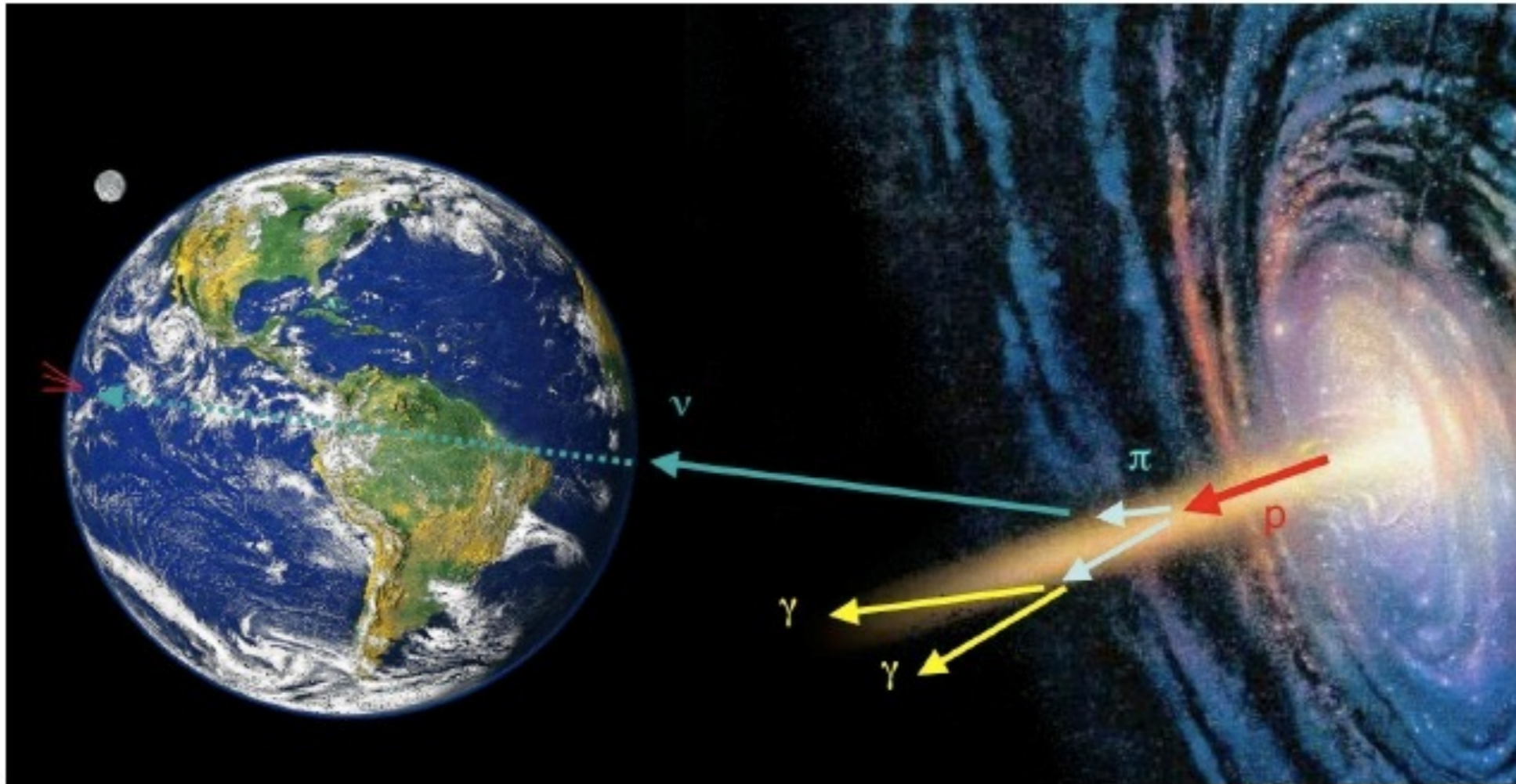


# Teilchenphysik mit kosmischen und mit erdgebundenen Beschleunigern



## 02. Cosmic Accelerators

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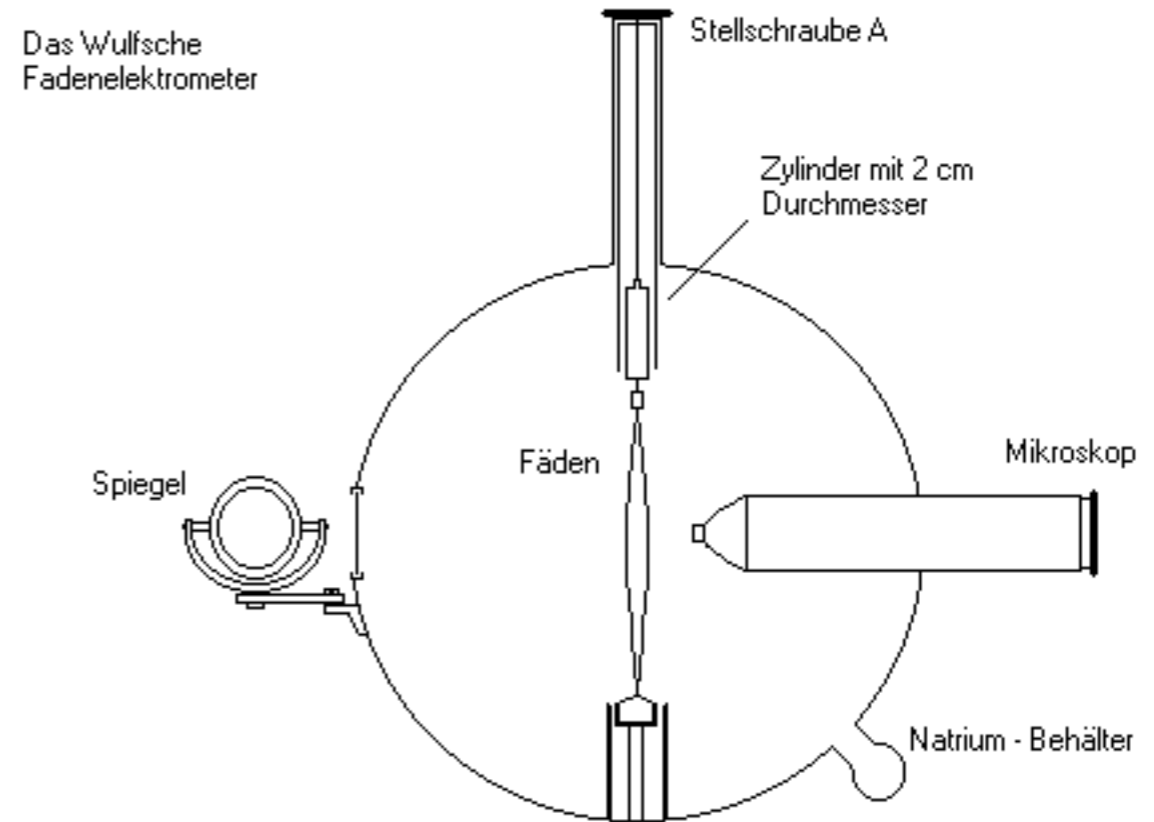
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- Discovered by Victor Hess 1912
- ▶ Nobel Prize in physics 1936
  
- Observation on balloon flights with electroscopes:
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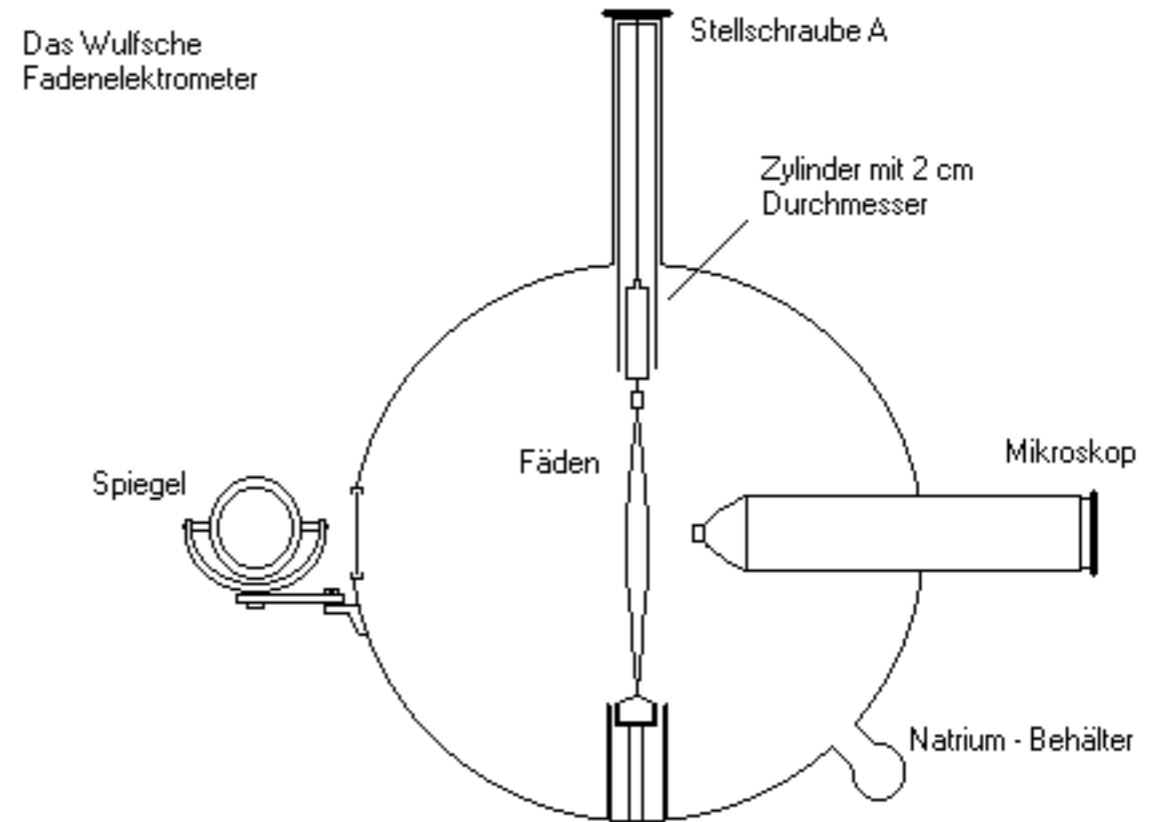
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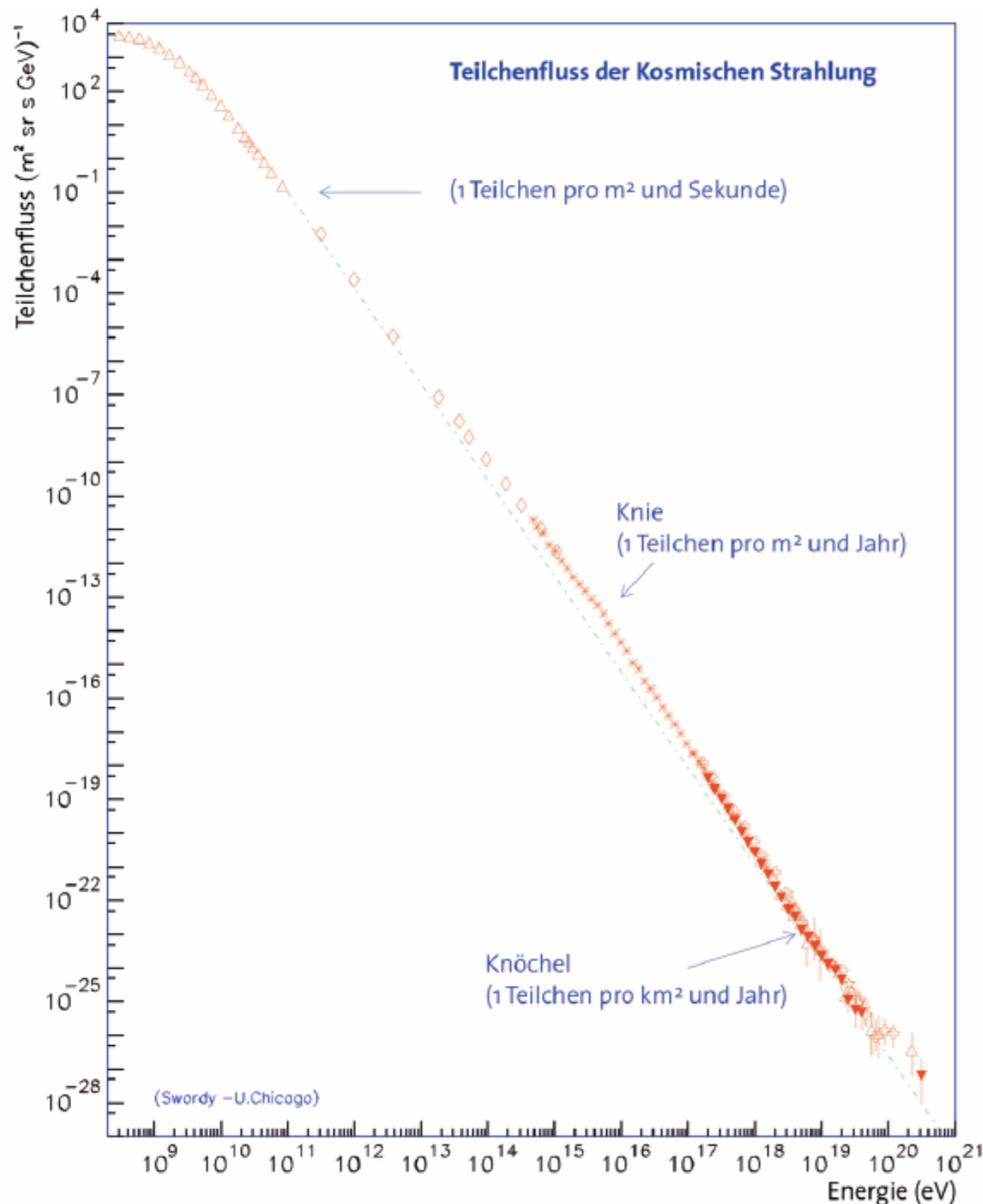
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# Cosmic Rays: Spectrum



