



# Protostars: Forges of cosmic rays?

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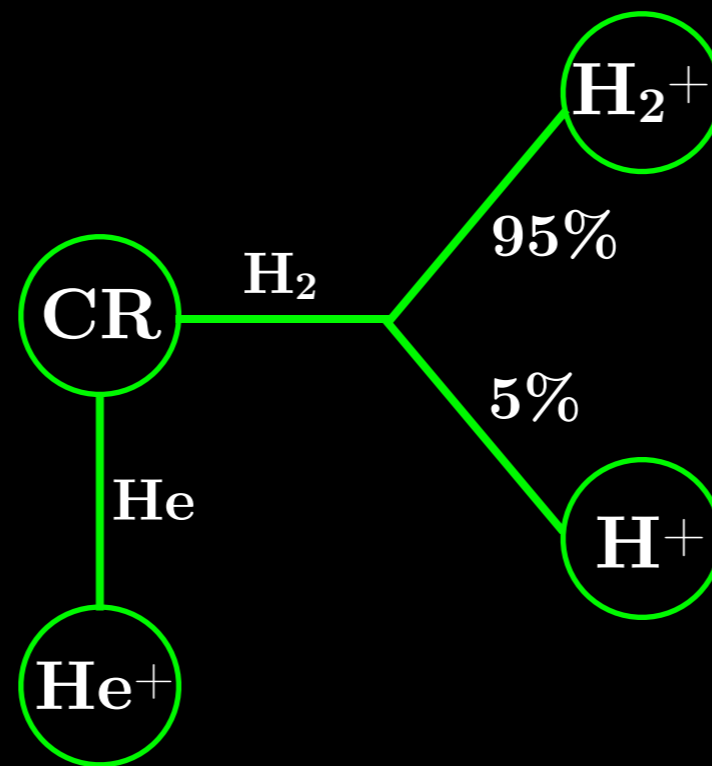
**Cosmic-ray propagation  
in molecular clouds  
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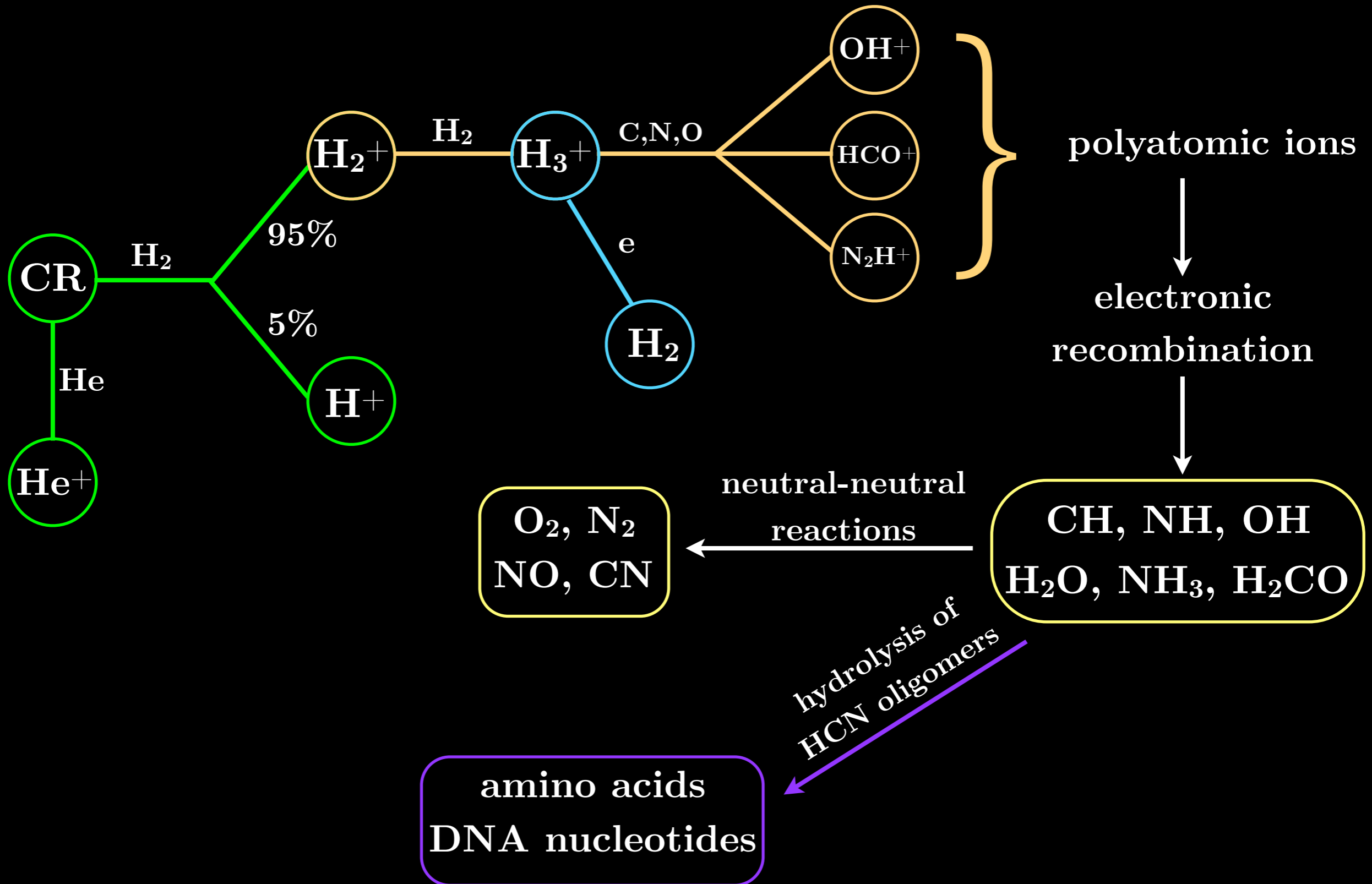
Padovani, Galli & Glassgold (2009)

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- Diffuse clouds ( $A_v \sim 1$  mag)  $\rightarrow$  the UV radiation field is the principal ionising agent (photodissociation regions);
- Dense clouds ( $A_v \gtrsim 5$  mag)  $\rightarrow$  the ionisation is due to low-energy CRs ( $E < 100$  MeV) and, if close to young stars, to soft X-rays ( $E < 10$  keV).





## Cosmic-ray ionisation rate

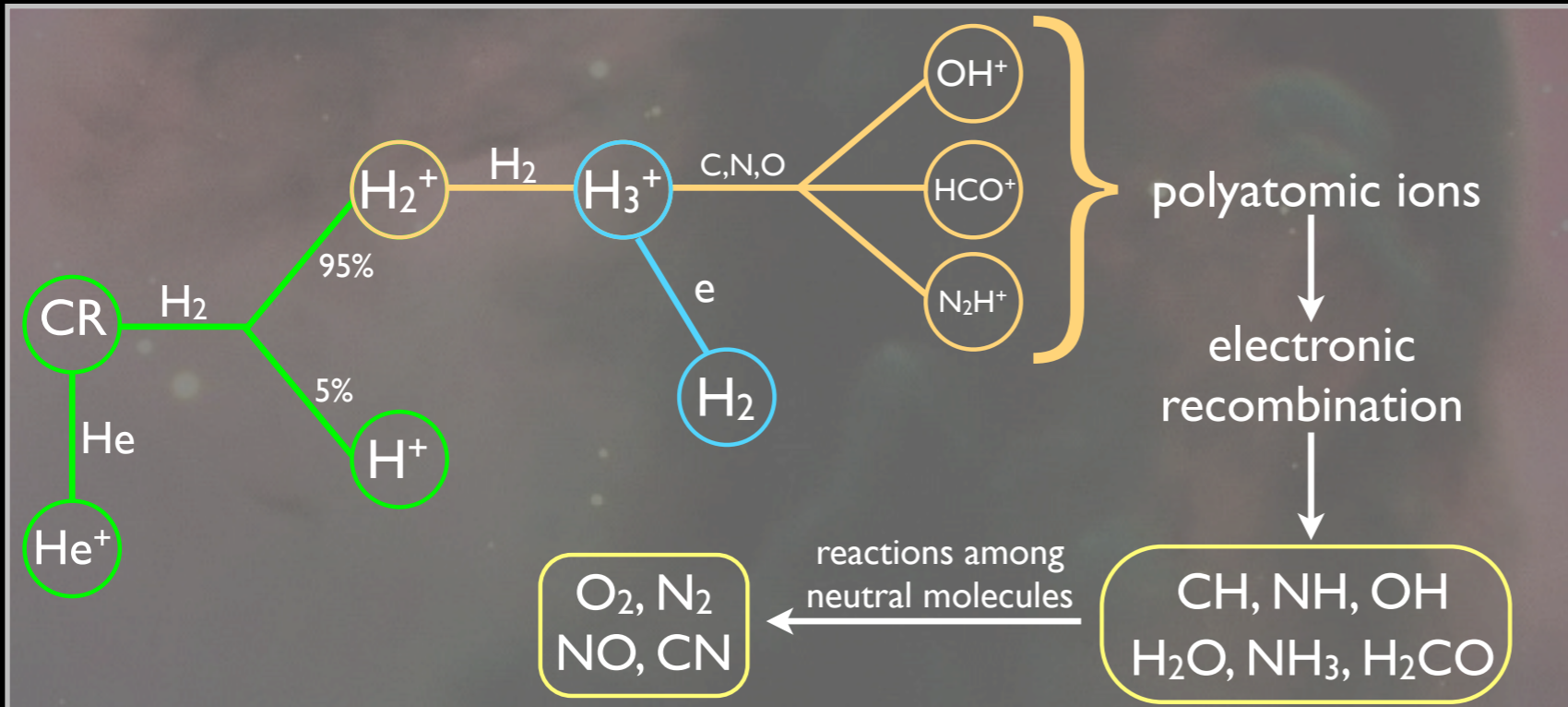
(number of ionisation per second)

$\zeta$  [s<sup>-1</sup>]



*key-brick parameter:*

- chemical models (interpretation of observed abundances);
- non-ideal MHD simulations (study of the collapse of a molecular cloud core and the formation of a protostellar disc);



## Dense cores ( $\text{HCO}^+$ , $\text{DCO}^+$ )

Guélin (1977)  
Caselli+ (1998)  
Maret & Bergin (2007)

## Diffuse clouds ( $\text{OH}$ , $\text{HD}$ , $\text{NH}$ )

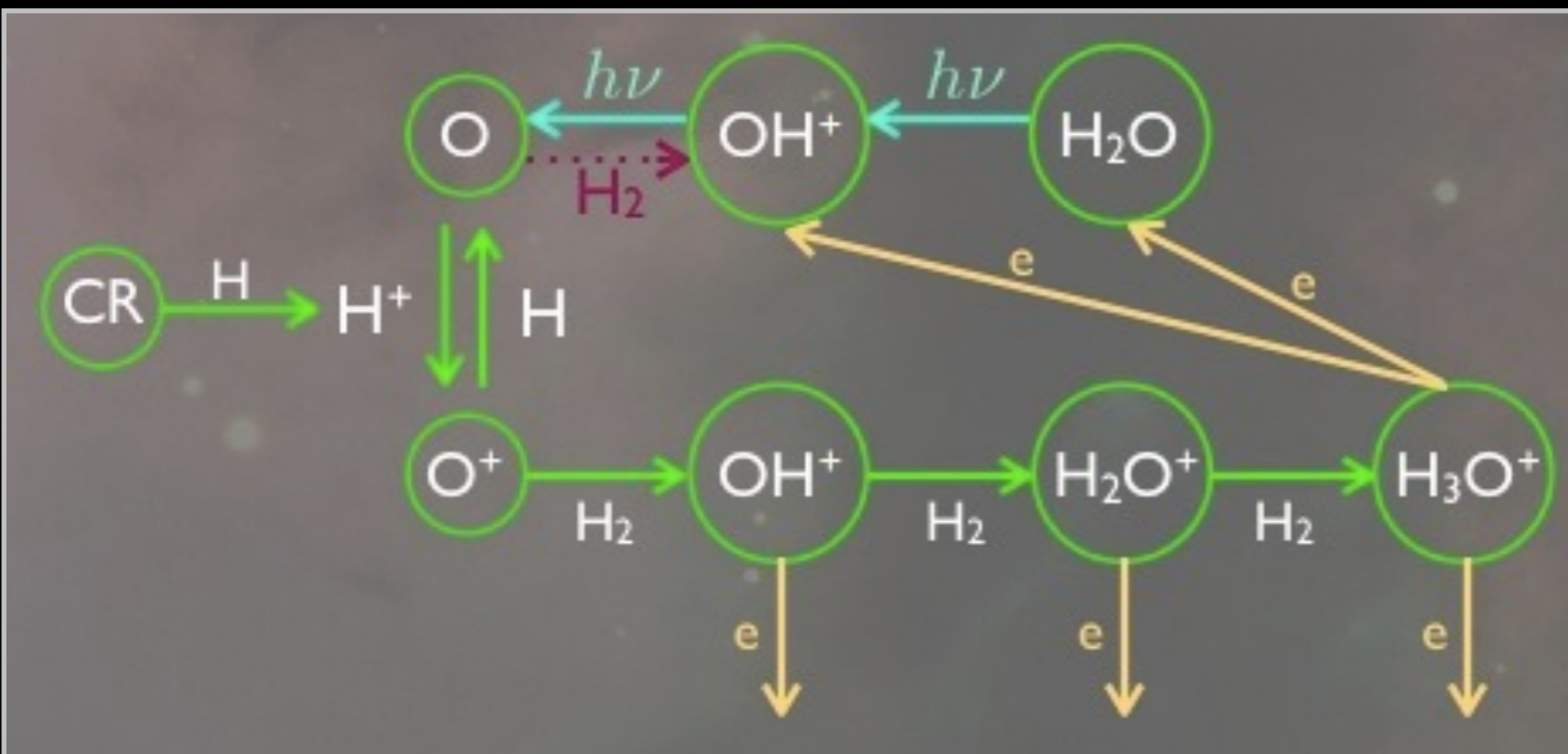
Black & Dalgarno (1977),  
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## ( $\text{H}_3^+$ )

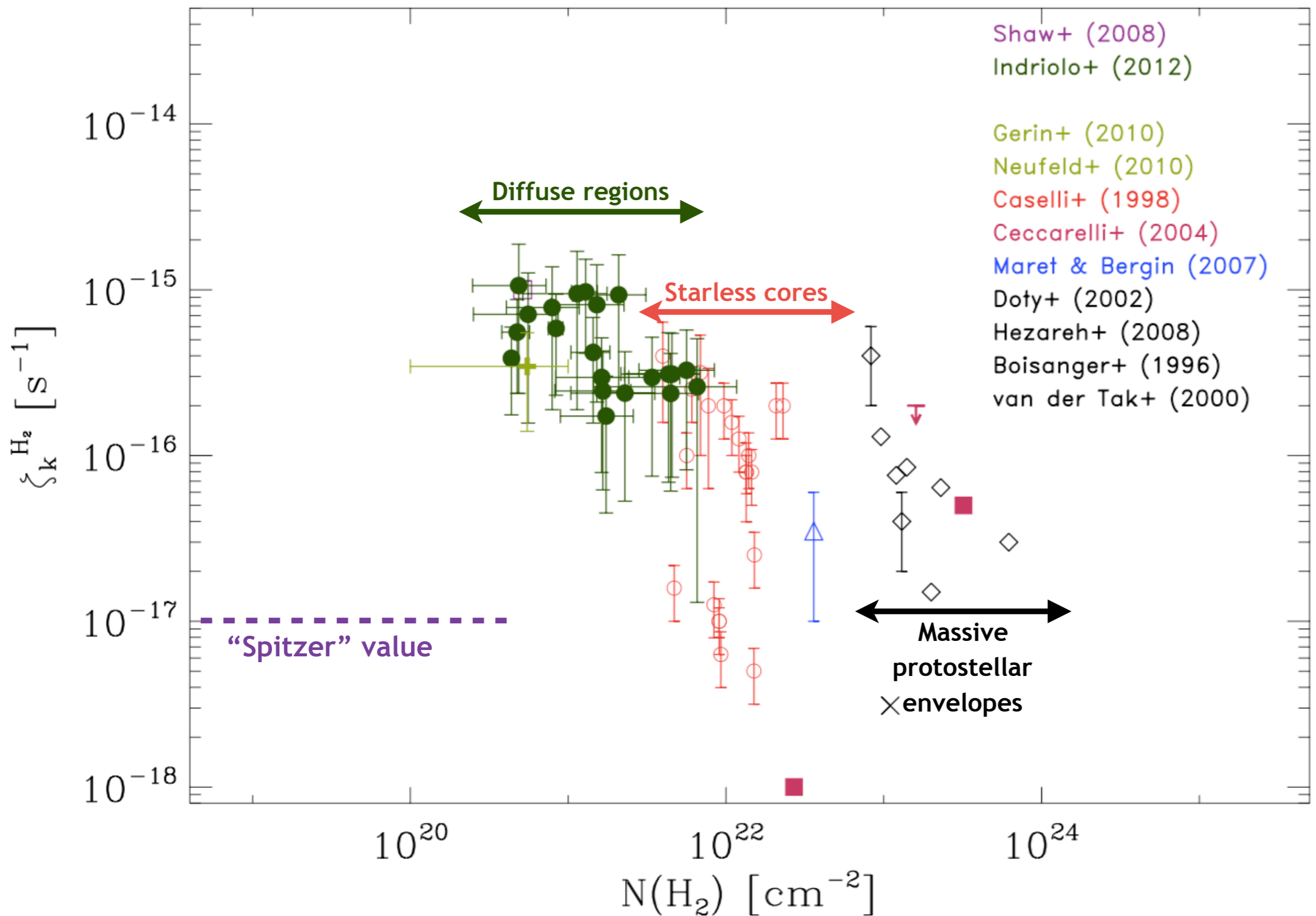
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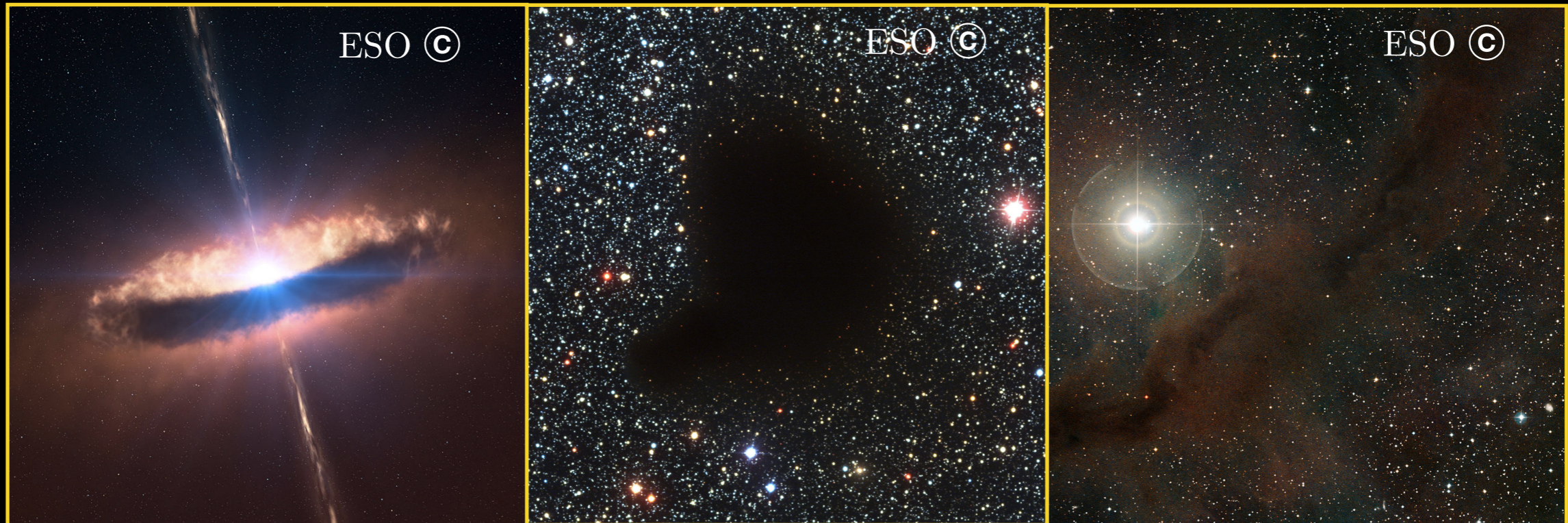
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Neufeld+ (2010), Gerin+ (2010)









