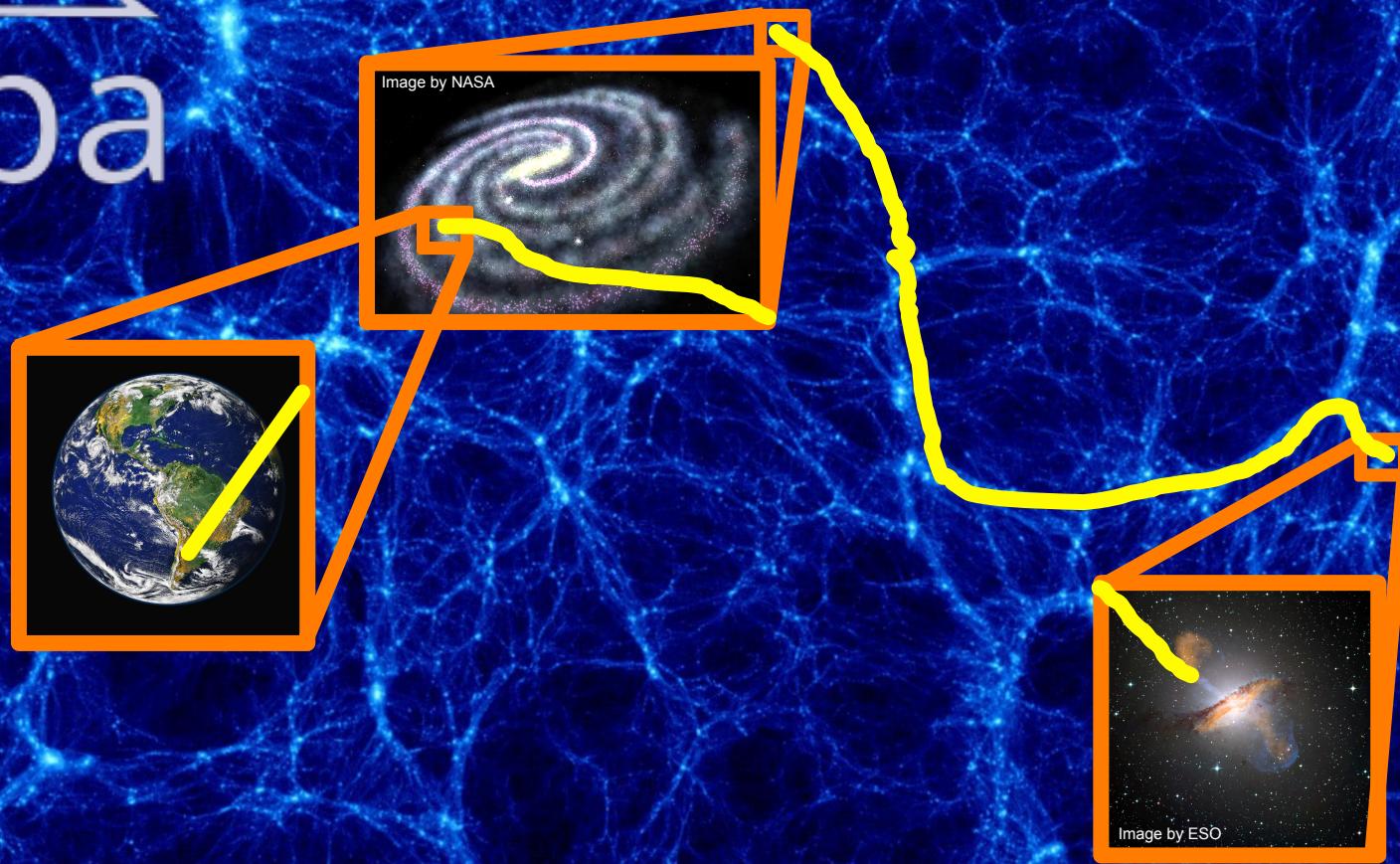


CR/Propa

An open-source astroparticle
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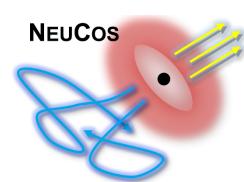


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- Secondary particles

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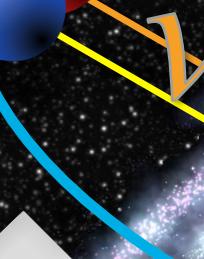
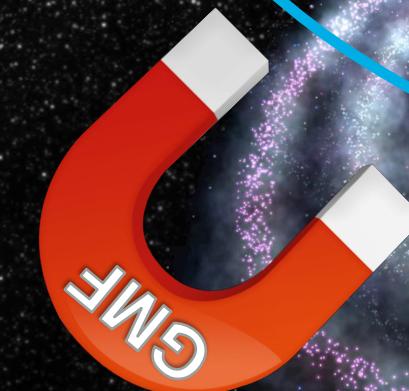
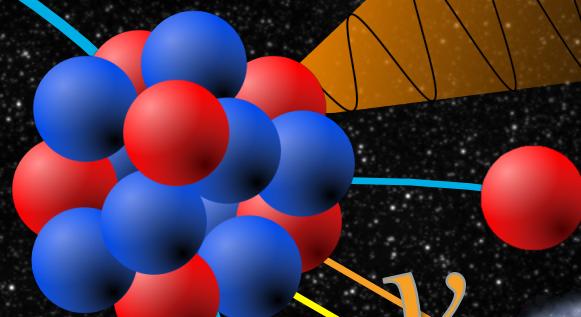
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- Detection at Earth

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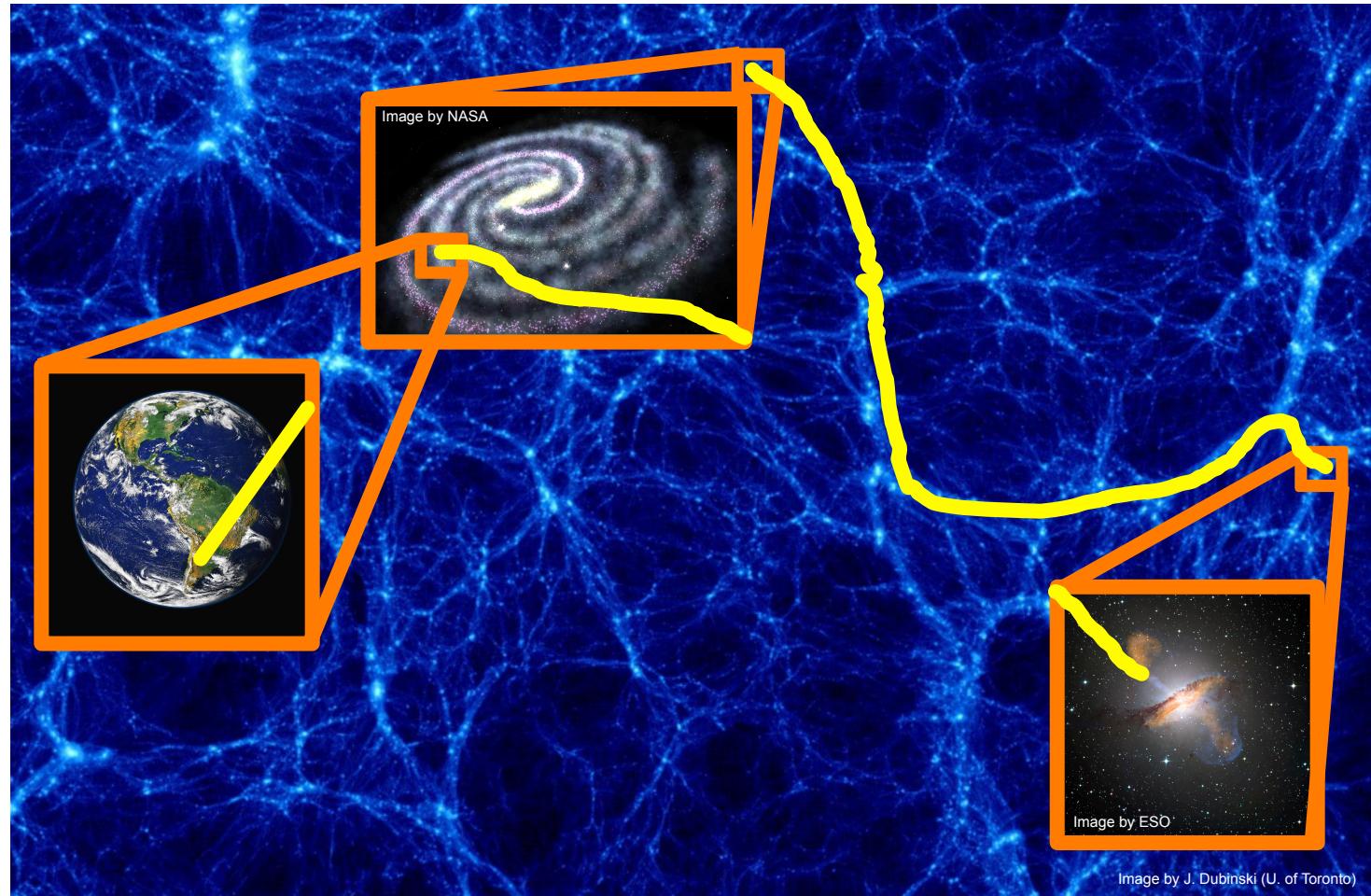
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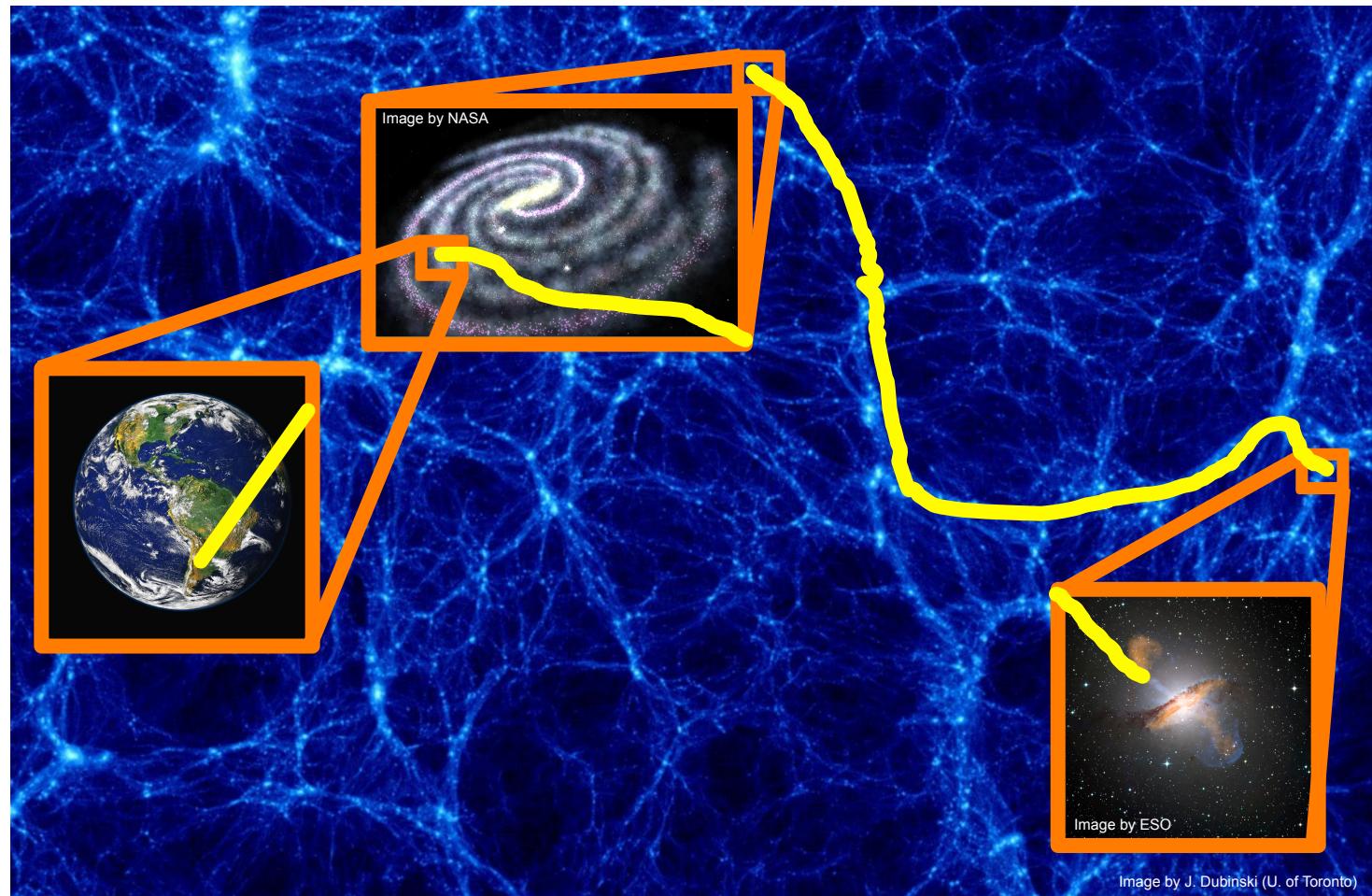


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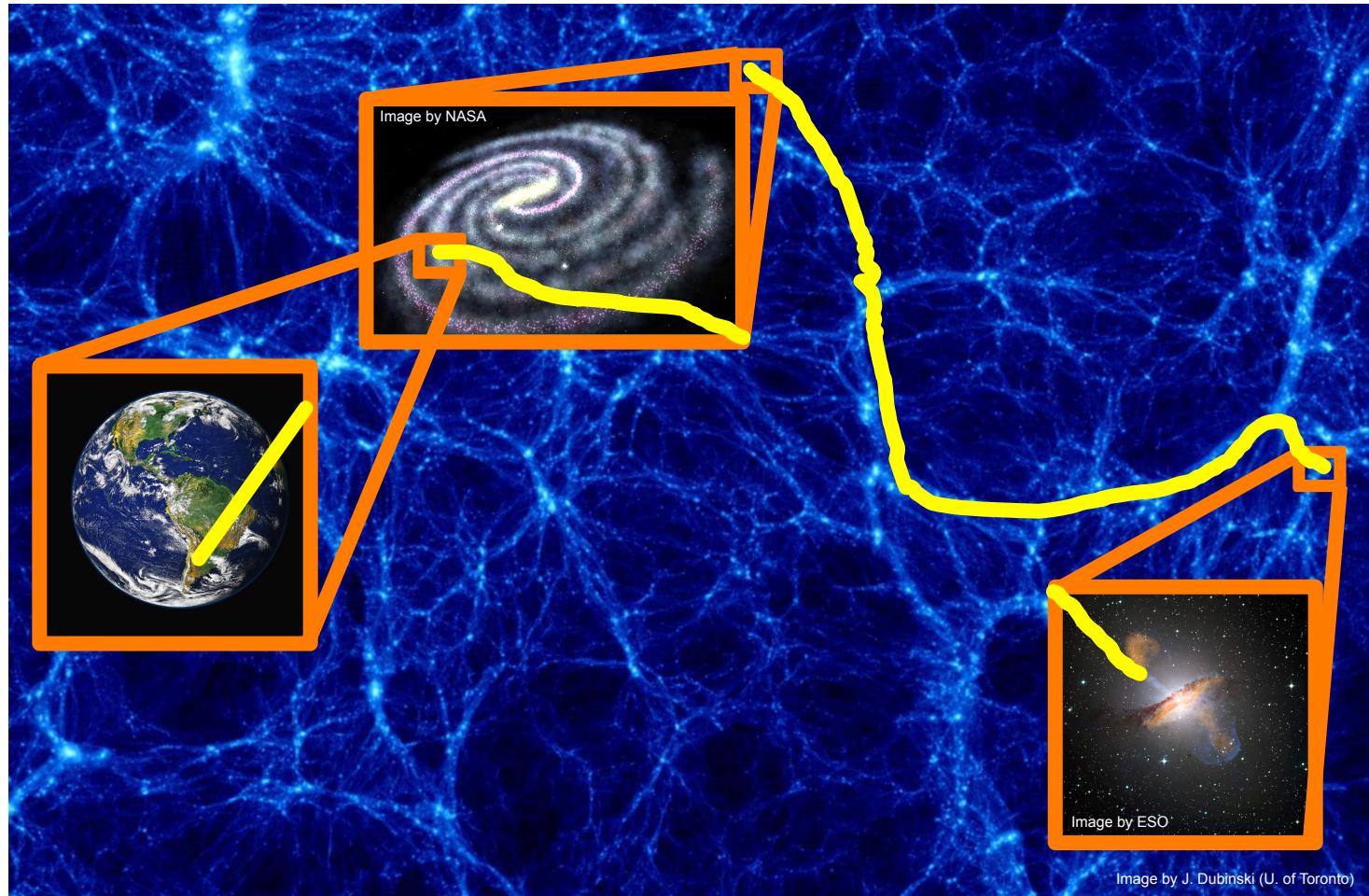
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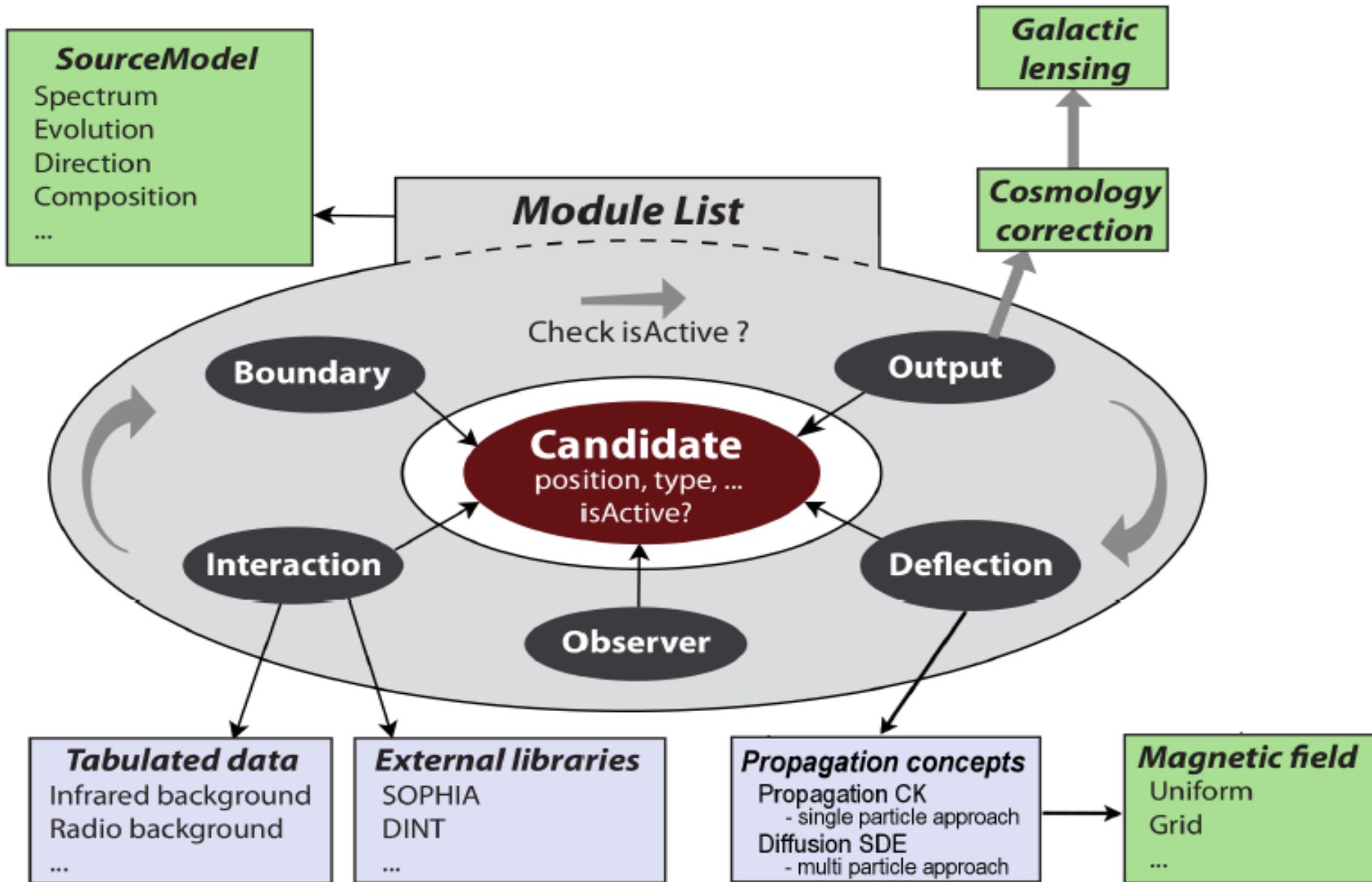
- Galactic magnetic field (GMF)
 - Jansson and Farrar (Astrophys. J. 761 (2012) L11)
 - Pshirkov (Astrophys. J. 738 (2011) 192)
- Extragalactic magnetic field (EGMF) and large-scale structure (LSS) density field
 - CLUES (Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 475 (2018) 2519)
 - Dolag *et al.* (JCAP 01 (2005) 009)
 - Sigl *et al.* (Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004) 043007)
- Extragalactic background light (EBL)
 - 8 different options, see:

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Modular code structure

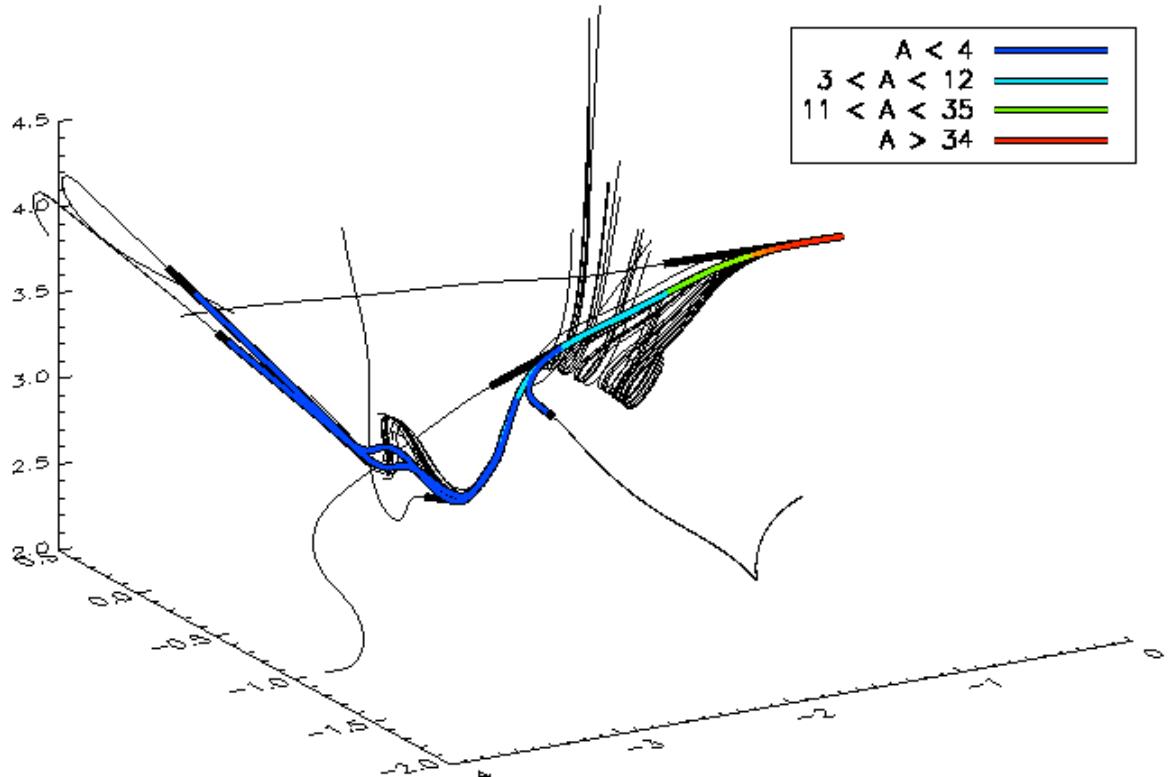
- Flexible simulation setup
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- Add your own modules
- Test specific modules
- Adjust modules
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Extragalactic cosmic rays

