

Particle Acceleration, and Gamma-ray (& neutrino emission) Around Black Holes and Relativistic Jets



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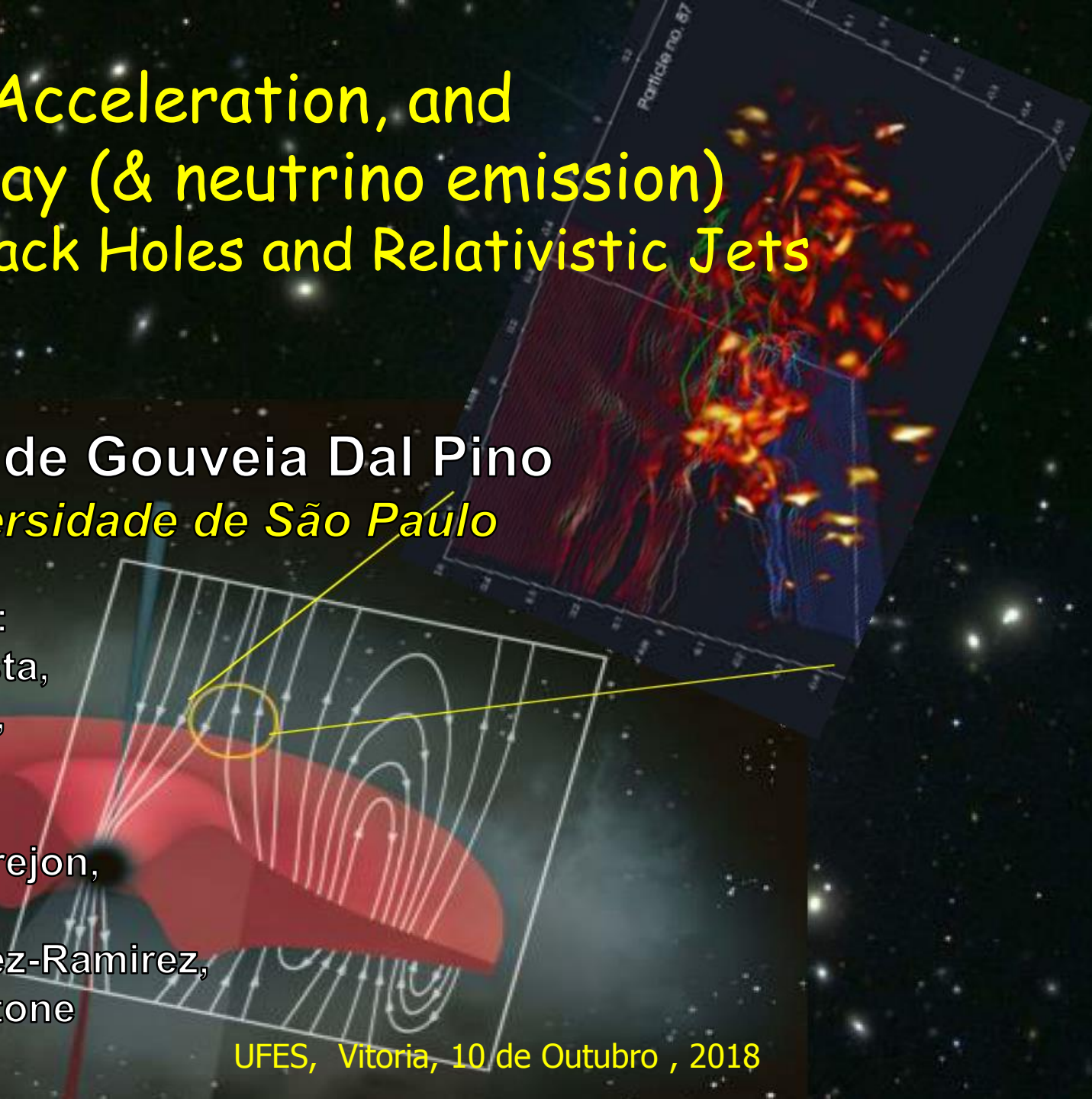
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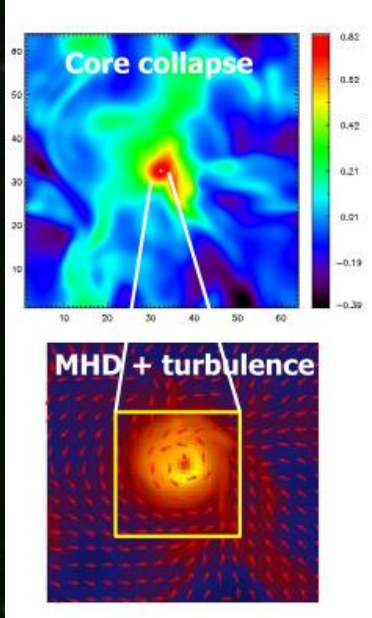
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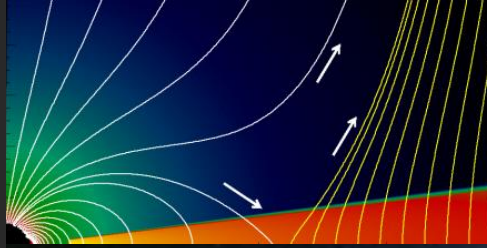
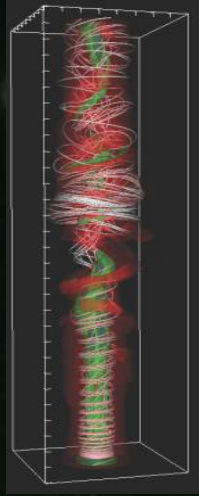
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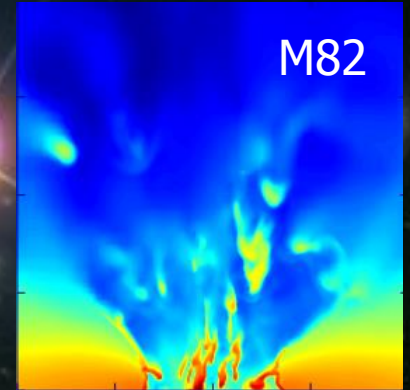
Star Formation-
Clouds-SNR-
turbulence
connection

Sun & Stars



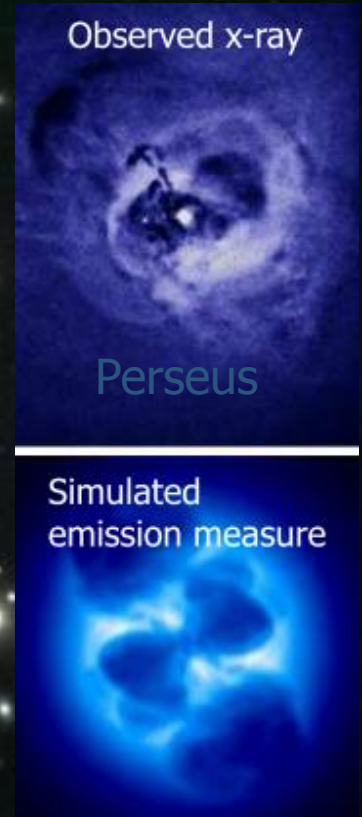
Jets &
accretion
disks

SN driven
galactic
winds

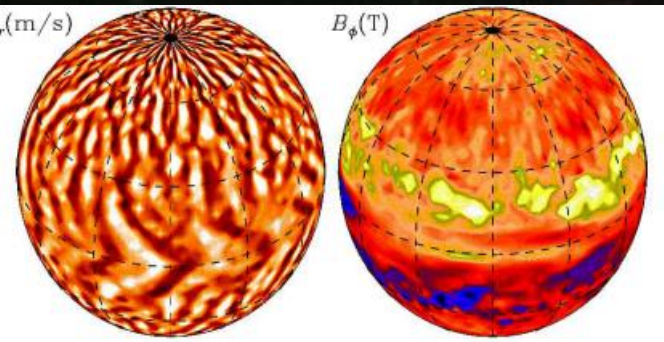


High Energy & Plasma Astrophysics

AGN/Star
formation
feedback in
clusters



- ✓ Particle Acceleration
- ✓ Magnetic reconnection
- ✓ Magnetic flux transport
- ✓ Turbulence
- ✓ Dynamos (solar &, MIS, IGM)
- ✓ Relativistic MHD
- ✓ Radiative Cooling



Major puzzle for particle acceleration and radiation around Black Hole sources & Jets

Particle accelerators and Very High Energy (VHE) emitters

In regions that are magnetically dominated
-> **shocks weaker**

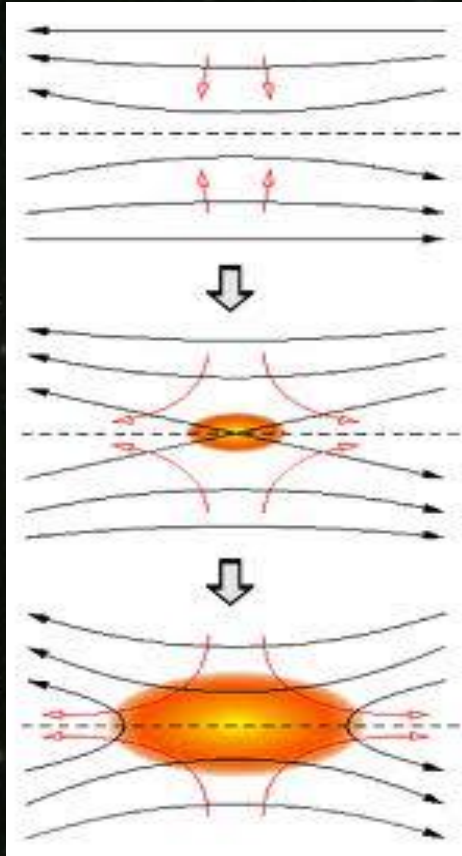
Standard particle **Fermi acceleration in shocks:**

-> may fail to explain relativistic particles origin and associated very high energy emission (up to TeV) occurring in very compact regions

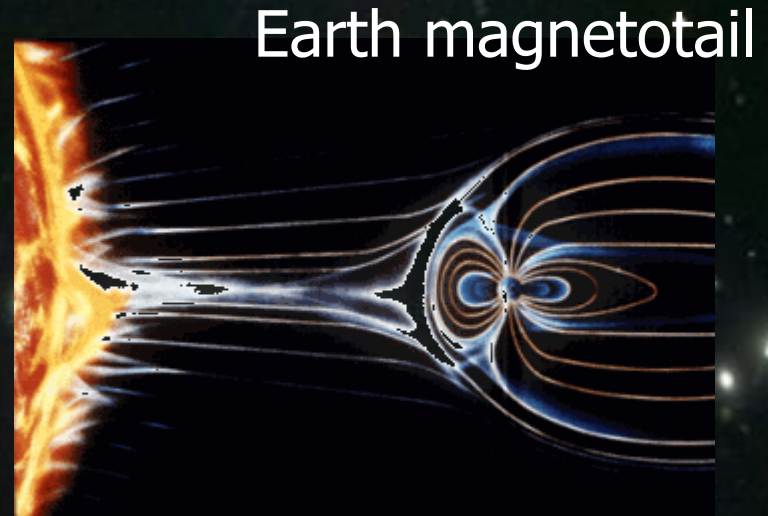
Alternative mechanism -> Magnetic reconnection

WHAT IS MAGNETIC RECONNECTION?

Approach of magnetic flux tubes of opposite polarity with finite resistivity ($\eta \sim 1/\text{conduction}$): RECONNECT



$$J \sim \frac{2Bc}{\Delta}$$



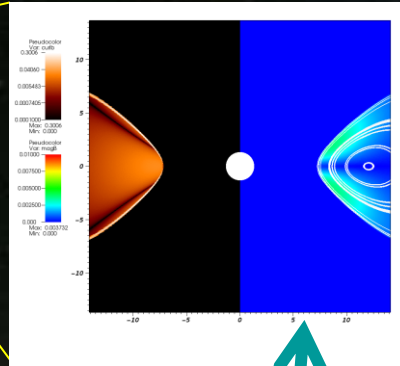
Earth magnetotail

Solar corona



Reconnection is *FAST* in these environments

$$\rightarrow v_{\text{rec}} \sim v_A = B/(4\pi\rho)^{1/2}$$



Accretion
disk
coronae

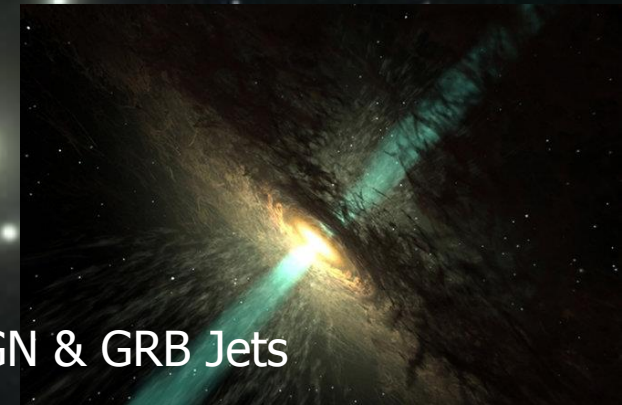


Stellar Xray
Flares



Star Formation
and ISM

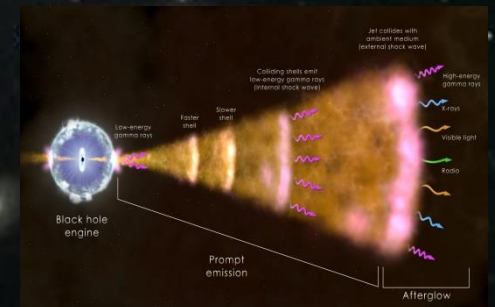
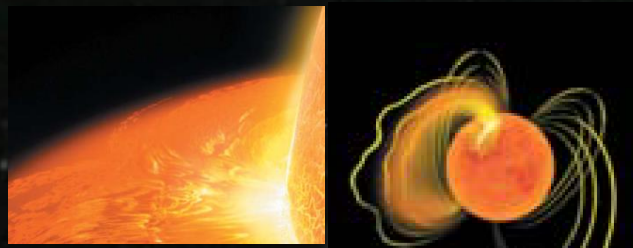
**Reconnection
beyond
Solar System**



AGN & GRB Jets

Pulsars

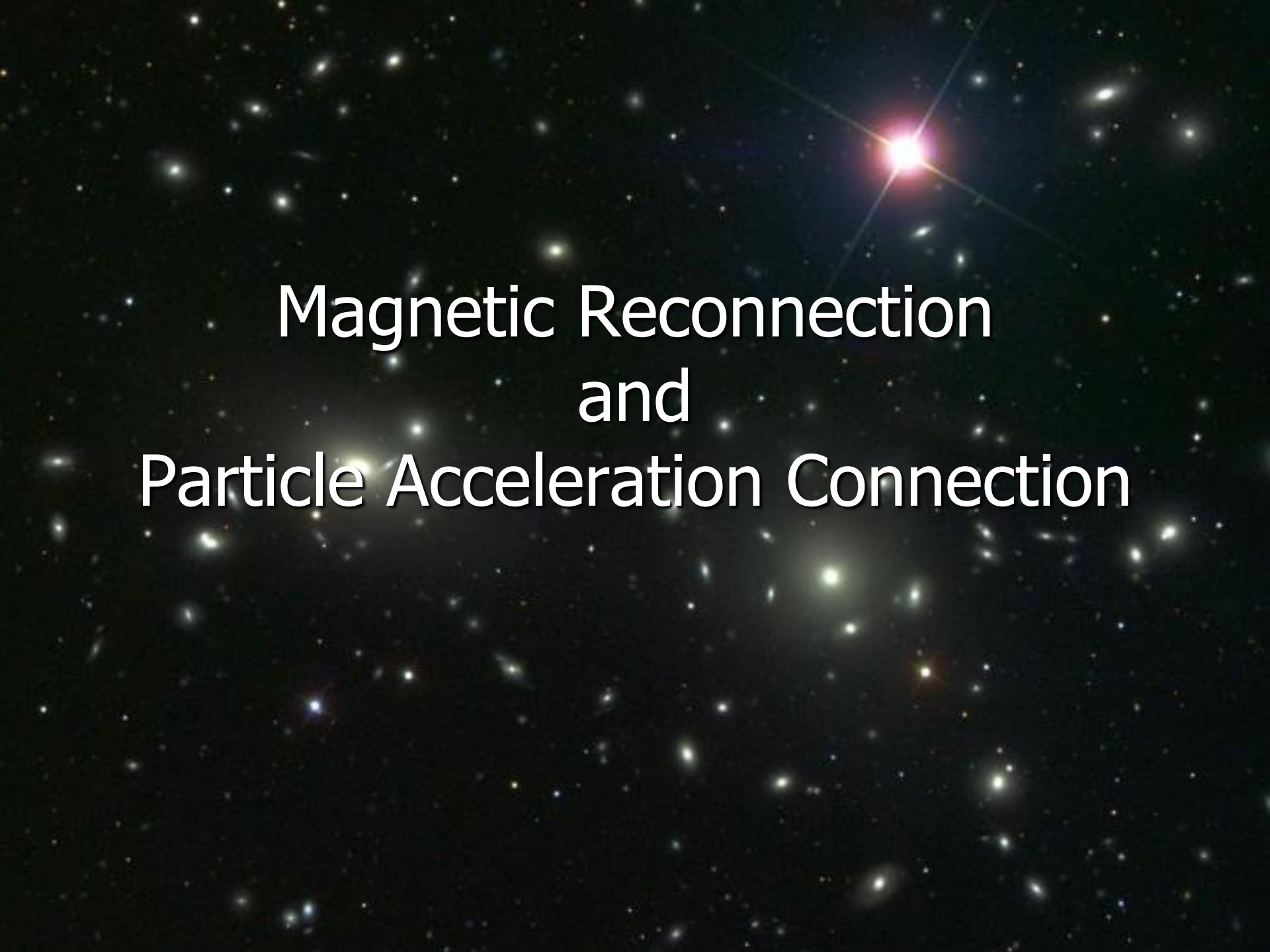
Accreting NS and SGRs



This talk

MAGNETIC RECONNECTION an alternative:

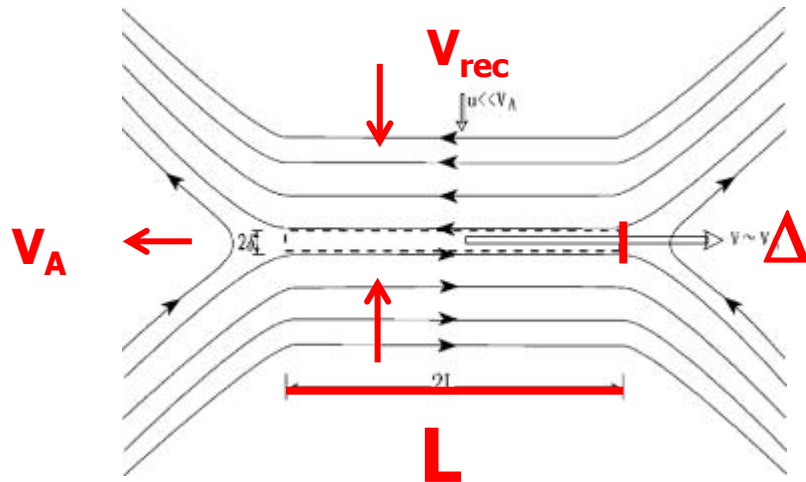
- Powerful relativistic particle acceleration
- Efficient conversion of magnetic energy -> into kinetic energy
- May explain very-high energy & neutrino emission in BH sources and relativistic jets, at magnetically dominated regions, solving current puzzles



Magnetic Reconnection and Particle Acceleration Connection

Magnetic Reconnection Models

- Sweet-Parker (1957) reconnection:



From mass flux conservation:

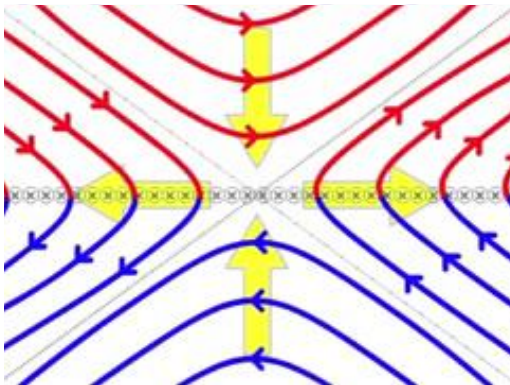
$$V_{rec} \sim V_A (\Delta/L)$$

But $\Delta/L \ll 1$

$V_{rec} \ll V_A \rightarrow$ **SLOW** reconnection

Magnetic Reconnection Models

Petschek (1964): X-point configuration ->



$$|\Delta \rightarrow \Delta \sim L$$

Then reconnection rate is **FAST:**

$$V_{\text{rec}} \sim \pi v_A / 4 \ln S$$

$$\text{Where } S = L v_A / \eta \gg 1$$

BUT: unstable and evolves to Sweet-Parker (Biskamp'96) *unless*:

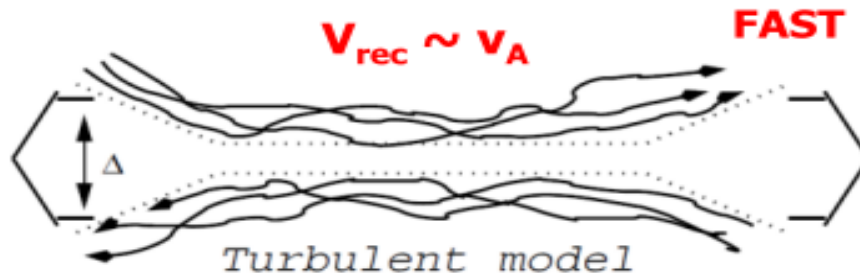
pair plasma at kinetic scales with localized resistivity η

Fast Reconnection in MHD flows

Turbulence drives FAST RECONNECTION

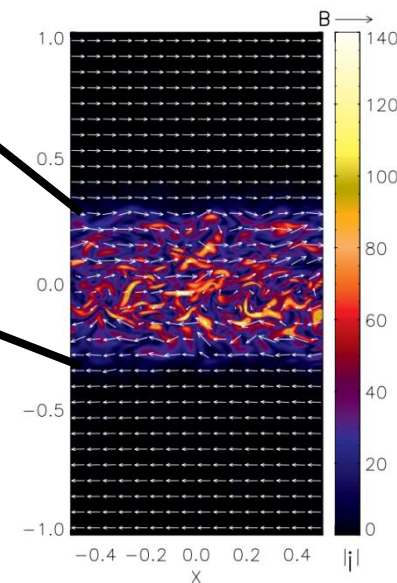
(Lazarian & Vishniac 1999; Eyink et al. 2011)

**Magnetic lines wandering:
many simultaneous
reconnection events**



**Tested in 3D MHD numerical
simulations** (Kowal et al. 2009,
2012; 2015; Takamoto et al. 2015)

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(Alternative descriptions: Shibata & Tanuma01; Loureiro+07; Bhattacharjee+09)

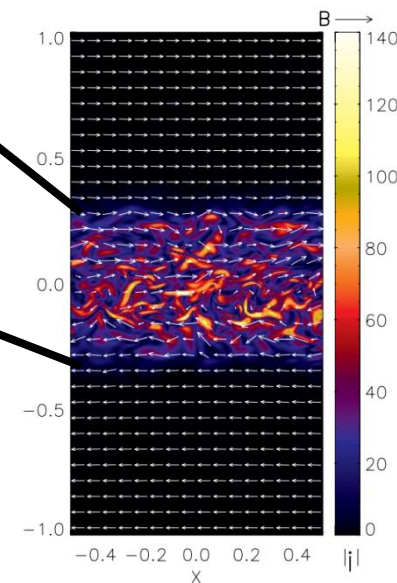
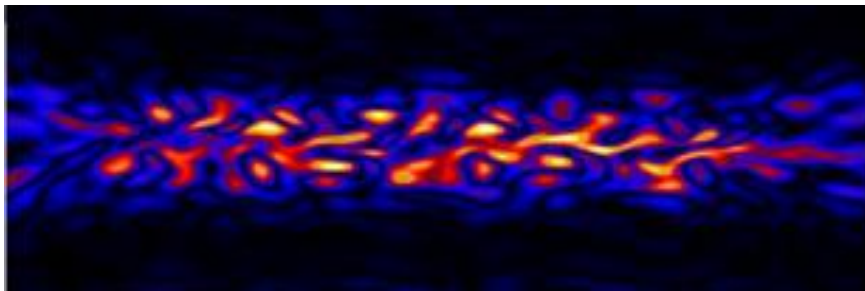
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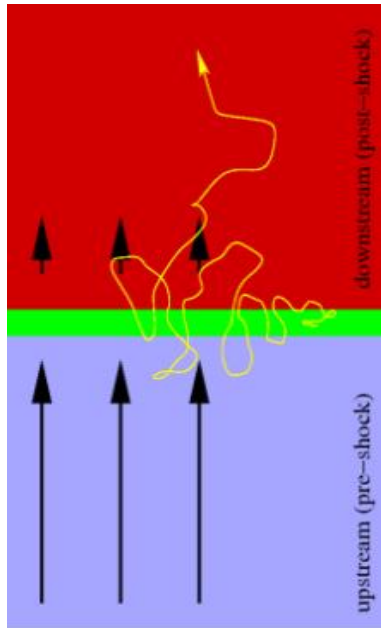
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Particle Acceleration by Reconnection

