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# **Gamma-ray cosmology**

## *an introduction*

# The dark night sky

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Aoraki National Park, New Zealand.  
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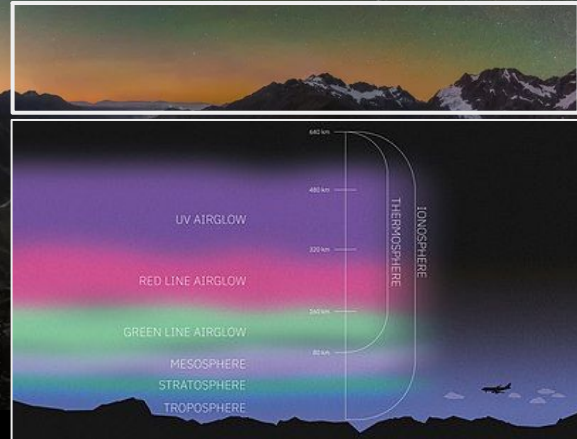
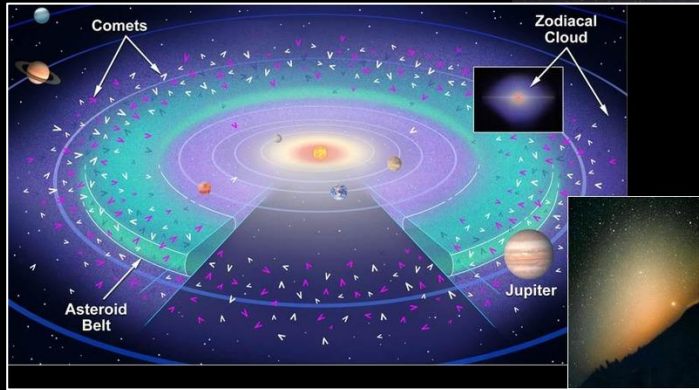
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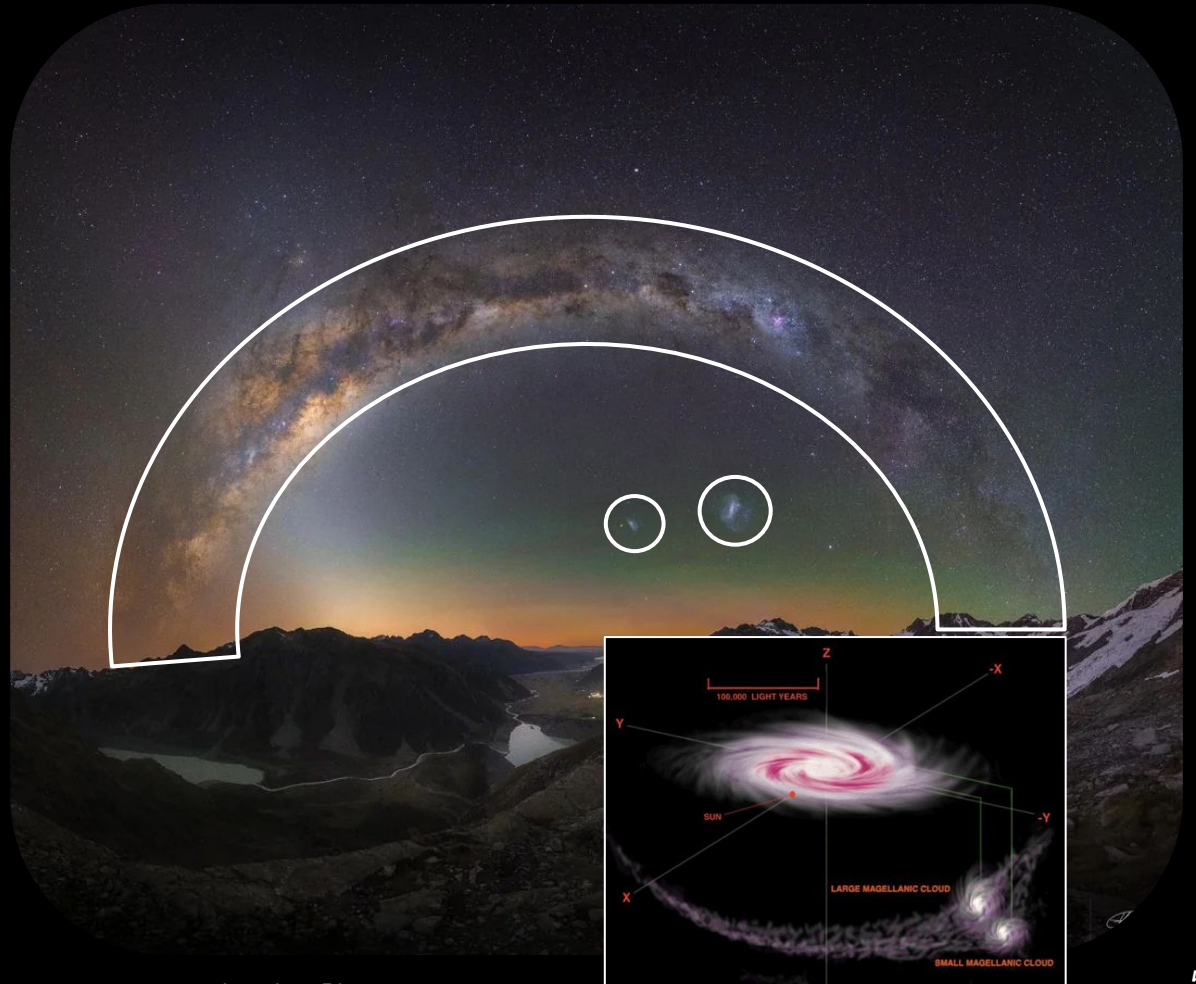
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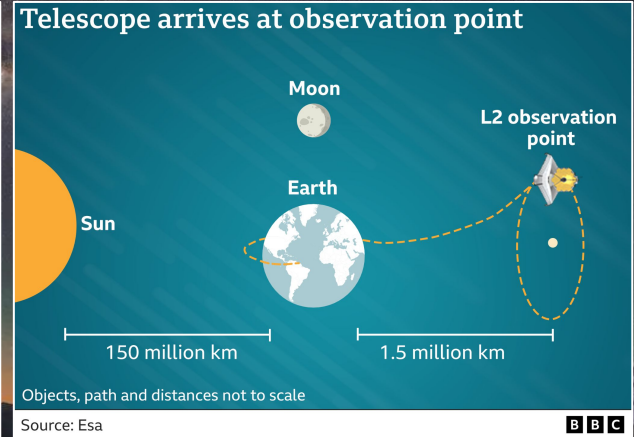
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# The de Chéseaux - Olbers paradox

see The Conversation article at [this link](#)

Why is the sky not covered by stars / galaxies ?

Riddle from Digges (1576) in his translation of Copernicus' *De revolutionibus*

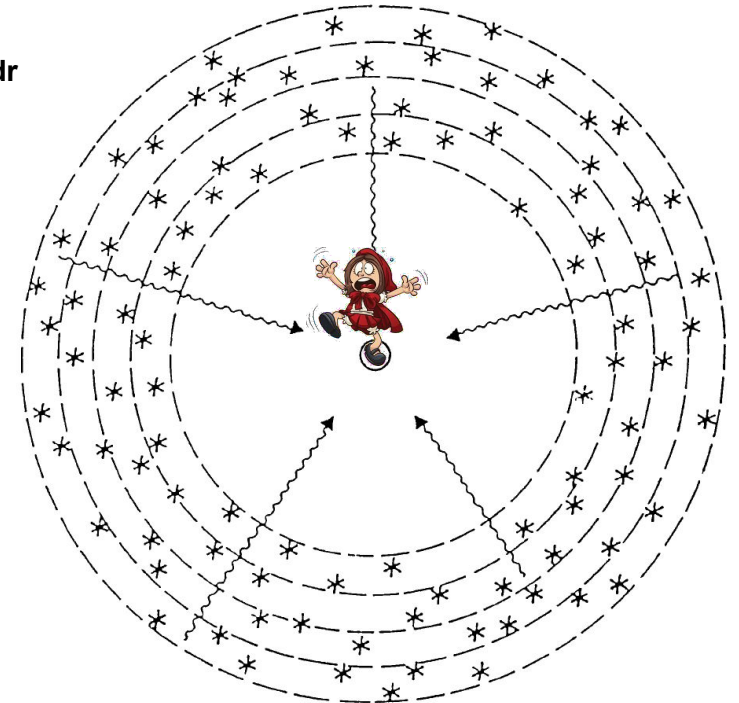
Formulation by de Chéseaux (1744), Olbers (1823):

$$\Phi_{\text{total}} = \int dr \Phi_{\text{star}} \times N_{\text{star}}(r; r+dr), \text{ with } \Phi_{\text{star}} \propto 1 / 4\pi r^2 \text{ and } N_{\text{star}}(r; r+dr) \propto 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$\Phi_{\text{total}} \rightarrow \infty$  in a static unbounded universe (Descartes, Newton)

"Infinity of the sphere of stars" (Halley, 1721) at [this link](#)

Credit: Harrison '90



# Olbers' paradox: a founding pillar of cosmology

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## *Quoting Malcolm Longair:*

When I began research in radio astronomy as a research student in 1963, my supervisor Dr Peter Scheuer gave me a copy of Sir Hermann Bondi's classic text *Cosmology* to absorb and warned me that

There are only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  facts in cosmology.

### *Fact 1. The sky is dark at night*

This is the well-known observation which leads to what is known as *Olbers' paradox* although the paradox was well known to earlier cosmologists. Sir Hermann in his text *Cosmology* gives a thought-provoking discussion of the meaning of the paradox (Bondi 1952). The fact that the sky is not as bright as the surface of the Sun provides us with some very general information about the Universe. Probably the most general way of expressing the significance of this observation is that the Universe must, in some sense, be far from equilibrium although in what way it is in disequilibrium cannot be deduced from this very simple observation.

### *Fact 2. The galaxies are receding from each other as expected in a uniform expansion*

This was Hubble's great discovery of 1929 and I will say much more about it in a moment. The  $2\frac{1}{2}$ th fact was as follows:

### *Fact $2\frac{1}{2}$ . The contents of the Universe have probably changed as the Universe grows older*

The reason for the ambiguous status of this fact was that the evidence for the evolution of extragalactic radio sources as the Universe grows older was then a matter of considerable controversy, particularly with the proponents of Steady-State cosmology. I was plunged straight into this debate as soon as I began my research programme with Martin Ryle and Peter Scheuer. As we will see, this is no longer a controversial issue – there is no question at all

Modern Cosmology - a Critical Assessment,  
M. S. Longair 1993



# A modern version of the riddle

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What remains once the foregrounds (nearby trees) have been removed?



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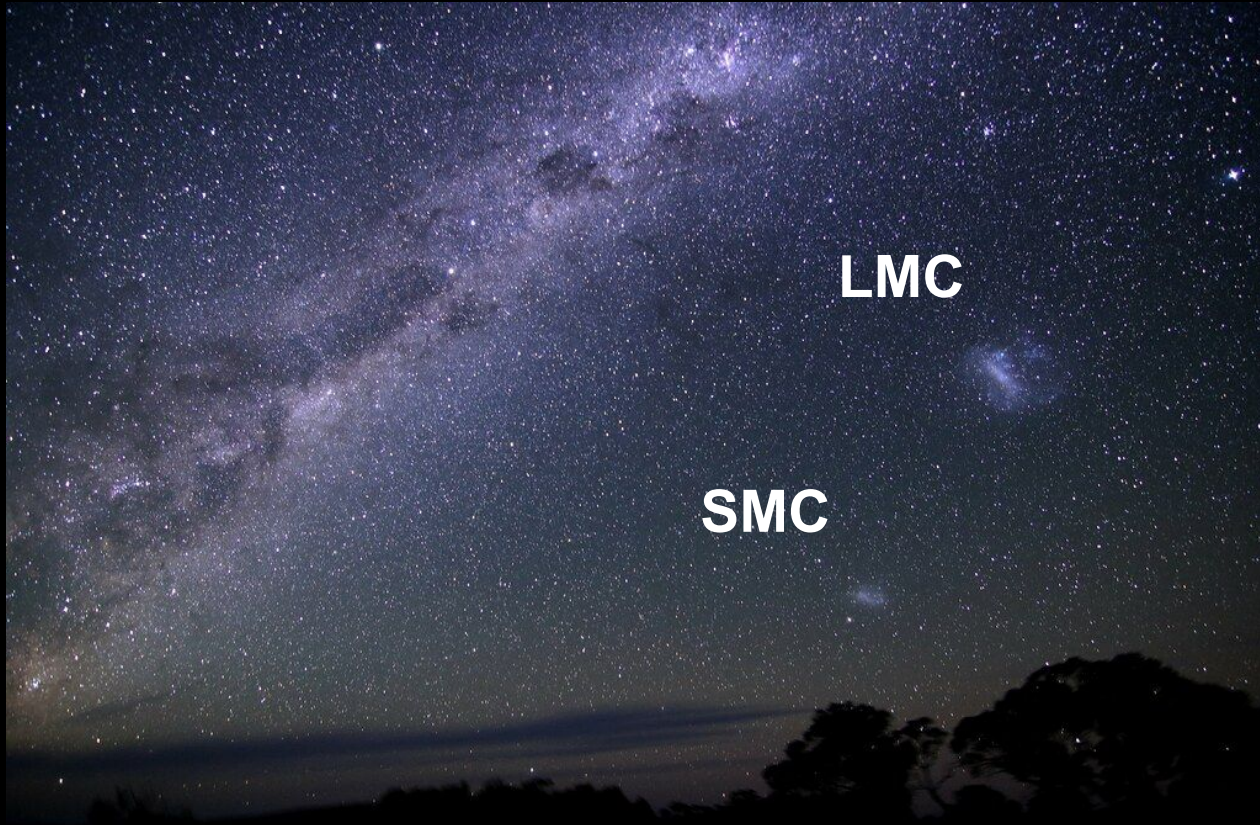
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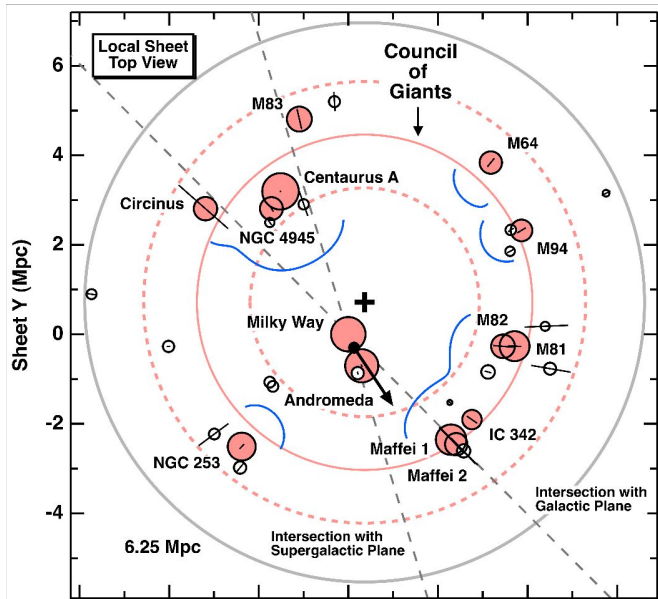
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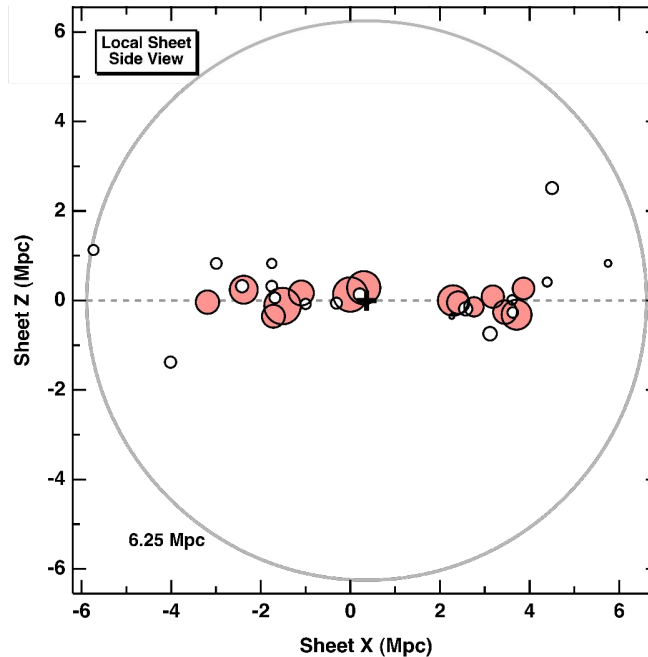


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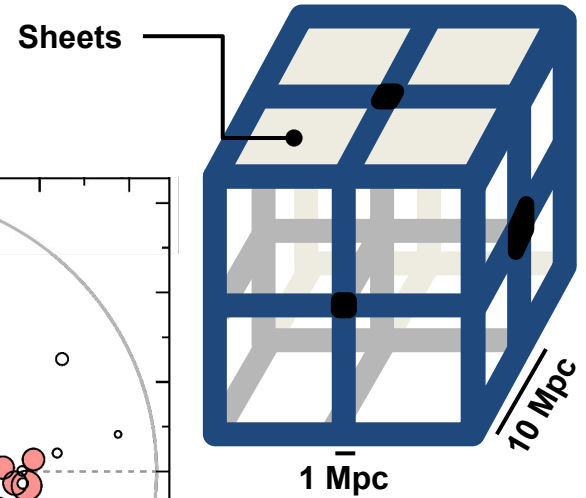
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McCall '14 (The Council of Giants)

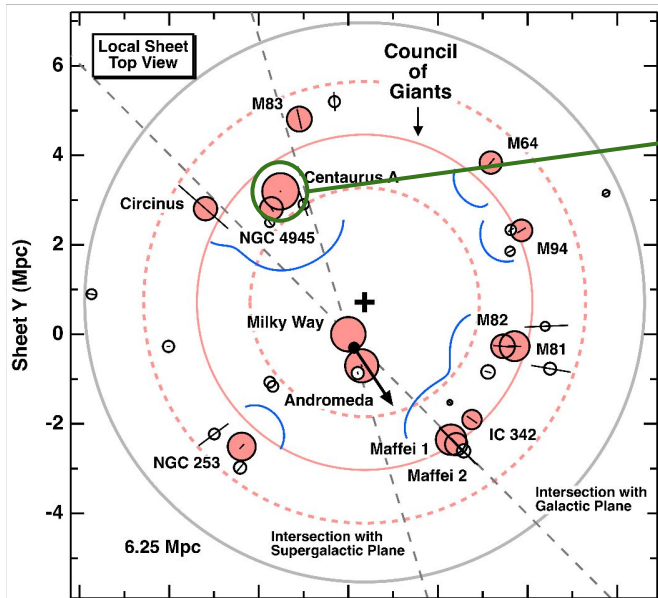


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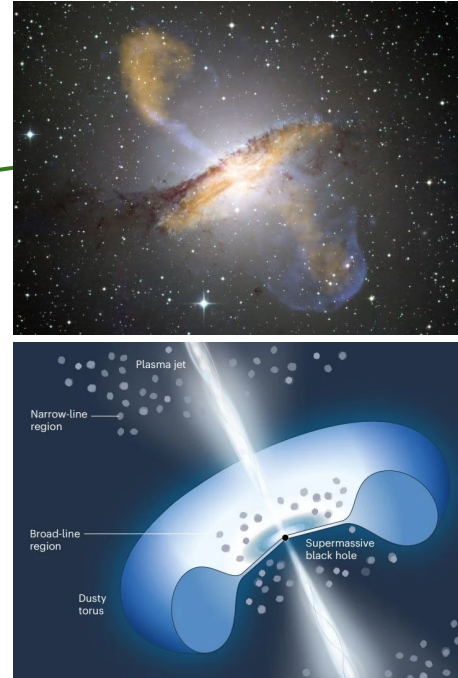


# Zoom on the Local Sheet

## Active galaxies in the Local Sheet

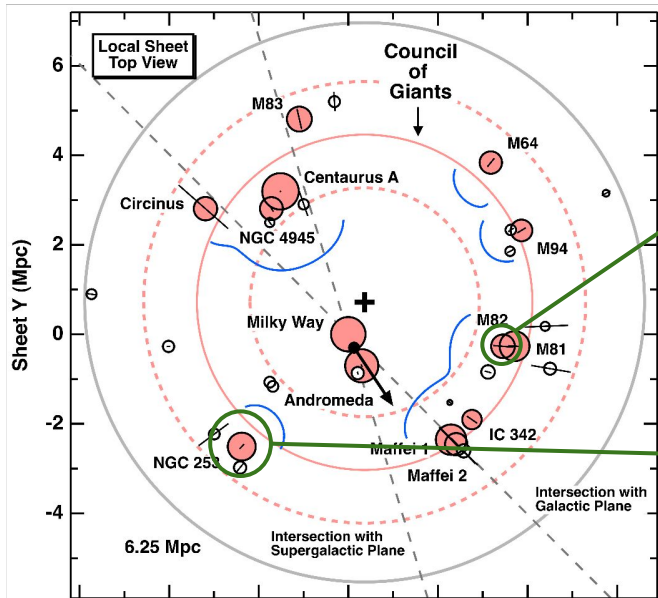


The jetted AGN Centaurus A



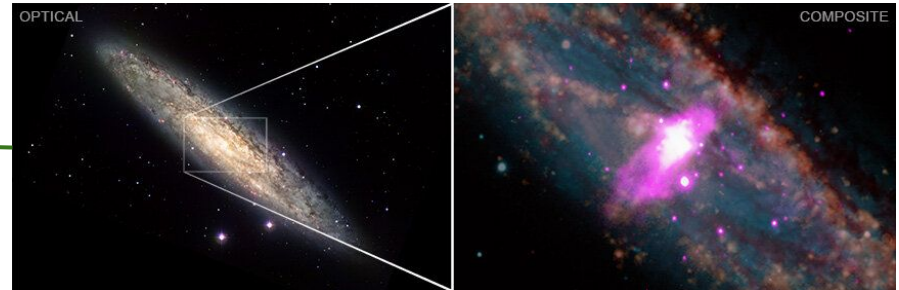
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## Starburst galaxies in the Local Sheet



The starburst galaxy M 82  
(Credit:  
Hubble space telescope  
+ H $\alpha$  from FOCAS)

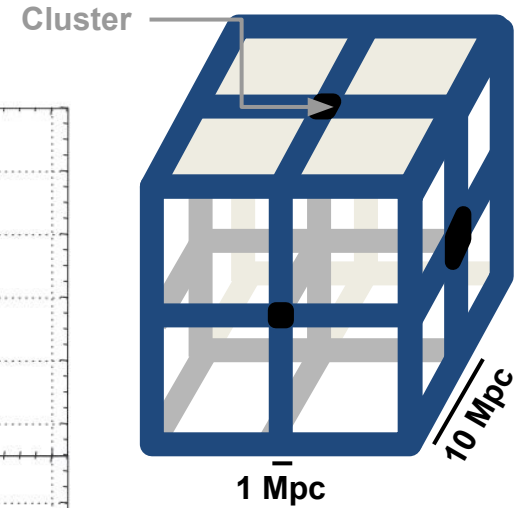
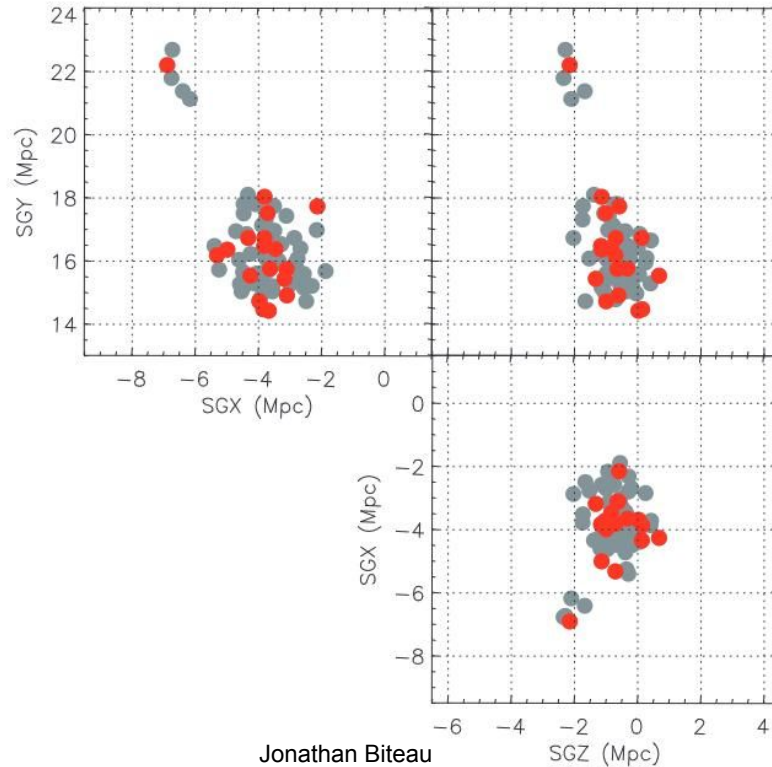
The starburst galaxy NGC 253 (Credit: Chandra X-ray Center)





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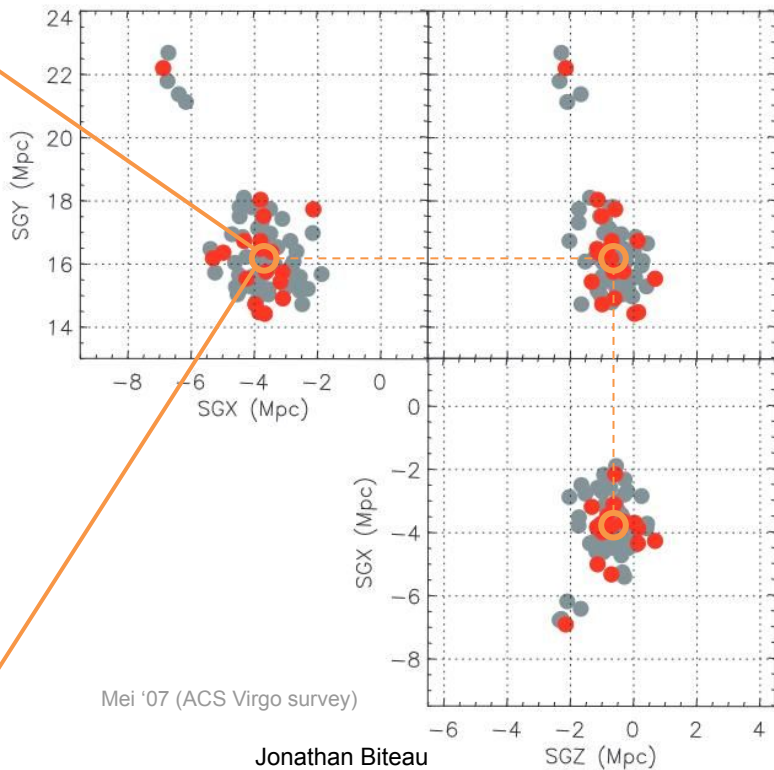
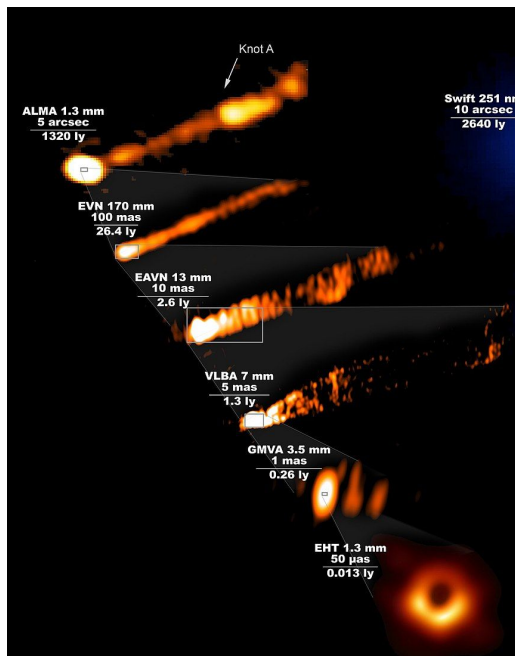
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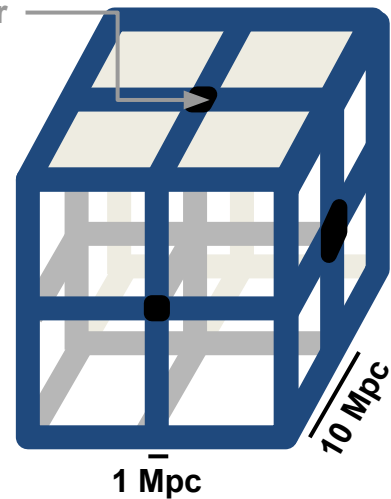
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## At the center of the Virgo cluster

