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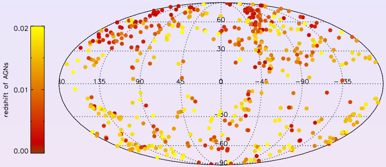

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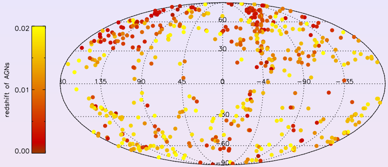

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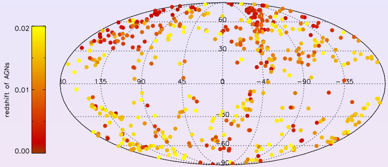

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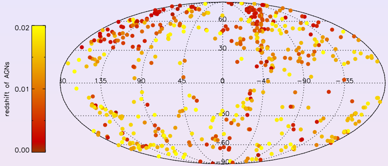

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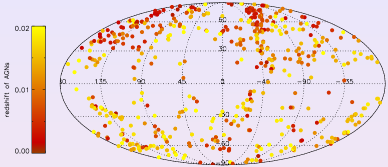

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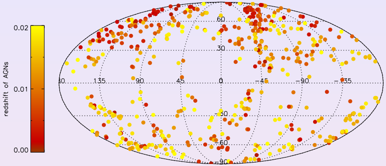

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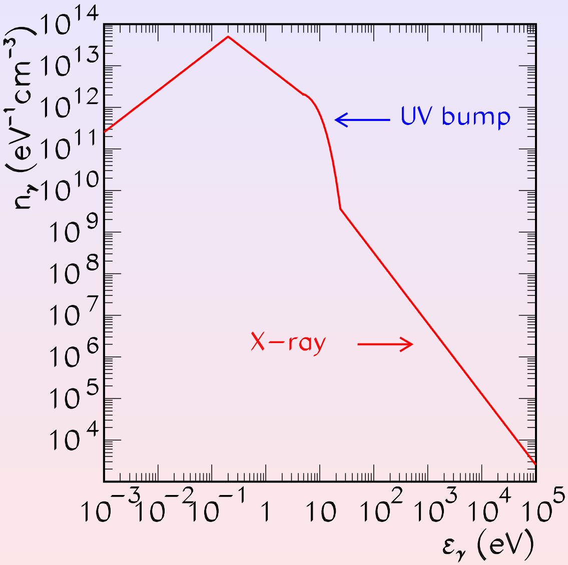
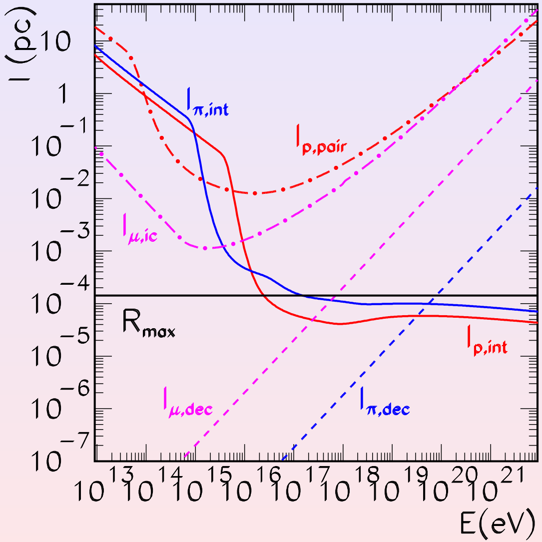
UV and X-ray background from the accretion disk



Lenght scales for acceleration close to the core



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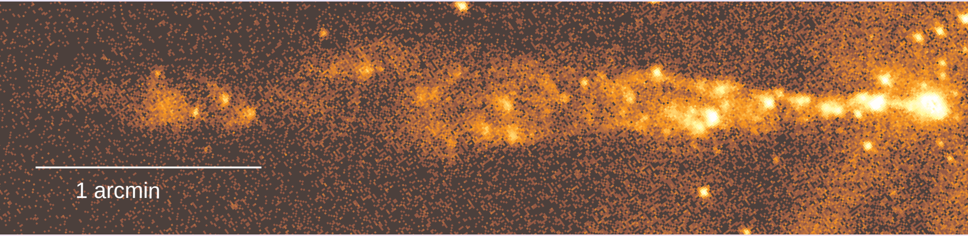

