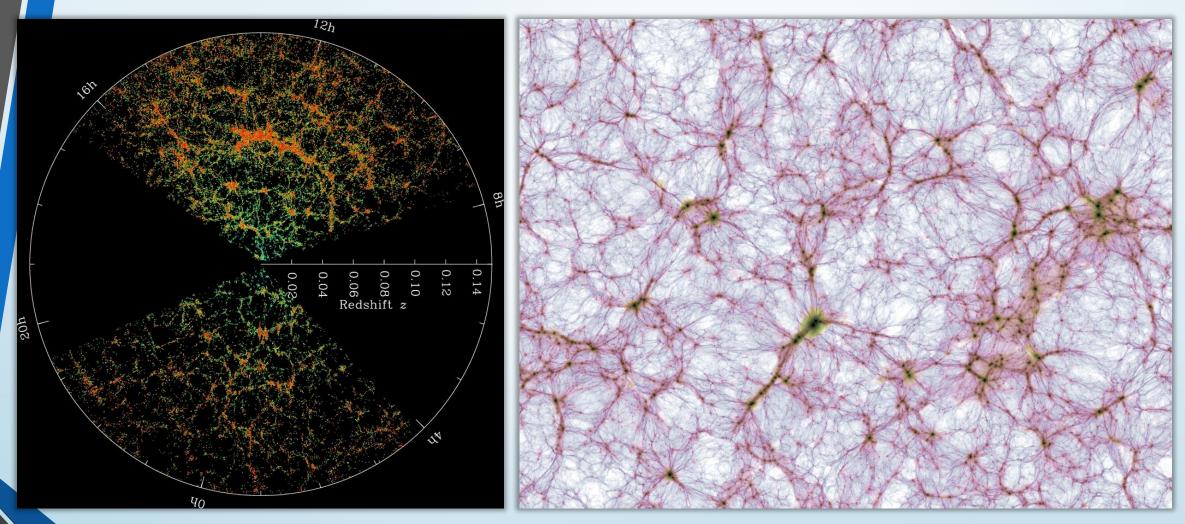
## Plasma Instabilities of TeV Pair Beams induced by Blazars

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#### **Cosmic Voids**



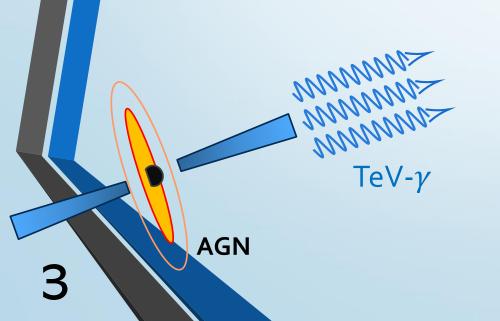
600 Mpc Sloan Digital Sky Survey

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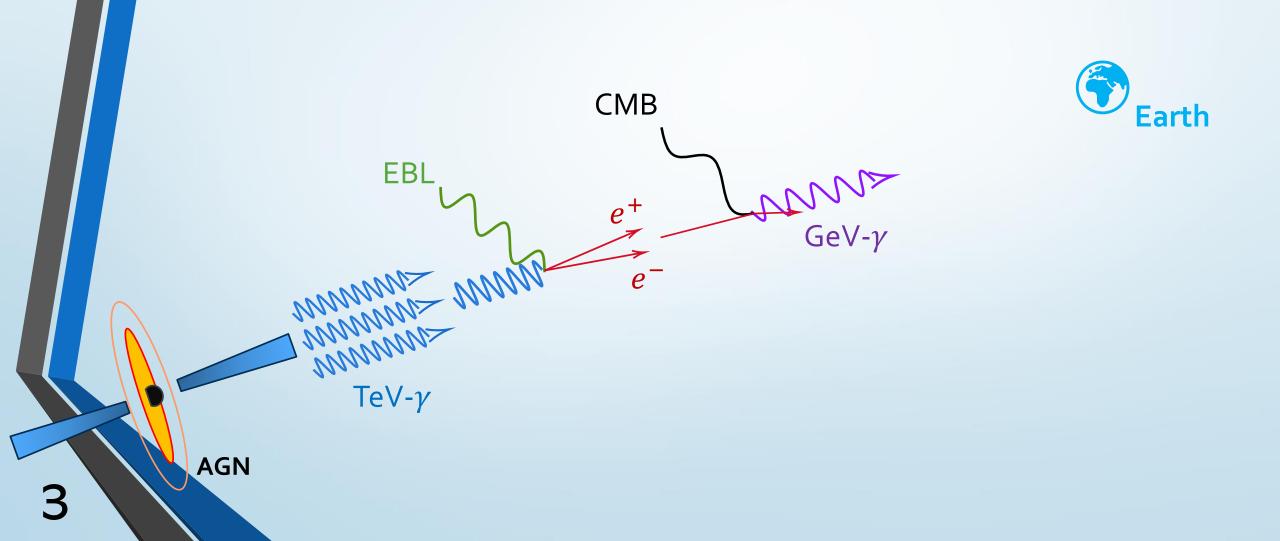
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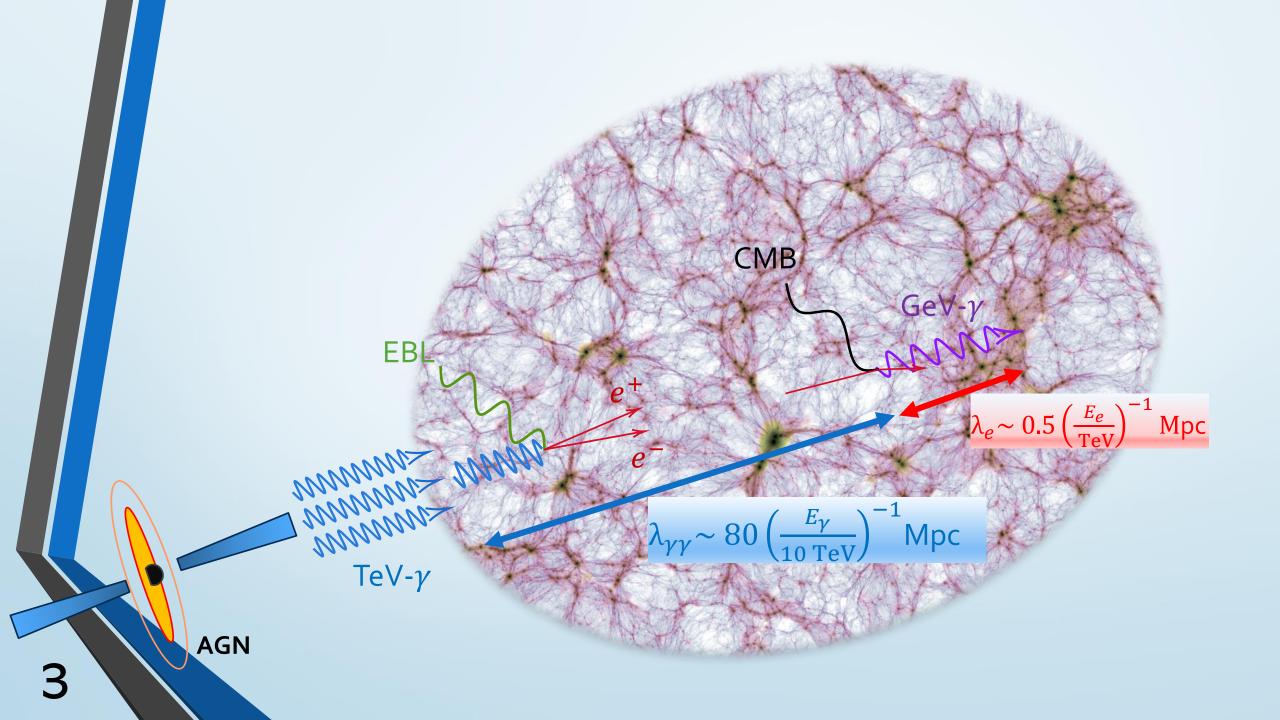
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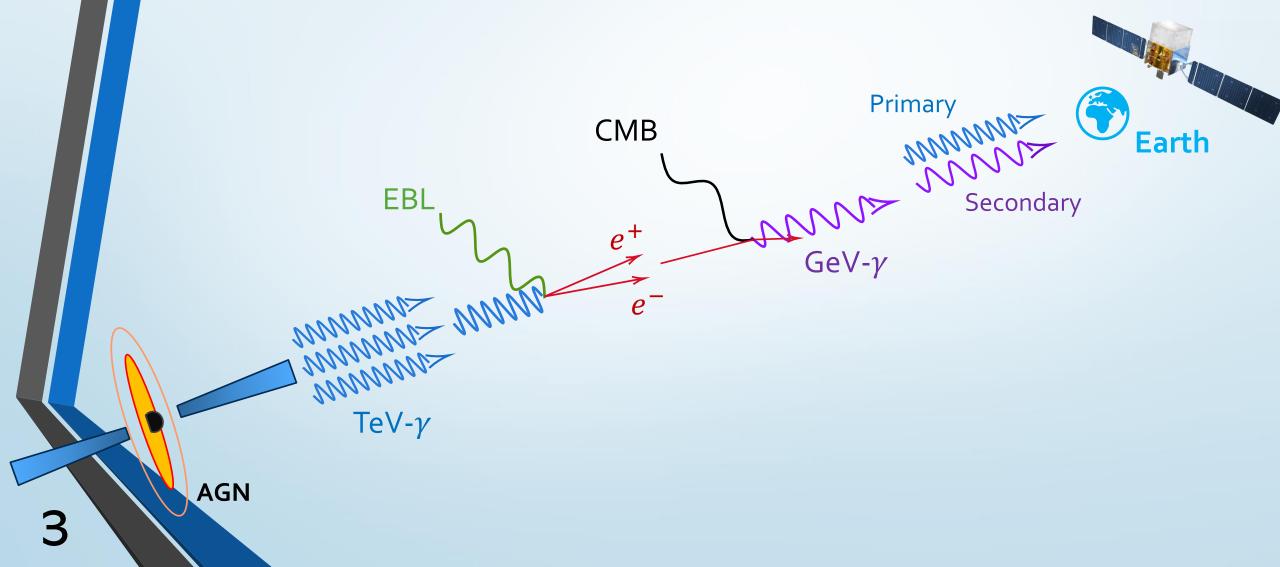


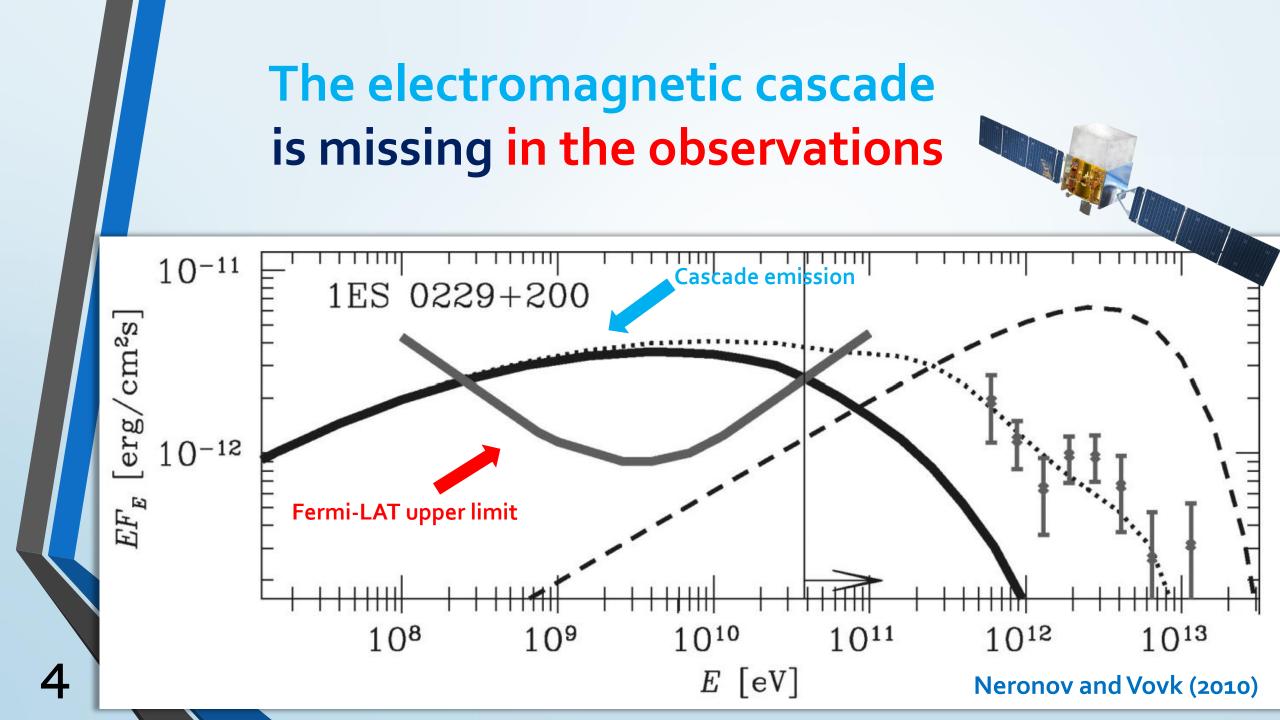
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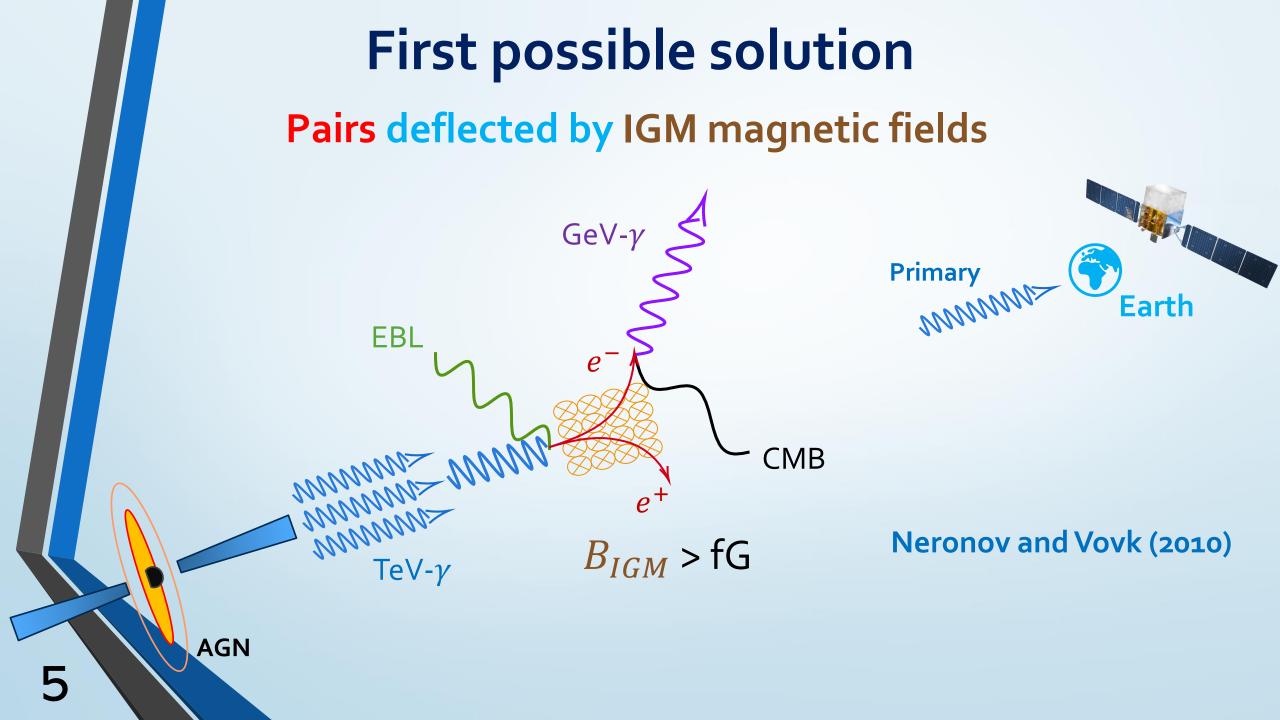