- 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:

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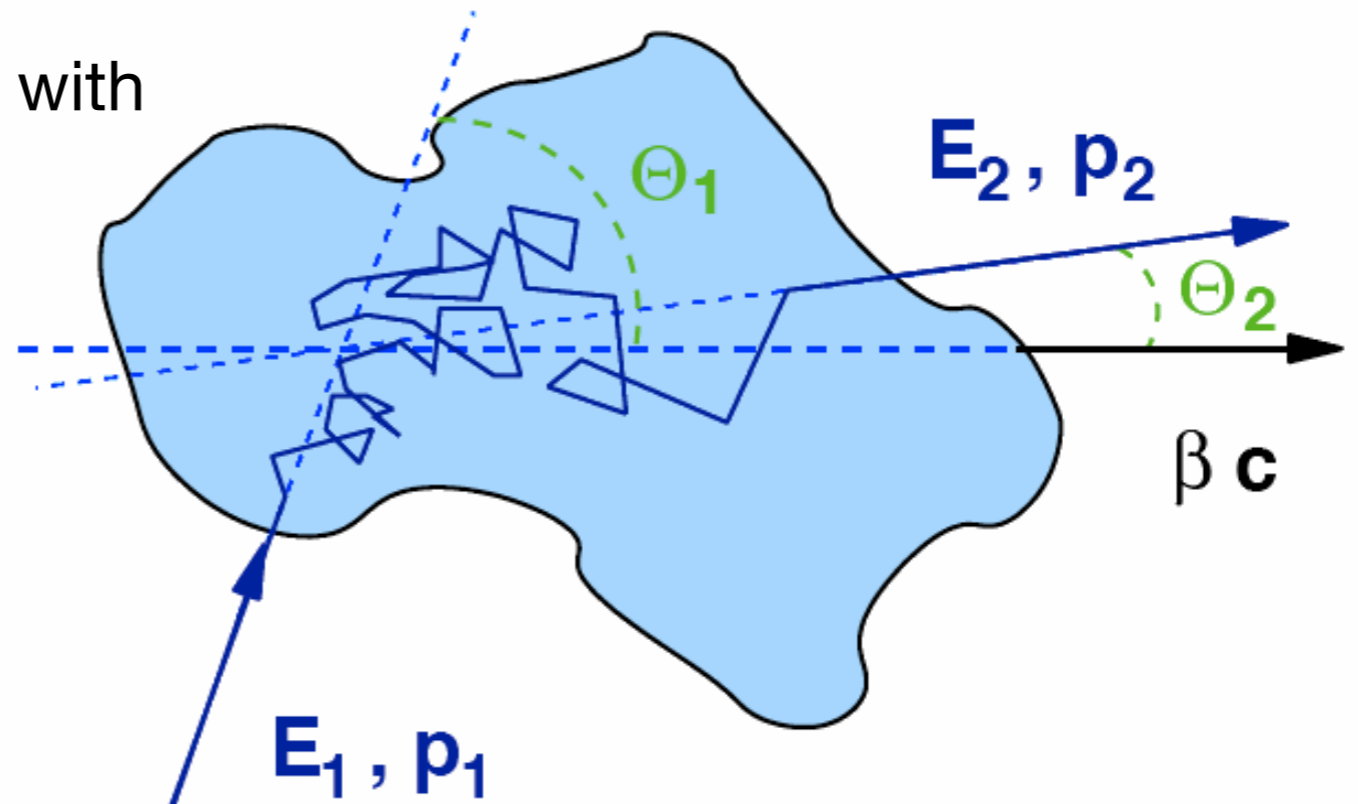
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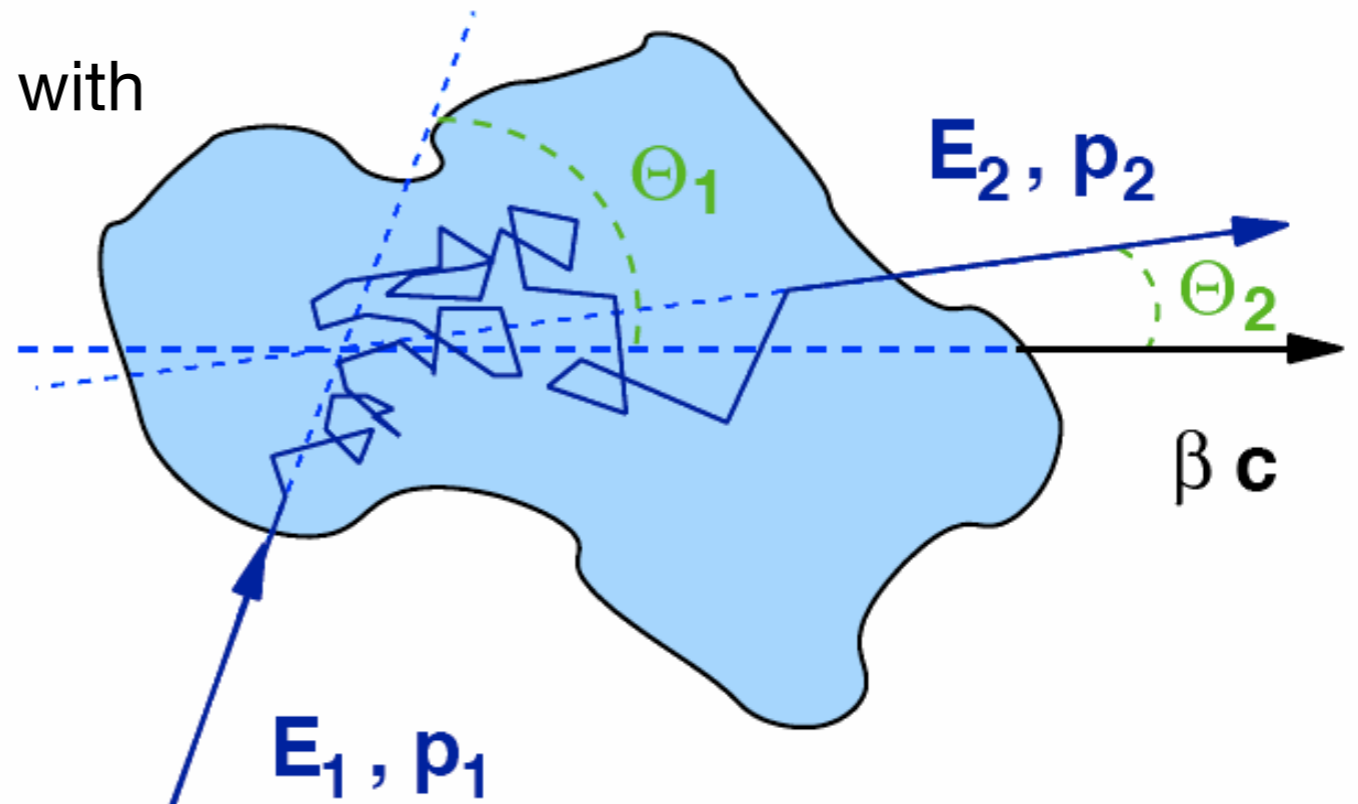
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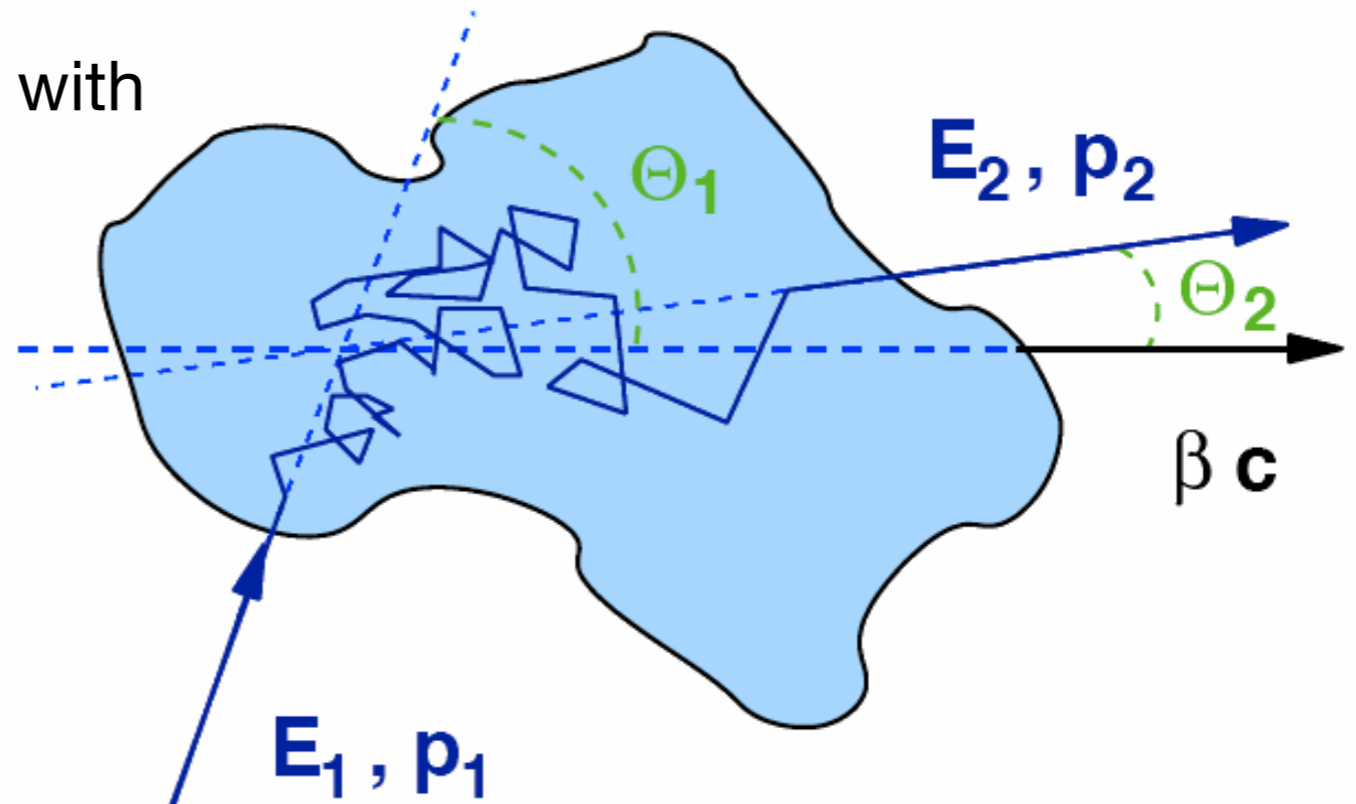
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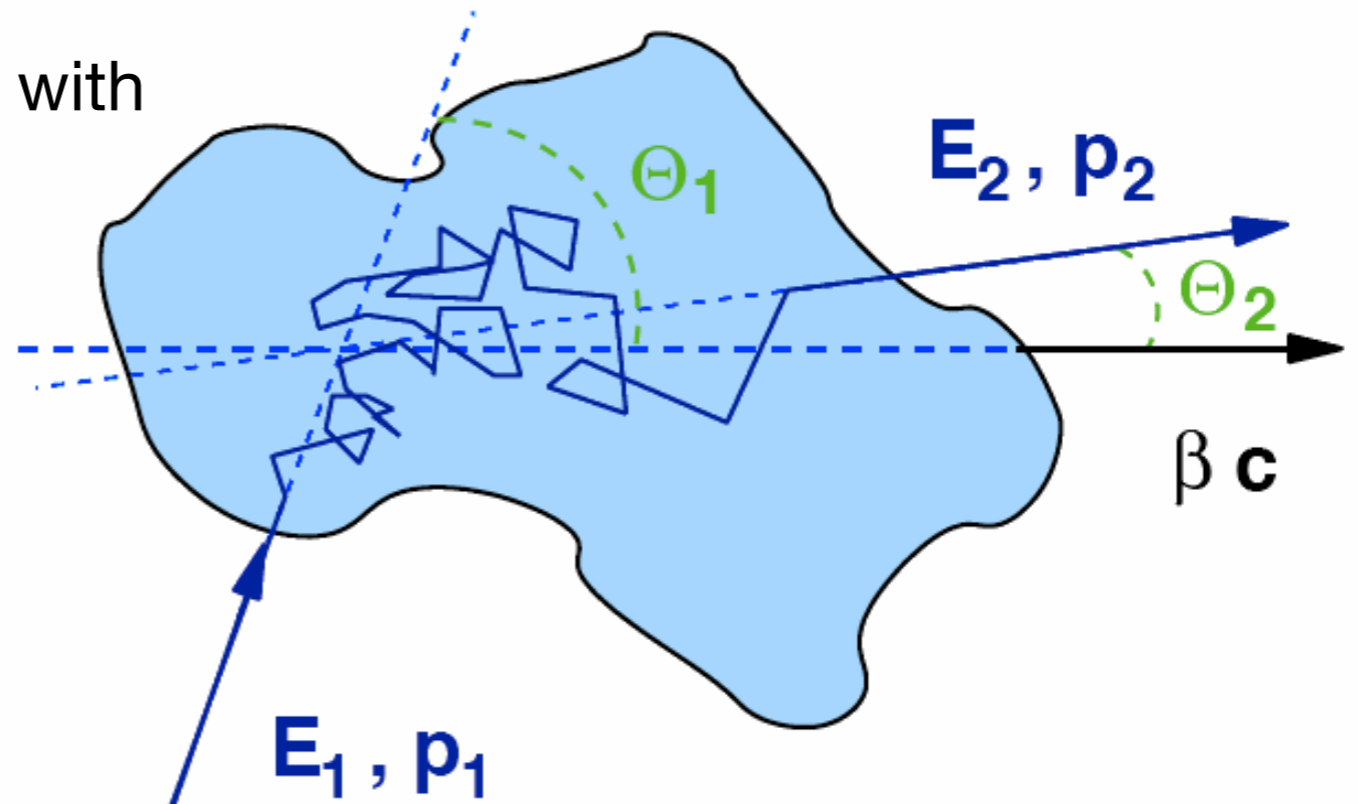
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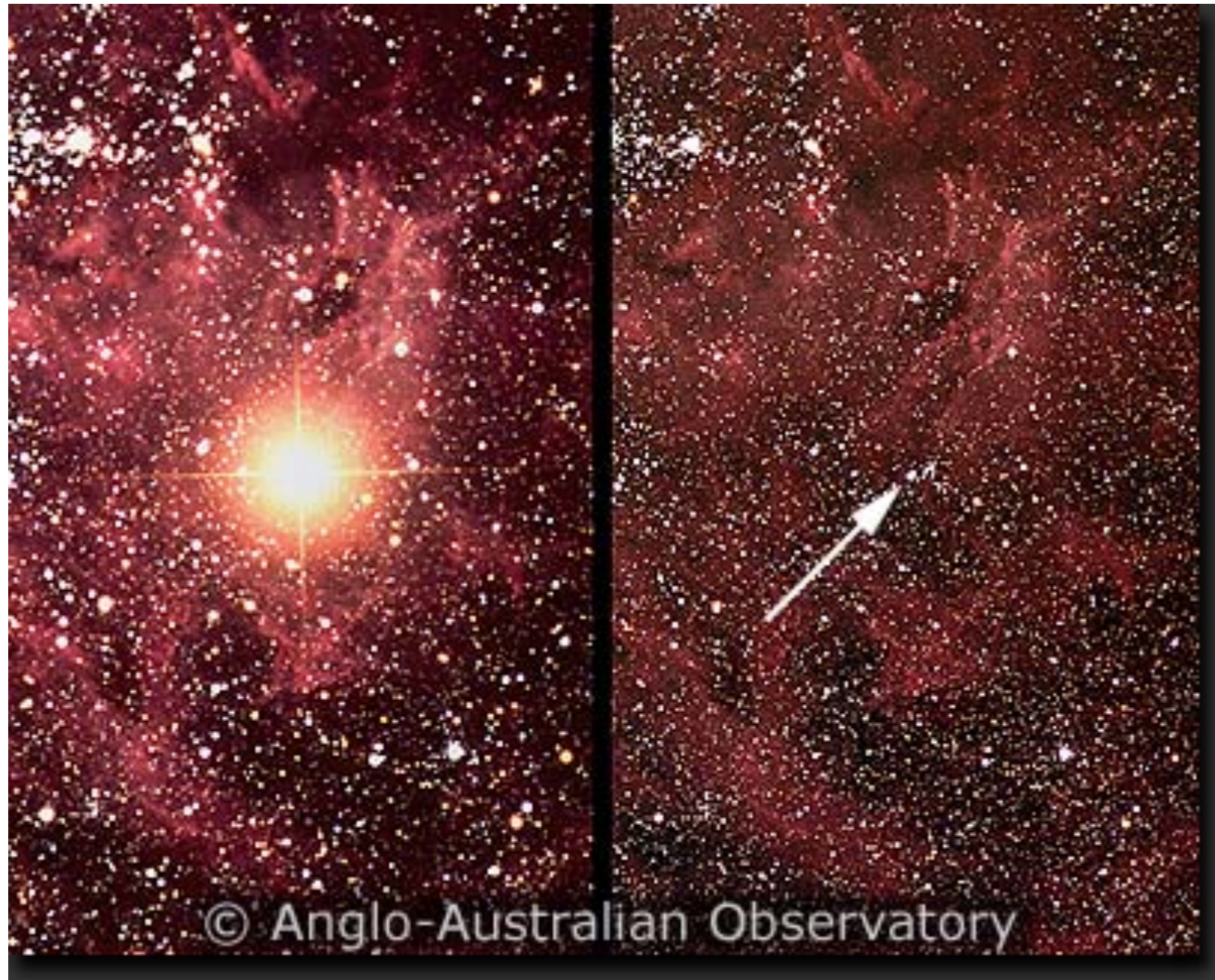
# Supernovae

