



COSMIC-RAY OBSERVATIONS: latest results and future prospects

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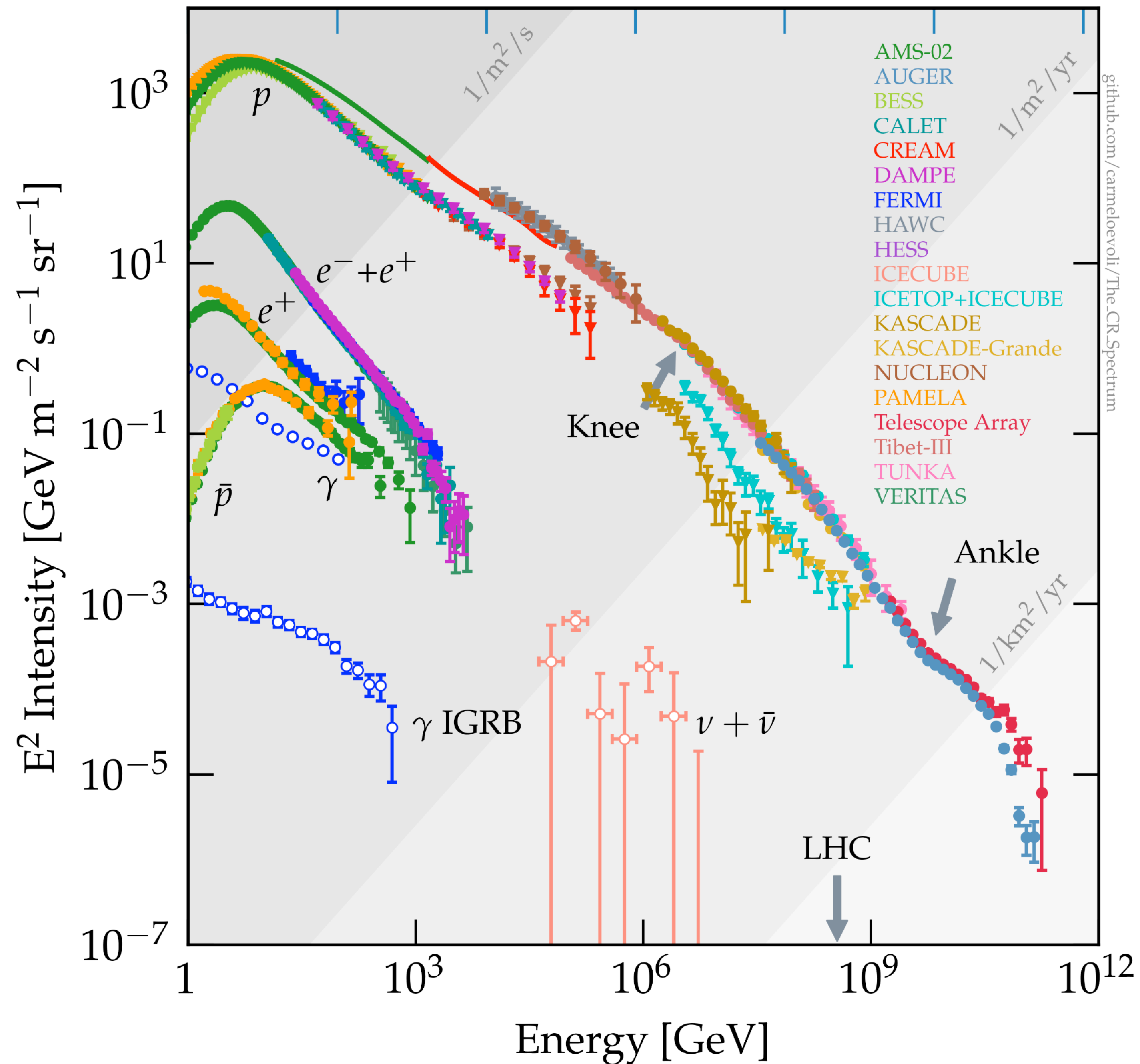
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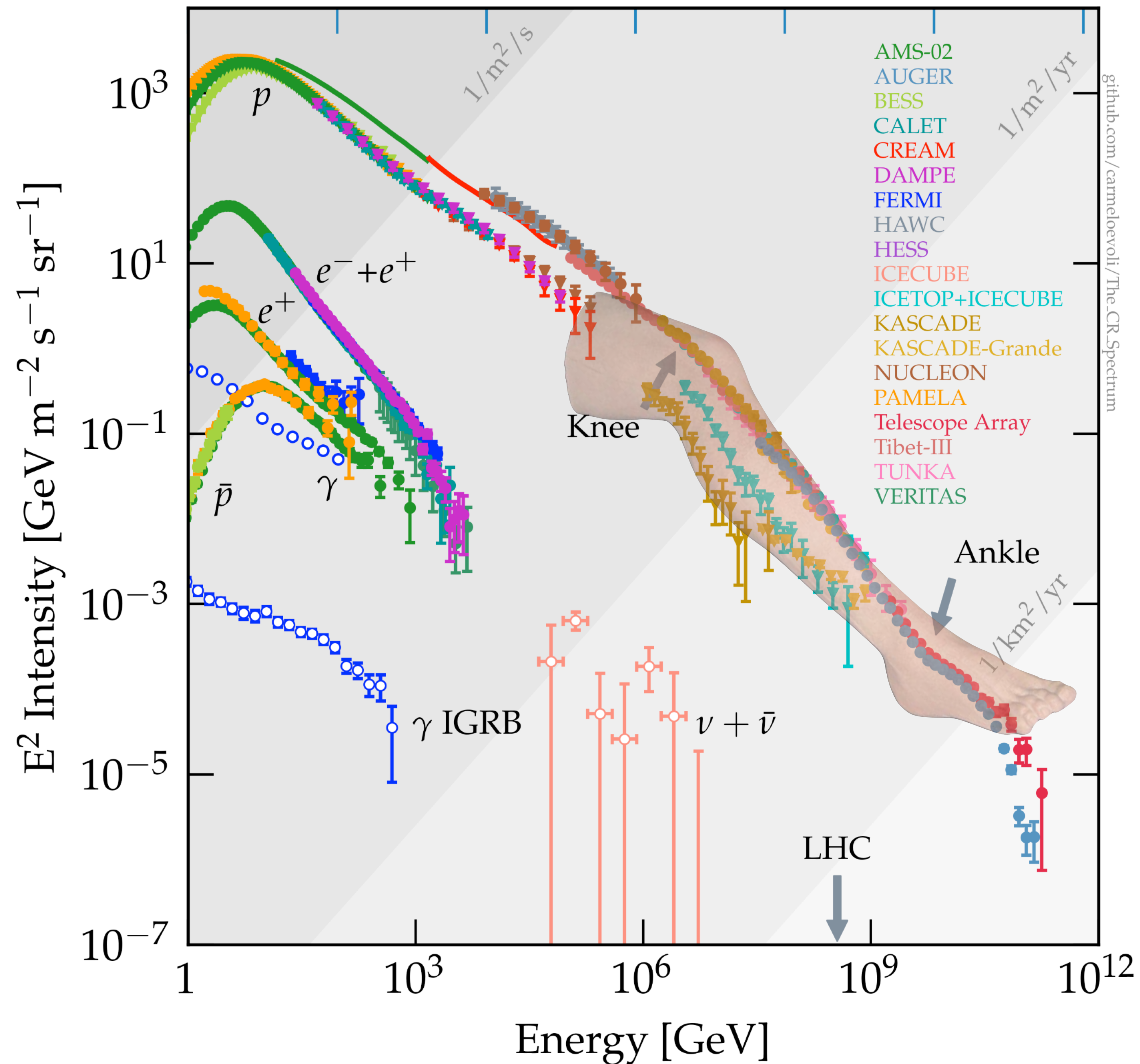
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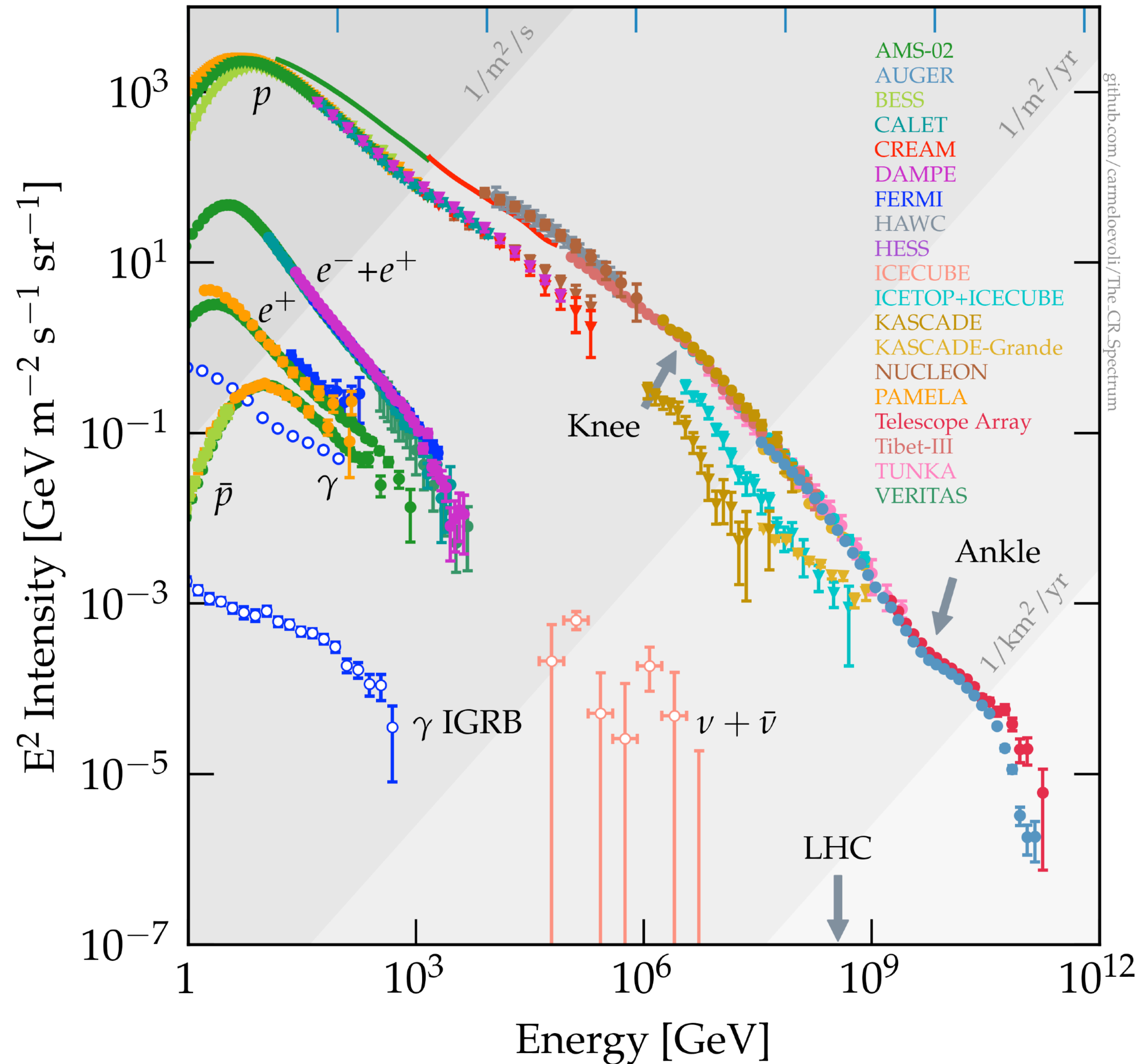
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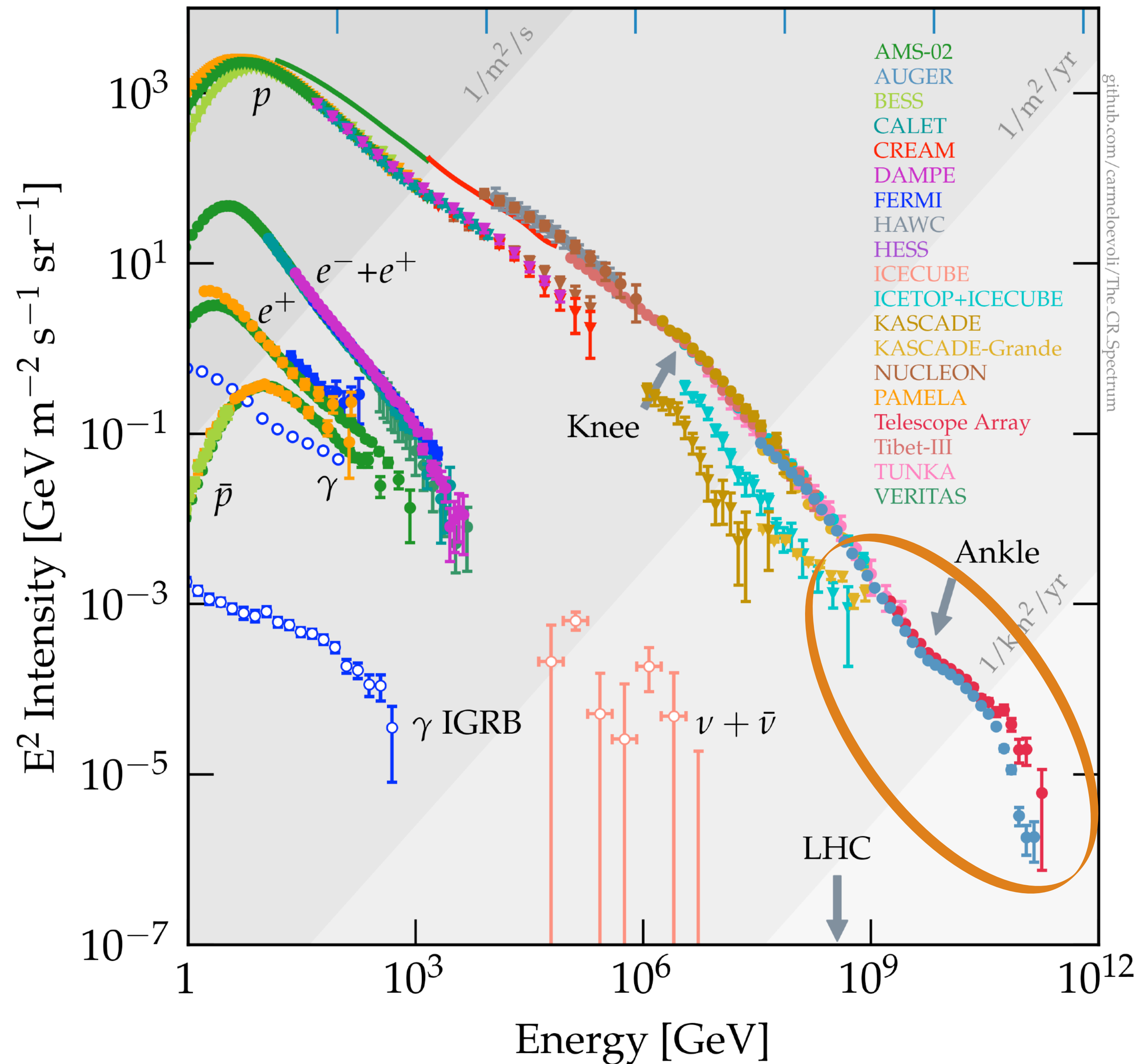
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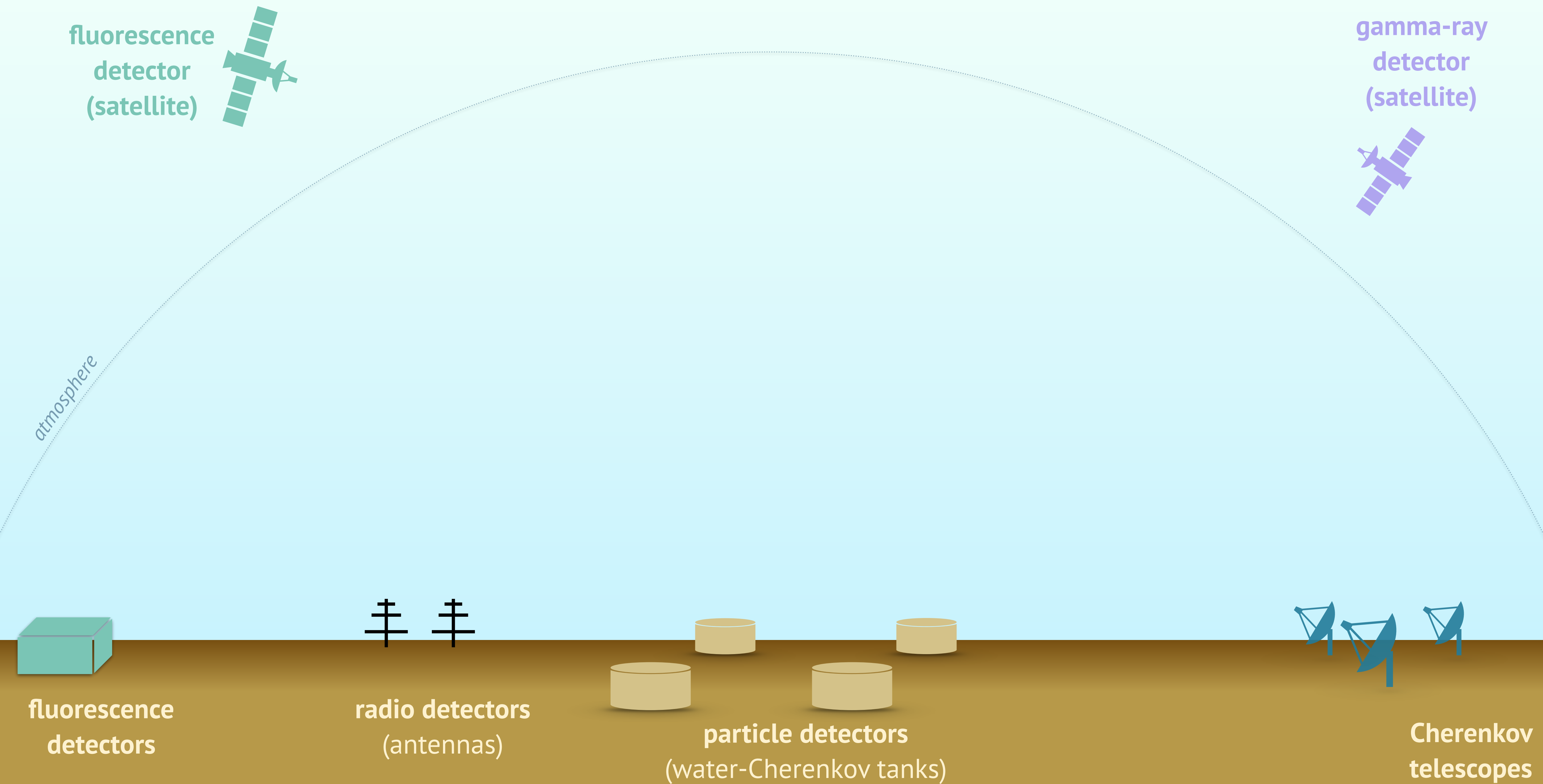




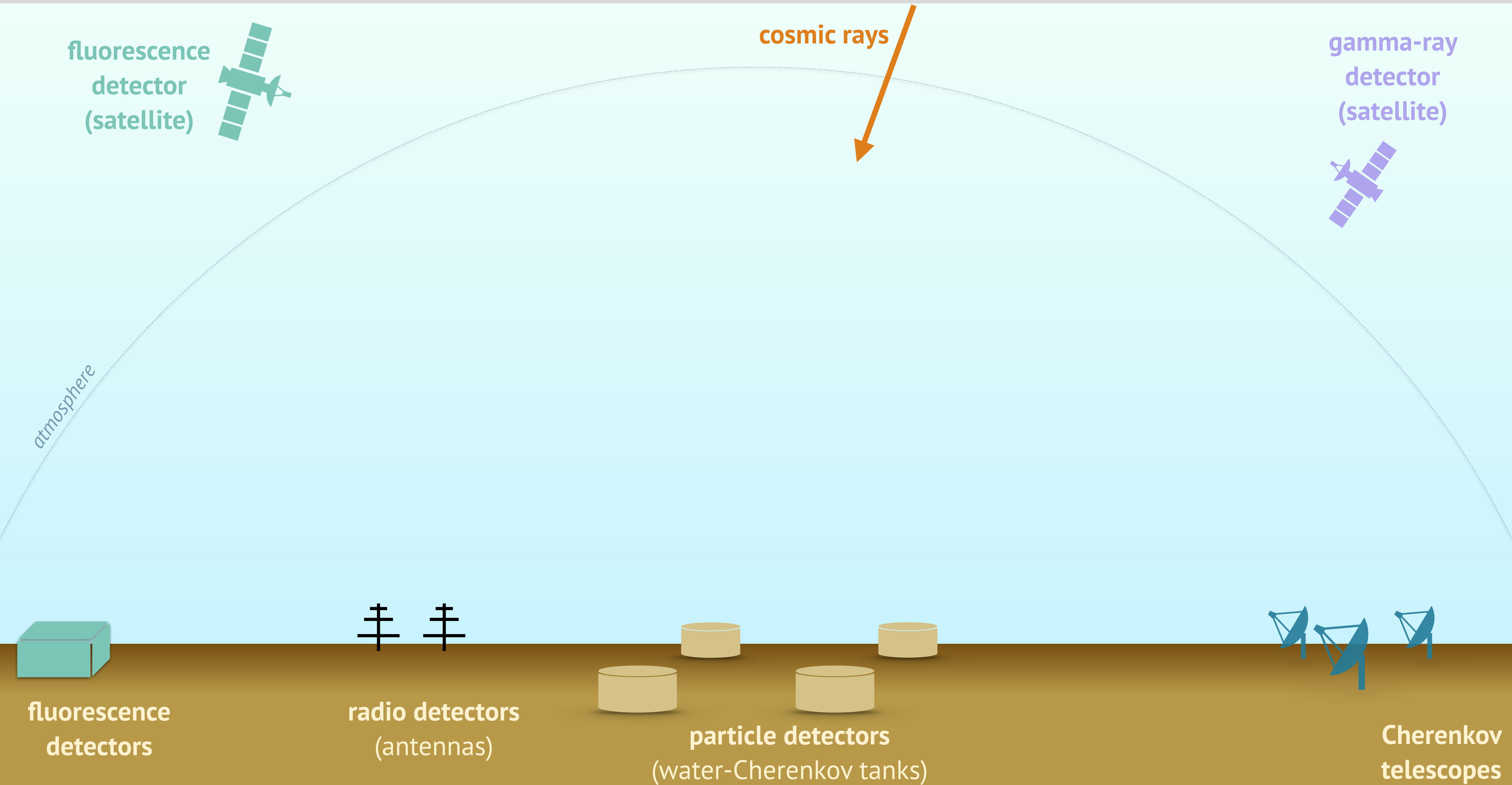




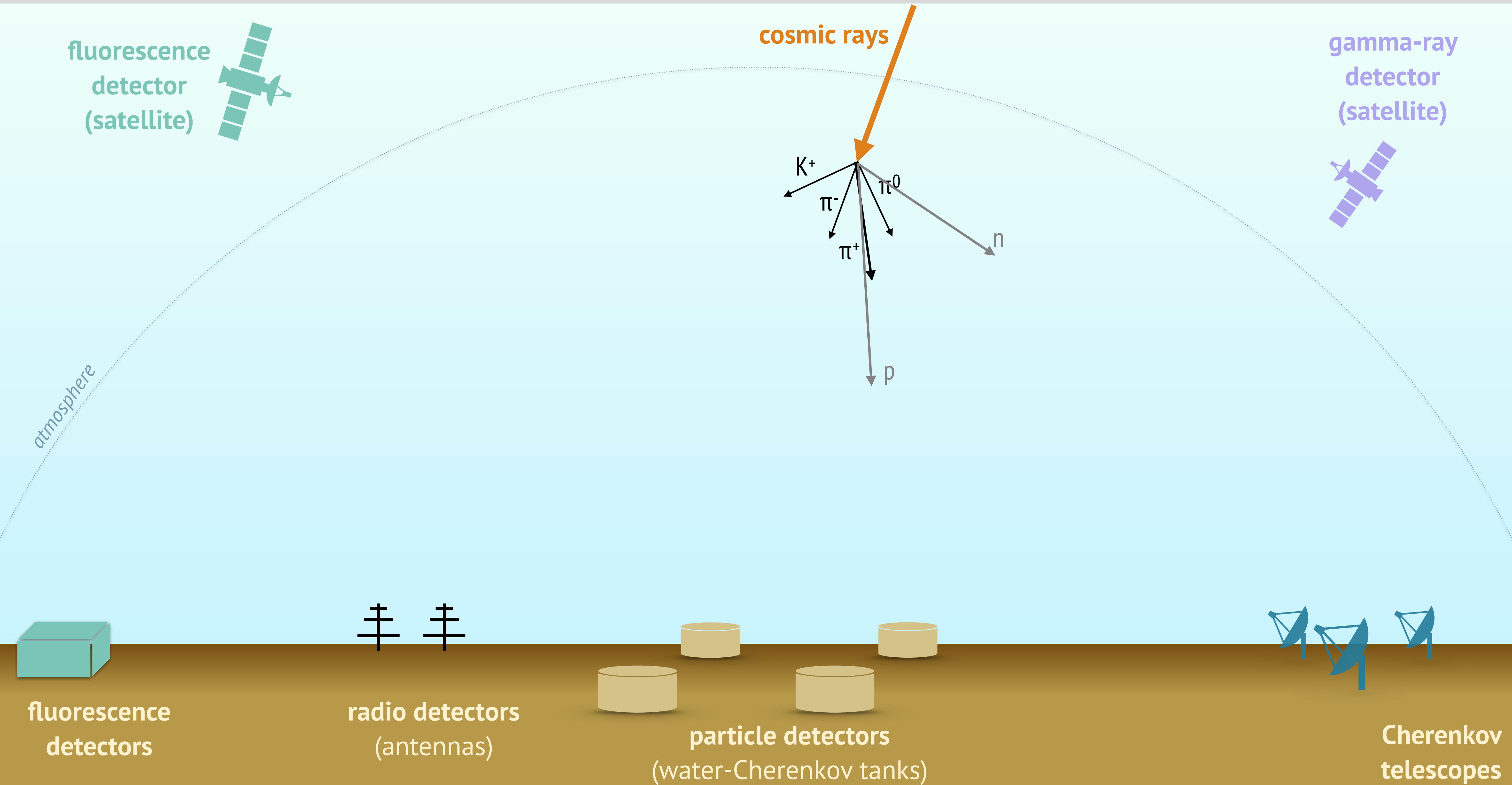
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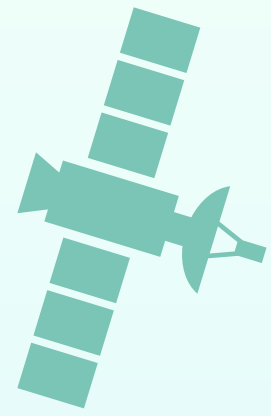
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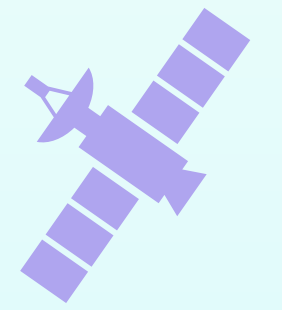


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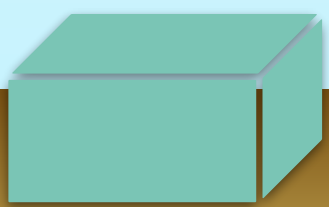
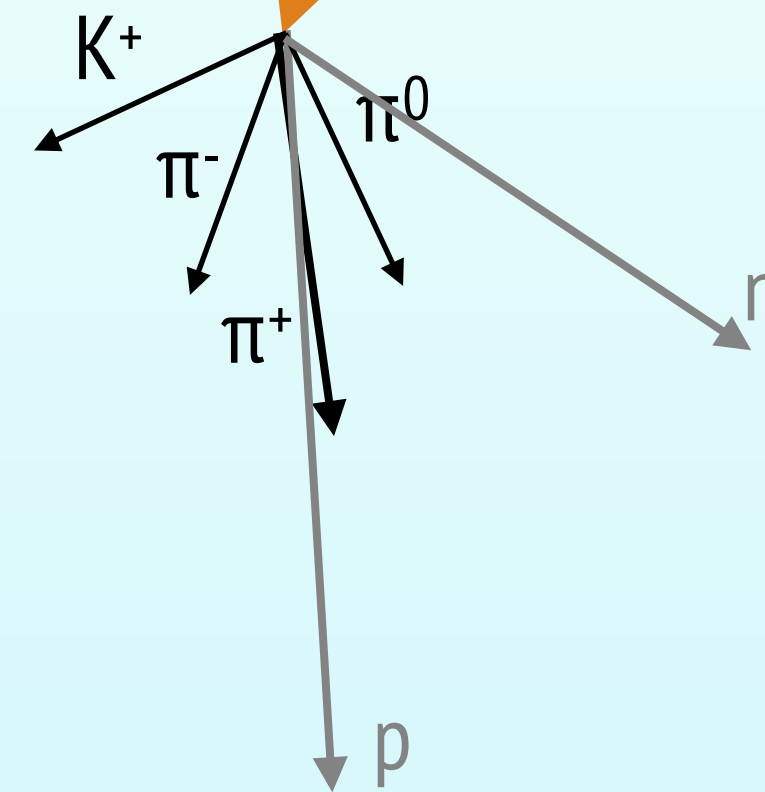


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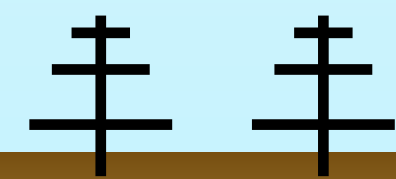
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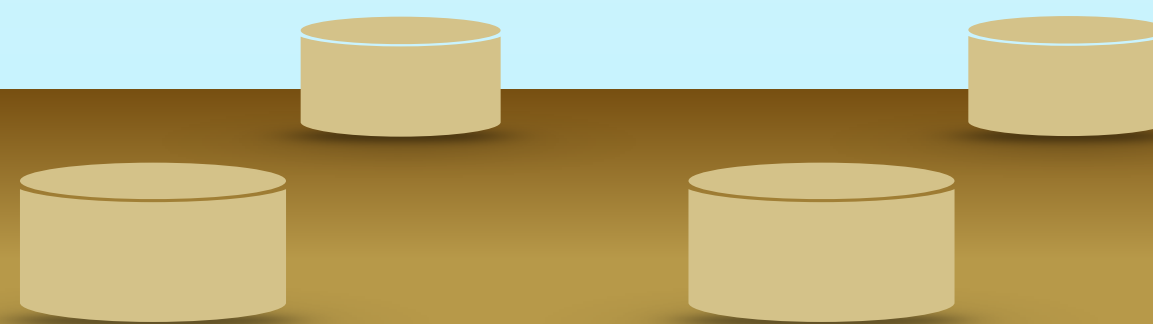
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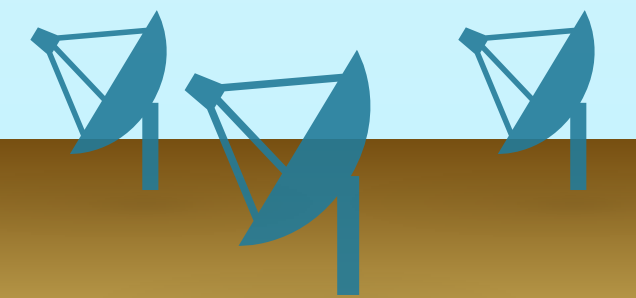
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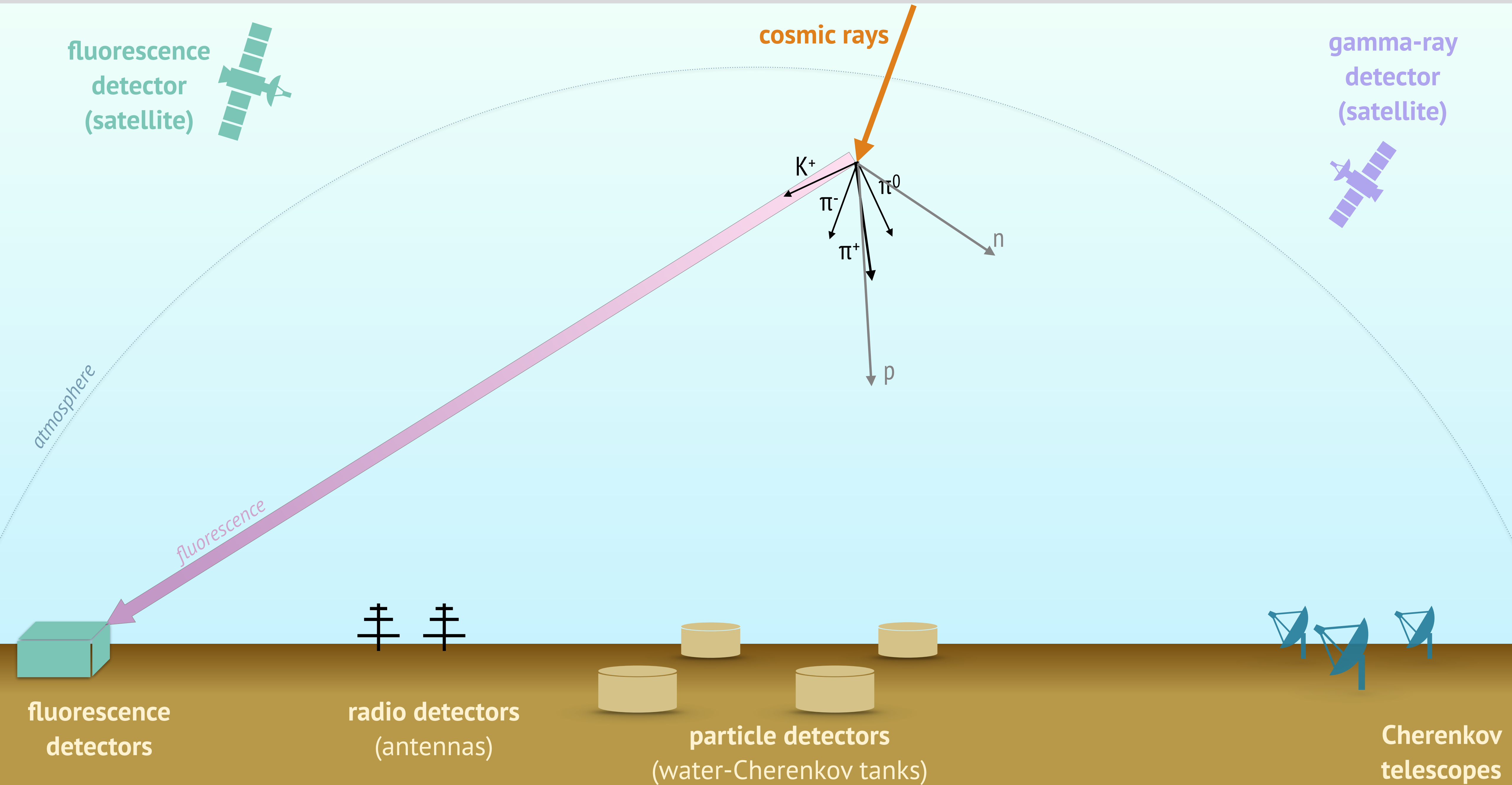


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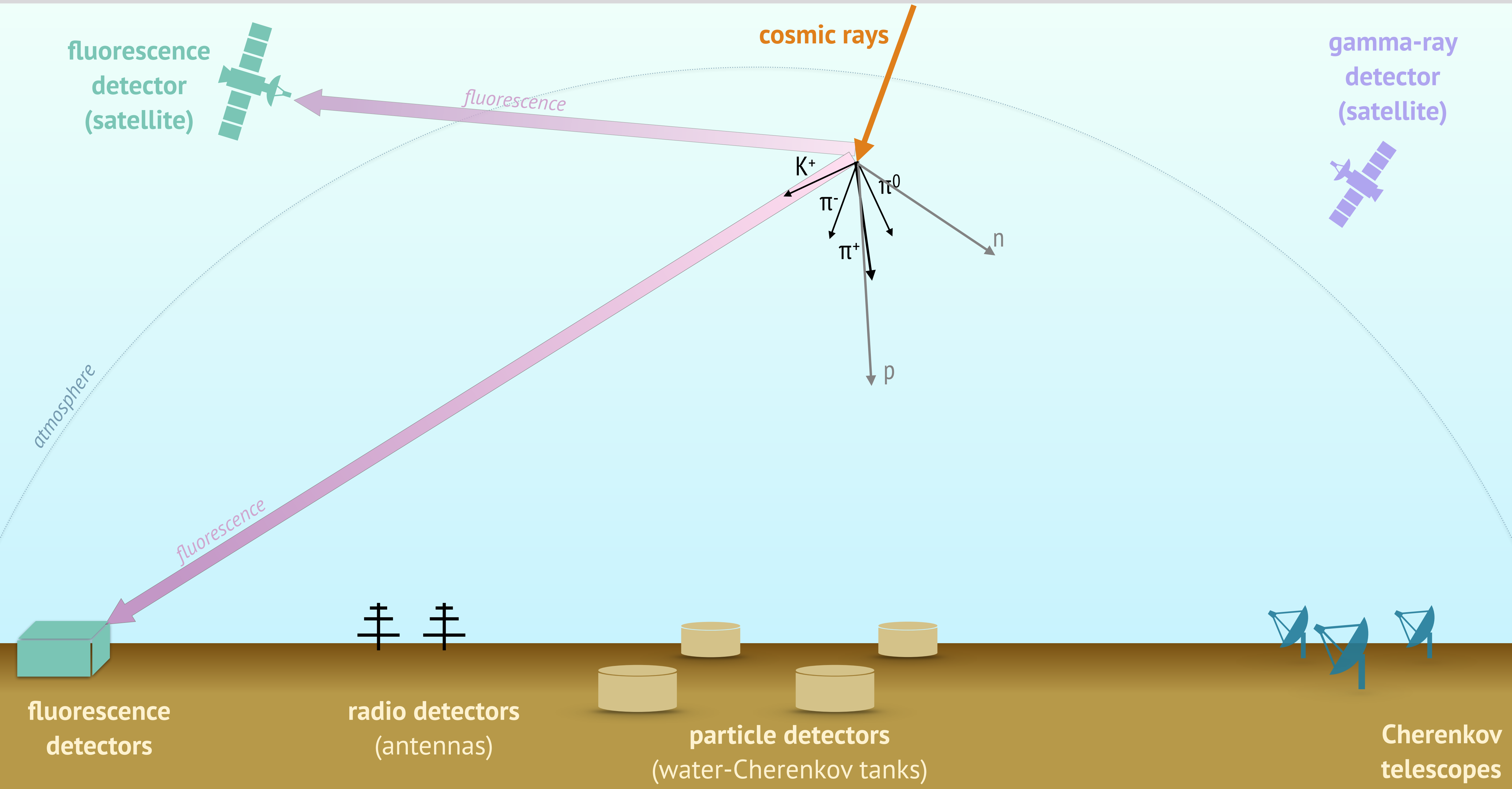


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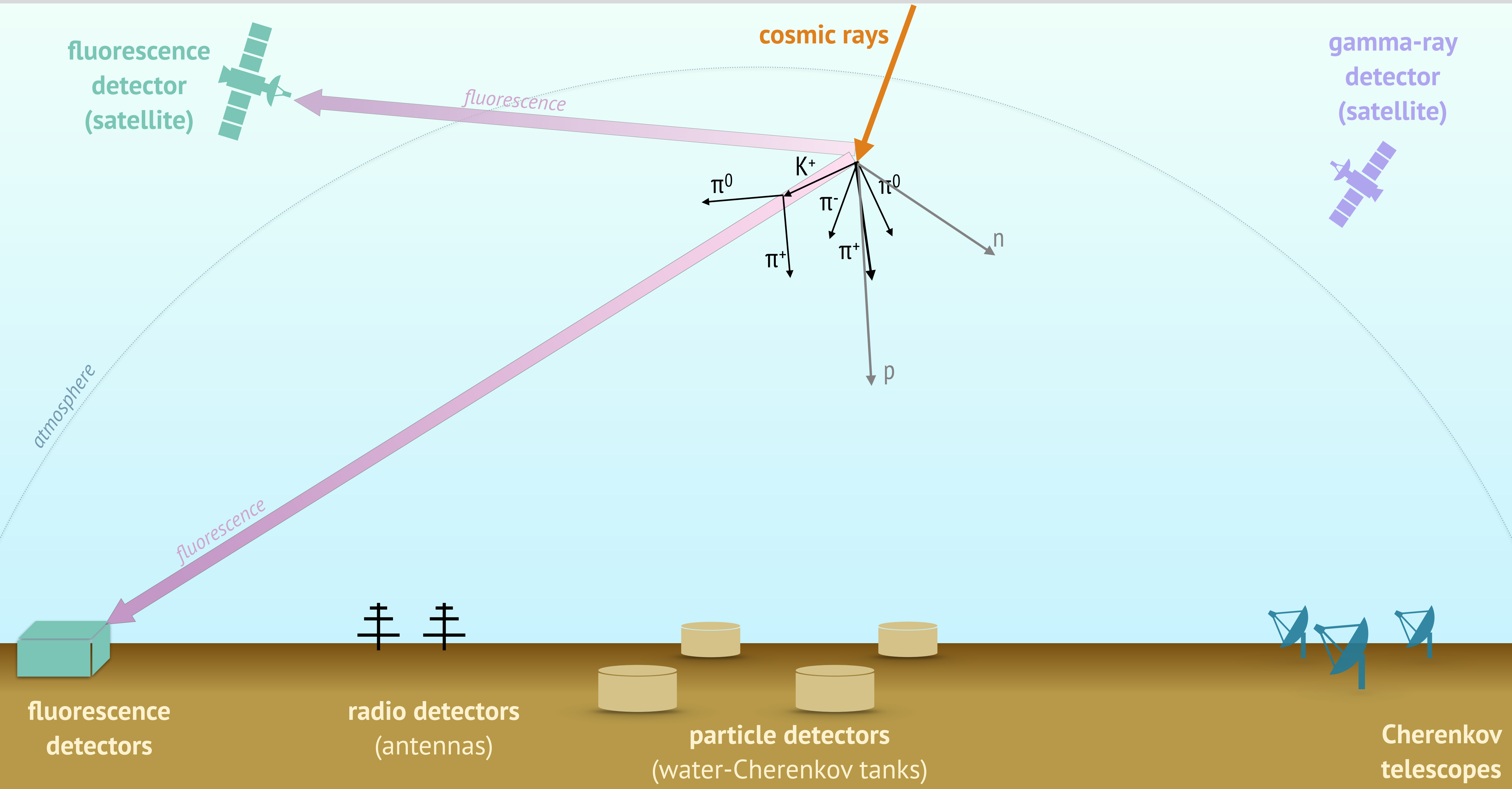
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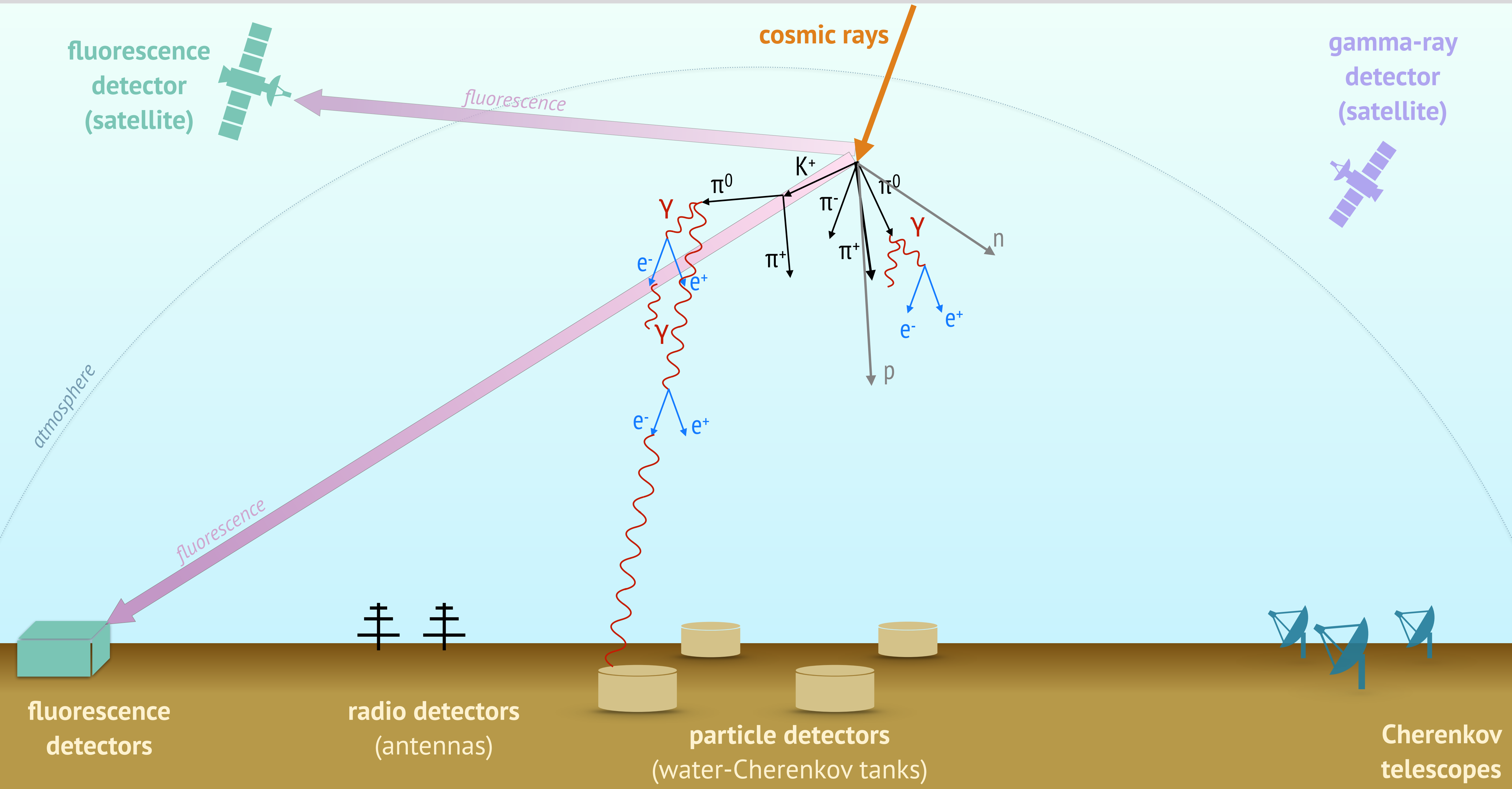
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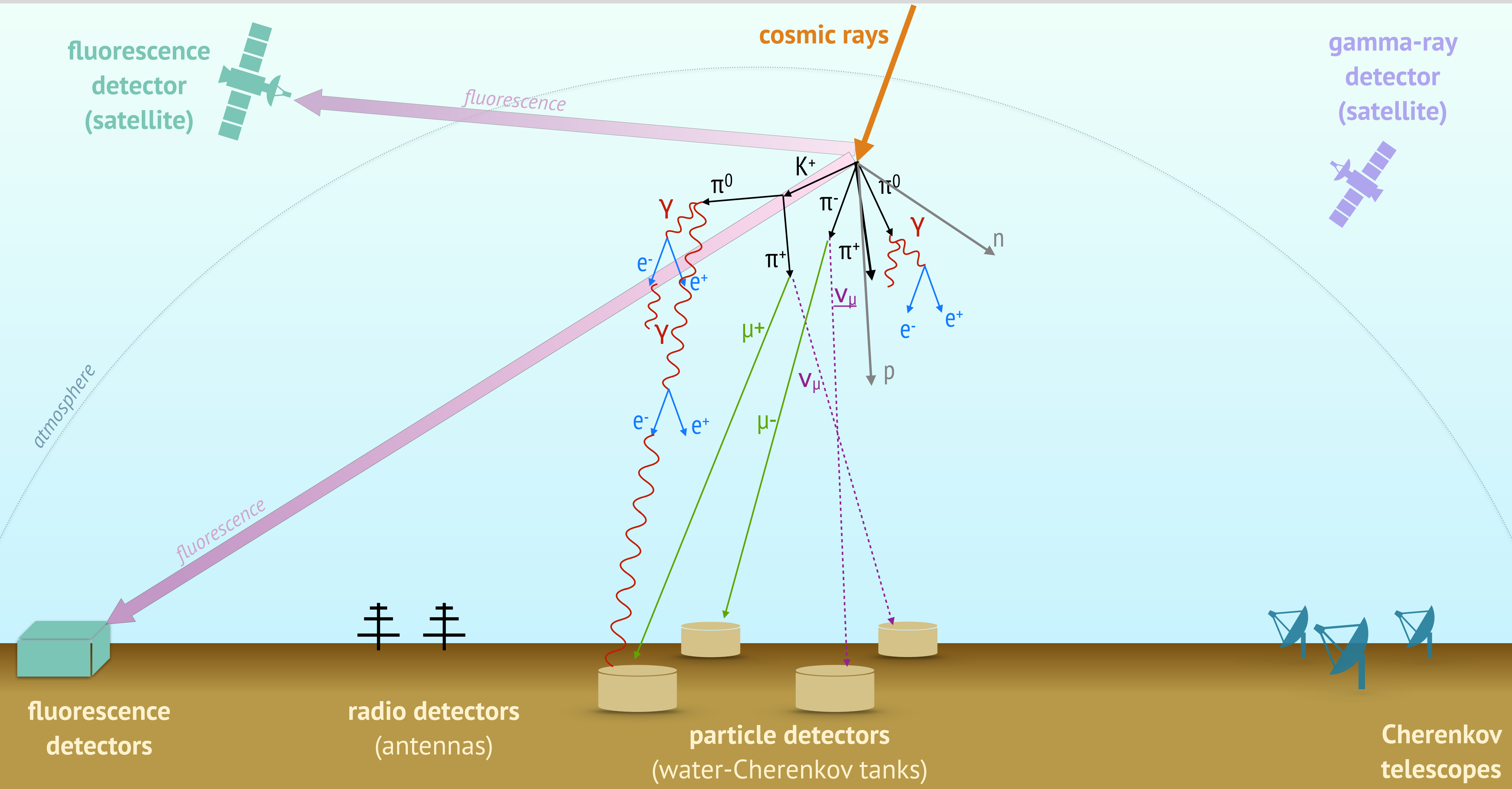
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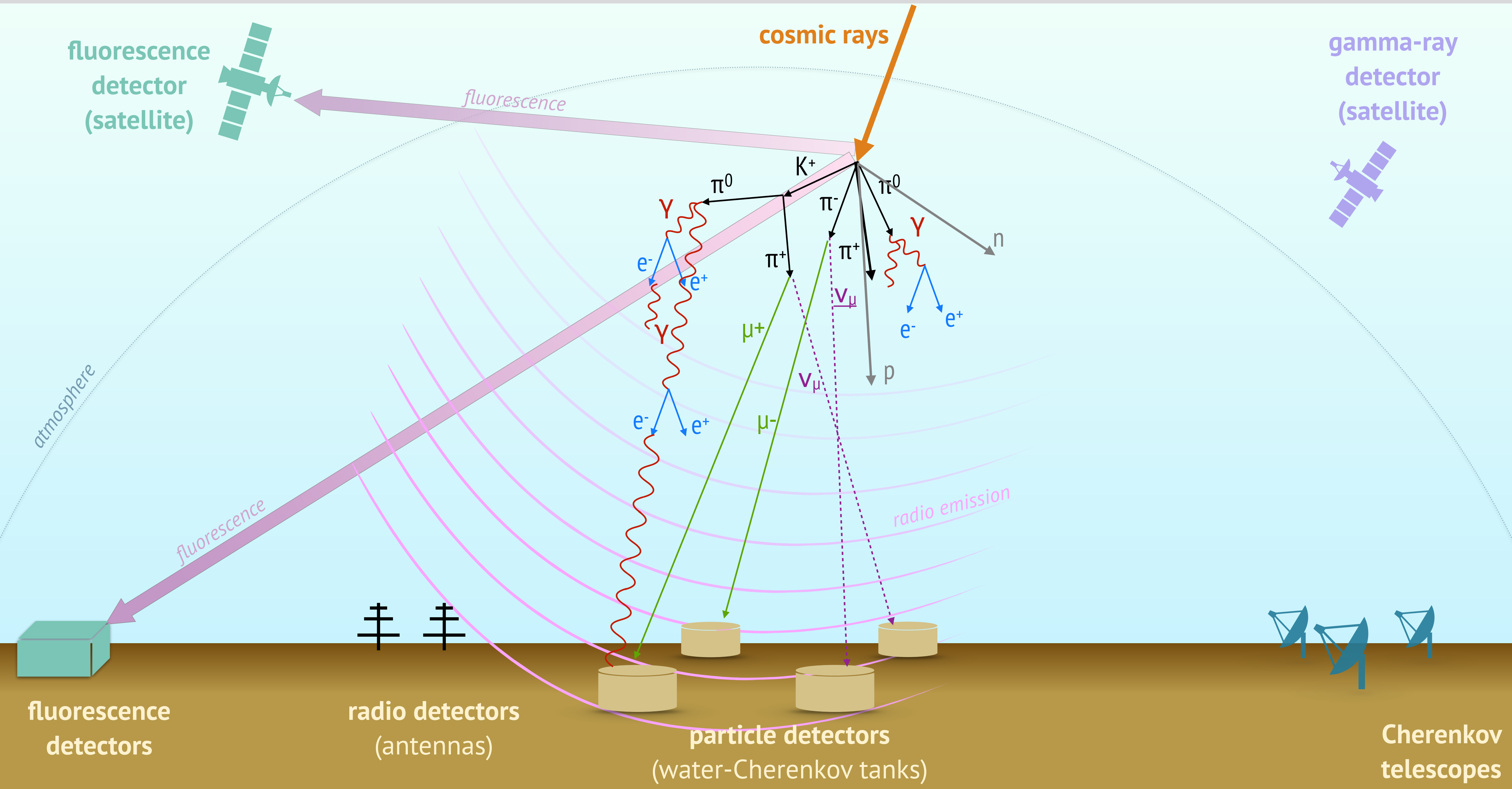
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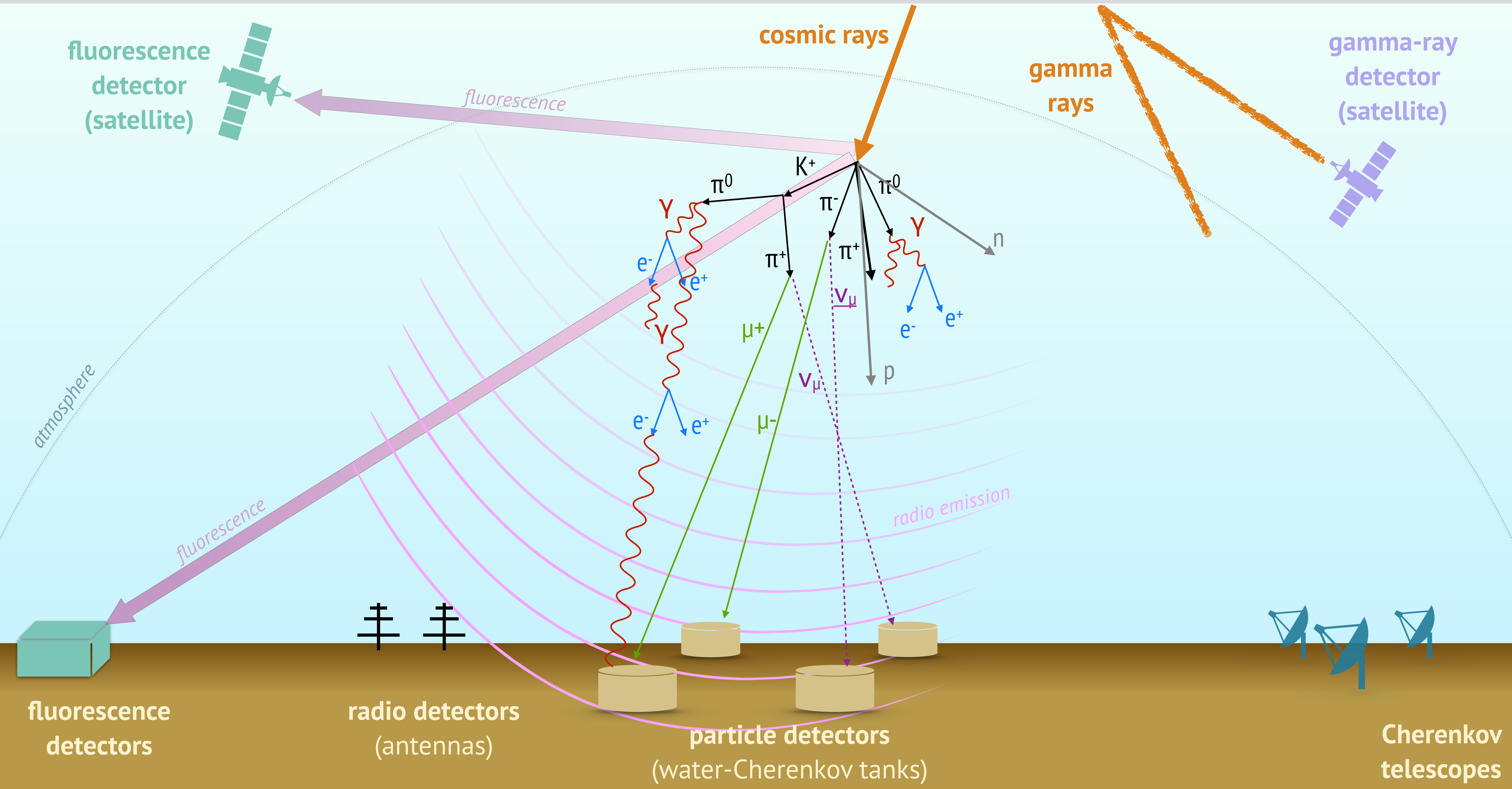
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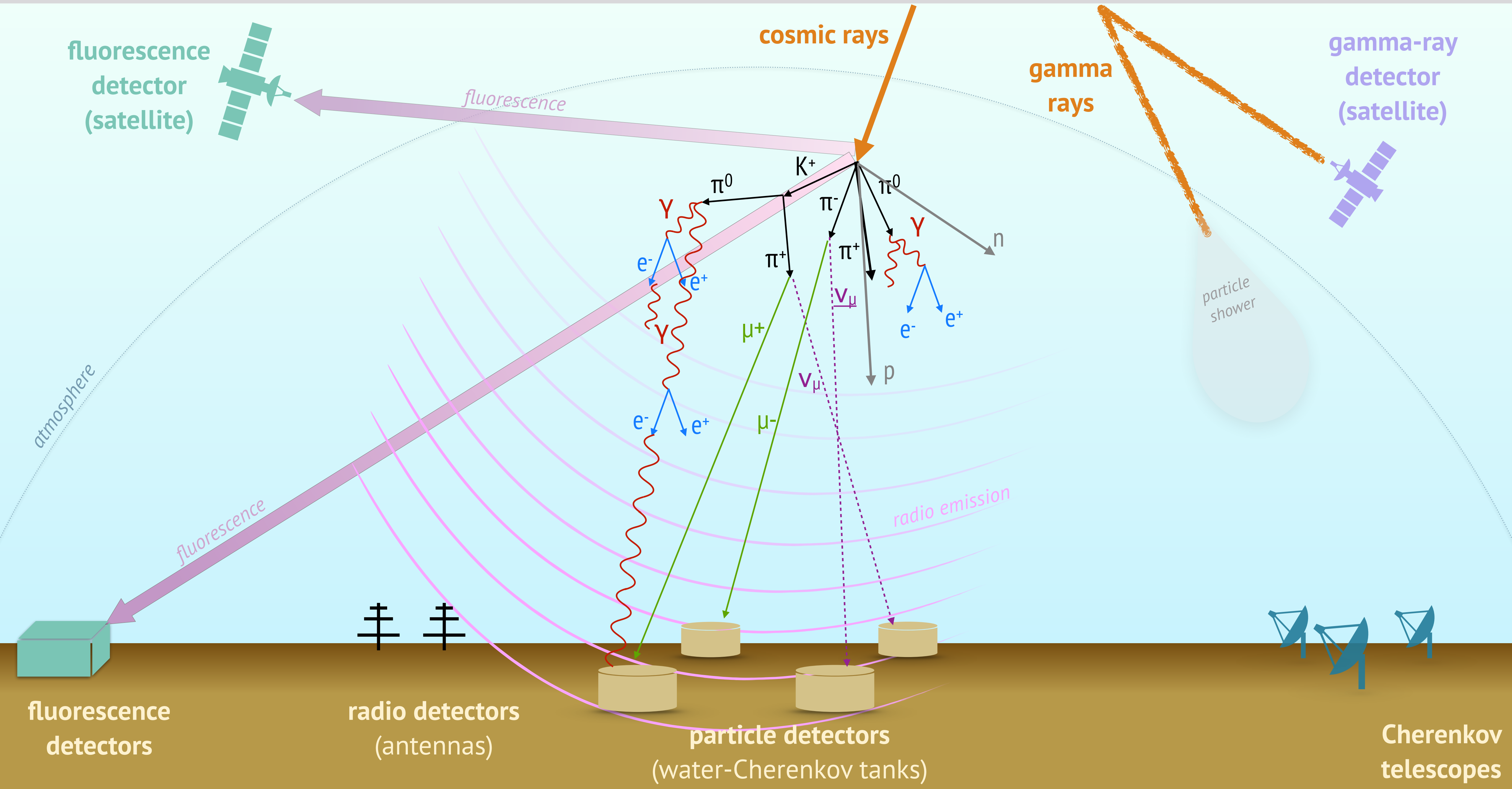
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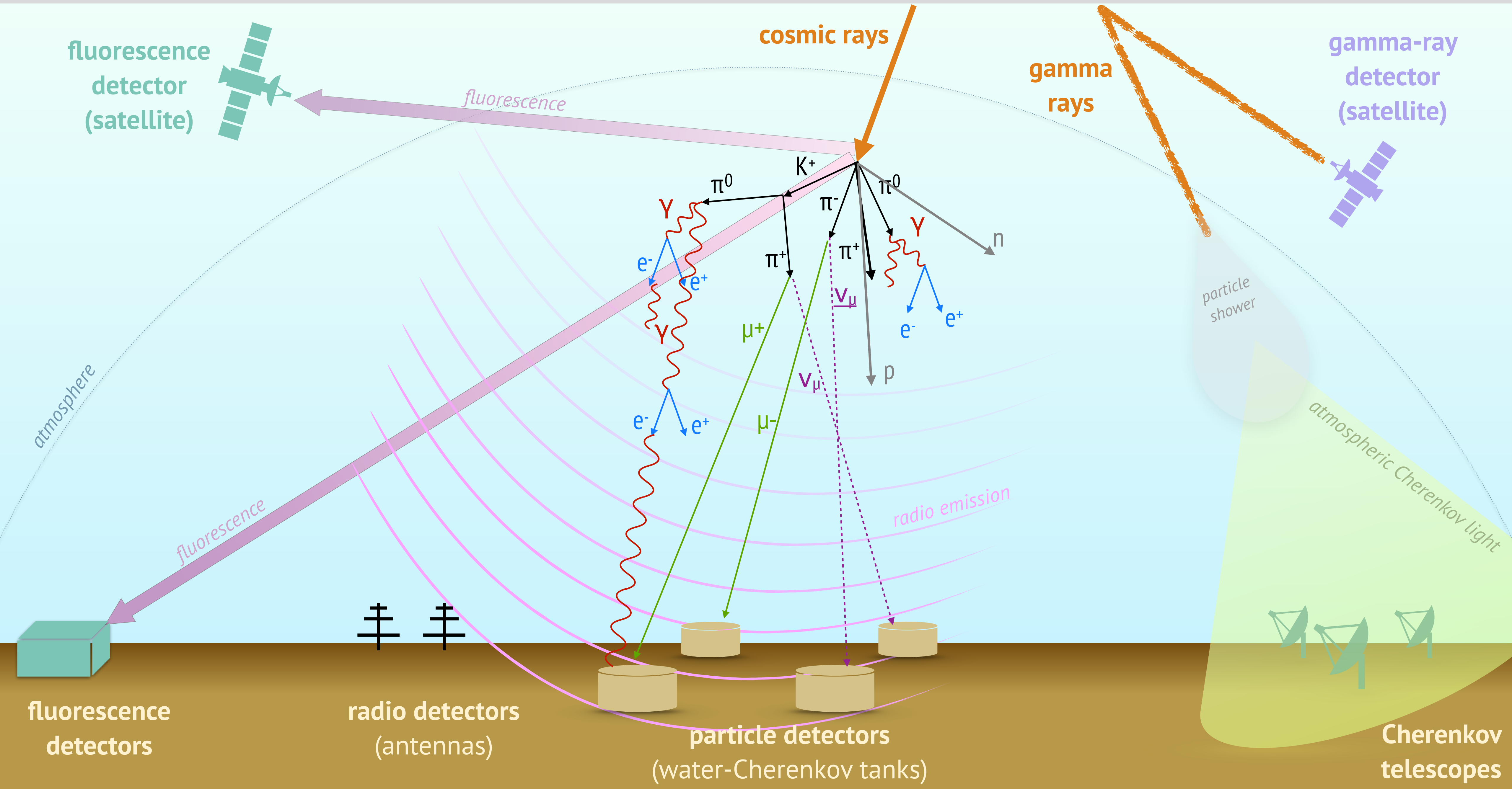
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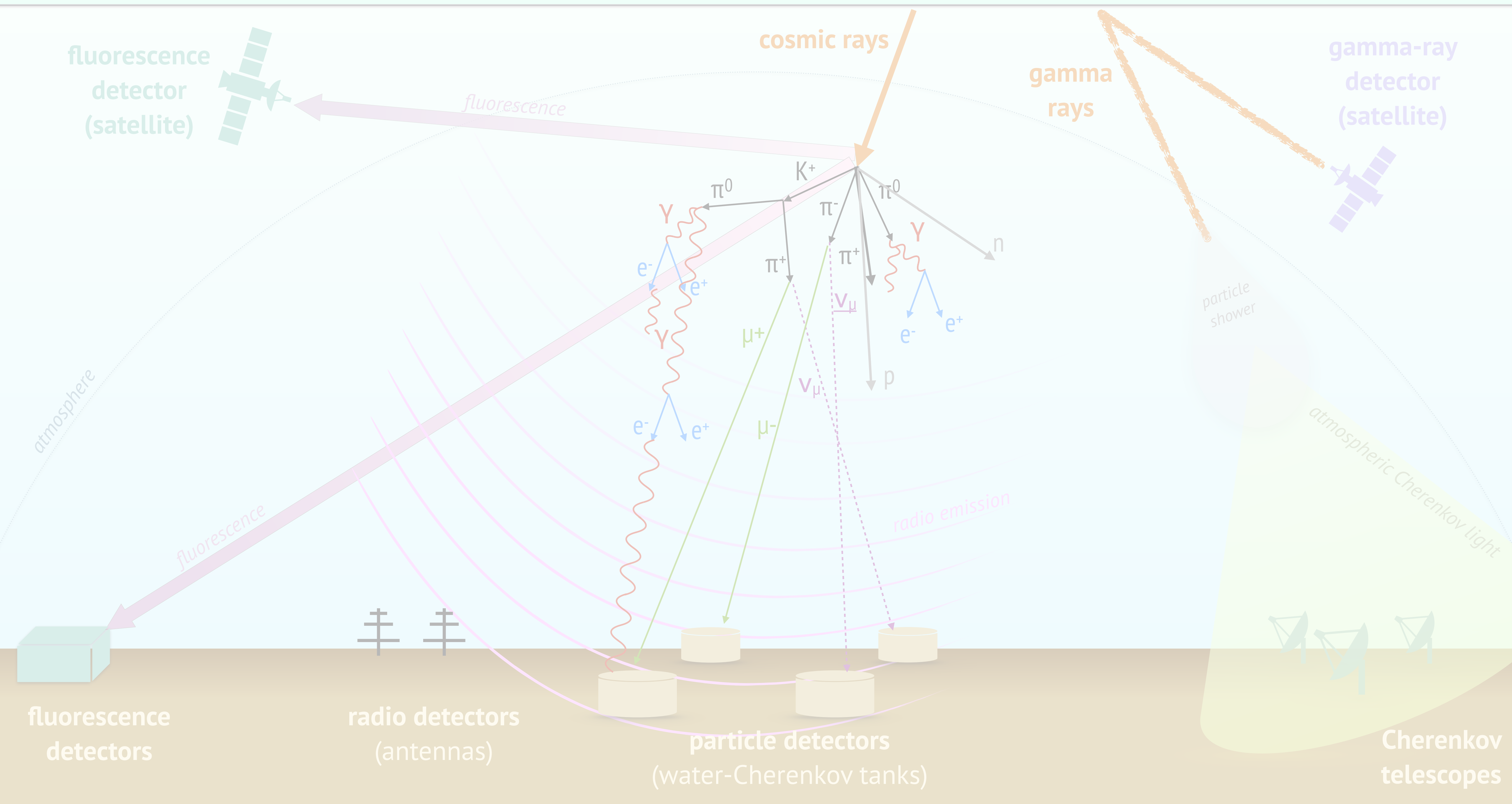
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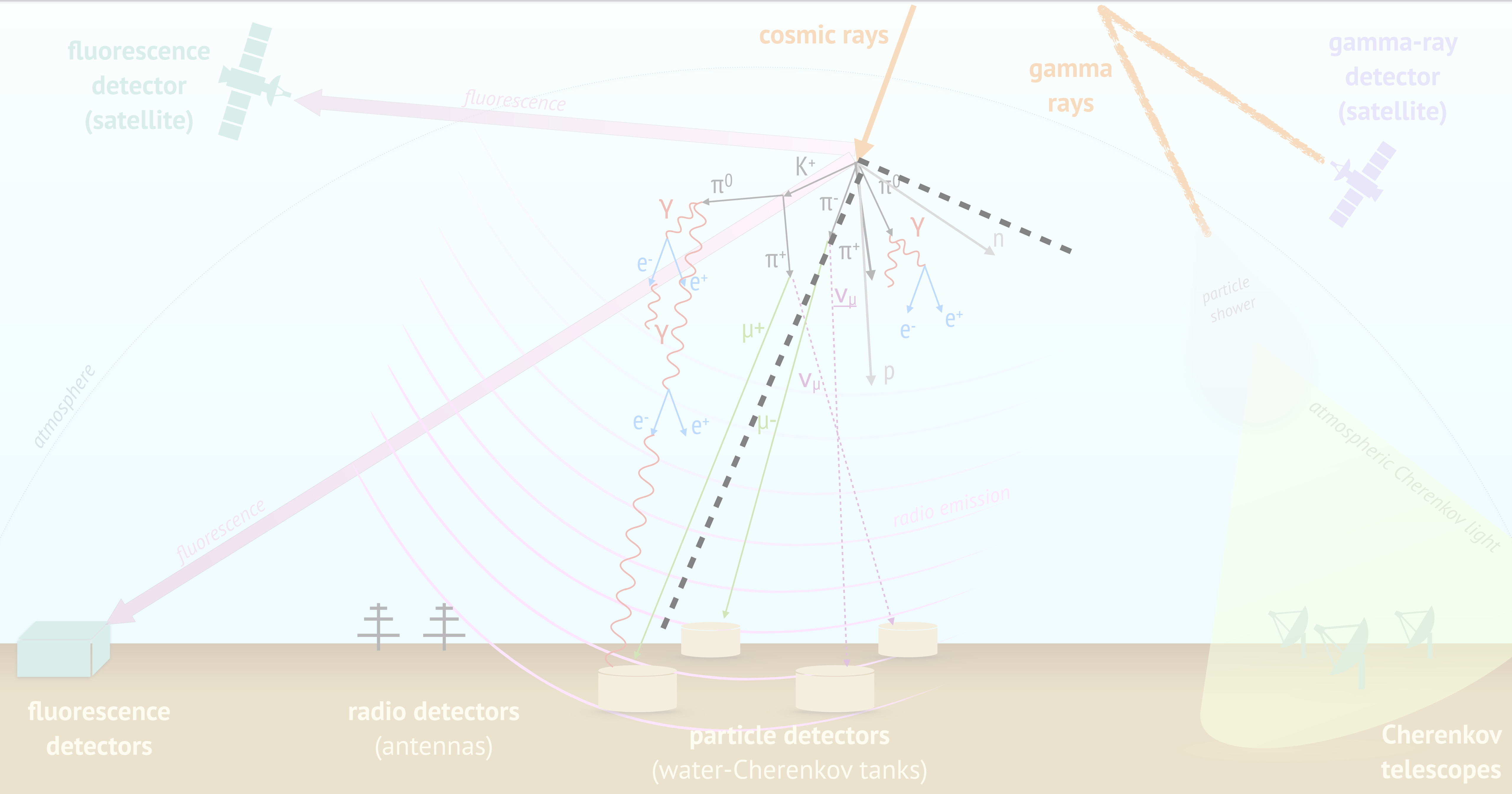
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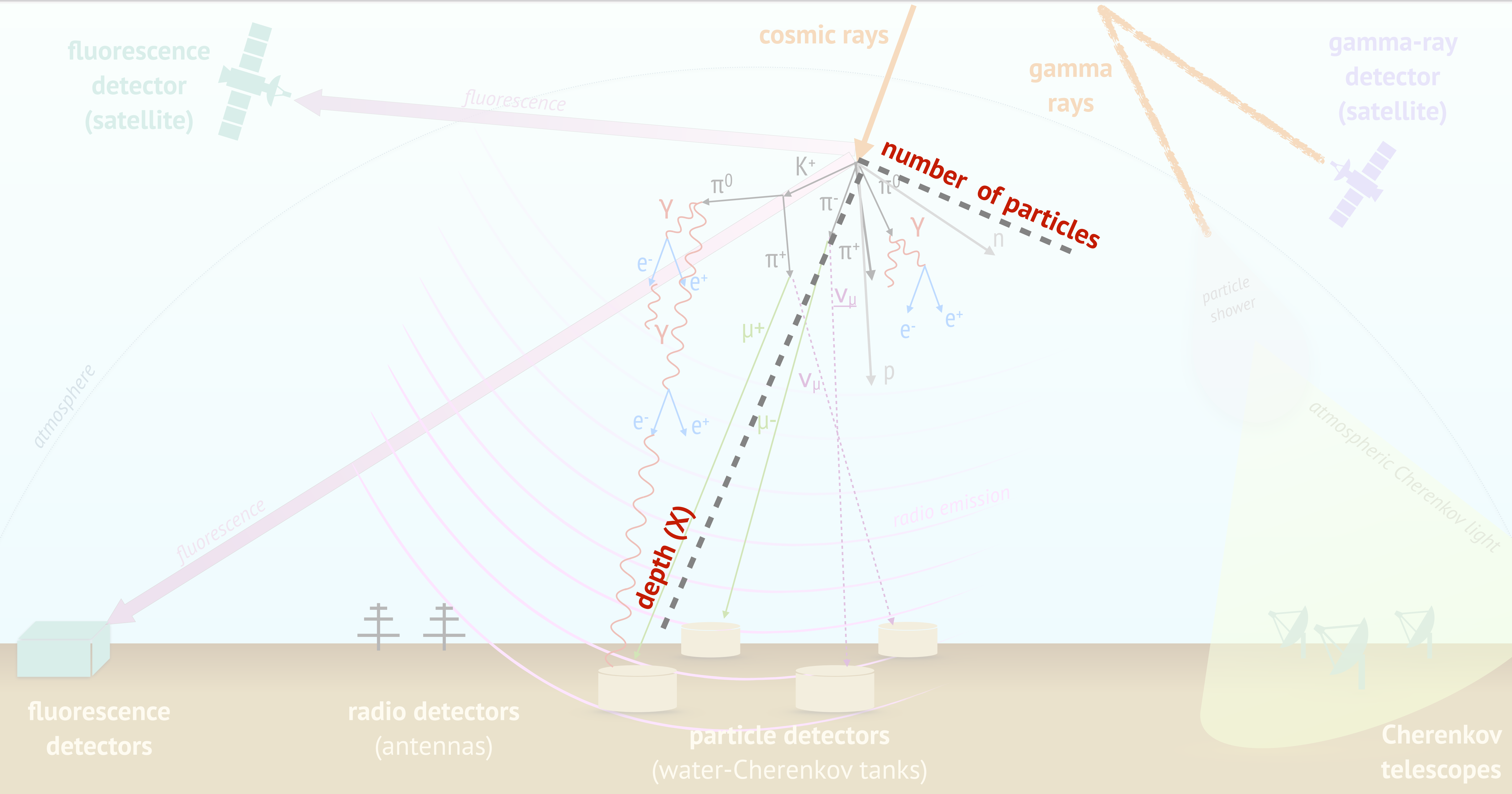
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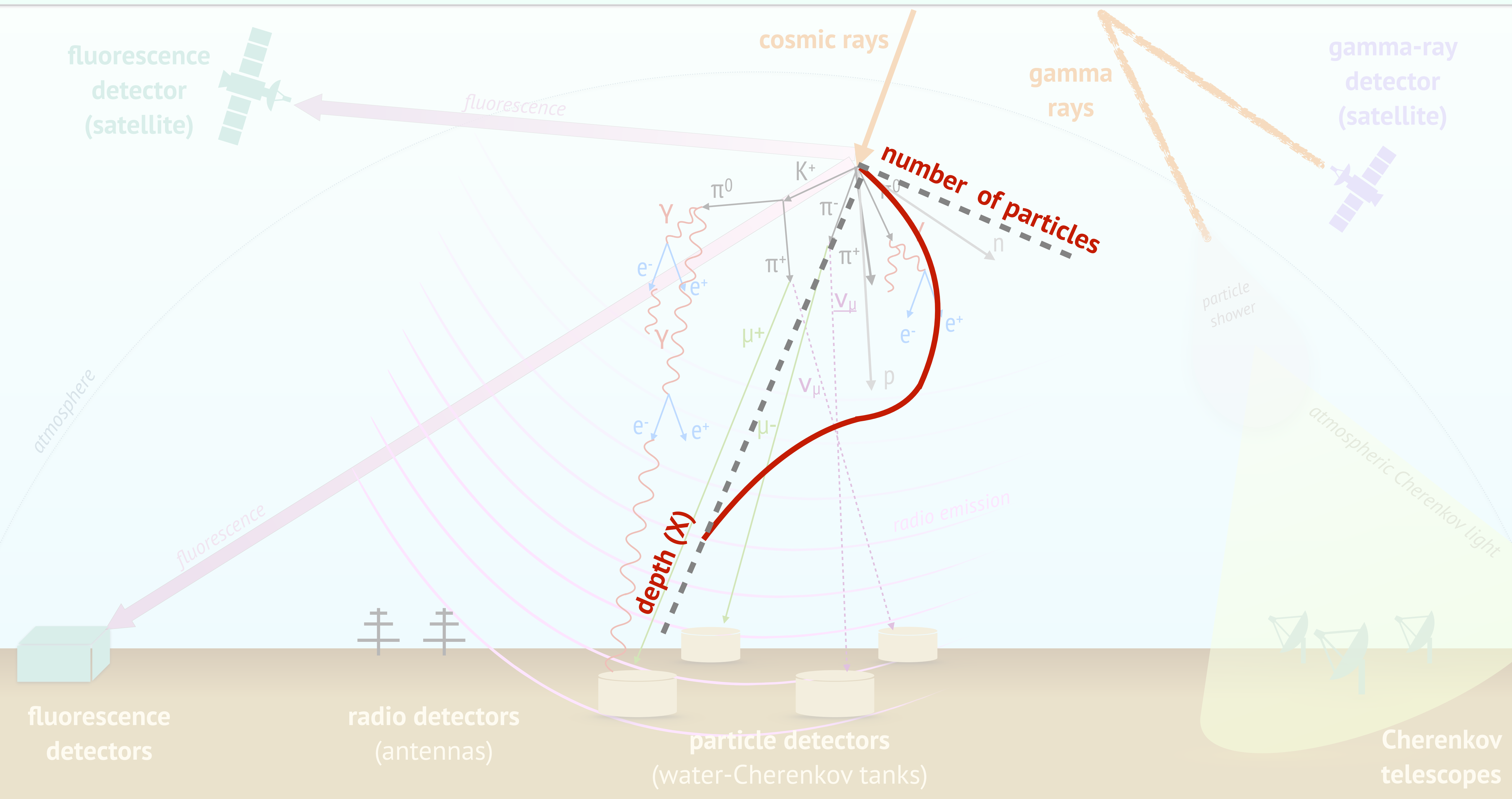
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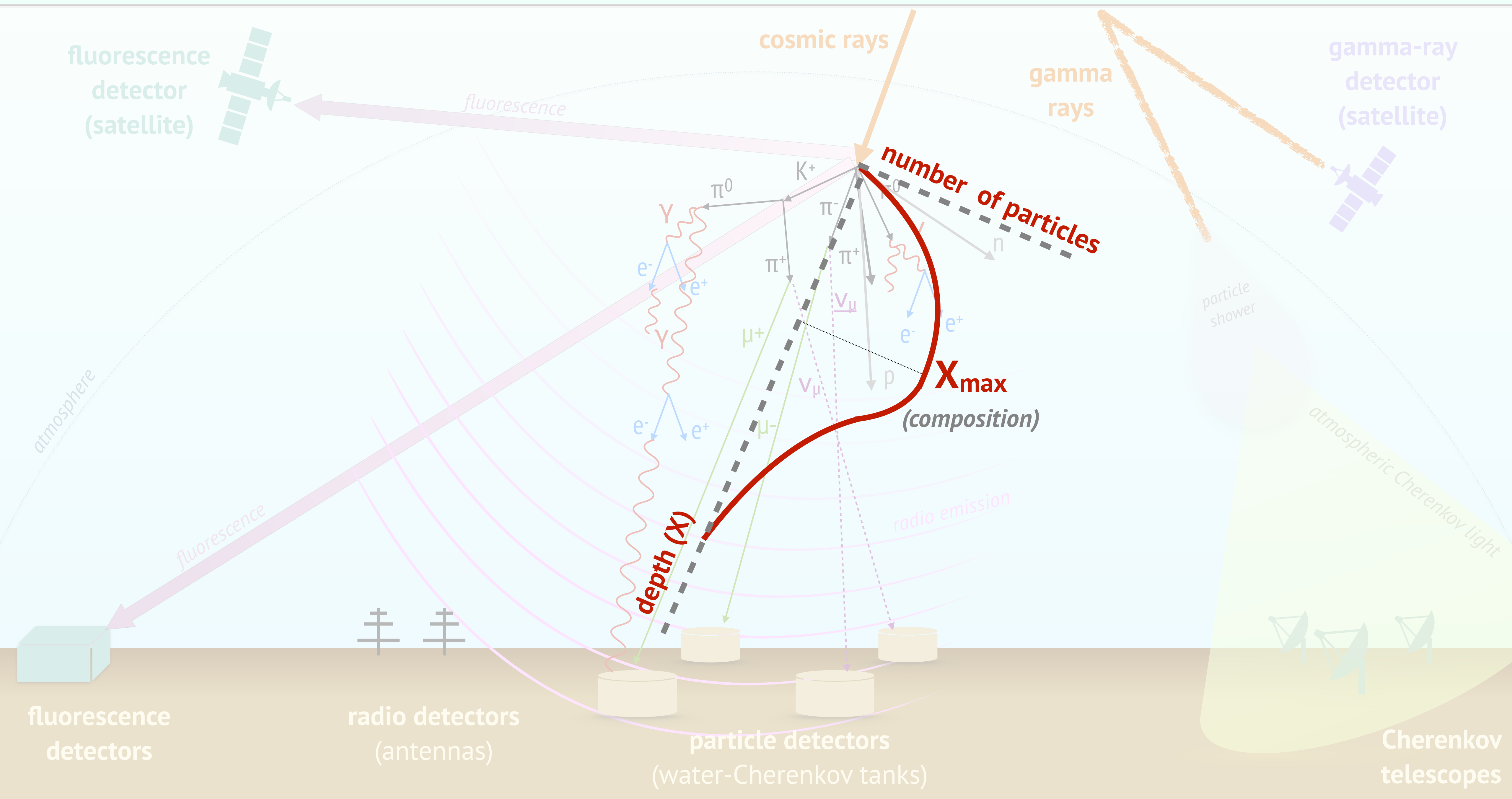
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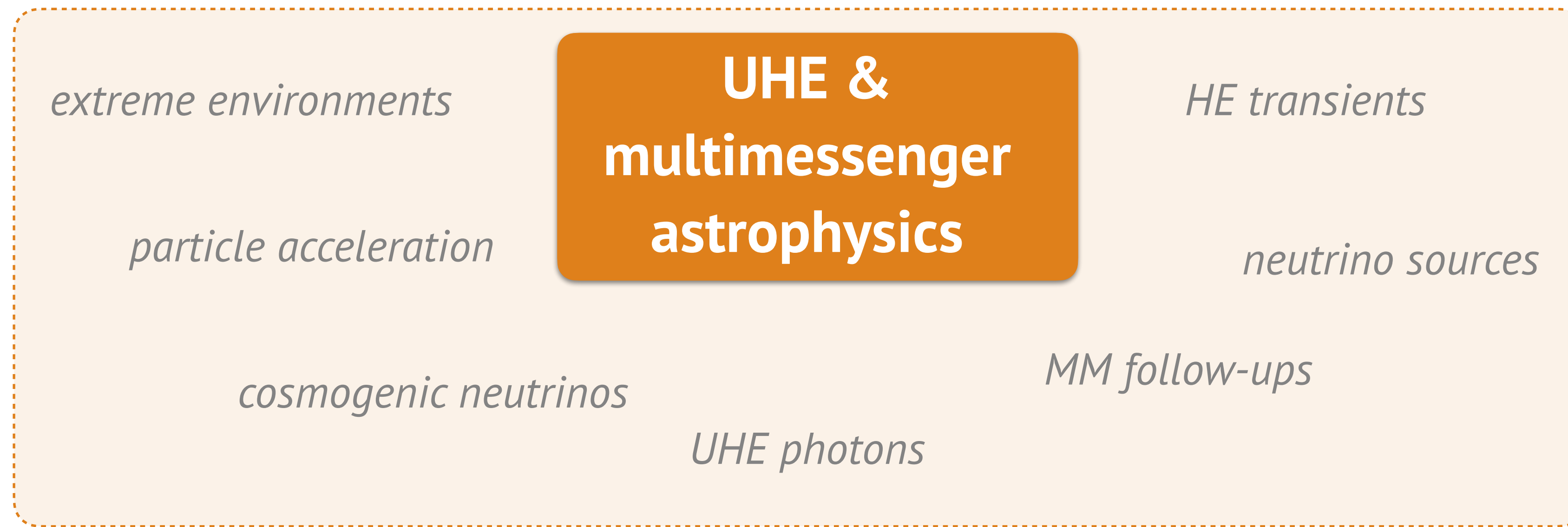
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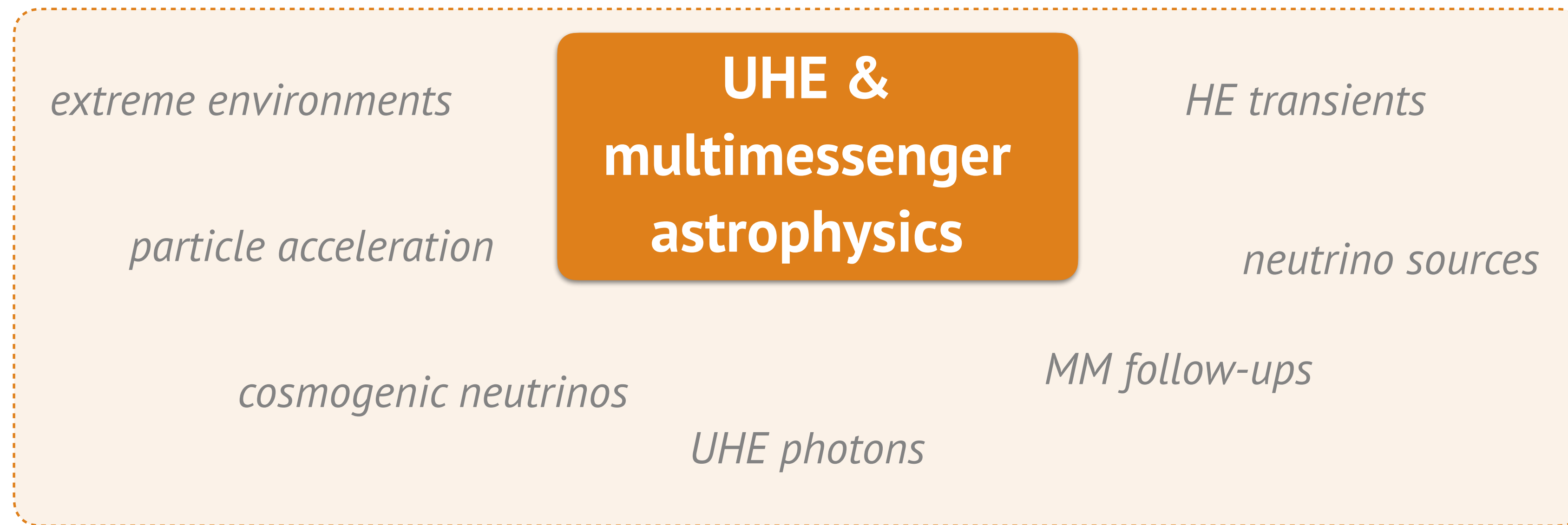
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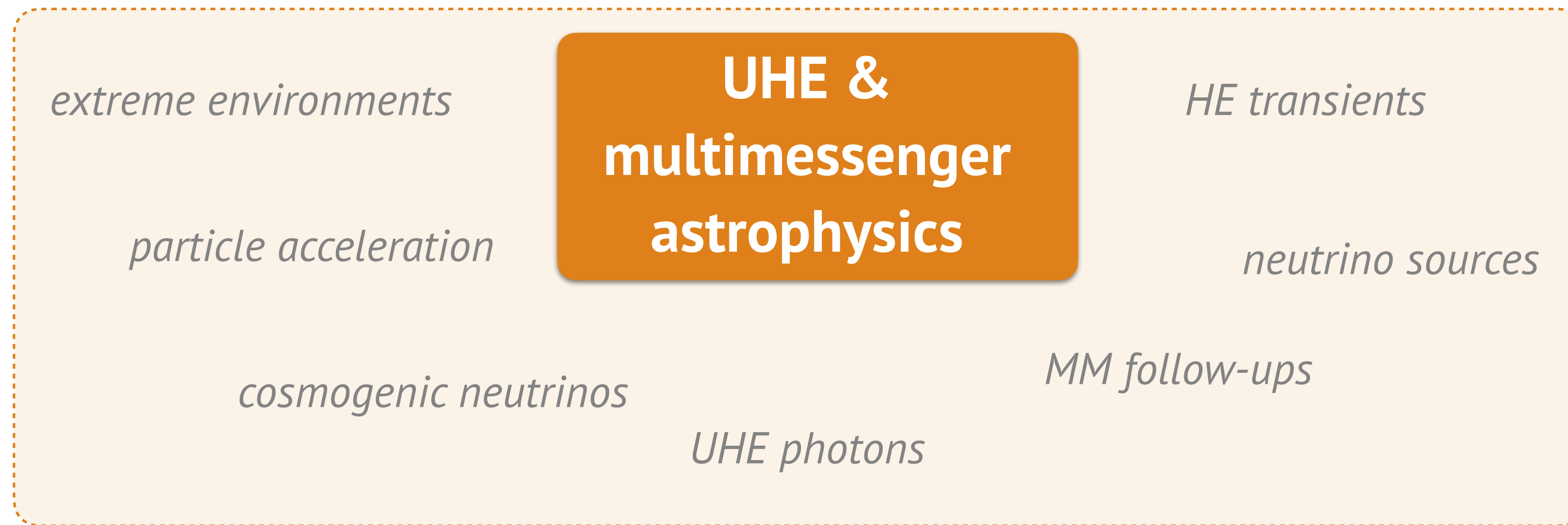


