

AM³: An Open-Source Tool for Time-Dependent Lepto-Hadronic Modeling of Astrophysical Sources

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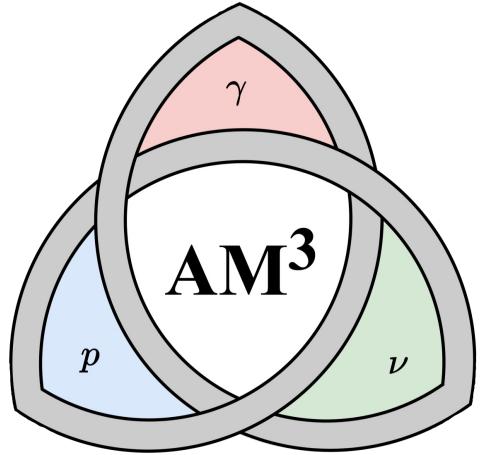
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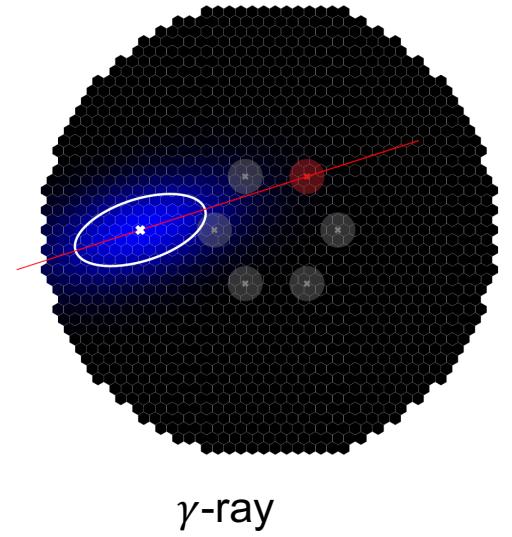
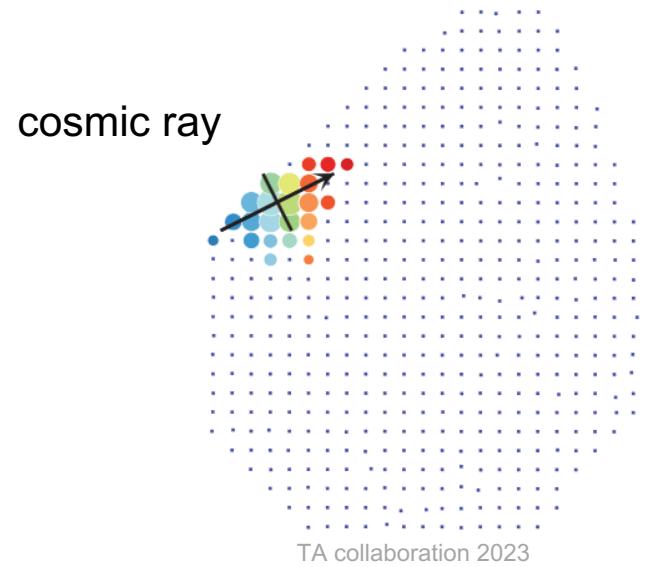
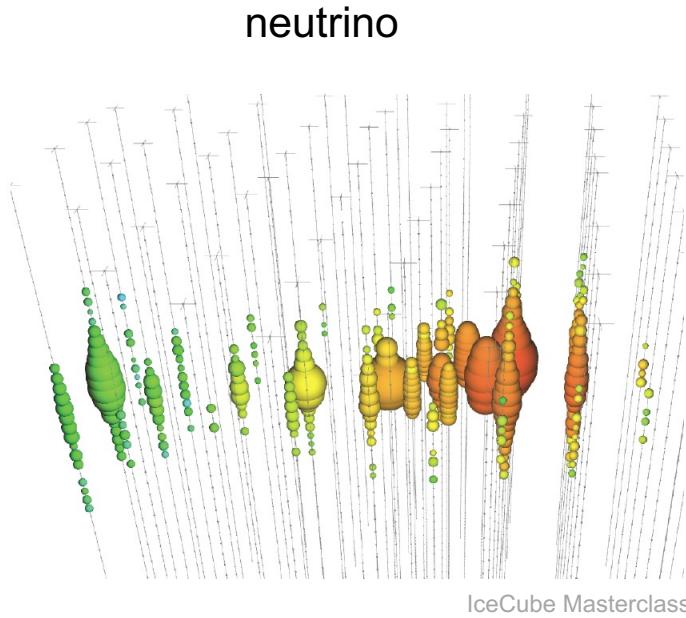


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Typical multi-messenger astrophysics challenge



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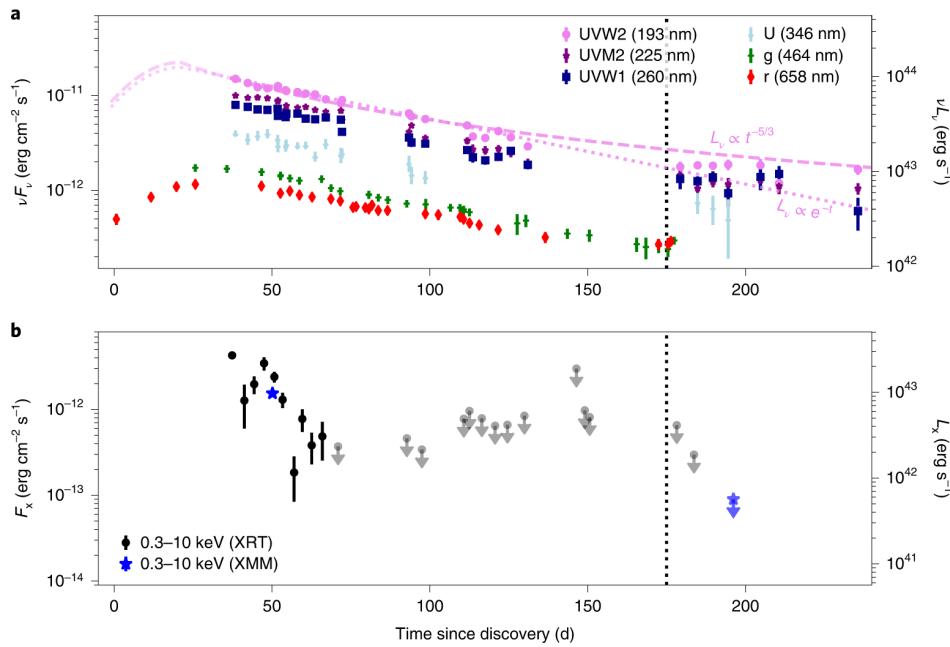
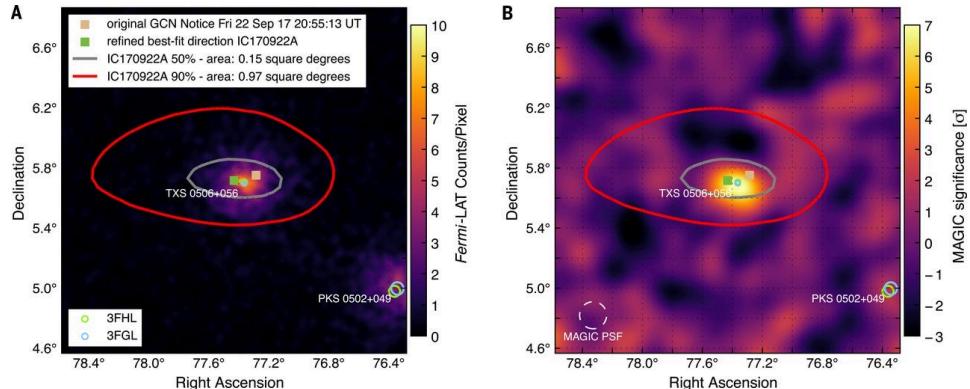
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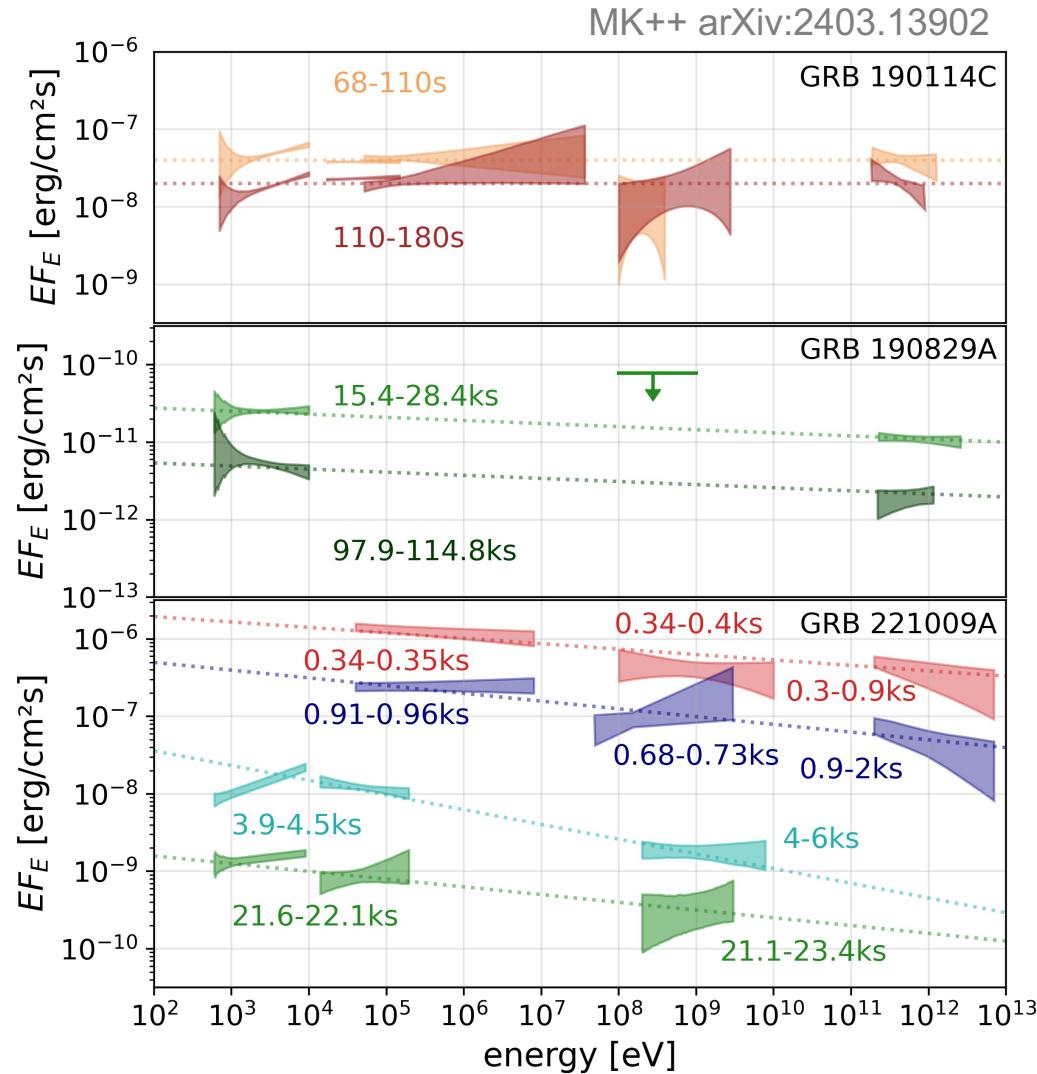
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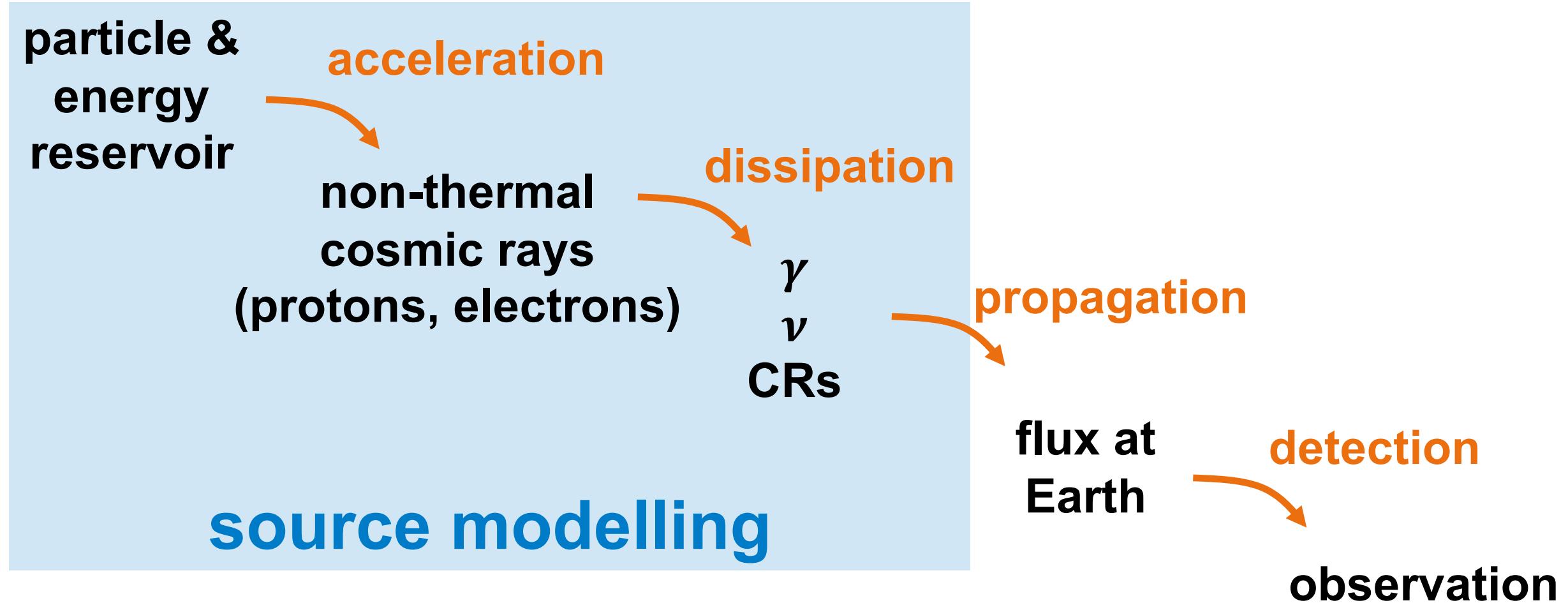
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multi-wavelength spectra
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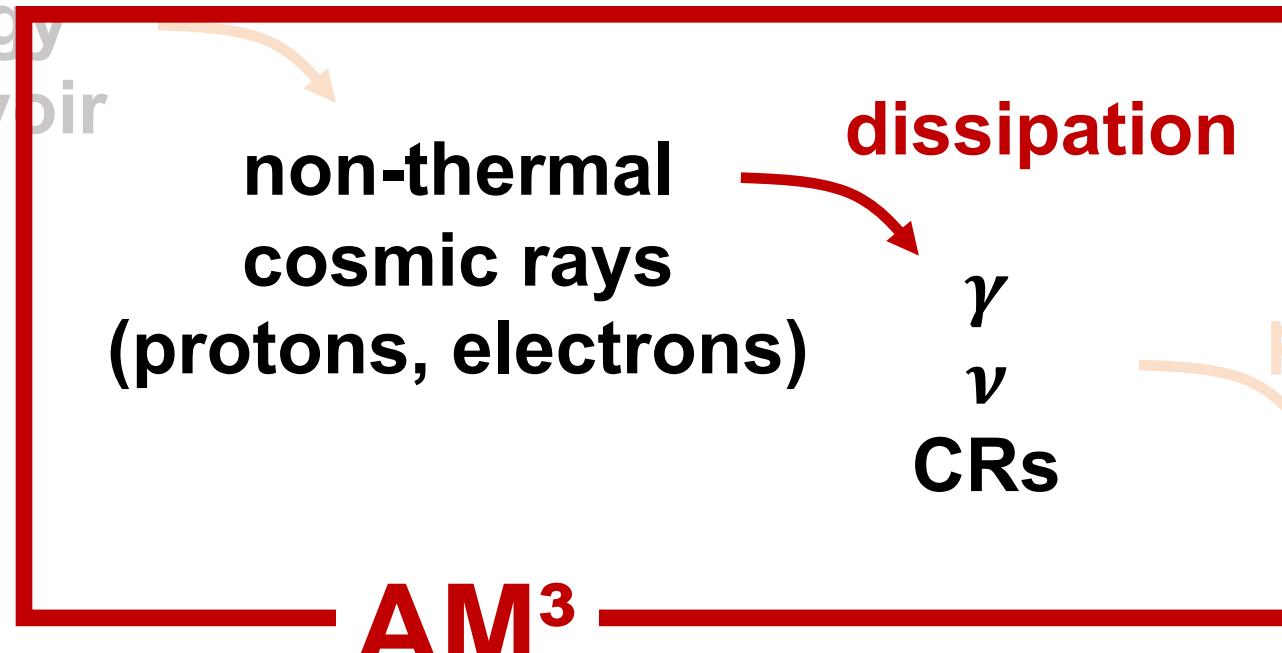
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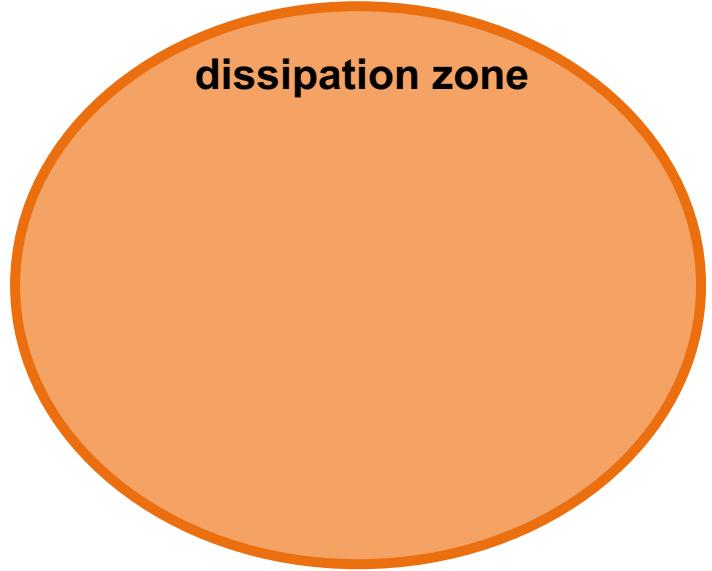
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Astrophysical Multi-Messenger Modeling

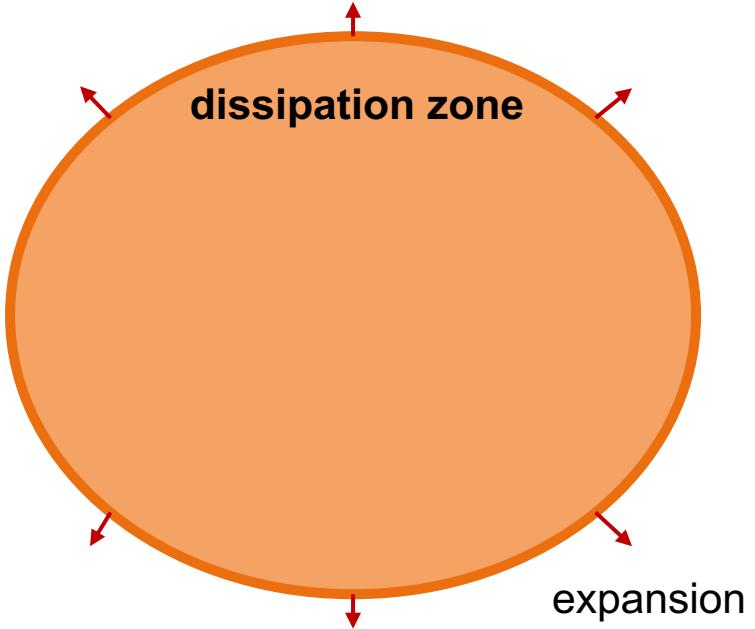
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- homogeneous/isotropic



