

# Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Ray Outburst from GRB 221009A

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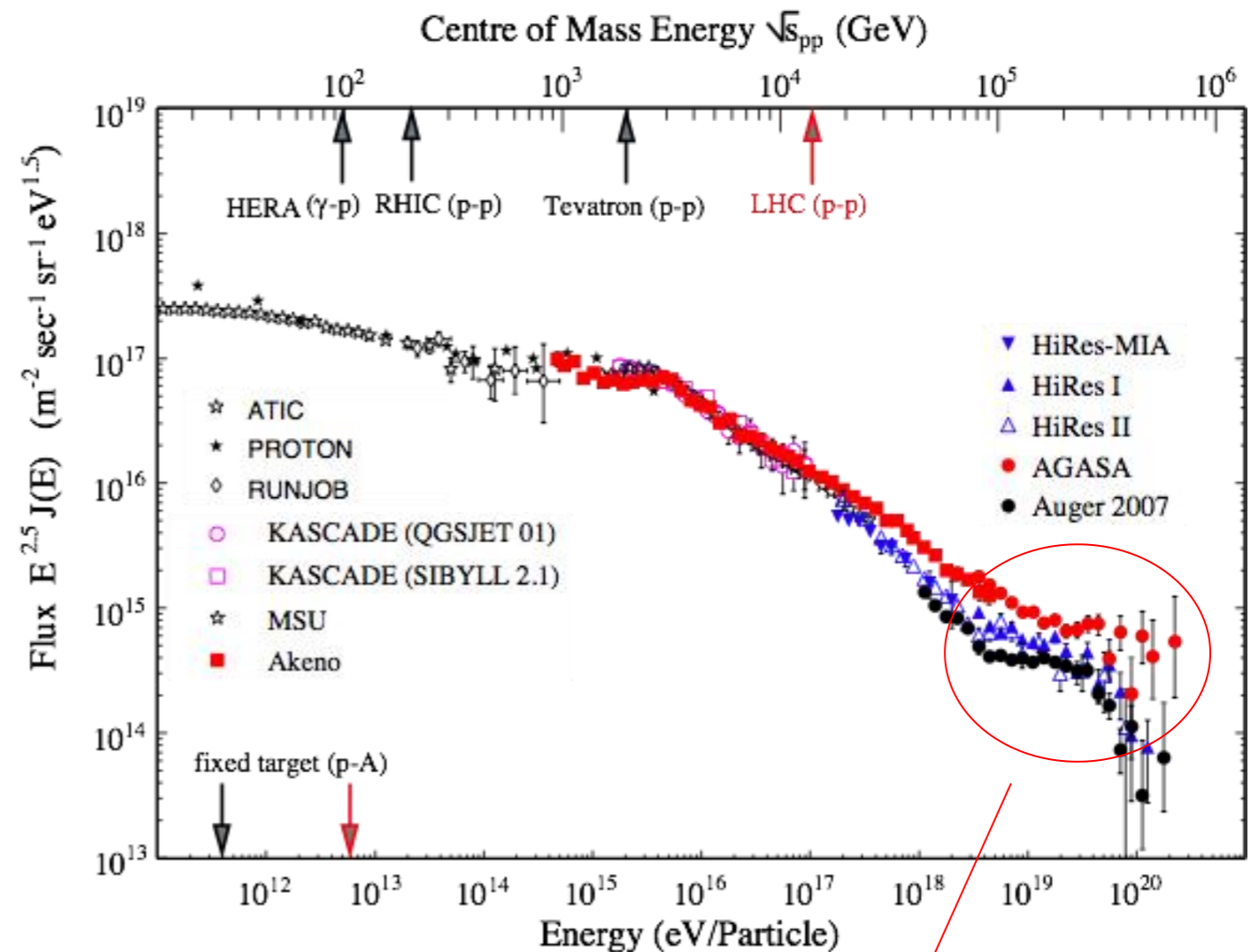
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# Origins of Cosmic rays — — 111 years mystery

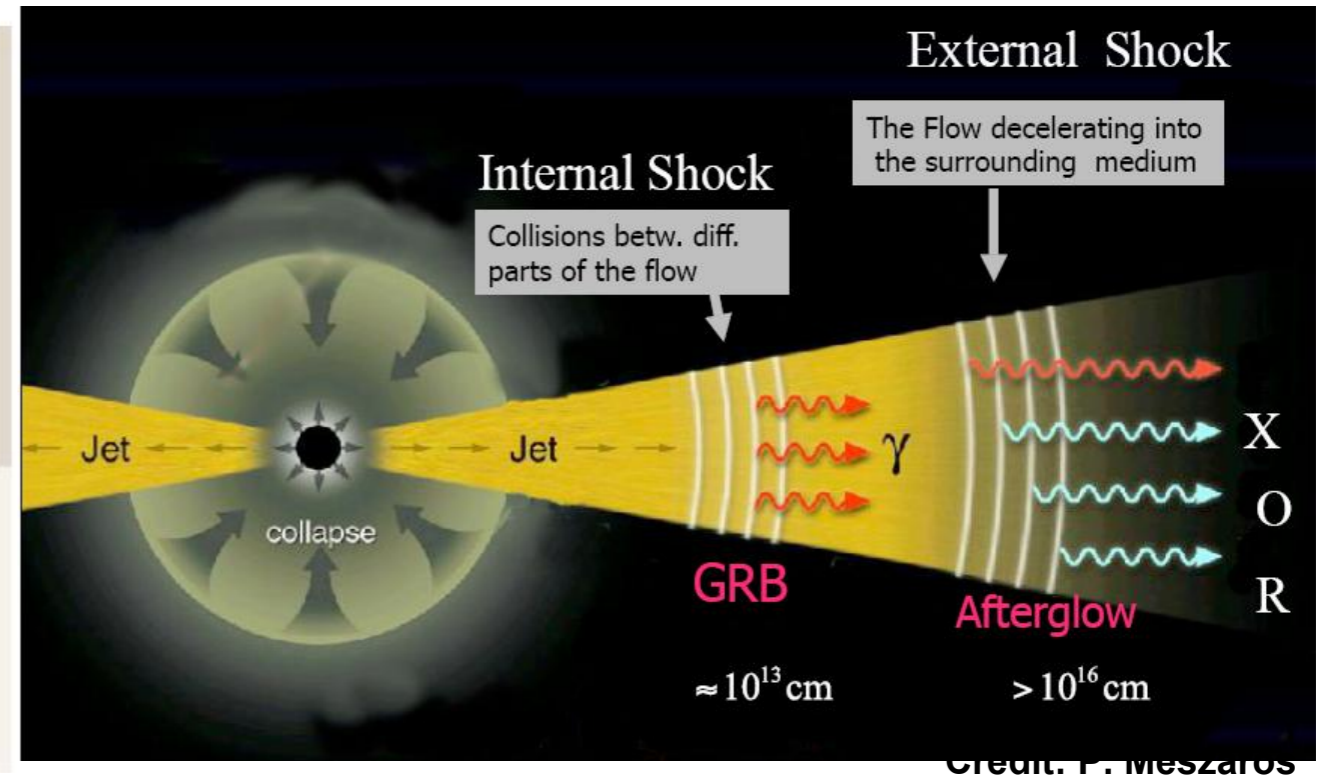
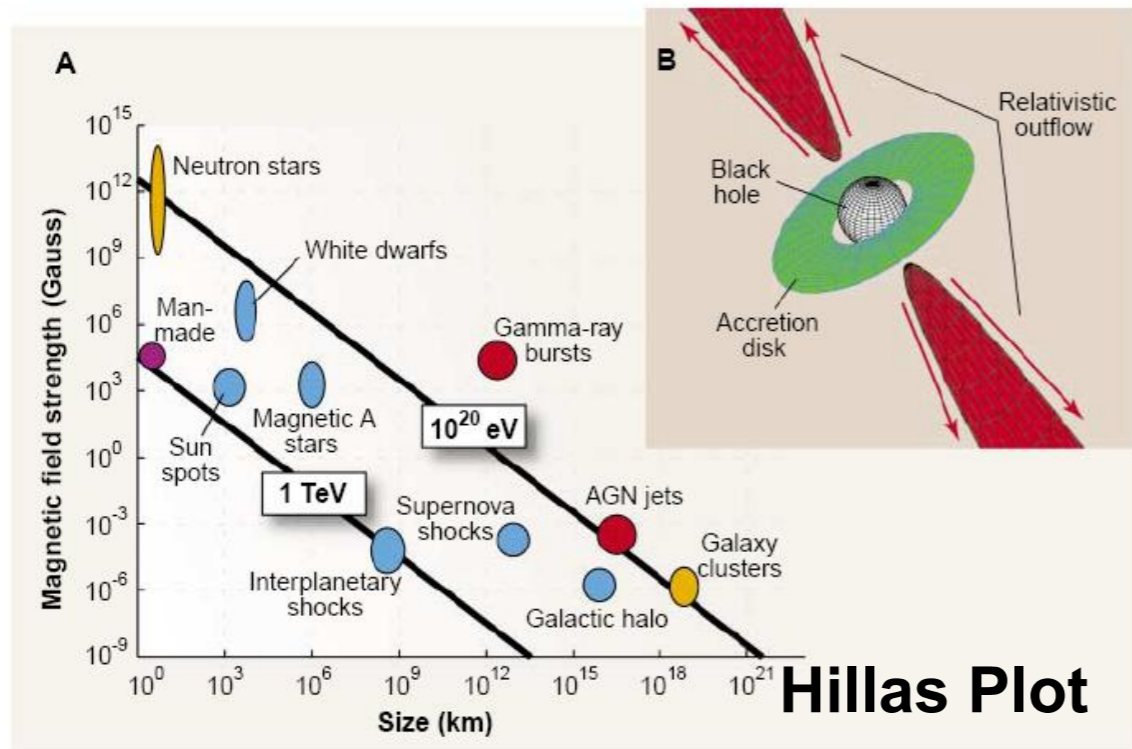


Hess bei Ballonlandung (1912).



**Ultra-high energy cosmic rays  
(UHECRs,  $E > 1 \text{ EeV}$ , 1962)**

# CR acceleration in GRBs



Internal shocks (Waxamnn 1995)

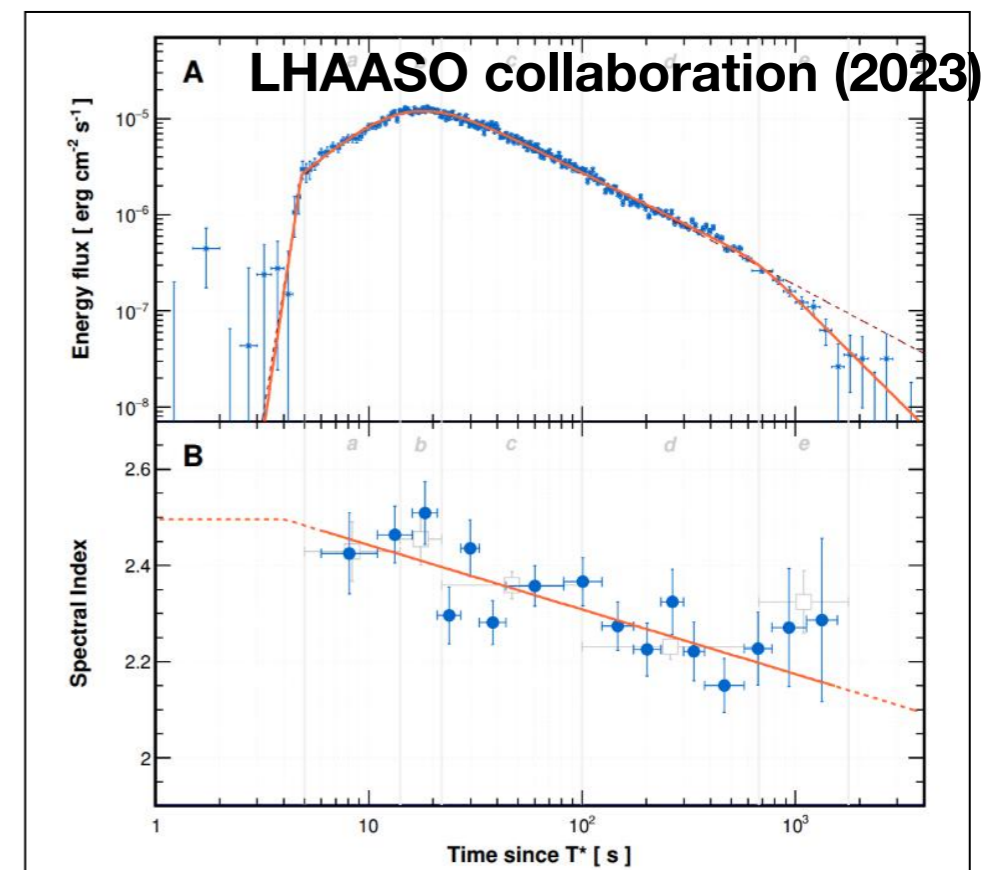
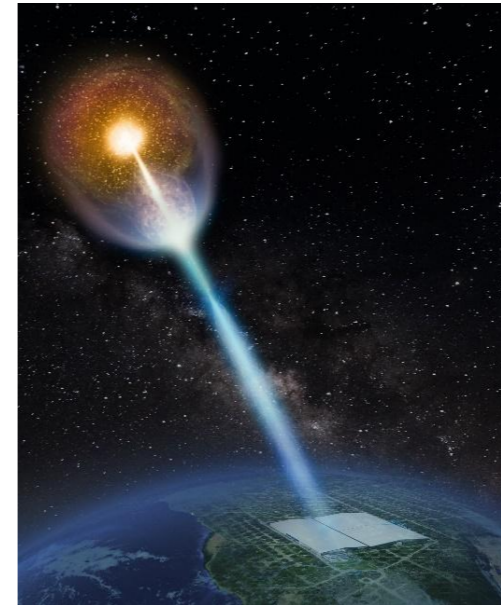
External shocks (Vietri 1995)

$$R_L < R \rightarrow B^* R > E / Z q v$$

GRBs have been proposed as one of promising sources of UHECRs since 1995, but there is no direct observational evidence yet.

# GRB 221009A

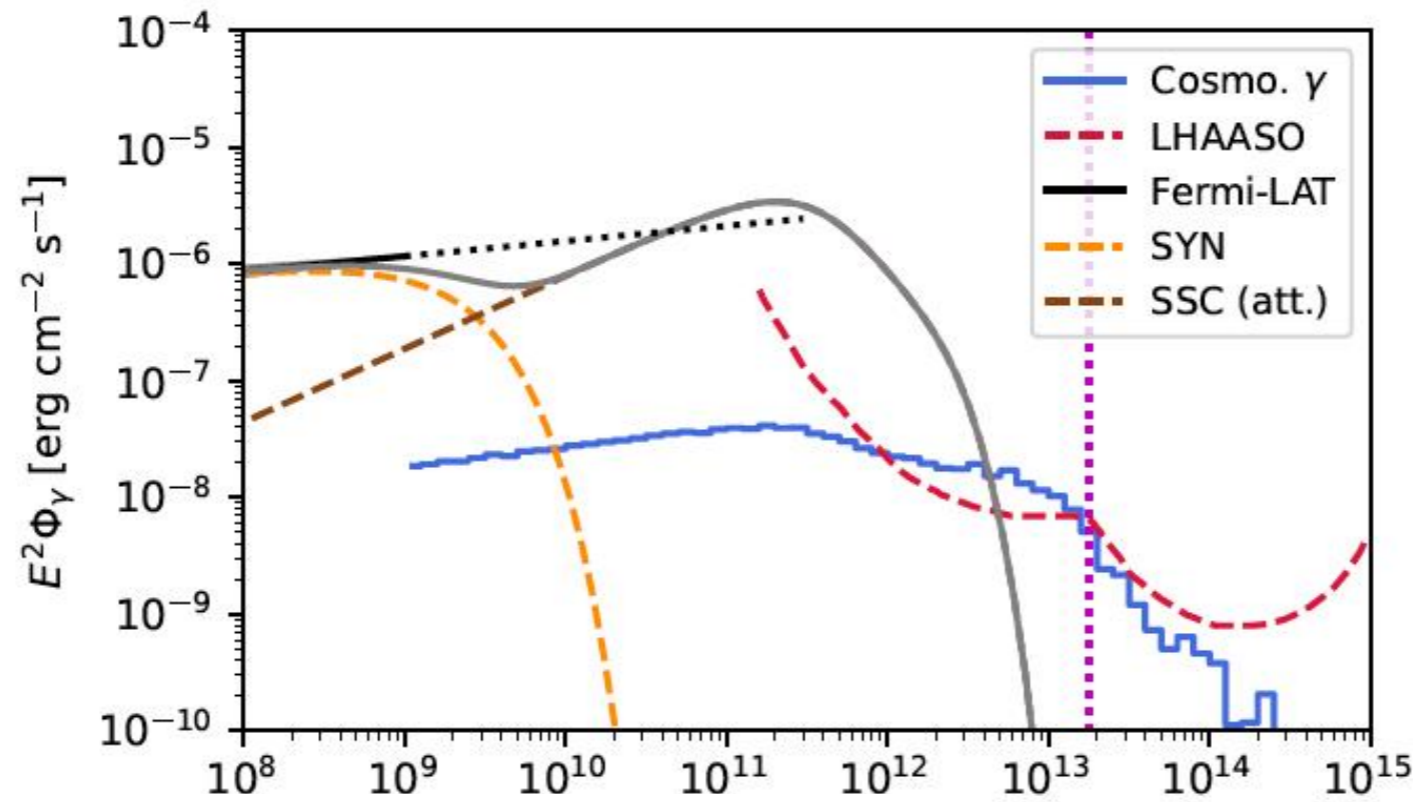
- GRB 221009A was detected as the B.O.A.T. ( “**brightest of all time**” ) GRB, **a rare event once in 1000 years**, locating at  **$z=0.151$  (745 Mpc)**.
- LHAASO reported the detection of the very high energy photon with energy up to  **$\sim 18$  TeV** from the GRB within  $\sim 2000$  s after the trigger (Huang et al. 2022).
- High statistics:  $>60,000$  photons above 0.2 TeV (LHAASO WCDA) (LHAASO collaboration 2023, LHAASO Collaboration, Science 380, 1390 (2023)).
- The open angle of the jet is  $\theta_j \simeq 0.6^\circ E_{k,55}^{-1/8} n_0^{1/8}$ , and the core of the jet is pointing to Earth (LHAASO collaboration 2023).
- The features of the host galaxy is consistent with those of typical long GRB host galaxy at low redshift (Levan et al. 2023; Malesani et al. 2023).