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- 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)



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



Outer bipolar outflow of gas and outer ring

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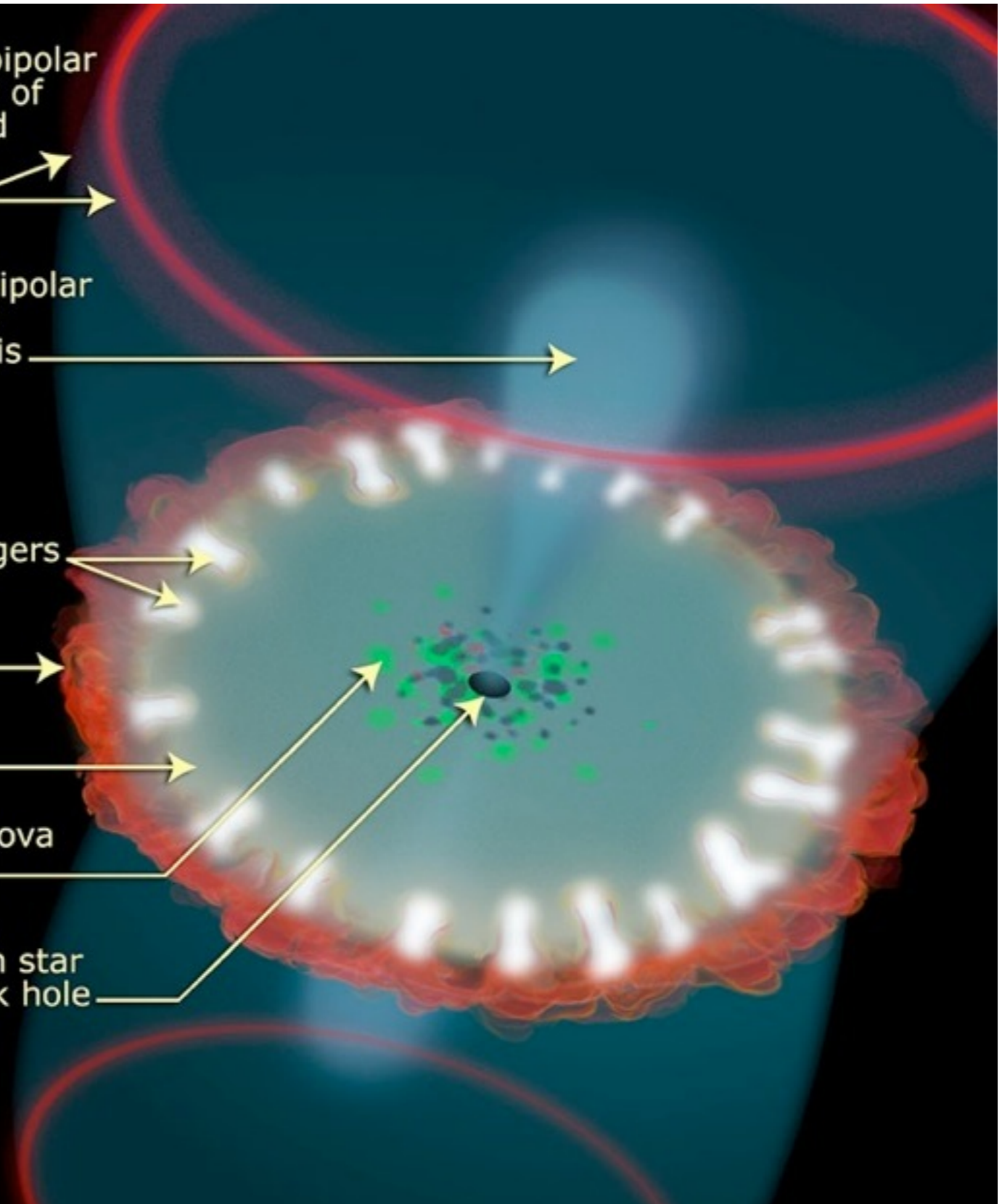
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Ring

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Supernova debris

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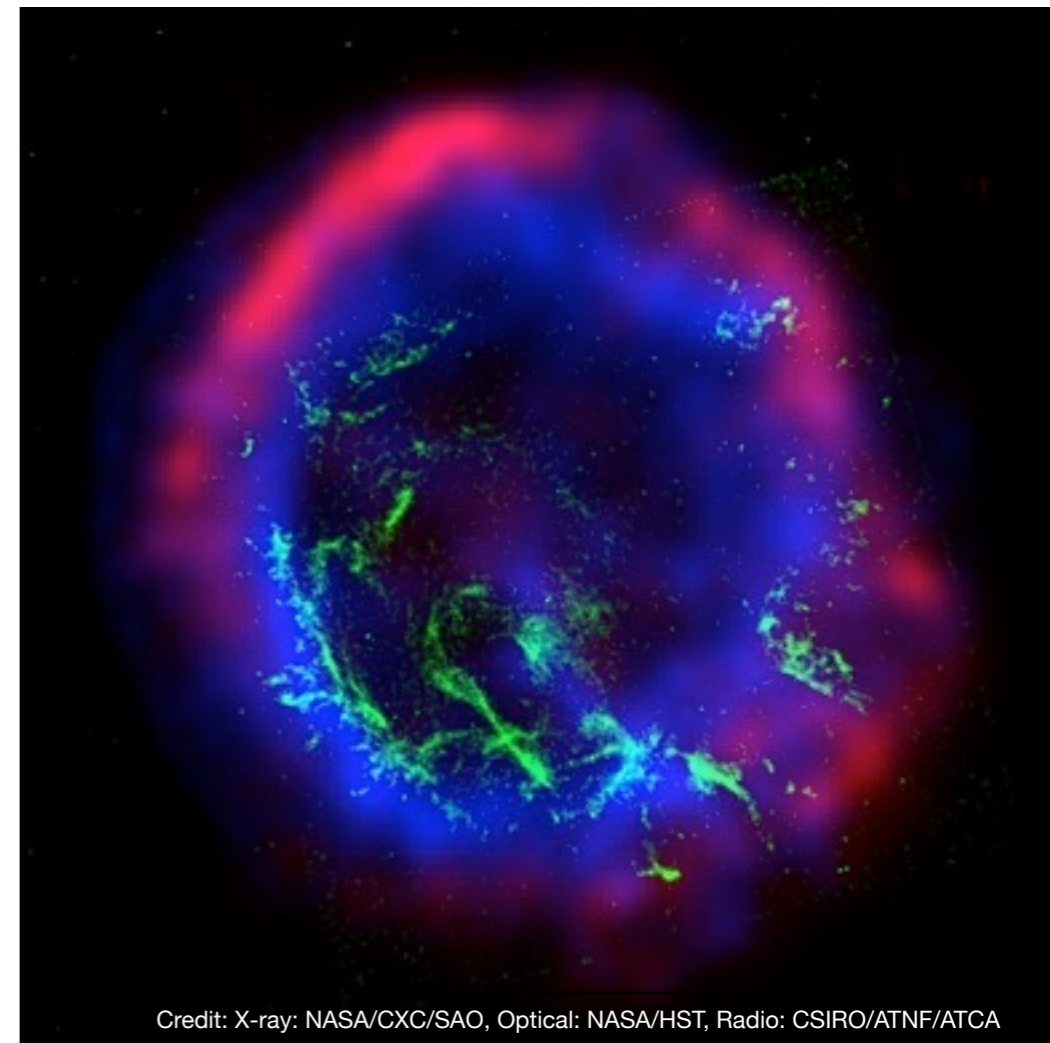


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- Extension of Fermi acceleration concept to supernova shocks
- Formation of the shock wave:
  - SN ejects large amounts of material (several solar masses) with high velocity into the interstellar medium
  - $v_{\text{material}} \gg v_{\text{sound(ISM)}}$  ,  $v_{\text{material}} \sim 10^7 \text{ m/s}$  ,  $v_{\text{sound(ISM)}} \sim 10^4 \text{ m/s}$
  - ▶ 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:

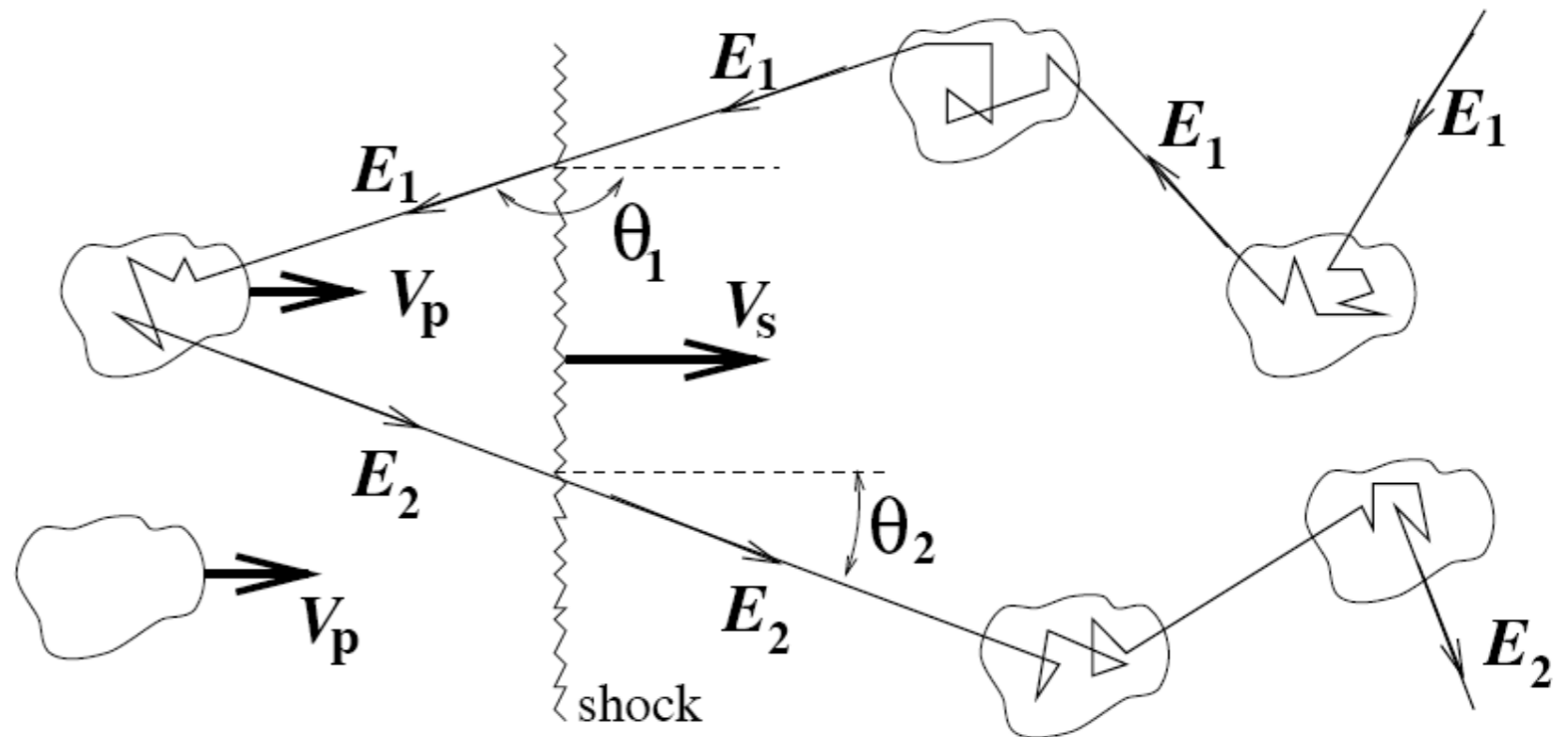
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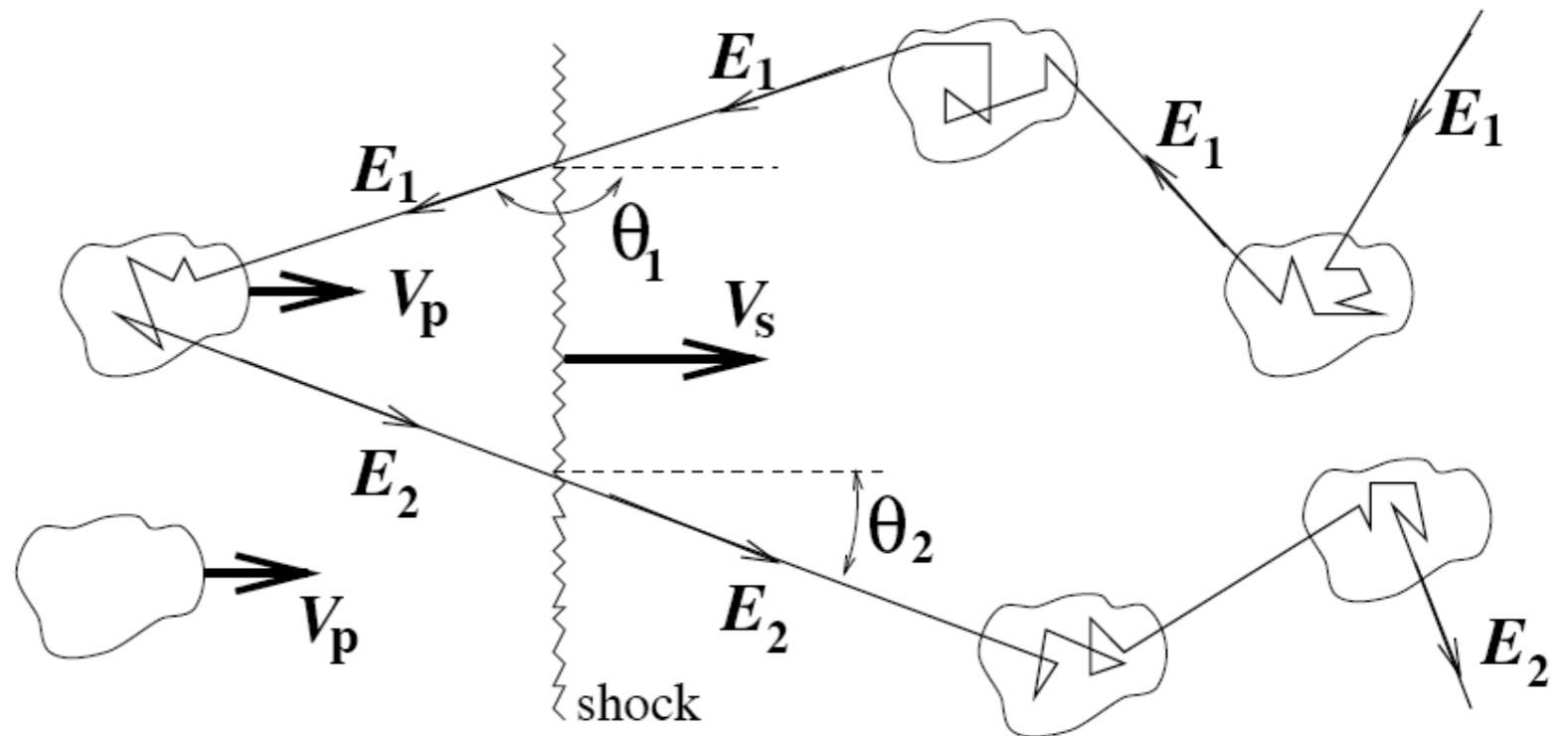


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- Shock front introduces directional motion - projection of flux onto front

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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$\beta$ : Speed of matter behind shock wave

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- for  $\beta \ll 1$  
$$\frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} \approx \frac{4}{3}\beta$$

- ▶ Substantially more efficient than second order acceleration due to two effects:
  - ▶ large velocity differences of material before and after shock front
  - ▶ directed motion of shock instead of random drifting
- ▶  $\beta \sim 3 \times 10^{-2}$ , acceleration linear in  $\beta$  (first order in  $\beta$ )

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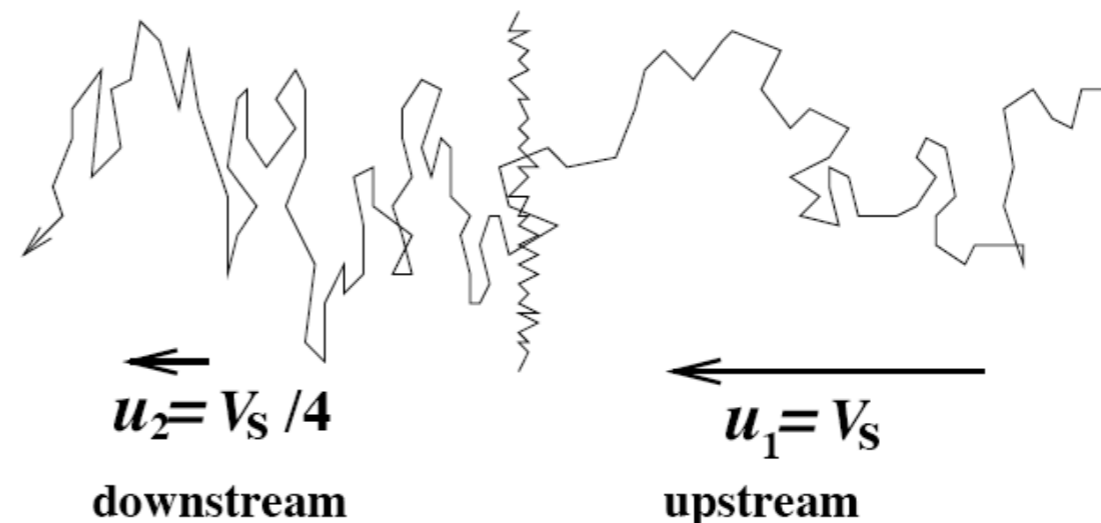
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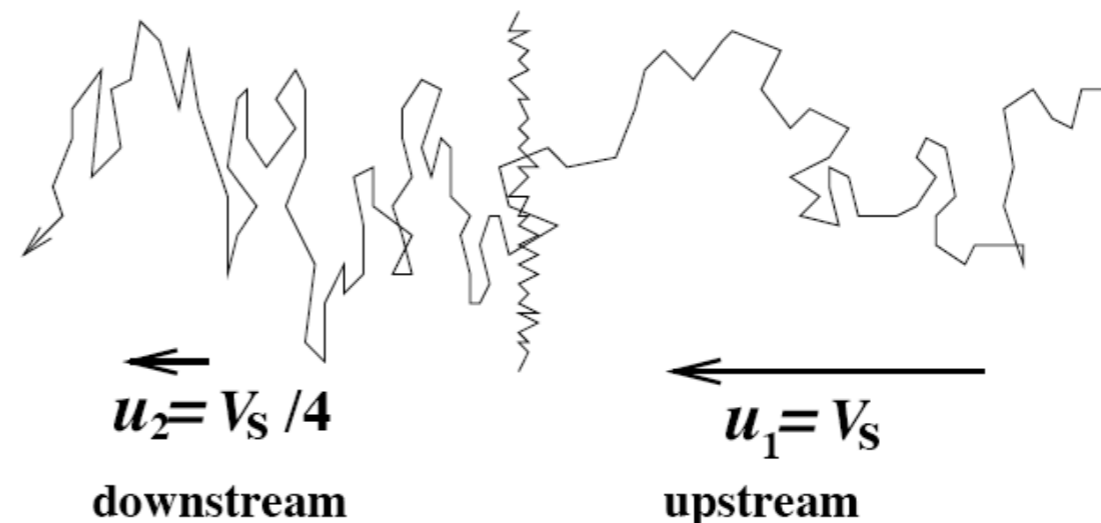
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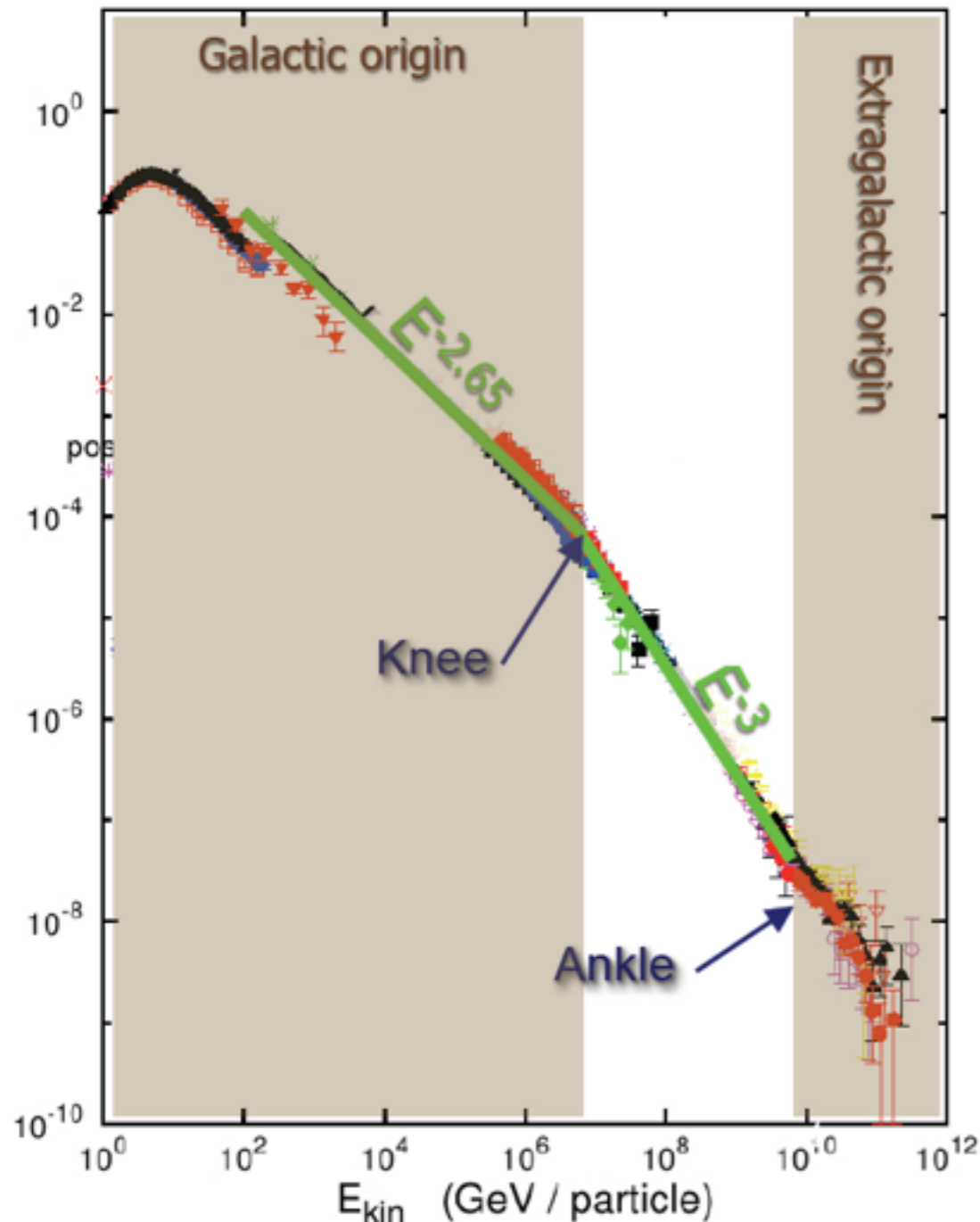
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# Maximum Energy

