

# MULTIWAVELENGTH STUDY OF GALACTIC COSMIC-RAYS



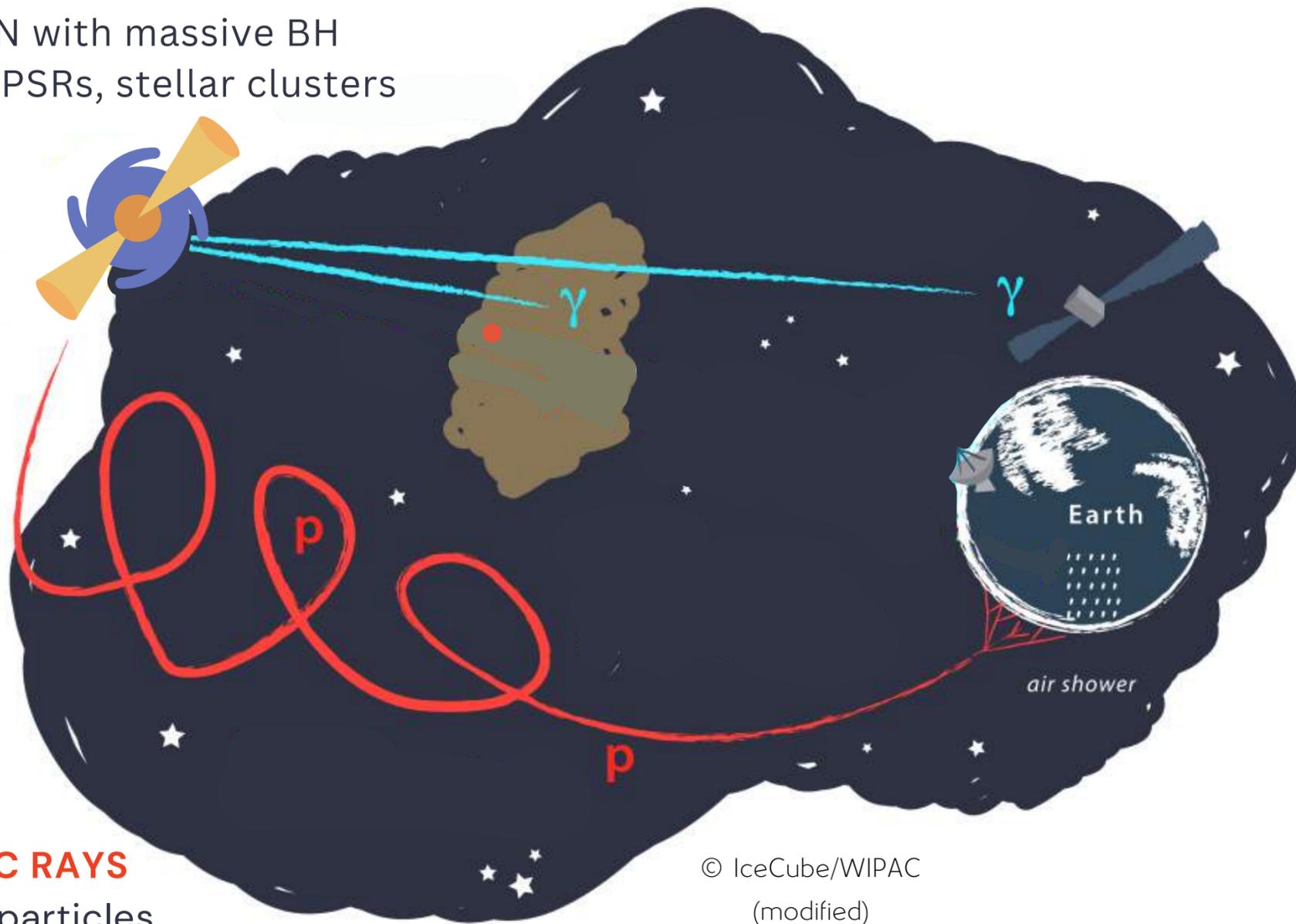
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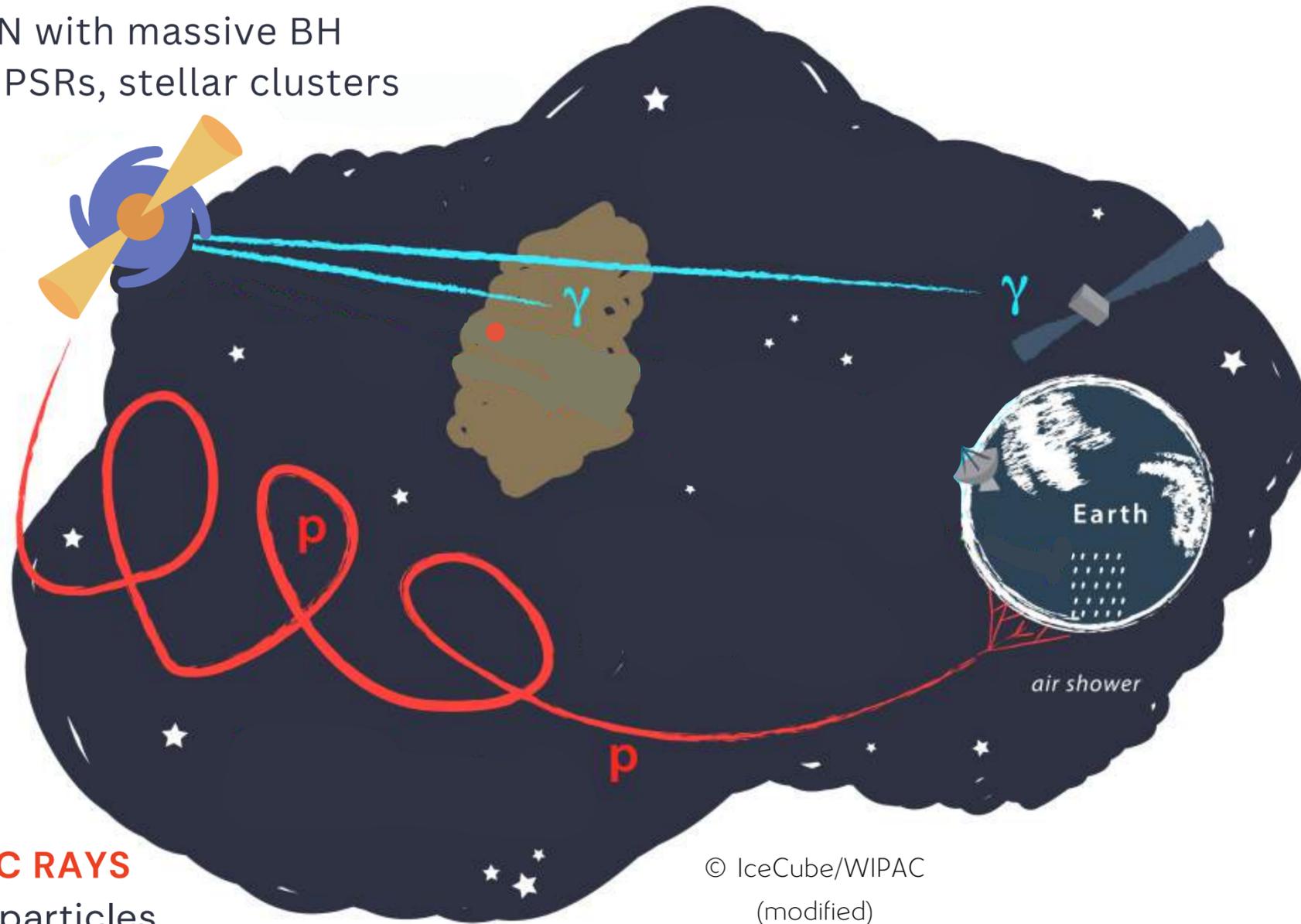
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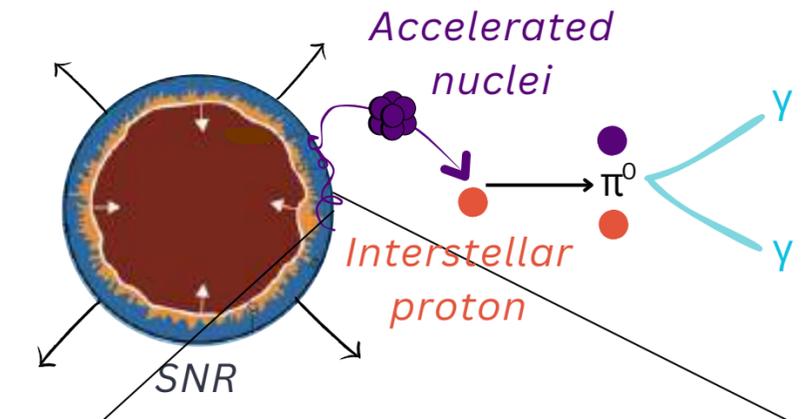
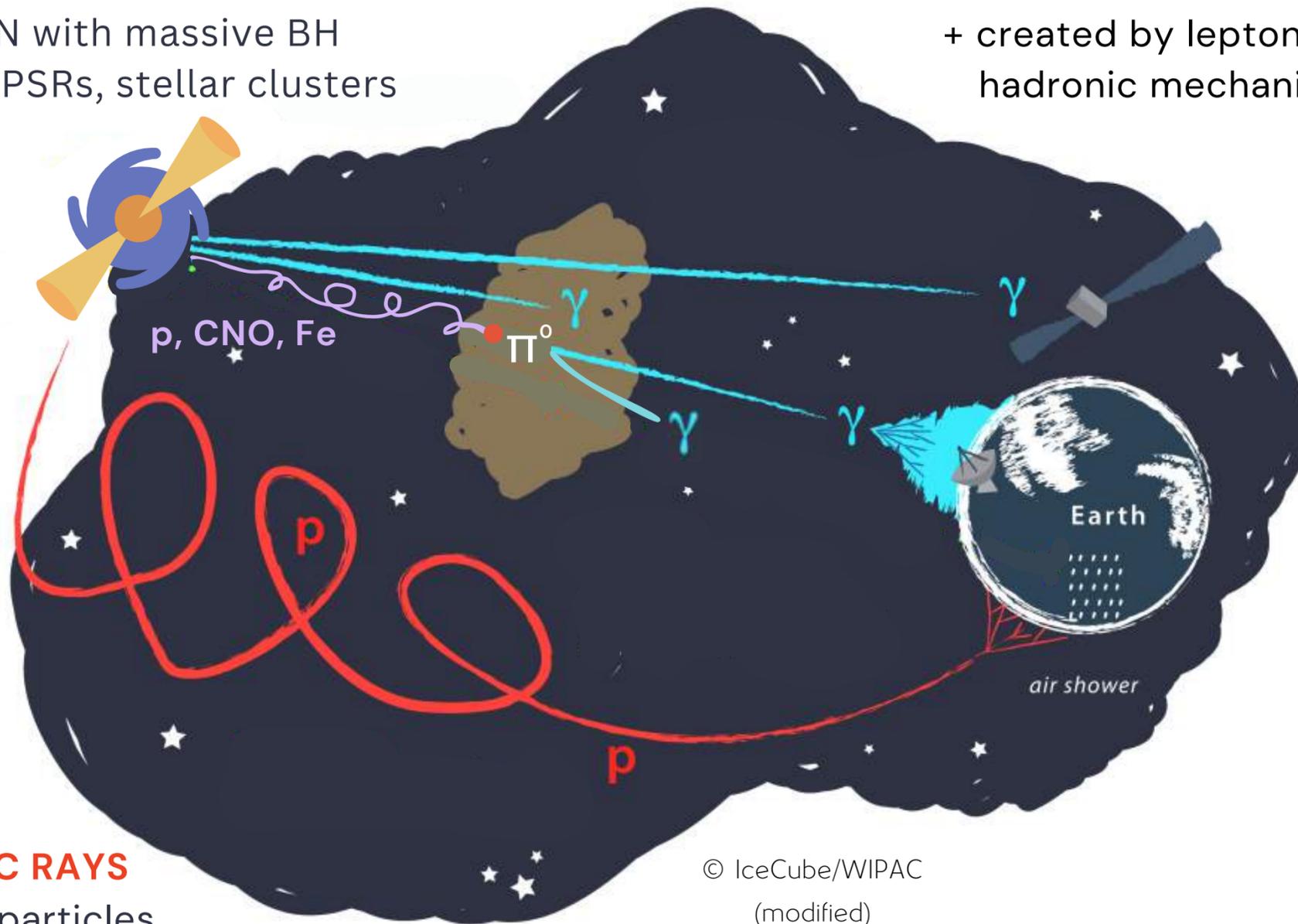
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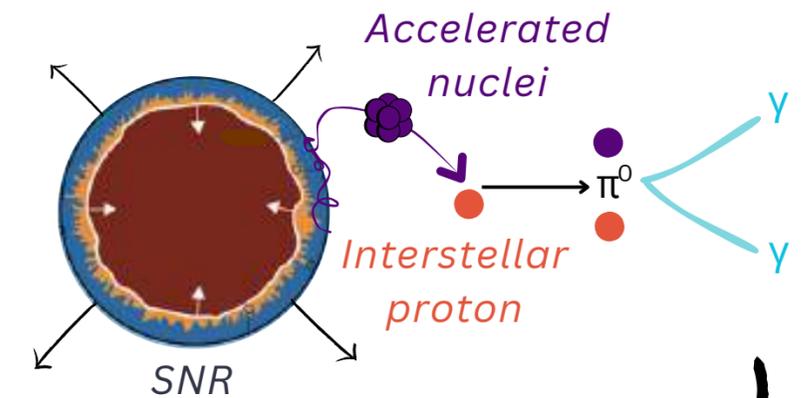
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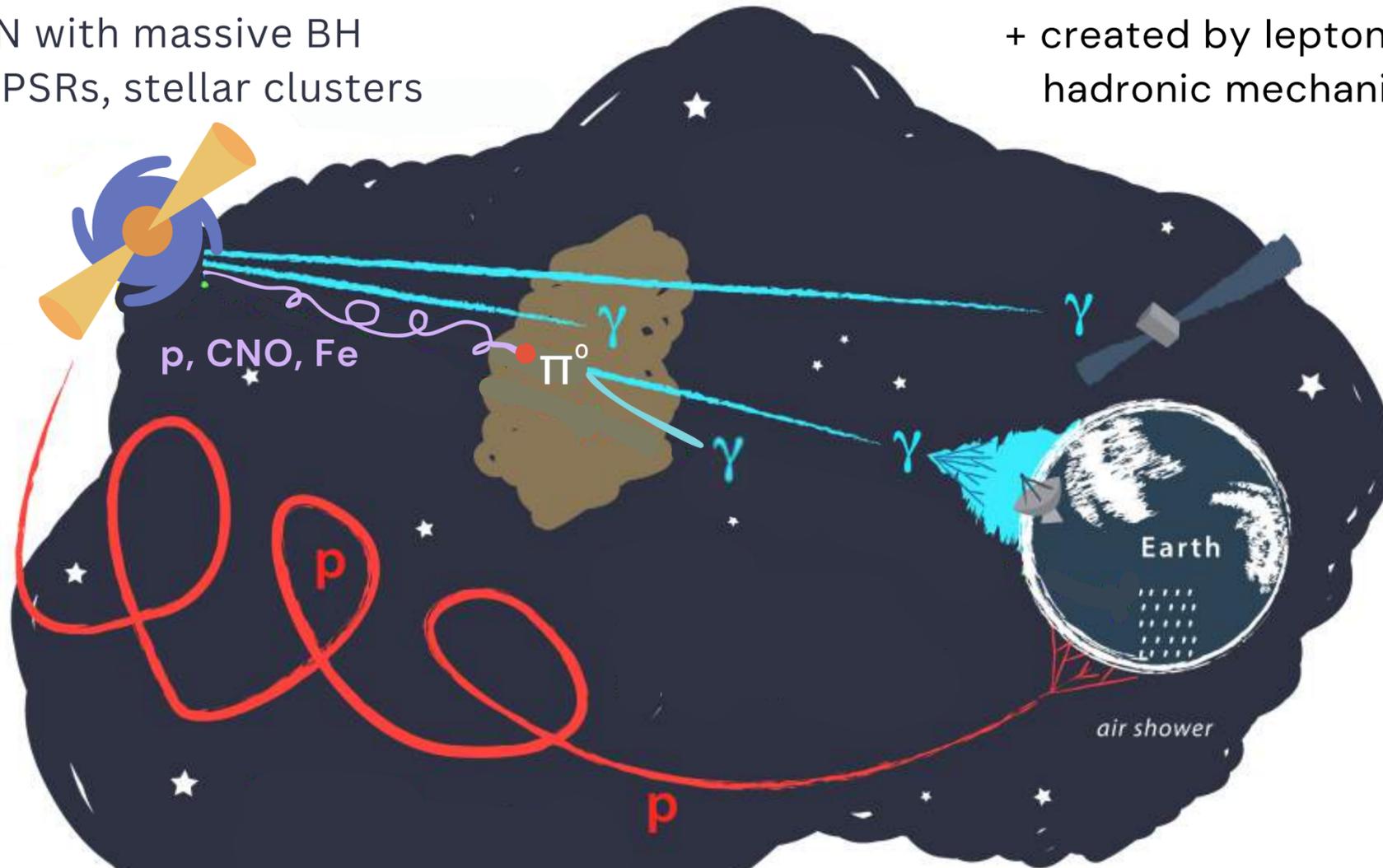
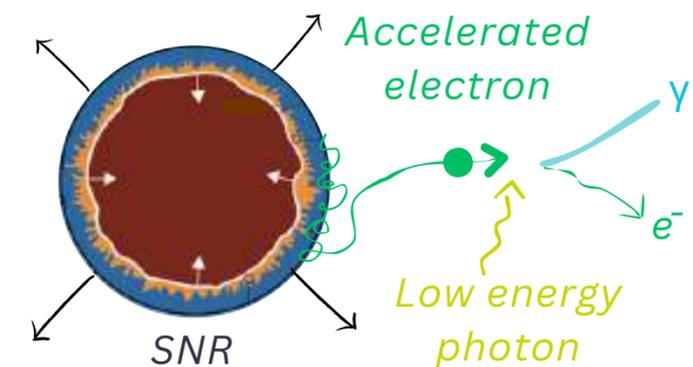
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Energy



