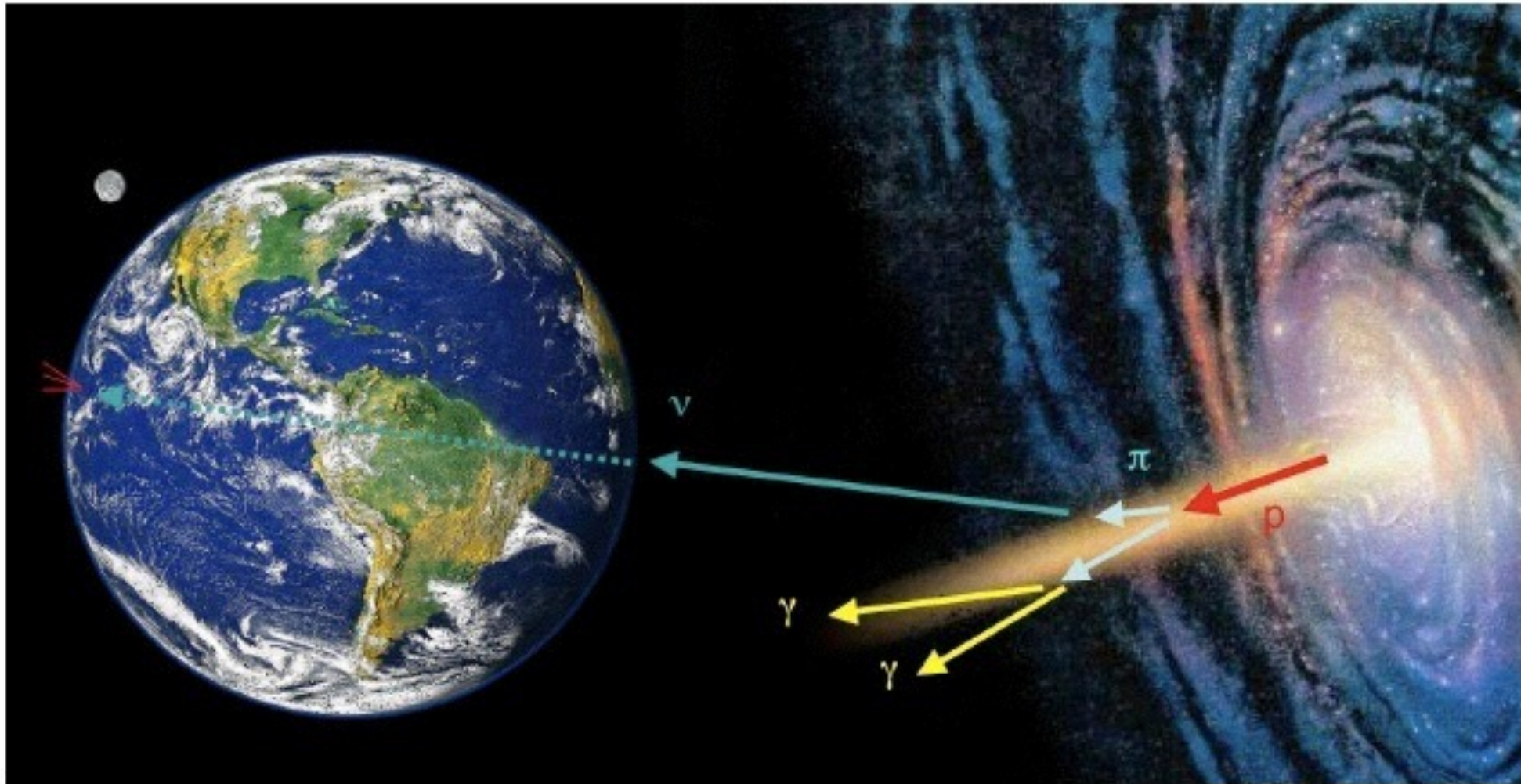


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04. Cosmic Accelerators

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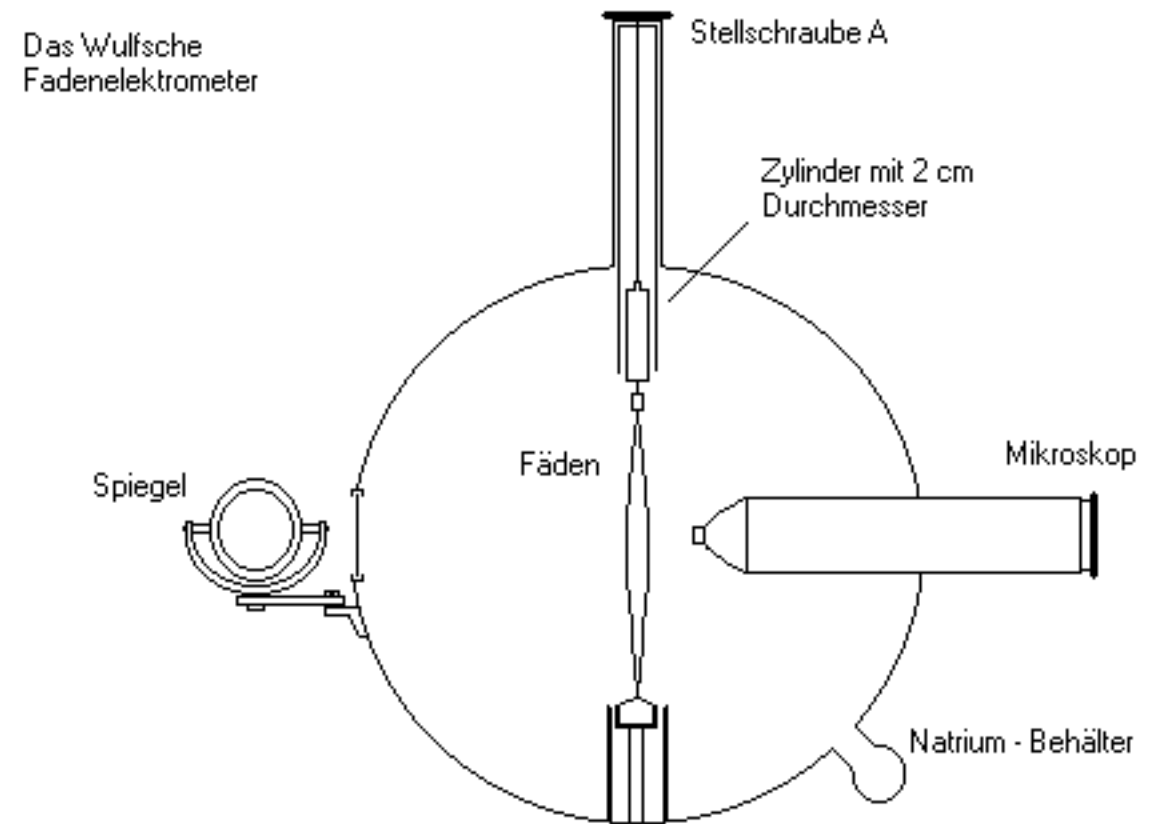
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- Discovered by Victor Hess 1912
 - ▶ Nobel Prize in physics 1936
- Observation on balloon flights with electrosopes:
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 - Above this a strong increase of the discharge rate is observed, at 5000 m it is several times higher than the rate at ground level



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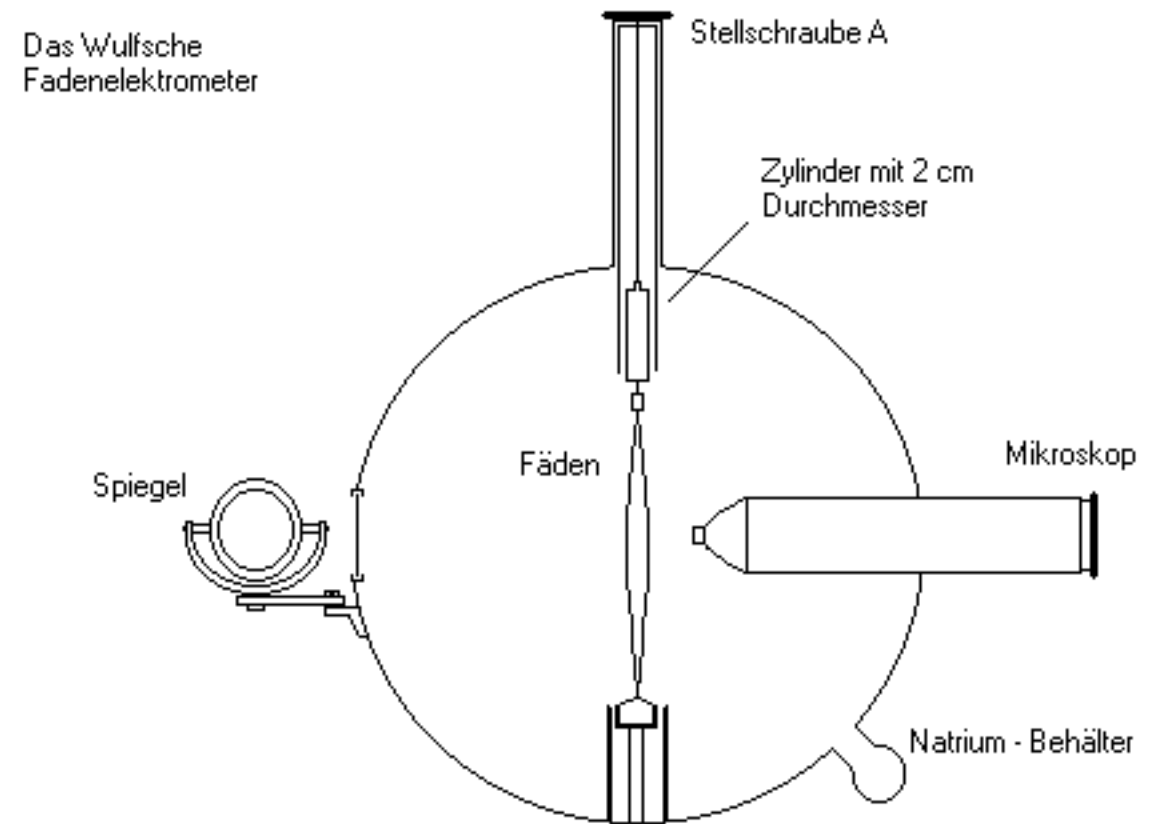
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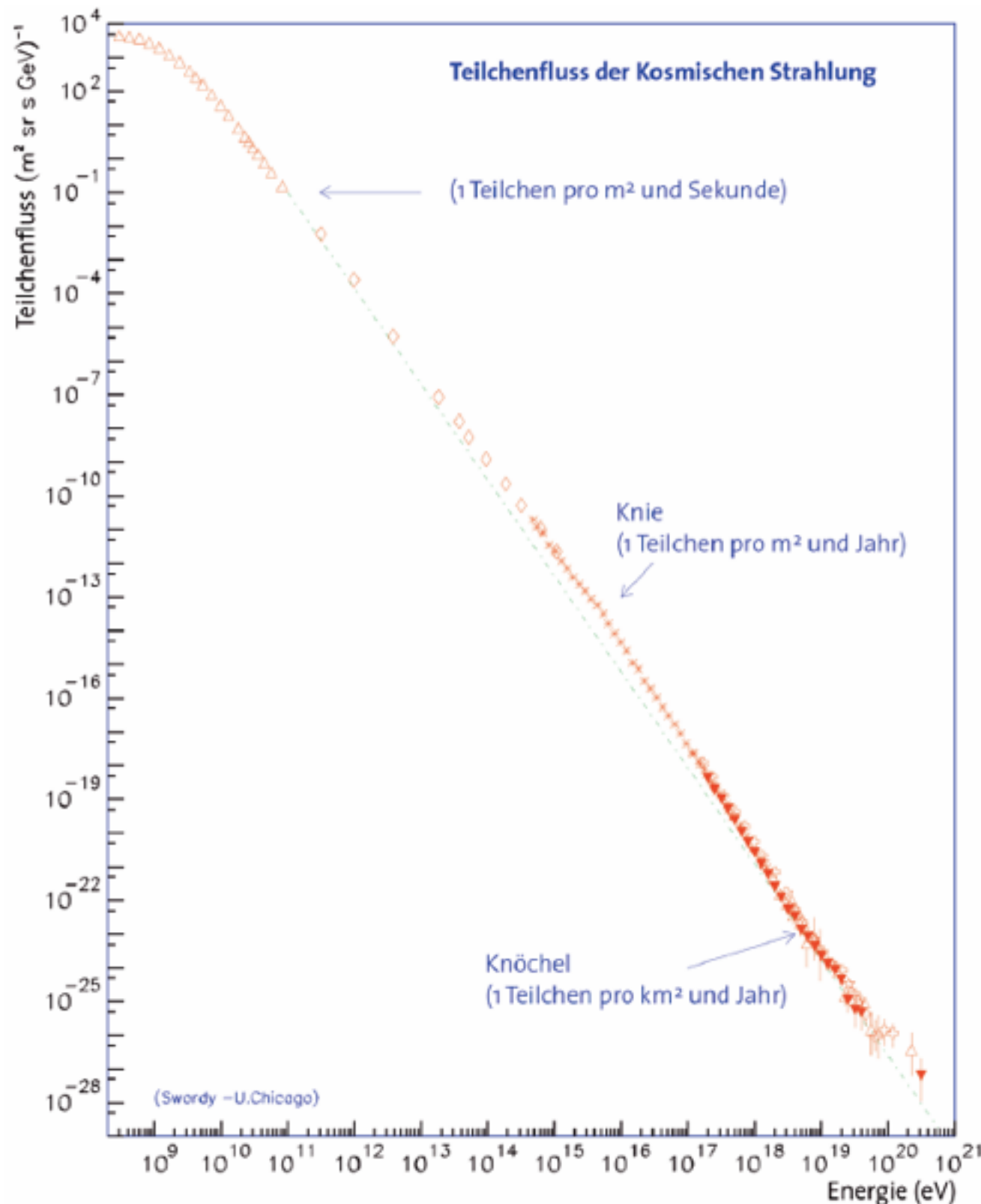
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 - ▶ The increase of radiation at high altitudes has to be due to extraterrestrial sources
 - ⇒ **“Höhenstrahlung”**