# Possible explanations on the high energy photon detection

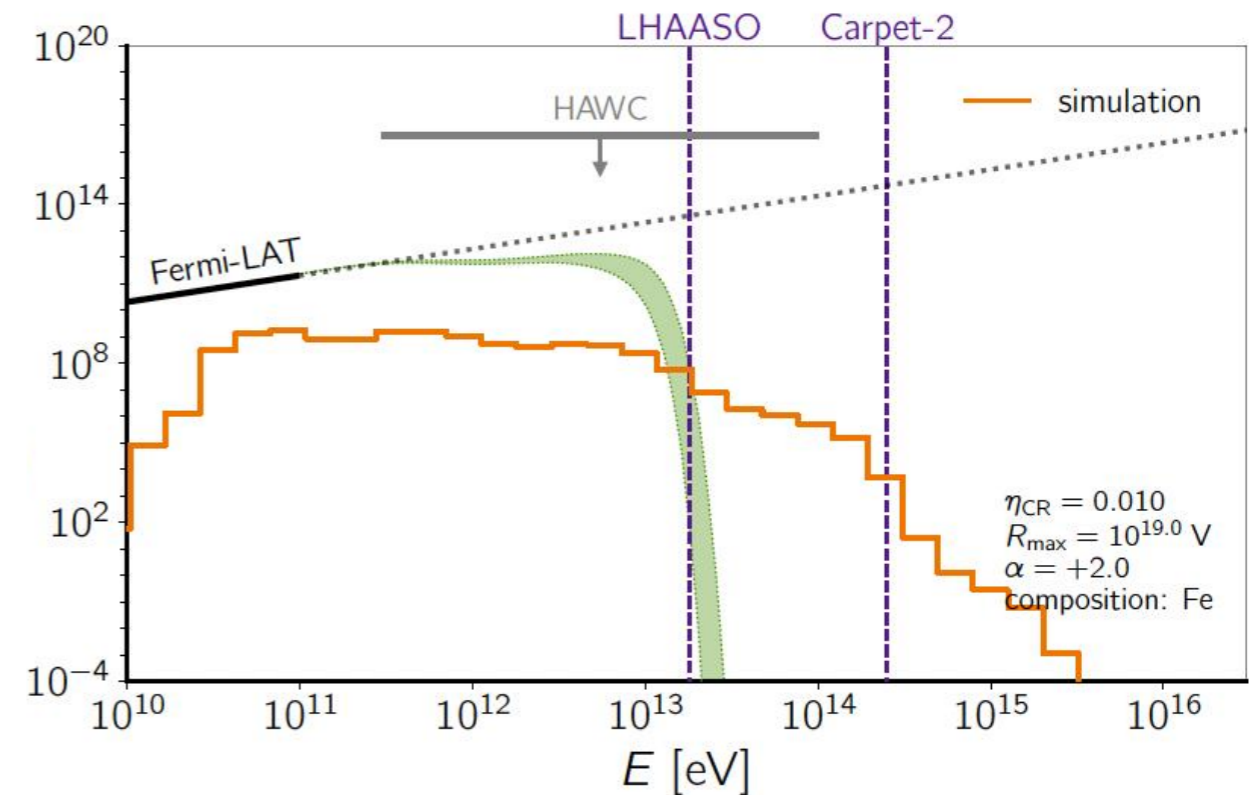
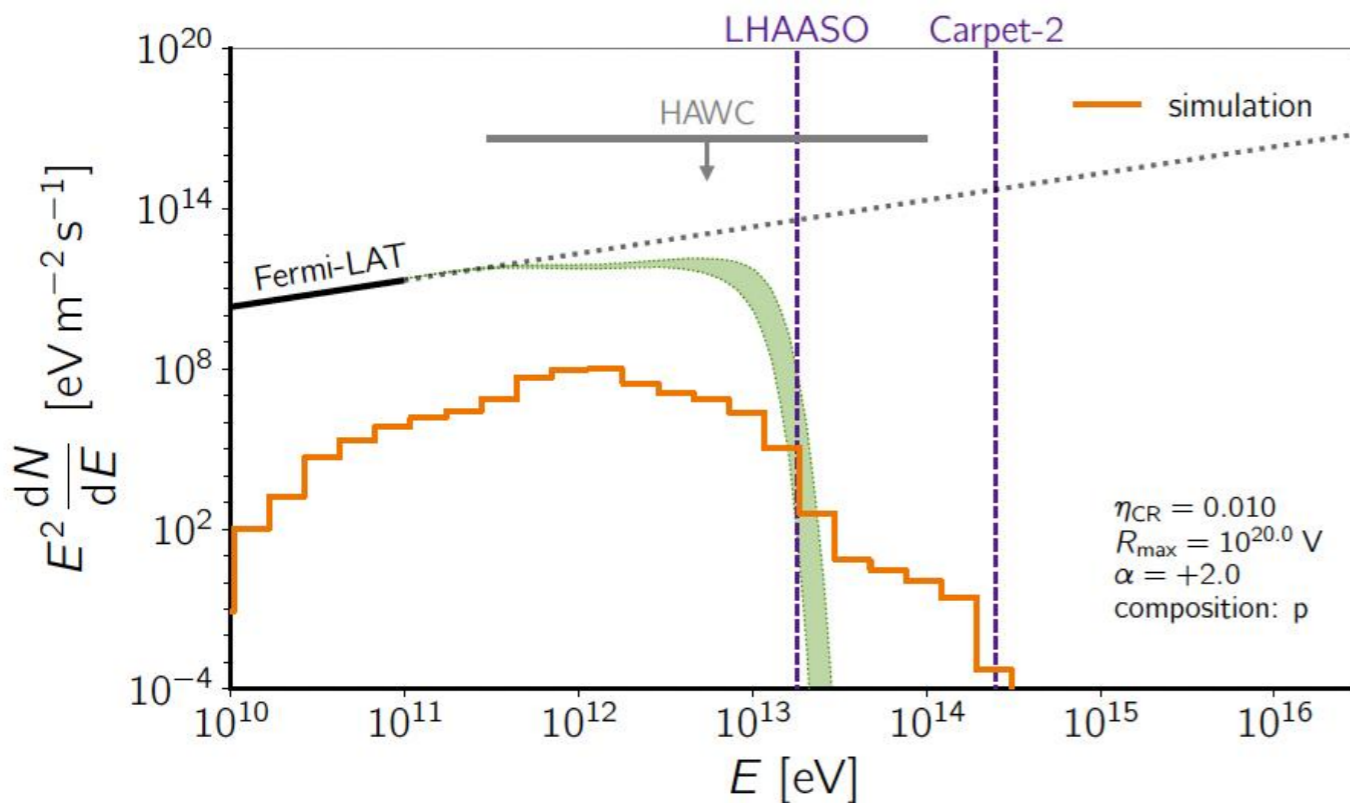
- The existence of axion-like-particles and two-photon coupling or the Lorentz-invariance violation (Galanti et al. 2022; Baktash et al. 2022; Troitsky 2022; Dzhappuev et al. 2022; Li & Ma 2023; Finke & Razzaque 2023)
- EM cascade initiated by the **photomeson production** process of high energy protons or by the **SSC** photons from electrons **in the burst** (Wang et al. 2023).
- Electromagnetic (EM) cascade initiated by **UHECRs propagating in the intergalactic space**(Mirabal 2023; Das & Razzaque 2023; Alves Batista 2022).

# Cosmogenic Photons



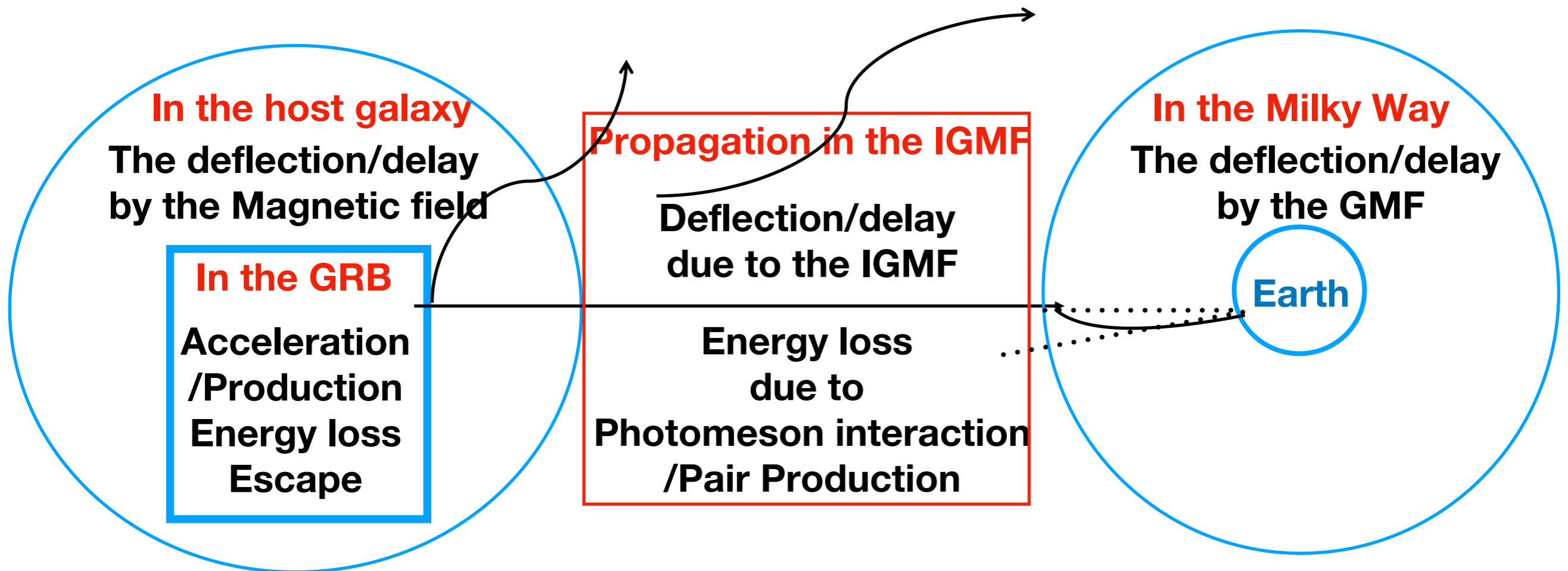
Das & Rezzaque 2023

Rafael Alves Batista 2023



**Heavier Nuclei Composition might lead to photons with energy extended to higher energy.**

# UHECRs from GRB 221009A



IGMF: Inter-galactic Magnetic Field  
GMF: Galactic Magnetic Field

# Proton Acceleration and Energy Loss in the GRB

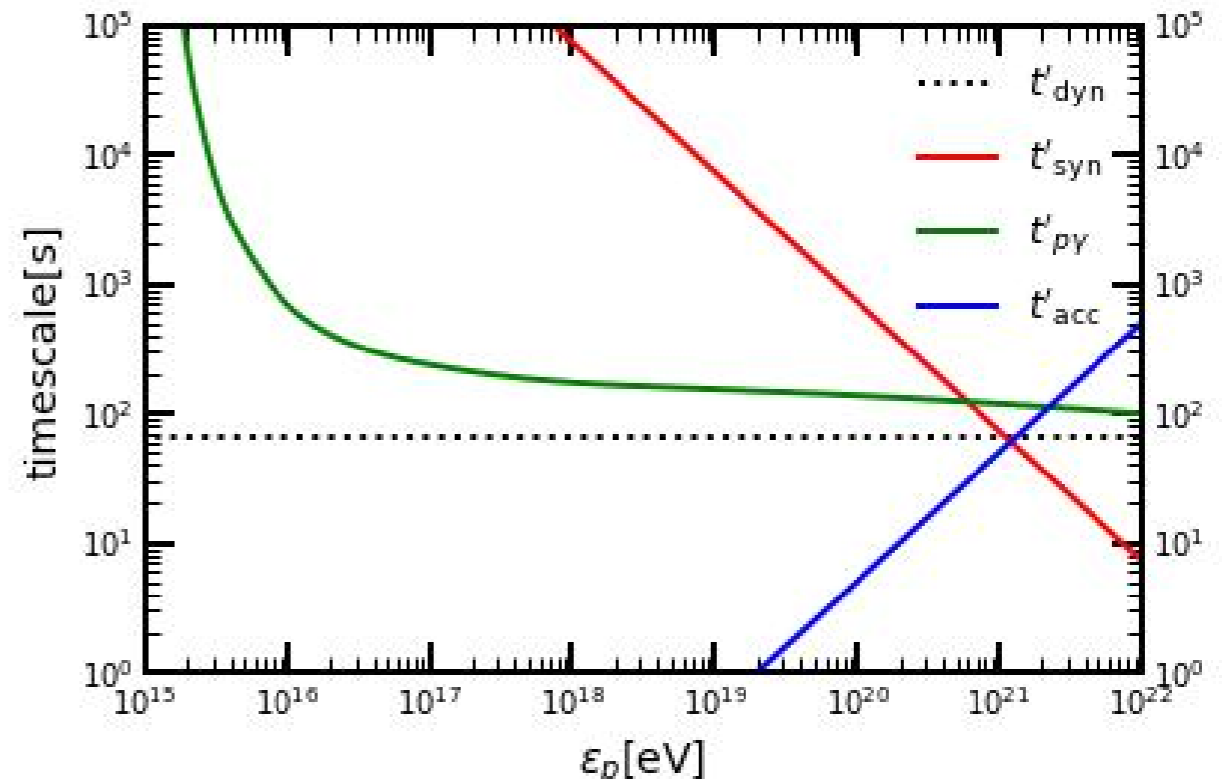
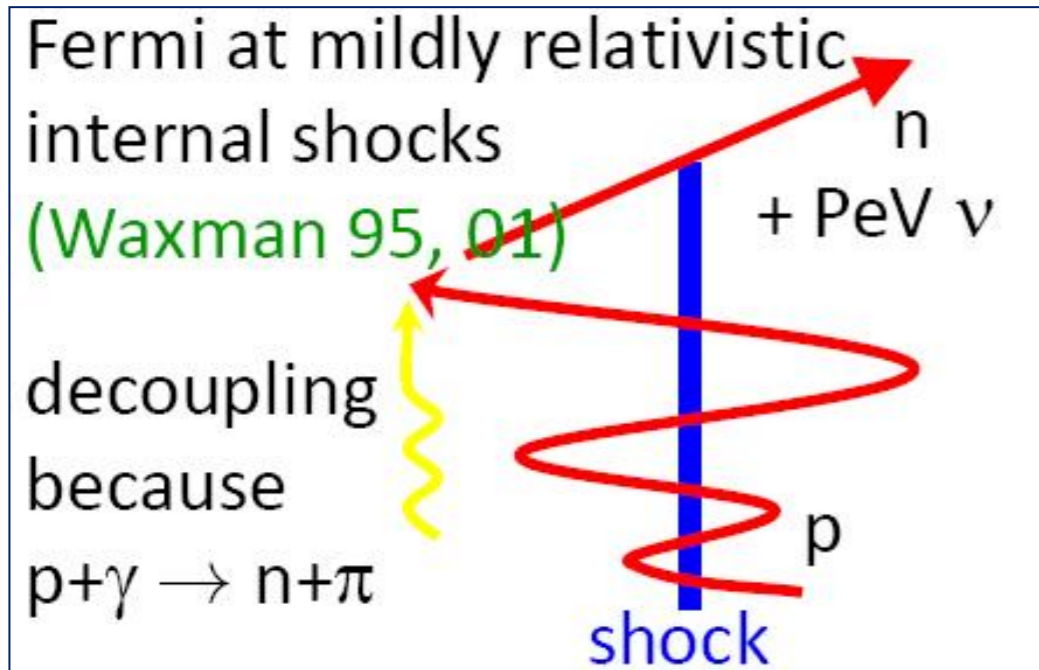


Table 1. The Adopted Parameters.

Descriptions	Symbols	Values
Redshift	$z$	0.151
Dissipation radius	$R$	$10^{15}$ cm
Low energy photon index	$\alpha$	0.76
High-energy photon index	$\beta$	2.13
Minimum energy of photon spectrum	$\epsilon_{\gamma, \min}$	20 keV
Maximum energy of photon spectrum	$\epsilon_{\gamma, \max}$	10 MeV
Peak energy of photon spectrum	$\epsilon_{\gamma, b}$	3 MeV
Proton index	$p$	2
Calibration luminosity	$L_{\gamma}^a$	$1 \times 10^{54}$ erg s $^{-1}$
Bulk Lorentz factor	$\Gamma$	500
Baryonic loading factor	$\xi_p$	1
Fraction of magnetic field energy	$\epsilon_B$	0.01
Fraction of electron energy	$\epsilon_e$	0.1
Total radiation energy	$E_{\gamma, \text{iso}}$	$10^{54}$ erg

<sup>a</sup> The luminosity at 20 keV–10 MeV.

$$\min[t'_{\text{dyn}}, t'_{\text{syn}}(\epsilon_{p, \max}), t'_{p\gamma}(\epsilon_{p, \max})] = t'_{\text{acc}}(\epsilon_{p, \max})$$

$$R = 2\Gamma^2 c t_v / (1 + z) = 10^{15} \text{ cm } (1 + z)^{-1} \Gamma_{2.7}^2 \frac{t_v}{0.082 \text{ s}}$$

$$B' = 5.2 \times 10^3 \text{ G } \epsilon_{e, -1}^{-1/2} \epsilon_{B, -2}^{1/2} \Gamma_{2.7}^{-1} R_{15}^{-1} L_{\gamma, 54}^{1/2}$$

$$\epsilon_{p, \max} = 1.2 \times 10^{21} \text{ eV } (1 + z)^{-1} \Gamma_{2.7}^{3/2} \eta_0^{1/2} \epsilon_{e, -1}^{1/4} \epsilon_{B, -2}^{-1/4} R_{15}^{1/2} L_{\gamma, 54}^{-1/4}$$

# Neutron and Neutrino Production in the GRB

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ \\ p + \pi^0. \end{cases}$$

