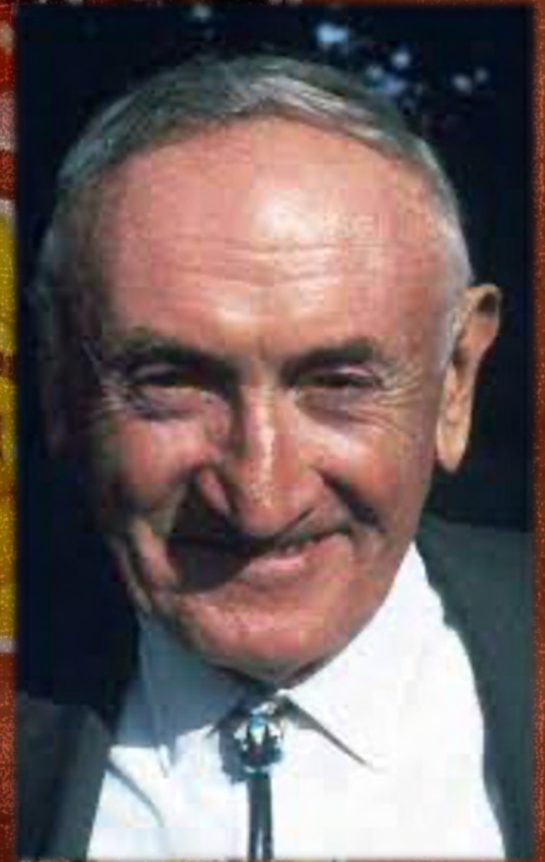




APERITIVO CON ZWICKY: UN BUFFET DI ASTROFISICA DELLE ALTE ENERGIE

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TODAY'S MENU

Meet our guest

Our main ingredient: gamma rays

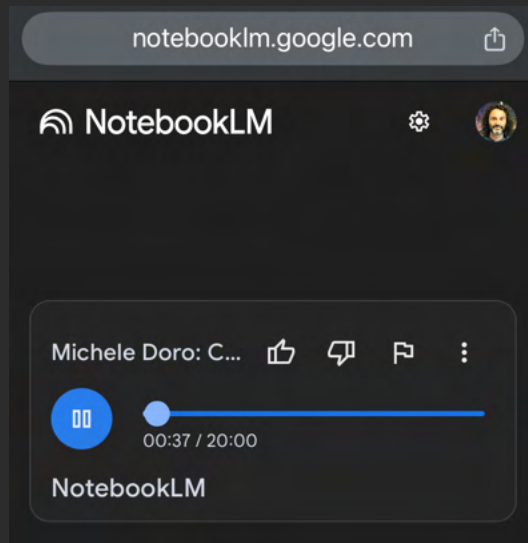
Review of kitchen tools

Menu: o dark matter,
o axion like particles,
o primordial black holes,
o magnetic monopoles
...we can skip some plates

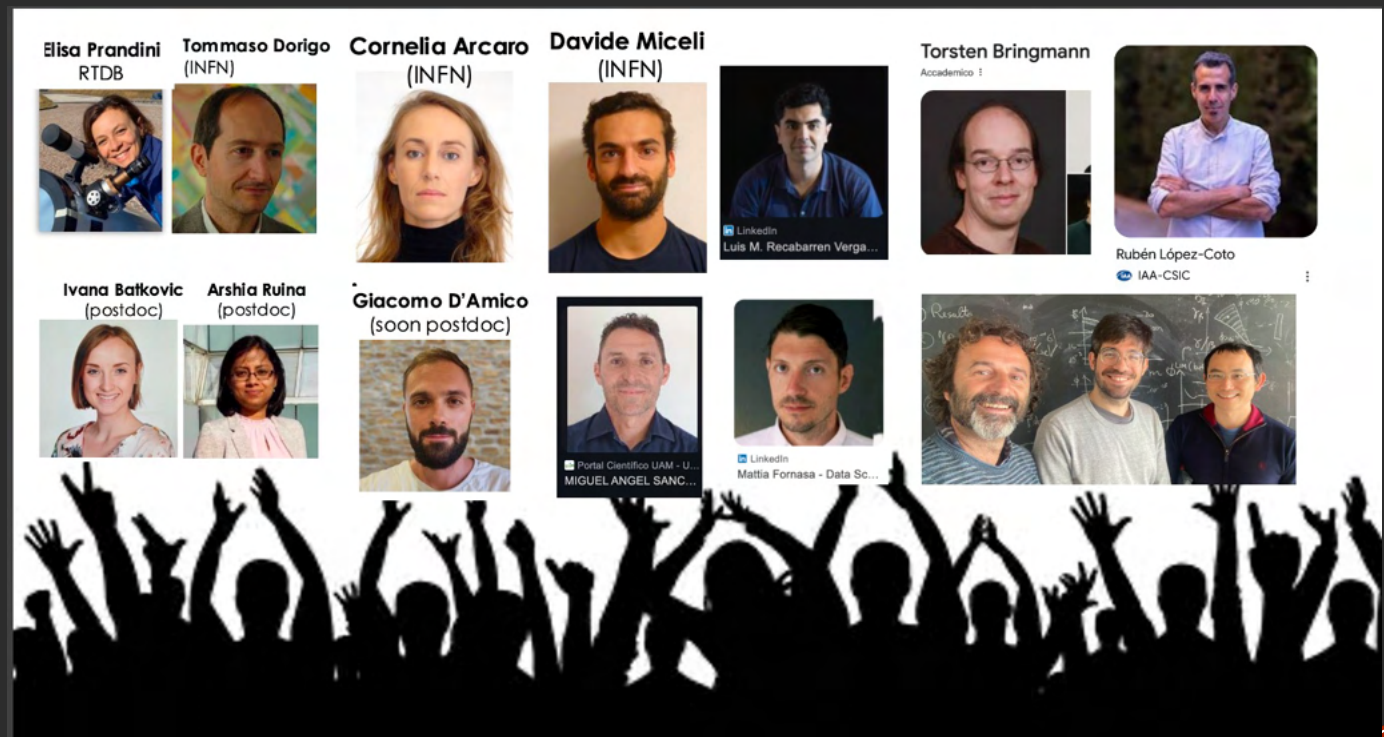
Digestives

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THE CHEF CREW ☺



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OUR GUEST: FRITZ ZWICKY

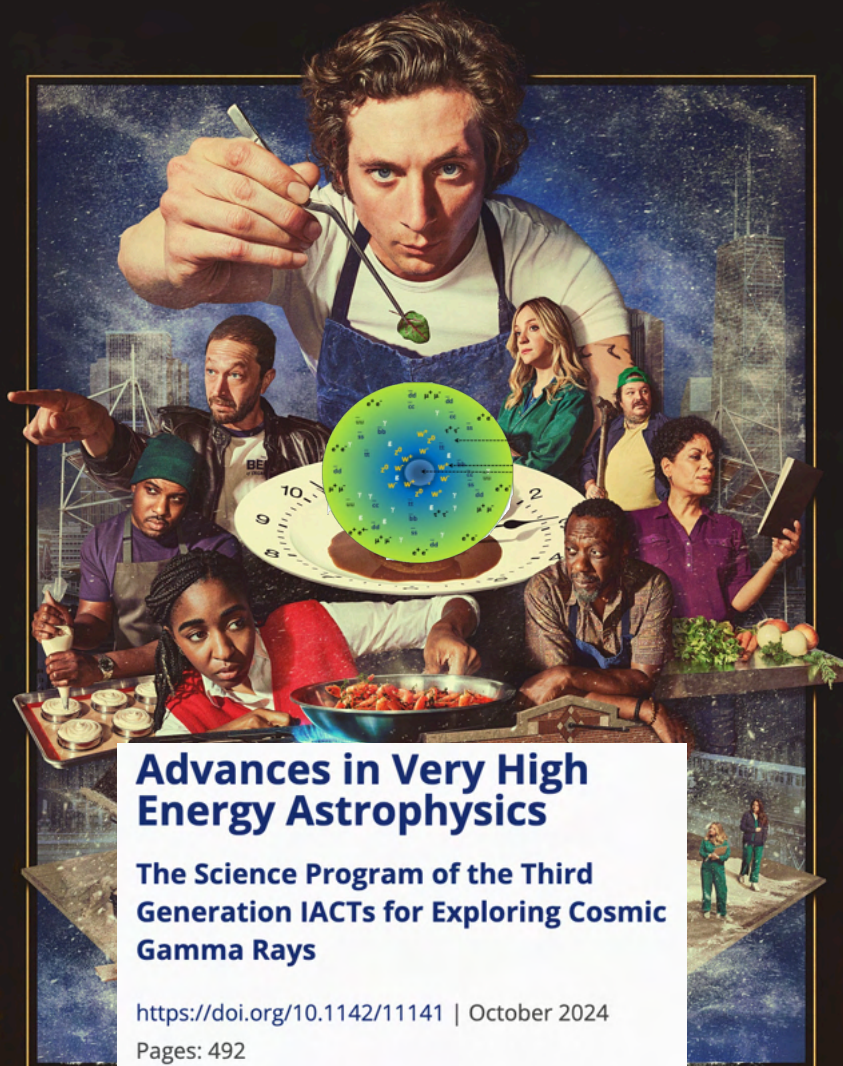


"Every two years, I make an important discovery."

1. Discovery of Dark Matter (1933)
2. Supernovae and Neutron Stars (1934)
3. Tired Light Hypothesis
4. Galaxy Clusters and Large-Scale Structure
5. Prediction of Gravitational Lensing (1937)
6. Systematic Supernova Searches
7. Development of Morphological Analysis

(1898–1974) was a physicist. He worked at the California Institute of Technology and the virial

Astronomers are spherical bastards.
No matter how you look at them
they are just bastards.



Advances in Very High Energy Astrophysics

The Science Program of the Third Generation IACTs for Exploring Cosmic Gamma Rays

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FROM OUR COOKBOOK

MD



Miguel Angel Sanchez-conde



Moritz Hütten



'Dark matter and fundamental physics with IACTs'

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.01198>

← Big recipe book

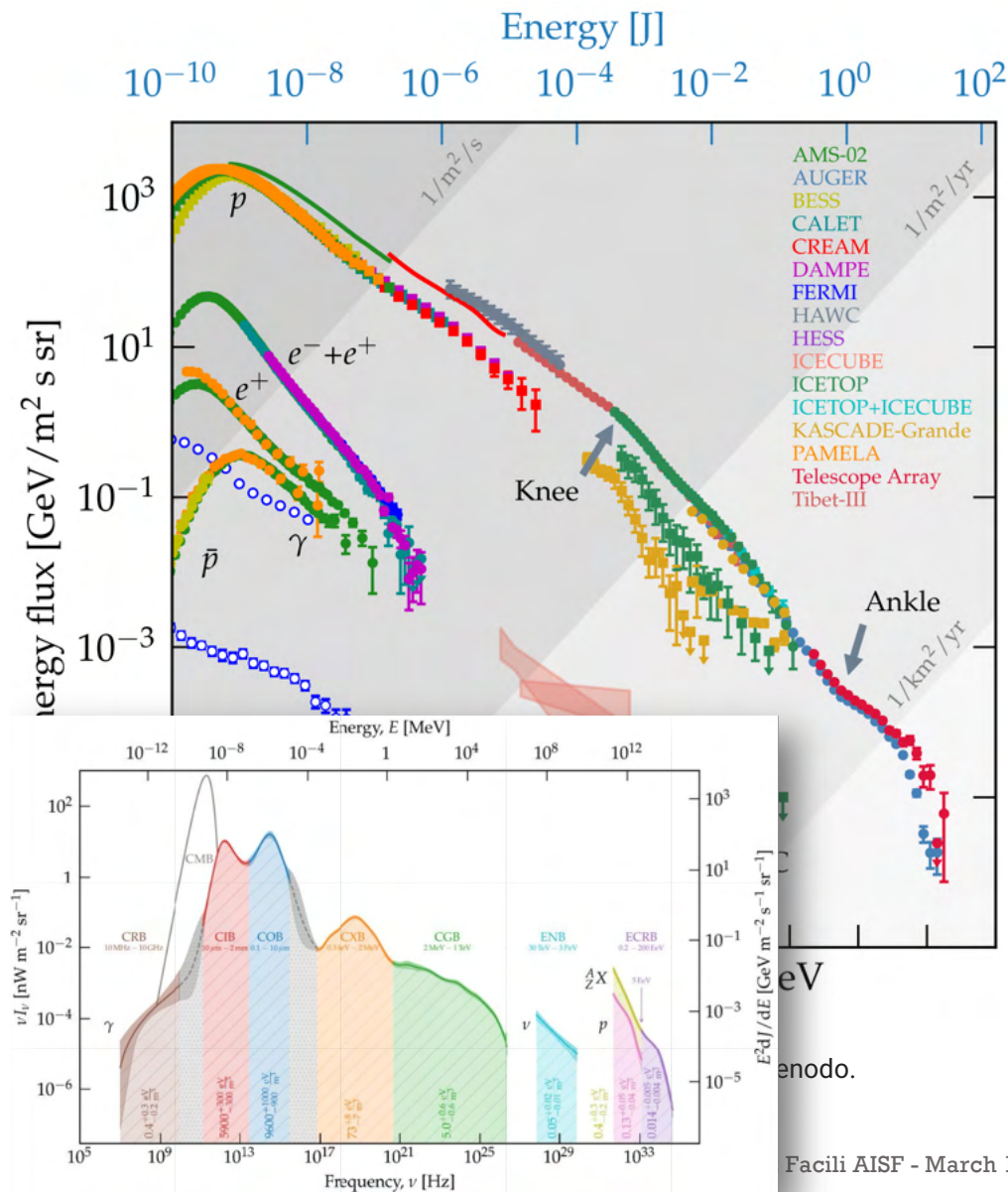
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#1 GAMMA-RAY PROBES FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

Why they are best suited for fundamental physics (and can't possibly do that at CERN)





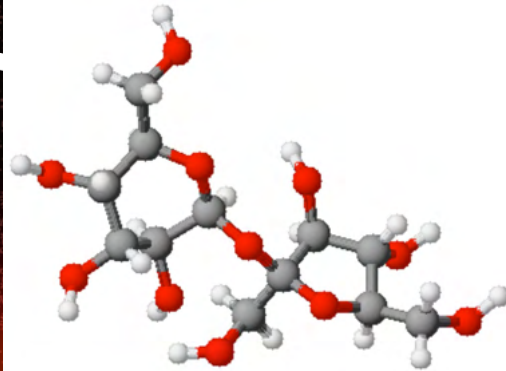
1/COSMIC RAYS: A NEVERENDING POWERFUL ENGINE

- Immense **energy budget**, e.g. a GRB can give 10^{53} erg
- **Acceleration** (and emission) for kyears
- **Cosmic rays power up gamma rays**

Ghisellini

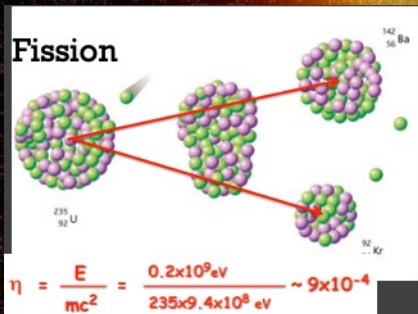


$$\eta = \frac{mgh}{mc^2} = \frac{980 \times 10^4 (h/100 \text{ m})}{9 \times 10^{20} \text{ erg}} \sim 10^{-14}$$

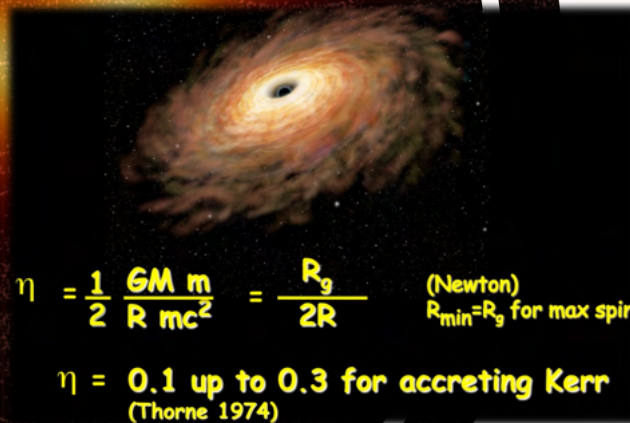


Sugar saccharose $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$

$$\eta = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ erg}}{9 \times 10^{20} \text{ erg}} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$$



$$\eta = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{0.2 \times 10^9 \text{ eV}}{235 \times 9.4 \times 10^8 \text{ eV}} \sim 9 \times 10^{-4}$$



$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{R} \frac{m}{mc^2} = \frac{R_g}{2R} \quad (\text{Newton})$$

$R_{\min} = R_g$ for max spin

$$\eta = 0.1 \text{ up to } 0.3 \text{ for accreting Kerr}$$

(Thorne 1974)

2/ A FUEL NAMED GRAVITY

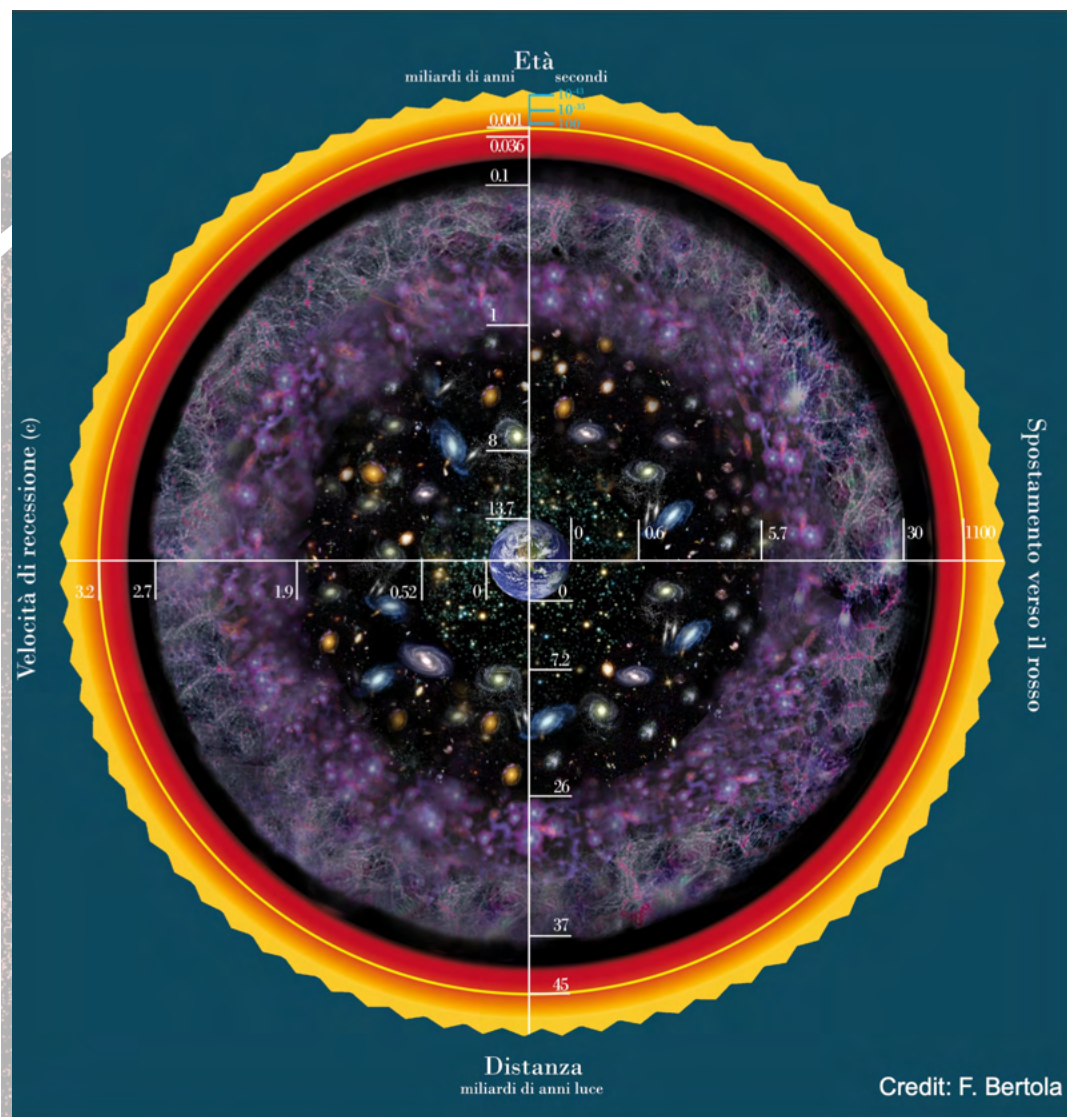
We can use the inevitable gravity infall