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Cosmic Rays: Spectrum



- Extends over many orders of magnitude in energy and flux:
 - ▶ GeV (10^9 eV) - ZeV (10^{21})
 - ▶ $>1 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ - $< 1 \text{ km}^{-2}$ per century

- Follows a power law:

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-\gamma}$$

- $\gamma \sim 2.7$ $E < 10^{15} \text{ eV}$
- $\gamma \sim 3.0$ $10^{15} \text{ eV} < E < 10^{18} \text{ eV}$
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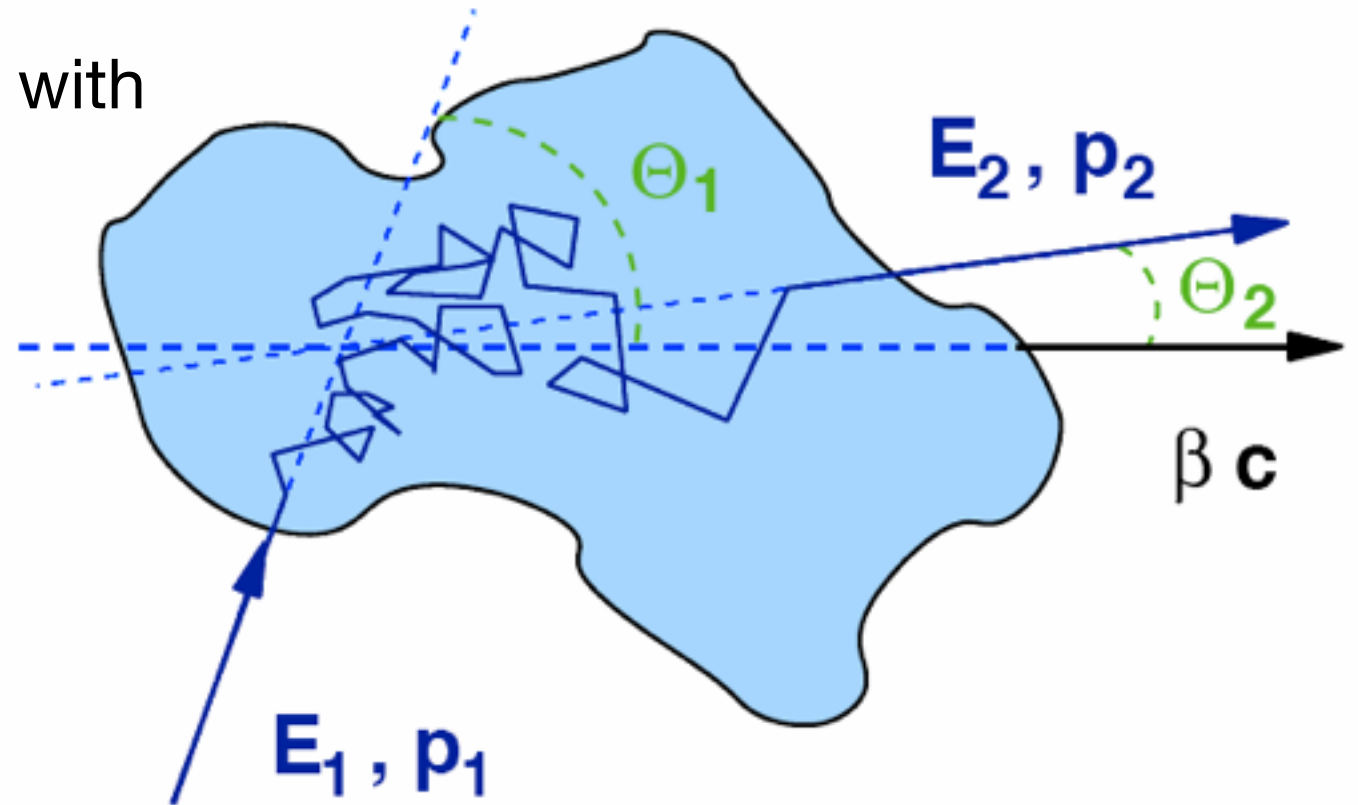
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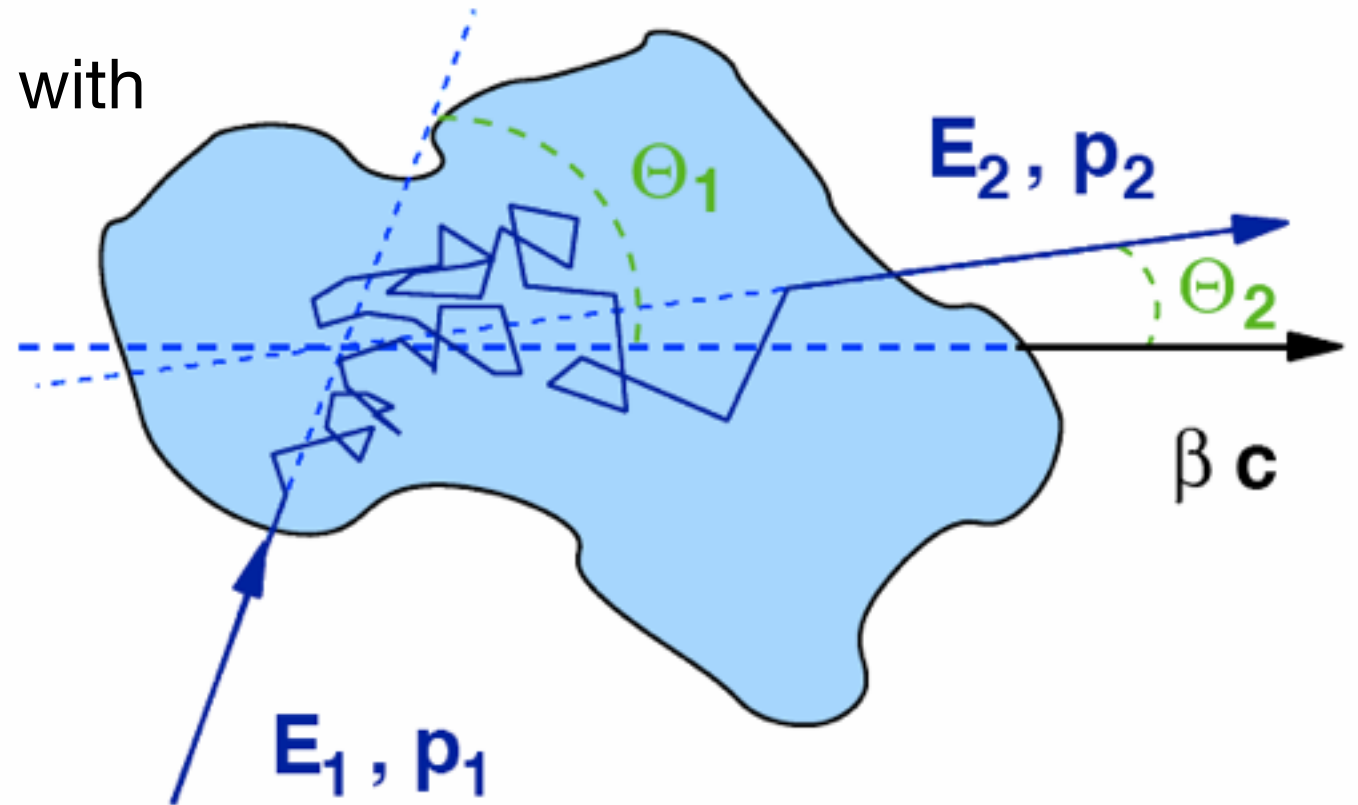
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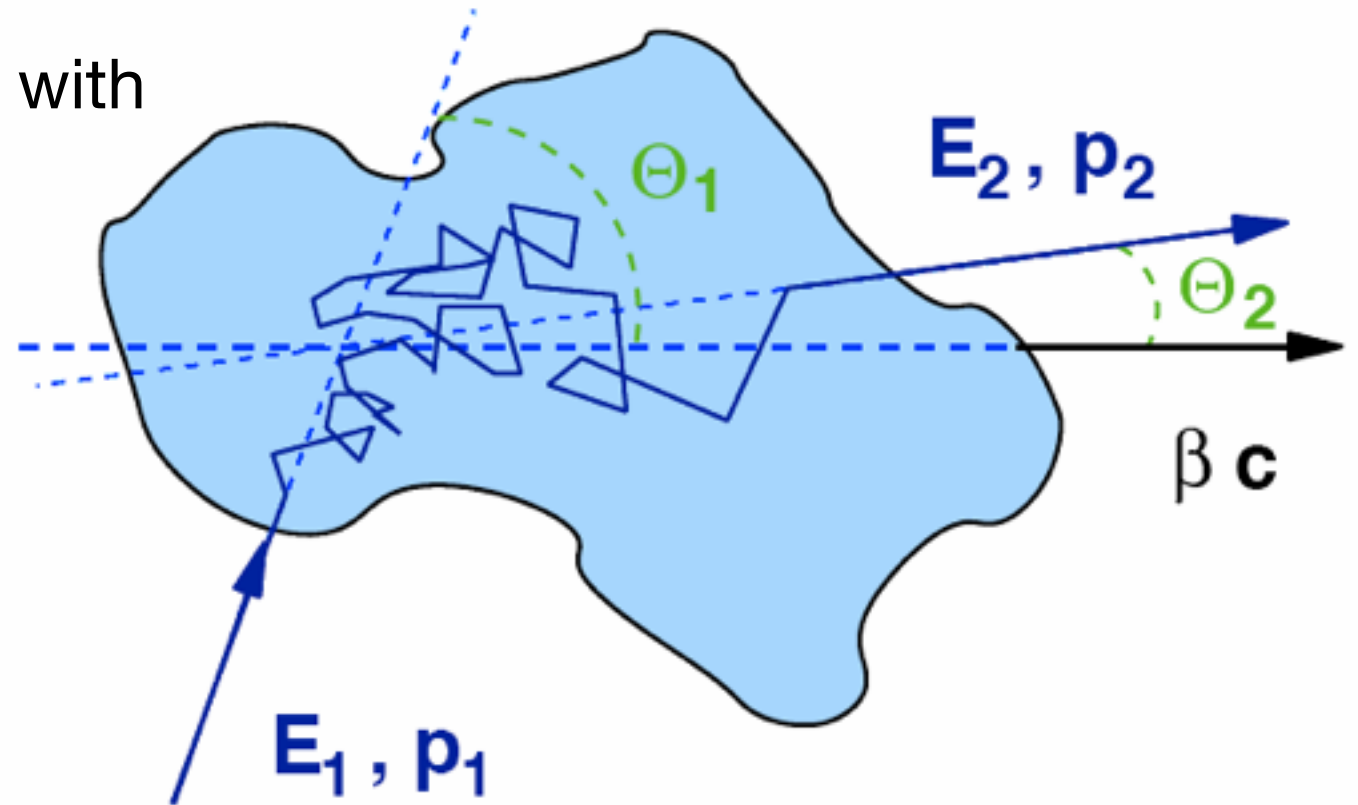


