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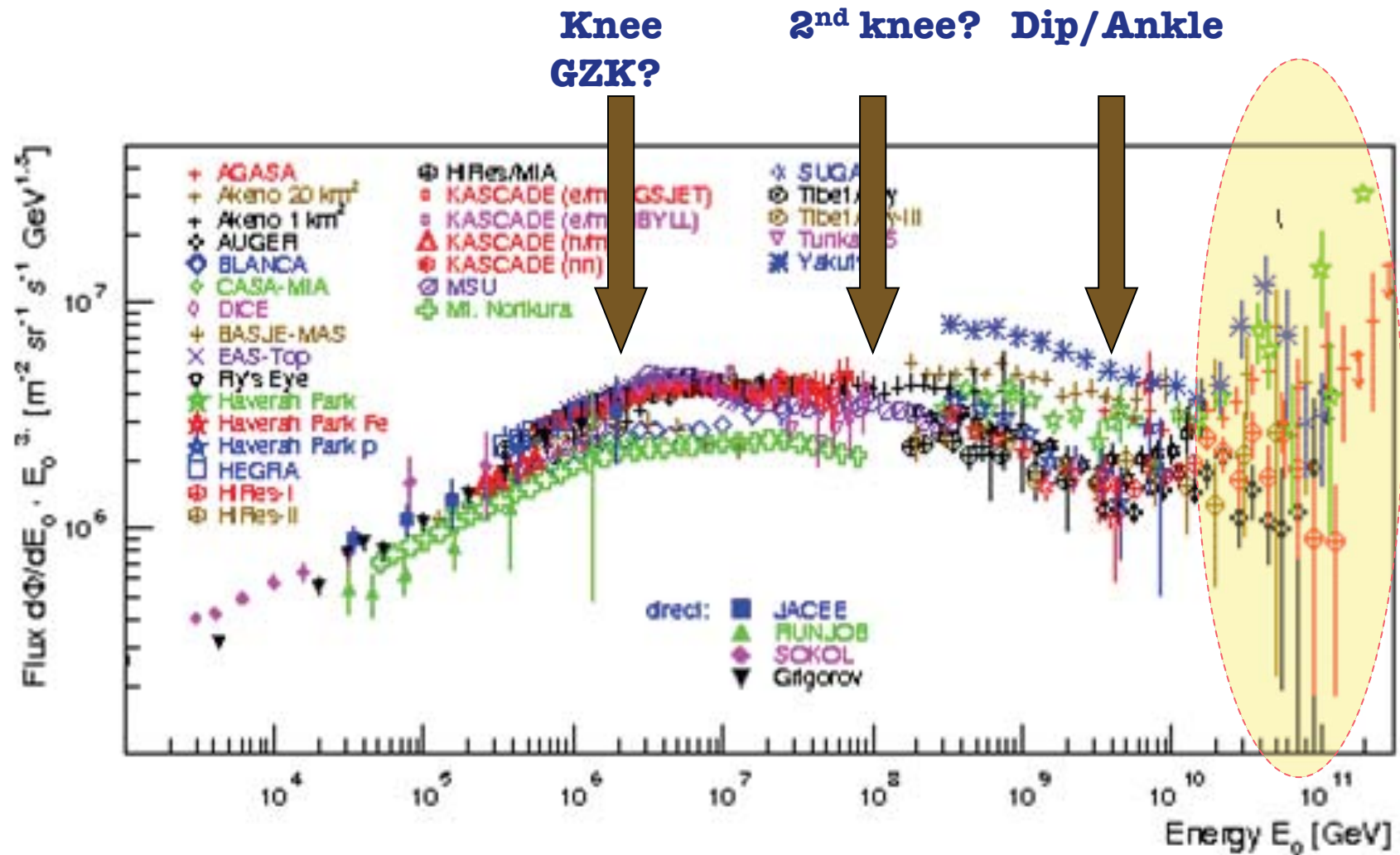
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# A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ORIGIN OF VHE COSMIC RAYS

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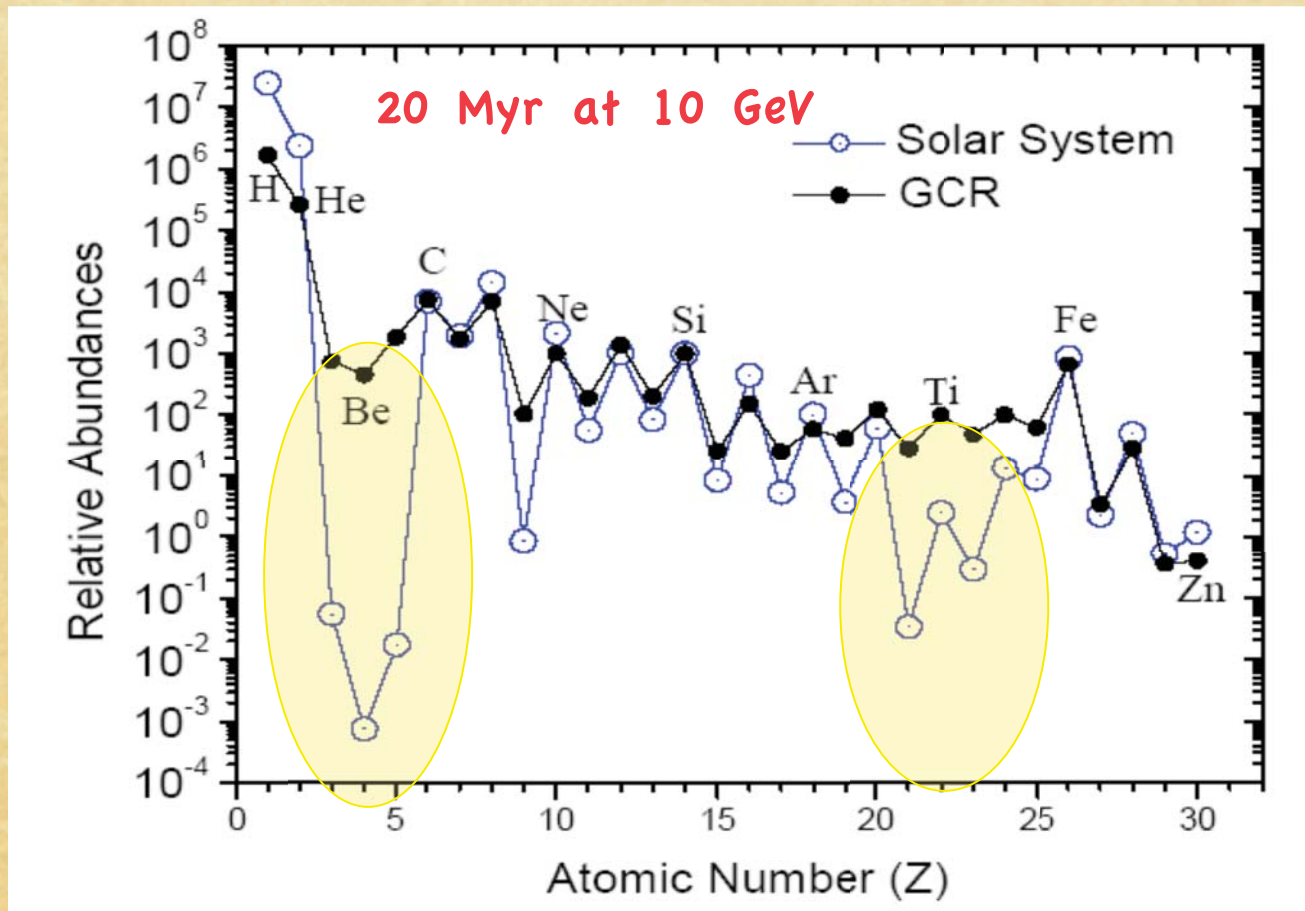
# THE ALL-PARTICLE SPECTRUM



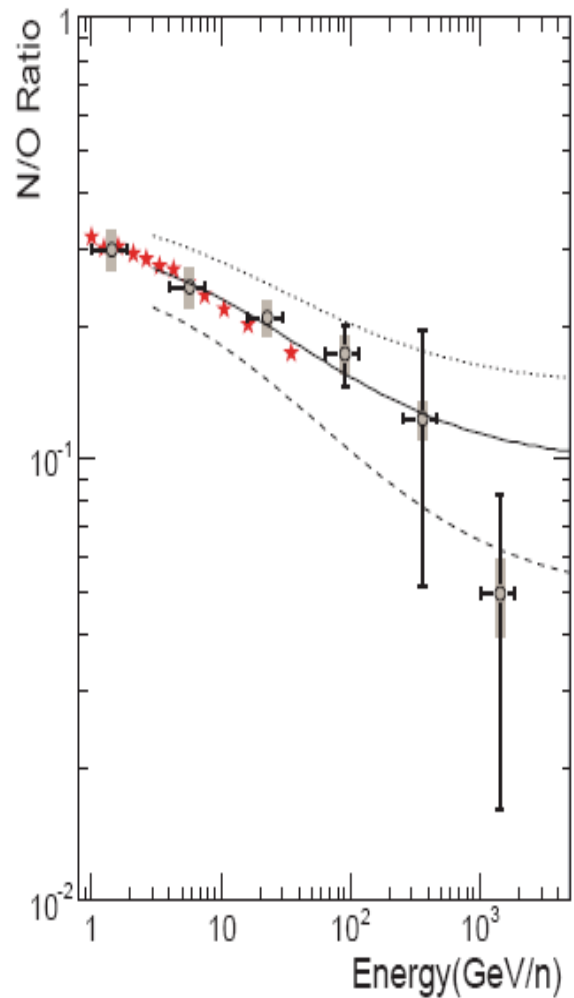
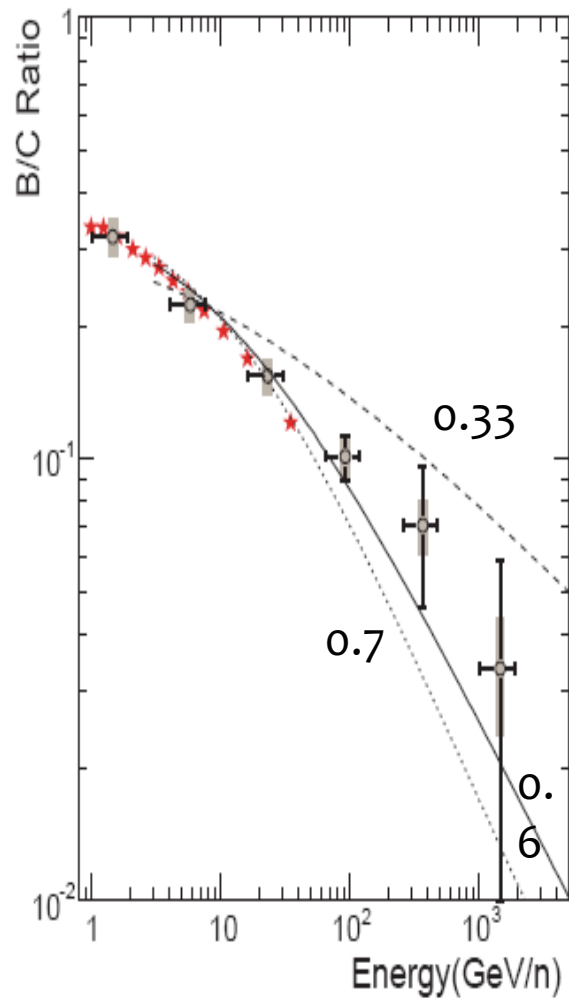
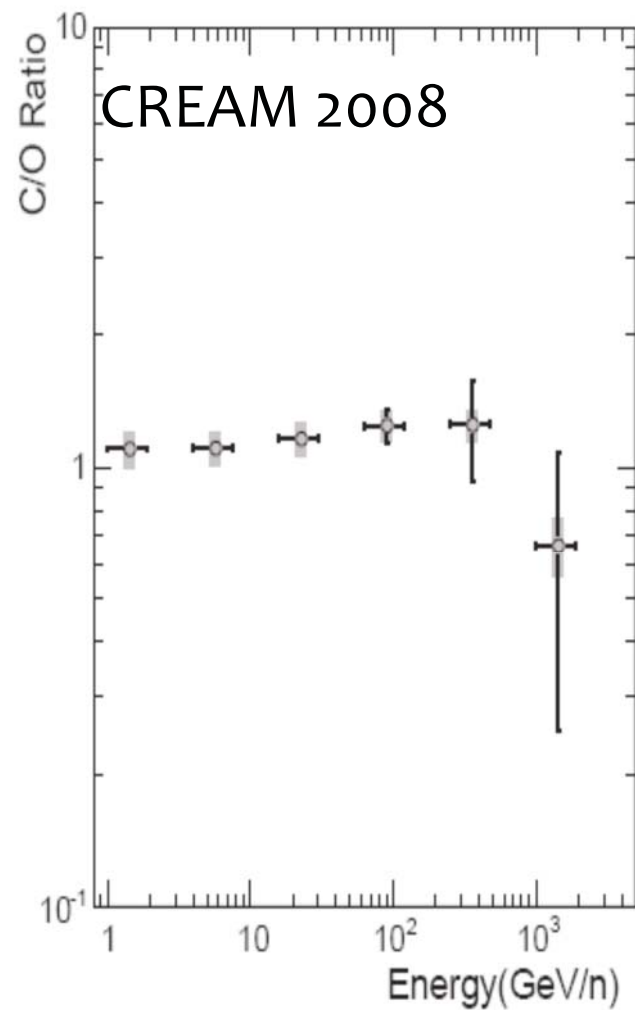


# PROPAGATION IN THE GALAXY

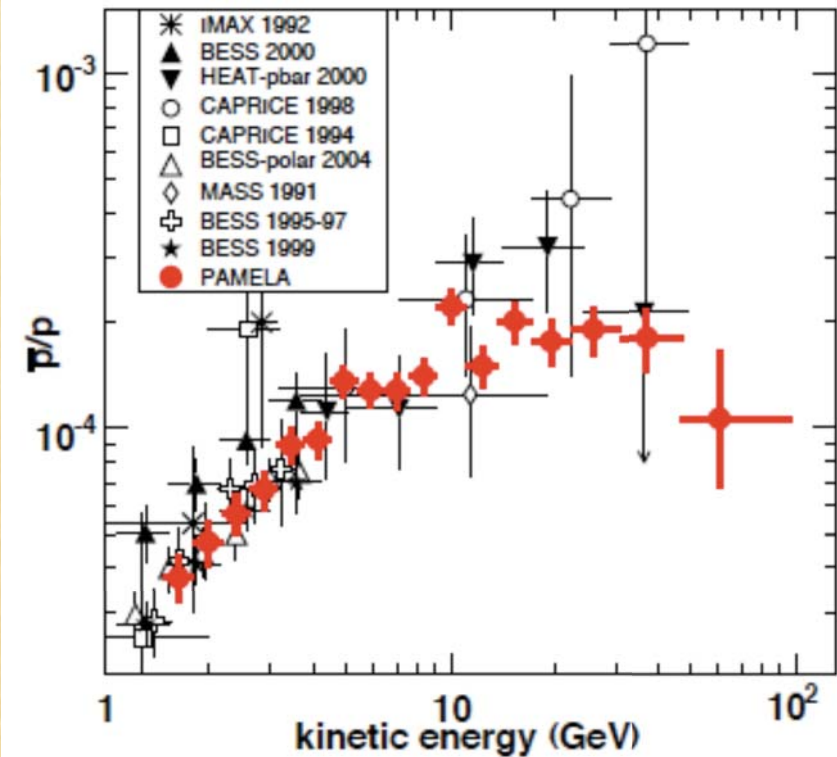
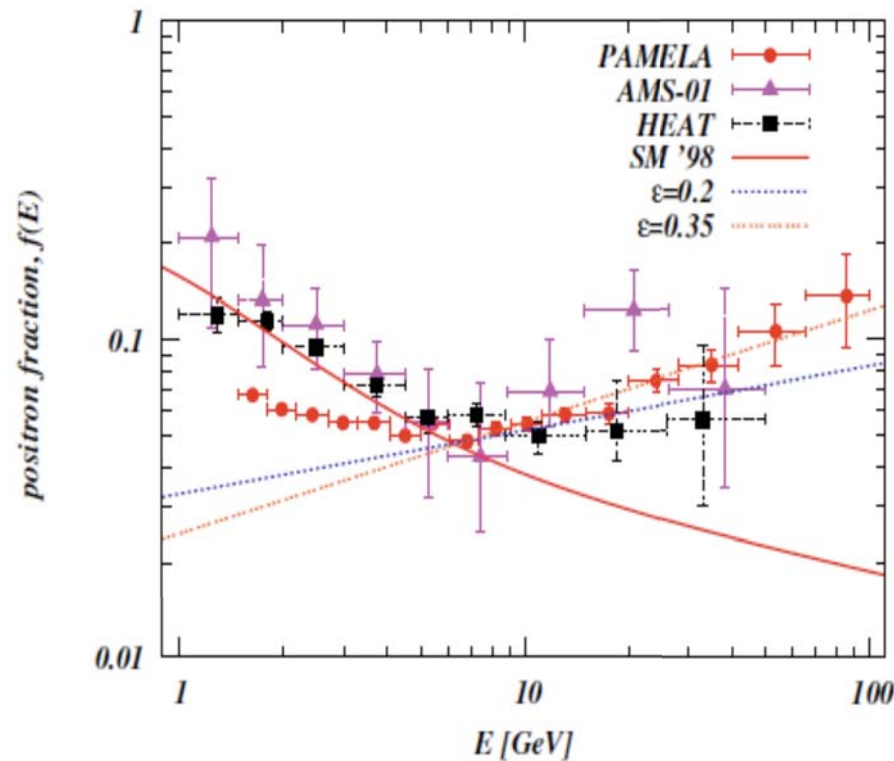
THE BULK OF COSMIC RAYS PROPAGATE DIFFUSIVELY IN THE GALAXY, THE BEST PROOF BEING THE ABUNDANCIES OF LIGHT ELEMENTS



# S/P RATIO AND CR DIFFUSION



# COMPLICATIONS: POSITRONS and ANTIPROTONS





# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

## PRIMARY PROTONS:

$$n_{CR}(E) = N_{CR}(E) R \tau_{esc}(E) \propto E^{-\gamma} E^{-\delta}$$

**PRIMARY ELECTRONS: (b= d for diffusion, b=1 [or 1-(1/2)(d-1)] for losses)**

$$n_e(E) = N_e(E) R \text{Min}[\tau_{esc}(E), \tau_{loss}(E)] \propto E^{-\gamma_e} E^{-\beta}$$

## SECONDARY POSITRONS INJECTION:

$$q_+(E') dE' = n_{CR}(E) dE n_H \sigma_{pp} c \propto E^{-\gamma-\delta}$$

## SECONDARY POSITRONS EQUILIBRIUM:

$$n_+(E) = q_+(E) \text{Min}[\tau_{esc}(E), \tau_{loss}(E)] \propto E^{-\gamma-\delta-\beta}$$

$$\frac{n_+}{n_e} \propto E^{-(\gamma-\gamma_e)-\delta}$$

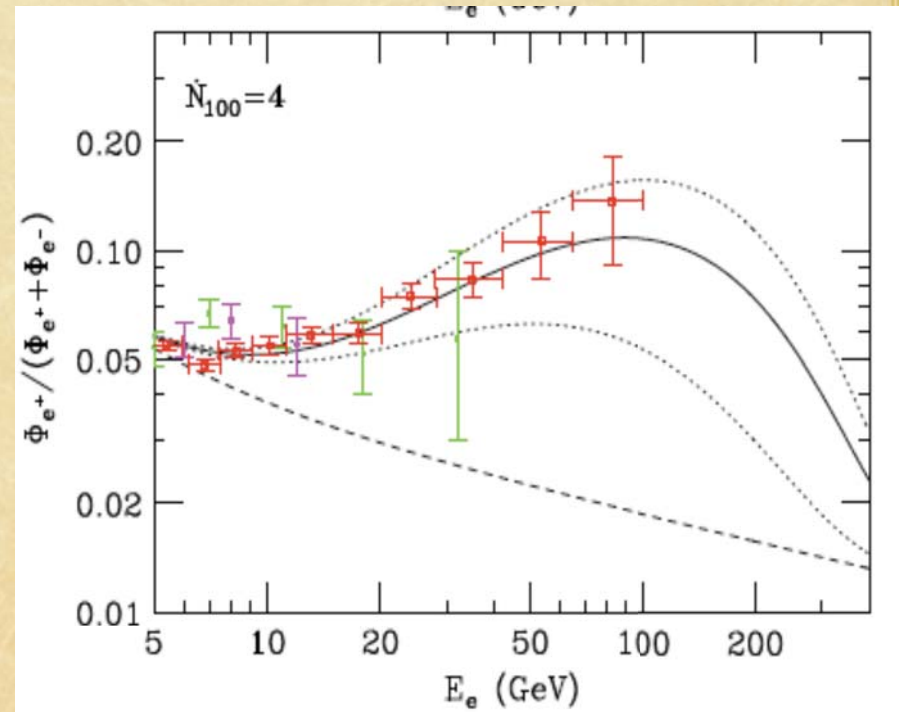
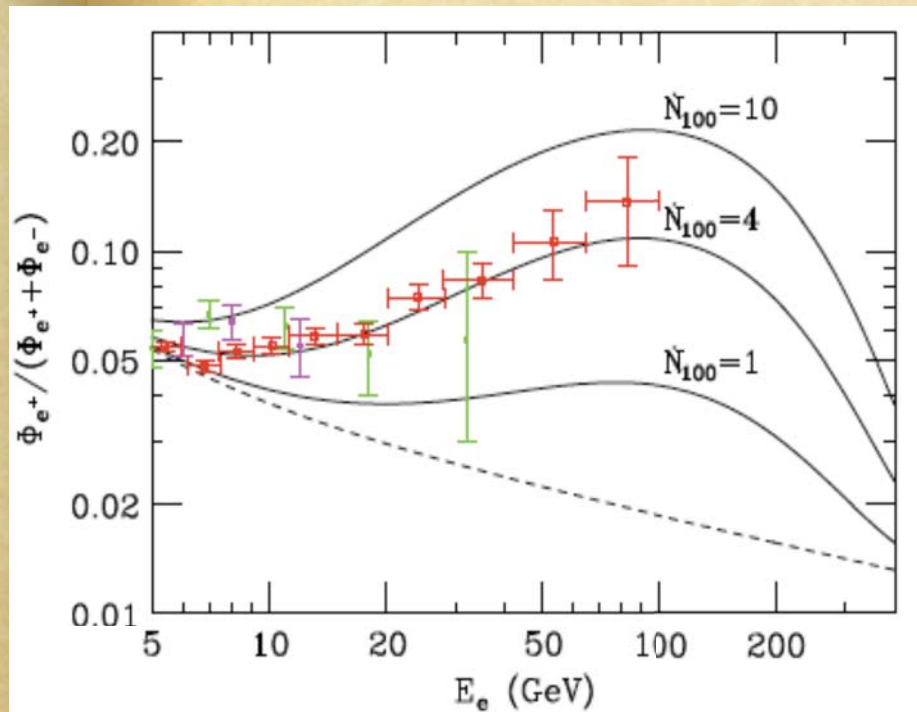
**CANNOT GROW!**