- Capture → increase **cross sections**
- Energy **budget** → e.g. around BH, NS, GRB
- Efficient energy conversion

3/ A HUGE FIDUCIAL VOLUME

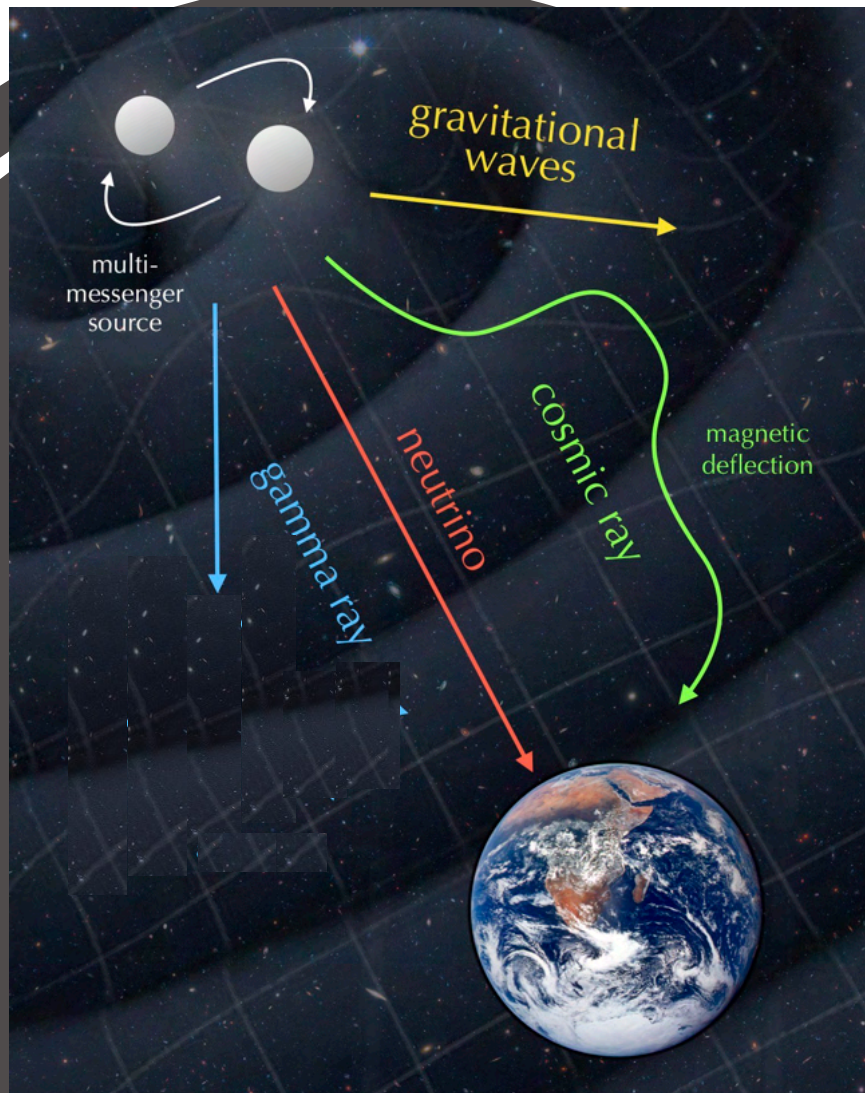
- Signals from CMB and further
- Direct signal and signal through-Universe
- There are several 'beam dumps'

ALL-OVER
INGREDIEN



3/ TIME OF FLIGHT AND TRACKING

- Astrophysics events have **time variability**
- We can trace particle interactions from similar **targets at different times**
- Check **when the Universe was different from now**



4/ VARIOUS SENSING SYSTEM

- Cosmic rays → but deflected
- Neutrinos → but rare
- GW → indeed!
- GAMMA-RAYS → yes!



HE ASTROPH. BARBECUES ARE GEORGEUS!



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The MAGIC telescopes – Credit: Chiara Righi

#2 KITCHEN AND TOOLS

Some bought, some
home-made

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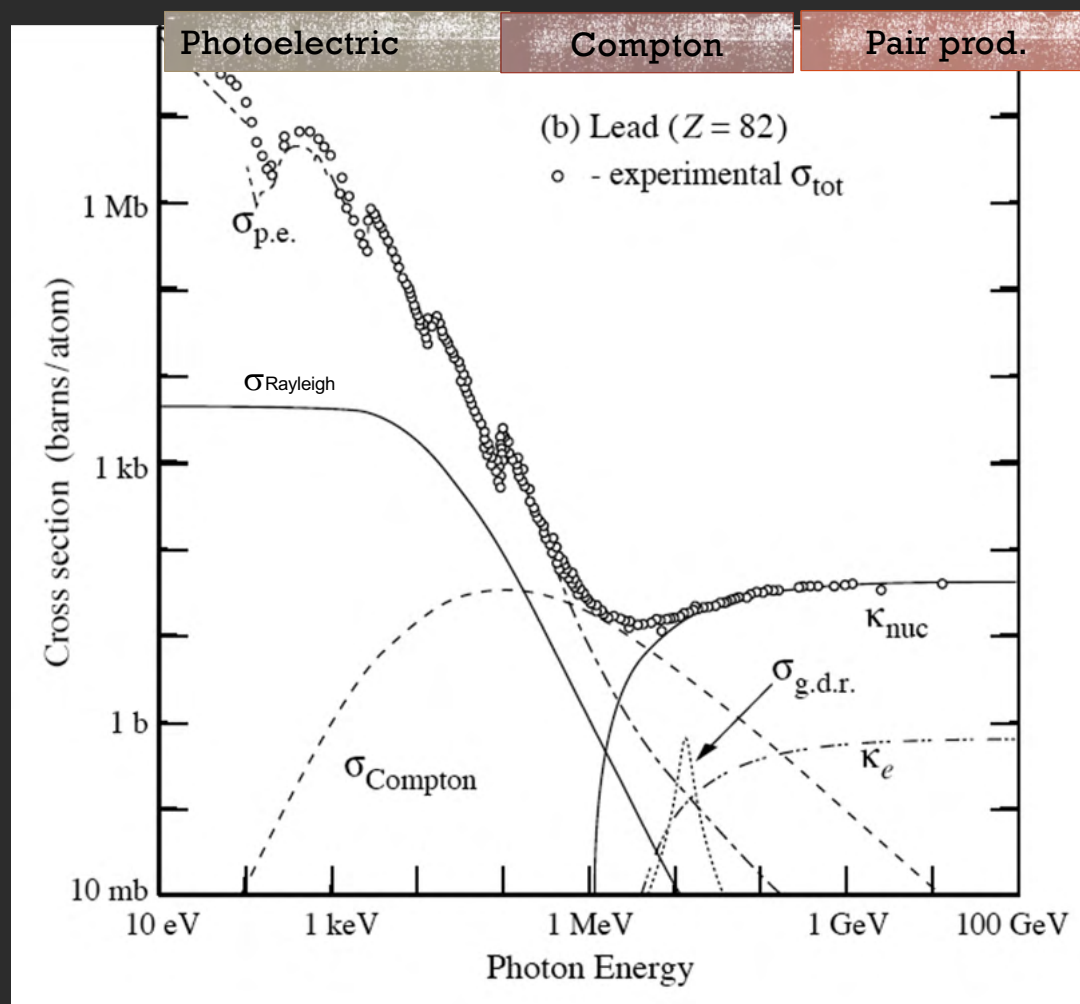
ASTRO-BIMBI DOES NOT EXIST



BUILD G-RAY DETECTOR?

100 GeV

- Energia: $1.602 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J}$
- Massa: $1.782 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$
- Frequenza: $2.42 \times 10^{25} \text{ Hz}$



GAMMA RAY (COSMIC-RAY) DETECTORS

<MeV range
Balloons-borne
detectors



Just cosmic rays

MeV-GeV
range
Satellite-borne
detectors



Fermi-LAT

GAMMA-RAY SKY: "3 REVOLUTIONS
IN 3 DECADES"

TeV range
Ground-based
detectors
(light)



MAGIC, HESS,
VERITAS, CTAO

TeV-PeV range
Compact Ground-
based detectors
(particles)



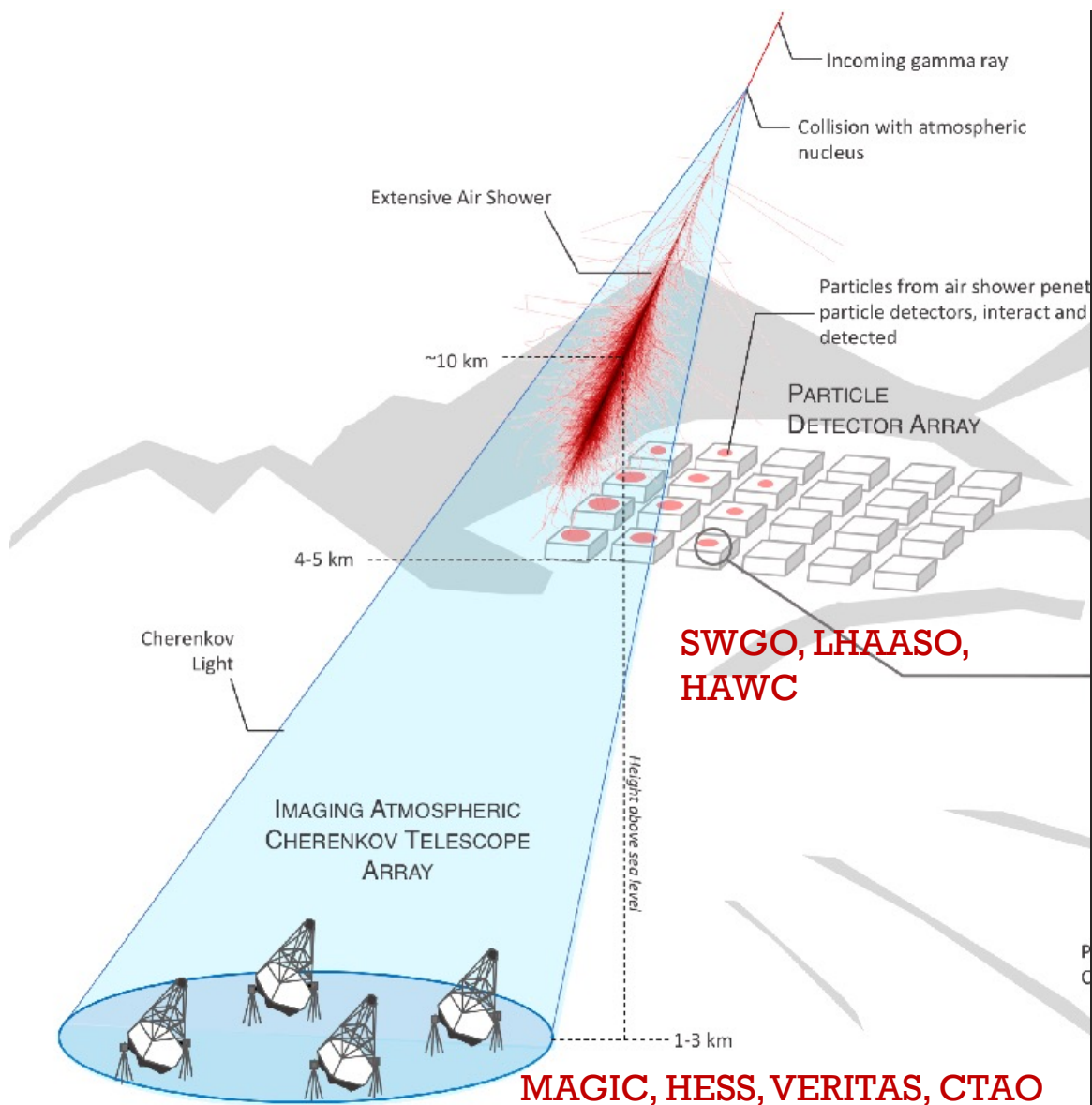
HAWC, LHATTES,
SWGO

ENERGY

>PeV range
Wide Ground-
based detectors
(particles)



AUGER, TA



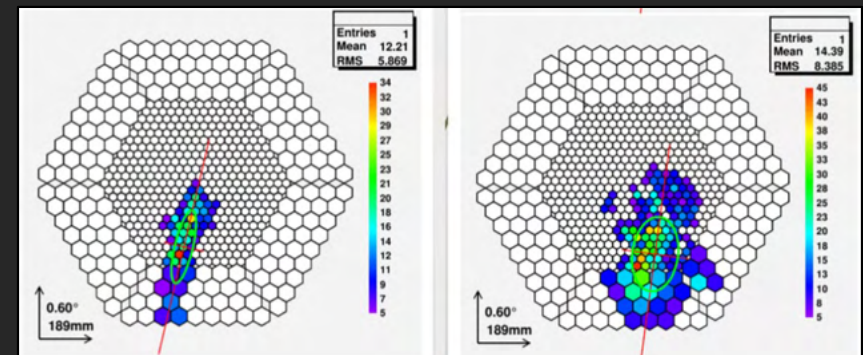
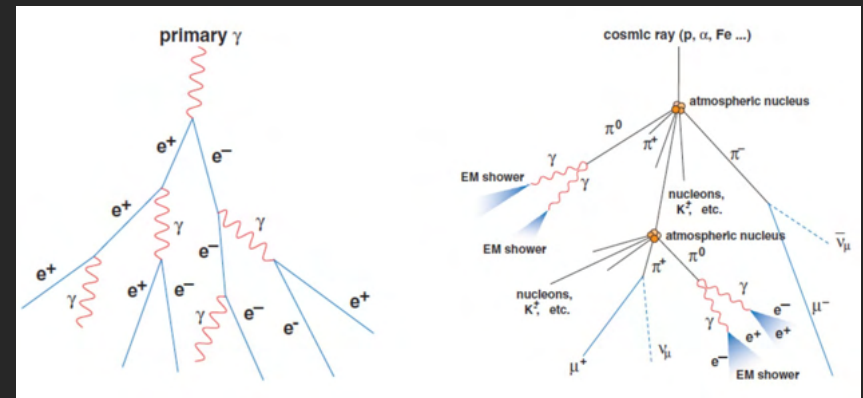
SWGO, LHAASO,
HAWC

MAGIC, HESS, VERITAS, CTAO

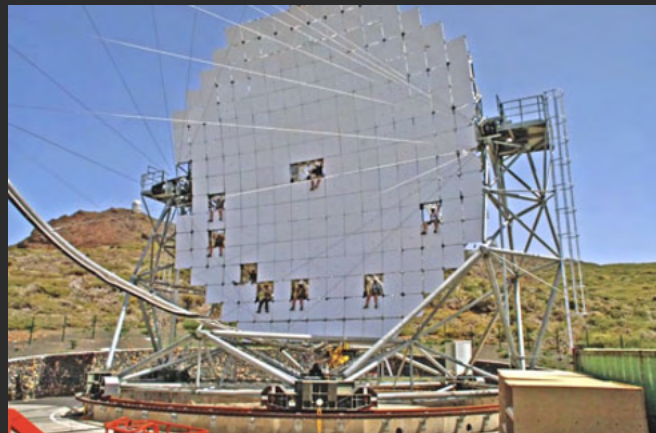
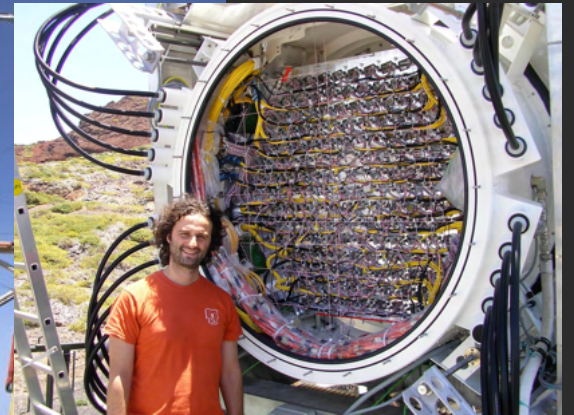
Shower image, 100 GeV γ -ray adapted from: F. Schmidt, J. Knapp, "CORSIKA Shower Images", 2005,
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#2 CHERENKOV

1 in 10^4



BEST PART OF MY PHD

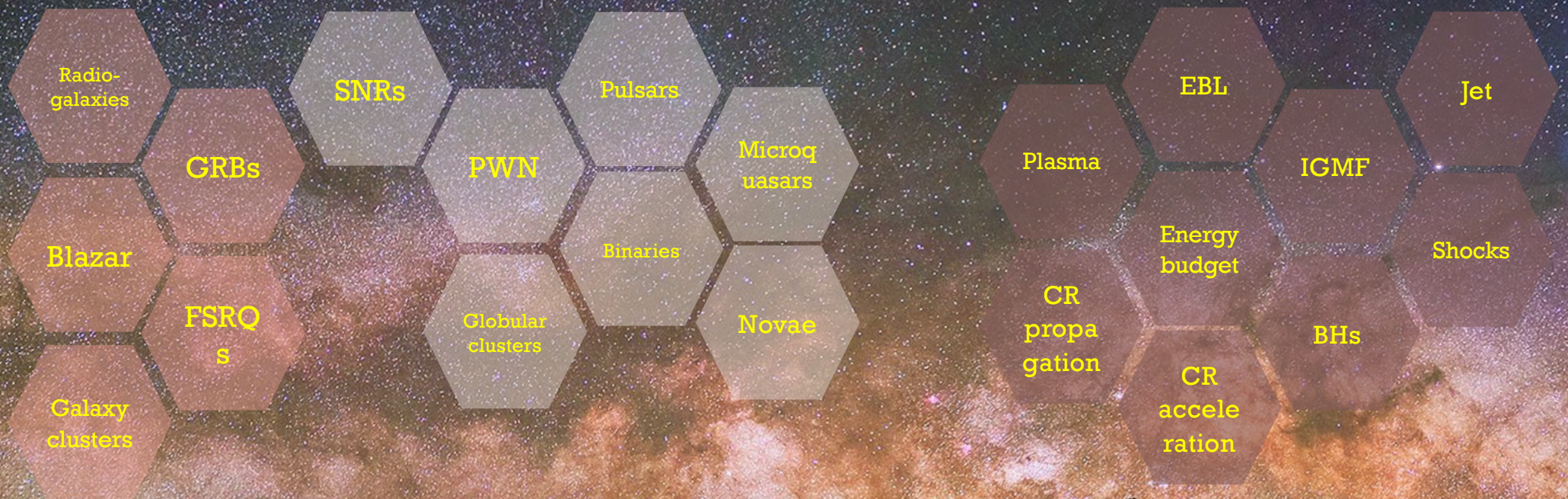


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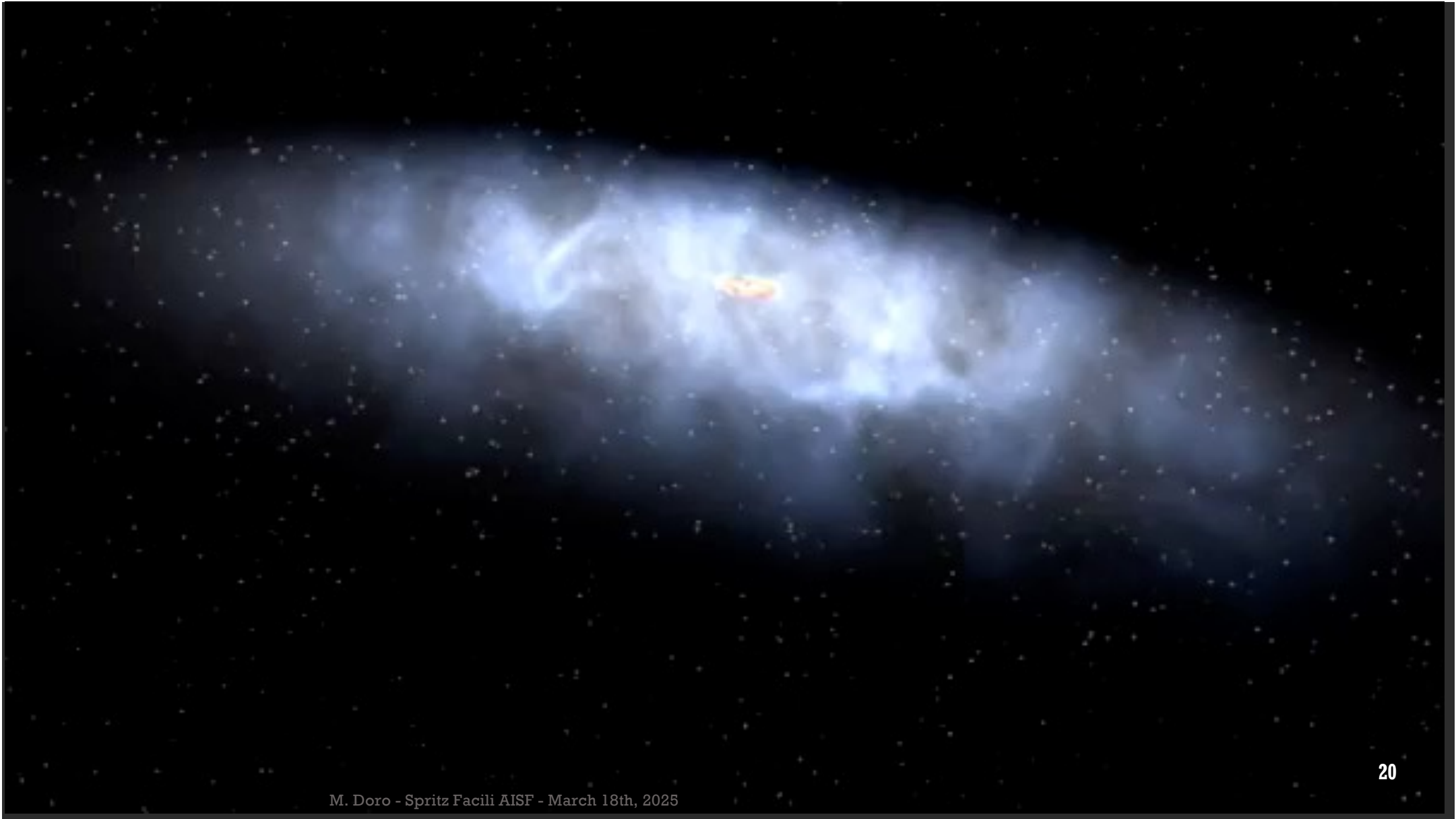
#2 TIME TO COOK