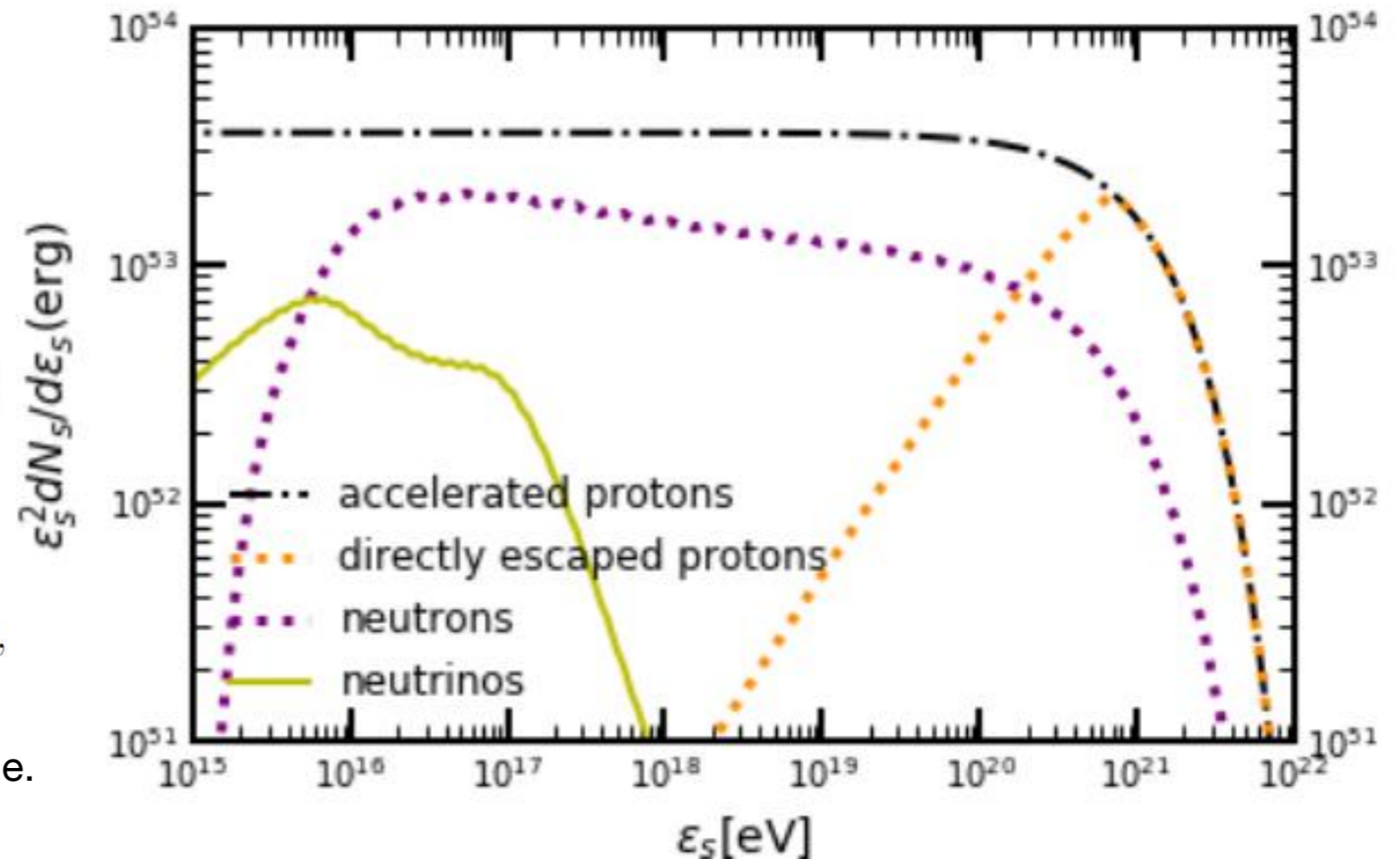
$$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e,$$

$$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu)\mu^\pm \rightarrow$$

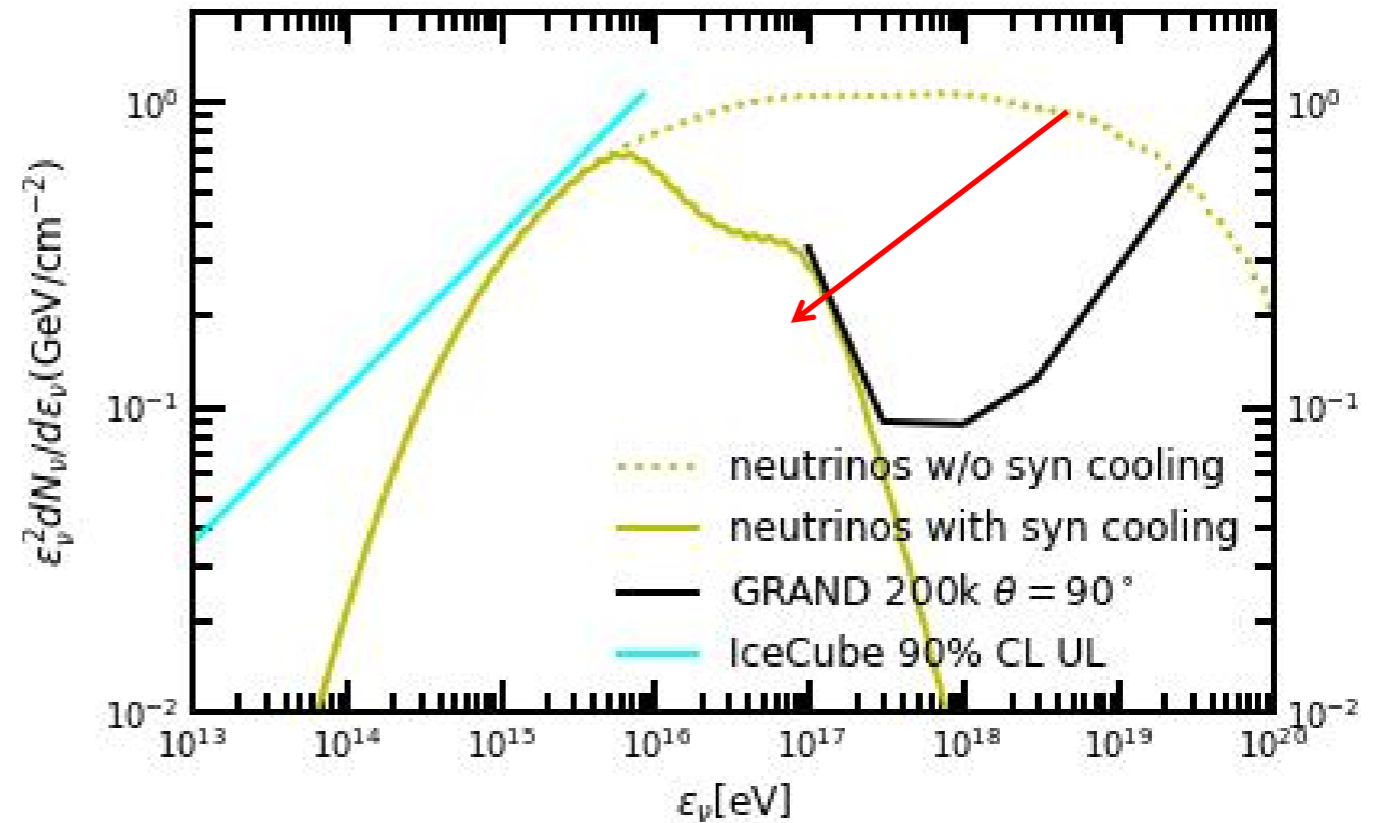
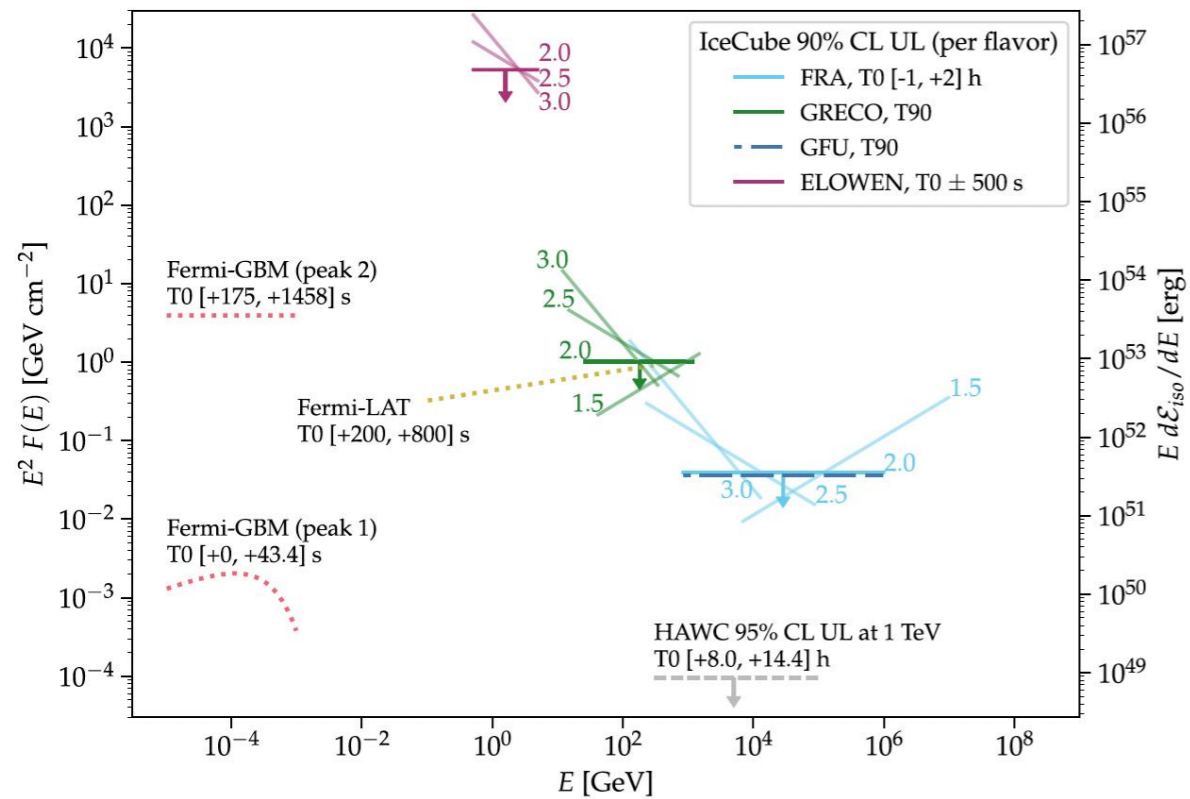
$$\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu)e^+(e^-)\nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e)\bar{\nu}_\mu(\nu_\mu)$$

$$Q(\varepsilon'_s) = \int \frac{d\varepsilon'_p}{\varepsilon'_p} \frac{dn_p}{d\varepsilon'_p} \int d\varepsilon'_\gamma \frac{dn_\gamma}{d\varepsilon'_\gamma} \mathcal{R}(\varepsilon'_s, \varepsilon'_p),$$

Adopting SOPHIA numerical code.



# Neutrinos from GRB 221009A



IceCube upper limit on neutrinos  
from GRB 221009A  
The IceCube collaboration (2023)

**Synchrotron cooling  
of muons and pions**

# CR Escape from the GRB

## Proton Direct Escape:

The length of the mean free path:

$$\lambda'_{p,\text{mfp}}(E') = \min[\Delta r', R'_L(E'), c t'_{p\gamma}(E')],$$

$$R'_L = \frac{E'_p}{e B'} \simeq 33.3 \text{ cm} \times \left( \frac{E'_p}{\text{GeV}} \right) \times \left( \frac{10^5 \text{ G}}{B'} \right)$$

shell thickness as  $\Delta r' \simeq \Gamma c t_v / (1+z)$ .

The fraction of escape particles:

$$f_{\text{esc}} \equiv \frac{V'_{\text{direct}}}{V'_{\text{iso}}} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4\pi (r^2 + (r - \Delta r')^2) \lambda'_{\text{mfp}}}{4\pi r^2 \Delta r'} \simeq \frac{\lambda'_{\text{mfp}}}{\Delta r'}.$$

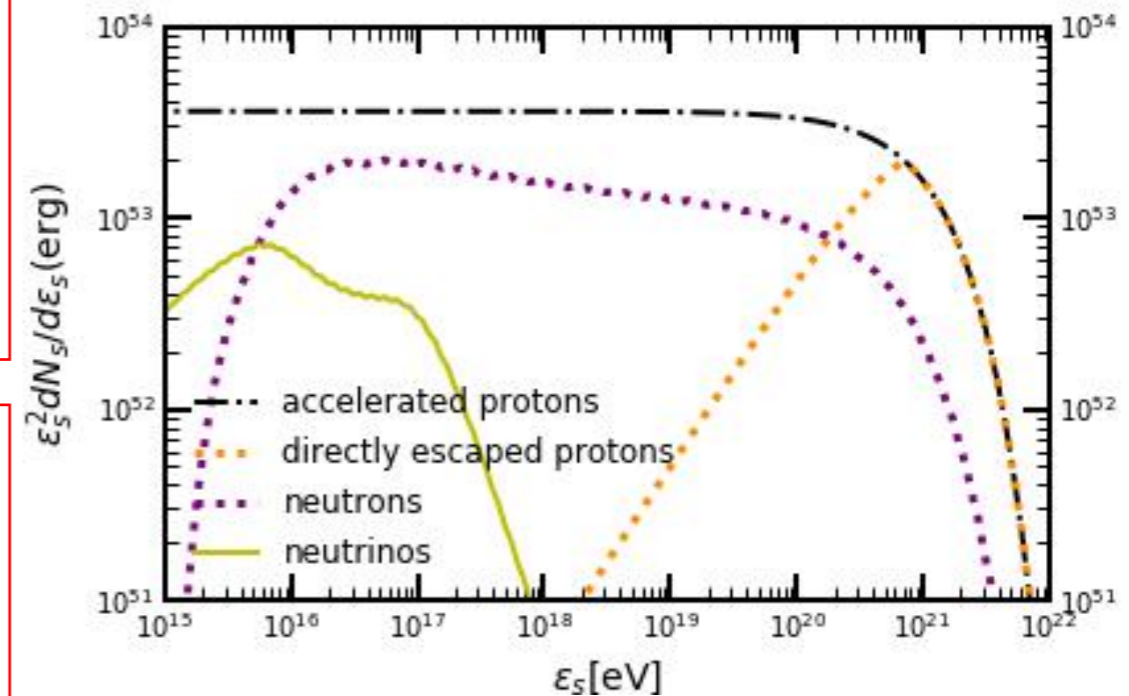
## Neutron Escape:

$$\tau_n \simeq (t'^{-1}_{n\gamma} + t'^{-1}_n) / t'^{-1}_{\text{dyn}} \simeq t'_{\text{dyn}} / t'_{p\gamma}$$

$$\tau_n < 1$$

## Neutronsphere:

The remaining neutrons will escape at a certain radius where the target photon density is low enough, since photon density drops as  $r^{-3}$ . (Barewald et al. 2013)



# Escape from the Host Galaxy

**Protons with  $E > 300$  EeV** are still pointing to Earth, after escape from the host galaxy.

$$\theta_{\text{reg,hg}} \simeq 4.1^\circ \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-1} \frac{B_{\text{reg,hg}}}{1 \mu\text{G}} \frac{R_e}{2.45 \text{ kpc}},$$

$$\theta_{\text{rms,hg}} \simeq 1.5^\circ \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-1} \frac{B_{\text{rms,hg}}}{2 \mu\text{G}} \left( \frac{\lambda_{B,\text{hg}}}{50 \text{ pc}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{L_{\text{hg}}}{10 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{1/2},$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{rms,hg}} \simeq \frac{L_{\text{hg}} \theta_{\text{rms,hg}}^2}{12c} \simeq 1.9 \text{ yr} \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-2} \left( \frac{B_{\text{rms,hg}}}{2 \mu\text{G}} \right)^2 \frac{\lambda_{B,\text{hg}}}{50 \text{ pc}} \left( \frac{L_{\text{hg}}}{10 \text{ kpc}} \right)^2$$

**Neutrons with energy larger than 10 EeV** can escape from the host galaxy with no deflection and delay, before beta-decay.

$$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$L_n = ct'_n \frac{\varepsilon_n(1+z)}{m_n} \simeq 88 \text{ kpc} \varepsilon_{n,19}(1+z)$$

Hereafter, we study the propagation of **protons with  $E > 300$  EeV**, and **neutron-induced protons** in the IGMF.

# Proton Propagation in the IGMF

**Deflection:**

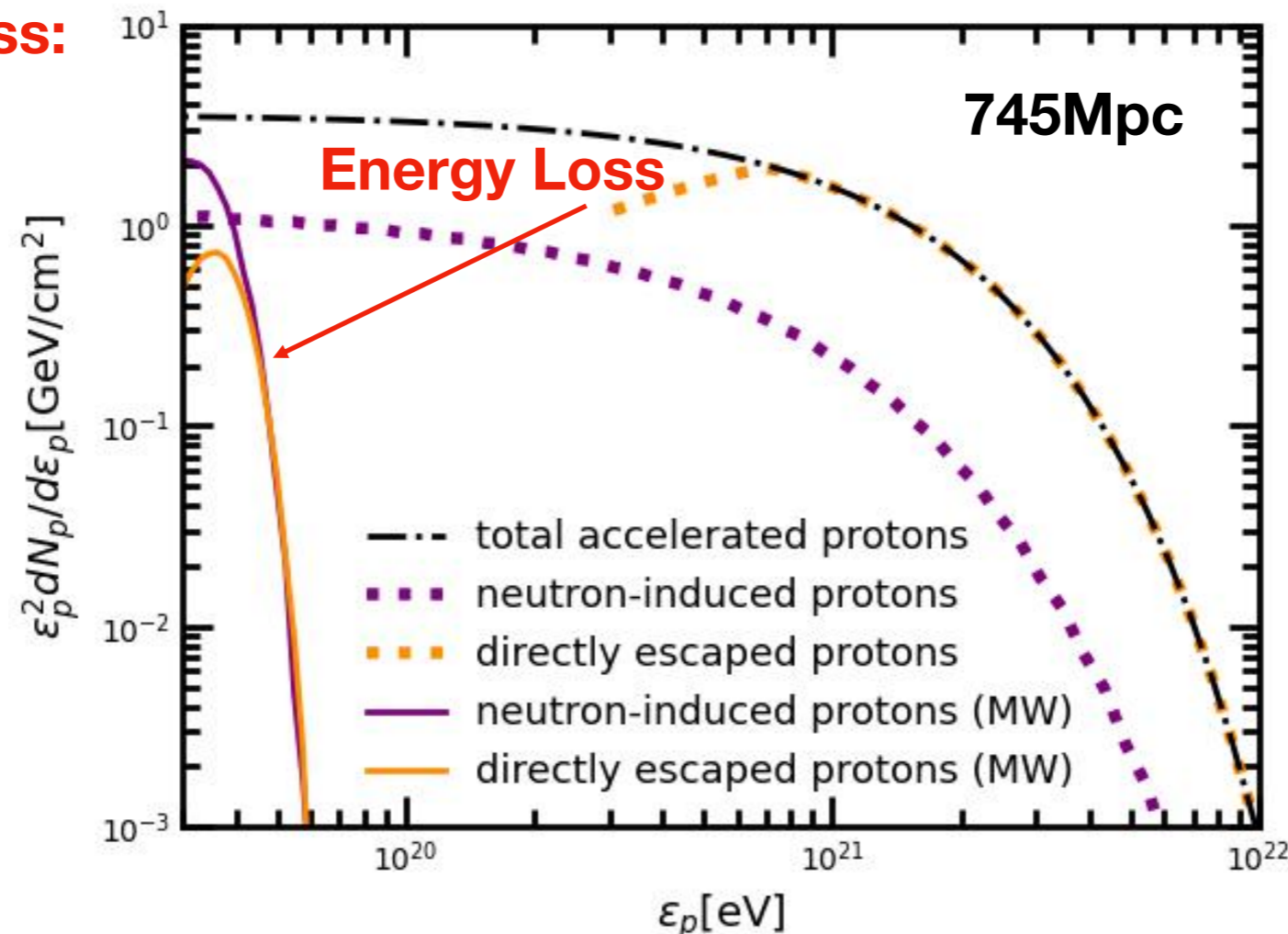
$$\theta_{\text{rms,IG}} = 2.9 \times 10^{-6\circ} \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-1} B_{\text{IG},-16} \left( \frac{\lambda_{\text{IG}}}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{D_L}{745 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{1/2}$$