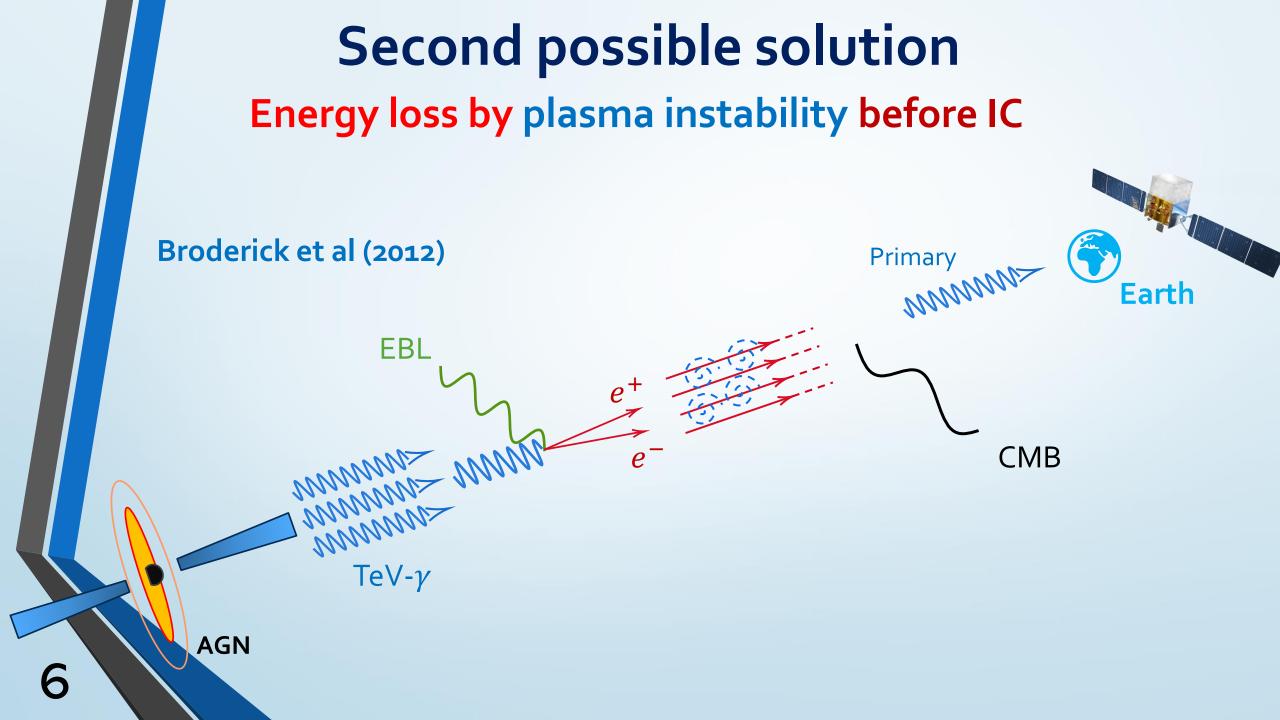


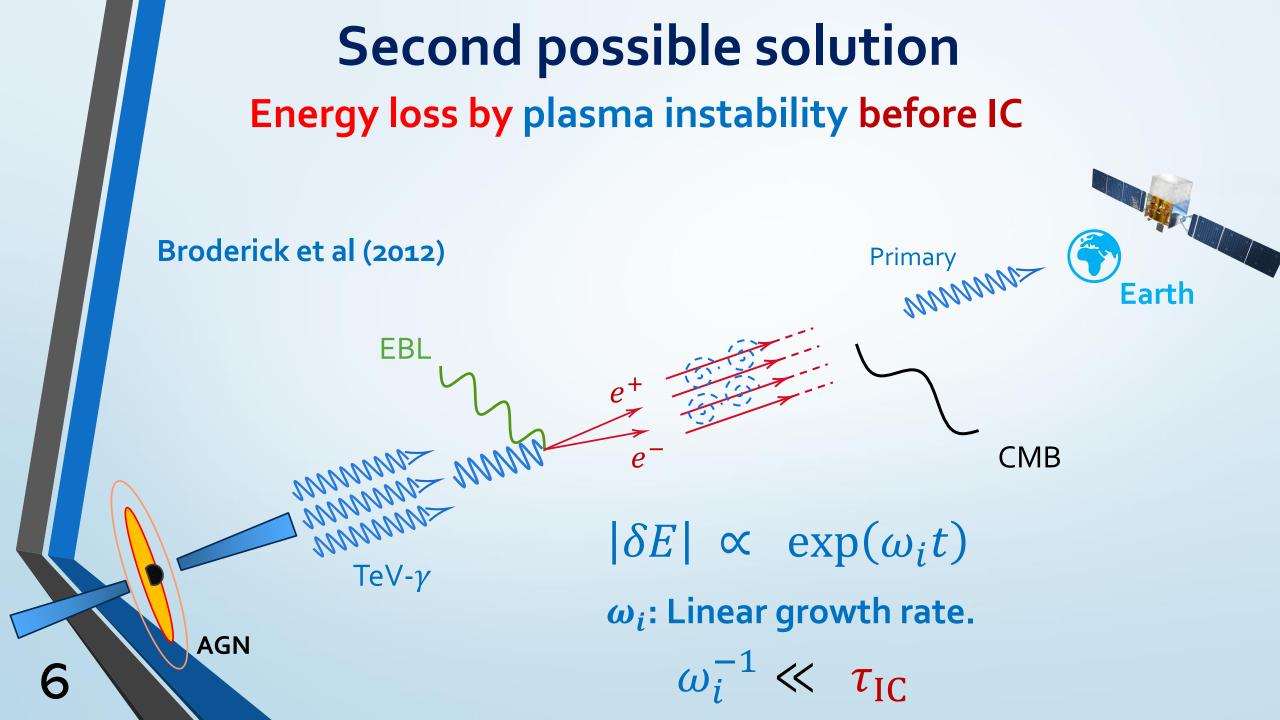
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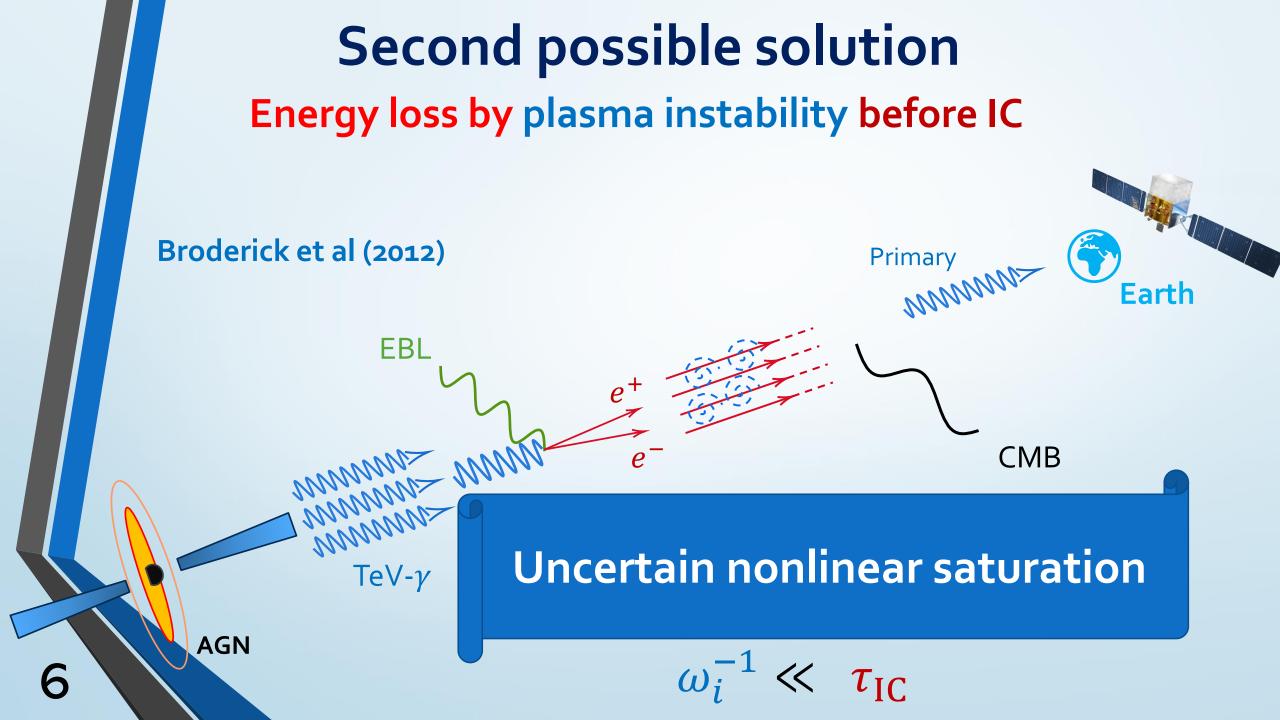












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## **IGMFs impact the instability**

• Weak IGMFs with small correlation lengths,  $\lambda_B \ll \lambda_e$ , deflect the beam stochastically

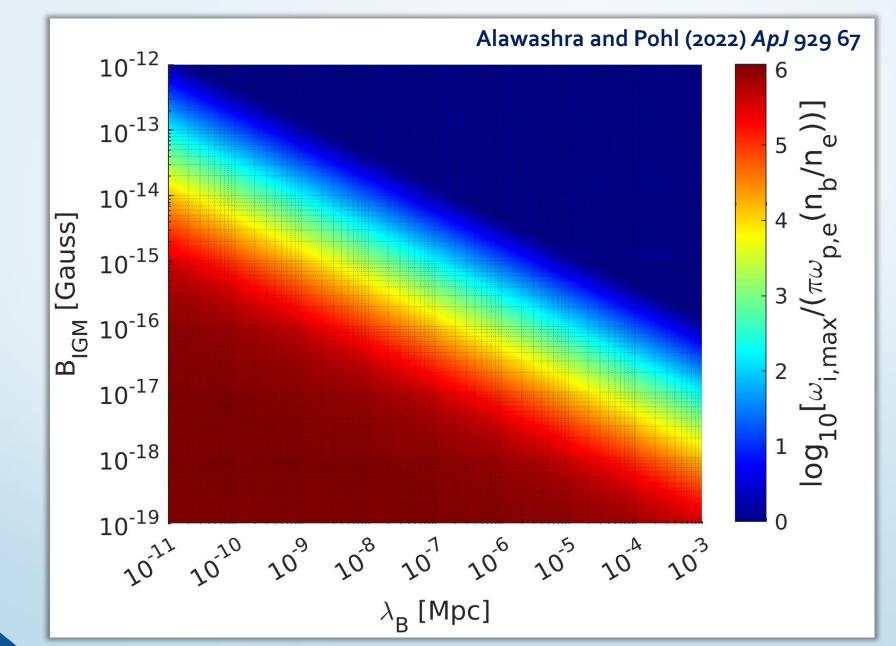
$$\Delta \theta = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{3} \lambda_e \lambda_B} \left(\frac{e B_{IGM}}{m_e c}\right)^2}$$

• IGMFs widening of the beam impacts the instability growth:

$$\omega_i \propto \frac{1}{\Delta \theta^2}$$

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## Instability suppression by the IGMFs



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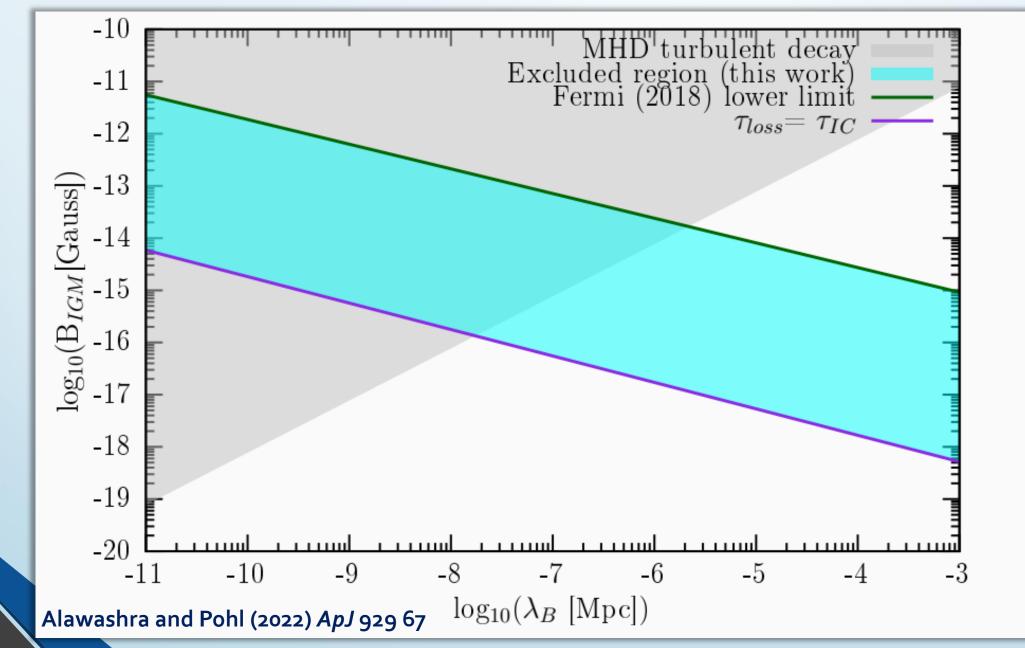
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• The instability is suppressed by the IGMFs when

$$\tau_{\rm loss} = \tau_{\rm IC}$$

## **Instability** suppression by the **IGMFs**



# Is there something else that can impact the instability?

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# Yes, Nonlinear feedback.

Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)

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#### Feedback of the instability on the pair beam

Breizman and Ryutov (1970)

$$\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{p \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right)$$

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f: Beam distribution
 D<sub>ij</sub>: Diffusion coefficients
 W: Wave energy density
 ω<sub>i</sub>: Linear growth rate

$$D_{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \pi e^2 \int d^3 \boldsymbol{k} \, W(\boldsymbol{k}, t) \, \frac{\kappa_i \kappa_j}{k^2} \, \delta\big(\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} - \omega_p\big)$$

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$$\omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \omega_{p} \, \frac{2\pi^{2} n_{b} e^{2}}{k^{2}} \, \int d^{3} \boldsymbol{p} \left( \boldsymbol{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{p})}{\partial \boldsymbol{p}} \right) \delta \left( \omega_{p} - \boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} \right)$$

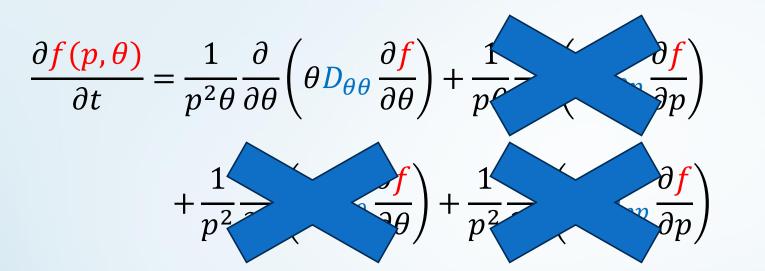
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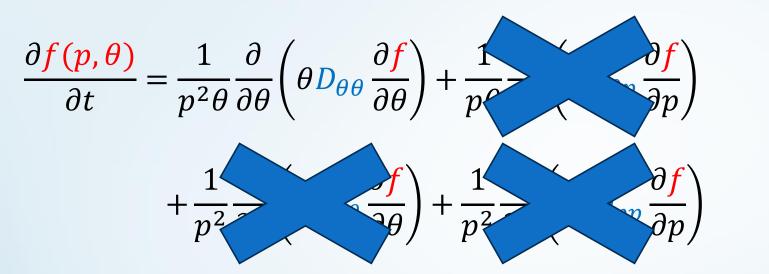
#### Feedback of the instability in Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)



#### The significant feedback initially is the beam widening $\theta$ .

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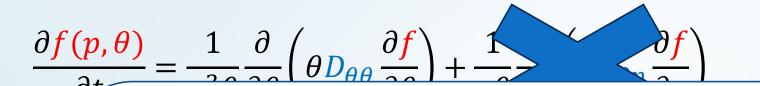


Considered simplified 1D beam distribution.

$$g(\theta) = \int_0^\infty dp \, p \, f(p,\theta) \approx \exp(-0.2(\gamma\theta)^5)$$
$$\gamma = 10^6$$

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#### Feedback of the instability in Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)



The beam widens by one order of magnitude, suppressing the instability energy loss of the beam.

$$\gamma = 10^6$$

## Questions

 What is the feedback impact on the GeV cascade? Need the realistic 2D beam distribution.

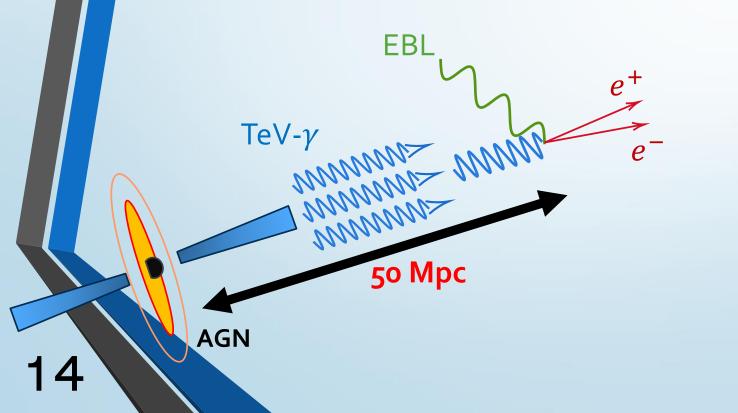
 What is the impact of continuous pair production? Need to include pair injection in the beam evolution equation.



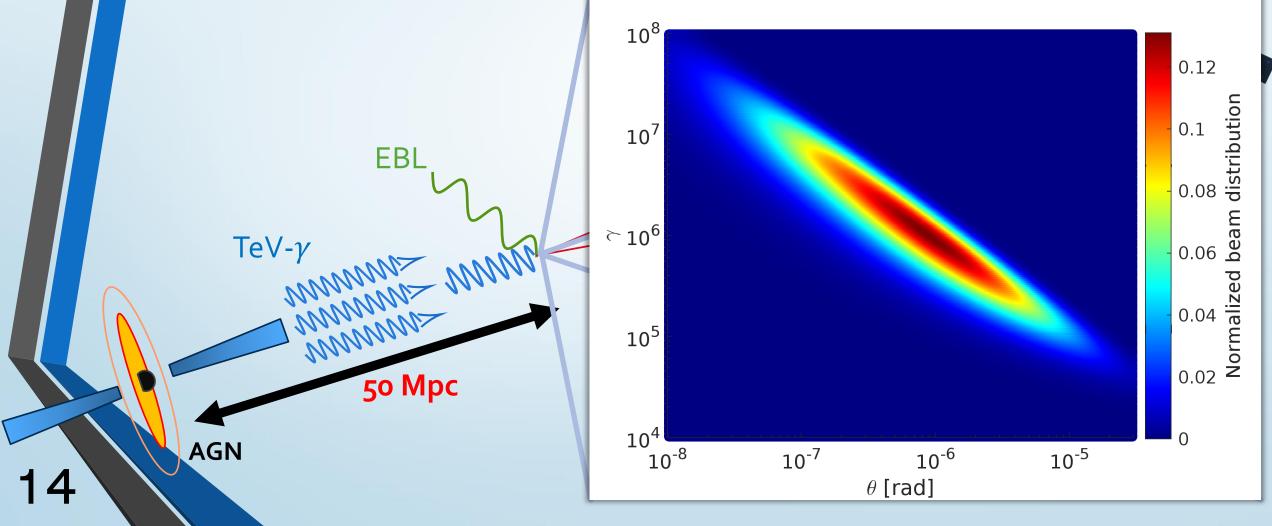
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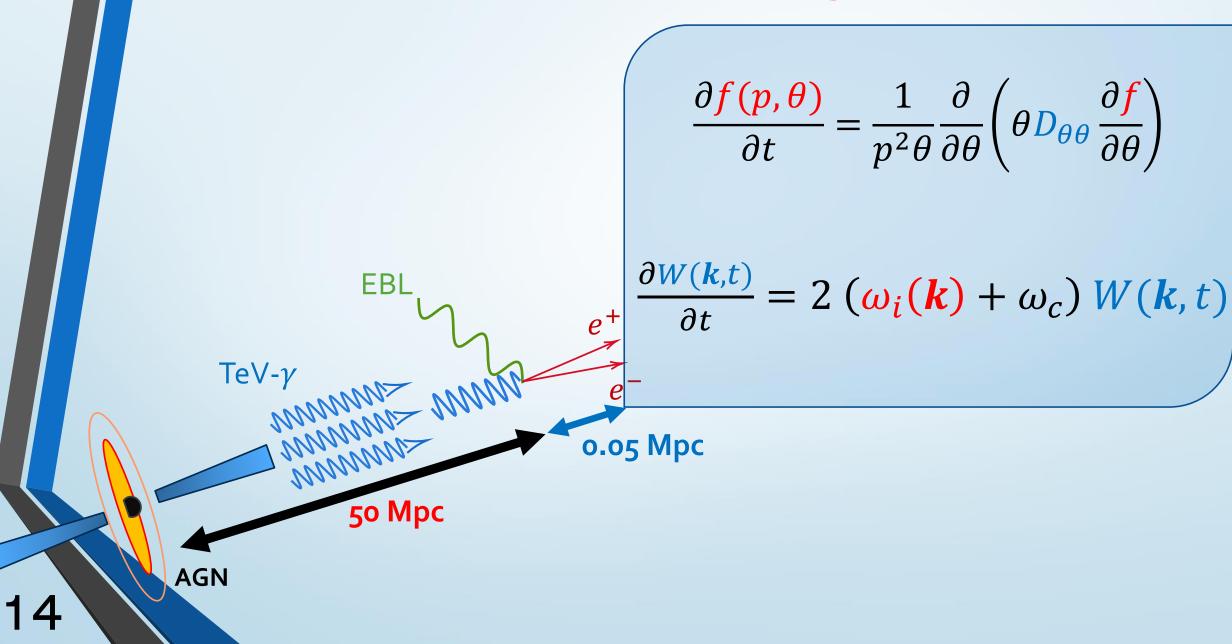
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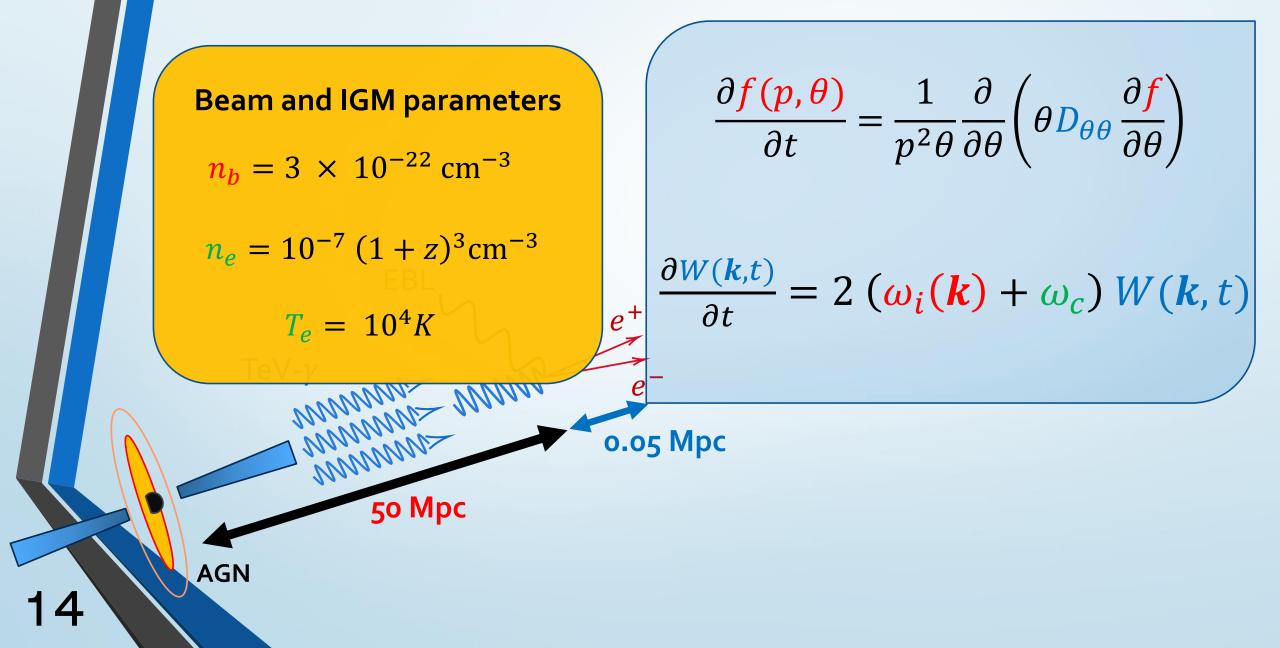




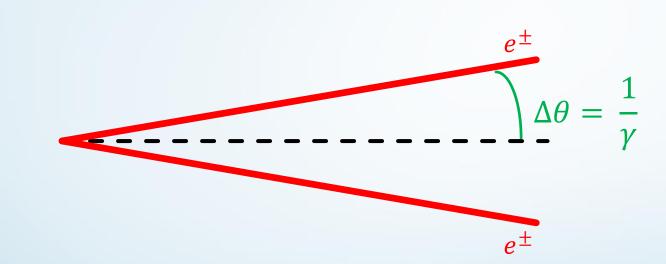
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## Initially focused beam



## Plasma waves grow due to the focused beam

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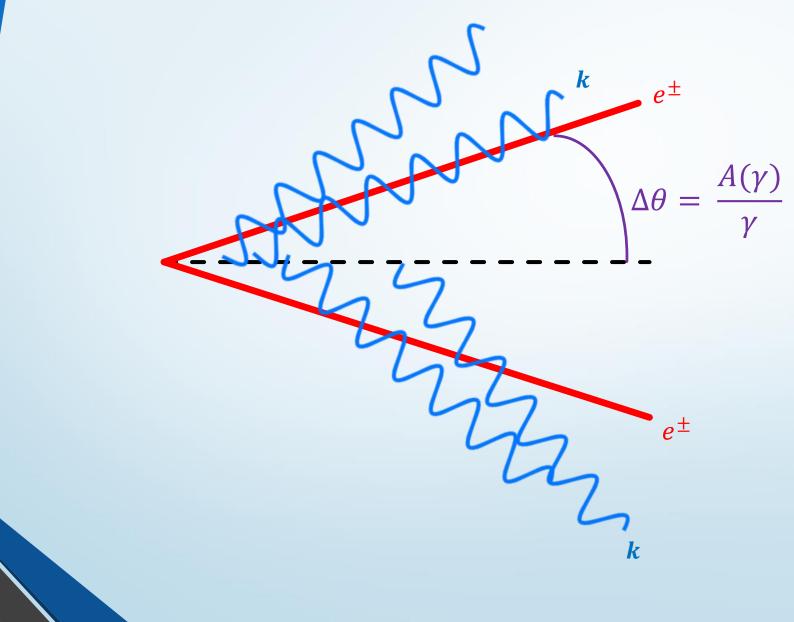
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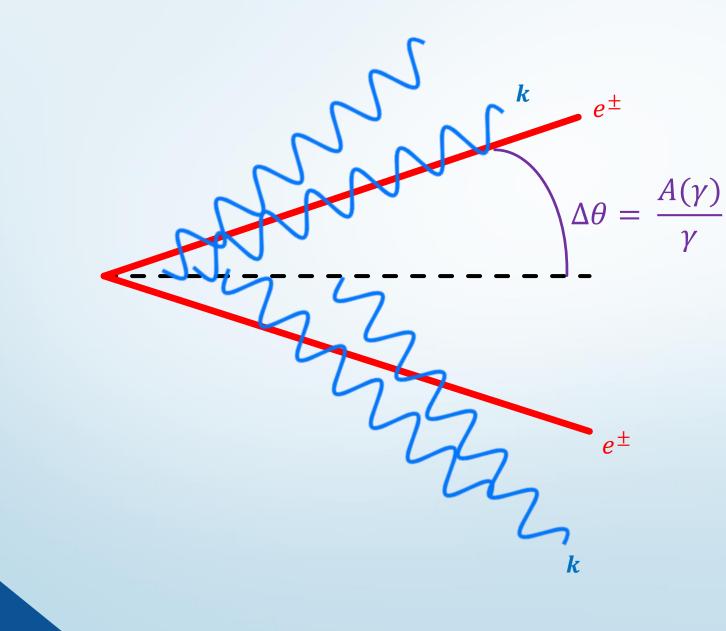
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### The feedback of the waves widens the beam



