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# *Espresso* Acceleration of UHECRs (and more)

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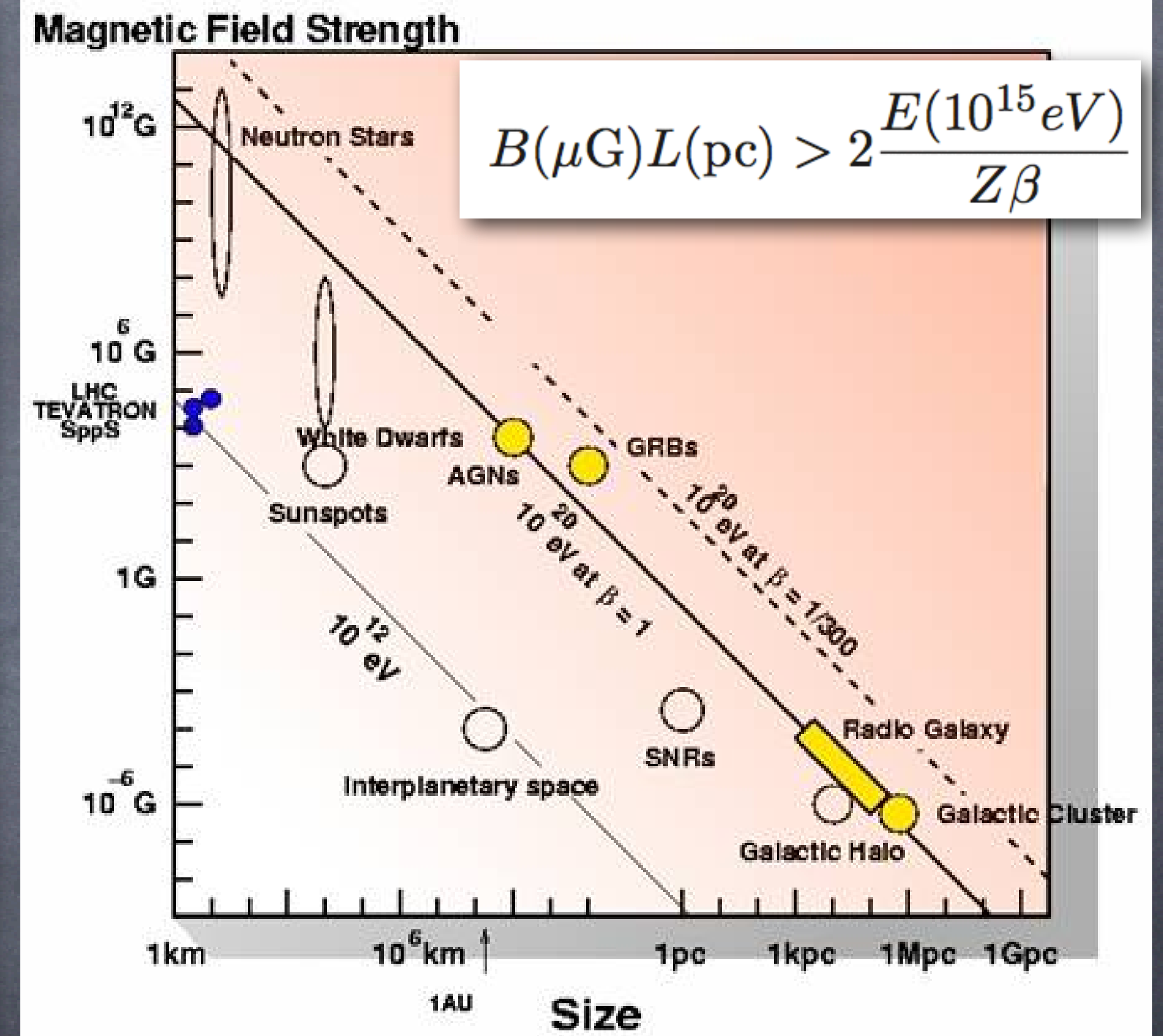
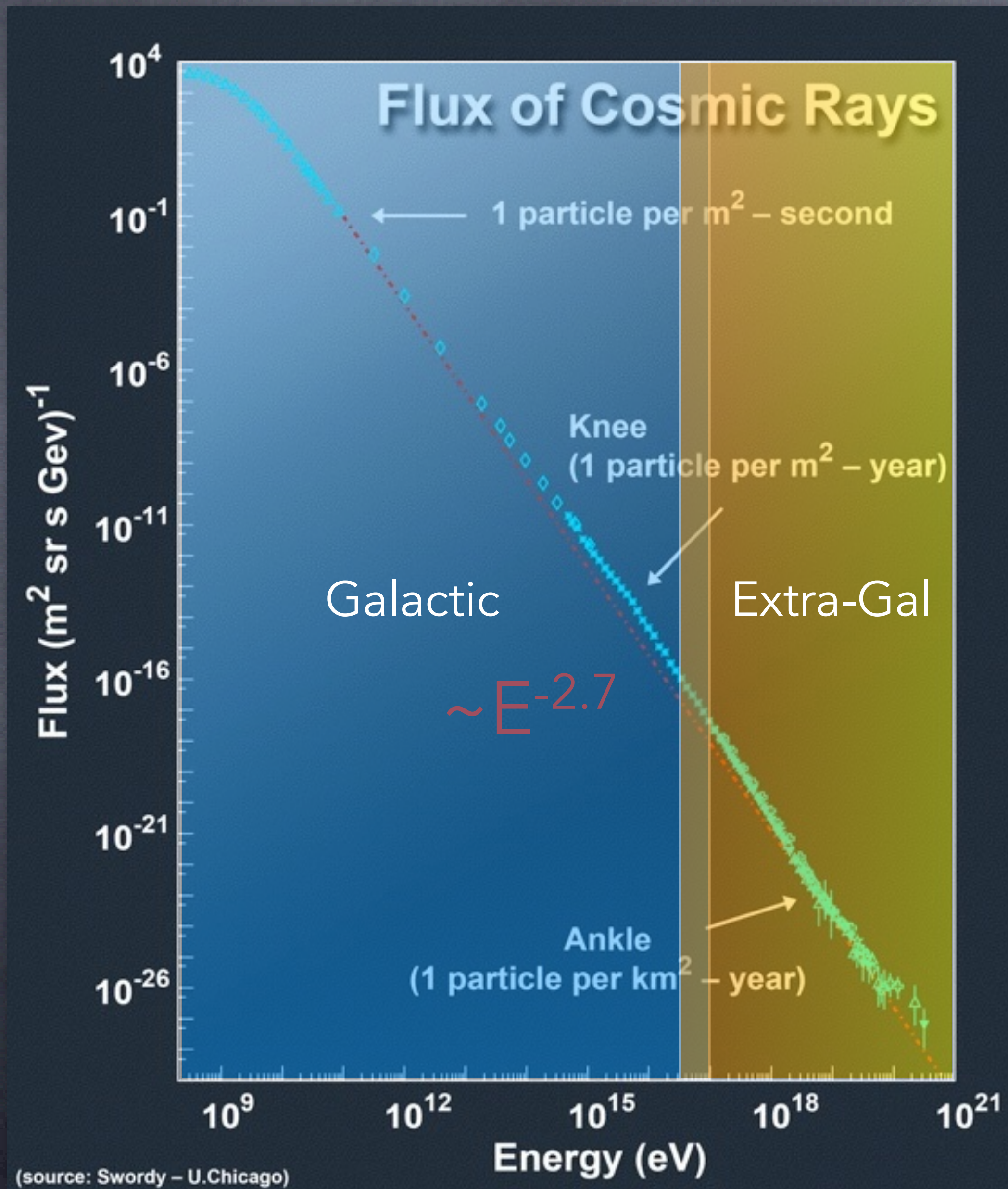


soon at the University of Chicago





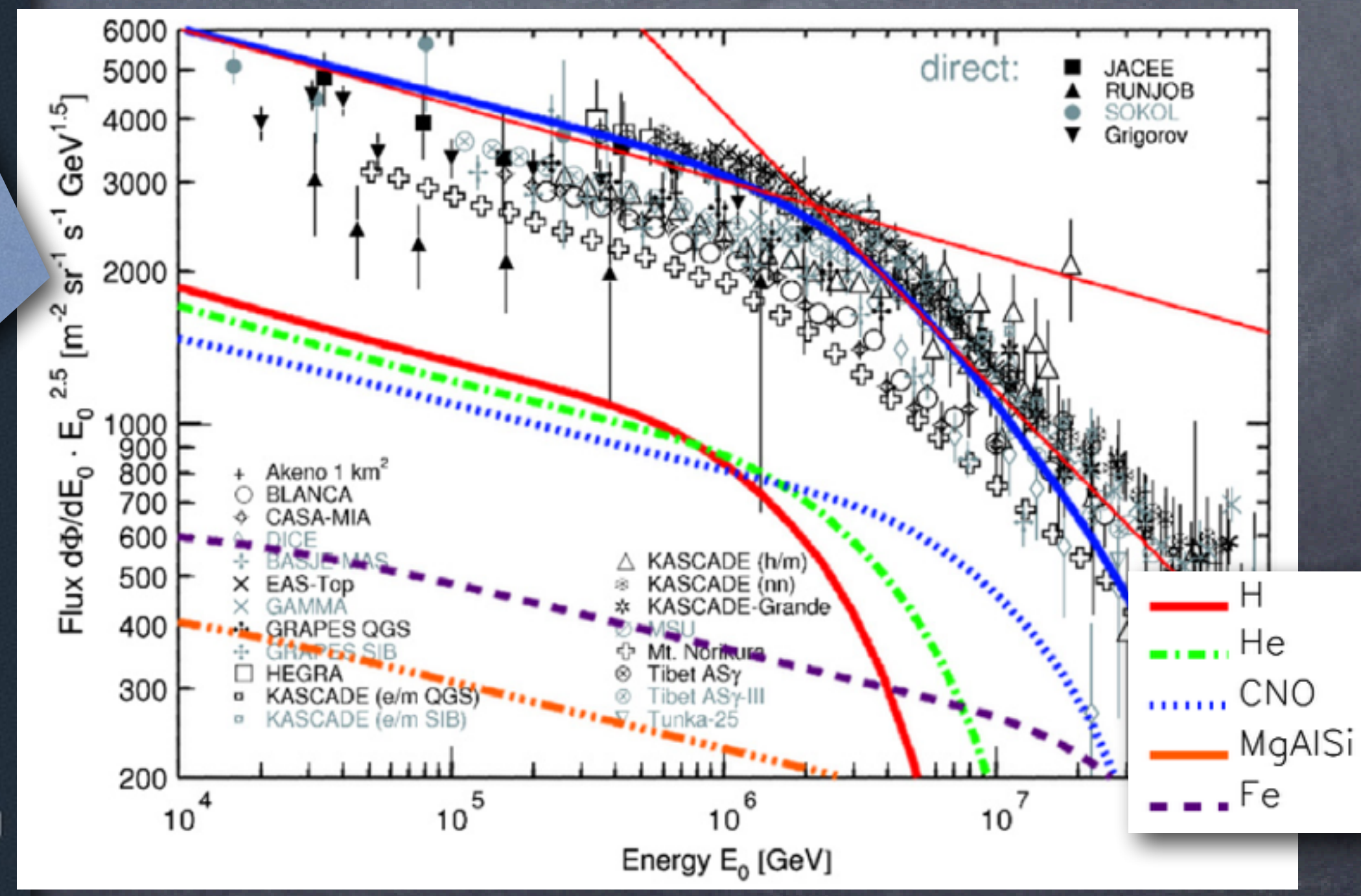
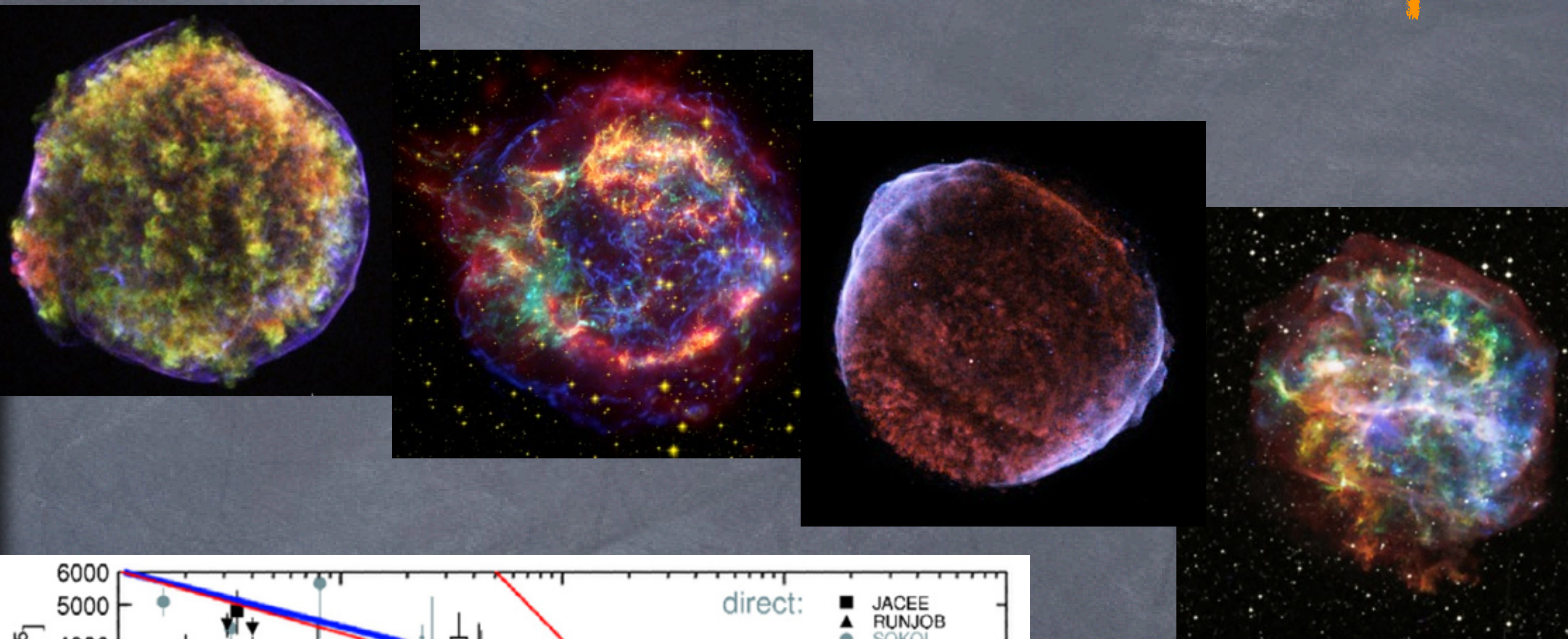
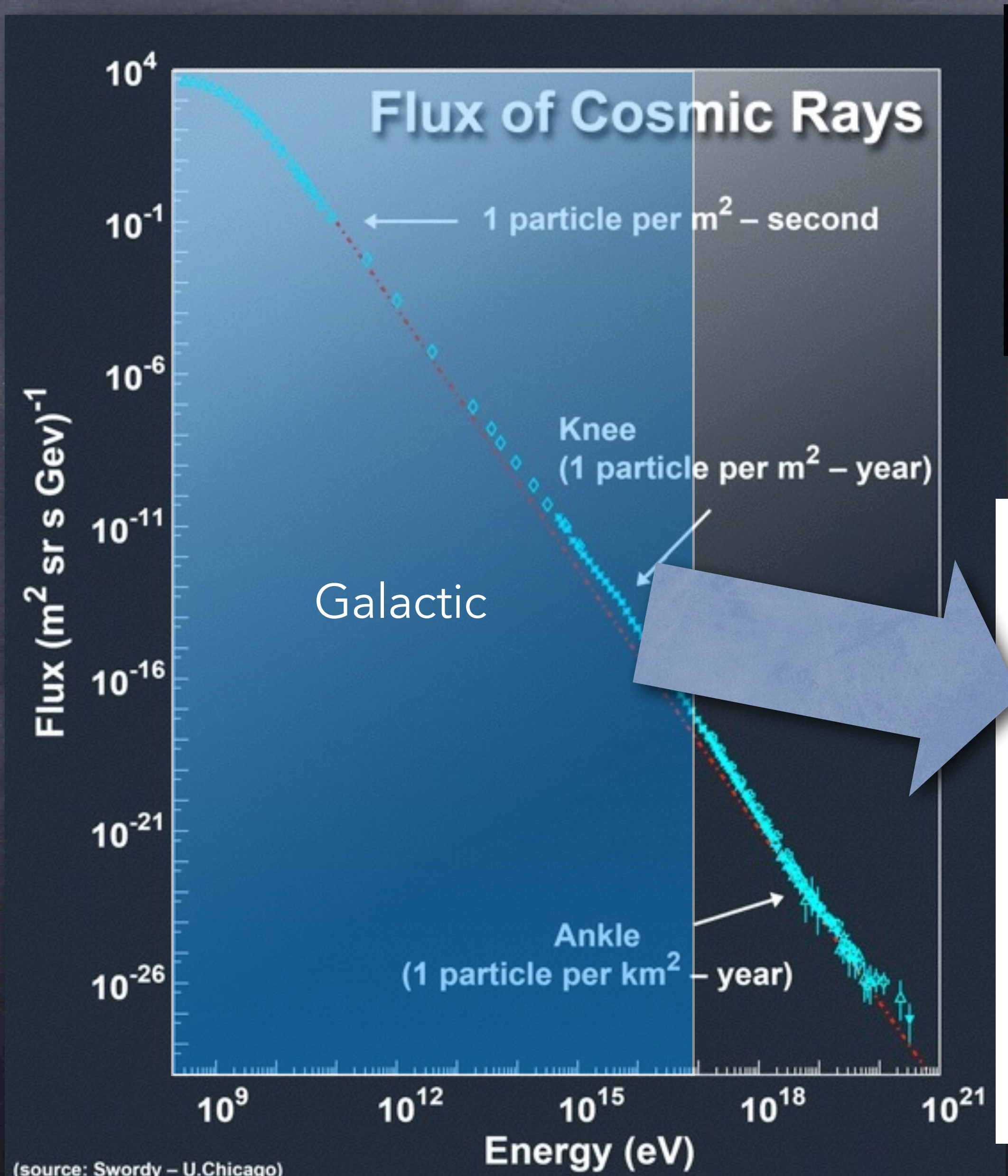
# Cosmic Rays



