

TDEs - some new ideas and some old ones

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Outlook



- Prolog - what powers TDEs?

- Equipartition 101

- Relativistic Equipartition

- Off-Axis Equipartition

- TDEs' late radio flares

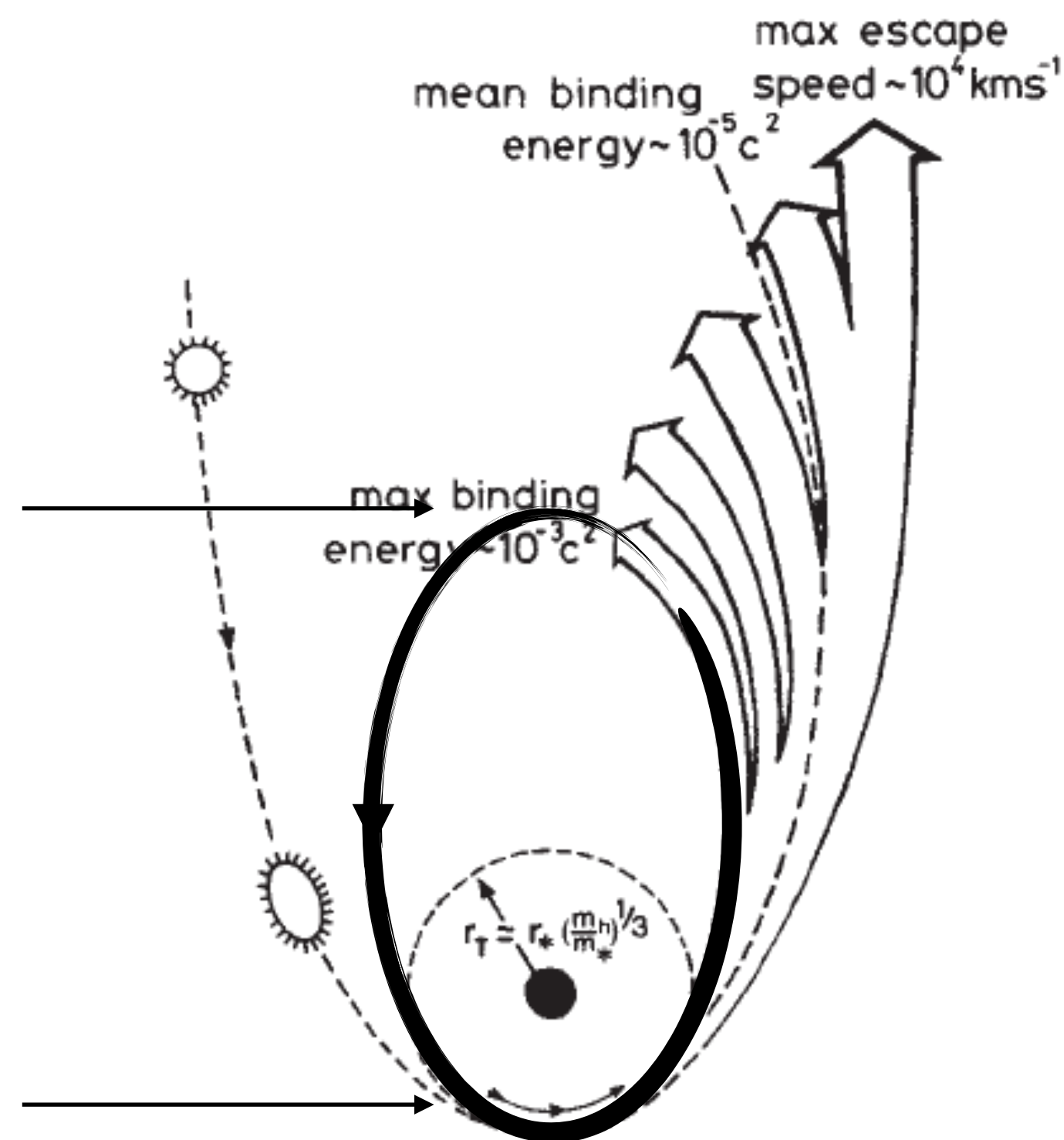
- Are TDE sources of UHECRs?

What Powers TDEs?

The “classical” picture

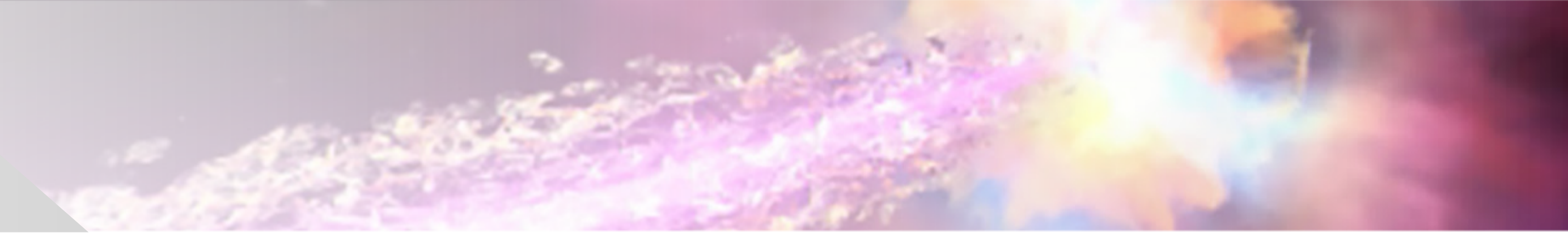
$\Rightarrow R_0 \sim 1000 r_g$
 $t_0 \sim 1 \text{ month}$

$\Rightarrow R_t \sim 10\text{-}30 r_g$



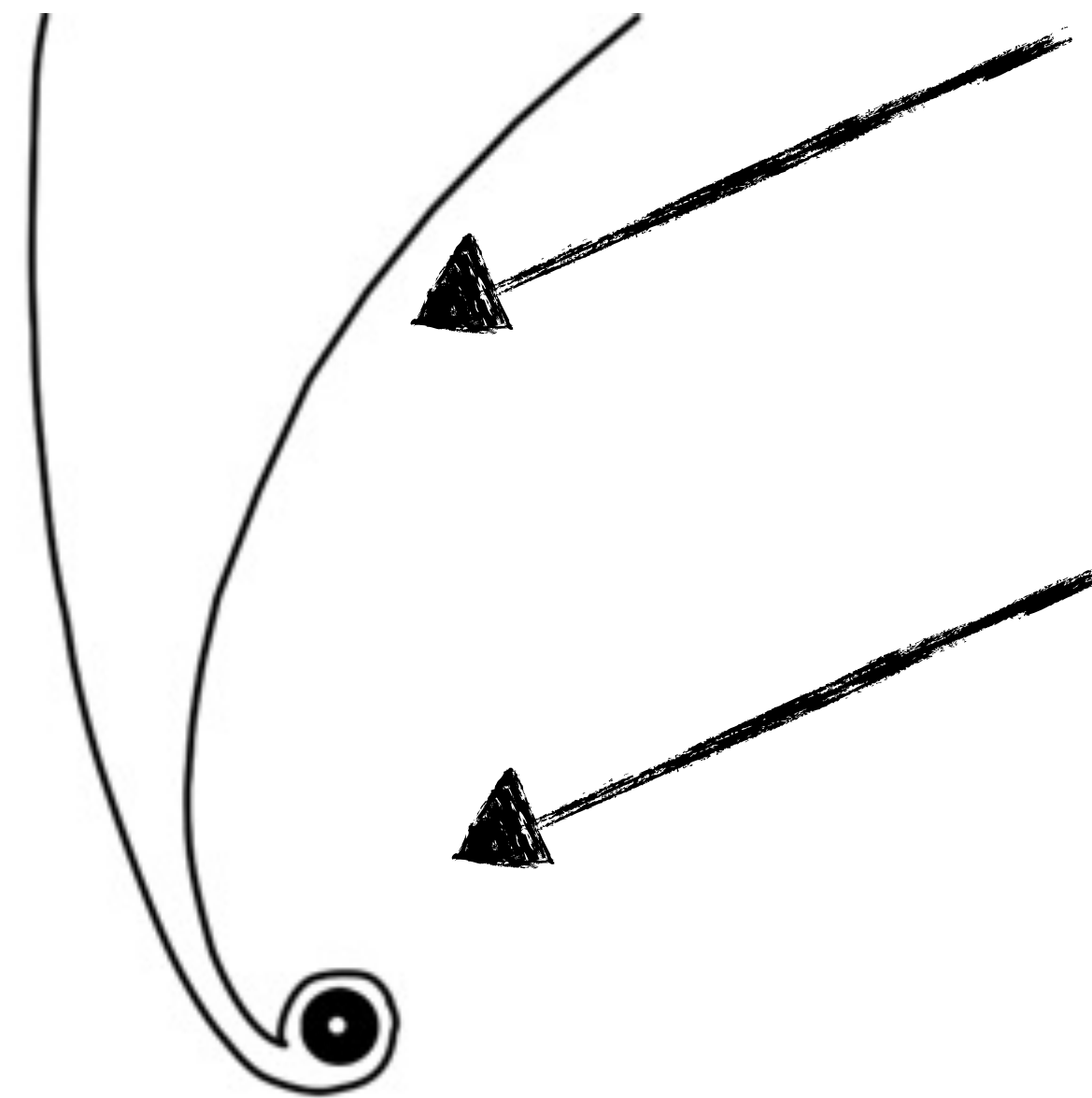
From: Rees 1988

What Powers TDEs?



A small disk forms around R_t

- Accretion of $\sim M_\odot$
 $\Rightarrow E \sim 10^{53} \text{erg}$
- Disk at R_t ($\sim 10\text{-}30 r_g$)
 $\Rightarrow T \sim 0.1 \text{keV}$
 $\Rightarrow v \sim > 50,000 \text{ km/sec}$



- The returning (bound) stream
- A compact disk of size \sim the tidal radius, $R_t \sim 25 R_g$