The jetted AGN M 87

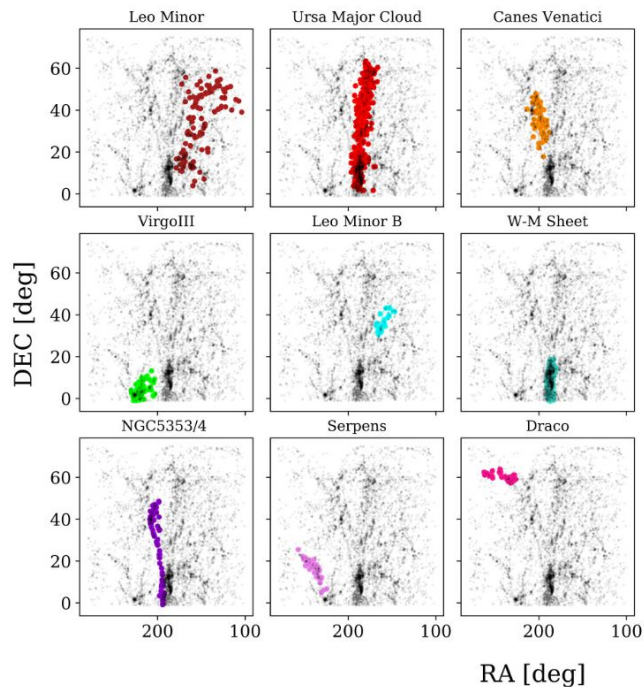
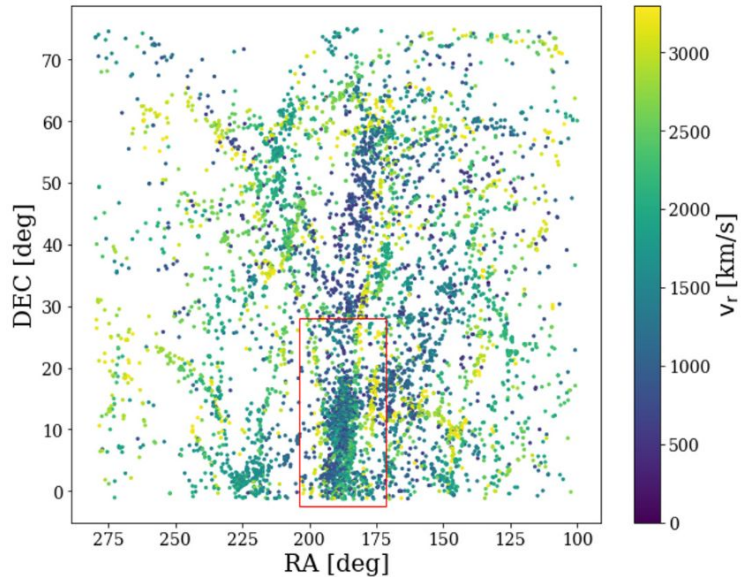


Cluster

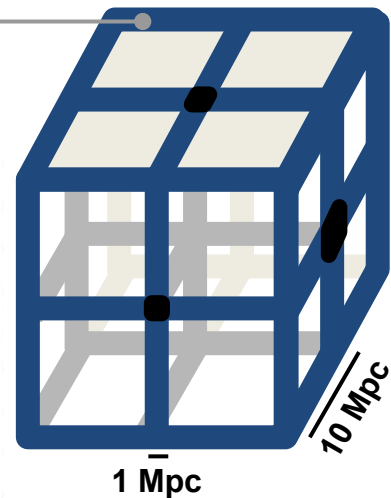


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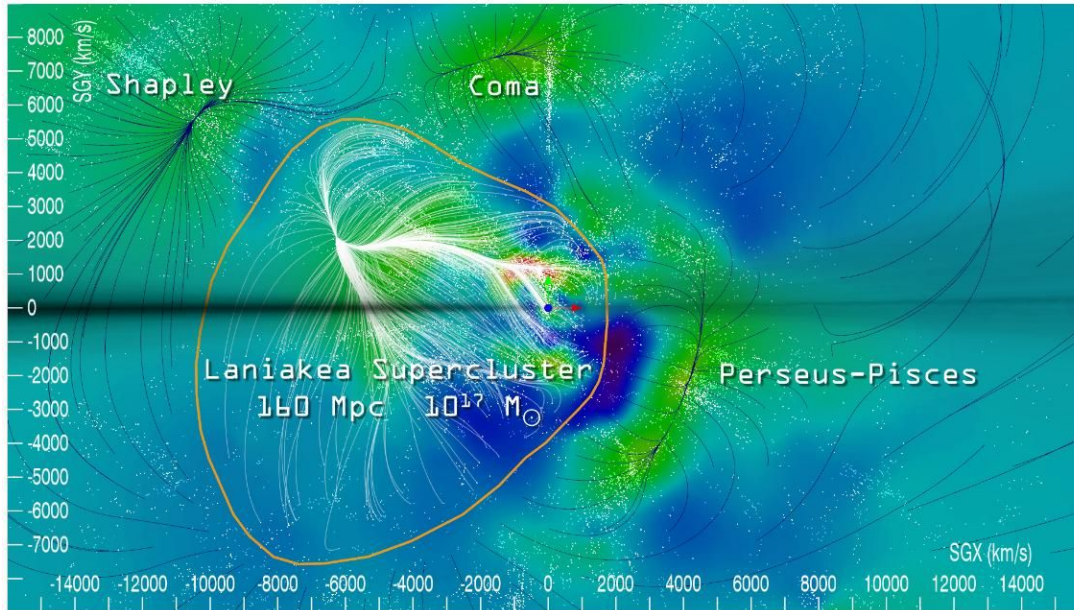


Filaments

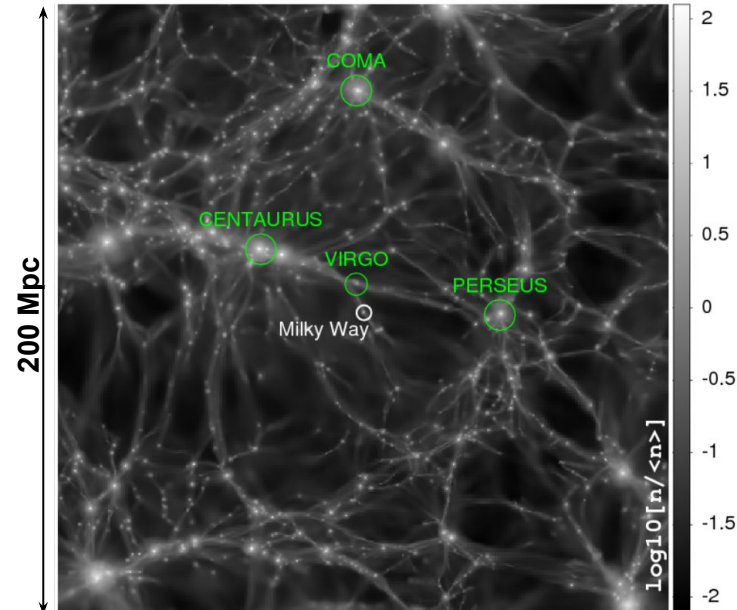


# Our location in the cosmic web

## Our supercluster: Laniakea



Tully+ '14 (Cosmic V-web)



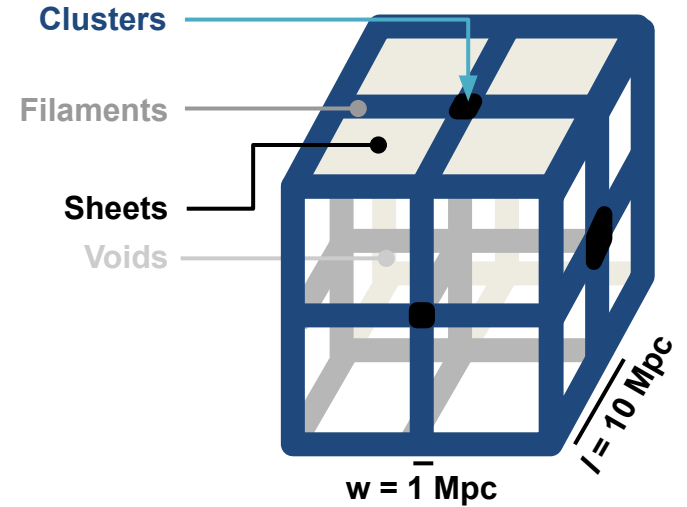
Hackstein+ '18 (Cosmic V-web constrained simulation / CLUES)

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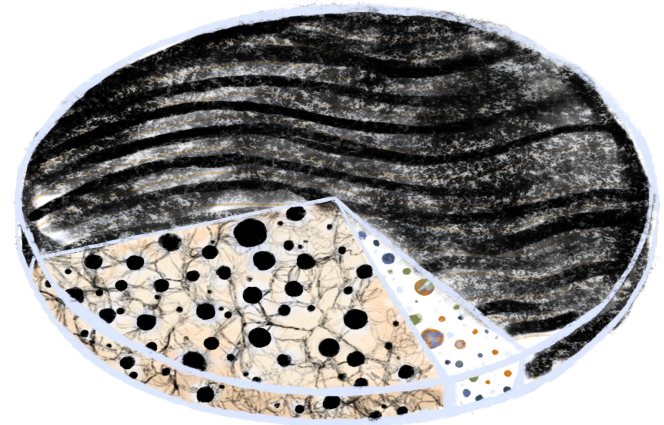
$$\text{VFF}_c = \left(\frac{w}{l}\right)^3$$
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$$\text{VFF}_s = 3 \frac{w}{l} \left(1 - \frac{w}{l}\right)^2$$
$$\text{VFF}_v = \left(1 - \frac{w}{l}\right)^3$$

Structure type	Cubic cell $w/l = 0.1$	Cosmic simulation results
Voids	72.9%	76%
Sheets	24.3%	18%
Filaments	2.7%	5%
Clusters	0.1%	0.5%

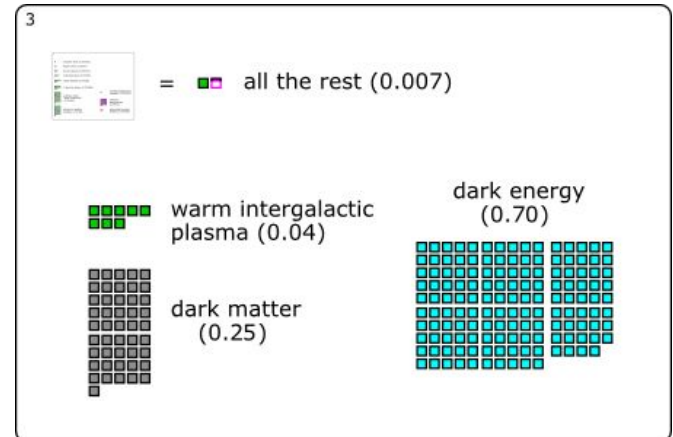
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# Cosmic energy inventory

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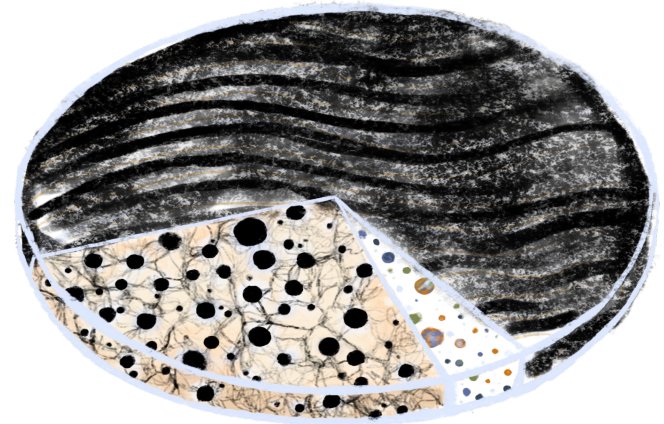
Nobel in physics 2019  
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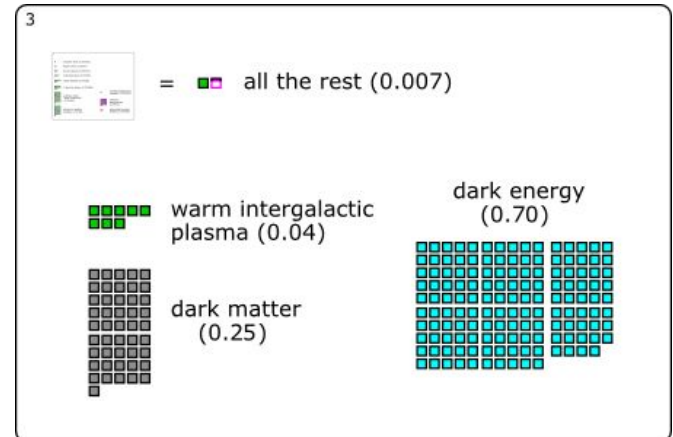
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$$u_c = \rho_c c^2 = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} c^2$$

$$u_c \approx 4.8 \text{ GeV m}^{-3}$$

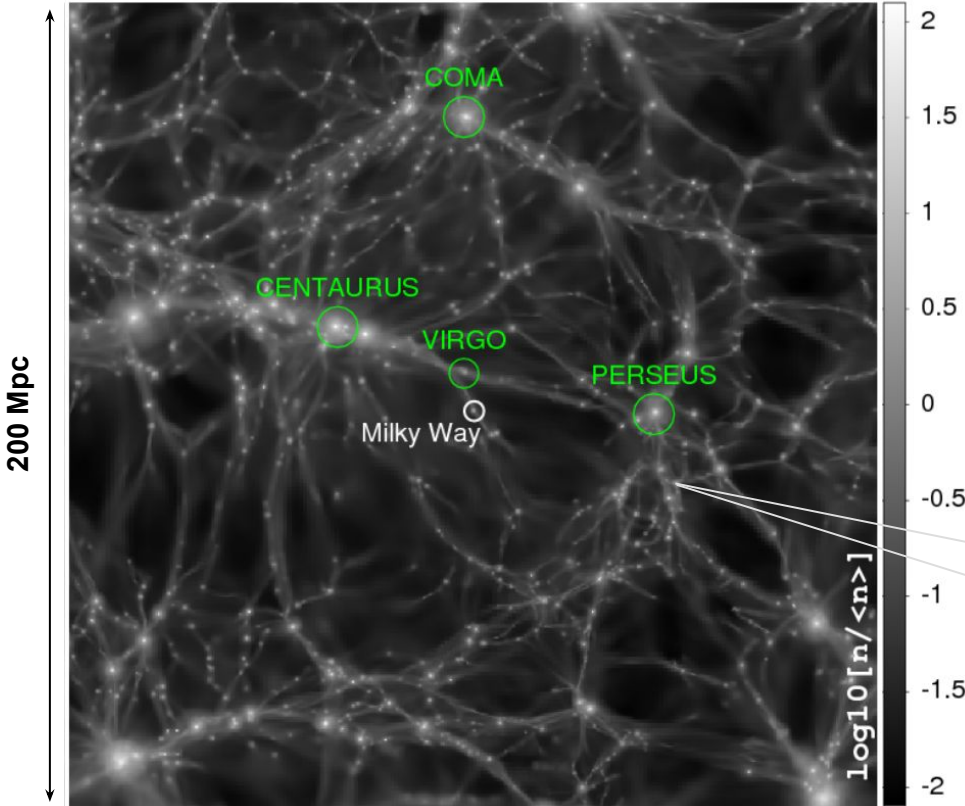
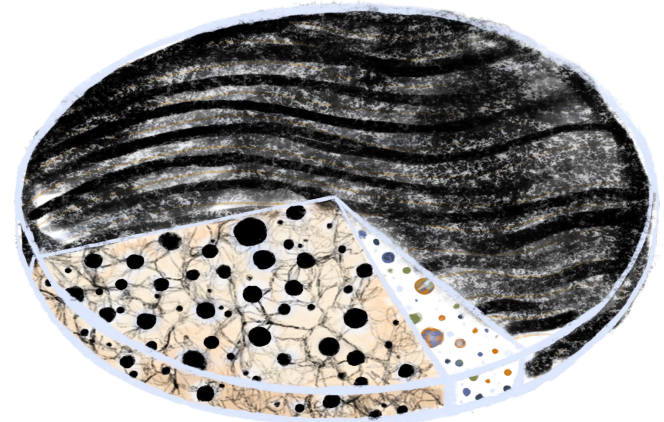


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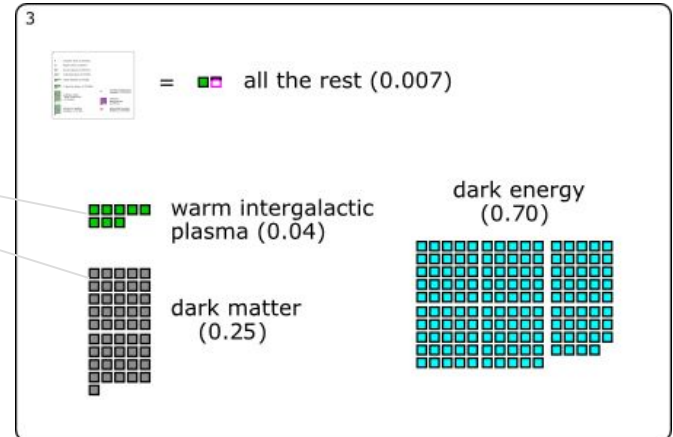




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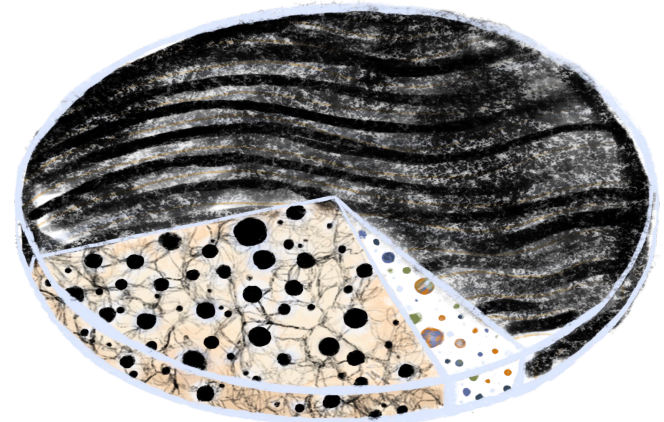


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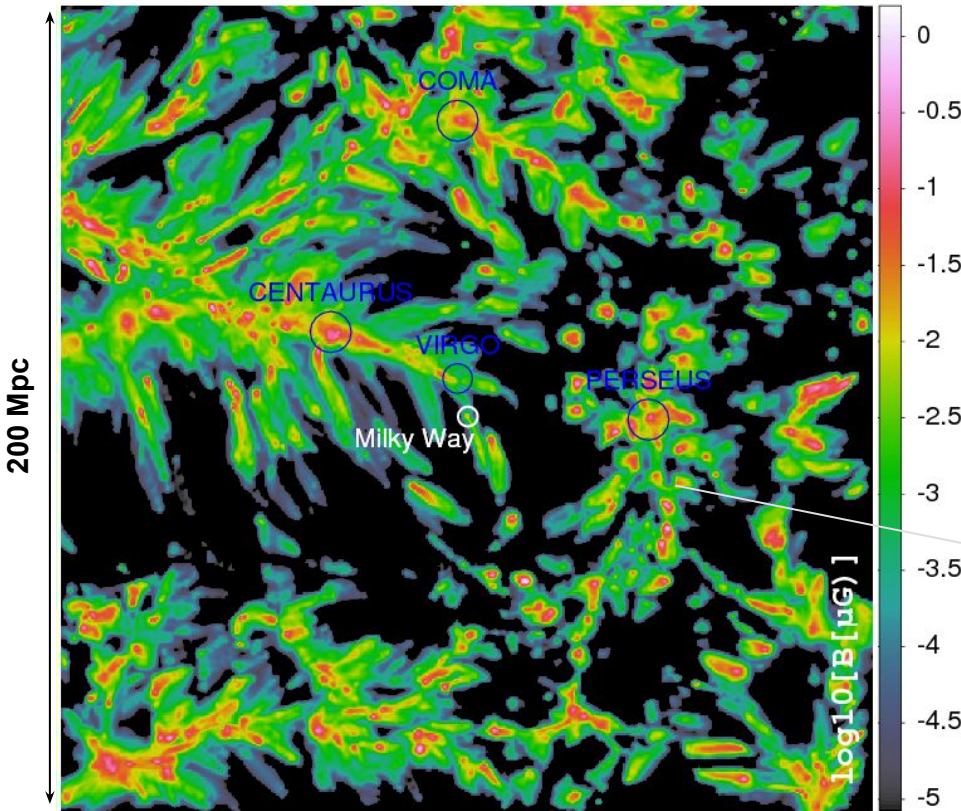
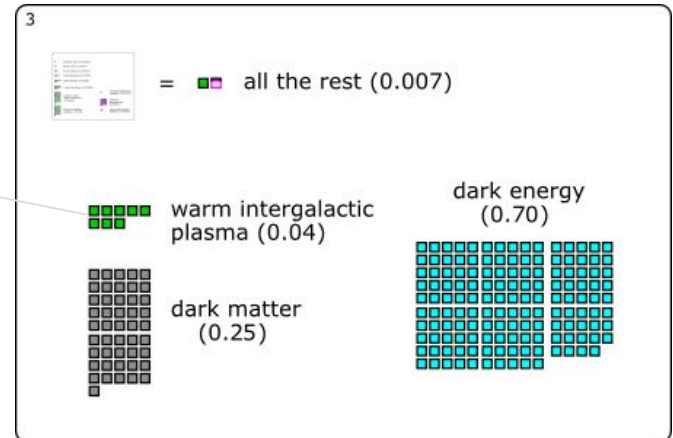


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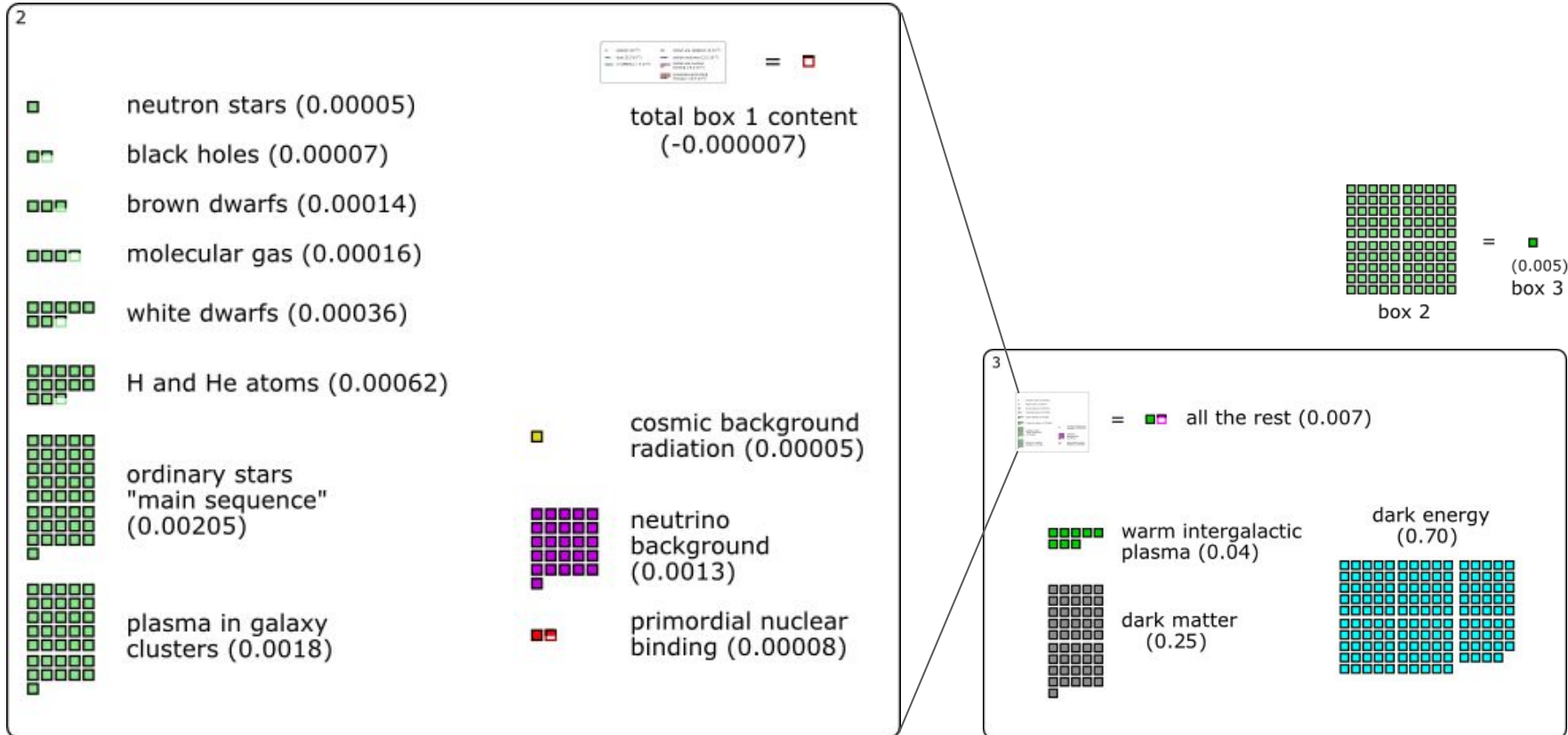


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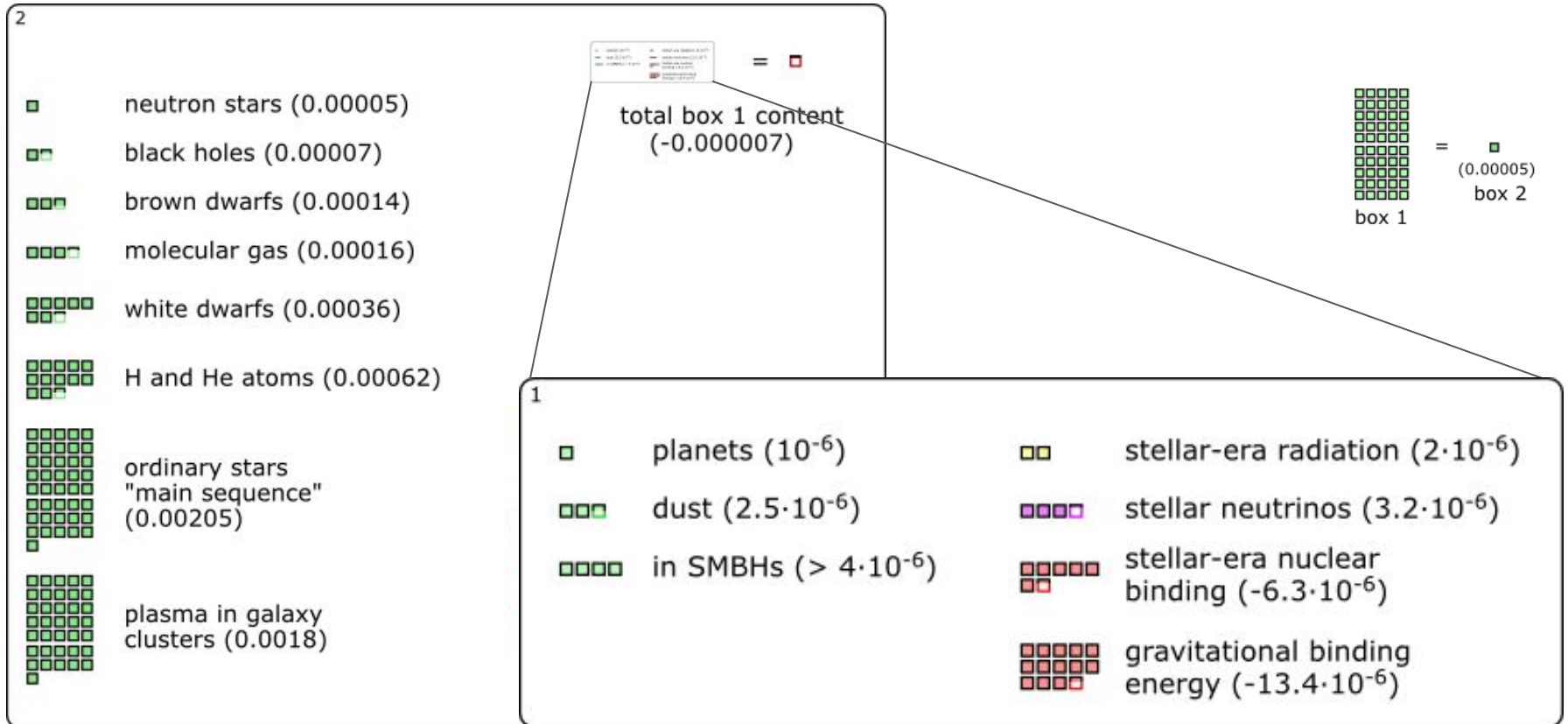