Remarkable **power-law** (plus “leg” features)



# SNR Paradigm for Galactic Cosmic Rays



A rigidity-dependent acceleration mechanism up to the knee (a few  $10^6$  GV)

(source: Swordy - U.Chicago)



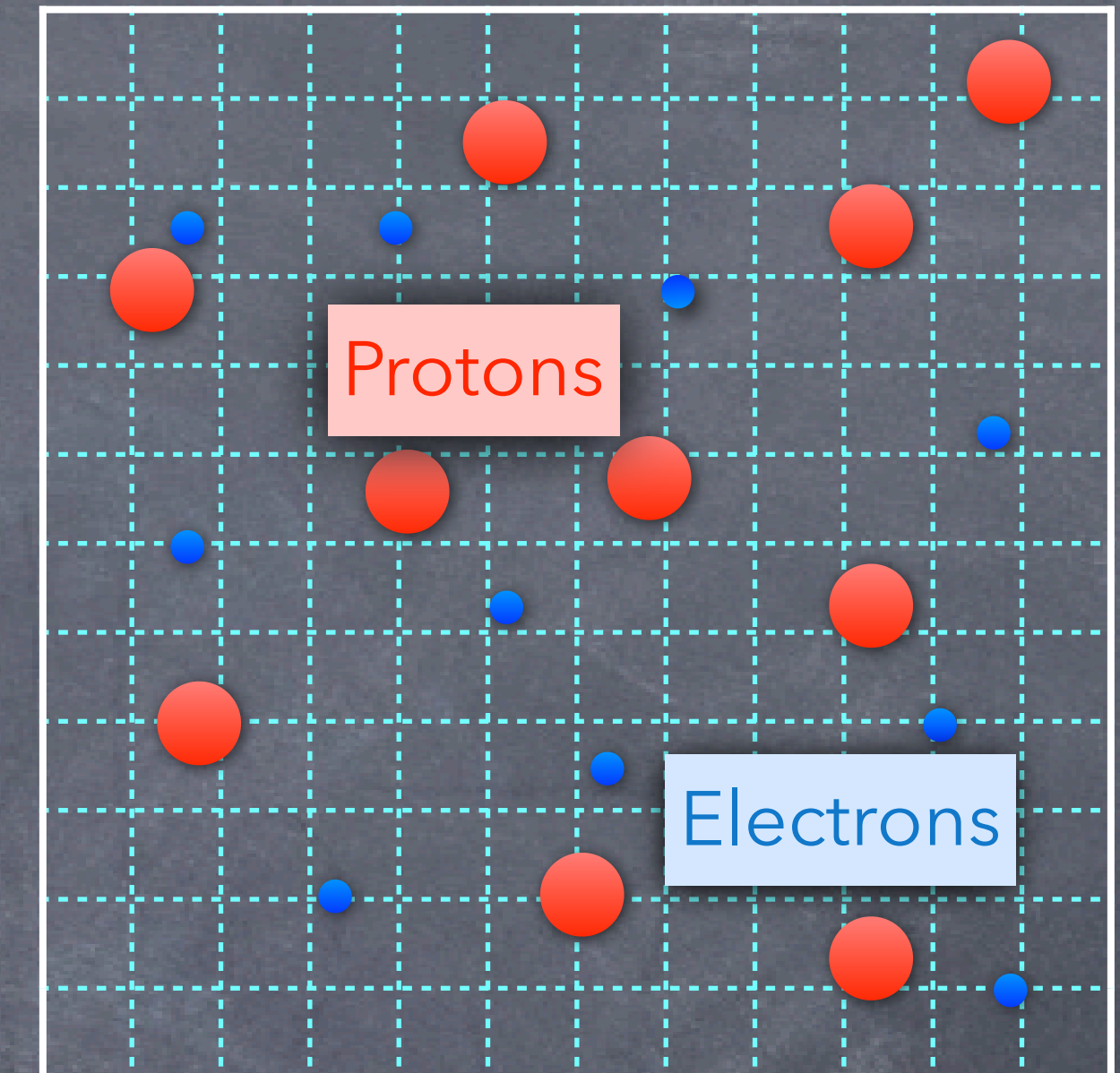
# Astroplasmas from first principles



- Full particle in cell approach

(..., Spitkovsky 2008; Amano & Hoshino 2007, 2010; Niemiec et al. 2008, 2012; Stroman et al. 2009; Riquelme & Spitkovsky 2010; Park et al. 2012; Guo et al. 2014; DC et al. 2015...)

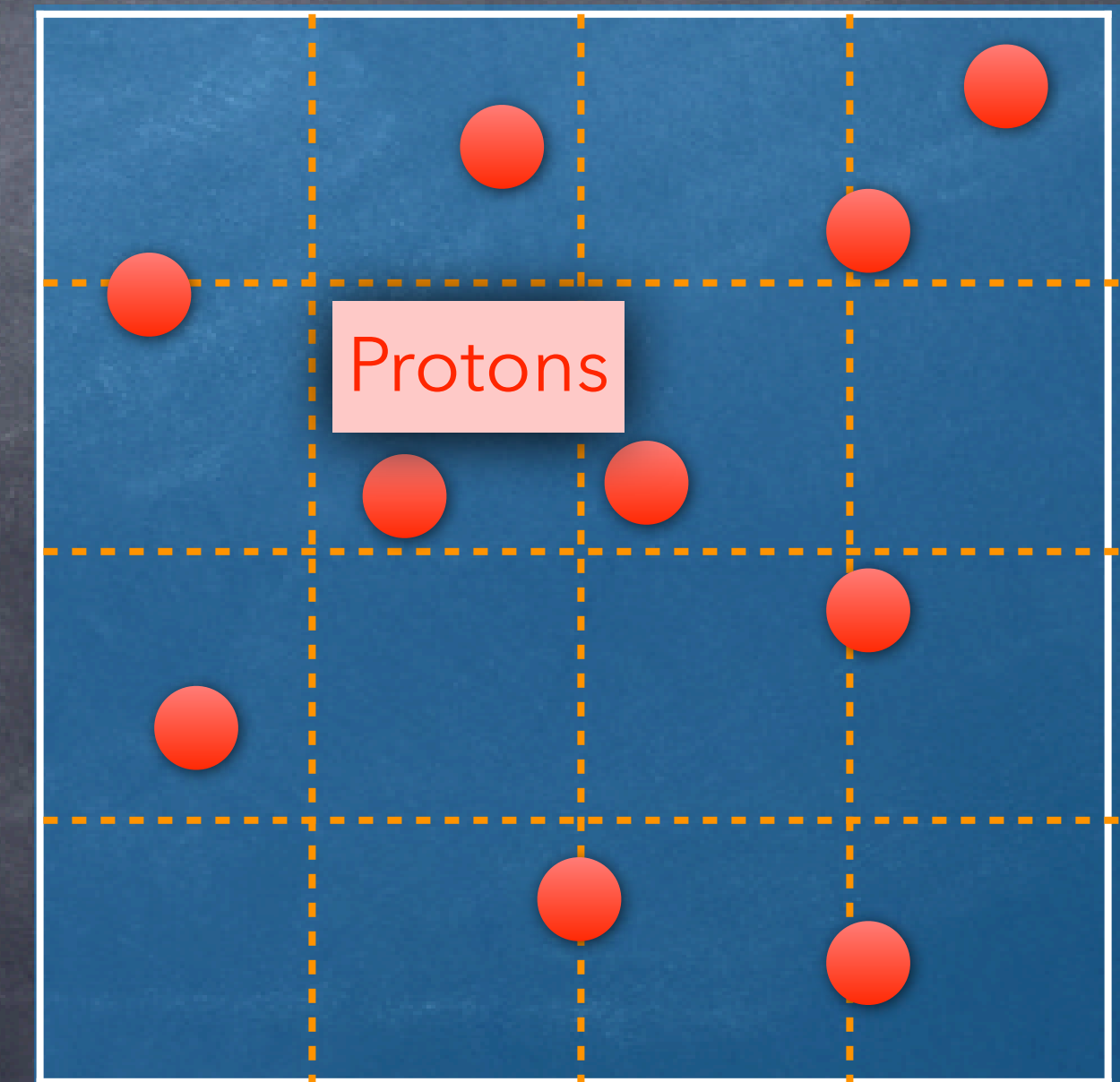
- Put particles and electromagnetic fields on a **grid**
- Move particles via **Lorentz force**
- Evolve fields via **Maxwell equations**
- Computationally very challenging!



- Hybrid approach: Fluid **electrons** - Kinetic **protons**

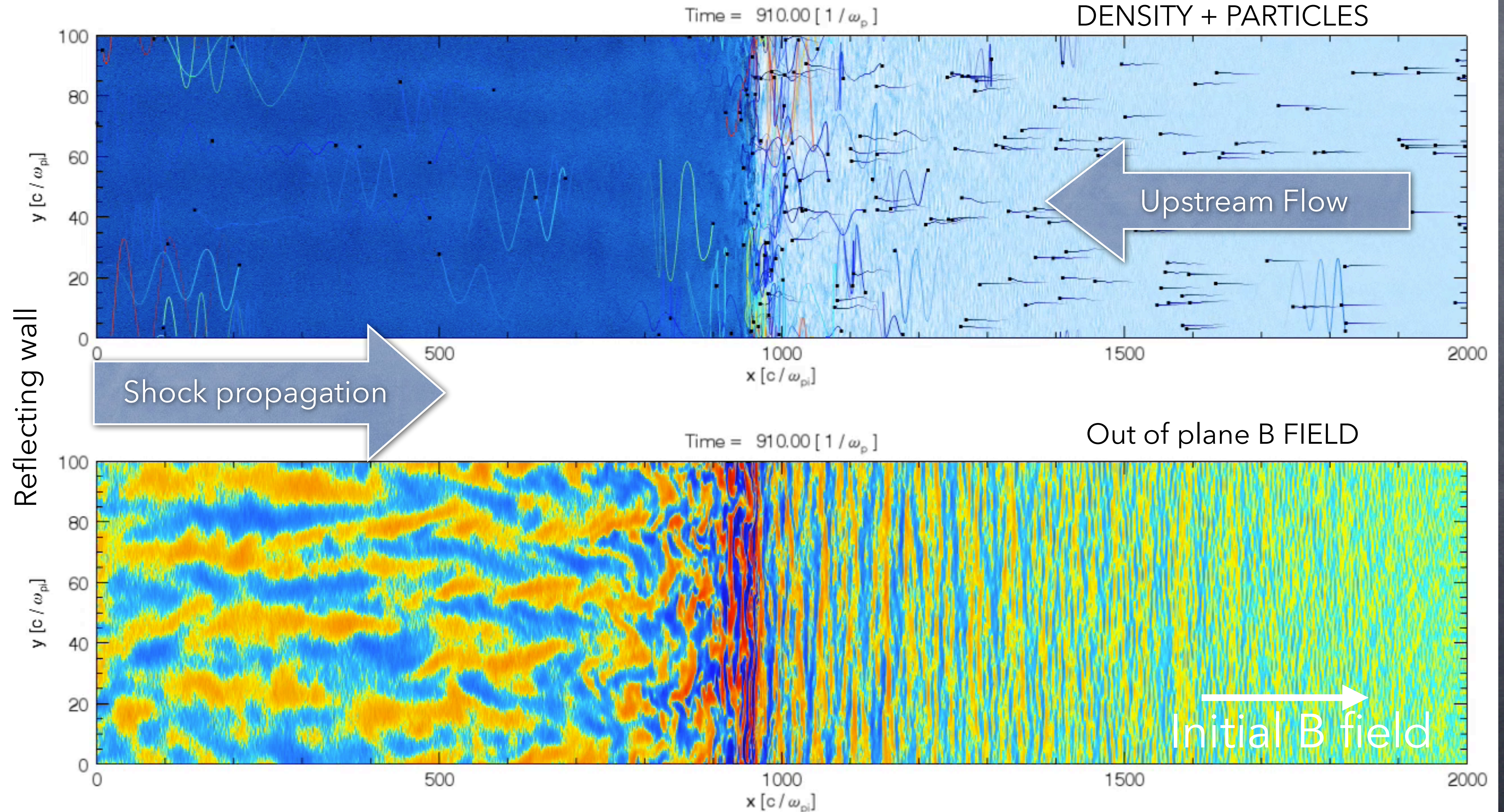
(Winske & Omid; Burgess et al., Lipatov 2002; Giacalone et al. 1993,1997,2004-2013; DC & Spitkovsky 2013-2015,...)

- massless electrons for more **macroscopical** time/length scales





# Hybrid simulations of collisionless shocks

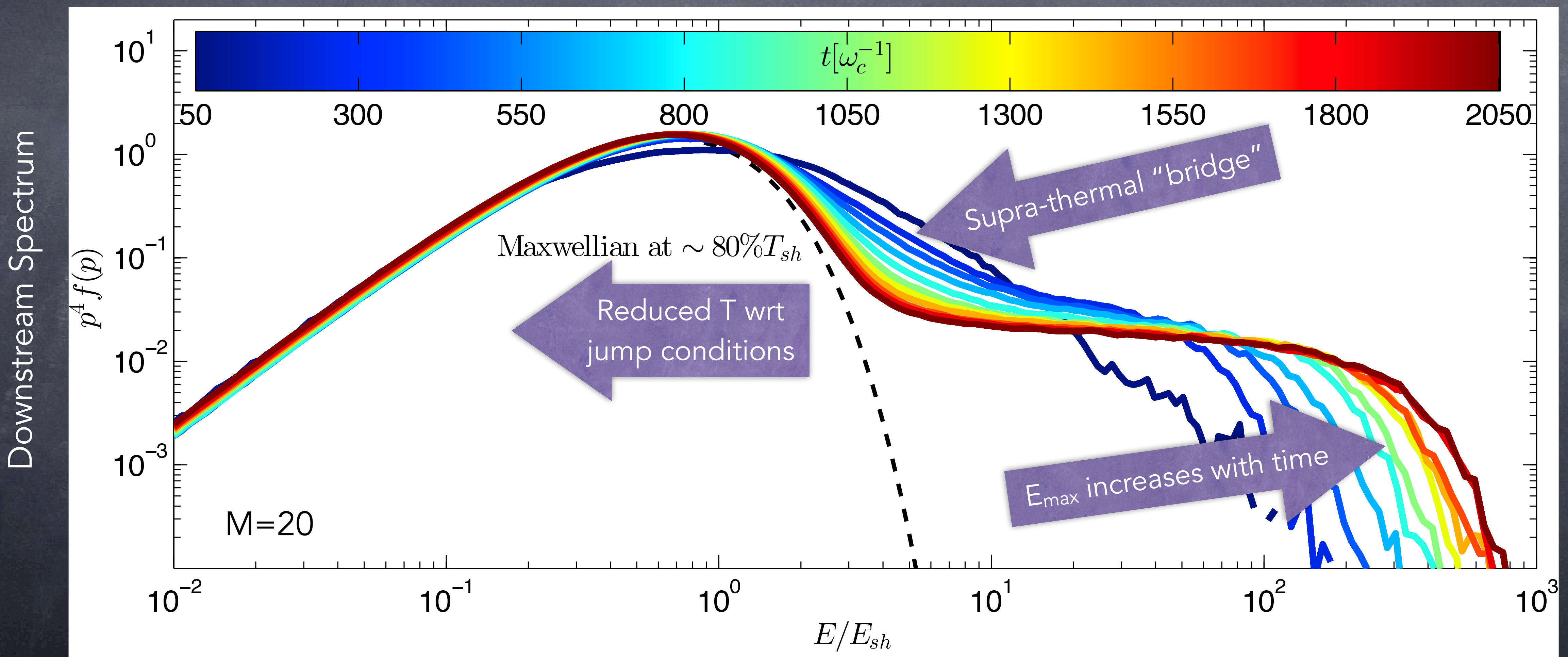






# Spectrum evolution

- Diffusive Shock Acceleration: non-thermal tail with universal spectrum  $f(p) \propto p^{-4}$
- Acceleration efficiency:  $\sim 15\%$  of the shock bulk energy!





