



# The multiwavelength signature of the multizone jets of Mkn 421

## Indirect dark-matter searches with $\gamma$ -rays

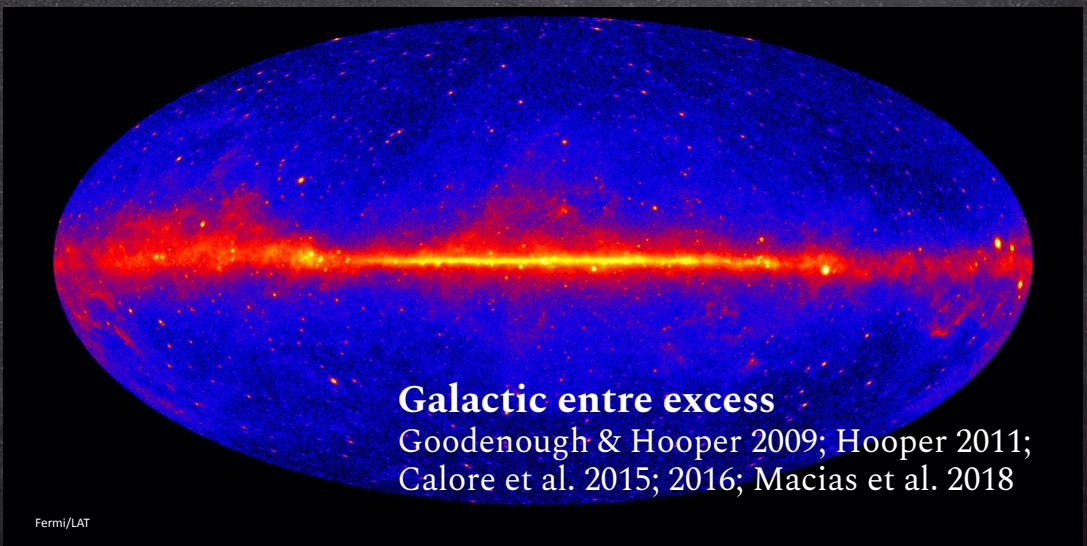
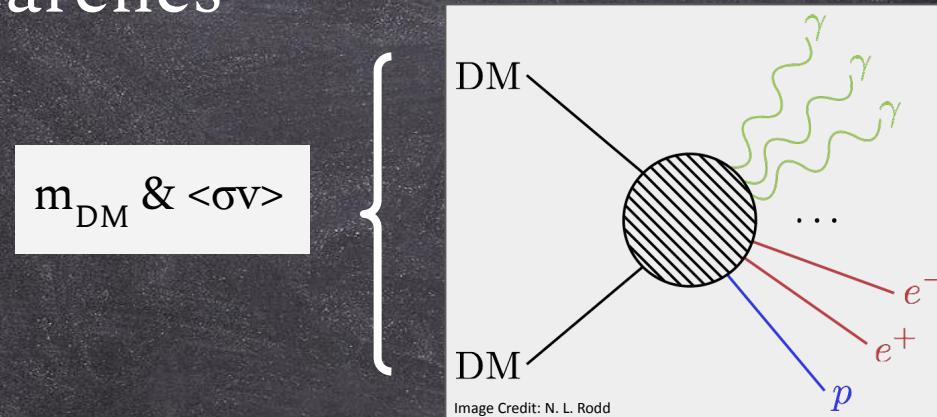
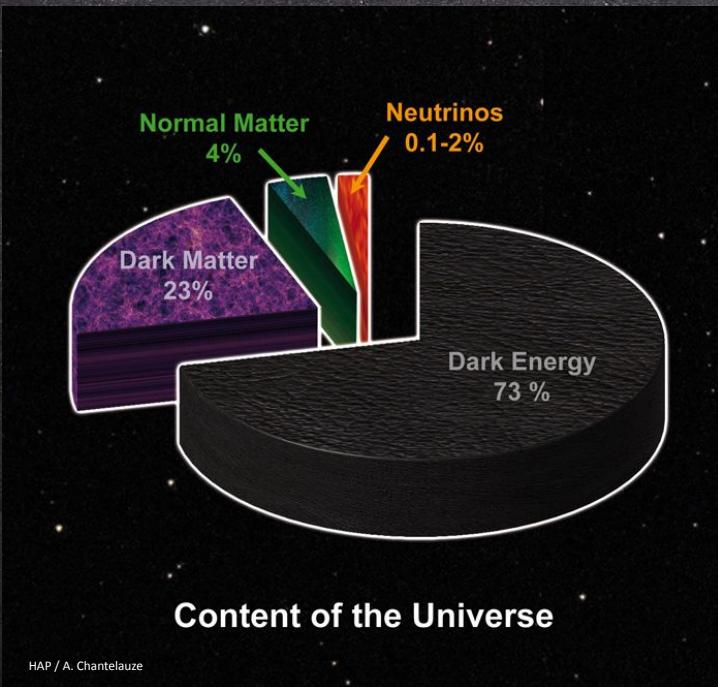
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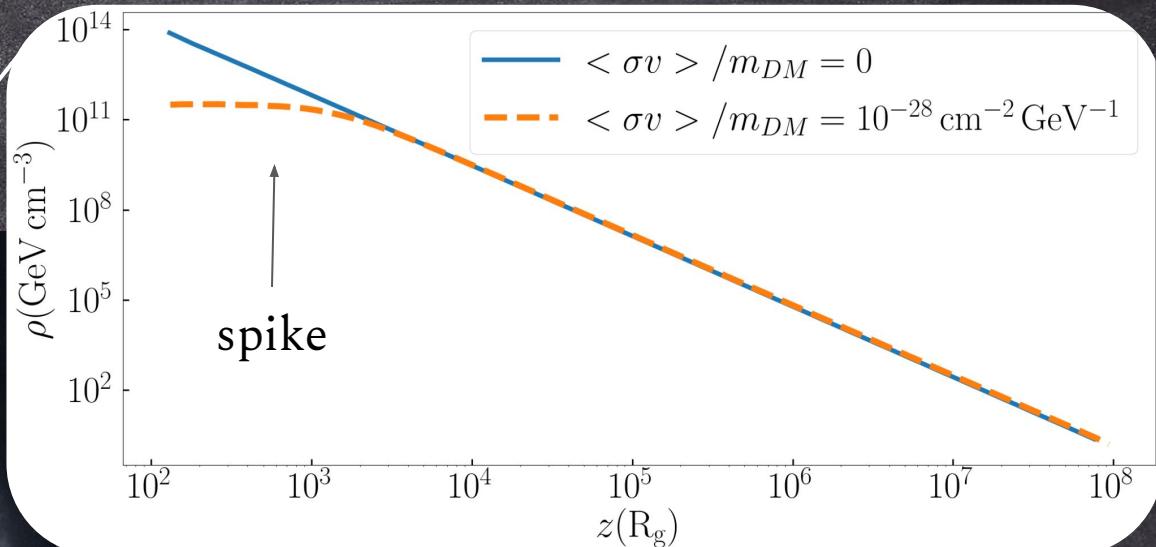
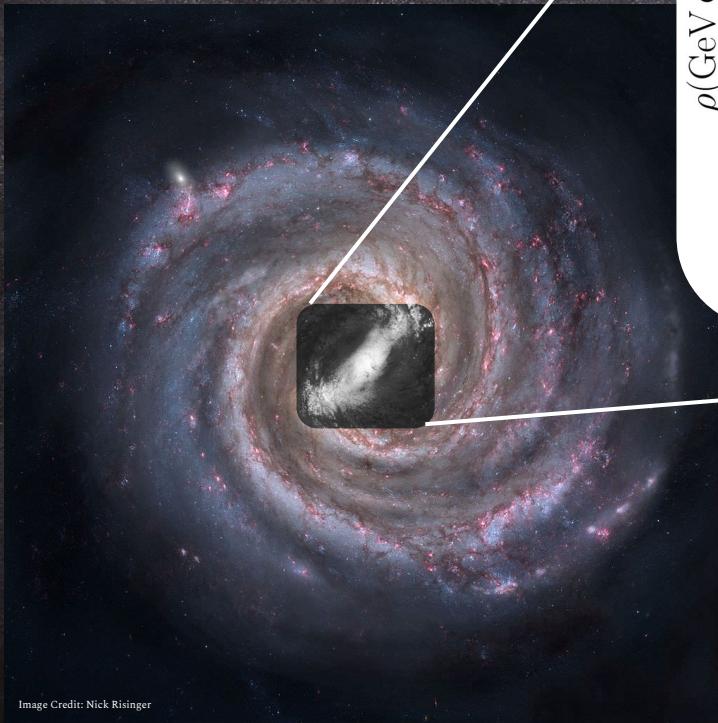


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# Indirect dark matter searches



# DM spikes

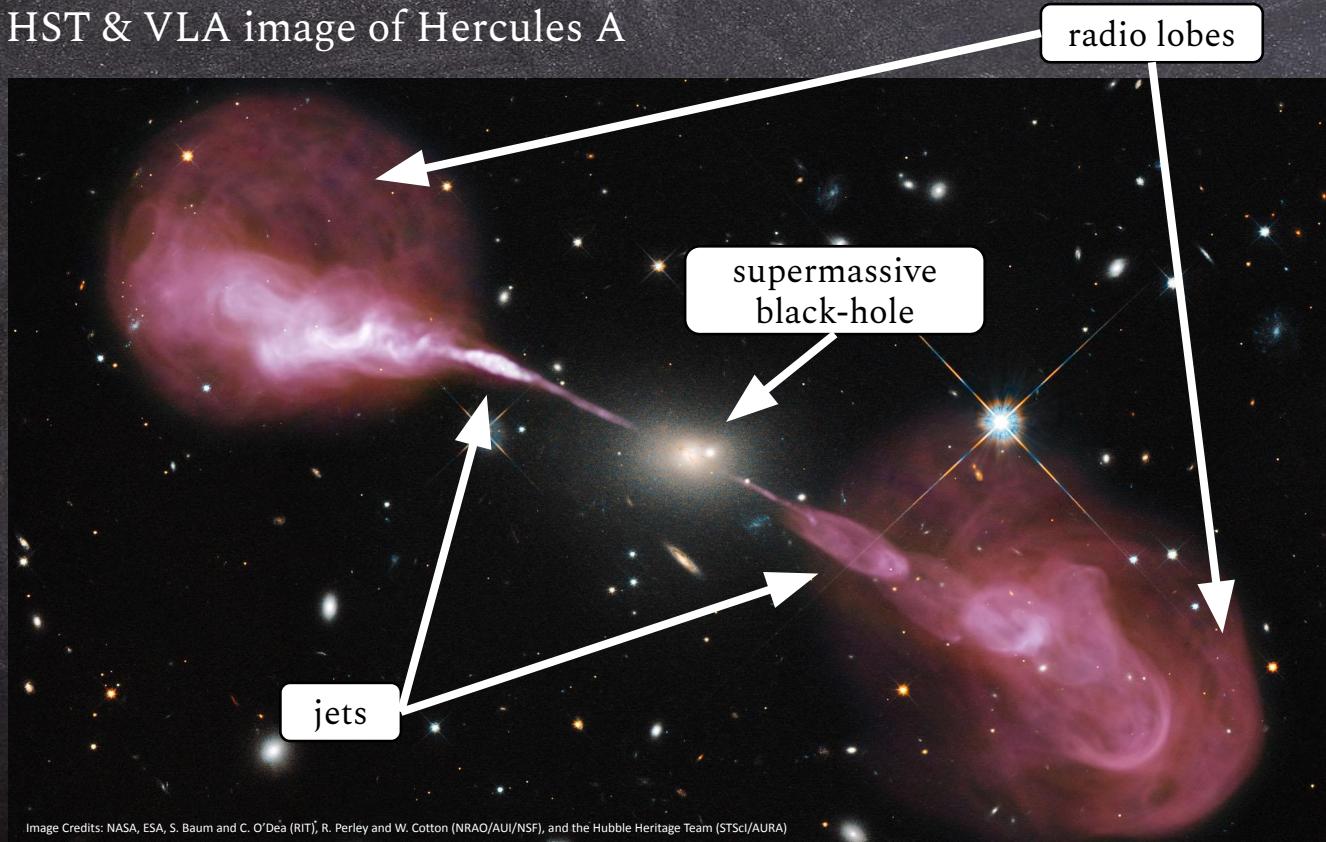


see e.g., Quinlan et al. 1995;  
Gondolo & Silk 1999; Gorchtein  
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Image Credit: Nick Risinger