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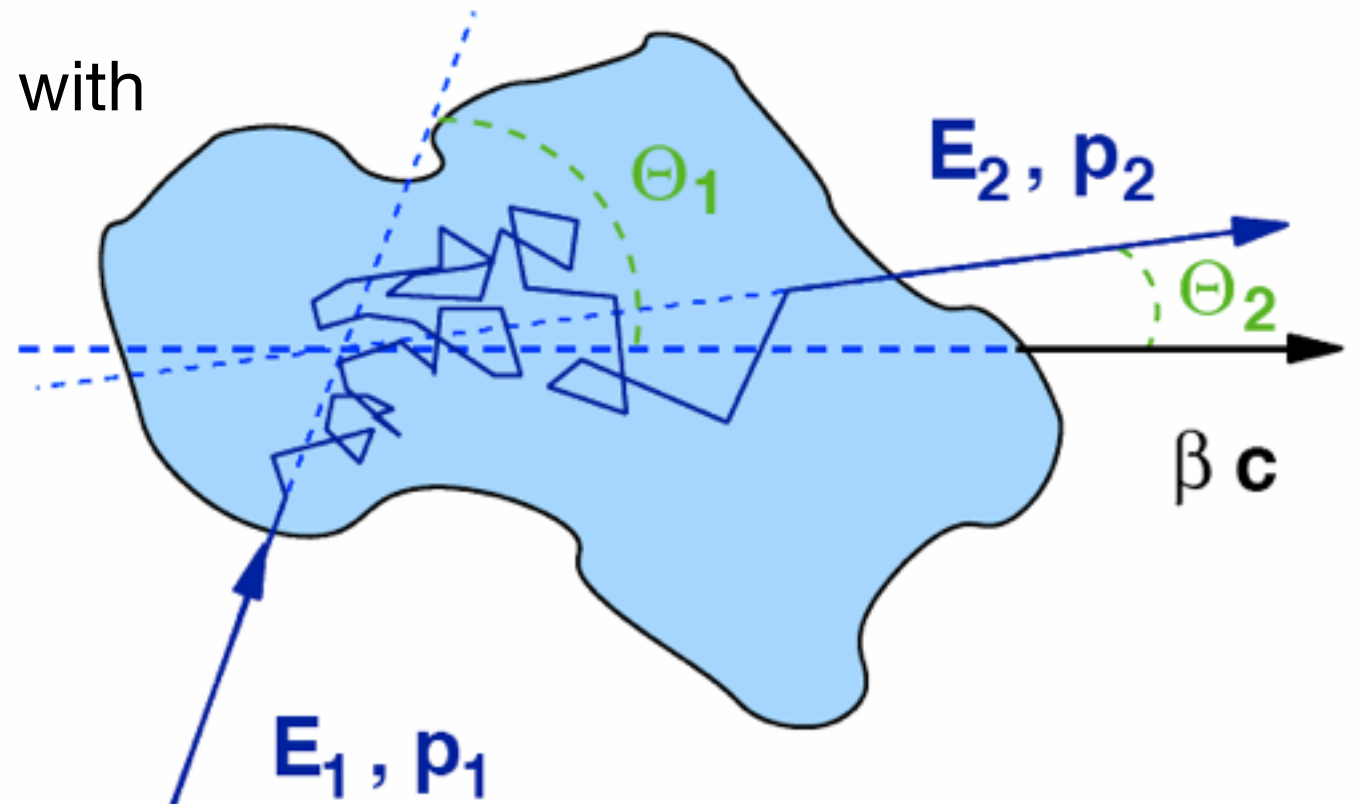
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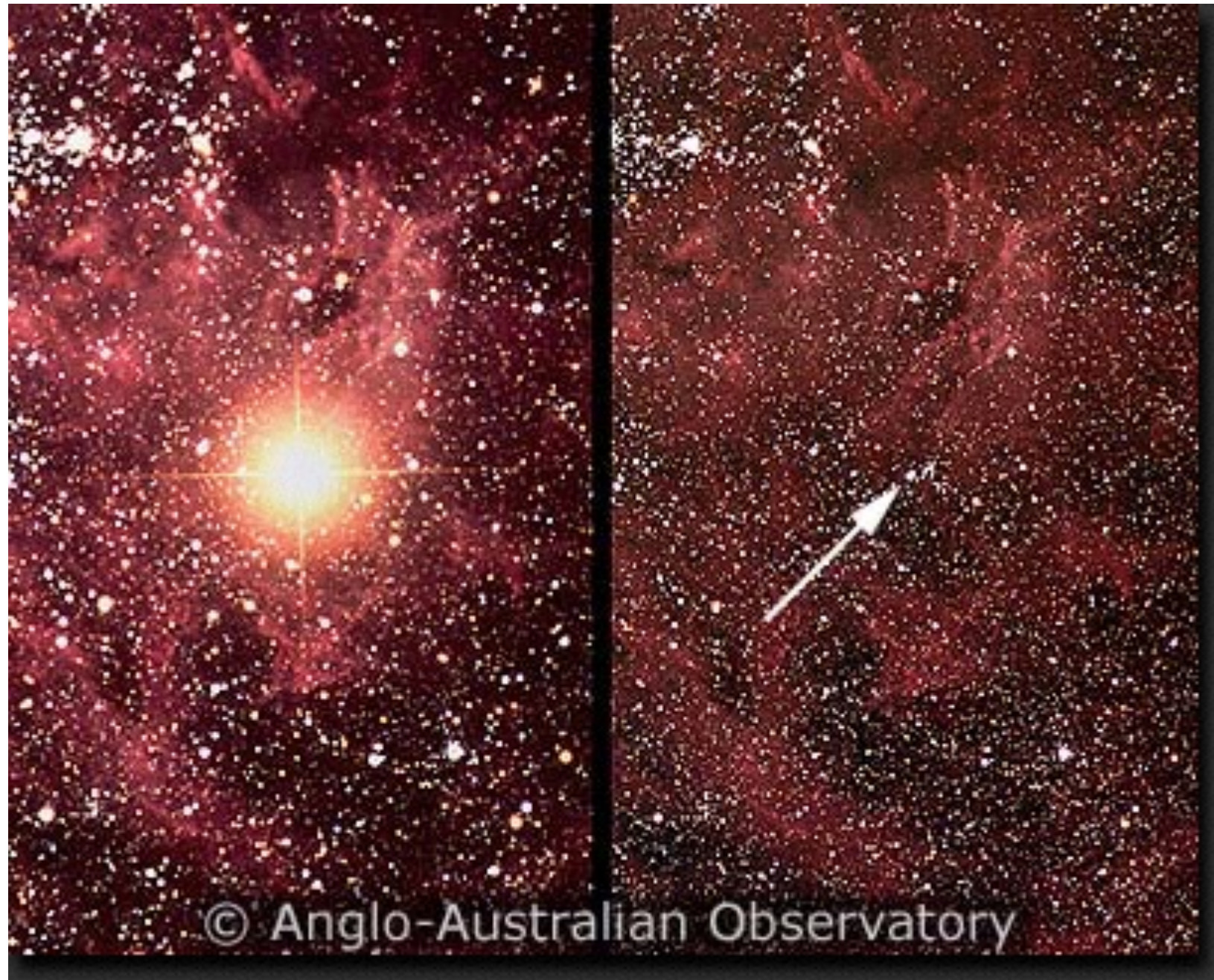
Characteristic time: $\frac{3\tau}{4\beta^2} \approx 6 \times 10^{10} a$

Supernovae

- Classification in to main types
 - SN I: no hydrogen lines in spectrum
 - SN Ia collapse of an accreting white dwarf in a binary star system to a neutron star
 - SN II: hydrogen lines visible
 - Gravitational collapse of a massive star at the end of its life
 - Star burns up to the formation of iron in the core, then no radiation pressure to counter gravitation
 - ▶ Atoms are converted to neutrons via electron capture
 - ▶ Star collapses with a speed of $\sim 0.1 c$
 - ▶ Matter is reflected at the stable neutron star in the core
 - ▶ A shock wave runs outwards
 - ▶ An enormous number of neutrinos is produced ($\sim 10^{58}$), despite their small interaction cross section they further drive the shock wave

Supernova SN1987a

- Supernova explosion 1987 in the great Magellanic Cloud (small partner galaxy of the Milky Way)



Supernova SN1987a

Inner debris of the Supernova 1987A (SN 1987A) ring



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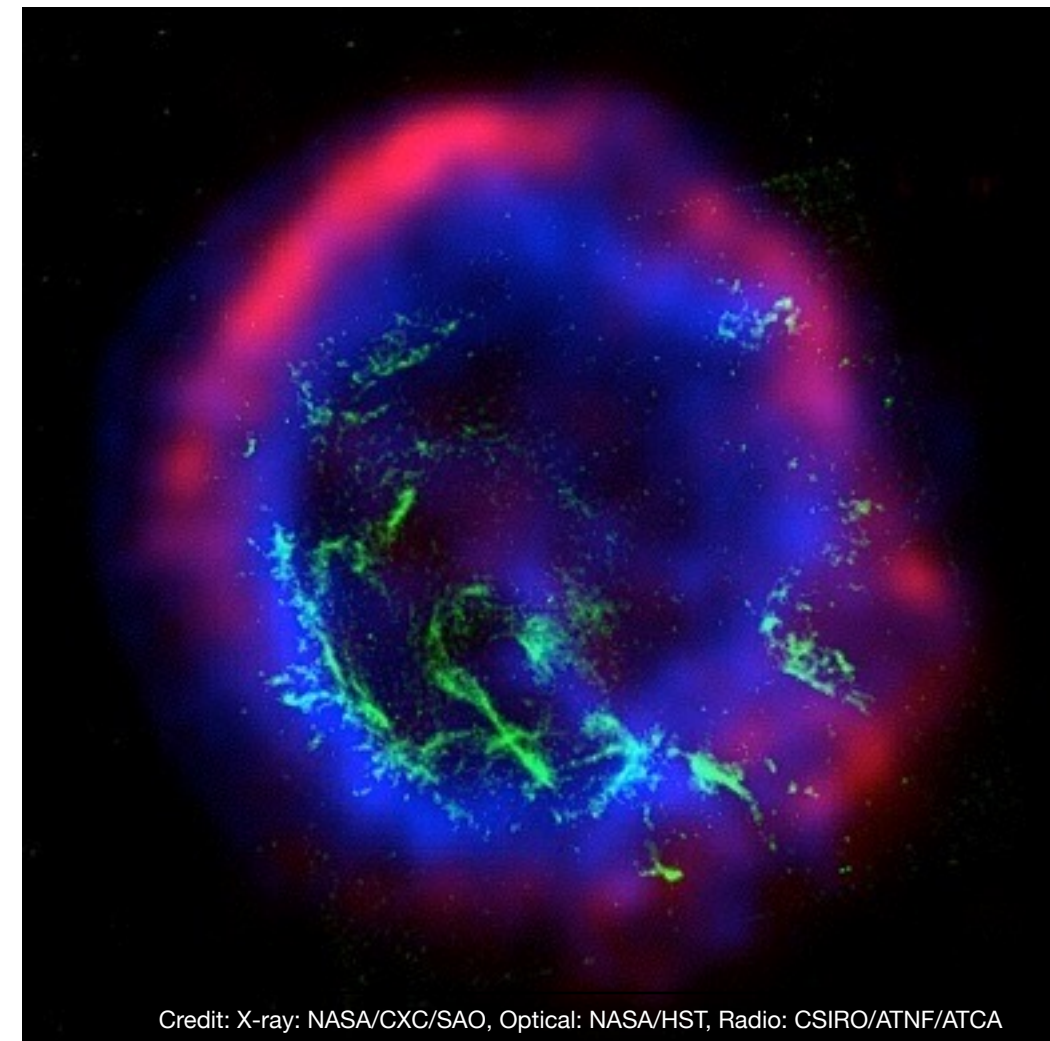
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Hidden
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Credit: NASA, ESA, and A. Feild (STScI)