**Time delay:**

$$\Delta t_{\text{IG}} \approx 16 \text{ s} \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-2} B_{\text{IG},-16}^2 \frac{\lambda_{\text{IG}}}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \left( \frac{D_L}{745 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^2$$

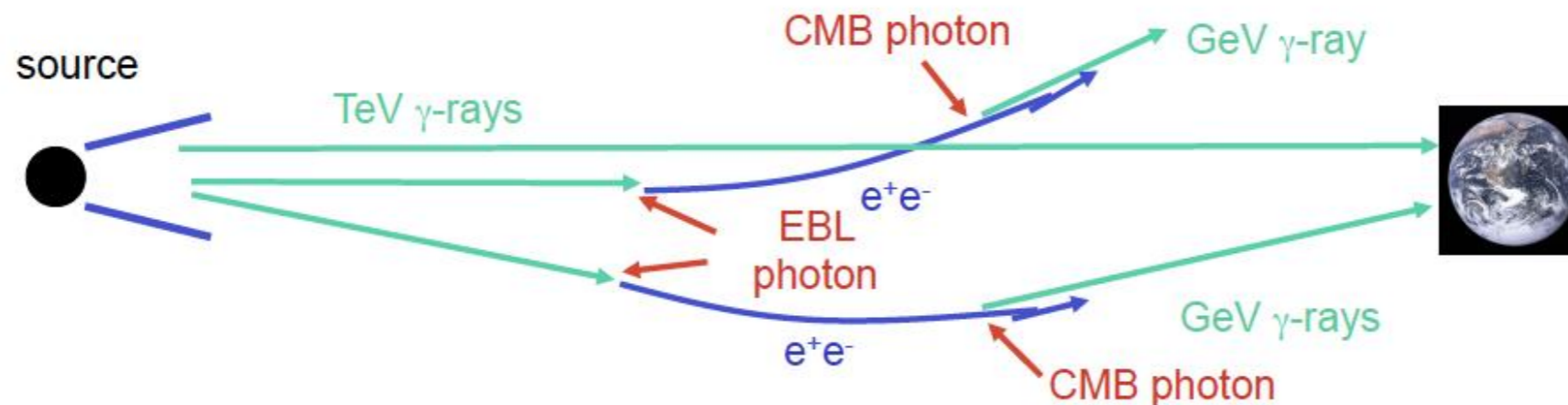
If  $B_{\text{IG}} \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ G}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{IG}} \lesssim 1 \text{ Mpc}$ , there are  $\theta_{\text{rms,IG}} \ll \theta_j$  and  $\Delta t_{\text{IG}} < 5 \text{ yr}$  for protons with energy larger than 30 EeV, hence the fluence of protons arriving at the MW within 5 years would not be suppressed by the deflection of the IGMF significantly.

**Energy Loss:**



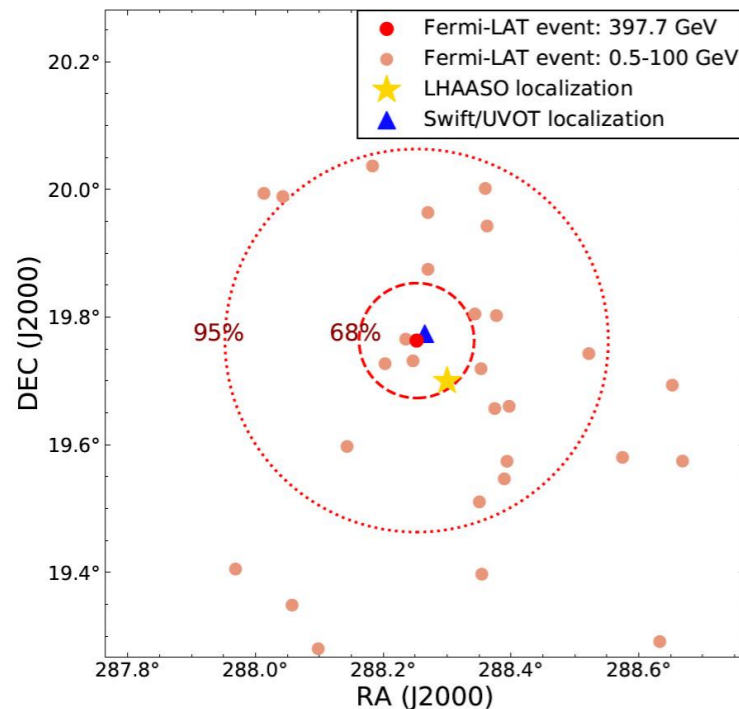
# The Constraint on the IGMF

## Non-zero Intergalactic Magnetic Field



GeV  $\gamma$ -rays delayed due to slower e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> speed and greater distance traveled

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At 33554 s after the Fermi-GBM trigger, there came a gamma ray with an energy of 400 GeV.

$$\epsilon_{\gamma} \approx 19 \left( \frac{\epsilon_{\gamma,2nd}}{400 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1+z}{1.151} \right)^{-1} \text{ TeV.}$$

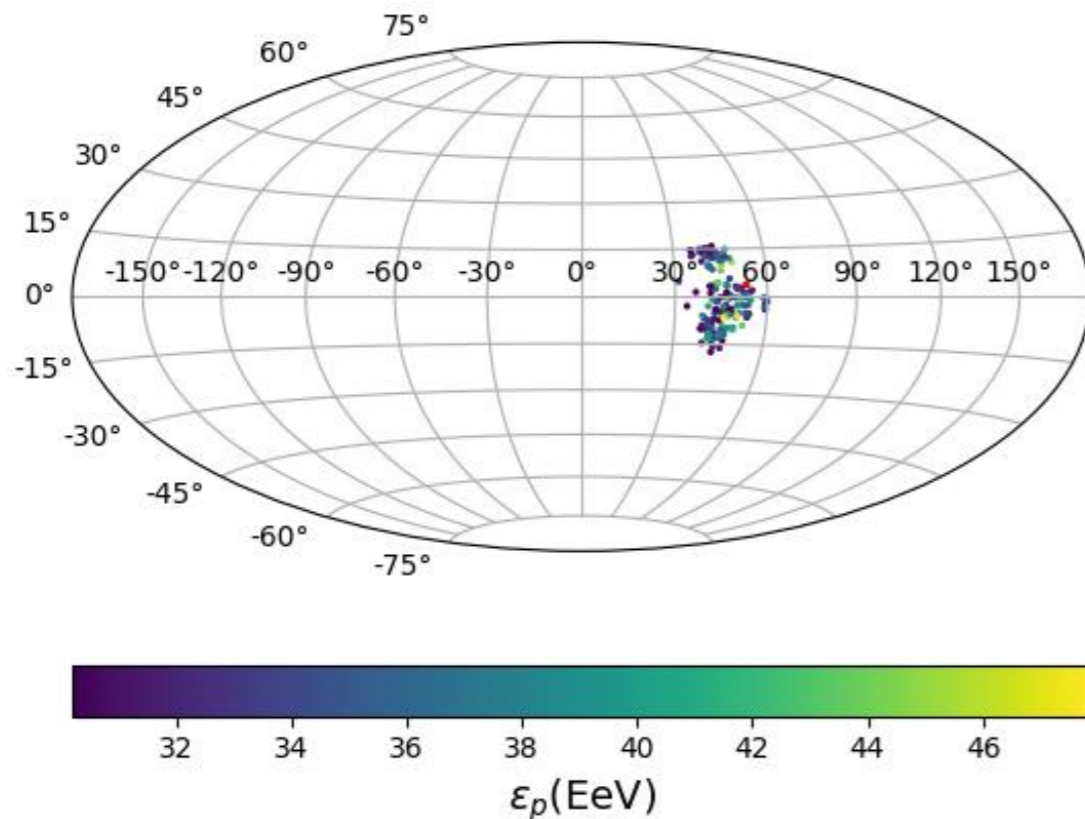
$$B_{IGMF} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-16} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{\gamma,2nd}}{400 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/2} \left( \frac{\Delta t_B}{0.4 \text{ day}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1+z}{1.151} \right)^{11/2} \text{ G.}$$

Xia ZQ et al. 2023

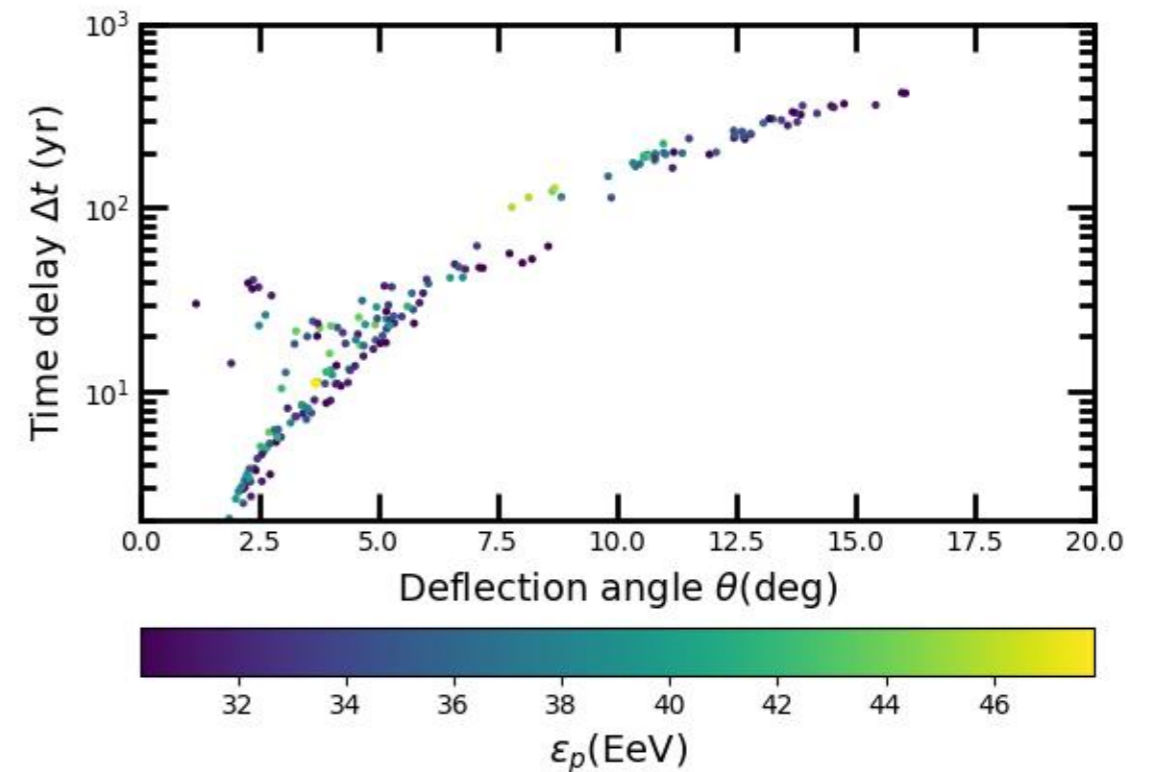
This is consistent with the constraint made from TeV blazars in Dermer et al. 2011; Taylor et al. 2011; Vovk et al. 2012; Finke et al. 2015; Podlesnyi et al. 2022.

# UHECRs Propagation in the Milky Way

## The Lensed Map

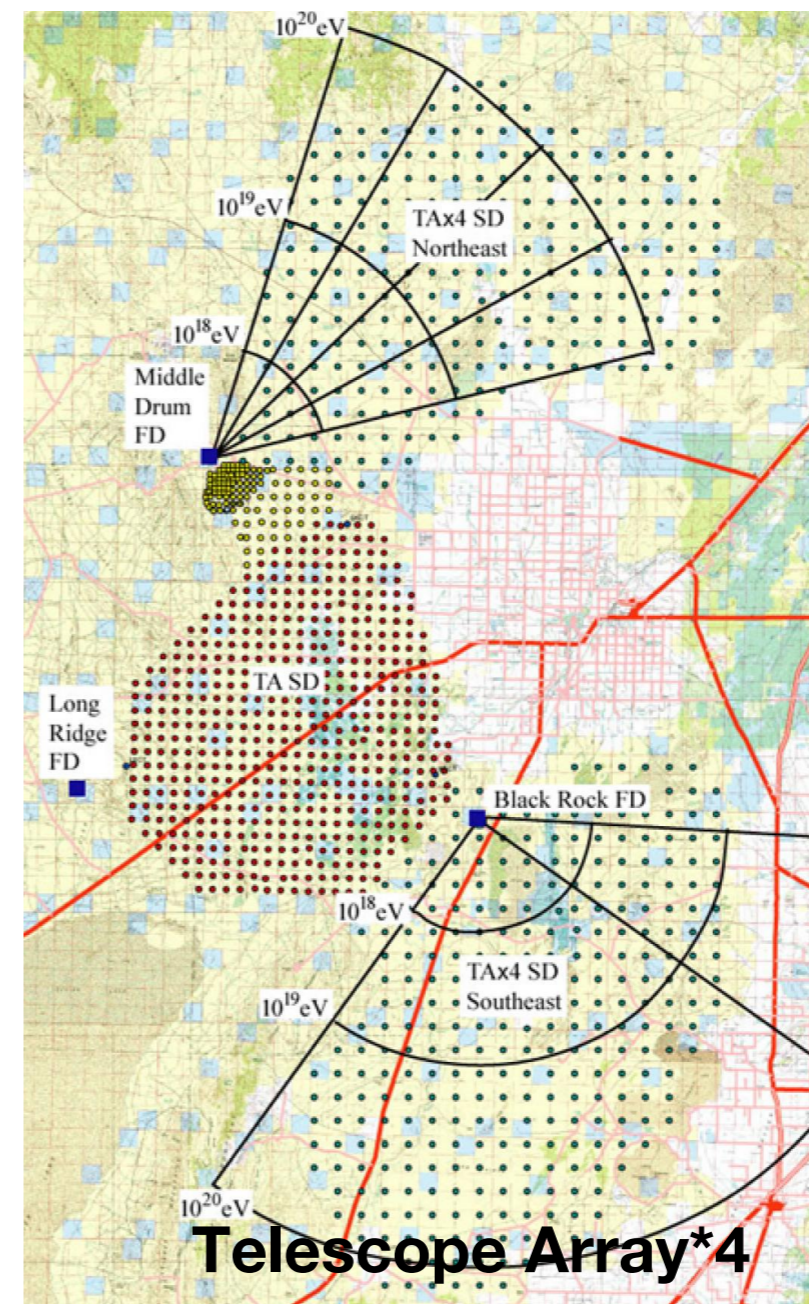
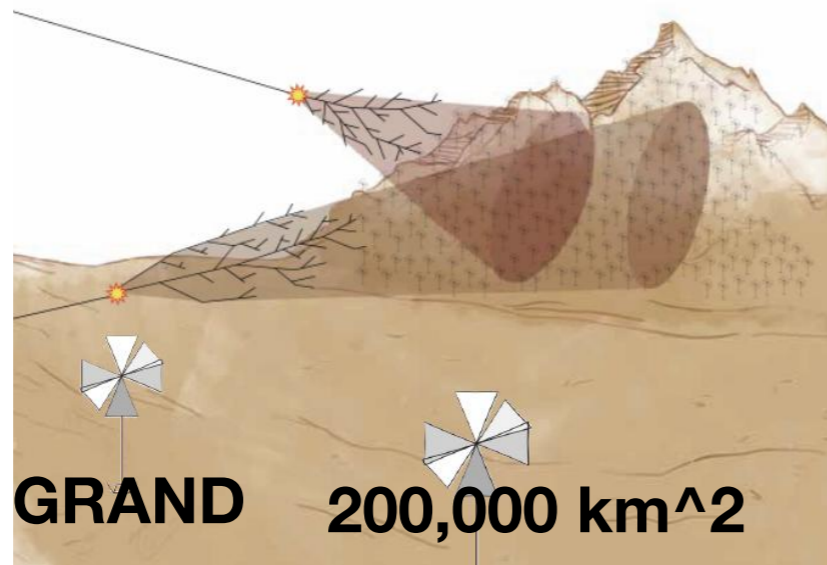
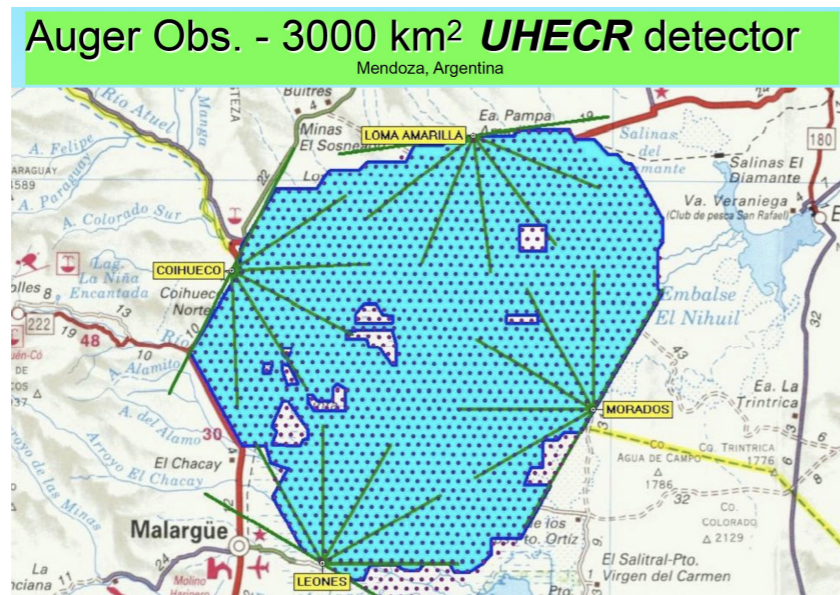