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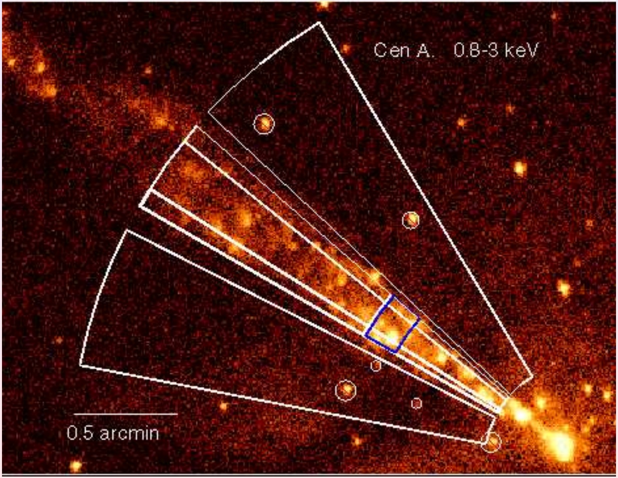

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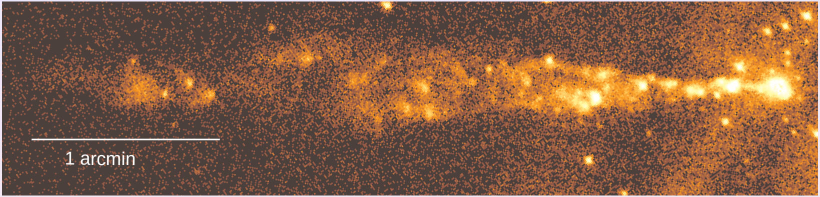

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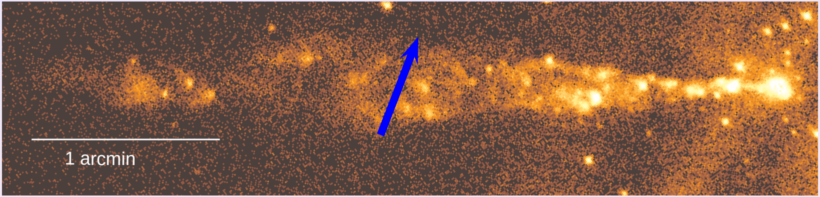

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- with $d = 0.4\,\mathrm{kpc}$ and $\sigma_{pp} = 150\mathrm{mbarn}$:

$\Rightarrow$ interaction depth $\tau_{pp} \sim 0.01$

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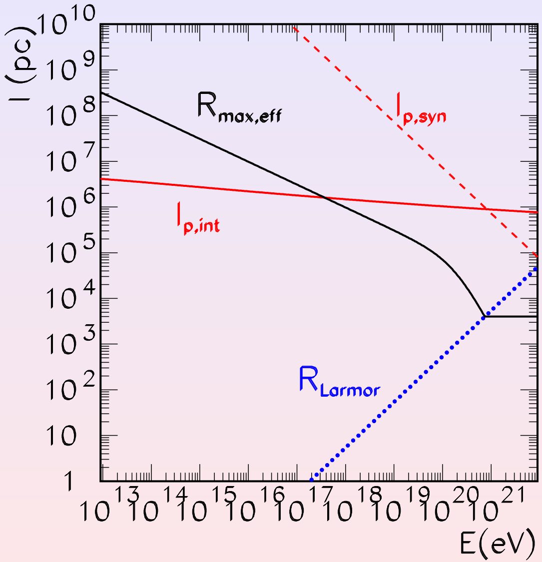

