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Core-collapse supernovae in dense environments

Particle acceleration and non-thermal emission

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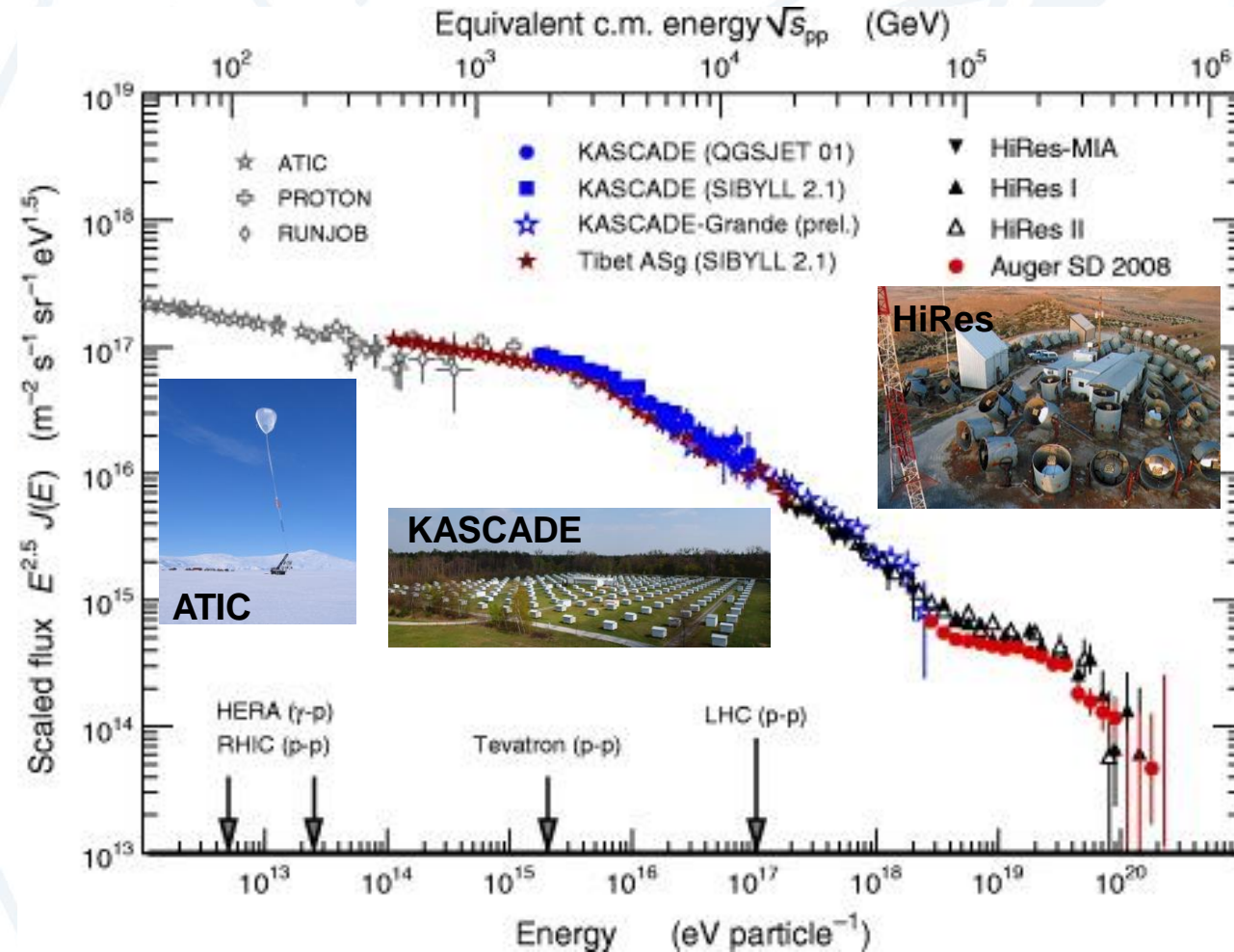


Galactic cosmic-rays

Possible sources

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Sources of Galactic CRs?

Supernova remnants?

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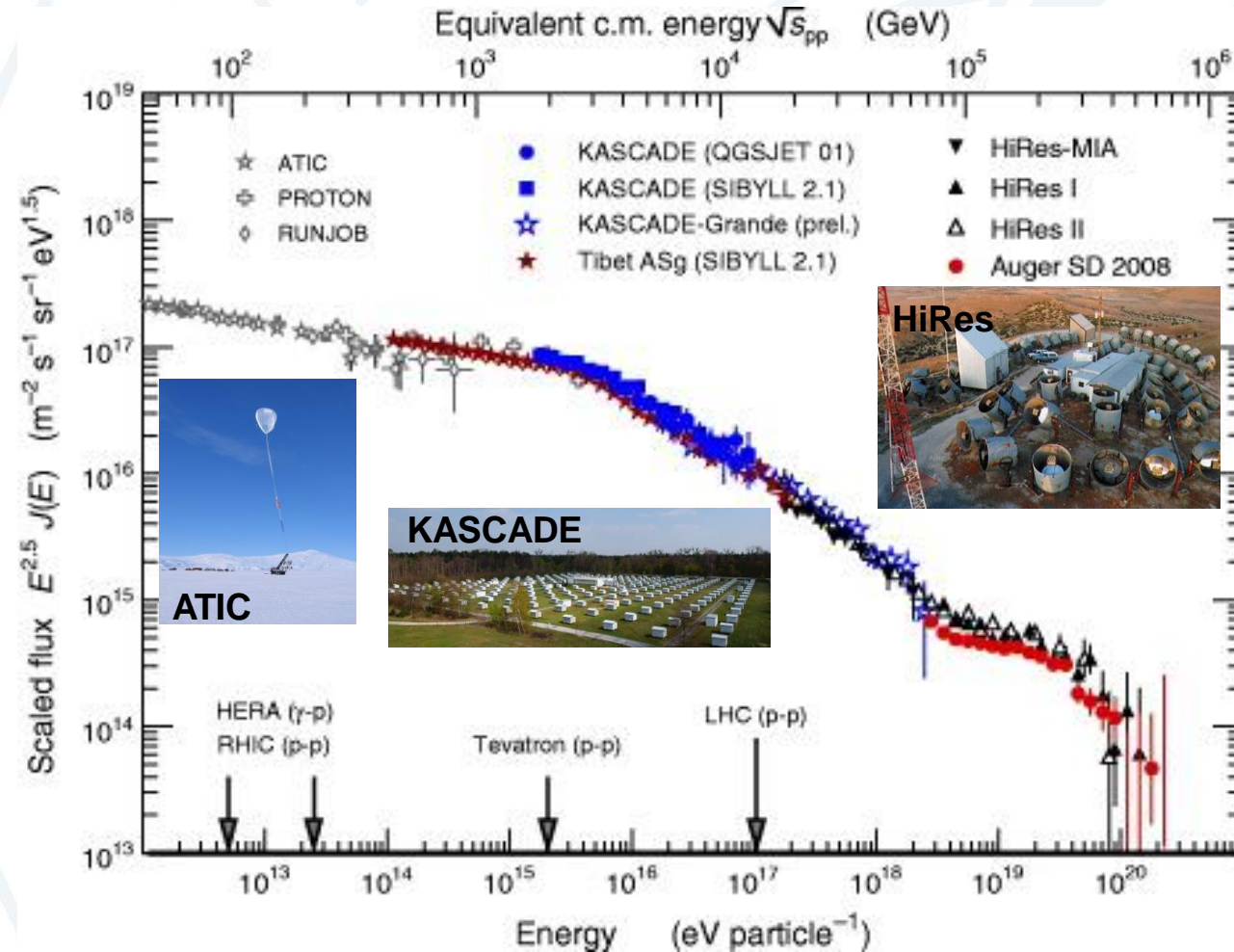


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Figure: IC443 – multi wavelength image (credit: Dieter Willasch)

