

# How can we find black holes?

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# Black Hole

No light can get out = We can not see

# We can see invisibles.

Guess from circumstantial evidence



# How do we see the universe?



~13.8 Gyr

~ $10^{23}$  km

Very Very Far

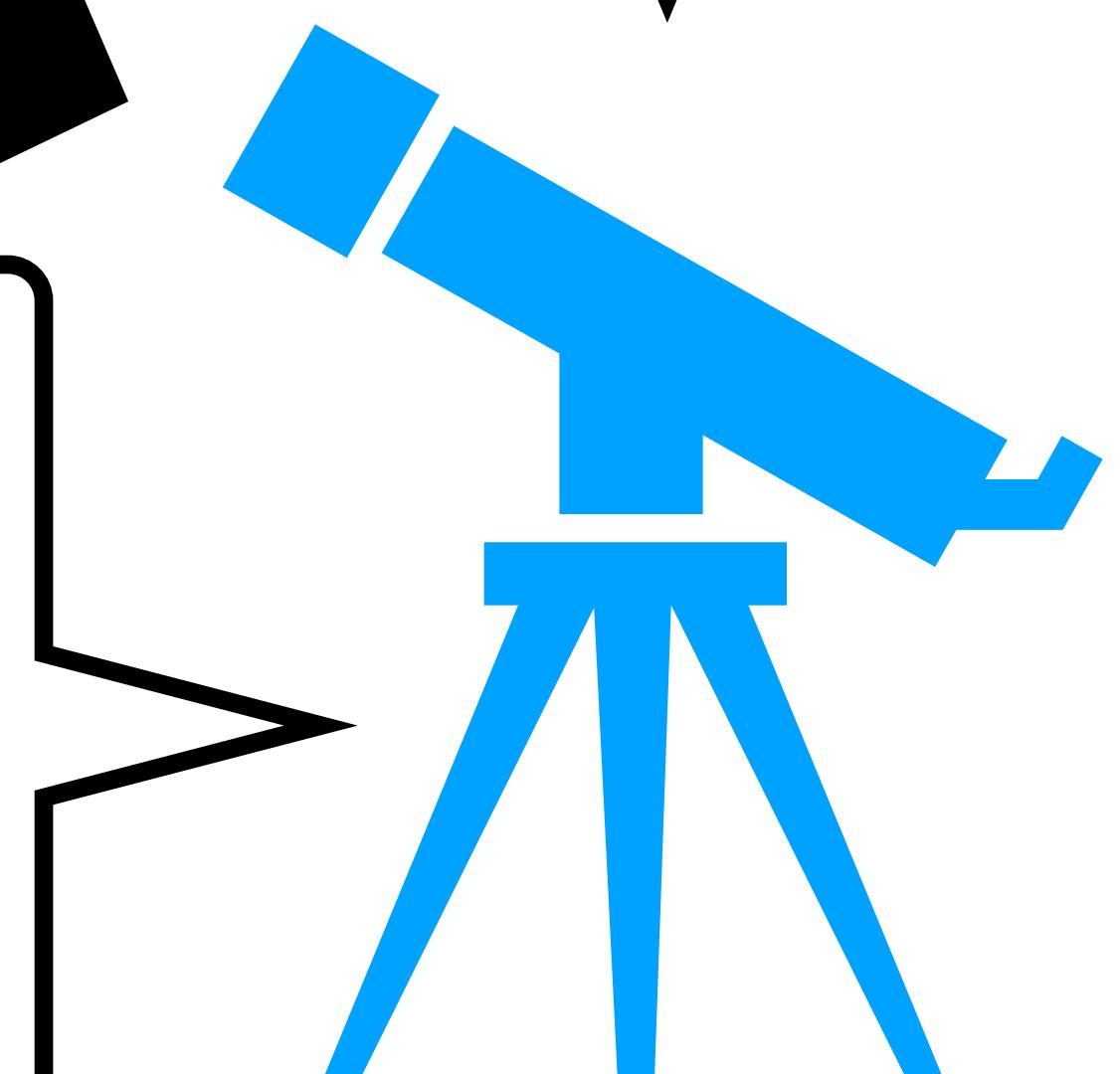
Electromagnetic  
waves

Cosmic rays

Gravitational waves

+ Physics =  
Understand the universe  
Prediction  
New science

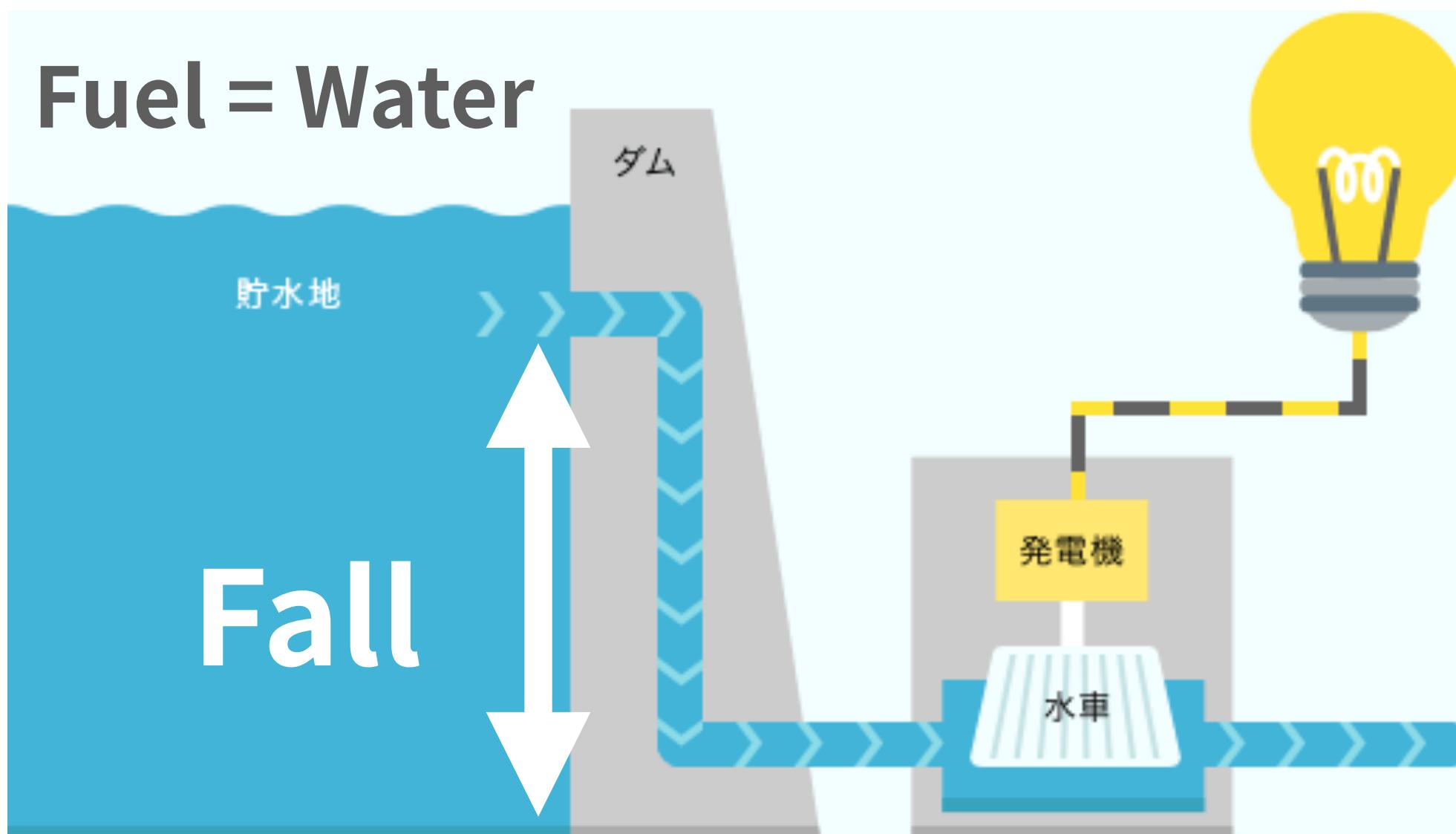
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Variability



Finding black holes through light

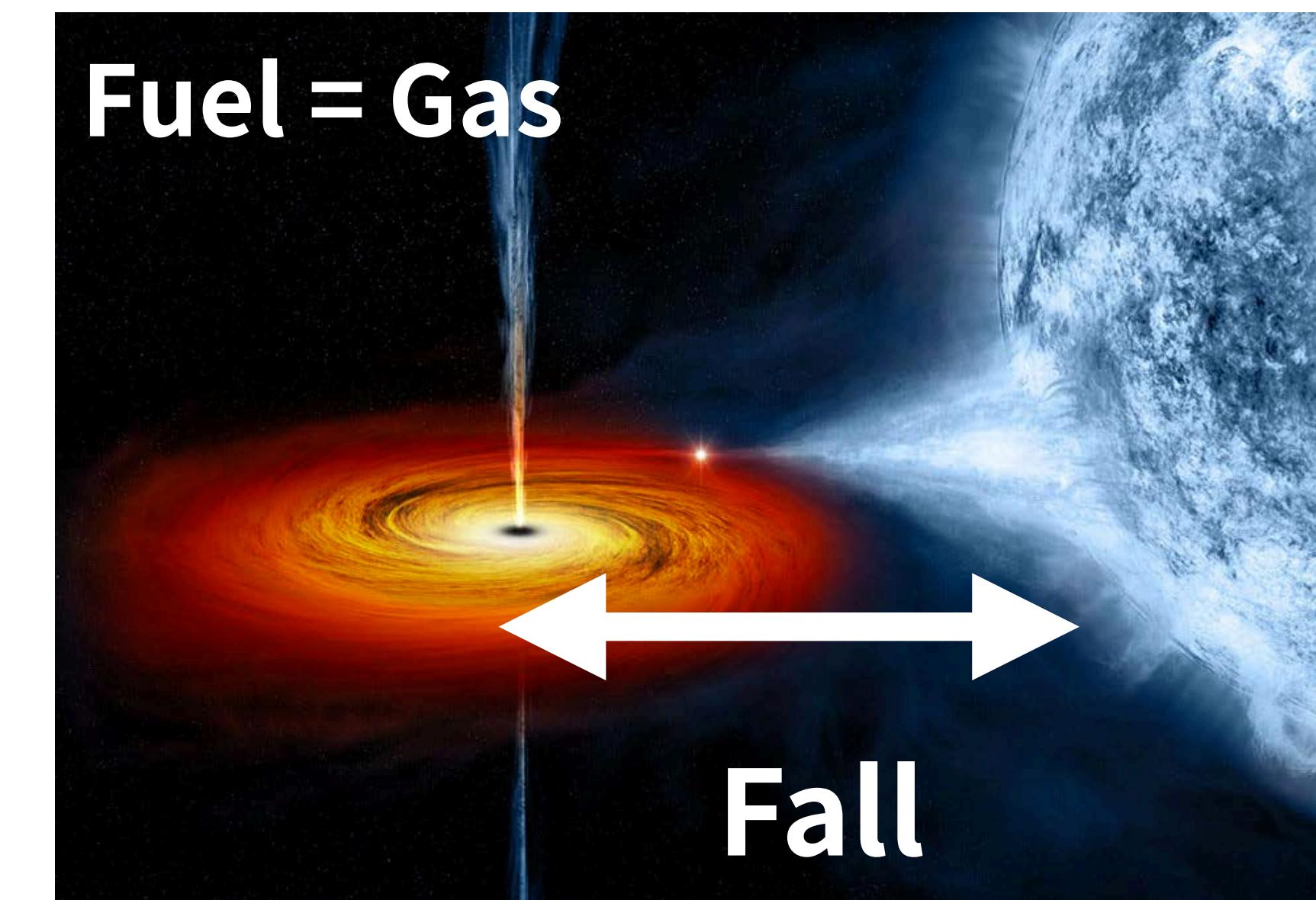
# Do Black Holes Shine?

## Water Power Plant



<https://www.sbenergy.jp/study/illust/water/>

## Black Hole Power Plant



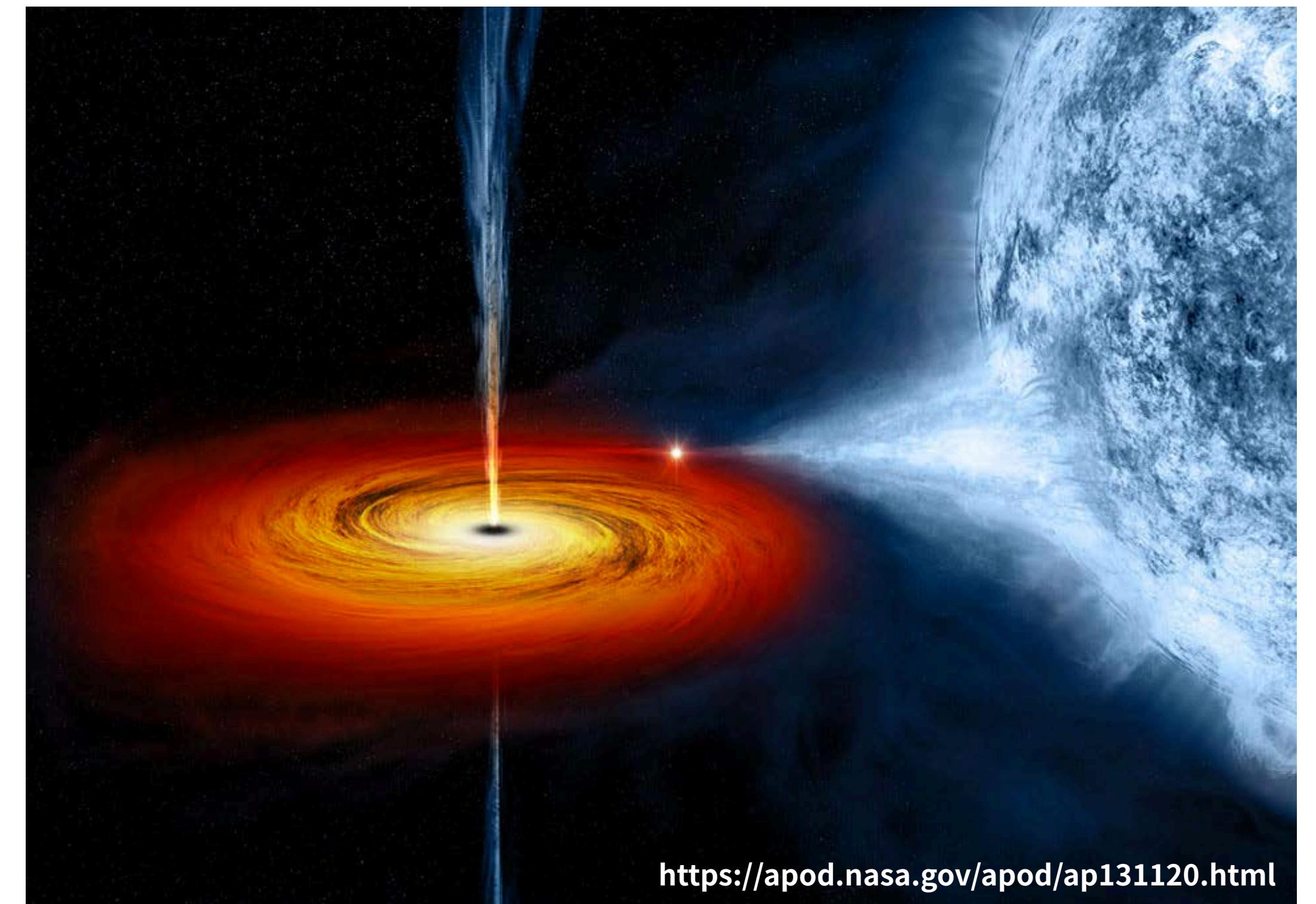
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- Black hole itself does not shine. But, surrounding gas shines.
  - Release gravitational potential energy through gas fall (accretion).
- Gas fall → Gas friction → Frictional heat → Radiation

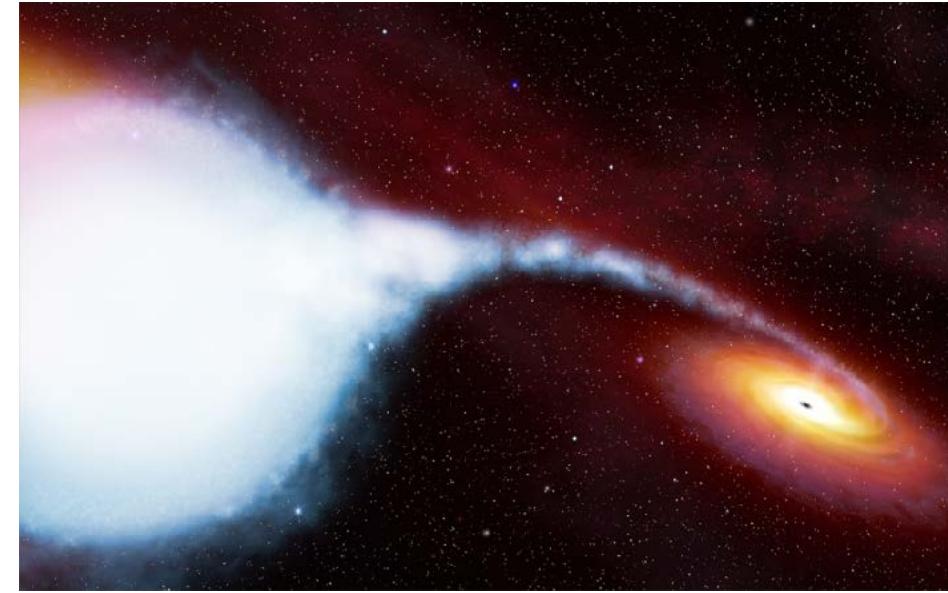
# Which black hole can we see?

Example: Black Hole Binary System

- A system consisting one black hole and one star
- Orbiting around each other.
  - like the Sun and the Earth
- Orbital period :  $\sim 1$  day
- Separation :  
a few times solar radius

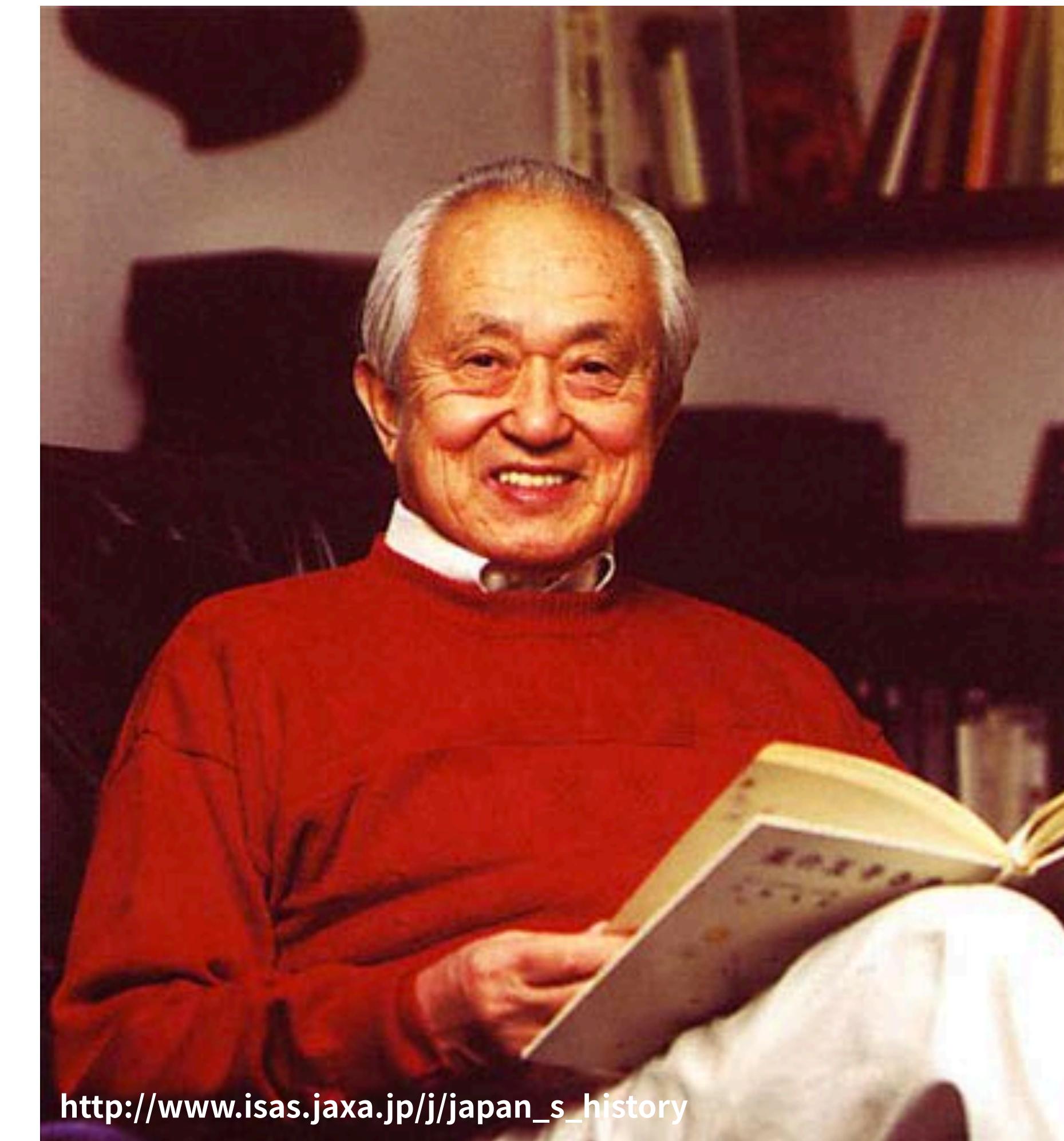
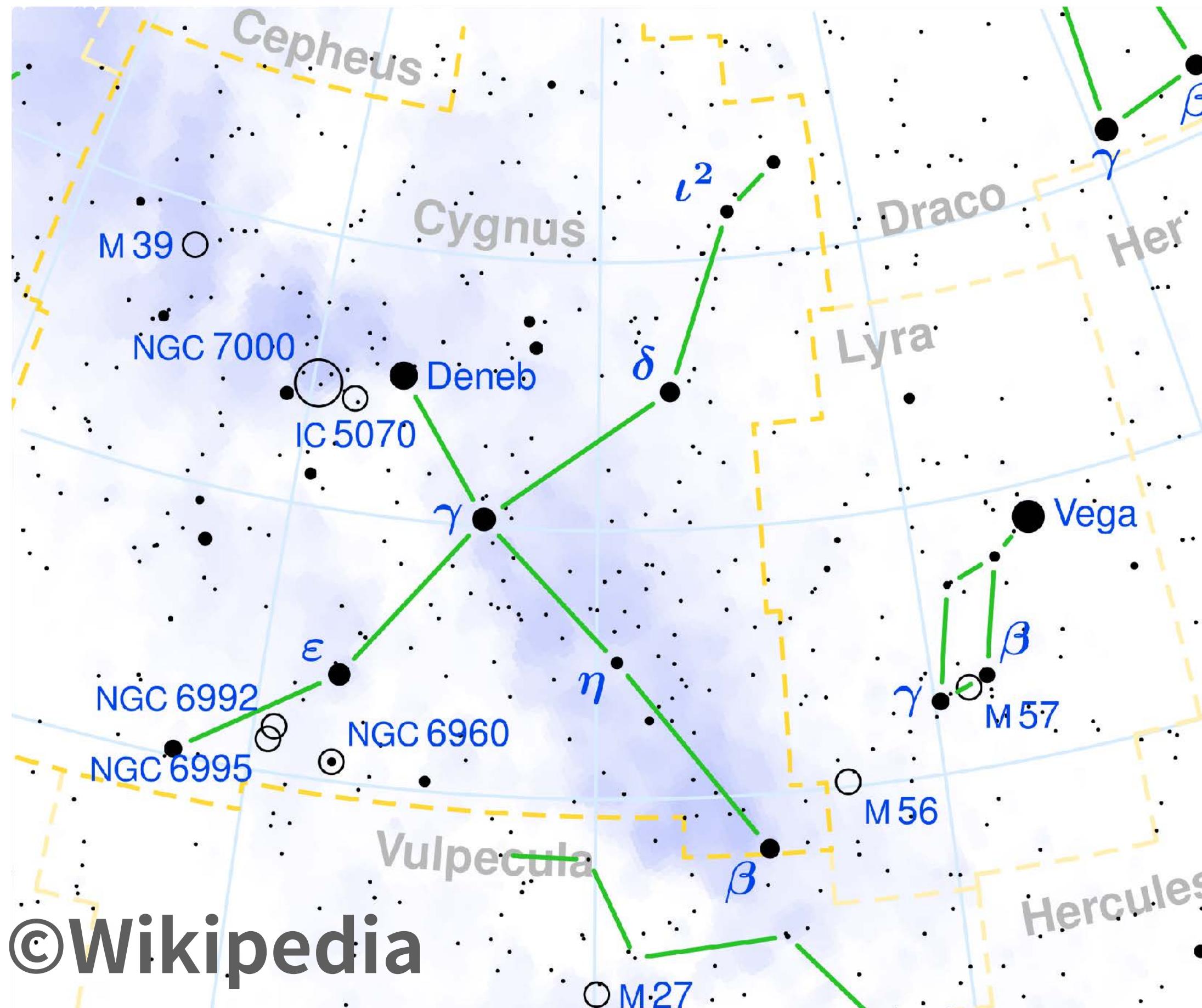


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# Cygnus X-1: First Black Hole Candidate

One of the most well studied black hole binary systems.

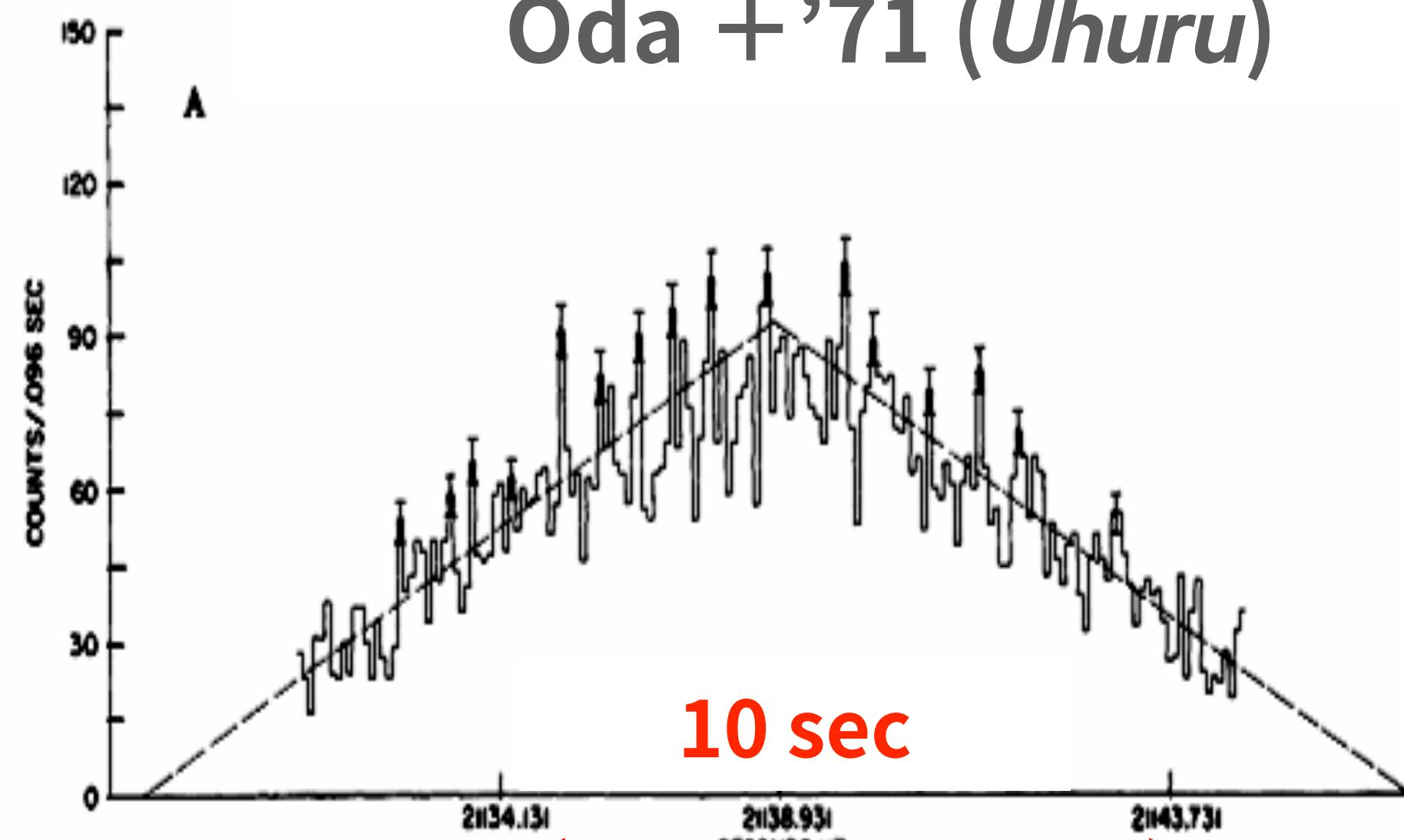


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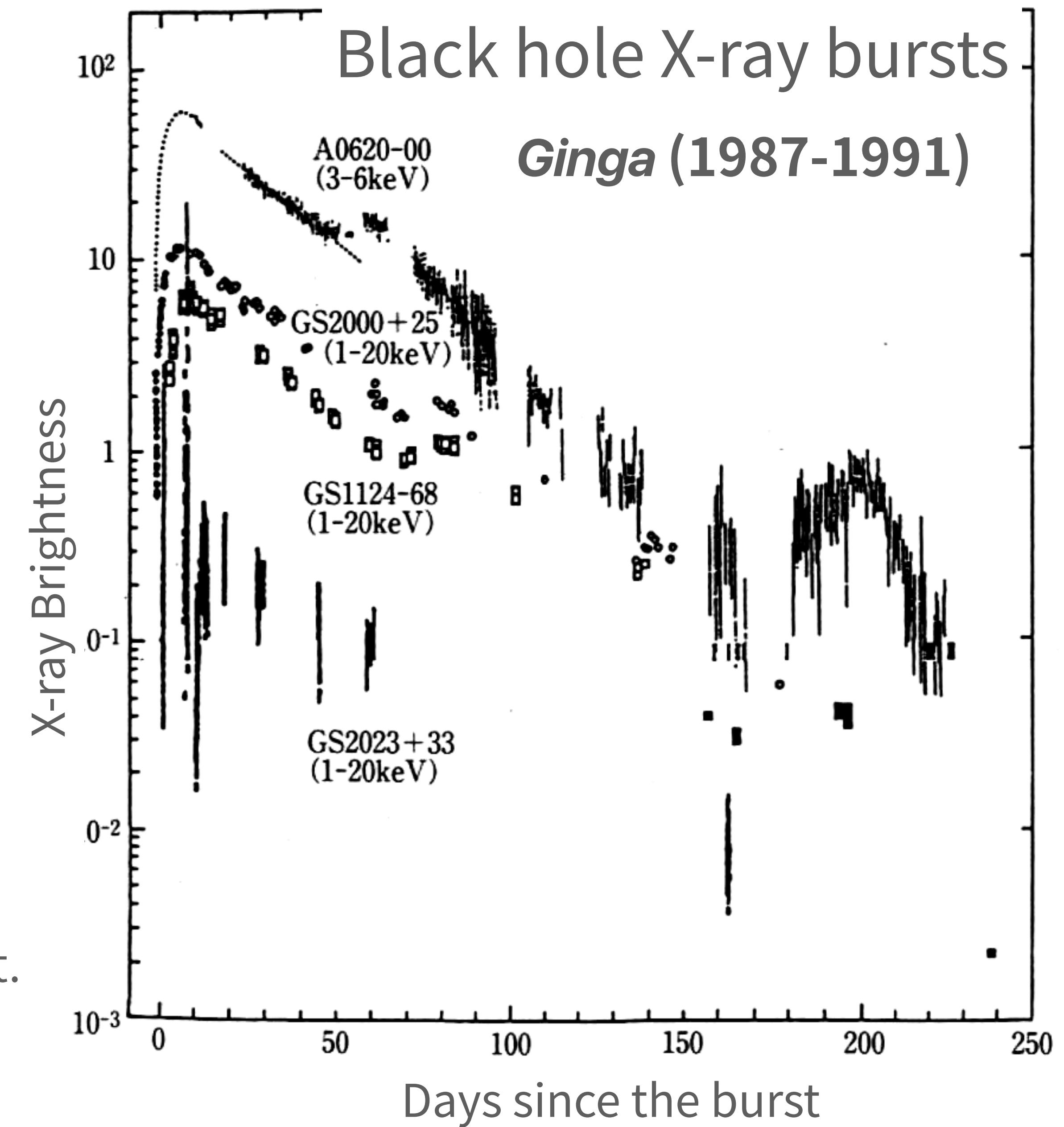
Minoru Oda

# Time Variability

Oda +'71 (*Uhuru*)



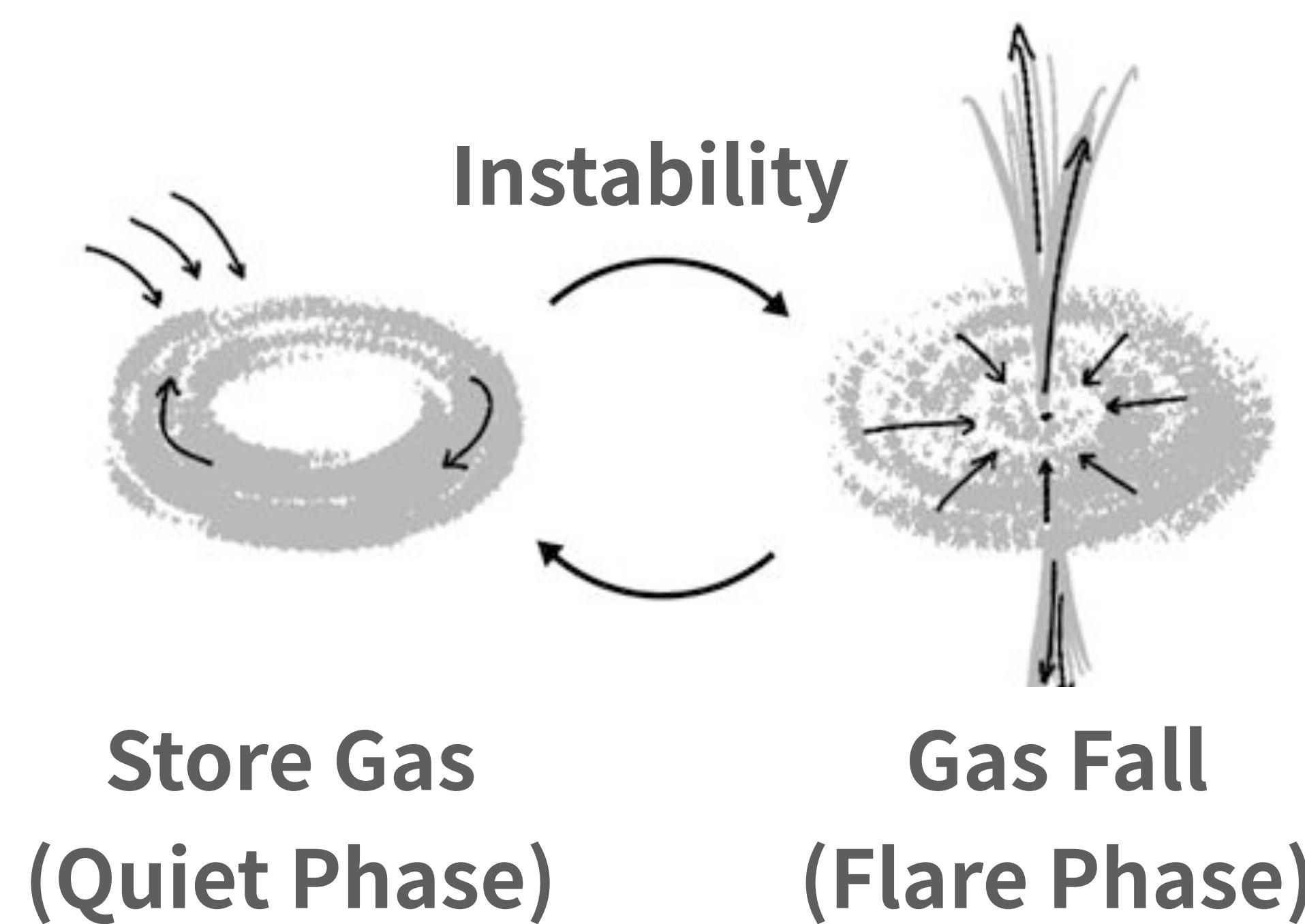
- Black holes show strong variability
  - = extreme environment.
- Every ~10 years, Galactic black holes unleashes extraordinarily bright X-Ray burst.
  - >100 times brighter in a few days.