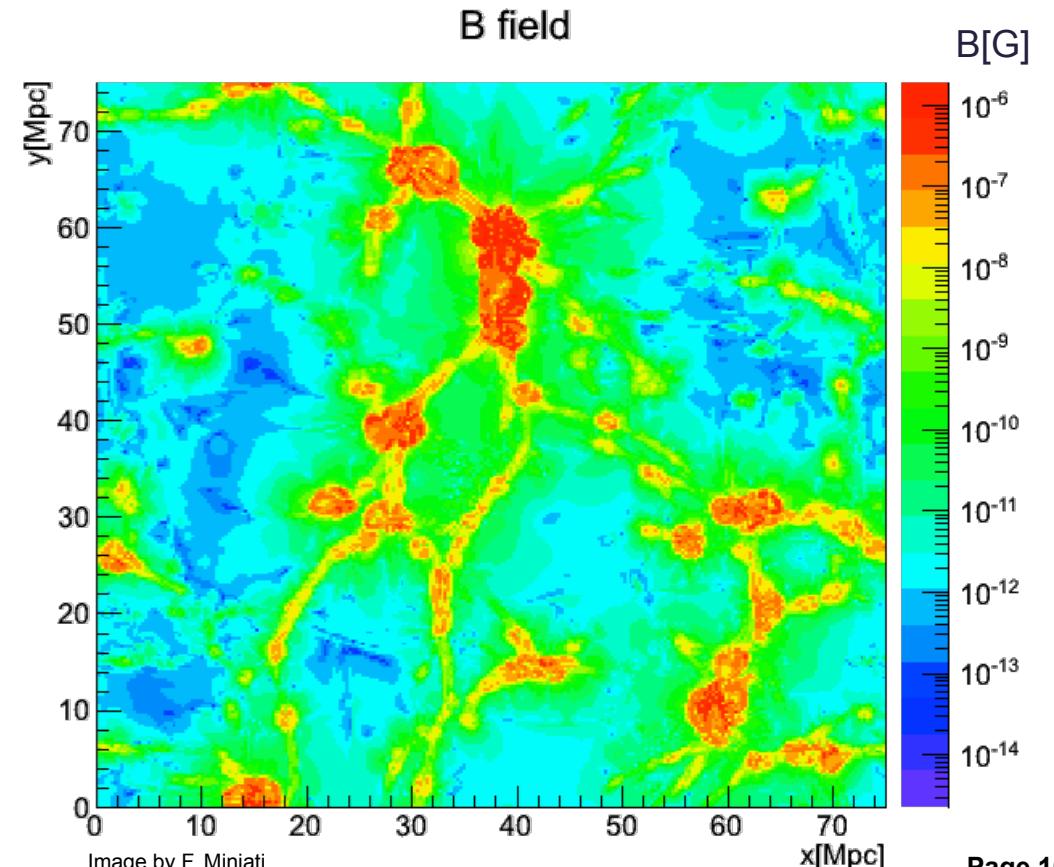
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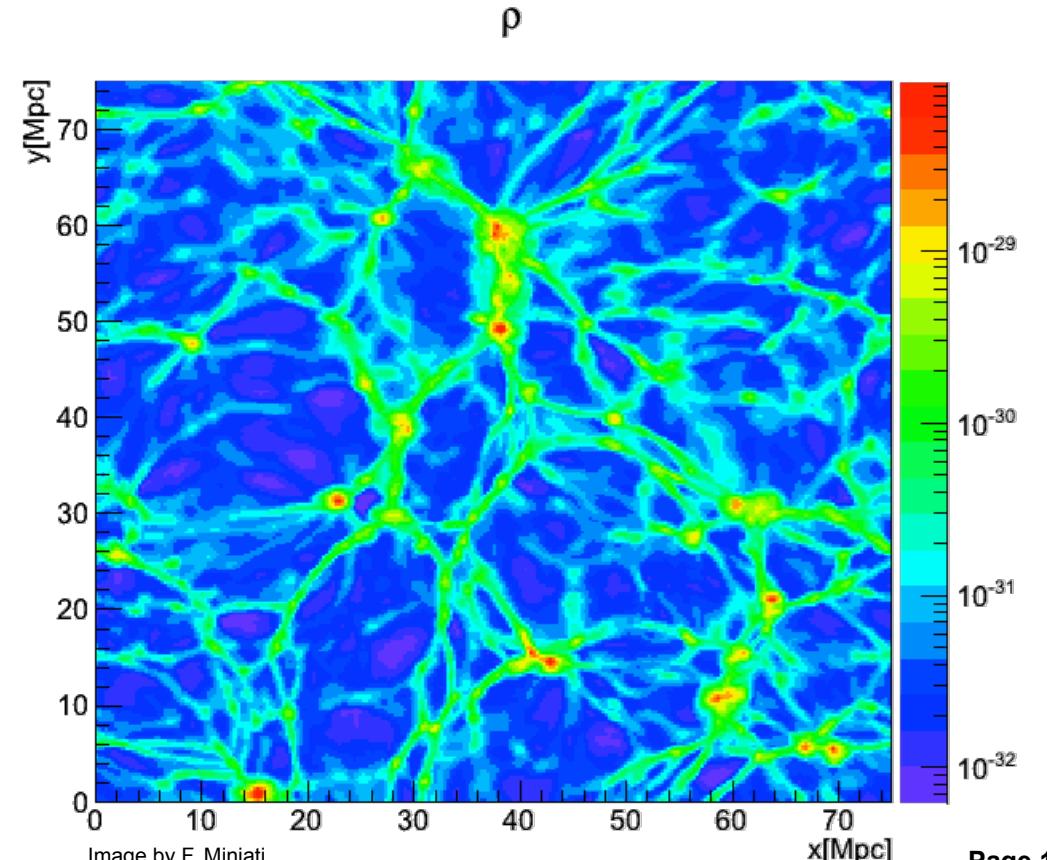
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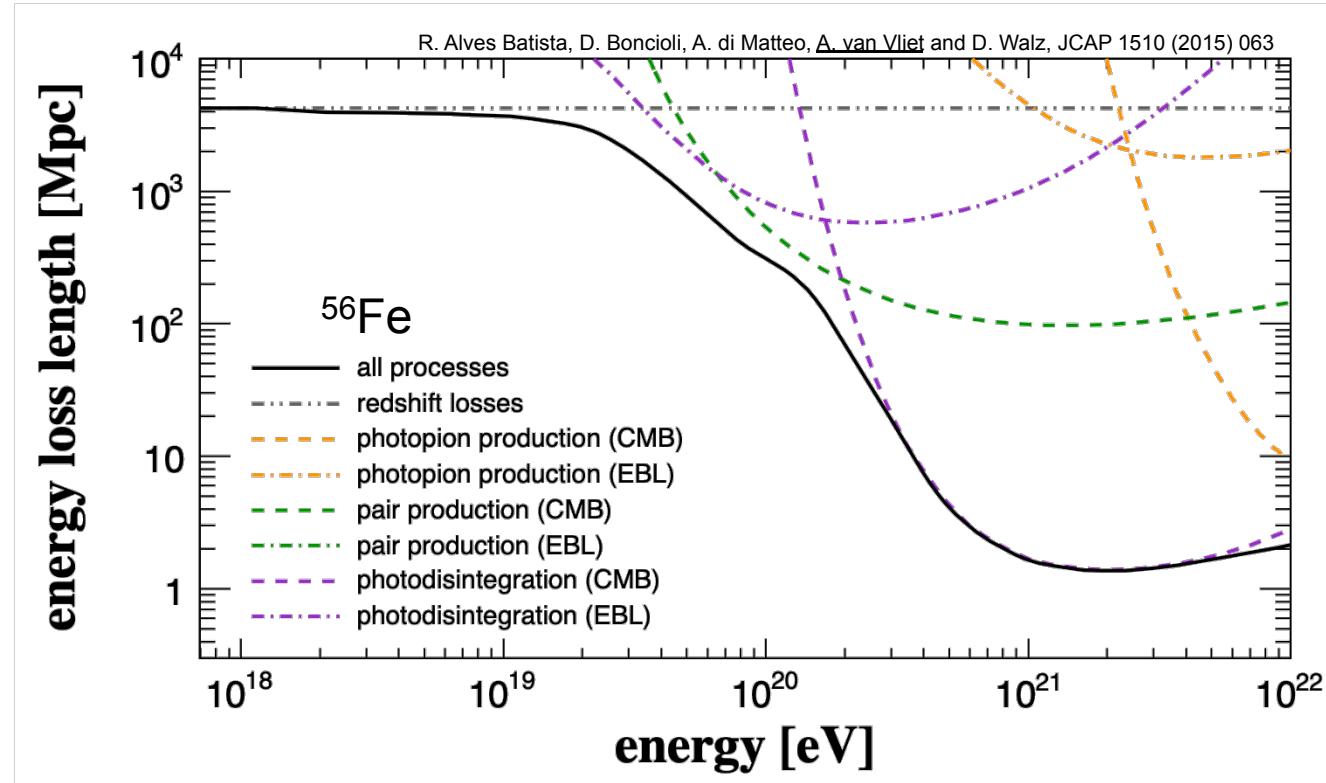
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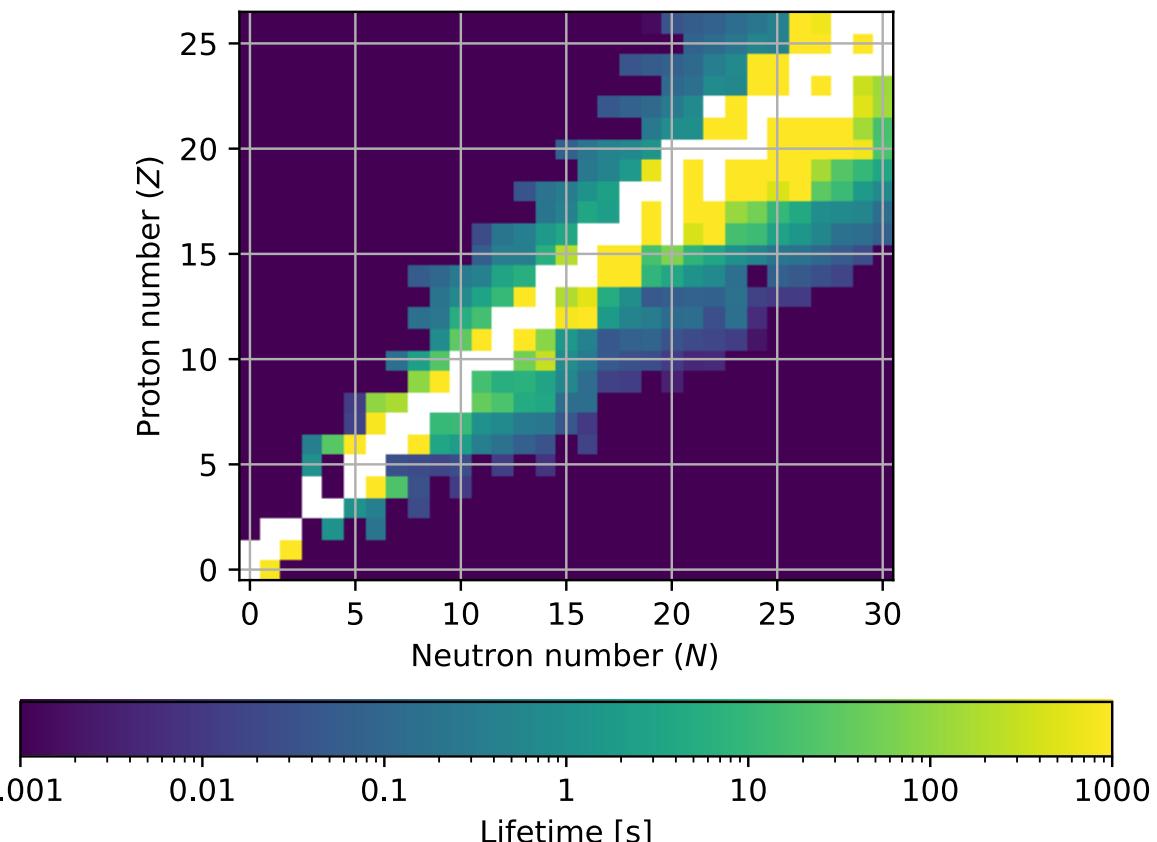
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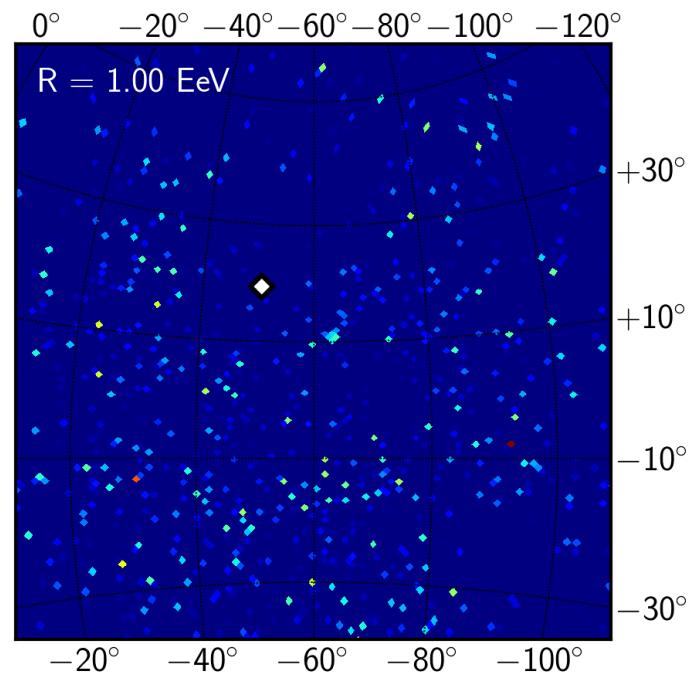
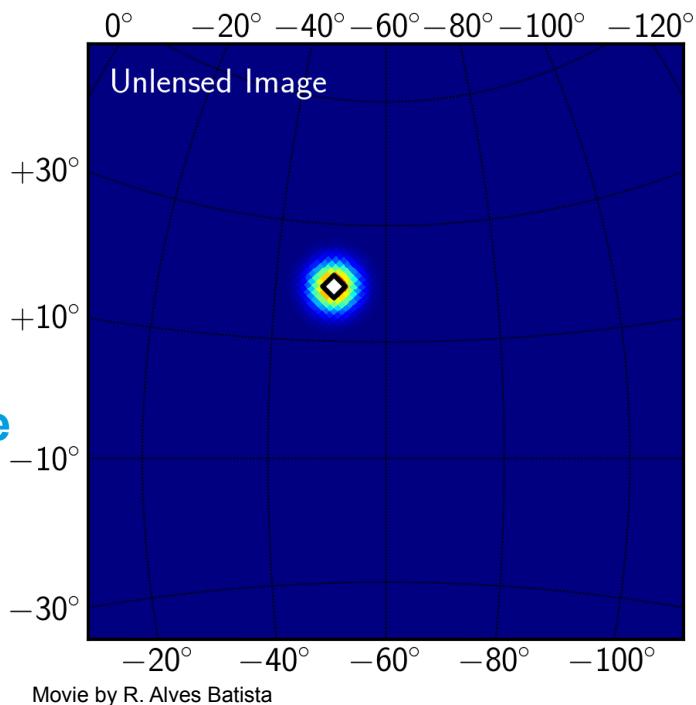
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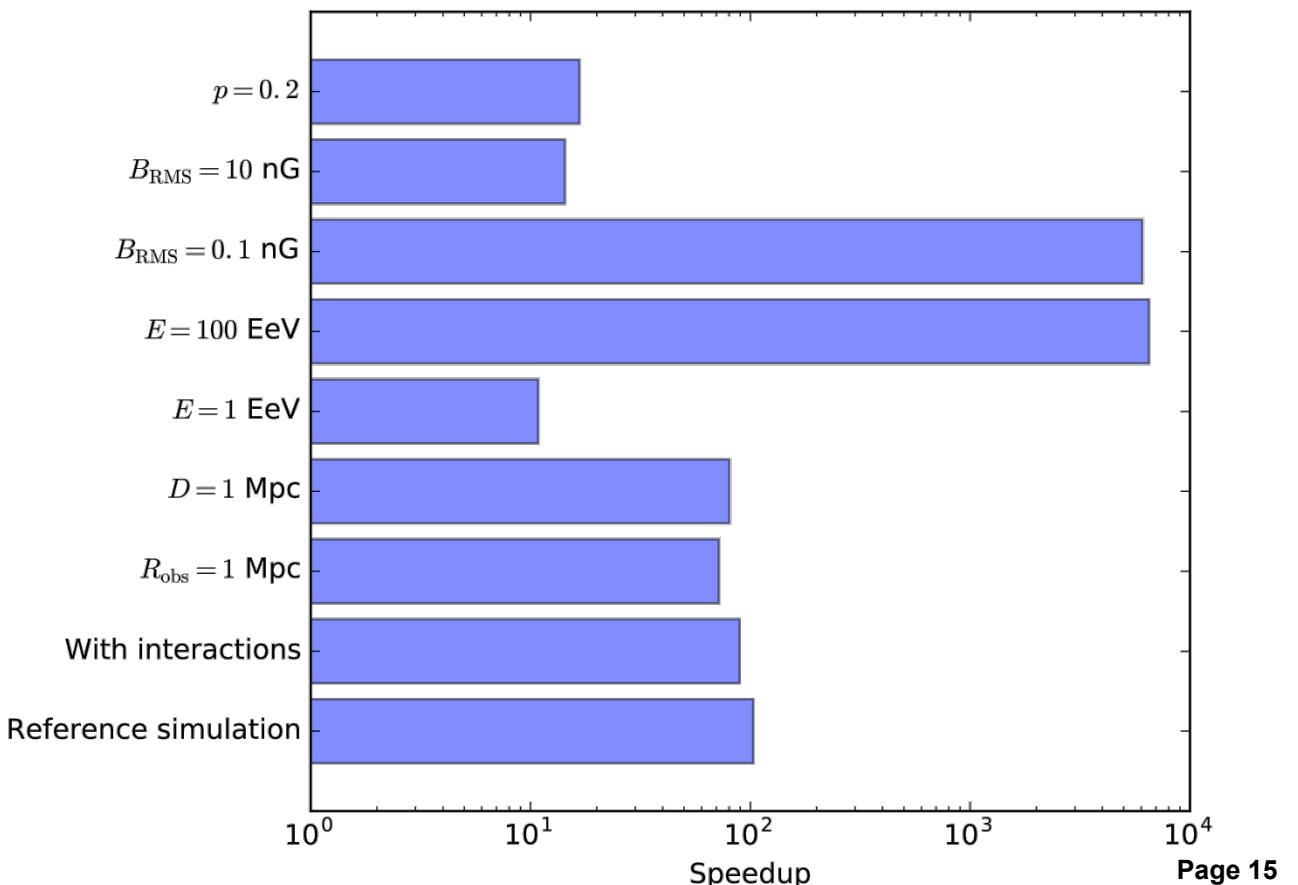
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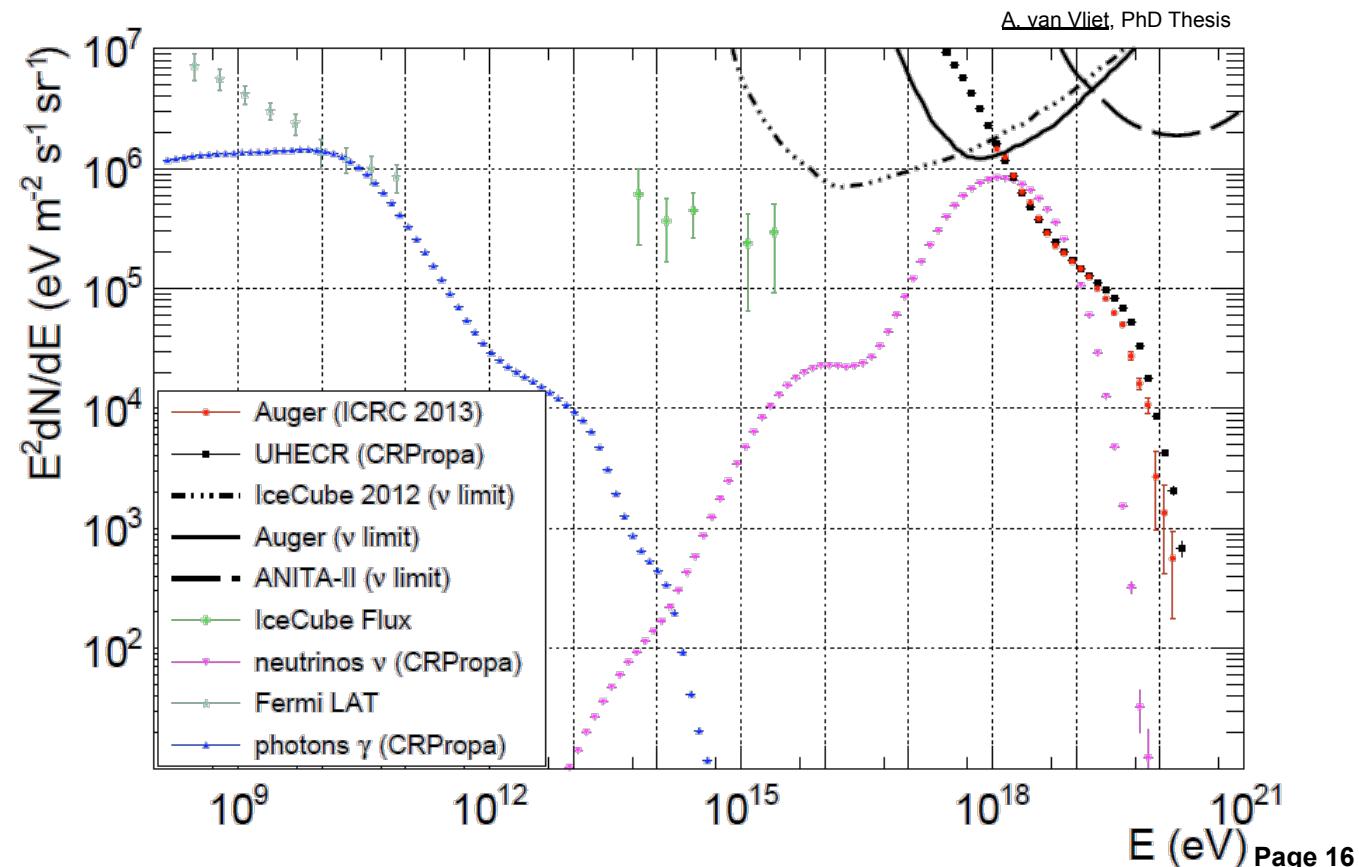
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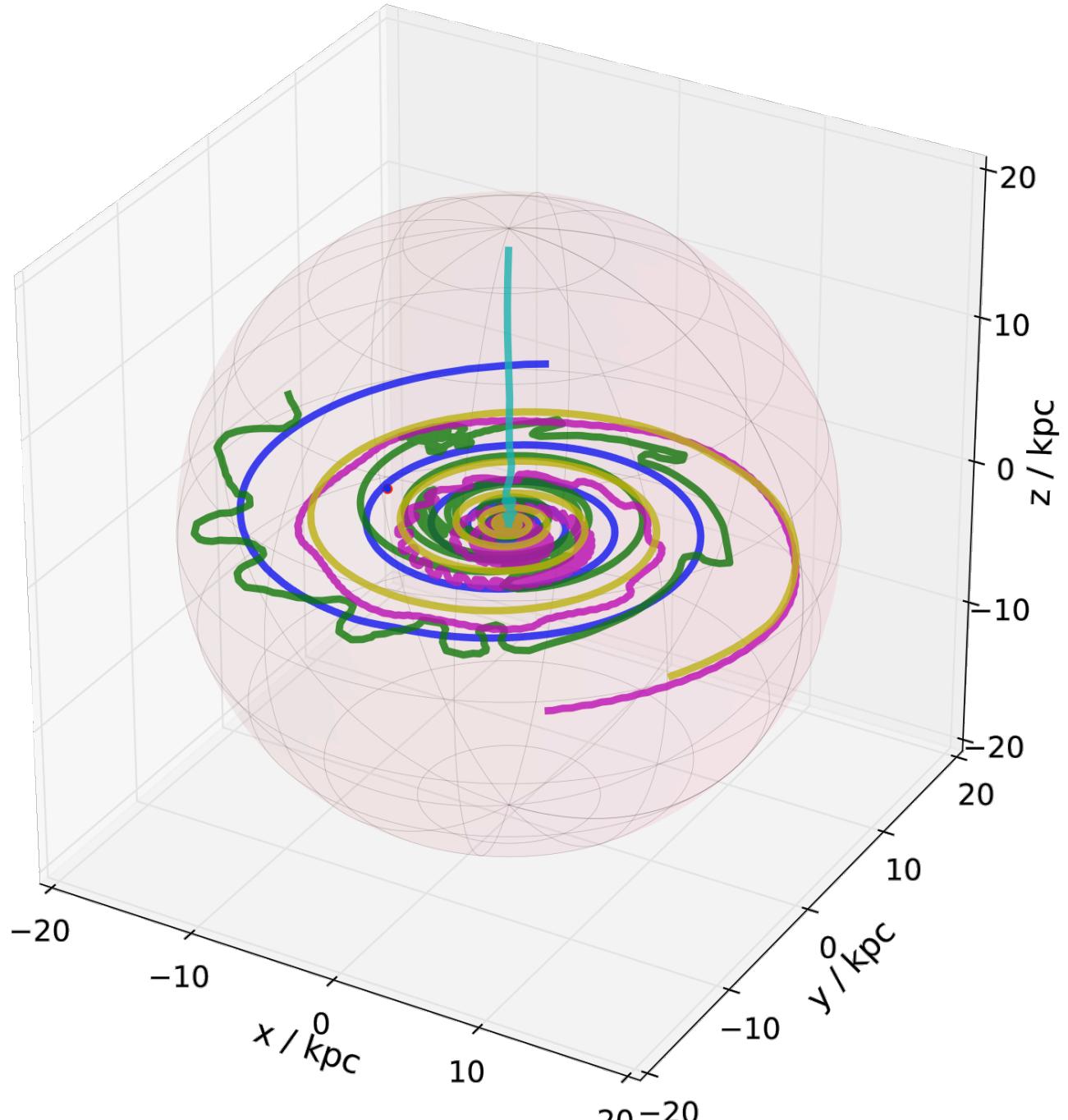
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Single-particle approach

Solve equation of motion

- 5 protons
- $E = 10^{18}$ eV
- Isotropic emission
- Source at Galactic center
- Pshirkov '11 GMF



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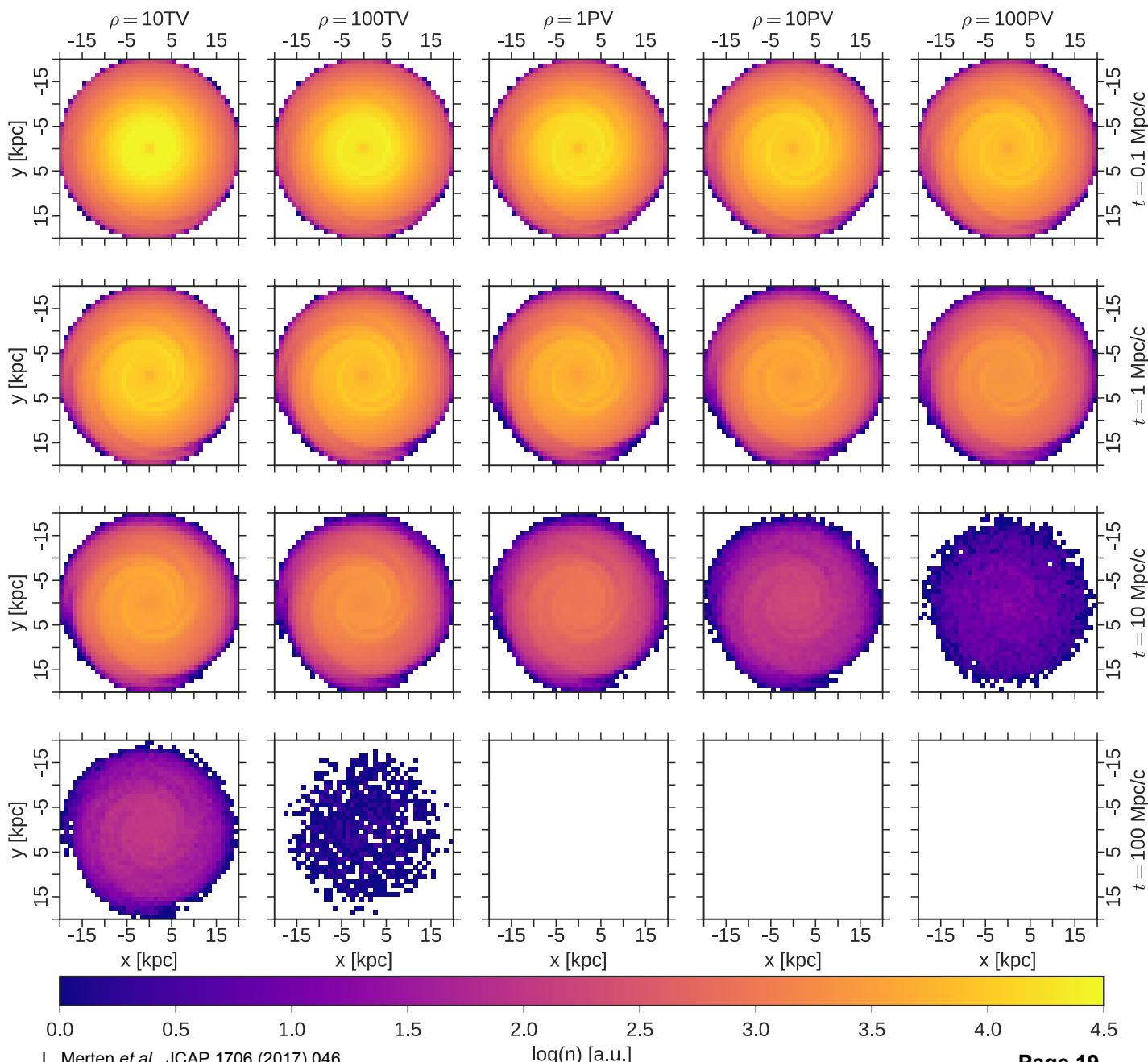
Multi-particle diffusion approach (new in 3.2)

Solve transport equation

- Anisotropic diffusion
- Advection
- Adiabatic cooling
- Momentum diffusion

Example

- Cosmic-ray density
- In Galactic plane
- Homogeneous injection
- Jansson and Farrar '12 GMF