# Active galactic nuclei (AGN)

HST & VLA image of Hercules A



Supermassive BH

- powers jets

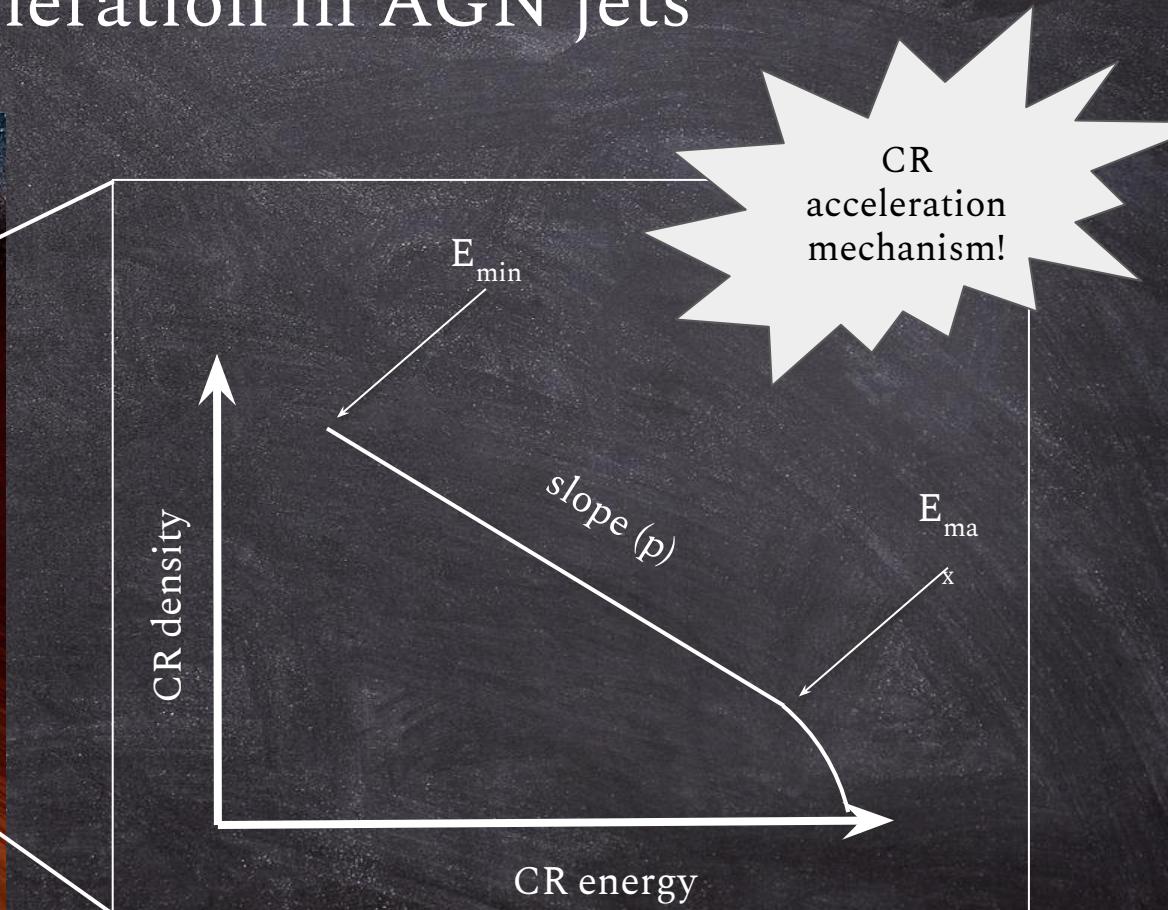
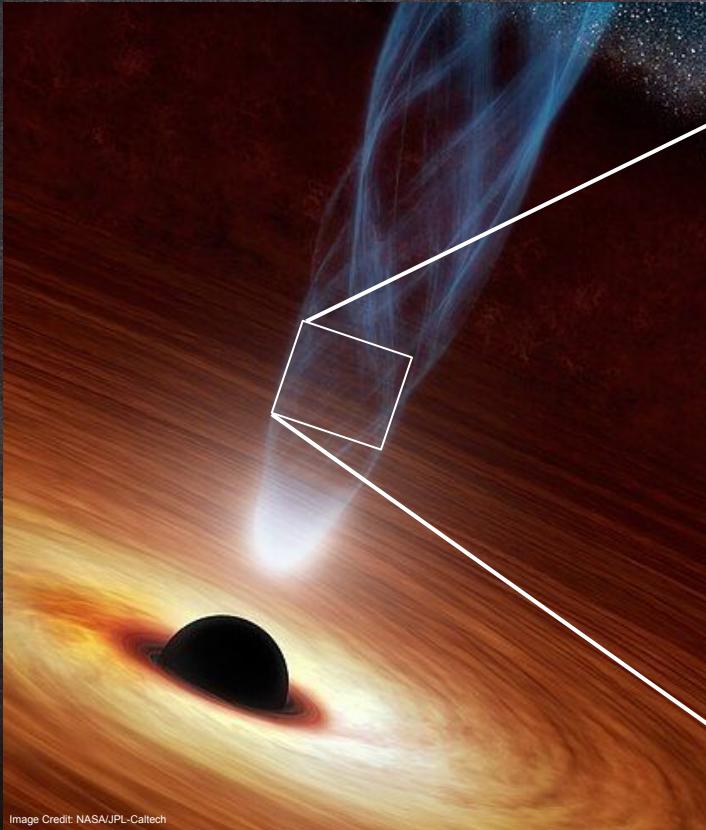
Jets

- accelerate CRs

Radio lobes

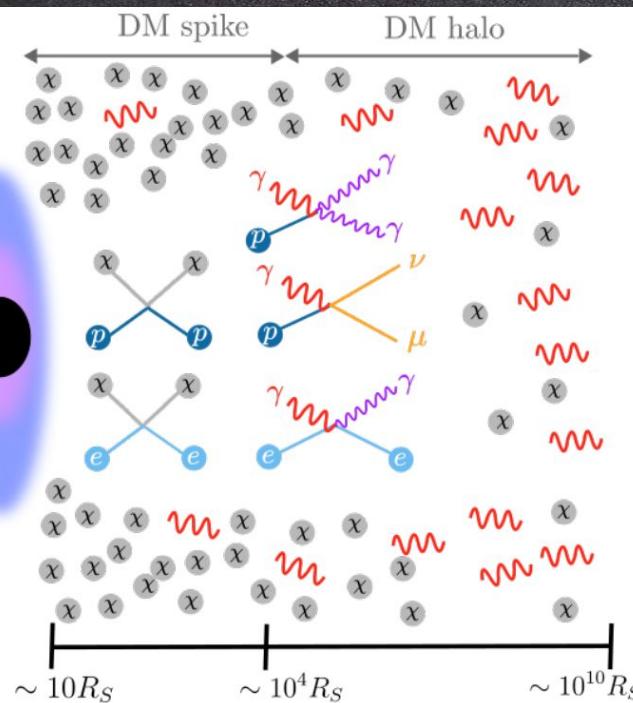
- feedback

# Cosmic ray (CR) acceleration in AGN jets



# CR cooling due to DM or boosted DM

e.g., Bringmann & Pospelov 2019; Ema et al. 2019;  
Cappiello & Beacom 2019; Guo et al. 2020; Wang et al. 2022



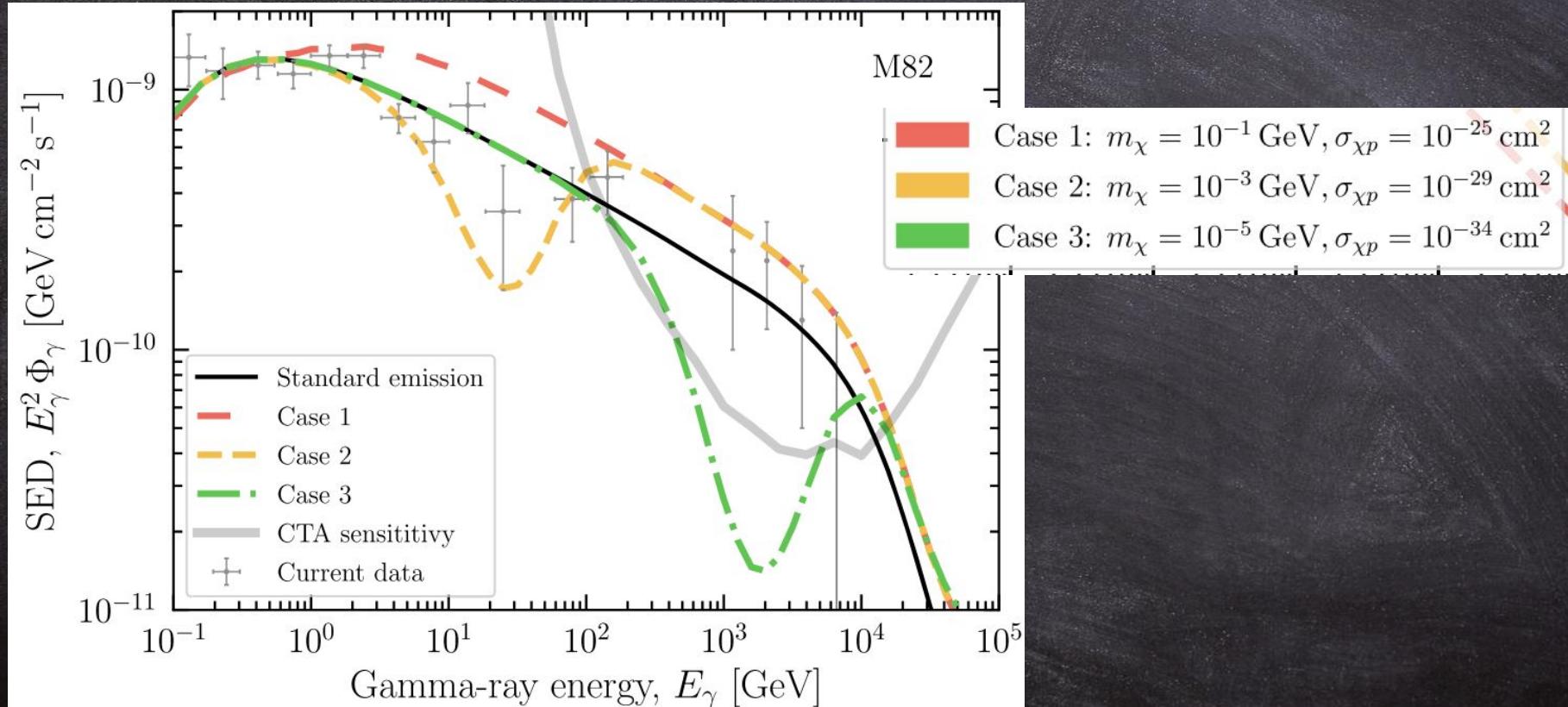
elastic CR-DM



inelastic CR-DM

# Effect of inelastic CR-DM on the $\gamma$ -ray spectrum

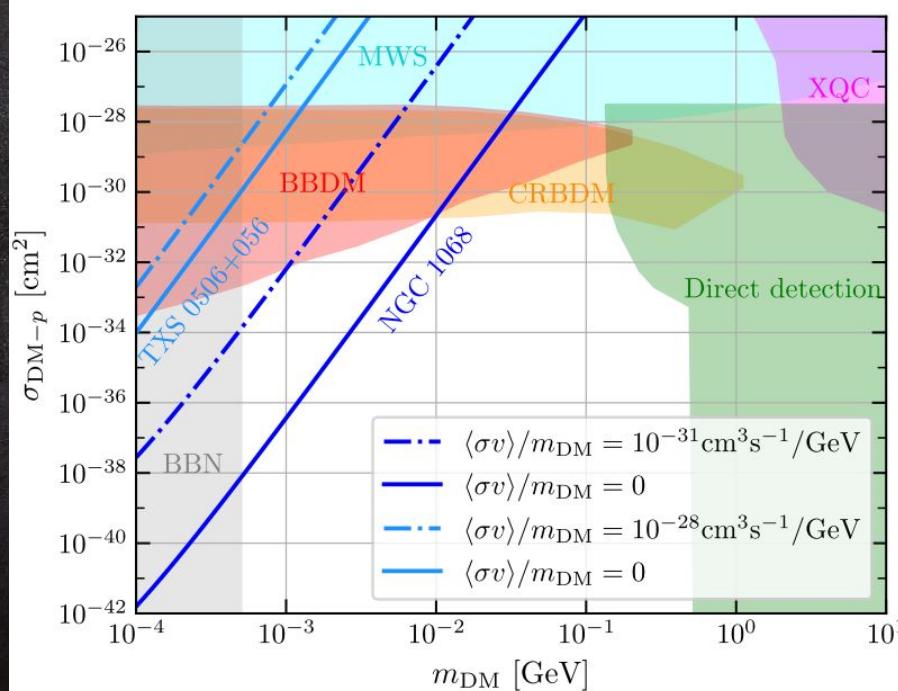
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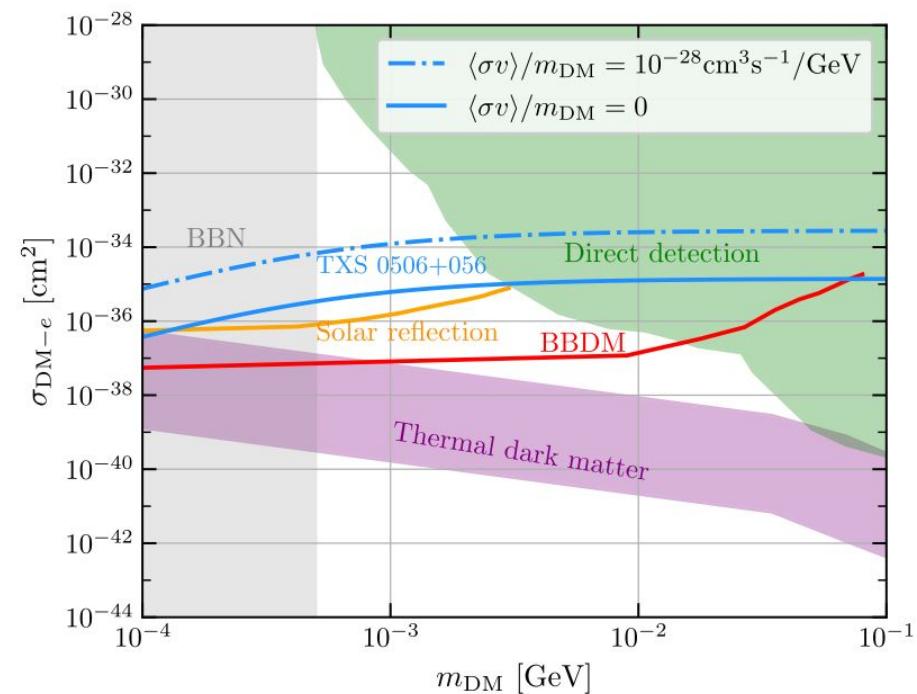
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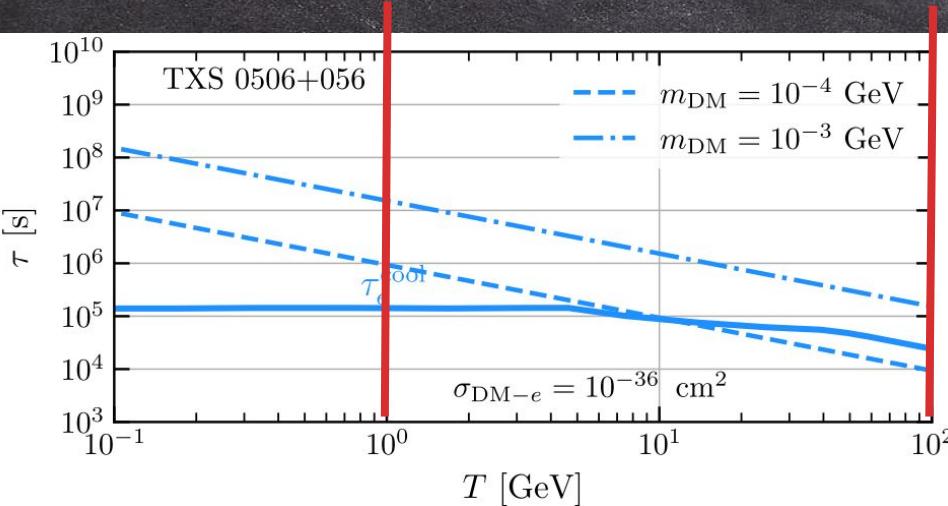