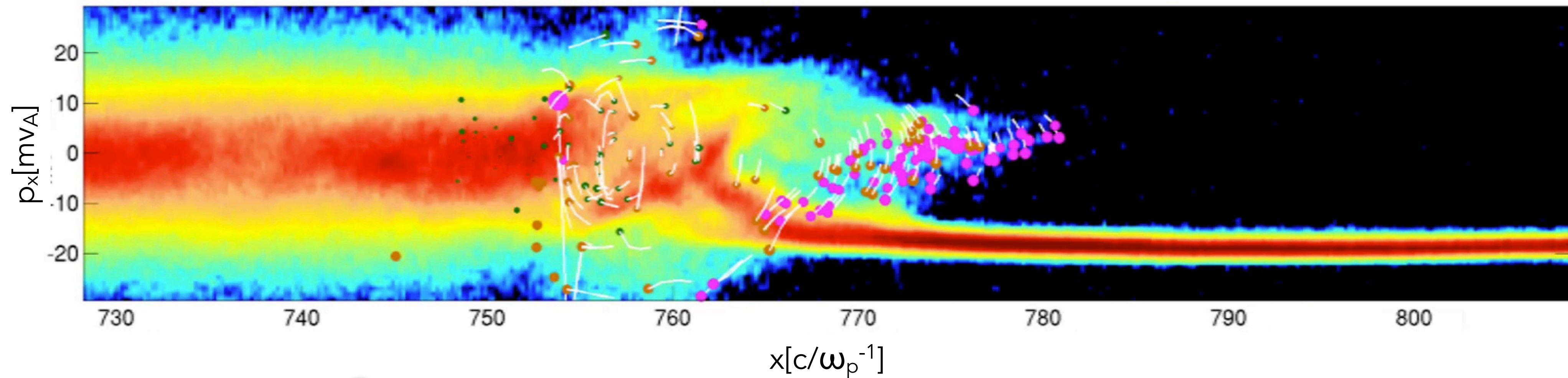
# Particle Injection - Simulations



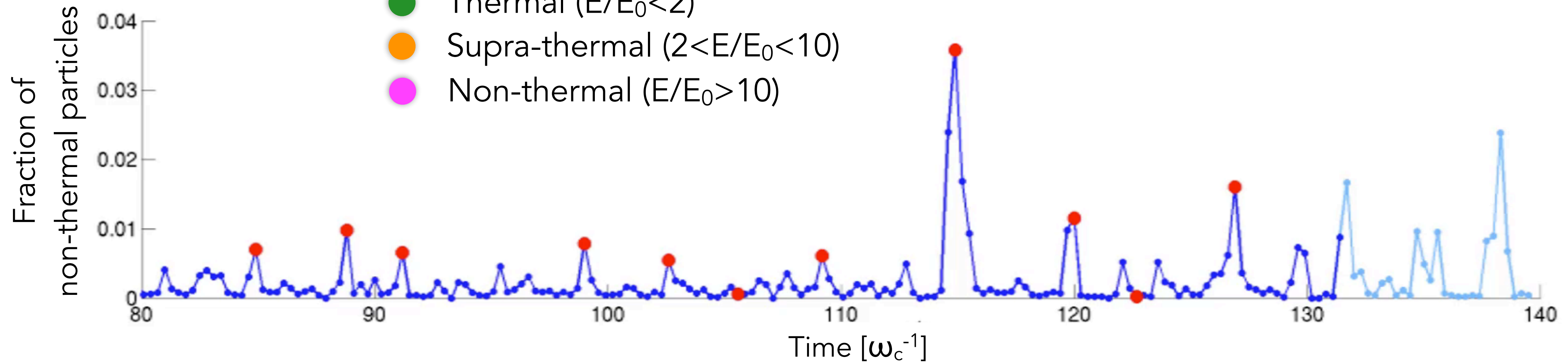
DC, Pop & Spitkovsky, 2015

## x- $p_x$ Phase Space

Time  $t = 131.130\omega_c^{-1}$



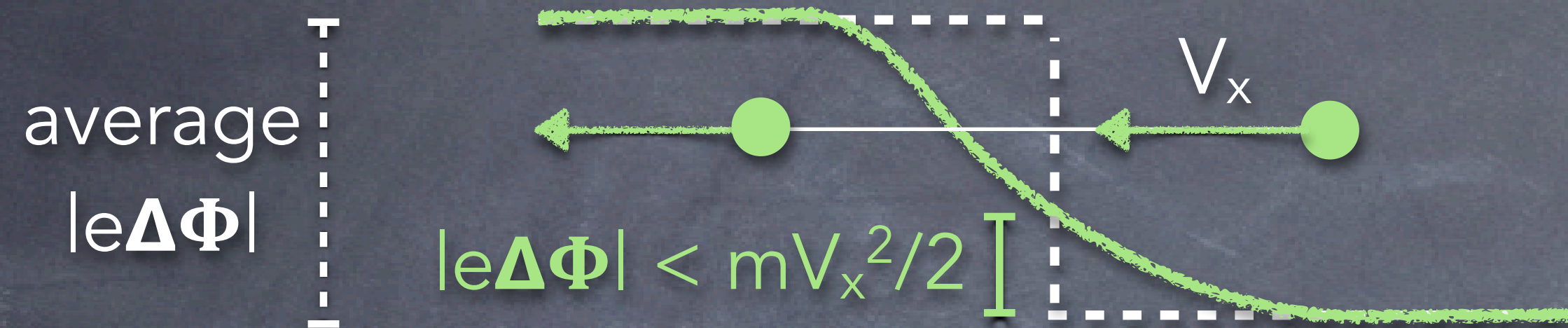
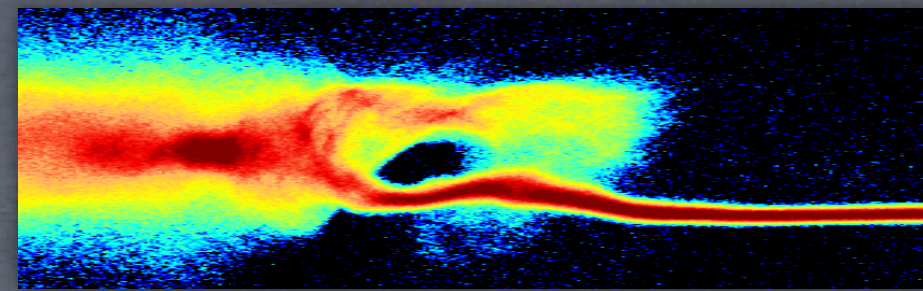
- Thermal ( $E/E_0 < 2$ )
- Supra-thermal ( $2 < E/E_0 < 10$ )
- Non-thermal ( $E/E_0 > 10$ )





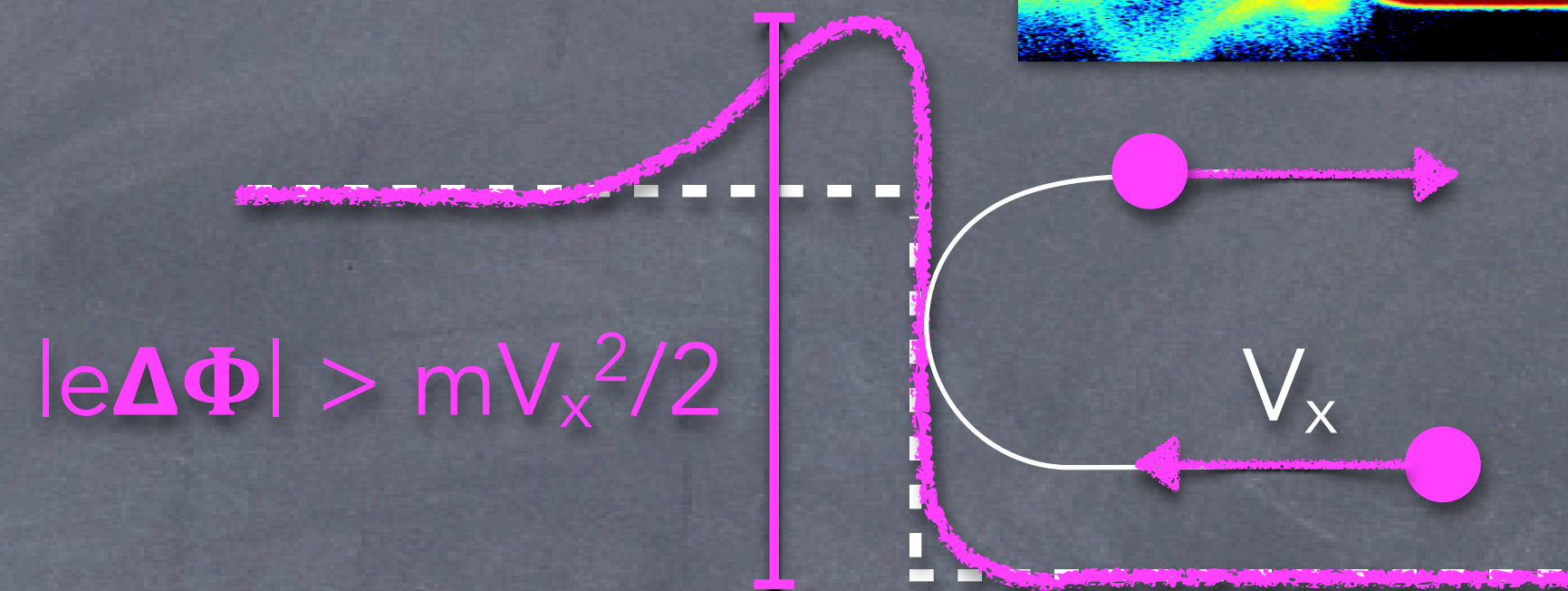
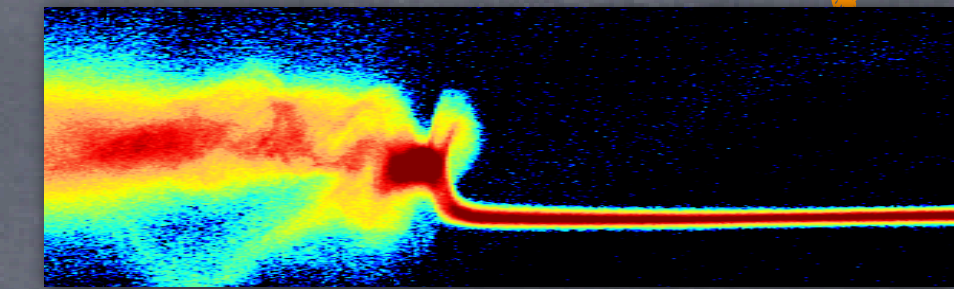
# Encounter with the shock barrier

Low barrier (reformation)



Ions **advected** downstream, and **thermalized**

High barrier (overshoot)



Ions **reflected** upstream, and **energized** via Shock Drift Acceleration

- To overrun the shock, ions need a minimum  $E_{inj}$ , **increasing** with  $\vartheta$  (DC, Pop & Spitkovsky 15)
- Ion fate determined by **barrier duty cycle** (~25%) and shock **inclination**
- After **N** SDA cycles, only a fraction  $\eta \sim 0.25^N$  has not been advected
- For  $\vartheta = 45^\circ$ ,  $E_{inj} \sim 10E_0$ , which requires  $N \sim 3 \rightarrow \eta \sim 1\%$



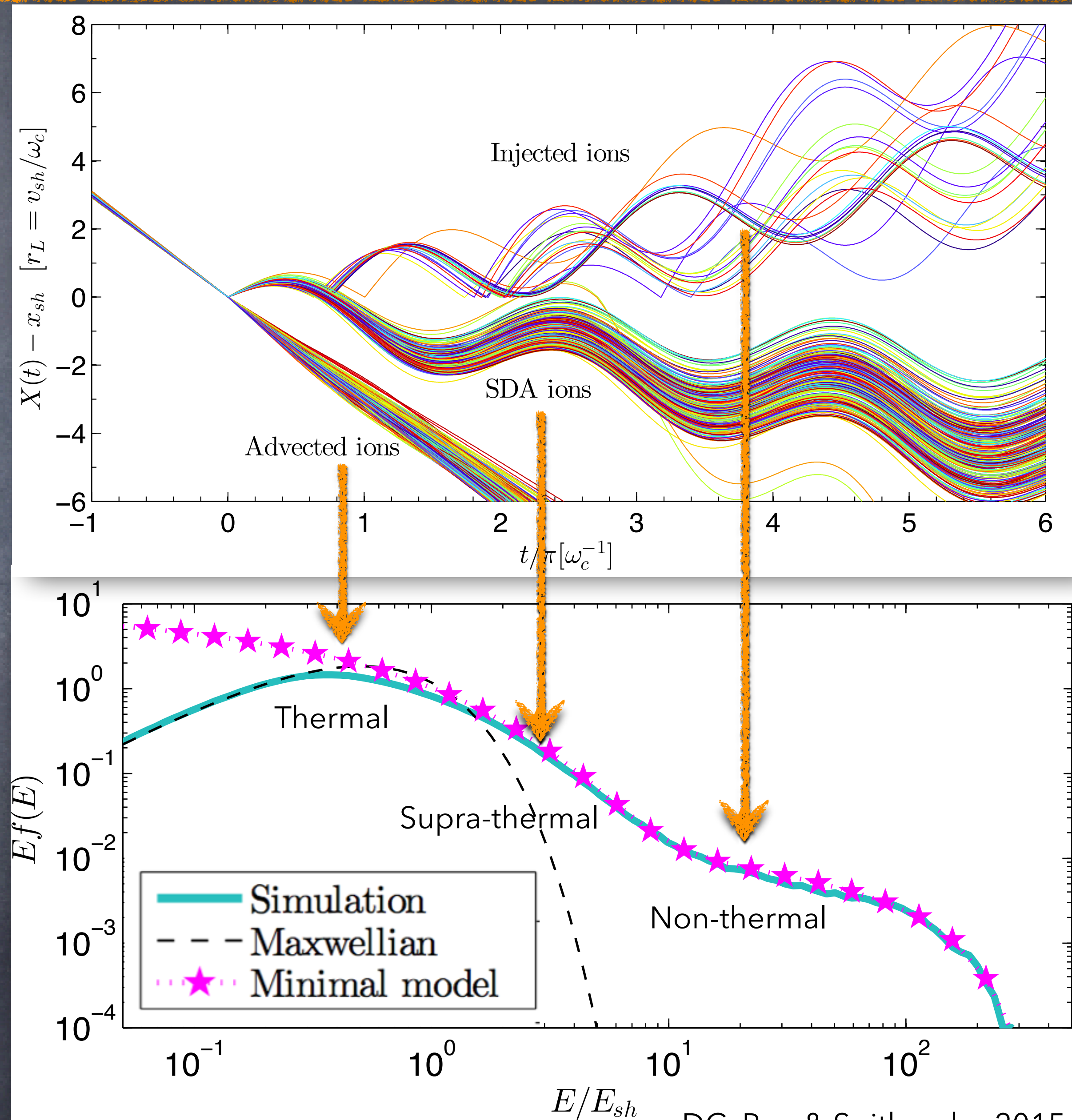
# Minimal Model for Ion Injection



- Time-varying potential barrier
- High state (duty cycle ~25%)
  - Reflection + SDA
- Low-state (~75%)
  - Thermalization
- Spectrum à la Bell (1978)
 

$$f(E) \propto E^{-1-\gamma}; \quad \gamma \equiv -\frac{\ln(1 - \mathcal{P})}{\ln(1 + \mathcal{E})}$$

  - $\mathcal{P}$ =probability of being advected
  - $\mathcal{E}$ =fractional energy gain/cycle