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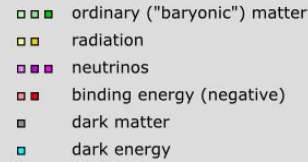
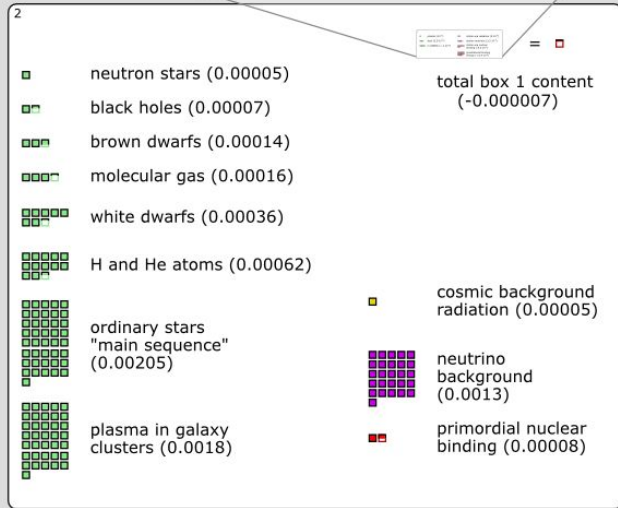
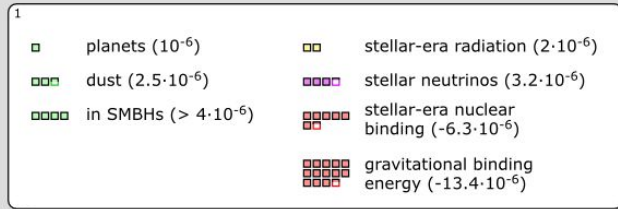
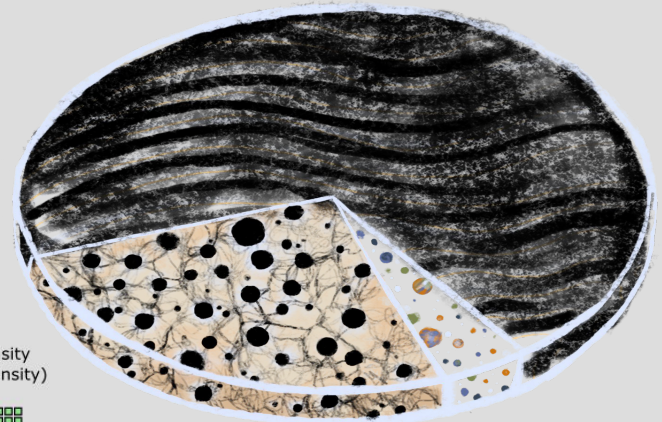
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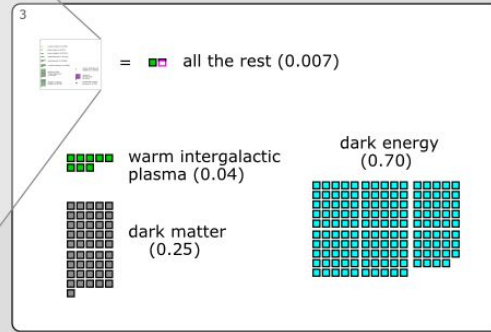
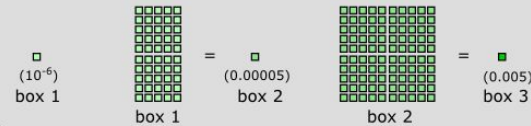
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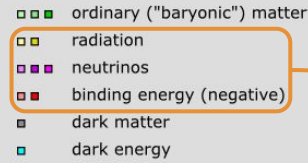
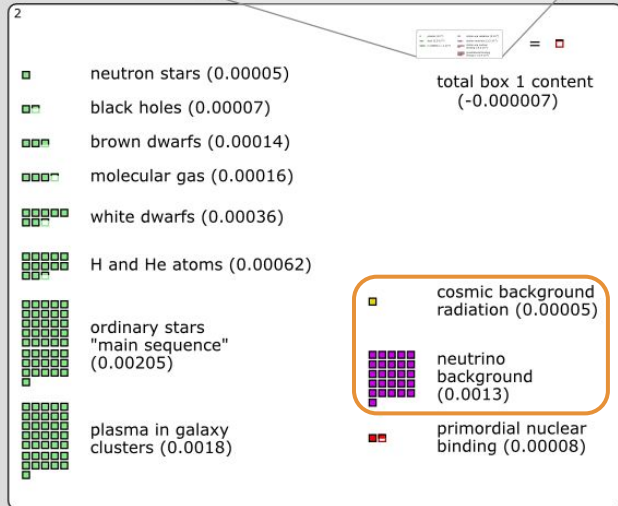
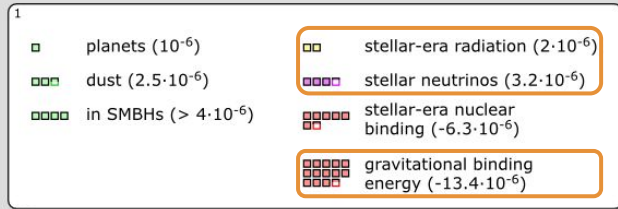
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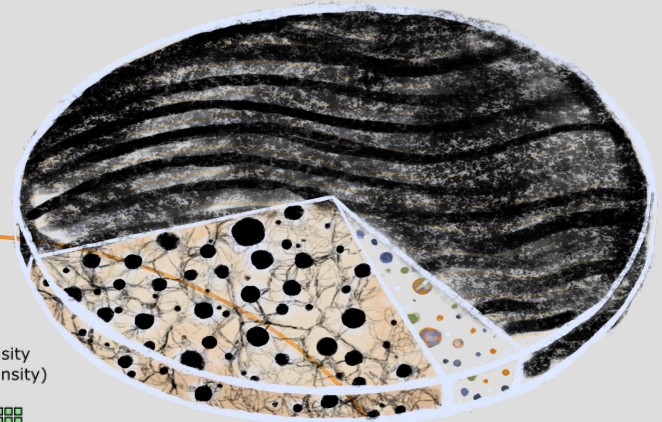
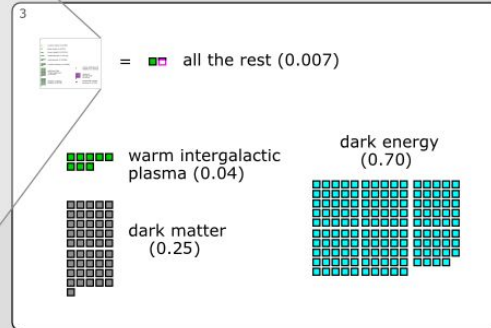
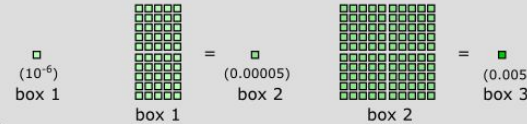
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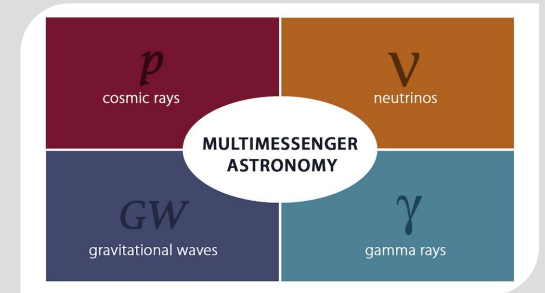
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Nearly all our information on the universe: 4 messengers



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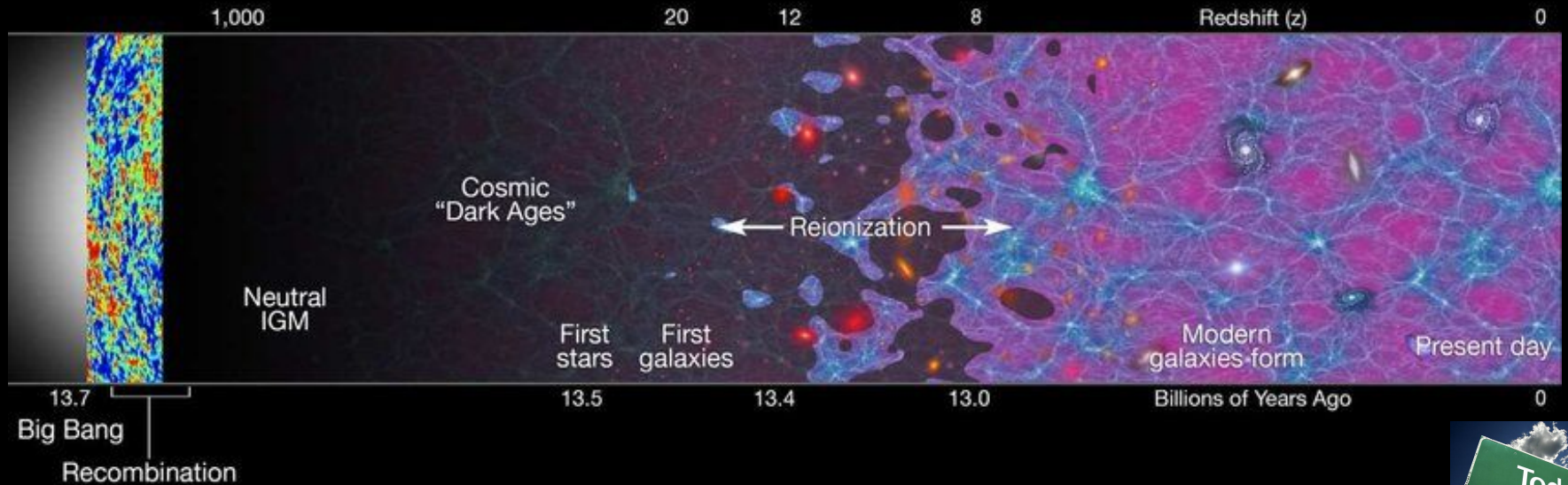
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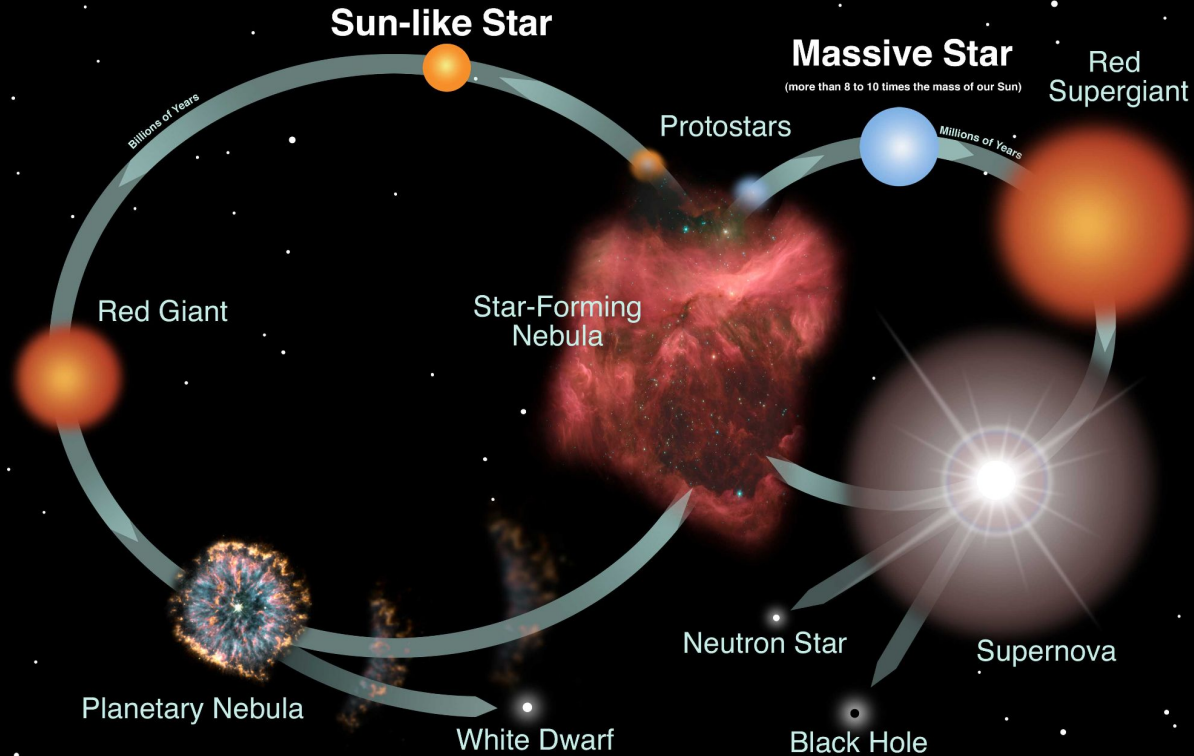
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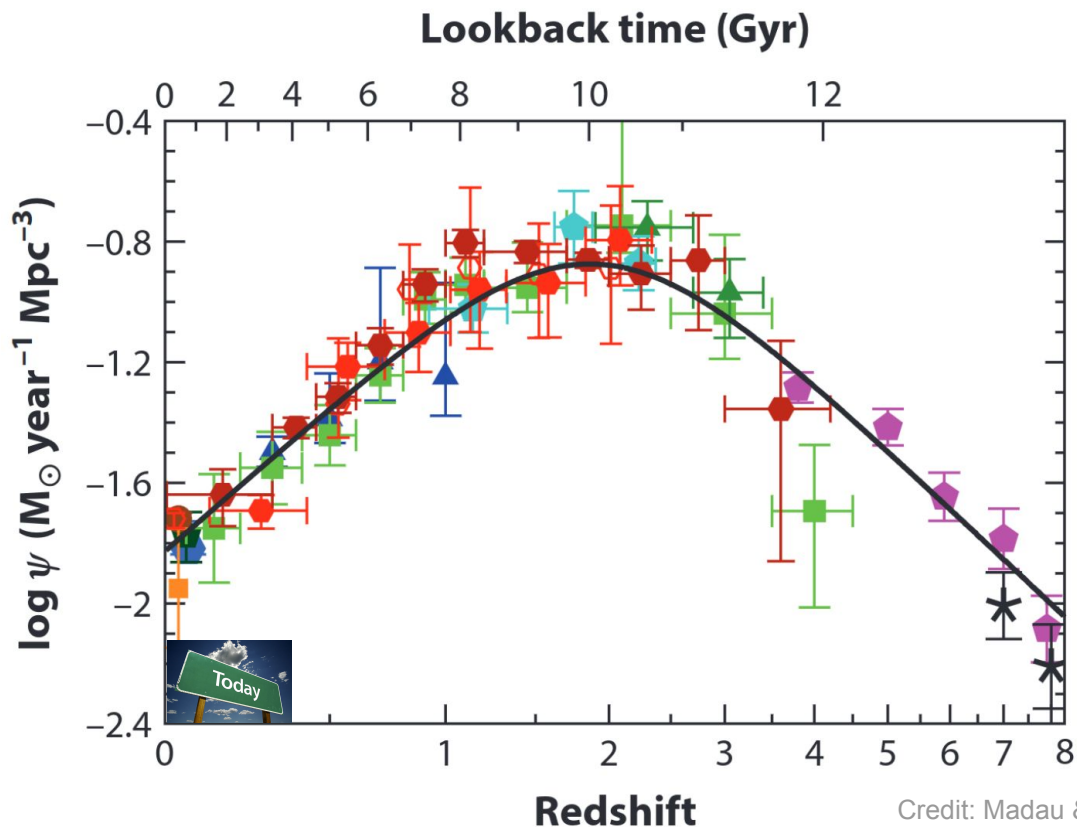


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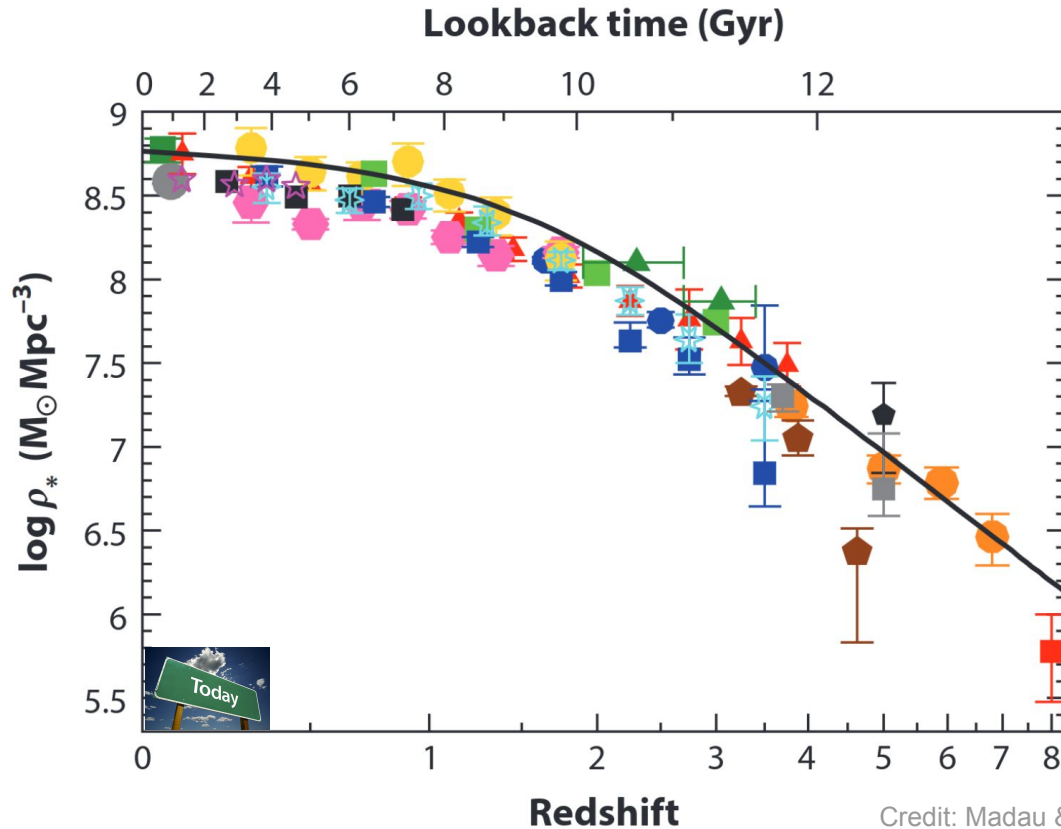


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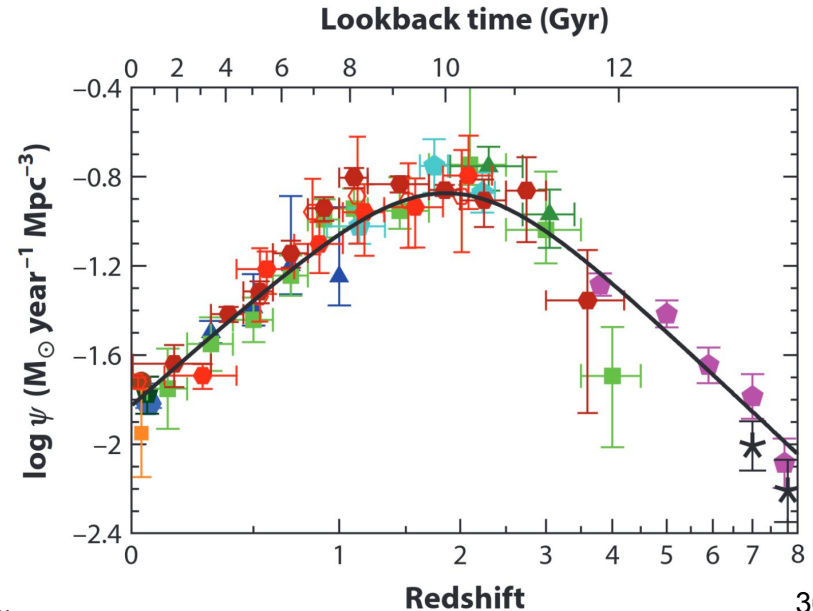
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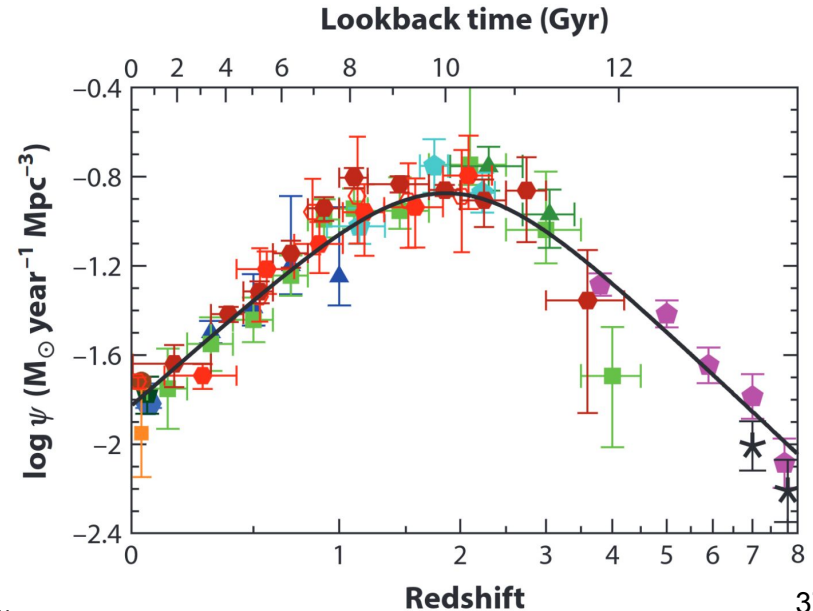
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# Power source of cosmic emissions: black hole accretion

M87 Event Horizon  
appx. 40 billion km diameter  
(24.8 billion miles / 277.5 AU)



ratio of radiated power  
to rate of mass-energy  
deposition in the disc,  
measured by an  
observer at infinity:

$$\epsilon_{\text{accr}} = 5.7\text{-}30.8\%$$

see Thorne, '74

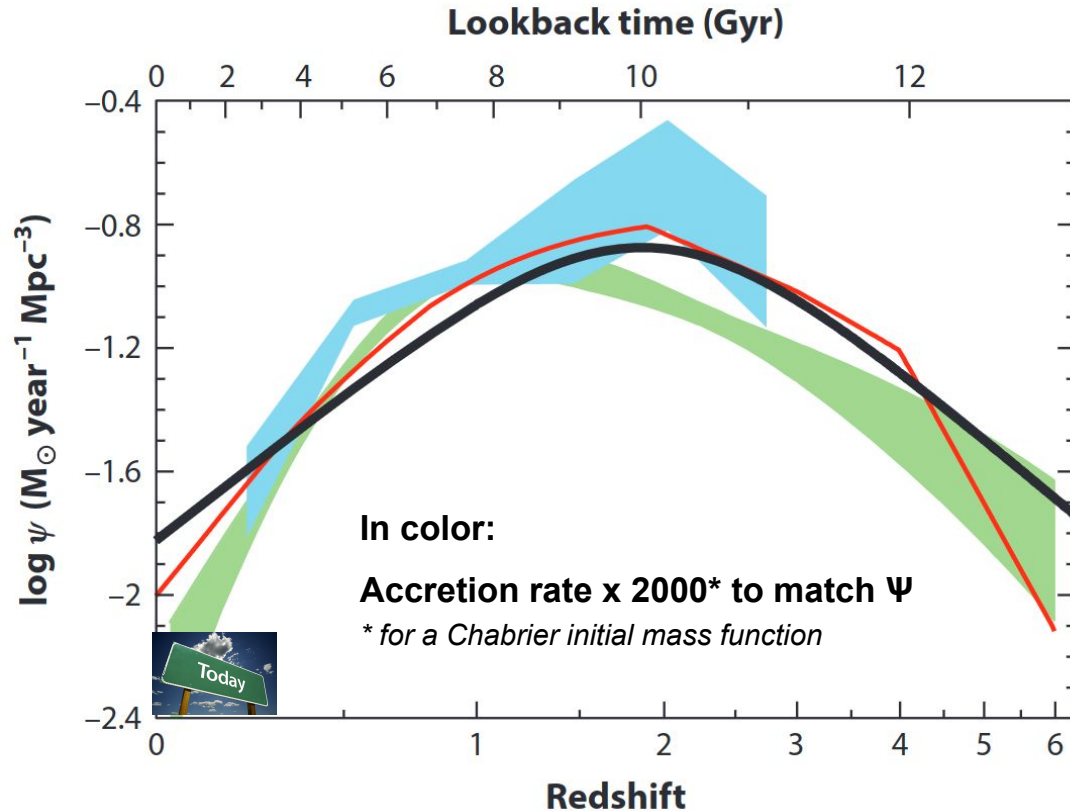


Nobel in physics 2019  
K. Thorne (GW)

$$M_{\bullet} = (6.5 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.7_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^9 M_{\odot} \quad (\text{EHT Collab. '19})$$

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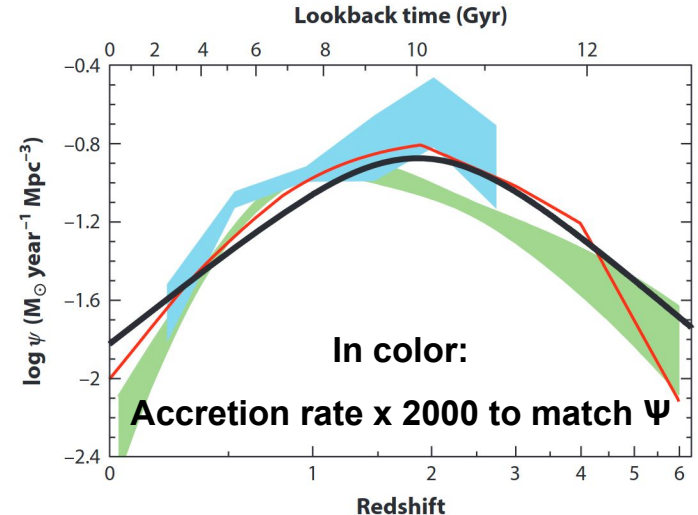
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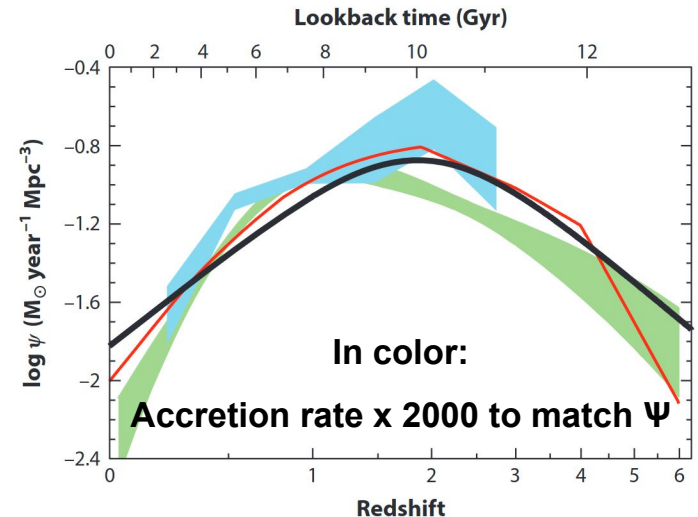


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*accretion light  $\rightarrow 1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ eV} / \text{m}^3$*



# Brightness of the sky

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The **energy density**  $u$  of an isotropic field of relativistic particles is linked to its **bolometric intensity**  $I$ , i.e. integrated over all frequencies, also known as the **surface brightness**, in  $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$  or  $\text{eV s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$ :

$$I = \frac{c}{4\pi} u$$

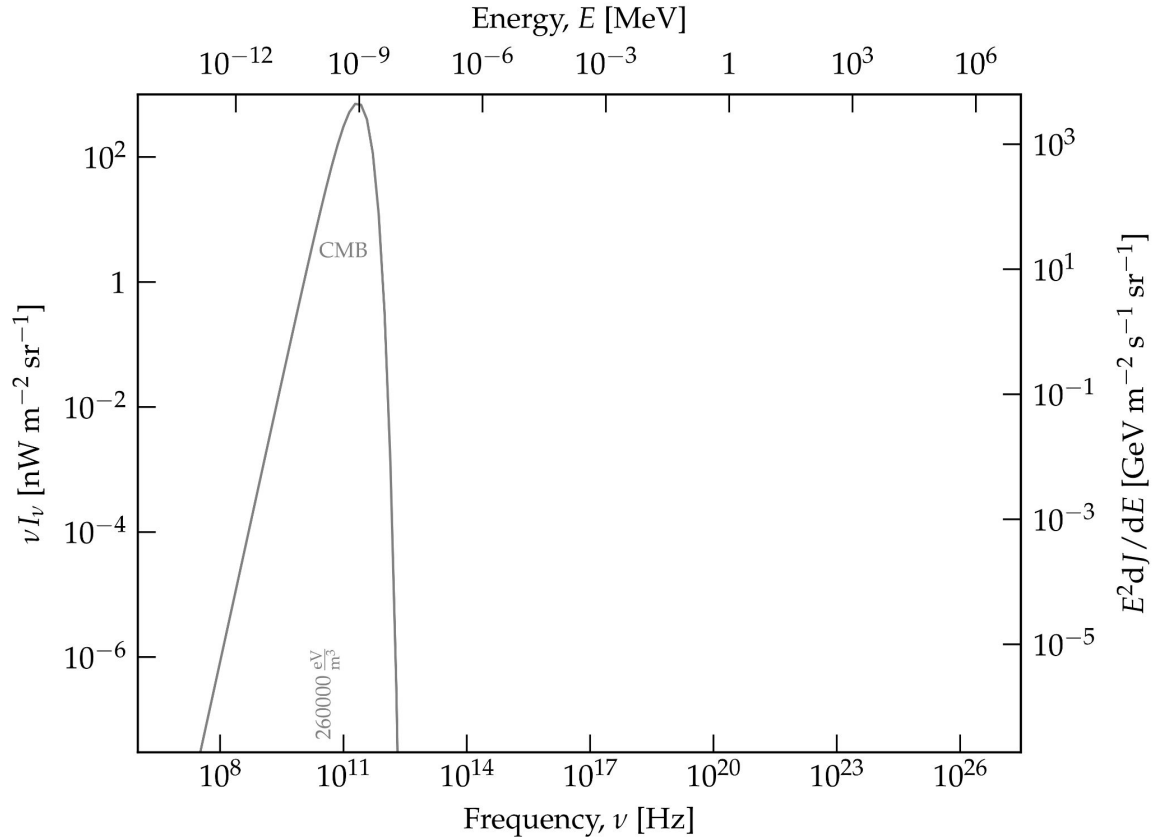
We can also define the **specific intensity**  $I_\nu$  of an isotropic relativistic particle field, i.e. its intensity per unit frequency:

$$I_\nu = \frac{dI}{d\nu}$$

We often plot  $\nu I_\nu$  as a function of  $\ln(\nu)$  or  $\log_{10}(\nu)$ , the integral of which gives the bolometric intensity:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \nu I_\nu d \ln \nu &= \int \nu I_\nu \frac{d\nu}{\nu} \\ &= \int I_\nu d\nu \\ &= I \\ &= \frac{c}{4\pi} u \end{aligned}$$

# The spectrum of the universe



# The spectrum of the universe

## CMB: cosmic microwave background

THE black body at  $T_0 = 2.7$  K, discovered in 1964.  
emitted at  $T = 3000$  K during decoupling  
between photons and matter ( $t = 370,000$  ans).