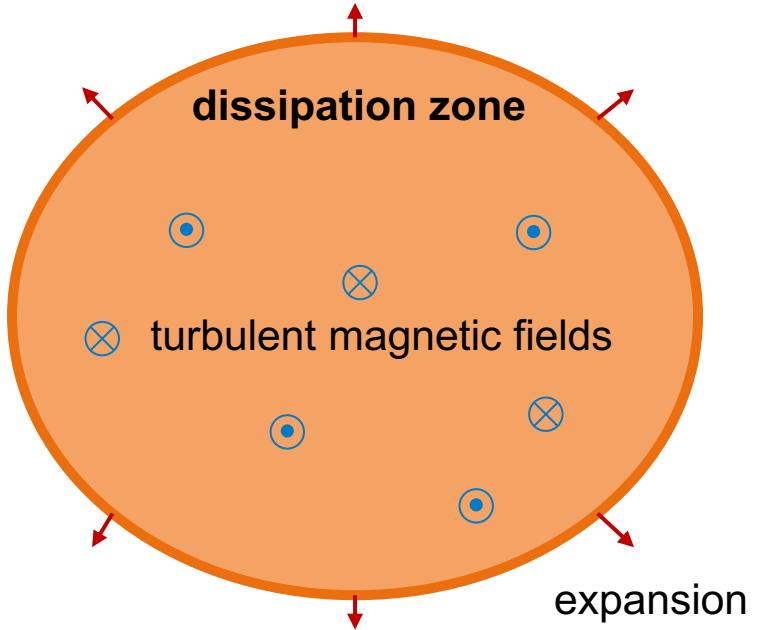
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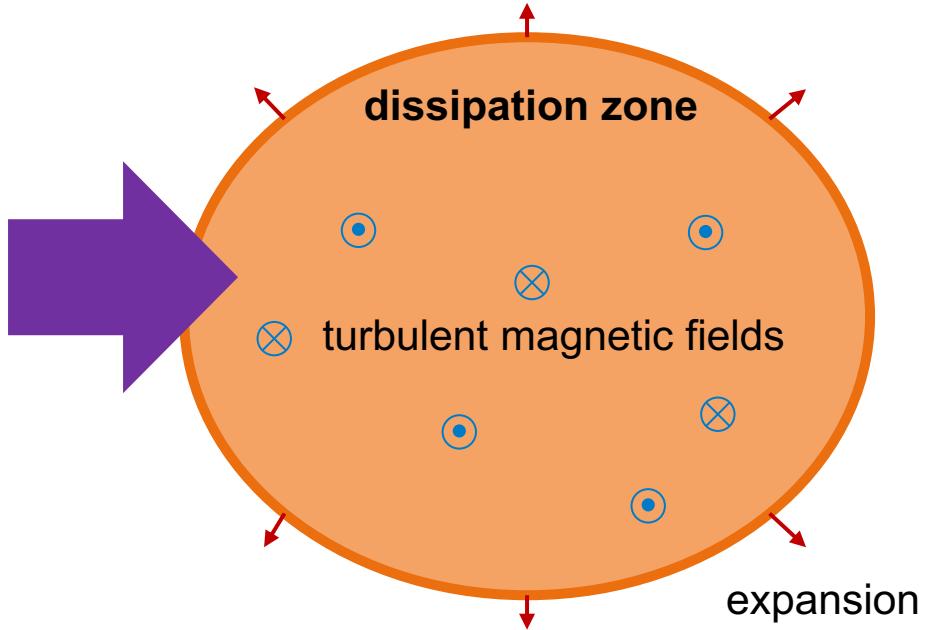
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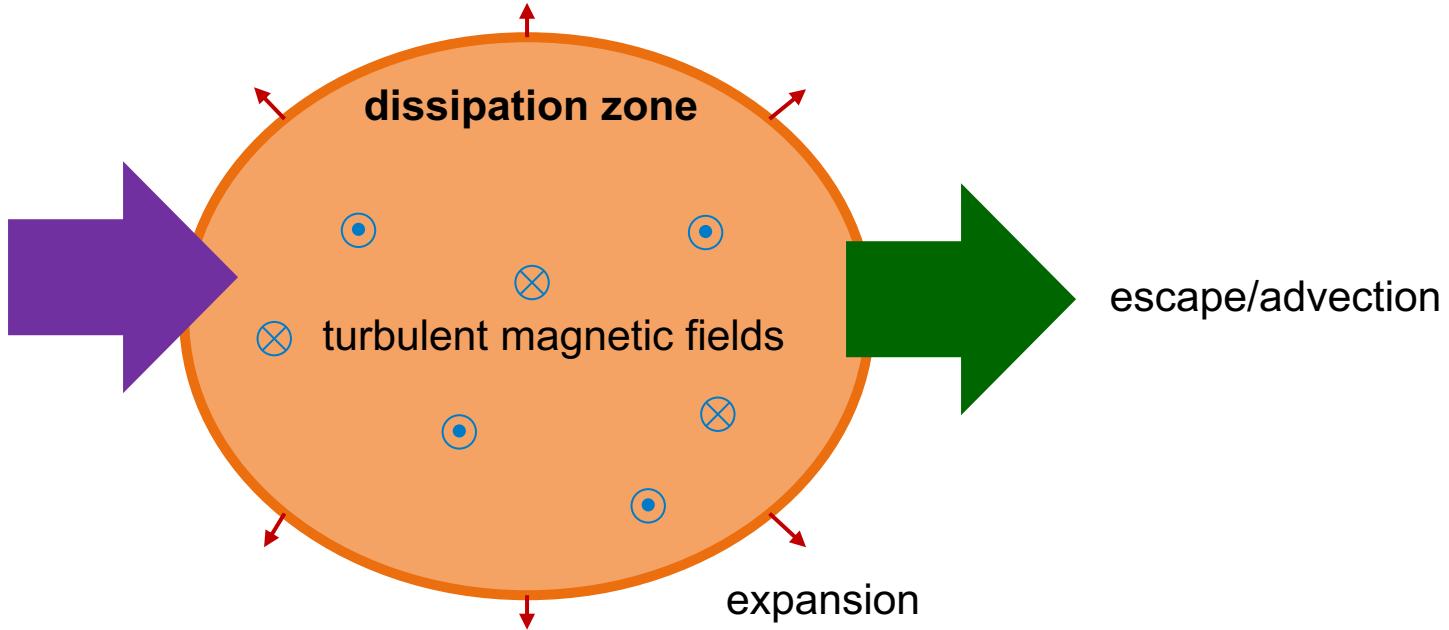
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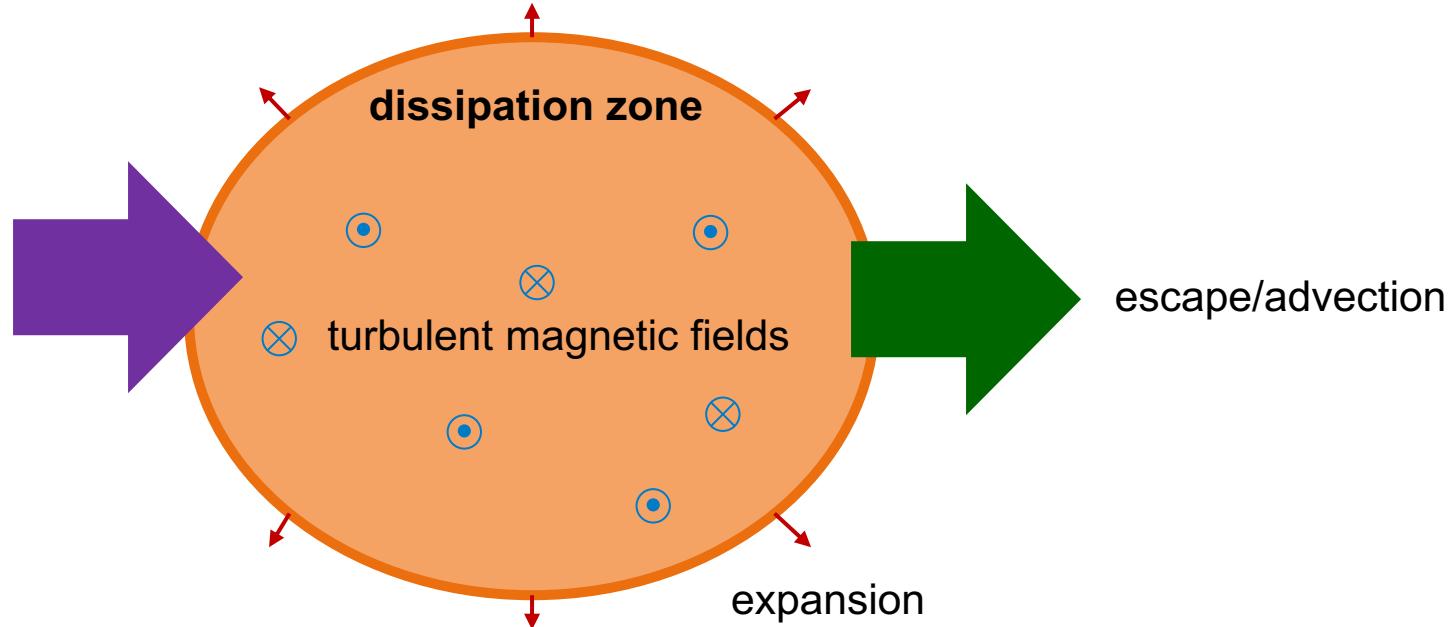
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→ solve transport eqs.

$$\partial_t n_i = Q + \partial_E (\dot{E} n_i) - \alpha n_i$$

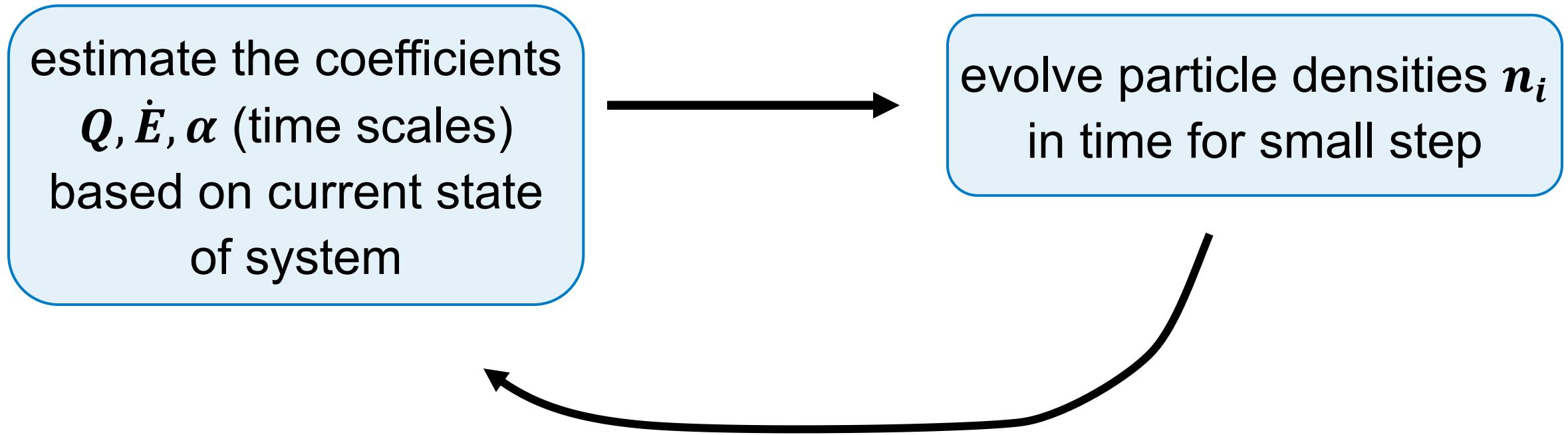
for species $i \in [p, n, e, \pi, \mu, \nu, \gamma]$

particle number density

$$n_i(E, t) = \frac{\partial^2 N_i}{\partial E \partial V}$$

depend in general on E, t, n_j

The workflow



The workflow

estimate the coefficients
 Q, \dot{E}, α (time scales)
based on current state
of system

evolve particle densities n_i
in time for small step

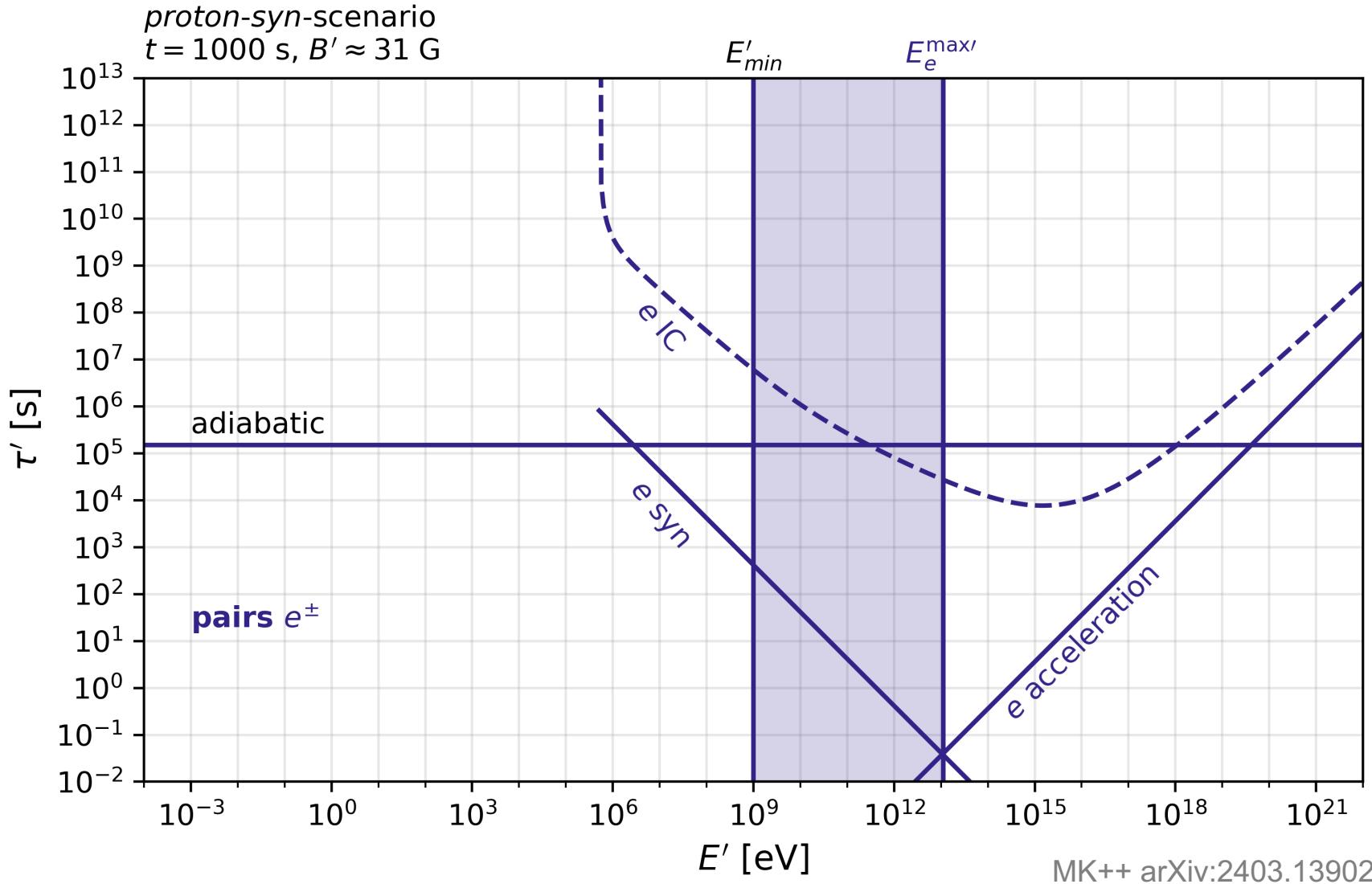


Estimate the coefficients

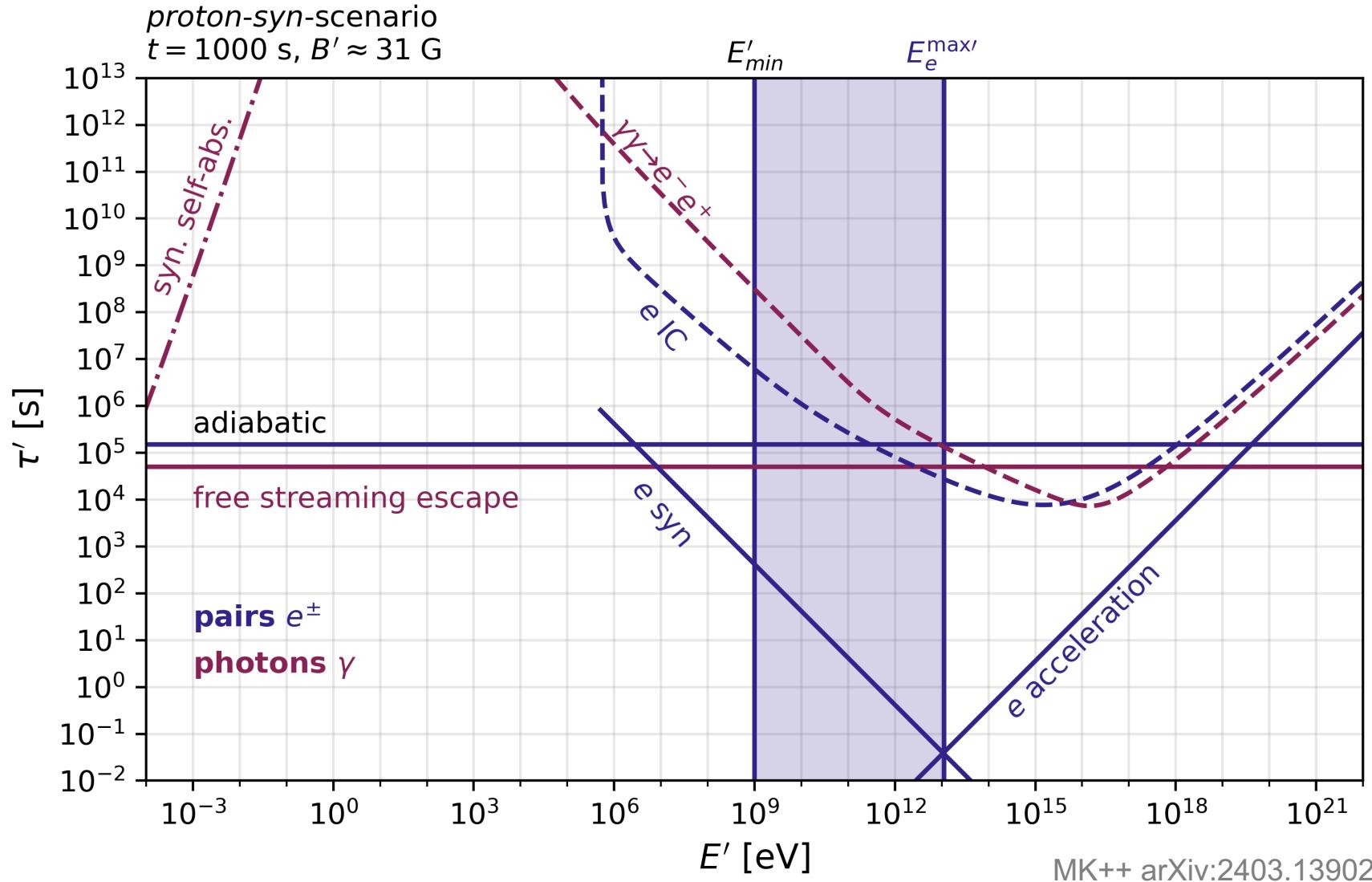
	e^-	e^+	γ	n	p	ν	μ^\pm	π^\pm
Injection	$Q_{e^-, \text{inj}}$	—	$Q_{\gamma, \text{inj}}$	—	$Q_{p, \text{inj}}$	—	—	—
Escape	$\alpha_{e^-, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{e^+, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{n, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{p, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{\nu, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{\mu, \text{esc}}$	$\alpha_{\pi, \text{esc}}$
Synchrotron	$\dot{E}_{e^-, \text{SY}}$	$\dot{E}_{e^+, \text{SY}}$	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{SY}}, Q_{\gamma, \text{SY}}$	—	$\dot{E}_{p, \text{SY}}$	—	$\dot{E}_{\mu, \text{SY}}$	$\dot{E}_{\pi, \text{SY}}$
Inverse Compton	$\dot{E}_{e^-, \text{IC}}$	$\dot{E}_{e^+, \text{IC}}$	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{IC}}, Q_{\gamma, \text{IC}}$	—	$\dot{E}_{p, \text{IC}}$	—	$\dot{E}_{\mu, \text{IC}}$	$\dot{E}_{\pi, \text{IC}}$
Pair annihilation	$Q_{e^-, \text{pair}}$	$Q_{e^+, \text{pair}}$	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{pair}}$	—	—	—	—	—
Bethe-Heitler	$Q_{e^-, \text{BH}}$	$Q_{e^+, \text{BH}}$	—	—	$\dot{E}_{p, \text{BH}}$	—	—	—
Photo-pion	—	—	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{p}\gamma}, Q_{\gamma, \text{p}\gamma}$	$\alpha_{n, \text{p}\gamma}, Q_{n, \text{p}\gamma}$	$\alpha_{p, \text{p}\gamma}, Q_{p, \text{p}\gamma}$	—	—	$Q_{\pi, \text{p}\gamma}$
Proton-proton	—	—	$Q_{\gamma, \text{pp}}$	—	$\dot{E}_{p, \text{pp}}$	—	—	$Q_{\pi, \text{pp}}$
Adiabatic/Expansion	$\dot{E}_{e^-, \text{ad}}, \alpha_{e^-, \text{exp}}$	$\dot{E}_{e^+, \text{ad}}, \alpha_{e^+, \text{exp}}$	$\alpha_{\gamma, \text{exp}}$	$\dot{E}_{p, \text{ad}}, \alpha_{p, \text{exp}}$	$\alpha_{n, \text{exp}}$	$\alpha_{\nu, \text{exp}}$	$\dot{E}_{\mu, \text{ad}}, \alpha_{\mu, \text{exp}}$	$\dot{E}_{\pi, \text{ad}}, \alpha_{\pi, \text{exp}}$
Pion Decay	—	—	—	—	—	$Q_{\nu, \pi-\text{dec}}$	$Q_{\mu, \pi-\text{dec}}$	$\alpha_{\pi, \pi-\text{dec}}$
Muon Decay	$Q_{e^-, \mu-\text{dec}}$	$Q_{e^+, \mu-\text{dec}}$	—	—	—	$Q_{\nu, \mu-\text{dec}}$	$\alpha_{\mu, \mu-\text{dec}}$	—

→ see appendix of [arxiv:2312.13371](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.13371) for details