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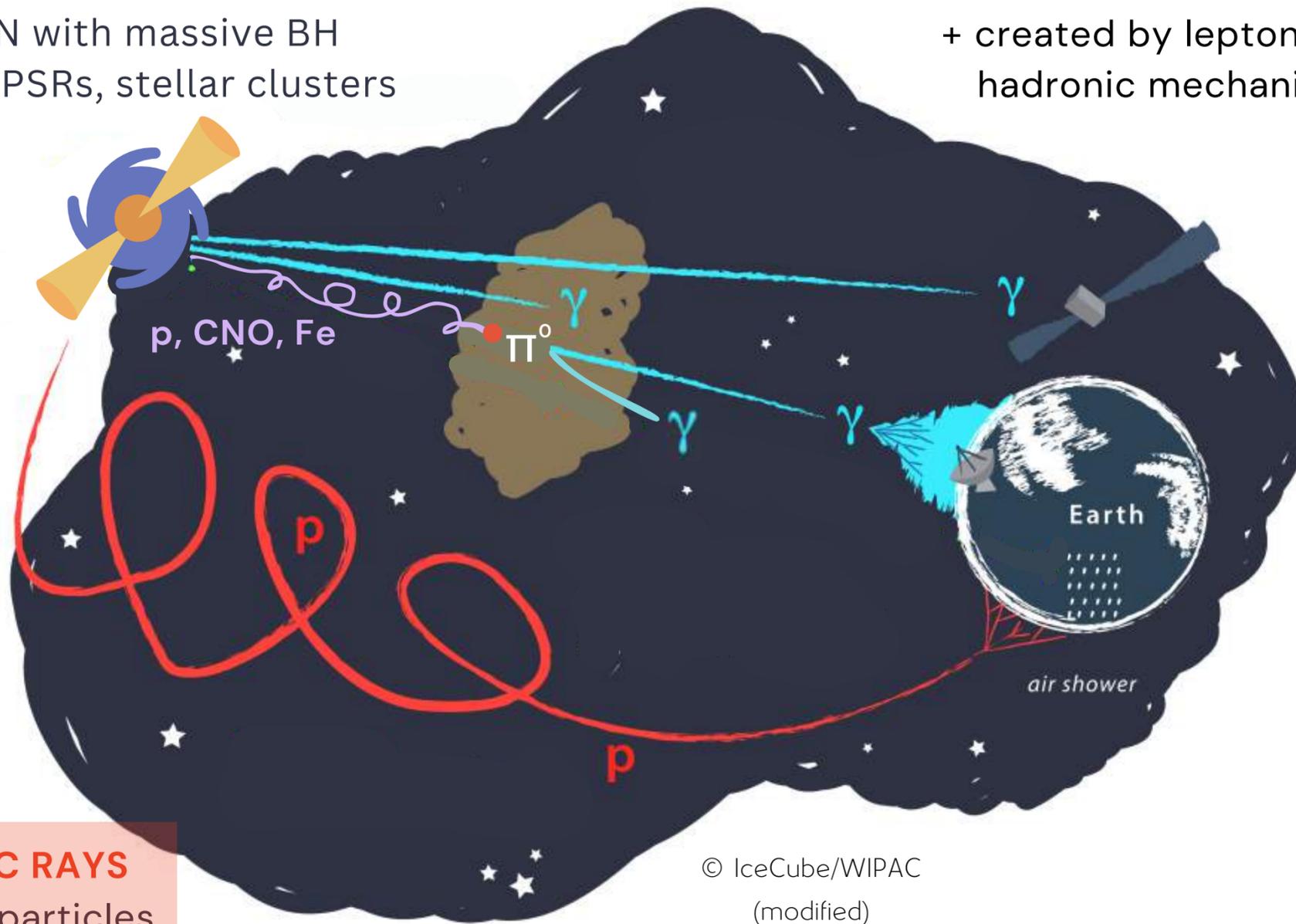
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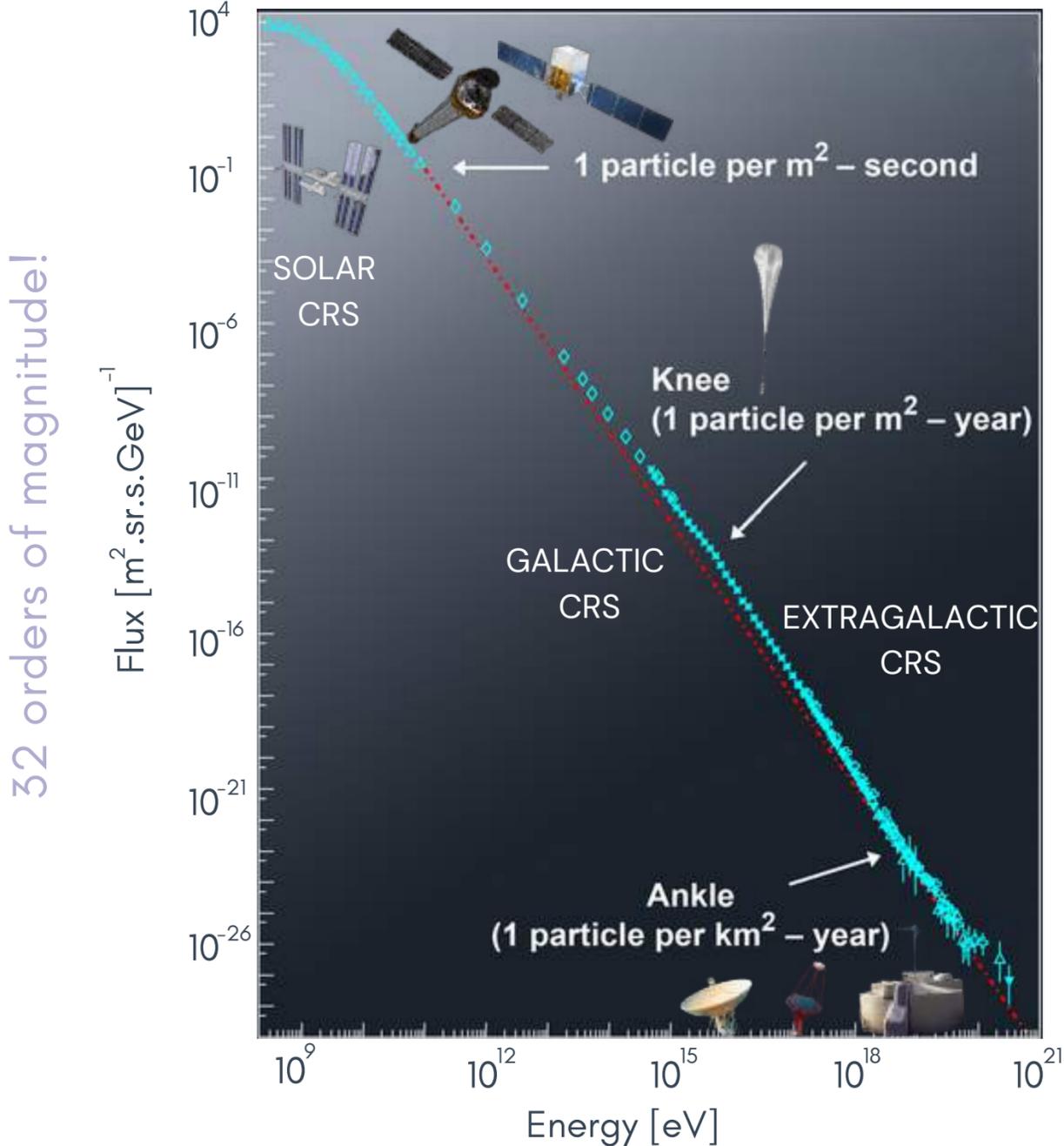
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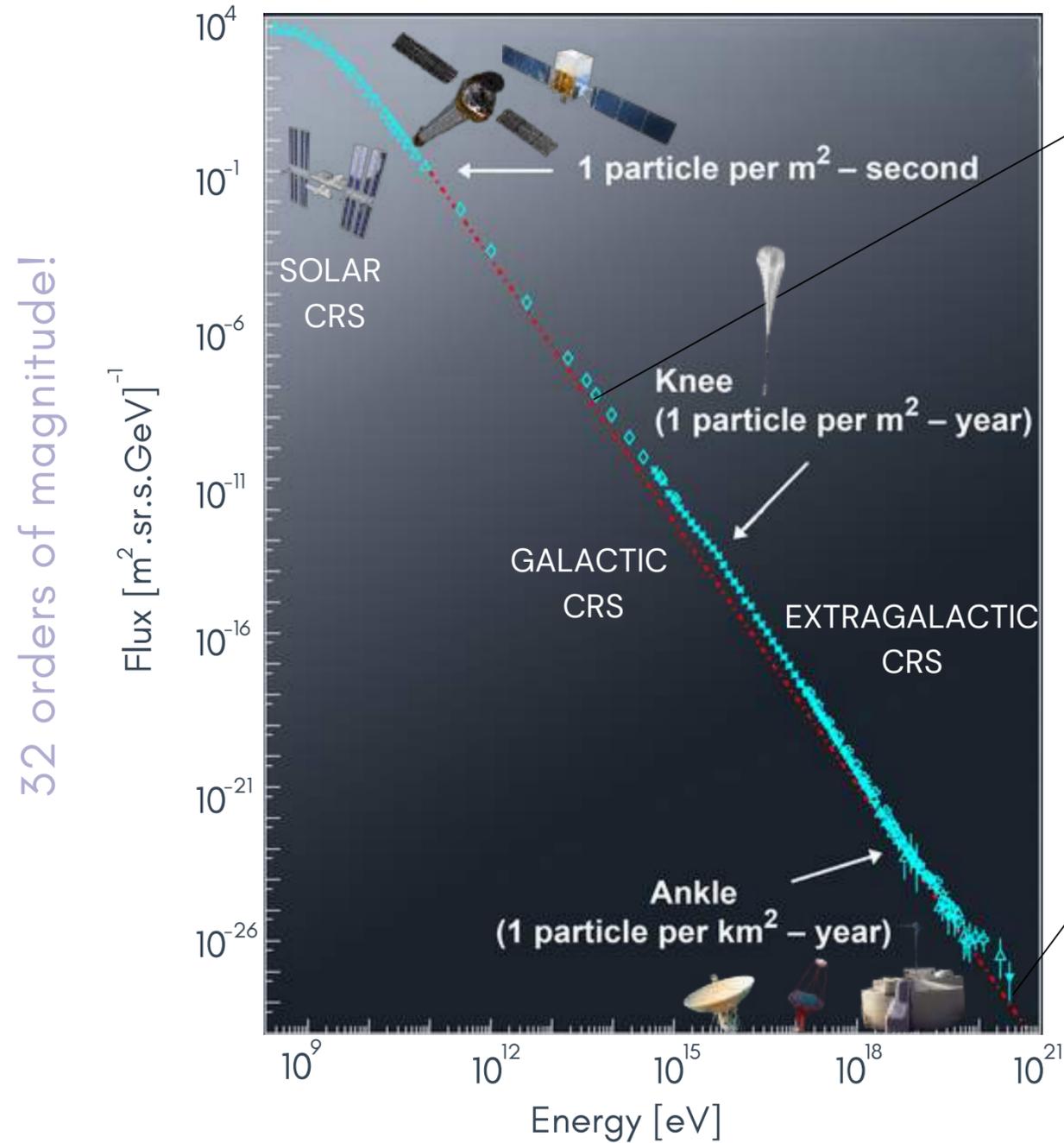