# Disk Instability Model

Why are X-raying black hole variable?

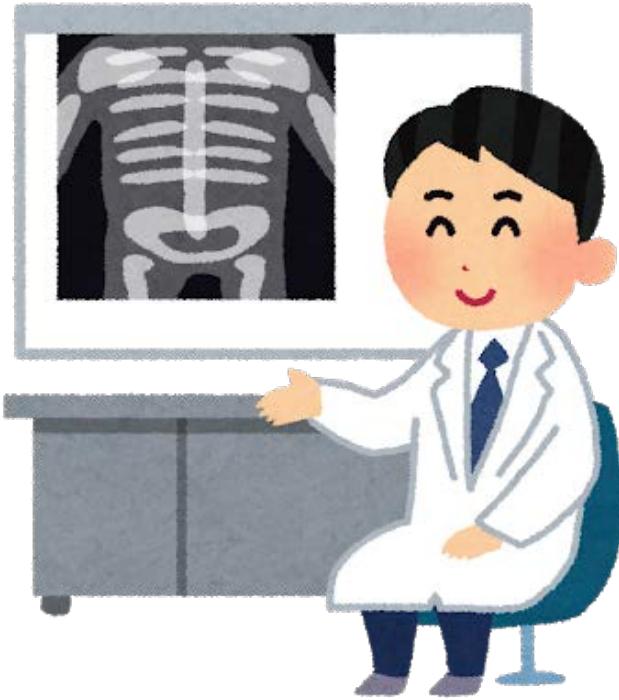
- Black hole accreting materials (disk) changes its states.



Sorry in Japanese. But, for students, you may want to read this book 嶺重慎 ブラックホール天文学入門



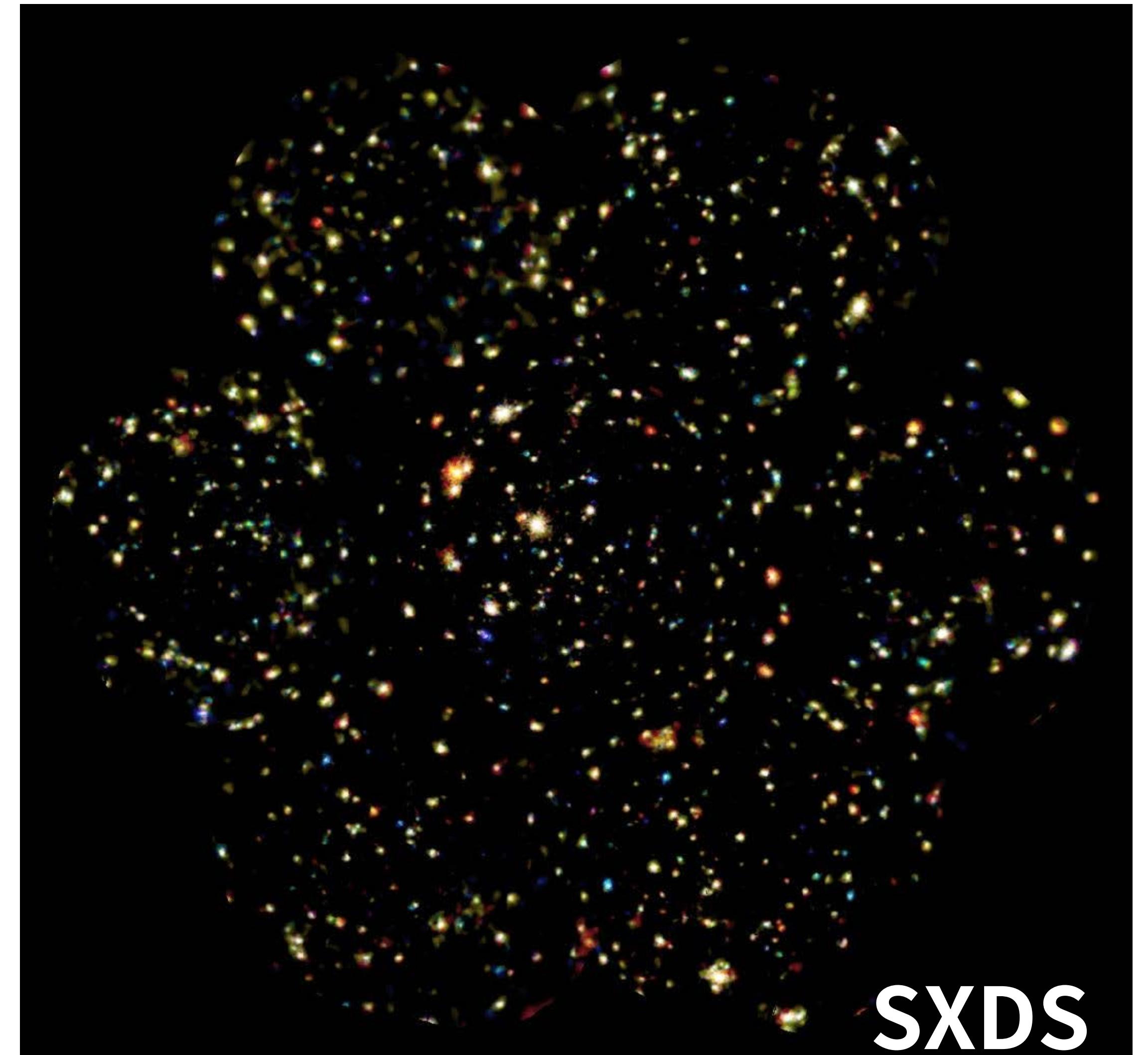
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# Let's find black holes using X-ray

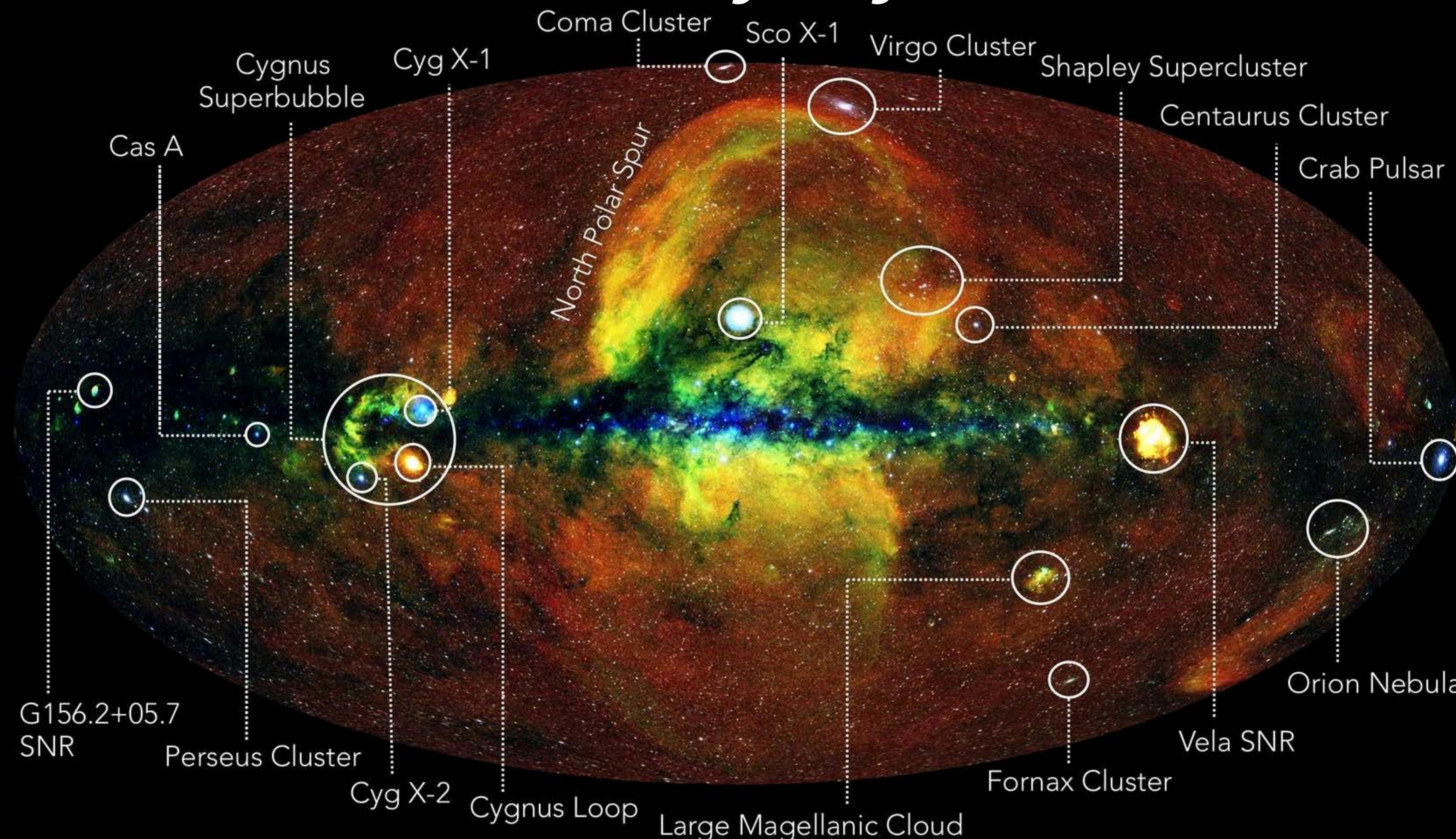
Take Roentgen photo of the sky

- These bright spots are X-rays from supermassive black holes.
- one million to 10 billion solar mass.



SXDS

# The latest view of the X-ray sky



*SRG/e-ROSITA*

SRG/eROSITA 0.3-2.3 keV - RGB Map

**One Million Objects**

# Let's take a photo of a Black Hole.

First Image of a black hole?

- M87 galaxy
- 55 million light year
- 6.5 billion solar mass
- Radio wave @ 1.3 mm
- Smart phones use ~cm waves
- Resolution : 20  $\mu$ arcsec (???)

Finding black holes through **motion**

# Nobel Prize in Physics 2020

Black holes and the Milky Way's darkest secret



# Remember High School Physics

## Kepler Motion

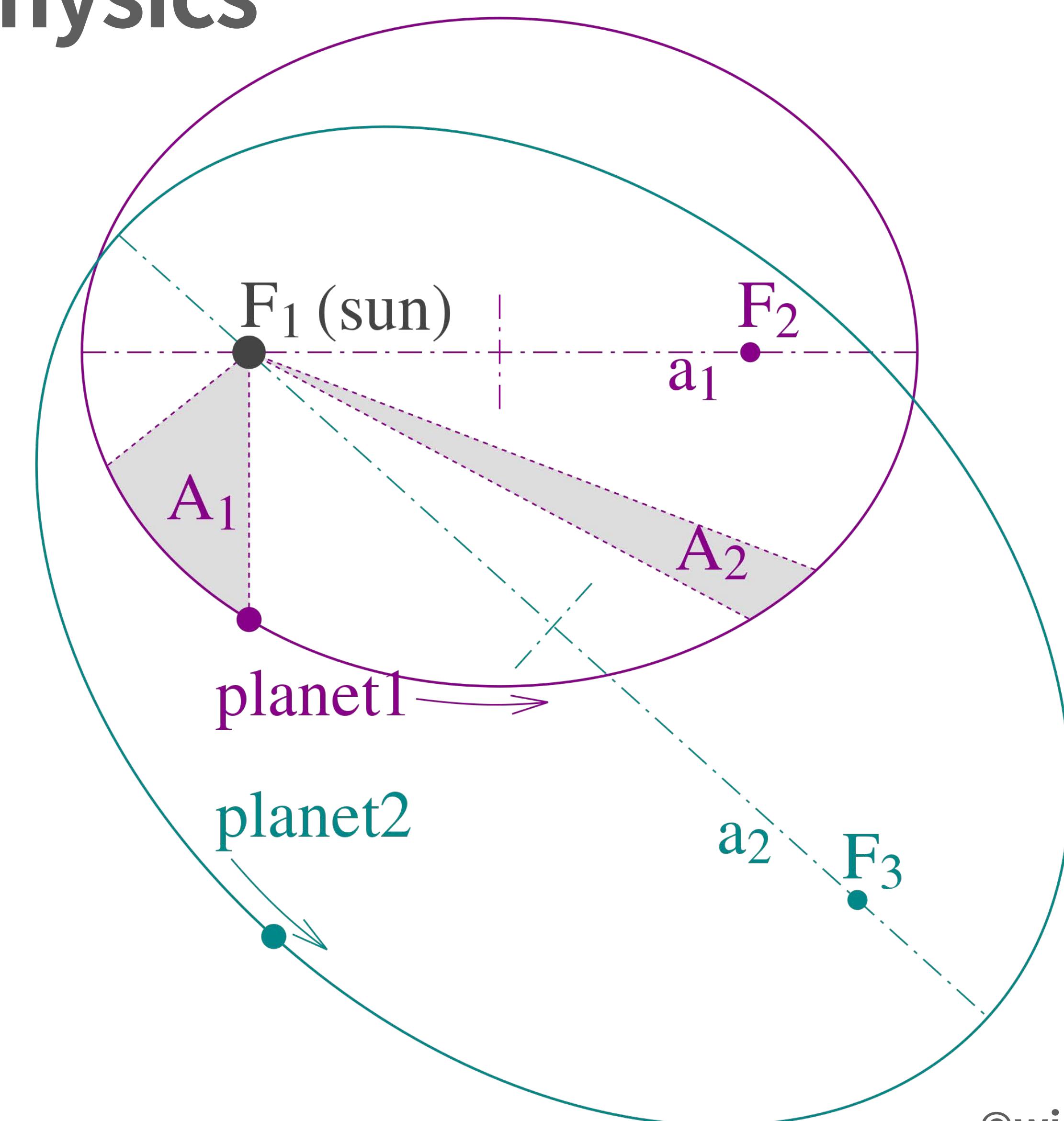
- Consider motion of point mass ( $\underline{m}$ ) orbiting around an object with a mass of  $\underline{M}$  with a separation distance of  $\underline{r}$ .

- Given the angular velocity  $\omega$ :

$$\bullet \quad mr\omega^2 = G \frac{mM}{r^2}$$

- Circular velocity  $v_K = r\omega$ , then

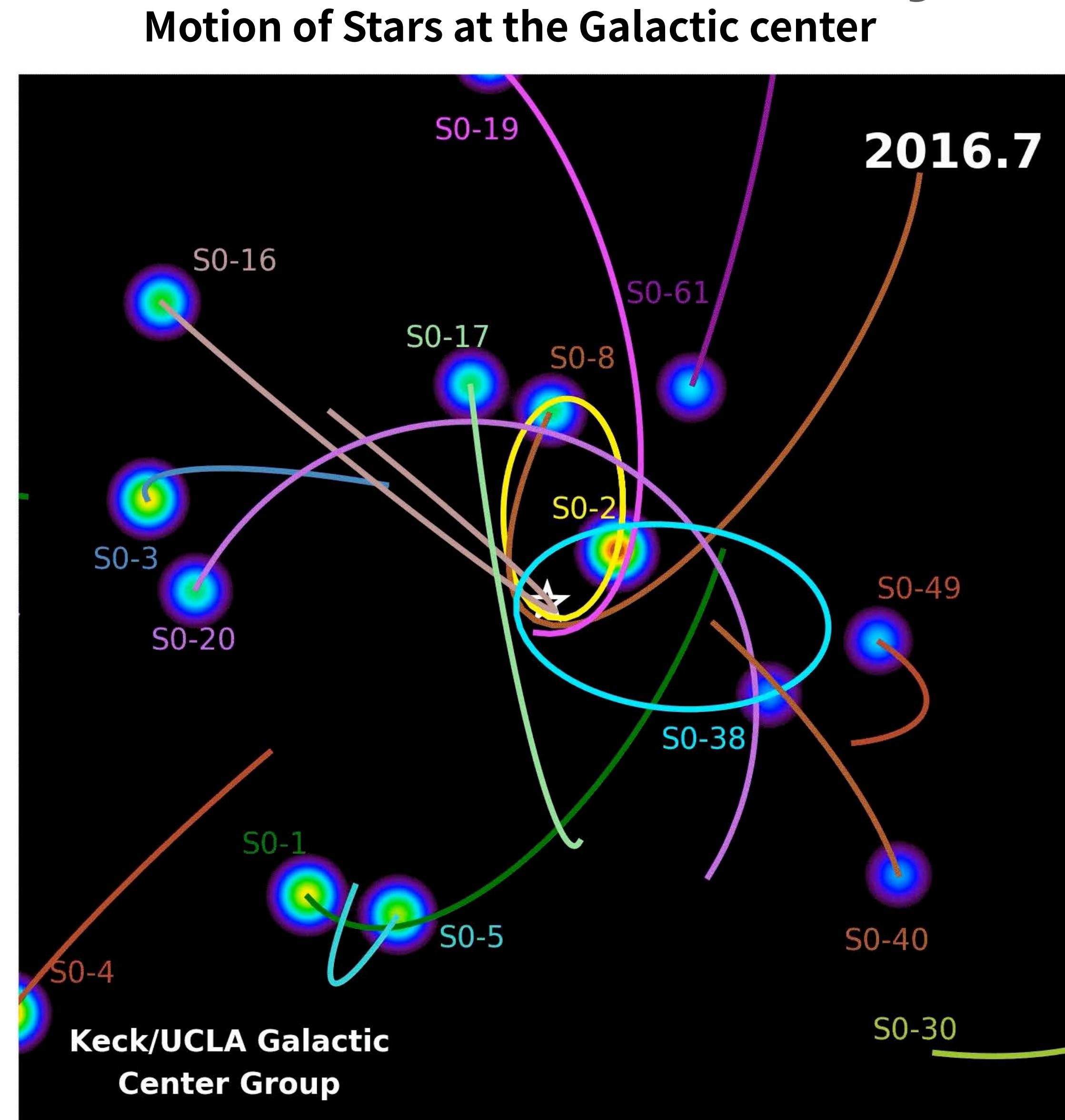
$$\bullet \quad v_K = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$



# Supermassive Black Hole at the Center of the Galaxy

Physics is high school level. But, its importance is Nobel prize level.

- Kepler motion of stars by the gravity of the central black hole
- Supermassive ( $>10^6$  solar mass) black holes @ galactic center
  - In the Milky way,
  - $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$

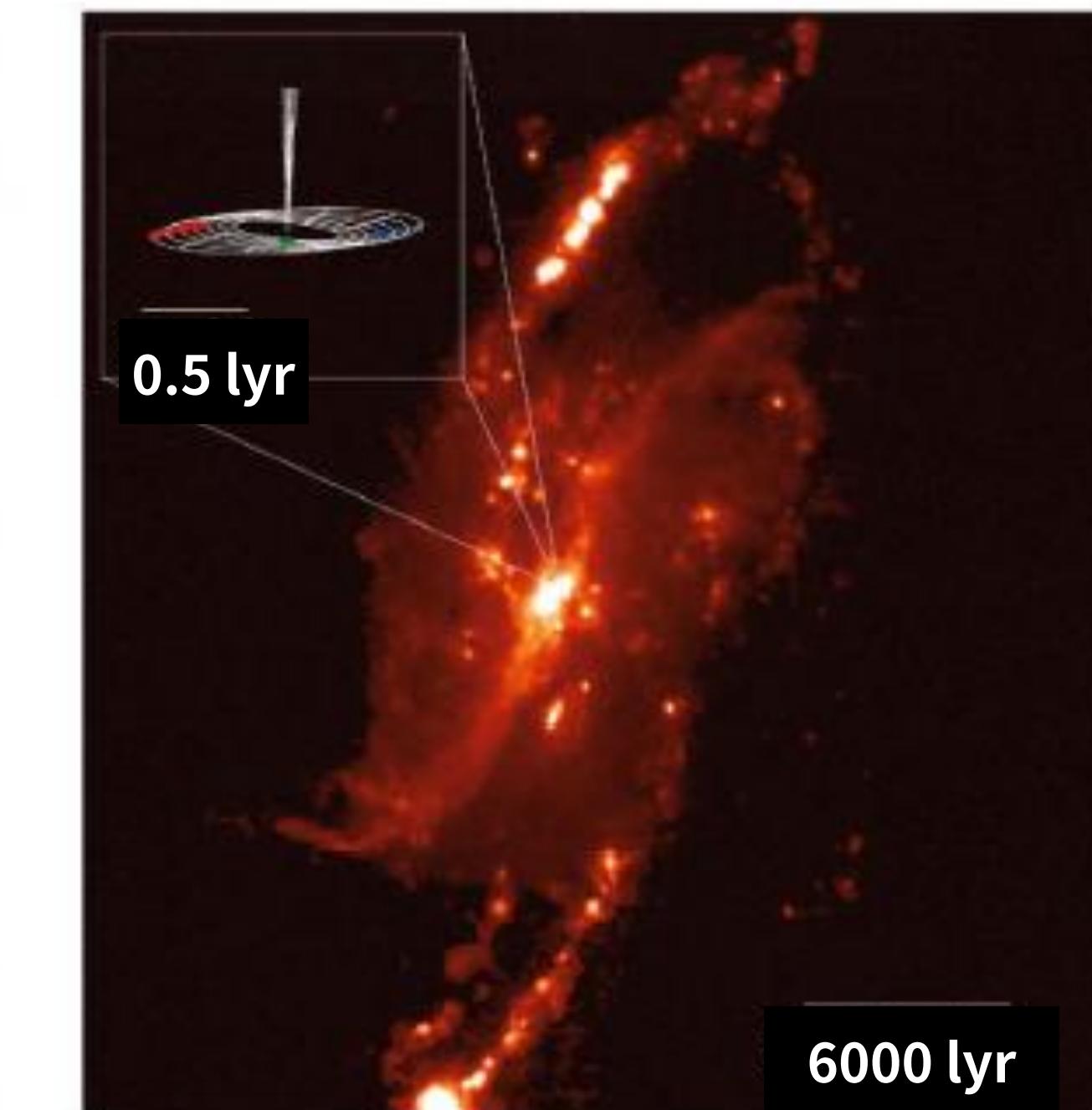
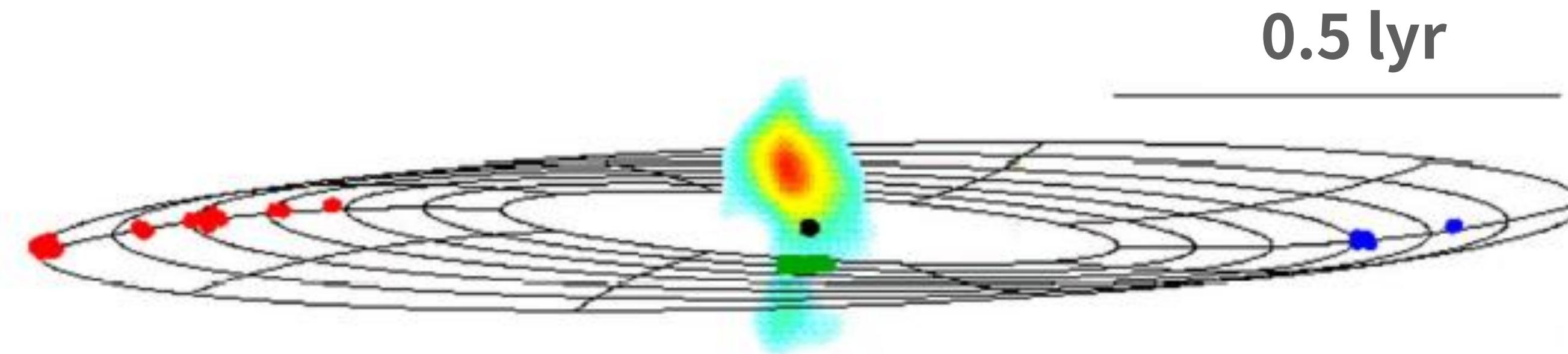
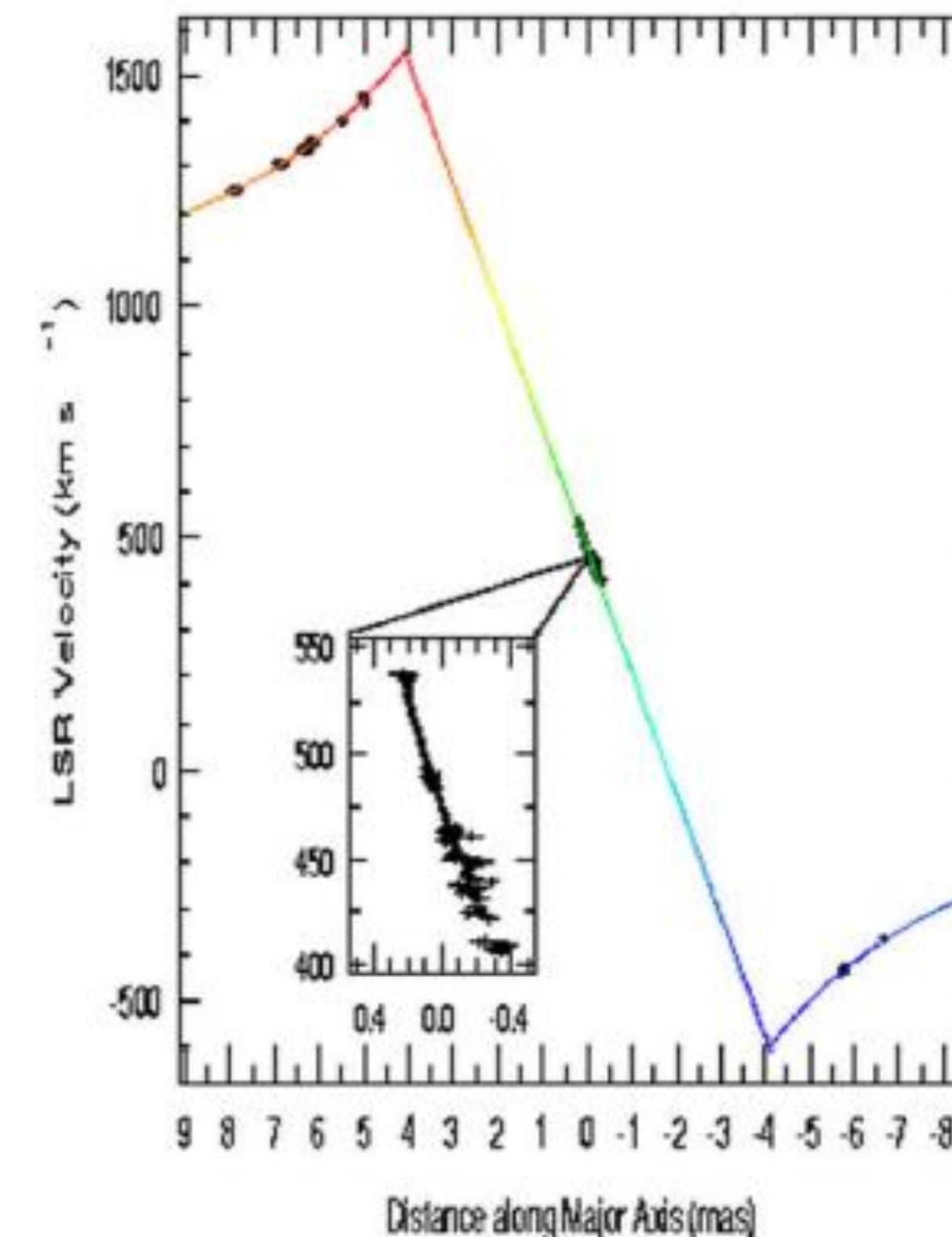