# **POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS**

- 1. SOMETHING WRONG WITH PROPAGATION**
- 2. PULSARS AS SOURCES OF PAIRS**
- 3. RE-ENERGIZED PAIRS IN SNR**
- 4. DARK MATTER? (IT CAN'T BE THE USUAL THERMAL SUSY WIMPS)**



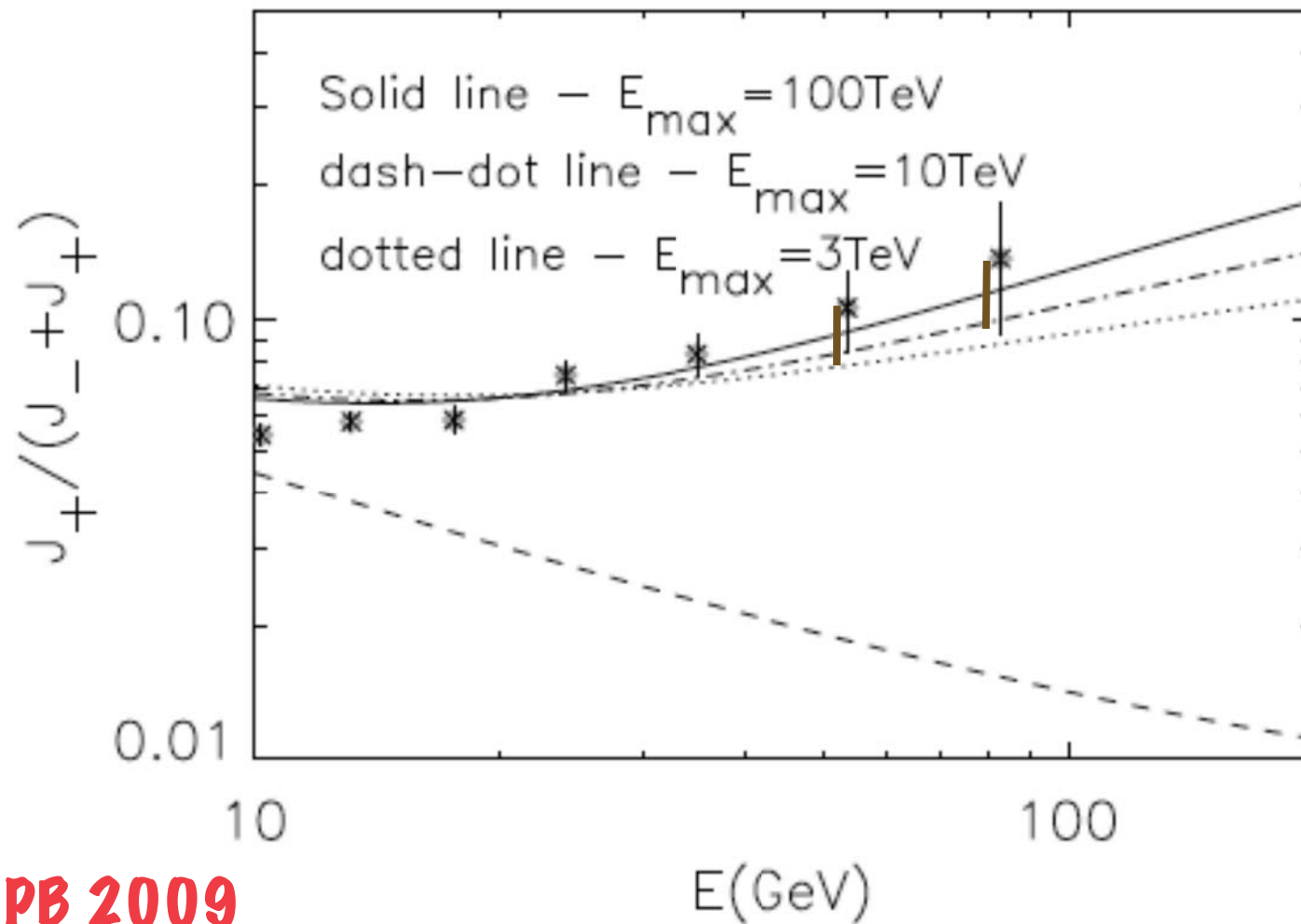
# PULSARS



Hooper, PB, Serpico  
2009

**NO ANTIPROTONS  
PRODUCED!**

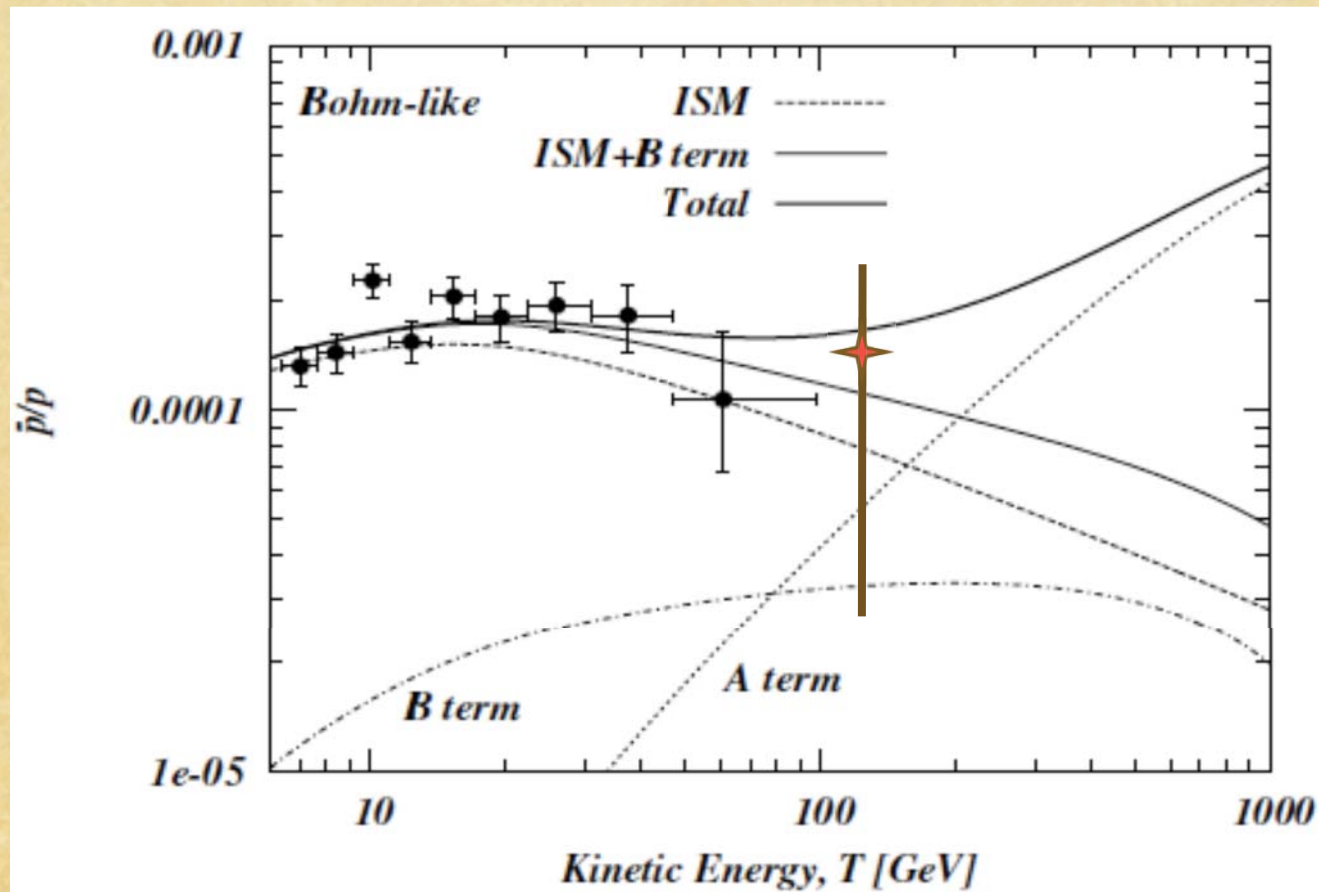
# RE-ENERGIZED PAIRS IN SNR



PB 2009

# COLLATERAL EFFECTS:

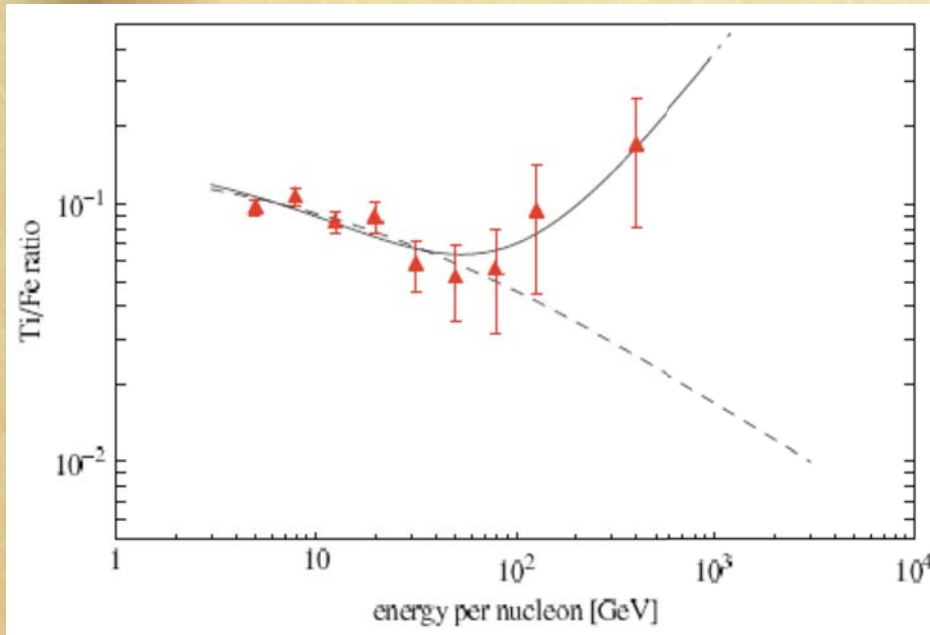
## 1. ANTIPROTONS



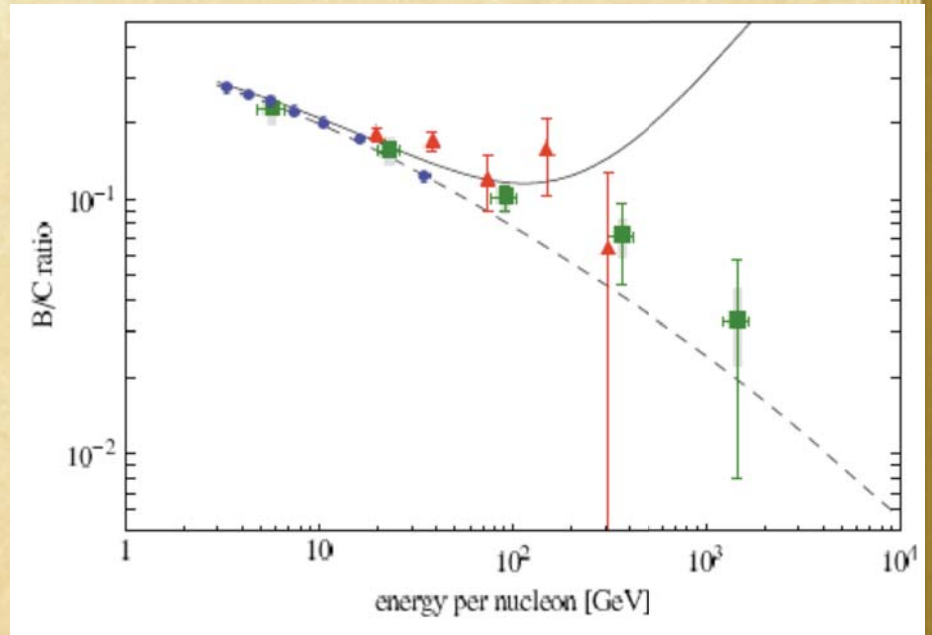


# COLLATERAL EFFECTS:

## 2. SECONDARY NUCLEI



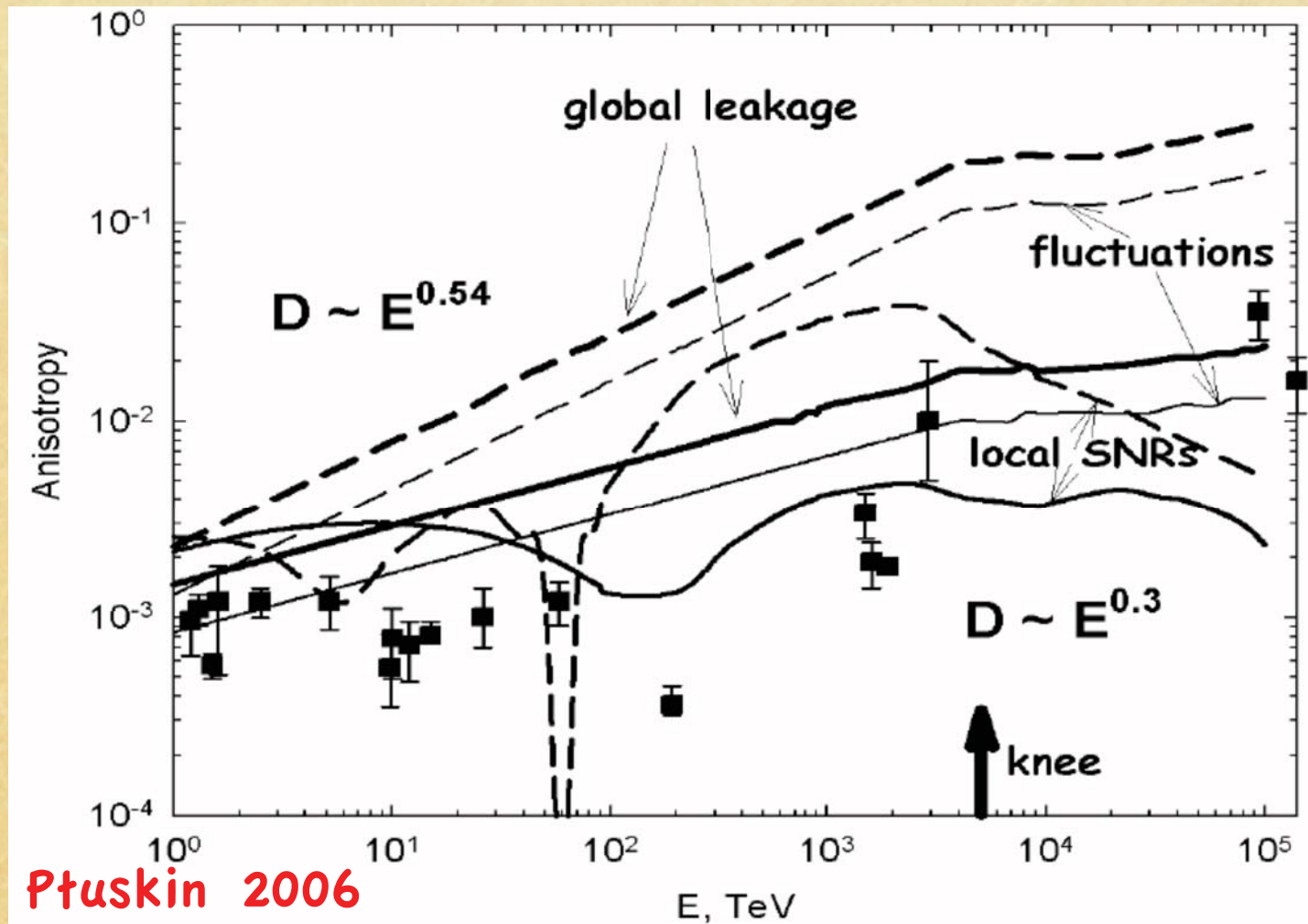
**Ti/Fe**



**B/C**

Mertsch & Sarkar 2009

# SOME MORE COMPLICATIONS: ANISOTROPY



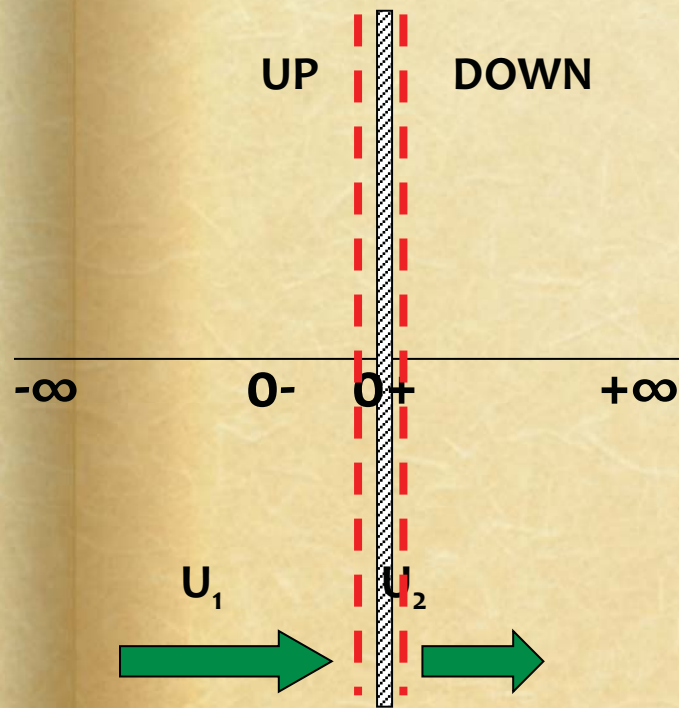


# **PARTICLE ACCELERATION**

**THE SUPERNOVA PARADIGM**



# TEST PARTICLE THEORY OF SNR → CR



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right] - u \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{du}{dx} p \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} + Q(x, p, t)$$

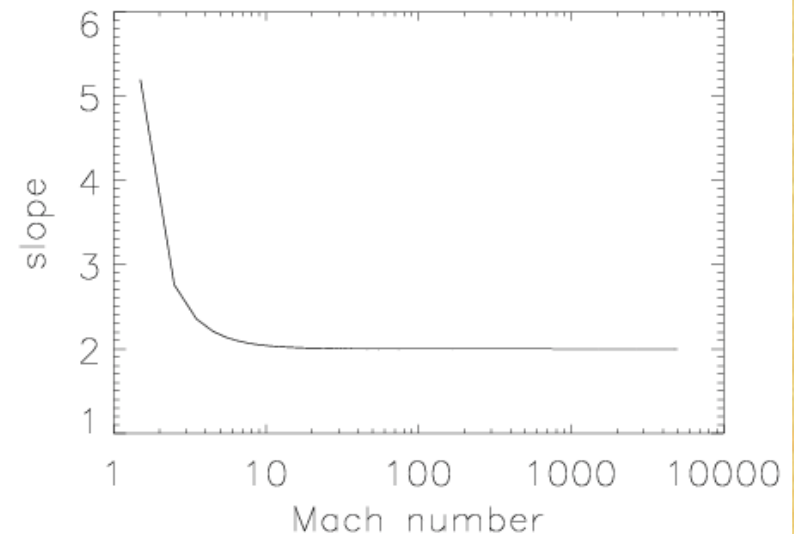
**SPECTRUM**

$$N(E) \propto \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{-\gamma}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{R + 2}{R - 1}$$

**R COMPRESSION FACTOR**

1. Power law spectrum
2. Slope only  $F(R)$
3. No dependence on diffusion
4. For strong shocks slope  $\sim 2$
5. No absolute normalization



# MAXIMUM ENERGY

**ACCELERATION  
TIME**

$$\tau_{acc} = \frac{3}{U_1 - U_2} \left[ \frac{D_1(E)}{U_1} + \frac{D_2(E)}{U_2} \right]$$

What if we use the ISM diffusion coefficient inferred from B/C?

$$\tau_{acc} \approx \tau_{age}$$



$$E_{\max} \sim 1-100 \text{ GeV}$$

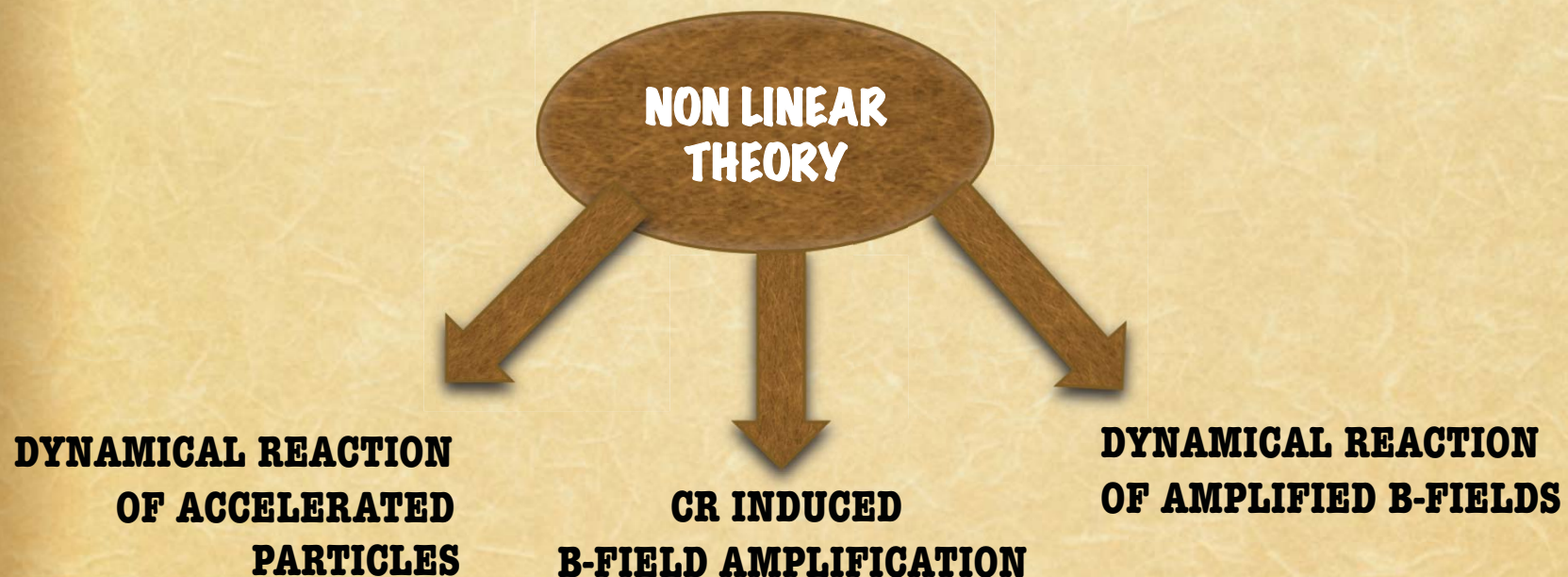
**IF DIFFUSIVE SHOCK ACCELERATION IS THE CONVERSION  
MECHANISM IN SNR, IT MUST BE COMPLETED WITH SOME  
PROCESS THAT ALLOWS TO REACH PeV ENERGIES**