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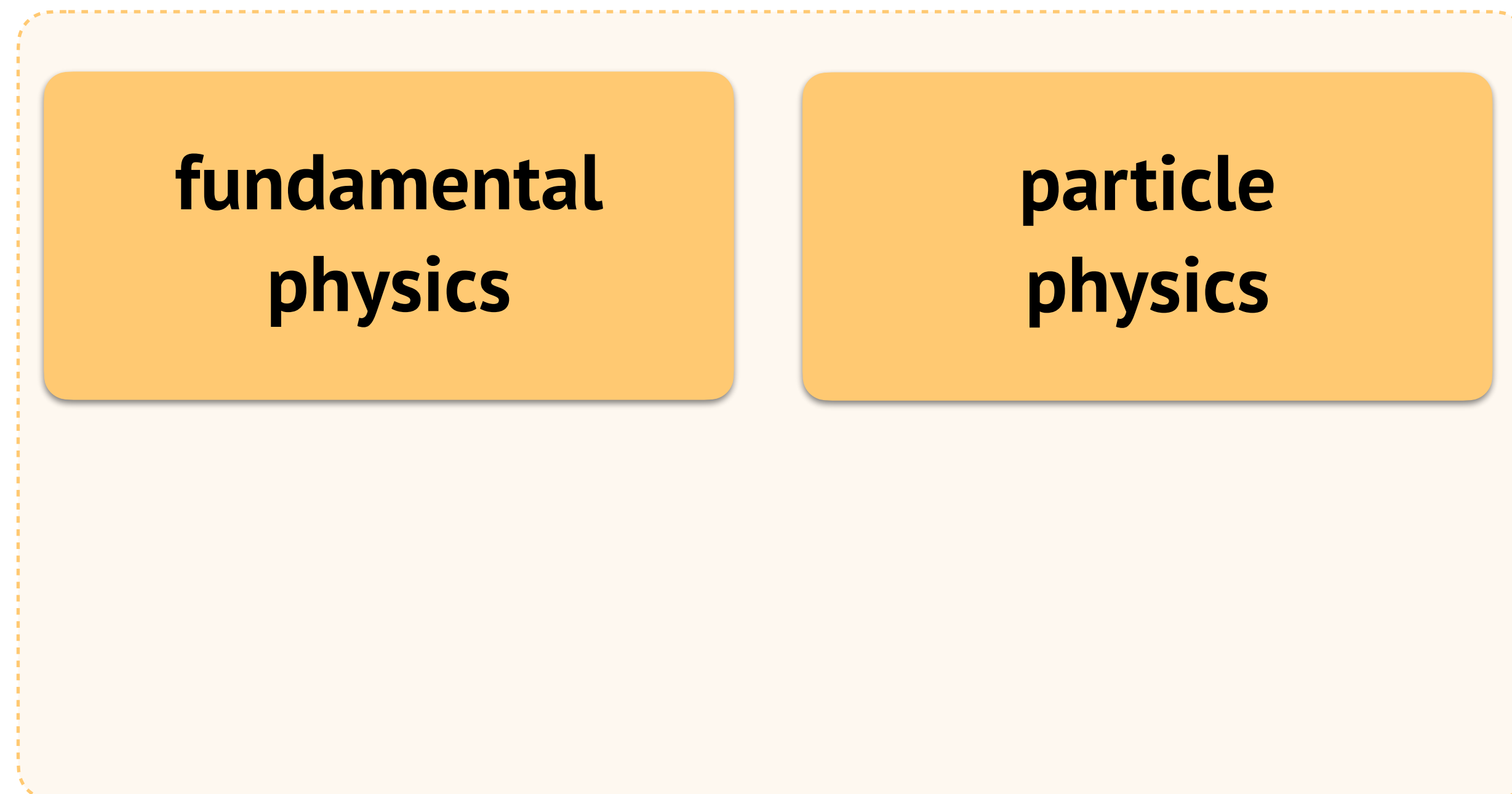
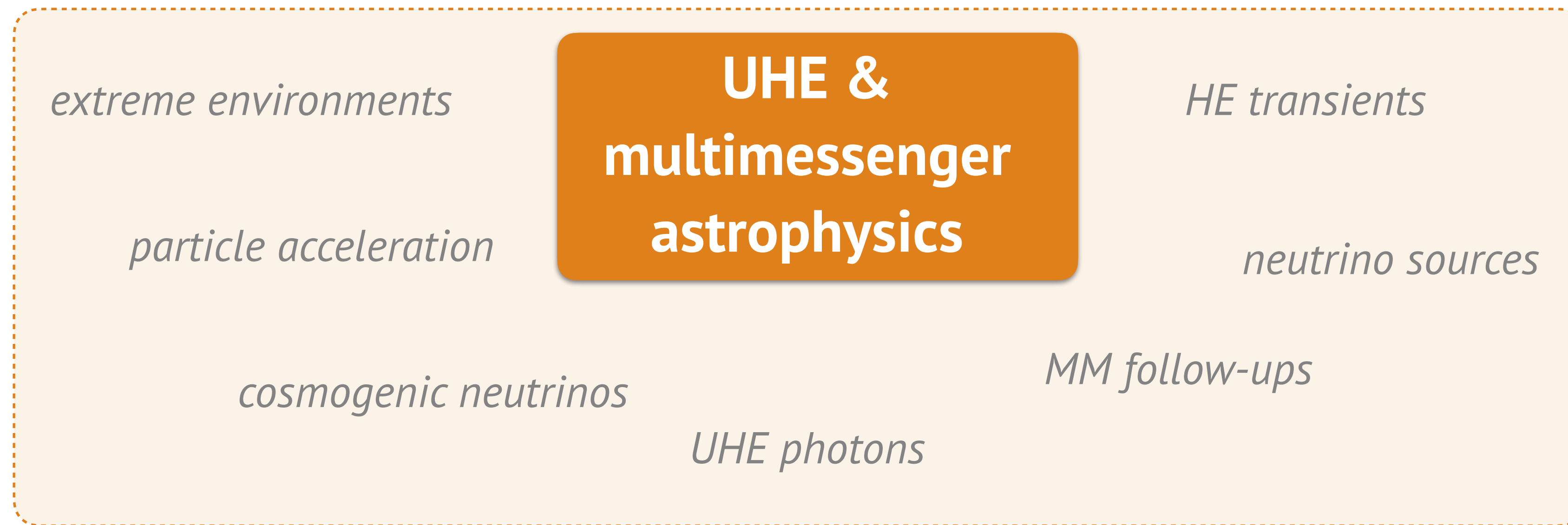
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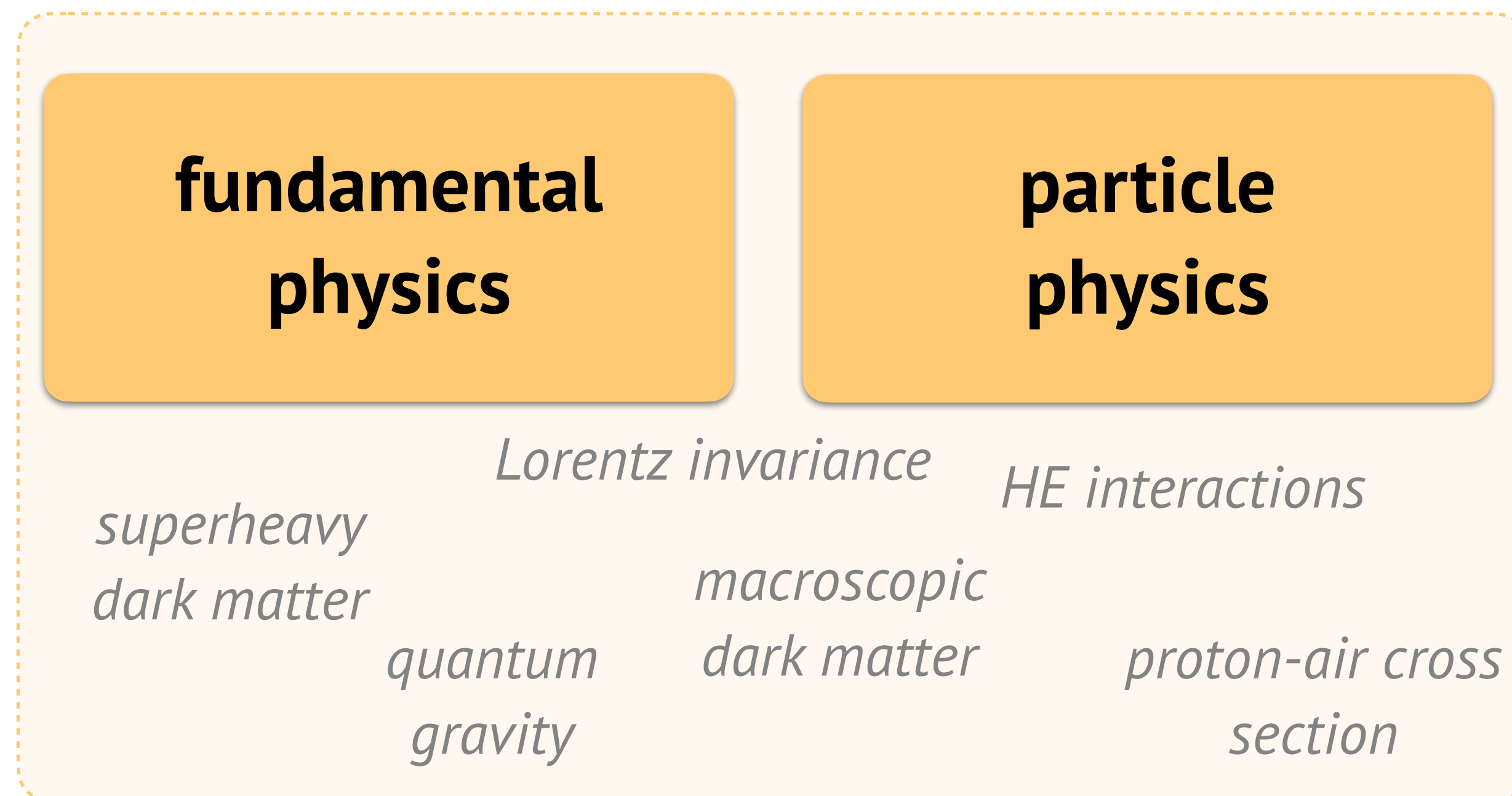
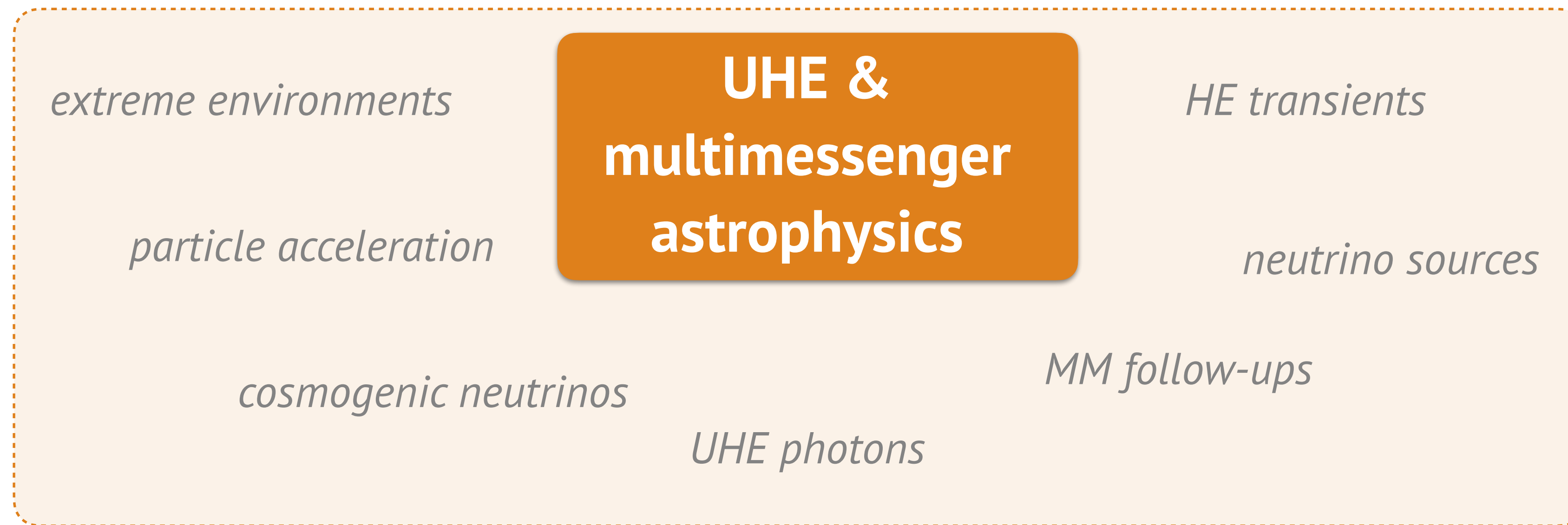
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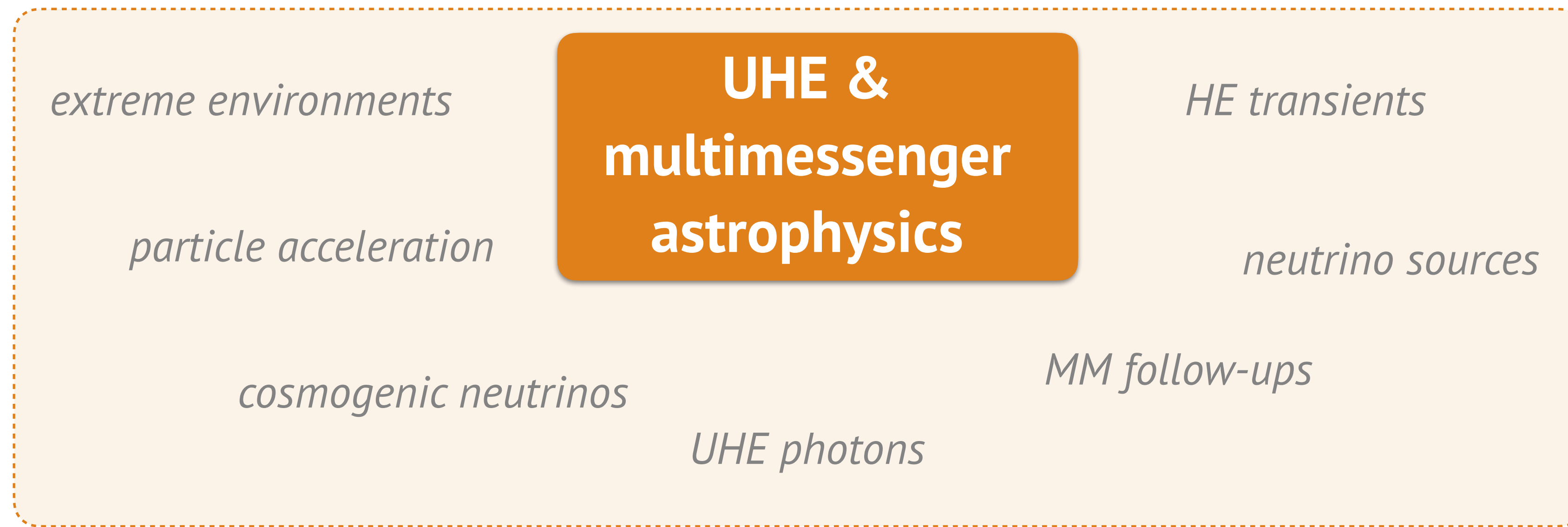
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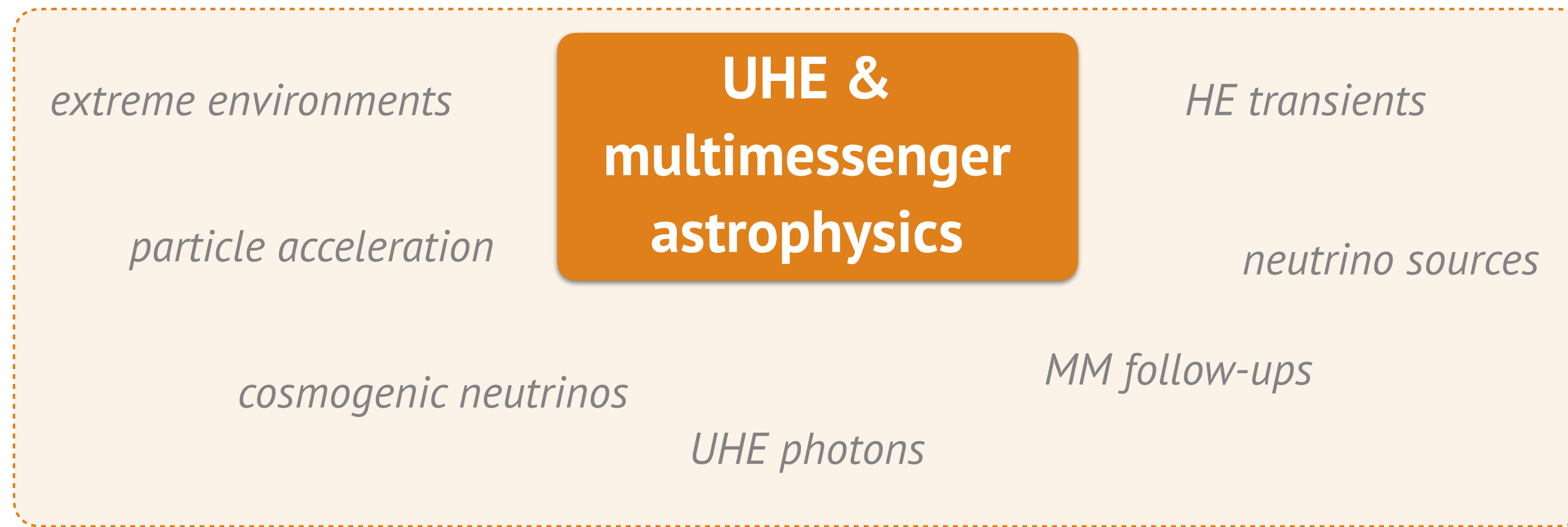
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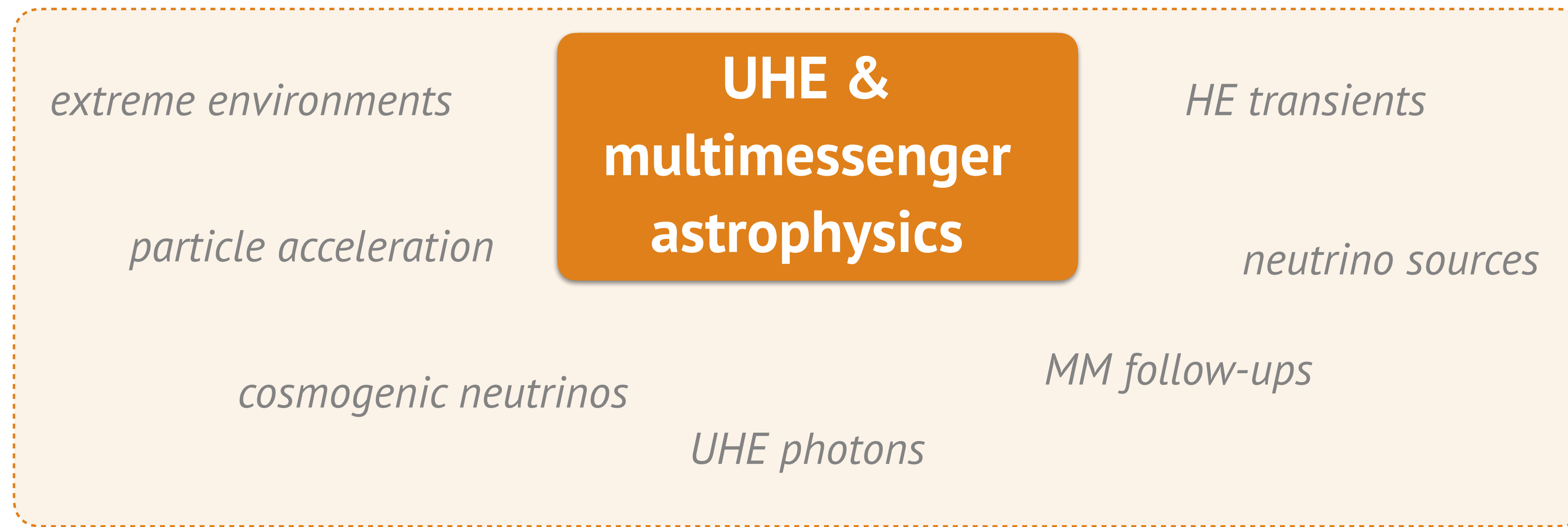
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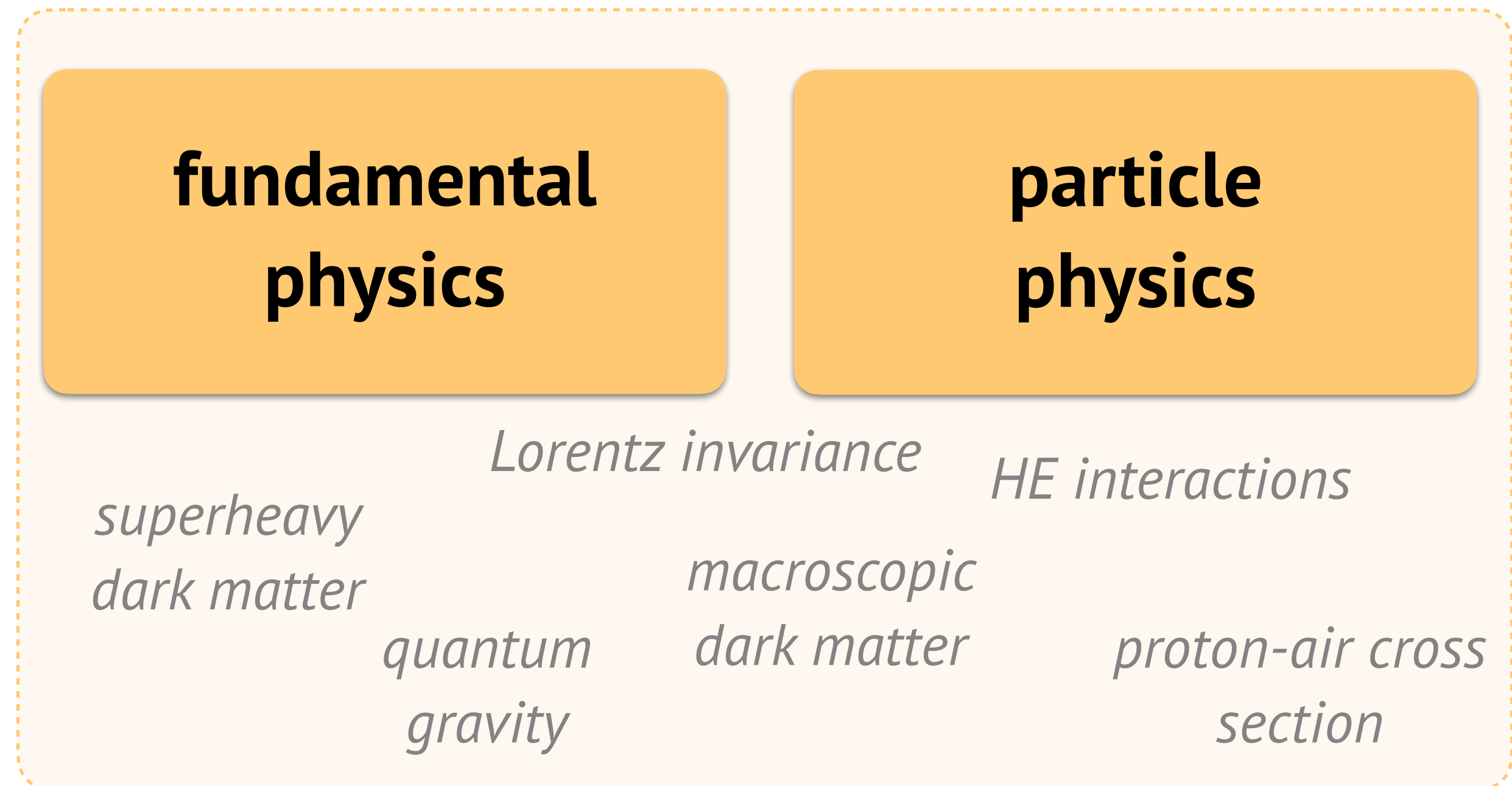
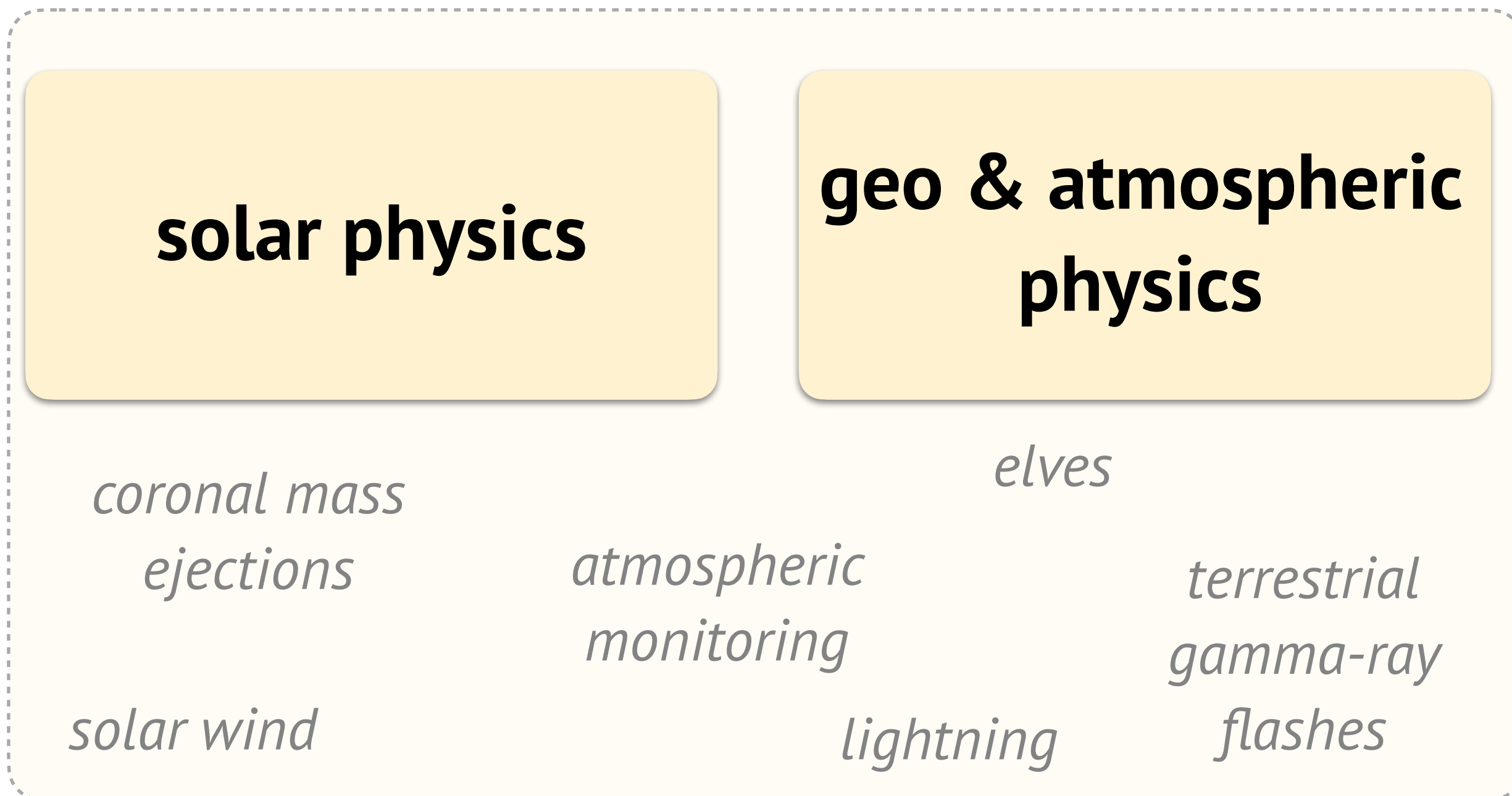
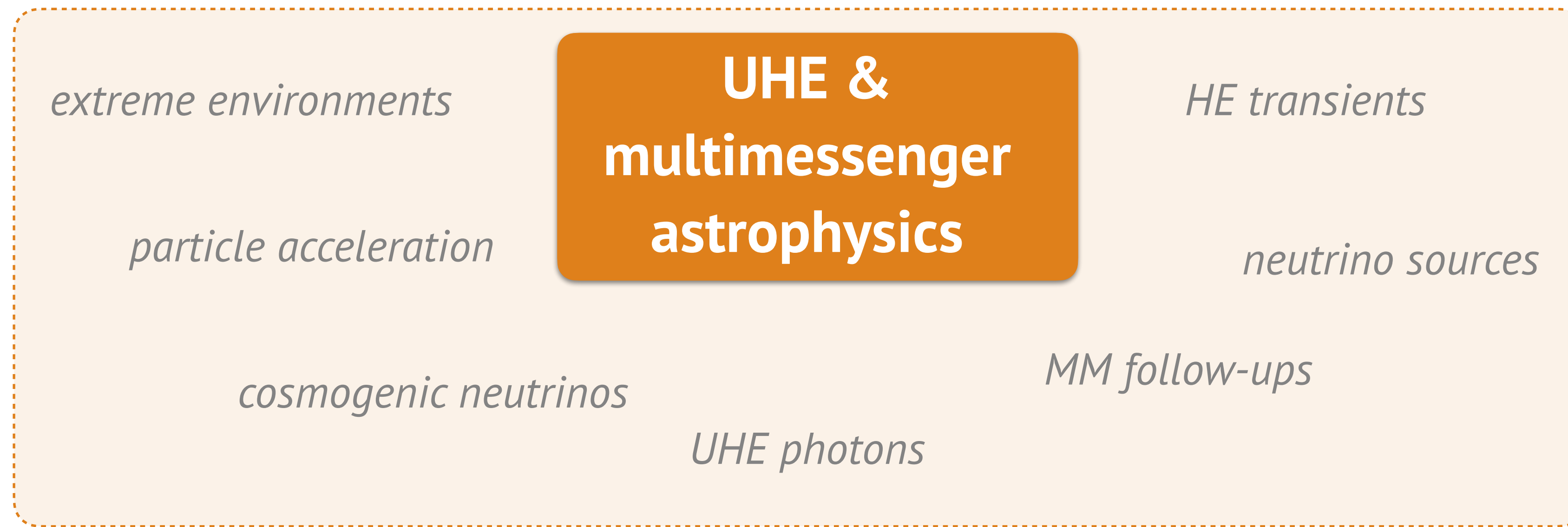
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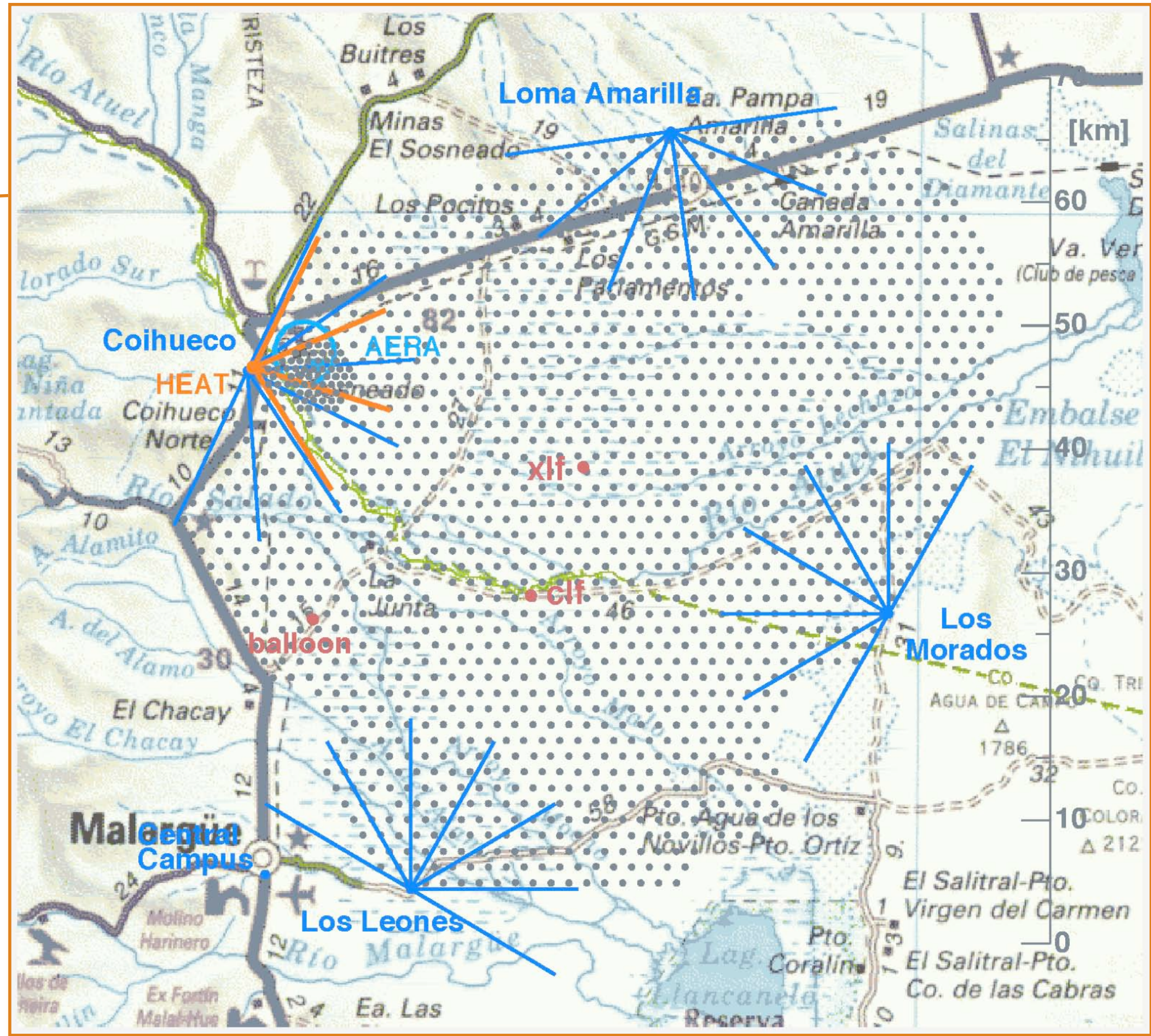
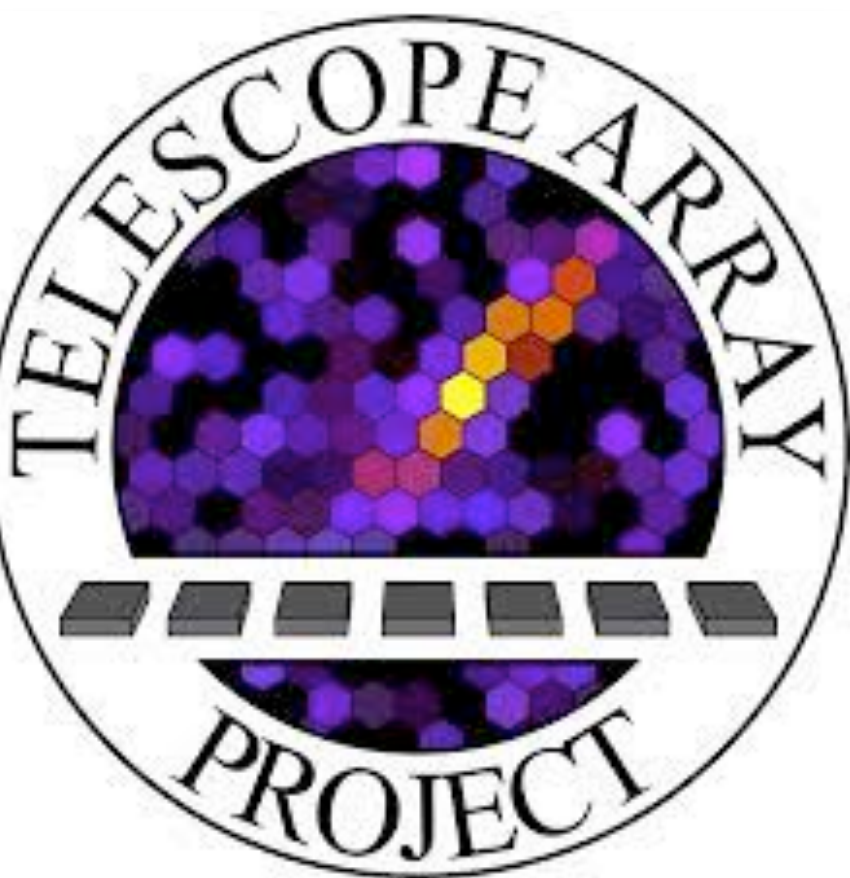
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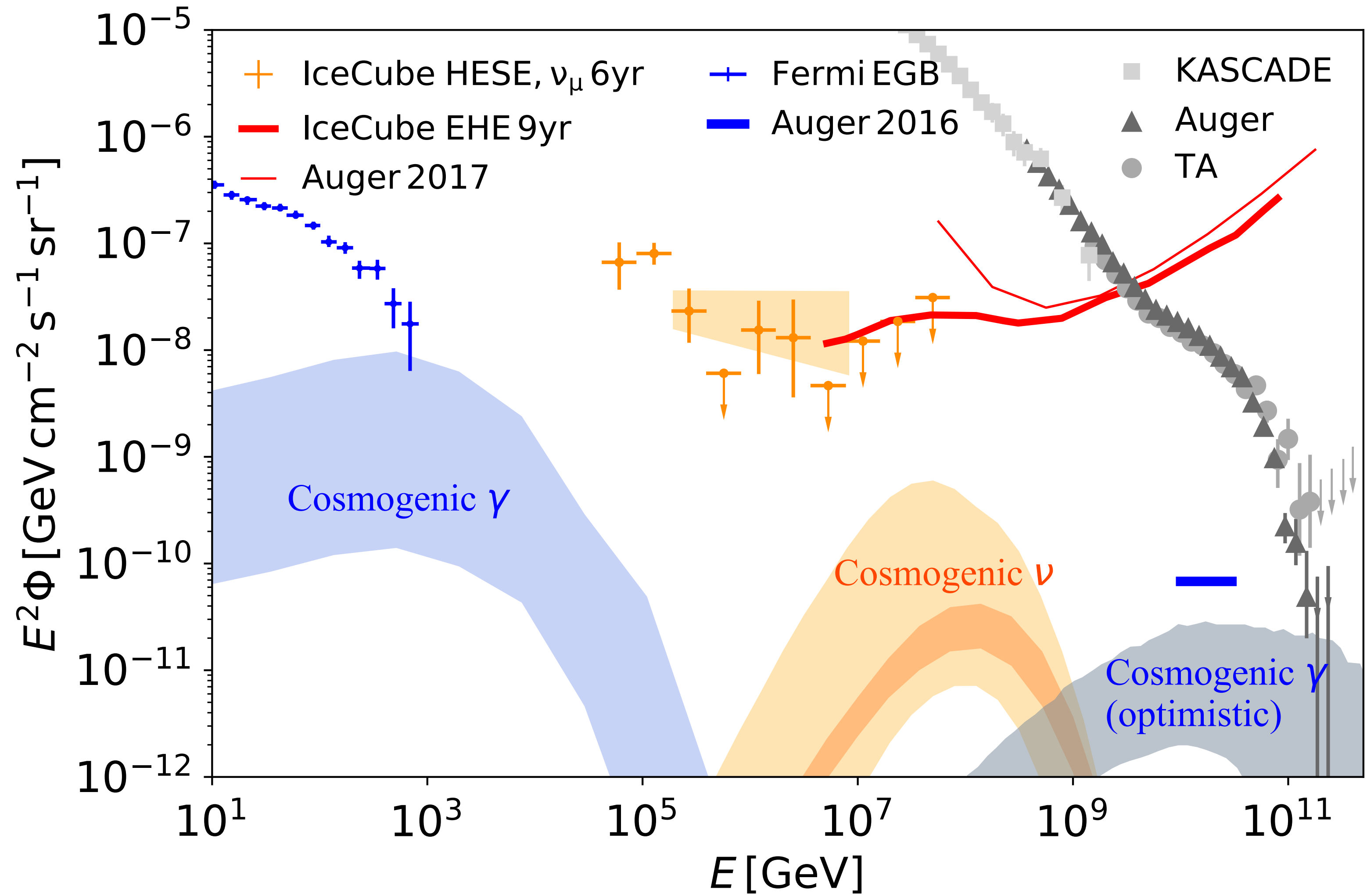
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cosmic rays in the multimessenger context