- **Released magnetic energy by reconnection** -> into heating and particle motion (kinetic energy)
- **30%–40%** of magnetic energy converted into particle kinetic energy (PIC simulations, e.g. Werner et al. 2017)
- **Laboratory plasmas:** **~50%** goes into kinetic particle acceleration (Yamada+ 2015)

Particles are accelerated in reconnection sites in 1st-order Fermi

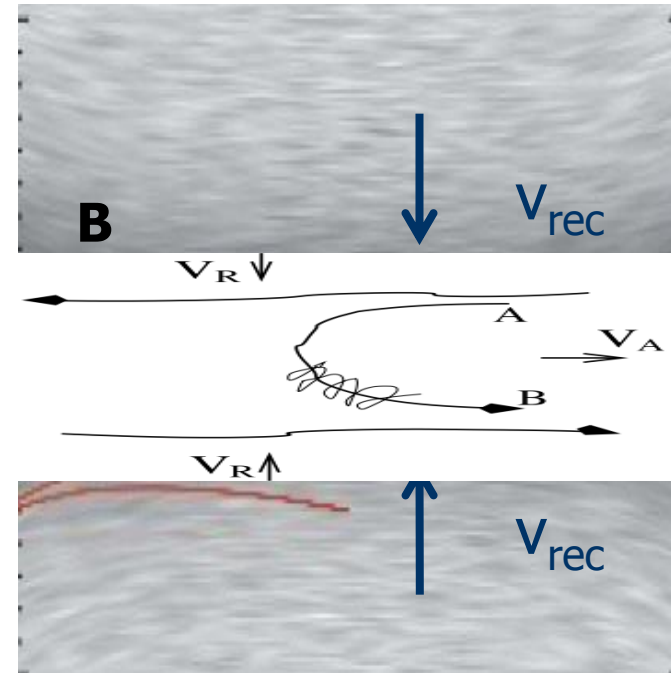
Shock Acceleration



1st-order Fermi (Bell 1978;
Begelman & Eichler 1997)

$$\langle \Delta E/E \rangle \sim v_{\text{sh}}/c$$

Reconnection Acceleration



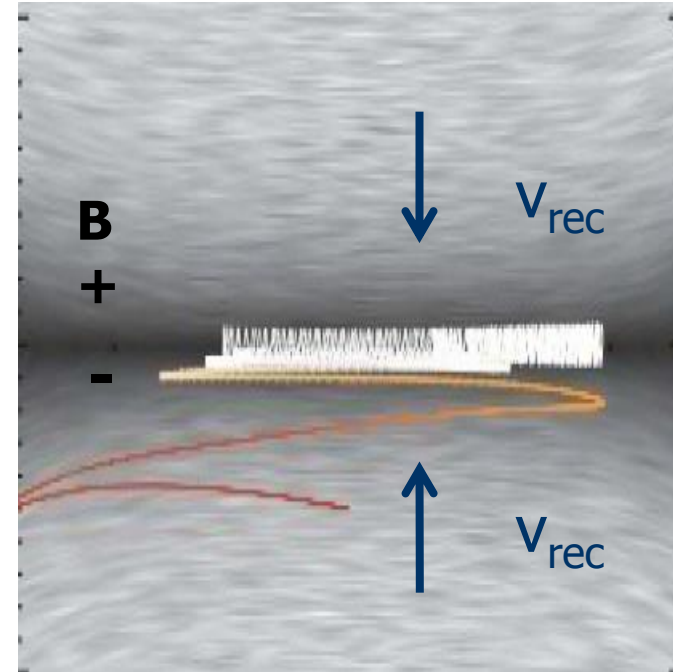
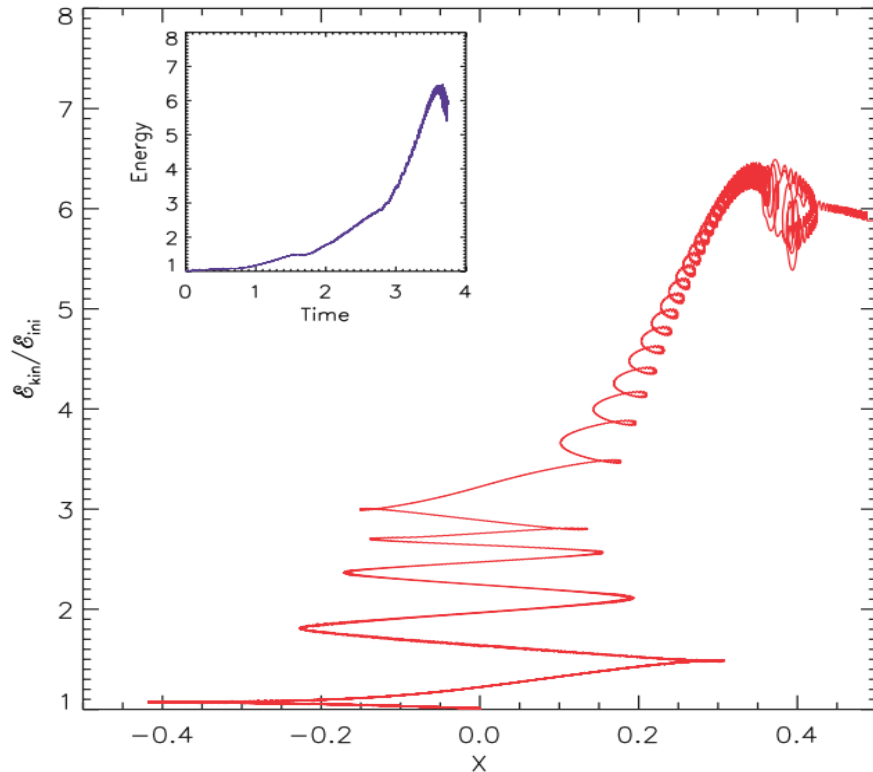
As in shocks: 1st-order Fermi
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particles bounce back and forth
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Particle Acceleration by Reconnection probed with numerical simulations

- Most simulations of particle acceleration by magnetic reconnection: **2D kinetic plasmas (PIC)** (e.g. Drake+ 06; Zenitani & Hoshino 01; 07; 08; Cerutti, Uzdensky+ 13; Li+ 15) **and 3D** (Sironi & Spitkovsky 2014; Guo+2015; 16; 18; Werner+ 17; Sironi+18)

@ scales: **few plasma inertial length $\sim 100\text{-}1000\ c/\omega_p$**

- **Larger-scale astrophysical systems (BHBs, AGNs, GRBs):**

→ **MHD description → collisional reconnection**

(Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian 2011, 2012;
de Gouveia Dal Pino+ 2014, 2015; 2016; del Valle et al. 2016;
Beresnyak & Li 2016; de Gouveia Dal Pino+2017, 2018)

Particle Acceleration by Reconnection using MHD Simulations with test particles

- **Isothermal MHD equations to build reconnection domain:** second-order Godunov scheme and HLLD Riemann solver (Kowal et al. 2009)

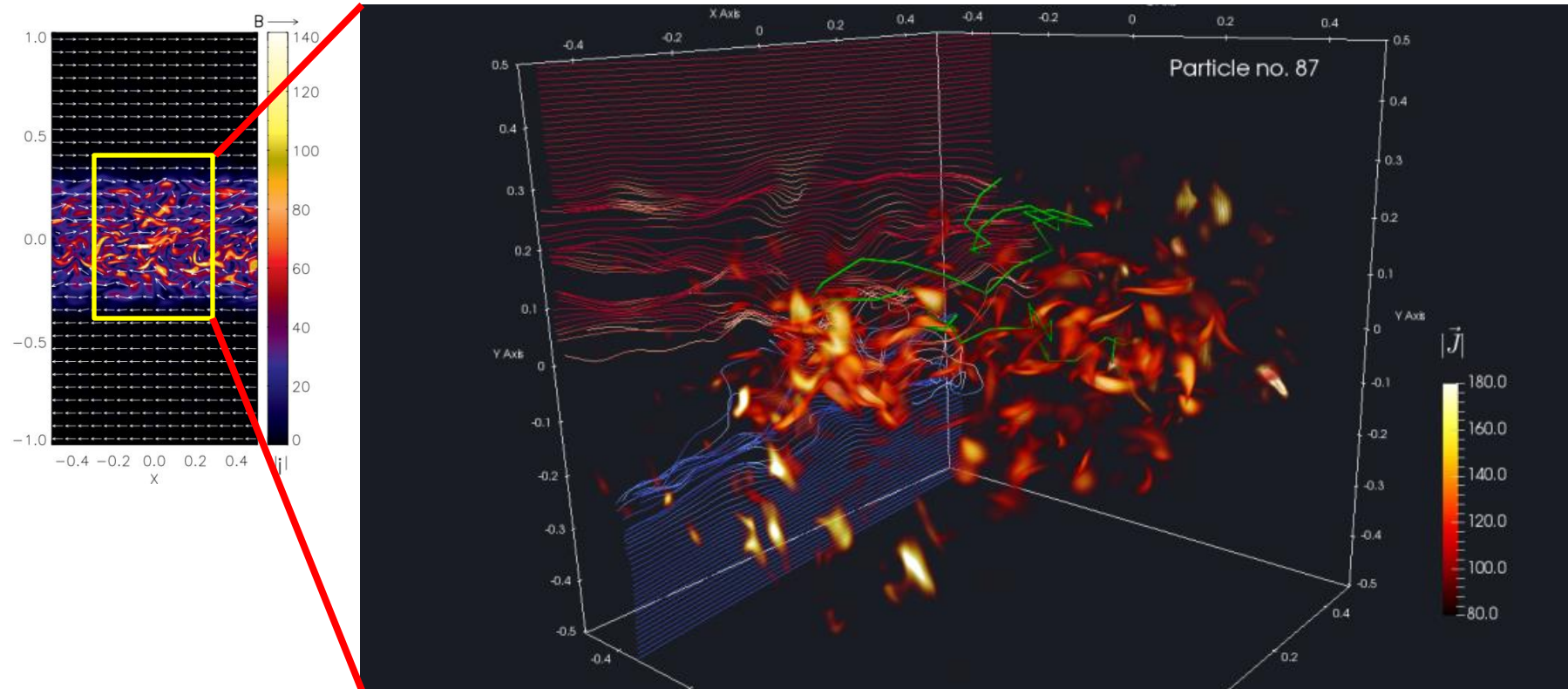
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \left(a^2 \rho + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} \right] = \mathbf{f}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad (7)$$

Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian ApJ 2011; PRL 2012

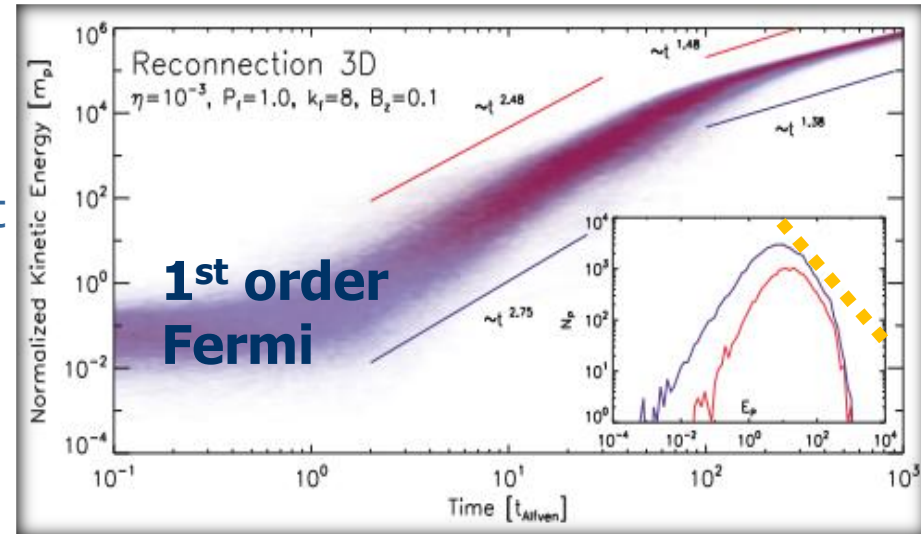
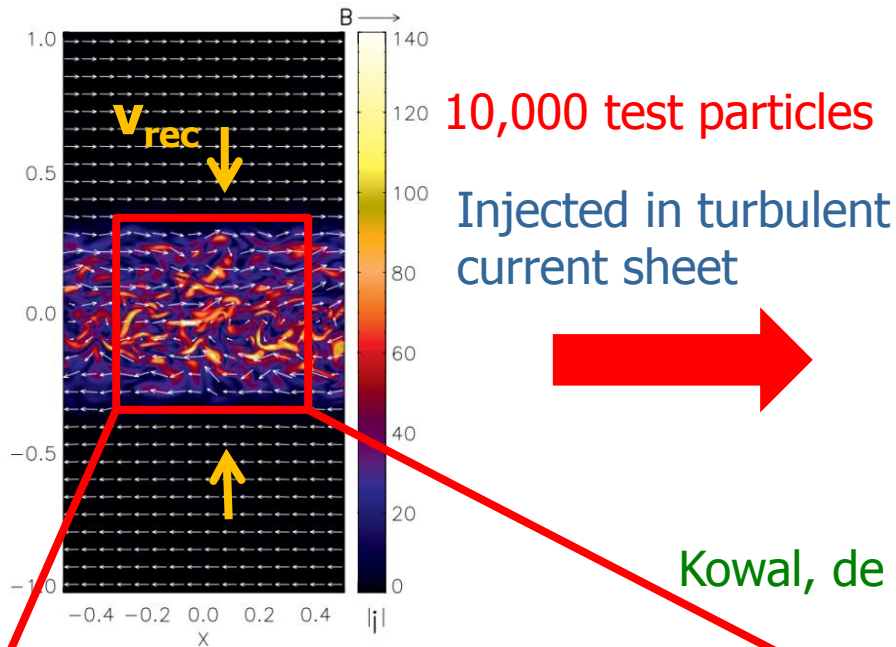
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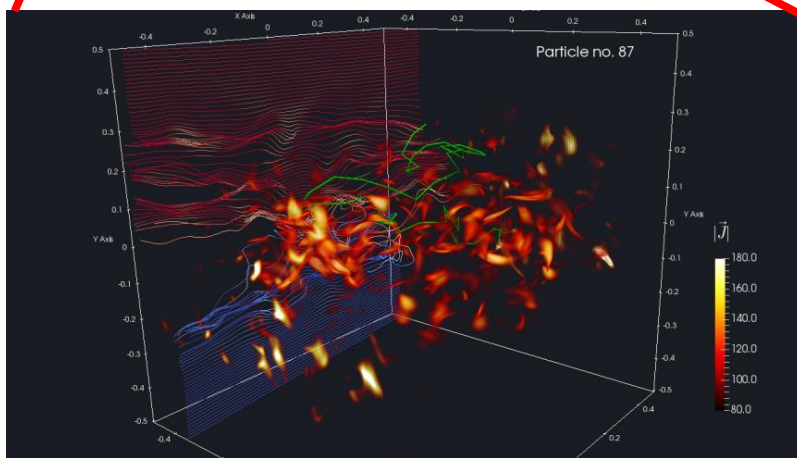
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma m \mathbf{u}) = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma m \mathbf{u}) = q[(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{B}]}$$

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1st order Fermi Reconnection Acceleration: successful numerical testing in 3D MHD

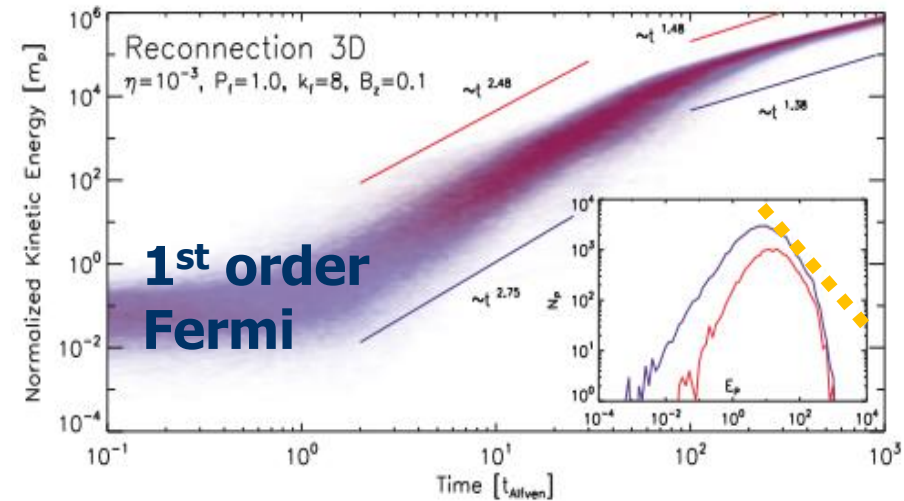
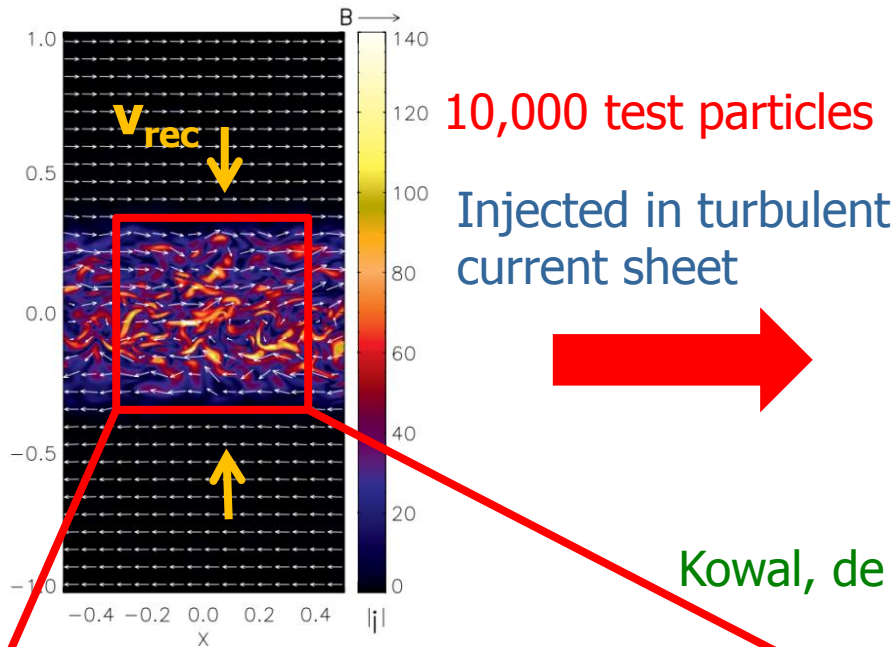


Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian, PRL 2012

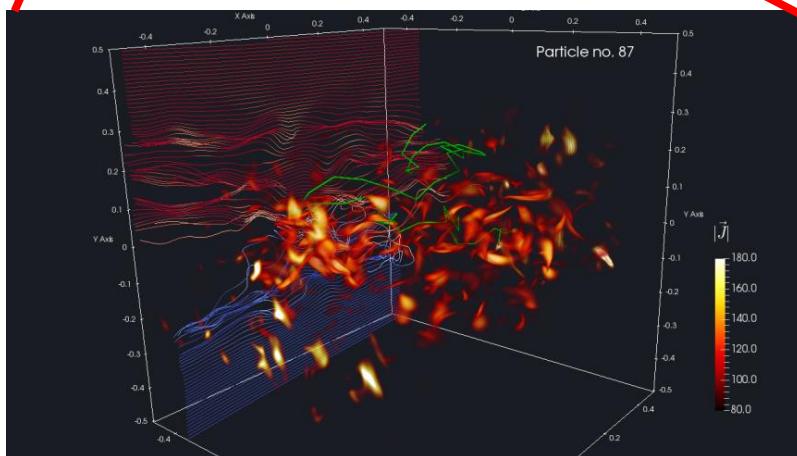


del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal MNRAS 2016

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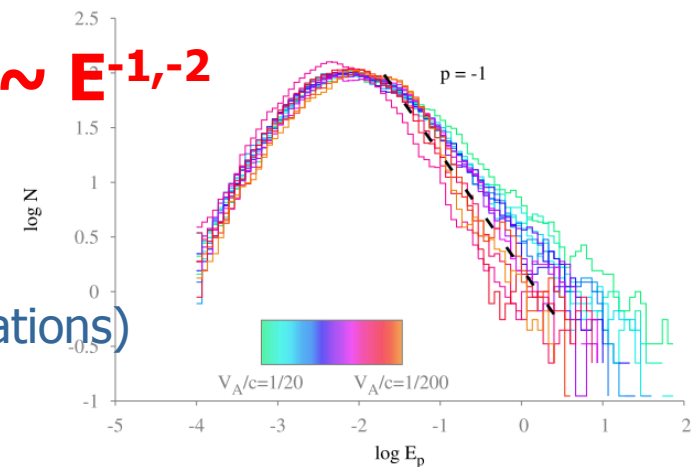


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$$N(E) \sim E^{-1,-2}$$

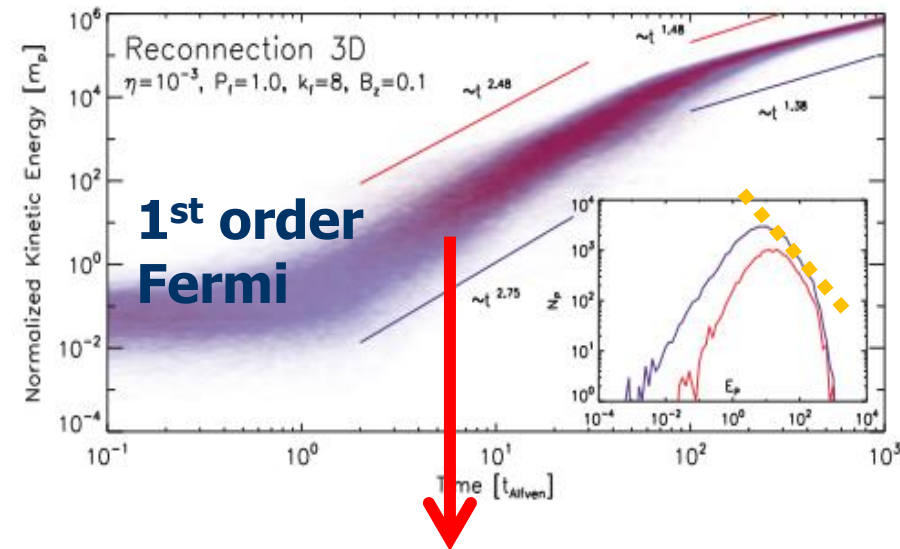
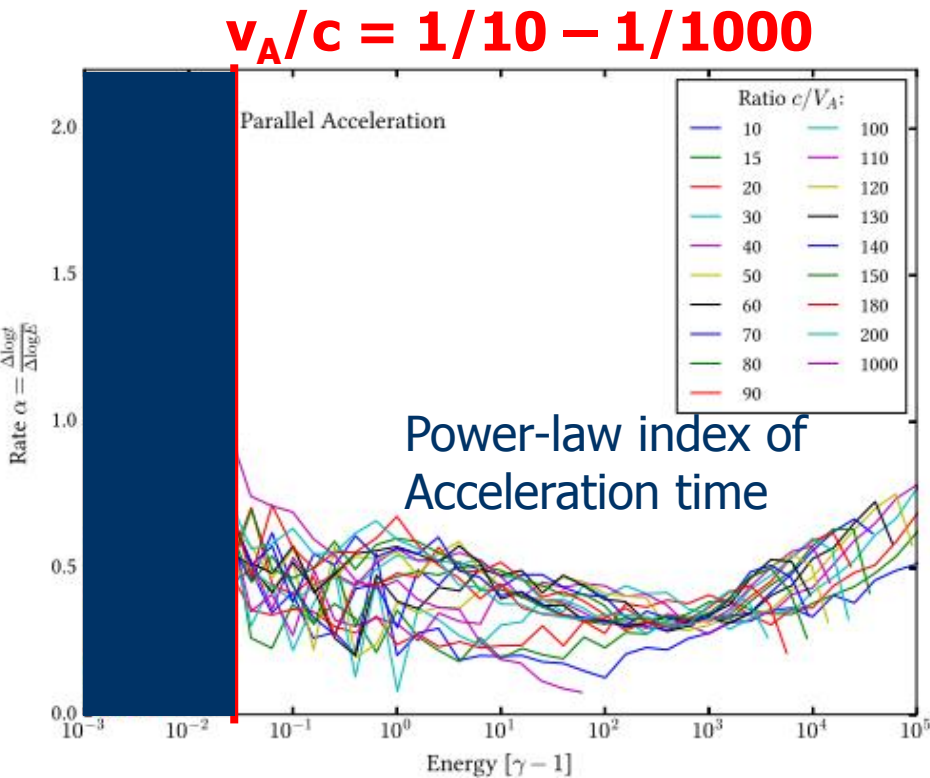
(~PIC simulations)



del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal MNRAS 2016

3D MHD Reconnection Acceleration tested for different values of reconnection velocity

Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian,
PRL 2012



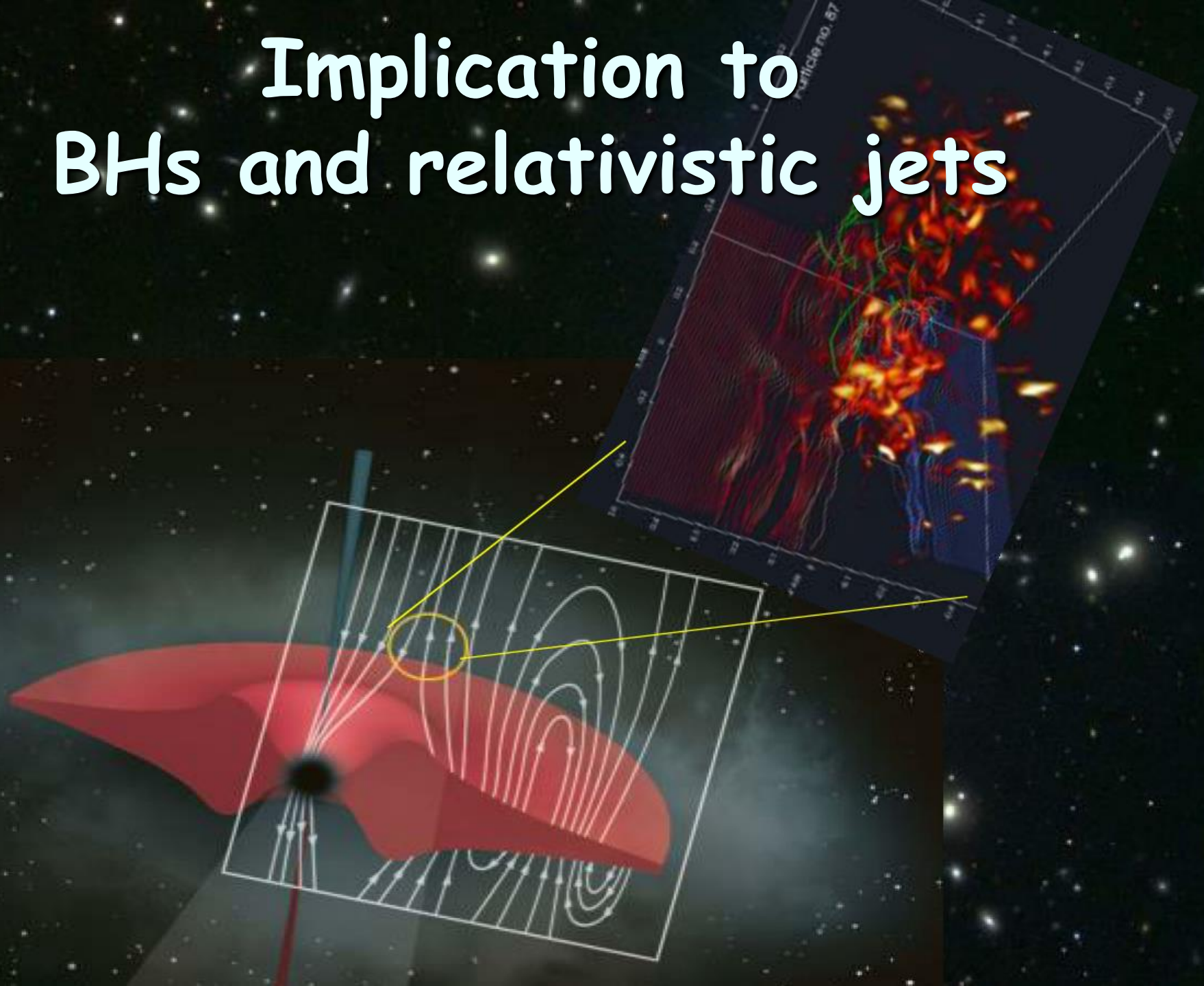
Reconnection acceleration time
(nearly independent of turbulent parameters that drive fast reconnection):

$$\tau_{acc} \sim E^{0.45 \pm 0.15}$$

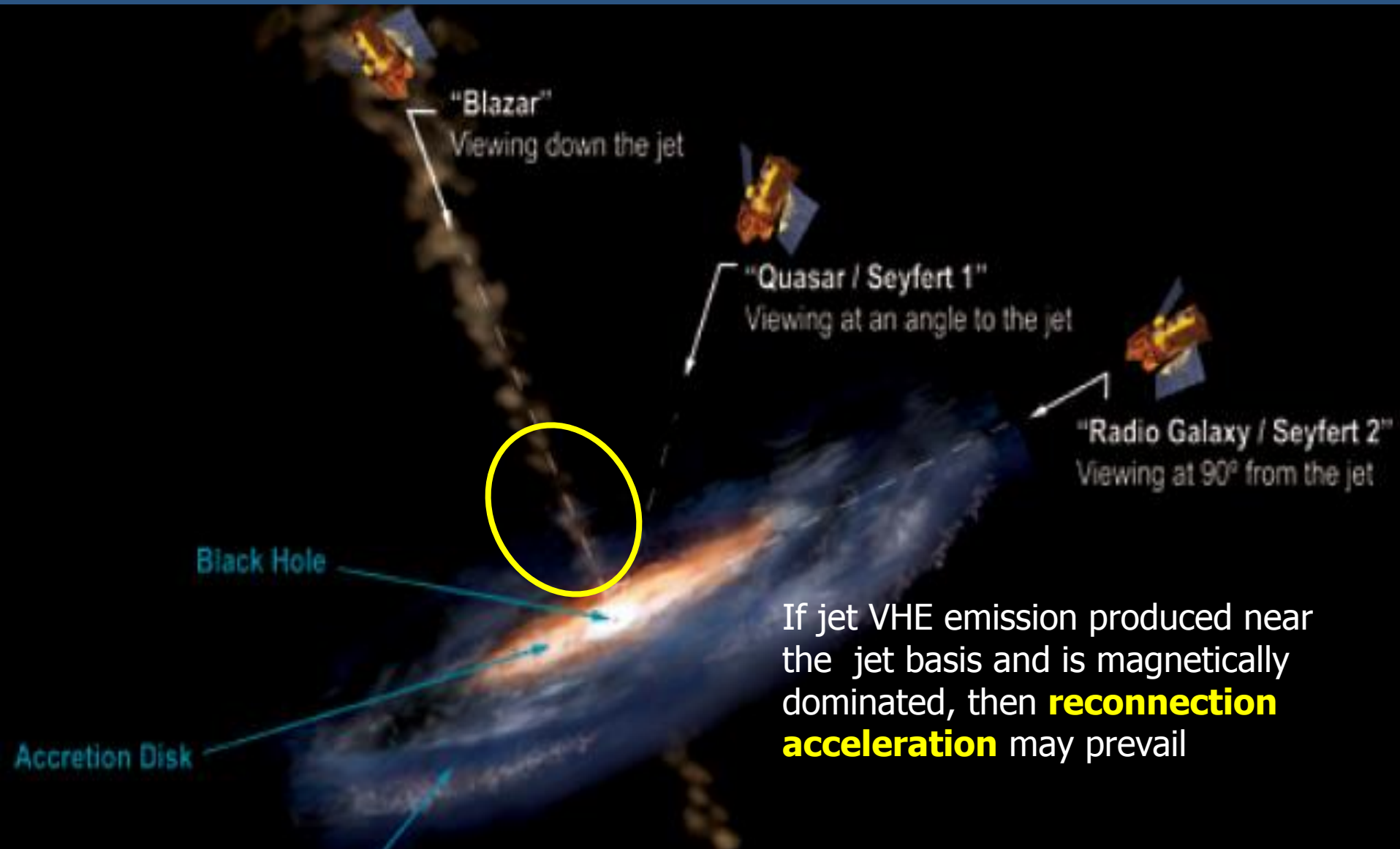
$$(\tau_{min} \sim E_{max}/e v_{rec} B)$$

del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal, 2016 MNRAS

Implication to BHs and relativistic jets



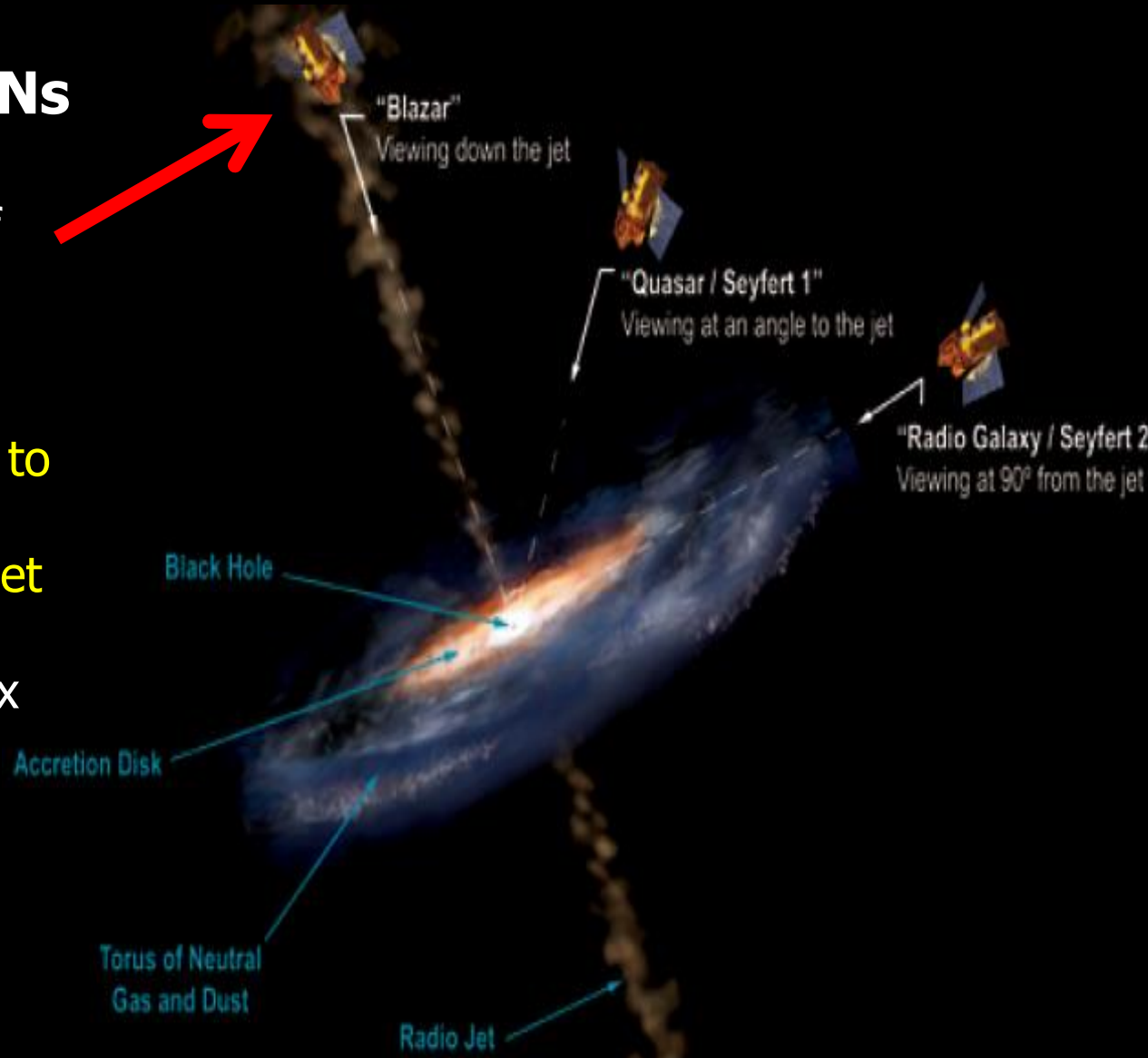
Reconnection Acceleration *along* Relativistic Jets



VHE emission much more common in *Blazars*

High Luminous AGNs

- ✓ Jet $\sim$ along our line of sight
- ✓ VHE Emission (poor resolution): attributed to particle acceleration **along** the relativistic jet
- ✓ with apparent high flux due to strong Doppler boosting ($\gamma \sim 5-10$)
- ✓ shock acceleration in kinetic-dominated flux



Very-rapid TeV Flares in *Blazar Jets* hard to explain with standard acceleration

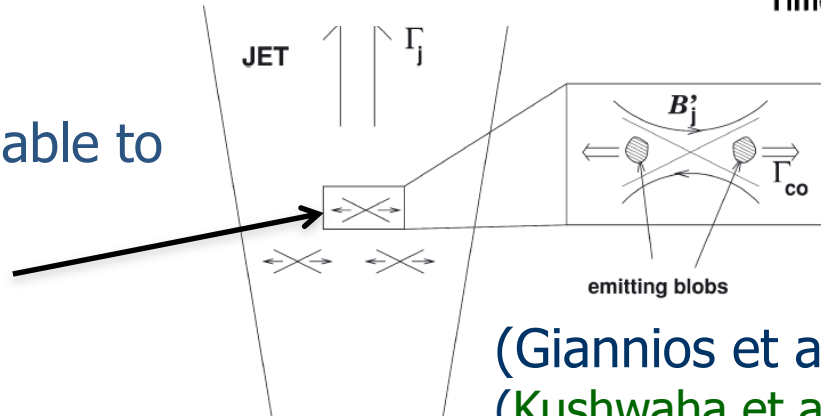
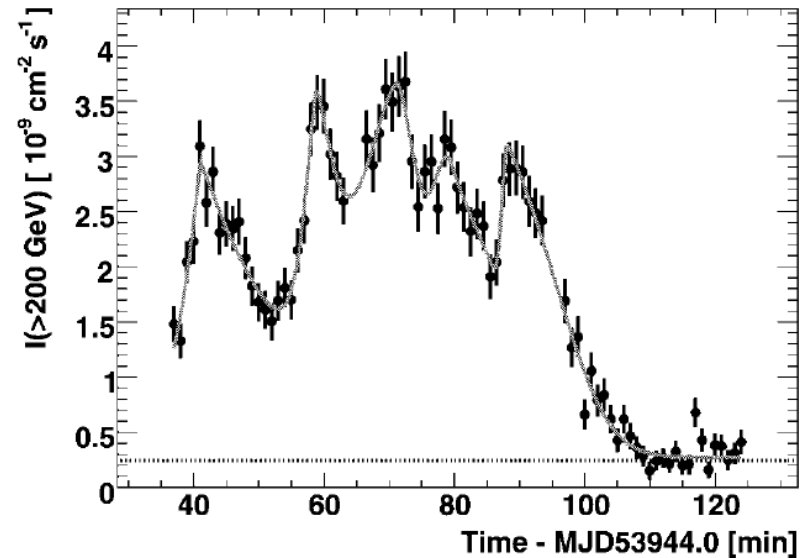
- **Variation timescale:**

$$t_v \sim 200 \text{ s} < r_s/c \sim 3M_9 \text{ hour}$$

- For TeV emission to avoid pair creation $\Gamma_{em} > 50$ (Begelman, Fabian & Rees 2008)
- But bulk jet $\Gamma \sim 5-10$
- **Emitter: compact**
and/or extremely fast
- Only acceleration model able to explain:
Reconnection
inside the jet

PKS2155-304 (Aharonian et al. 2007)

See also Mrk501, PKS1222+21, PKS1830-211



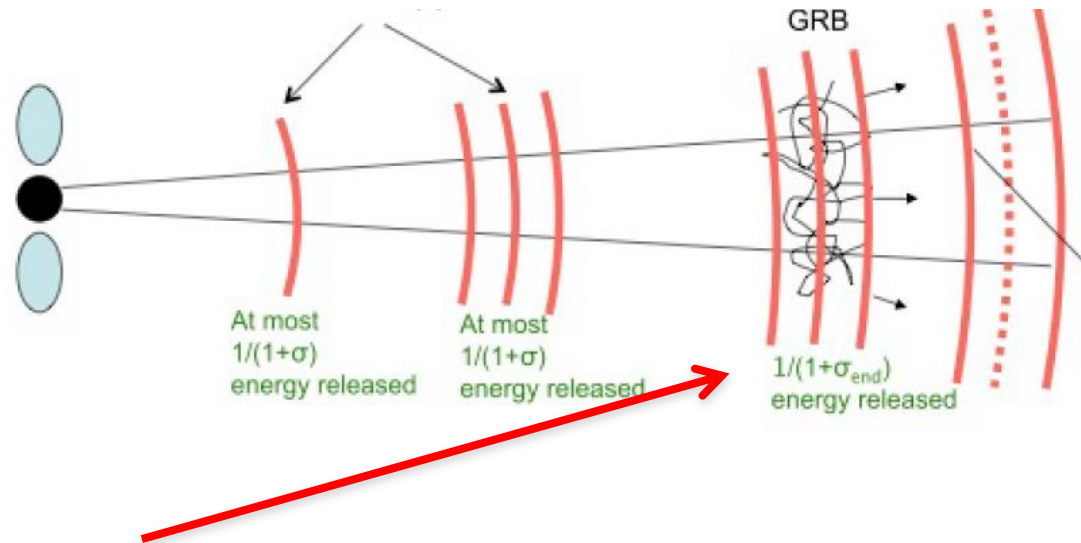
(Giannios et al. 2009)

(Kushwaha et al., MNRAS 2017)

GRB jet prompt gamma-ray emission may require reconnection acceleration too

Internal collision-induced magnetic reconnection turbulent model (ICMART) (**Zhang & Yan 2011**):

- GRB prompt emission: turbulence, magnetic reconnection, and particle acceleration via internal collisions of multiple launched parcels



(See also Giannios 2008; McKinney & Uzdensky 2012)

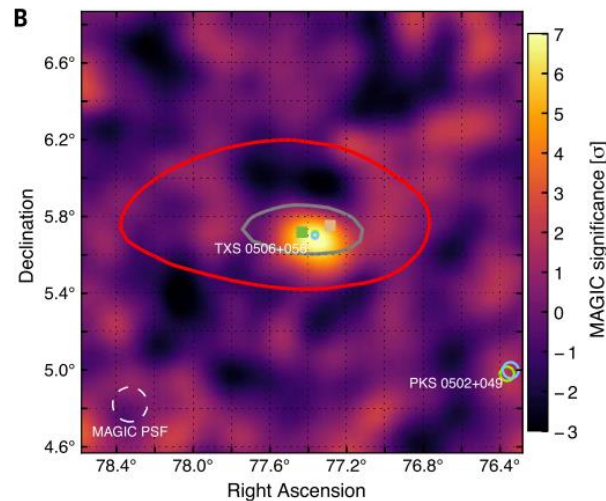
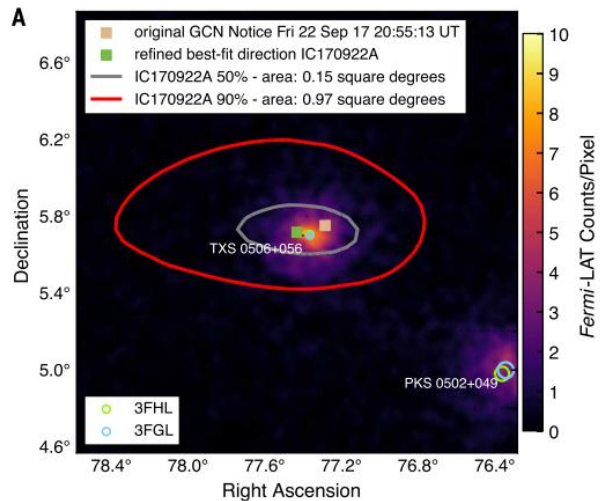
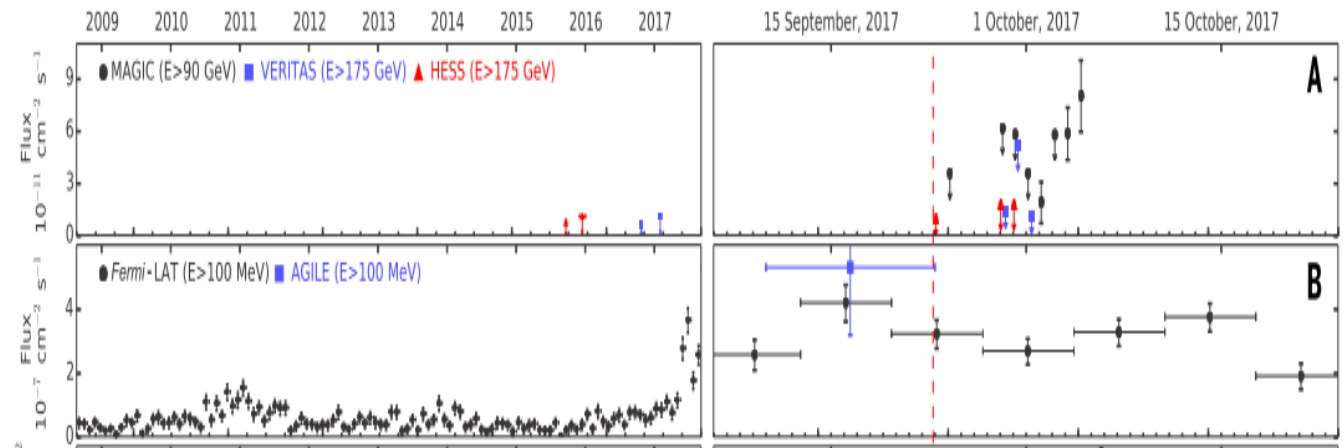
Gamma-ray flare and neutrinos in blazar TXS 0506+056

✓ **Neutrinos and gamma-rays are produced by high energy CRs :**

$p + \text{photons} \rightarrow \pi + p$

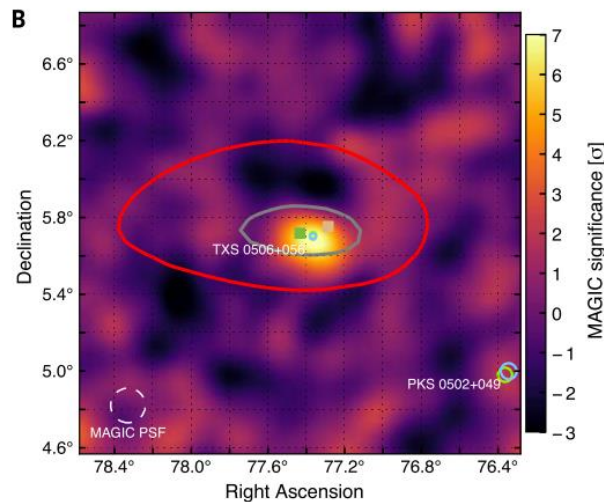
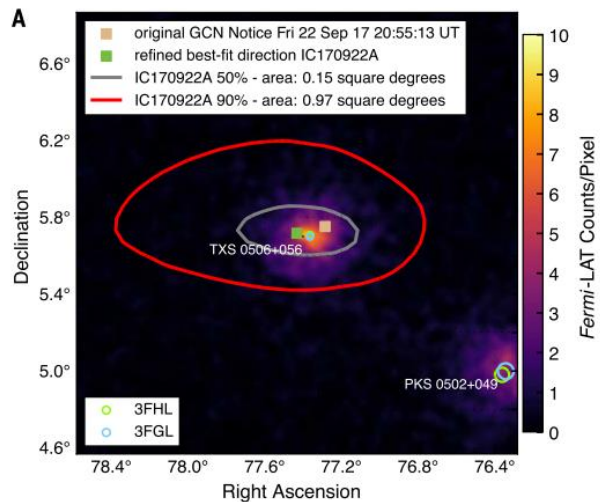
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$



✓ Observed by
IceCube, Fermi -
LAT, MAGIC, HAWC,
H.E.S.S, VLA, etc
**(Science, 11 july,
2018)**

Are these Gamma-ray flare and neutrinos in blazars produced by accelerated CRs in magnetically dominant regions by reconnection?