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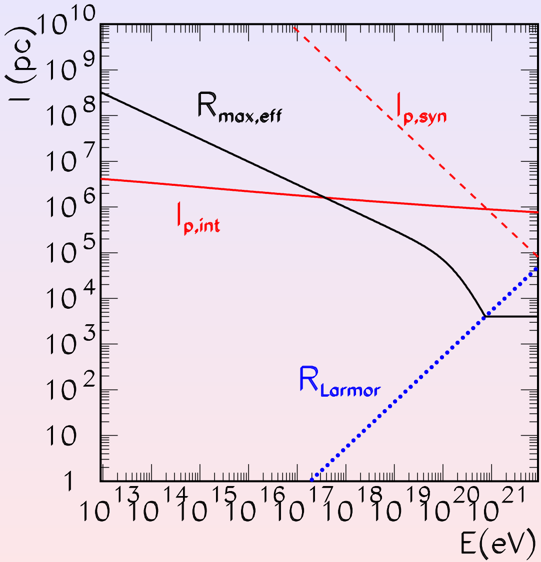

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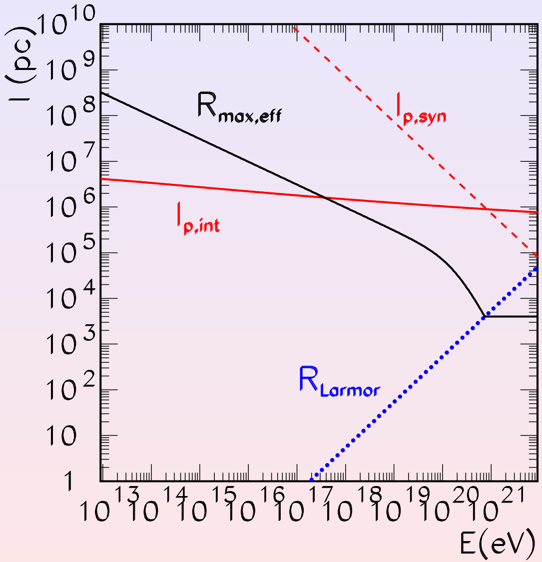

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- for pp no threshold
- $\tau = 1$ for $E = 10^{17}$eV, optimal for neutrino telescope

Our two base models

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acceleration in accretion shock/regular fields

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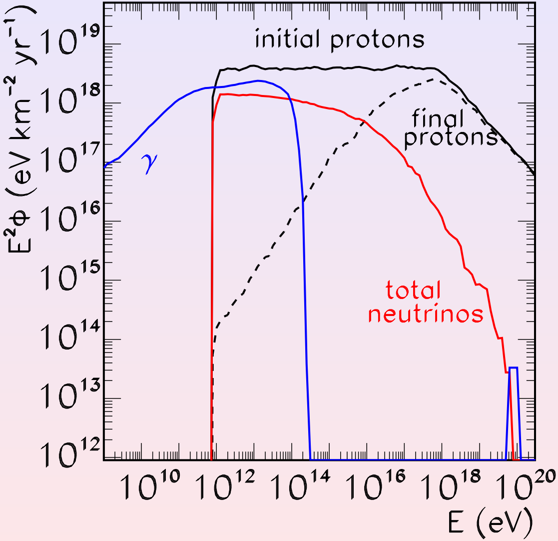

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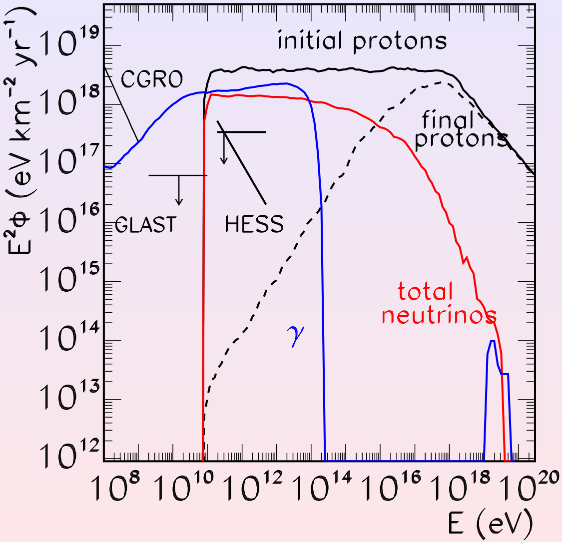