# Finding black holes through gas motion

## Radio

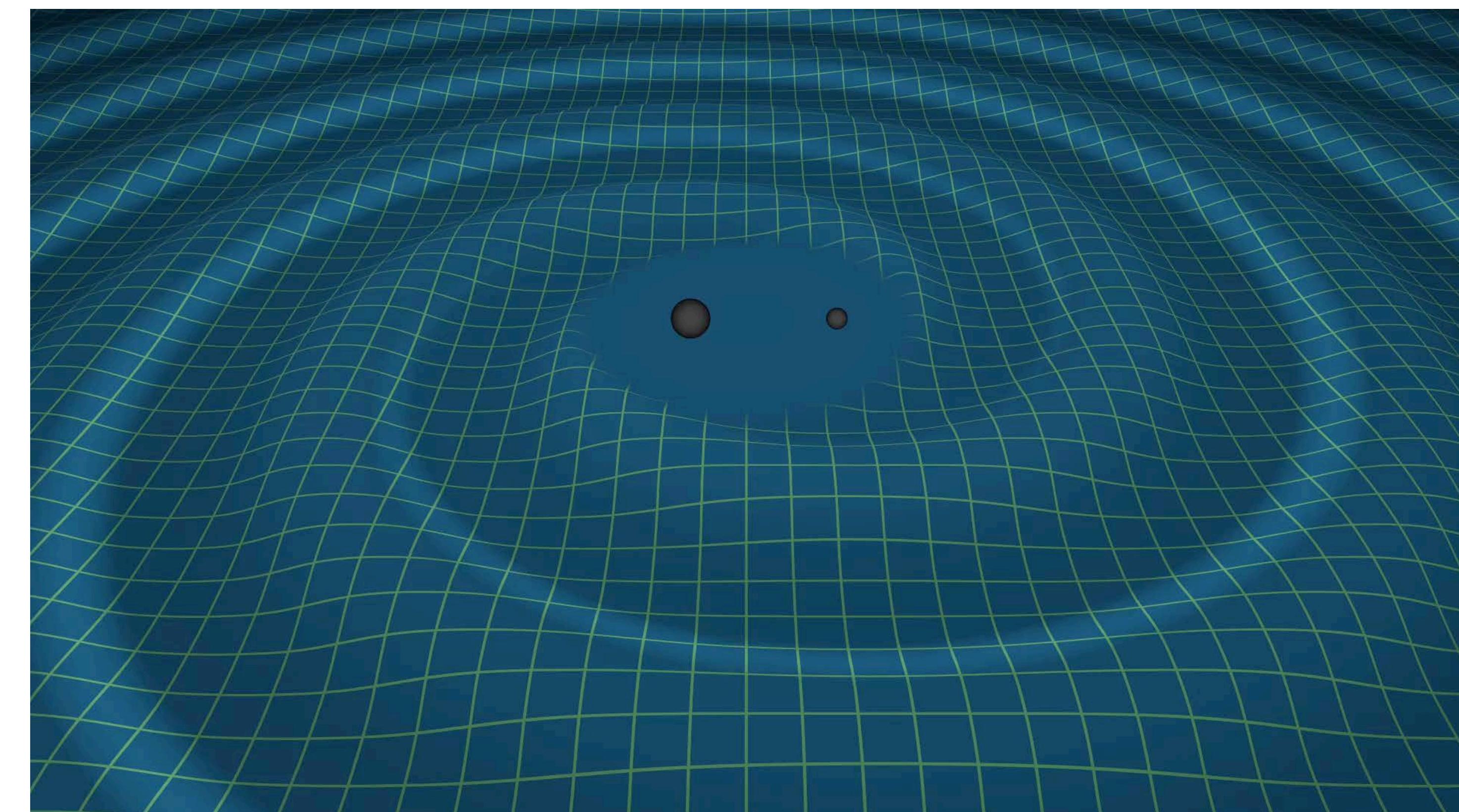
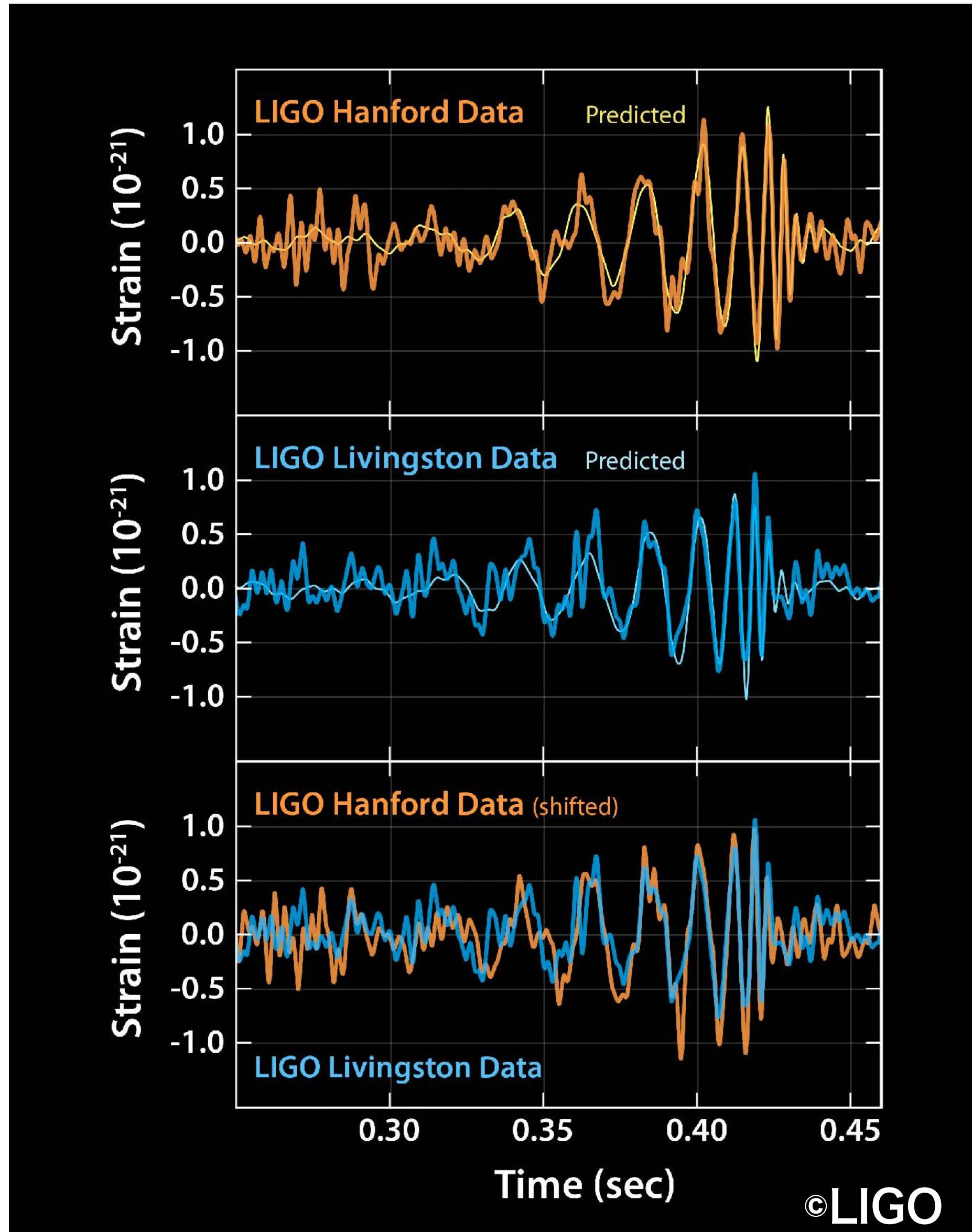
- Accreting gas emit radio emission
- First discovery of Kepler motion around a supermassive black hole



Nakai+’93; Miyoshi+’95

# Find Black Holes through Gravitational Waves

xxx black holes are found



# **Black holes in the Universe**

# Many Black Holes?

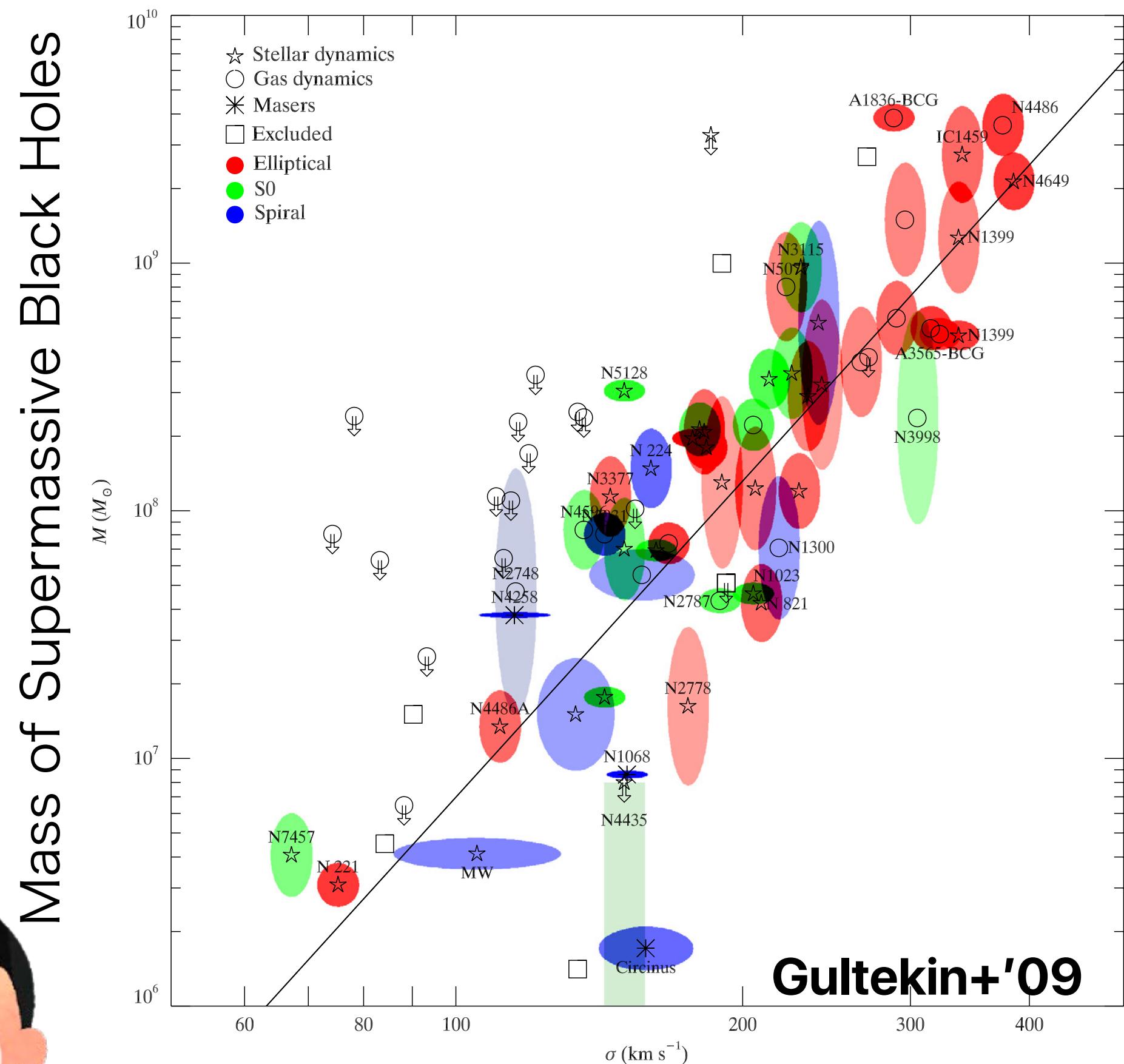
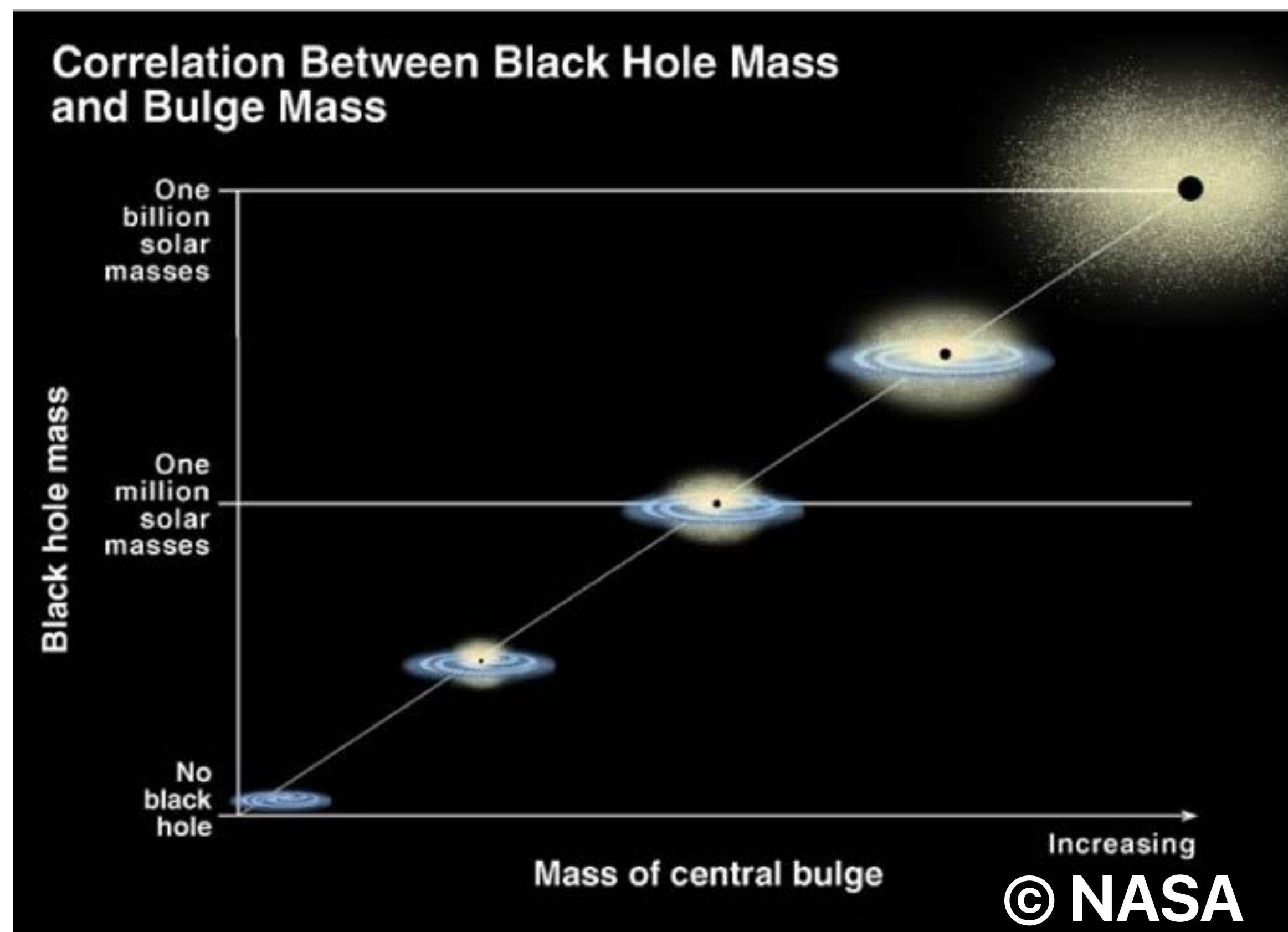
Milky Way

- $>10^{11}$  stars in our Galaxy
- $>10^7$  black holes are expected!
- Observed black holes: a few tens only.

# Many Black Holes? Universe

- $>10^{11}$  galaxies
- in the Milky way,  $>10^7$  black holes.
- Then,  $>10^{18}$  black holes in the sky!

# Supermassive Black Holes and Galaxies



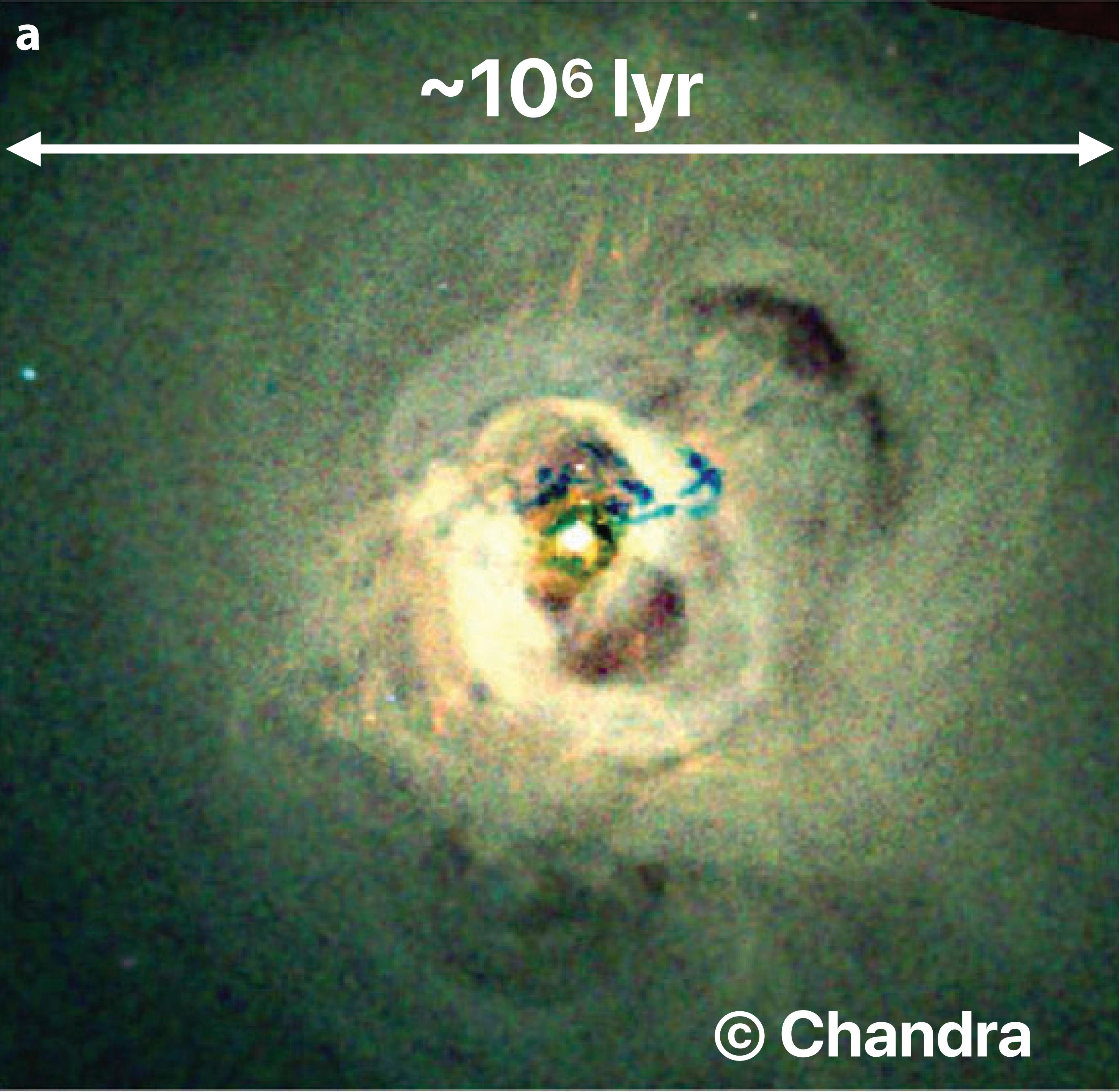
- Massive galaxies harbors more massive black holes.

# Supermassive Black Holes and the Universe

- Black hole activity pushes gas away at large scale.



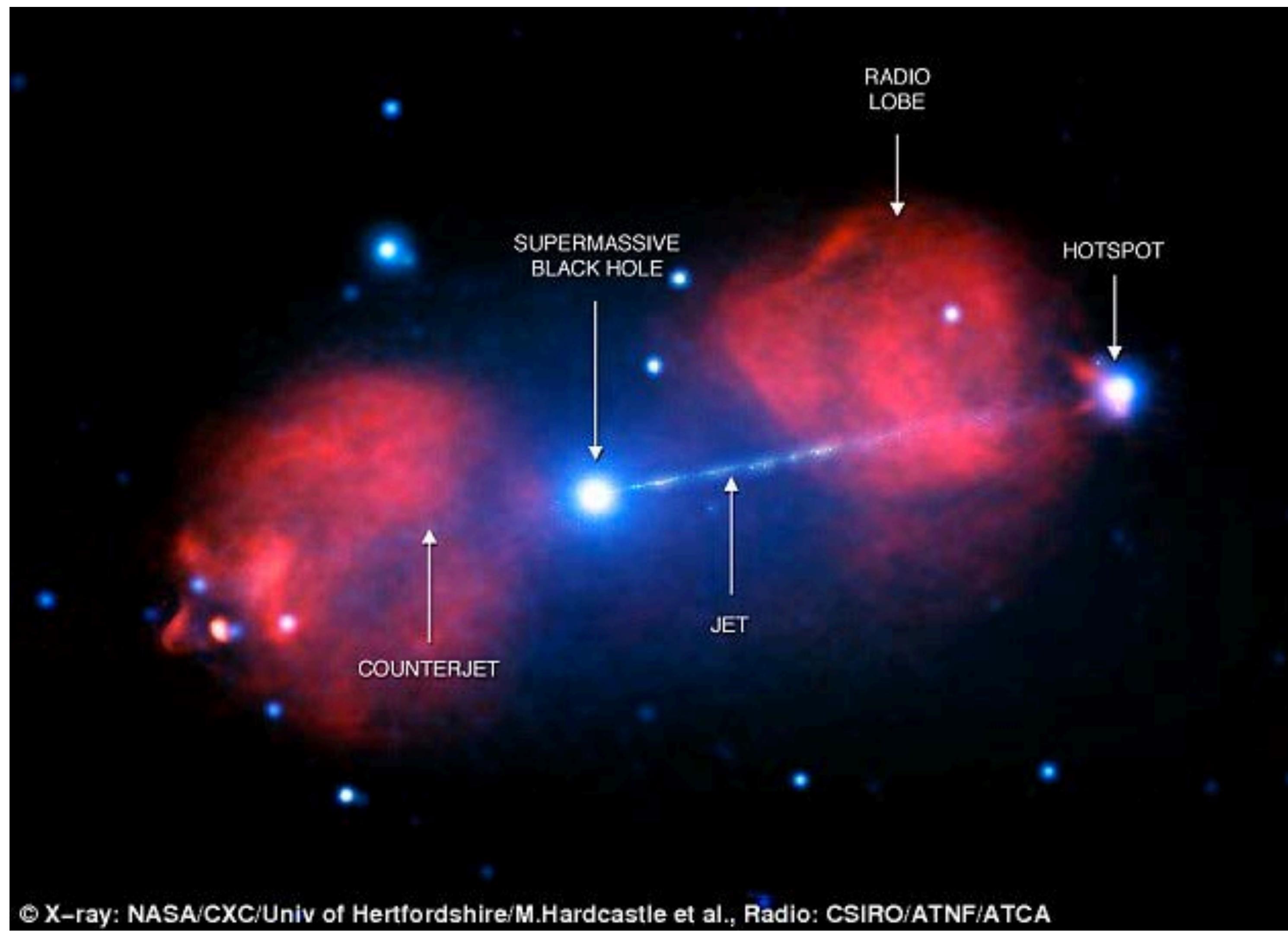
Please ask Abed (Our moderator), why and how.



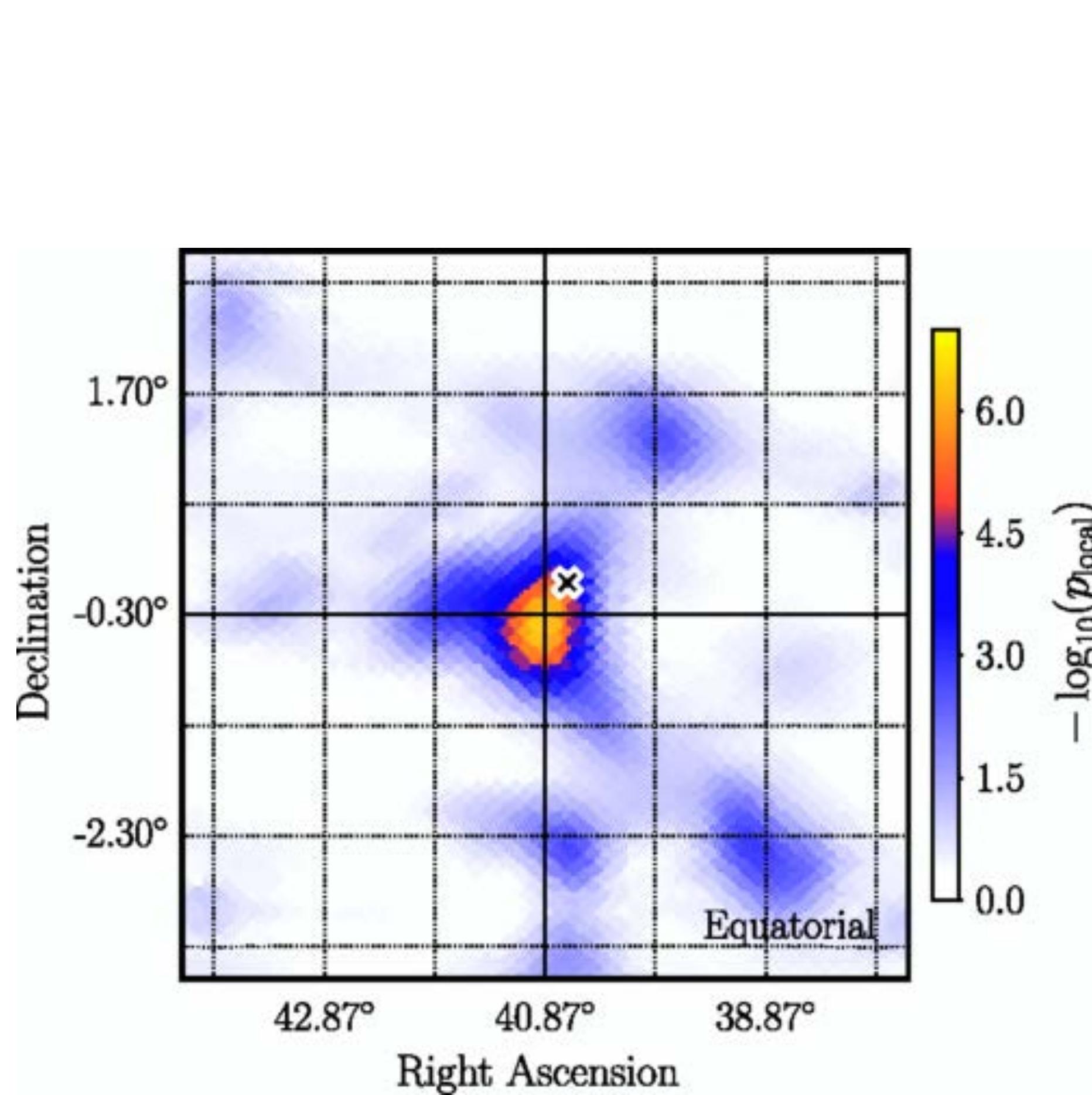
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# Extreme Phenomena around Black Holes

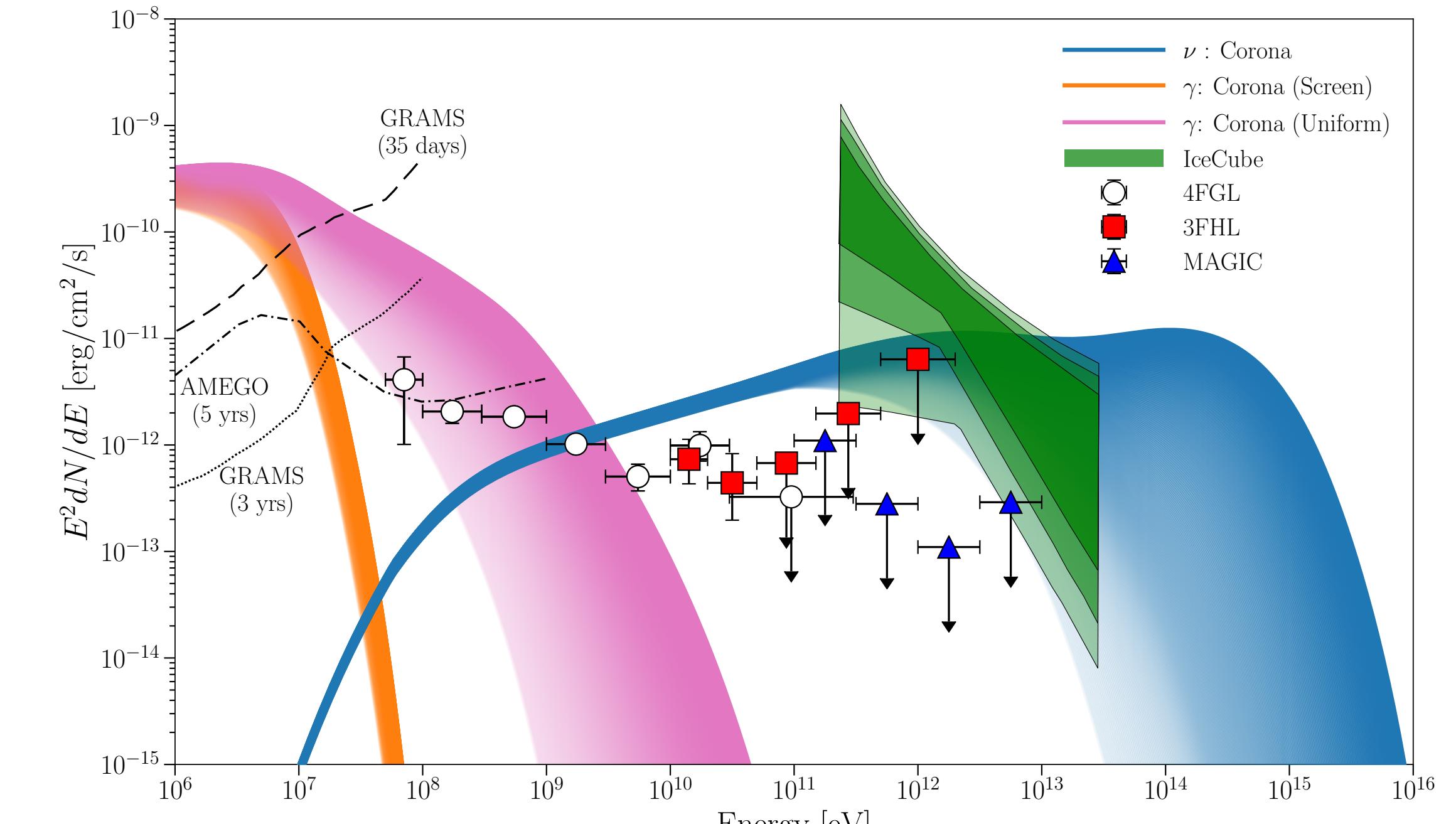
Hot plasma & High Energy Particles → X-ray, Gamma-ray, Cosmic-ray, Neutrino



# Neutrinos from a Nearby Supermassive Black Hole?



IceCube 2020



- TeV neutrinos are reported from a nearby supermassive black hole.
- How generated? Black hole corona?



# Mystery of Black Holes

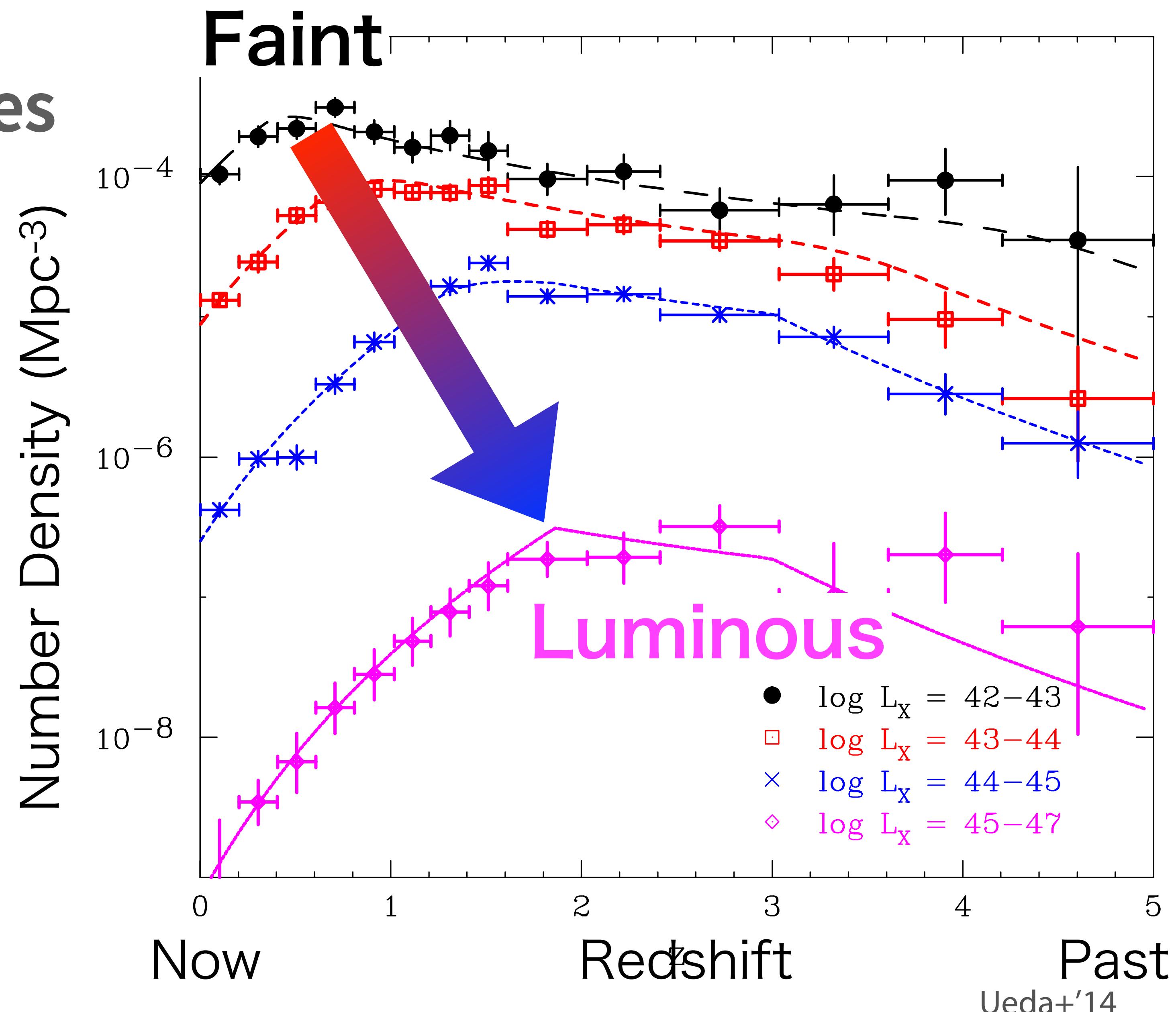
- Black hole information?
- Are there primordial black holes?
- How can black holes are formed?
- How many black holes in the universe?
- How can supermassive black hole be formed?
- How does gas fall into black holes?
- Relativistic jet formation, correlation, and acceleration?
- How do they evolve together with galaxies?
- What do they do for galaxies?
- Can they make ultra-high-energy cosmic rays?
- and more...