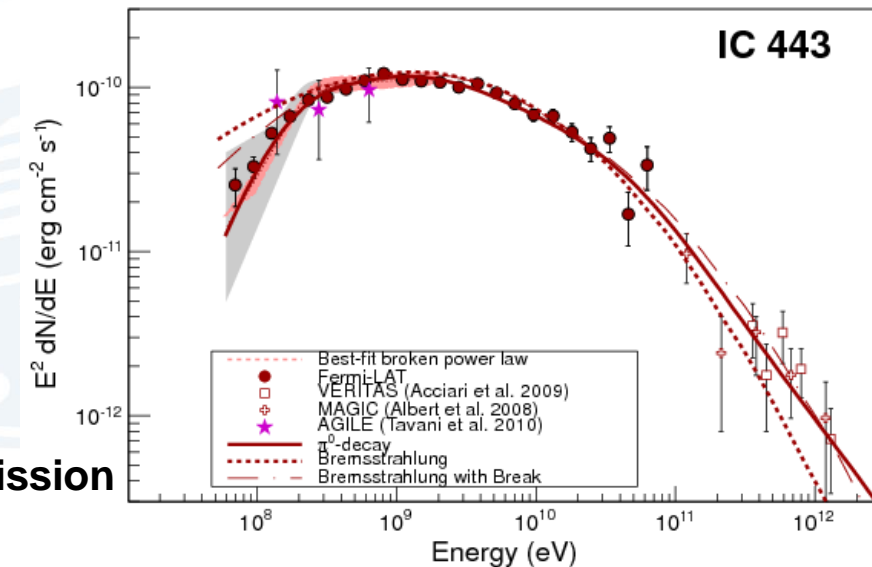


Figure: IC443 – gamma ray emission (Funk et al. 2013)

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Figure: Cas A, (credit: Chandra, NASA/CXC/SAO)

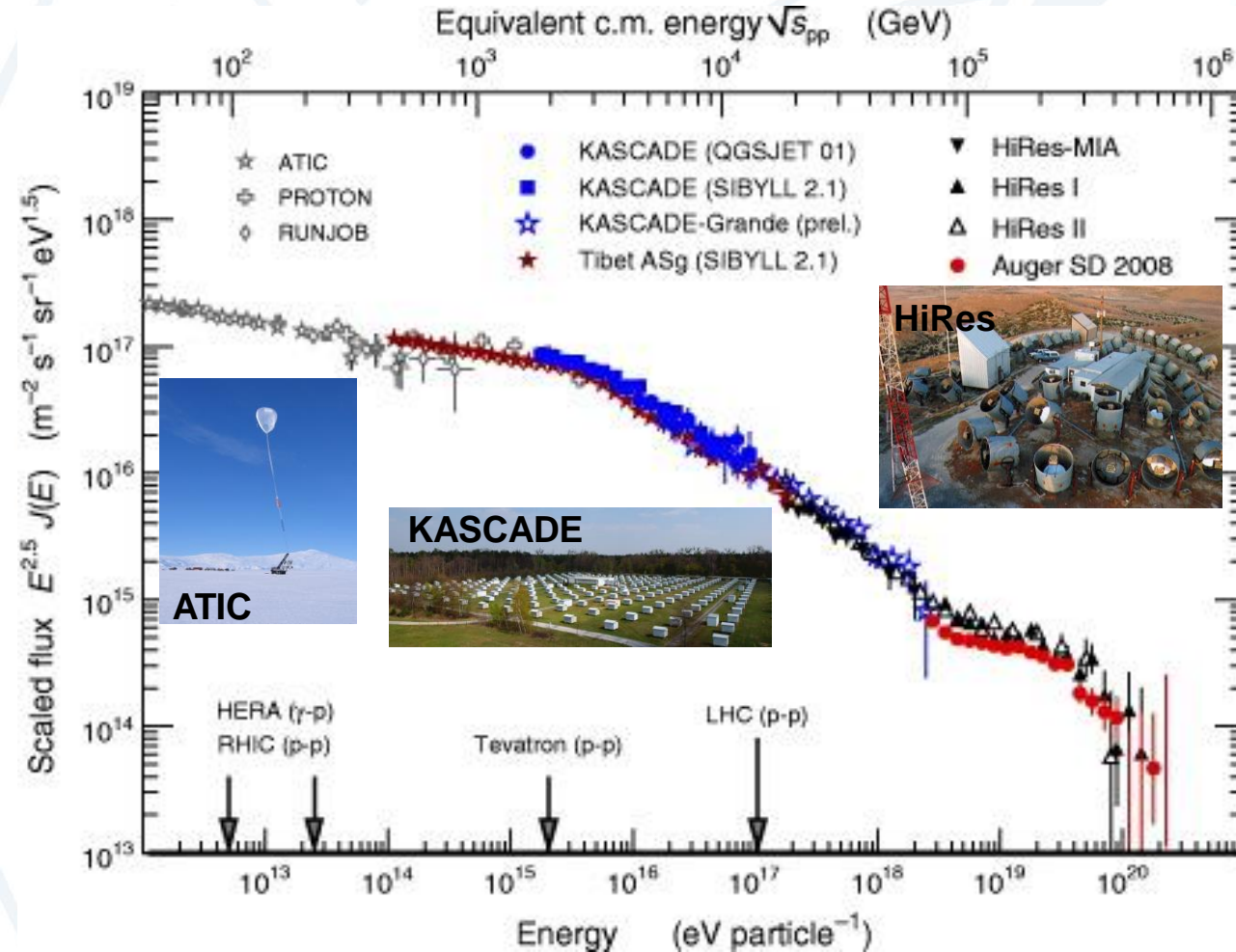


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Figure: SN1994D (credit: Hubble, NASA/ESA)

SNRs as cosmic-ray sources

Where to look

- High magnetic fields required →
Self-consistent amplification:

$$\Gamma_{\delta B} \propto \frac{\partial N_{CR}}{\partial r} \propto \rho_{CSM}$$

→ Progenitor stars with extreme mass-loss:
RSGs ↔ **Type-IIP SNe** (not today)
LBVs ↔ **Type-IIn SNe**

- Type-IIn SNe: Radio bright even after years and signs of CSM-interaction
- Theoretical models predict high-energy radiation if particle acceleration is efficient (e.g., Murase+2011, Marcowith+2018);
but only smooth winds so far

Radio Lightcurves for All SNe with Known Types

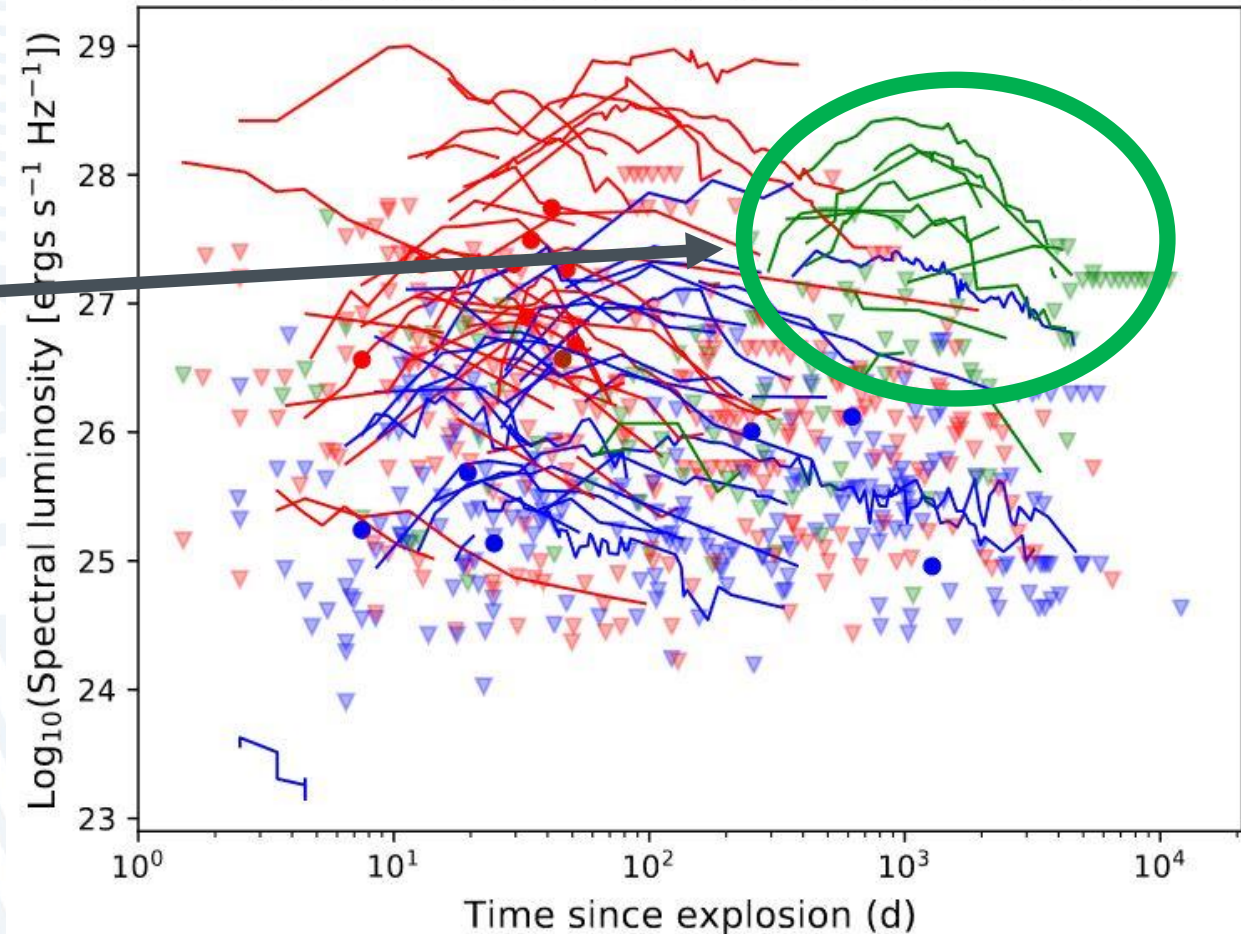


Figure: Early-time Radio emission from SNe of various types (Bietenholz et al.2021)