# BEYOND TEST PARTICLES: *Non linear DSA*

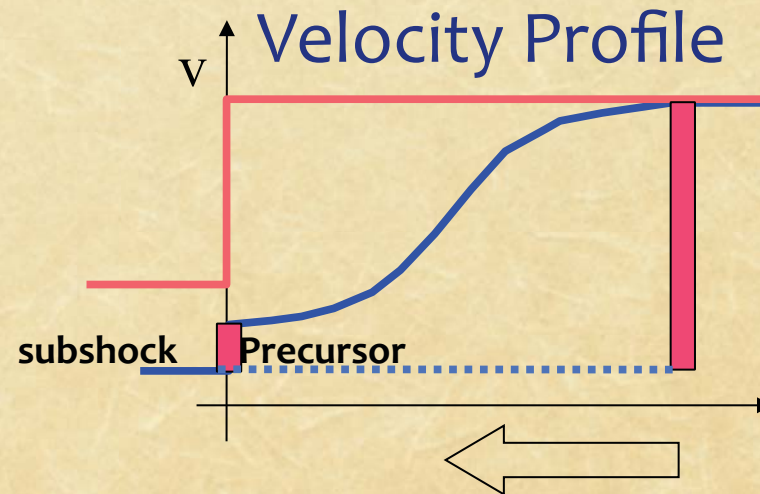
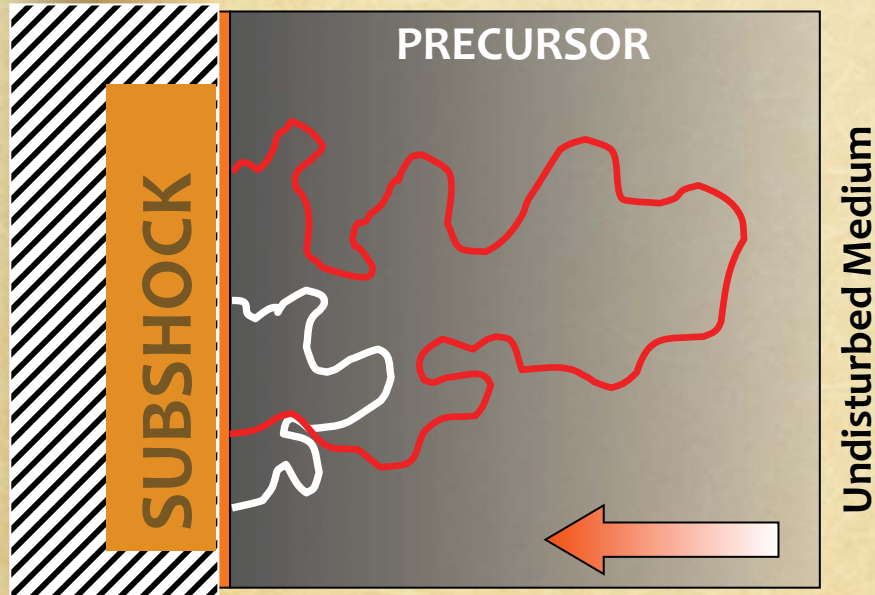
Berezhko & Voelk, PB, Amato & PB, Ellison et al...

- 1. TEST PARTICLE THEORY PROVIDES NO INFO ON ACCELERATION EFFICIENCY**
- 2. THE REQUIRED EFFICIENCIES ARE SUCH THAT CR SHOULD EXERT A DYNAMICAL REACTION ON THE SYSTEM**
- 3. IN TP THEORY THERE IS NO EASY WAY TO REACH THE KNEE**






# DYNAMICAL REACTION

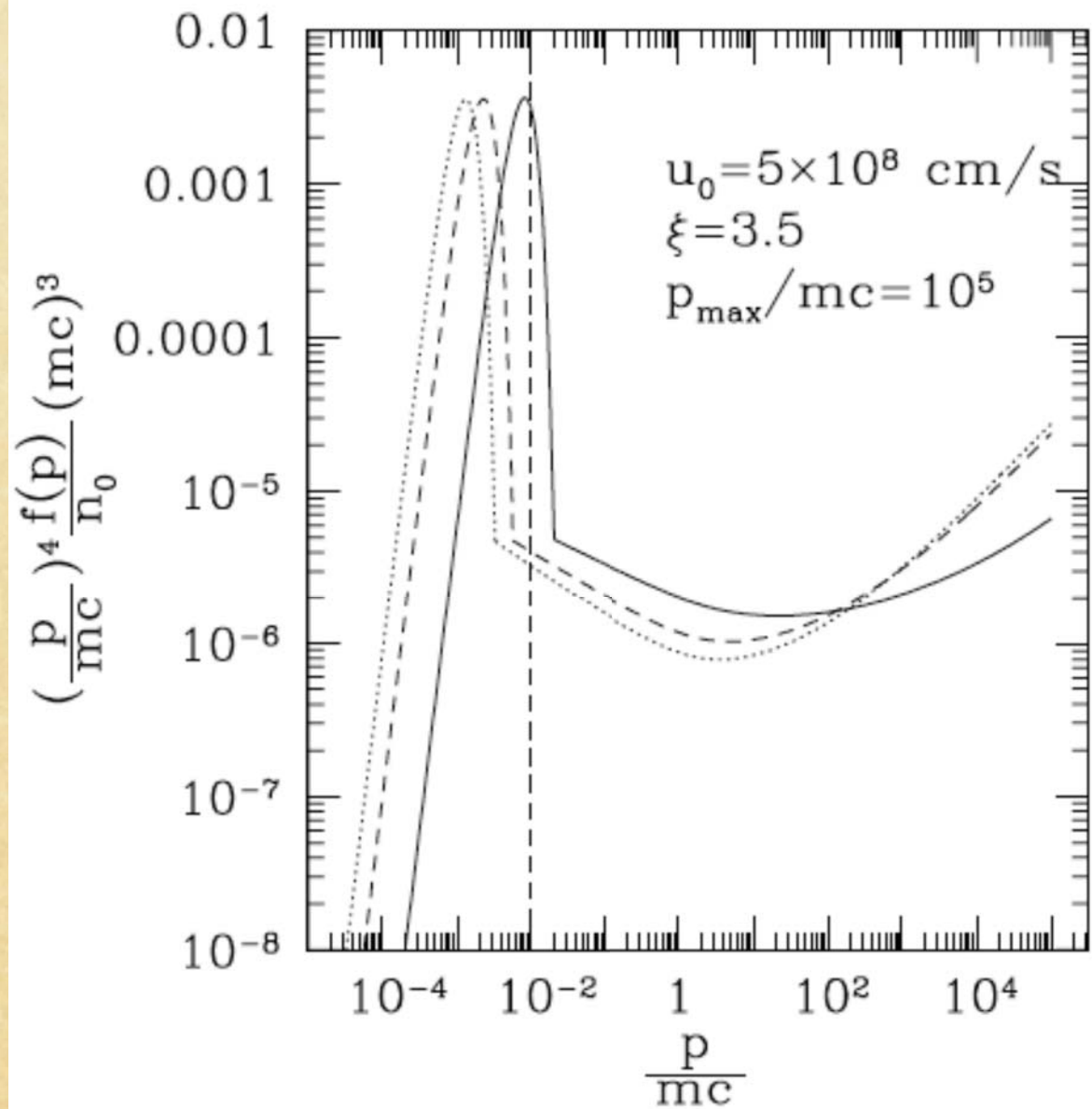
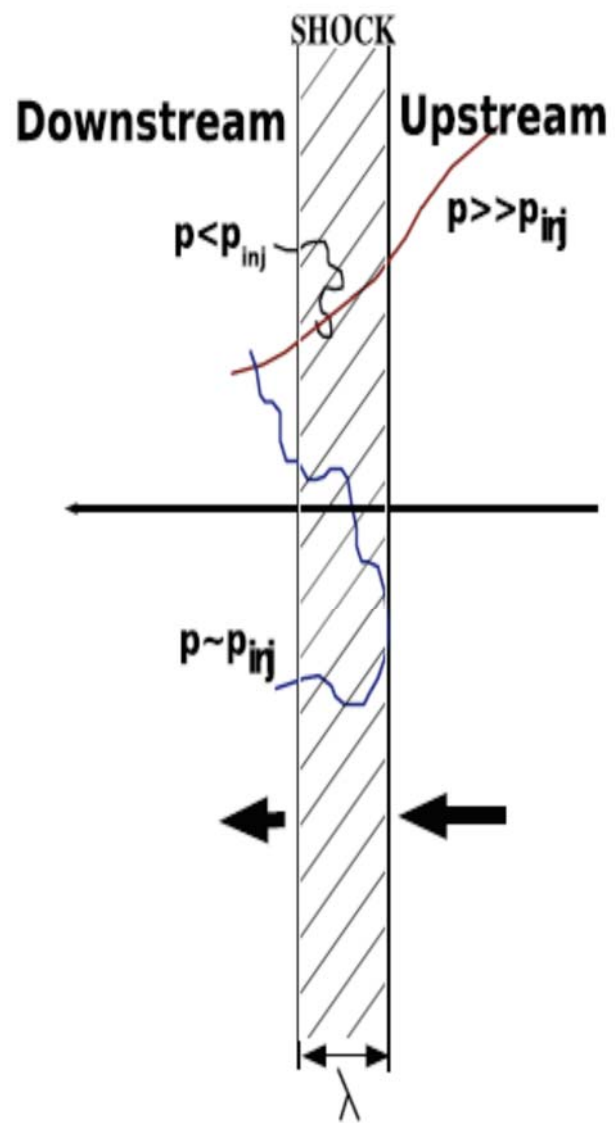


**CR TRANSPORT EQUATION**

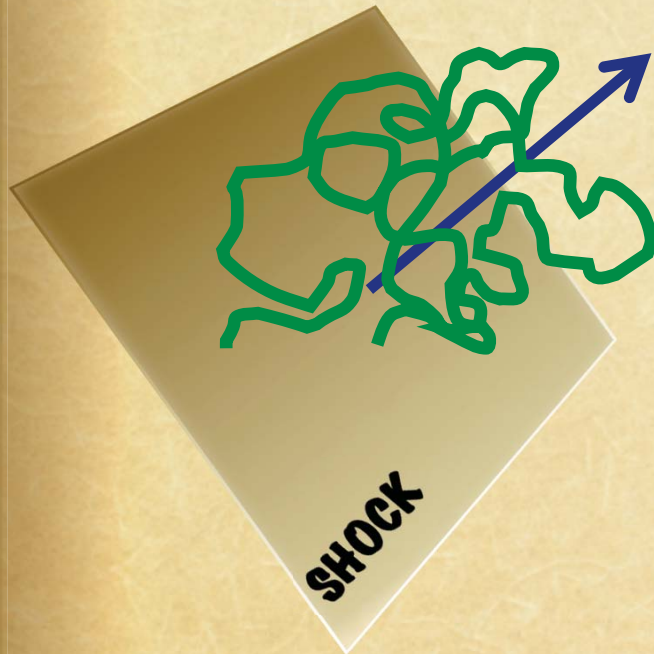
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**MASS, MOMENTUM, ENERGY  
CONSERVATION EQUATIONS**

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- 1. NO POWER LAW SPECTRA**
  - 2. HIGH ACCEL. EFFICIENCY**
  - 3. REDUCED HEATING**
  - 4. ESCAPE FLUX**



# MAGNETIC FIELD AMPLIFICATION



**SMALL PERTURBATIONS IN THE LOCAL B-FIELD CAN BE AMPLIFIED BY THE SUPER-ALFVENIC STREAMING OF THE ACCELERATED PARTICLES**

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\Omega(\delta B / B)^2}$$

$$\frac{dP_{CR}}{dt} = \frac{n_{CR} m_p \gamma_{CR} (v_S - v_A)}{\tau}$$

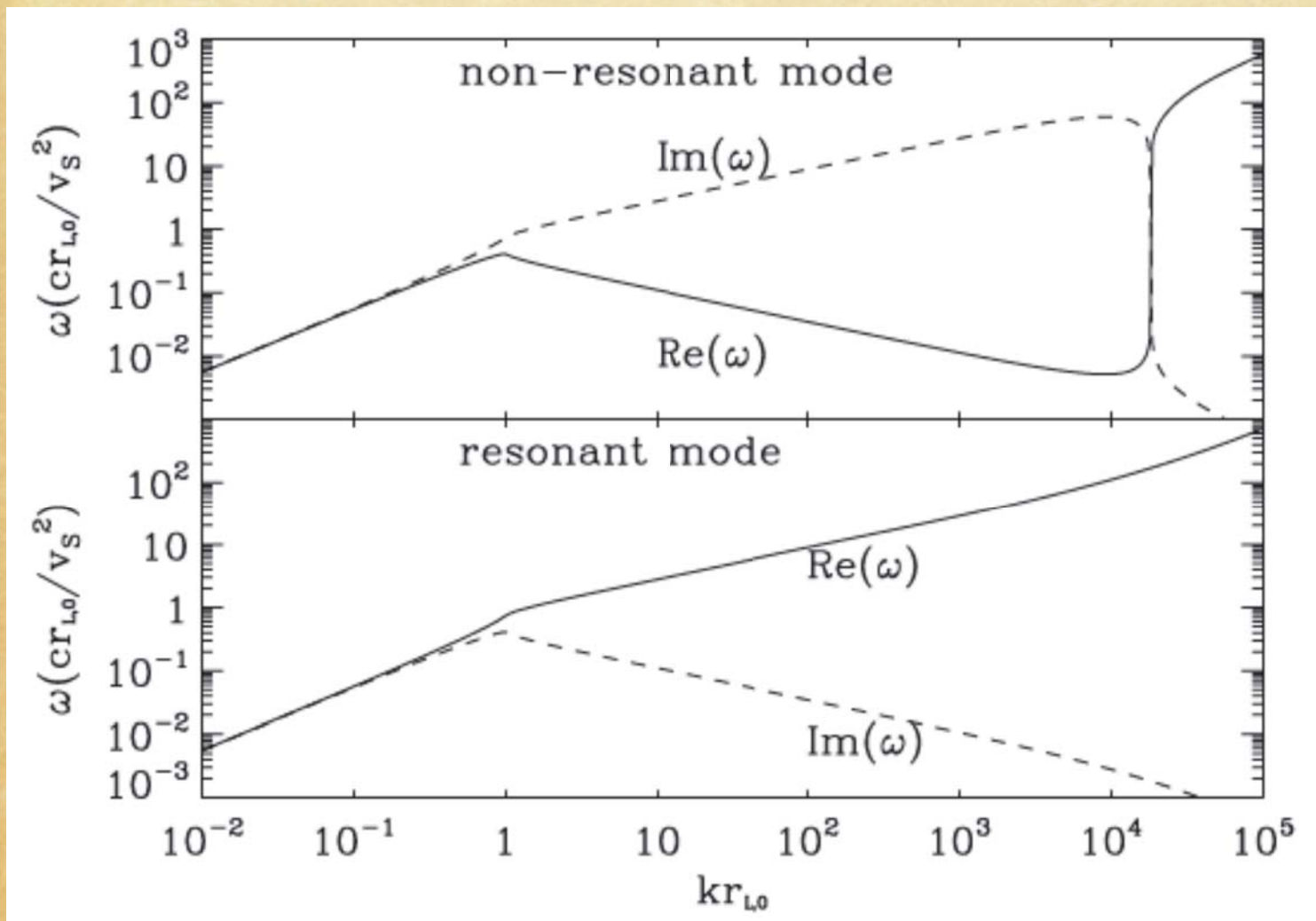
$$\frac{dP_W}{dt} = \Gamma_W \frac{\delta B^2}{4\pi v_A}$$

$$\Gamma_W = \frac{n_{CR}}{n} \left( \frac{v_S - v_A}{v_A} \right) \Omega_{cyc}$$

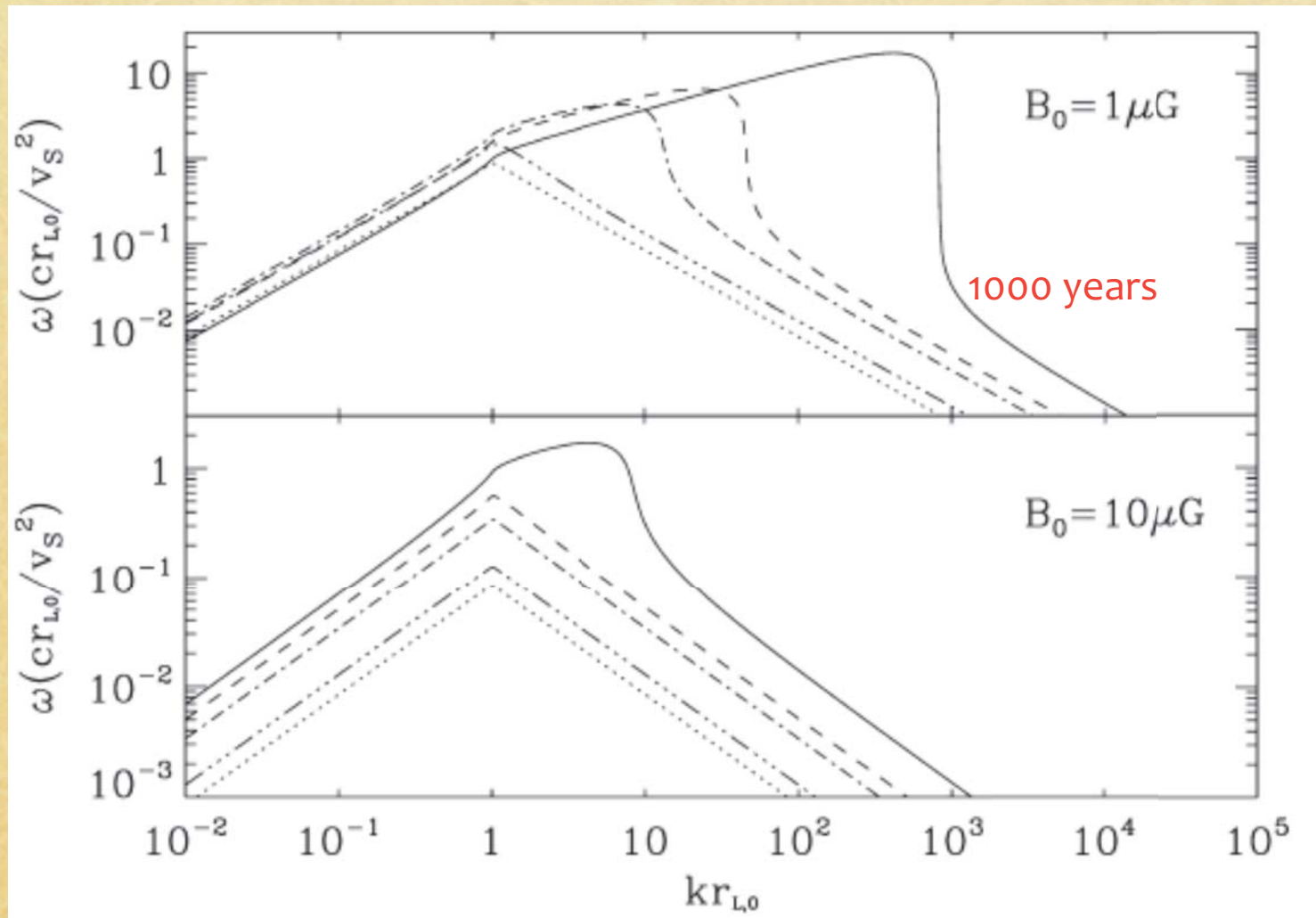
**GROWTH RATE**



# GROWING MODES



# RESONANT vs NON-RESONANT MODES



Amato & PB 2009

# SATURATION

ALL PREVIOUS RESULTS ARE OBTAINED IN PERTURBATIVE THEORY  
BUT THEY LEAD TO NON-PERTURBATIVE CONCLUSIONS ( $\delta B/B \gg 1$ ).