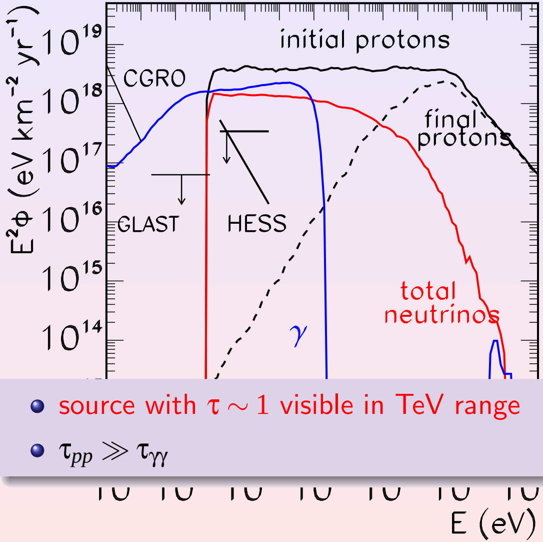

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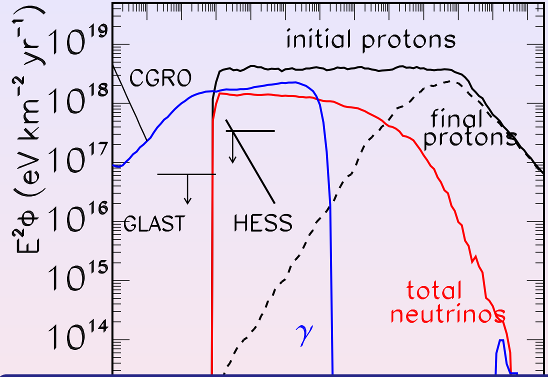

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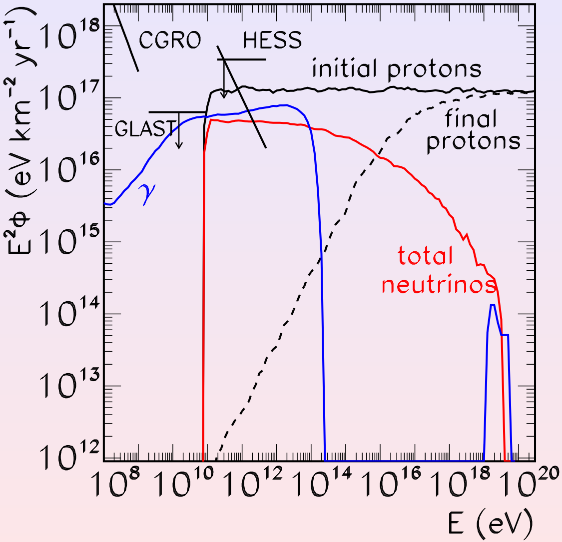

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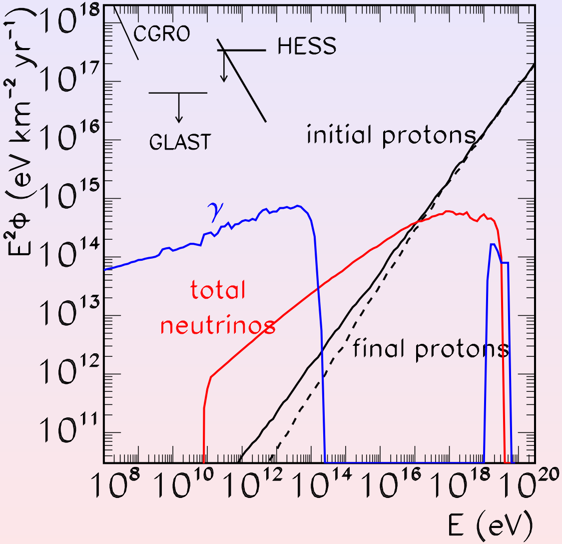