- 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  $\sim 1000$  years  
a shock speed of  $0.03 c$ , and a B field in the  
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⇒ Extends up to the knee of the cosmic  
ray spectrum

Supernova shock acceleration is well  
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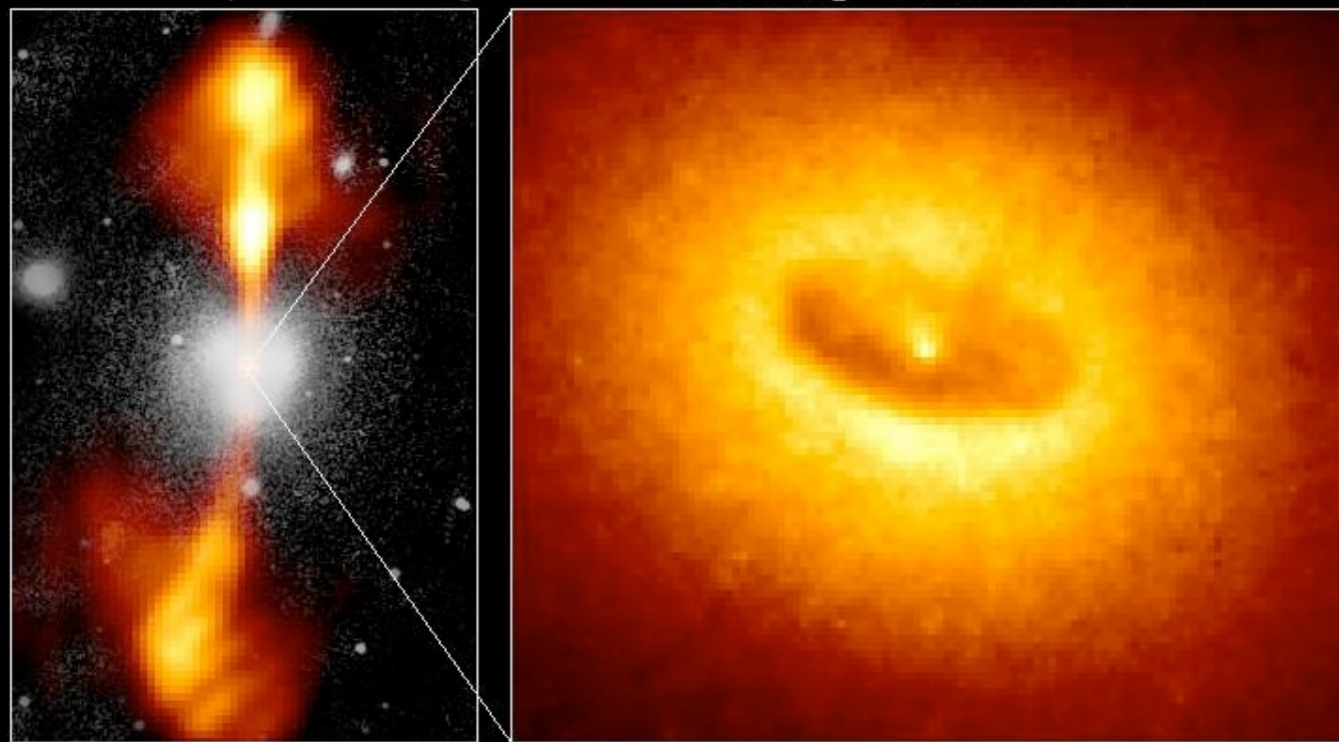
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## Core of Galaxy NGC 4261

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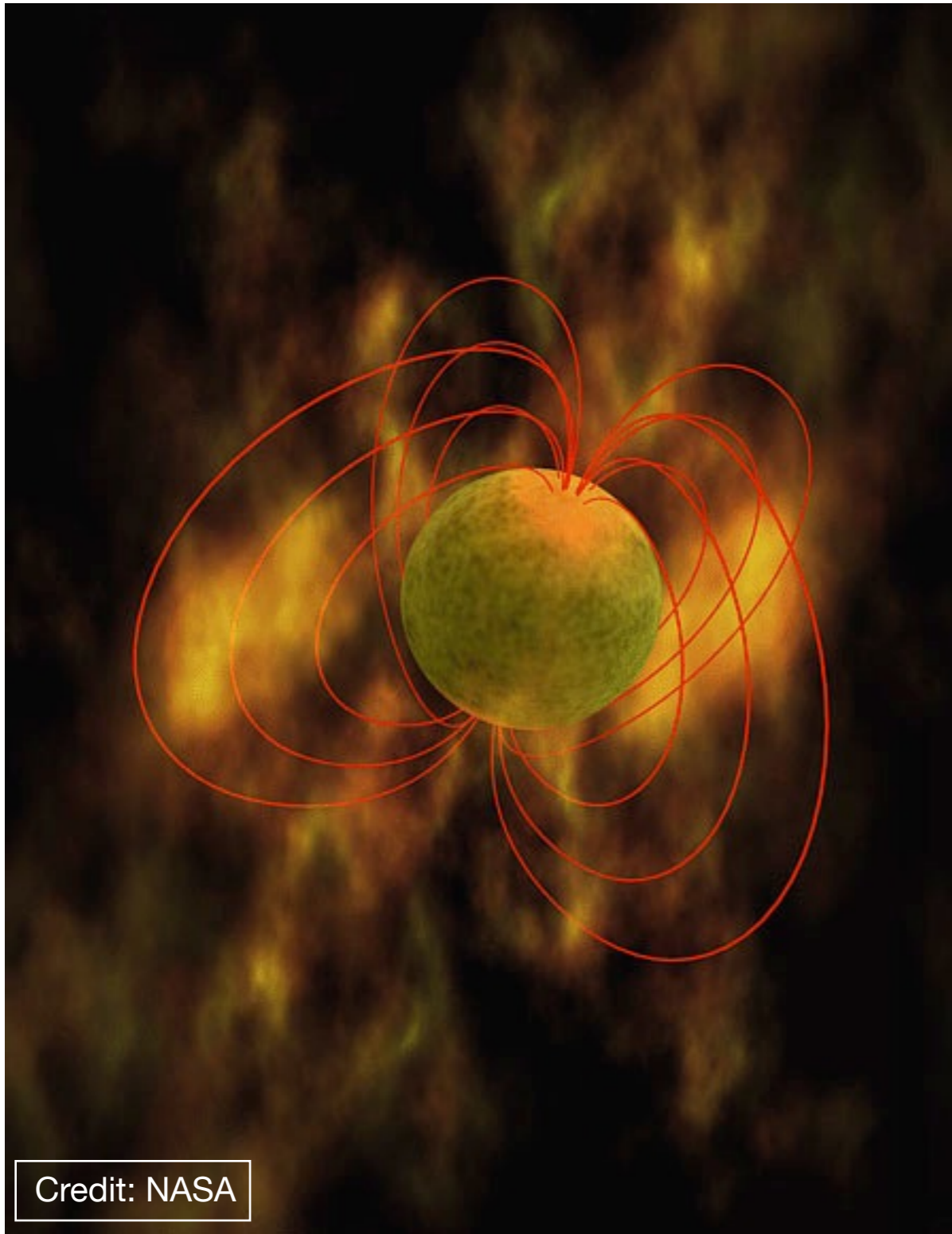


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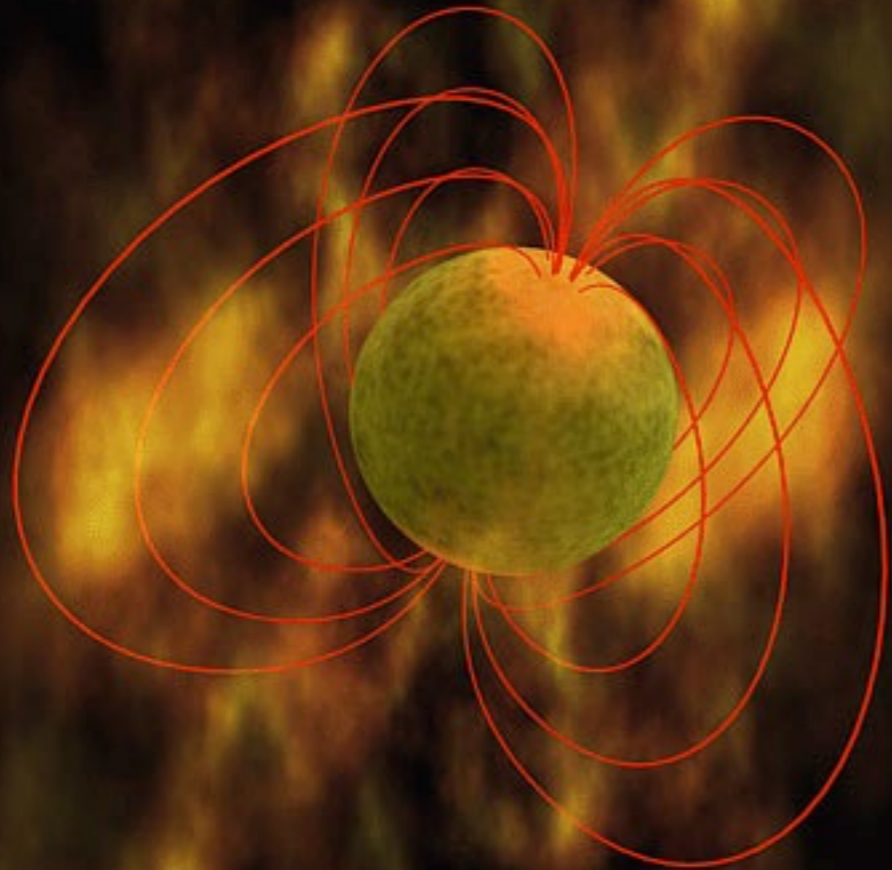
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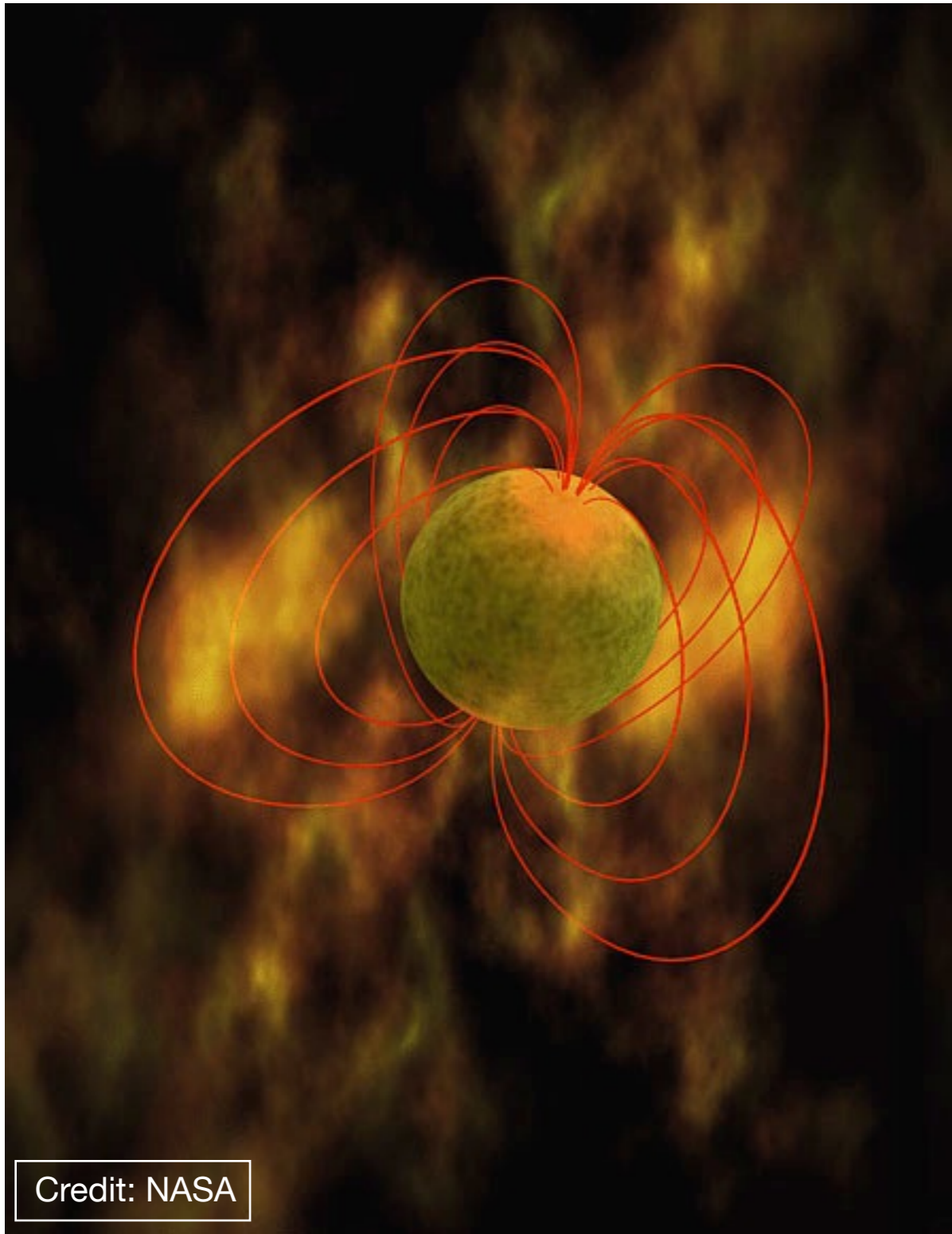