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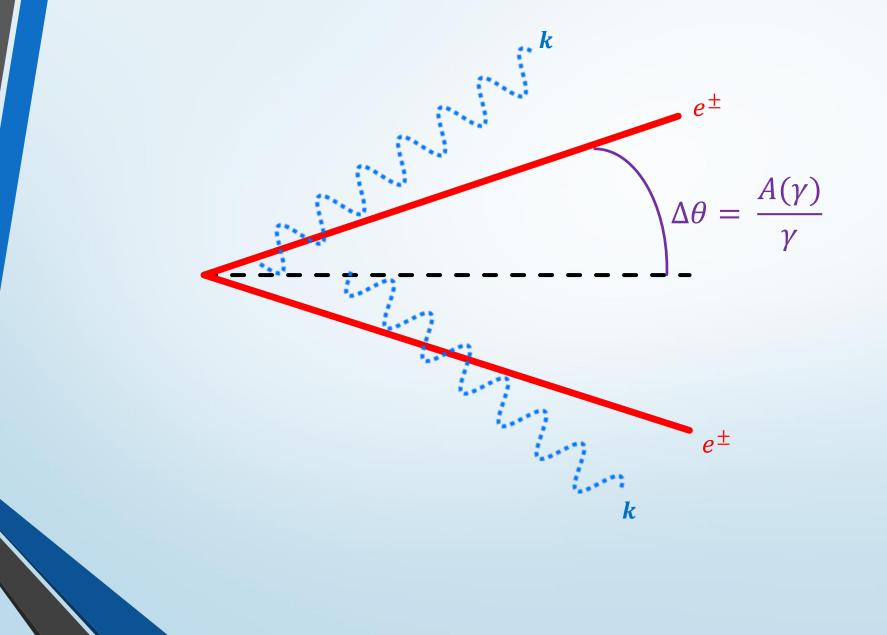
## Waves growth is reduced



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 $\omega_i \propto \frac{1}{\Delta \theta^2}$ 

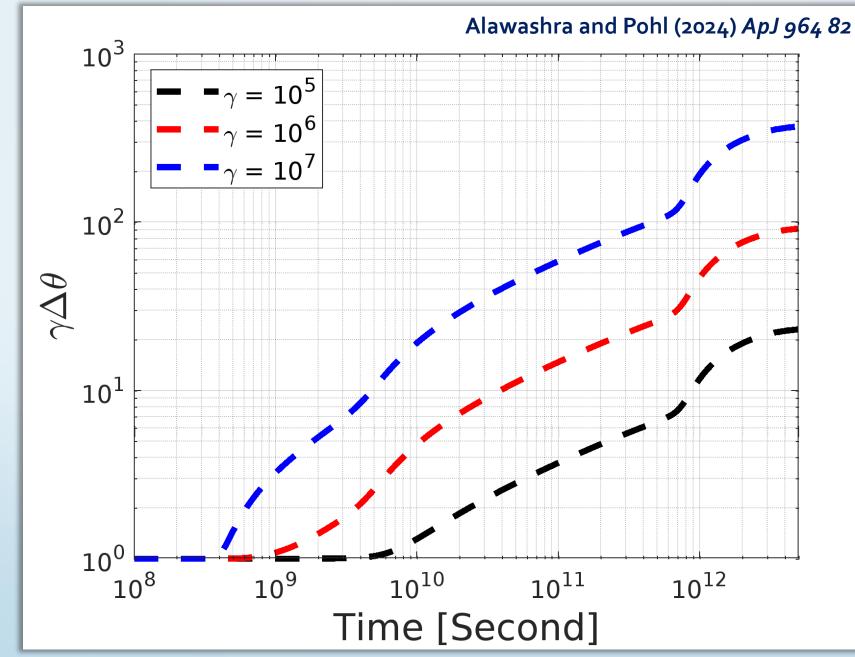
## Waves get damped



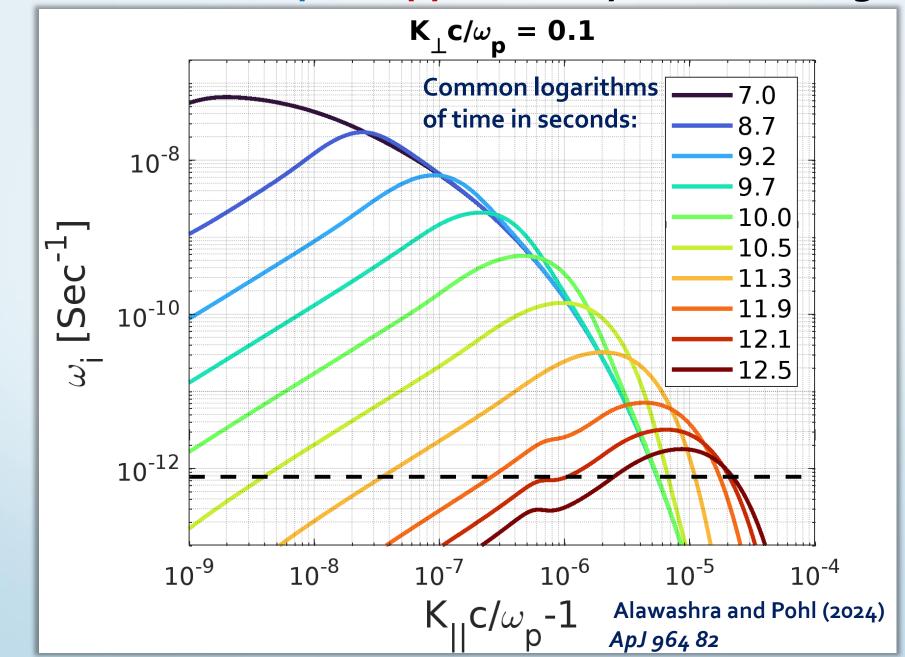
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 $\omega_i < |\omega_c|$ 

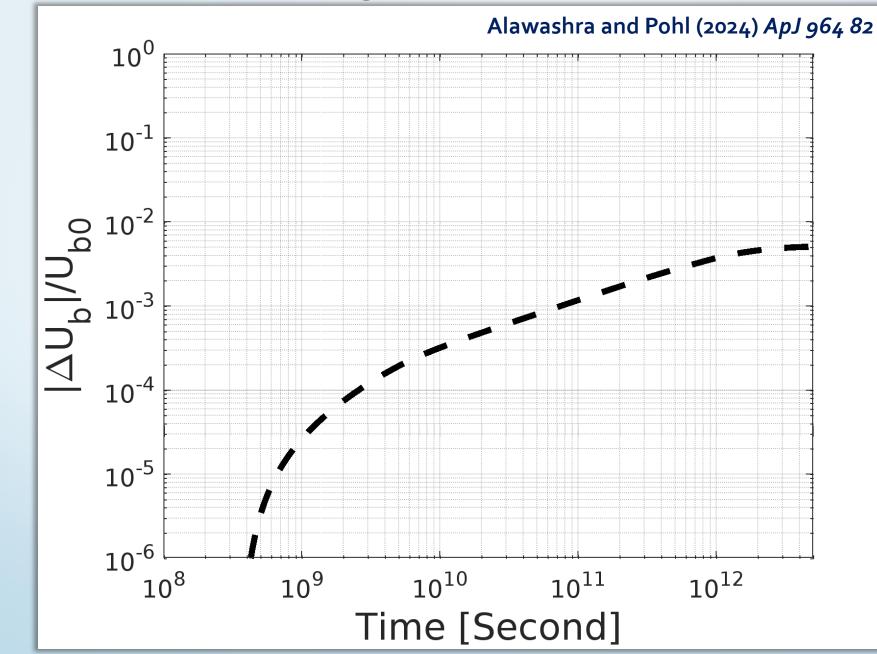
#### Significant widening of the beam



#### The instability is suppressed by the widening



#### Beam energy loss is subdominant





#### What is the impact of continuous pair production?

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Continuous production of new pair due to the gamma-rays annihilation with EBL

We just need to add a constant source term,  $Q_{ee}$ .

$$\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + Q_{ee}$$
$$\frac{\partial W(k,t)}{\partial t} = 2 \left( \omega_i(k) + \omega_c \right) W(k,t)$$

We used the production rate found by Vafin et. al (2018).

#### New focused pairs get produced

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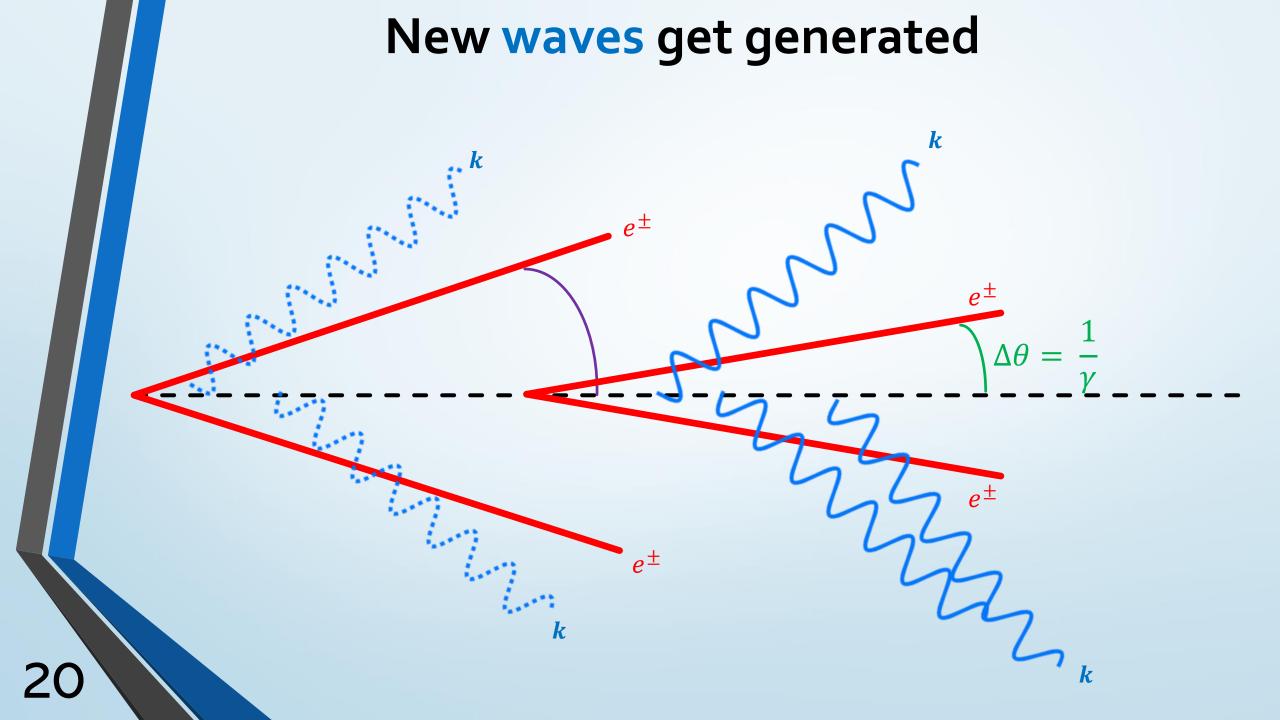
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### A new quasi-steady state is established



# A balance between the instability widening and the injection is established.

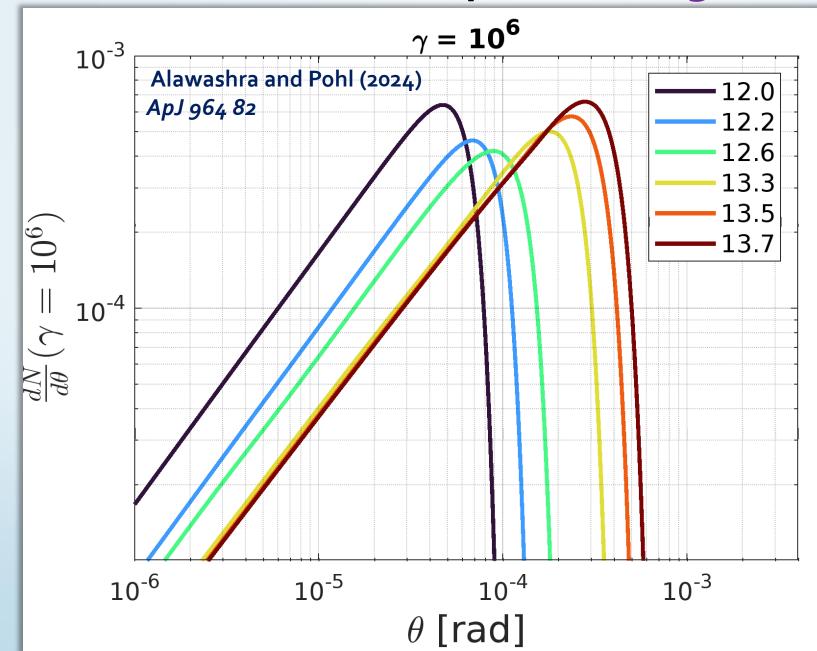
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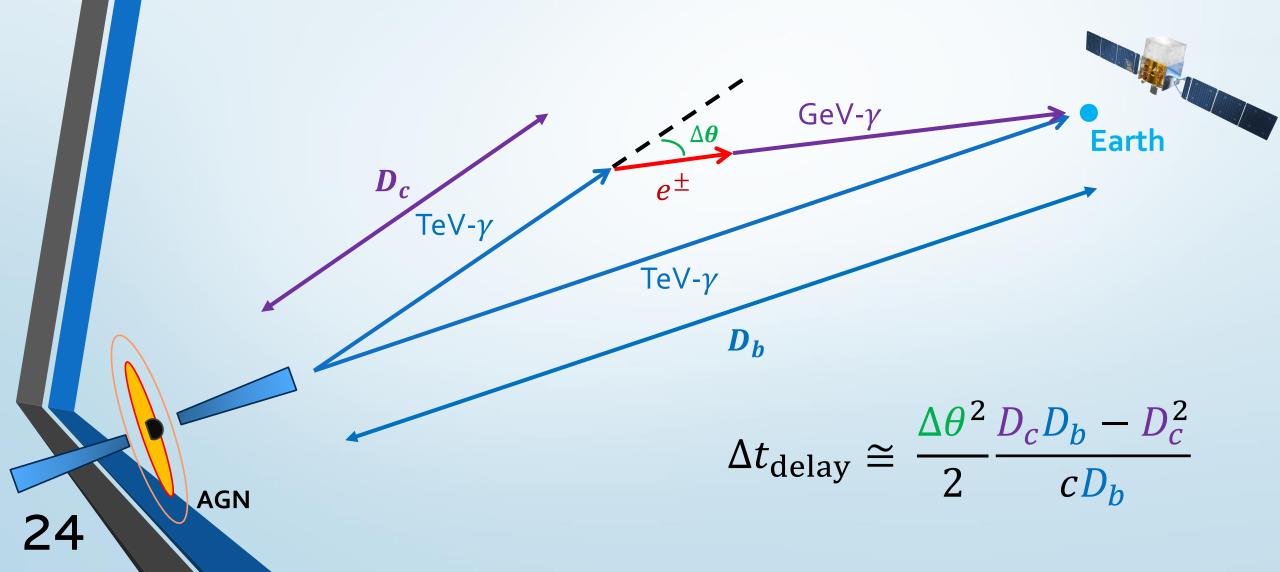
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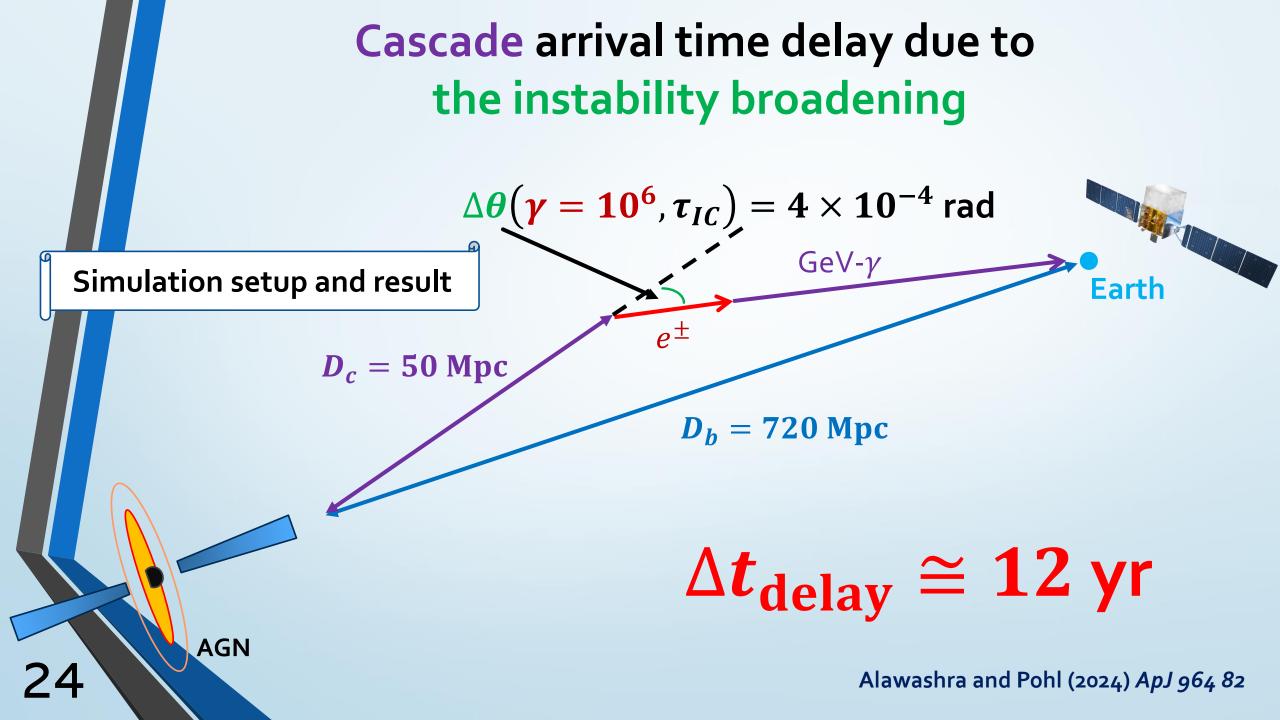
#### The beam keeps widening