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**protostar**

**dense**

**diffuse**

$\zeta$  [s<sup>-1</sup>]

set by decay of short-lived radionuclides  
Cleeves+ 2013; 2015

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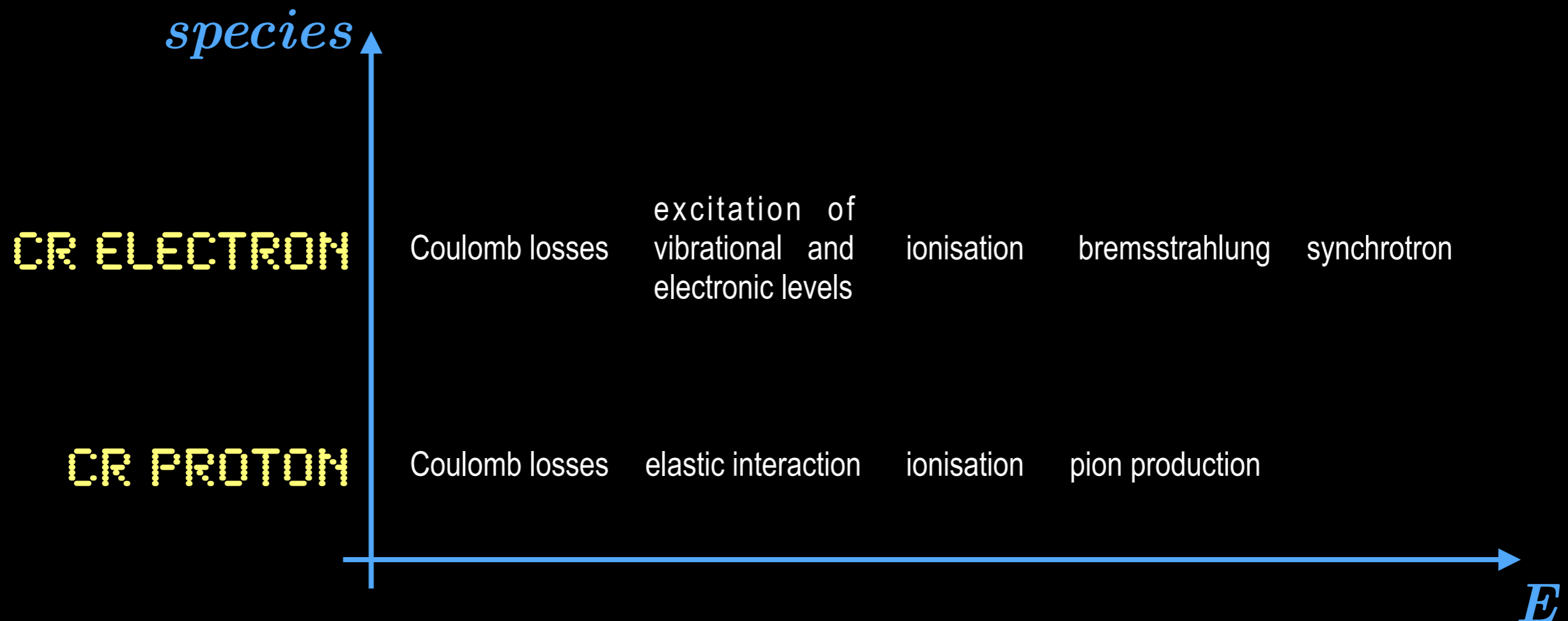
**HOW TO RECONCILE THE HIGH VALUES OF  $\zeta$  IN DIFFUSE CLOUDS WITH THE LOWER VALUES IN DENSER ENVIRONMENTS?**

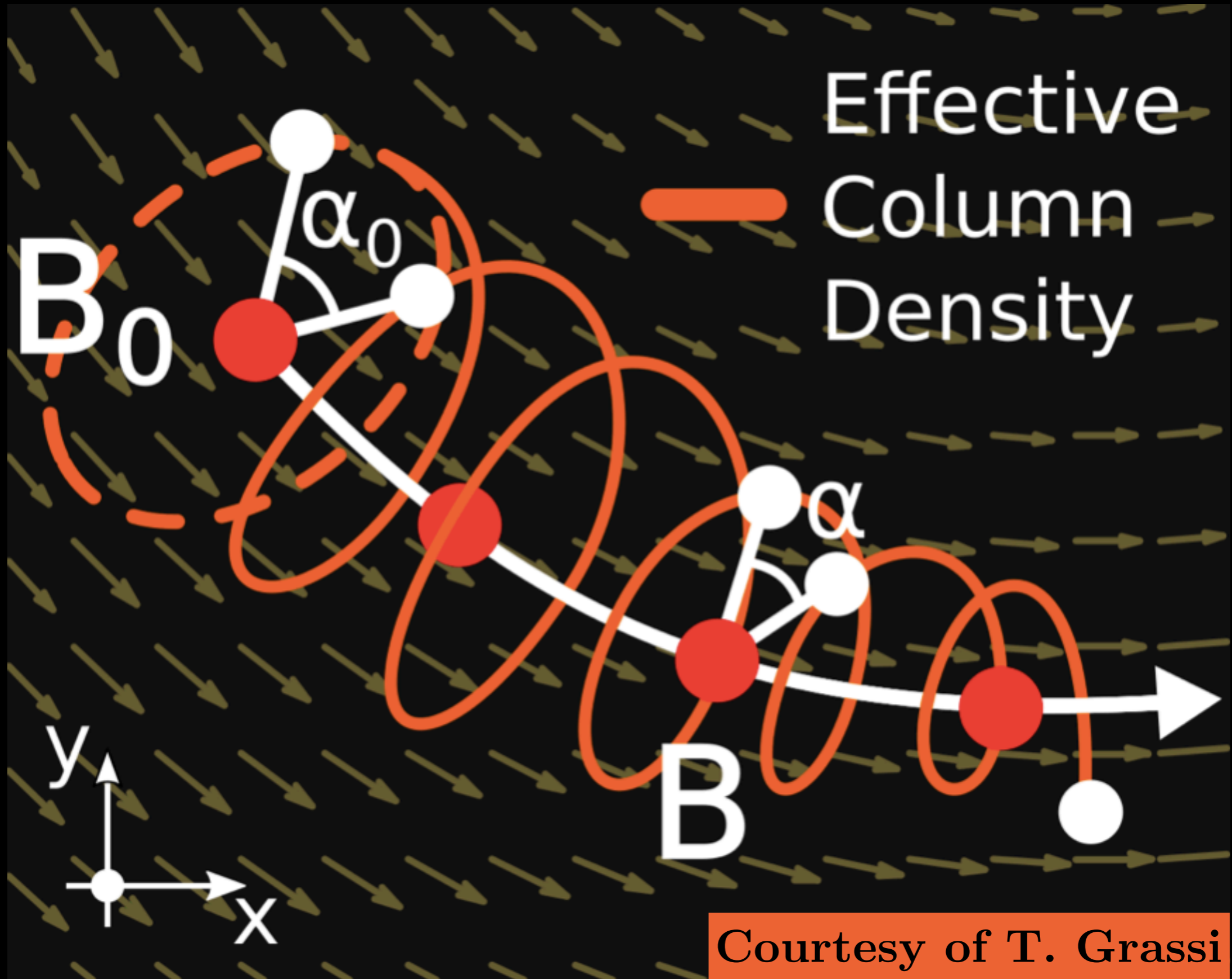
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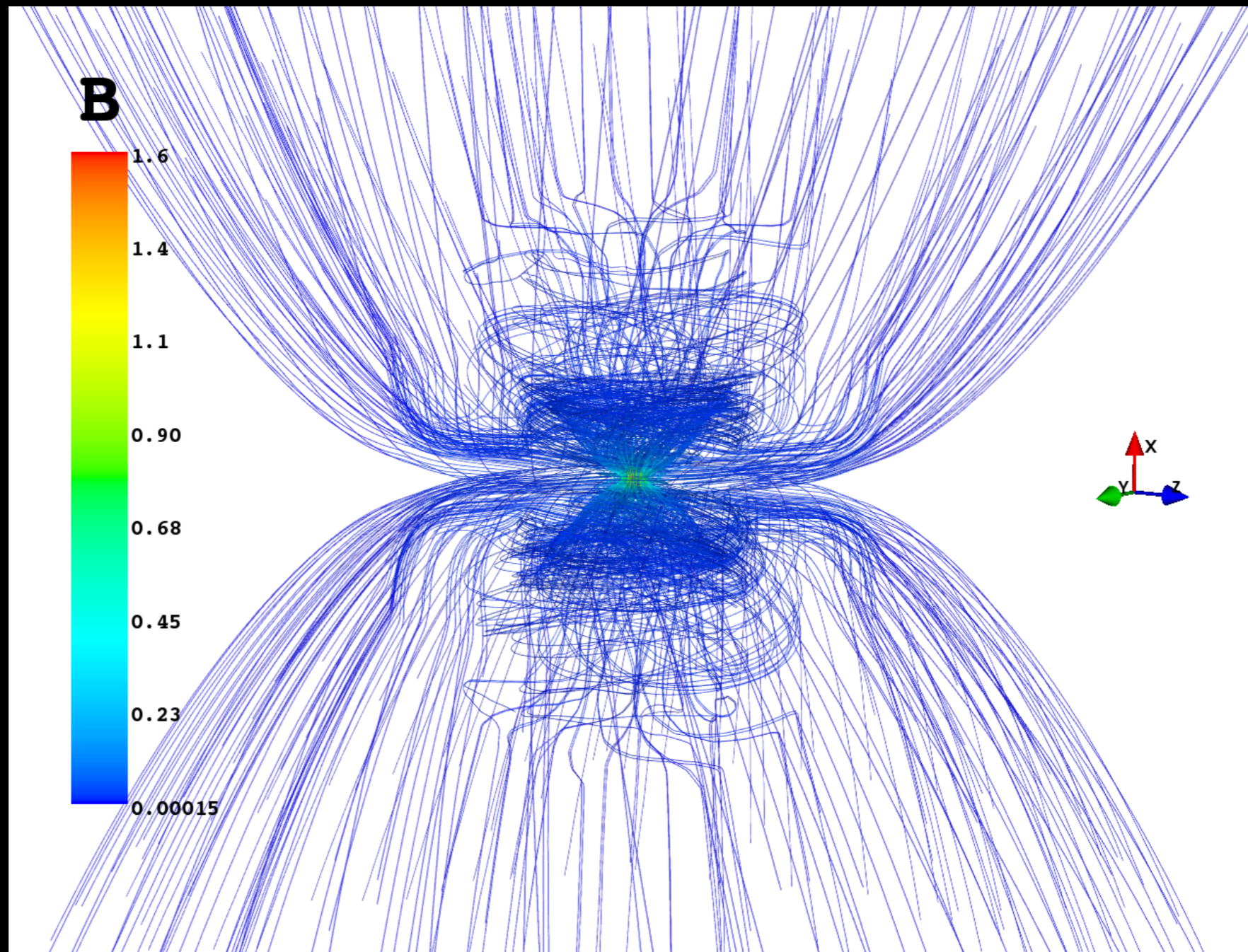




Courtesy of T. Grassi

# Numerical models : rotating collapsing core

Field lines in the inner 600 AU

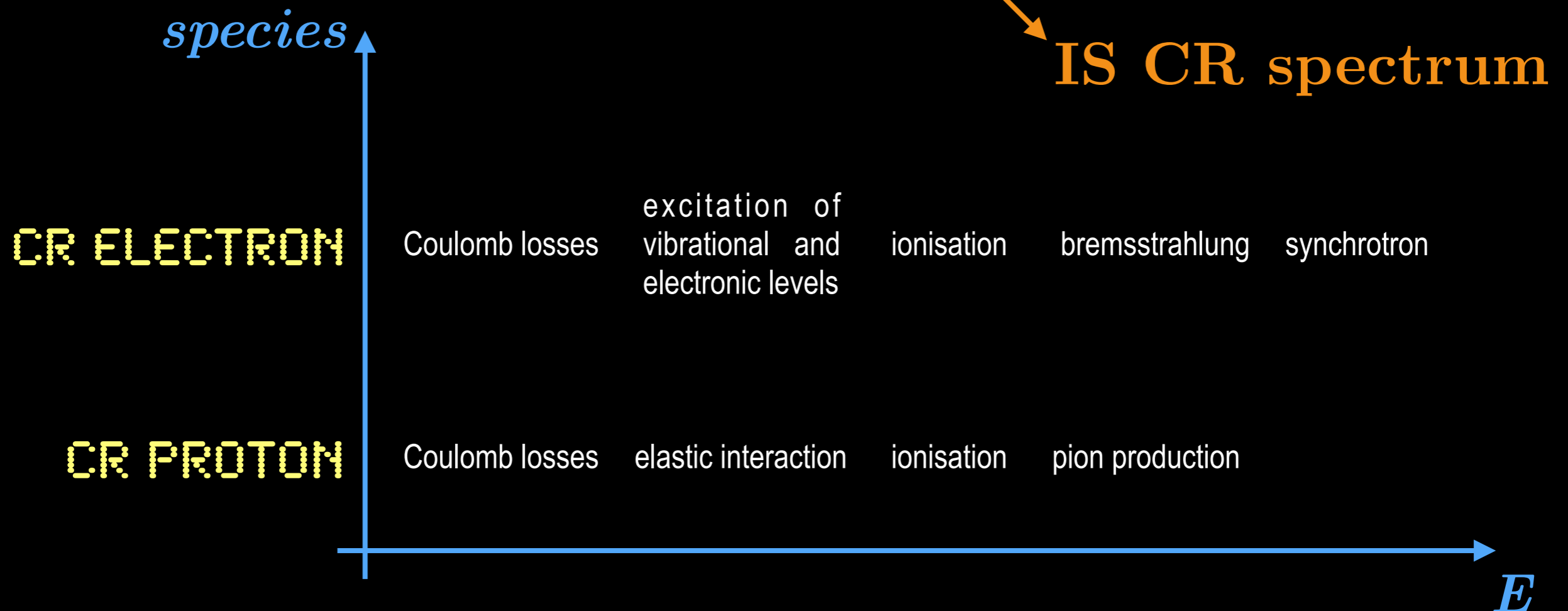


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# August, 25<sup>th</sup> 2012

Voyager 1 crossed the heliopause

## VOYAGER 1

Launched 5 September 1977.  
Current distance from Sun:  
18.2 billion kilometres.

## BOW SHOCK?

A shock wave of ionized gas.  
Latest observations suggest the  
Solar System is not moving  
through the interstellar medium  
fast enough to create one.

## VOYAGER 2

Launched 20 August 1977.  
Current distance from Sun:  
14.9 billion kilometres.

## HELIOPAUSE

The boundary of the Solar  
System, where the outward  
pressure of the heliosphere is  
in balance with the inward push  
of the interstellar medium.

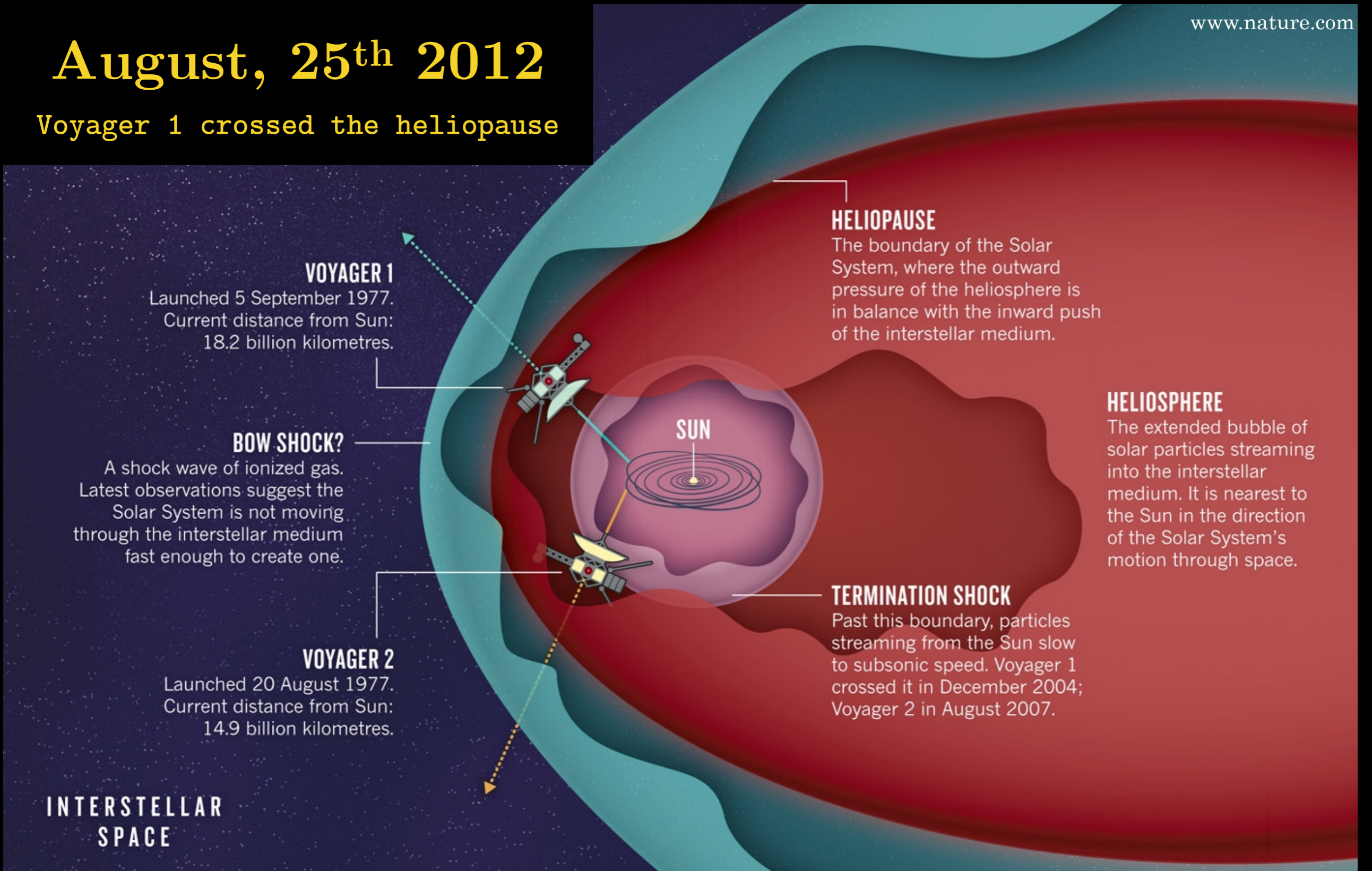
## HELIOSPHERE

The extended bubble of  
solar particles streaming  
into the interstellar  
medium. It is nearest to  
the Sun in the direction of  
the Solar System's  
motion through space.

## TERMINATION SHOCK

Past this boundary, particles  
streaming from the Sun slow  
to subsonic speed. Voyager 1  
crossed it in December 2004;  
Voyager 2 in August 2007.