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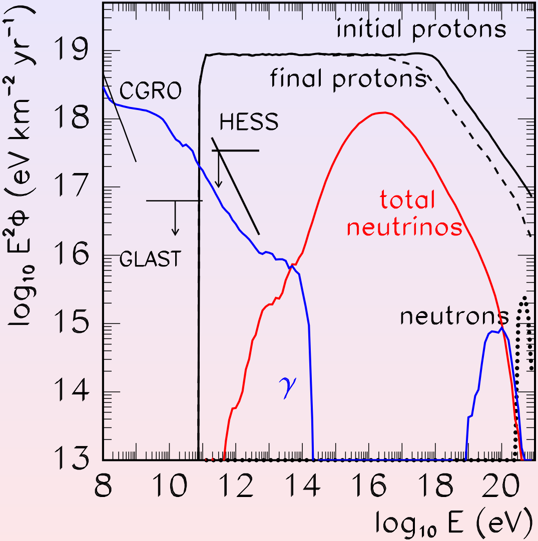

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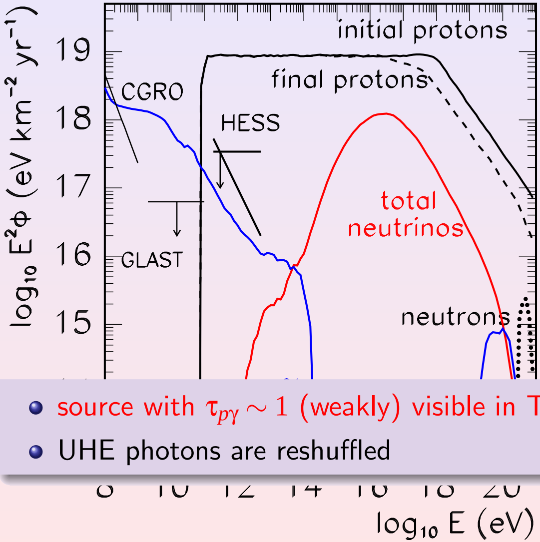

- source with $\tau_{p\gamma} \sim 1$ (weakly) visible in TeV range
- UHE photons are reshuffled

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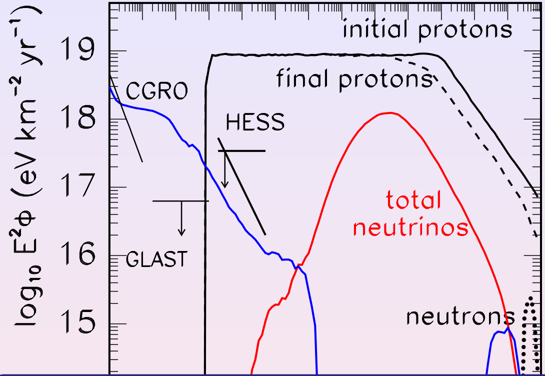

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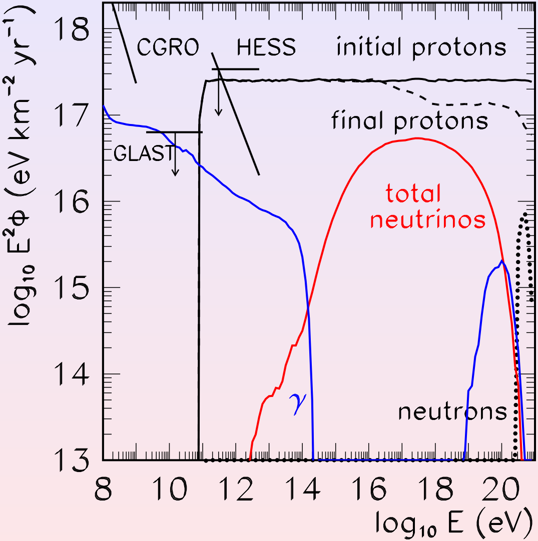