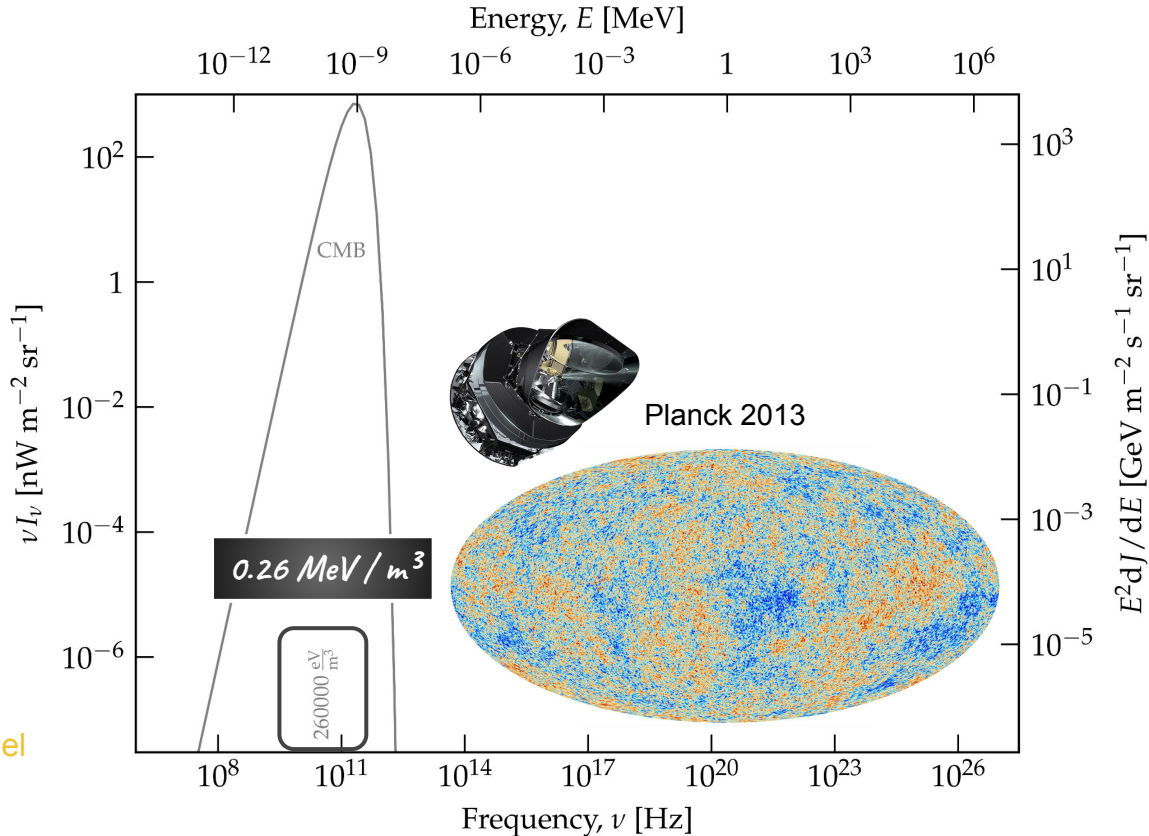
Nobel in physics 1978  
A. Penzias & R. Wilson (CMB)  
P. L. Kapista (low-T physics)



Nobel in physics 2006  
J. C. Mather & G. F. Smoot



Shaw in astronomy 2010  
C. L. Bennet, L. A. Page, D. N. Spergel



# The spectrum of the universe

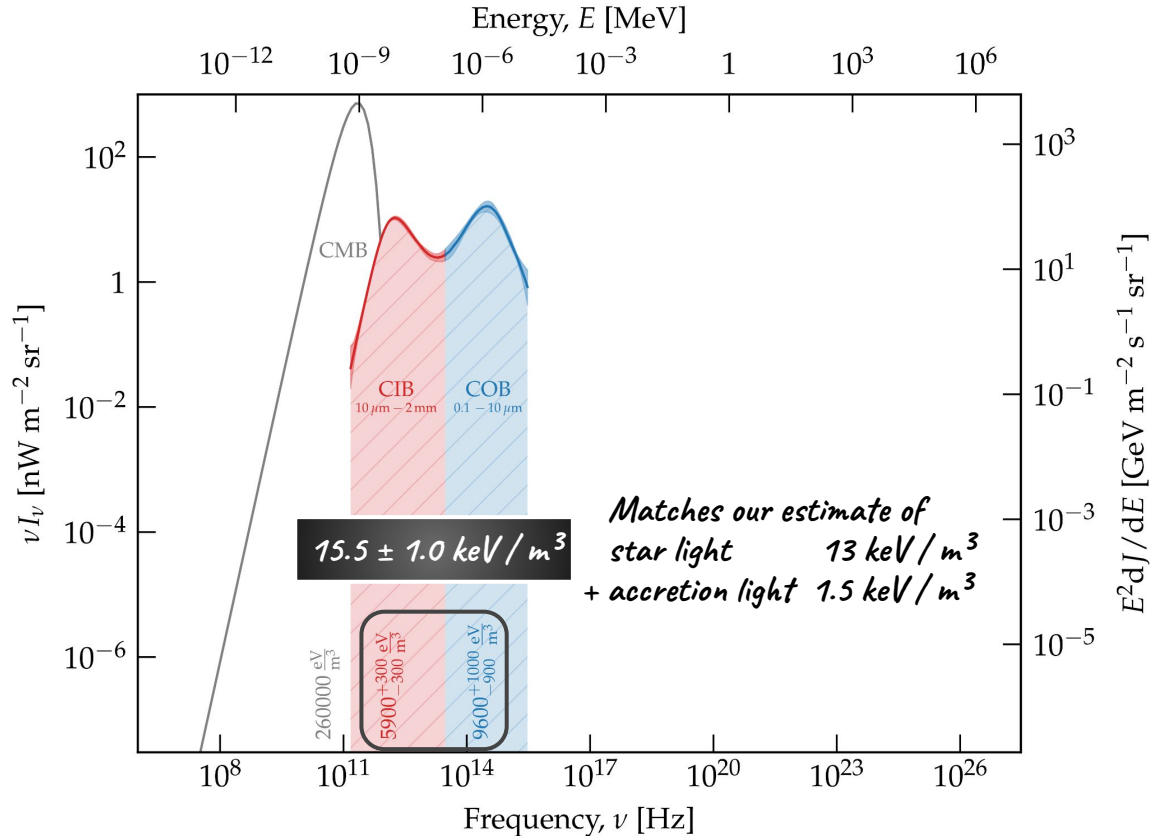
## CIB, COB: cosmic infrared and optical backgrounds

CIB discovered in 1996.

Emitted since reionization ( $t \geq 0.5$  Gyr) by all stars and galaxies



Shaw in astronomy 2018  
J. L. Puget (CIB)



# The spectrum of the universe

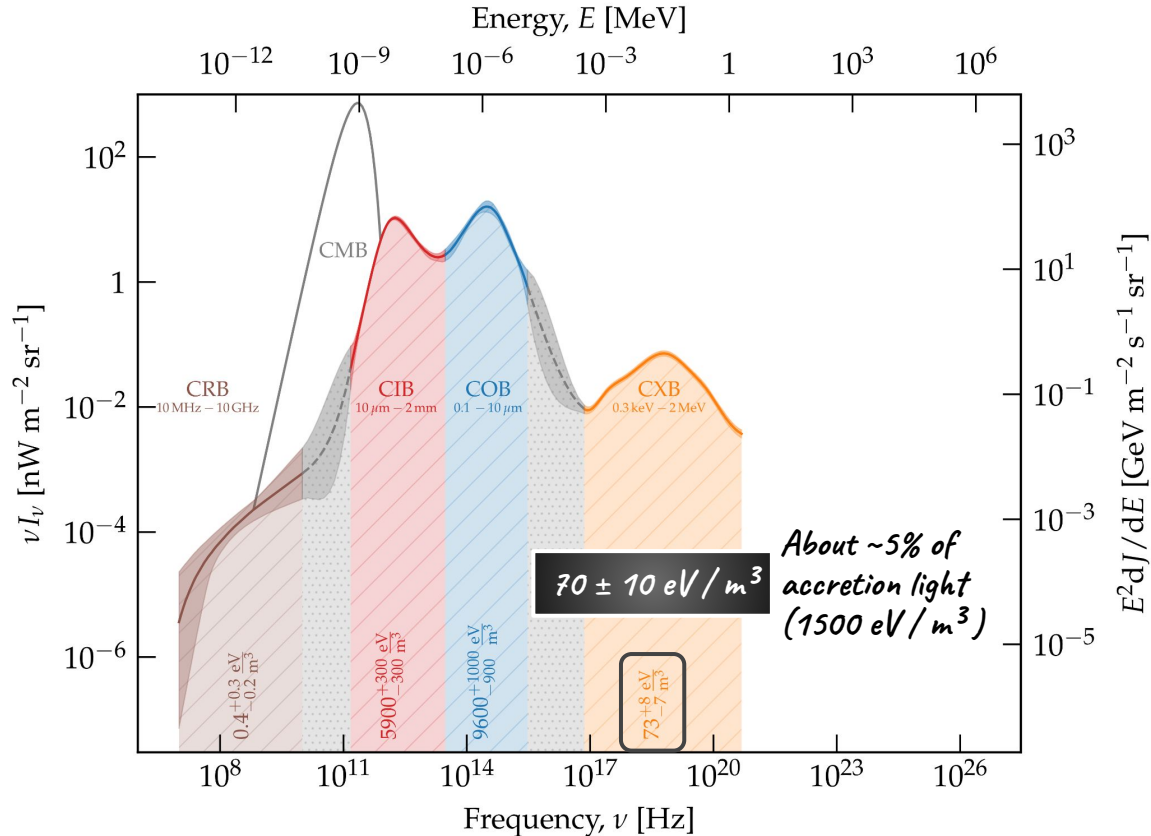
## CRB, CXB: cosmic radio and X-ray backgrounds

CXB discovered in 1962.

Radiation of the electrons accelerated in the winds of starforming and active galaxies



Nobel in physics 2002  
R. Giacconi (CXB)



# The spectrum of the universe

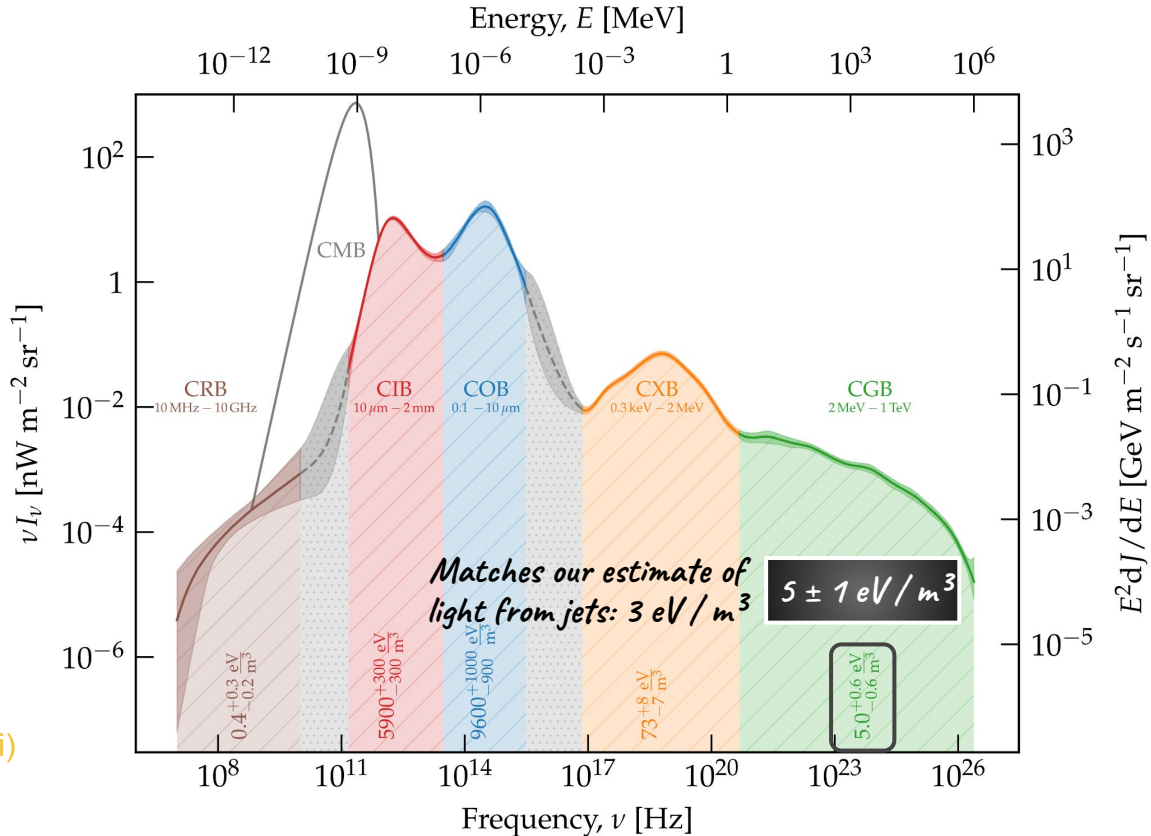
## CGB: cosmic gamma-ray background

CGB discovered in 1977.

Radiation of the electrons accelerated in  
jetted active galactic nuclei  
around supermassive black holes



Shaw in astronomy 2020  
R. D. Blandford (active galactic nuclei)



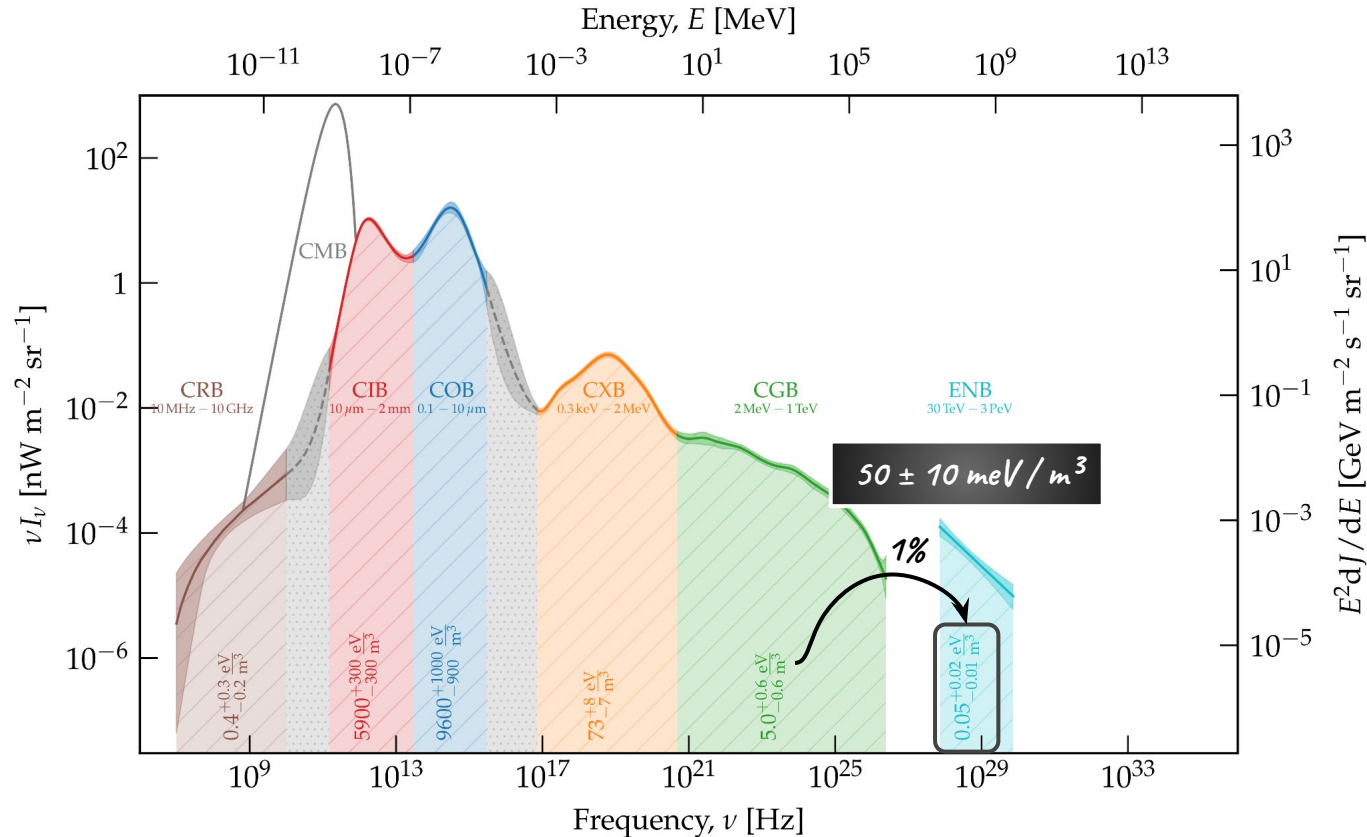
# The spectrum of the universe

## ENB: extragalactic neutrino background

ENB discovered in 2013.

To date, no source detected at the  $5\sigma$  level...

But exciting pieces of evidence!



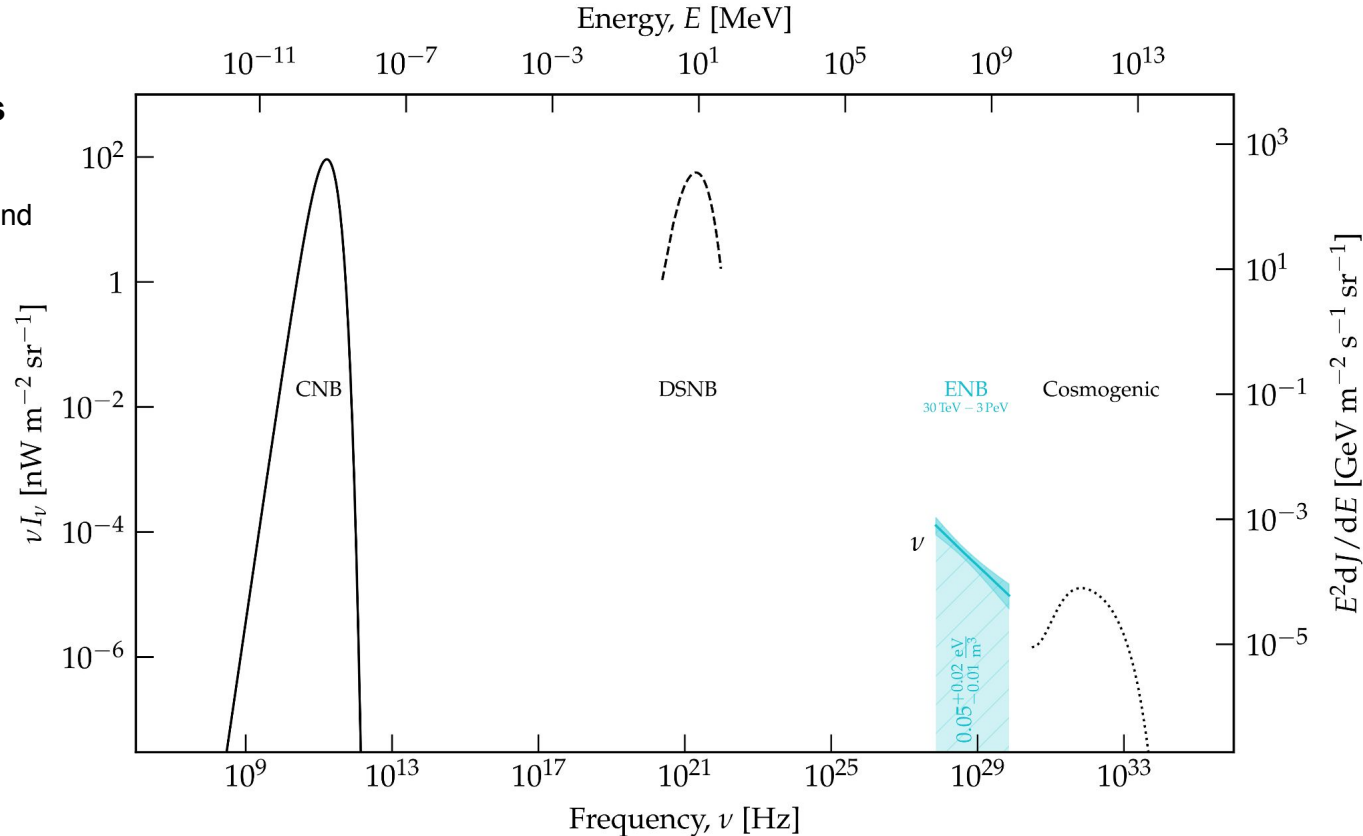


# The spectrum of the universe

## Other neutrino backgrounds

### *Not detected*

- **CNB**: cosmic neutrino background emitted at  $t \sim 1$  s
- **DSNB**: diffuse supernova background
- **Cosmogenic neutrinos**, from the propagation of ultra-high energy cosmic rays



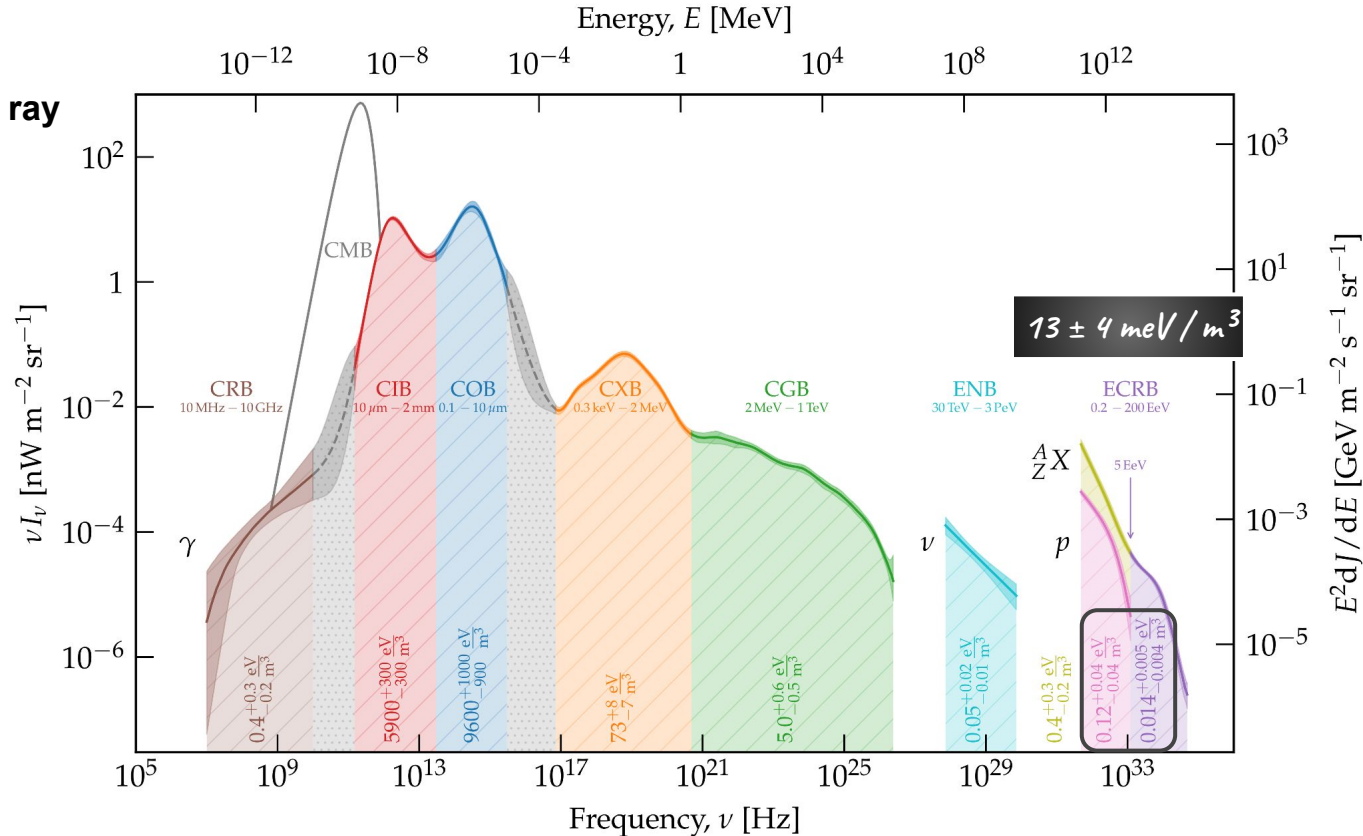
# The spectrum of the universe

## ECRB: extragalactic cosmic ray background

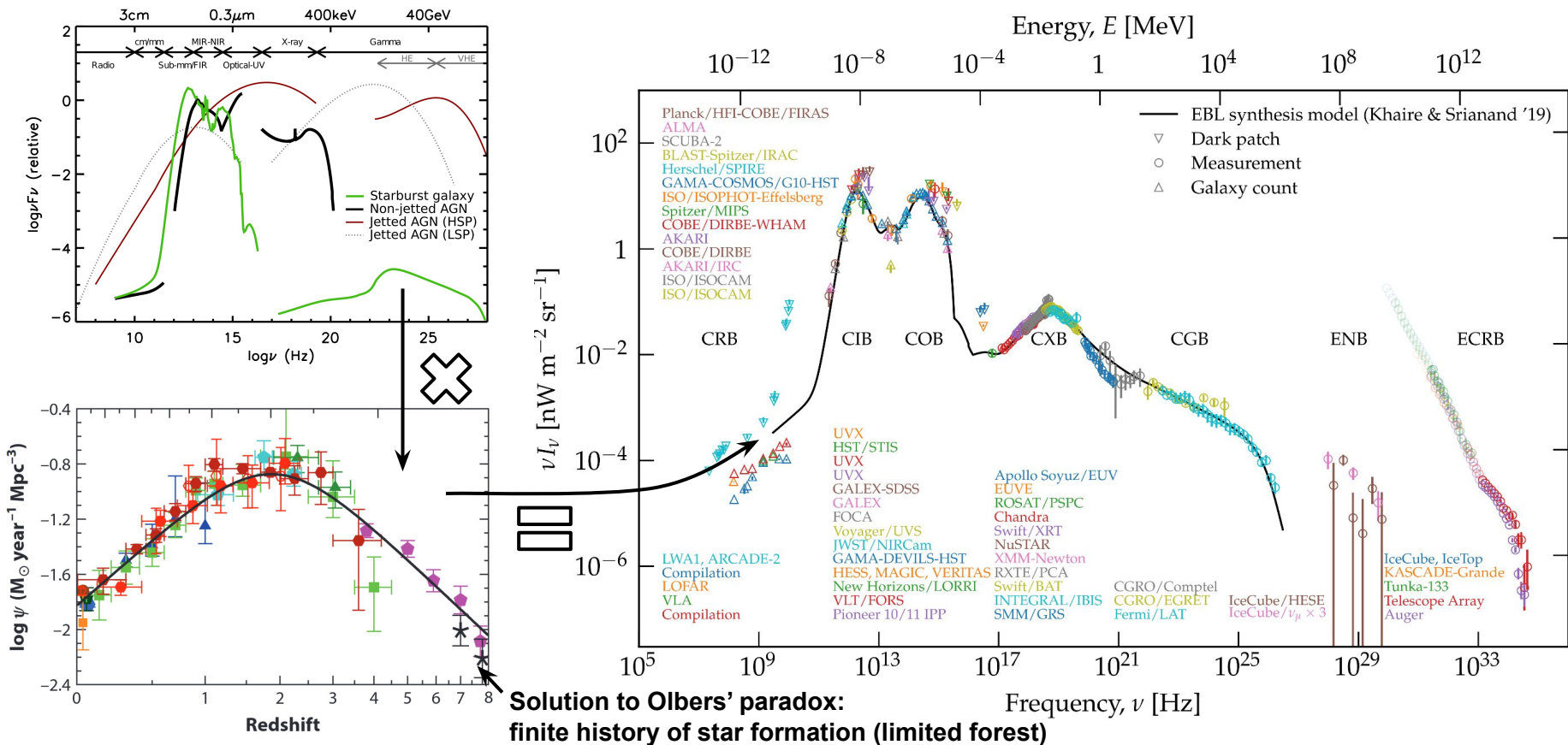
Discovered in 1962.

Extremely low flux:  
1 per year per km<sup>2</sup> over 4π  
above the ankle at 5 EeV.