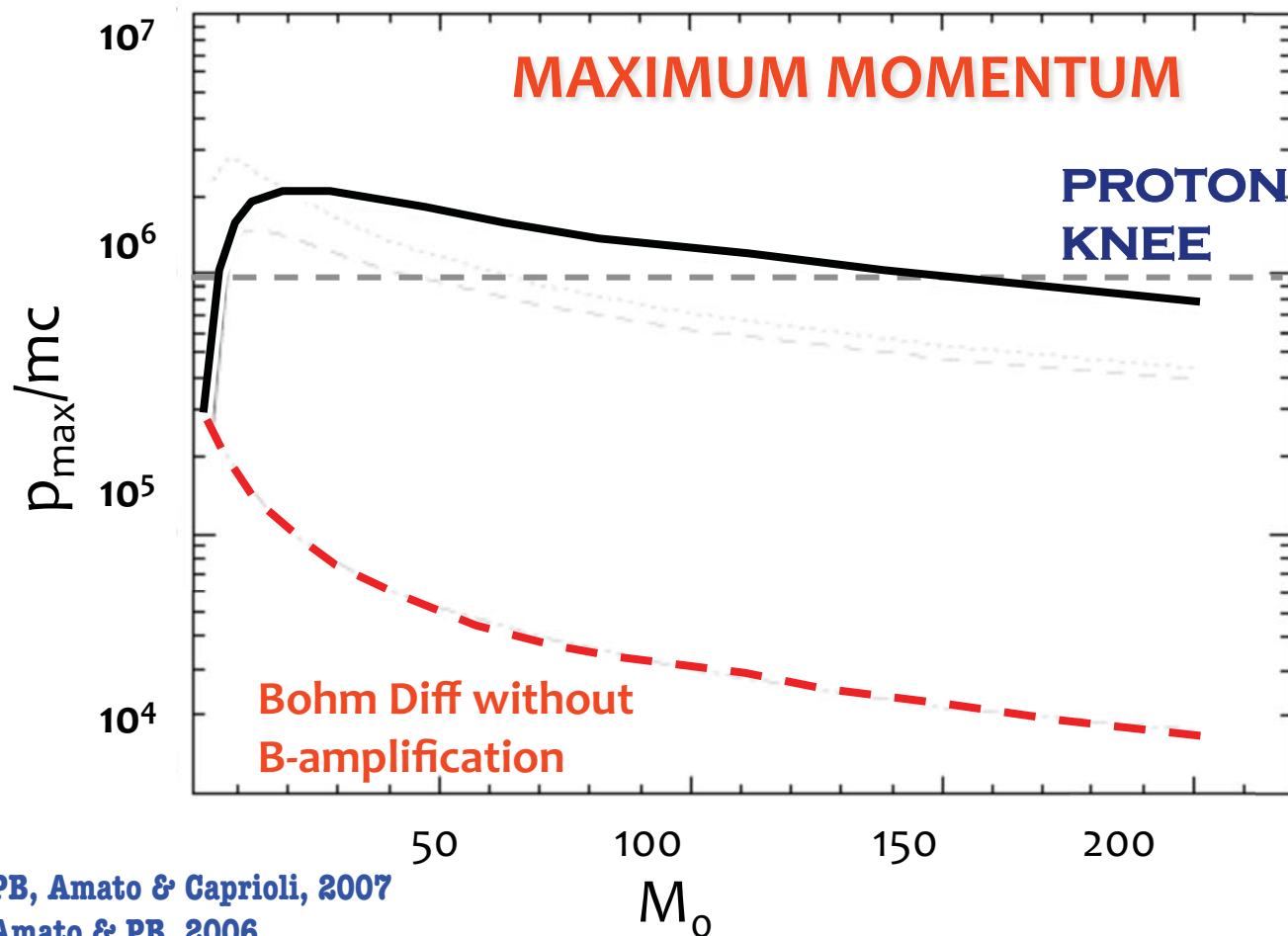
HARD TO PREDICT THE REAL SATURATION LEVEL (EVEN PIC  
SIMULATIONS DISAGREE ON CONCLUSIONS...

BUT IT IS SUGGESTIVE THAT THE VALUES INFERRED FROM  
PERTURBATIVE THEORY HINT TO

$$\delta B \approx 100 \mu G$$

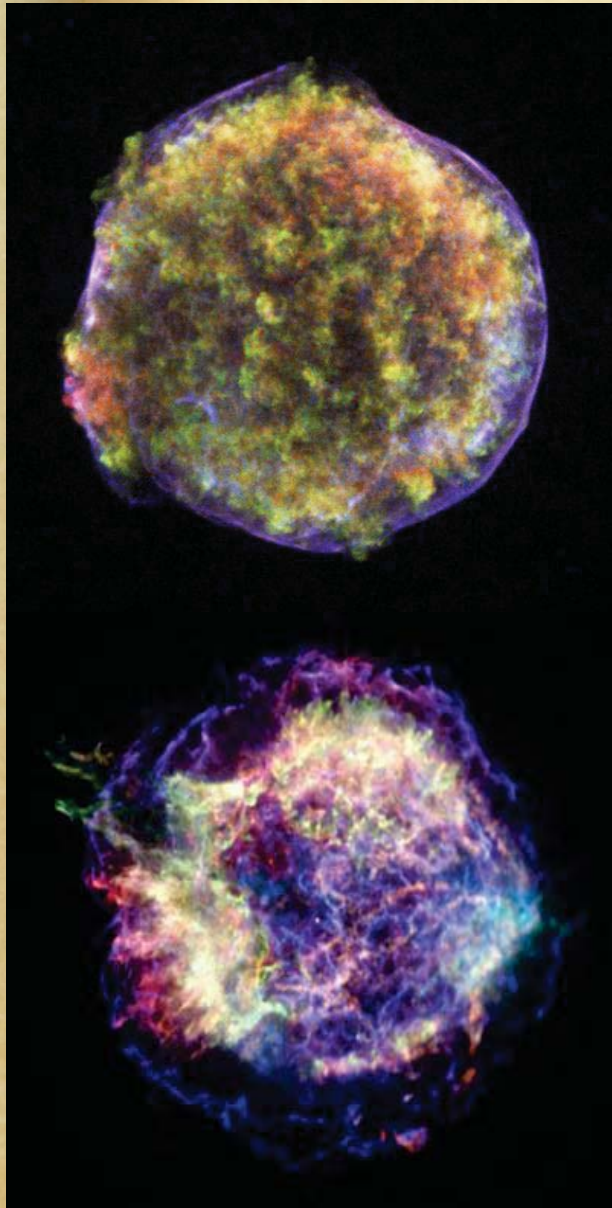


# WHY IS IT INTERESTING: I. Reaching the knee?



PB, Amato & Caprioli, 2007  
Amato & PB, 2006

# WHY IS IT INTERESTING: II. Large B observed?



**TYPICAL THICKNESS OF FILAMENTS:**  
 $10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \text{ pc}$

**The synchrotron limited thickness is:**

$$\Delta x = \sqrt{4 D(E) \tau_{syn}(E)} \approx 4 \text{ pc } B_{\mu}^{-3/2}$$



$$B \approx 100 \mu\text{Gauss}$$

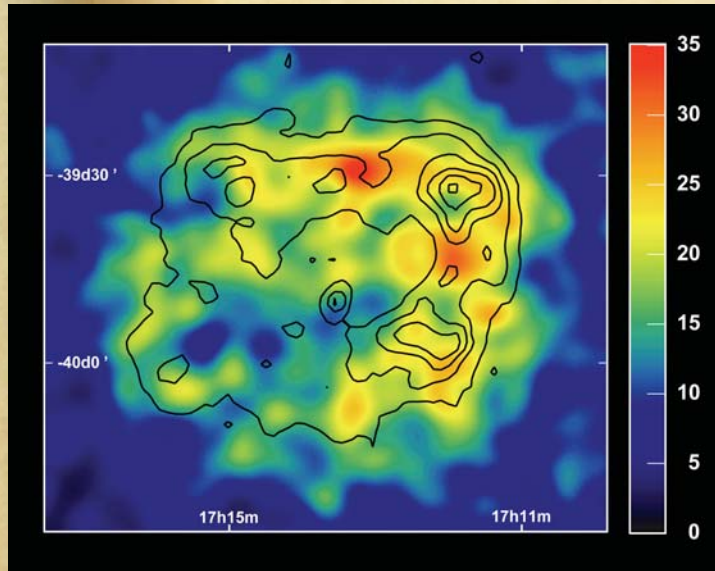


# **DYNAMICAL ROLE OF B**

- 1. LARGE B INCREASE THE MAX MOMENTUM**
- 2. HIGH MAX MOMENTUM MODIFY THE SHOCK**
- 3. SHOCK MODIFICATION  $\rightarrow$  CONCAVE SPECTRA**
- 4. LARGE B  $\rightarrow$  REDUCE MODIFICATION  $\rightarrow$  LESS CONCAVE SPECTRA ( $R_{\text{tot}} \sim 10$ ) [Caprioli et al. 2008]**

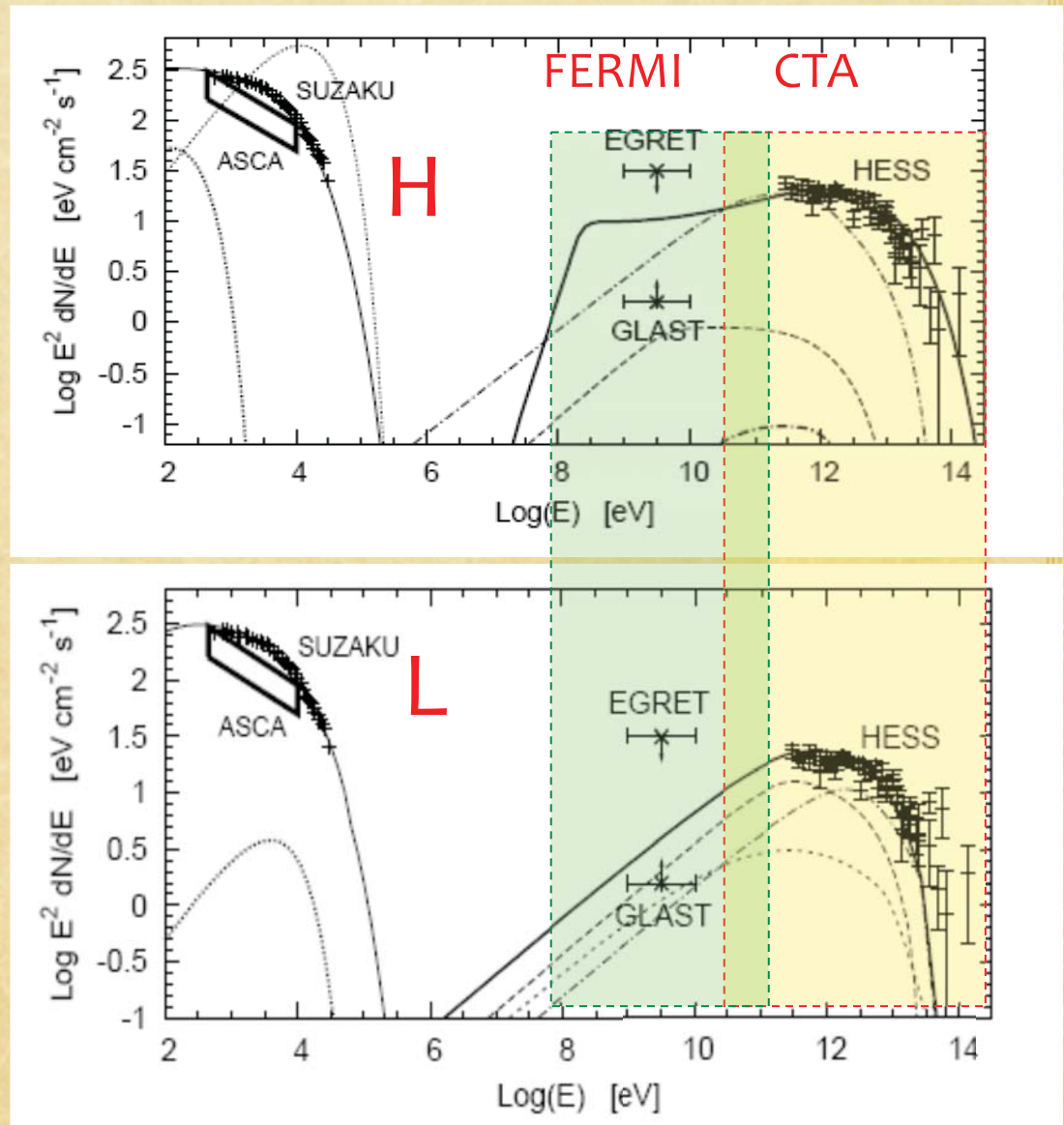


# PHENOMENOLOGY OF INDIVIDUAL SNR



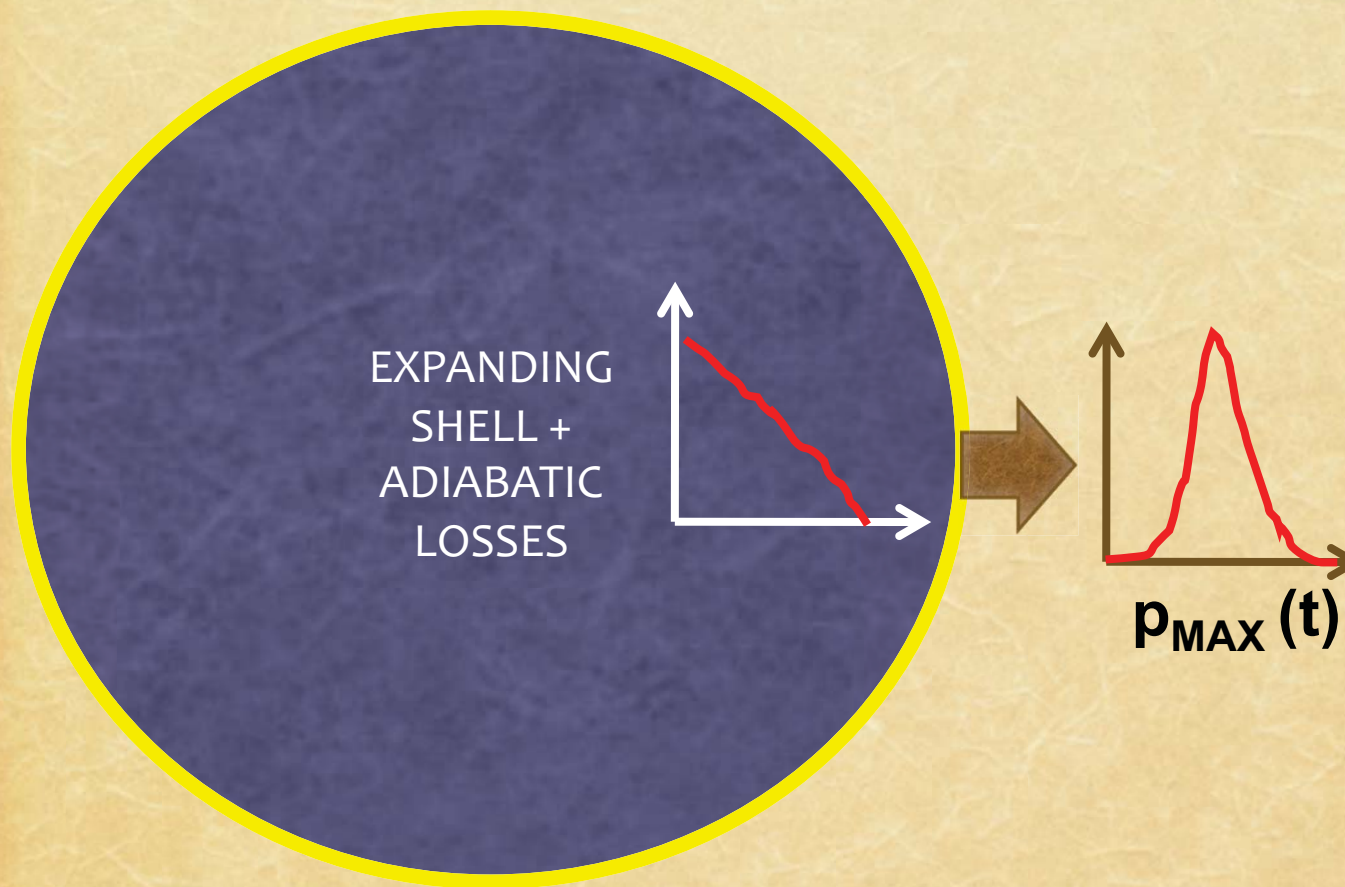
Aharonian et al. 2007

Morlino, Amato & PB 2009



# CRs versus ACCELERATED PARTICLES

WHAT IS THE SPECTRUM OF CR AT EARTH?



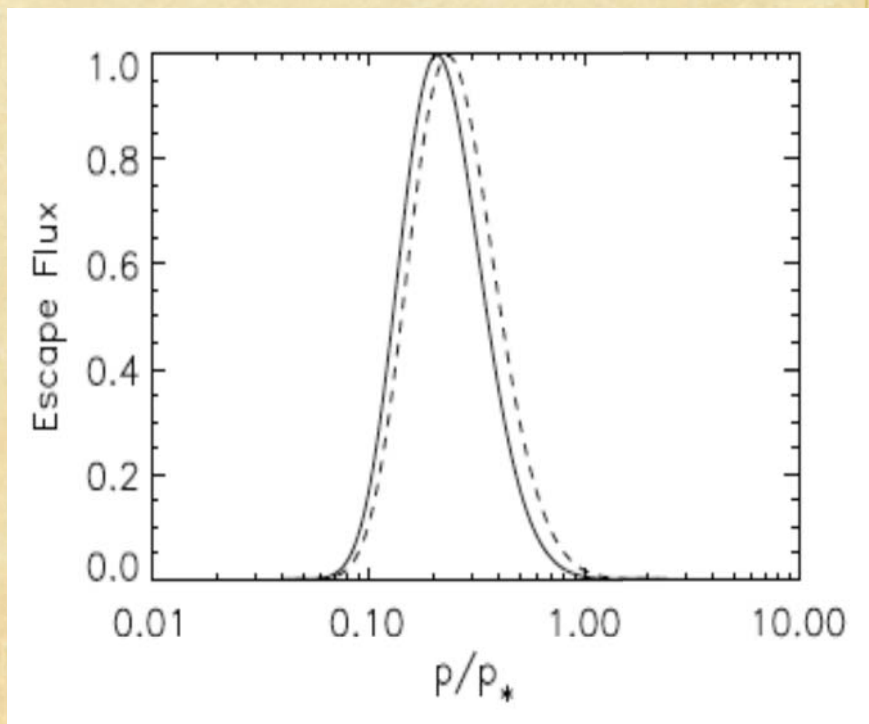
# ESCAPE FLUX WITH TIME

Caprioli, PB & Amato 2009

$$E_{MAX}(t) \propto \xi_c(t) t^{-1/2}$$

$$R_{sh}(t) = 2.7 \times 10^{19} \text{cm} \left( \frac{E_{51}}{n_1} \right)^{1/5} t_{kyr}^{2/5}$$

$$V_{sh}(t) = 4.7 \times 10^8 \text{cm/s} \left( \frac{E_{51}}{n_1} \right)^{1/5} t_{kyr}^{-3/5}$$



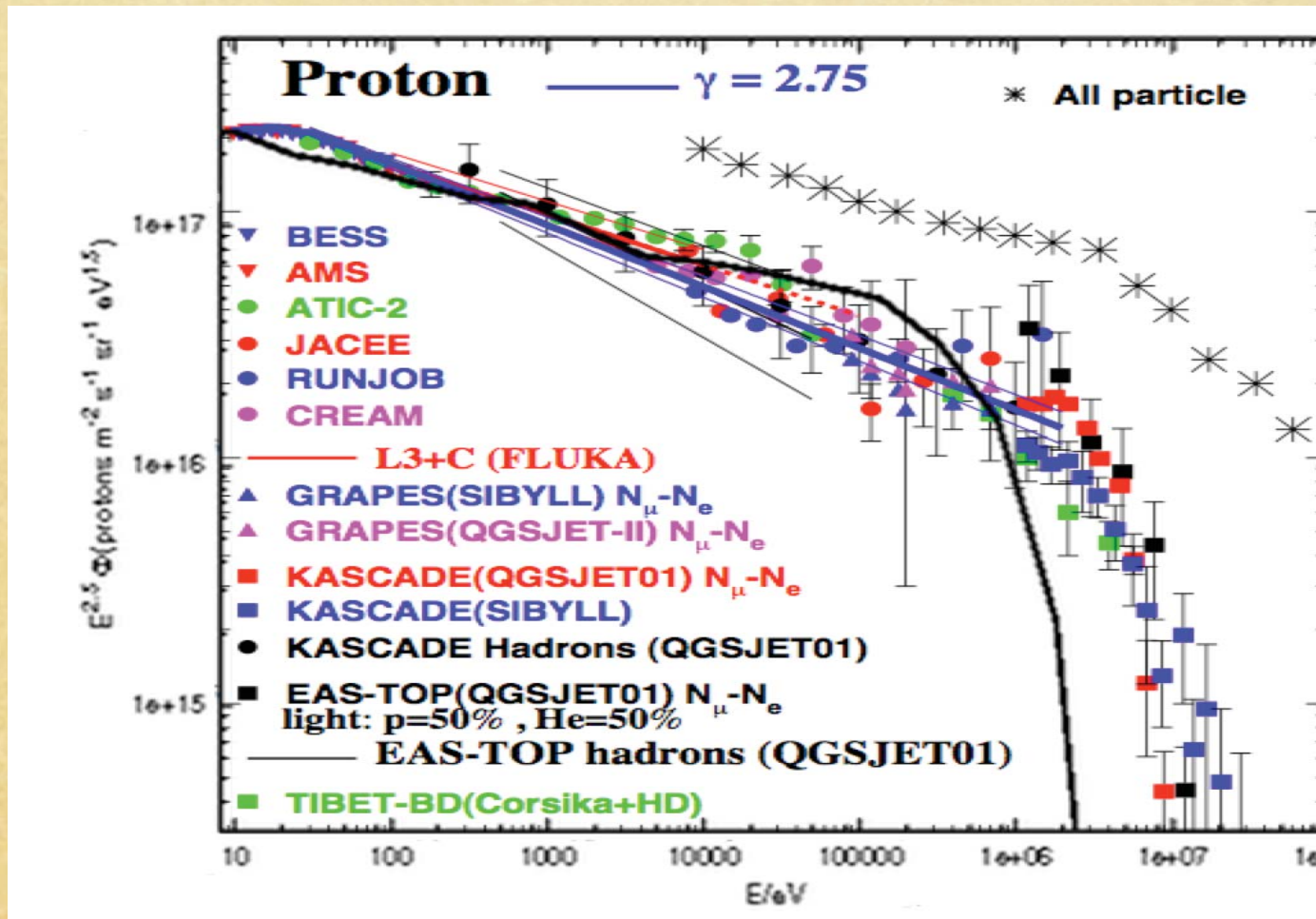
$$Q(E)dE \approx F_{esc}(t) \frac{1}{2} \rho V_s^3 4\pi R_{sh}^2 \frac{dE_{max}}{dt} \frac{dE}{E} \propto t^{1/2} \frac{dE}{E} \propto E^{-2} dE$$