Electromagnetic cascades

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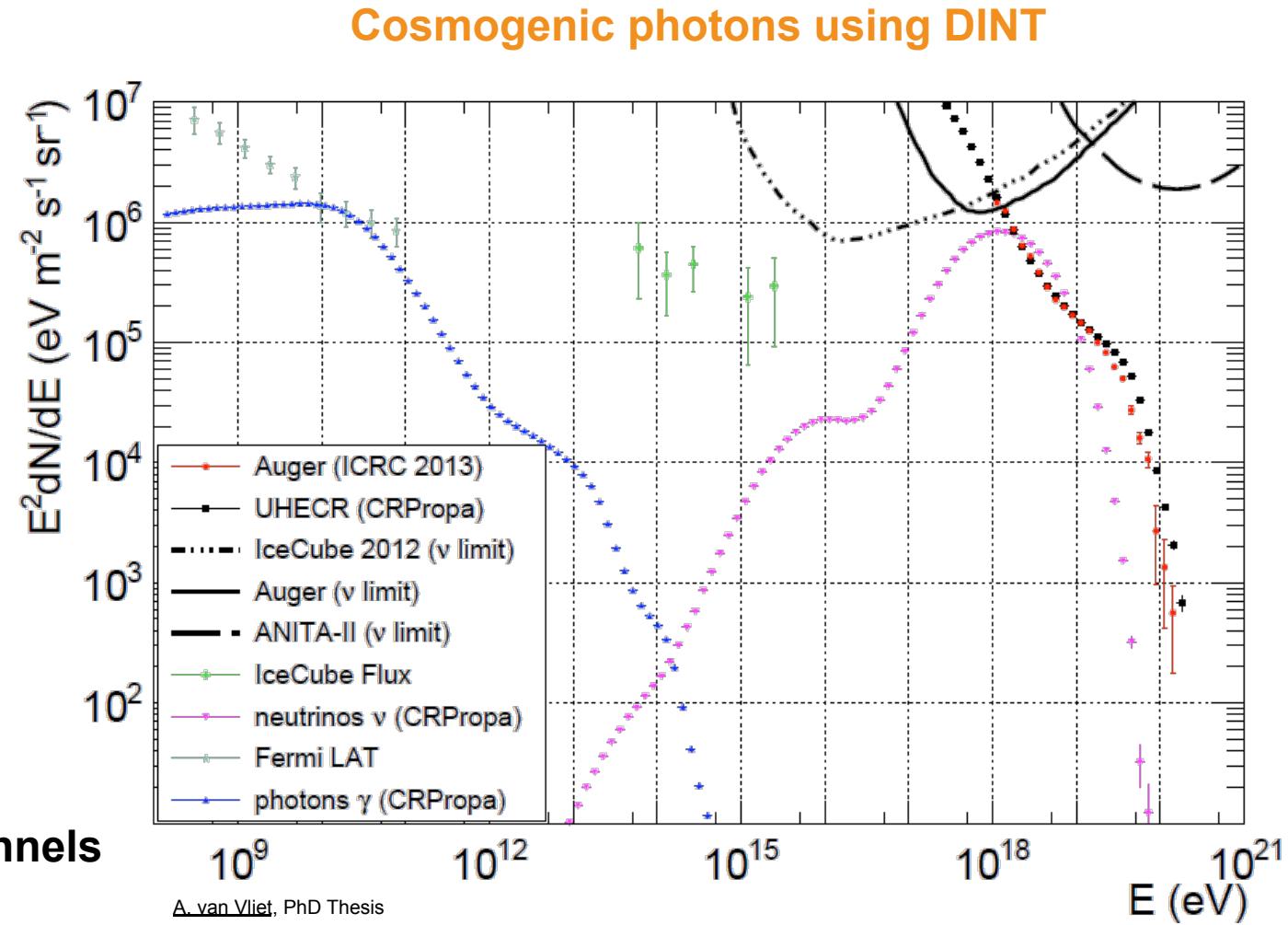
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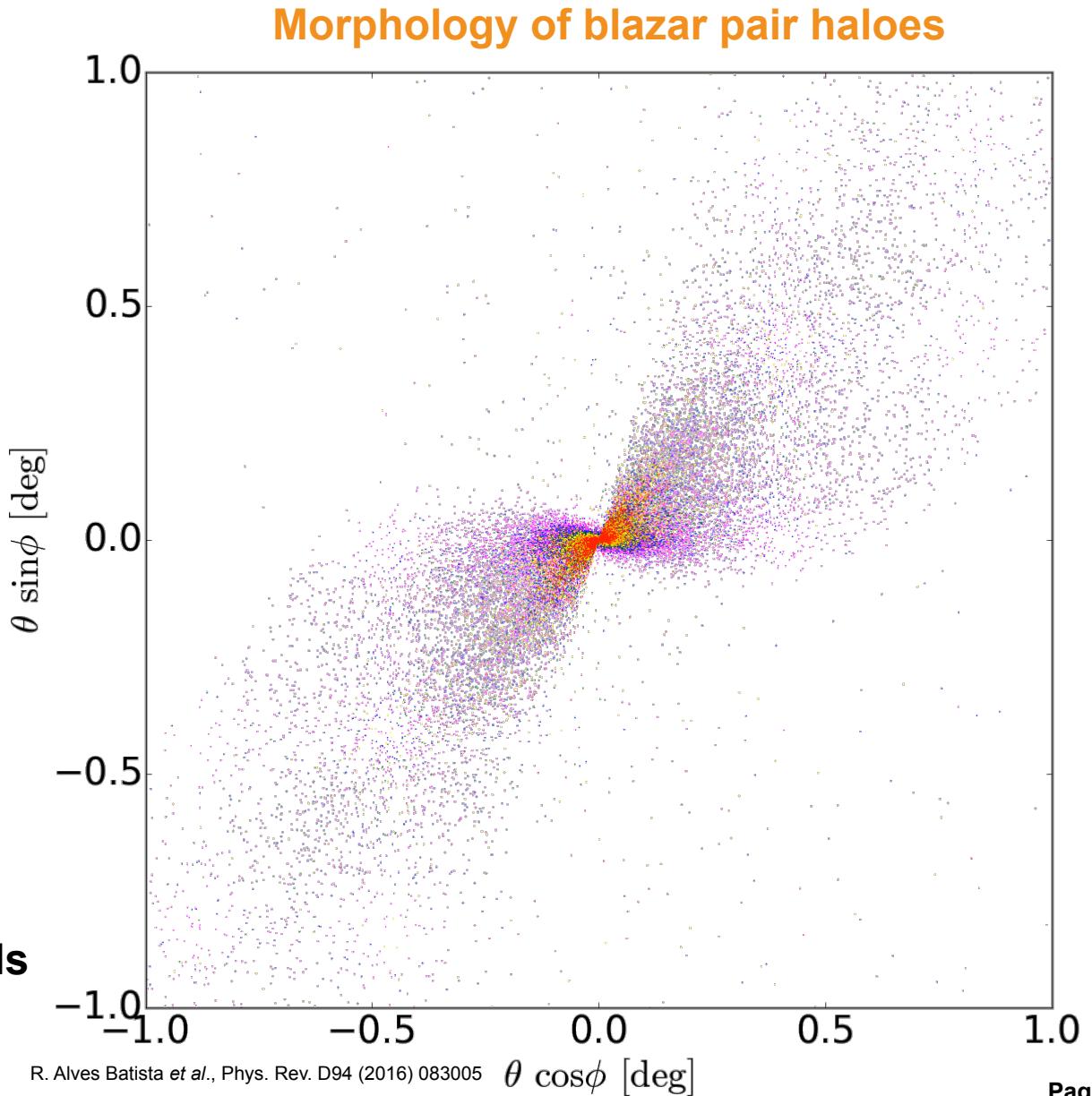
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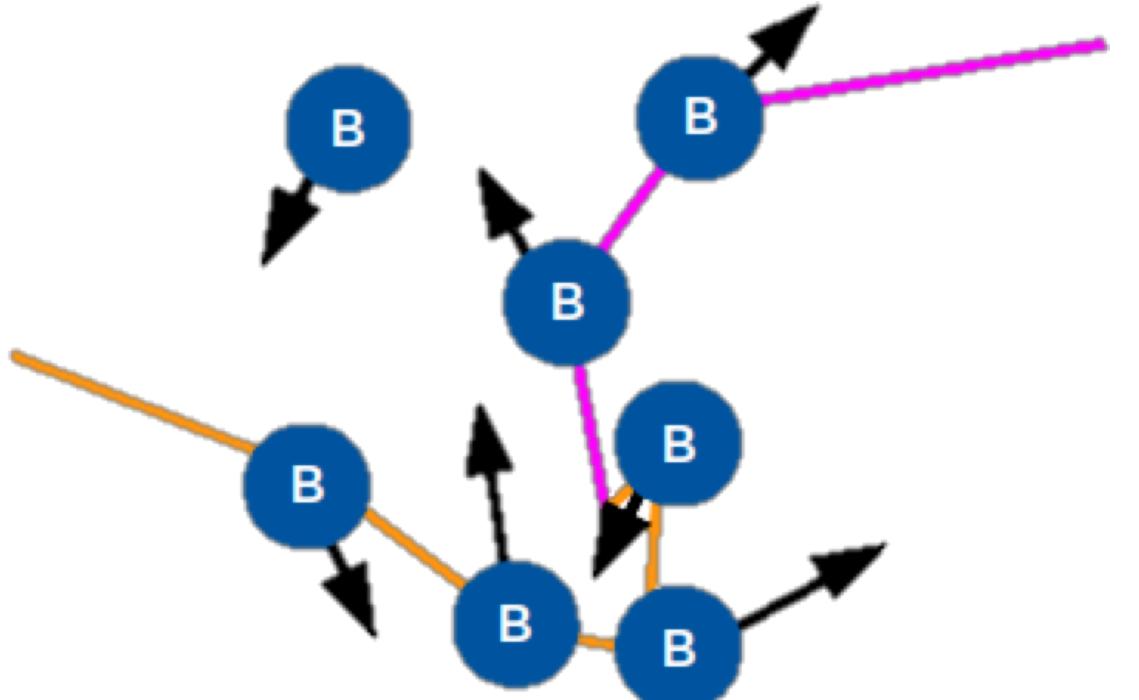


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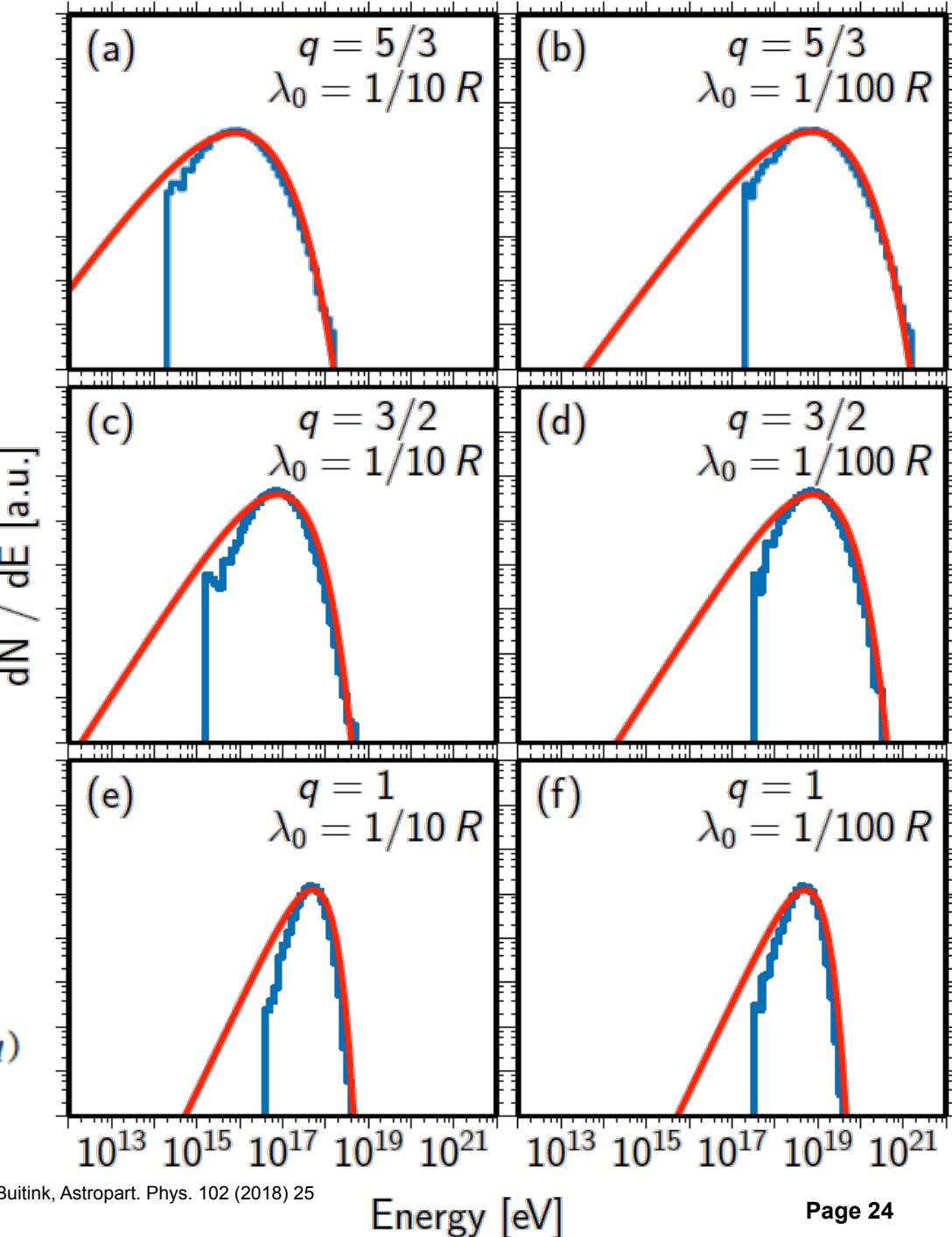
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Second order

- Acceleration at random scattering centres



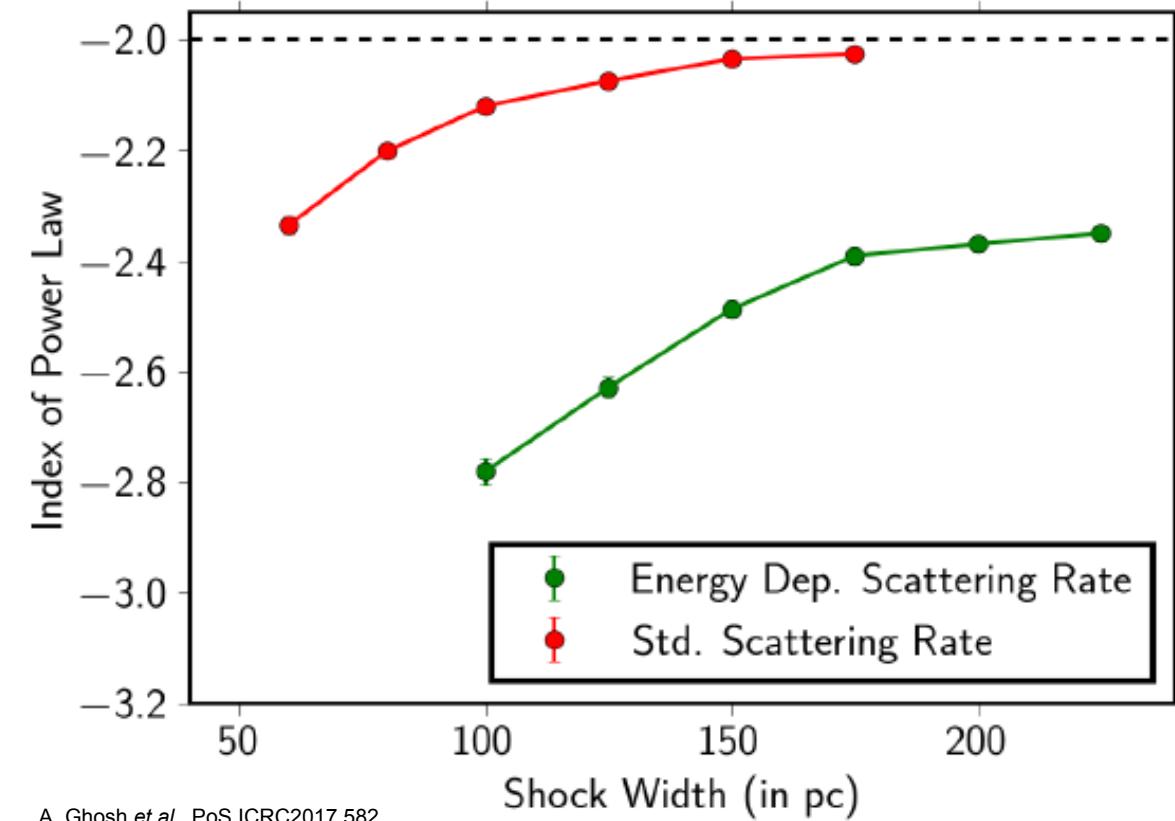
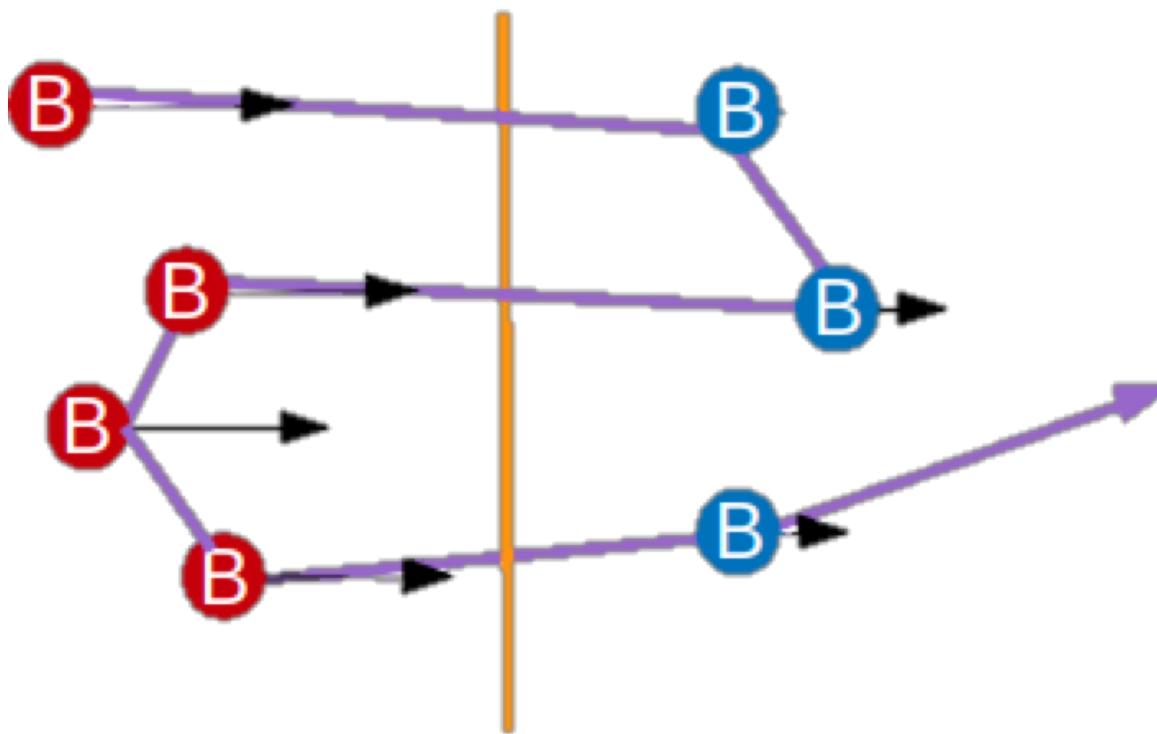
$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{(3-q)} e^{-(E/E_0)^{(2-q)}}$$



Diffusive shock acceleration

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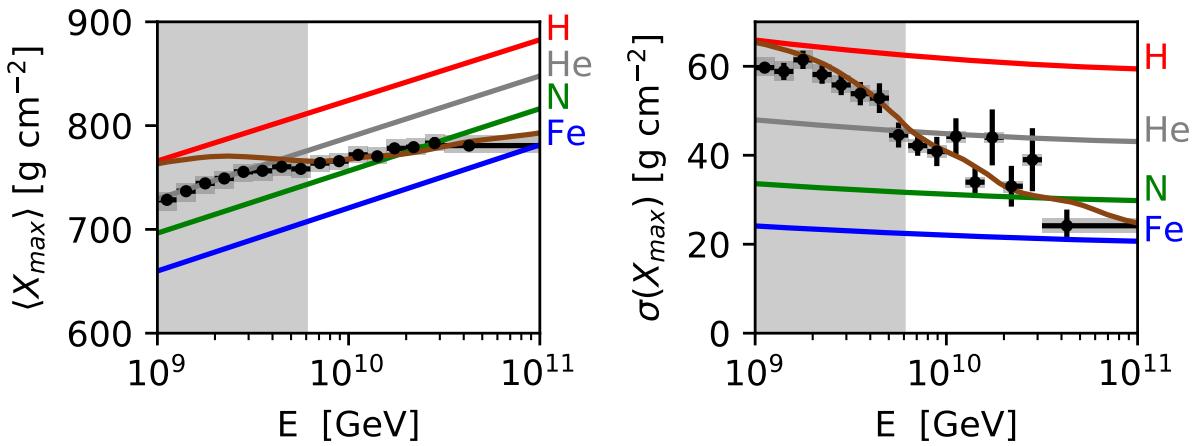
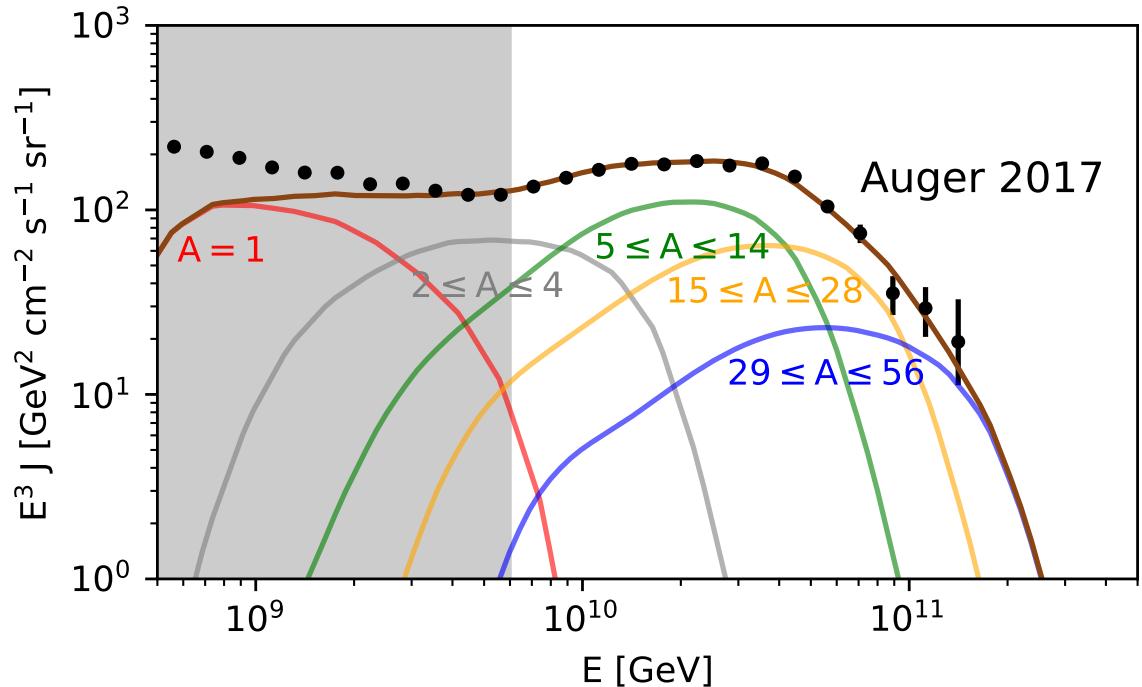


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Extragalactic CRs example: Cosmogenic neutrinos

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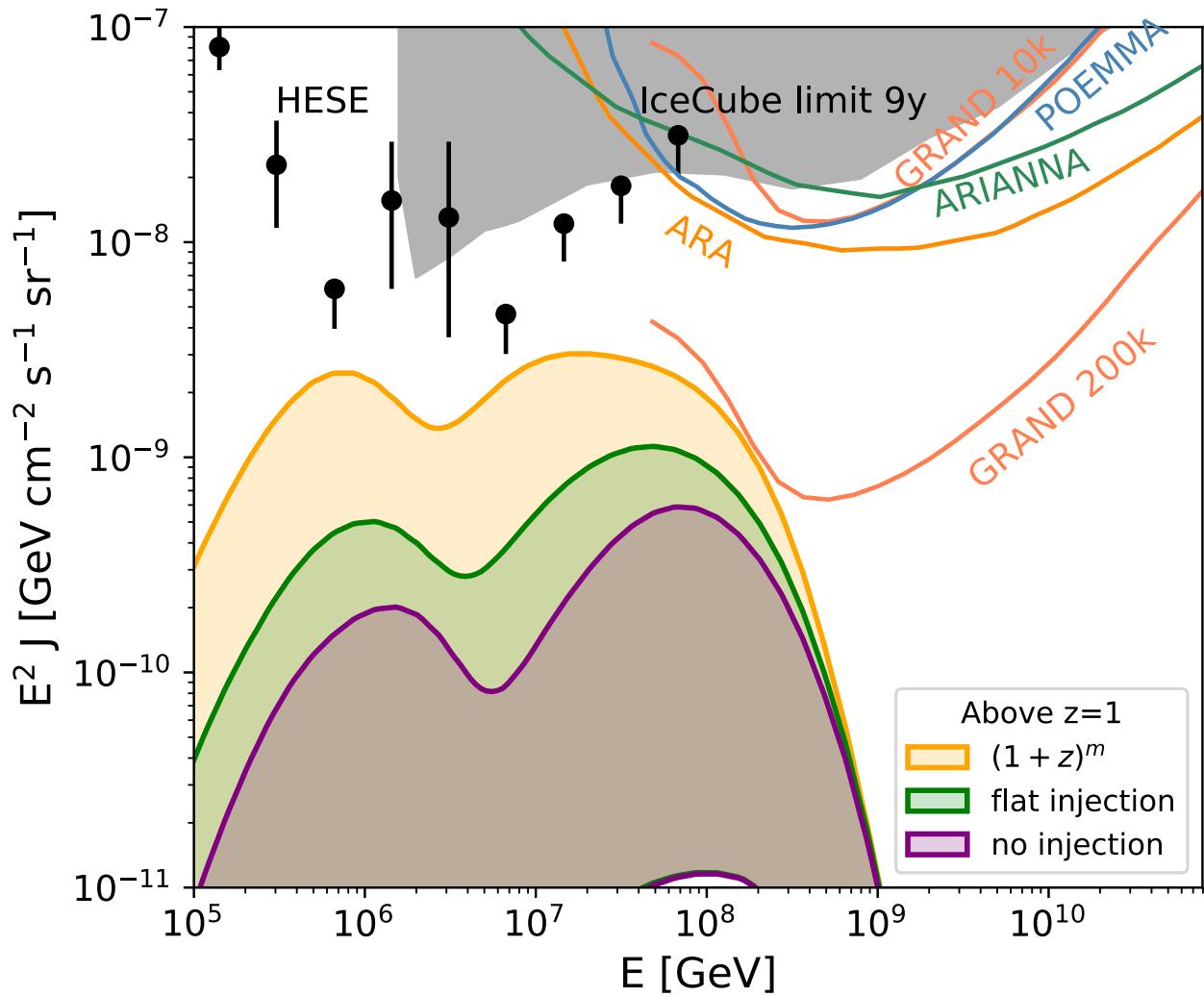
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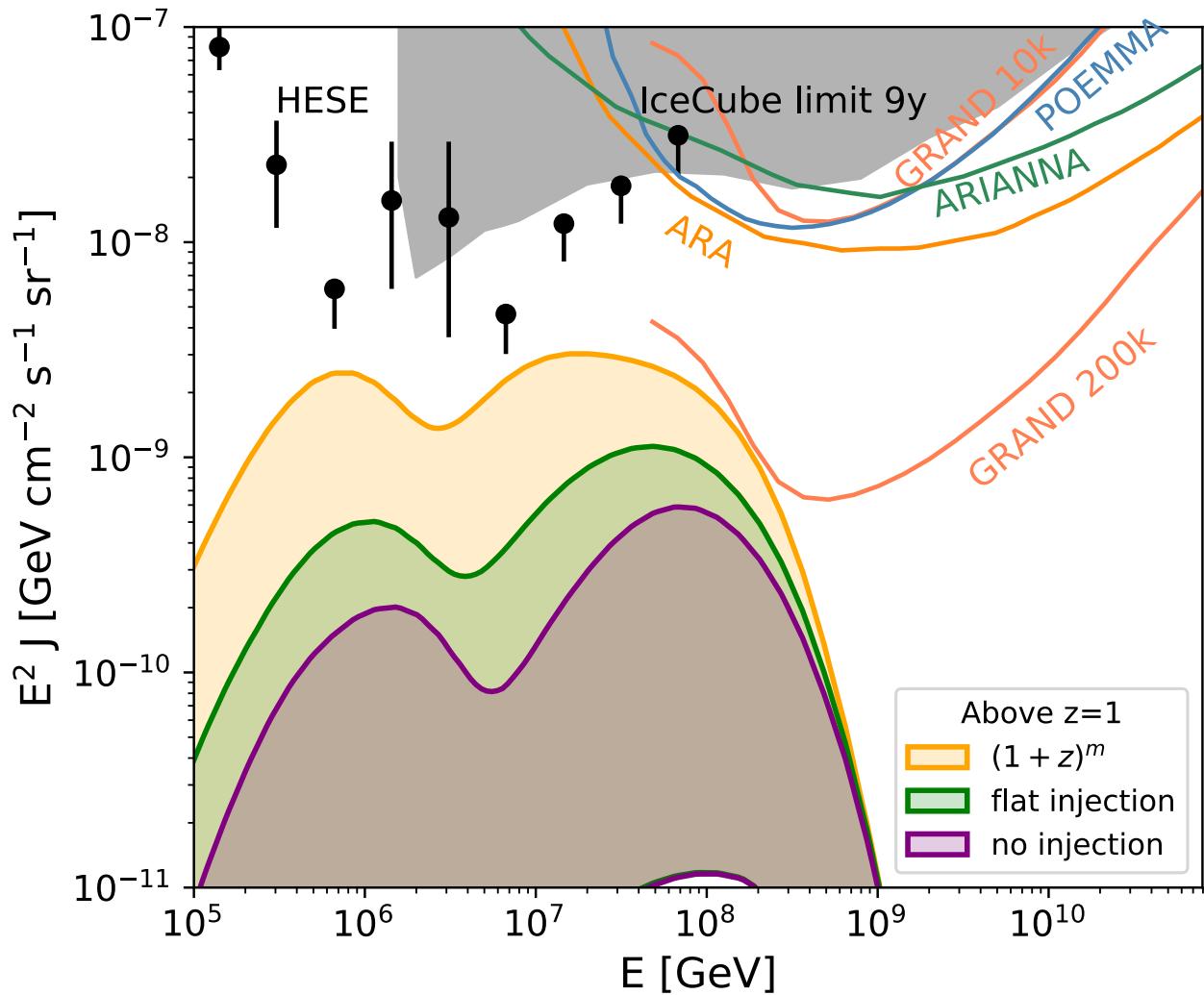
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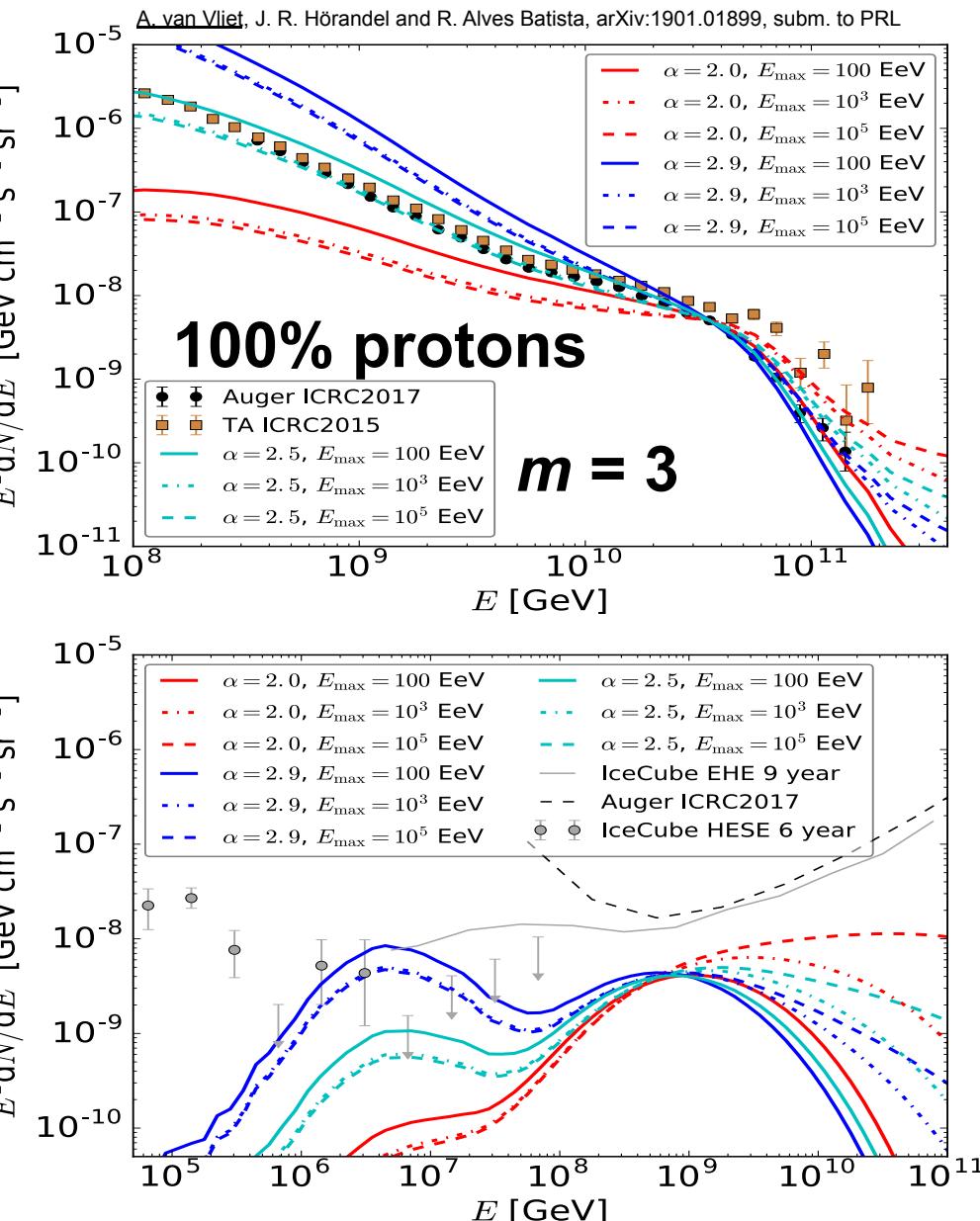