Dipole in the sky firmly  
detected but no source  
identified (yet!)



# Synthesis models of all galaxies



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**Part I - Baryons and light: where to find them**  
from the cosmic web to the cosmic energy inventory

**Part II - A cosmic history of light emission**  
from the first stars to the current spectrum of the universe

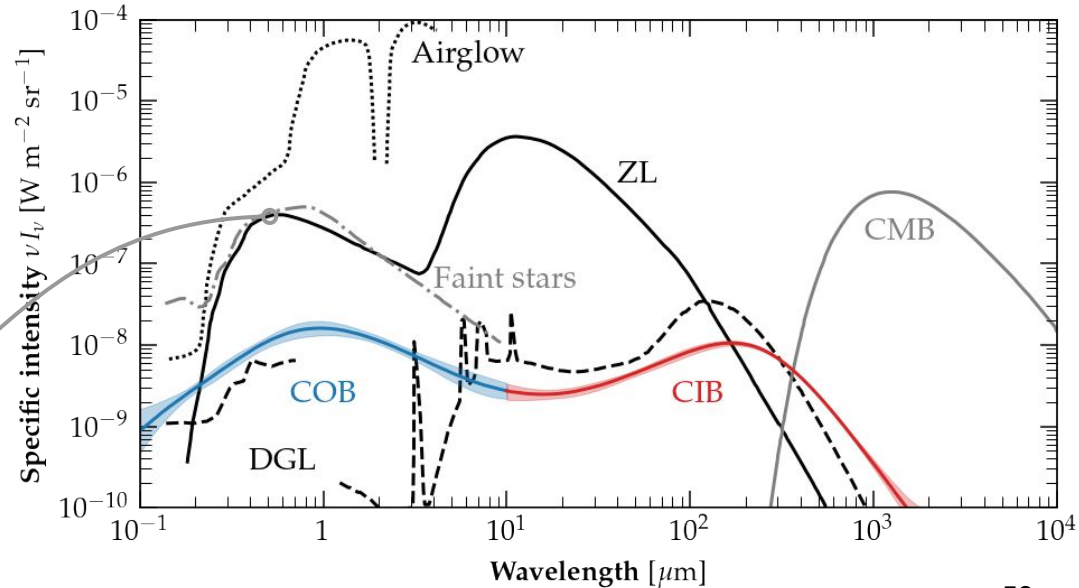
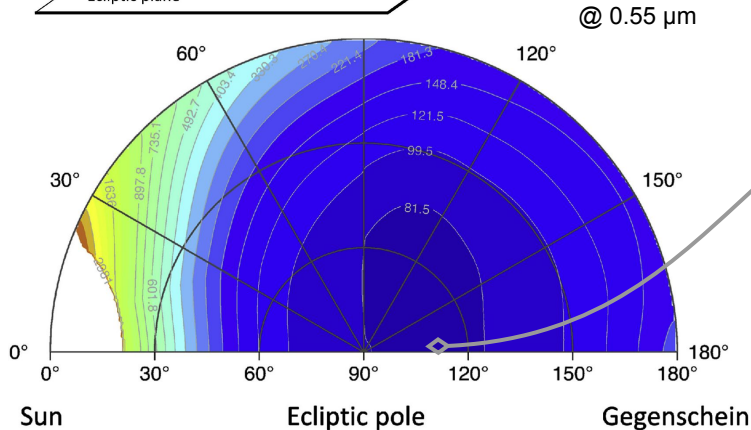
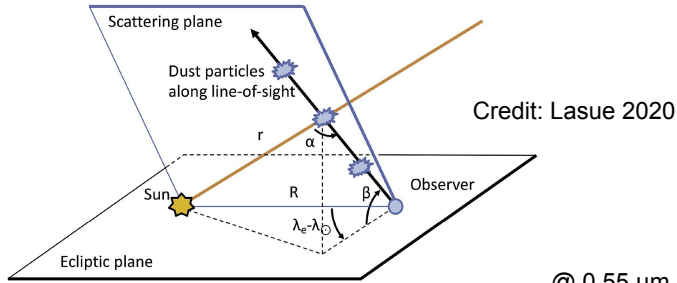
**Part III - The gamma-ray probe**  
gamma-ray propagation on cosmological scales

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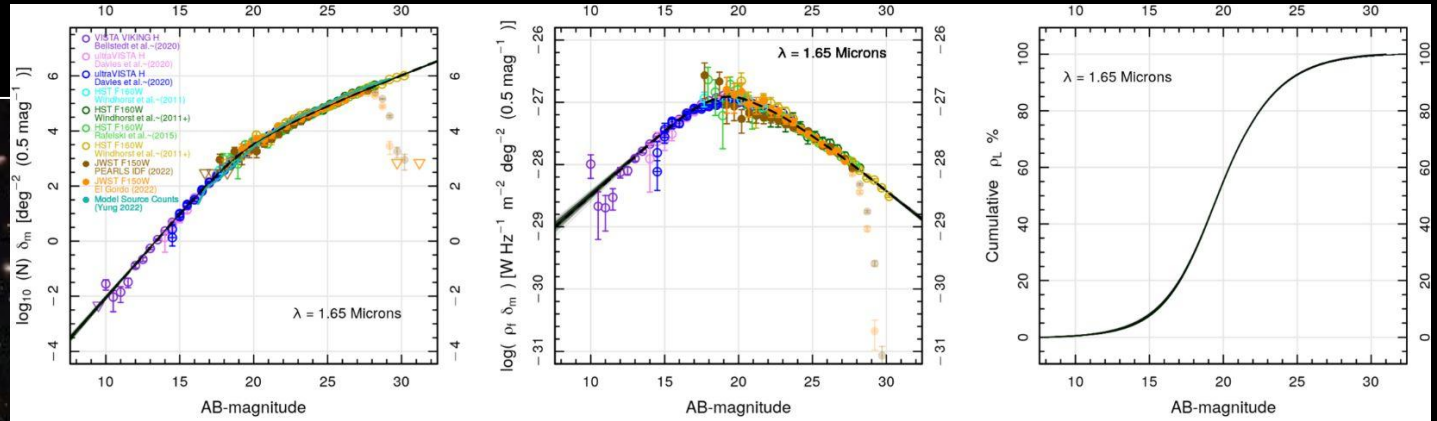
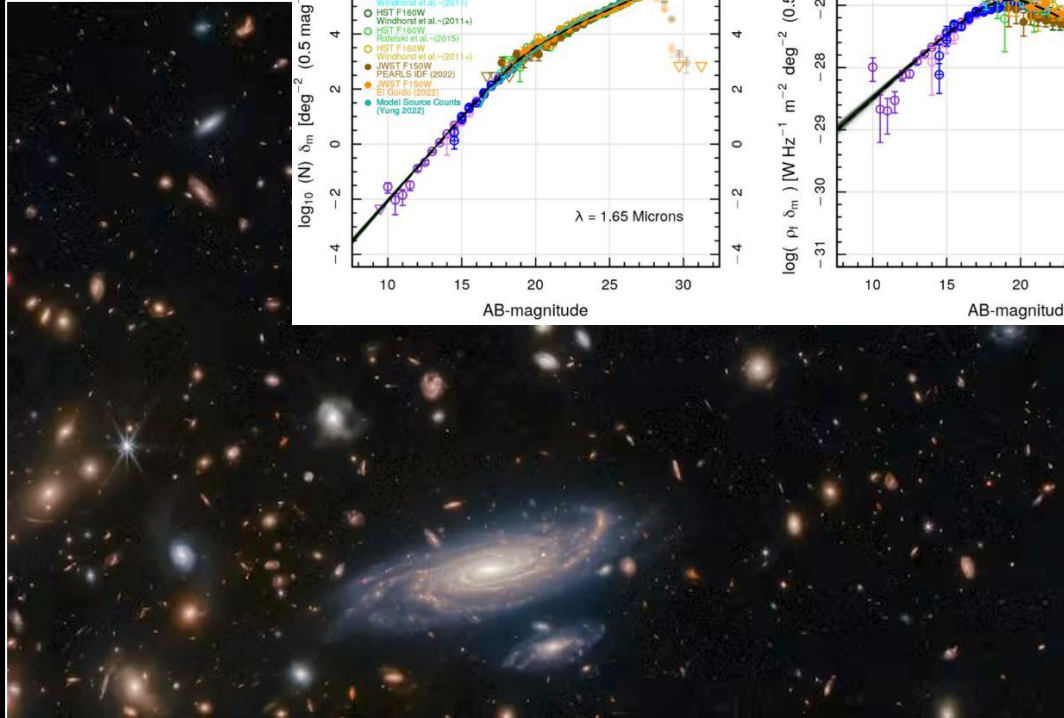
Some useful references: [Fukugita & Peebles '04](#), [Madau & Dickinson '14](#), [Pueschel & Biteau '21](#)

# Contaminants in the O/IR

## Zodiacal light, integrated star light, diffuse galactic light (cirrus)<sup>1</sup>

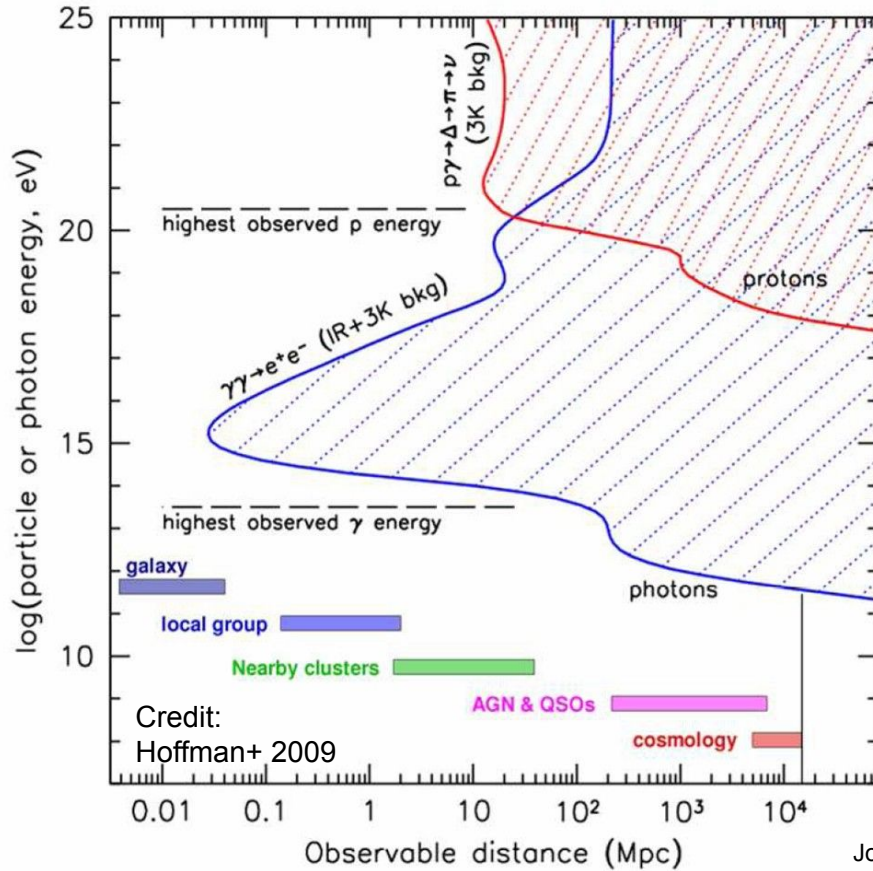


# Integrated galaxy light (galaxy counts)



Windhorst+ '23

# Cosmic propagation of TeV gamma rays and EeV cosmic rays

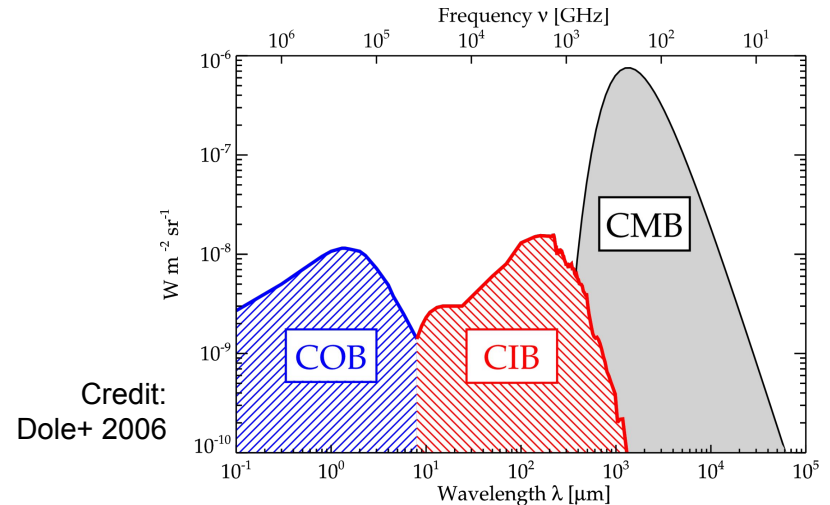


$$p + \gamma(\text{CIB/CMB}) \rightarrow p/n + \pi \text{ (or } p + e^{\pm})$$

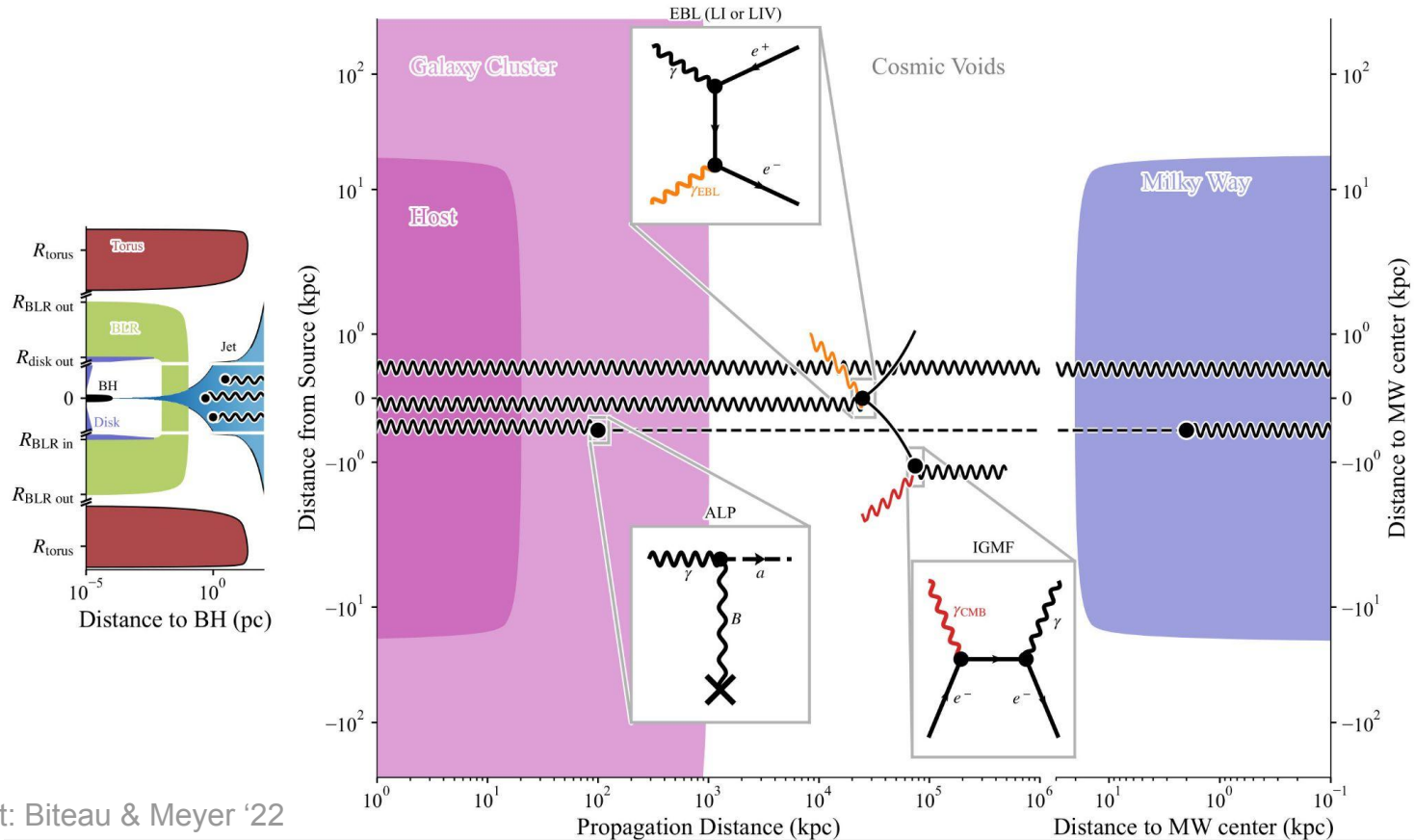
$$\rightarrow 2m_p m_\pi / 4E_{\text{EBL/CMB}} \sim \mathbf{50 \text{ EeV}} \times (\lambda_{\text{CMB/CIB}} / \mathbf{1000 \mu\text{m}})$$

$$\gamma + \gamma(\text{COB/CIB}) \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

$$\rightarrow (2m_e)^2 / 4E_{\text{EBL/CMB}} \sim \mathbf{1 \text{ TeV}} \times (\lambda_{\text{CIB/COB}} / \mathbf{1 \mu\text{m}})$$

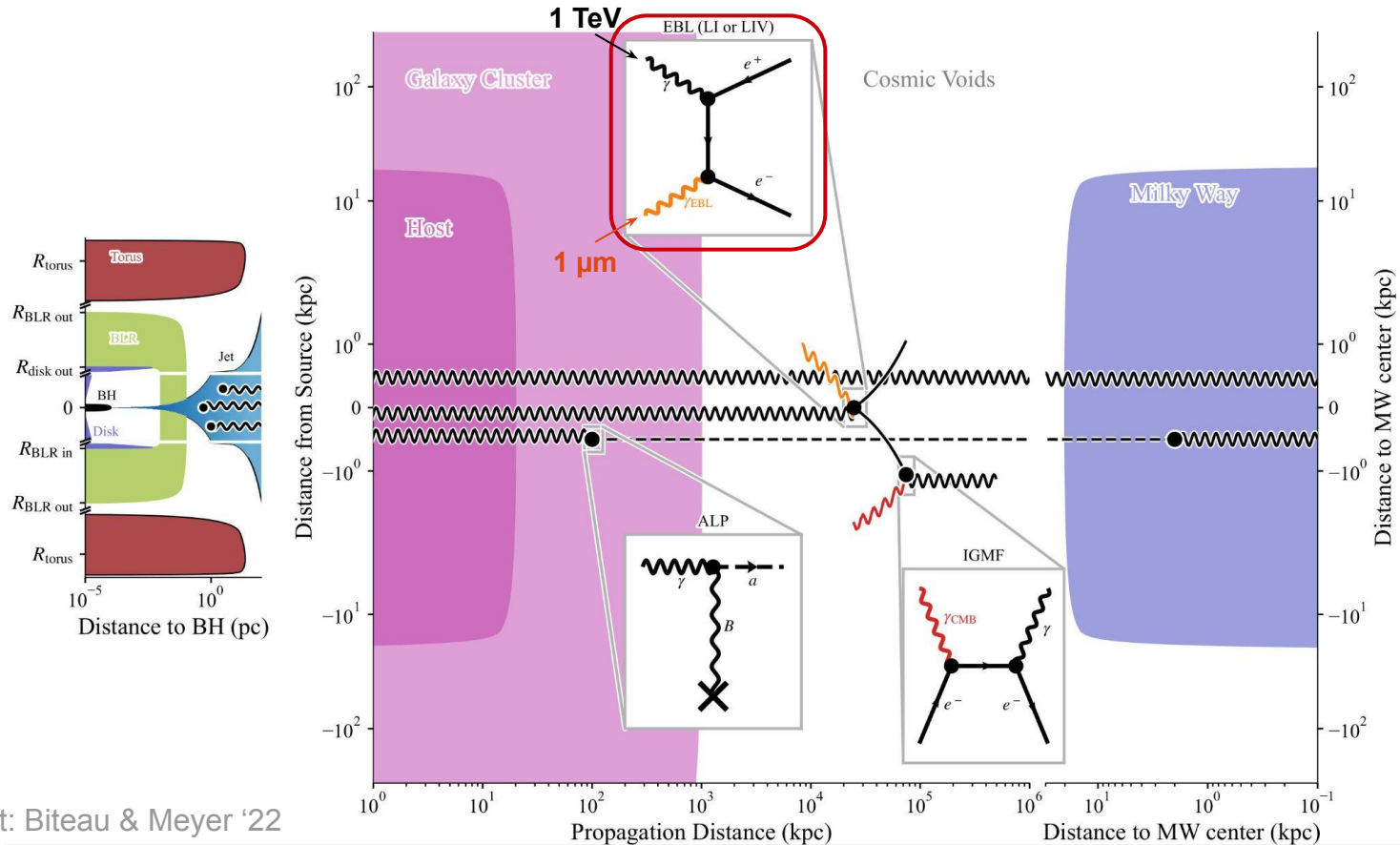


# $\gamma$ -ray propagation from sources down to Earth

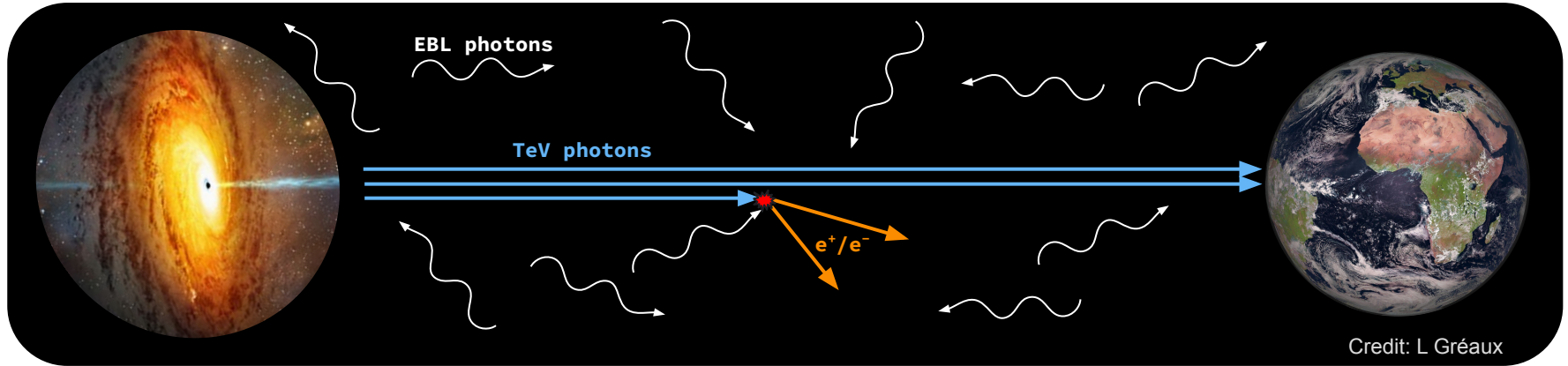




# $\gamma$ -ray propagation from sources down to Earth



# TeV $\gamma$ -ray flux suppression



TeV gamma-ray suppression  $\Phi_{\text{obs}}(E, z) = \Phi_{\text{int}}(E) \times e^{-\tau(E, z)}$

where the **optical depth**  $\tau$  is the integral of the interaction rate (**inverse mean free path**  $\Gamma$ ) over light travel time (**light travel distance**  $L$ ):

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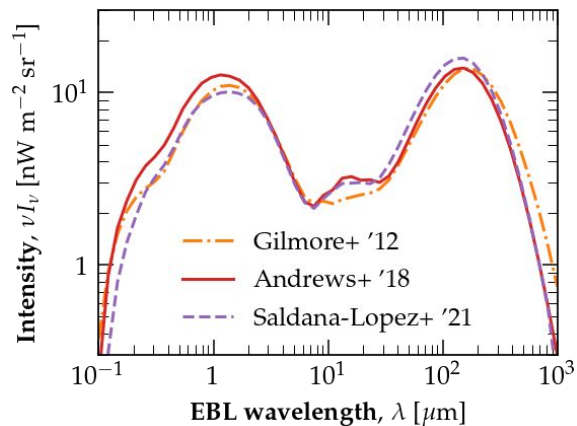
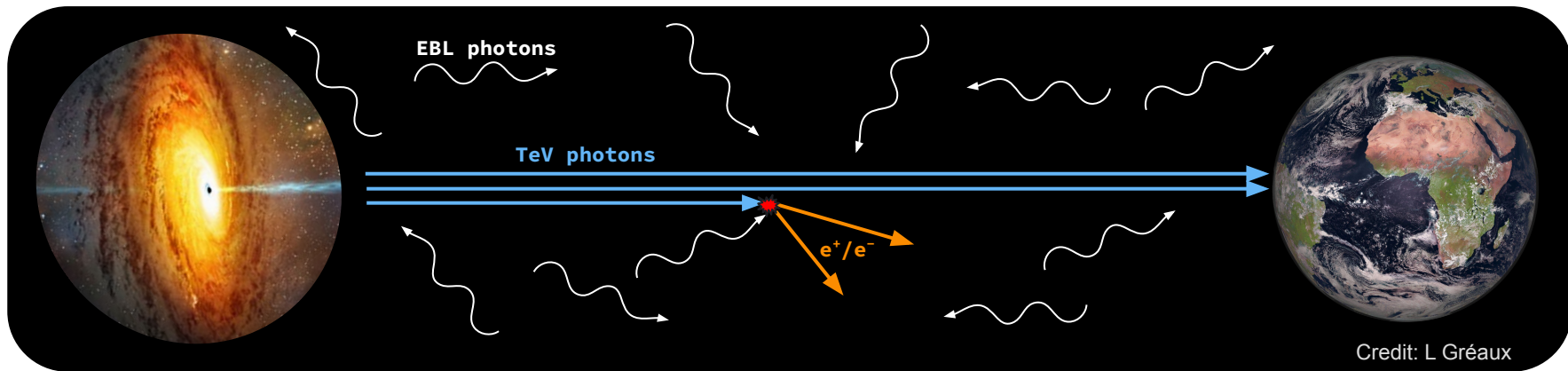
**Light travel distance** given by  $\Lambda$ CDM model  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = \frac{c}{H_0} \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_m(1+z)^3}}$

**Mean free path** given by EBL photon density and Breit-Wheeler cross section ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}^{-1}(E', z) = \int_0^{+\infty} d\epsilon \frac{\partial n}{\partial \epsilon} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \frac{1-\mu}{2} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}[E', \epsilon, \mu]$$

integrated over comoving EBL photon energy  $\epsilon$  and photon-gamma angle  $\theta$ , with  $\mu = 1 - \cos \theta'$

# TeV $\gamma$ -ray flux suppression



## TeV gamma-ray suppression

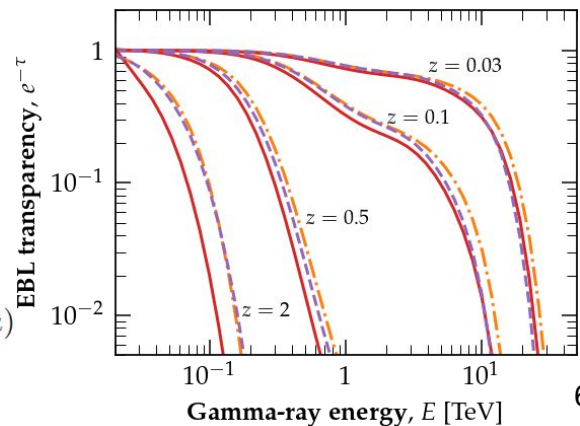
$$\Phi_{\text{obs}} = \Phi_{\text{int}} \times e^{-\tau}$$

with

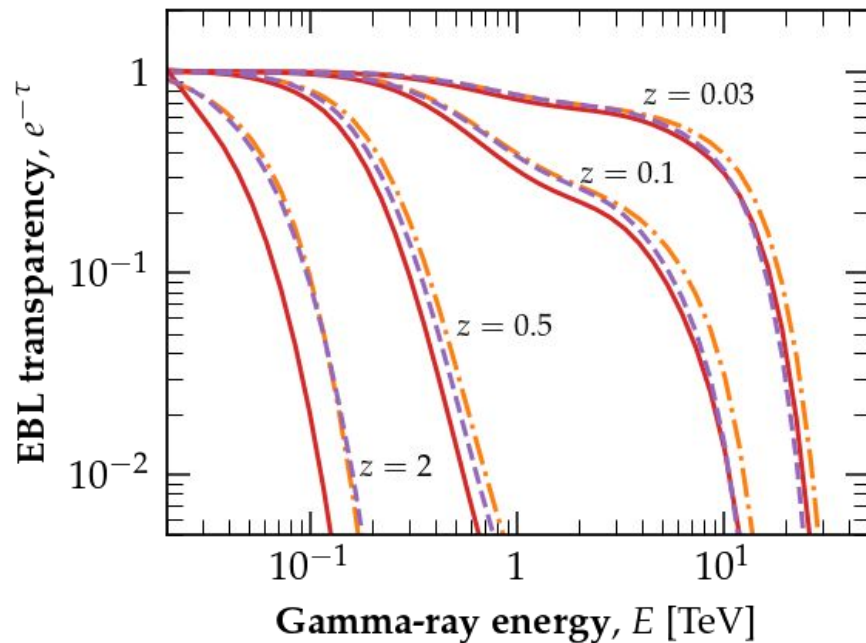
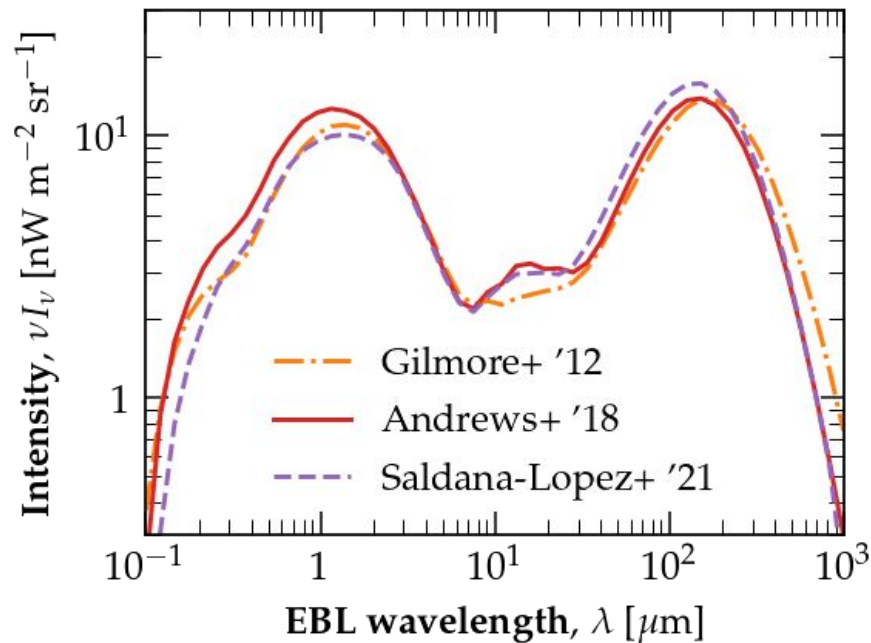
$$\tau(E_\gamma, z_0) = \int_0^{z_0} dz \frac{\partial L}{\partial z}(z) \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{\partial n}{\partial \epsilon}(\epsilon, z)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 d\mu \frac{1-\mu}{2} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(E_\gamma(1+z), \epsilon, \mu)$$

Jonathan Biteau



# TeV $\gamma$ -ray flux suppression



# How do I account for it?

Q Search the docs ...