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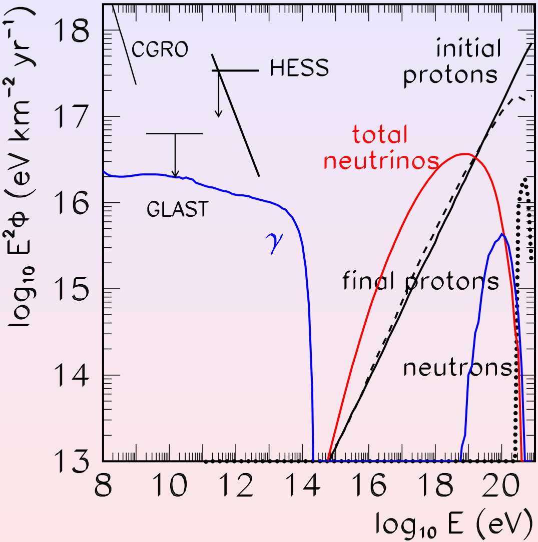

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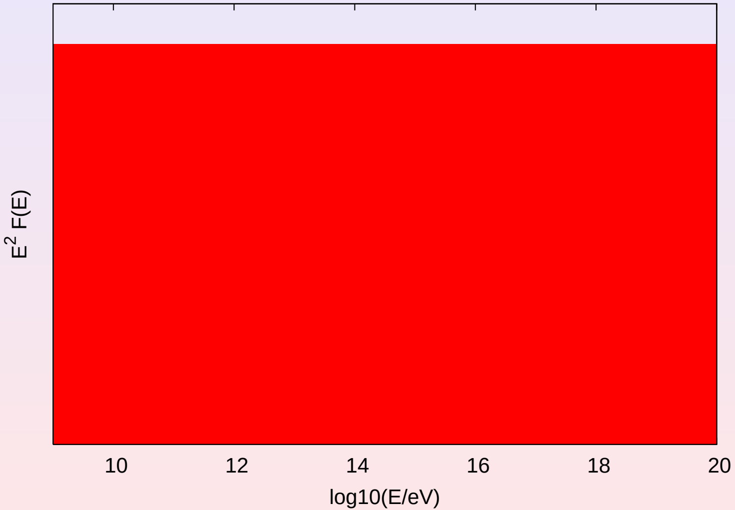

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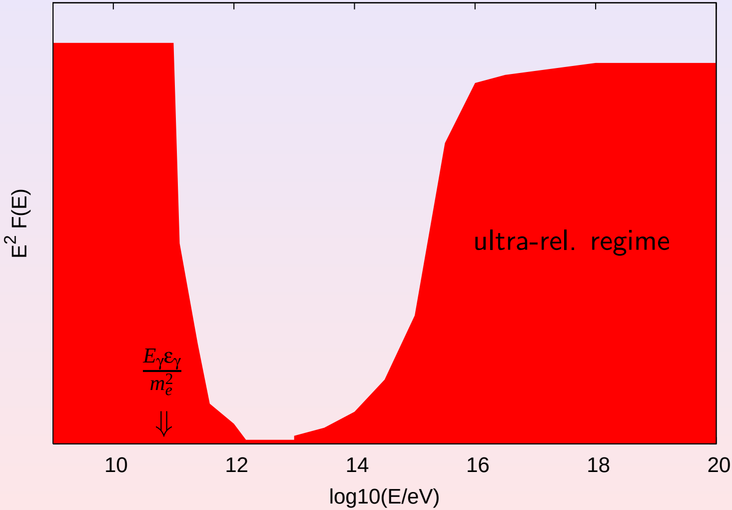