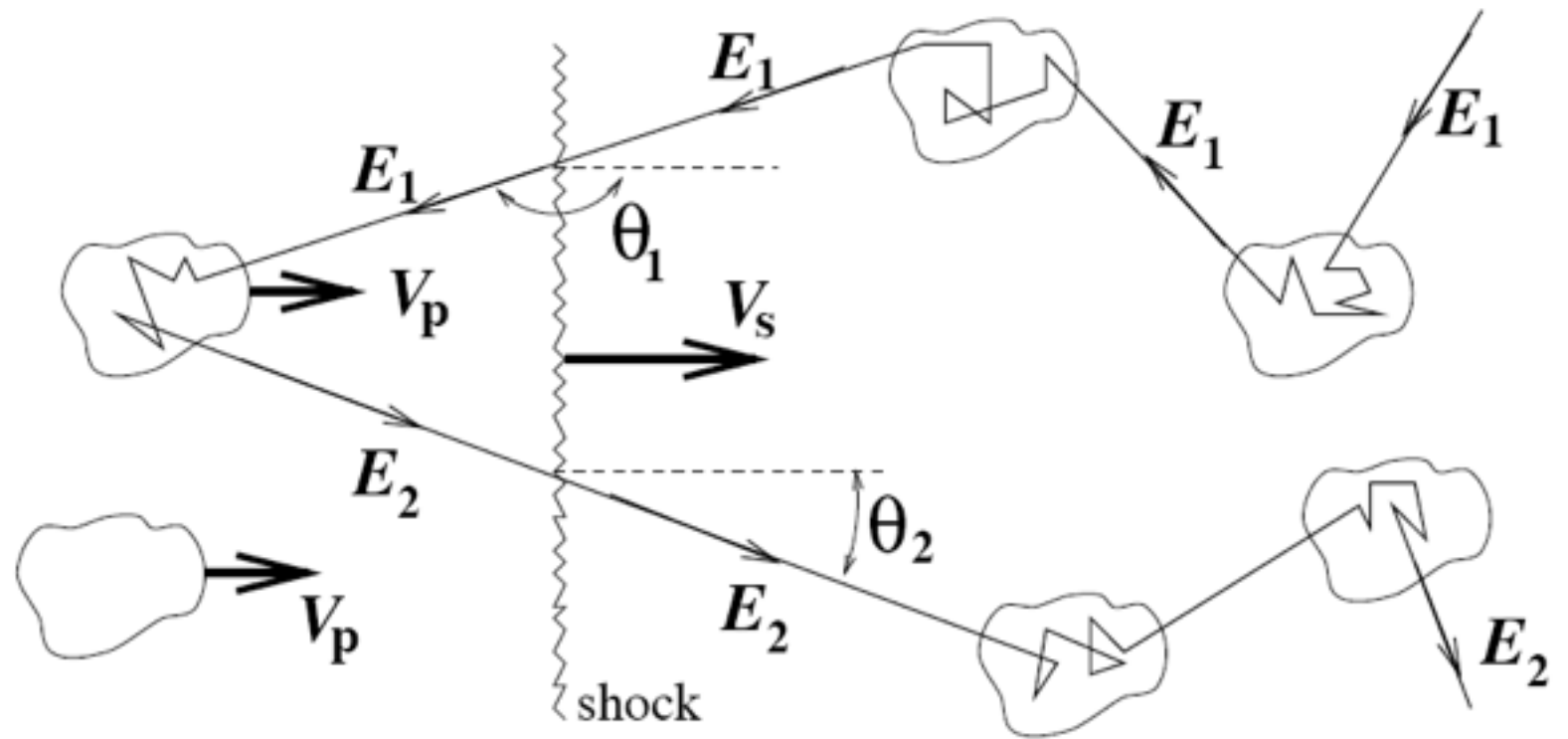
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- Extension of Fermi acceleration concept to supernova shocks
- Formation of the shock wave:
 - SN ejects large amounts of material (several solar masses) with high velocity into the interstellar medium
 - $v_{\text{material}} \gg v_{\text{sound(ISM)}}$, $v_{\text{material}} \sim 10^7 \text{ m/s}$, $v_{\text{sound(ISM)}} \sim 10^4 \text{ m/s}$
 - ▶ Since the matter is much faster than the speed of sound a shock front develops
- The shock wave propagates in the ionized plasma of the ISM (single atoms, specific heat 5/3)
- Hydrodynamics can show that the speed of the shock wave is:
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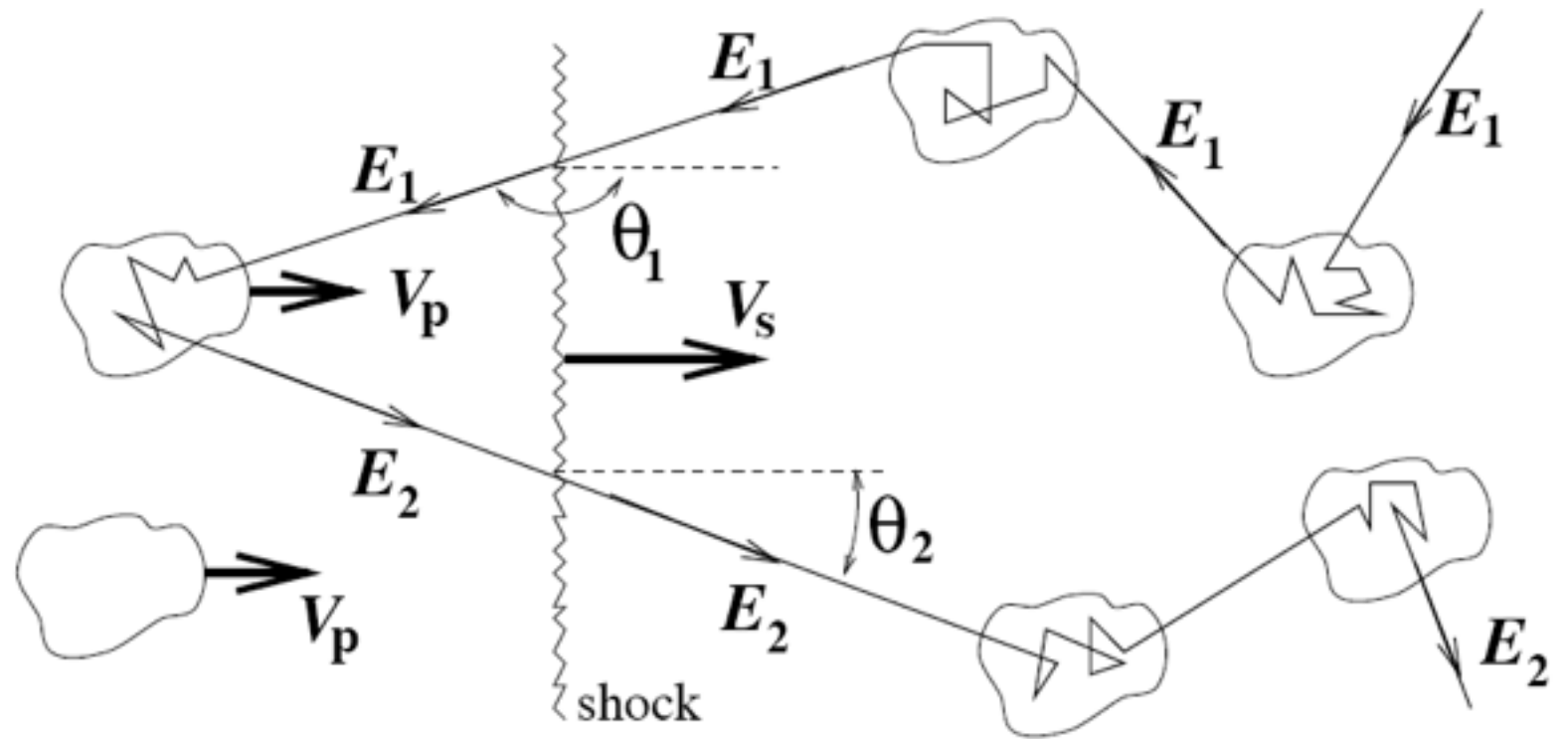


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- Considerations concerning incidence angles of particles:

- Shock front introduces directional motion - projection of flux onto front

Effective area

$$A' = -A \cos \Theta_1$$

Flux crossing shock

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\Theta_1} \propto -\cos\Theta_1$$

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- Mean value of angles (key point here: Crossing of shock only for $\cos\Theta_1 < 0$, other particles do not contribute!):

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 - ▶ directed motion of shock instead of random drifting
- ▶ $\beta \sim 3 \times 10^{-2}$, acceleration linear in β (first order in β)

Energy Spectrum

- Energy gain per cycle

$$\frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} = \zeta \approx \frac{4}{3} \beta_{Plasma} \approx \beta_{Shock}$$
$$\Rightarrow E = E_0 (1 + \zeta)^k \quad \text{after } k \text{ cycles}$$

- Reminder:

$v_{shock}/v_{material} \sim 4/3$
for strong shocks



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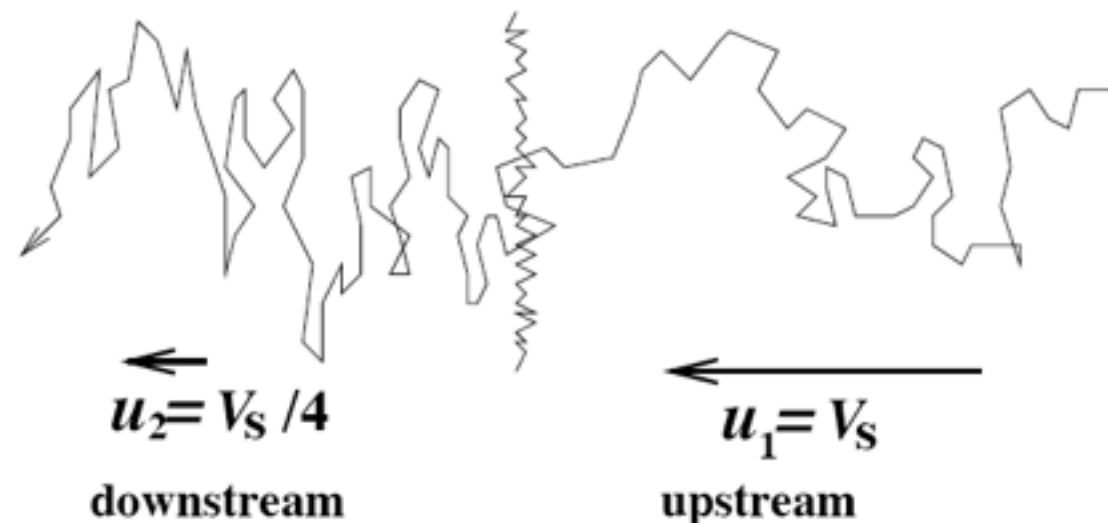
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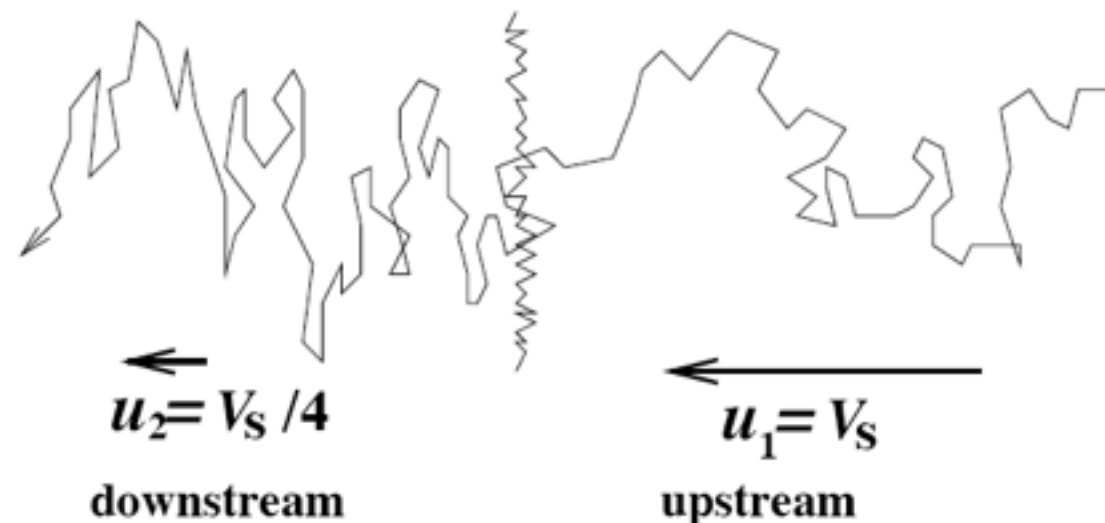
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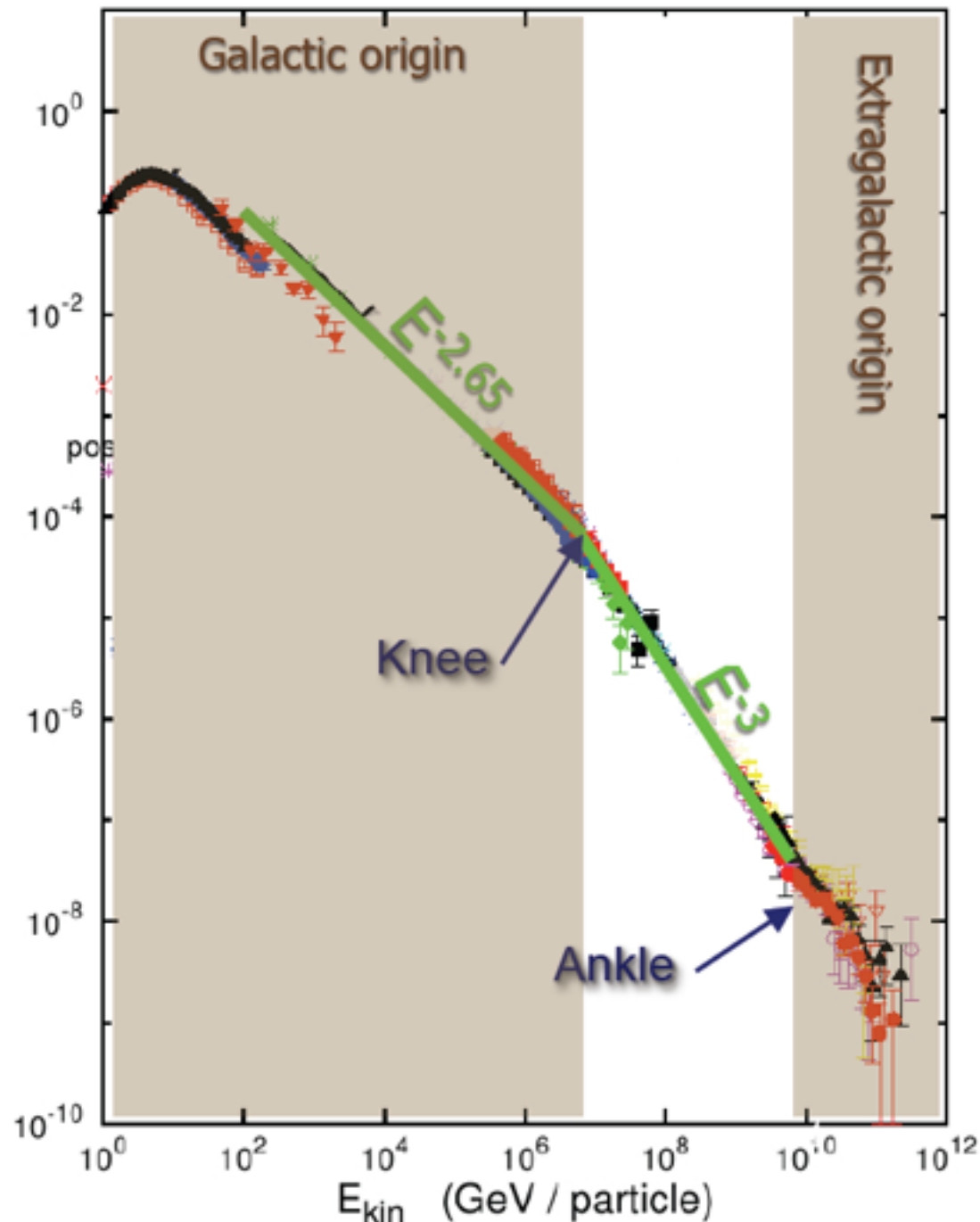
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$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-2}$$