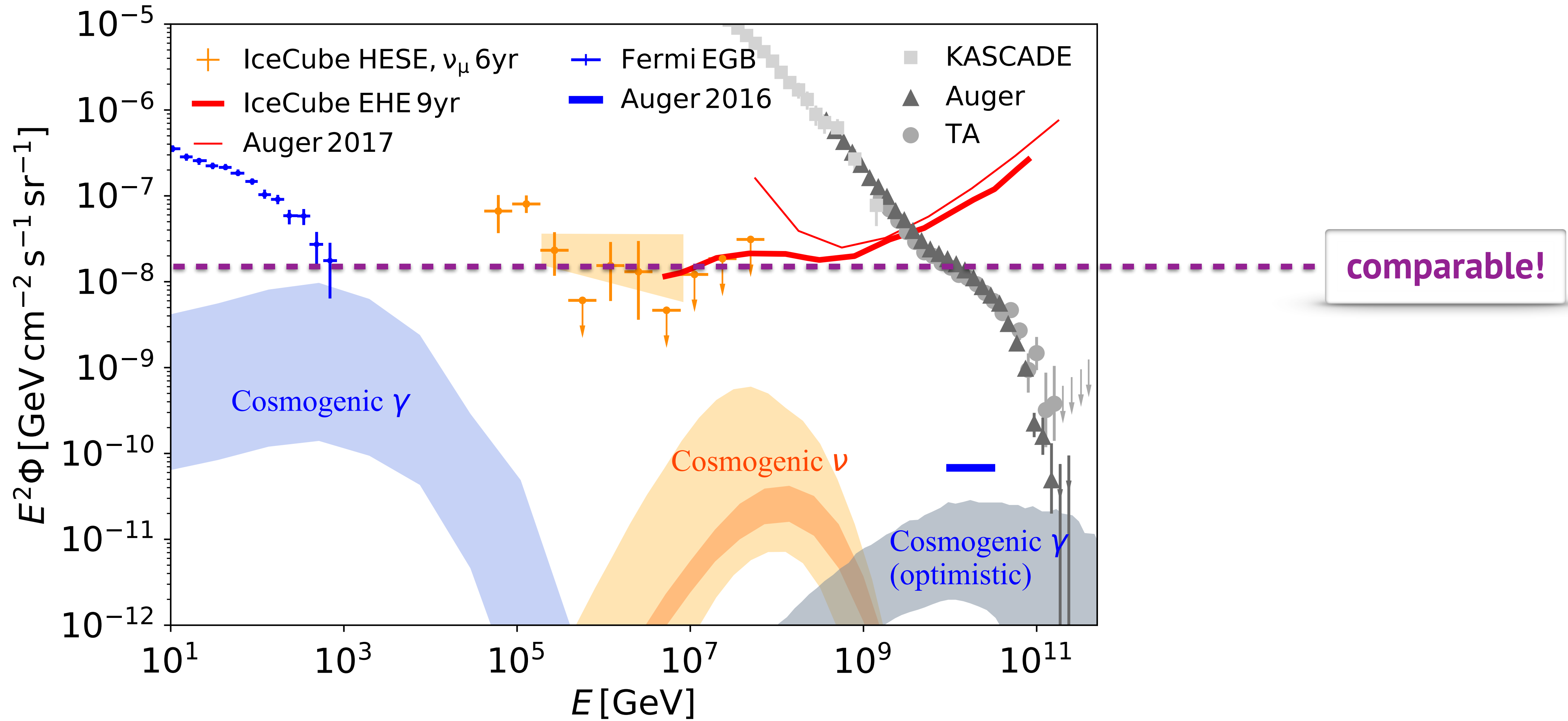
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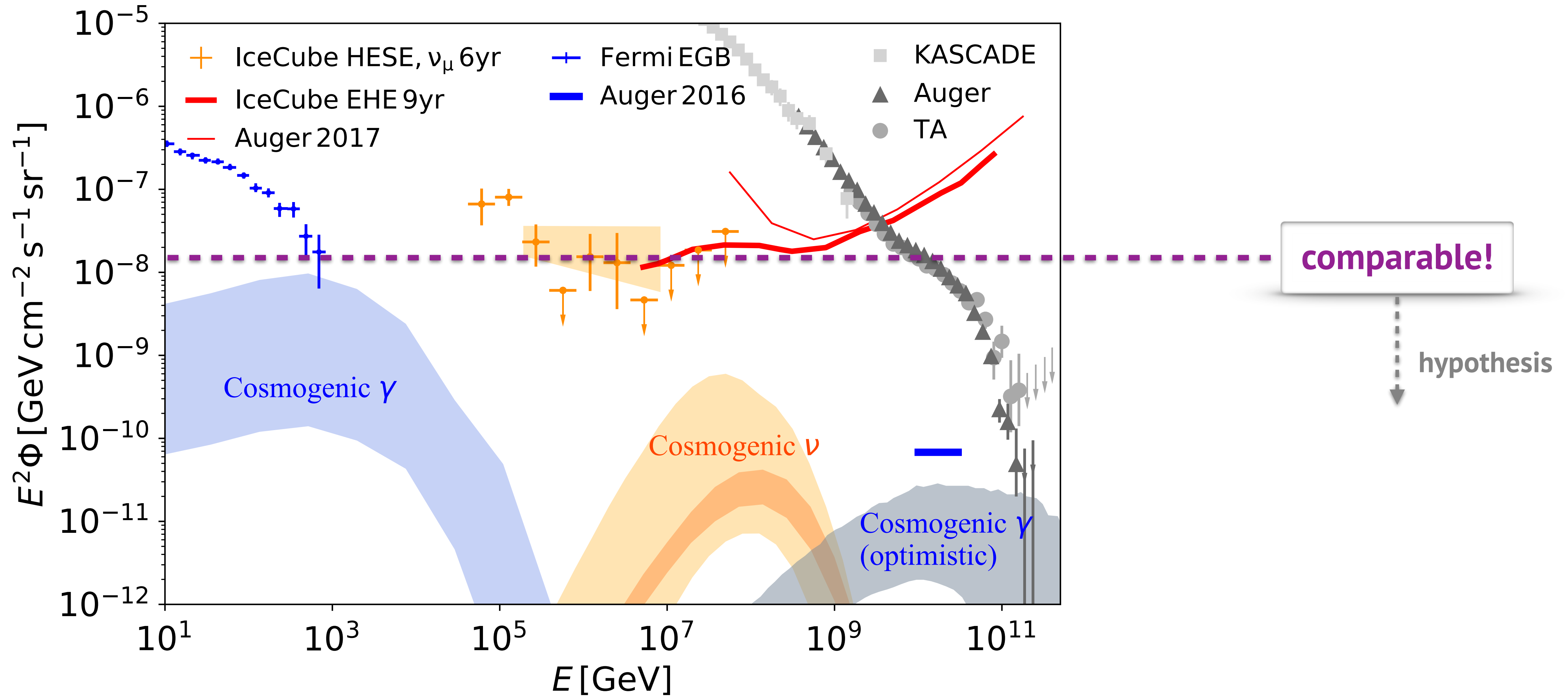
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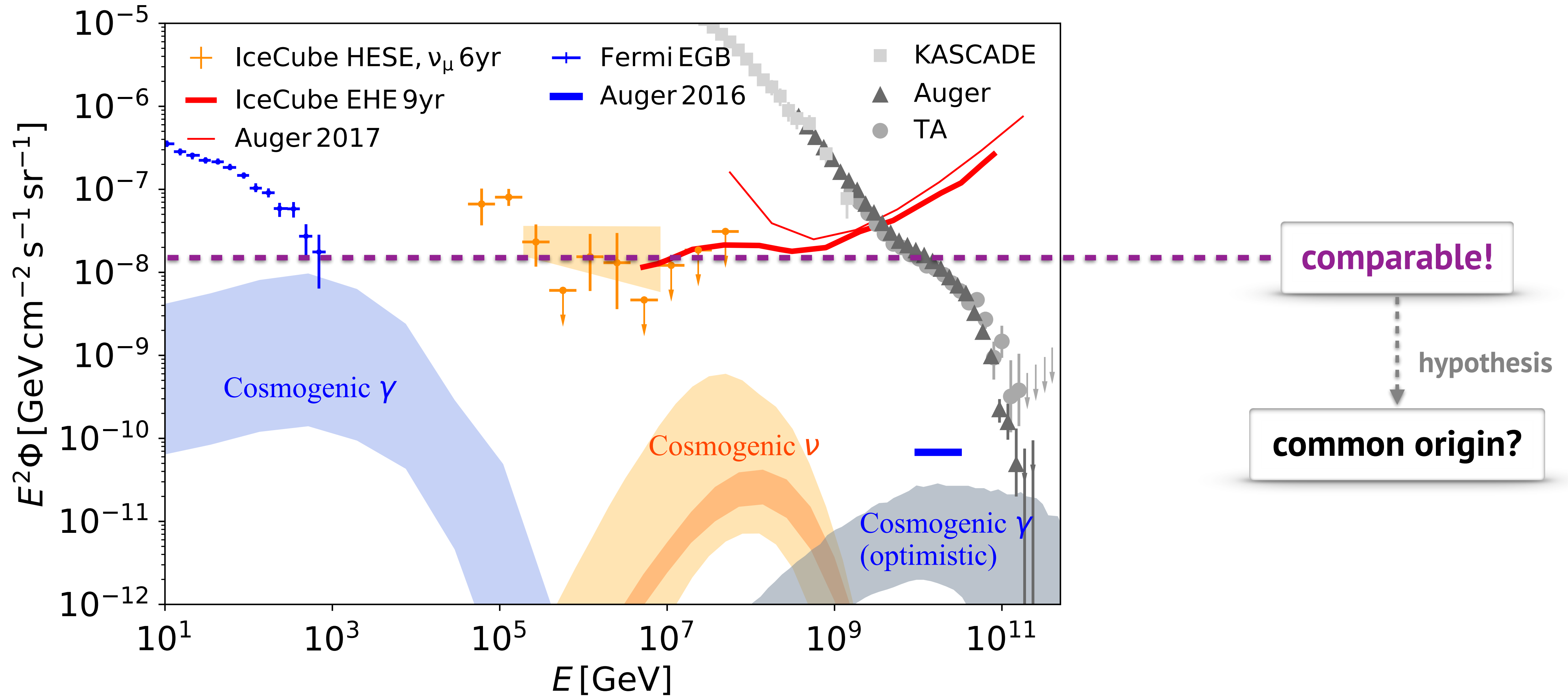
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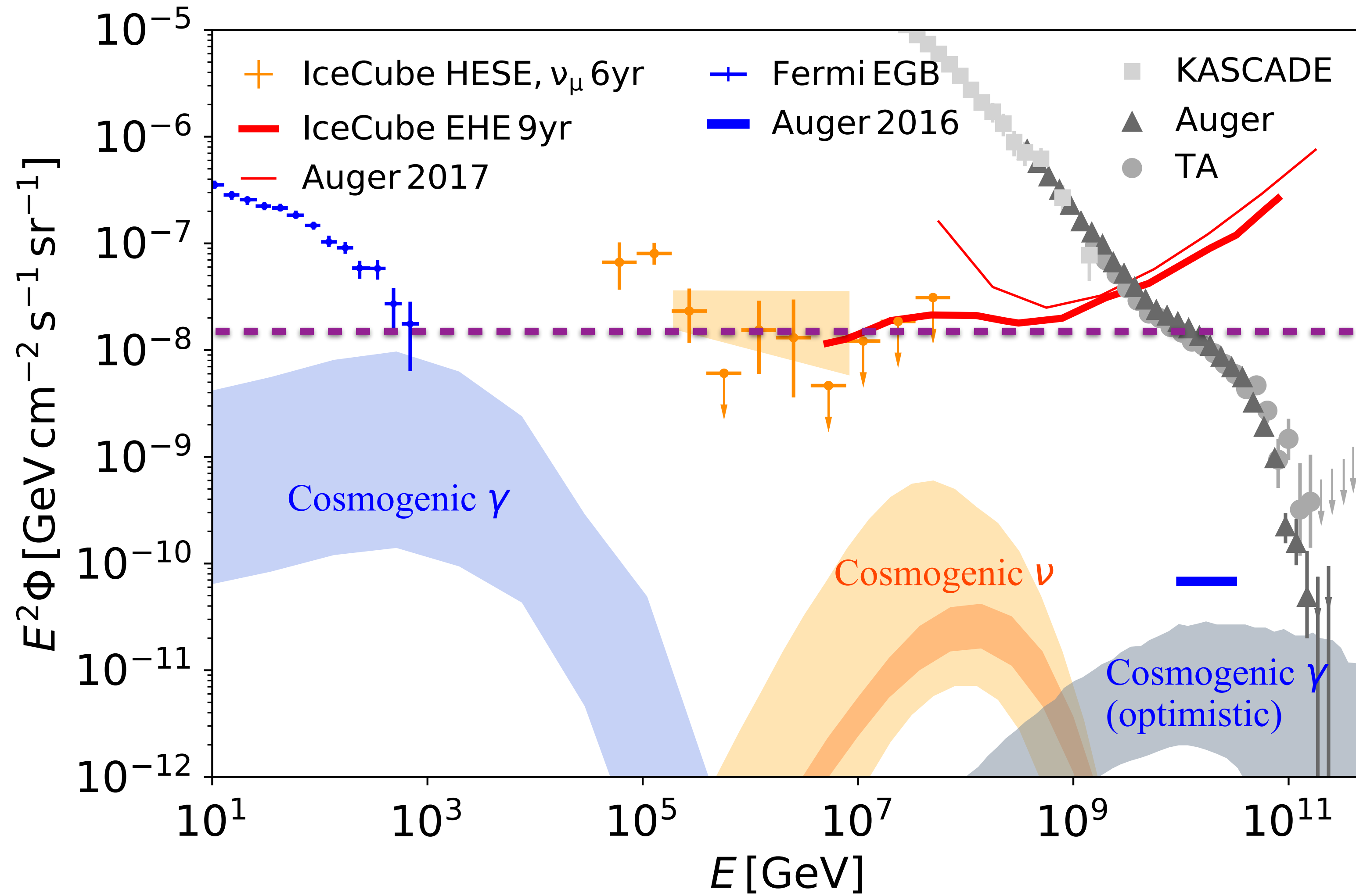
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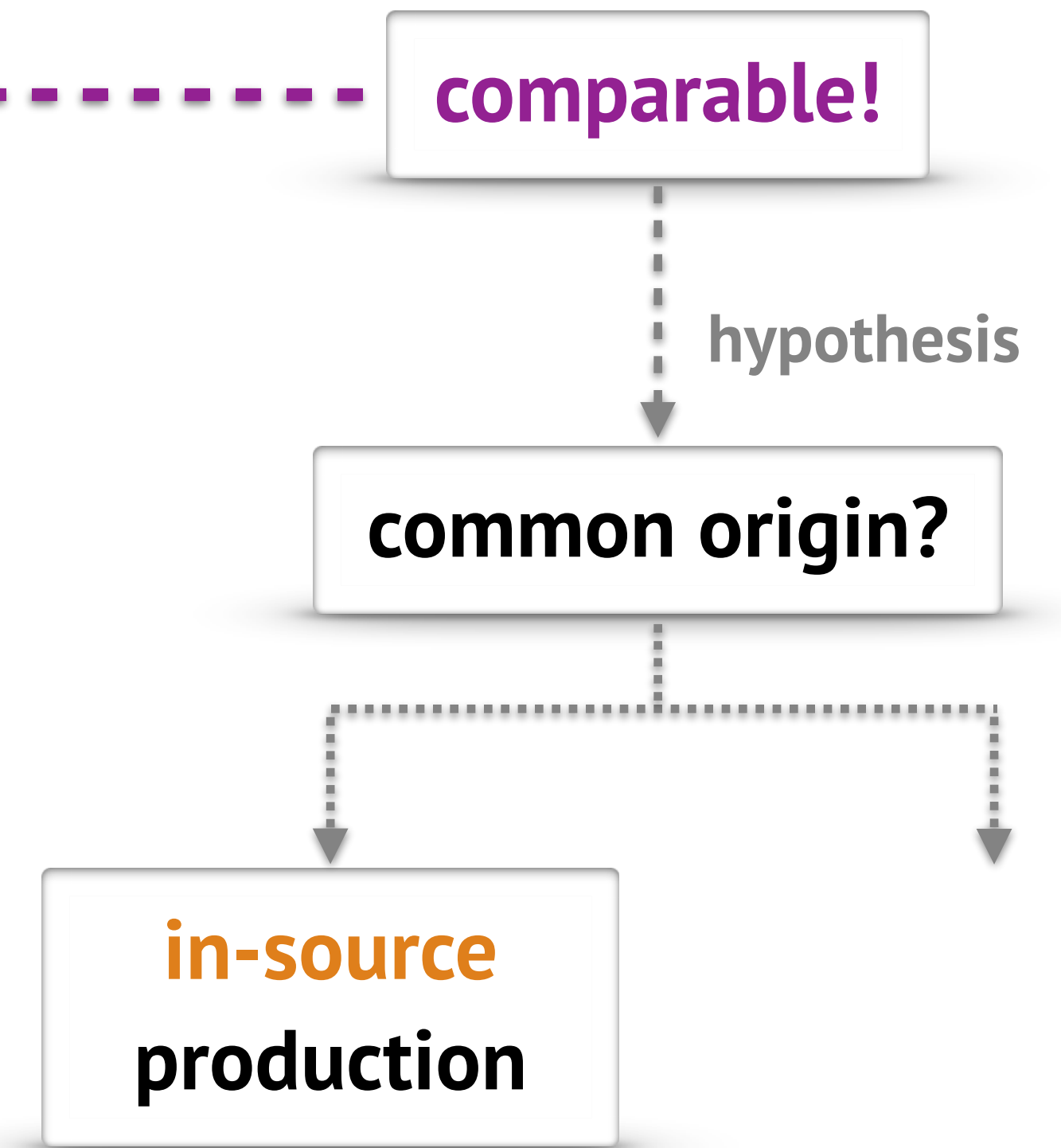
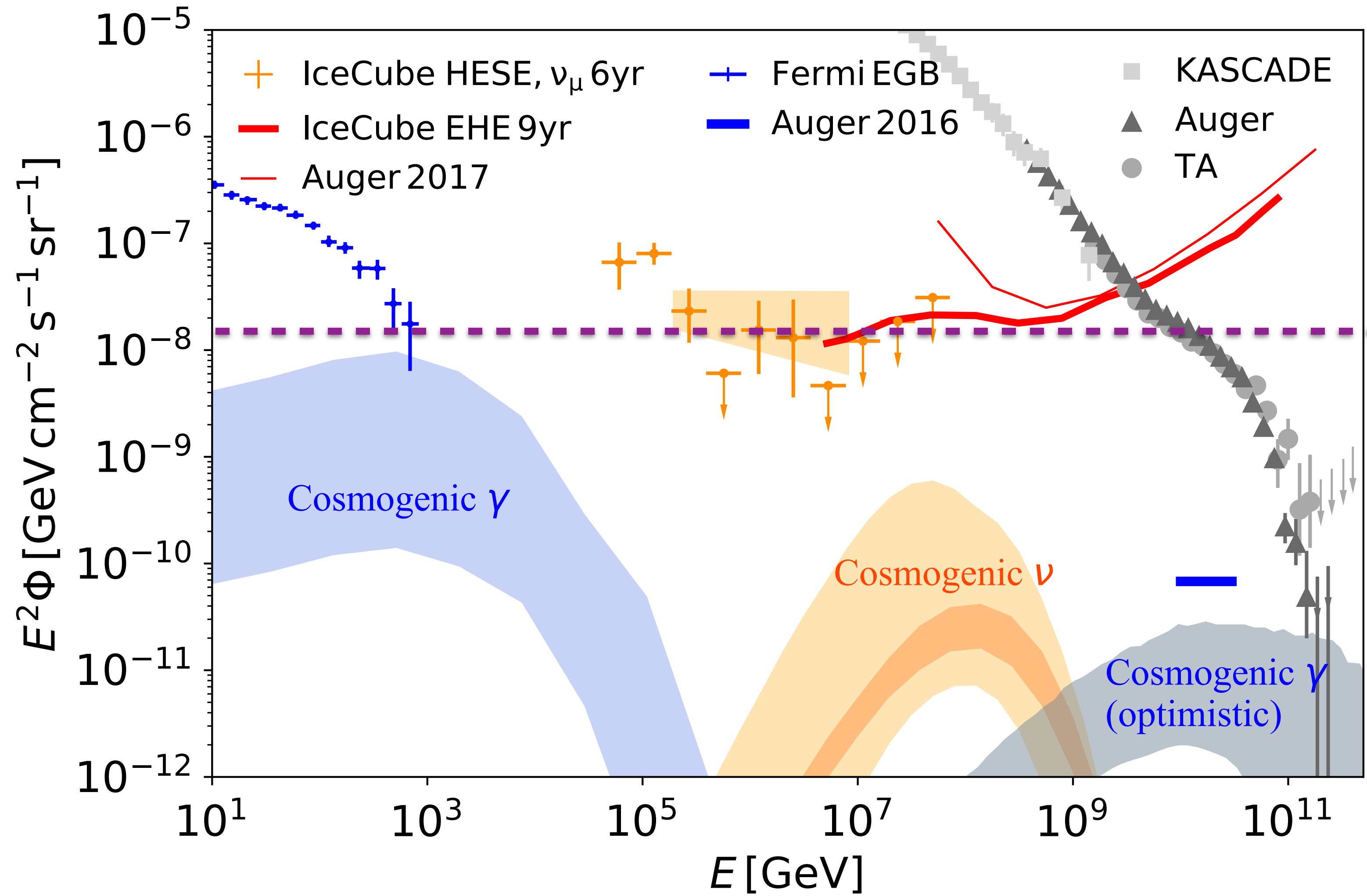
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hypothesis

common origin?

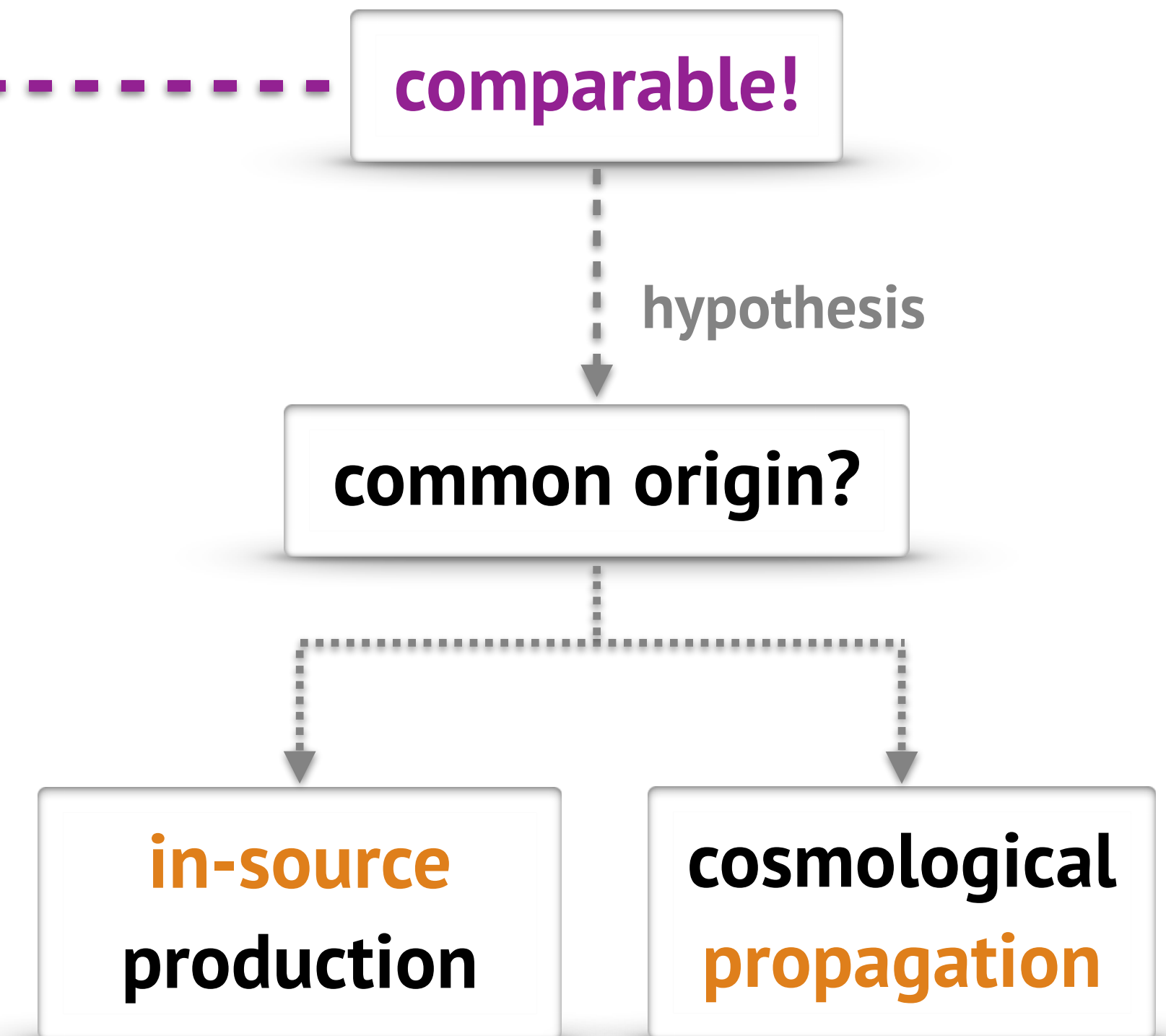
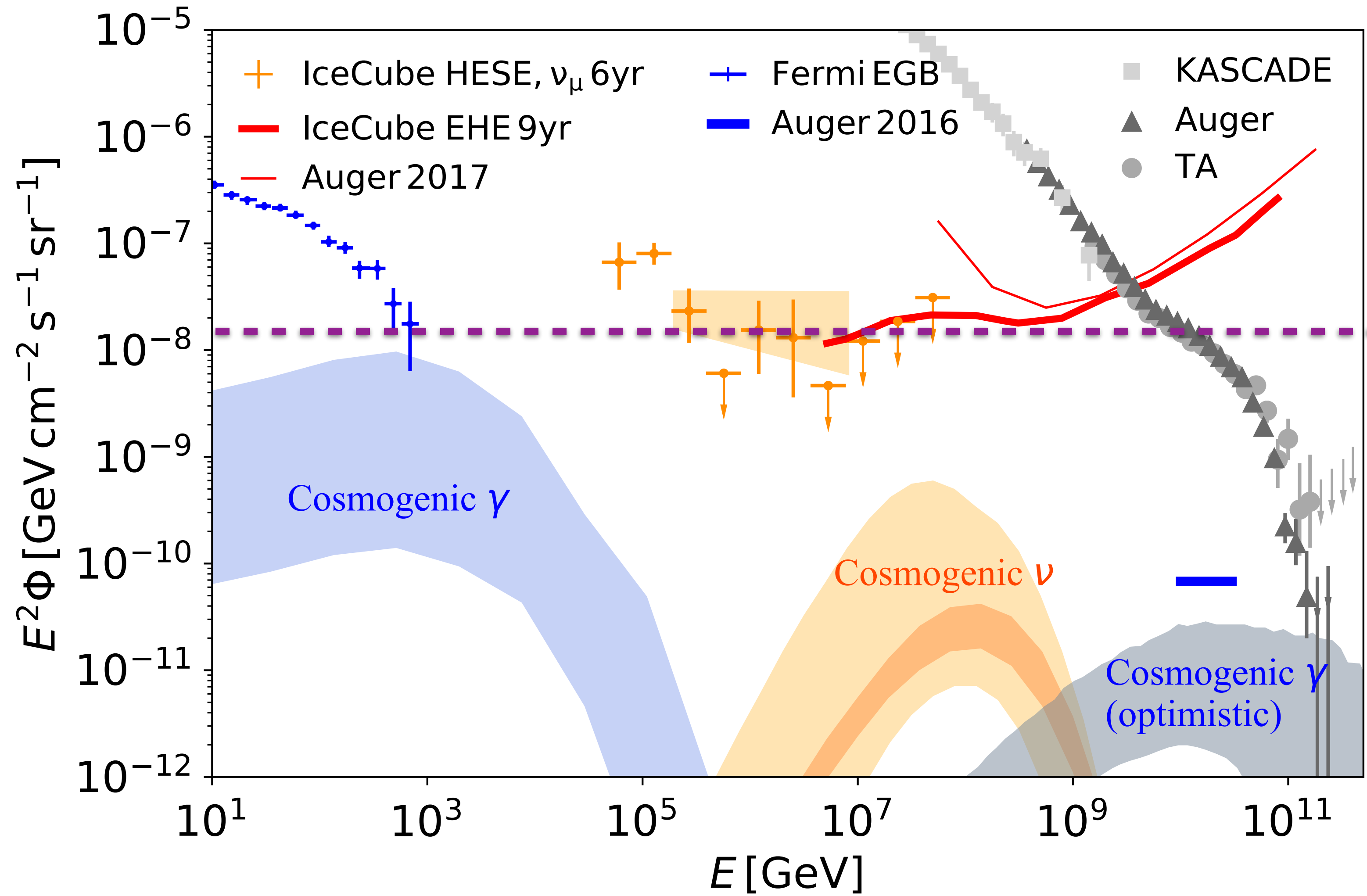
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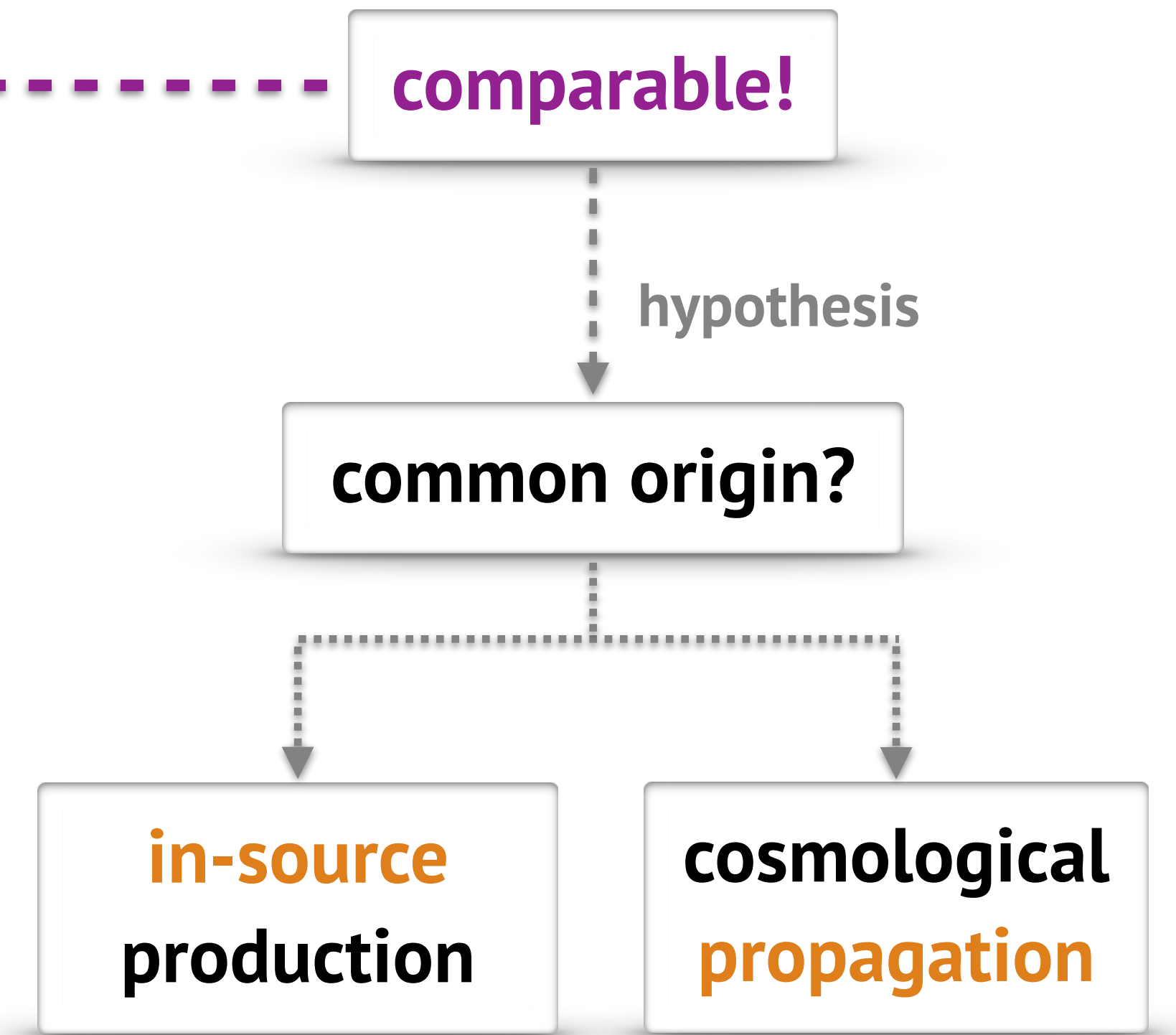
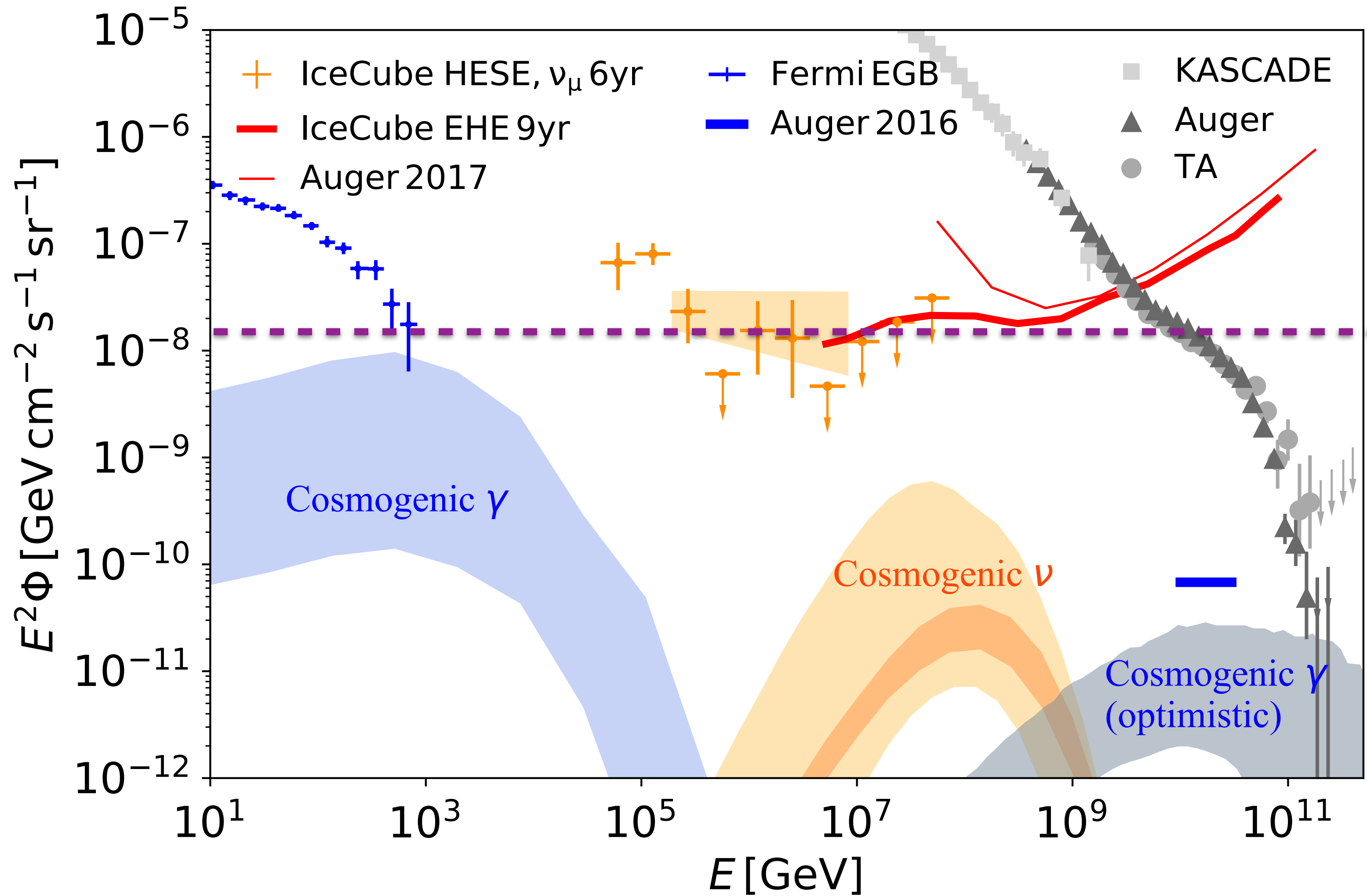
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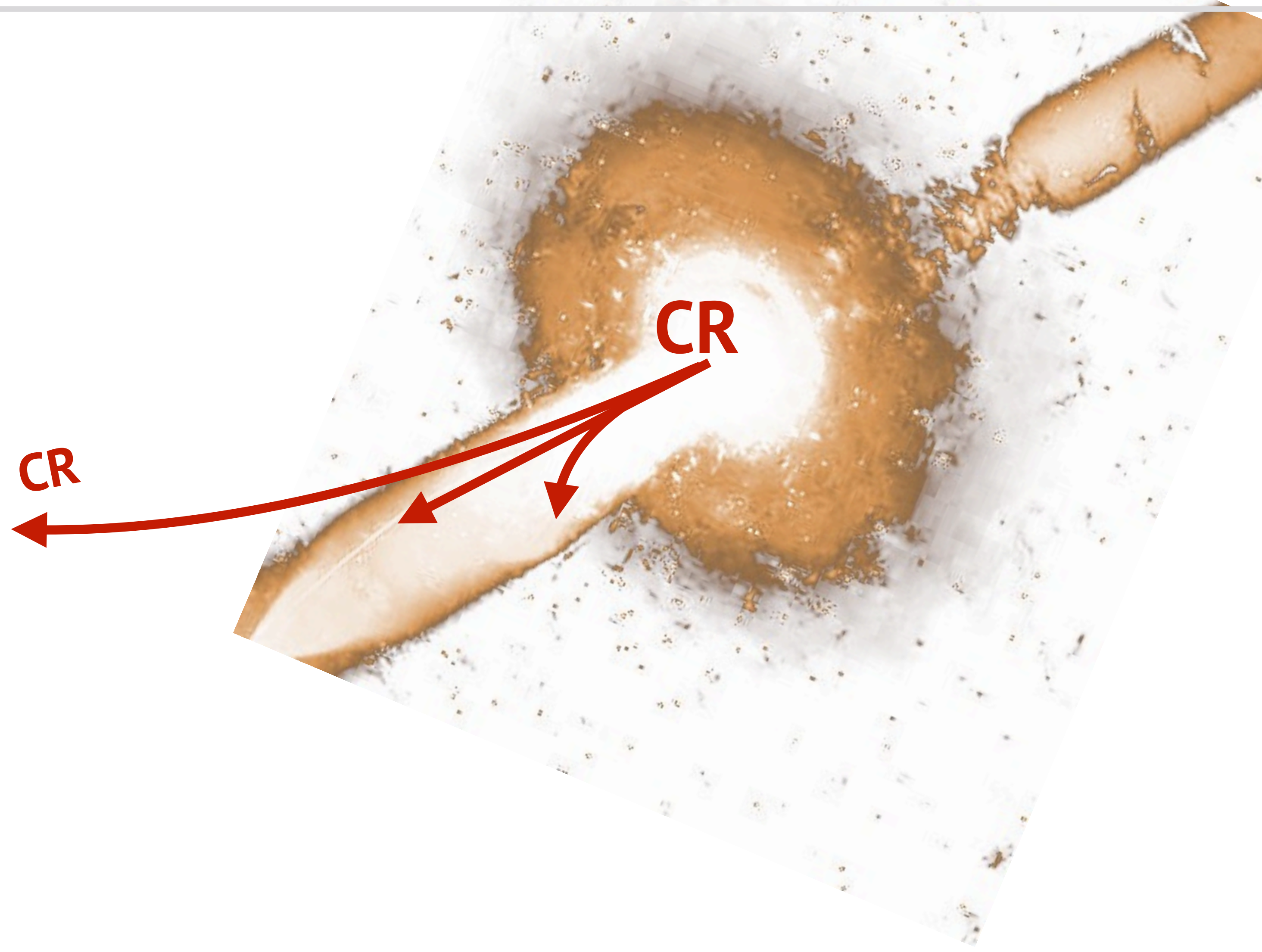


need to understand how particles are produced and how they propagate

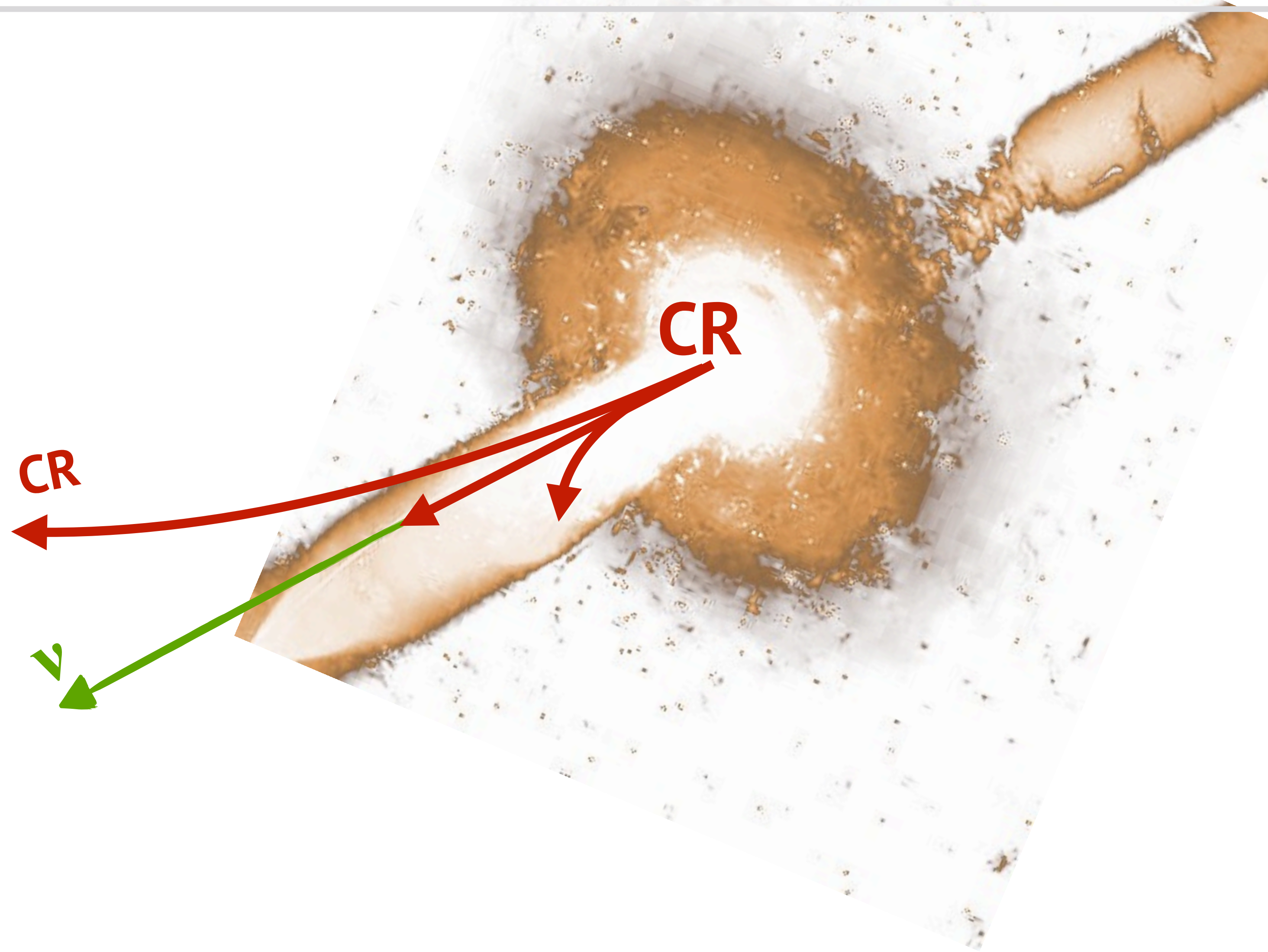
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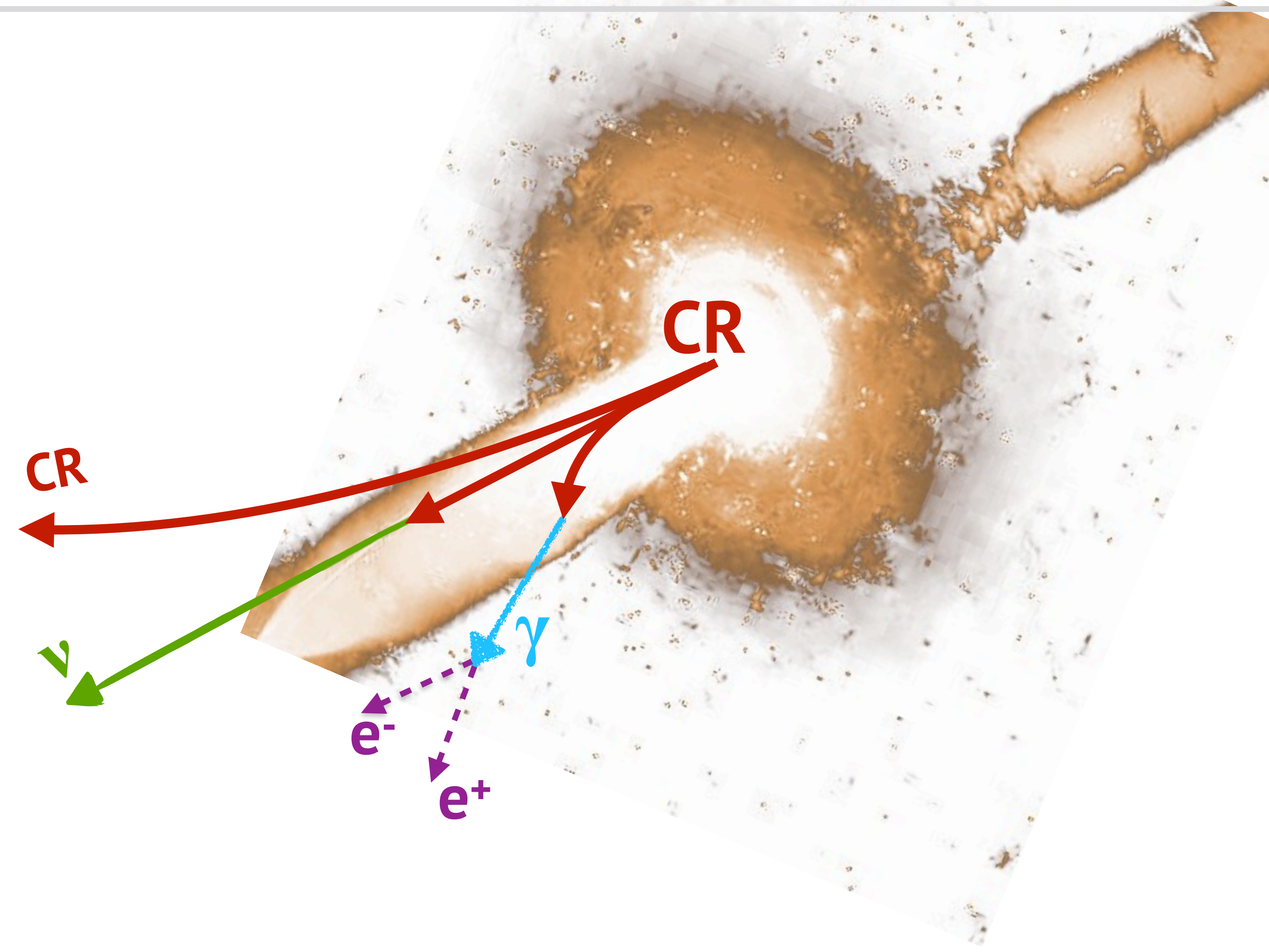
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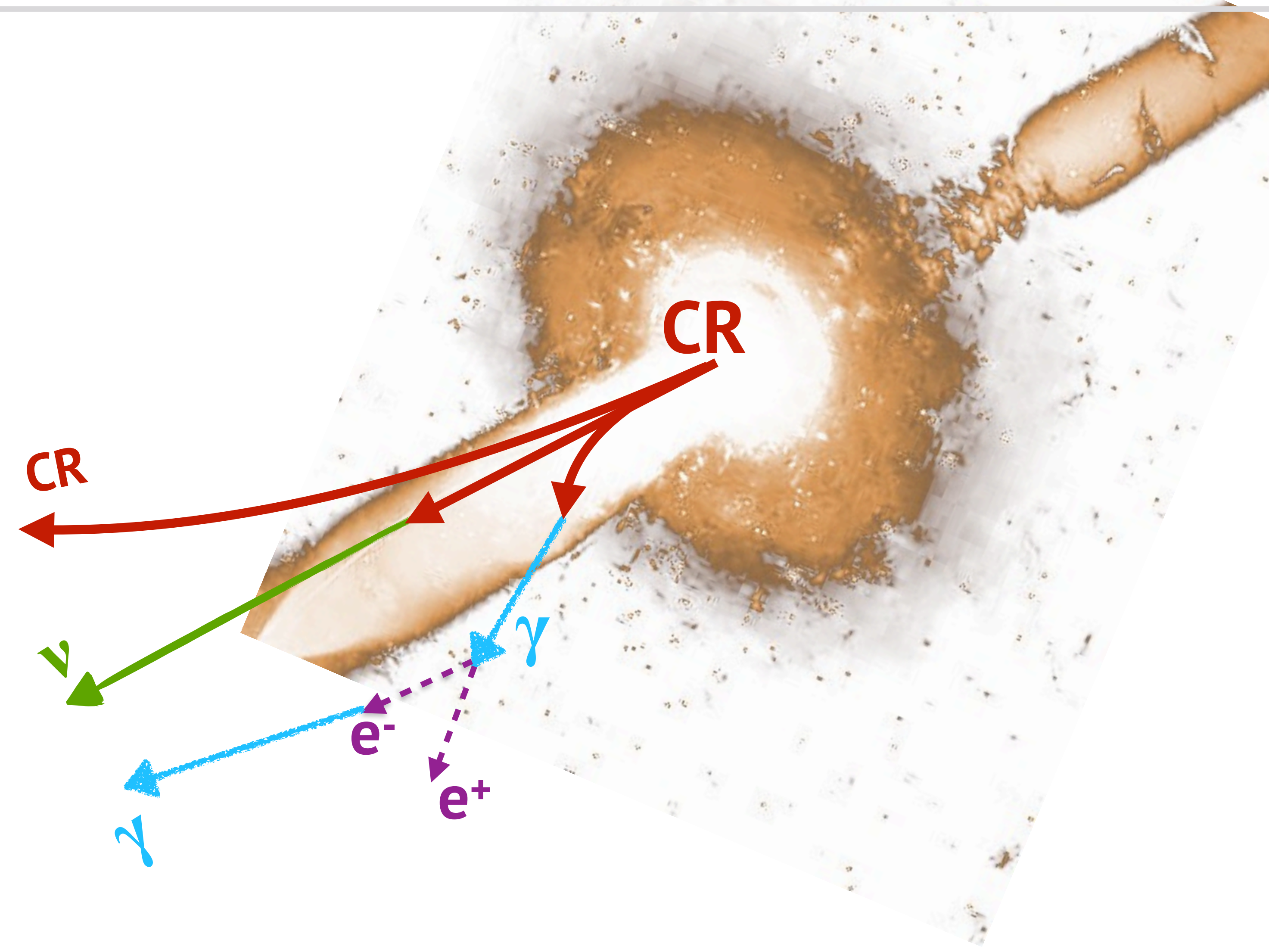
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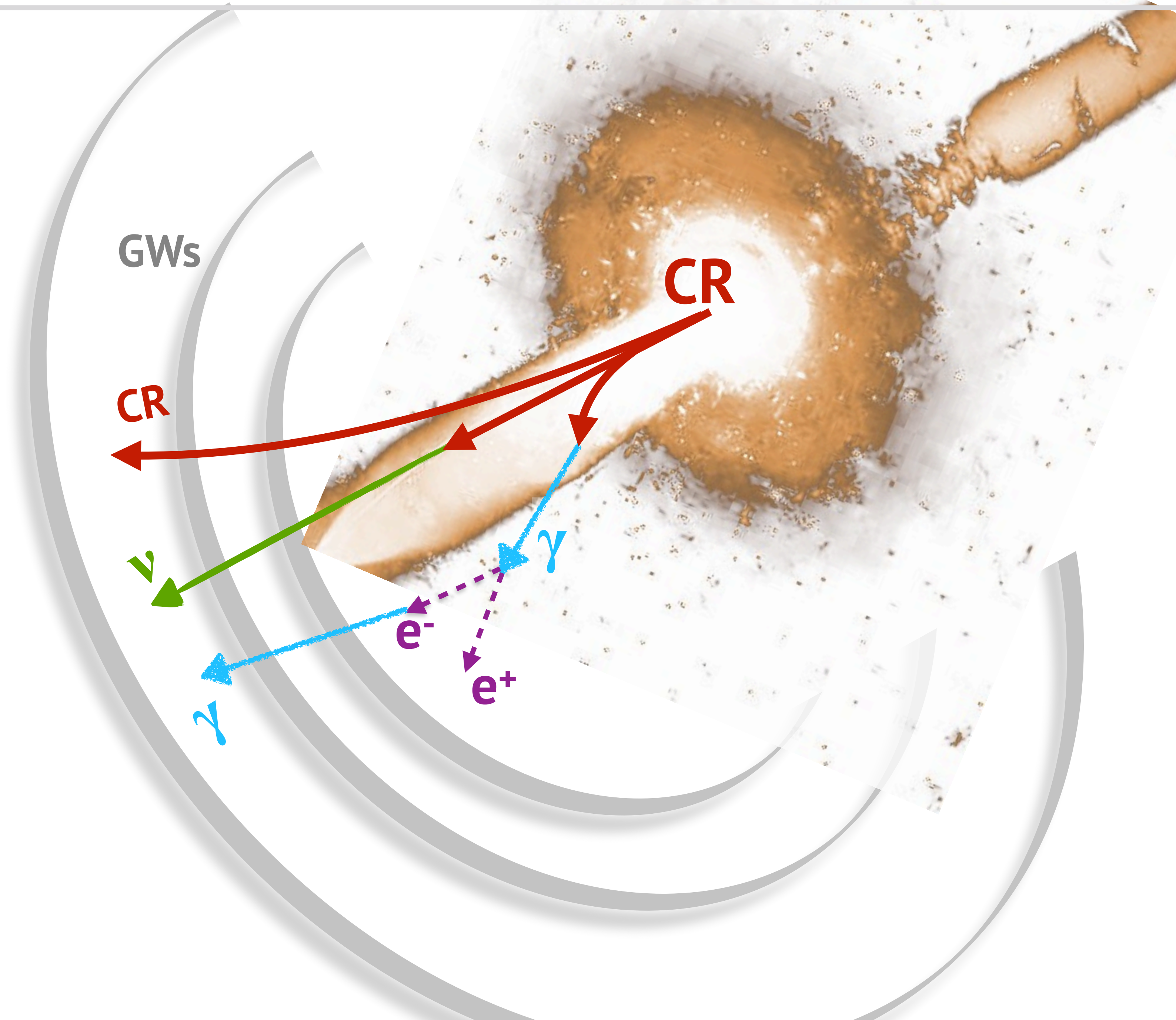
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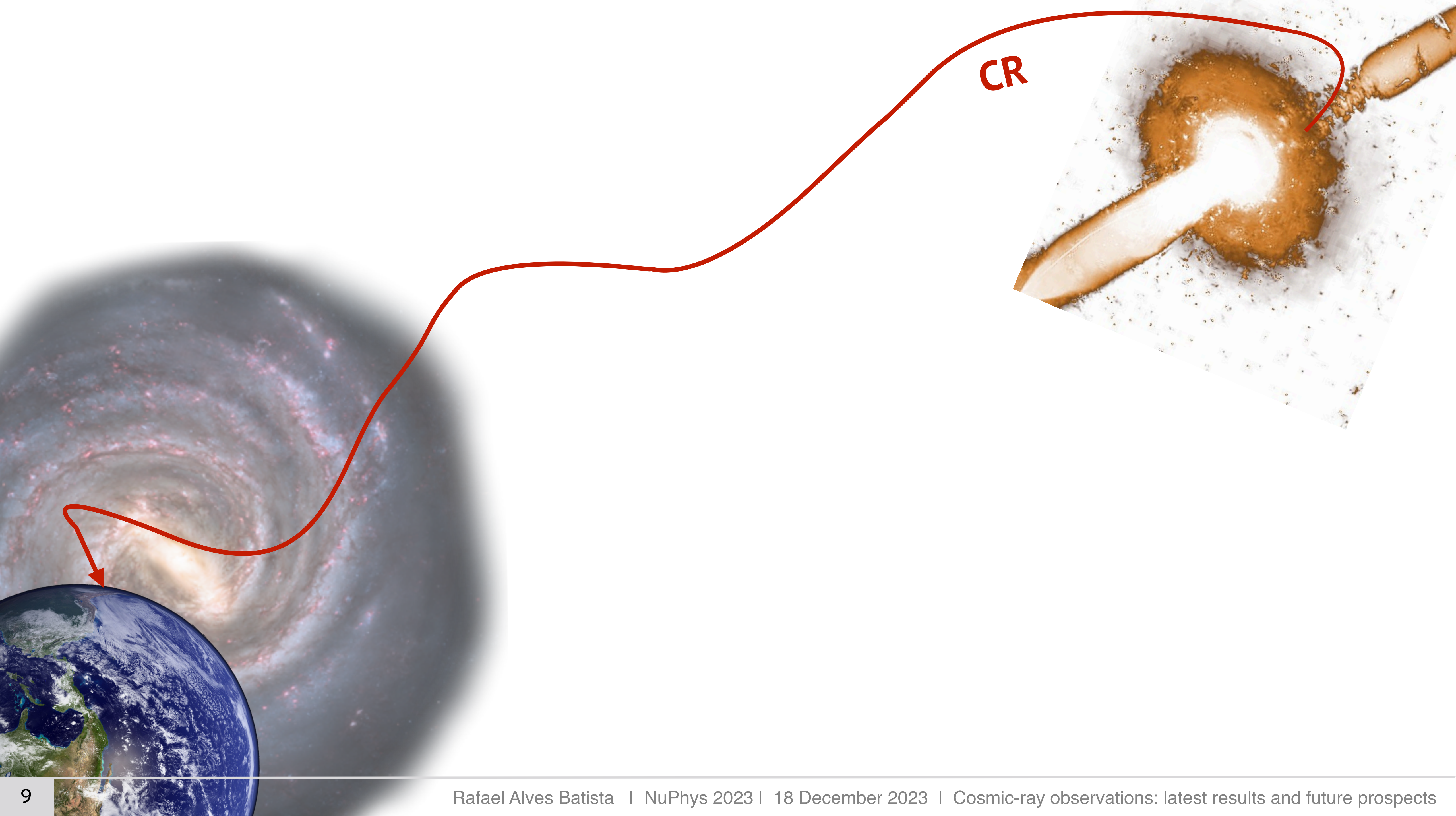
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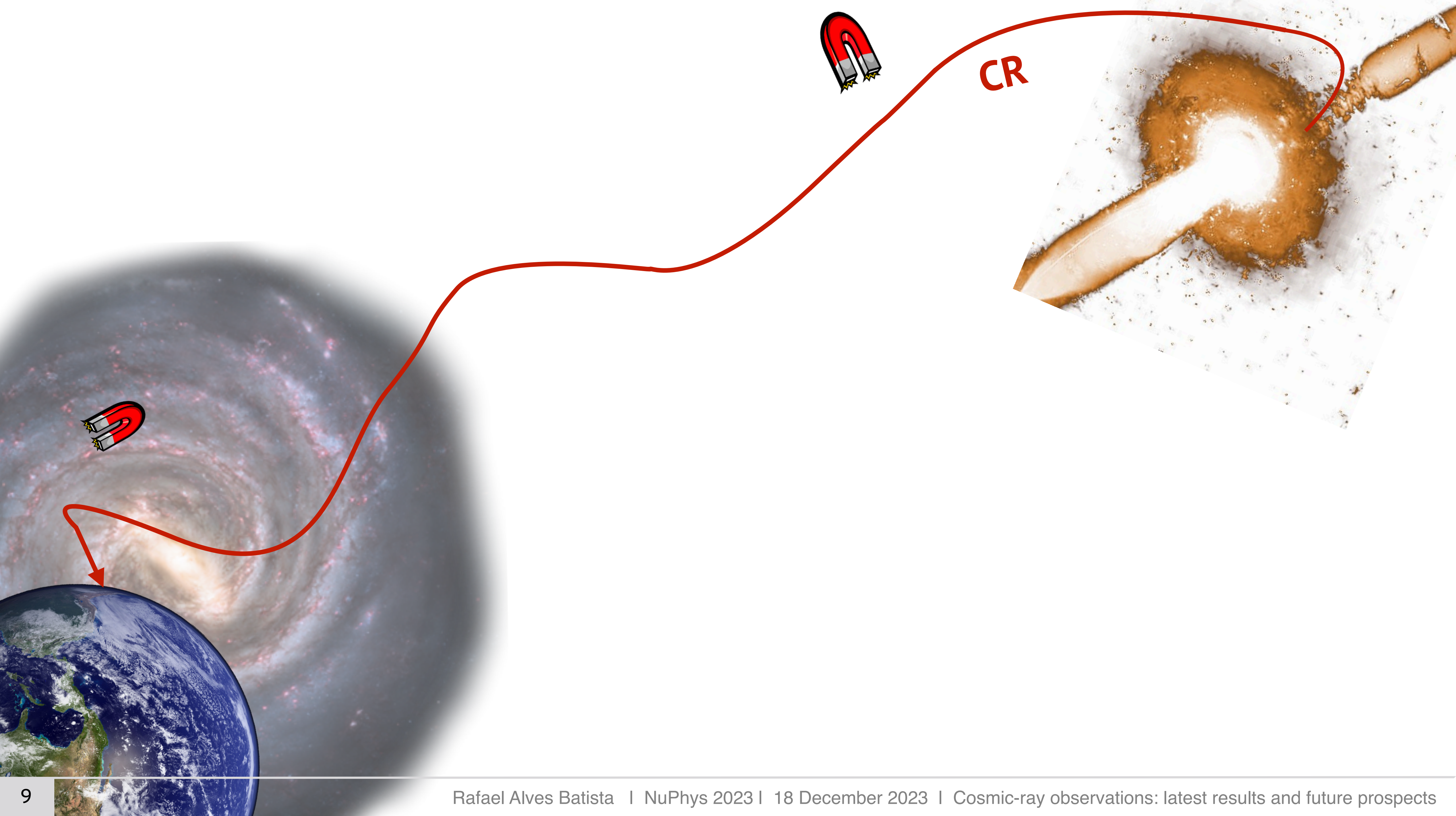
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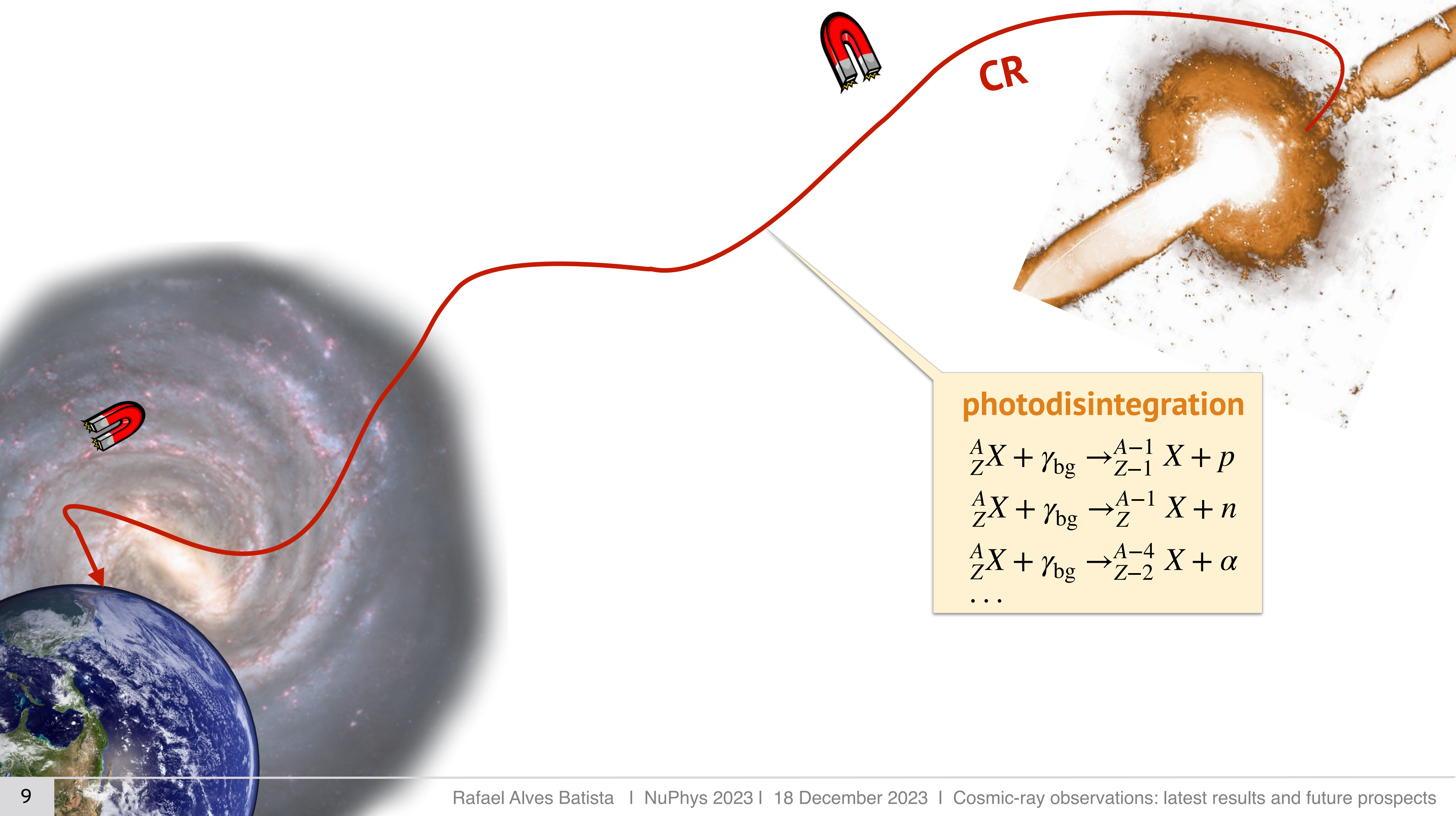
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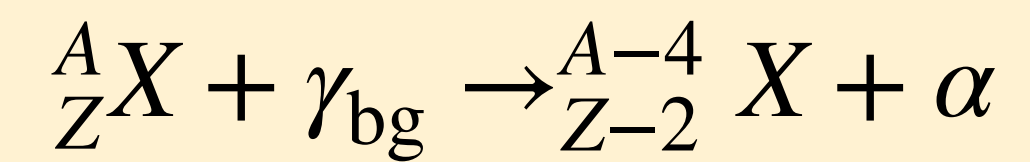
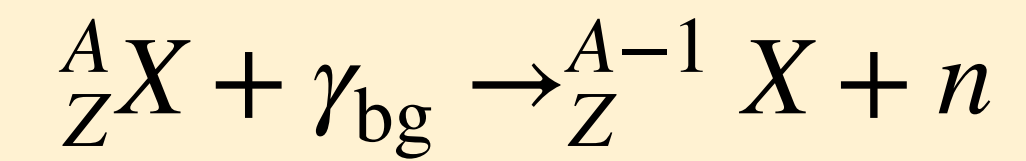
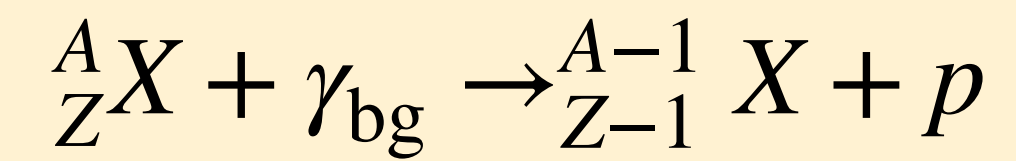


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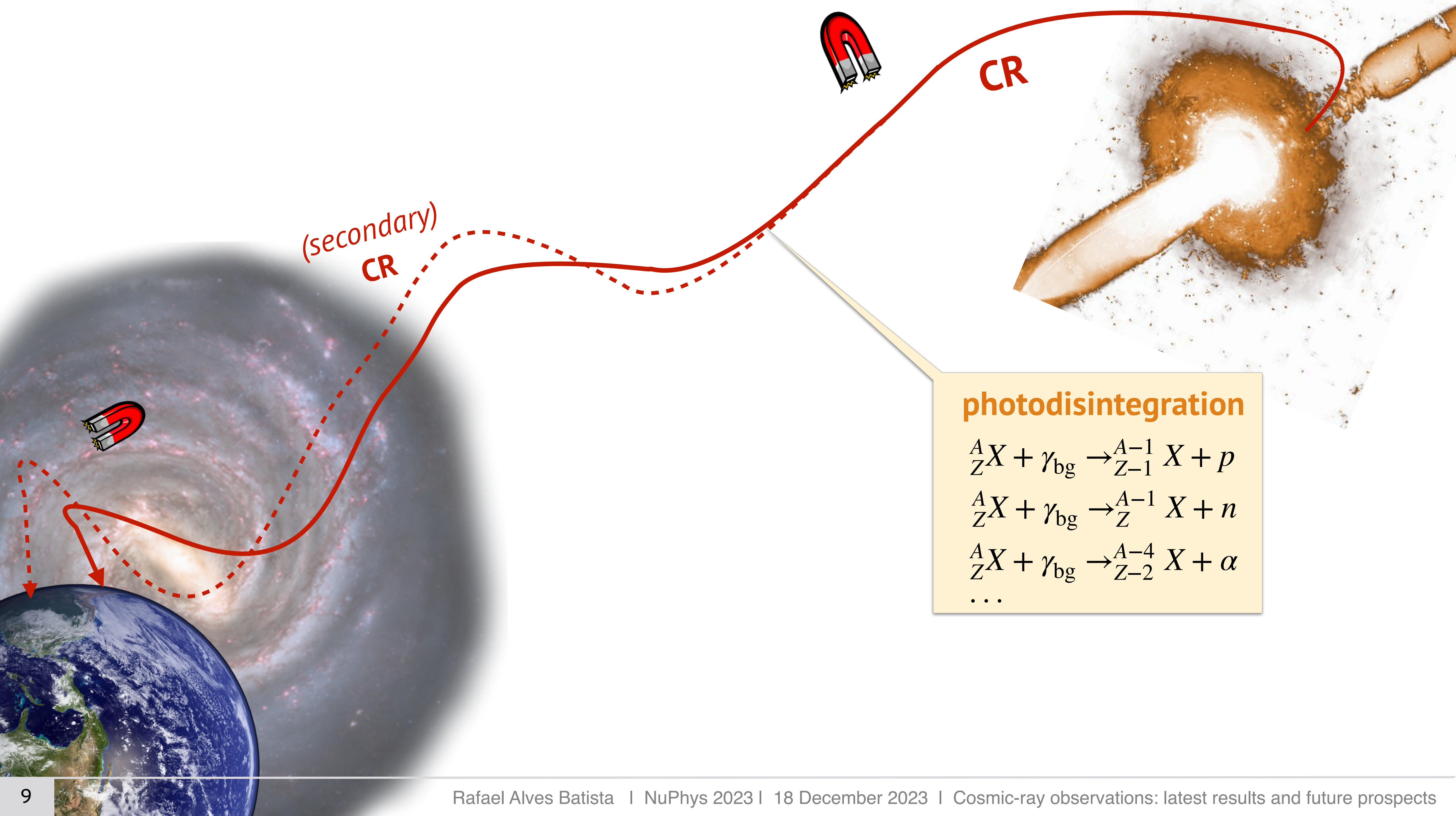
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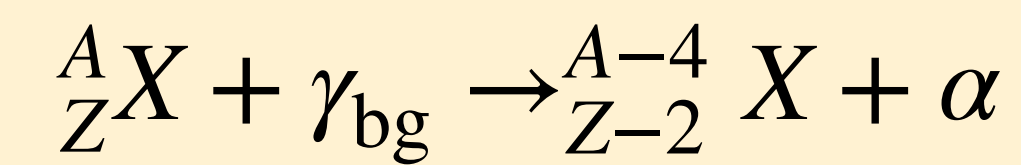
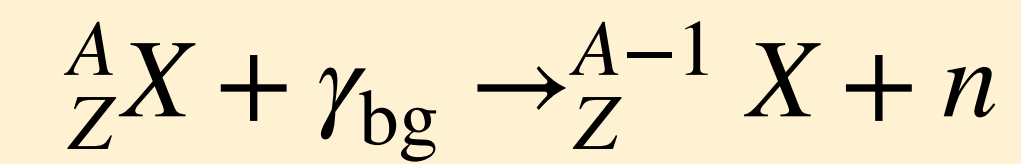
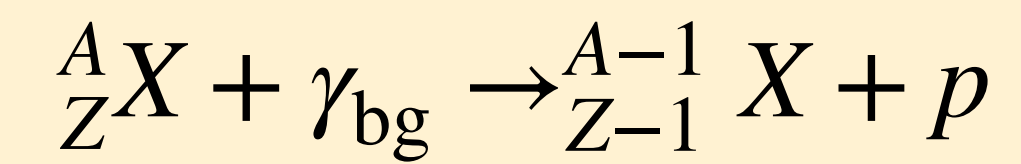


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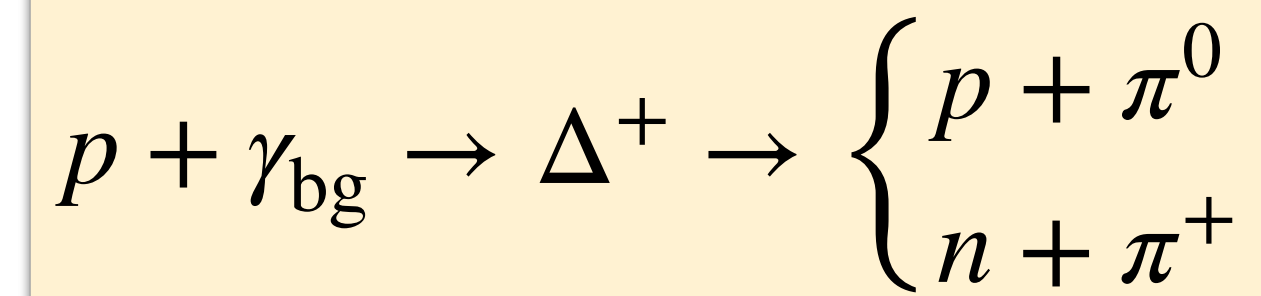
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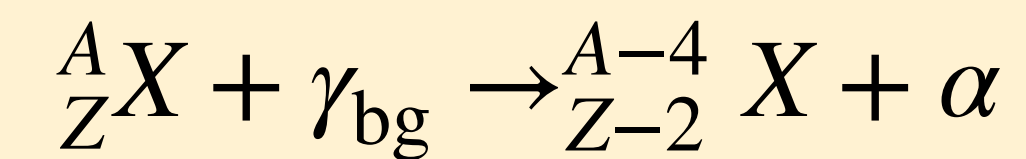
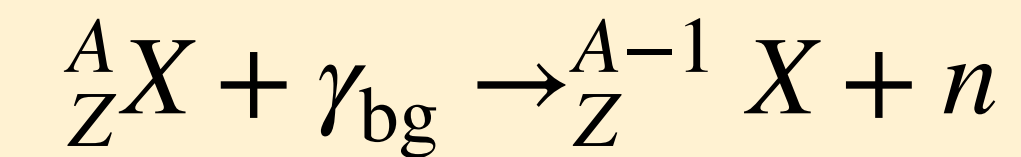
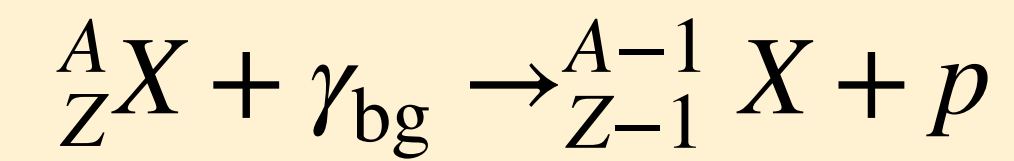


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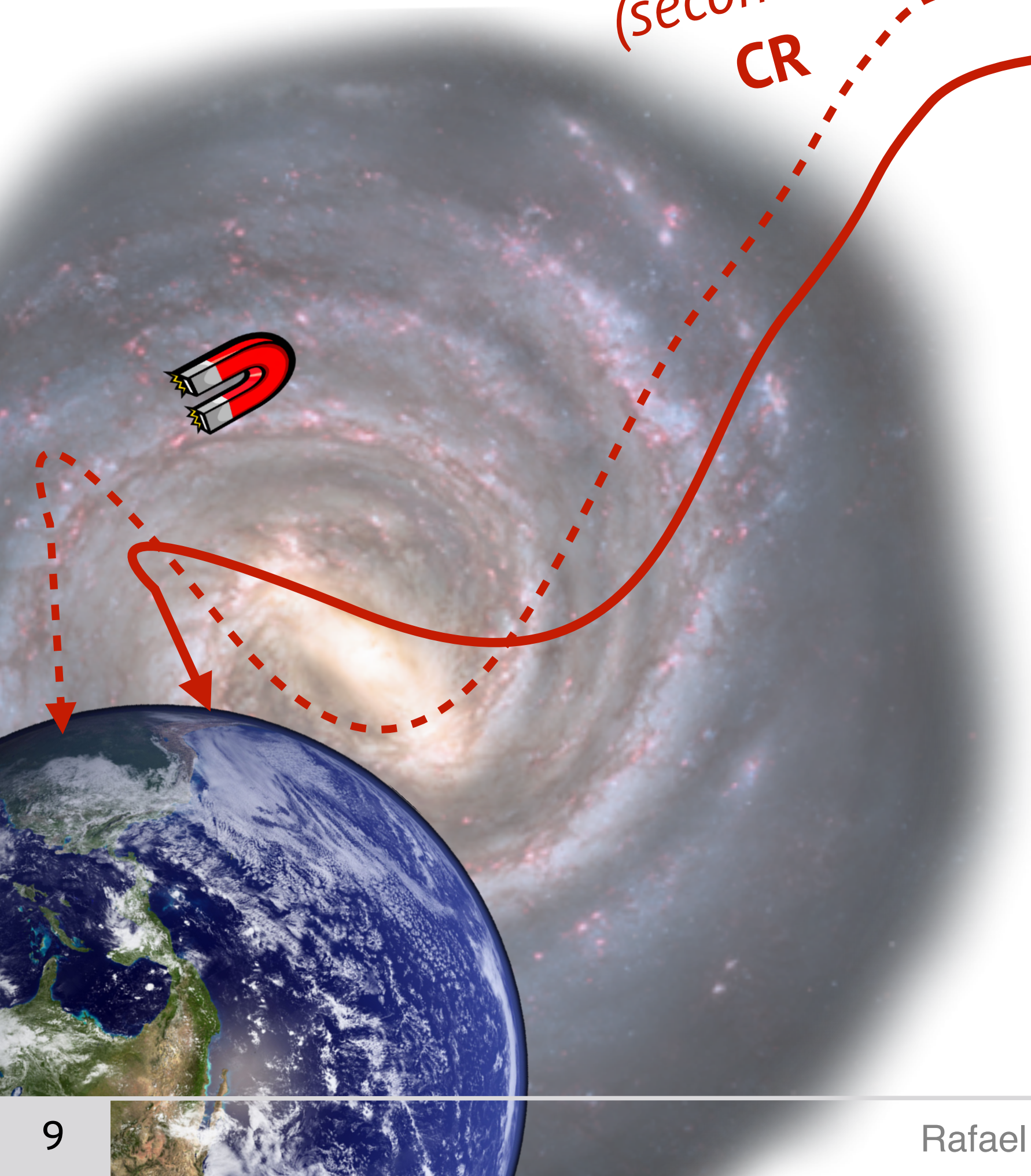