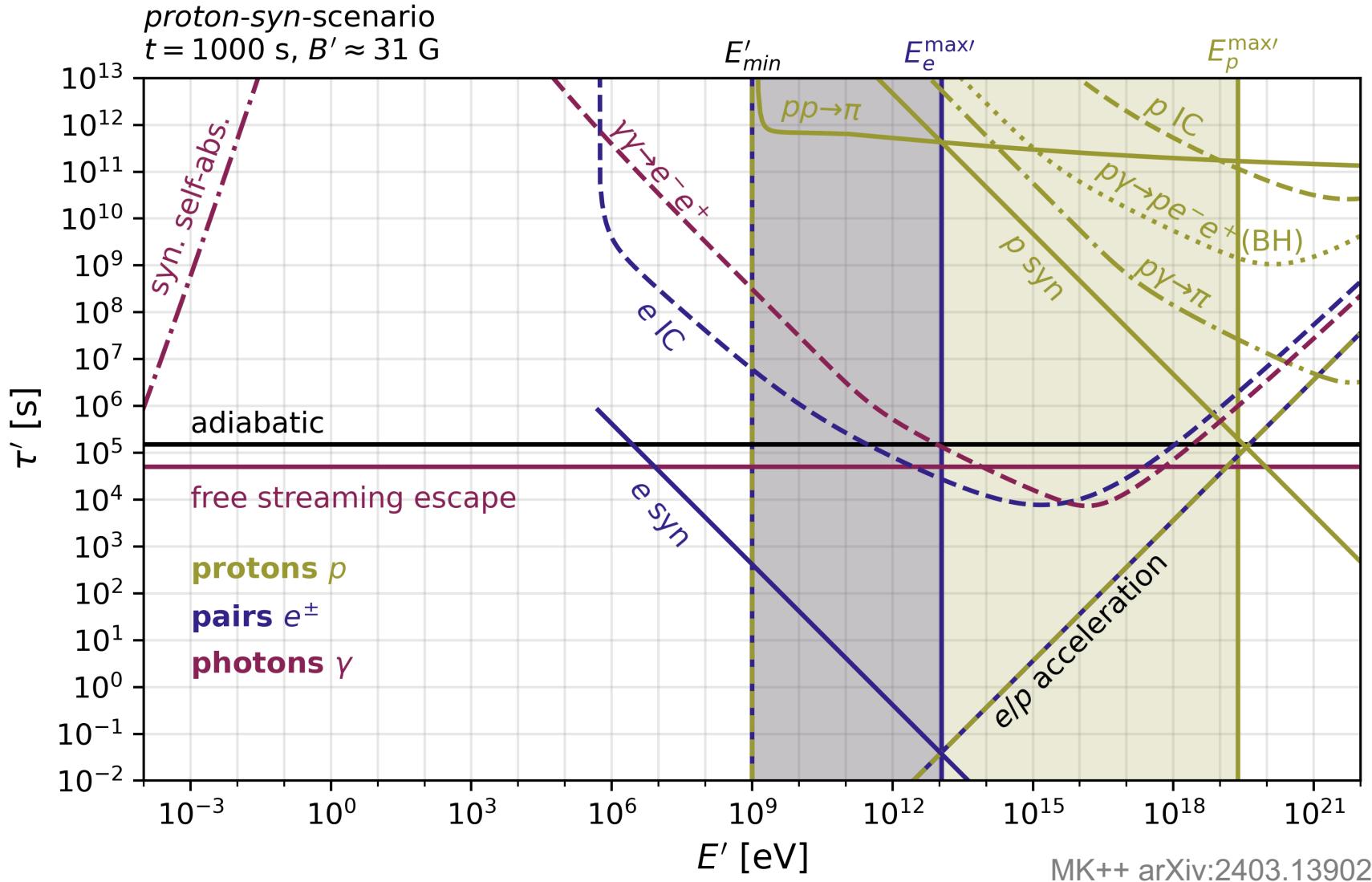
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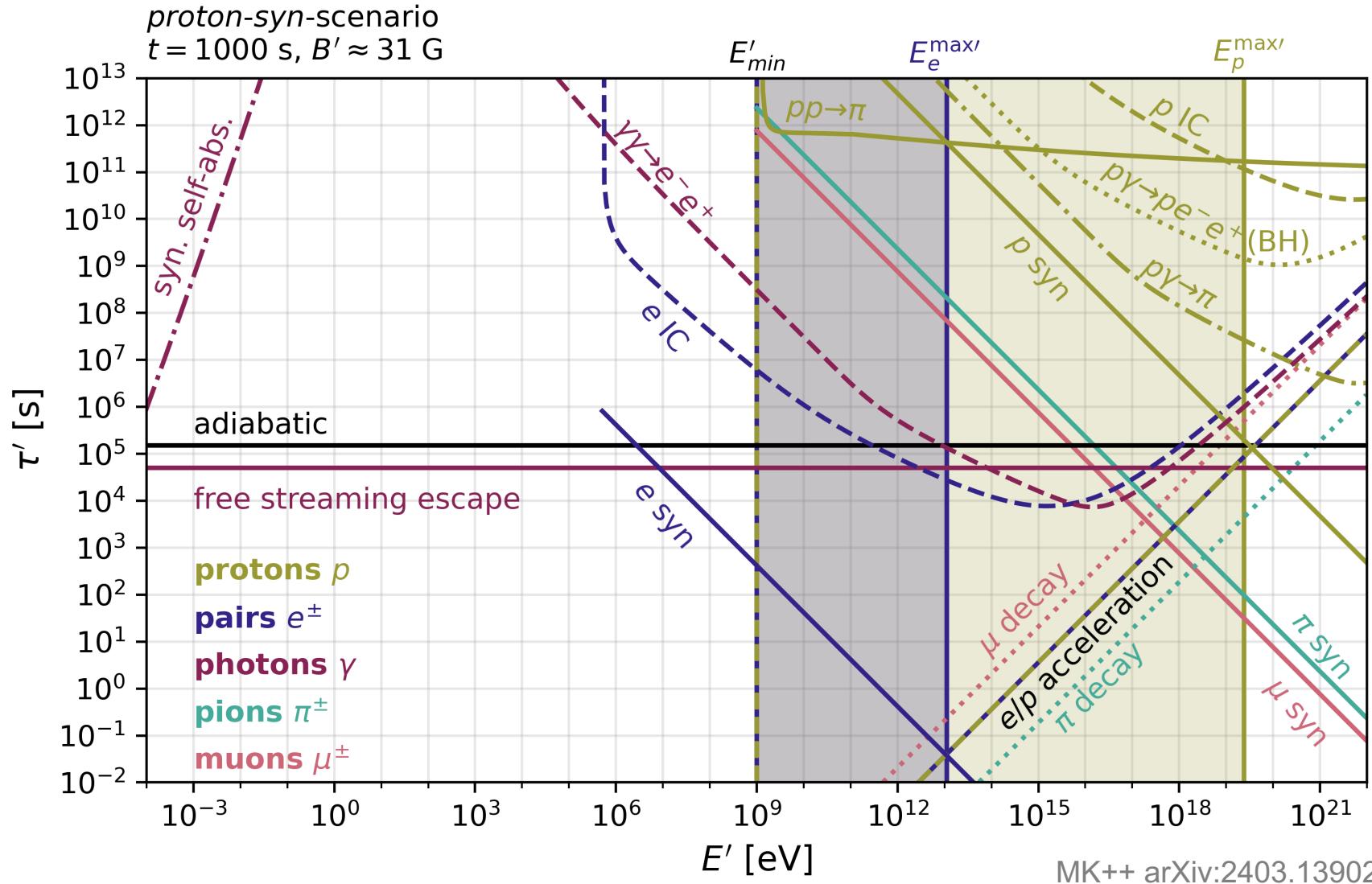
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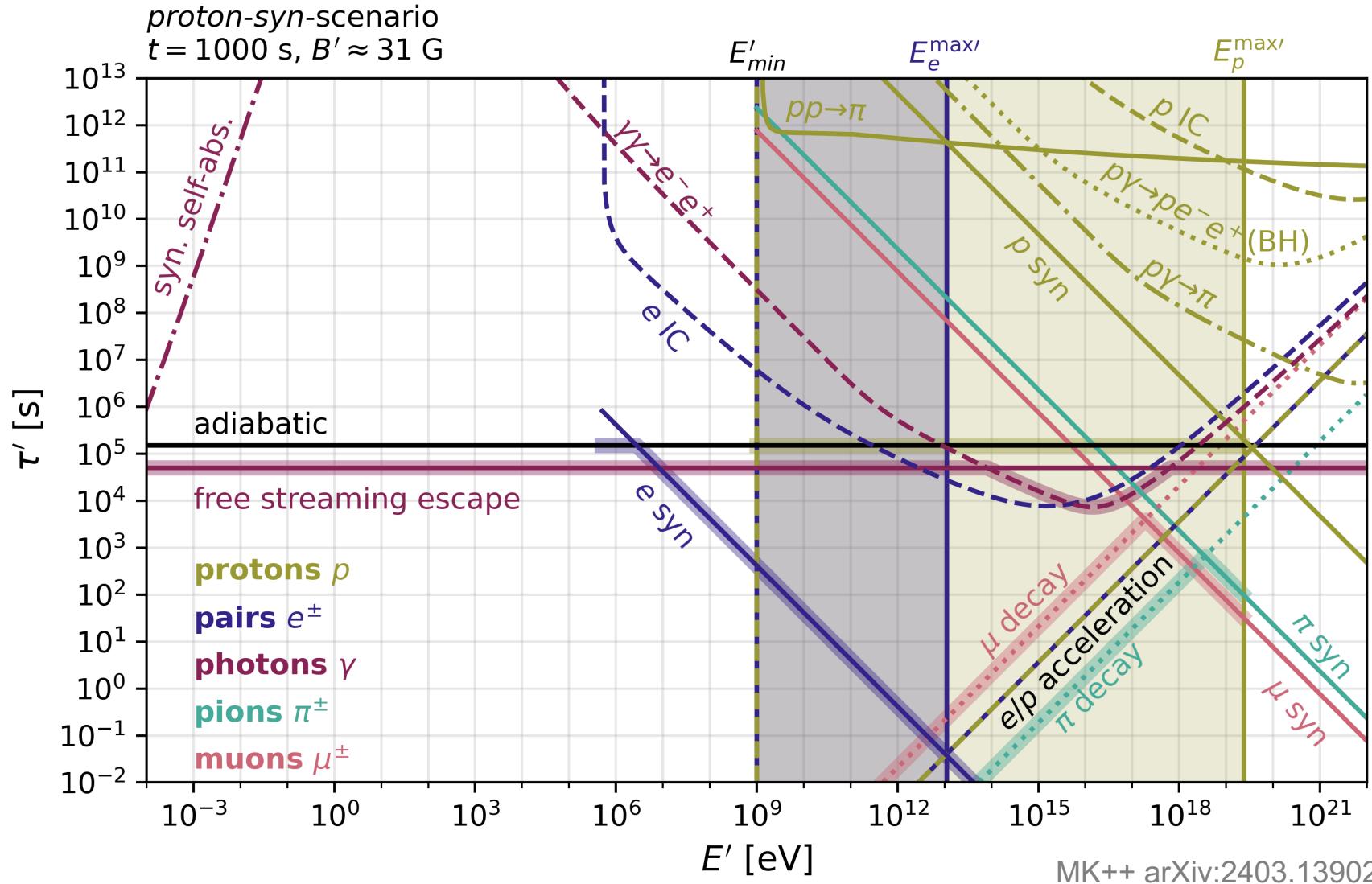
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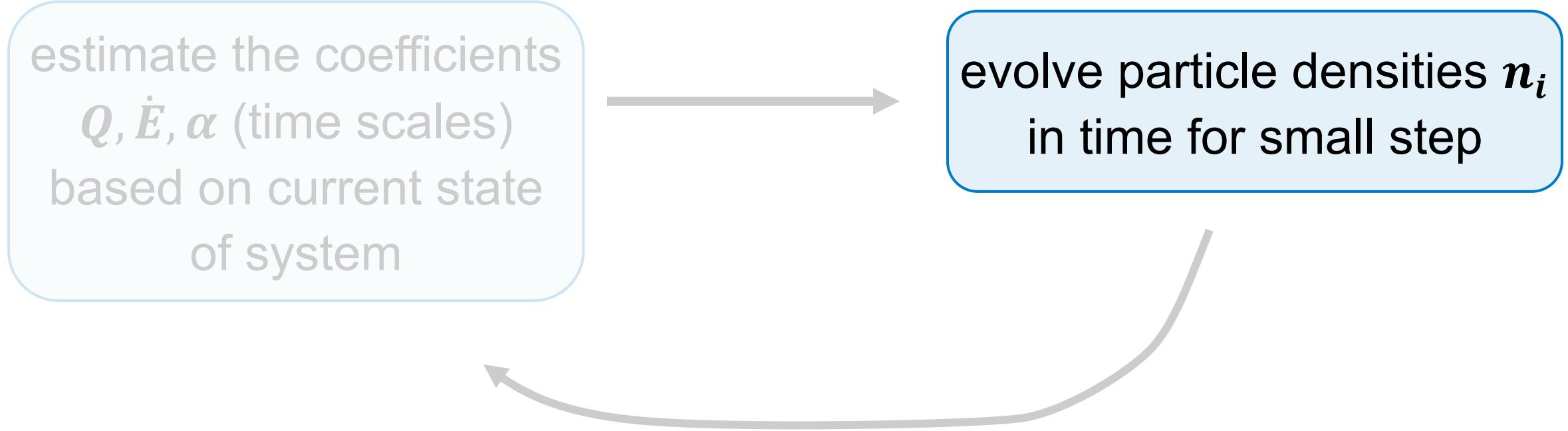
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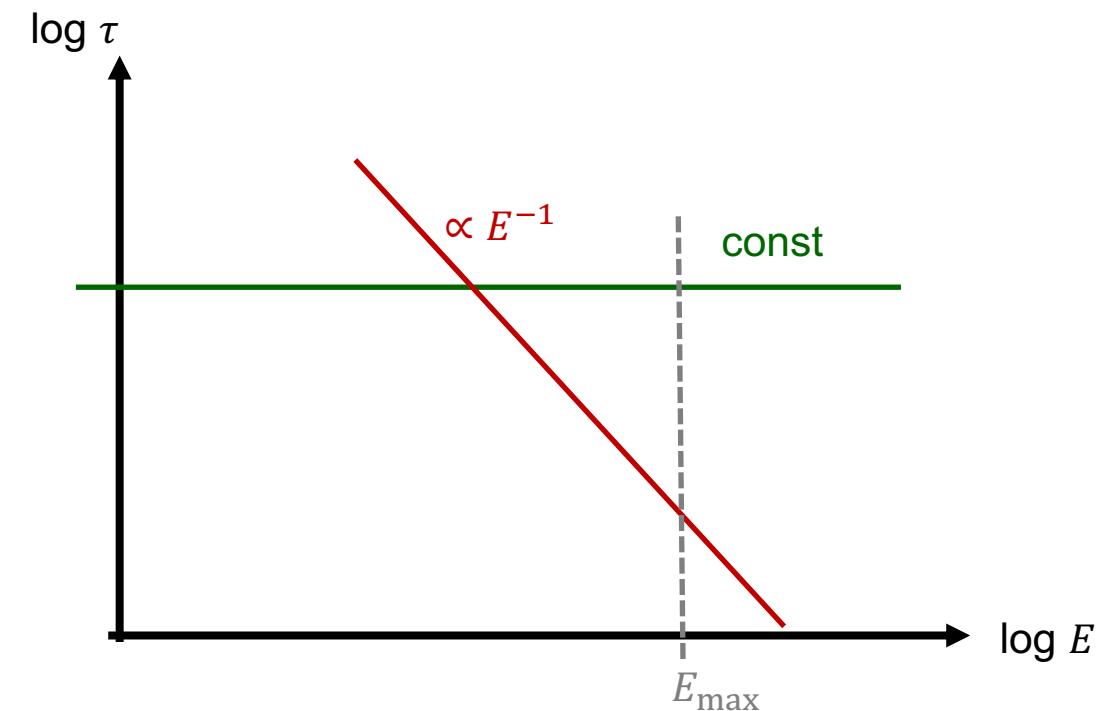
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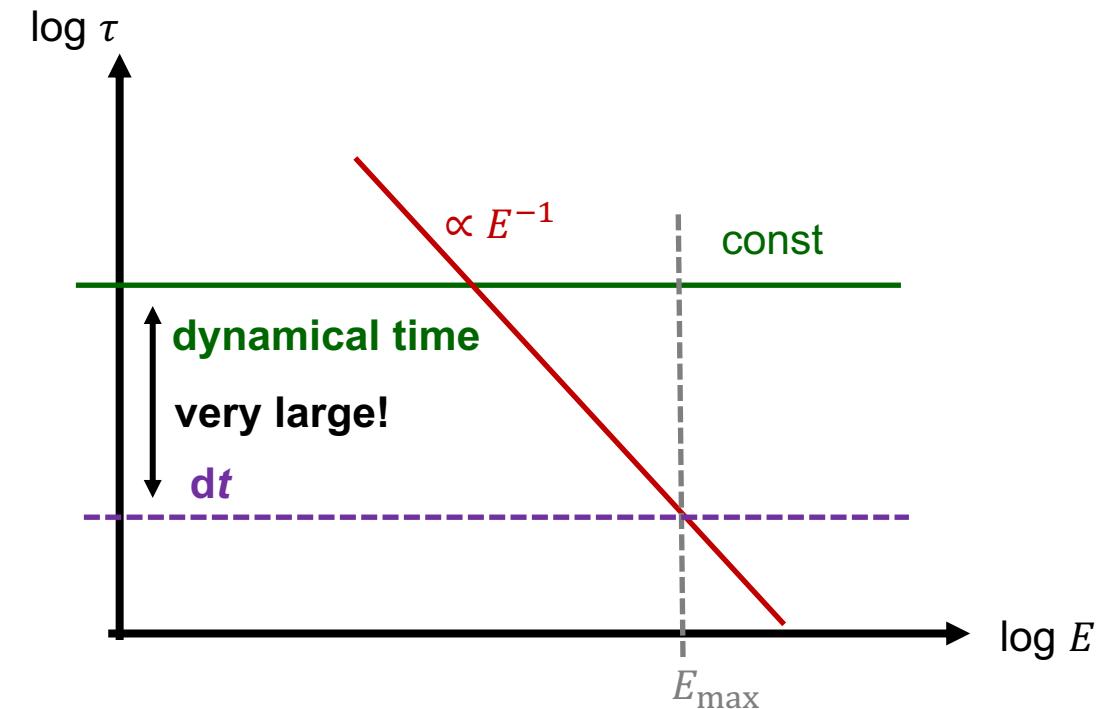
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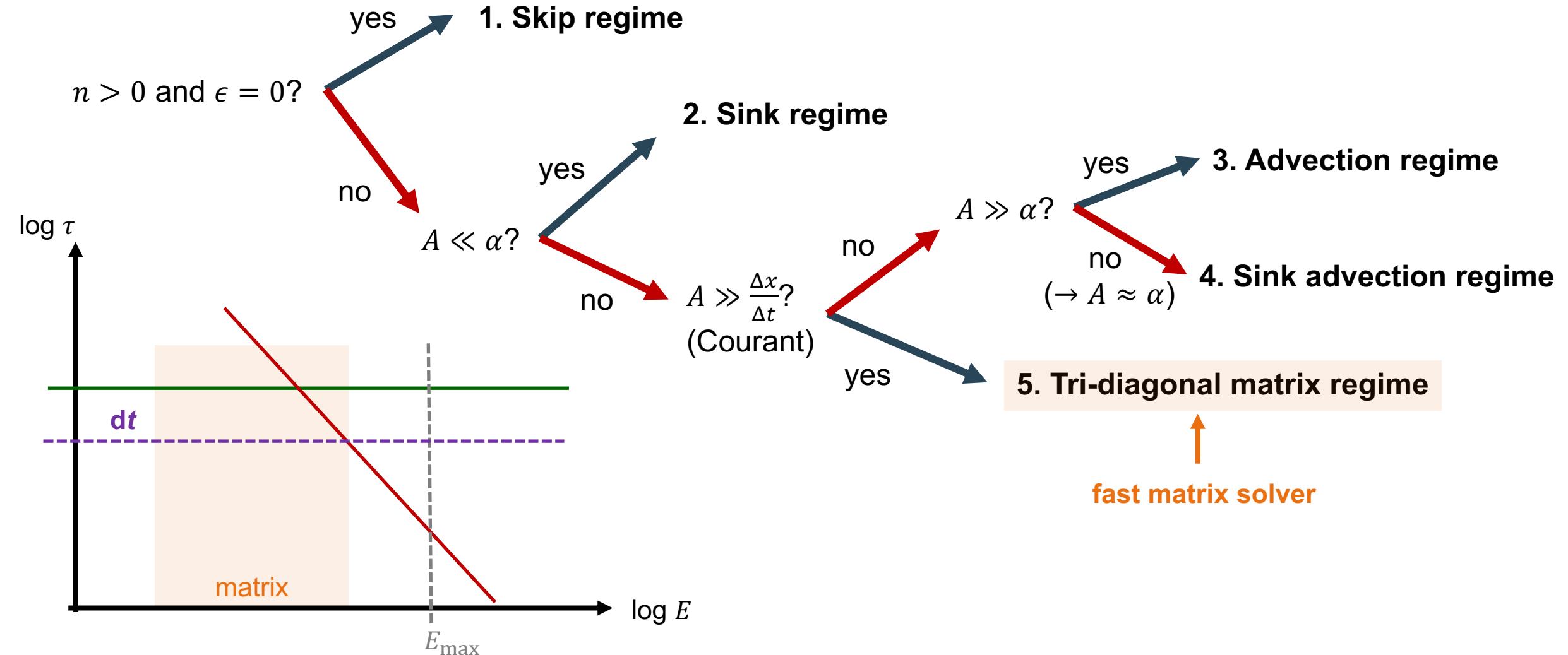
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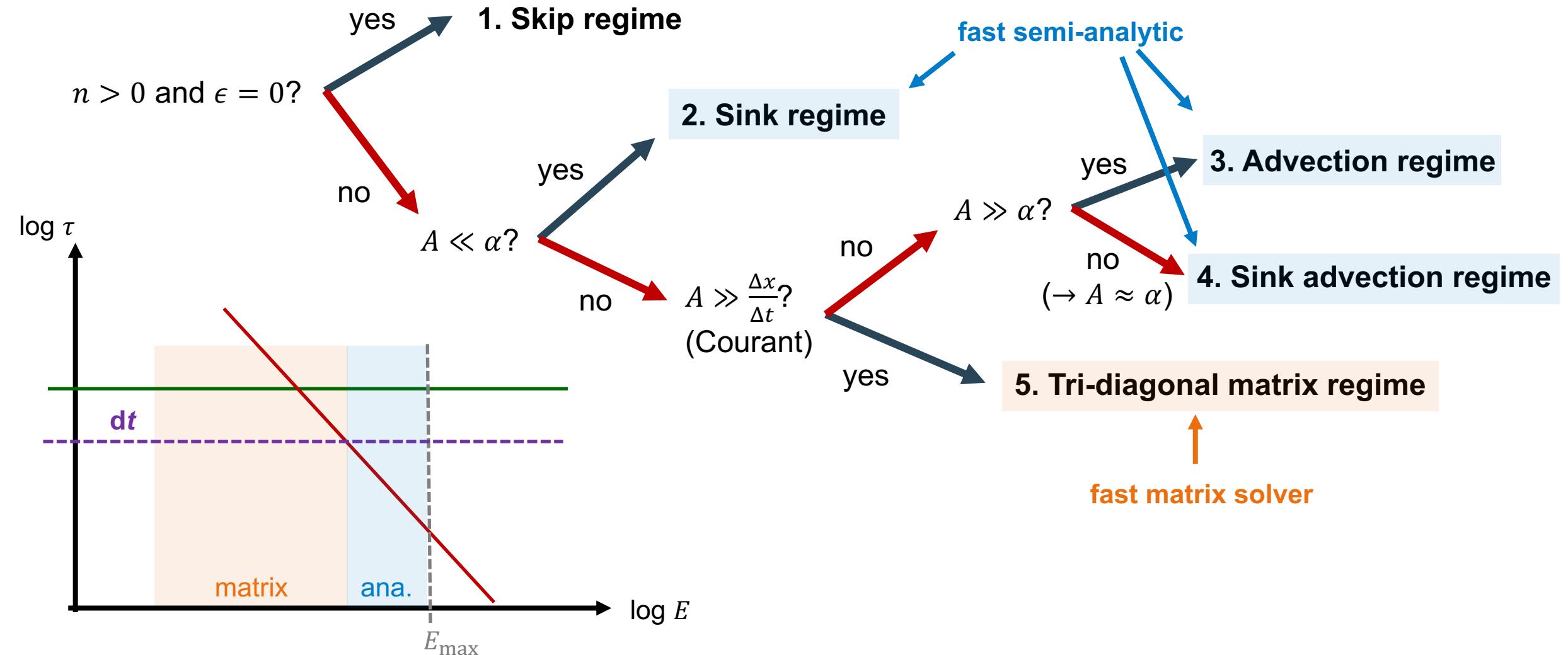
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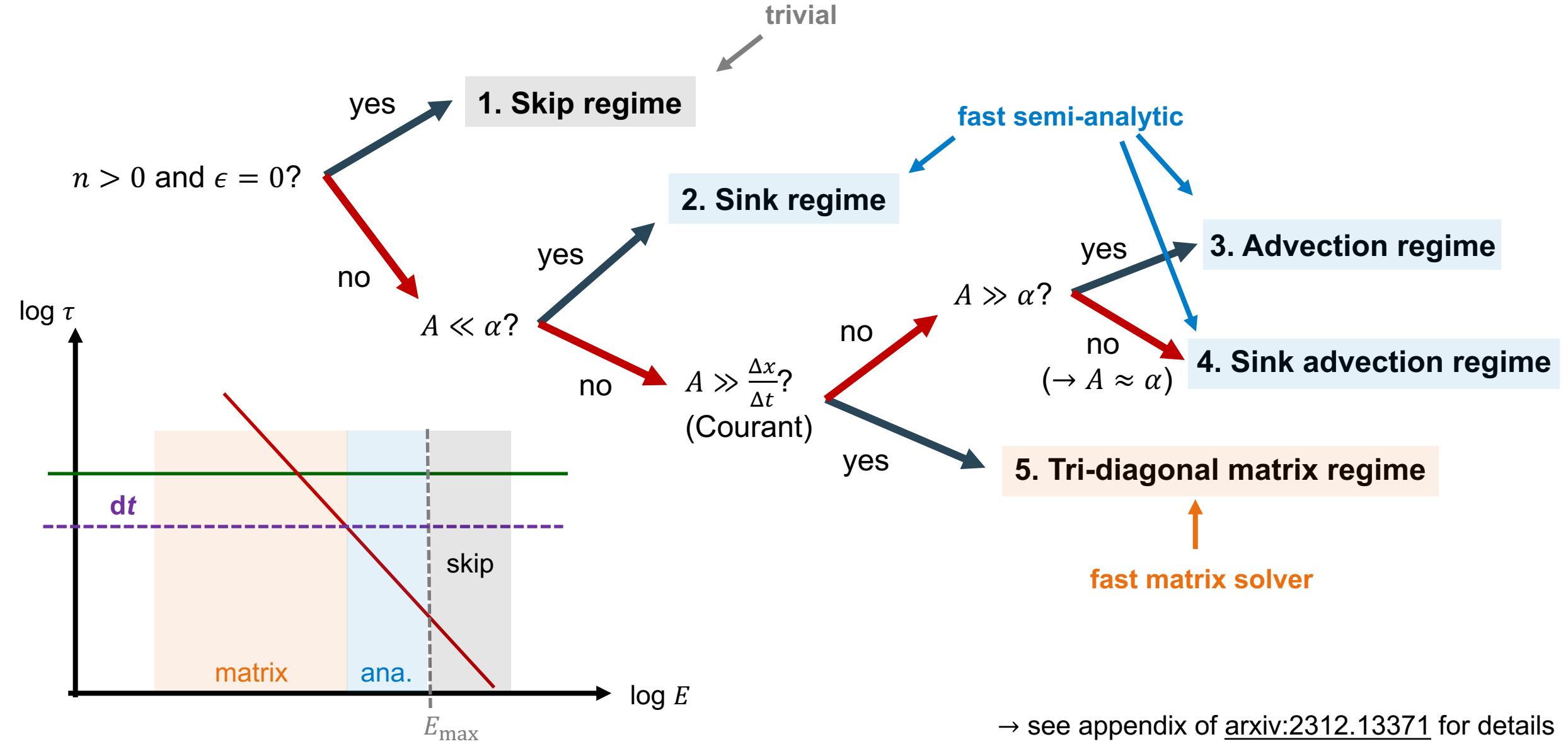
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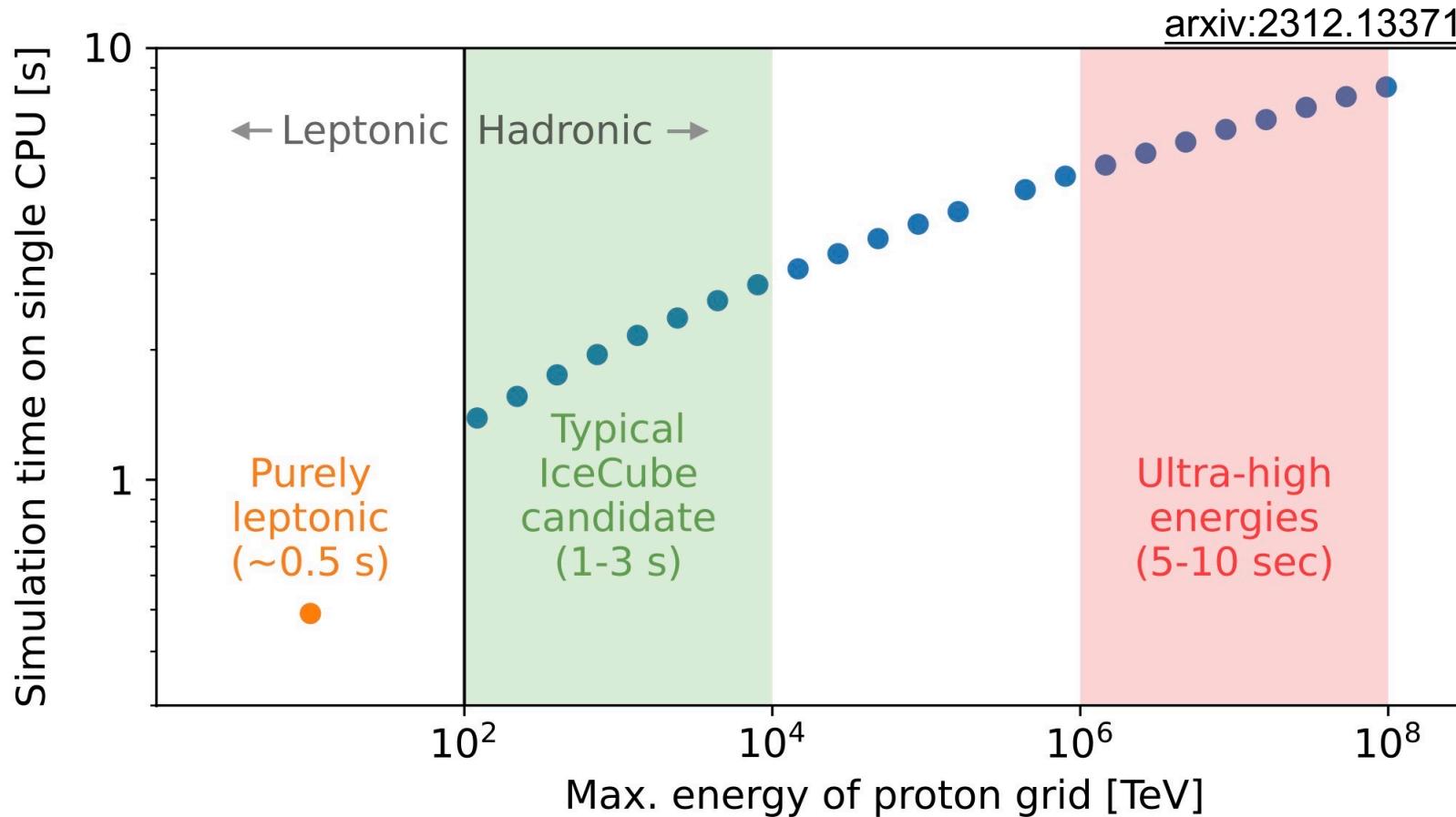


