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MAGNETIC MONOPOLE BOUNDS UPDATED BY ACCELERATION IN COSMIC MAGNETIC FIELDS

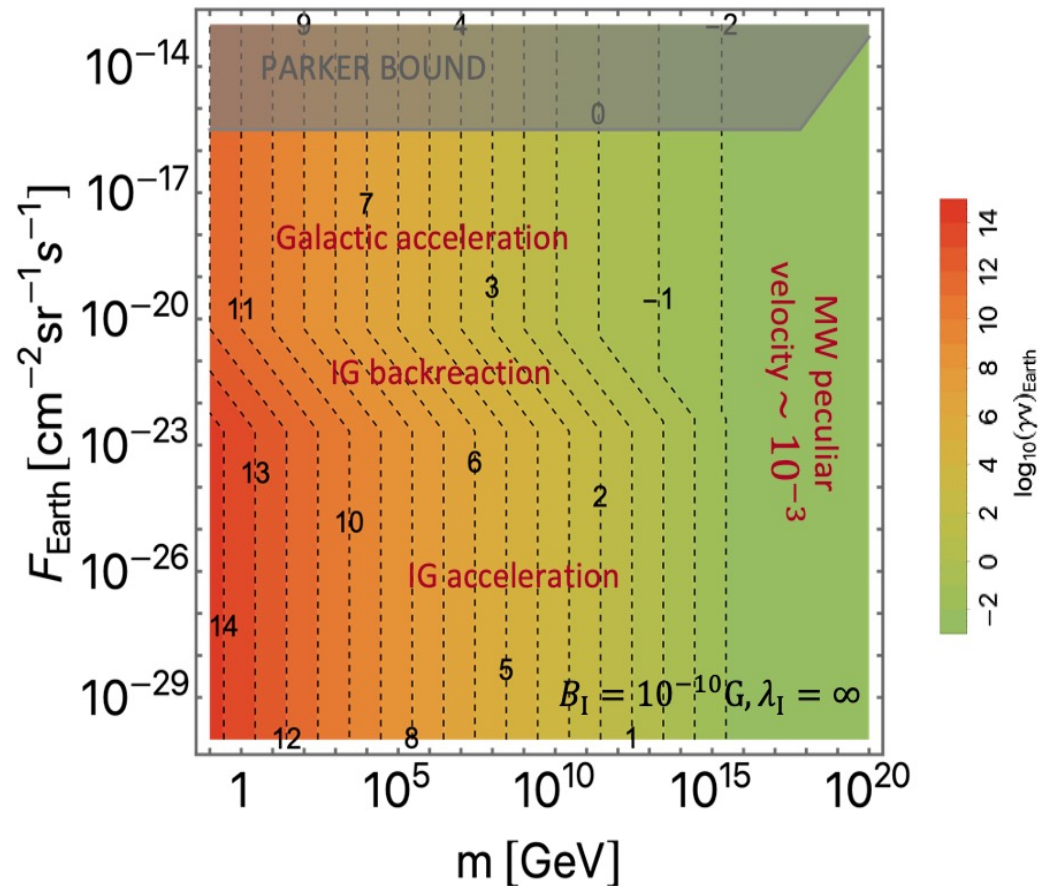
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Experiments: MAGIC, CTAO/LST1, SWGO, Trinity
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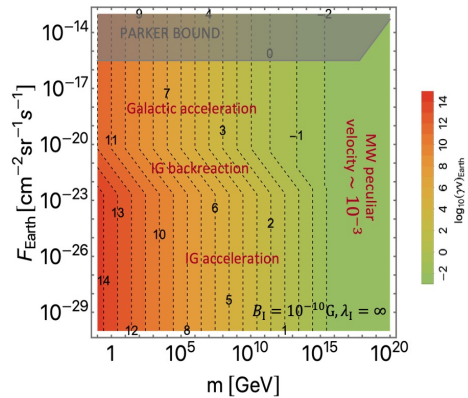


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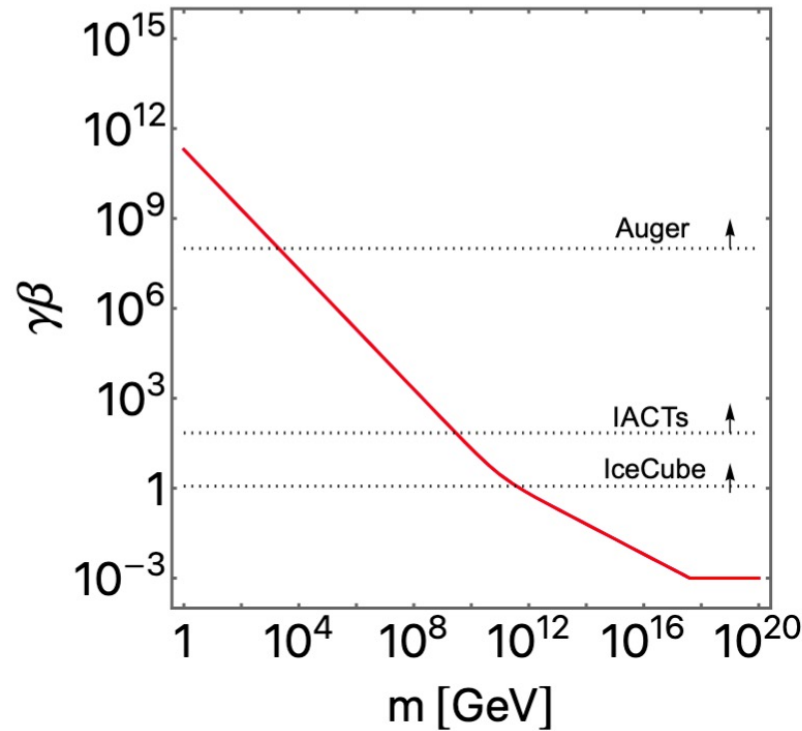
We have developed a framework to compute MM acceleration (according to MM mass) in

- GMF and IGMF
- Including backreaction

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1/ MM Acceleration

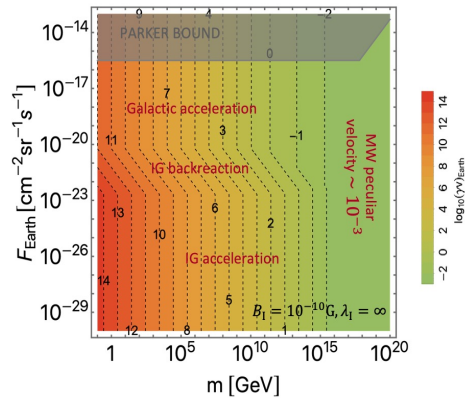


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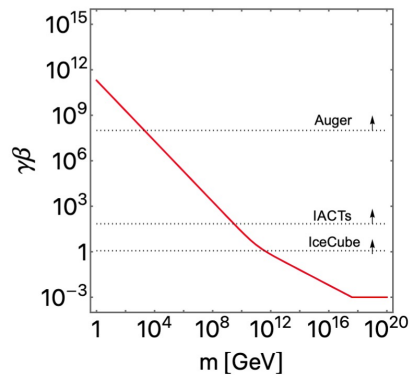
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Generated MM mass-speed relation within this framework (for a given IGMF scenario)

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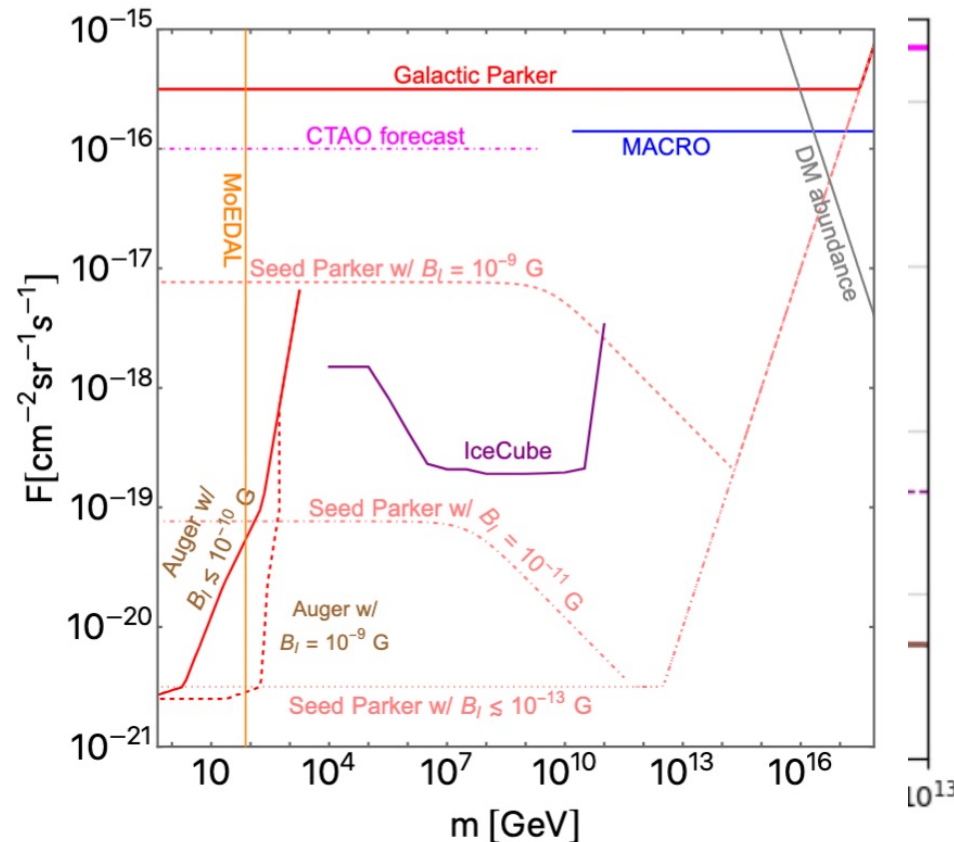