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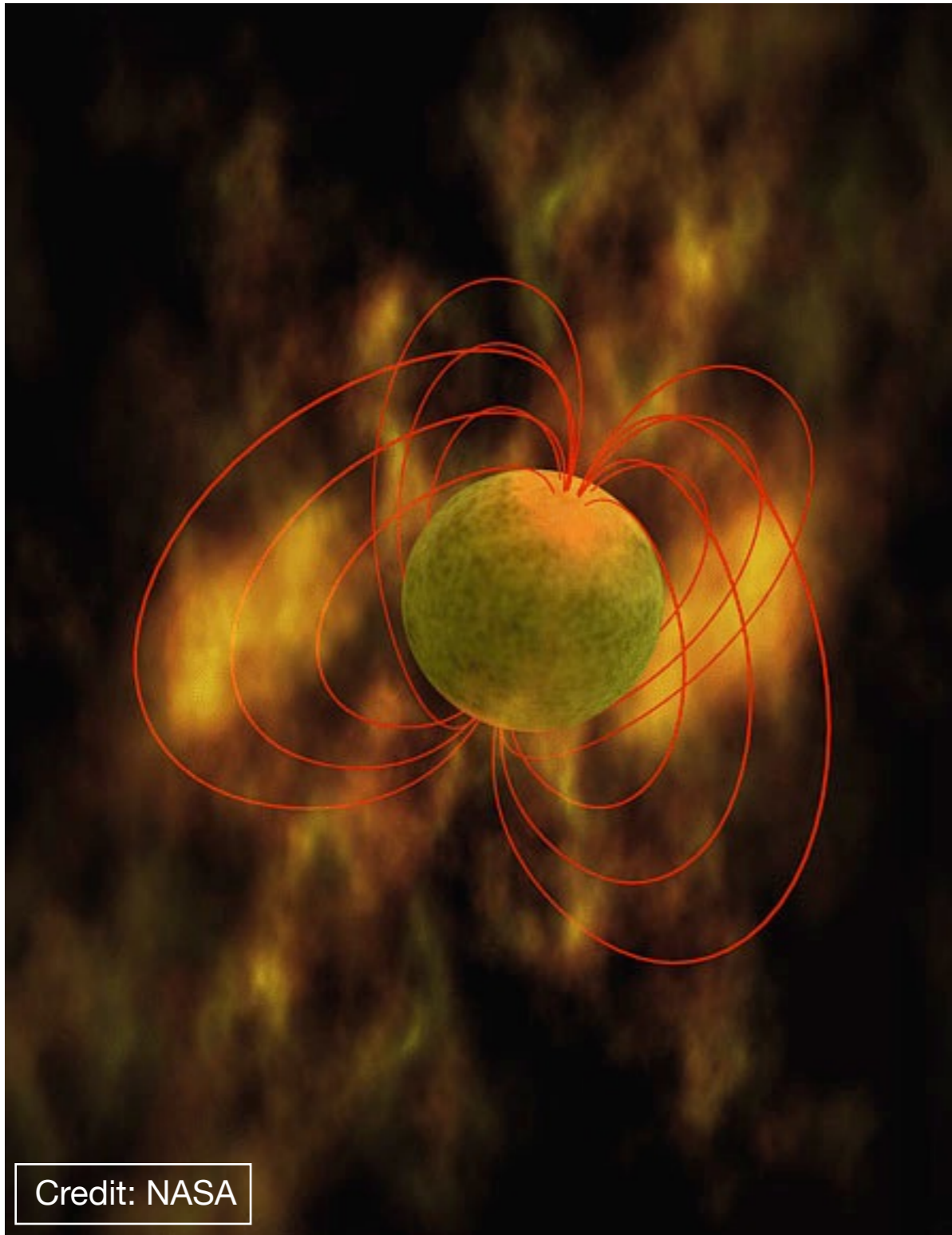
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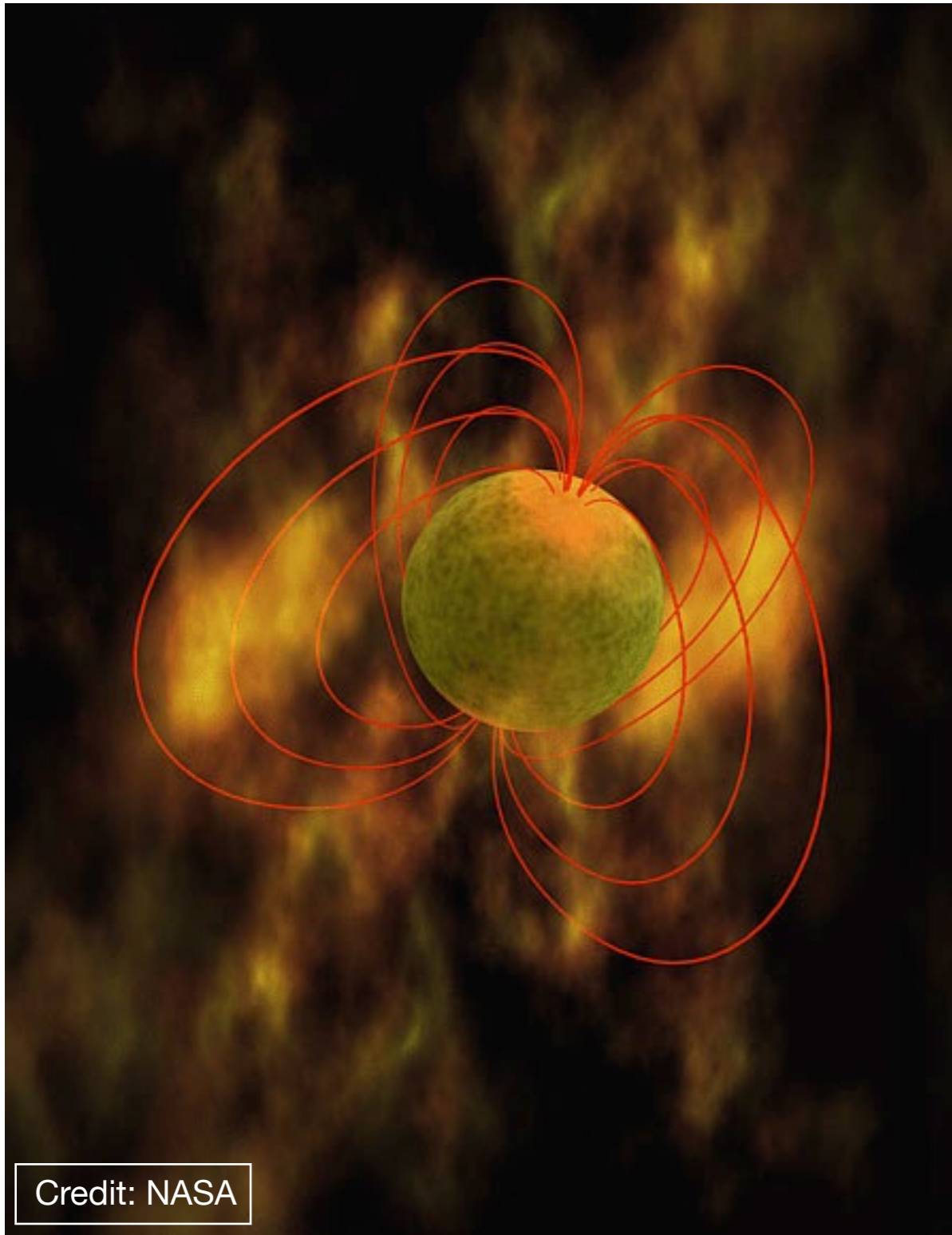
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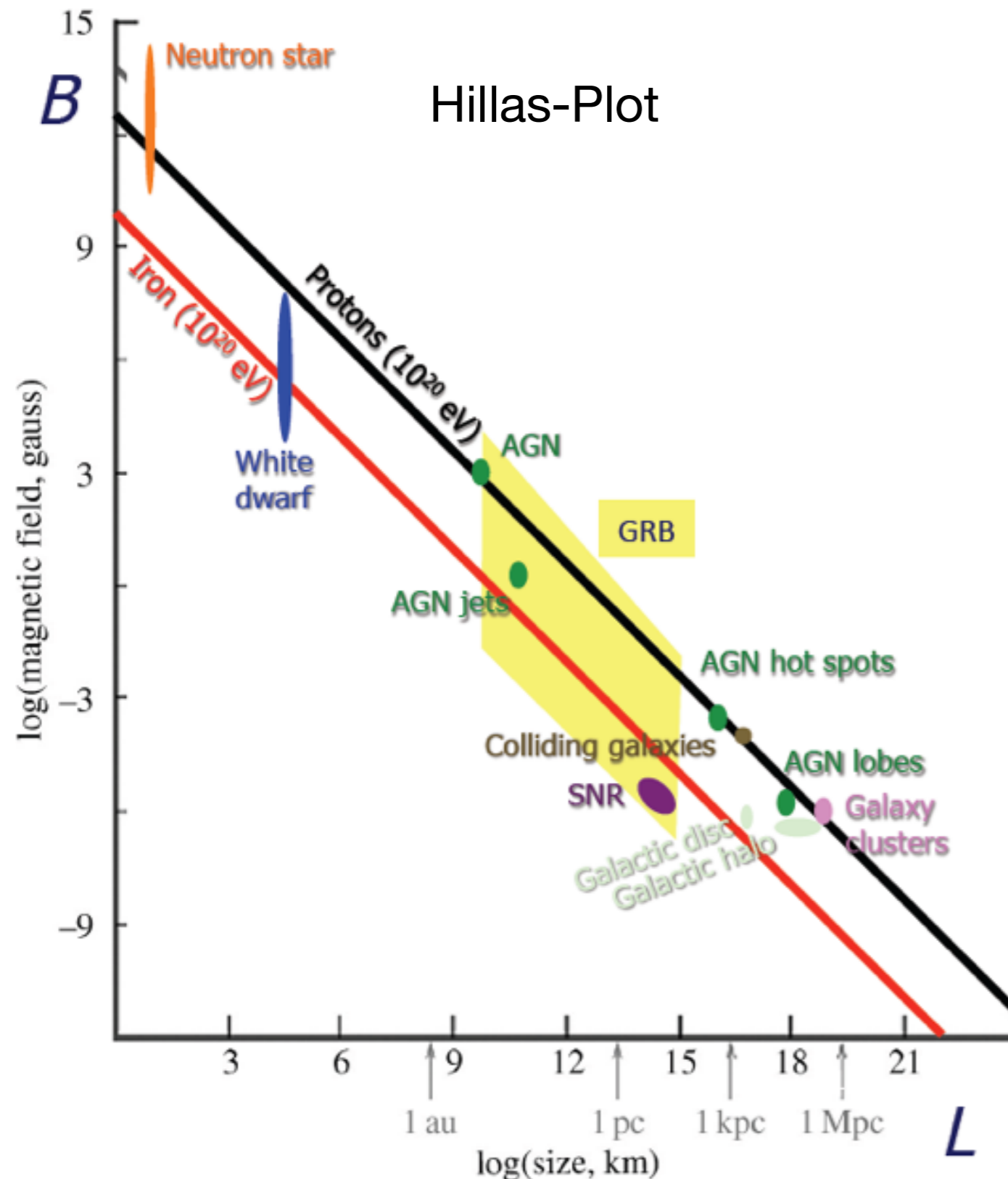