The inverse energy crisis in optical TDEs

Expected

X-rays

T ~ 500,000 K

R ~ 10 r_g

v > 50000 km/sec

E ~ 10⁵³ erg

Observed

UV-optical

T ~ 50,000 K

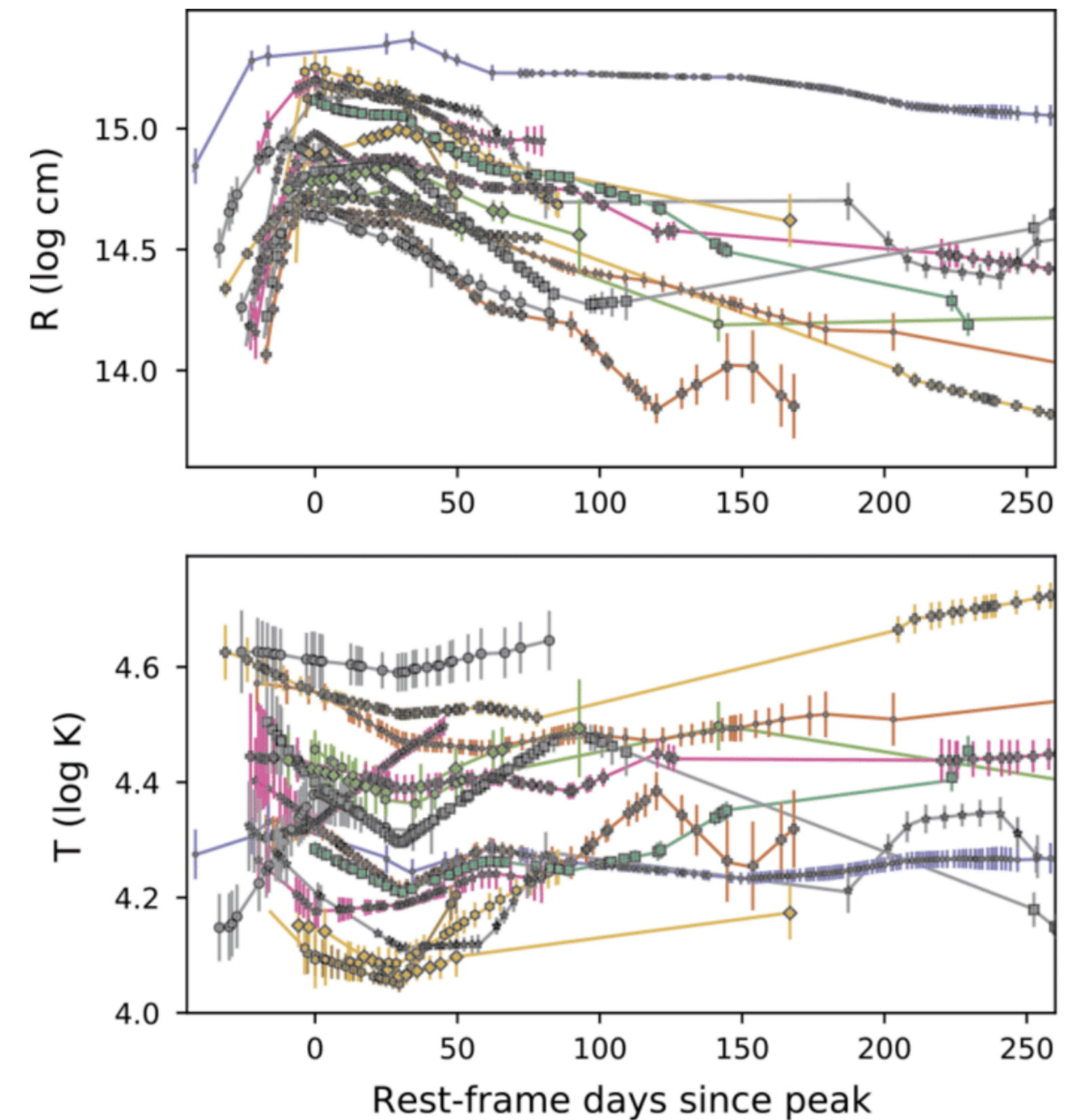
R ~ 500 r_g

v ~ 5000 km/sec

E ~ 10⁵¹ erg

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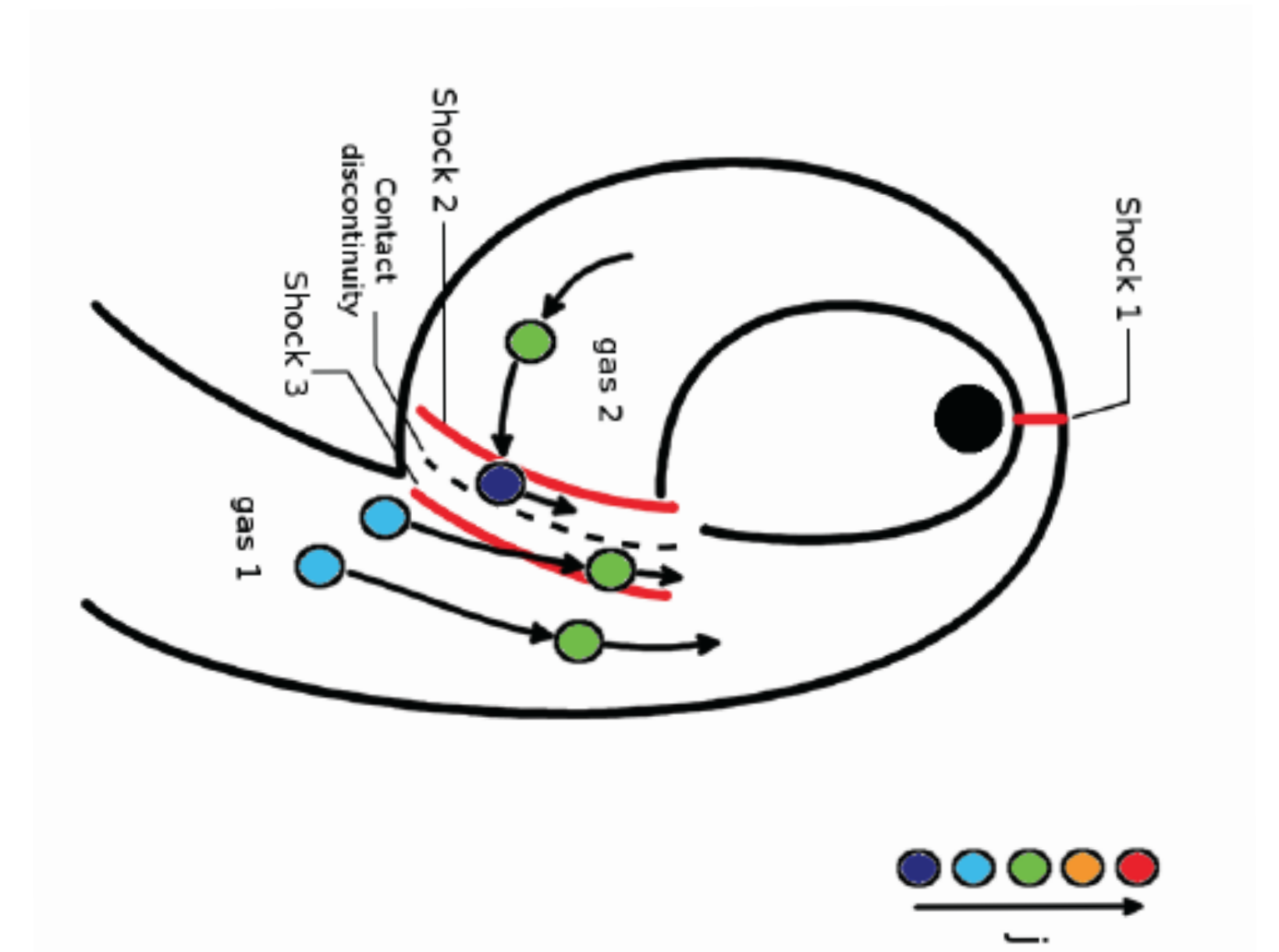
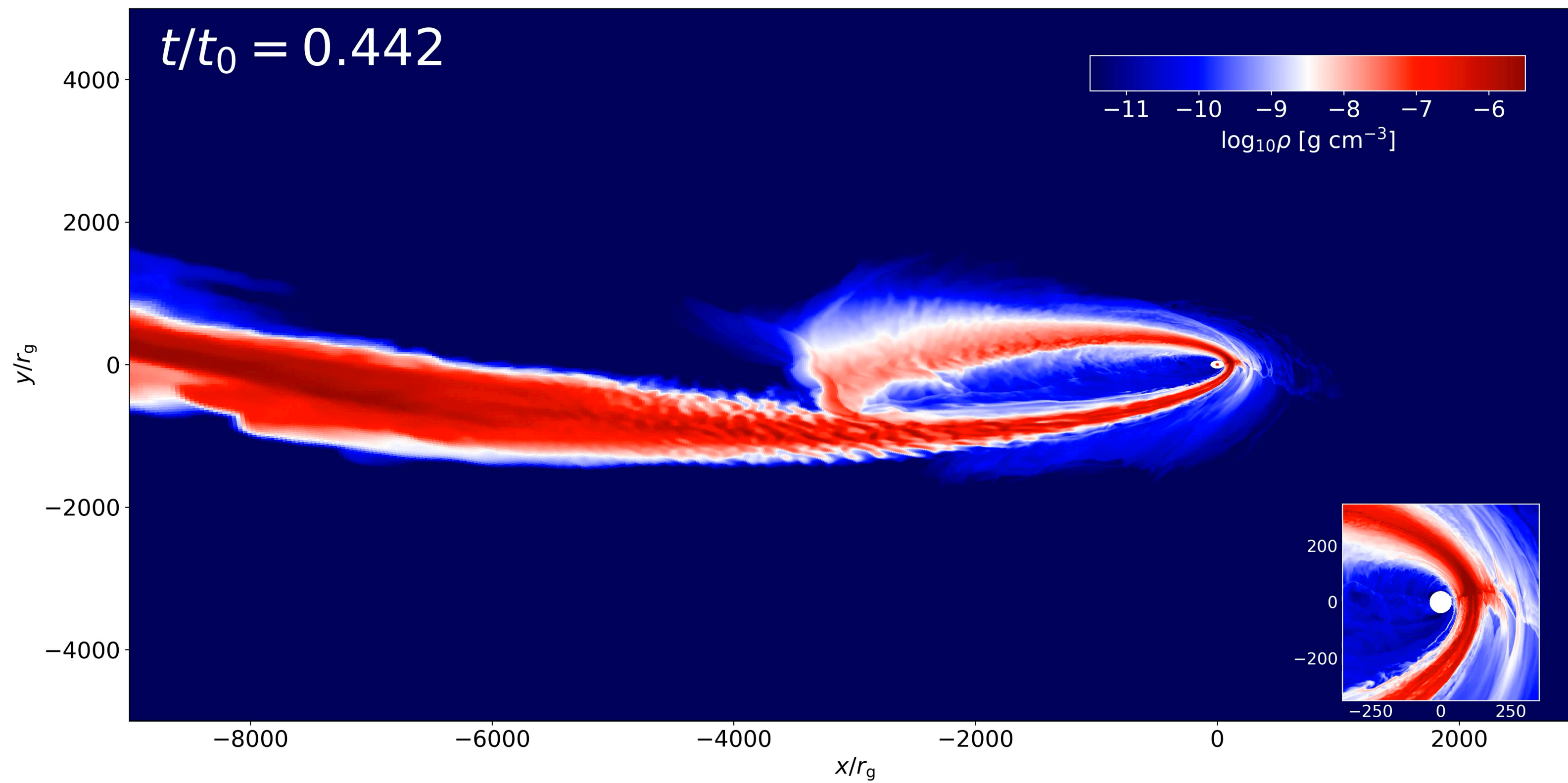
From TP et al., 2015



From Van Velzen et al, 2022

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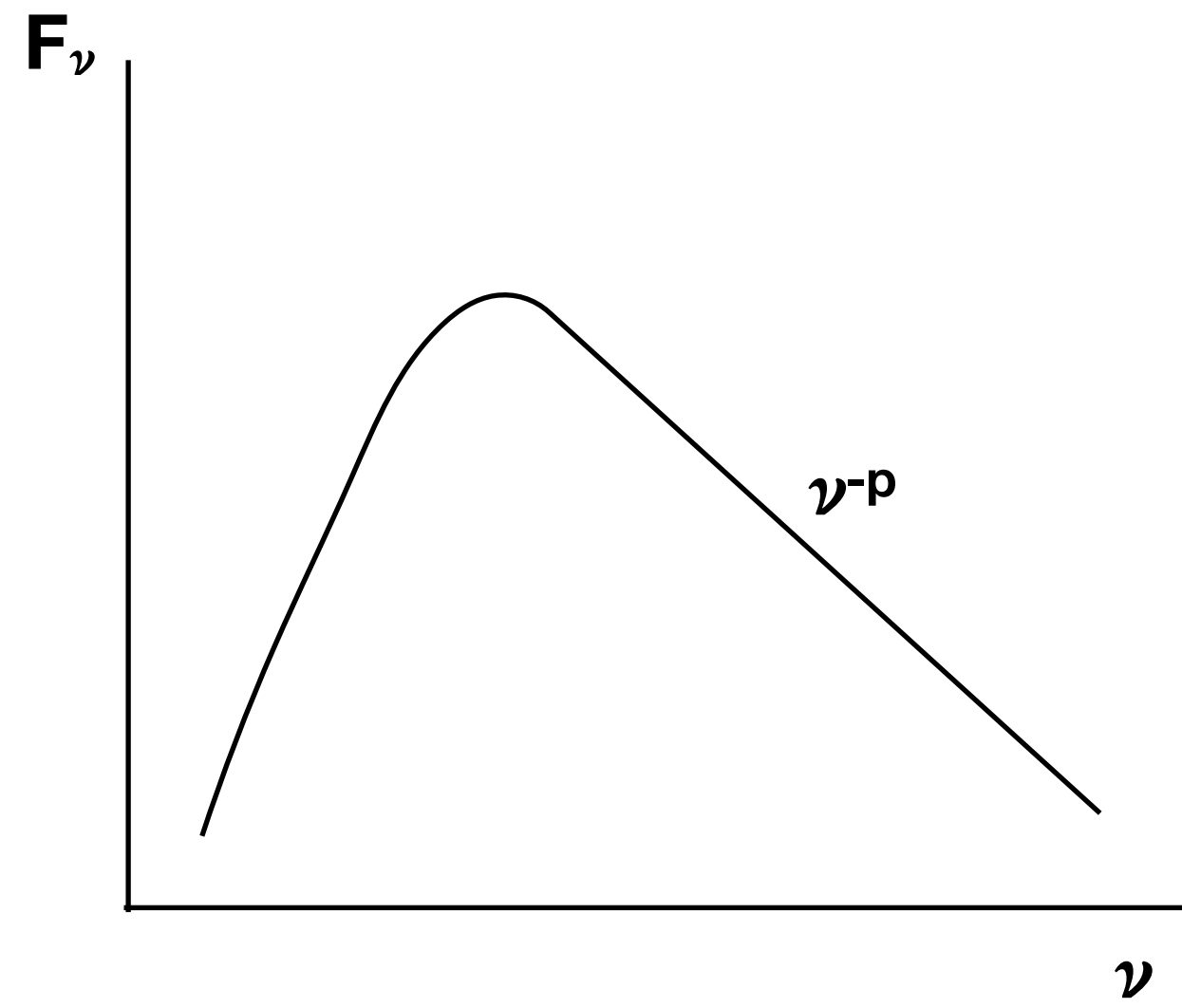
Energy Dissipation at outer shocks