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- First order Fermi Acceleration can reach energies up to $\sim 10^{14}$ eV for shock waves originating from supernova explosions (incomplete derivation in Backup)



based on a shock lifetime of ~ 1000 years
a shock speed of $0.03 c$, and a B field in the
nT range

⇒ Extends up to the knee of the cosmic
ray spectrum

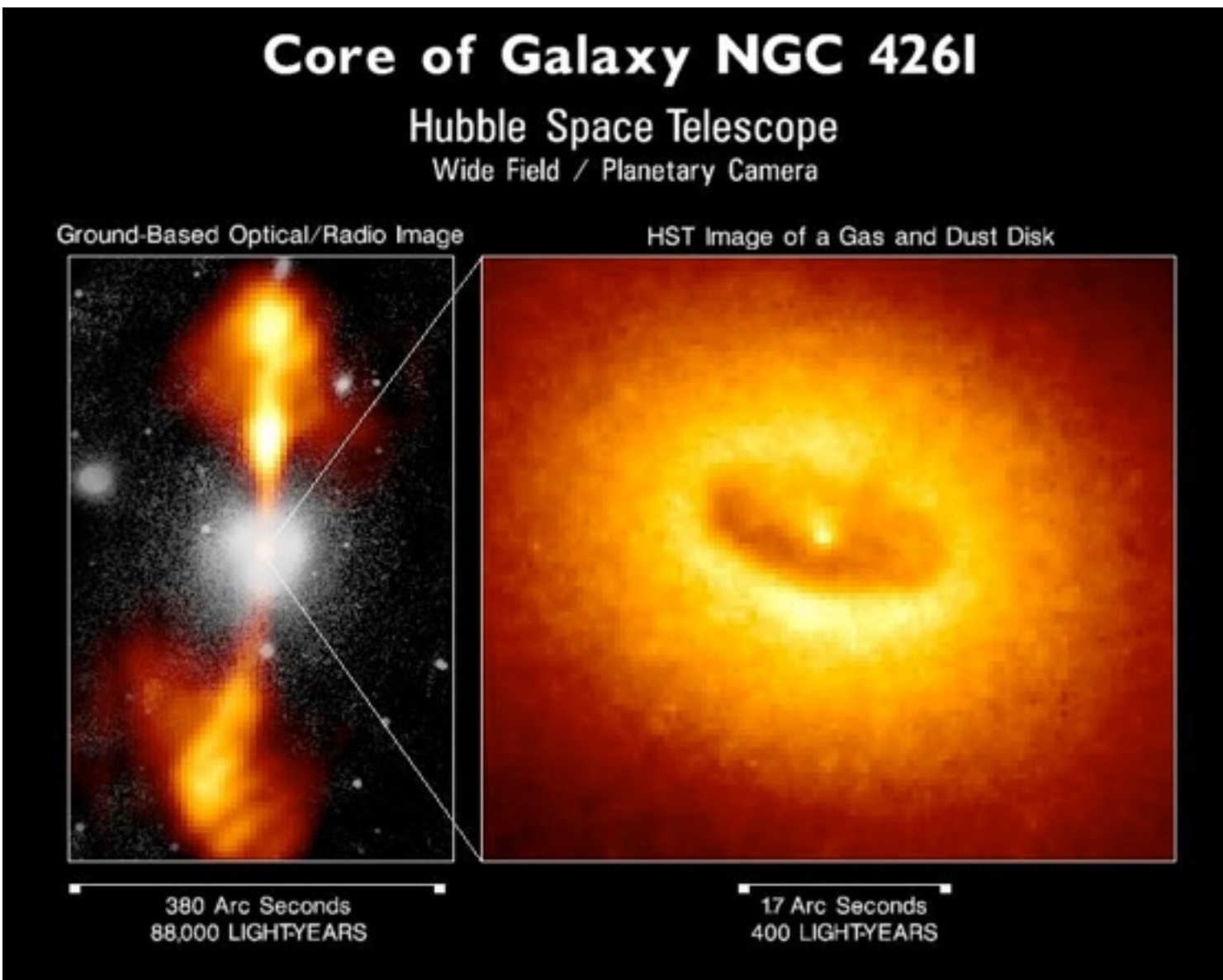
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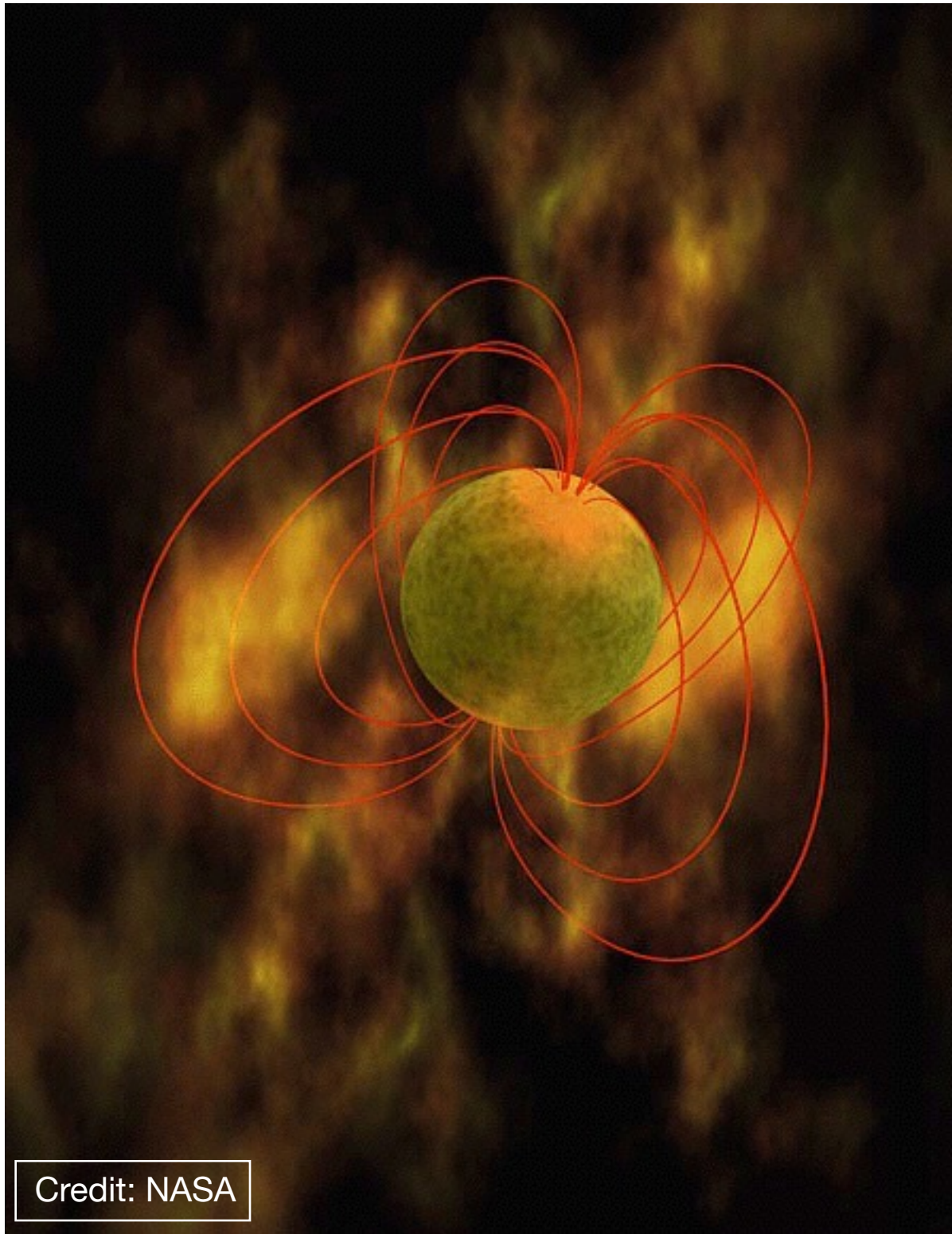
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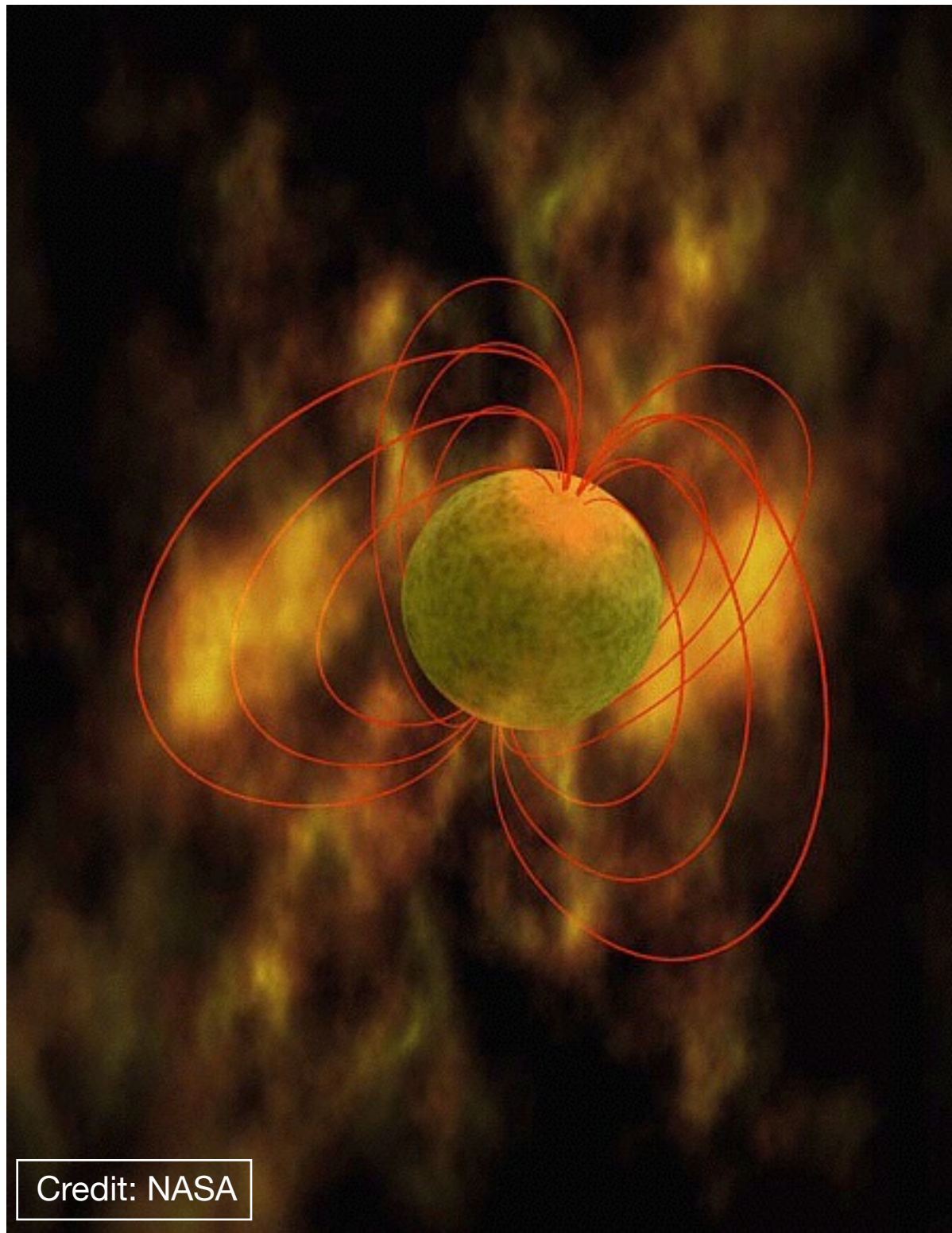
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 - Pulsars (neutron stars)
 - GRB's
- ⇒ Extreme magnetic fields
- ⇒ Shock acceleration in highly relativistic jets: additional γ - Factor