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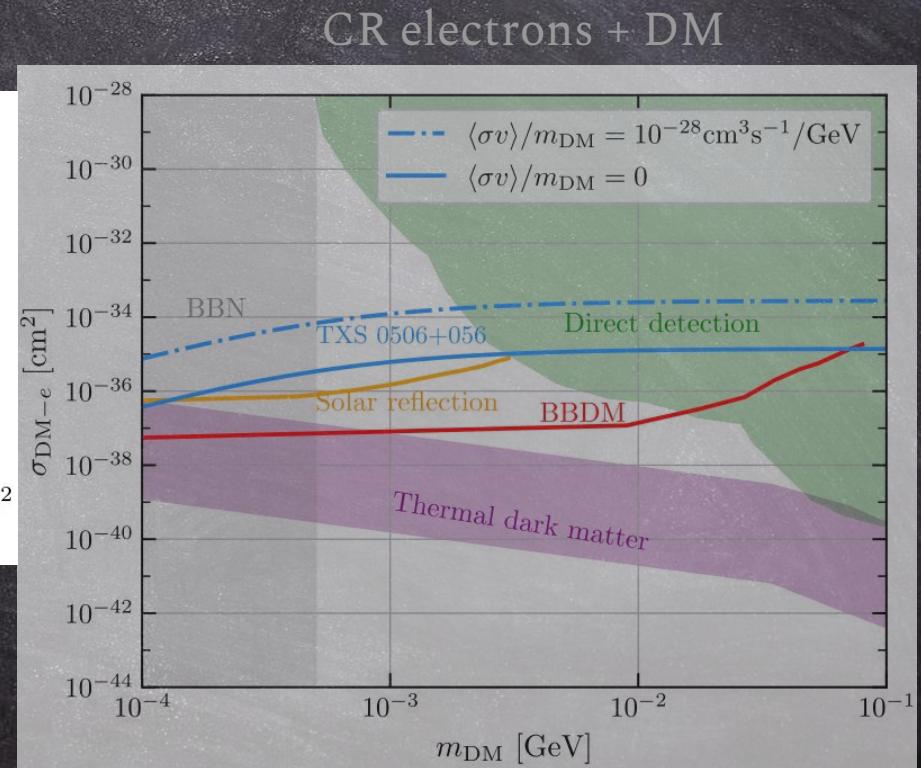


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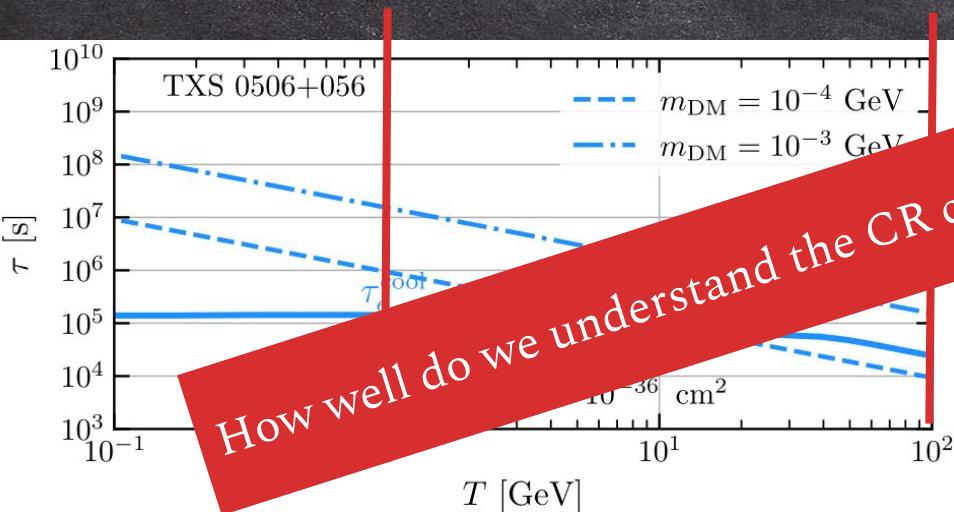


Factor of 10 or less impact on the proton (electron) cooling time scale

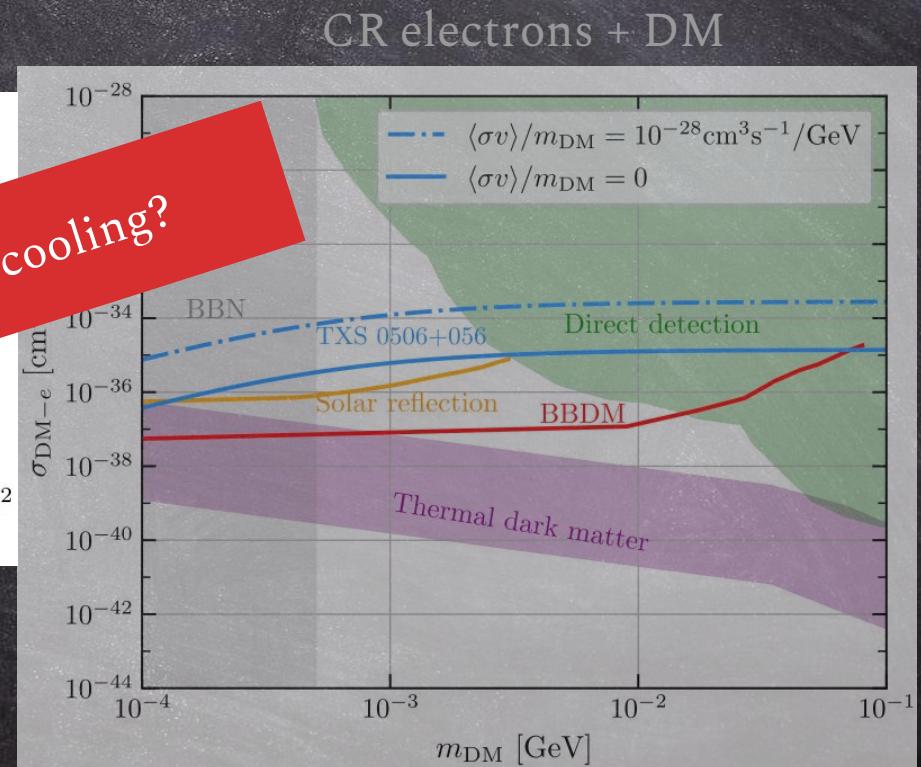


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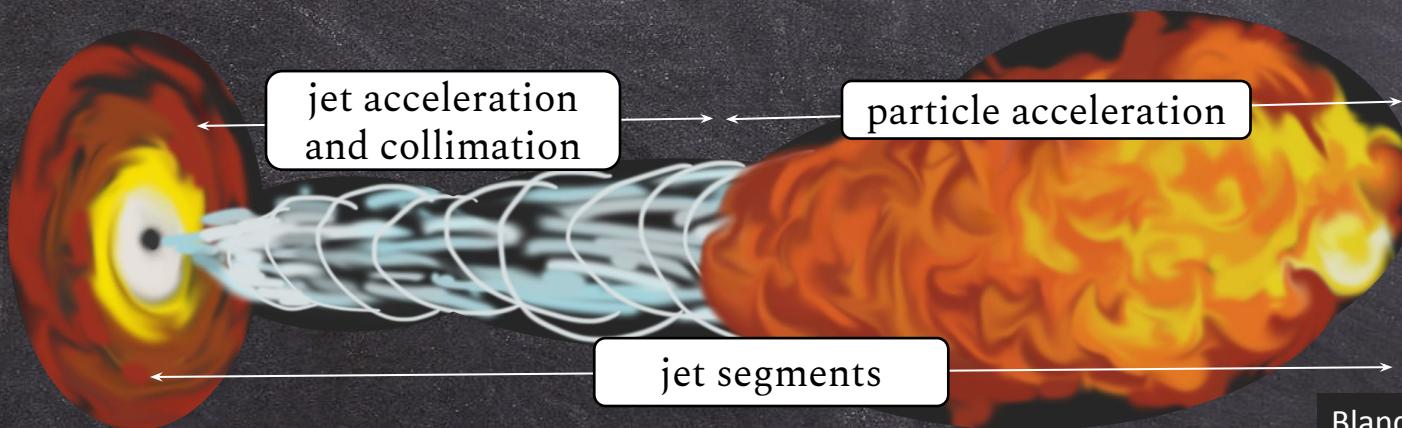


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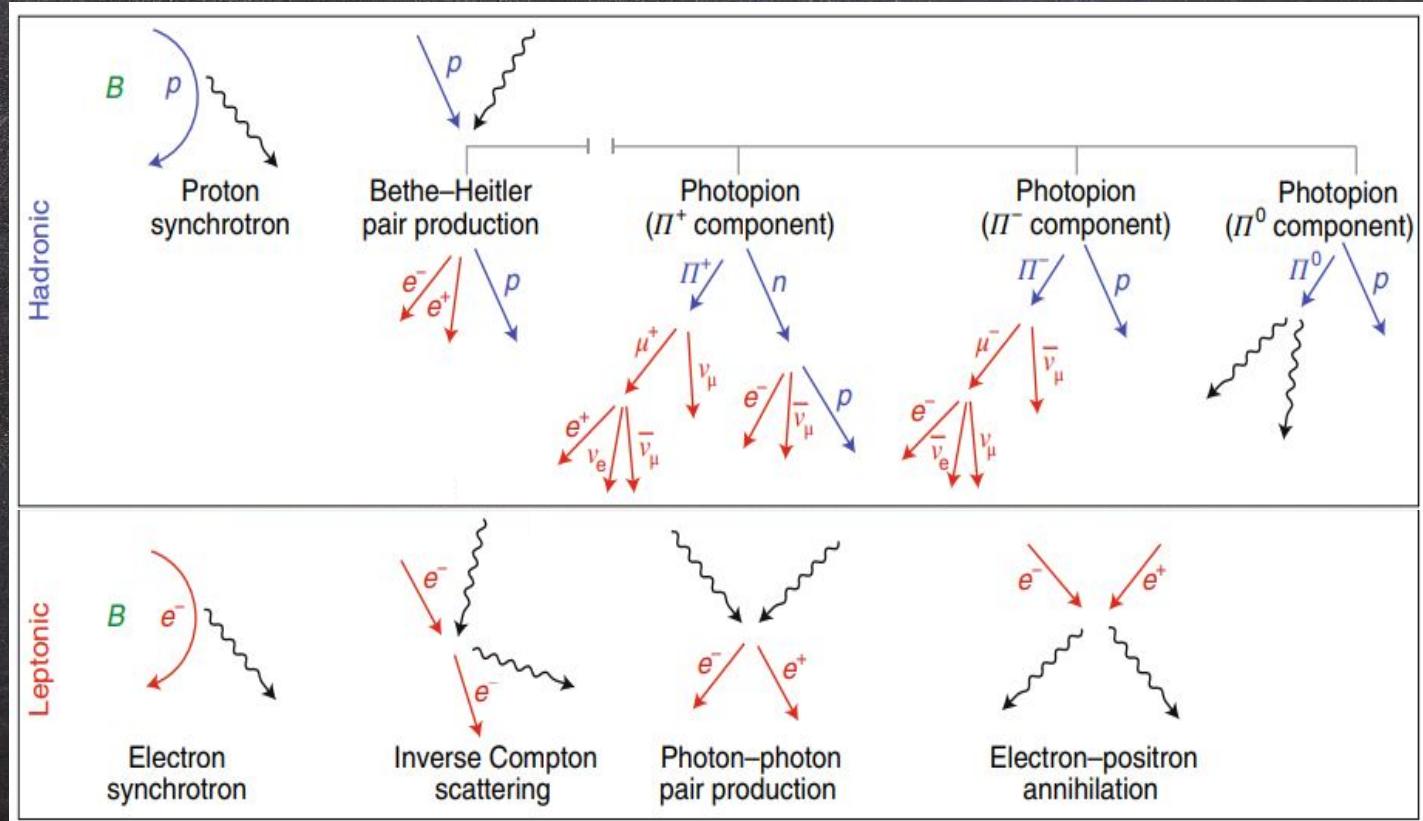
# Semi-analytical, multi-zone jet model

BHJet: a multi-zone model (Lucchini..., DK et al. 2022)



Blandford & Königl 1979;  
Hjellming & Johnston 1988;  
Falcke & Biermann 1995;  
Markoff et al. 2001, 2005;  
Maitra et al. 2009;  
Crumley et al. 2017;  
Lucchini et al. 2019, 2022;  
**Kantzias et al. 2021, 2022, 2023a**