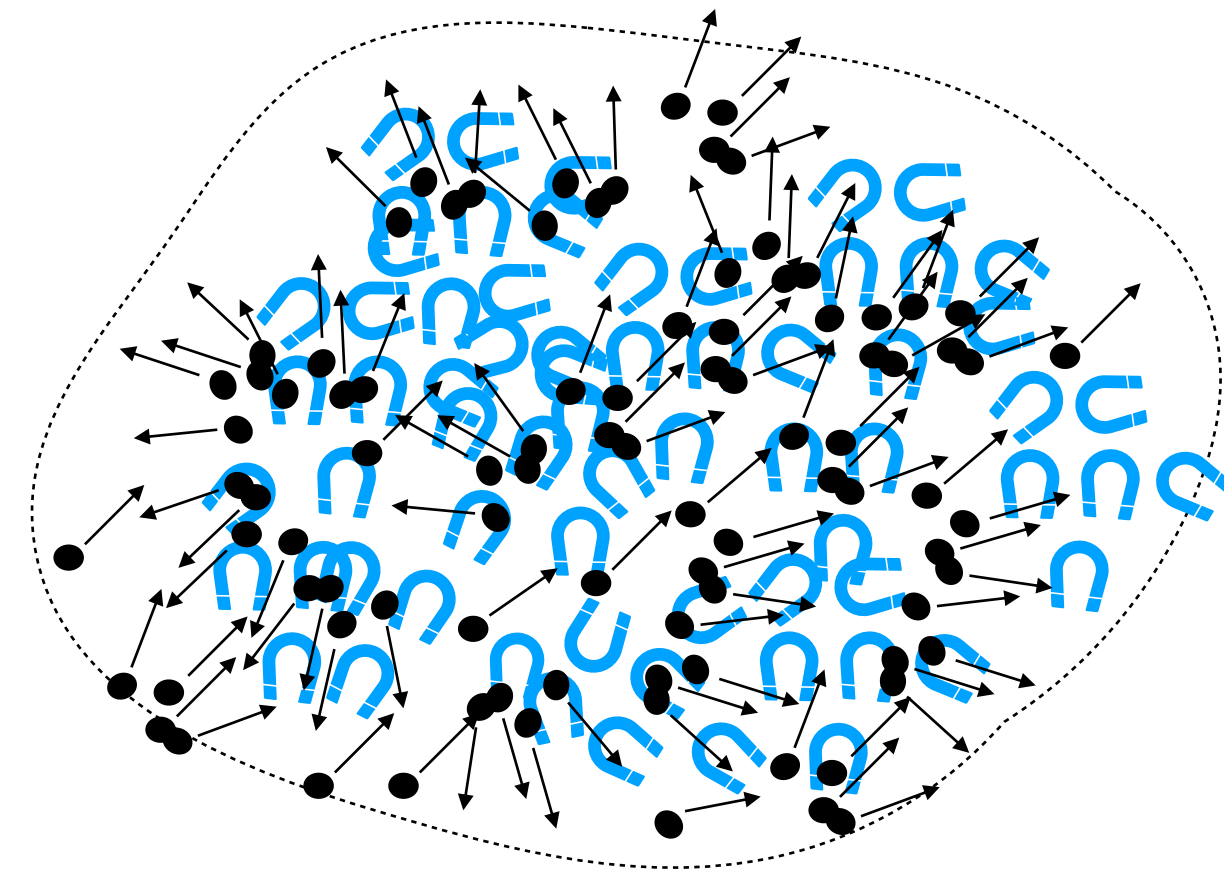
From Ryu et al., preliminary - 2022

From Piran et al., 2015

Equipartition 101

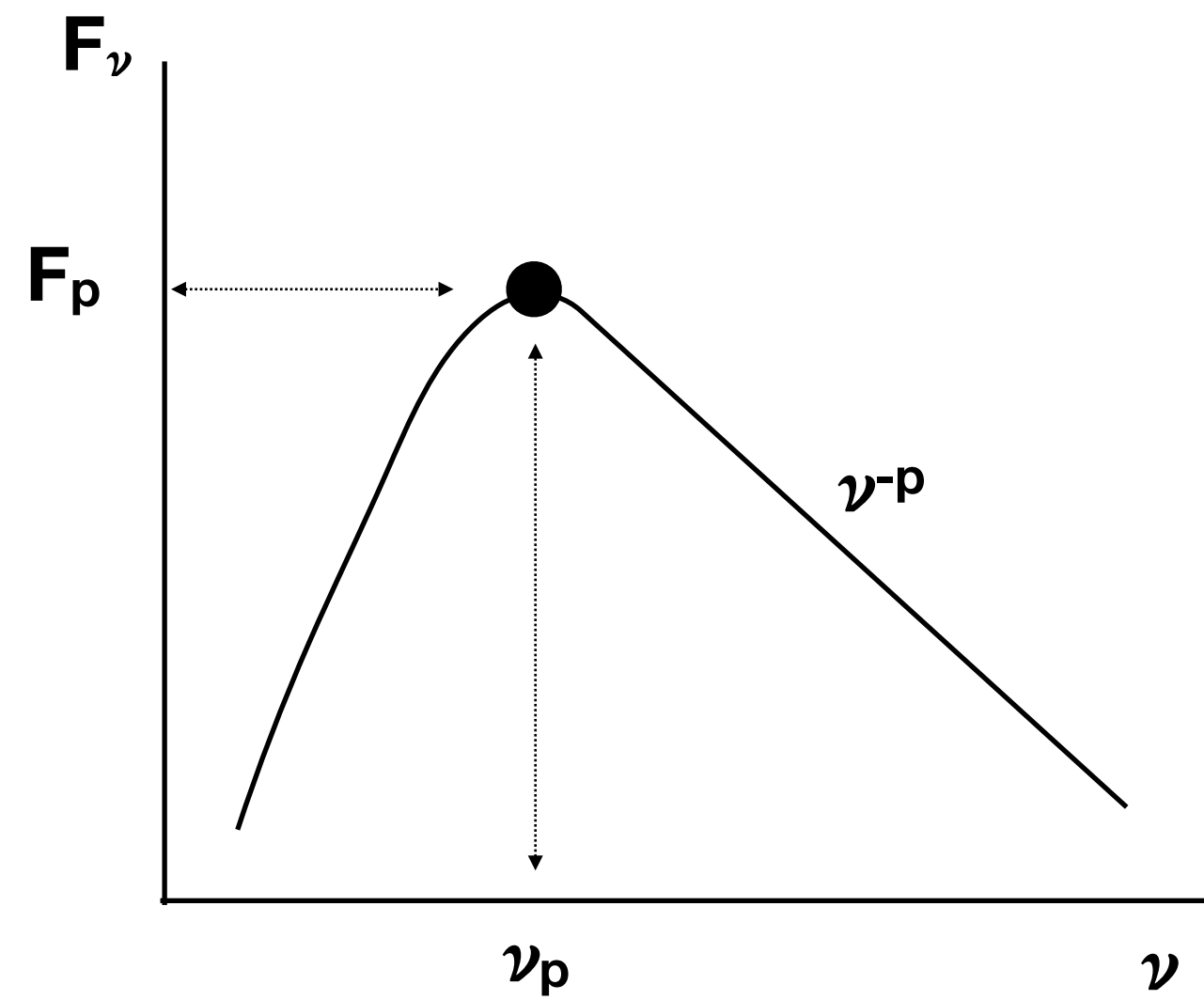


Self - Absorbed Synchrotron

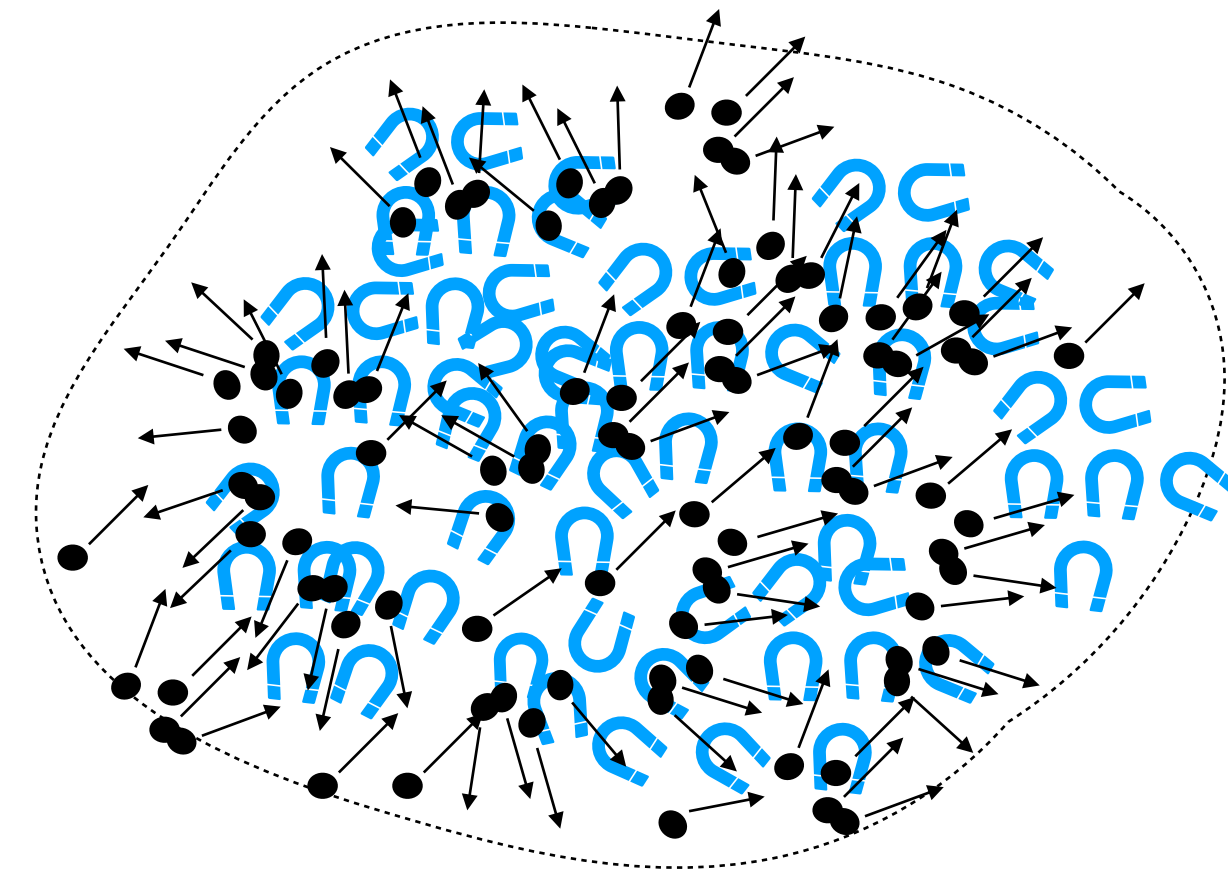


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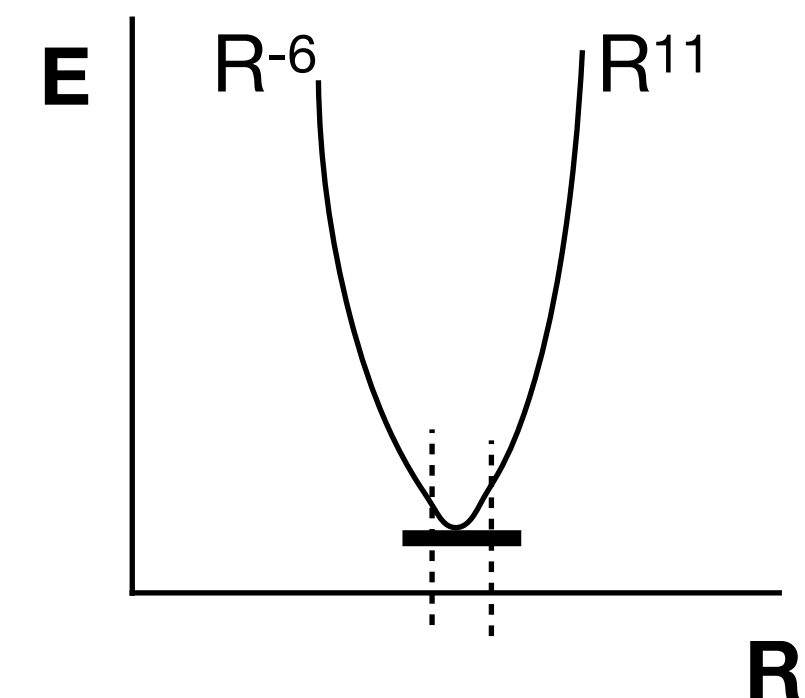


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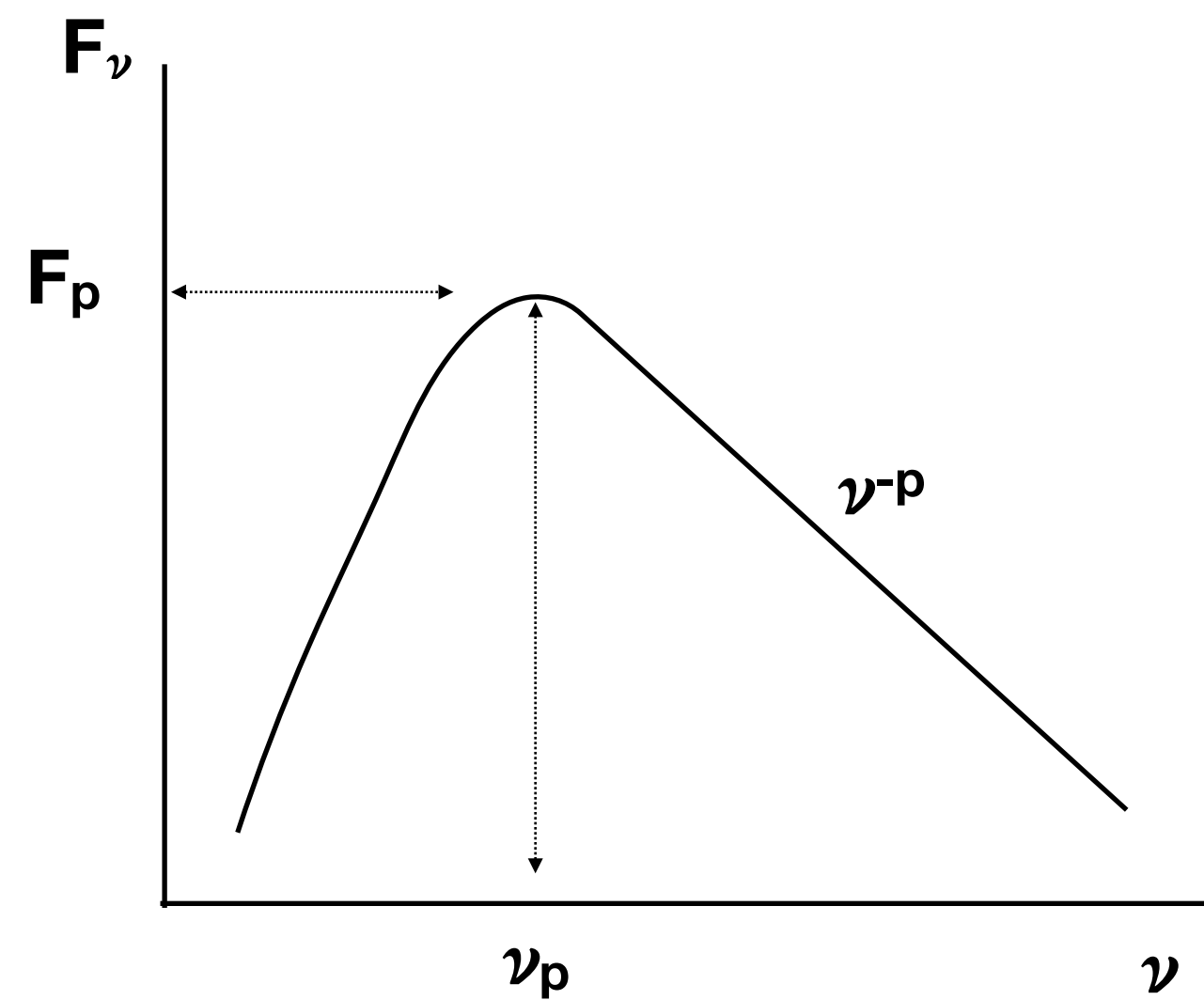
$$E = E_e + E_B = E_N \left[\frac{11}{17} \left(\frac{R}{R_{eq}} \right)^{-6} + \frac{6}{17} \left(\frac{R}{R_{eq}} \right)^{11} \right]$$

$$R_N \approx (1.7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}) \left[F_{p,\text{mJy}}^{\frac{8}{17}} \nu_{p,10}^{-1} d_{L,28}^{\frac{16}{17}} \eta^{\frac{35}{51}} (1+z)^{-\frac{25}{17}} \right]$$

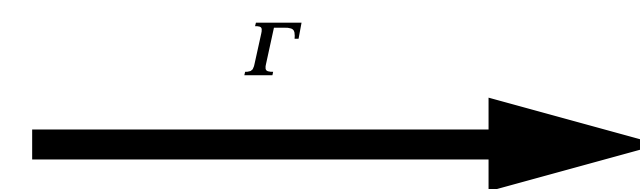
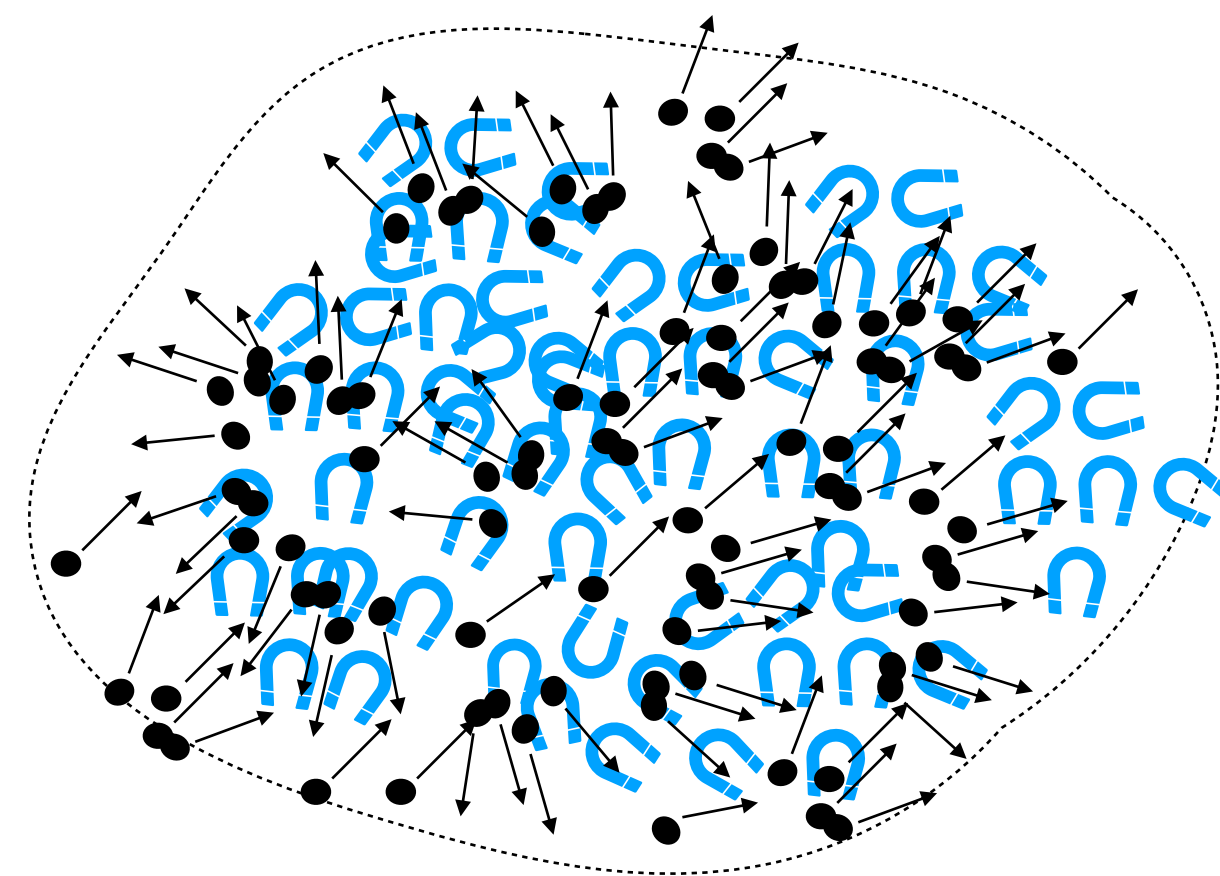
$$E_N \approx (2.5 \times 10^{49} \text{ erg}) \left[F_{p,\text{mJy}}^{\frac{20}{17}} \nu_{p,10}^{-1} d_{L,28}^{\frac{40}{17}} \eta^{\frac{15}{17}} (1+z)^{-\frac{37}{17}} \right]$$