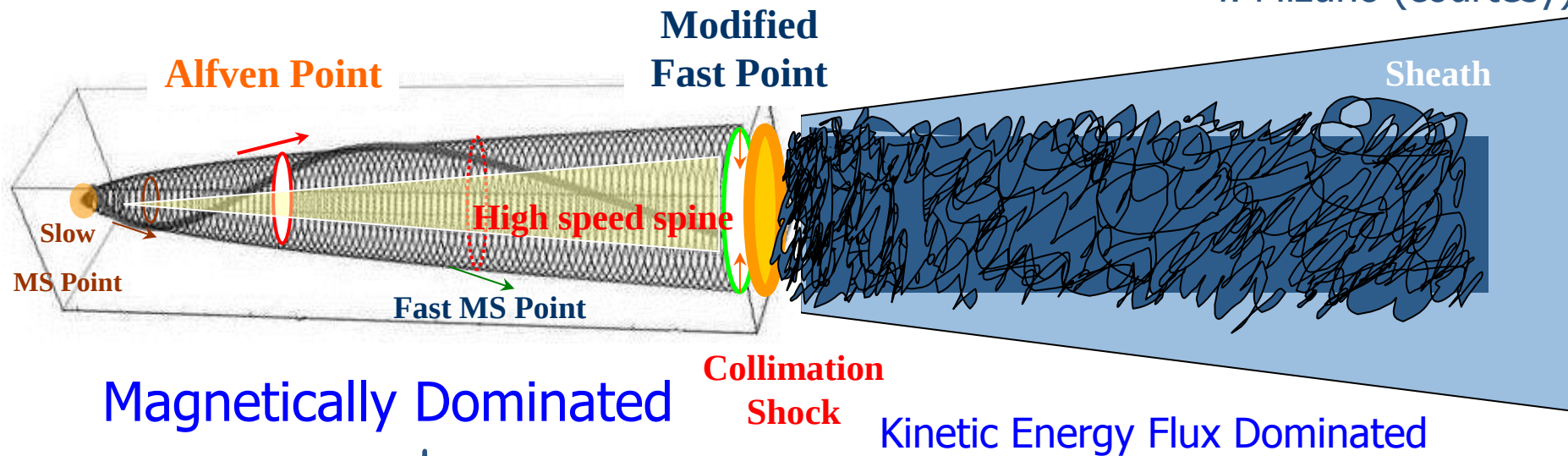
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Inner Regions of AGN & GRB Jets: Magnetically dominated

Most accepted mechanisms for jet formation - **Blandford-Payne** and **Blandford-Znajek** -> jets are born magnetically dominated

$$\sim 10 - 10^{2.5 \pm 0.5} r_s$$

Modified from D. Meier & Y. Mizuno (courtesy)



Current Driven Kink Instability

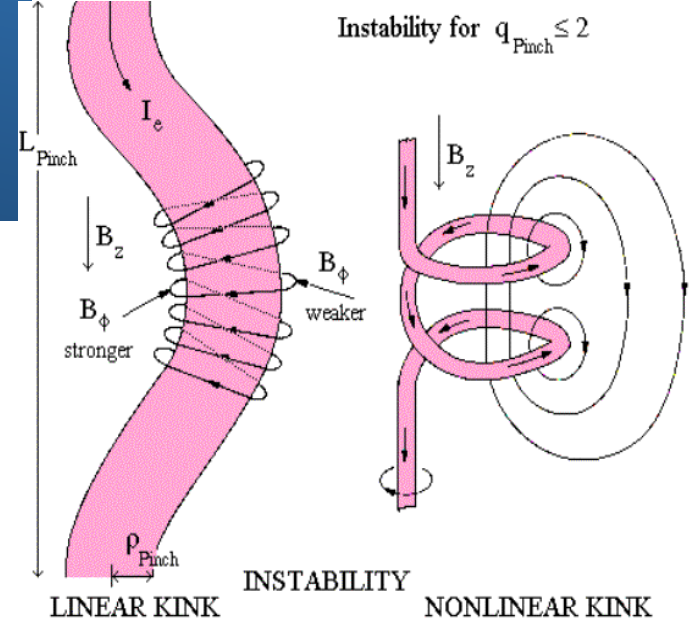
(Mizuno et al. 2012)

CD Kink Instability

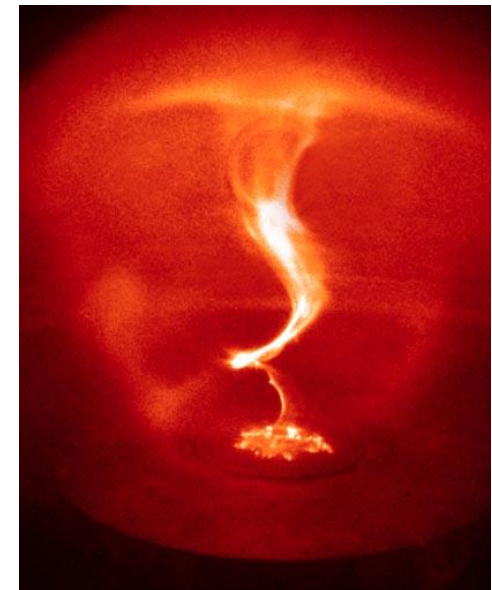
- Well-known instability in laboratory plasma (TOKAMAK) and astrophysical plasmas (Sun, jets, pulsars)
- In configurations with strong **toroidal magnetic fields**, current-driven (CD) kink mode ($m=1$) is unstable

$$t_{\text{kink}} \simeq \frac{2\pi R_j}{c} \frac{B_p}{B_\phi}$$

- This instability excites **large-scale helical motions** that can strongly distort or even disrupt the system
- Distorted magnetic field structure may trigger **magnetic reconnection**

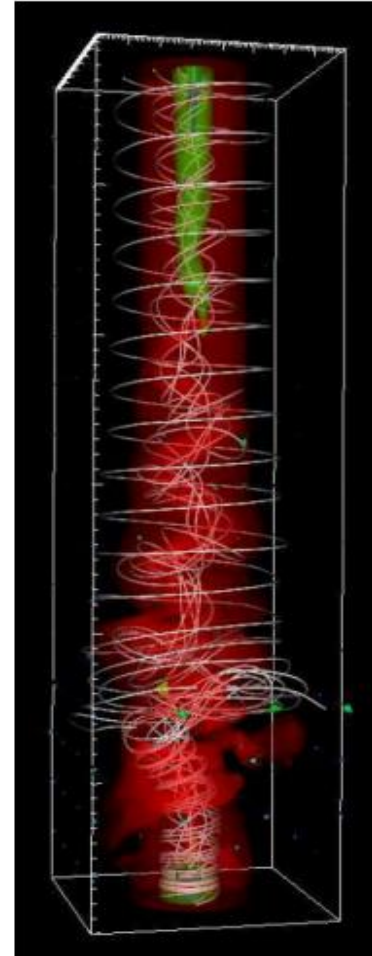
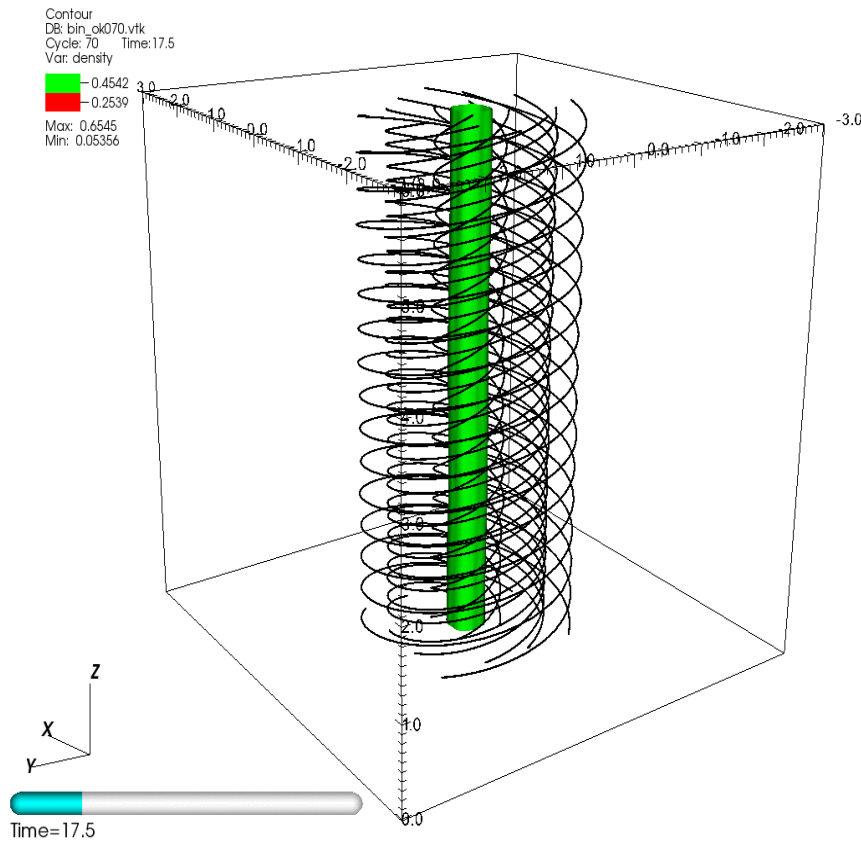


Schematic picture of CD kink instability



Kink instability in lab plasma (Moser & Bellan 2012)

MHD Simulations of Reconnection driven by Kink in Magnetically Dominated Relativistic Jets (AGNs & GRBs)

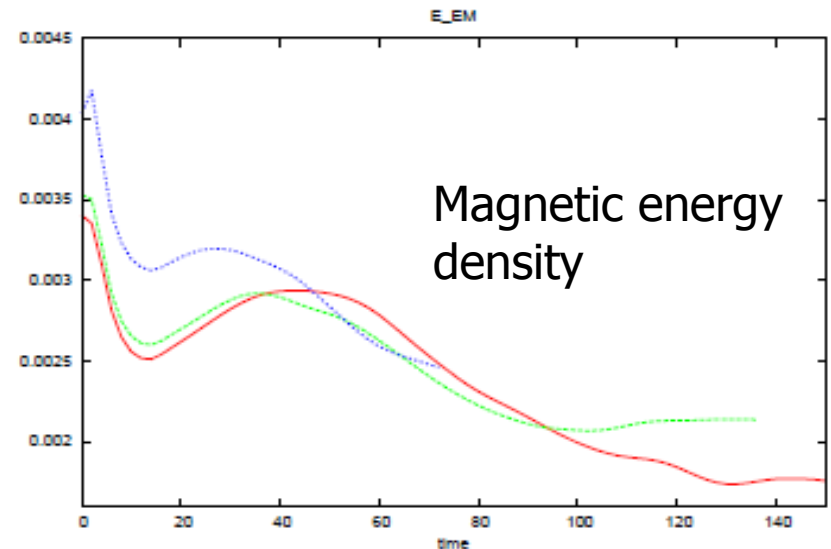
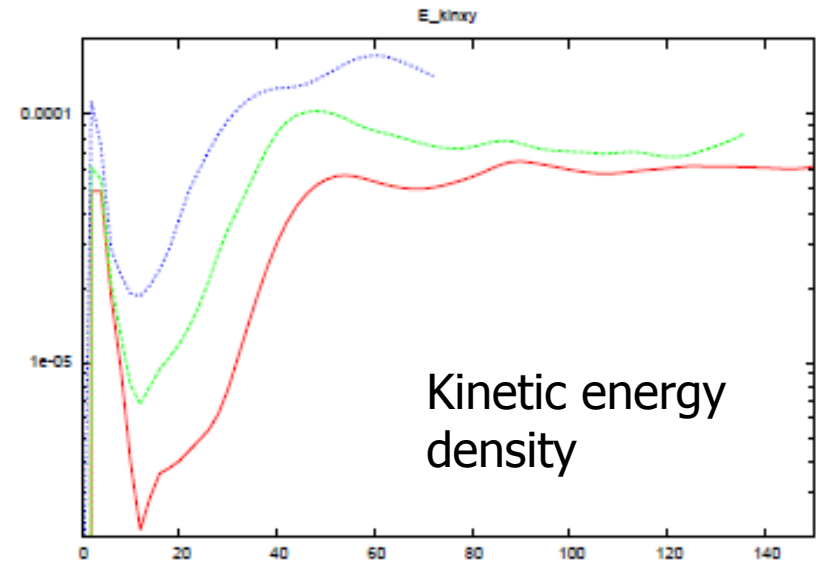
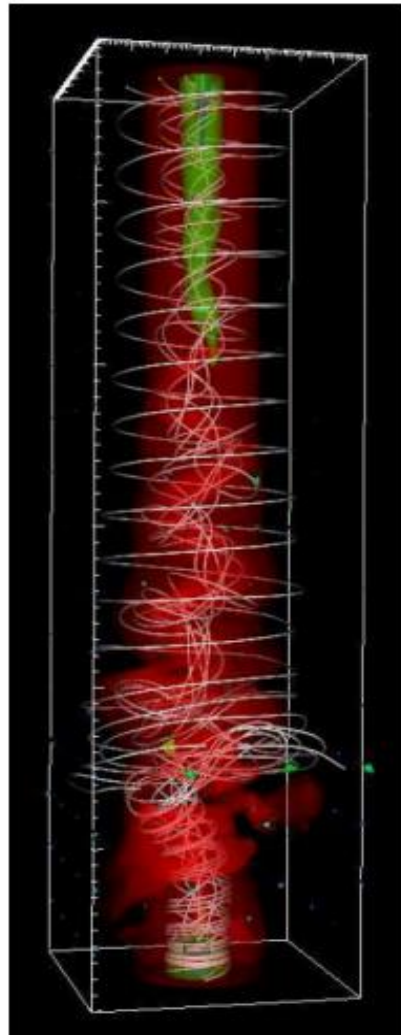


Singh, Mizuno, de Gouveia Dal Pino, ApJ 2016

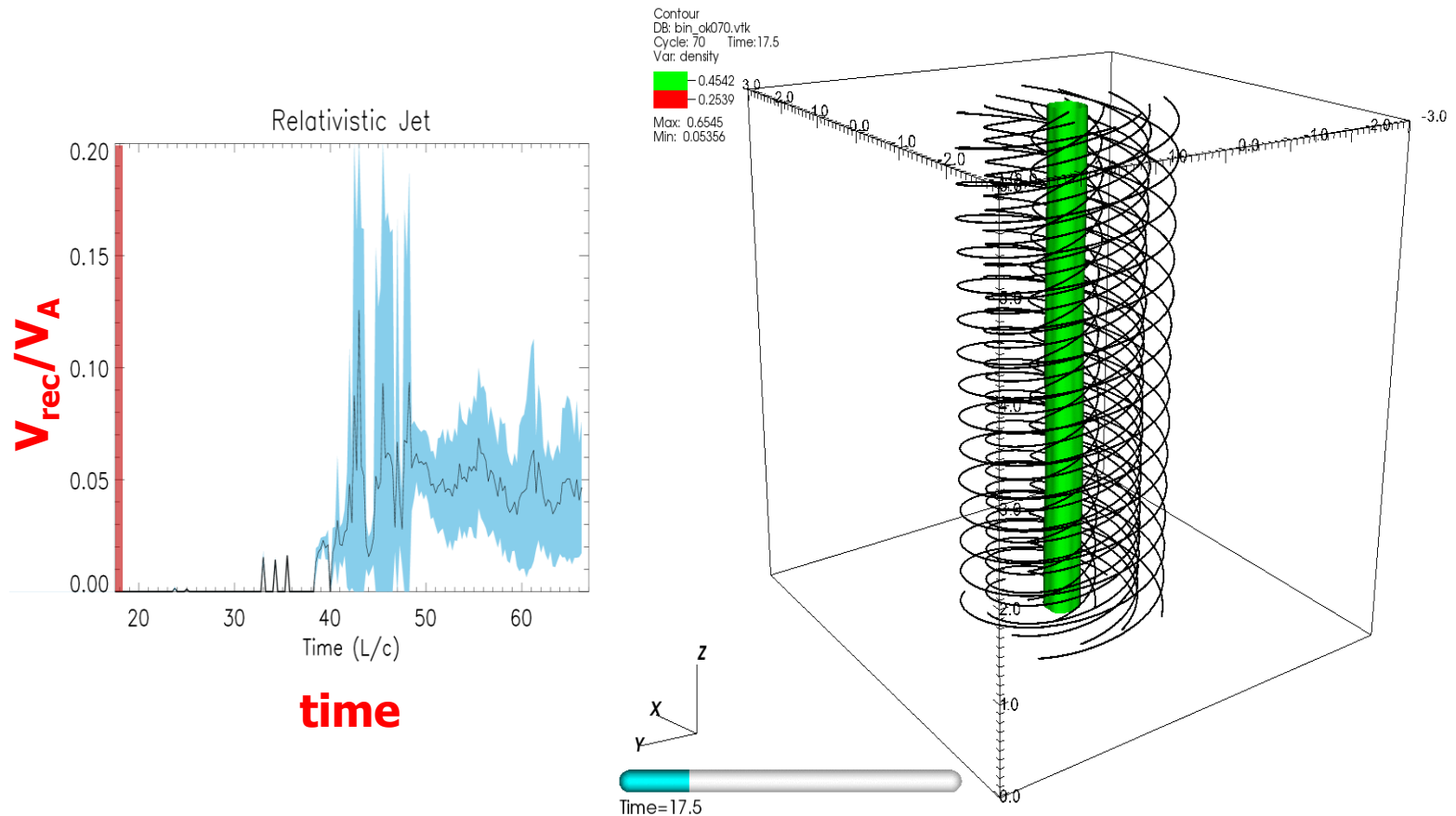
(also Torrejon, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal, Mizuno, Kadowaki, Singh, in prep.)

MHD Simulations of Reconnection driven by Kink in Magnetically Dominated Relativistic Jets

- Precession perturbation allows growth of CD kink instability with helical density distortion.
- Helical kink advected with the flow with continuous growth of kink amplitude in non-linear phase.
- Helical structure is disrupted
- ***Magnetic energy converted into kinetic***

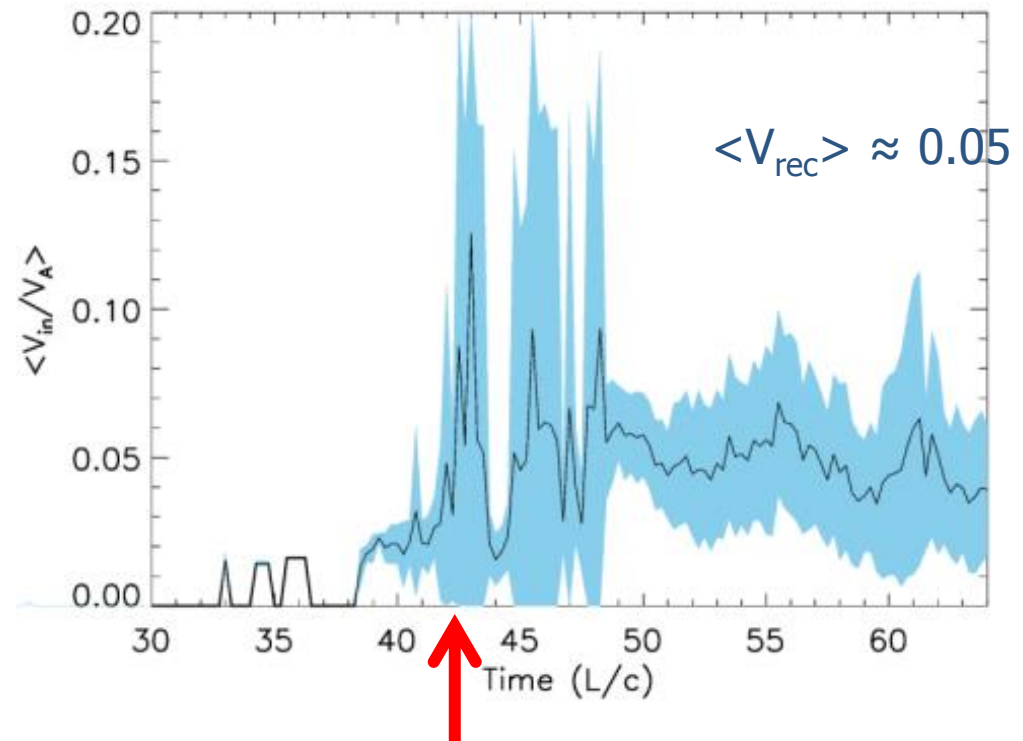
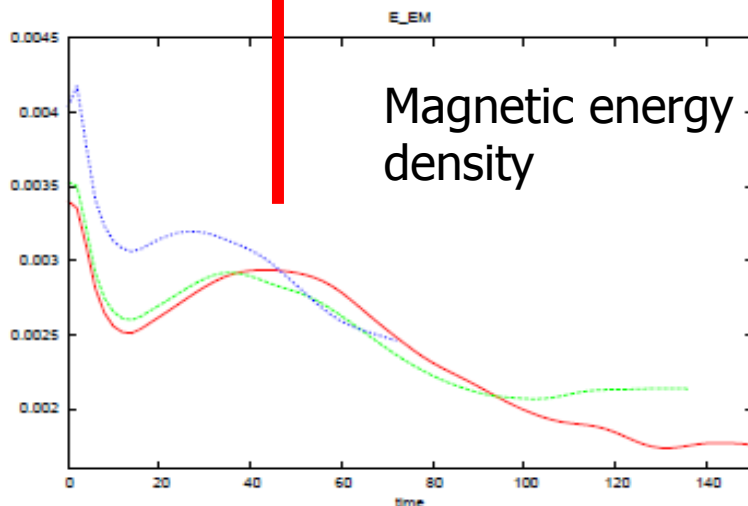
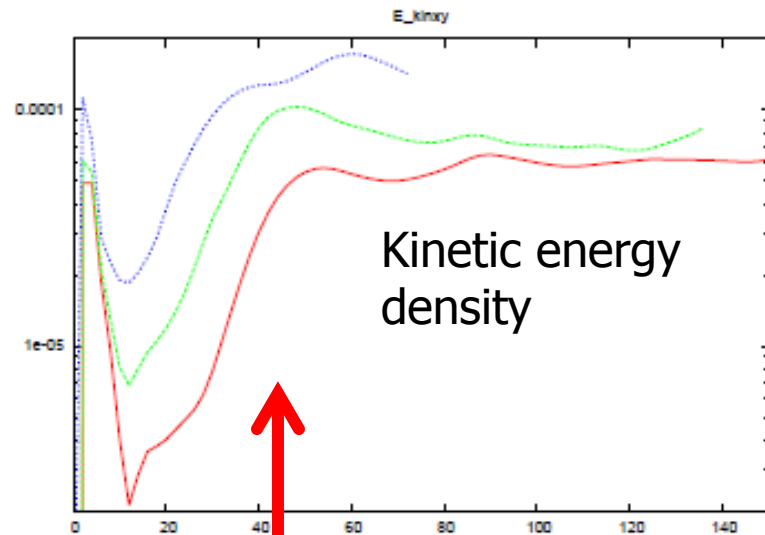


Identification of Fast Reconnection driven by Kink in Relativistic Jets



Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Medina-Torrejón, Mizuno, in prep