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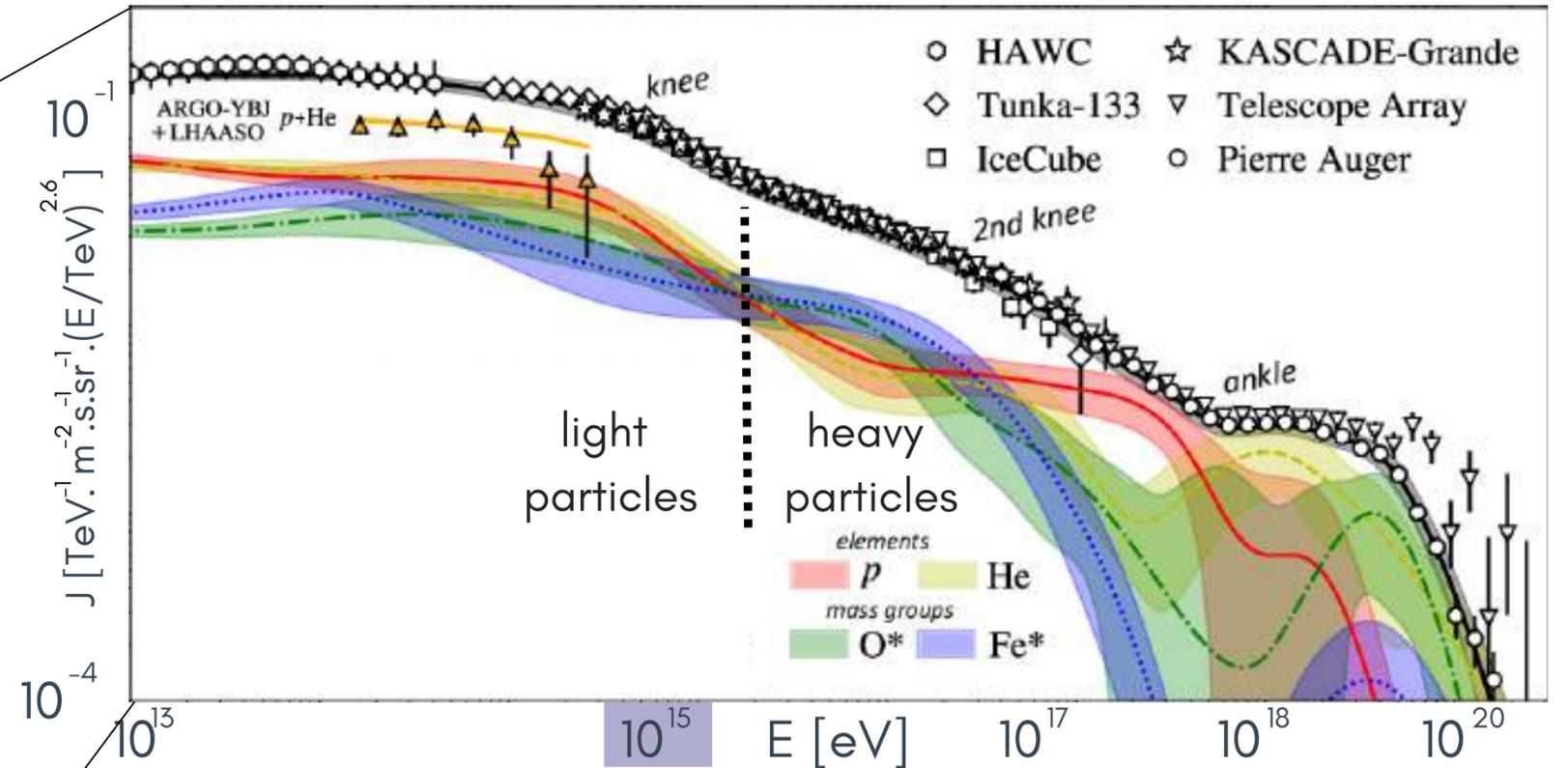
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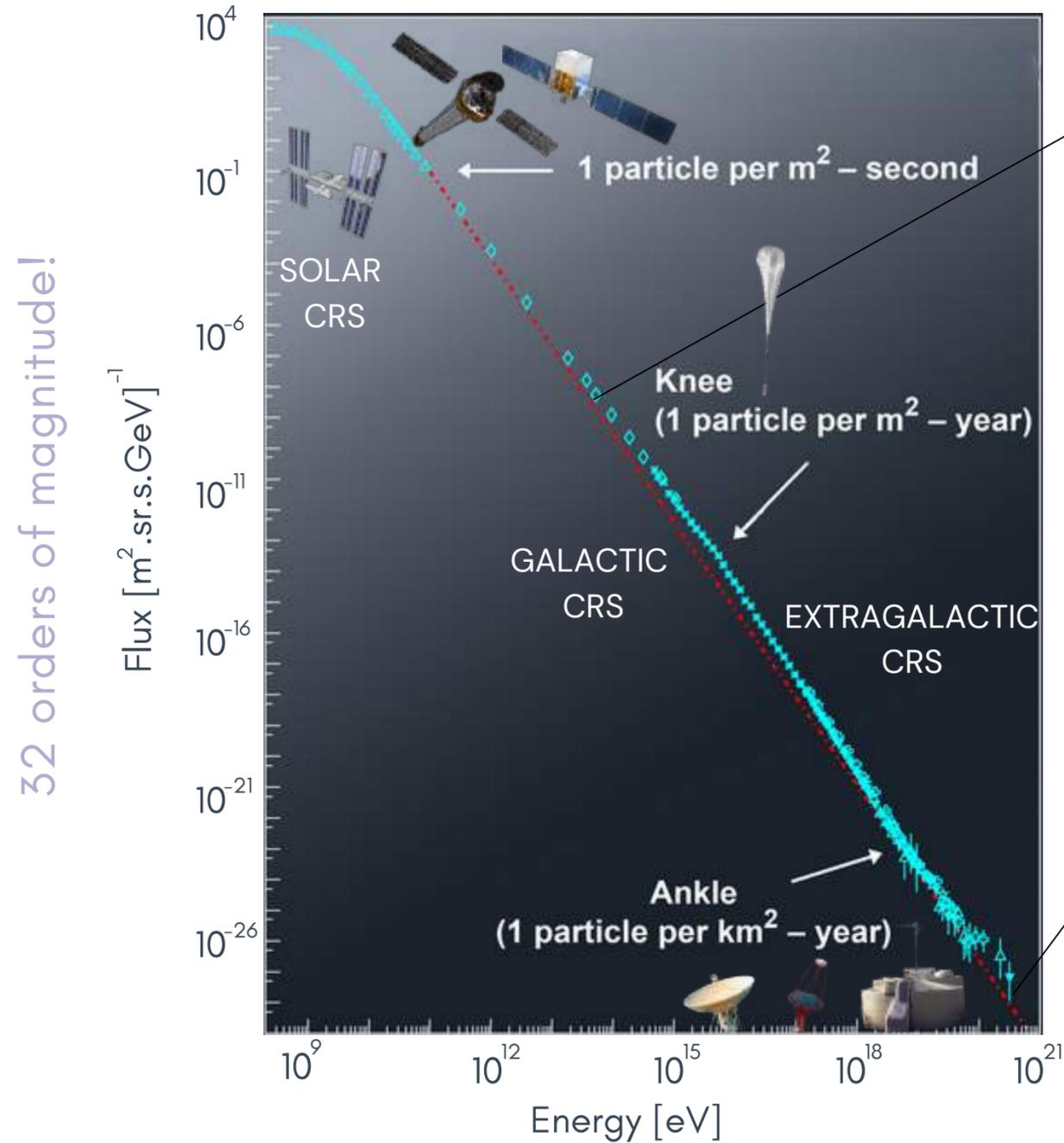
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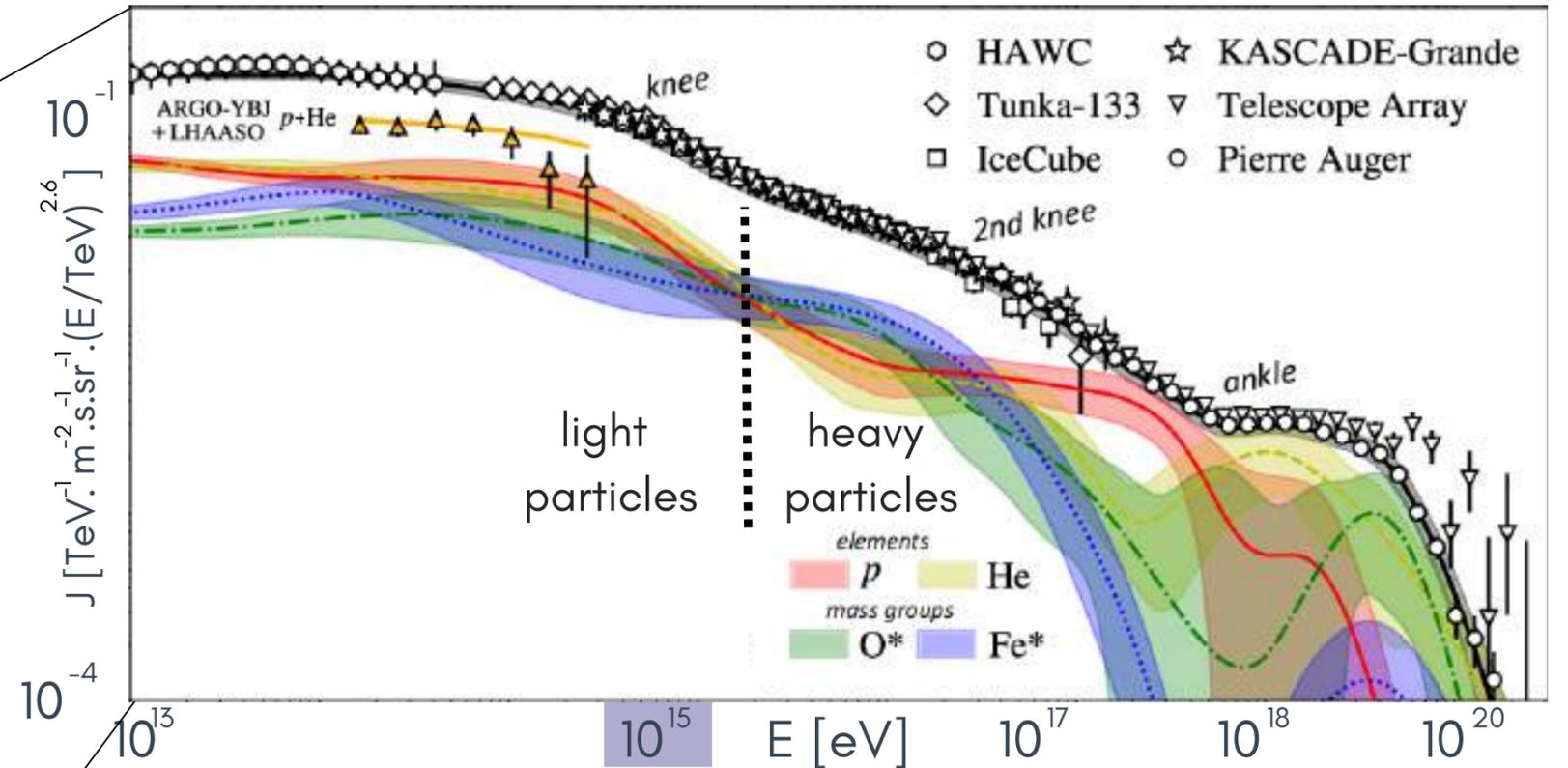
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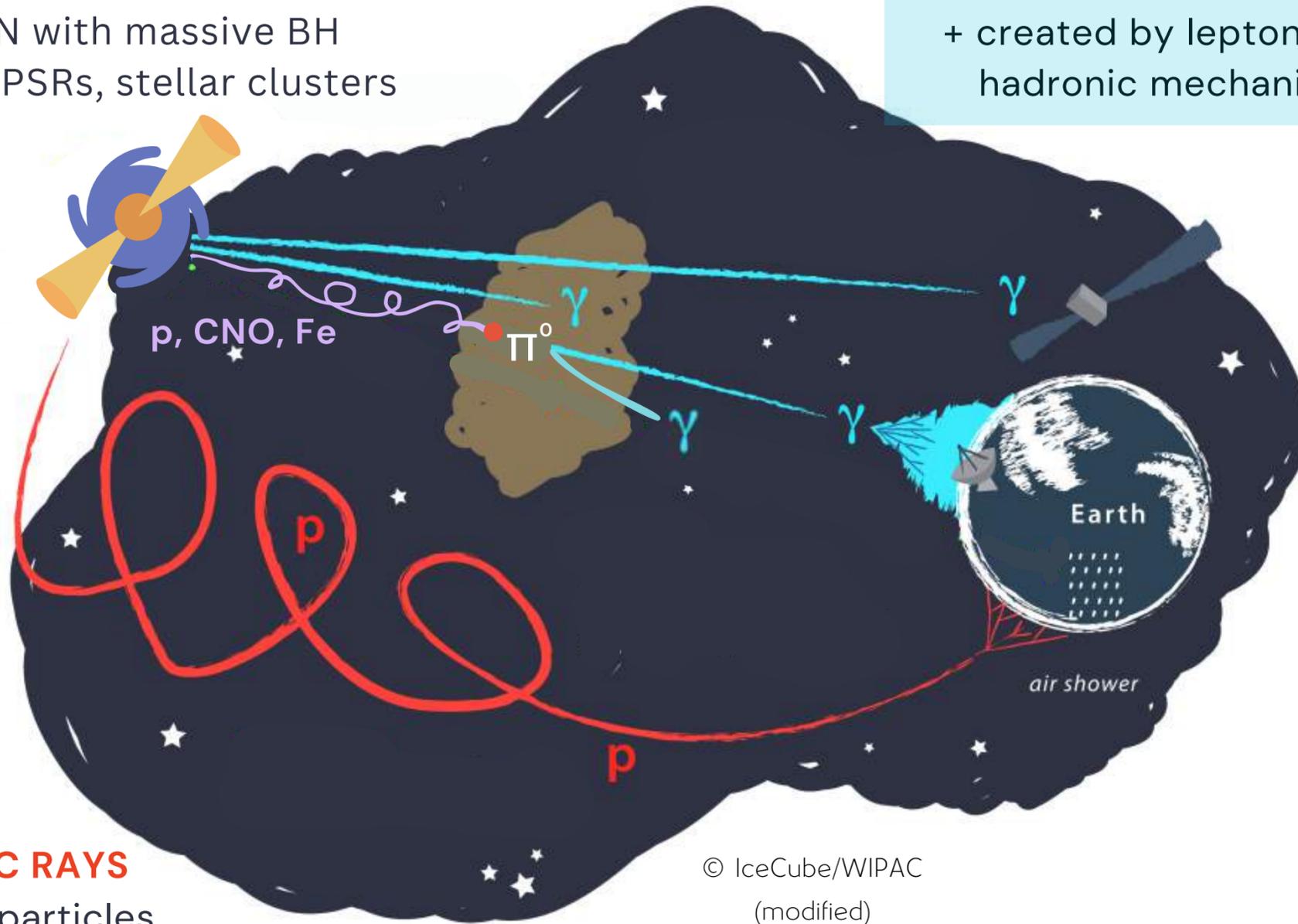
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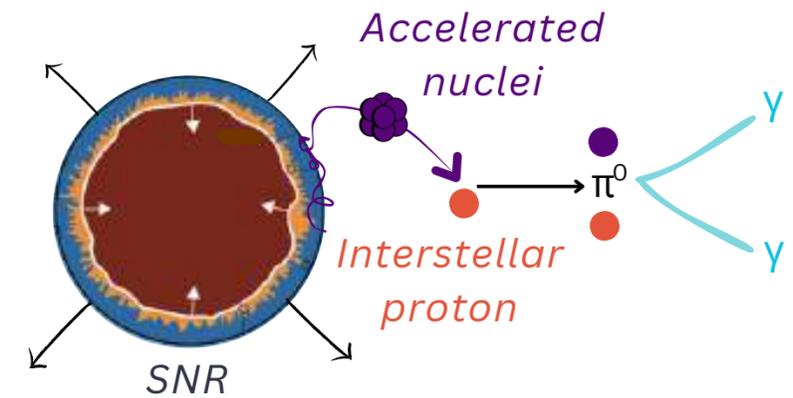


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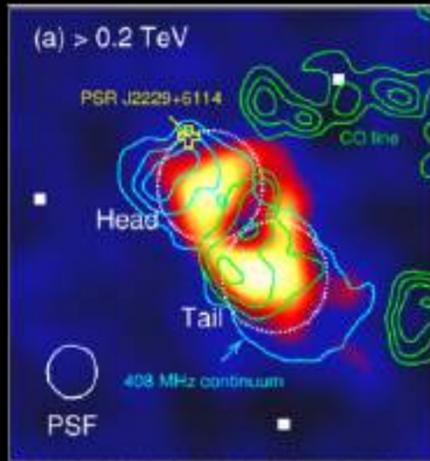