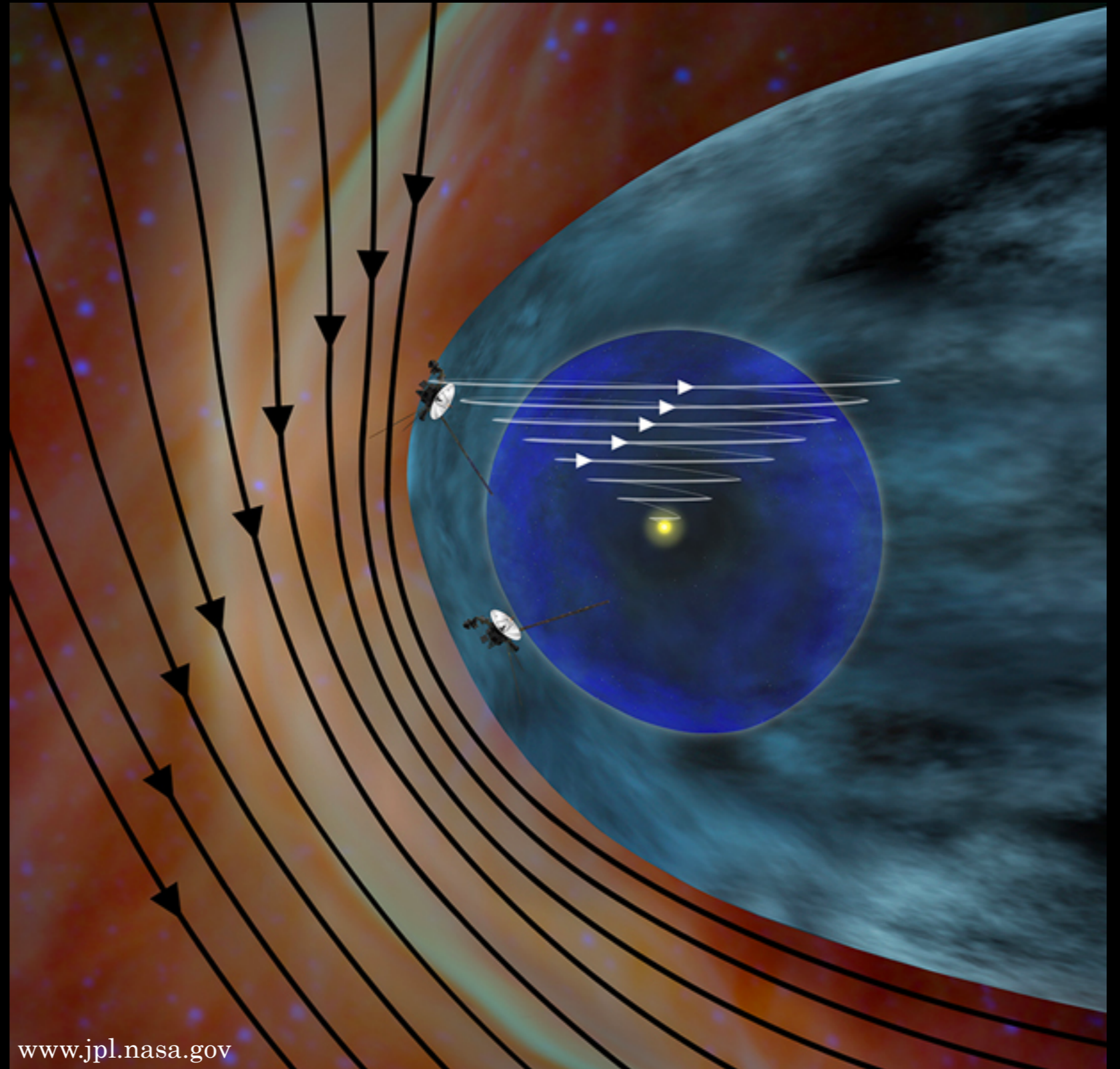
INTERSTELLAR  
SPACE



**Magnetic field:**

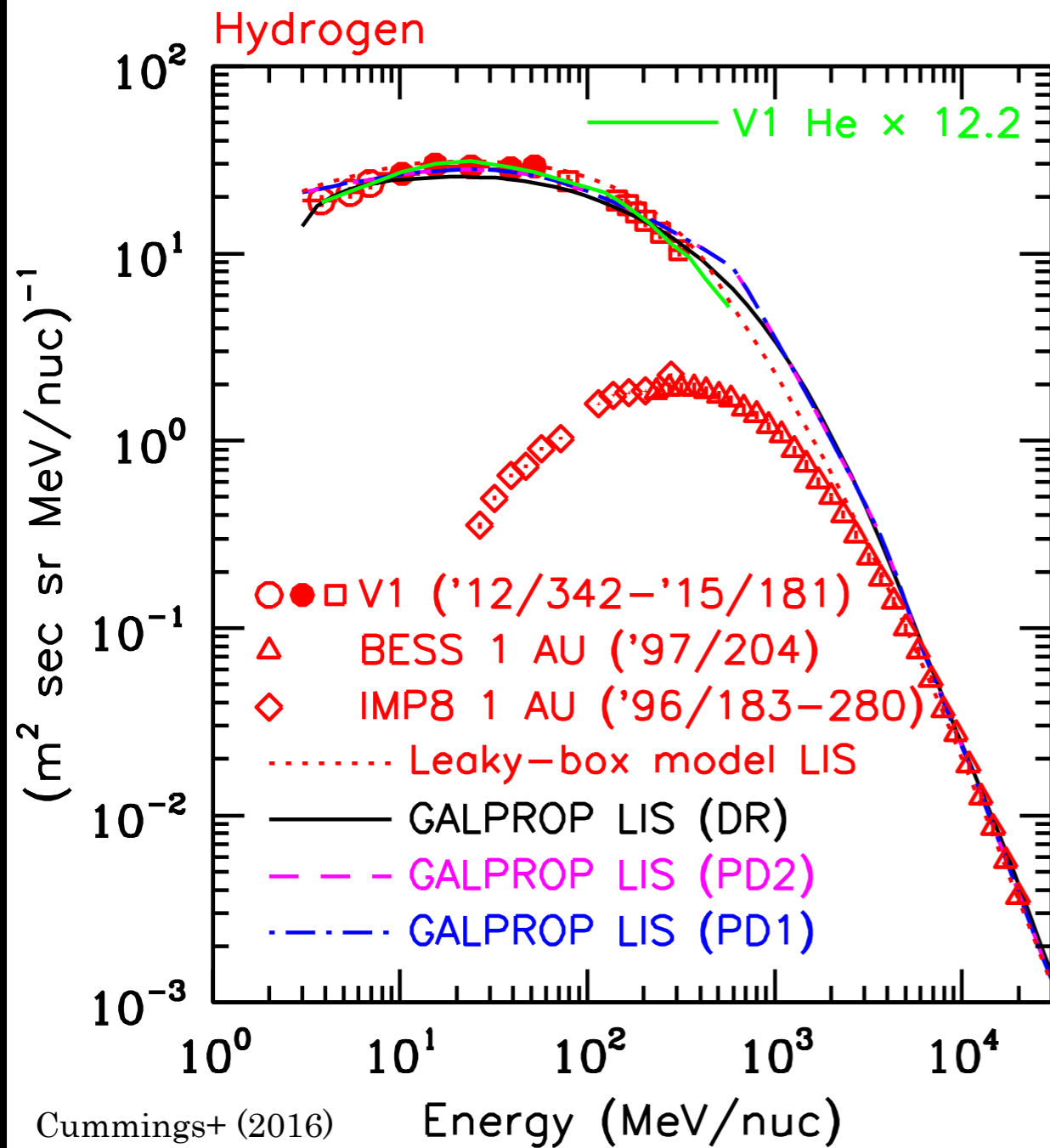
- in the ISM (black lines);
- from the Sun (white lines).

Next expected signature:  
*variation in the magnetic  
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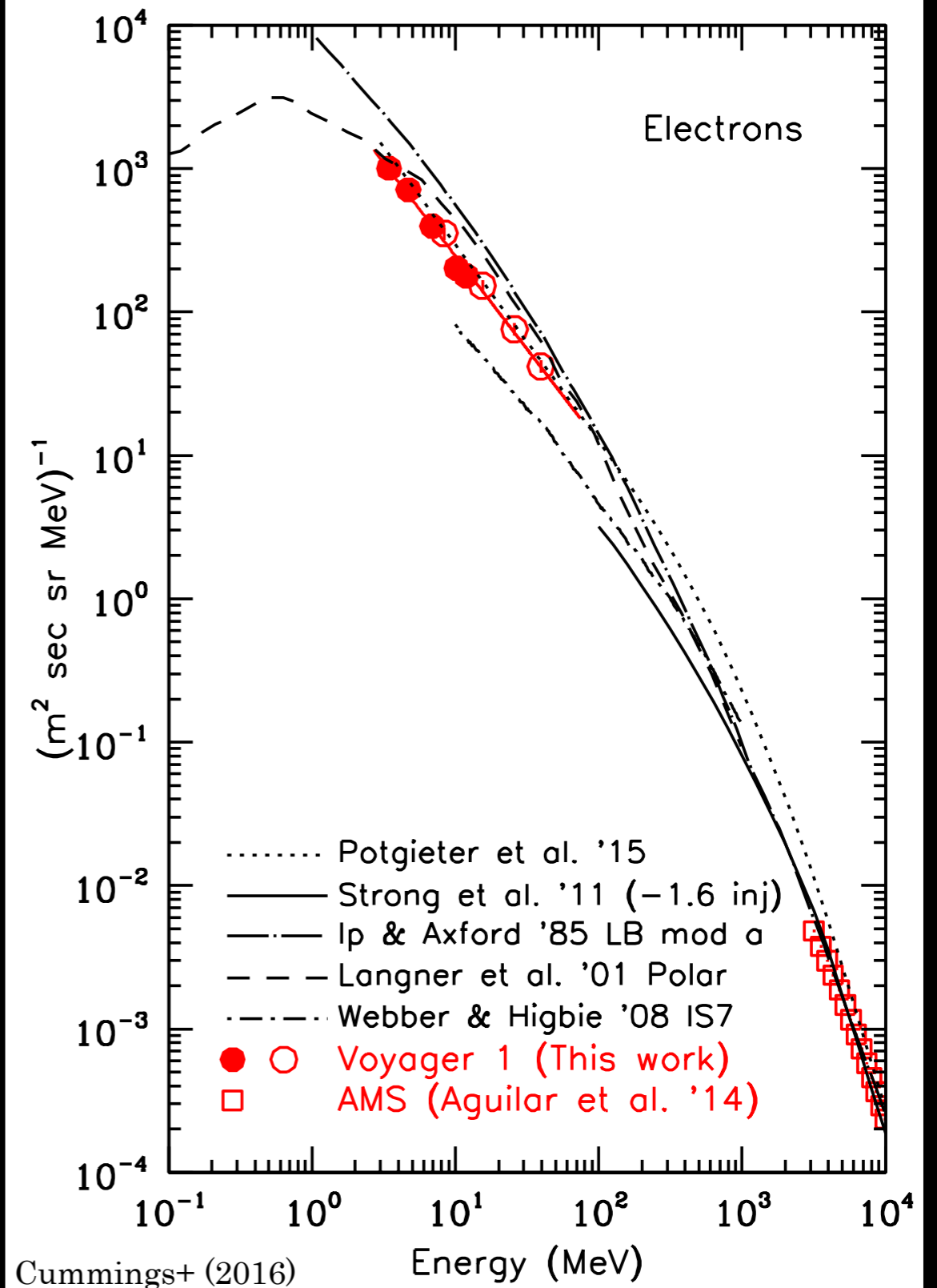


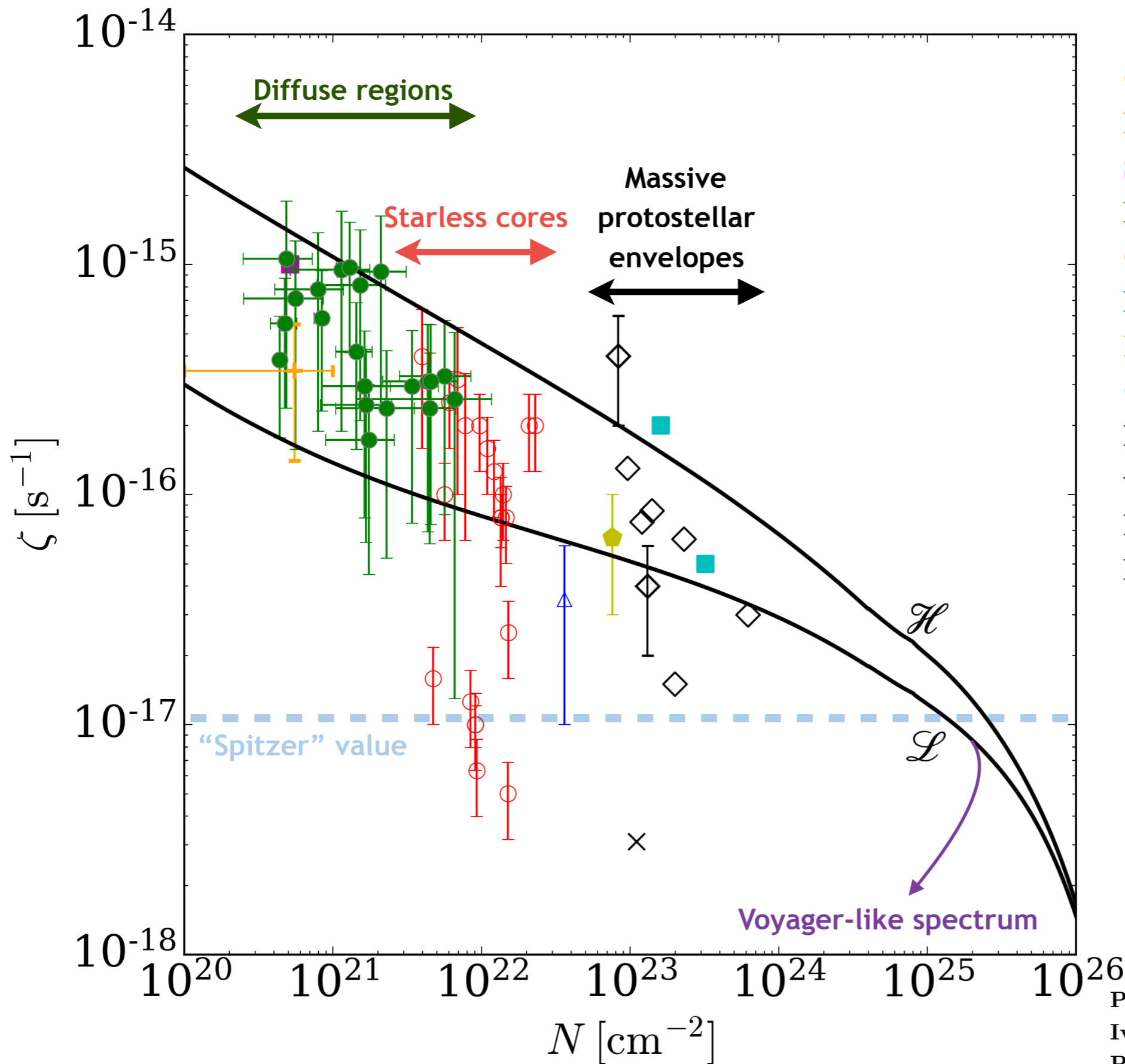


## CR protons



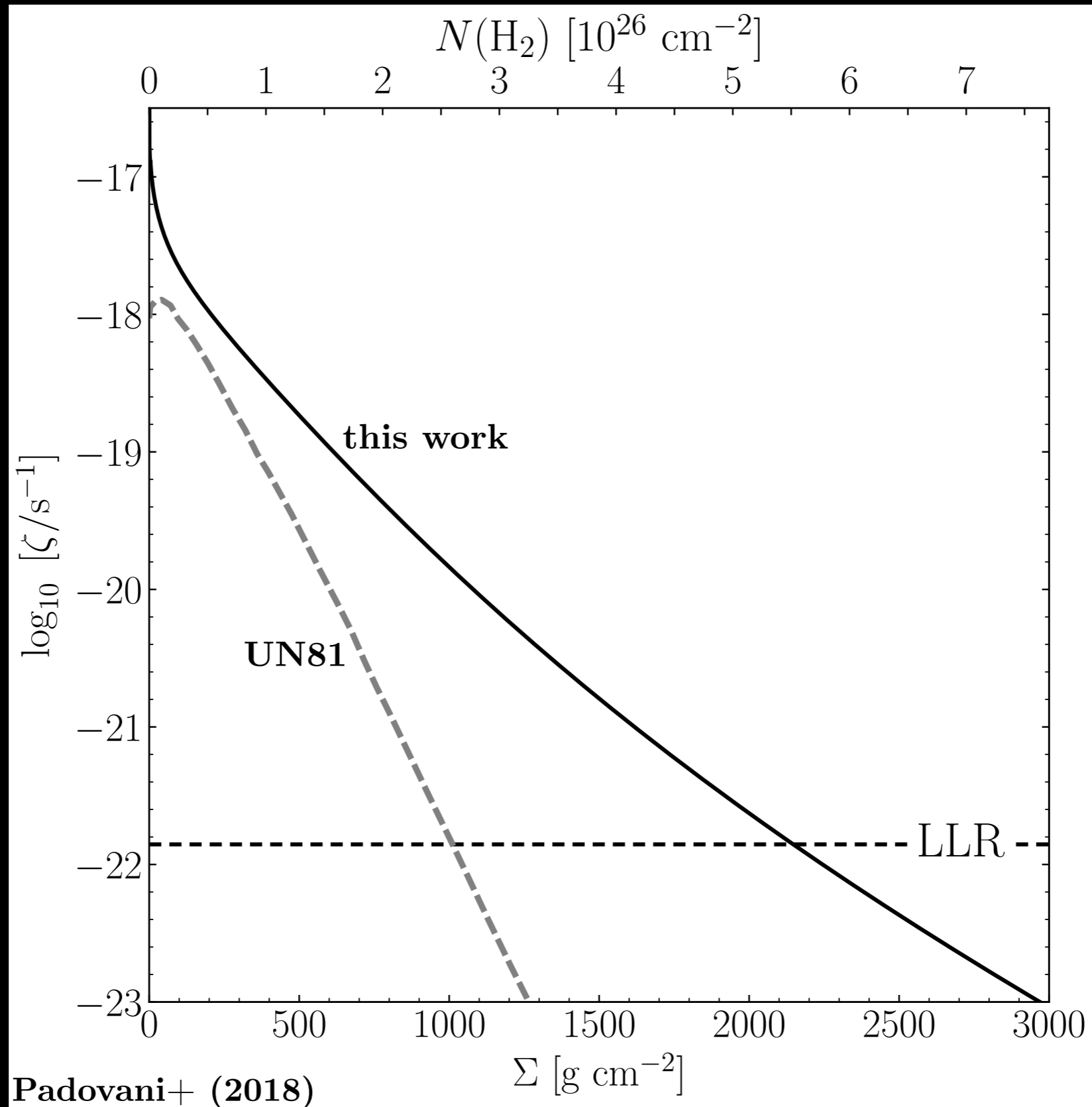
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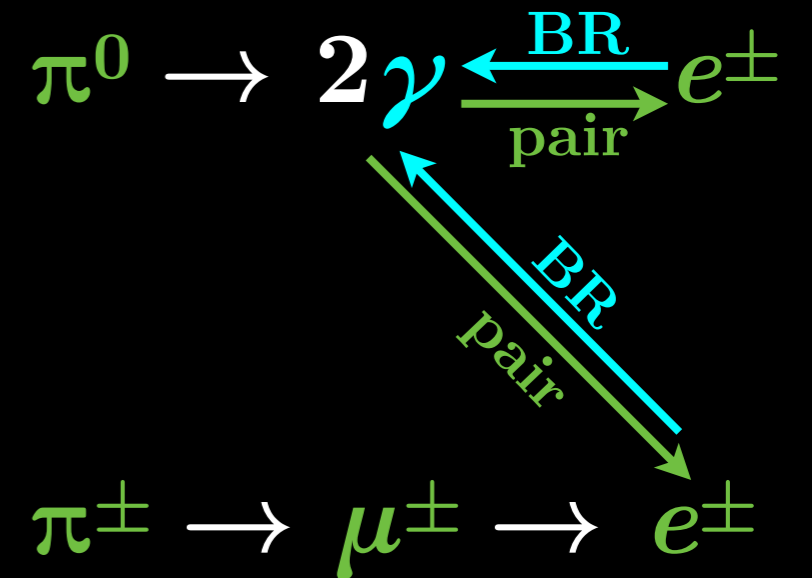
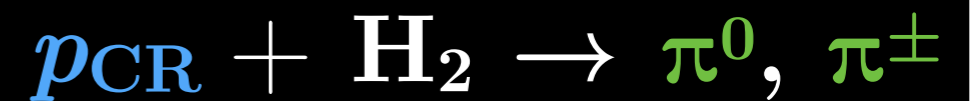
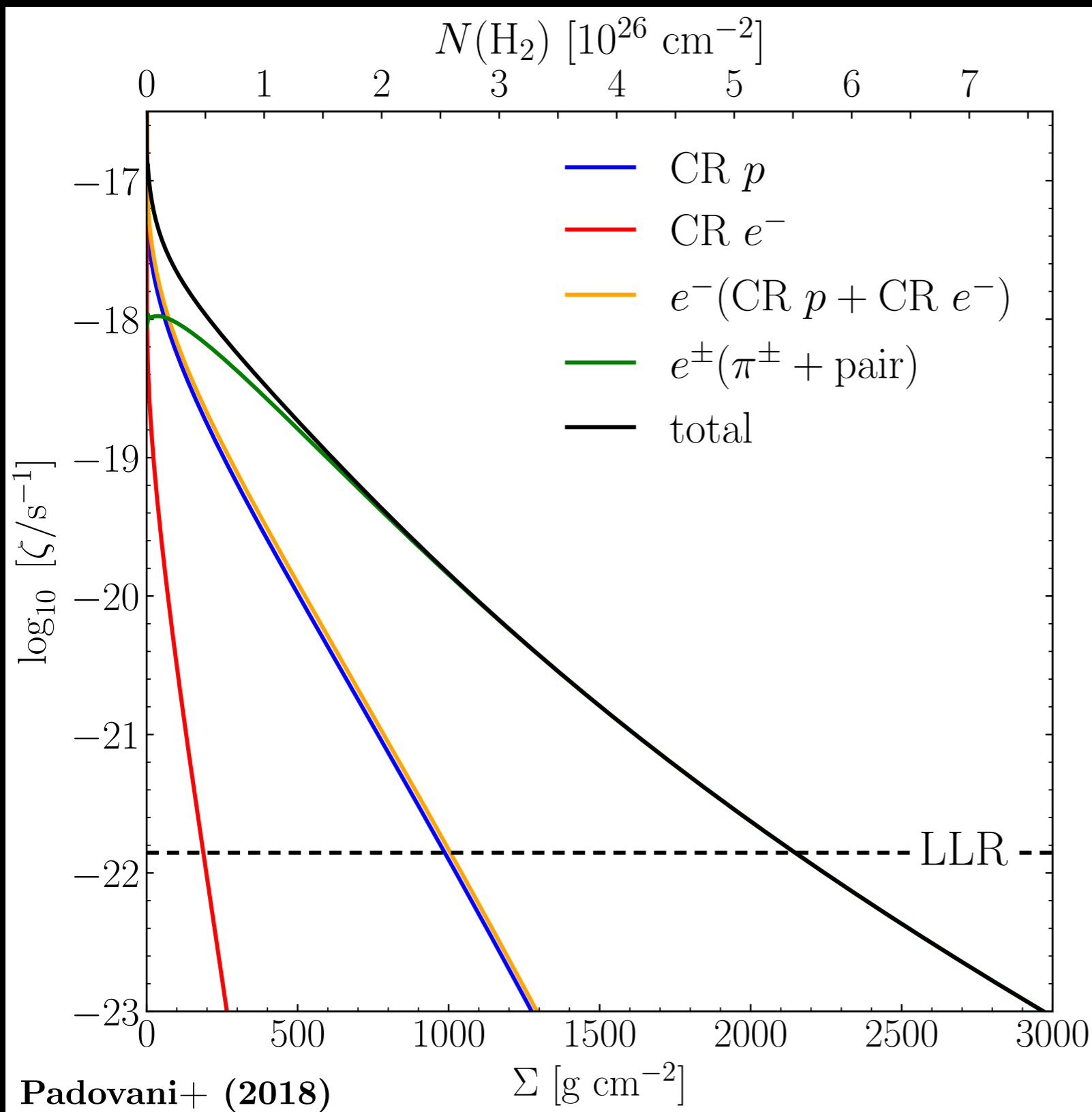