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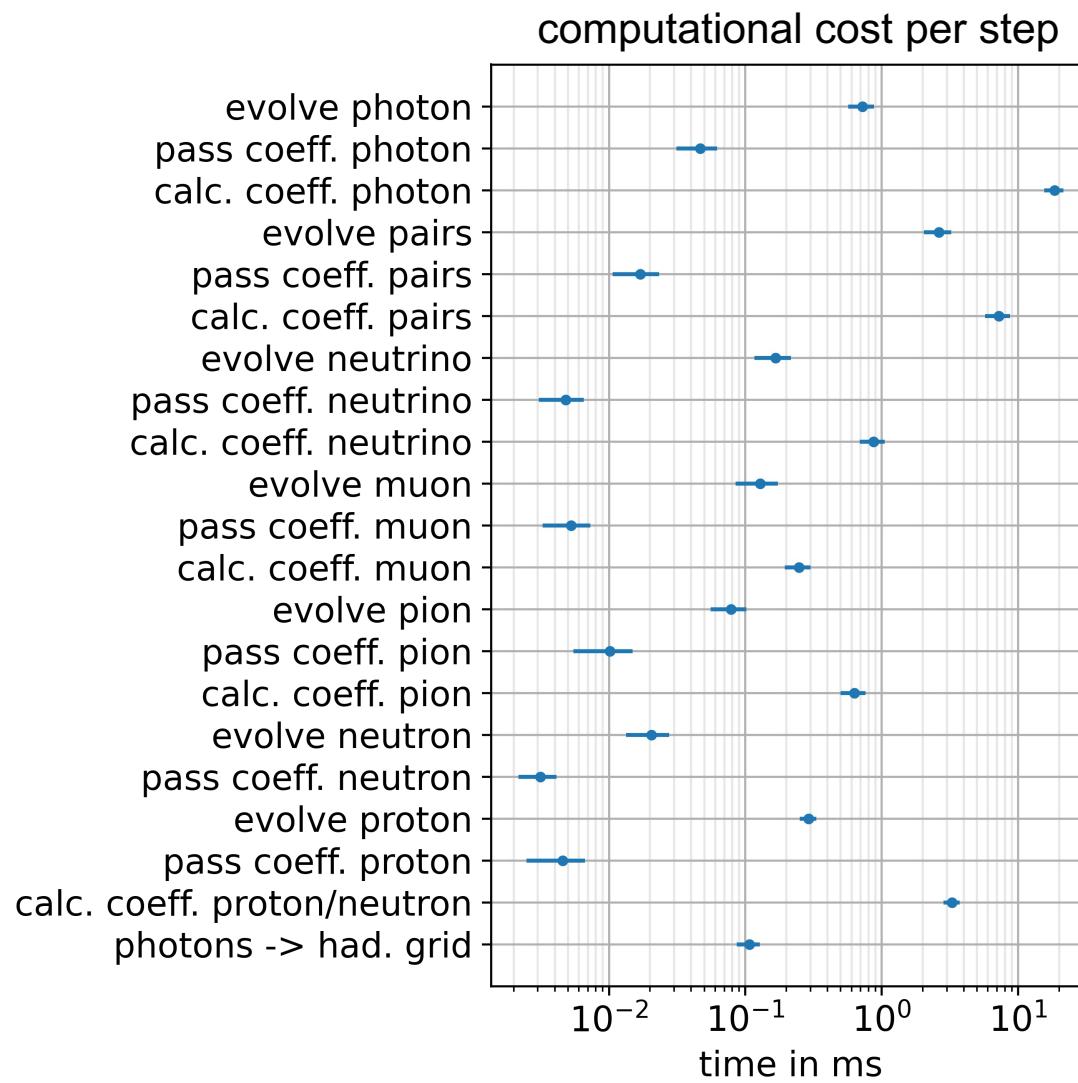
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- steady state in 1-10 seconds



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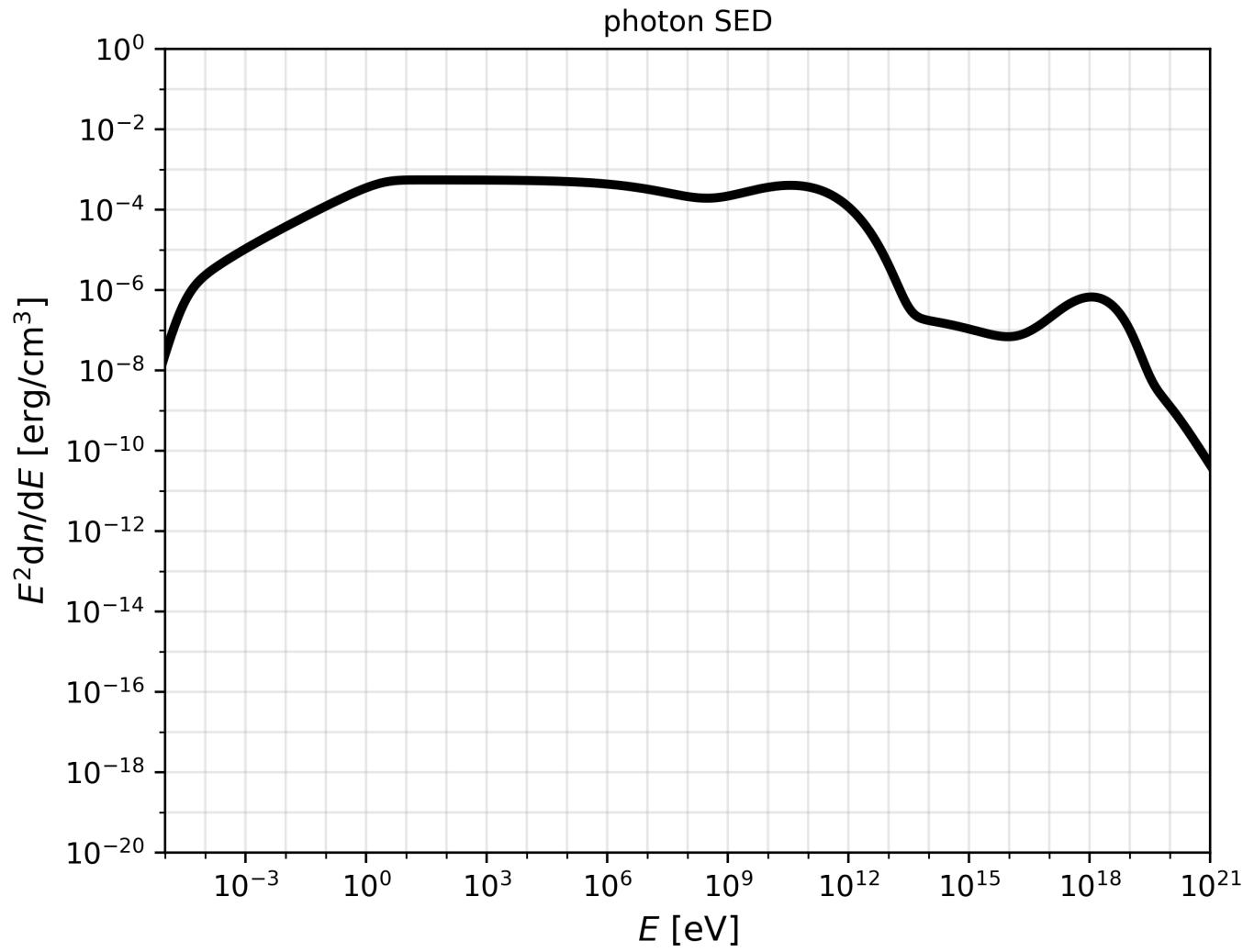
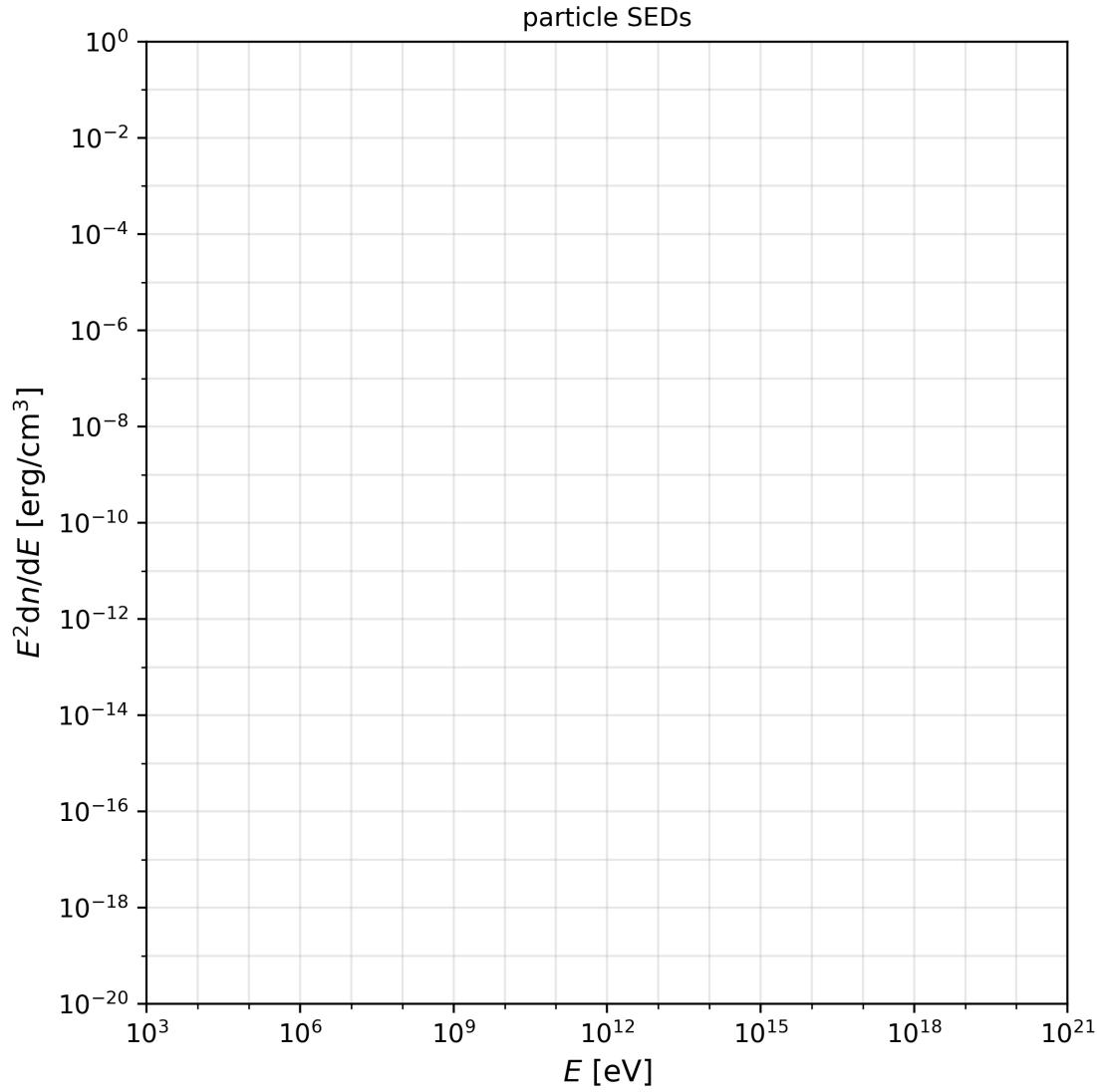
- steady state in 1-10 seconds
- speed optimizations:
 - pre-calculated/tabulated/simplified kernels (cut to relevant energy ranges)
 - ~40 switches allow to select for relevant processes
 - monitor computational cost
 - speed optimized solver
 - compiled (C++)
 - adjustable energy grid



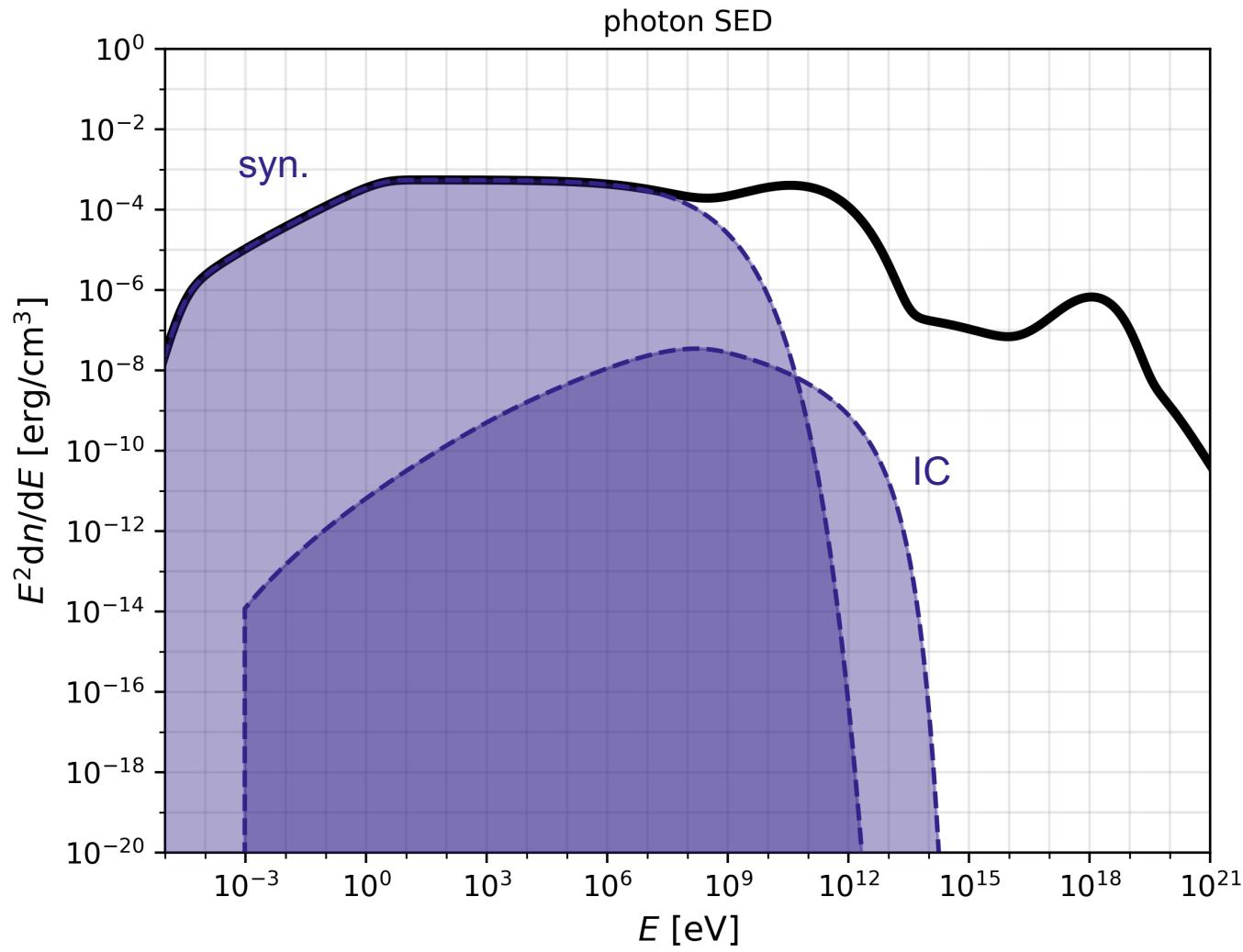
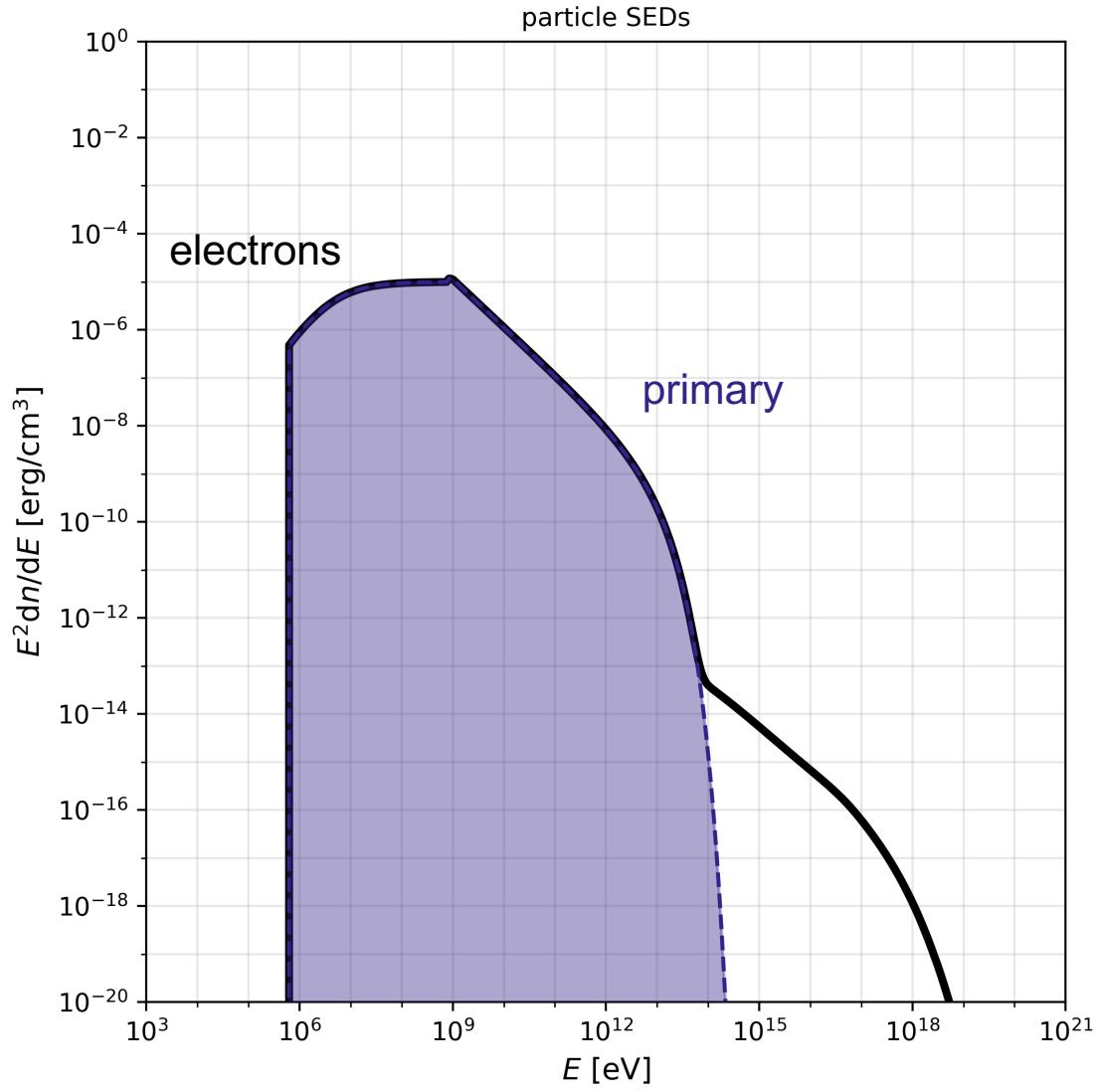
Trackable

- possibility to co-evolve components to track contributions
 - which components dominate photon spectra at which energies?
 - which neutrinos come from $p\bar{p}/p\gamma$?
 - which processes contribute how much to electrons/positrons?
- no real slow down
- great intuition!