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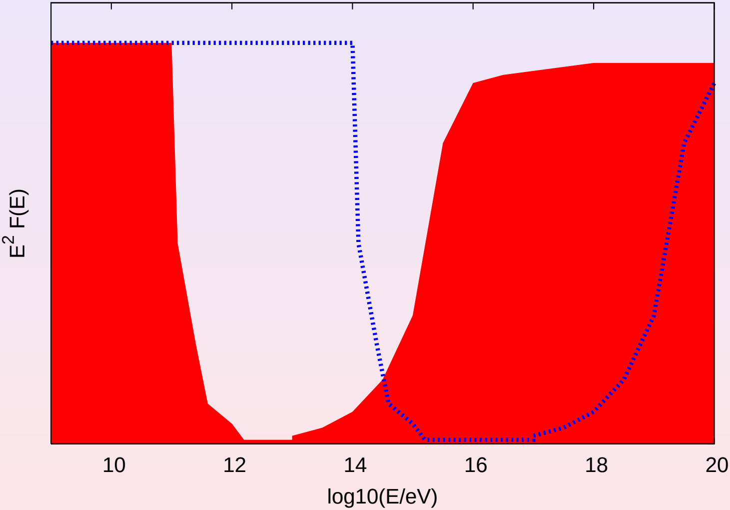

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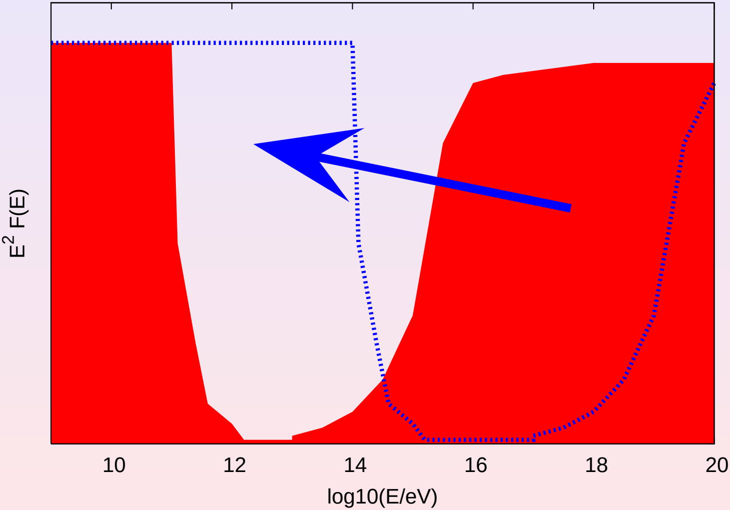

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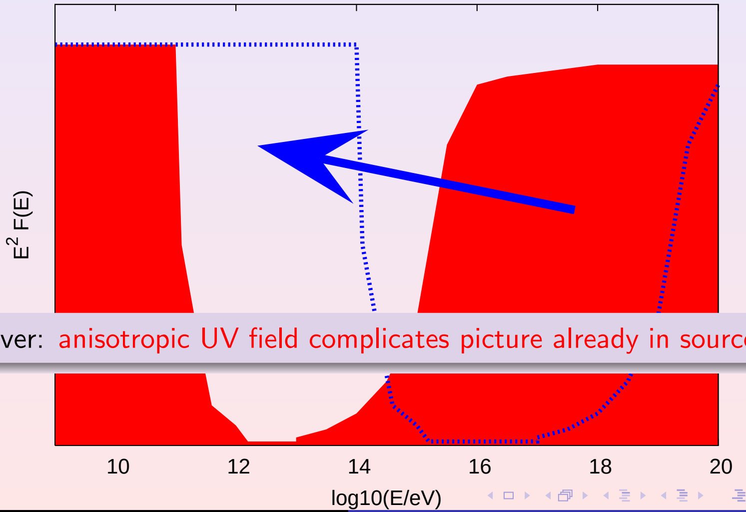

however: anisotropic UV field complicates picture already in source

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