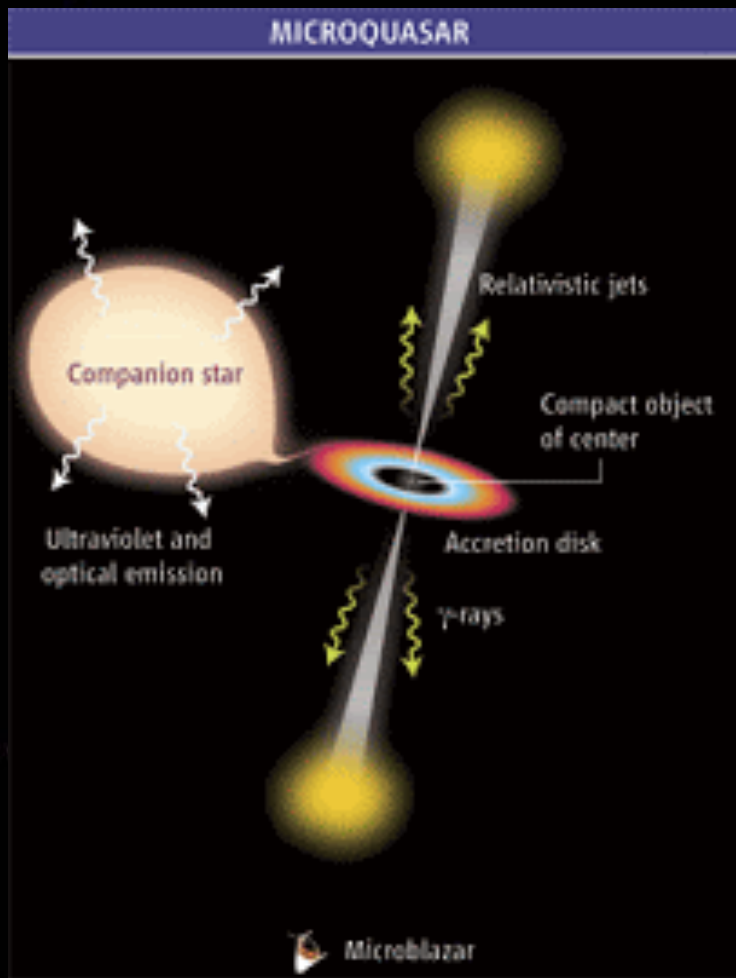
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Astrophysical Tastes: «Pizza Pasta Grill»

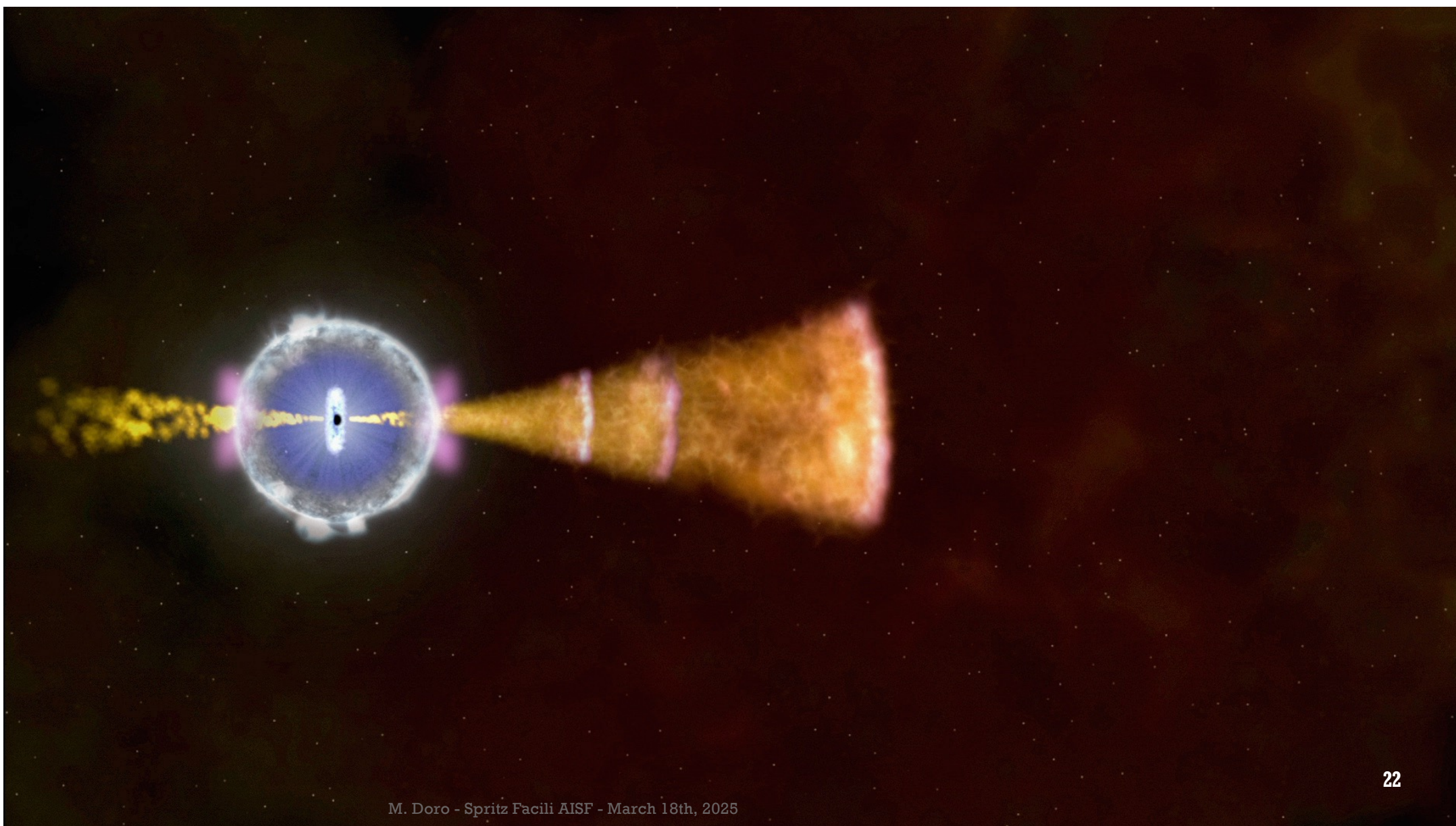
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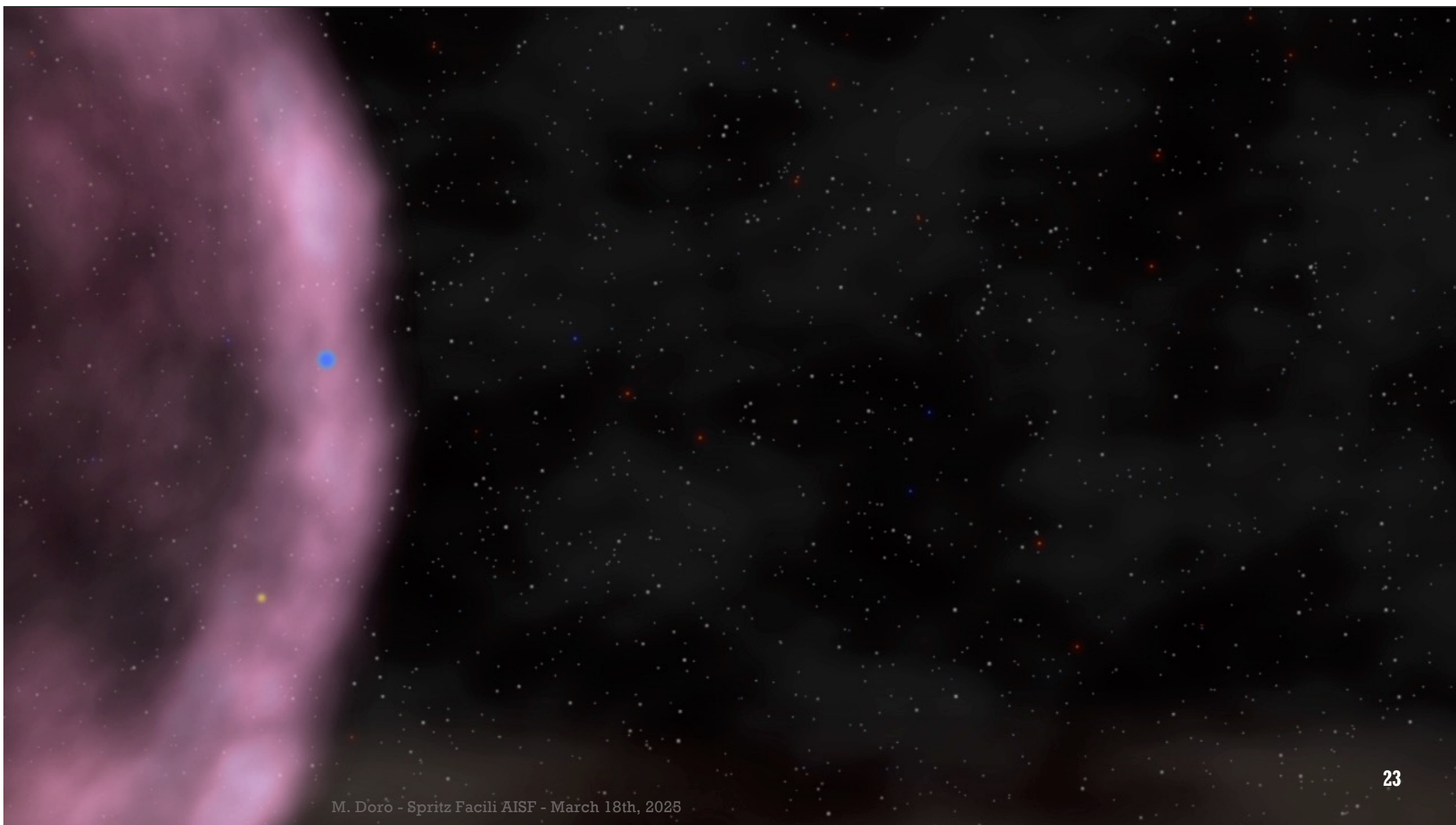




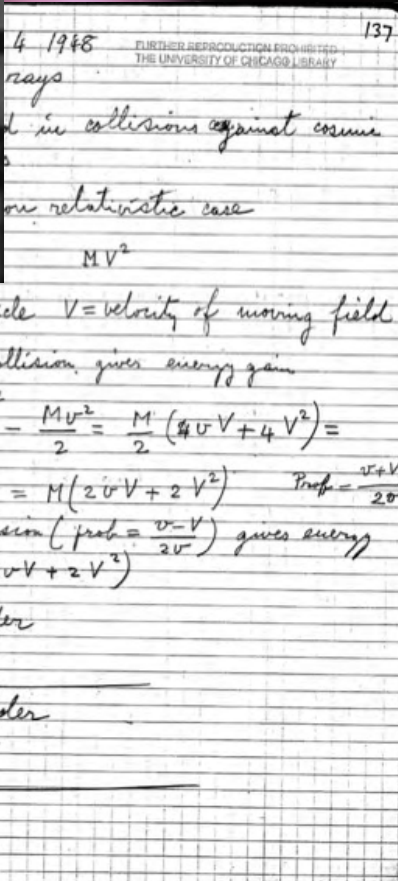
Millions of light years







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DIFFUSIVE SHOCK ACCELERATION – FERMI MECHANISM

- Original idea by **Fermi 1948**
- Particles are accelerated by collisions with **randomly moving magnetic clouds** that swept up charged particles in the Inter-Stellar Medium (ISM)

DARK MATTER

Better served **cold**



PARTICLES OR SOUP?



- **Particle** dark matter

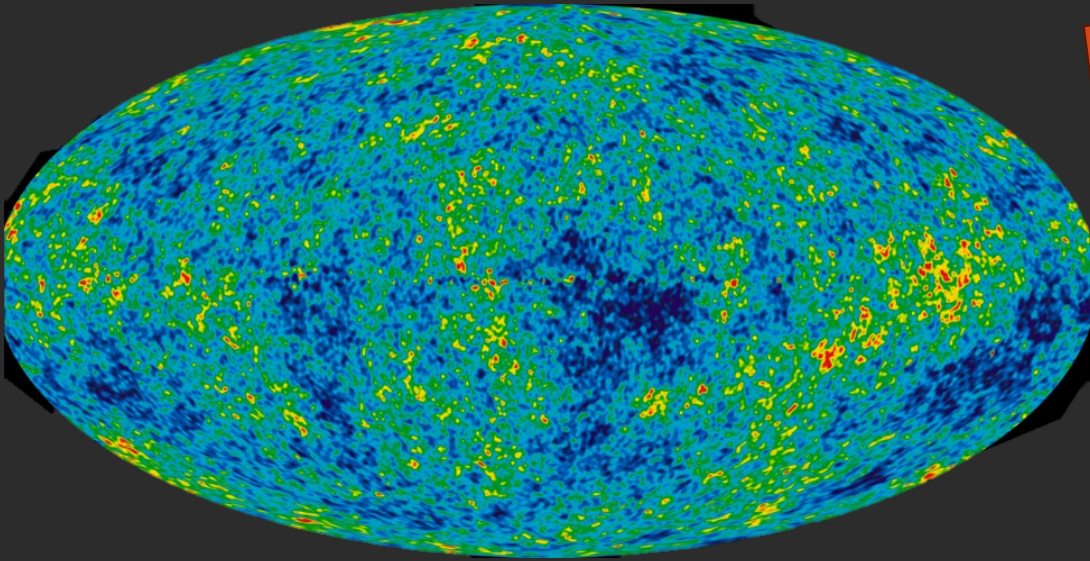
There are even online debates/fights:

<https://youtu.be/dEsKnCx32L8?si=SvtPWxavhAHyM286>

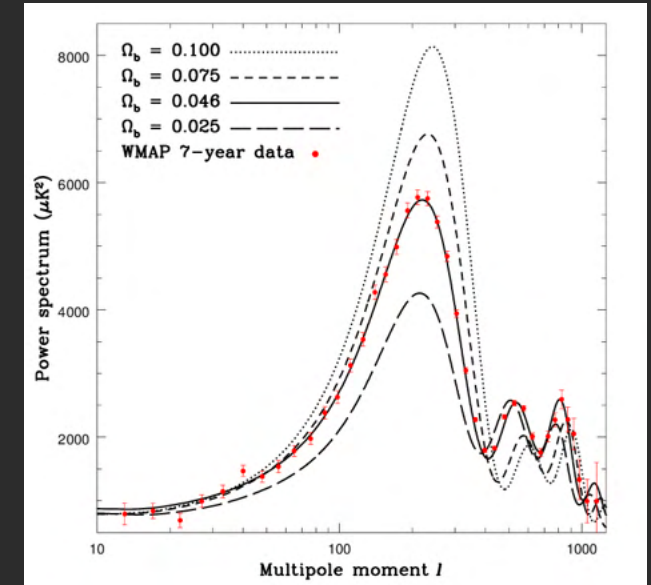


- **Modified theory of gravity** (MoG) or Newtonian Dynamics (**MoND**)

DON'T MESS WITH THE CMB INGREDIENT



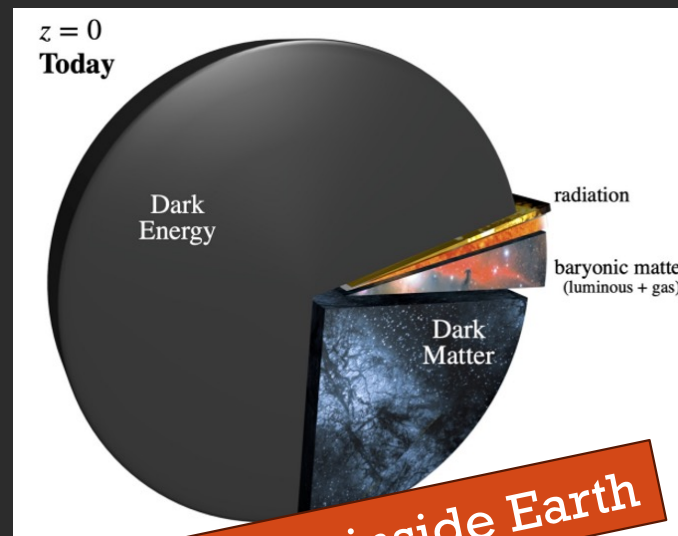
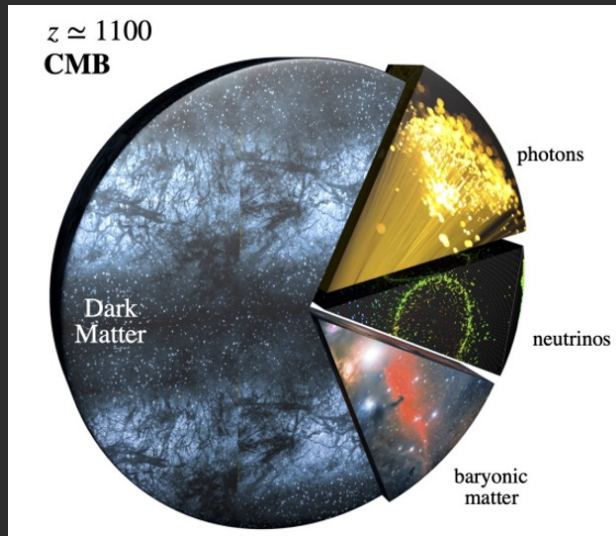
Cannot be explained with MOND



- 370,000 y from T0, photons separated from matter → Universe is transparent
- Electrons falls into atomic hydrogen (recombination)
- 100 GeV particle DM annihilation can ionize roughly 10% of the hydrogen in the universe!
- So this effect would be very visibile on CMB

LET IT BAKE

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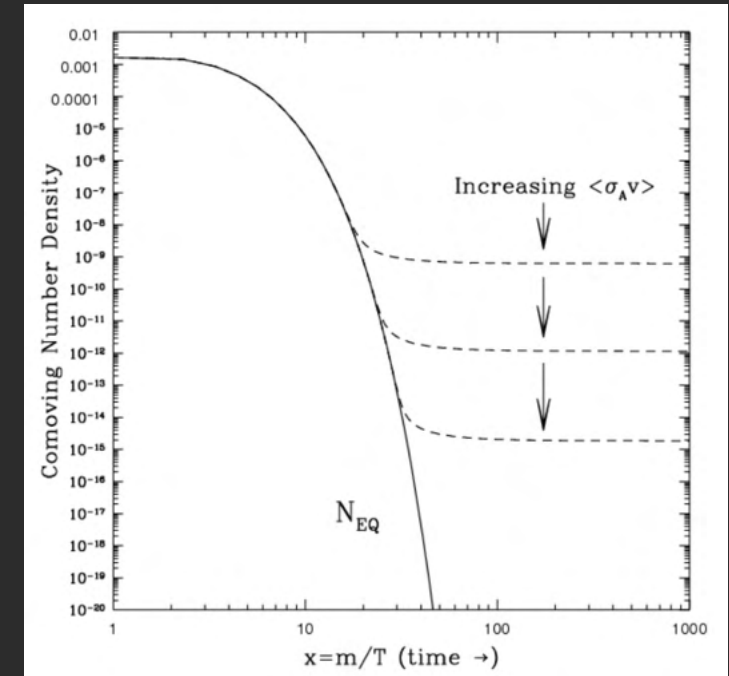


500 g inside Earth

A lot of DM

- ~25% of the Universe energy budget in dark matter
- ~80% of matter has always been dark

So much **gravitation pull** has serious consequences!