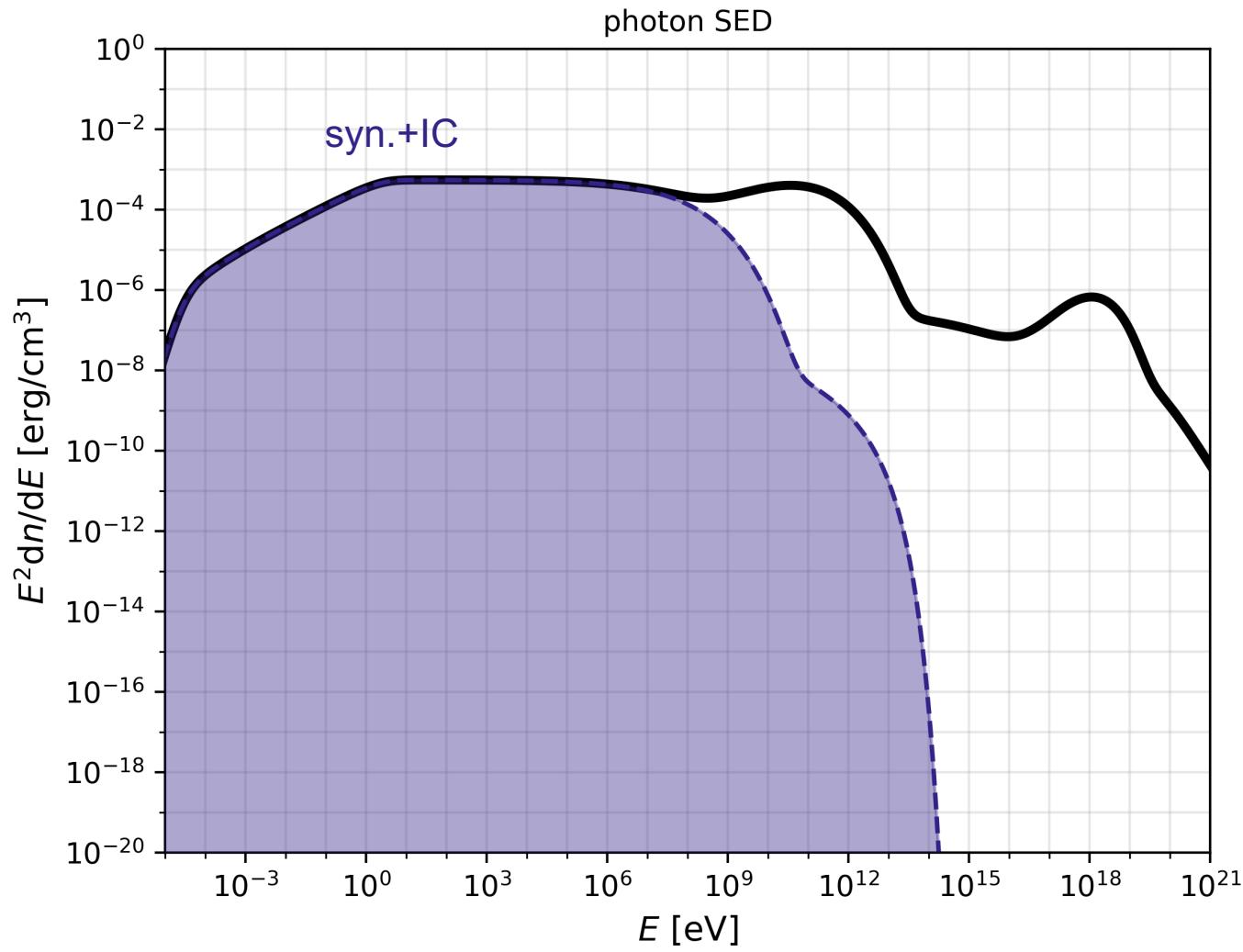
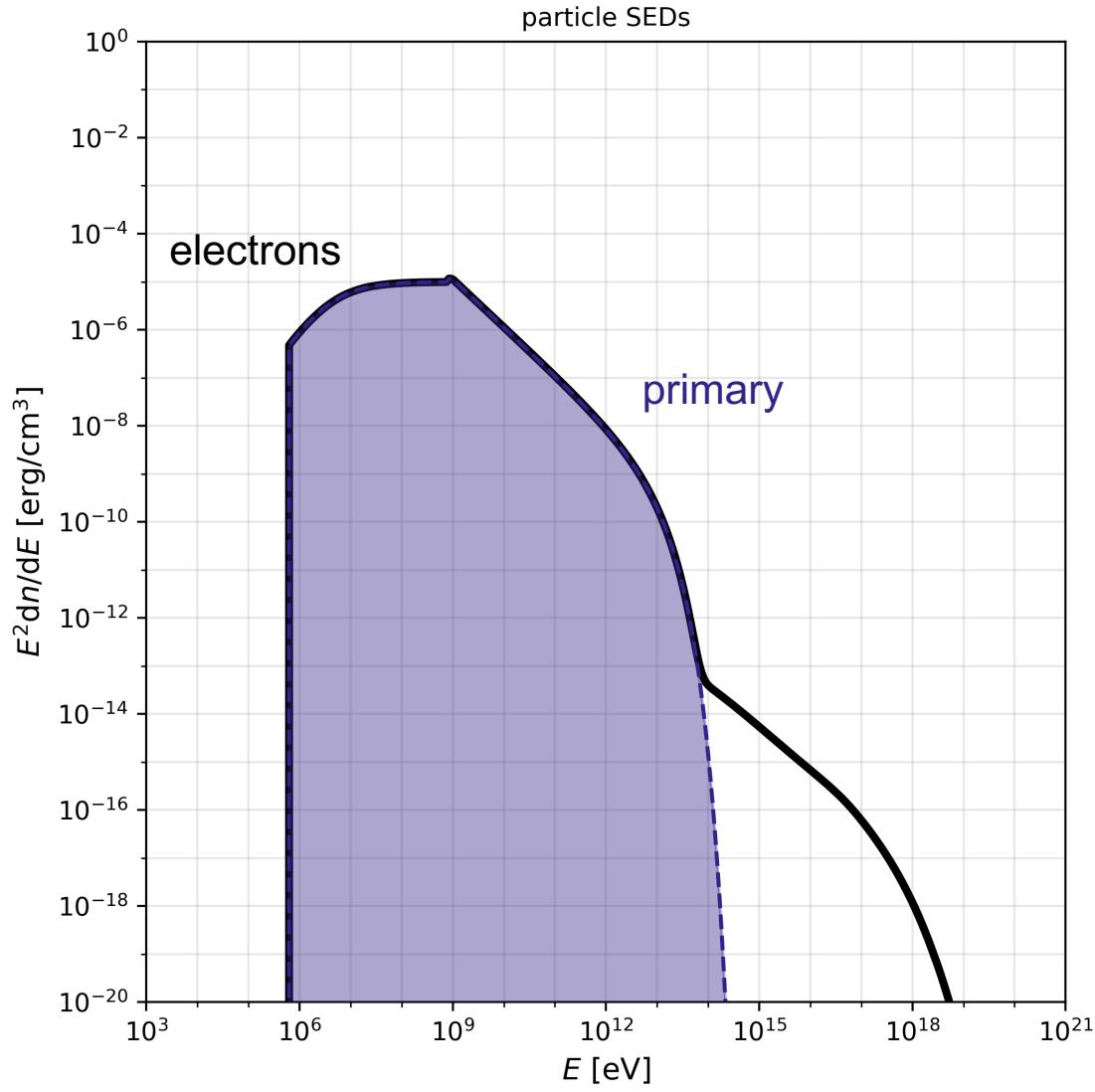
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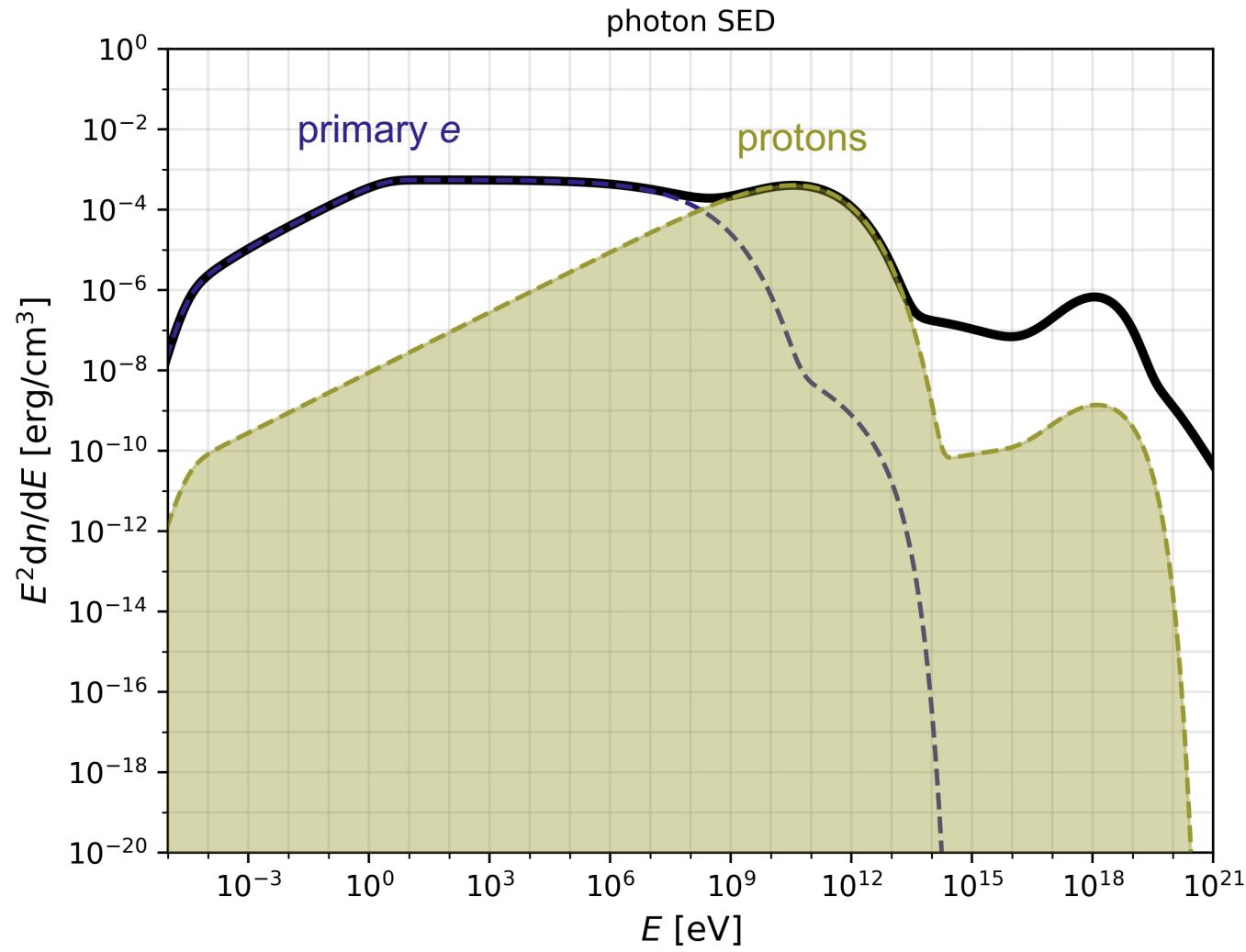
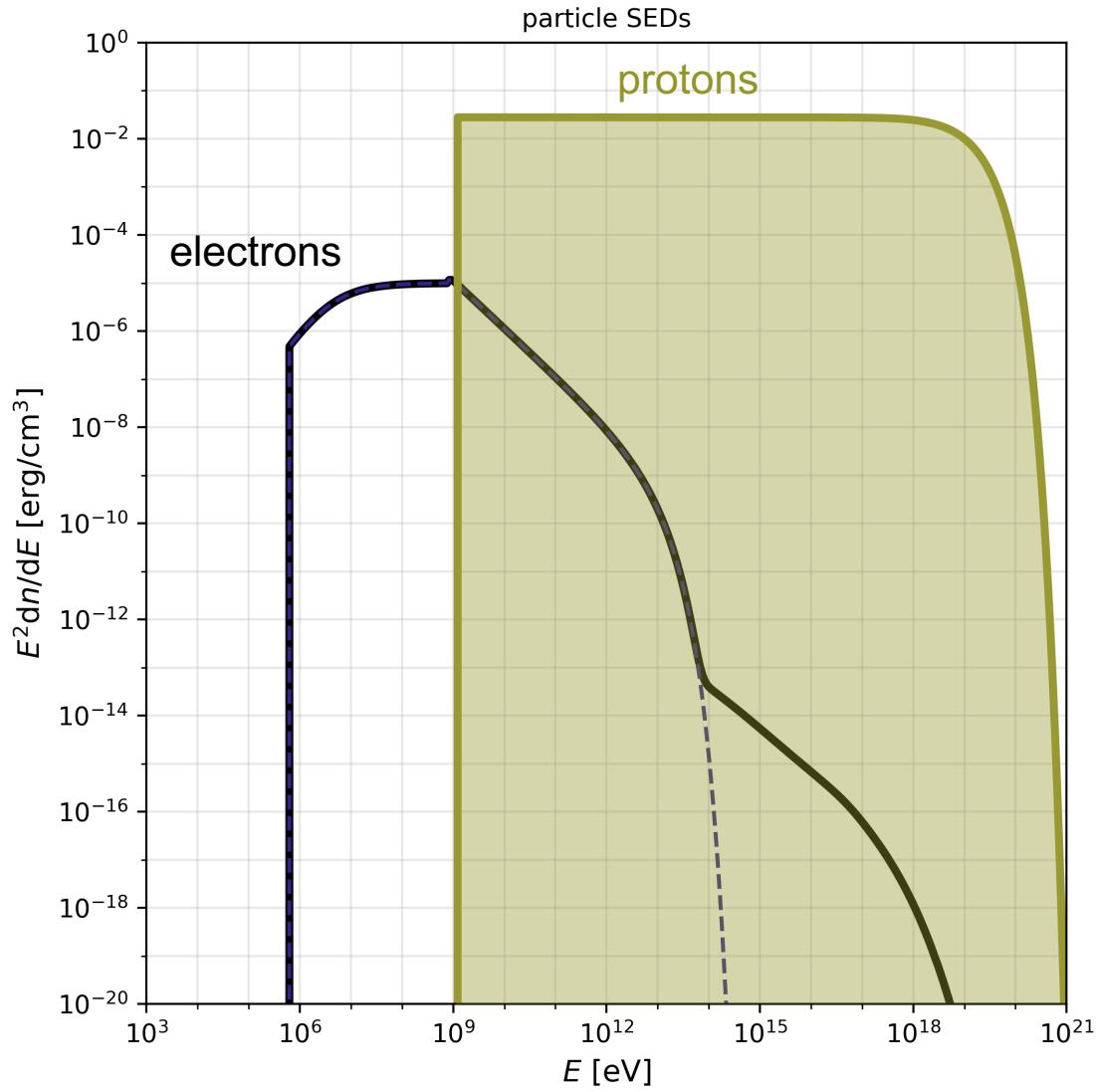
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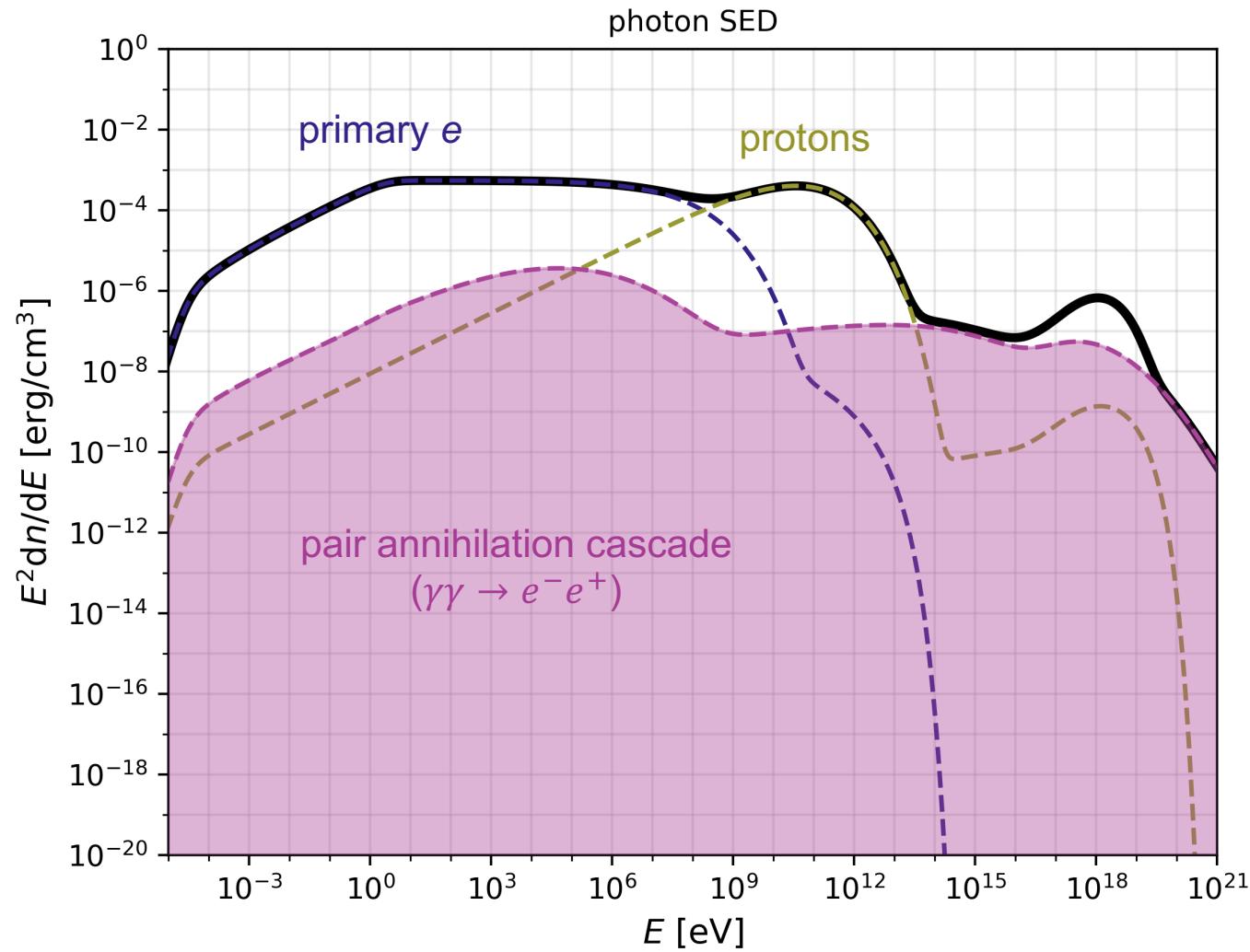
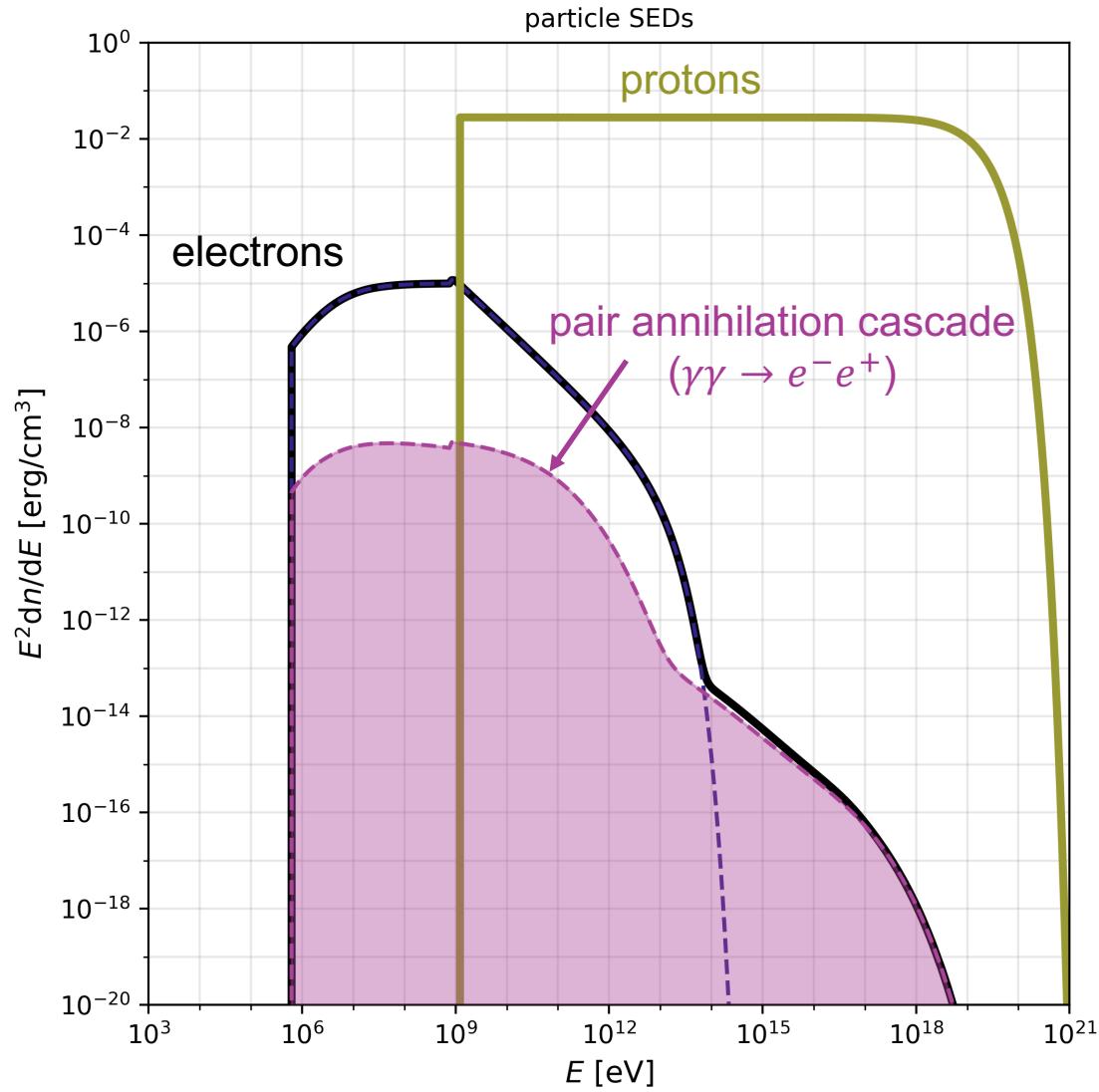
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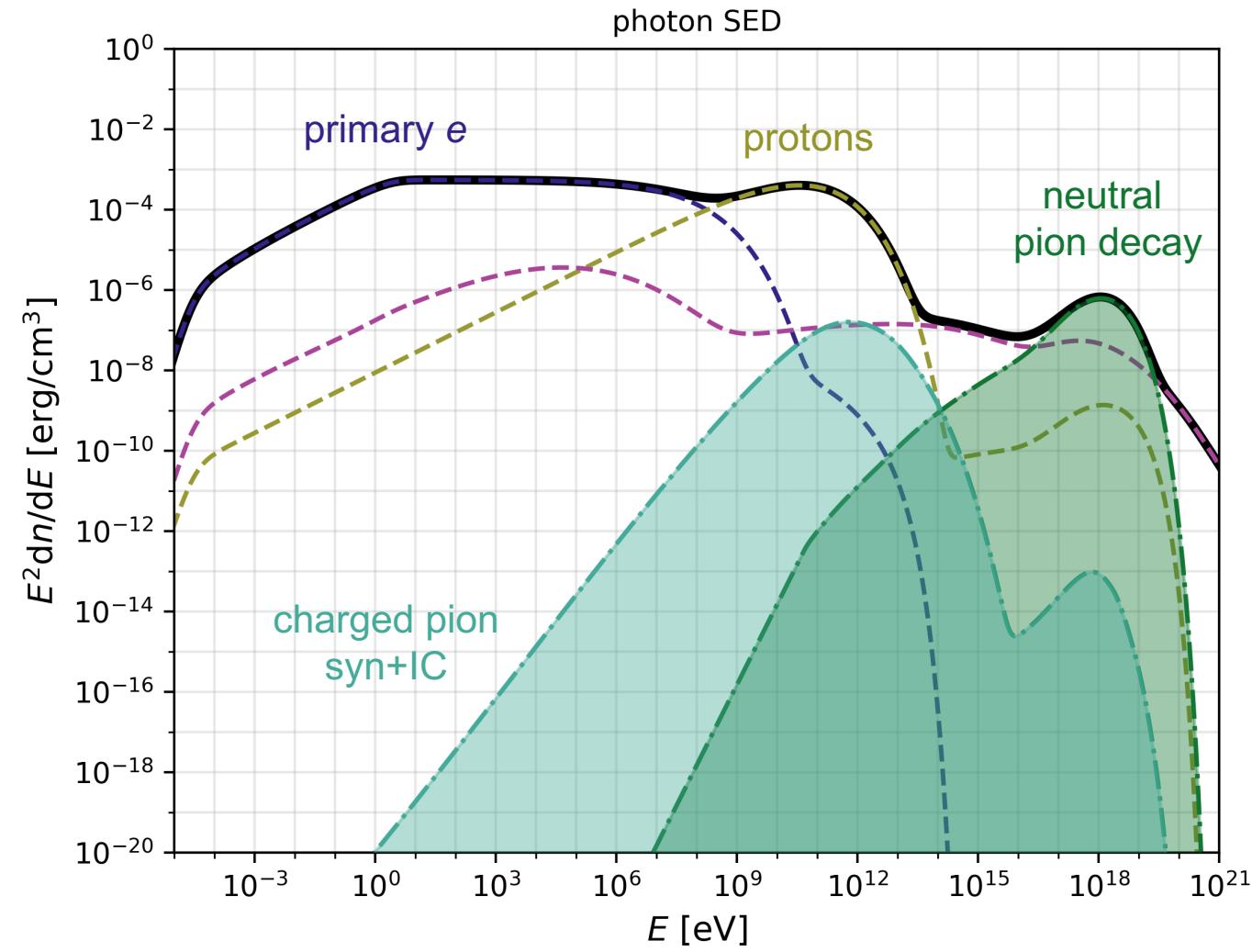
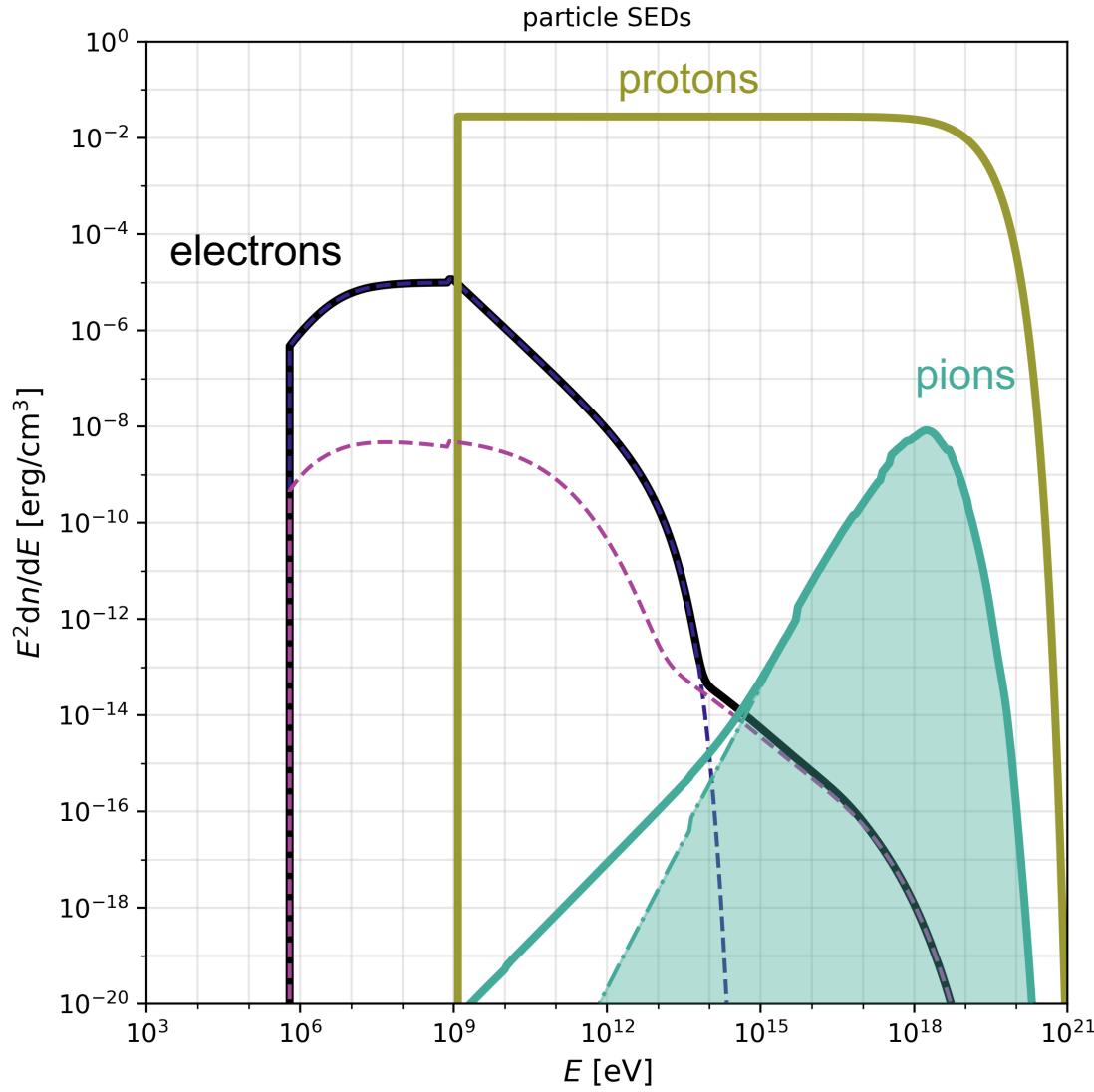
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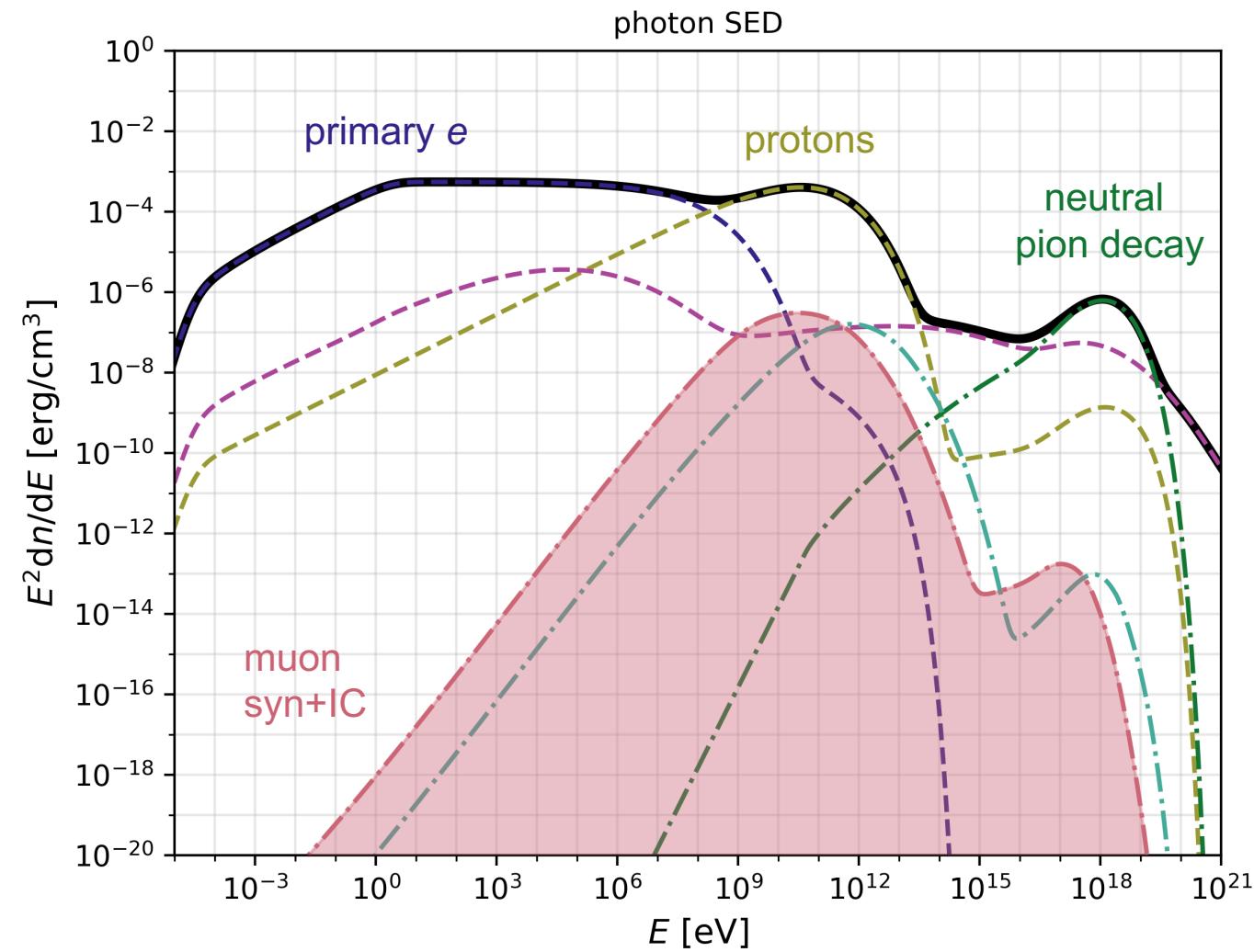
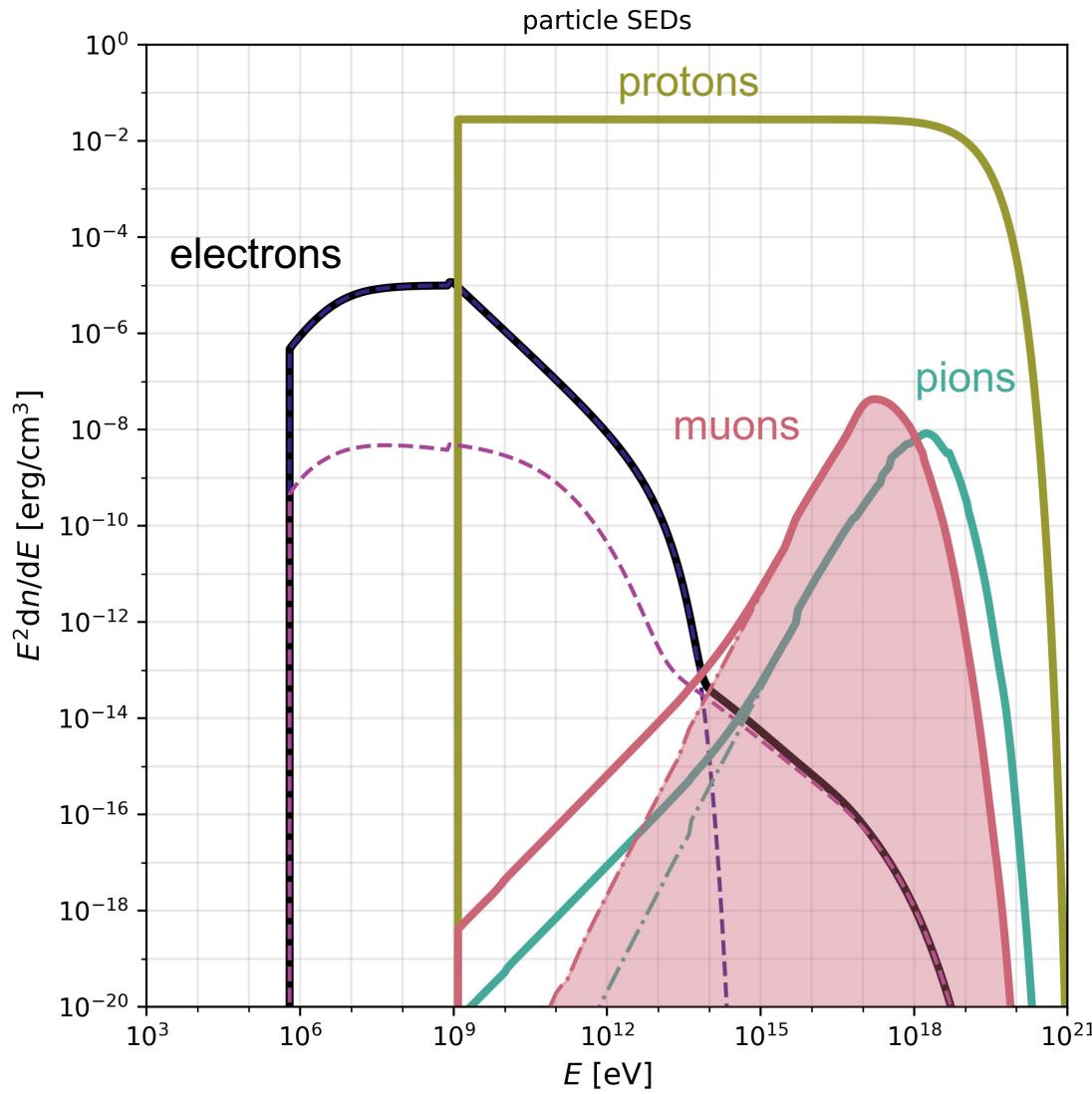