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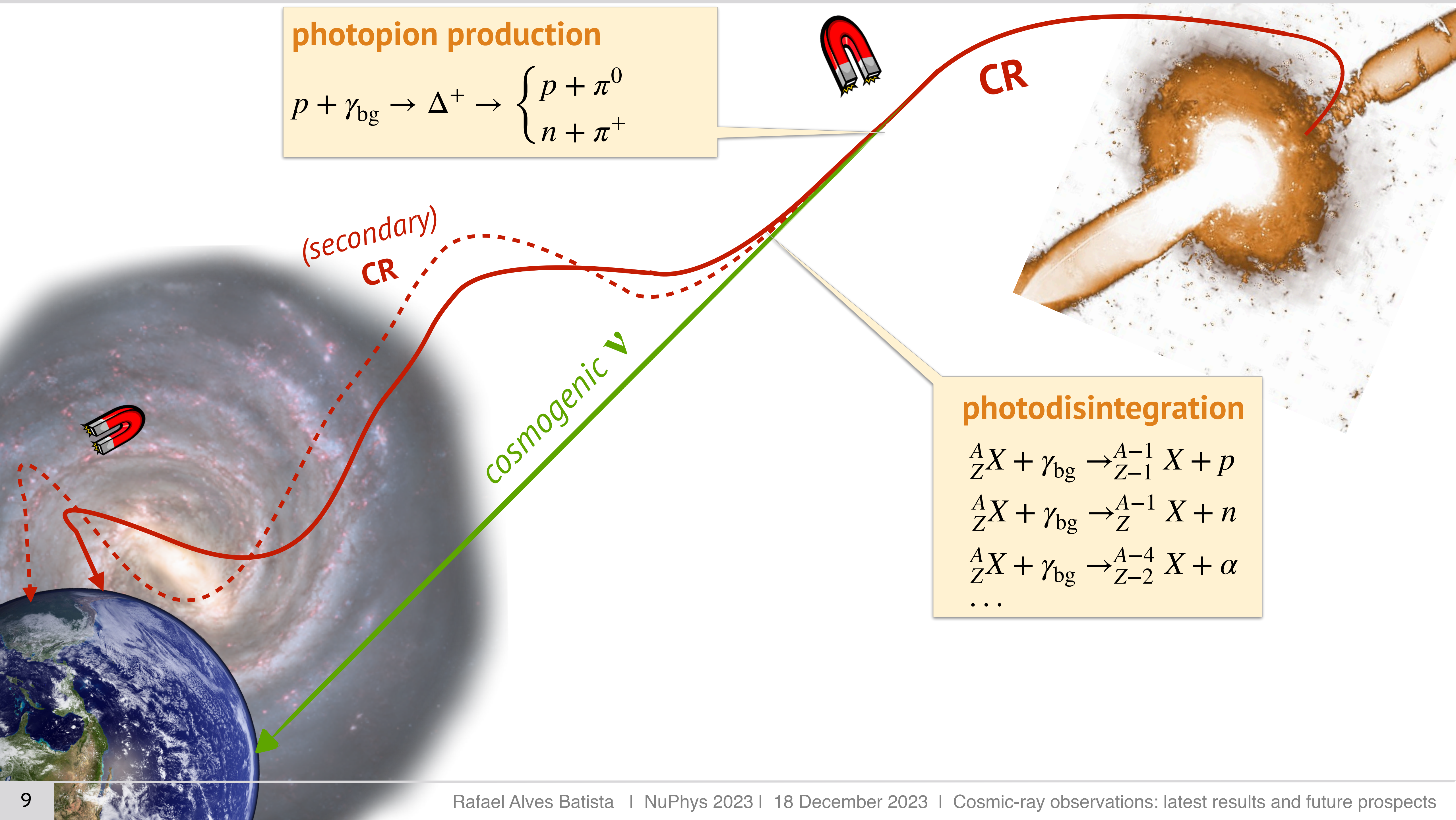
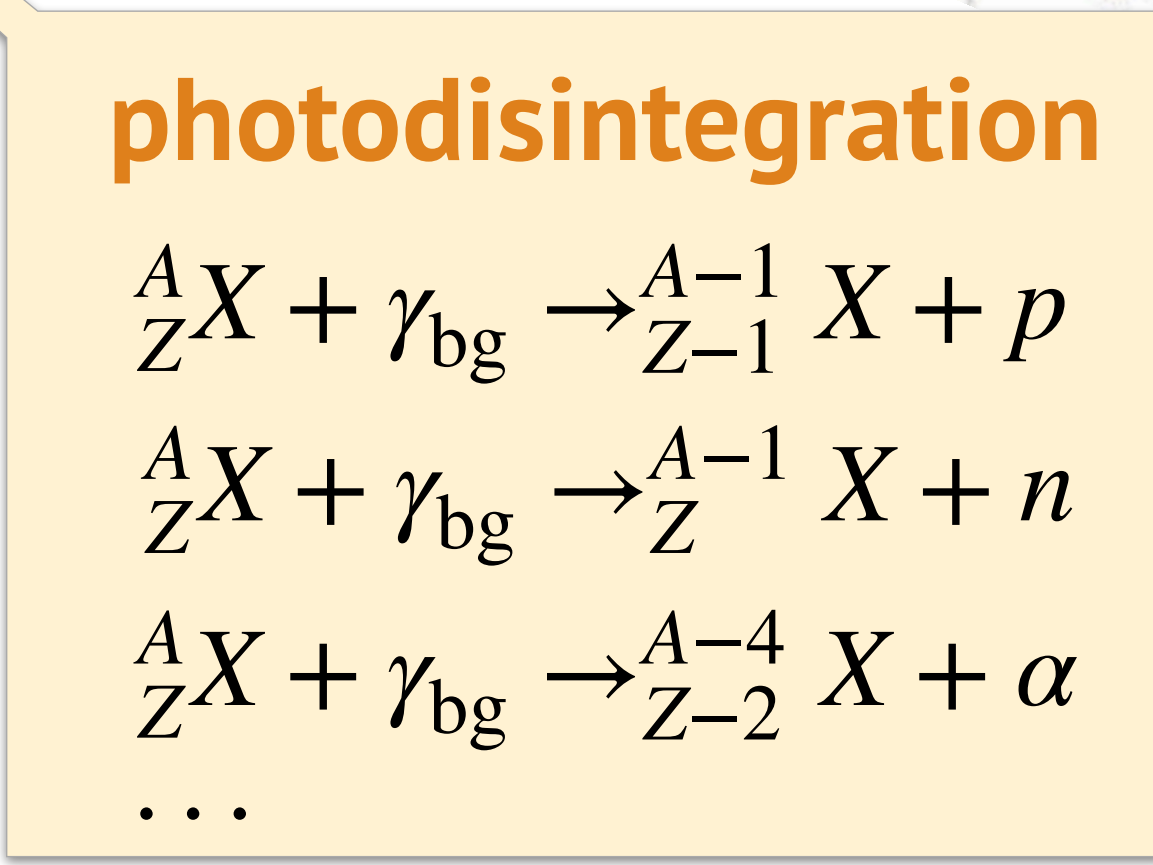
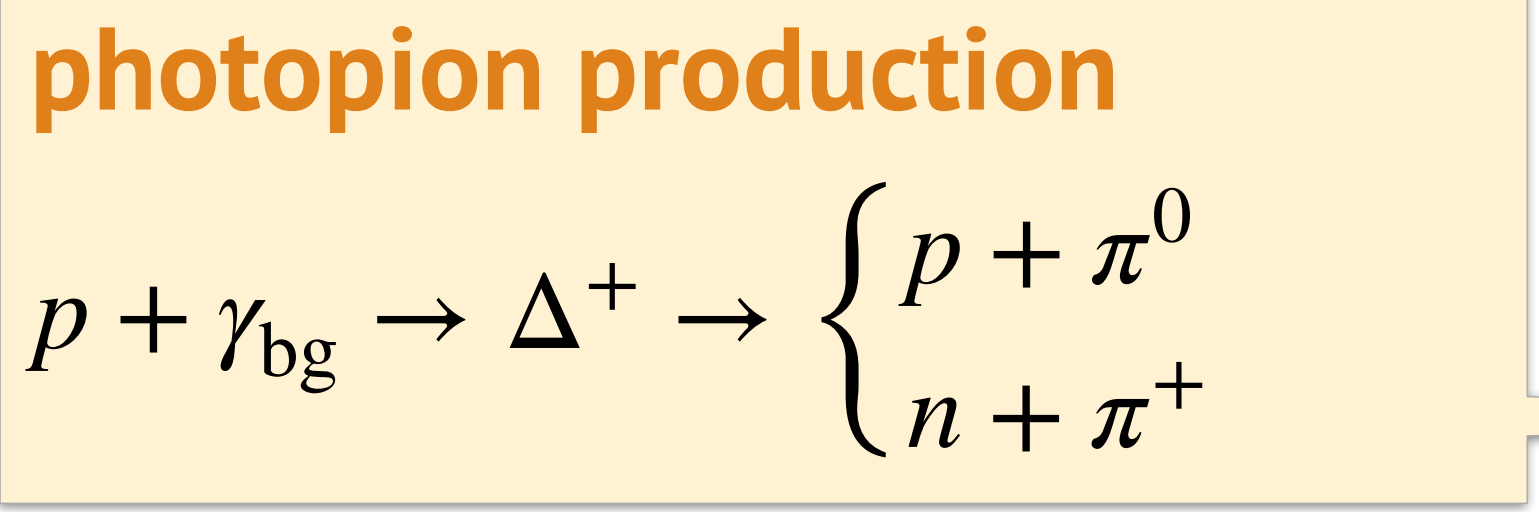
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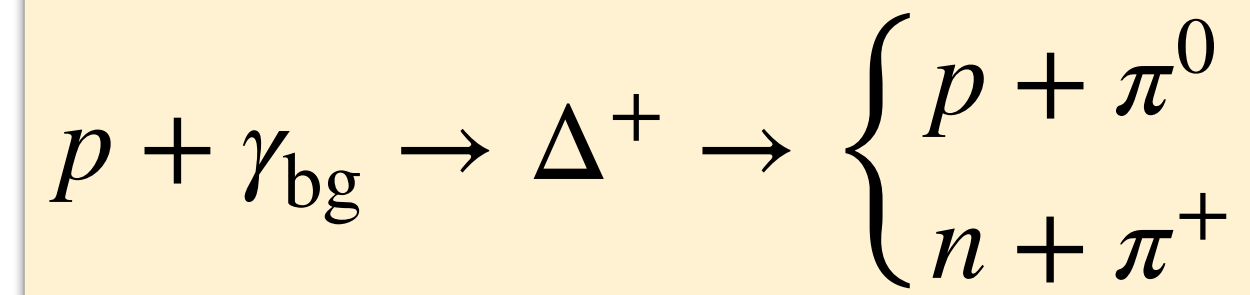


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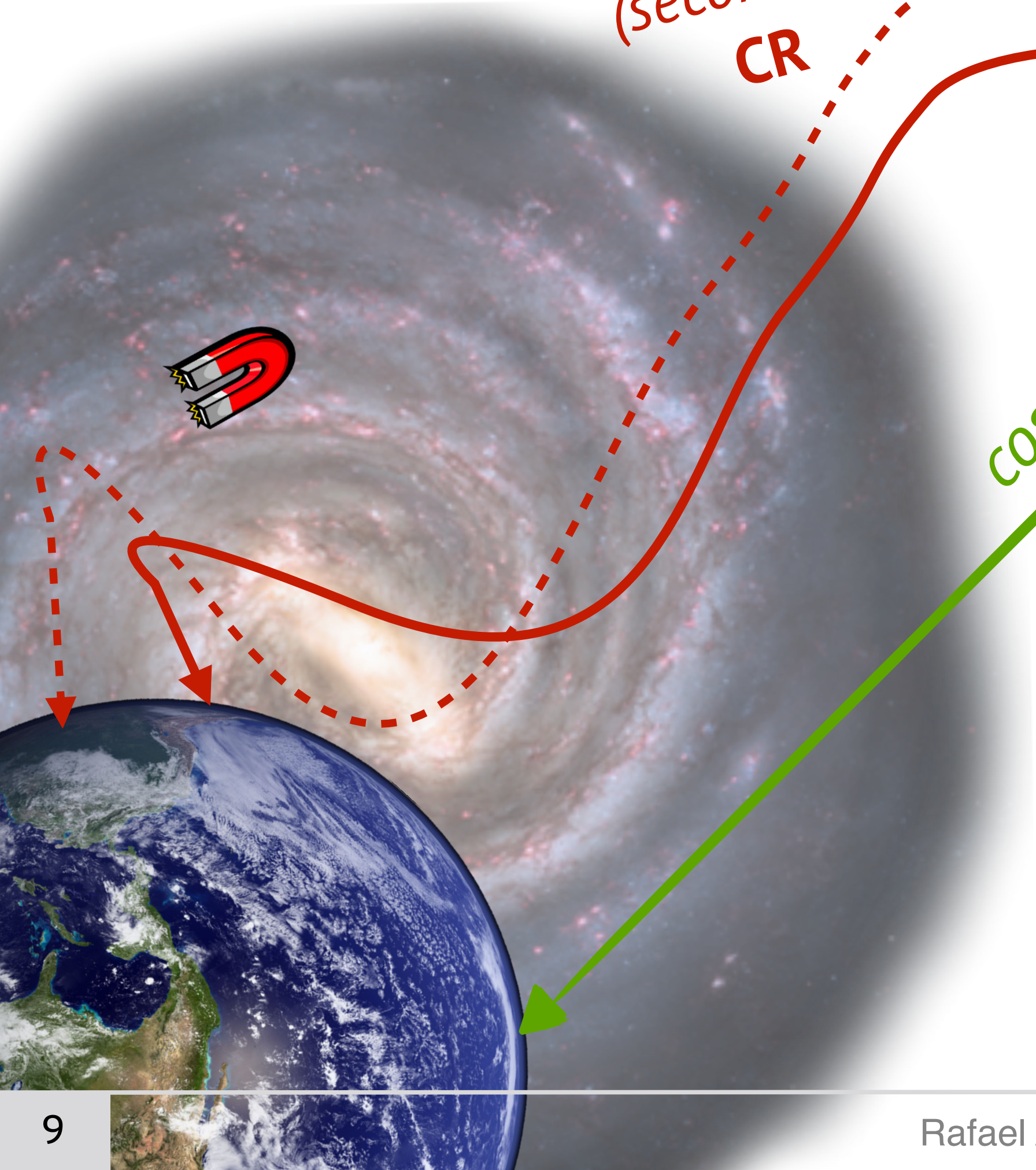
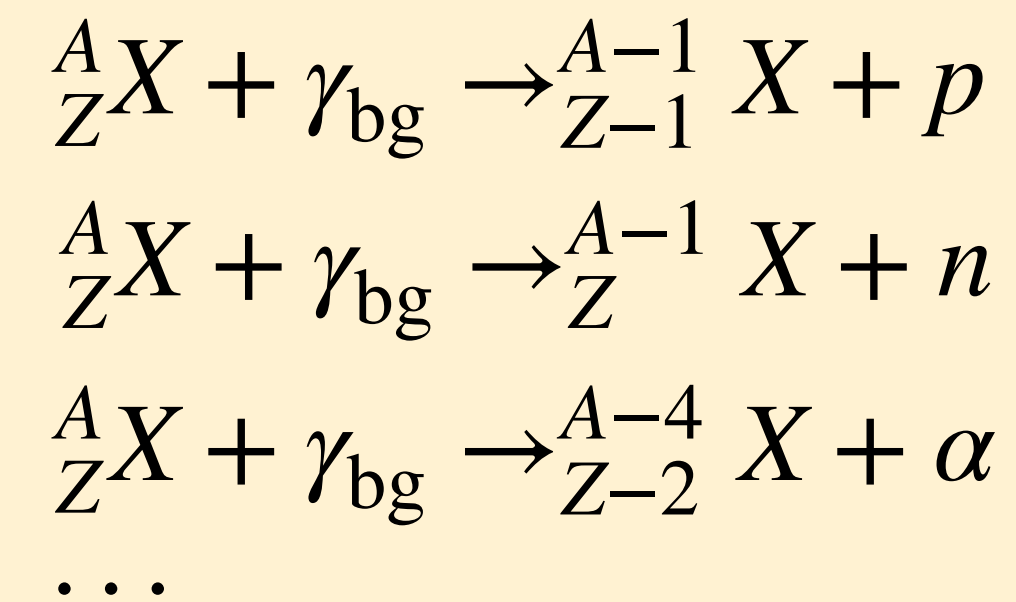


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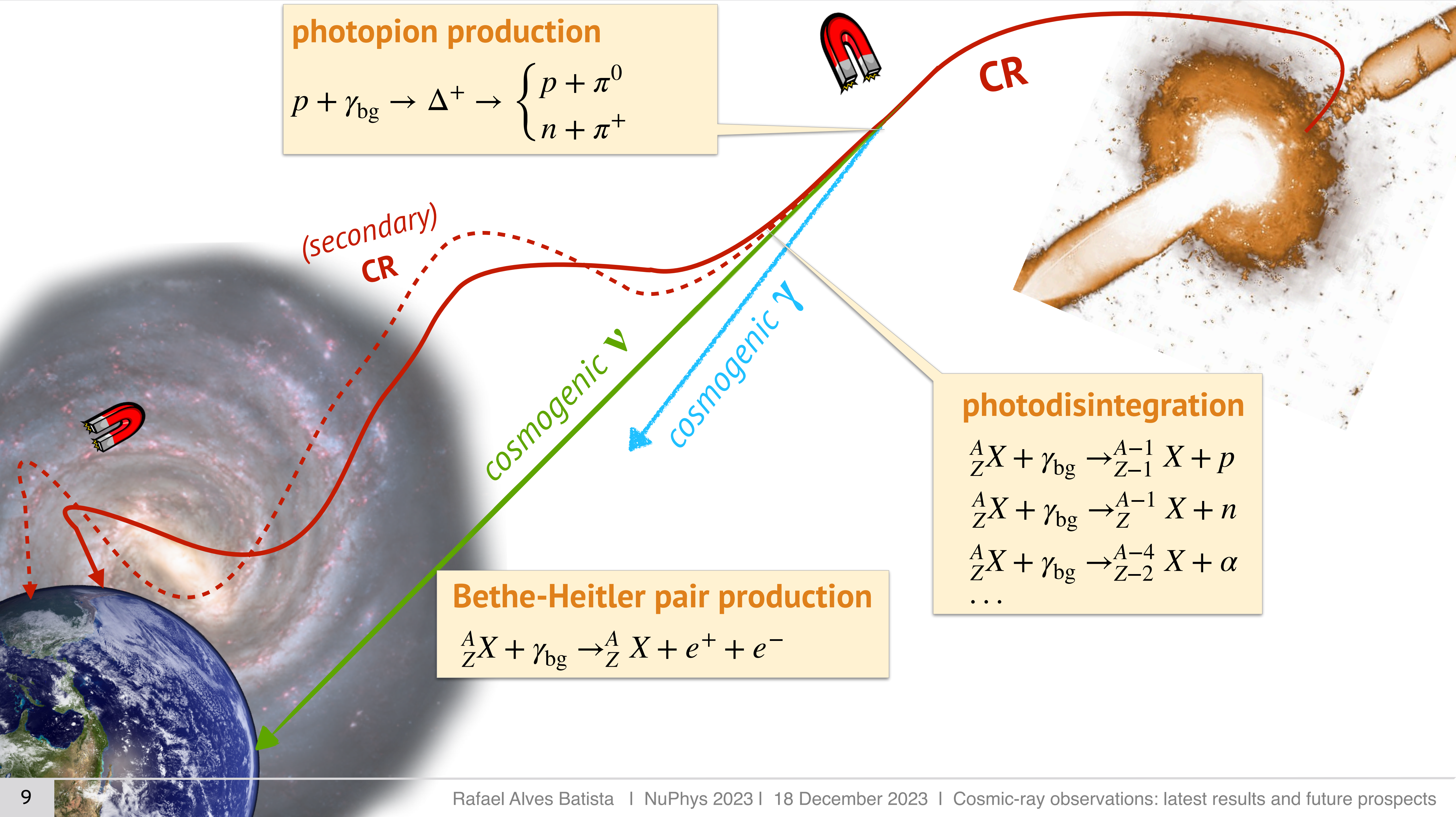
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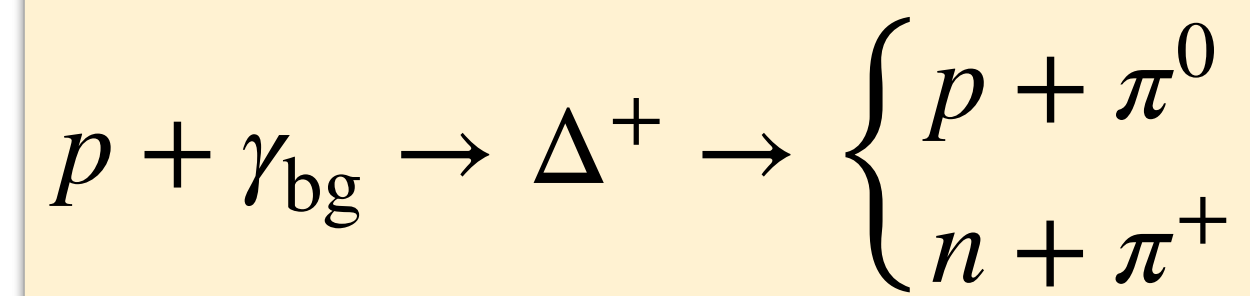
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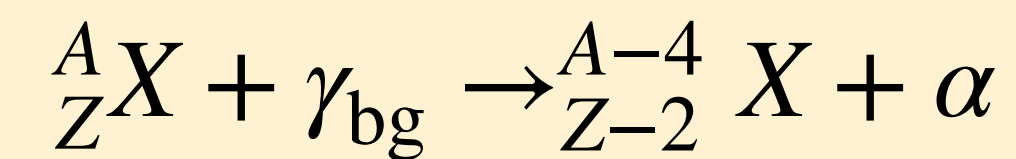
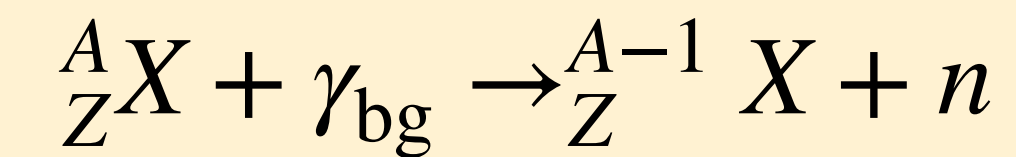
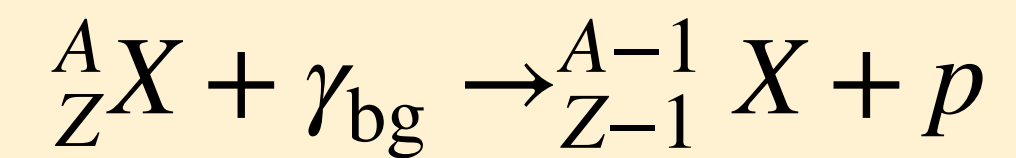
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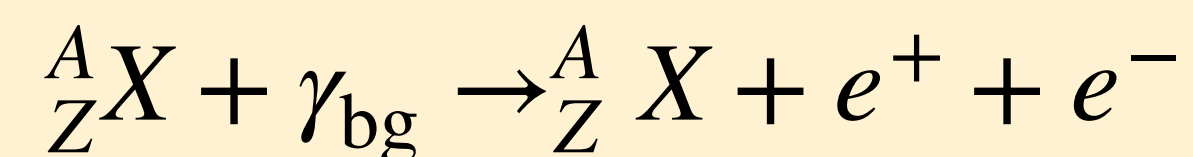
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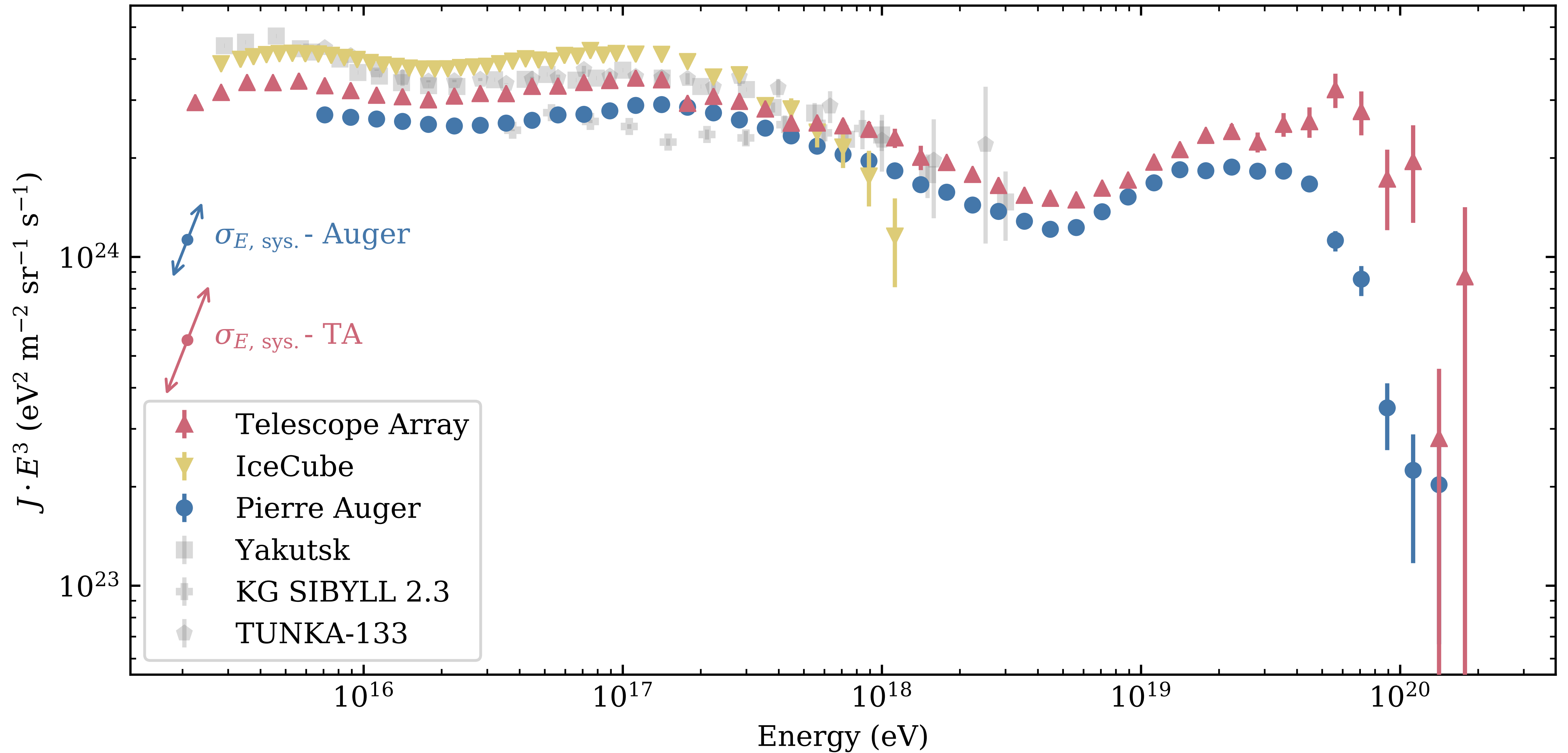


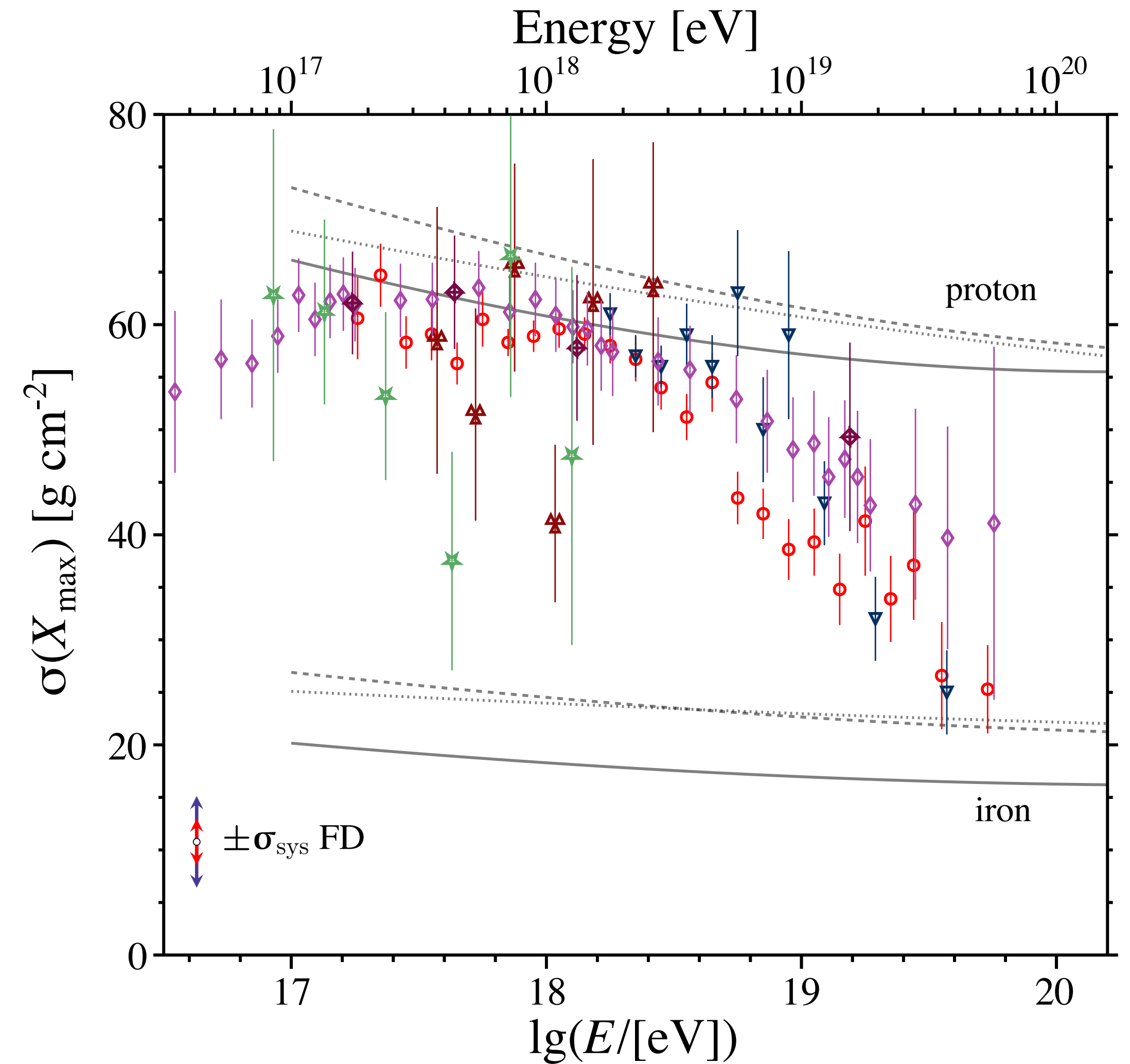
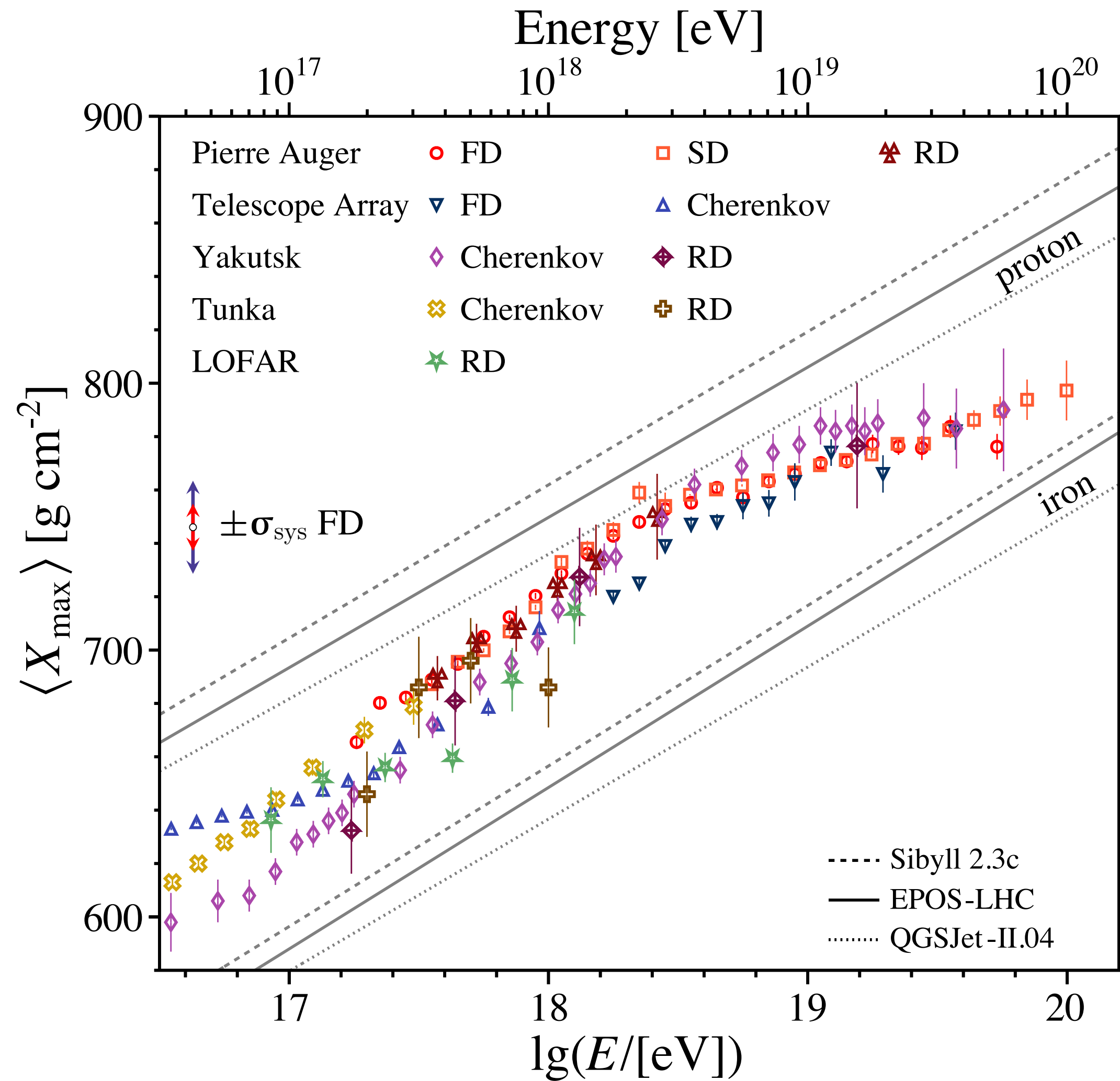
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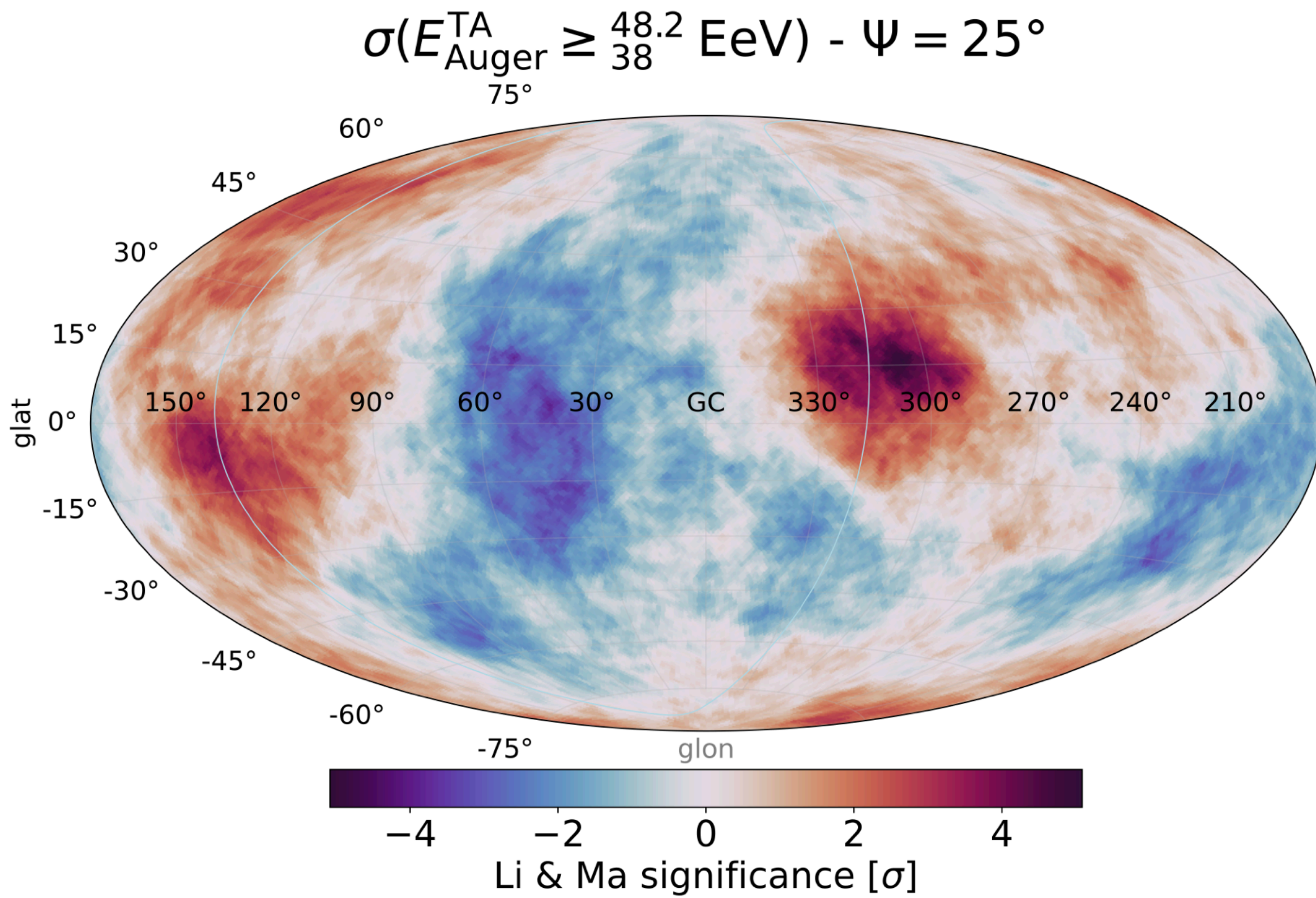




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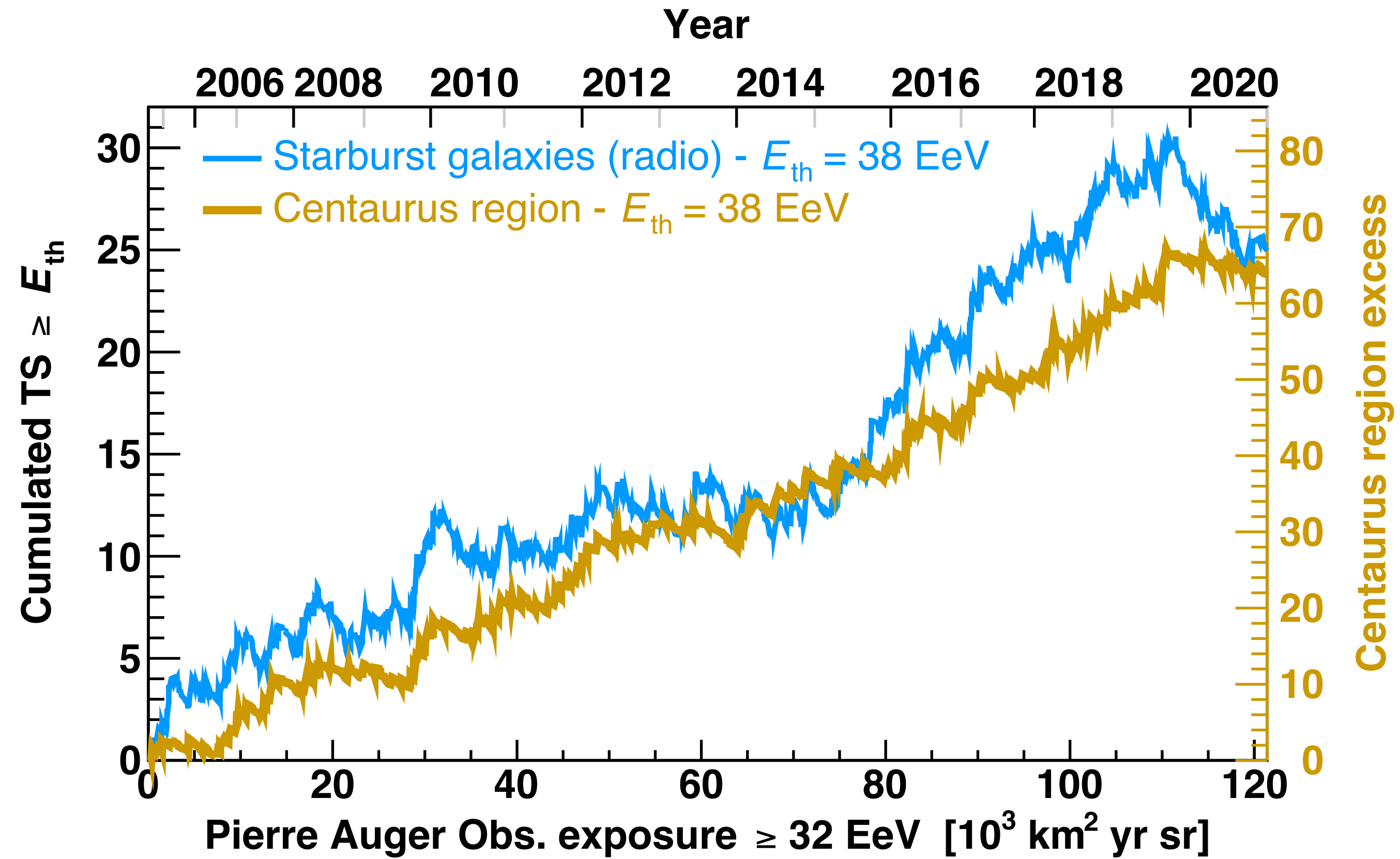
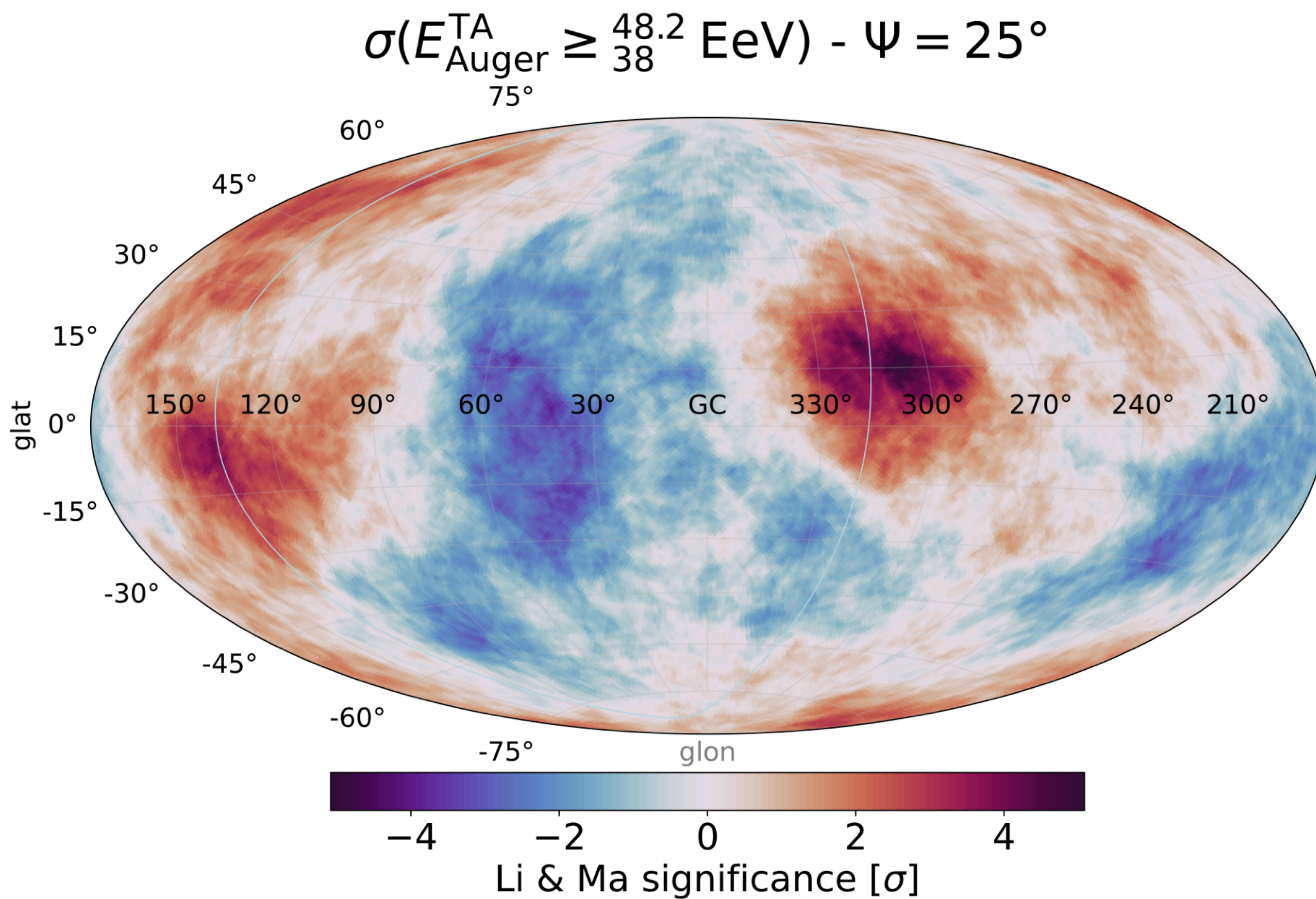
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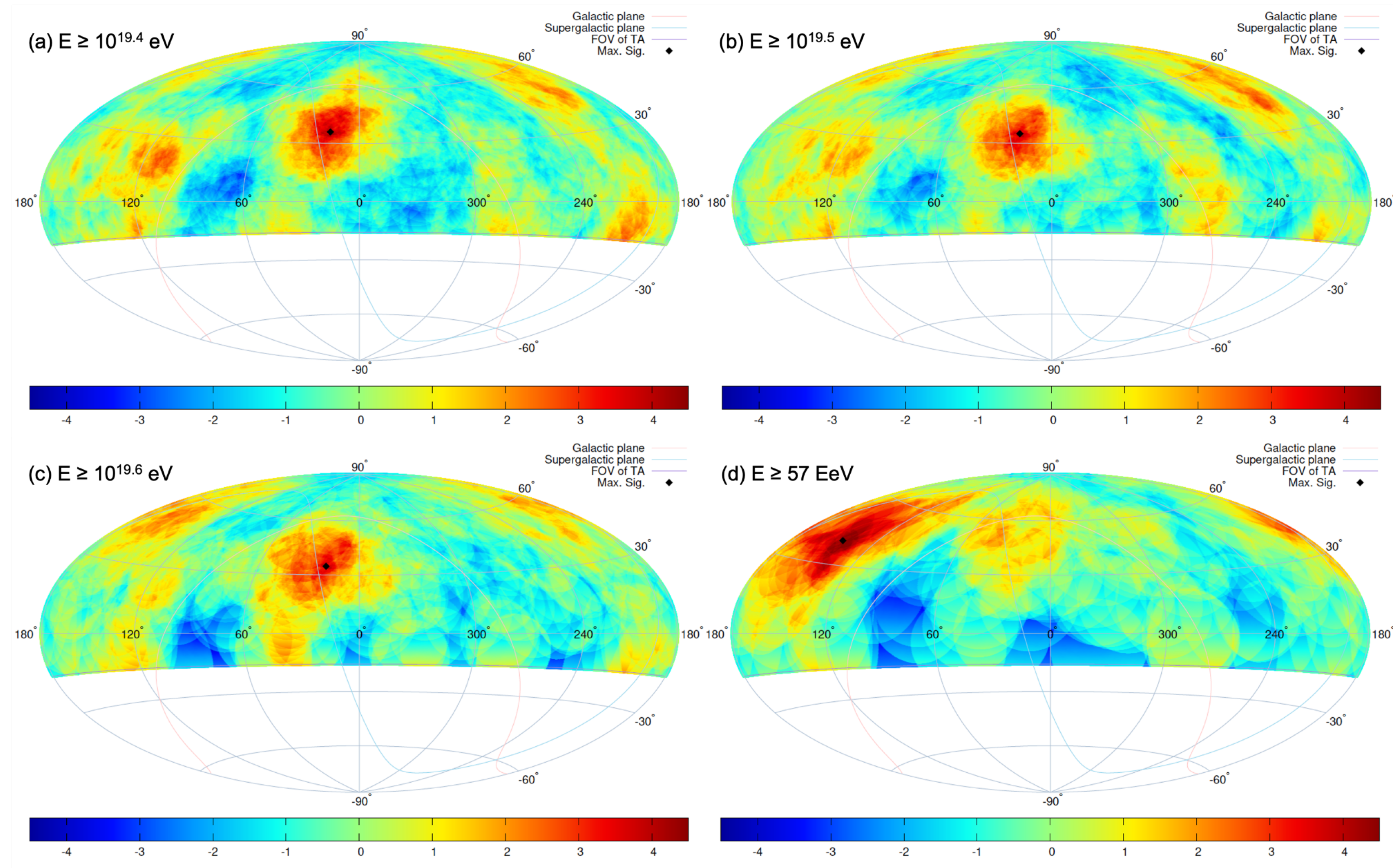
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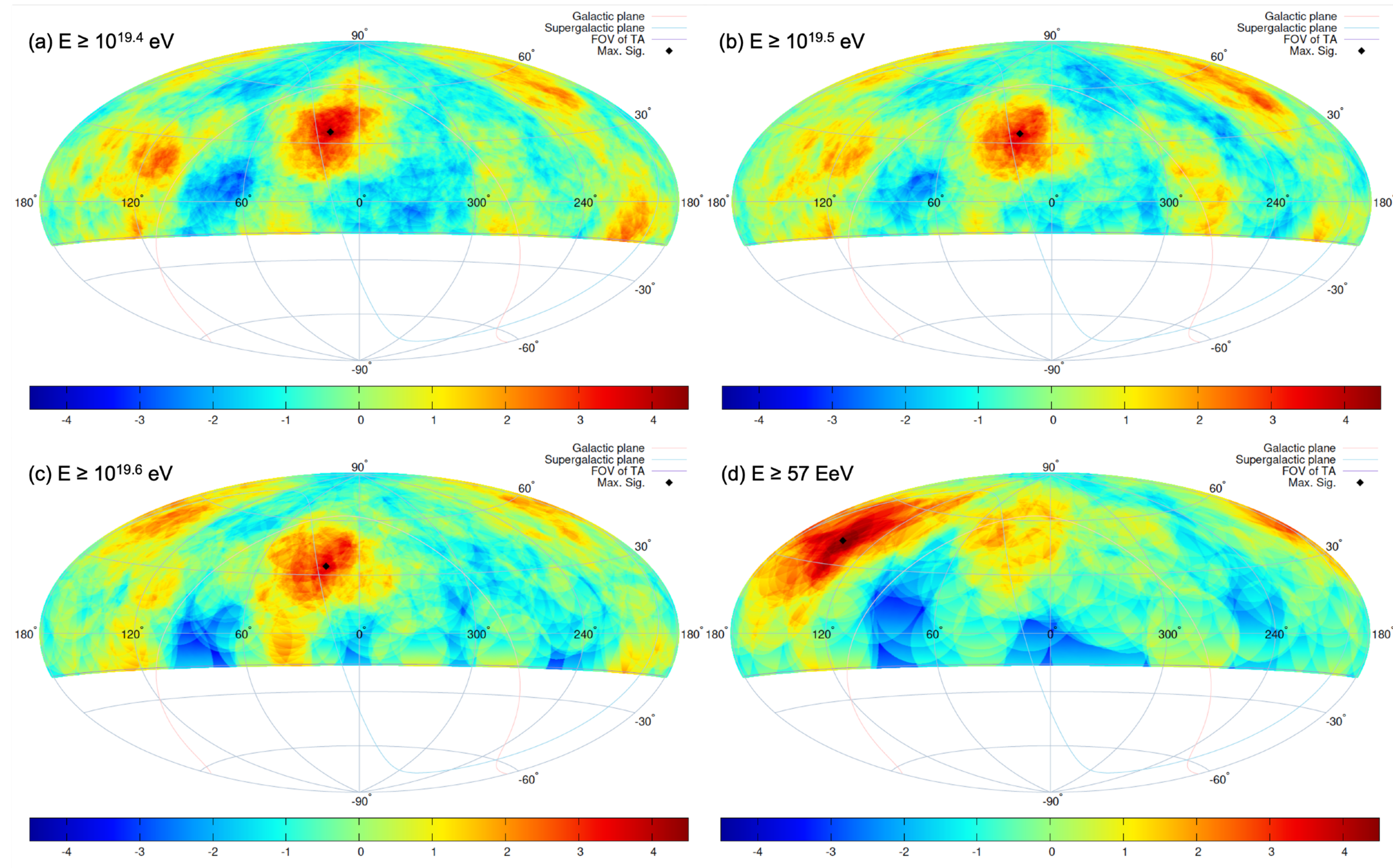
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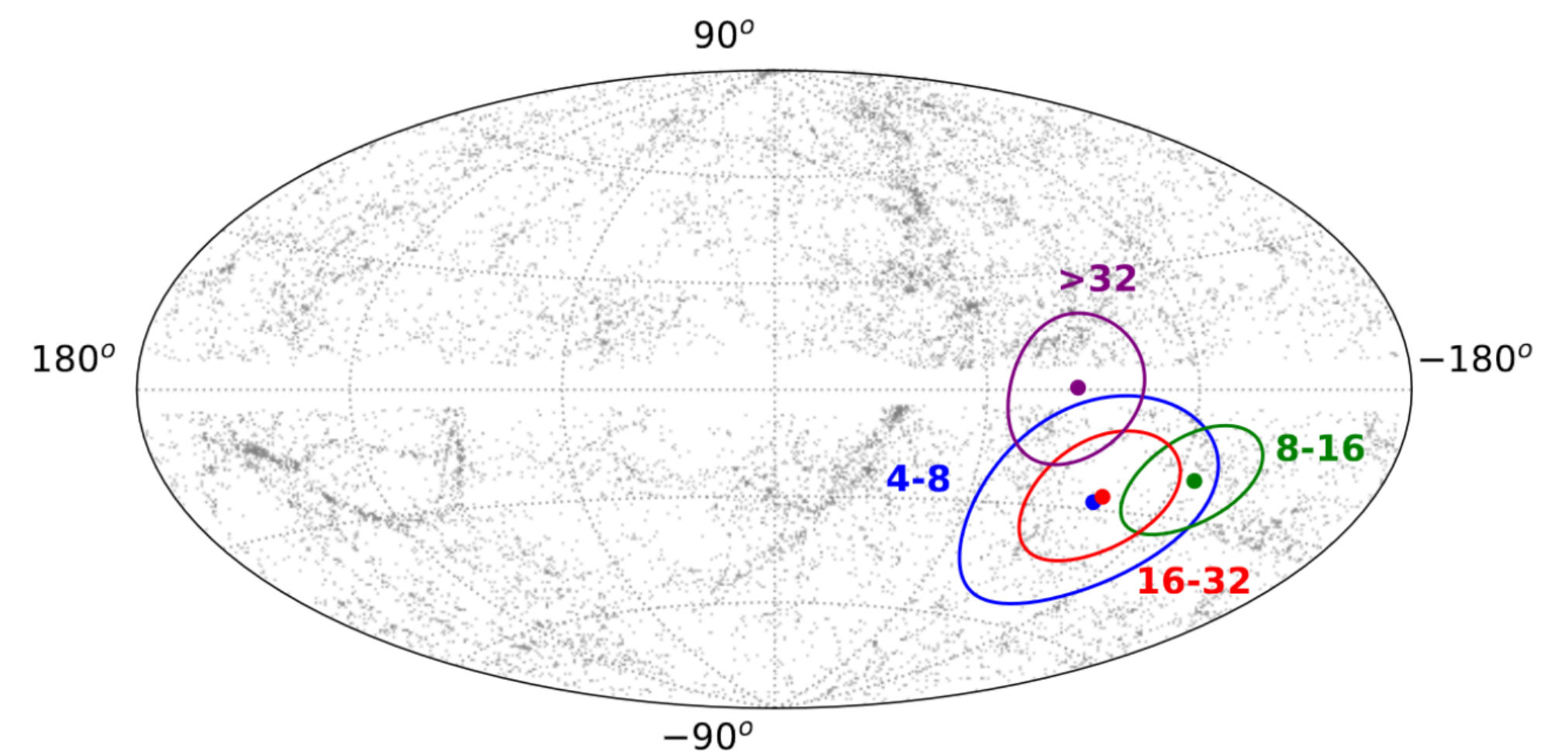
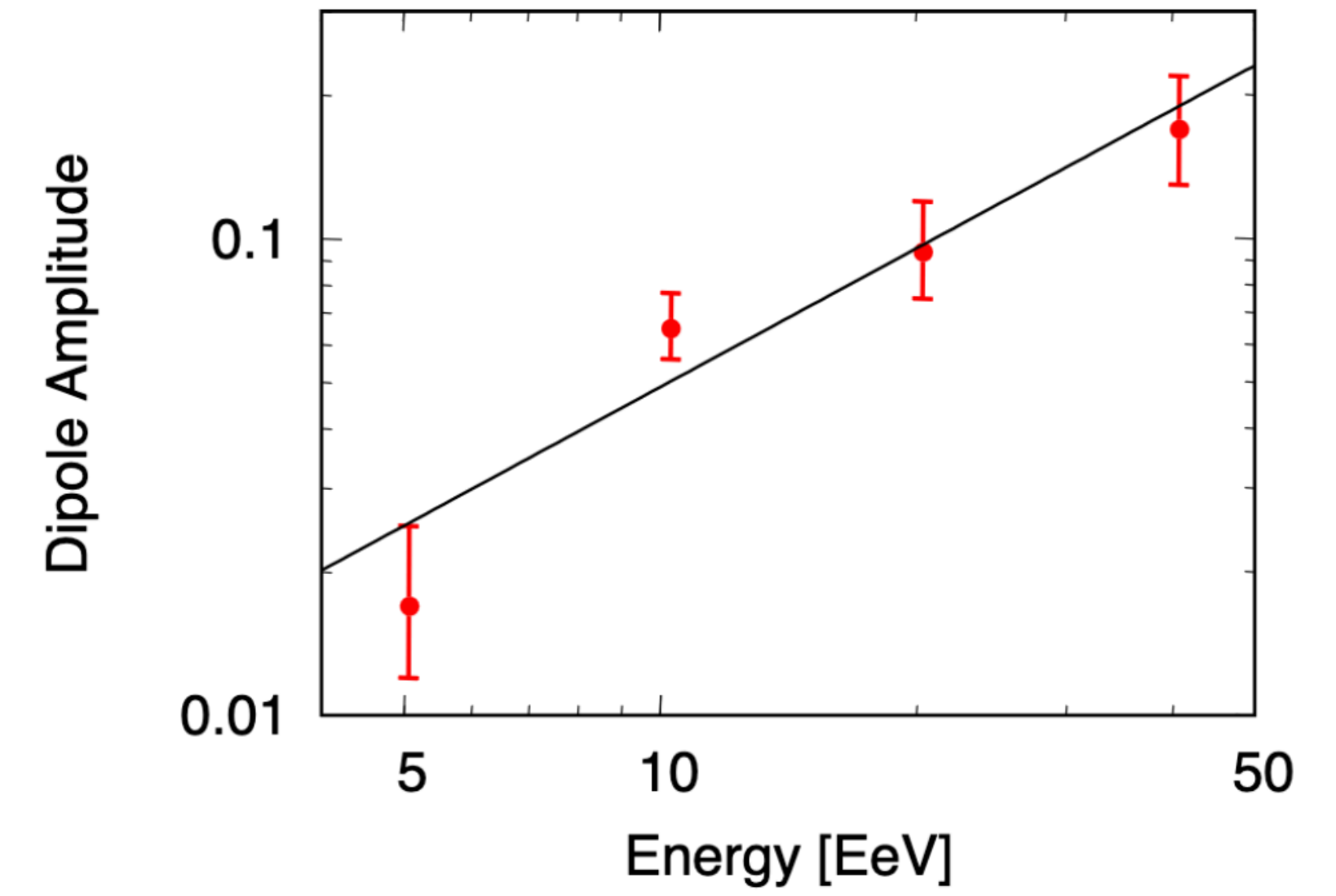
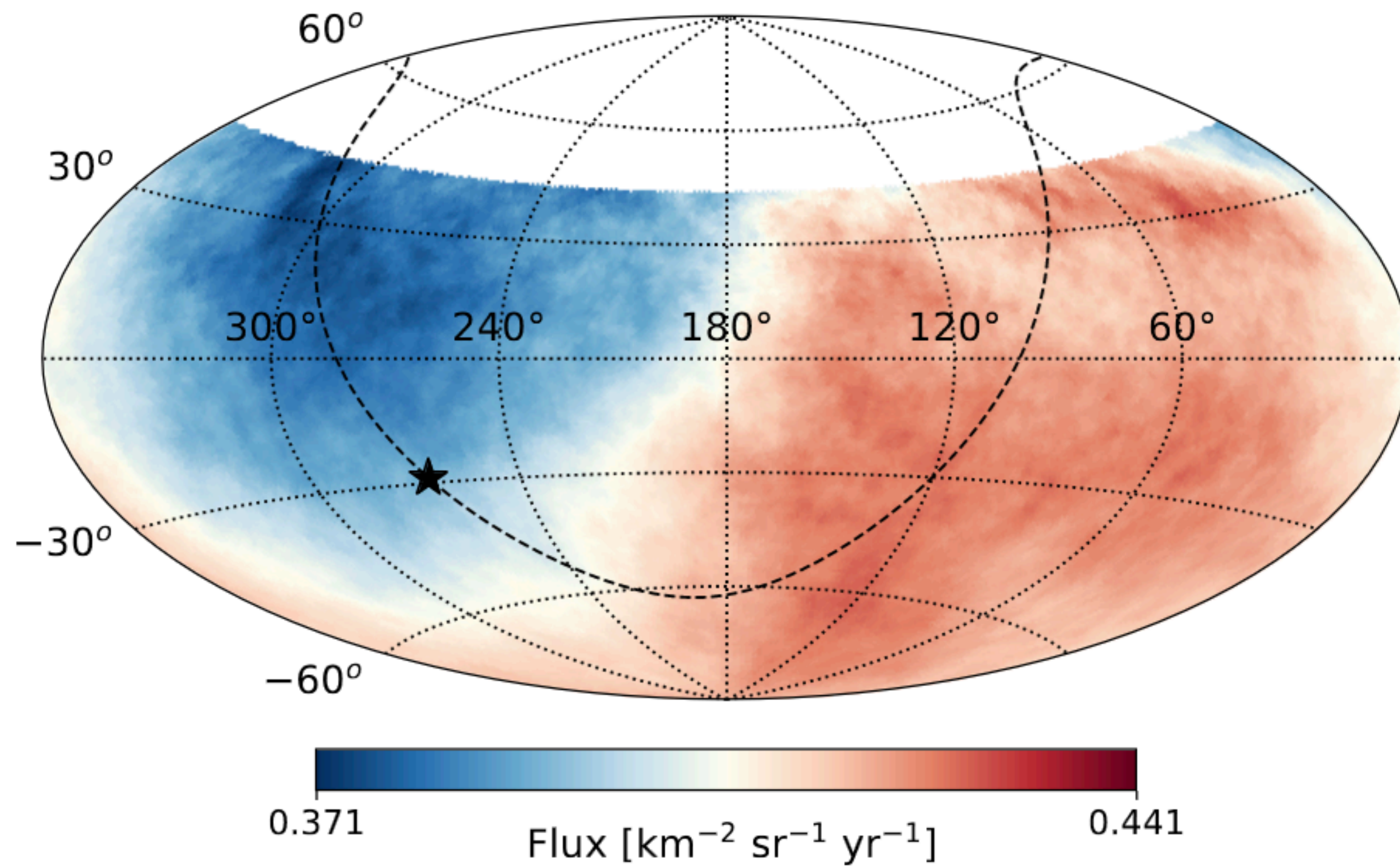
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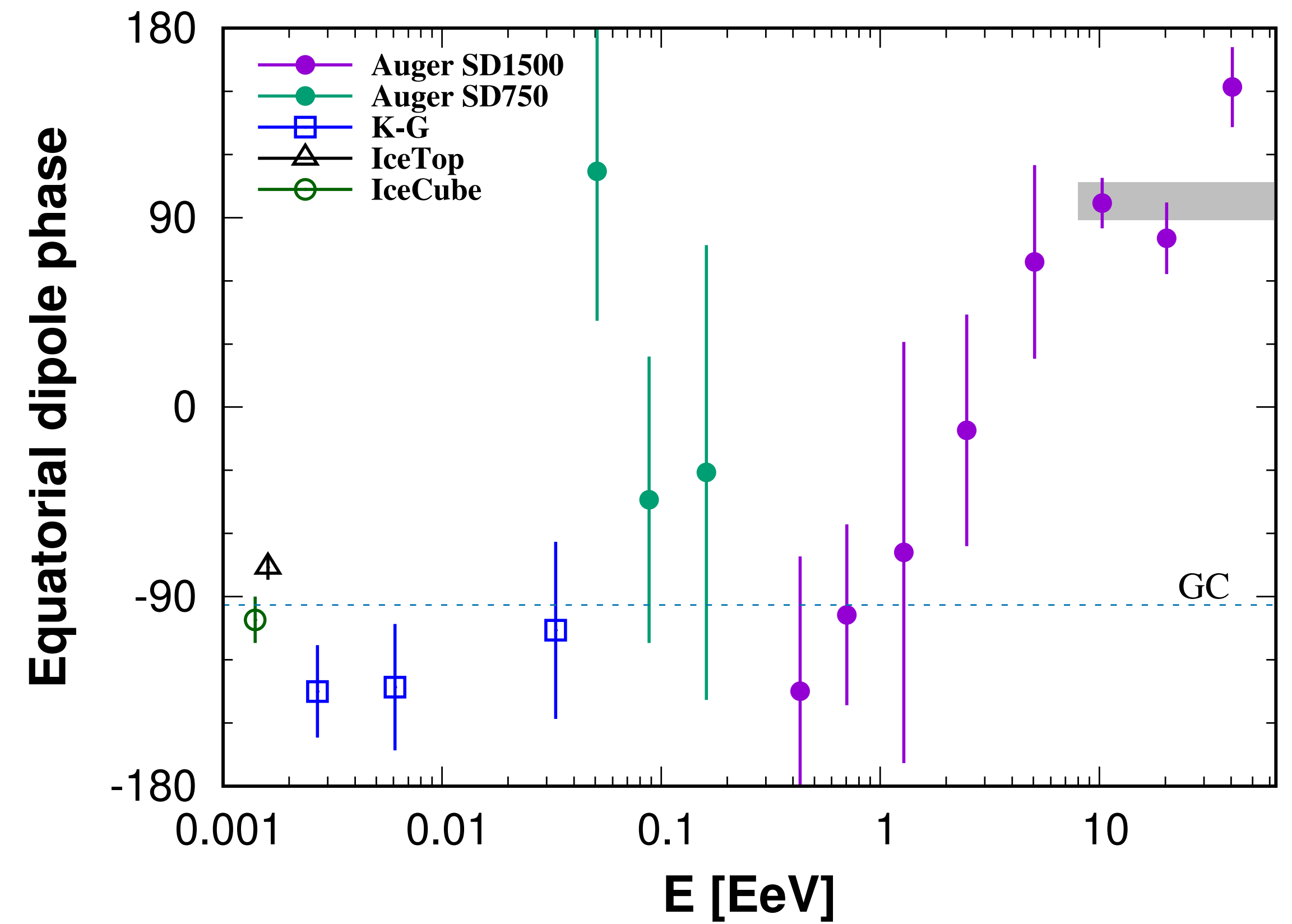
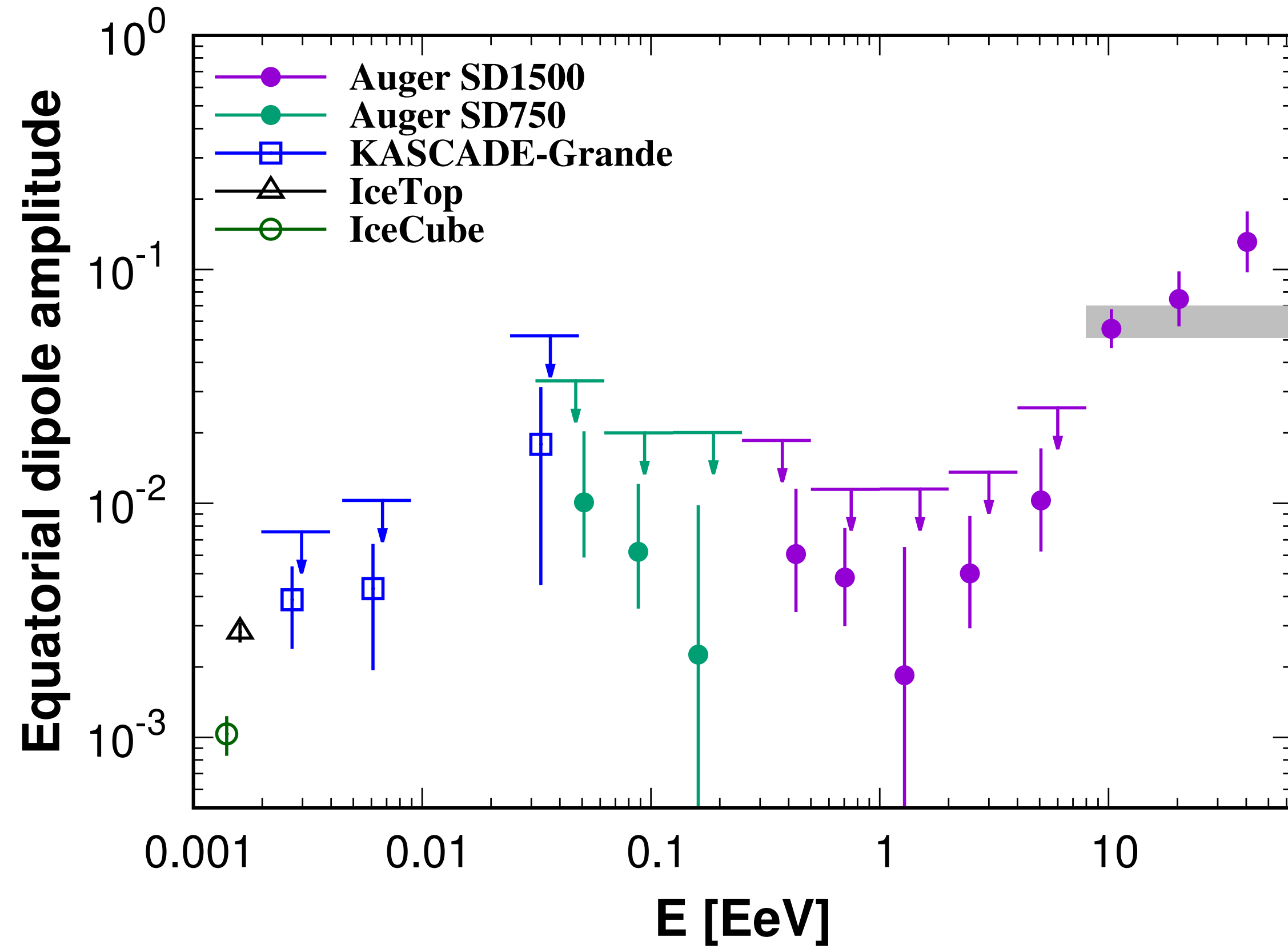
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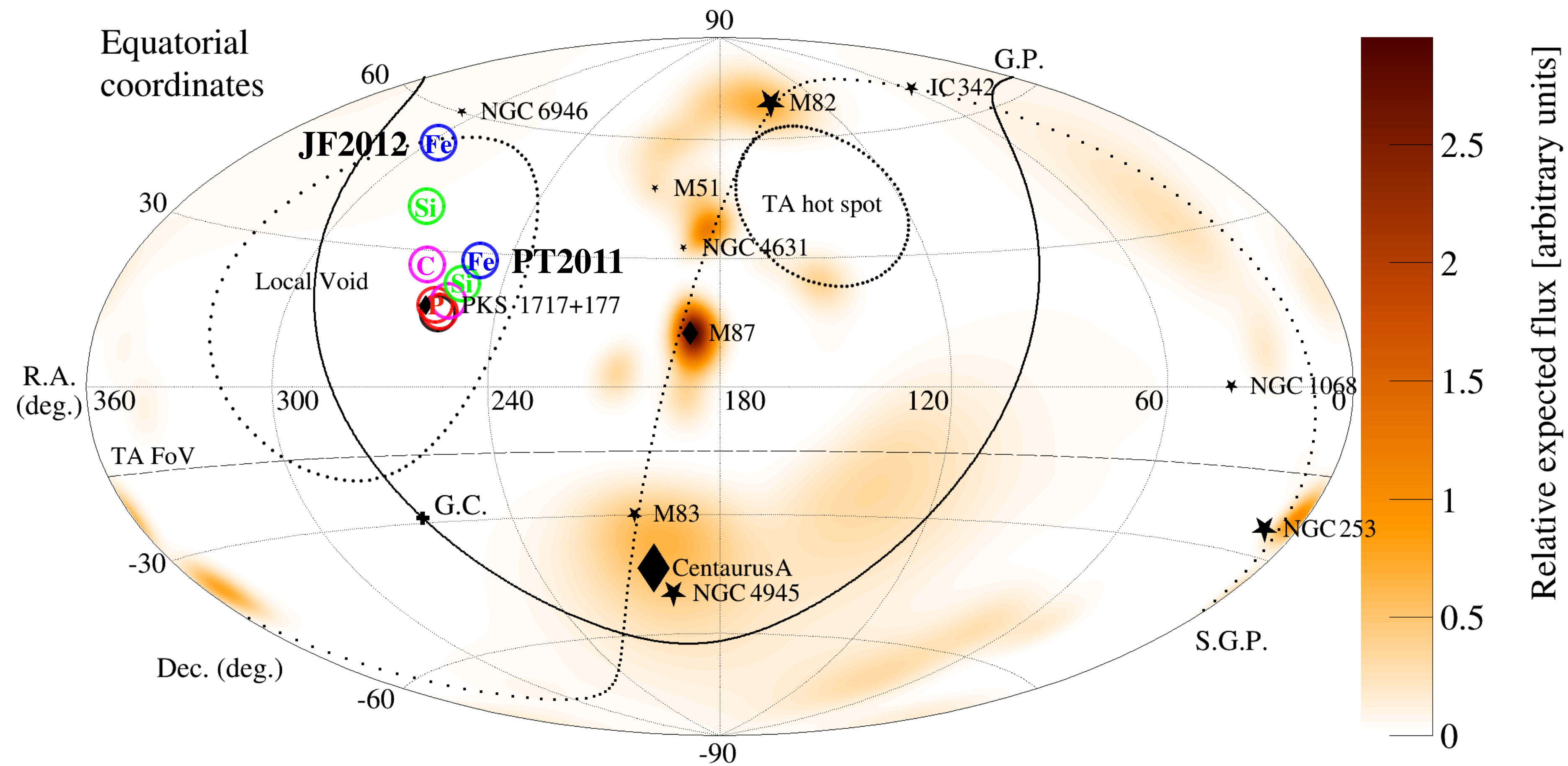
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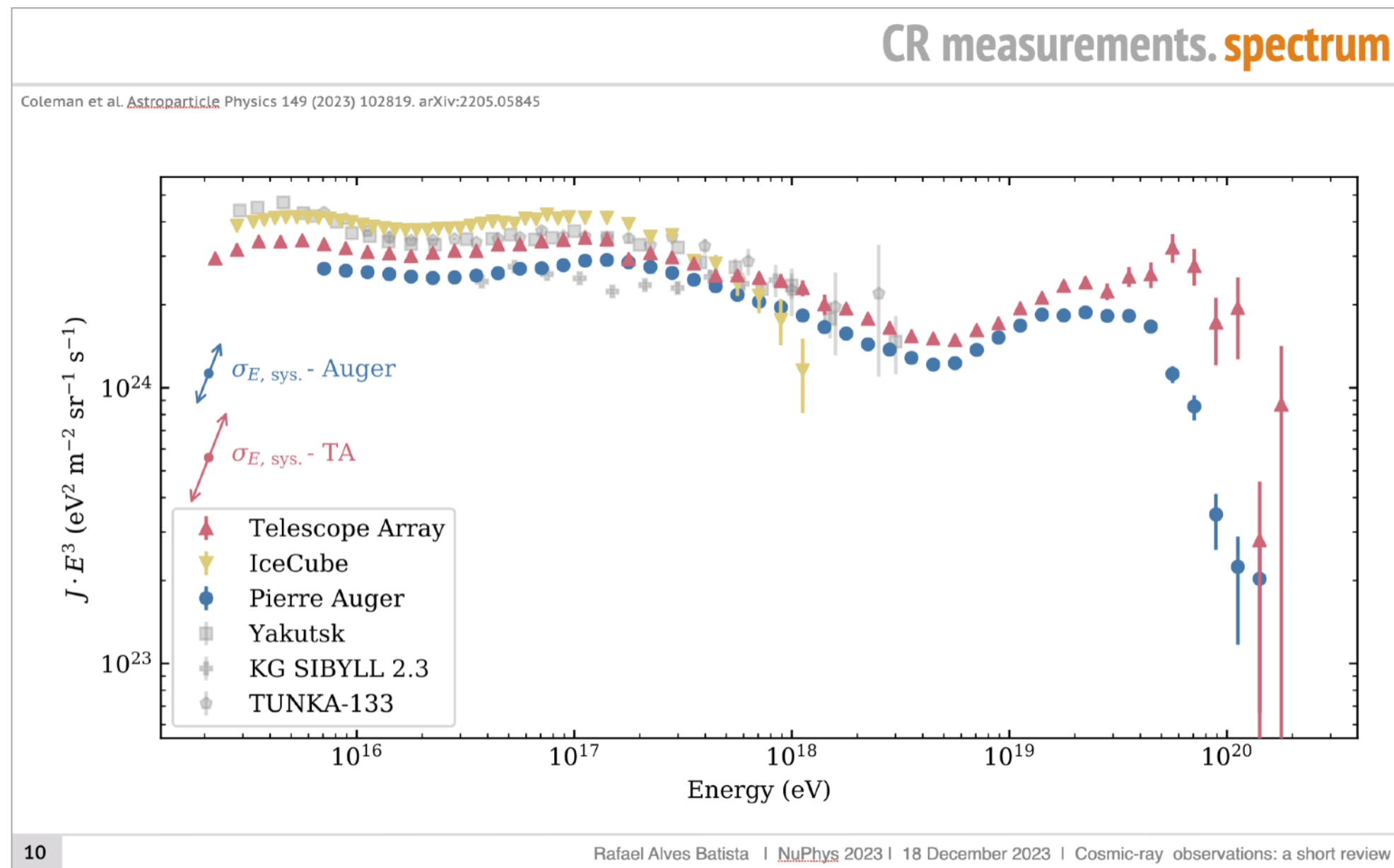
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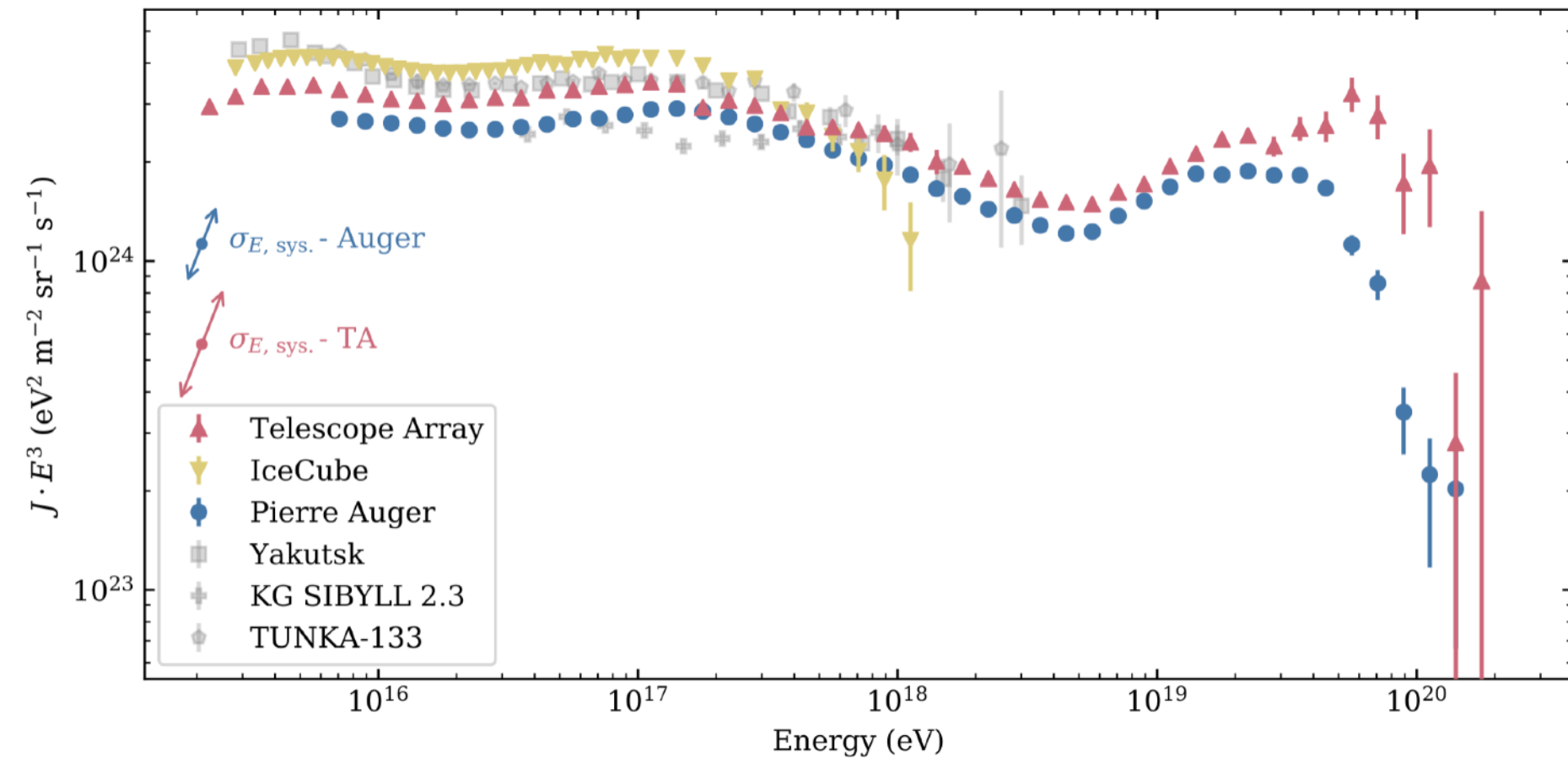
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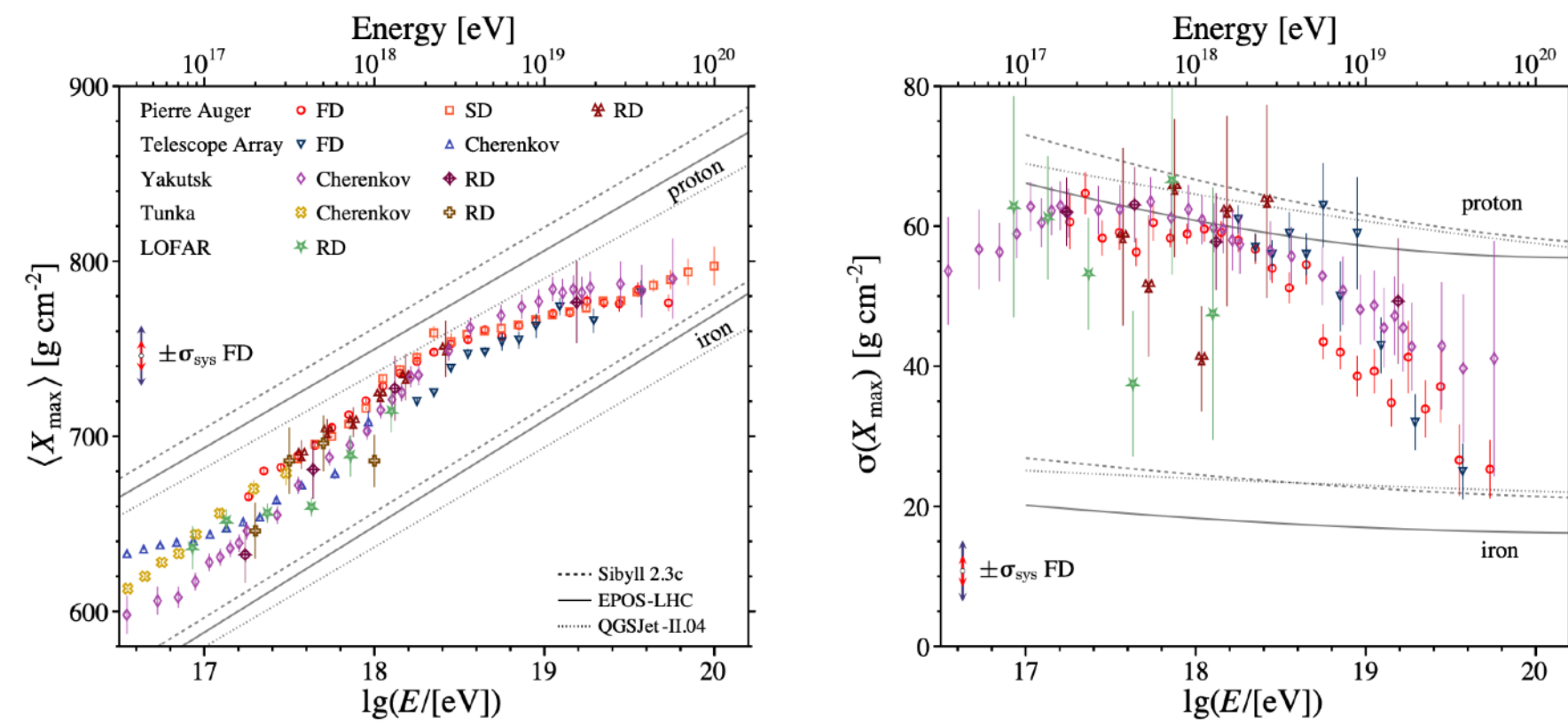