# Summary

Using physics,  
we can find “Black Holes”.

# Evolution of Supermassive Black Holes

- Luminous (~Massive) black holes were more actively formed in the past.

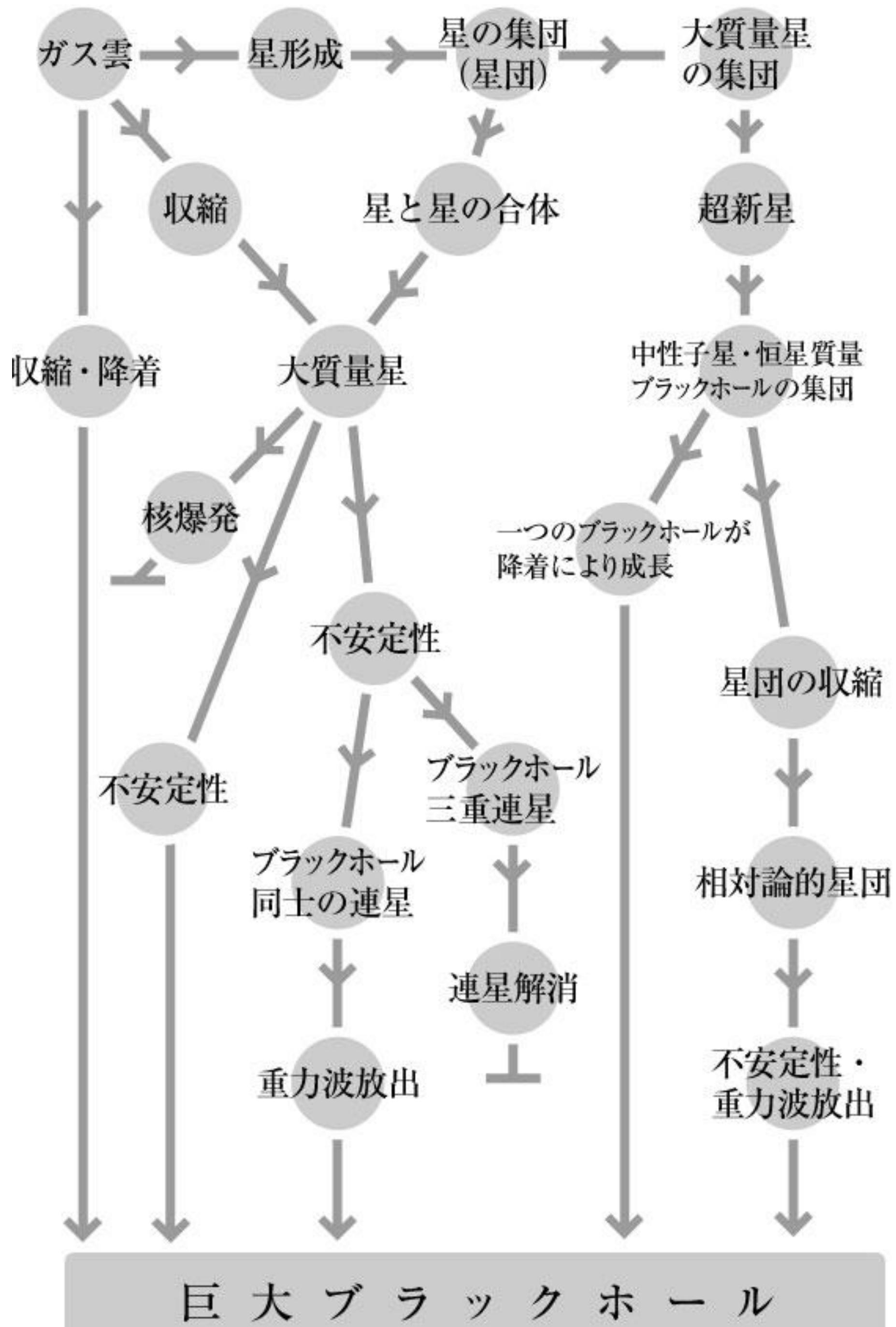


# 巨大ブラックホールの作り方

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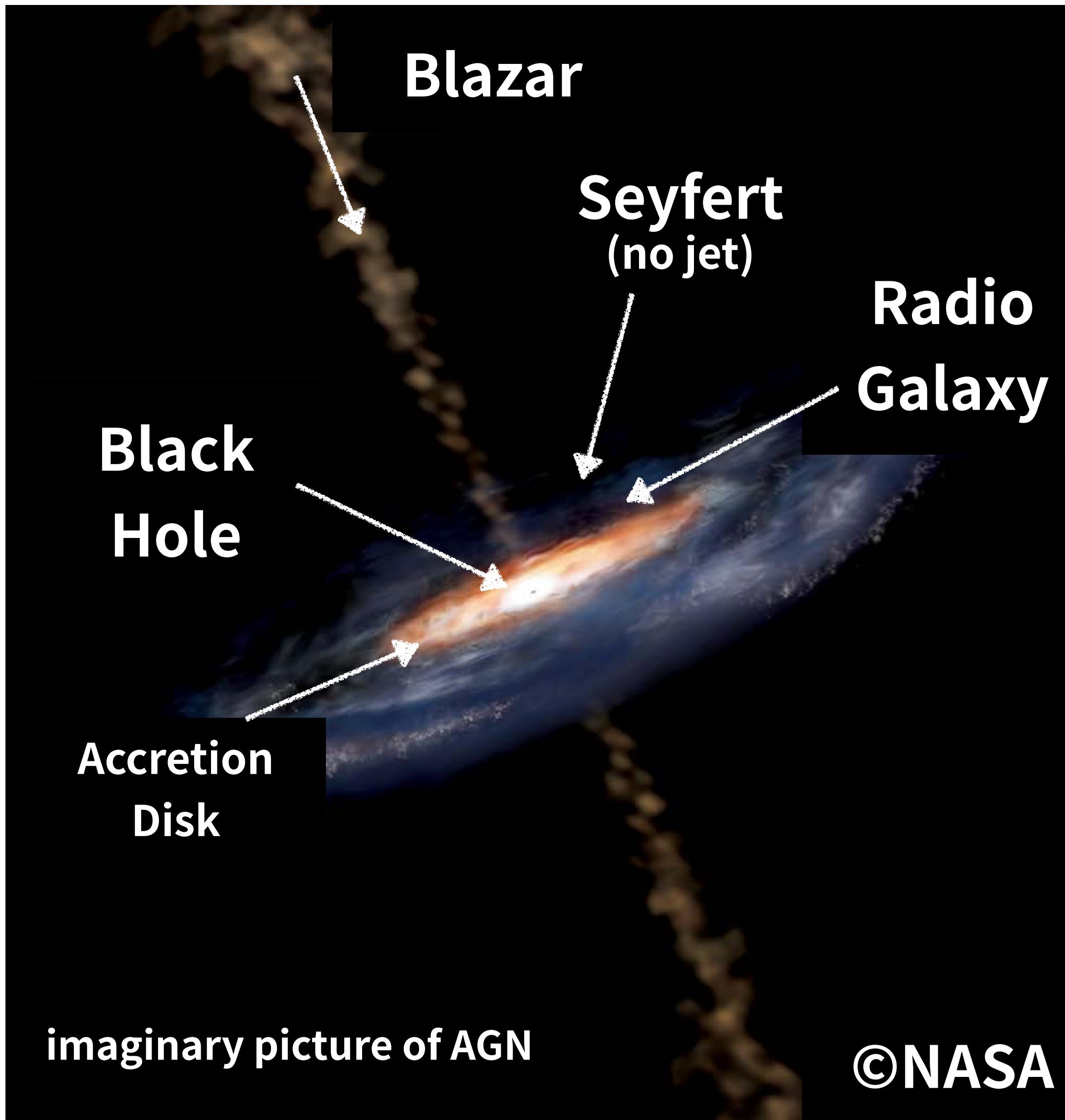


- でかい星をつくる
- 星団を作つてから合体合成



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# Supermassive Black Holes are Active



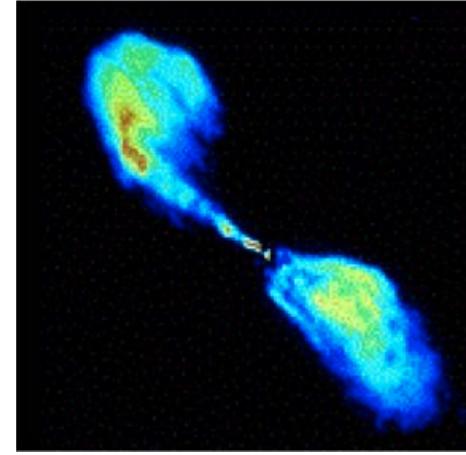
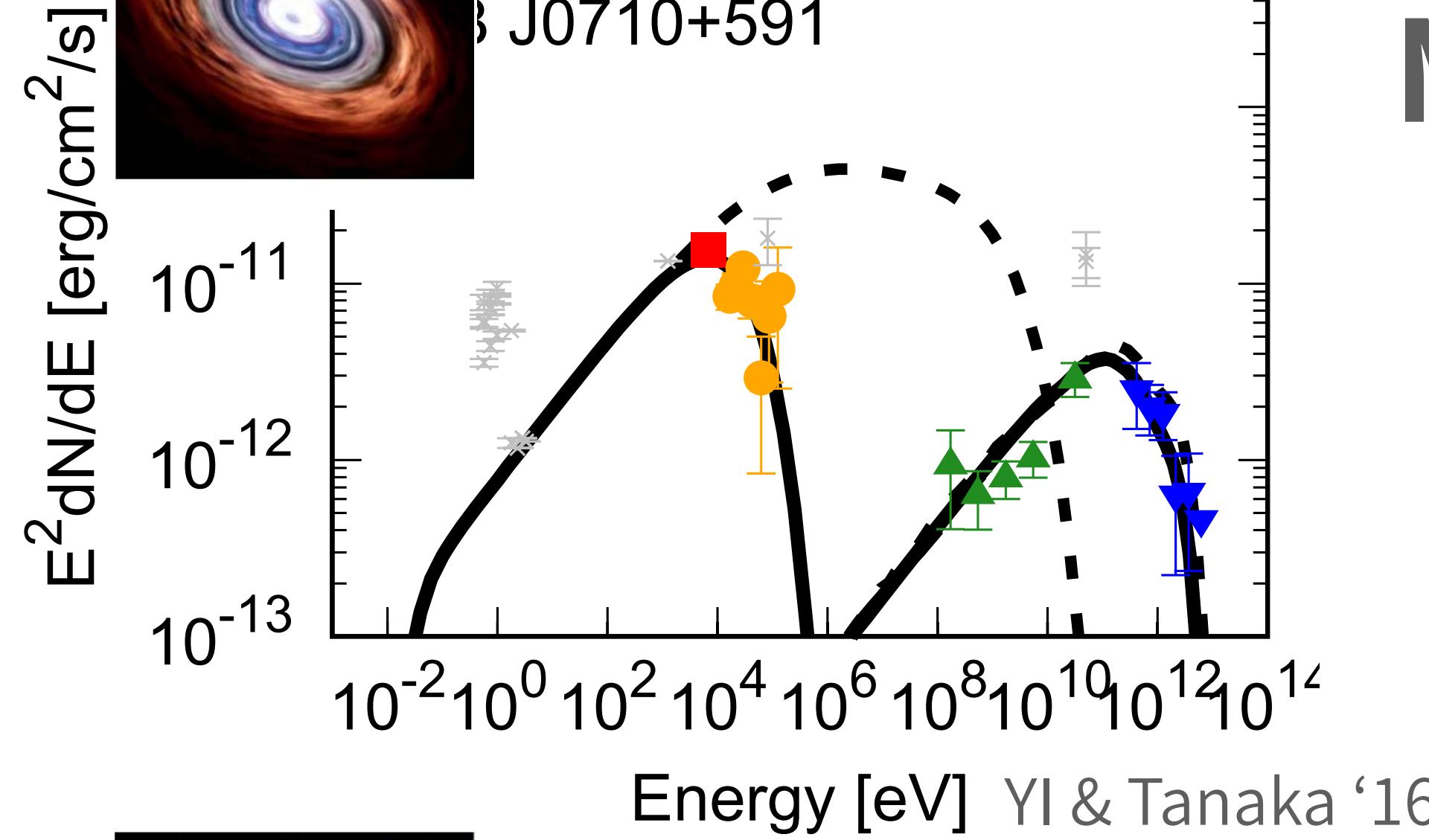
- Gas accretion
  - brighter than galaxy
- Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs)
- Various populations
  - Blazar, Radio galaxy, Seyfert
- Unsolved mysteries of AGNs
- Evolution? Power? Jet? Corona?,,,

# Millimeter Excess in Nearby Seyferts

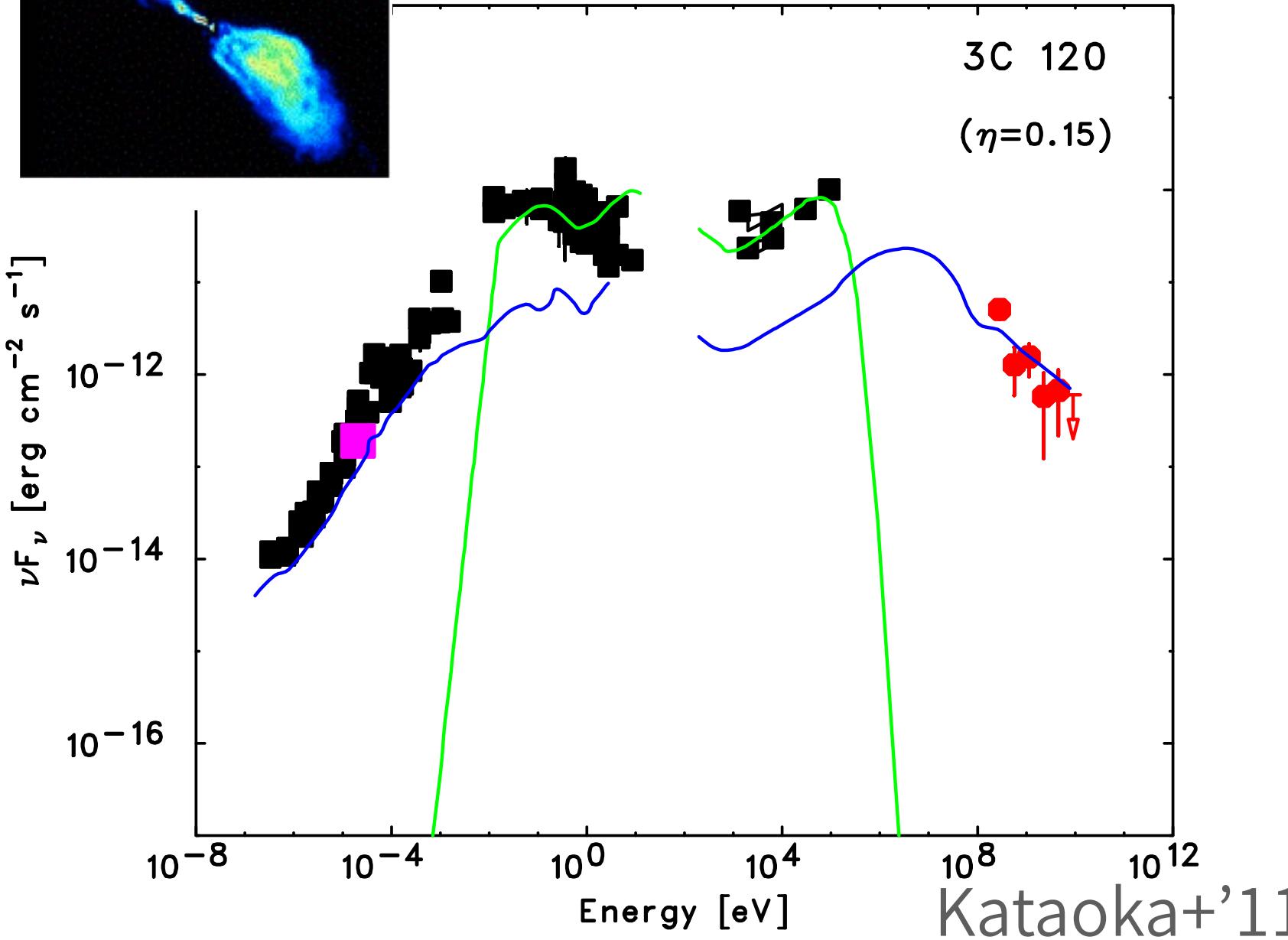


Blazar

3C J0710+591



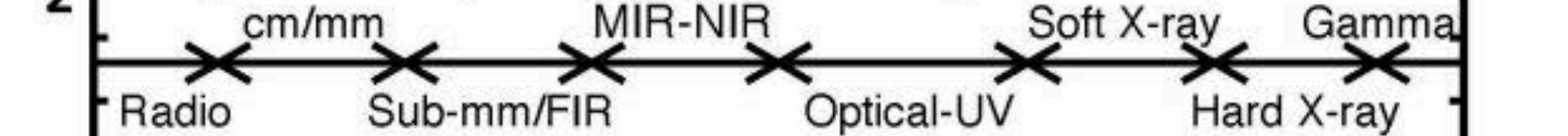
Radio Galaxy



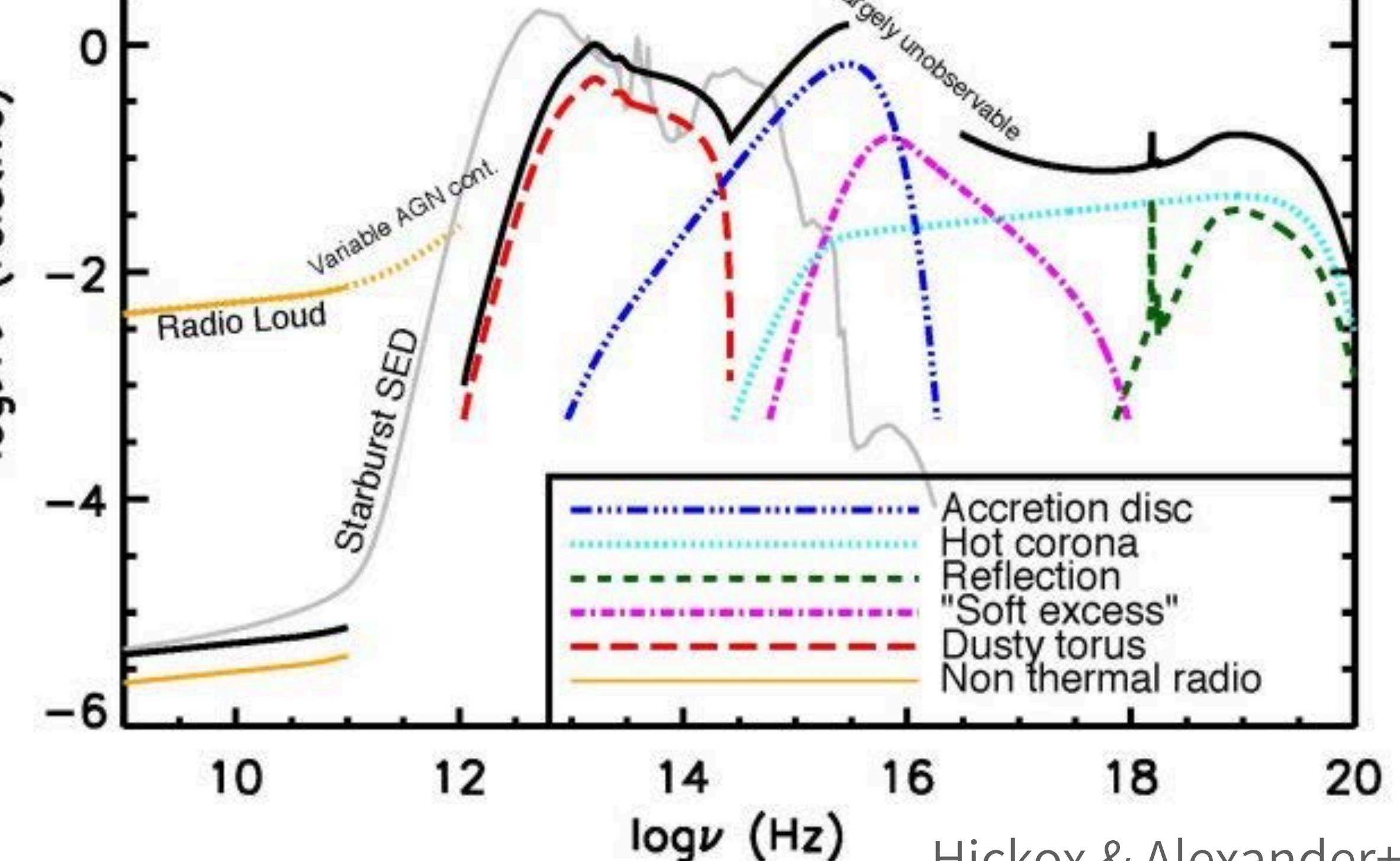
# Multi-wavelength spectrum of AGNs



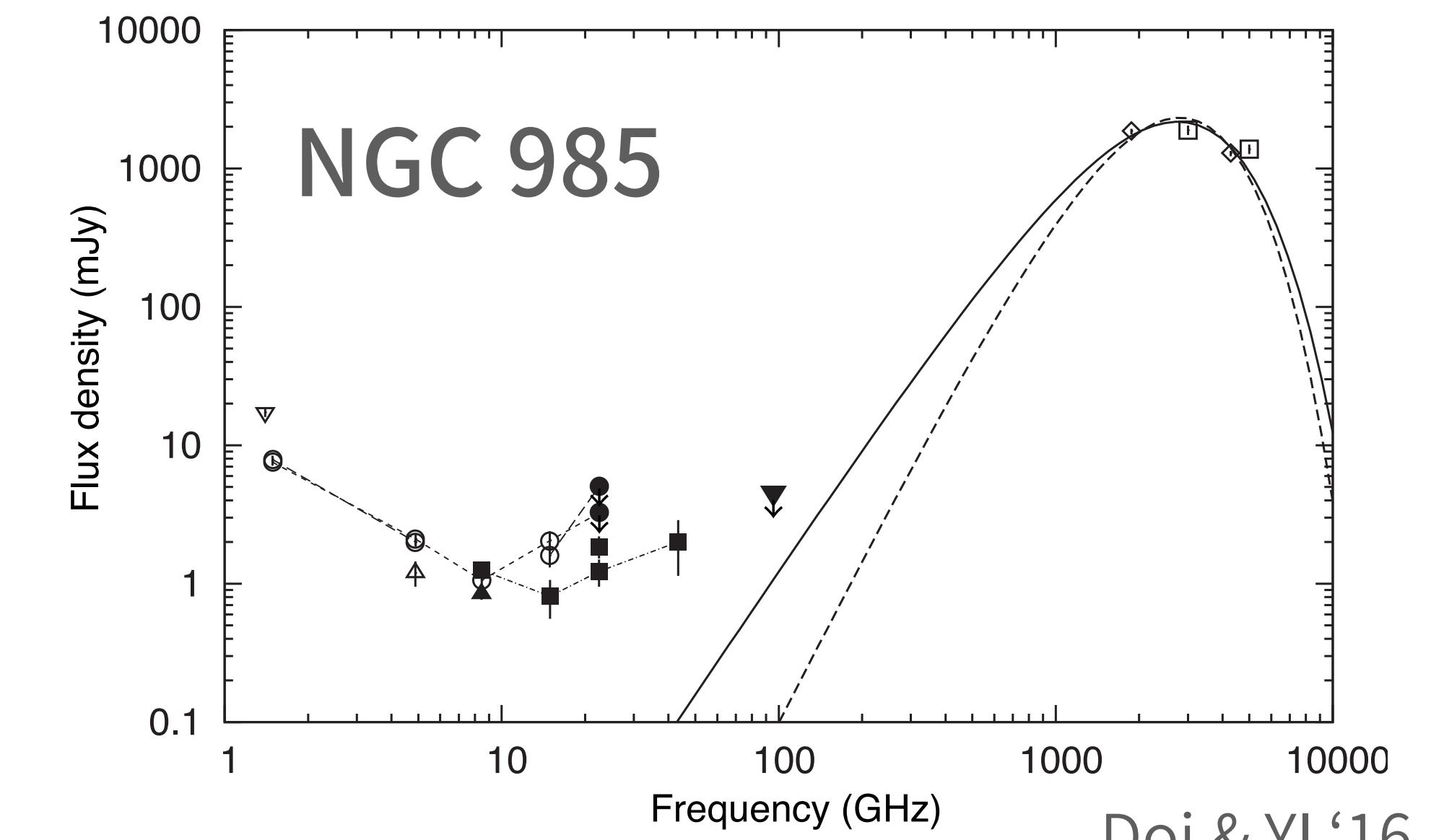
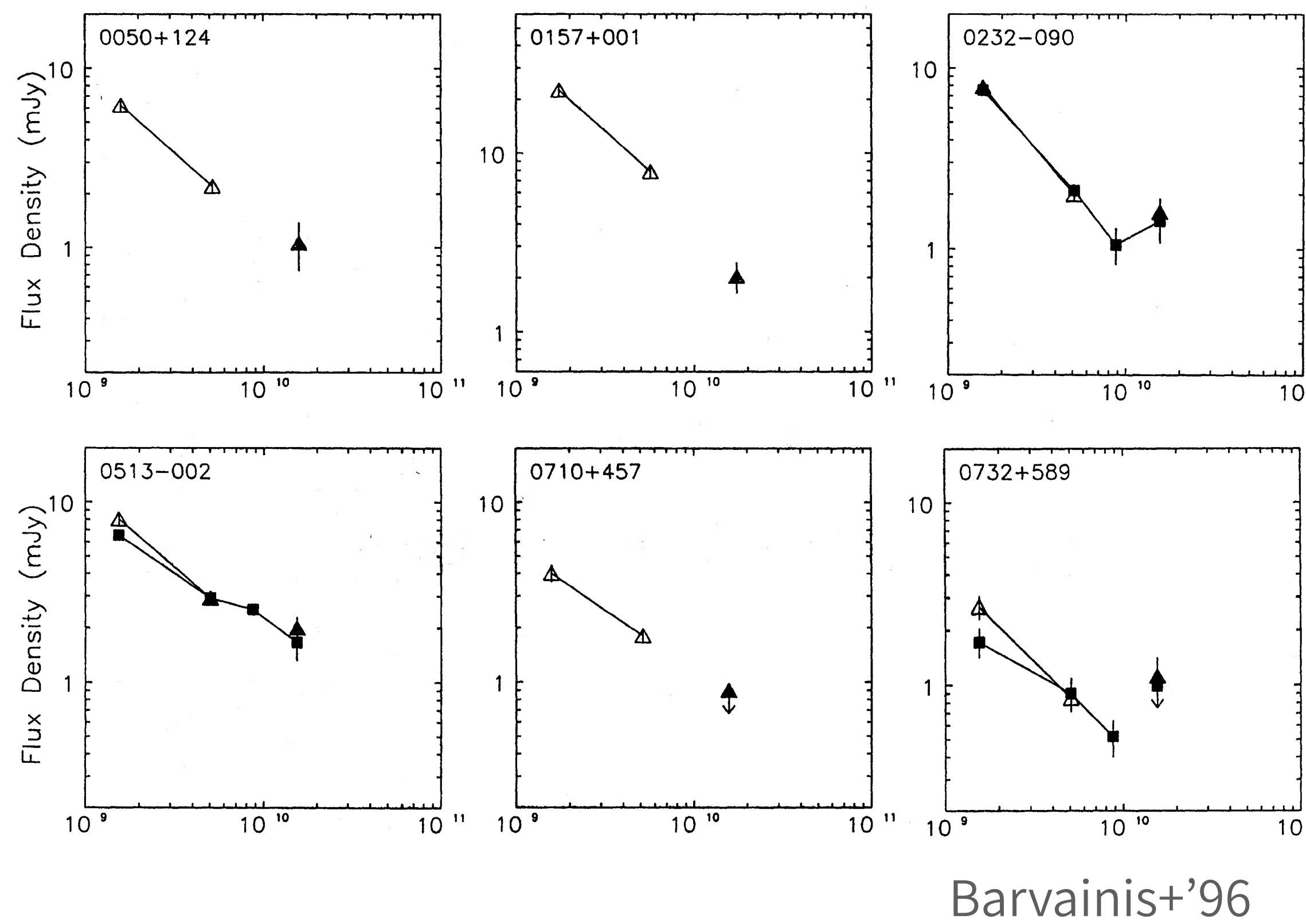
Seyfert/Quasar



$\log \nu F_\nu$  (relative)