Relativistic Equipartition



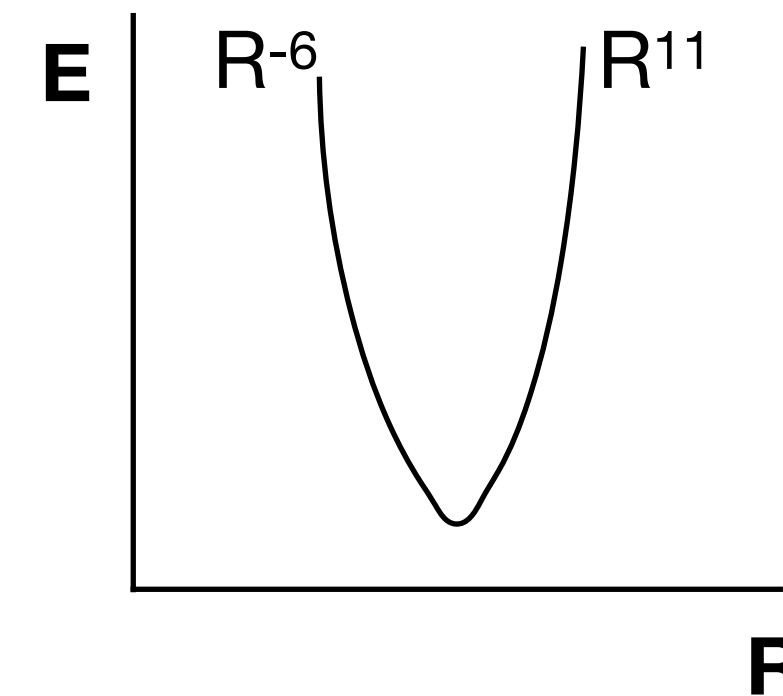
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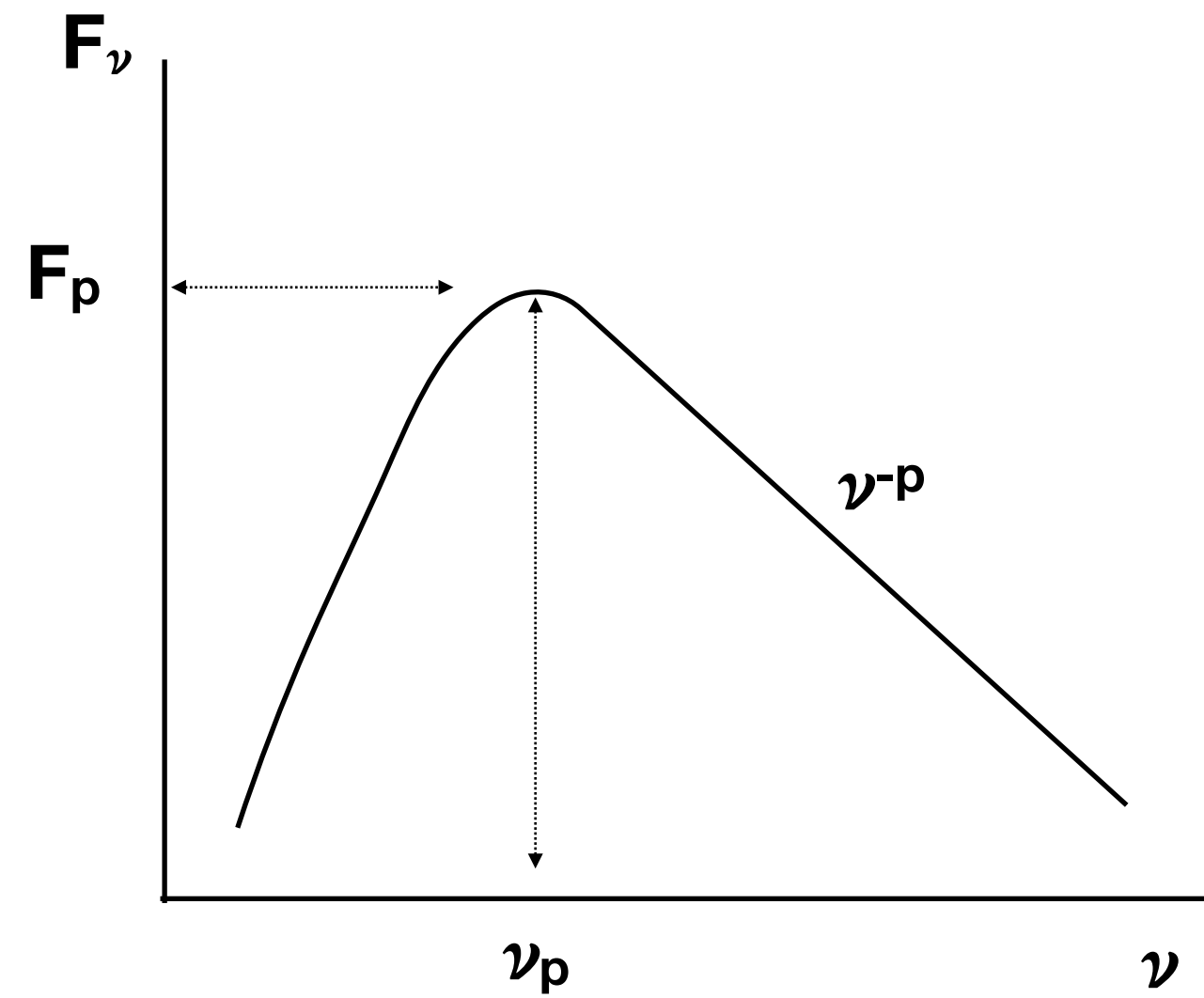
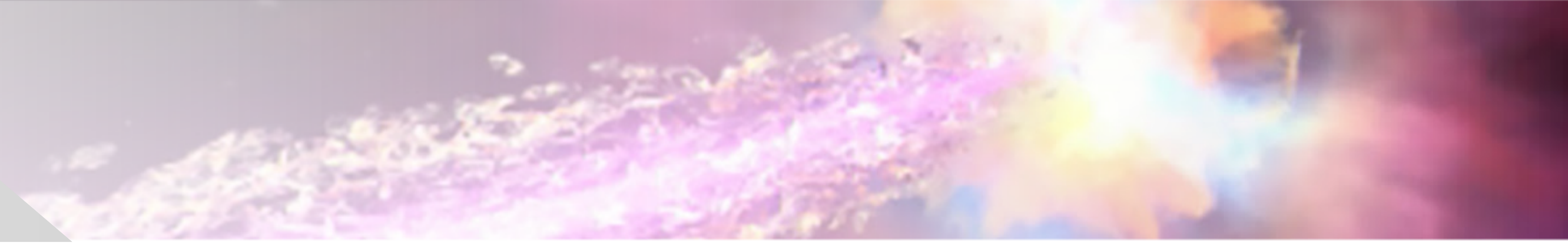
$$E = E_B + E_e = [(B\Gamma)^2/8\pi]R^3 + \Gamma N_e m_e c^2 \gamma$$

$$t = R/2c\Gamma^2$$

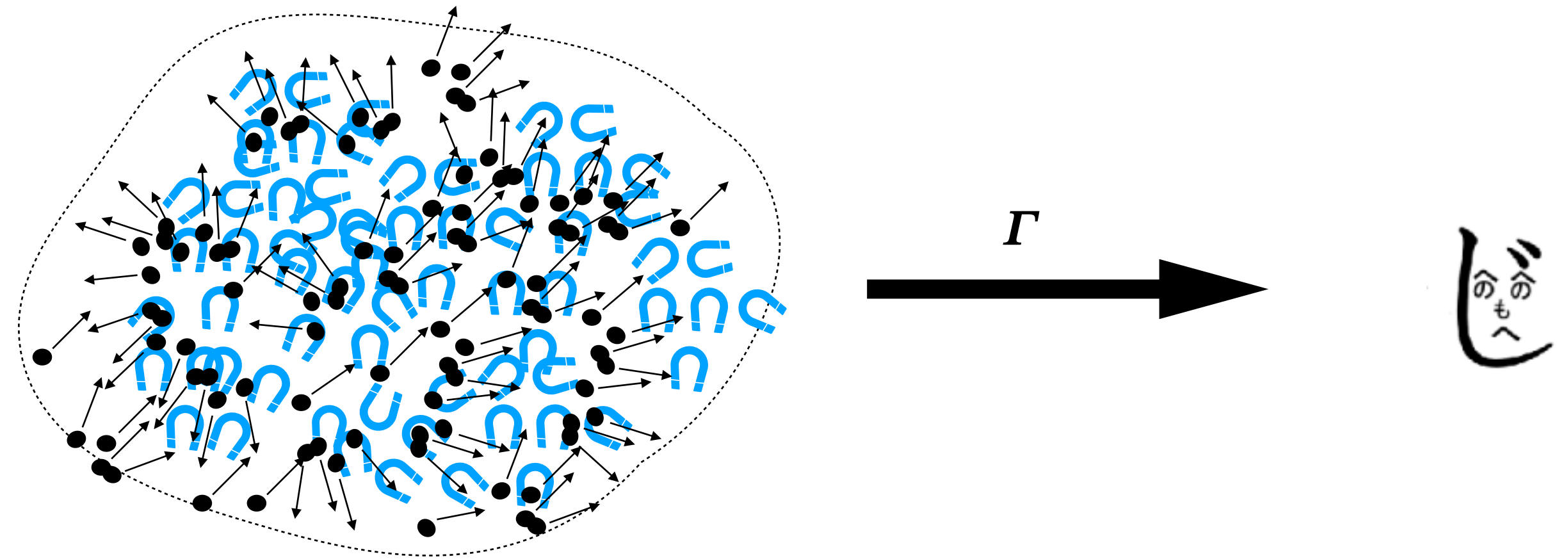
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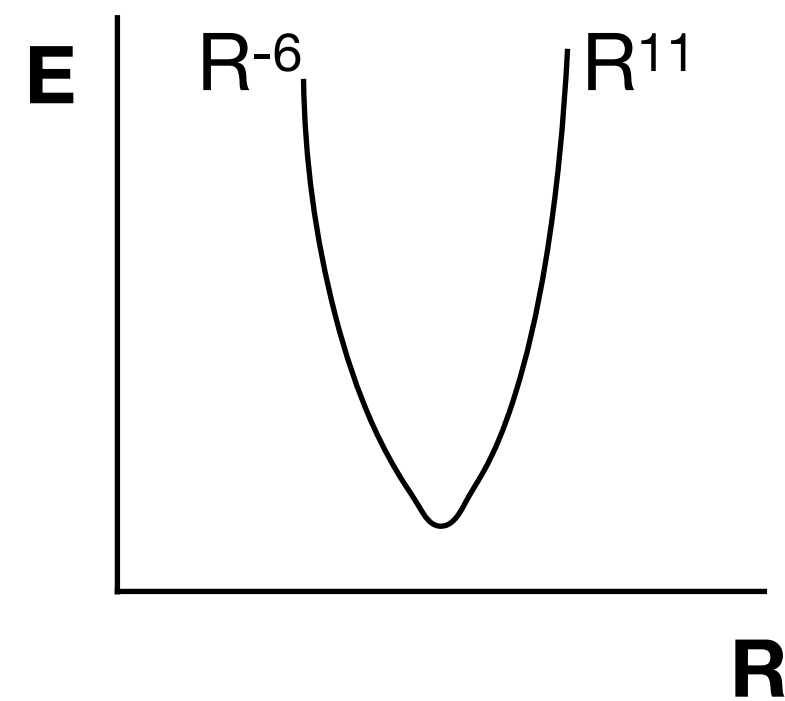
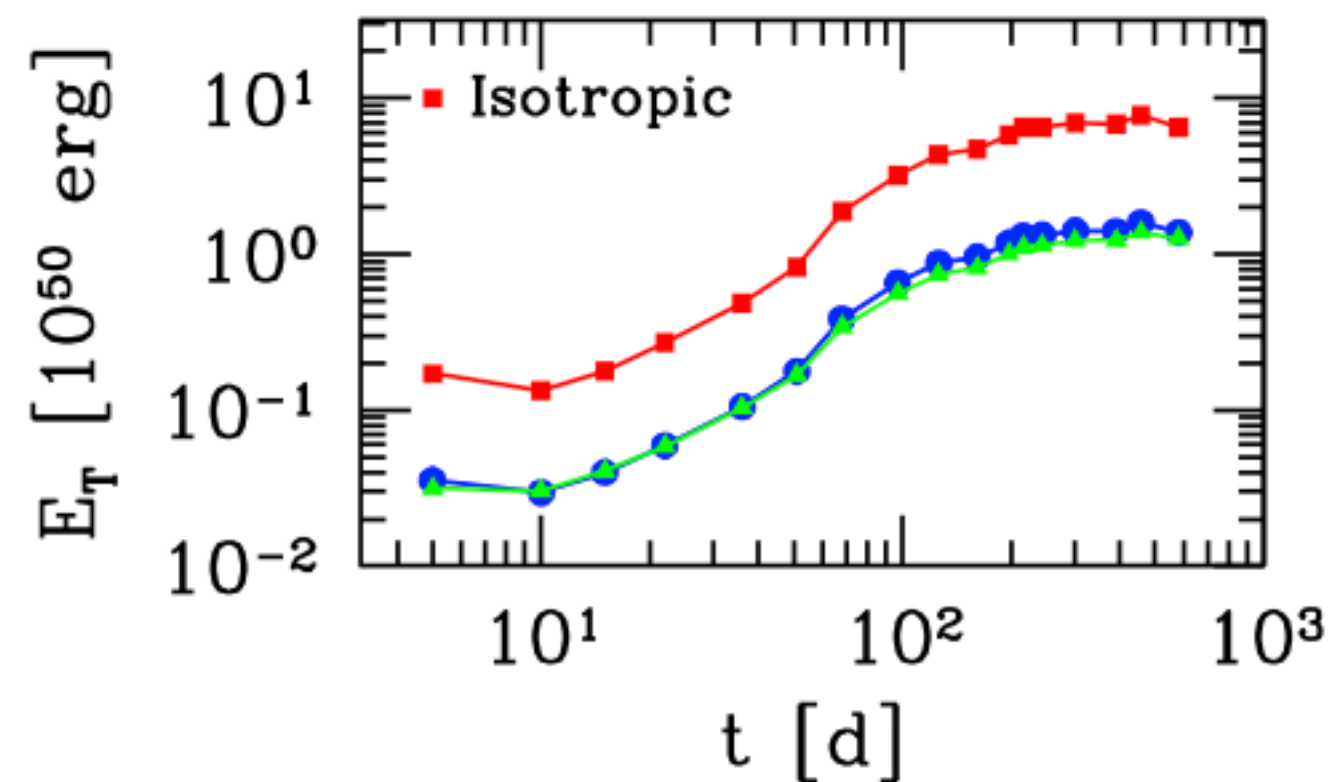
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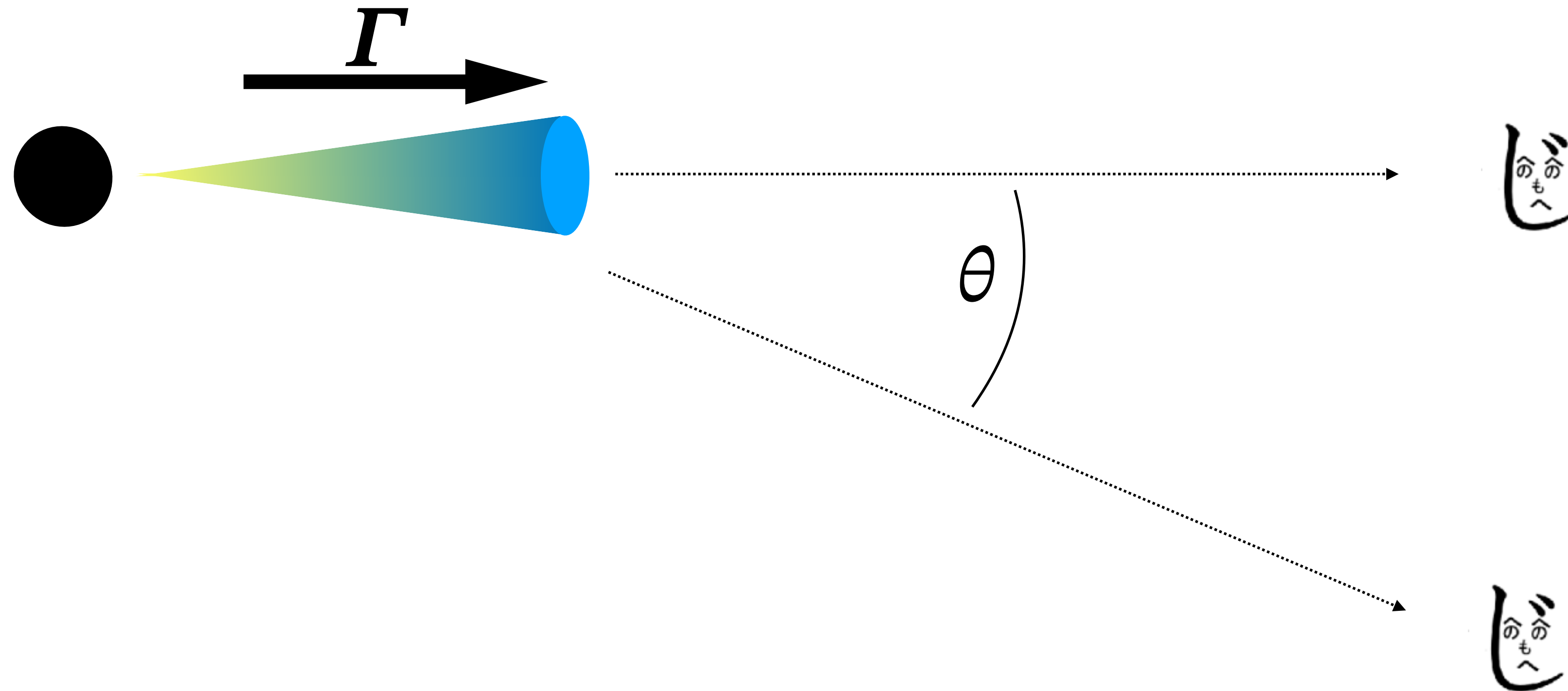
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Energy implied by radio from Sw J1644