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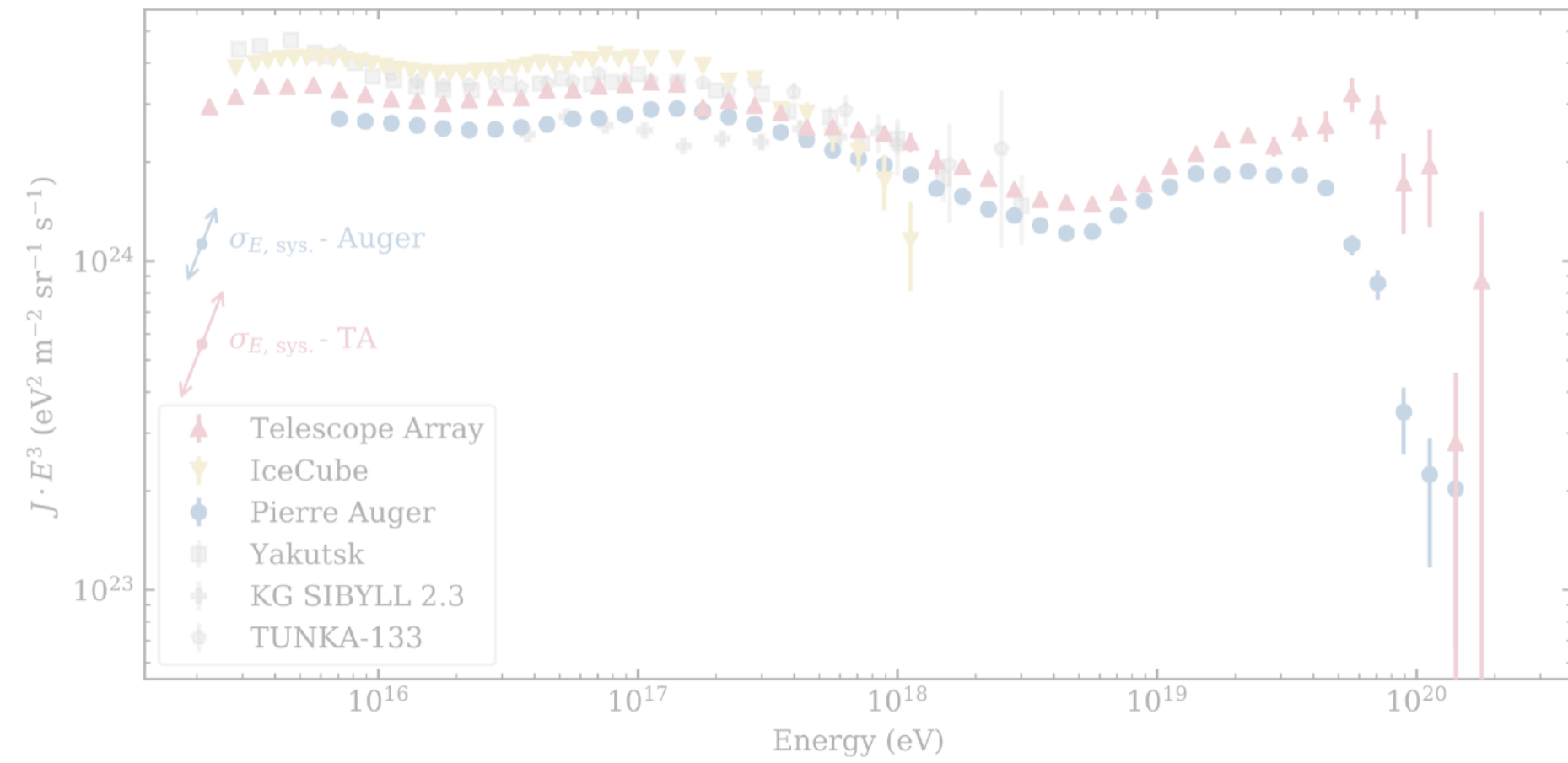
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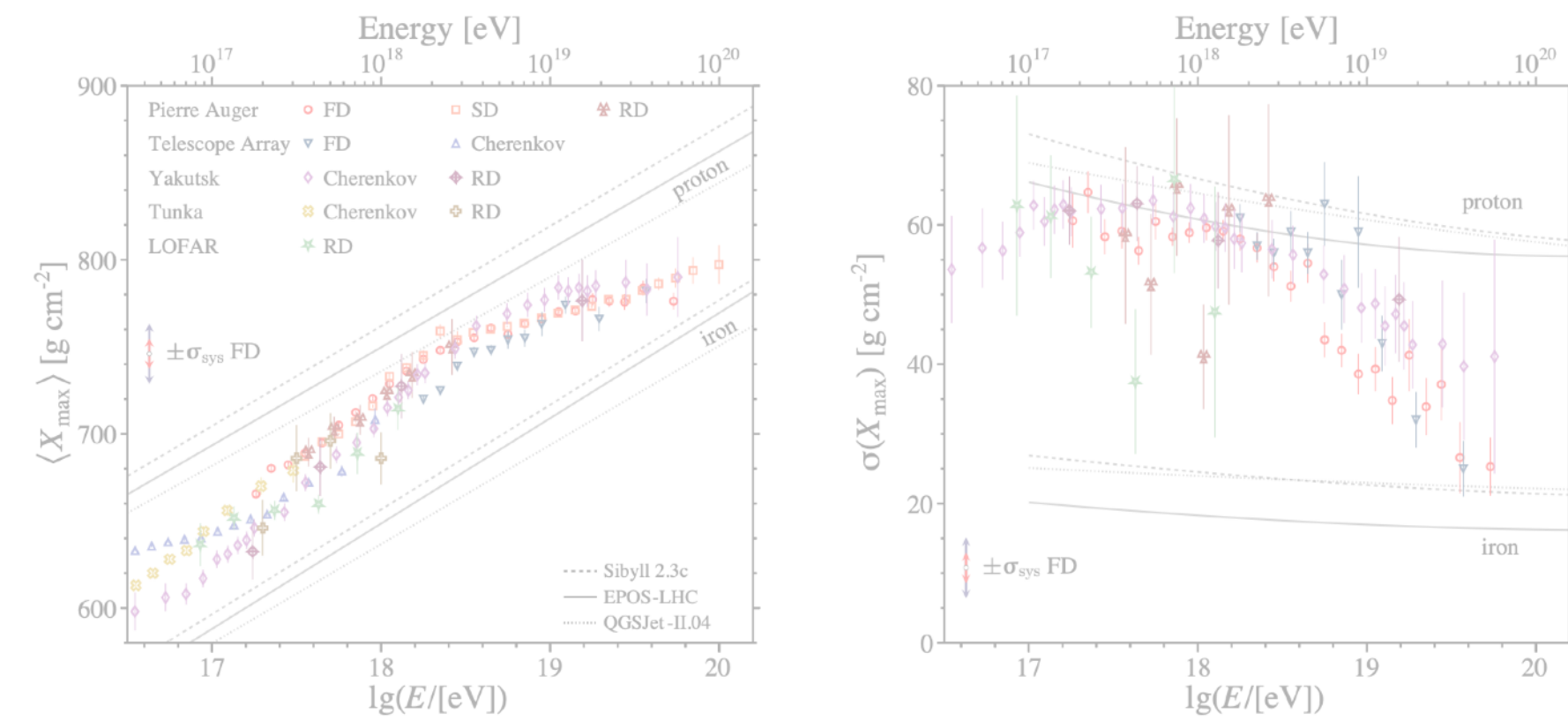


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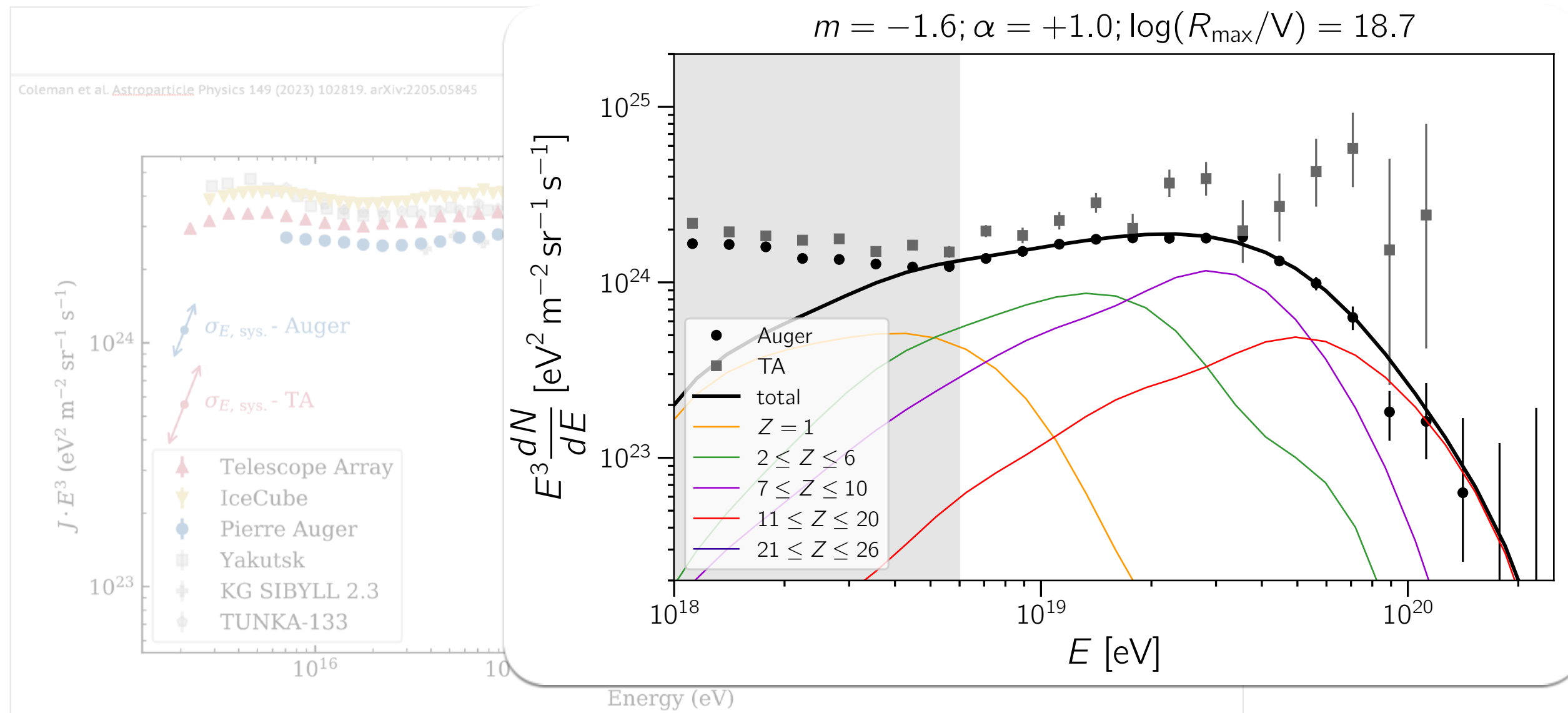
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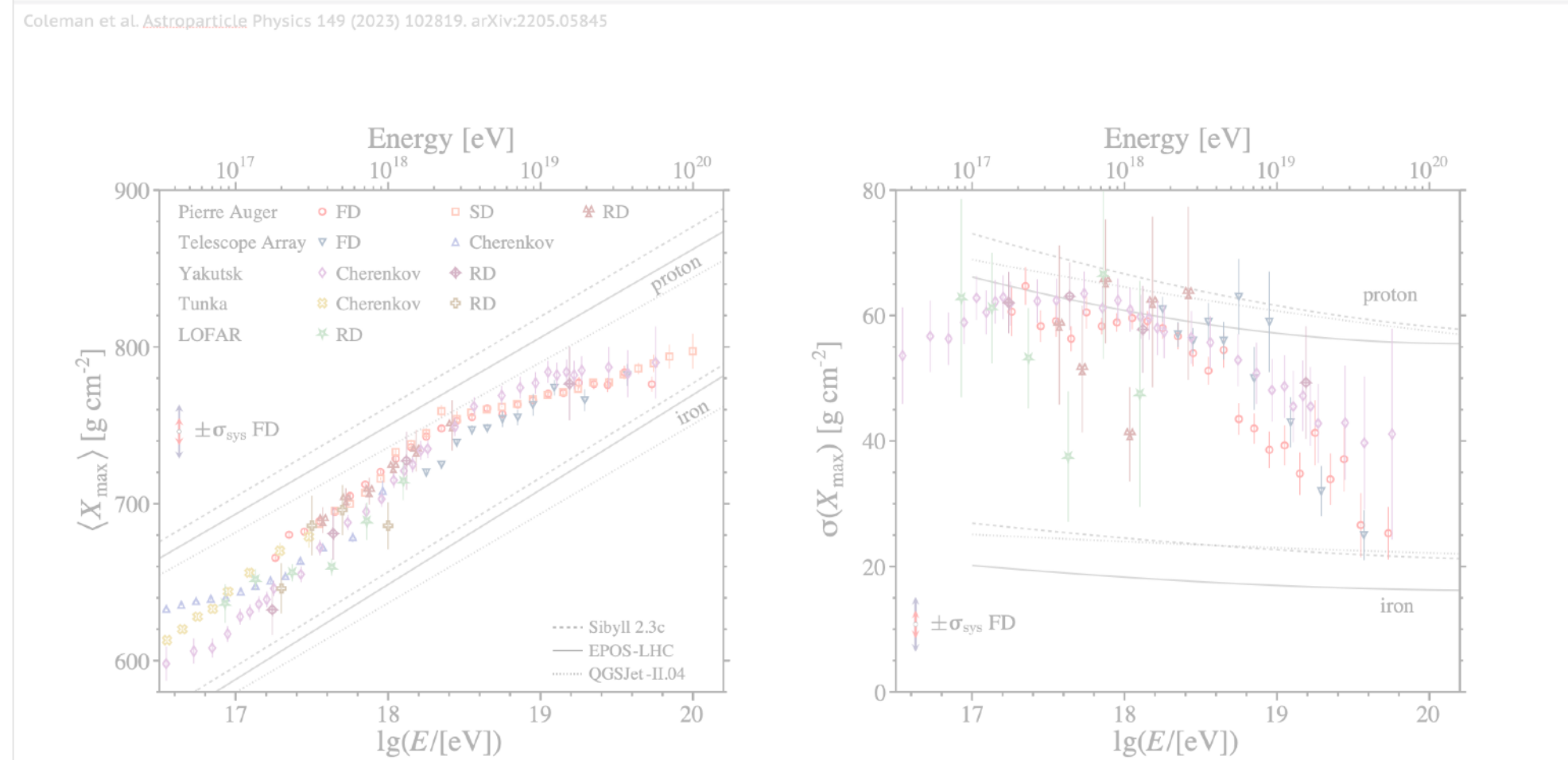
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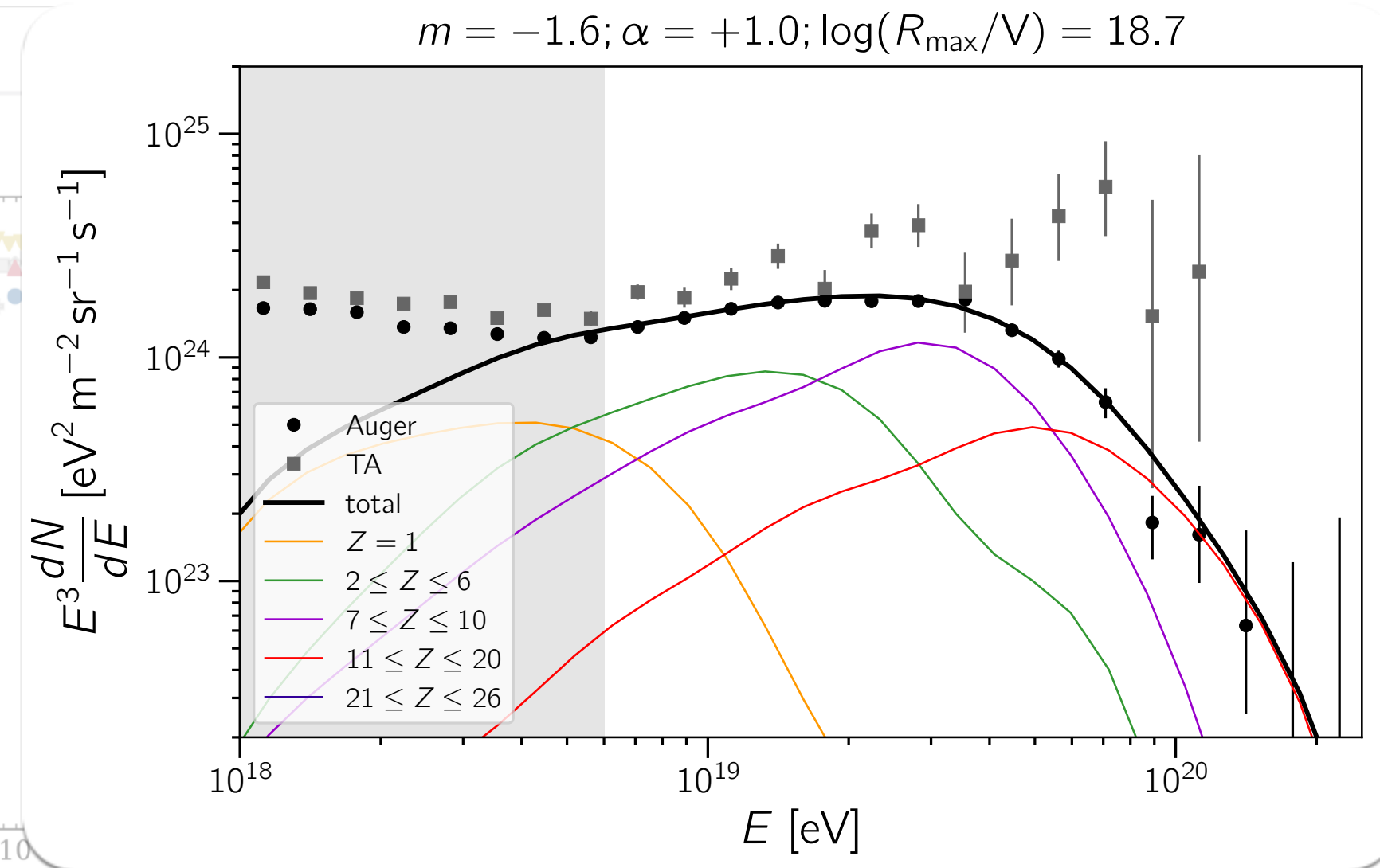
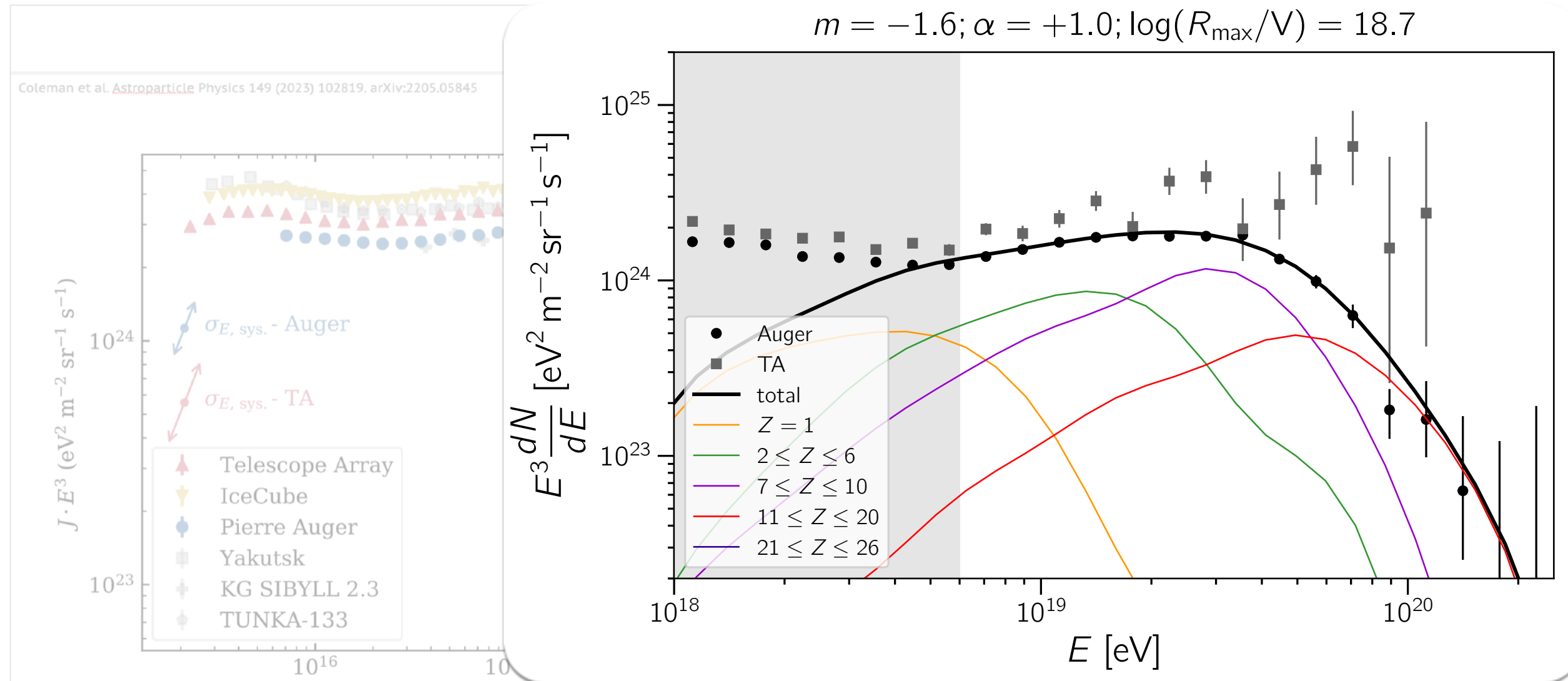
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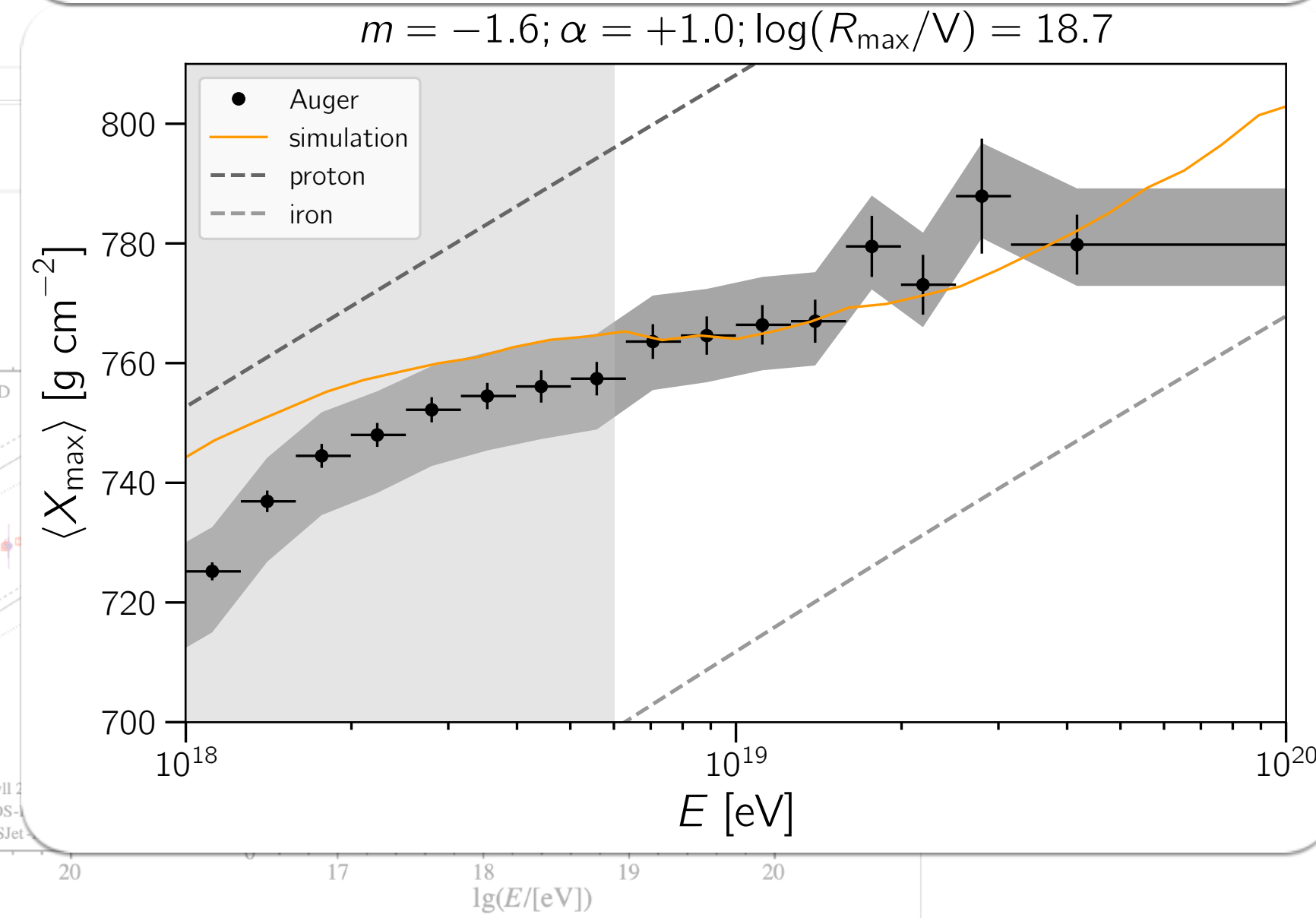
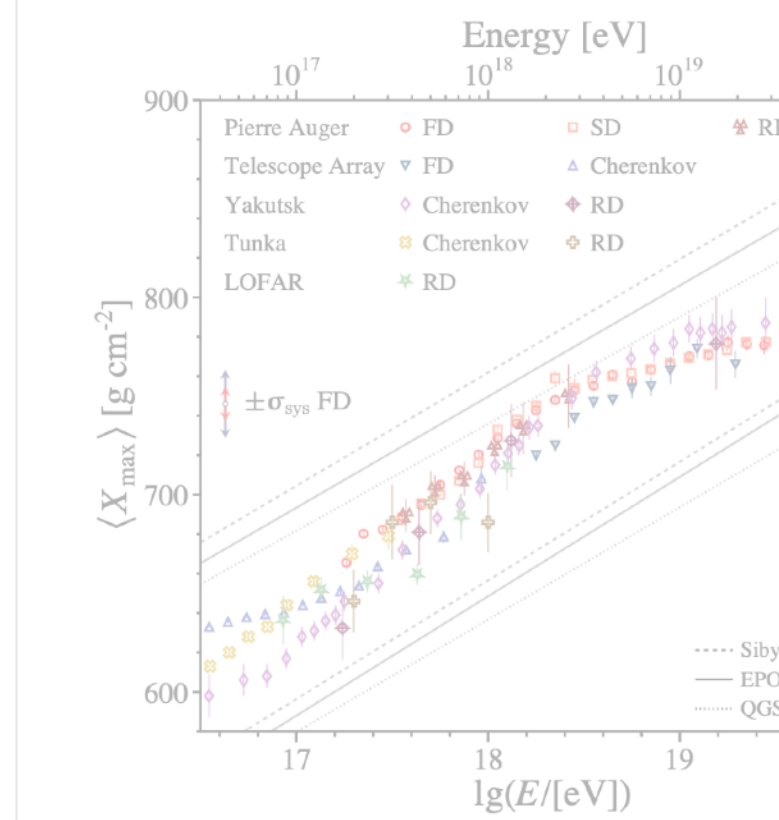
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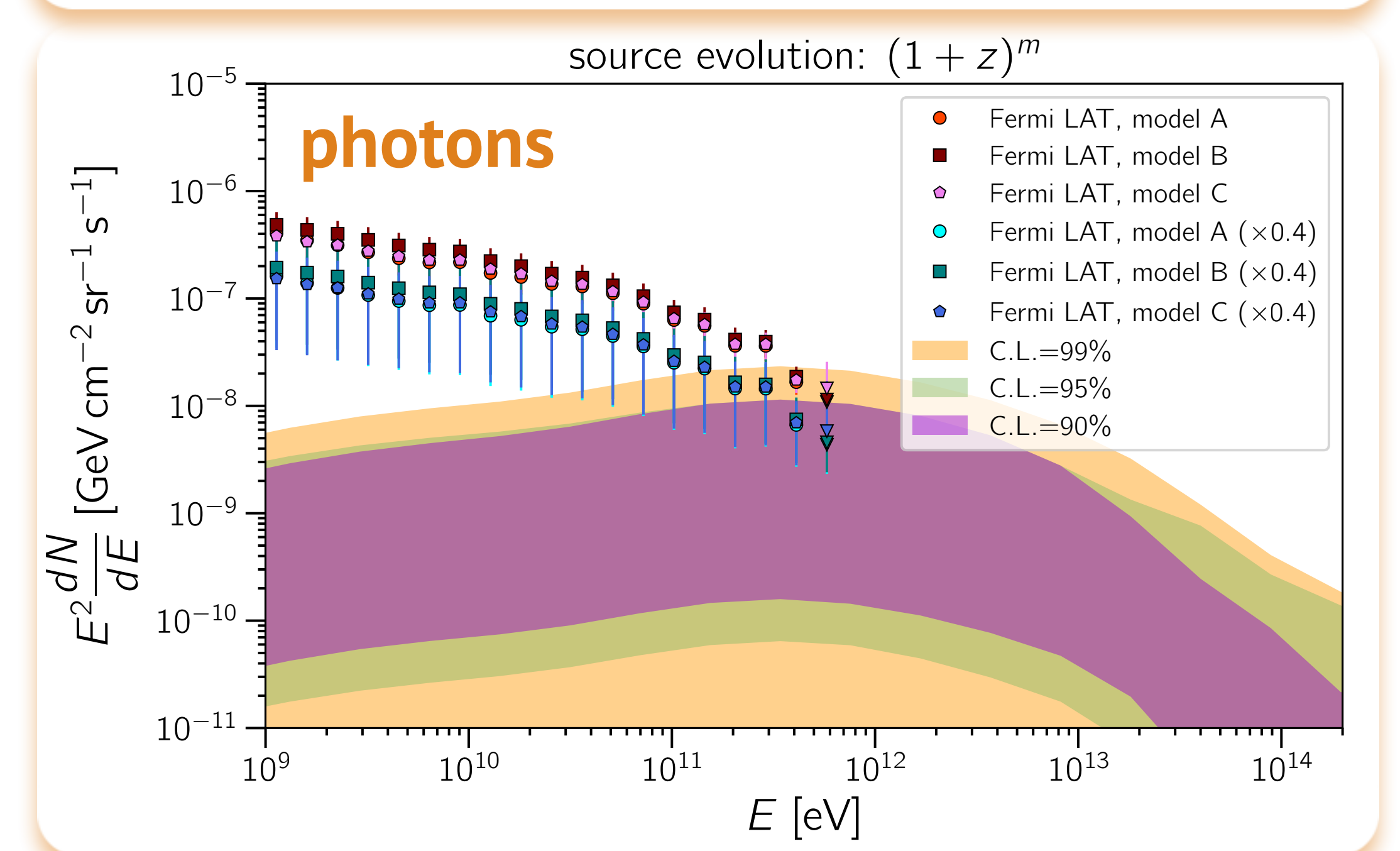
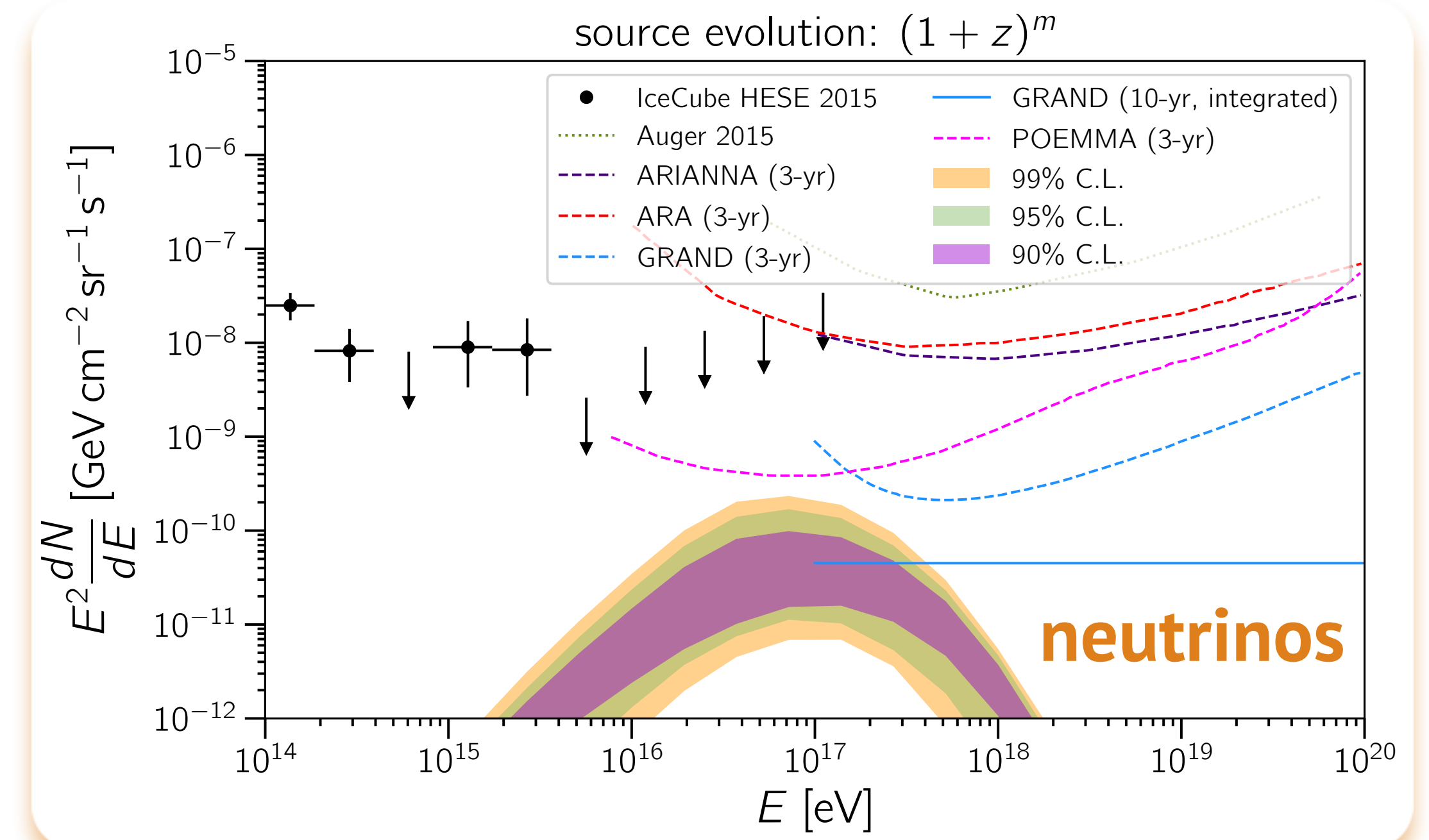
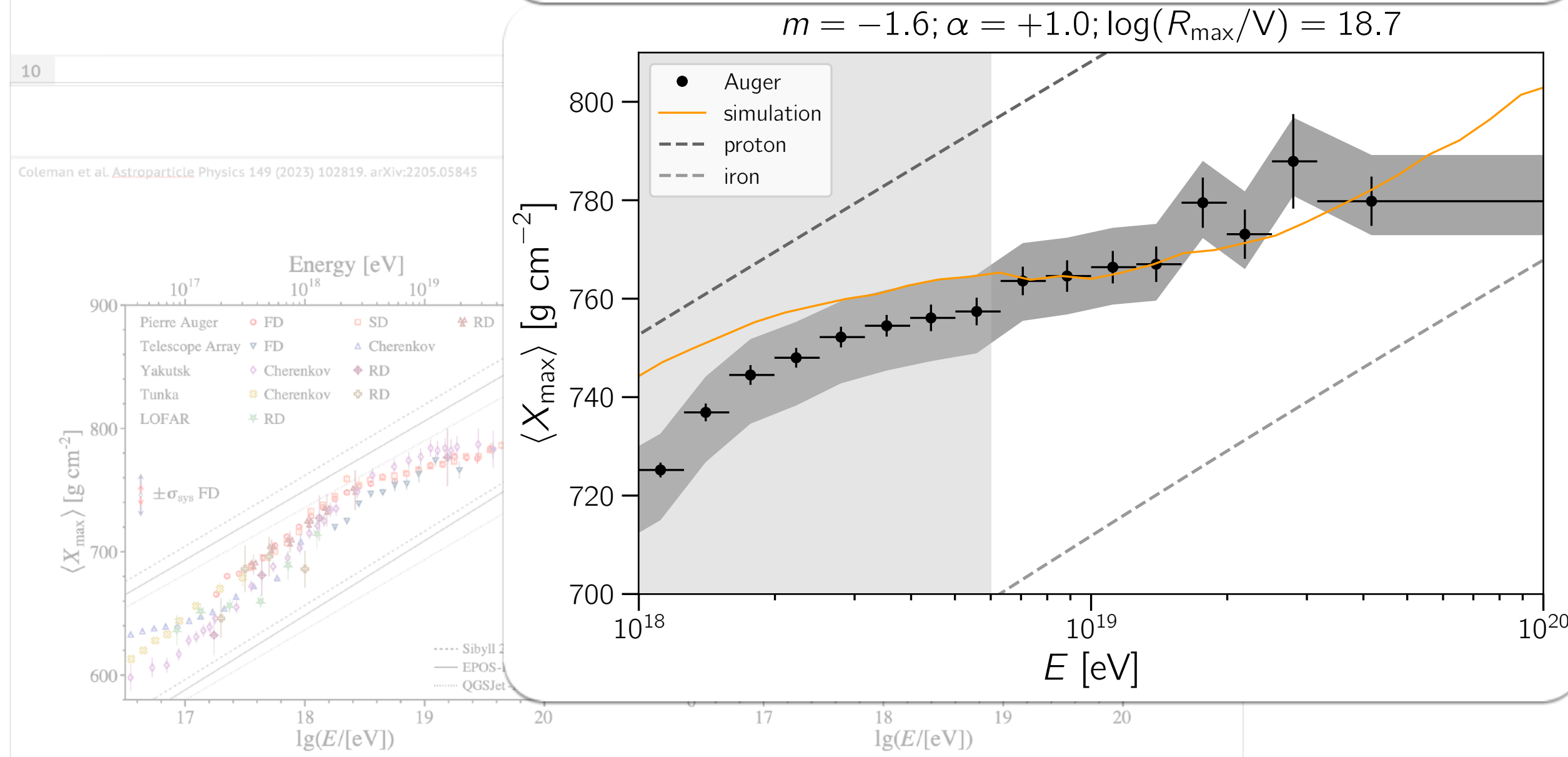
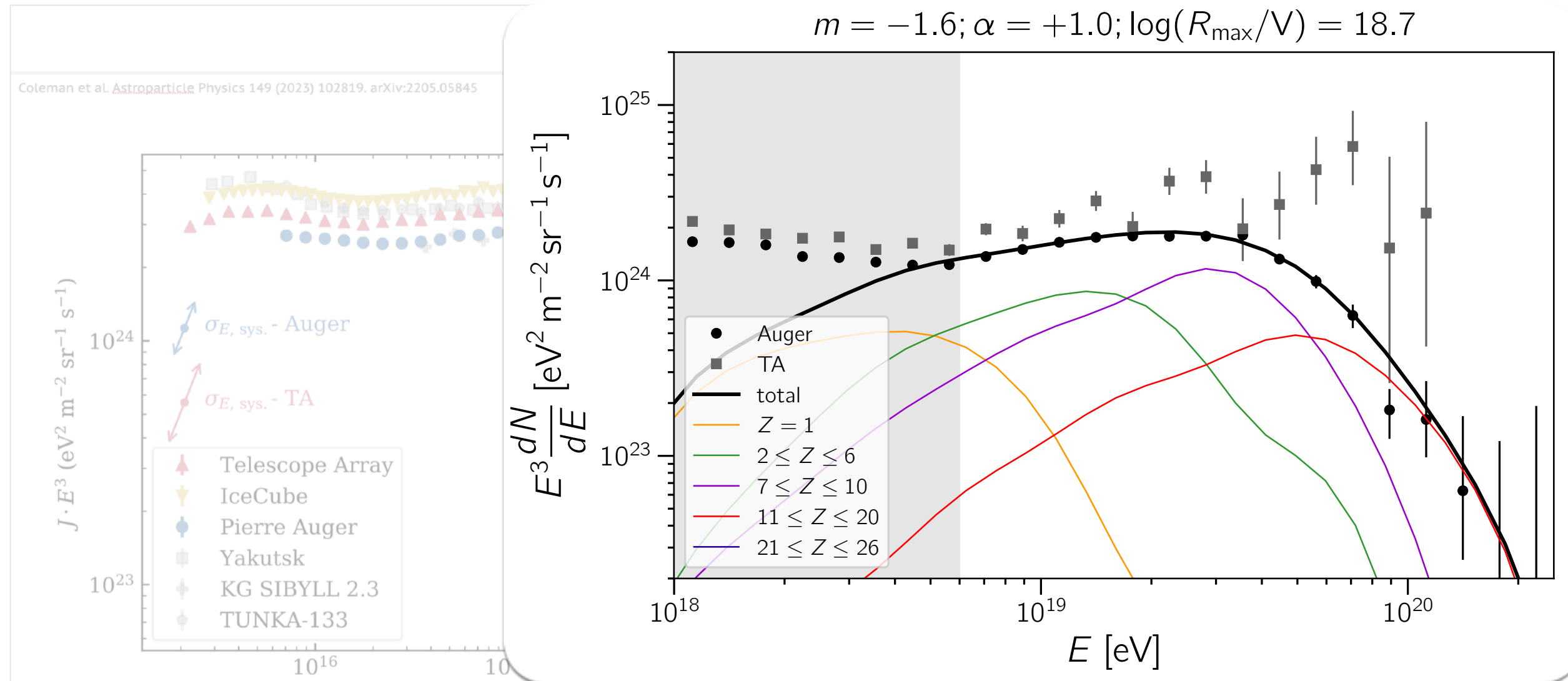


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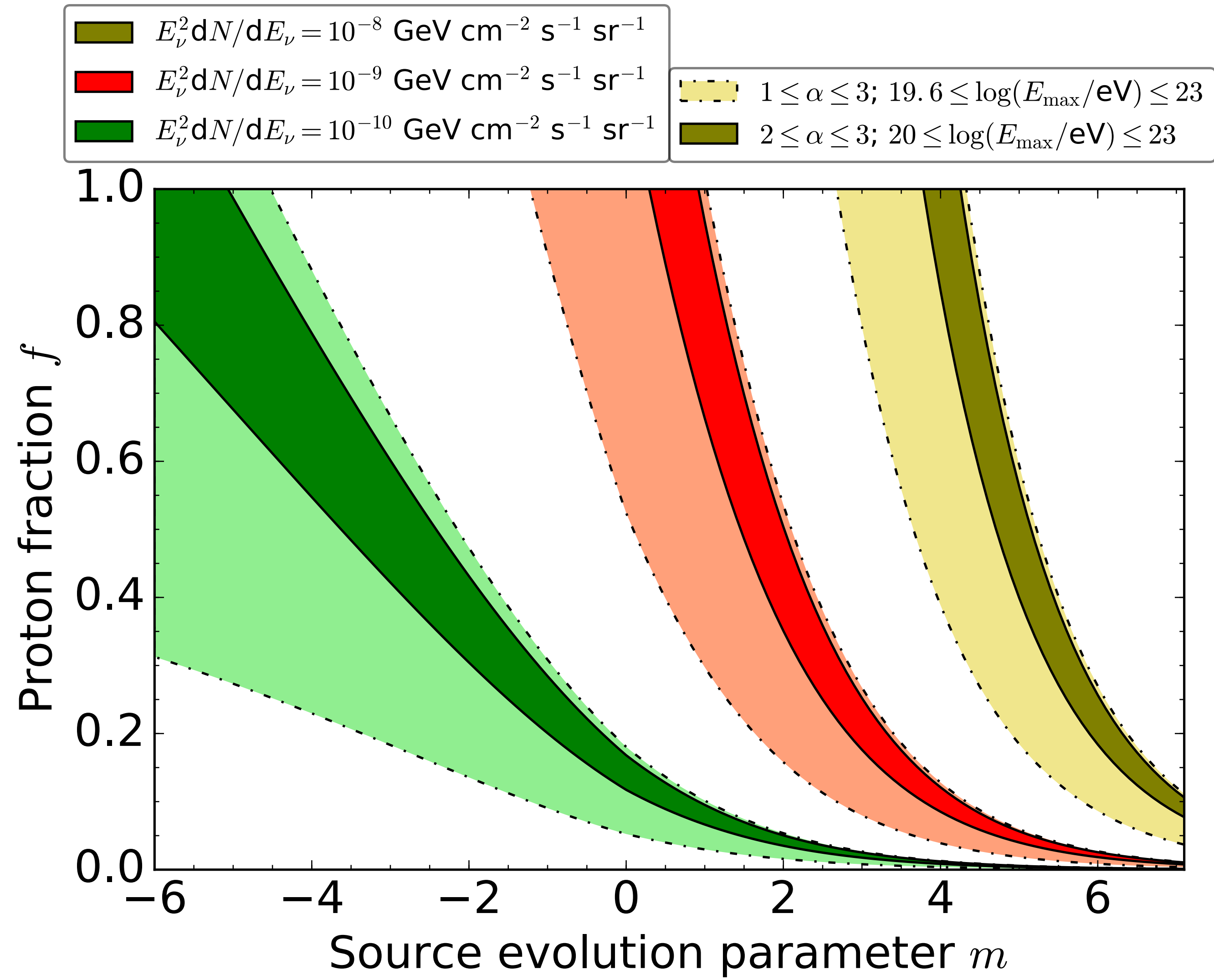
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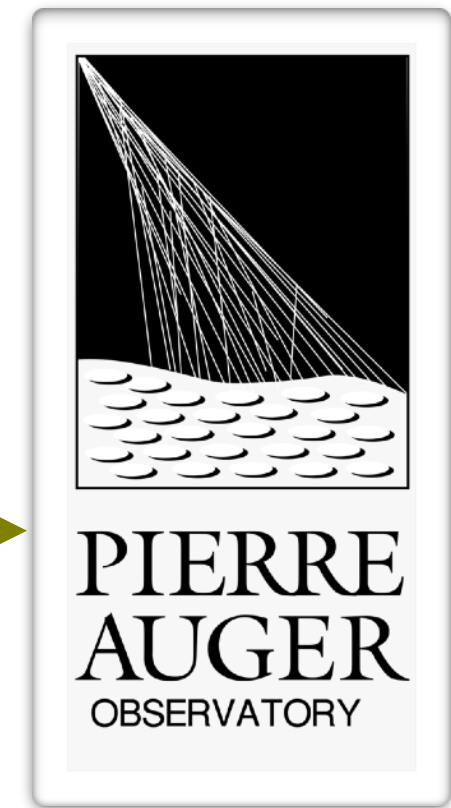
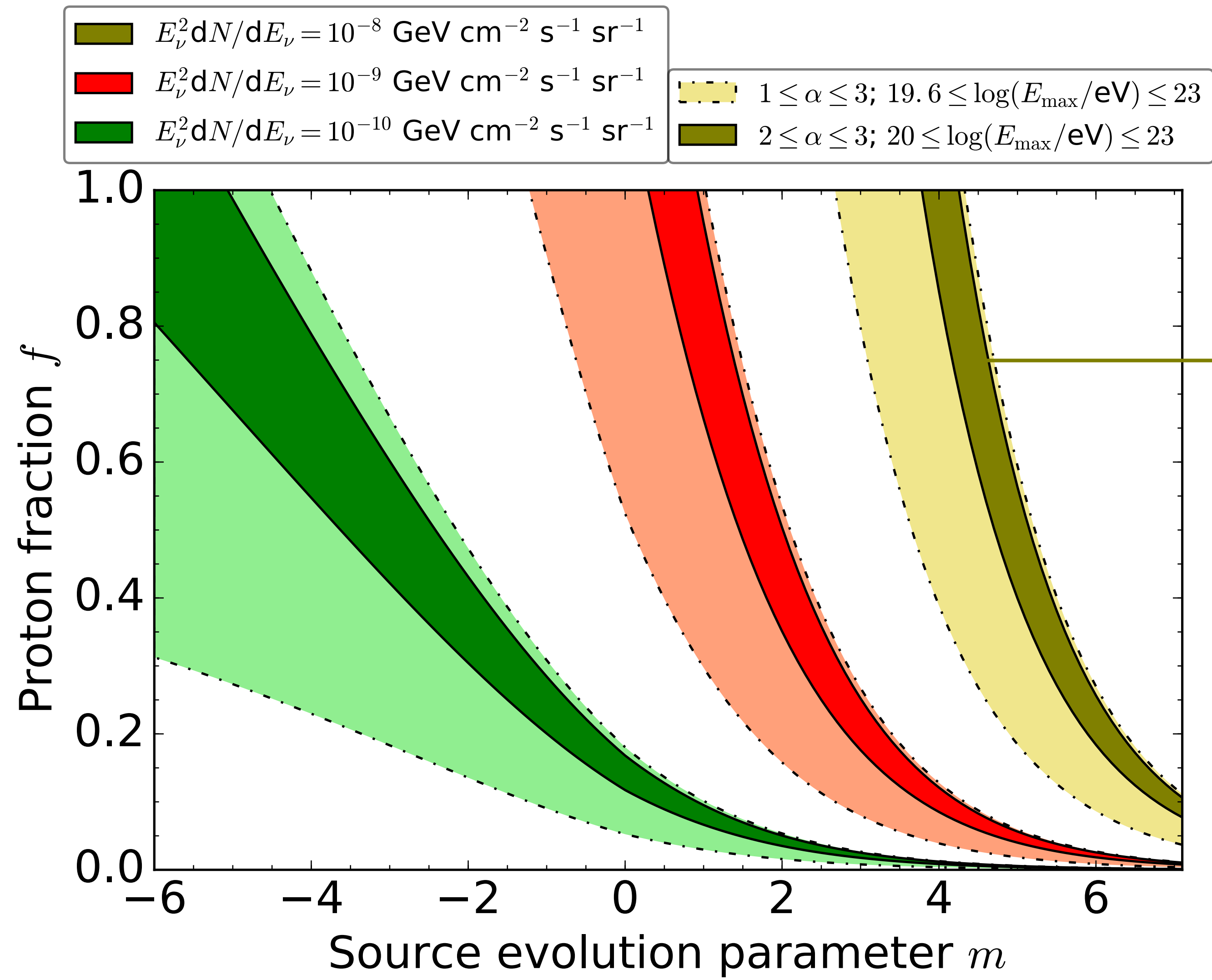
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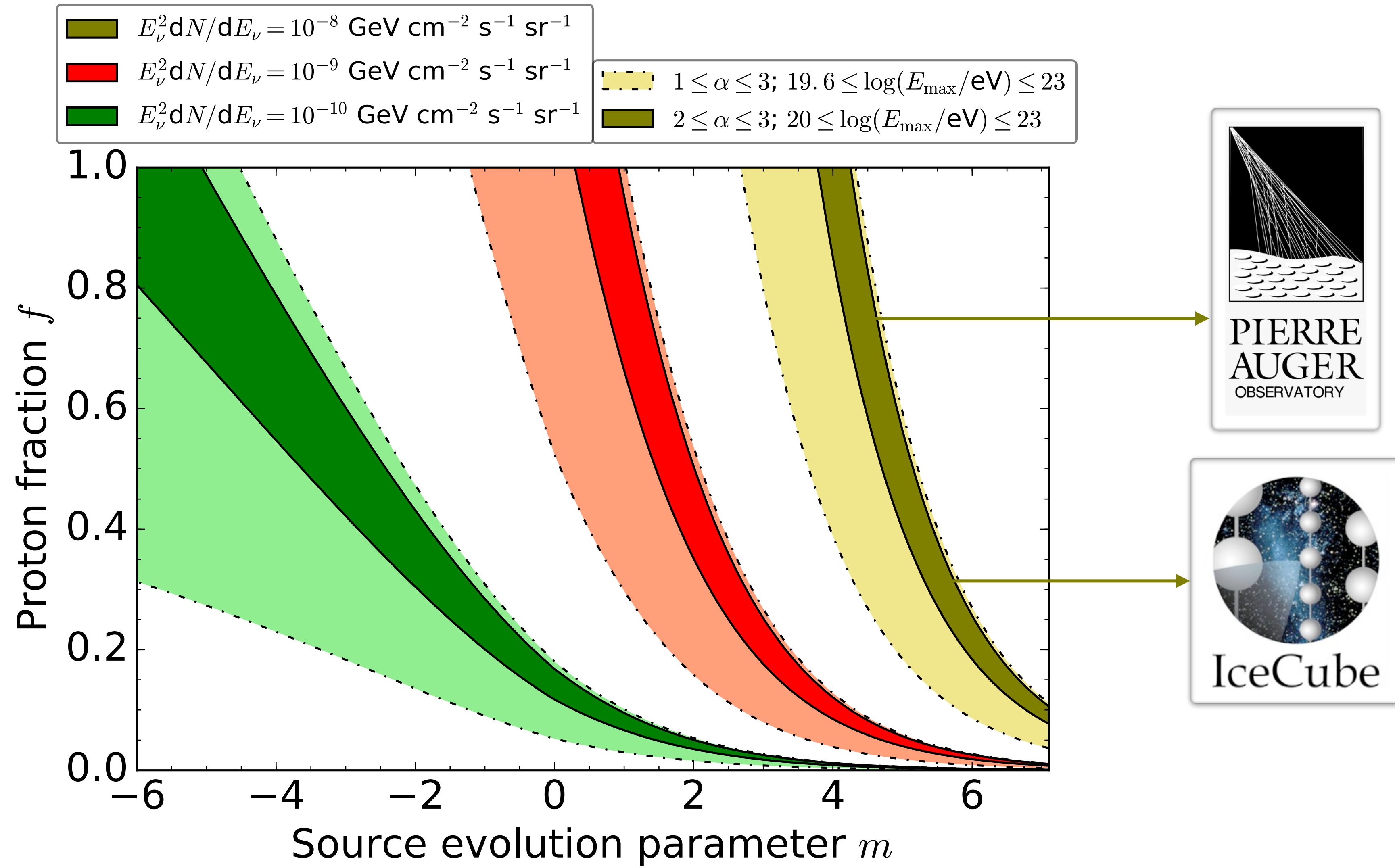
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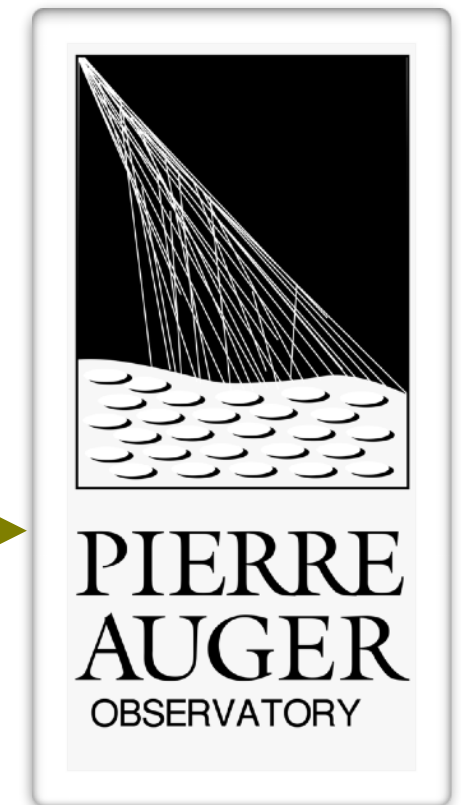
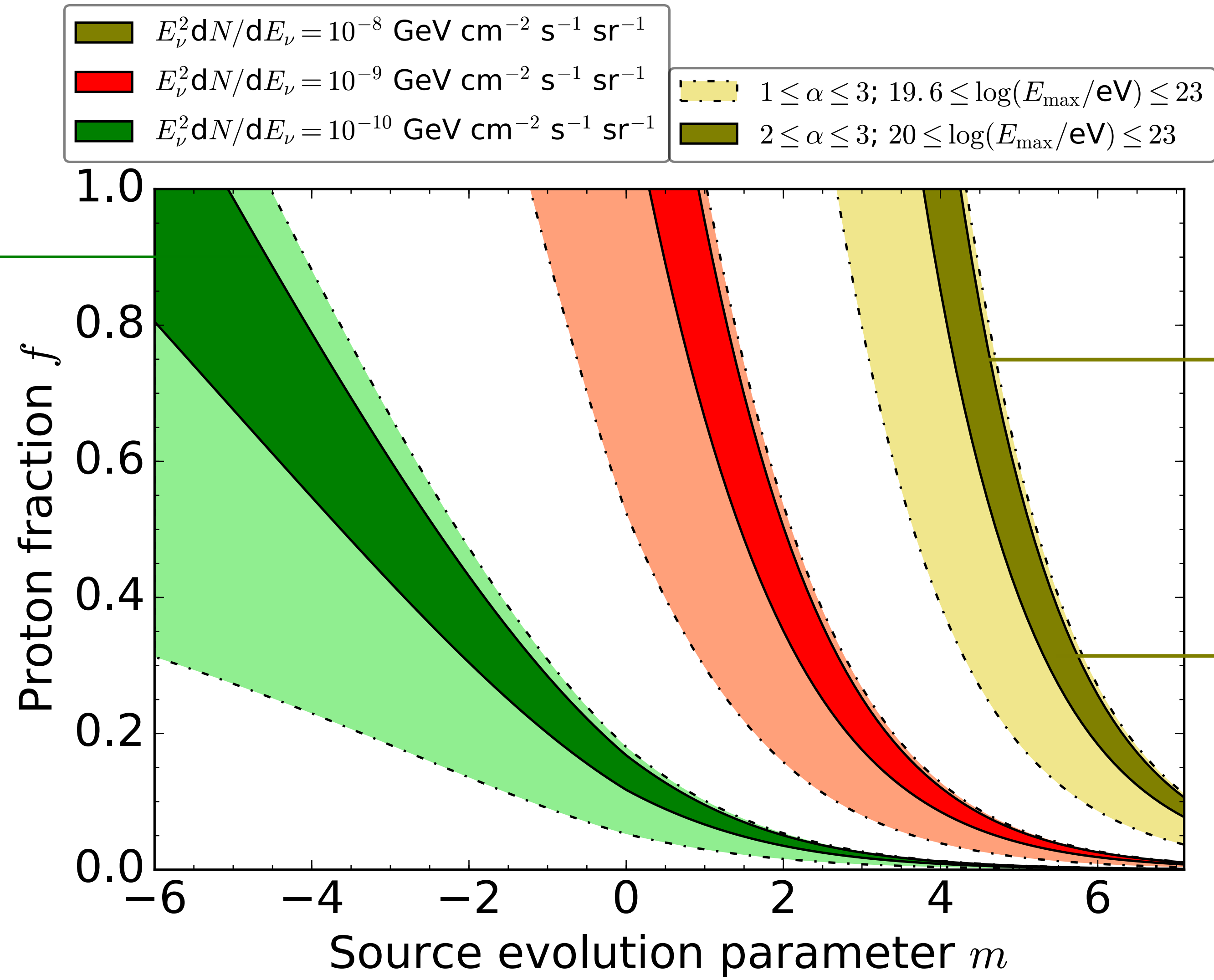
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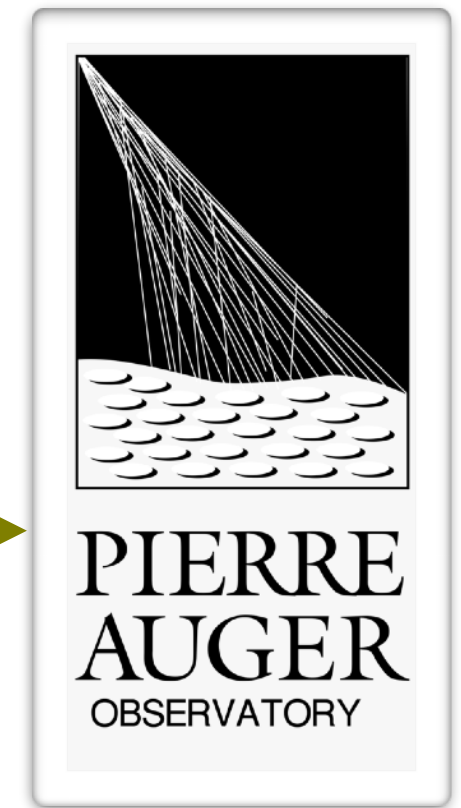
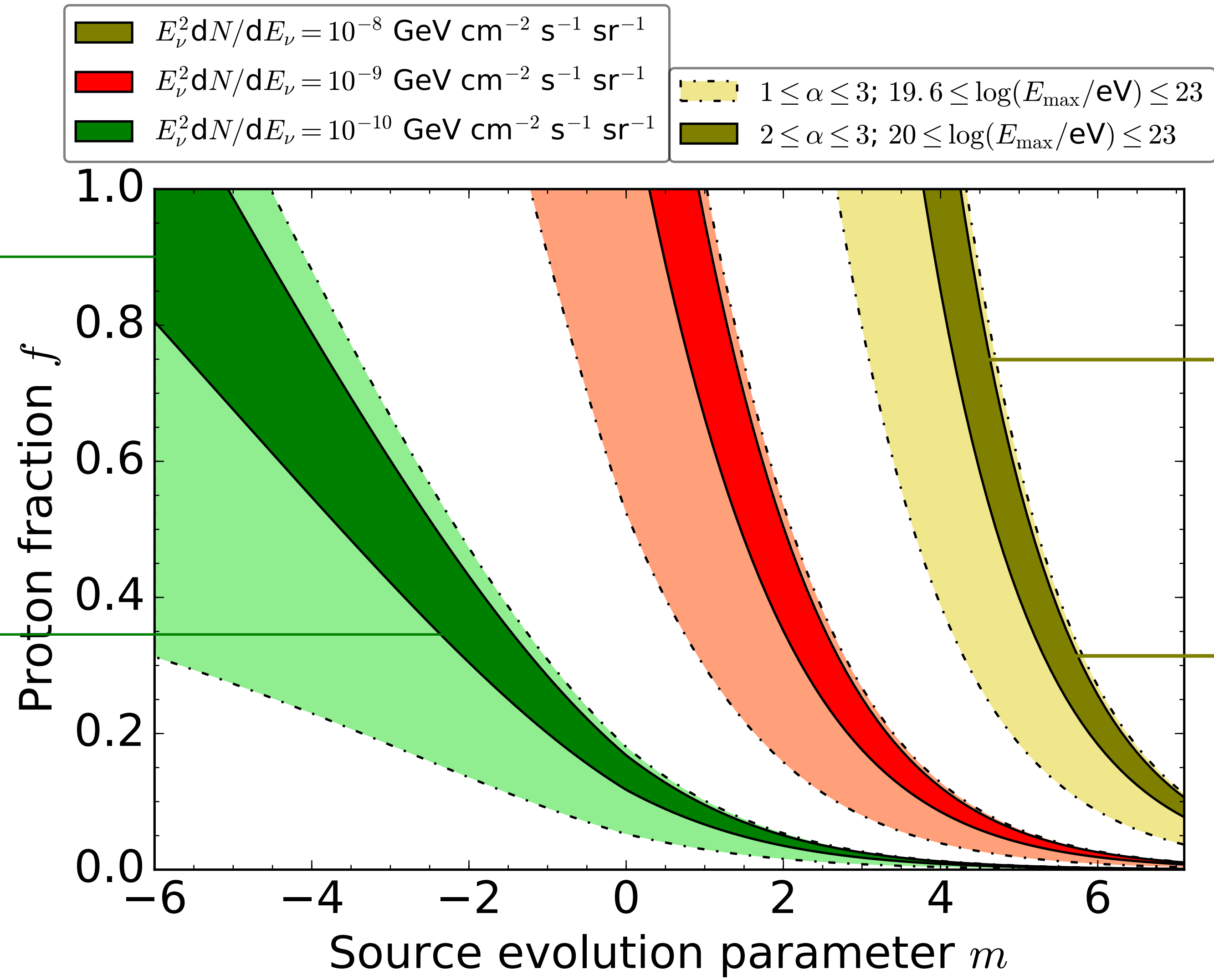
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the future