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Experimental evidence

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- H.E.S.S. Collaboration (2019) obtained upper limits on TeV emission from nearby CCSNe
- Ongoing HESS ToO programme so far has no detections
- Xi+(2020) detected γ -rays from the location of SN 2004dj, a bright and nearby SN IIP, with FERMI-LAT
- A recent variability analysis of FERMI-LAT data found evidence in support of 2 further detections (Prokhorov+2021).
- Also suggestion of increasing flux from SN1987A with FERMI-LAT (Malyshev+2019)

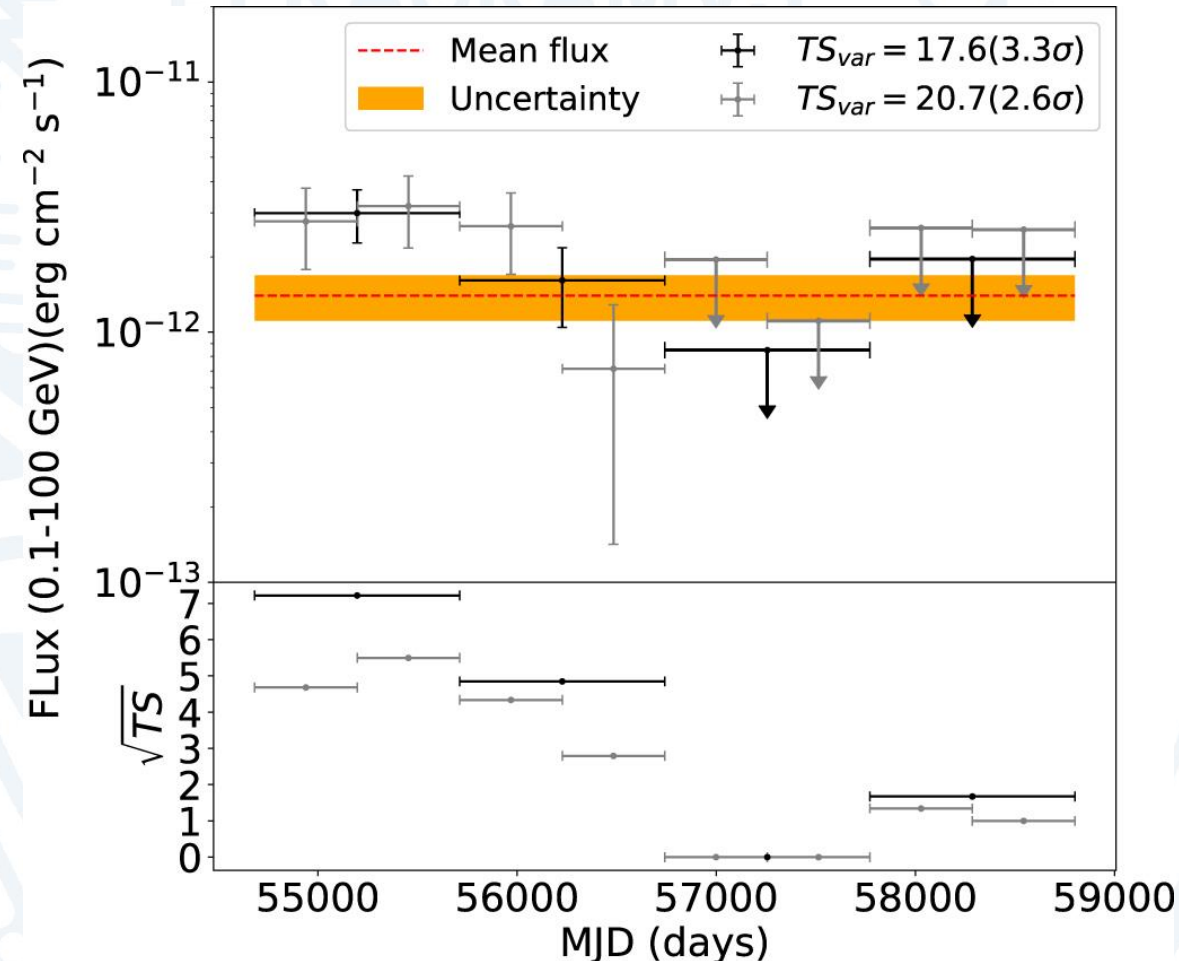


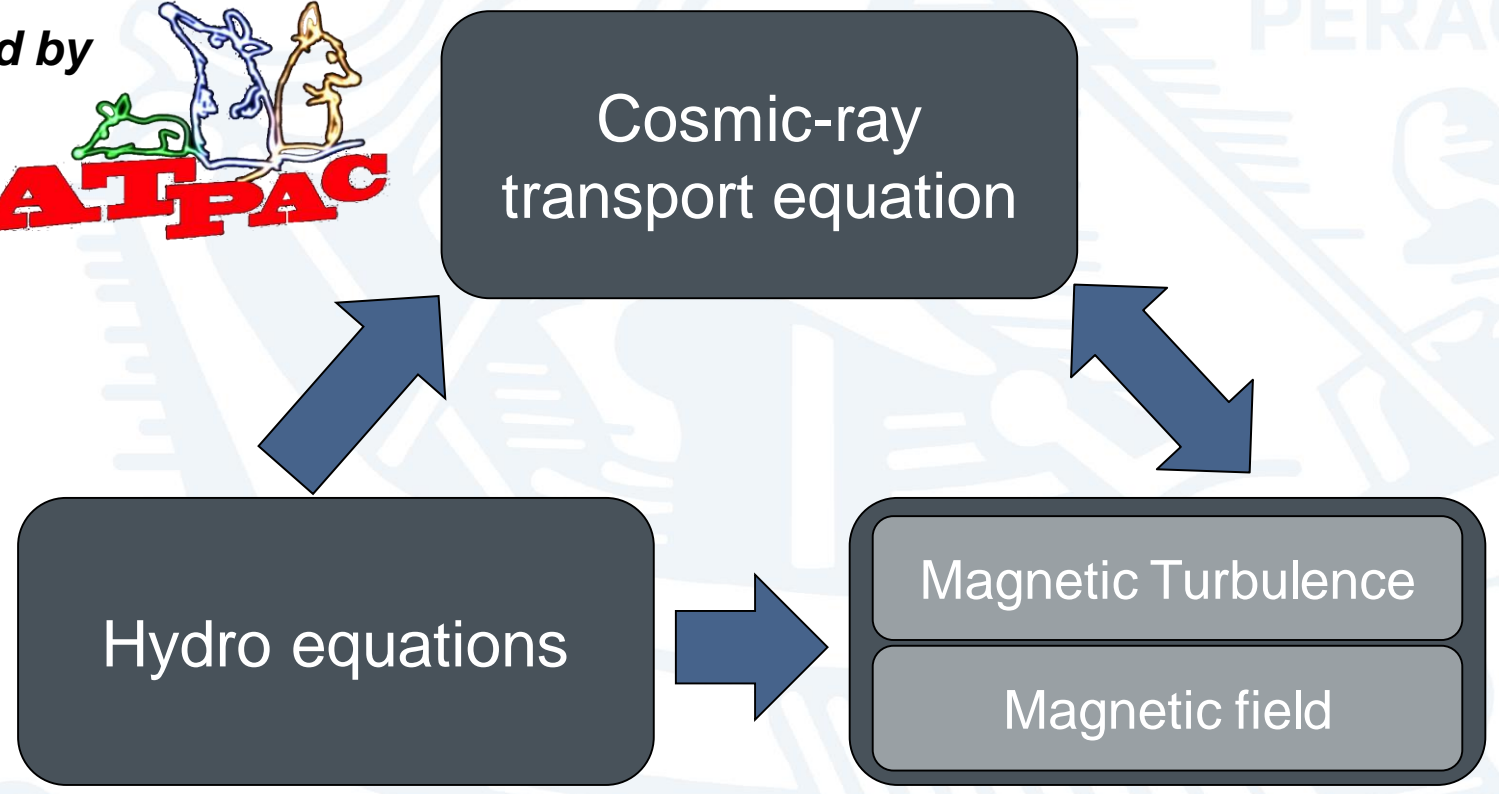
Figure: Light curve of the gamma-ray flux from SN 2004dj (Xi et al. 2020)