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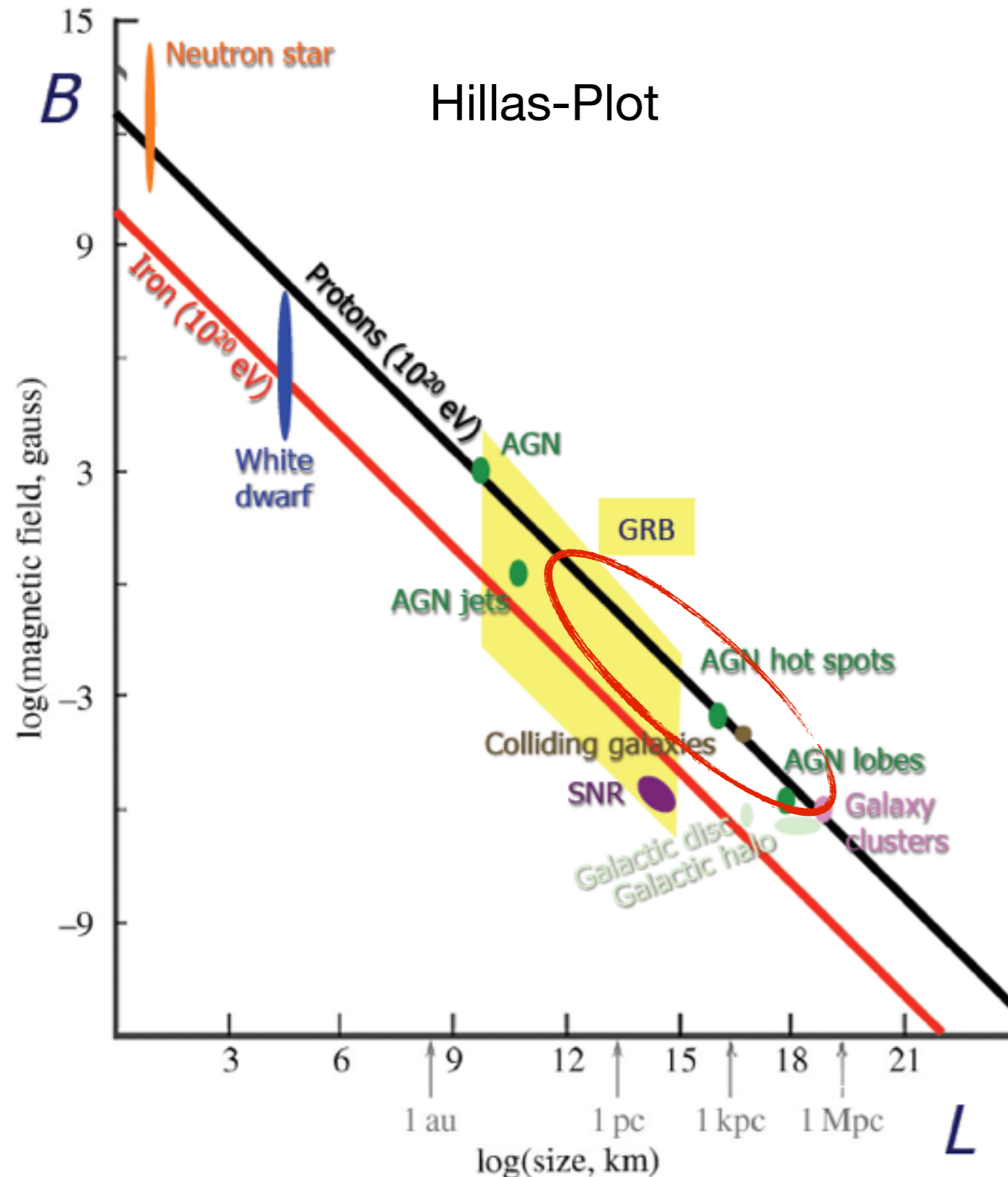
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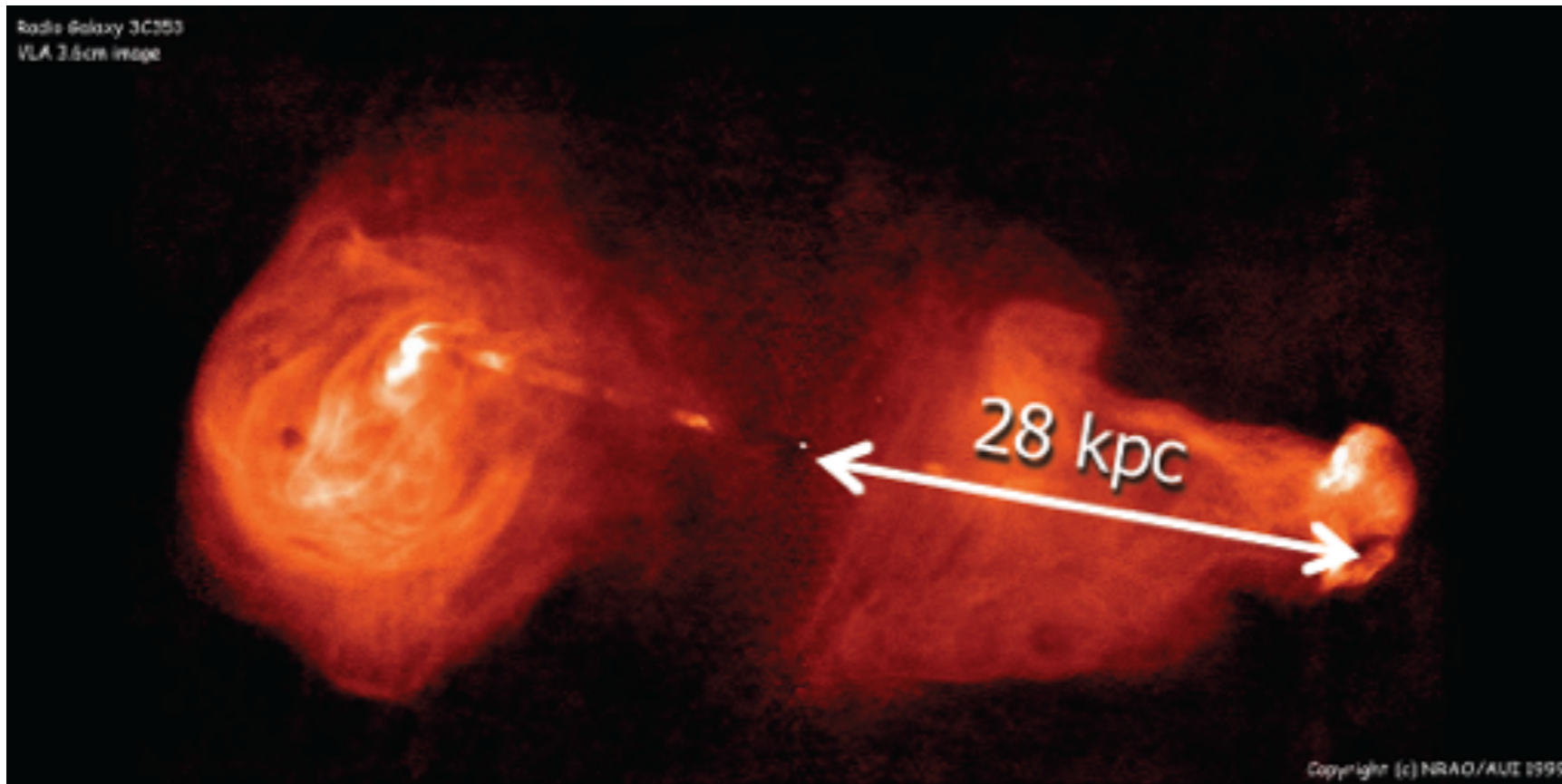
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Beyond this simple consideration:  
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- 3C353 - Active galaxy 130 Mpc away



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

# Propagation of Cosmic Rays

- The source spectrum of shock acceleration follows an  $E^{-2}$  distribution, but we observe  $E^{-2.7}$ , why?
- ▶ Energy-dependent loss of particles when travelling through the galaxy
- Important contributions:
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  - acceleration
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- collisions
- cascade production, spallation of heavy nuclei

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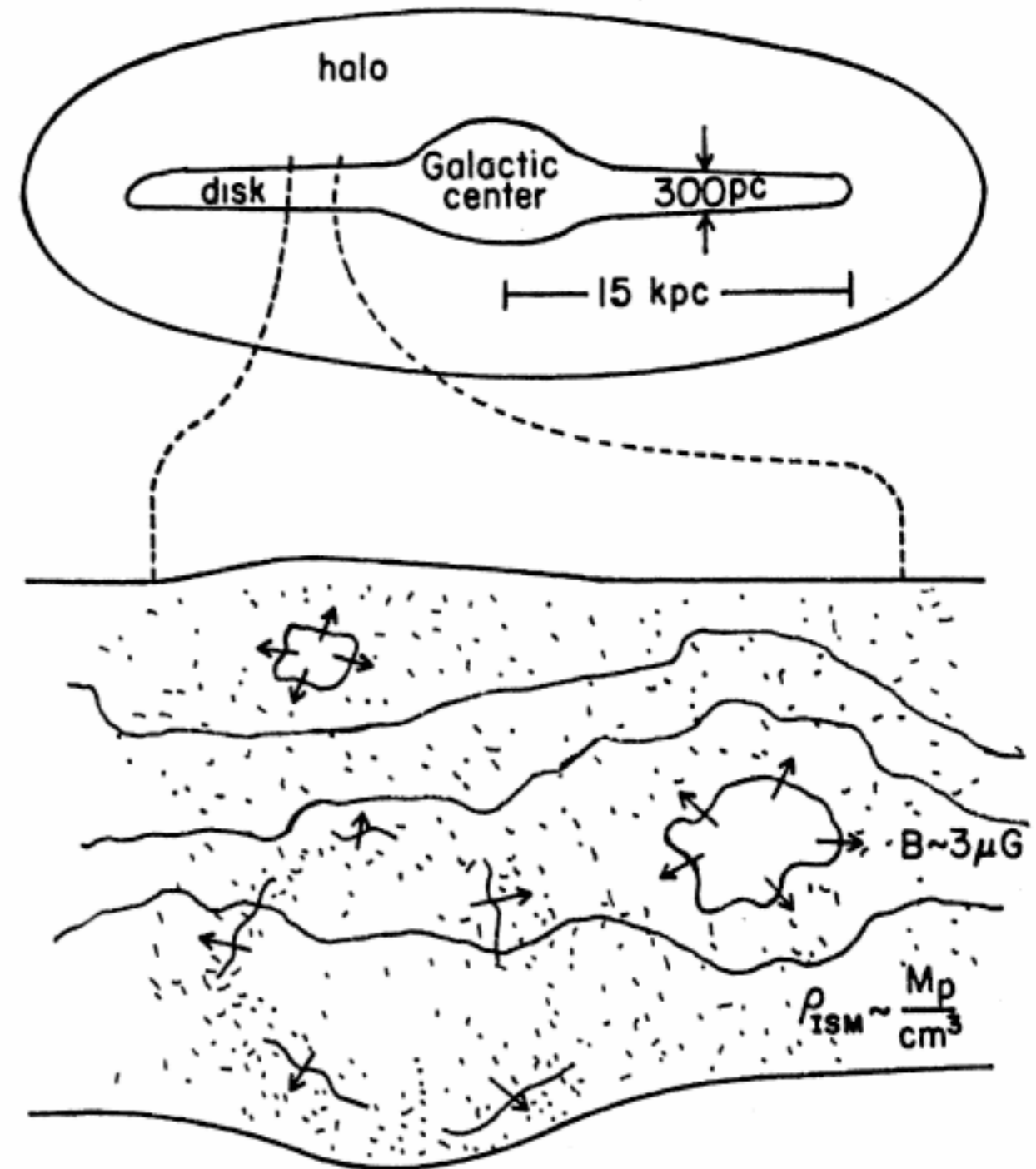
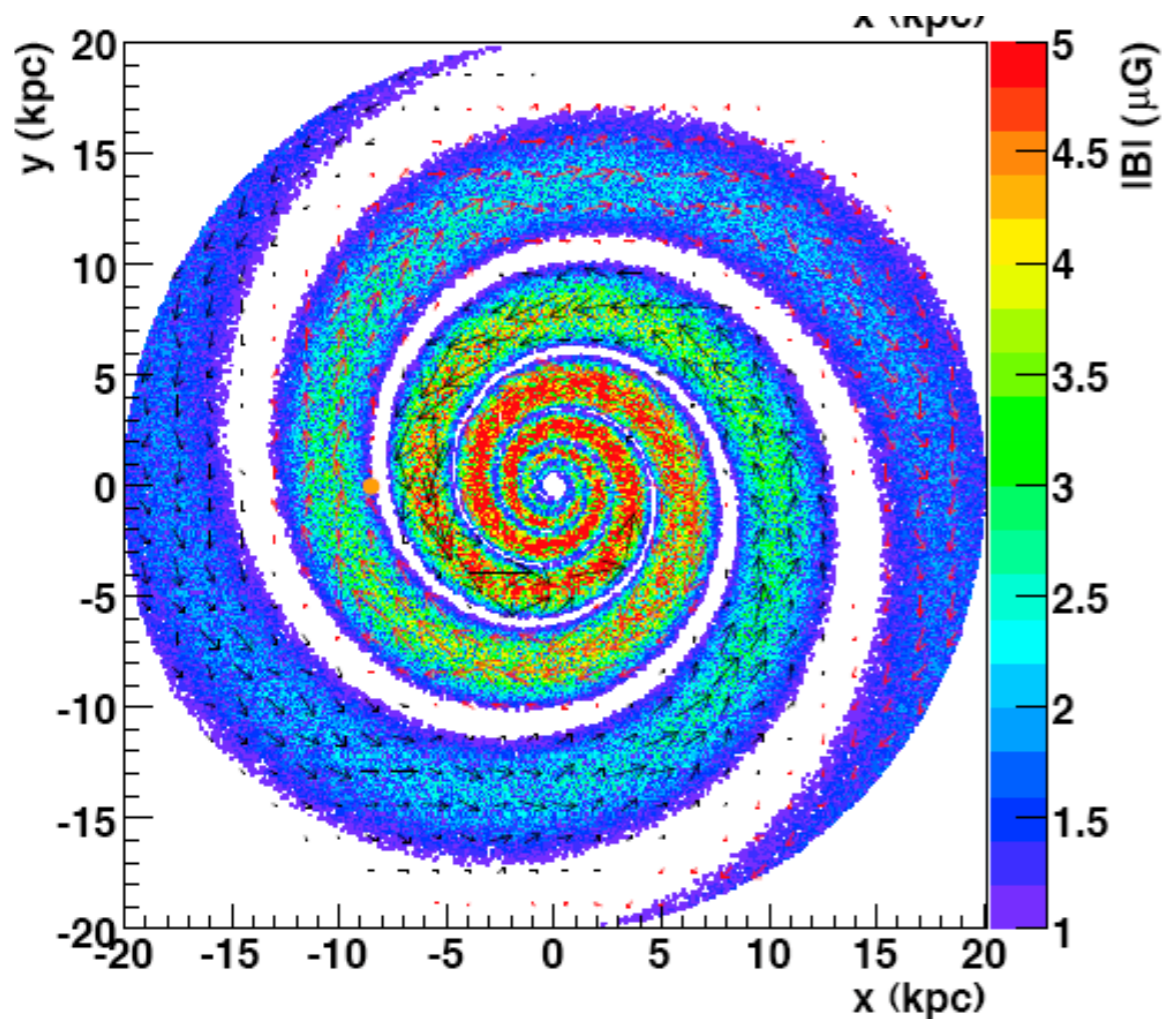
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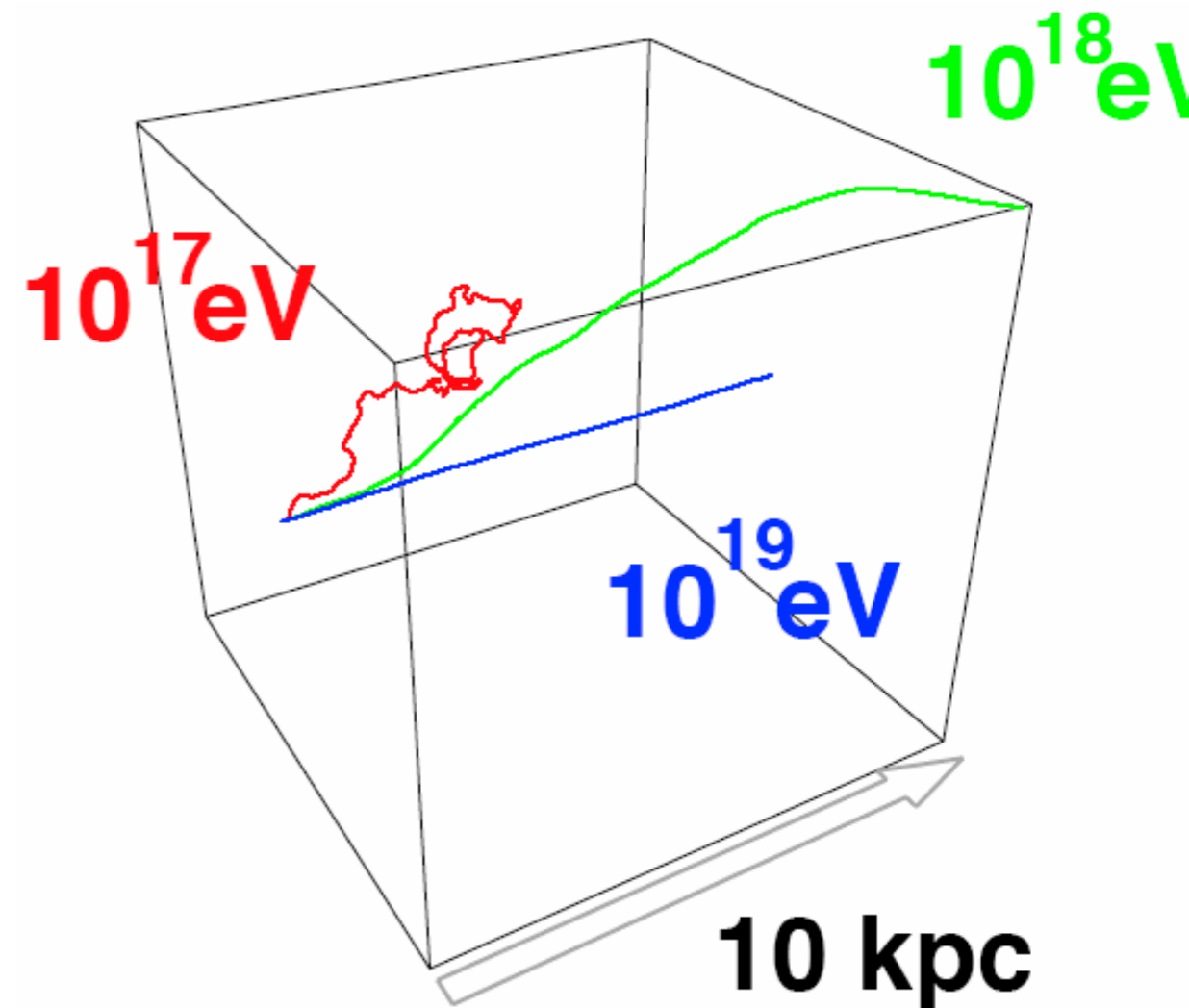
- Magnetic field in the galaxy along spiral arms, with additional turbulent contributions overlaid
- typical strength  $\sim 0.1$  nT





# Propagation of Particles in Magnetic Fields

- Charged particles are deflected by cosmic magnetic fields
- To demonstrate: toy simulation with magnetic fields of  $\sim 0.1$  nT and a coherence length of  $\sim 100$  pc
  - Particles start from the left center with different energies
- ▶ 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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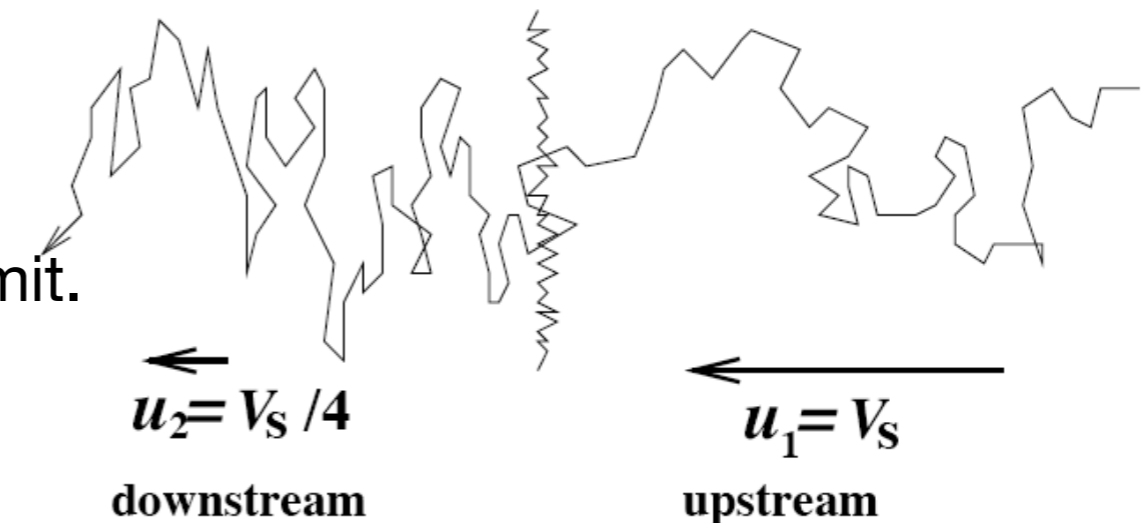
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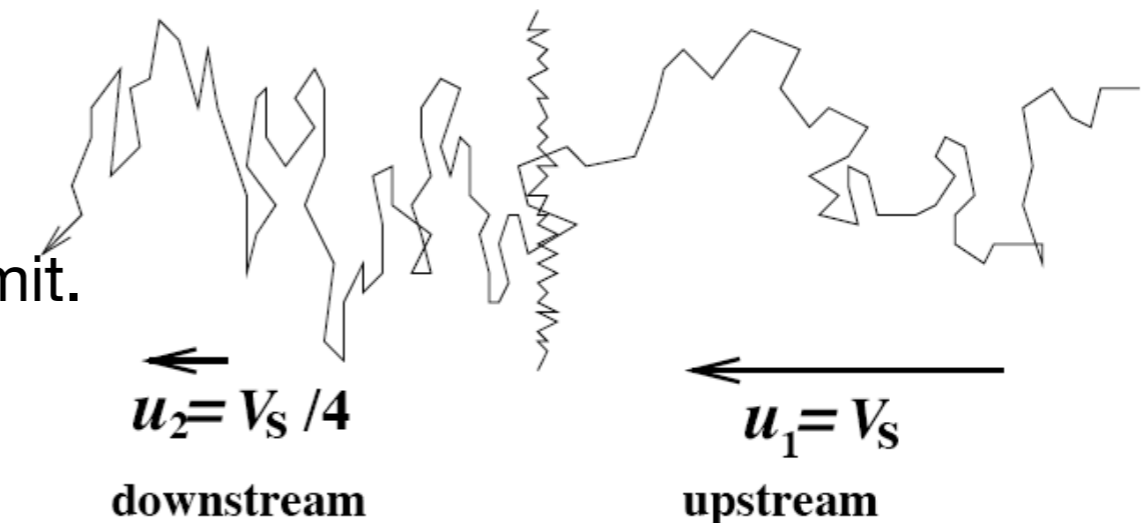
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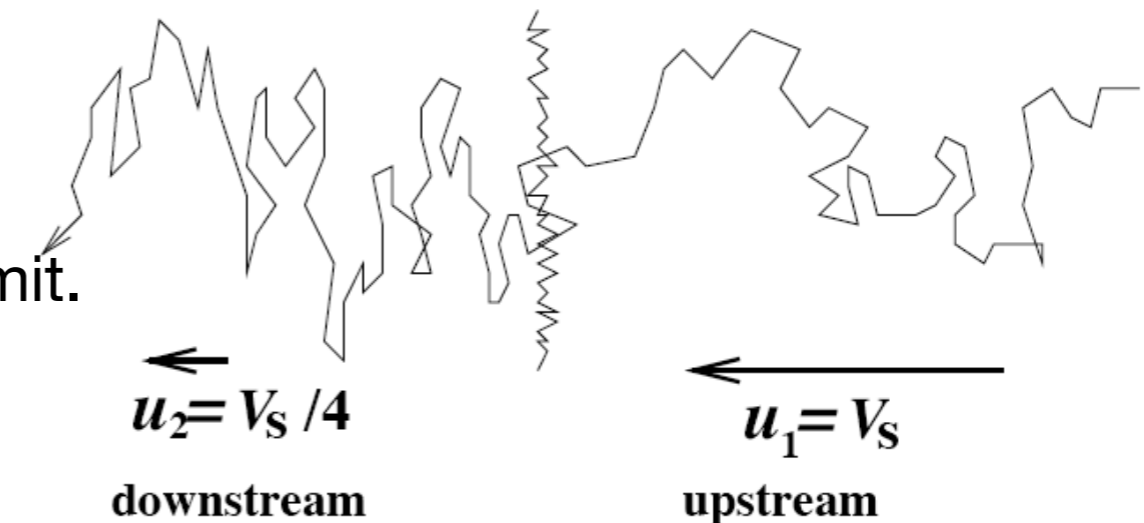
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- Für typische Werte ( $\beta_{Schock} \sim 0.03$ ,  $B \sim 0.3$  nT,  $t_{acc} \sim 1000$  Jahre)  
 $E_{max} \sim 10^{14}$  eV (für Protonen)  
▶ bis zum Knie der Verteilung