Experiment	Feature	Cosmic Ray Science*	Timeline
Pierre Auger Observatory	Hybrid array: fluorescence, surface e/μ + radio, 3000 km ²	Hadronic interactions, search for BSM, UHECR source populations, σ_{p-Air}	AugerPrime upgrade
Telescope Array (TA)	Hybrid array: fluorescence, surface scintillators, up to 3000 km ²	UHECR source populations proton-air cross section (σ_{p-Air})	TAx4 upgrade
IceCube / IceCube-Gen2	Hybrid array: surface + deep, up to 6 km ²	Hadronic interactions, prompt decays, Galactic to extragalactic transition	Upgrade + surface enhancement → IceCube-Gen2 deployment → IceCube-Gen2 operation
GRAND	Radio array for inclined events, up to 200,000 km ²	UHECR sources via huge exposure, search for ZeV particles, σ_{p-Air}	GRANDProto 300 → GRAND 10k → GRAND 200k multiple sites, step by step
POEMMA	Space fluorescence and Cherenkov detector	UHECR sources via huge exposure, search for ZeV particles, σ_{p-Air}	JEM-EUSO program → POEMMA
GCOS	Hybrid array with X_{max} + e/μ over 40,000 km ²	UHECR sources via event-by-event rigidity, forward particle physics, search for BSM, σ_{p-Air}	GCOS R&D + first site → GCOS further sites

*All experiments contribute to multi-messenger astrophysics also by searches for UHE neutrinos and photons; several experiments (IceCube, GRAND, POEMMA) have astrophysical neutrinos as primary science case.

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GCOS. Global Cosmic-ray Observatory

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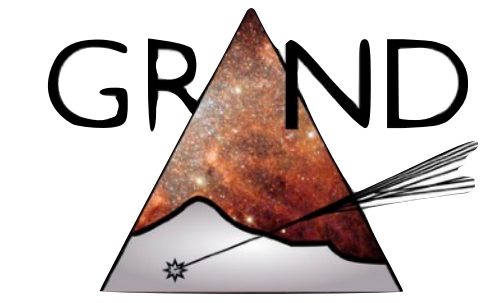
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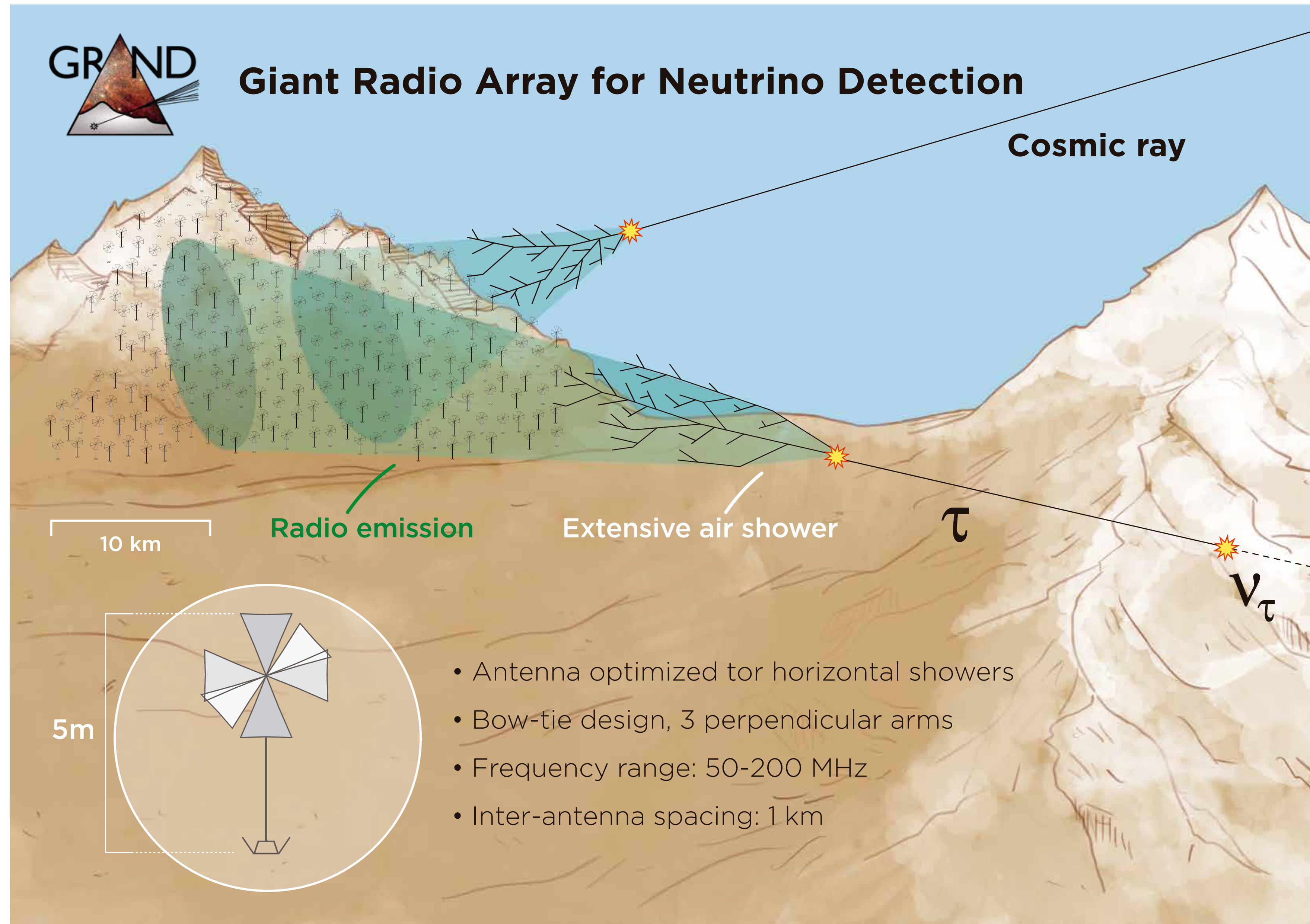
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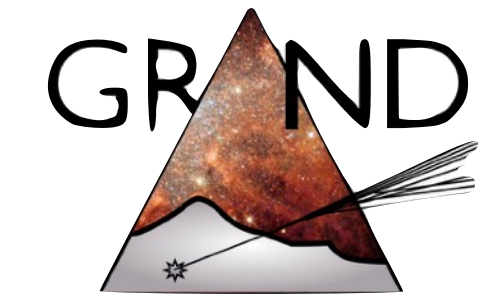
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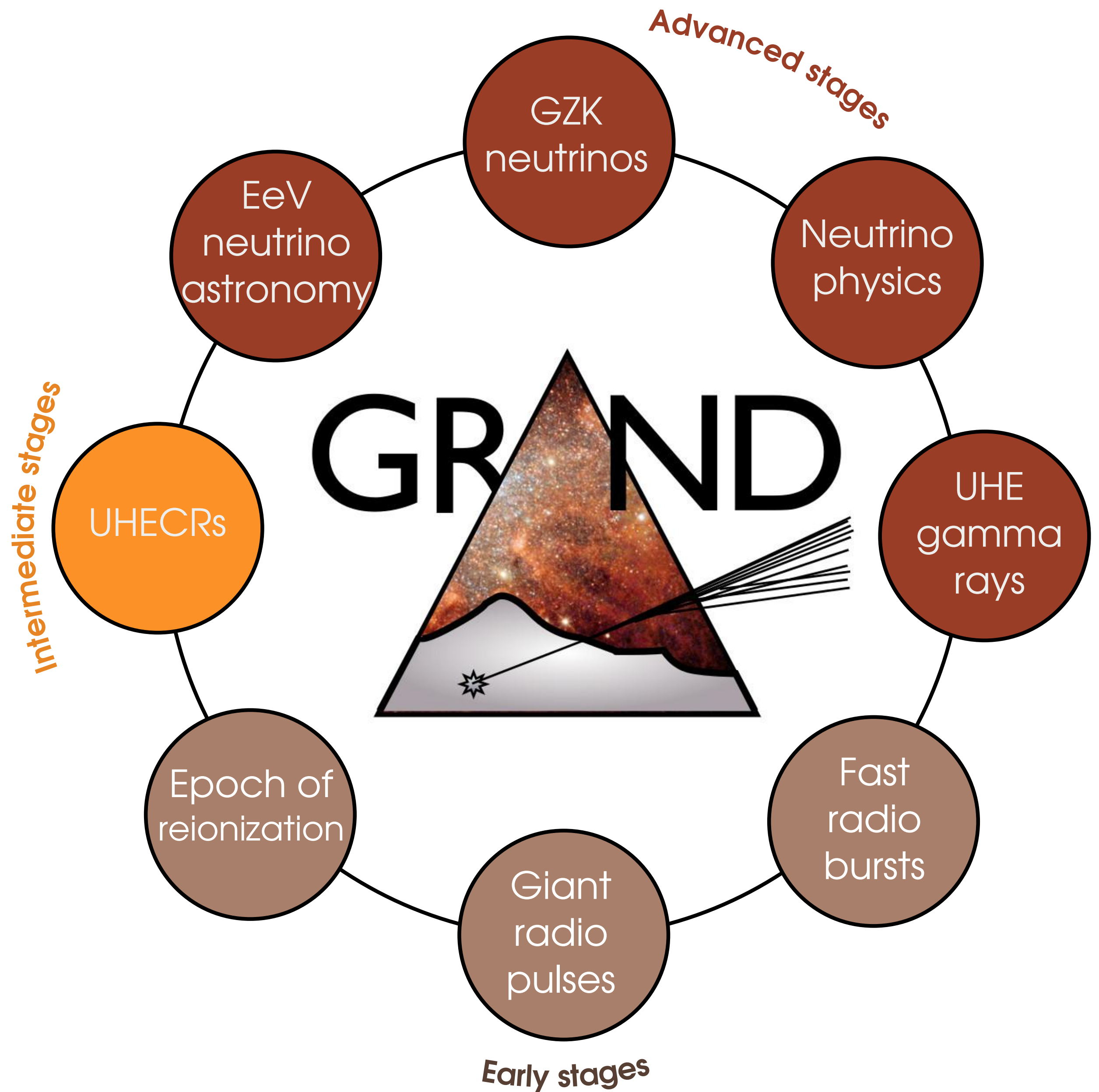
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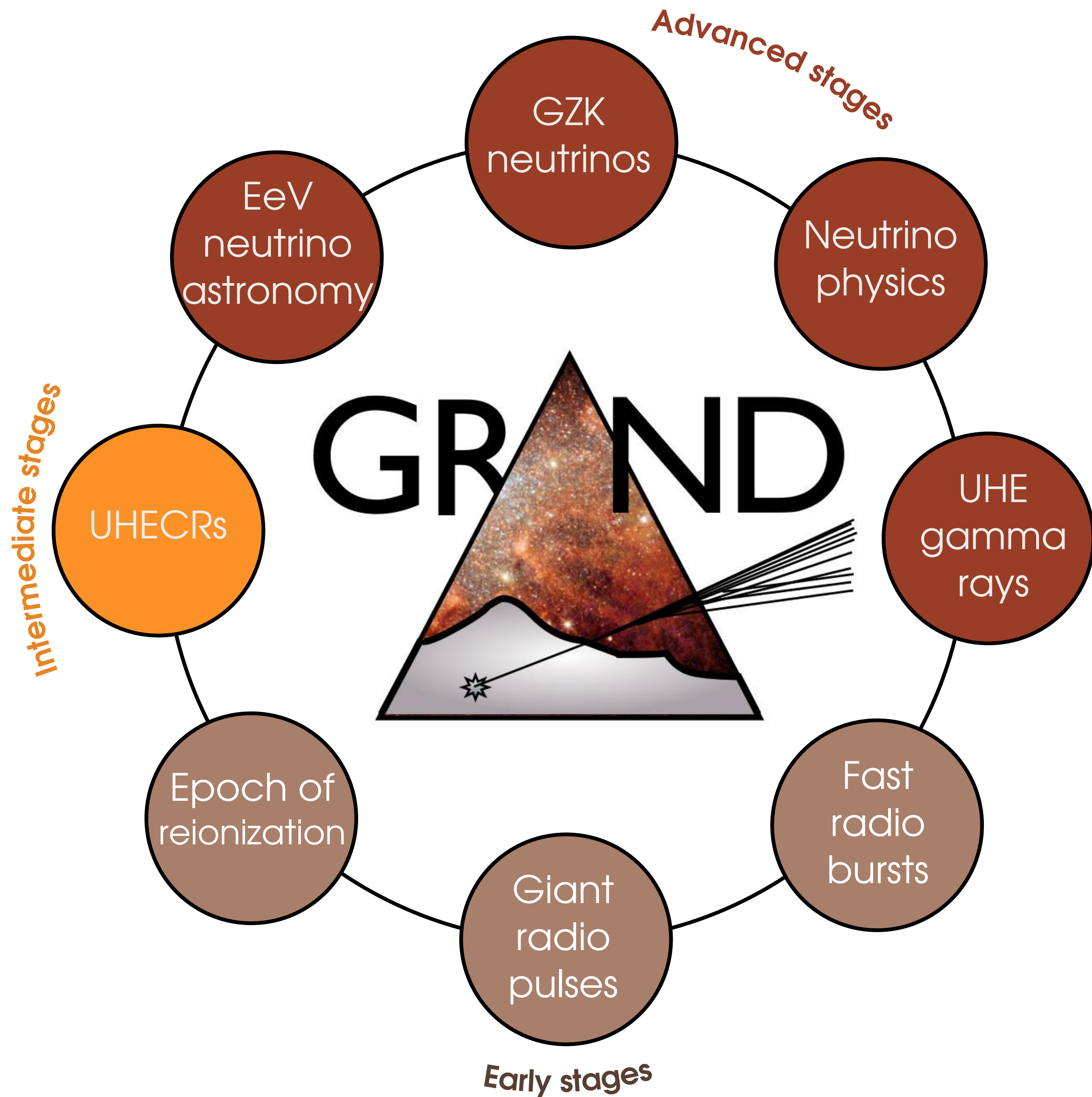


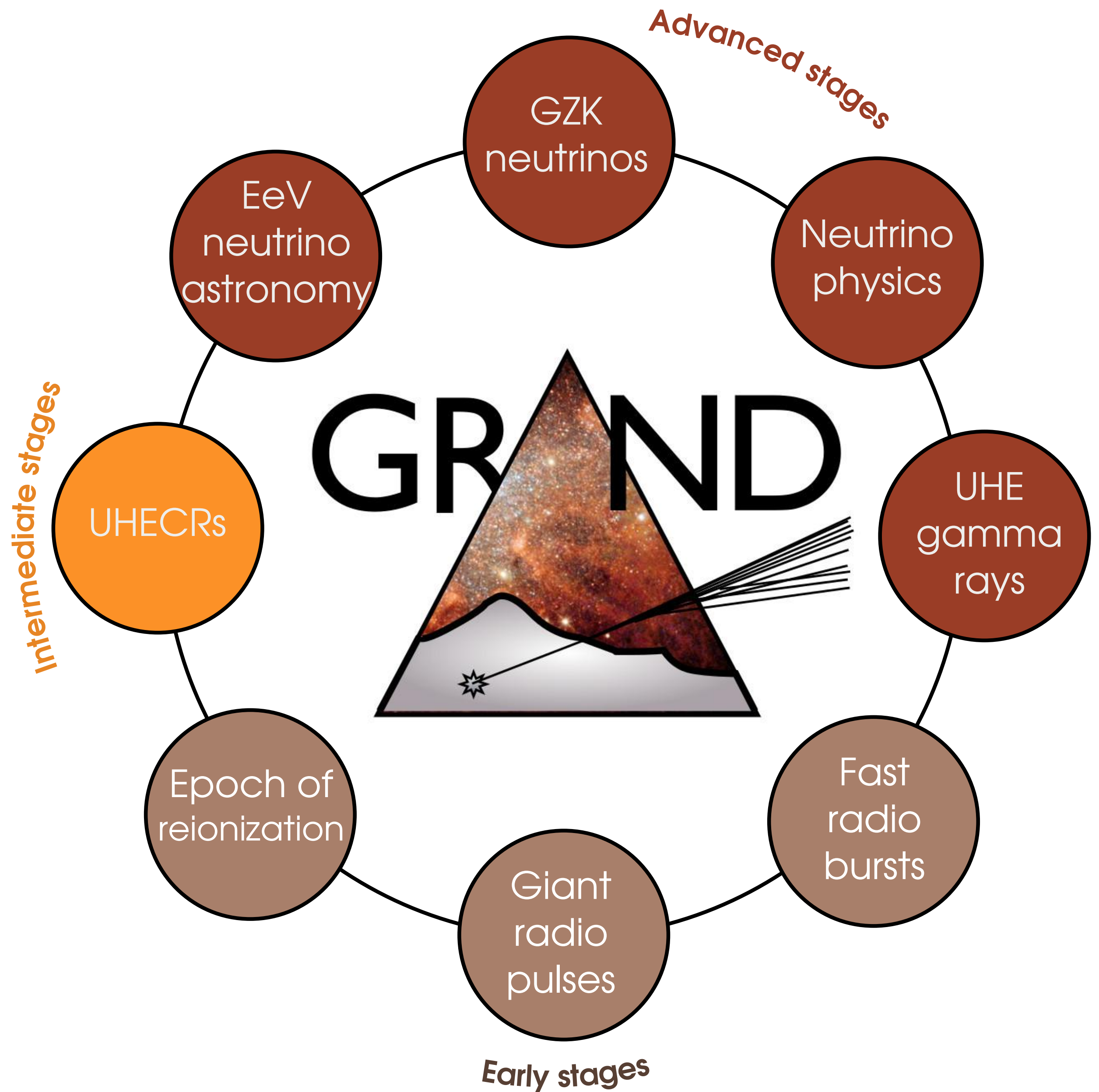


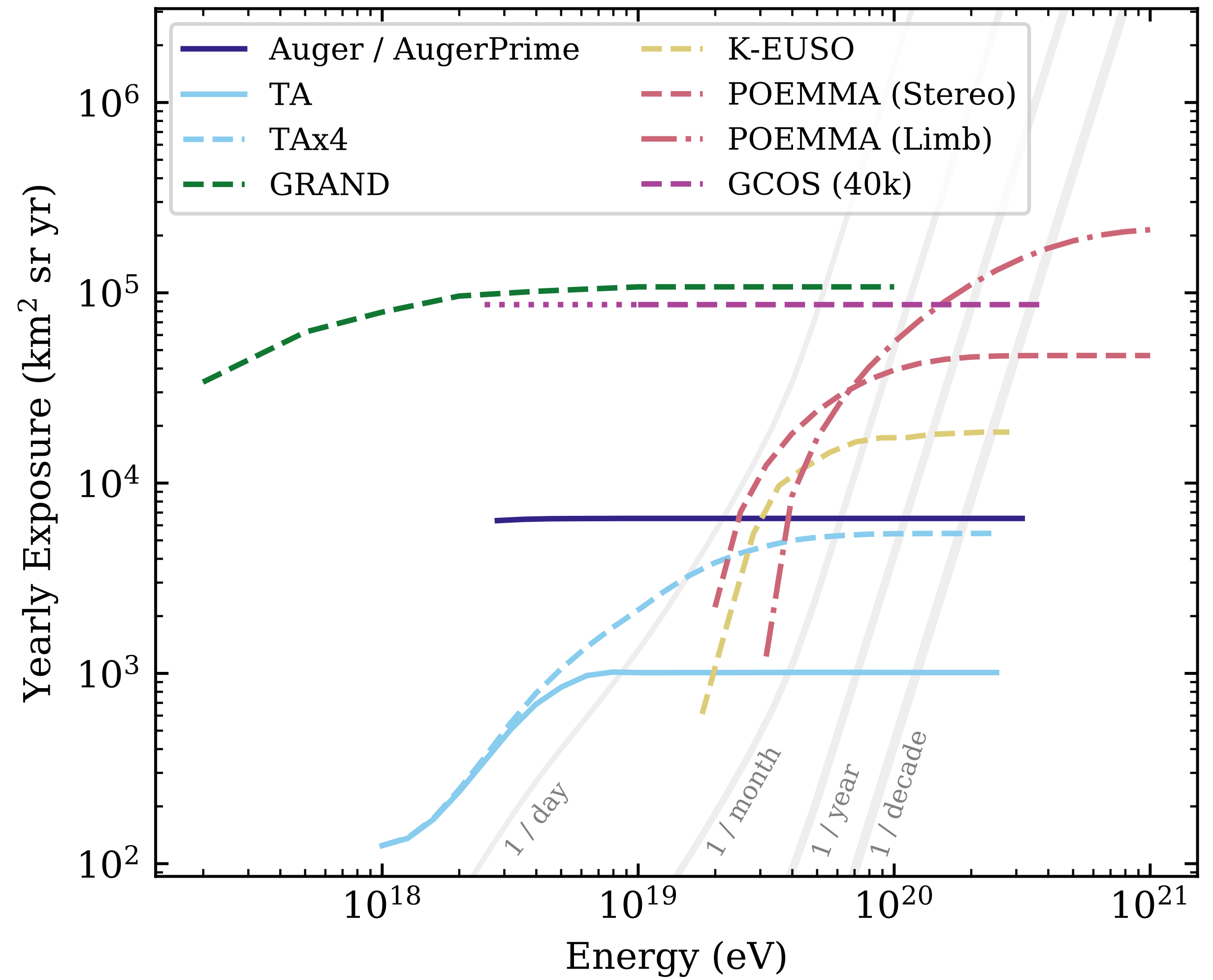
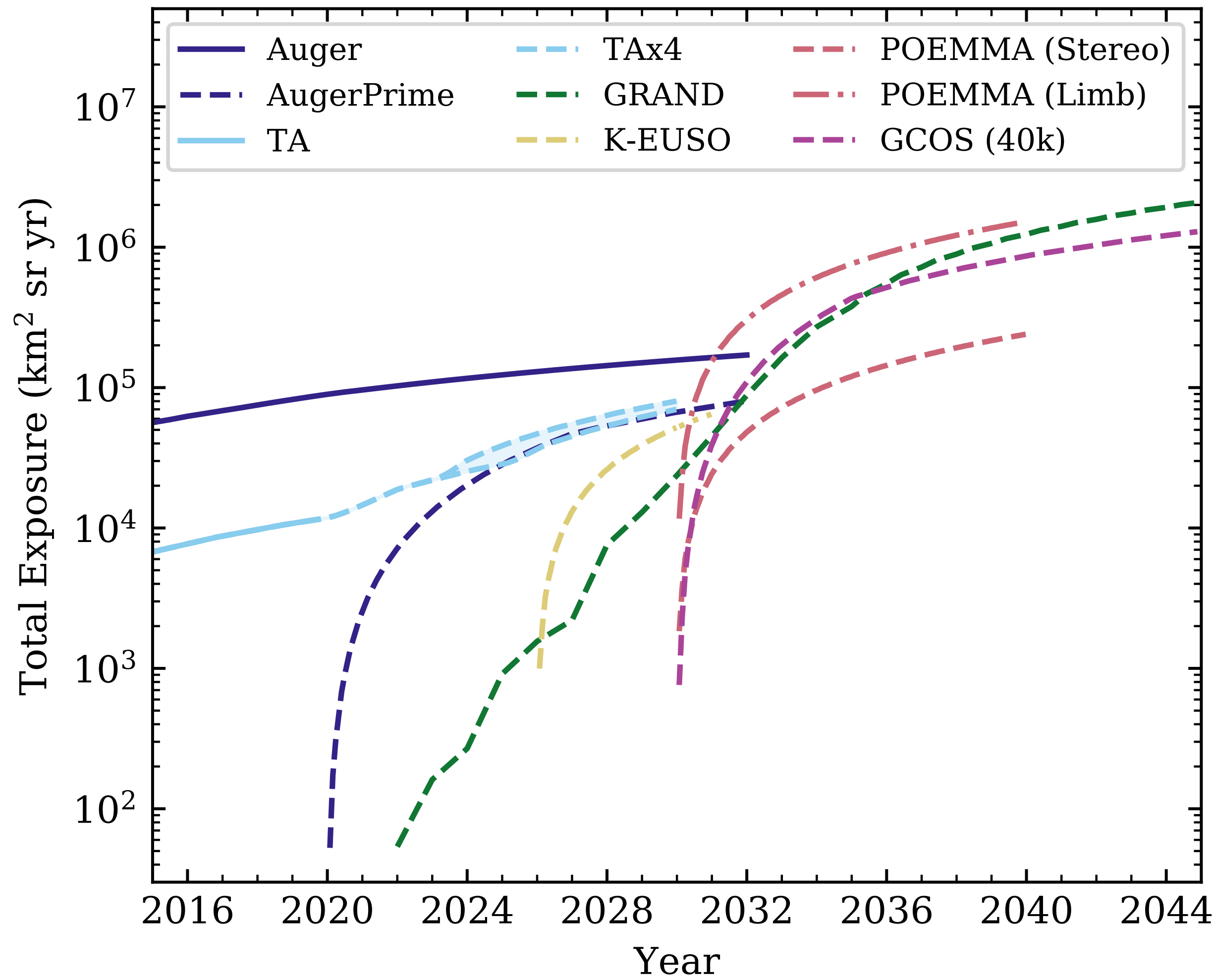
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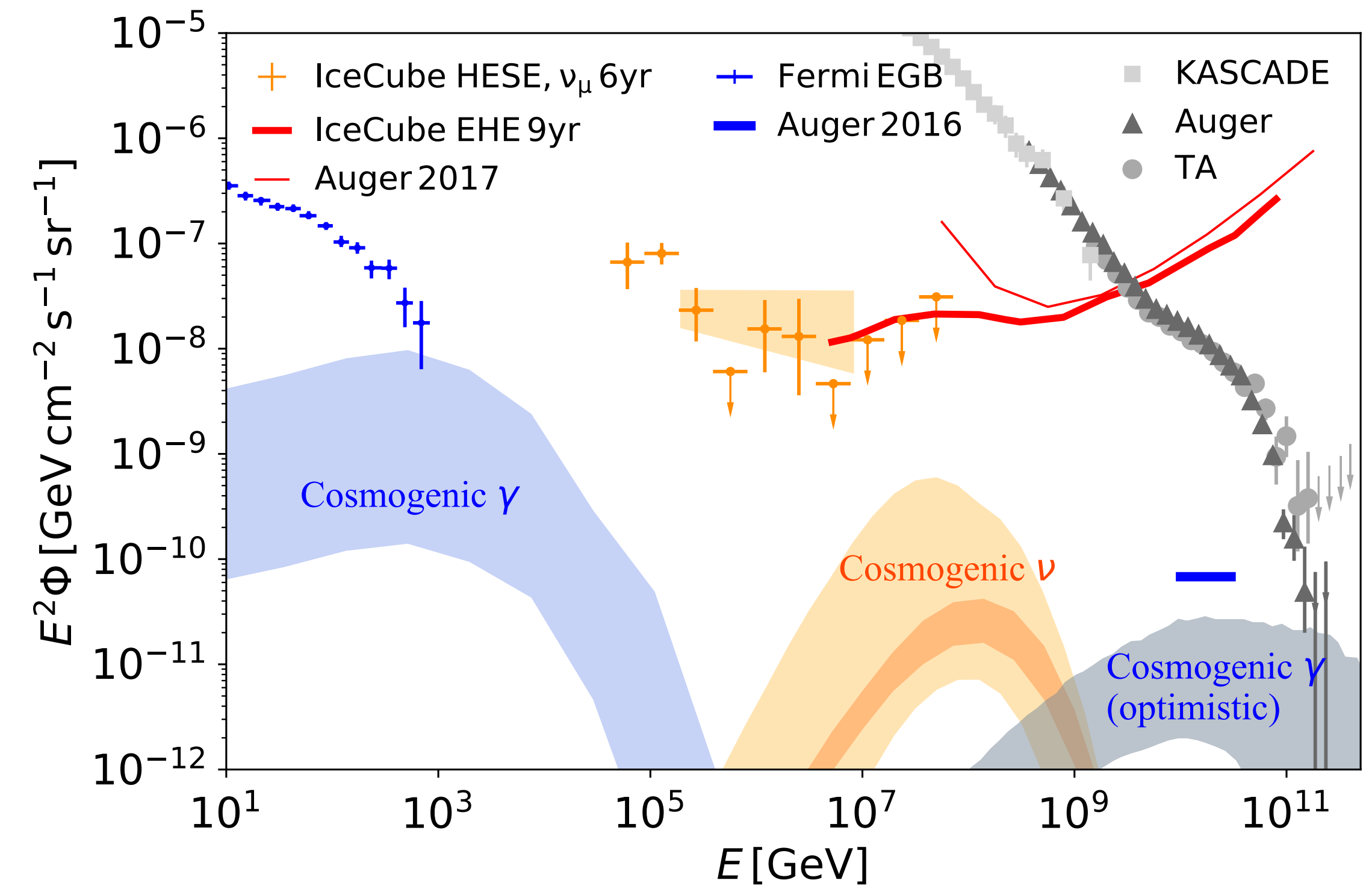




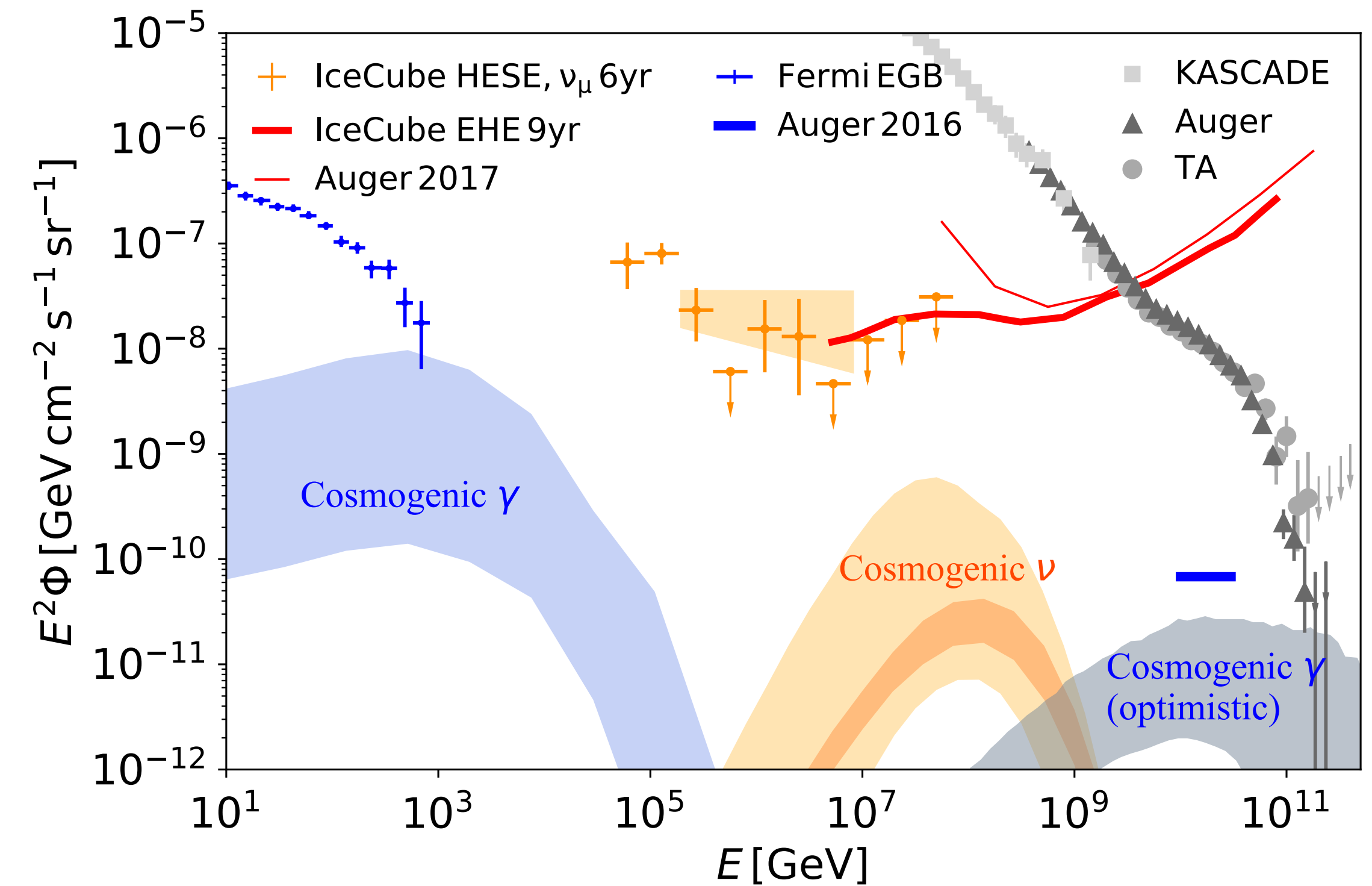
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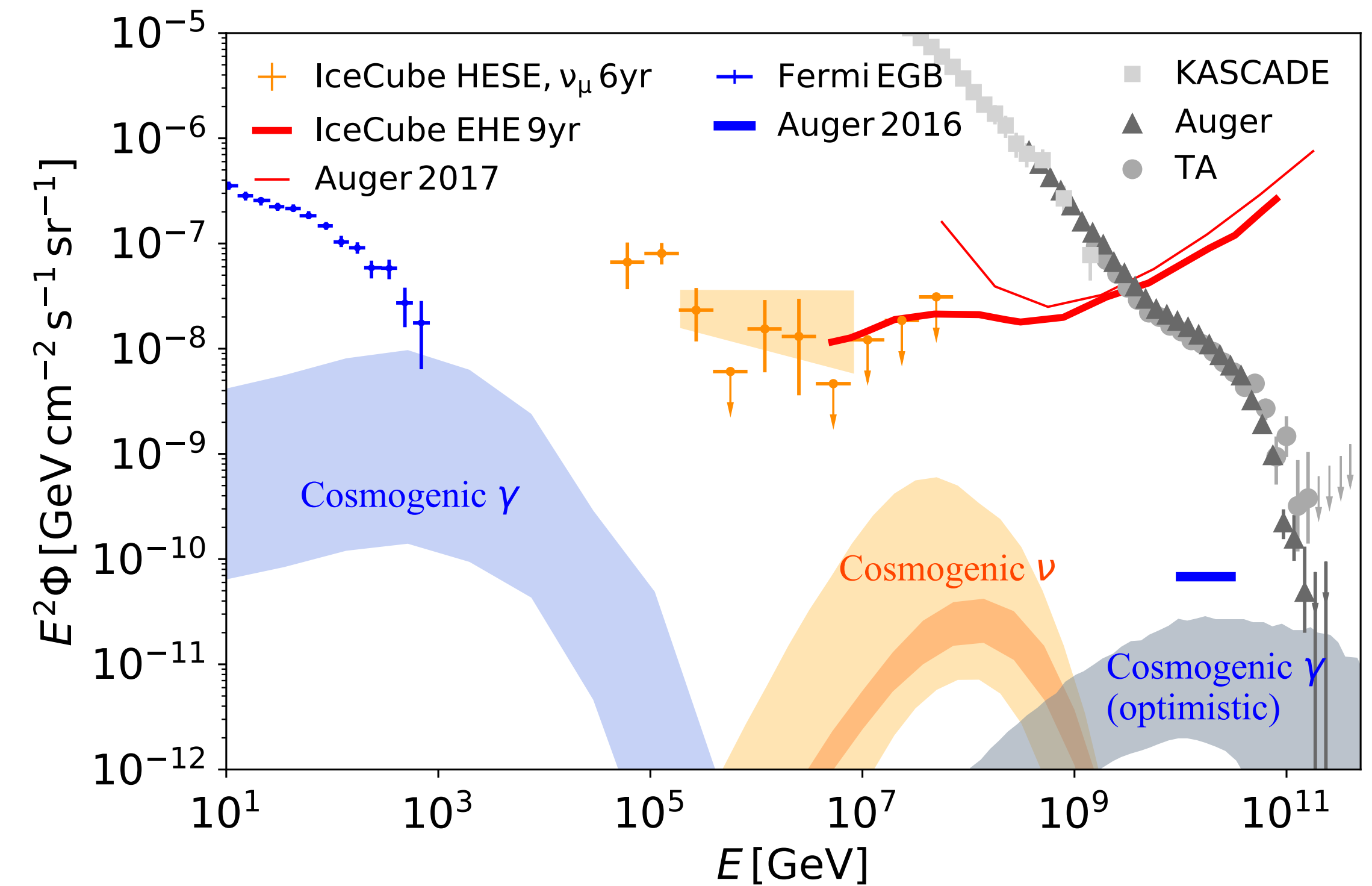
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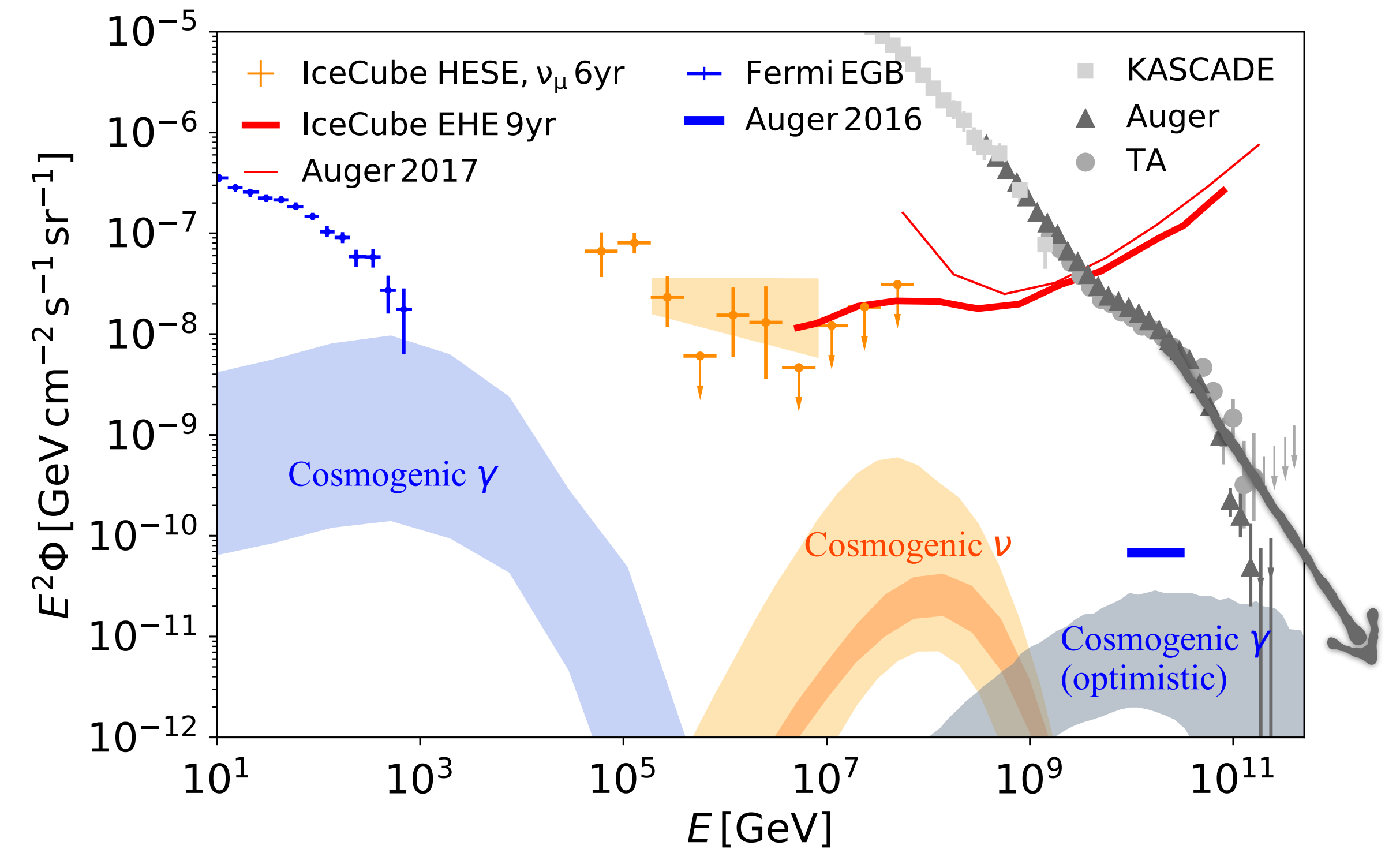
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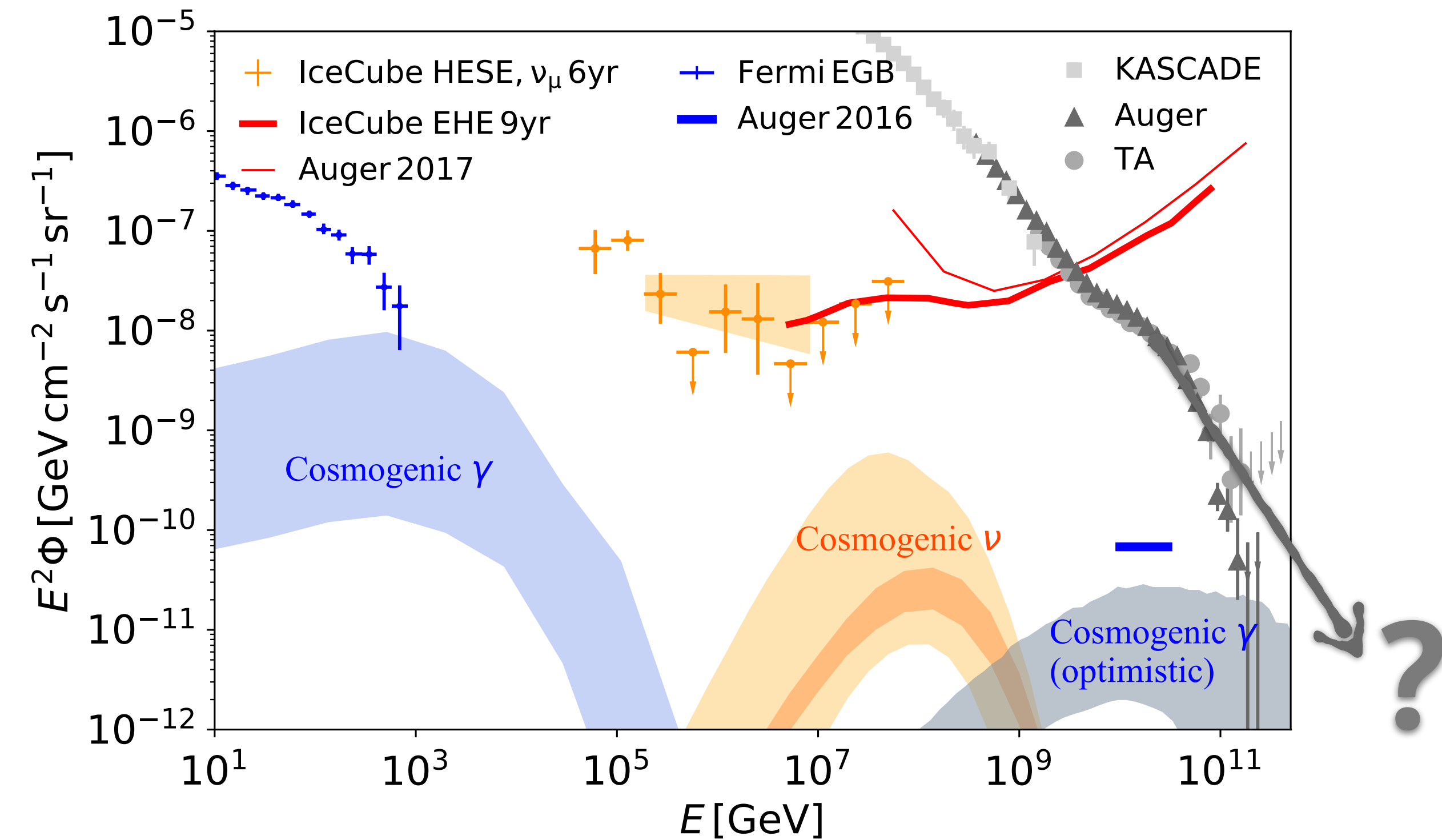
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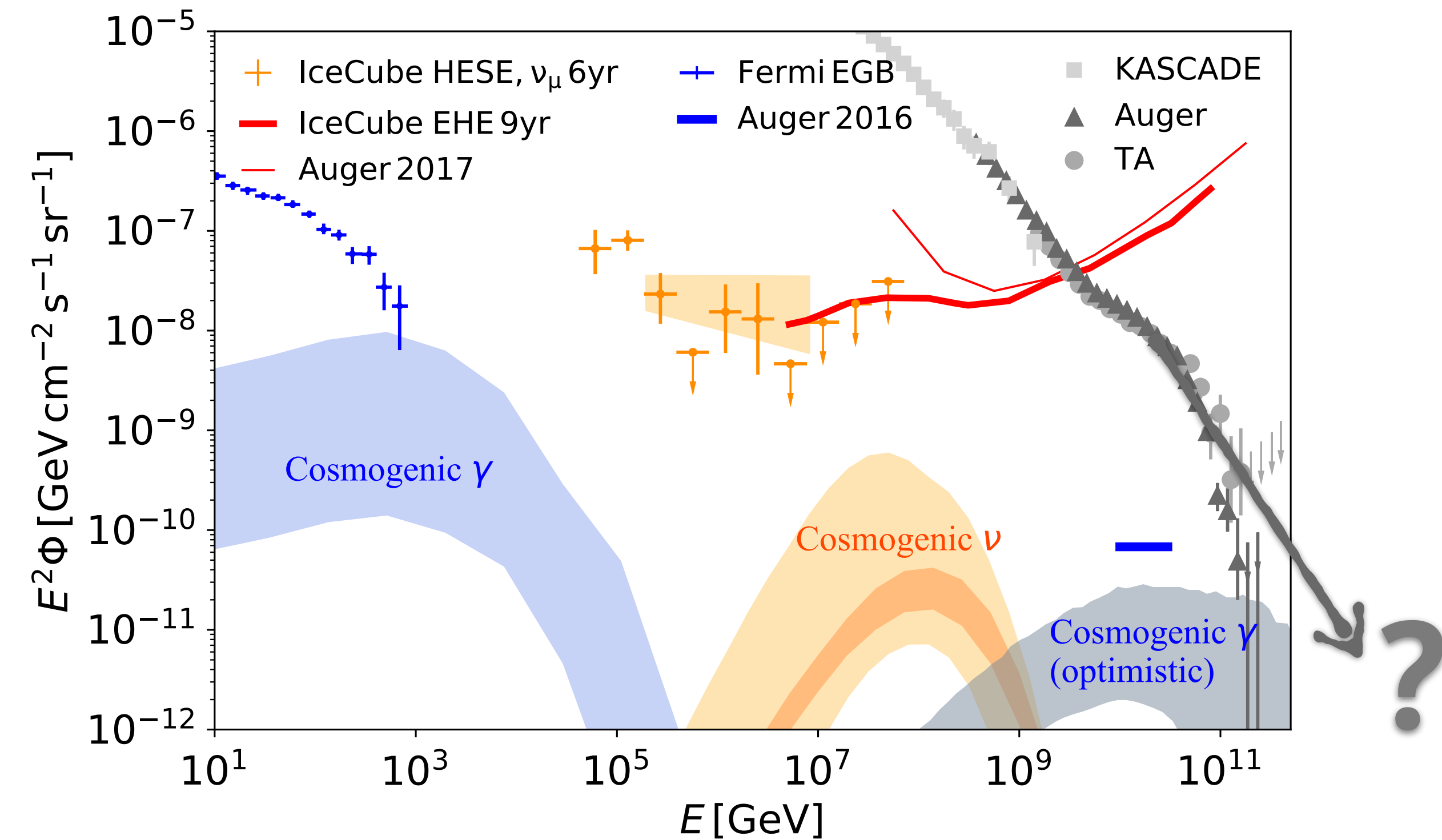
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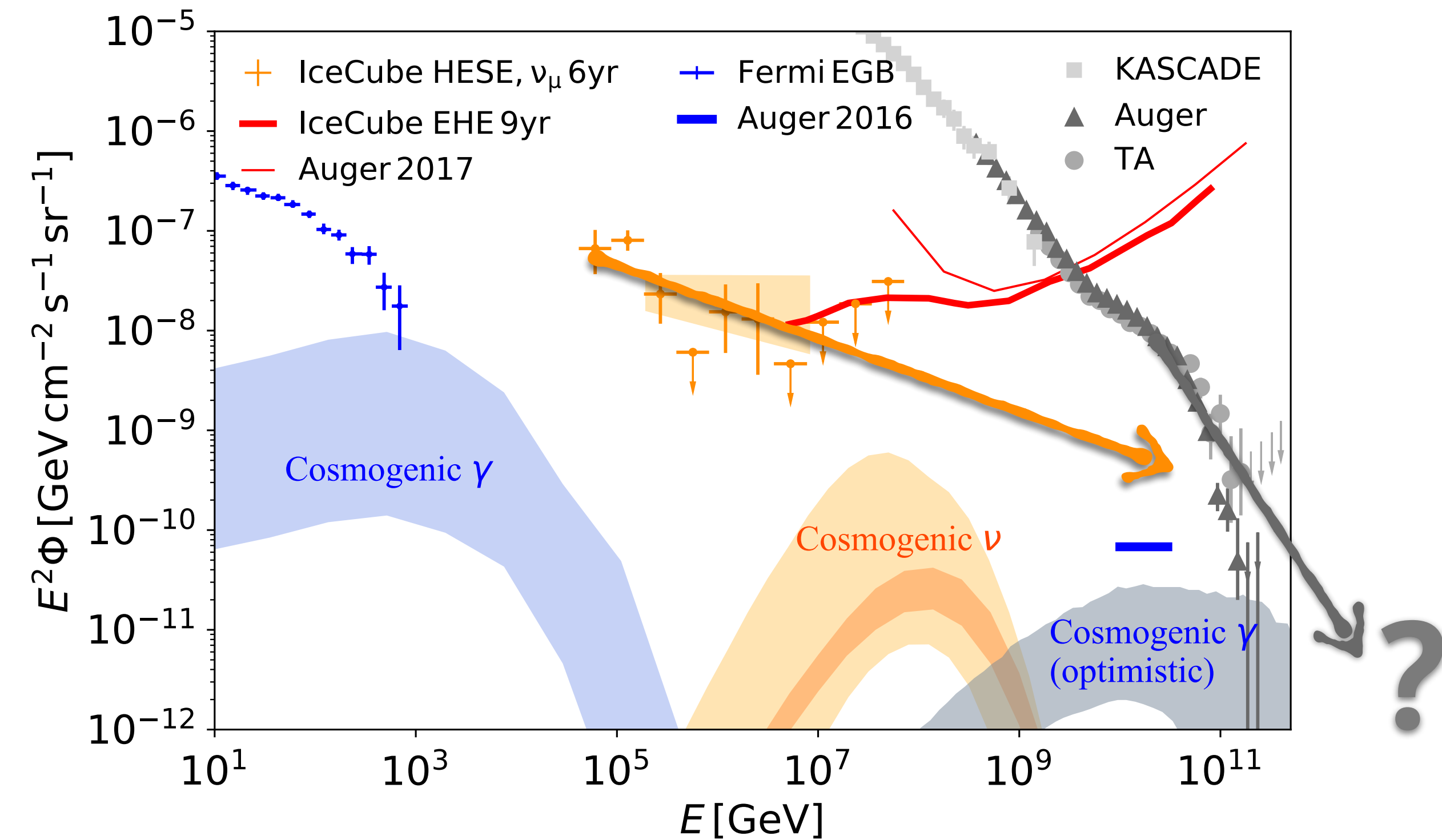
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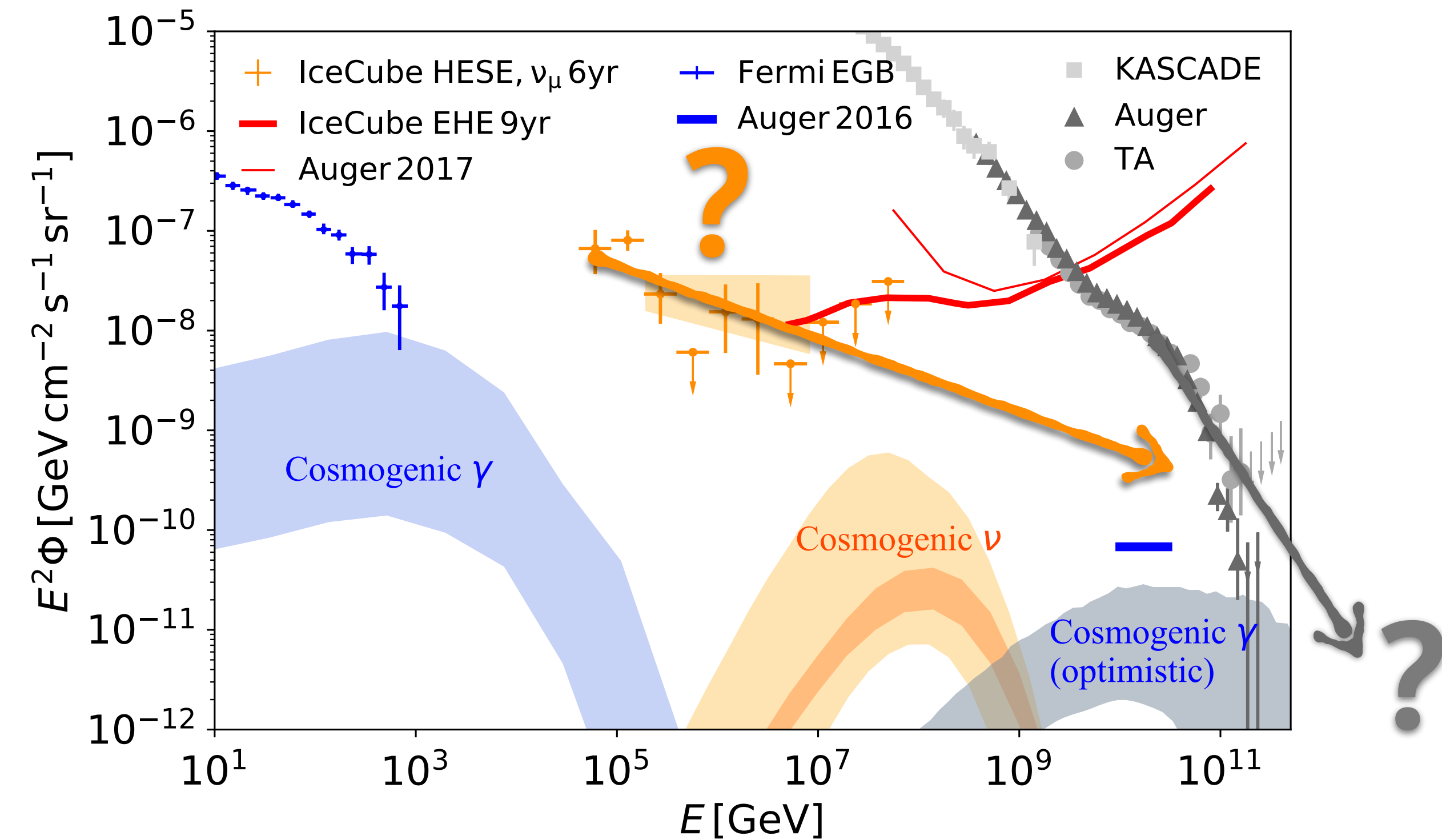
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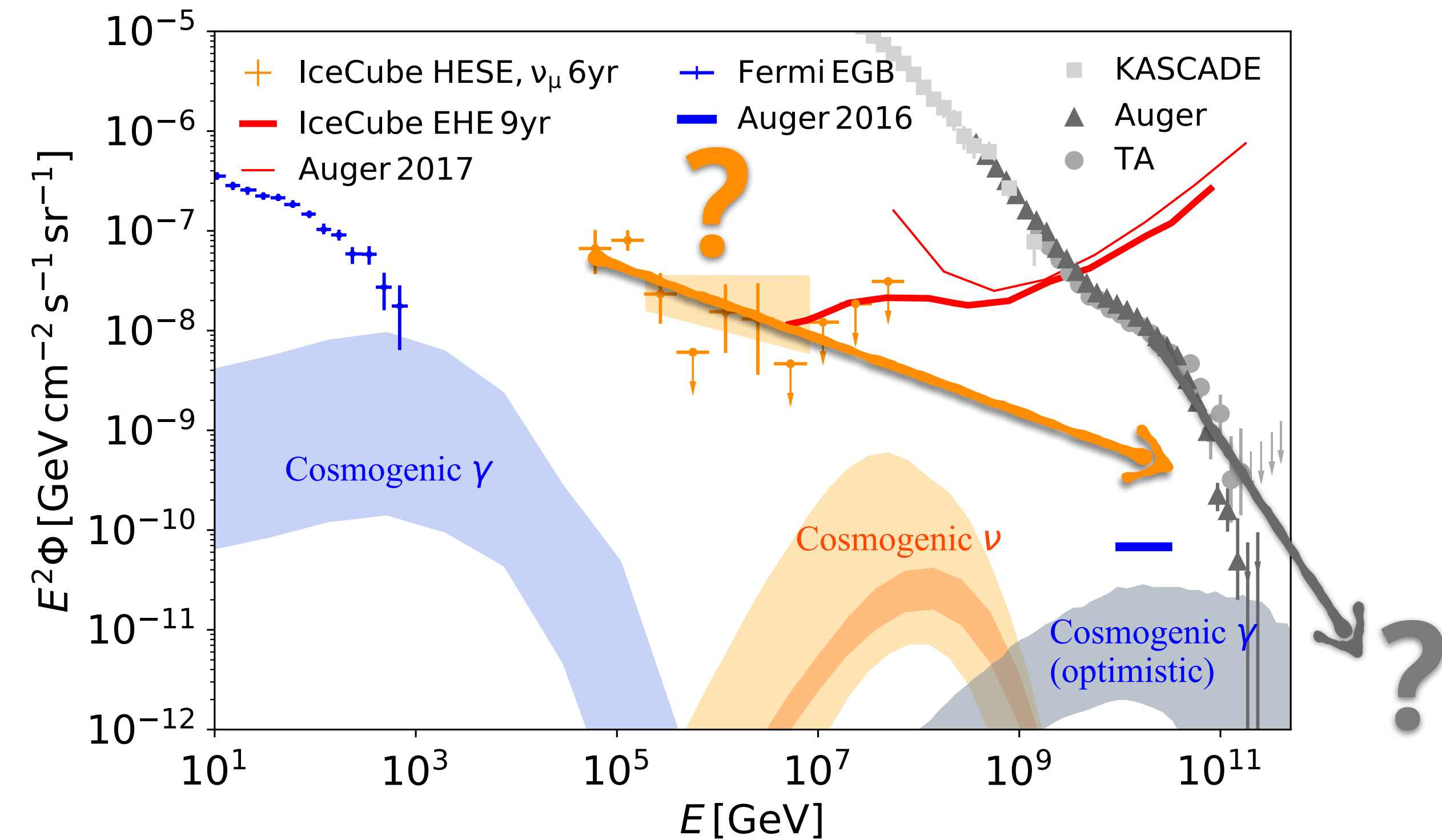
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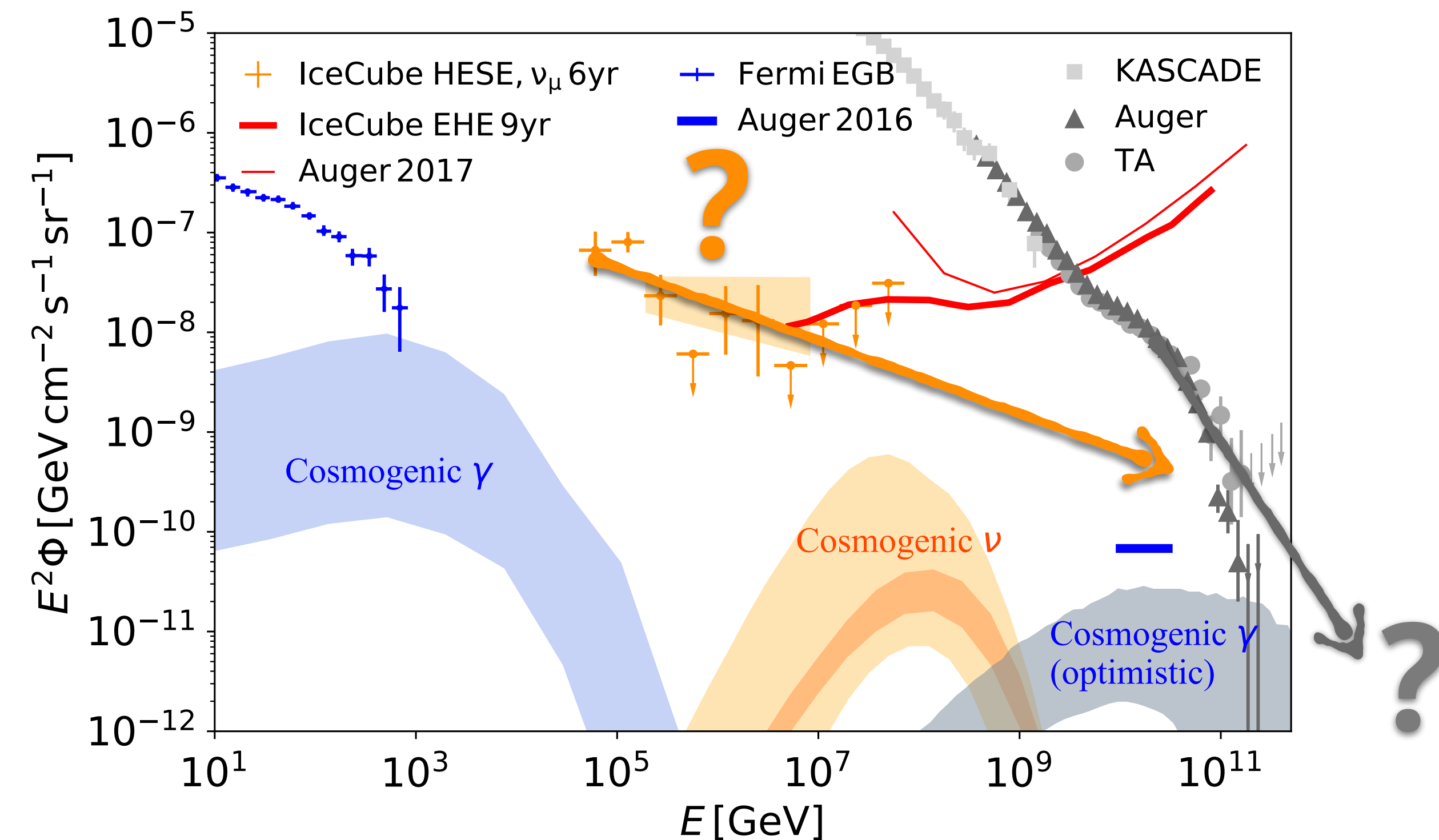
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thank you 😊