Fermi acceleration

Coupled equations

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Well-tested code in development since 2012

- 10+ papers
- 140+ citations

Standard DSA



Fermi acceleration

The equations

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\nabla D_r \nabla N}_{\text{Diffusion}} - \underbrace{\nabla v N}_{\text{Advection}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(N \dot{p} - \frac{v}{3} N p \right)}_{\text{Cooling Acceleration}} + \underbrace{Q}_{\text{Injection}}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_W}{\partial t} = - \underbrace{(v \nabla_r E_W + c \nabla_r v E_W)}_{\text{Advection + Compression}} + \underbrace{k^3 \nabla_k D_k \nabla_k \frac{E_W}{k^3}}_{\text{Cascading}} + \underbrace{2(\Gamma_g - \Gamma_d) E_W}_{\text{Growth + Damping}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \mathbf{m} \\ E \end{pmatrix} + \nabla \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{m} \mathbf{v} + (P) \mathbf{I} \\ (E + P) \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \frac{P}{\gamma - 1} = E$$

The equations are solved:

- One dimensional
- Spherically symmetric
- Monoenergetic injection
- Including Synchrotron and inverse-Compton cooling for electrons
- On a comoving, expanding grid for turbulence and CRs → no free escape boundary

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Turbulence setup

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Initial turbulence derived from 1/10th
of the Galactic diffusion coefficient

$$\rightarrow D_r(t=0) = 10^{28} \left(\frac{pc}{10\text{GeV}} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{B_0}{3\mu\text{G}} \right)^{-1/3} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$$

Growth rate based on pressure
gradient of CRs (resonant CR-
instability x10)

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_r = 10 \frac{v_A p^2 v}{3E_W} \left| \frac{\partial N}{\partial r} \right|$$

Damping as diffusion in
wavenumber space

$$\rightarrow D_k = k^3 v_A \sqrt{\frac{E_W}{2B_0^2}}$$



Hydrodynamic Setup

SNe expanding into a steady wind medium

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“Luminous Blue Variable (LBV)” model ([Brose et al. 2022](#))

- Dense and powerful wind from a massive star
- $\dot{M} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}; 3 \cdot 10^{-4} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
- $v_{\infty} = 100 \text{ km/s}$
- Model 1: fixed **5 μG** magnetic field in the wind at all radii
- Model 2: **1 G at 1000 R_{sun}** stellar field with $B \propto r^{-1}$ at large r
- $E = 10^{51} \text{ erg}$, $M_{ej} = 10 M_{\odot}$, density power-law index $n = 10$, Initial ejecta-radius: 10^{14} cm .

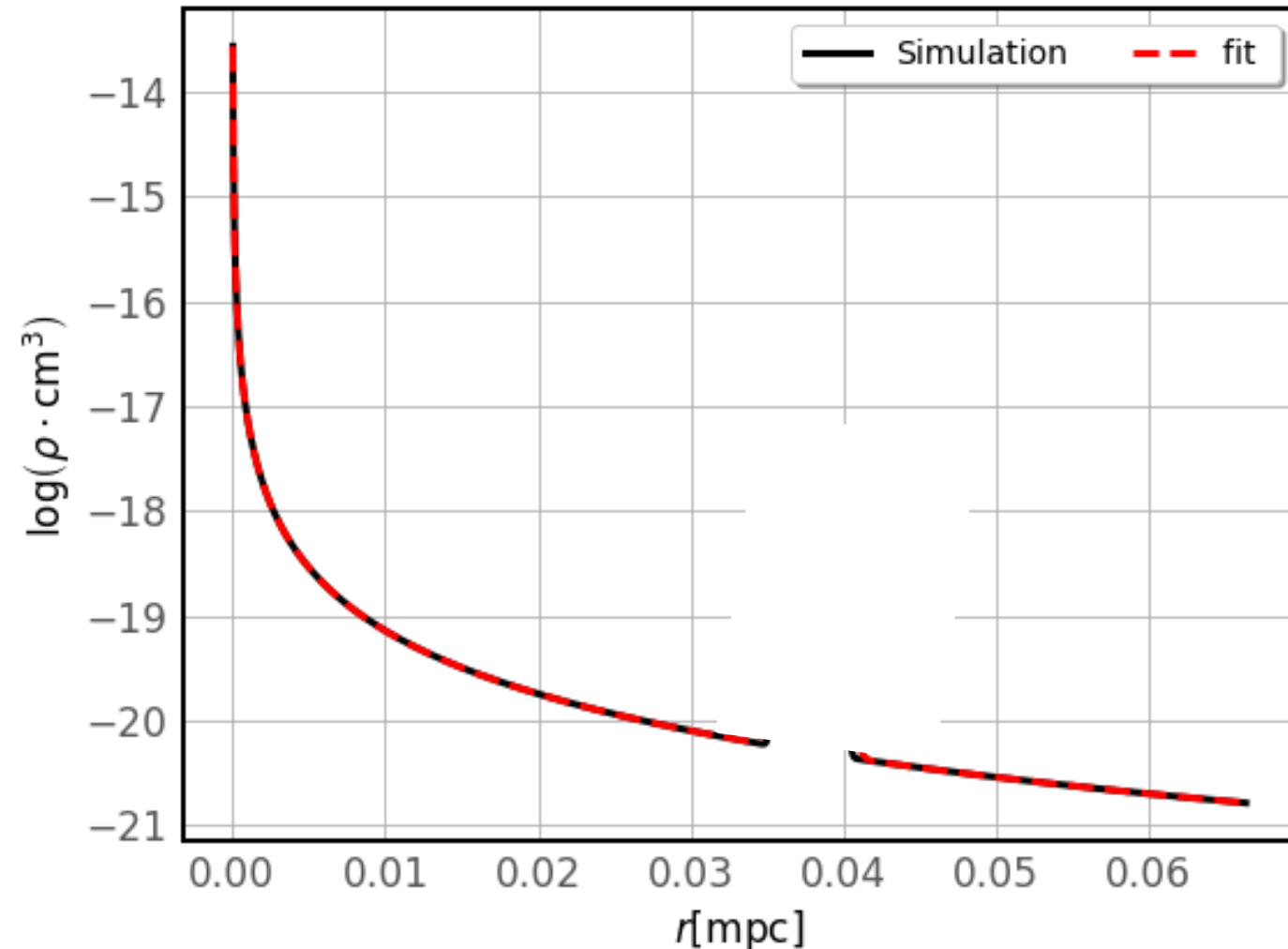


Figure: CSM-structure for a LBV with a smooth wind (example plot)

Non-thermal particle distribution

Interaction with inhomogeneous media: LBV

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- Adding a (gaussian) CSM-shell with:

$$\begin{aligned}M_{\text{shell}} &= 2M_{\odot} \\R_{\text{shell}} &\approx 30\text{ mpc} \\D_{\text{shell}} &\approx 1\text{ mpc}\end{aligned}$$

- Modest steady mass-loss with:
 $\dot{M} = 10^{-4}M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

- Shock-shell interaction after
 $\approx 100\text{ days}$

- Interaction triggers reflected shocks – shock-shock interactions after:
 $\approx 124\text{ days} + \approx 2.8\text{ yrs}$