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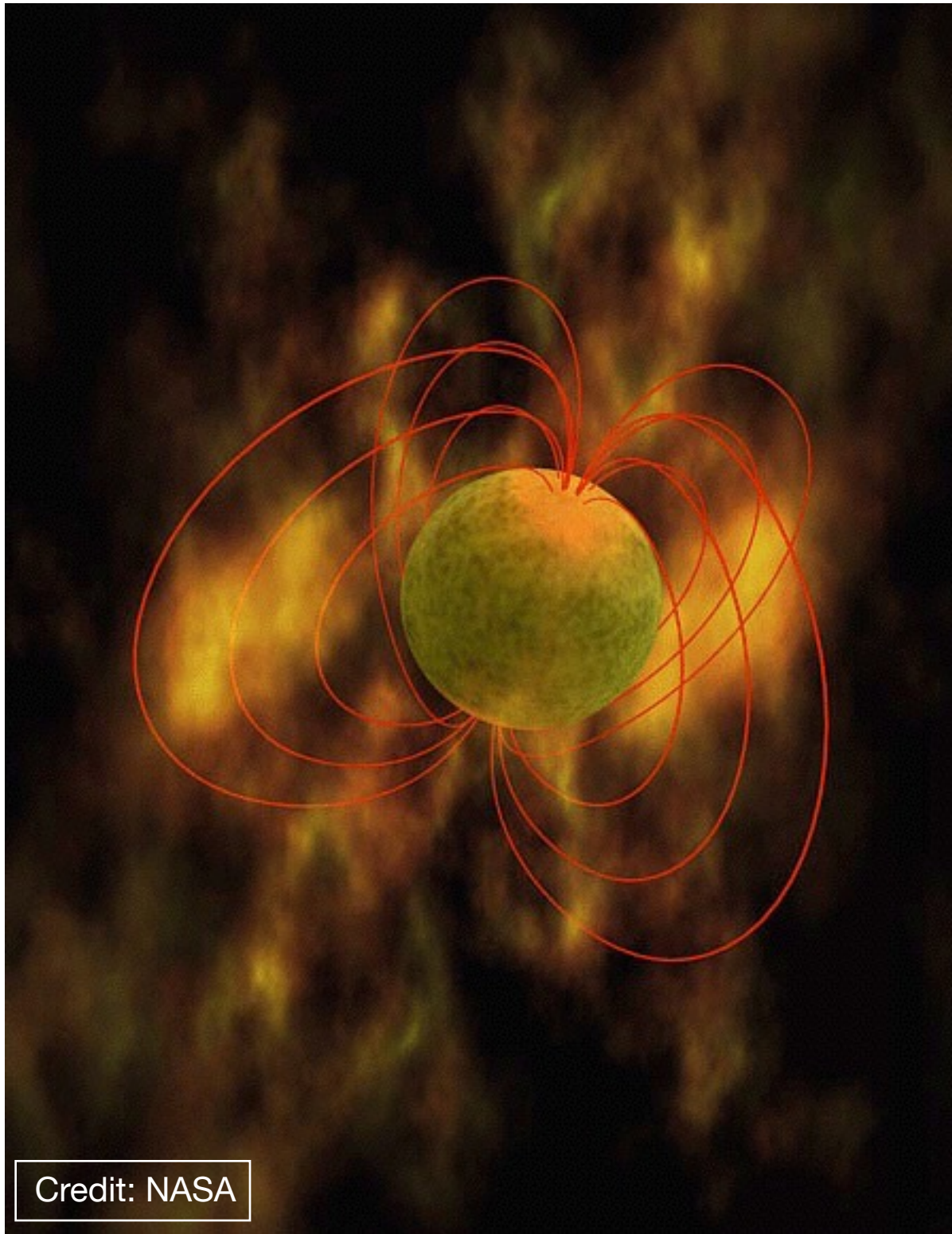
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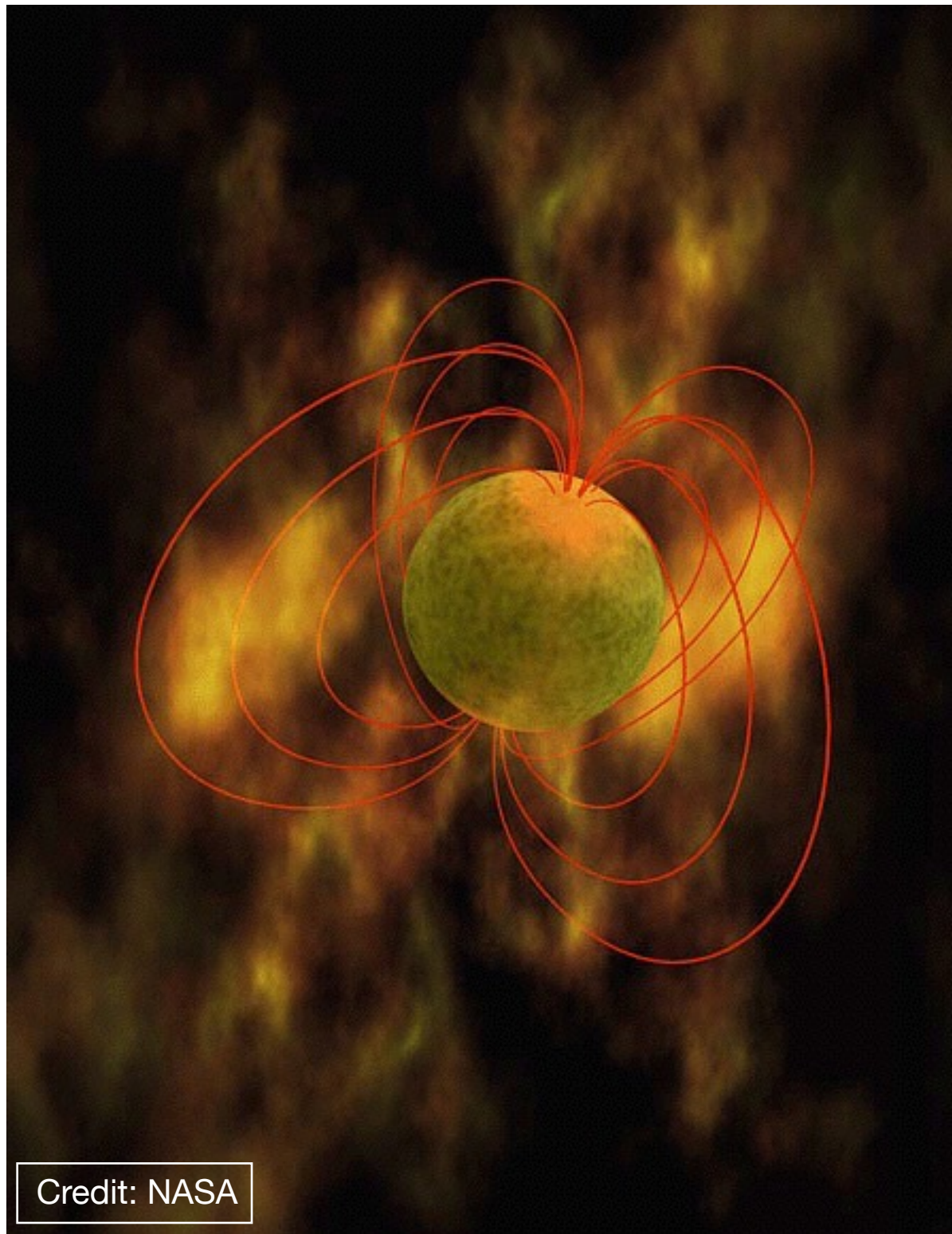
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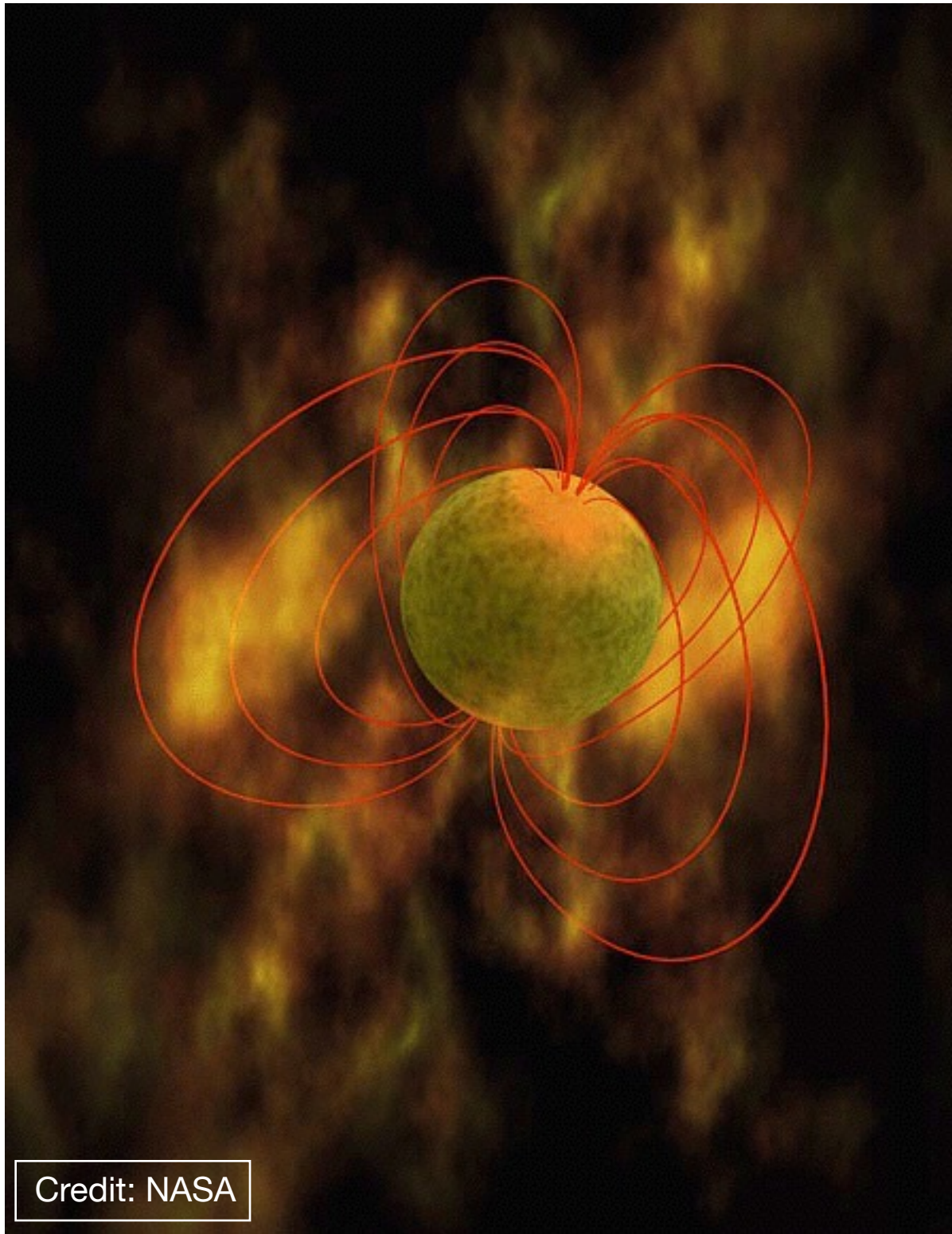