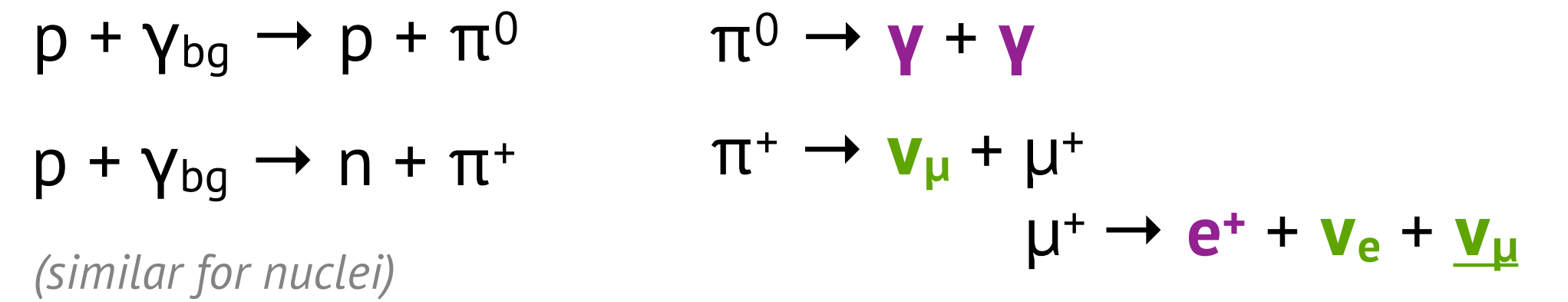


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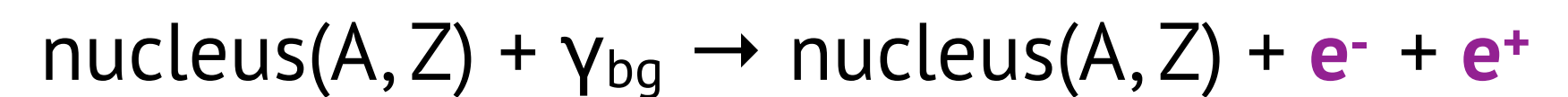
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UHECR propagation: interactions

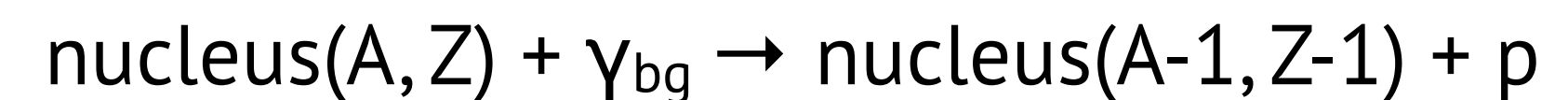
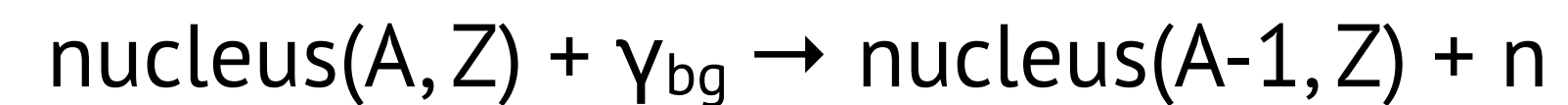
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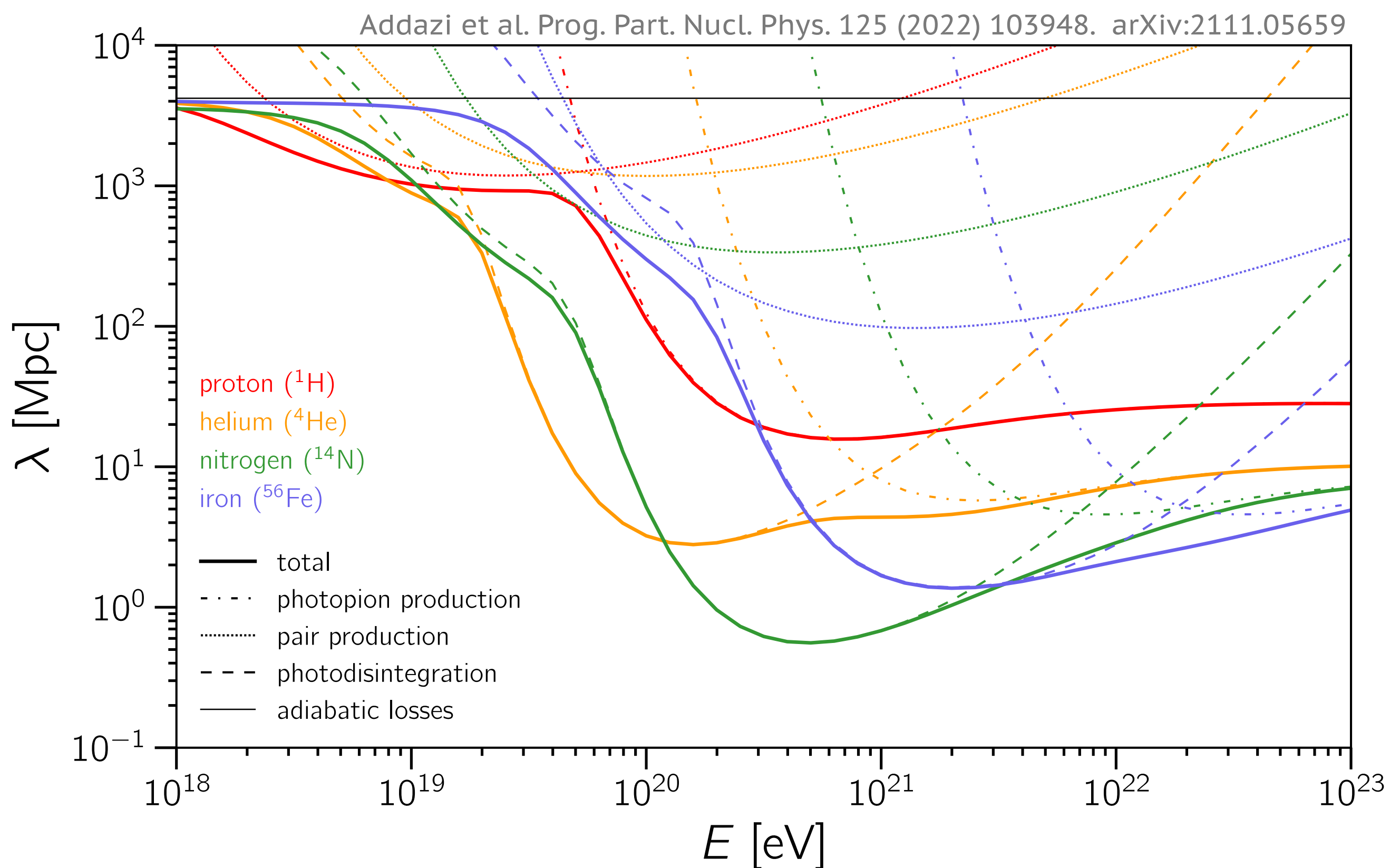
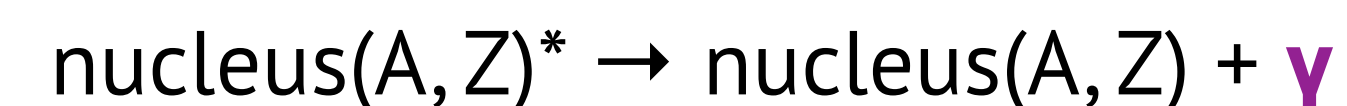


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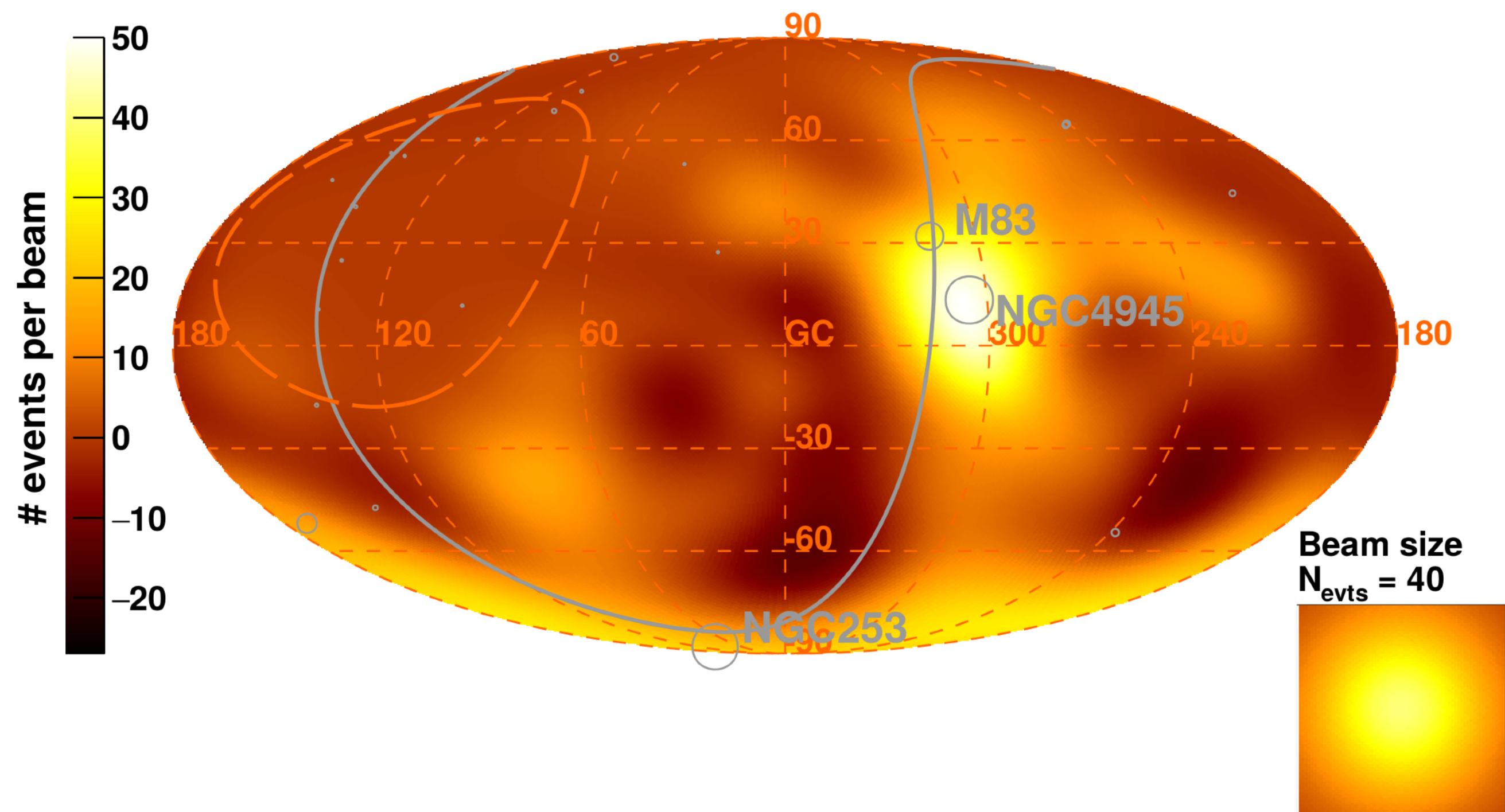
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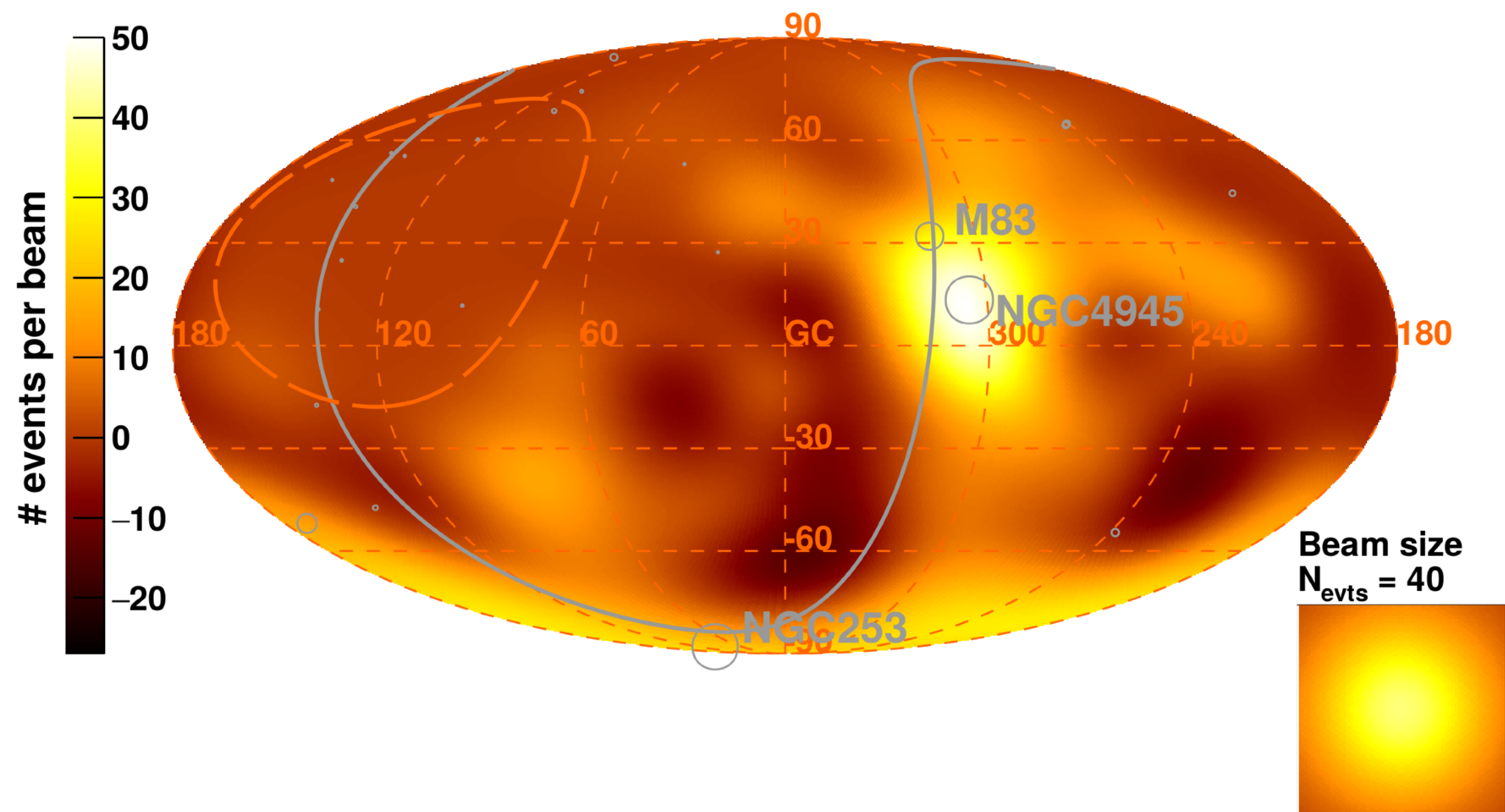
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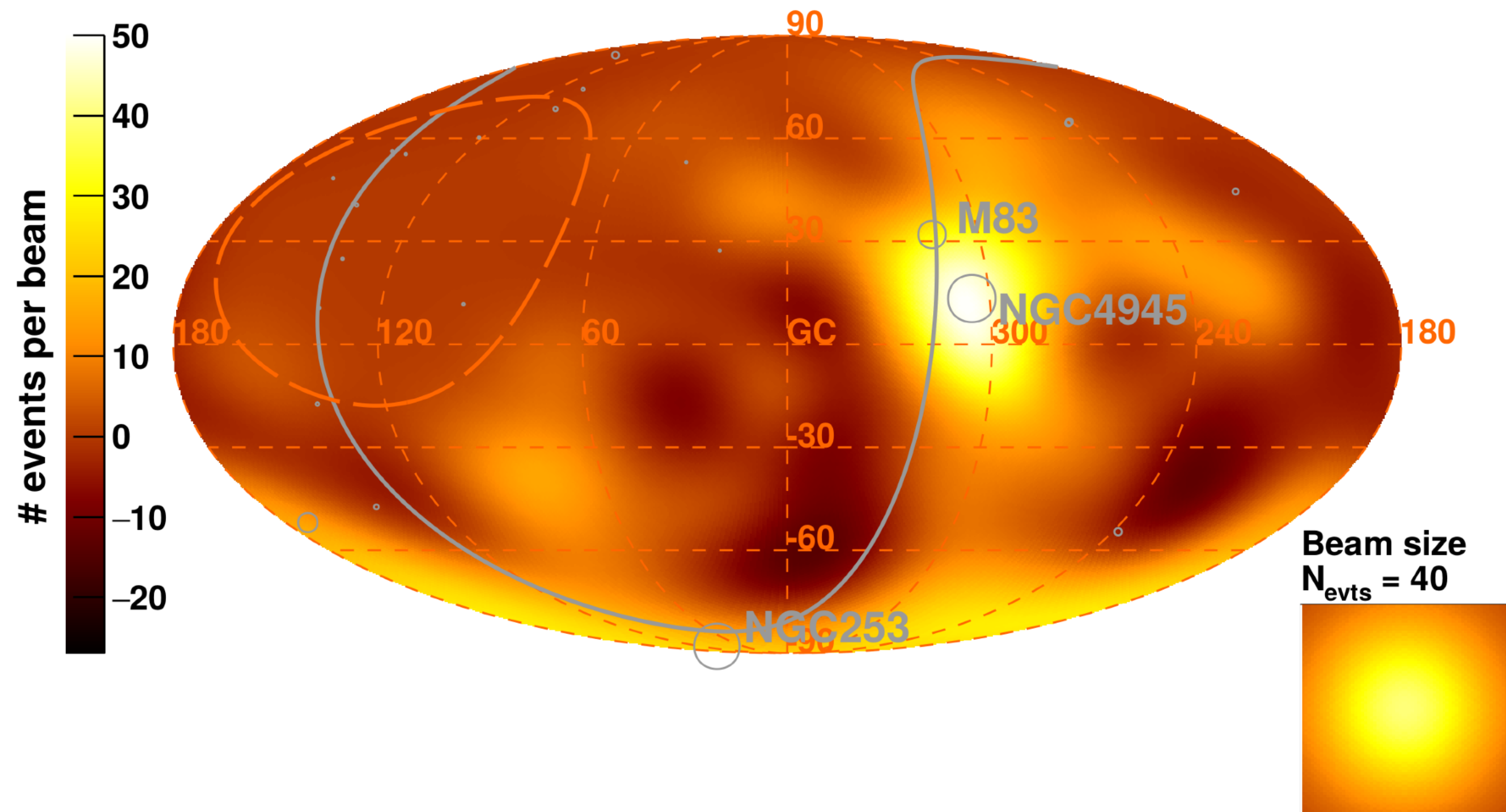


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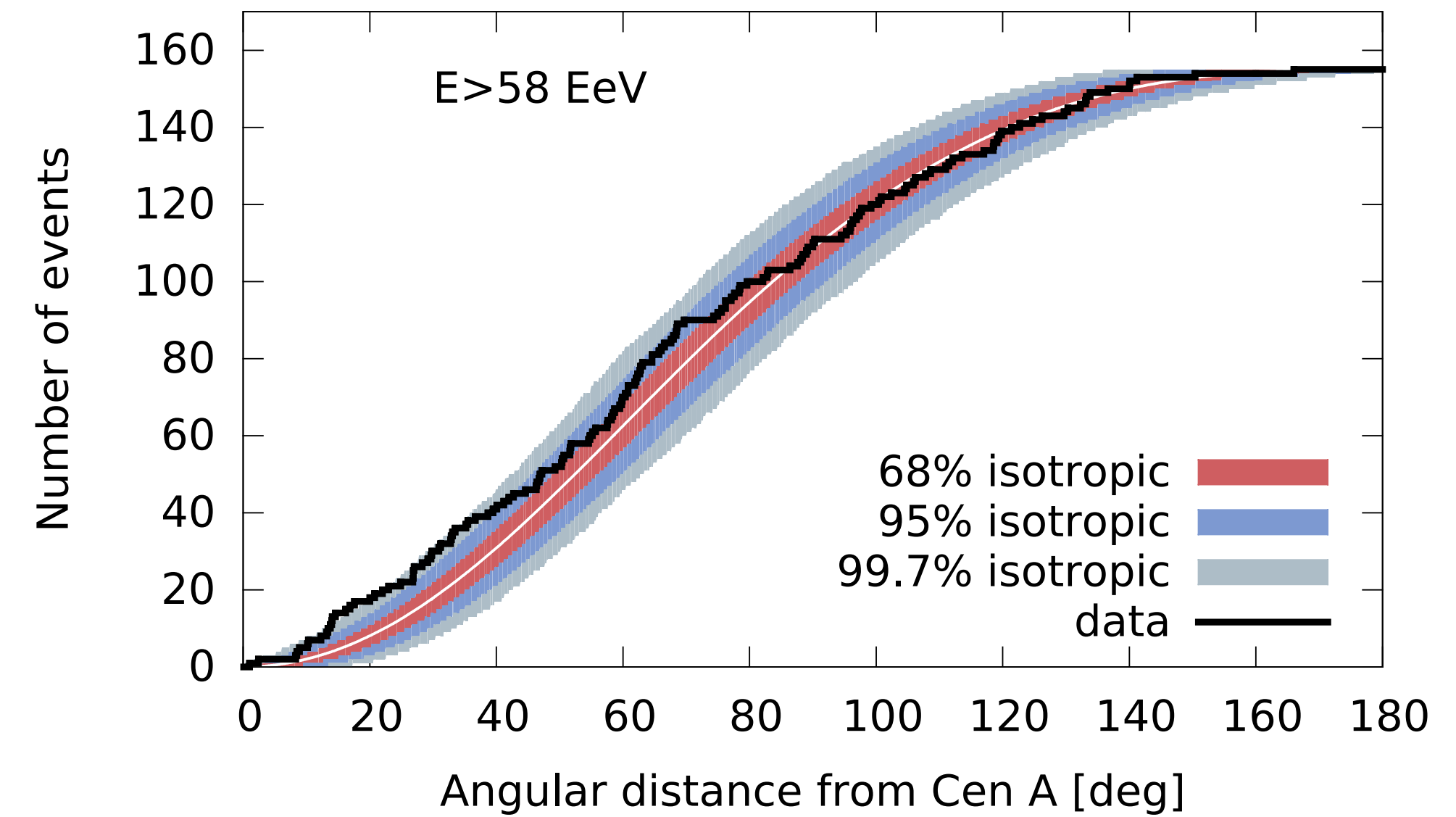
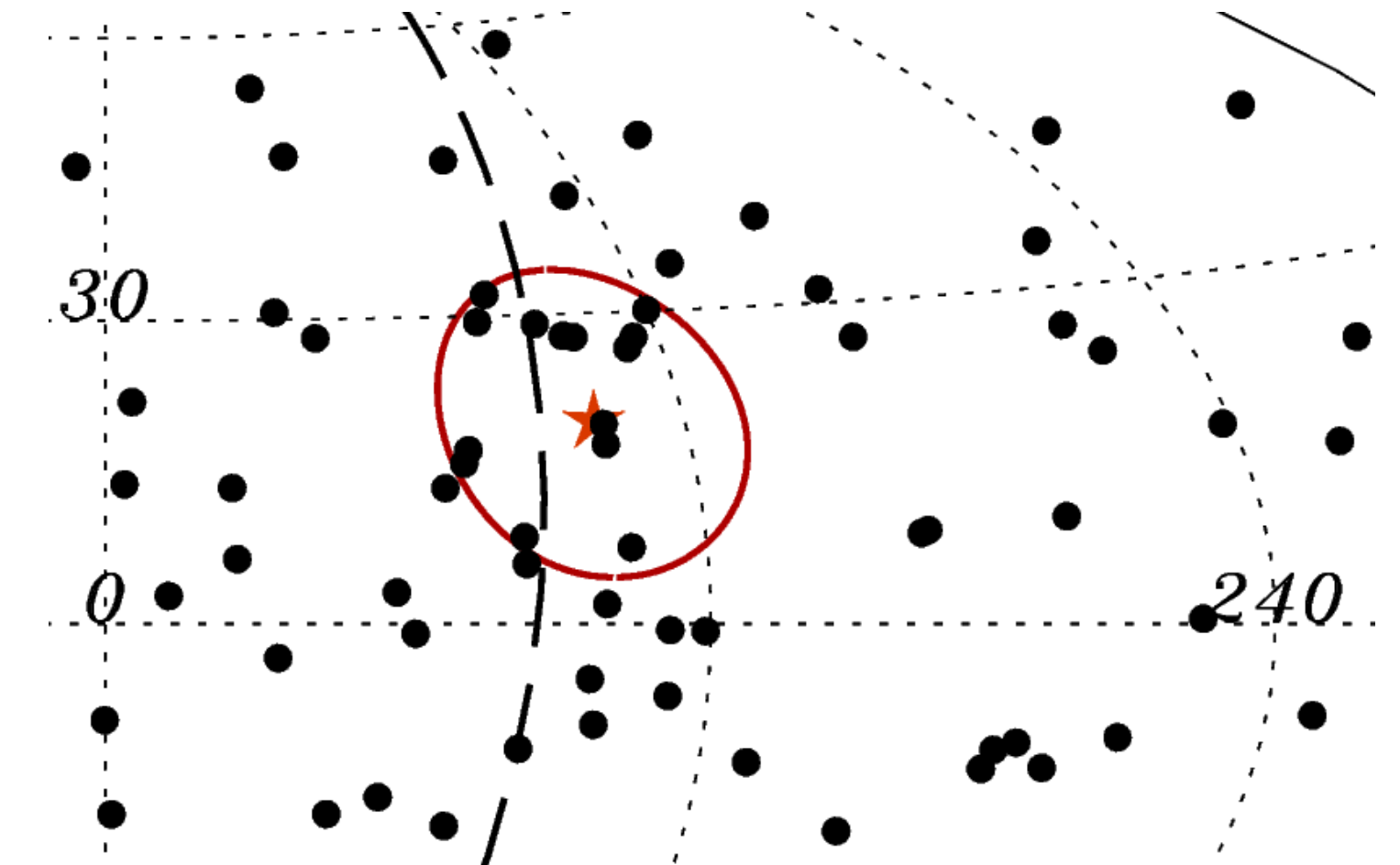
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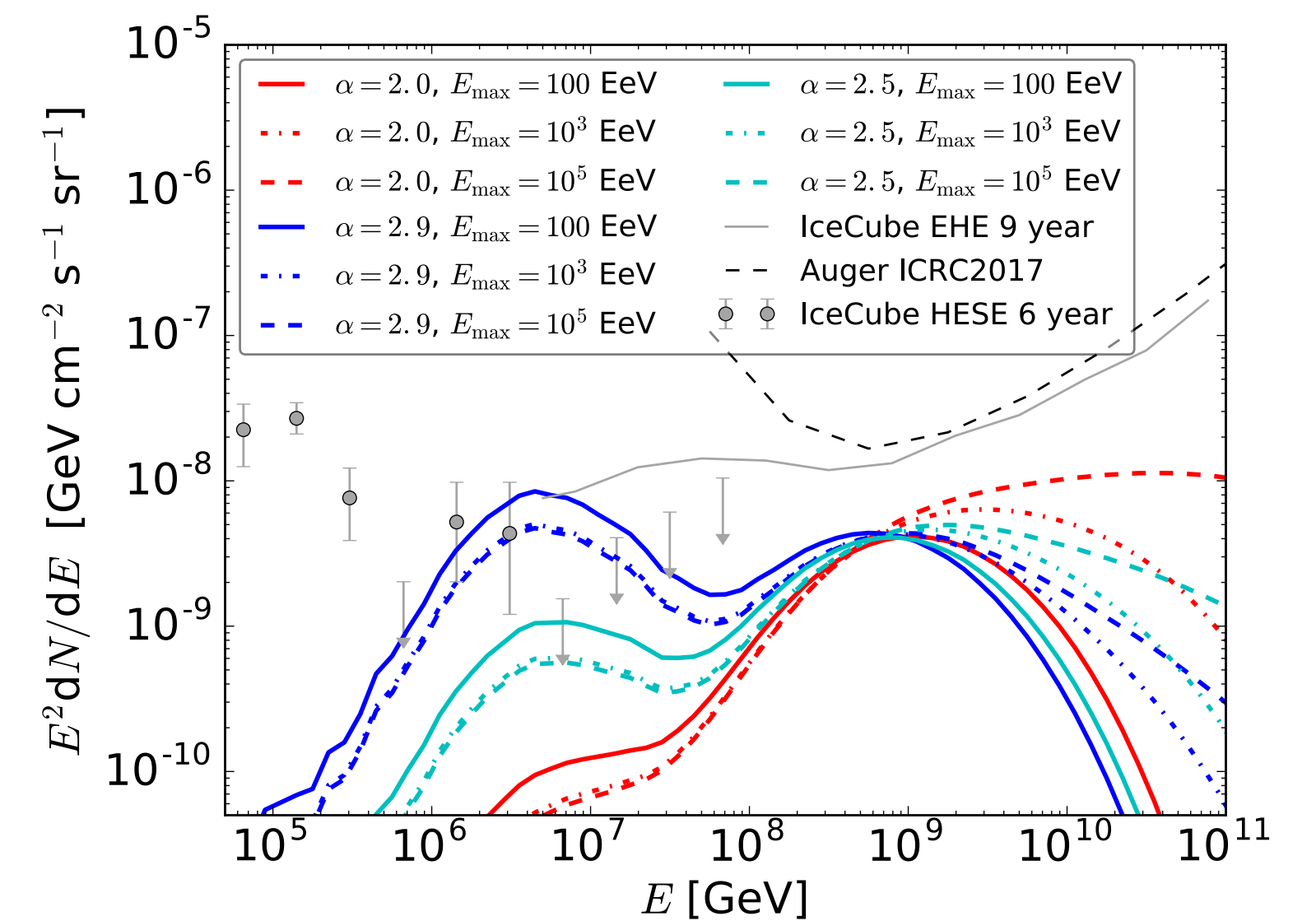
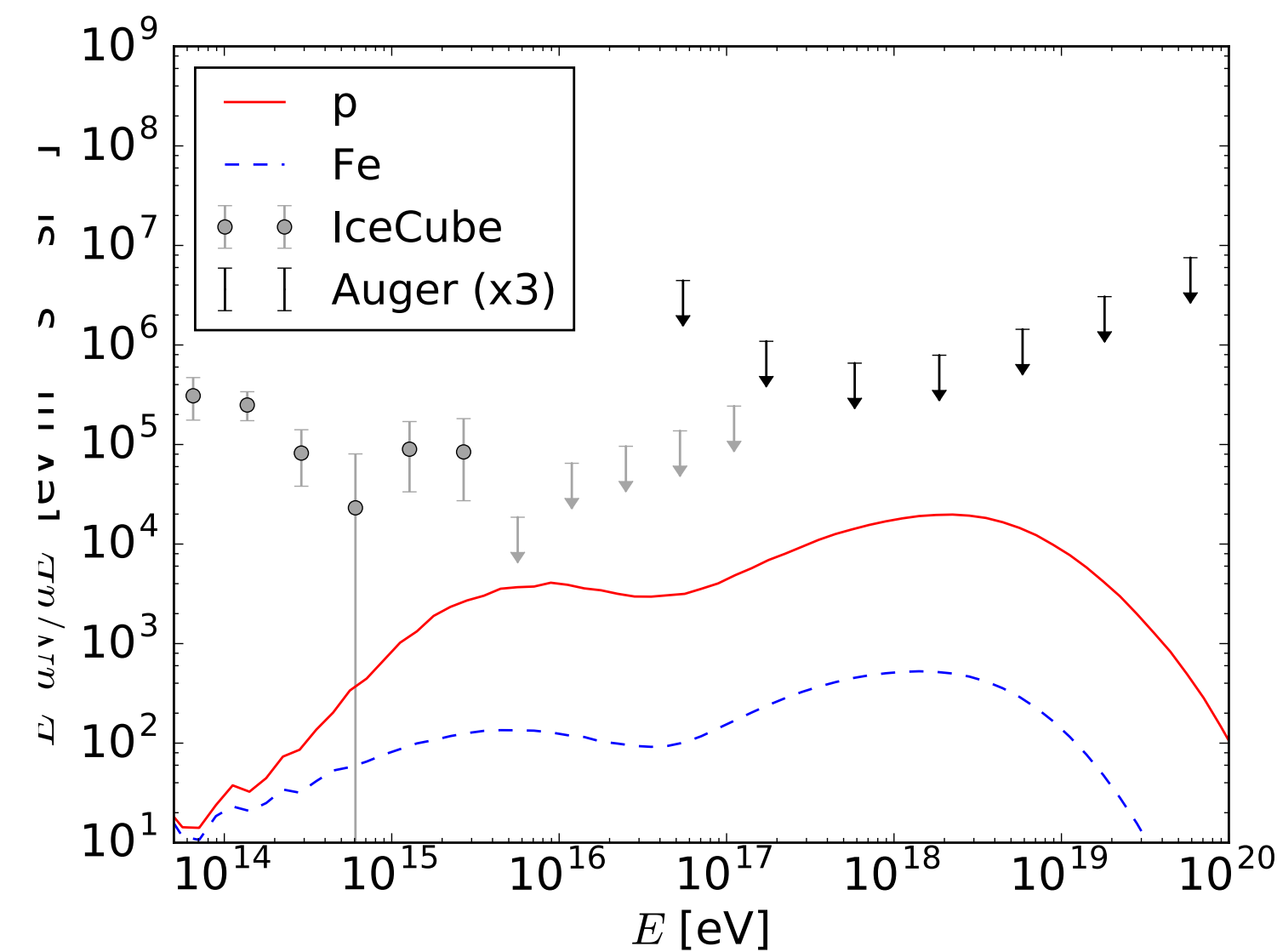
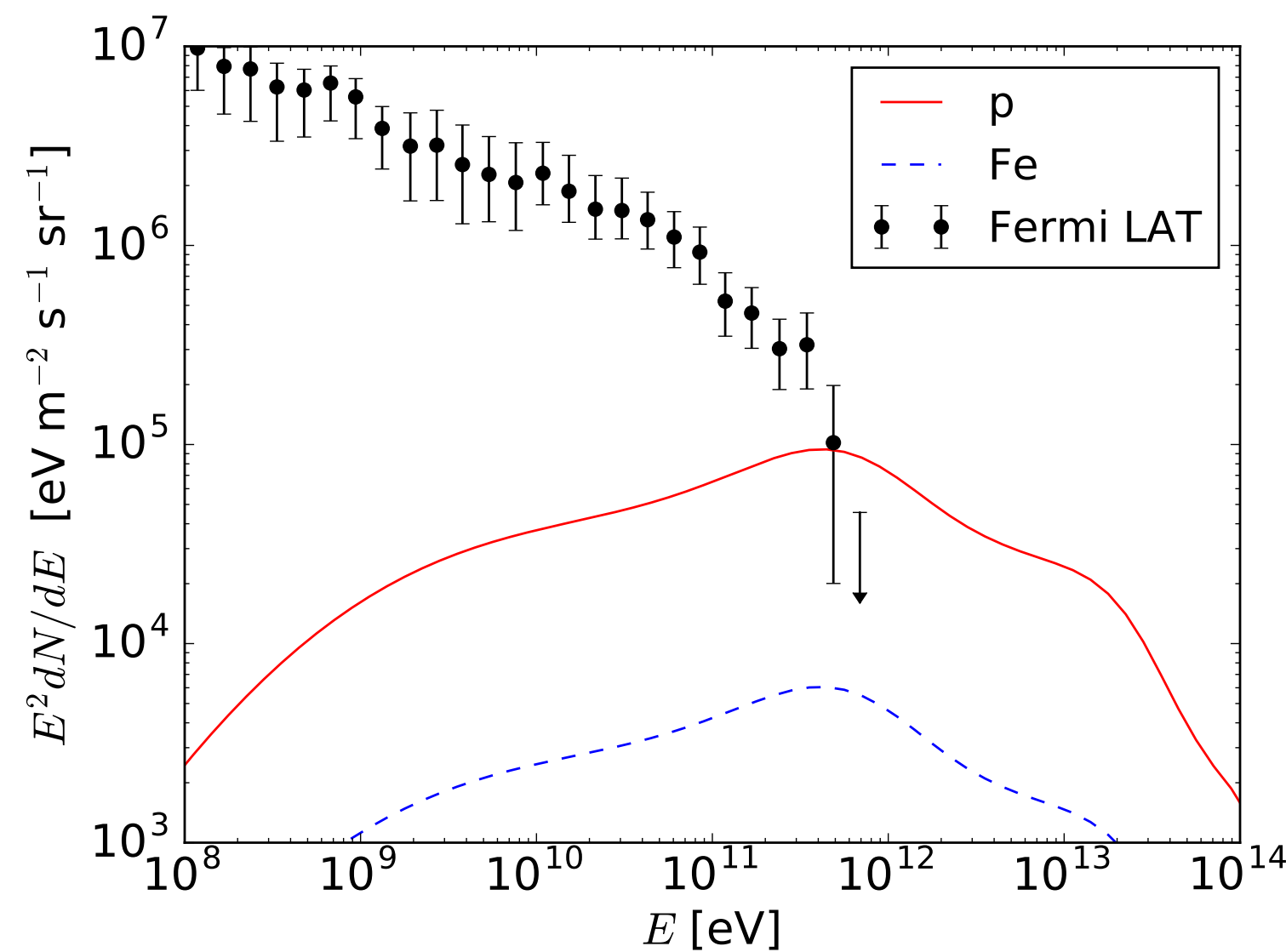


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UHECR composition. cosmogenic neutrinos and photons

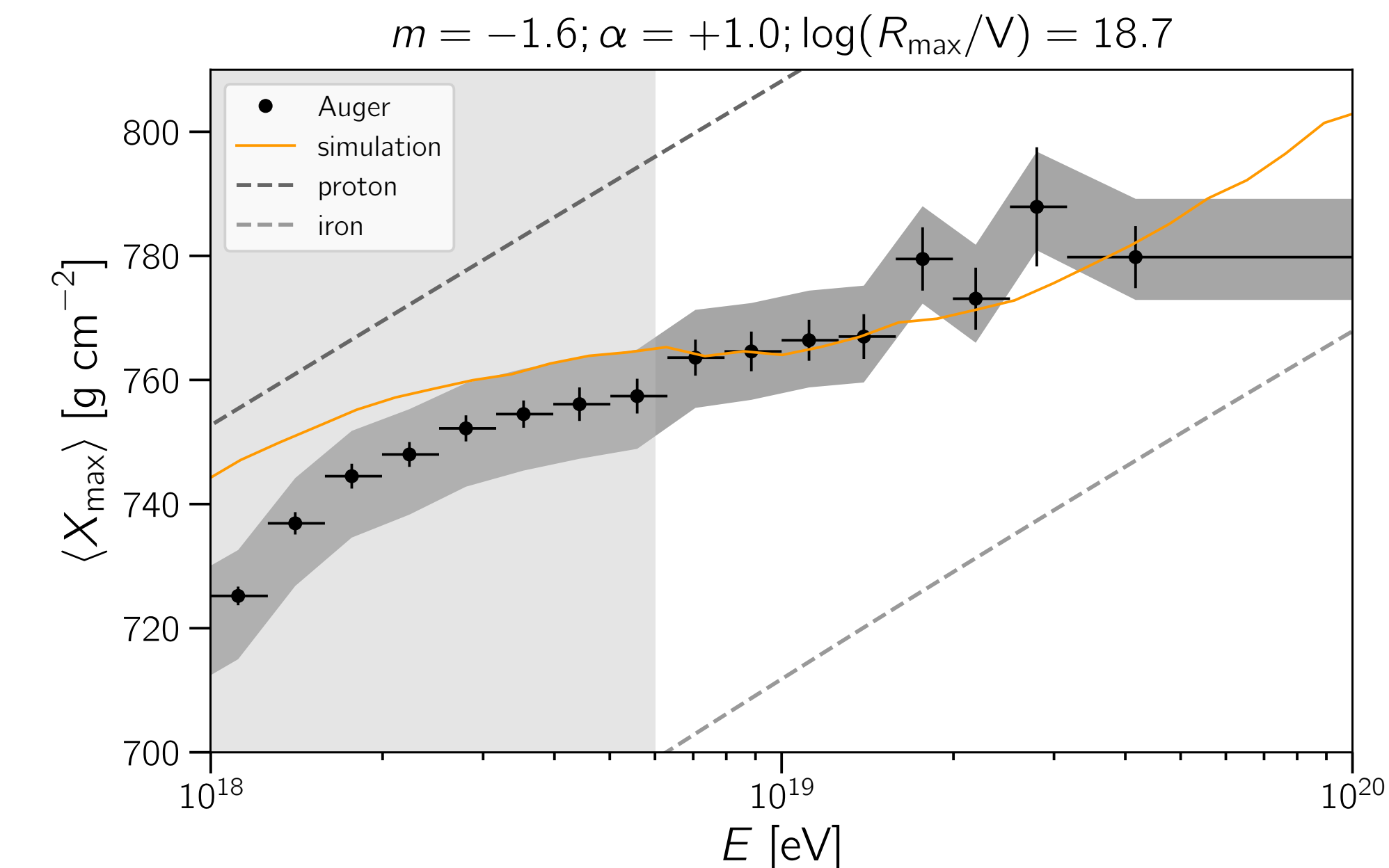
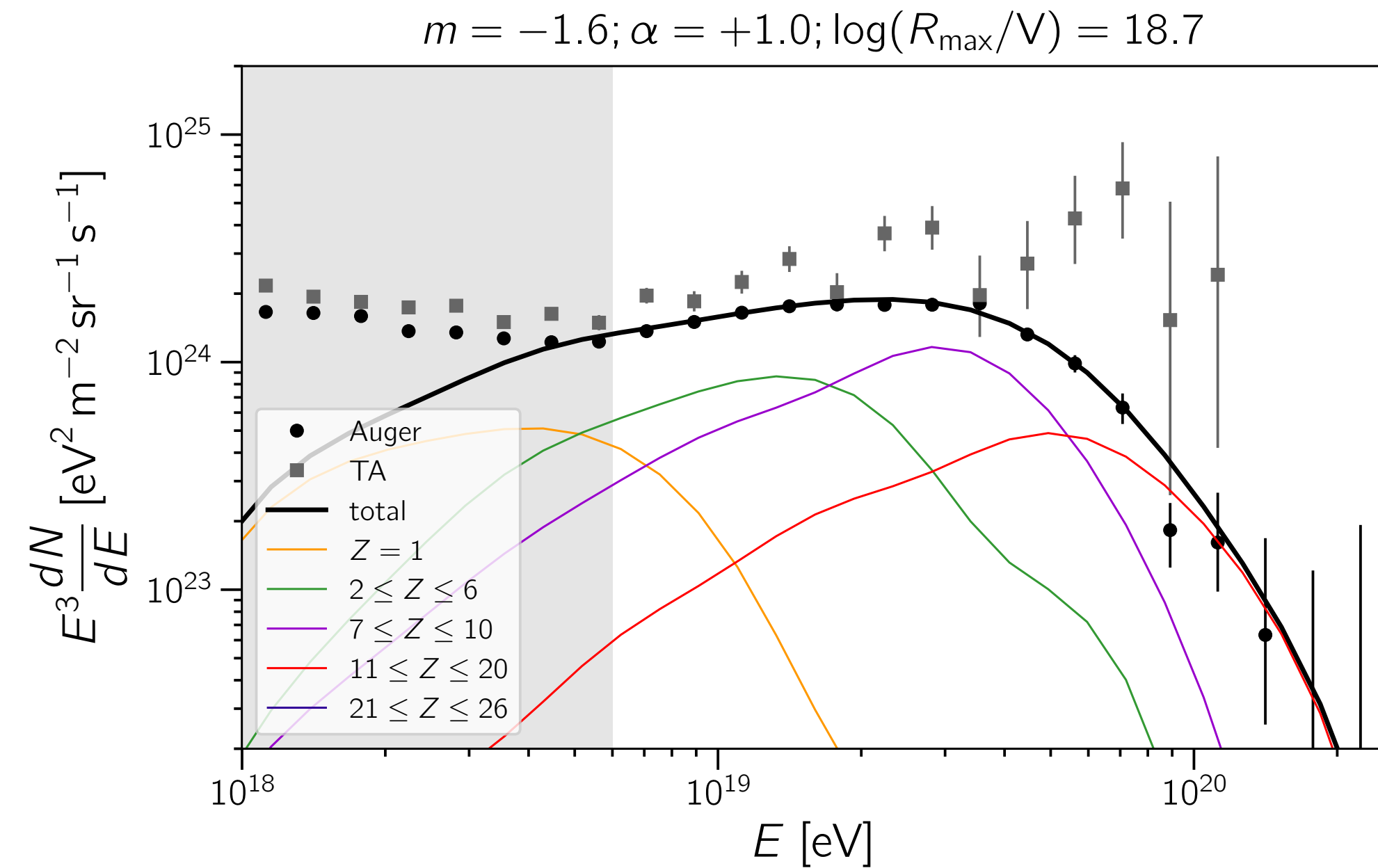
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- ▶ the neutrino fluxes from the fit are understandably low because of the composition
- ▶ UHE protons tend to produce more secondaries than UHE nuclei
- ▶ the higher the fraction of protons at UHE, the higher the flux of cosmogenic neutrinos
- ▶ cosmogenic fluxes can be used to constrain the fraction of protons at UHE



fitting the UHECR observations

Alves Batista, de Almeida, Lago, Kotera. JCAP 01 (2019) 002. arXiv:1806.10879



- ▶ **goal:** for a family of source models, find the best match to the measurements
- ▶ **assumptions**
 - ◆ emission: power-law with rigidity-dependent exponential cut-off
 - ◆ five nuclear species (H, He, N, Si, Fe)
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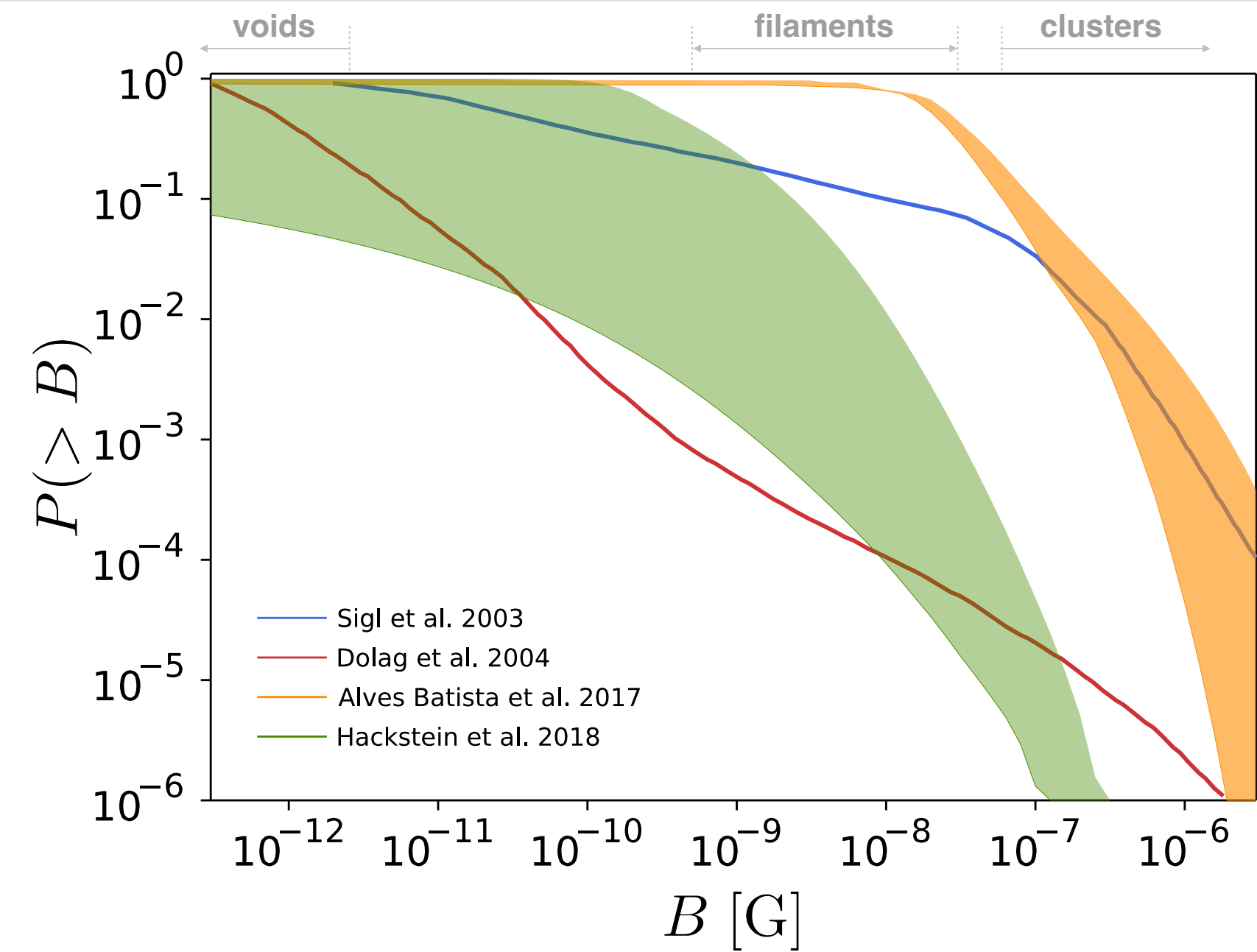
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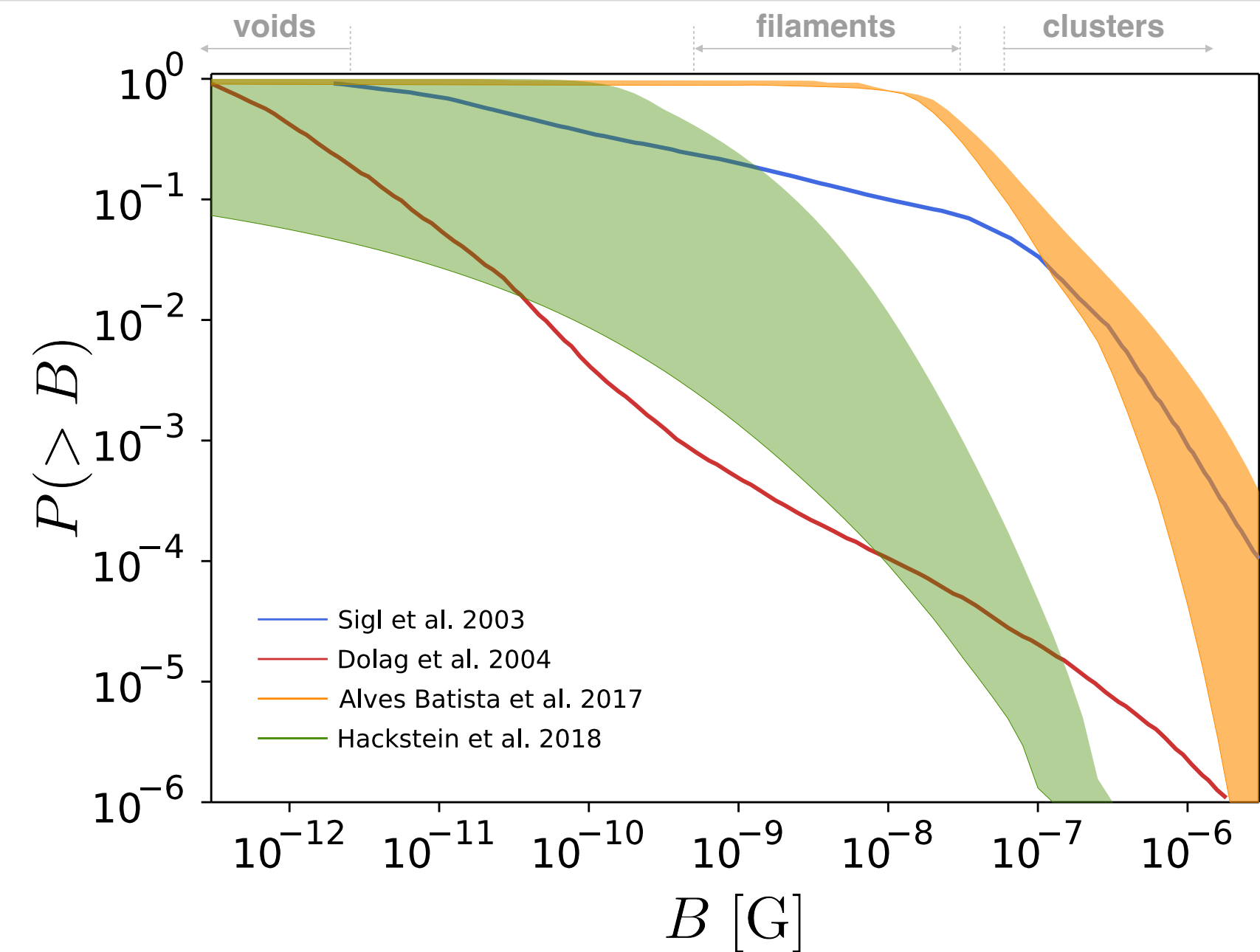
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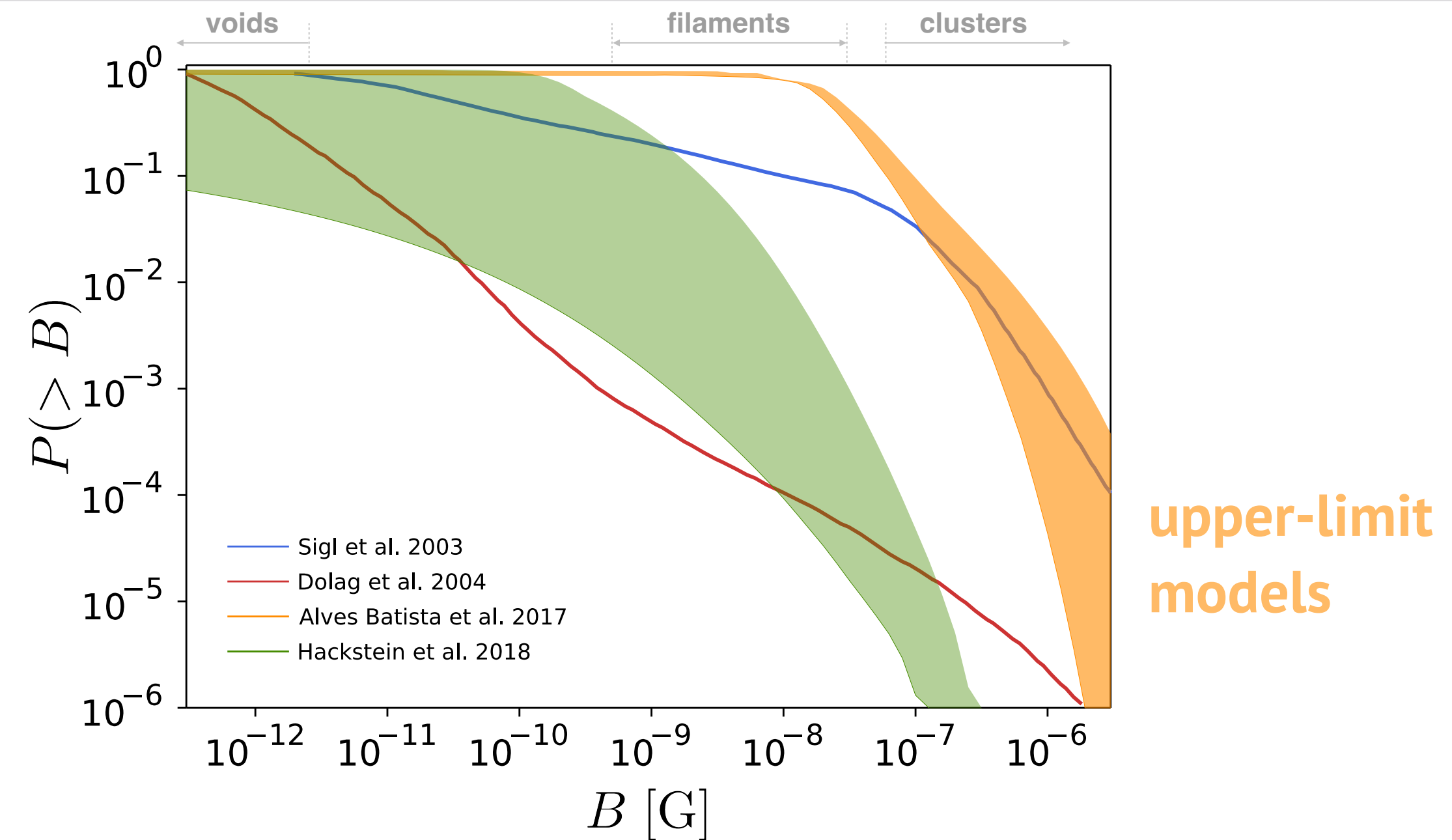
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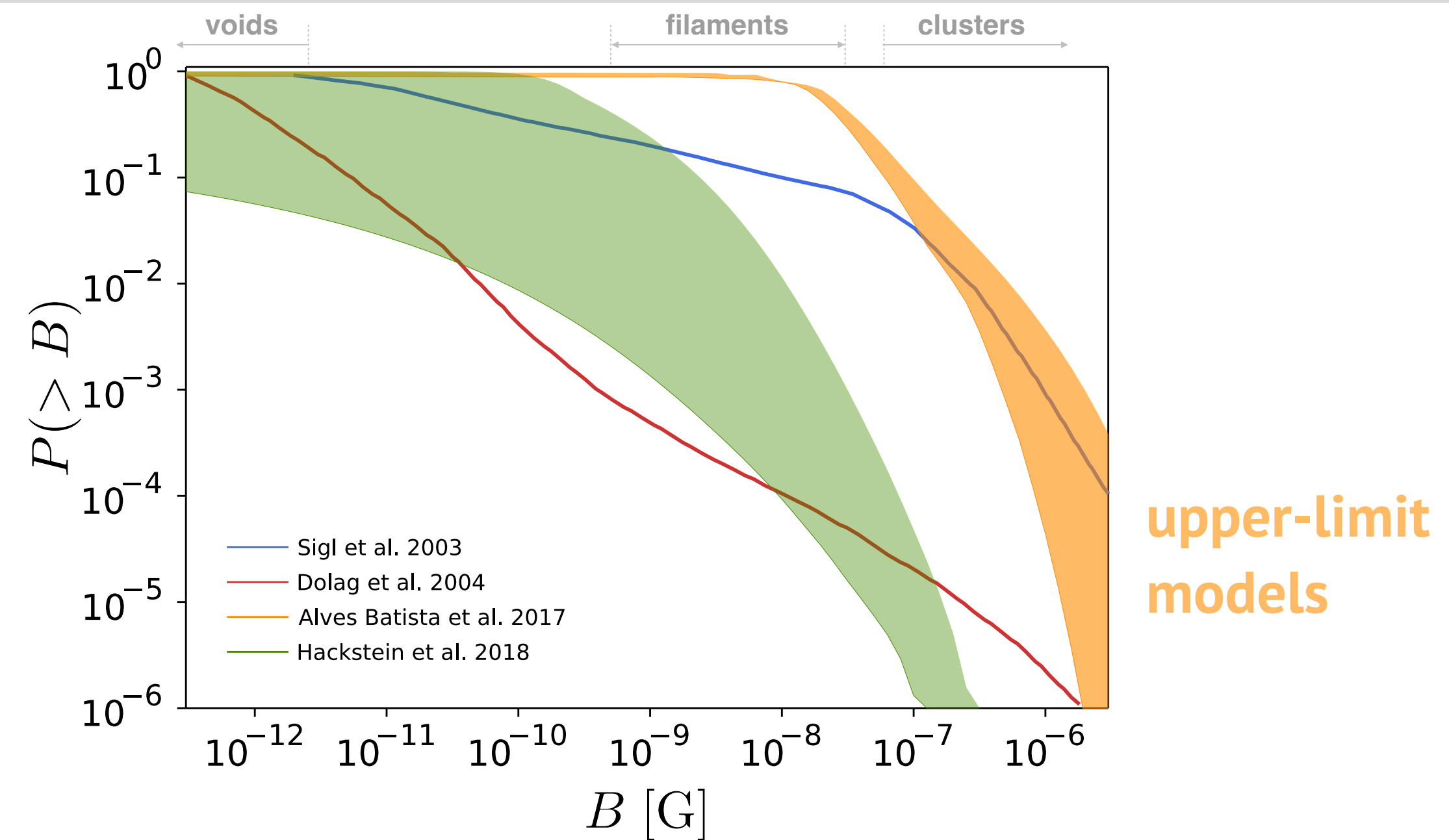
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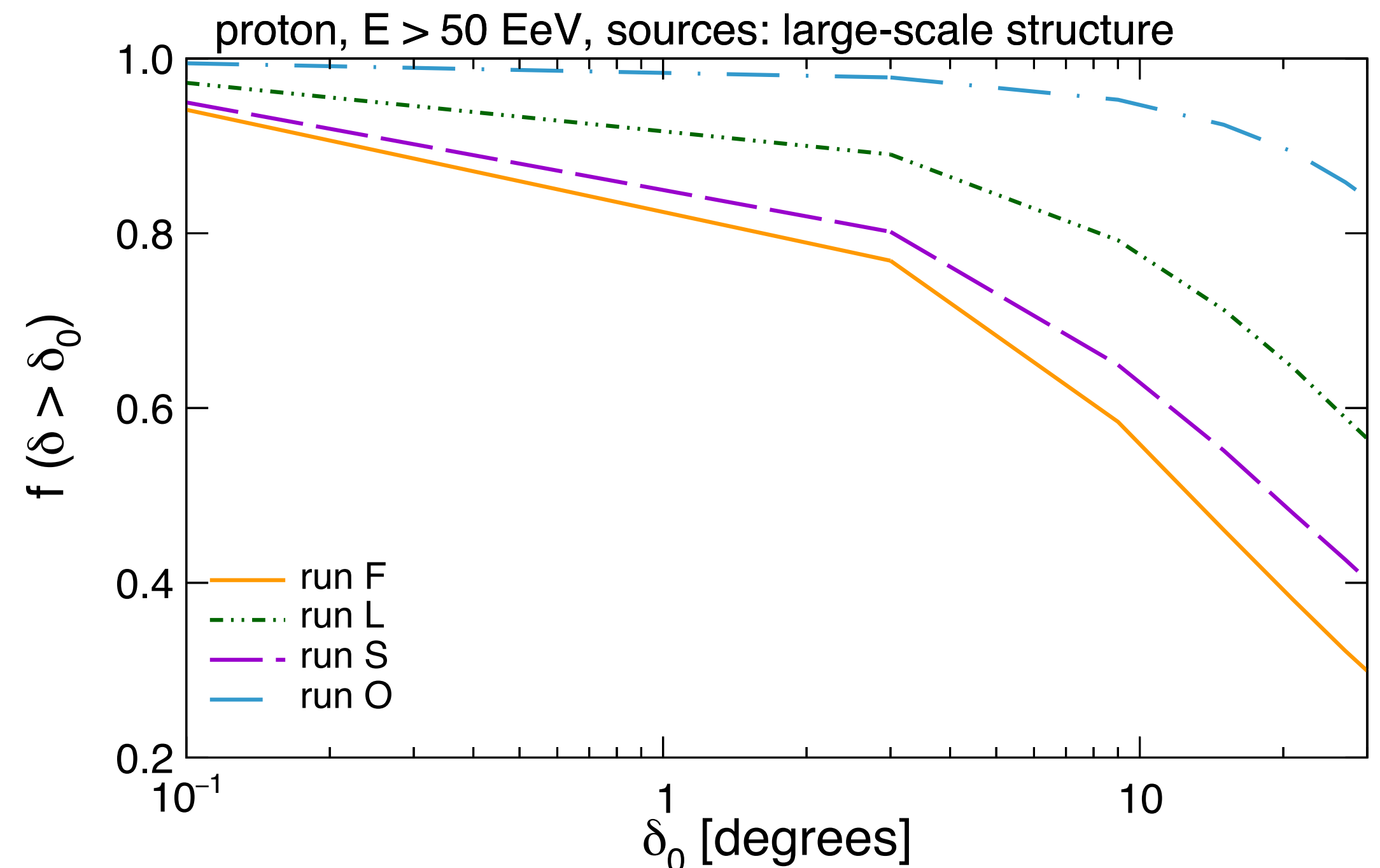
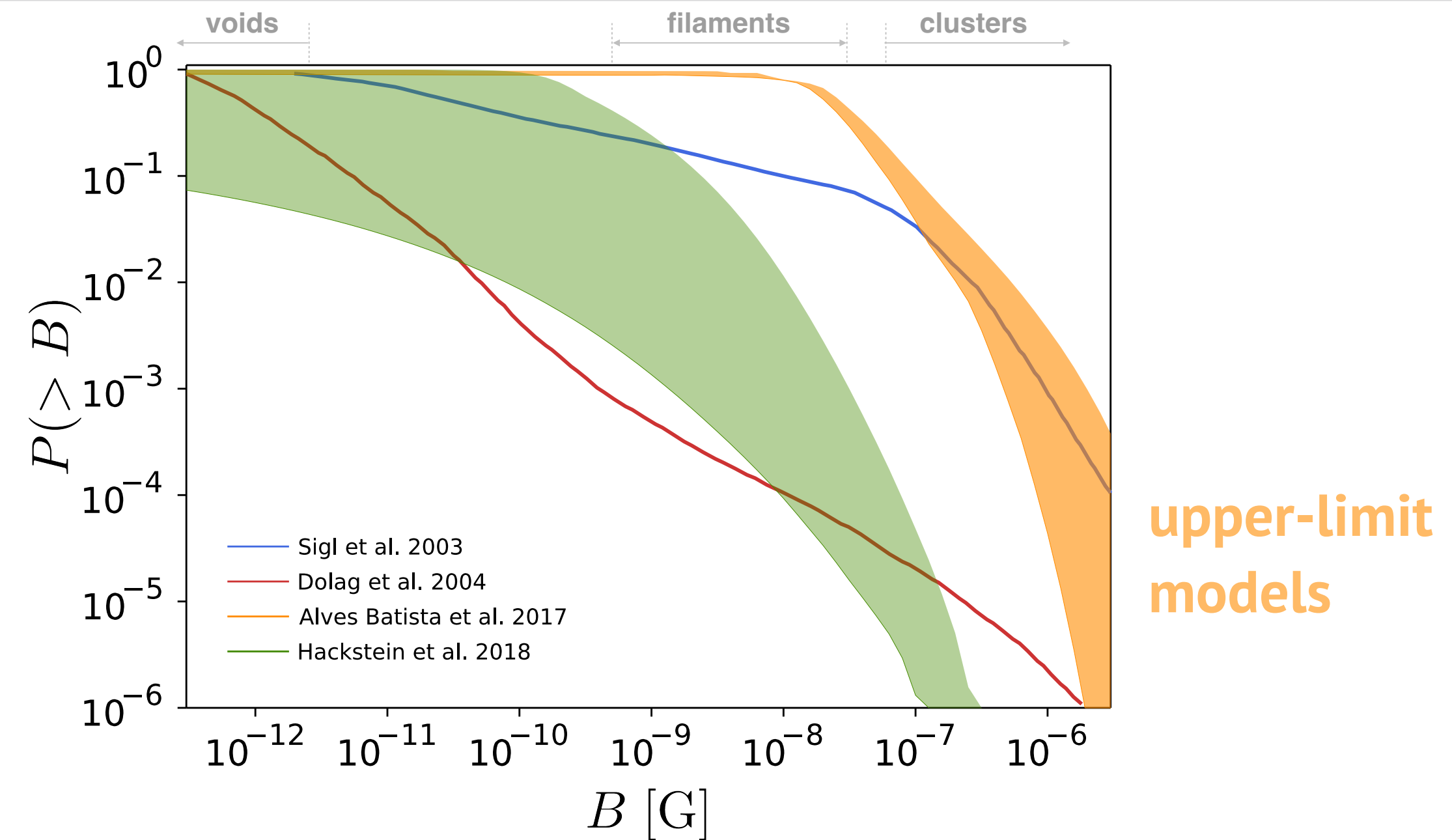
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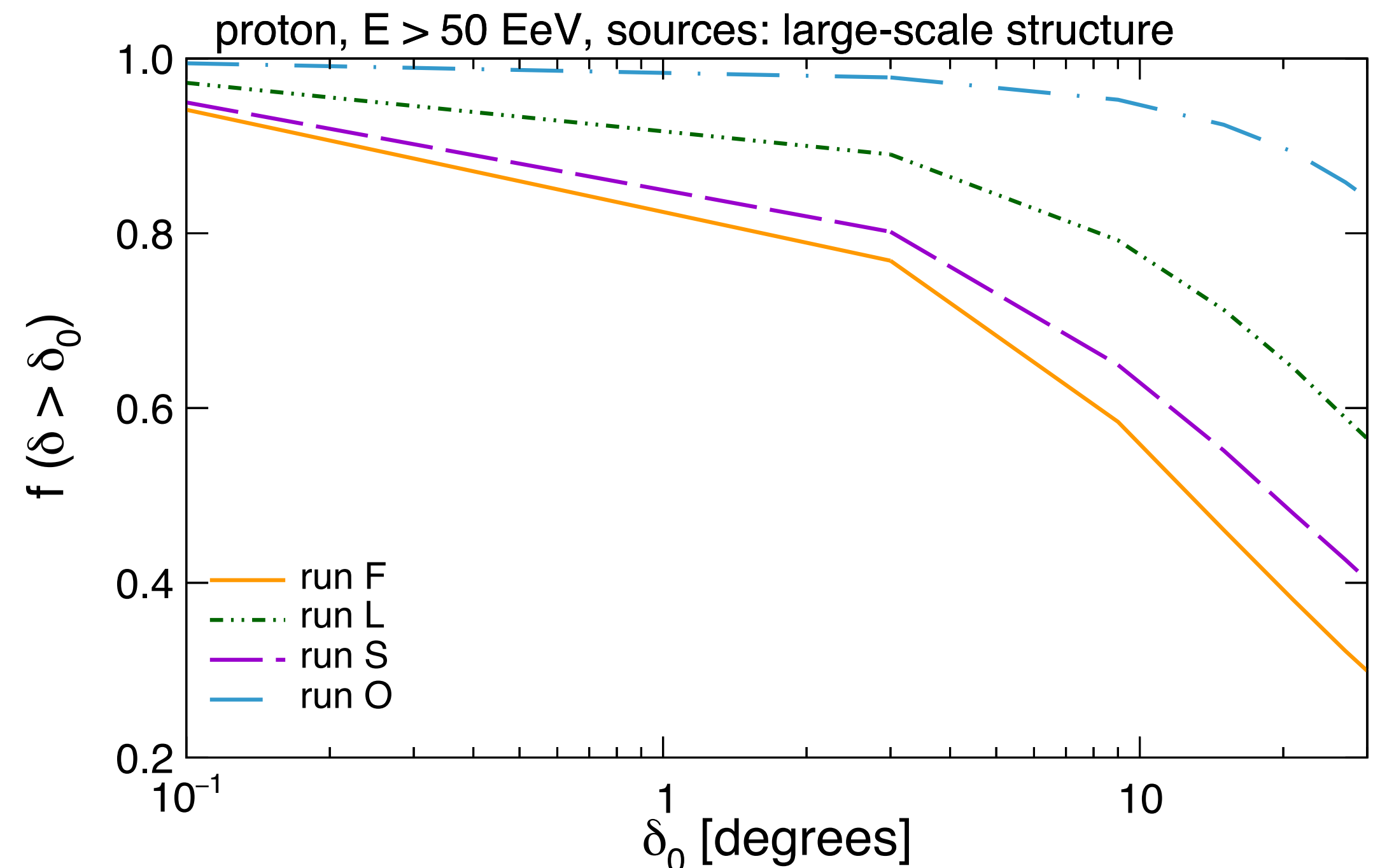
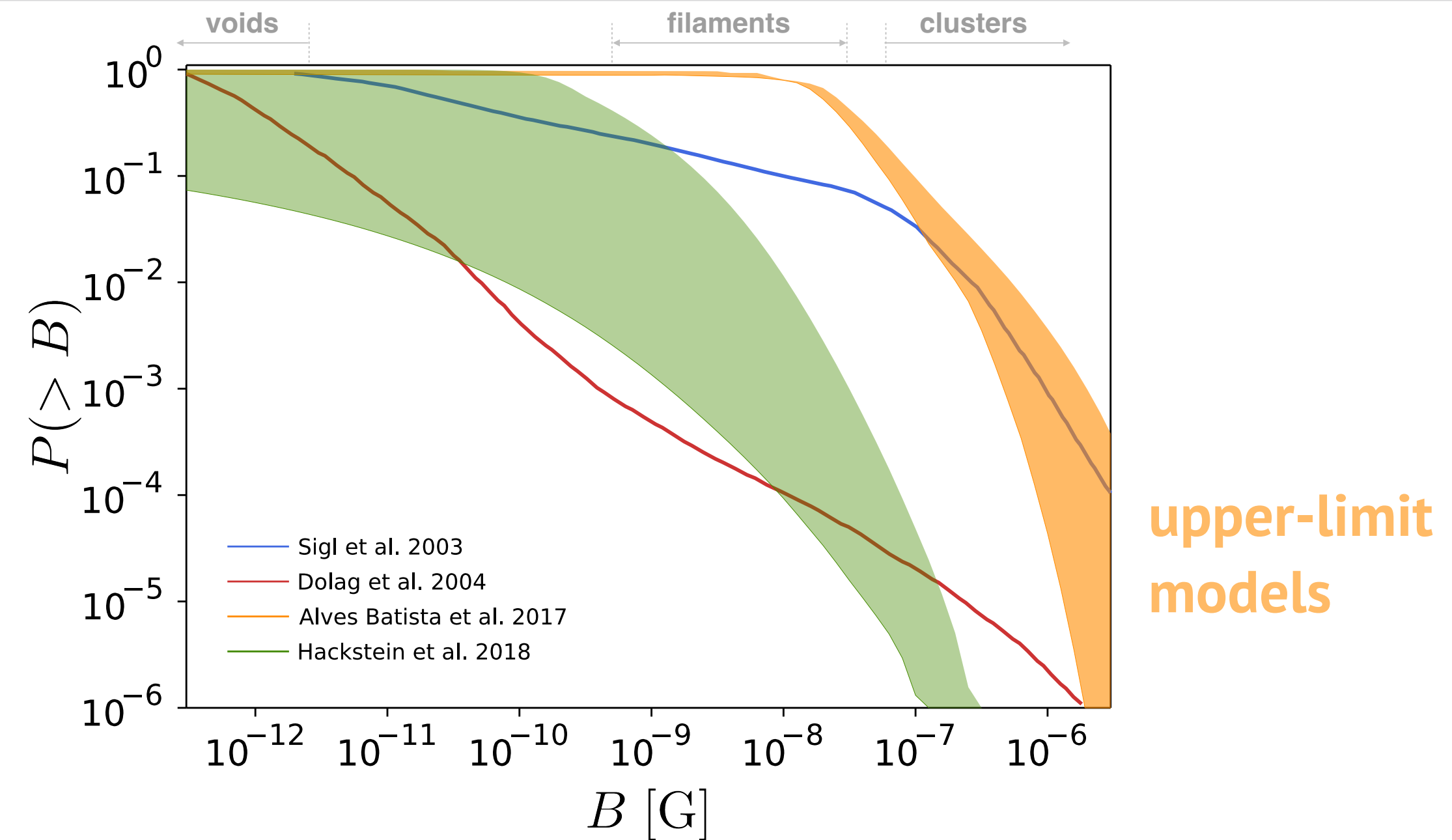
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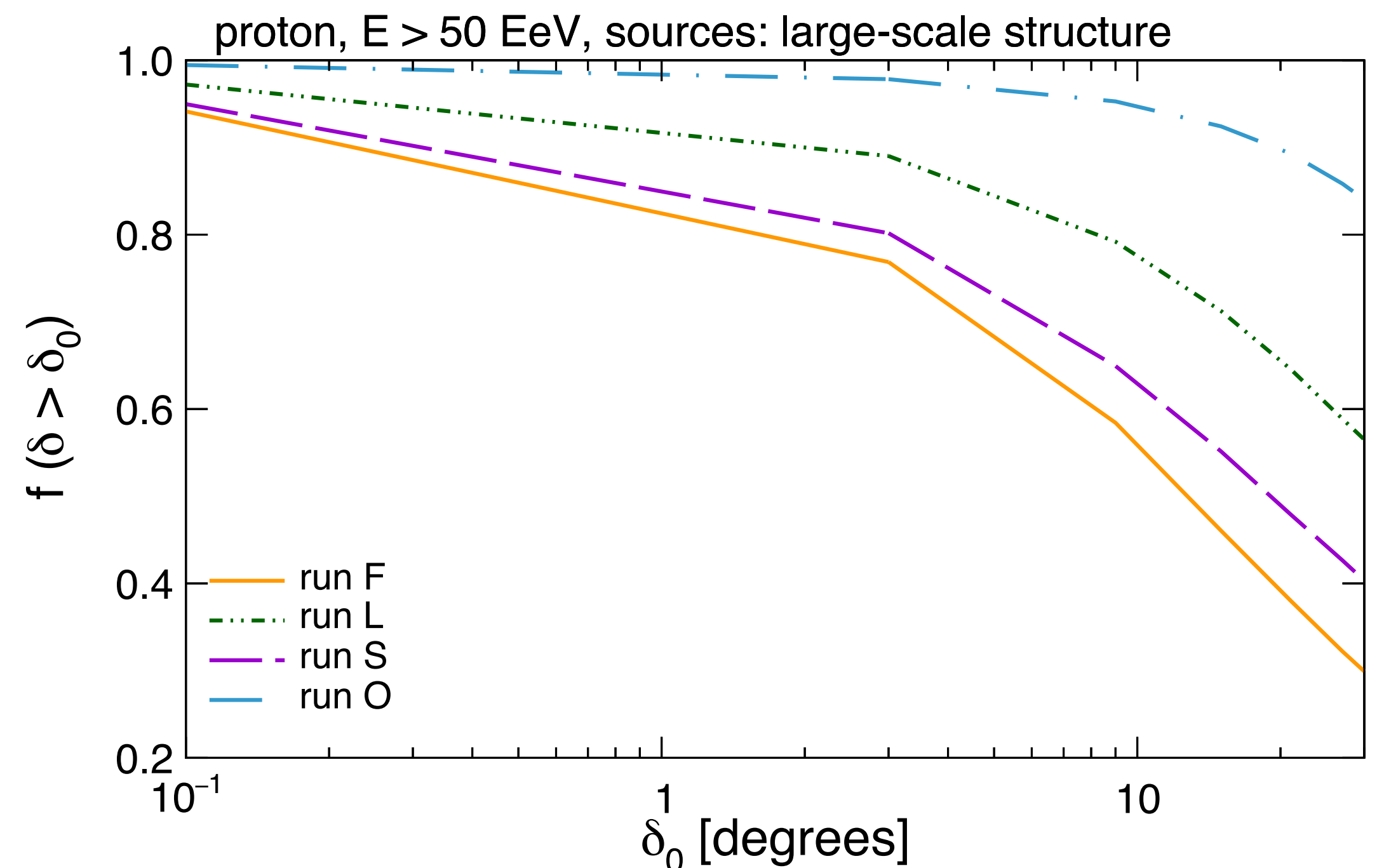
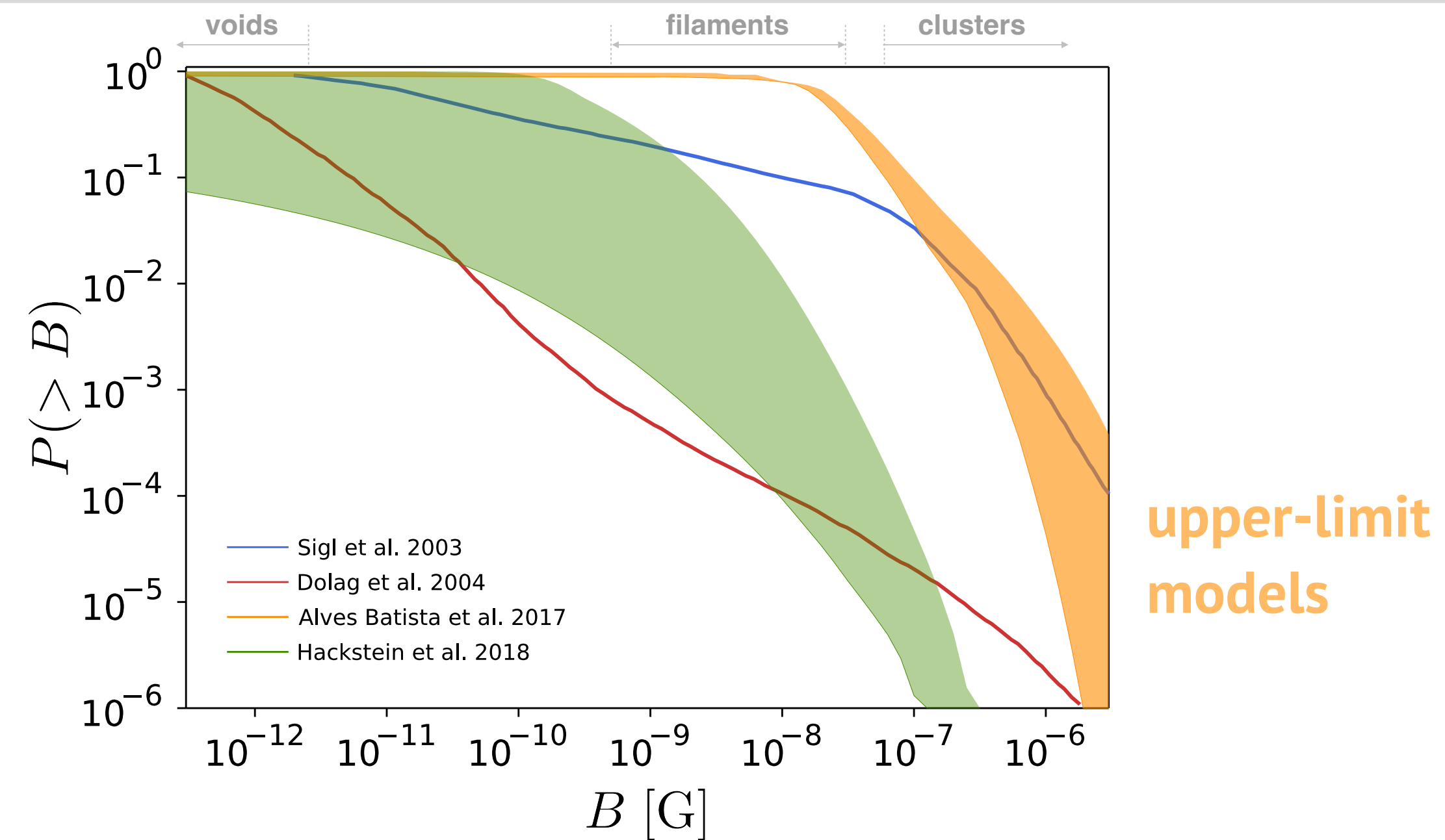
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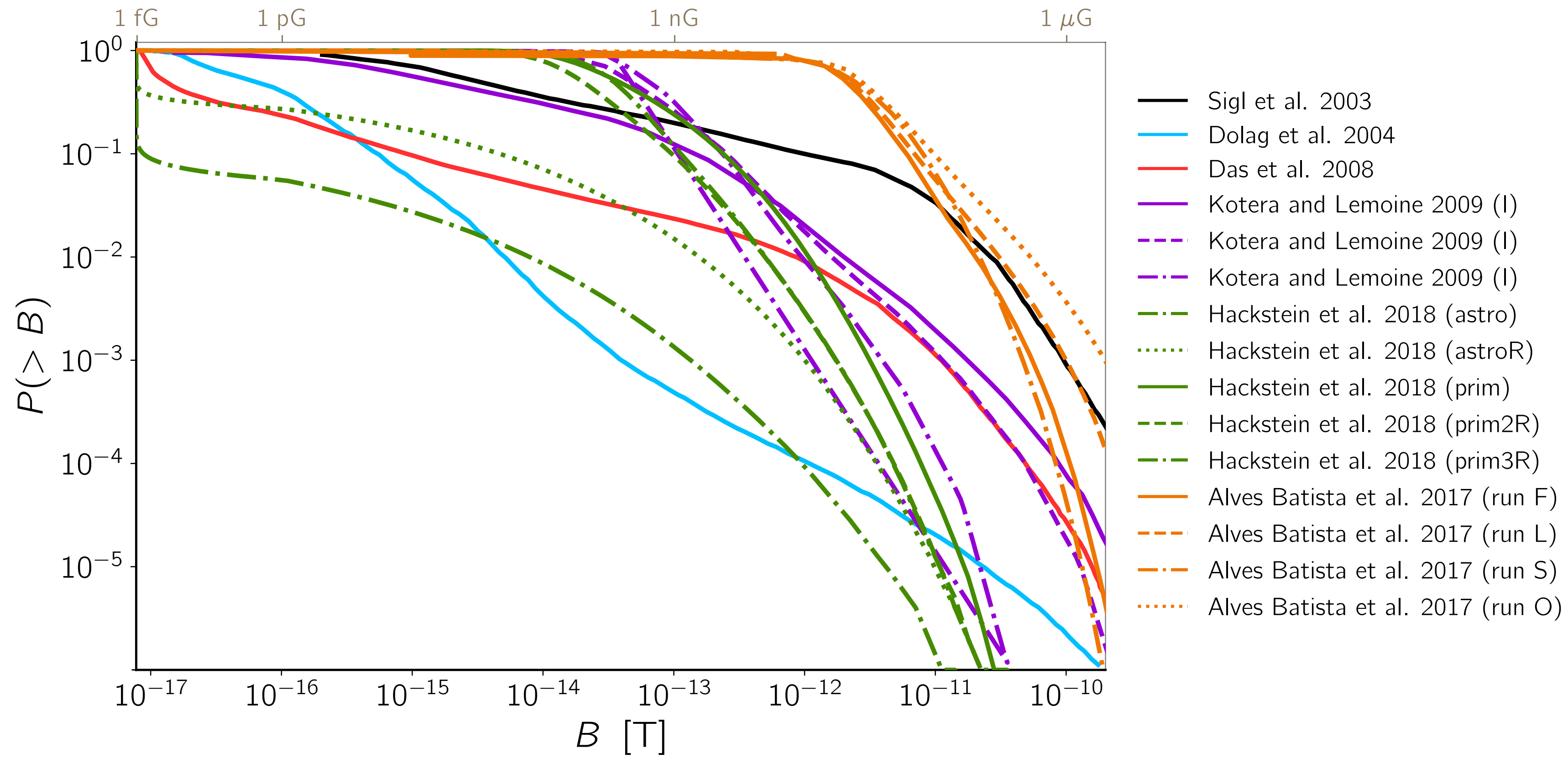