Chemical equilibrium

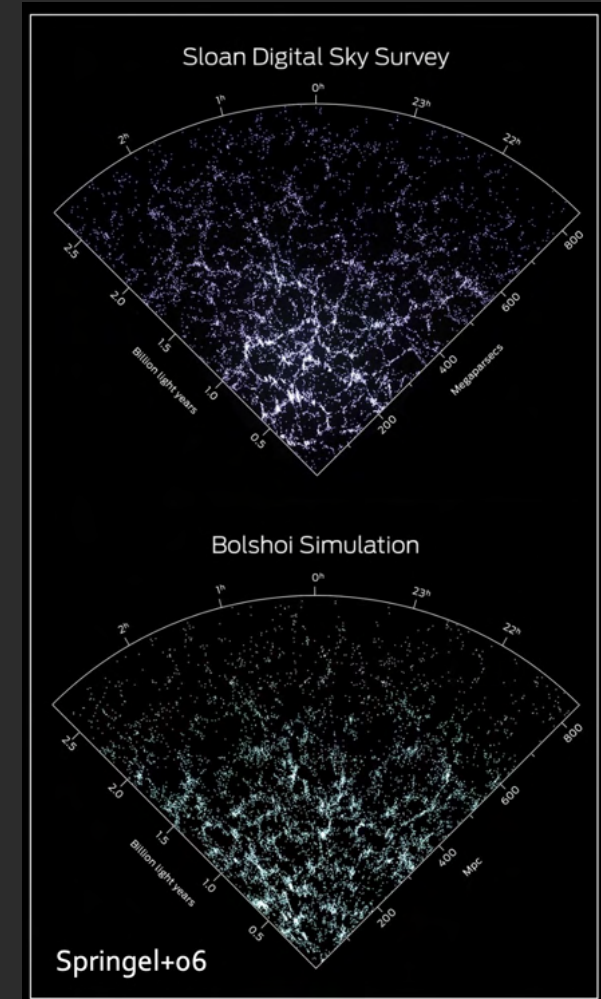
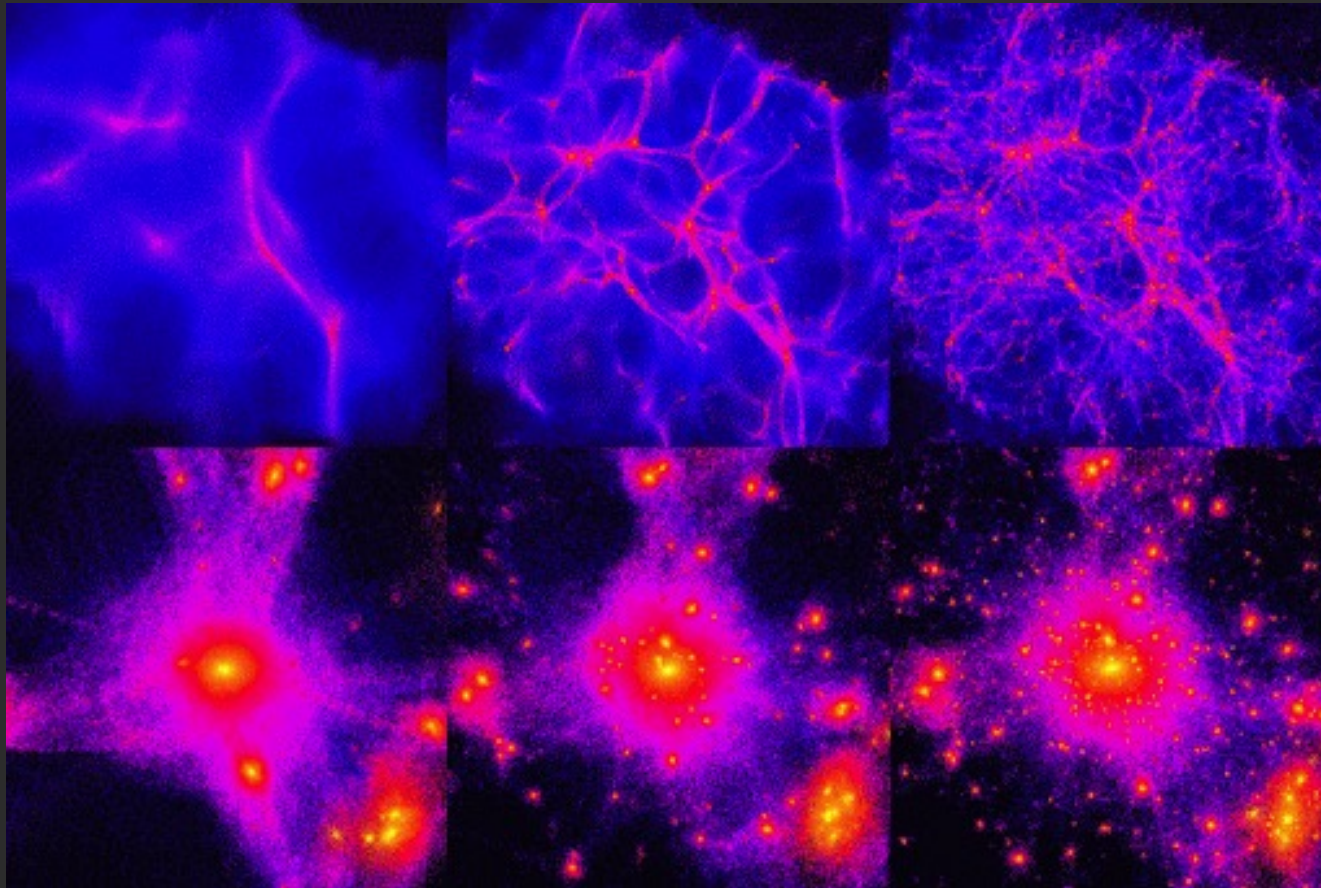
$$\frac{dn}{dt} + 3Hn = (n_{eq}^2 - n^2)\langle\sigma v_{rel}\rangle$$

Freeze-out

$$dn/dt + 3(\dot{a}/a)n = 0$$

BAKING OPTIONS

Different mass, different evolution (N-body computer simulations)



Confirm COLD dark matter scenarios

OLD RECIPE IN FACT

F. Zwicky '30s



- Our guest Zwicky (1933) was (among the) first to claim strong evidences for DM
- Applying energy-balance from gas-theory on galaxies in galaxy-clusters

$$\langle v \rangle \sim \sqrt{\frac{GM_{\text{halo}}}{R_{\text{halo}}}}$$

Coma cluster



“If this would be confirmed, we would get the surprising result that dark matter is present in much greater amount than luminous matter.”

30 YEARS FORGOTTEN RECIPE AND THEN: VERA COOPER!

Vera Cooper Rubin '60s



- Vera applied similar argument to stars in galaxies, checking radial velocity

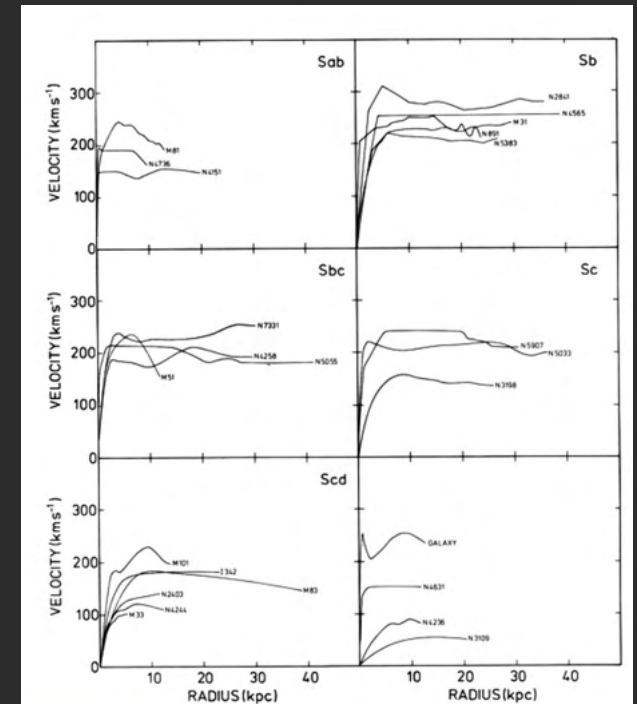
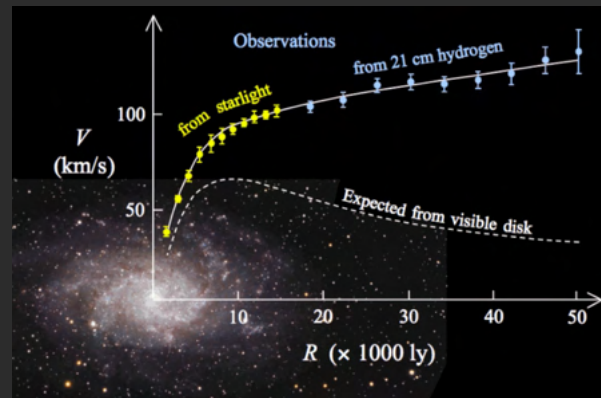
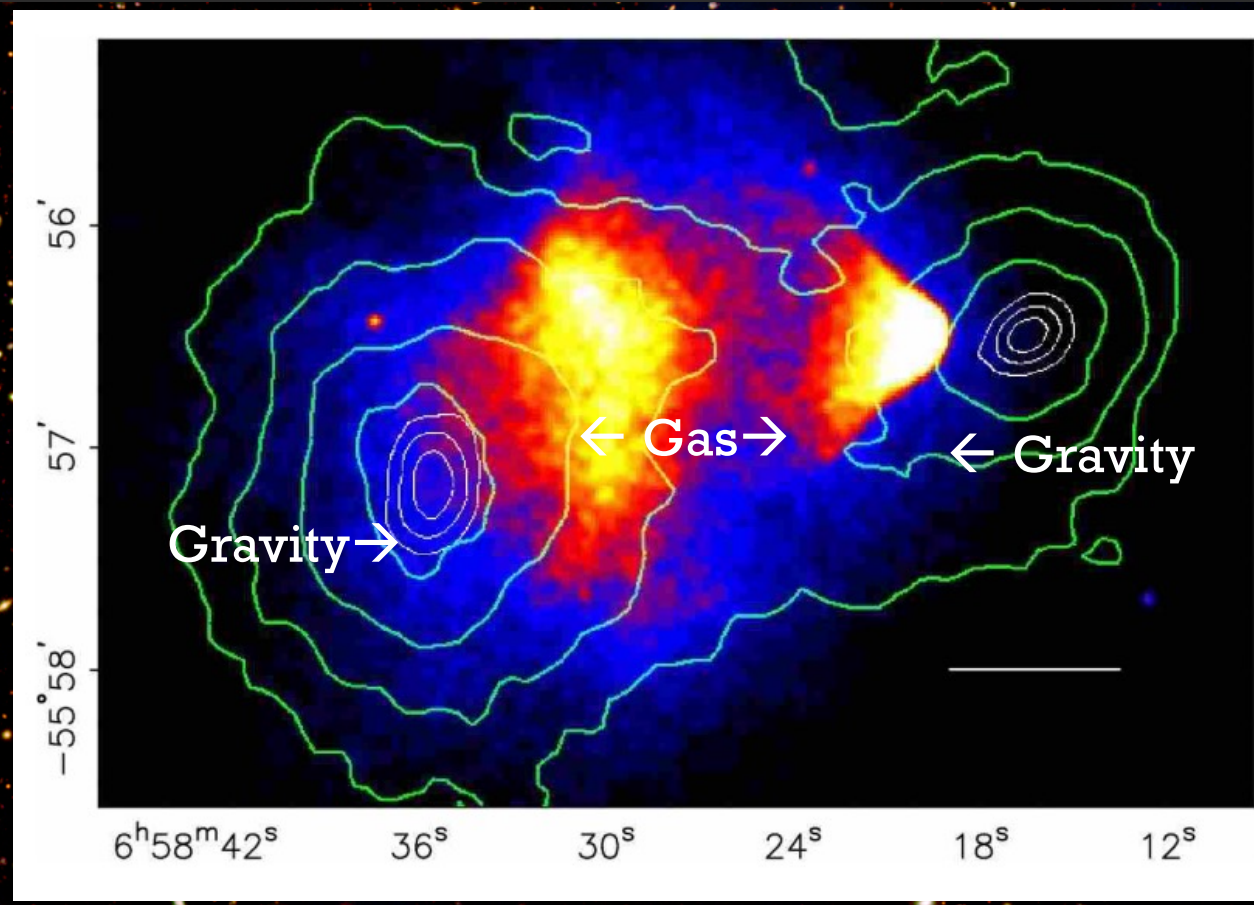


FIG. 5. The rotation curves of the 25 galaxies. From Bosma, 1978.

Vera Cooper (Rubin),
Bosma (during PhD)

COLLISION-LESS: BULLET CLUSTER(S)



Non collisional matter is very weakly interacting!

Harvey et al. (2015) report the results on **72 similar merger**: particle DM can be established with a significance of more than 7σ .

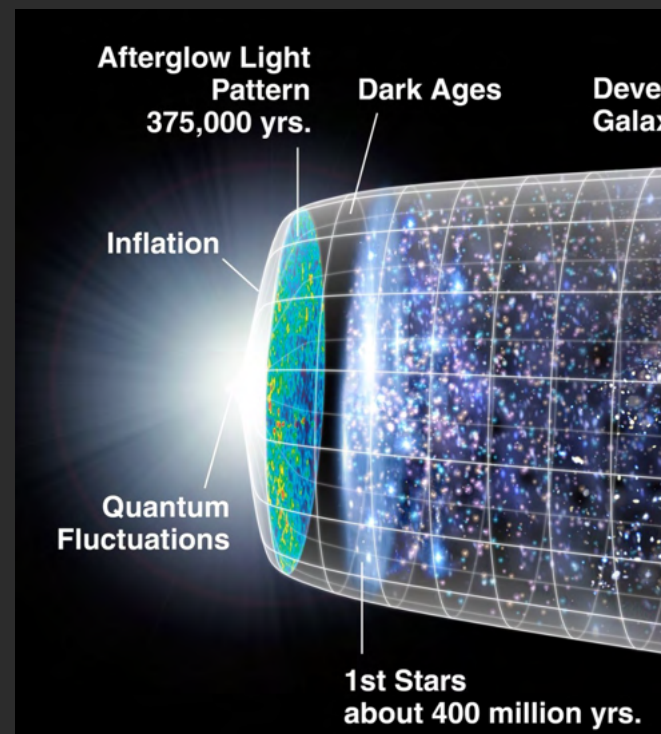
Cannot be explained with MOND

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SM PARTICLES CANNOT BE DM, SO, A NEW PARTICLE?

Tim Tait

Many theories for DM

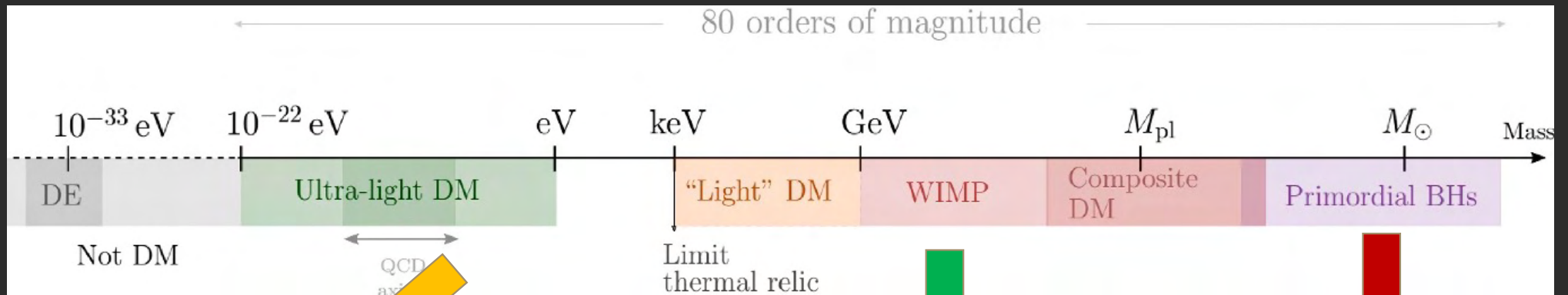


To convince Zwicky models must be **natural**, non ad-hoc

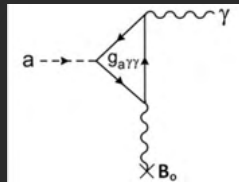
Several techniques according to DM mass and couplings to SM

CAN BE PROBED WITH GAMMA-RAYS

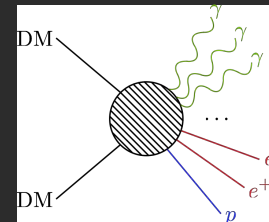
Elisa Ferreira 2021



While axions, signals can travel long distances in space and leave imprint in g-ray spectra



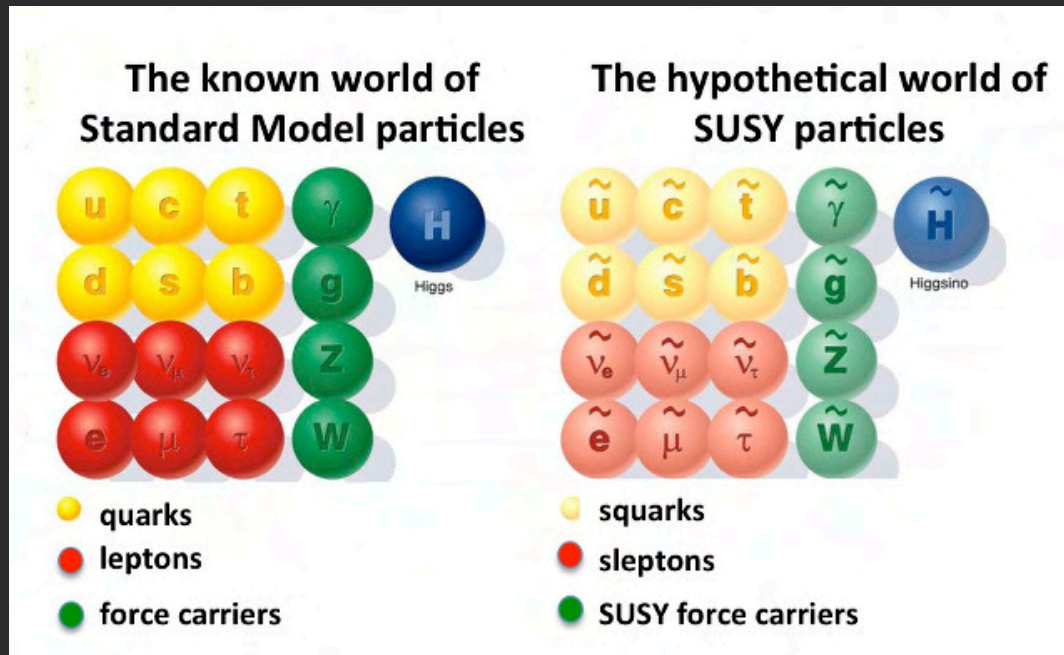
Annihilation/Decay of TeV DM in space



TeV emission during/after PBH evaporation

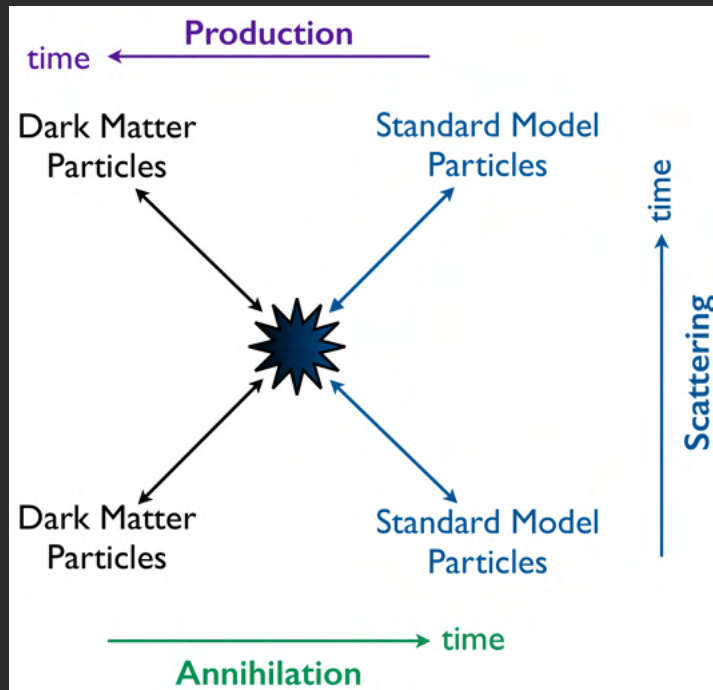
WIMP = Weakly-Interacting Massive Particle