# Millimeter excess in nearby Seyferts



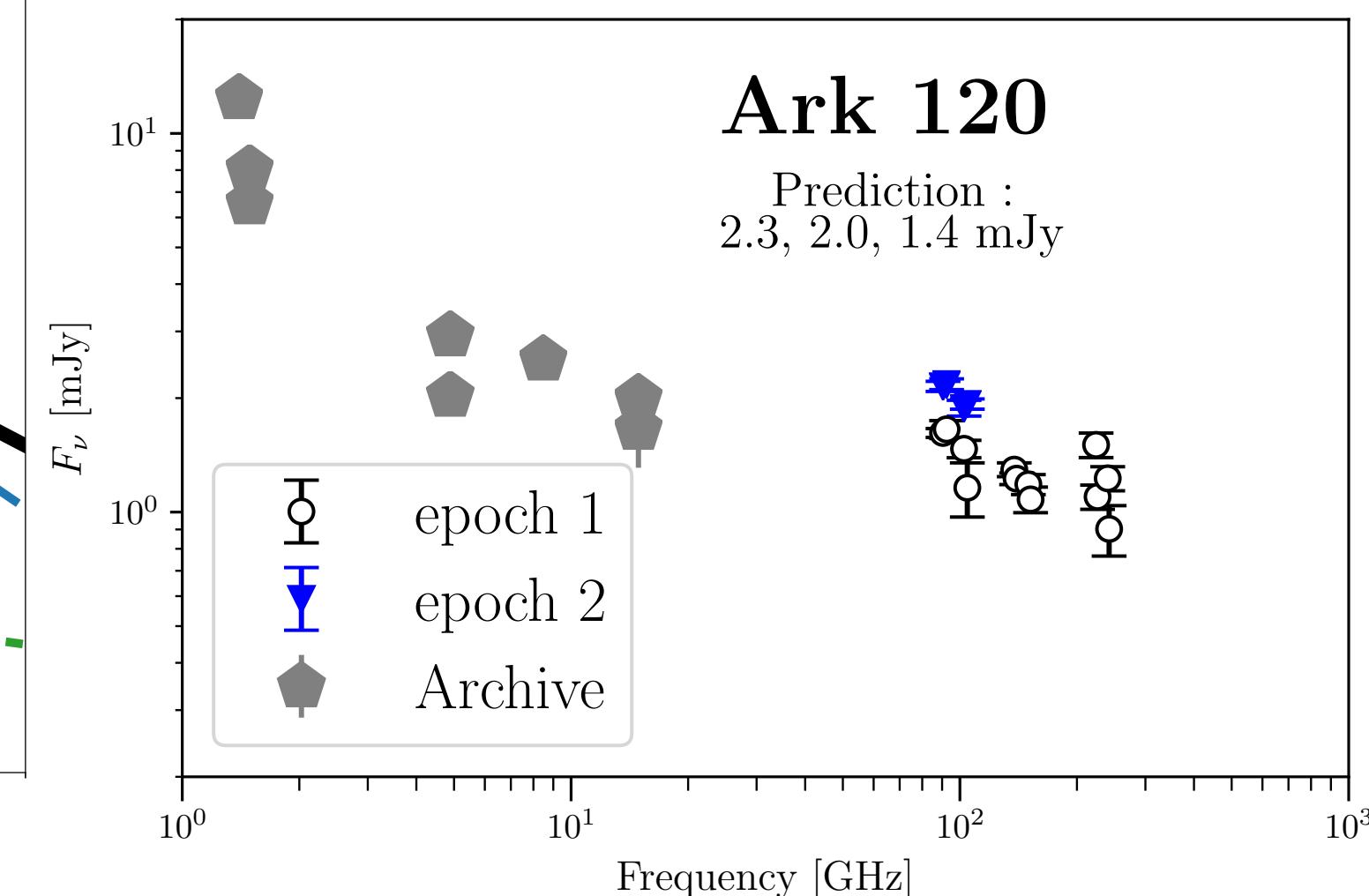
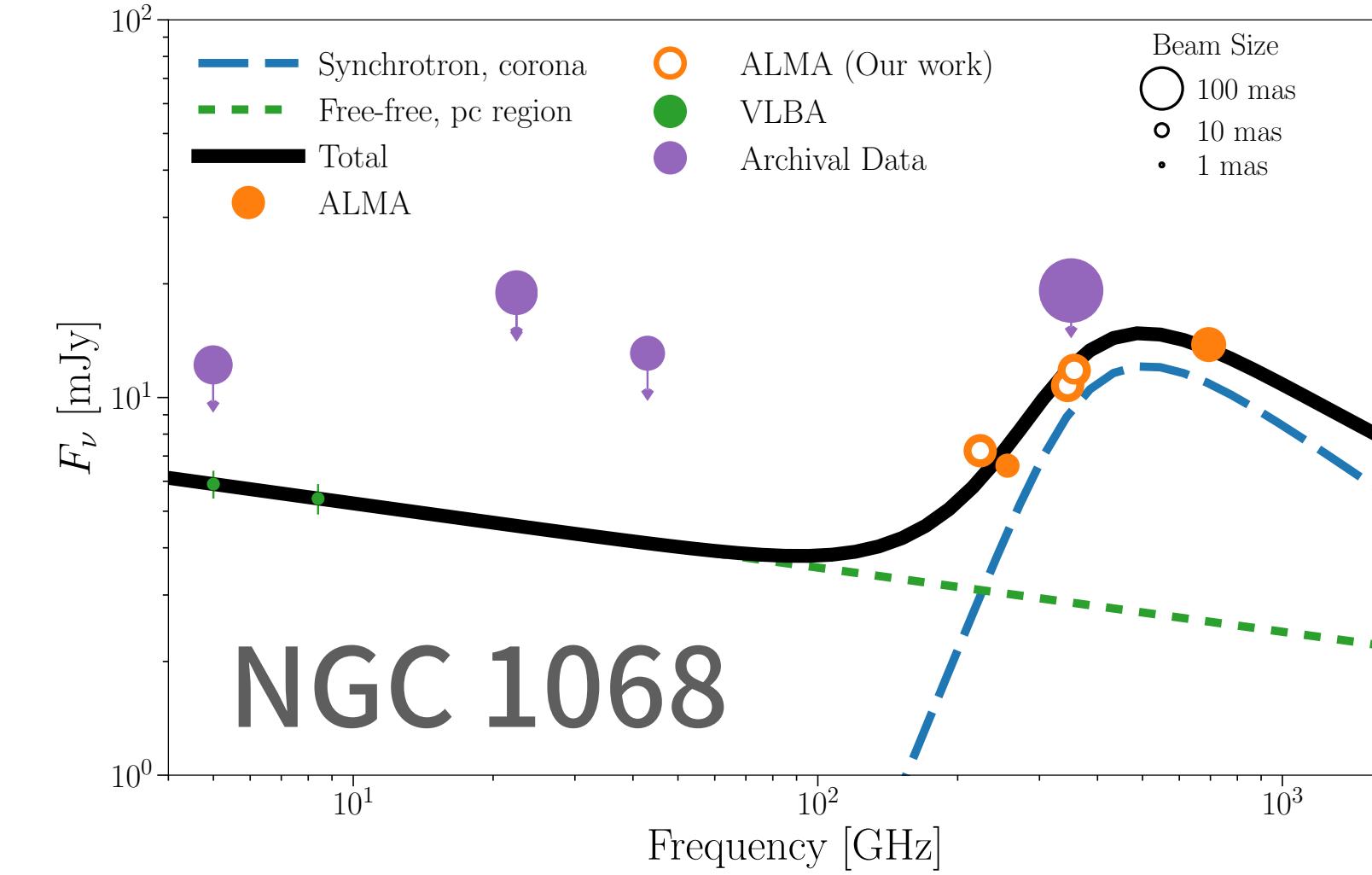
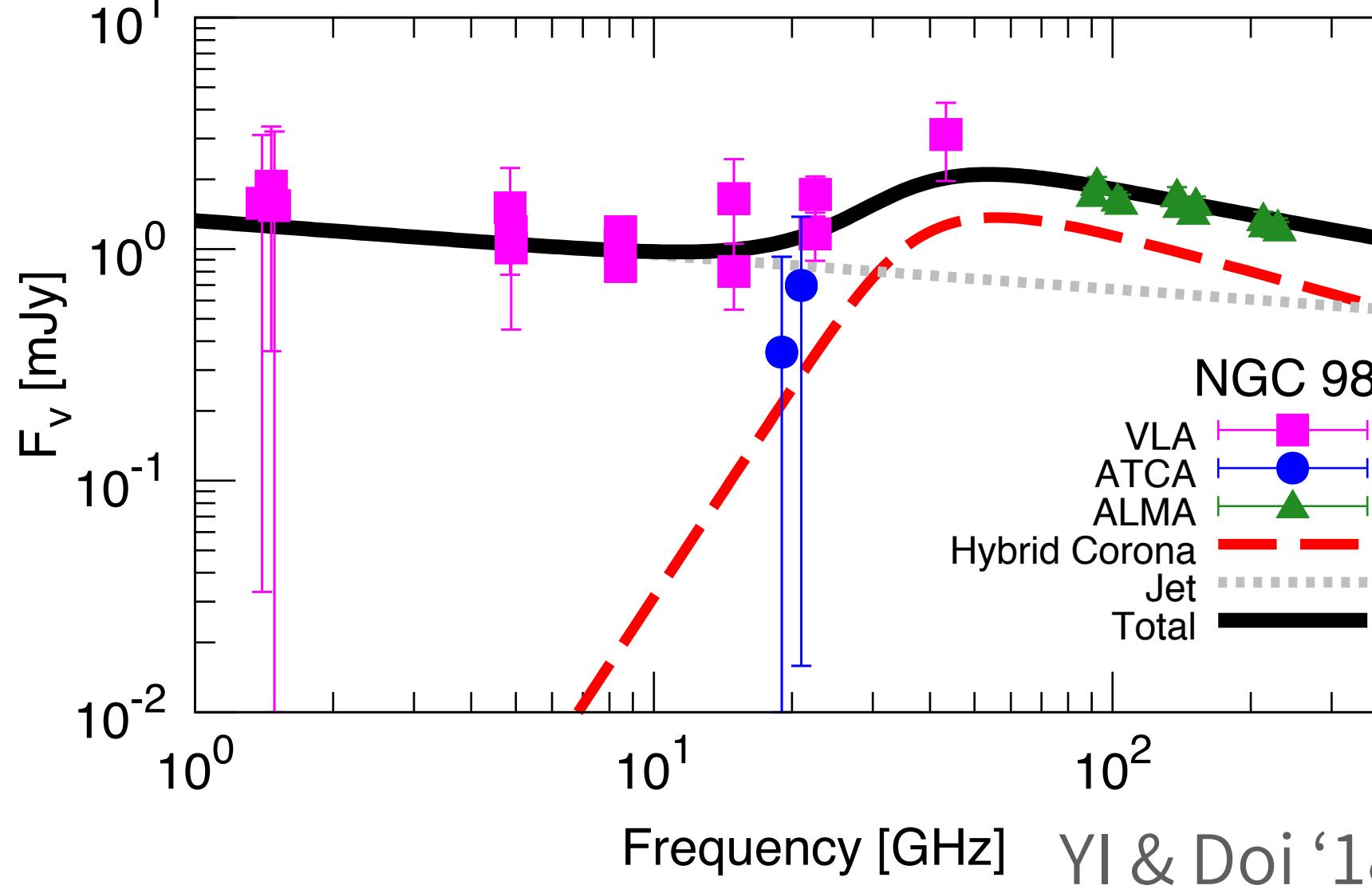
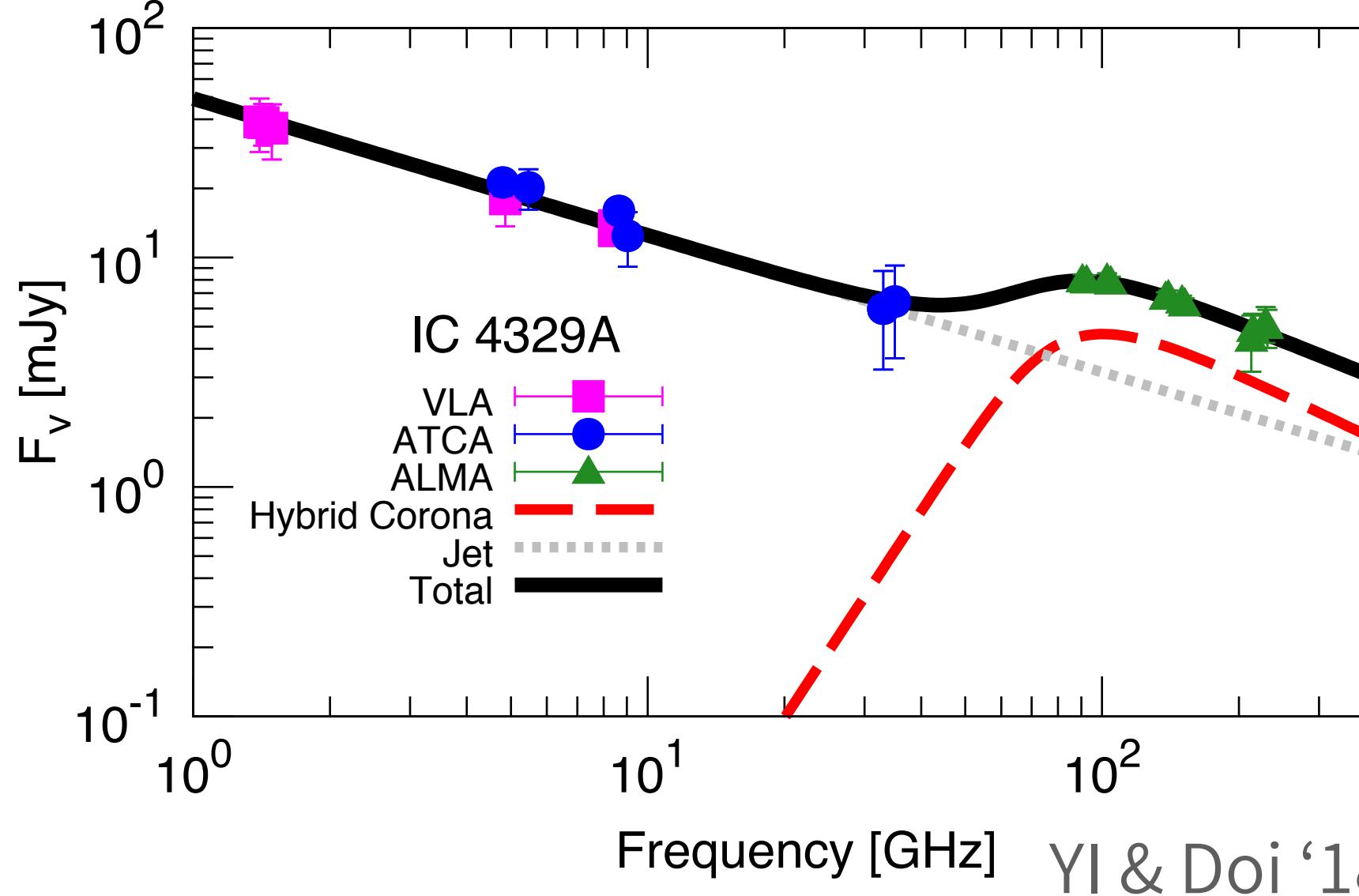
- Spectral excess in the mm-band  
(e.g., Antonucci & Barvainis’88; Barvainis+’96; Doi & Inoue ’16; Behar+’18).
- Contamination of extended components?
- Multi-frequency property?

# Now we live in the ALMA era.

- The **Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA)** is an astronomical interferometer of 66 radio telescopes in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile (from wikipedia).
- Covers millimeter and submillimeter bands.
- Has much higher sensitivity and higher resolution than before.



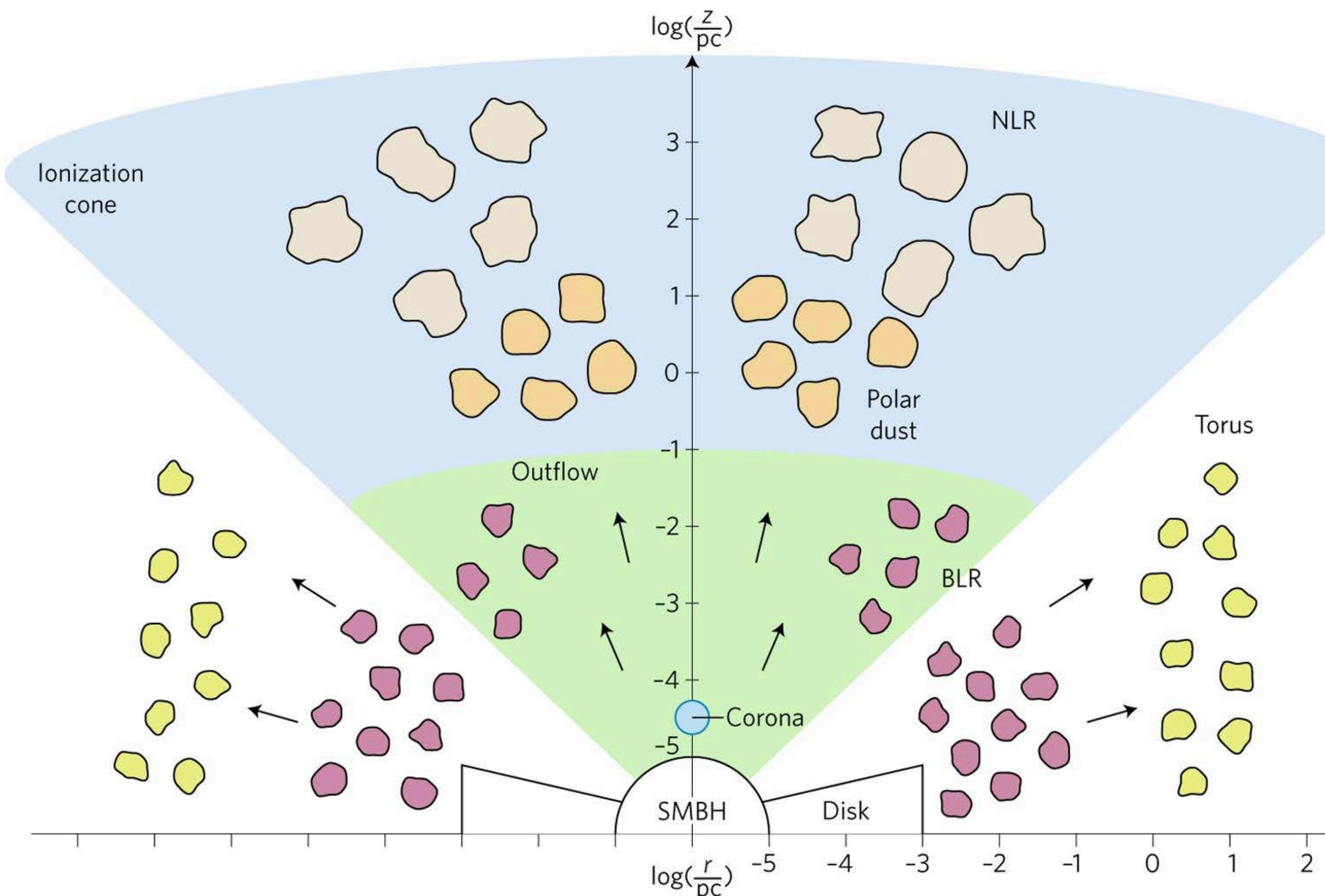
# ALMA observations toward nearby Seyferts



- Clear excess in nearby Seyferts  
(YI & Doi '18; YI, Khangulyan, & Doi '20; YI+in prep.)
- Flux  $\sim 1\text{-}10$  mJy peaking @ a few tens GHz
- Some shows time variability  $\sim 1$  month  
(see also Behar+'20)
- Size :  $< 10$  pc  $\rightarrow$  Nucleus

# Structure of AGN core in the <10 pc scale

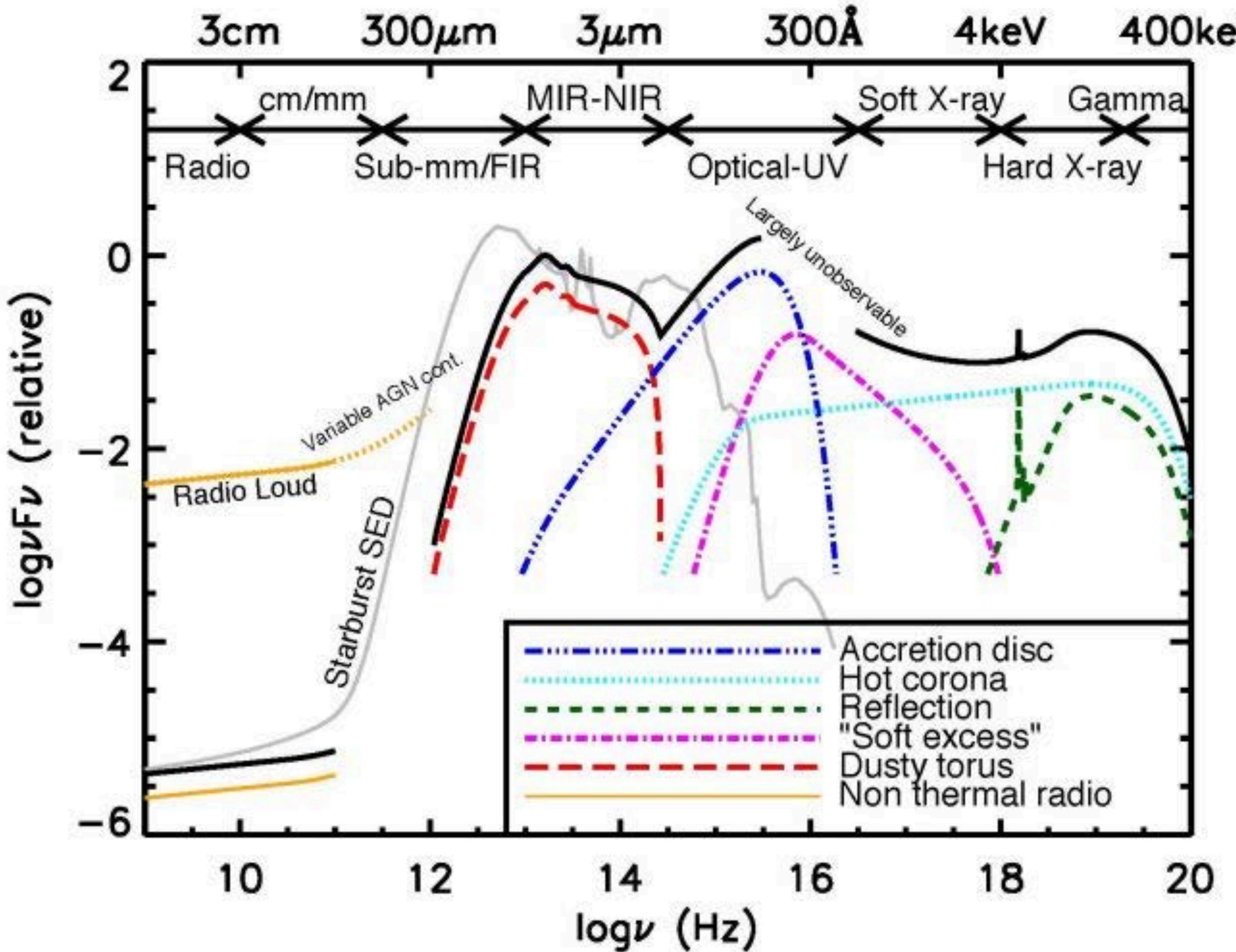
Where is the origin of the mm excess?



- Dust torus?
  - spectral shape, not enough, variability
- Free-free?
  - spectral shape, not enough
- Jet?
  - radio-quiet, no blazar like activity
- Corona?

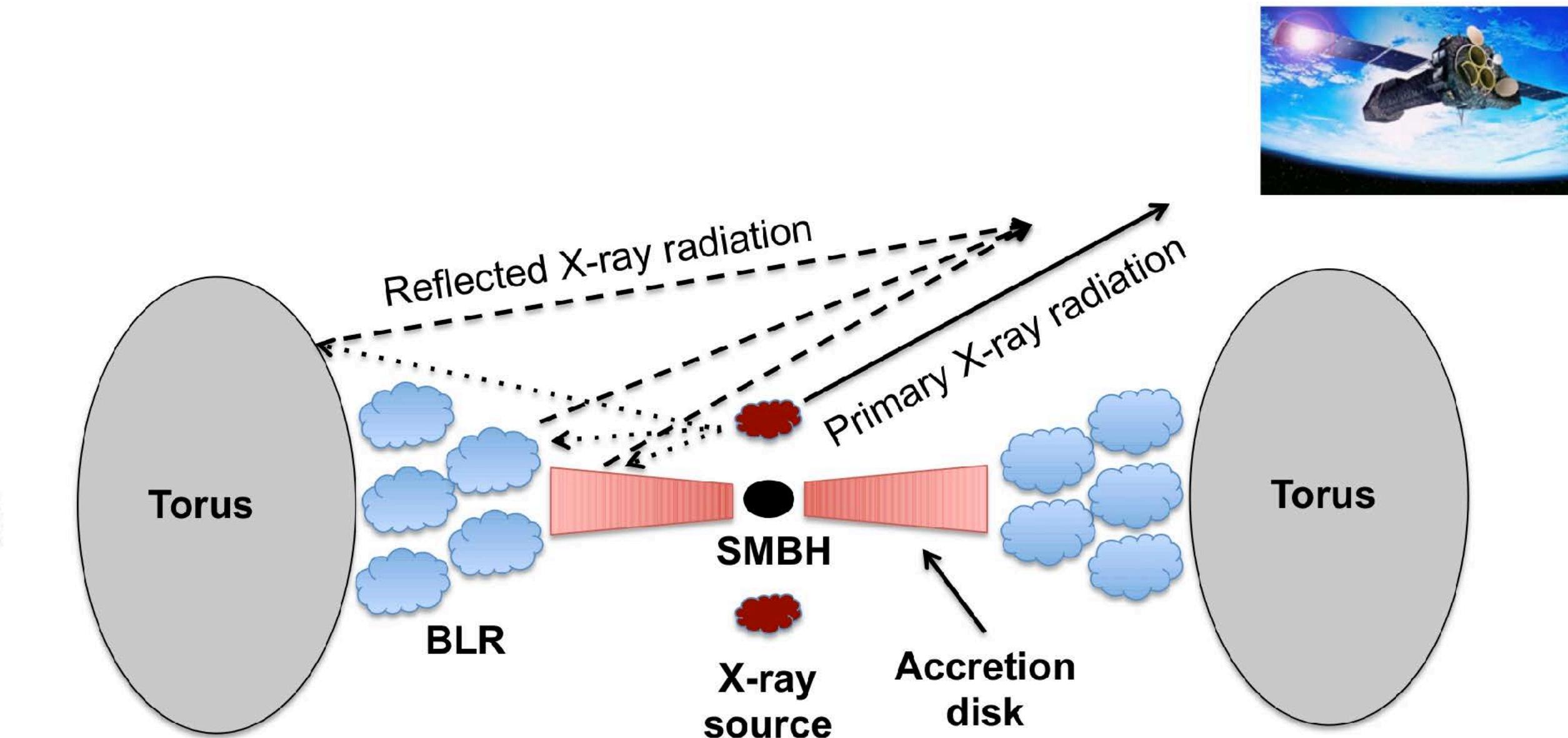
# Coronal Synchrotron Emission

# X-ray emission from black hole corona



Hickox & Alexander+’16

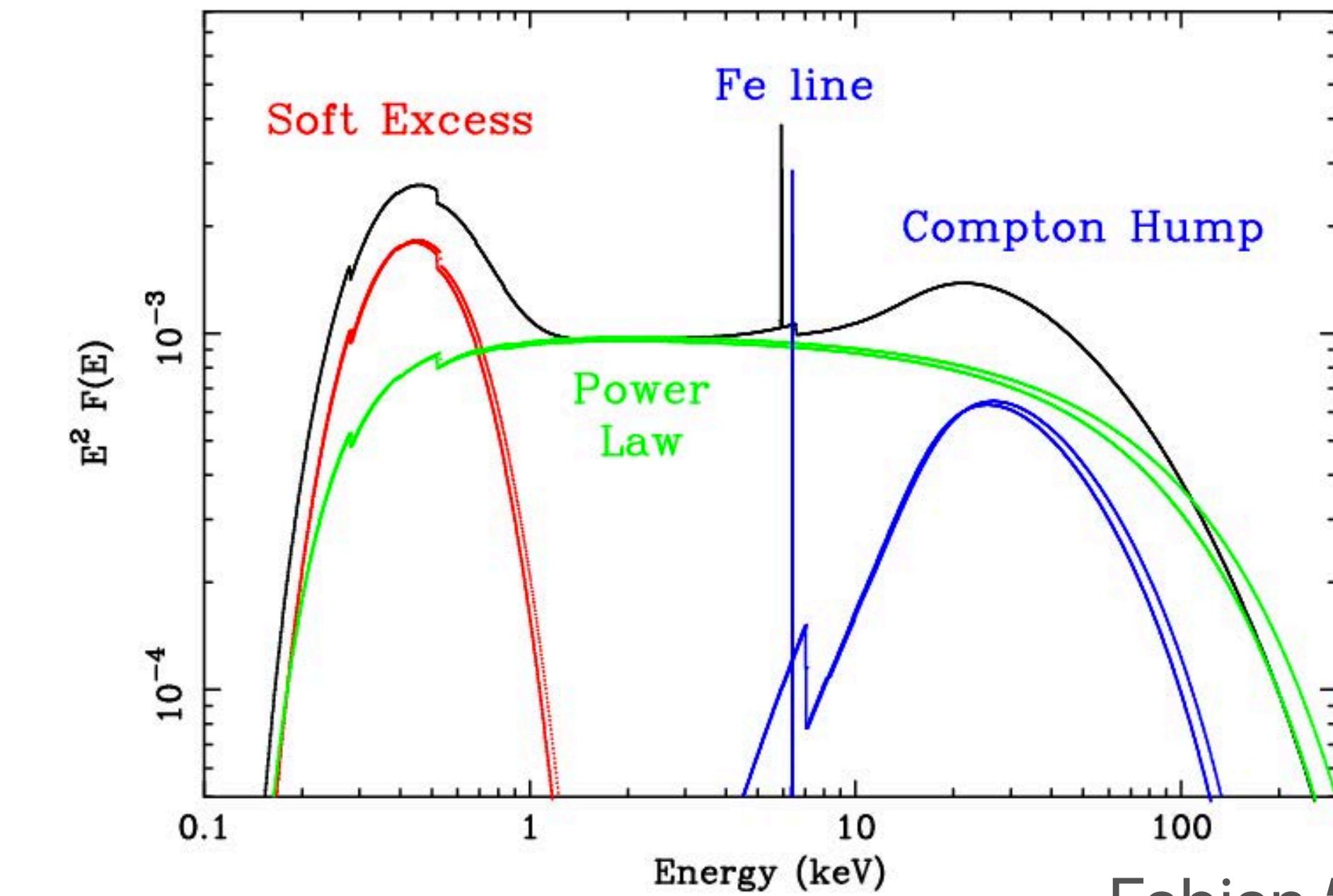
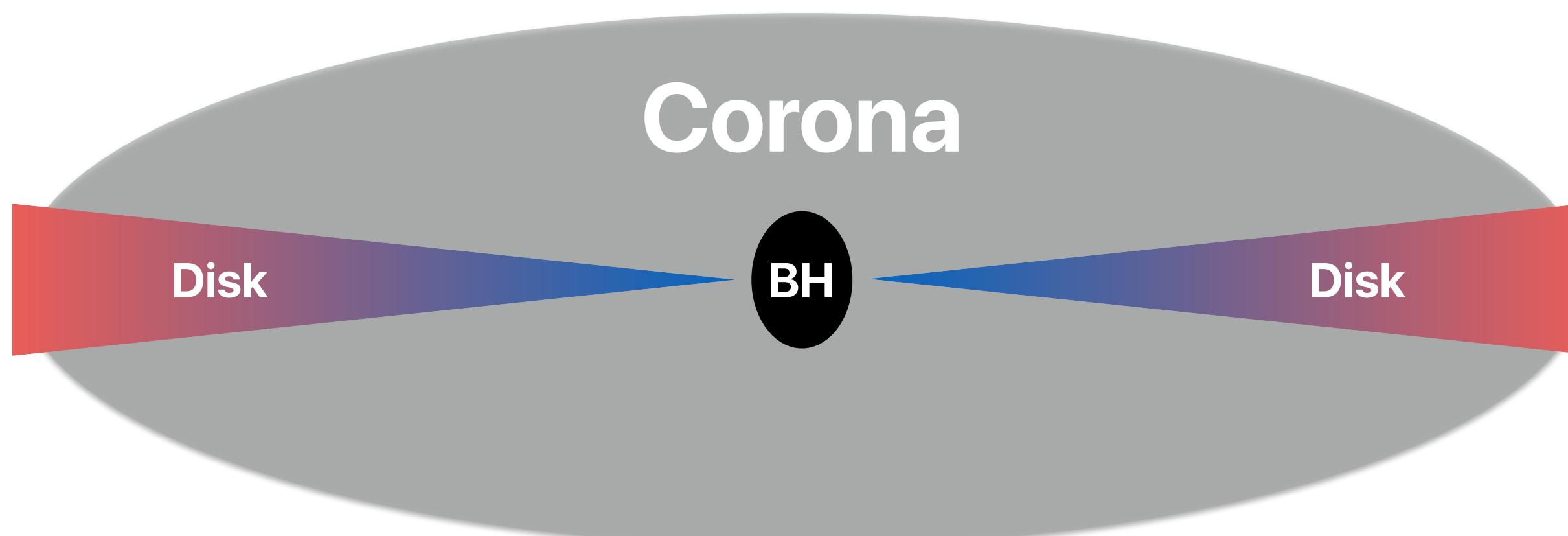
- Power-law continuum is generated by Comptonization of disk photons in the corona.