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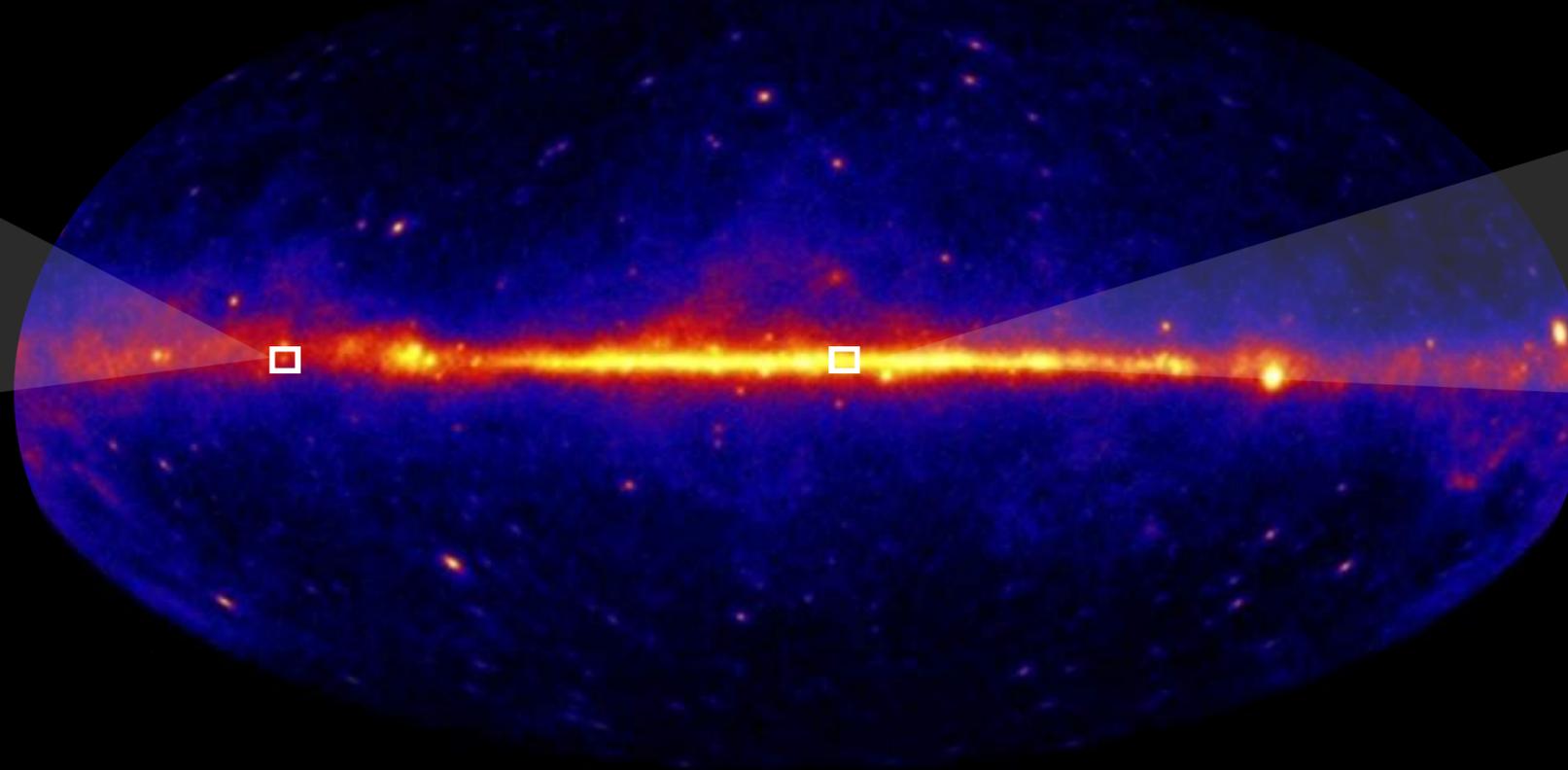
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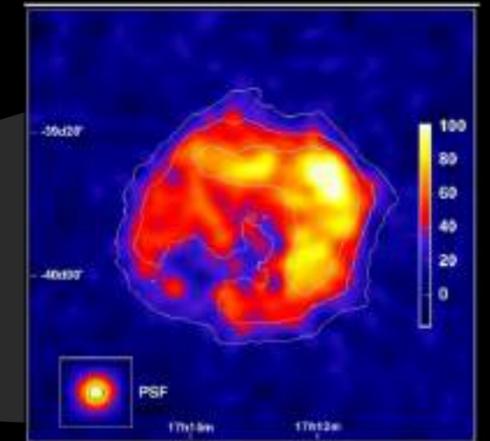
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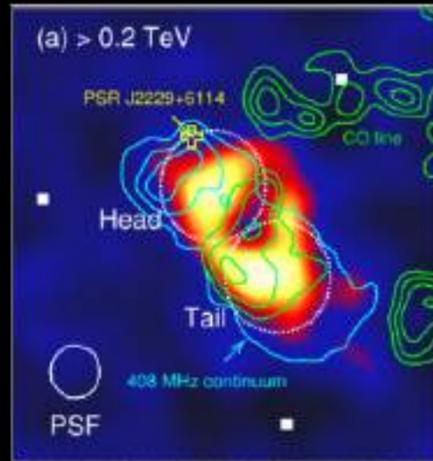
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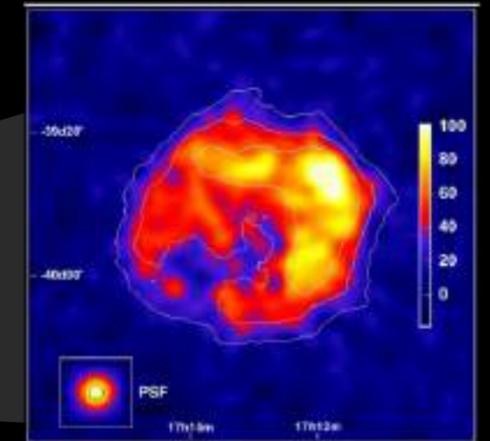
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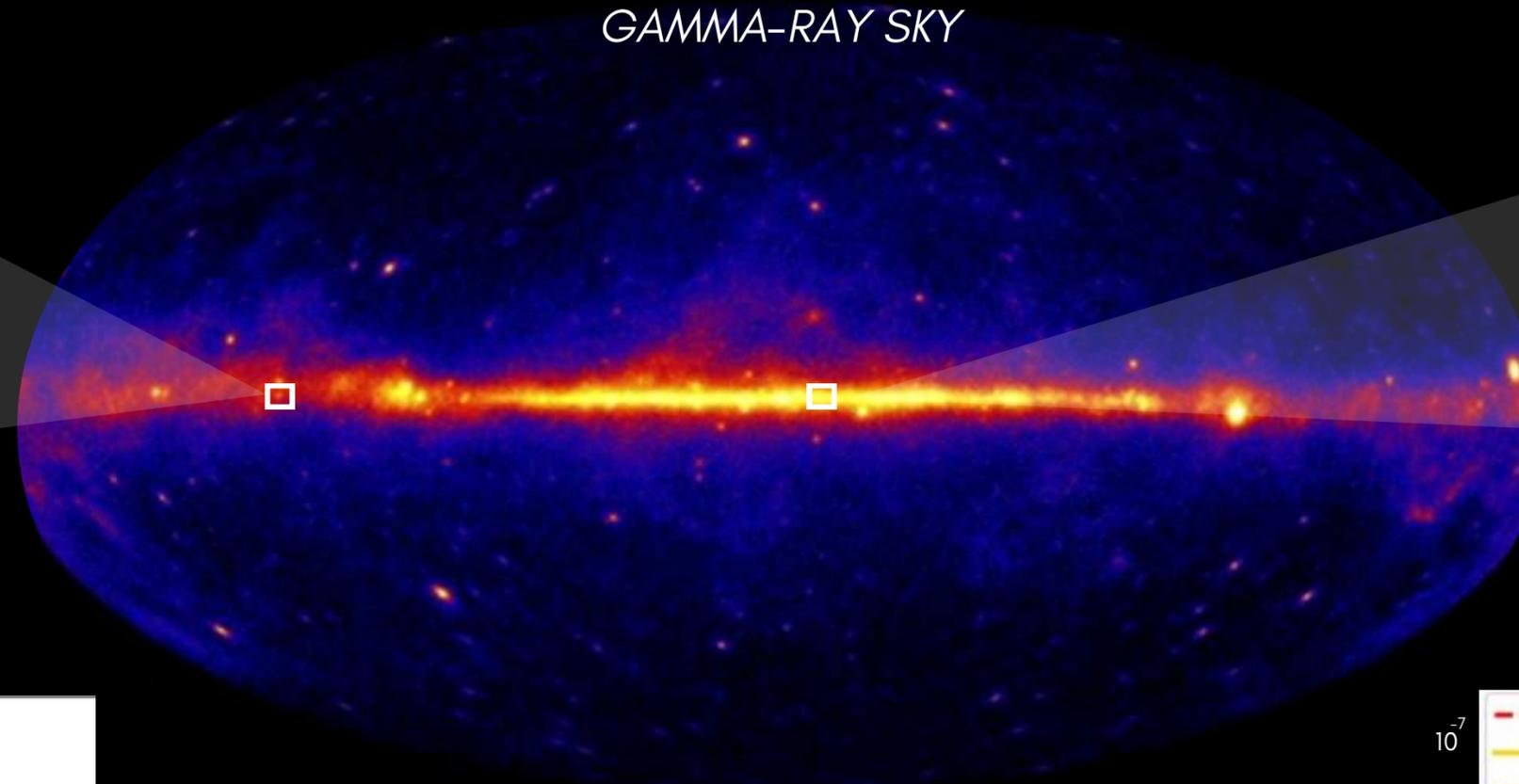
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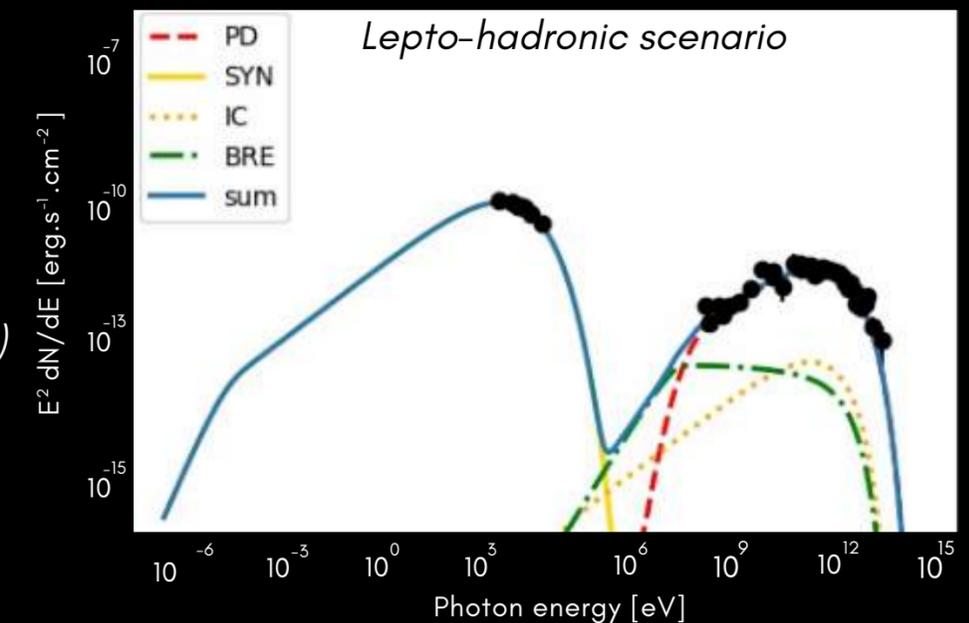
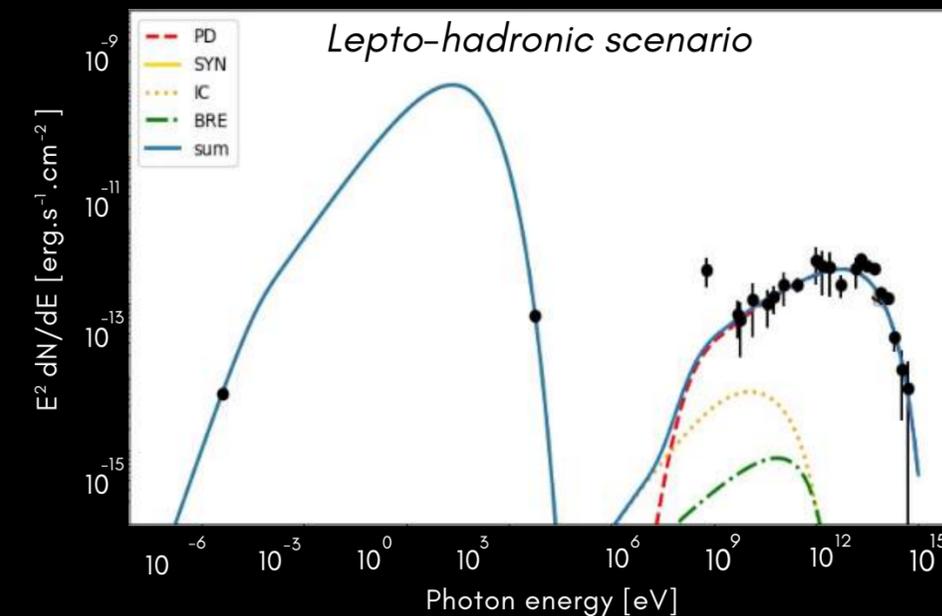