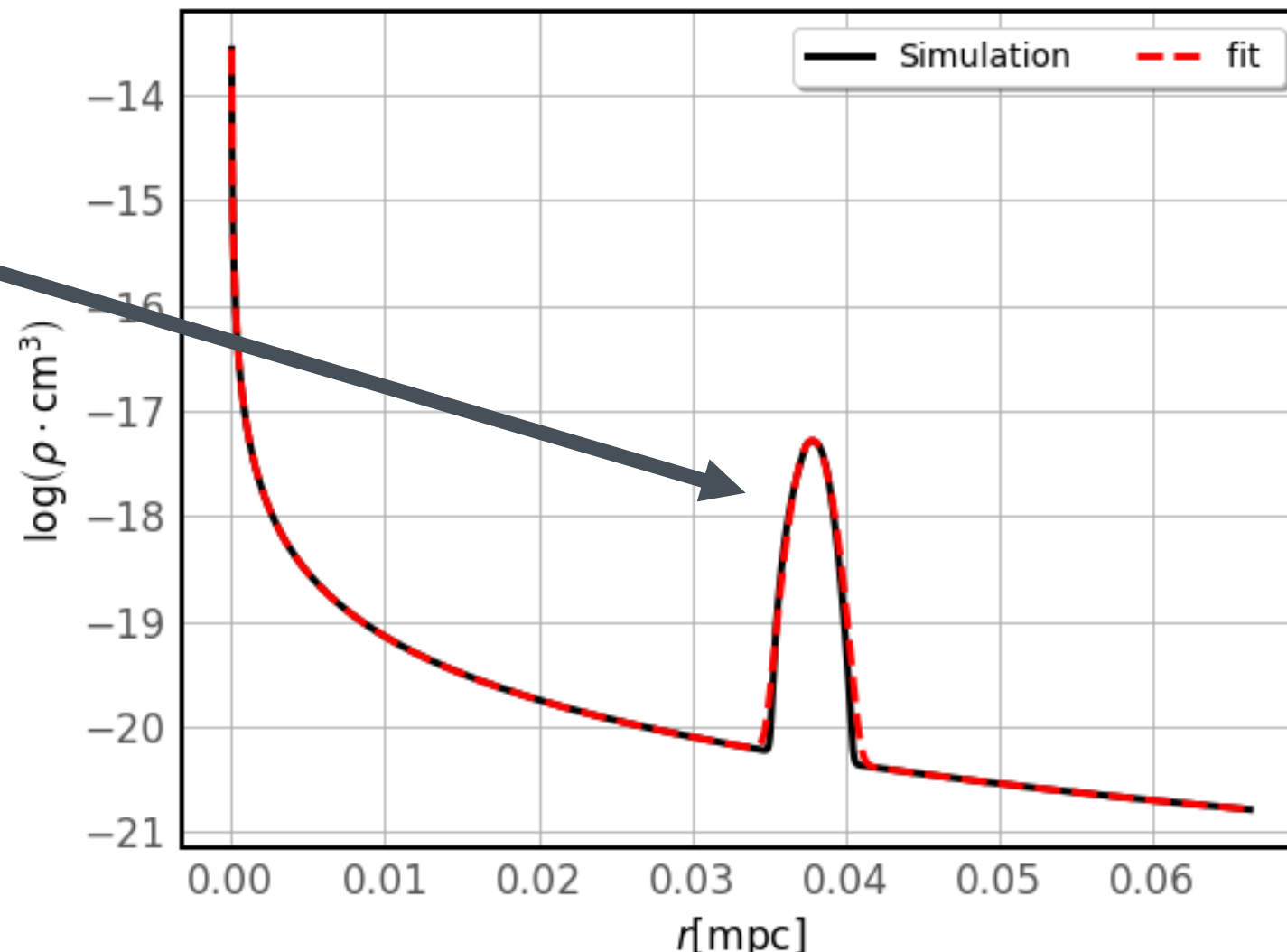


Figure: CSM-structure for a LBV with a episode of high mass-loss in the past (example plot)

Results

Thermal X-ray emission

Model vs. measurement

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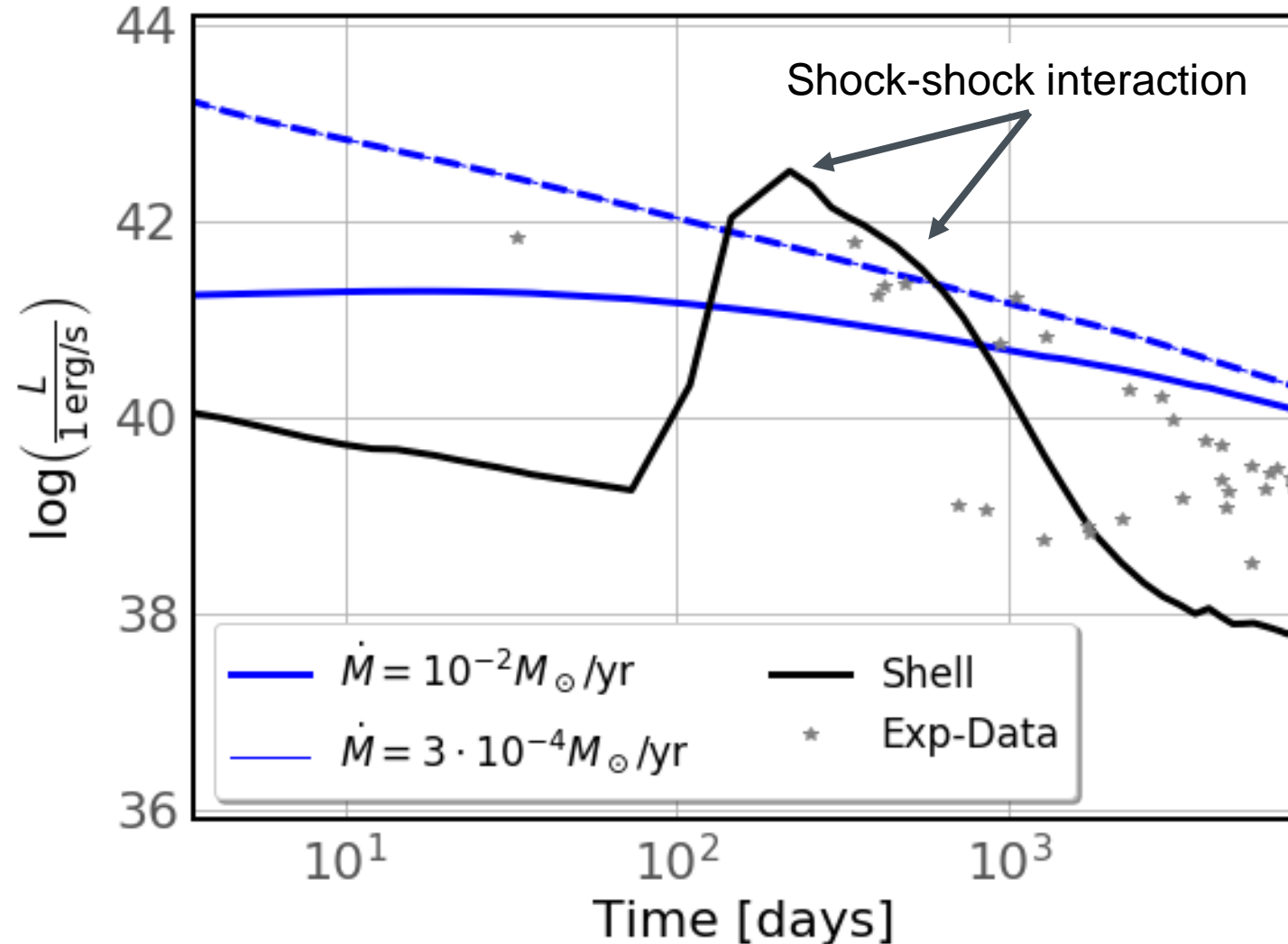
Smooth wind:

- Continuum X-ray emission from post-shock medium
- X-ray absorption by traces of heavy elements → only relevant for very-high mass-loss rates (dashed vs. solid blue)

Shell:

- Peak-luminosity consistent with observational values
- Shock-shock interaction might cause additional rebrightening-features

Figure: X-ray luminosity over time.