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# Black Hole Accretion disk corona

Hot plasma around BH



- High energy cutoff

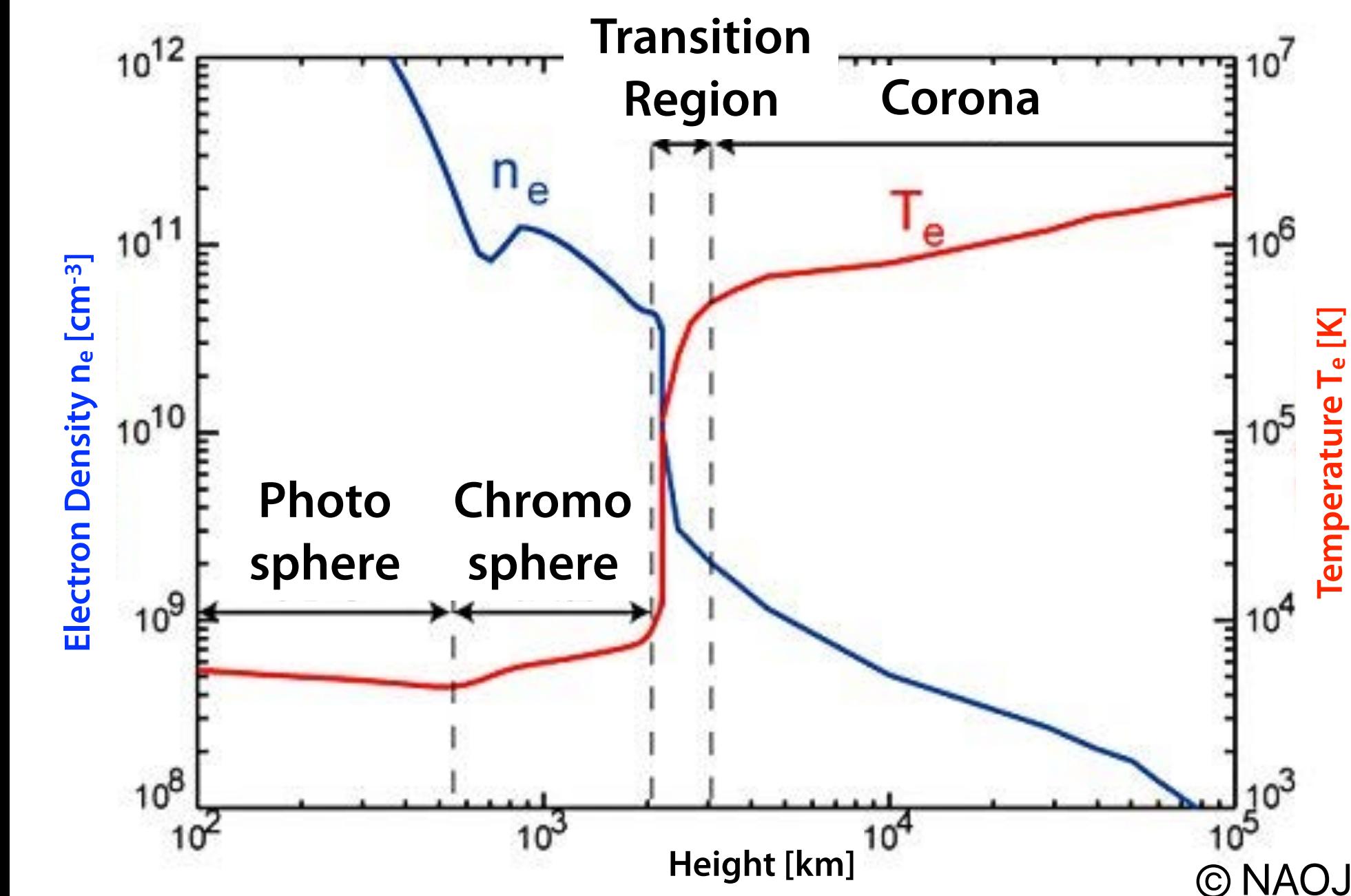
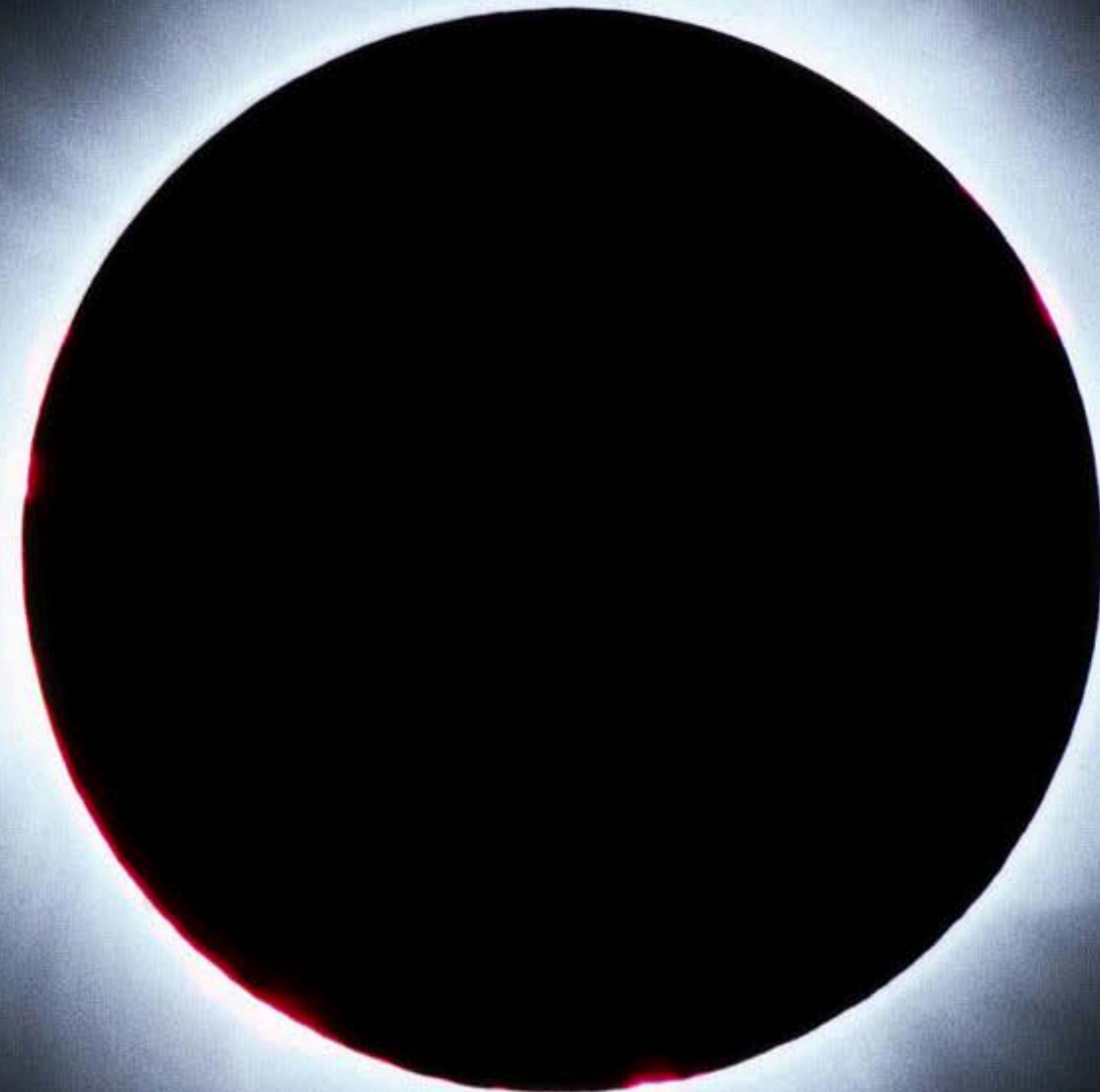
$$\checkmark k_B T_e \sim 10^9 \text{ K} \sim 100 \text{ keV}$$

- Power-law spectrum:  
Compton y-parameter

$$\checkmark n_e \sim 10^9 \left( \frac{k_B T_e}{100 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^8 M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

# Solar corona heating

## Dissipation of magnetic energy



- Magnetic activity heats the solar corona to  $\sim 10^6$  K.
- Magnetic fields transfer interior convection energy to the corona (e.g., Matsumoto & Suzuki '14).

# Magnetic Reconnection Heated Corona Model

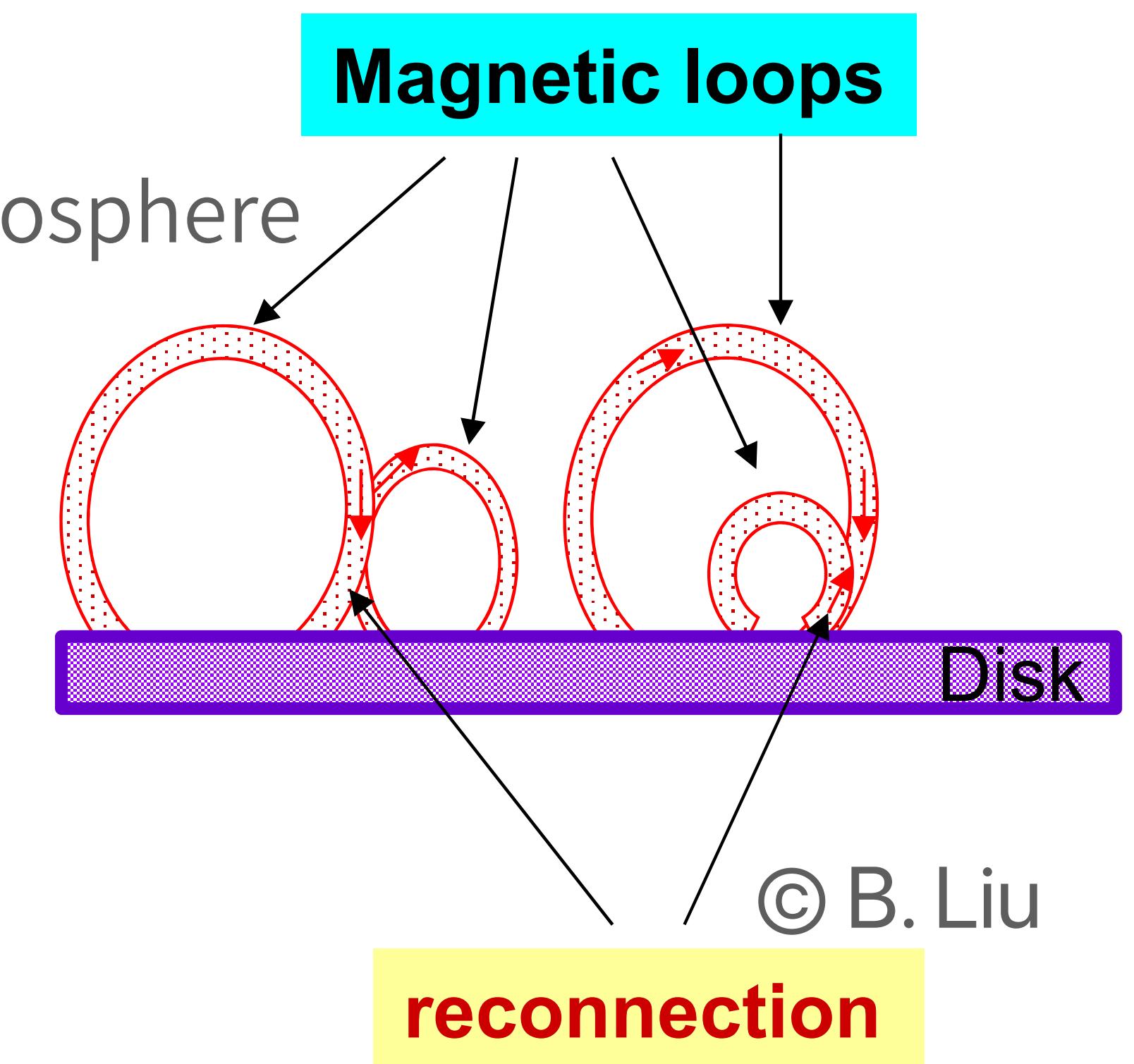
Haardt & Maraschi '91; Liu, Mineshige, & Shibata '02

1. Reconnection heating = Compton cooling in corona

$$\checkmark \quad \frac{B^2}{4\pi} V_A \approx \frac{4k_B T_e}{m_e c^2} n_e \sigma_T c U_{\text{seed}} l \sim yc U_{\text{seed}}$$

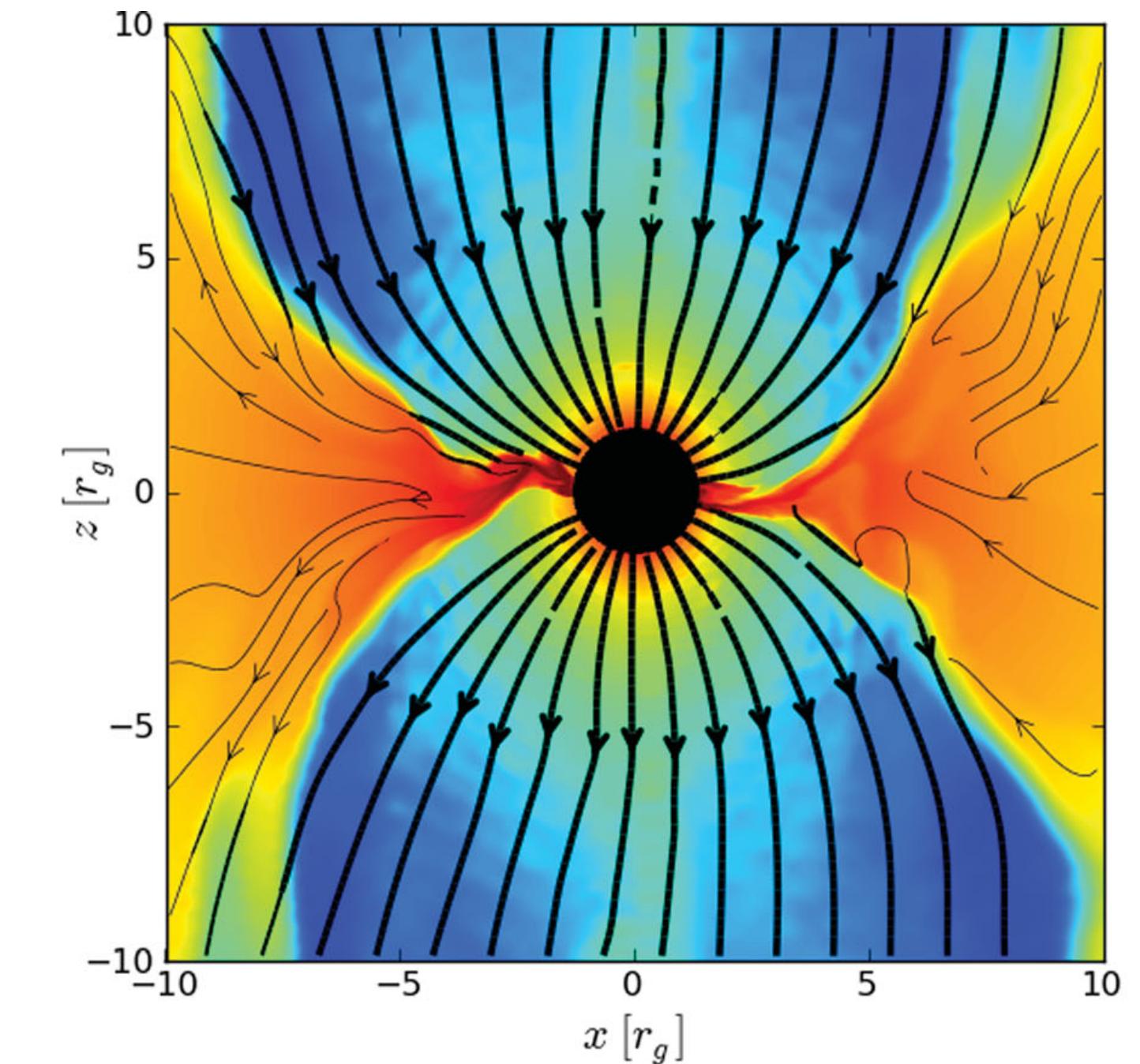
2. Conduction heating = Evaporation cooling in disk chromosphere

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \quad \frac{k_0 T_e^{7/2}}{l} &\approx \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} n_e k_B T_e \left( \frac{k_B T_e}{m_H} \right)^{1/2} \\ \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} T_e \sim 10^9 \left( \frac{B}{10^3 \text{ G}} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{l}{10^{14} \text{ cm}} \right)^{1/8} \left( \frac{U_{\text{seed}}}{10^5 \text{ erg/cm}^3} \right)^{-1/4} \text{ K} \\ n_e \sim 10^9 \left( \frac{B}{10^3 \text{ G}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{l}{10^{14} \text{ cm}} \right)^{-3/4} \left( \frac{U_{\text{seed}}}{10^5 \text{ erg/cm}^3} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

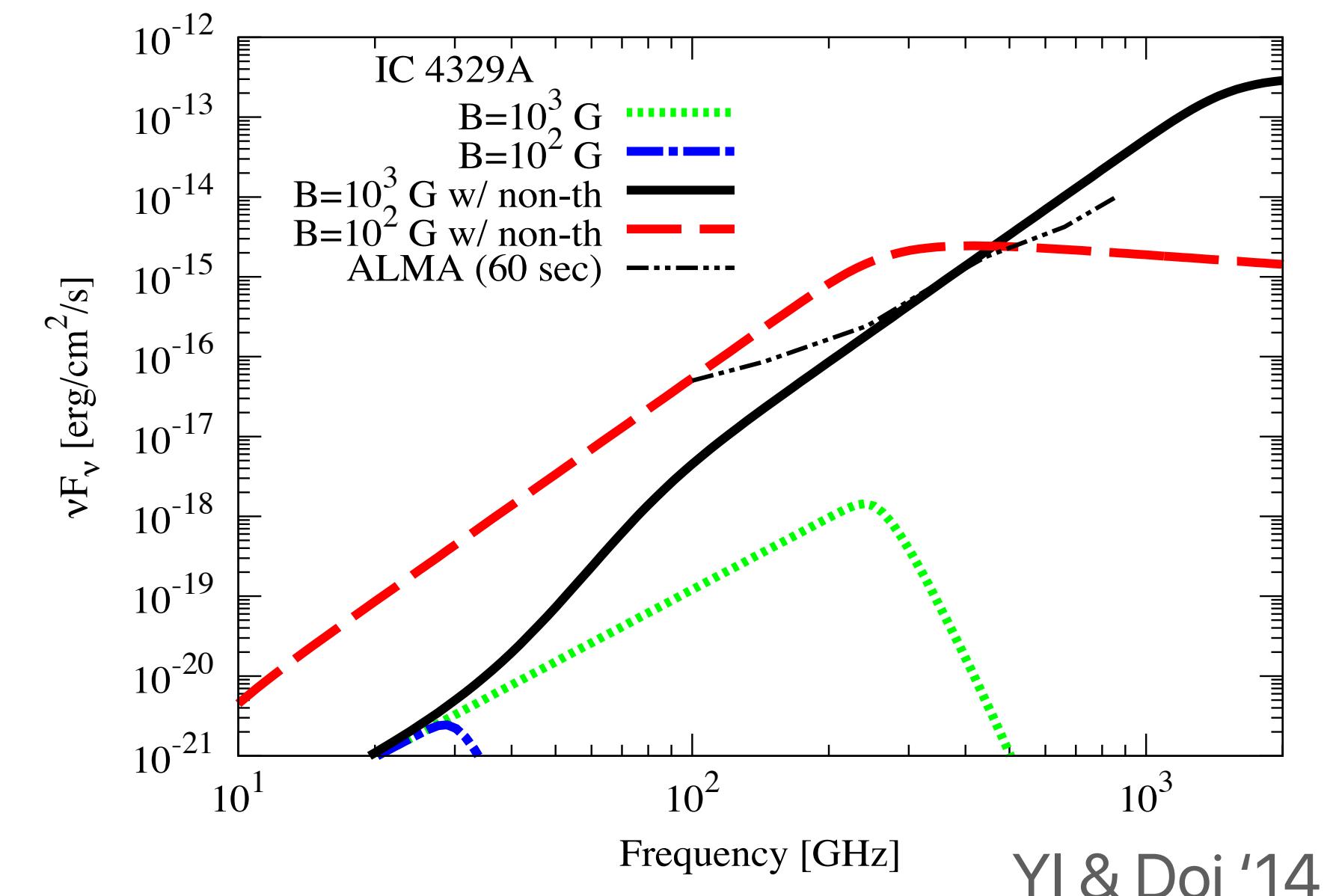


# Magnetic Fields around SMBHs

- Never measured. But important for
  - Corona heating  
(e.g., Haardt & Maraschi '91; Liu, Mineshige, & Shibata '02)
  - Jet launching  
(e.g., Blandford & Znajek '77; Tchekhovskoy+ '10, '11)
- If the corona is magnetized
  - **coronal synchrotron radiation** is expected  
(Di Matteo+'97; YI & Doi '14; Raginski & Laor '16)
  - Spectral excess appears in the mm band

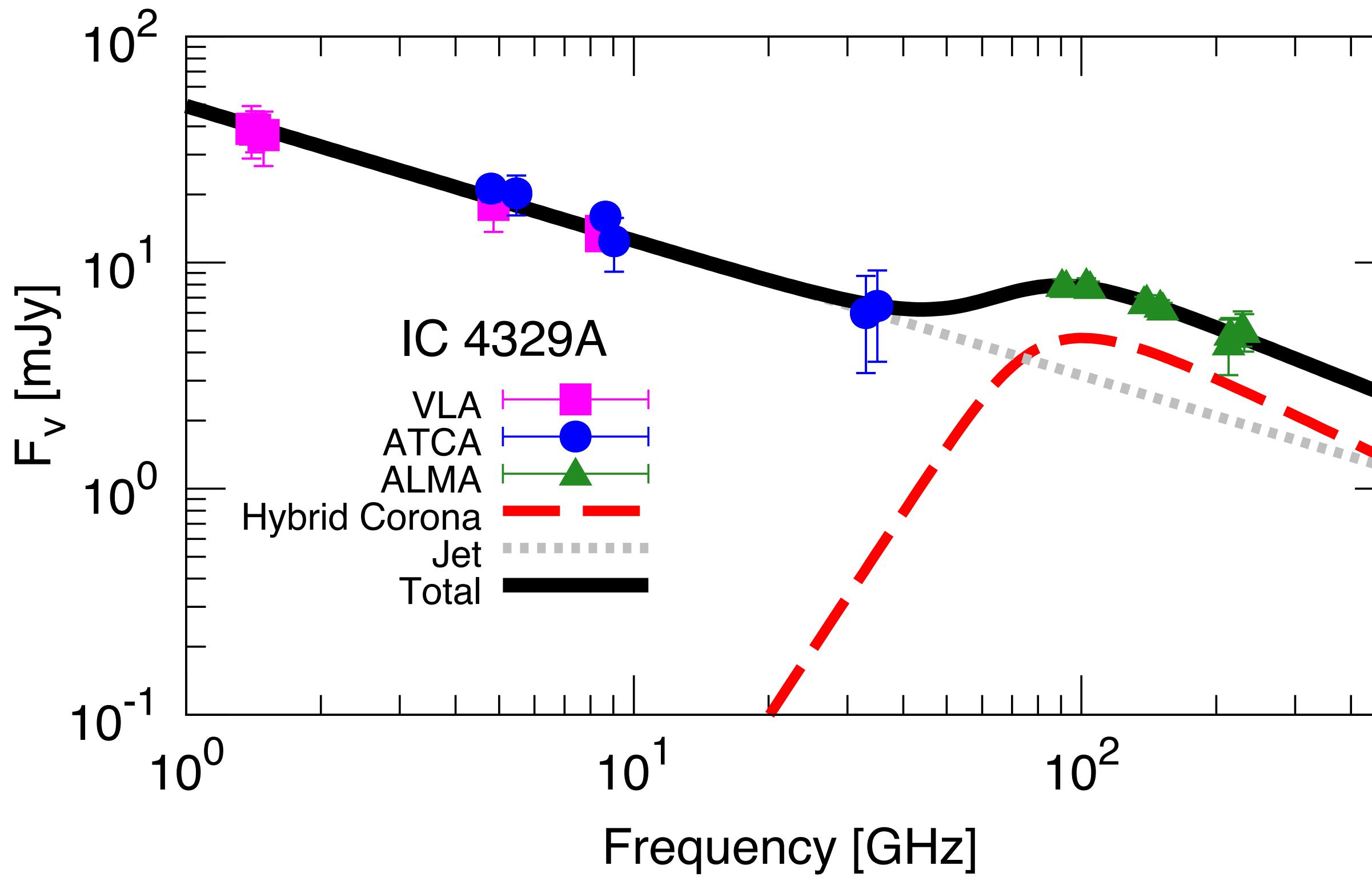


McKinney et al. '12



# cm-mm spectrum of AGN core

## A case of IC 4329A



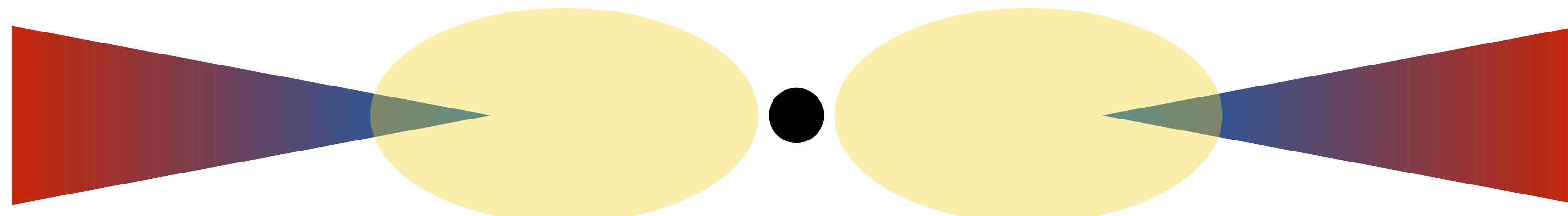
YI & Doi '18

- Hybrid corona model (YI & Doi '14)
- Non-thermal electron fraction :  
 $\eta = 0.03$  (fixed)
- Consistent with the MeV gamma-ray background spectrum  
(YI, Totani, & Ueda '08; YI+'19)
- Non-thermal spectral index:  $p = 2.9$
- Size:  $40 r_s$
- B-field strength : 10 G

# Reconnection Corona Heating?

## Implication for the truncated accretion disk structure.

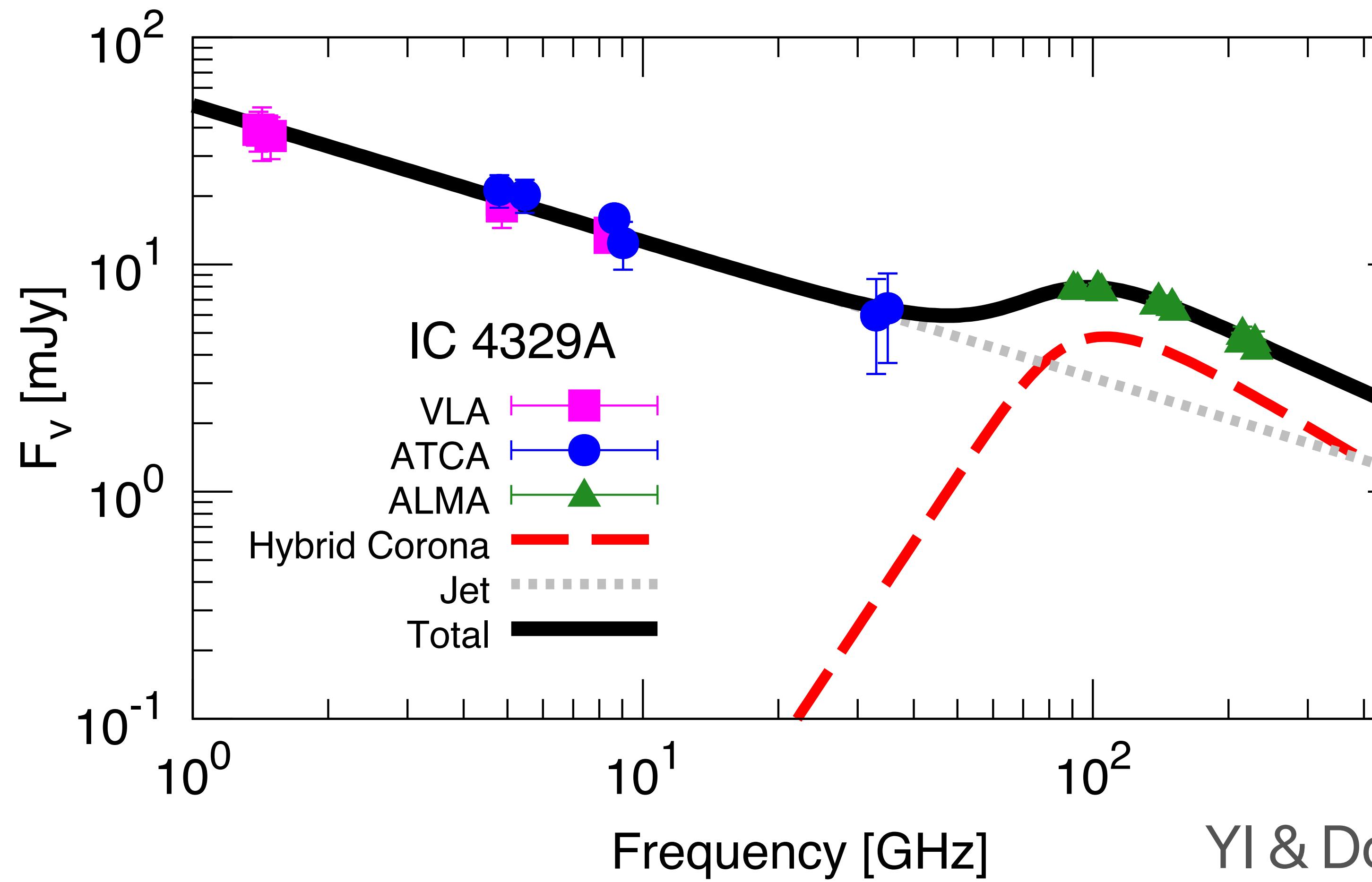
- Heating and Cooling
  - Magnetic Heating:  $B^2 V_A / 4\pi$ 
    - $Q_{B, \text{heat}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$
  - Compton Cooling:  $4kTn_e\sigma_T c U_{\text{rad}} l / m_e c^2$ 
    - $Q_{\text{IC, cool}} \sim 10^{13} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$
  - Magnetic field energy is NOT sufficient to keep coronae hot.
- Disk truncation at some radii (e.g.  $\sim 40 r_s$ )
  - The inner part = hot accretion flow (Ichimaru '77, Narayan & Yi '94, '95).
  - Heated by advection.
  - Suggested for Galactic X-ray binaries. (e.g. Poutanen+'97; Kawabata+'10; Yamada+'13).
- Simultaneous model fitting to X-ray and radio data is required.