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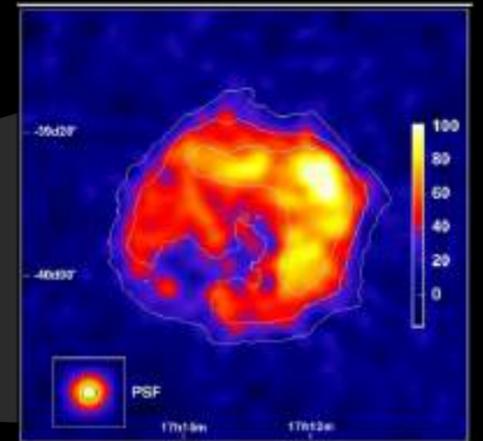
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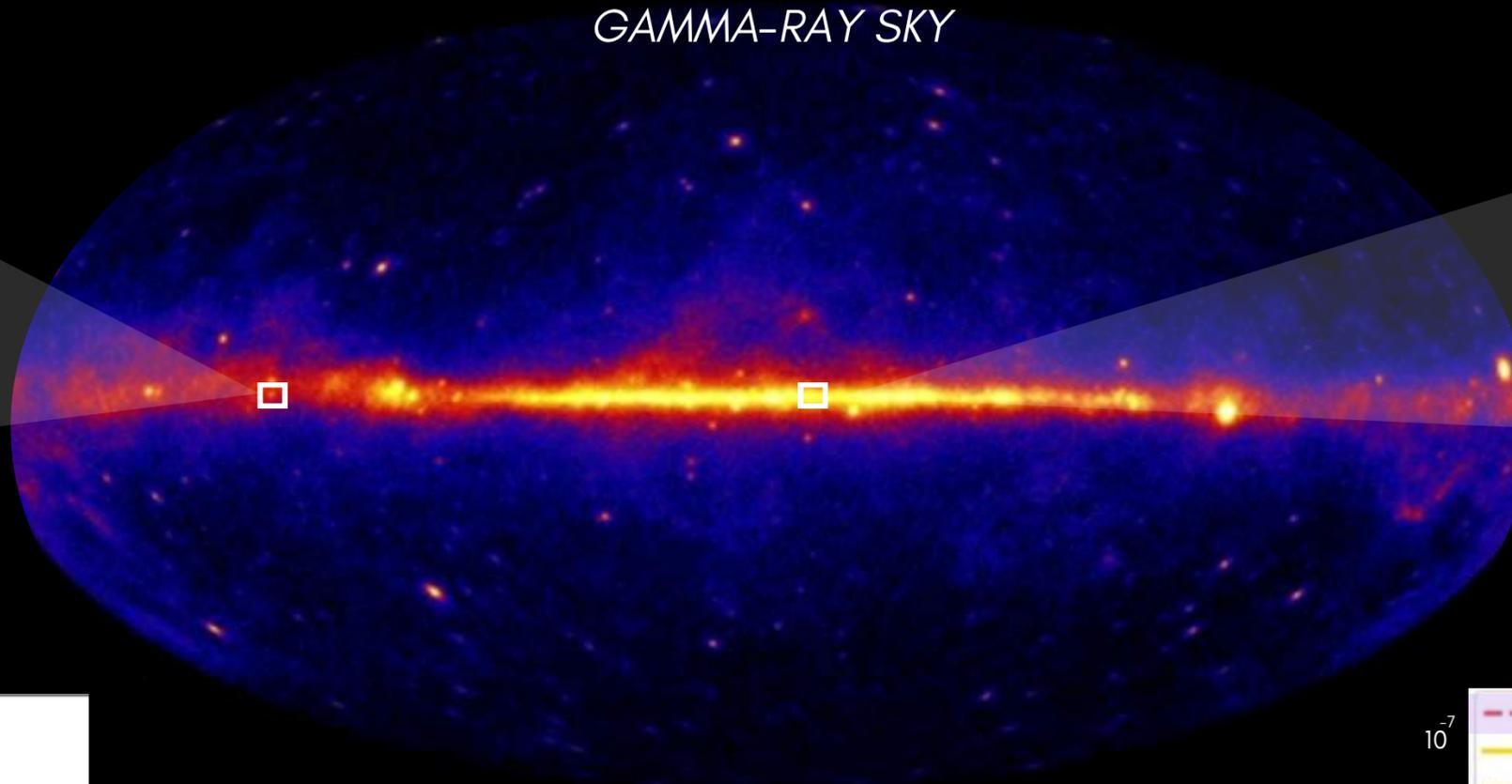
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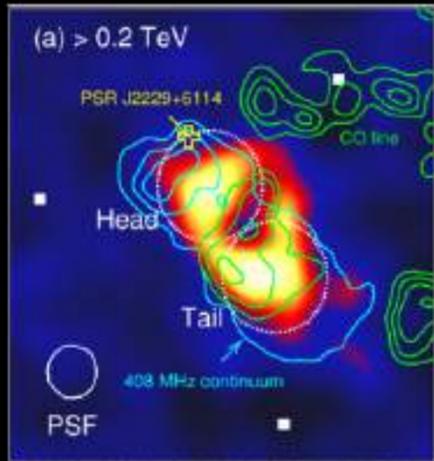
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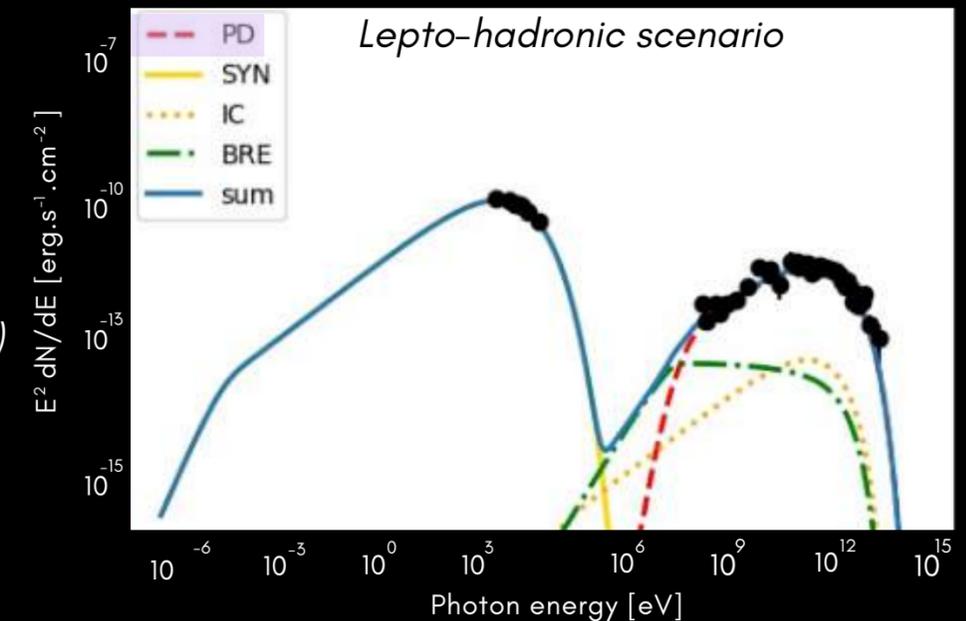
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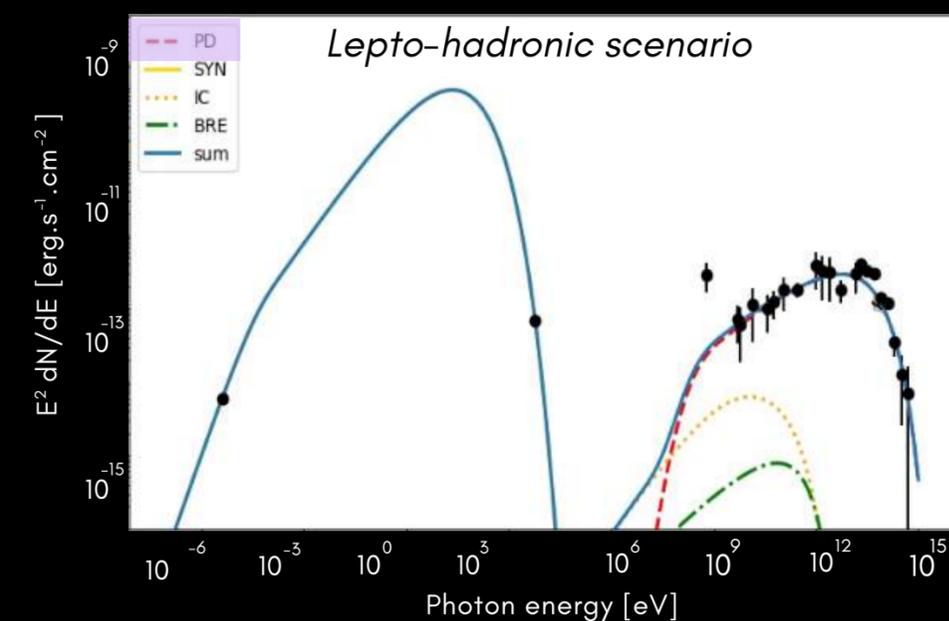
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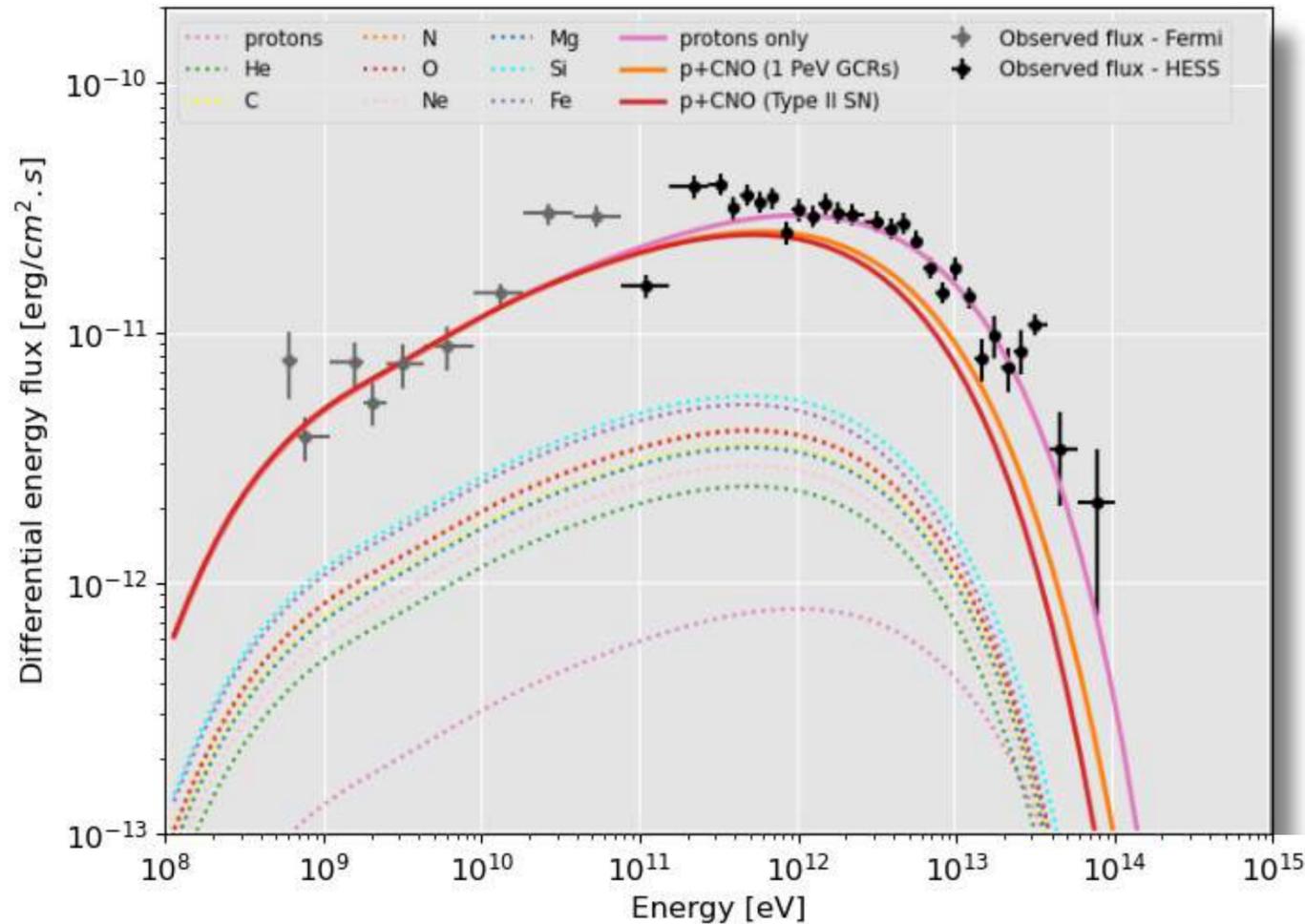
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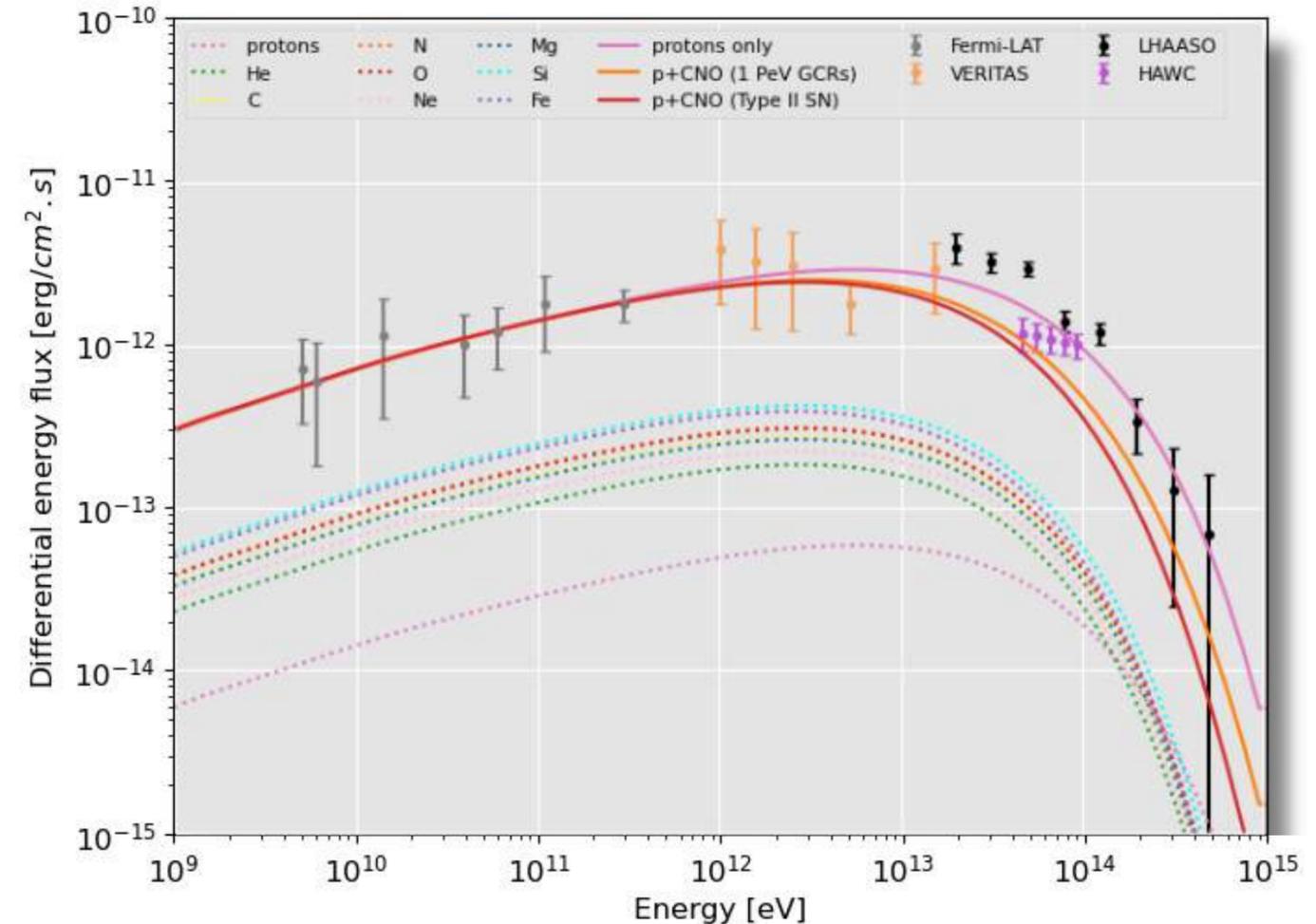
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- or the acceleration of the GCRs: **1 PeV CRs**

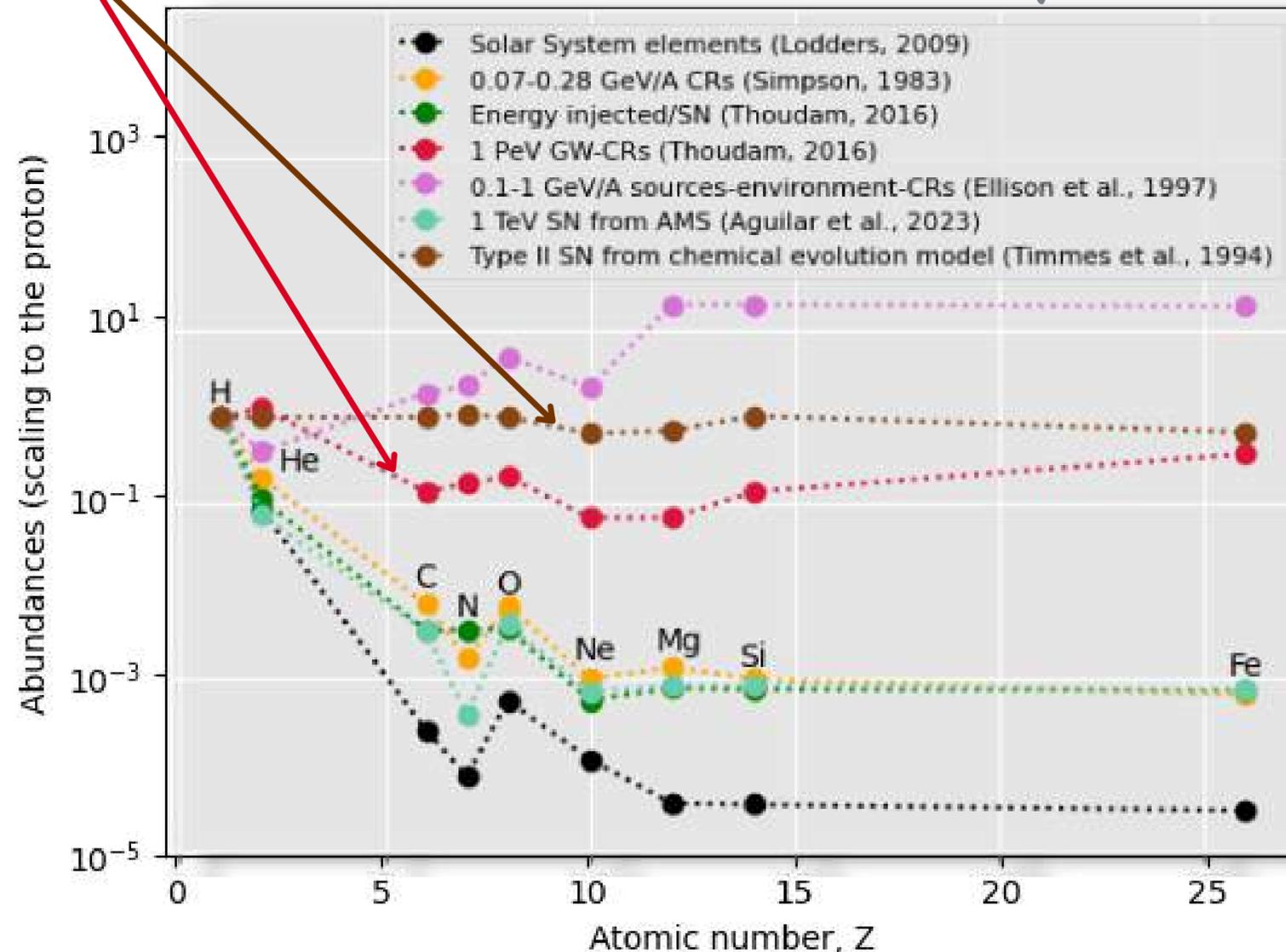
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Pion decay model considering CRs of:

- **protons only**
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  - **protons + CNO with a type II SN**
- composition