Non-thermal particle distribution

Time evolution of the maximum energy

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- Fit spectrum with power-law plus exponential cutoff $\rightarrow E_{\max}$
- **Acceleration time** is **~ 1 month** to get to quasi-steady state

Smooth wind:

- $E_{\max} \approx 700$ TeV for LBV (high \dot{M} , $B \propto r^{-1}$) (stellar field is already quite strong)

Shell:

- Shock-shell interaction reduces E_{\max} of freshly accelerated CRs
- Reaccelerated shock after shell passage propagates into amplified field of previously escaped CRs \rightarrow Boost to E_{\max}

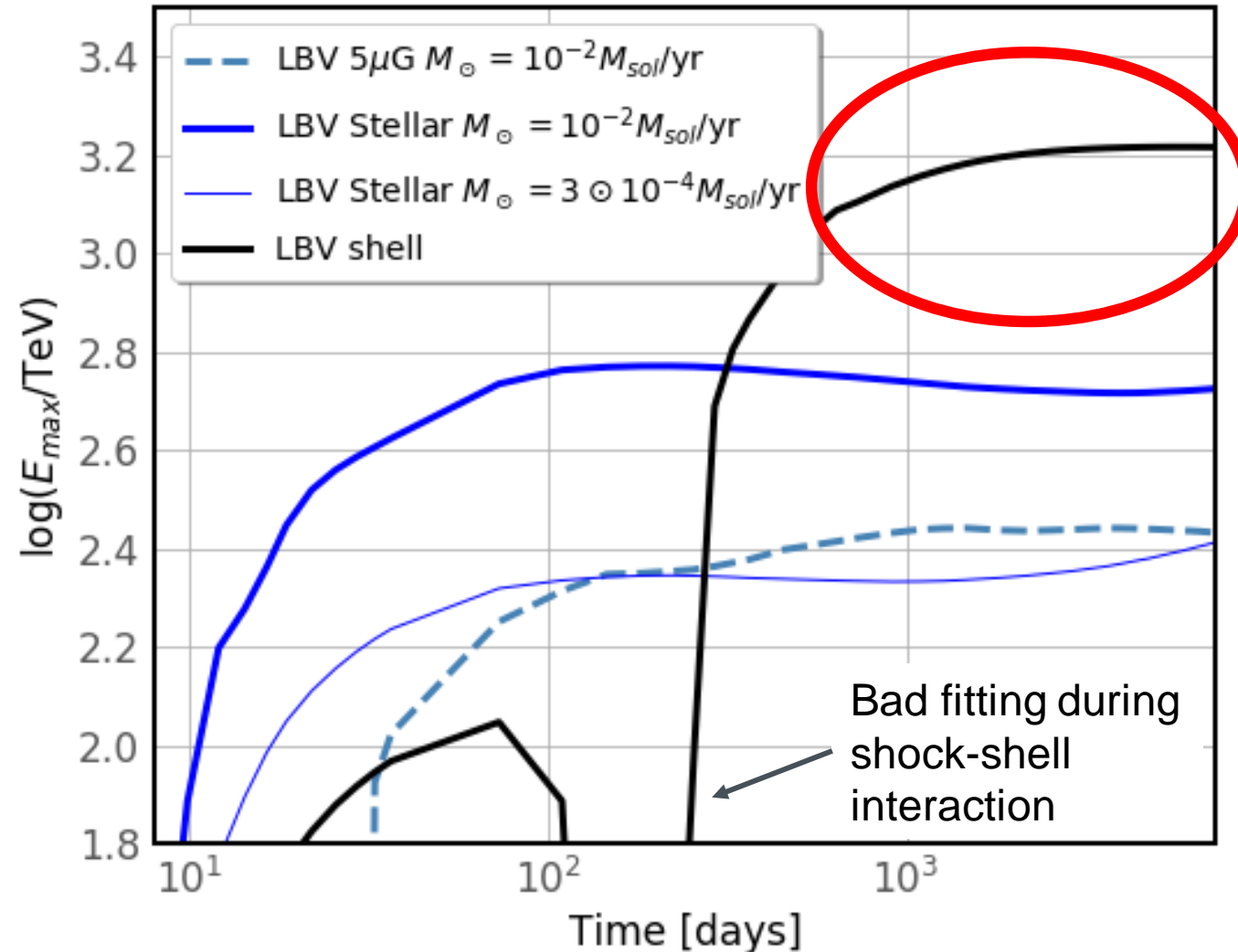


Figure: Maximum energy over time.

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Time evolution of the maximum energy

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E_{\max} is boosted by shell-interaction

$$E_{\max} \geq 1\text{PeV}$$

- The earlier the interaction with the shell, the higher the maximum energy
- $E_{\max} > 1\text{PeV}$ if interaction before $\sim 100\text{days}$