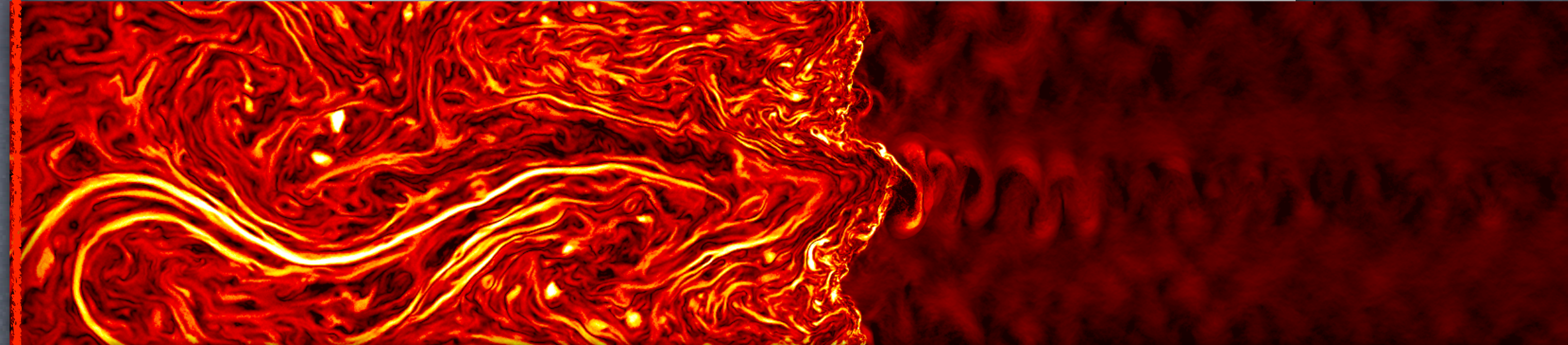
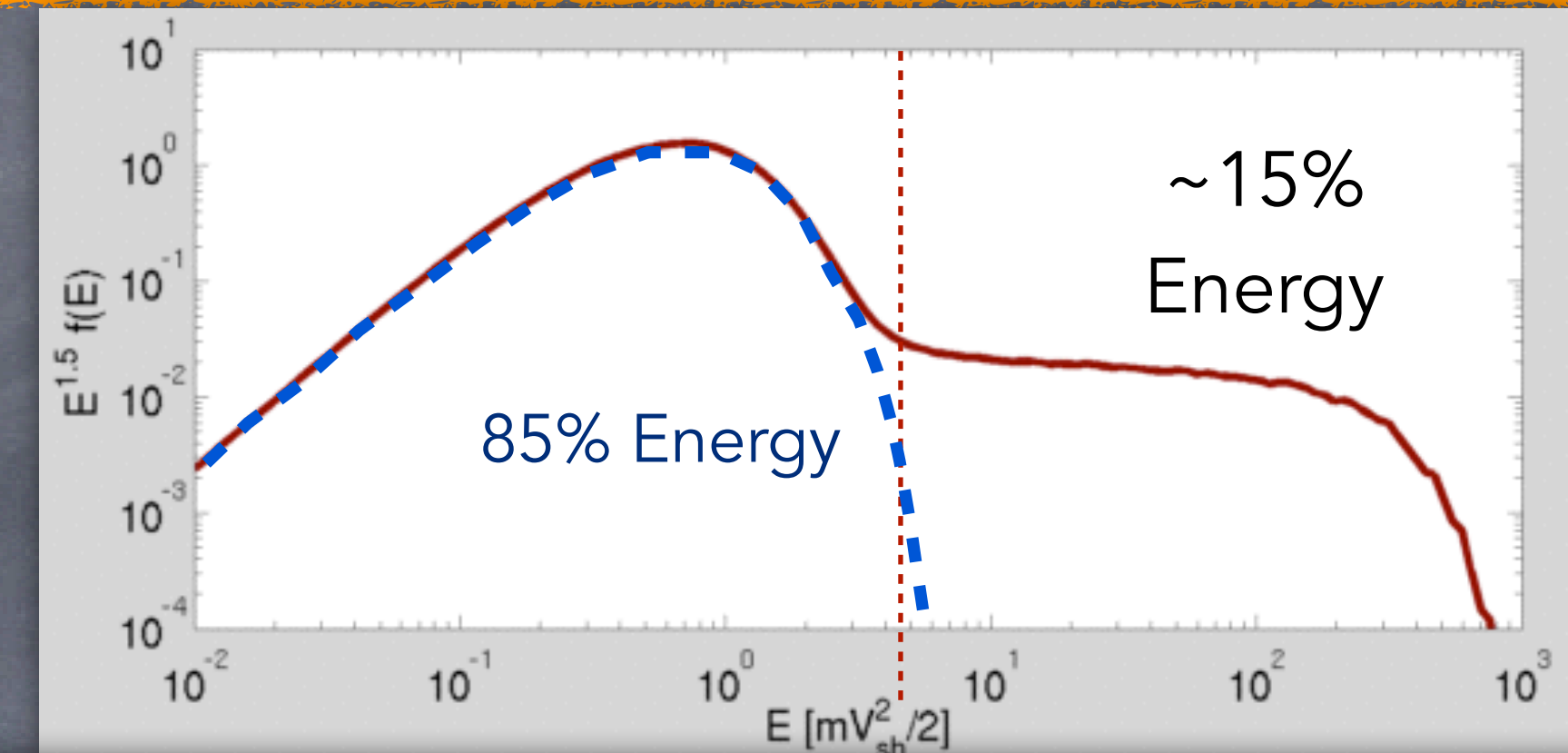




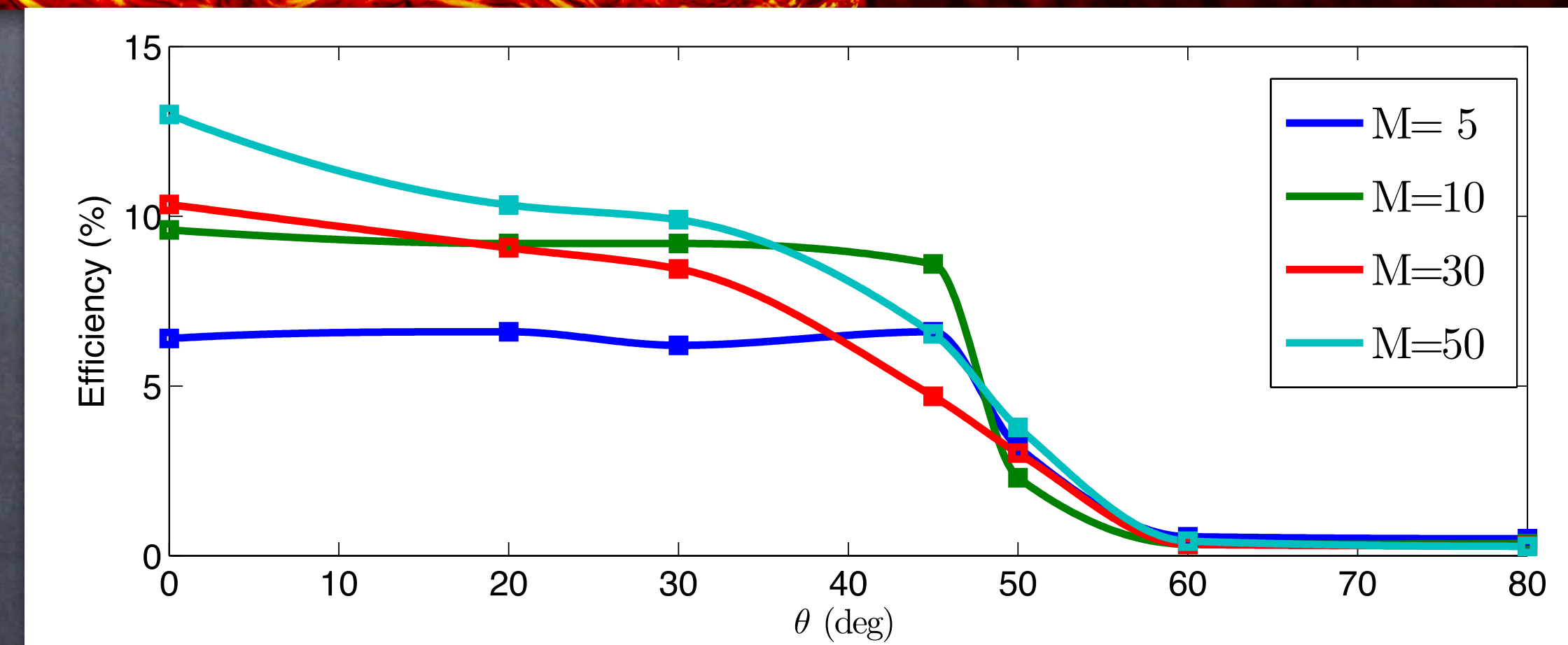
# Hybrid Simulations: Summary



- Shock Acceleration can be efficient
- CRs amplify B via streaming instability
- DSA efficient at parallel, strong shocks (DC & Spitkovsky 2014a,b,c)
- Injection via specular reflection and shock-drift acceleration (DC et al. 2015)



- What about electrons? (Park et al. 2015)
- Toward space/astrophysical scales (Bai et al. 2015)







PART I  
(The one you should trust)



The background of the slide is a deep space scene. It features a dark, black sky filled with numerous stars of varying colors, including white, yellow, and blue. A prominent, glowing red nebula or filament stretches diagonally across the frame from the bottom left towards the top right. The text is centered within a yellow, hand-drawn rectangular border.

Acceleration of Nuclei  
Heavier than Hydrogen

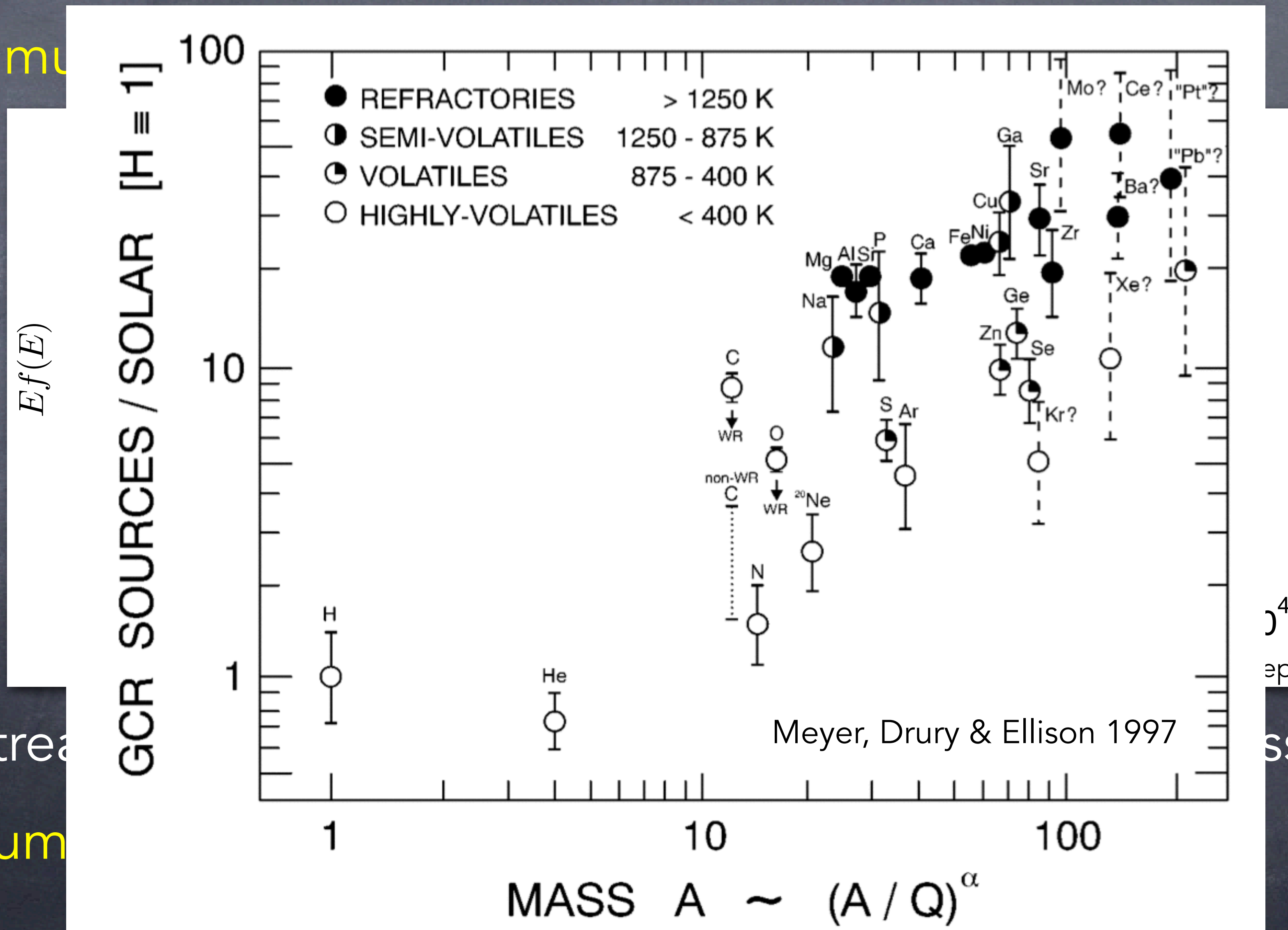




# Acceleration of Heavy Nuclei

• Nuclei heavier than H must be injected **more efficiently** (Meyer, Drury & Ellison 1997a,b)