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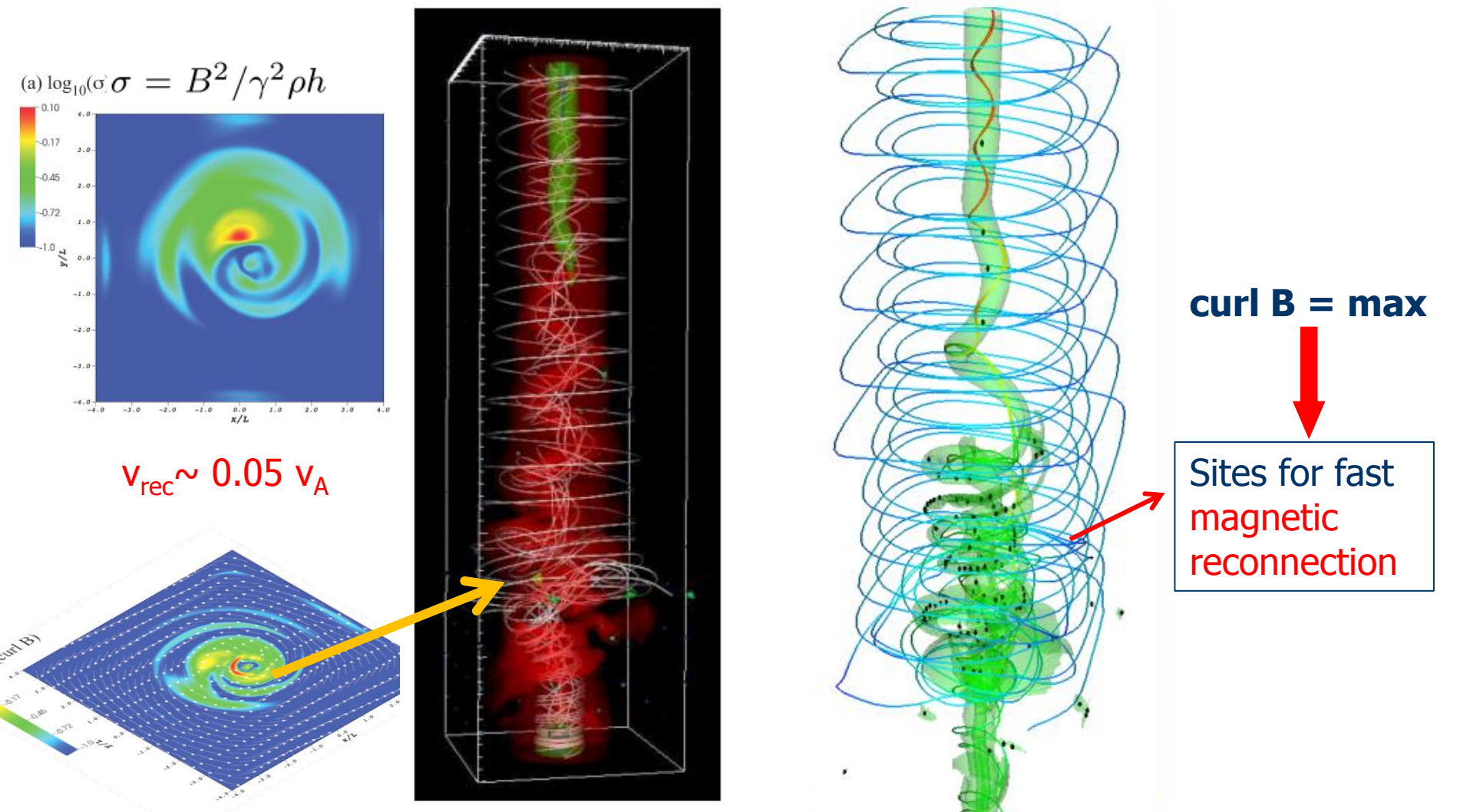


The peak value of $v_{\text{rec}} \sim 0.1$ occurs when the kink instability attains its maximum

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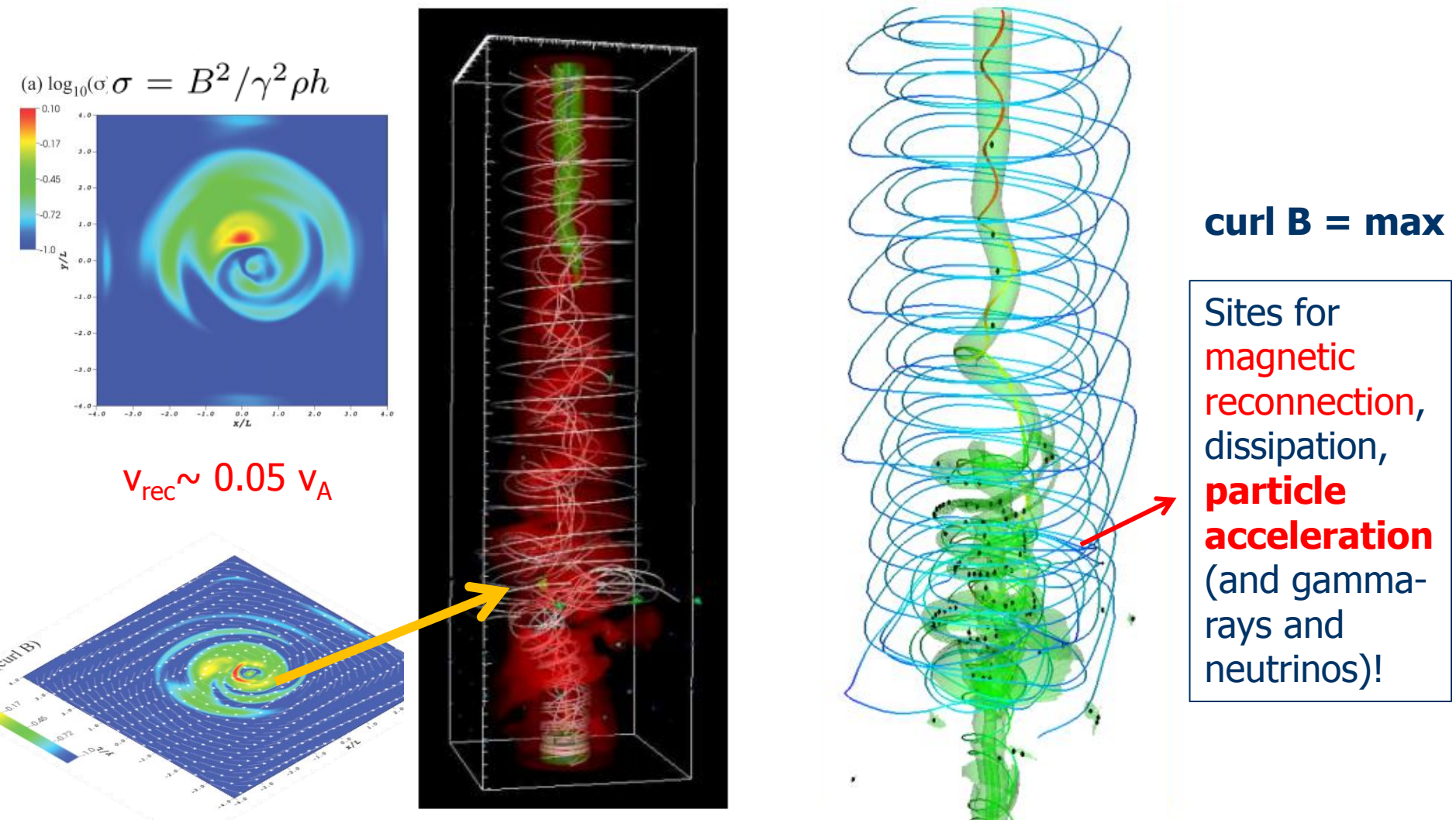
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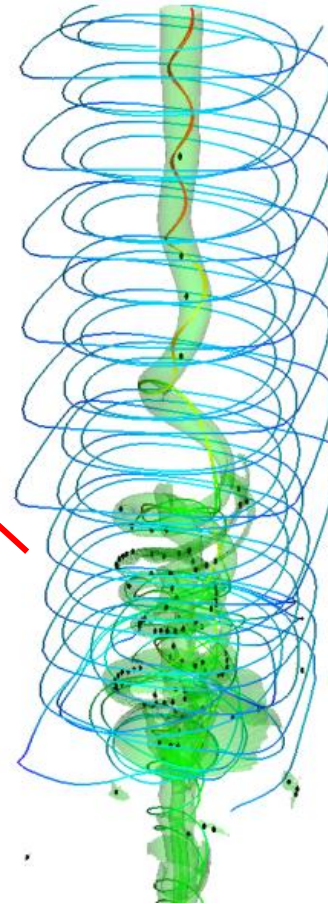
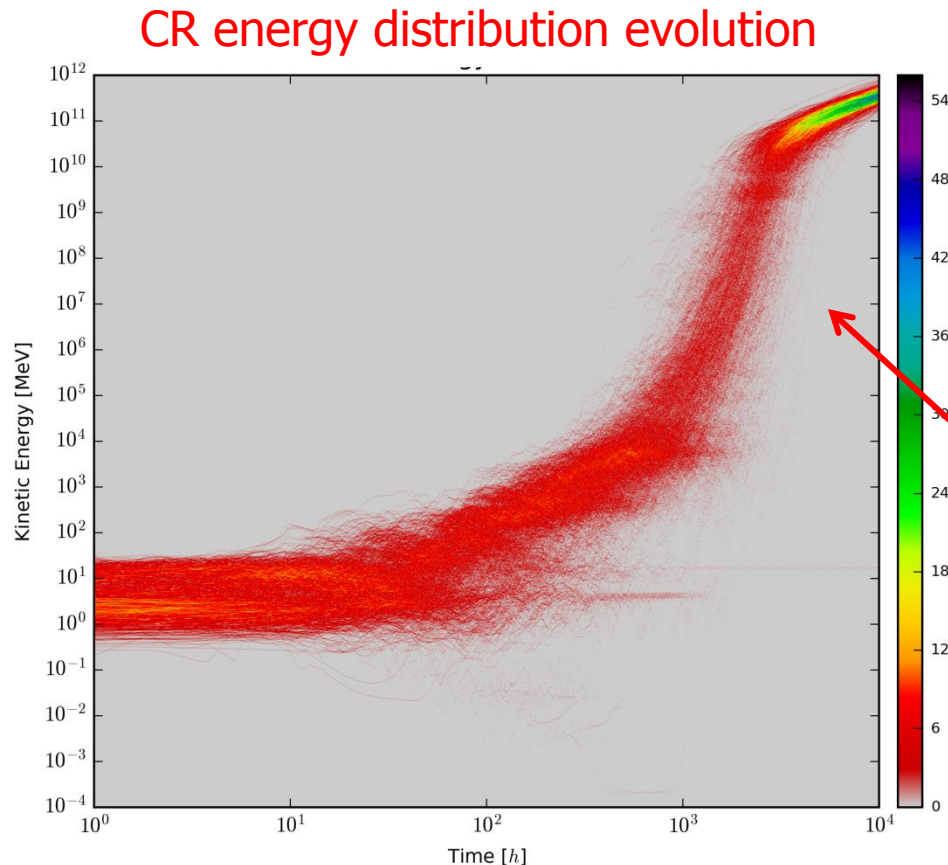
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Test Particle Acceleration by Magnetic Reconnection in Relativistic Jets



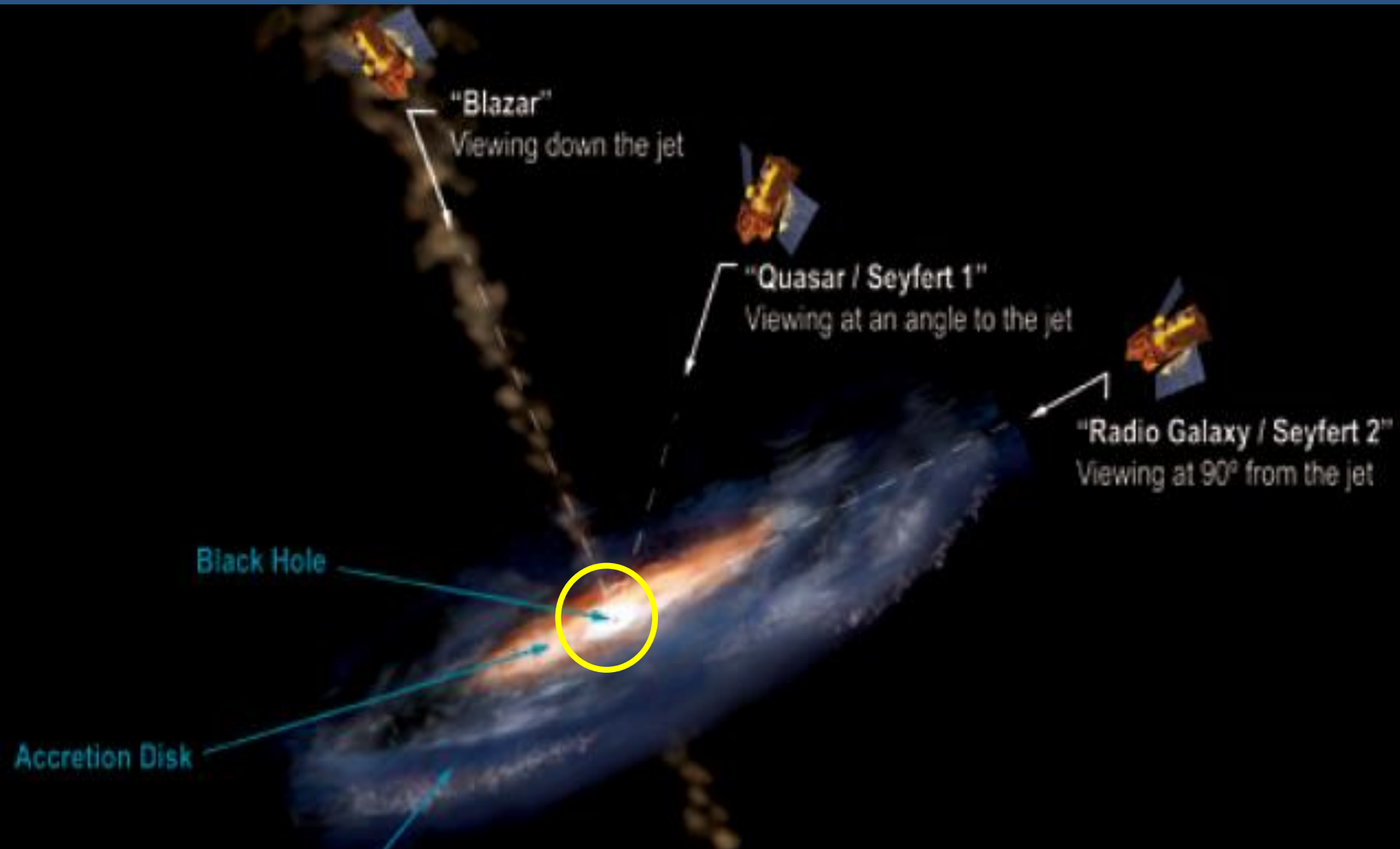
Injected 1000
test particles
accelerated in
reconnection
sheets:

**10^4 MeV $\rightarrow$
 $10^{17} - 10^{19}$ eV**
very fast at
sub-pc
distances
($B=0.13 - 13$ G)

These CRs $\rightarrow$ have energy enough to produce Gamma-Rays and Neutrinos !!

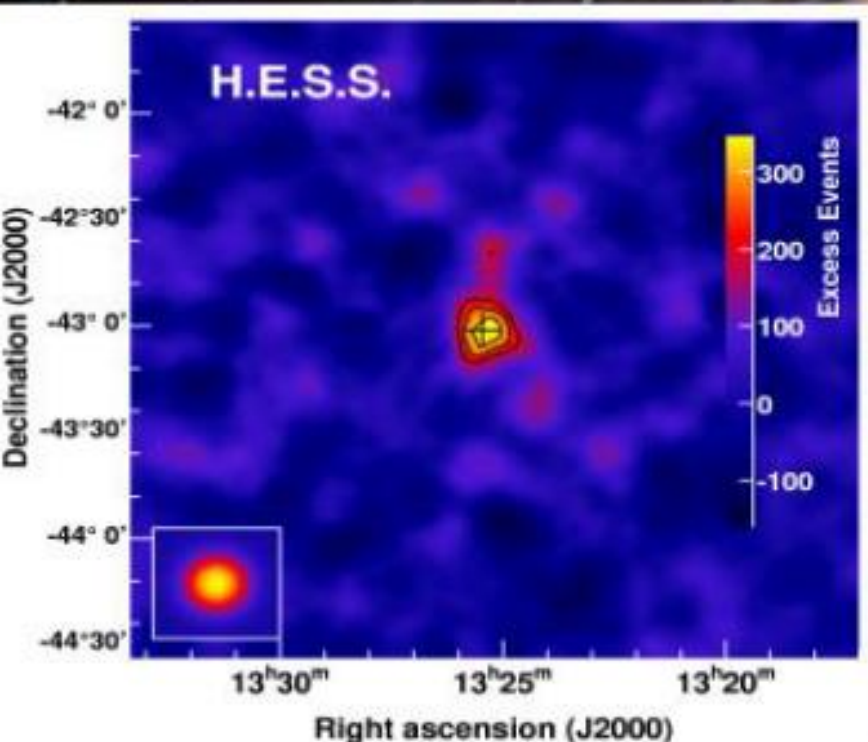
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Reconnection Acceleration *in the core region a standing problem ?*



Few Low Luminous AGNs: gamma-ray emitters

Ex. CenA, PerA, IC310, M87, PKS0625-35, 3C 264 (TeV)
(e.g. Torresi 2018)



✓ *Is emission from core or jet ?*

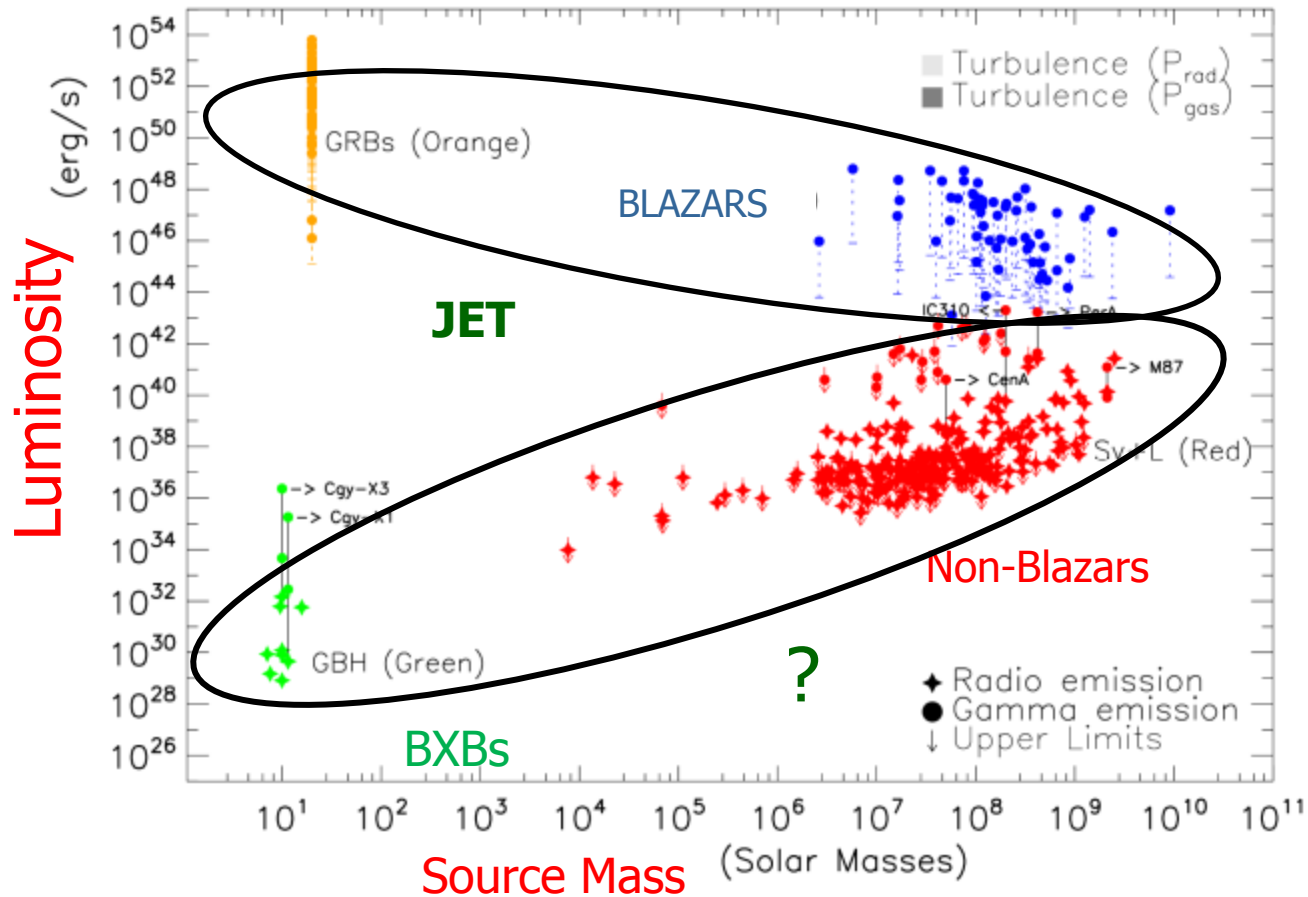
✓ **Rapid variability emission:**
size $\sim c t_{\text{var}} \sim 100 r_s$

-> **compact emission: core?**

✓ ***If core:*** magnetized

-> ***Reconnection acceleration?***

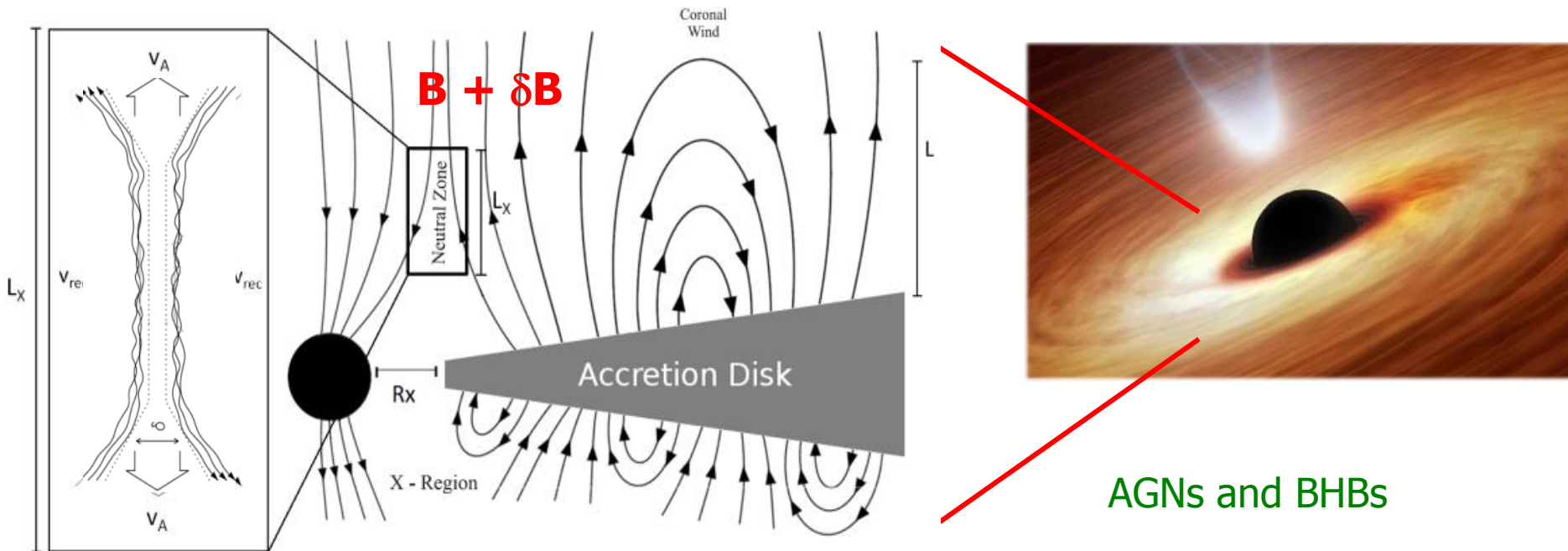
Radio and Gamma-Ray Power versus Mass



Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Singh, ApJ 2015

Proposed Magnetic Reconnection acceleration model in the surrounds of BHs to explain VHE