### **Observational implications**







### Conclusions

- IGMFs suppress the instability.
- Widening feedback is the dominant instability feedback.
- New quasi-steady state with continues pairs production.

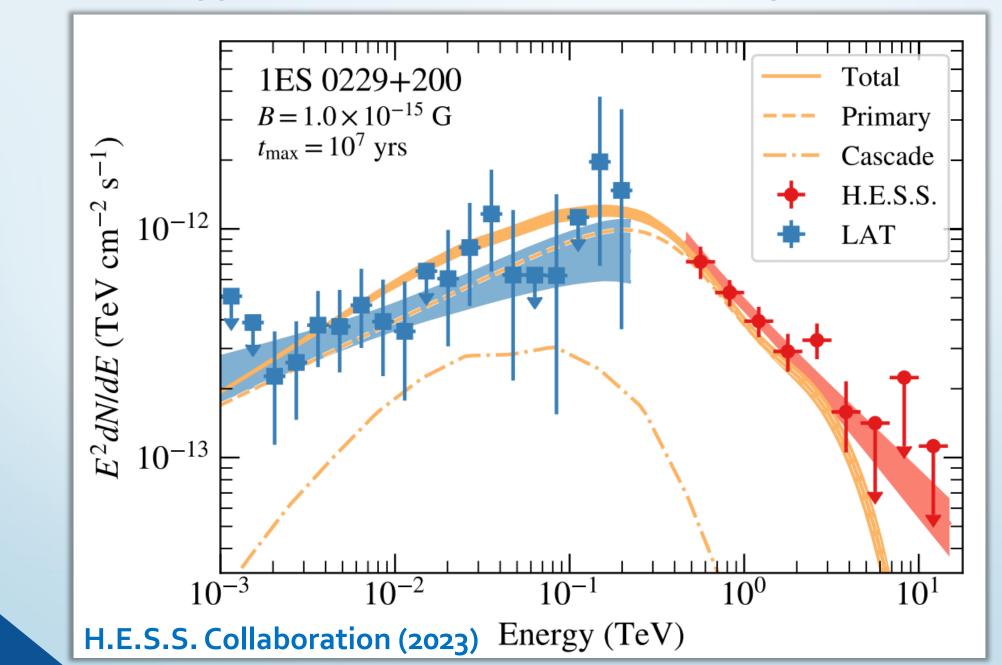
### Outlook

 Calculating the instability broadening at different distances in the IGM.

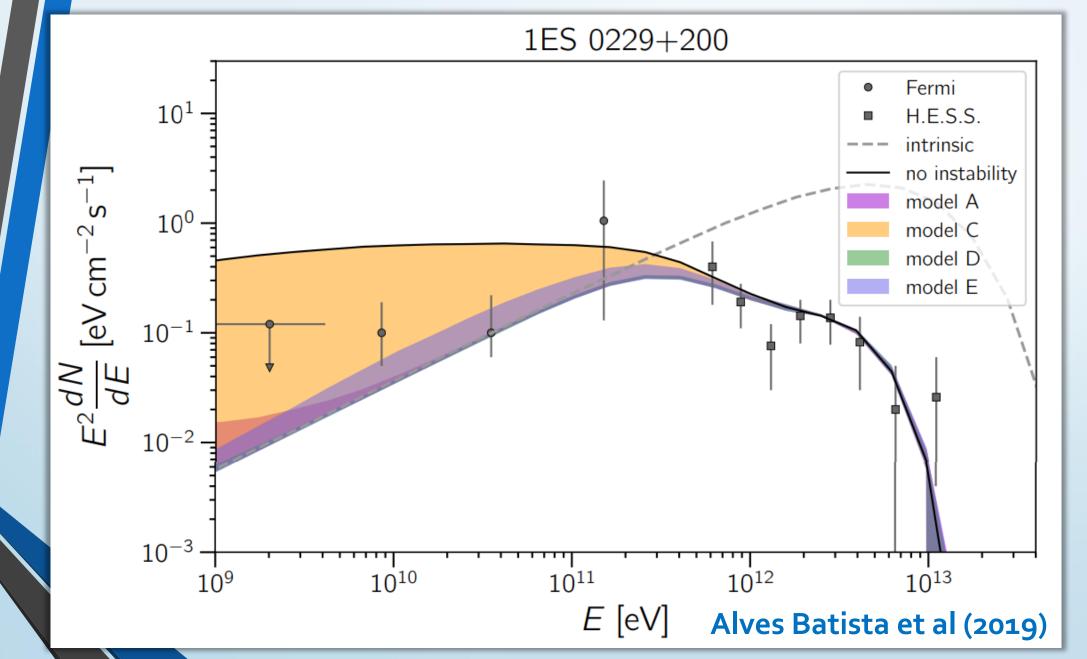
# Thank you

# **Back up slides**

#### Suppression of the cascade emission by IGMFs



#### Suppression of the cascade by instability energy loss



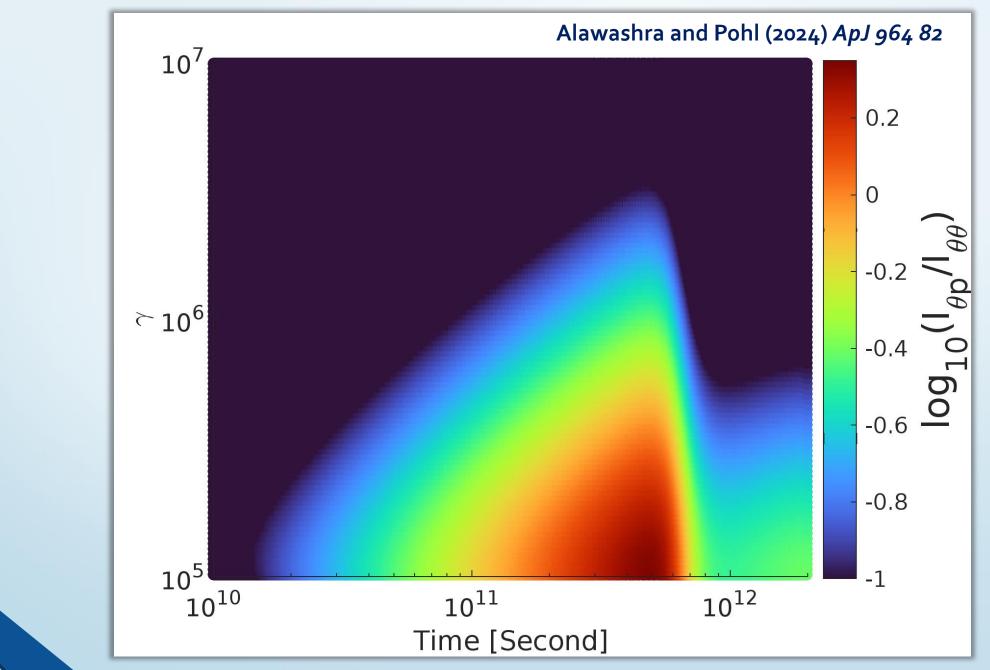
#### What about the other angular diffusion term $\theta p$ ?

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With time: Decreases Constant

### We need to compare:

$$I_{\theta p} = \int d \cos \theta \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_{\theta p} \right| = \int d \cos \theta \left| \frac{1}{p \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) \right|$$
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#### Relevant for pairs with Lorentz factors less than 10<sup>6</sup>



# Can we quantify the energy loss/gain in the momentum diffusion terms?

$$\frac{f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\theta D_{\theta\theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\right) + \frac{1}{p\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right)$$

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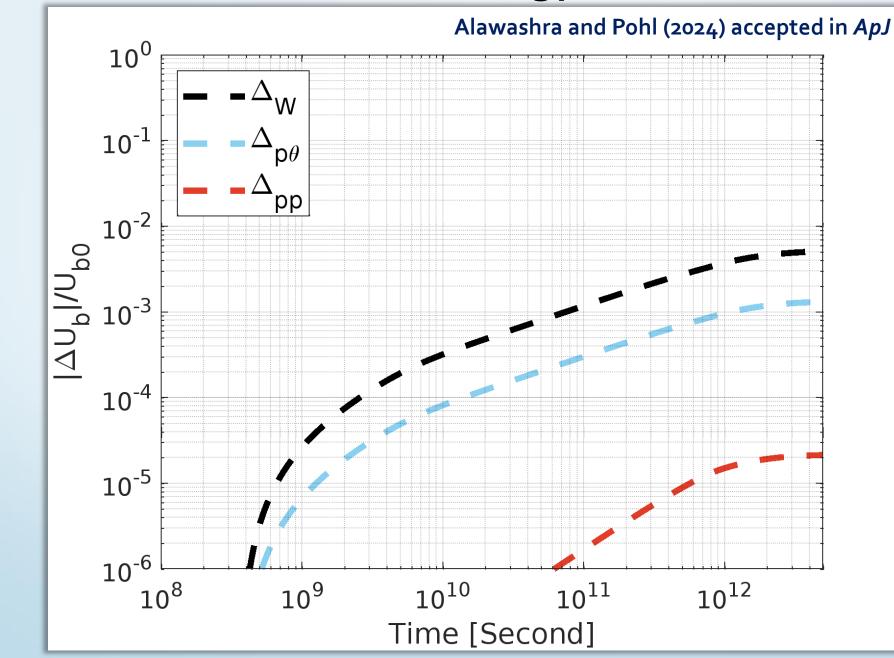
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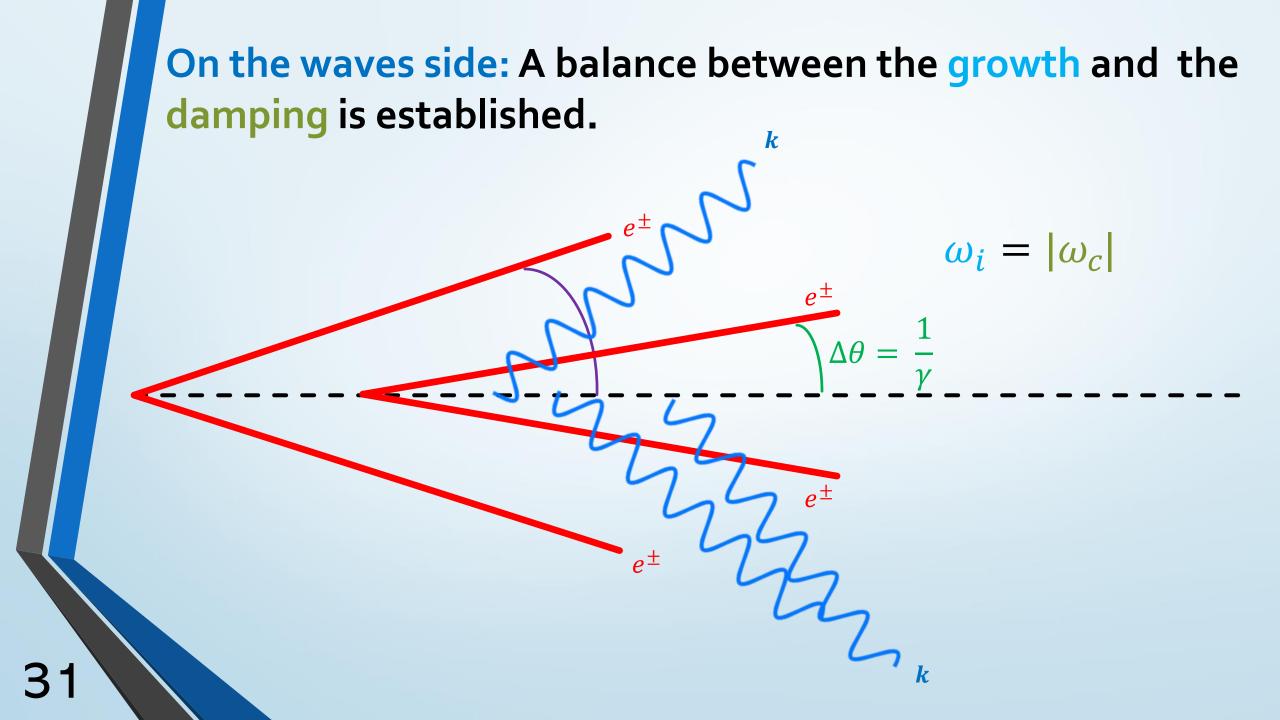
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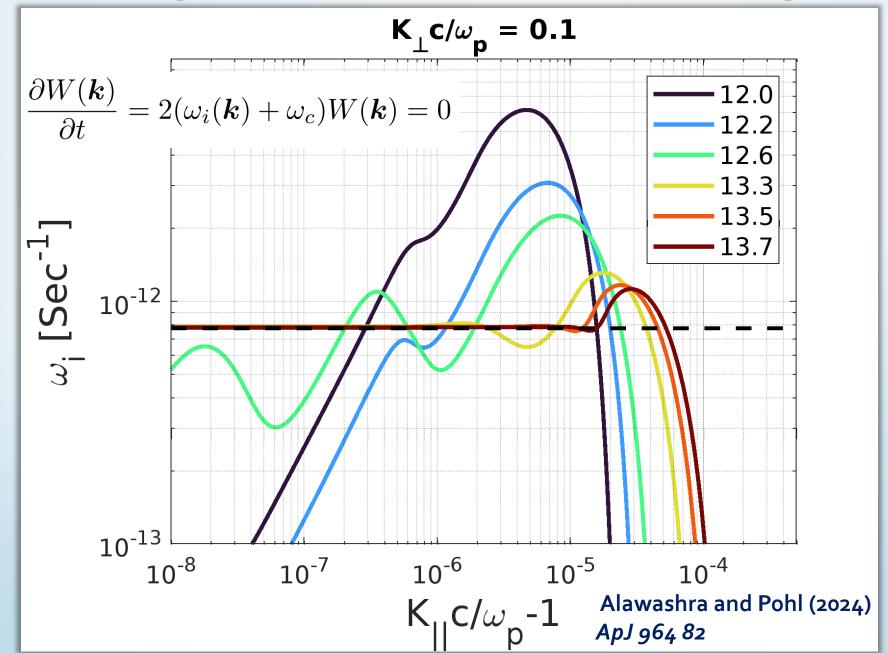
$$\Delta_{p\theta} \equiv \frac{\Delta U_b}{U_{b0}} \Big|_{p\theta}(t_s) = \frac{1}{U_{b0}} \int_{t_0}^{t_s} dt \frac{dU_b}{dt} \Big|_{p\theta}(t)$$