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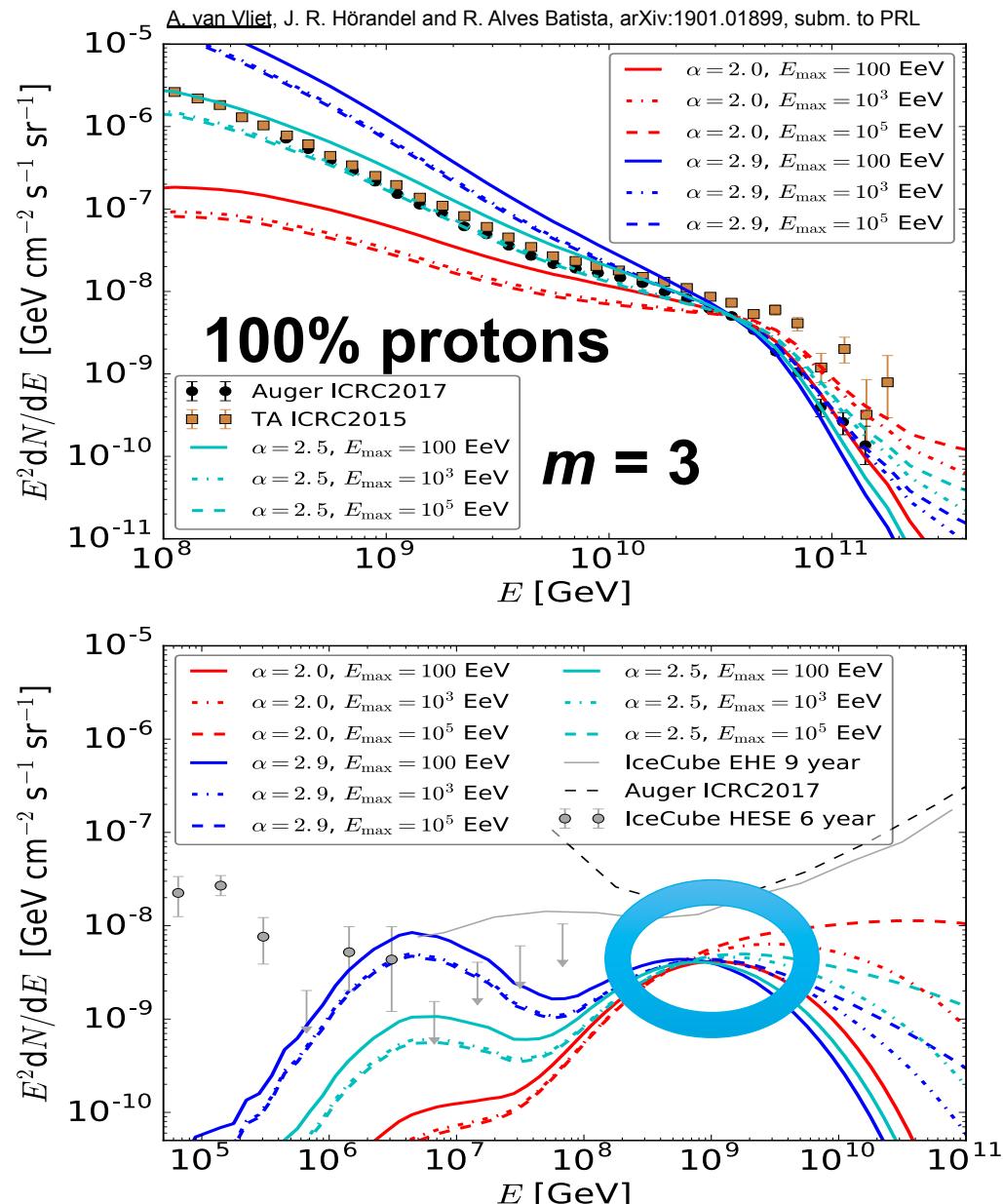
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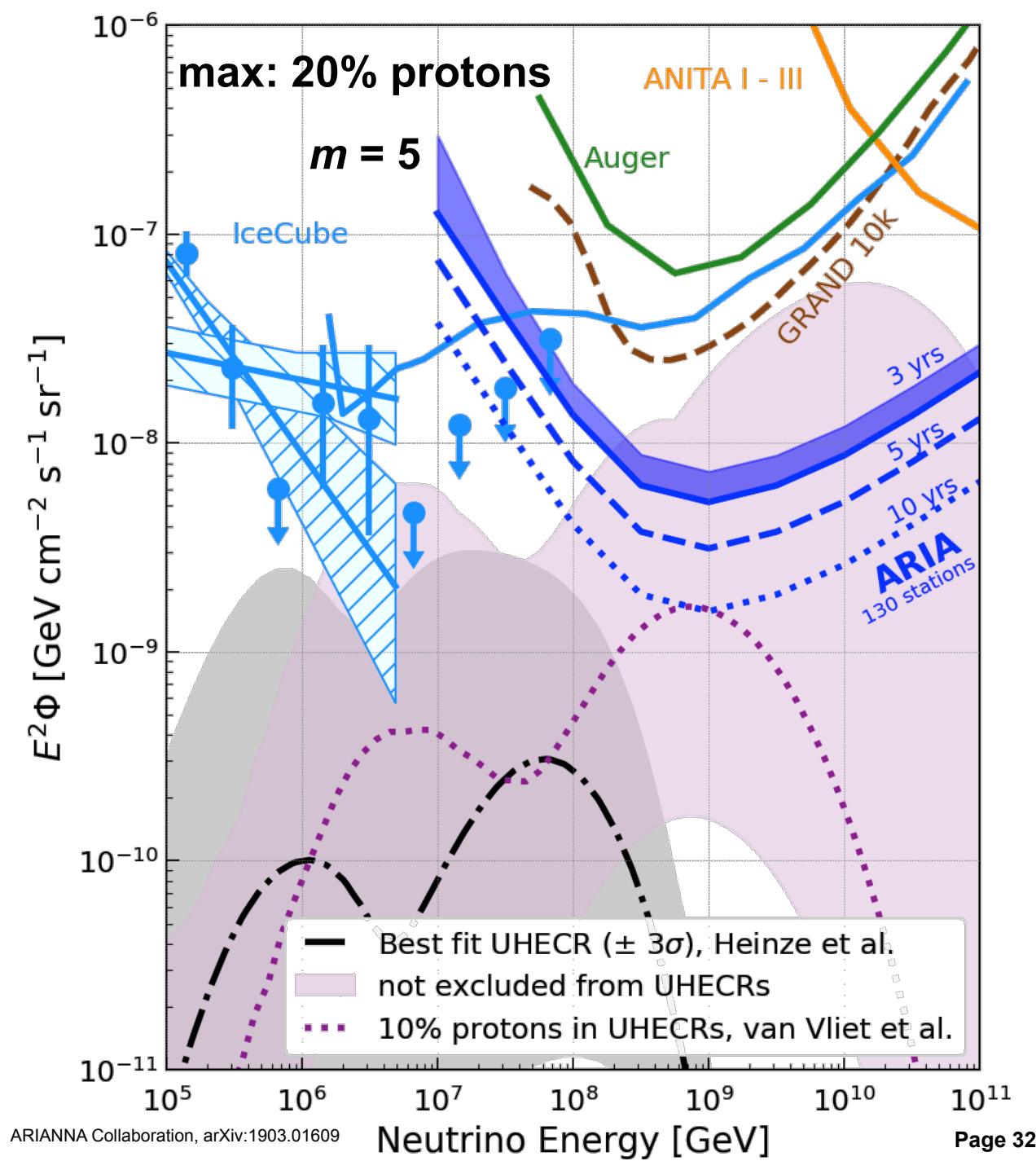
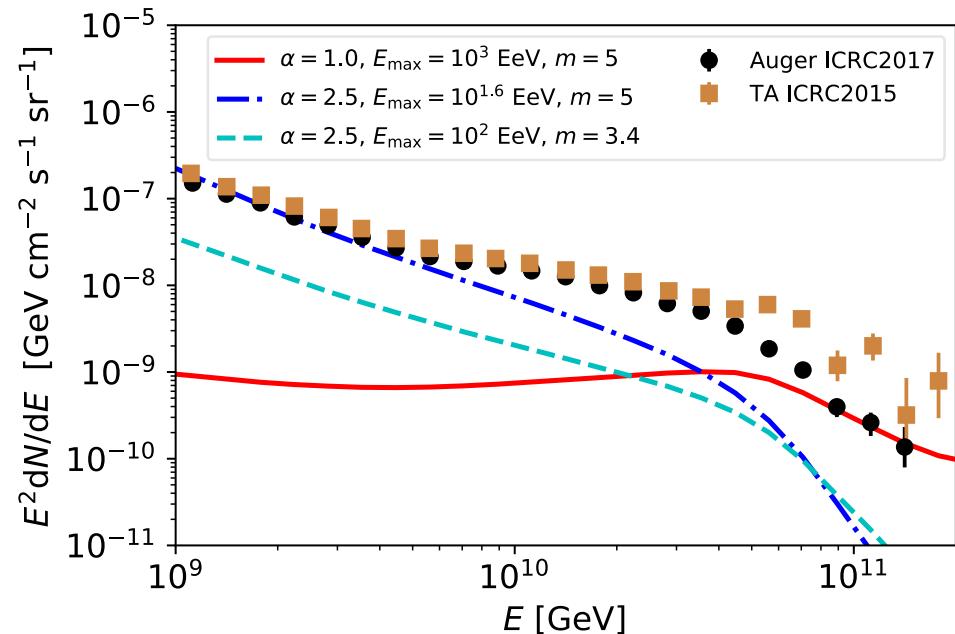
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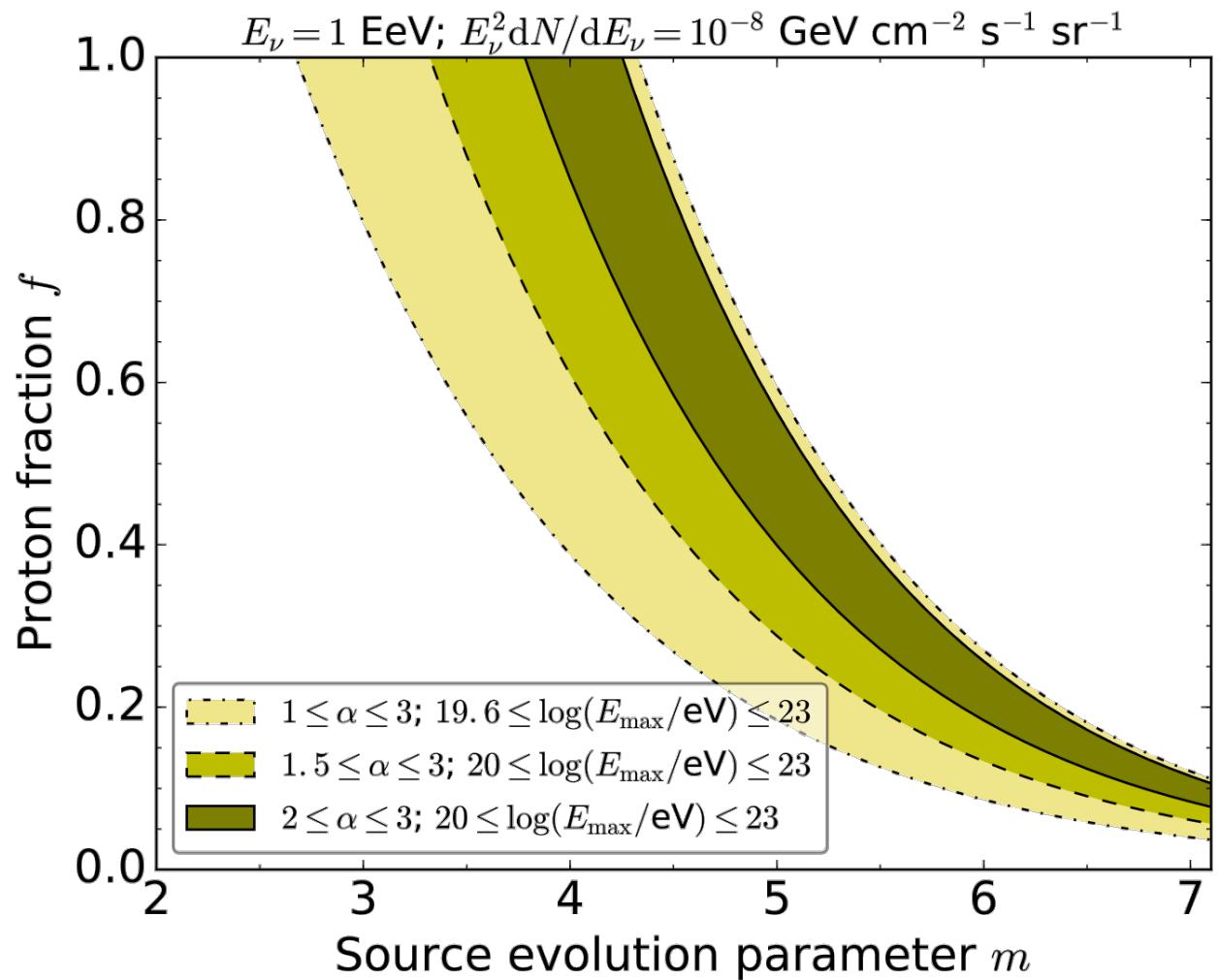
Neutrinos from subdominant proton component

- Cosmogenic neutrino flux for:
 - $1.0 < \alpha < 2.5$
 - $10^{1.6} < E_{\text{max}} < 10^3$ EeV
 - EBL model: Franceschini '08
 - proton fraction $f < 0.2$ at $10^{1.6}$ EeV
 - $m < 5$



Current sensitivity

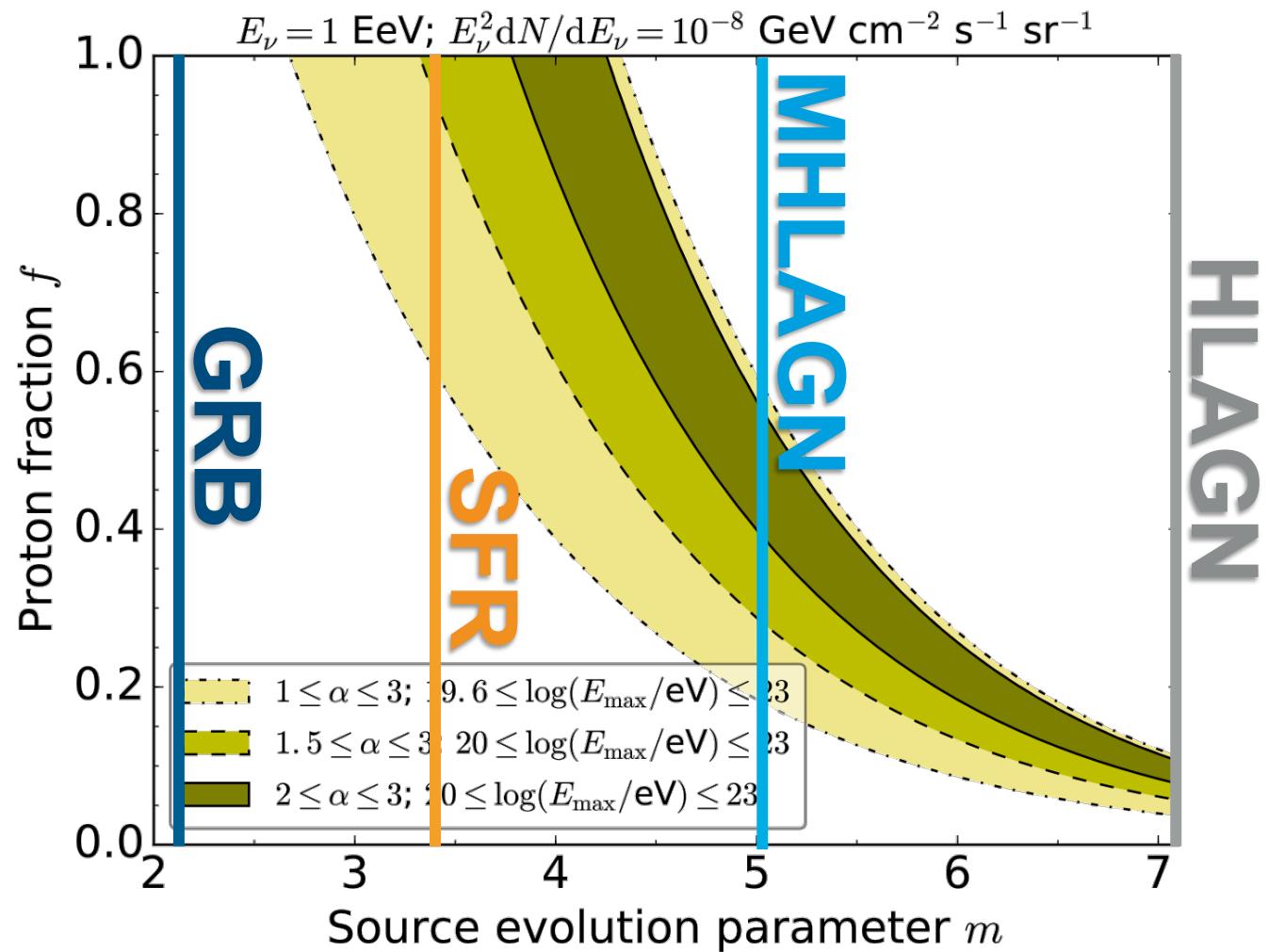
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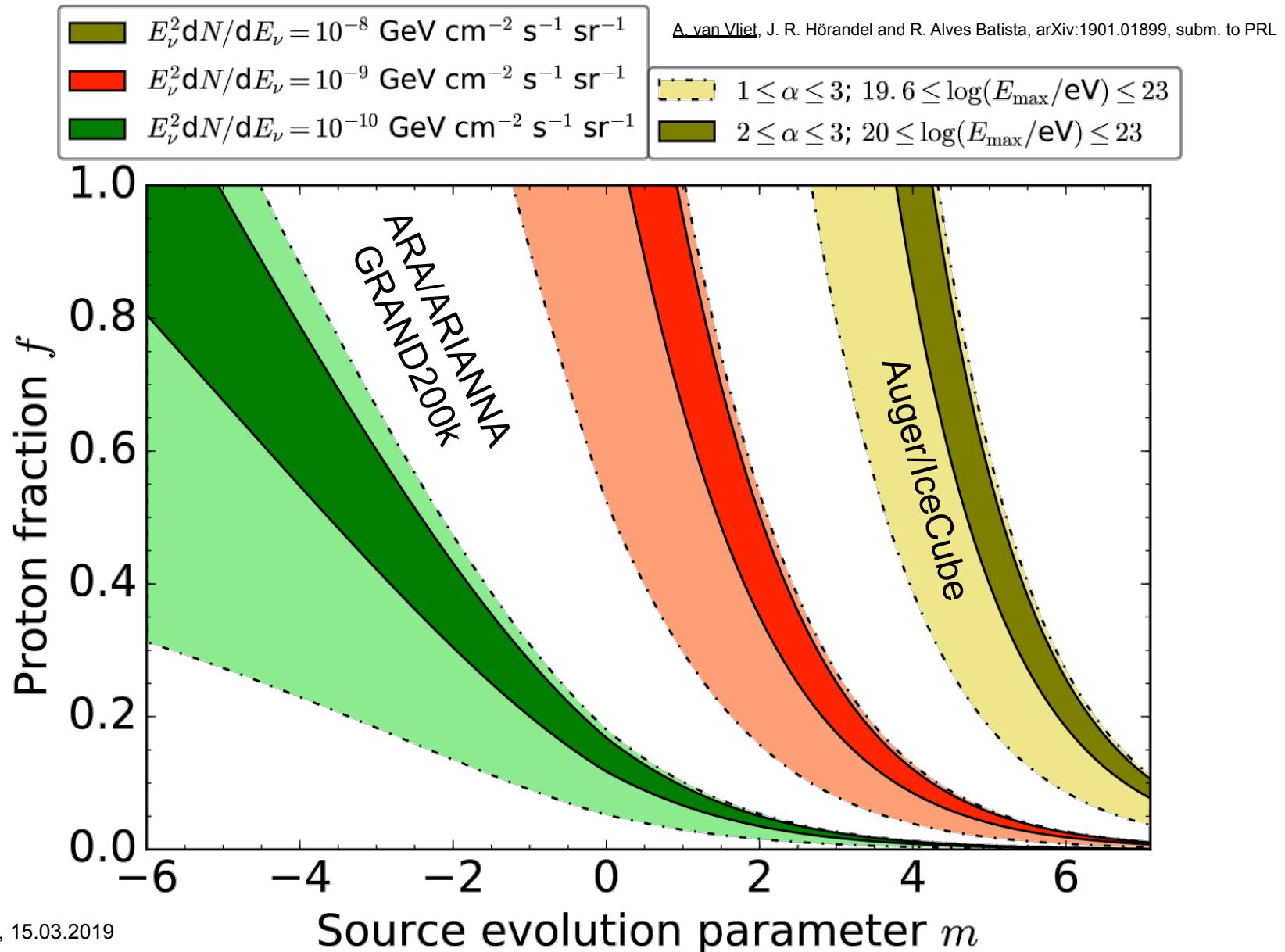
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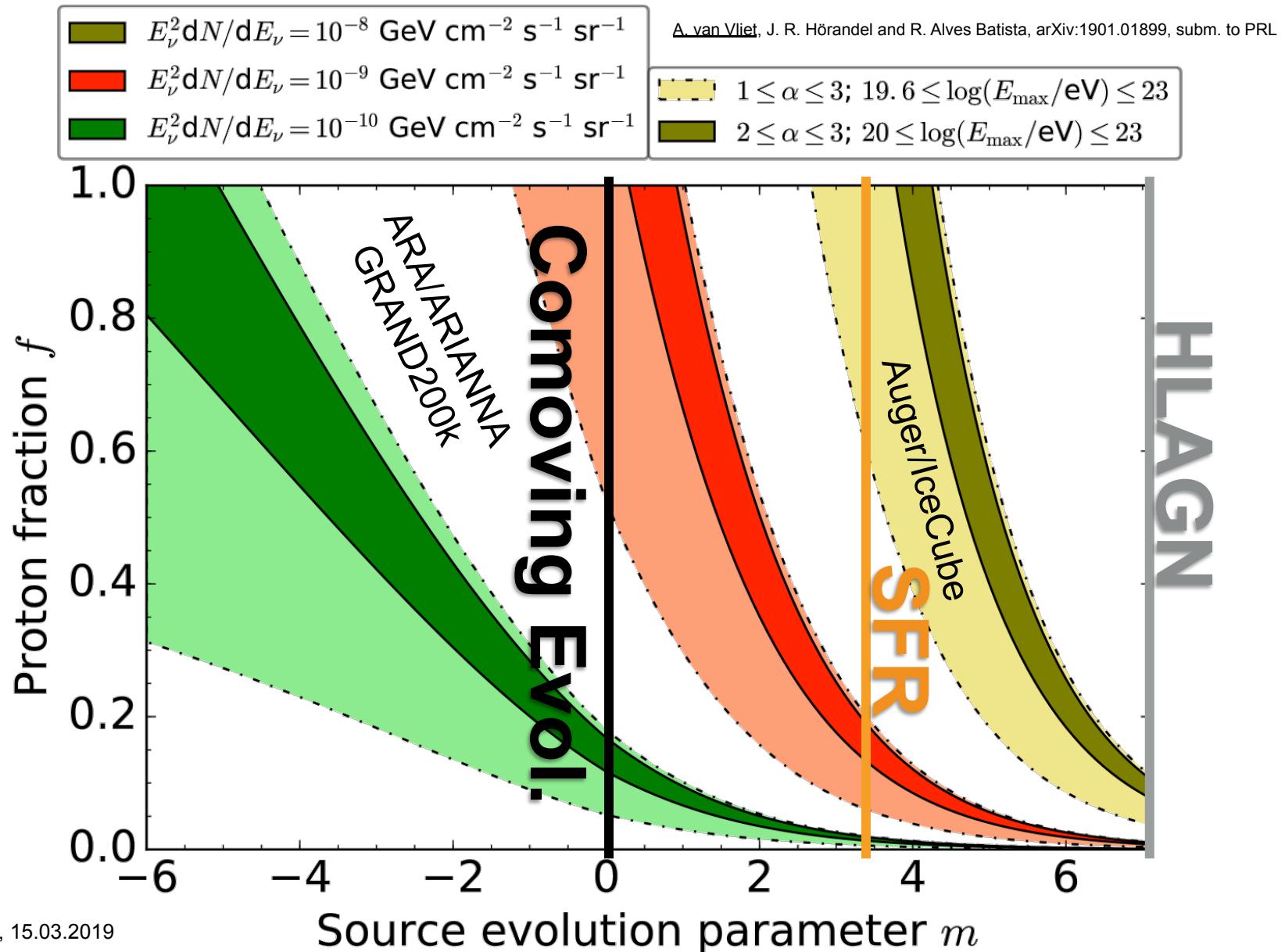


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Conclusions

- Neutrino limits at ~ 1 EeV are able to constrain the proton fraction and source evolution of UHECR sources
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- Strong potential for upcoming experiments, to detect cosmogenic neutrinos and to further constrain the parameter space
- Determine proton fraction in UHECRs independent of hadronic interaction models

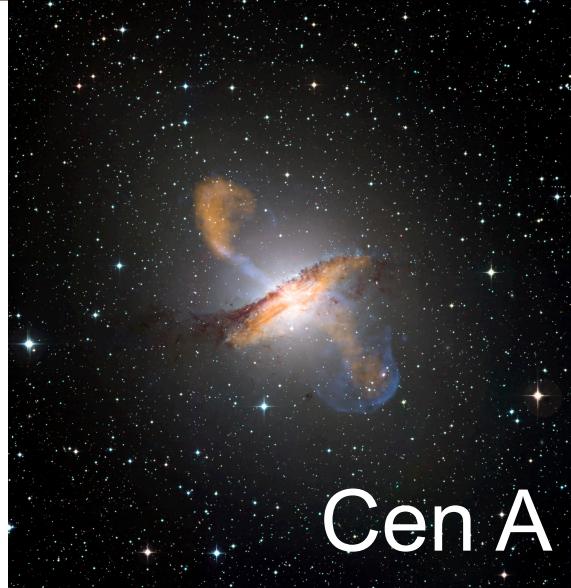
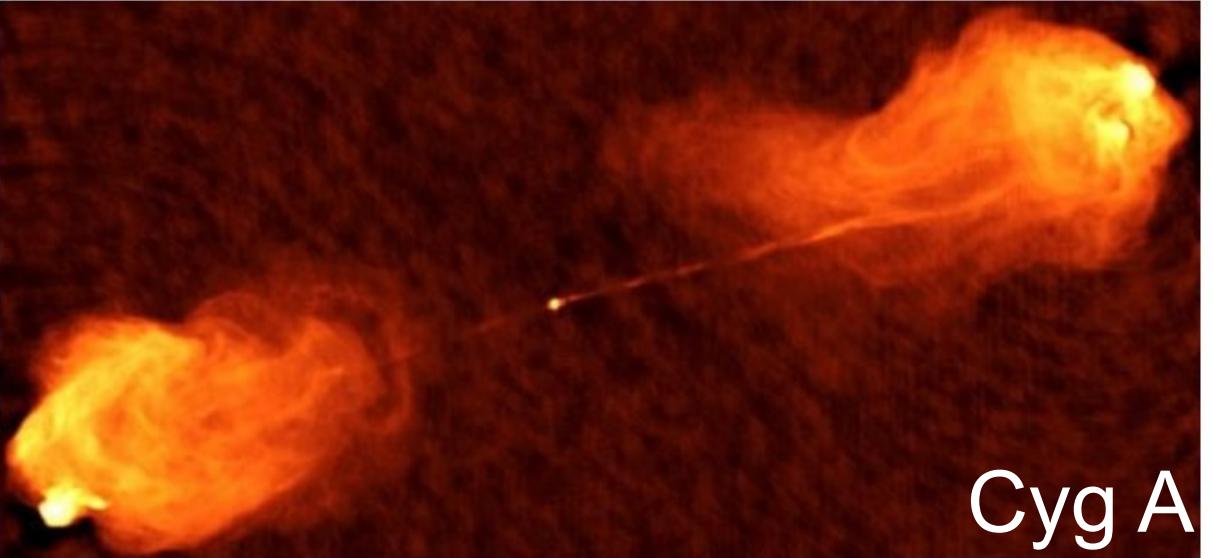
Extragalactic CRs example: UHECRs from radio galaxies