# High Energy Emission From Coronae

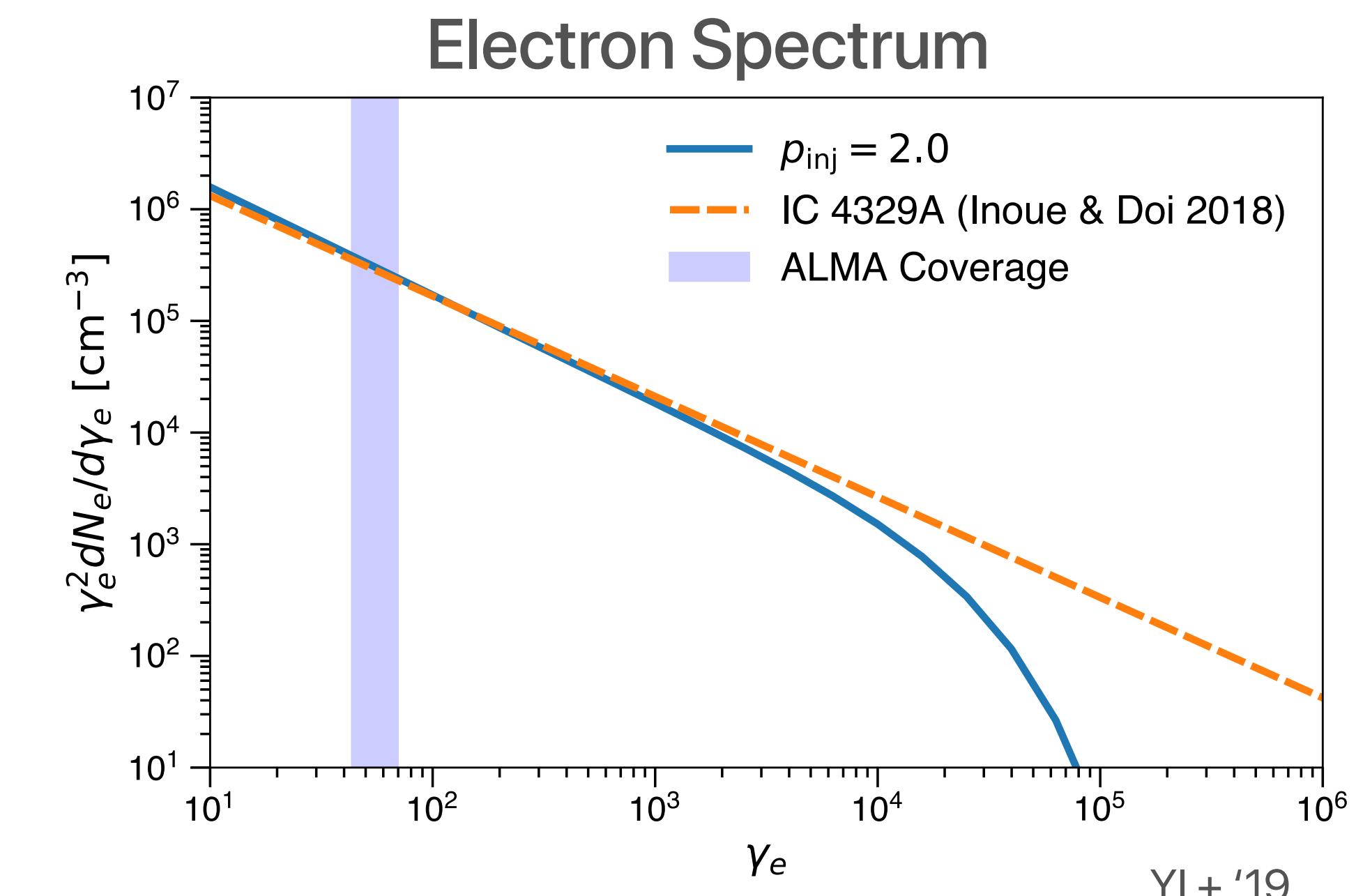
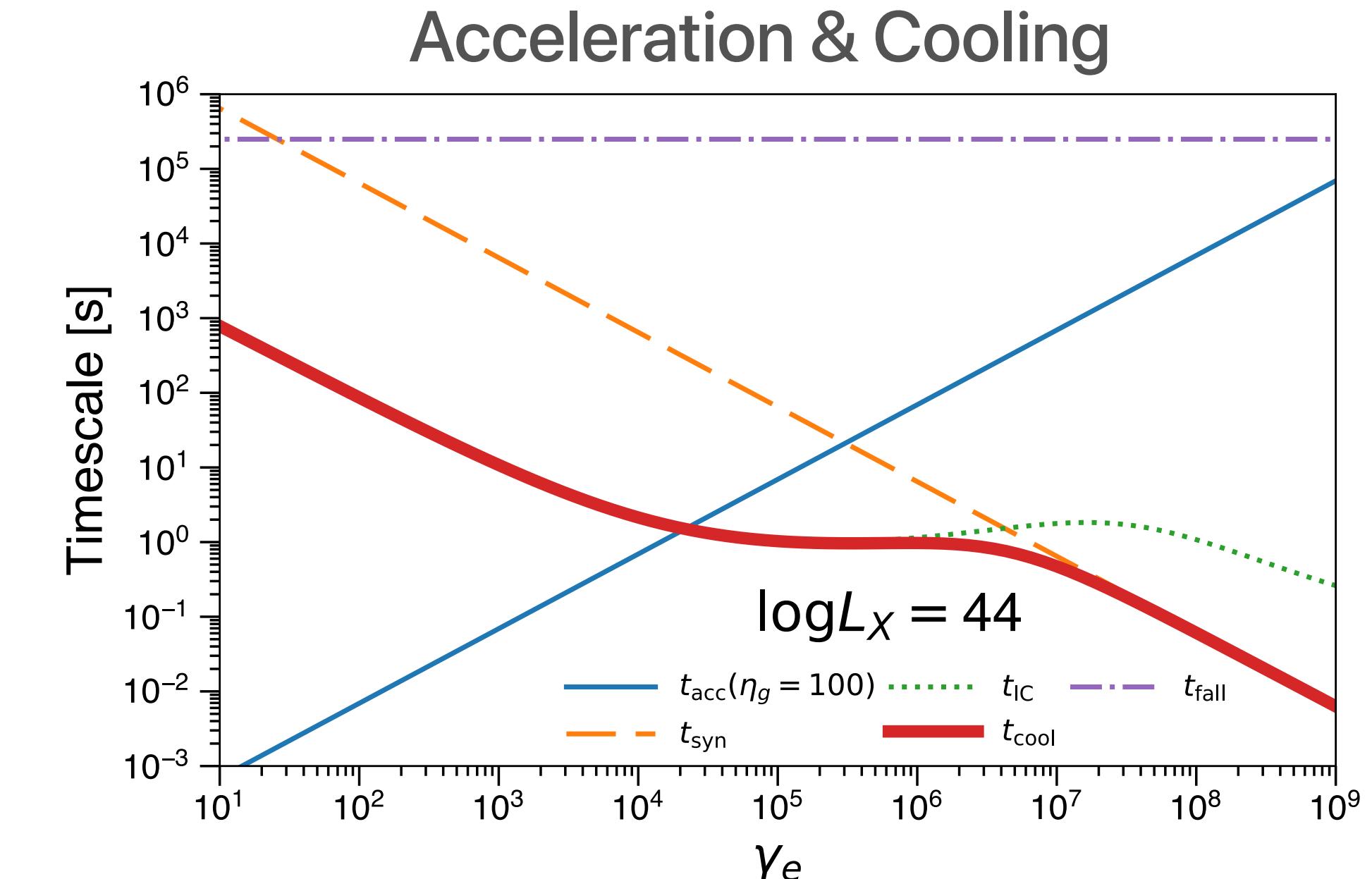
# Radio Spectrum of AGN Core

Non-thermal tail in the mm spectrum



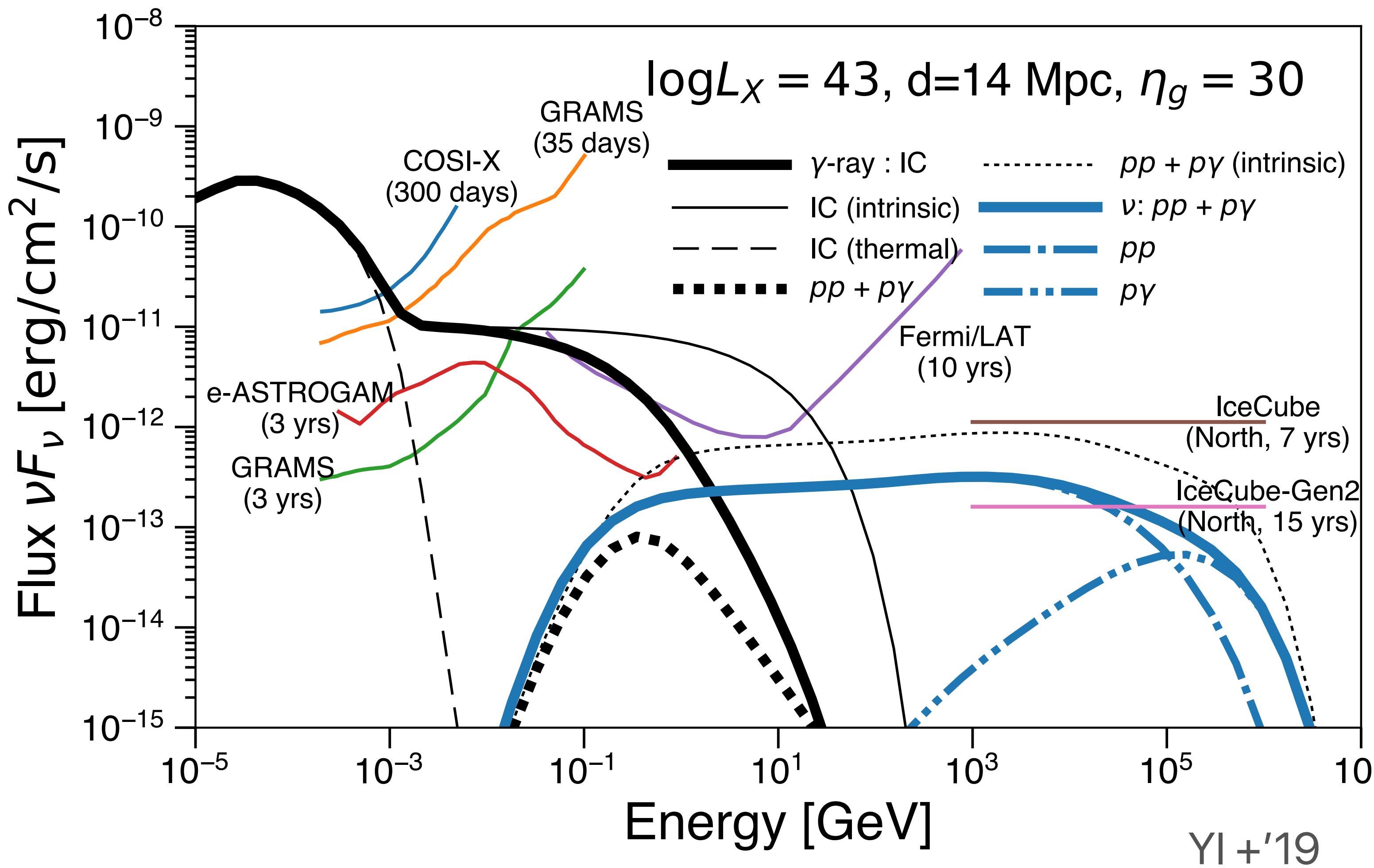
# Generation of Non-thermal Electrons in Coronae

- 1st-order Fermi acceleration can explain the observed electrons
  - Injection index of 2
  - Where is the acceleration site?
- Other mechanisms may be difficult.
  - Because of low magnetic field and accretion rate.



# High energy emission from AGN coronae

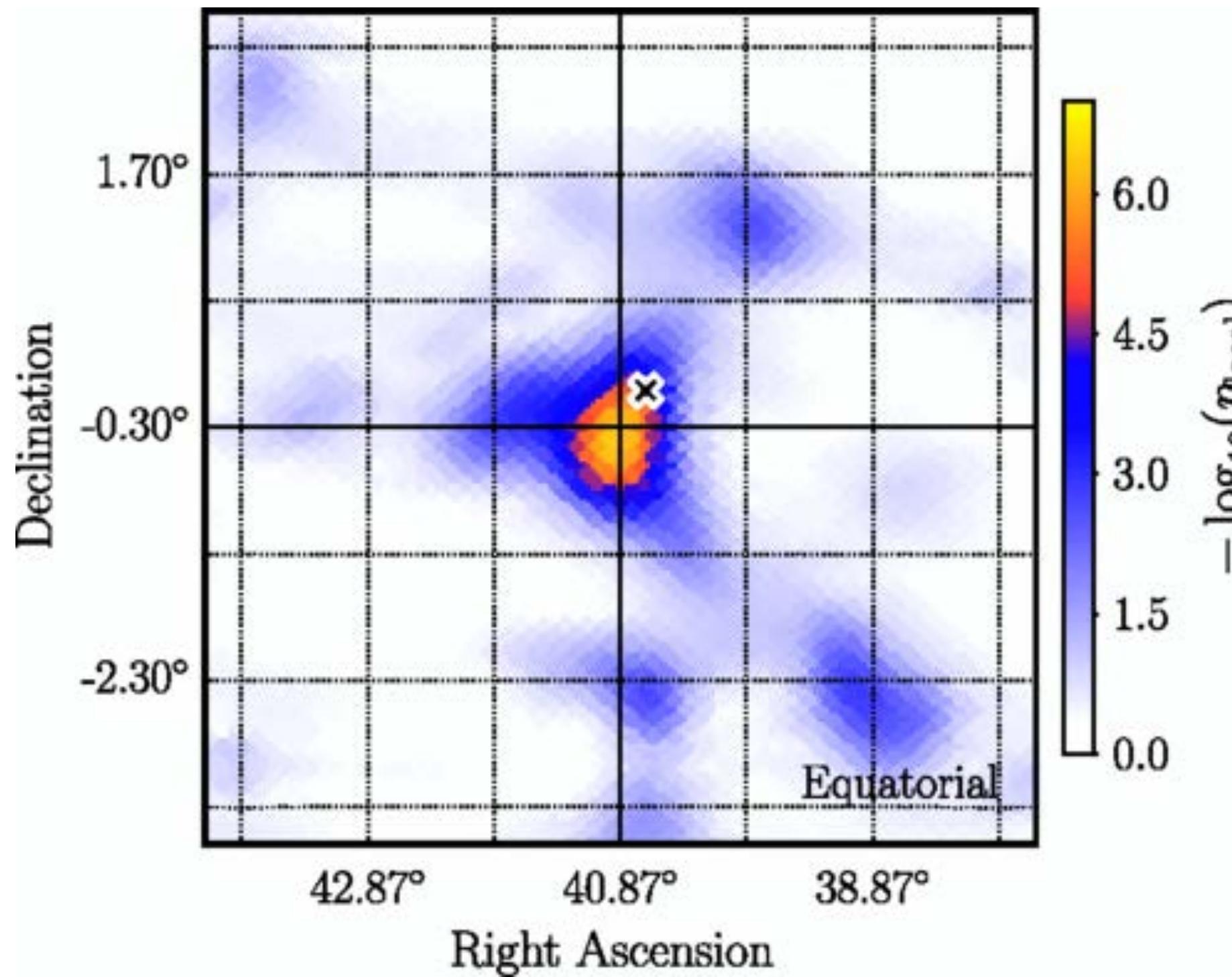
Multi-messenger Signature: MeV Gamma-ray & TeV Neutrinos



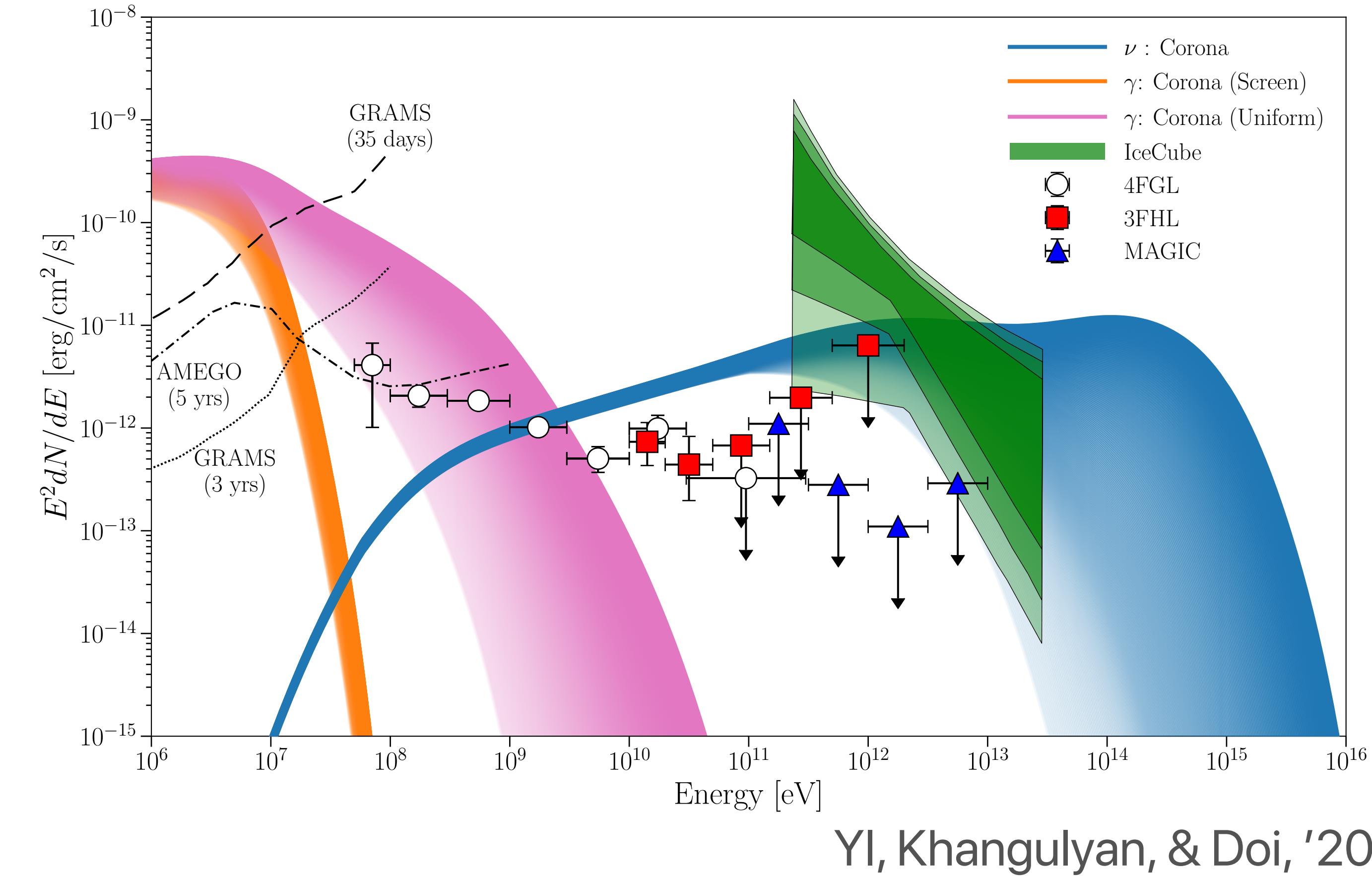
- MeV emission
  - but, no GeV emission
- Protons would be accelerated simultaneously
  - Generation of high energy neutrinos

# IceCube Hottest Spot

## NGC 1068 (no strong jet)



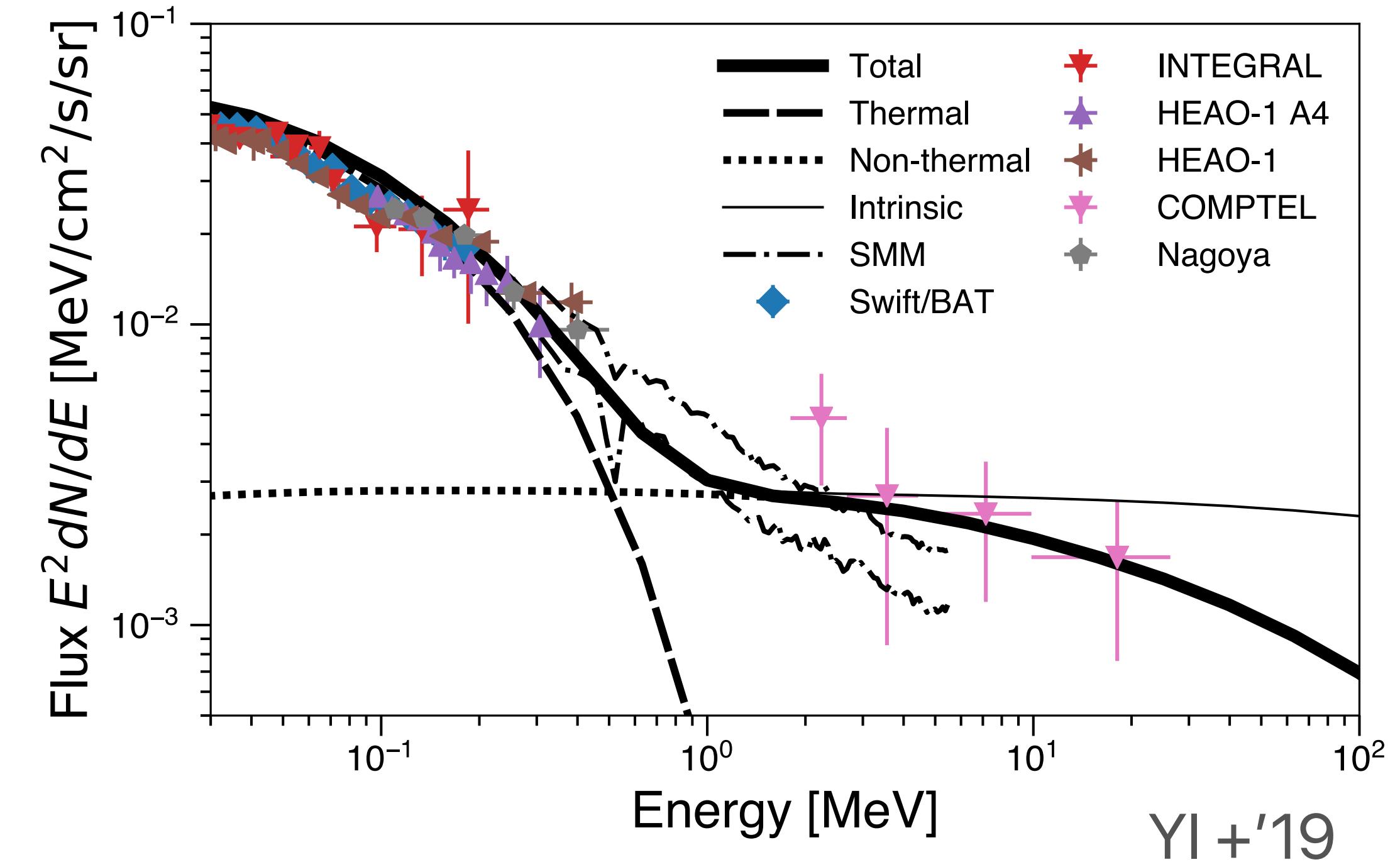
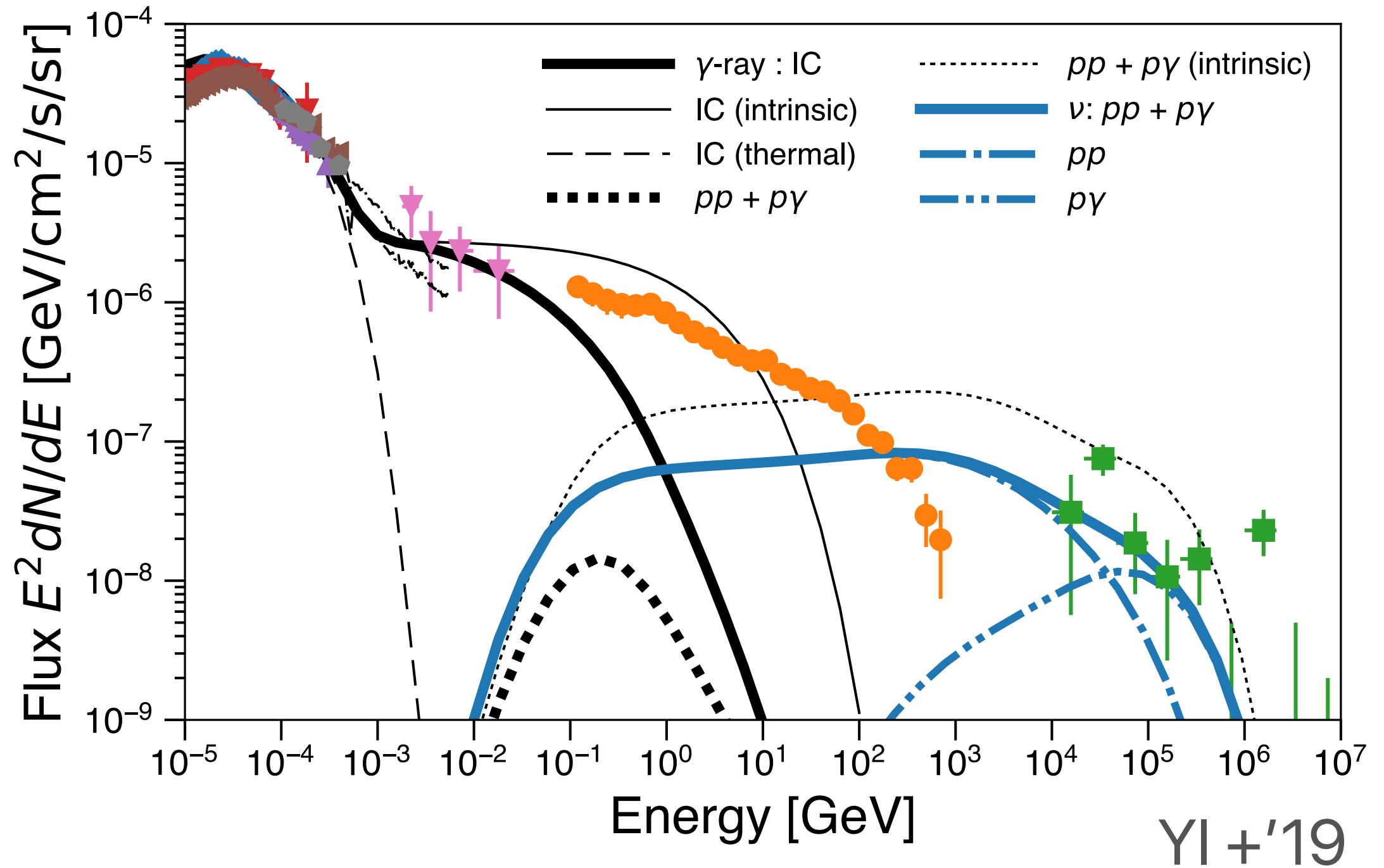
IceCube 2020



- Type-2 Seyfert NGC 1068 is reported at  $2.9-\sigma$ .
- If the signal is real, corona can be a plausible neutrino production site  
(see also Müller & Romero '20, Murase+ '20).

# Cosmic High Energy Background Radiation

## Integrated history of the Universe

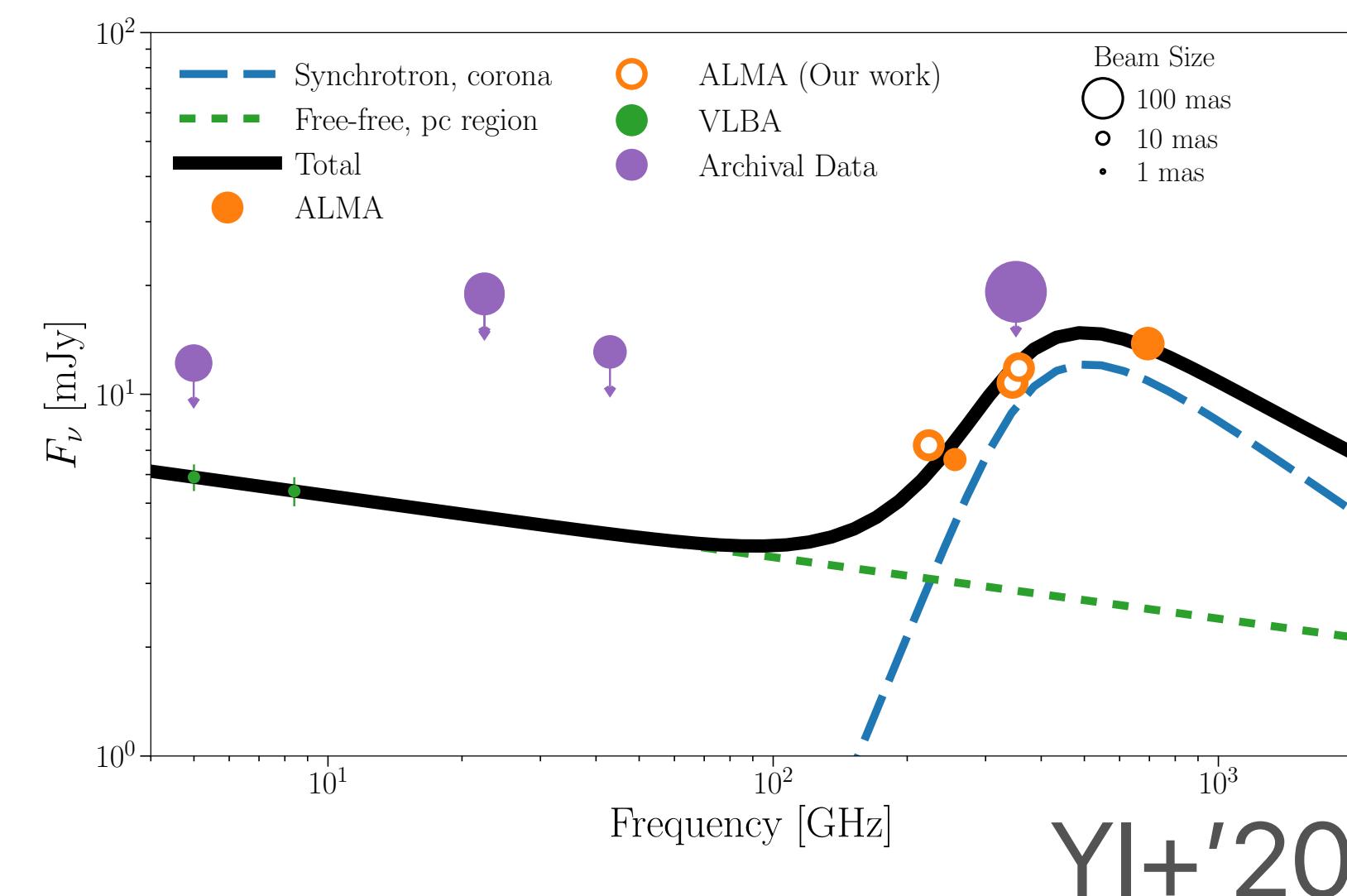


- Seyferts can explain TeV neutrino background (see also Begelman+'90; Stecker+'92; Kalashev+'15; Murase+'20).
- Seyferts can explain X-ray & MeV gamma-ray background (YI+'08, YI+'19).
  - But, if both protons and electrons carry  $\sim 5\%$  of the shock energy and gyrofactor is 30.

# How can we test the model?

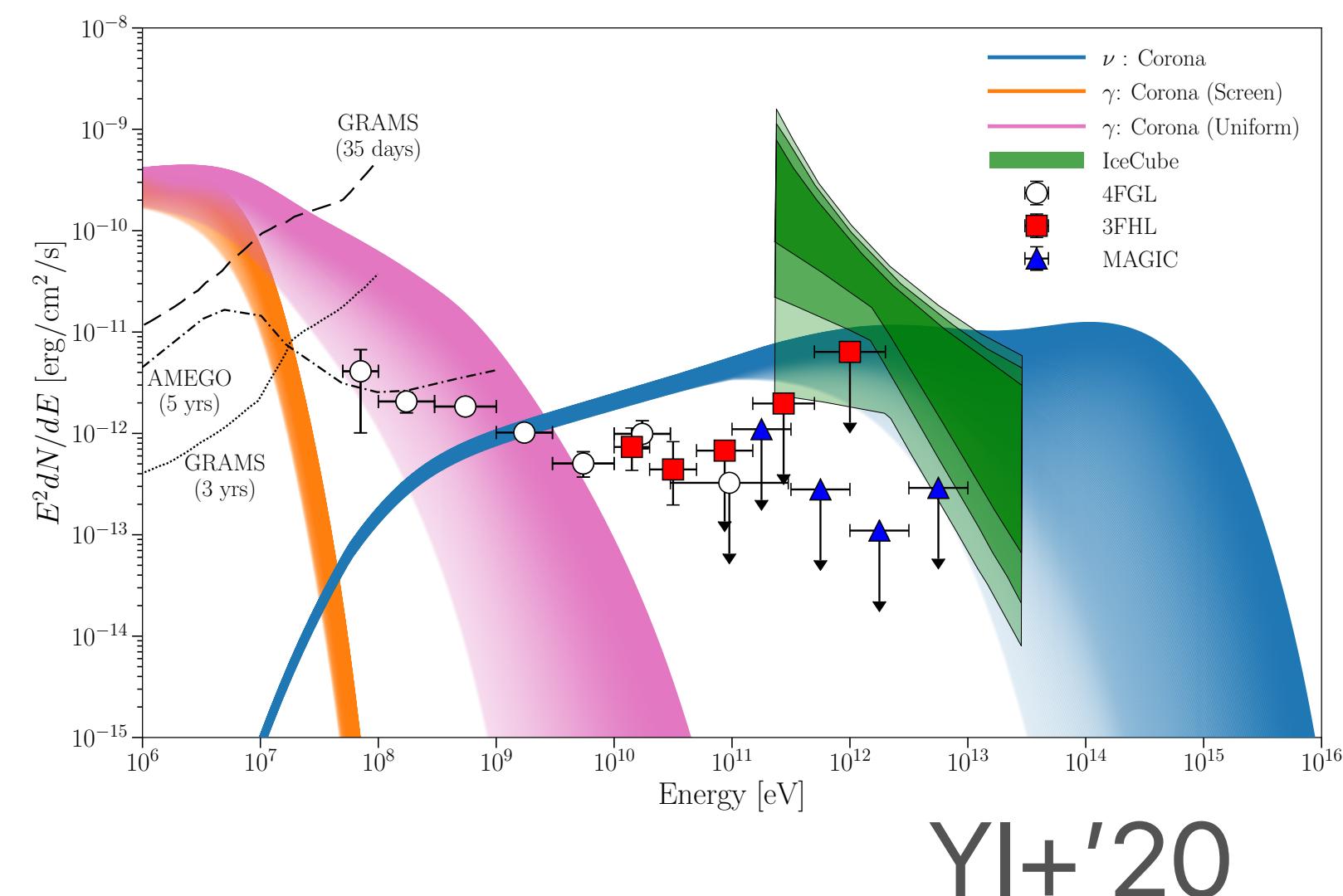
ALMA? GRAMS? AMEGO? IceCube? XRISM?