1/ MM Acceleration



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2/ MM mass-speed rel.

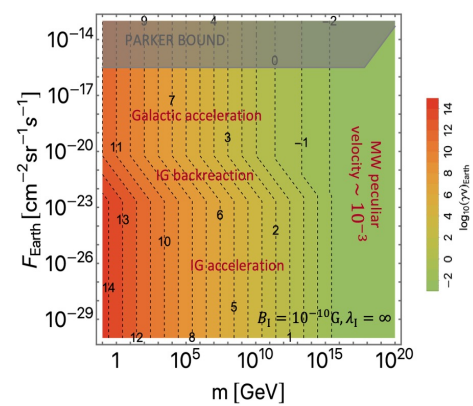


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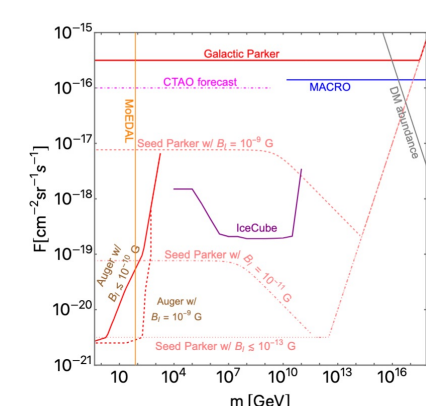
Taken current experimental bounds (in function of speed)

And recast them into more physical MM mass limits

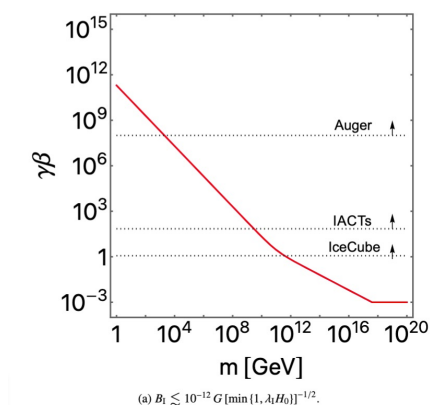
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1/ MM Acceleration



3/ Recast exp. limits



2/ MM mass-speed rel.

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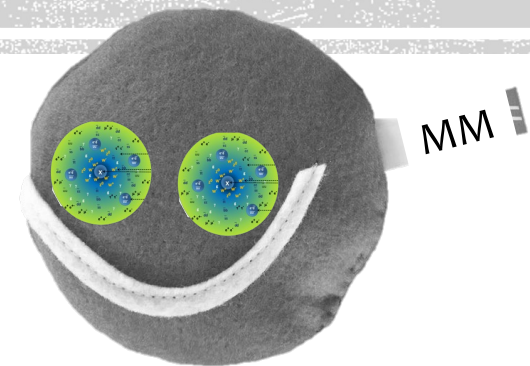
- A little more explanation
- Some implications

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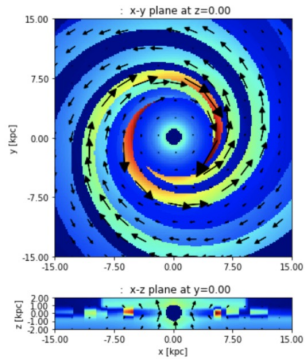
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#1 MM ACCELERATION THROUGH GMF AND IGMF



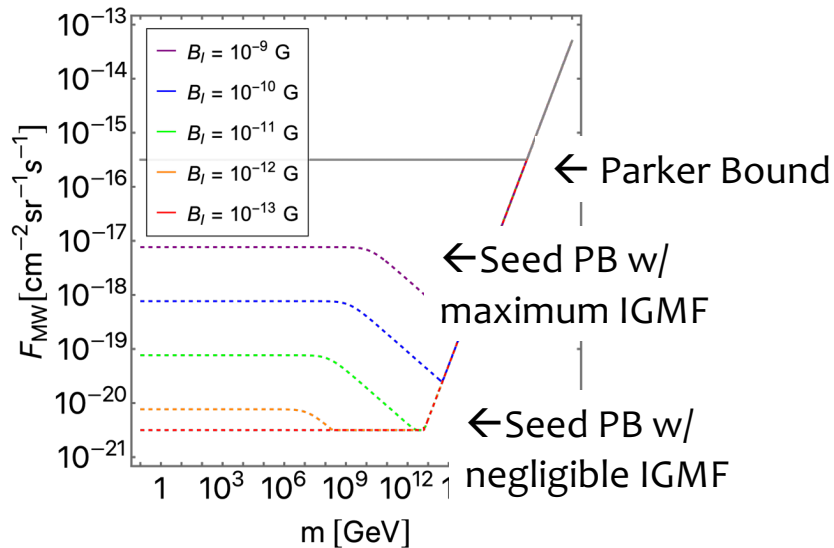
MM THROUGH GMF AND IGMF



- Galactic Magnetic Fields (GMFs) are well modeled, see e.g. Farrar+ works
- More clear picture of GMF now, less clear picture of GMF history: were there MF seeds that grew?

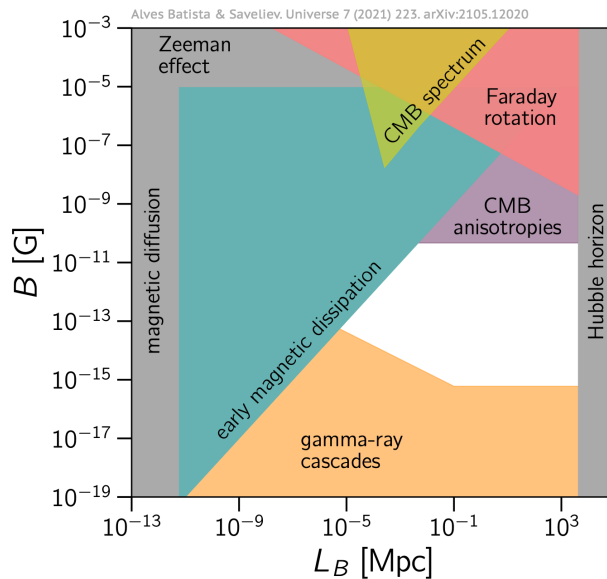
Energy gain of MMs in the GMF can be computed in a single-cell model (for this purpose)

$$m(\gamma_G - 1) \sim g B_G \sqrt{R \lambda_G} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{g}{g_D} \right).$$



← We found that seed Parker bounds are weakened by acceleration into IGMF. Accelerated MMs extract less energy from GMF.

MM THROUGH GMF AND IGMF



- IGMF constrained with several instruments to be below 10^{-9} G with preferred large coherence lengths
- Recently, LOWER limits from gamma-ray telescopes
- What is the effect on MM acceleration?
 - Set B strengths and coherence length
 - Compute acceleration in function of MM mass
 - Consider back-reaction on B field (flux dependent)
 - Compare GMF and IGMF

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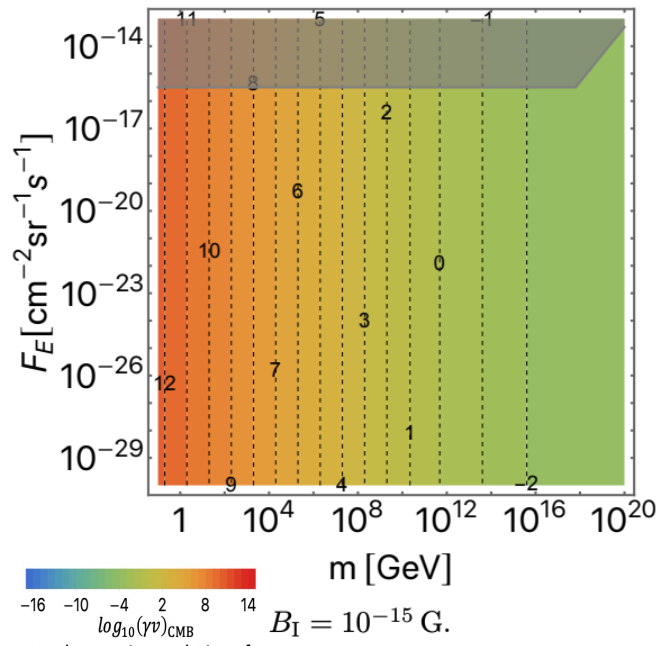
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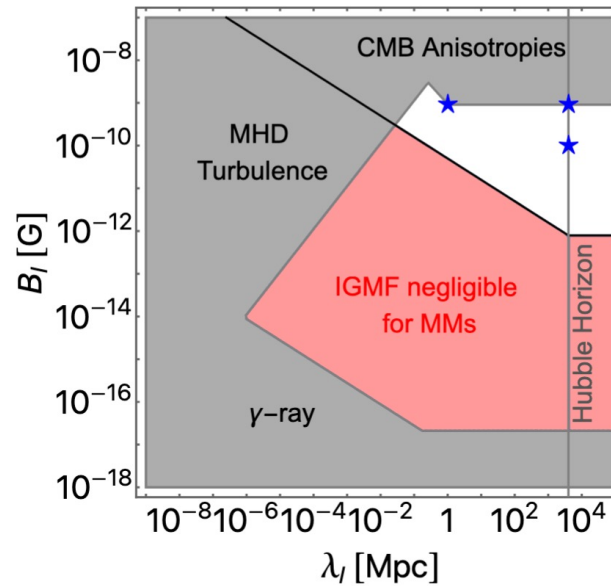
$$(\gamma v)_0 \sim \begin{cases} \frac{g B_I \lambda_I}{m} \frac{1}{(\lambda_I H_0)^{1/2}} & \text{for } m < \frac{g B_I \lambda_I^{1/2}}{H_0^{1/2}}, \\ \left(\frac{g B_I \lambda_I}{m} \right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{(\lambda_I H_0)^{1/3}} & \text{for } \frac{g B_I \lambda_I^{1/2}}{H_0^{1/2}} < m < \frac{g B_I}{\lambda_I H_0^2}, \\ \frac{g B_I}{m H_0} & \text{for } m > \frac{g B_I}{\lambda_I H_0^2}. \end{cases}$$

CONCLUSIONS

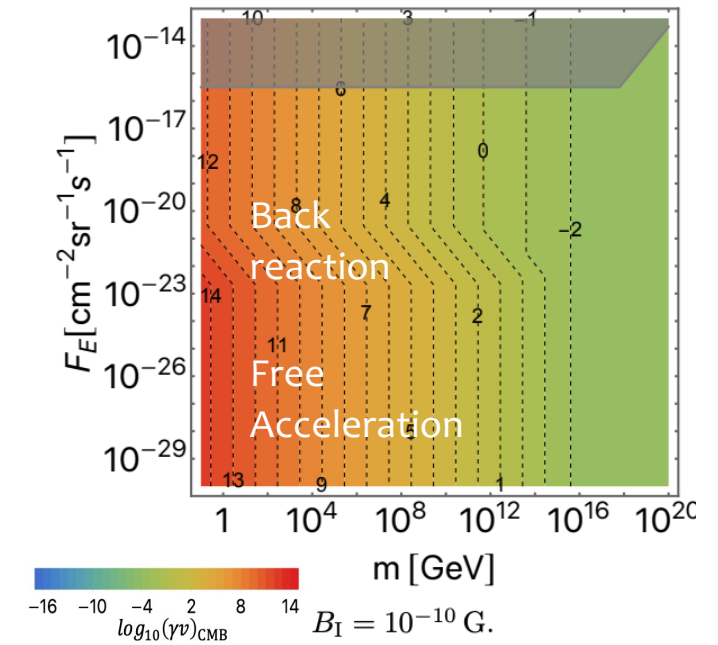
The maximum speed depends on flux: $\max(v_{MW}, v_{IGMF}, v_{GMF})$



IGMF below some strength to not contribute to acceleration

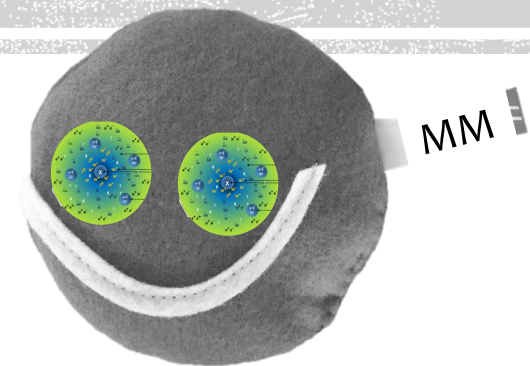


IGMFs contribute only if in at the largest strengths allowed



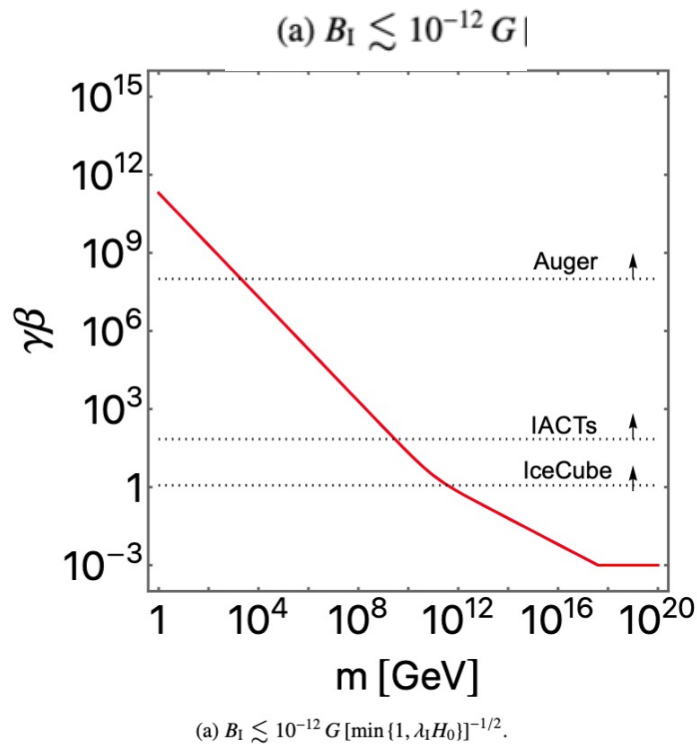
IGMFs can boost MM acceleration

#2 MM SPEED-MASS RELATION



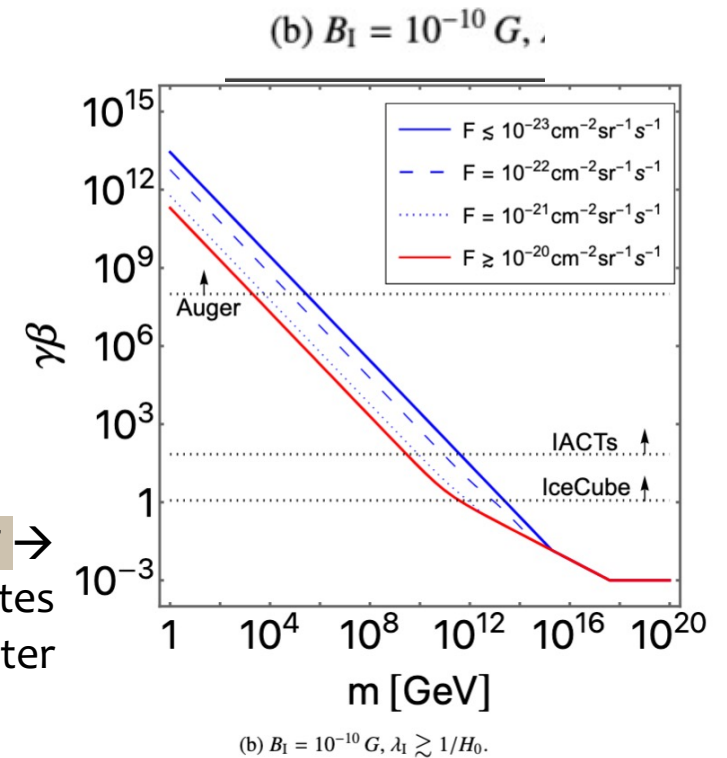
A SPEED-MASS RELATION (DEP. FLUX)

- One can compute the speed-mass relation for different scenarios of IGMF (and flux)

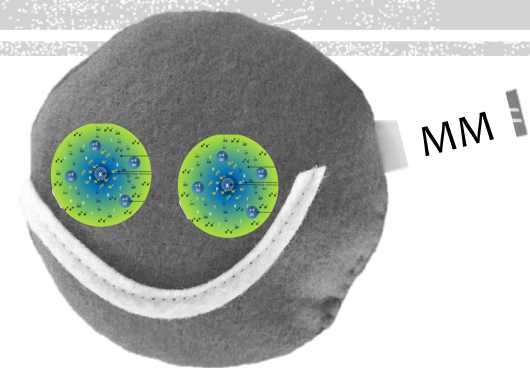


← Weak IGMF
GMF dominates
No back-reaction

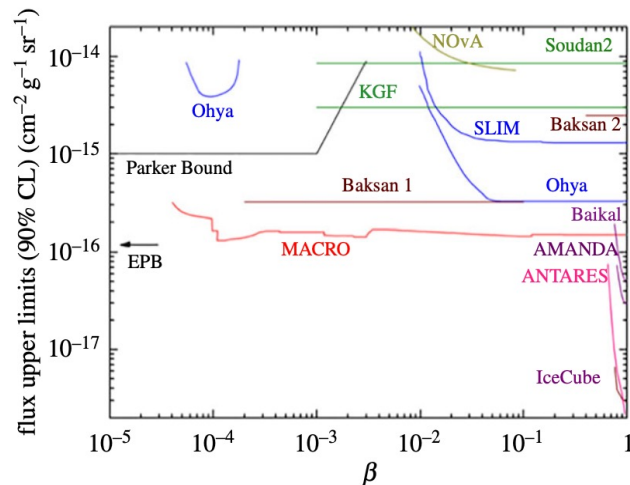
Strong IGMF →
IGMF contributes
Back-reaction matter



#3 EXPERIMENTAL LIMITS



CURRENT LIMITS



A lot of direction detection experiments and indirect detectors (over the years), see PDG

Here after we report just the strongest limits

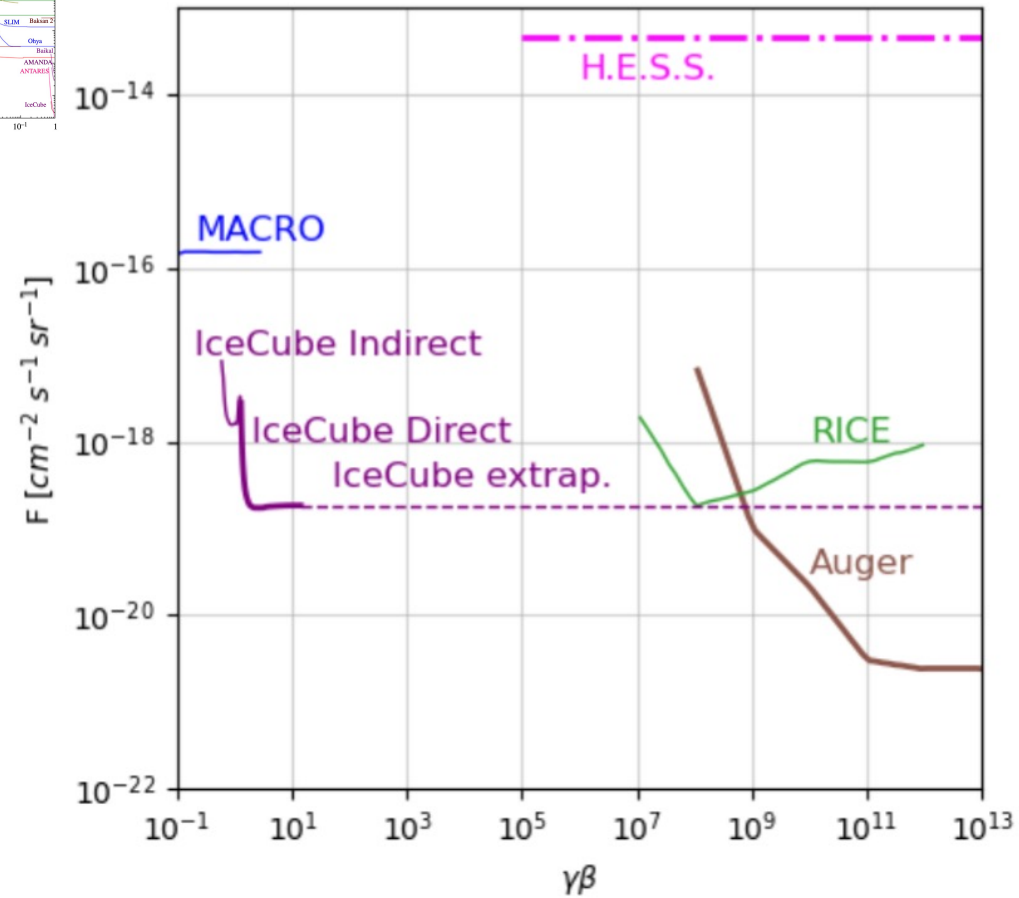
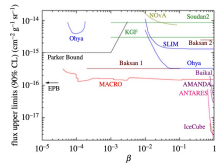
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Magnetic Monopole Searches

See the related review(s):

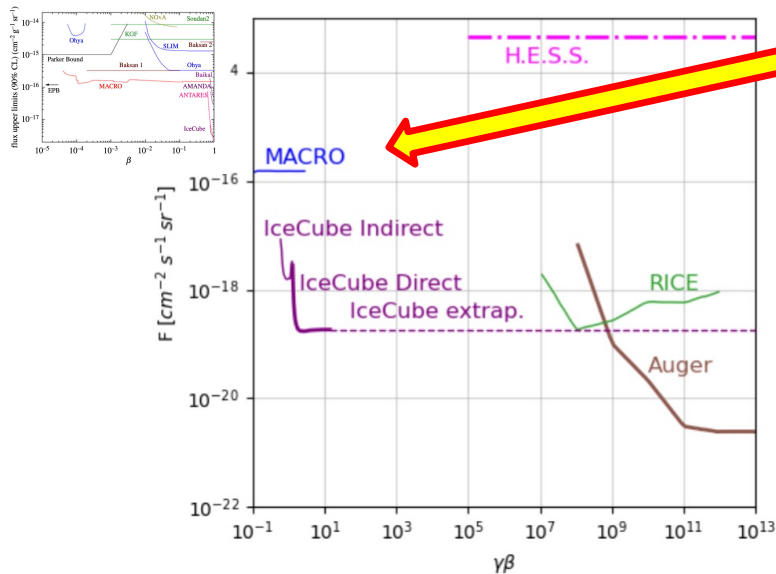
[Magnetic Monopoles](#)

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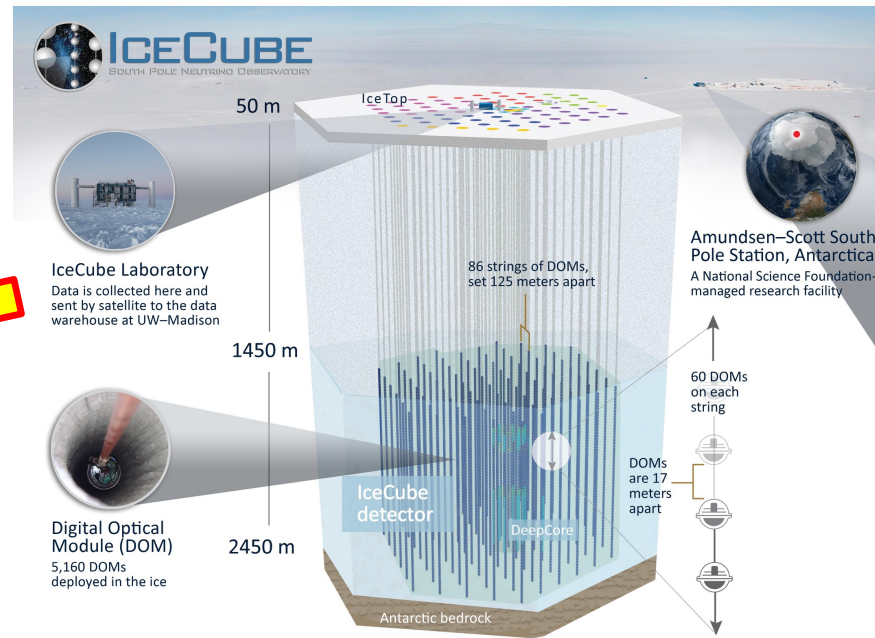
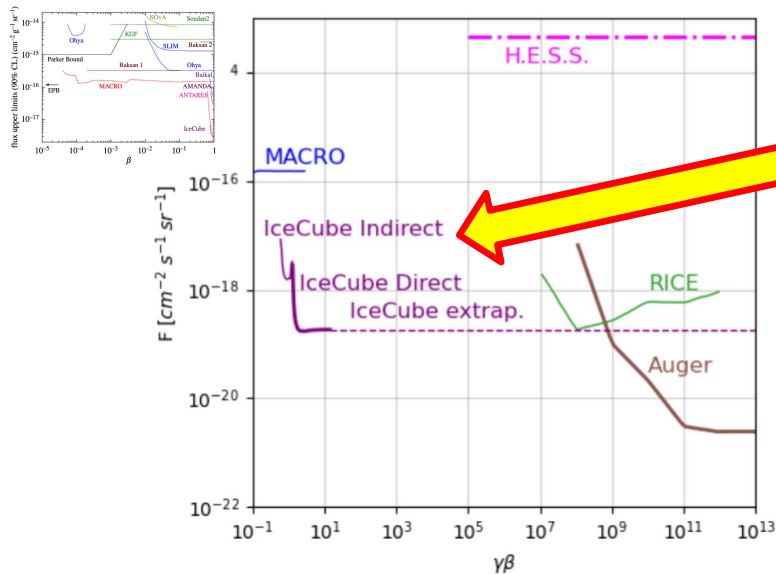
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CURRENT LIMITS



- Dedicated instrument for MMs at LNGS operating until 2000.
- MACRO was composed of three sub-detectors, sensitive to different MM speeds, operated in combination:
 - scintillation counters,
 - limited streamer tubes,
 - nuclear track detectors
- M. Spurio, (this conference) was member

CURRENT LIMITS



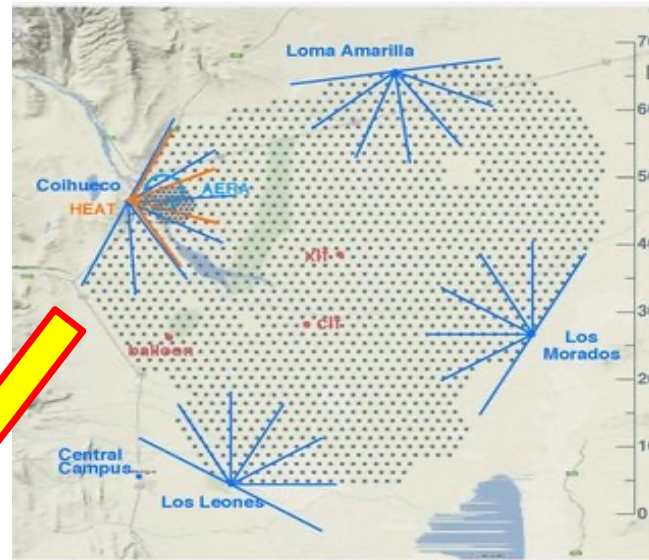
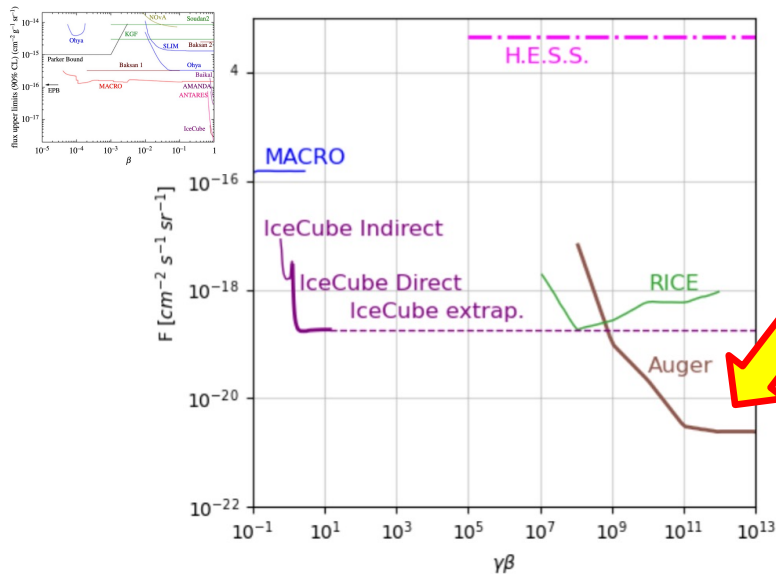
IceCube. An array of thousands of optical sensors in the South Pole. They detect Cherenkov light from passage of charged leptons, in search of cosmic neutrinos.

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dx d\lambda}_{\text{Monopole}} \approx 4700 \frac{d^2 N}{dx d\lambda}_{\text{Electric}}$$

MMs give similar signals (actually, much brighter than an average muon) and can be detected.

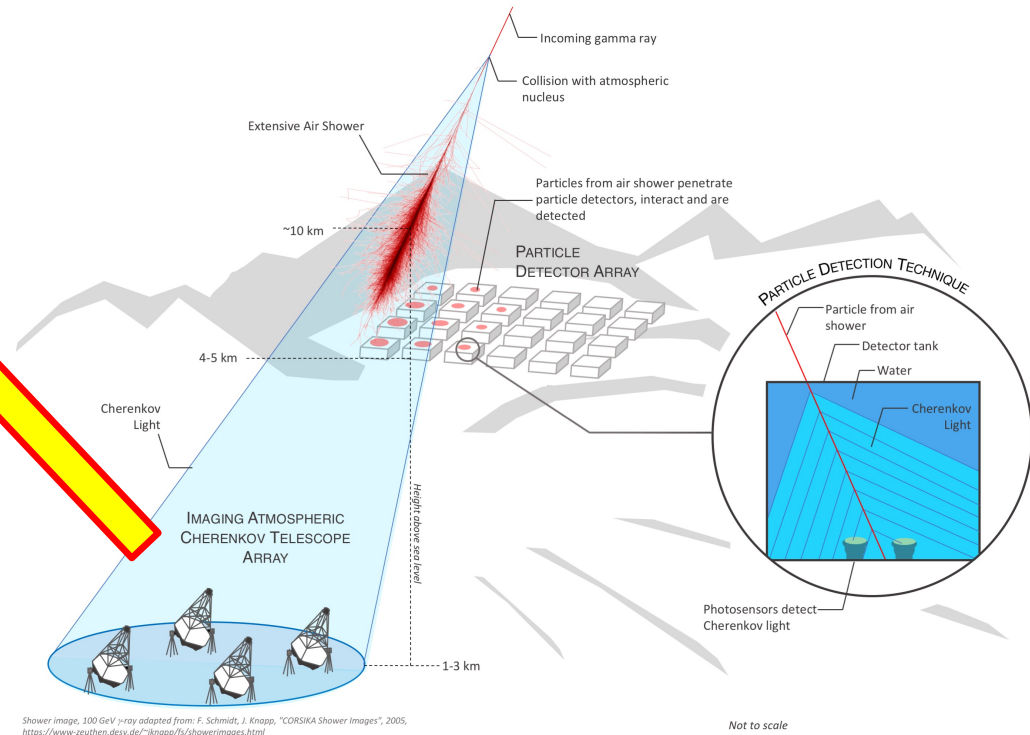
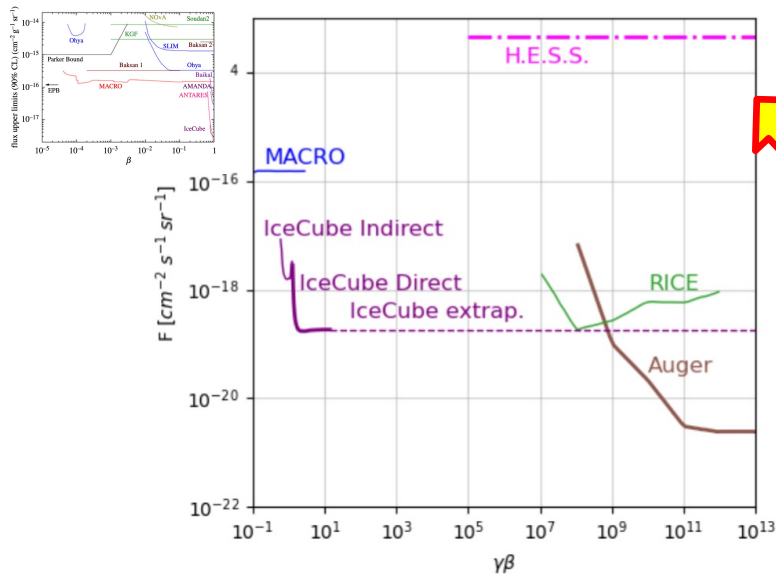
Three curves: Indirect (beta < 0.7, Cherenkov threshold), Direct (beta > 0.7, with MC simulations) Extrapolated (without MC)

CURRENT LIMITS



- Pierre Auger Observatory (PAO) is the largest (3, 000 km², Argentina) **ultra-high-energy cosmic-ray** detector currently in operation.
- It detects **fluorescence lights (telescopes)**, and particles from atmospheric showers (with water tanks)
- MM crossing the atmosphere produce fluorescence, Cherenkov, secondary e.m showers
- Require ultra-relativistic MMs

CURRENT LIMITS



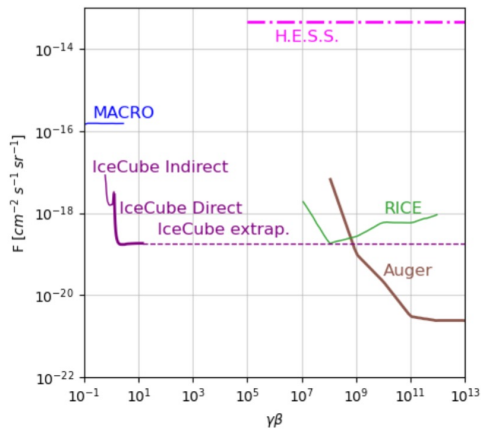
Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs) probe VHE gamma-rays through atmospheric showers. They detect Cherenkov light in the atmosphere

MM can make strong Cherenkov light in the atmosphere (bright signals), however, IACTs are pointed instrument with $\sim 5 \times 5 \text{ deg}^2$ field of view.

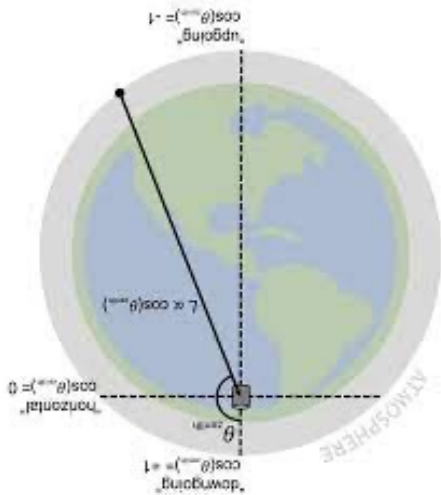
Require ultra-relativistic MMs

$$\frac{d^2 N^{\text{Air}}}{dx d\lambda_{\text{Monopole}}} \approx 4700 \frac{d^2 N}{dx d\lambda_{\text{Electric}}}$$

INSTRUMENT ACCEPTANCE

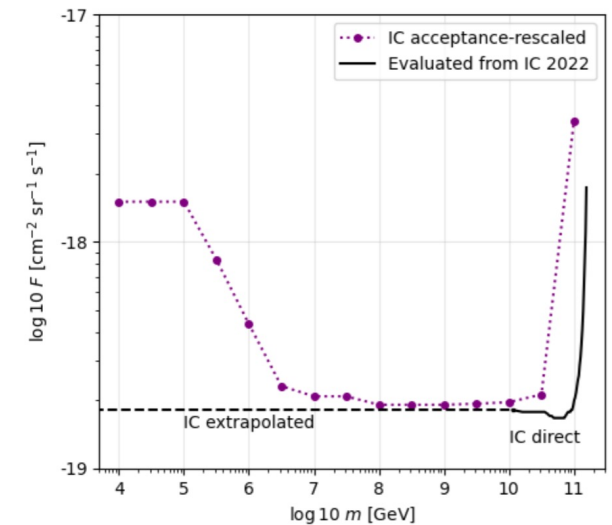


- Terrestrial experiments require relativistic and ultra-relativistic speeds
- One should then consider ‘kinetic energy at the detector’
 - Compute energy loss in matter (if required)
 - Acceptance direction dependent

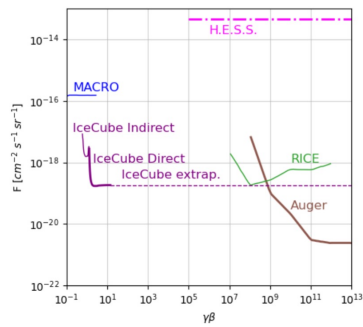


- We carefully checked detectors differential acceptance and rescaled limits

e.g.: IC limits rescaled.
Also done for MACRO

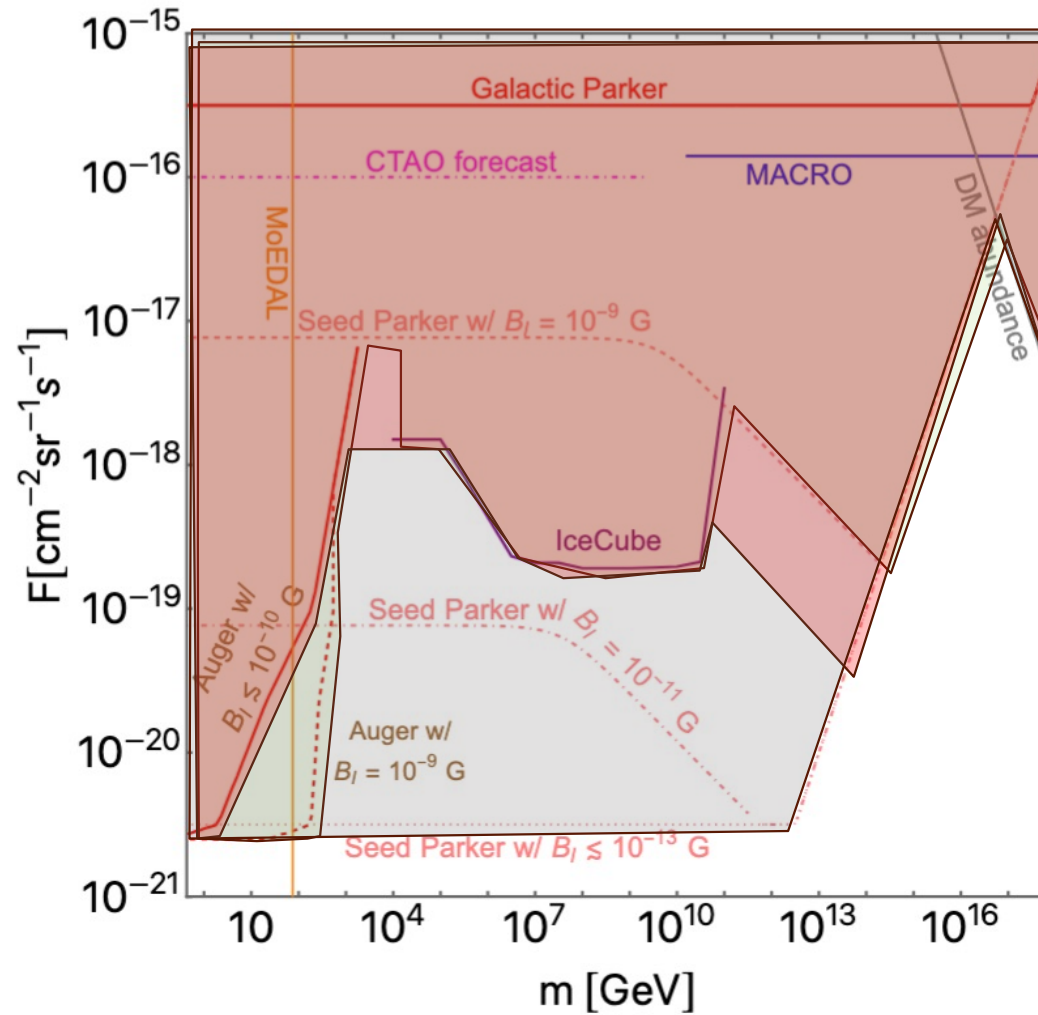


FINAL RESULT



From speed limit to

MM mass
limits →



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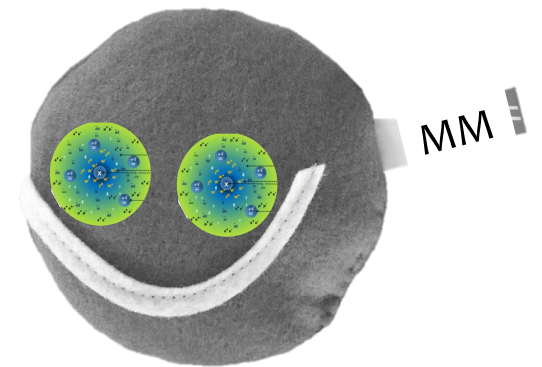
$$B_{IGMF} = 10^{-11} G$$

$$B_{IGMF} = 10^{-13} G$$

CONCLUSIONS

TAKE-HOME

- We have developed a framework that computes the relation MM mass-speed in cosmic MFs (that includes back-reaction)
- We have made assumptions on MFs, if better models come out, more accurate estimations can be made
- Strong IGMFs impact MM acceleration (could contribute, could dominate)
- Terrestrial instruments are sensitive to different MM mass (related to their formation mechanisms)

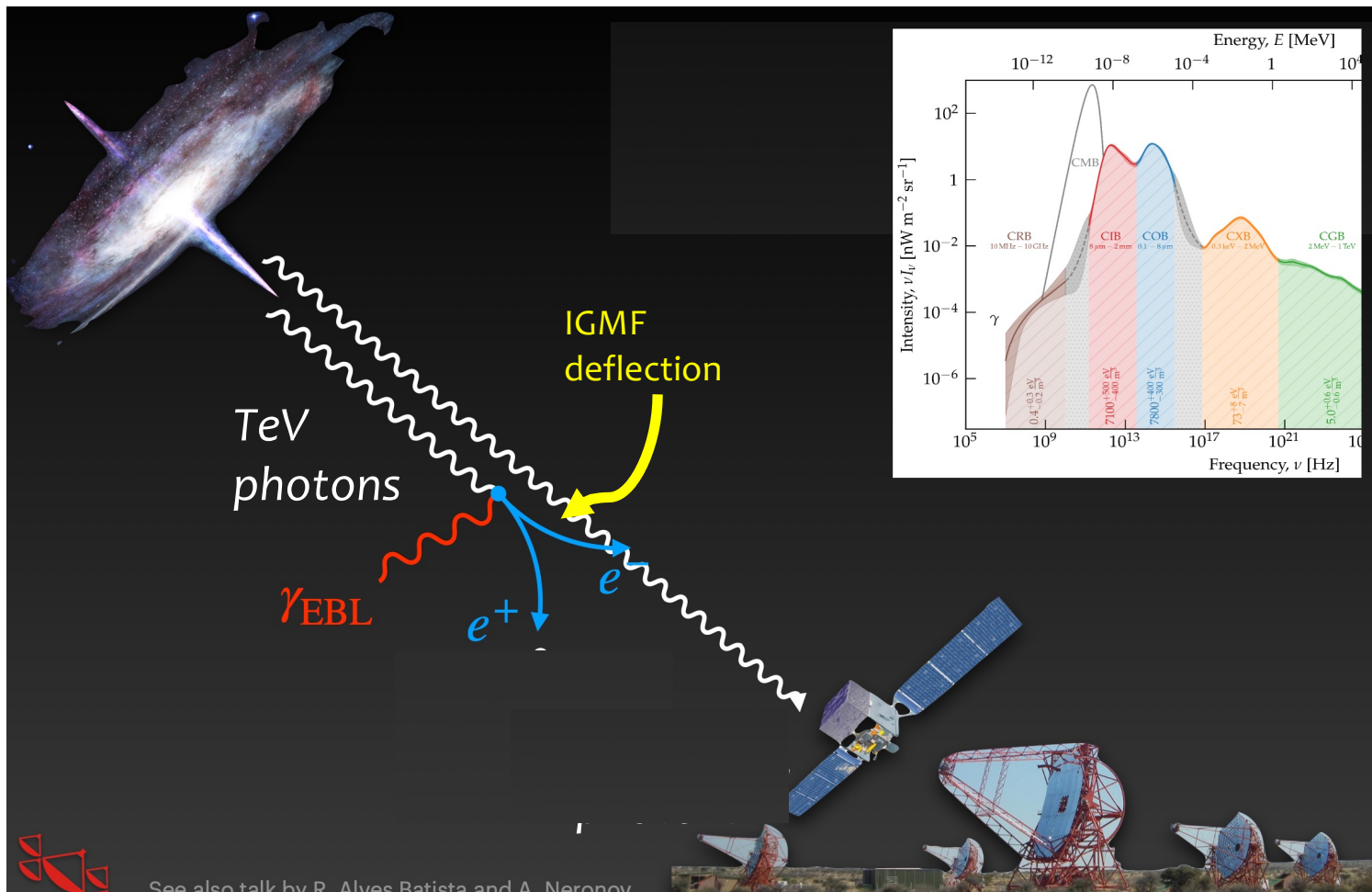


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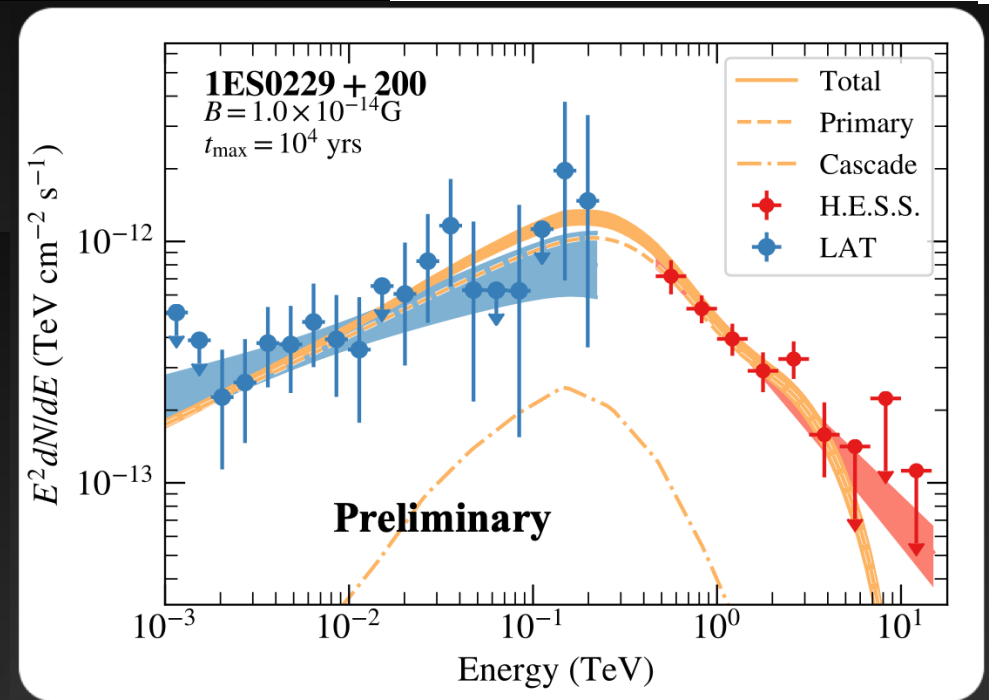
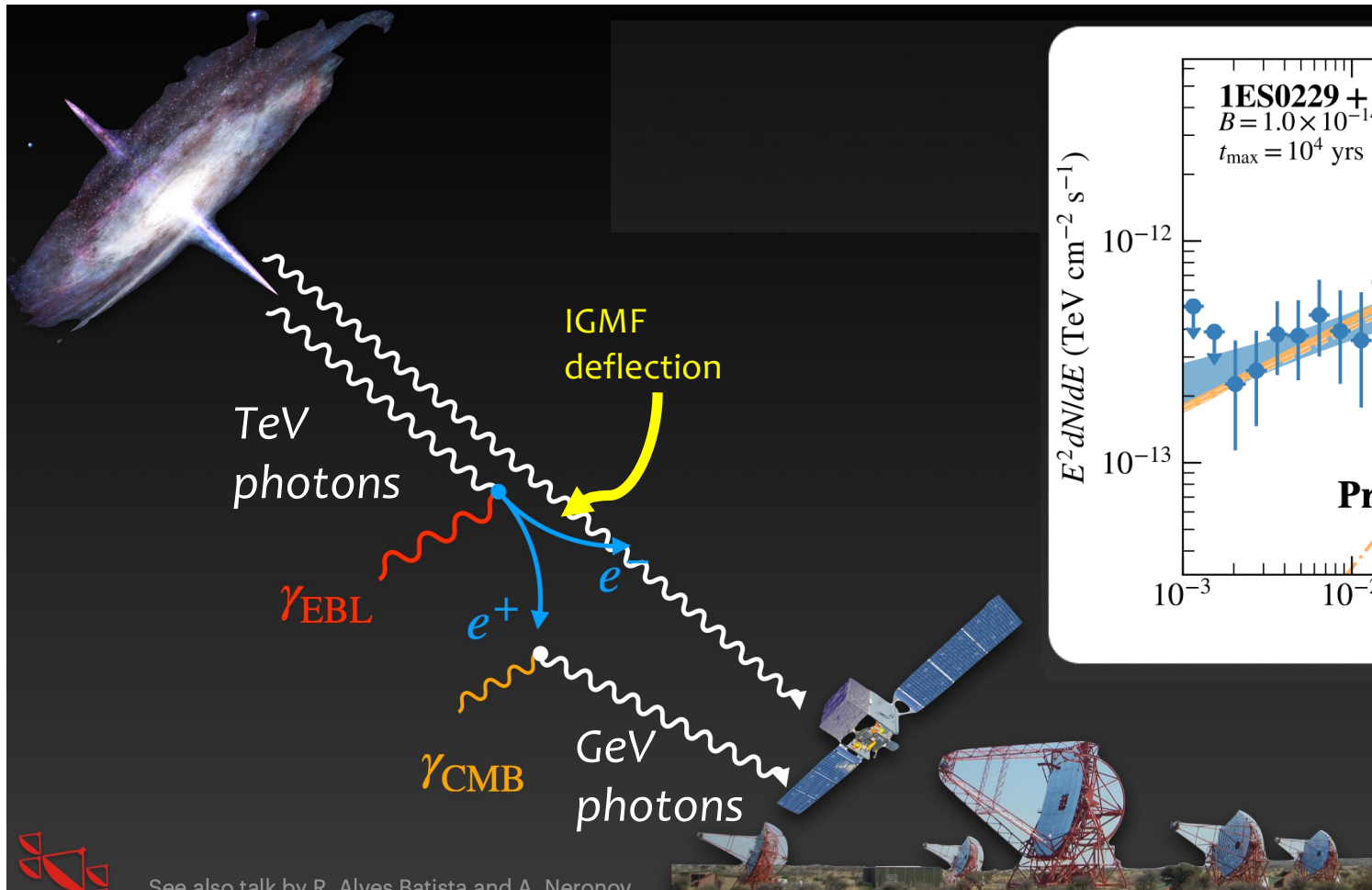
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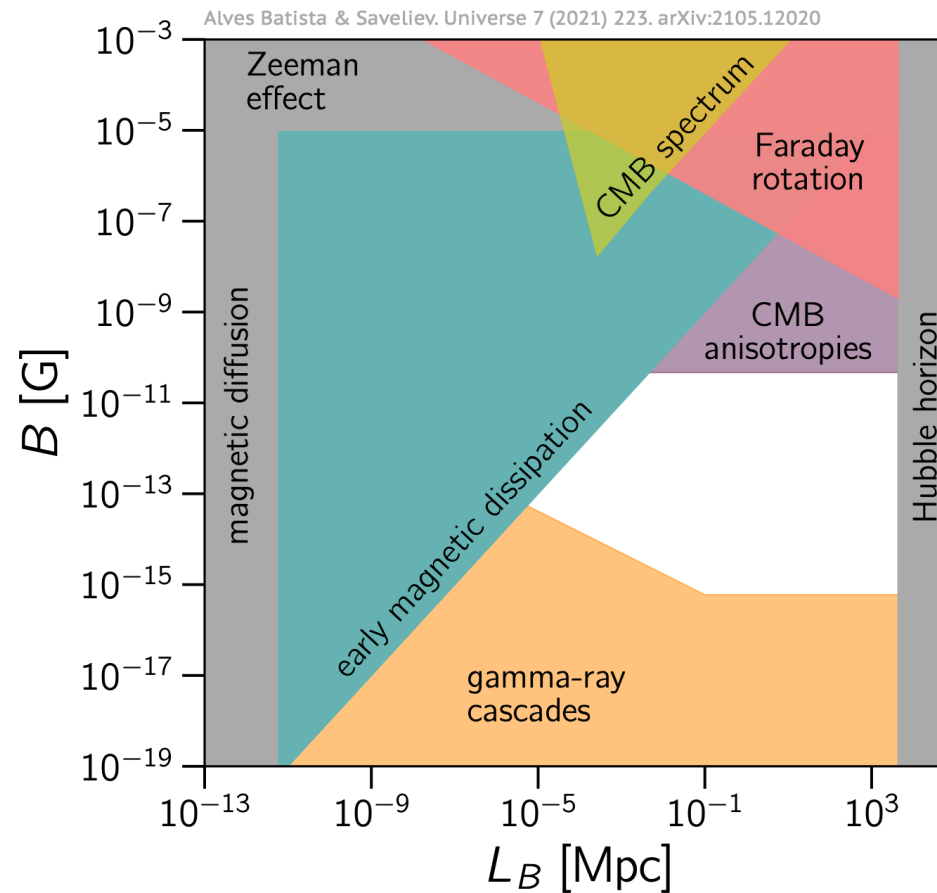
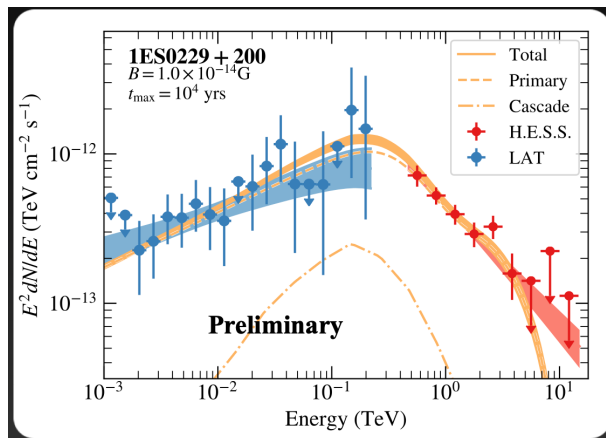


EBL light reprocess TeV gamma-rays to GeV gamma-rays

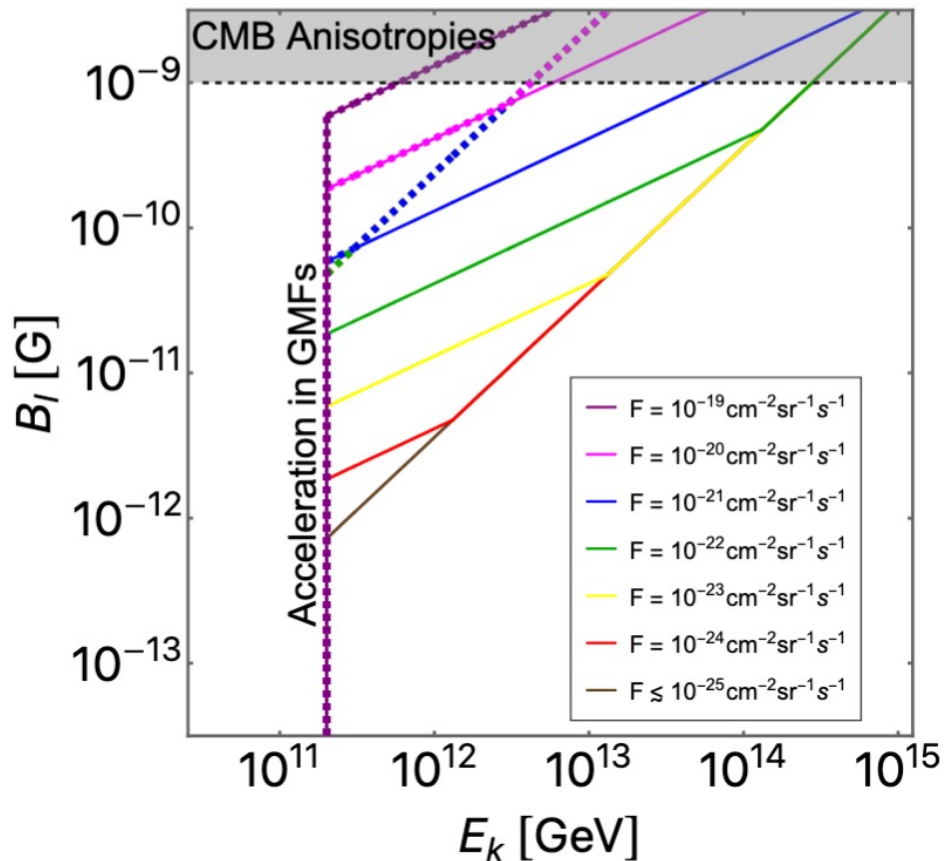
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REVERSE BONUS: MM CAN LIMIT IGMF



- The argument can be reversed
- A MM flux limit, assuming a certain kinetic energy, could be translated into an IGMF limit