- Gerin+ (2010)
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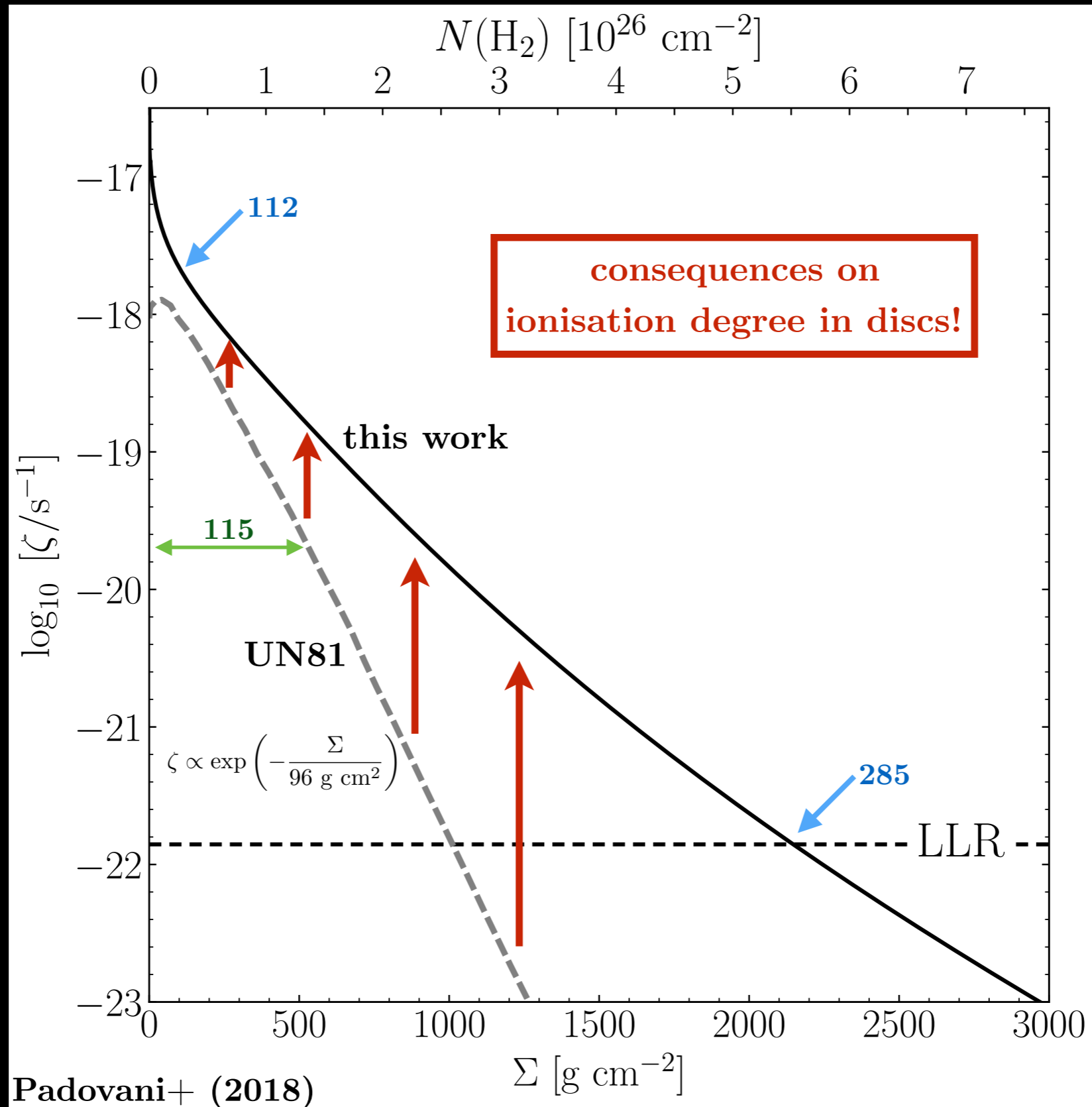
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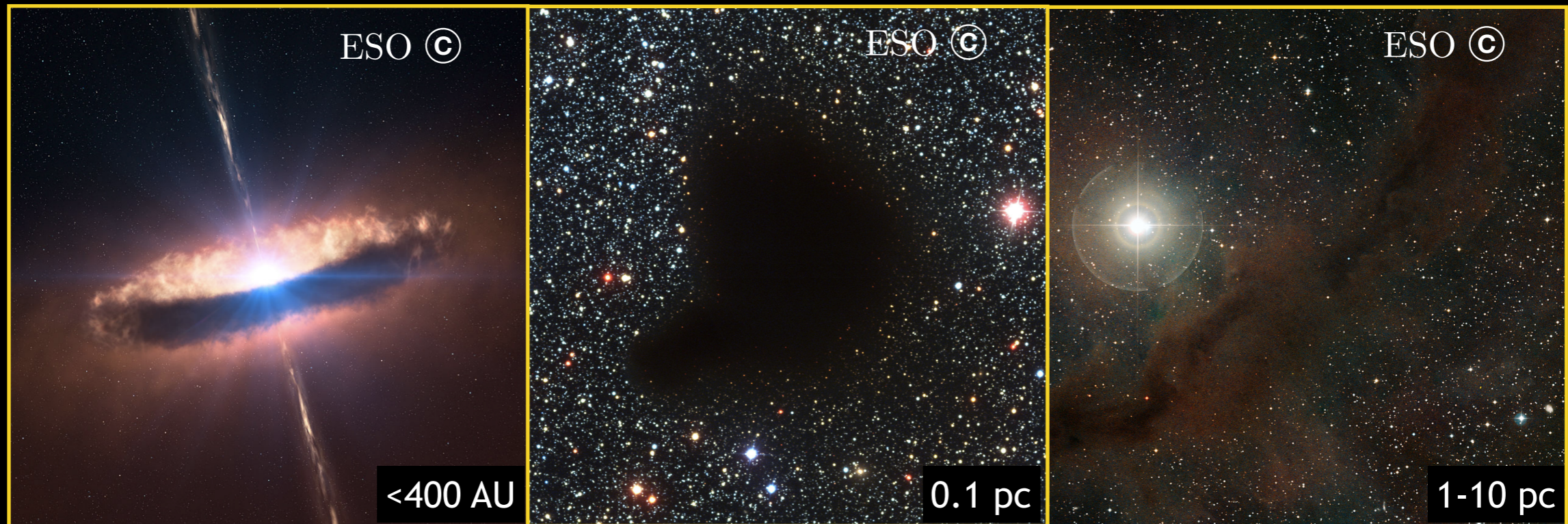




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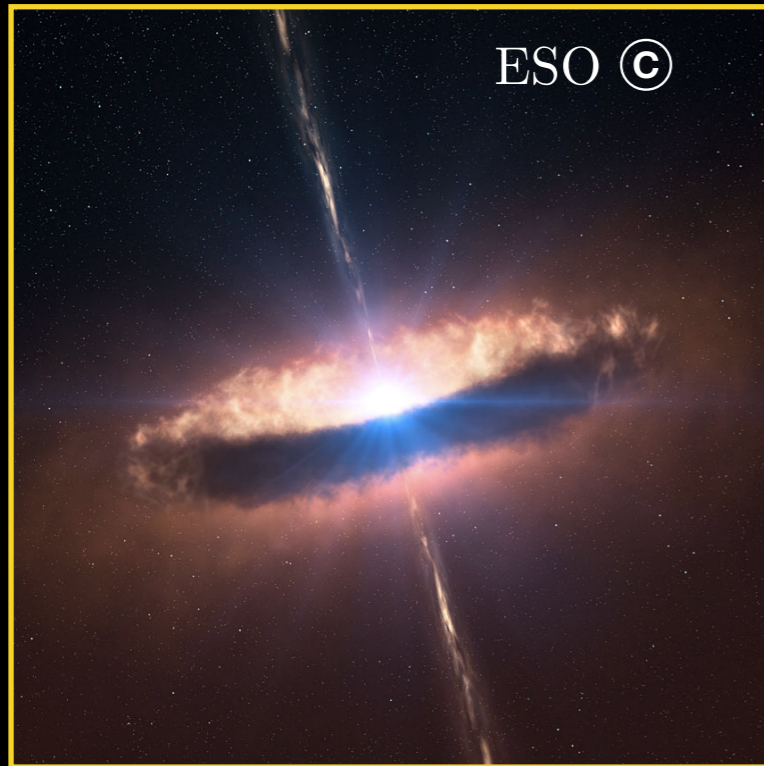
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What are the possible sources of energetic particles?

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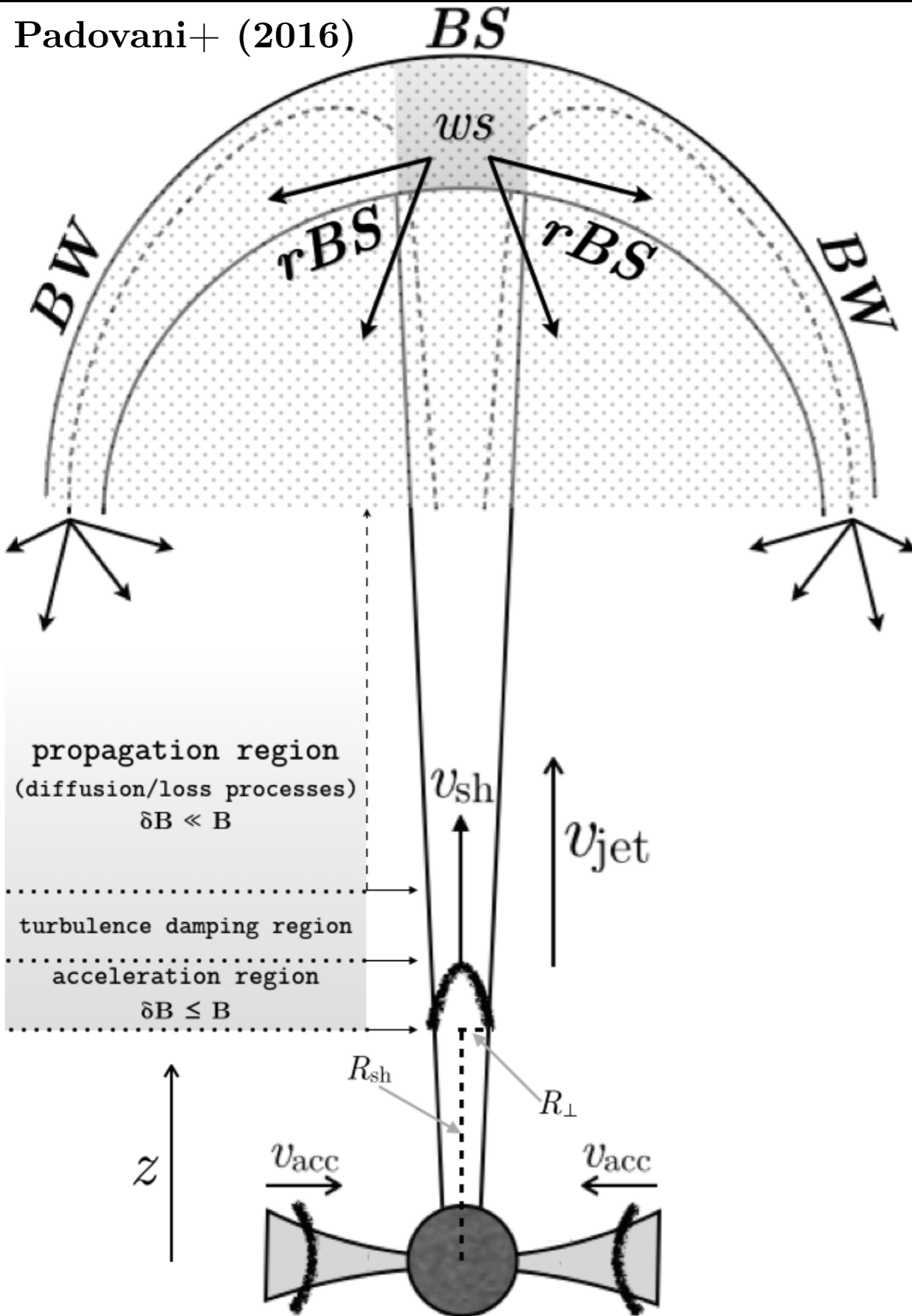
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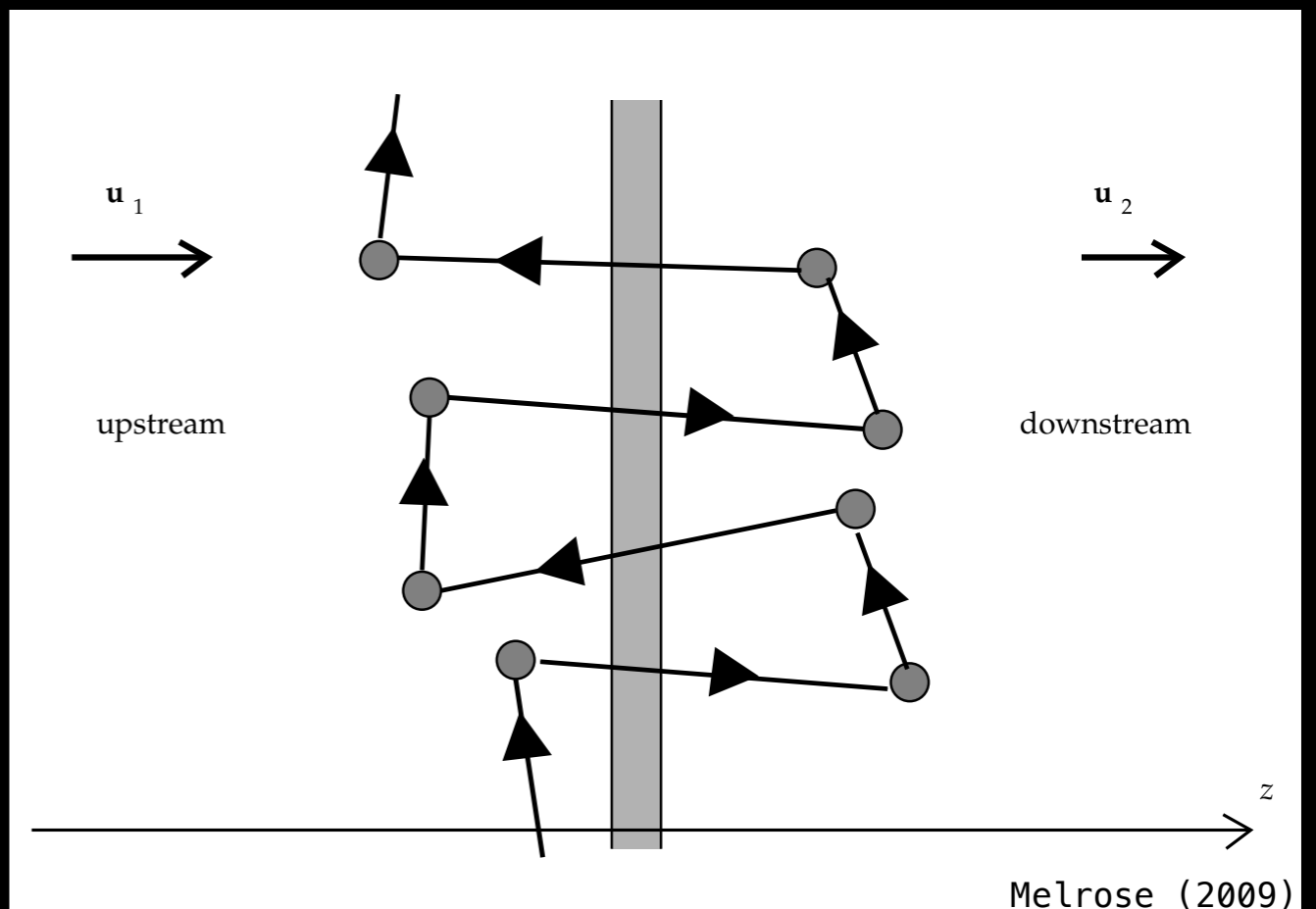




## Acceleration sites

- (1) accretion flows;
- (2) protostellar surface;
- (3) jet shock;

Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA) or First-order Fermi acceleration



## Parameters needed for the model

site*	$U_{\text{sh}}$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$T$ [K]	$n_{\text{H}}$ [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$x$	$B$ [G]
$\mathcal{E}$	1 – 10	50 – 100	$10^7 - 10^8$	$\lesssim 10^{-6}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$
$\mathcal{J}$	40 – 160	$10^4 - 10^5$	$10^4 - 10^7$	0.01 – 0.9	$5 \times 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$
$\mathcal{P}$	260	$9.4 \times 10^5$	$1.9 \times 10^{12}$	0.01 – 0.9	1 – $10^3$

\* $\mathcal{E}$  = envelope       $\mathcal{J}$  = jet       $\mathcal{P}$  = protostellar surface

Refs:  $U_{\text{sh}}$  (Raga+ 2002,2011; Hartigan & Morse 2007; Agra-Amboage+ 2011);

$T$  (Frank+ 2014);

$n_{\text{H}}$  (Lefloch+ 2012; Gómez-Ruiz+ 2012);

$x$  (Nisini+ 2005; Podio+ 2006; Antonucci+ 2008; Garcia López+ 2008; Dionatos+ 2010; Frank+ 2014; Maurri+ 2014);

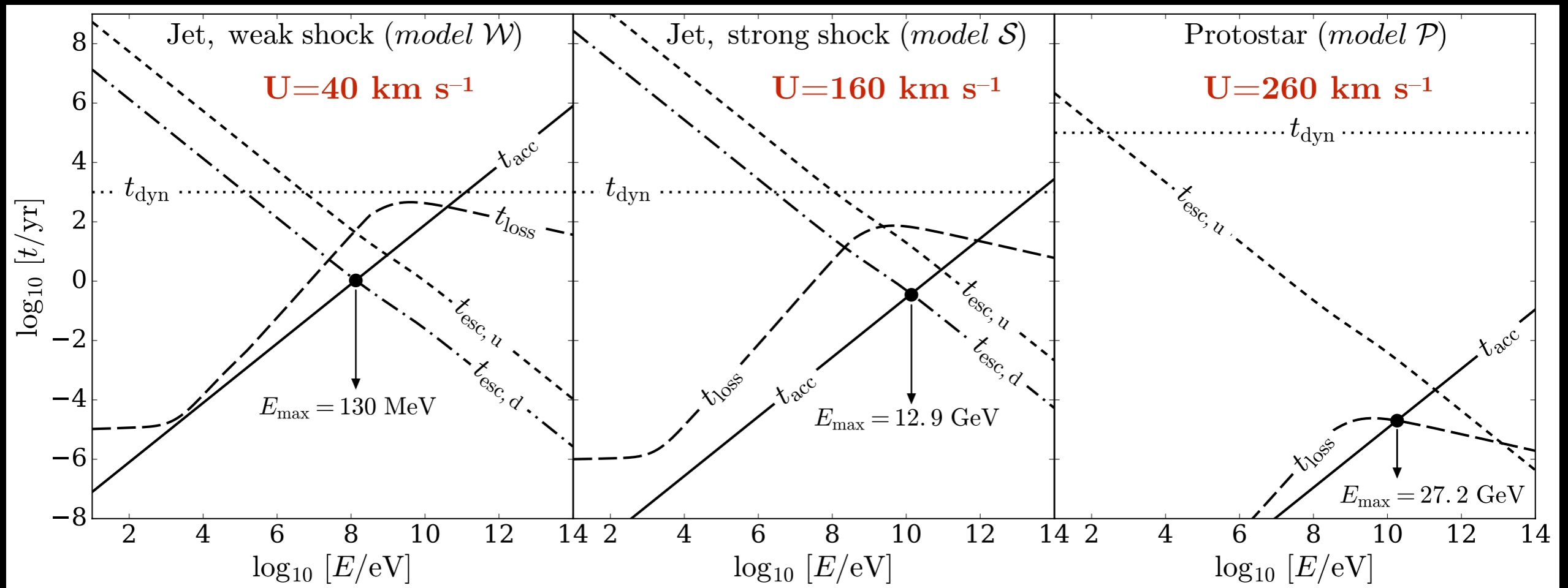
$B$  (Tesileanu+ 2009, 2012)

For protostellar surface shock, parameters from Masunaga & Inutsuka (2000)

- DSA works **only for protons** (electrons lose energy too fast,  $E^{\text{max}}(e) < 300$  MeV);
- DSA is effective **only in jet and protostellar surface shocks** (in accretion flows,  $x$  and  $U_{\text{sh}}$  are too small, quenching the particle acceleration;  $B$  is as large as to produce a sub-Alfvénic shock).