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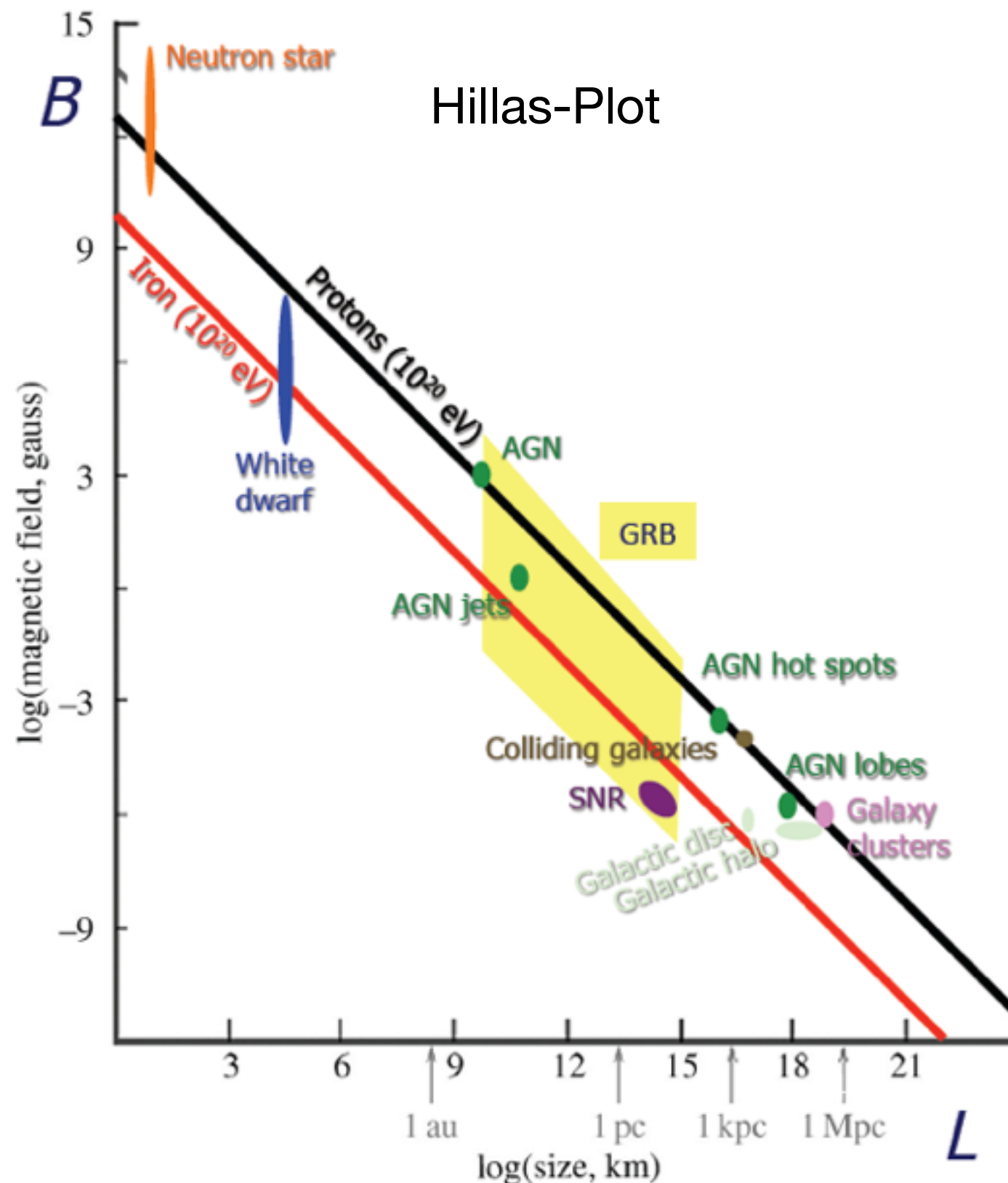
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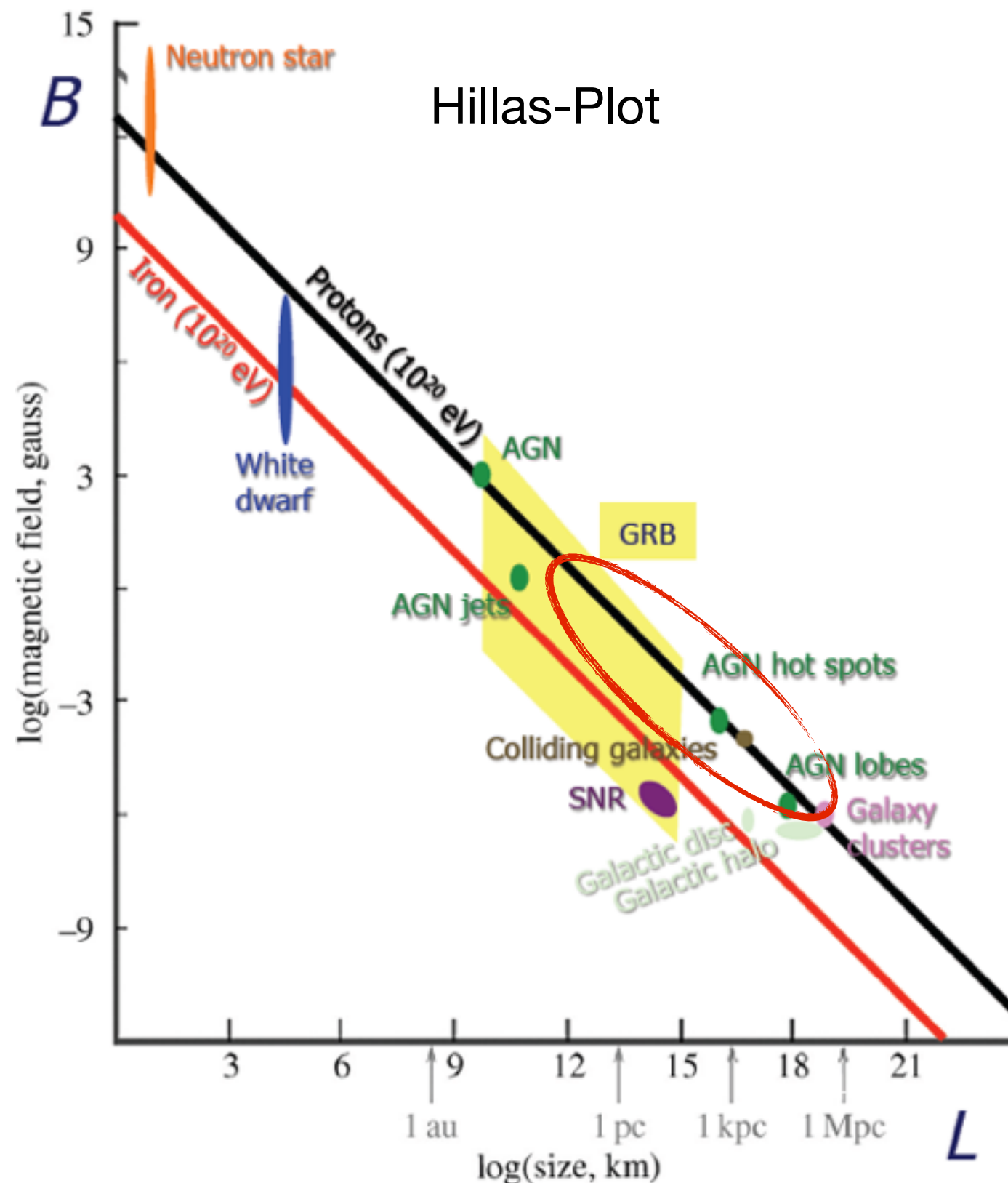
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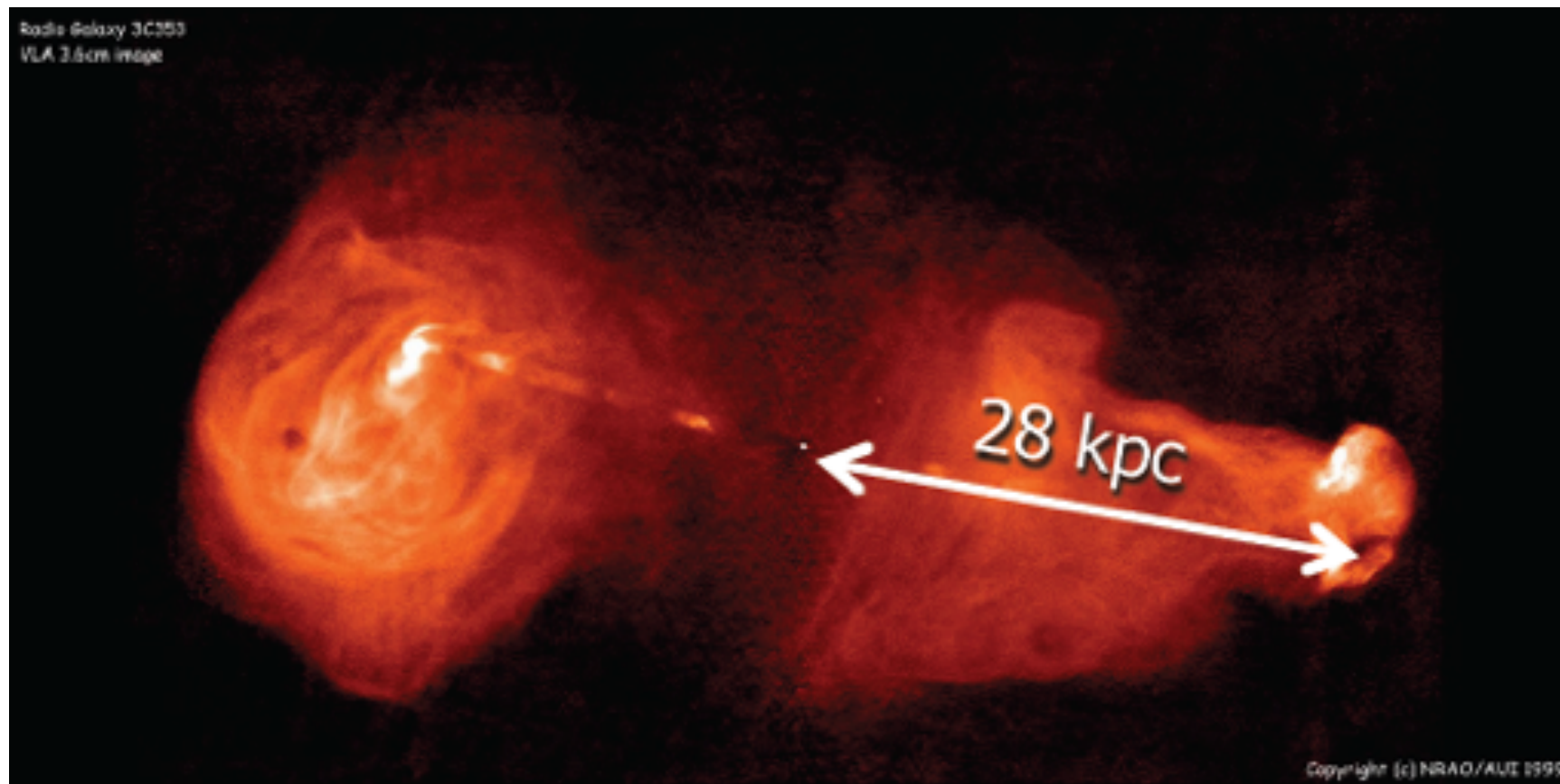
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- 3C353 - Active galaxy 130 Mpc away