• Studied via **mu**



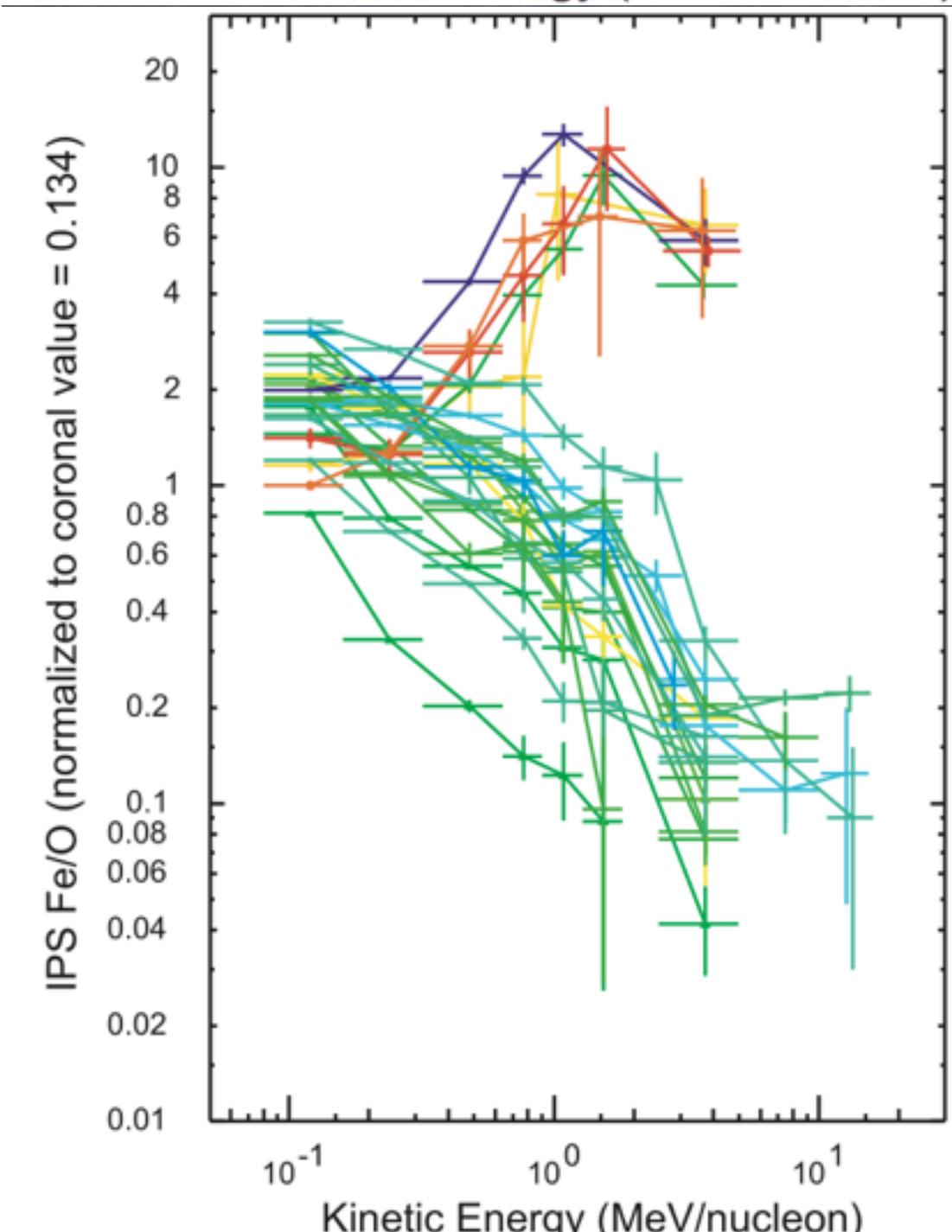
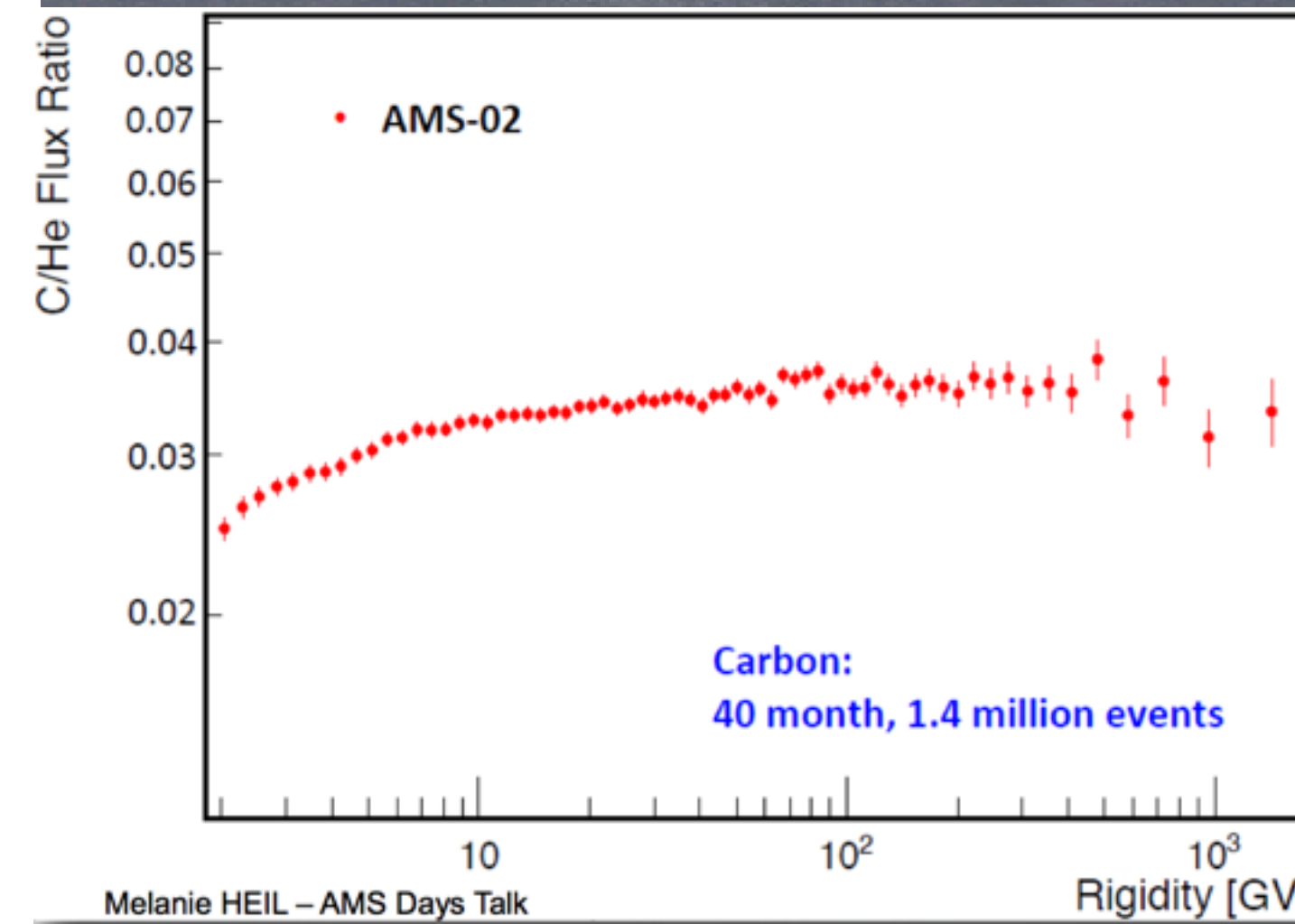
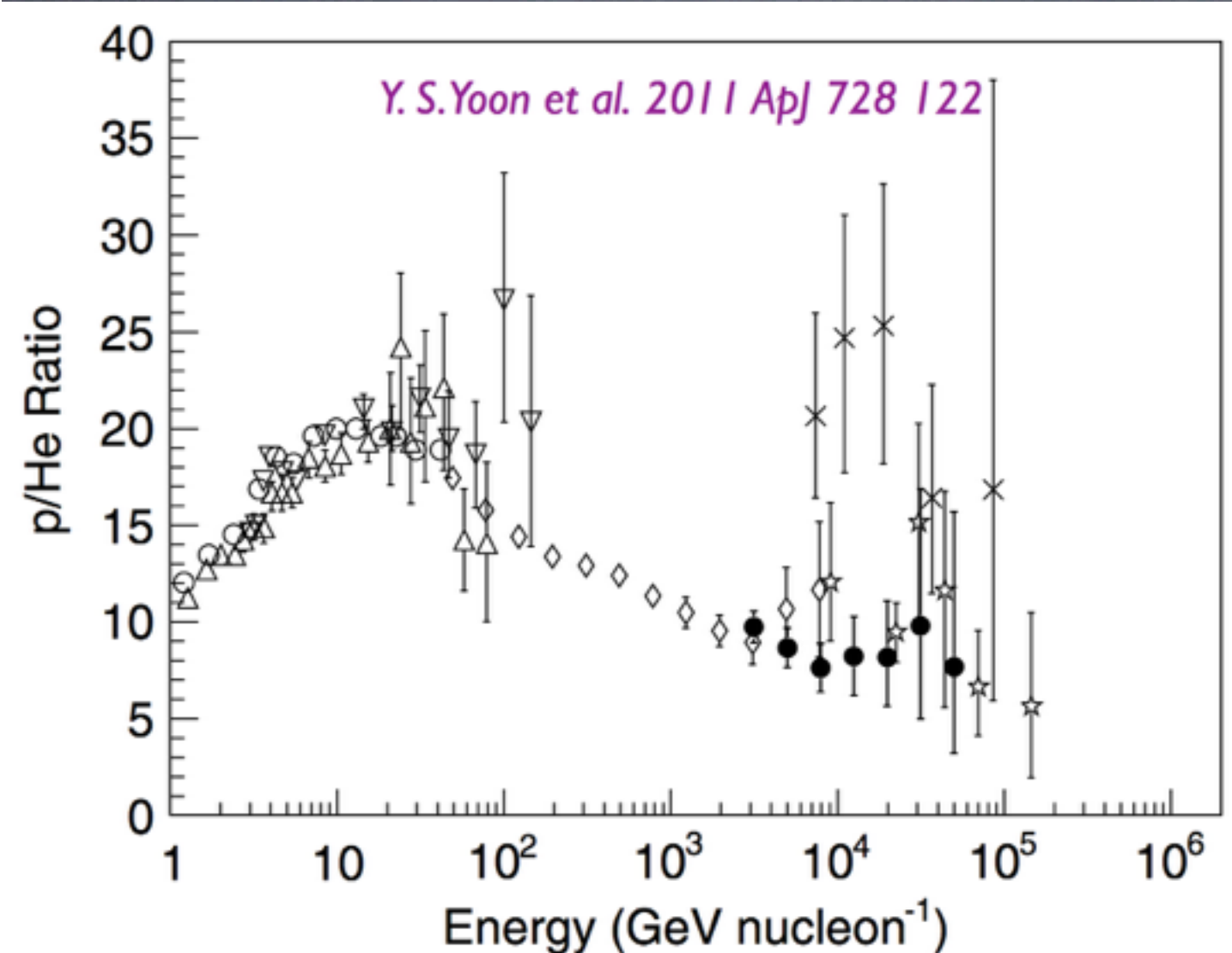
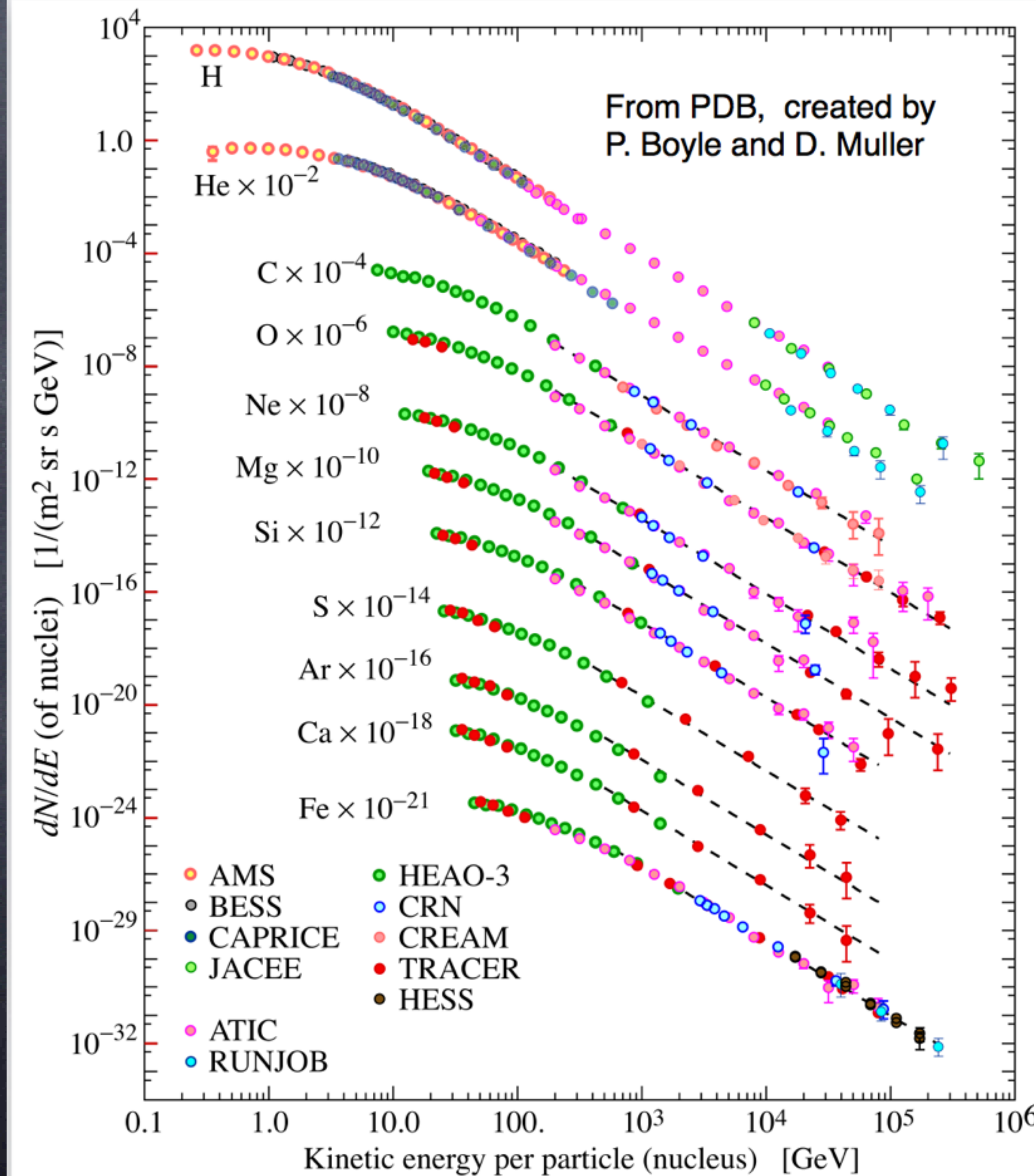
• The downstream

• The **maximum**

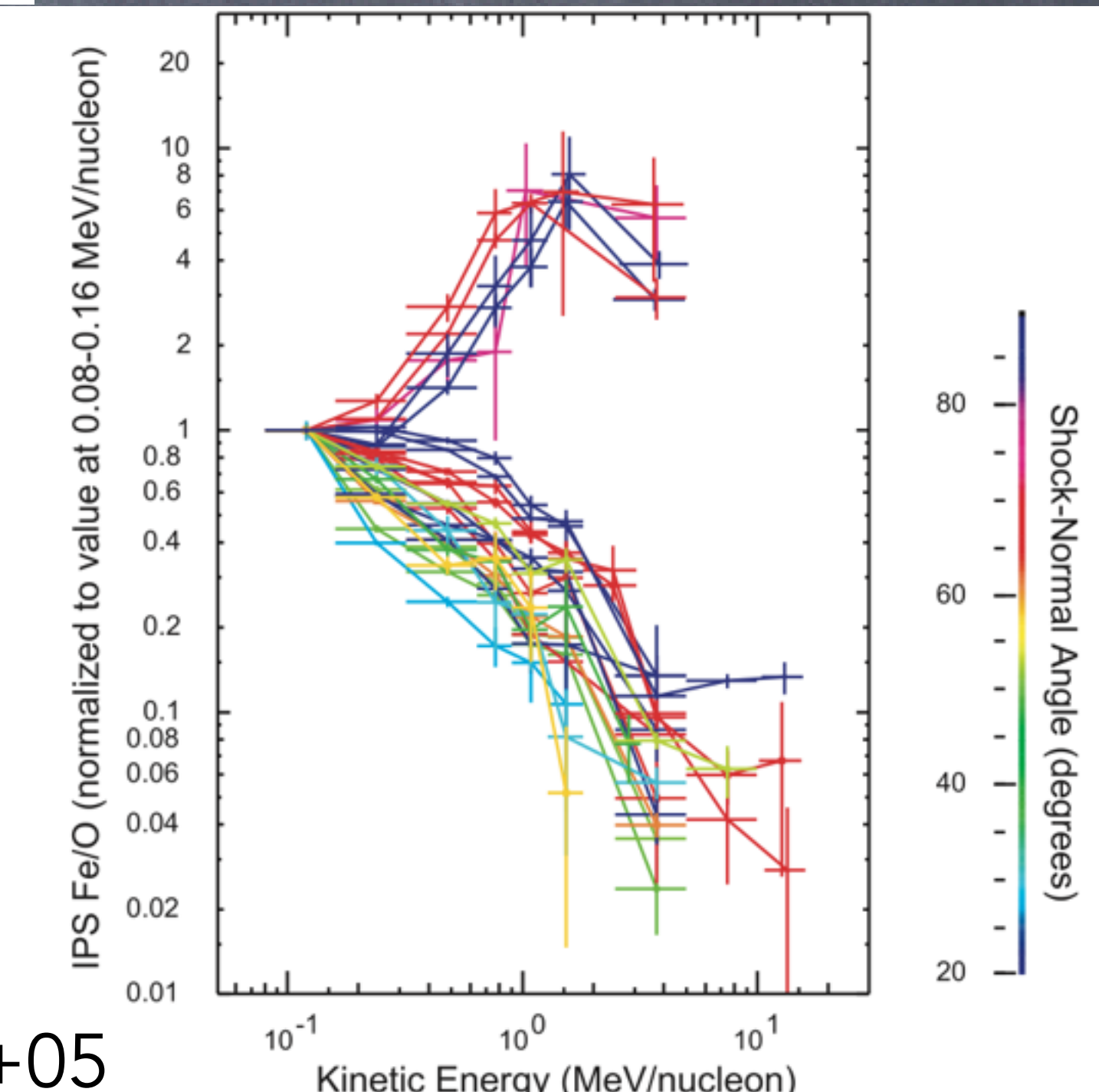
$\gamma^4$   
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SS **A** (Kropotina+16)



