

# Physics 224

# The Interstellar Medium

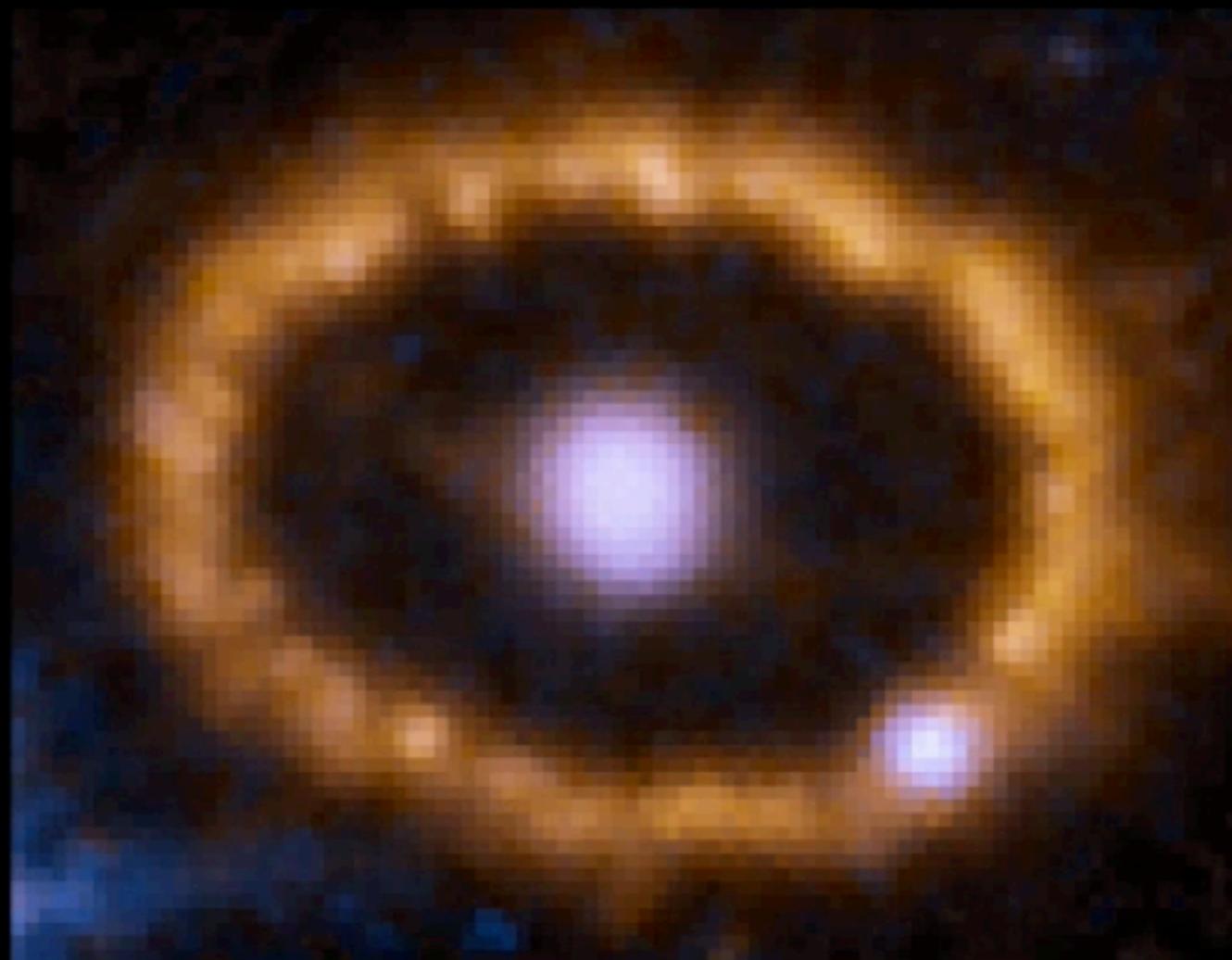
Lecture #19

# Supernovae

Initially:  $M_{\text{ejecta}} \sim \text{few } M_{\odot}$ ,  $v_{\text{ejecta}} \sim 10^4 \text{ km/s}$

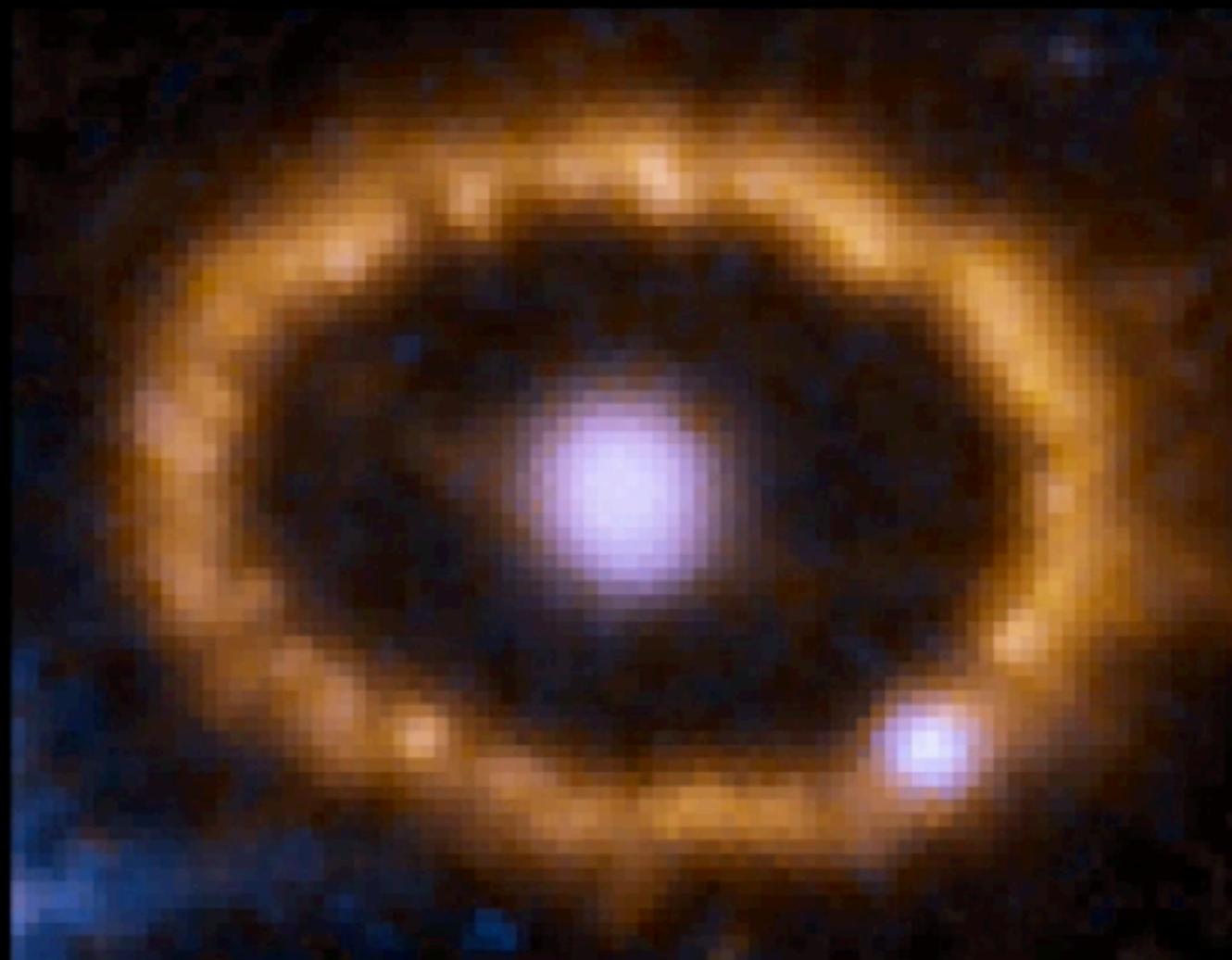
Phase	Characteristics	Ends when...	Radius & time dependence
Free Expansion	ballistic expansion, shock wave into ISM/CSM, ejecta cools due to adiabatic expansion, reverse shock when $P_{\text{shocked ISM}} > P_{\text{ej}}$	$M_{\text{swept}} > M_{\text{ej}}$	$R \sim t$
Sedov-Taylor	ejecta is very hot, $P_{\text{ej}} > P_{\text{ISM}}$ expansion driven by hot gas, radiation losses are unimportant	radiative losses become important	$R \sim t^{2/5}$
Snow Plow	pressure driven expansion with radiative loss, then momentum driven	shock becomes subsonic	$R \sim t^{2/7}$ $R \sim t^{1/4}$
Fadeaway	turbulence dissipates remnant structure and merges with ISM	-	-

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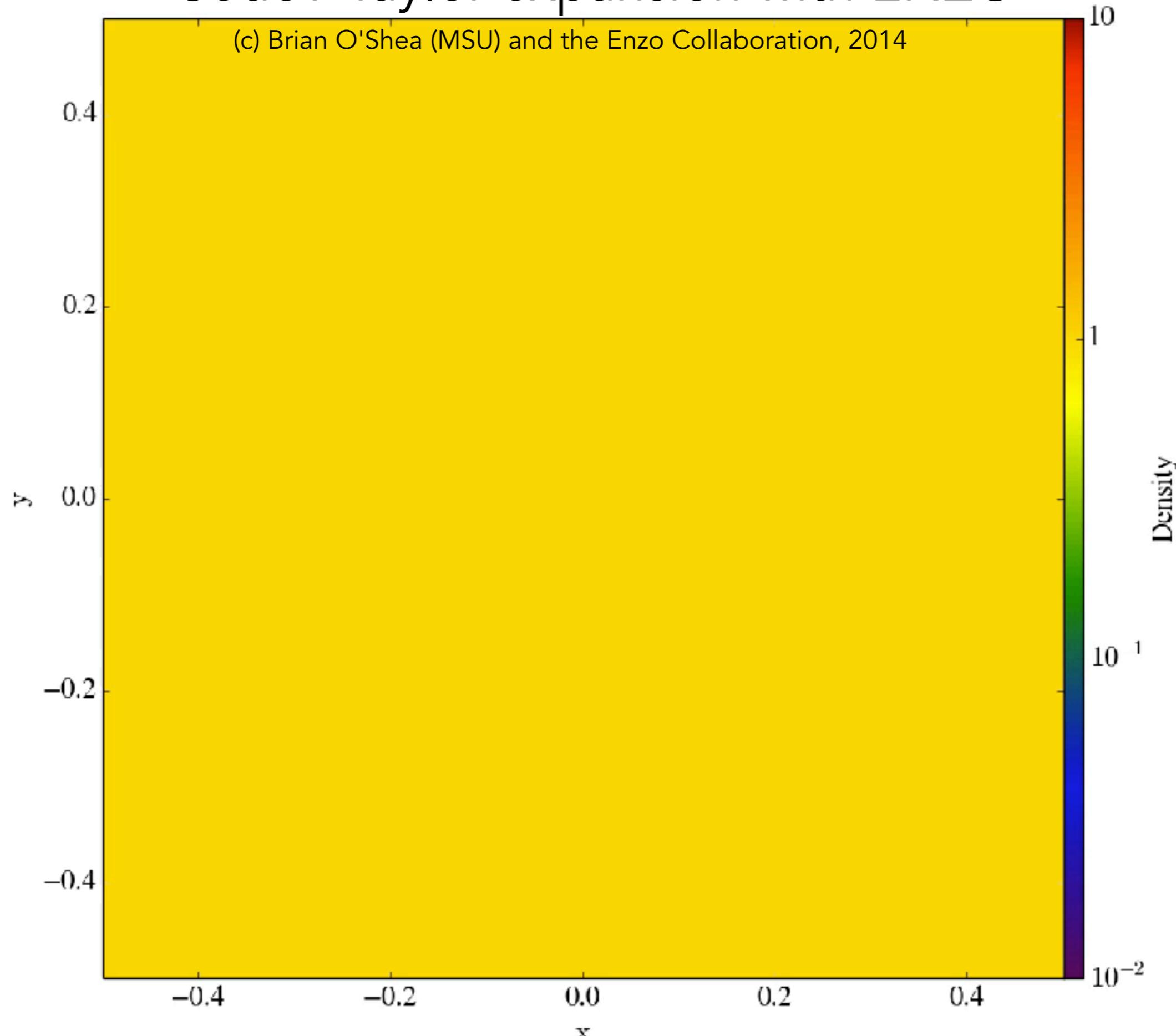
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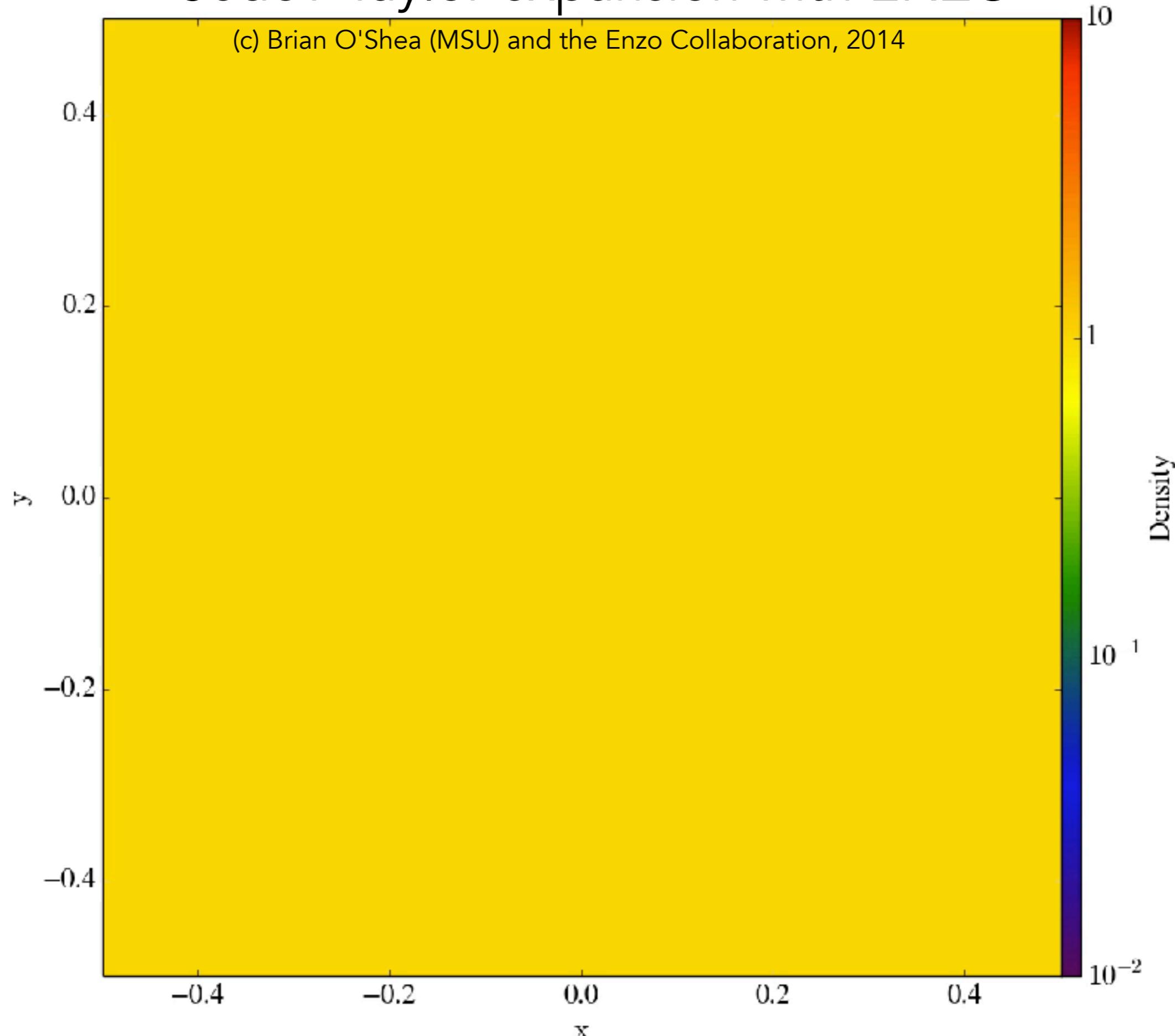