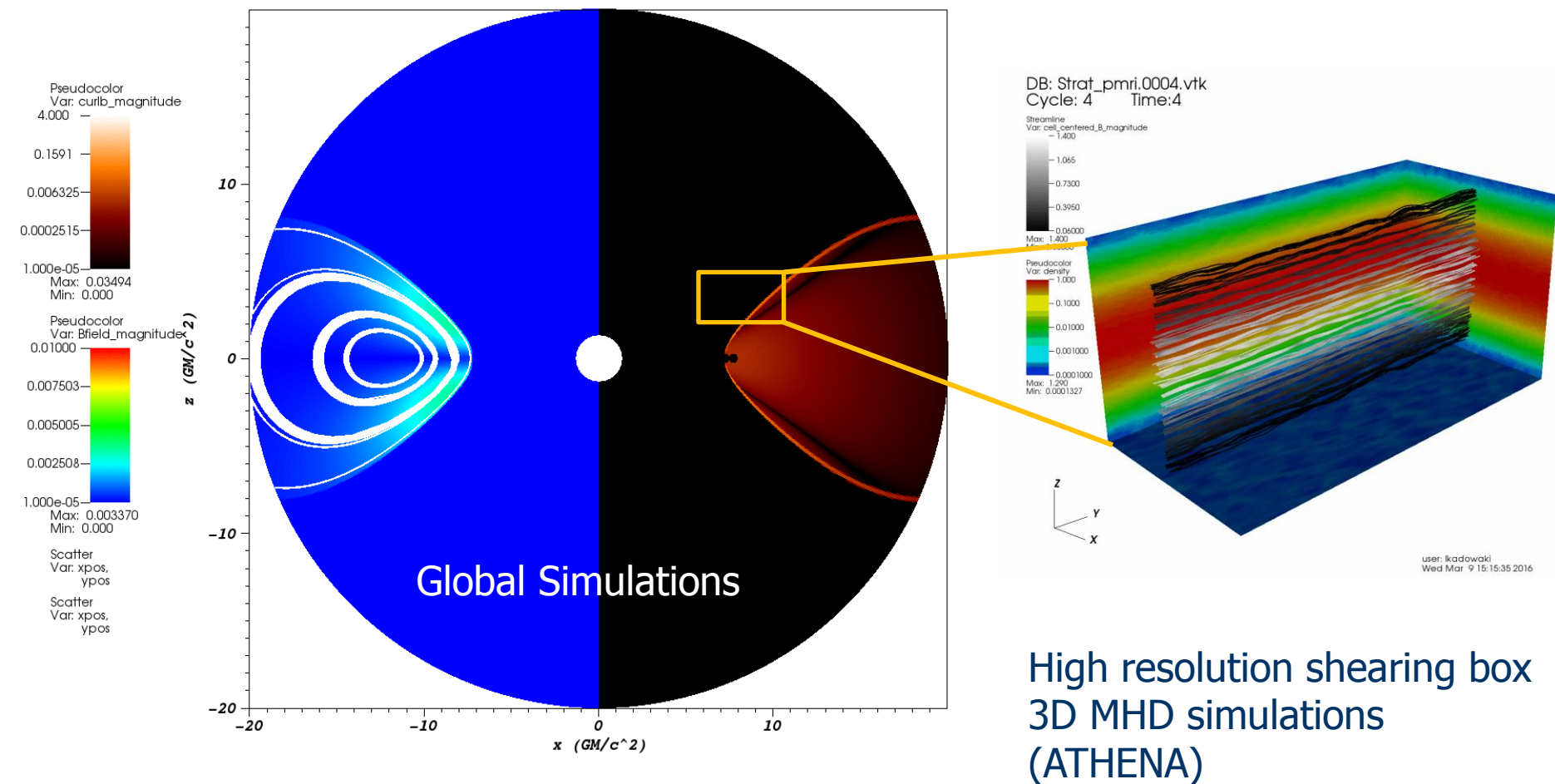
Accretion disk/jet systems (AGNs & galactic BHs)



de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian 2005; de Gouveia Dal Pino+2010
Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Singh, ApJ 2015
Singh, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Singh, ApJ Lett. 2015

Evidence of Fast Reconnection in GR-MHD Simulations of accretion disk/corona around BHs

Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Stone, ApJ (2018a)

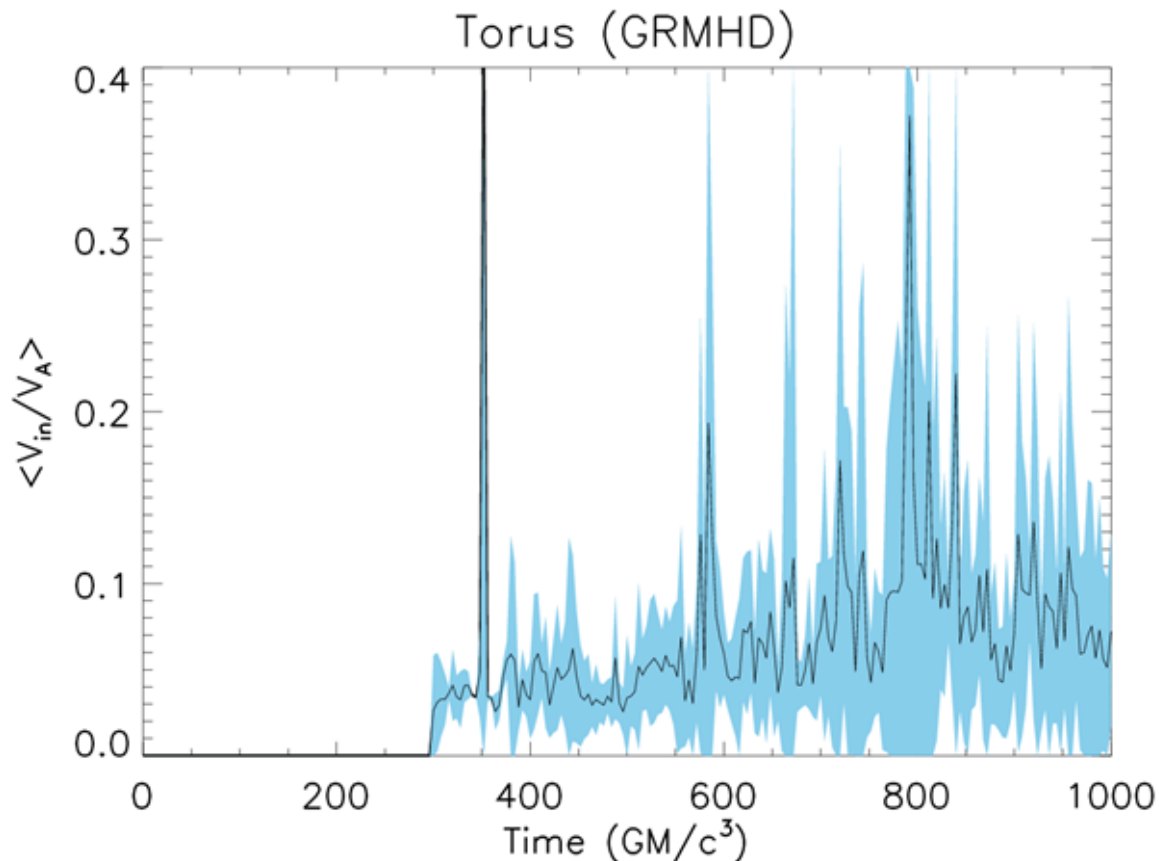


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Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Stone (in prep.2018b)

Reconnection Velocities in the accretion disk around BHs



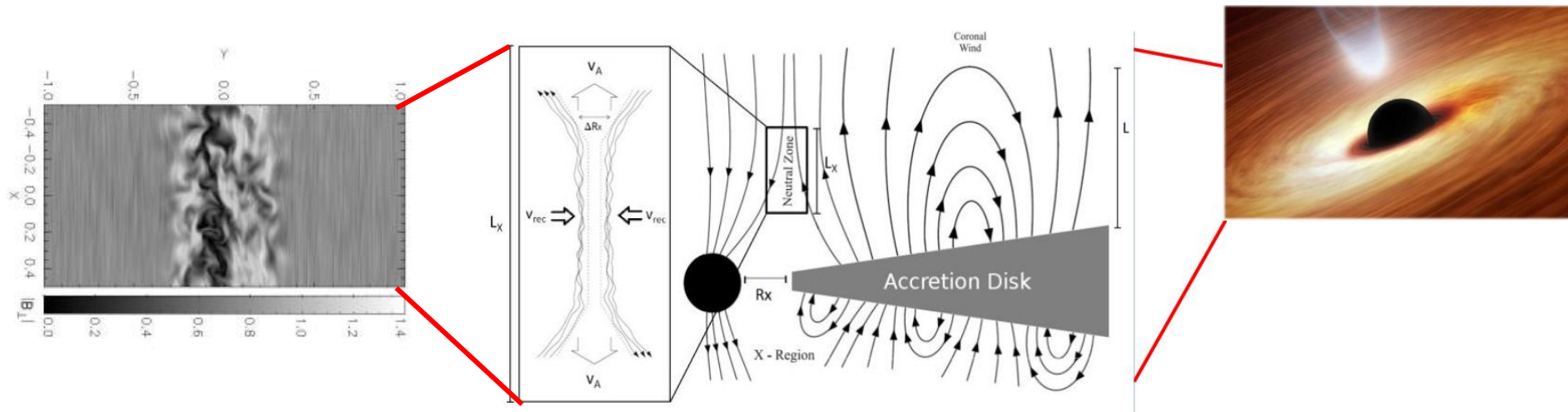
- **Average reconnection velocities $V_{\text{rec}} \sim 0.05 V_A$**

(Kadowaki, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Stone, 2018b, in prep.)

Calculating Reconnection Power in the surrounds of BHs

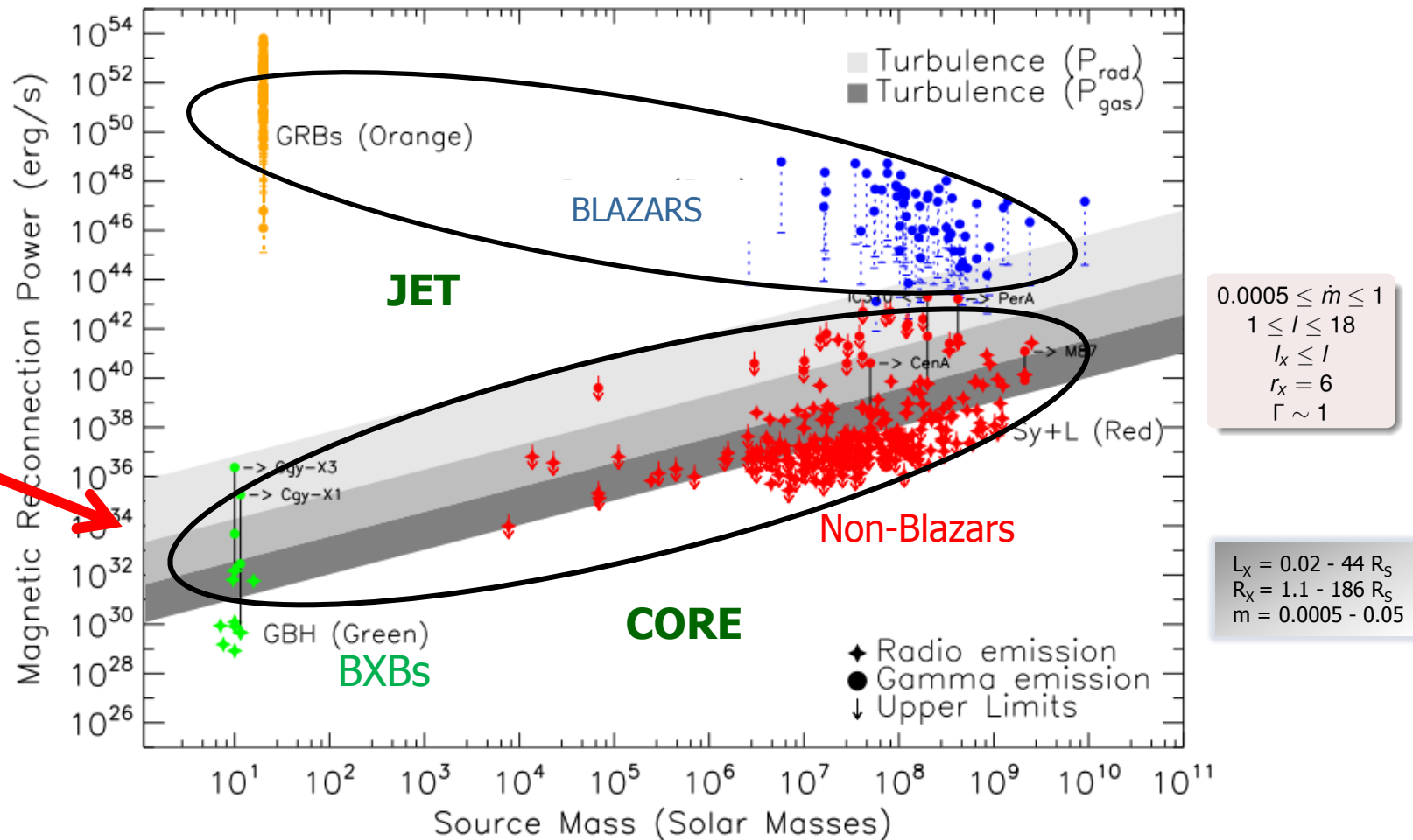
Magnetic Power released by fast reconnection

$$\dot{W}_B \simeq 1.66 \times 10^{35} \Gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} r_X^{-\frac{5}{8}} l^{-\frac{1}{4}} l_X q^{-2} \dot{m}^{\frac{3}{4}} m \text{ erg/s}$$



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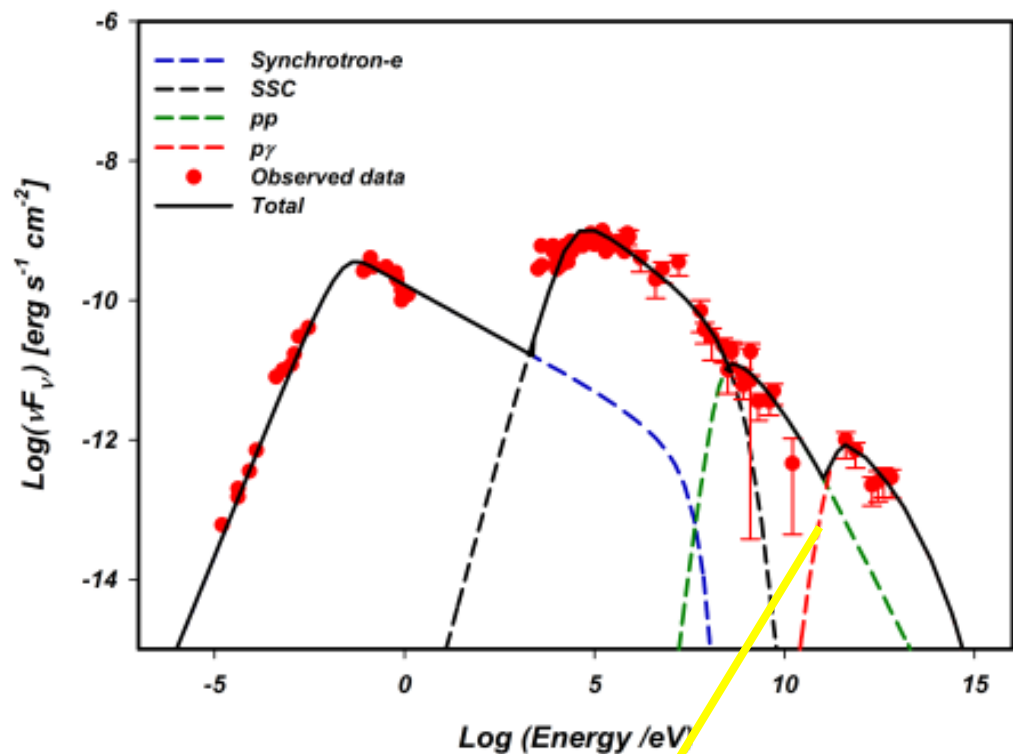
Proposed Magnetic Reconnection Model around BHs for Gamma-Ray emission



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Can Reconnection explain observed SEDs?

Cen A



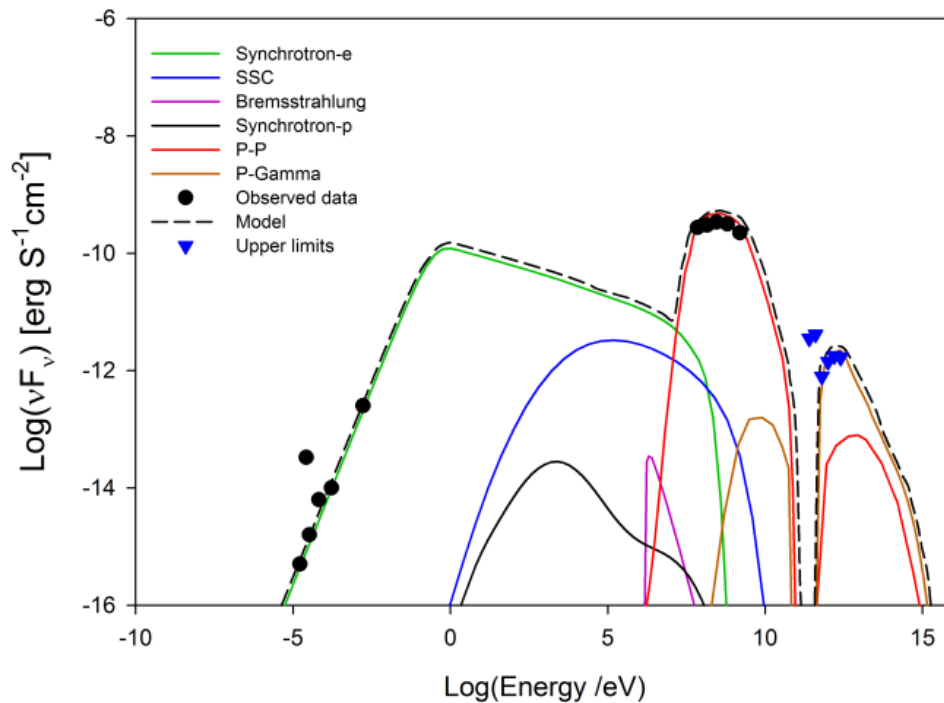
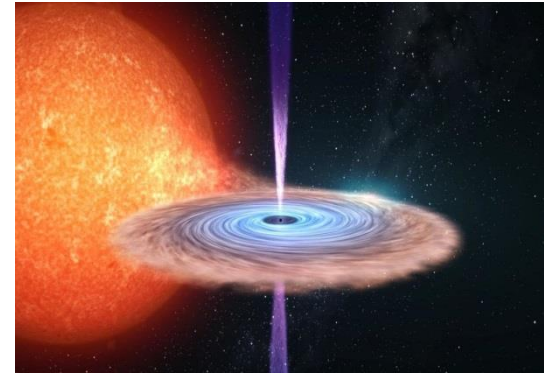
TeV Gamma-rays

Reconnection Acceleration & Radiative Losses

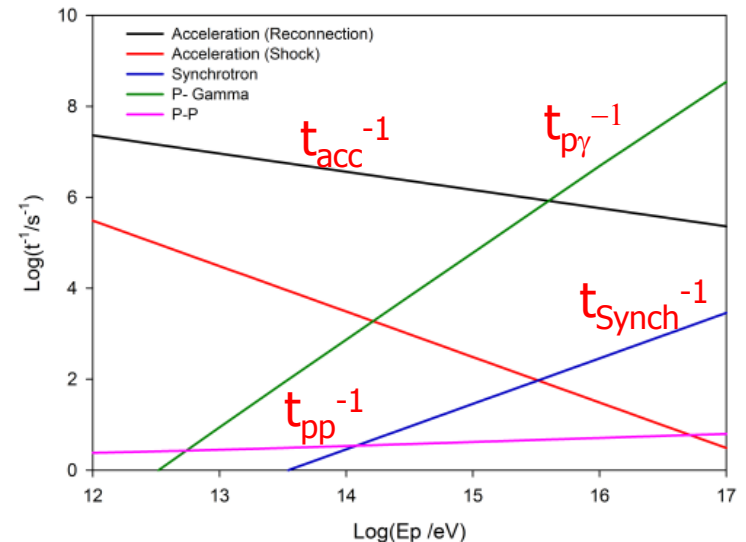
✓ Cooling of the accelerated particles -> emission:

$$t_{\text{acc}} \sim t_{\text{loss}}(\text{Synchrotron, SSC, pp, } p\gamma)$$

Ex.: Galactic Black Hole Cyg X3



Spectral Energy Distribution (SED)

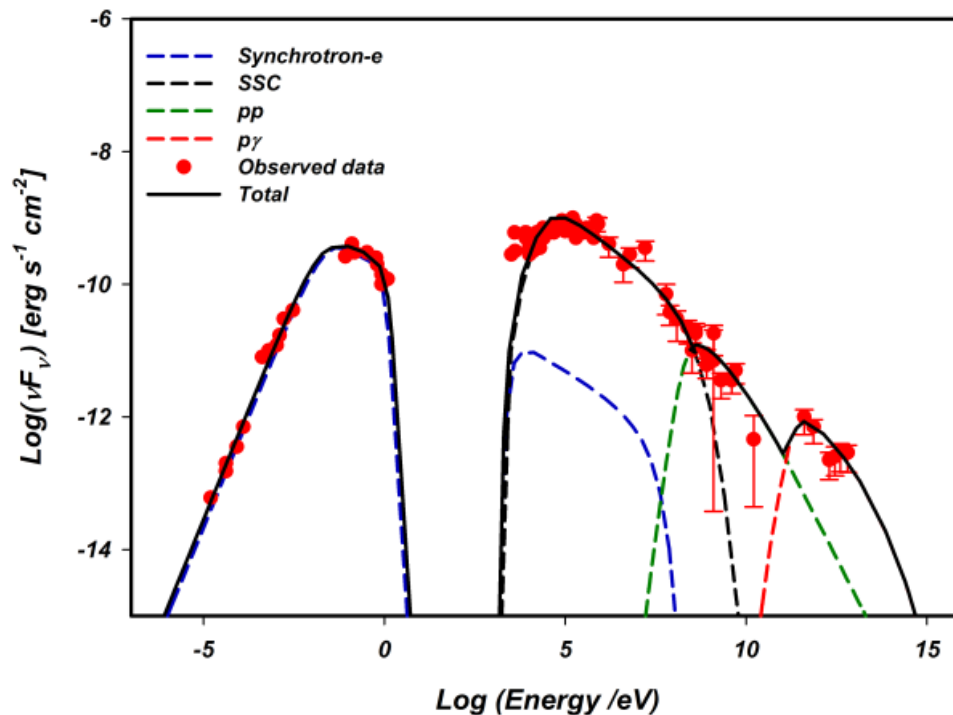
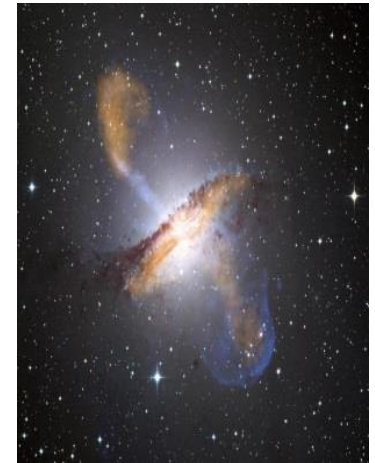


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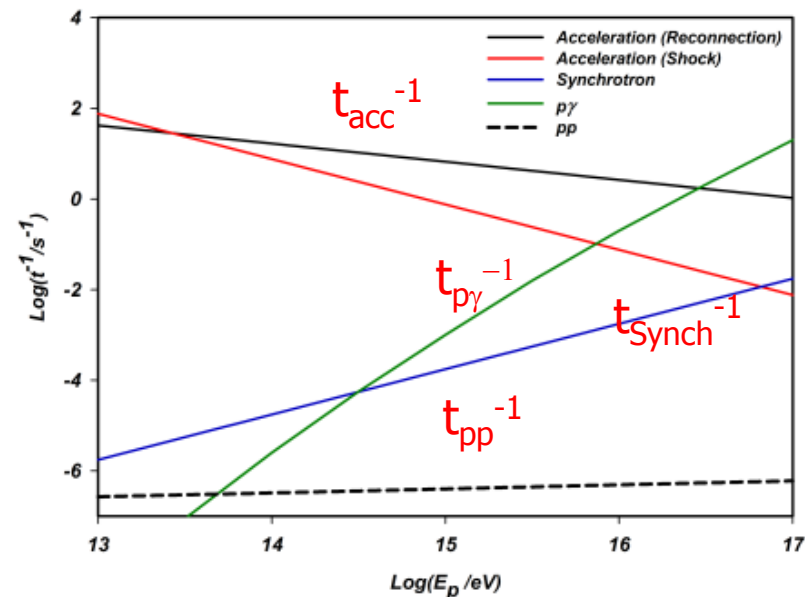
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Ex.: Radio-galaxy Cen A