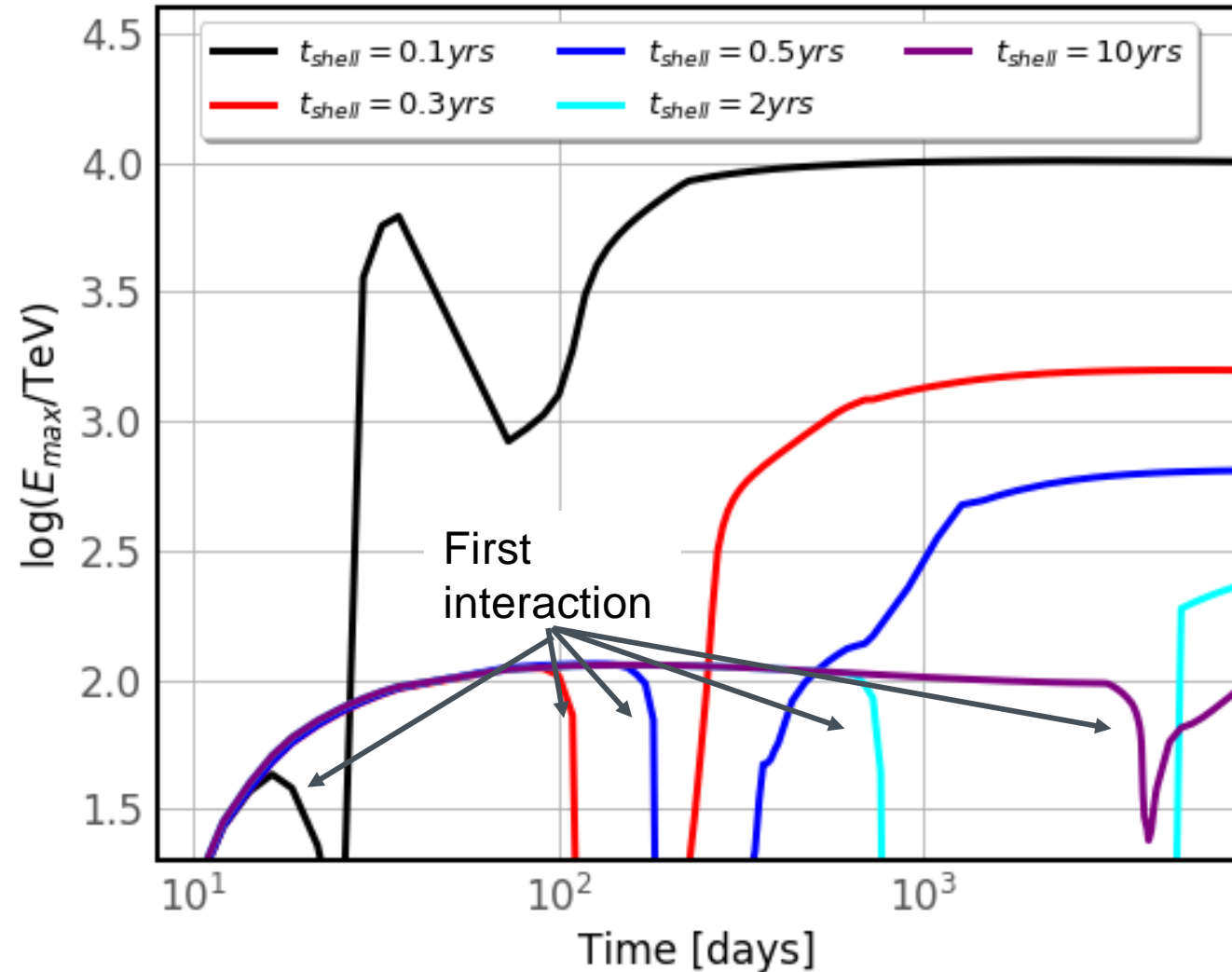


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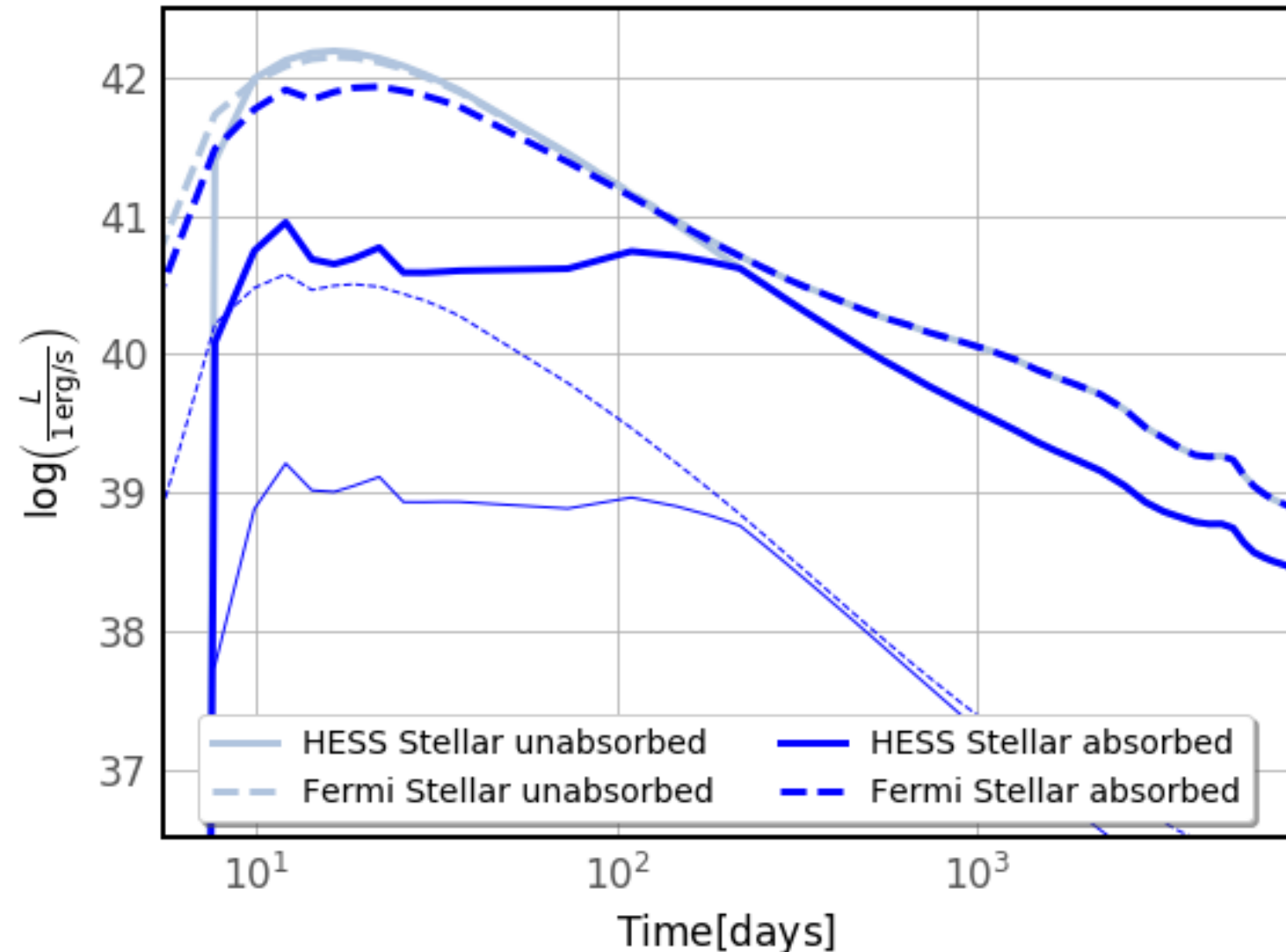
Gamma-ray emission

Time evolution of gamma-ray emission

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- Gamma-gamma absorption (SN-photosphere):
Strong attenuation in the TeV-range
- **Fluxes well below experimental upper-limits even for extreme mass loss**

Figure: Gamma-ray luminosity over time.



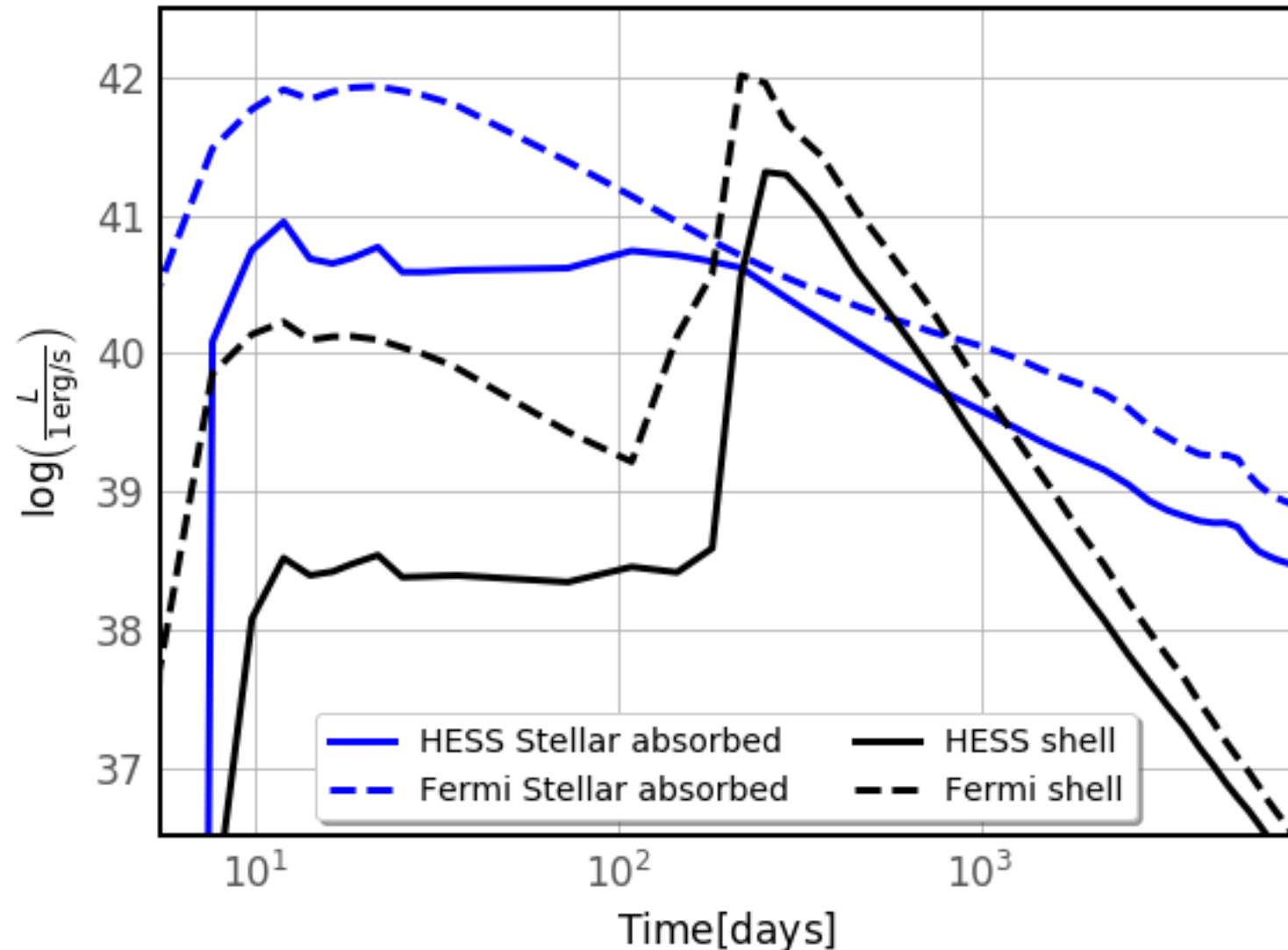
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Time evolution of gamma-ray emission

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- Peak-luminosity in HE gamma-rays after ~220days
- Peak-luminosity in VHE gamma-rays **5-10x above** steady-mass-loss case → **Lack of absorption**; reached after ~260days
- Fast-rising luminosities but ~40days shift between HE and VHE peaks
- Very-fast ($\propto t^{-4}$) decline after shock-shell interaction → short observational time-window

Figure: Gamma-ray luminosity over time.