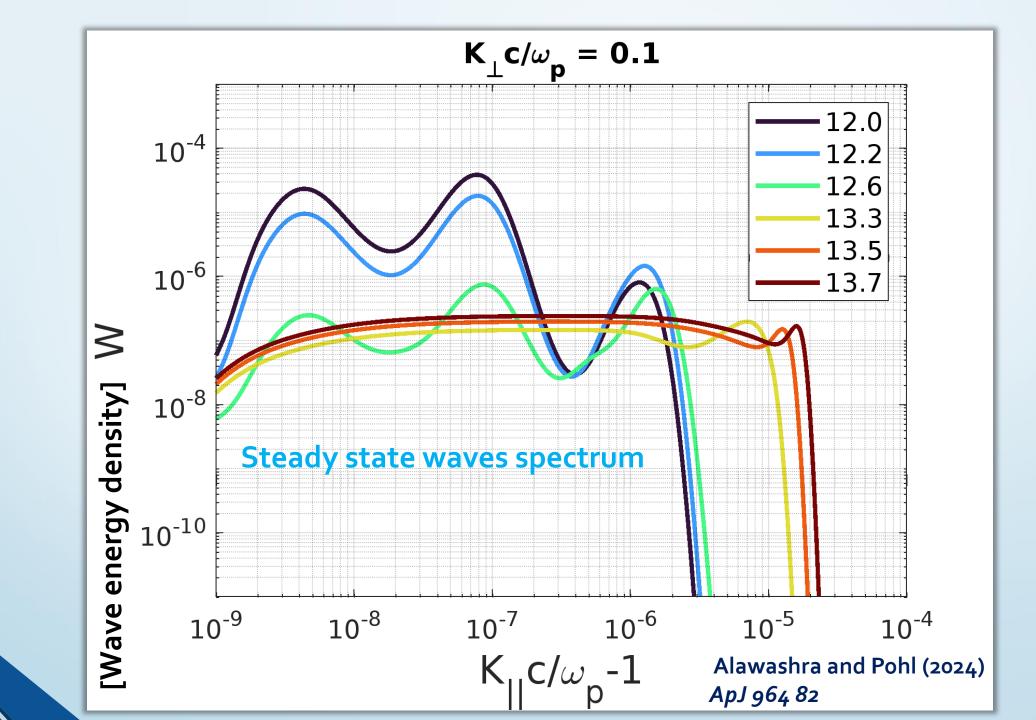
#### Momentum diffusion and energy loss are subdominant

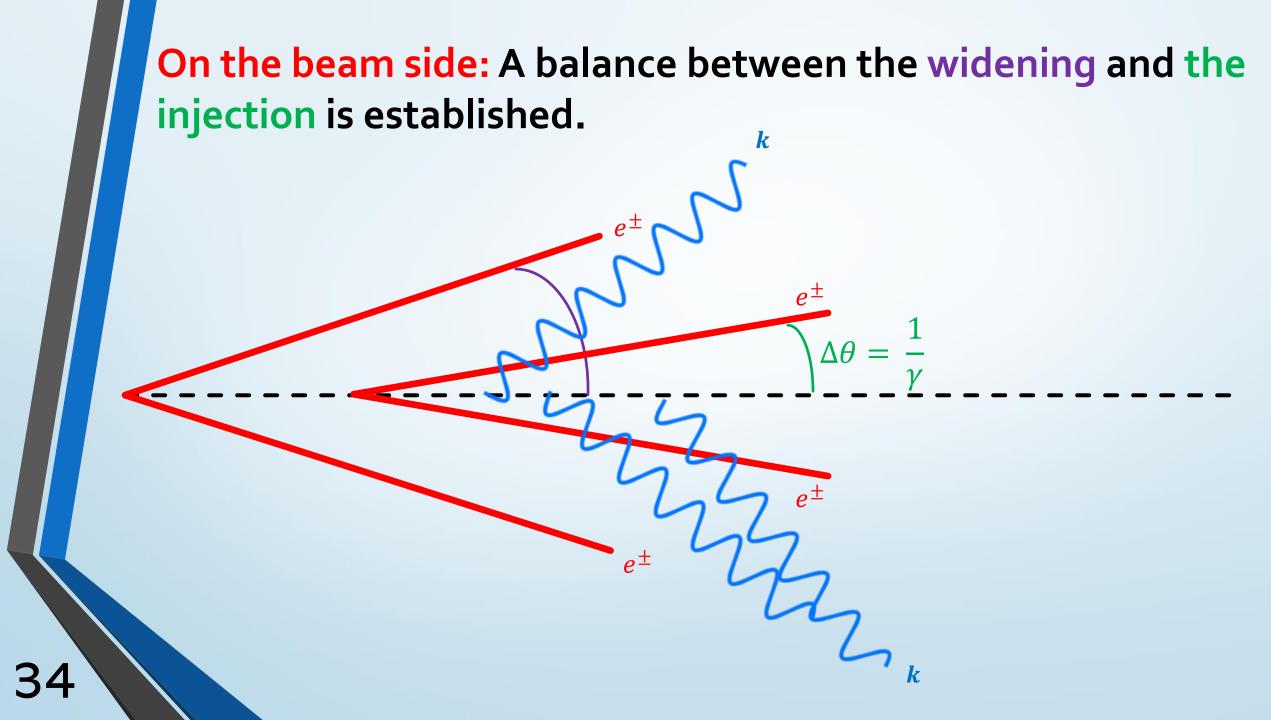




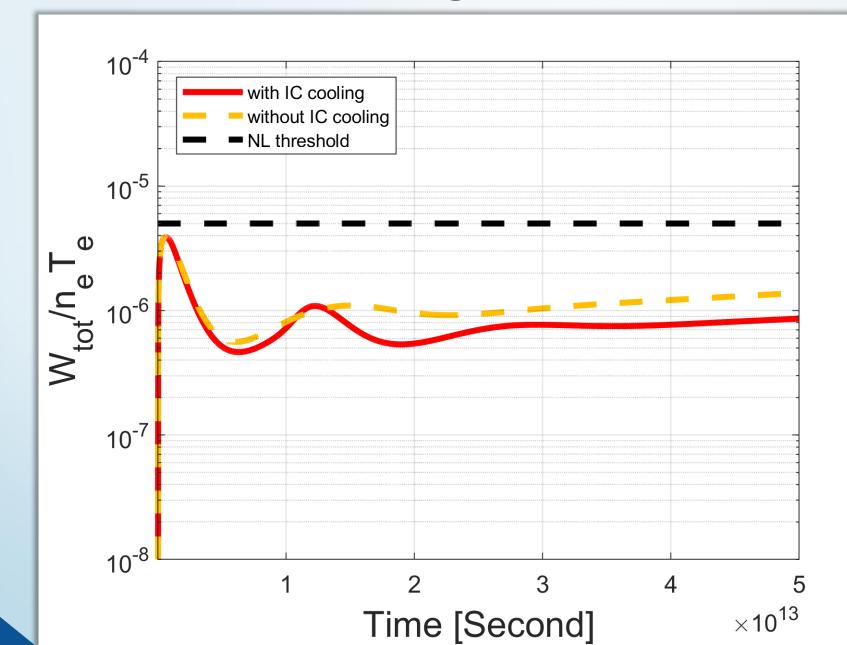
#### The linear growth rate balances the damping rate







#### **Plasma waves energy density evolution**



# A balance between the instability widening and the injection is established.

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Add more Physics IC cooling

#### **Beam evolution including the full Physics (almost)**

$$\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( -\dot{p}_{IC} p^2 f \right) + Q_{ee}$$

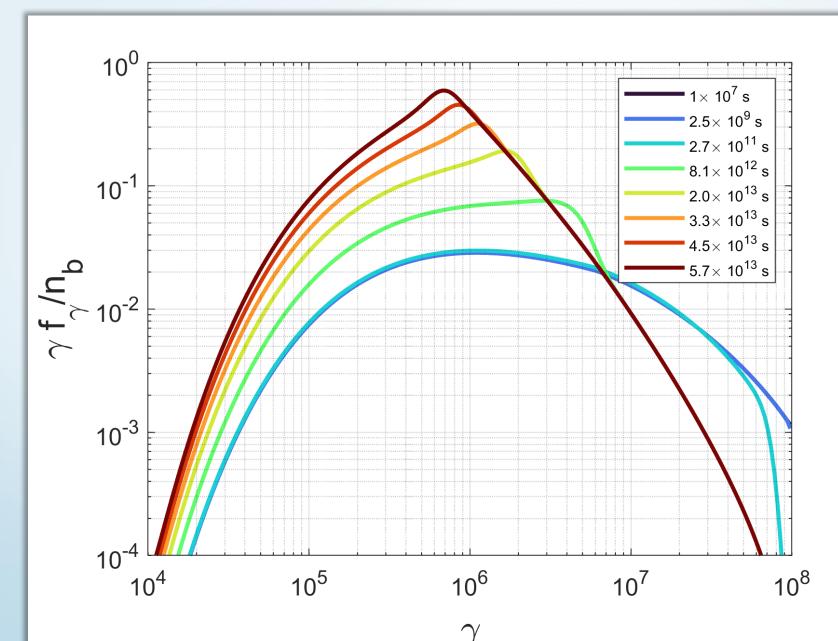
#### The IC cooling is only relevant for particle momentum

$$\dot{p}_{IC} = -\frac{4}{3}\sigma_T u_{CMB}\gamma^2$$

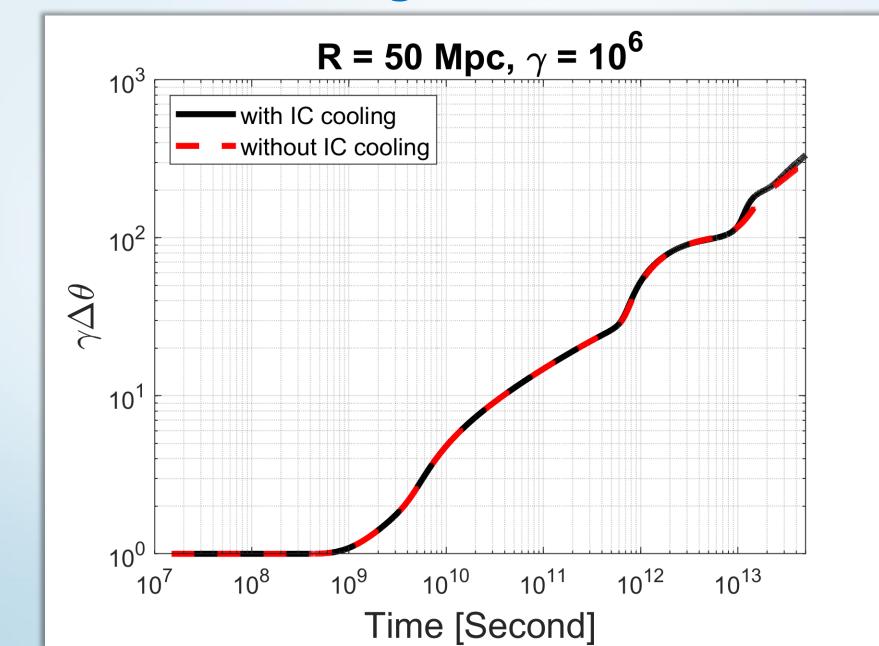
We use the same linear evolution of the plasma waves