B. Eichmann, J. Rachen, L. Merten, A. van Vliet and J. Becker Tjus, JCAP 1802 (2018) 036

Radio galaxies (radio-loud AGN)

Potential sources of UHECRs

- FR-II: very powerful but very rare
 - distance > 100 Mpc
 - brightest: Cygnus A (~250 Mpc)
- FR-I: less powerful but more common
 - closest: Centaurus A at ~3 Mpc
- Catalogue: Van Velzen *et al.* 2012
 - 3D position + radio luminosity



Environment

- Interactions with CMB and EBL
- EGMF: Dolag *et al.* 2005,
constrained LSS simulations
up to ~ 120 Mpc from Earth
- GMF: Jansson & Farrar 2012
- Source distribution:
 - Local RGs, $D < 120$ Mpc, 3D
 - Non-local RGs, $D > 120$ Mpc, 1D

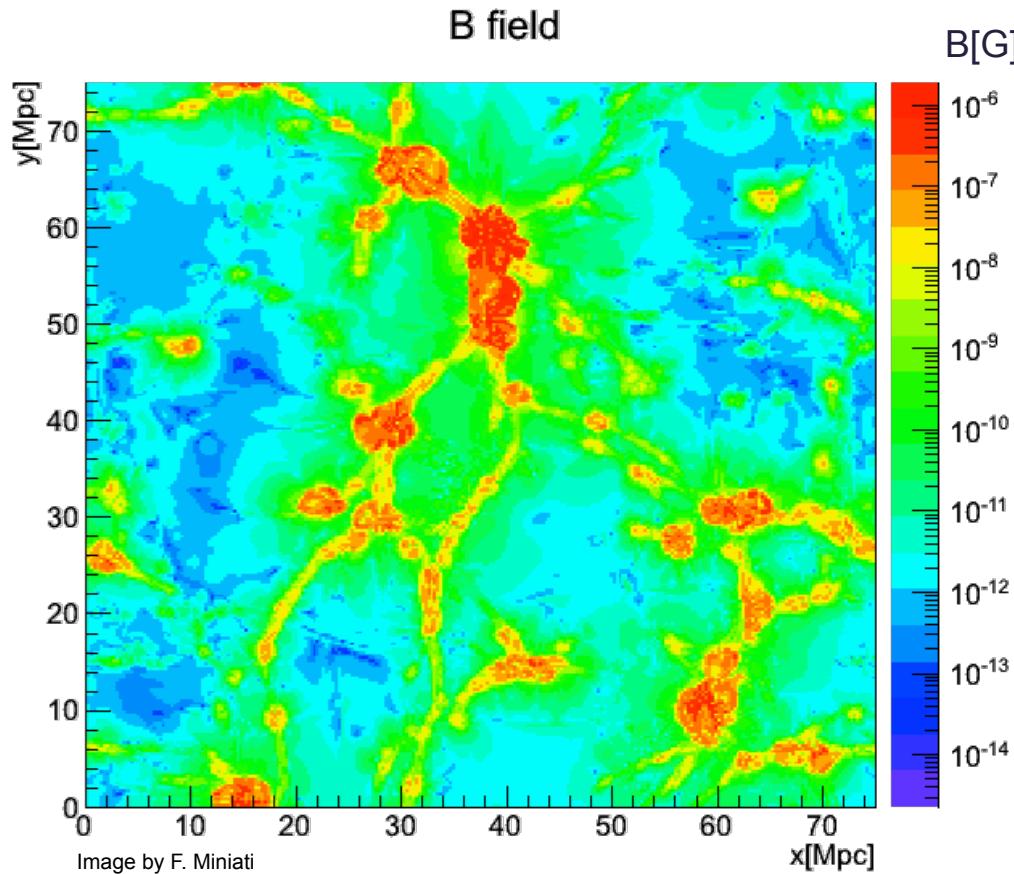
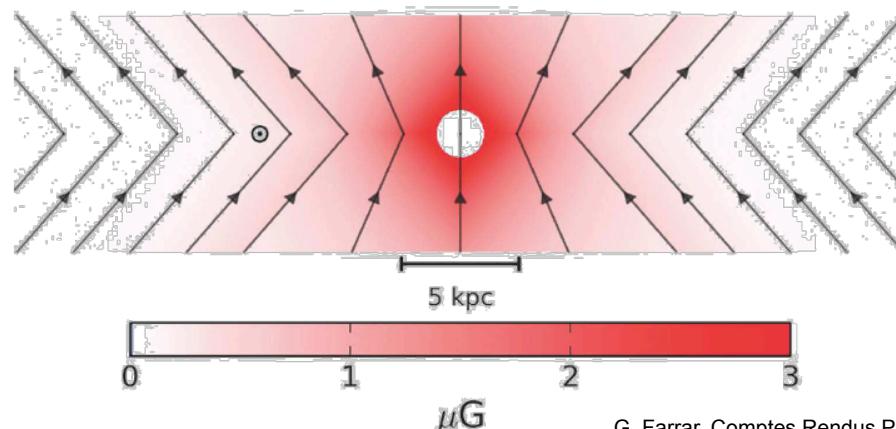
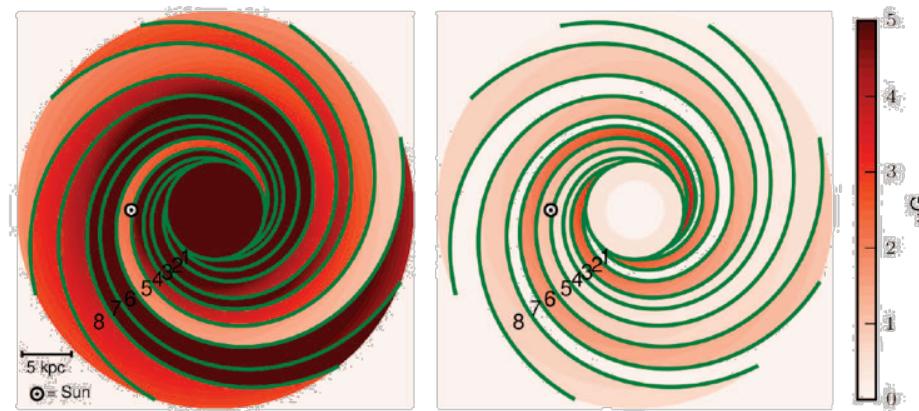


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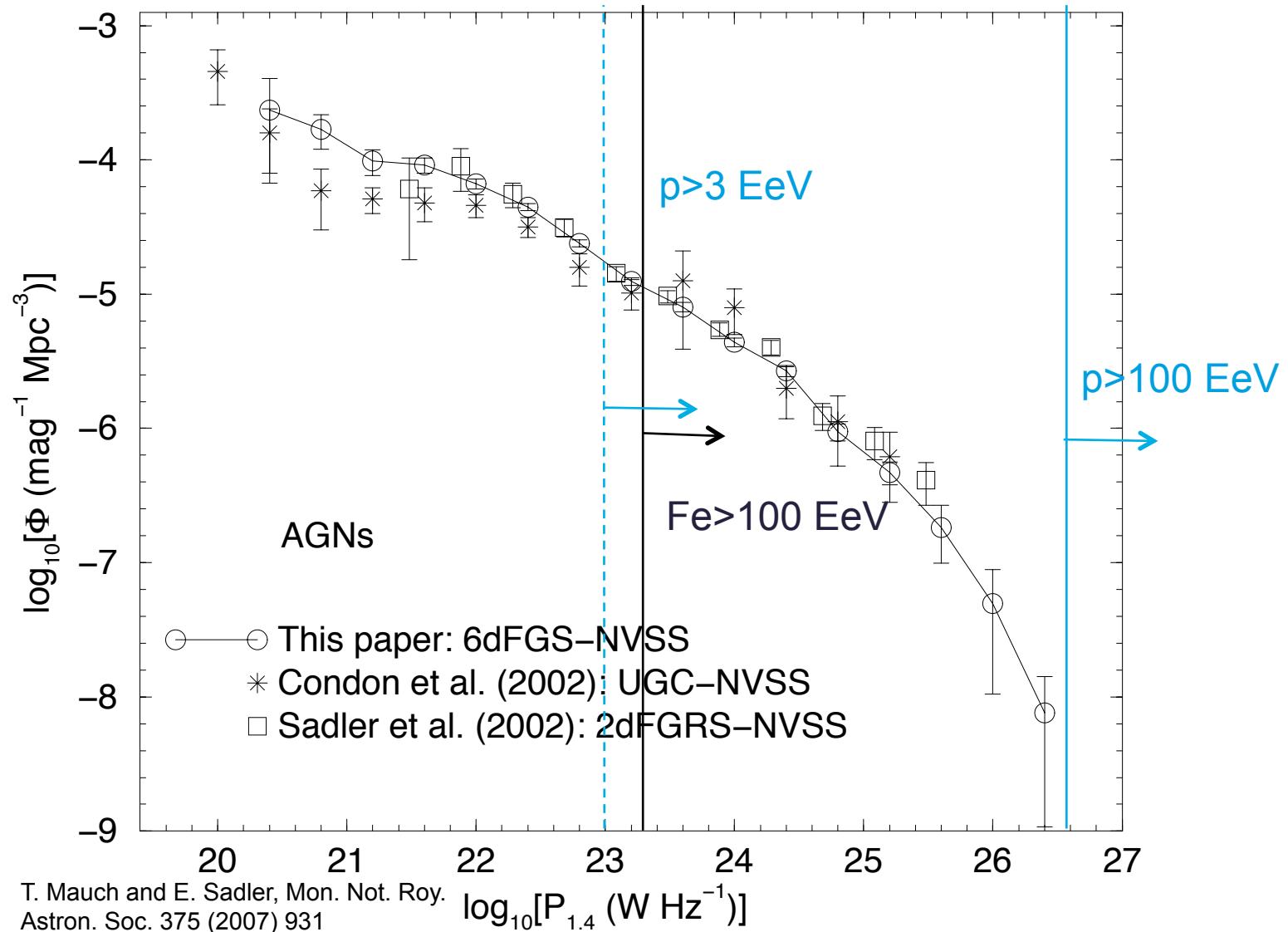
Source setup

- Cosmic-ray power: Q_{cr}
- Max. rigidity: $R_{\text{max}} = E_{\text{max}}/Ze$
- Luminosity $L \rightarrow$ jet power Q_{jet}
→ Q_{cr} and R_{max} for each source

$$Q_{\text{cr}} \propto g_{\text{cr}} L_{1.1}^{6/7}$$

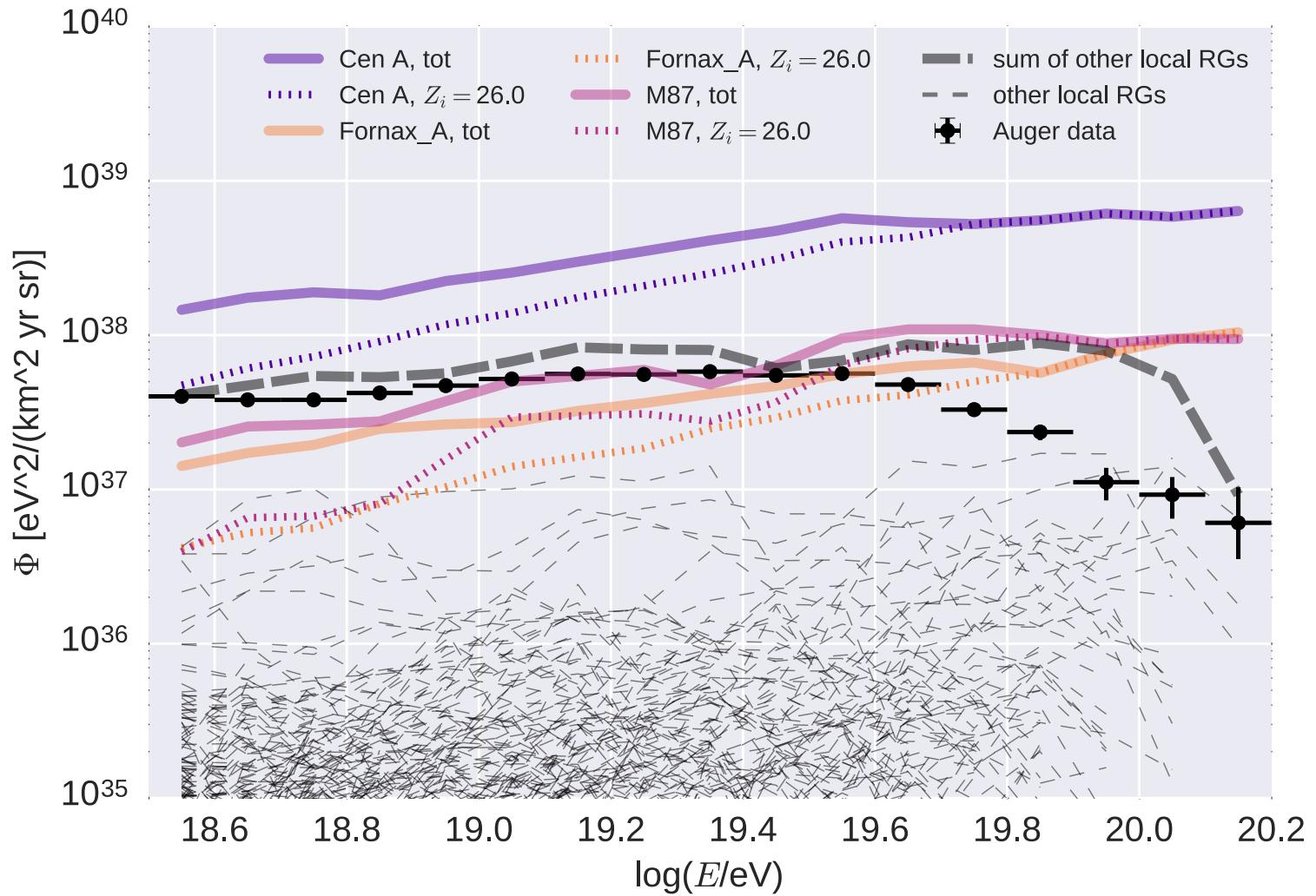
$$R_{\text{max}} \propto g_{\text{acc}} \sqrt{Q_{\text{cr}}}$$

- Initial composition:
solar abundance $\times Z^q$
- Spectral index: a



Local sources

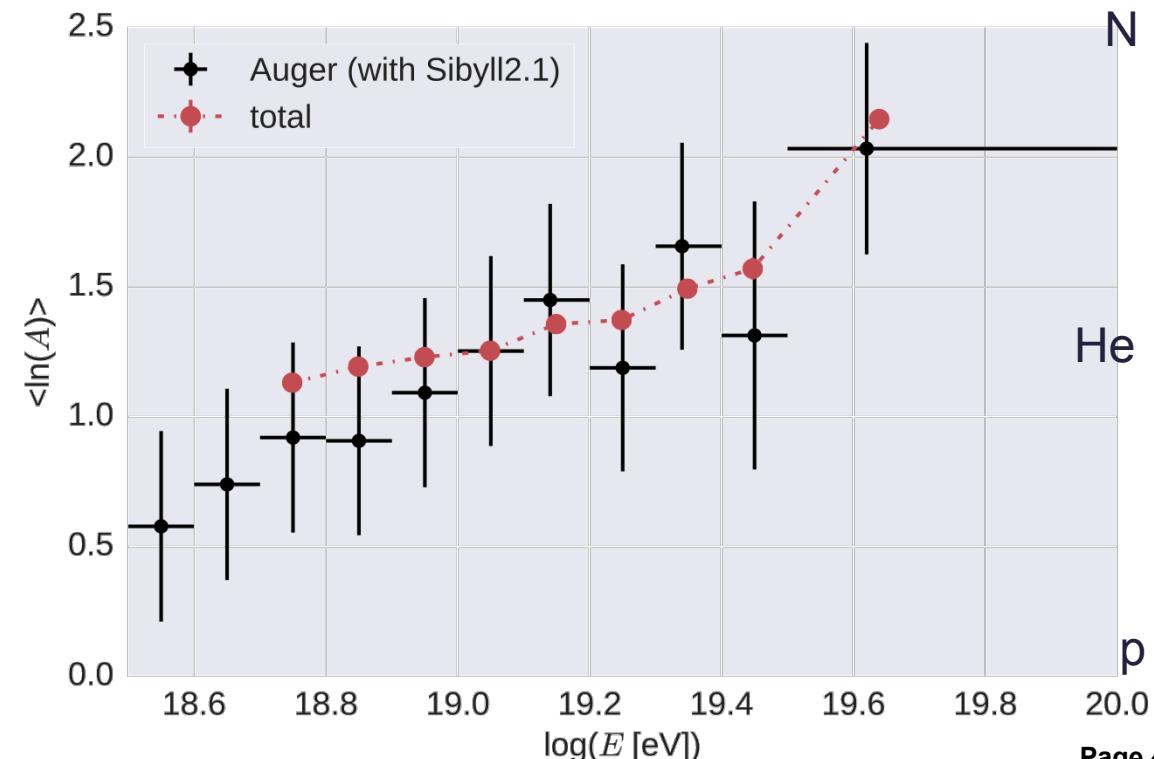
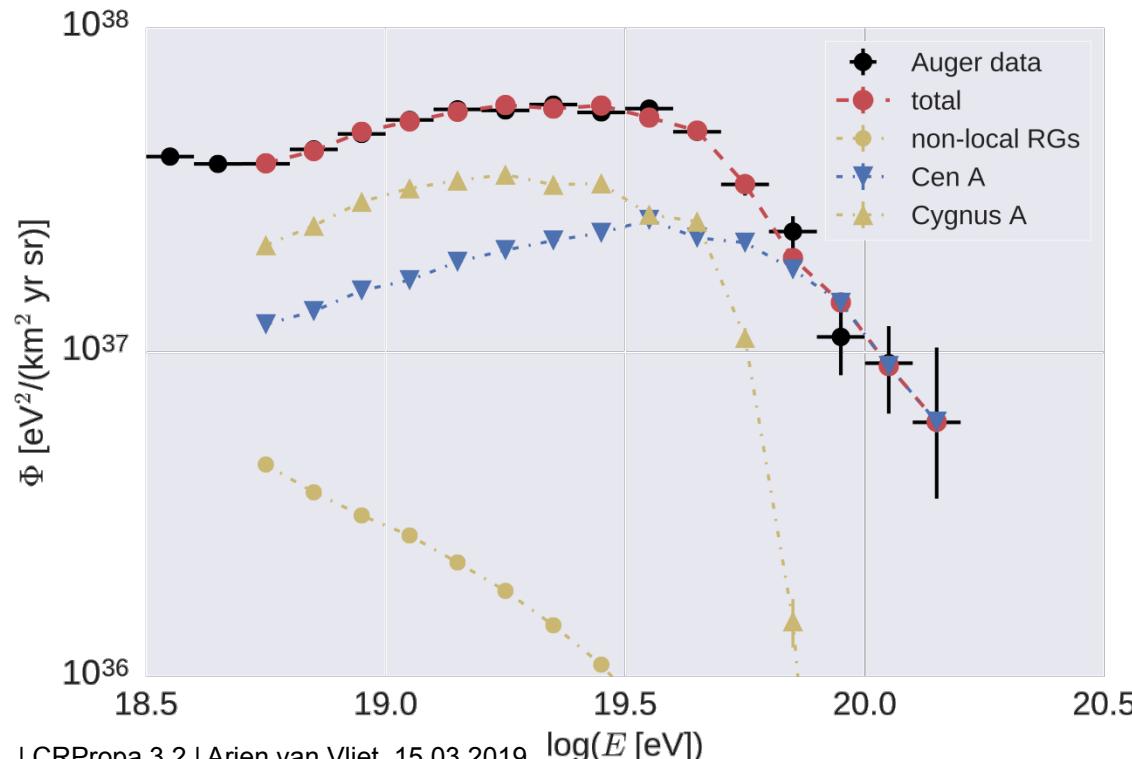
- Single-source spectra after propagation
- All parameters at maximum (no fit)
- Important local sources:
 - Cen A
 - Fornax A
 - M87



Powerful Cen A + Cyg A

- Fit to spectrum and composition (3 hadronic interaction models)
- Spectral index >1.8
- Composition close to solar abundance
 - Only Cen A slightly heavier

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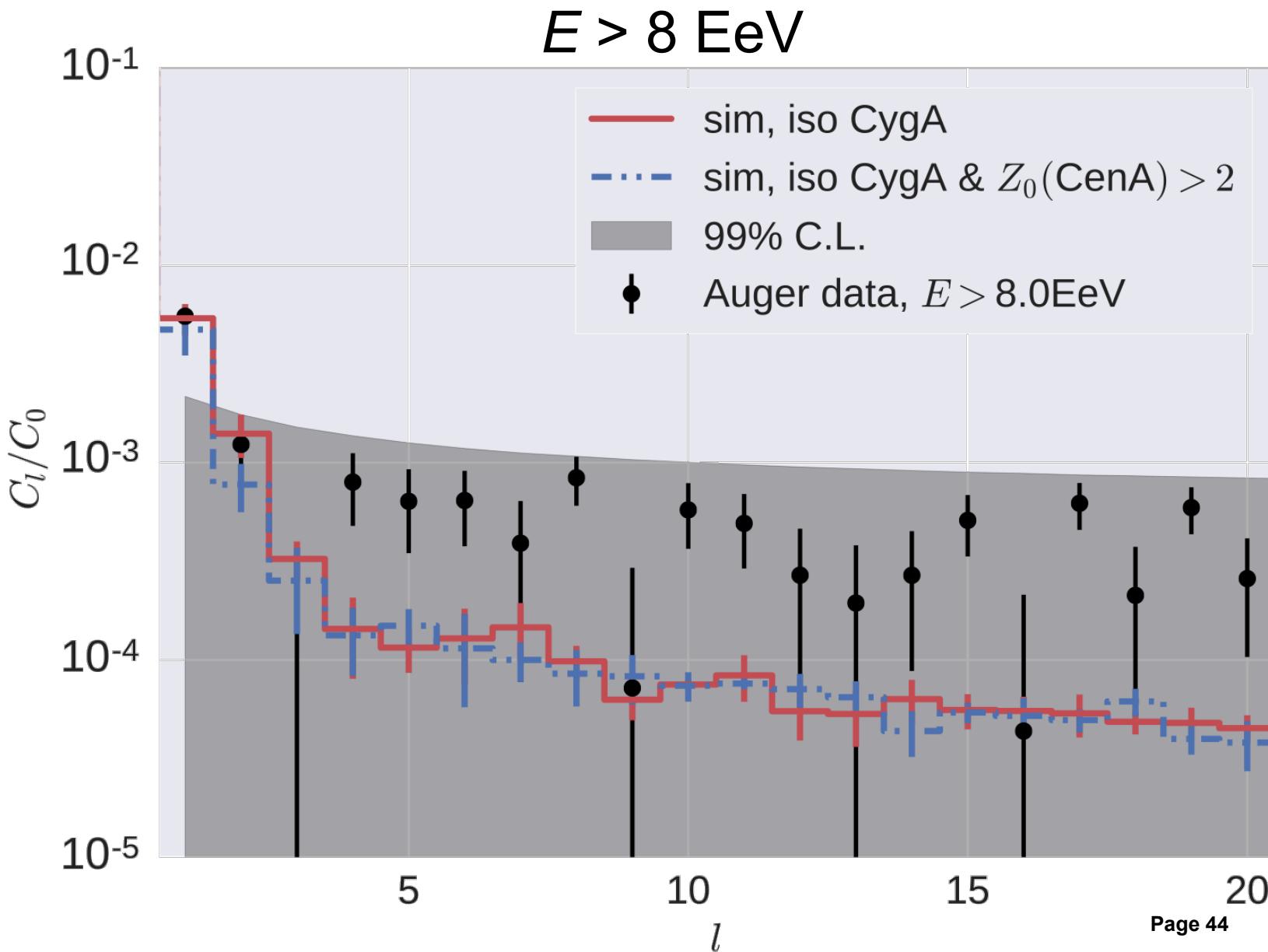


Arrival directions

- Angular power spectrum

$$C_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^l |a_{lm}|^2$$

- Auger dipole reproduced
- Not fitted!



Conclusions

- Spectrum, composition and angular power spectrum can be explained by powerful Cyg A and Cen A
 - Cyg A: light composition, dominant for $E < 60$ EeV
 - Cen A: heavy composition, dominant for $E > 60$ EeV
- If best-fit scenario is correct:
 - Spectral index ~ 1.8 : much softer than what many other papers find as best fit
 - Local UHECR flux $\sim 10x$ higher than average in universe: predicted cosmogenic neutrino and photon fluxes overestimated

Summary

- CRPropa: Multi-purpose open-source astroparticle simulation framework
- Available from: crpropa.desy.de
- CRPropa 3.2 under development at the moment with new major features including:
 - Diffusion for Galactic cosmic rays
 - Targeting method for speedup of extragalactic propagation
 - Improved electromagnetic cascade simulations
 - Acceleration at the sources
- Example applications:
 - Strong potential for cosmogenic neutrino measurements at ~ 1 EeV
 - Radio galaxies viable as sources of UHECRs

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Backup slides

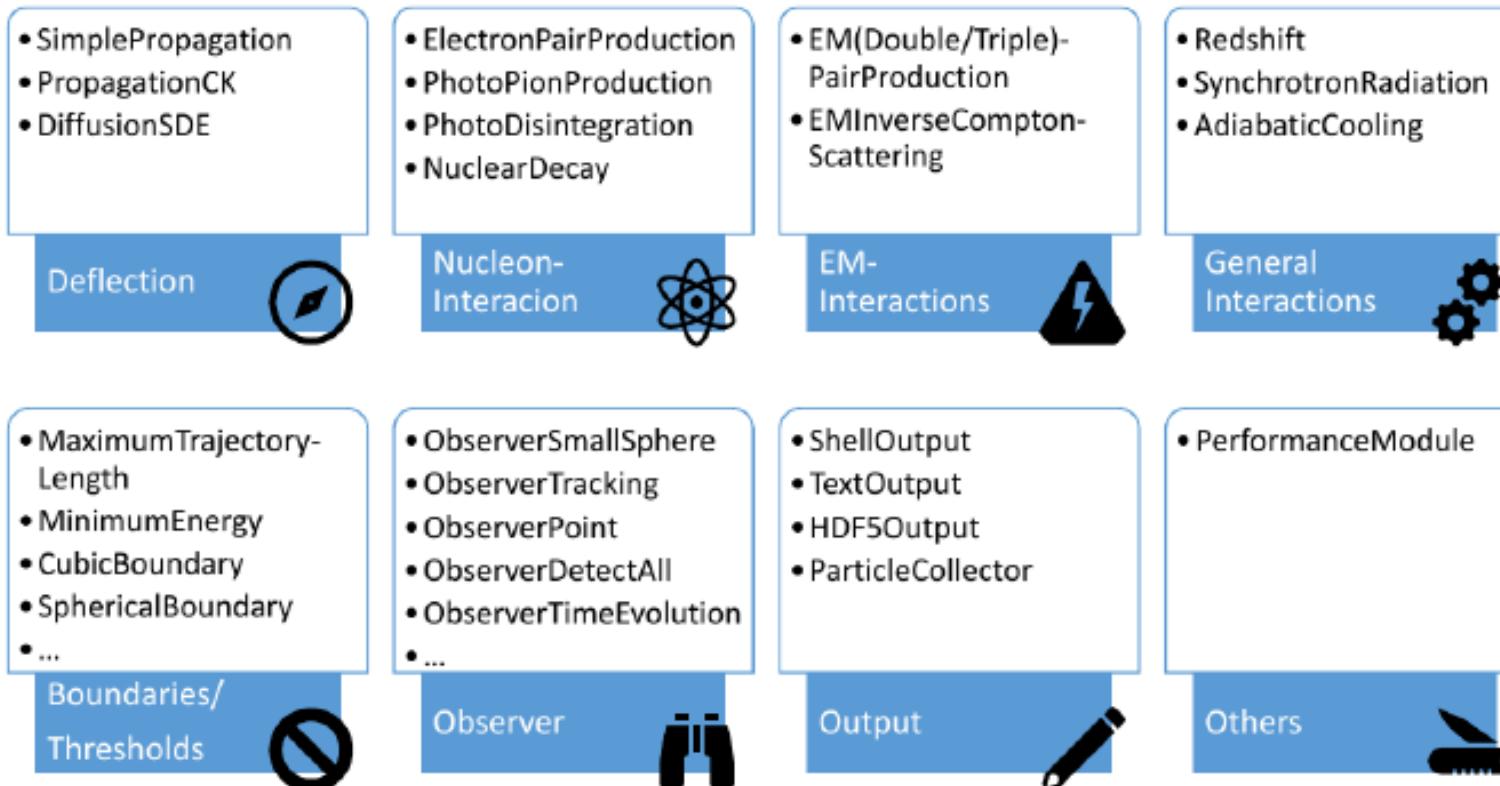
Software design

Simulation Framework CR/Propa

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Toolbox for Simulations of UHECR Propagation



Sketch by Lukas Merten

Example: Steering / Simulation Setup Code

Example in Python, but C++ would also be possible

```
1 from crpropa import *
2 sim = ModuleList()
3
4 sim.add( SimplePropagation(1*kpc, 10*Mpc) )
5
6 sim.add( Redshift() )
7 sim.add( PhotoPionProduction(CMB) )
8 sim.add( PhotoPionProduction(IRB) )
9 sim.add( PhotoDisintegration(CMB) )
    ... more interactions ...
10
11 obs = Observer()
12 obs.add( ObserverPoint() )
13 output = TextOutput('events.txt', Output.Event1D)
14 obs.onDetection( output )
15 sim.add( obs )
16
```

1. Import +
define empty simulation

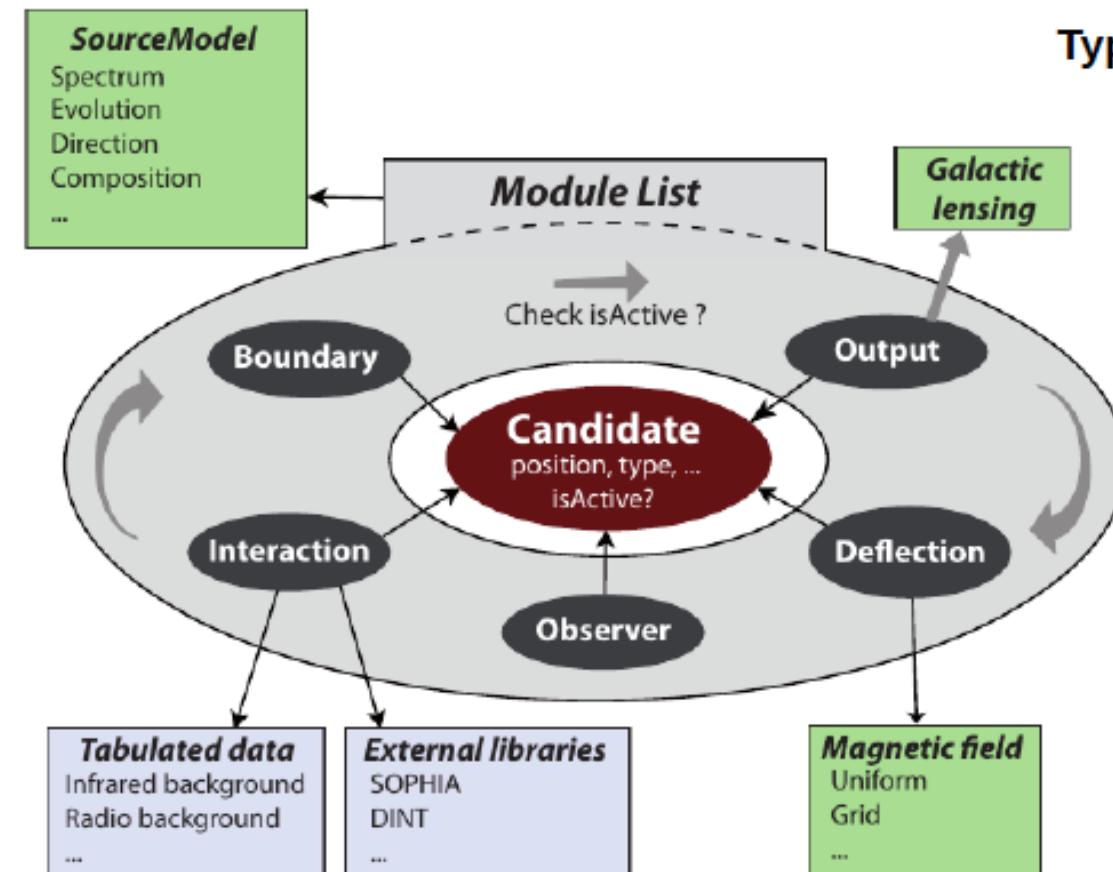
```
17 source = Source()
18 source.add( SourceUniform1D(1 * Mpc, 1000 * Mpc) )
19 source.add( SourceRedshift1D() )
20
21 composition = SourceComposition(1 * EeV, 100 * EeV, -1)
22 composition.add(1, 1, 1) # H
23 composition.add(4, 2, 1) # He-4
24 composition.add(14, 7, 1) # N-14
25 composition.add(56, 26, 1) # Fe-56
26 source.add( composition )
27
```

3. Define sources

```
28 sim.setShowProgress(True)
29 sim.run(source, 200, True)
30
```

4. Execute modules on
output of sources

Overview Object Oriented Design



Types of Objects:

Candidate:

Data storage for state of single cosmic ray particle state (Energy, position, id, ...)