Off-Axis

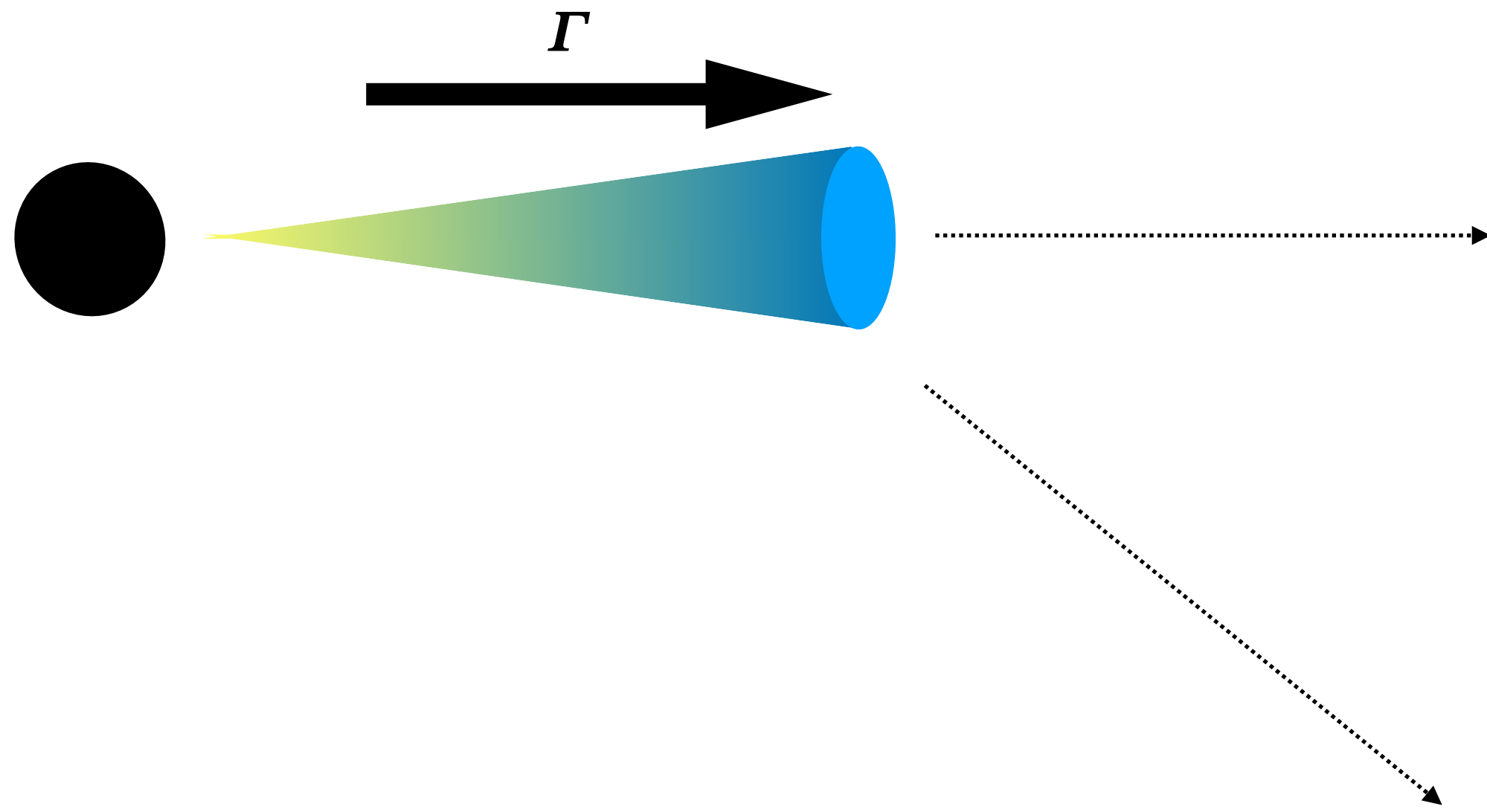


**Which viewing angle is more likely?
Recall that the event is detected in optical!**

Off-Axis Equipartition

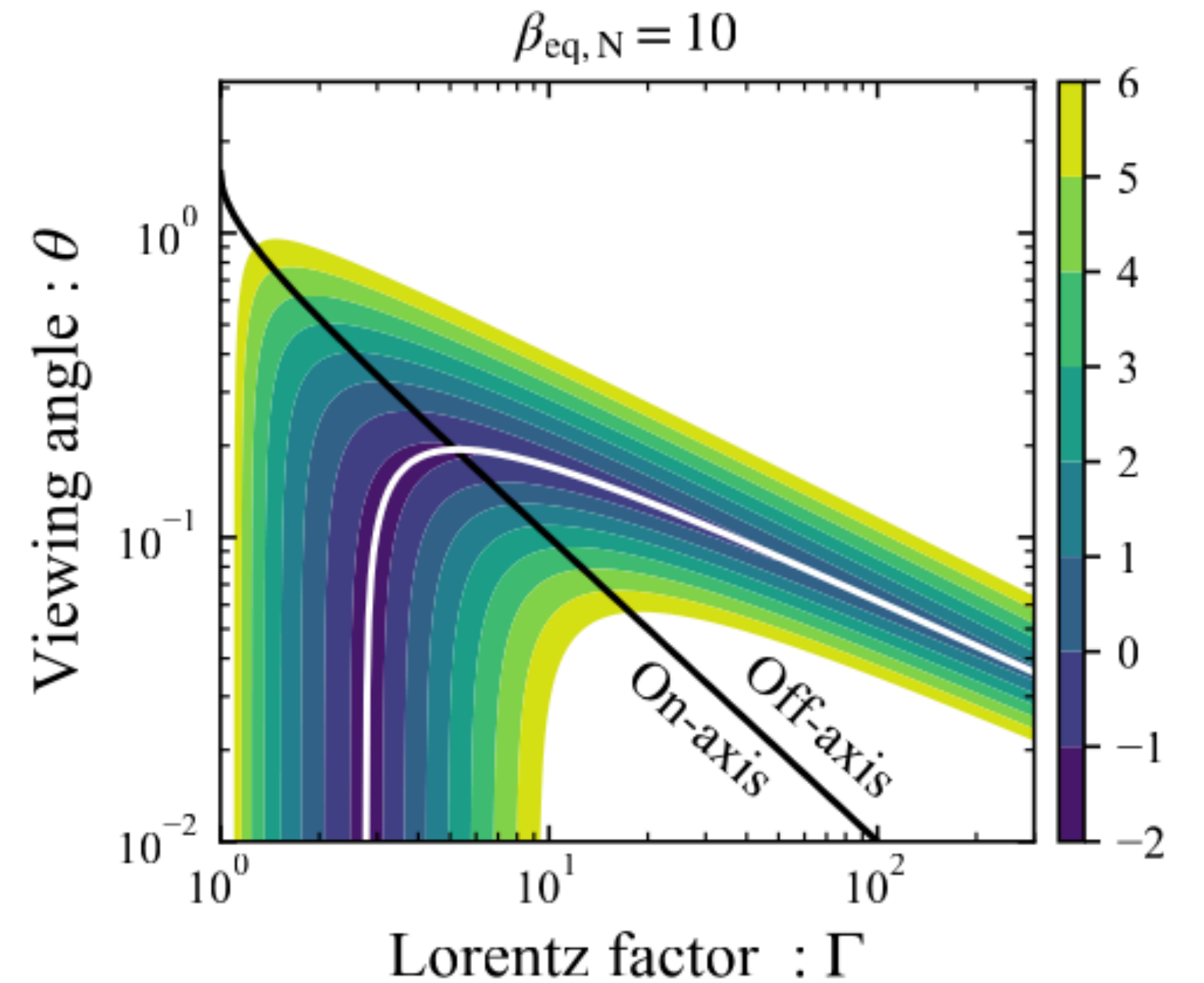
$$\beta_{\text{eq,N}} \equiv \frac{(1+z)R_{\text{eq,N}}}{ct} \simeq 0.73$$

$$\left[\frac{F_{\text{p,mJy}}^{\frac{8}{17}} d_{\text{L,28}}^{\frac{16}{17}} \eta^{\frac{35}{51}}}{\nu_{\text{p,10}} (1+z)^{\frac{8}{17}}} \left(\frac{t}{100 \text{ day}} \right)^{-1} \right]$$