# Anomalous Abundances in CRs and SEPs



Tylka+05

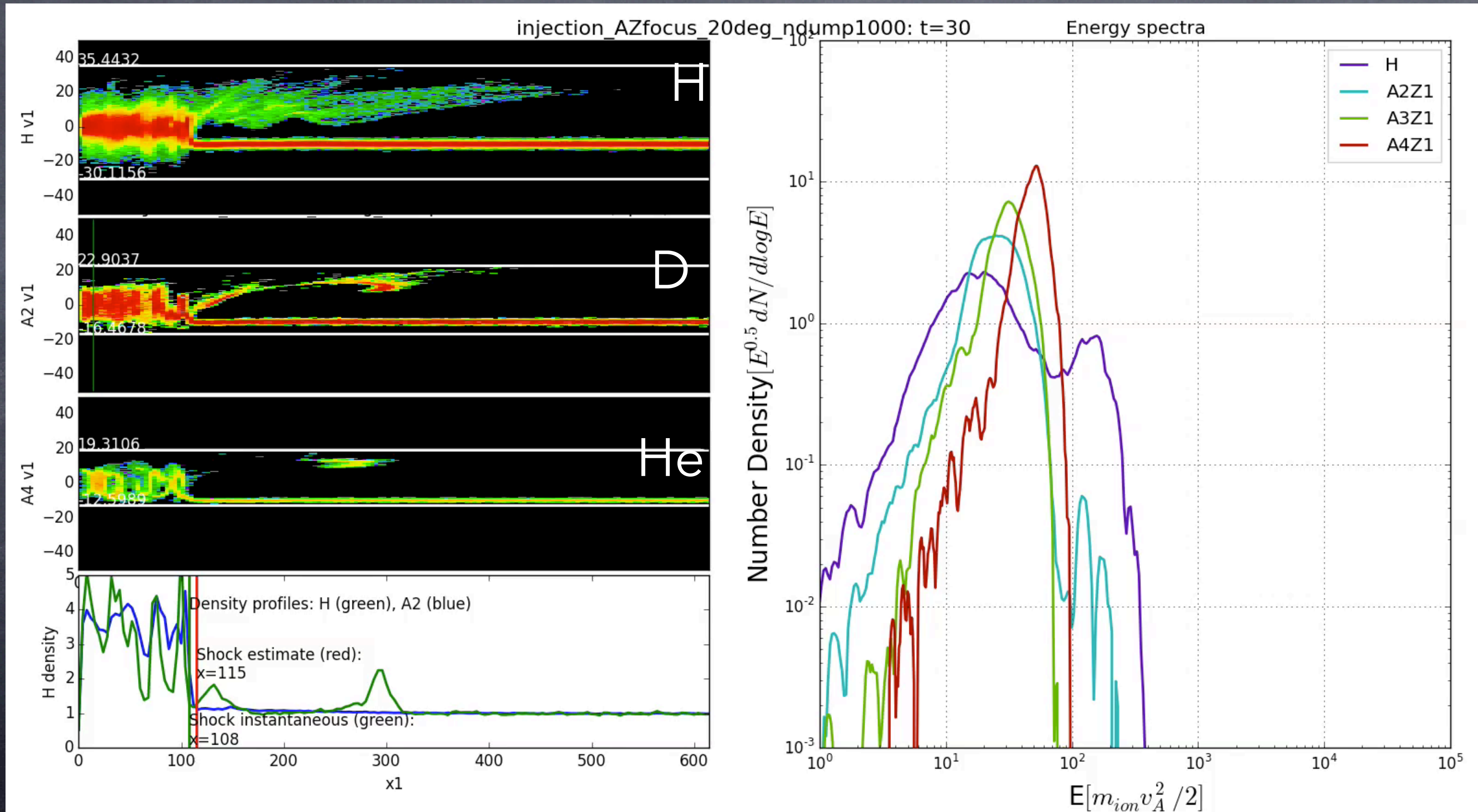






# Hybrid Simulations

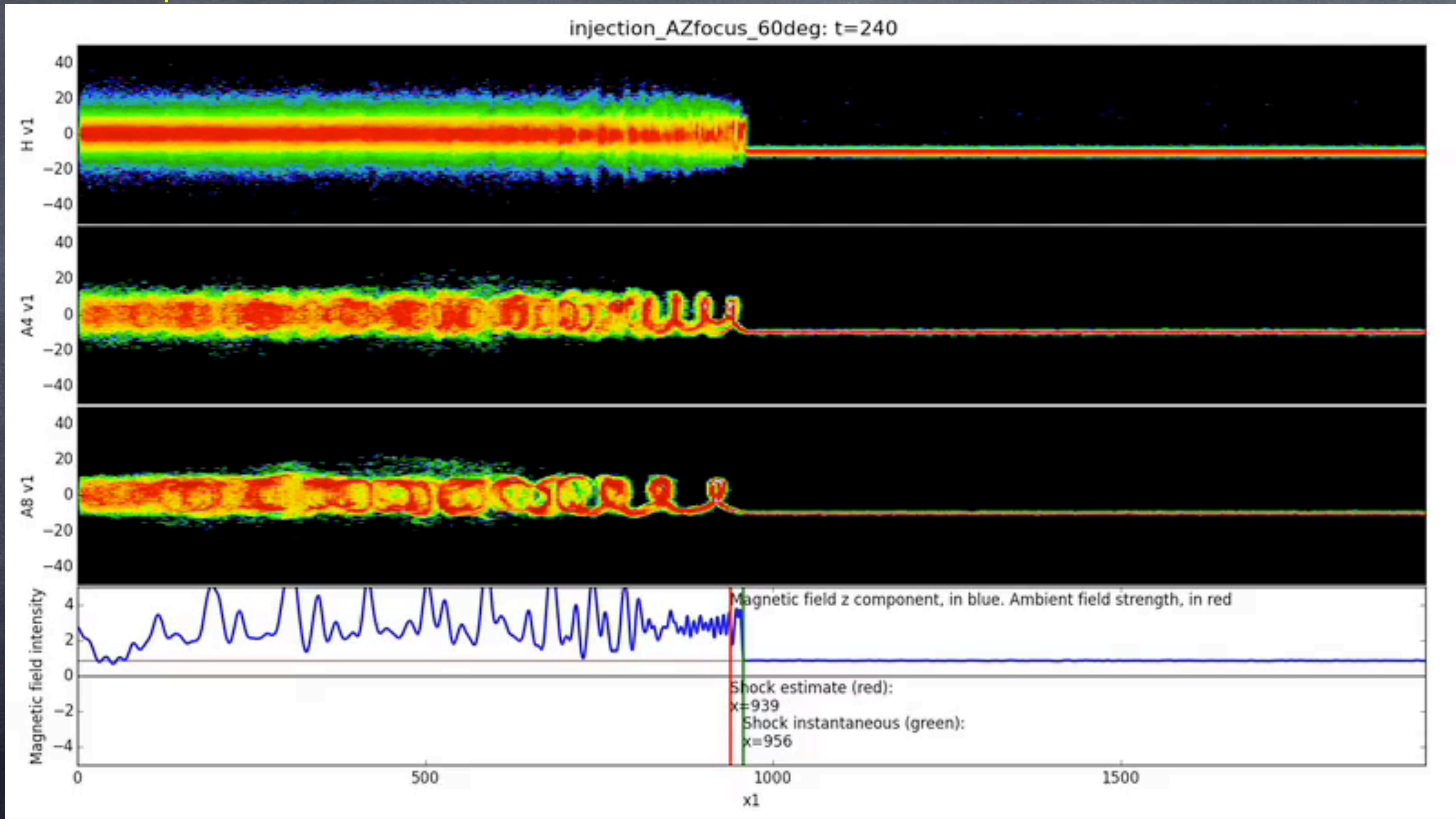
- M=10, parallel shock, with **singly-ionized** nuclei (DC, Li, Spitkovsky, ~submitted)





# Not Always!

- M=10, oblique ( $\vartheta=60^\circ$ ) shock, (DC, Li, Spitkovsky, ~subm.)





# Nuclei Injection



- In the absence of H-driven turbulence, heavies are thermalized **far downstream**
  - Early times at parallel shocks
  - Oblique shocks
- When **B amplification** is effective, heavies are heated up very quickly and can recross the shock because of their large gyroradii (**~thermal leakage**).
- Nuclei **enhancement** depends on  $A/Z$  and on the shock Mach number
- Peculiar  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  and  $\text{Fe}/\text{C}$  enhancements in solar energetic particles
  - Correlations with shock **inclination** (Tylka & Lee 06; Reames 12; ...)
  - Role of **suprathermal ions** pre-accelerated in solar flares (e.g., Tylka+05)





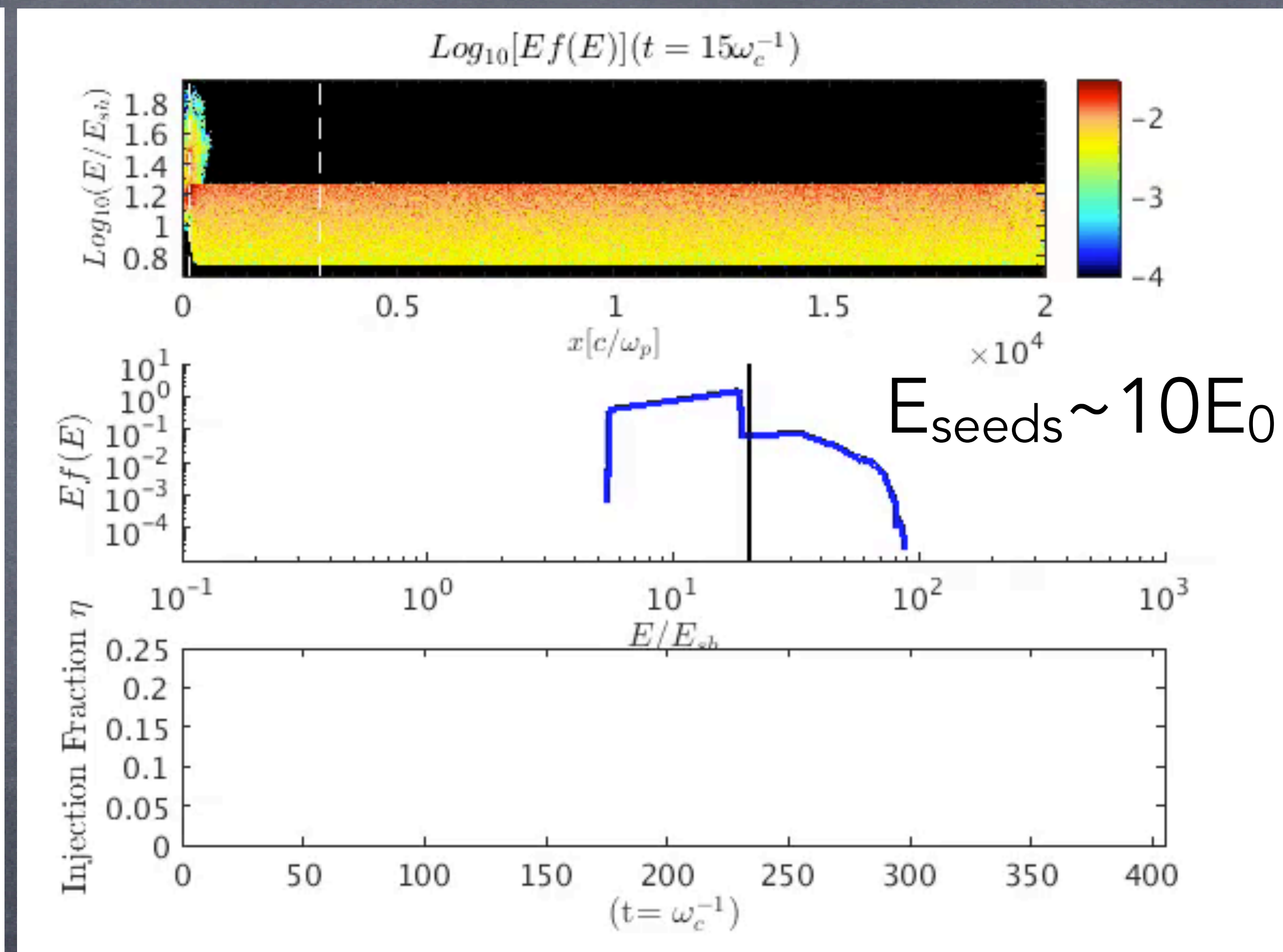
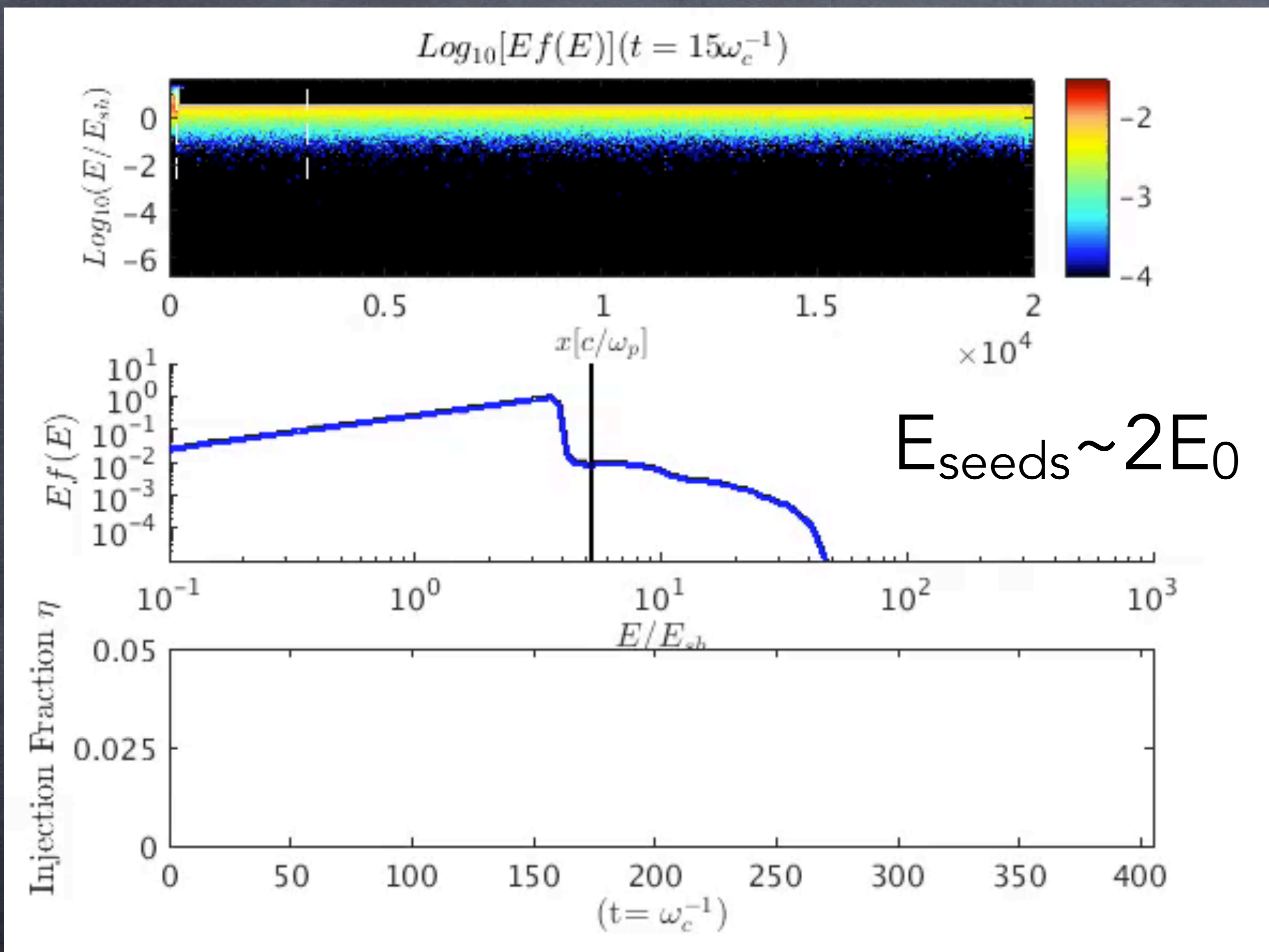
# Pre-existing Energetic Particles





# Energetic Particle Seeds

- Oblique shock with **pre-existing energetic particles** (DC, Zhang, Spitkovsky, in prep.)



- Seeds can be **reaccelerated!** The more energetic the better...





# More on Reacceleration

- Maximum injection fraction **~25%**
- Naturally comes from seeds retaining their anisotropy in the shock frame!