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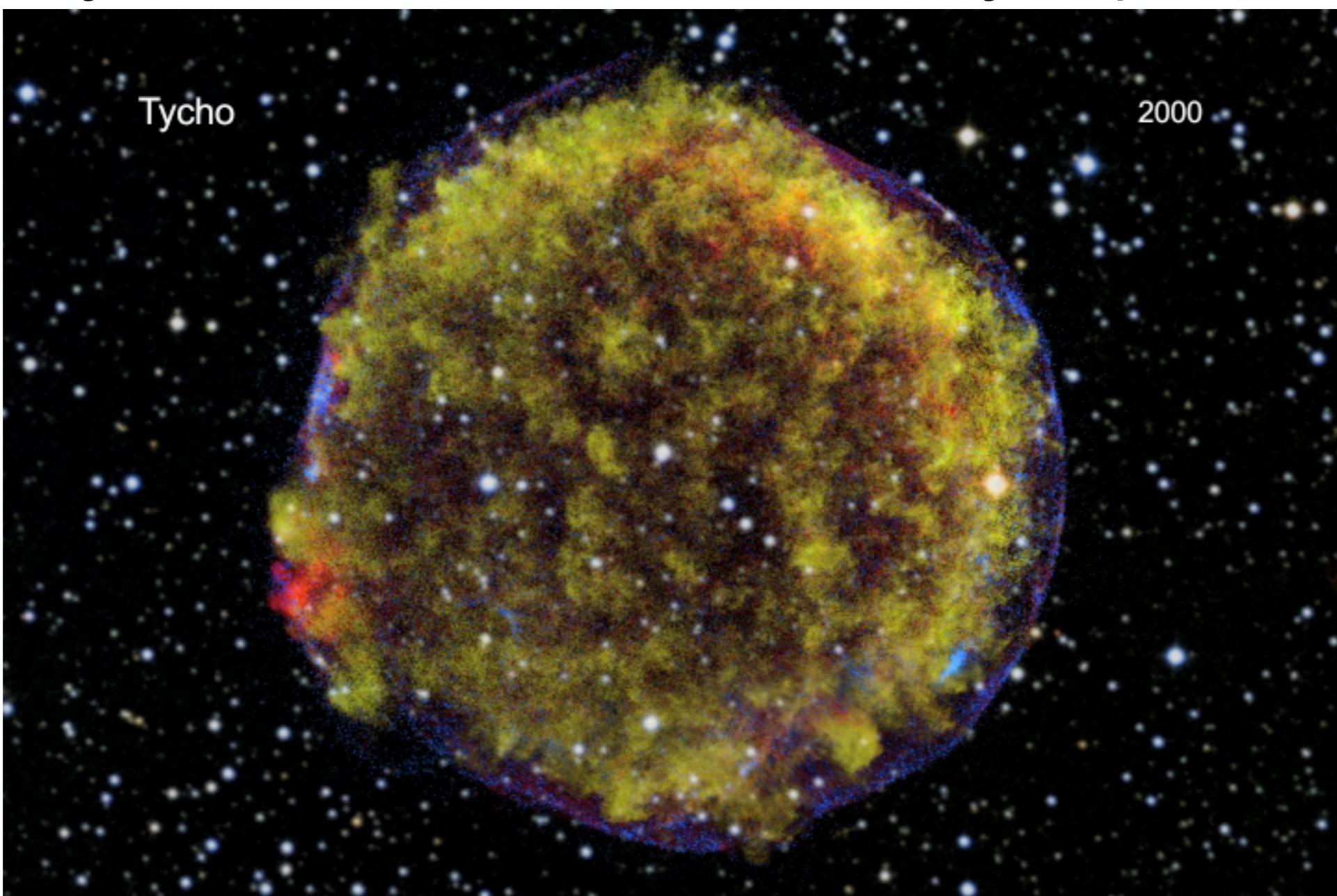


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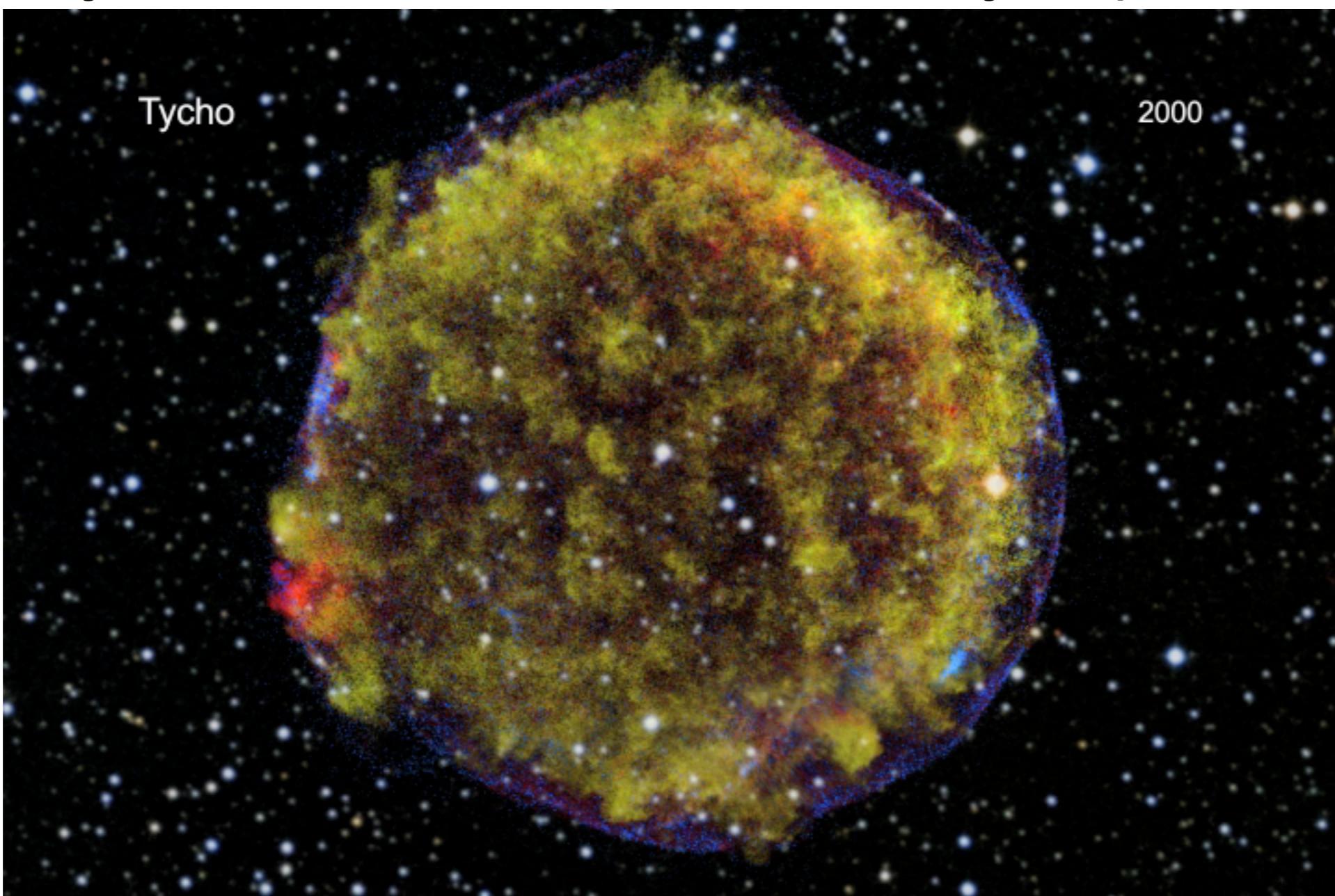
Tycho SN Remnant in Sedov-Taylor phase



(Credit: NASA/CXC/GSFC/B.Williams et al;)