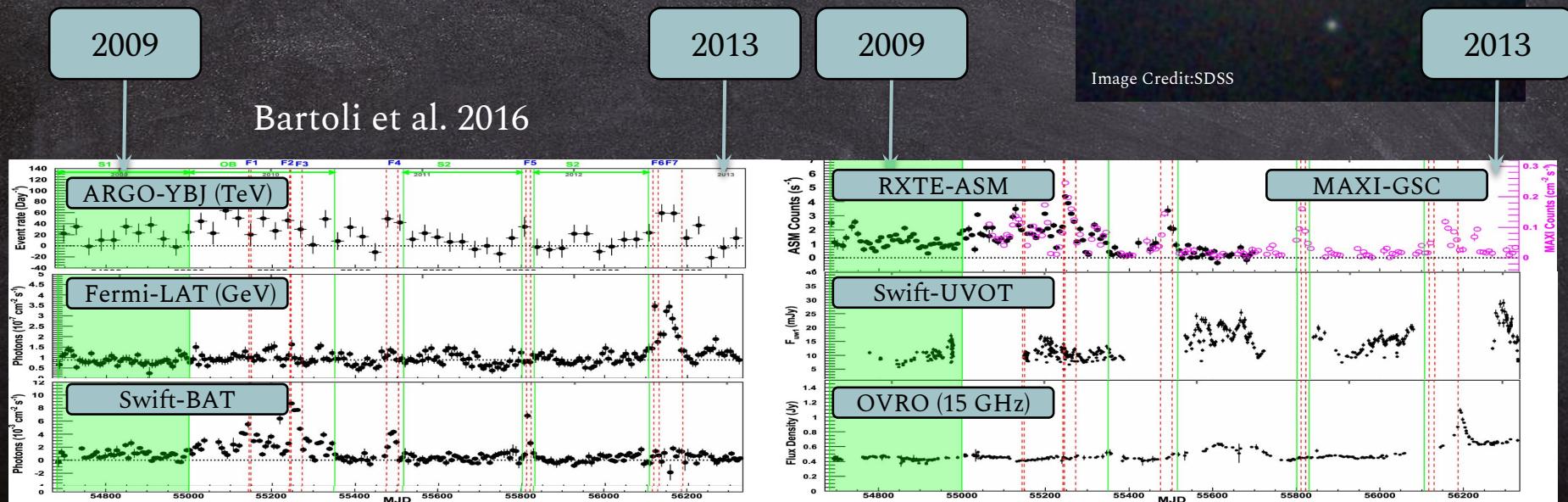
# Jet composition and radiative processes



Pian 2019

# The study case of Markarian 421

- BL Lac object
- @122Mpc ( $z=0.0308$ )
- The 1<sup>st</sup> extragalactic TeV source (Punch et al. 1992)
- One of the brightest quasars