**E<sup>-2</sup>** WITH NO CONNECTION WITH THE INTRINSIC SPECTRUM



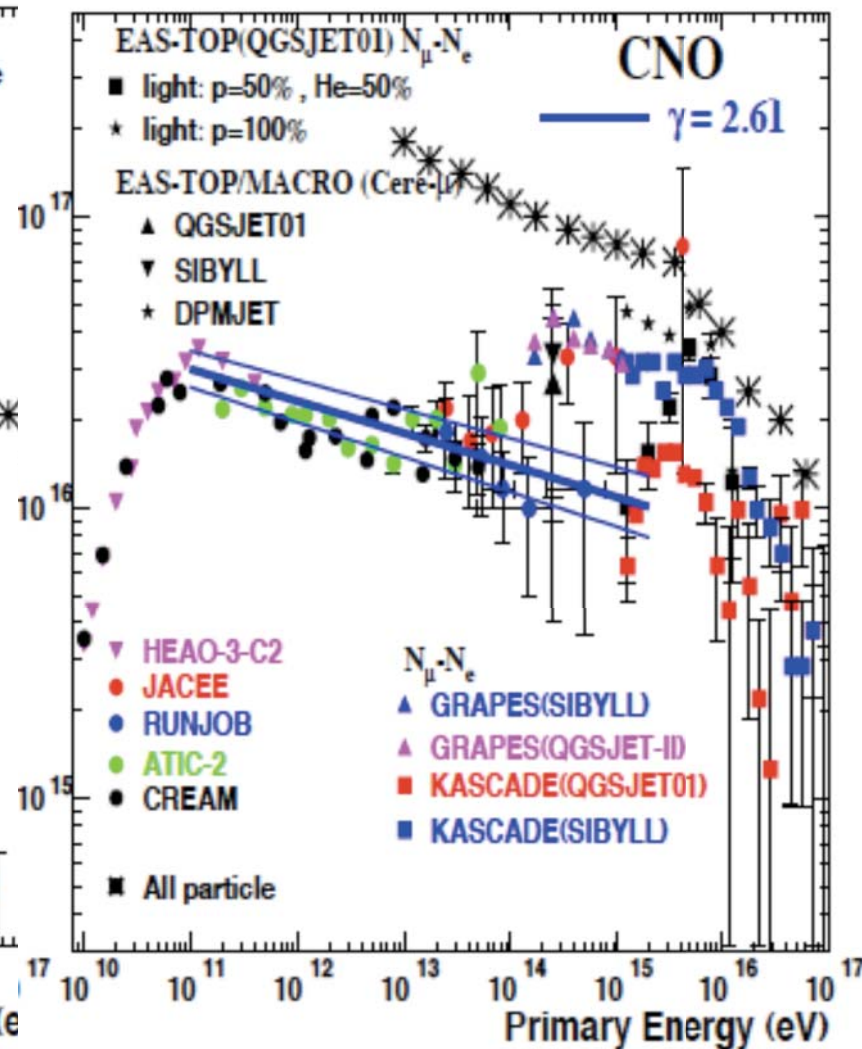
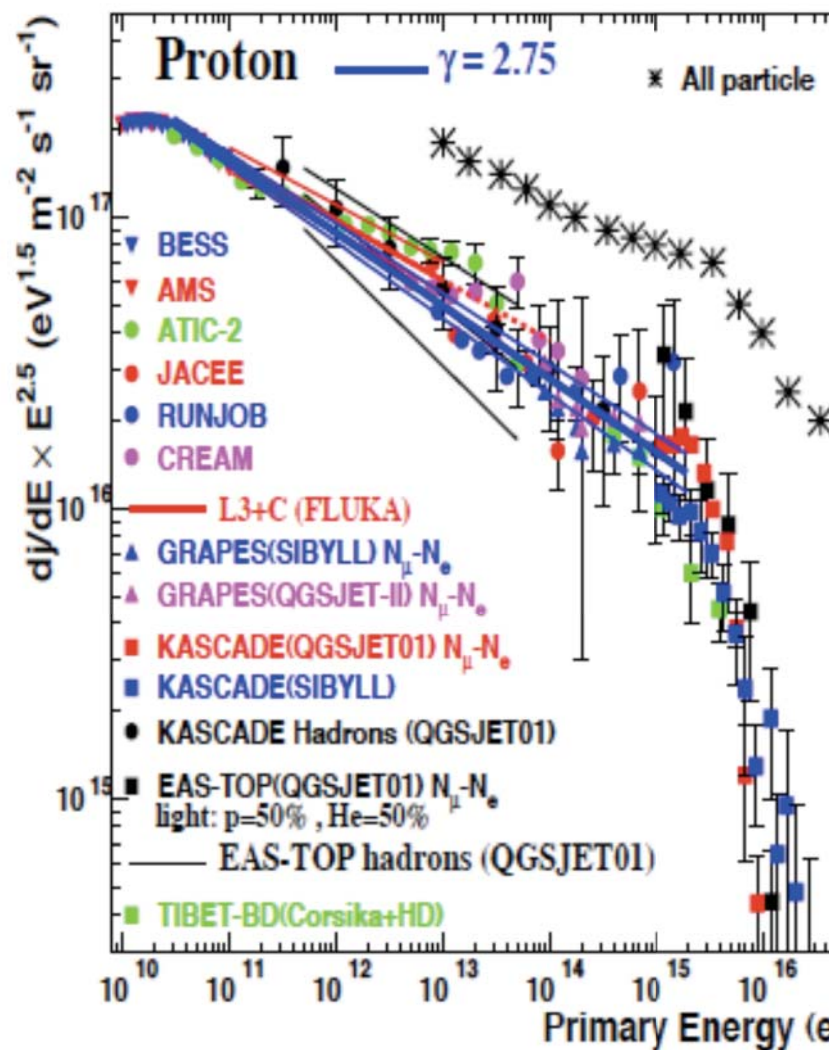
# PROTON SPECTRUM AT EARTH

## EVIDENCE FOR A CUTOFF!



Caprioli, PB & Amato 2009      Data from Bertaina et al. 2008

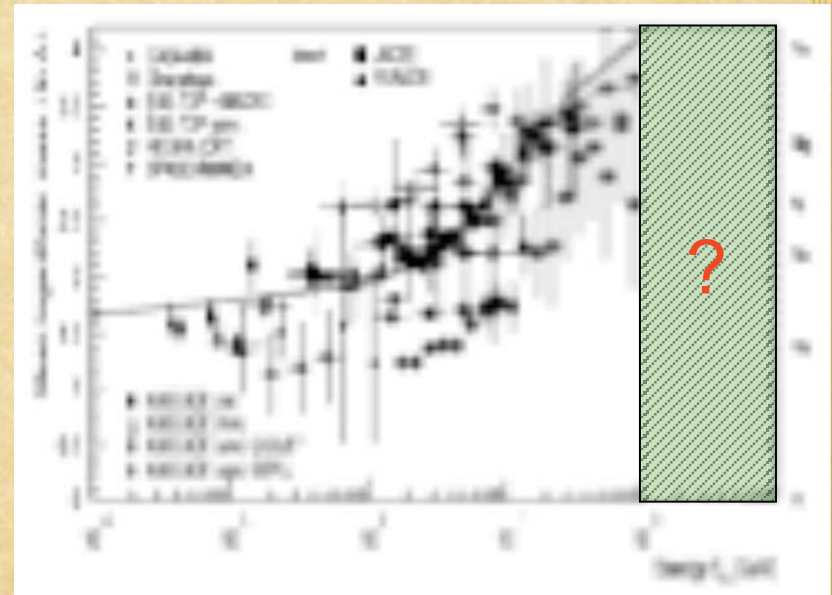
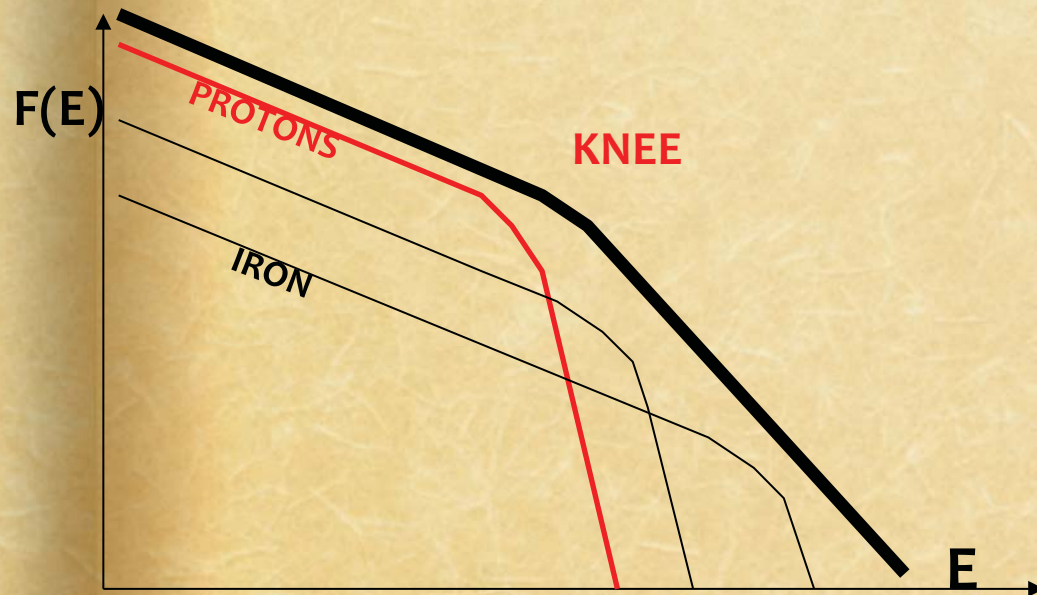
# SPECTRA





# SOME IMPLICATIONS

1. PROTONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ACCELERATED TO  $\sim 10^6$  GeV
  2. ACCELERATION IS Z DEPENDENT  $\rightarrow E_{\text{MAX}}(Z) = Z E_{\text{MAX}}$
  3. THE **KNEE** IS LIKELY TO BE THE RESULT OF OVERLAP ON THE MAX ENERGY OF EACH SPECIE
- .....
4. GALACTIC CRs **SHOULD END WITH IRON @  $\sim 10^{17}$  eV**



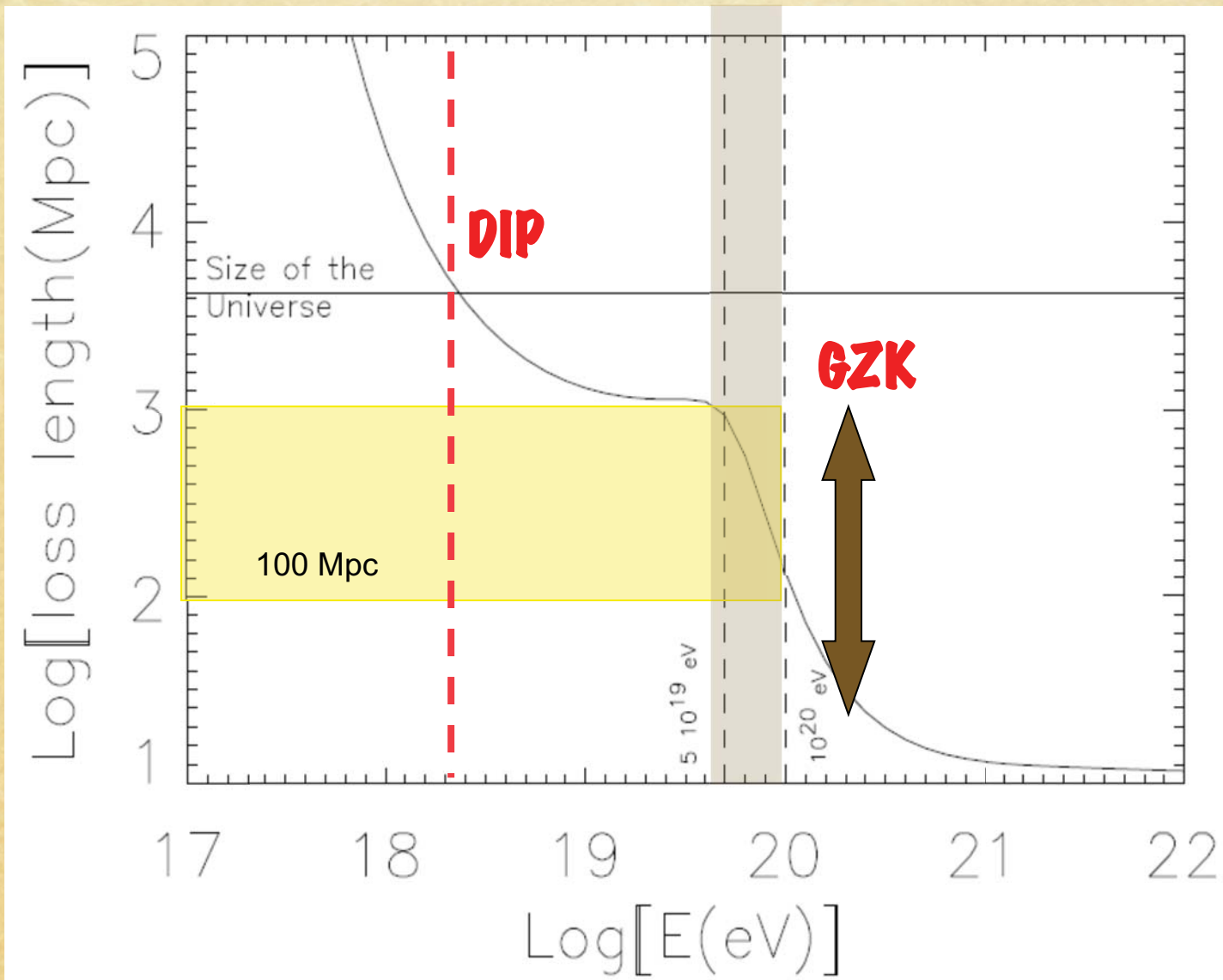


# THE TRANSITION

1. THE SNR PARADIGM HINTS TO A GALACTIC CR SPECTRUM ENDING AT ~A FEW  $10^{17}$  EV
2. OBSERVATIONS ALSO SUGGEST THE SAME TREND

SO WHERE DOES THE SPECTRUM OF GALACTIC CR END AND THE EXTRAGAL ONE STARTS?

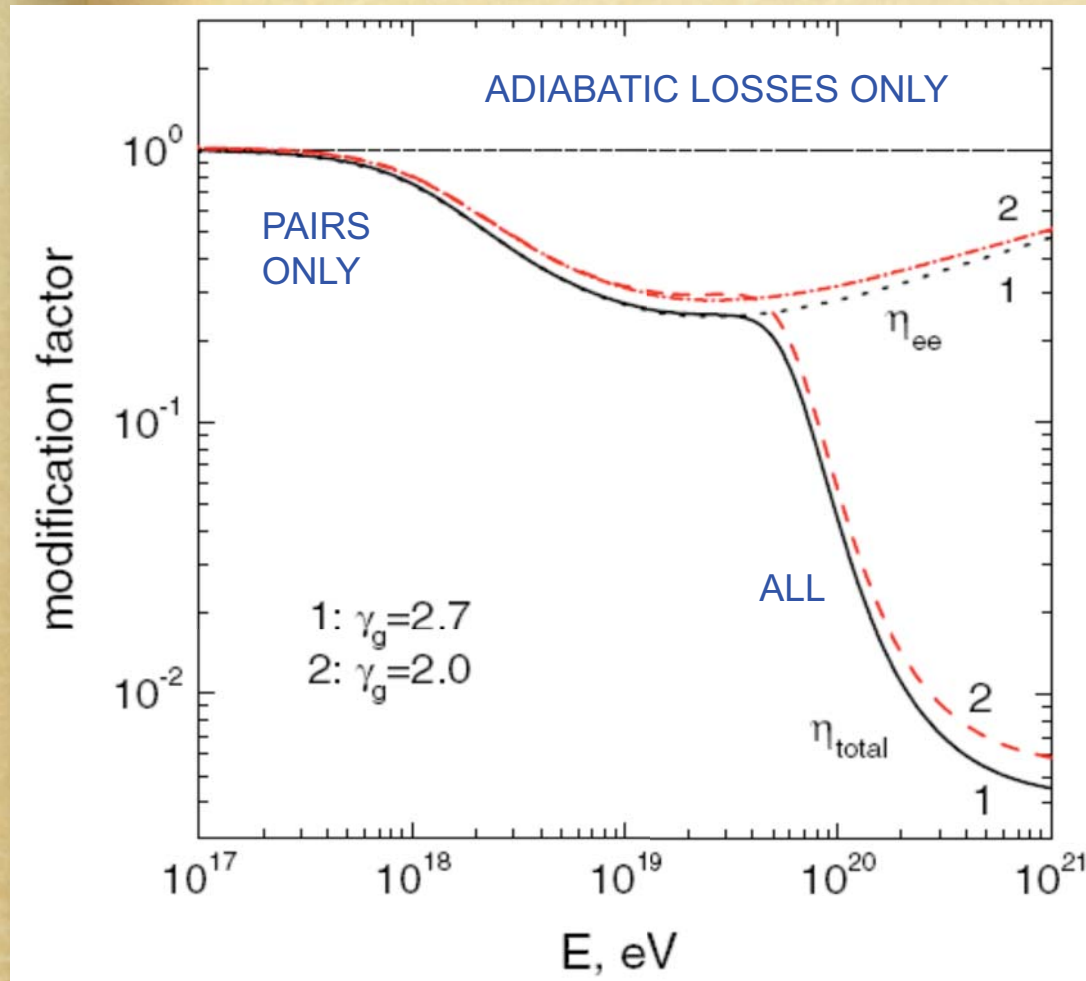
# PROPAGATION OF PROTONS



# THE MODIFICATION FACTOR

ONE MAY DEFINE THE SO CALLED **MODIFICATION FACTOR** AS:

$$\eta(E) = \frac{J_p(E)}{J_p^{\text{unm}}(E)}$$



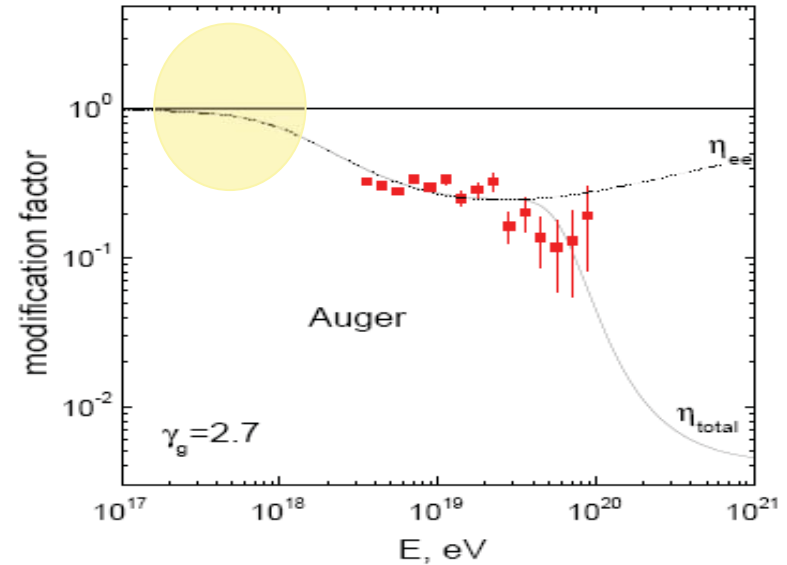
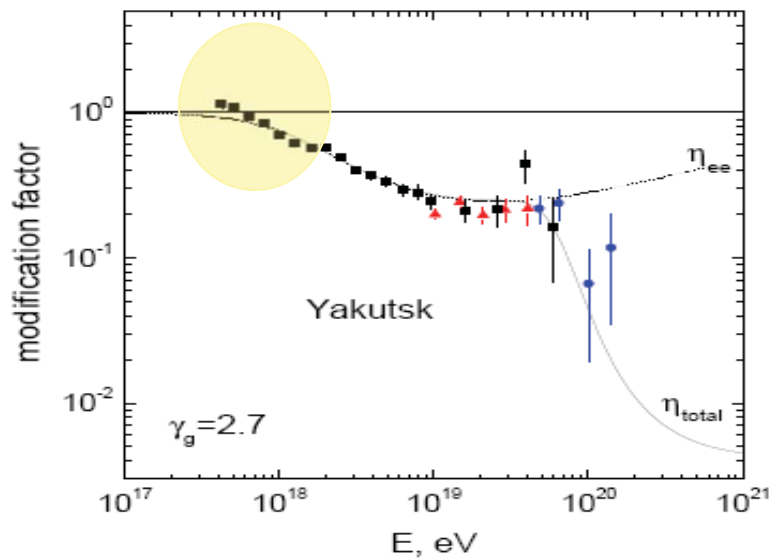
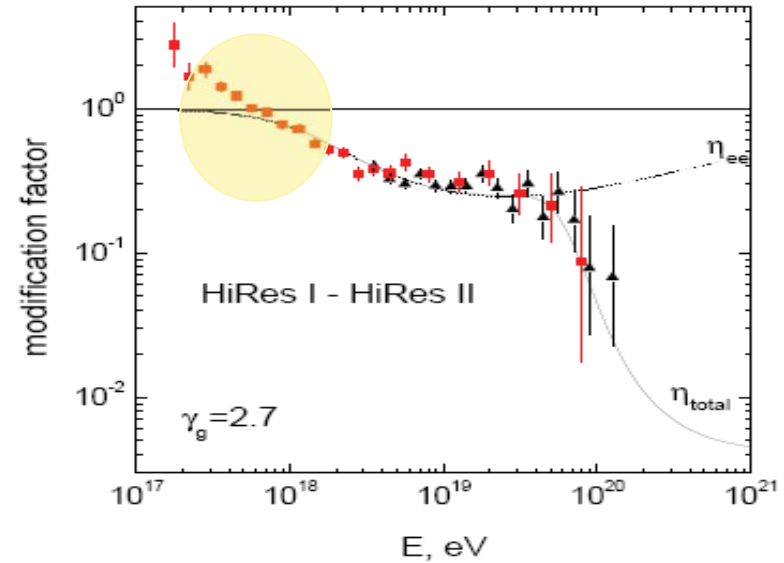
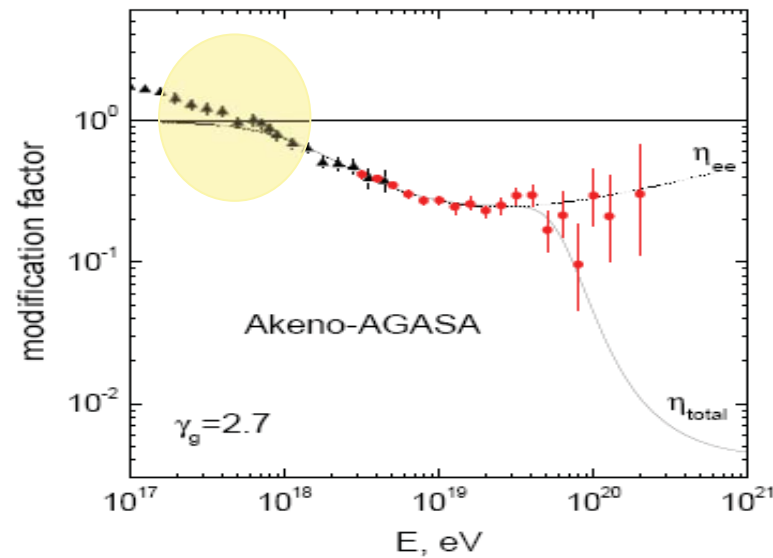
**THE MODIFICATION FACTOR HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF SHOWING THE SPECTRAL MODIFICATION IN A WAY WEAKLY DEPENDENT UPON INJECTION SPECTRUM**