## Time Delay and Deflection Angle



Calculated via CRpropa, adopting Jansson & Farrar (2012) GMF model

# UHECR Observatories



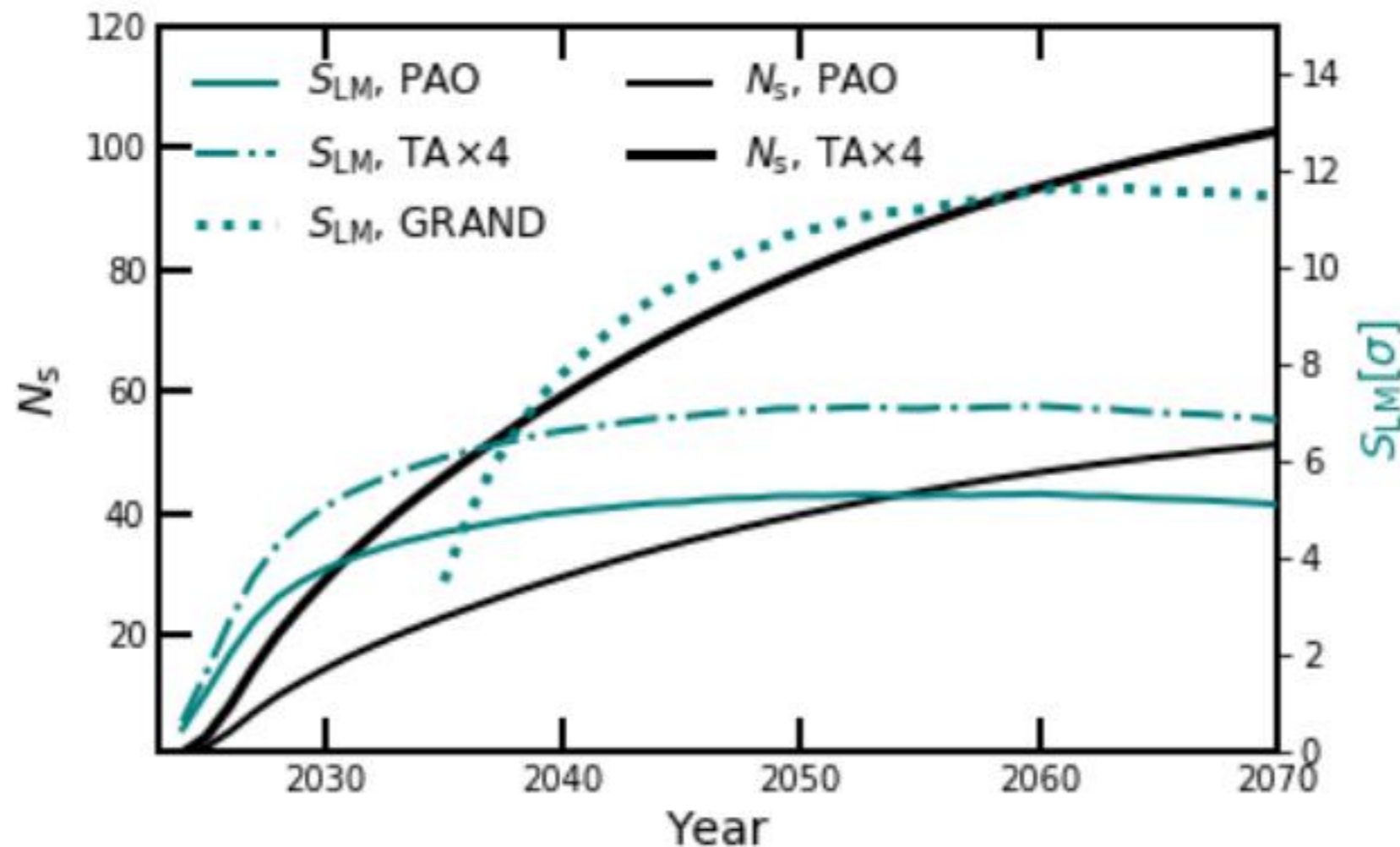
**GRB221009A: RA = 288.3deg, Dec = 19.7deg**

**PAO: ~400km<sup>2</sup>**

**TA\*4: ~720km<sup>2</sup>**

**GRAND: ~4000km<sup>2</sup>**

# Expected Significance of the UHECR Burst



$$S_{LM} = \sqrt{2} \left[ N_{on} \ln \left( \frac{2N_{on}}{N_{on} + N_{off}} \right) + N_{off} \ln \left( \frac{2N_{off}}{N_{on} + N_{off}} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

**Uncertainties:**

**The magnetic deflection effect**

**The baryon loading factor:  $\eta=1$**

# A New Method Searching for Magnetic-Field Selected UHECR Structure

Magnetic Field Model Independent

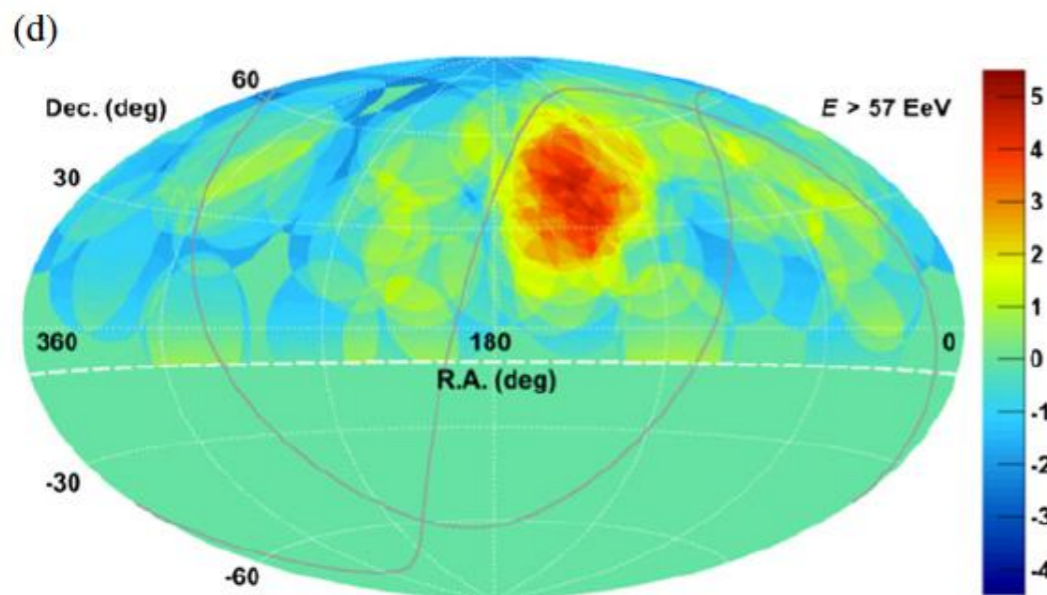
**Assumptions:** 1. Single source  
2. Pure composition  
3. Steady magnetic-field effect

$$\delta_{\text{reg}} \approx 0.5^\circ Z \frac{100 \text{ EeV}}{E} \frac{D_{\text{reg}}}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \frac{B_{\text{reg},\perp}}{1 \text{ nG}} = A_1 \times \frac{100 \text{ EeV}}{E}$$

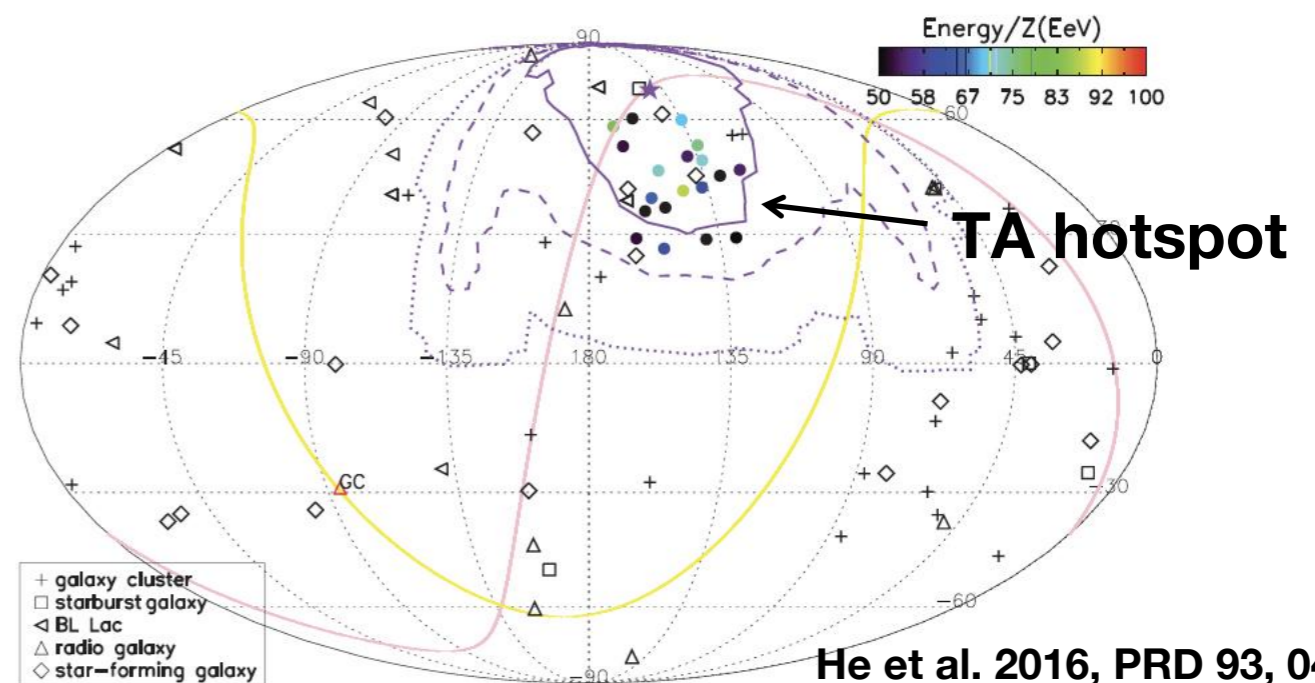
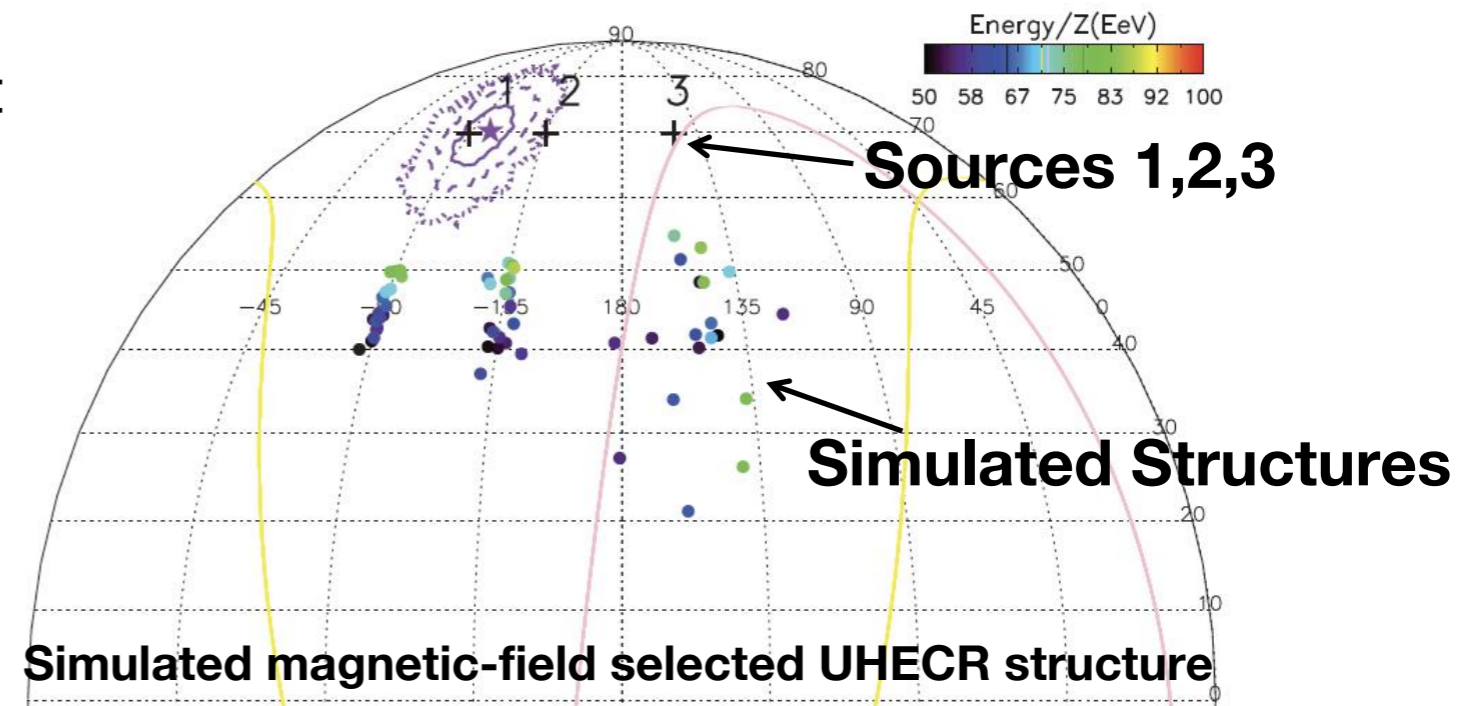
$$\delta_{\text{rms}} \approx 0.36^\circ Z \frac{100 \text{ EeV}}{E} \left( \frac{D_{\text{dif}}}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{D_c}{1 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{B_{\text{rms}}}{1 \text{ nG}}$$

$$= A_2 \times \frac{100 \text{ EeV}}{E},$$

$$f(\delta_{\text{dif}}, \delta_{\text{rms}}) = \frac{1}{\delta_{\text{rms}} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left( -\frac{\delta_{\text{dif}}^2}{2\delta_{\text{rms}}^2} \right).$$



TA hotspot (TA collaboration, 2014)

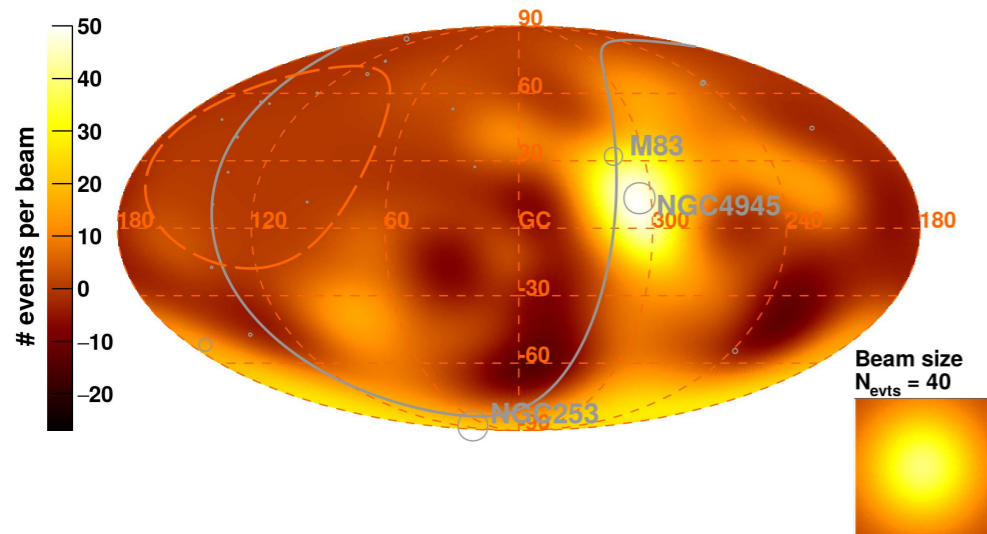


He et al. 2016, PRD 93, 043011

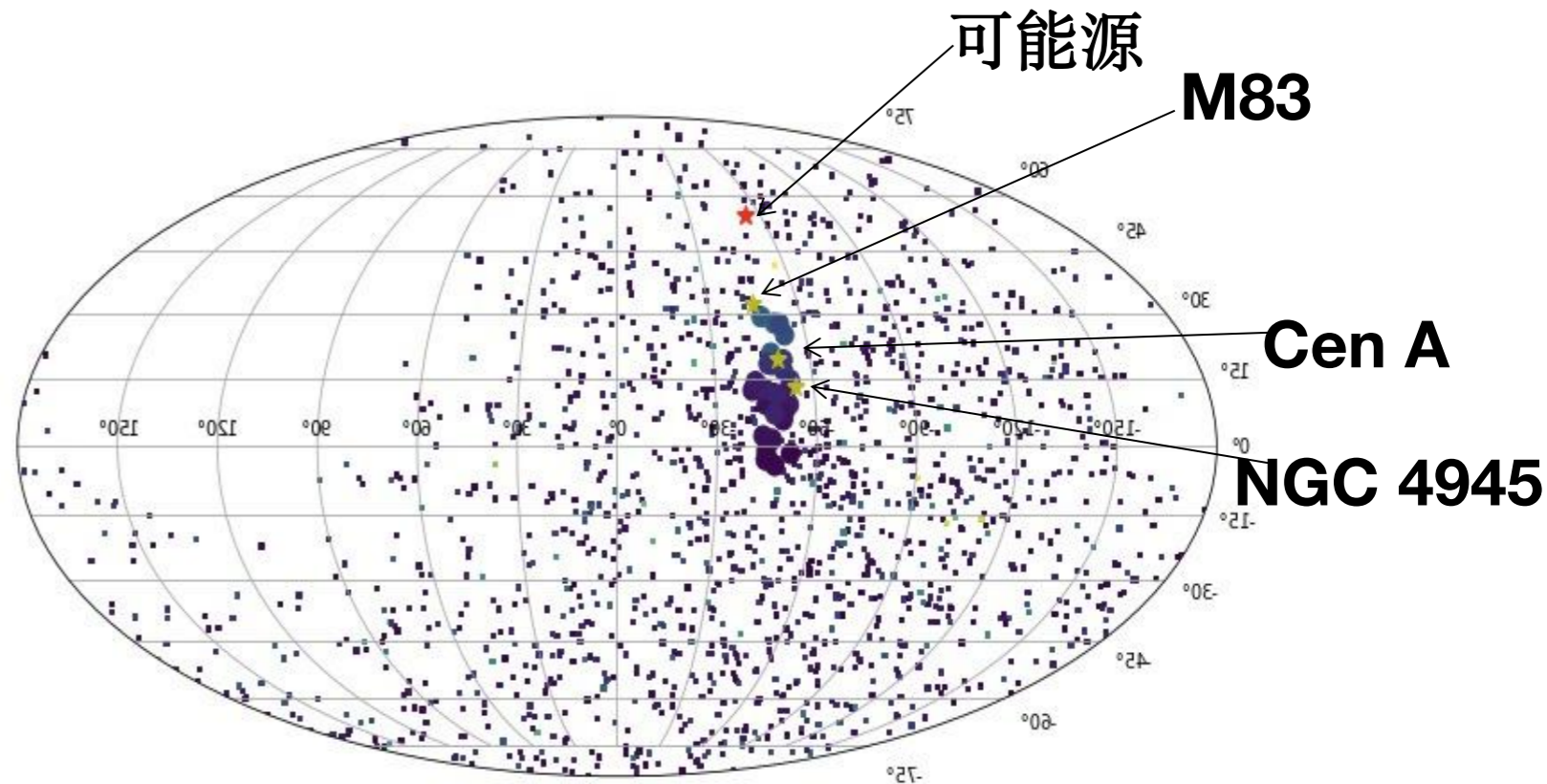
Application on TA hotspot

# Magnetic-Field Selected UHECR Structures

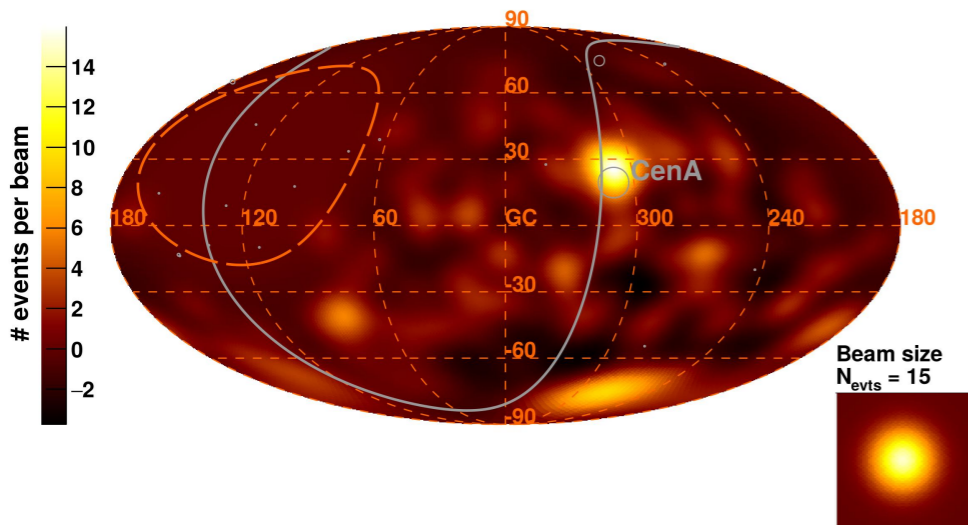
Observed Excess Map - E > 39 EeV



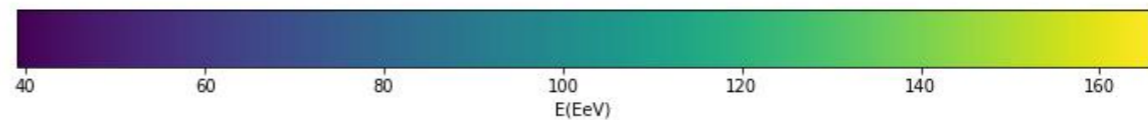
Galactic Coordinate



Observed Excess Map - E > 60 EeV



PAO's Analysis  
(PAO collaboration, 2020)