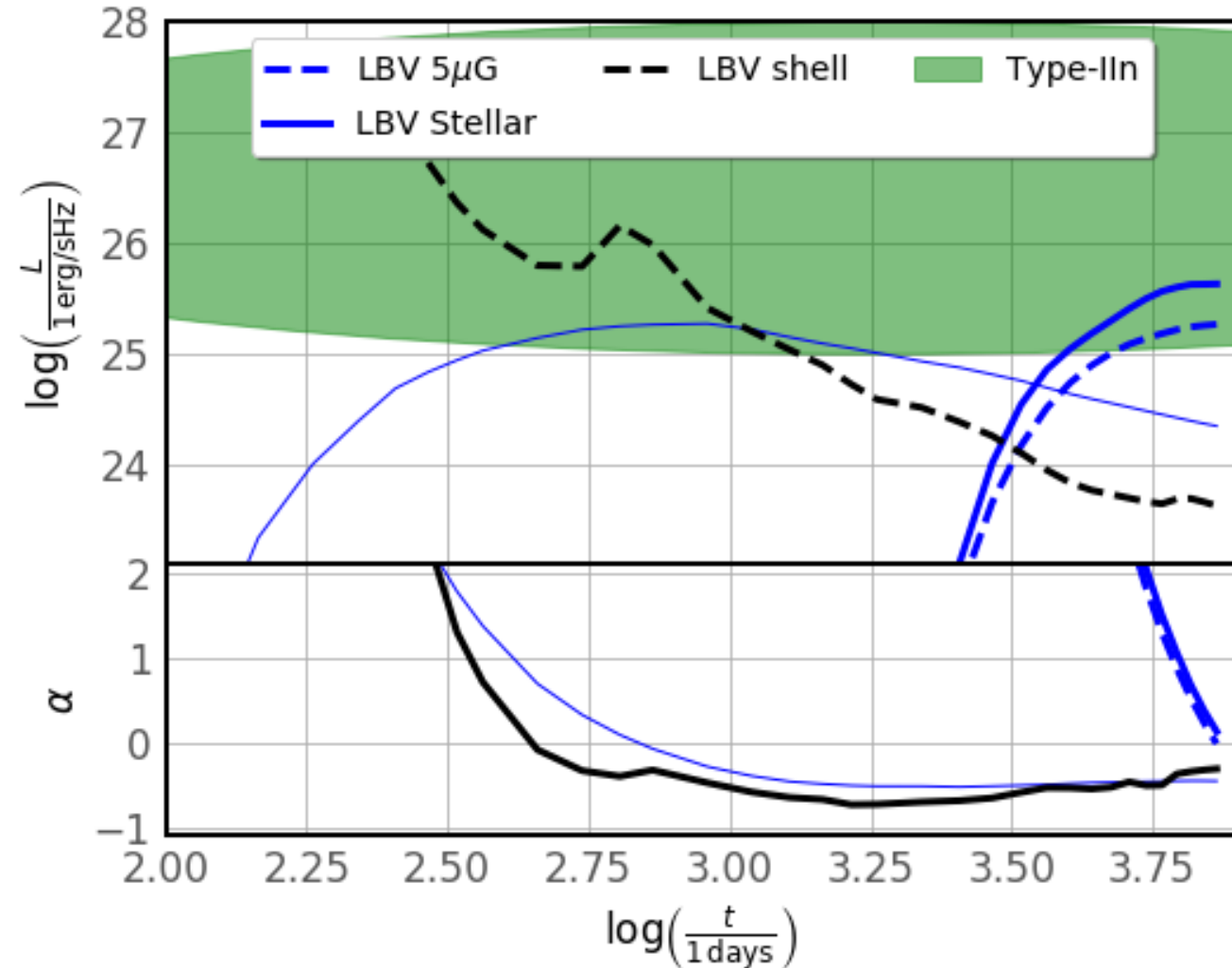
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Radio emission

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Smooth wind:

- Radio emission rise-times and peak-luminosities consistent with observations
- Injection-fraction based on historical remnants (e.g. SN1006) and magnetic field-amplification automatically produce the right radio-flux
- Strong spectral-index evolution due to free-free absorption



Figure(top):

Radio luminosity at 8GHz.

Figure(right):

Radio spectral-index 8GHz.

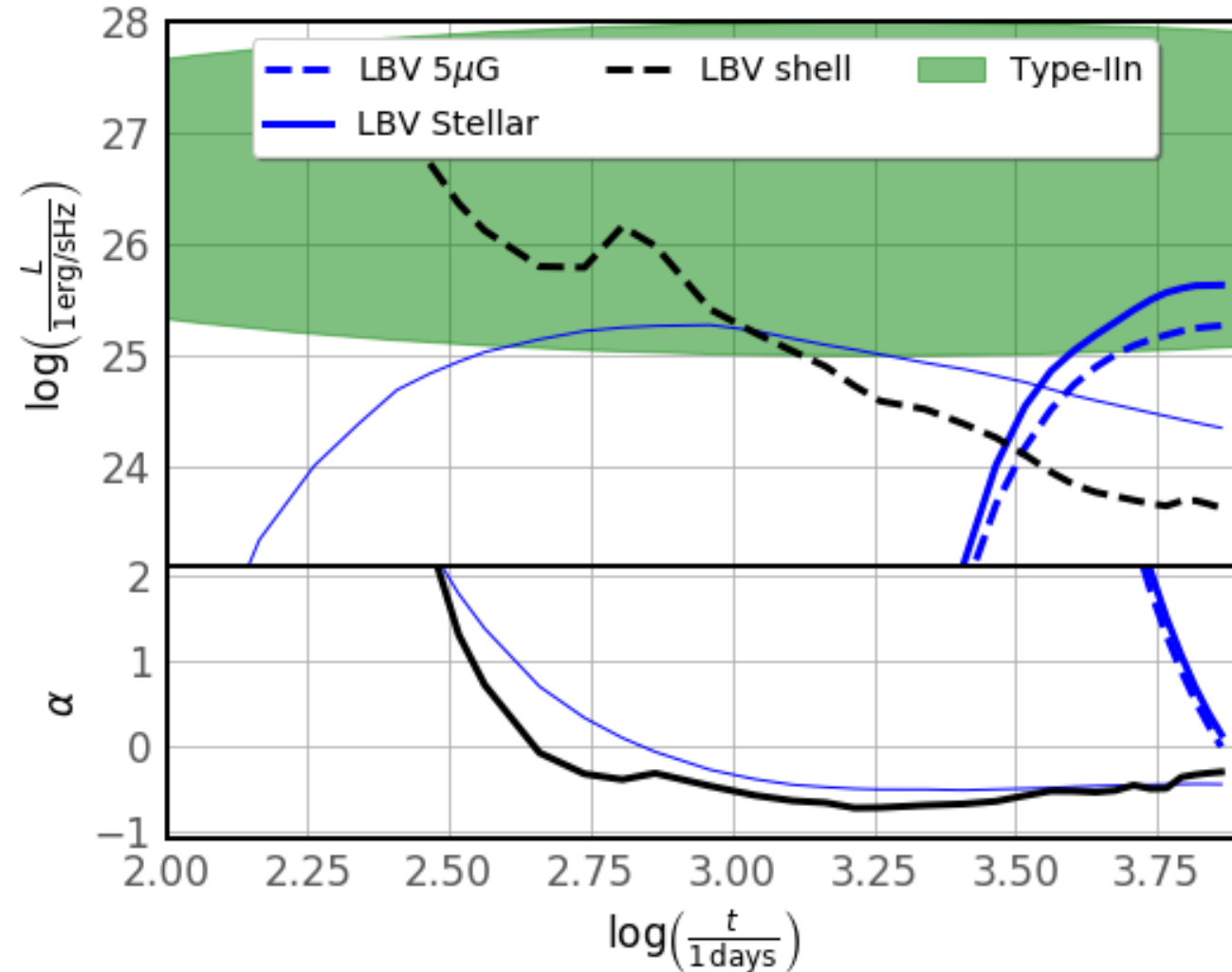
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Shell:

- Complete absorption when $R_{shock} < R_{shell}$
- First peak reached after ~ 300 days
→ **peaks after gamma-ray emission**
- **Soft-radio index** due to shock-shell interaction
- **~ 10 times brighter** than in smooth wind



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Conclusions and future work

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- 1D time-dependent modelling of hydrodynamics, particle acceleration, magnetic-turbulence and high-energy radiation, from SN expanding into LBV (and RSG winds; see Brose et al 2022)

Smooth wind:

- **Unlikely to be PeVatrons** (see also [Brose et al. 2022](#))
- Detection horizon of $\sim 3\text{Mpc}$ for LBVs
- Good agreement between observed and predicted Radio-emission

Shells:

- **Late-time re-brightening** at GeV, TeV gamma-rays, Radio and thermal X-rays
- Better detection-prospects due to reduced absorption in the VHE-domain \rightarrow **5-10x brighter**
- Strong spectral index-evolution in the Radio due-to shell-interaction: hardening after shell-interaction (as observed in SN1987A)
- **Possible PeVatrons \rightarrow Closer shells = higher E_{max}**

Thank you for your attention!