SUPER SYMMETRY / WIMP

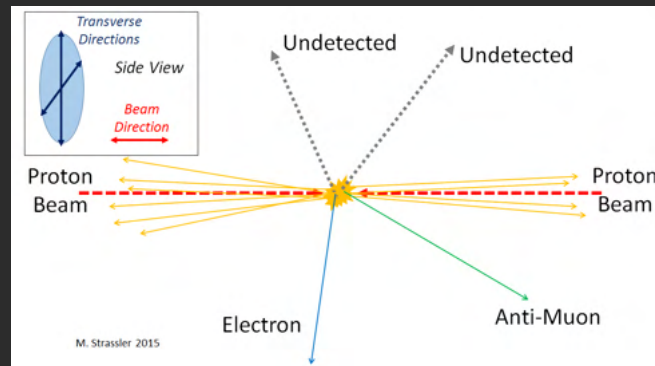


- Born to explain the Hierarchy Problem
- Provide natural dark matter candidates!
- **Lightest Supersymmetric particle (LSP)** is a 'natural DM candidate
- **Neutralino, wino, higgsinos** are prototype LSP

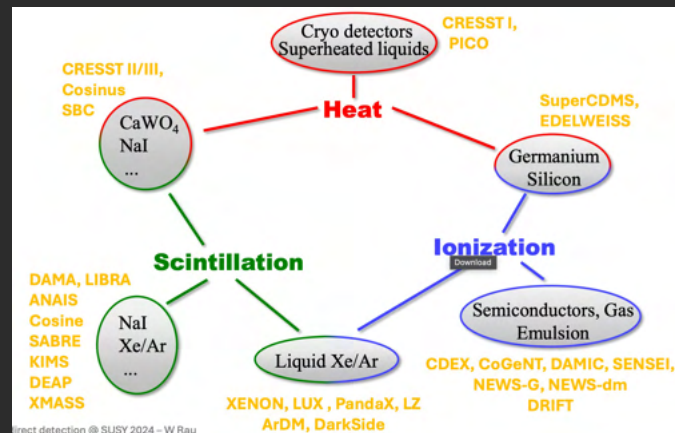
HOW TO DETECT IT: BREAK IT, SHAKE IT, MAKE IT



If some sort of interaction with SM Exists!



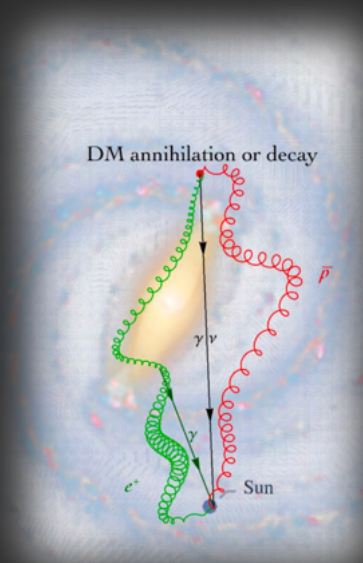
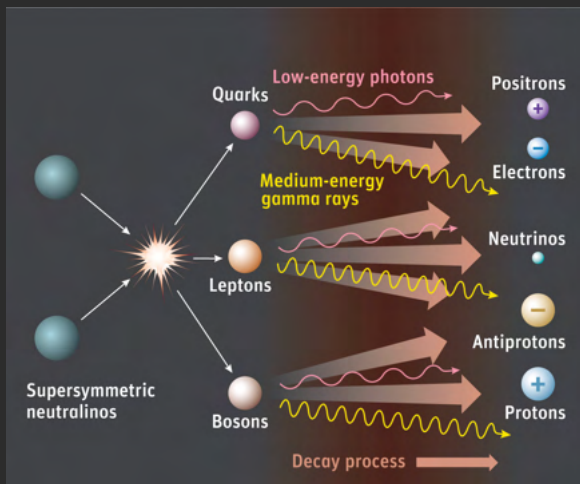
← Missing transverse energy in collisions



← Heat, scintillation, ionization in interactions with matter

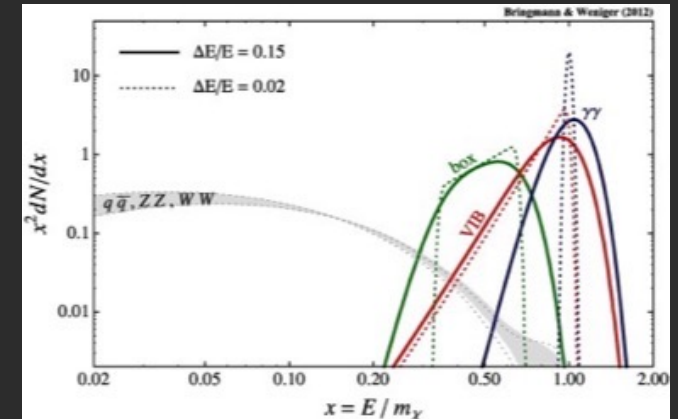


DM ANNIHILATIONS!

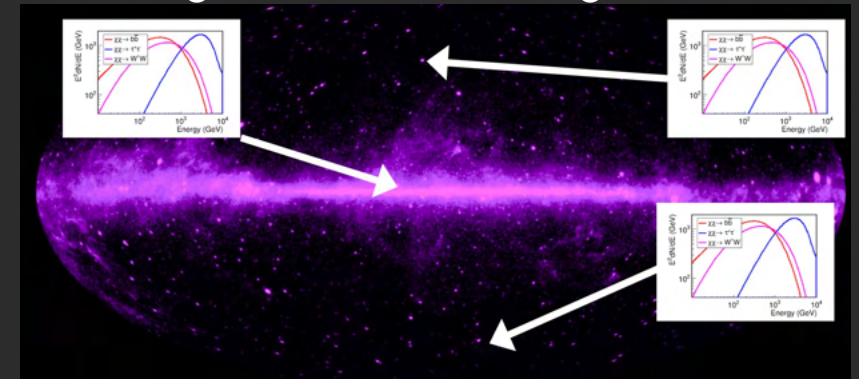


- DM would inject charged particles + radiation
- Radiation go straight!
- Antiparticles signature very interesting!

#1 Peculiarity of gamma-ray spectra (no astro-like)



#2 Same signal at different targets



#3 Know where to point the telescope!

A POSSIBLE G-RAY DM SKY FROM WIMPS

#1 Galactic Center and halo

#3 Dark
subhaloes

#4 Other
galaxies

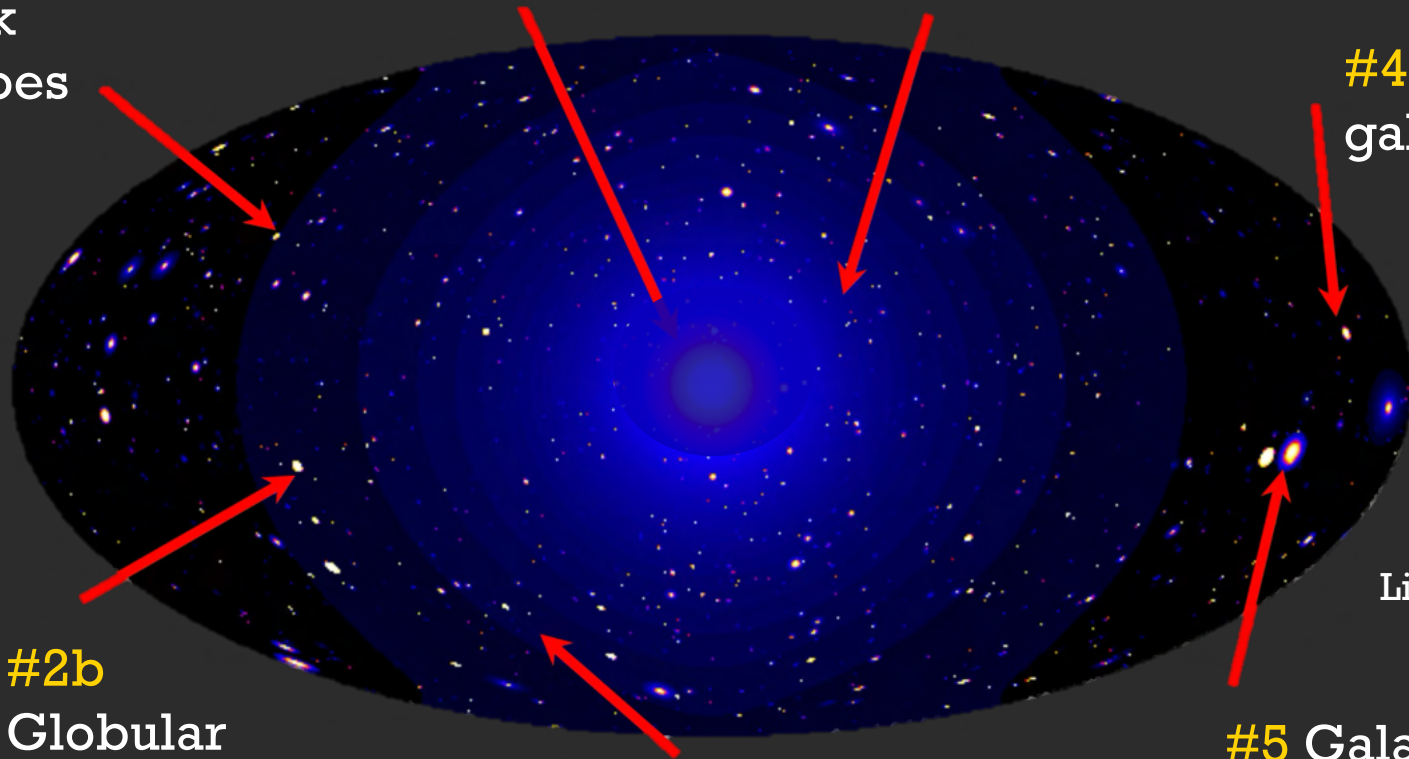
#2 Dwarf
galaxies
(MW
satellites)
Spheroidal
and
Irregular

#2b
Globular
clusters

#6 Diffuse signal, lines,
holes in stellar streams, ...

#5 Galaxy
clusters

Lidia Pieri+



Gamma-rays

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Experiment	Location	Operation	Technology	Main focus	Energy range	Home	Ref.
HEAO-1	satellite	1977 → 1979	X-ray detectors	X/γ-rays	0.2 keV – 10 MeV	web	[466]
BAKAS	Russia	1978 →	scintillation	neutrinos	1 GeV – 1 TeV	web	[467]
ROSAT	satellite	1990 → 1999	X-ray detectors	X-rays	0.1 – 2.5 keV	web	[468]
COMPTEL	satellite	1991 → 2000	HEP detectors	γ-rays	1 – 30 MeV	web	[469]
EGRET	satellite	1991 → 2000	HEP detectors	γ-rays	30 MeV – 30 GeV	web	[470]
CANGAROO	Australia	1992 → 2012	air Čerenkov	γ-rays	200 GeV – 3 TeV	web	[471]
HEAT	balloon	1994, 1995	HEP detectors	e [−] & e ⁺	1 – 100 GeV	–	[472]
SUPER-KAM.	Japan						
AMANDA	South Pole						
AMS-01	Space shuttle						
BAIKAL-NT	Siberia						
CHANDRA	satellite						
XMM-NEWTON	satellite						
MILAGRO	New Mexico						
INTEGRAL	satellite						
HESS	Namibia						
VERITAS	Arizona						
MAGIC	Canary Islands						
SWIFT	satellite						
CREAM	Antarctic balloon						
SUZAKU	satellite						
ICECUBE	South Pole						
ANITA	Antarctic balloon						
PAMELA	satellite						
FERMI	satellite						
ANTARES	French riviera						
AMS-02	ISS						
NuSTAR	satellite						
TAIGA	Siberia						
HAWC	Mexico						
TIBET AS	Tibet						
CALET	ISS						
HITOMI	satellite						
DAMPE	satellite						
COSI-SFB	balloon						
HXMT	satellite						
ISS-CREAM	ISS						
MACE	Himalaya						
MICRO-X	New Mexico						
EROSITA	satellite						
LHAASO	China						
GAPS	Antarctic balloon						
KM3NET	Mediterranean						
CTA	North+South						
XRISM	satellite						
ADEPT	balloon						
BAIKAL-GVD	Siberia						
GAMMA-400	satellite						
DUNE	USA						
COSI	satellite						
HYPER-KAM.	Japan						
HERD	Chinese SS						
SKA	S.Africa+Australia	2020s?	radio telescope	radio	50 MHz – 30 GHz	web	[518]
INO-ICAL	India	2020s?	calorimeter	neutrinos	1 – 100 GeV	web	[519]
AMEGO	satellite	late 2020s?	HEP detectors	γ-rays	0.2 MeV – 10 GeV	web	[520]
APT	satellite	late 2020s?	HEP detectors	γ-rays	60 MeV – 1 TeV	–	[521]
ATHENA	satellite	early 2030s?	X-ray detectors	X/γ-rays	0.2 – 12 keV	web	[522]
AS-/E-ASTROGAM	satellite	2030s?	HEP detectors	γ-rays	0.1 MeV – 3 GeV	–	[523]
GRAND	high altitude deserts	2030s?	radio telescopes	neutrinos	100 PeV – 100 EeV	web	[524]
ALADINO	L2 point?	2035?	HEP detectors	charged CRs	→ 10 TeV	–	[525]
AMS-100	L2 point	2039?	HEP detectors	charged CRs	sub-GeV – 10 TeV	–	[526]
GECCO	satellite	proposed	HEP detectors	X/γ-rays	100 keV – 10 MeV	–	[527]
MAST	satellite	proposed	LAr satellite	γ-rays	100 MeV – 1 TeV	–	[528]
GRAMS	balloon/satellite	proposed	LAr detector	γ-rays/d	200 keV – 200 MeV	–	[529]
SWGO	South America	proposed	web				

Target	Year	Time [h]	IACT	Limit	Ref.
The Milky Way central region & halo					
MW Centre	2004	(48.7)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Aharonian et al. (2006)
MW Inner Halo	2004 – 2008	(112)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2011)
		9.1		Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2015)
		254		Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2016)
		546	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Montanari et al. (2021)
		10	MAGIC	Decay	Ninzi et al. (2019)
Nearby Satellite Galaxies					
		7.4	Whipple	Ann.	Wood et al. (2008)
		7.8	MAGIC ²	Ann.	Albert et al. (2008b)
		(18.4)	VERITAS	Ann.	Acciari et al. (2010)
		(49.8)		Ann.	Archambault et al. (2017)
		114		Ann.	Kelley-Hoskins (2018)
		52.6	MAGIC	Ann.	Maggio et al. (2021)
		7.9	Whipple	Ann.	Wood et al. (2008)
		(18.9)	VERITAS	Ann.	Acciari et al. (2010)
		(60.4)		Ann.	Archambault et al. (2017)
		161		Ann.	Kelley-Hoskins (2018)
		(11.0)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Aharonian et al. (2008)
		90		Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2014)
		(85.5)		Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2018a)
		9.6	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Aharonian et al. (2009a)
		13.7	VERITAS	Ann.	Acciari et al. (2010)
		(13.6)		Ann.	Archambault et al. (2017)
		15.5	MAGIC ²	Ann.	Aliu et al. (2009)
		(11.8)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2011)
				Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2018a)
		12.5		Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2014)
		(14.8)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2011)
		(12.7)		Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2014)
		22.9		Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2018a)
Intermediate Mass Black Holes					
		400	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Aharonian et al. (2008a)
		25	MAGIC ²	Ann.	Doro et al. (2007)
Globular Clusters					
		0.2	Whipple	Ann.	Wood et al. (2008)
		15.2	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2011)
		27.2	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2011)
Other galaxies					
		7.9	Whipple	Ann.	Wood et al. (2008)
		6.9	Whipple	Ann.	Wood et al. (2008)
		18.2	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021b)
Galaxy Clusters					
		6.1	Whipple	–	Perkins et al. (2006)
		13.5	Whipple	–	Perkins et al. (2006)
		24.4	MAGIC ²	Ann.	Aleksic et al. (2010)
		202.2	MAGIC	Decay	Acciari et al. (2018)
		14.5	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2012)
		18.6	VERITAS	Ann.	Arles et al. (2012)
Line searches					
		(112)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abramowski et al. (2013c)
		15.2	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2016)
		(254)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2018b)
		204	MAGIC	Ann.	Inada et al. (2021)
		(157.9)	MAGIC	A.+D.	Aleksic et al. (2014)
		(137.1)	H.E.S.S.	Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2018a)
		(229.8)	VERITAS	Ann.	Archambault et al. (2017)
Charged particles					
		(18.2)	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021b)
Dark satellites					
		8.3	MAGIC	–	Nieto et al. (2011a)
		10.7	MAGIC	–	Nieto et al. (2011a)
		8.5	VERITAS	Ann.	Nieto (2015)
		13.8	VERITAS	Ann.	Nieto (2015)
		7.8	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
		3.0	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
		8.8	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
		5.5	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
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Grus II ^a	2018	11.3	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdalla et al. (2020)
1FGL J2347.3+0710	2010	8.3	MAGIC	–	Nieto et al. (2011a)
1FGL J0338.8+1313	2010–2011	10.7	MAGIC	–	Nieto et al. (2011a)
2FGL J0545.6+6018	2013–2015	8.5	VERITAS	Ann.	Nieto (2015)
2FGL J1115.0-0701	2013–2015	13.8	VERITAS	Ann.	Nieto (2015)
H3FHL J0929.2-4110	2018–2019	7.8	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
3FHL J1915.2-1323	2018 – 2019	3.0	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
3FHL J2030.2-5037	2018 – 2019	8.8	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)
3FHL J2104.5+2117	2018 – 2019	5.5	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021a)

Five Ursula galaxies	2001 – 2013				
WLM	2018	(18.2)	H.E.S.S. ¹	Ann.	Abdallah et al. (2021b)
Charged particles					
All-electron	2004 – 2007	239	H.E.S.S.	–	Aharonian et al. (2008b, 2009b)
		296	VERITAS	–	Archer et al. (2018)
	2009 – 2012	14	MAGIC	–	Berz Tridén et al. (2011)
	2010 – 2011	20	MAGIC	–	Colin et al. (2011)
Moon shadow	2014	1.2	VERITAS	–	Bird et al. (2016)

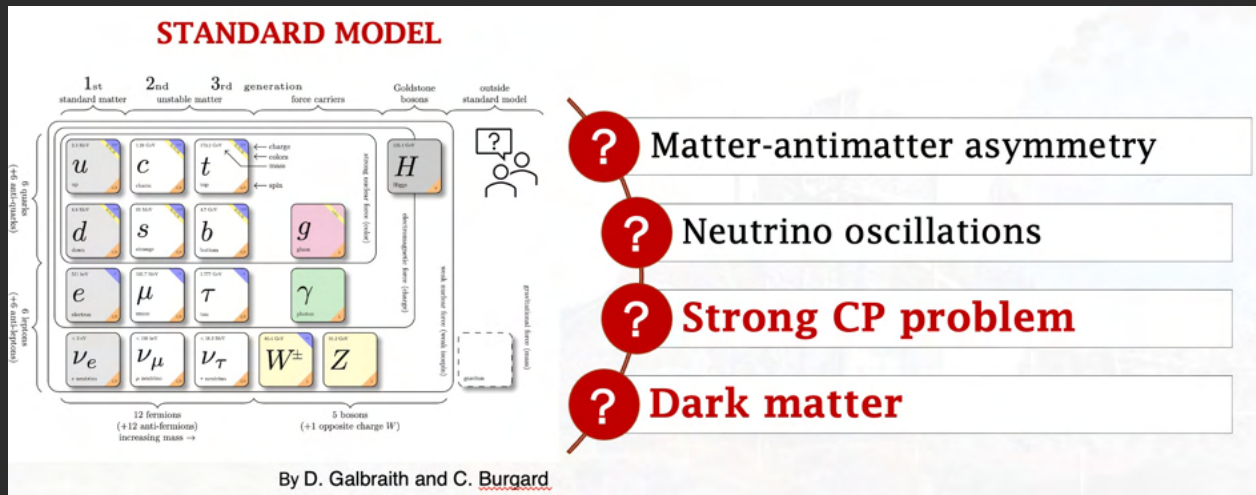
AXION LIKE PARTICLES

Be prepared to **wash dishes**

Recipe in coll. with Ivana Batkovic (PD),
Muneeb Shoaib (PD), Giacomo d'Amico (Uni Bergen)

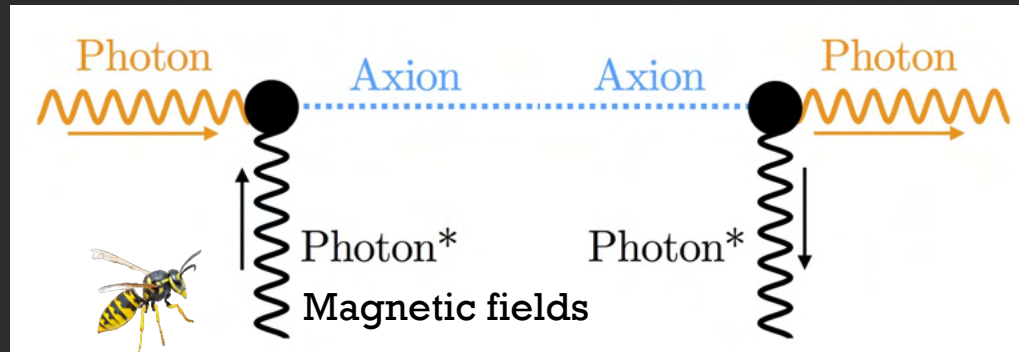


HOUSTON, WE HAVE A STRONG CP PROBLEM



- ? Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- ? Neutrino oscillations
- ? **Strong CP problem**
- ? **Dark matter**

Credit: I Batkovic

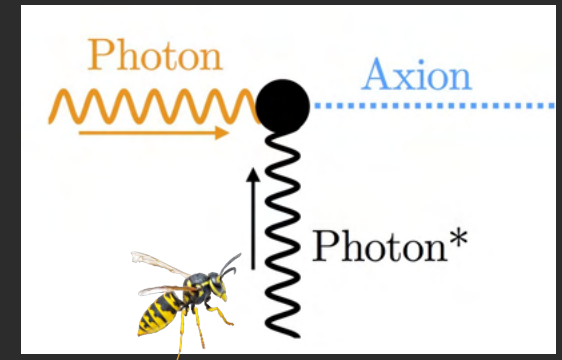
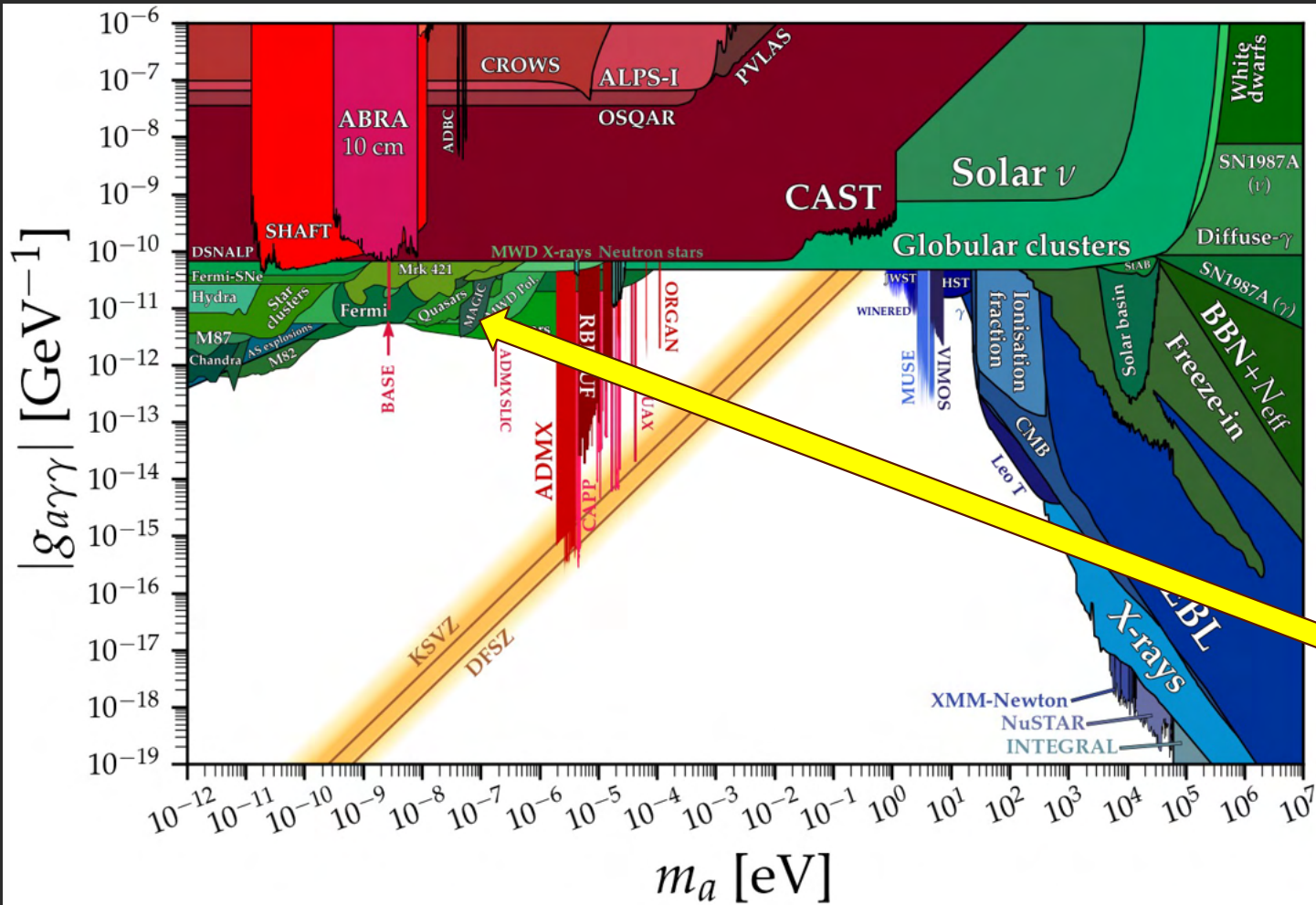


Peccei/Quinn



NOT FOUND IN SUPERMARKET

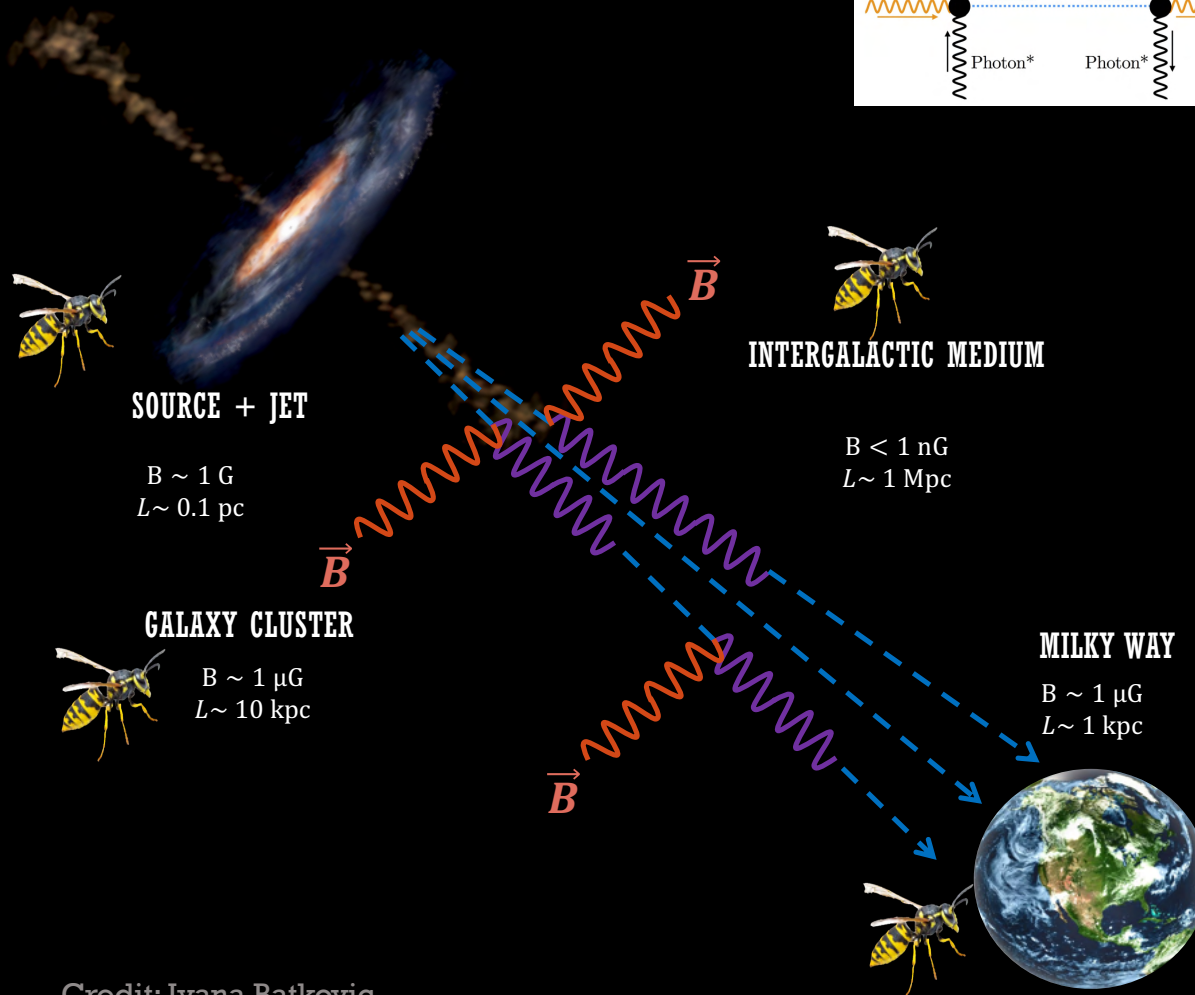
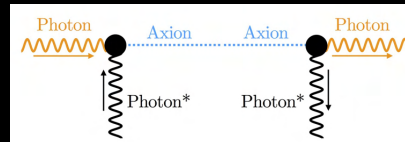
<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>



- Cosmological limits (blue)
- Lab limits (red)
- Telescopes (green)

2/ w/ PhD student in my group

COSMIC BEE-FIELDS

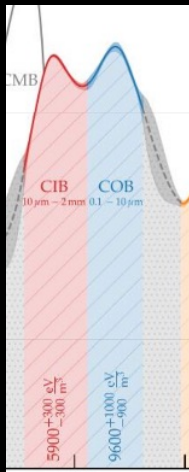


Credit: Ivana Batkovic



UNIVERSE TOO TRASPARENT

- TeV light is absorbed in space from far-away sources
- Pair-production of electron and positrons
- Since 2005 we started to see too far-away sources: **universe is too transparent!**

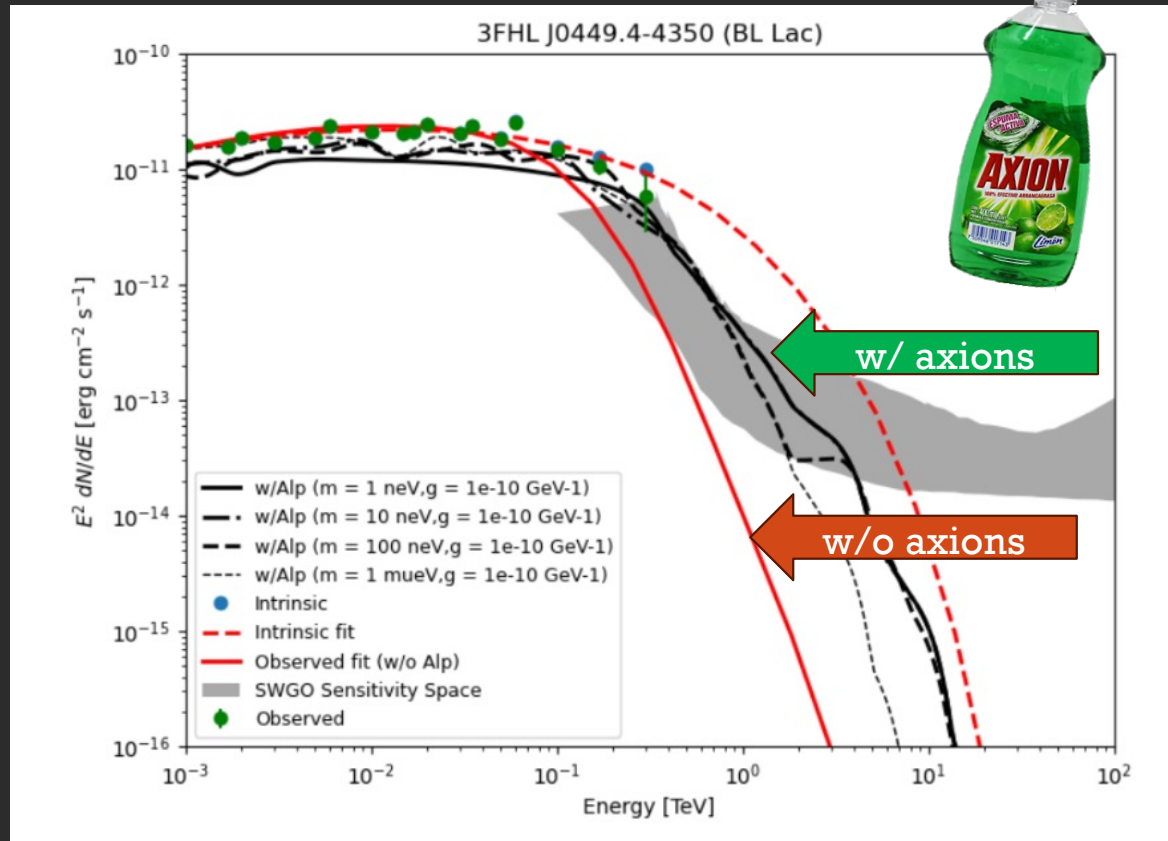


Low-energy light:
Extragalactic background



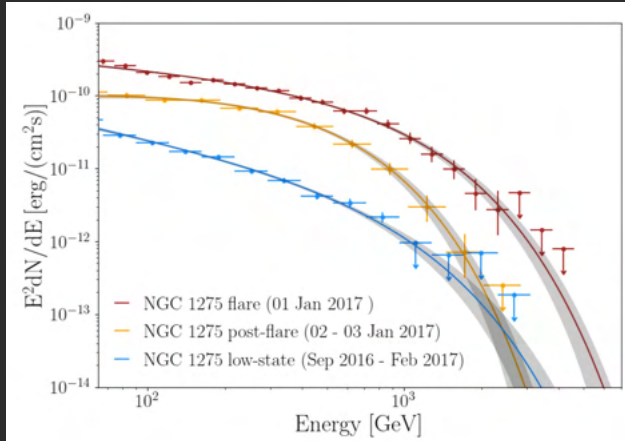
A STAIN TO CLEAN WITH AXIONS

- Axion-like particles reduce the universe transparency!



w/ Muneen Shoaib – MSc thesis

STATISTICS AT WORK



Likelihood

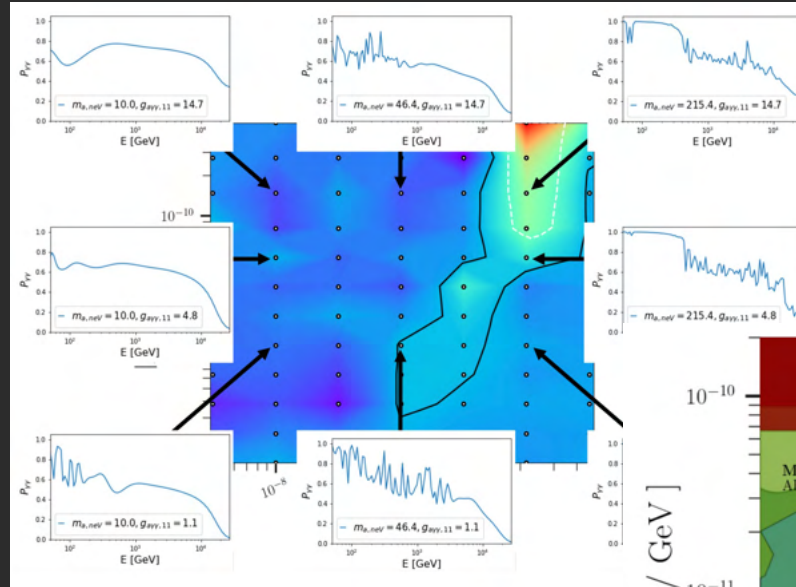
$$\mathcal{L}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \mu, \mathbf{b}, B|D) = \prod_{i,k} \mathcal{L}_{i,k}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \mu, \mathbf{b}_{i,k}, B|D_{i,k}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{i,k} = \mathcal{P}(N_{\text{on}}^{i,k} | s_{i,k} + \alpha b_{i,k}) \times \mathcal{P}(N_{\text{off}}^{i,k} | b_{i,k})$$

Lkl-ratio test statistics

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{TS}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a) &= -2\Delta \ln \mathcal{L} \\ &= -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \hat{\mu}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{B}|D)}{\hat{\mathcal{L}}}, \end{aligned}$$

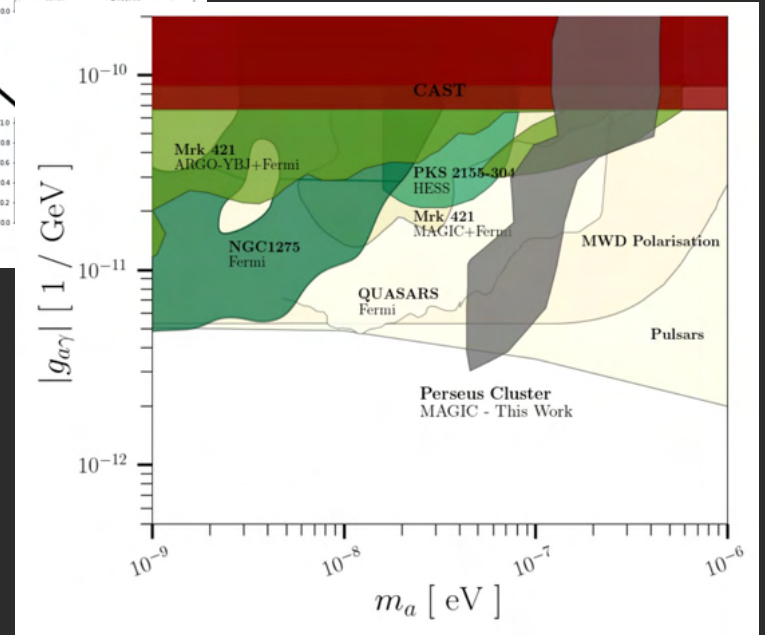
Level of confidence for exclusion of null hypothesis



← Explore the parameter space

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→ Exclude models ☺



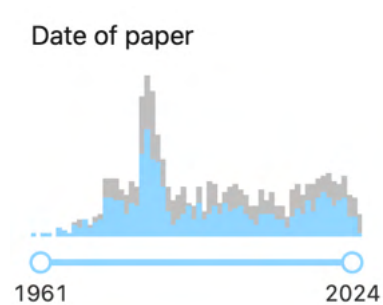
STILL HUNGRY?



Recipe in coll. with Daniele Perri (SISSA) and Takeshi Kobayashi (SISSA)

MAGNETIC MONOPOLES

Sweet!