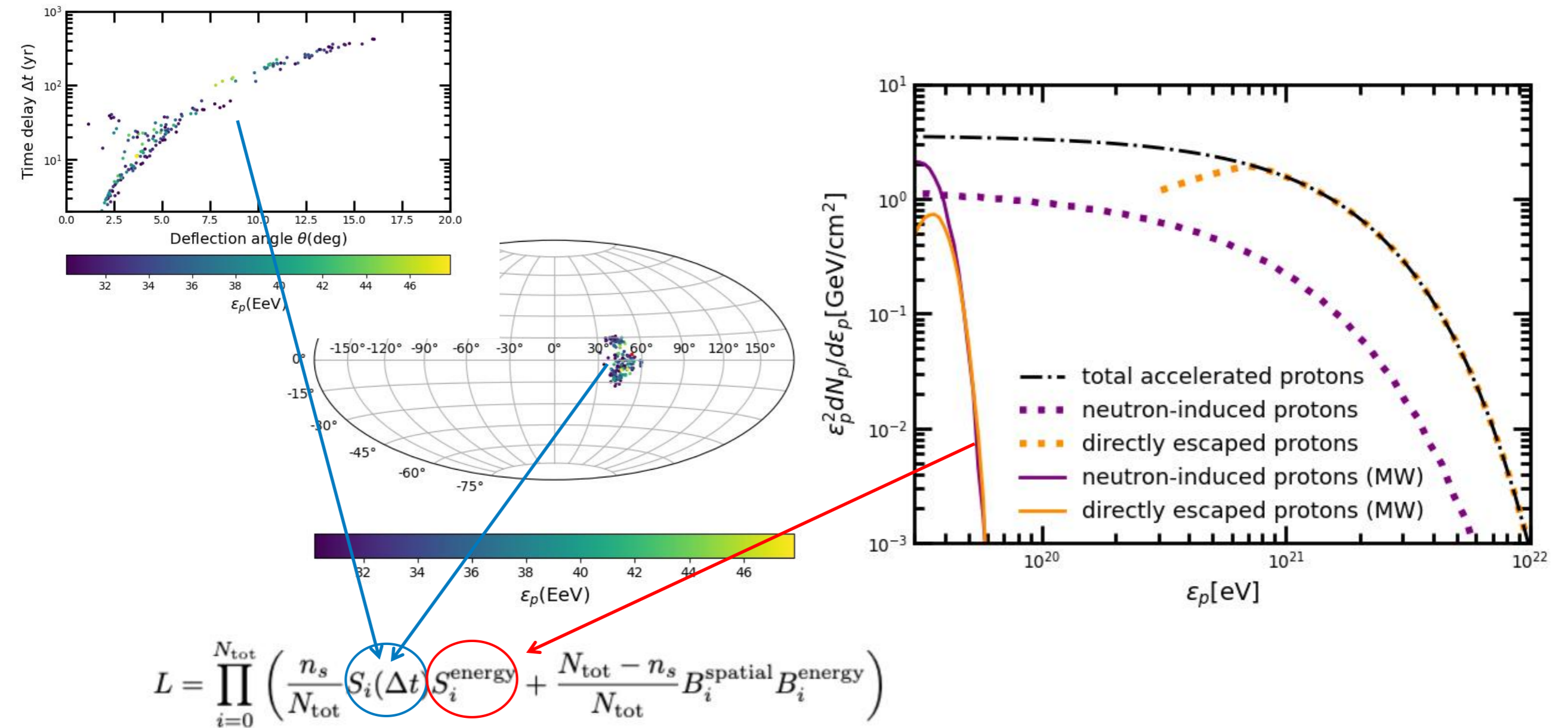
Our Analysis on PAO's 2635 UHECRs

$$S_i = \frac{1}{2\pi\delta_{\text{rms}}^2(E_i)} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_{\text{diff},i}^2}{2\delta_{\text{rms}}^2(E_i)}\right) \frac{\delta_{\text{diff},i}}{\sin\delta_{\text{diff},i}}$$

$$B_i^{\text{spatial}} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}}(\beta_i)}{\sum_k N_{\text{obs}}(\beta_k) \Delta\Omega}$$

$$L = \prod_{i=0}^{N_{\text{tot}}} \left( \frac{n_s}{N_{\text{tot}}} S_i + \frac{N_{\text{tot}} - n_s}{N_{\text{tot}}} B_i^{\text{spatial}} \right)$$

# Application on UHECR Burst from GRB 221009A



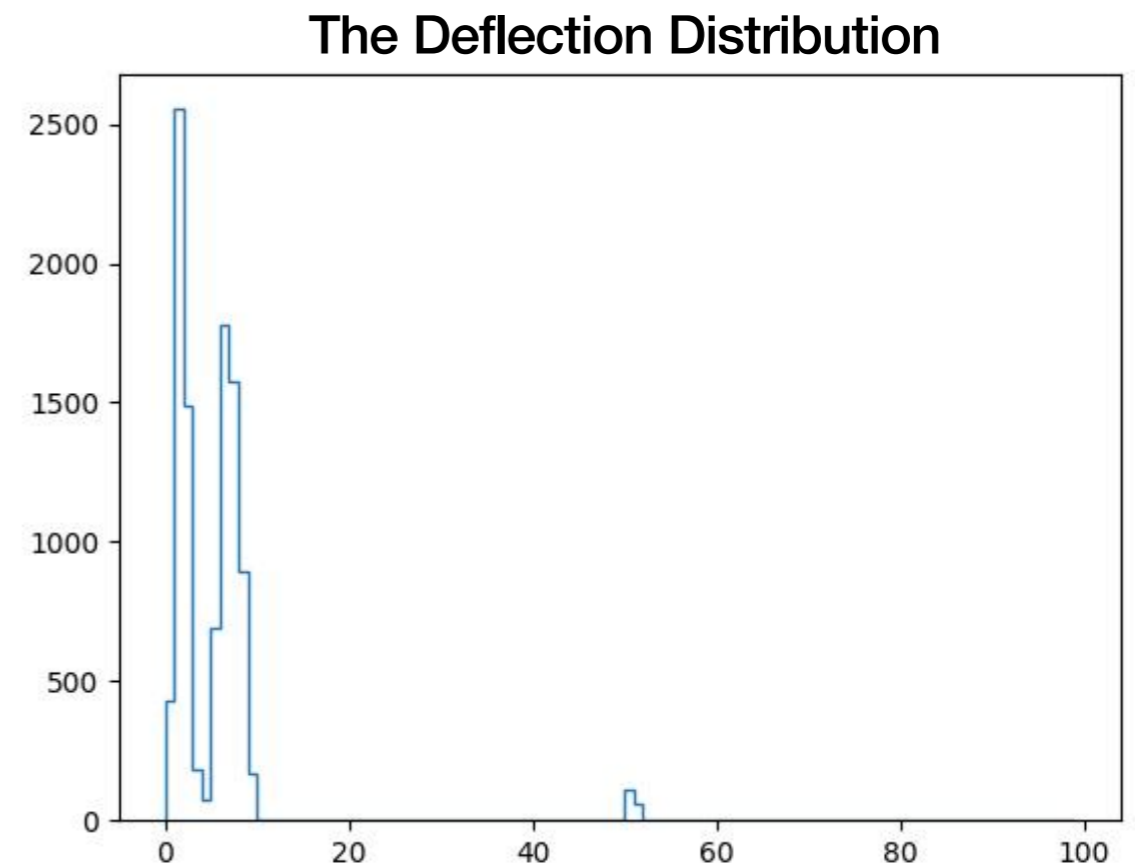
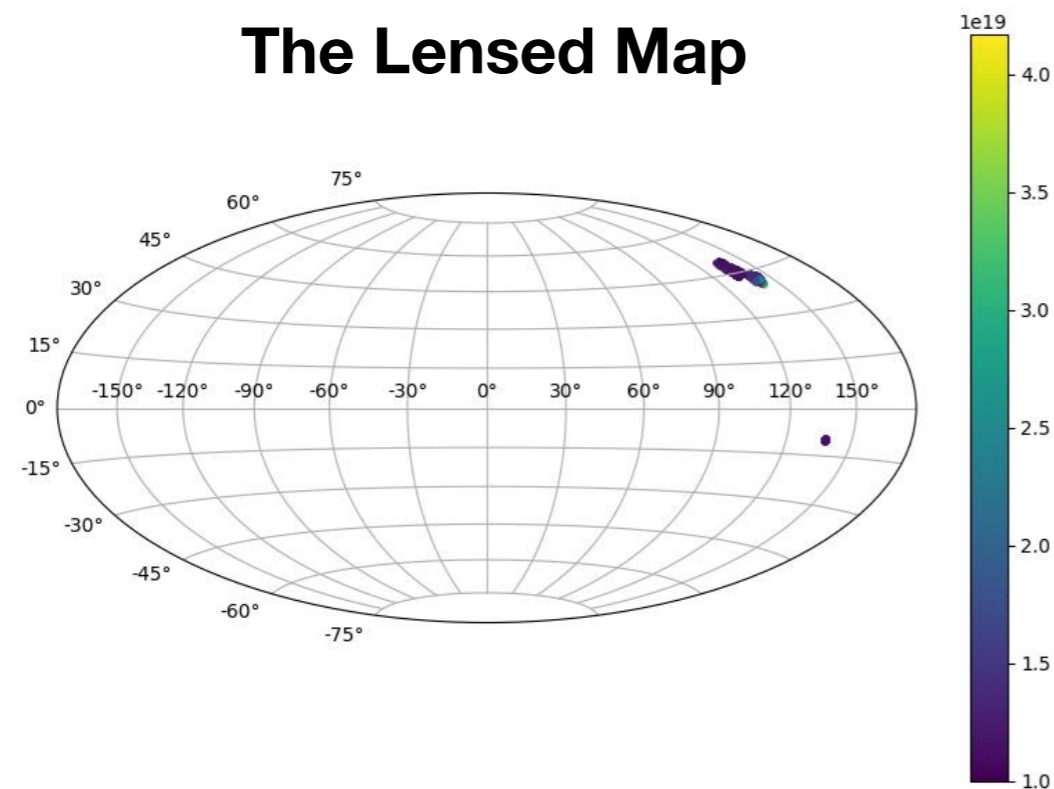
Via adopting the modified method on the UHECR burst from GRB 221009A in the future, adding **the temporal information and spectral information**, we expect to get higher significance than using Li&Ma method.

# Conclusions & Discussions

- GRB UHECR burst are dominated by the neutron-induced protons.
- There are uncertainties on the magnetic field and the baryon loading factor.
- Auger and TAX4 can constrain the model soon in future few years.
- GRAND is a good detector for UHECR burst from GRB 221009A as long as the construction is completed in 2030s.
- Our method searching for magnetic-field selected UHECR structures can be modified and used to study the future observed UHECR burst, and finally check the correlation between UHECRs and the GRB.

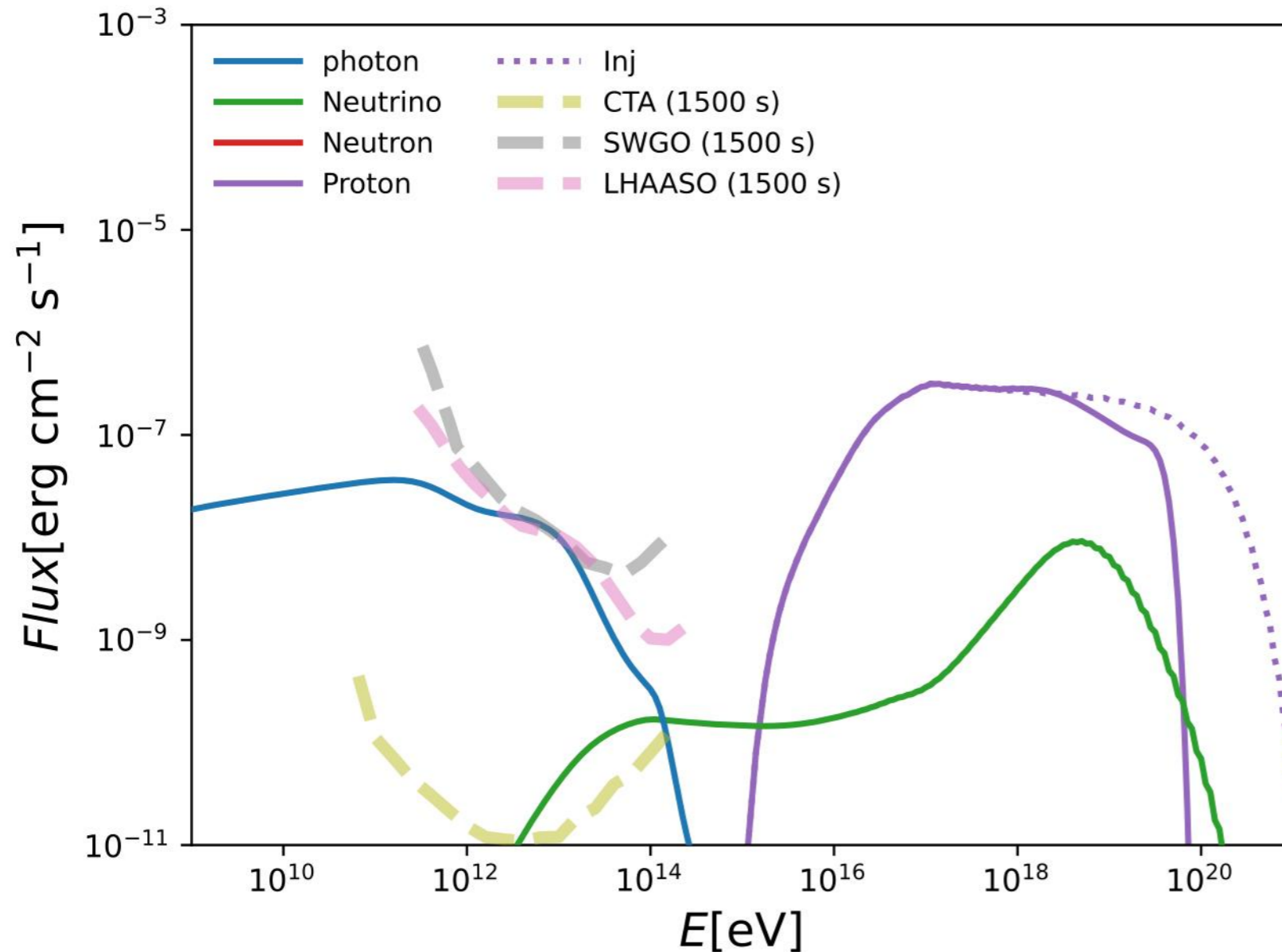
**Thank you!**

# If we put the GRB in another direction



The UHECRs are less deflected and more protons arrive within 1 degree.  
**The Magnetic Selected Structure** will help us to distinguish the UHECR multiplets.