Sources:

Creates new candidates

Modules:

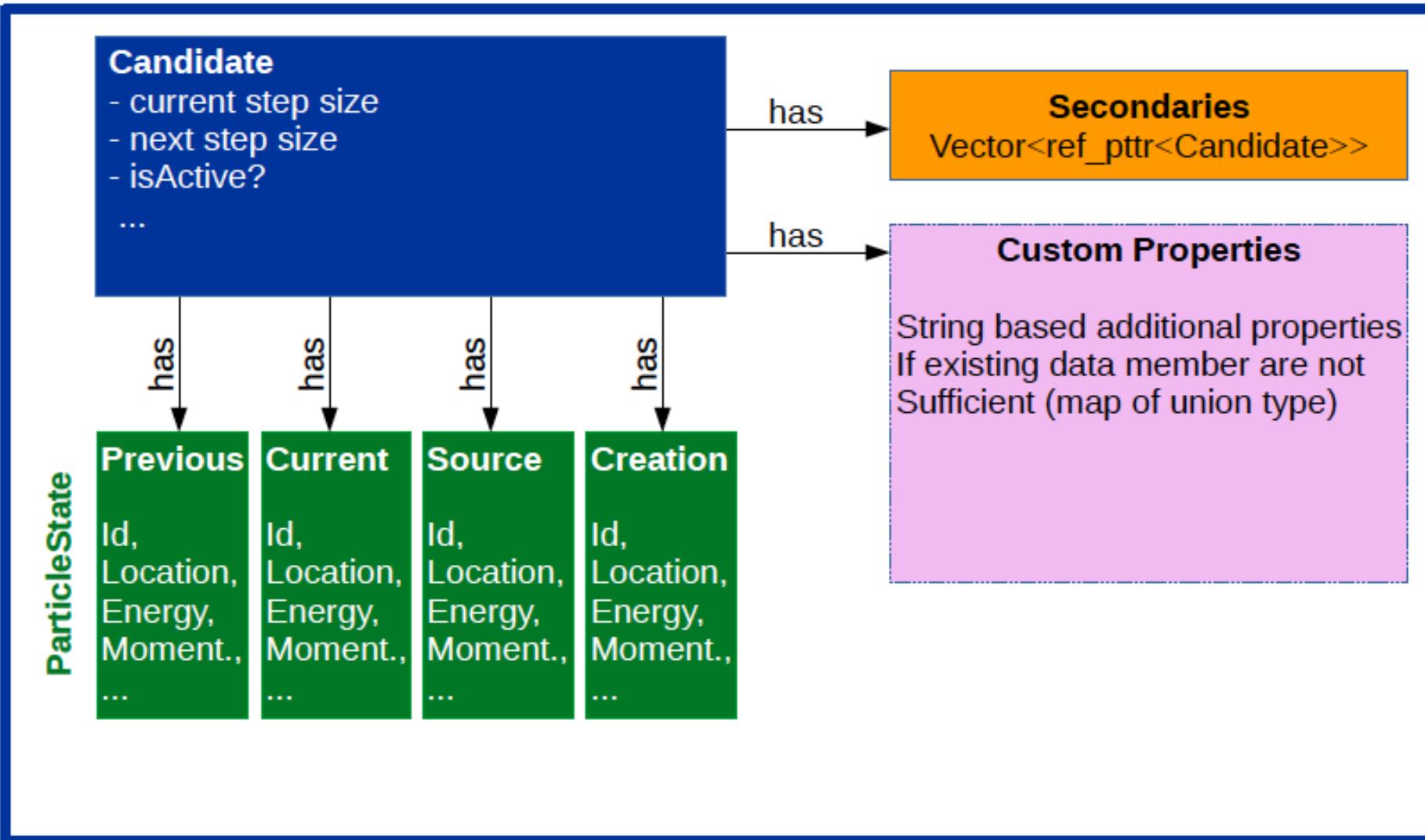
Change state of candidate (Move, interact, output, ...)

Auxiliary:

Magnetic field, photon field, ...

Sources, Modules and Auxiliary class are independent and stateless to enable parallel processing

Candidate: Stores Data on Particle



Modules: Modify Candidate

Prototype Propagator

1. Save current state:
PreviousState = CurrentState
2. Make step
 - CurrentStep=NextStep
 - Update position according to CurrentStep
3. Set NextStep to maximum
exit module

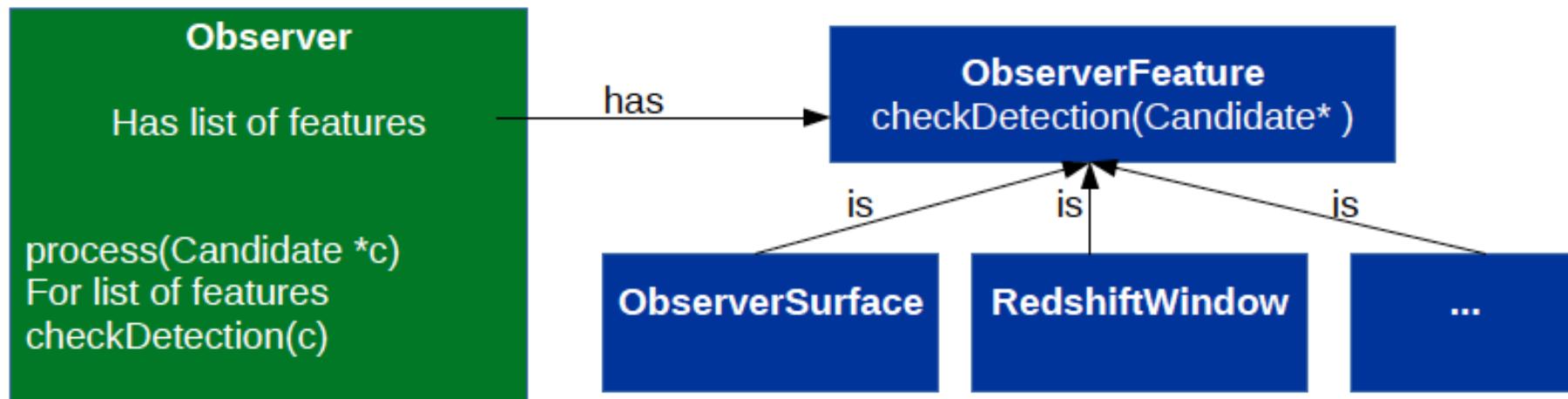
Prototype Interaction

1. If not applicable:
Do nothing
2. Calculate probability to interact in current step according to current candidate state
3. If no interaction:
 - Limit next step to small fraction of m. free path
 - exit module
If interaction:
 - Modify current particle
 - add secondaries
 - Repeat from 2

- Candidate has individual step size
- Every module limits the stepsize to a **small** fraction of its mean free path
 - Order does not matter
 - Modules are independent, no communication required
- Modularity in interactions is paid for by random numbers as need to be generated in every cycle by every module (CRPropa not limited by RNG)

Module Features are Separate Objects

E.g. Observer



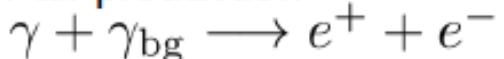
Example: Output particles crossing different planes

```
1
2 obs = Observer()
3 obs.add( ObserverSurface( Plane( Vector3d(0, 0, 0), Vector3(0,0,1) )))
4 obs.add( ObserverSurface( Plane( Vector3d(0, 0, 100 * meter), Vector3(0,0,1) )))
5 obs.add( ObserverSurface( Plane( Vector3d(0, 0, 200 * meter), Vector3(0,0,1) )))
6 obs.onDetection( TextOutput('output1.txt') )
7
```

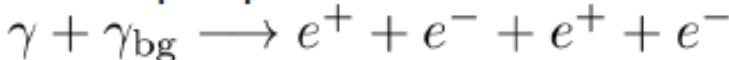
Does this Scale for Many Particles?

- EM Cascades of secondary photon and electrons (Heiter et al. 2018)

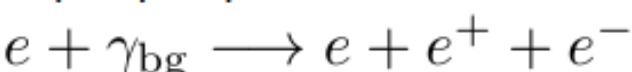
→ Pair production



→ Double pair production



→ Triplet pair production

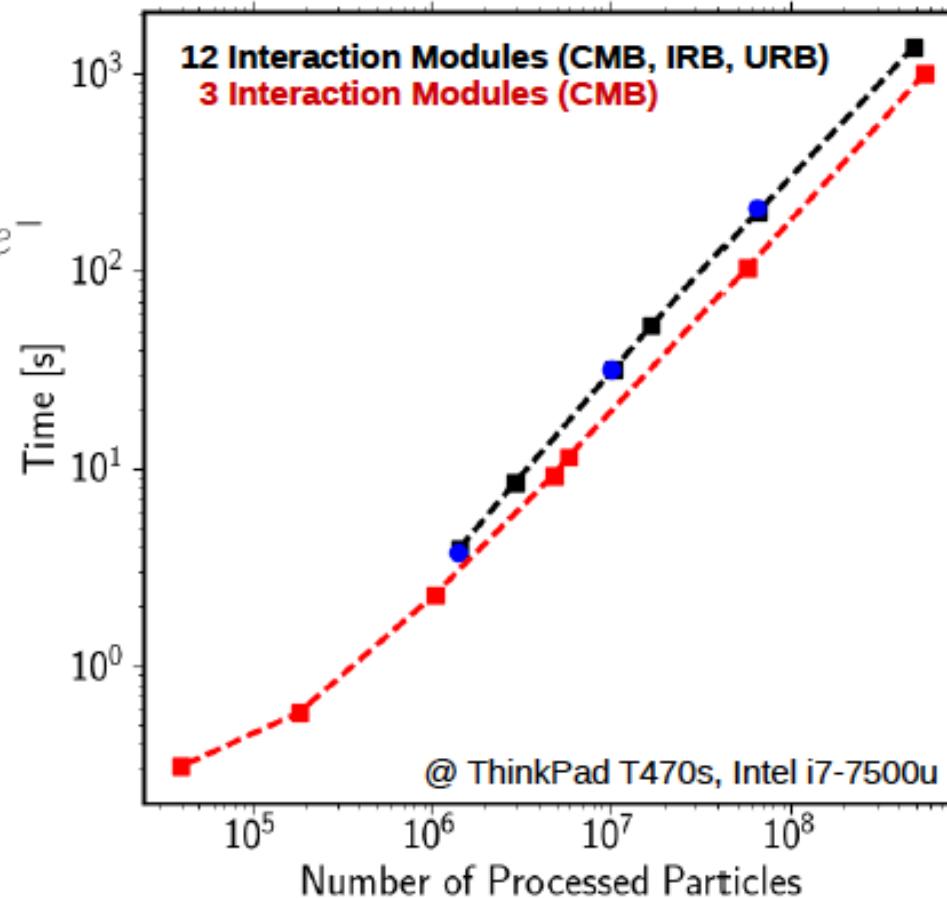


→ Inverse Compton scattering



3 background (CMB, IRB, URB) →
12 stochastic interaction modules

- Continuous energy loss due to redshift
- Injected 1000 EeV photons in 4 Mpc distance
- Cascaded to z=0 or variable minimum energy



Implementation scales linearly with number of processed particles

How did we get There?

- Several versions of CRPropa
- Previous modular codes
 - PAX, PXL, RDAS

Software development philosophy:

- KISS: Keep it simple, not stupid
- YAGNI: You ain't gonna need it
- Refactor often and early
- Dev. Substeps:
 - Make it work
 - Make it right
 - Make it nice
 - Make it fast (if needed)*

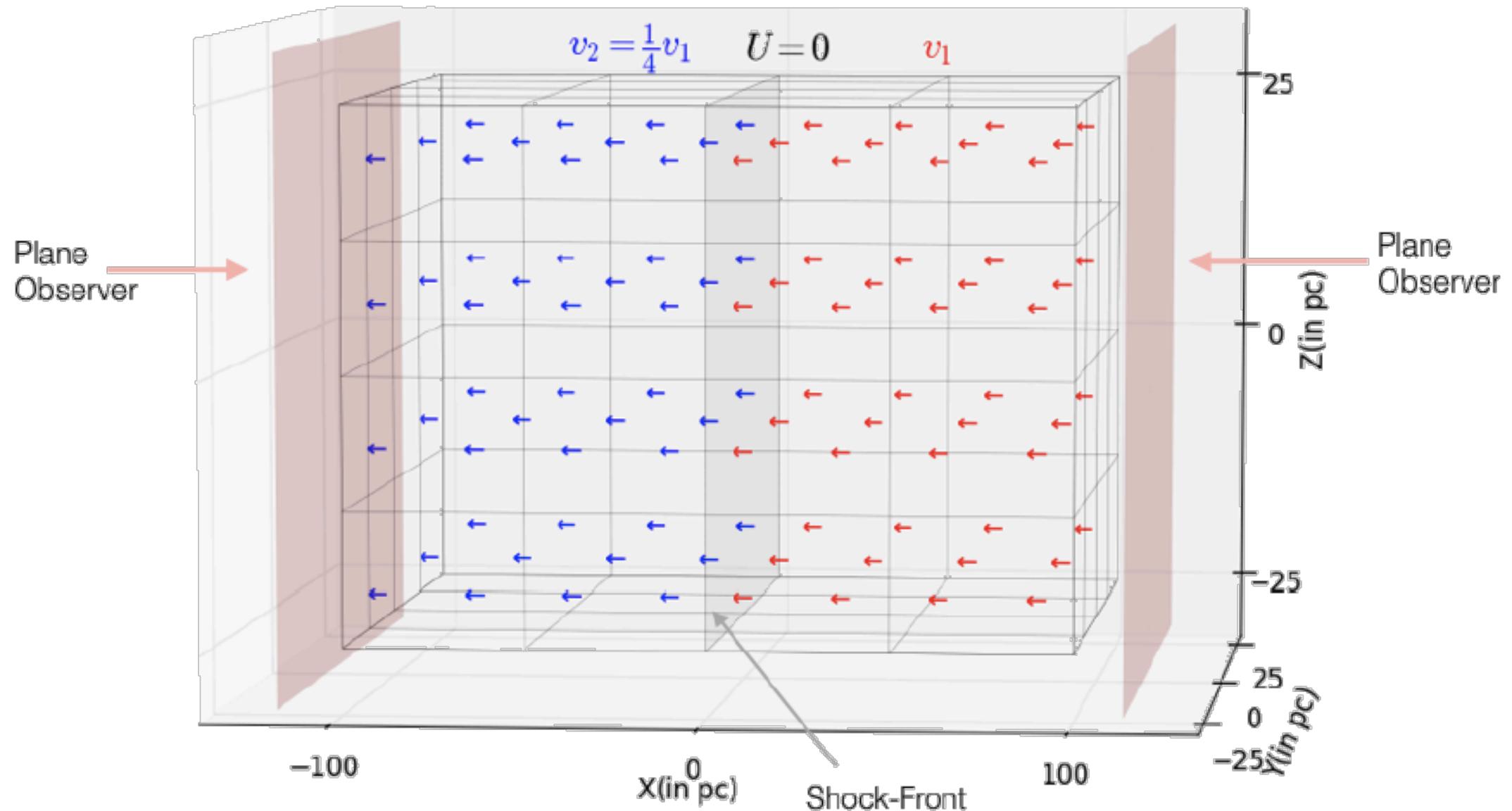
- Code review (of substantial changes)
git + pull requests (github)
- Unit Tests + Continuous Integration
gtest + travis
- Minimize dependencies:
 - User should not need to compile dependencies
 - Dependencies should be standard / trivial available on supported platforms (Linux + Mac)
 - » Cmake
 - » Python
 - » Swig
 - » hdf5
 - or shipped in static version.
 - » Healpix subset, eigen, kiss, (tinyxml, thread), hepid
 - Boost (and ROOT) are known to cause problems

Conclusion

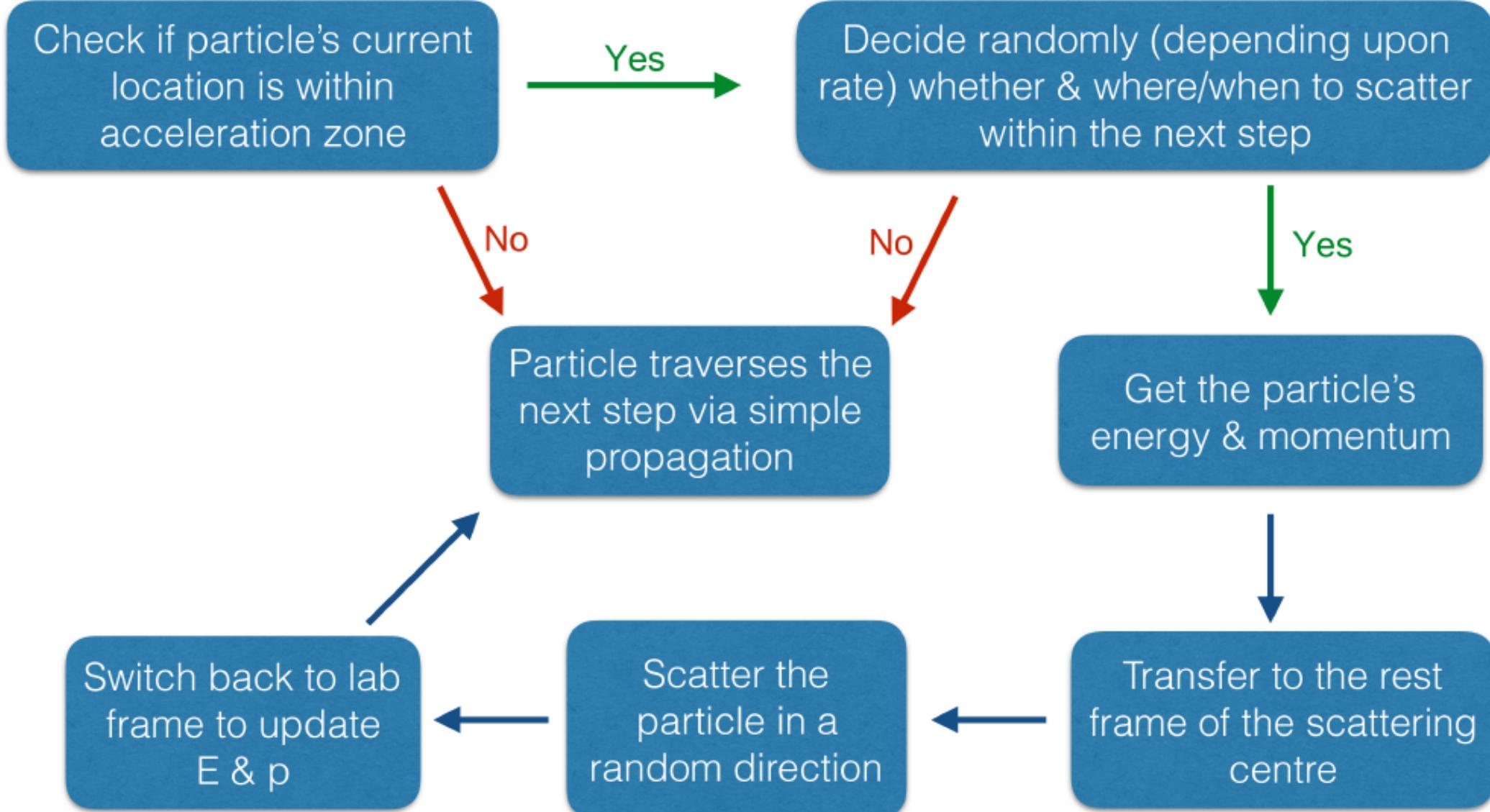
- CRPropa3 highly modular code design
 - User friendly (all dependencies except python + swig) shipped + compiles using standardized tool chain (cmake)
 - Highly modular
 - Easily extendable (C++/python modules and features without recompiling)
 - Scales linearly to high particle numbers
 - Webpage / Code / Issue-tracker / Examples / Documentation / ...
<https://crpropa.desy.de/>
<https://github.com/CRPropa/CRPropa3>
- Several approaches probably transferable to Next Generation CORSIKA

Diffusive shock acceleration (new in 3.2)

Simulation setup



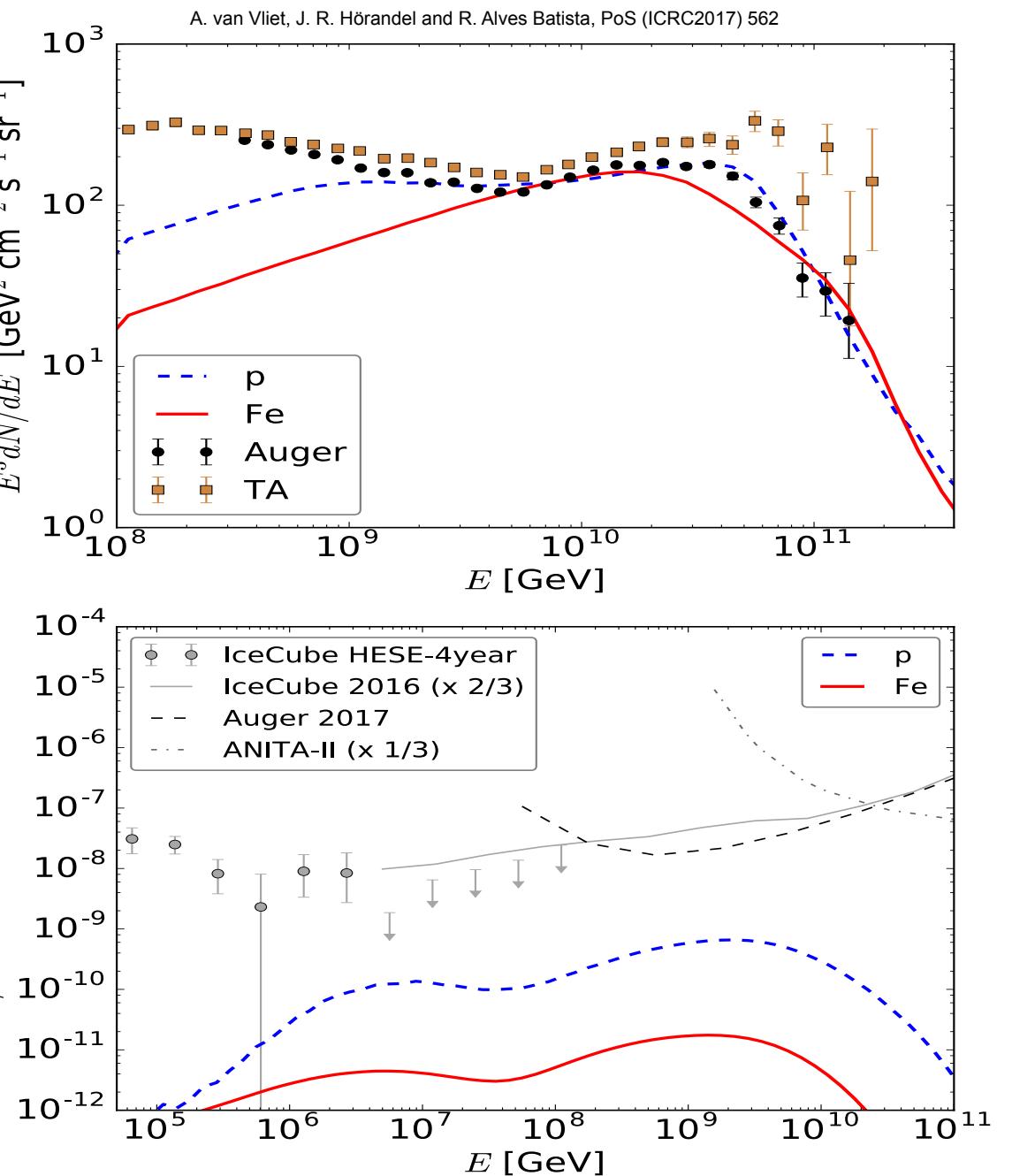
Simulation scheme



Extragalactic CRs example: Cosmogenic neutrinos

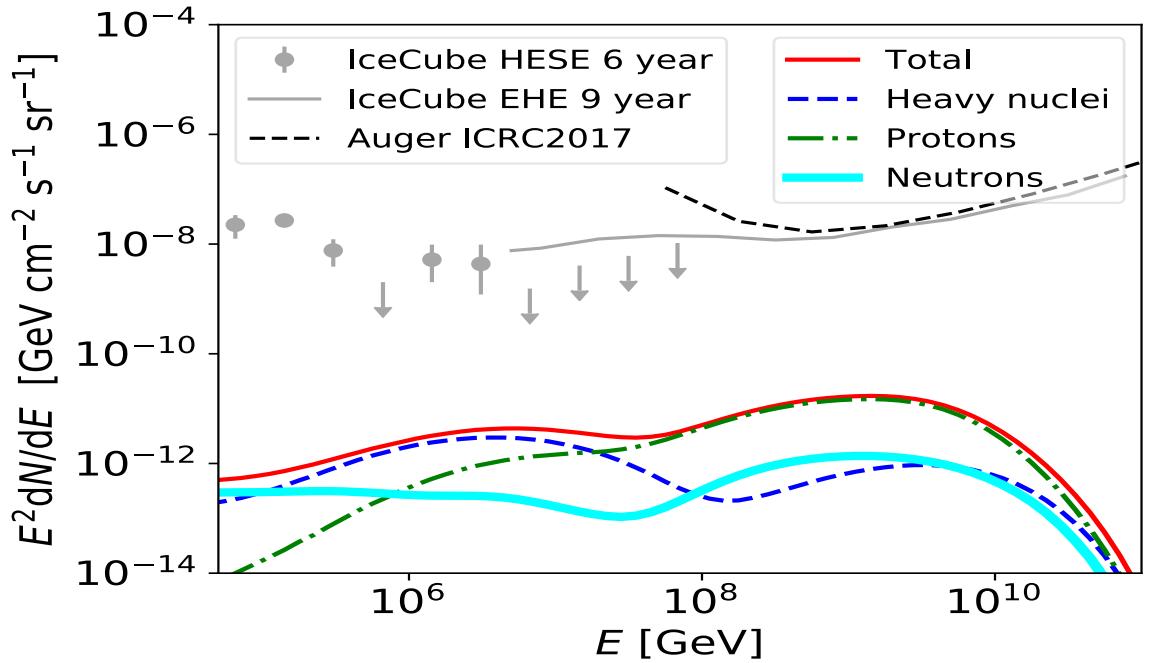
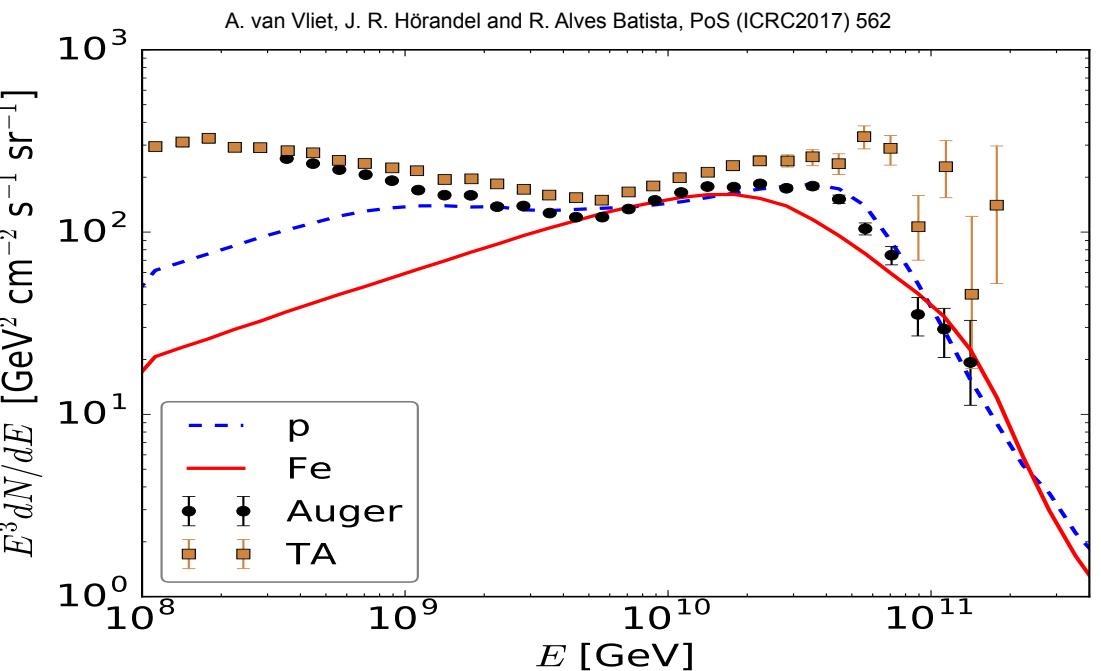
Proton vs. Iron

- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- Comoving source evolution
- Neutrino flux strongly reduced in the case of iron primaries



Iron specifics

- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- Comoving source evolution
- Most v's from secondary protons for $E > 10^8 \text{ GeV}$



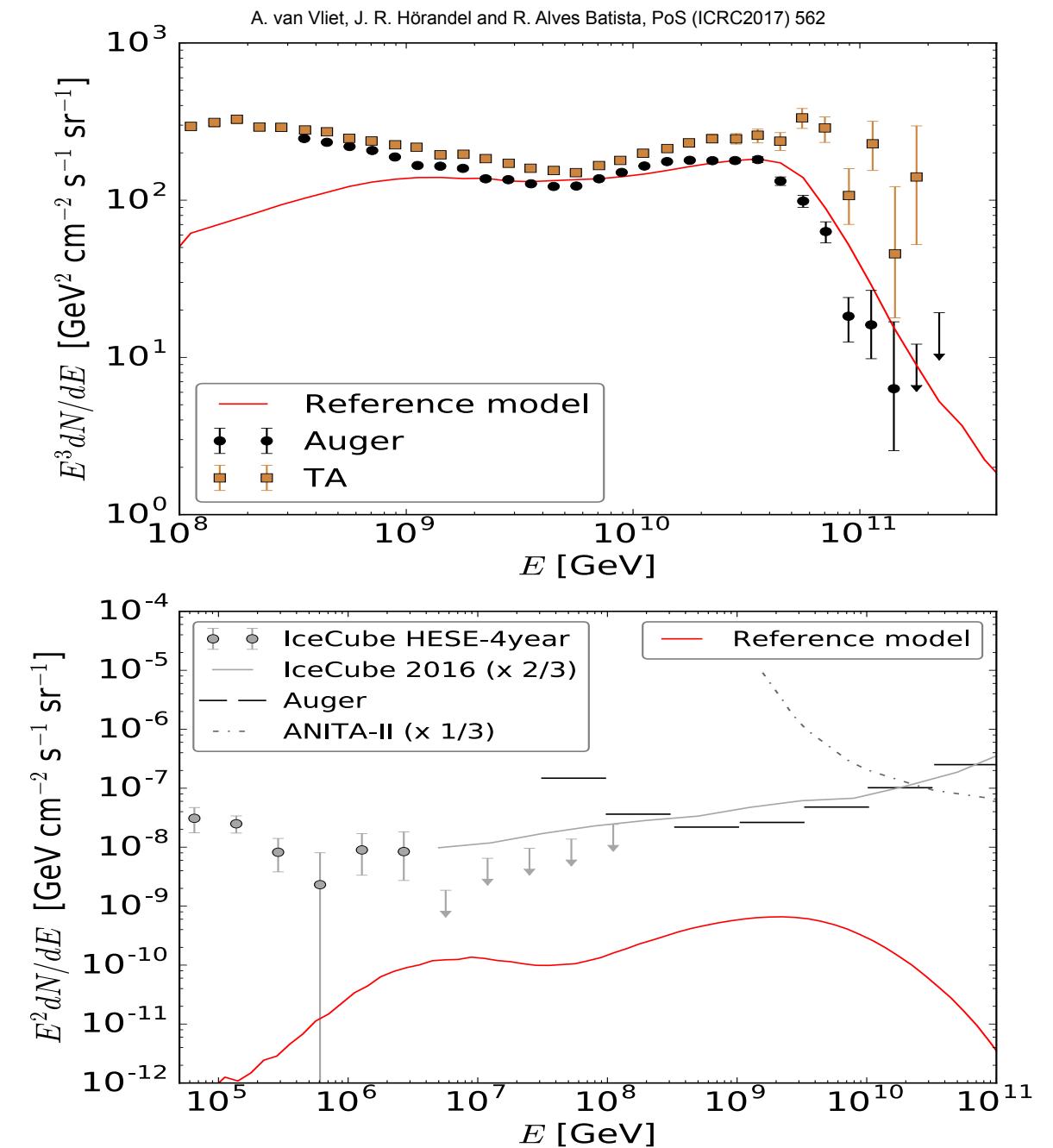
Reference scenario

A. van Vliet, J. R. Hörandel and R. Alves Batista, *Cosmogenic gamma-rays and neutrinos constrain UHECR source models*, PoS (ICRC2017) 562
A. van Vliet, *Cosmogenic photons strongly constrain UHECR source models*, EPJ Web Conf. 135 (2017) 03001

- 1D simulation including neutrinos
- Homogeneous distribution of identical sources
- Initial CR type: protons
- Injection spectrum: $\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-\alpha} \exp(-E / ZR_{\text{cut}})$
- Cut-off rigidity: $R_{\text{cut}} = 200$ EV
- Injection index: $\alpha = 2.5$
- Source evolution: comoving (no evolution)
- EBL: Gilmore *et al.* 2012

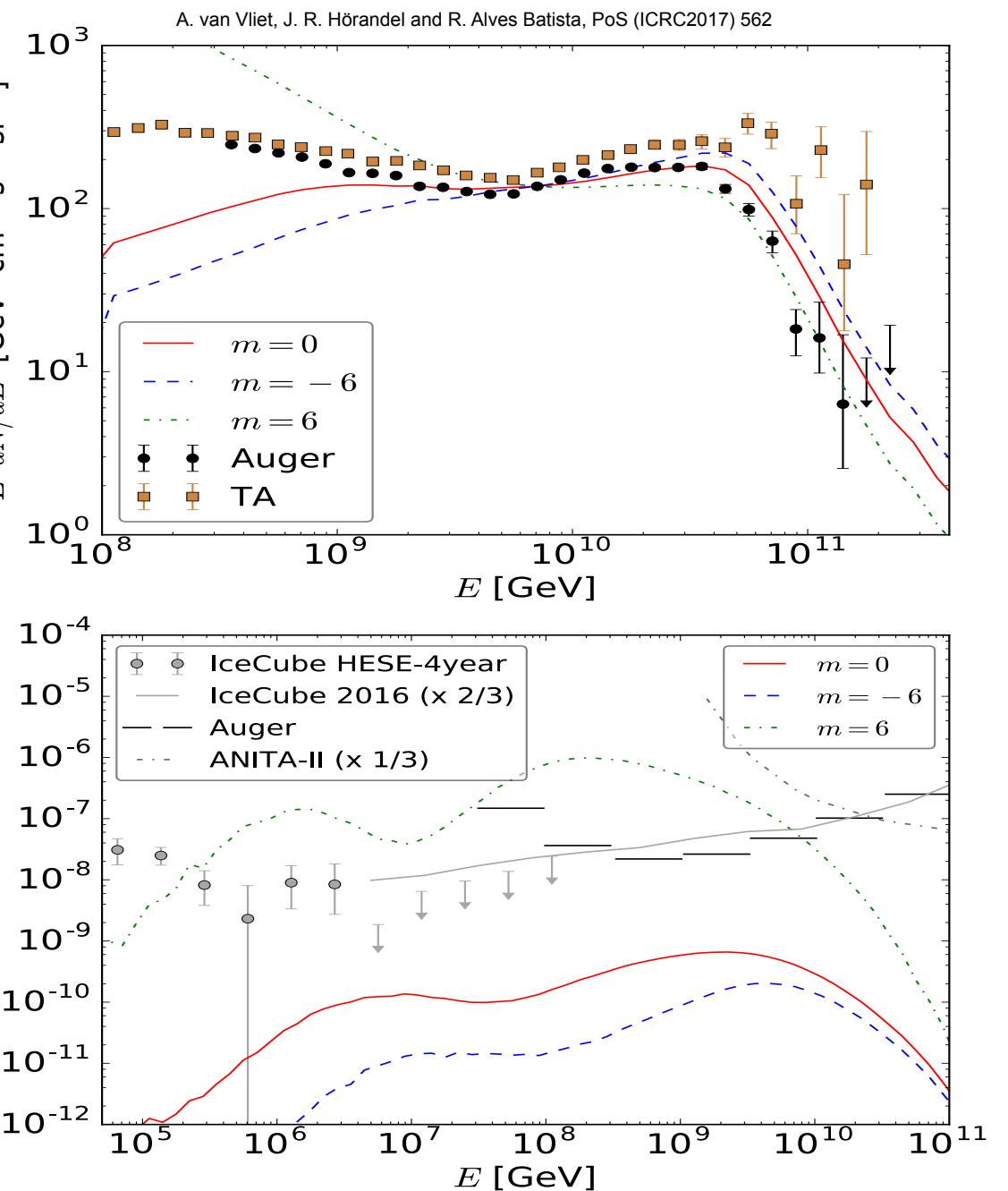
Reference model

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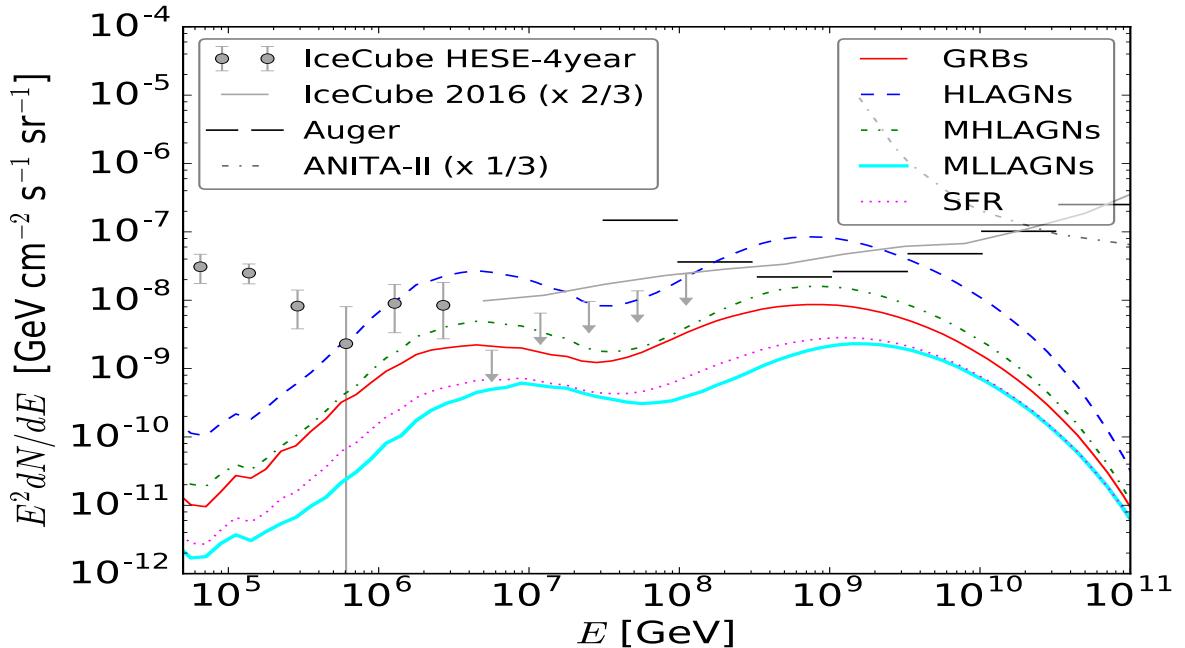
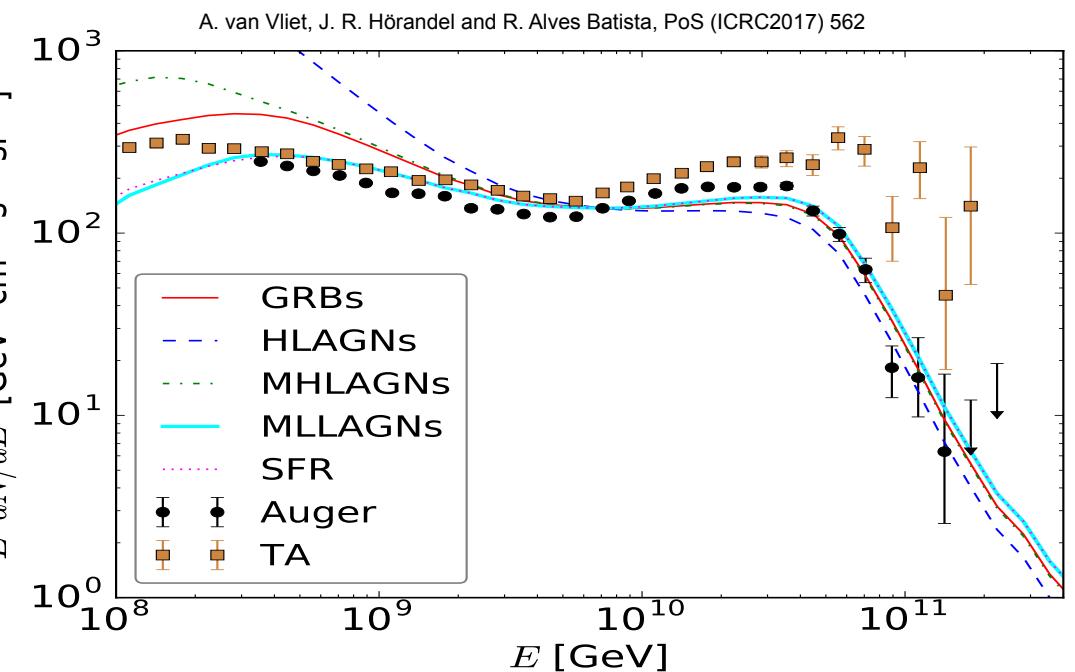
Source evolution

- Protons
- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- evolution multiplied by $(1+z)^m$, for $-6 \leq m \leq 6$
- $m = 0$: BL Lacs, $m = -6$: HSP BL Lacs
- v's strongly affected



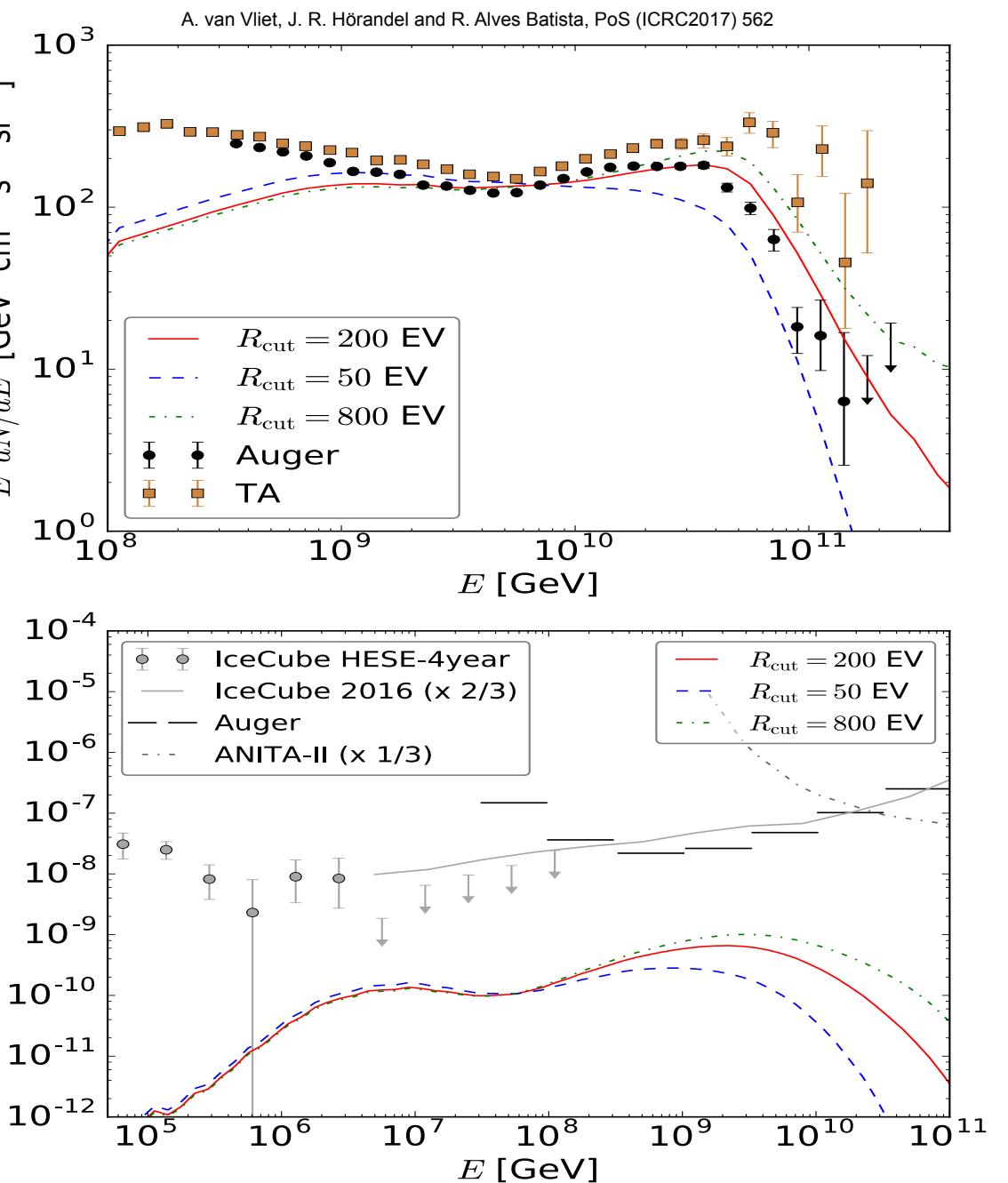
Source ev. models

- Protons
- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- GRBs, AGNs, SFR
- v's strongly affected
- Constrained by neutrino limits



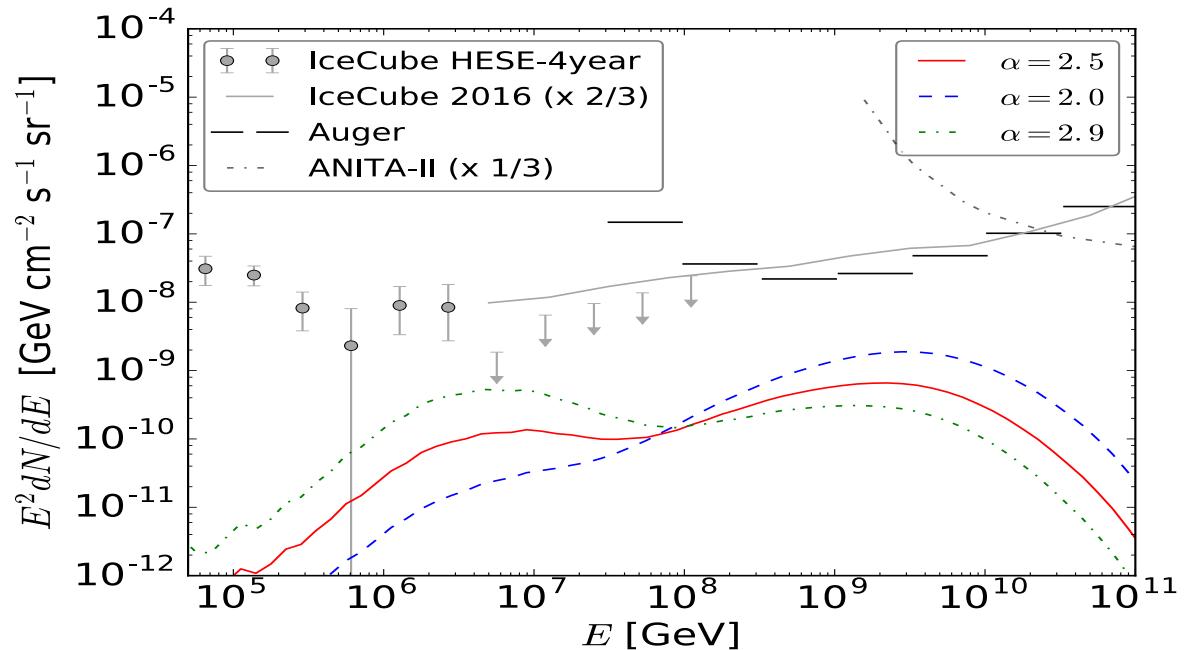
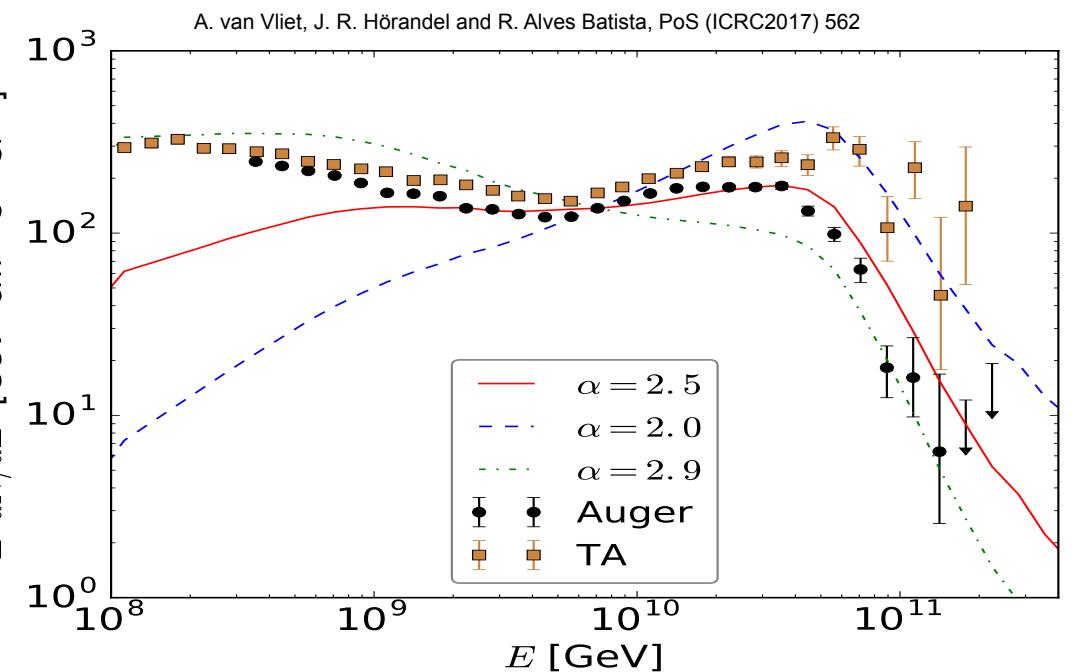
Max. rigidity

- Protons
- $50 \leq R_{\text{cut}} \leq 800 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- Comoving
- v's only affected for $E > 10^8 \text{ GeV}$



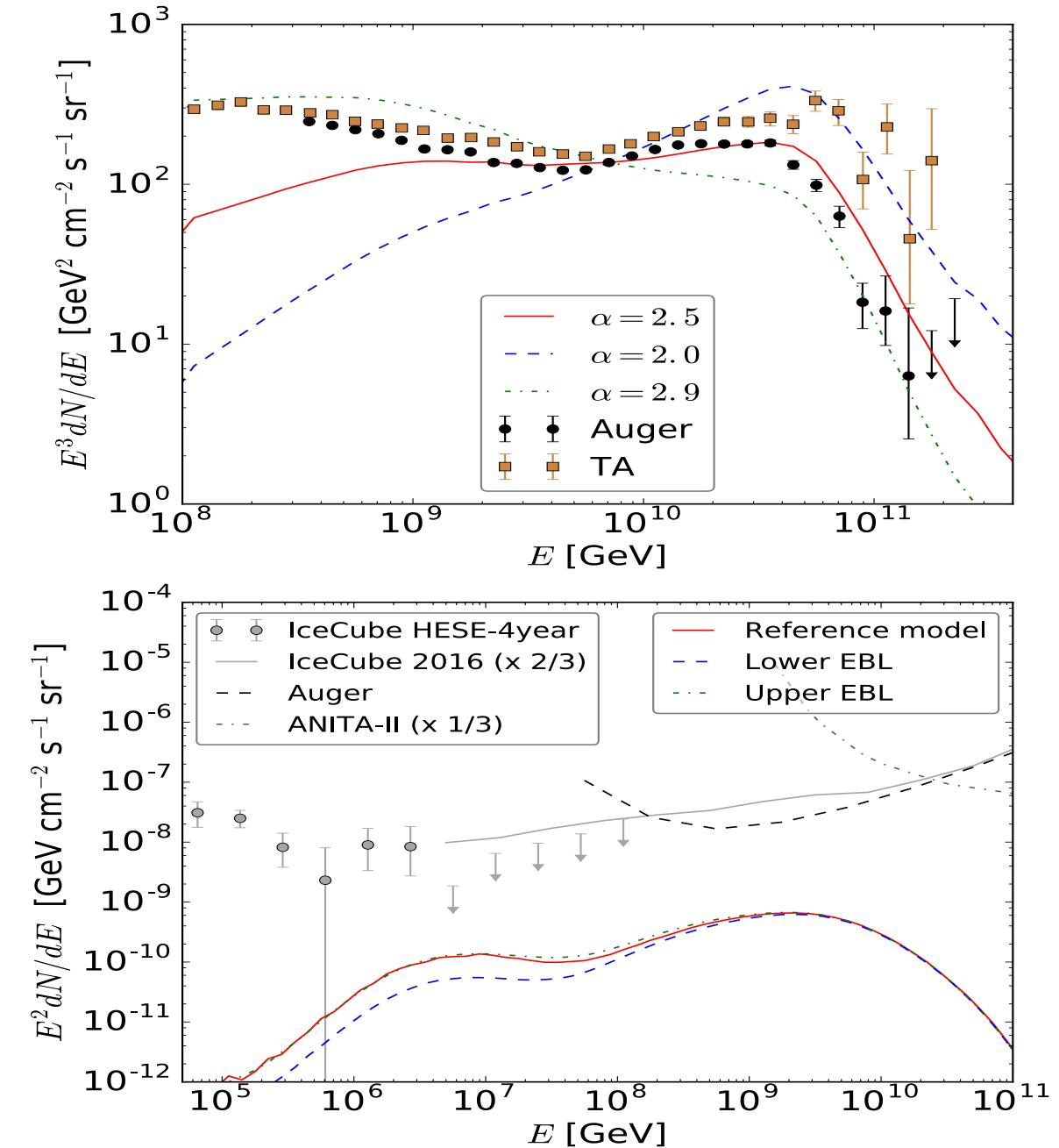
Spectral index

- Protons
- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $\alpha = 2.5$
- Comoving
- v 's affected similarly as CRs