Berezinsky et al.  
2005

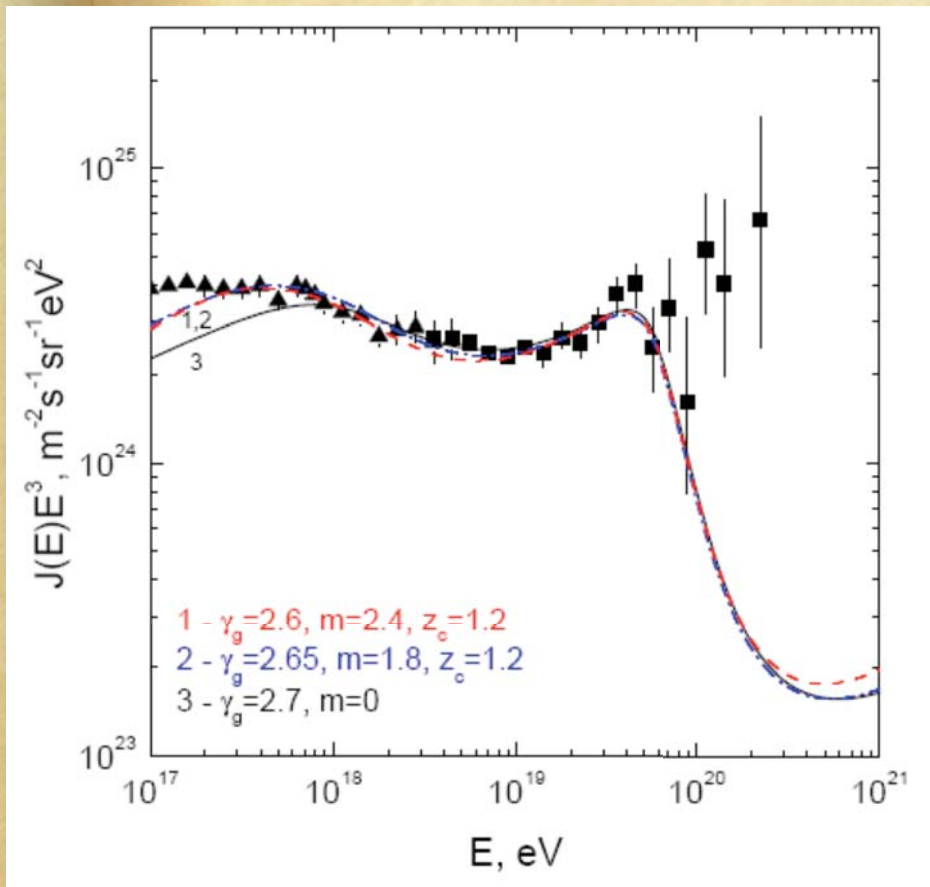
Aloisio et al. 2007



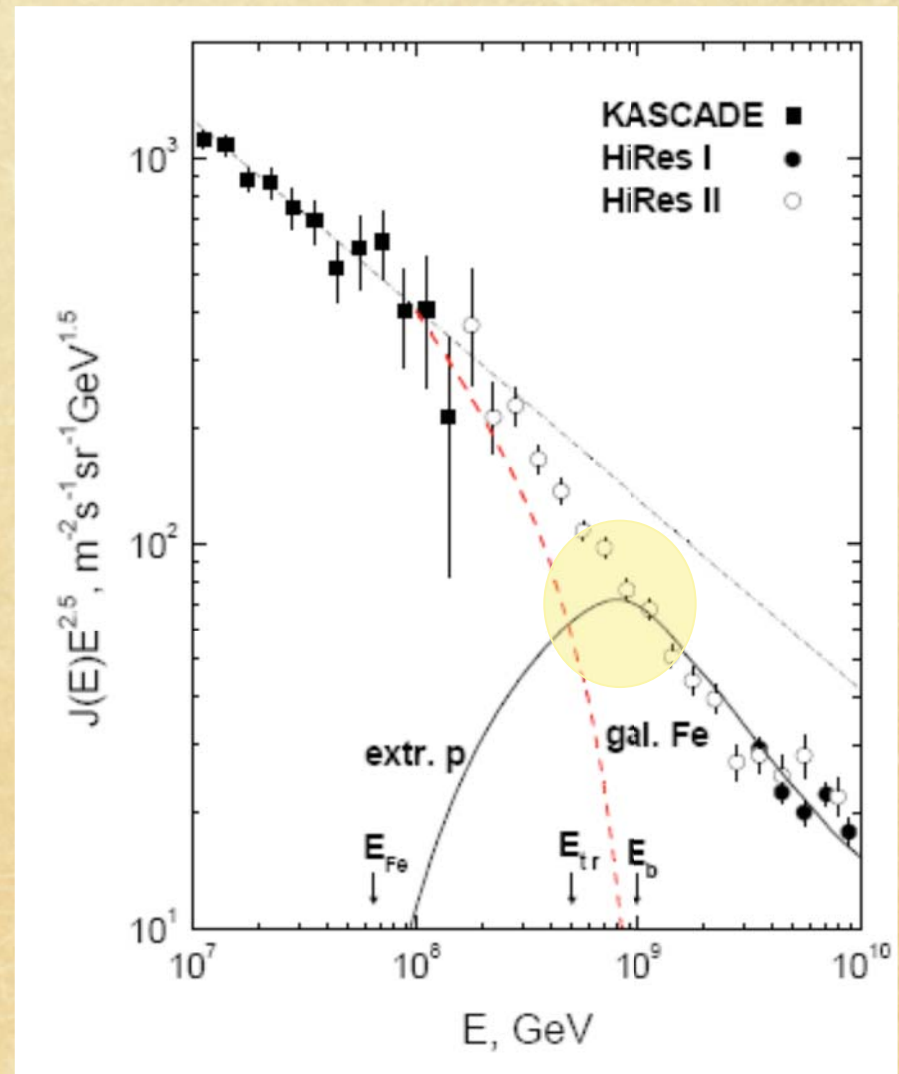
# BACK TO THE MODIFICATION FACTOR



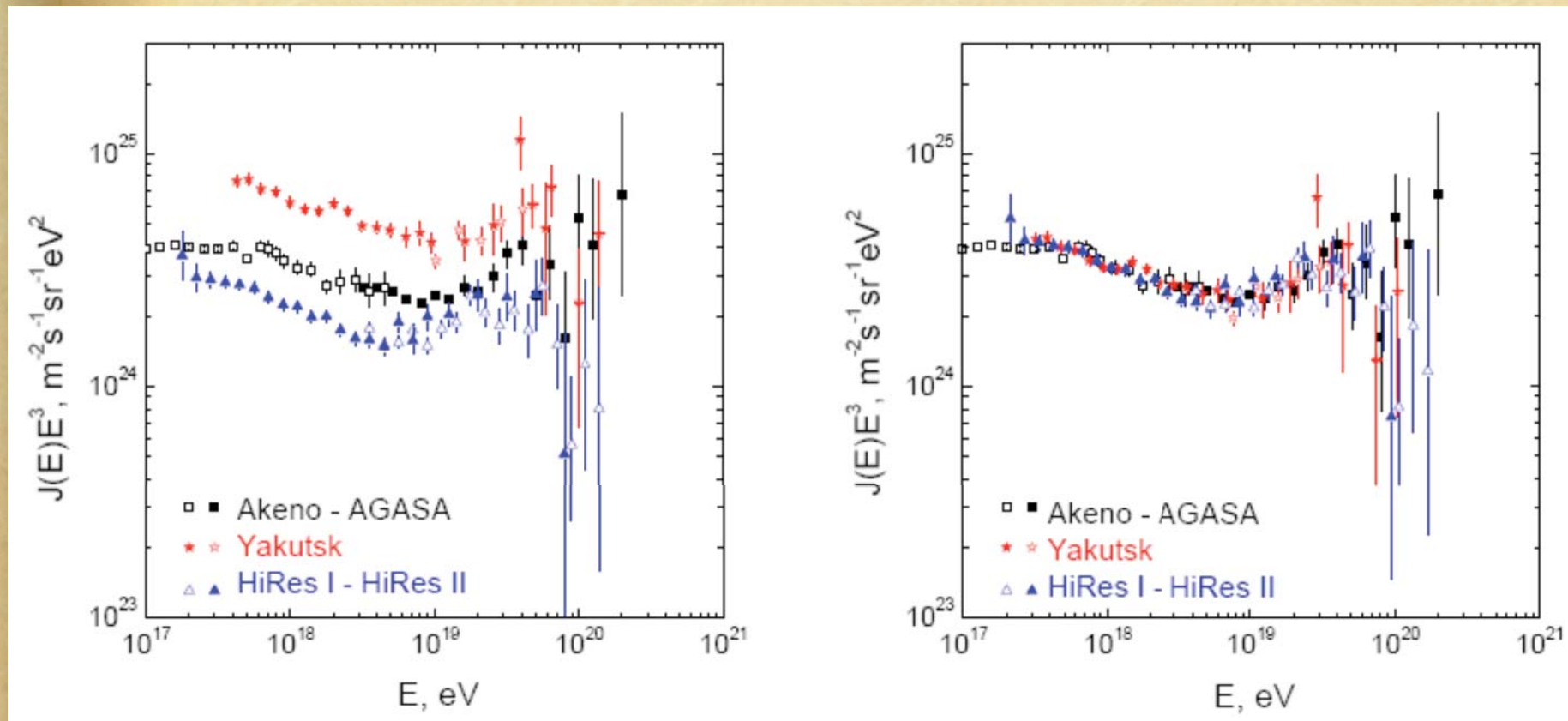
# HOW DOES THE SPECTRUM LOOK LIKE? **THE DIP**



Berezinsky et al. 2005  
Aloisio et al. 2007



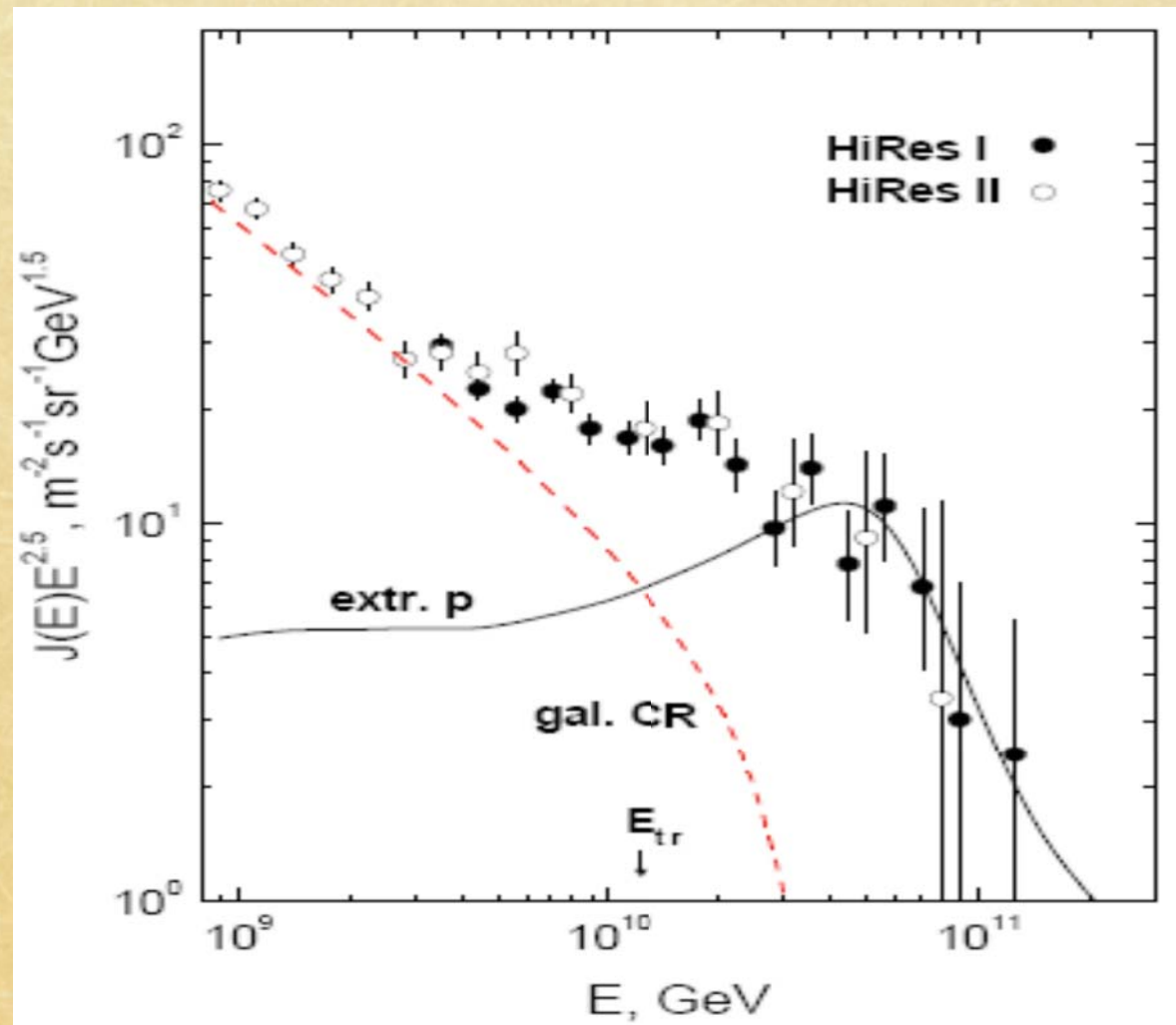
# ACCIDENT OR PHYSICS?



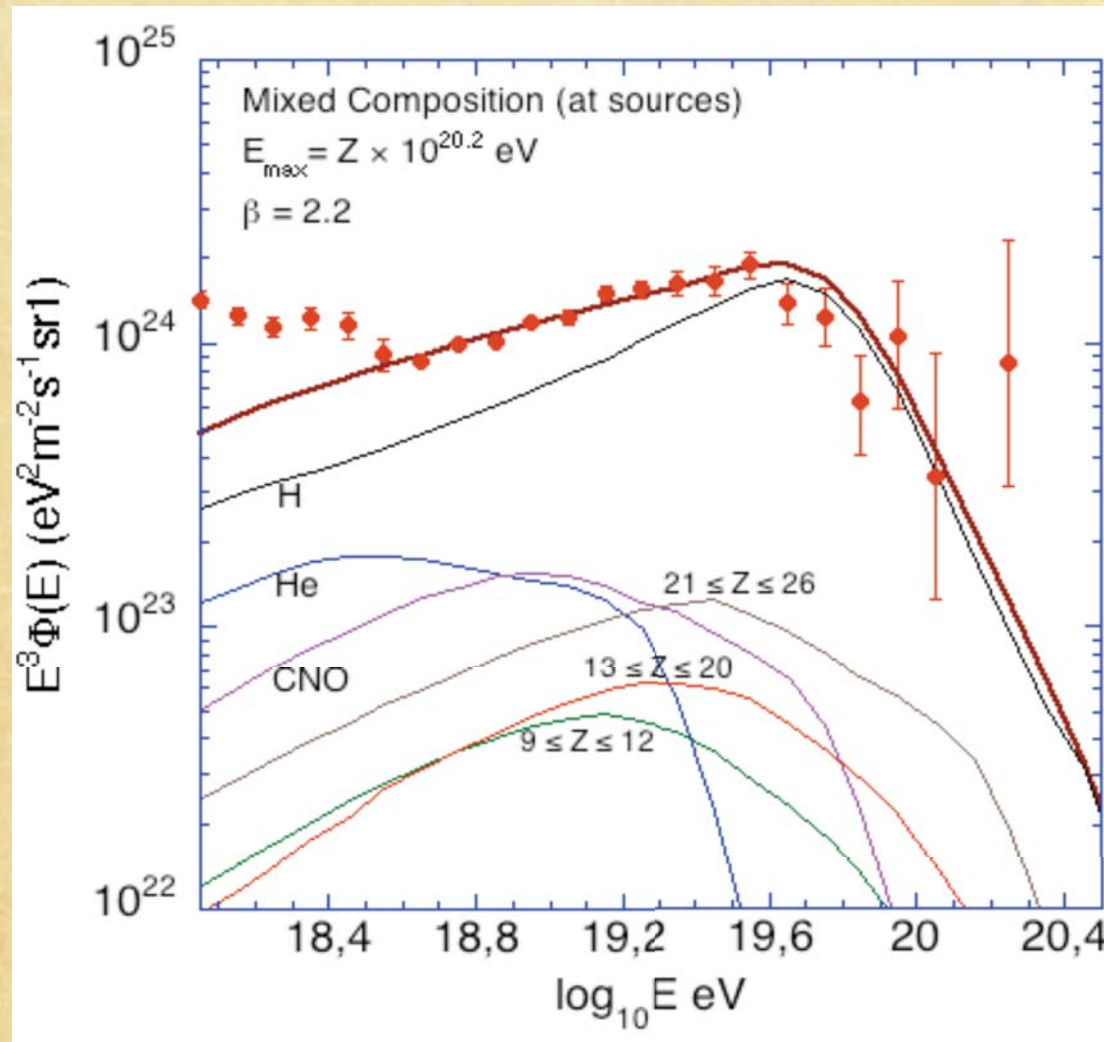
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# ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE TRANSITION: **THE ANKLE**

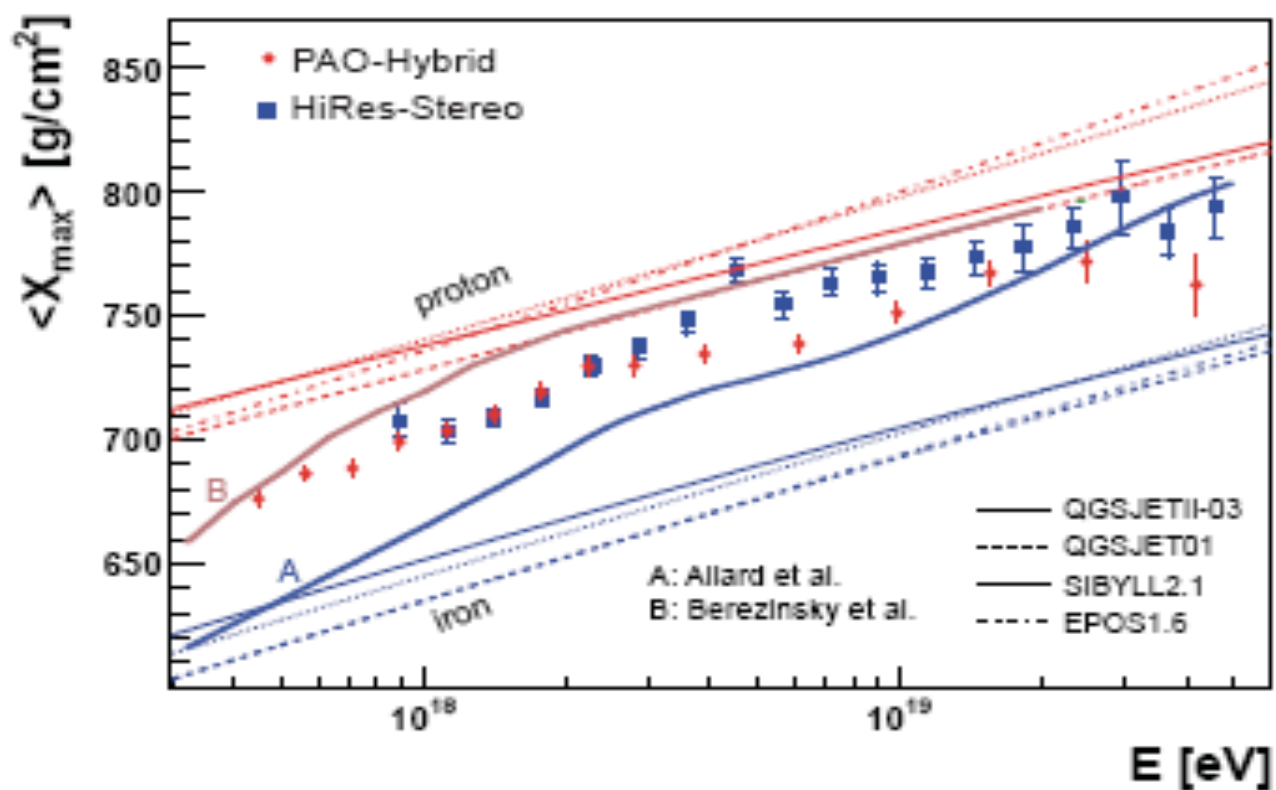


# ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE TRANSITION: MIXED COMPOSITION



Allard et al. 2005-2008

# UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE: DIP VS MIXED

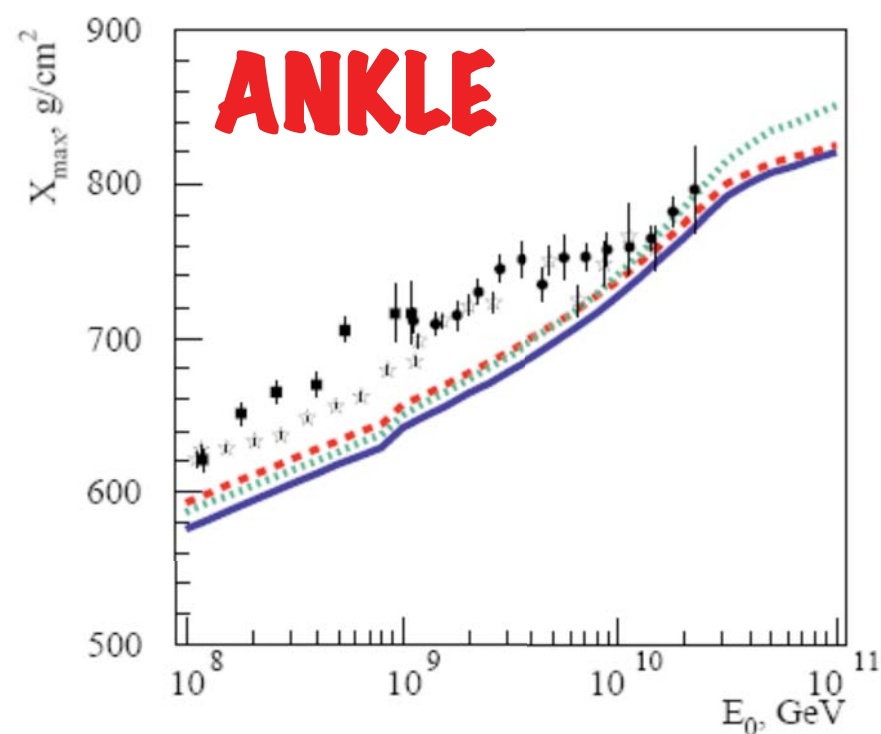
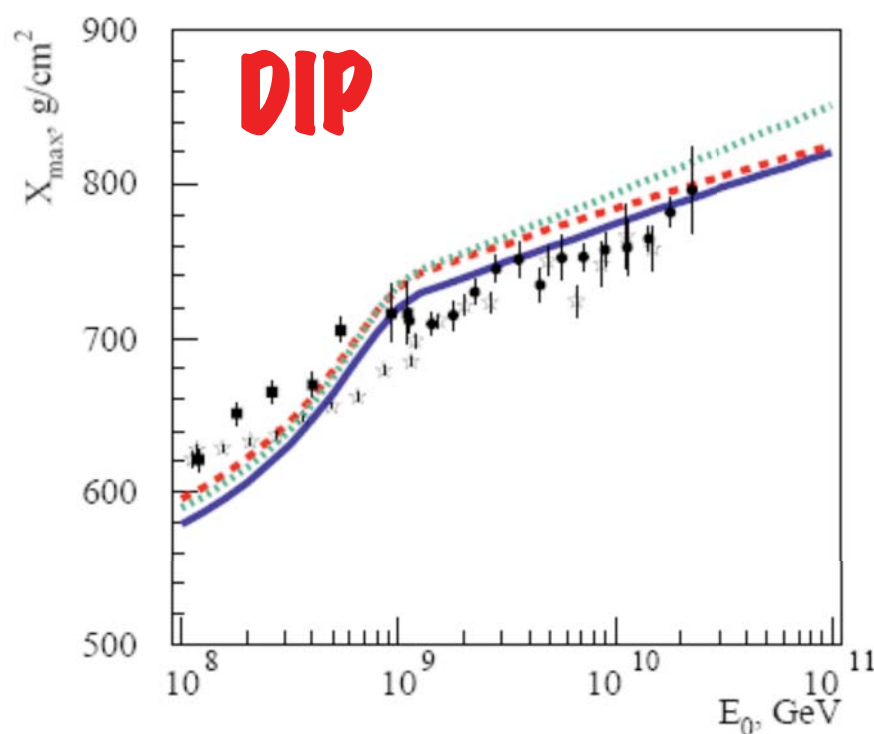