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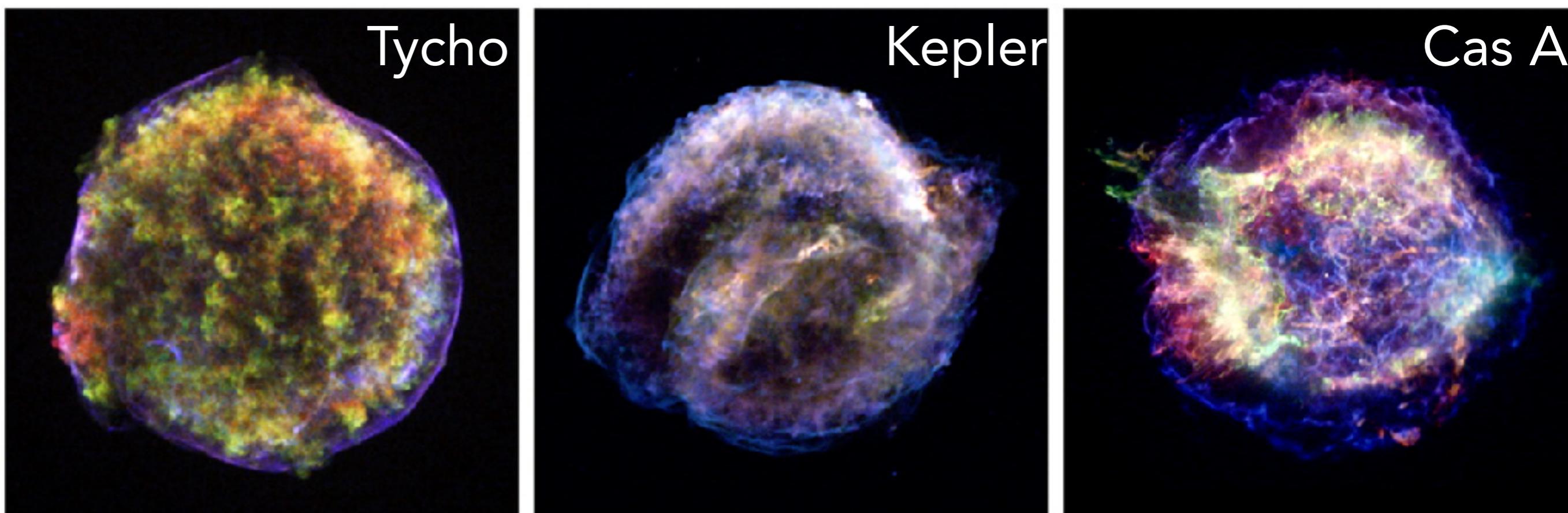
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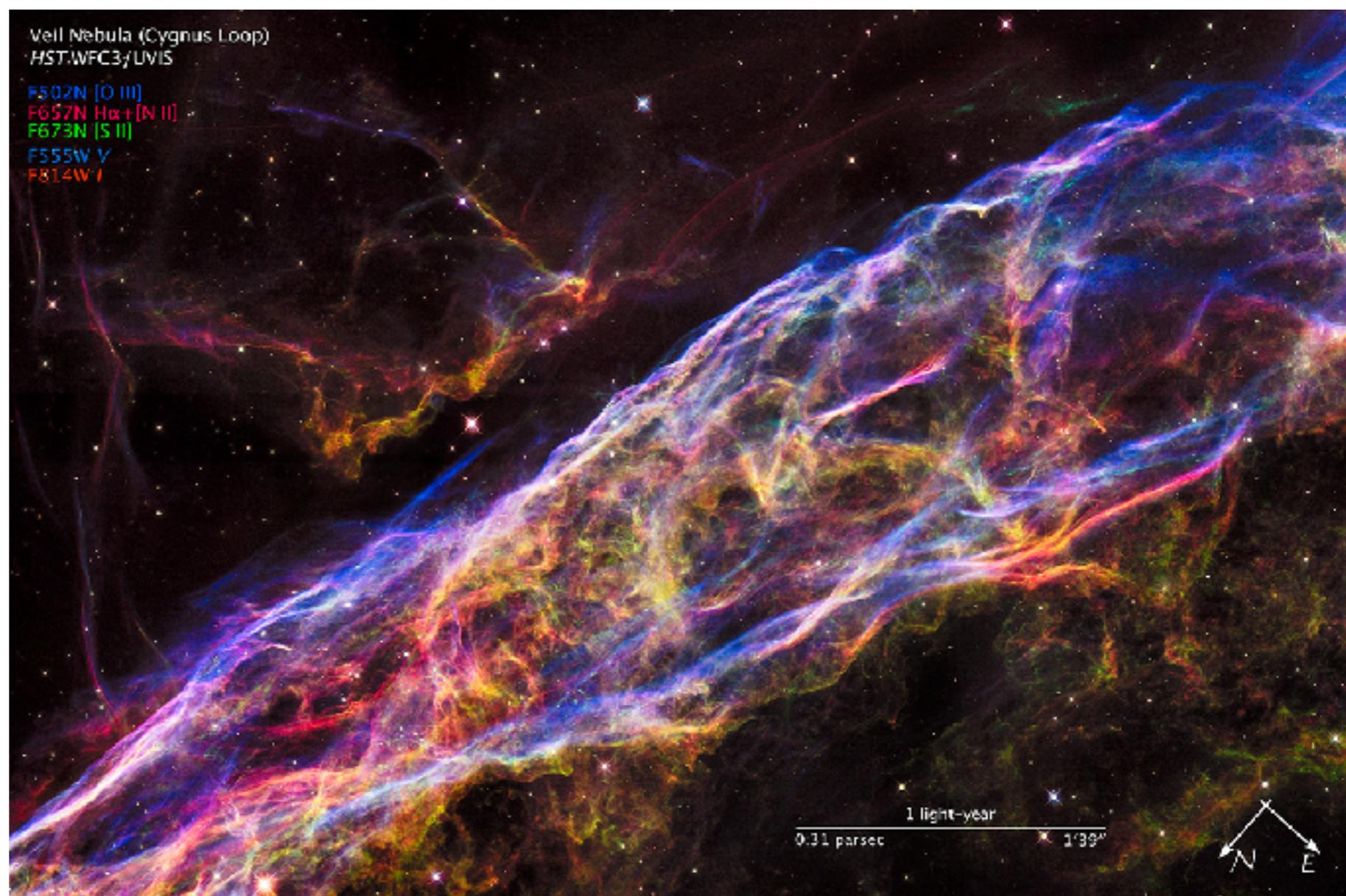
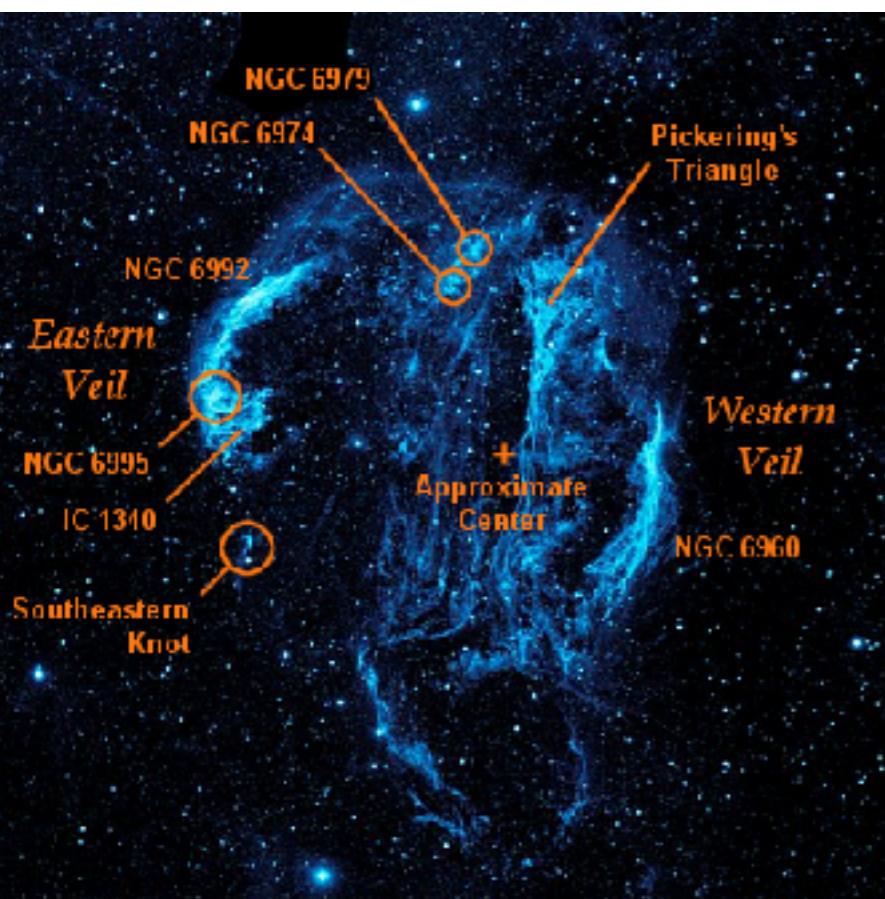
Chandra Observations of SN Remnants



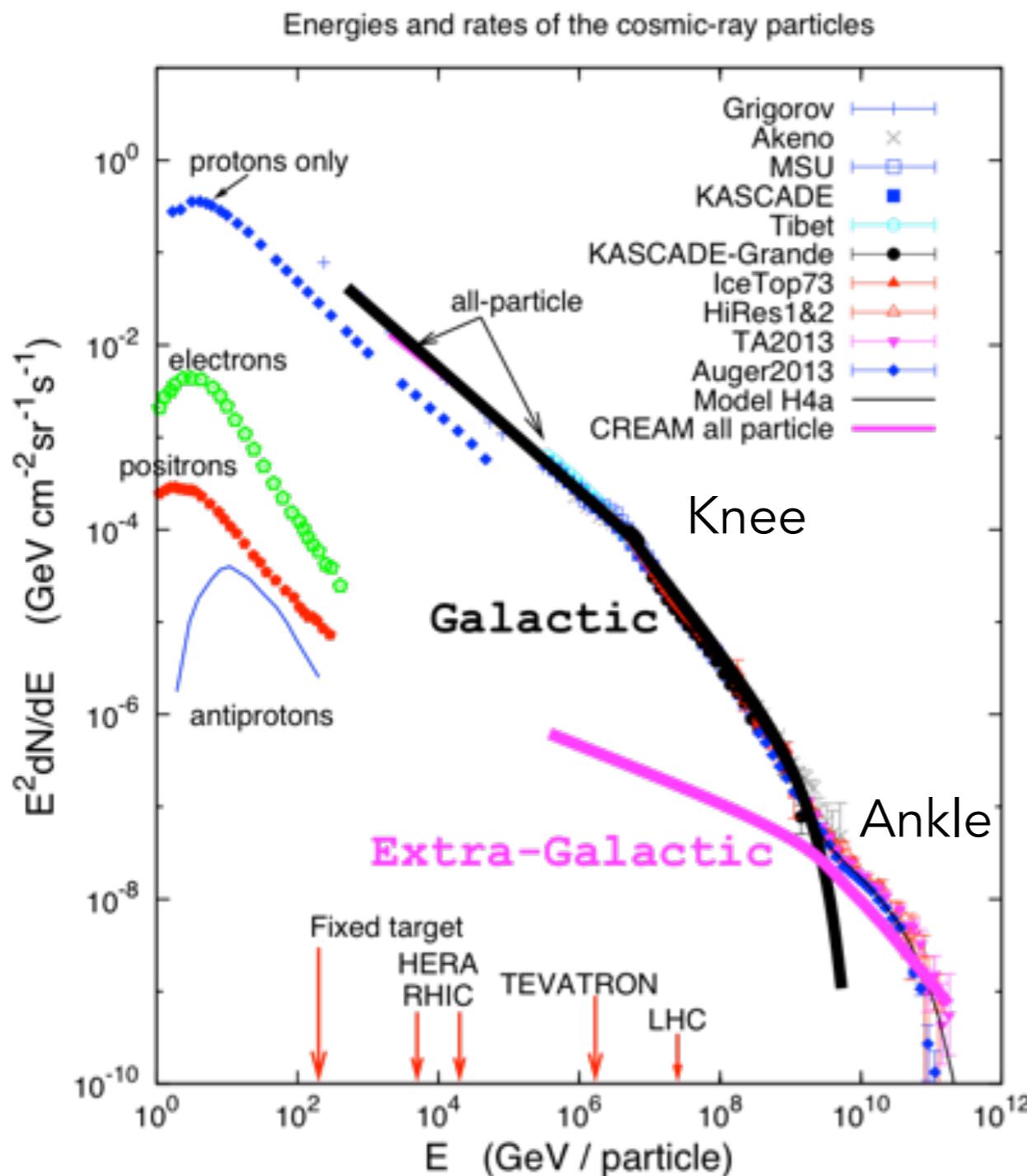
Badenes 2010, PNAS

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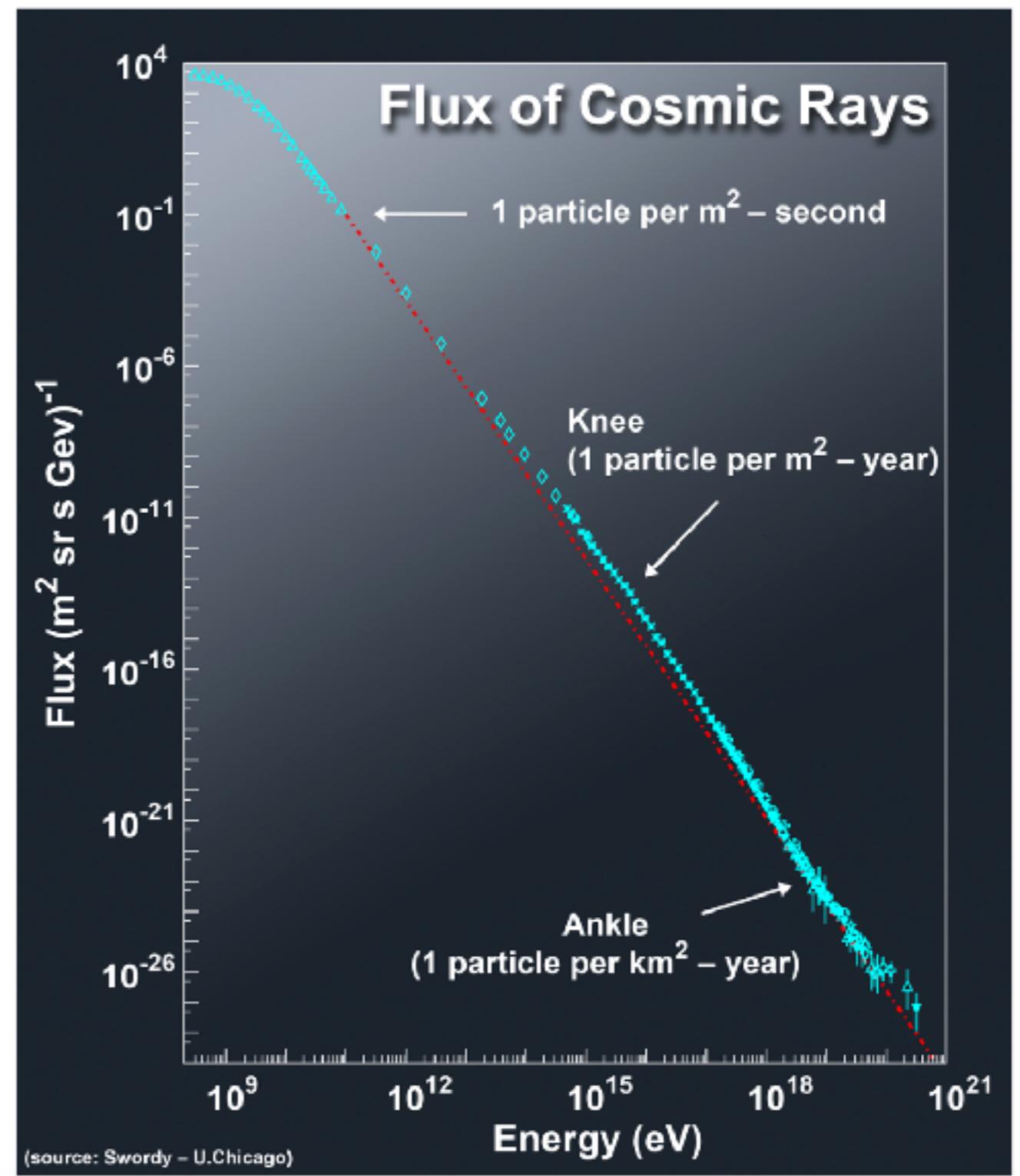
## Cygnus Loop - snowplow phase