EBL

- Protons
- $R_{\text{cut}} = 200 \text{ EV}$
- $2.0 \leq \alpha \leq 2.9$
- Comoving
- EBL: Gilmore 2012, Stecker 2016 upper and lower
- v's significantly affected only for $E < 10^8 \text{ GeV}$

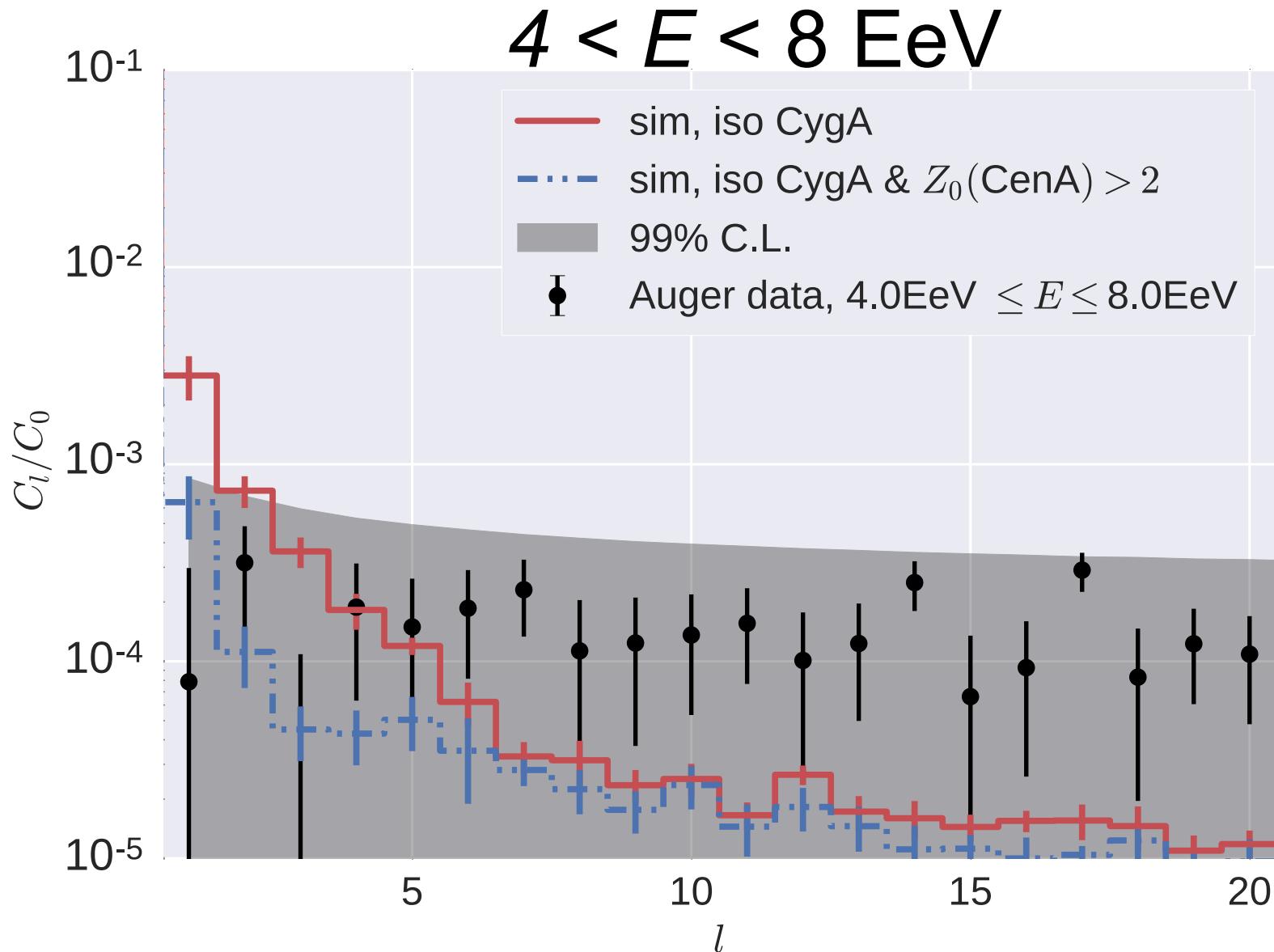


Extragalactic CRs example: UHECRs from radio galaxies

B. Eichmann, J. Rachen, L. Merten, A. van Vliet and J. Becker Tjus, JCAP 1802 (2018) 036

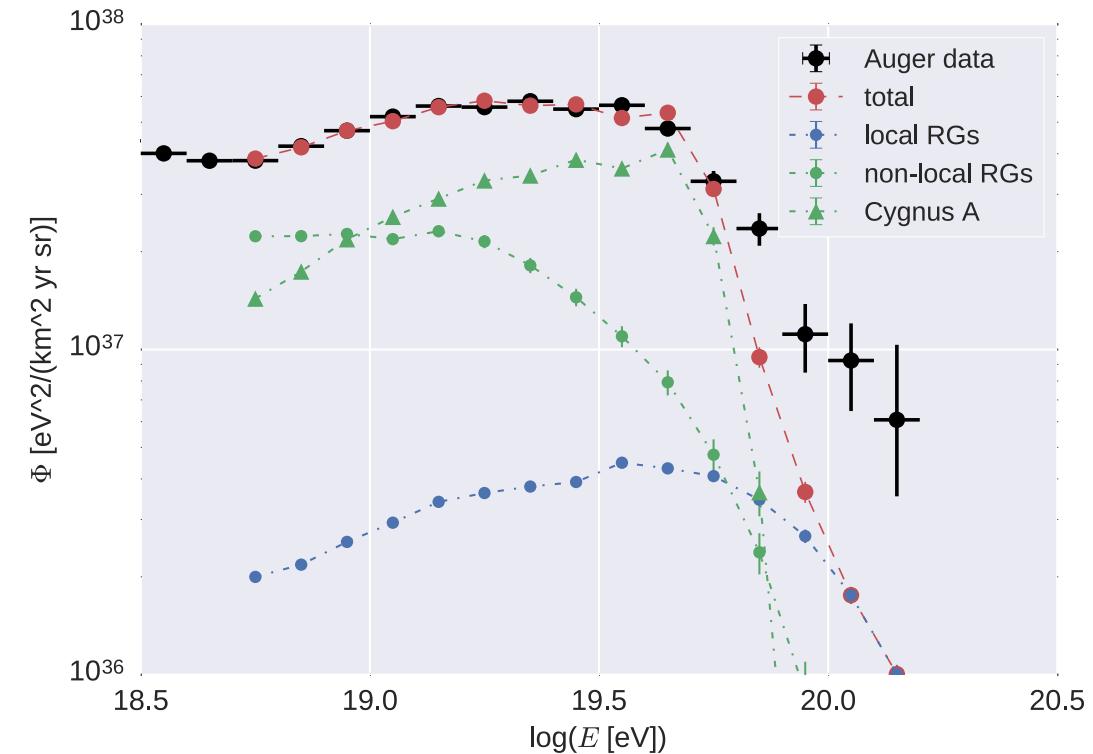
Arrival Directions

- Angular power spectrum
$$C_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^l |a_{lm}|^2$$
- Dipole too large
- Fit only for $E > 5$ EeV
- Low E contribution could reduce difference

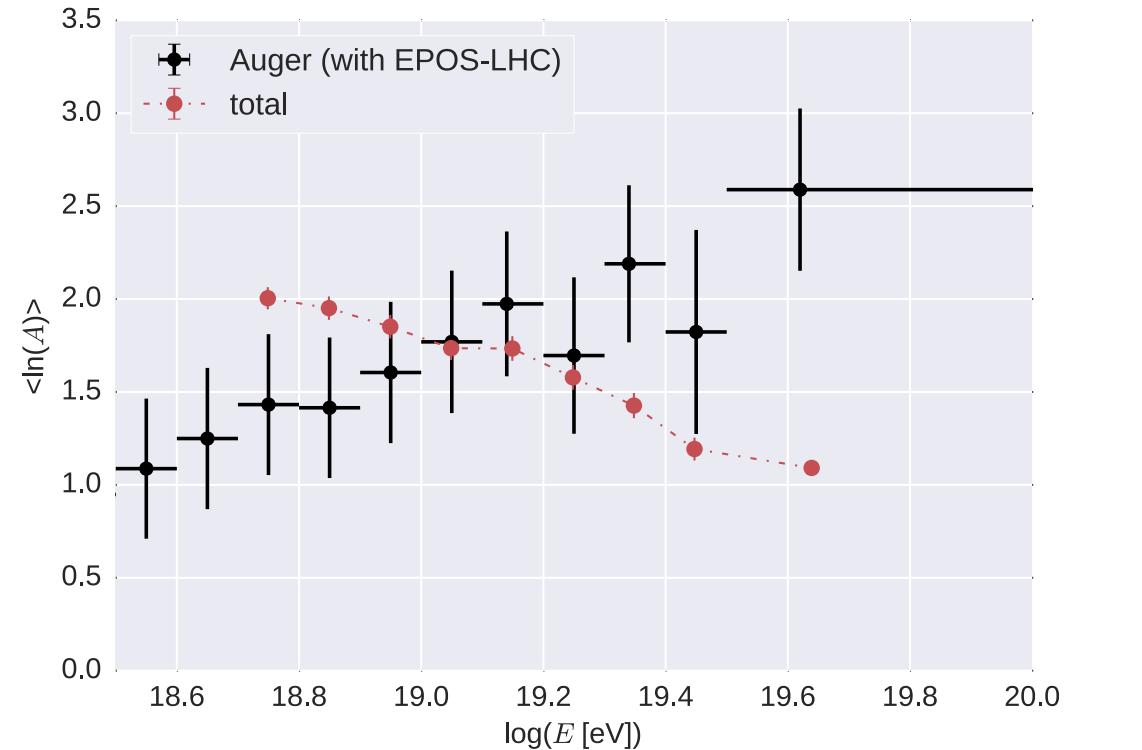


Only Cyg A Special

- Not possible to get a good fit



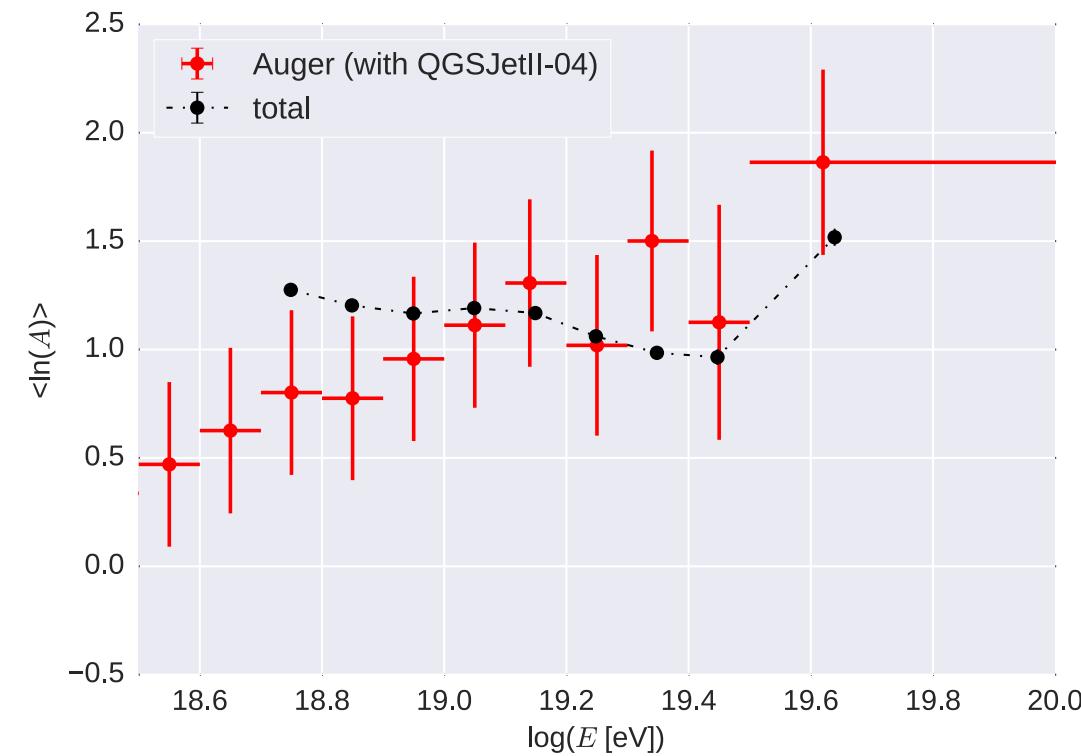
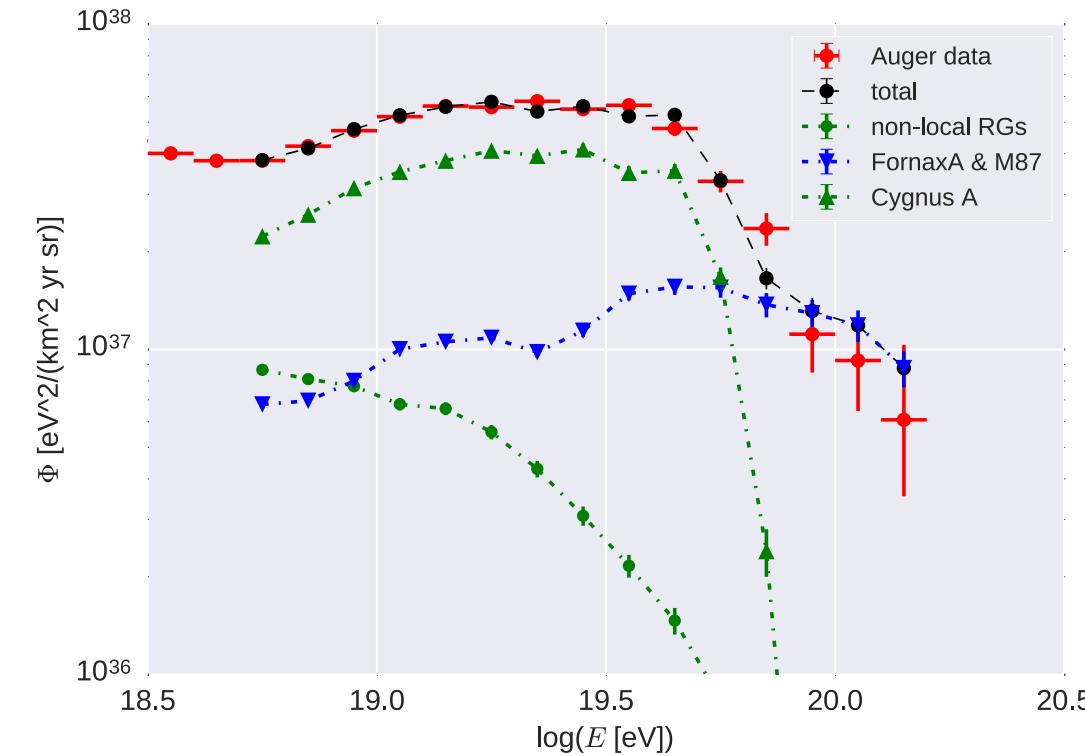
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Powerful M87, Fornax A and Cyg A

- Only composition M87 & Fornax A enhanced

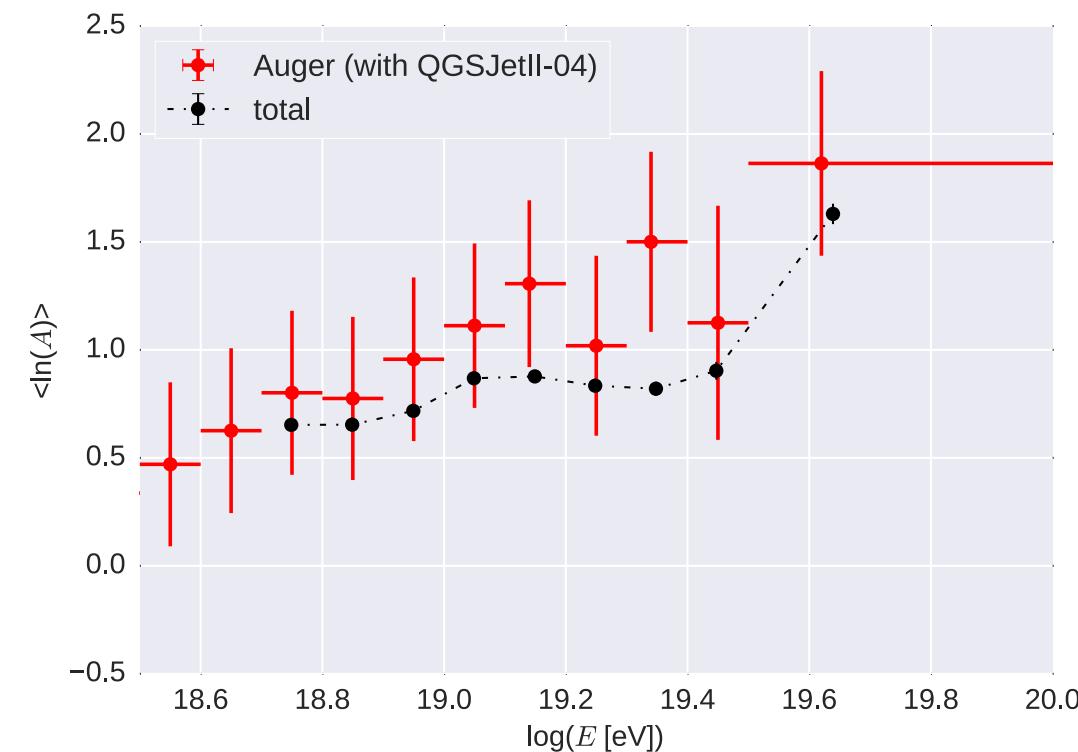
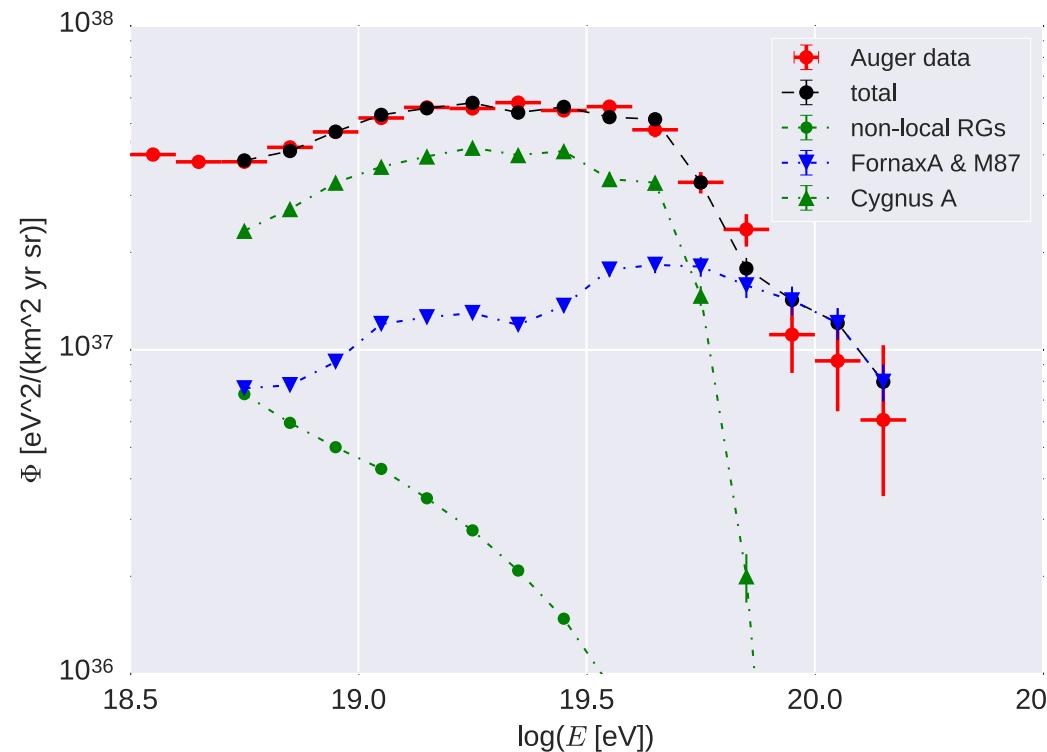
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Powerful M87, Fornax A and Cygnus A

- Composition enhanced for all sources except Cygnus A

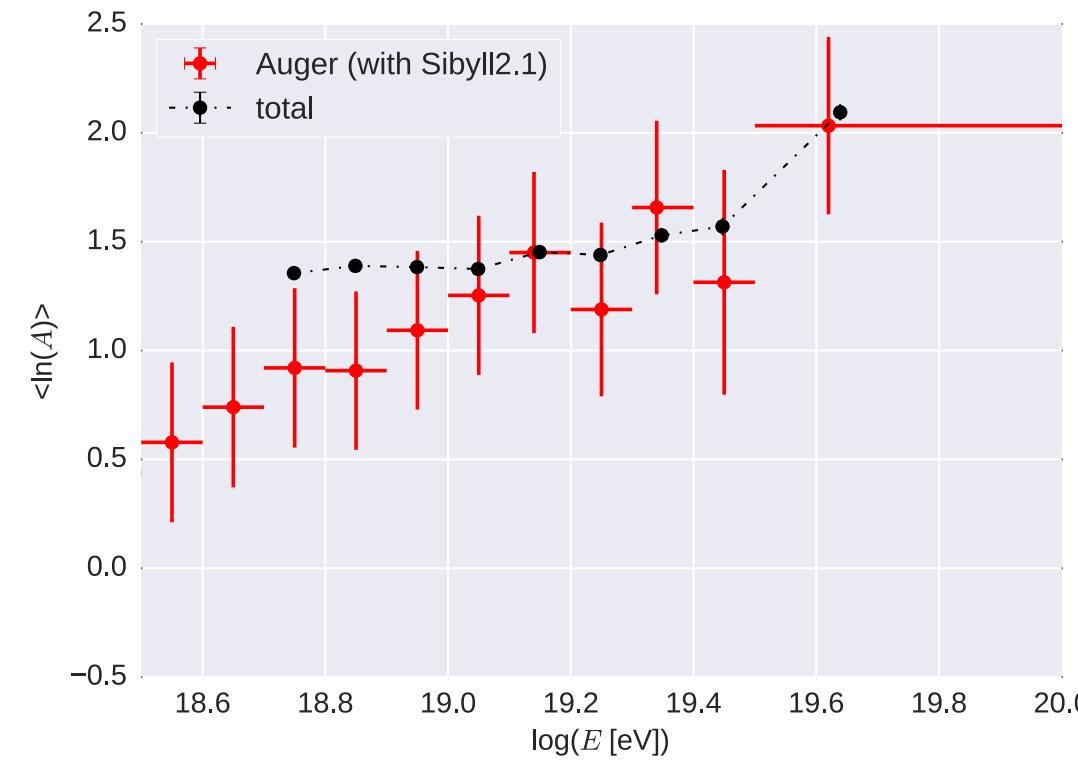
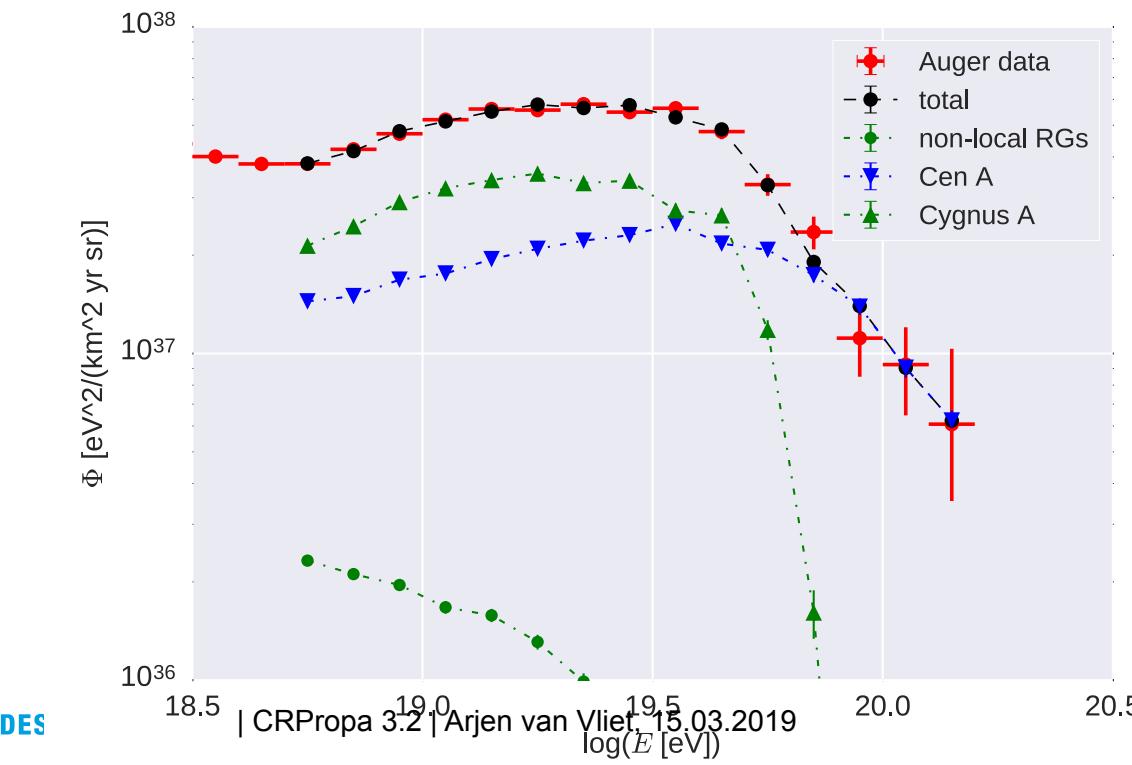
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Powerful Cen A + Cyg A

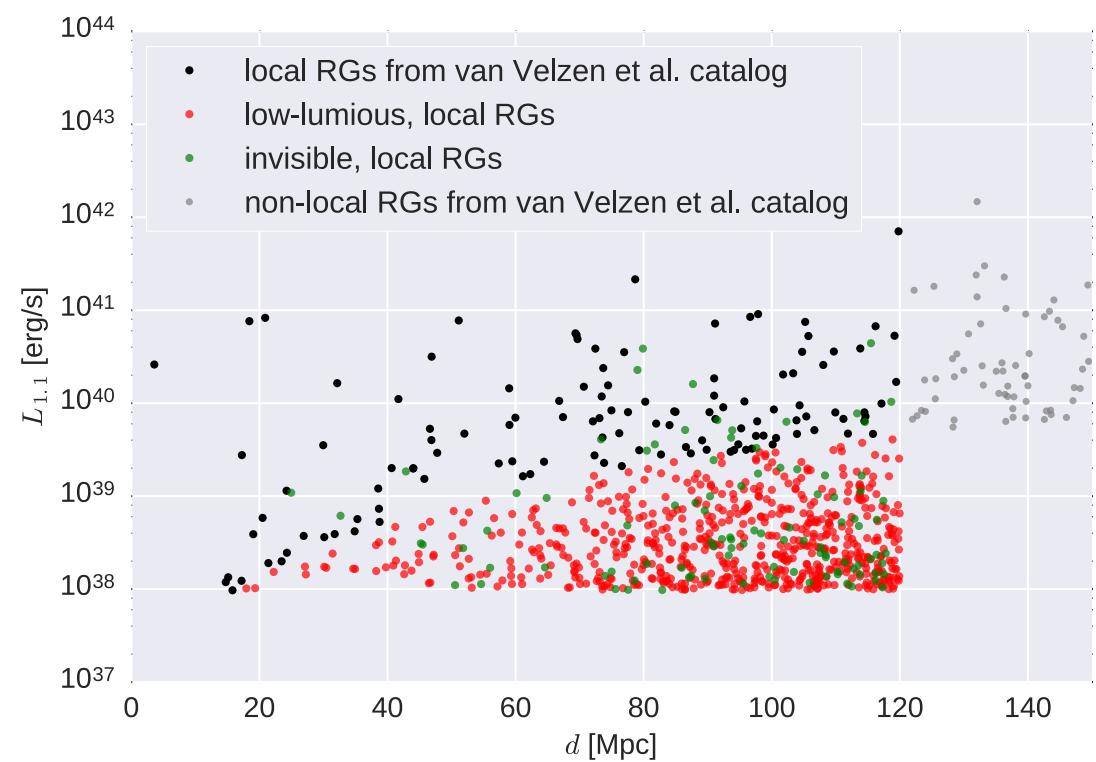
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Sibyll2.1	1.83	1	38.77	50	0.159	0.057	1.8	1.6



Local Sources

- Catalogue: Van Velzen *et al.* for $D < 120$ Mpc
- Covers 88% of the sky
- Complete for bright sources
- Missing low-luminous distant RGs due to flux limit
- Compensated for by adding sources following the LSS
- Luminous nearby sources treated separately:
Cen A, M87, Fornax A



Non-local Sources

- 1D simulations following continuous source function for radio galaxies
- Including cosmological evolution
- Arrival directions assumed isotropic
- Special case: Cygnus A at 255 Mpc, treated separately

Fit parameters

- Spectral index: $1.7 \leq a \leq 2.2$
- Cosmic-ray load: $1 \leq g_{CR} \leq 50$
- Acceleration efficiency: $0.01 \leq g_{acc} \leq 0.5$
- Composition parameter: $0 \leq q \leq 2$ (solar abundance $\times Z_i^q$)
- For Cen A, M87, Fornax A and Cygnus A can get separate values for g_{CR} and g_{acc}
- 6/7 free parameters in the fit for each scenario
- Fit spectrum and composition