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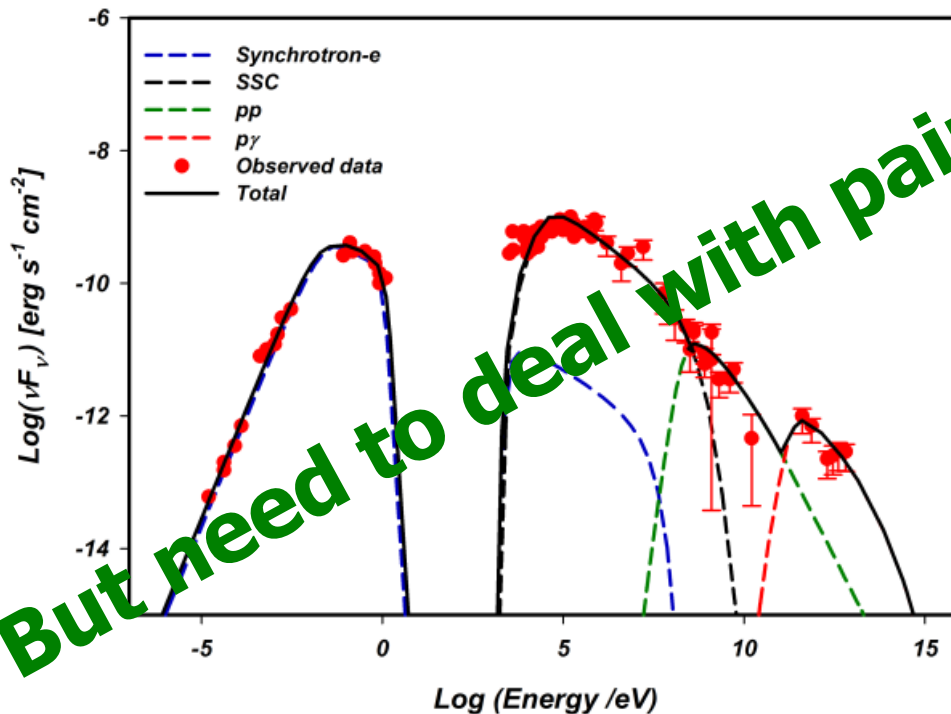
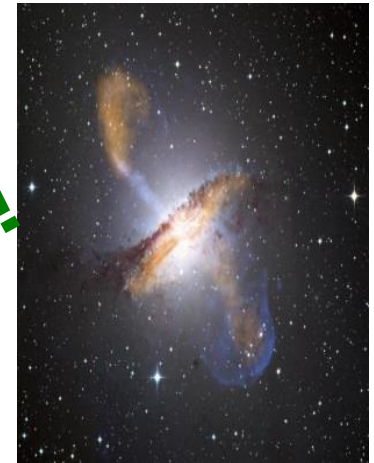
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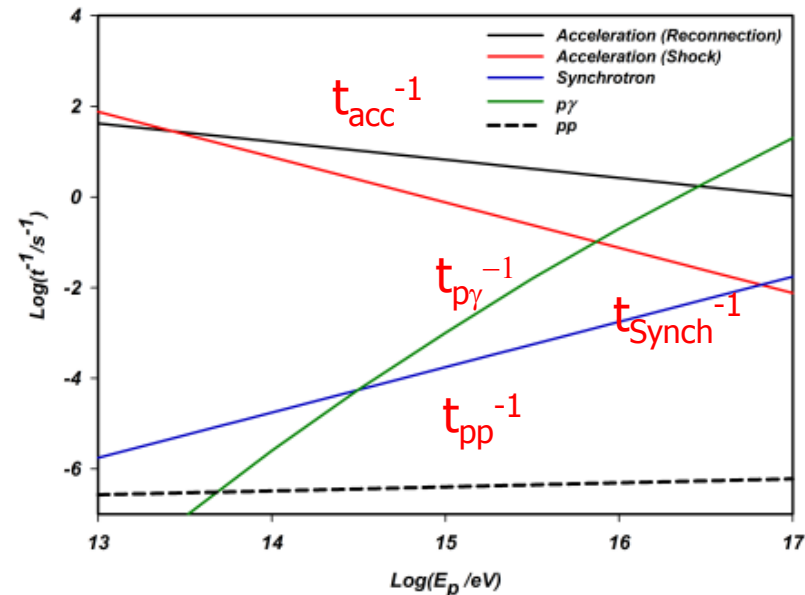
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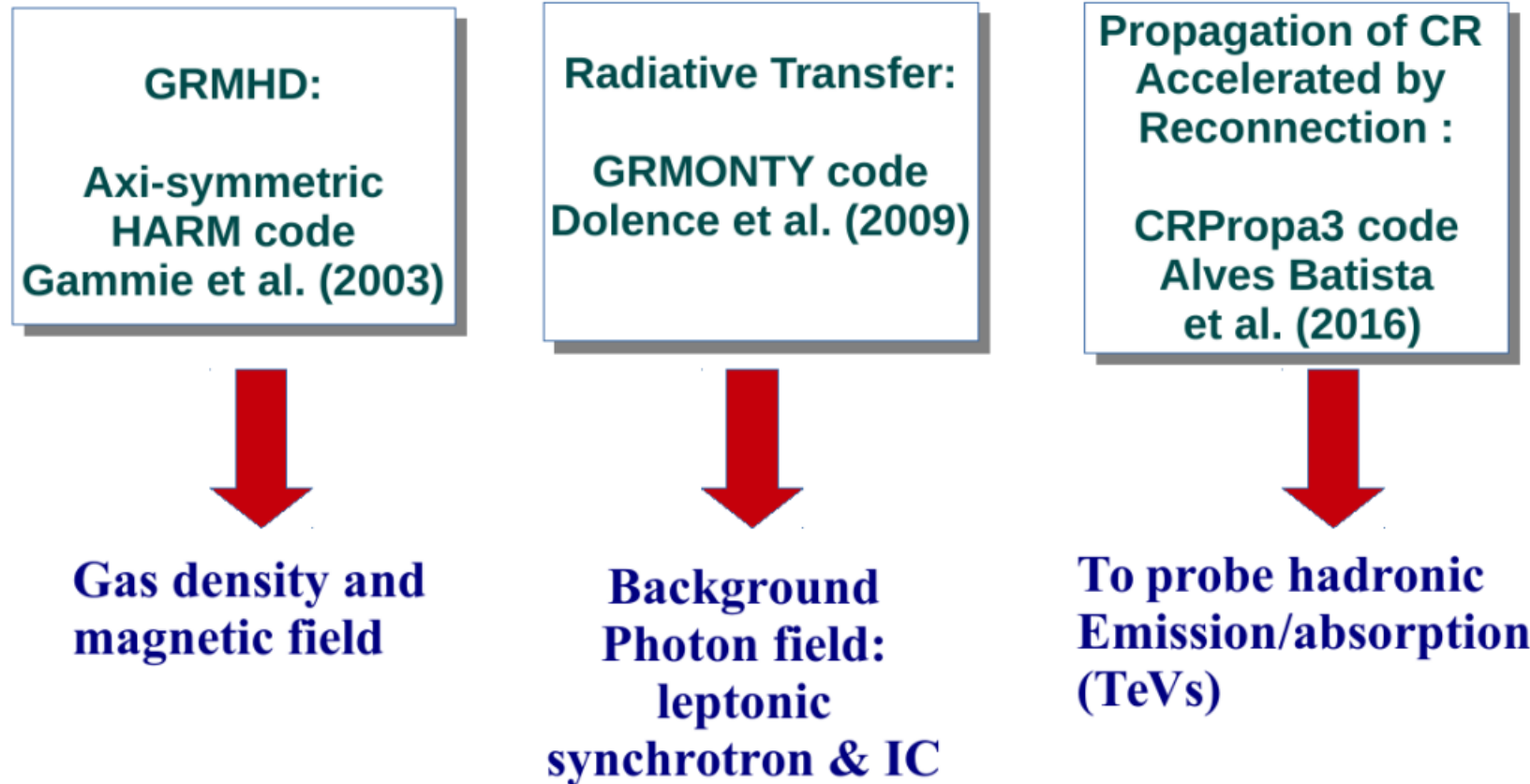
Spectral Energy Distribution



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VHE emission due to CR acceleration by reconnection in the surrounds of BHs

We combine 3 techniques (to deal with full emission and also gamma-ray absorption by pair production)

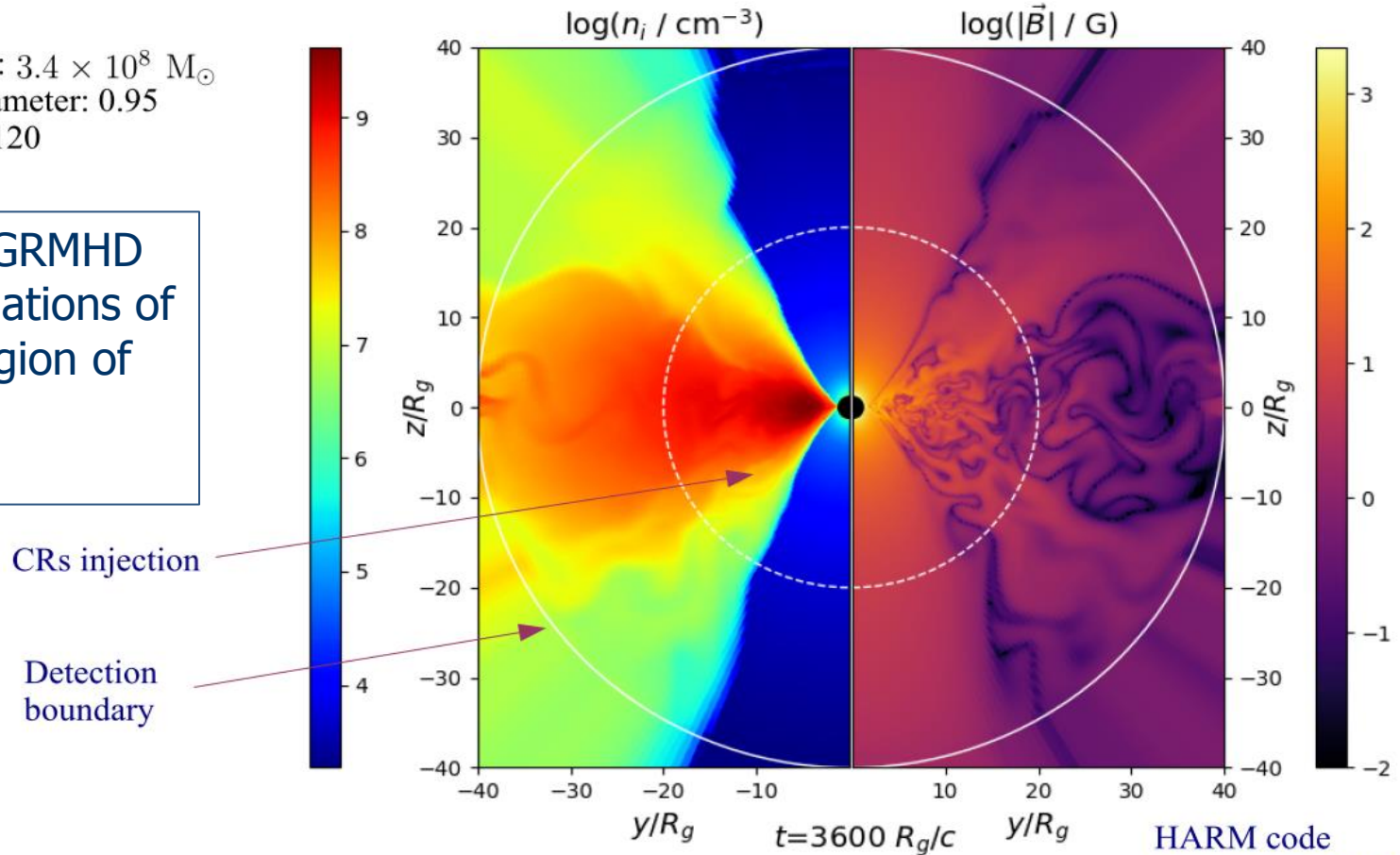


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VHE emission due to CR acceleration by reconnection in the surrounds of BHs

- BH mass: $3.4 \times 10^8 M_\odot$
- Spin parameter: 0.95
- $T_p/T_e = 120$

Numerical GRMHD
ADAF simulations of
the core region of
LLAGN –
Ex.: **Cen A**

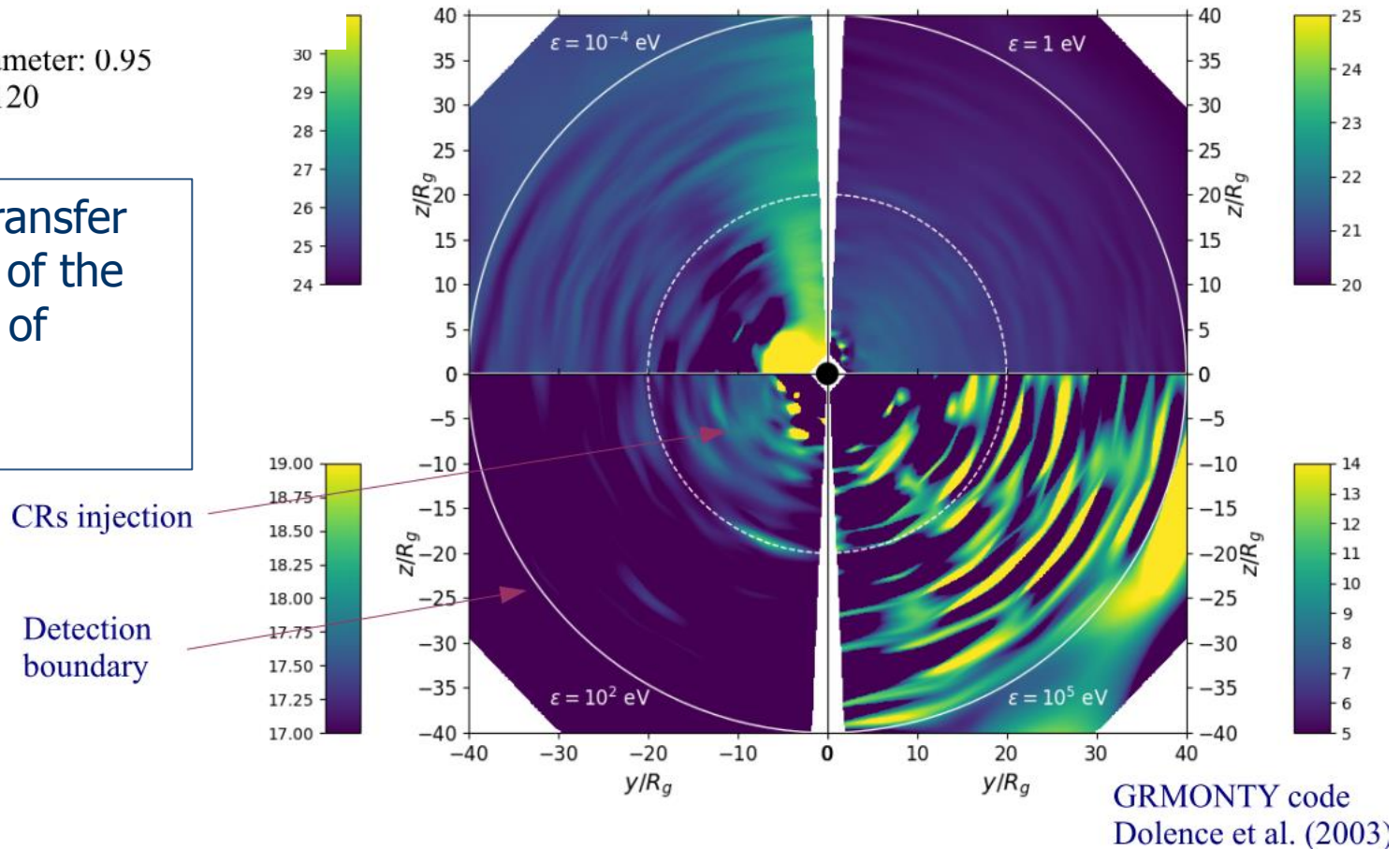


GRMHD simulations -> provide **background matter and magnetic fields distributions** for 3D simulations of CRs interactions with photons, matter and magnetic fields (also Rodriguez-Ramirez's talk)

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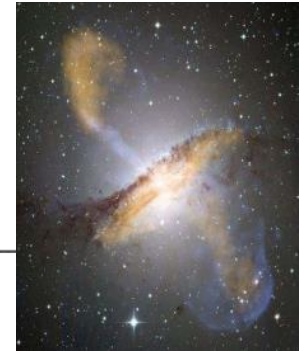
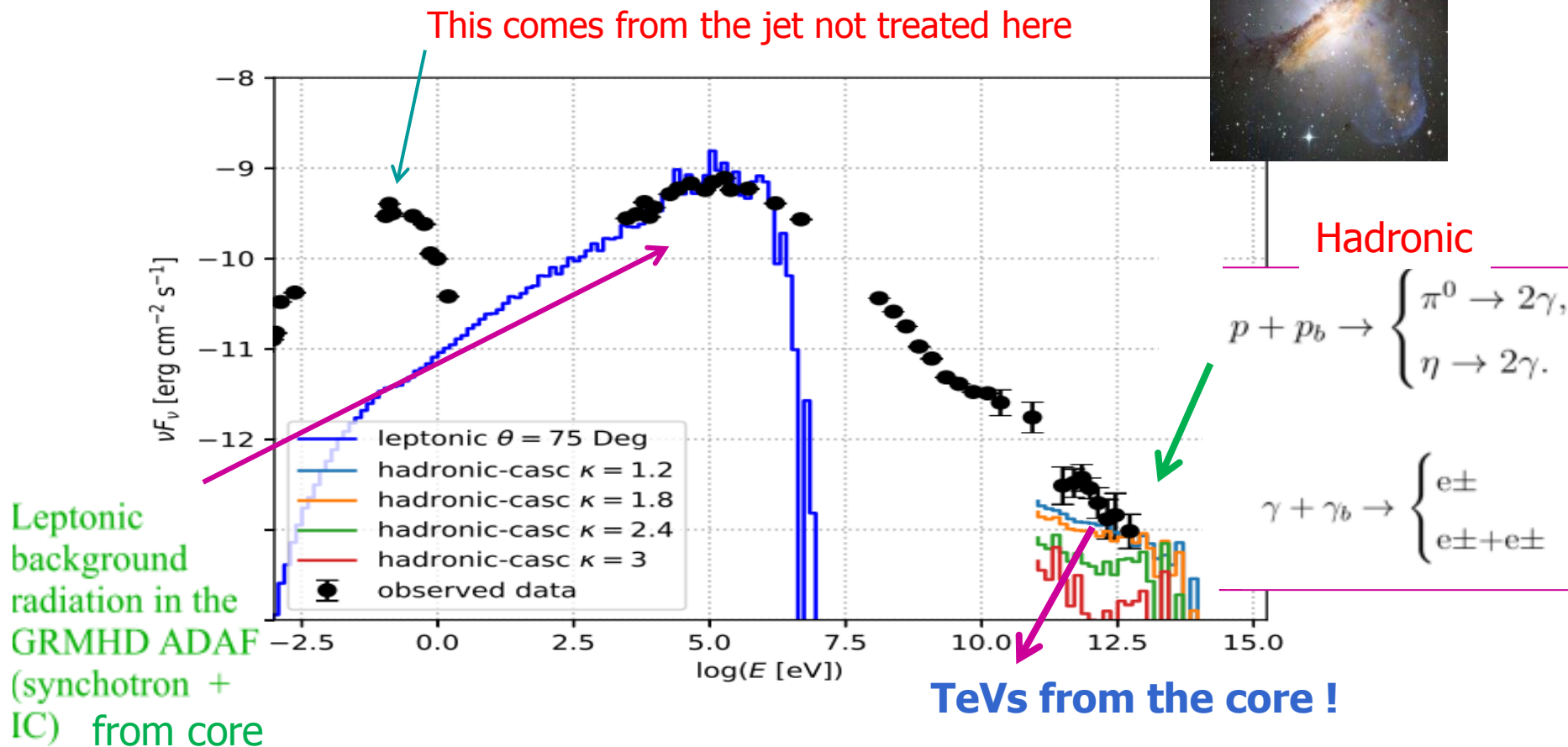
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Radiative Transfer simulations of the core region of LLAGN –
Ex.: Cen A



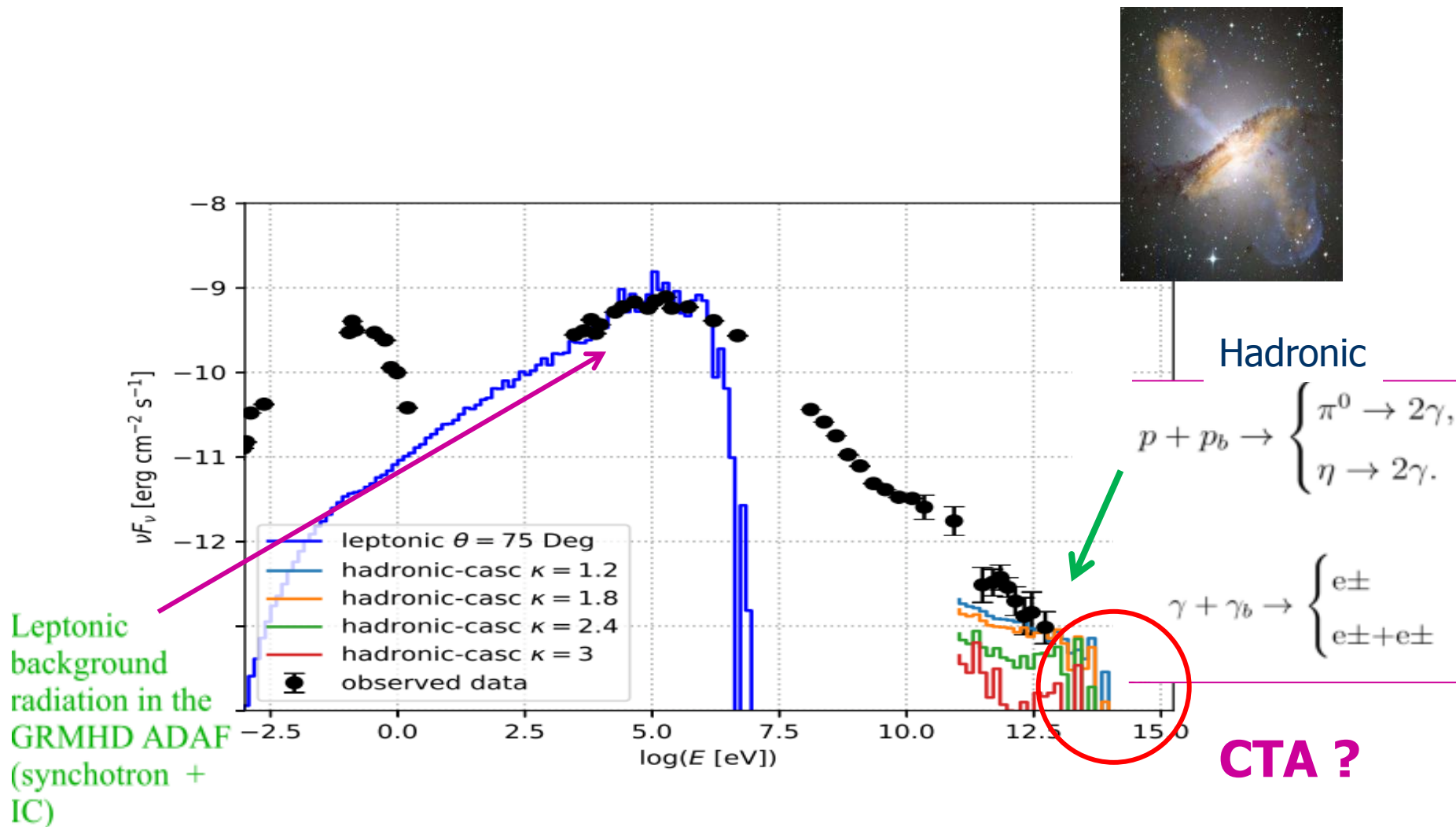
Radiative Transfer simulations -> provide **background photon field distribution (Synch+IC)** for simulations of CRs interactions with photons, matter and magnetic fields
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Reconnection acceleration and Hadronic-Leptonic Emission of CenA core