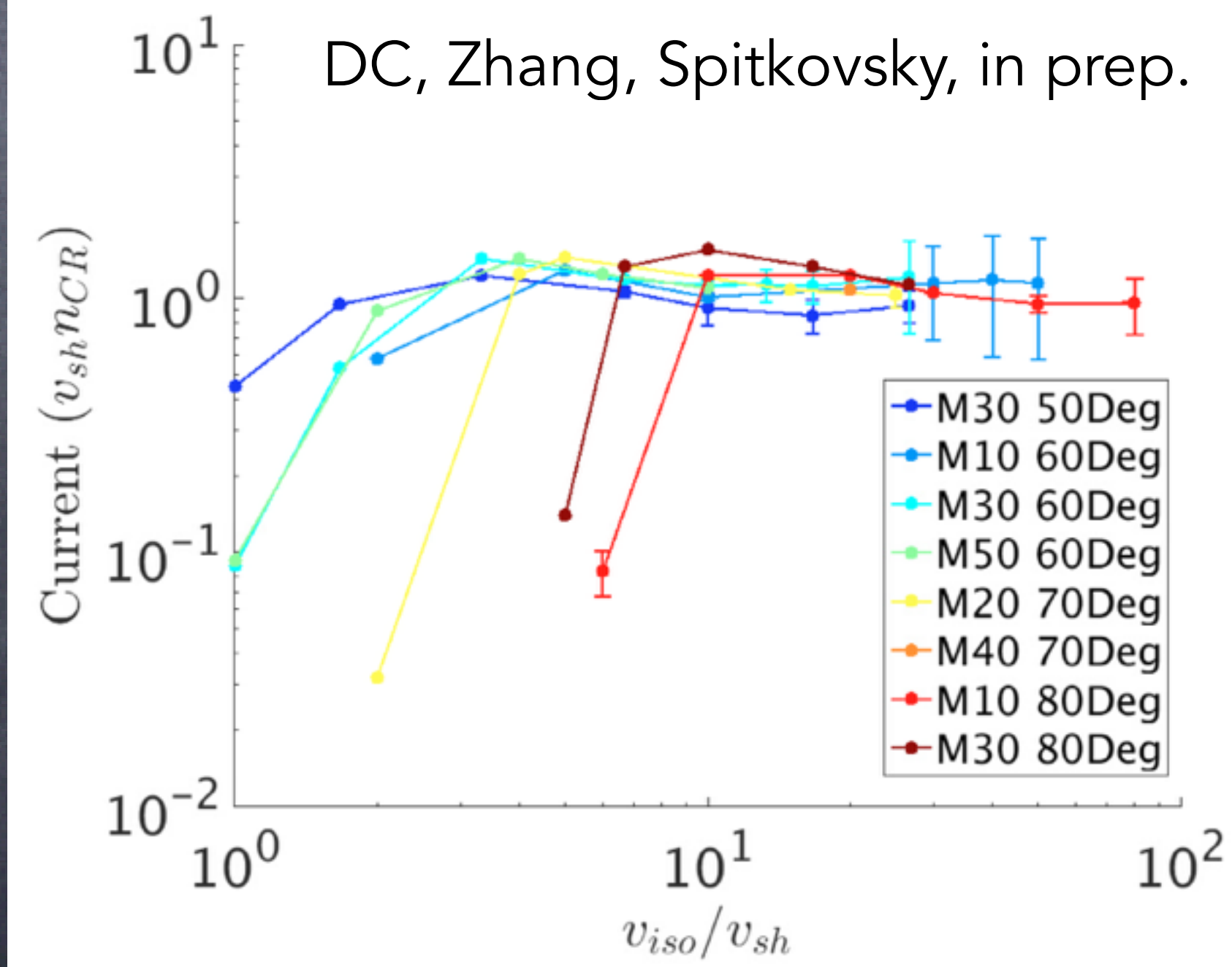
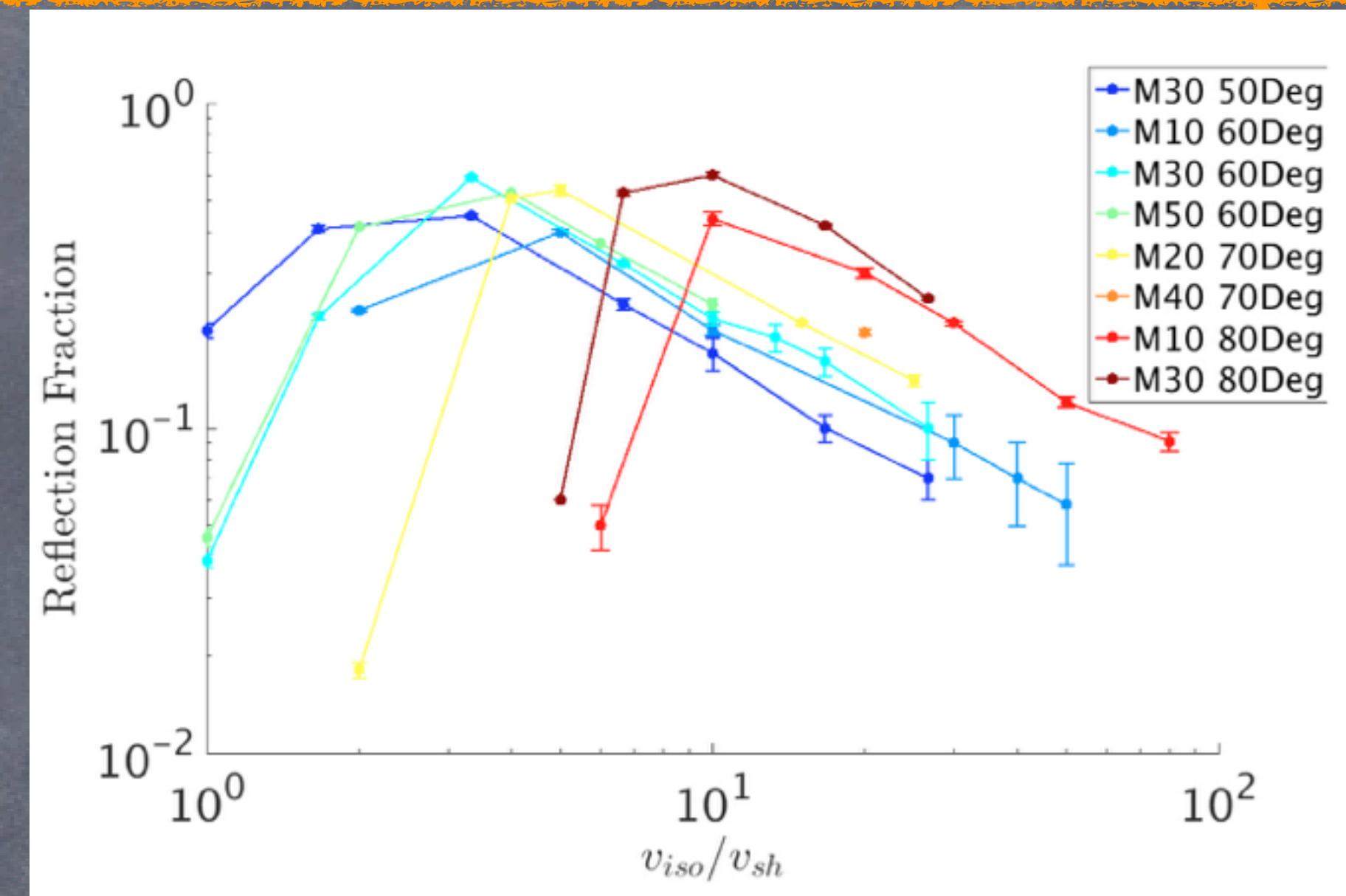
$$J_{in} + J_{ref} = J_{out} \quad J_{in} = n_{CR} v_{sh} = J_{out} \quad \Rightarrow J_{ref} = 0$$

In the upstream frame  $J'_{ref} = J_{ref} - n_{CR} v_{sh} = -n_{CR} v_{sh}$

- Current driven by **reaccelerated Galactic CRs** (~GeV protons from Voyager I data)

$$\tau_{Bell} = 3 \times 10^8 s \left( \frac{v_{sh}}{5000 \text{ km/s}} \right)^{-1}$$

- Potentially important for the **PeV** problem!!



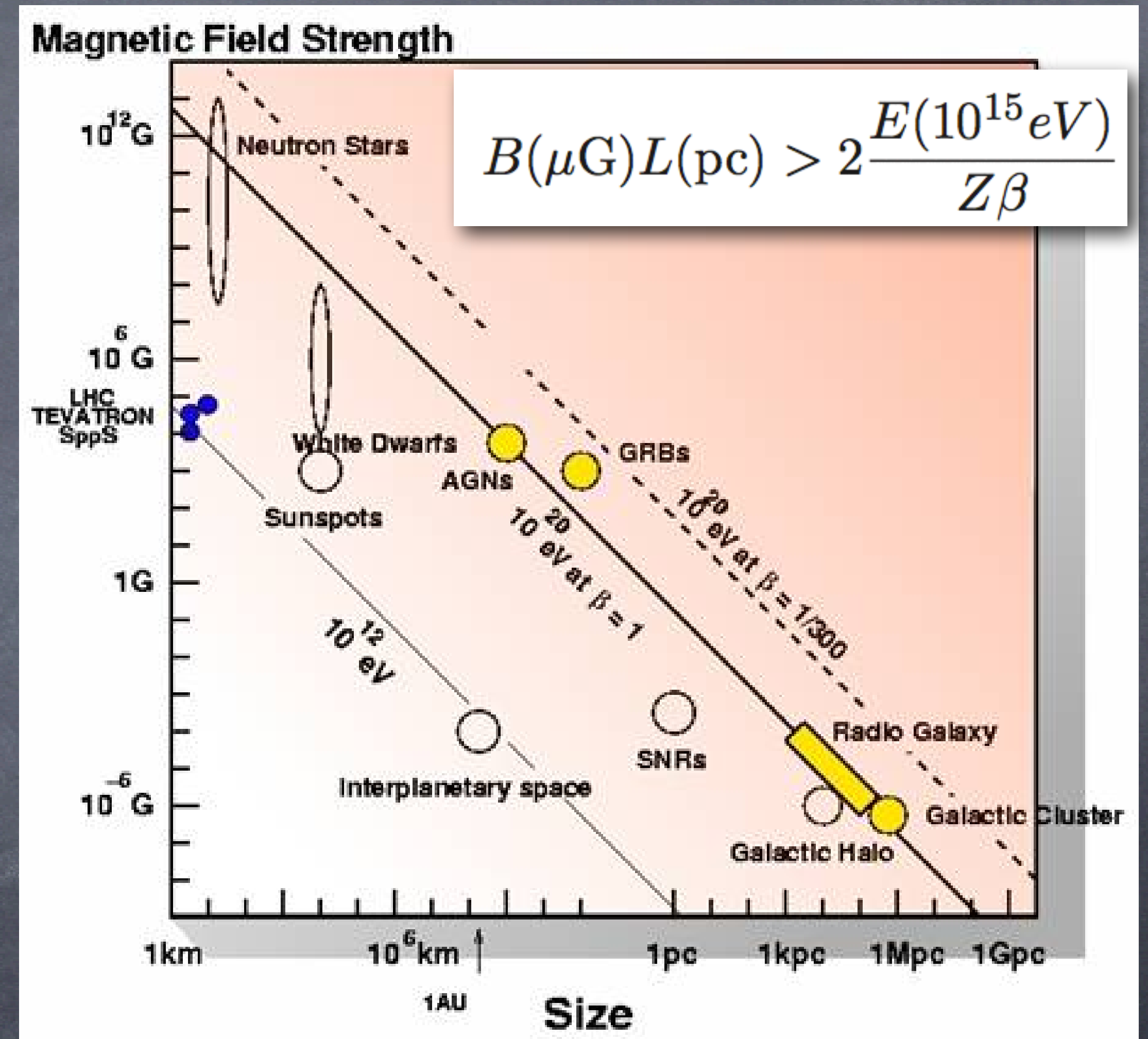
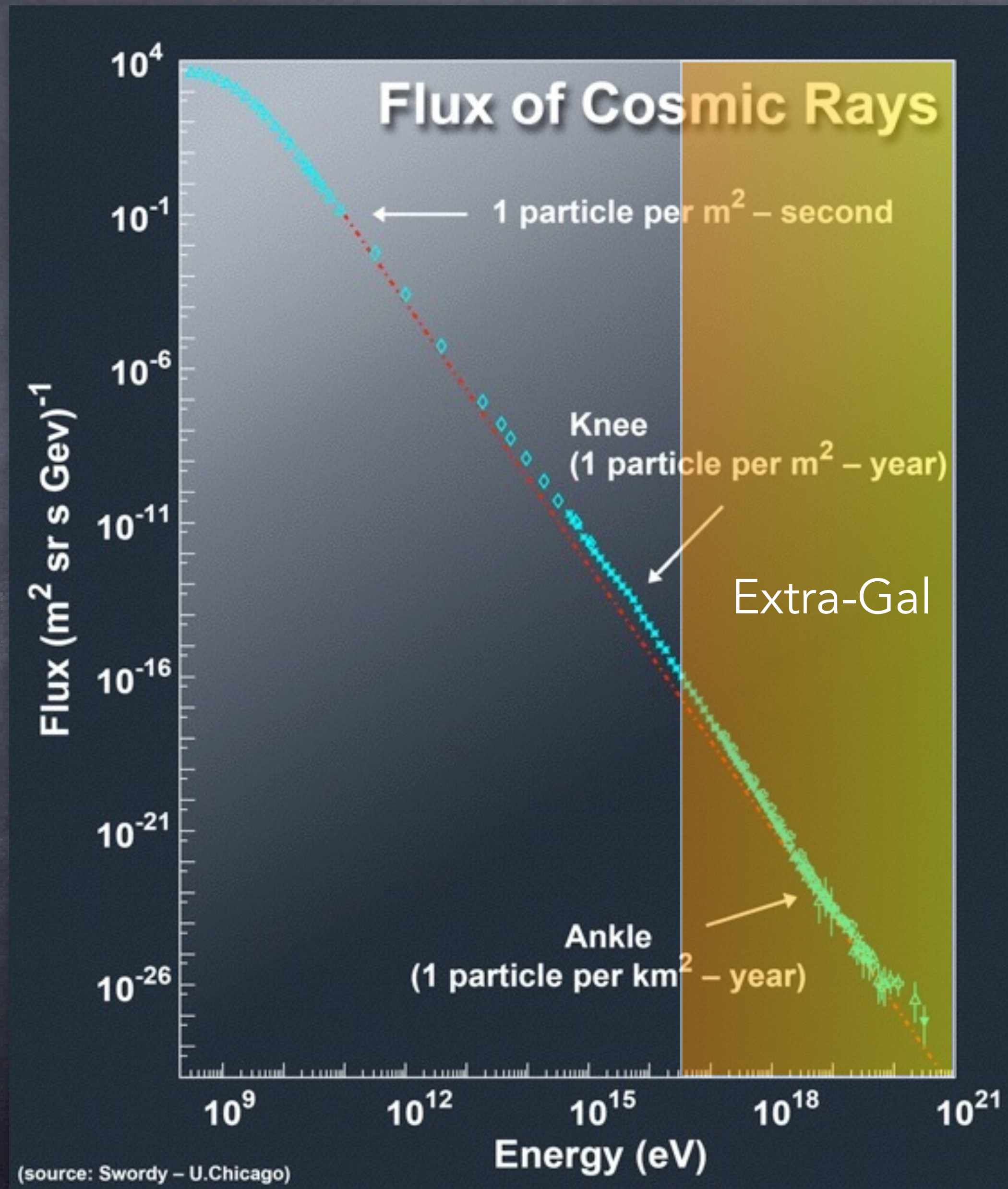




PART II  
(The one you *may* trust)



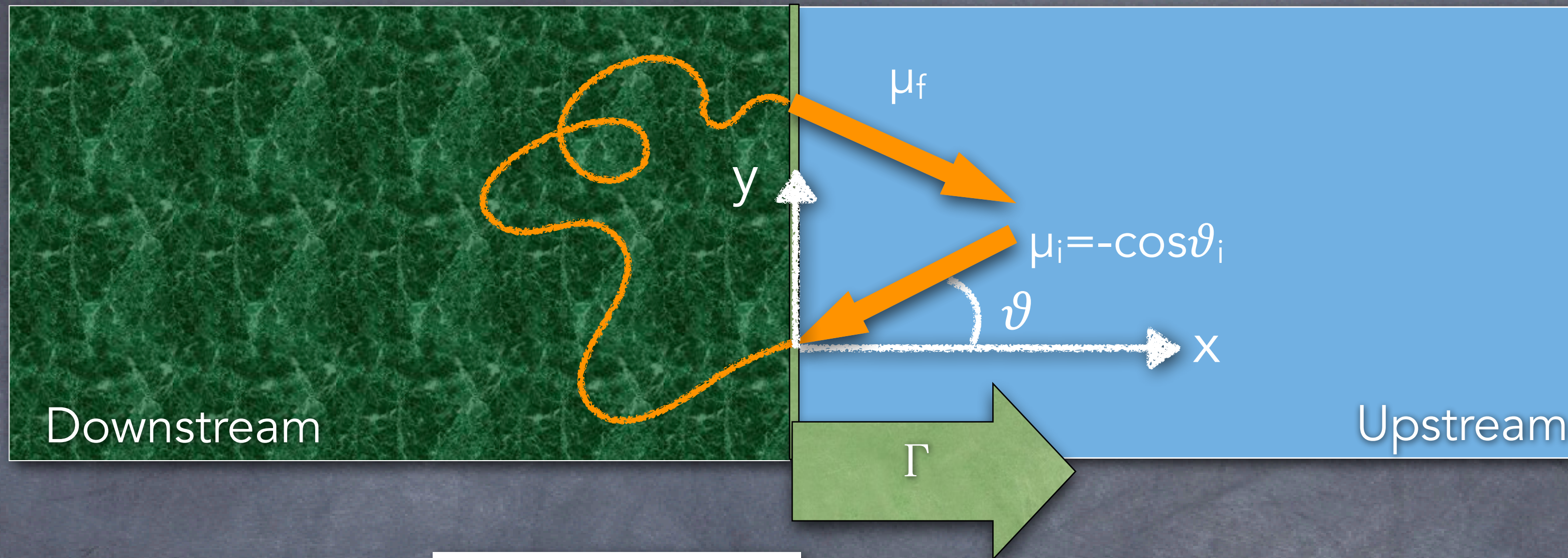
# Extra-galactic Cosmic Rays



Sources typically involve relativistic flows



# Acceleration at Relativistic Shocks



Encounter with the shock:  $\mathbf{p}_i \simeq E_i(\mu_i, \sqrt{1 - \mu_i^2}, 0),$

in the *downstream* frame:

$$E'_i = \Gamma(E_i - \beta p_{i,x}) = \Gamma E_i(1 - \beta \mu_i),$$

Elastic scattering (e.g., *gyration*):

$$p'_{f,x} \equiv \mu'_f E'_f$$

$$\mu_f = \frac{\mu'_f + \beta}{1 + \beta \mu'_f},$$

Back in the *upstream*:

$$E_f = \Gamma(E'_f + \beta p'_{f,x}) = \Gamma^2 E_i(1 - \beta \mu_i)(1 + \beta \mu'_f),$$