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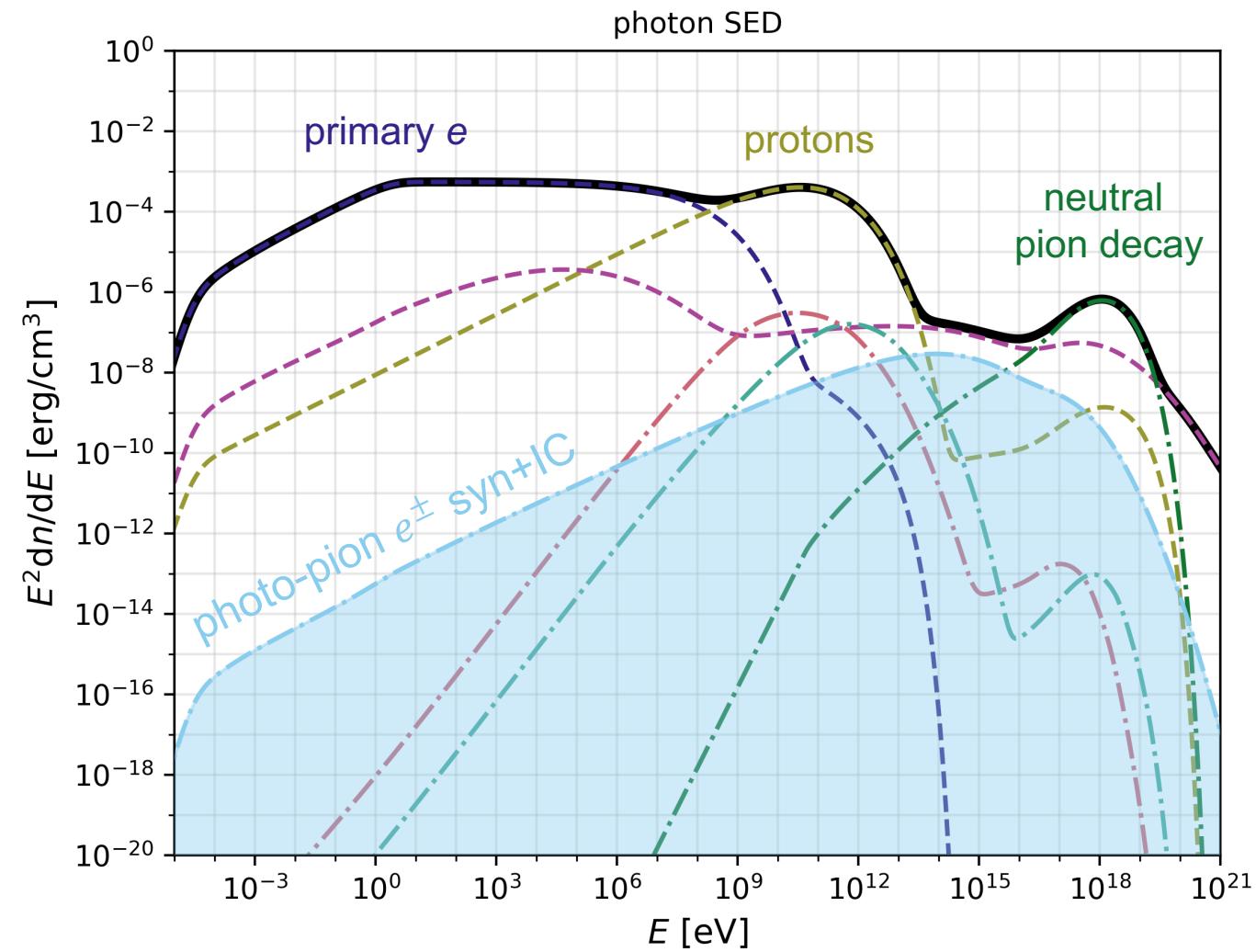
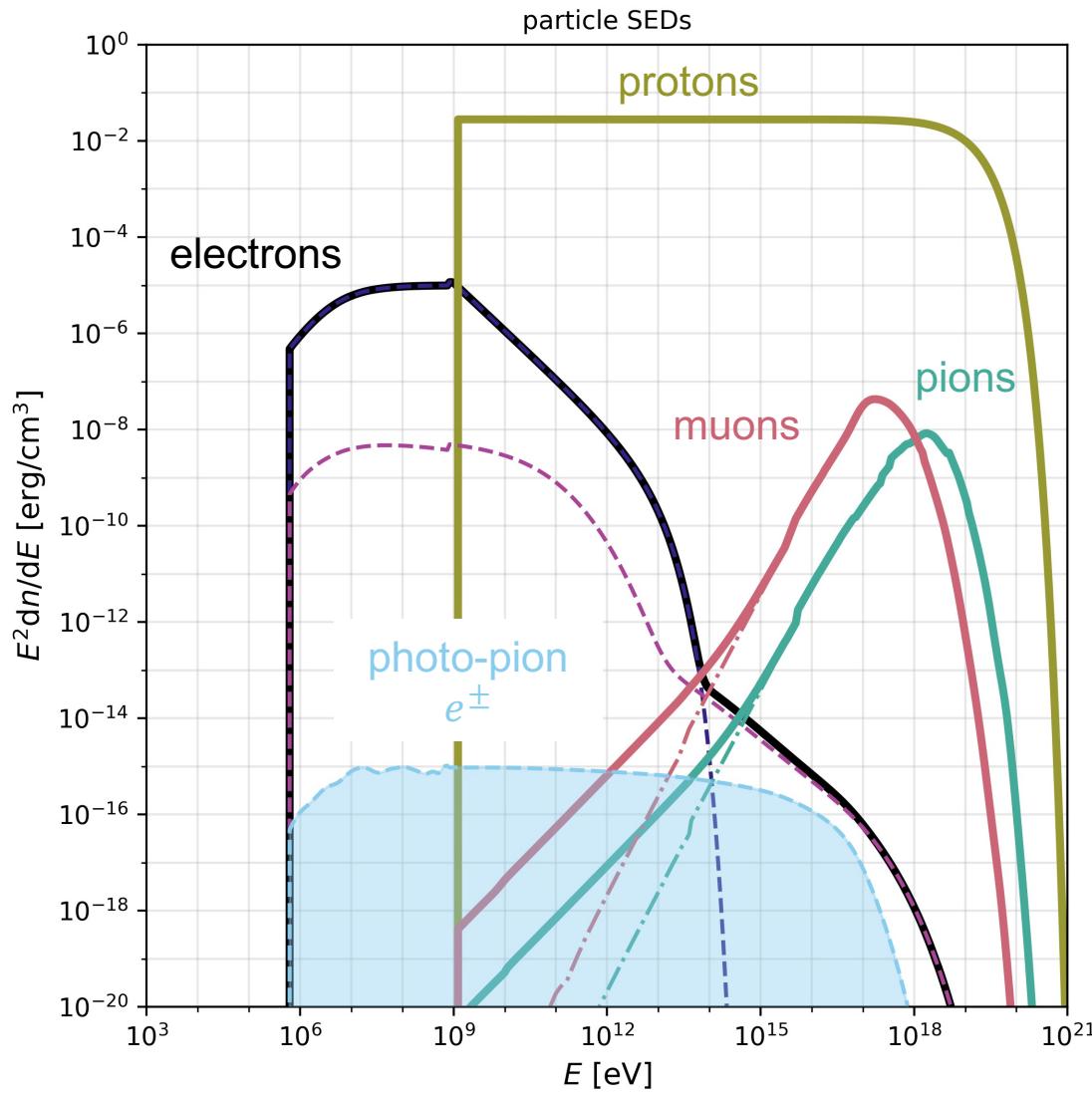
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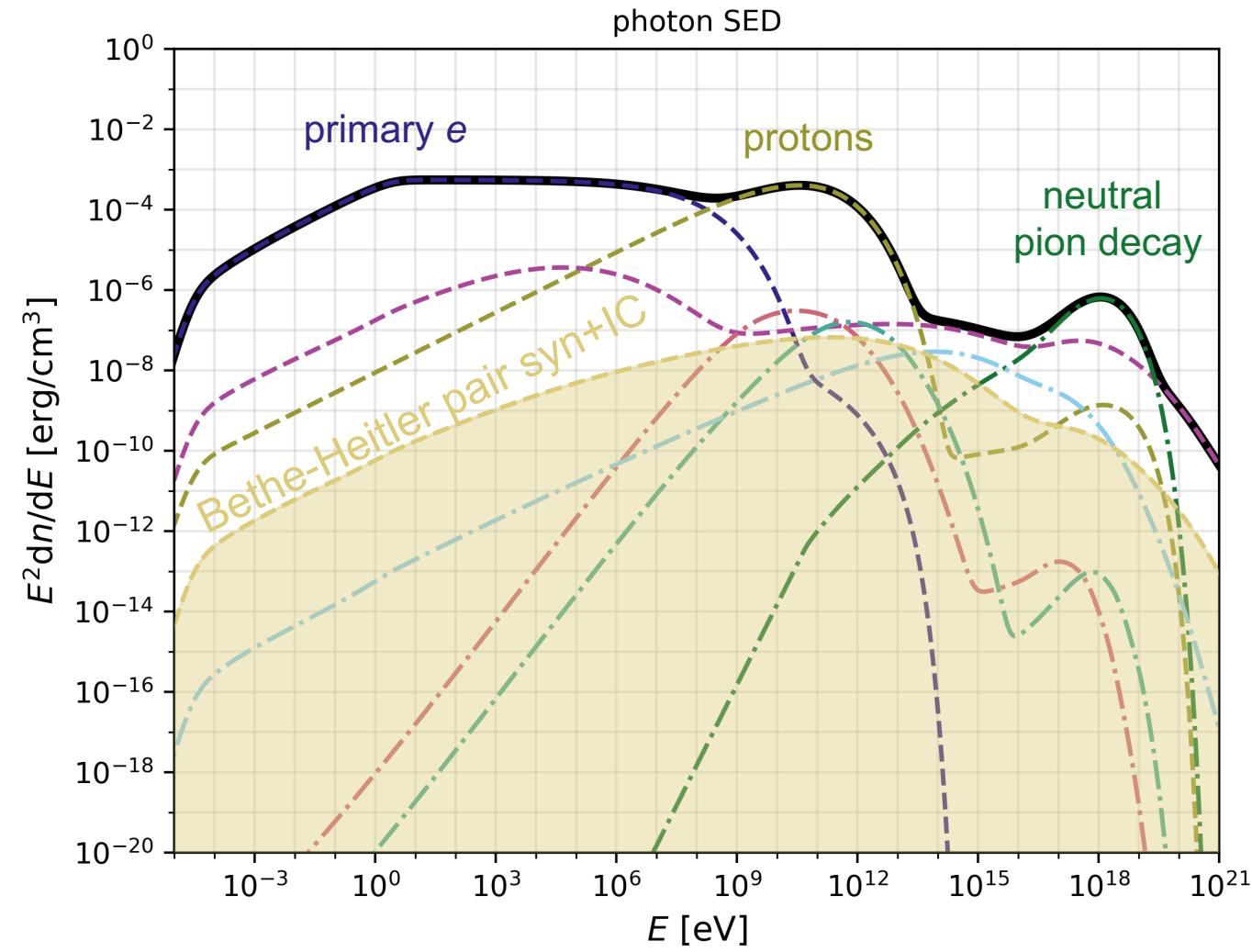
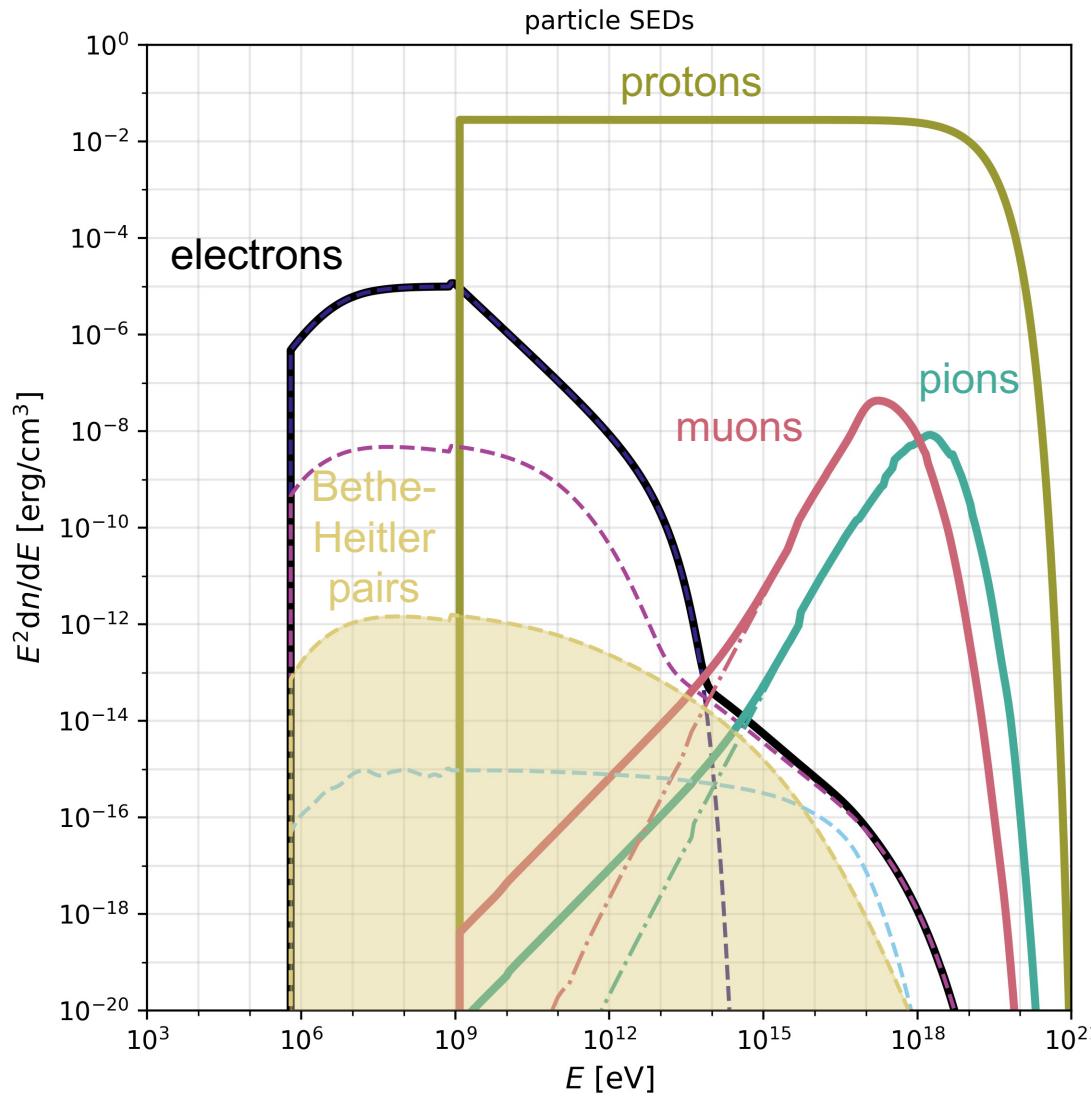
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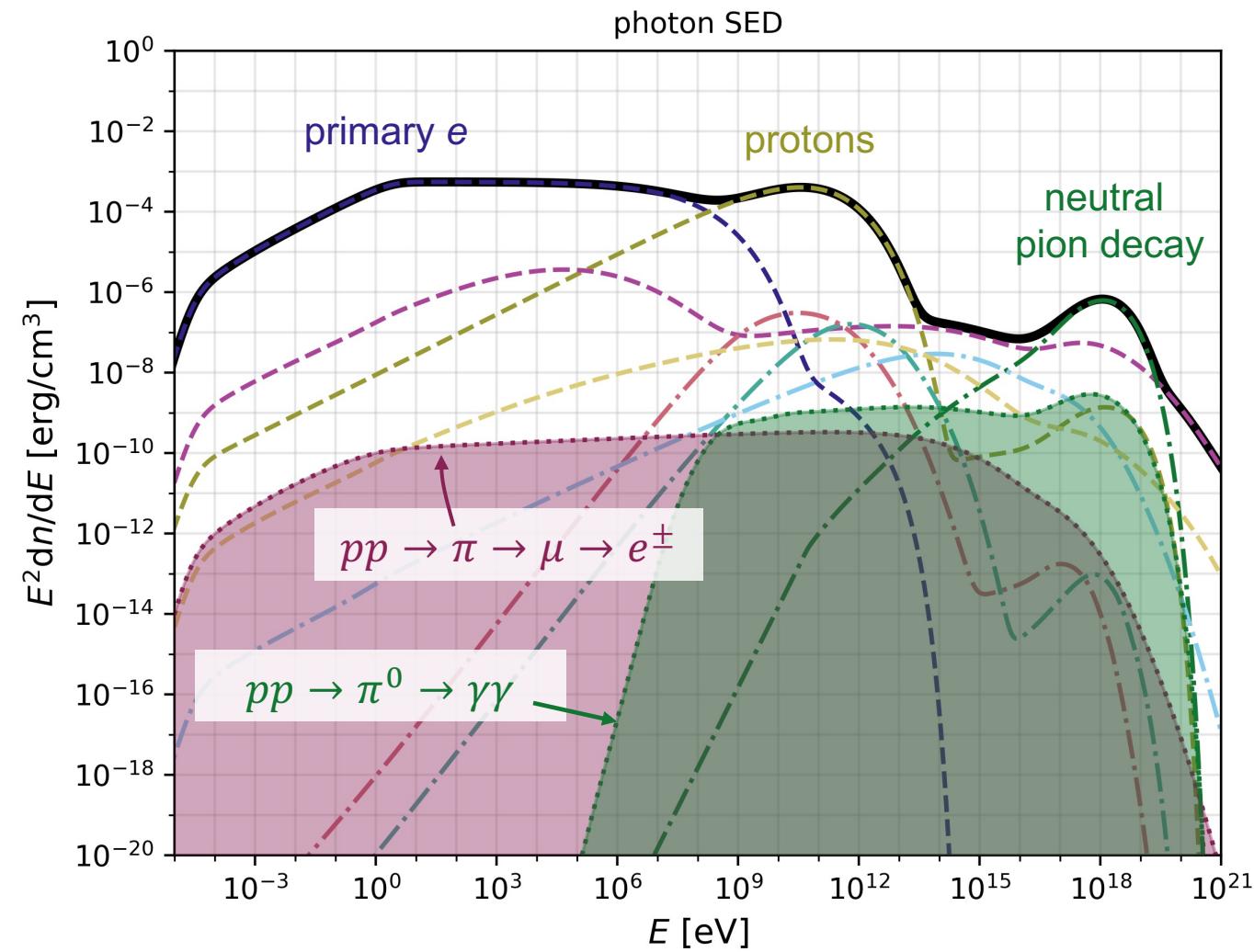
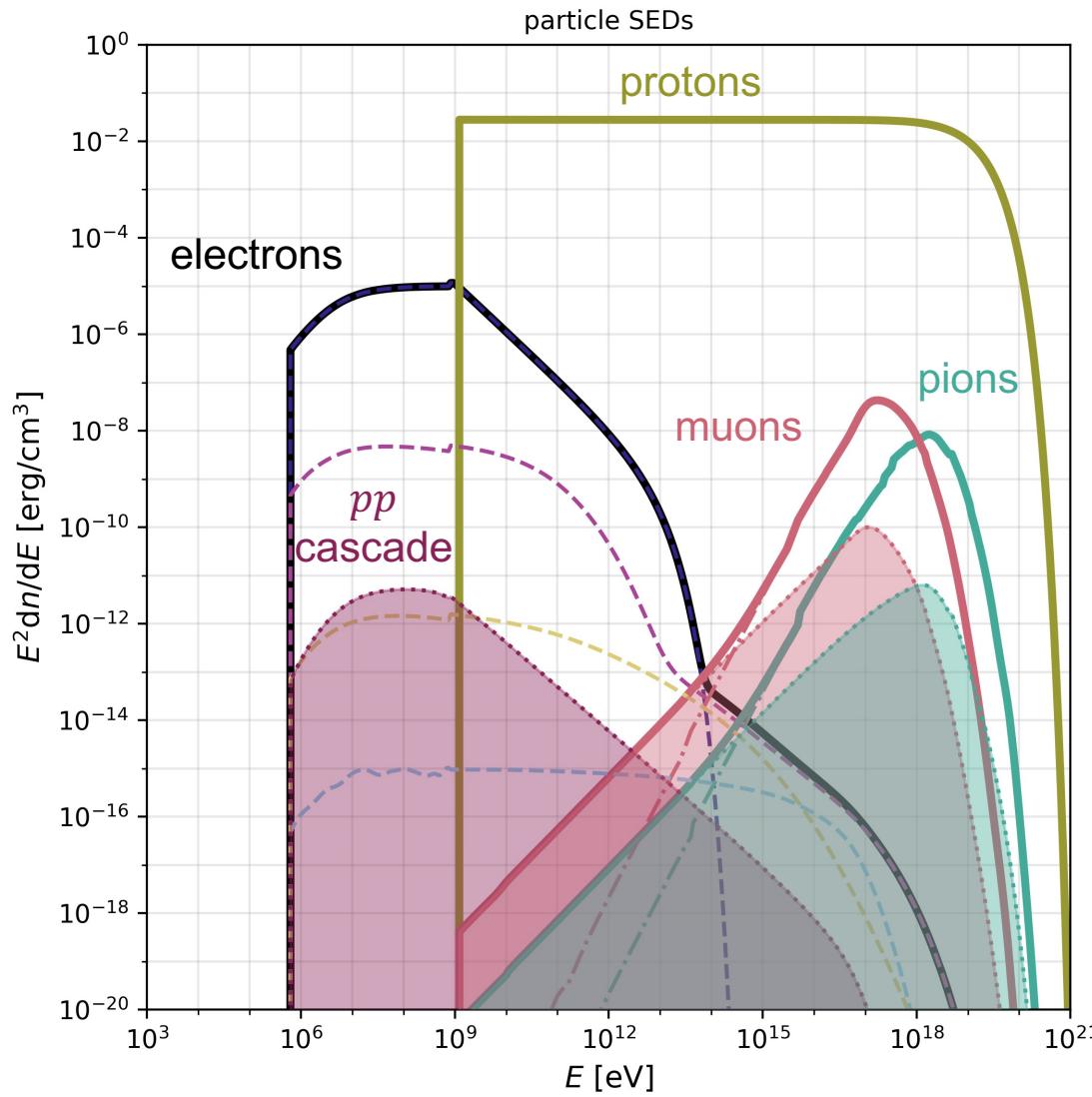
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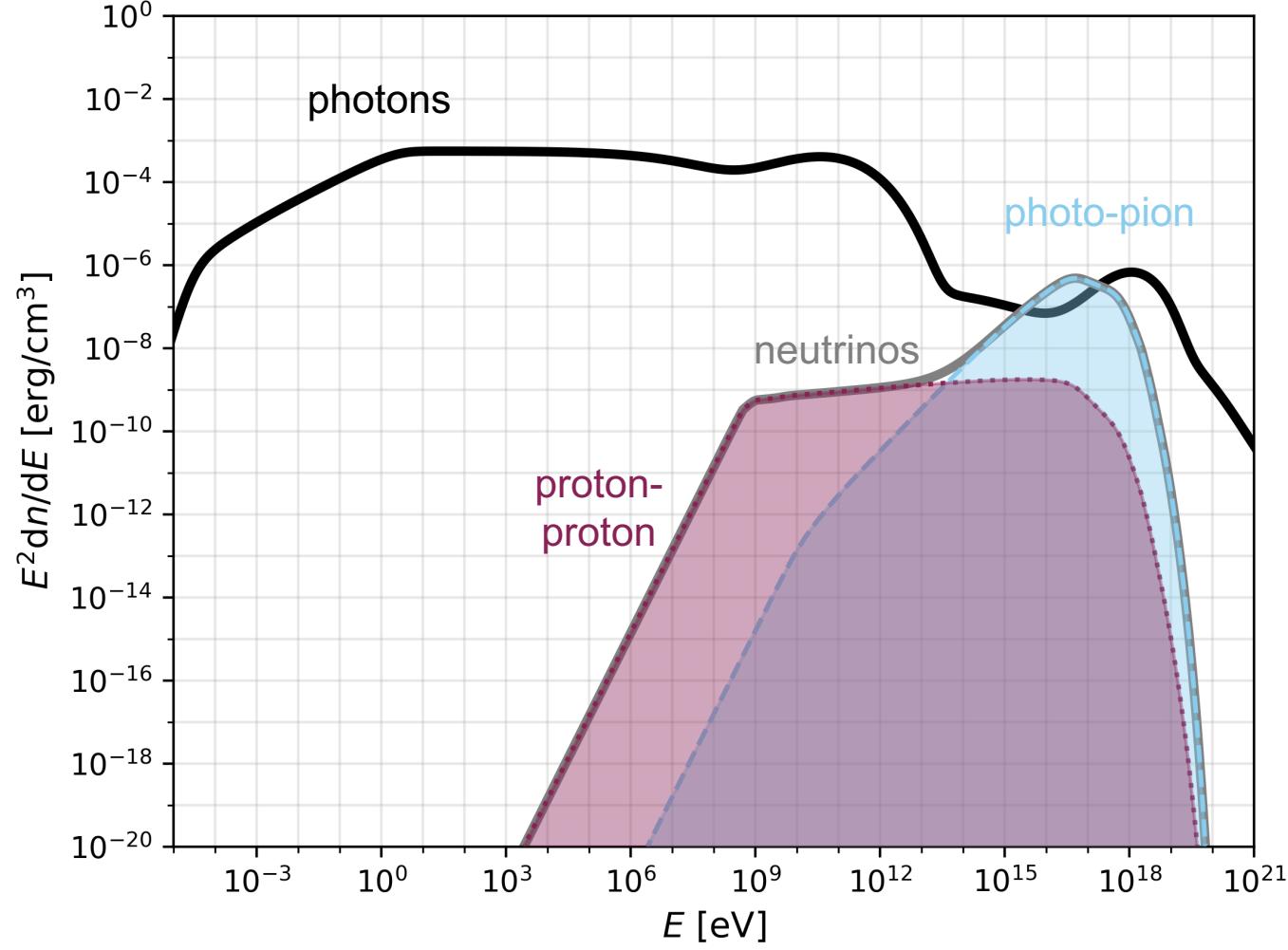
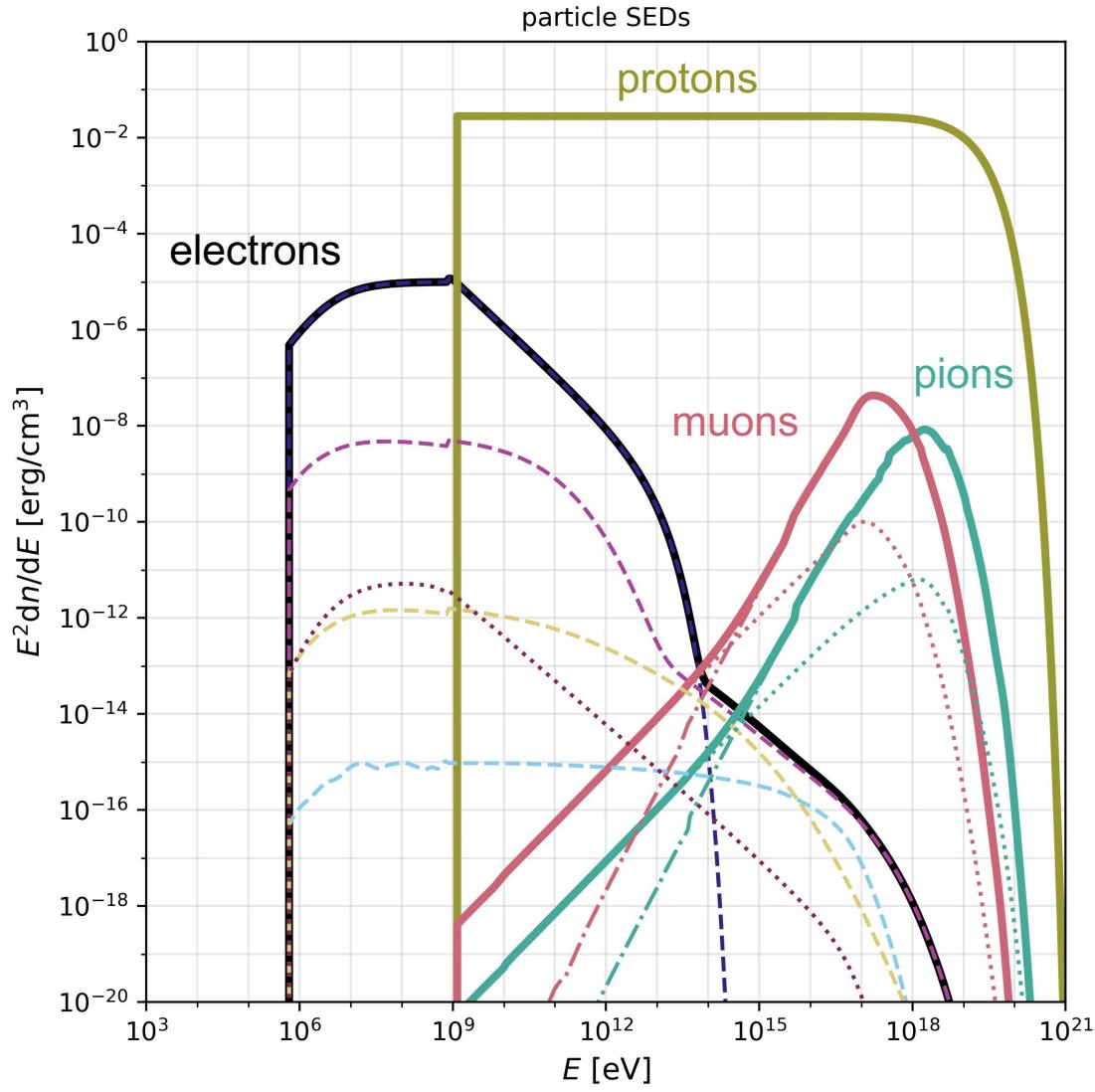
Trackable – Bethe-Heitler : $p\gamma \rightarrow pe^+e^-$



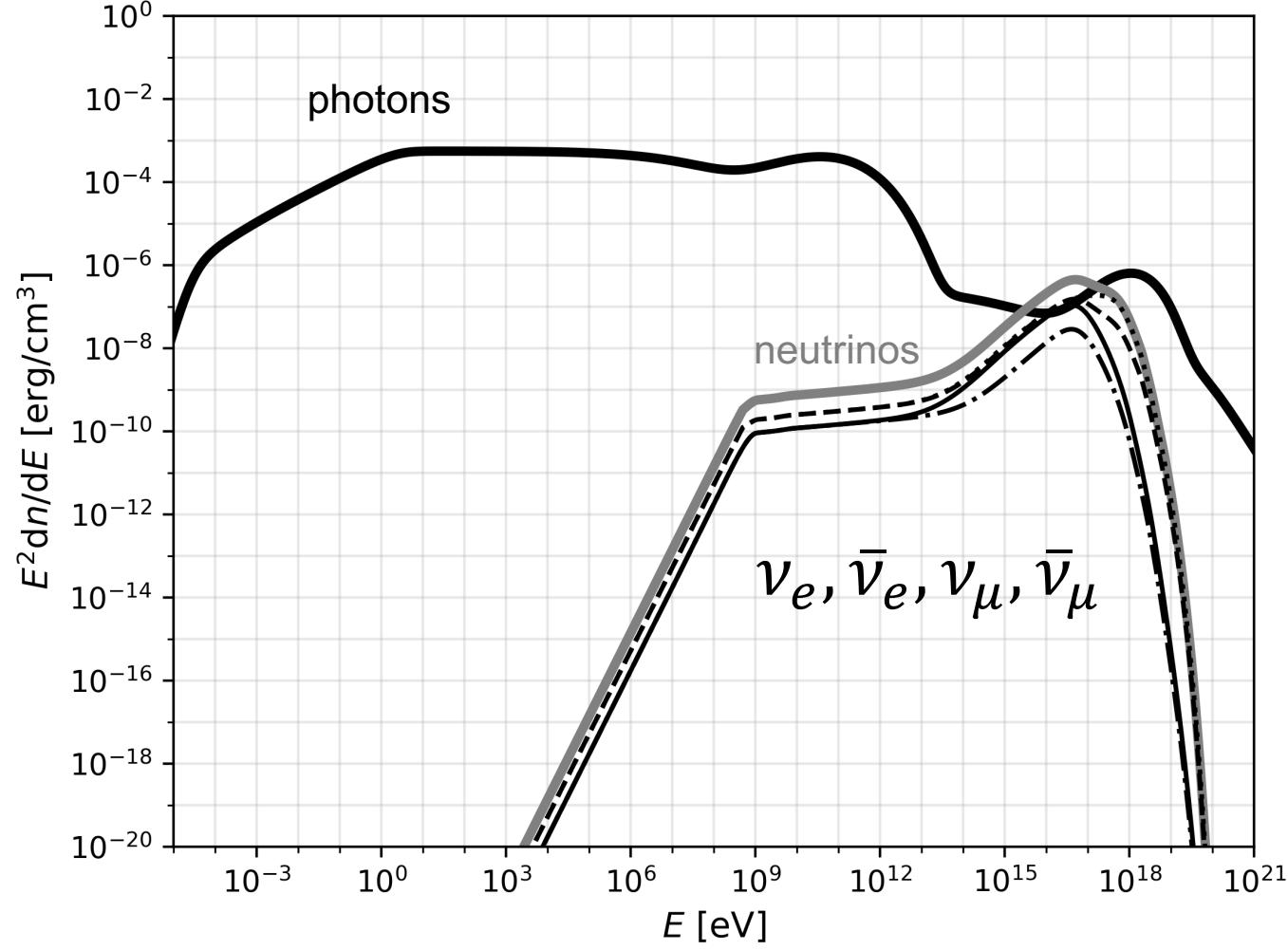
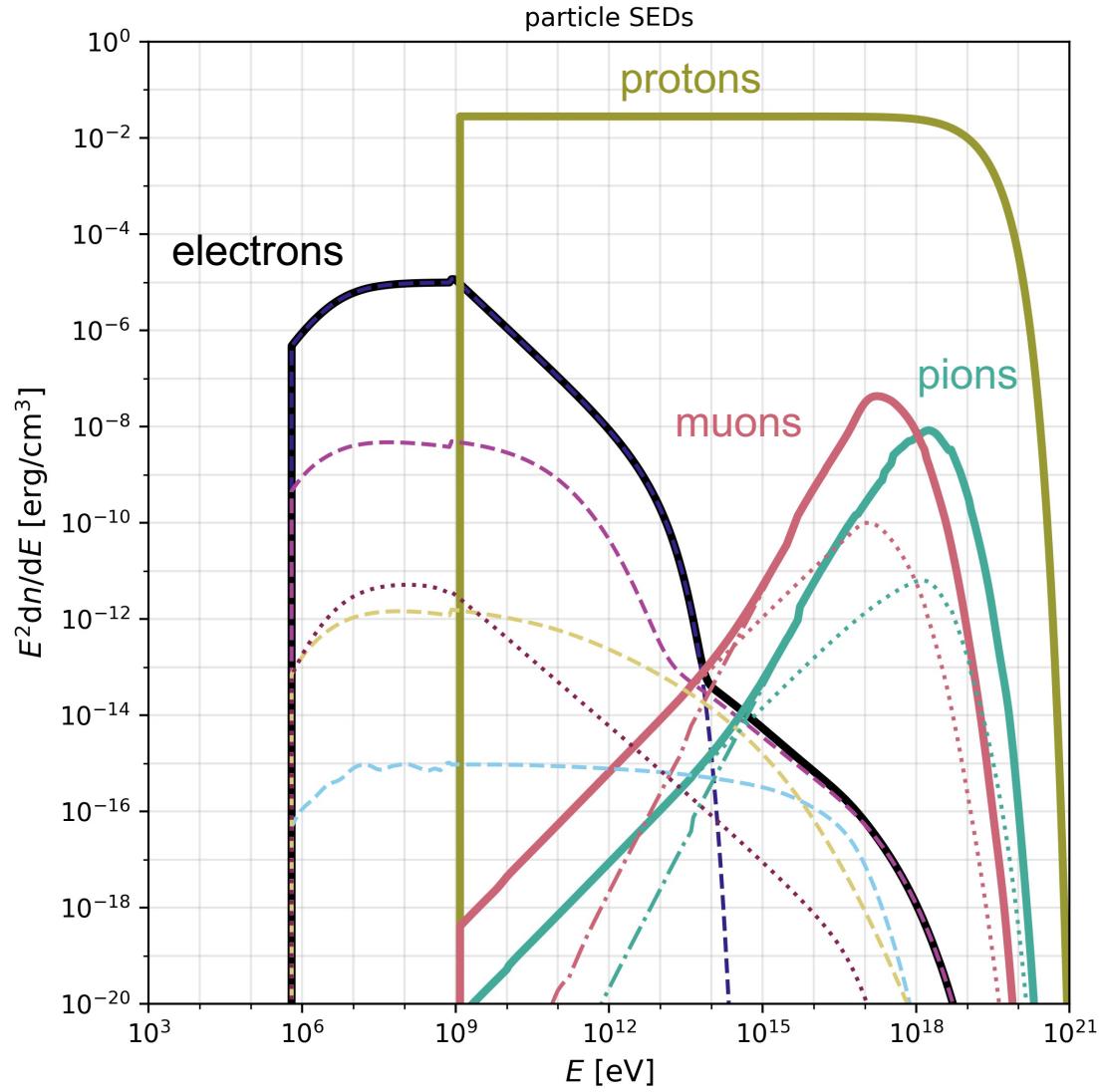
Trackable – proton-proton : $pp \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e^\pm$