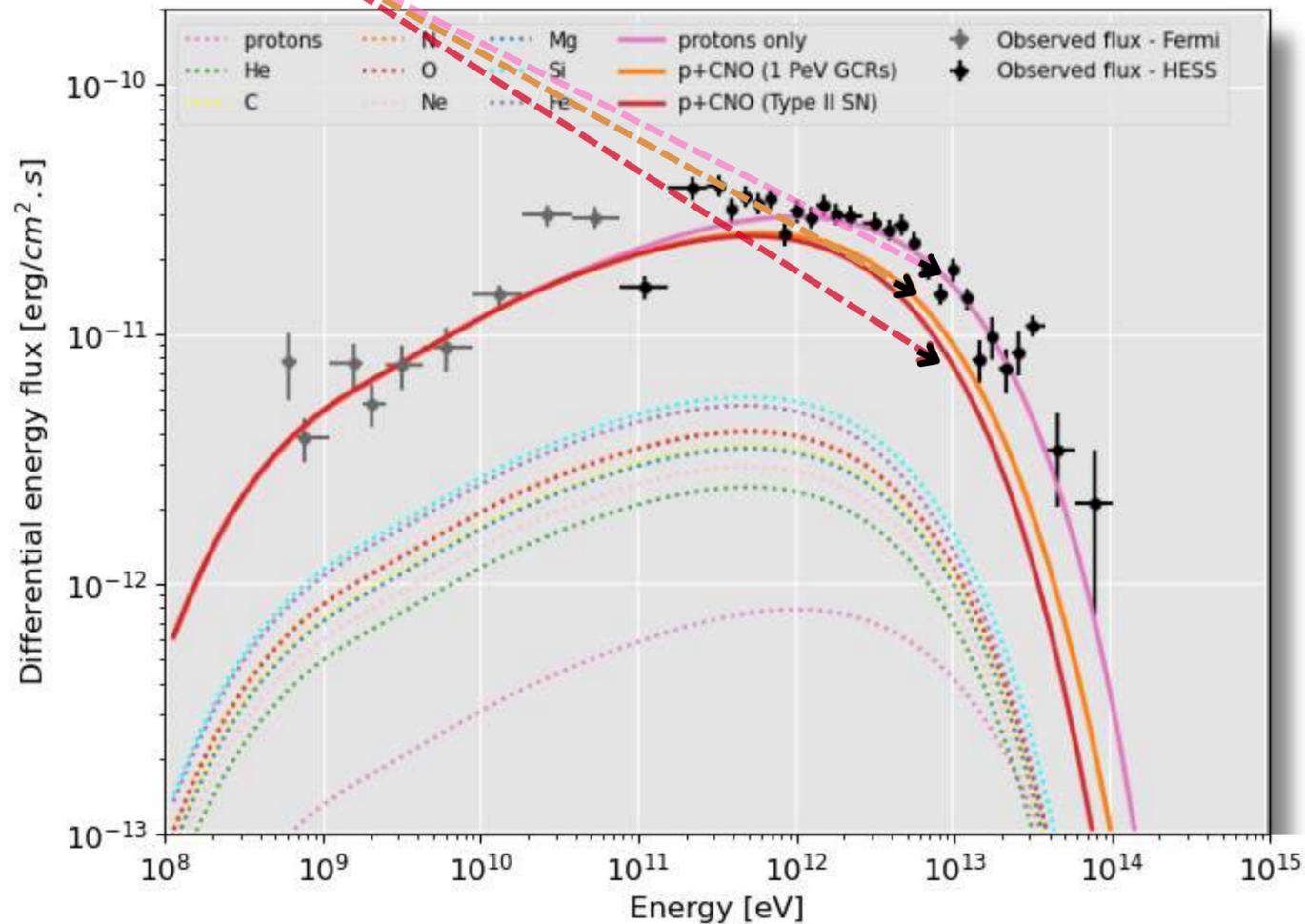
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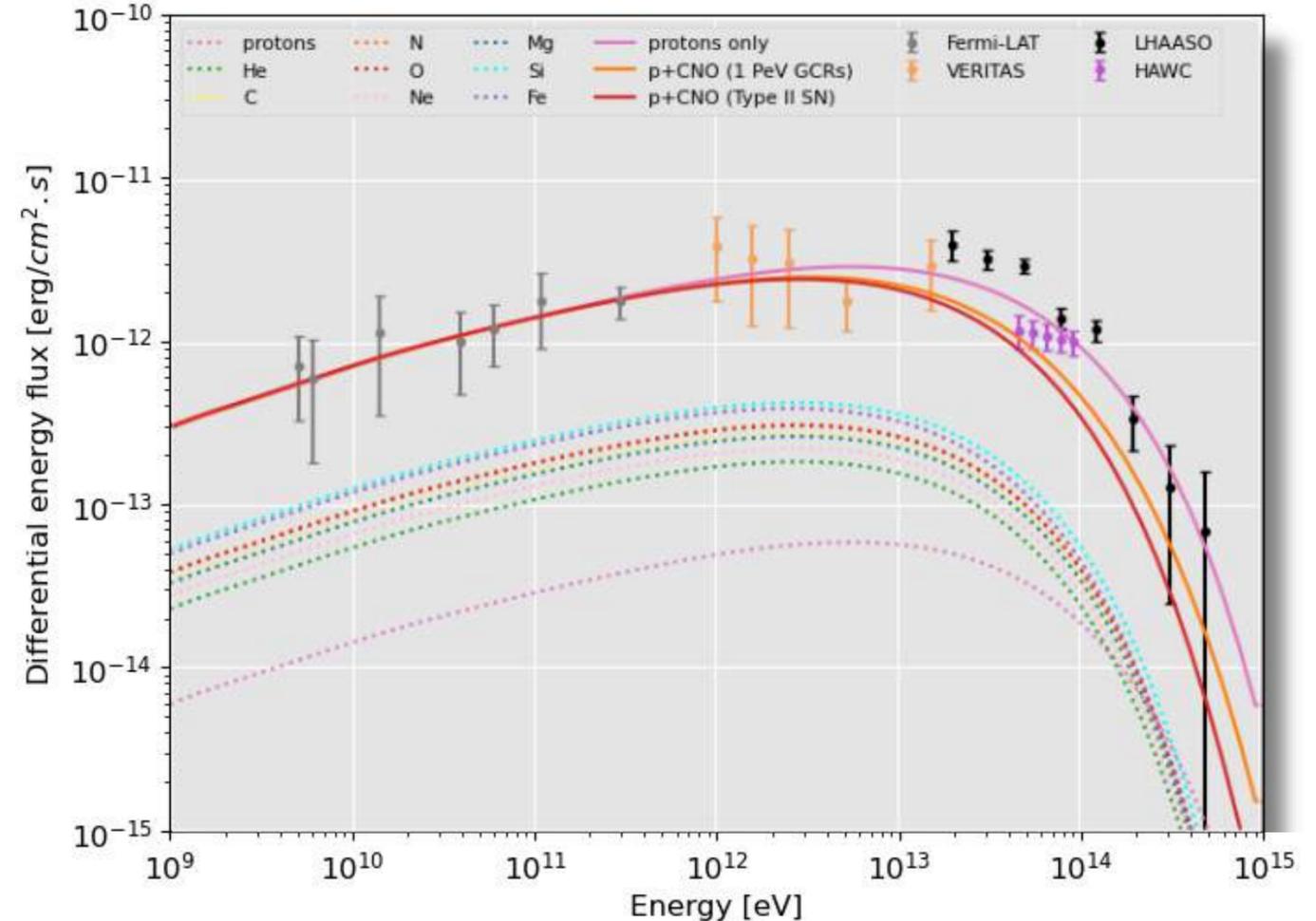
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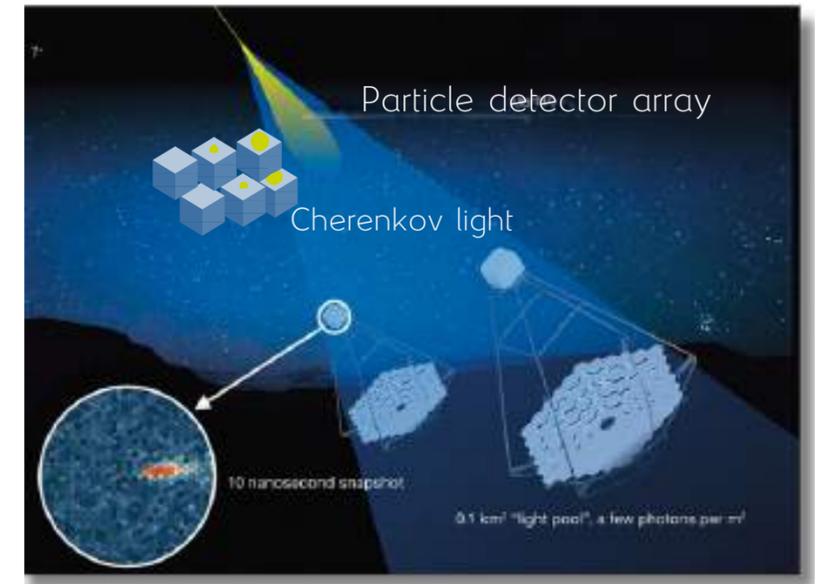
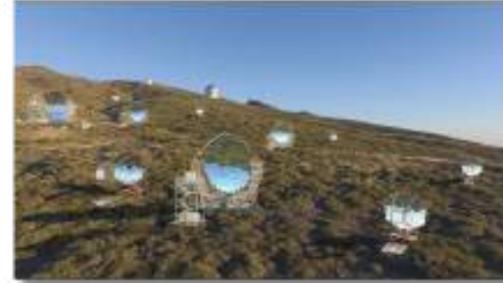
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South site  
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North site  
La Palma, Canary Island

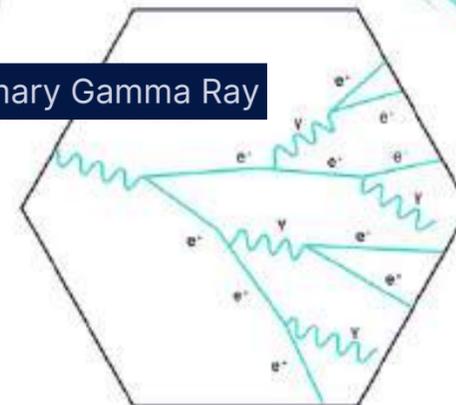


Gamma Ray

Atmosphere

Air Shower

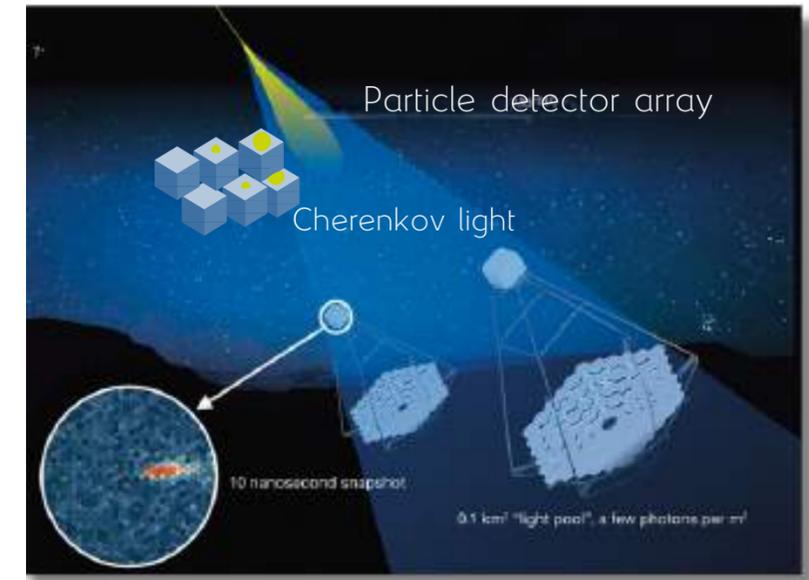
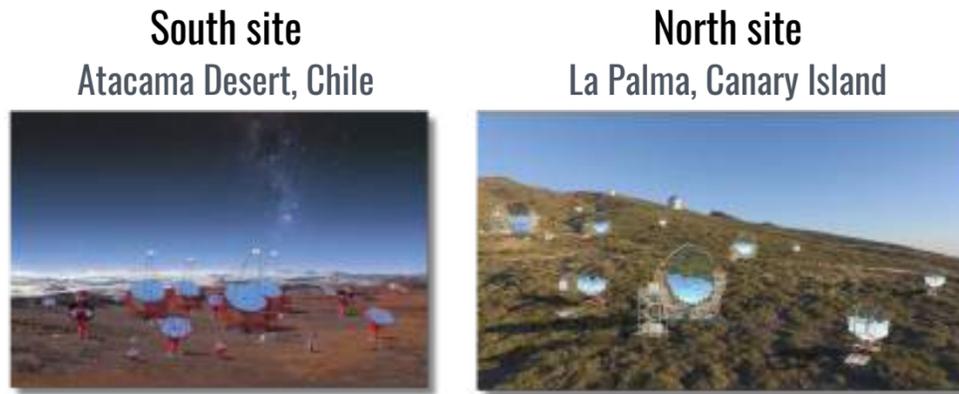
Primary Gamma Ray



gamma ray interacts with the atmosphere

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## How to perform CTAO simulations of $\gamma$ spectrum with Gammapy?

- Instrument Response Function (IRF): **prod5 v0.1**  
*Monte Carlo simulations of the  $\gamma$ -ray shower*

→ zenith angle / observation time: **50h** / South site (14 MSTs + 37 SSTs)

- Consideration of the background: **1D On-Off analysis**

- Input radiative models: pion decay considering CRs of:

→ protons only

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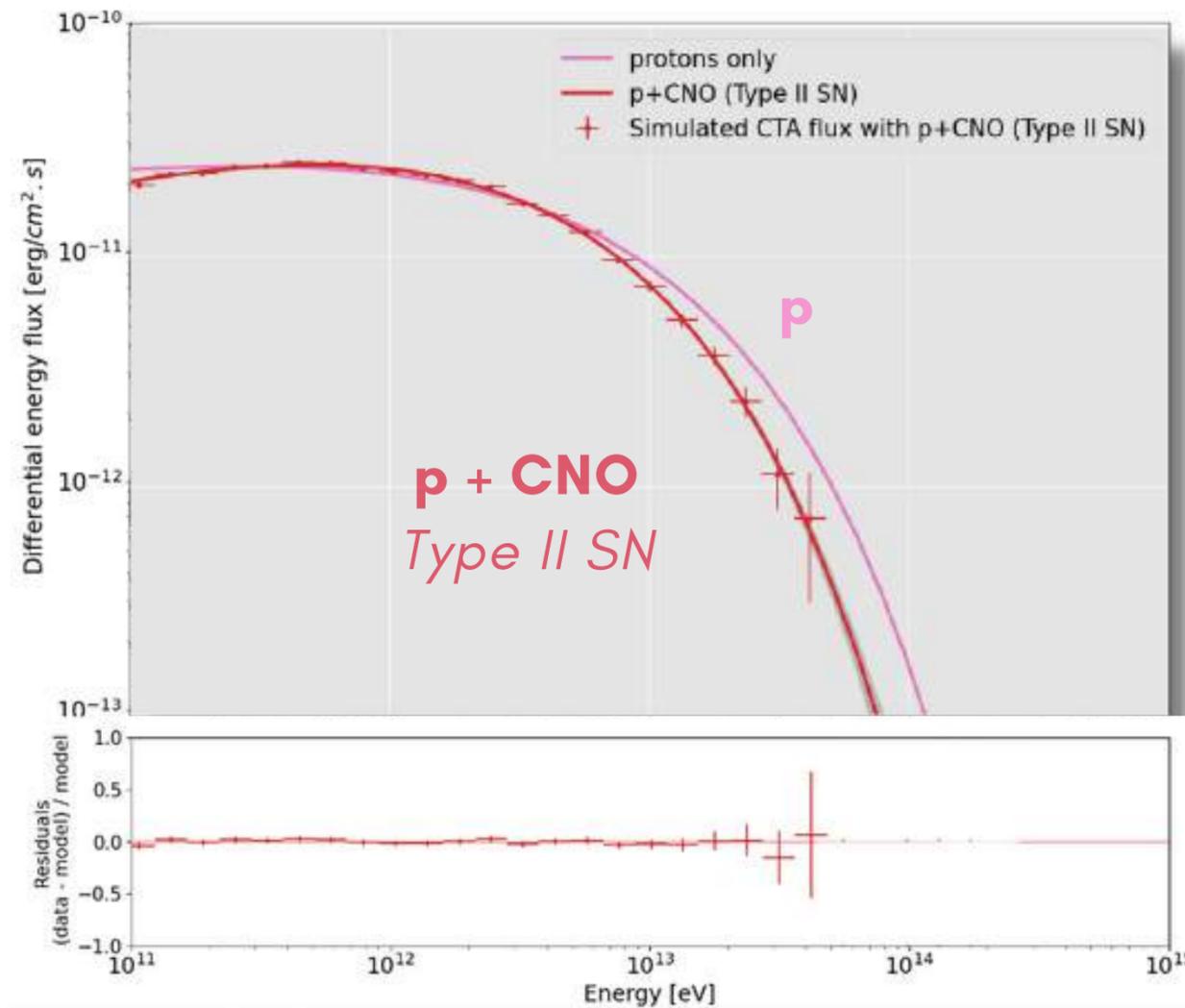
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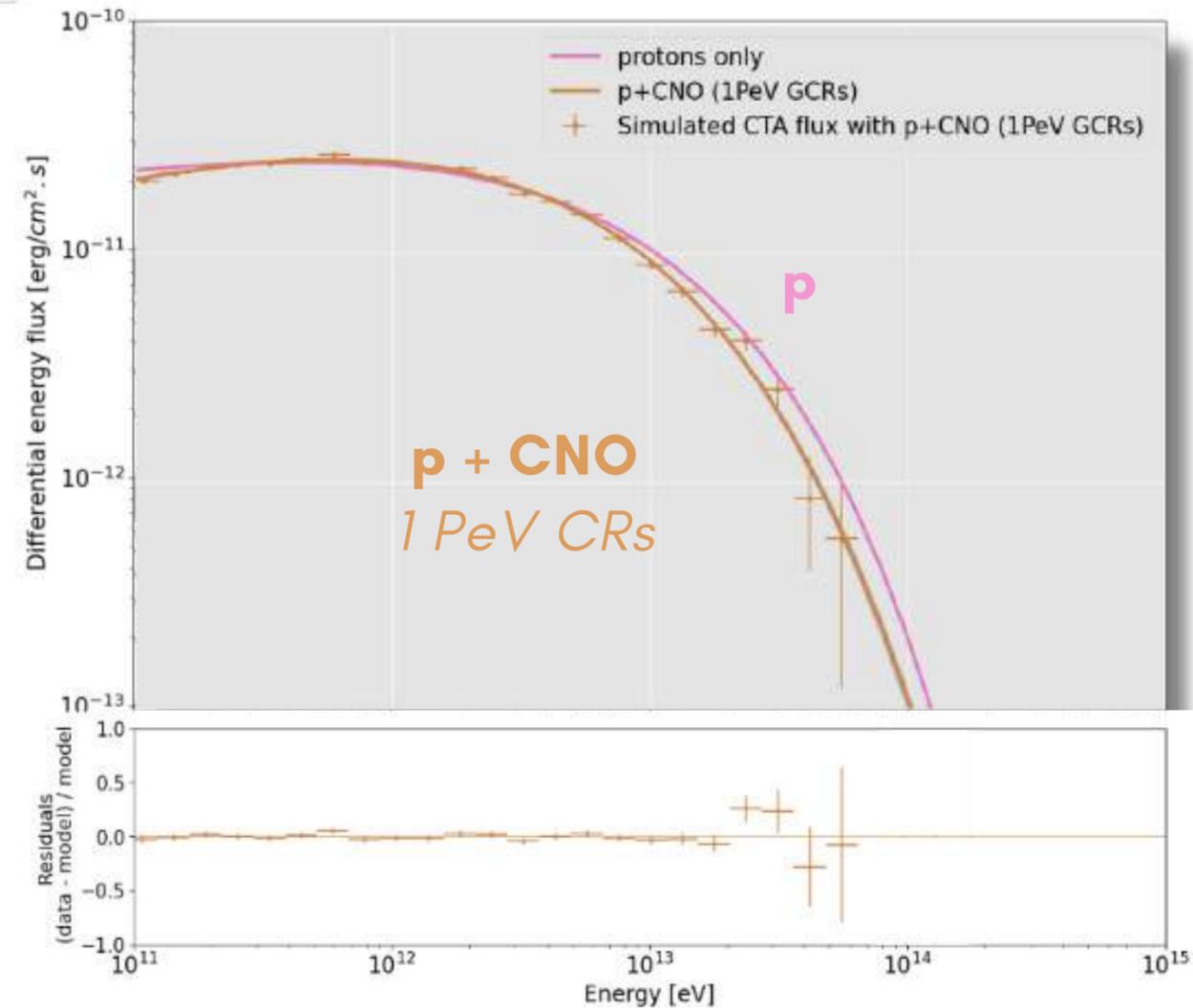
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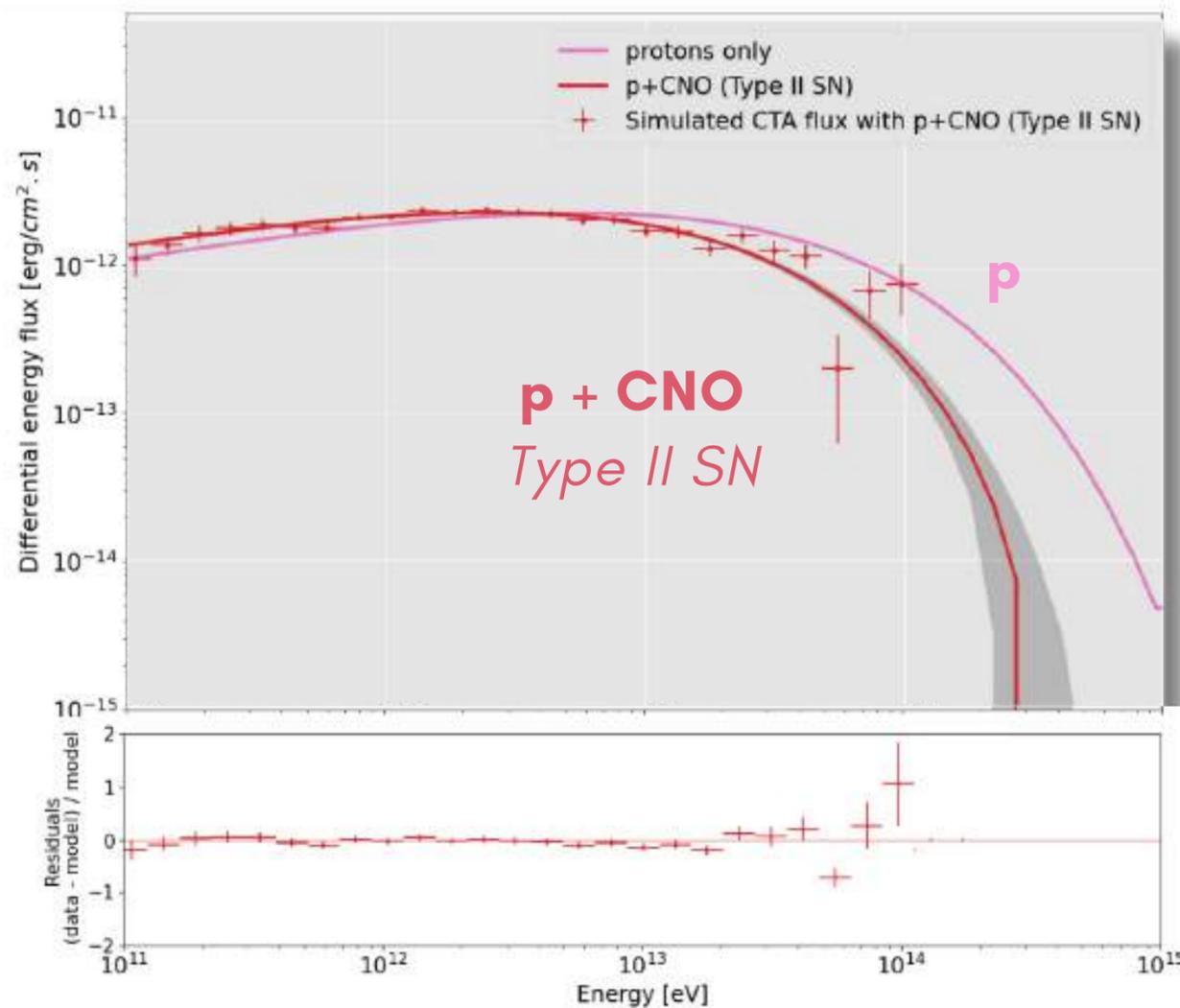
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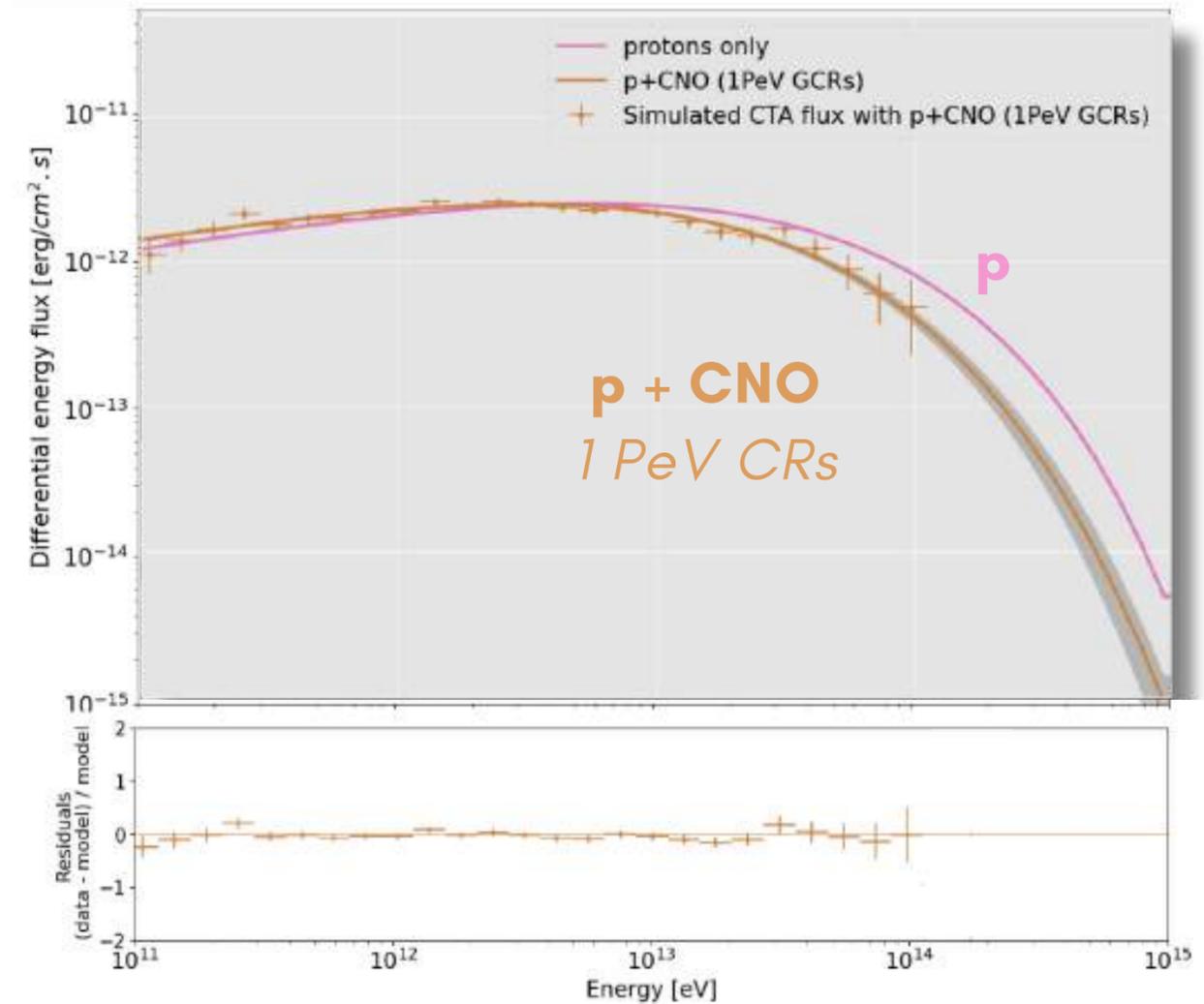
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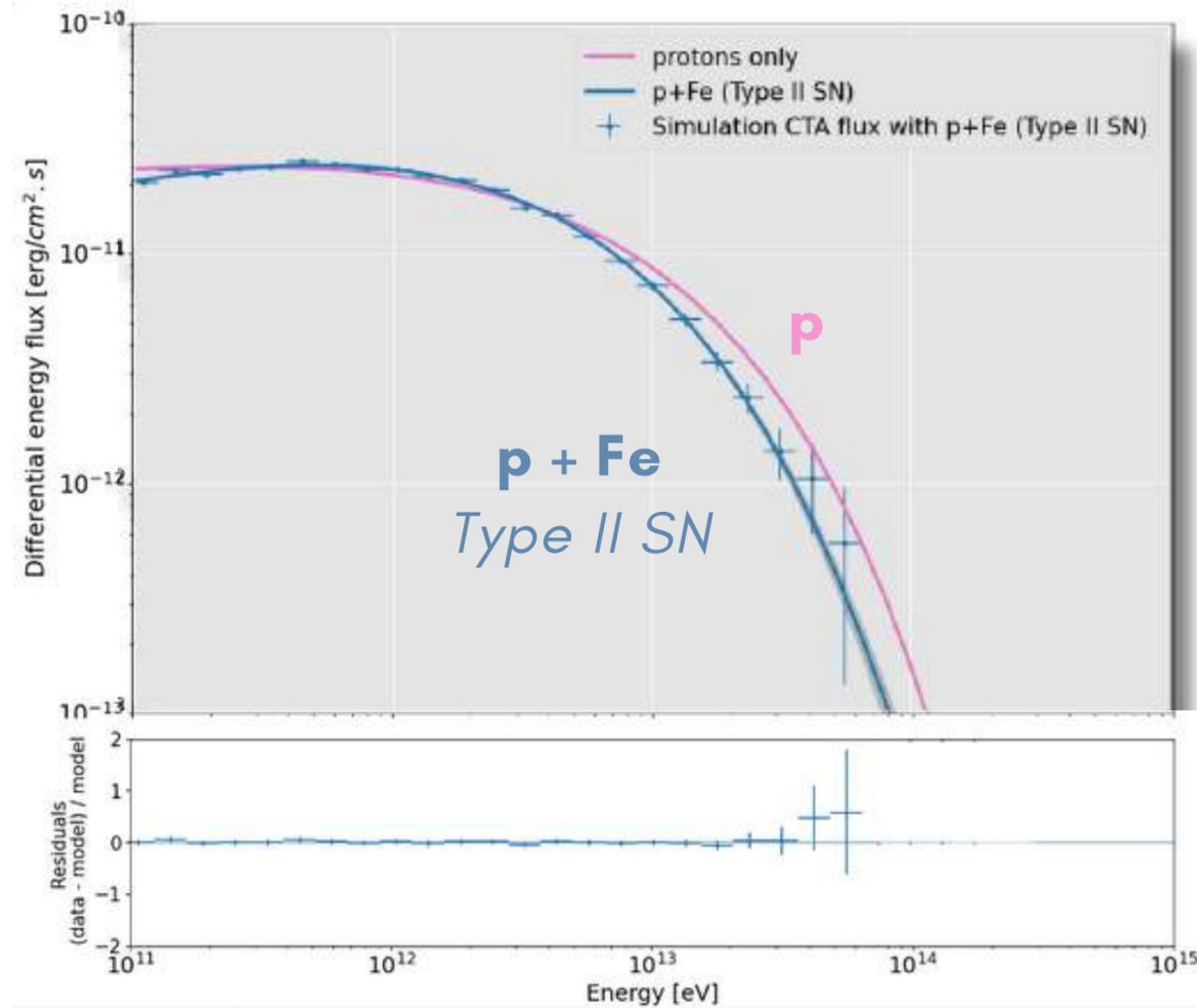
$\Delta TS = 113$  ✓



$\Delta TS = 53$  ✓

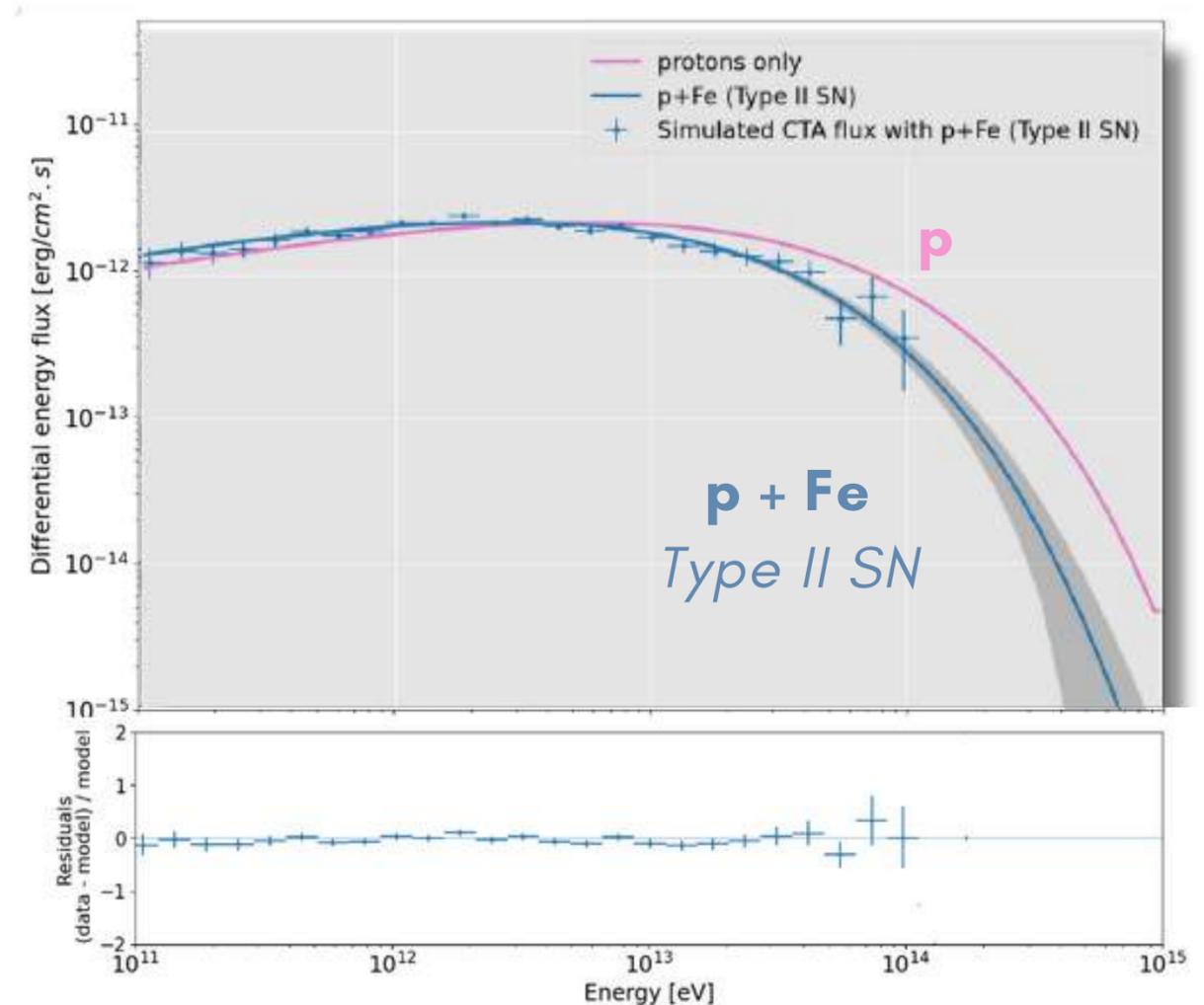
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**$\Delta TS = 188$**  ✓

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**$\Delta TS = 88$**  ✓

# CONCLUSION

## Why study CRs with CTAO?

CTAO offers indirect means of **pinpointing the CR source** using gamma-rays. Actually, charged CRs are deviated by Galactic magnetic fields and lose the knowledge of their original direction.