... more about the highest later in the lecture!

Propagation of Cosmic Rays

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- ▶ Energy-dependent loss of particles when travelling through the galaxy
- Important contributions:
 - diffusion
 - convection
 - acceleration
- decay of unstable particles and nuclei
- collisions
- cascade production, spallation of heavy nuclei

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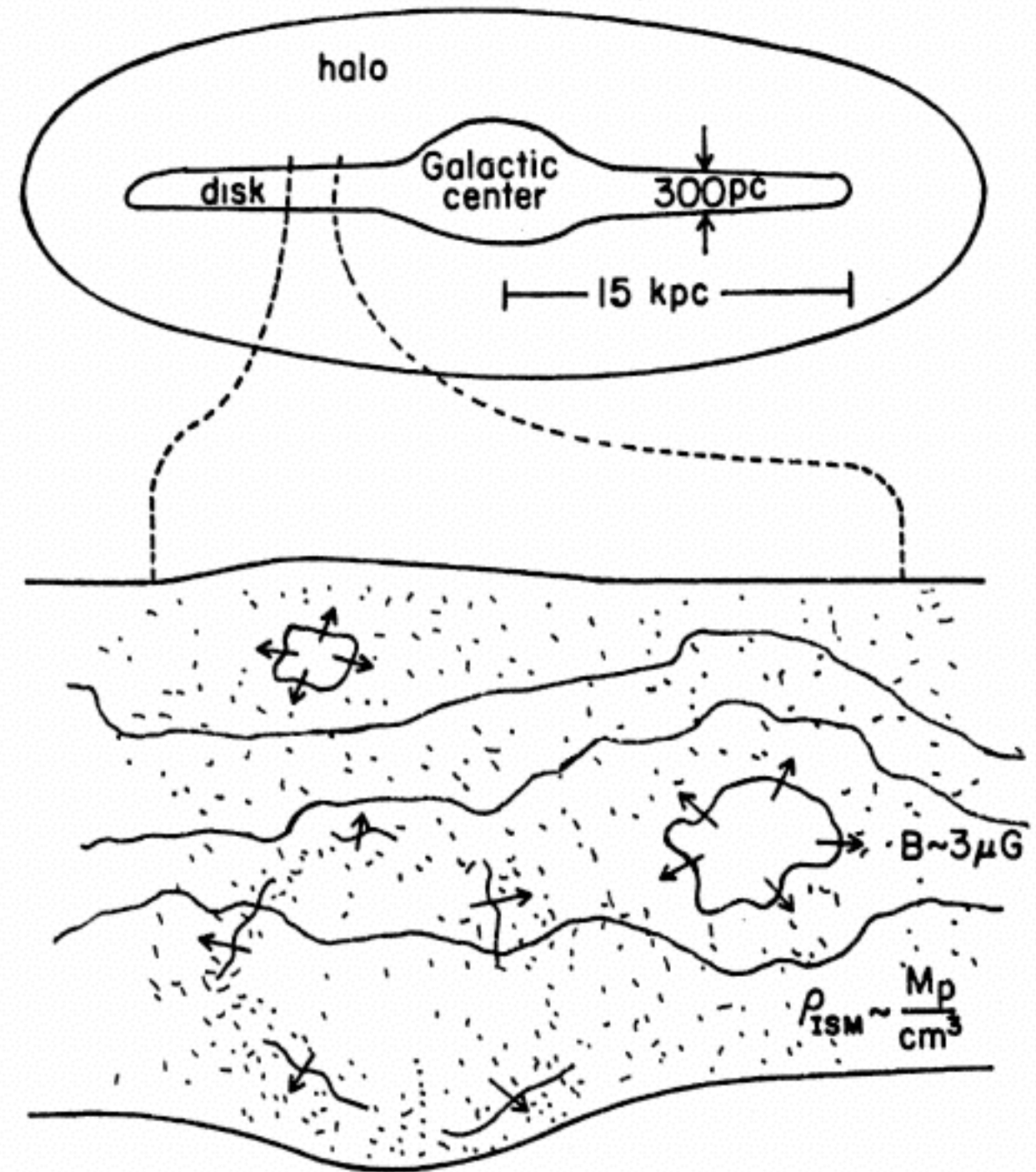
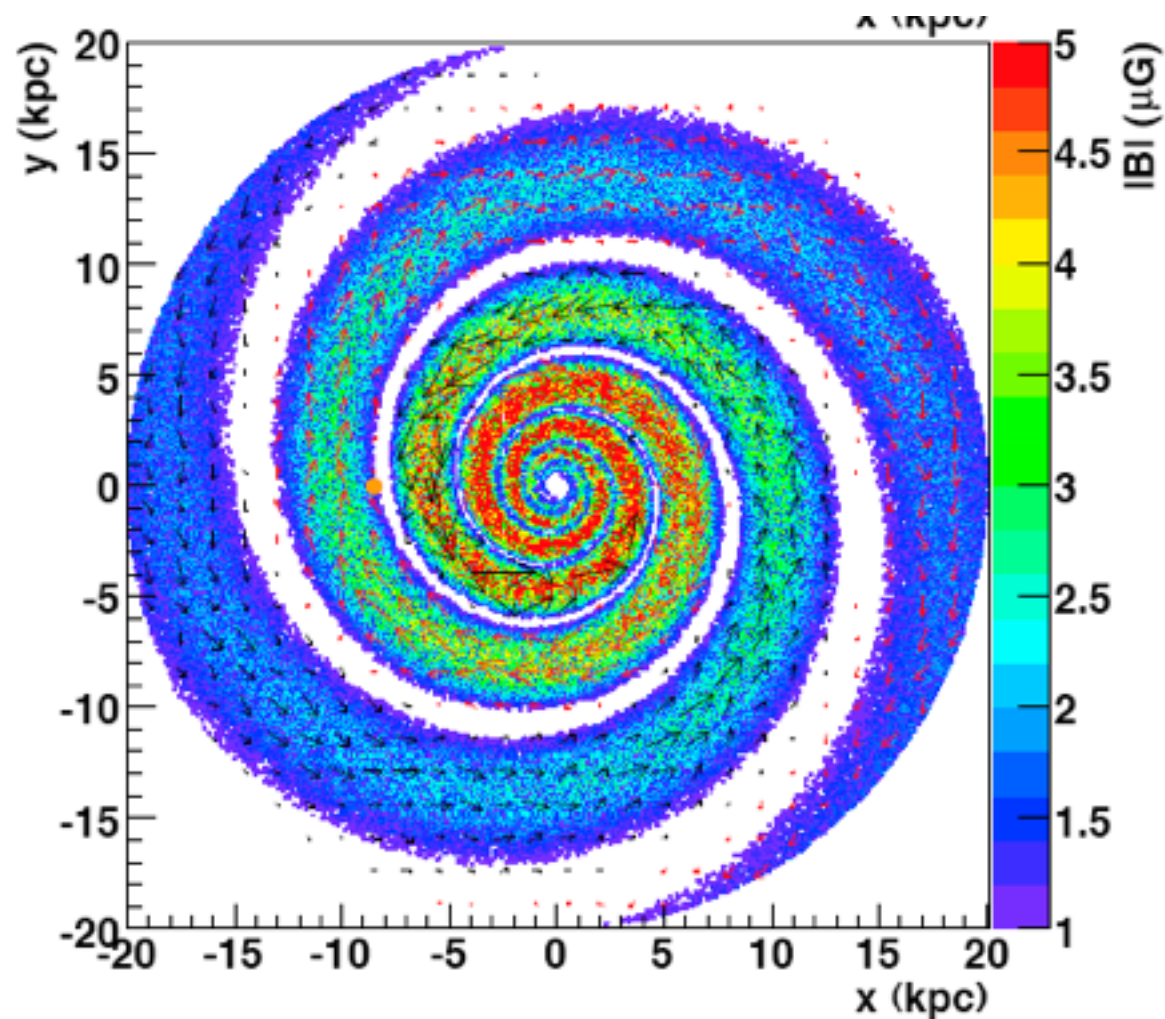
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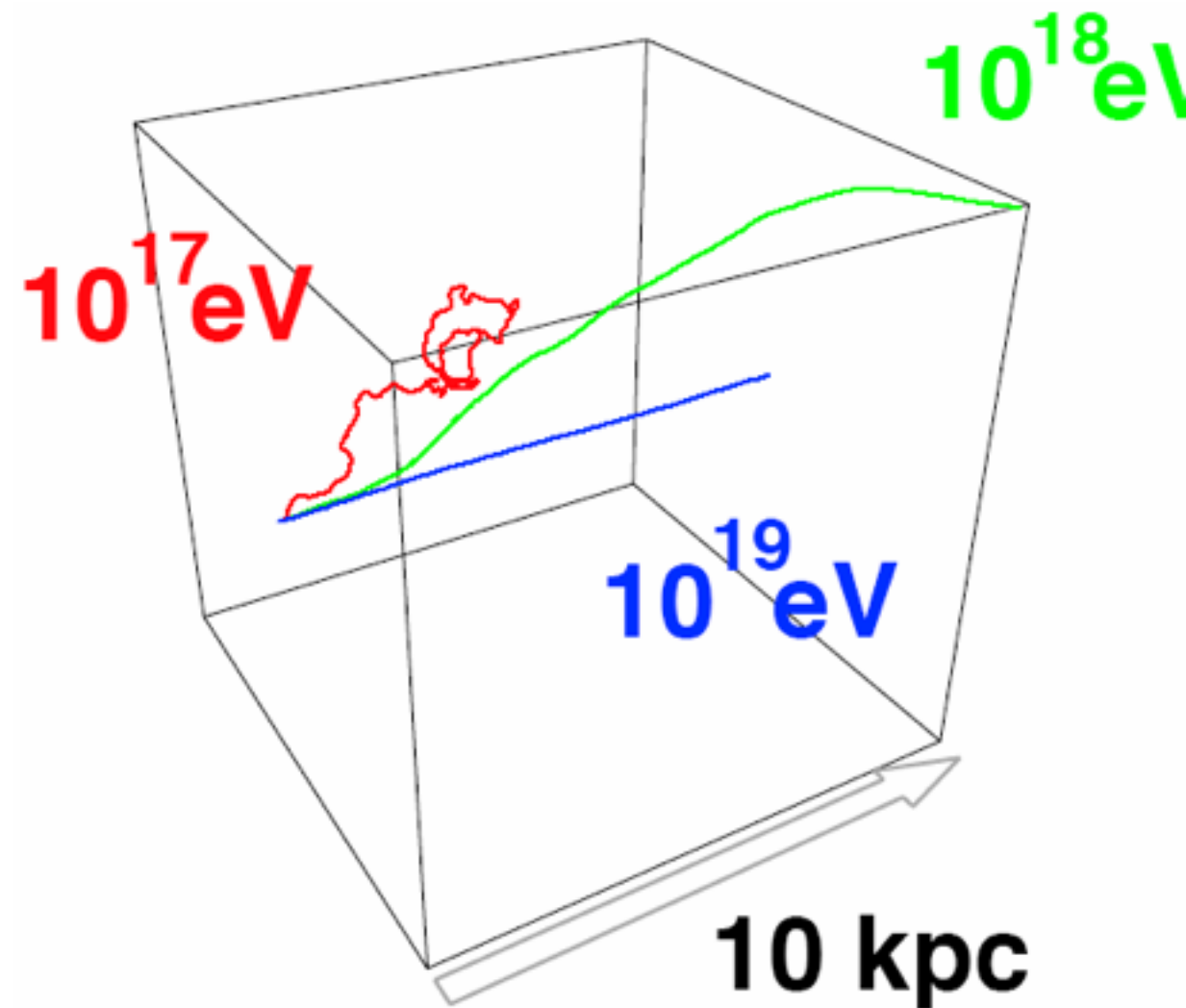
Magnetic Fields in the Galaxy

- Magnetic field in the galaxy along spiral arms, with additional turbulent contributions overlaid
- typical strength ~ 0.1 nT



Propagation of Particles in Magnetic Fields

- Charged particles are deflected by cosmic magnetic fields
- To demonstrate: toy simulation with magnetic fields of ~ 0.1 nT and a coherence length of ~ 100 pc
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- Only the very highest energies ($E \sim 10^{19}$ eV) can show the way to their sources - all other particles get substantially deflected and arrive from random directions



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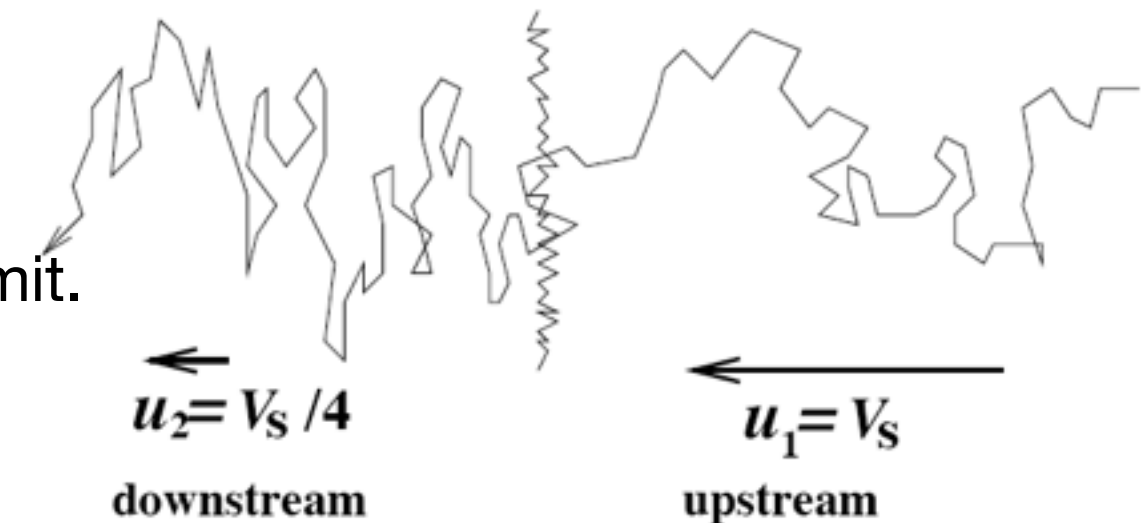
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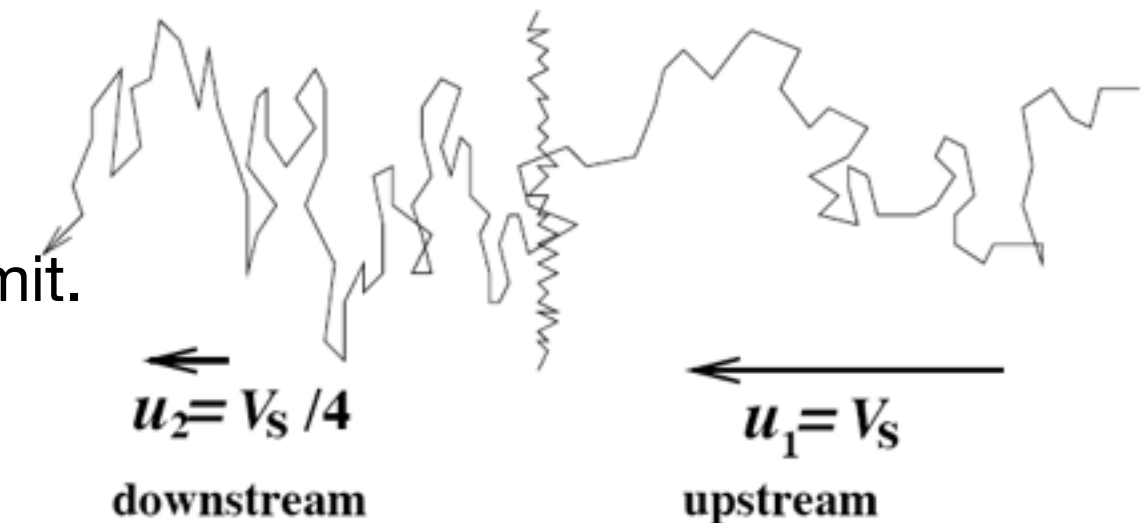
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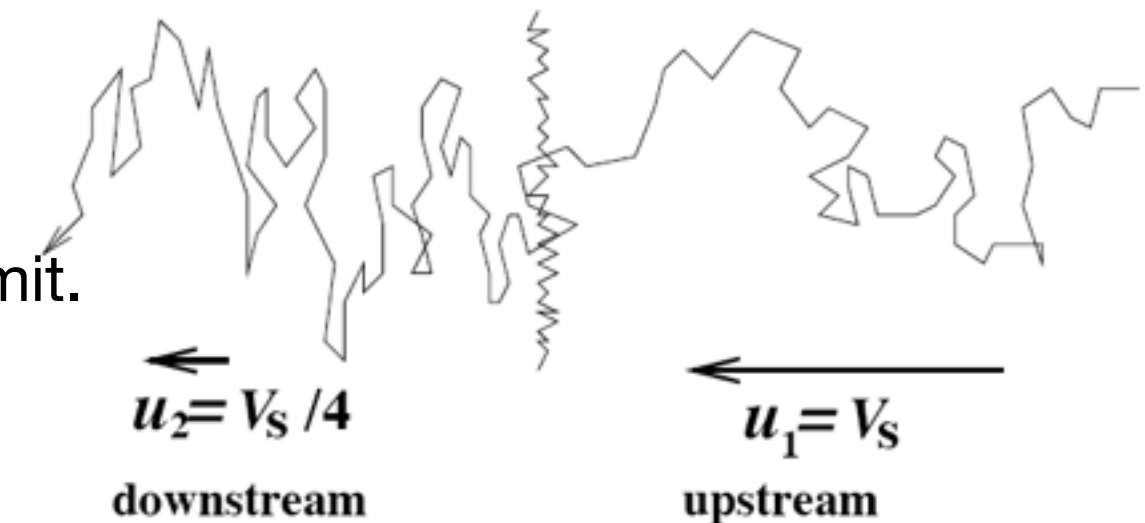
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- Es folgt für die Zyklus-Dauer für $k_1 = k_2$

$$t_{cycle} = \frac{20}{3} \frac{E}{c^2 \beta_{Schock} ZeB} \propto E$$

- Erreichbare Energie:

$$E_{max} = \int_0^{t_{acc}} \frac{dE}{dt} dt = \int_0^{t_{acc}} \frac{\frac{E \beta_{Schock}}{20E}}{\frac{3c^2 \beta_{Schock} ZeB}{20E}} dt = \frac{3}{20} \beta_{Schock}^2 c^2 ZeB t_{acc}$$

- Für typische Werte ($\beta_{Schock} \sim 0.03$, $B \sim 0.3$ nT, $t_{acc} \sim 1000$ Jahre)
 $E_{max} \sim 10^{14}$ eV (für Protonen)
► bis zum Knie der Verteilung