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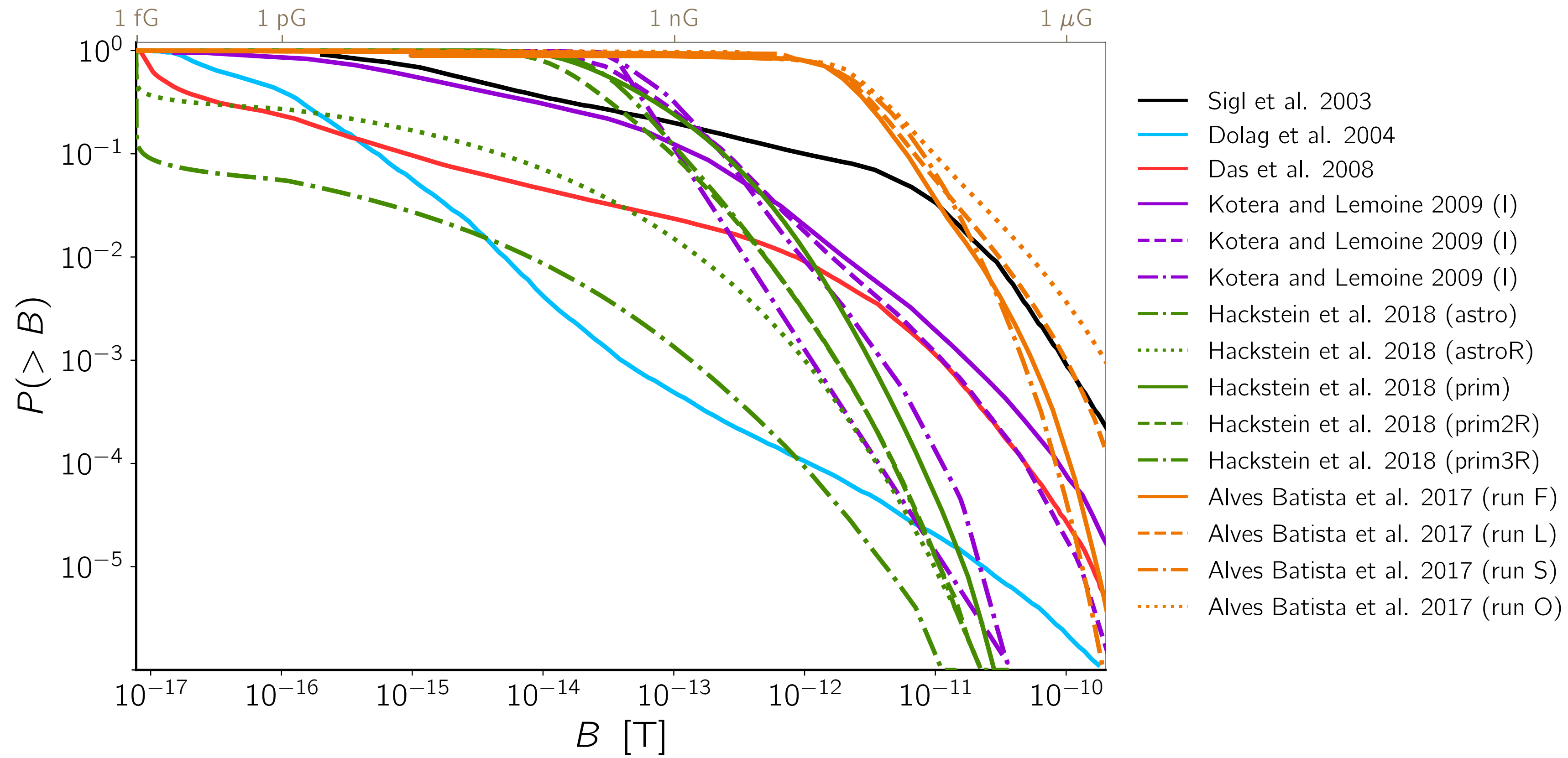
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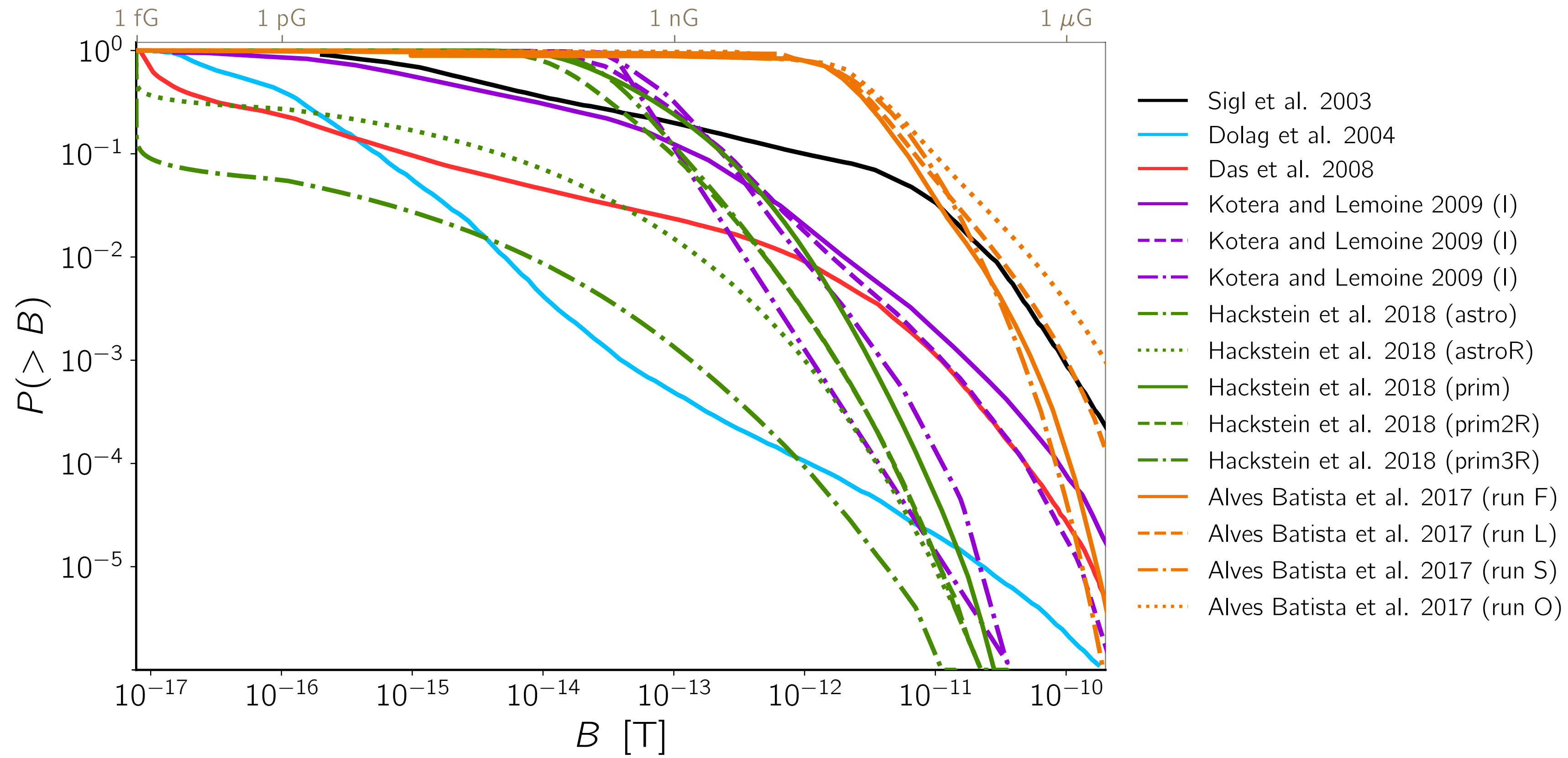
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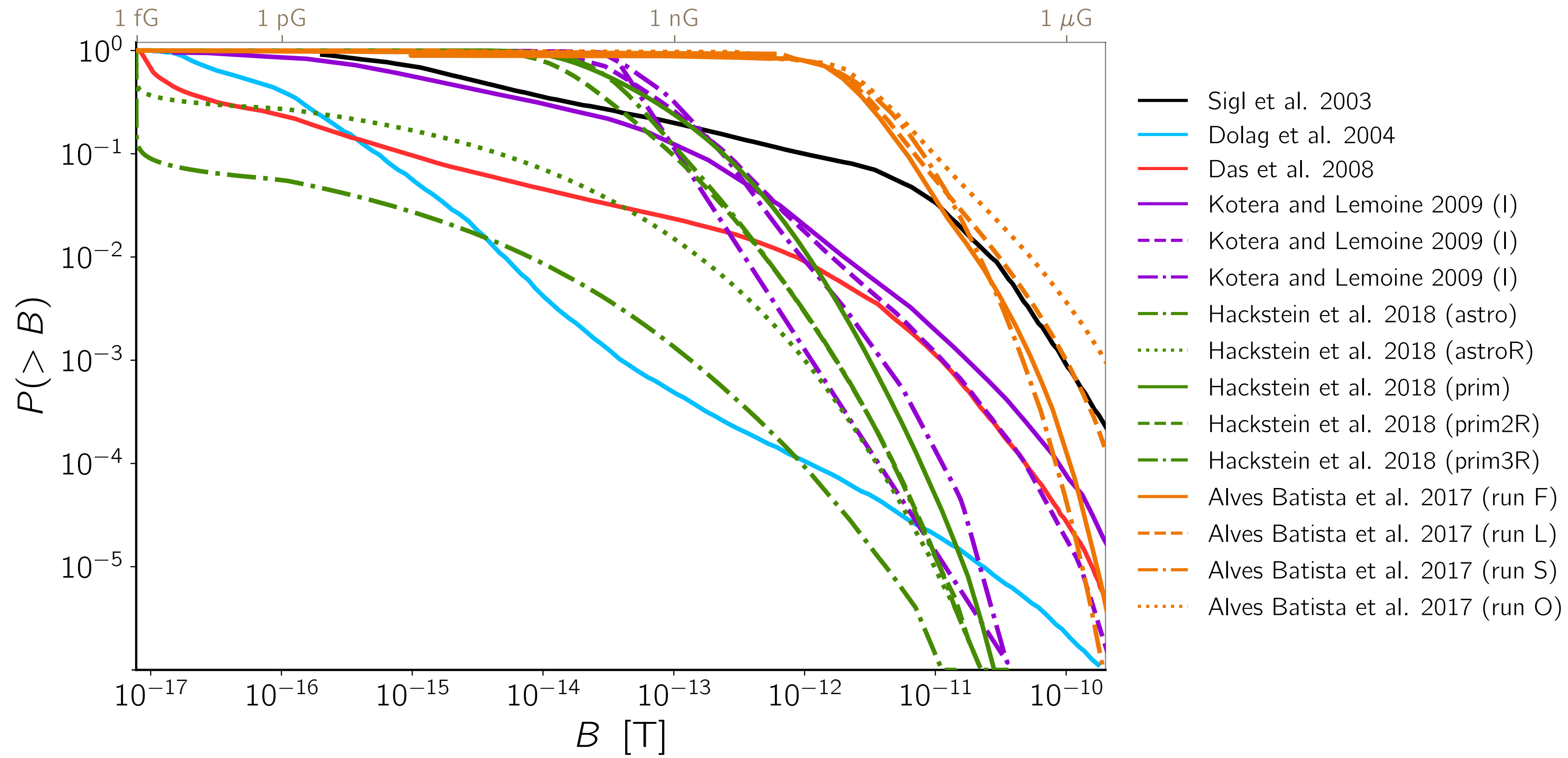
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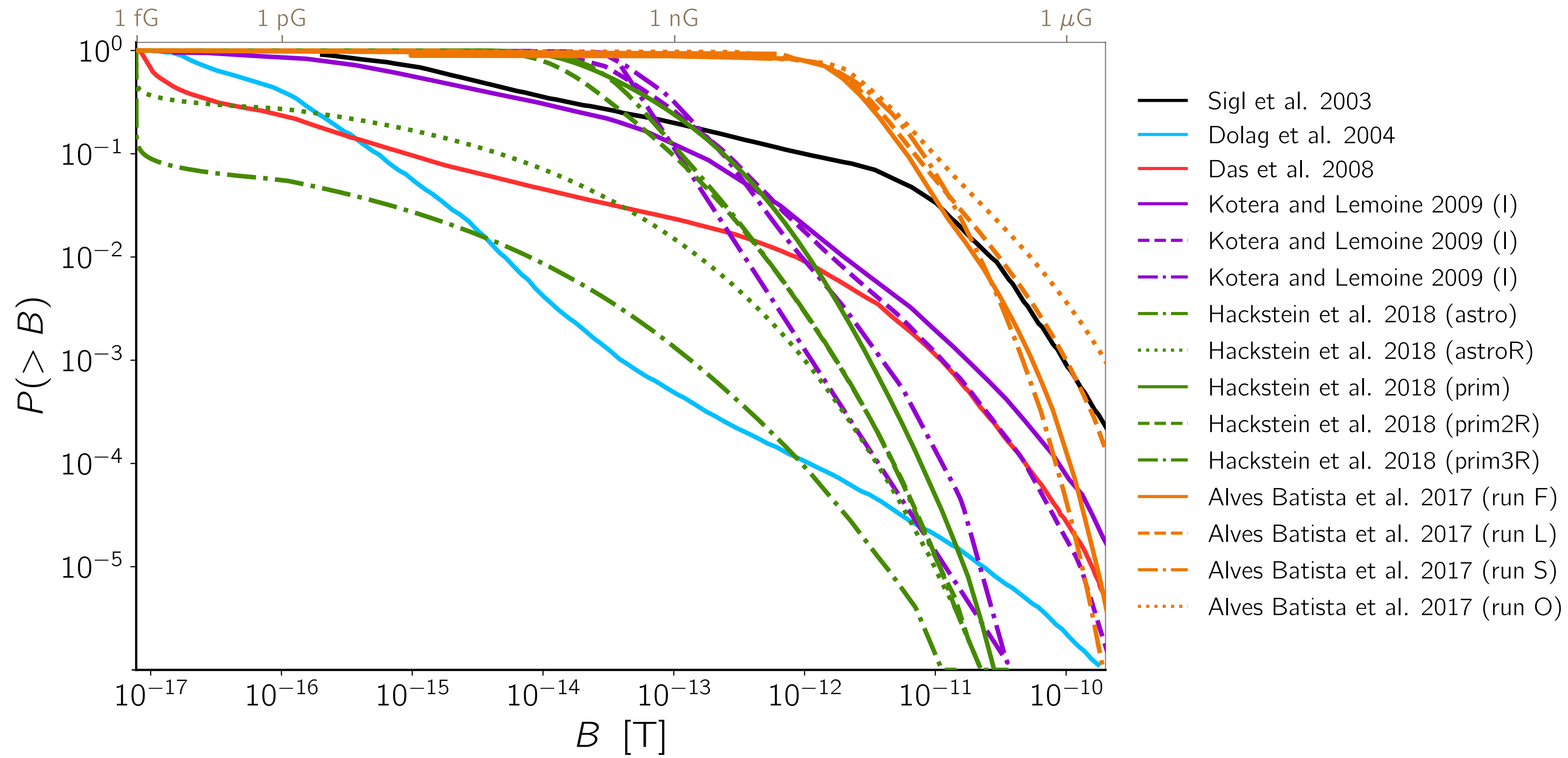
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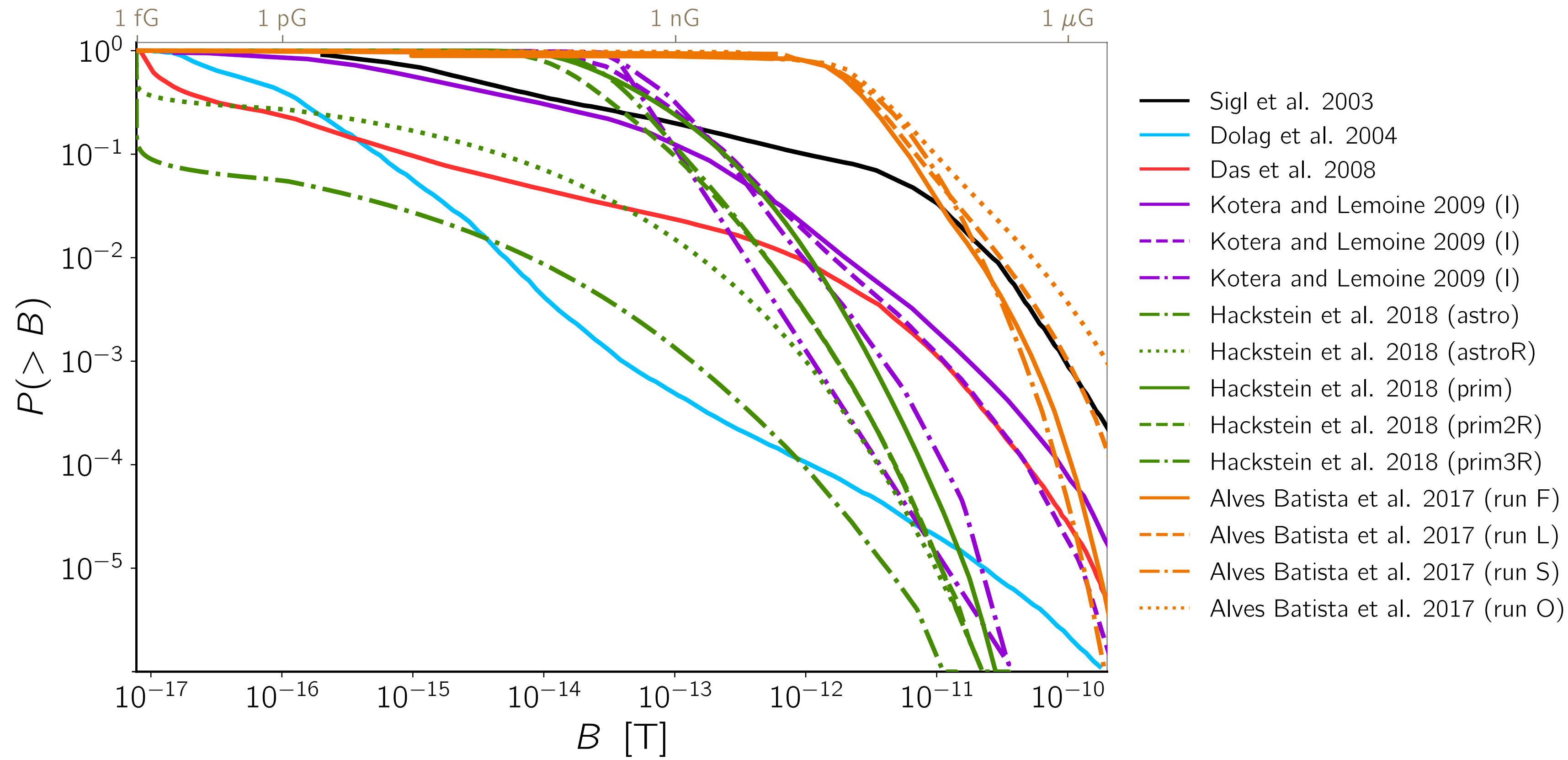


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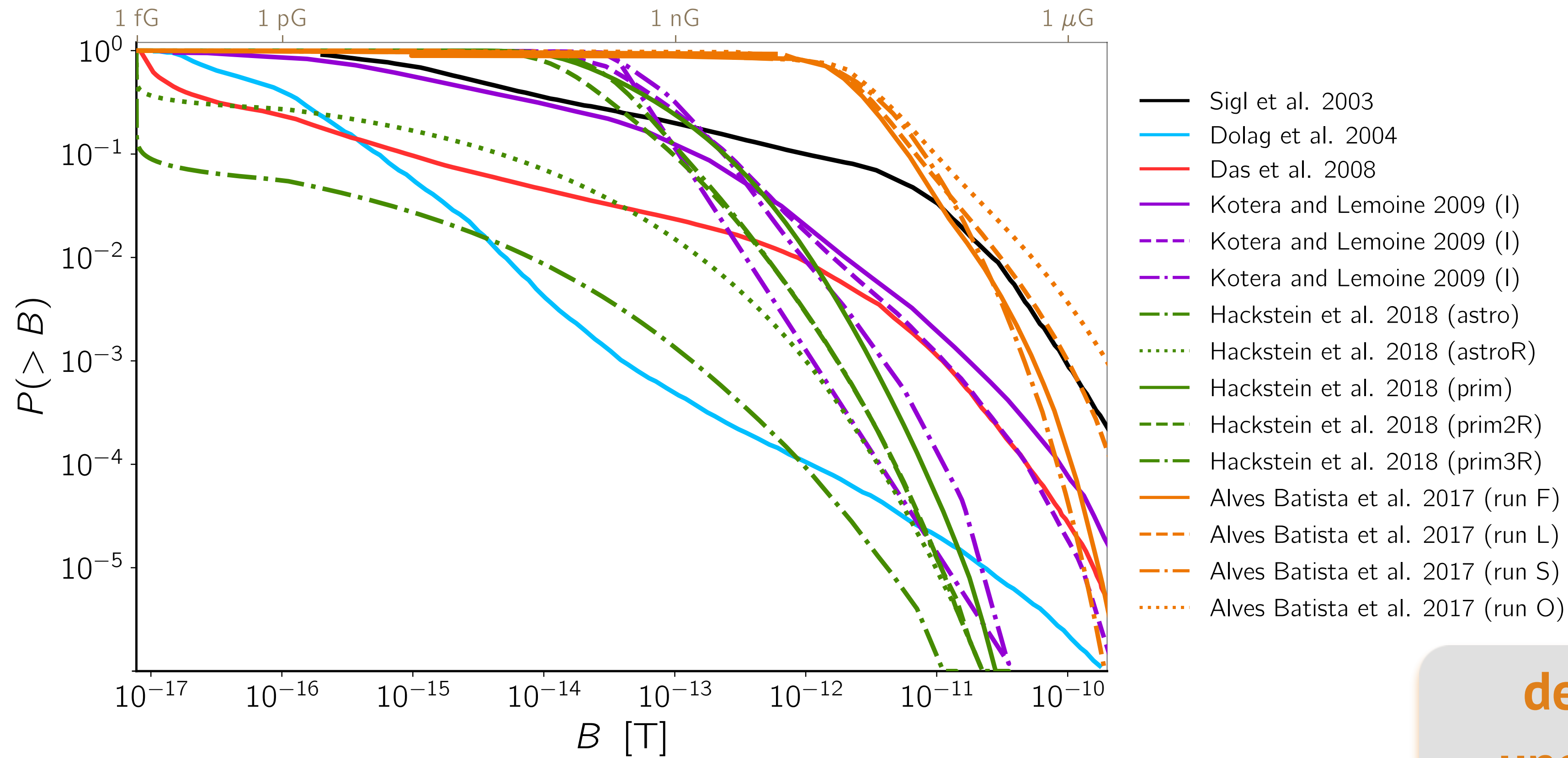
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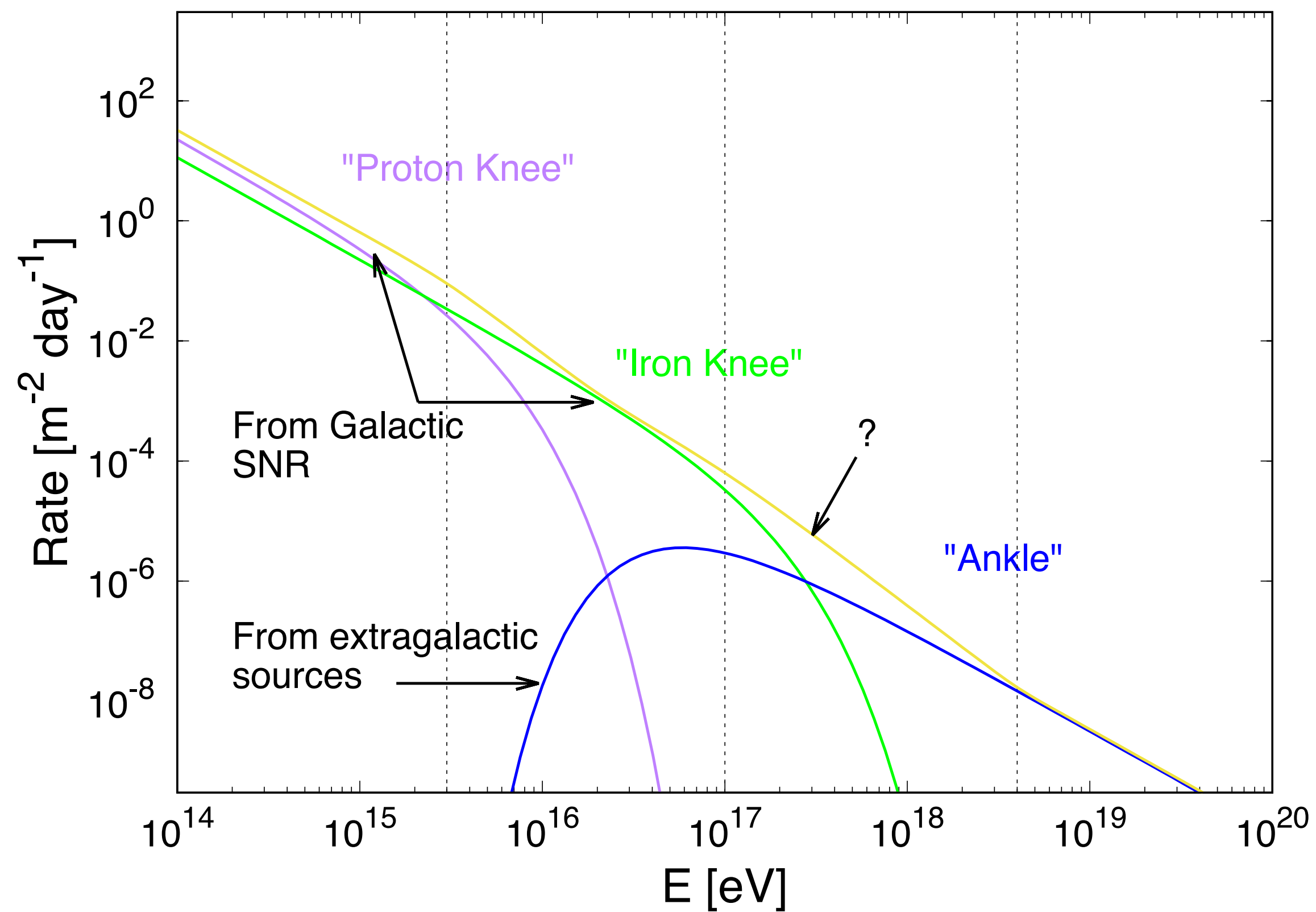
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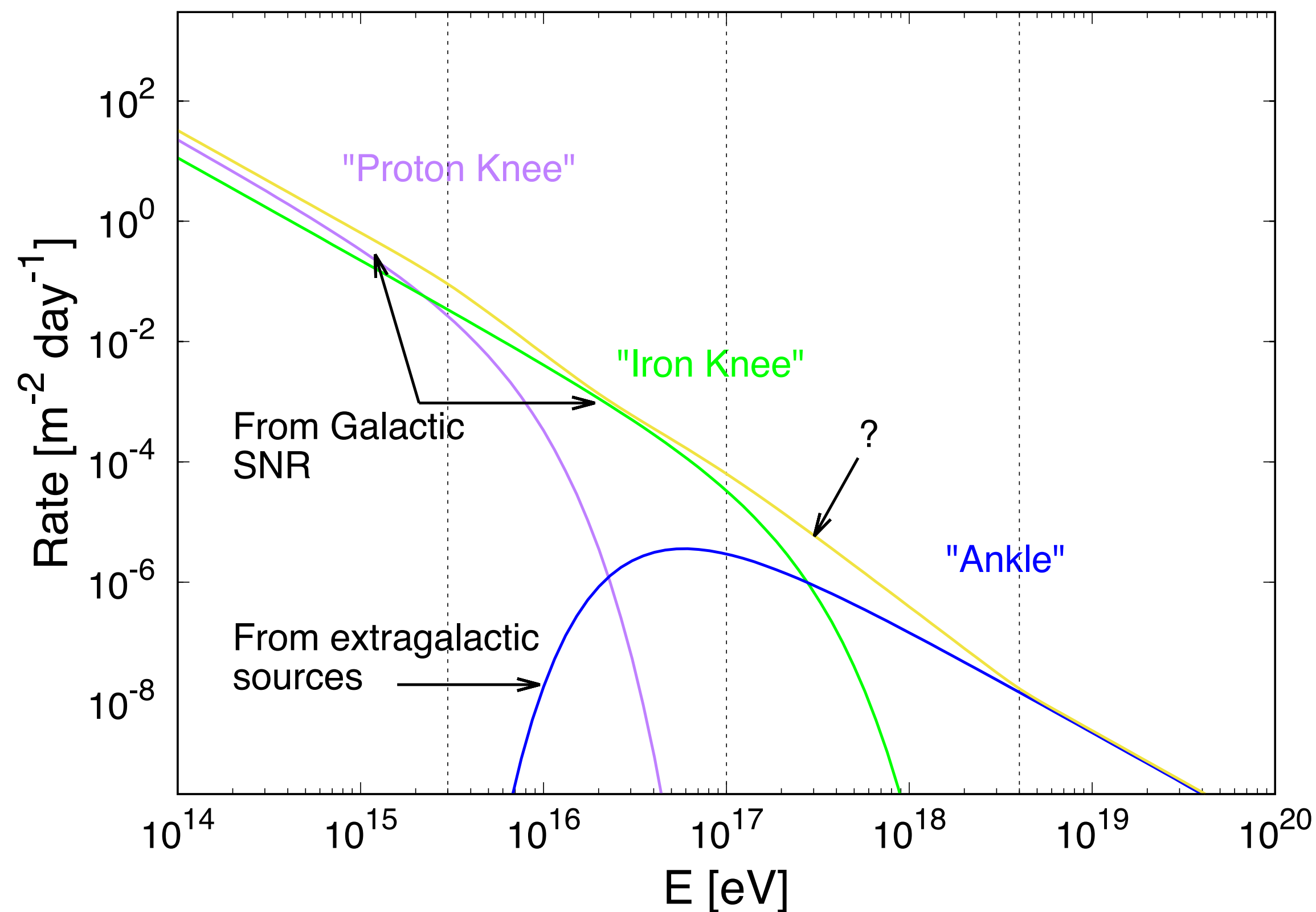
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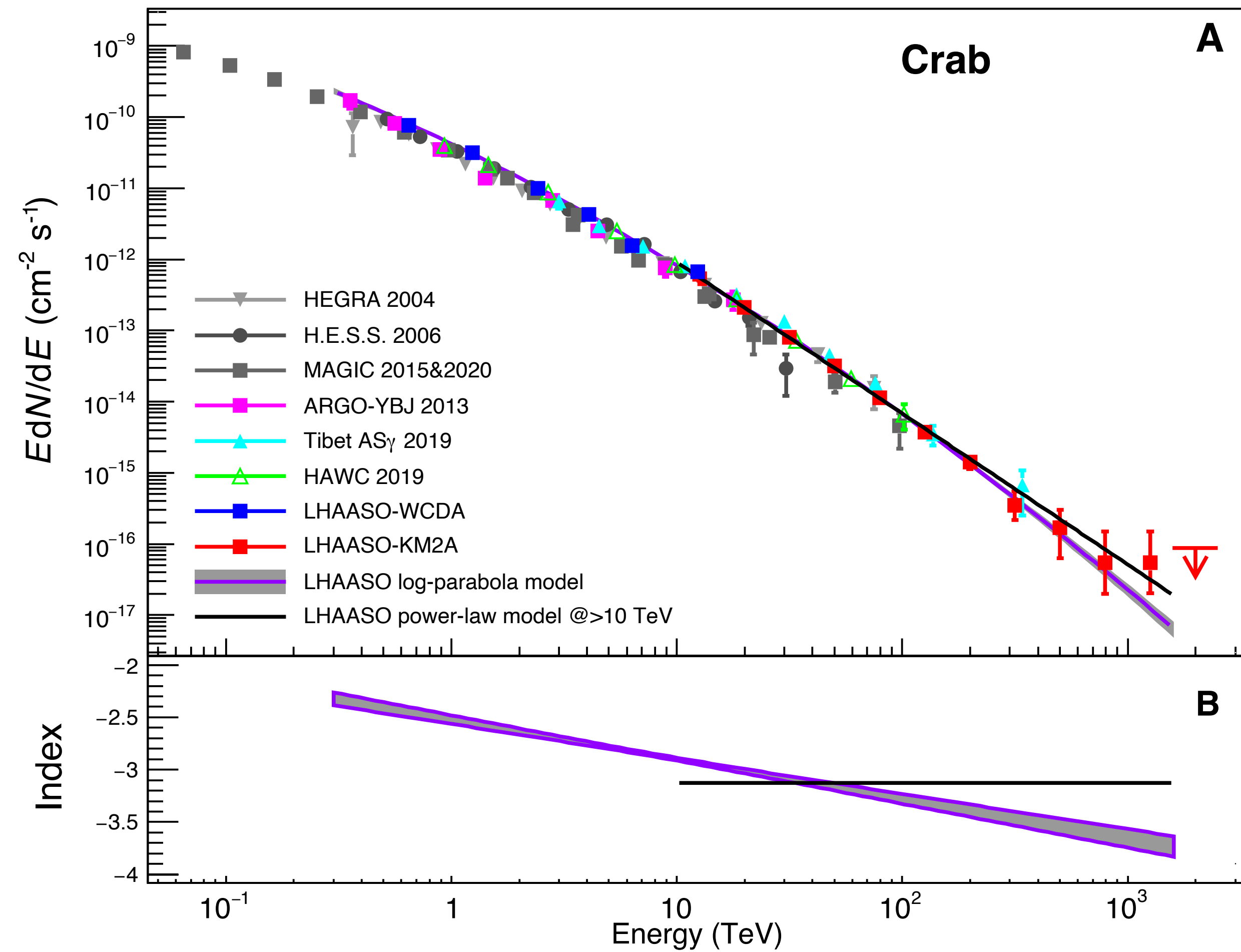
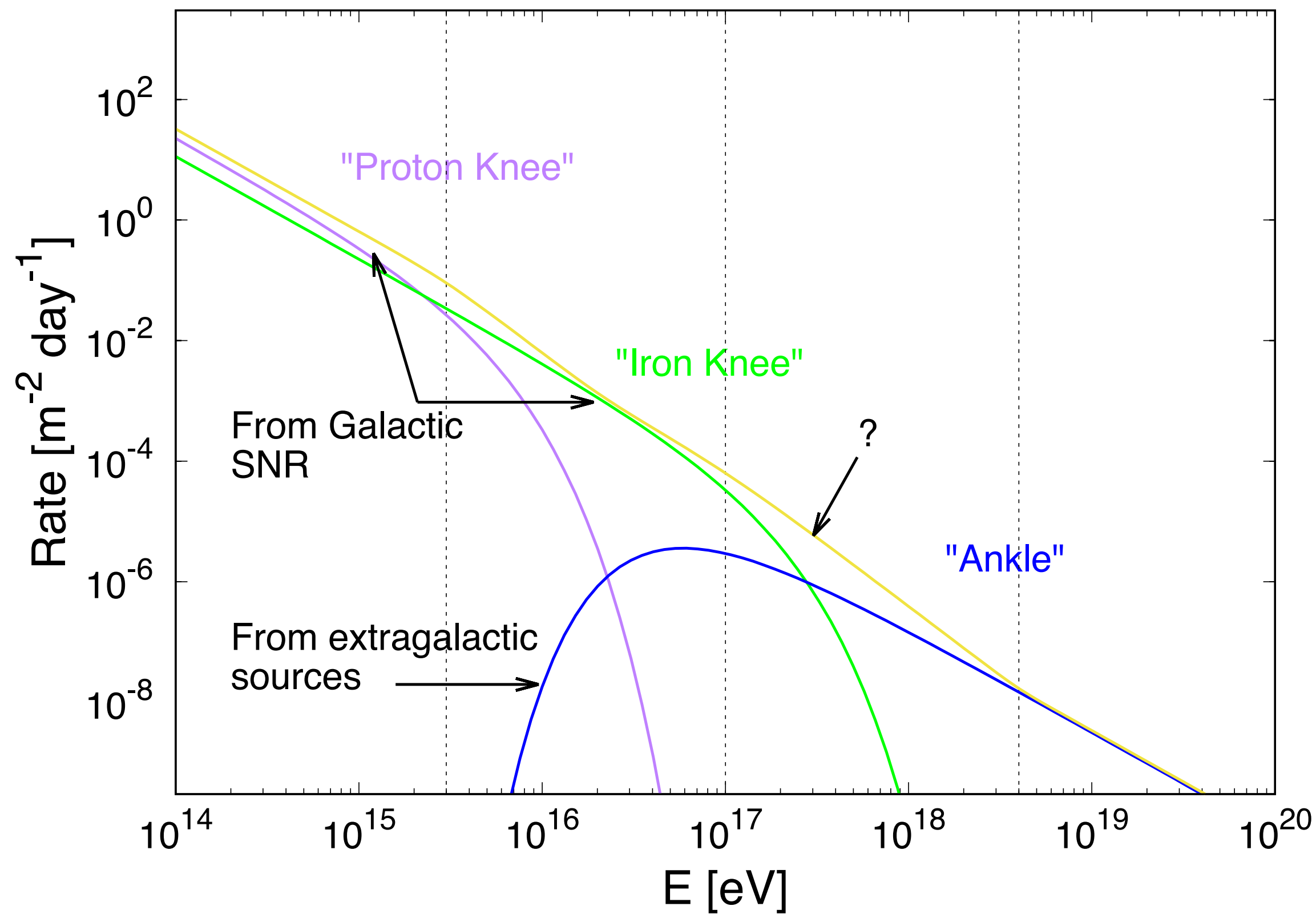
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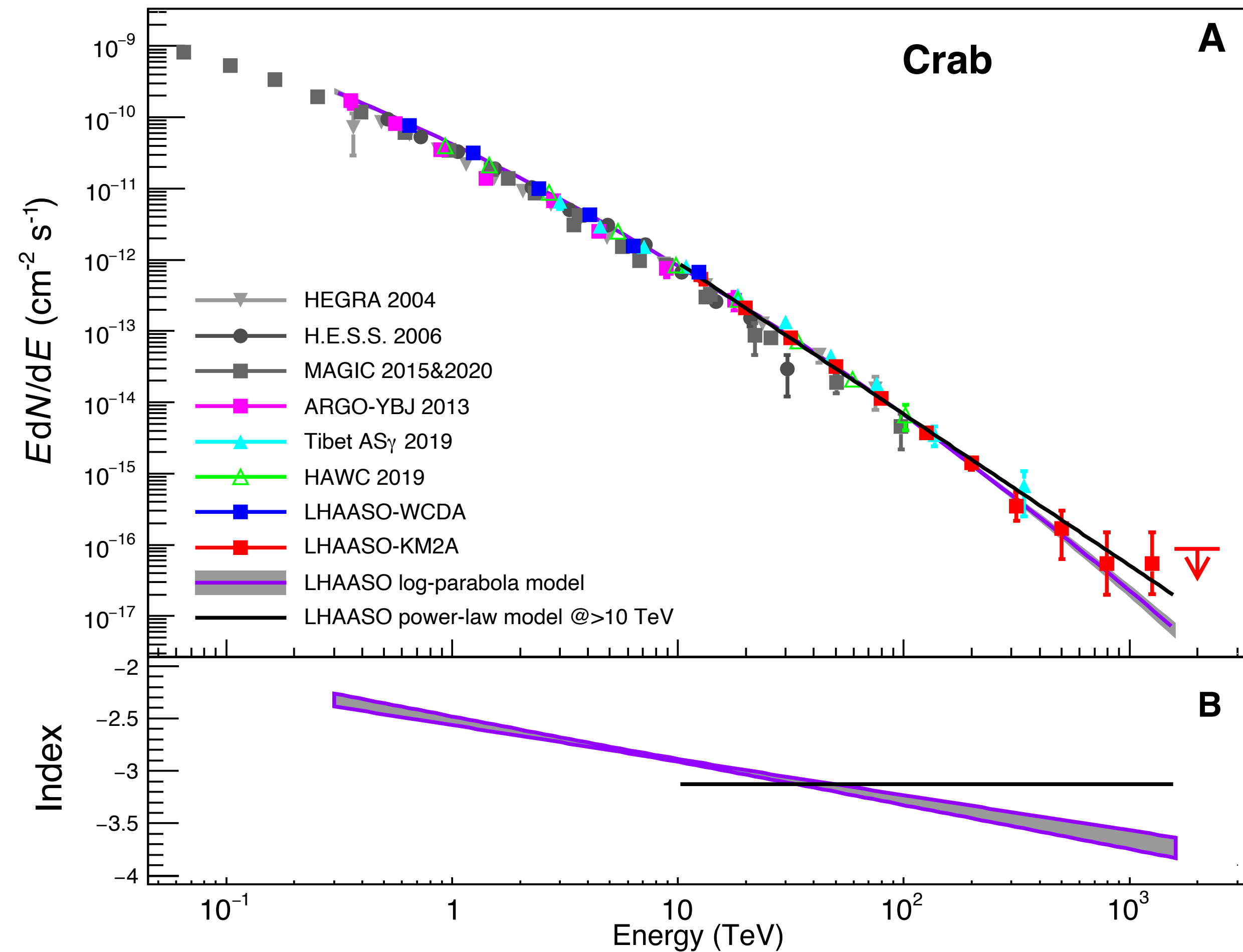
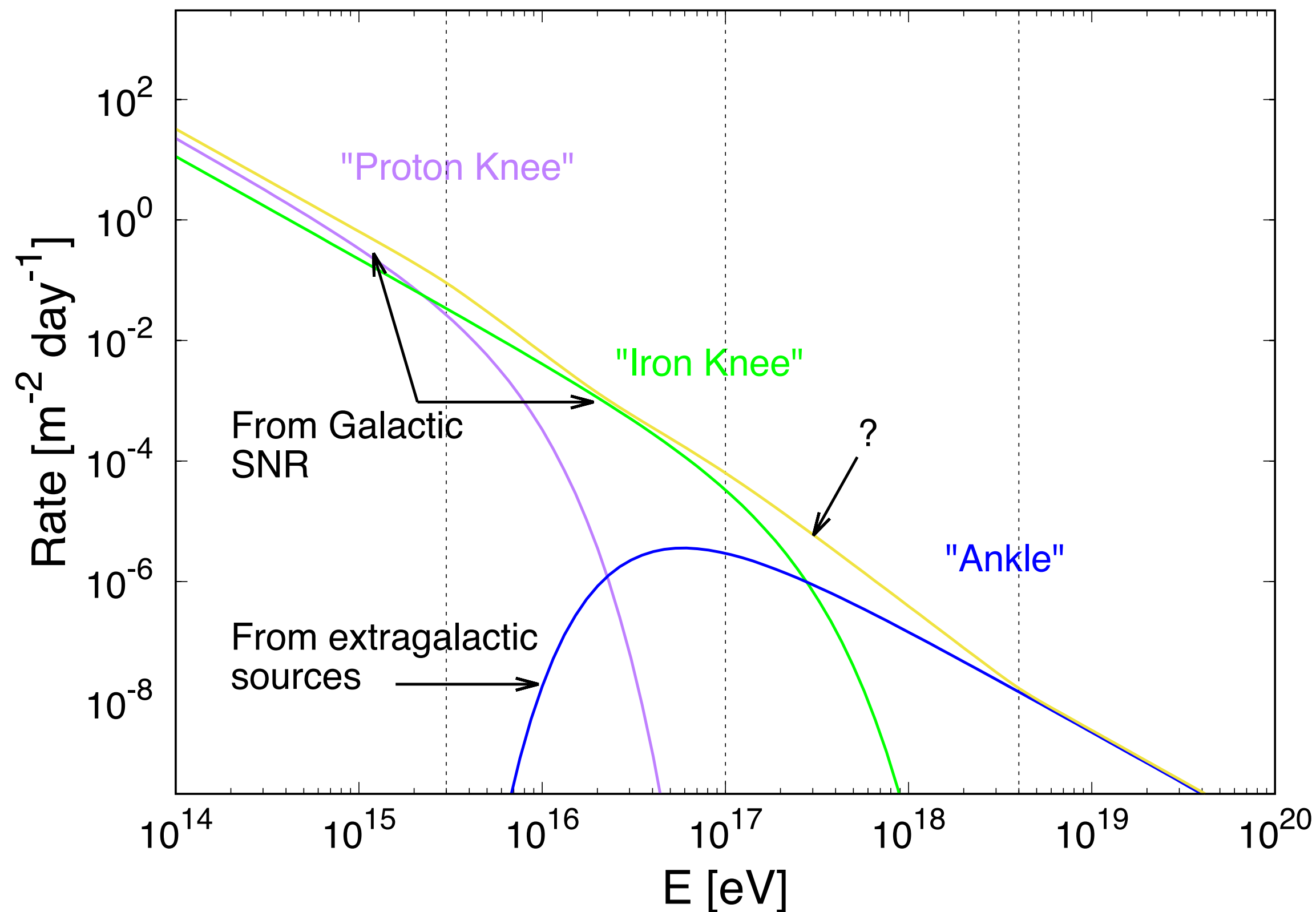


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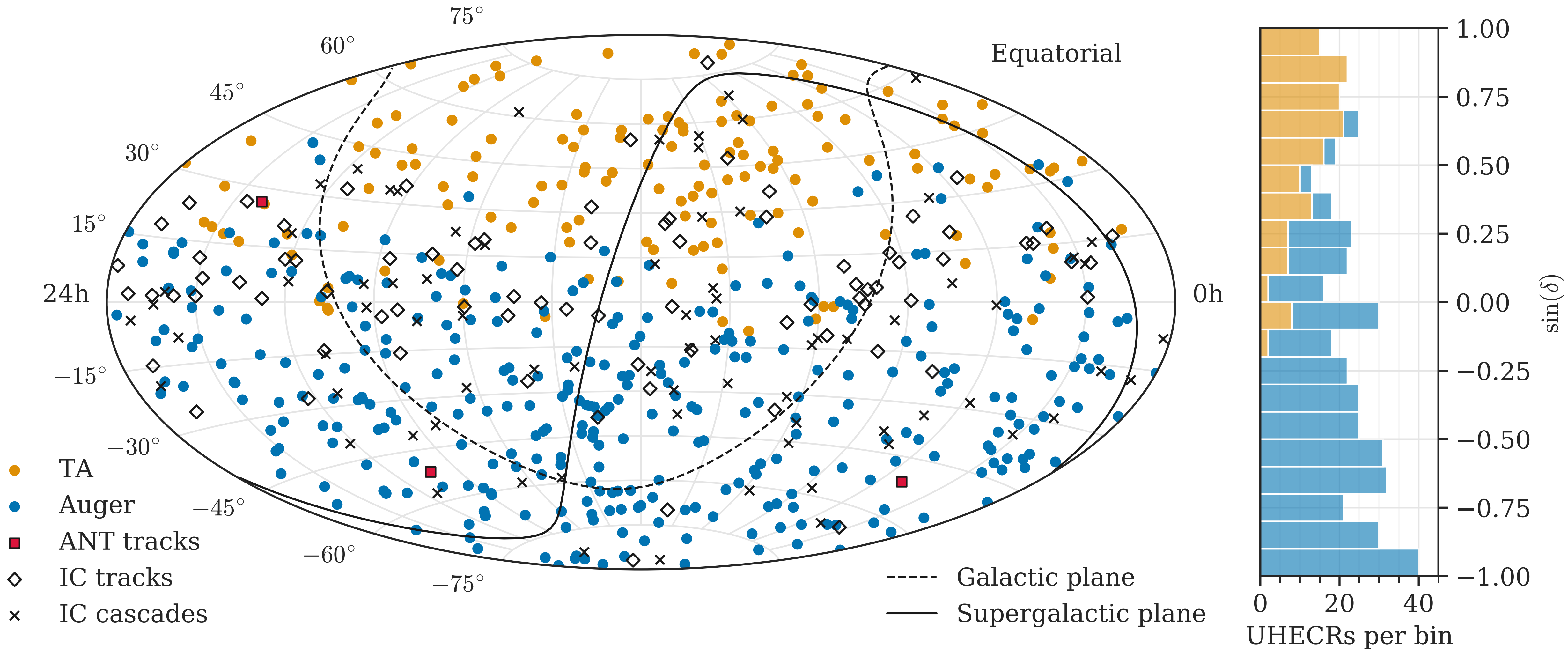


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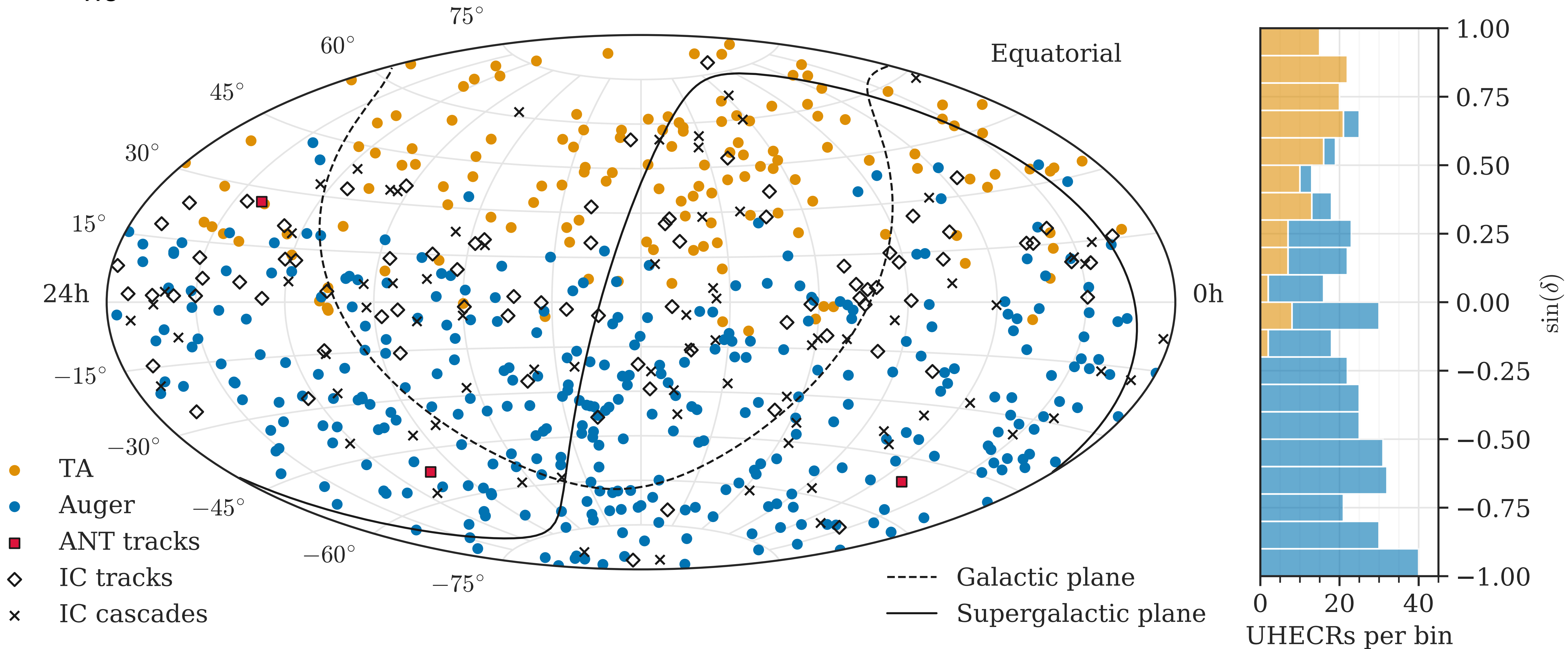
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