	Citeable
Papers	595
Citations	23,256
h-index	69
Citations/paper (avg)	39.1

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A GAME DURING ZWICKY'S LUNCH



- We give Zwicky a **magnetic bar** and ask him to break it in two
- Regardless how he will break the bar, two independent magnets will appear, with N-S poles in opposite directions
- This is how magnetic field in matter is generated
- Does Zwicky like this? Absolutely not

Maxwell's equations would be **symmetric** in electric/magnetic charge if there were the **magnetic monopole**!

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

THE COOKS



- Natural explanation for the quantization of the electric charge
- Magnetic charge:

$$g = 2\pi n/e = ng_D$$

Dirac himself said of MM “*One would be surprised if Nature had made no use of it*”

1974 'T Hooft and Poliakov

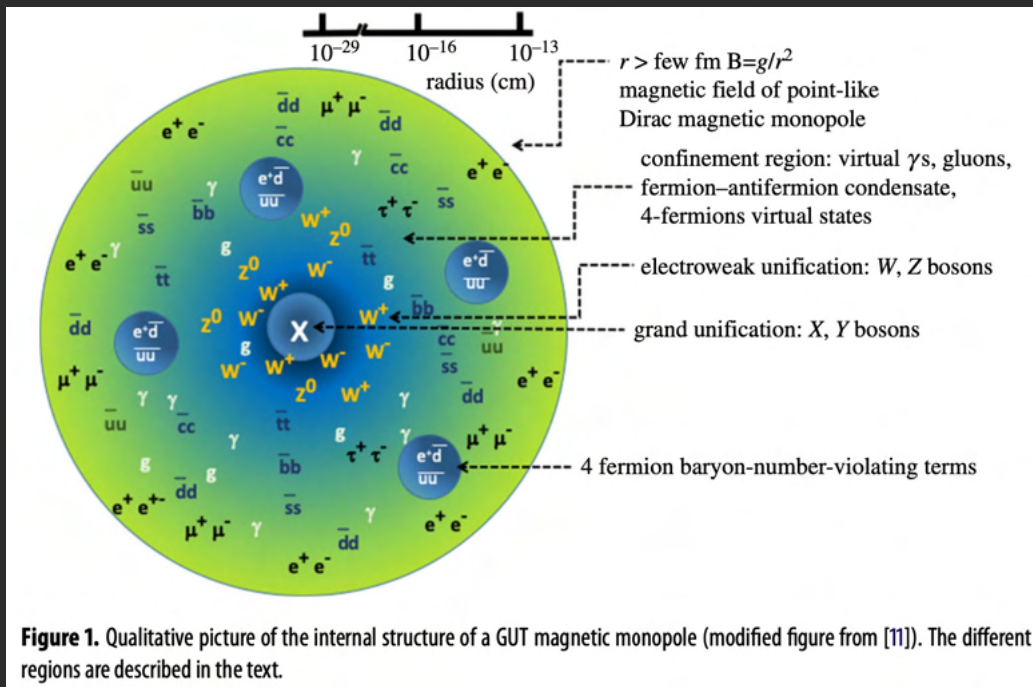


Monopoles are inevitable predictions of Grand Unified Theories:

$$SU(5) \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(3) \times U(1)$$

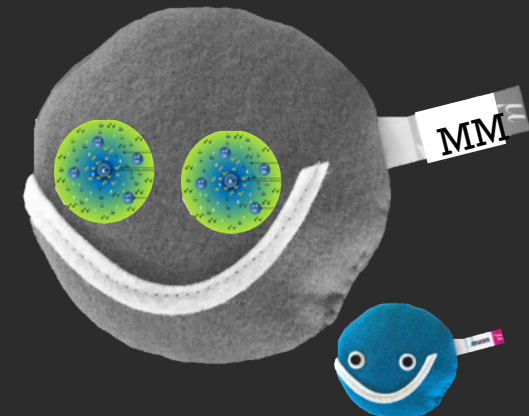
GUT AND INTERMEDIATE MM

Patrizzii+ Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 65 (2015)



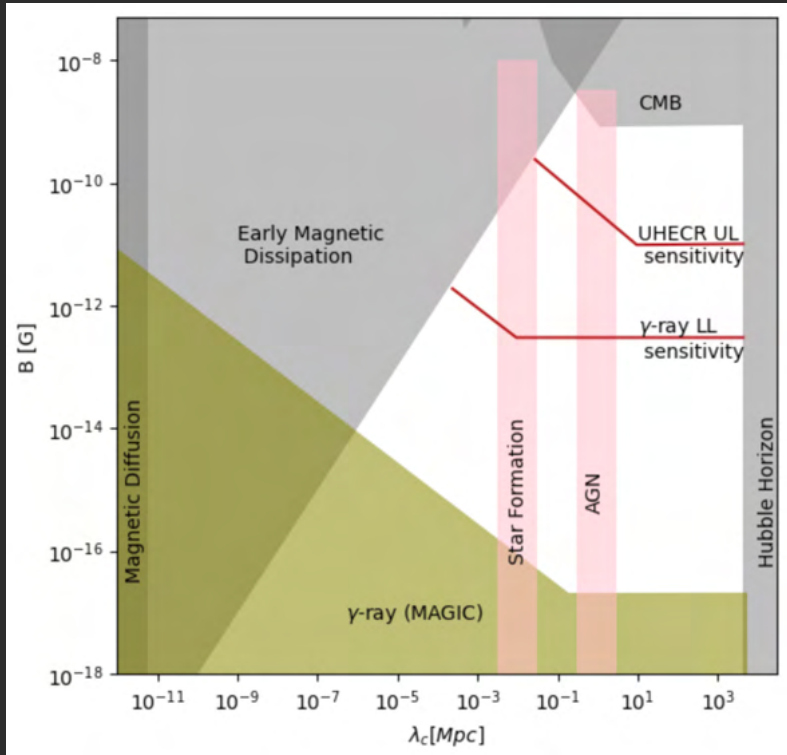
Inside the core, all the states of the GUT are excited.

- When MMs cross a medium, the **varying magnetic field induces a strong electric field**.
- **MMs are treated as electrically charged particles** with an equivalent speed-dependent electric charge of $g\beta$.



HERE COMES ASTROPH: NEW DATA ON IGMF!

Perri, MD, Kobayashi, in prep.

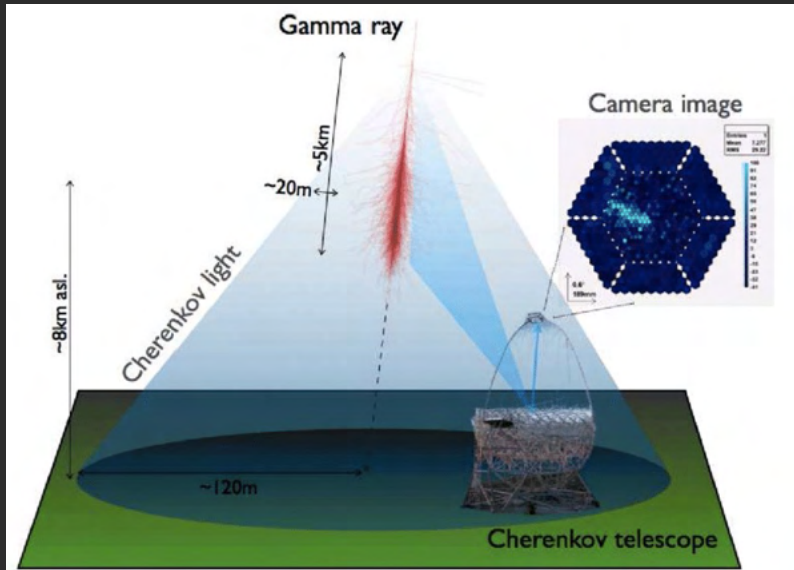


MMs are accelerated by MFs through the magnetic force as in the equation of motion

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma \mathbf{v}) = g \mathbf{B},$$

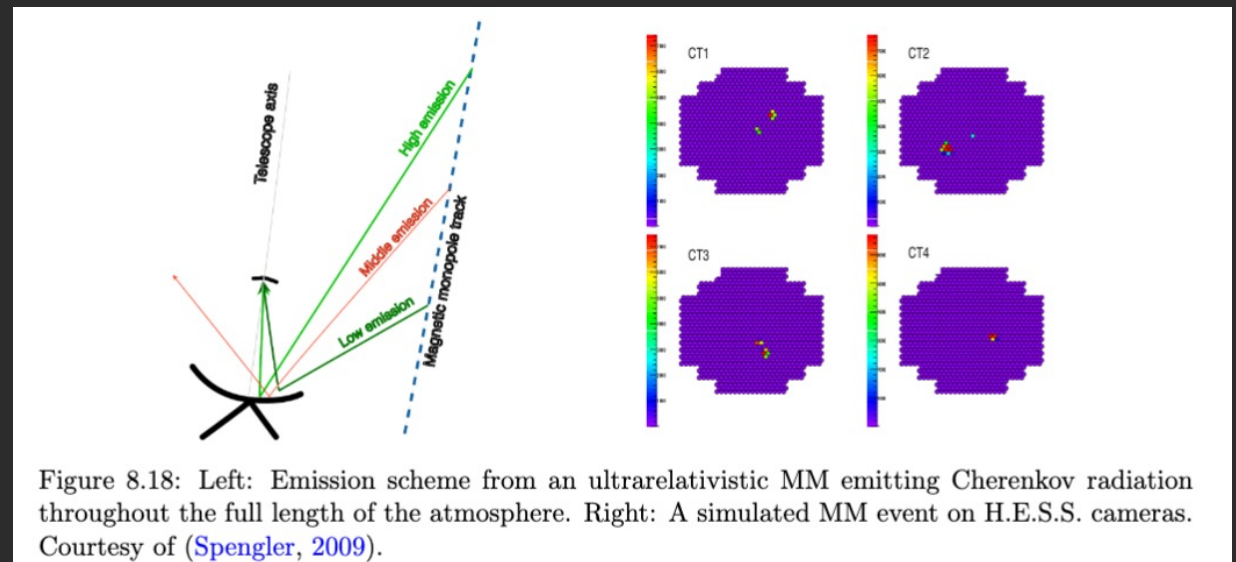
- Acceleration on intergalactic magnetic fields
- Acceleration in galactic magnetic fields...

IACTS



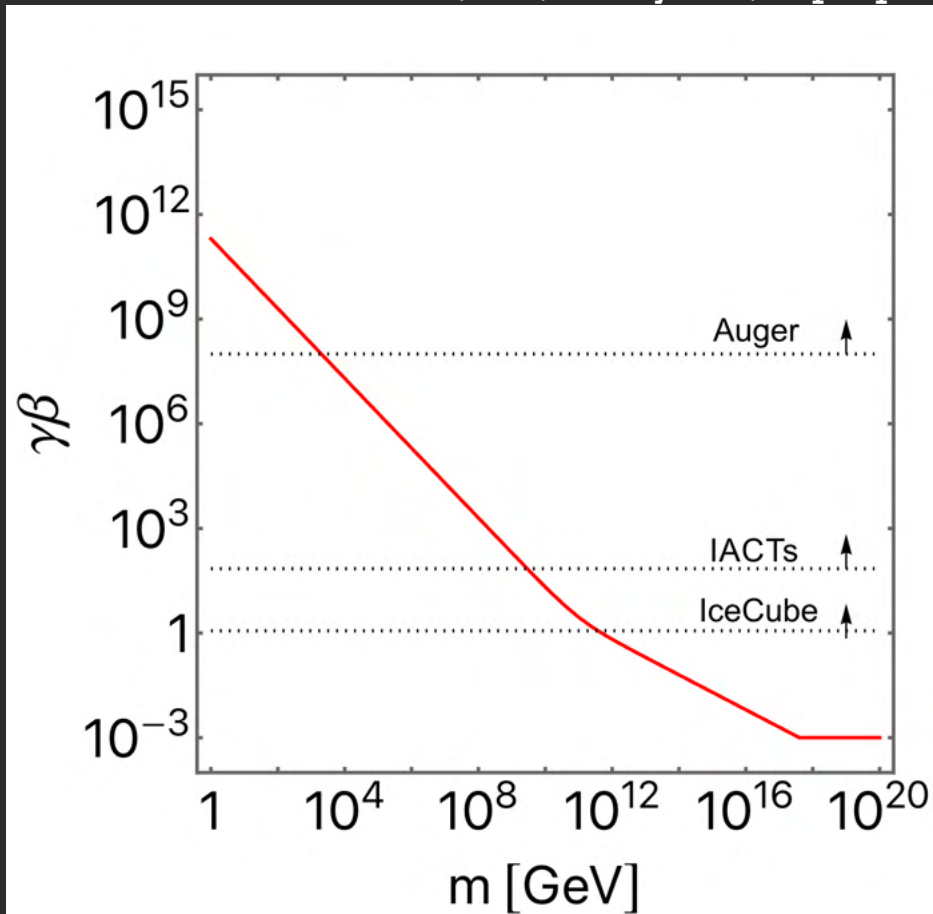
- Only preliminary studies from **MSc thesis of Gerrit Spengler**

- Very peculiar signature from MM in IACTS:
- **Super-bright events**
- **Double signals** (from different zone of the atmosphere)
- No confusion wrt gamma-rays



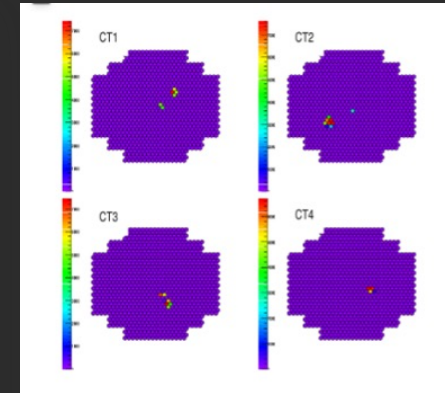
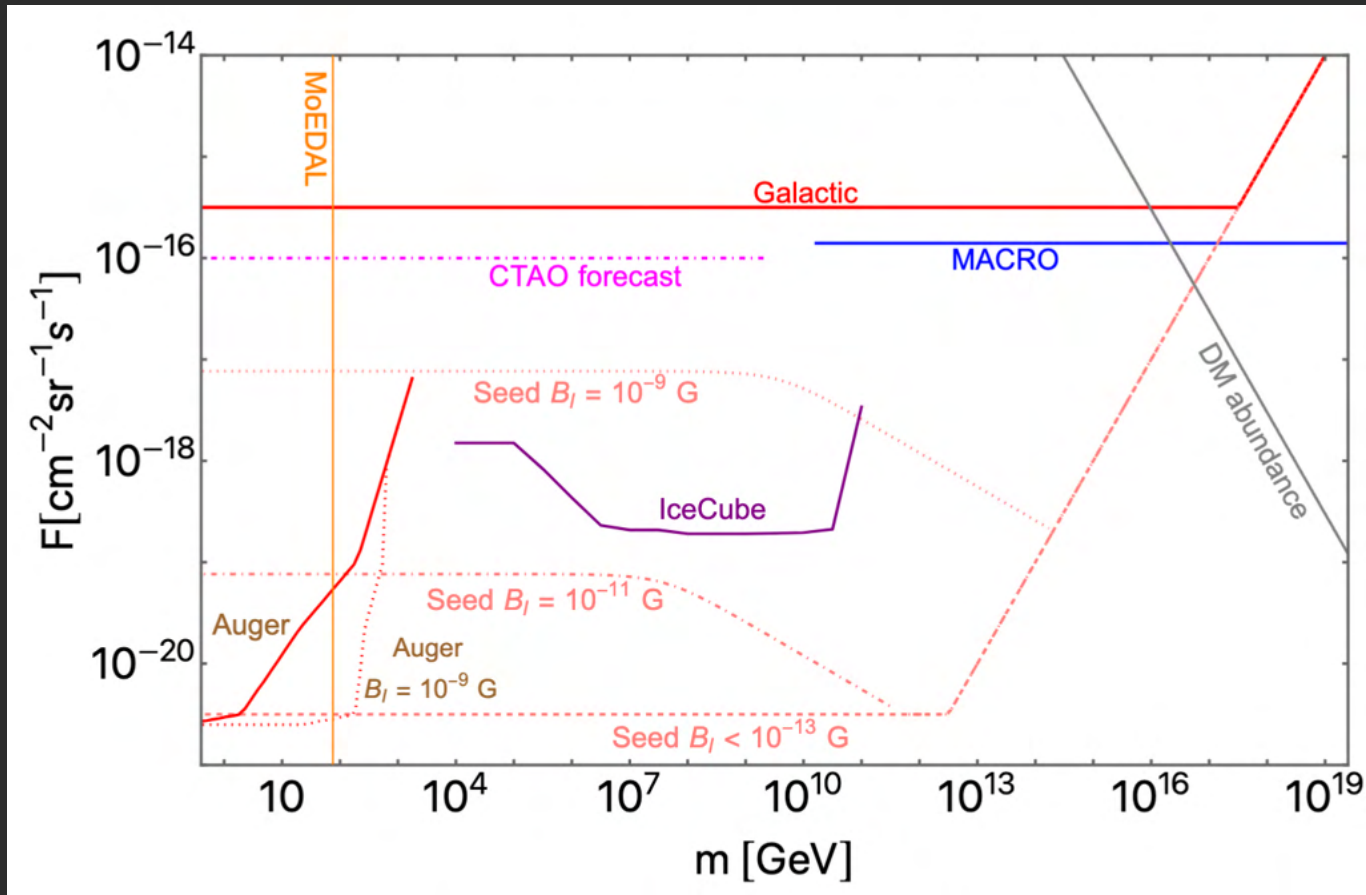
ALL CONSIDERERED

Perri, MD, Kobayashi, in prep.



- $\gamma\beta \sim v$ relativistic velocity
- If I know the acceleration I can have the connection between velocity now and mass

MM FLUX VS MASS LIMITS



Look for strange events in our data

Even if none found → valid limits

Perri, MD, Kobayashi, in prep.

Another complex recipe

PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES



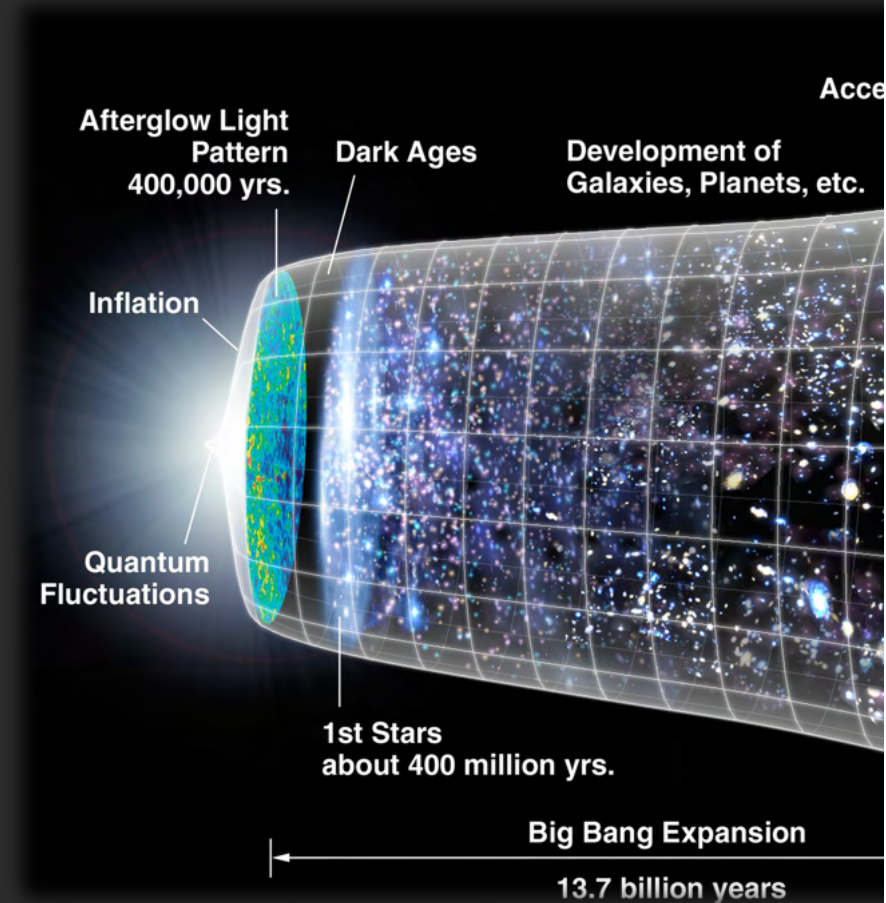
They pop!