# 2 jet cases for Mkn 421

*Pencil* jet: slim and powerful

jet power: **0.08 Edd**

radius: **10 R<sub>g</sub>**

CR acceleration: **20 R<sub>g</sub>**

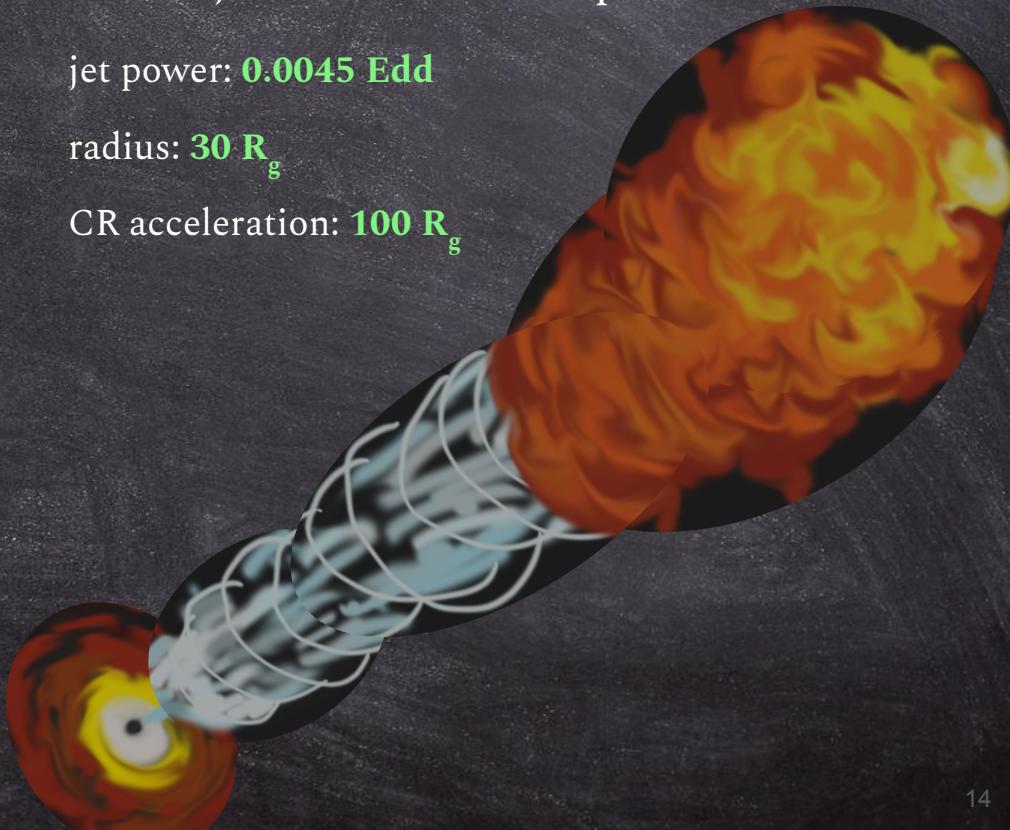


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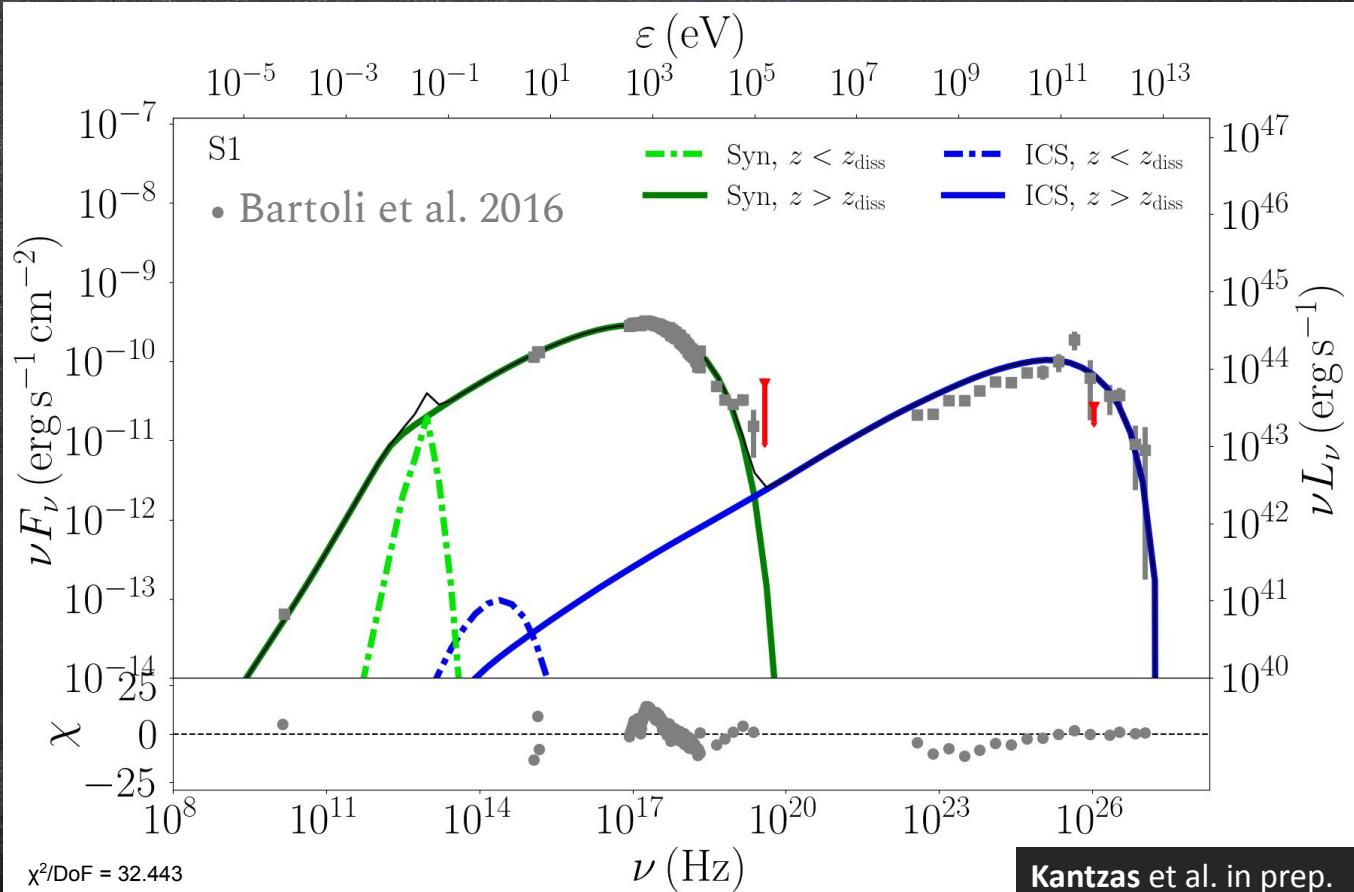
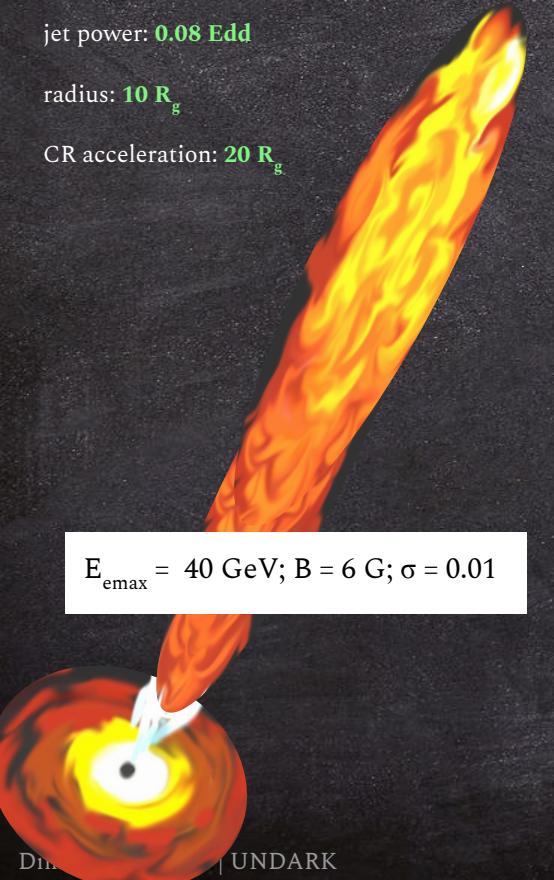
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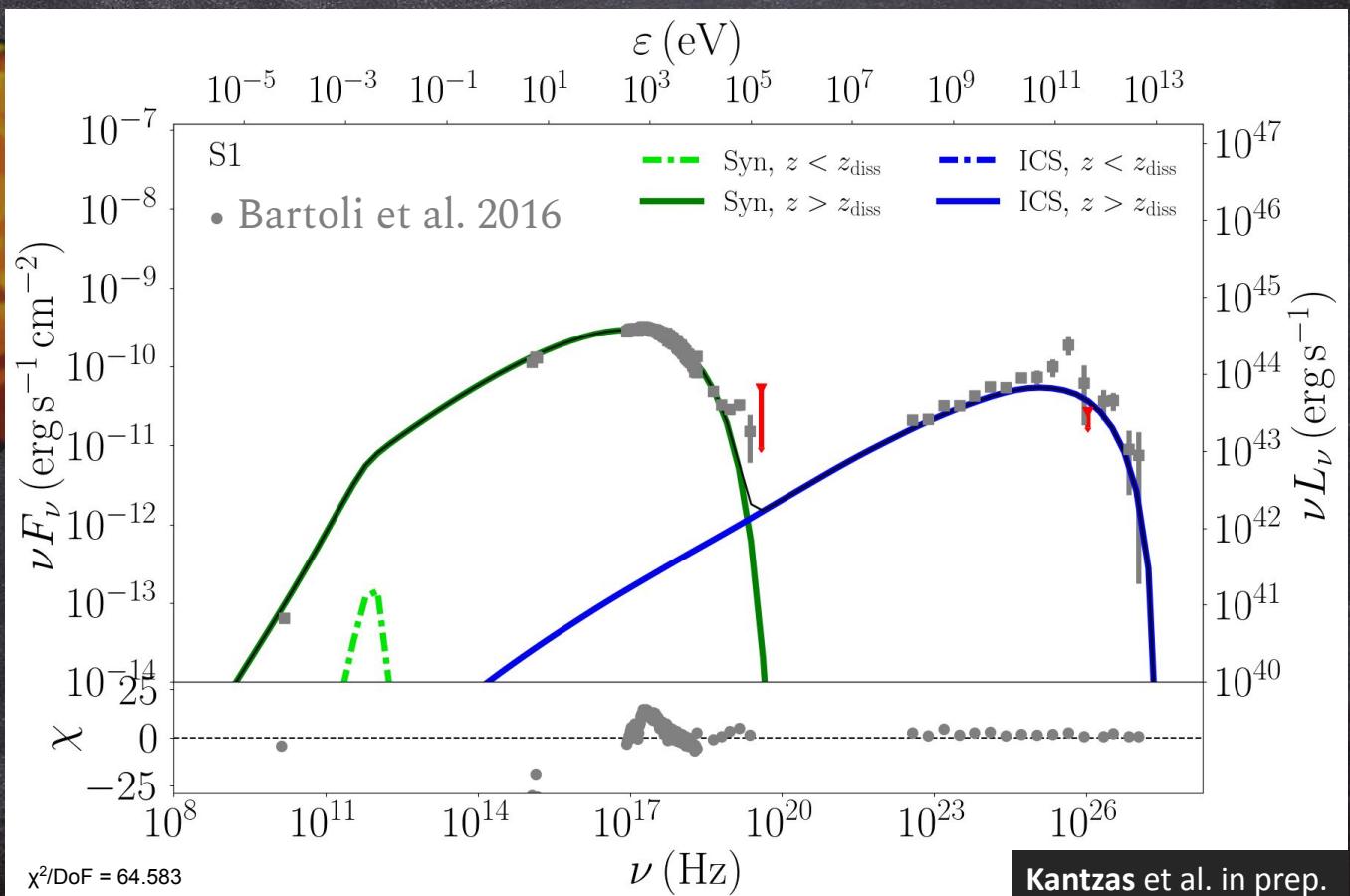
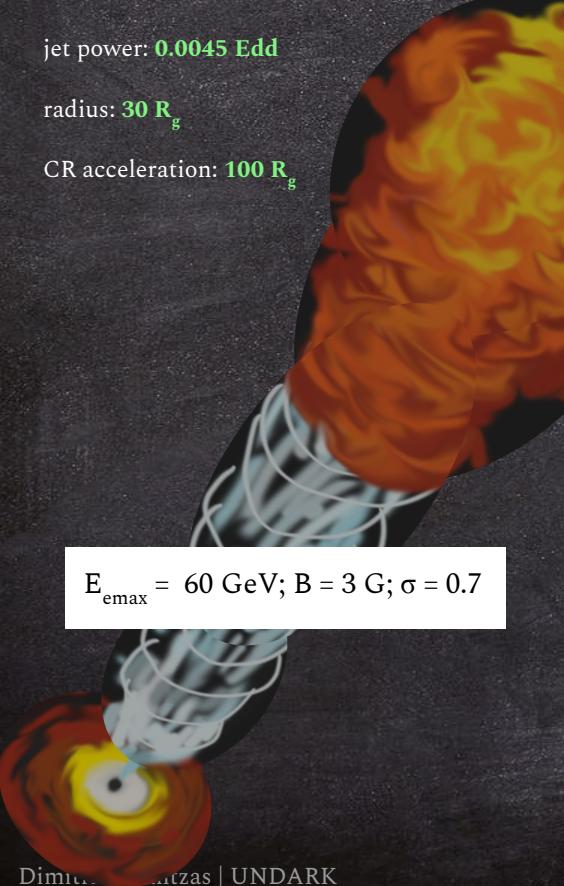
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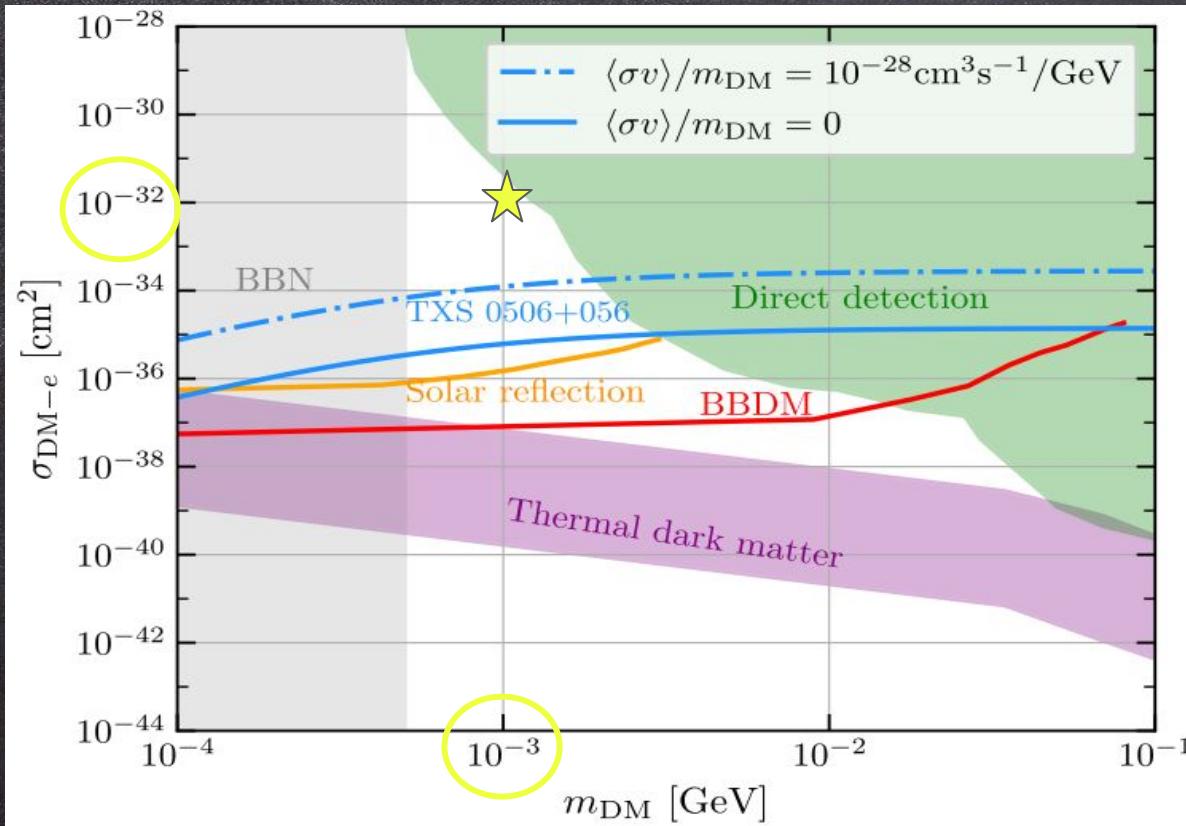
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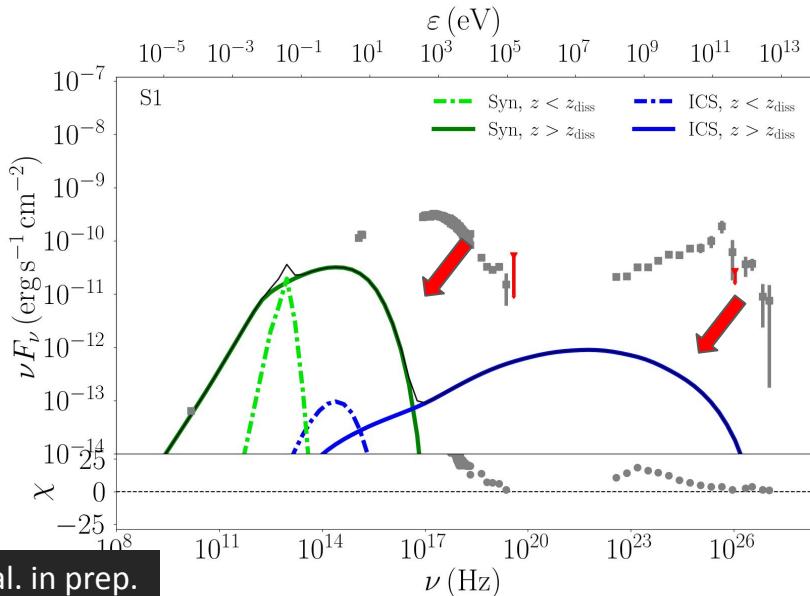
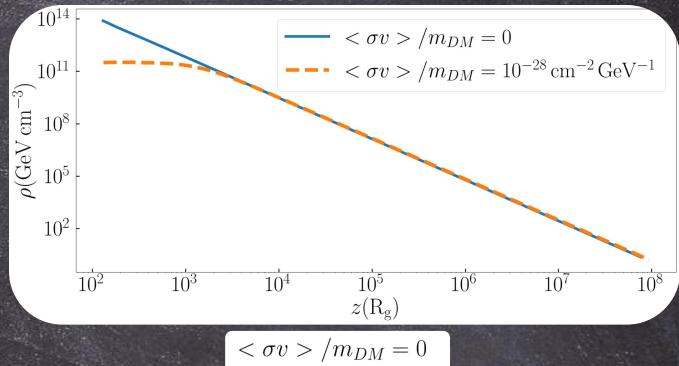
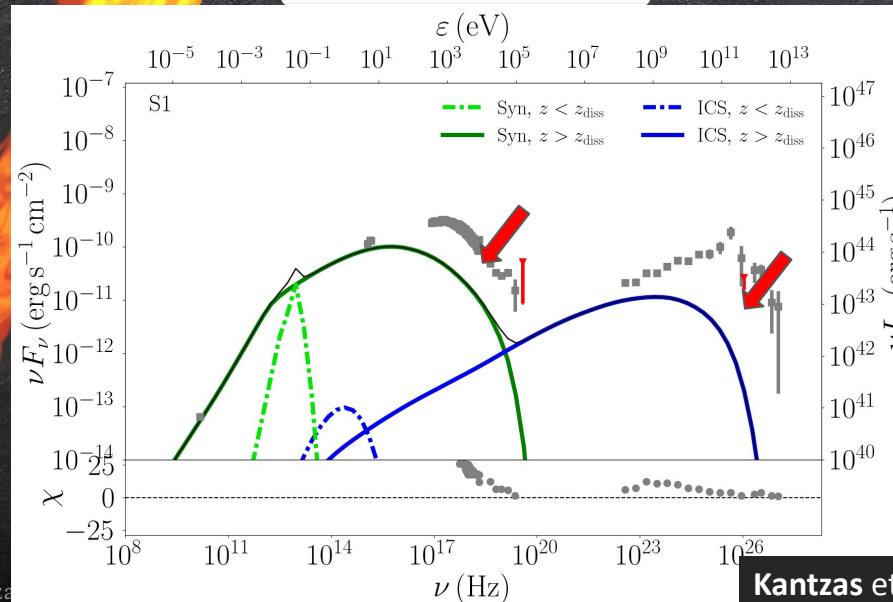
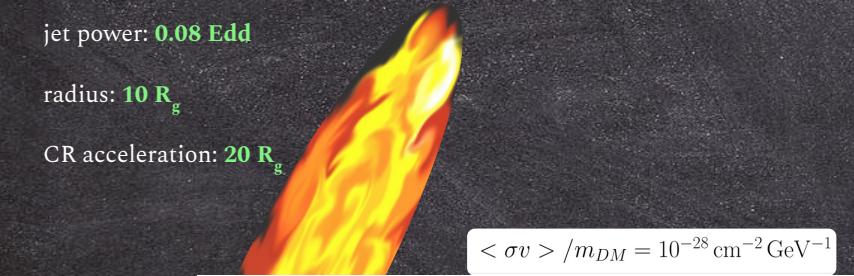
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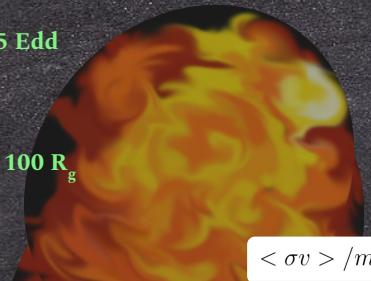
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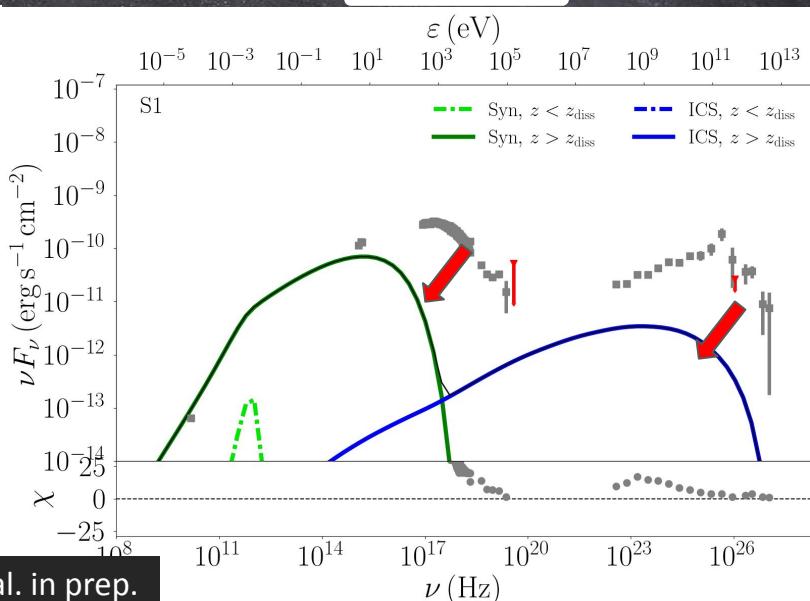
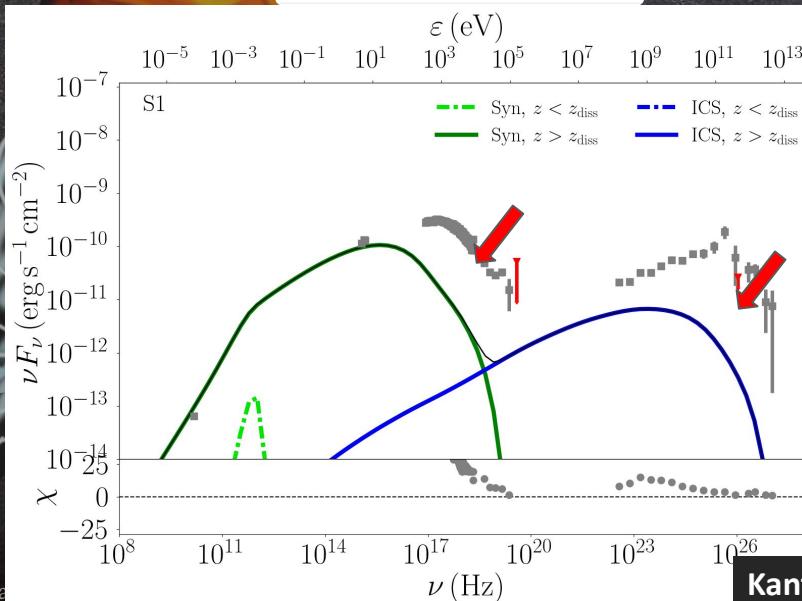
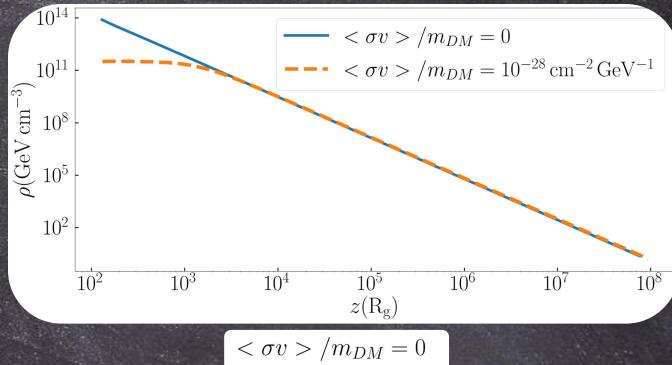
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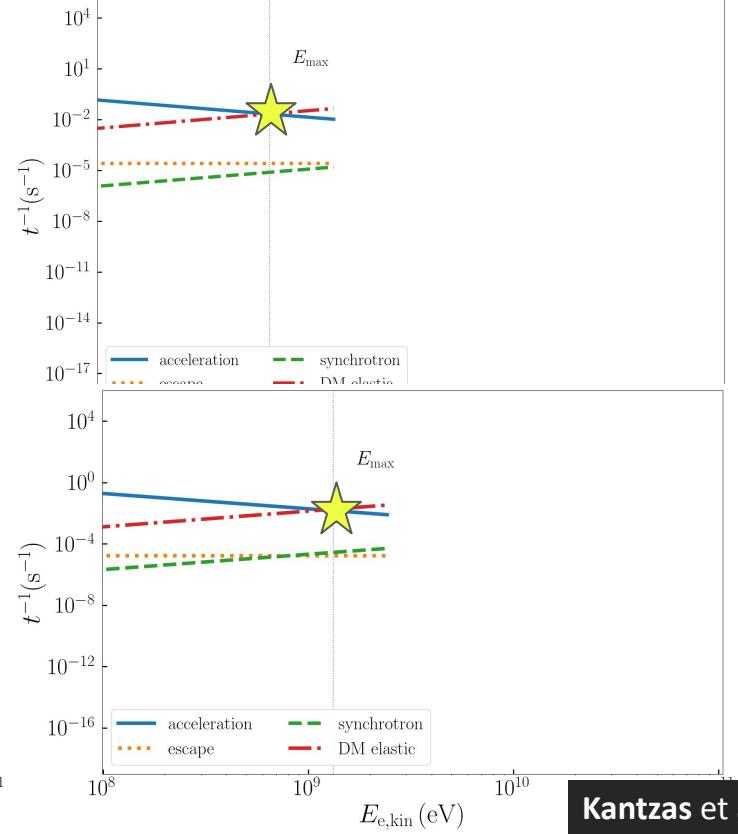
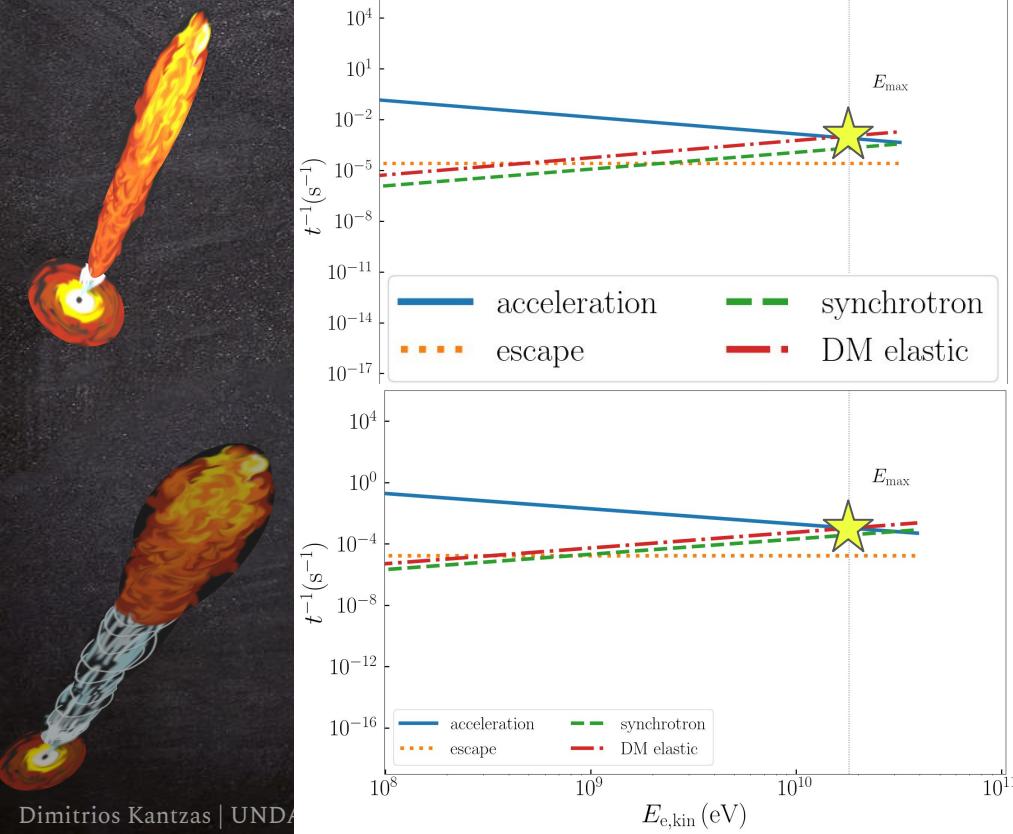
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# The cooling timescales

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# Conclusions

- CRs may cool due to CR-DM collisions
- CR-DM may produce secondary particles via inelastic collisions
- We cannot draw conclusions on the DM nature unless we better constrain jet physics !
- More physical-driven jet models are required !! →
- DMJet in prep

Find BHJet  
[here](#)



# Extra material



# A multi

How to mo



Protons:

## The kinetic equation approach

$$\frac{\partial n_p}{\partial t} + L_p^{\text{BH}} + L_p^{\text{photopion}} + L_p^{\text{psyn}} + L_p^{\text{pp}} + \frac{n_p}{t_{p,\text{esc}}} = Q_p^{\text{inj}} + Q_p^{\text{photopion}}$$

Electrons:

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + L_e^{\text{syn}} + L_e^{\text{ics}} + L_e^{\text{ann}} + L_e^{\text{tpp}} + \frac{n_e}{t_{e,\text{esc}}} = Q_e^{\text{ext}} + Q_e^{\text{BH}} + Q_e^{\gamma\gamma} + Q_e^{\text{photopion}} + Q_e^{\text{tpp}} + Q_e^{\text{pp}}$$

Photons:

$$\frac{\partial n_\gamma}{\partial t} + \frac{n_\gamma}{t_{\gamma,\text{esc}}} + L_\gamma^{\gamma\gamma} + L_\gamma^{\text{ssa}} = Q_\gamma^{\text{syn}} + Q_\gamma^{\text{psyn}} + Q_\gamma^{\text{ics}} + Q_\gamma^{\text{ann}} + Q_\gamma^{\text{photopion}} + Q_\gamma^{\text{pp}}$$

Neutrinos:

$$\frac{\partial n_\nu}{\partial t} + \frac{n_\nu}{t_{\text{esc}}} = Q_\nu^{\text{photopion}} + Q_\nu^{\text{pp}}$$

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$$\frac{\partial n_n}{\partial t} + L_n^{\text{photopion}} + \frac{n_n}{t_{\text{esc}}} = Q_n^{\text{photopion}} + Q_n^{\text{pp}}$$

photopion

ssa

proton  
synchrotron

YY

synchrotron

annihilation

triplet  
pair production

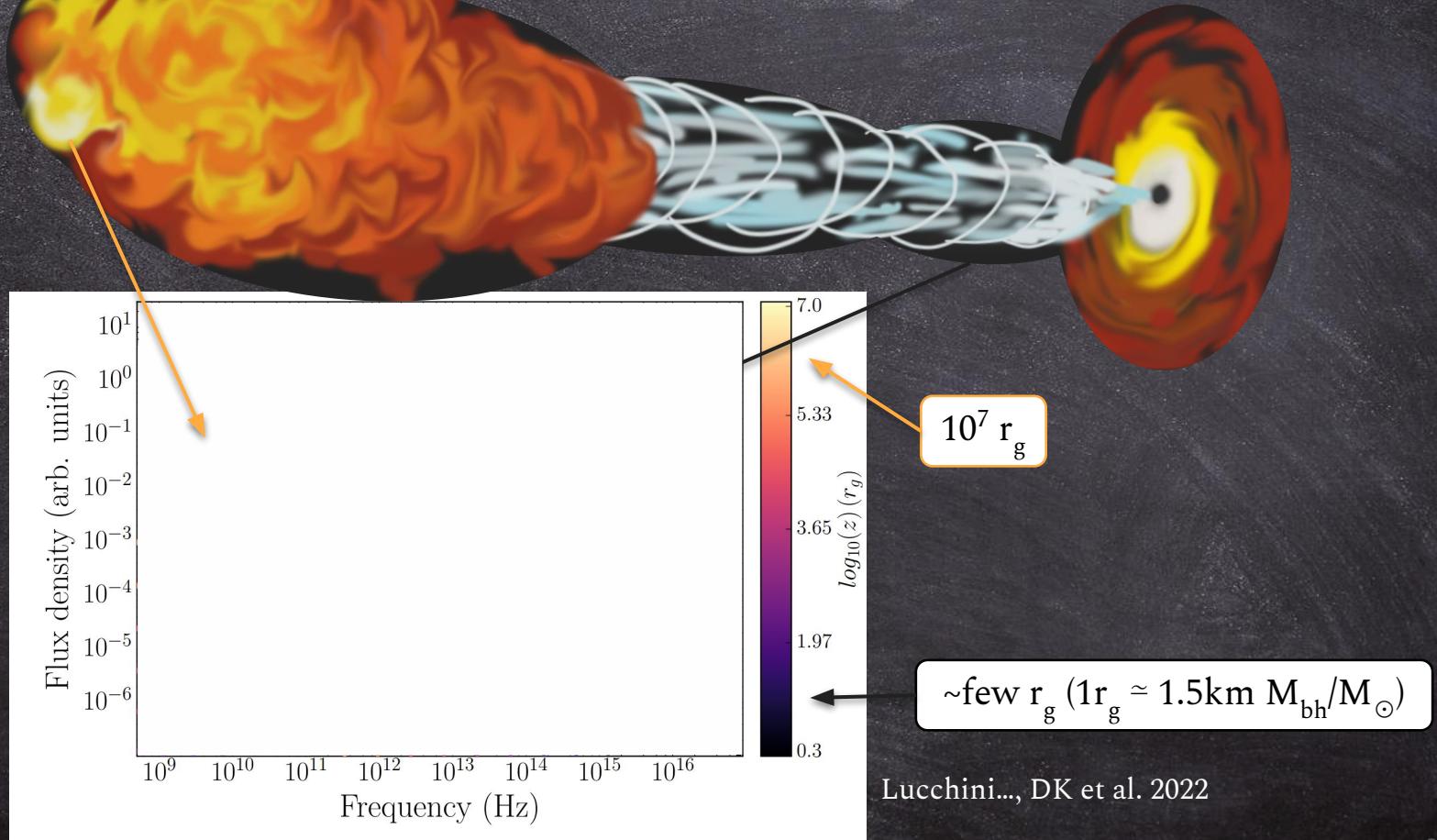
injection

Bethe-Heitler

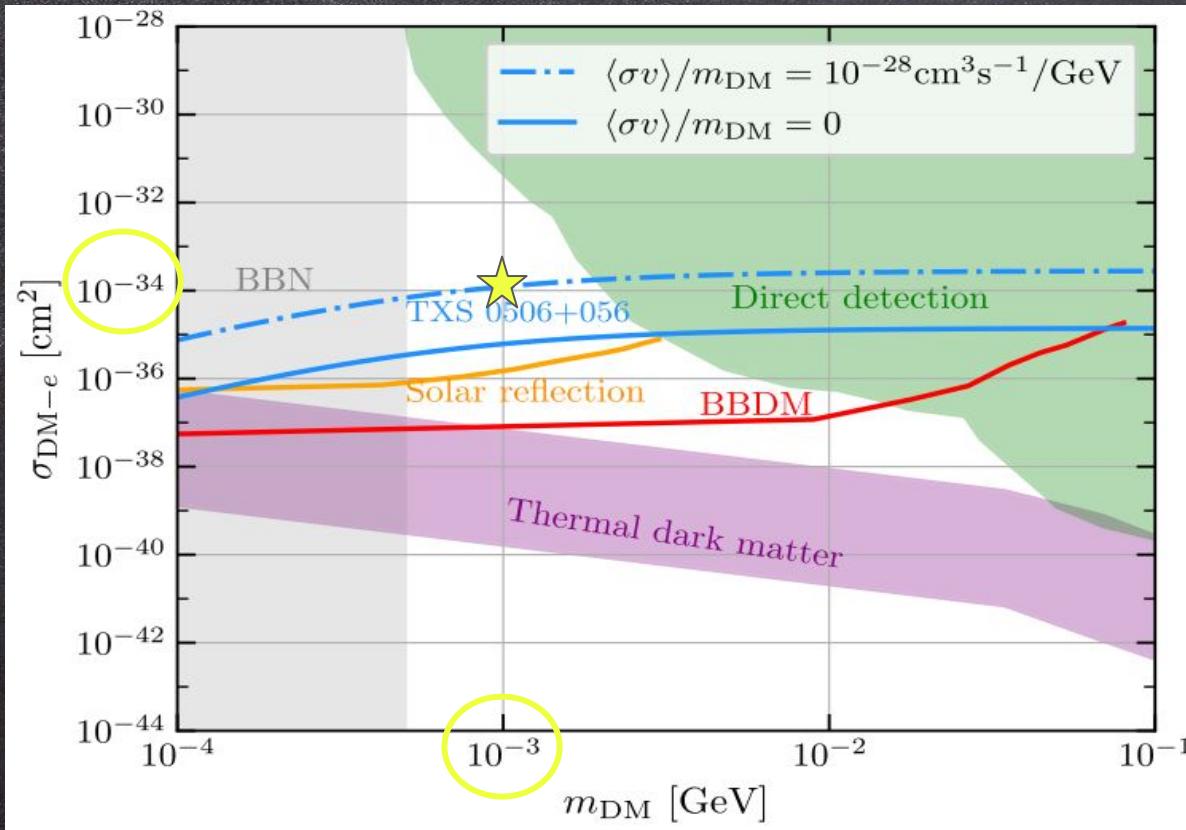
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et al. 2005;  
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# The multi-wavelength emission