$$\delta_{\text{D}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$

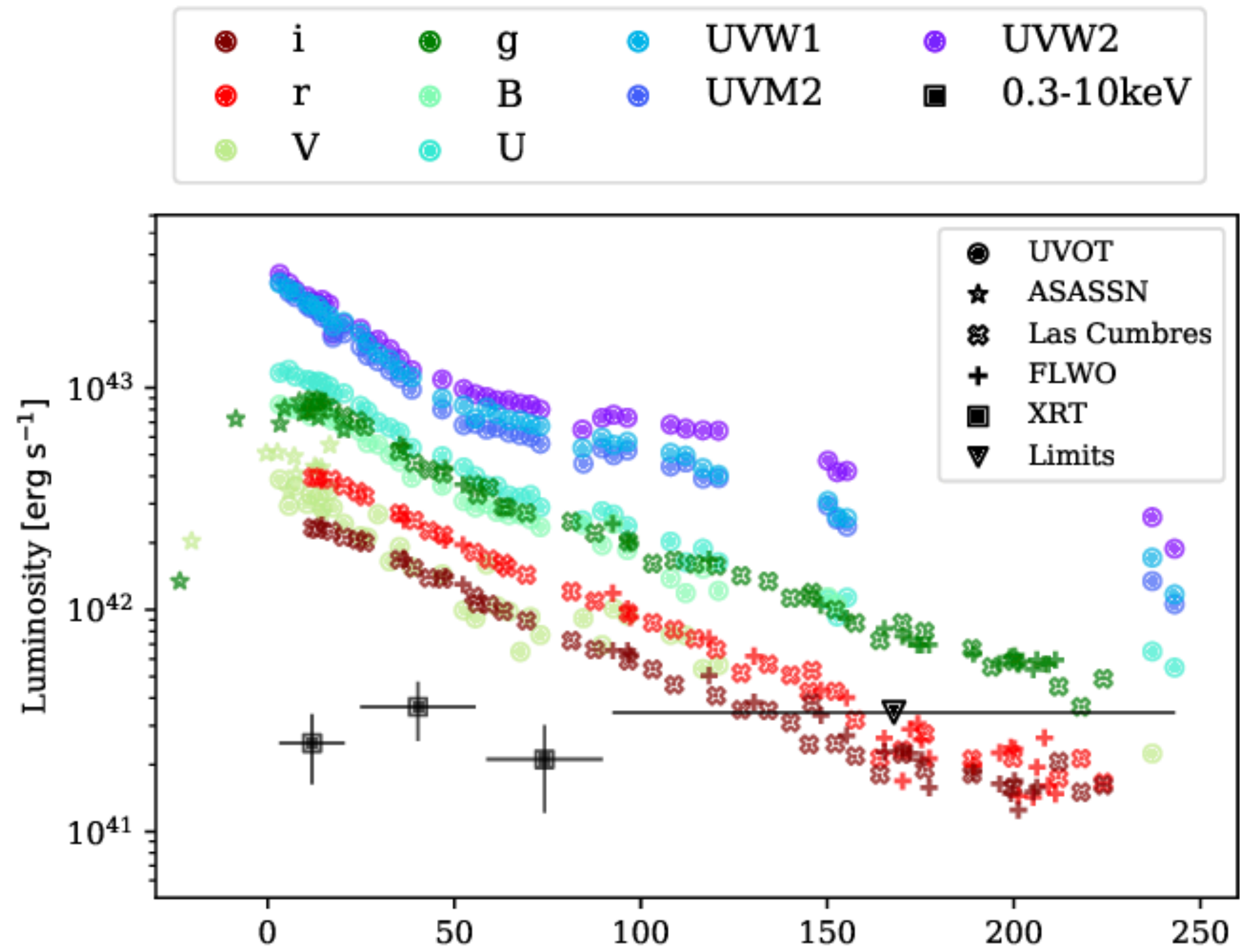
$$t = \frac{(1+z)R}{c\beta} (1 - \beta \cos \theta)$$