# Maximum Energy

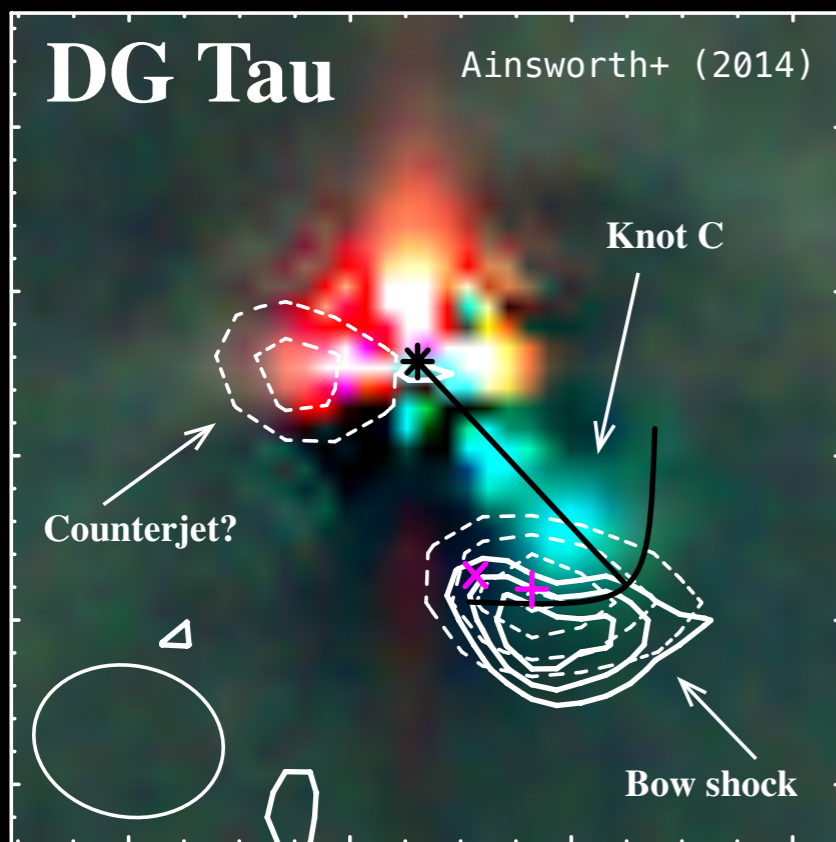
$$t_{\text{acc}} = \min(t_{\text{loss}}, t_{\text{esc,u}}, t_{\text{esc,d}}, t_{\text{dyn}}) \rightarrow E_{\text{max}}$$



PM, Marcowith, Hennebelle & Ferrière (2017)

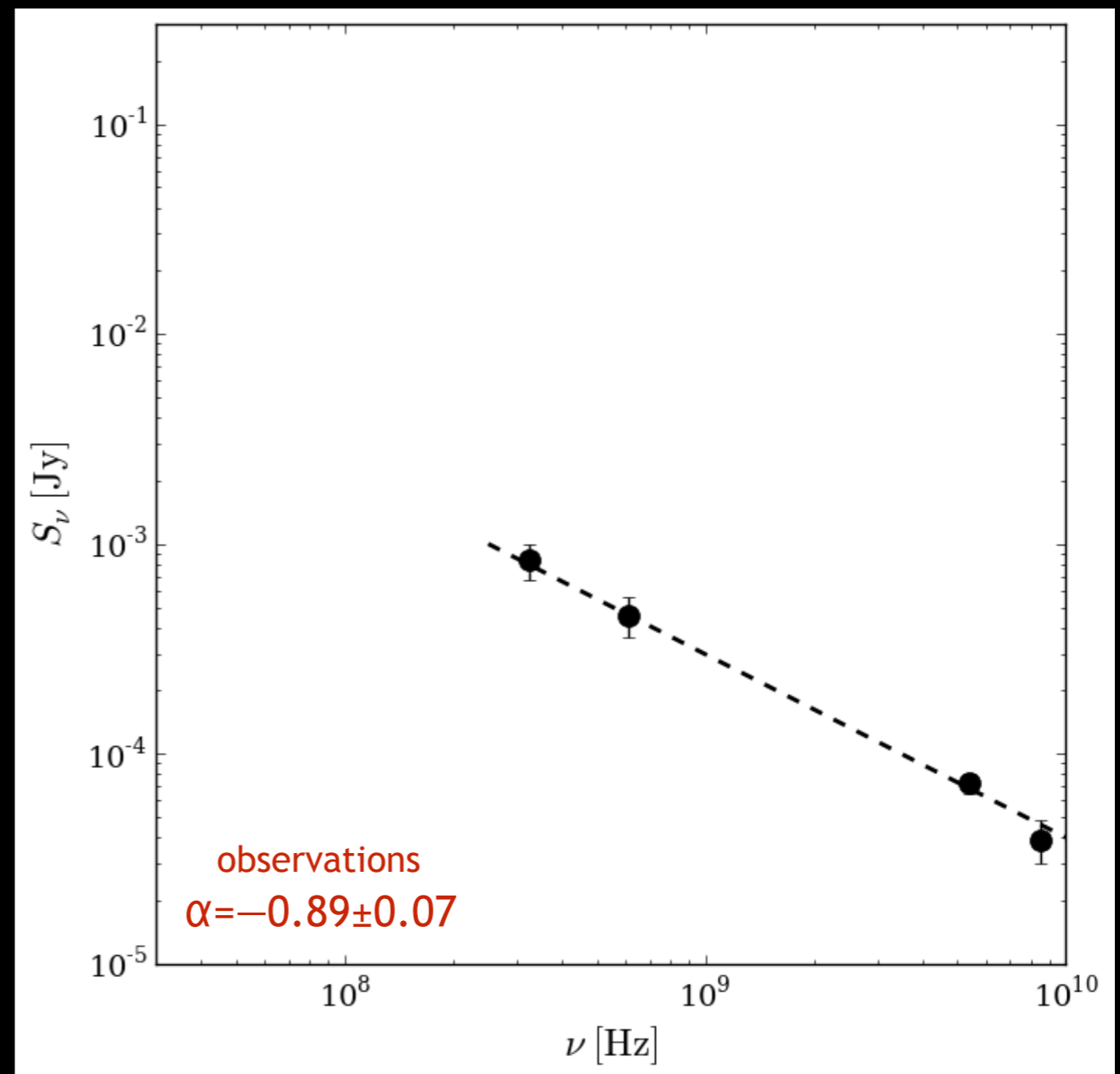
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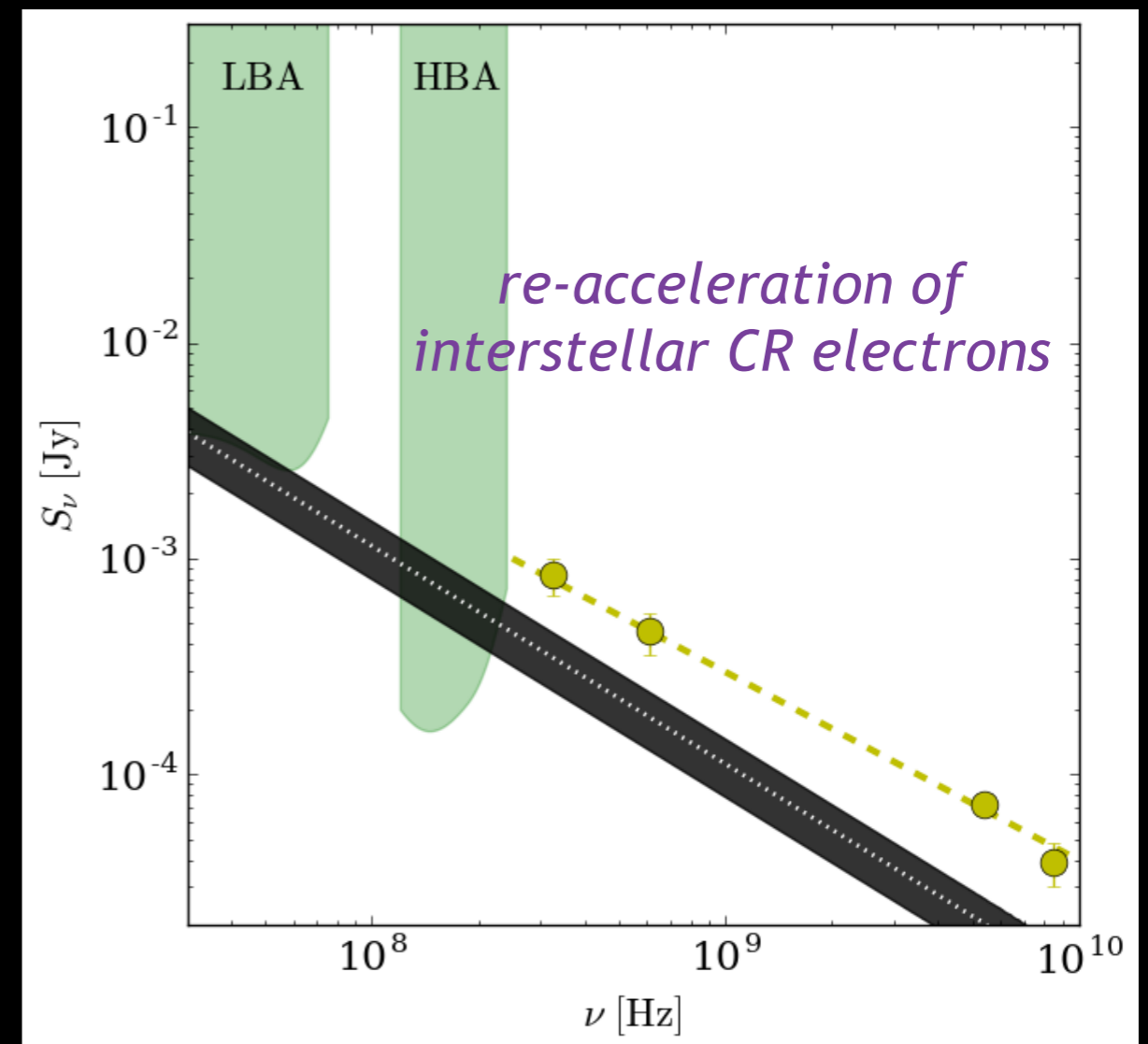
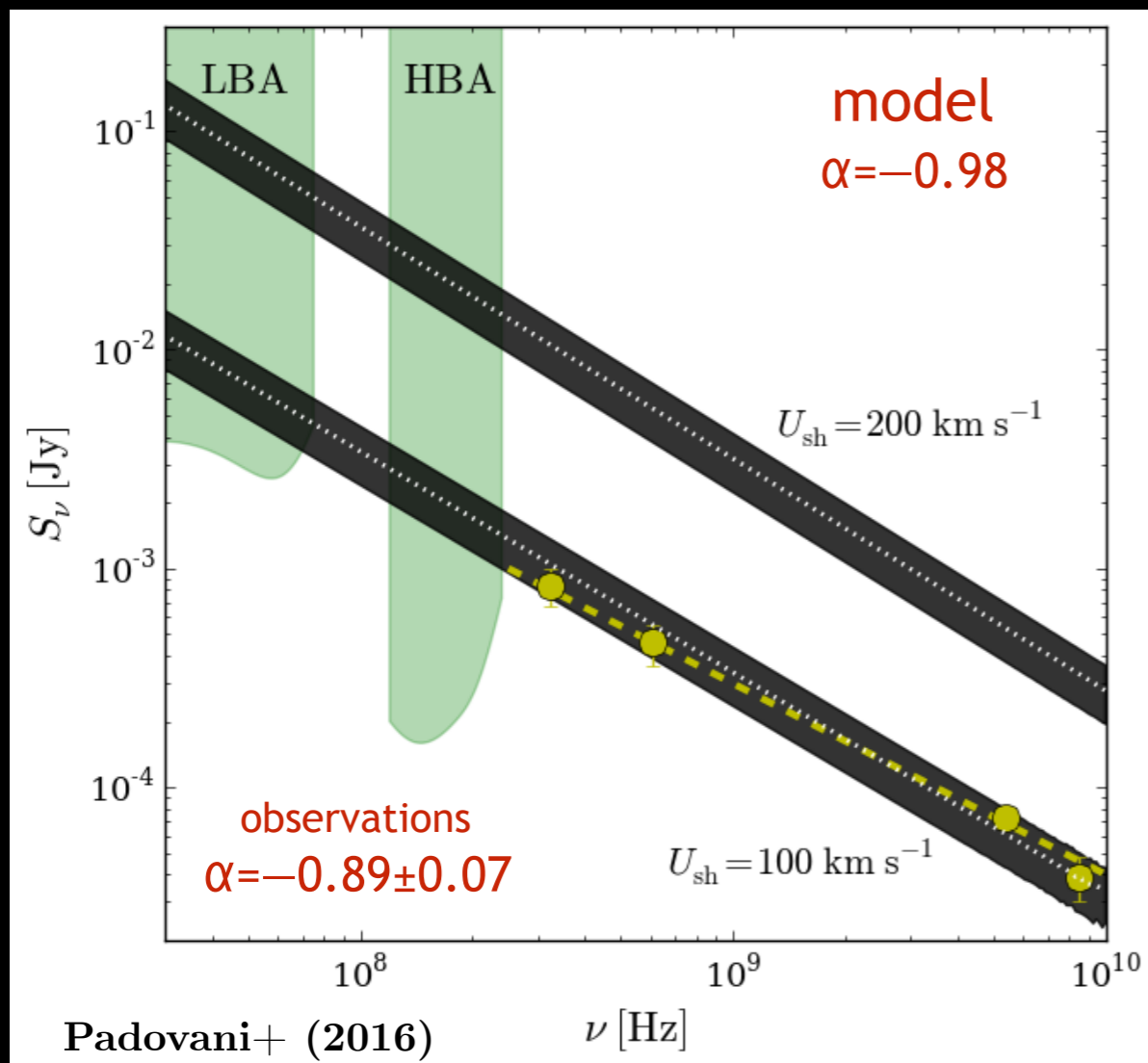
325 MHz (solid contours);  
610 MHz (dashed contours).

Using results by Lynch+ (2013), EVLA obs.