# The MW spectrum of Mkn 421 with DM (2)



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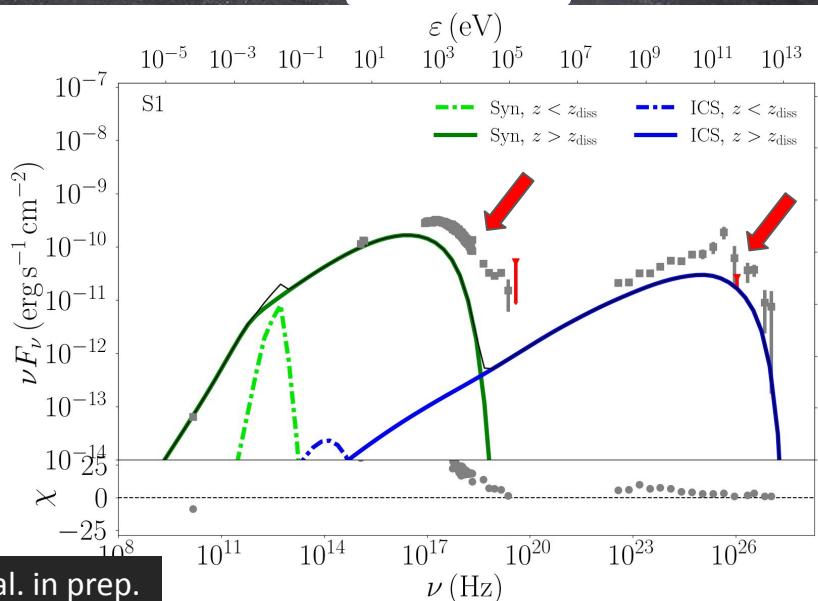
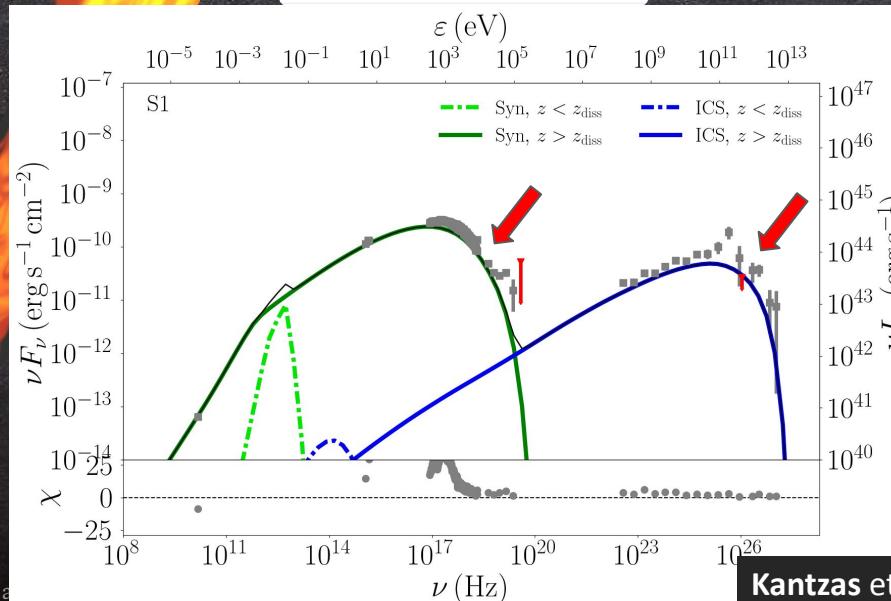
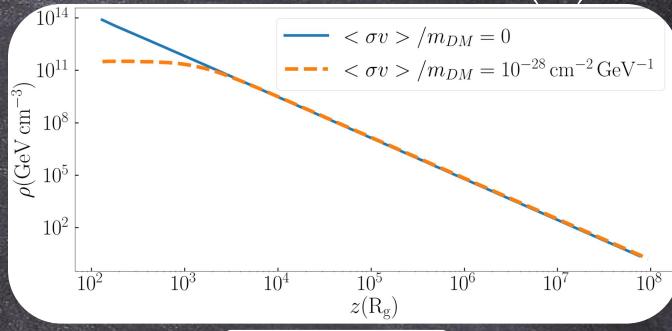
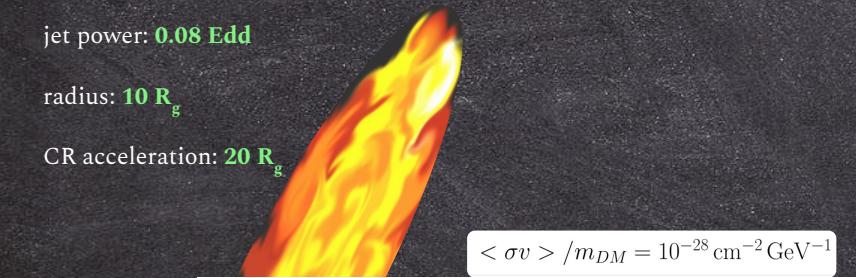
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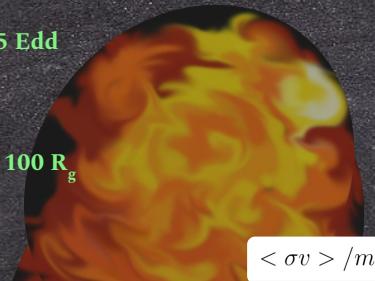
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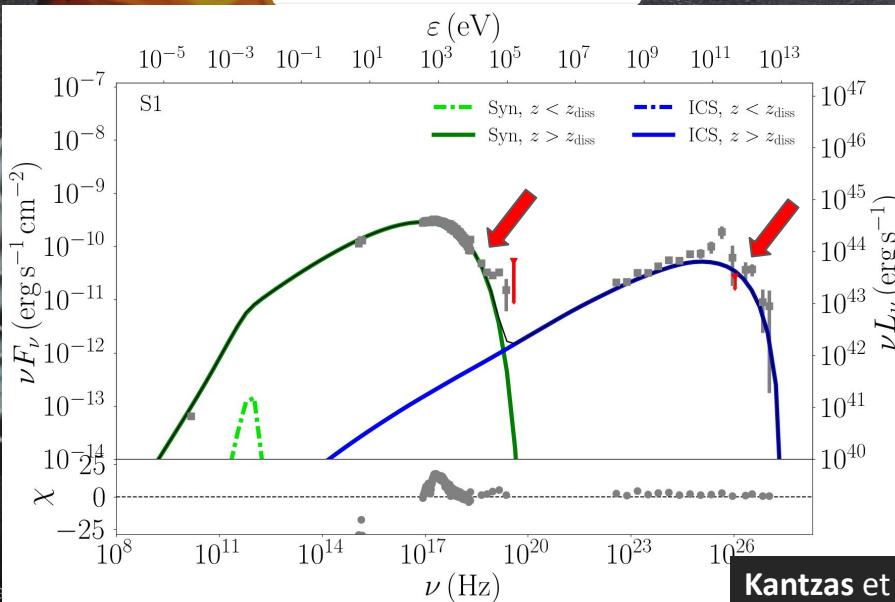
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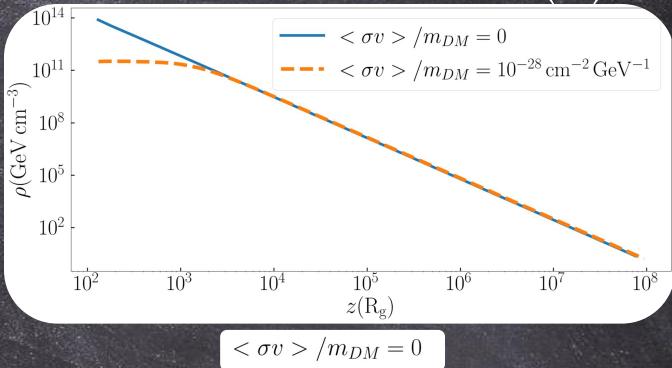
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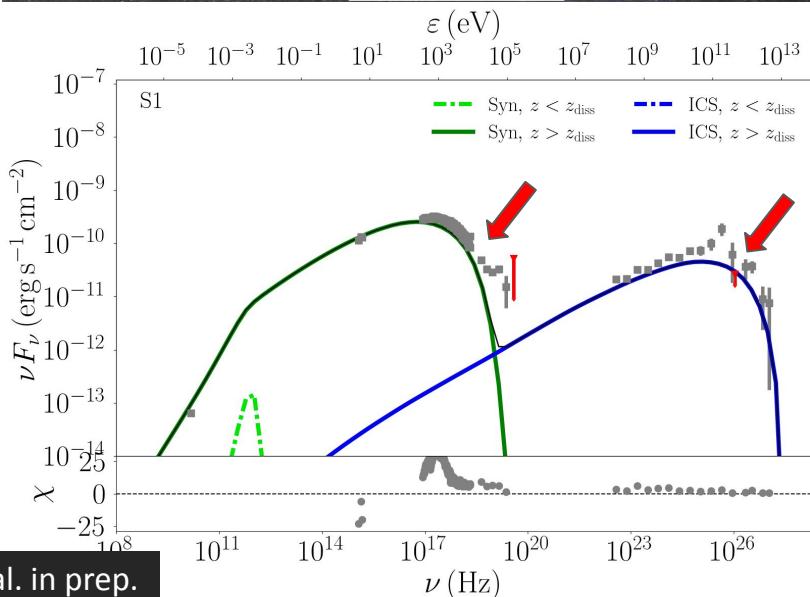
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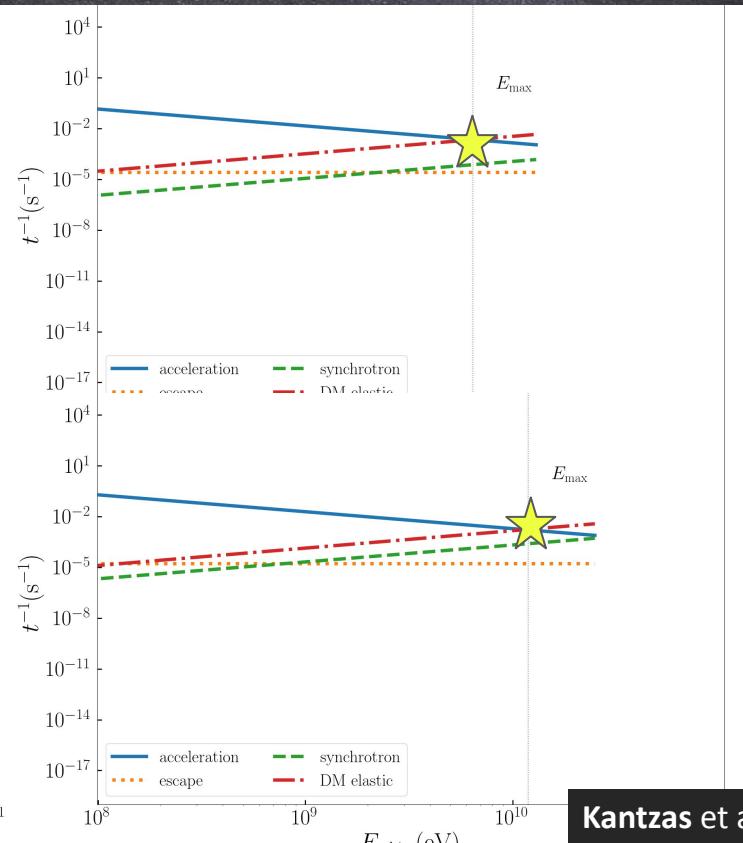
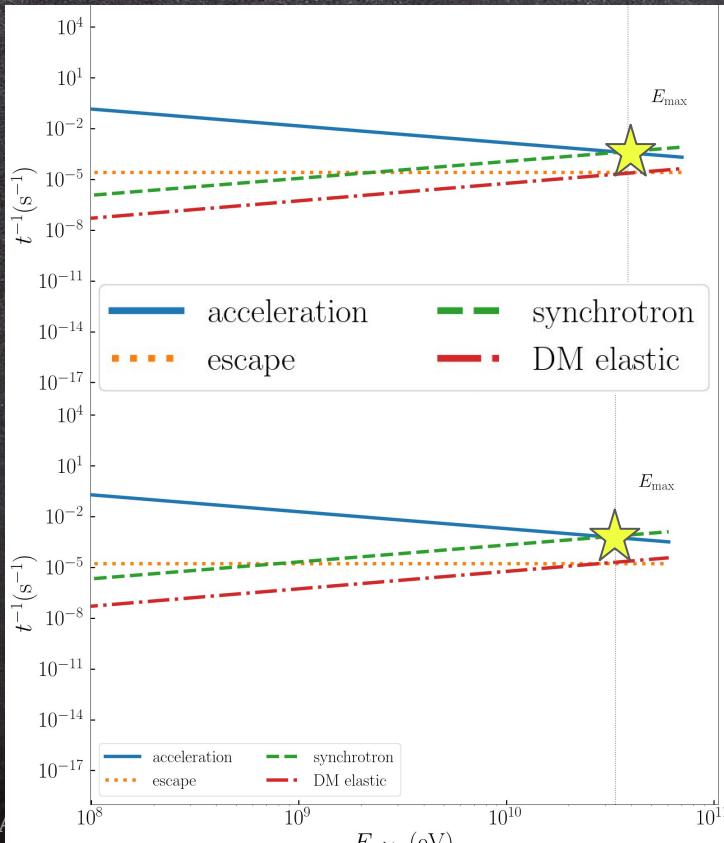