From Kampert 2008



# UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE:

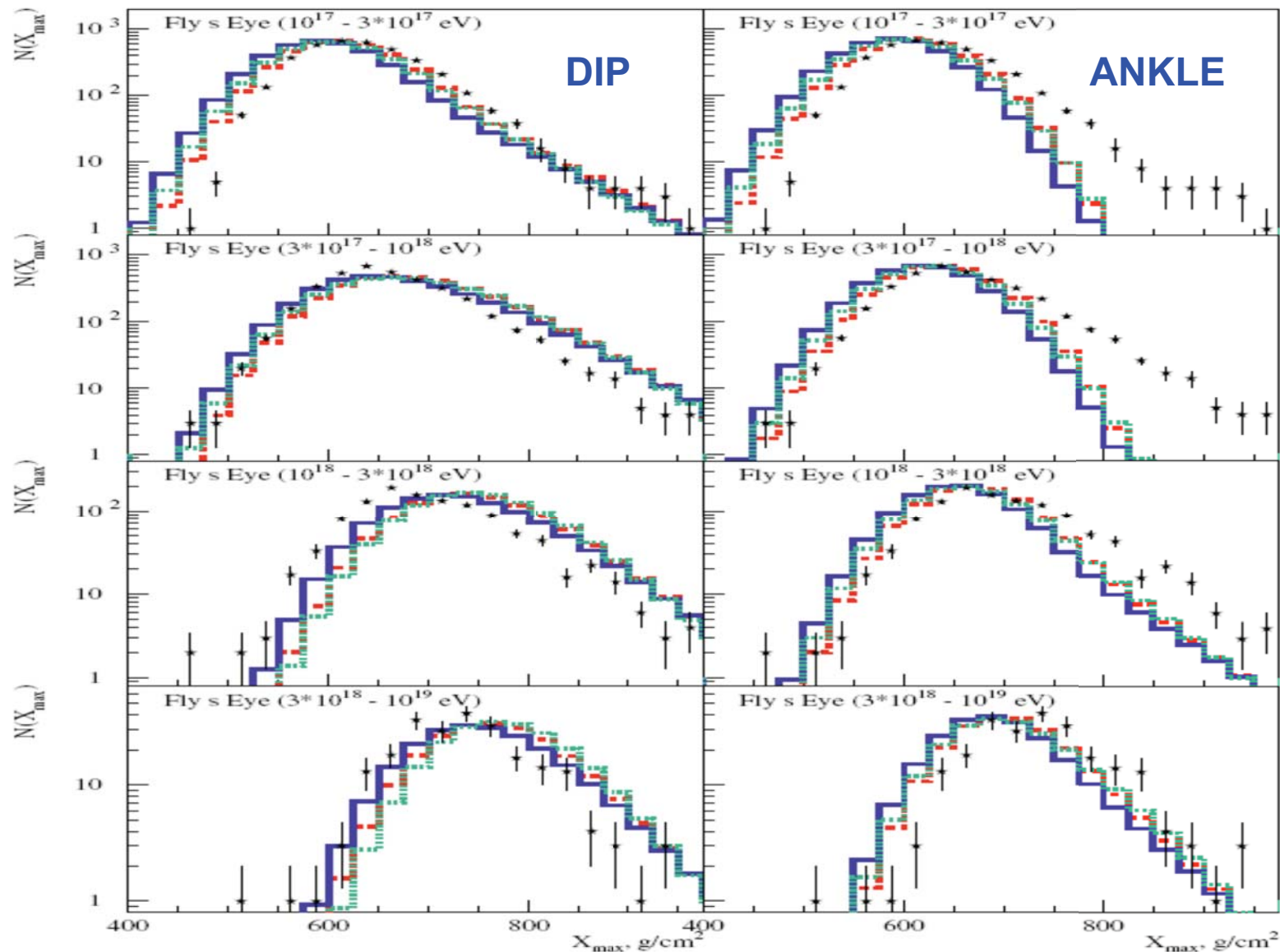
## DIP VS ANKLE



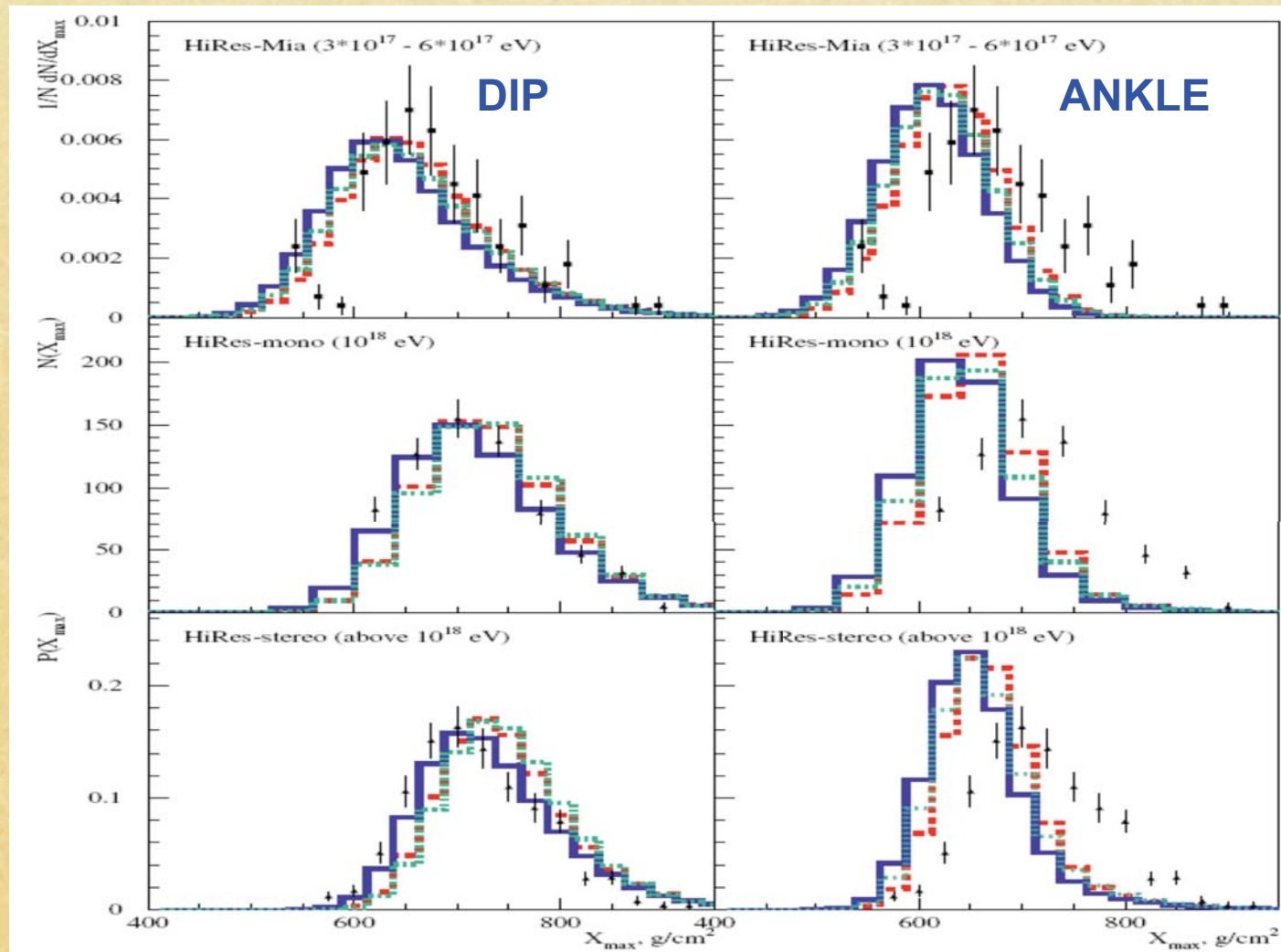
Aloisio, Berezhinsky, PB & Ostapchenko 2008

# THE RMS OF $X_{\text{MAX}}$

Aloisio, Berezhinsky, PB & Ostapchenko 2008

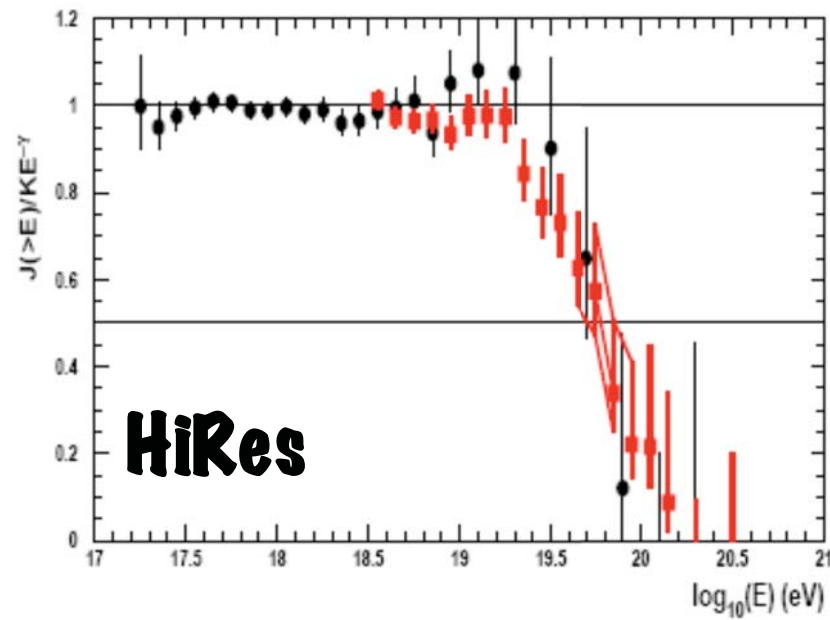


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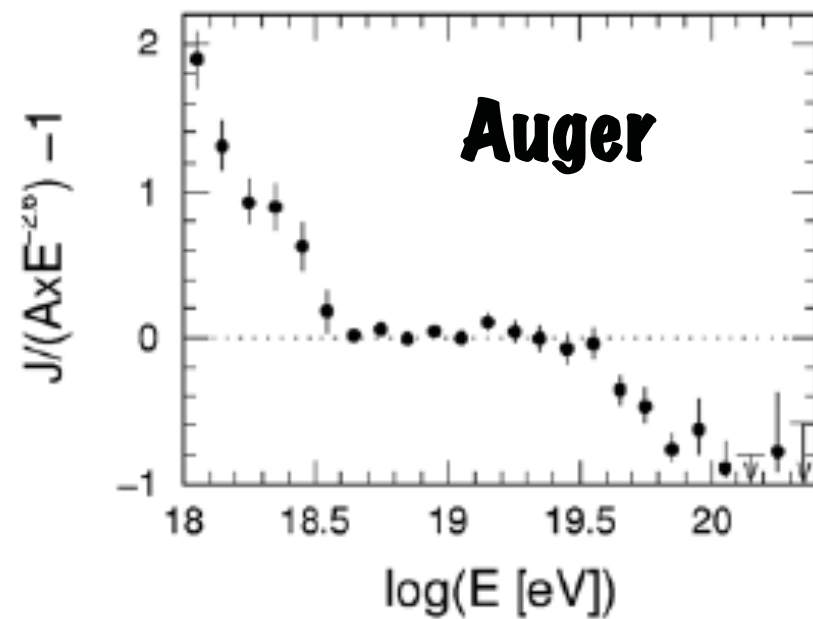


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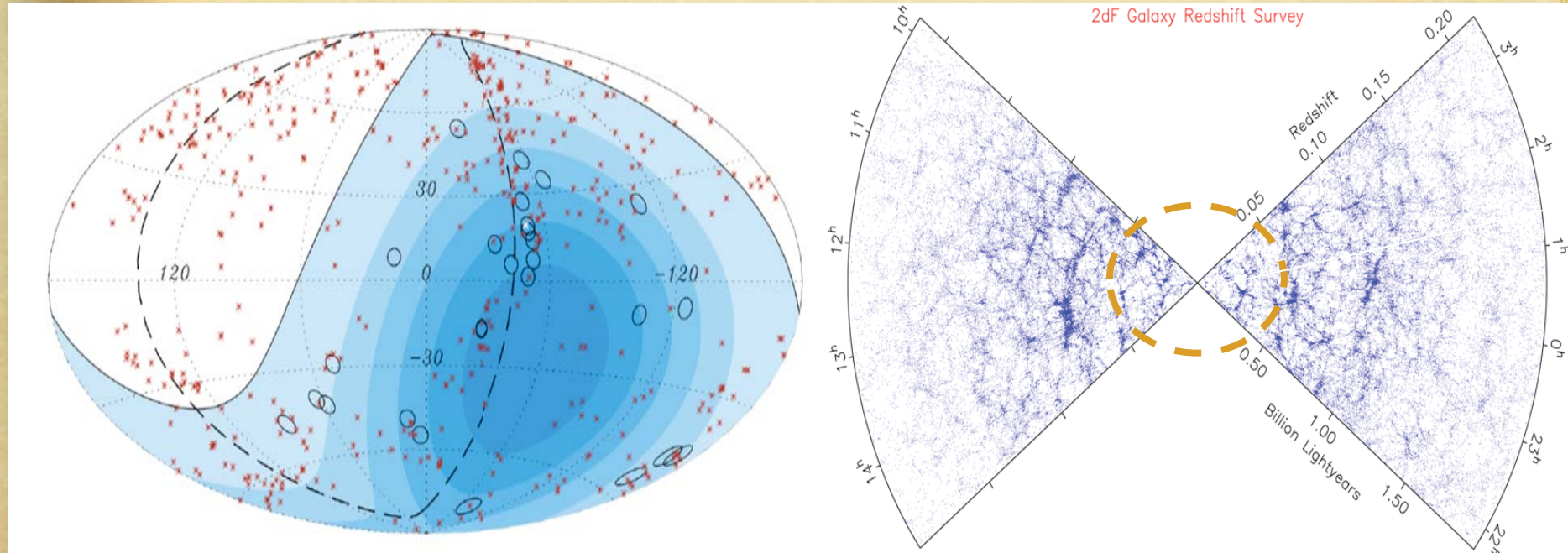




# THE GZK FEATURE



# CR Astronomy with PAO



**CORRELATION OF THE ARRIVAL DIRECTIONS  
WITH THE *LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF MATTER*  
*FIRST DETECTION OF ANISOTROPIES !!!***



# SOME INCONSISTENCIES

1. PAO hints to a gradually heavier composition @ high  $E$
2. ...BUT THE GALACTIC B-FIELD  $\rightarrow$  LARGE DEFLECTIONS
3. WOULD THIS KEEP THE LARGE SCALE ANISOTROPY?
4. EVEN MOST MIXED COMPOSITION MODELS DO PREDICT A LIGHT COMPOSITION AT HIGH  $E$



# **HOW DO WE 'SEE' THE SOURCES?**

- 1. INCREASE THE STATISTICS (PAO NORTH AND/OR EUSO-LIKE)**
- 2. SEARCH FOR SECONDARY EFFECTS**
  - A) EM CASCADES FROM SOURCES**
  - B) FIRST GENERATION PHOTONS FROM NEARBY SOURCES**
  - C) RADIATION FROM FIRST GENERATION ELECTRONS**



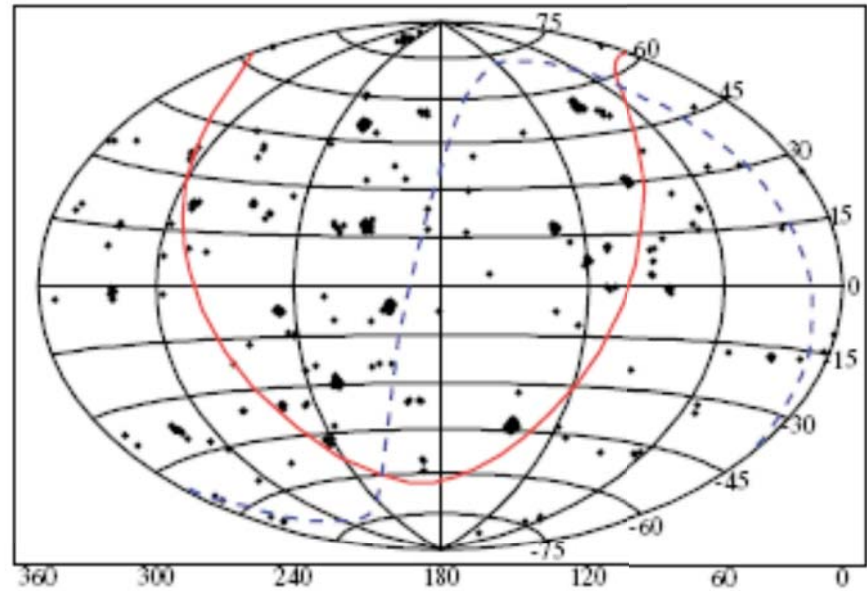
# A New type of Astrophysics



Hubble Deep Field

HST · WFPC2

PRC96-01a · ST ScI OPO · January 15, 1996 · R. Williams (ST ScI), NASA

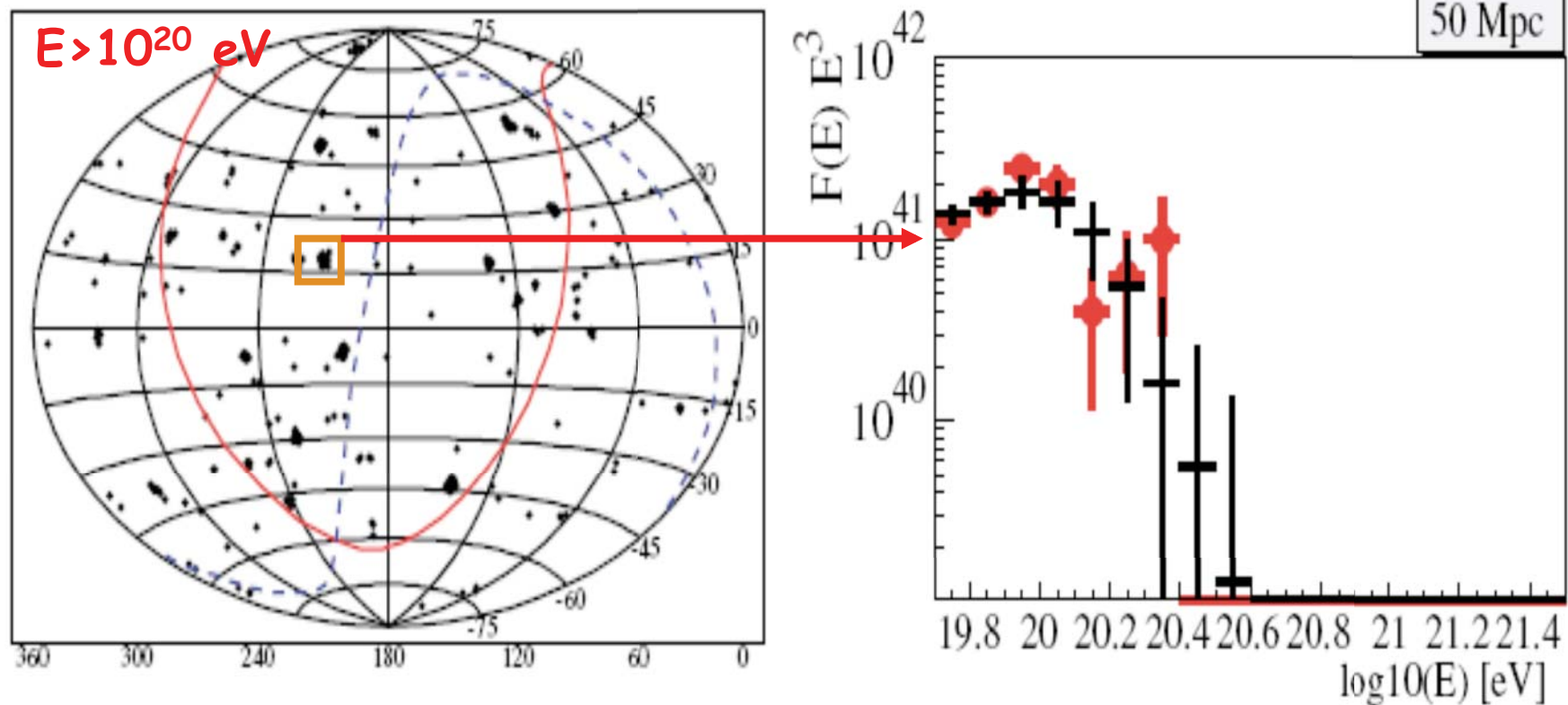


PB & De Marco 2003

## CRITICAL EXPOSURE

$$\Sigma_{exp} > \Sigma_c = 42000 \rho_{-5} \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr yr}$$