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FACTS

- **Stellar black holes** are generated by collapse of stars.
- In the early Universe, **PRIMORDIAL black holes** could form too:
 - Collapse of overdensities
 - Phase transition
- Mass range unknown, from Planck Scale to star-scale
- They evolve!
 - Accretion, merging,
 - **Evaporation** (Hawking 1974)



PBH EVAPORATION

PBH mass depends on when created

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \sim \frac{c^3 t_{\text{H}}}{G} \sim \left(\frac{t_{\text{H}}}{10^{-23} \text{ s}} \right) 10^{15} \text{ g}$$

PBH temperature depends on its mass

$$T_{\text{BH}}(M) = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G k_{\text{b}}} \frac{1}{M} \sim 100 \left(\frac{10^{15} \text{ g}}{M} \right) [\text{MeV}]$$

PBH lifetime depends on its mass



$$\tau_{\text{BH}}(M) = \frac{G^2 M^3}{\hbar c^4} \sim 10^{10} \left(\frac{M}{10^{15} \text{ g}} \right)^3 [\text{yr}]$$

- At the end of its life, when it evaporates, **PBH emits all kind of particles**
- **Happening now only if Mass = 10^{15} g**
- With increasing temperatures, larger-mass particles can be created
- Always accompanied with **gamma-rays**

BURSTS!

- Evaporating PBHs would appear as short (seconds) bursts somewhere in the sky...
- Serendipity discovery, if you are ready!
- IACTS: Must look into **archive data!**
- **SFDs: serendipity**

Search for Light Primordial Black Holes with VERITAS using γ -ray and Optical Observations

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Konstantin Johannes Pfrang

Potsdam, den 26. Oktober, 2022



Prospects for the observation of Primordial Black Hole evaporation with the Southern Wide field of view Gamma-ray Observatory

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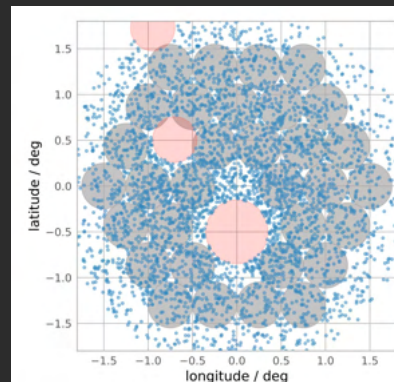
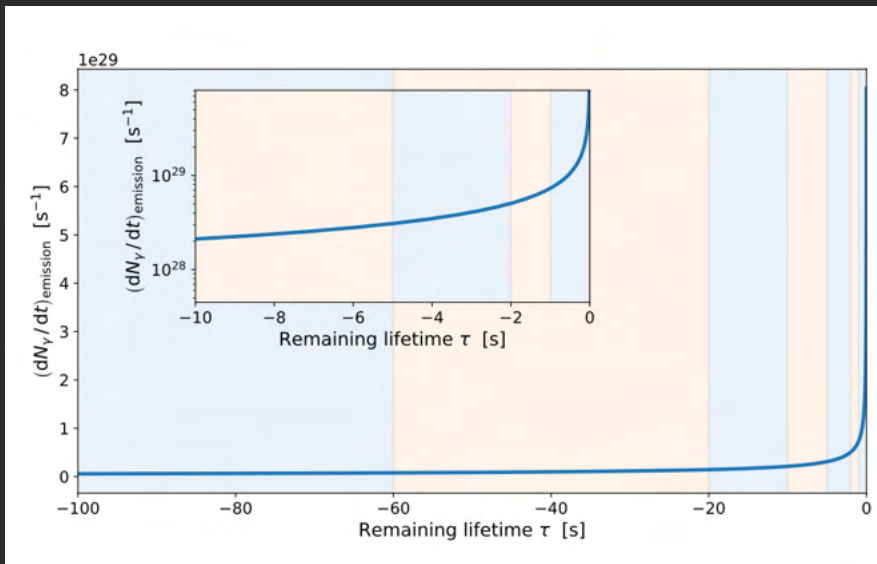
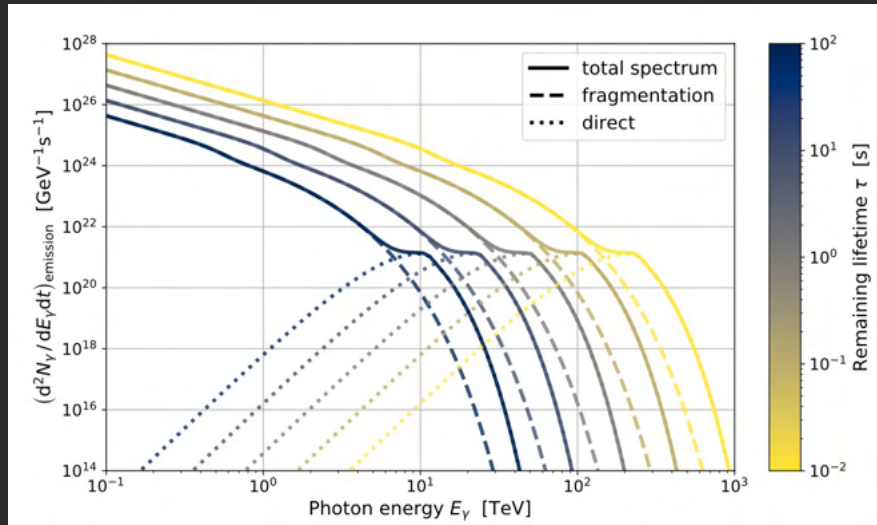
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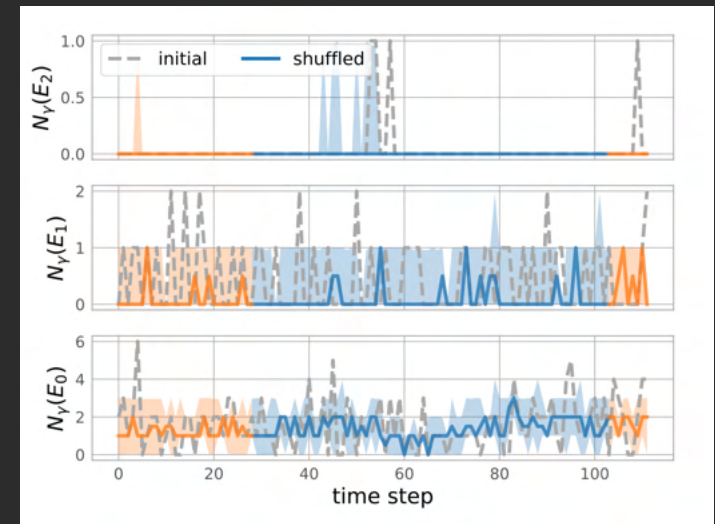
$$\left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{emission}} = \left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{frag.}} + \left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{direct}}$$

Complex analysis (need a full PhD to do it)



(a) The grey and red circles are the ROIs and exclusion regions respectively. The blue dots illustrate the origin of each γ -like event within this specific observing run.

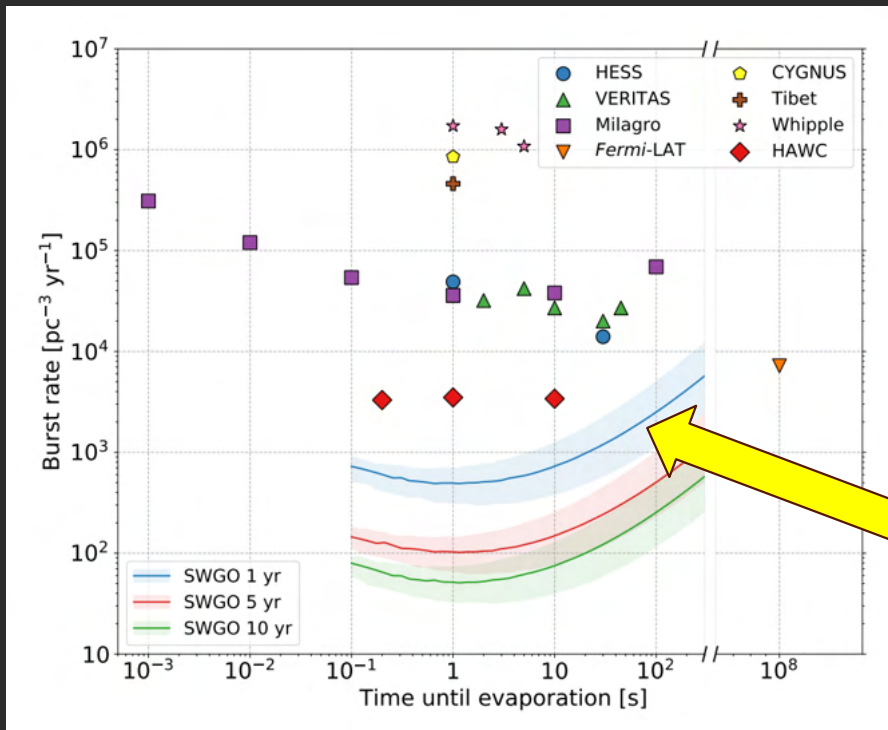
Search for
clustered excess
in the camera



Search for clustered excess in time

A MEAGRE LIMITS, BUT STILL.

- Again, we looked into the data and found no 'bursts'



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w/ postdoc in our group

NO MORE FOOD!



ZWICKY! SPRITZ IS READY!

“Fritz, what do you say?”



DARK MATTER AND NEW PHYSICS IS AMAZING SEARCH



Dark Matter

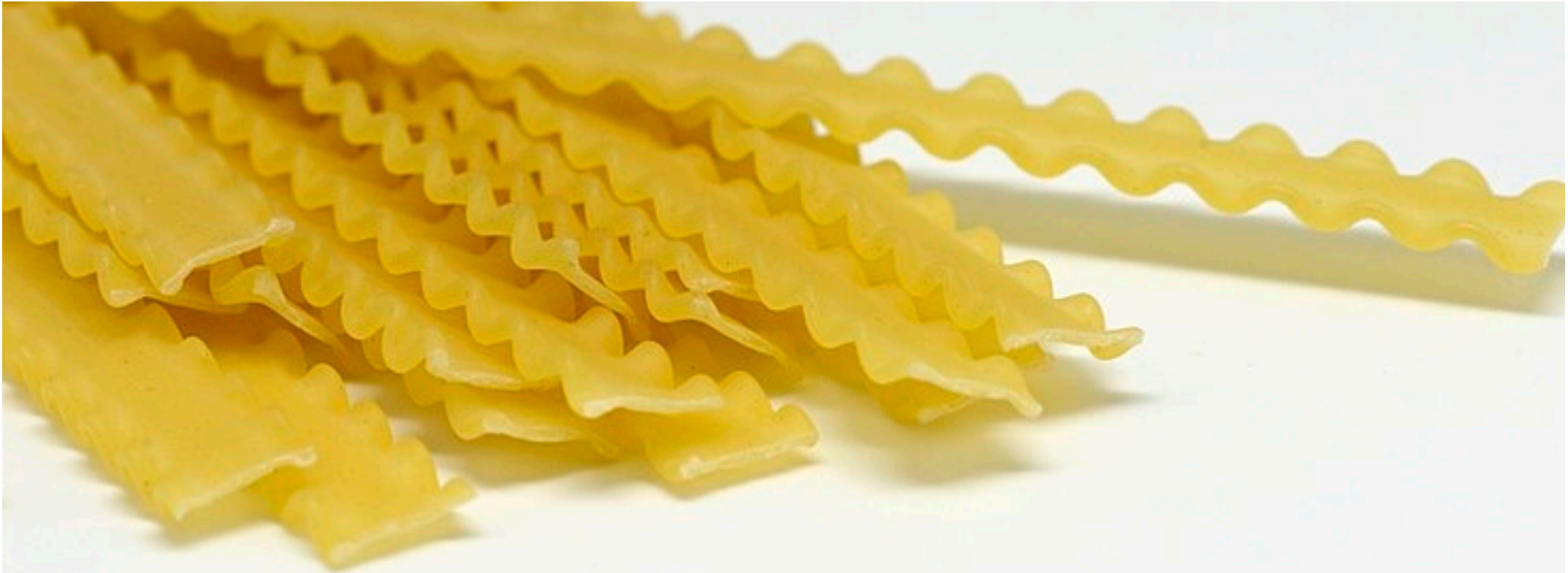
Song by Pearl Jam :

Lyrics

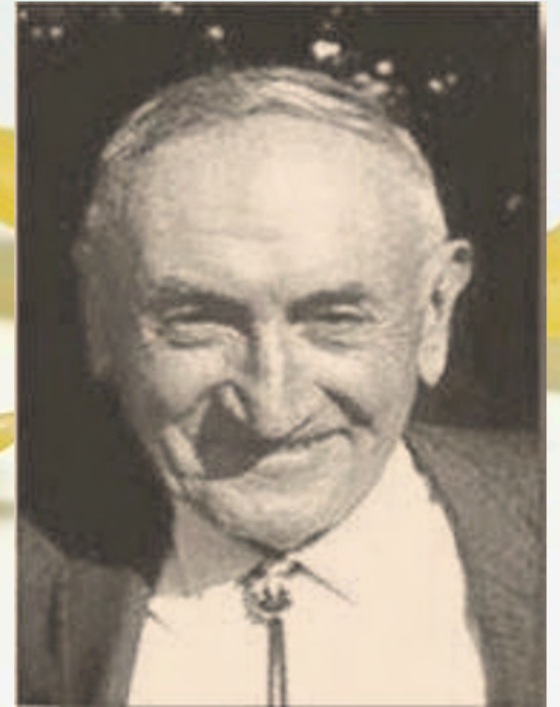
Steal the lights from our eyes
Drain the blood from my heart
We're in all of this dark matter

Take the breaths from my chest
Break the thoughts in our minds
We're losing time, dark matter





- Gamma-rays are fantastic probes for new Physics
- Always found in HE interactions where BSM maybe



- **RECIPES ARE PROMISING**

- Tens of astro-laboratories with varying distance, age, energy, B-field, stability ☐
pick your favorite
- Several theories BSM involving gamma-rays (decay, annihilation, conversion) ☐
pick your guy

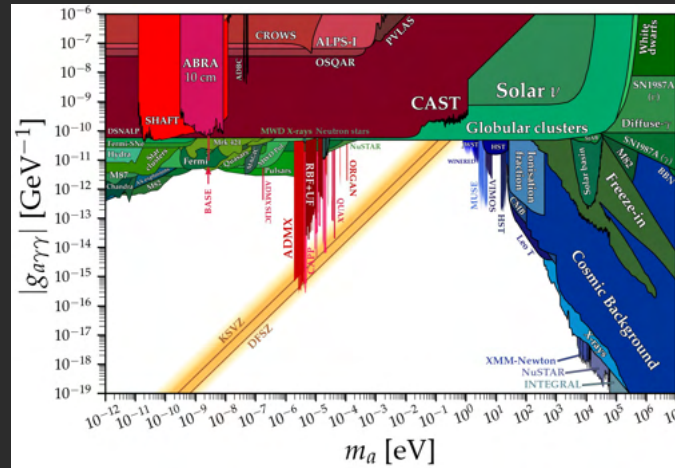


HOWEVER, EMPTY PLATES

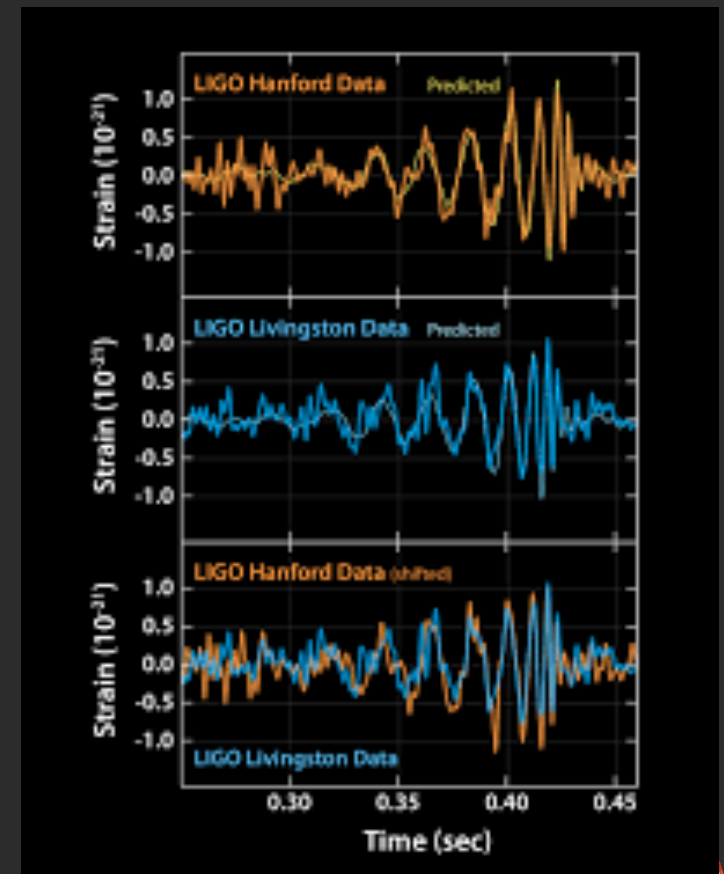
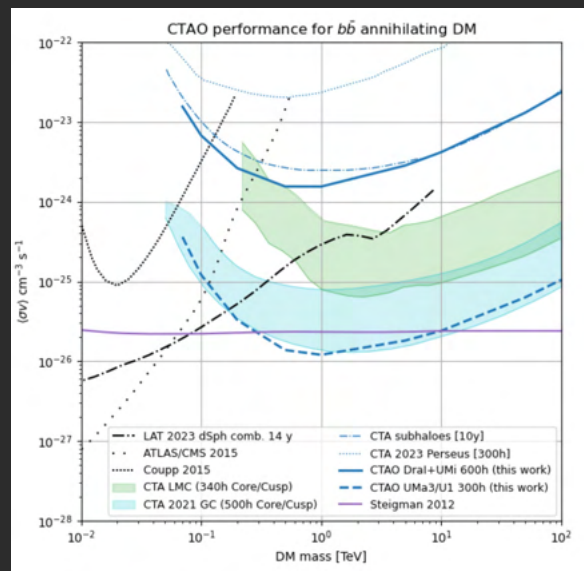
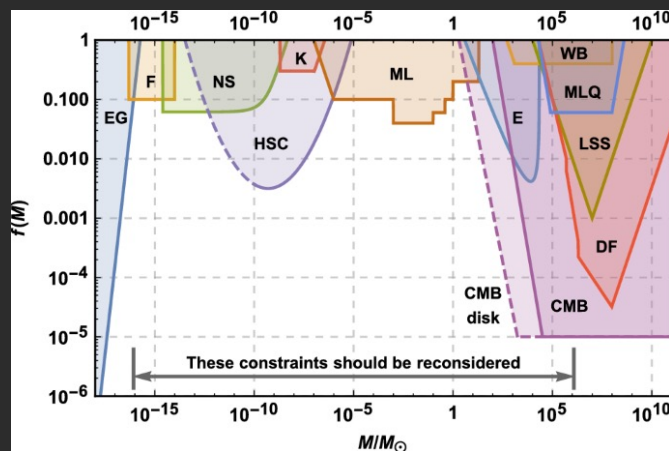
Is that only bad? What do we learn?

LIMITS!

No results is strong results

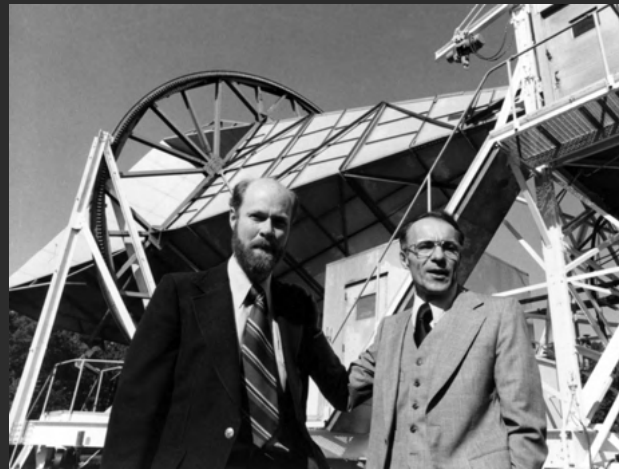


25 years of instrument development to detect the first GW



SERENDIPITY IN LEFT-OVER

- We love data!



Discovery of CMB



Discovery of FRBs

- Maybe for you to find



SPRITZ TIME NOW



THANKS!