Trackable – neutrinos



Trackable – neutrino flavours



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- paper with detailed summary of processes, solver, etc...

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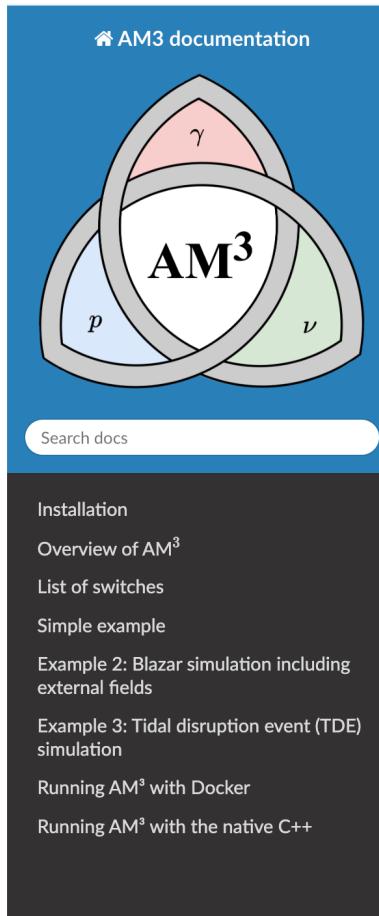
ABSTRACT

We present the AM³ (“Astrophysical Multi-Messenger Modeling”) software, which has been successfully used in the past to simulate the multi-messenger emission, including neutrinos, from active galactic nuclei, including the blazar sub-class, gamma-ray bursts, and tidal disruption events. AM³ is a documented state-of-the-art open source software ^{a)} that efficiently solves the coupled integro-differential equations for the spectral and temporal evolution of the relevant particle densities (photons, electrons, positrons, protons, neutrons, pions, muons, and neutrinos). AM³ includes all relevant non-thermal processes (synchrotron, inverse Compton scattering, photon-photon annihilation, proton-proton and proton-photon pion production, and photo-pair production). The software self-consistently calculates the full cascade of primary and secondary particles, outperforming simple test-particle approaches, and allows for non-linear feedback and predictions in the time domain. It also allows to track separately the contributions of different radiative processes to the overall photon and neutrino spectra, including the different hadronic interaction channels. With its efficient hybrid solver combining analytical and numerical techniques, AM³ combines efficiency and accuracy at a user-adjustable level. We describe the technical details of the numerical framework and present examples of applications to various astrophysical environments.

Keywords: numerical methods — neutrino astronomy — gamma-ray astronomy — radiative processes

Now public!

- paper with detailed summary of processes, solver, etc...
- documentation with examples in C++ and python



<https://am3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

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Overview

AM³ is a software package for simulating lepto-hadronic interactions in astrophysical environments. It solves the time-dependent partial differential equations for the energy spectra of electrons, positrons, protons, neutrons, photons, neutrinos as well as charged secondaries (pions and muons), immersed in an isotropic magnetic field. Crucially, it accounts for the fact that photons and charged secondaries emitted in electromagnetic and hadronic interactions feed back into the interaction rates in a time-dependent manner, therefore grasping non-linear effects including electromagnetic cascades.

AM³ is the most computationally efficient among the state-of-the-art multi-messenger simulation tools (see [Cerruti et al 2021](#)). This makes it possible to use AM³ to scan vast source parameter scans and fit the observational data. At the time of its first public release, AM³ has been extensively used in studies of blazars, gamma-ray bursts and tidal disruption events.

With this open-source release, we are making AM³ available with all its current features. The solver consists of a C++ library that can be compiled and deployed directly. Alternatively, we provide Python users with an interface that allows to compile a shared library exposing all the AM³ high-level functions to Python3. This means you can run simulations with AM³ in pure Python without any loss of efficiency.

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- source code public on GitLab and maintained by AM³ team



<https://gitlab.desy.de/am3/am3>

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository interface for 'am3'. At the top, there are buttons for README, BSD 3-Clause "New" or "Revised" License, Add CHANGELOG, Add CONTRIBUTING, Add Kubernetes cluster, and Set up CI/CD. Below is a table of file history:

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examples	Add new makefile for C++ script from the page https://...	1 month ago
include	add mu/hu pg/pp read out	1 month ago
libpython	add mu/hu pg/pp read out	1 month ago
src	add mu/hu pg/pp read out	1 month ago
.gitignore	move "public" branch from private AM3 repo	1 month ago
.readthedocs.yaml	config for readthedocs updated	4 months ago
Dockerfile	Added Dockerfile for compiling AM3 Python3 library	1 month ago
LICENSE	Update LICENSE	1 month ago
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README.md	Update README.md	2 weeks ago
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Below the file history is a section titled 'README.md' containing the following text:

Welcome to the AM³ (Astrophysical Multi-Messenger Modeling) Software!

The logo consists of three interlocking circles. The top circle is pink and labeled γ . The bottom-left circle is light blue and labeled p . The bottom-right circle is light green and labeled ν . In the center, where all three circles overlap, the letters 'AM³' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Overview

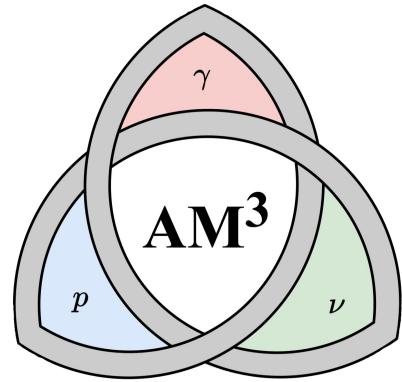
AM³ is a software package for simulating lepto-hadronic interactions in astrophysical environments. It solves the time-dependent partial differential equations for the energy spectra of electrons, positrons, protons, neutrons, photons, neutrinos as well as charged secondaries (pions and muons), immersed in an isotropic magnetic field. Crucially, it accounts for the fact that photons and charged secondaries emitted in electromagnetic and hadronic interactions feed back into the interaction rates in a time-dependent manner, therefore grasping non-linear effects including electromagnetic cascades.

Among the state-of-the-art multi-messenger simulation tools see Cerruti et al (2021) AM³ is the most computationally efficient, making it possible to scan vast source parameter scans and fit the observational data. It has been deployed to explain multi-wavelength observations from blazars, gamma-ray bursts and tidal disruption events, for a full list of references using AM³ see below.

In this open-source release, we are making AM³ available with all its current features. The solver consists of a C++ library that can be compiled and deployed directly. Alternatively, we provide Python users with an interface that allows you to compile a shared library exposing all of AM³'s high-level functions to Python 3. This means you can run simulations with AM³ in pure Python without any significant loss of efficiency.

Now public!

- paper with detailed summary of processes, solver, etc... [arxiv:2312.13371](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.13371)
- documentation with examples in C++ and python <https://am3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- e-mail address contact-am3@desy.de
- source code public on GitLab and maintained by AM³ team <https://gitlab.desy.de/am3/am3>
- collaborators welcome!
- C++ AND python3 (same user interface names)
- Docker

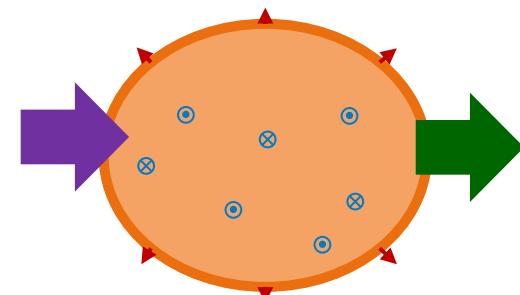
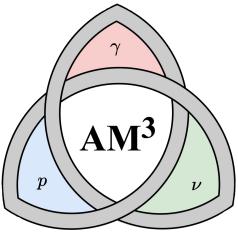


Tested

- Blazars → Gao++17,19; Rodrigues++19,21,24; Fichet de Clairfontaine++23
- TDEs → Yuan++23,24a/b
- GRB prompt emission → Rudolph++22,23a/b/c
- GRB afterglows → Klinger++24

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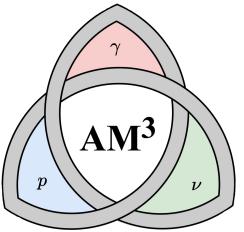
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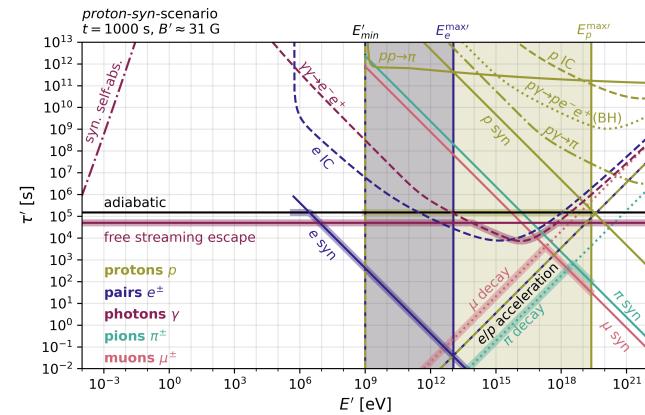
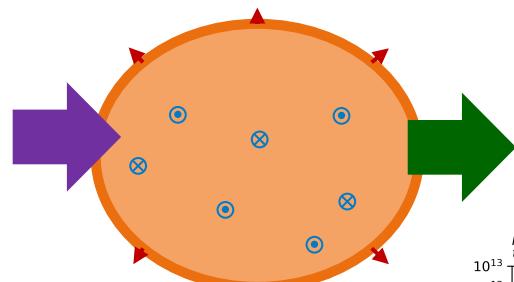
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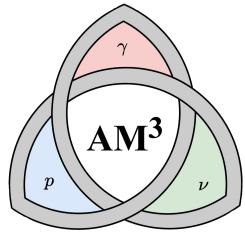
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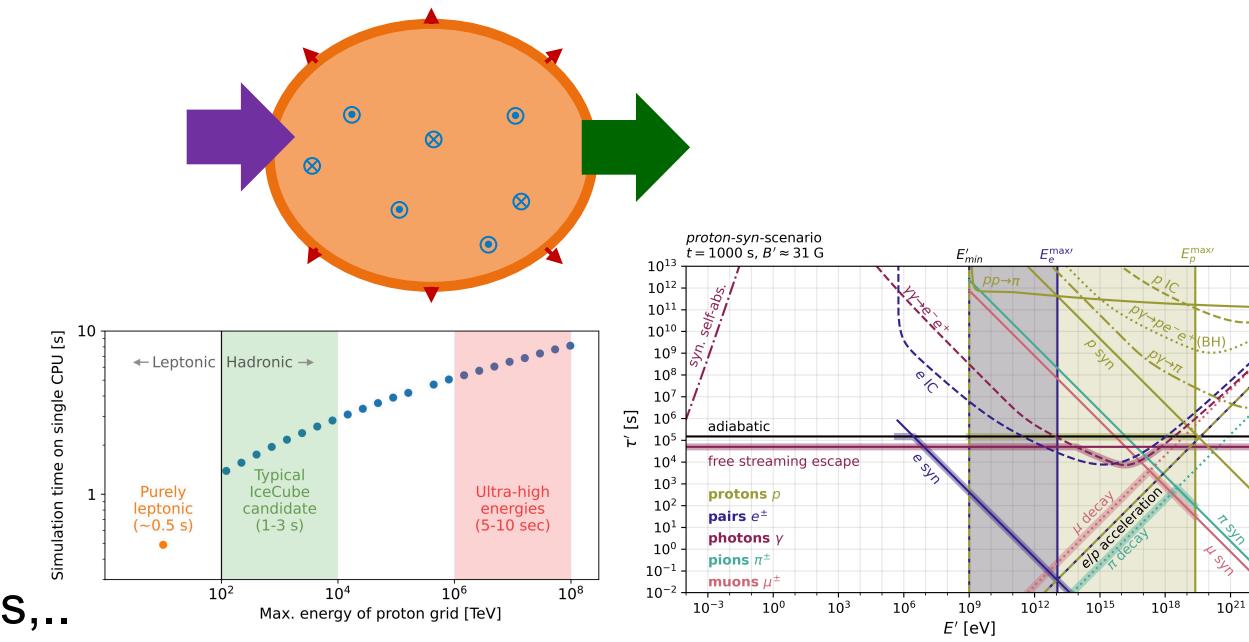
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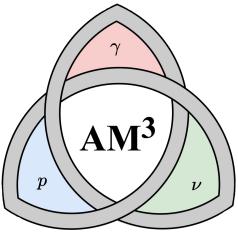


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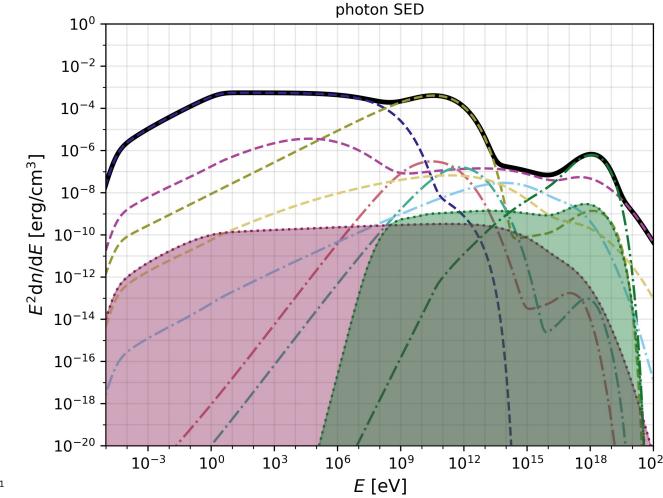
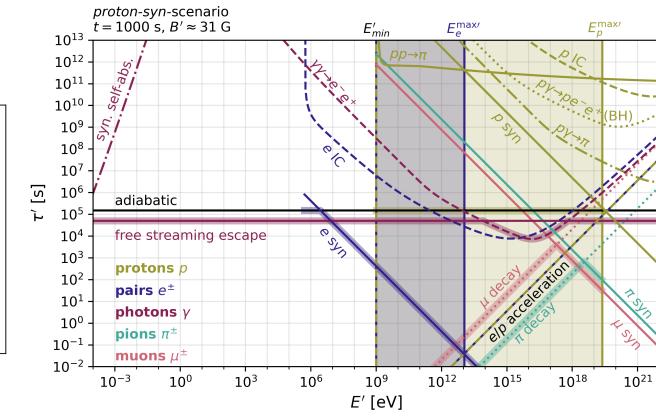
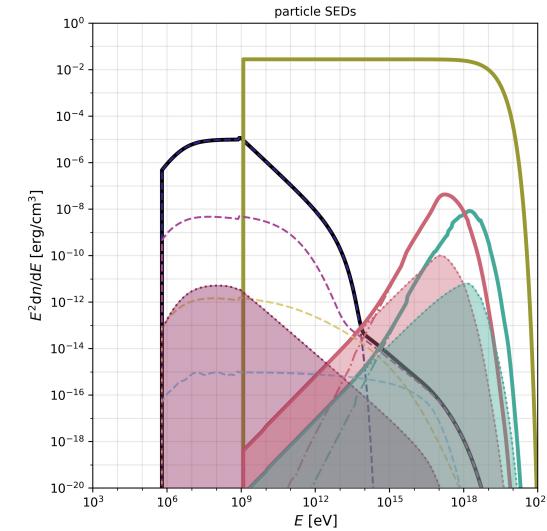
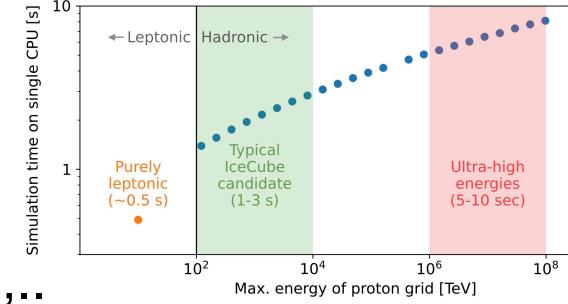


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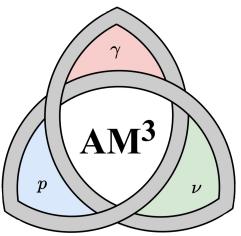
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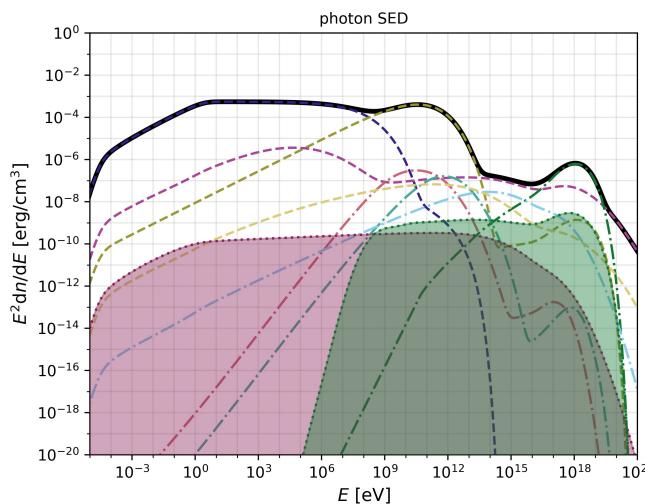
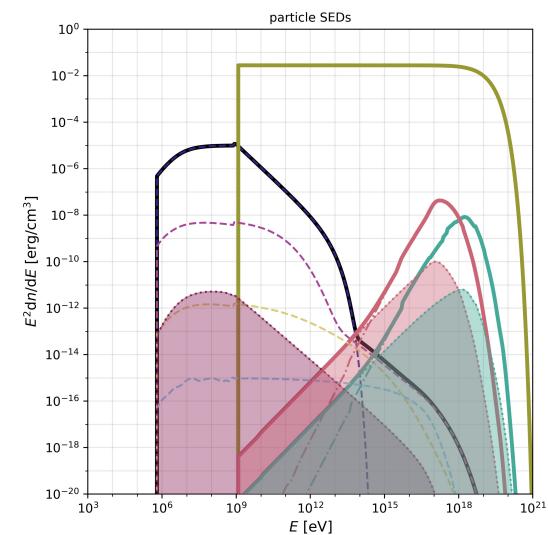
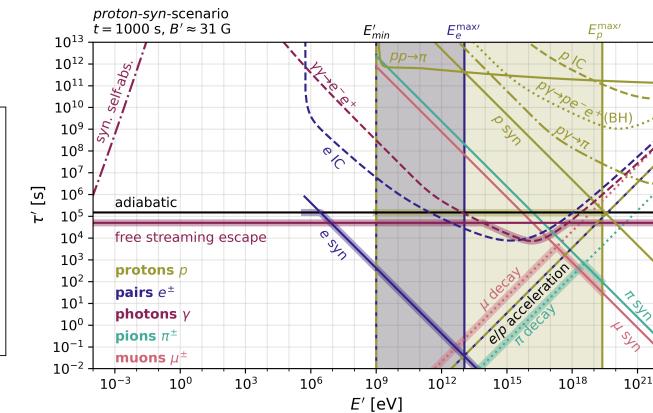
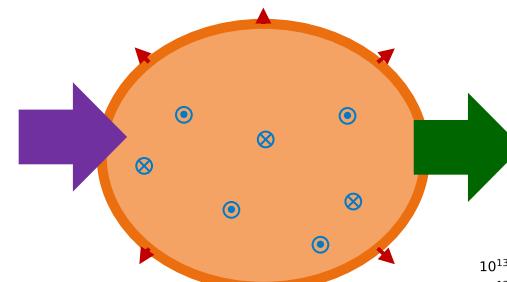
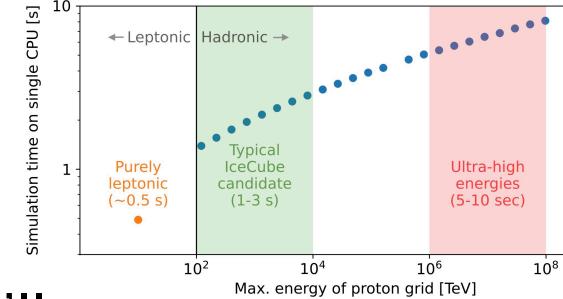


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- component tracking
- written in C++, interface to python
- used already for blazars (initially Gao++ 2017), GRBs, TDEs
- public including documentation!

<https://gitlab.desy.de/am3/am3>



Backup

Estimating the time scales / source terms

process: $a \rightarrow b$ (e.g. synchrotron)

$$Q_{a \rightarrow b}(E_b, t) = \int d\ln E_a n_a(E_a) \begin{matrix} \text{convolution} \\ R_{a \rightarrow b}(E_a, E_b) \end{matrix}$$

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process: $a + b \rightarrow c + d$ (e.g. inverse Compton)

$$Q_{a,b \rightarrow c}(E_c, t) = \int d\ln E_a n_a(E_a) \int d\ln E_b n_b(E_b) \begin{matrix} \text{convolution} \\ R_{a,b \rightarrow c}(E_a, E_b, E_c) \end{matrix}$$

$$R_{a,b \rightarrow c}(E_a, E_b, E_c) = \frac{c}{2} \int d\mu (1 - \mu) \begin{matrix} \text{angle average} \\ \frac{d\sigma_{a,b \rightarrow c}}{dE_c d\mu}(E_a, E_b, E_c, \mu) \end{matrix}$$

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