# ...MEASURE THE INJECTION SPECTRUM FROM ONE SOURCE...

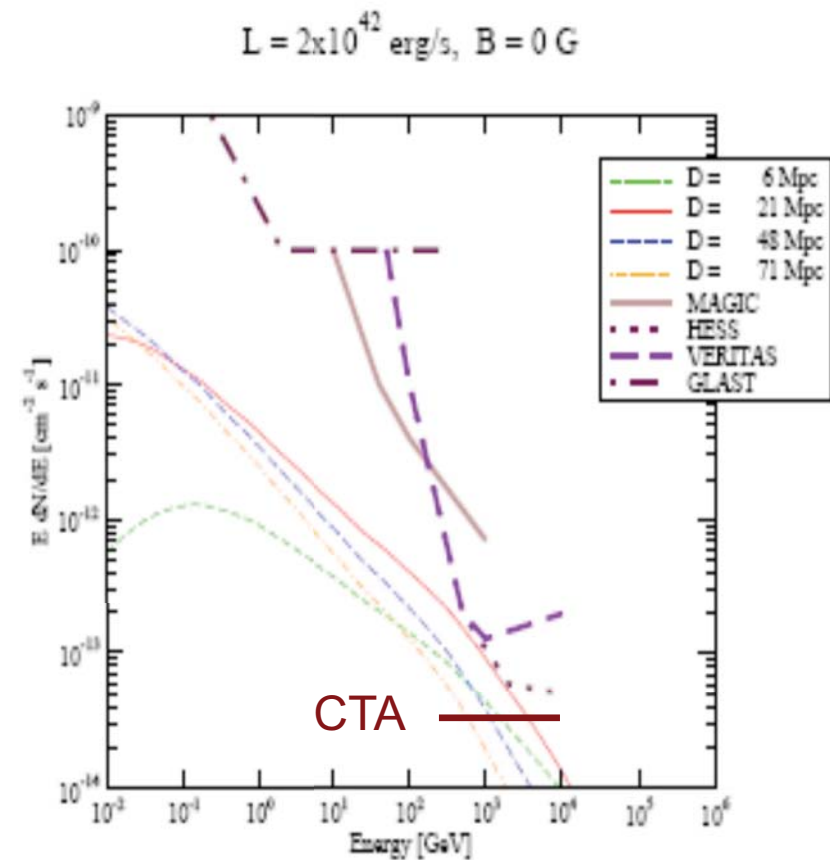
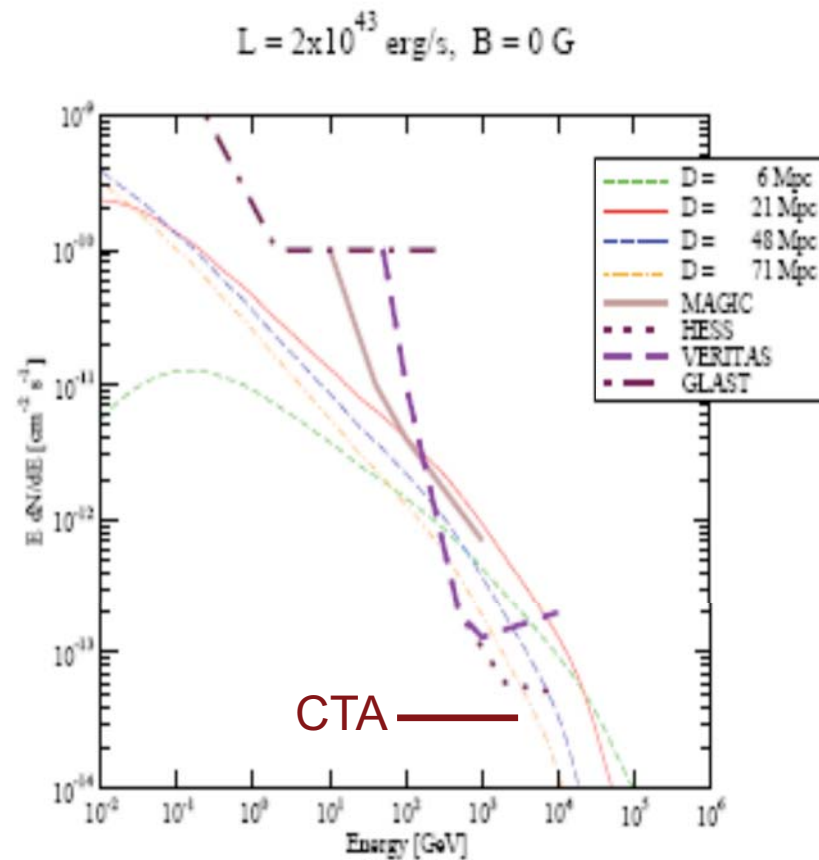




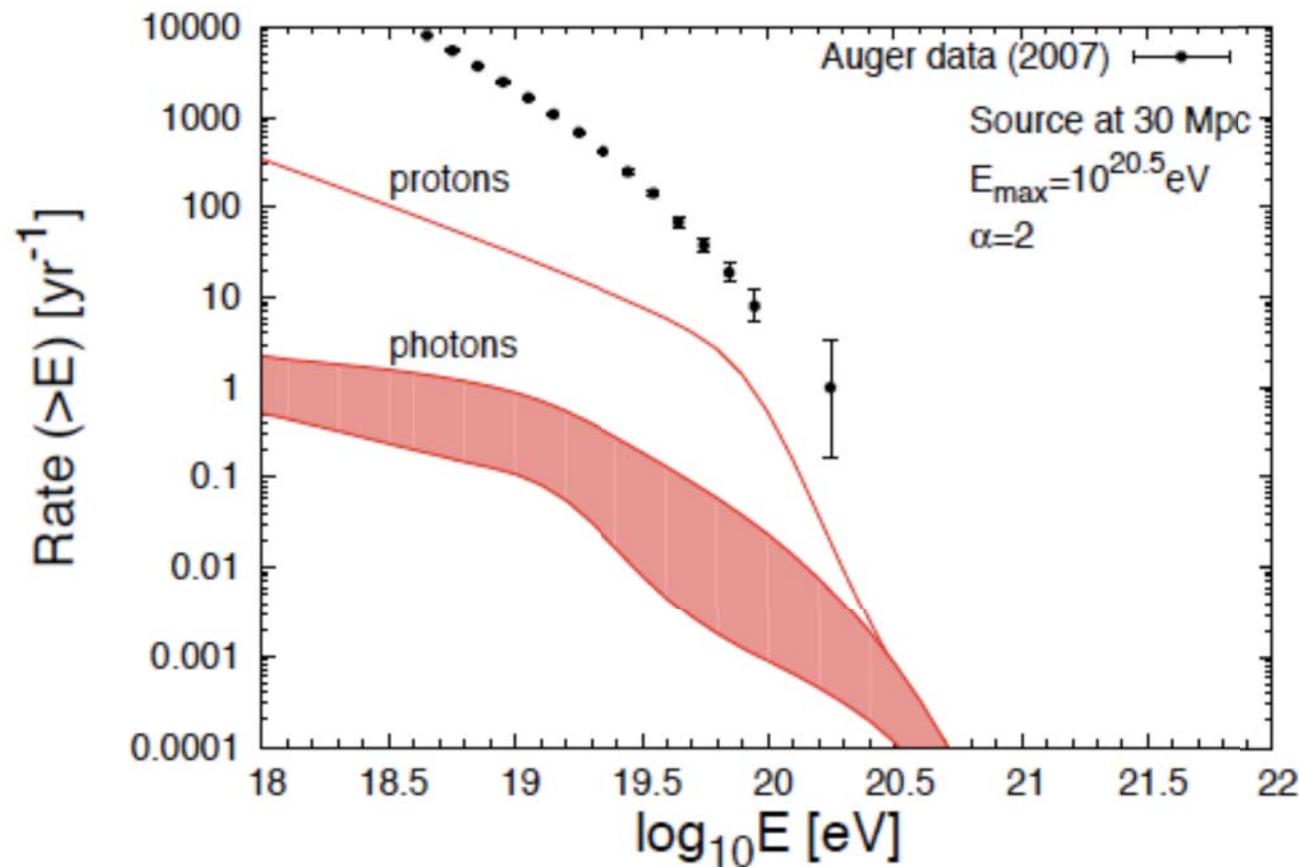
# EM CASCADES FROM SOURCES

Source  $\longrightarrow$  ELECTROMAGNETIC  
CASCADE

Ferrigno, PB & De Marco 2005  
Gabici & Aharonian 2007



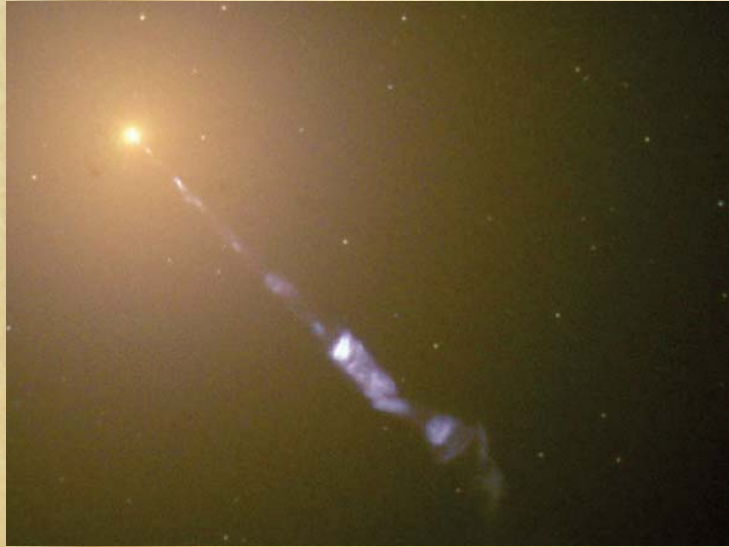
# FIRST GENERATION $g$ AND $e$



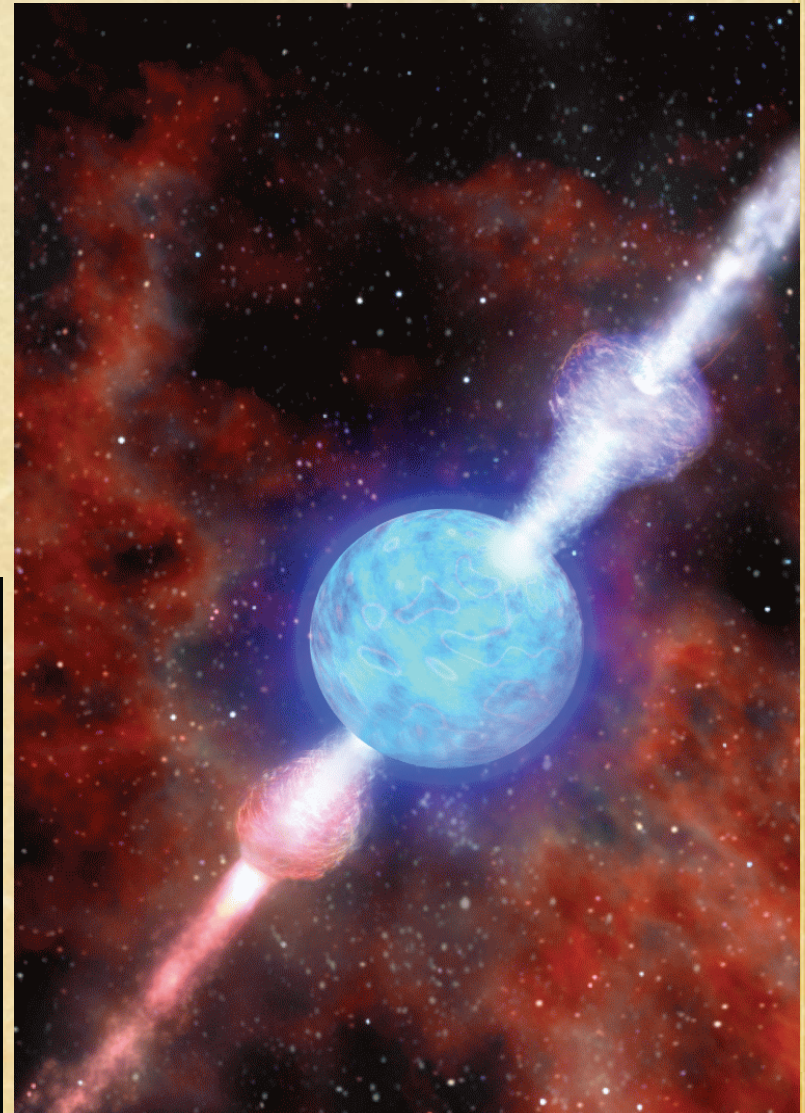
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# SOME BASIC ASPECTS OF PARTICLE ACCELERATION AT RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS



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# BASICS OF ACCELERATION AT RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS

$$\gamma_1 \beta_1 n_1 = \gamma_2 \beta_2 n_2$$

$$\gamma_1^2 \beta_1 (\varepsilon_1 + p_1) = \gamma_2^2 \beta_2 (\varepsilon_2 + p_2)$$

$$\gamma_1^2 \beta_1^2 (\varepsilon_1 + p_1) + p_1 = \gamma_2^2 \beta_2^2 (\varepsilon_2 + p_2) + p_2$$

IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT:

$$\frac{B_1^2}{4\pi} \ll (\varepsilon_1 + p_1)$$

No equipartition

$$\gamma_1 \gg 1$$

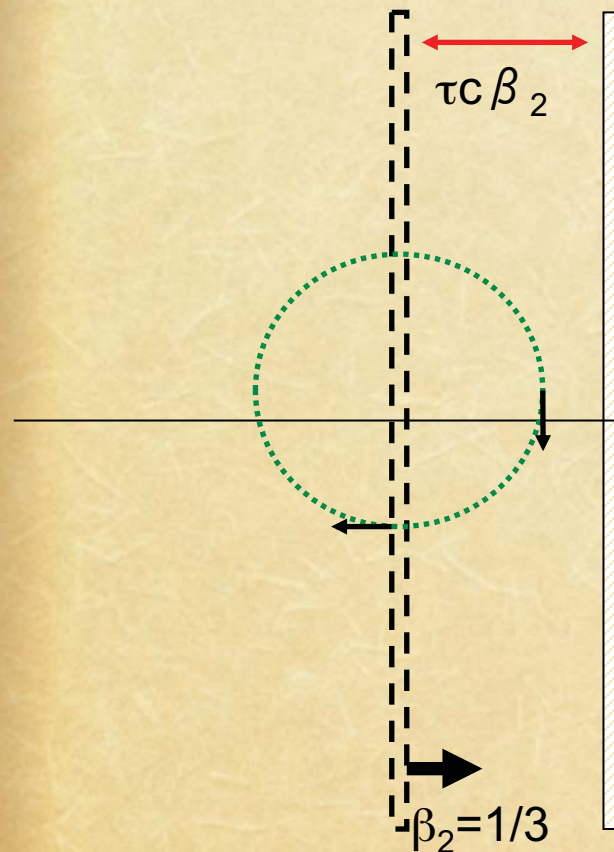
ultrarelativistic

$$p_1 = 0$$

pressureless

WE FIND THAT:

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{3} \varepsilon_2 \quad \beta_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\tau \approx \frac{3}{4} \frac{2\pi r_L}{c}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{3} c \tau = \frac{\pi}{2} r_L > r_L$$

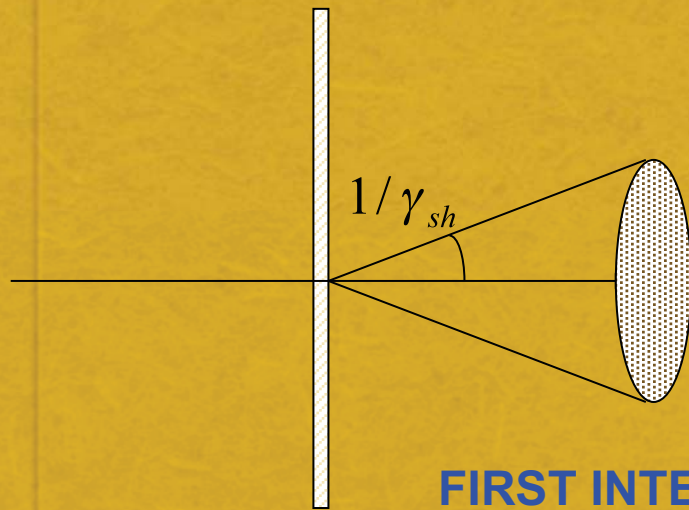
UNLESS THERE IS STRONG  
SCATTERING DOWNSTREAM  
THE PARTICLES ARE TRAPPED  
THERE



THE RETURN PROBABILITY FROM DOWNSTREAM IS  
EXPECTED TO BE SMALLER THAN FOR NEWTONIAN  
SHOCKS: **STEEPER SPECTRA**



# ANISOTROPY



$$\delta\mu = \left[ -1 + \frac{1 + 3\beta_{rel}}{3 + \beta_{rel}} \right] \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\gamma_{rel}^2}$$

**FIRST INTERACTION:**

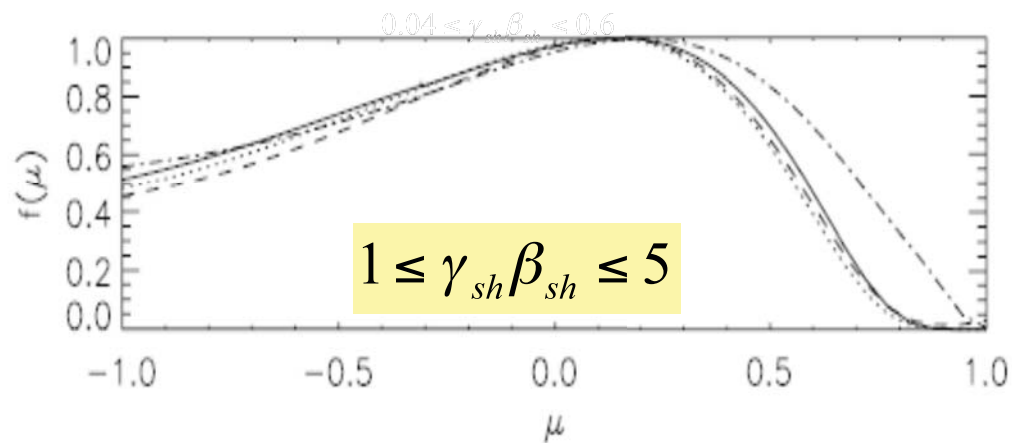
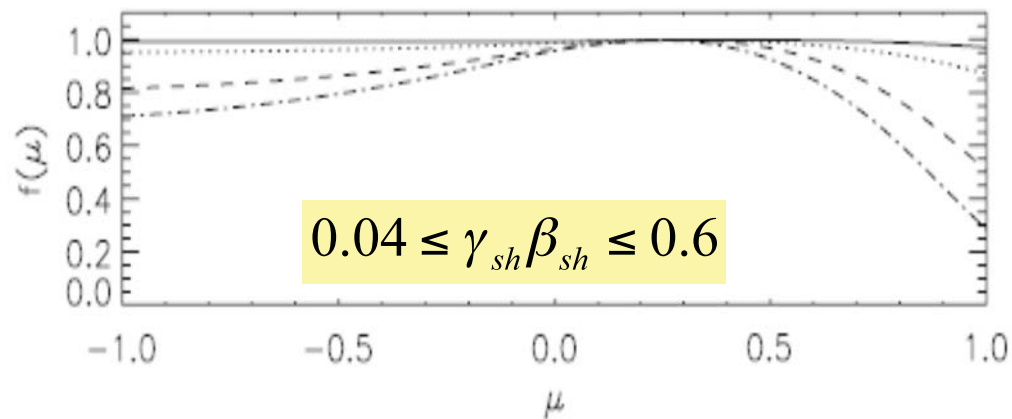
$$E_i \Rightarrow E_d = \gamma_{rel} E_i (1 + \beta_{rel}) \Rightarrow E_f = \gamma_{rel}^2 E_i (1 + \beta_{rel})^2 \approx 4\gamma_{rel}^2 E_i$$

**FURTHER INTERACTIONS:**

$$E_f \approx 2 E_i$$



# EFFECTS OF ANISOTROPY



PARTICLE SLOPES FOR SHOCKS IN THE SPAS LIMIT

$\gamma_{sh} \beta_{sh}$	$u$	$u_d$	Slope
0.04.....	0.04	0.01	4.00
0.2.....	0.196	0.049	3.99
0.4.....	0.371	0.094	3.99
0.6.....	0.51	0.132	3.98
1.0.....	0.707	1.191	4.00
2.0.....	0.894	0.263	4.07
4.0.....	0.97	0.305	4.12
5.0.....	0.98	0.311	4.13

## SOME REMARKS

- ❑ THE SPECTRUM OF ACCELERATED PARTICLES IN THE RELATIVISTIC CASE IS STILL A POWER LAW
- ❑ THE SLOPE OF THIS POWER LAW IN THE ULTRAREL CASE IS ABOUT 2.3
- ❑ HOWEVER THE SLOPE CAN BECOME APPRECIABLY HARDER (FLATTER SPECTRA) FOR LARGE ANGLE SCATTERING
- ❑ OR APPRECIABLY SOFTER (STEEP SPECTRA) DUE TO ... BASICALLY ANYTHING ELSE YOU DO (FOR INSTANCE COMPRESSION OF TURBULENCE AT THE SHOCK)
- ❑ SHOCK ACCELERATION AT RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS DEPENDS ALSO ON THE EQUATION OF STATE OF THE DOWNSTREAM PLASMA (PROTONS, PAIRS, B-FIELDS ALL CHANGE THE RESULTS DRAMATICALLY)
- ❑ THERE IS NO NON LINEAR THEORY OF PARTICLE ACCELERATION AT RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS