

# ***Numerical Studies of High-Energy Neutrino Emission from a Radiatively Inefficient Accretion Flow with a 3D GRMHD Simulation***

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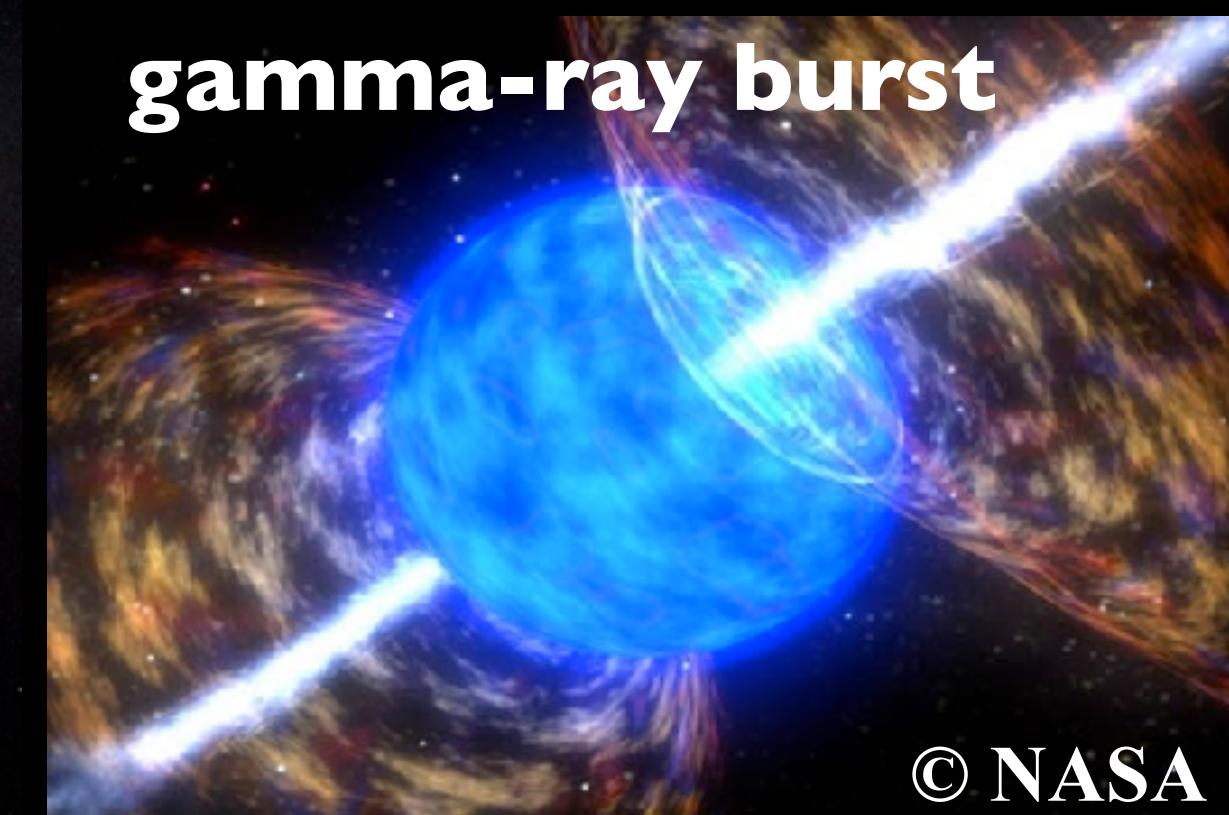
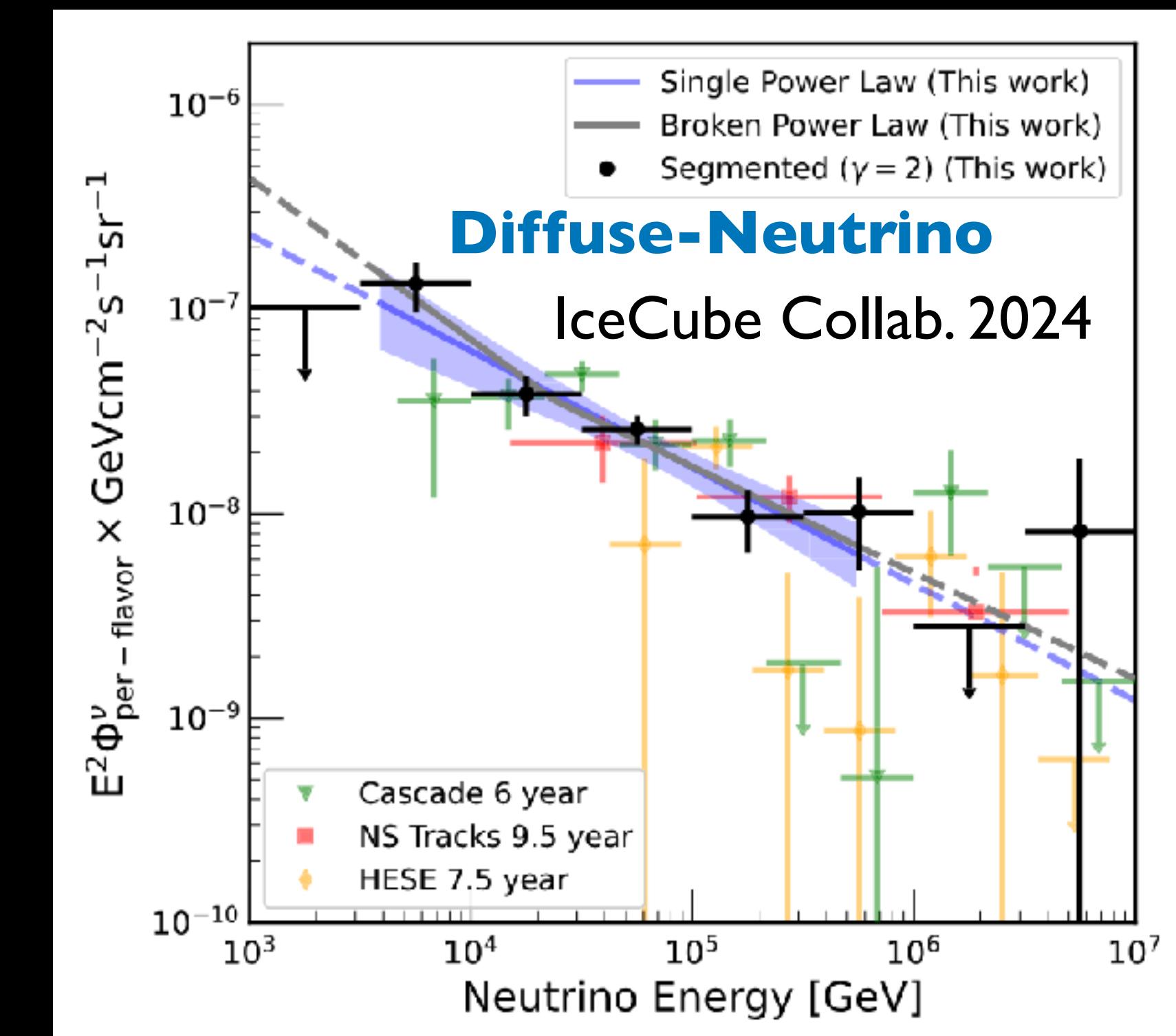
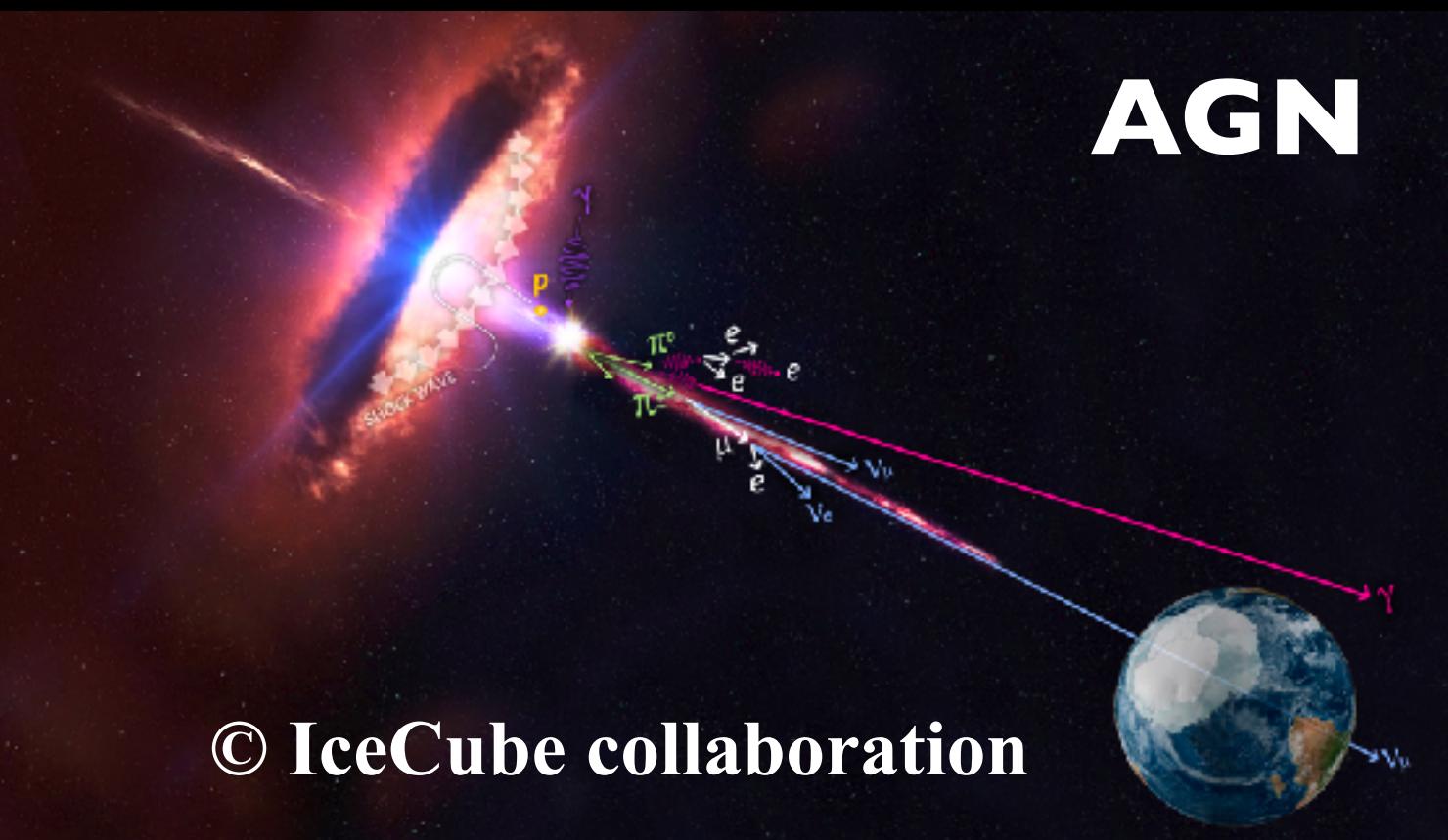
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# Possible origin of extragalactic HE neutrino

- IceCube has detected extragalactic neutrinos, but has not yet fully constraint the neutrino sources.

- ✓ Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
- ✓ Galaxy Clusters
- ✓ Starburst Galaxies
- ✓ Low Luminosity Gamma-Ray Bursts



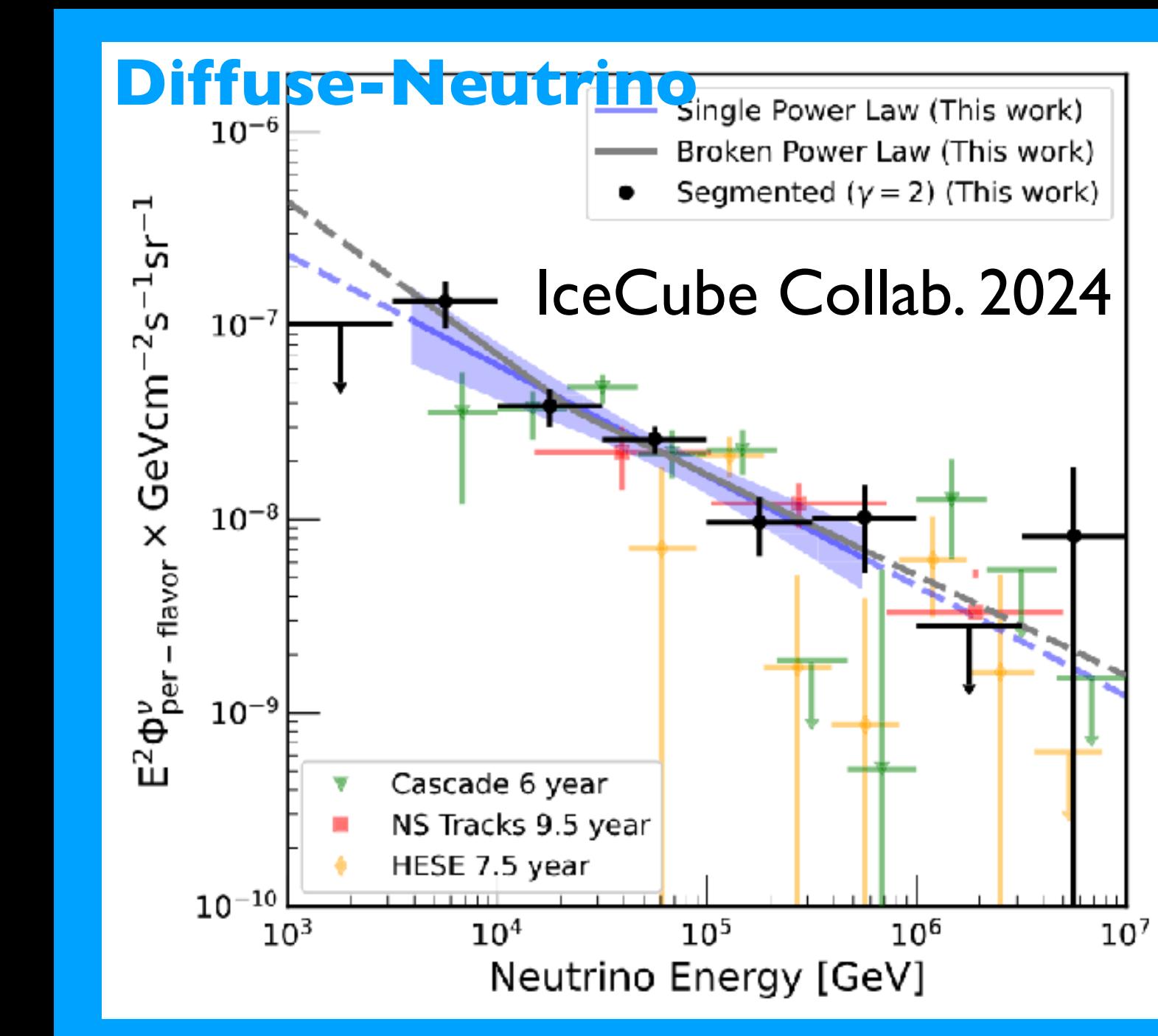
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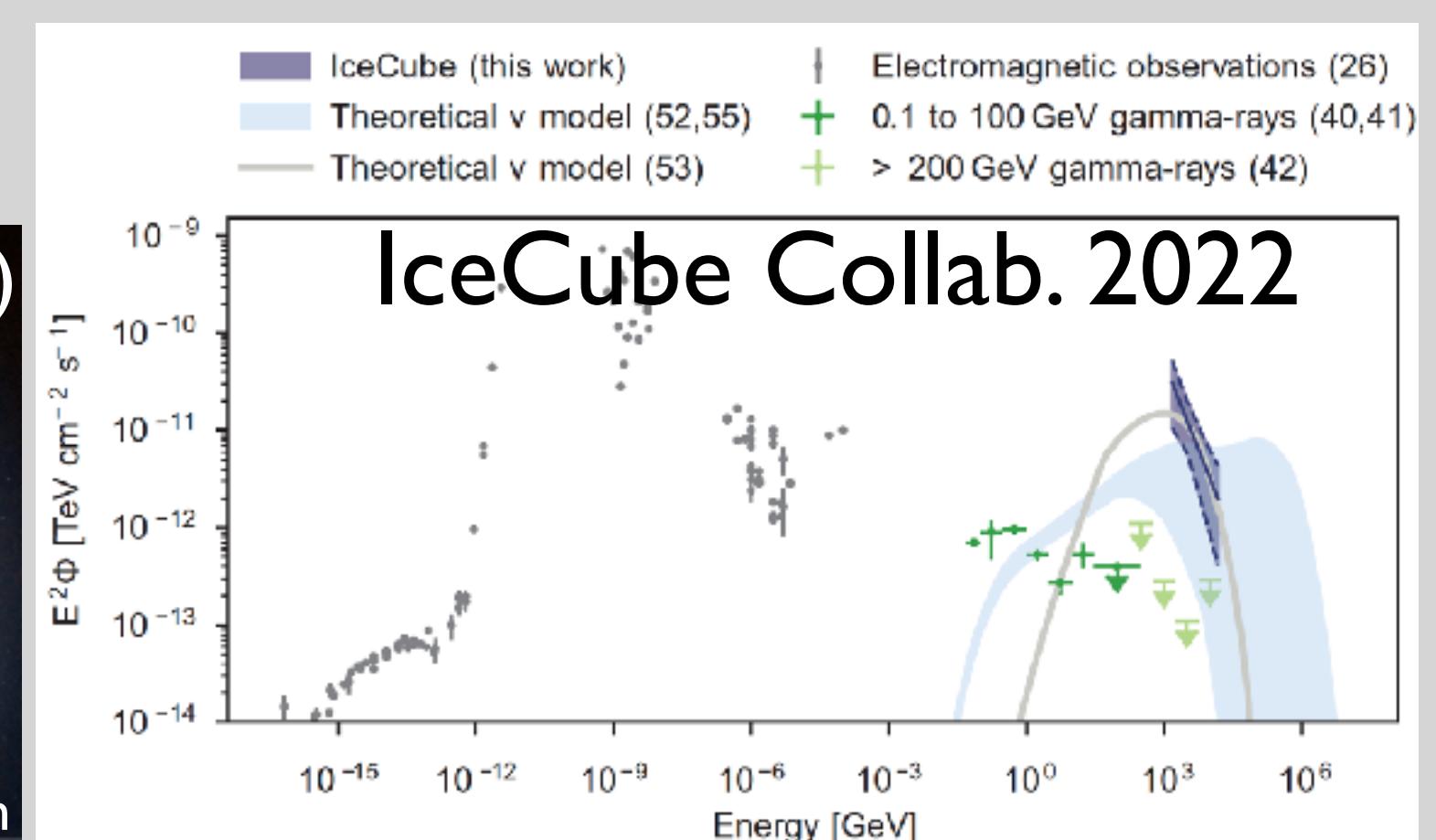
# Diffuse-Neutrino SED

- Diffuse neutrino: moderately flat (power-law index  $\sim 2.64$ ) SEDs (e.g., IceCube Collab. 2024)
- A neutrino hotspot NGC1068 detected by a decadal survey: steep(power law index  $\sim 3$ ) SED (e.g., IceCube Collab. 2022)  
→ Various types of neutrino SED may exist
- Models for neutrino emission in AGNs
  - ✓ (Radiatively Inefficient) Accretion Flows (e.g., Kimura + 2015)
  - ✓ Disk-Corona (Inoue Y. + 2020, Murase + 2020, Kimura + 2022)
  - ✓ Disk-Wind (Inoue S. 2022)
  - ✓ Weak Jet (Fang+2023)

We consider **radiatively inefficient accretion flow model for low-luminosity AGN**, in this work.



c.f.  
neutrino hotspot



# Purpose of This Work

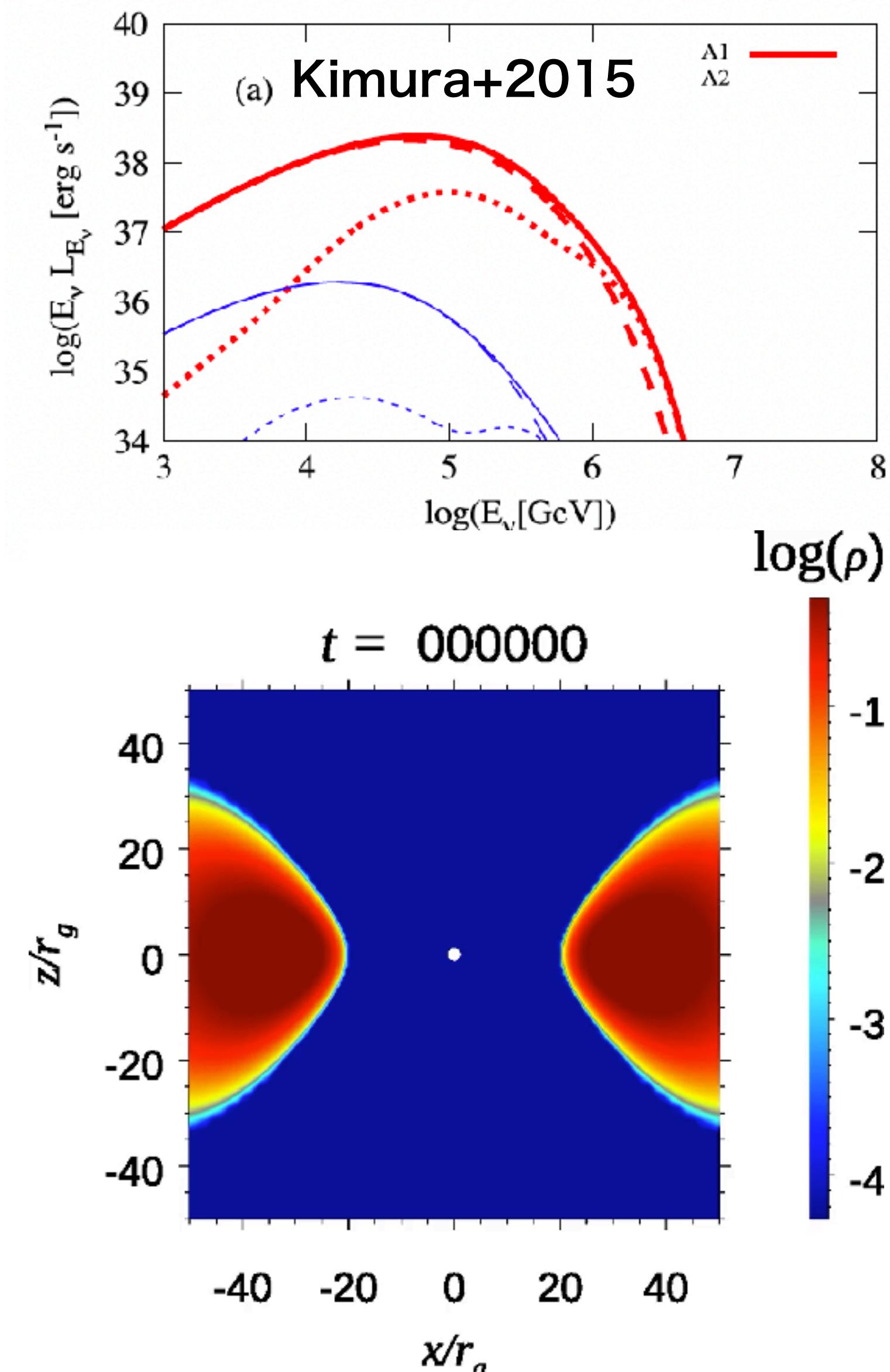
- There exists a pioneering work on neutrino emission in accretion flows ( e.g., Kimura+2015, see also Dermer+ 1996)
- However, single-zone (1-zone) approximation has been adopted in all of previous works.

Q: How does the global structure of the accretion flows affect the neutrino SEDs ?

Purpose of this work :

Studying the global effect of accretion flow on HE neutrino SEDs considering CR acceleration (via kinetic scale turbulences) and neutrino emission via pp collisions.

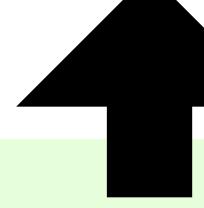
← 3D general relativistic MHD (GRMHD) simulations of accretion flows + CR acceleration & neutrino emission computation [a new code  $\nu$ -RAIKOU ( $\nu$ -来光) code]

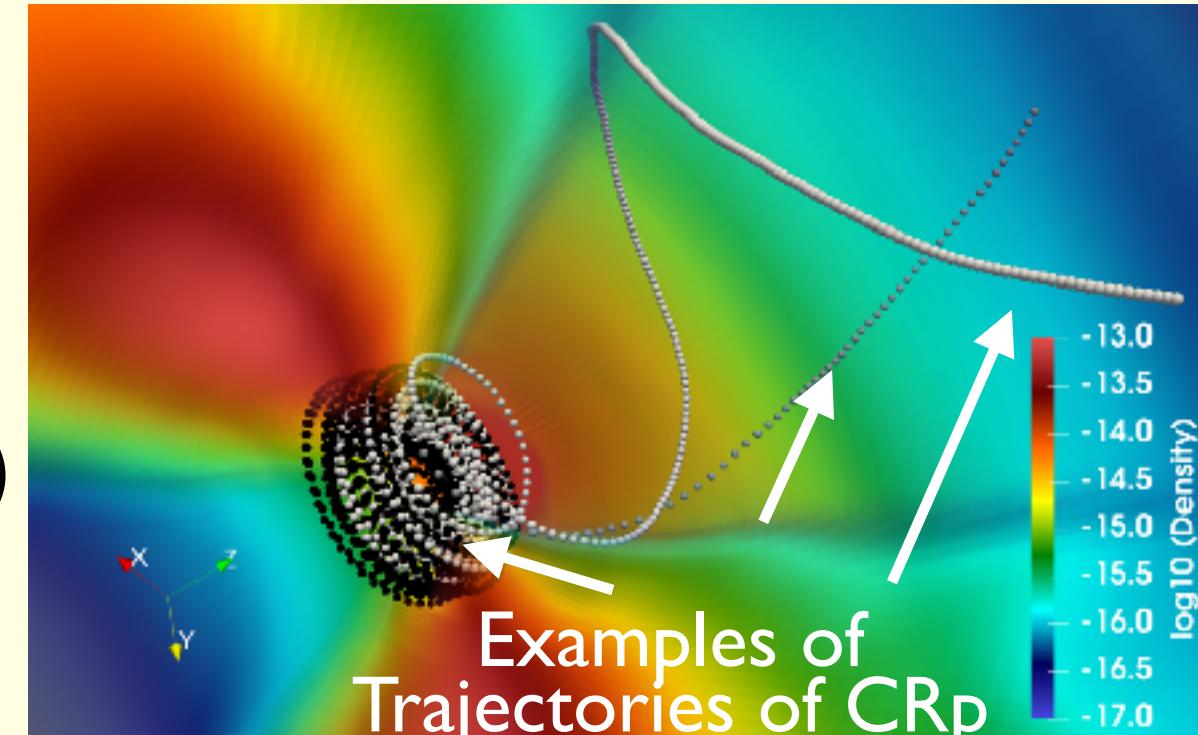


# Computation Method ( $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$ , $\dot{M} = 10^{-2} L_{\text{Edd}}/c^2$ )

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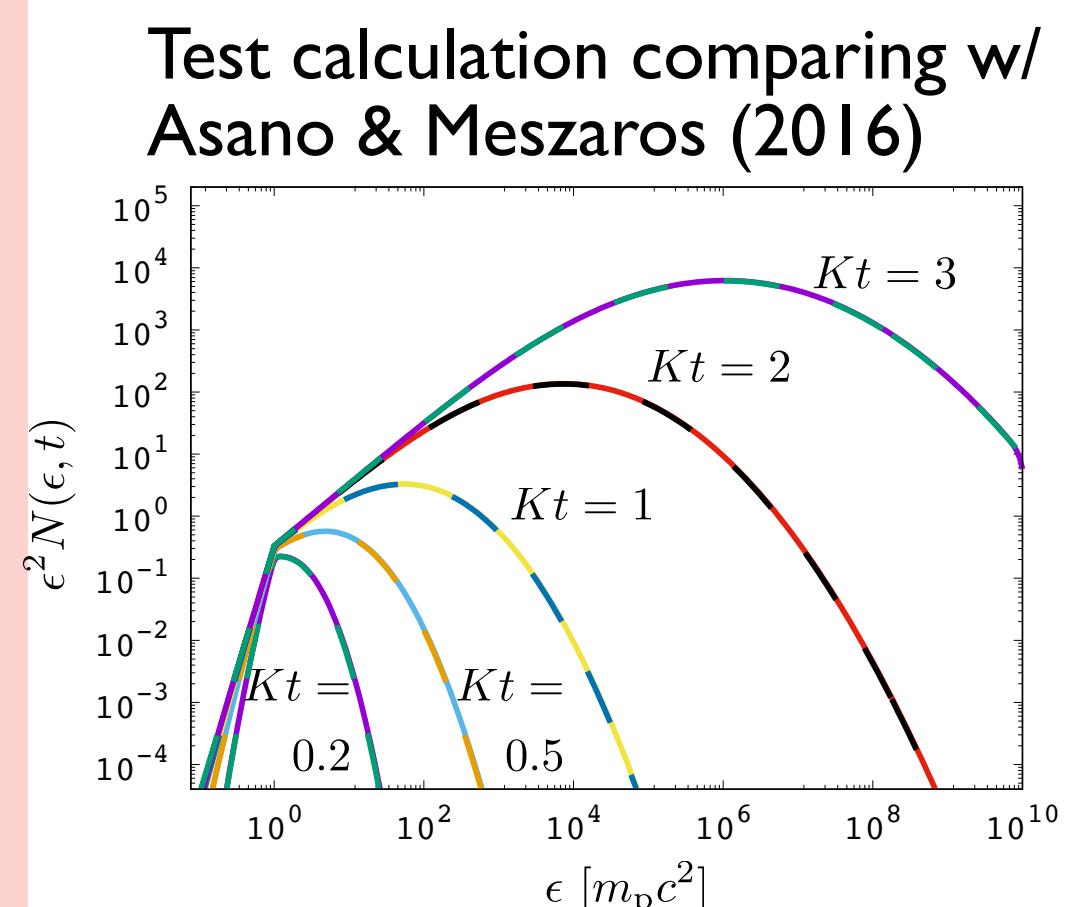
## (3) Computation of Neutrino SED

- **pp collisions** of tracer particle of CRps with thermal protons of GRMHD simulation data.
- Gravitational redshift are taken into consideration

- (1)-(3) are computed with using time-evolved snapshots of simulation data.
- Finally, **Time-averaged** neutrino SEDs are computed

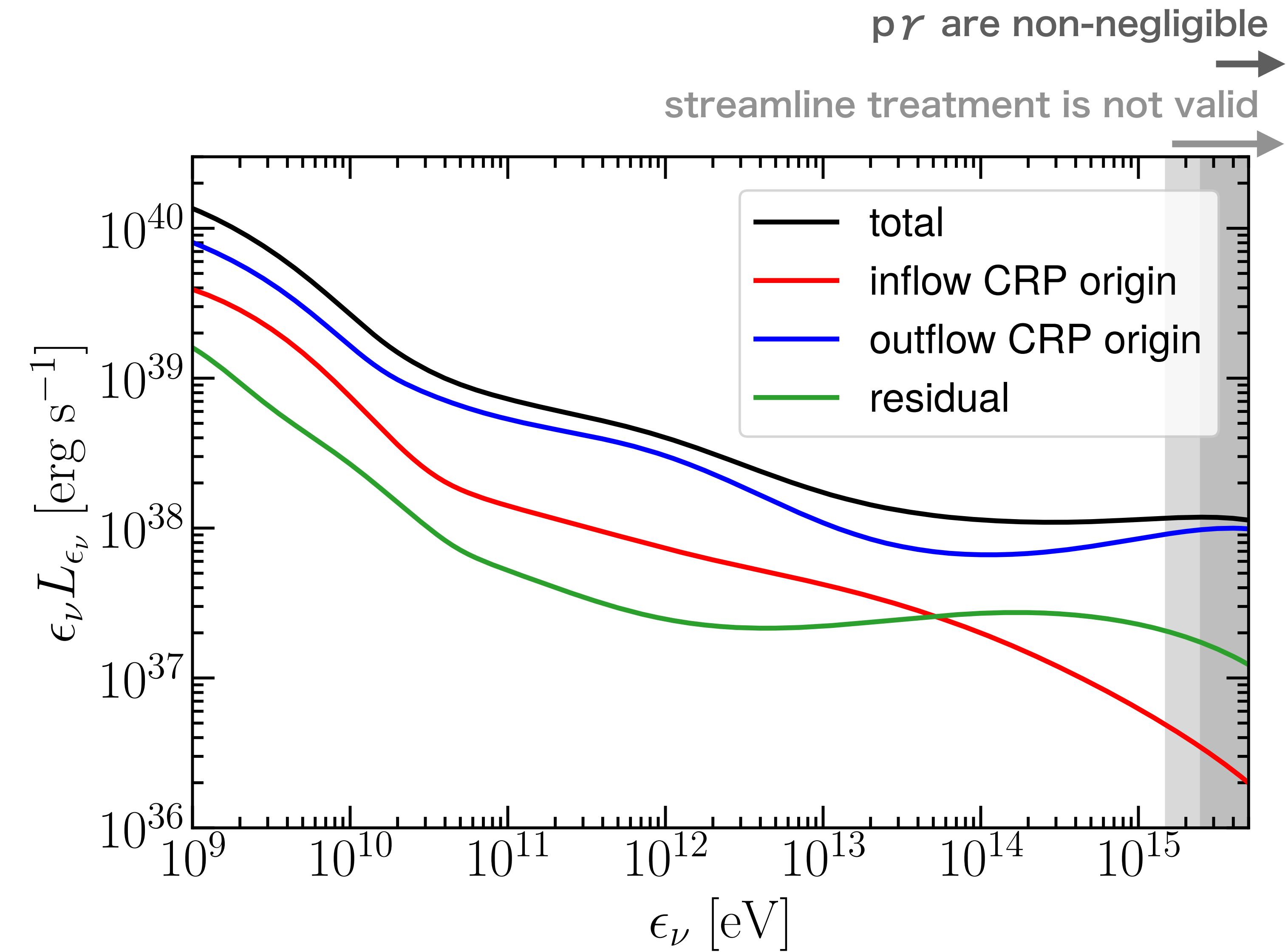
## (2) Computation of SED of CRp

- **Fokker-Planck Eqs** of tracer particle in the fluid-rest frame.
- Number of Energy Bin: 5600
- **Turbulent Acceleration**  
w/hard sphere approximation  
( $D(\varepsilon) = K\varepsilon^2$ ).
- Compression/expansions effects are also included.

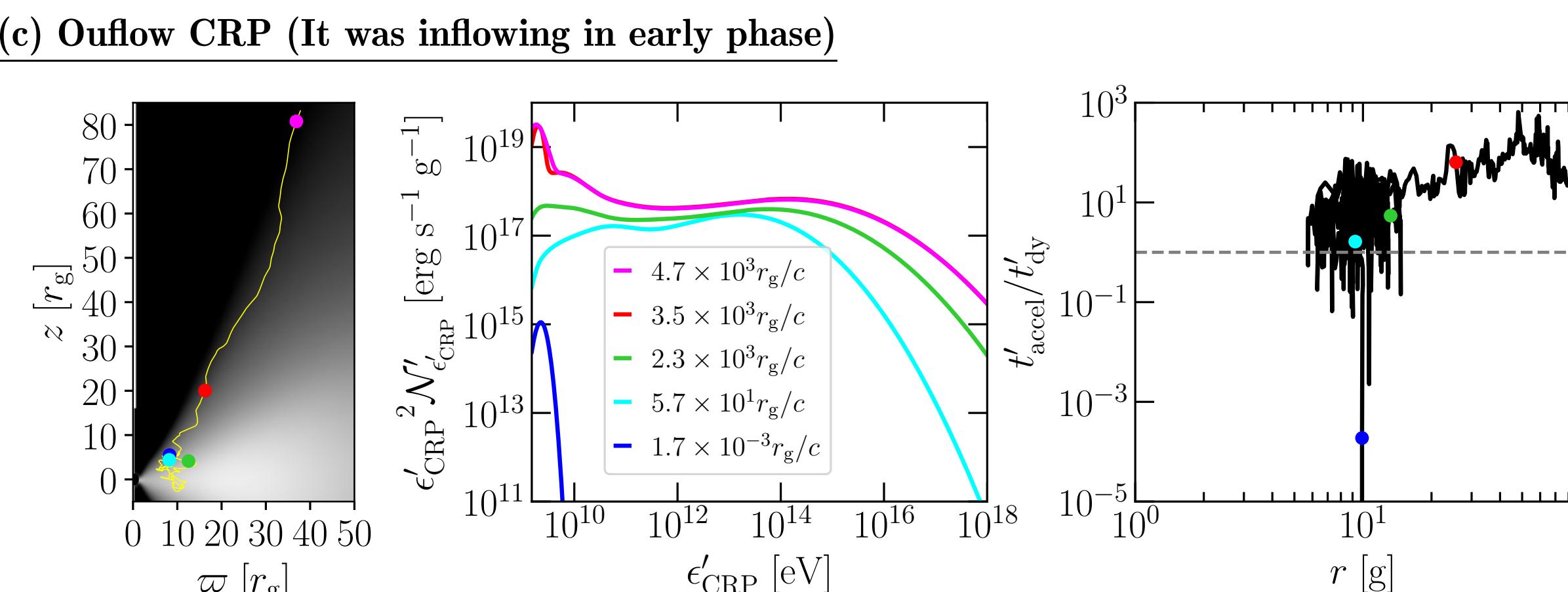
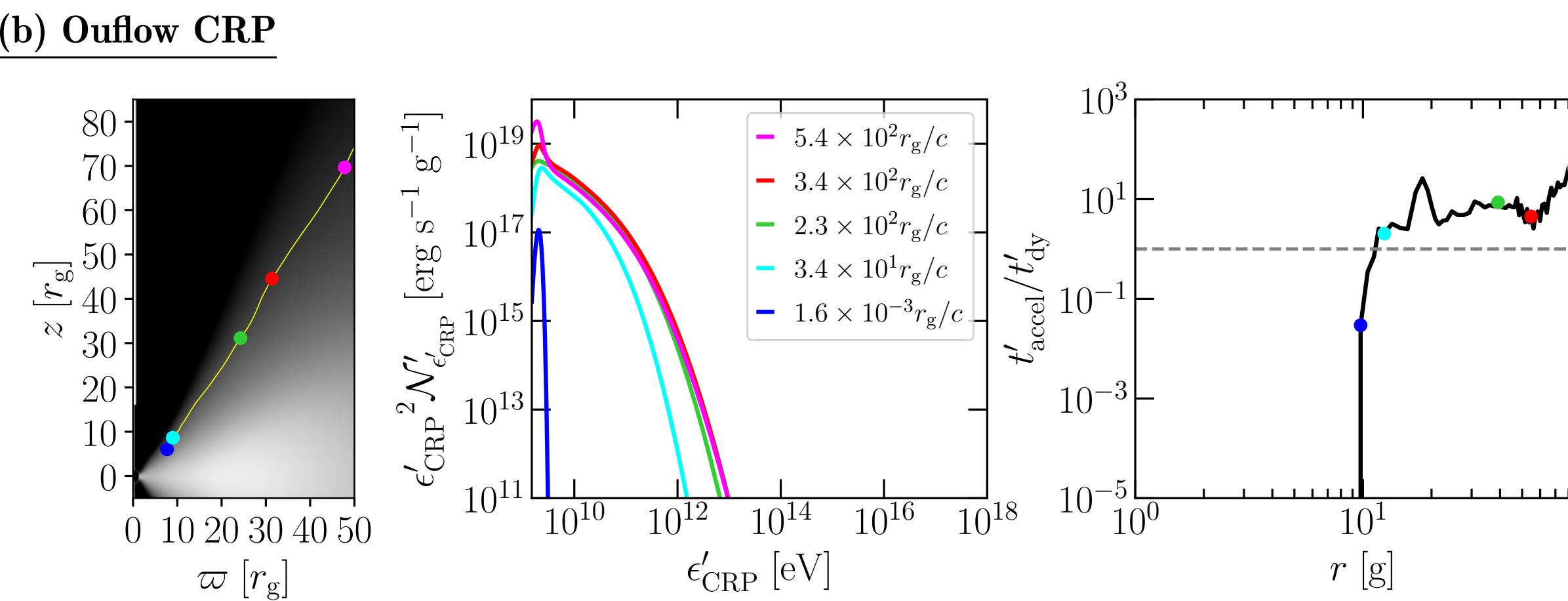
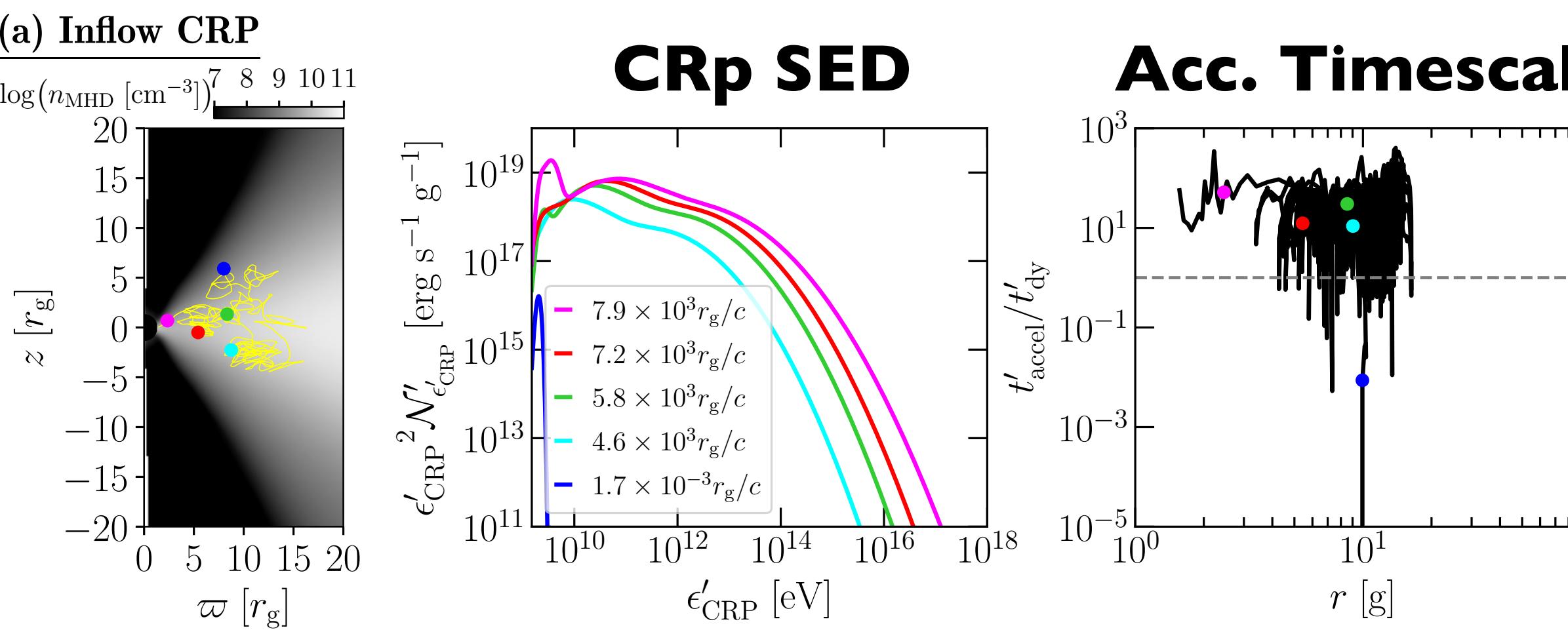


# Time-Averaged Neutrino SEDs

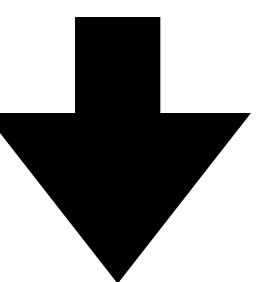
- SEDs flatter than I-zone models appear
- Neutrino SEDs decomposed into origin of CRps in **inflow**, **outflow**, (**residual**)
- Neutrinos originated from **(finally)-outflow-CRp**  $\gtrsim$  **inflow-CRp**.



# CRp trajectory & timescale



- CRp-SEDs depend on the position and trajectories.
- Summation of various CRp

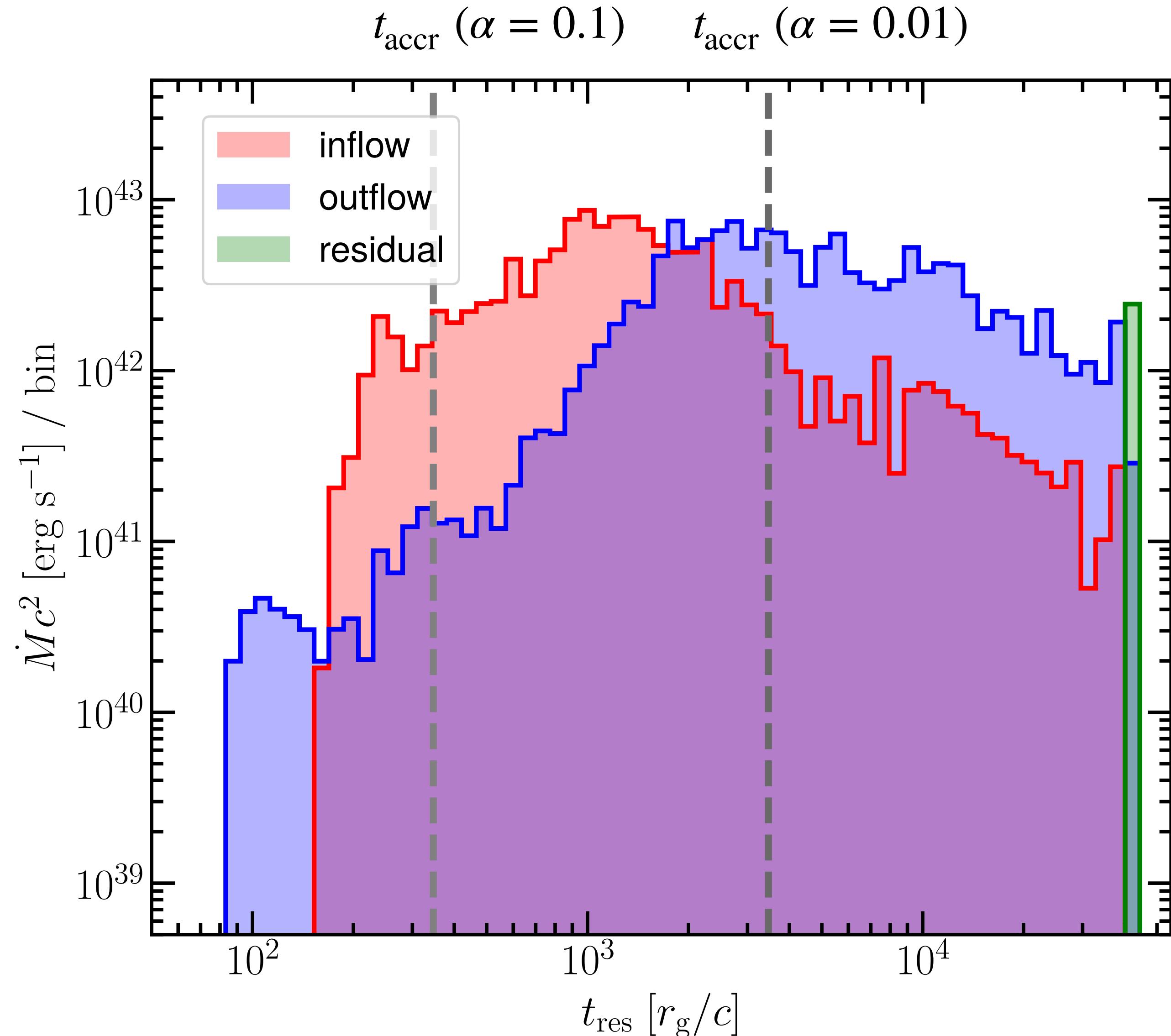


**SEDs are flatter in our global models**

# Escape timescale from the simulation region

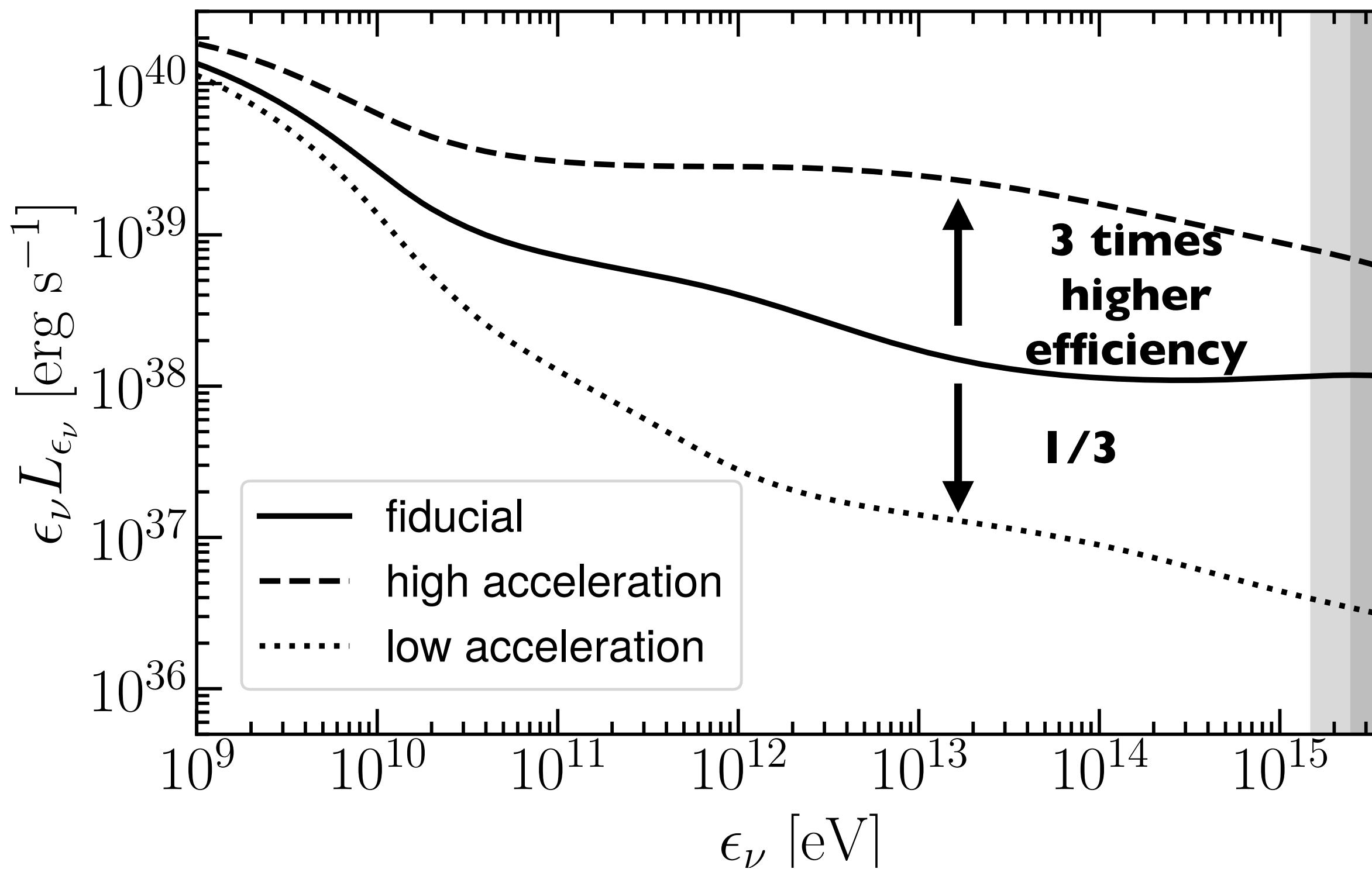
- Accretion timescale agrees well with the escape (swallowed by BH) timescale of inflowing CRps.
- bimodal distribution of Outflowing CRp.

Due to the longer stay of Outflow CRP in the simulation domain, the acceleration works well.  
→ hard SED!

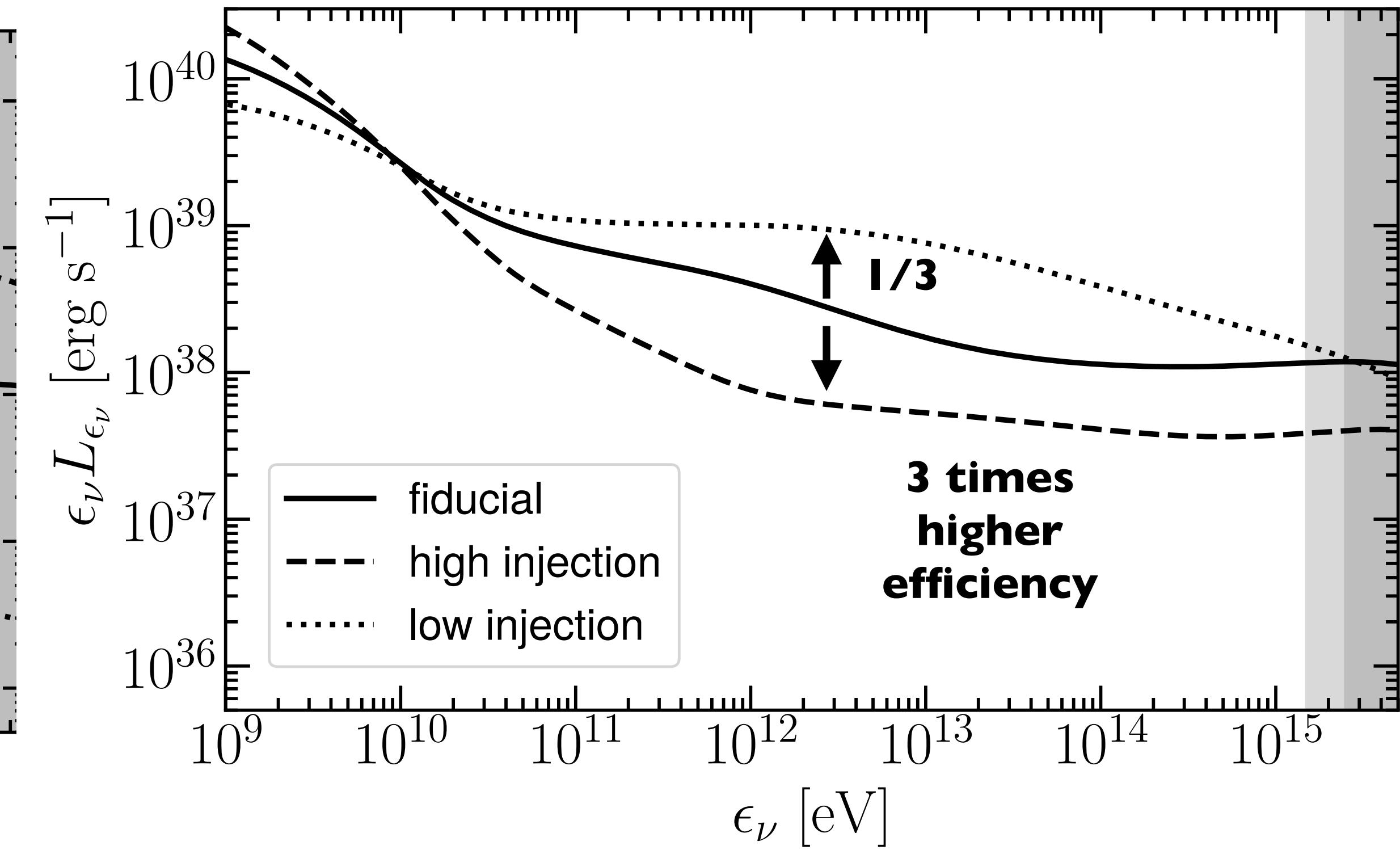


# Dependence on the Acceleration/Injection Coefficients

## Acceleration



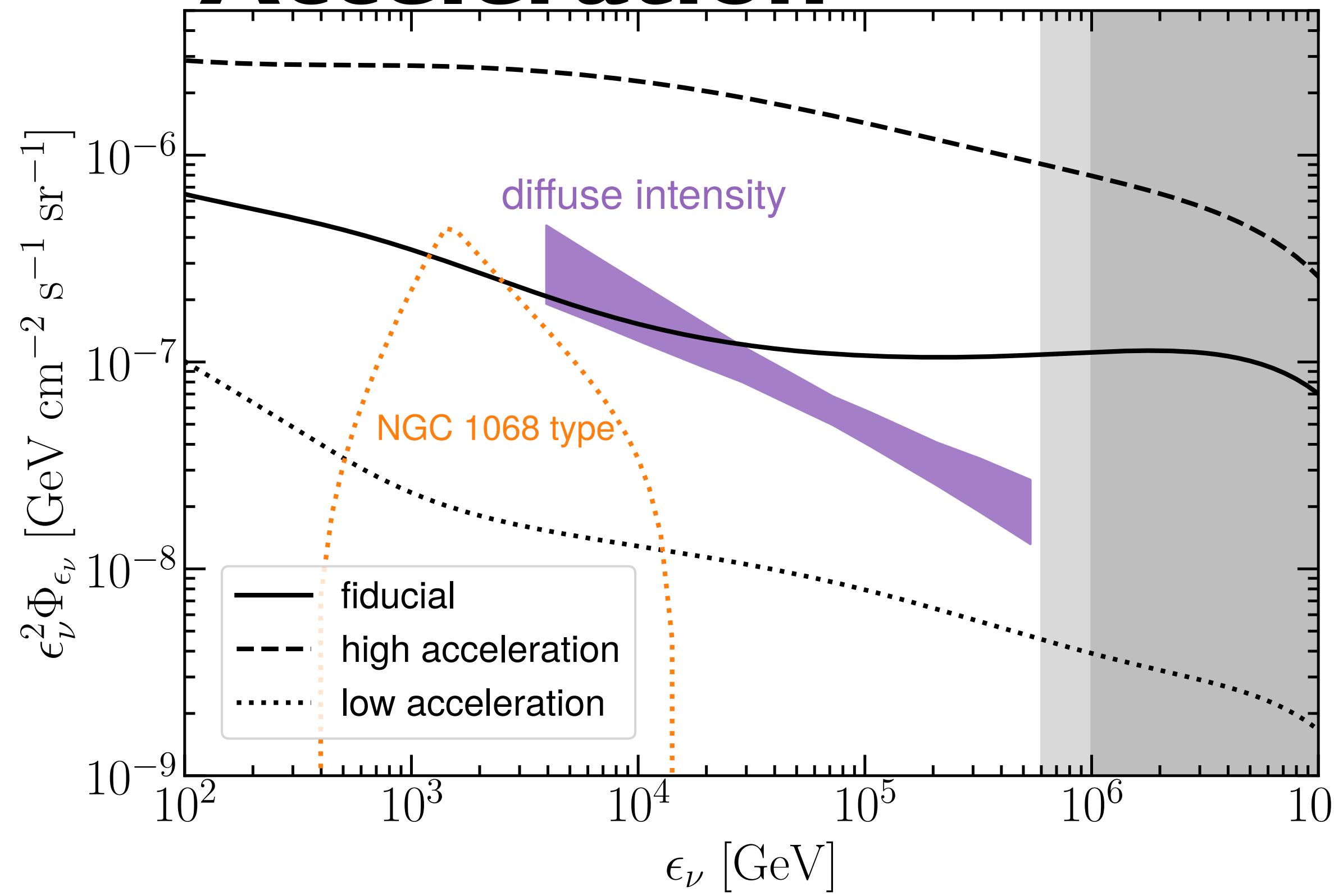
## Injection



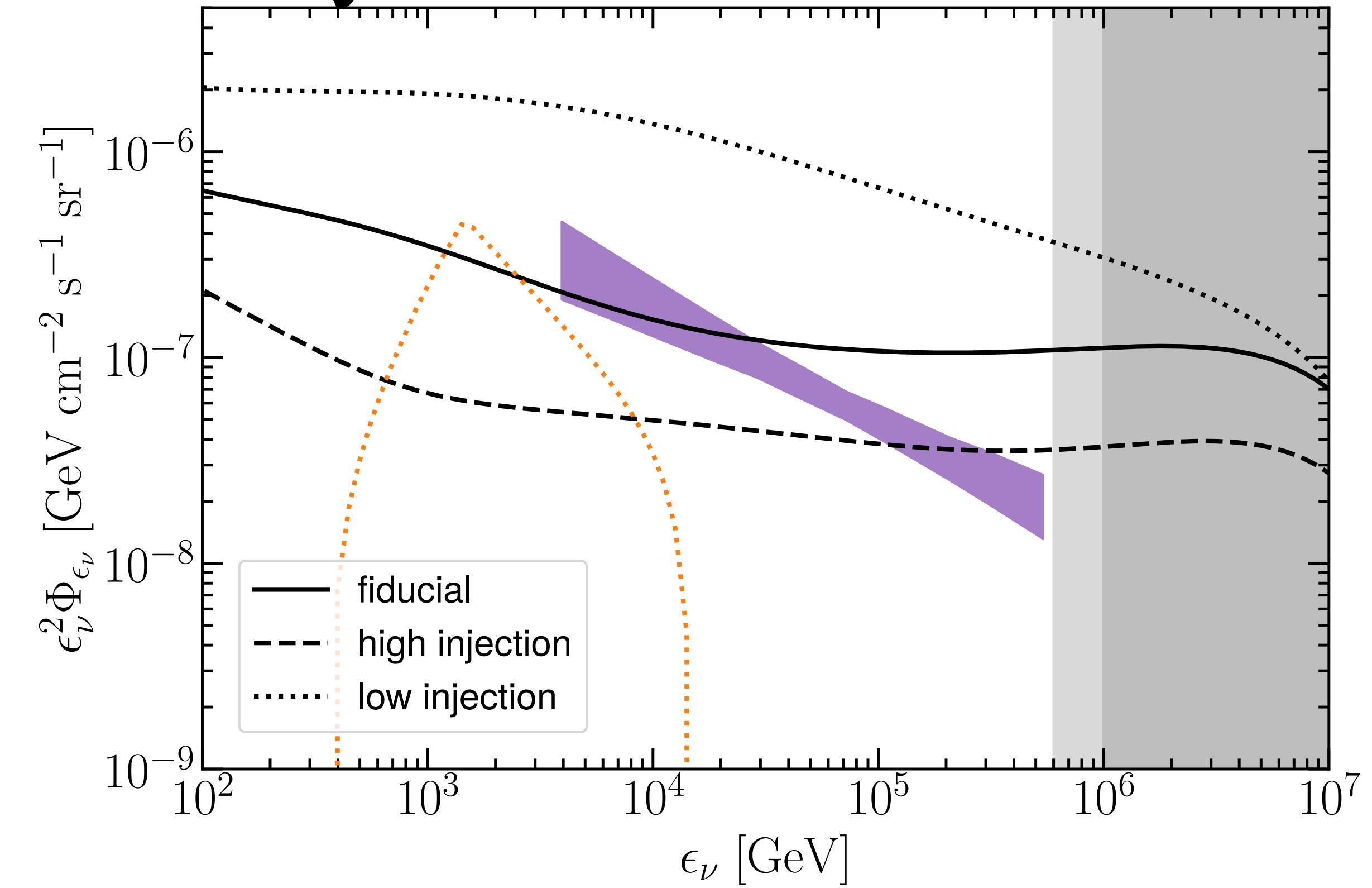
- Higher acceleration efficiency  $\rightarrow$  harder neutrino SED
- Higher injection rate  $\rightarrow$  softer neutrino SED. ( $\because$  acceleration rate  $\propto$  CR energy )

# Comparison w/ IceCube Diffuse Neutrino Fluxes

## Acceleration



## Injection



- We integrated the neutrino SEDs assuming the luminosity function of Ho + (2008) w/ assuming  $\epsilon L_\epsilon \propto \dot{M}^2$
- Magnitudes of diffuse neutrinos are consistent w/ observed SED.
- Combination w/ Seyfert (NGC1068 type) may be required.

# Summary

- The first attempt to compute CRp acceleration & Neutrino emission of global accretion flows based on 3D GRMHD simulation data.
- Due to the global effect (superposition of various injection of acceleration of CRp), the flatter SEDs appear in our model.
- The neutrino emission, which originated from outflowing-CRp accelerated in inflow, predominate the SEDs.
- More code development (incl., e.g., p- $\gamma$  processes) will be addressed in near future.

# Backup Slides

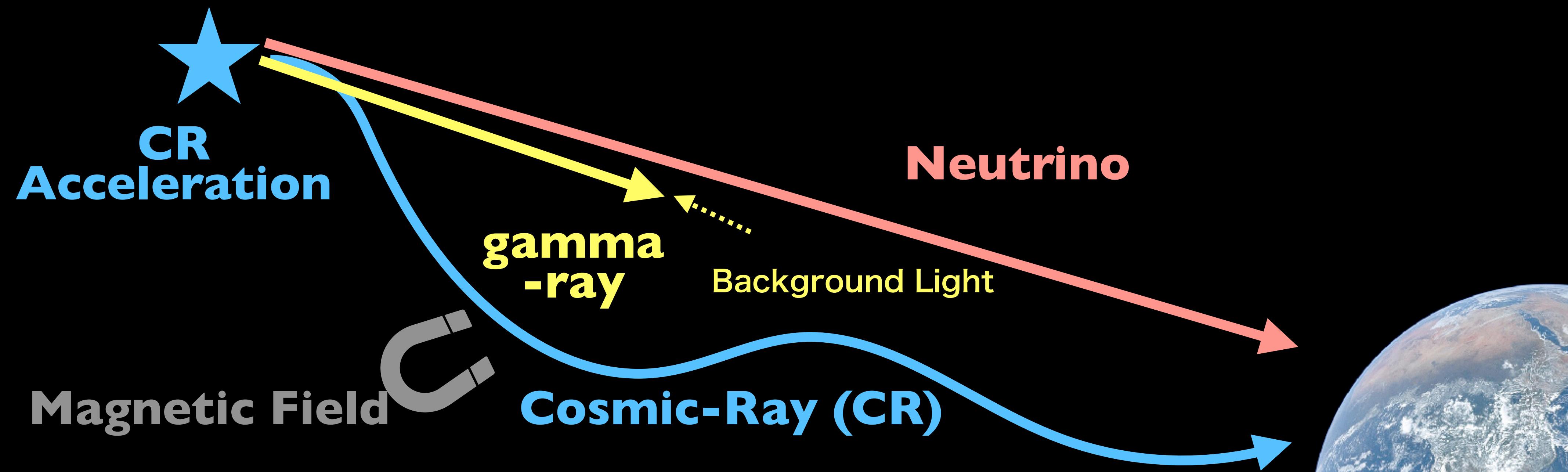
# Why Are High Energy (HE) Neutrinos Important?

- Mystery of acceleration mechanism/site of high-energy cosmic rays (CRs)
- Smoking gun of CR acceleration, because...  
 $(p + p \text{ and/or } p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^0, \pi^\pm, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma, \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu, \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu)$

✓ Cosmic Rays : Trajectories are bent by magnetic fields

✓ Gamma-Rays : Optically thick against background light ( $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$ )

✓ Neutrino : Freely propagates towards us!

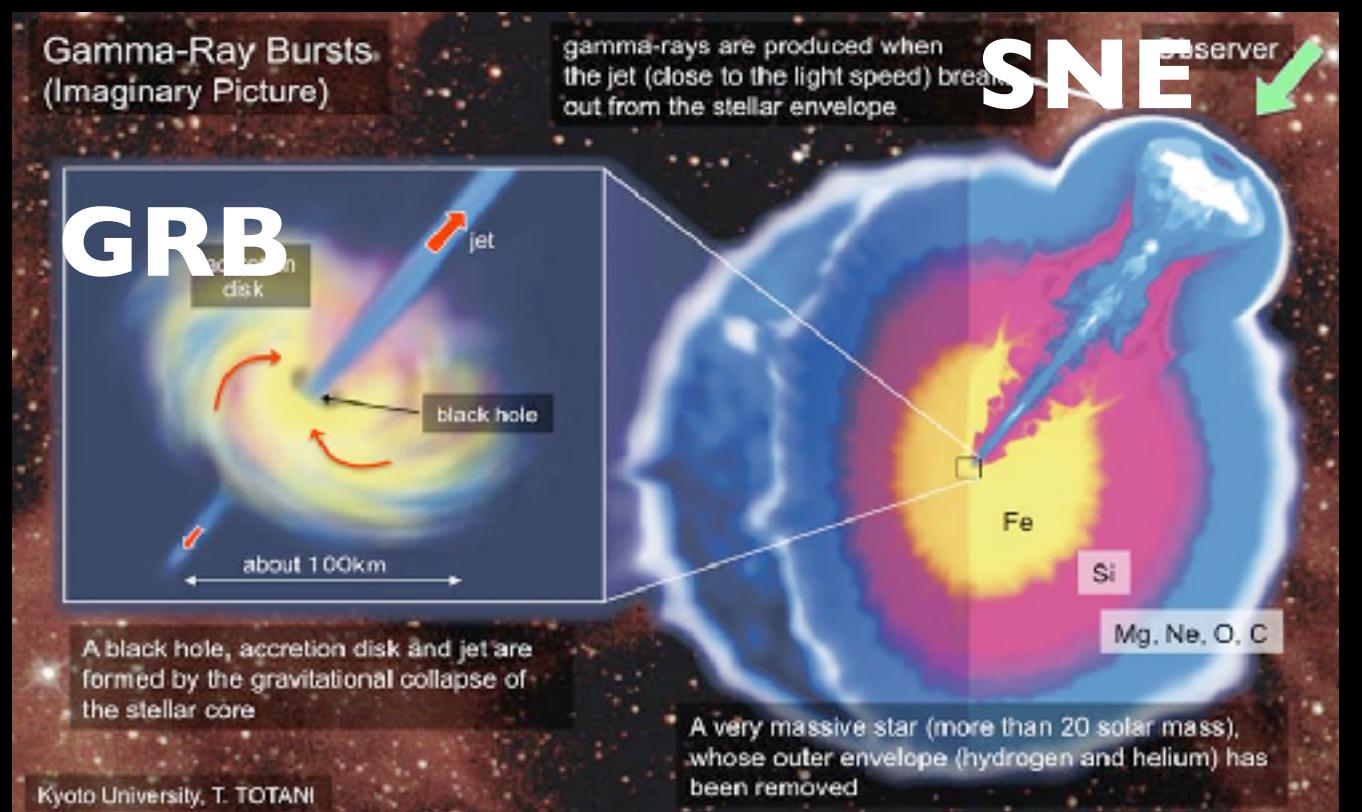


# c.f. Energy of Neutrinos

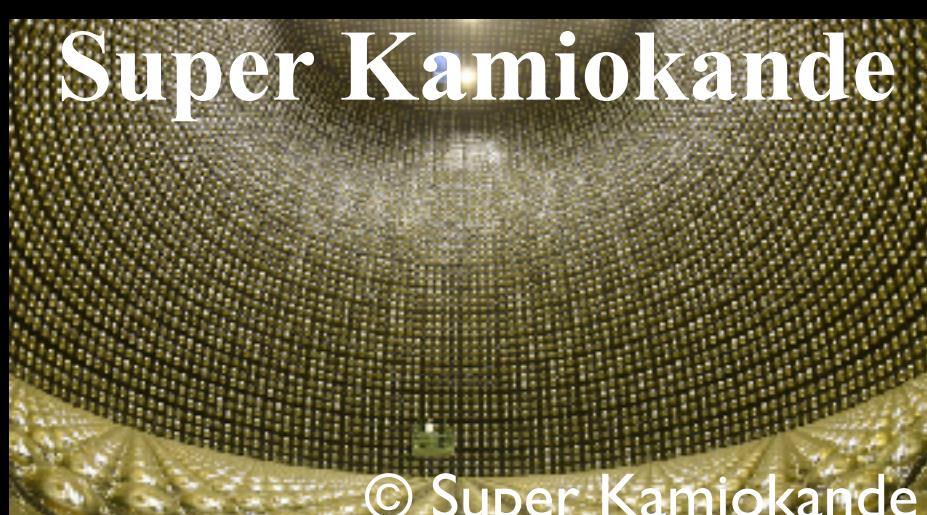
→  
GeV-TeV

→  
**Neutrino Energy**

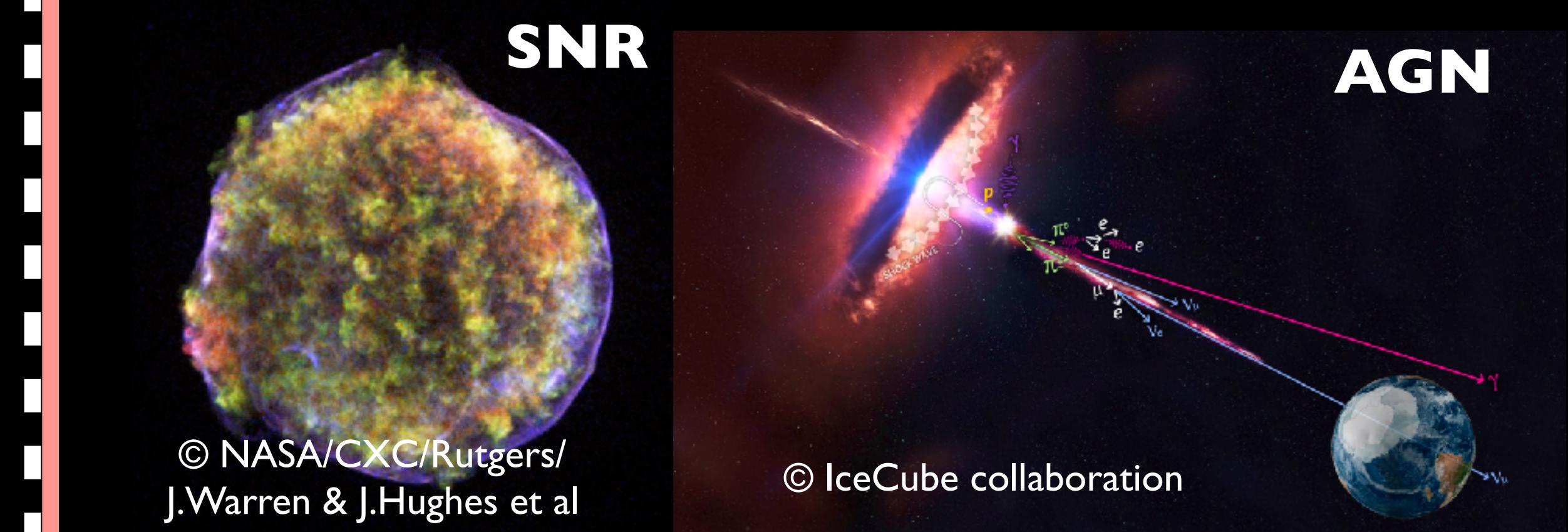
- Thermo-Nuclear Reaction ( $\sim 10\text{MeV}$ )
- High Density: Supernova Explosion, Gamma-Ray Burst (Central Engine), Stellar Interia, etc.



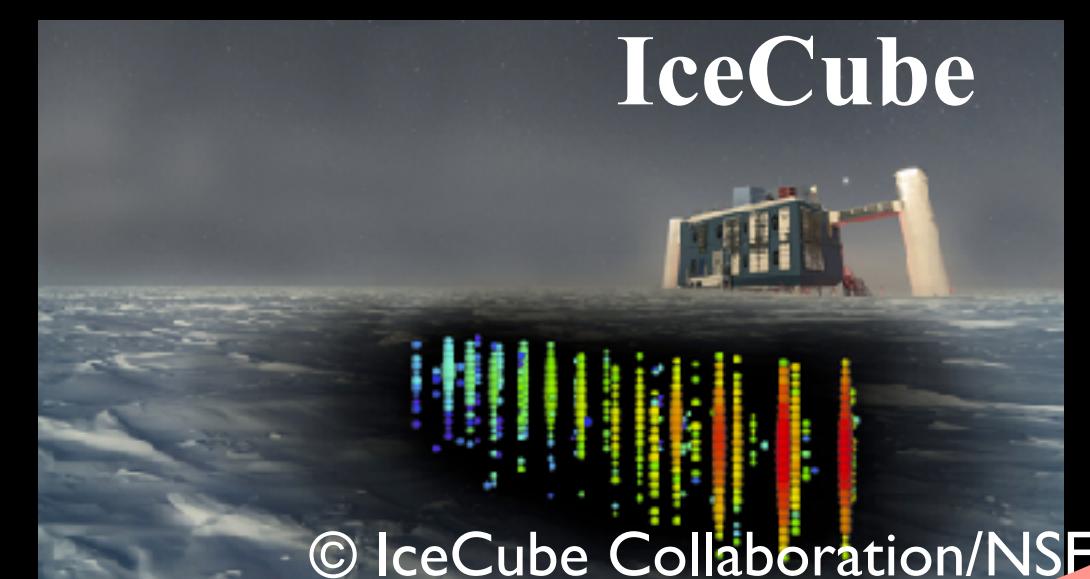
- Messenger of Steller Interia and Governing the Dynamics of Explosions/Bursts
- Super Kamiokande, etc.



- Hadronic Processes of Cosmic Rays ( $\gtrsim \text{TeV}$ )
- Low-Density: Supernova Remnant, Active Galactic Nuclei, Jet of Low-Lum. Gamma-ray Burst, etc.



- Messenger of Cosmic-Ray Acceleration and Tests of Elementary Particle Physics
- IceCube, etc.



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( $p p$  collisions w/ GRMHD protons)

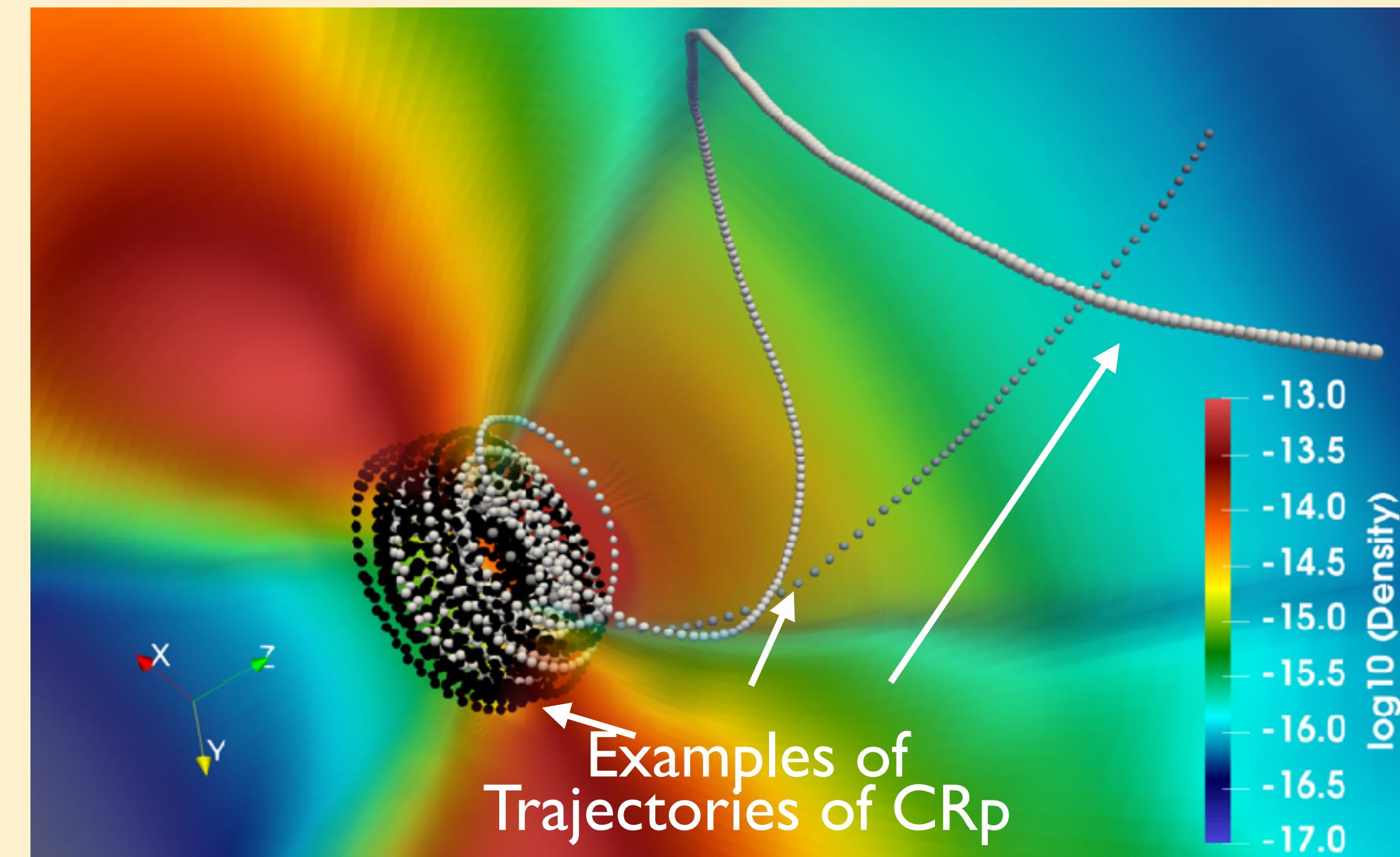
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(Fokker-Planck Eqs w/ phenomenological turbulent acc.)

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# Computation Method (2)

## Computation of SED of CRp

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- **Turbulent Acceleration** w/hard sphere approximation (  $D(\varepsilon) = K\varepsilon^2$  ).

$$K = \frac{\eta_{\text{accel}}}{4} \frac{|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{v}/Dt'|}{|\mathbf{v}|} \frac{U'_{\text{th}}}{U'_{\text{CRP}}},$$

**Free parameters**

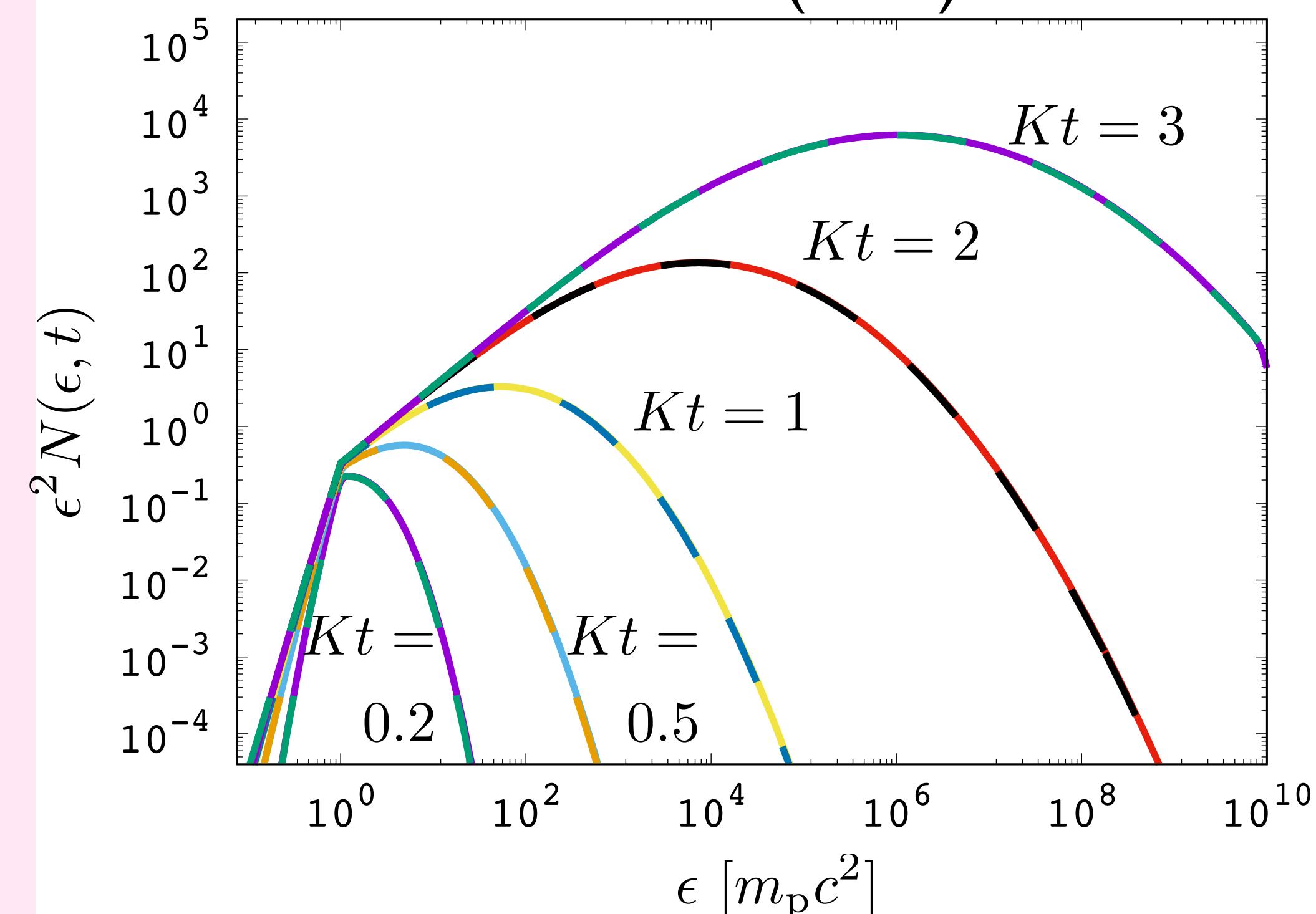
- Injection of CRPs which may be triggered by reconnections

$$\dot{\mathcal{N}}'_{\text{CRP}}^{\text{inj}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t') = \frac{\eta_{\text{inj}}}{m_p} \max(1, \frac{\beta_{\text{mag}}^{-2}}{|\mathbf{B}'|}) \frac{|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}'/Dt'|}{|\mathbf{B}'|} f_{\text{inj}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}).$$

$\eta_{\text{accel}} = 3 \times 10^5, \eta_{\text{inj}} = 10^{-3}$   
for our fiducial model

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{N}'_{\text{CRP}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t')}{\partial t'} = & \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}} \left[ D(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{N}'_{\text{CRP}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t')}{\partial \varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}} \right] \\ & - \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}} \left[ \frac{2D(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}})}{\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}} \mathcal{N}'_{\text{CRP}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t') \right] \\ & + \dot{\mathcal{N}}'^{\text{comp}}_{\text{CRP}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t') + \dot{\mathcal{N}}'^{\text{inj}}_{\text{CRP}}(\varepsilon'_{\text{CRP}}, t'), \end{aligned}$$

Test calculation comparing w/  
Asano & Meszaros (2016)



# Computation Method (3)

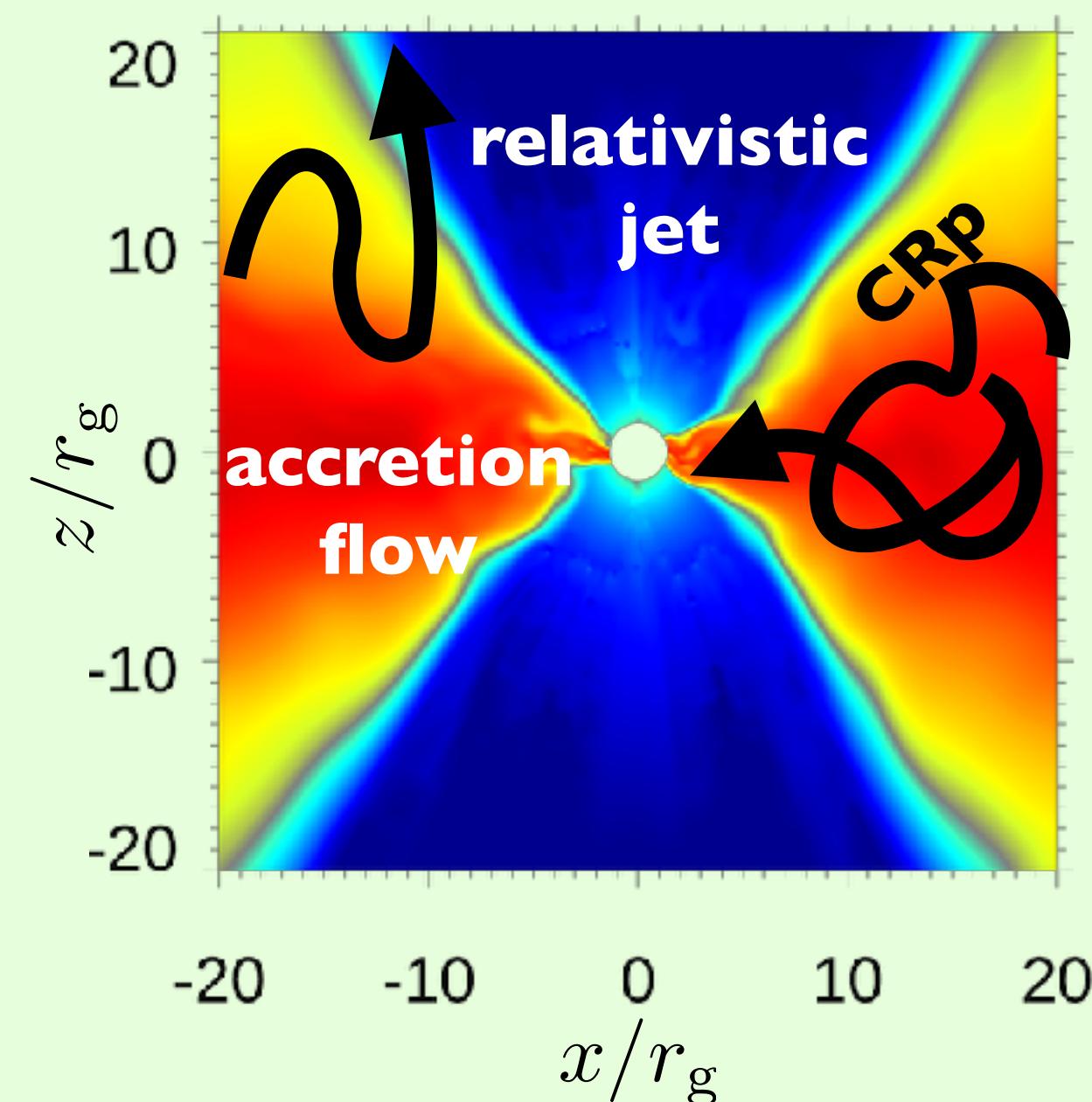
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- Kelner's semi-annalitic formula (Kelner + 2006) w/ pion production cross section (Kamae+ 2006, 2007).
- Gravitational redshift are taken into consideration

- Normalization by the time-averaged mass accretion rate onto BH and outflow rate:

$$\epsilon_\nu L_{\epsilon_\nu}^{(\text{inflow})} = \dot{M}_{\text{in}} \frac{\sum_{n_{\text{in}}} \int dt \epsilon_\nu \mathcal{E}_\nu^{(n_{\text{in}})}(\epsilon_\nu) w^{(n_{\text{in}})}}{\sum_{n_{\text{in}}} w^{(n_{\text{in}})}},$$

$$\epsilon_\nu L_{\epsilon_\nu}^{(\text{outflow})} = \dot{M}_{\text{out}} \frac{\sum_{n_{\text{out}}} \int dt \epsilon_\nu \mathcal{E}_\nu^{n_{\text{out}}}(\epsilon_\nu) w^{(n_{\text{out}})}}{\sum_{n_{\text{out}}} w^{(n_{\text{out}})}},$$



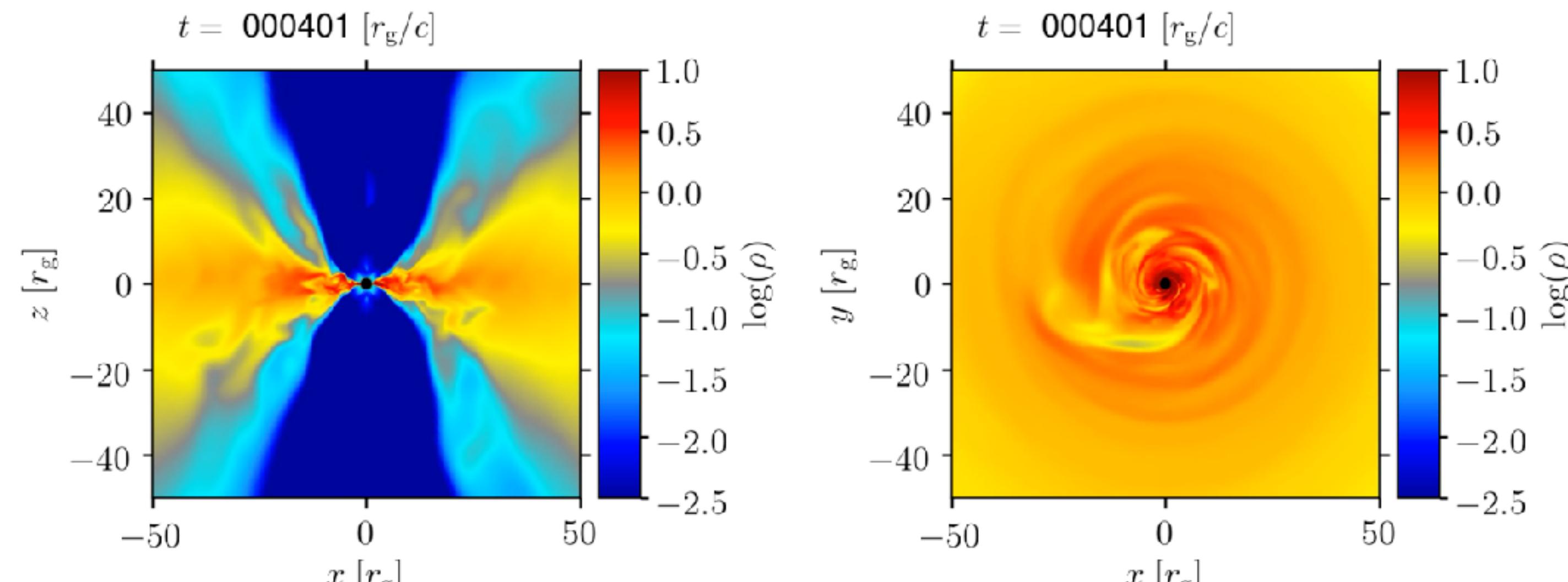
$$\mathcal{E}'_\nu(\epsilon'_\nu)$$

spectral neutrino emissivity per unit mass of proton

- No viewing angle dependence is considered.

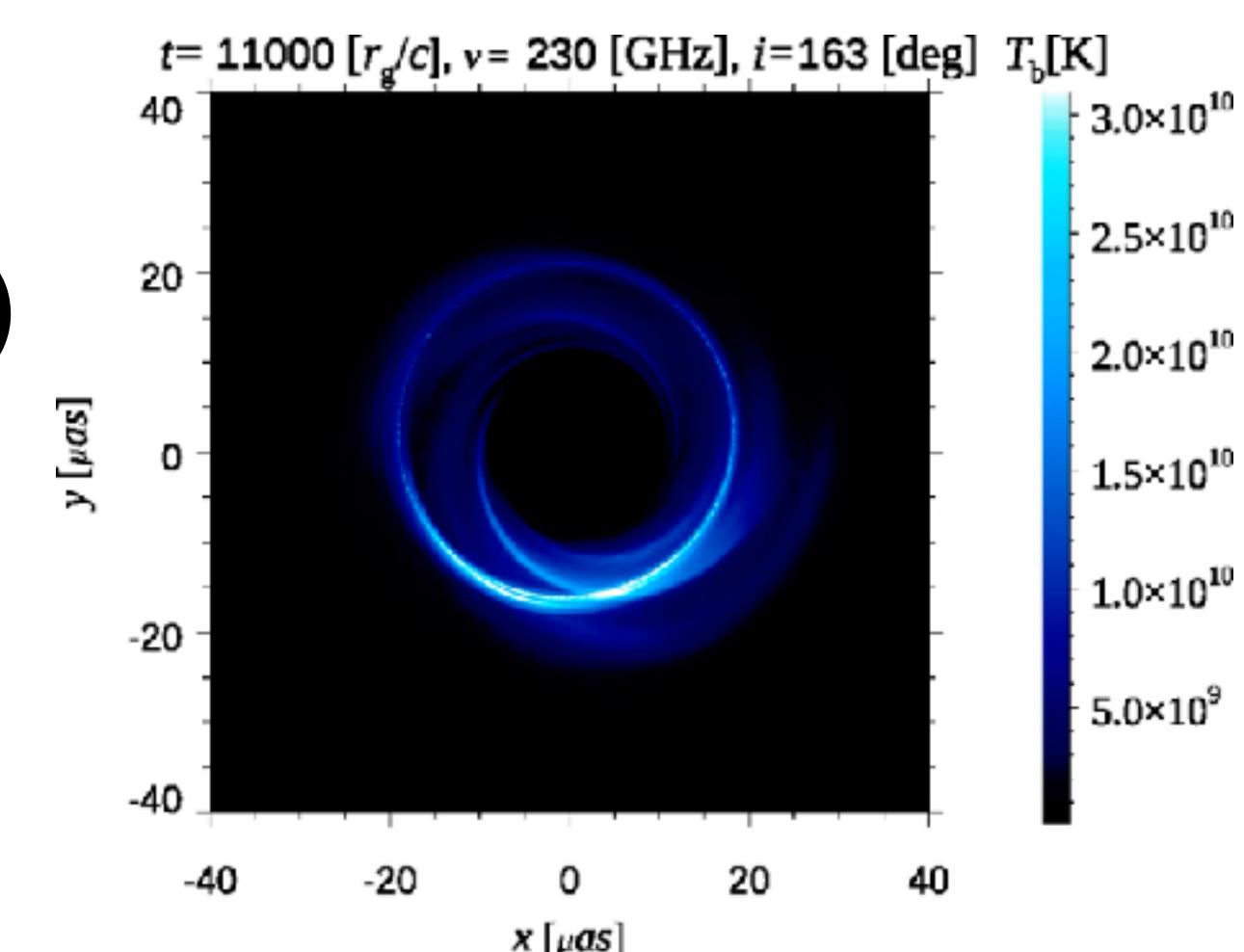
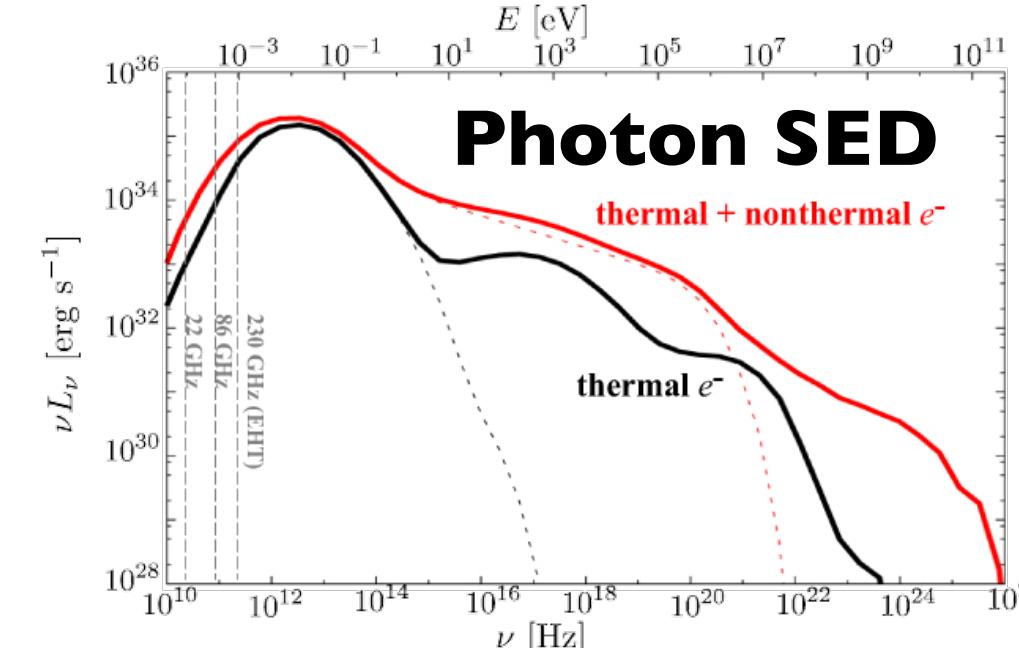
# Prospects

- Developing w/ more sophisticated acc. and inj. models
- Fully time-dependent computation of neutrino emission



Magnetically-Arrested Disk (MAD) simulation using UWABAMI code

- Incorporating  $p\gamma$  process fully coupling w/ multi-wavelength general relativistic radiative transfer code RAIKO (TK+23)



Neutrino associated w/ a gamma-ray flare in blazar TXS 0506+56 ?