TDEs' Delayed Radio Flare

TDE - AT 2018hyz

Optical

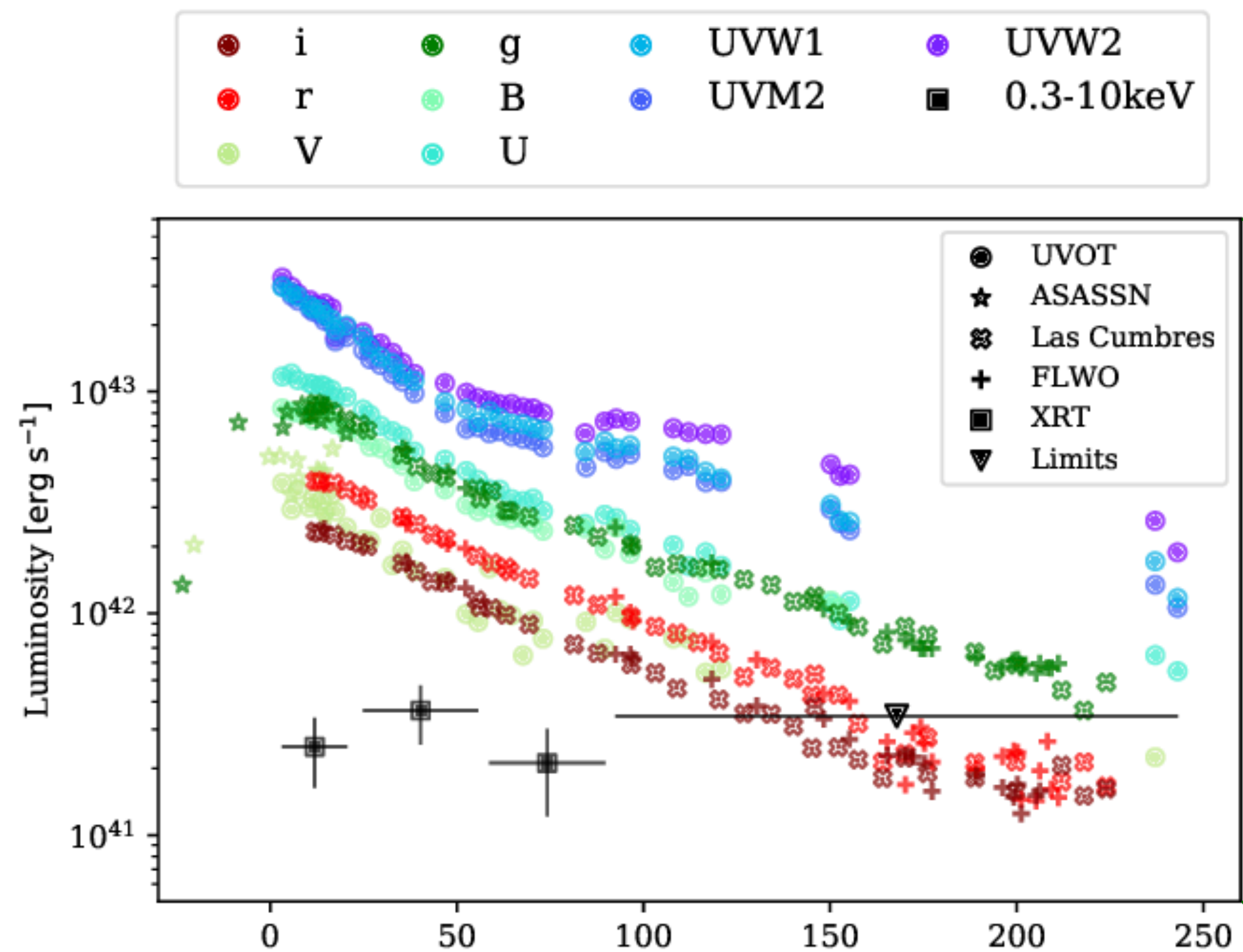


From Gomez et al., 2020

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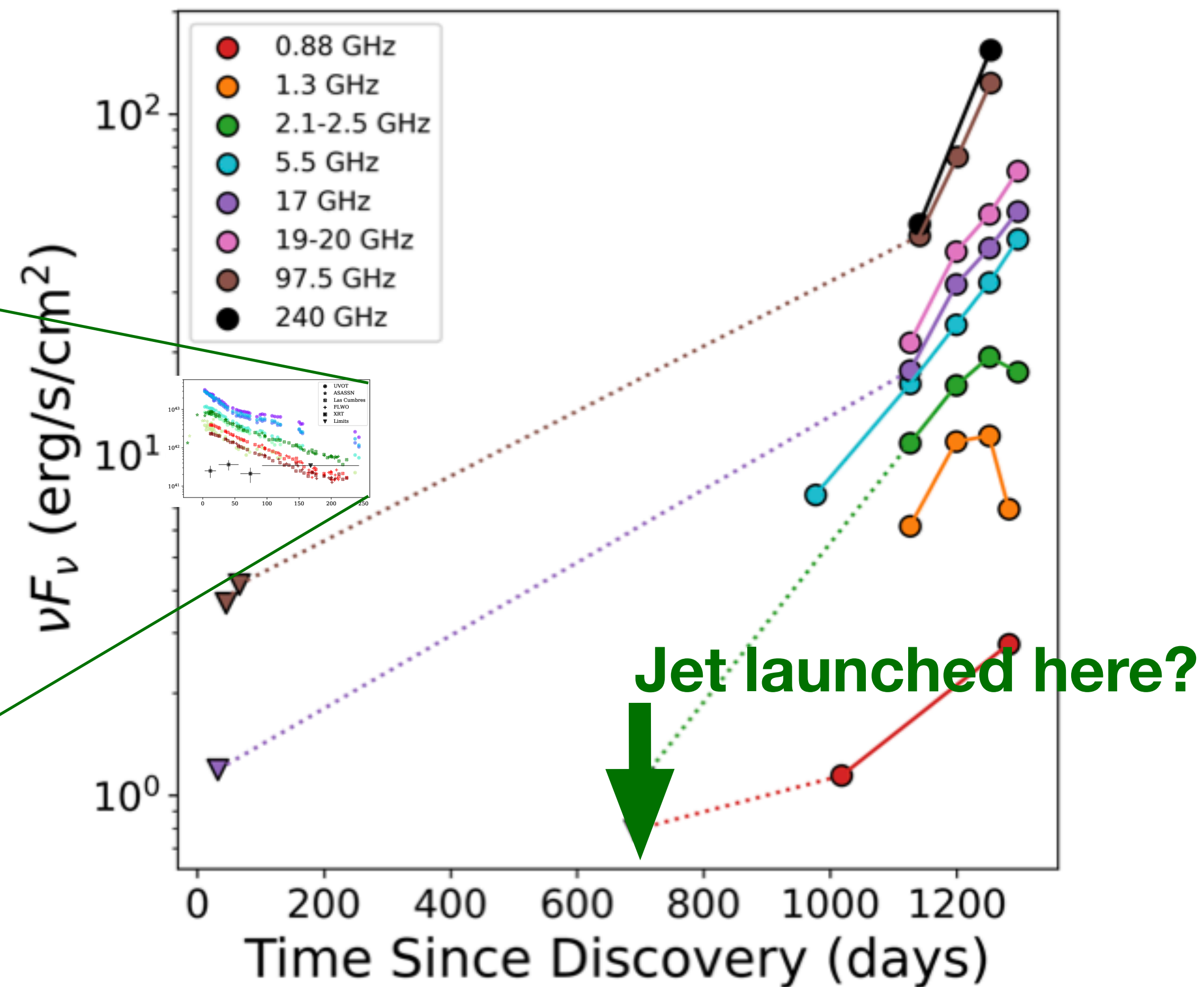
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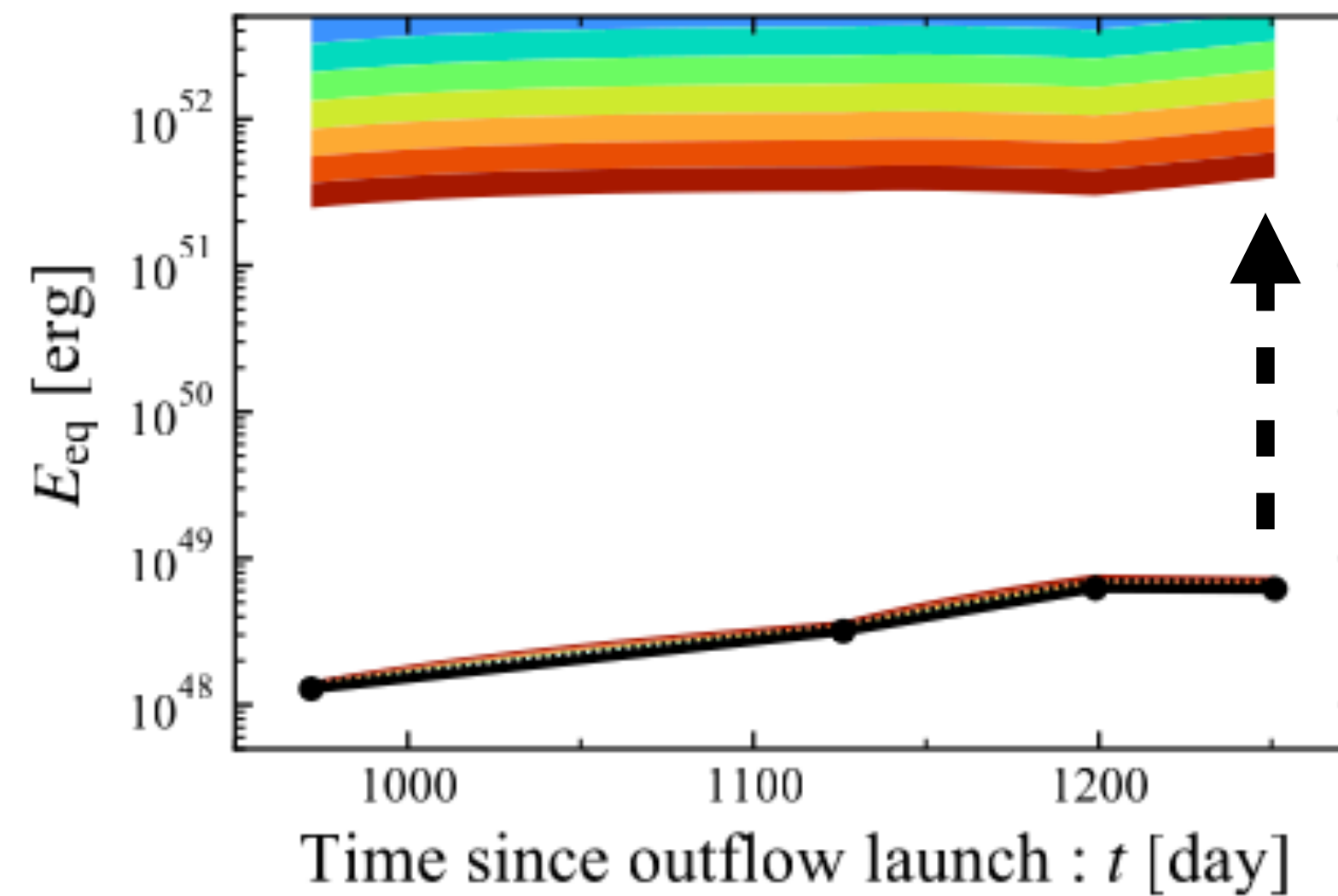
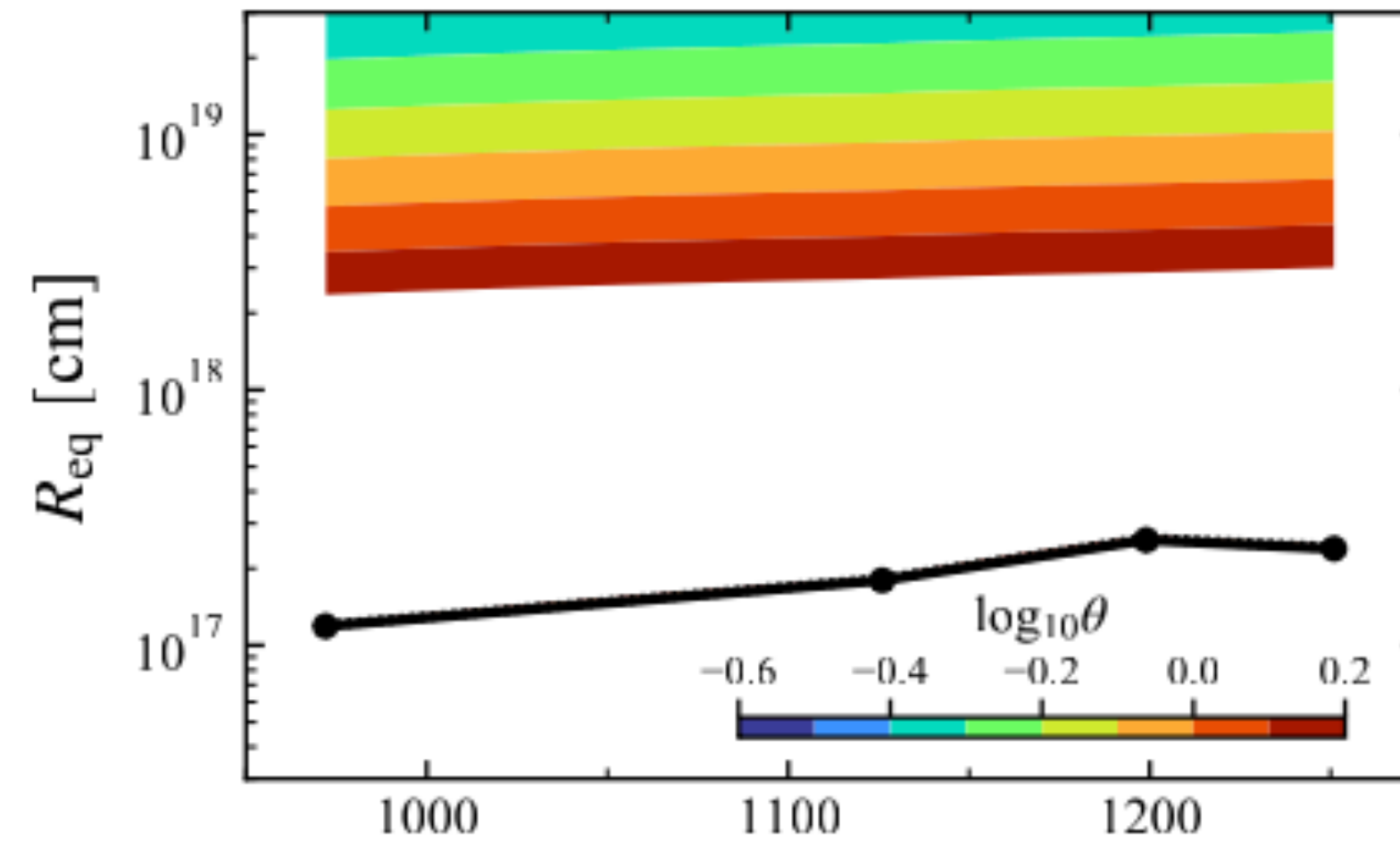
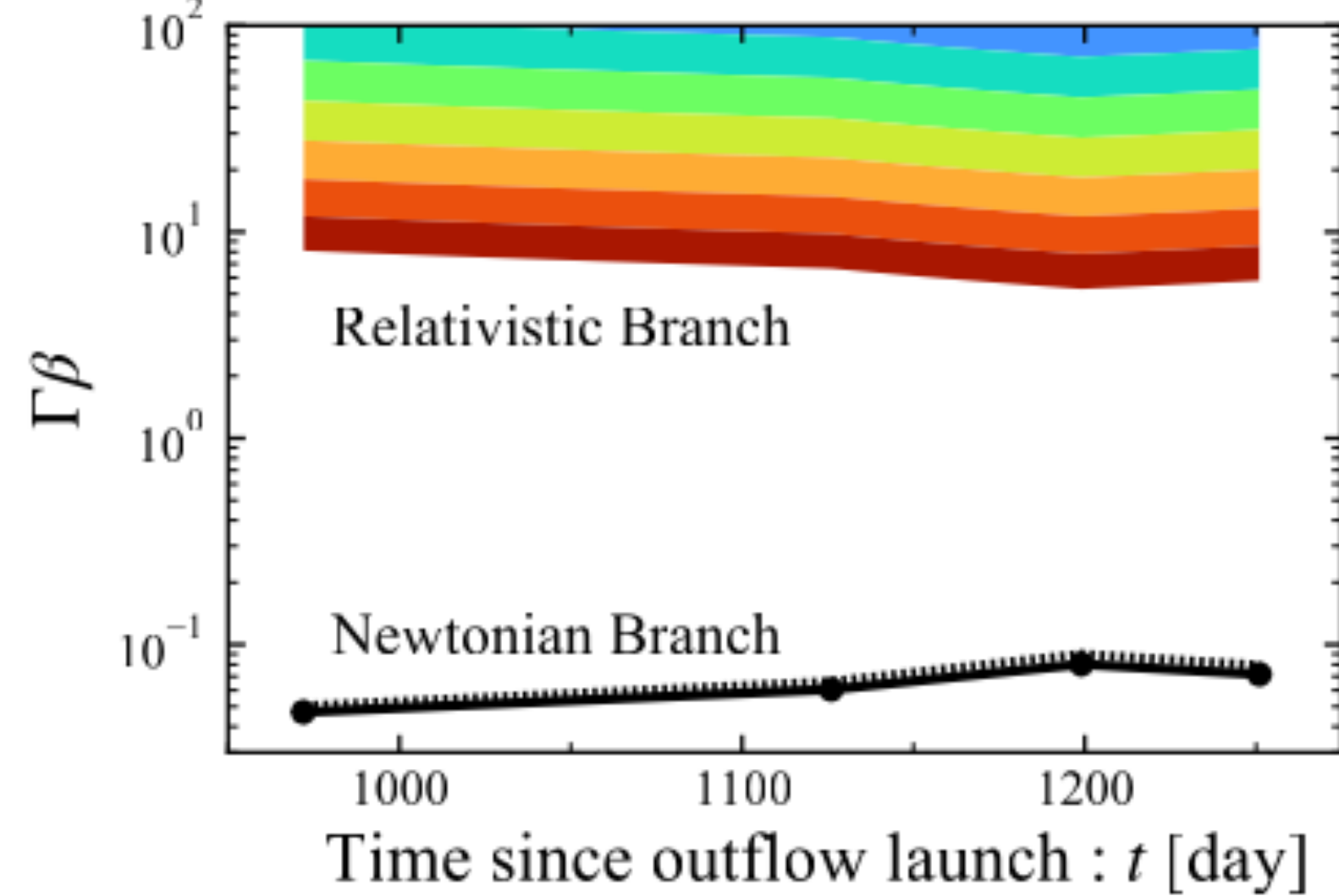
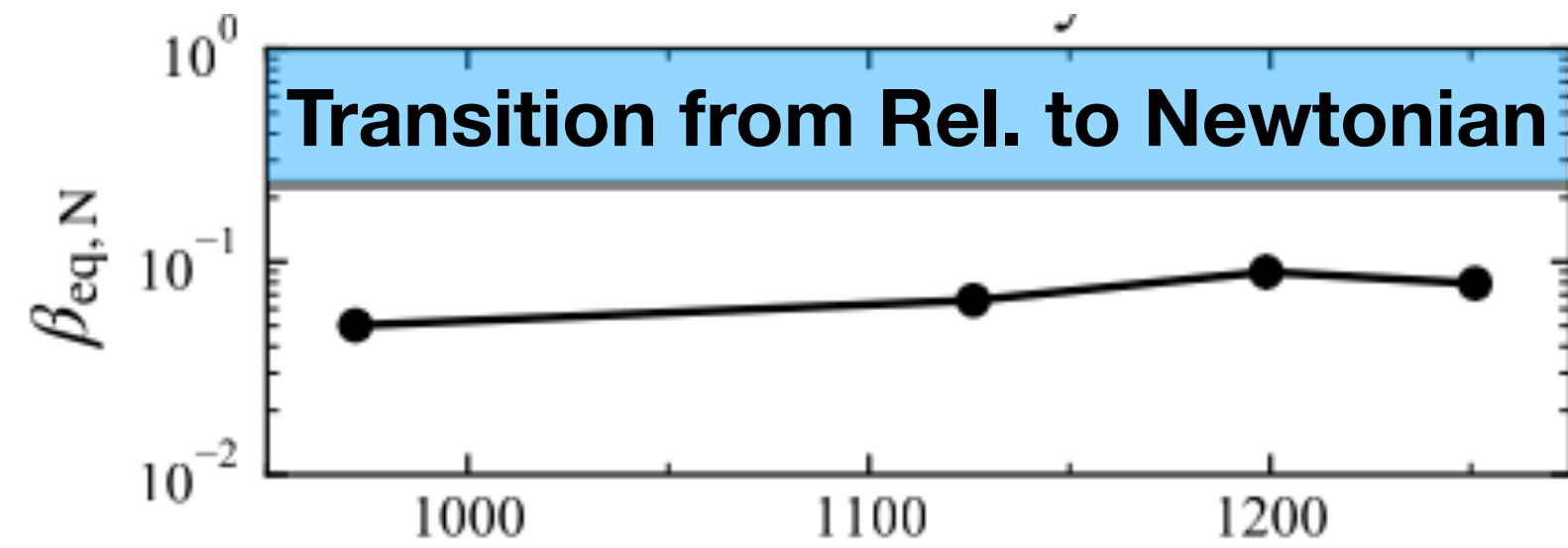


From Cendes et al., 2022

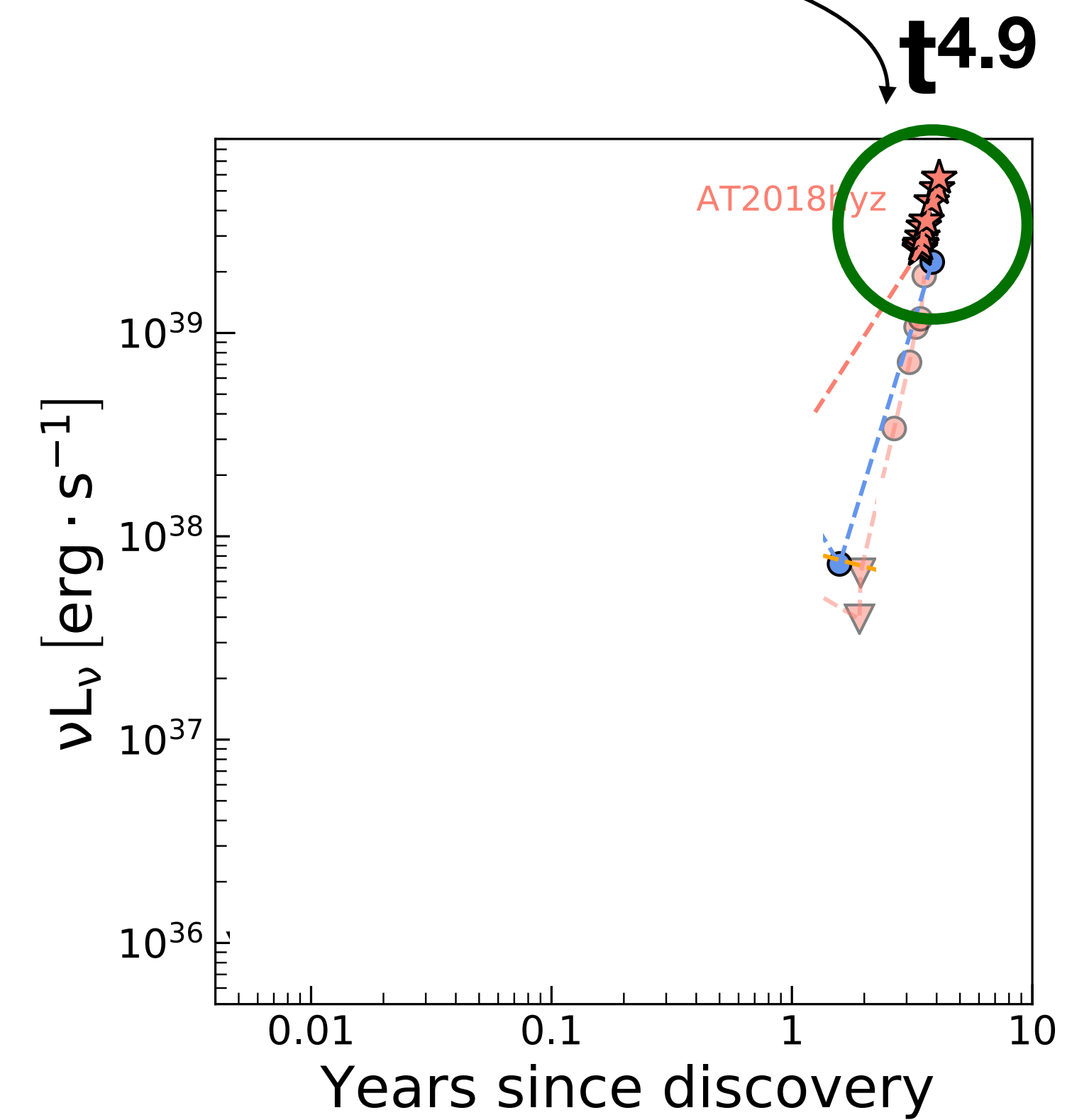
TDE AT2018hyz - an off-axis jet?



$$\beta_{eq,N} \propto F_p^{8/17} / \nu_p$$



A prediction of the off-axis solution (much faster than "regular" on-axis jet)