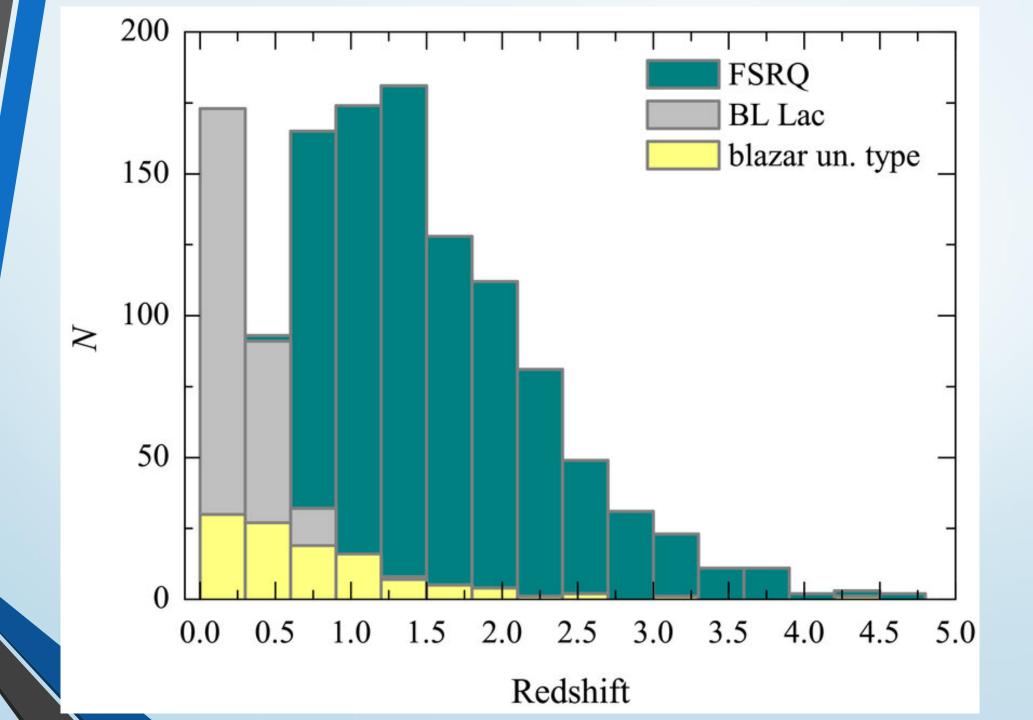
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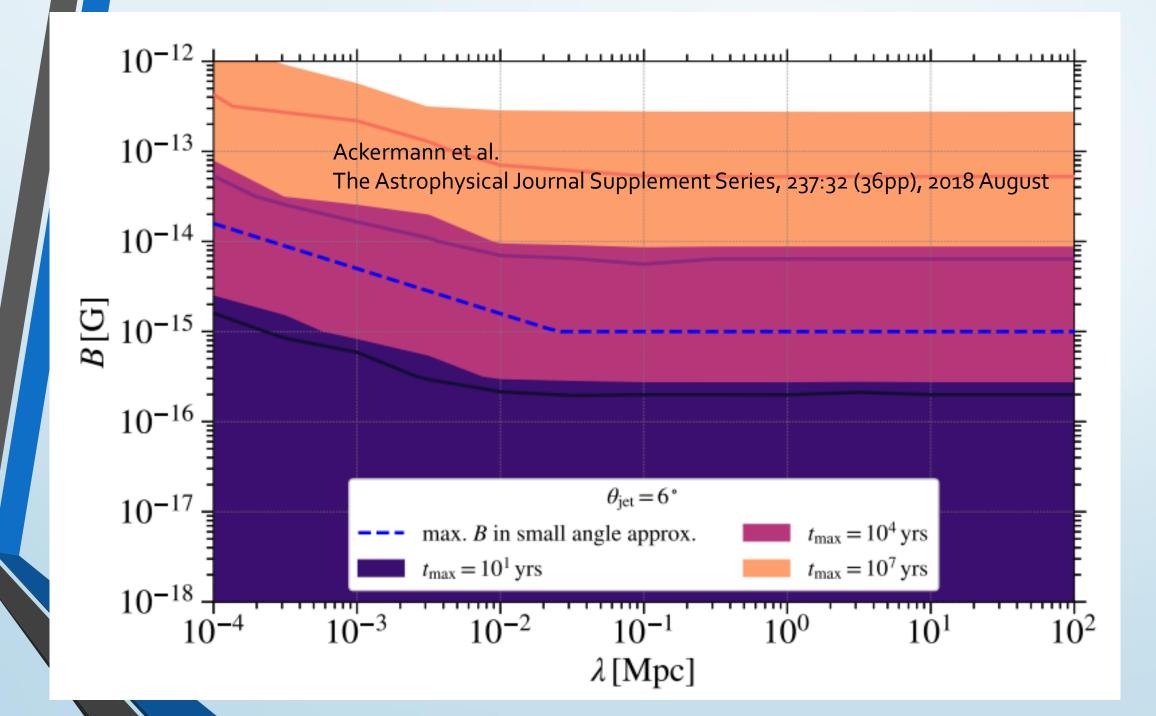
#### **Momentum beam distribution evolution**

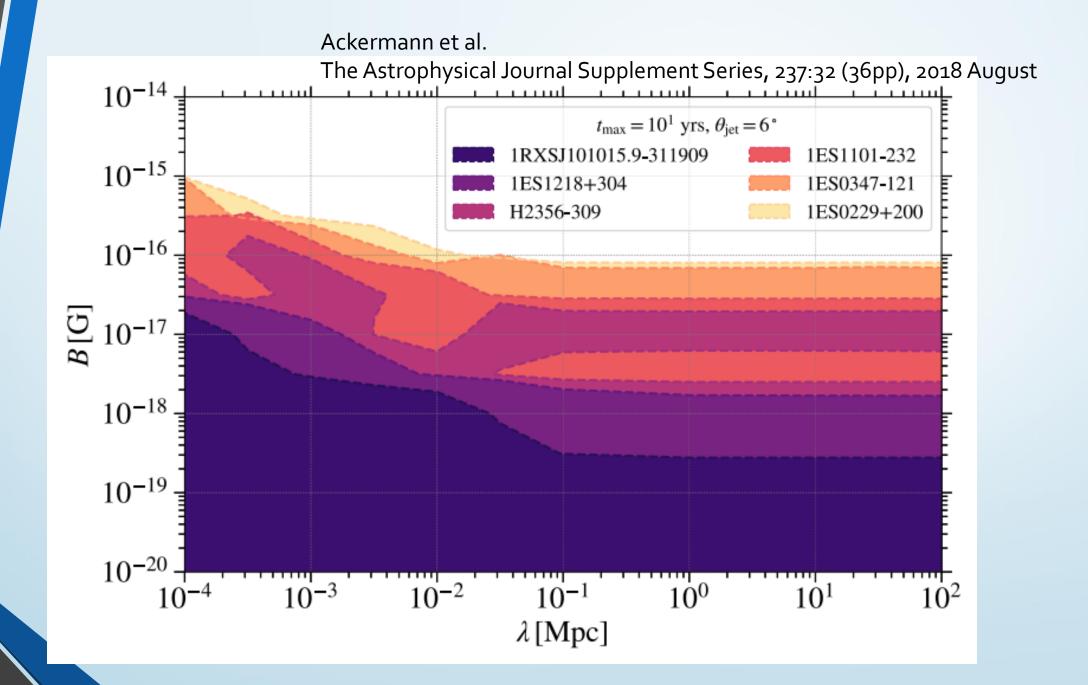


#### **Beam broadening is almost unaffected**



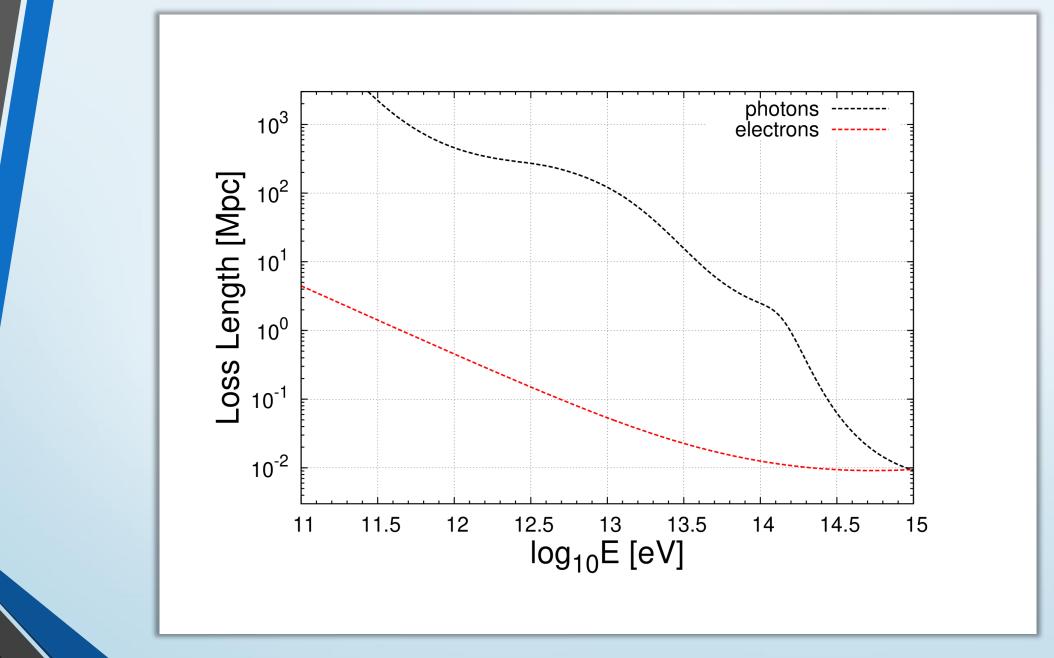




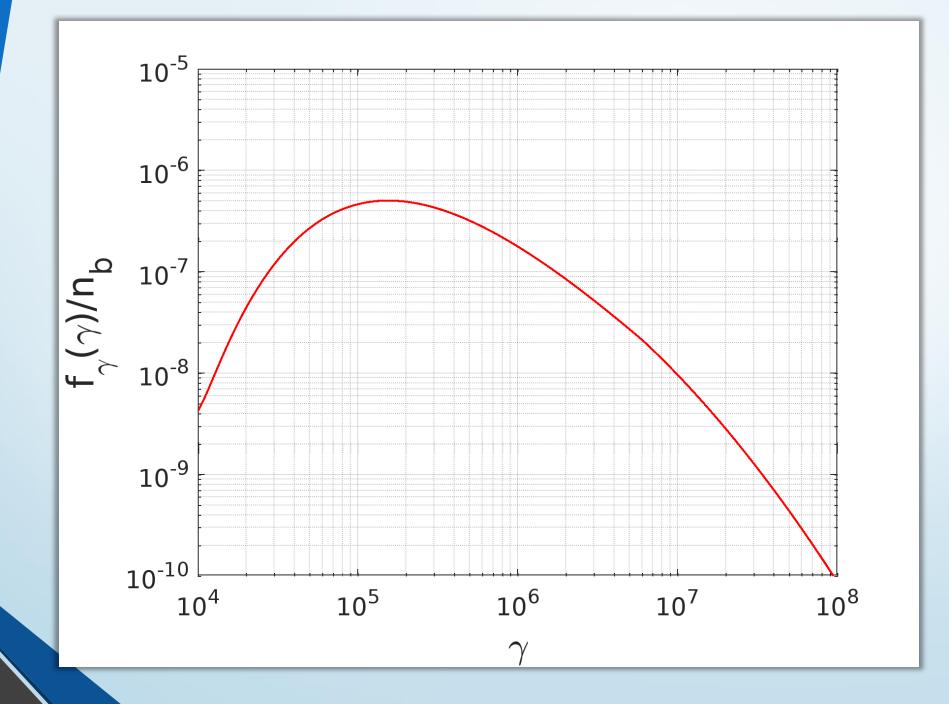


strongly on  $\theta_{obs}$  and the orientation of the halo. The IGMF is modeled as cell-like; each cell has a side length of  $\ell_B = 1 \,\mathrm{Mpc}$  and the *B*-field orientation changes randomly from one cell to the next. The templates are generated for each source and for seven values of the field strength,  $B = 10^{-16} \text{ G}, 10^{-15.5} \text{ G}, \dots, 10^{-13} \text{ G}$ . For higher values of B, the pairs are quickly isotropized and the cascade emission would appear as an additional component to the isotropic gamma-ray background in the LAT energy band. An example of the simulated energy-

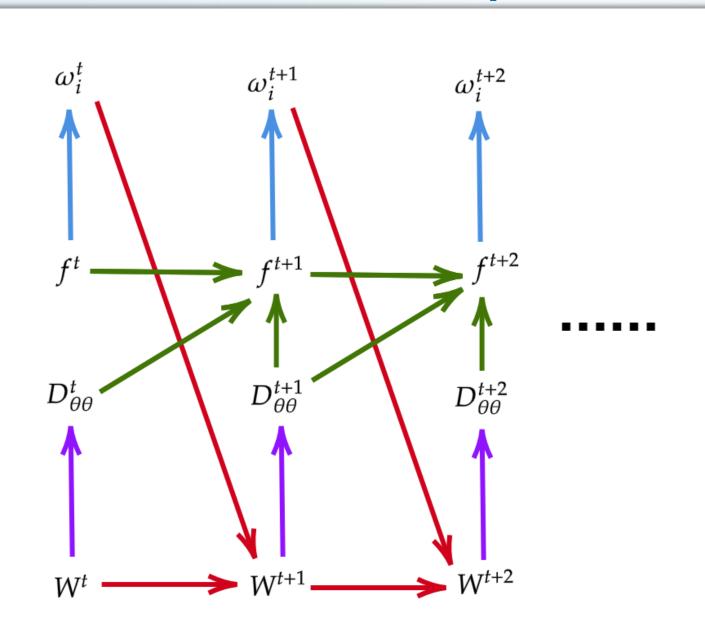
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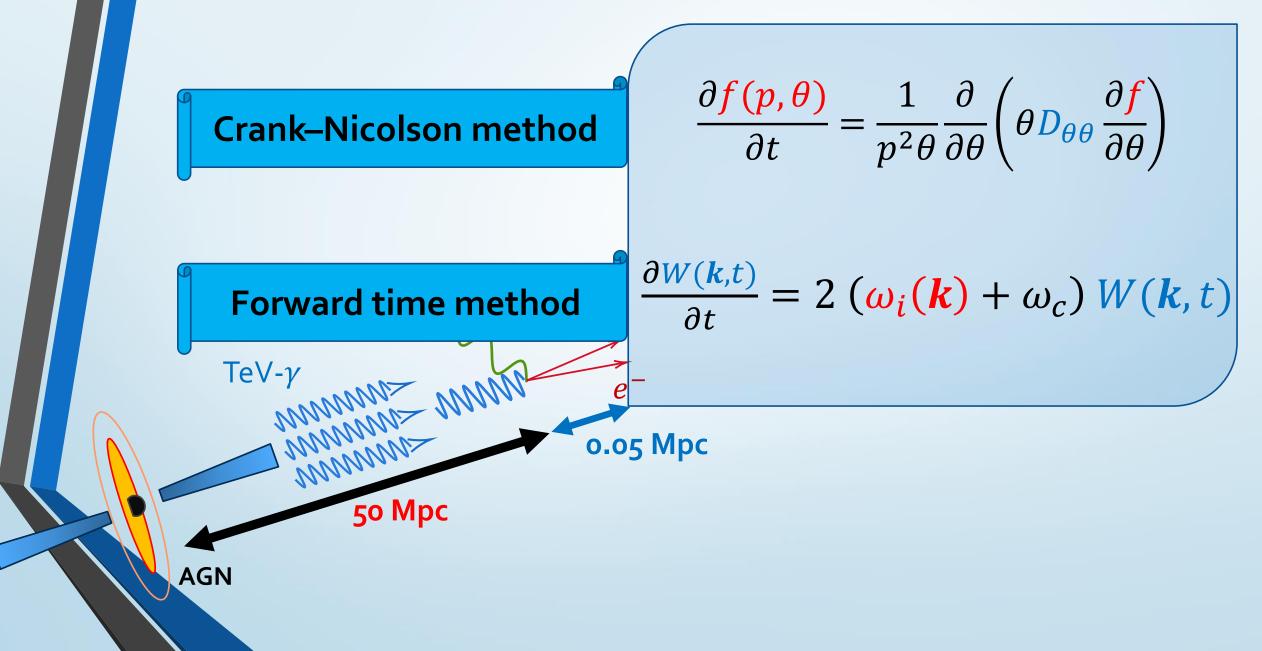
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# **Simulation steps**



## **2D simulation of the widening feedback**



For the wave spectrum, W, we use a logarithmic grid in the coordinates  $(k_{\perp}, \theta^R)$  where  $\theta^R = \left(\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1\right) / \left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)$ . We used 100 grid points for the perpendicular wave number,  $k_{\perp}$ , from  $10^{-3} \frac{\omega_p}{c}$  to  $10 \frac{\omega_p}{c}$ , we have verified a convergence of this by using 300 points. For the parameter,  $\theta^R$ , we used 600 grid points for the interval  $10^{-9}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  where we have tested this with 1500 grid points. For the beam distribution, f, we use a logarithmic grid in the coordinates  $(\theta, \gamma)$  where  $\gamma$  is the beam particle Lorentz factor. We used 100 grid points for  $\gamma$  from 10<sup>4</sup> to 10<sup>8</sup> and verified a convergence of this with 300 grid points. Finally for the beam particle angle,  $\theta$ , we used 600 grid points from  $10^{-9}$  radian to  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  radians tested by using 1500 grid points.