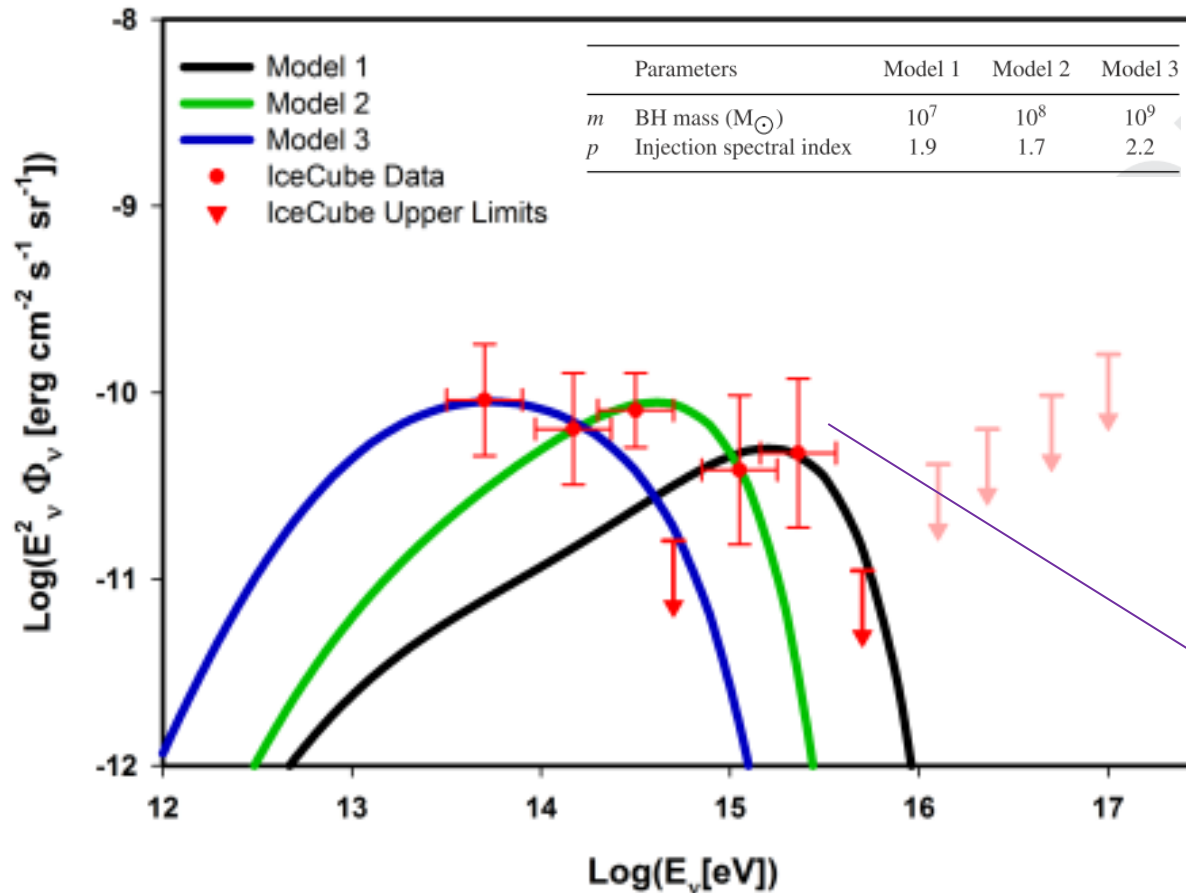
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Reconnection acceleration and Hadronic-Leptonic Emission of Cen A



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Production of Ice-cube neutrino emission in *cores* of low luminous AGNs ($z \sim 0 - 5.2$) due to particles accelerated by reconnection



$p + \text{photons} \rightarrow \pi + p$

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$

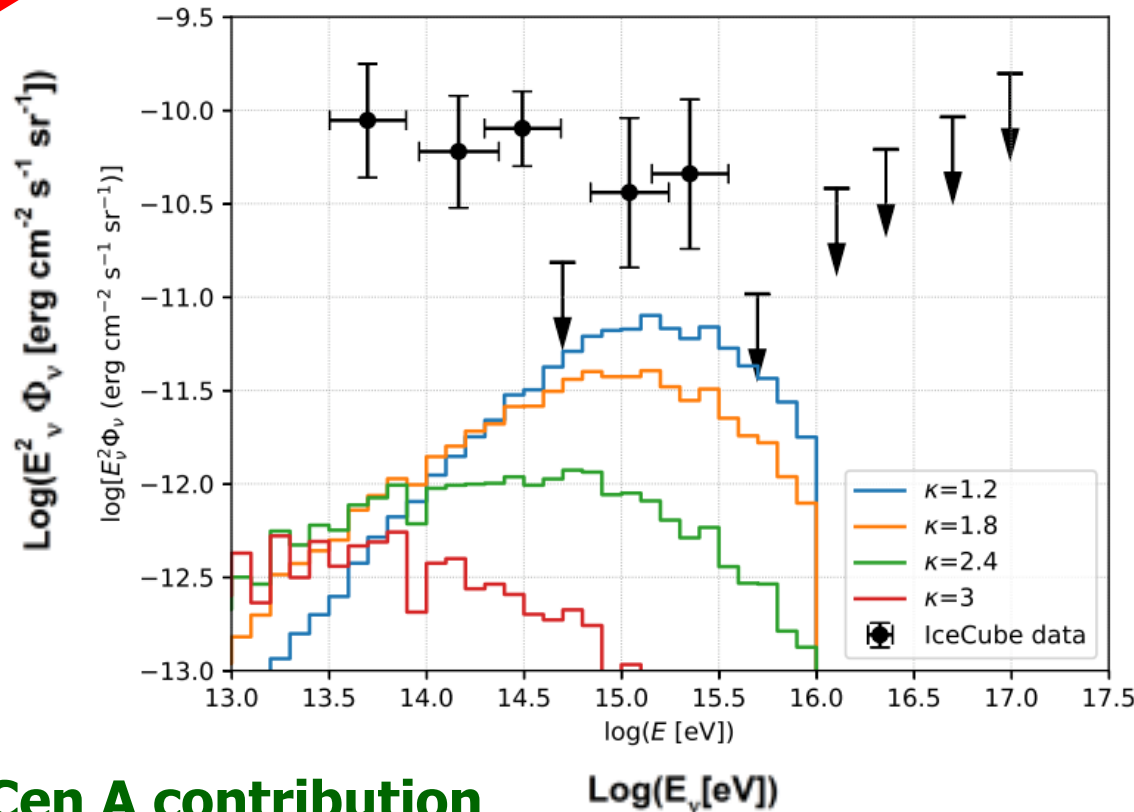
**IceCube
flux of
Neutrinos**

(Khiali & de Gouveia Dal Pino, MNRAS 2016)

Production of IceCube neutrino emission in *cores* of low luminous AGNs due to particles accelerated by reconnection – Cen A contribution alone

Preliminary

GRMHD + Radiative Transfer + CR cascading simulations



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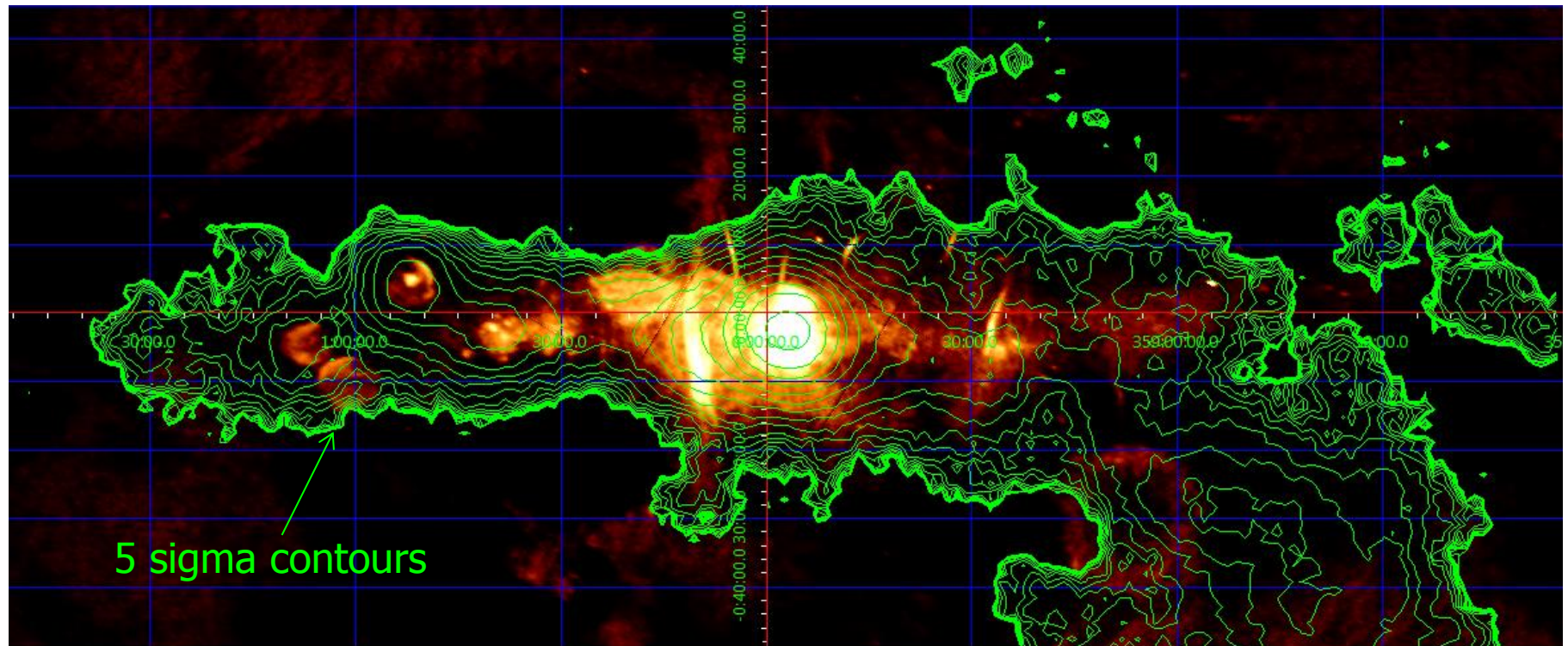
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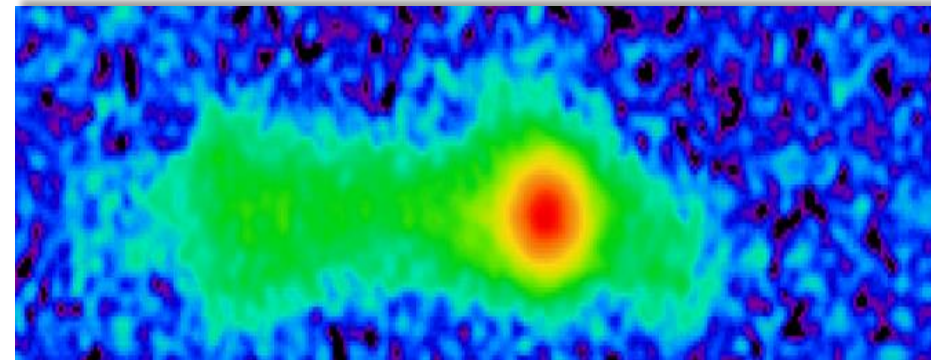
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Galactic center region - SgrA* ?

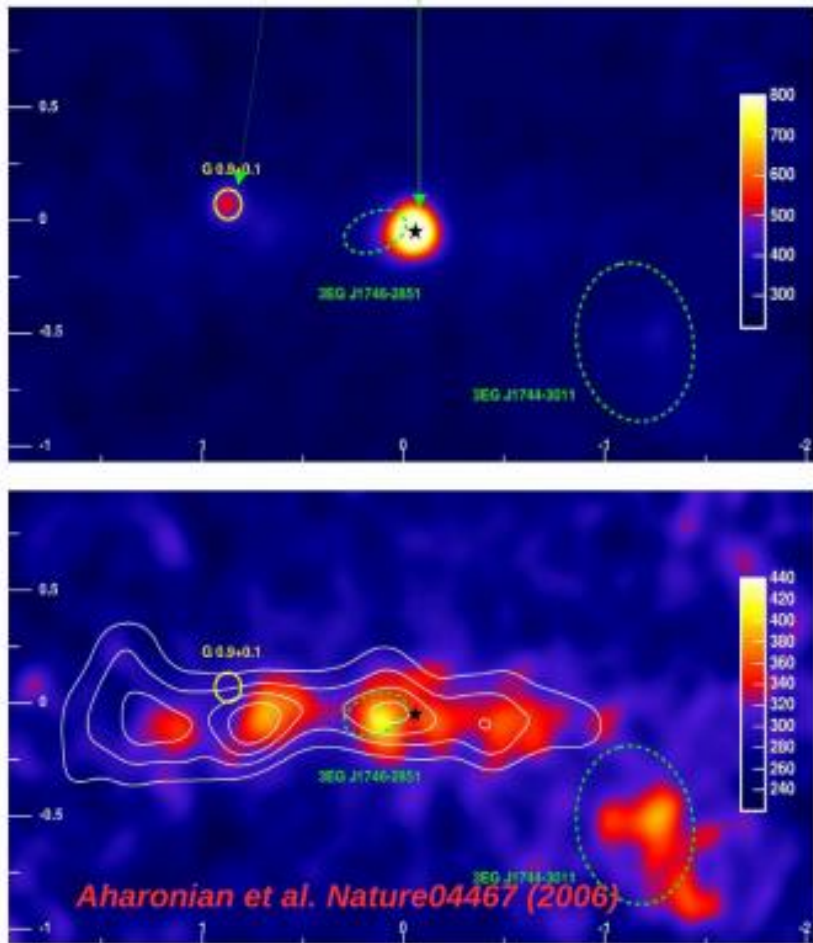


Galactic center - SgrA* -> in gamma ray

PeVatron source detected !



CTA

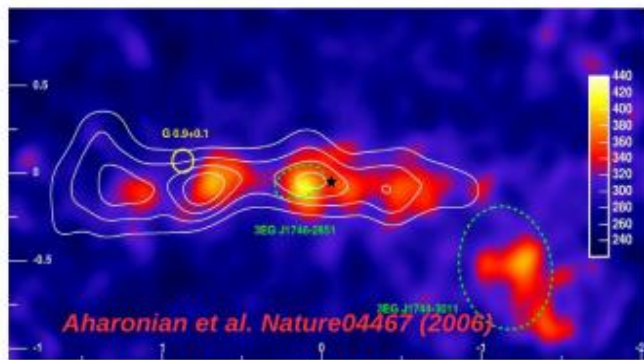
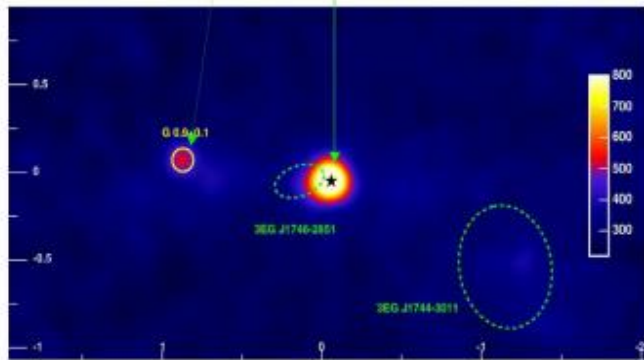


Reconnection acceleration and Hadronic-Leptonic Emission of SgrA*

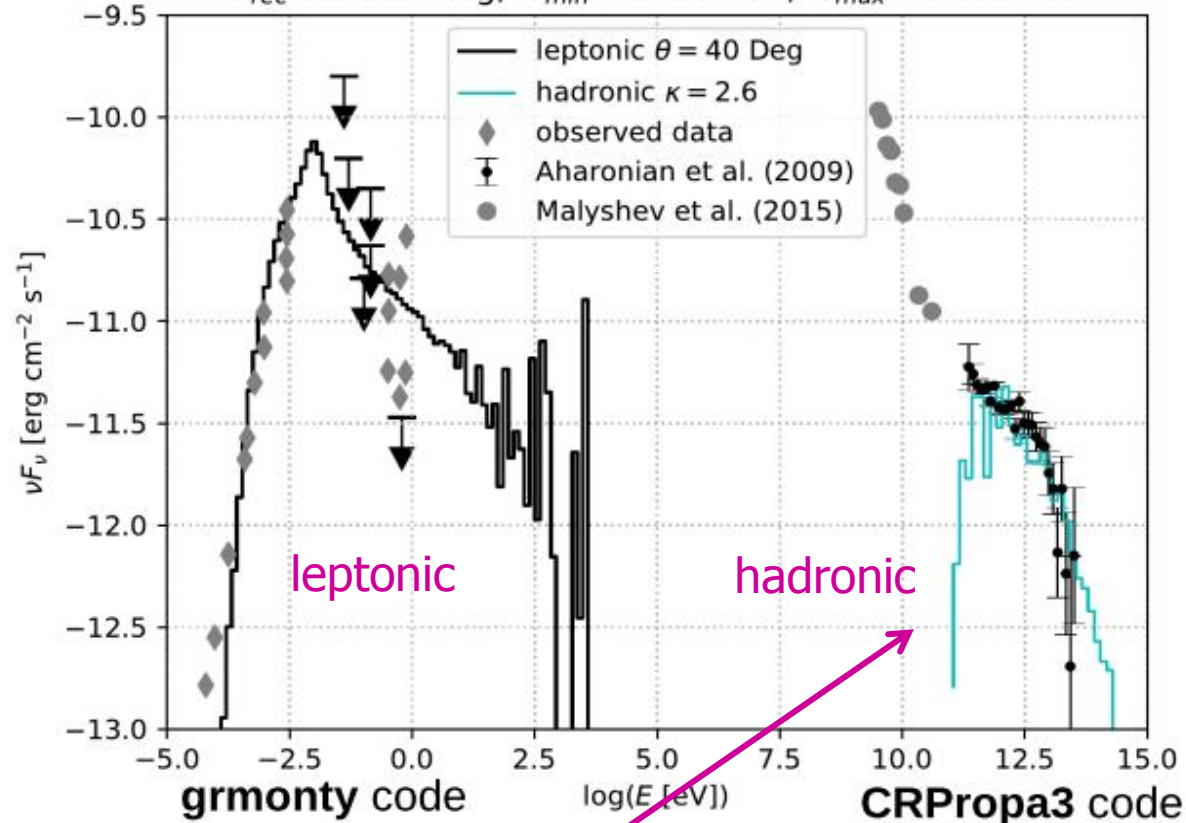
GRMHD + Radiative Transfer + CR cascading simulations

$D=7.9\text{kpc}$

$E_{\text{rec}} = 9 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg}$, $\epsilon_{\text{min}} = 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ eV}$, $\epsilon_{\text{max}} = 1 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV}$



Sgr A*



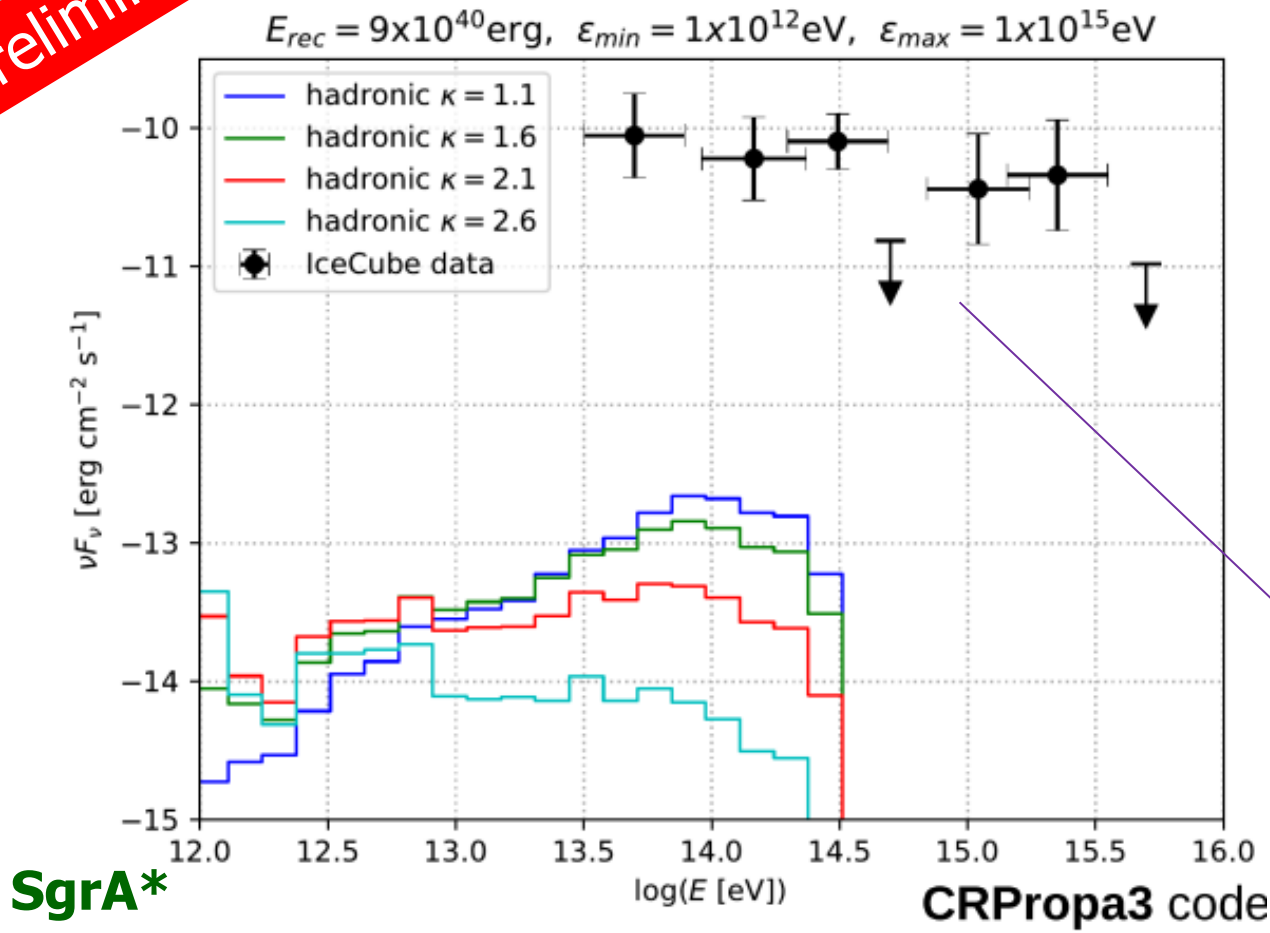
> TeVs explained by $p\gamma$ interactions!

(Rodriguez-Ramirez, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Alves-Batista 2018, in prep.)

Production of neutrinos in the galactic center SgrA* versus IceCube data

Preliminary

GRMHD + Radiative Transfer + CR cascading simulations



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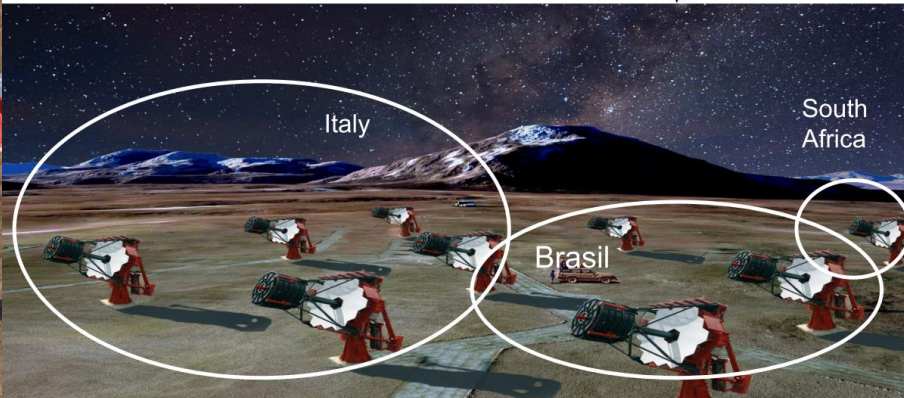
Summary

- ✓ In magnetized plasmas particles can be accelerated by fast magnetic reconnection (e.g. driven by turbulence) in a 1st order Fermi: $N(E) \sim E^{-2-1}$
- ✓ Reconnection acceleration important in **Blazar jets** (produces CRs with $\sim 10^{17}$ eV or more) -> thus may explain flare gamma-ray emission and neutrinos (in magnetically dominated regions) (e.g. in TXS 0506+056 ?)
- ✓ Magnetic reconnection power can explain gamma-ray of BH binaries and low luminous AGNs (non-blazars) as coming from near the *core of these sources*
- ✓ Reconnection power matches well with the observed correlation of gamma-ray luminosity versus BH mass of BHX-binaries and low-luminous (non-blazar) AGNs over 10 orders of magnitude in mass
- ✓ Reconnection accelerated CRs in the surrounds of LLAGNs – BHBs: produce TeV gamma-rays that are not entirely absorbed by pair production (and also neutrinos)
- ✓ **Reconnection: important in accretion/jet systems for particle acceleration, dissipation of magnetic energy and conversion into -> kinetic energy**

The ASTRI Mini-Array: CTA precursor



Mini-array with 9 SST-2M telescopes at the CTA south site (Chile): our 3 telescopes are currently in construction -> in 2019



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