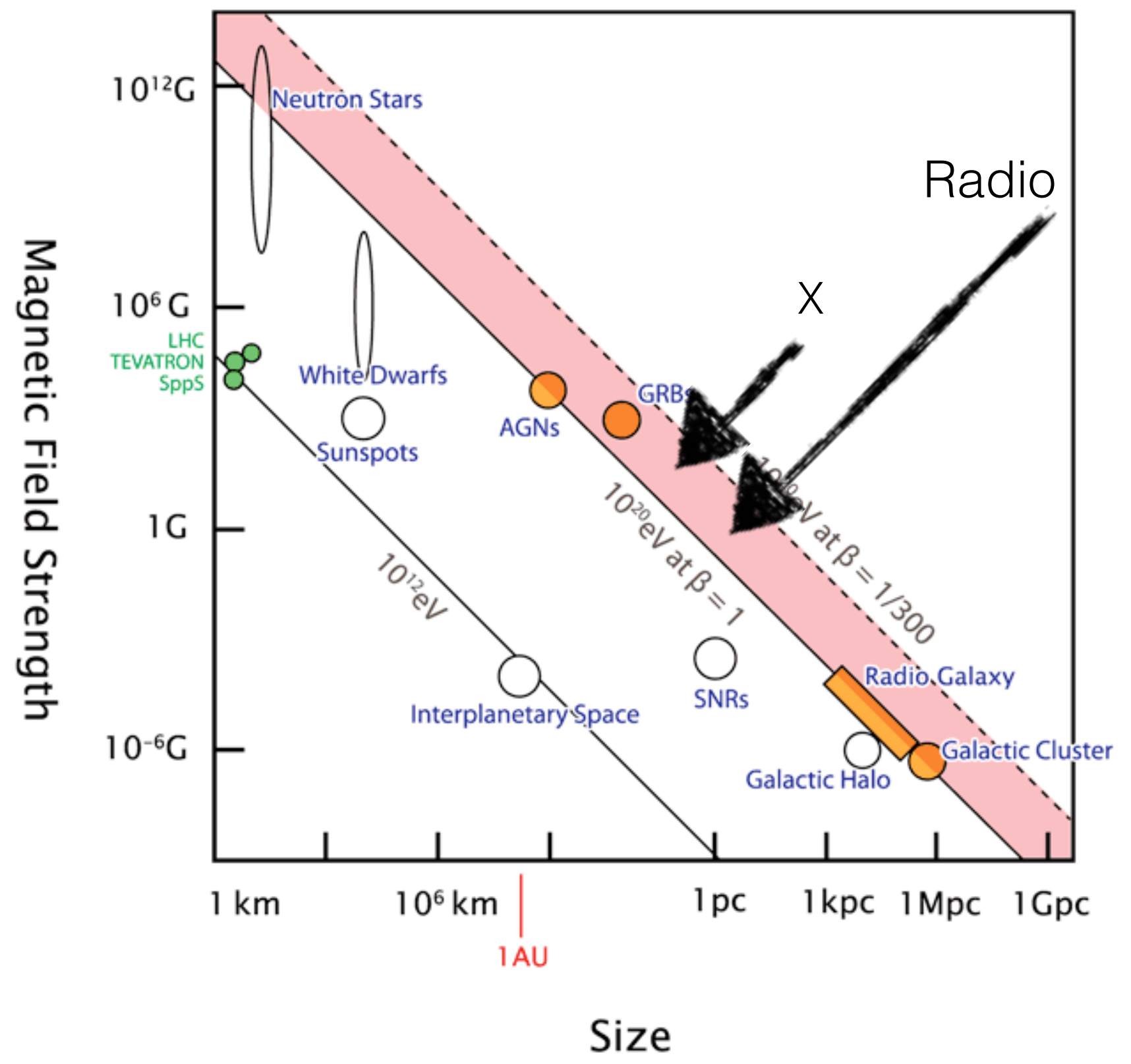
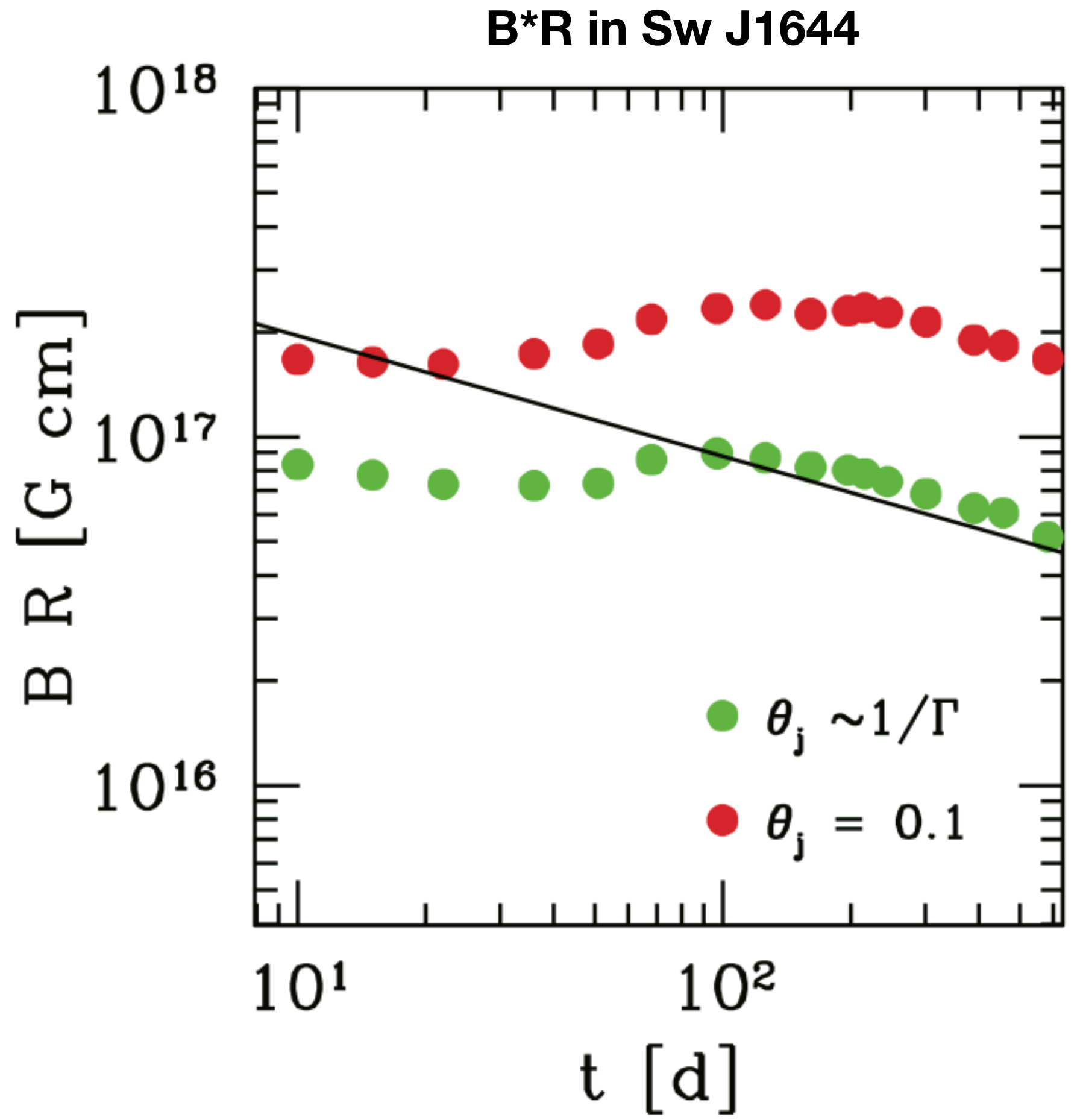


From Sfardi, Horesh et al., in preparation

UHECRs from TDEs?

The Hillas criteria for acceleration of UHECRs to energy E

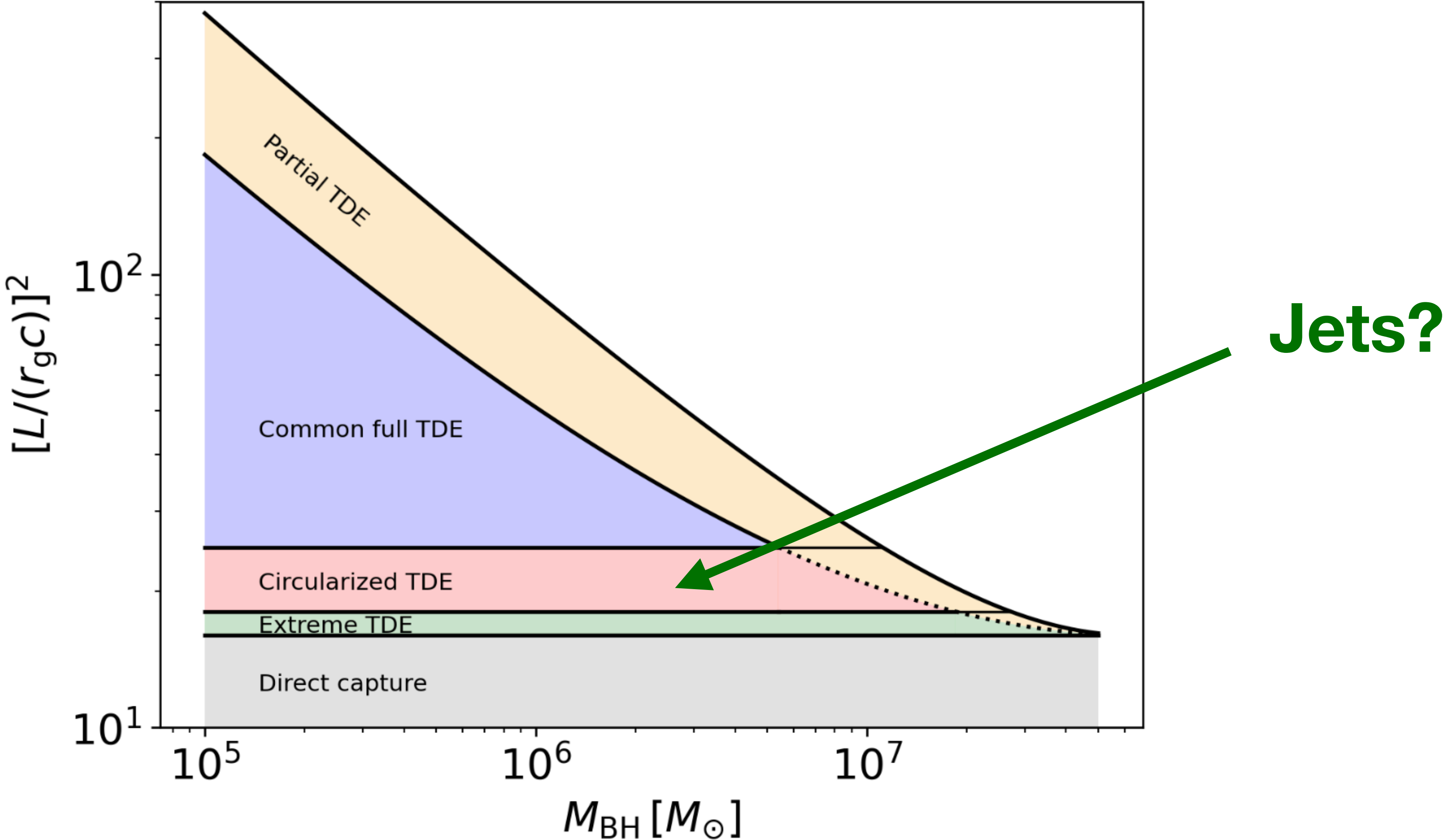
$$BR \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{17} \Gamma^{-1} Z^{-1} E_{20} \text{ Gauss cm}$$



From Farrar and Piran 2014

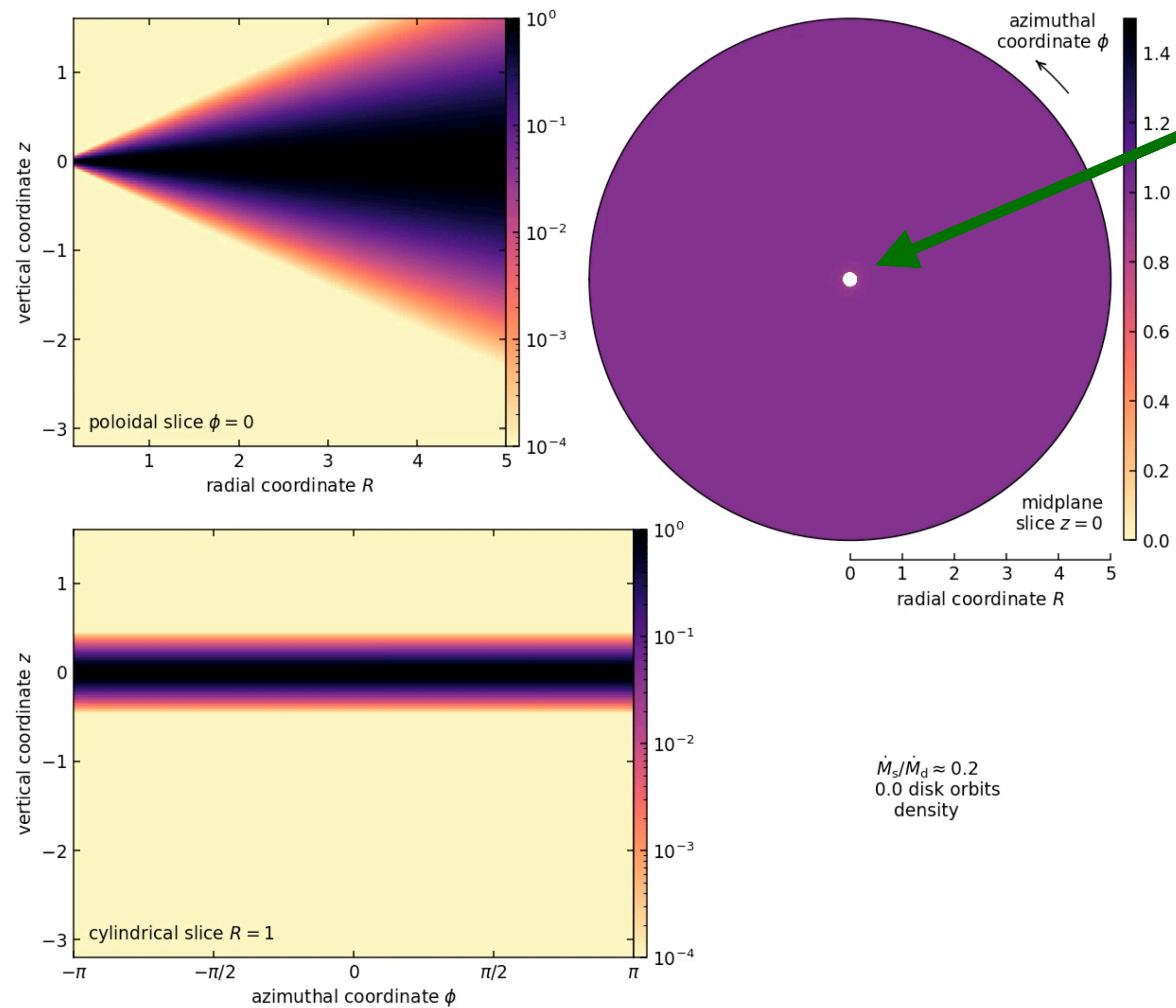
But - are there enough jetted TDEs?

Different TDEs



From Krolik, Ryu and Piran, 2020

TDEs in AGNs



Jets?

Some Conclusions and questions

- Off-axis relativistic equipartition analysis reveals a new phase space of solutions that were disregarded before.
- If Γ is not too large the off-axis solutions are energetically possible.
- $F_p^{8/17}/\nu$ determines whether the off-axis solutions are allowed.
- Late TDE radio flares may arise from off-axis jets when the jet come into sight.
- Off-axis jets must be more common.
- If TDE jets are common then TDEs could be the source of UHECRs
- **Open question**
 - **What powers optical TDEs?**
 - **Are jetted TDEs special? How and Why? A speculations - circularized TDEs or TDEs in AGNs**
 - **What is the source of B field needed for BZ of TDE jets?**
 - **How common are jetted TDEs?**
 - **Are TDEs a major source of UHECRs?**