Gammapy analysis workflow and package structure

How To

## Model gallery

Constant spatial model

Disk spatial model

Gaussian spatial model

Generalized gaussian spatial model

Piecewise norm spatial model

Point spatial model

Shell spatial model

Shell2 spatial model

Template spatial model

**EBL absorption spectral model**

Broken power law spectral model

Compound spectral model

Constant spectral model

Exponential cutoff power law spectral model

Exponential cutoff power law spectral model used for 3FGL

Exponential cutoff power law norm spectral model

Gaussian spectral model

Log parabola spectral model

## Note

Go to the end to download the full example code or to run this example in your browser via Binder

## EBL absorption spectral model

This model evaluates absorbed spectral model.

The **EBL** absorption factor given by

$$\exp(-\alpha \times \tau(E, z))$$

where  $\tau(E, z)$  is the optical depth predicted by the model (`EBLAbsorptionNormSpectralModel`), which depends on the energy of the gamma-rays and the redshift  $z$  of the source, and  $\alpha$  is a scale factor (default: 1) for the optical depth.

The available **EBL** models are defined in `EBL_DATA_BUILTIN`.

## Example plot

Here is an example plot of the model:

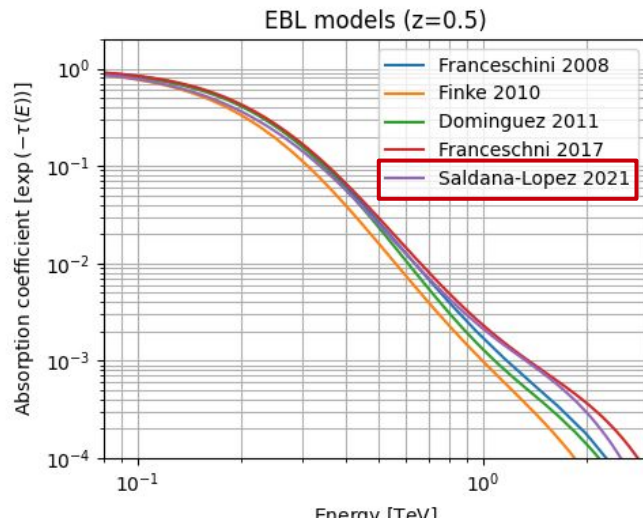
```
from astropy import units as u
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from gammapy.modeling.models import (
    EBL_DATA_BUILTIN,
    EBLAbsorptionNormSpectralModel,
    Models,
    PowerLawSpectralModel,
    SkyModel,
)
```

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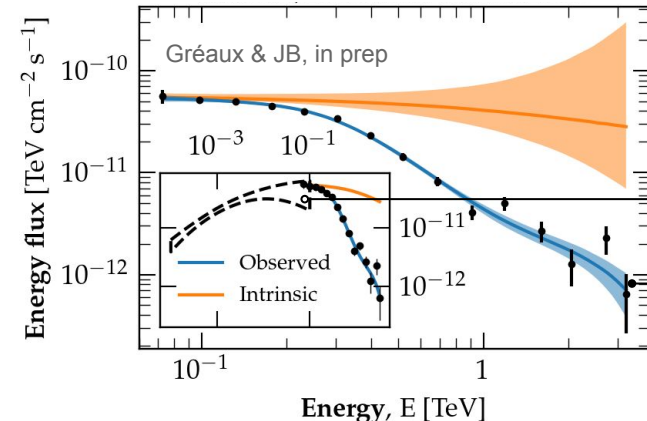
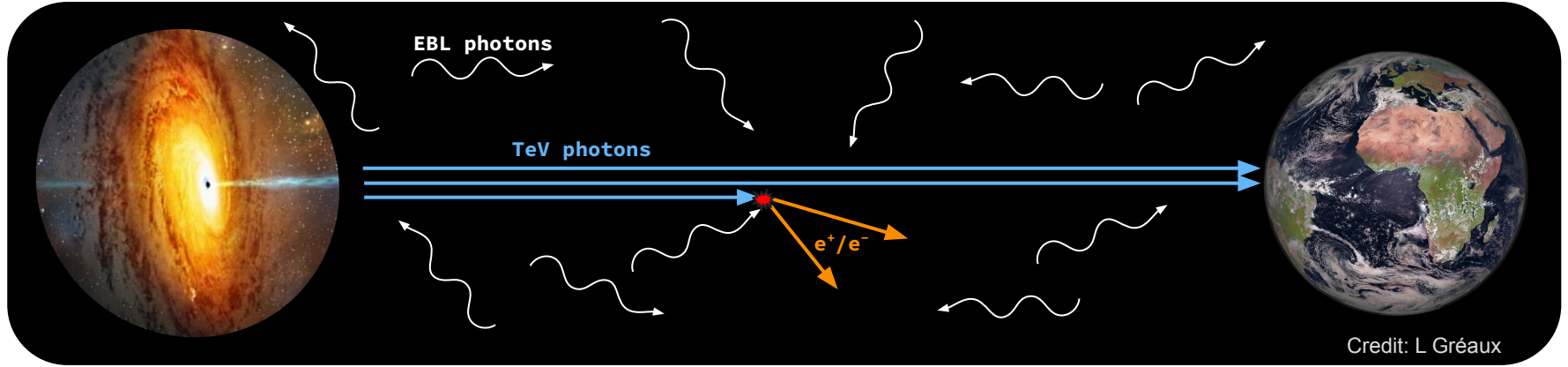
Example plot

YAML representation

GammaPy tutorial at [this link](#)



# TeV $\gamma$ -ray flux suppression



## TeV gamma-ray suppression

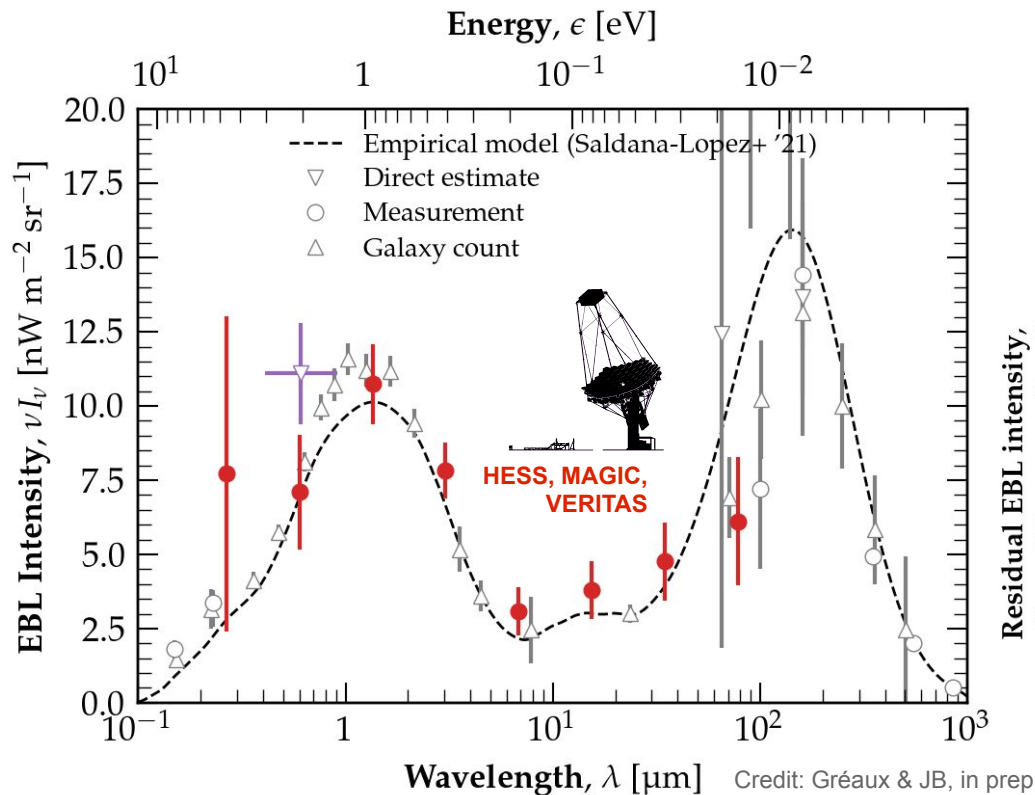
$$\Phi_{\text{obs}} = \Phi_{\text{int}} \times e^{-\tau}$$

with *Fermi*-LAT  
(GeV range)

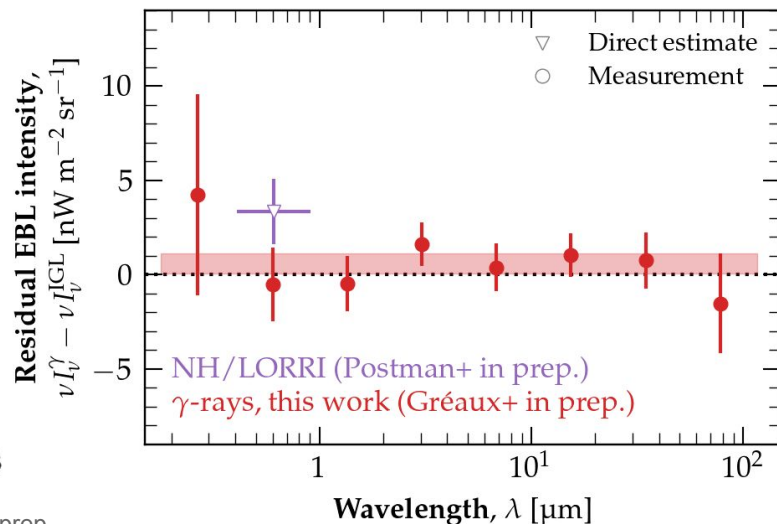
HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS  
(TeV range)



# New $\gamma$ -ray reconstruction of the COB and CIB

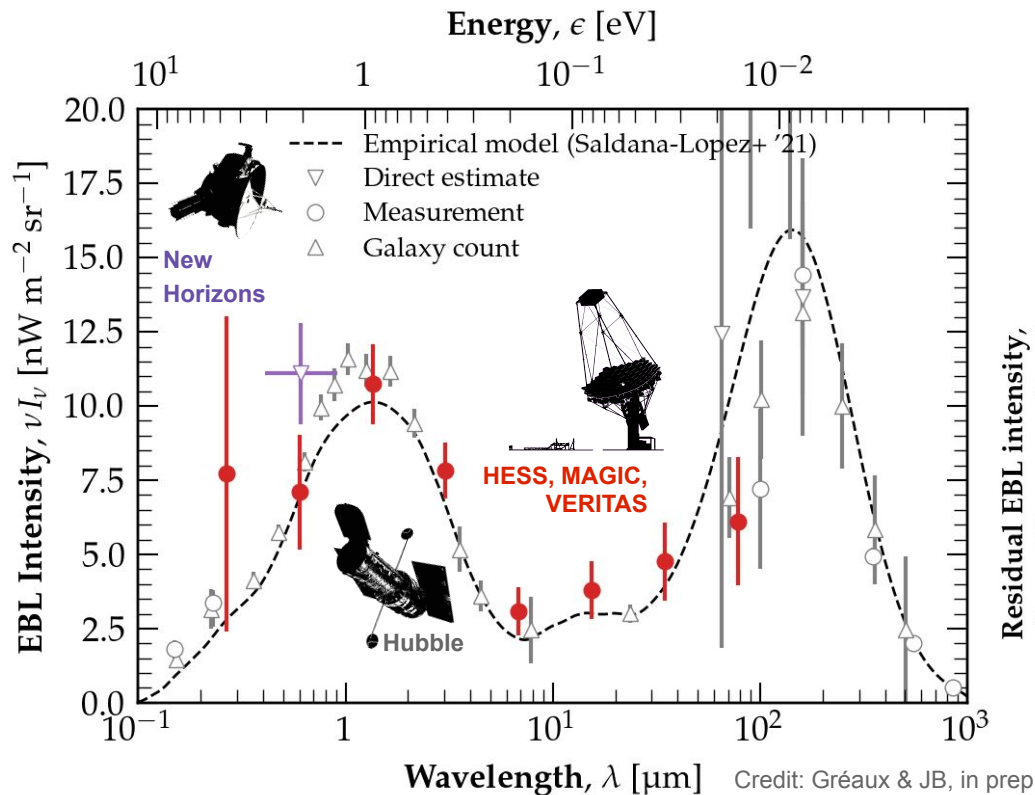


Combining the info from hundreds of  
TeV spectra from HESS/MAGIC/VERITAS



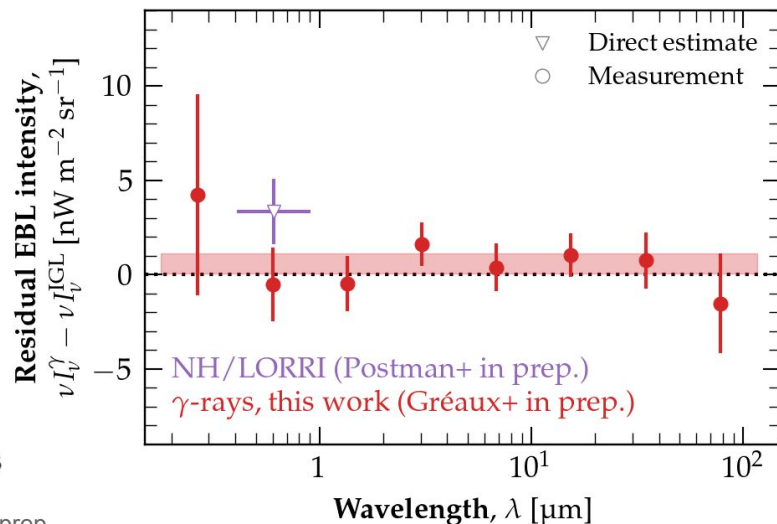


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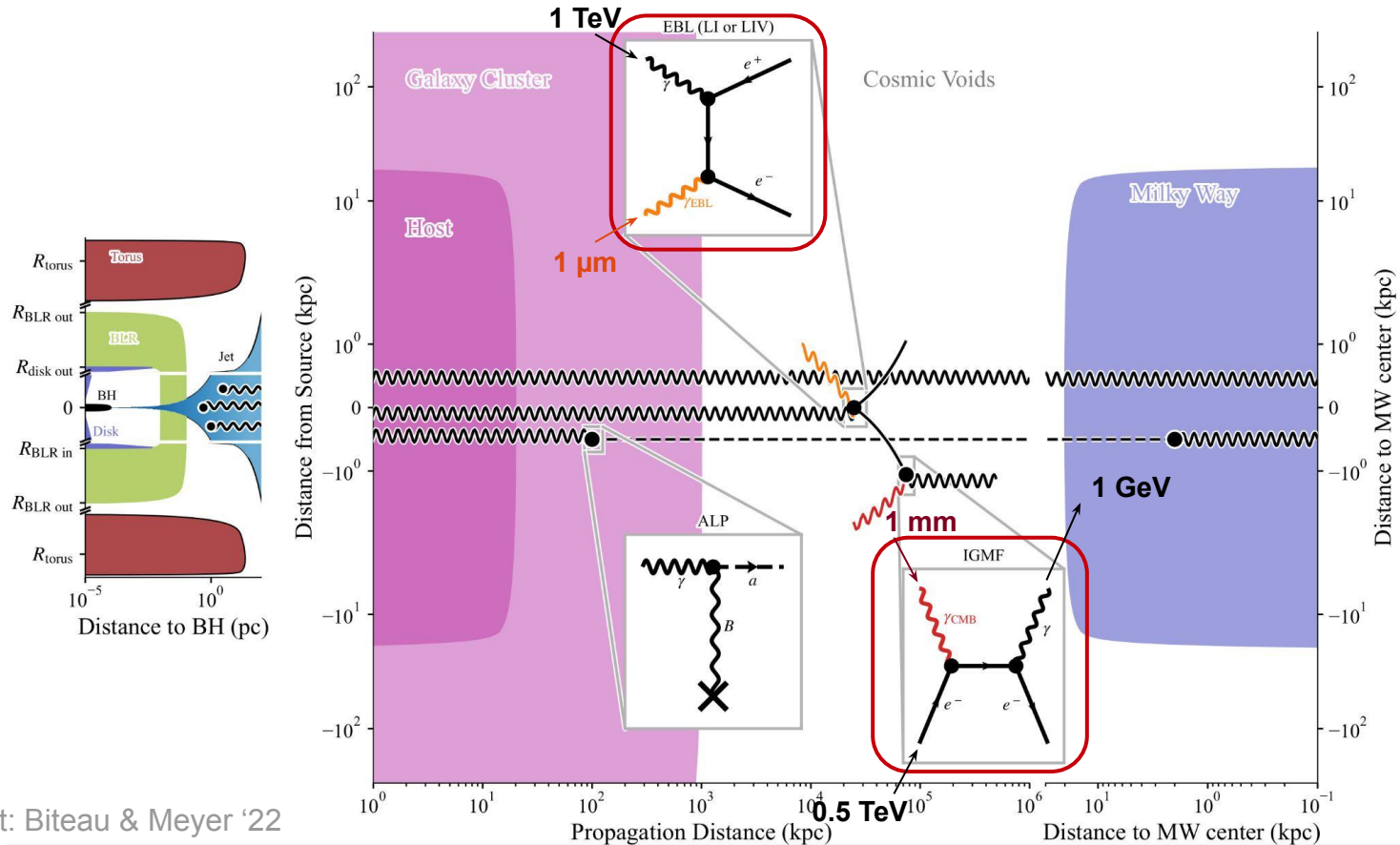


**Good match: probe of  $H_0$**

as  $\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \propto I_{\text{EBL}} \times c / H_0 = (1+f_{\text{diff}}) \times I_{\text{IGL}} \times c / H_0$



# $\gamma$ -ray propagation from sources down to Earth



# Absence of secondary signal

## Discovery of extreme TeV blazars in 2006

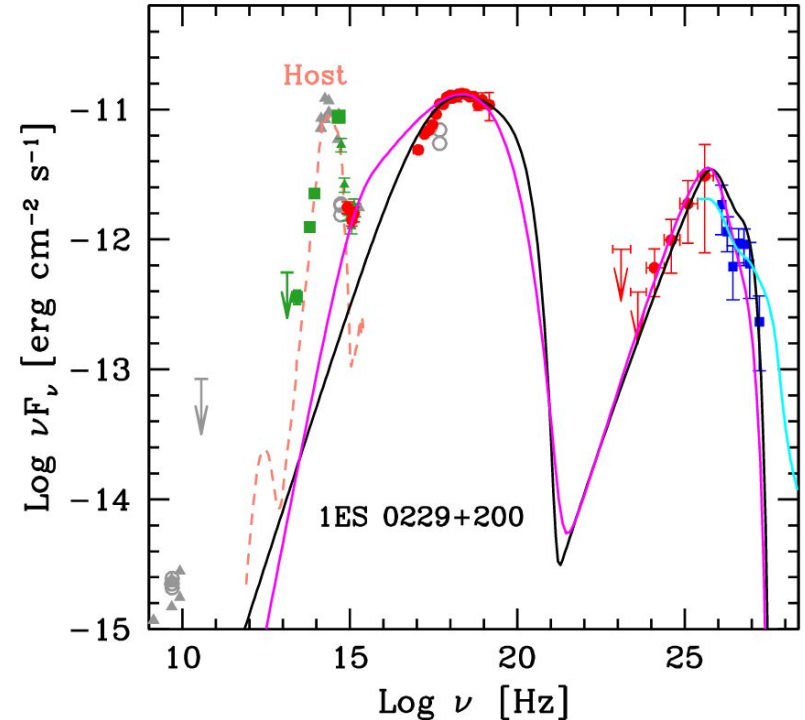
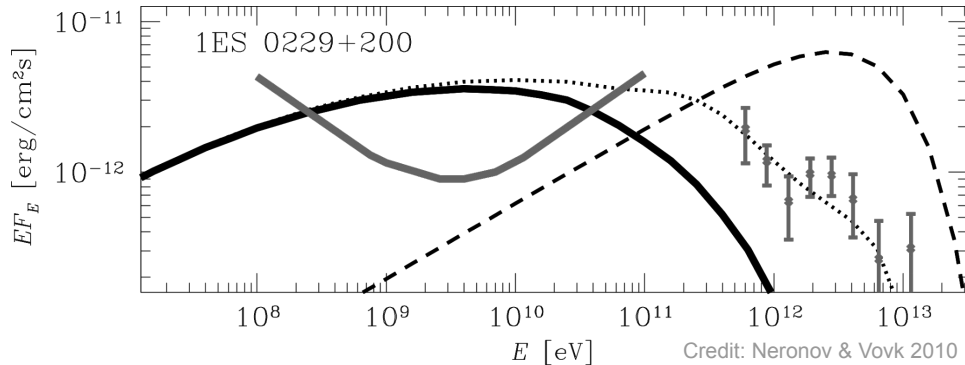
Hard TeV photon spectrum when corrected for absorption

Intrinsic emission expected to be faint in the GeV band

## Reprocessed emission?

None in 2010 within point spread function

⇒ **minimum  $B$ -field needed to spread out the signal**

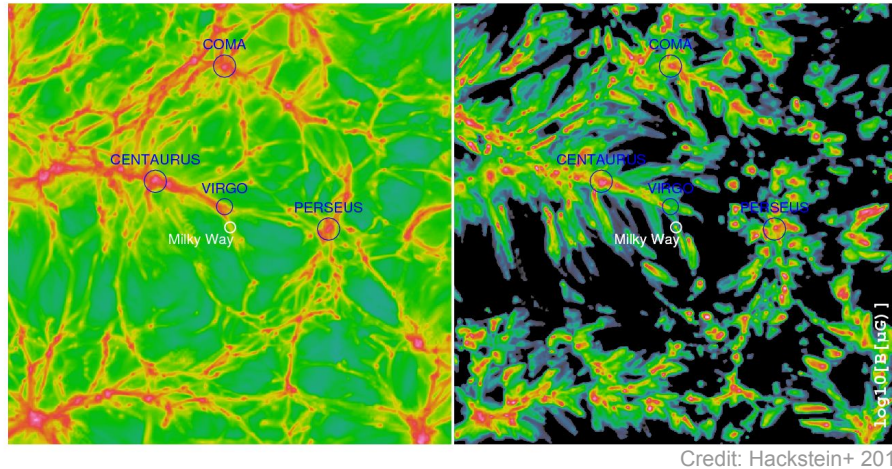


# Magnetic fields in voids

## Status and expectations

Current-generation (GeV+TeV - TeV extension):  $B > 10\text{-}100$  fG

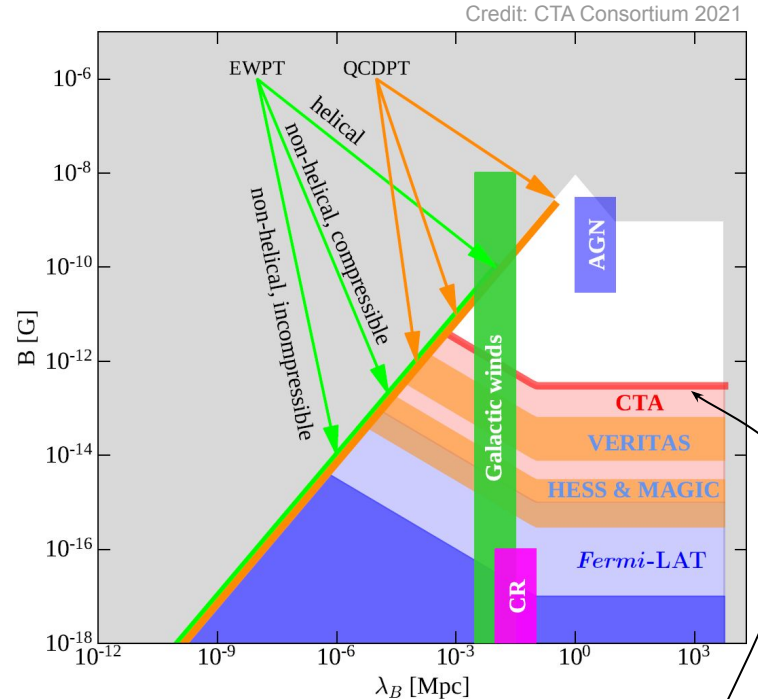
$5\sigma$  CTA-discovery potential up to 300 fG



Primordial origin simulation  
 $B(\text{void}) < 1$  nG

Astrophysical origin simulation  
 $B(\text{void}) < 1$  pG

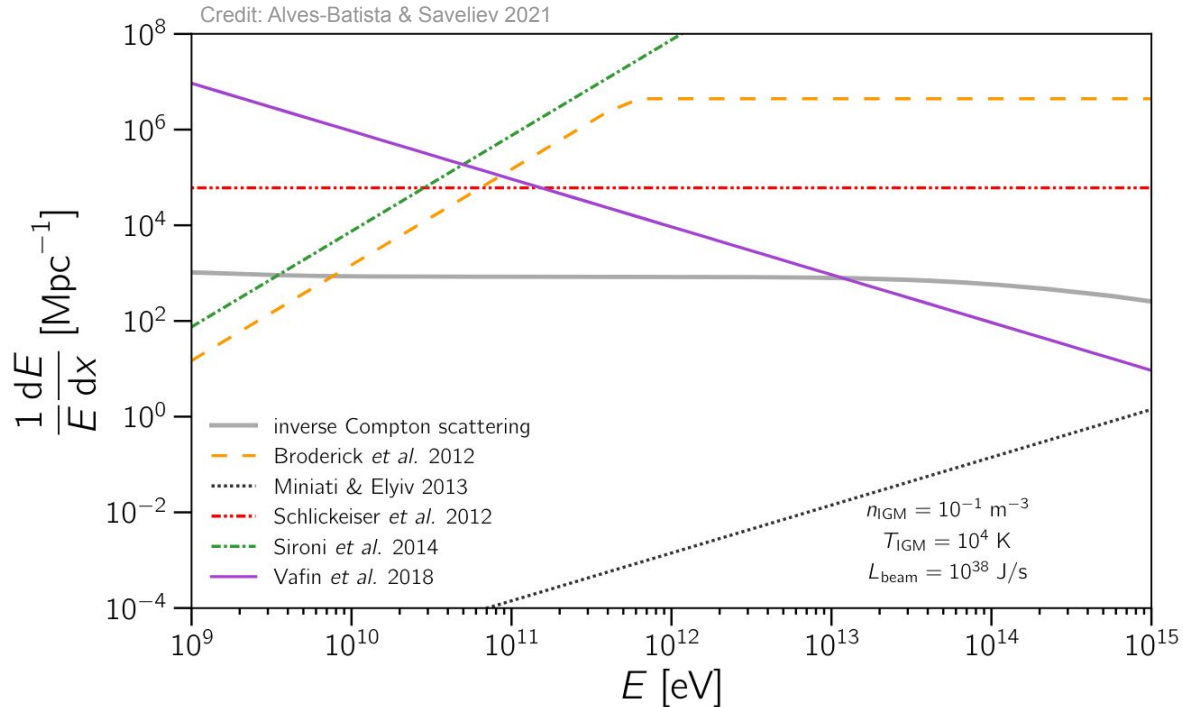
**In practice... largely unknown!**



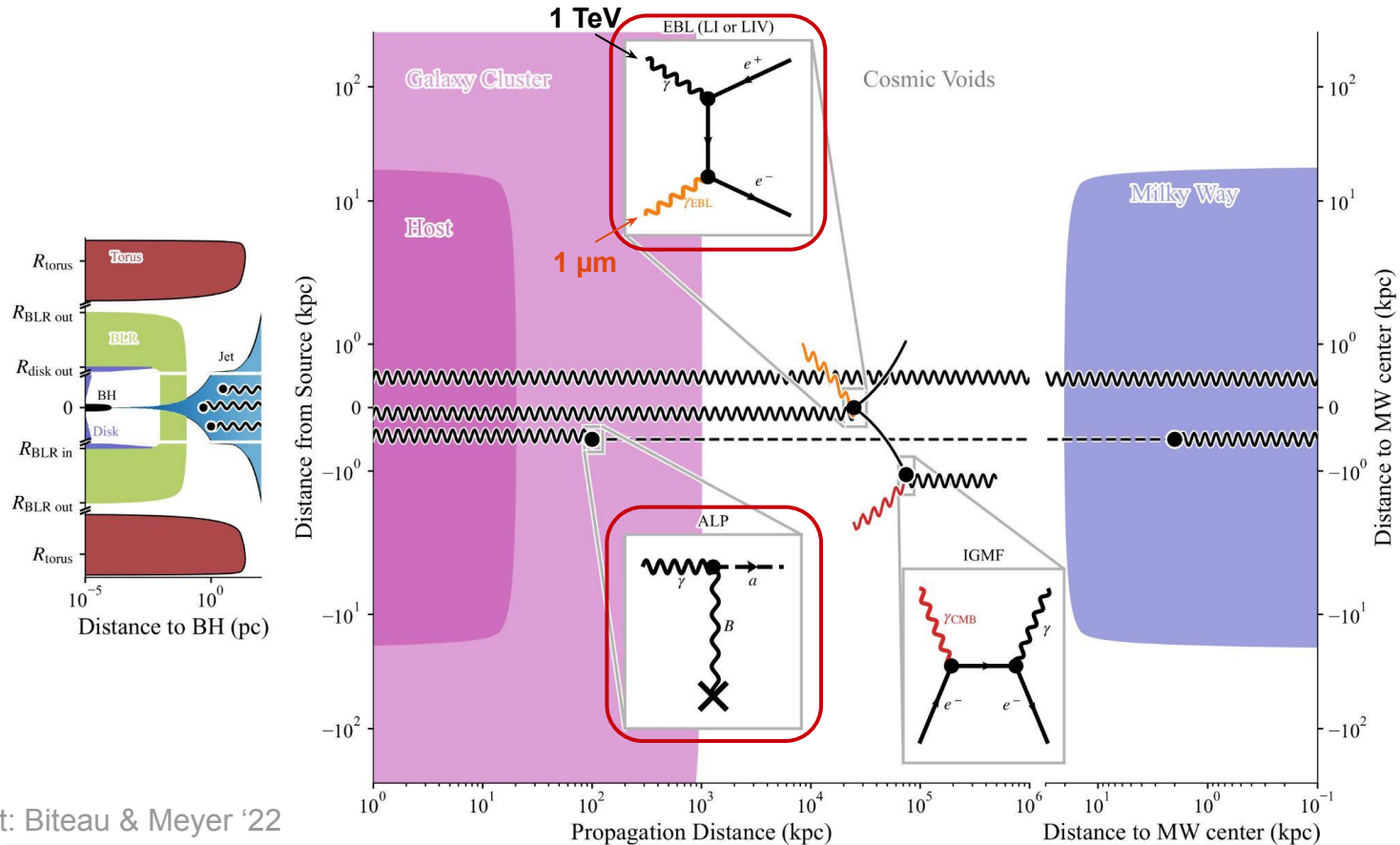
1ES 0229+200 ( $z=0.14$ ) up to  $E_{\text{cut}} = 10$  TeV,  
50h of CTAO-North to reach  $5\sigma$

# Alternative cooling

Plasma instabilities faster than inverse Compton? Energy-loss? Diffusion?