# Cosmic Rays

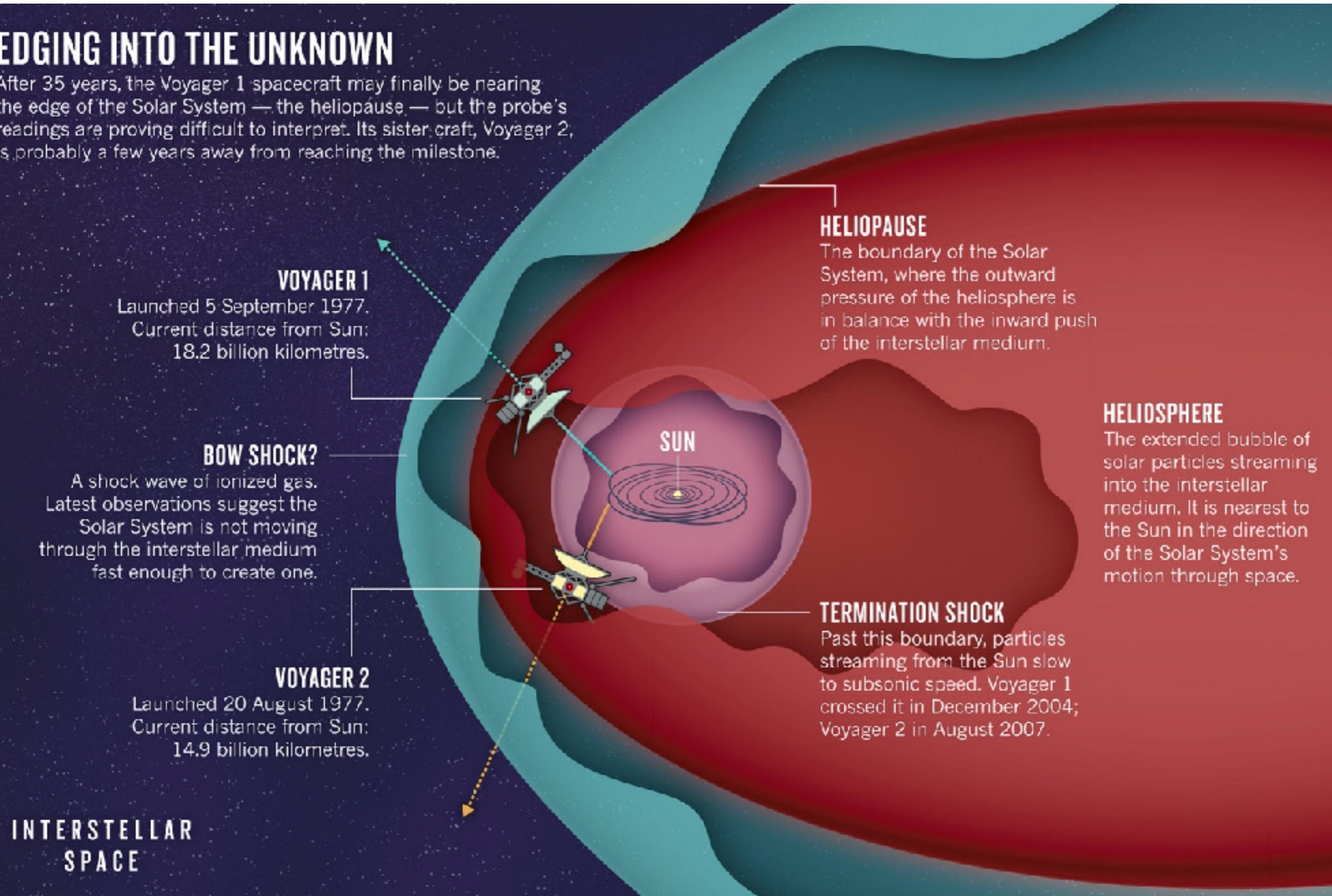


<https://masterclass.icecube.wisc.edu/en/analyses/cosmic-ray-energy-spectrum>



# EDGING INTO THE UNKNOWN

After 35 years, the Voyager 1 spacecraft may finally be nearing the edge of the Solar System — the heliopause — but the probe's readings are proving difficult to interpret. Its sister craft, Voyager 2, is probably a few years away from reaching the milestone.



Cowen, *Nature*, 2012

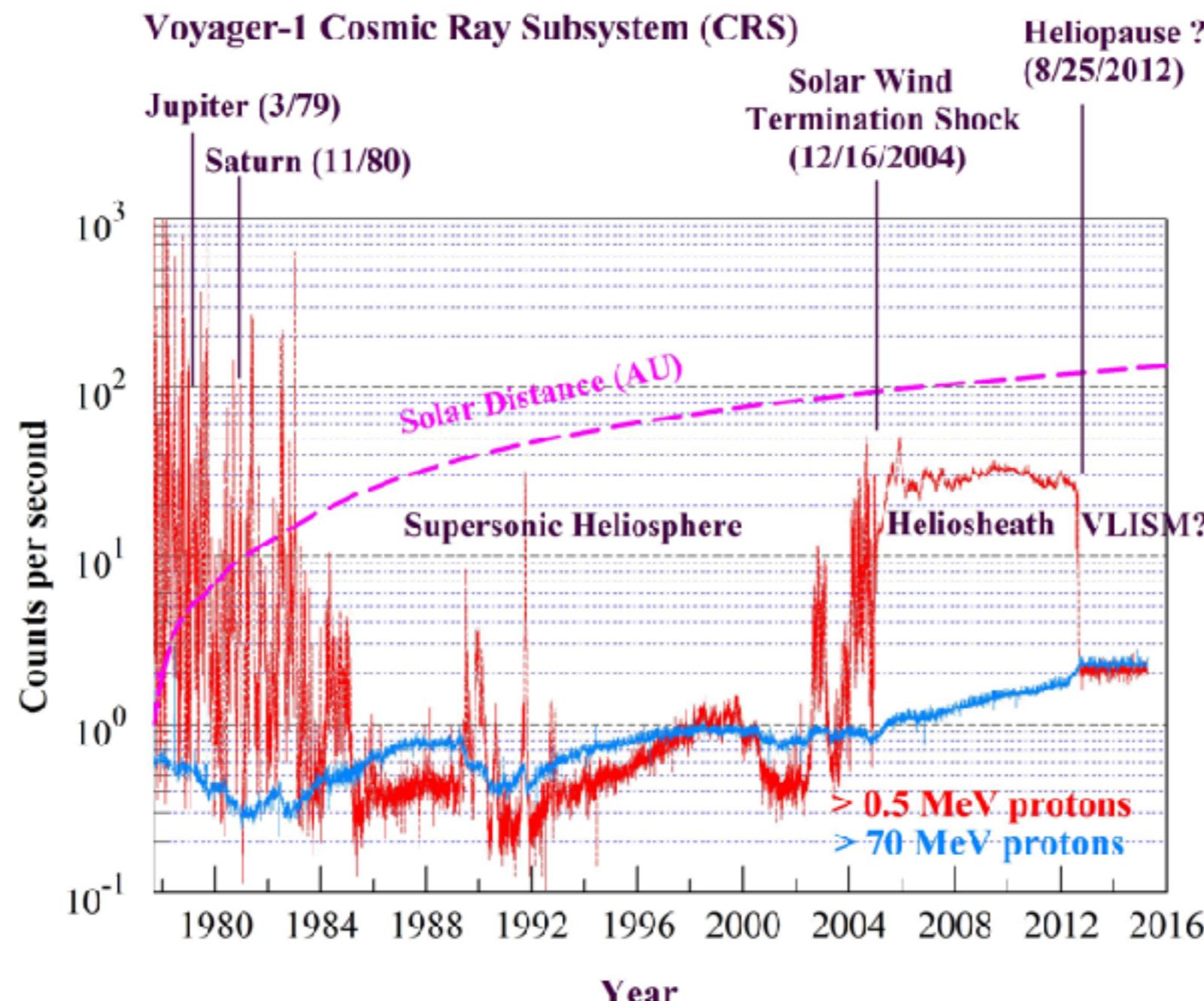
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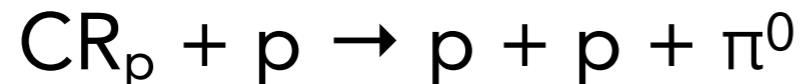
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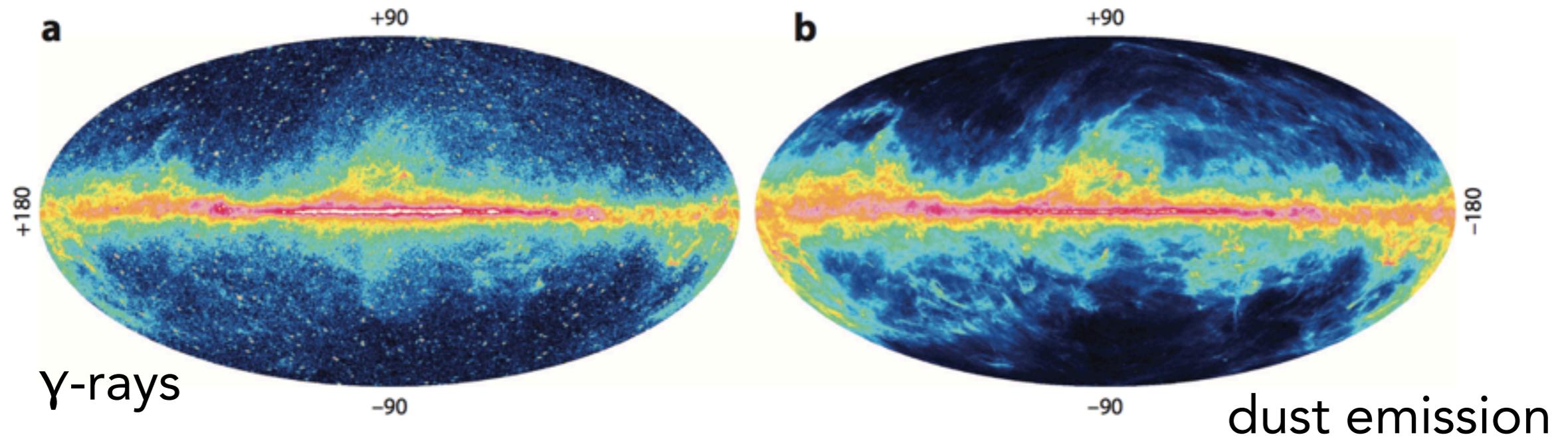
# Cosmic Rays

Cosmic ray interaction with gas can produce  $\gamma$ -rays

Neutral pion production:



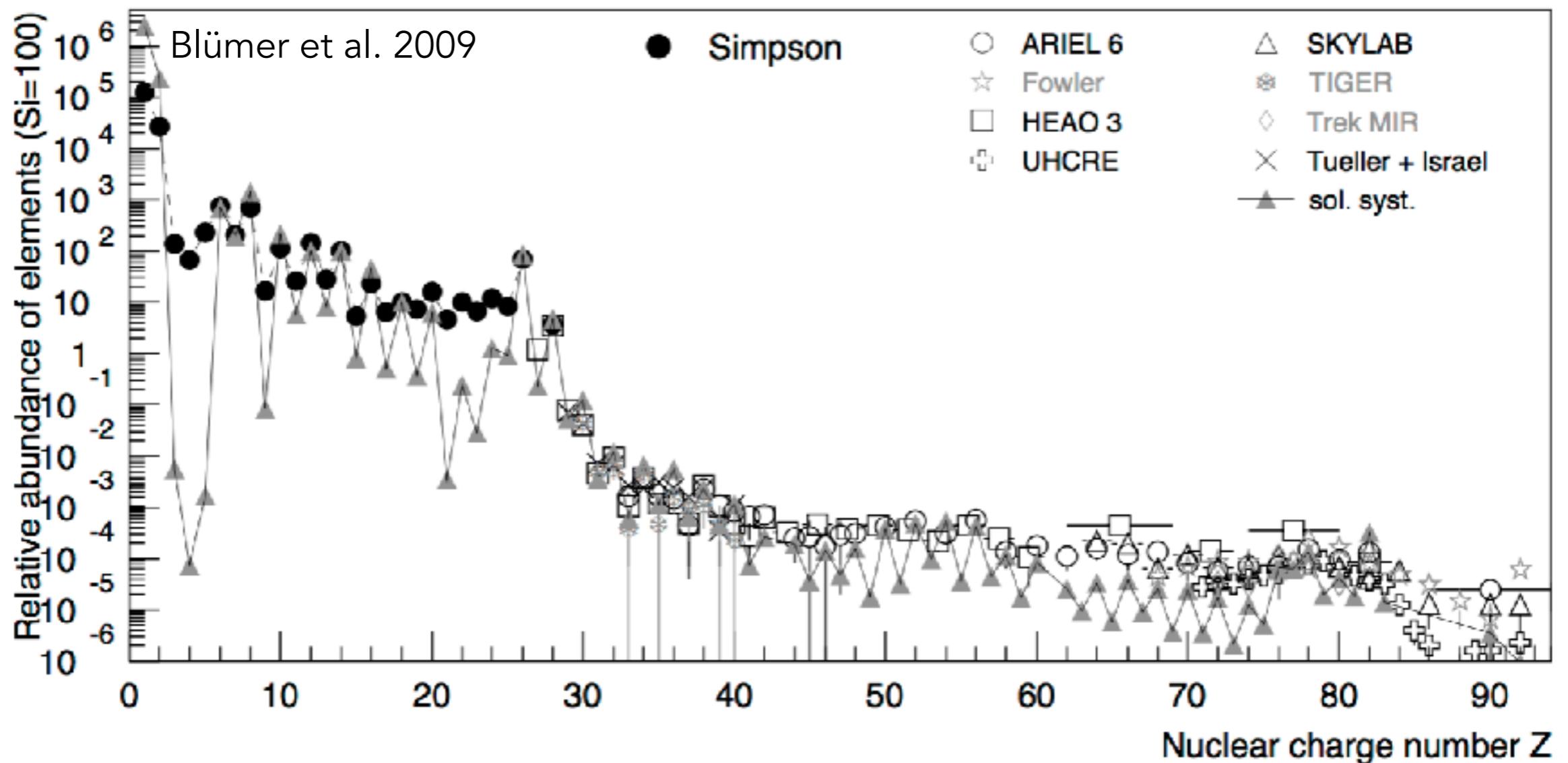
Pion decay



**Figure 5**

Sky maps of (a) the  $\gamma$ -ray intensity recorded by *Fermi*-LAT above 1 GeV in six years of observations (<http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/>) and of (b) the dust optical depth measured at 353 GHz from the *Planck* and *IRAS* surveys (Planck Collab. et al. 2014b). Both maps broadly trace the same total gas column densities, weighted by the ambient cosmic-ray density in  $\gamma$  rays and by the ambient dust-to-gas mass ratio and starlight heating rate in the dust map. They exhibit striking similarities in details of the gas features. The  $\gamma$ -ray map also contains numerous point sources and faint non-gas-related diffuse components.

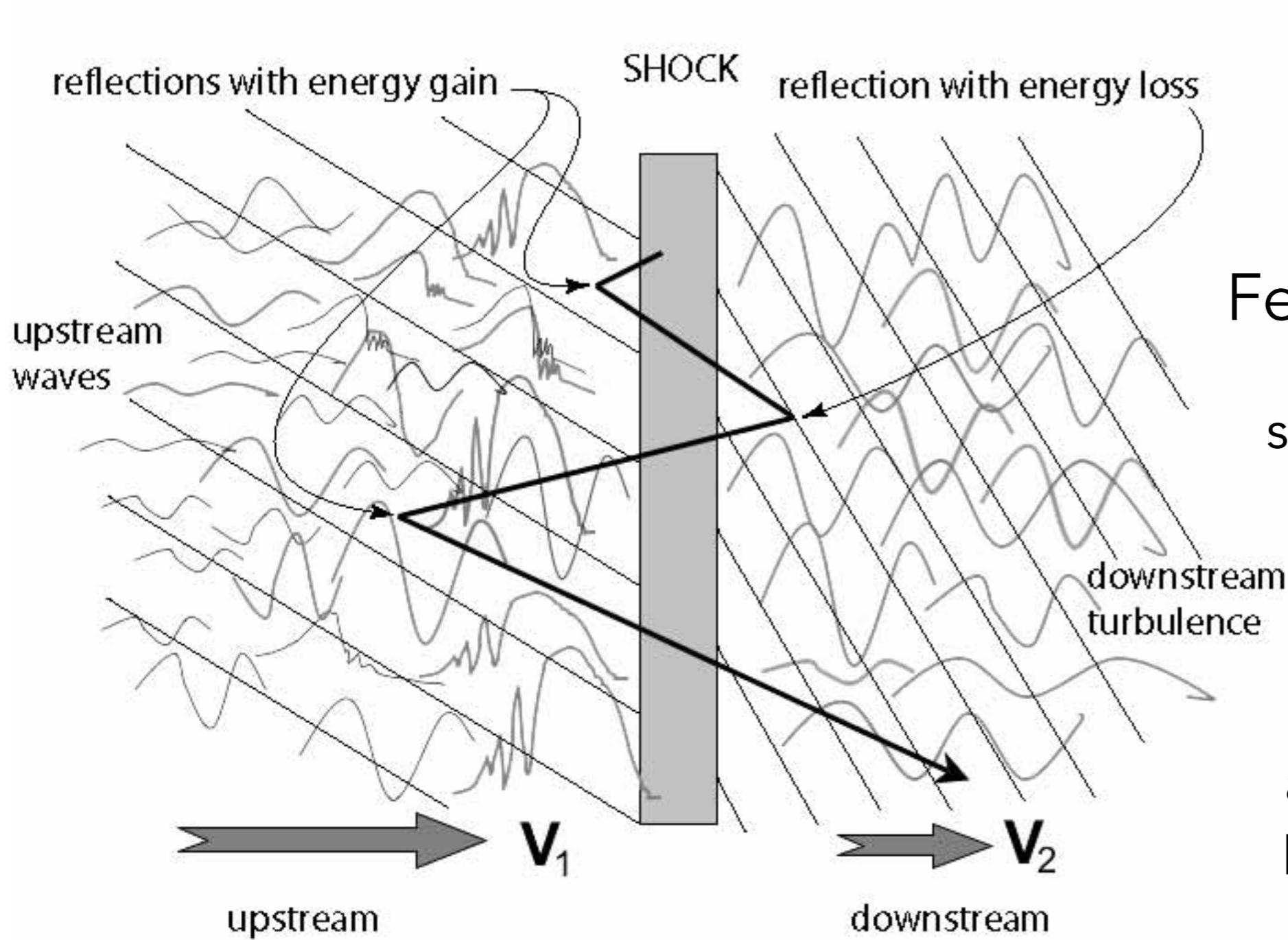
# Cosmic Rays



Protons are most abundant, He next.

${}^6\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^9\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{10}\text{B}$ ,  ${}^{11}\text{B}$  from “spallation”  
(nuclear reaction from collisions).

# Acceleration of Cosmic Rays



Diffusive shock  
acceleration  
(first order  
Fermi acceleration)  
scattering off B-field  
fluctuations  
analogy to particle  
bouncing between  
converging walls

# Acceleration of Cosmic Rays

Maximum energy attainable by diffusive shock acceleration is set by when B-fields can no longer confine CR.

gyroradius > scale of system

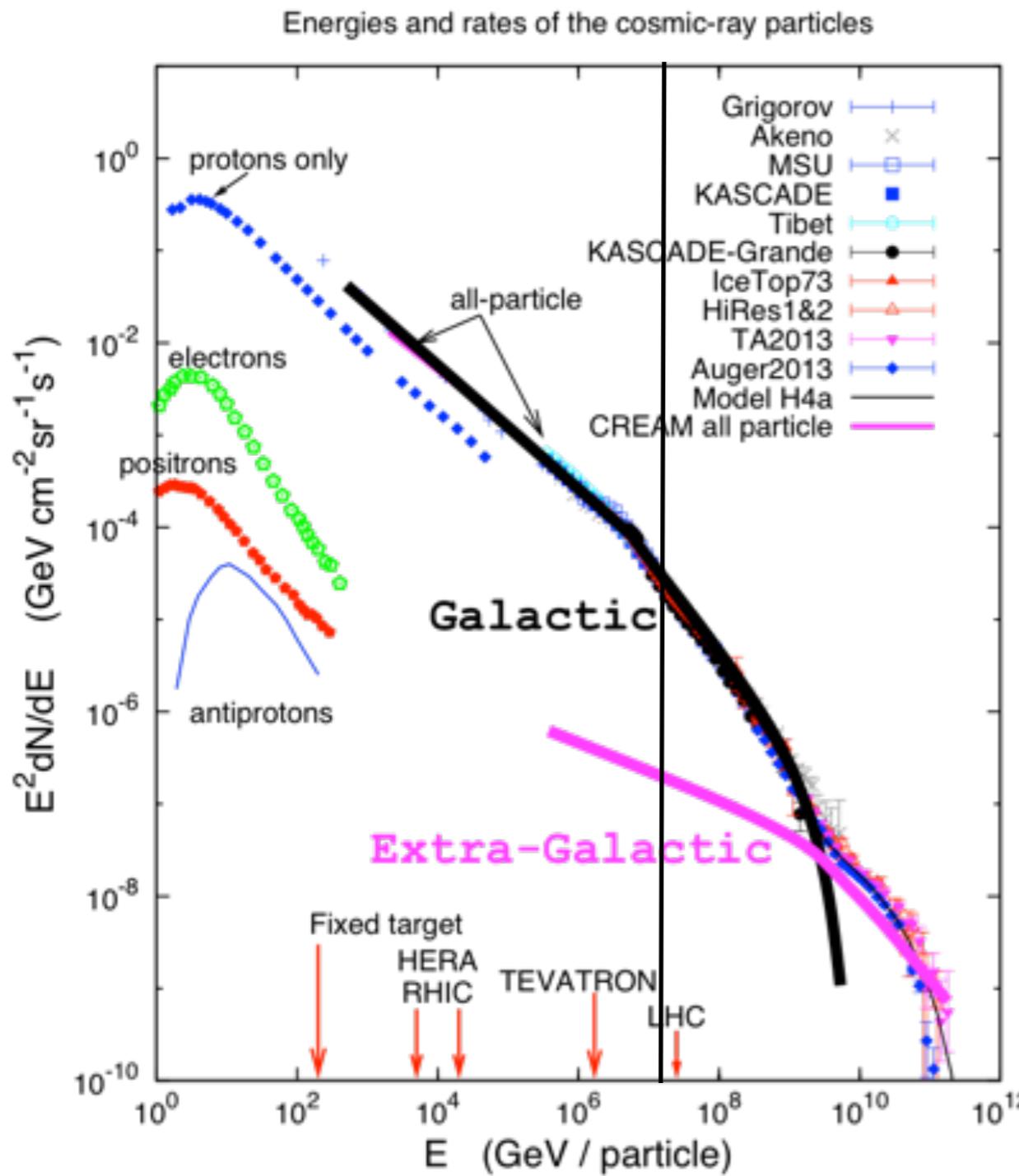
$$R_{\text{gyro}} = \frac{pc}{eB_{\perp}}$$

p = momentum

$$E_{\text{max}} = eB_{\text{SNR}}L$$

$$E_{\text{max}} \approx 10^{7.0} \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{L}{23 \text{ pc}} \right) \left( \frac{B_{\text{SNR}}}{10 \mu\text{G}} \right)$$

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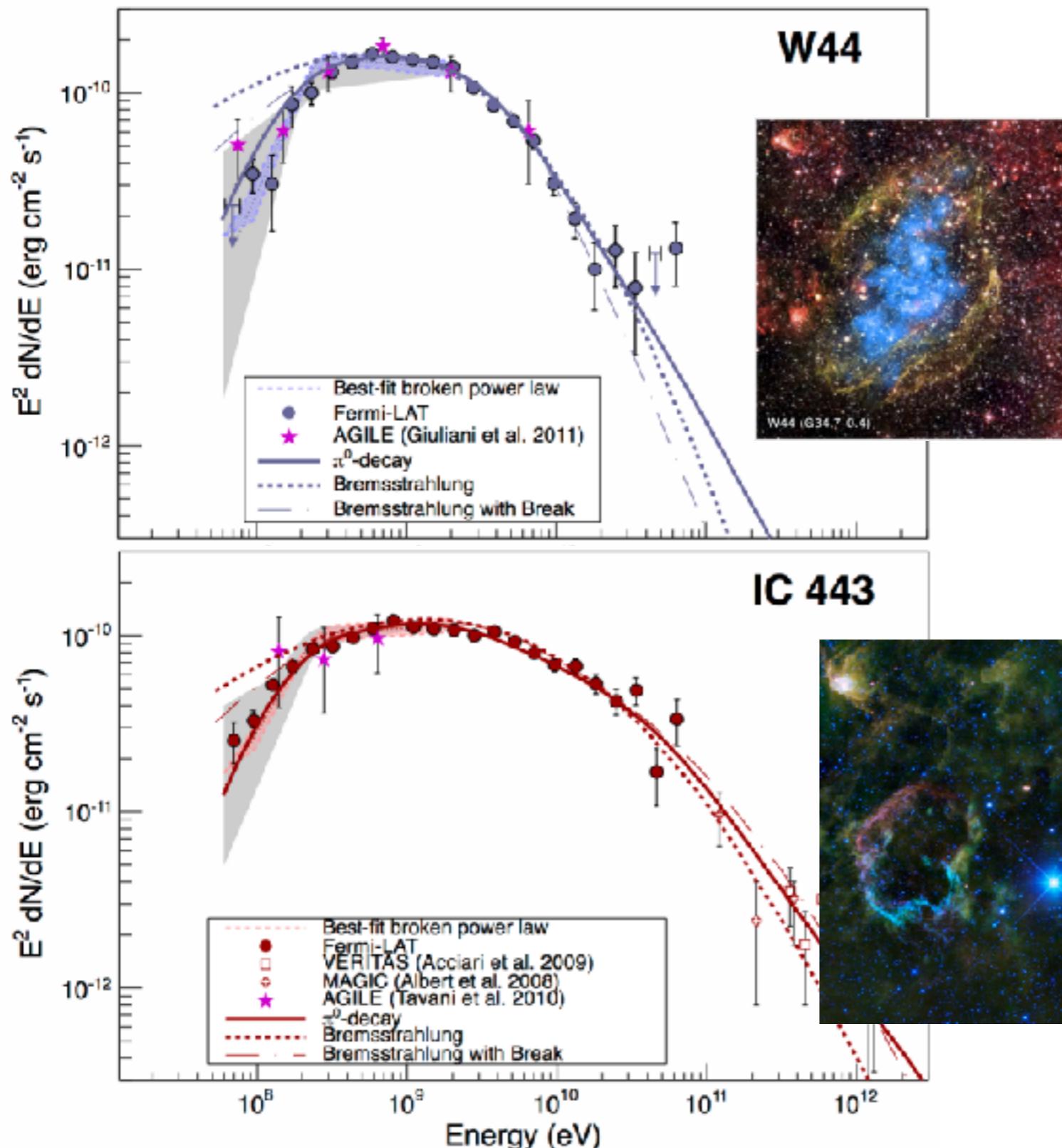


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Supernova shocks have long been thought to be the best candidate for CR acceleration.

Recently, first direct evidence...

# Acceleration of Cosmic Rays



Accelerated protons create pions when they run into the surrounding ISM. Pions decay and produce gamma rays.

Fermi confirmation of gamma-ray spectrum following pion decay prediction for some SNRs in the MW.  
(Ackermann et al. 2013)

# The Warm/Hot Ionized Medium

in MW, approx. 23% ionized, 60% neutral, 17% molecular

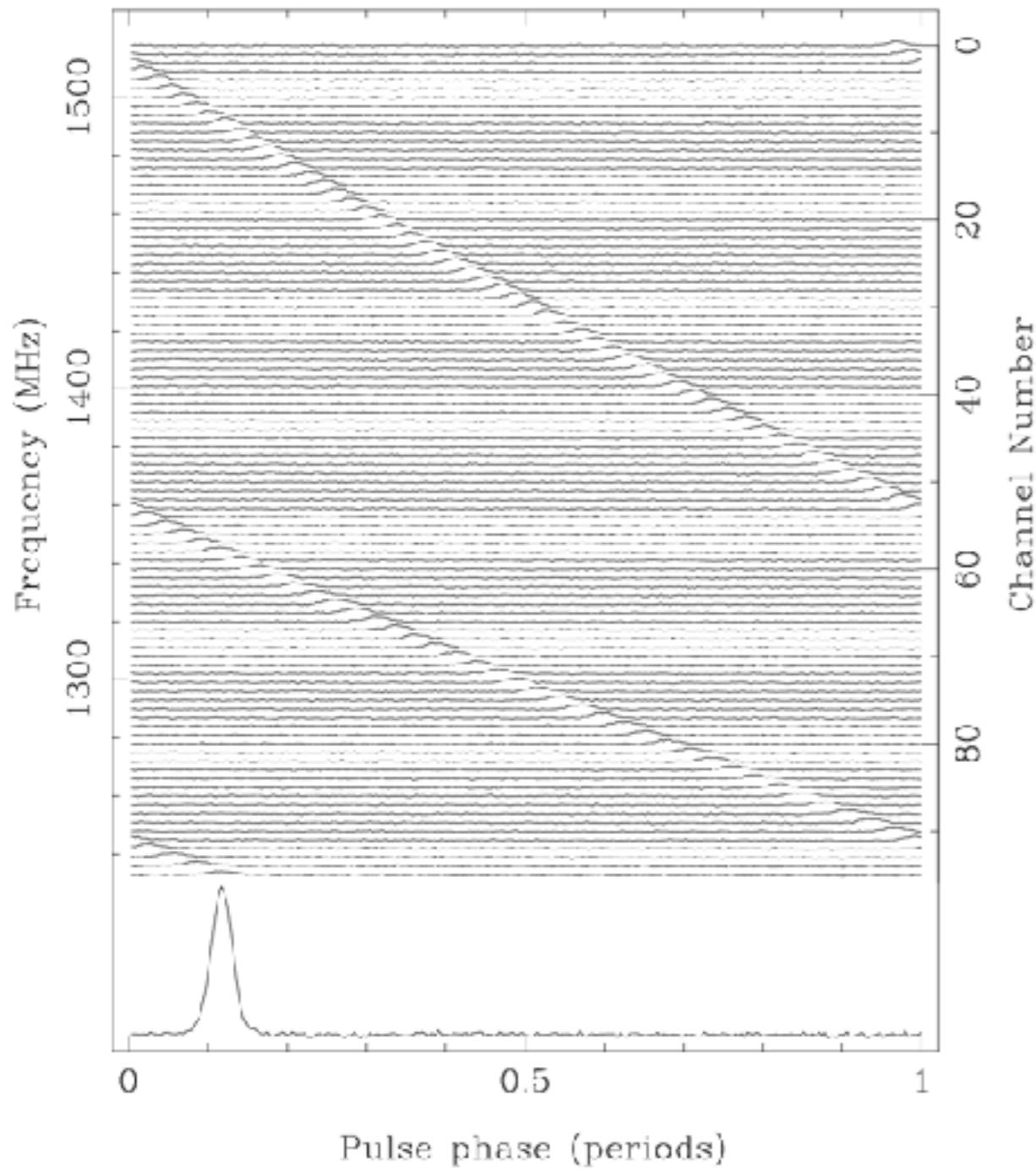
Name	T (K)	Ionization	frac of volume	density (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	P ~ nT (cm <sup>-3</sup> K)
hot ionized medium	$10^6$	H <sup>+</sup>	0.5(?)	0.004	4000
ionized gas (HII & WIM)	$10^4$	H <sup>+</sup>	0.1	0.2-10 <sup>4</sup>	2000 - 10 <sup>8</sup>
warm neutral medium	5000	H <sup>0</sup>	0.4	0.6	3000
cold neutral medium	100	H <sup>0</sup>	0.01	30	3000
diffuse molecular	50	H <sub>2</sub>	0.001	100	5000
dense molecular	10-50	H <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>-4</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup> - 10 <sup>7</sup>

# The Diffuse Ionized Medium

Two key tracers of diffuse ionized gas:

- 1) dispersion of pulses from pulsars propagating through ionized gas
- 2) faint optical emission lines from the diffuse ISM seen throughout the MW

# Diffuse Ionized Gas



Dispersion of Pulsar Signals

EM waves traveling through a plasma with electron density  $n_e$  satisfy the dispersion relation:

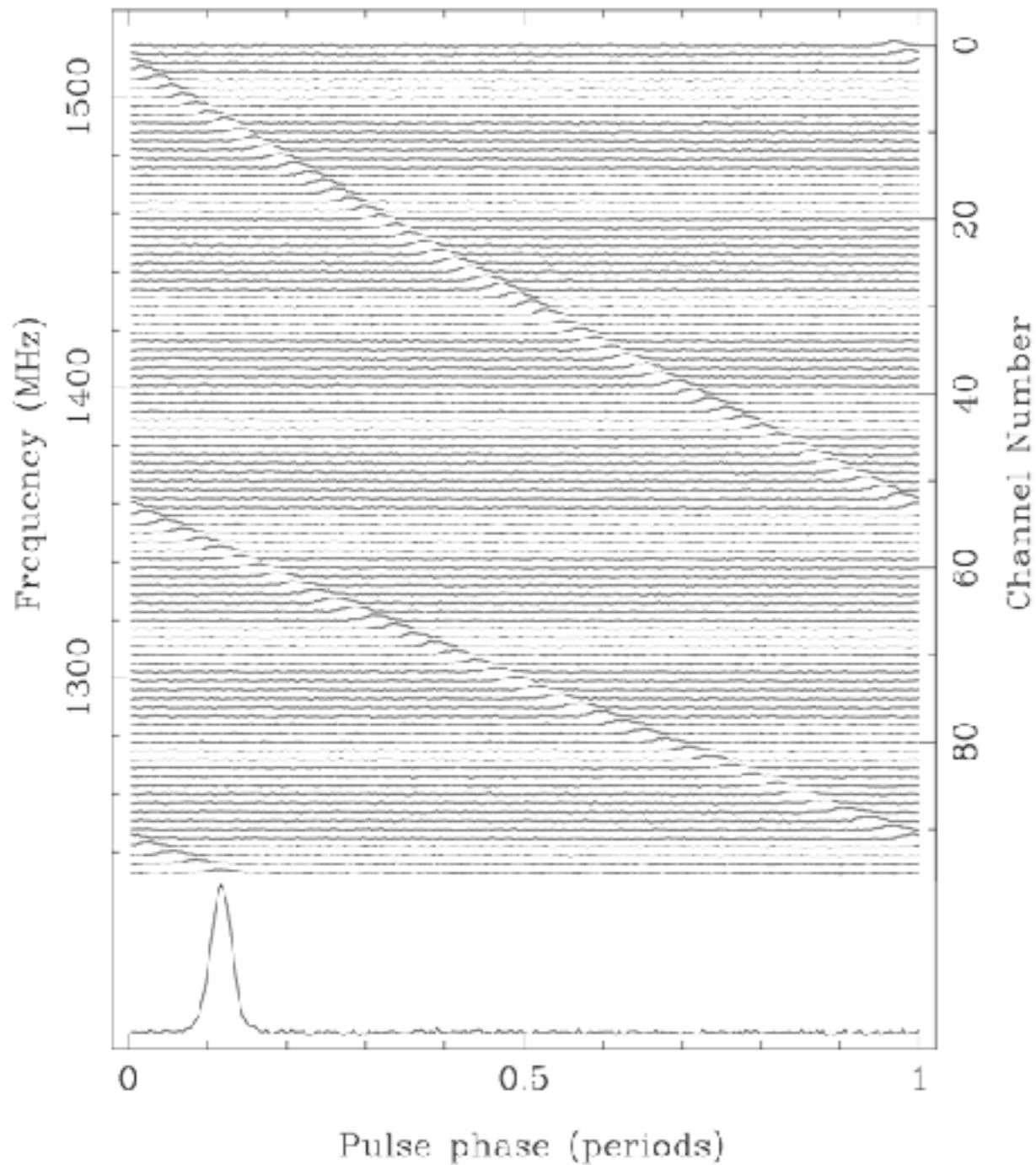
$$k^2 c^2 = \omega^2 - \omega_p^2$$

with plasma frequency:

$$\omega_p = \left( \frac{4\pi n_e e^2}{m_e} \right)^{1/2}$$

From the *Handbook of Pulsar Astronomy*, by Lorimer & Kramer

# Diffuse Ionized Gas



## Dispersion of Pulsar Signals

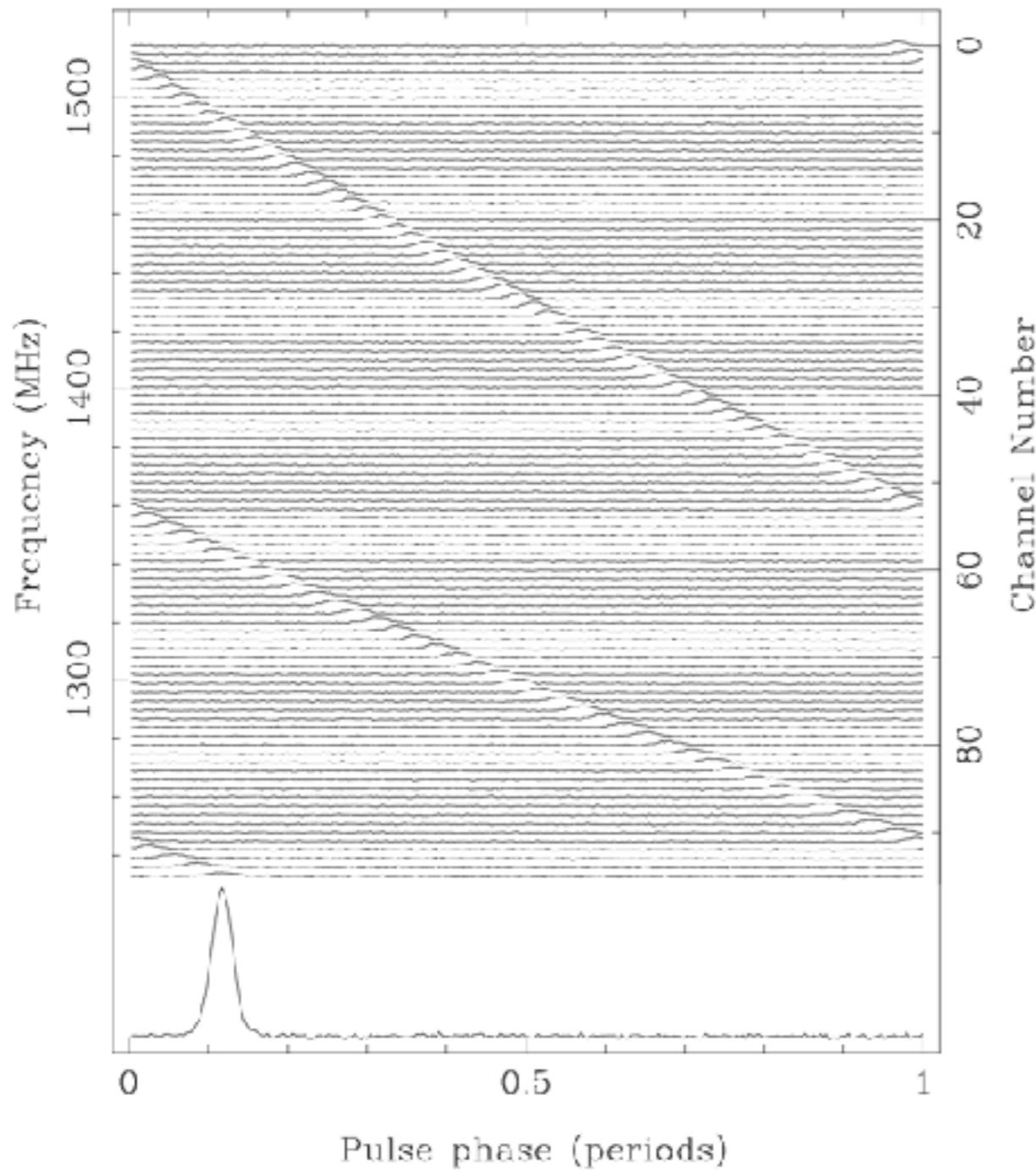
A pulse travels with the “group velocity” (i.e. the velocity of the envelope of the wave packet)

$$v_{\text{group}}(\omega) = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

$$v_{\text{group}}(\omega) = c \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

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Dispersion of Pulsar Signals

arrival time of a pulse:

$$t_{\text{arrival}} = \int_0^L \frac{dL}{v_{\text{group}}(\omega)} \approx \int_0^L \frac{dL}{c} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$