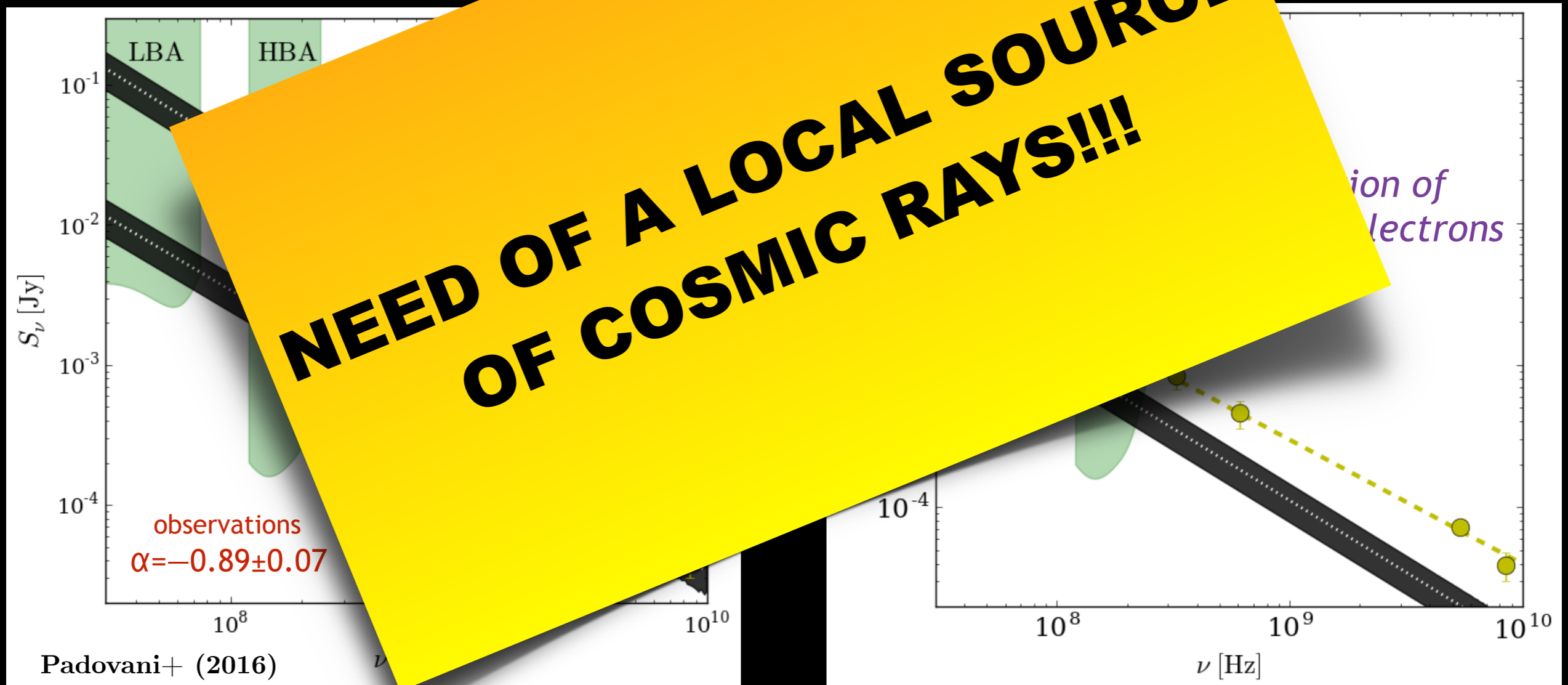
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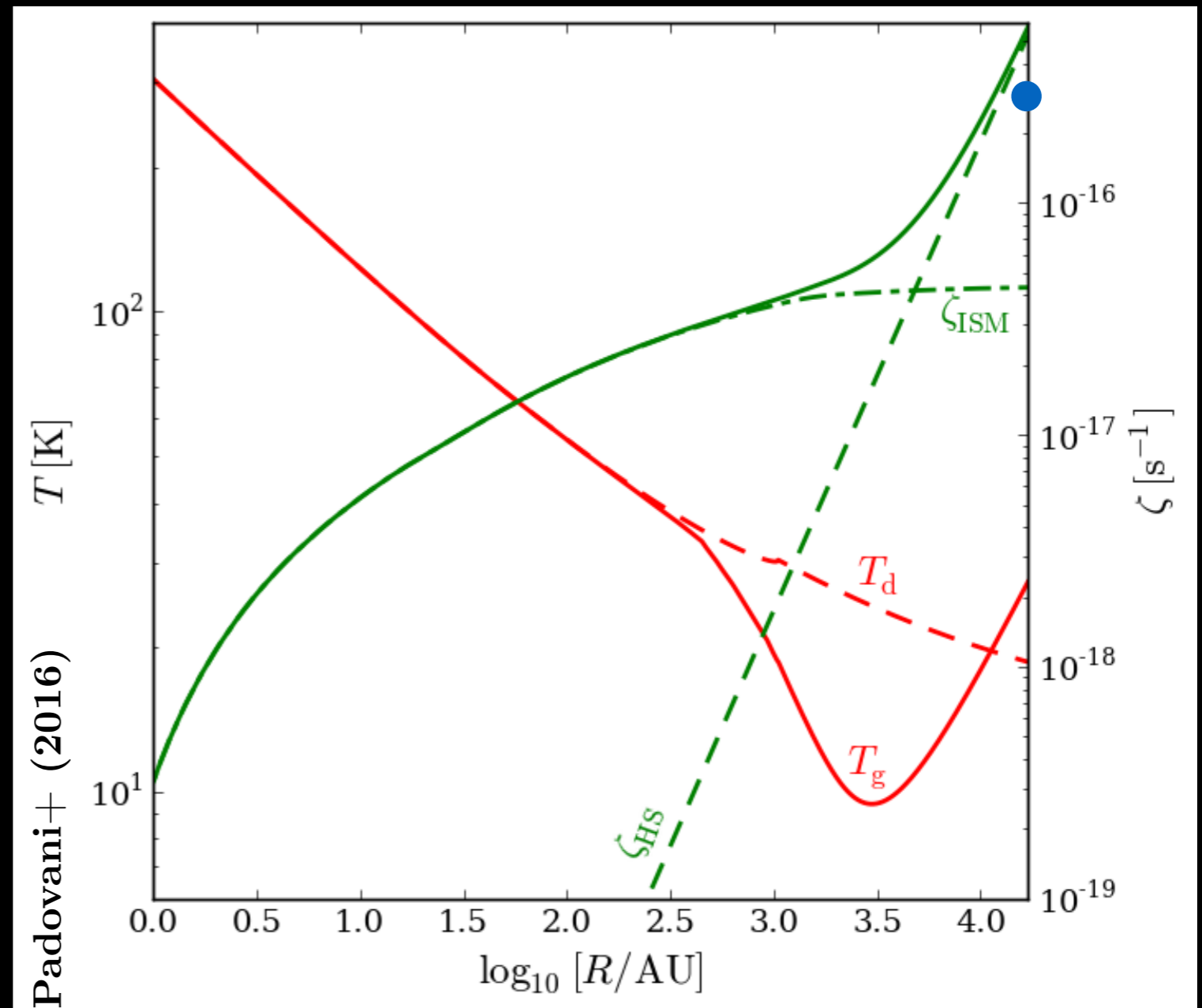
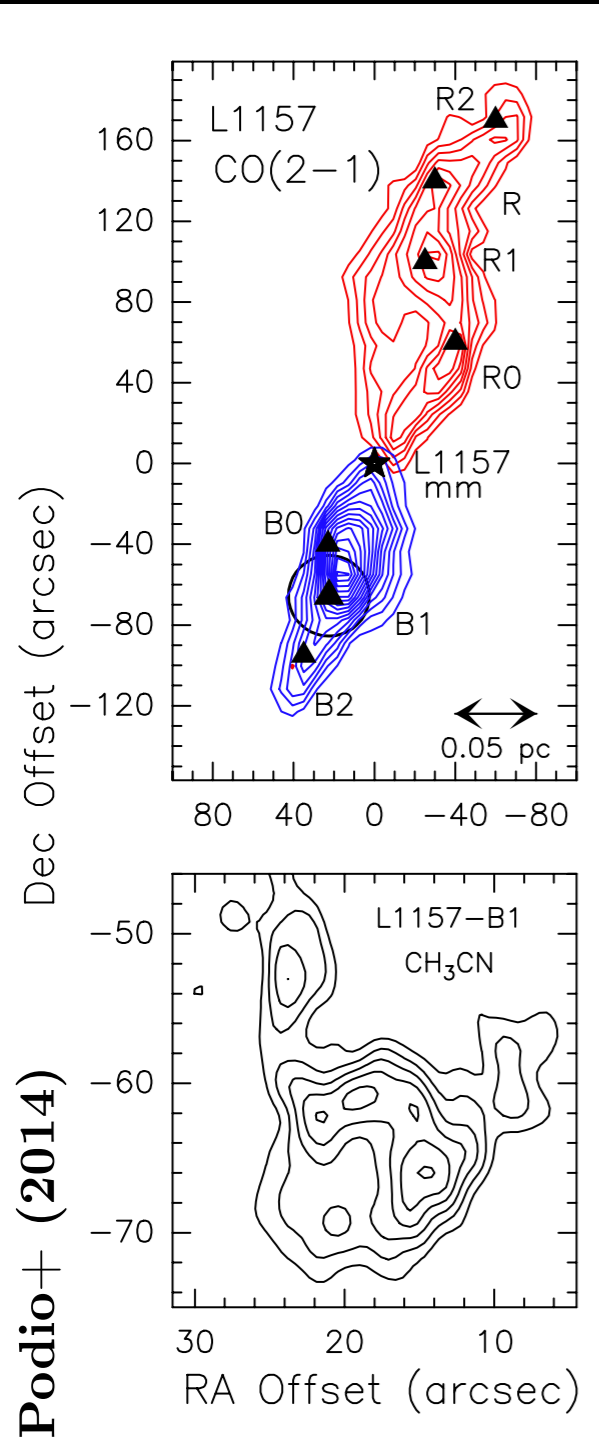
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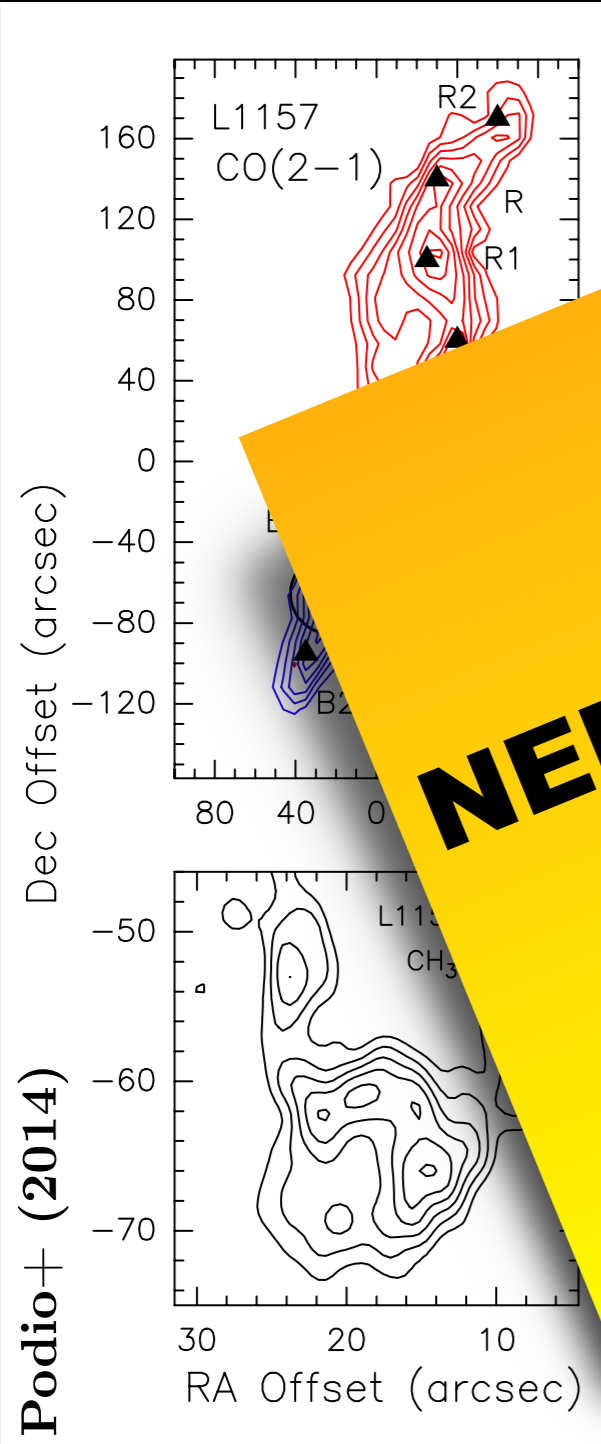
Podio+ (2014):  $\zeta = 3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in the bow shock B1 in L1157 ( $\text{HCO}^+$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$ ).

OUR MODEL:  $\zeta = 6.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$

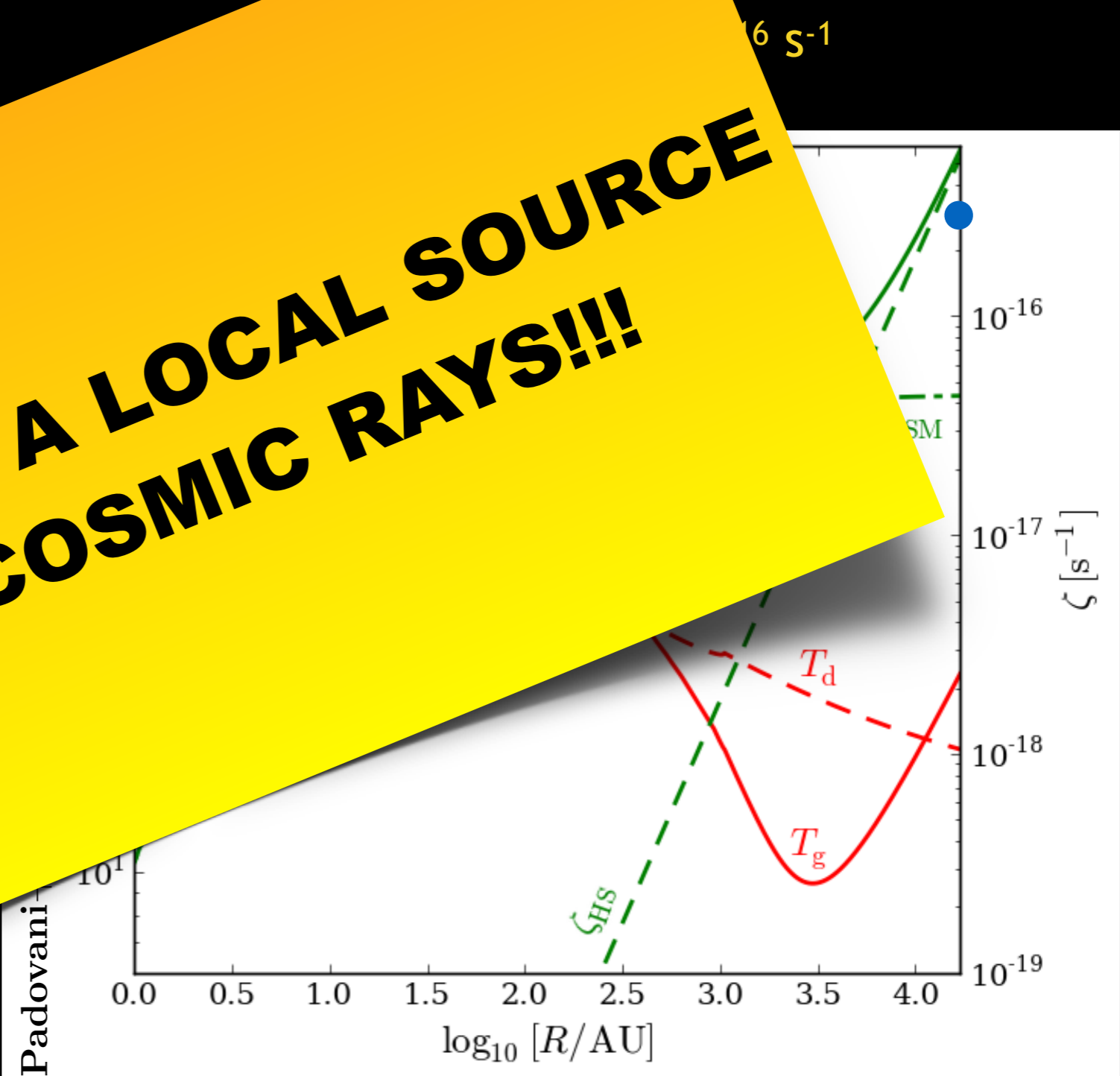


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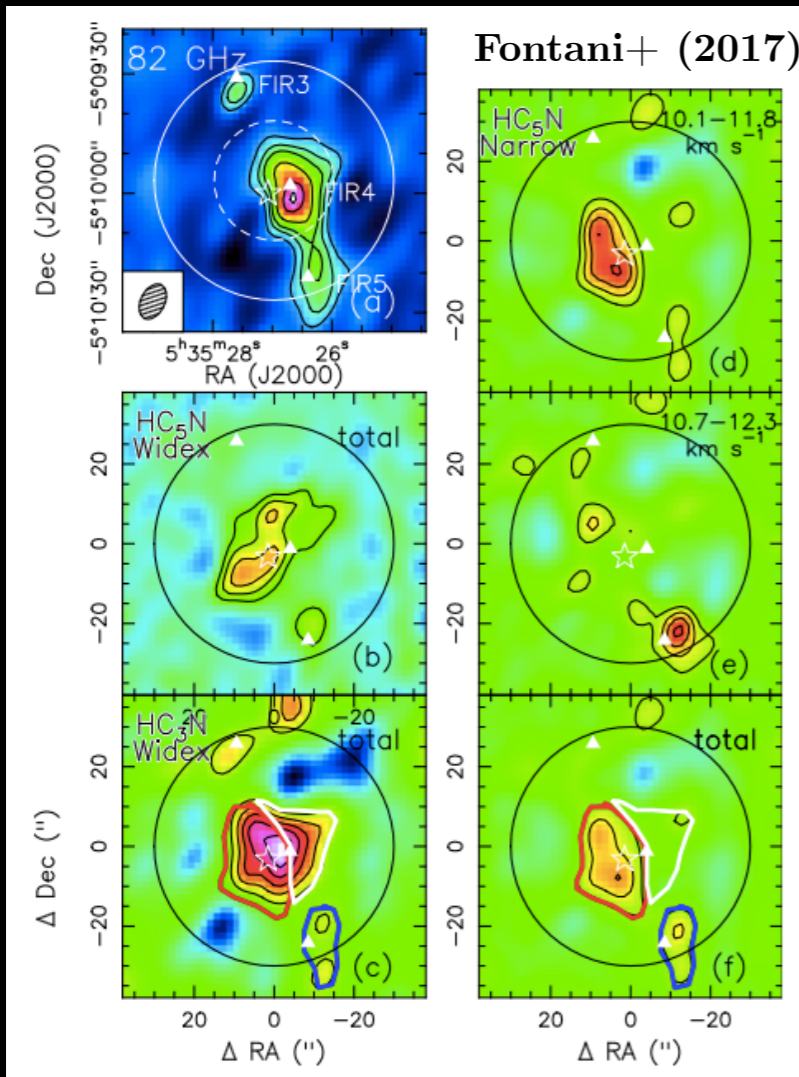




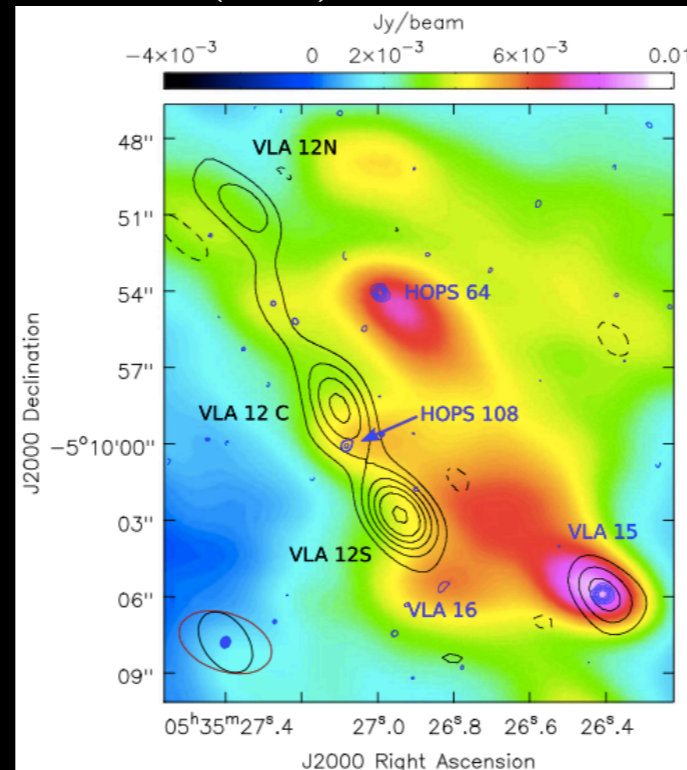
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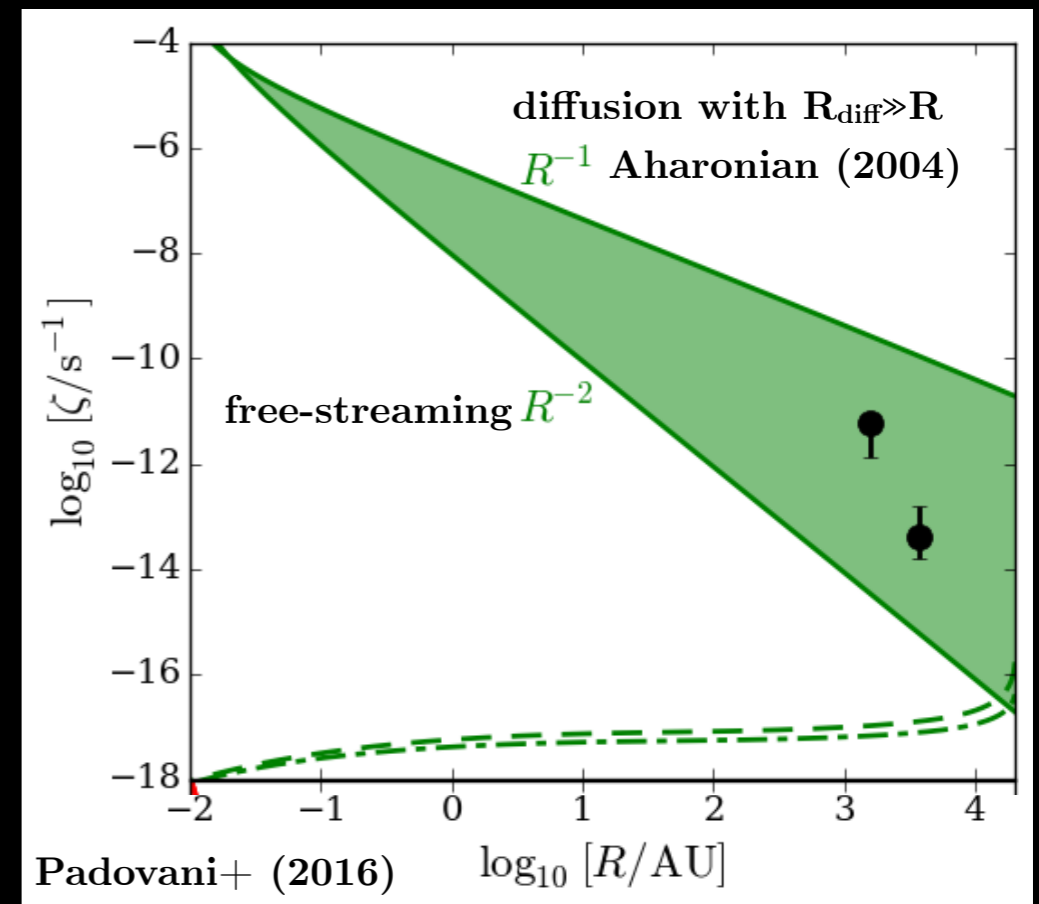
(Ceccarelli+ 2014:  $\text{HCO}^+, \text{N}_2\text{H}^+$  ; Fontani+ 2017:  $\text{HC}_3\text{N}, \text{HC}_5\text{N}$ ; Favre+ 2018:  $\text{c-C}_3\text{H}_2$ )



Osorio+ (2017)



Protostellar surface acceleration model (parameters from Masunaga & Inutsuka 2000).