• Energy gain depends on  $\mu_f - \mu_i$

$$\text{First cycle: } E_f \sim \Gamma^2 E_i$$

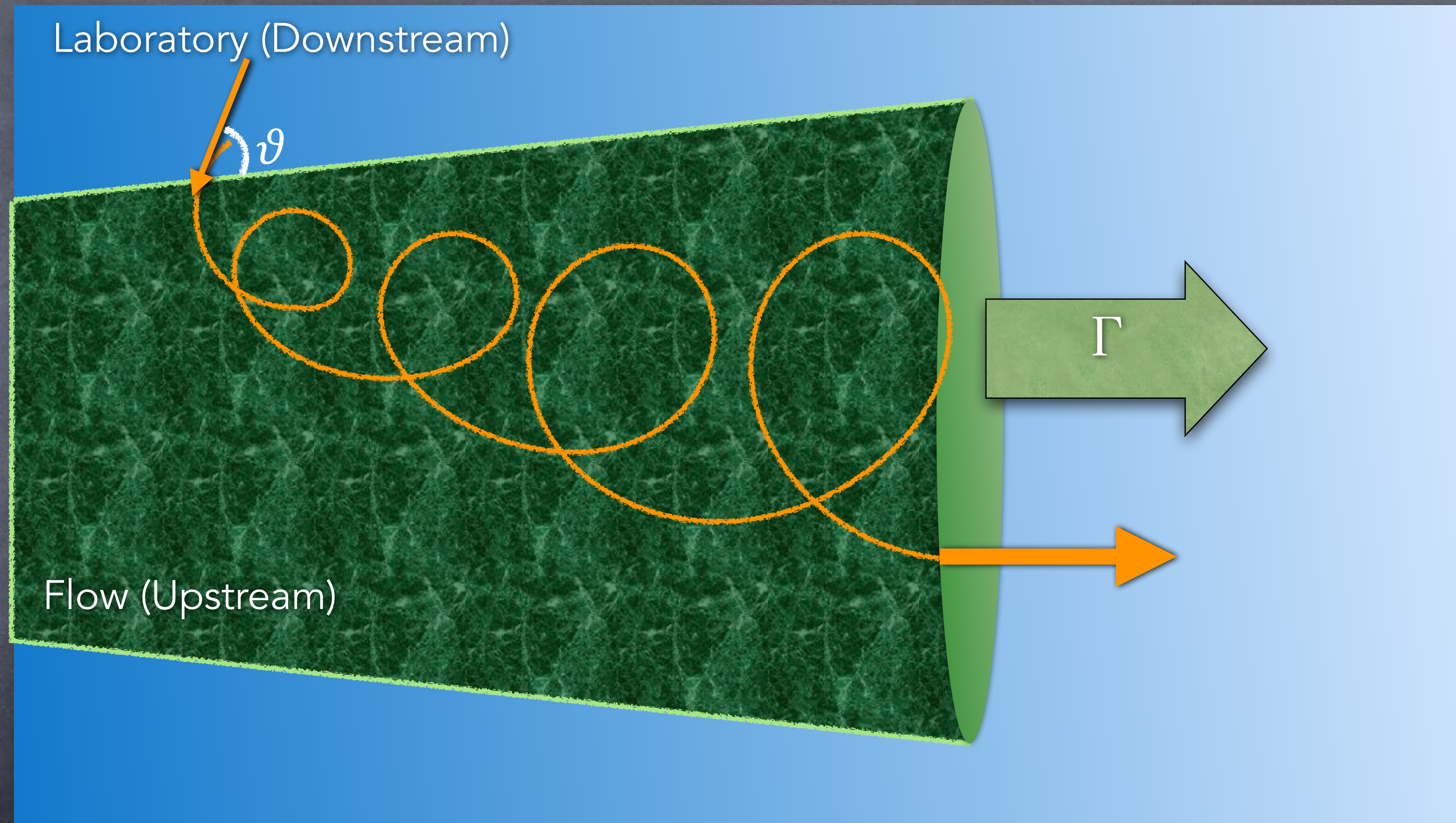
• Following cycles:  $E_f \sim 2 E_i$

• **CAVEAT:** return not guaranteed!



# Acceleration in Relativistic FLOWS

- **Requirement:** interface thickness  $\ll$  gyroradius  $\ll$  typical flow size

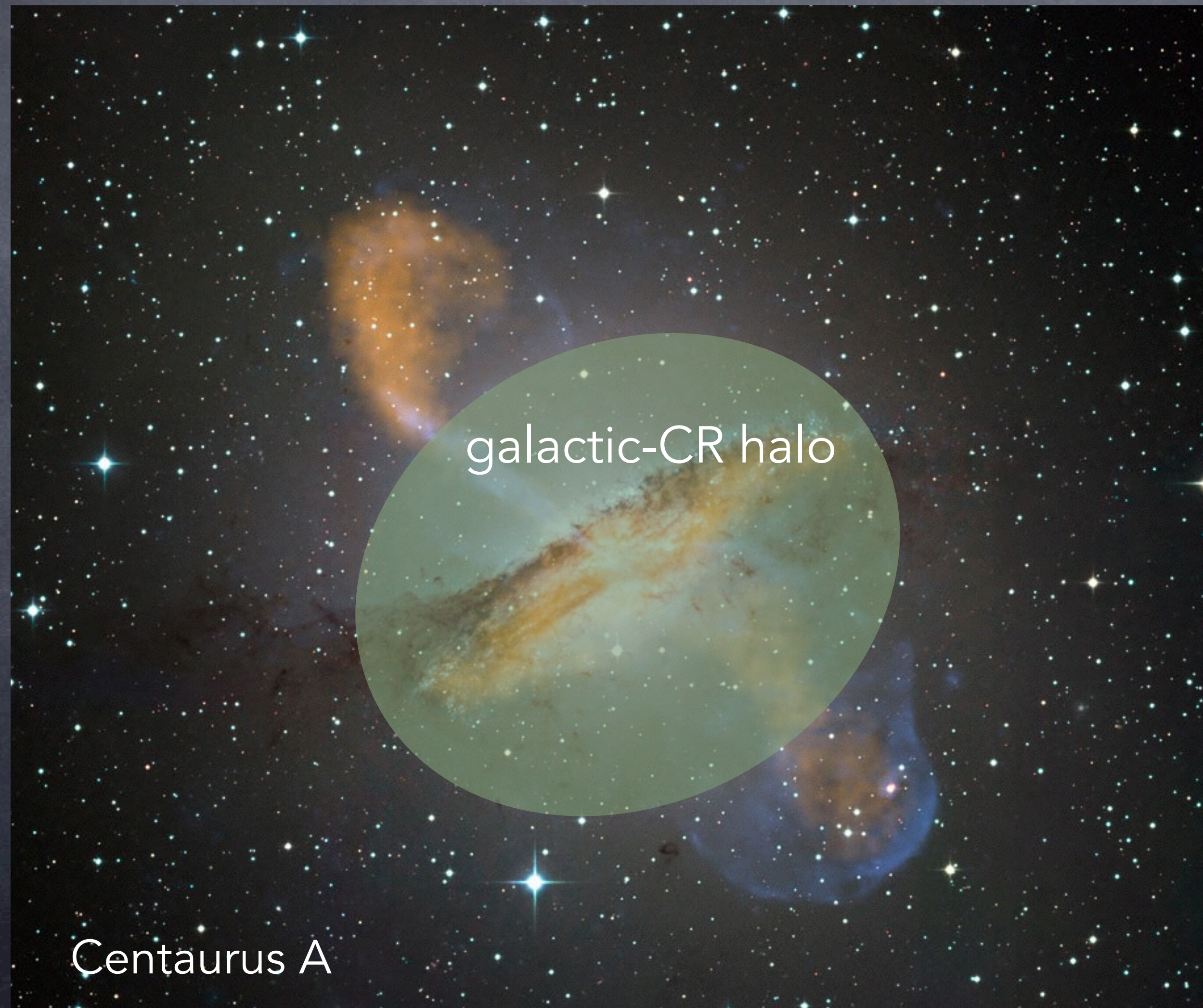


Most trajectories lead to a  $\sim \Gamma^2$  energy gain!



# Espresso Acceleration of UHECRs

- **SEEDS:** galactic CRs with energies up to  $\sim 3Z$  PeV
- **STEAM:** AGN jets with  $\Gamma$ -factors up to 20-30



Centaurus A

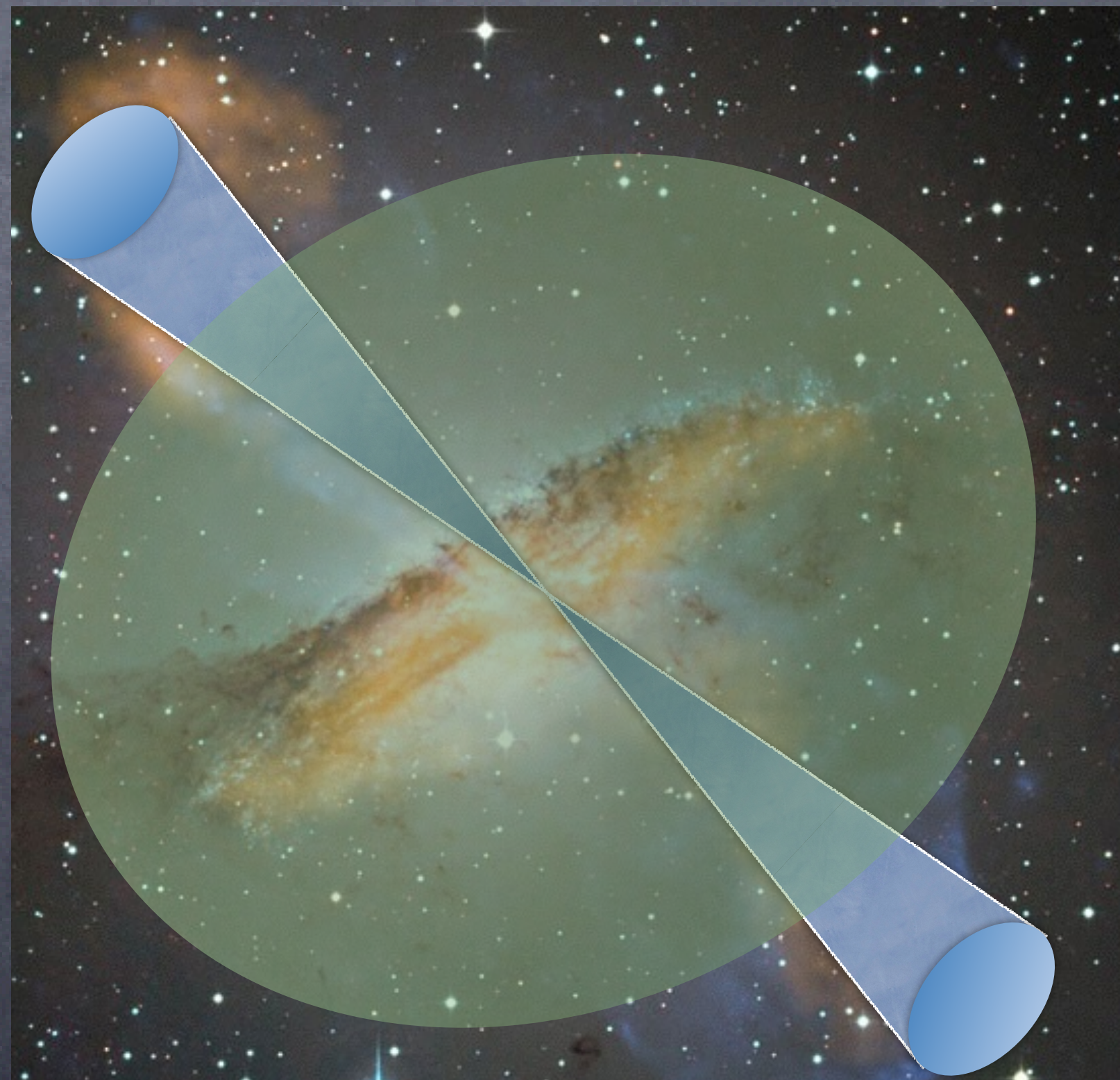
**ONE-SHOT**  
reacceleration can  
produce **UHECRs** up to  
 $E_{\max} \sim 2\Gamma^2 3Z \text{ PeV}$   
 $E_{\max} \sim 5Z \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$



# UHECRs from AGN jets: constraints

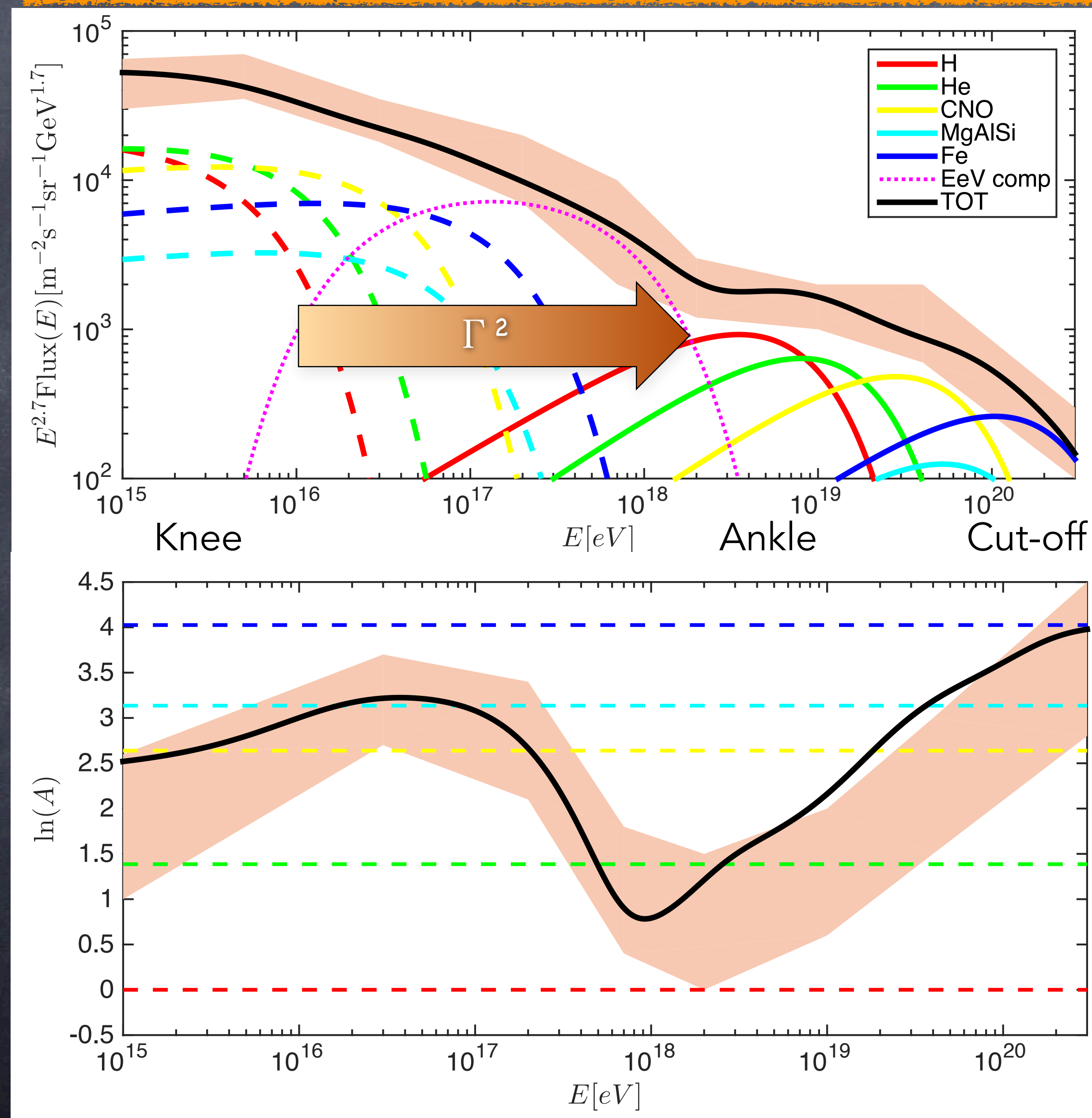
- **Confinement** (Hillas Criterion):  $B_{\mu\text{G}} D_{\text{kpc}} \gtrsim \frac{4}{Z_{26}} \frac{E_{\text{max}}}{10^{20} \text{eV}}$  ✓
- **Energetics**:  $Q_{\text{UHECR}}(E \gtrsim 10^{18} \text{eV}) \approx 5 \times 10^{45} \text{erg/Mpc}^3/\text{yr}$   
 $L_{\text{bol}} \approx 10^{43} - 10^{45} \text{erg/s}; N_{\text{AGN}} \approx 10^{-4}/\text{Mpc}^3$   
 $Q_{\text{AGN}} \approx \text{a few } 10^{46} - 10^{48} \text{erg/Mpc}^3/\text{yr} \gg Q_{\text{UHECR}}$  ✓

- **Efficiency** depends on:
  - **Reacceleration efficiency** ( $\epsilon > \sim 10^{-4}$ )
  - **Jet cross section**  
(angle of a few degrees:  $\epsilon \sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-2}$ )
  - **Contributing AGNs**
    - Likely radio-loud quasars, blazars, FR-I, ...





# Galactic CR + UHECR spectrum



- CR spectral features
- Prediction of UHECR chemical composition!
  - UHECR spectra must be quite flat,  $\sim E^{-1.5}$  (Aloisio+13, Gaisser+13, Taylor 14,...)
  - An additional steep/light component must fill the gal-extragal transition
- Different kinds of AGNs?



# Pointing to Sources?

- **Nearby** ( $z < 0.03$ ) known powerful blazars: Mrk 421, Mrk 501
- Telescope Array **hotspot** (only at  $3.4\sigma$ ...)