# $\gamma$ -ray propagation from sources down to Earth

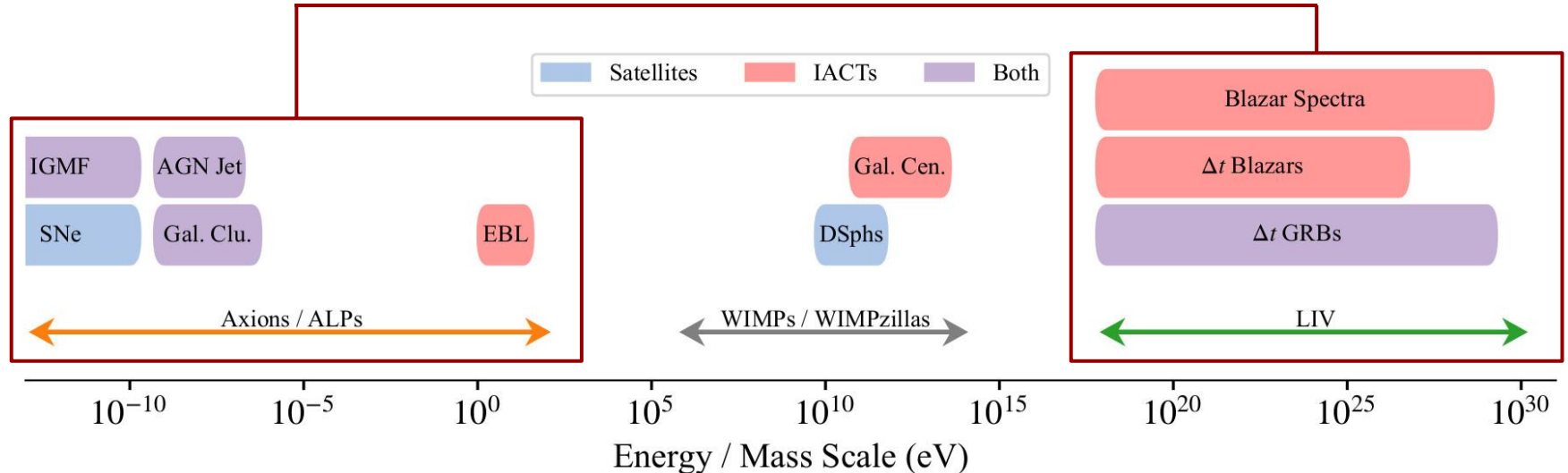


# Open questions: fundamental physics

## Dark matter: what is that? Theories beyond QFT and GR: is there anything to observe?

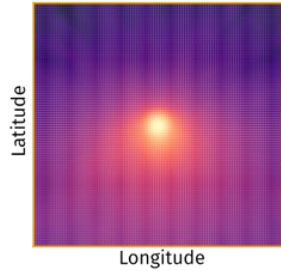
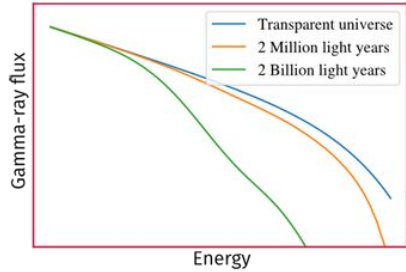
- Top-down processes (*heavy axion-like particles* / \*or WIMPs\*): decay / \*or self annihilation\* / into photons
- Mixing with light axion-like particles (ALP): CTAO starts probing ALP dark-matter parameter space (CTA 2021)
- LIV linearly modified dispersion relation (CPT-odd): Planck scale  $\sim$ excluded by spectra &  $\Delta t$ !

probed by gamma-ray propagation

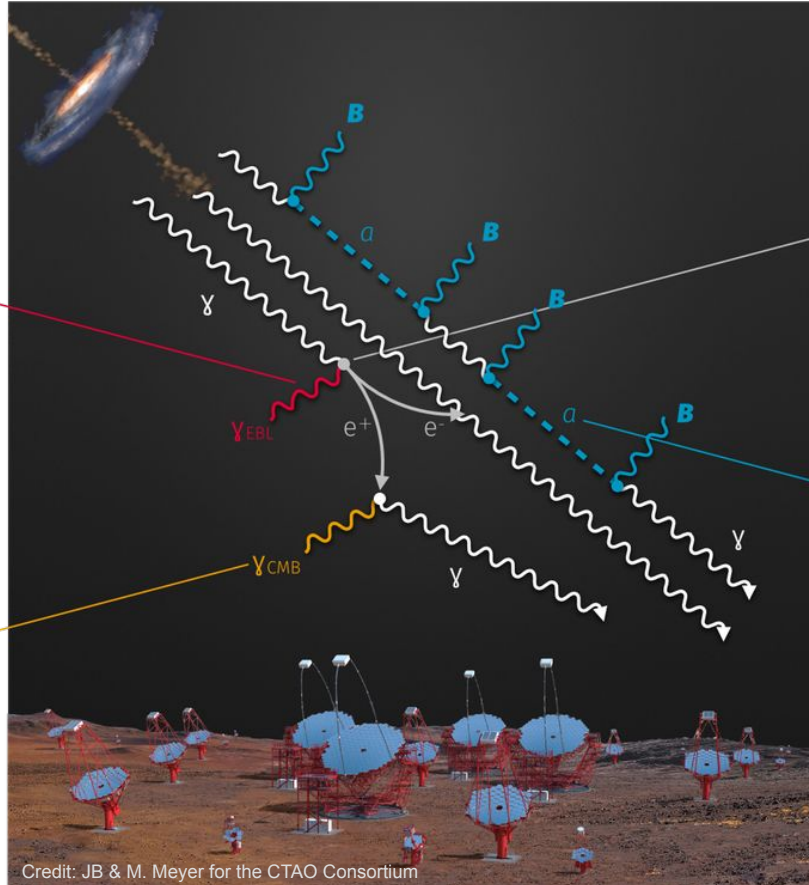


# Conclusion: $\gamma$ -ray cosmology with CTAO

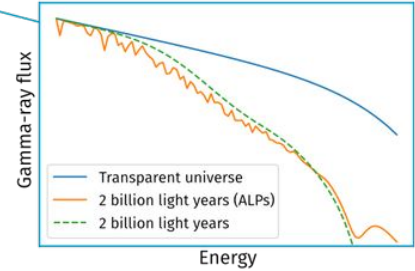
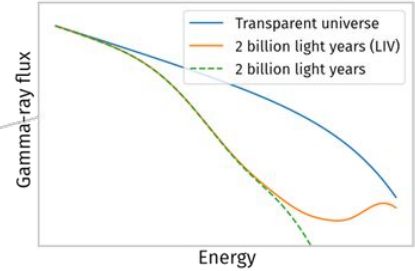
All optical light  
in the universe!



Plasma and B-fields  
in cosmic voids?



Quantum gravity  
at test?



Super-light dark-matter  
candidates?

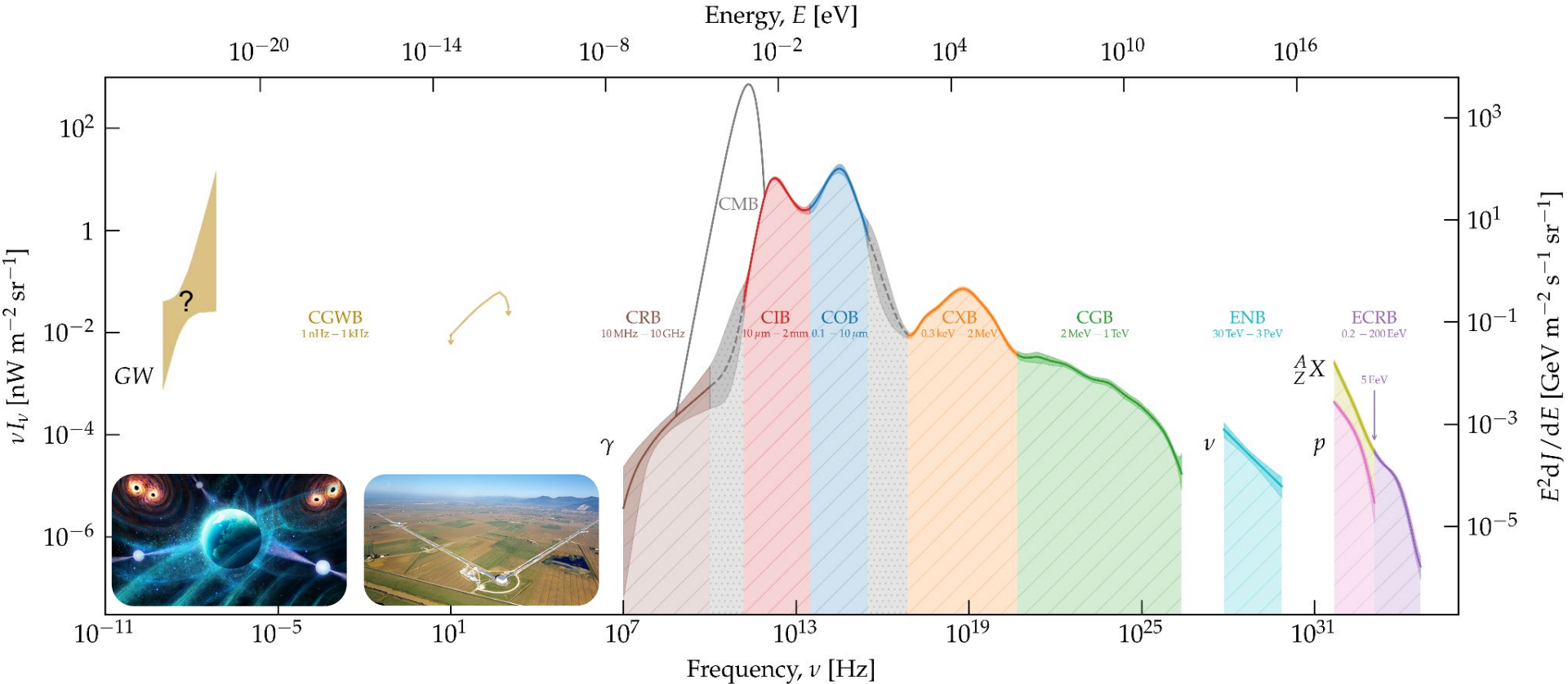


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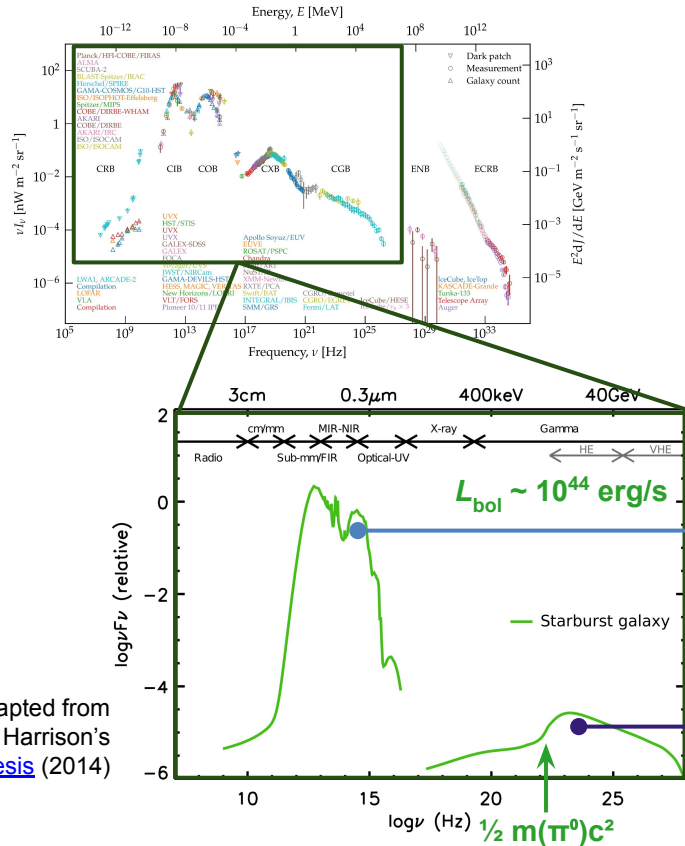
# Backup

# III. Multi-messenger emissions on cosmic scales

## 2. The spectrum of the universe

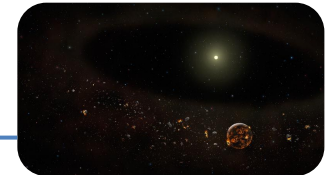


# Power source #1: Star formation



Adapted from  
C. Harrison's  
[thesis](#) (2014)

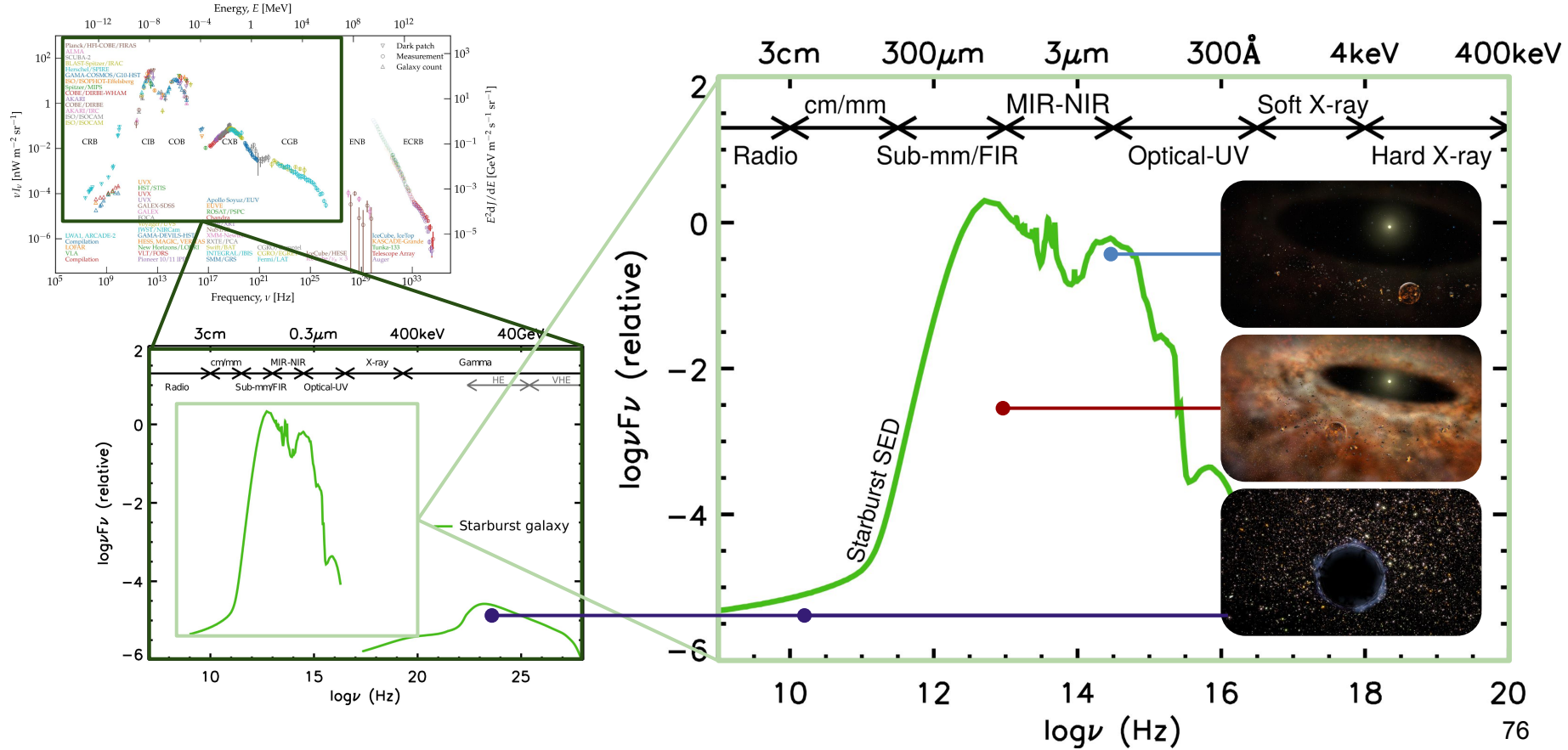
Light-weight long-lived stars  
Credit: Gemini Obs./AURA/Cook



Massive short-lived stars  
Credit: NASA/ESA/Bacon (STScI)

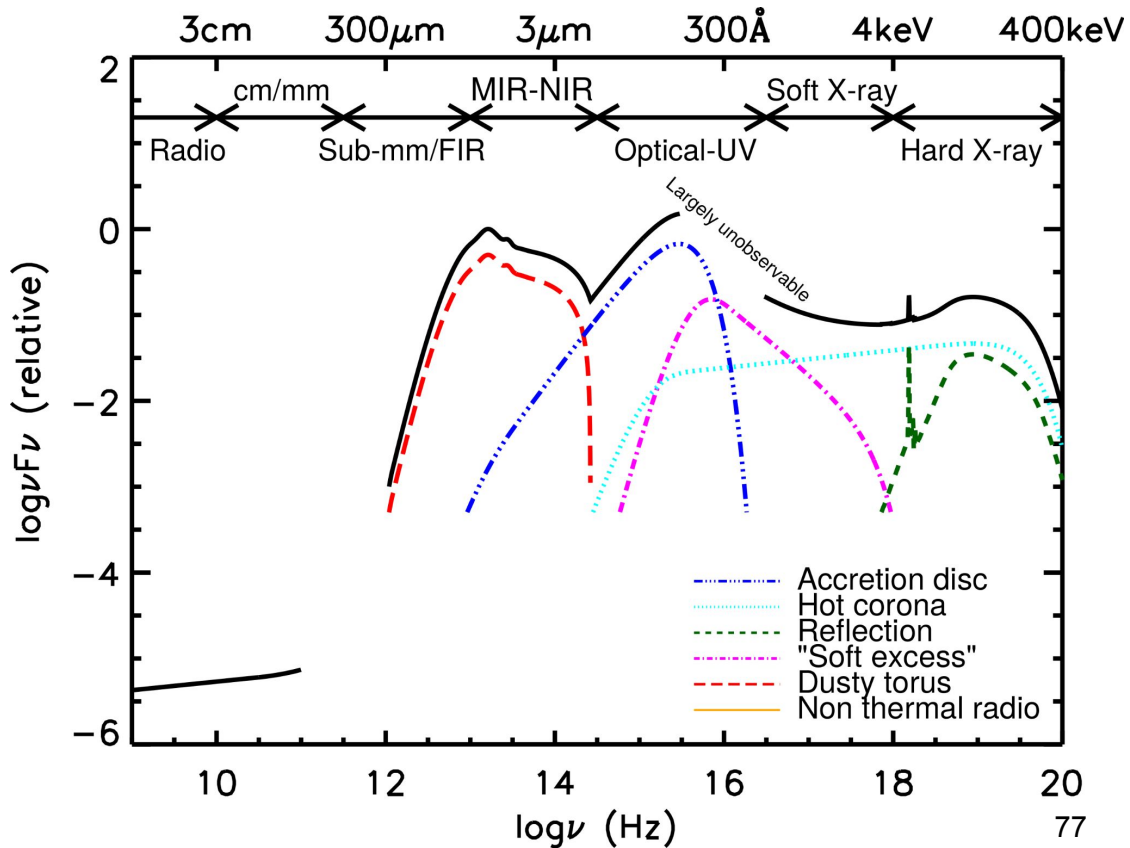
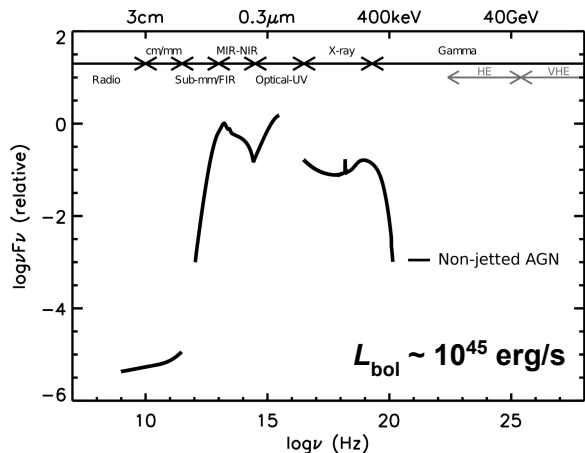
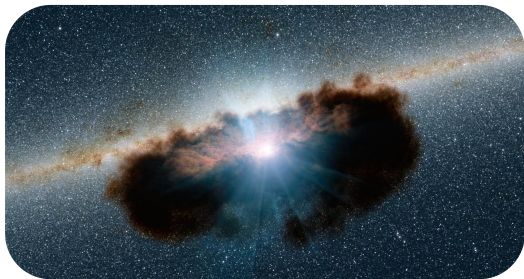


# Power source #1: Star formation



# Power source #2: Supermassive black-hole accretion

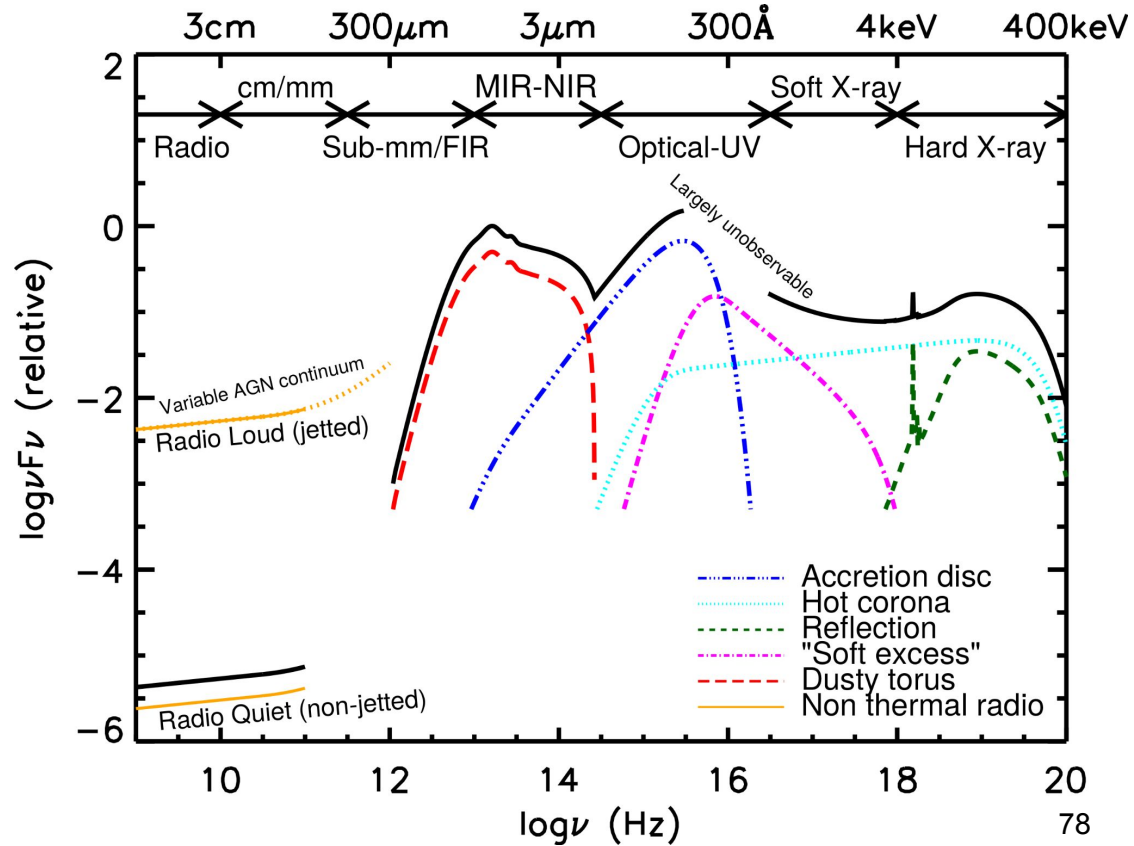
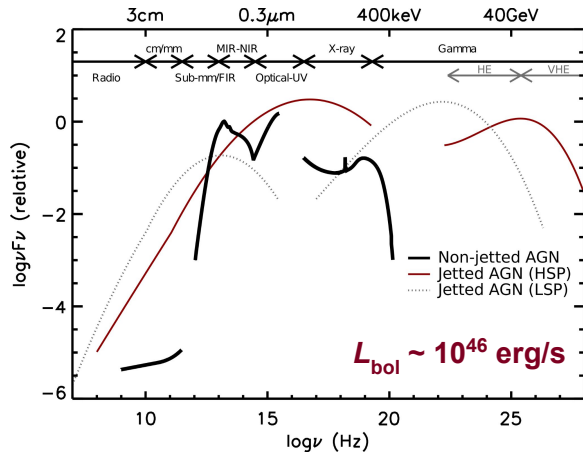
Non-jetted AGN  
Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech



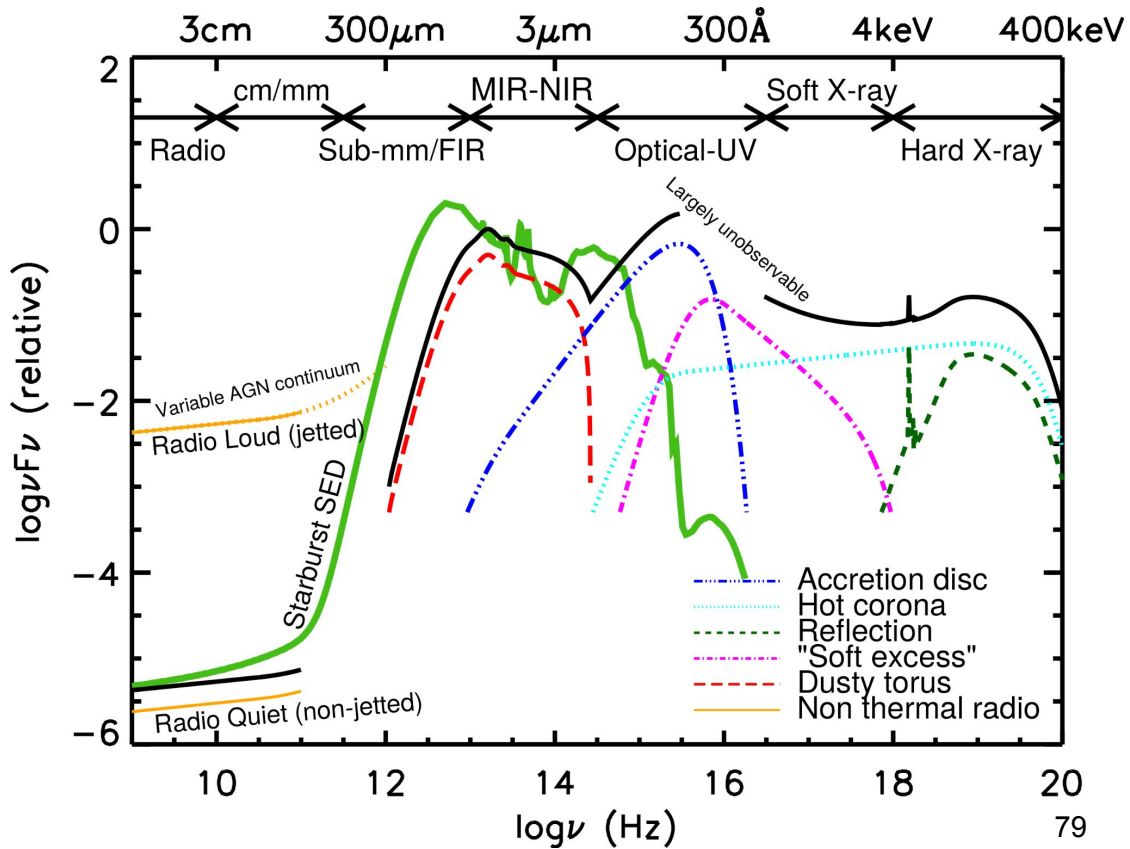
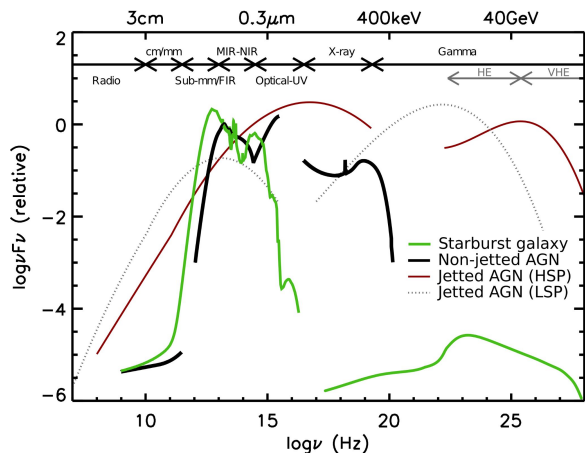
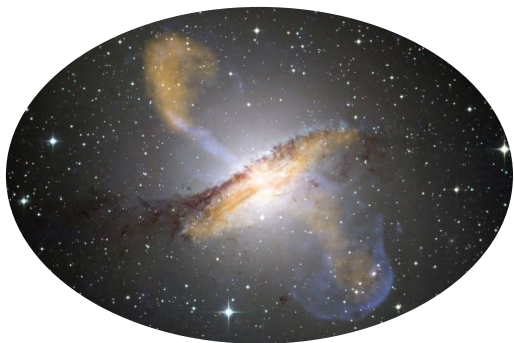
# Power source #3: Supermassive black-hole ejection

## Jetted AGN

Credit: ESA/NASA/AVO/Padovani

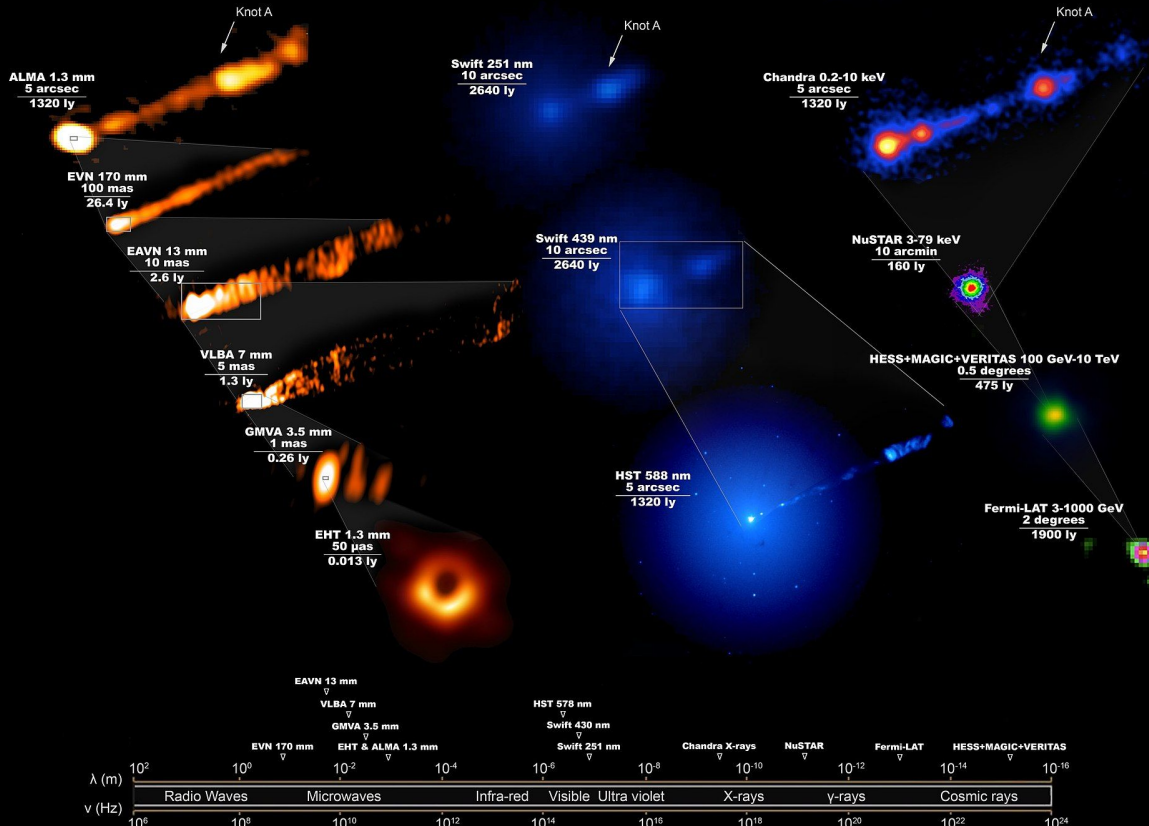


# In some galaxies: star-formation + black-hole activity!

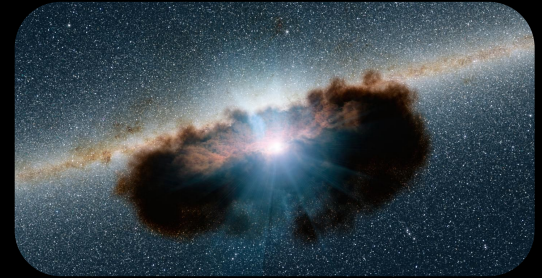


# II. Cosmic-scale engines behind astrophysical emissions

## 3. Ejection



Non-jetted AGN → 90%  
Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech



Jetted AGN → 10%  
Credit: ESA/NASA/AVO/Padovani

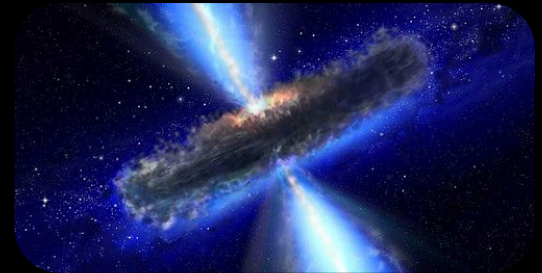


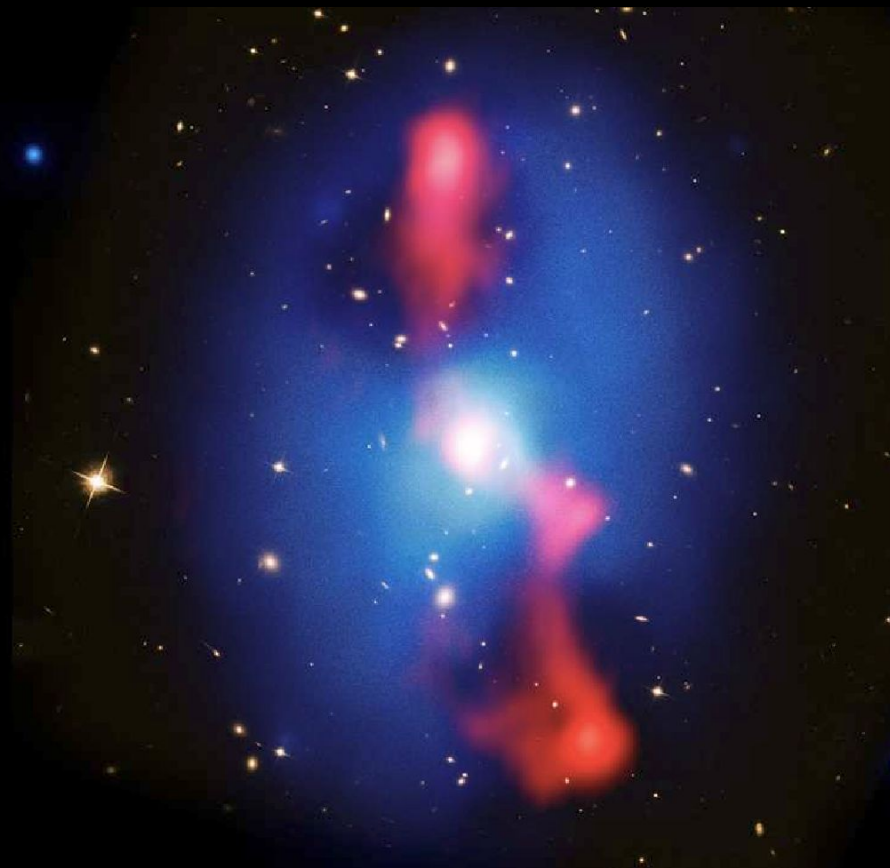
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## II. Cosmic-scale engines behind astrophysical emissions

### 3. Ejection

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Radio

Mass-energy from accretion injected into jet kinetic energy  
 $\sim 0.5\%$

X-rays

See Merloni & Heinz, '08

Optical

Jet kinetic energy to radiation  $\sim 10\%$

for active galactic nuclei,  
gamma-ray bursts,  
microquasars  
(see next course)

Galaxy cluster

MS 0735.6+7421

# II. Cosmic-scale engines behind astrophysical emissions

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### **Exercise 4. Cosmic energy density of photons from jets**

1. Estimate the energy density of photons from jets emitted in the vicinity of massive black holes.

# The models and the gamma-ray technique

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- Phenomenological models: SFR + population synthesis
- Semi-analytic models: N-body simulations

here Dominguez +11

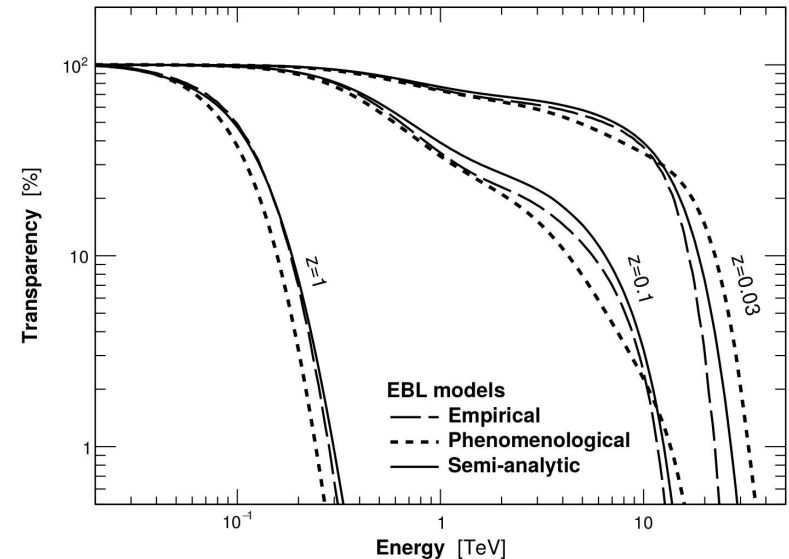
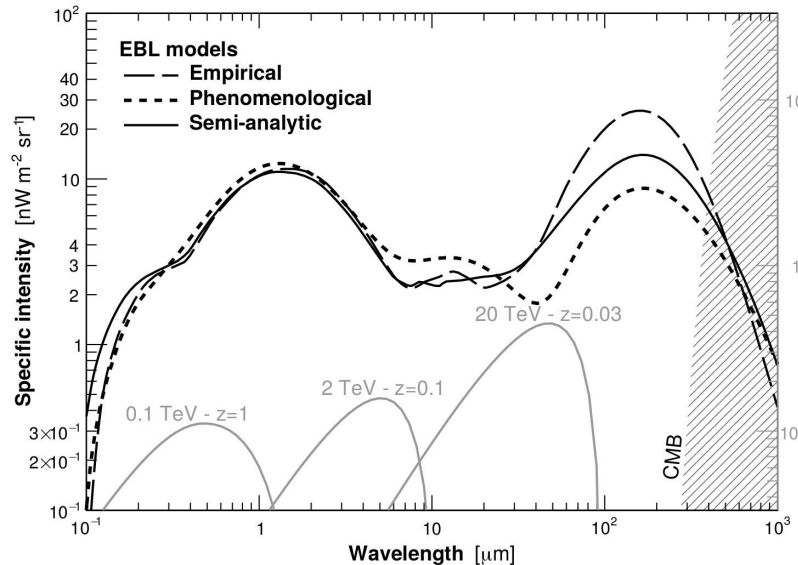


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Credit: Pueschel & JB 2021



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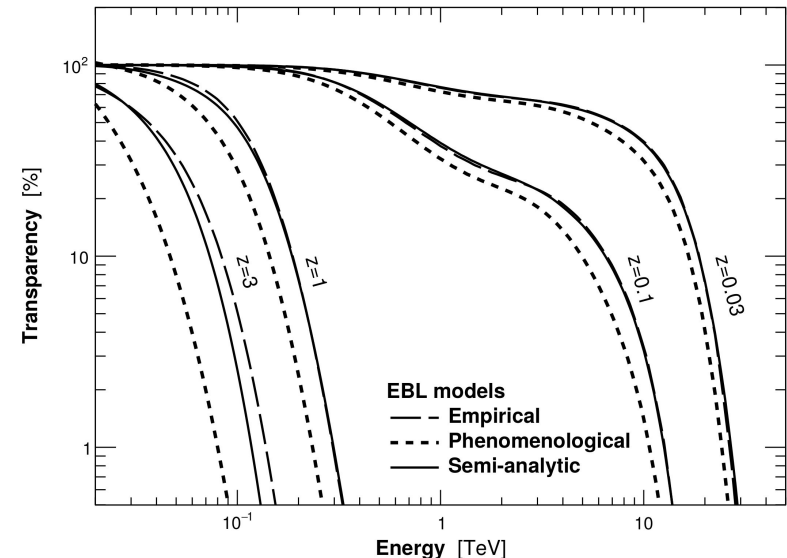
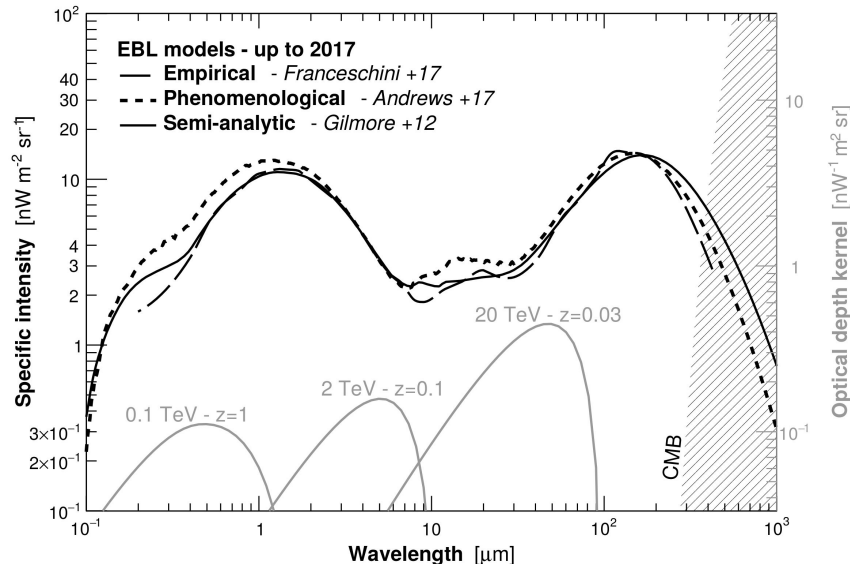
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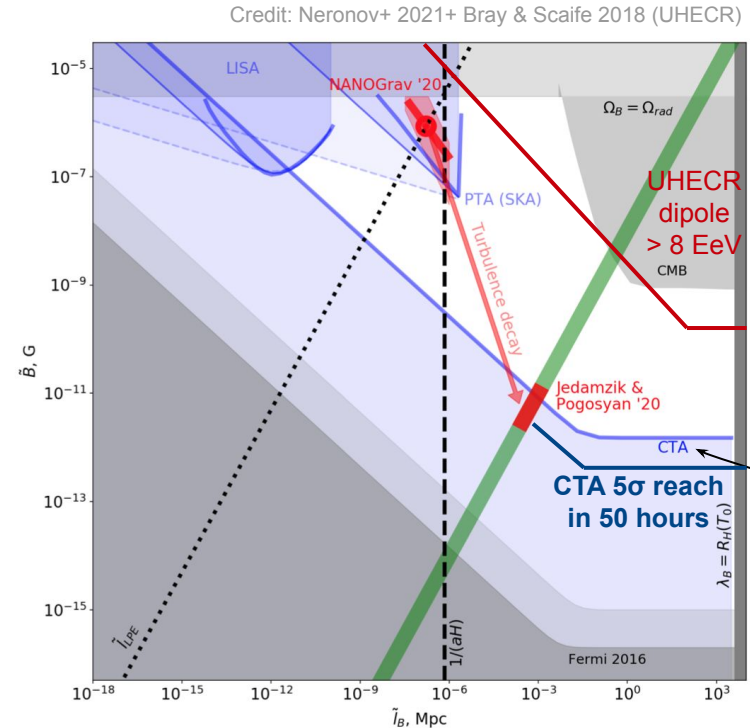
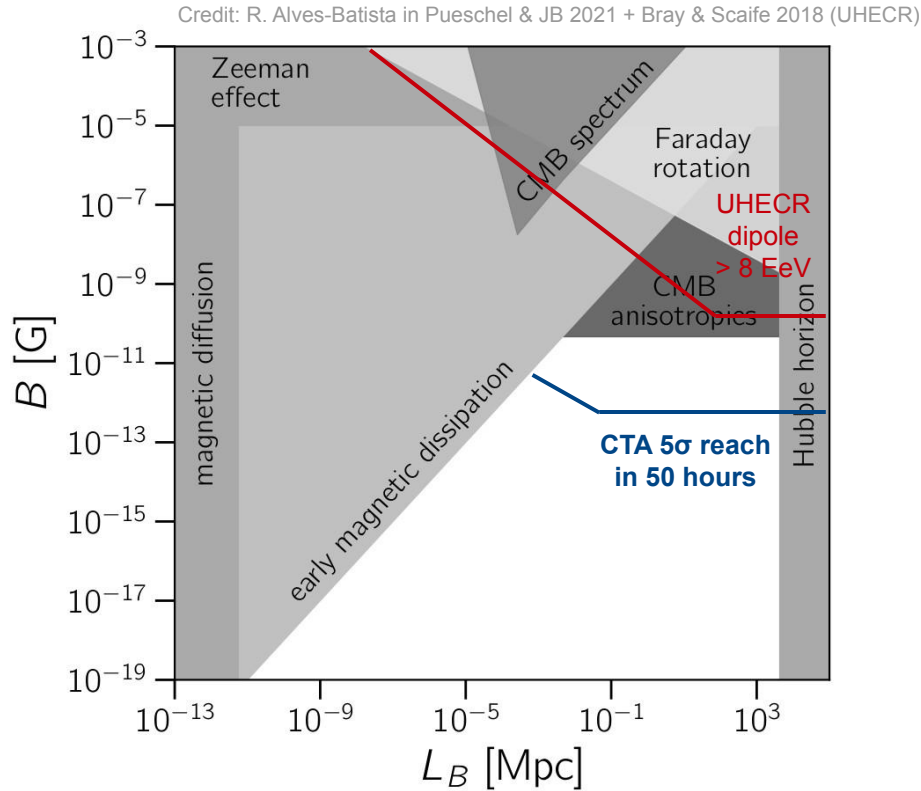
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# Multi-wavelength and multi-messenger constraints



Mrk 501 ( $z=0.03$ ) up to  $E_{\text{cut}} = 100$  TeV,  
350h of CTAO-North to reach  $5\sigma$

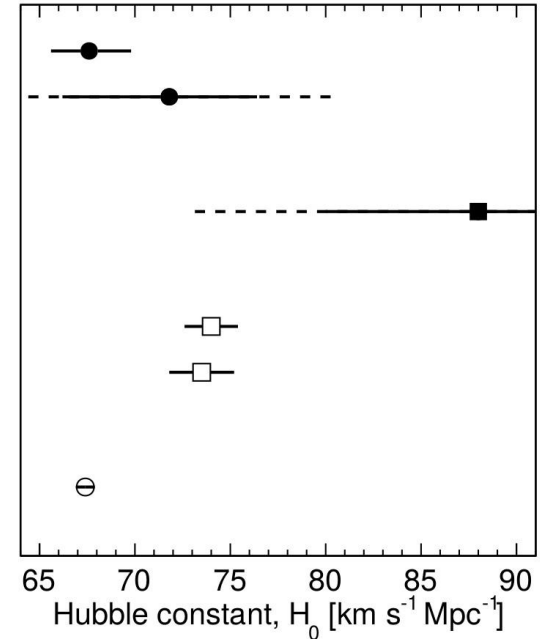
# Hubble constant

$\gamma$ -ray / CSFH (Dominguez+ '13, '19)

$\gamma$ -ray / local EBL (Biteau+ '15)

Distance ladder (Riess+ '18, '19)

CMB (Planck Collaboration '18)



Credit: Pueschel & JB 2021

## How to:

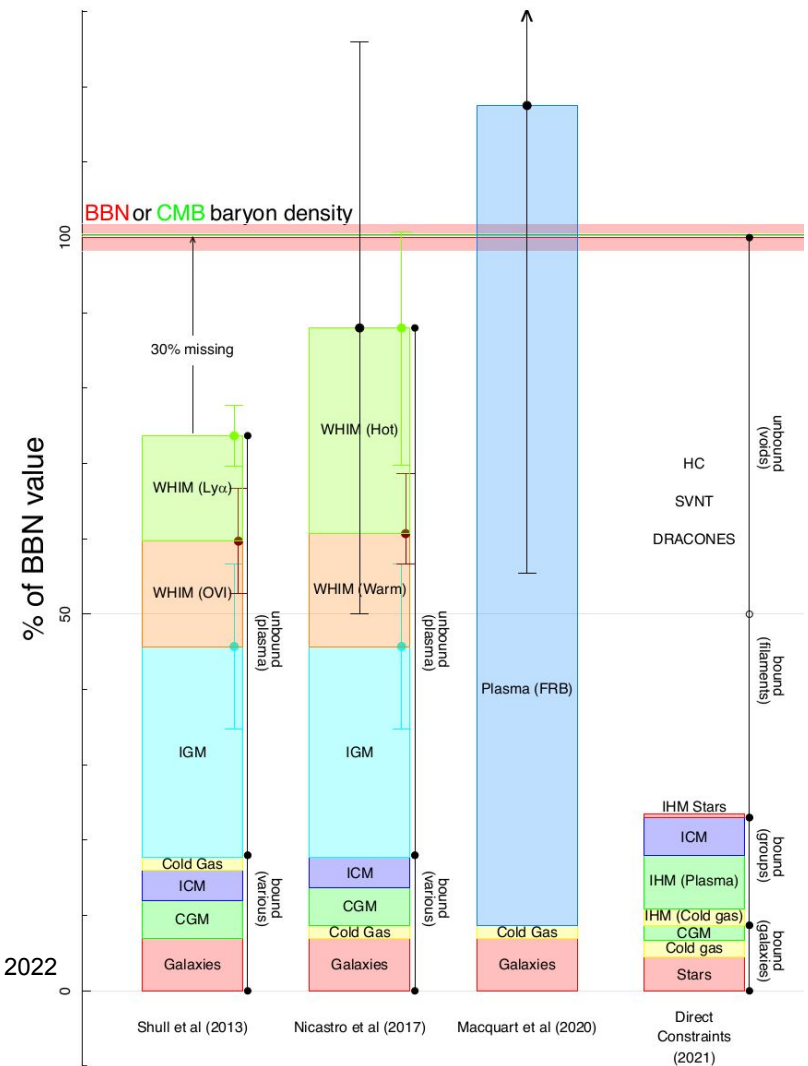
$$F_{\text{obs}}(E) = F_{\text{emitted}}(E(1+z_0)) \times \exp[-\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E, z_0)]$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E, z_0) = \int_0^{z_0} \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}^{-1}(E(1+z), z) \frac{d\ell(z)}{dz} dz$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}^{-1}(E', z) = \int_0^\infty d\epsilon' \frac{dn(\epsilon', z)}{d\epsilon'} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta' \frac{1 - \cos\theta'}{2} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(\beta') \Theta(\epsilon' - \epsilon'_{\text{th}})$$

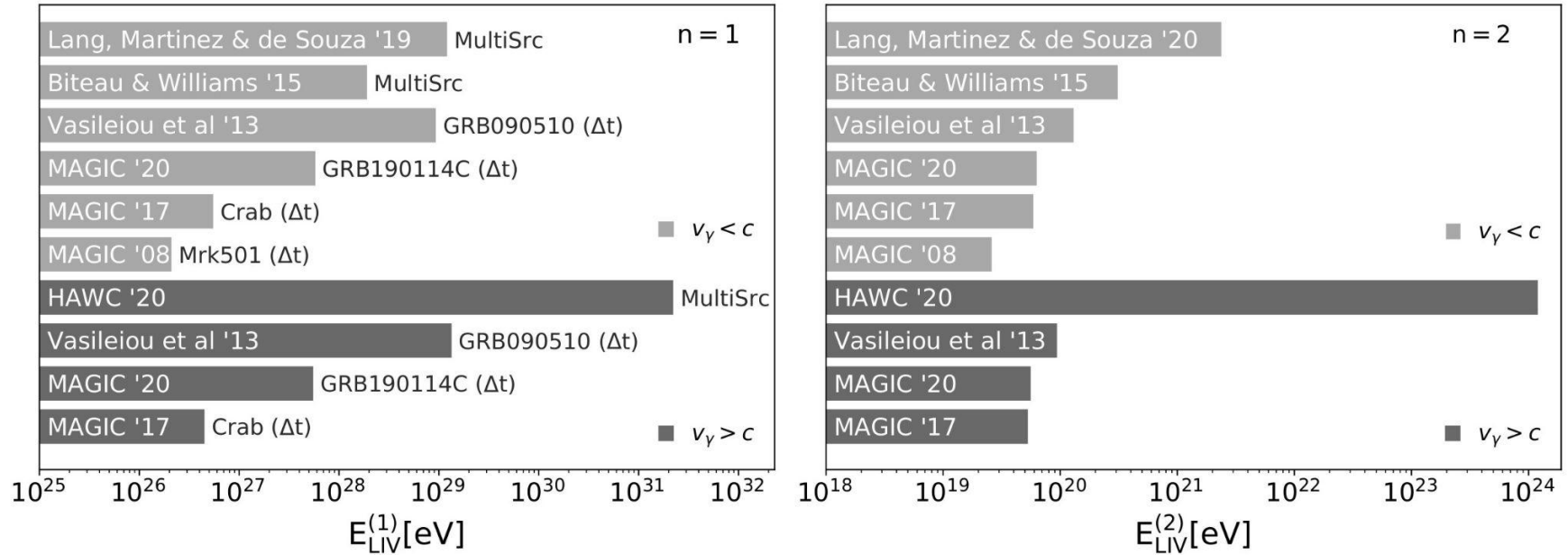
$$\partial n / \partial \epsilon = (1+z)^3 / c \times \int_z^\infty dz' \frac{d\ell}{dz'} \times j(\epsilon', z') / \epsilon'$$

# Missing baryons



Credit: Driver 2022

# Lorentz invariance violation: status



Credit: H. Martinez-Huerta  
in Pueschel & JB 2021