mm-band



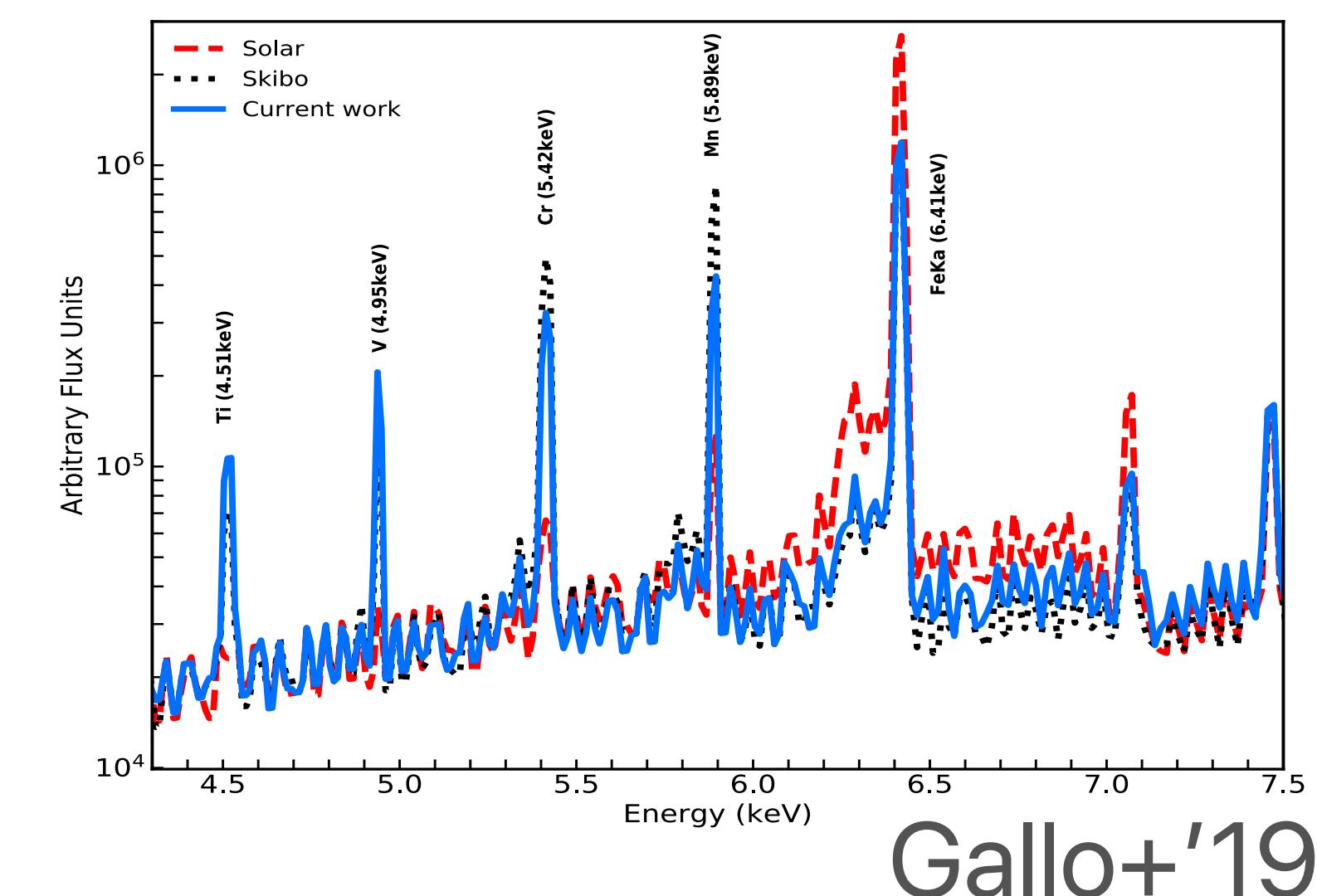
YI+'20

MeV & TeV  $\nu$



YI+'20

X-ray



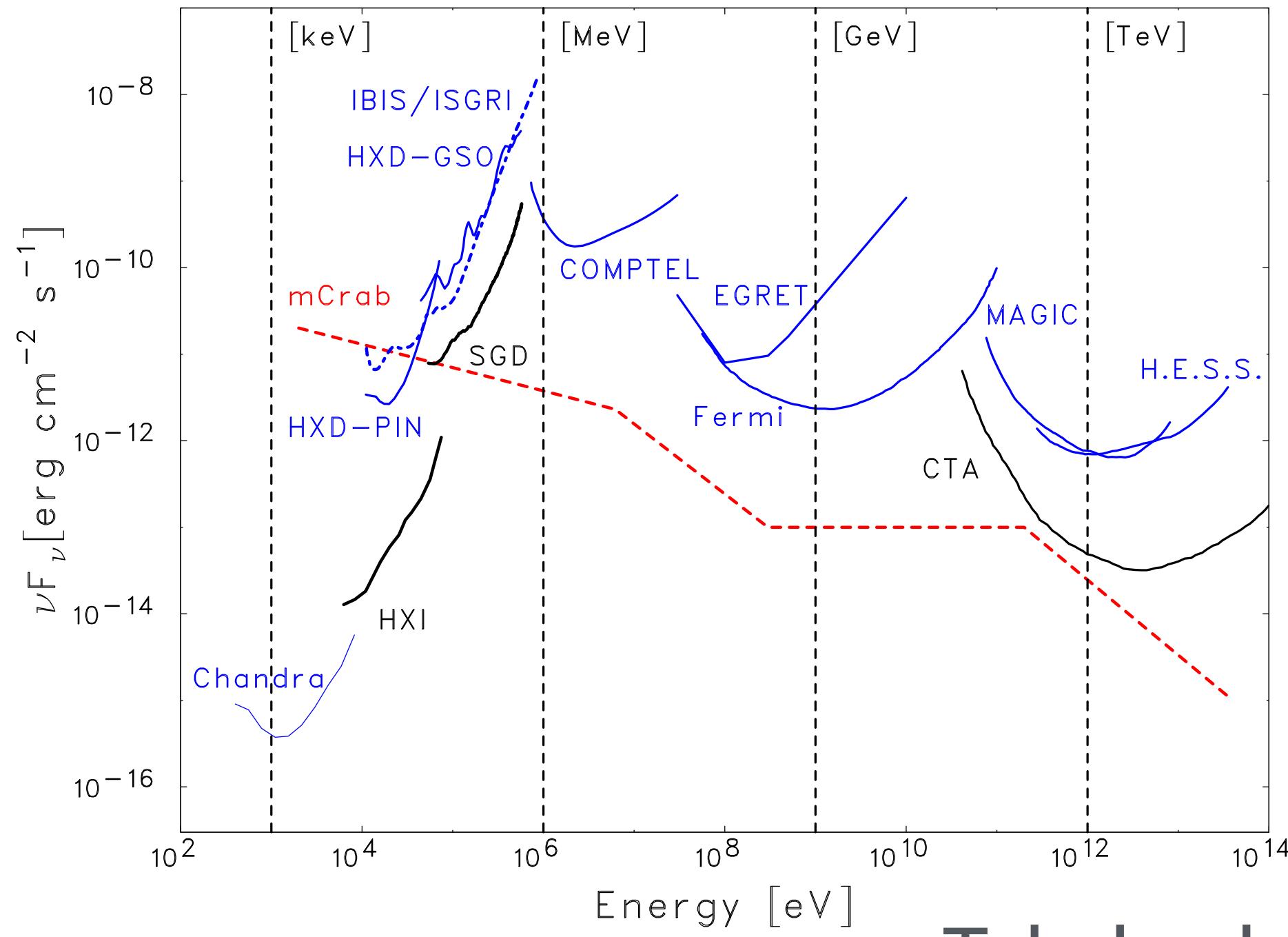
Gallo+'19

- mm-excess
- MeV PL tail

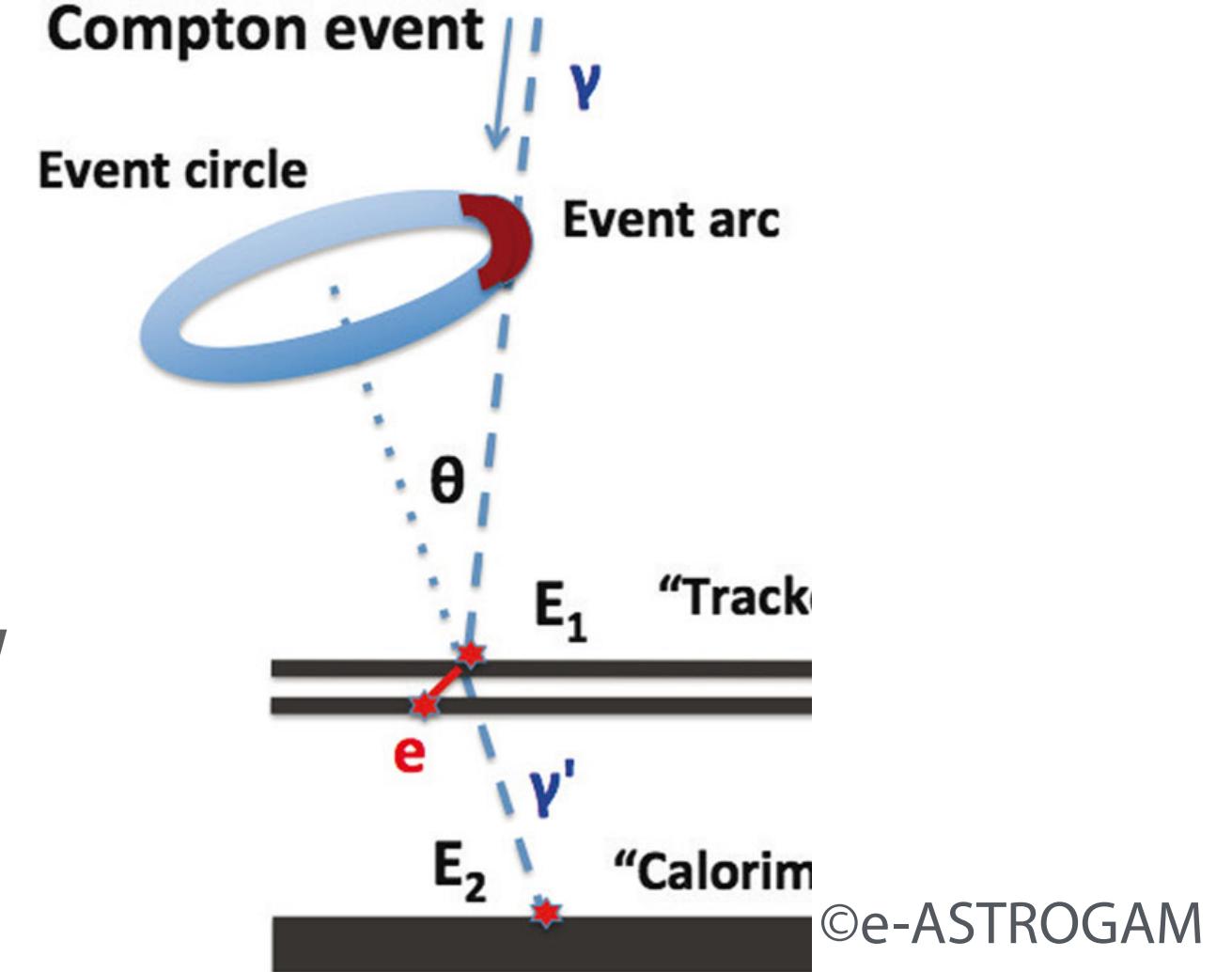
- TeV  $\nu$  without GeV-TeV  $\gamma$
- Nuclear spallation in X-ray

# Future MeV Observations

# Open the MeV Gamma-ray Astronomy



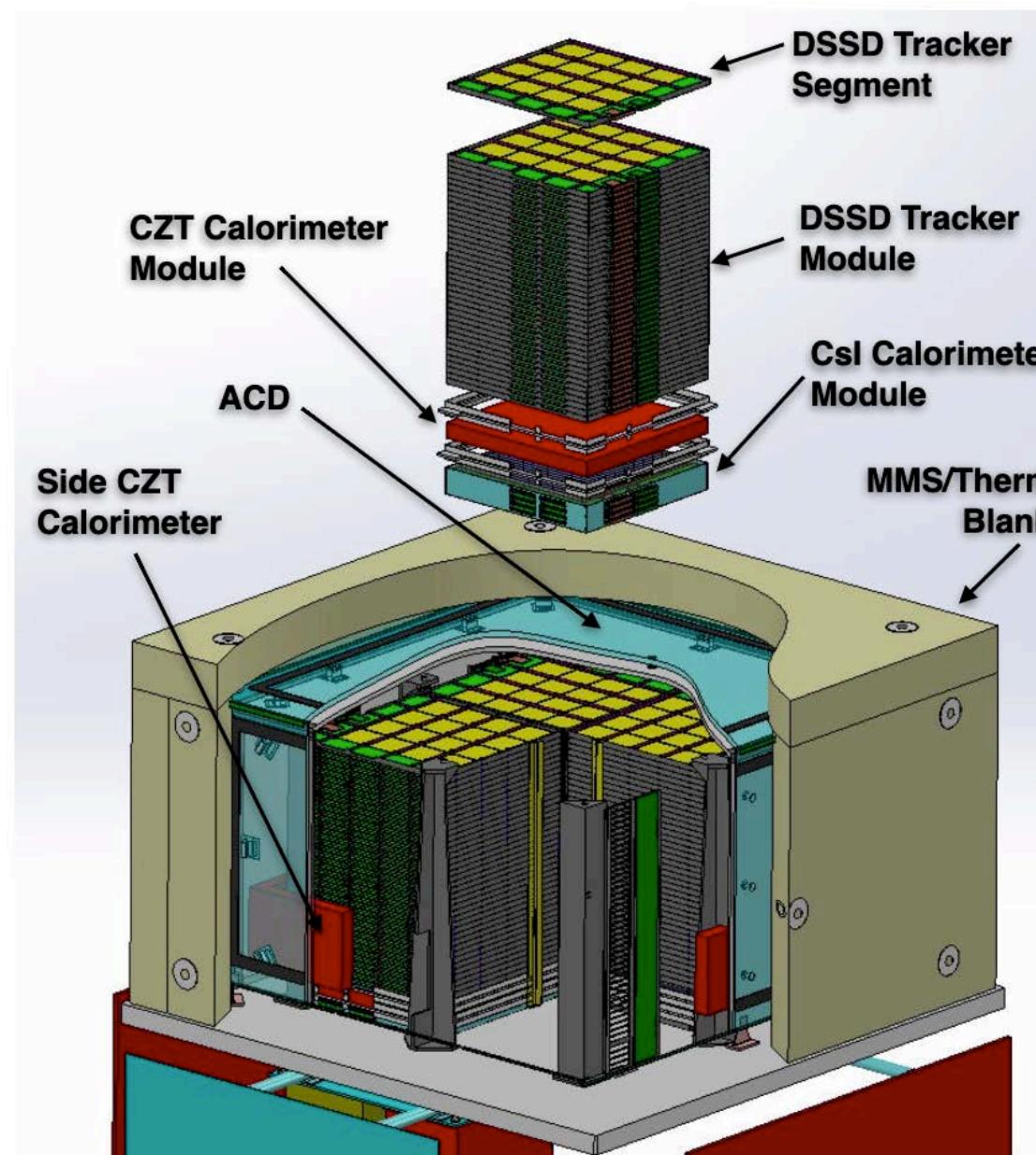
- MeV is still Challenging & Exploratory Research
- Various proposals: AMEGO, COSI-X, GRAINE, SGD, SMILE,,,
- Our plan: First, go to balloon missions. Then, to the space.



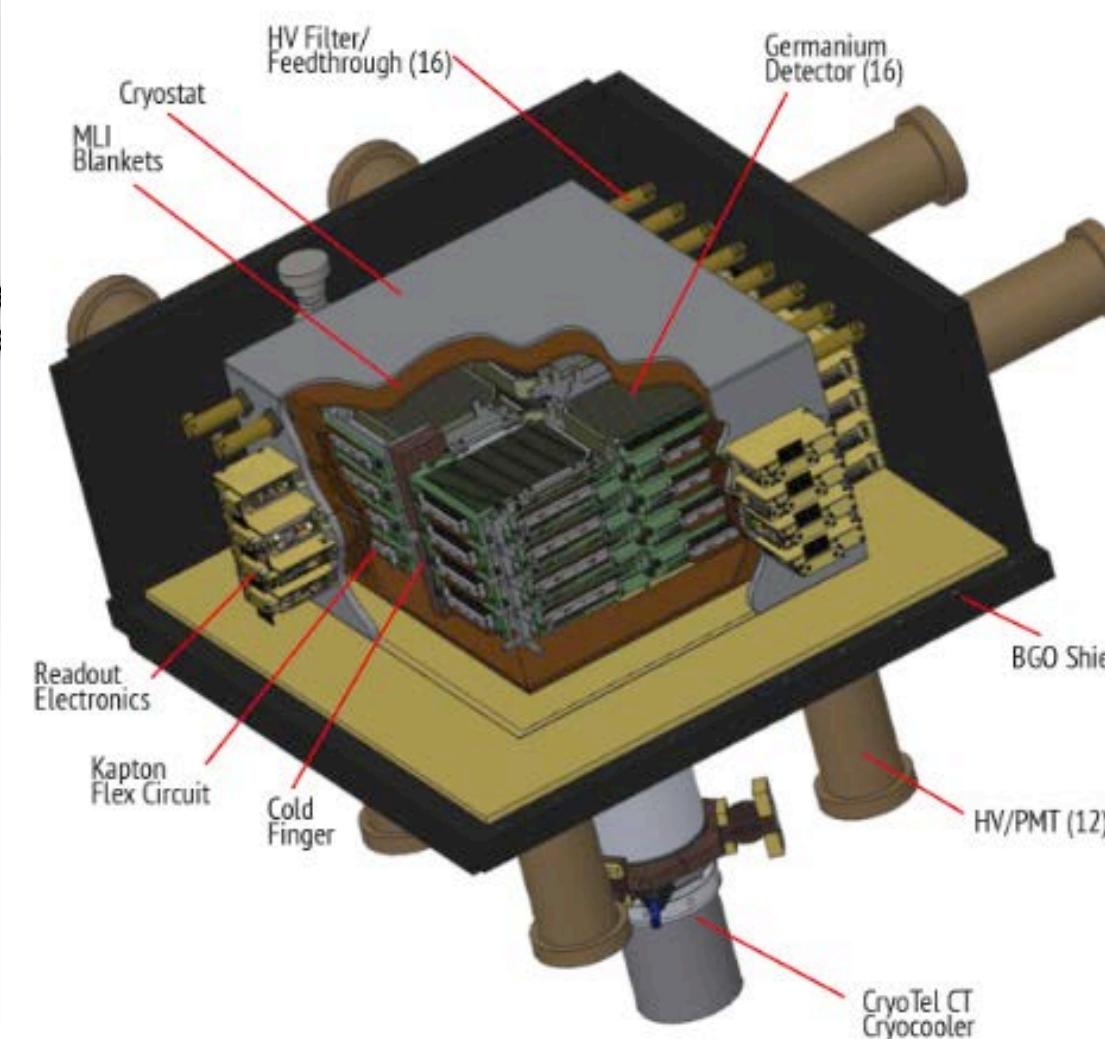
# Proposed MeV Gamma-ray Missions

Not complete,,,

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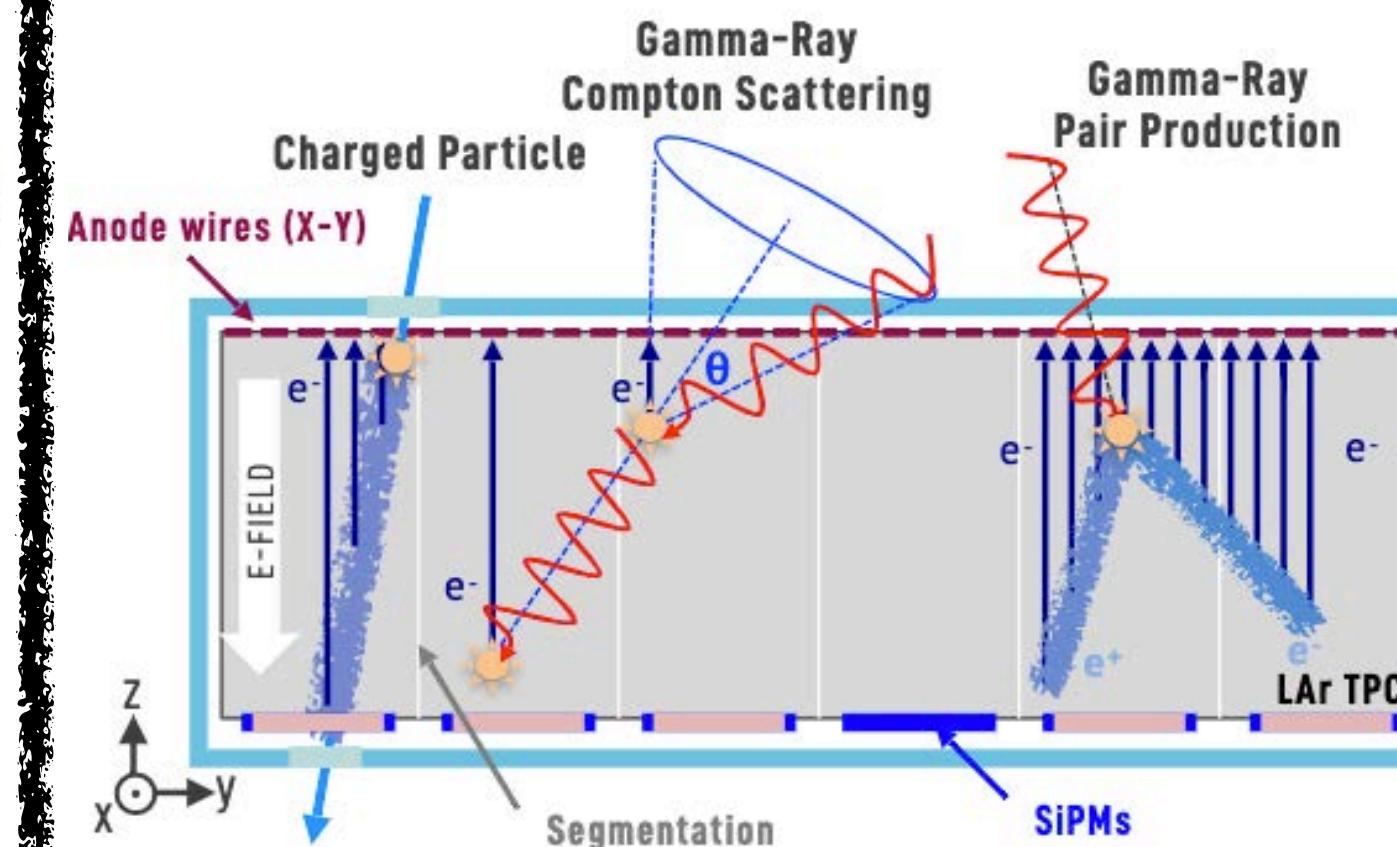


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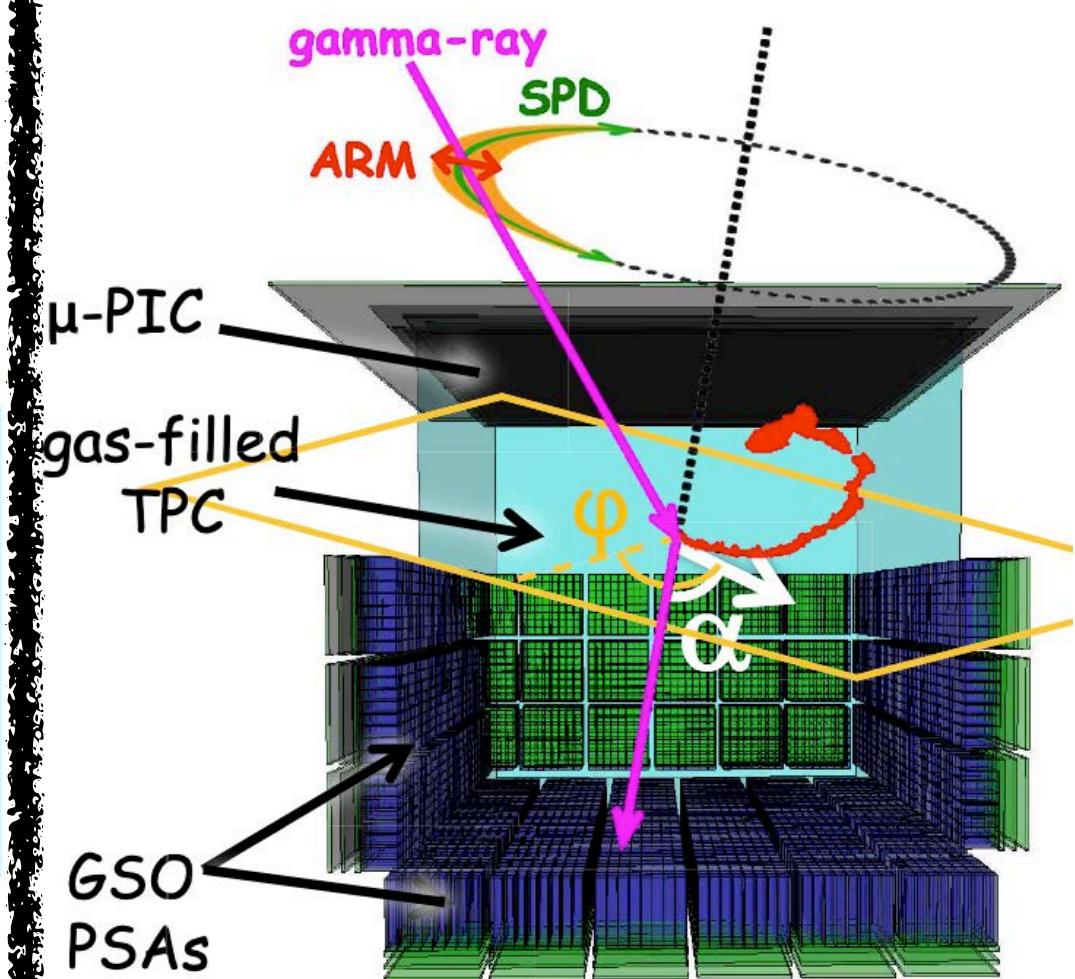
## COSI

## Liquid



## GRAMS

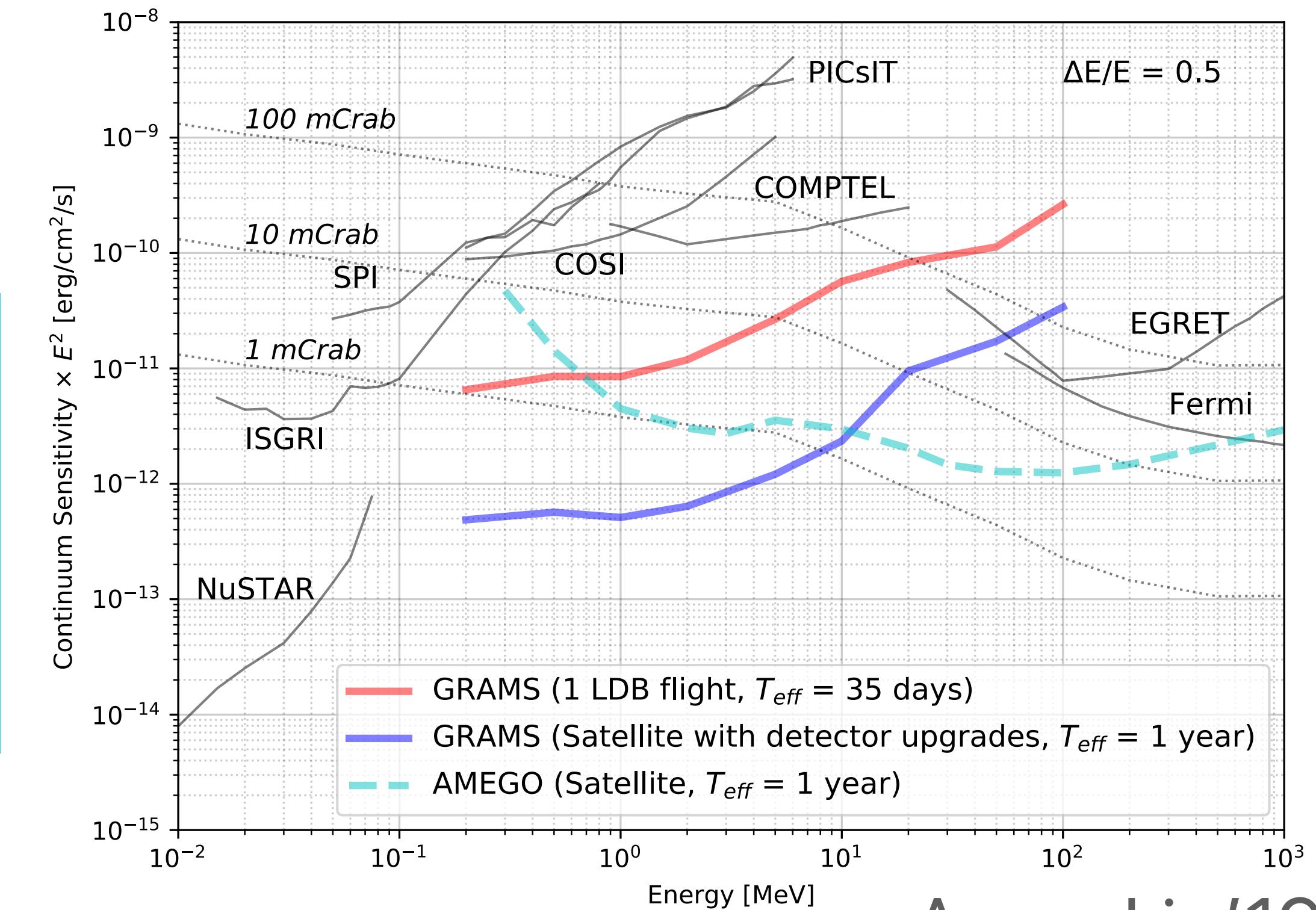
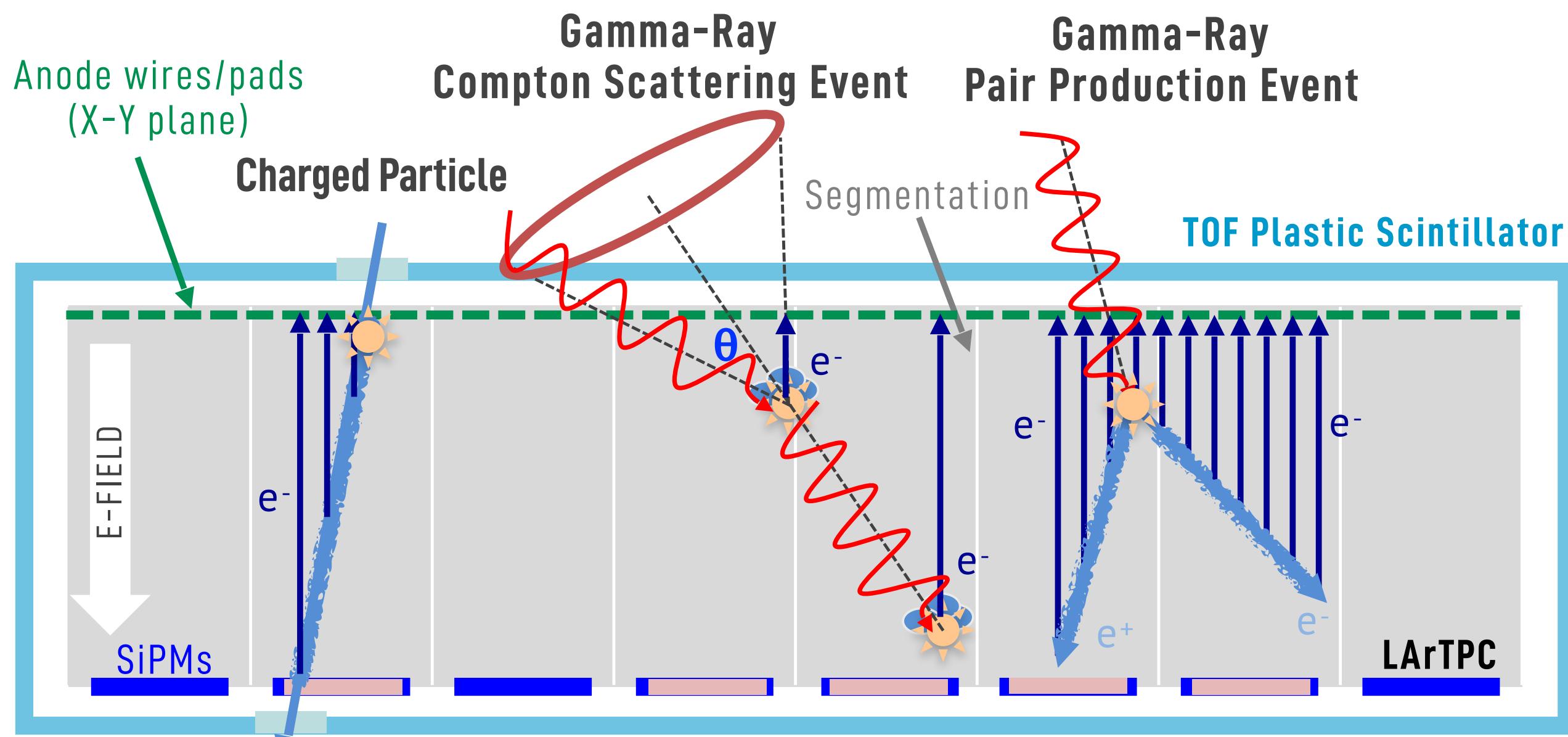
## Gas



## SMILE

# Gamma-Ray and AntiMatter Survey (GRAMS)

Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC) surrounded by Plastic scintillators



- Plastic Scintillators: Veto
- LArTPC: Compton camera and calorimeter
- LArTPC is more cost-effective and more easily expandable, much less channels/ electronics required, almost no dead volume

Aramaki+’19

# まとめ



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