# Cosmogenic Photons



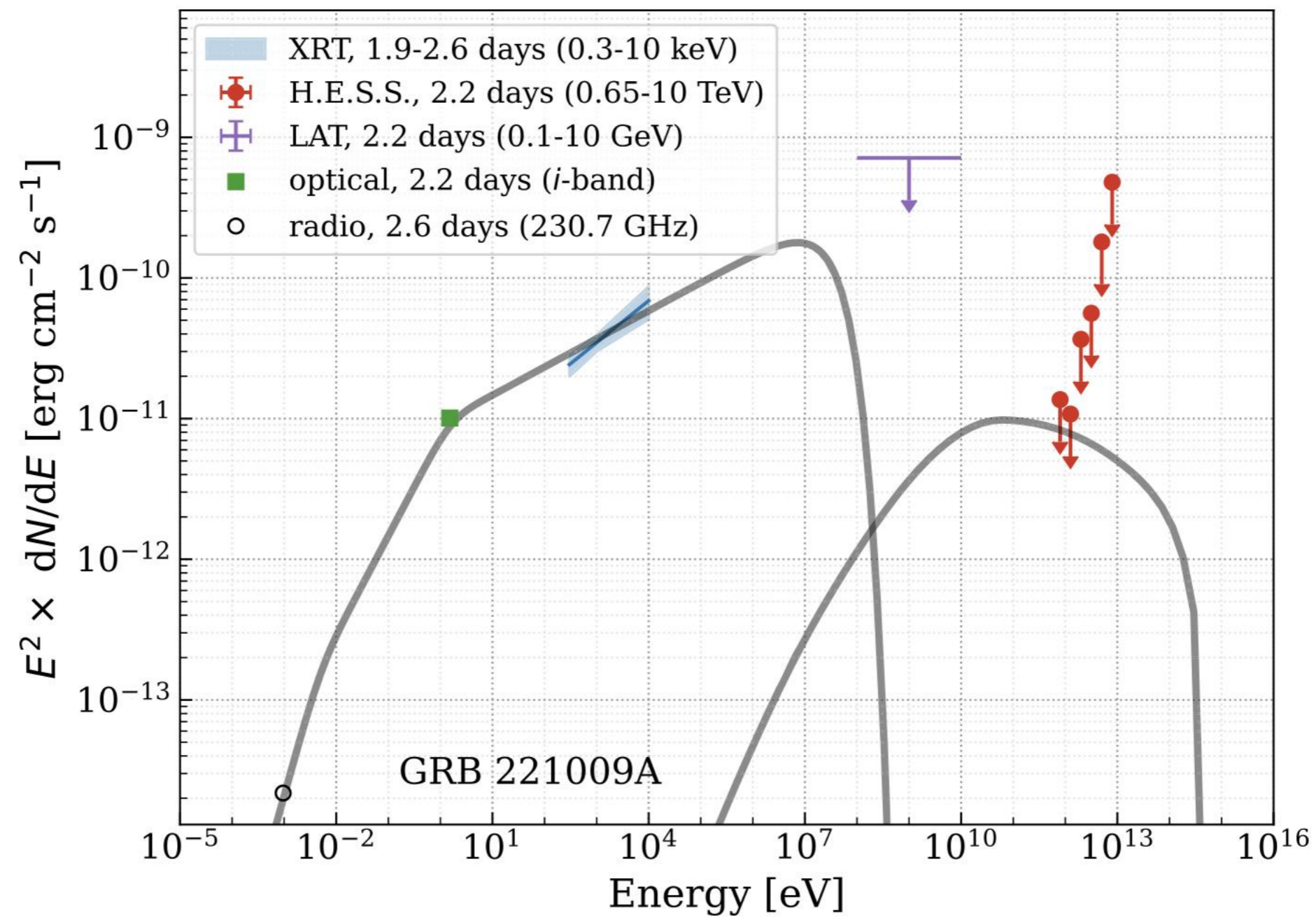
**Baryon Loading factor=0.1**

**We simulate the propagation of protons and photons in the Inter-galactic field.**

**Here we ignored the effect of the IGMF.**

**More details need to be checked.**

- Cosmogenic photons from such a bright GRB might be observed LHAASO, SWGO and CTA.



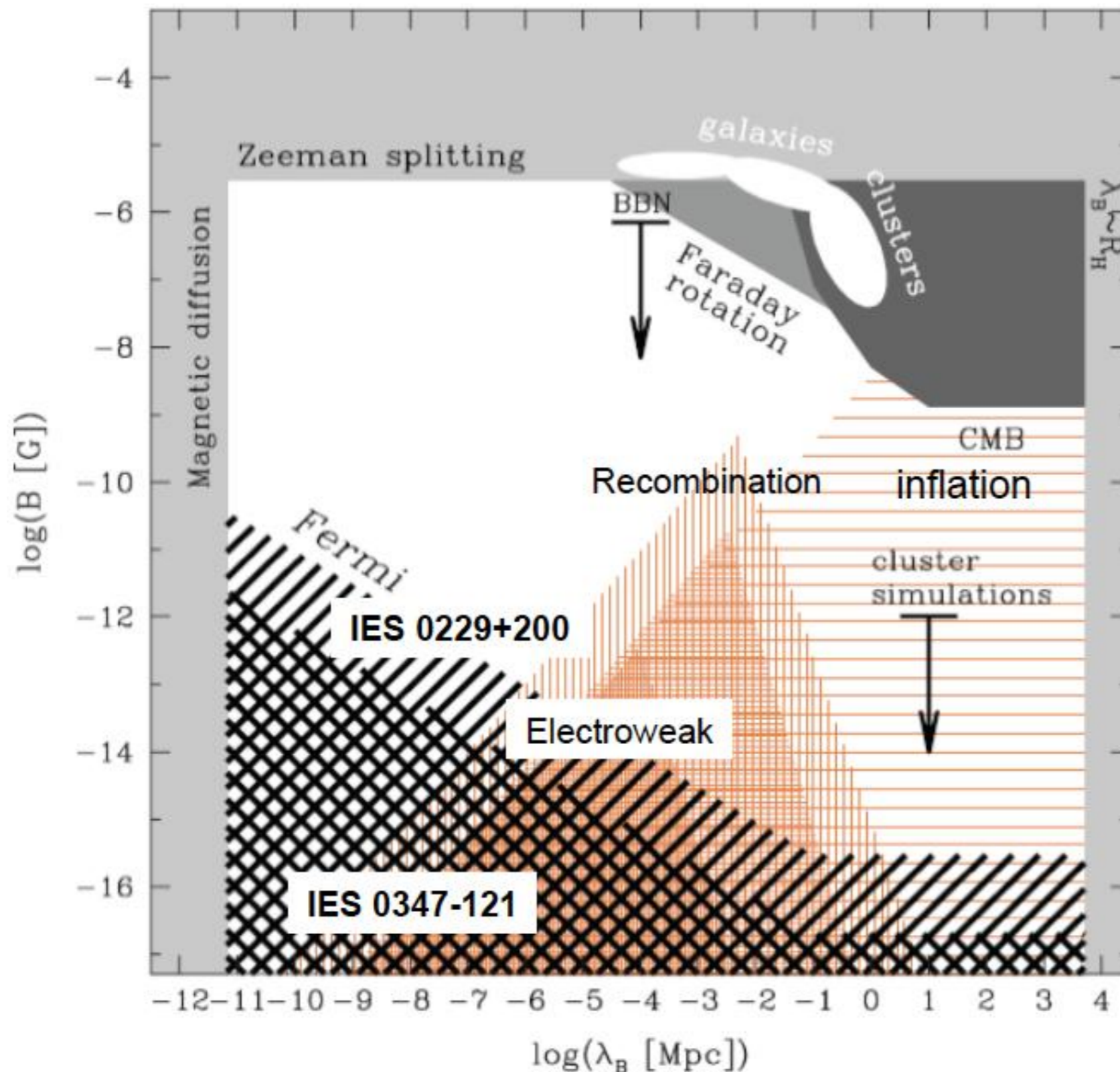
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**@class PlanckJF12bField**

**@brief PlanckJF12bField: the JF12 galactic magnetic field model with corrections  
suggested by the Planck Collaboration**

**See: Planck Collaboration, "Planck intermediate results. XLII.  
Large-scale Galactic magnetic fields", A&A 596 (2016) A103;  
arXiv:1601.00546**

# Intergalactic Magnetic Field



Orange: Allowed by a variety of ways of generating the IGMF.

More interesting ways: phase transitions in the early universe, or inflationary magnetogenesis

Black/gray: ruled out.

Neronov & Vovk (2010, Science, 328, 73)

# Neutrino production in GRBs

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ \\ p + \pi^0 \end{cases}$$

$$pp/pn \rightarrow \pi^\pm / K^\pm$$

## Conditions:

1. protons acceleration

2. targets: photons or matter

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow n + \pi^+ ; \quad \pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

**Delta Resonance Approximation:**  $(\varepsilon_p / \Gamma)(\varepsilon_\gamma / \Gamma) \geq 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\varepsilon_\gamma = 1 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma = 10^{2.5} \Rightarrow \varepsilon_p \geq 10^{16} \text{ eV}, \varepsilon_\nu \geq 10^{14.5} \text{ eV}$$

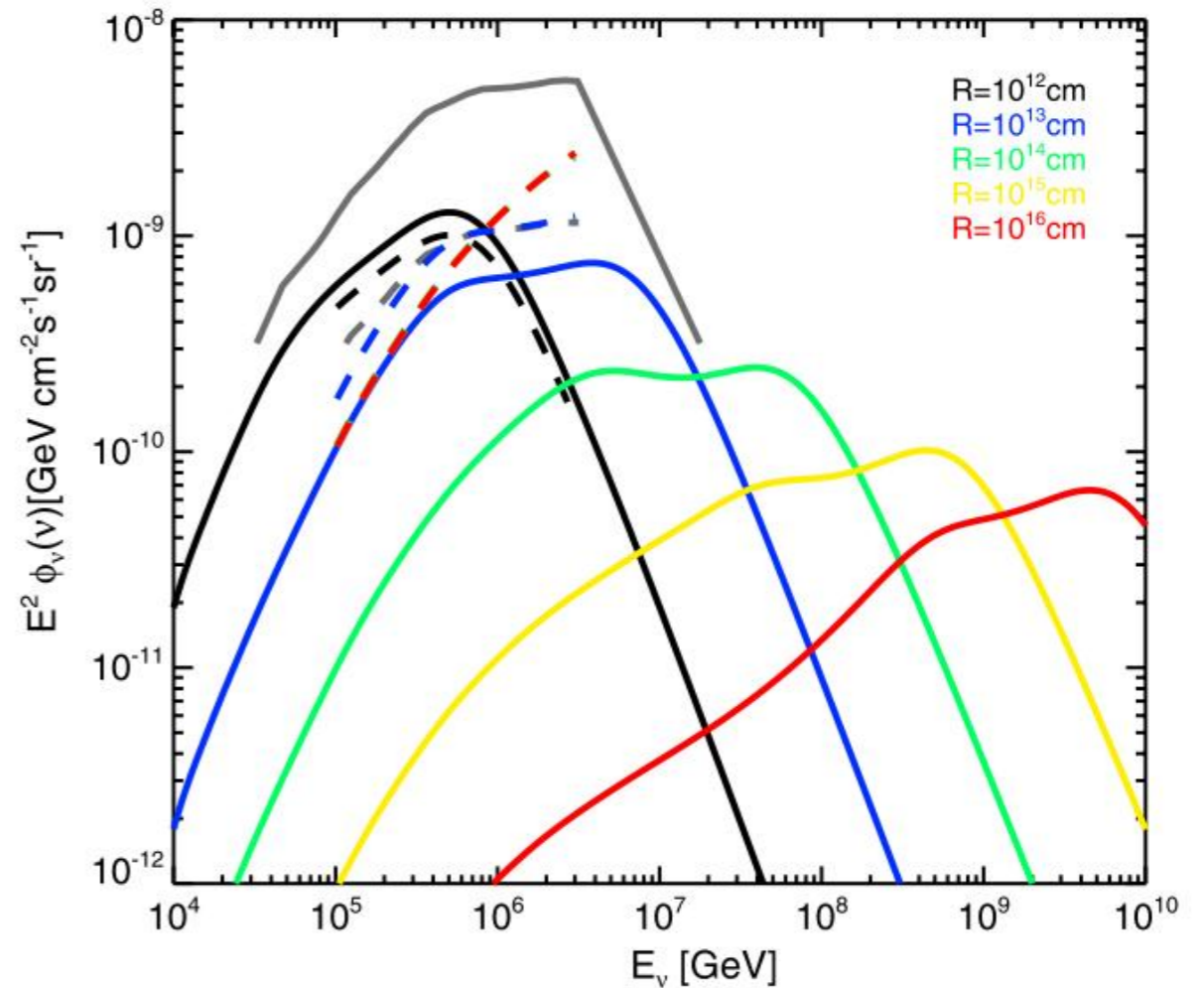
# General dissipation scenario

## — — constrain the dissipation radius and the baryon loading factor

The fraction of proton energy converted into pions:

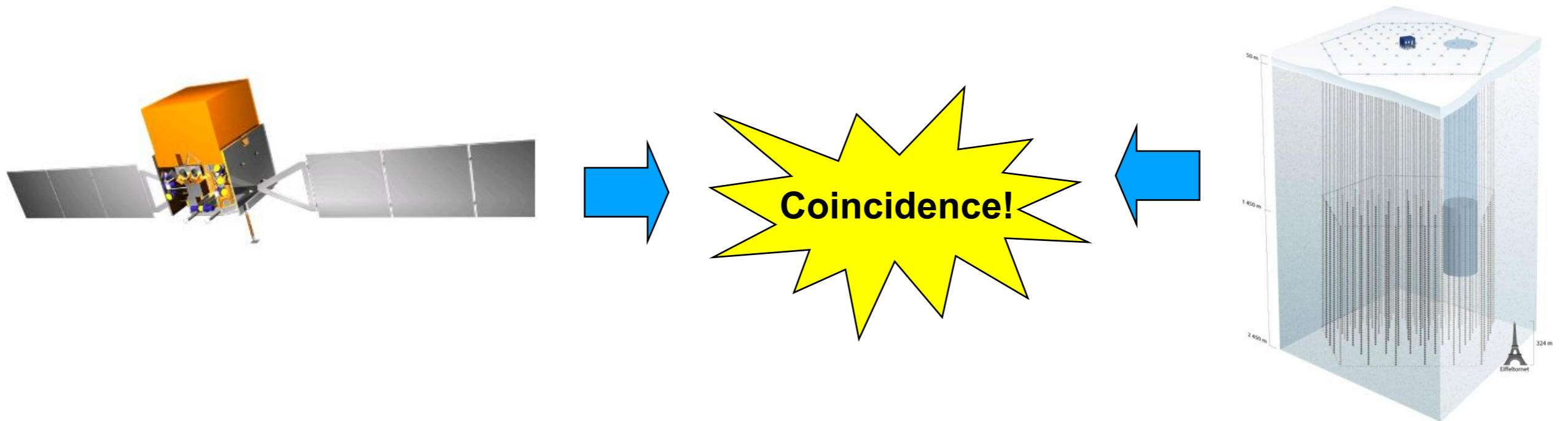
$$f_{p\gamma}(\epsilon_p^{\text{ob}}) \simeq \frac{0.11}{y_1} \left( \frac{2}{\alpha + 1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + z} \right) \frac{L_{\gamma 52}}{\epsilon_{\gamma b, \text{MeV}}^{\text{ob}} \Gamma_{2.5}^2 R_{14}} \times \begin{cases} k_1 \left( \frac{\epsilon_p^{\text{ob}}}{\epsilon_{p,b}^{\text{ob}}} \right)^{\beta-1}, & \epsilon_p^{\text{ob}} \leq \epsilon_{p,b}^{\text{ob}} \\ \left( \frac{\epsilon_p^{\text{ob}}}{\epsilon_{p,b}^{\text{ob}}} \right)^{\alpha-1} + k_p, & \epsilon_p^{\text{ob}} > \epsilon_{p,b}^{\text{ob}}, \end{cases}$$

The baryon loading factor  $E_p/E_\gamma = 10$



He H.N. et al. (2012) ApJ 752:29

# Search for GRB neutrinos by IceCube



Good information on timing and direction——> background reduction

**No evidence of correlation between neutrino events and GRBs was found.**

Prompt neutrino emission from GRBs is limited to  $\leq 1\%$  of the observed diffuse neutrino flux.  
The IceCube Collaboration (2022)

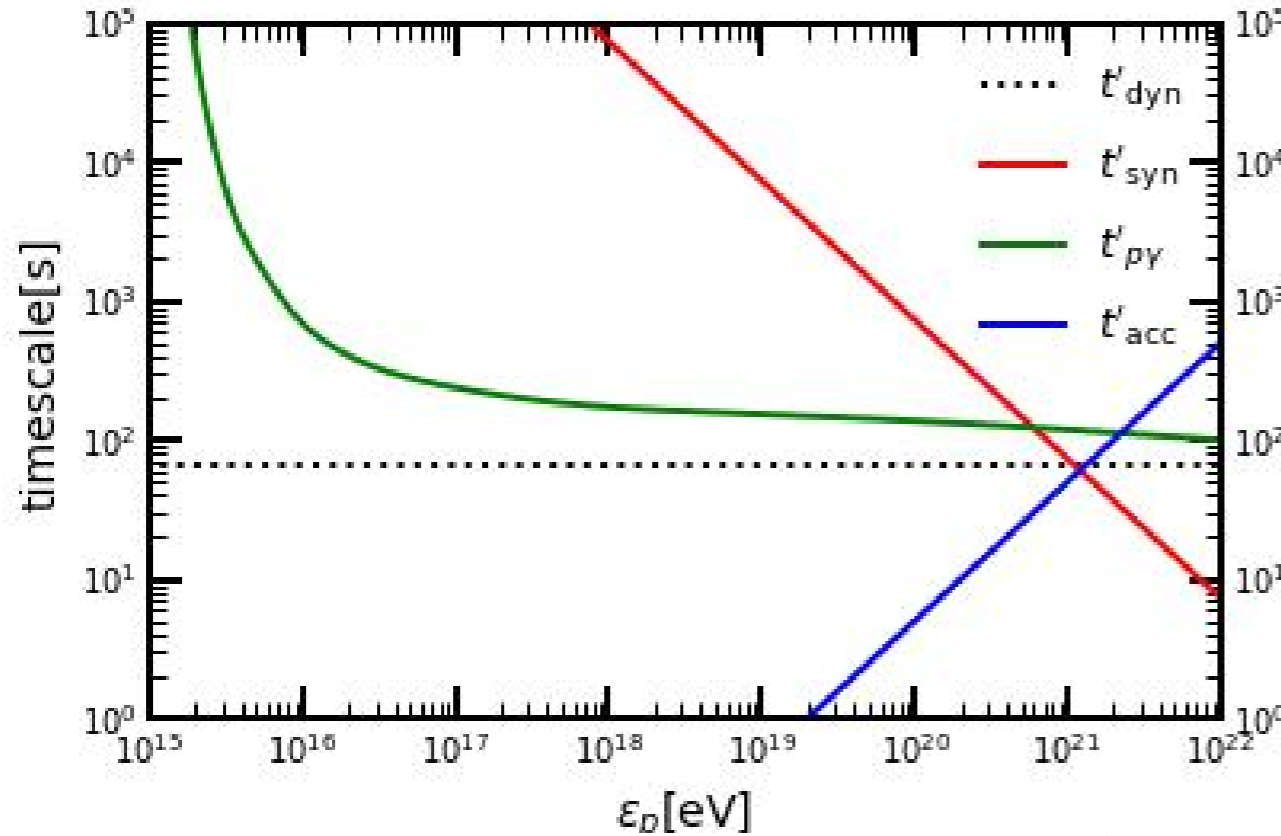
## Possible Contributions from other GRB populations:

Untriggered GRBs (Liu & Wang 2013)

Low-luminosity GRBs (Murase & Nagataki 2006, Liu, Wang, Dai 2011)

Pop III GRBs (Gao & Meszaros 12)

# Proton Acceleration and Energy Loss in the GRB



$$\min(t'_{\text{dyn}}, t'_{\text{syn}}(\varepsilon_{p,\text{max}}), t'_{p\gamma}(\varepsilon_{p,\text{max}})) = t'_{\text{acc}}(\varepsilon_{p,\text{max}})$$

$$\varepsilon_{p,\text{max}} = 1.2 \times 10^{21} \text{ eV}$$

$$\times (1+z)^{-1} \Gamma_{2.7}^{3/2} \eta_0^{1/2} \epsilon_{e,-1}^{1/4} \epsilon_{B,-2}^{-1/4} R_{15}^{1/2} L_{\gamma,54}^{-1/4},$$