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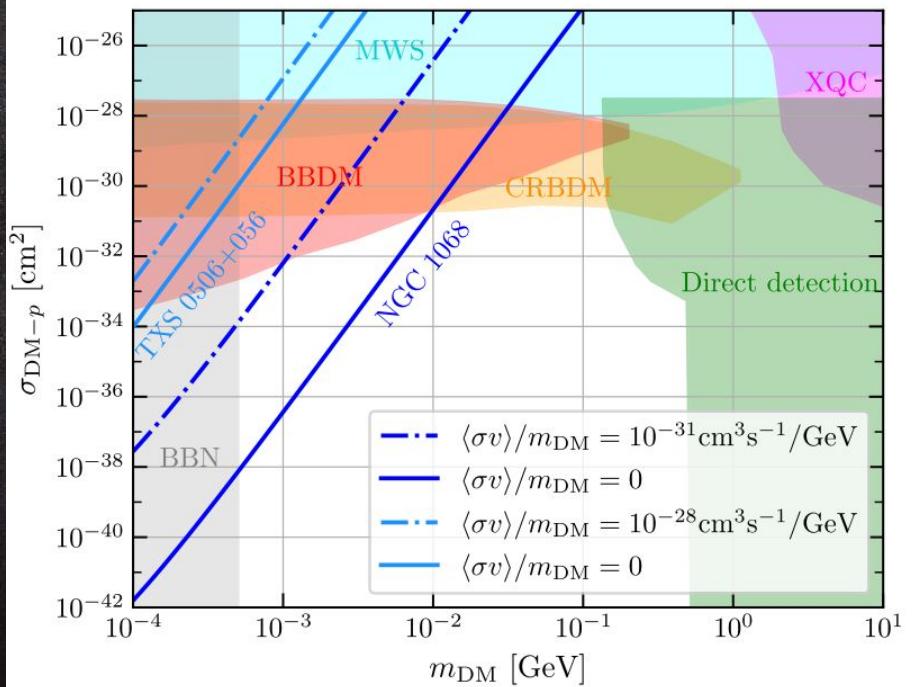
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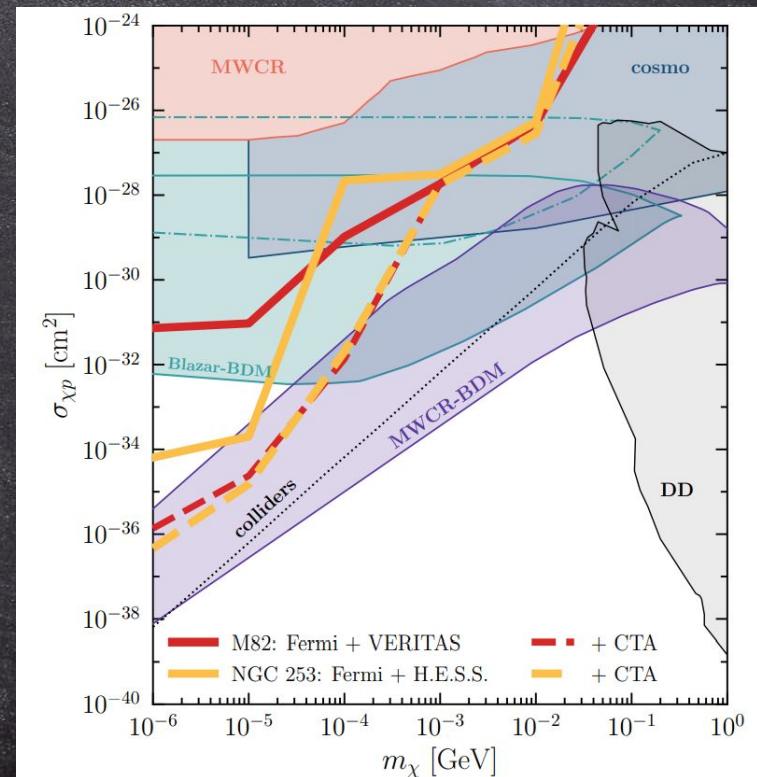


# Constraints from CR-DM collisions

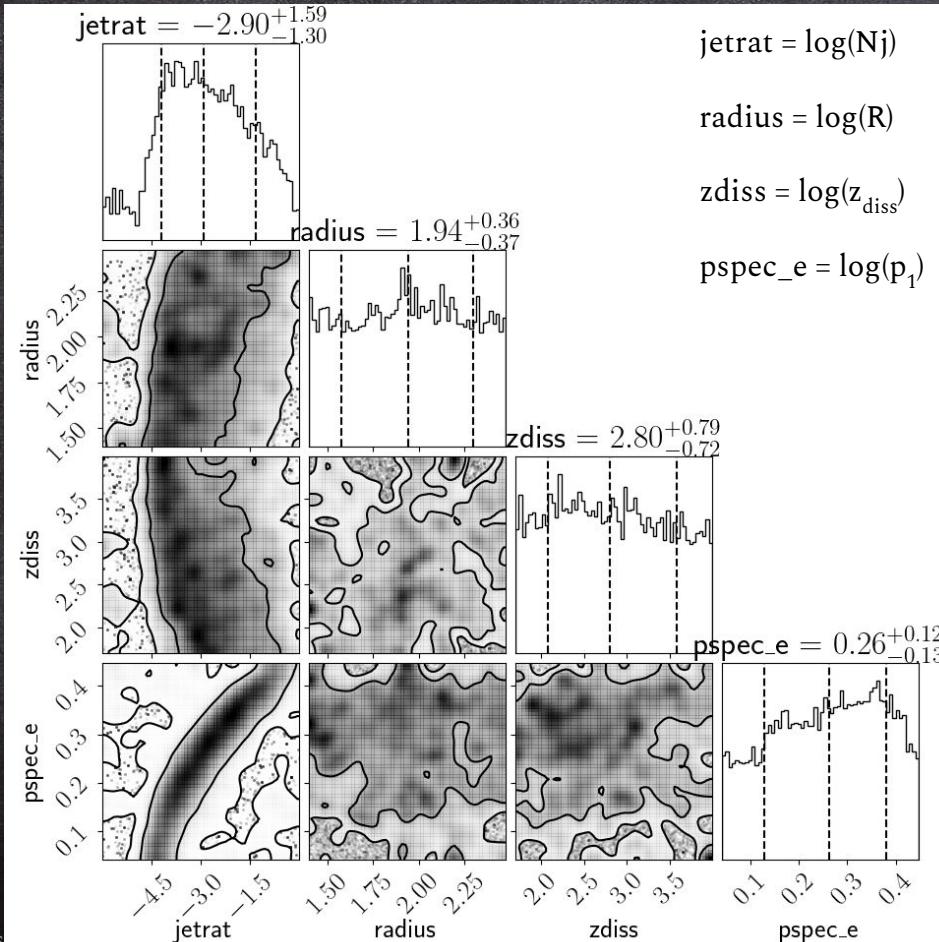
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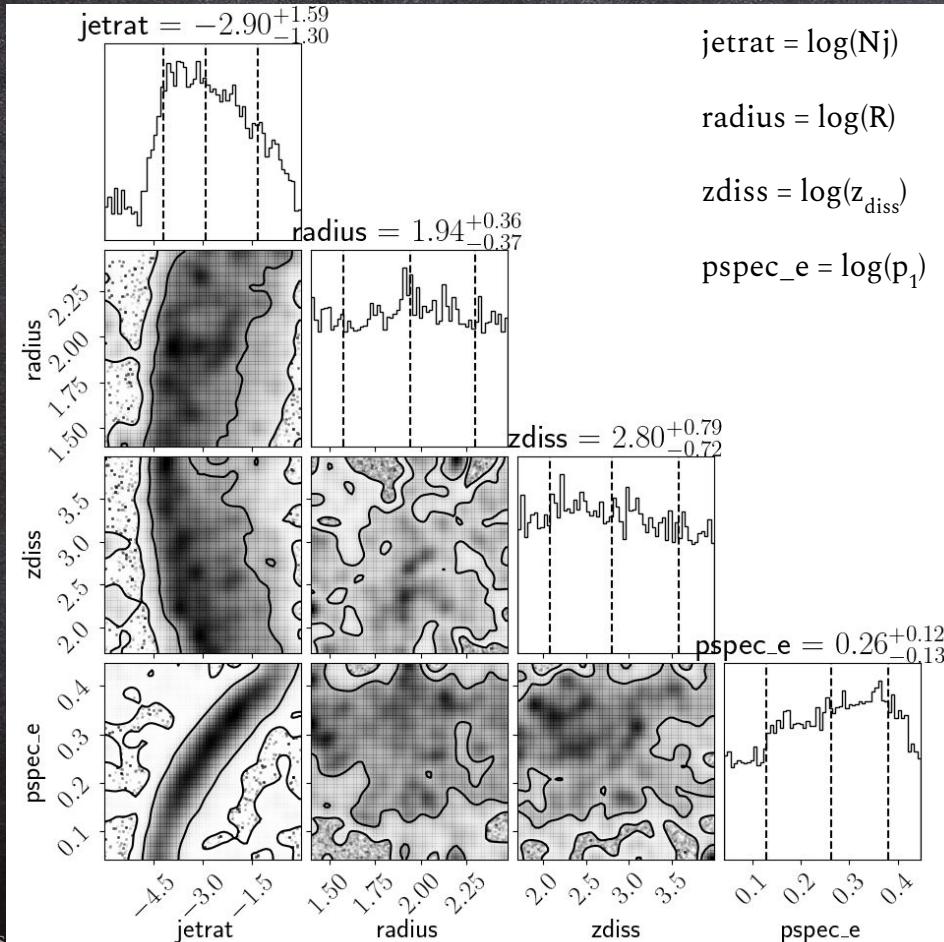


preliminary

parameter	value
$p_1$	1.83
$E_{\text{break}} \text{ (GeV)}$	155
$\delta$	42
$B \text{ (G)}$	0.4
$u_e/u_B$	7.4
$R \text{ (} r_g \text{)}$	36
$Z_{\text{diss}} \text{ (} r_g \text{)}$	435
$N_j \text{ (} L_{\text{Edd}} \text{)}$	0.0007

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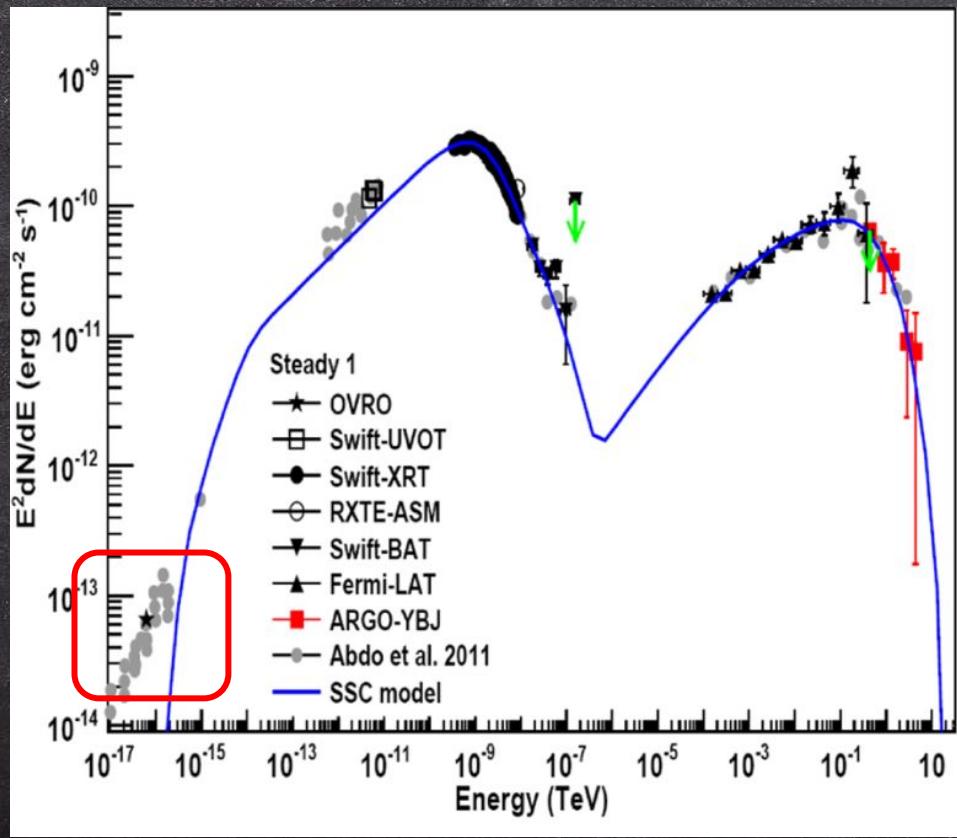
16500 iterations with 48 walkers



autocorrelation time:

[421 232 252 293]

# The Steady state



parameter	value
$p_1$	2.3
$p_2$	4.7
$E_{\text{break}}$ (GeV)	100
$\delta$	38
B (G)	0.048
$u_e/u_B$	70.6
R ( $r_g$ )	2

Bartoli et al. 2016