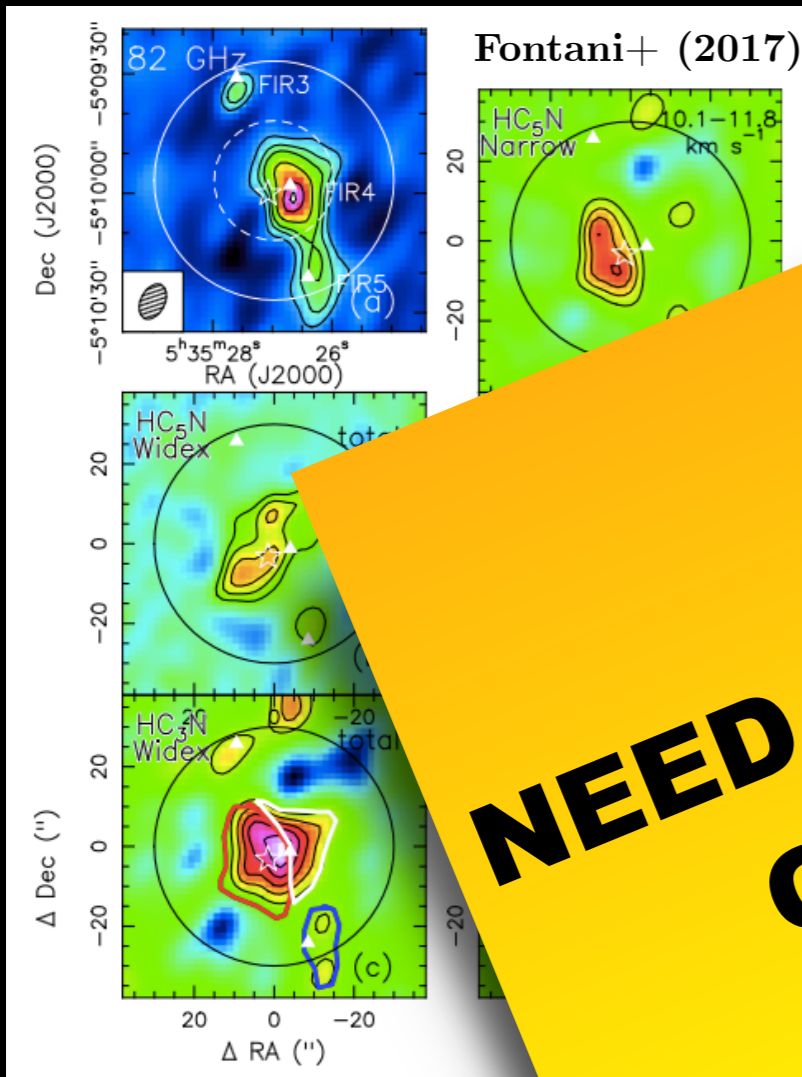


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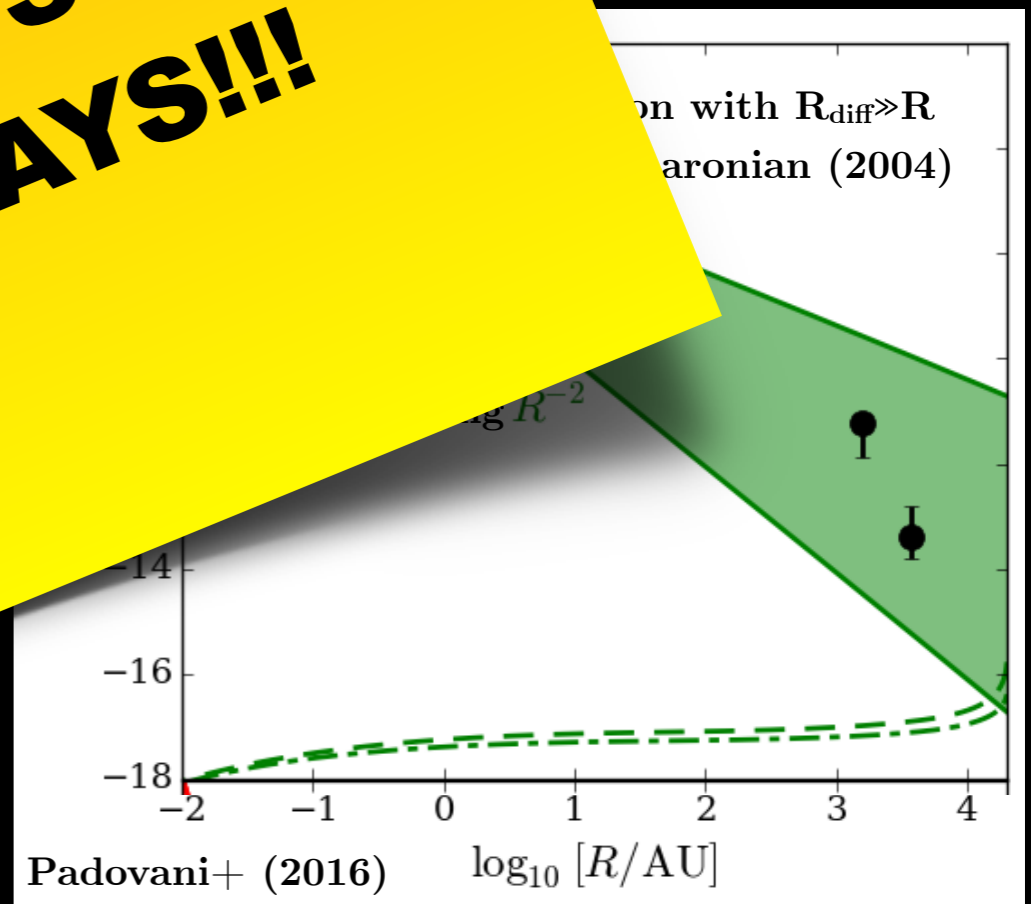
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Surface acceleration  
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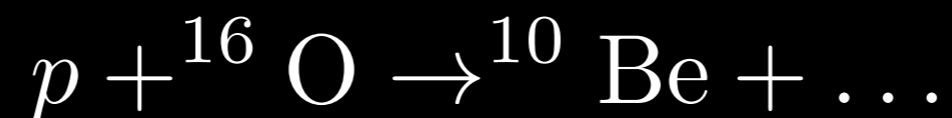
$$[^{10}\text{Be}]_{\text{meteorites}} \gg [^{10}\text{Be}]_{\text{ISM}}$$



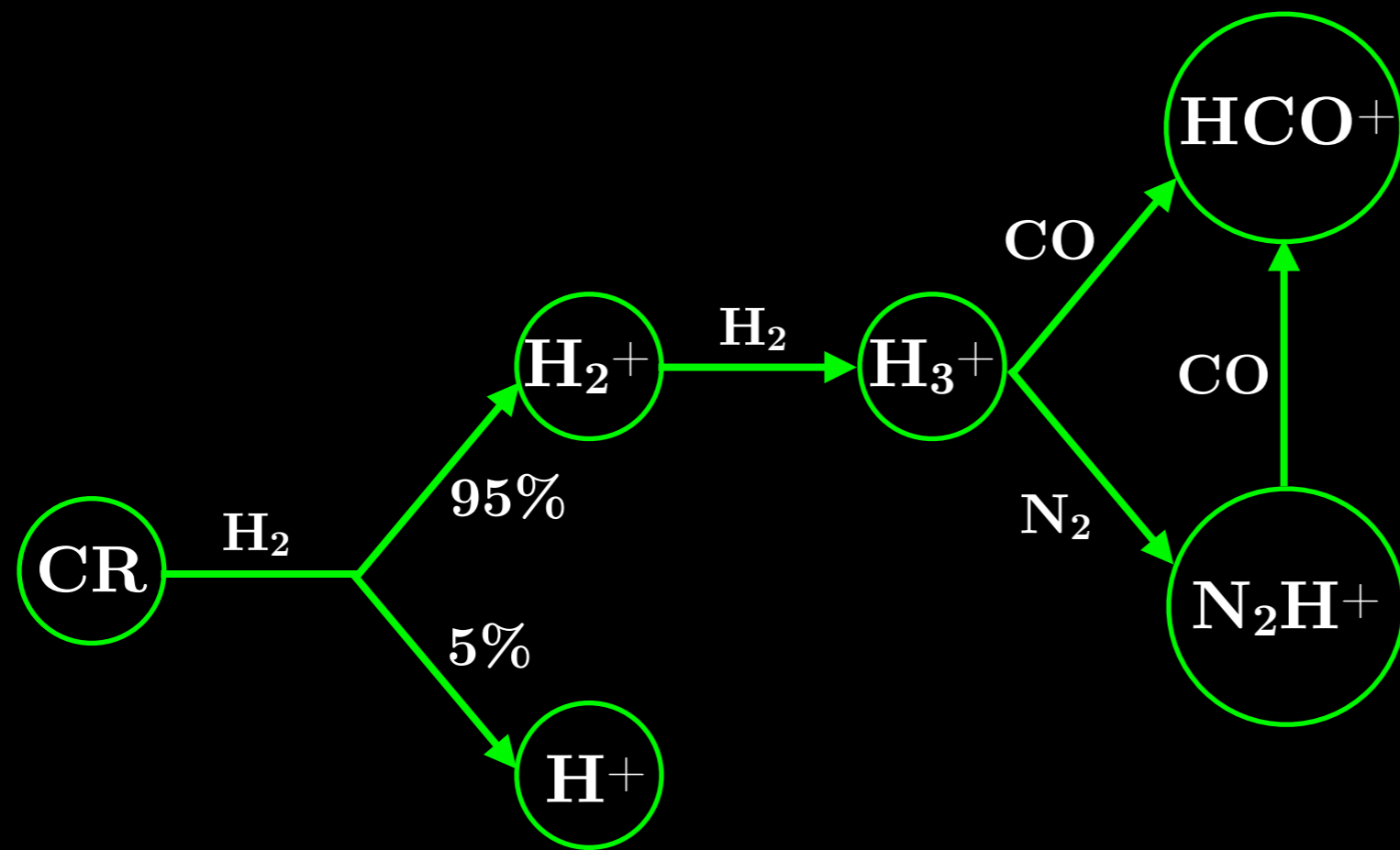
$$\mathcal{F}_t(E_{\min}) = 2\pi \int_{E_{\min}}^{E_{\max}} j(E) dE$$

**LOCAL CRS** could be responsible for the formation of short-lived radionuclei ( $^{10}\text{Be}$ ) contained in calcium-aluminium-inclusions of carbonaceous meteorites.

*spallation reactions* during the earliest phases of the protosolar nebula

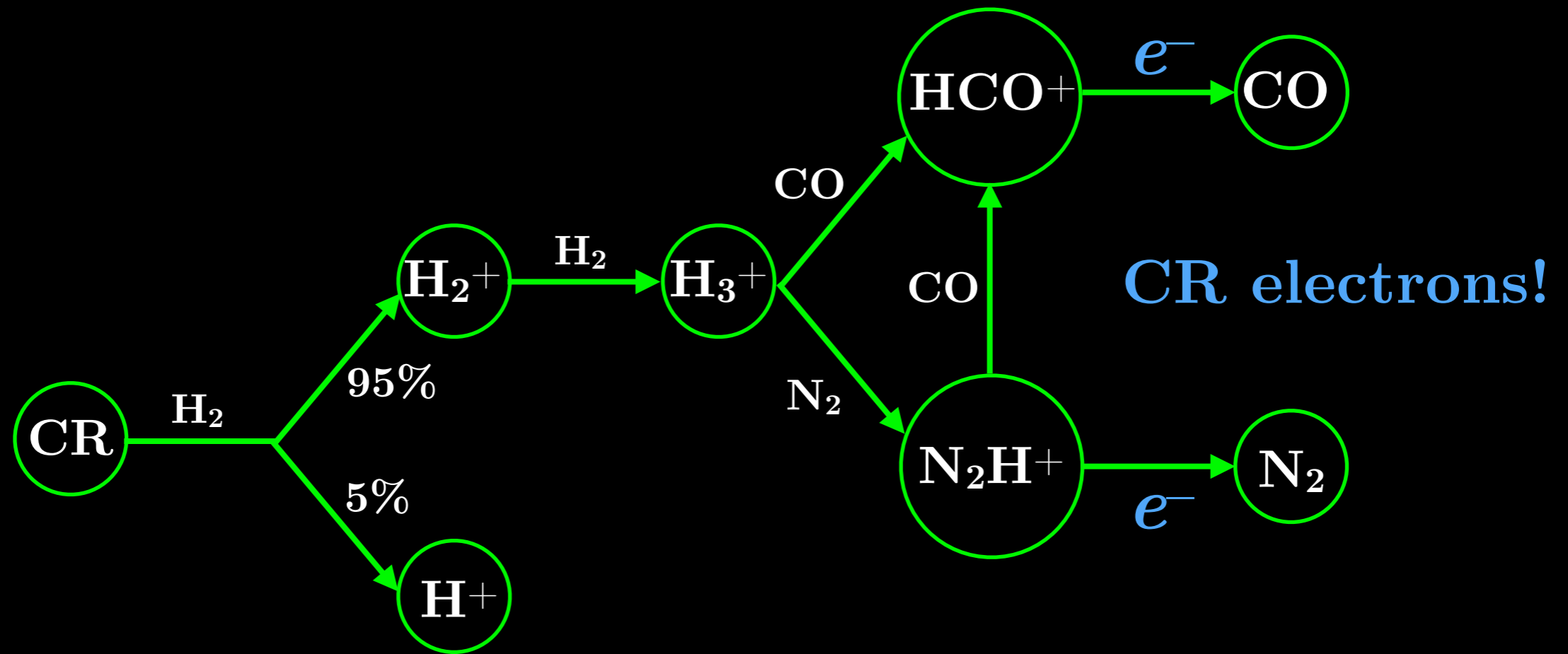


## HCO<sup>+</sup> and N<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> as CR ionisation tracers



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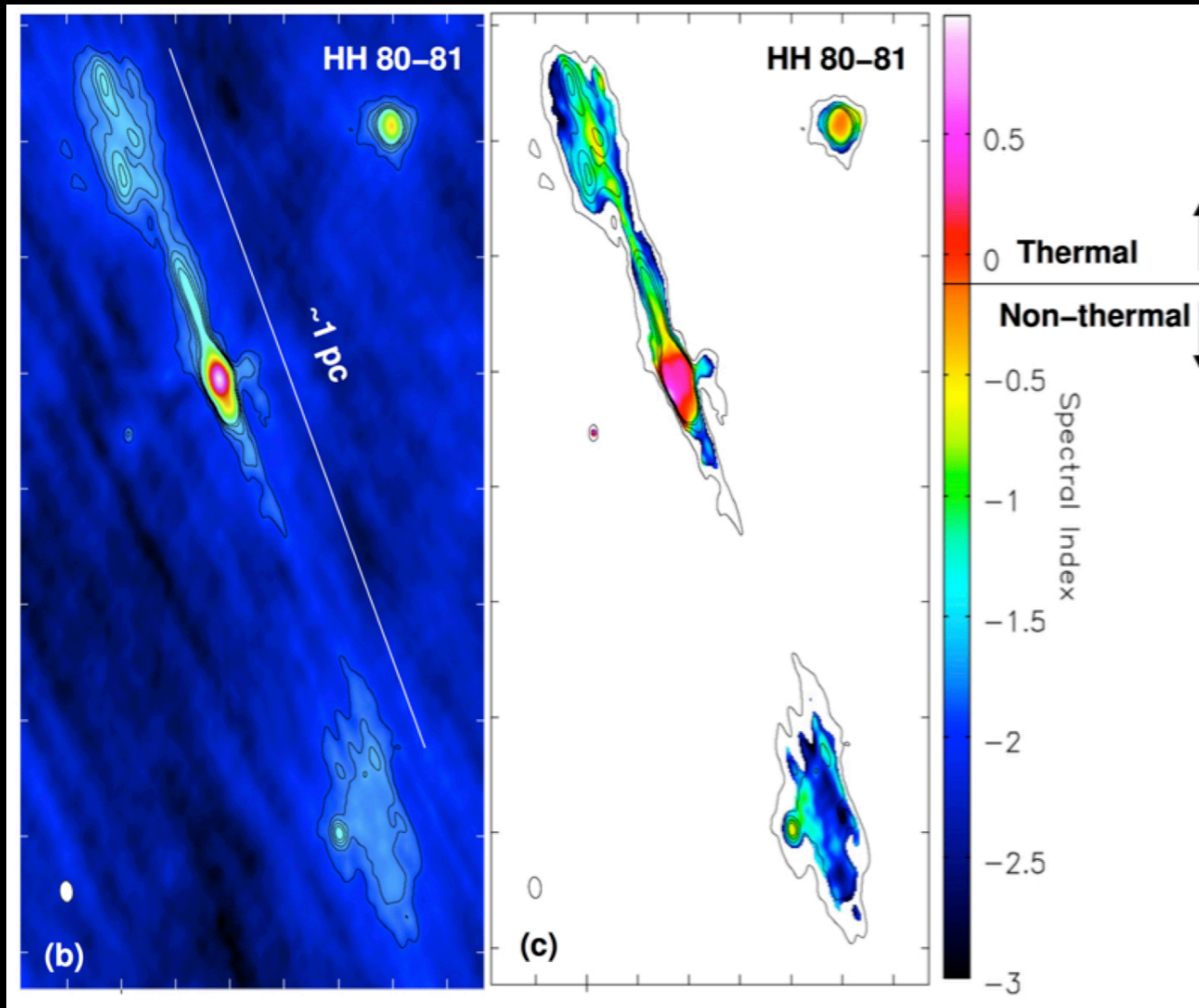
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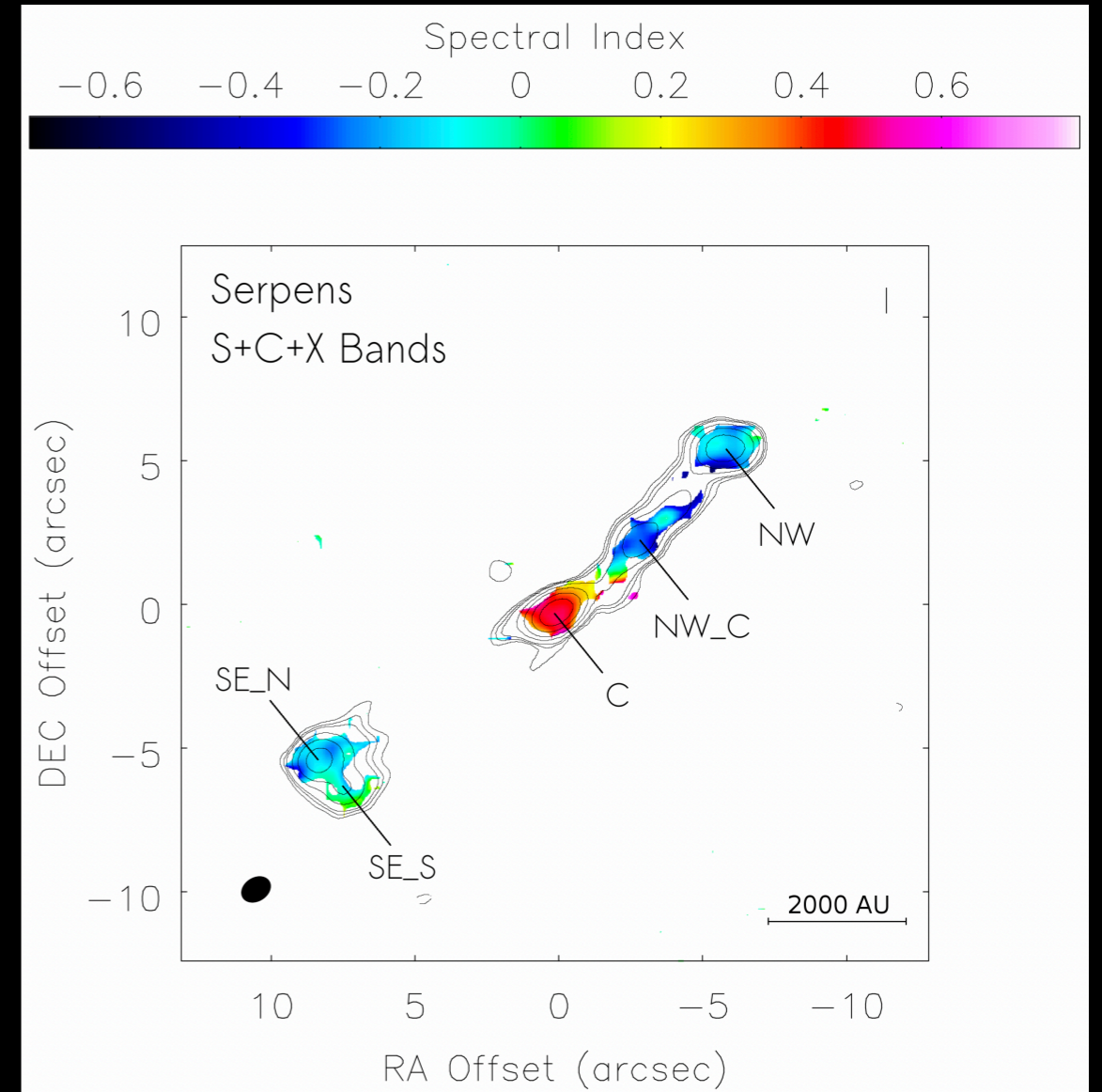
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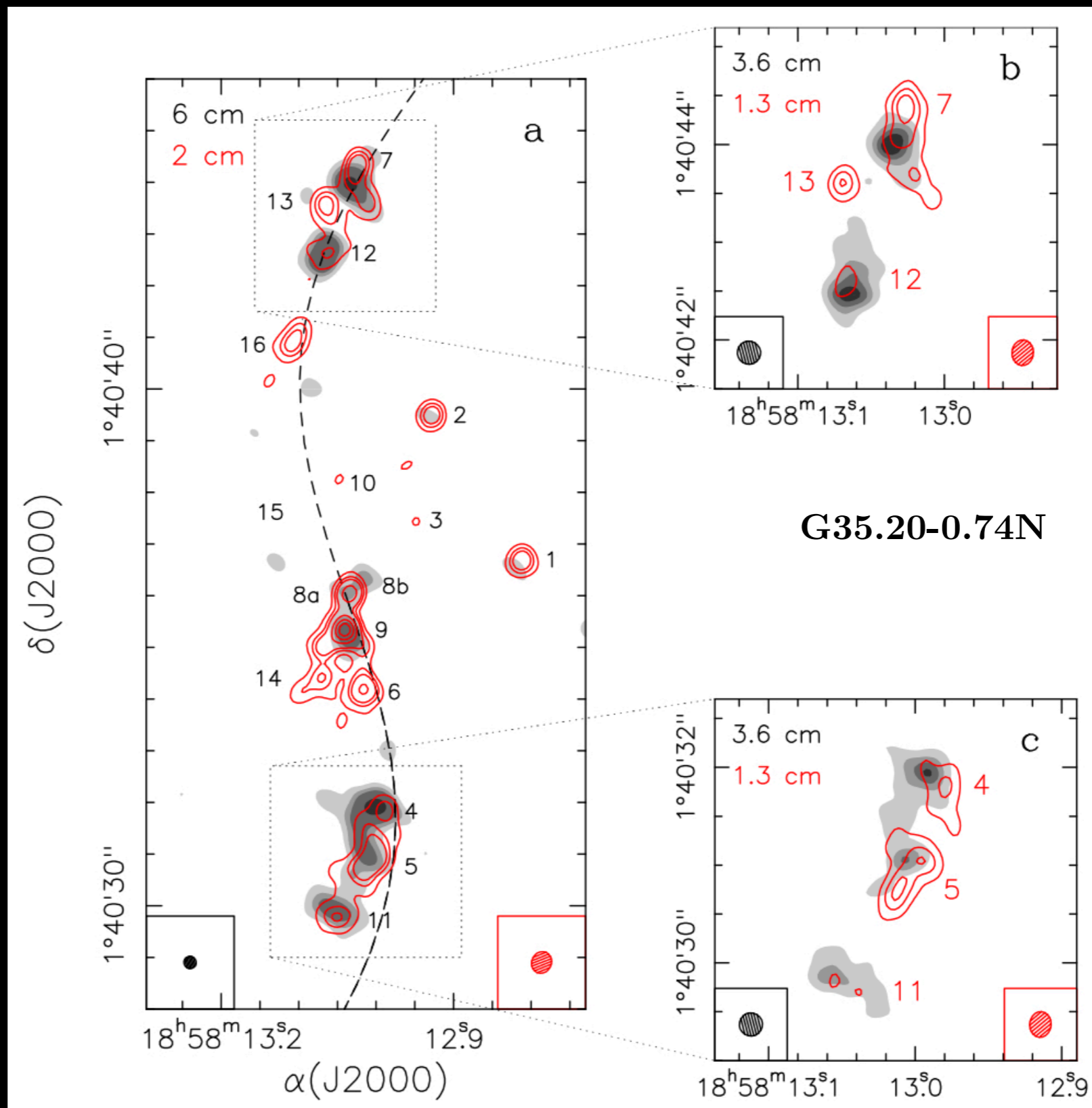