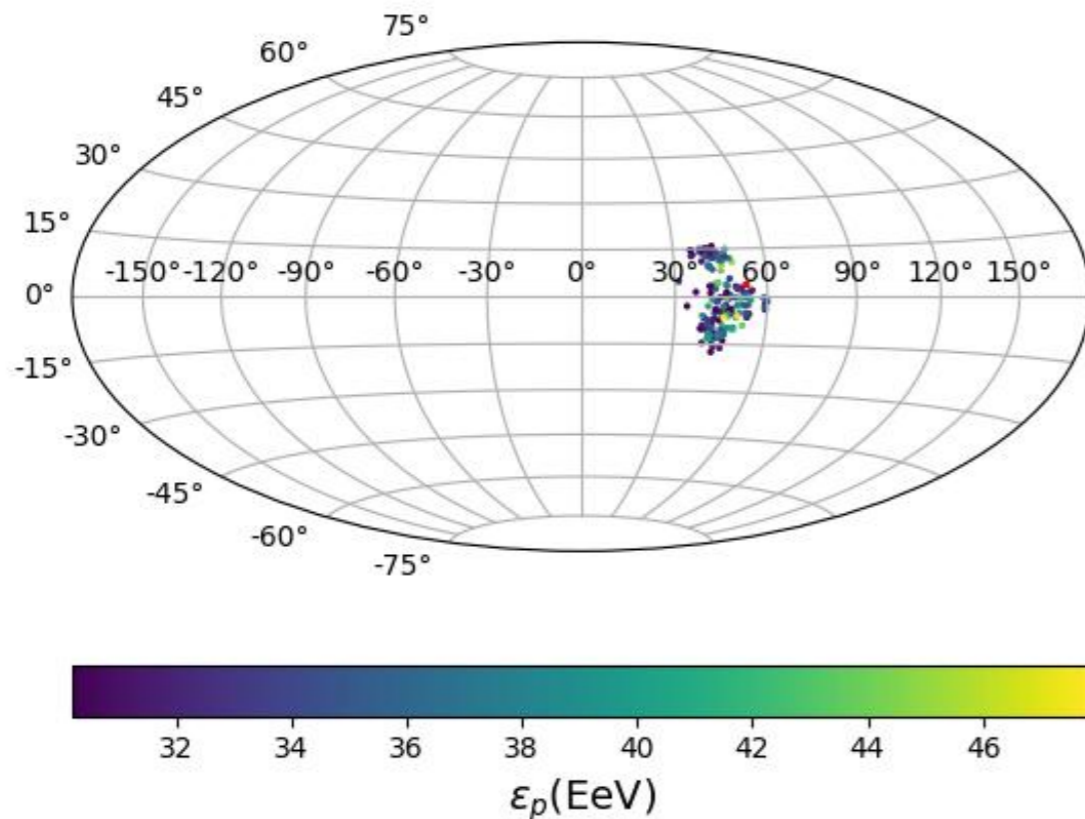
Table 1. The Adopted Parameters.

Descriptions	Symbols	Values
Redshift	$z$	0.151
Dissipation radius	$R$	$10^{15} \text{ cm}$
Low energy photon index	$\alpha$	0.76
High-energy photon index	$\beta$	2.13
Minimum energy of photon spectrum	$\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{min}}$	20 keV
Maximum energy of photon spectrum	$\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{max}}$	10 MeV
Peak energy of photon spectrum	$\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{b}}$	3 MeV
Proton index	$p$	2
Calibration luminosity	$L_{\gamma}^{\text{a}}$	$1 \times 10^{54} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Bulk Lorentz factor	$\Gamma$	500
Baryonic loading factor	$\xi_p$	1
Fraction of magnetic field energy	$\epsilon_B$	0.01
Fraction of electron energy	$\epsilon_e$	0.1
Total radiation energy	$E_{\gamma,\text{iso}}$	$10^{54} \text{ erg}$

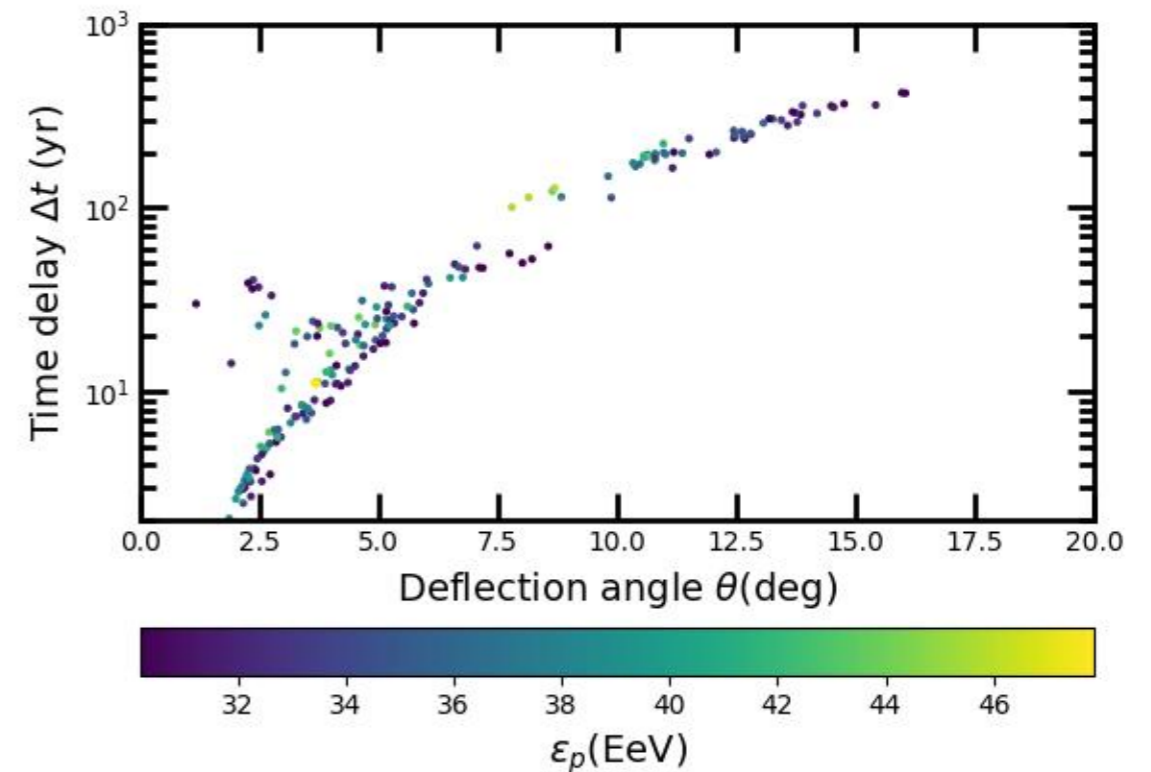
<sup>a</sup> The luminosity at 20 keV–10 MeV.

# UHECRs Propagation in the Milky Way

**The Lensed Map**



**Time delay and Deflection Angle**



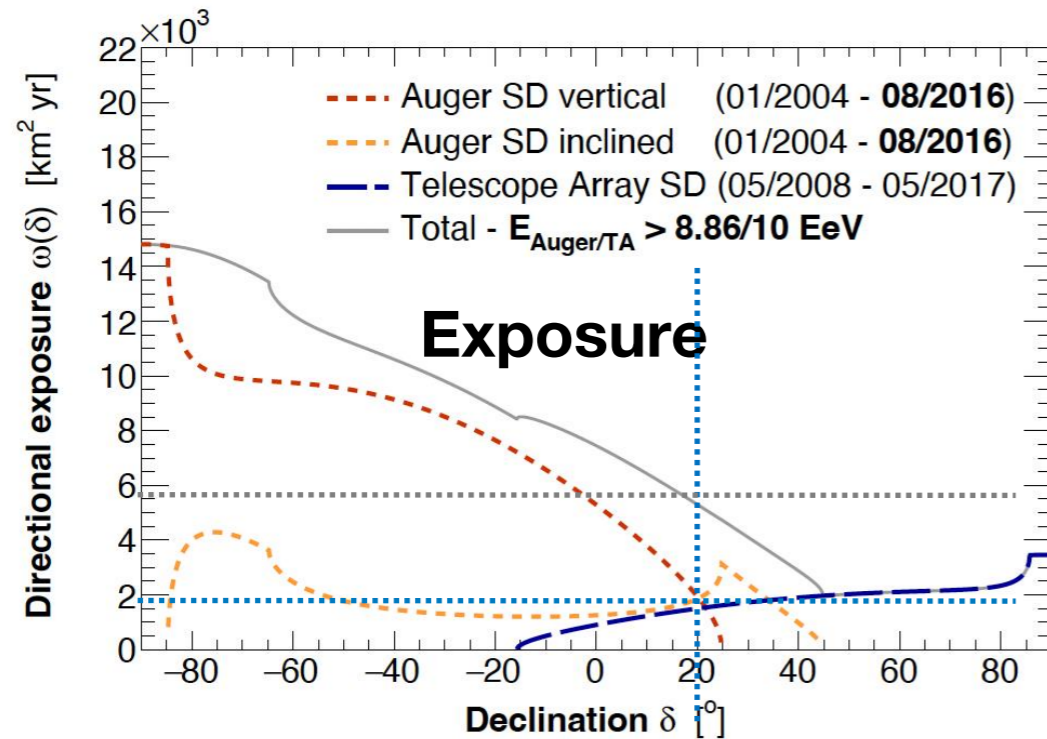
**Calculated via CRpropa, Jansson & Farrar (2012) GMF model**

$$\Delta t_{\text{reg,MW}} \simeq \frac{L_{\text{reg,MW}} \theta_{\text{reg,MW}}^2}{6c} = 0.8 \text{ yr} \frac{L_{\text{reg,MW}}}{5 \text{ kpc}} \left( \frac{\theta_{\text{reg,MW}}}{1^\circ} \right)^2$$

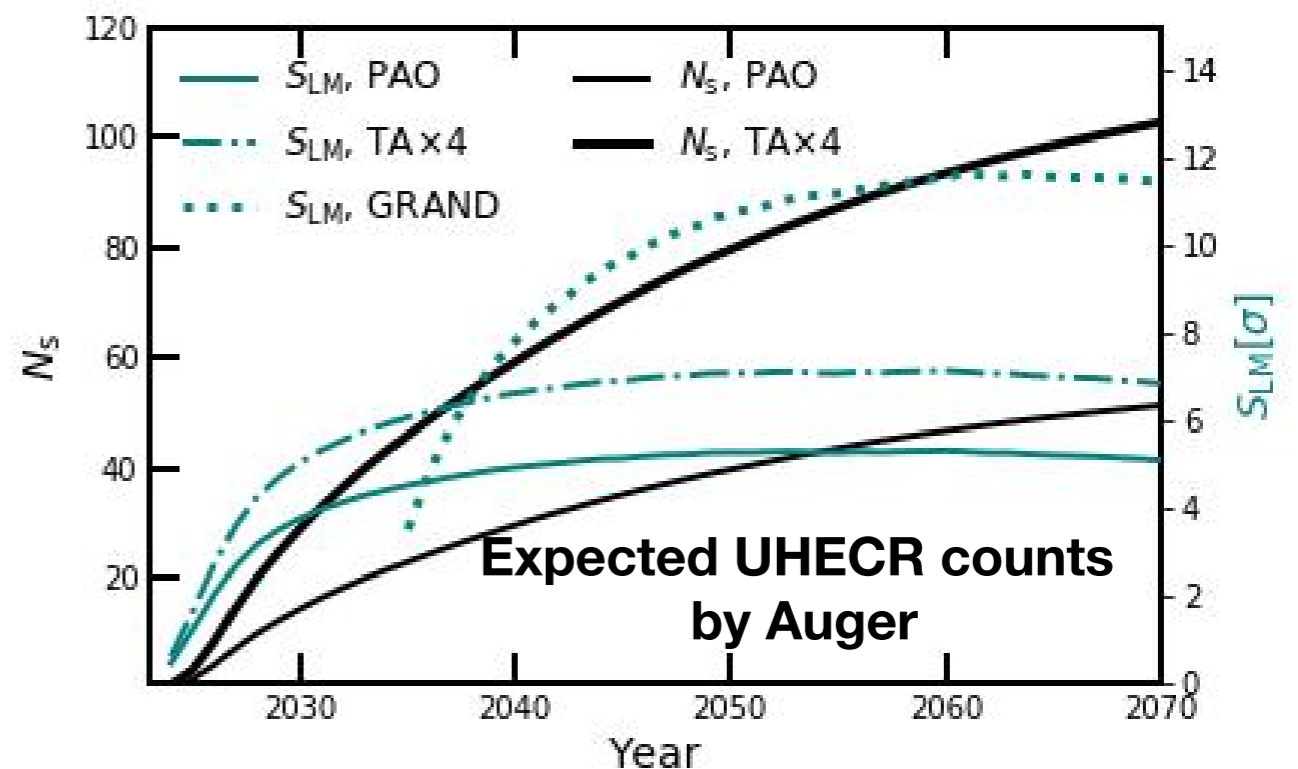
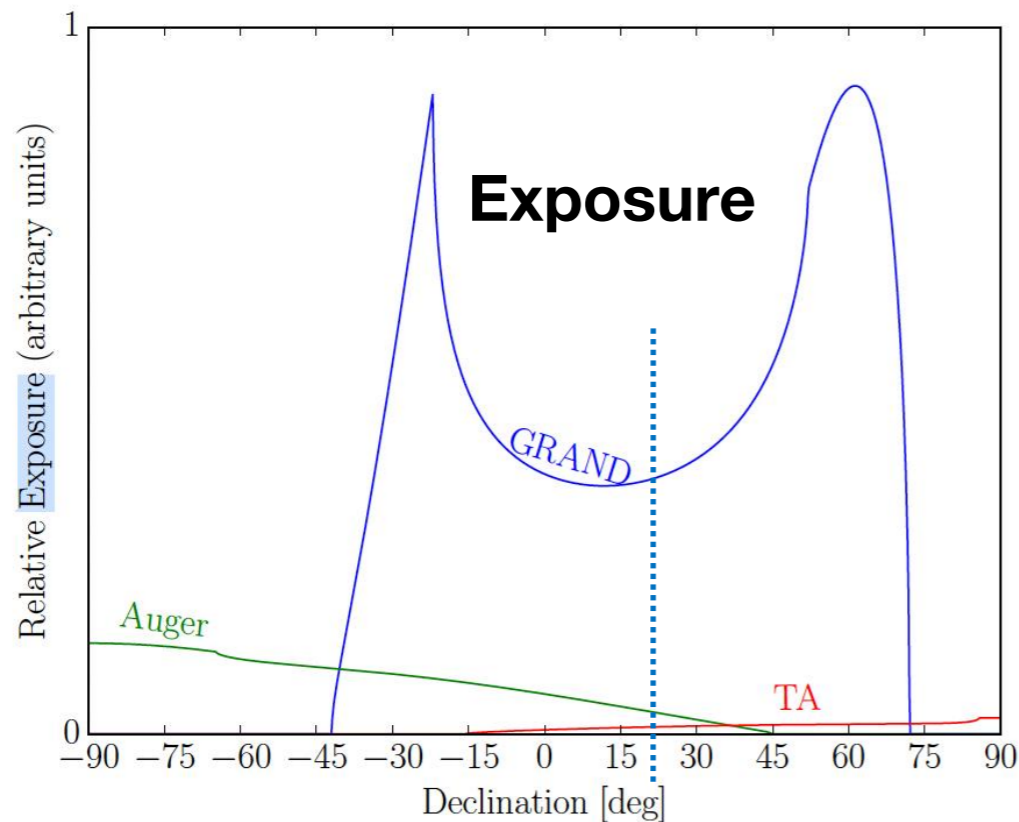
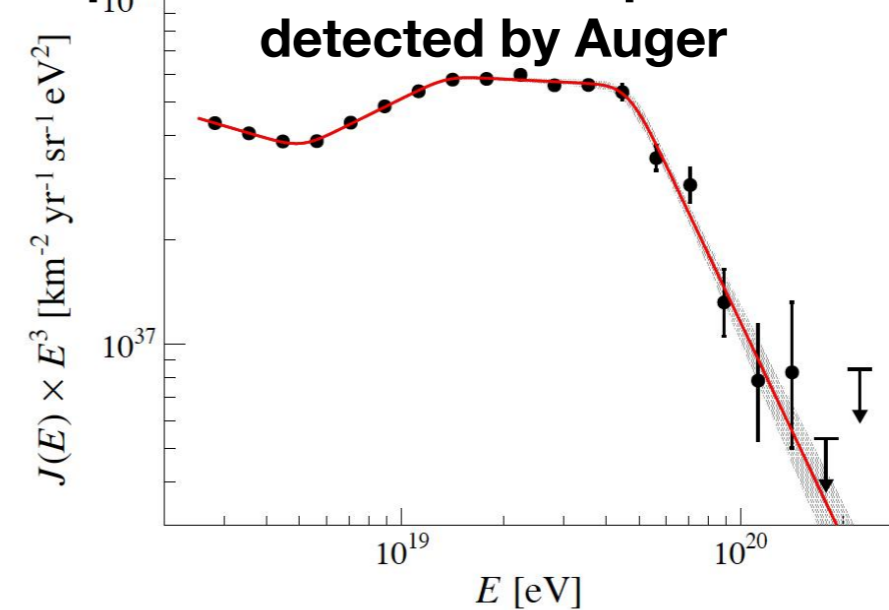
$$\Delta t_{\text{rms,MW}} \simeq 6.3 \text{ yr} \varepsilon_{p,19.5}^{-2} \frac{\lambda_{\text{MW}}}{50 \text{ pc}} \left( \frac{L_{\text{tur,MW}}}{10 \text{ kpc}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B_{\text{rms,MW}}}{5 \mu\text{G}} \right)^2$$

# Expected UHECRs from GRB 221009A

(RA = 288.3deg, Dec = 19.7deg)



## Spectrum of the isotropic UHECRs



The signal to background ratio peaks around 2028.

# A Rough Estimation on the Detection Rate of UHECRs

	Annual Exposure ( km <sup>2</sup> )	N_total (30-50EeV, theta<4.8deg) by 2028	N_b (30-50EeV, theta<4.8deg) by 2028	Significance (sigma)
TAX4	720	29	2.5	5.0
Auger	400	16	1.4	3.8
	Annual Exposure ( km <sup>2</sup> )	N_total (30-50EeV, theta<5.8deg) by 2036	N_b (30-50EeV, theta<5.8deg) by 2036	Significance (sigma)
GRAND	4000	34	5.2	3.5

## Uncertainties:

The magnetic deflection effect

The baryon loading factor:  $\eta=1$

# Consistent with the Galactic Magnetic Field