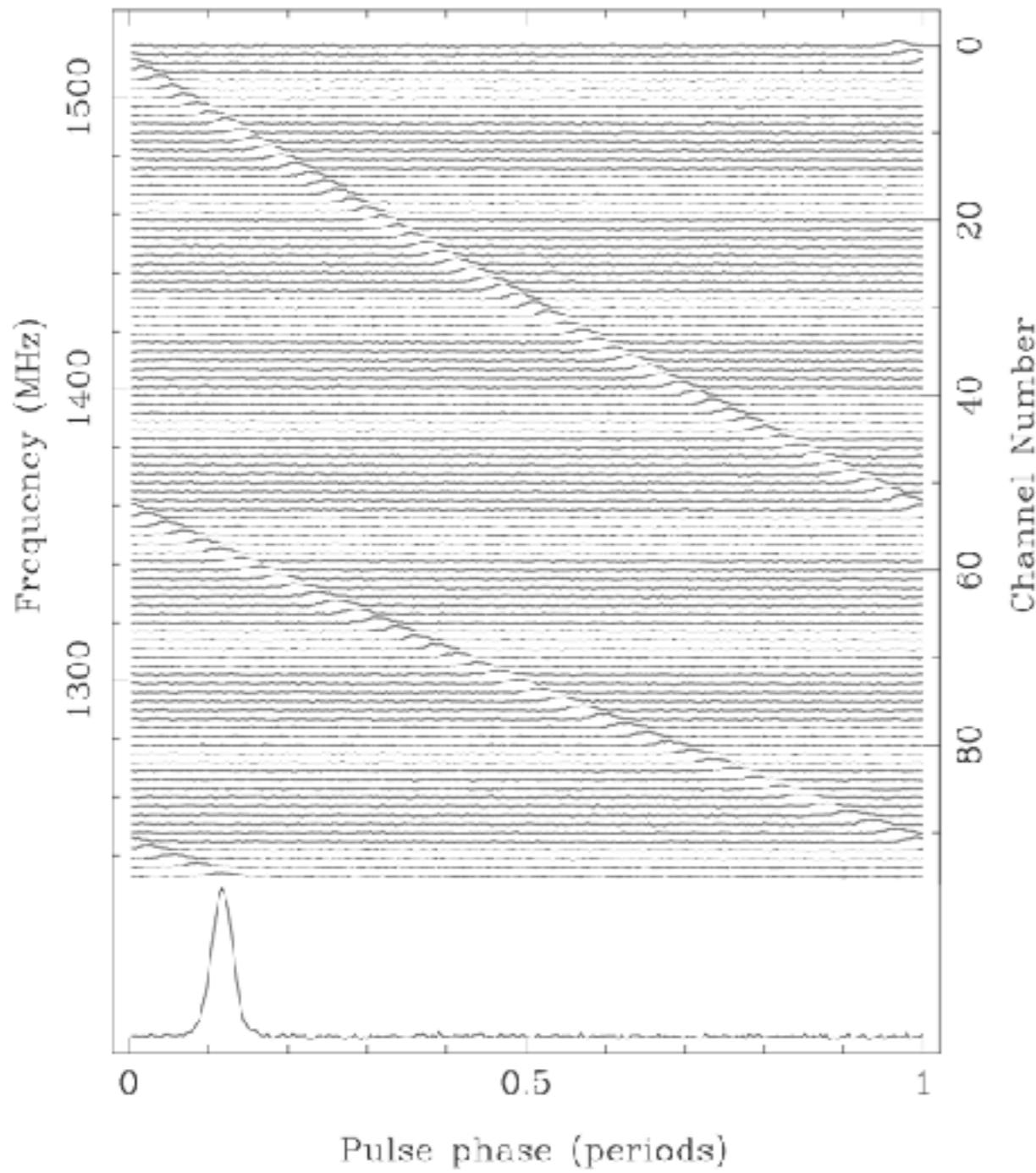
$$t_{\text{arrival}} = \frac{L}{c} + \frac{1}{2c\omega^2} \int_0^L \omega_p^2 dL$$

“dispersion measure”

$$\text{DM} = \int_0^L n_e dL$$

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Dispersion of Pulsar Signals

arrival time of a pulse:

$$t_{\text{arrival}} = \frac{L}{c} + \frac{e^2}{2\pi m_e c \nu^2} \frac{1}{\text{DM}}$$

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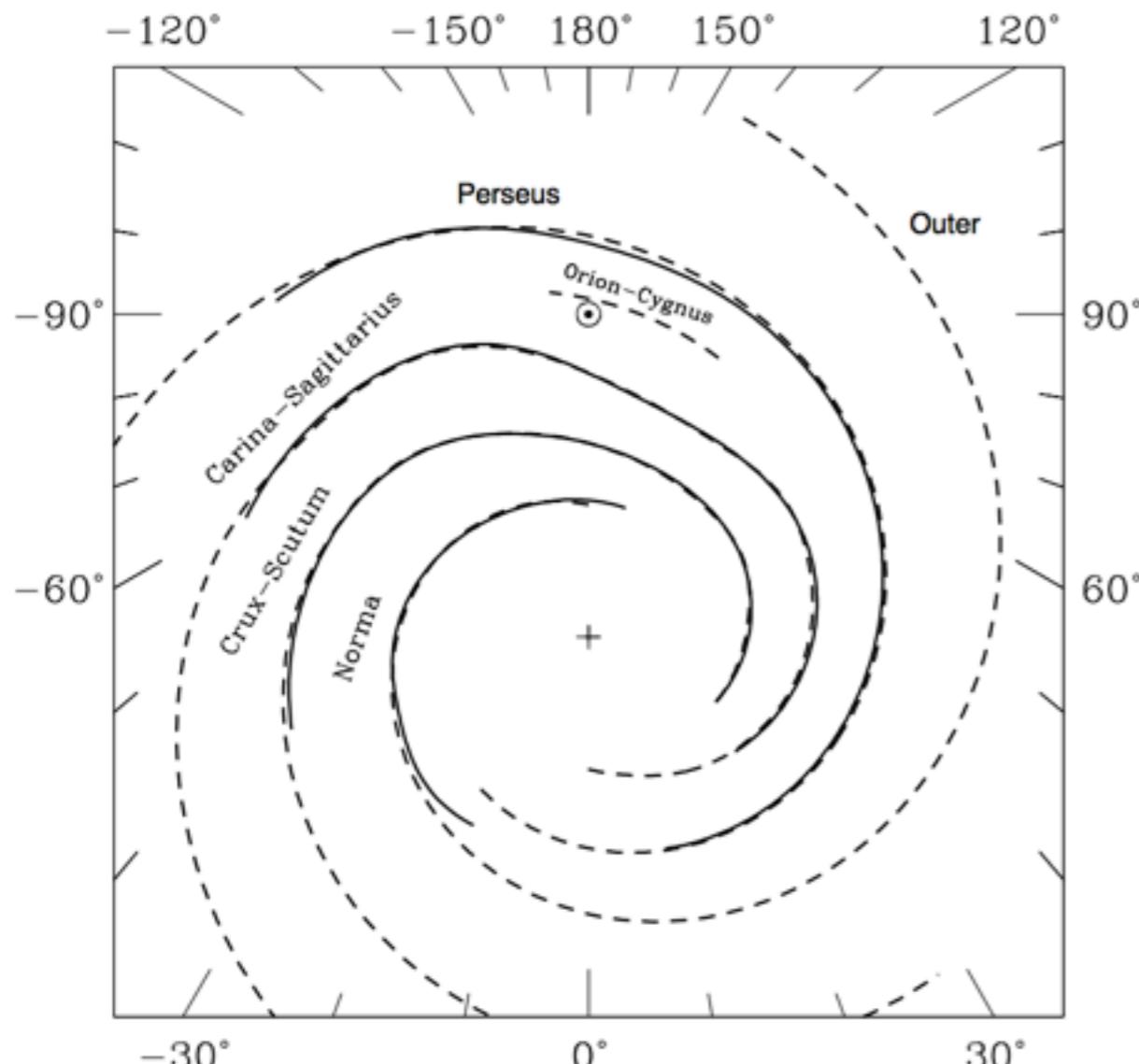
$$t_{\text{arrival}} = \frac{L}{c} + \frac{e^2}{2\pi m_e c \nu^2} \text{DM}$$

If you know the distance,  
you can measure DM!

$$\text{DM} = \int_0^L n_e dL$$

# Diffuse Ionized Gas

The NE2001 model of Cordes & Lazio (2003)



Cordes & Lazio 2003

NE2001 MODEL COMPONENTS					
Component	Functional Form	Parameters	No. Parameters	Comments	Components
Smooth Components	$n_{\text{gal}}(\mathbf{x}) = [n_1 G_1(r, z) + n_2 G_2(r, z) + n_a G_a(\mathbf{x})]$				
Thick Disk	$n_1 G_1(r, z) = n_1 g_1(r) h(z/H_1)$	$n_1, H_1, A_1, F_1$	4		
Thin Disk	$n_2 G_2(r, z) = n_2 g_2(r) h(z/H_2)$	$n_2, H_2, A_2, F_2$	4		
Spiral Arms	$n_a G_a(\mathbf{x})$	$f_j n_a, h_j H_a, w_j w_a, F_j$ $j = 1, \dots, 5$	20		
Galactic Center ( $n_{\text{GC}}$ )	$n_{\text{GC}0} e^{-[\delta r_{\perp}^2/R_{\text{GC}}^2 + (z-z_{\text{GC}})^2/H_{\text{GC}}^2]}$ $\delta r_{\perp}^2 = (x-x_{\text{GC}})^2 + (y-y_{\text{GC}})^2$	$n_{\text{GC}0}, R_{\text{GC}}, h_{\text{GC}}$	3		
Local ISM ( $n_{\text{lism}}$ )	$n_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x}), F_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x}), w_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x})$ See below & Appendix A	See Table 4	36	Excluded	
Clumps ( $n_{\text{clumps}}$ )	$\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{clumps}}} n_{cj} e^{- \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_{cj} ^2/r_{cj}^2} f_{cj}(\mathbf{x})$	$N_{\text{clumps}}$ $n_{cj}, \mathbf{x}_{cj}, r_{cj}, F_{cj}$	$6N_{\text{clumps}} + 1$ (6/clump)	Included	
Voids ( $n_{\text{voids}}$ )	$\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{voids}}} n_{vj} g_v(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{vj}) t_{vj}(\mathbf{x})$	$N_{\text{voids}}$ $n_{vj}, \mathbf{x}_{vj}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{vj}, F_{vj}$	$8N_{\text{voids}} + 1$ (8/void)		

Functions:

$$h(x) = \operatorname{sech}^2(x)$$

$$U(x) = \text{unit step function}$$

$$g_1(r) = [\cos(\pi r/2A_1)/\cos(\pi R_{\odot}/2A_1)]U(r-A_1)$$

$$g_2(r) = \exp(-(r-A_a)^2/A_a^2)U(r)$$

$$G_a(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j f_j g_{aj}(r, s_j(\mathbf{x})/w_j w_a) h(z/h_j h_a)$$

$$g_{aj}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-(s_j(\mathbf{x})/w_j w_a)^2} \operatorname{sech}^2(r-A_a)/2U(r-A_a)$$

$$n_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x}) = (1-w_{\text{lhb}})\{(1-w_{\text{loopl}})[(1-w_{\text{lsb}})n_{\text{idr}}(\mathbf{x}) + w_{\text{lsb}}n_{\text{lrb}}(\mathbf{x})] + w_{\text{loopl}}n_{\text{loopl}}(\mathbf{x})\} + w_{\text{lhb}}n_{\text{lhb}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$F_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x}) = (1-w_{\text{lhb}})\{(1-w_{\text{loopl}})[(1-w_{\text{lsb}})F_{\text{idr}}(\mathbf{x}) + w_{\text{lsb}}F_{\text{lrb}}(\mathbf{x})] + w_{\text{loopl}}F_{\text{loopl}}(\mathbf{x})\} + w_{\text{lhb}}F_{\text{lhb}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$w_{\text{lism}}(\mathbf{x}) = \max[w_{\text{idr}}(\mathbf{x}), w_{\text{lhb}}(\mathbf{x}), w_{\text{lsb}}(\mathbf{x}), w_{\text{loopl}}(\mathbf{x})] = (0, 1)$$

$$t_{cj}(\mathbf{x}) = [1 - e_{cj} U(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{cj}| - r_{cj})], \quad e_{cj} = (0, 1)$$

$$g_v(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{vj}) = \text{elliptical gaussian} = \exp(-Q(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{vj})), \quad \boldsymbol{\theta}_{vj} = (a_j, b_j, c_j, \theta_{yj}, \theta_{zj})$$

$$t_{vj}(\mathbf{x}) = [1 - e_{vj} U(Q-1)], \quad e_{vj} = (0, 1)$$

$$Q = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{vj})^{\dagger} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{vj}), \quad \mathbf{V} = \text{rotation matrix}$$

$$w_{\text{voids}} = (0, 1)$$

Weight functions:

LISM

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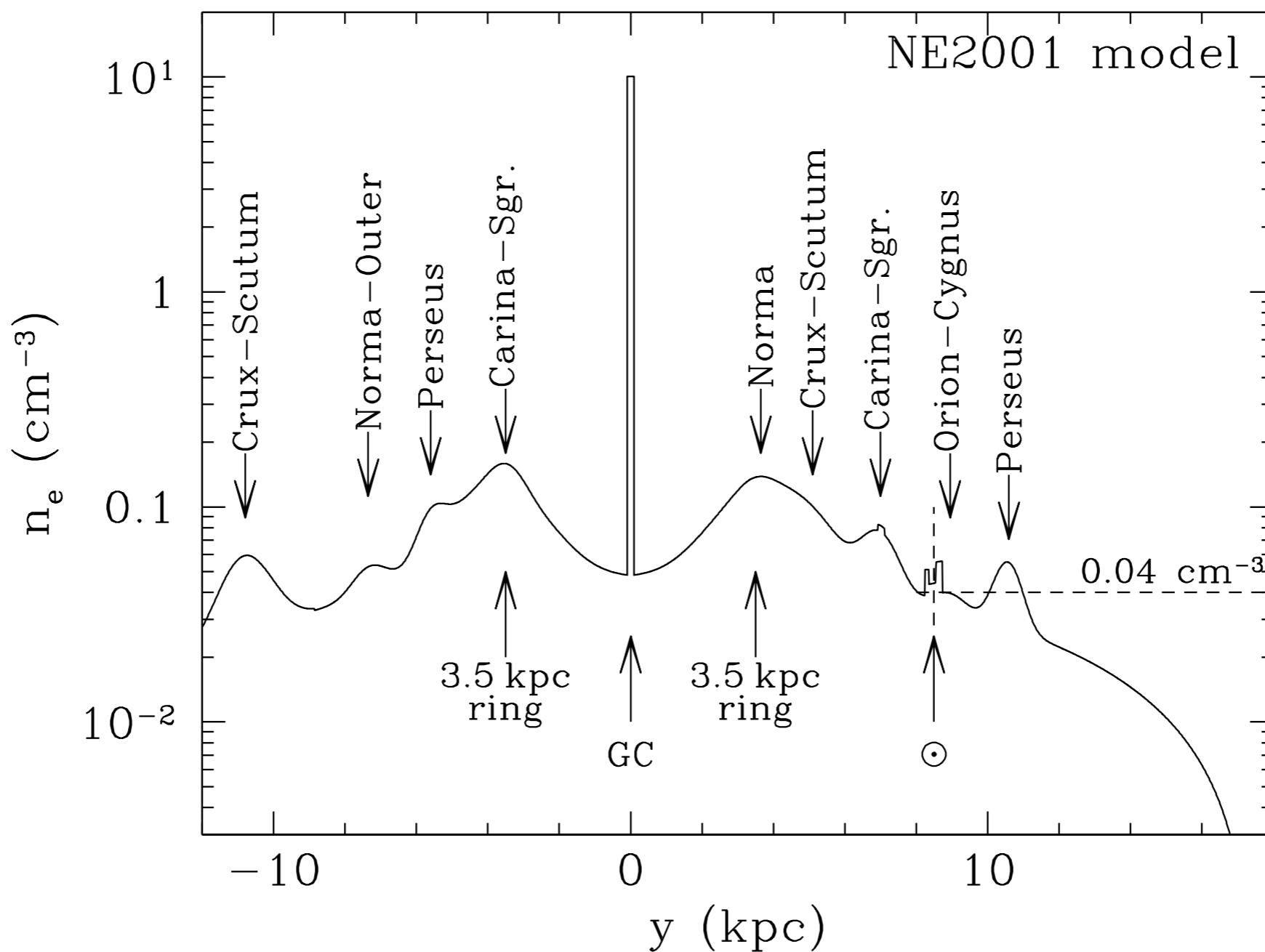
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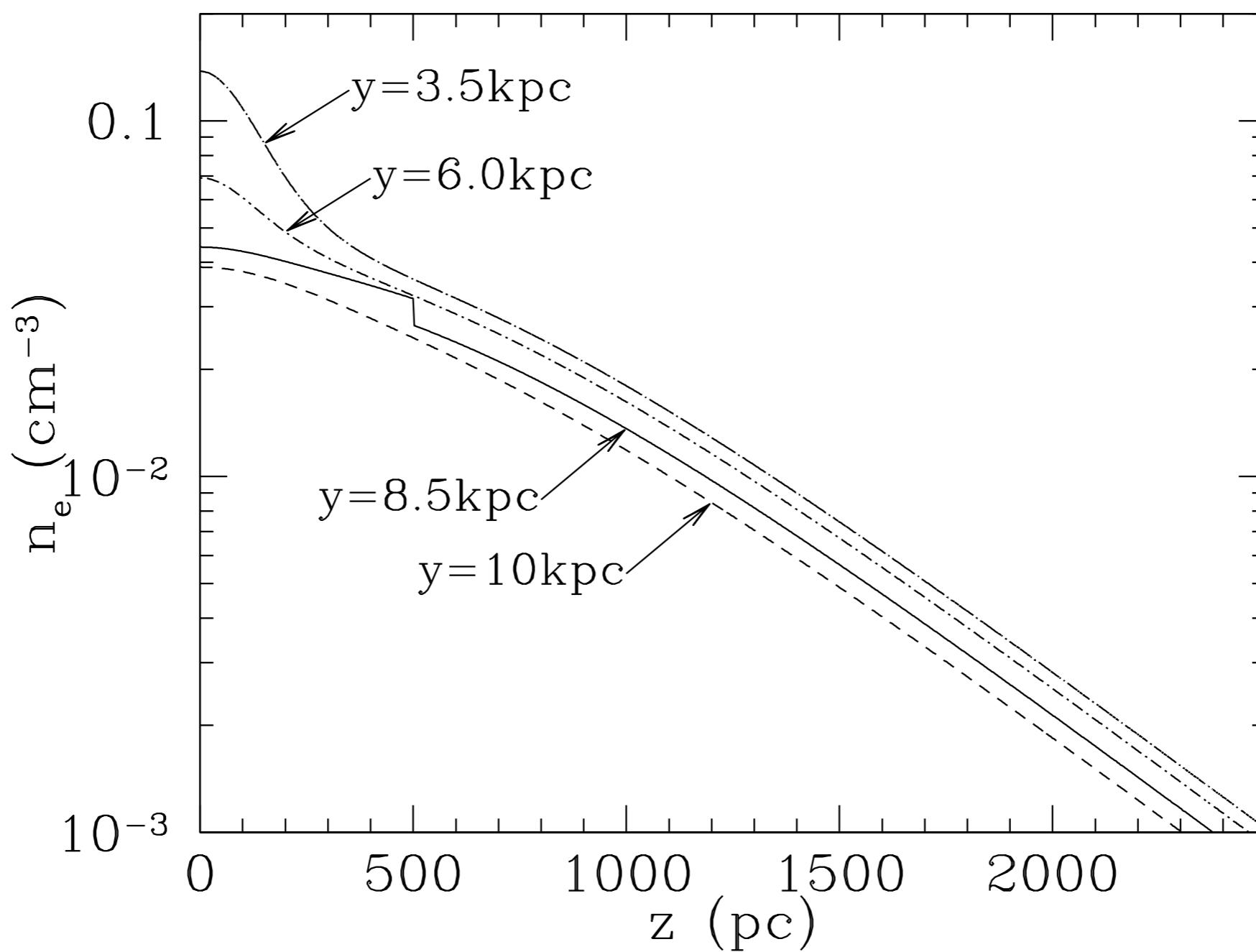
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The NE2001 model of Cordes & Lazio (2003)



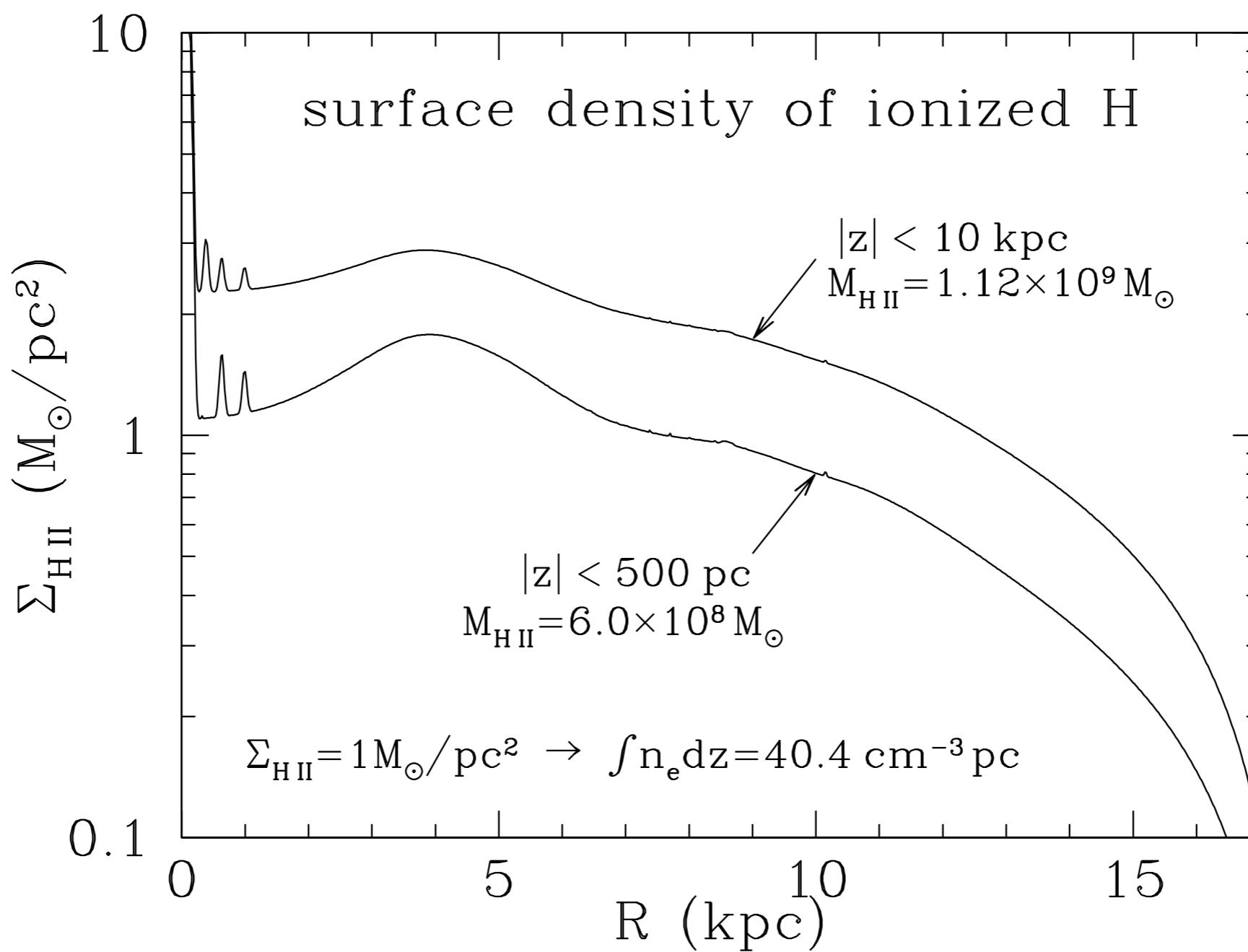
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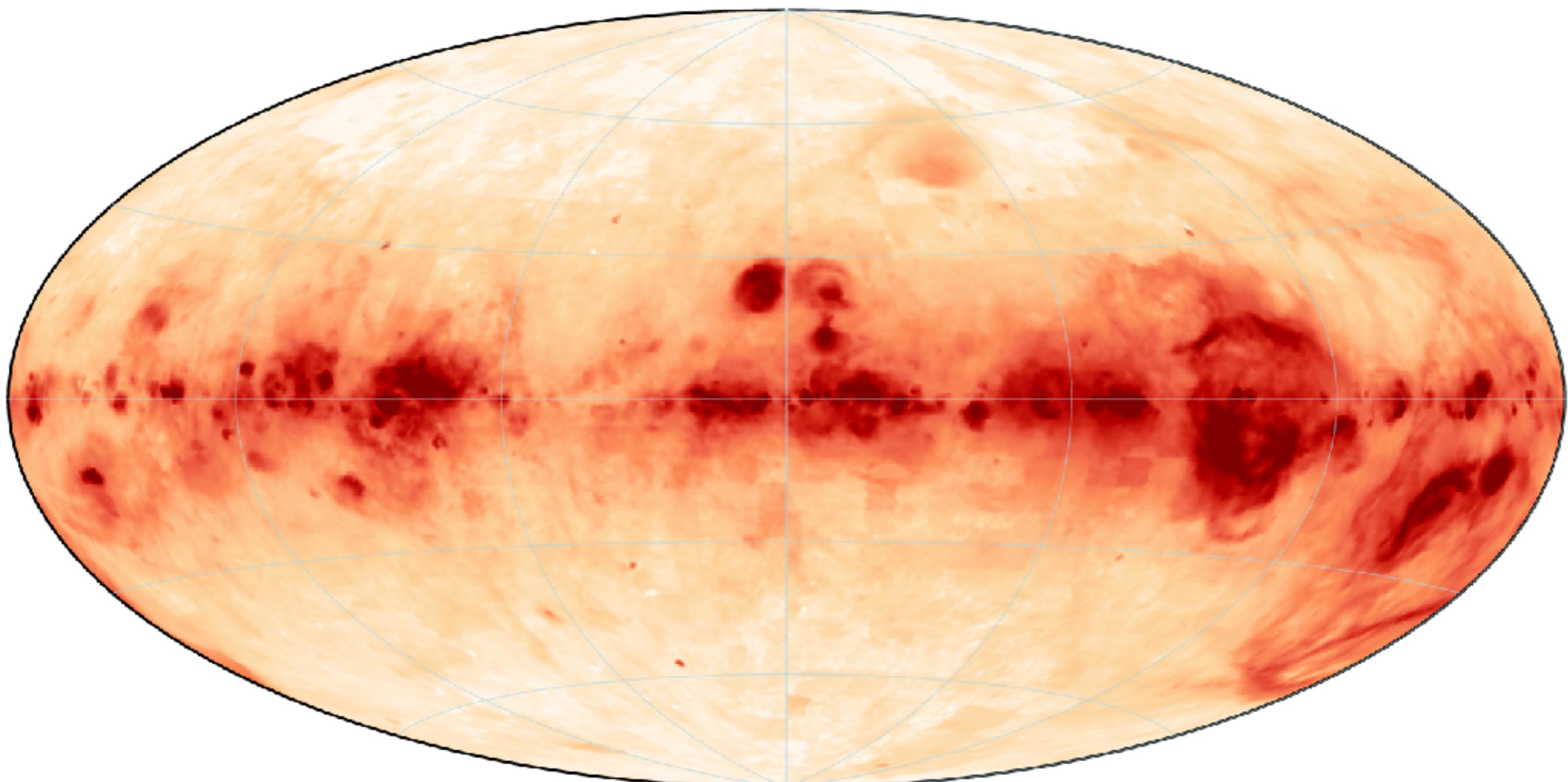
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Wisconsin H-Alpha Mapper Sky Survey

Integrated Intensity ( $-80 \text{ km s}^{-1} < v_{\text{LSR}} < +80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )



$\Delta\ell = 60^\circ$   
 $\Delta b = 30^\circ$

$\ell = 0^\circ$

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<http://www.astro.wisc.edu/wham/>