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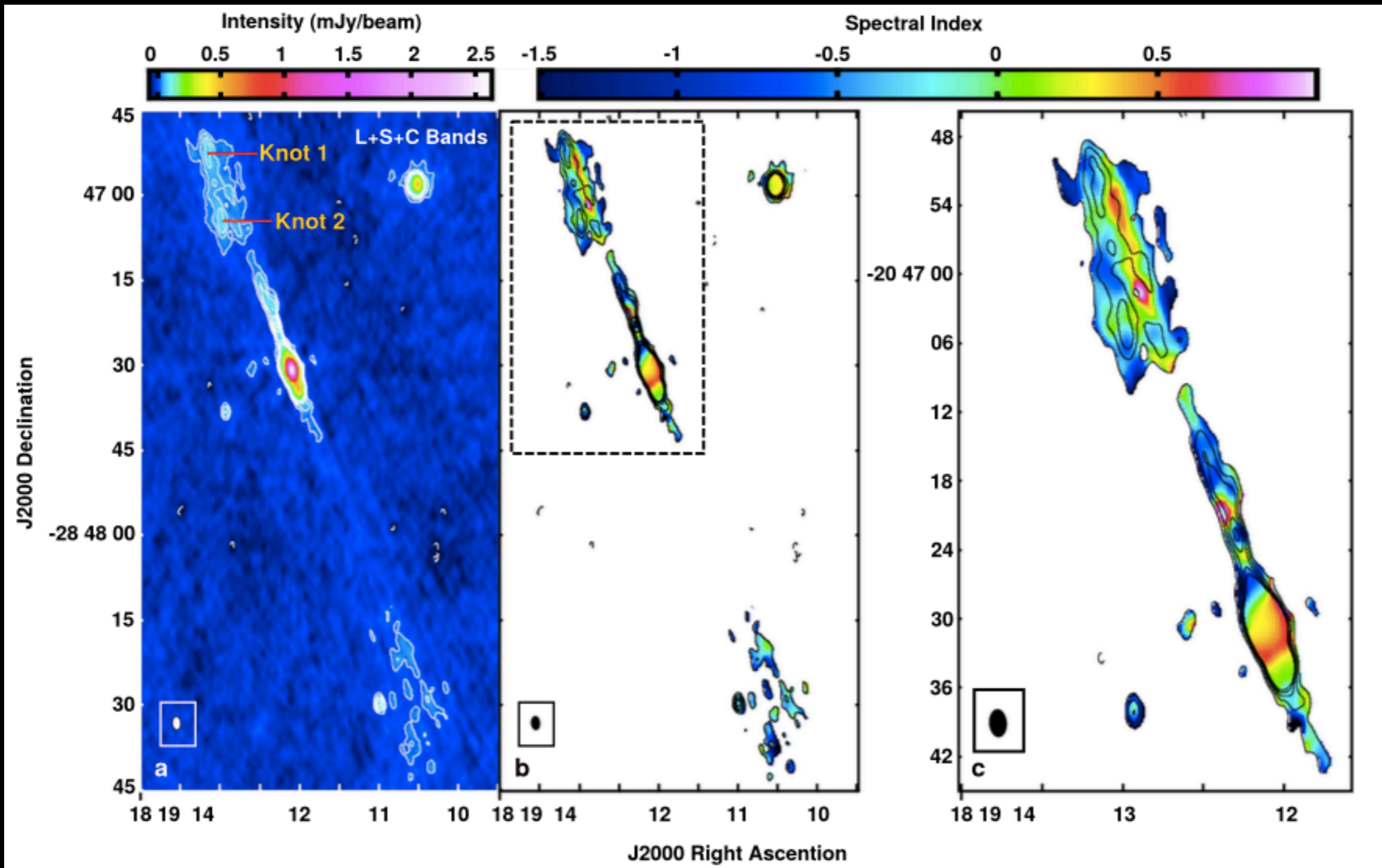


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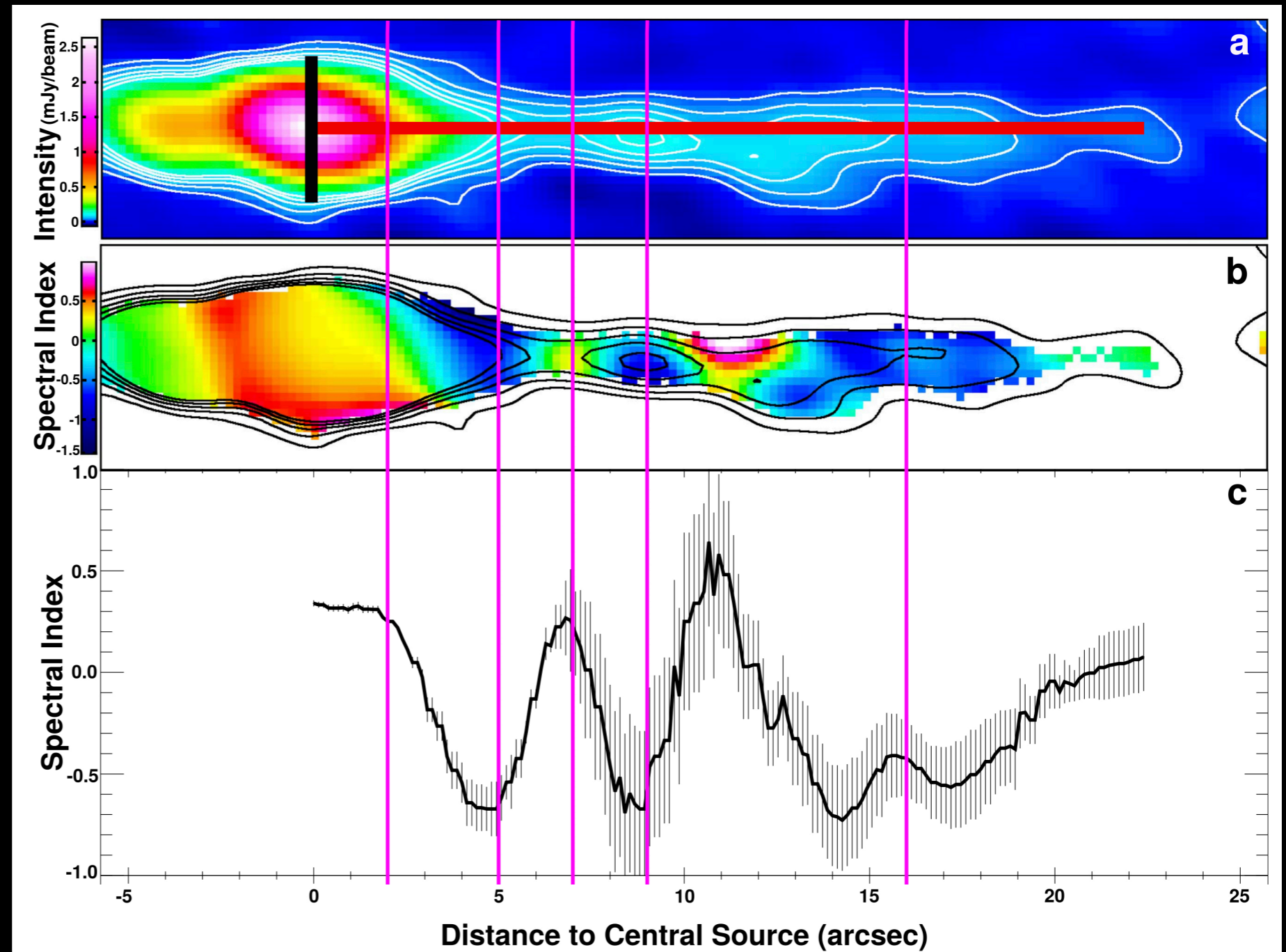
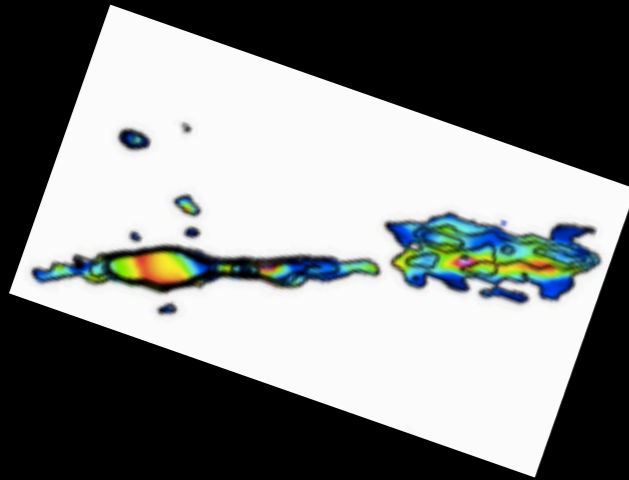


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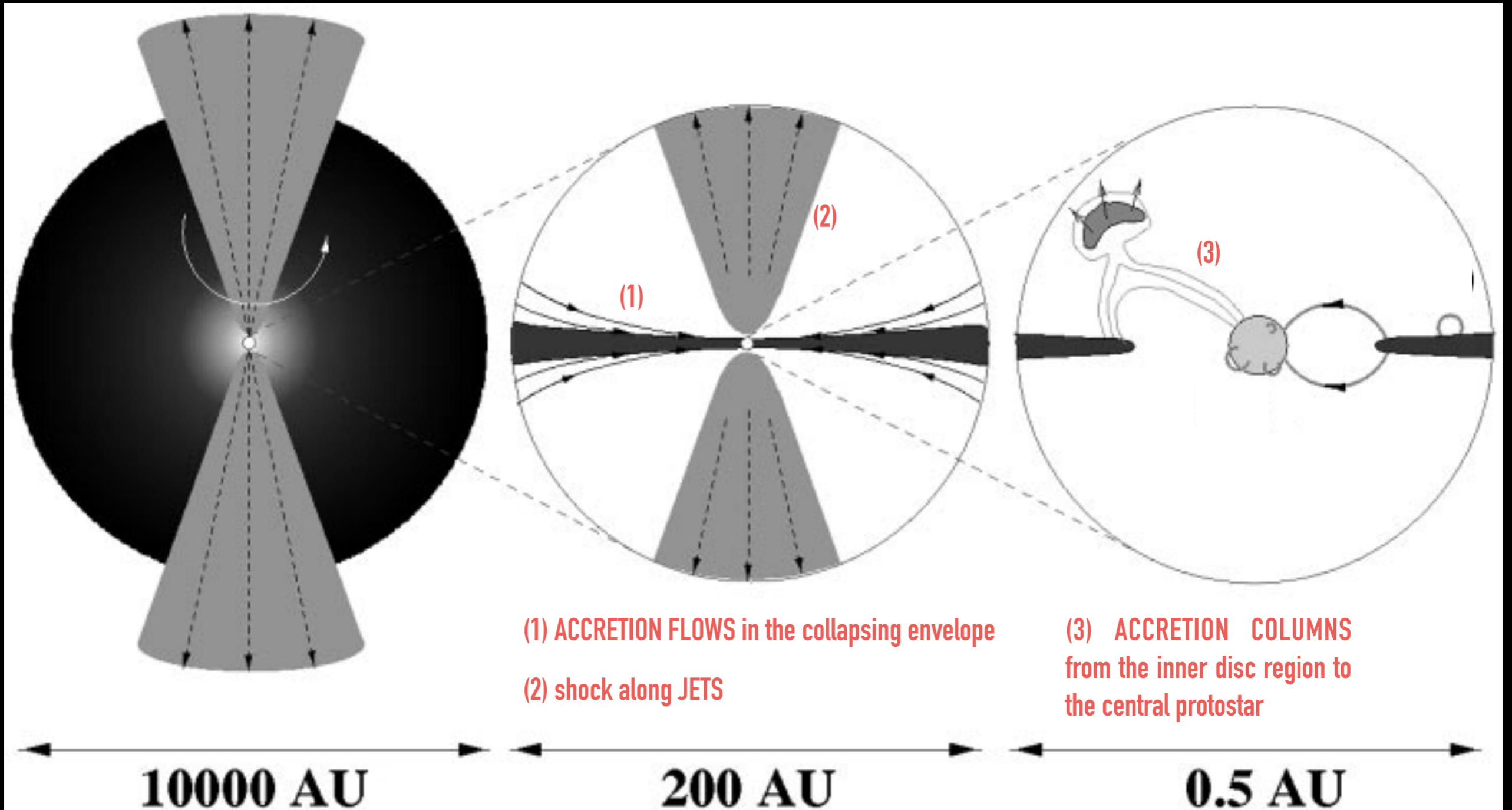




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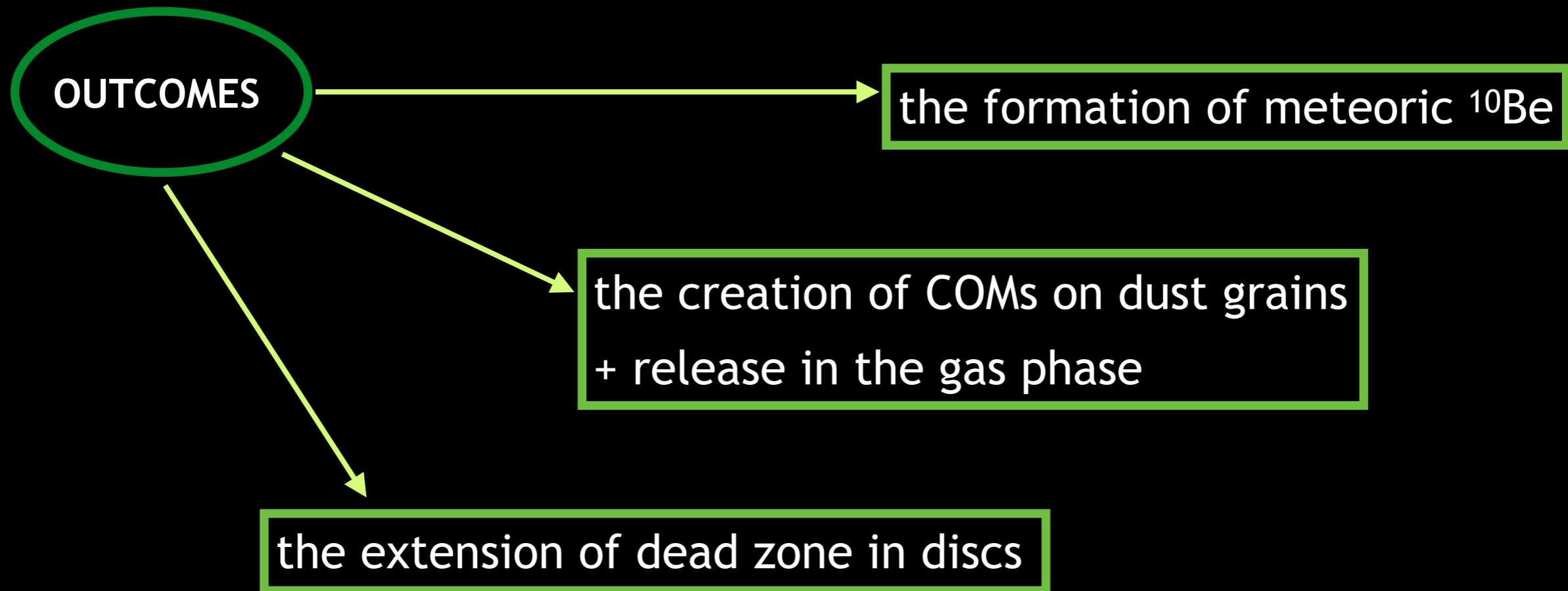
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Adapted from Feigelson & Montmerle (1999)

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