## What will CTAO bring to the knowledge of CRs?

CTAO will increase the sensitivity to the spectral shape of  $\gamma$ -rays. In addition to a MWL analysis, this will allow us to **distinguish protons from heavy CRs, providing clues about their origin.**

## Where can we find this work?

**JCAP, Dubos**, Sharma, Patel, and Suomijärvi, February 2025 (DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2025/02/078)

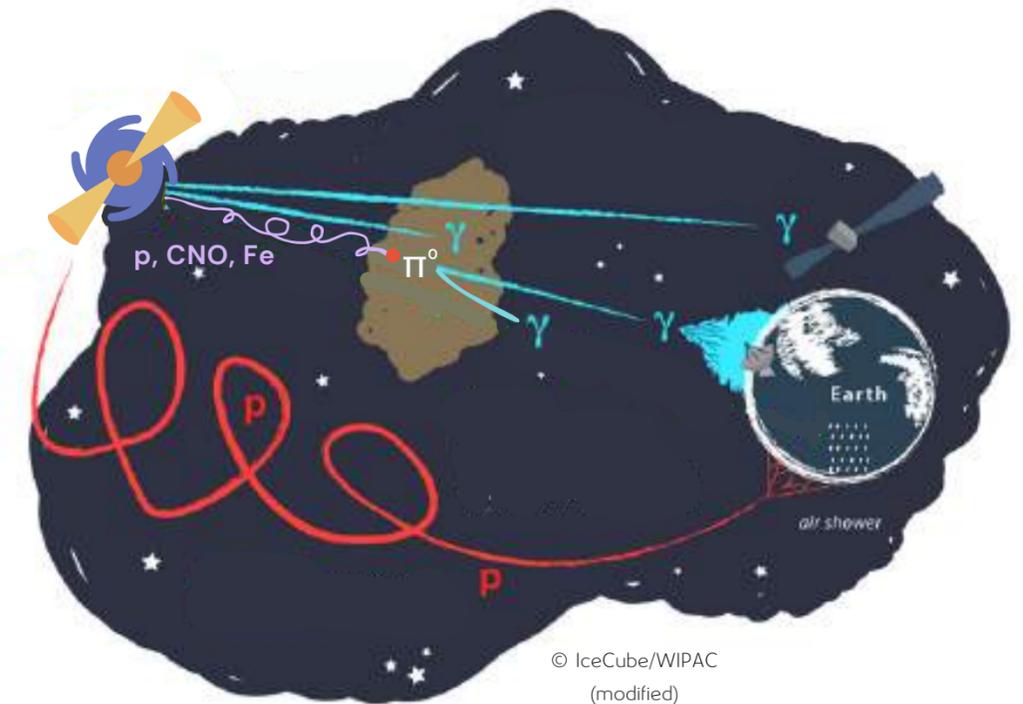


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Cherenkov Telescope Array  
Observatory sensitivity to heavy  
Galactic Cosmic Rays and the shape  
of particle spectrum

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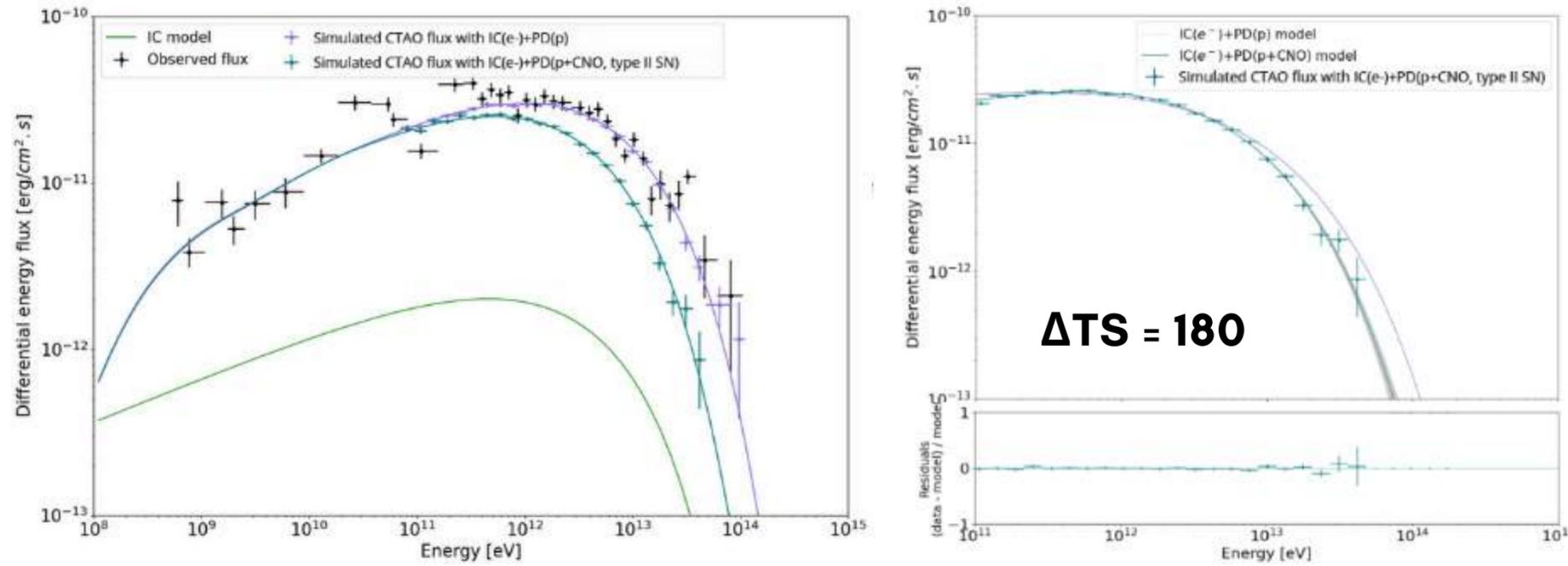
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CTAO could investigate the **origin of the particle distribution shape**, which may result from **heavy nuclei** or various **acceleration scenarios**.

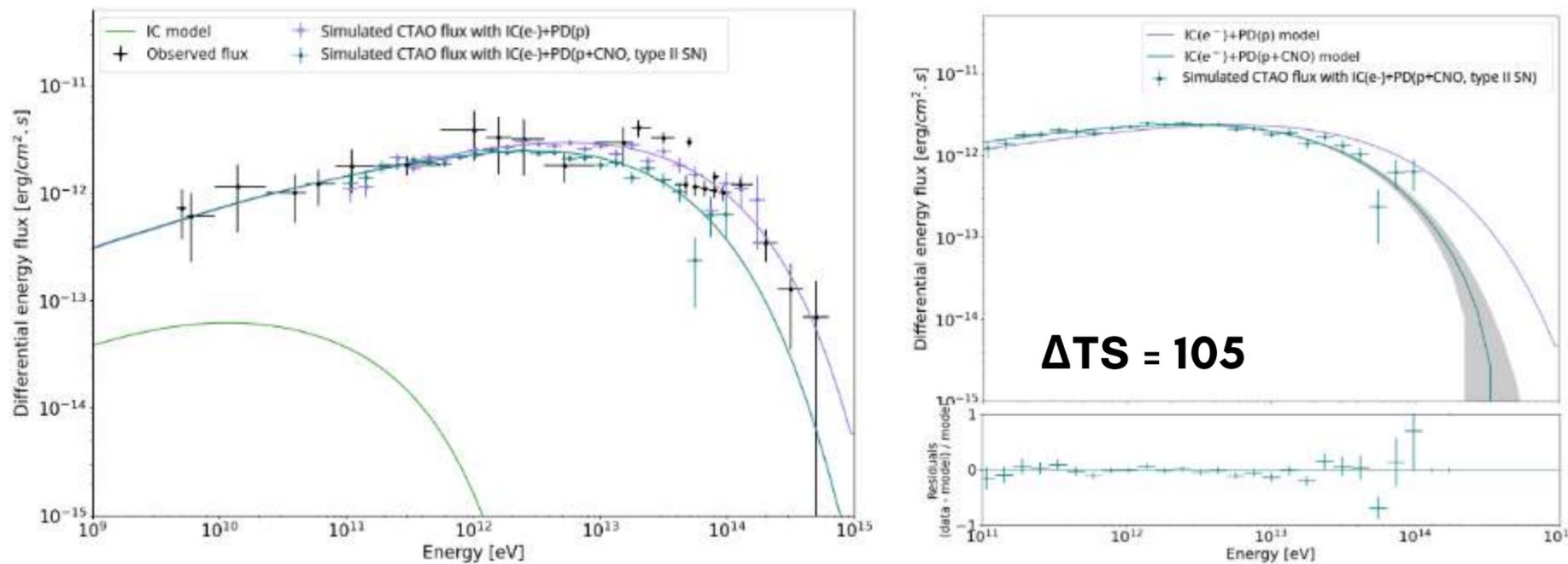
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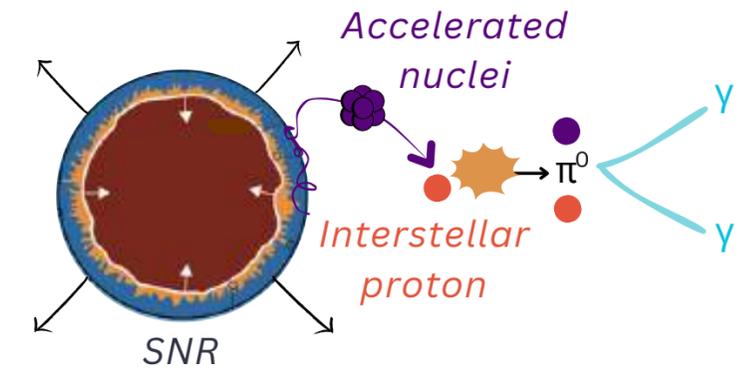


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### HADRONIC PROCESS FOR GAMMA-RAYS

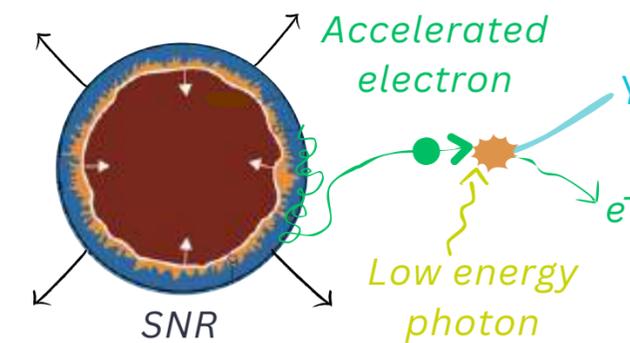
proton-proton interaction -  
Neutral pion decay process



### LEPTONIC PROCESS FOR GAMMA-RAYS

Synchrotron  
Bremsstrahlung  
Inverse Compton  
processes

Energy ↓



# APPENDIX

Photon flux emitted from CR distribution

$$F(E) = \mathbf{f} \cdot \sigma \cdot N_H \cdot A_m \cdot (E/E_0)^{-\alpha} \cdot e^{-(E/Z \cdot E_c/A)^\beta}$$

free in the fits for **RX J1713.7-3946**

	Theoretical proportion [%]	Fitted proportion [%]	Relative dispersion [%]
p+CNO (1 PeV GCRs)	fp = 66	fp = 65 ± 5	1
p+CNO (Type II SN)	fp = 24	fp = 16 ± 9	35
p+Fe (Type II SN)	fp = 60	fp = 53 ± 11	11

**CTAO could reconstruct the composition of the very-high energy CRs**, specifically for CRs accelerated up to PeV energies.

# What about the other PeVatron candidates?

CRs accelerated by Galactic sources?

PeVatrons

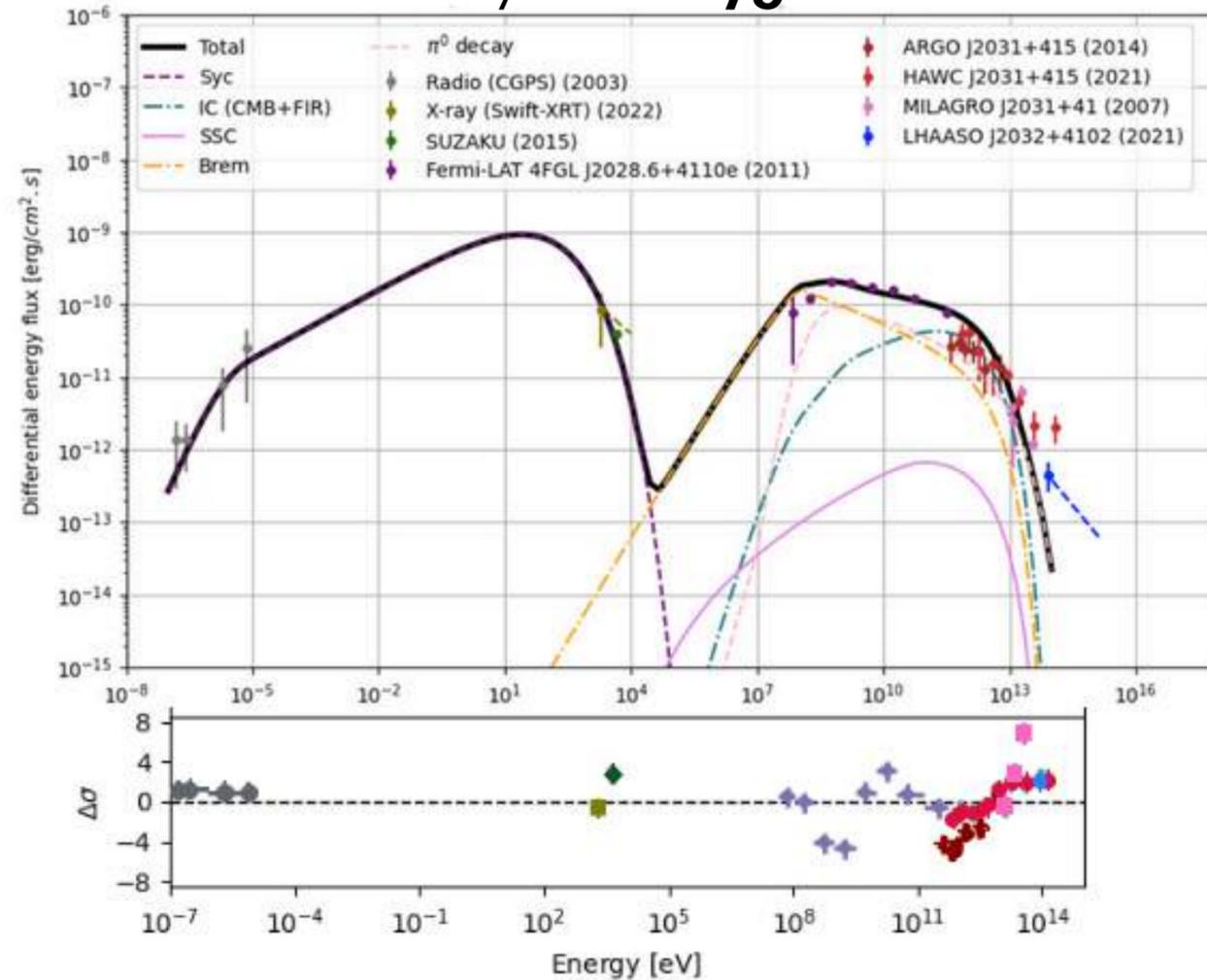
PeVatron candidates:

Supernova Remnant

Stellar Cluster

$TS$ (obs)	$TS$ (obs+CTAO)
212.24	118.80

MWL analysis of **Cygnus Cocoon**



Inclusion of CTAO simulations