#### More accurate collisional damping rate from Tigik et al. (2019) 20 times smaller

$$\omega_c(k) = -\omega_p \frac{g}{6\pi^{3/2}} \frac{1}{(1+3k^2\lambda_D^2)^3}.$$
 (8)

Here  $g = (n_e \lambda_D^3)^{-1}$  is the plasma parameter,  $\lambda_D = 6.9 \text{ cm} \sqrt{\frac{T_e/K}{n_e/\text{cm}^{-3}}}$  is the Debye length,  $n_e = 10^{-7}(1 + z)^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  is the density of IGM electrons, and  $T_e = 10^4 K$  is their temperature. We start integrating eq.(7) at the very low thermal fluctuations level.

Tigik et al. (2019)

$$\omega_{i}(k_{\perp},k_{\parallel}) = \pi \omega_{p} \frac{n_{b}}{n_{e}} \left(\frac{\omega_{p}}{kc}\right)^{3} \int_{p_{\min}}^{\infty} dp m_{e} c \ p \int_{\theta_{1}}^{\theta_{2}} d\theta \\ \times \frac{-2f(p,\theta)\sin\theta + (\cos\theta - \frac{kv_{b}}{\omega_{p}}\cos\theta')\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial\theta}}{[(\cos\theta_{1} - \cos\theta)(\cos\theta - \cos\theta_{2})]^{1/2}},$$
(5.32)

where the boundaries are given by

$$\cos\theta_{1,2} = \frac{\omega_p}{kv_b} \left(\cos\theta' \pm \sin\theta' \sqrt{\left(\frac{kv_b}{\omega_p}\right)^2 - 1}\right),\tag{5.33}$$

and

$$p_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1\right)}{\left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1\right)}}.$$
(5.34)

$$\begin{cases} D_{pp} \\ D_{p\theta} \\ D_{\theta\theta} \end{cases} = \pi \frac{m_e \omega_p^2}{n_e} \int_{\omega_p/c}^{\infty} k^2 dk \int_{\cos\theta_1'}^{\cos\theta_2'} d\cos\theta' \frac{W(\mathbf{k})}{k v_b \sqrt{(\cos\theta' - \cos\theta_1')(\cos\theta_2' - \cos\theta')}} \begin{cases} 1 \\ \xi \\ \xi^2 \end{cases} ,$$
(5.16)

where

$$\xi = \frac{\cos\theta \frac{\omega_p}{kv_b} - \cos\theta'}{\sin\theta}.$$
(5.17)

and the boundaries of  $\cos \theta'$  are given by

$$\cos\theta_{1,2}' = \frac{\omega_p}{kv_b} \left[ \cos\theta \pm \sin\theta \sqrt{\left(\frac{kv_b}{\omega_p}\right)^2 - 1} \right].$$
(5.18)

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_{pp} \\ D_{p\theta} \\ D_{\theta\theta} \end{pmatrix} = \pi \frac{m_e \omega_p^2}{n_e c \theta} \int_{R(\theta, \gamma)} dk_\perp k_\perp \int_{R(\theta, \gamma)} d\theta^R$$

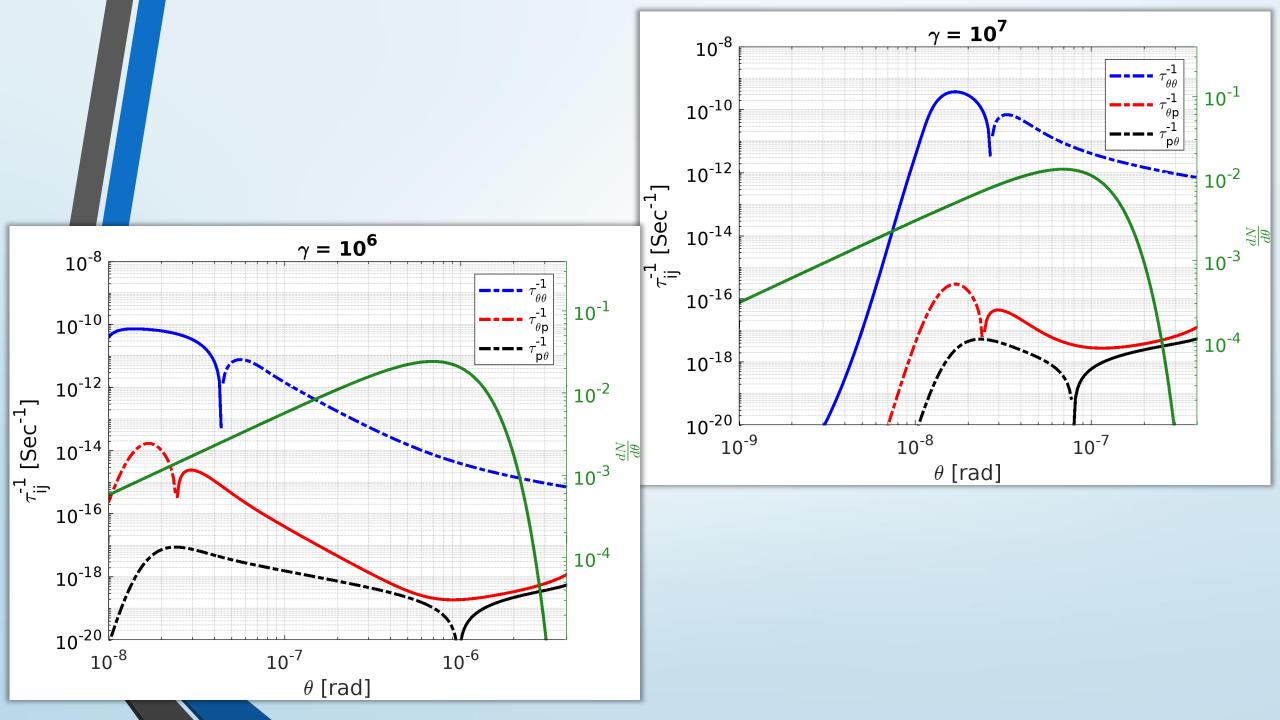
$$\times \frac{W(k_\perp, \theta^R)}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\theta^R}{\theta}\right)^2 + \frac{\theta^R}{ck_\perp/\omega_p} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma\theta}\right)^2\right] - \left(\frac{\omega_p}{ck_\perp}\right)^2 \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma^2\theta} + \frac{\theta}{2}\right]^2} \begin{cases} 1 \\ \xi \\ \xi^2 \end{cases}},$$
(B.34)

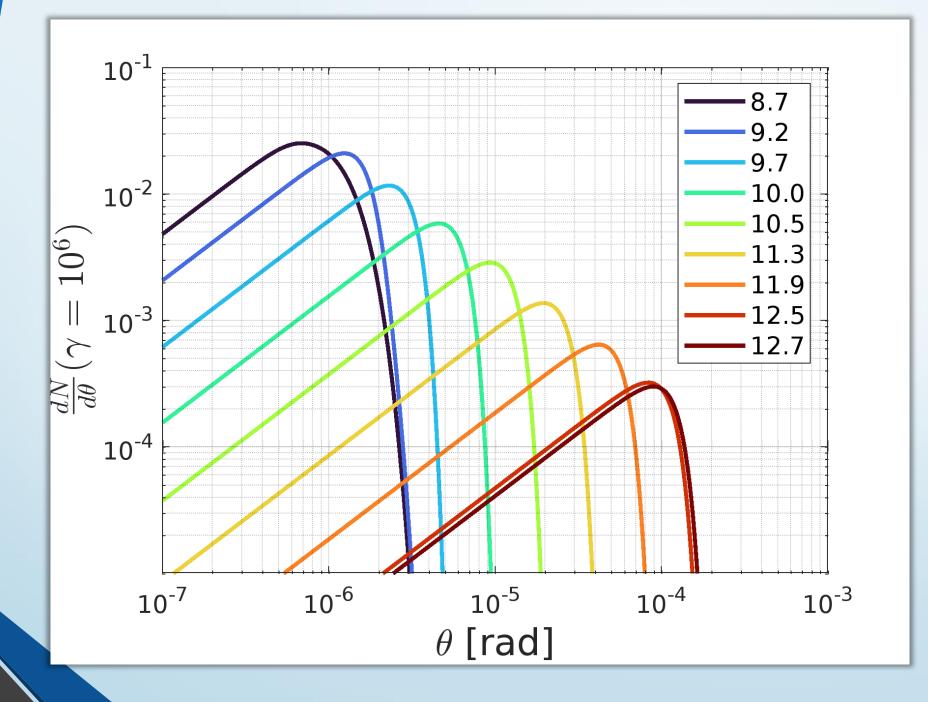
where

$$\xi = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2\theta^R (ck_\perp/\omega_p) + (ck_\perp/\omega_p)^2 (1 + \theta^{R^2})}} \left[\frac{\theta^R}{\theta} \frac{ck_\perp}{\omega_p} + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2\theta\gamma^2}\right], \quad (B.35)$$

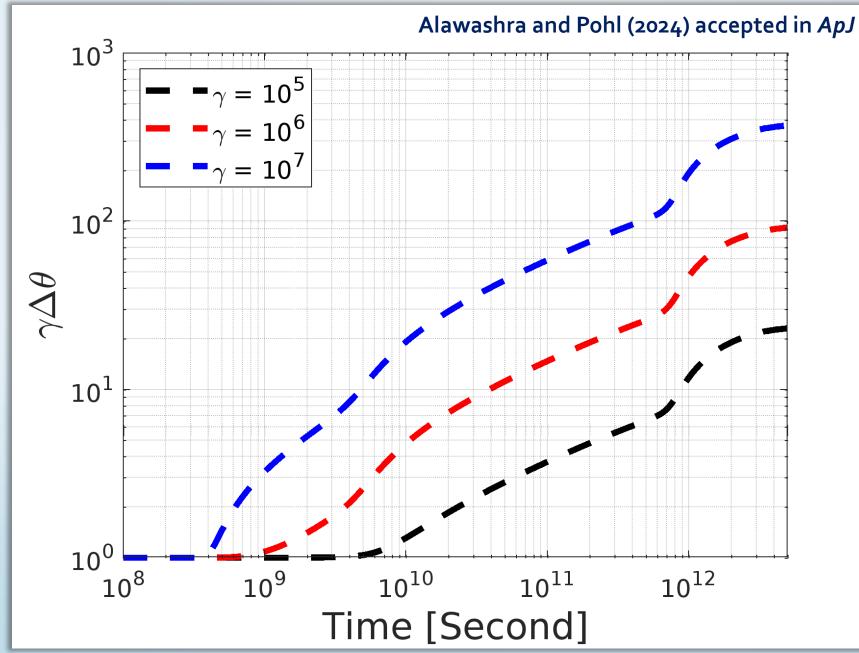
and the resonance region  $R(\theta, \gamma)$  is defined by the following condition

$$\left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 \left(\theta^2 - \theta^{R^2}\right) + \frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} \theta^R \left[\theta^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right] - \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{\theta^2}{2}\right]^2 \ge 0.$$
(B.36)

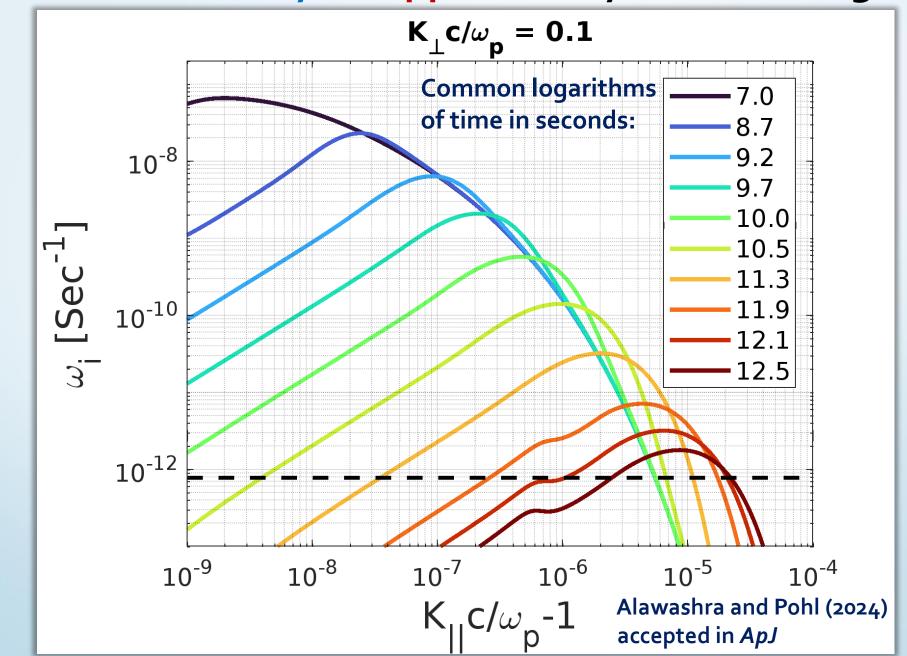




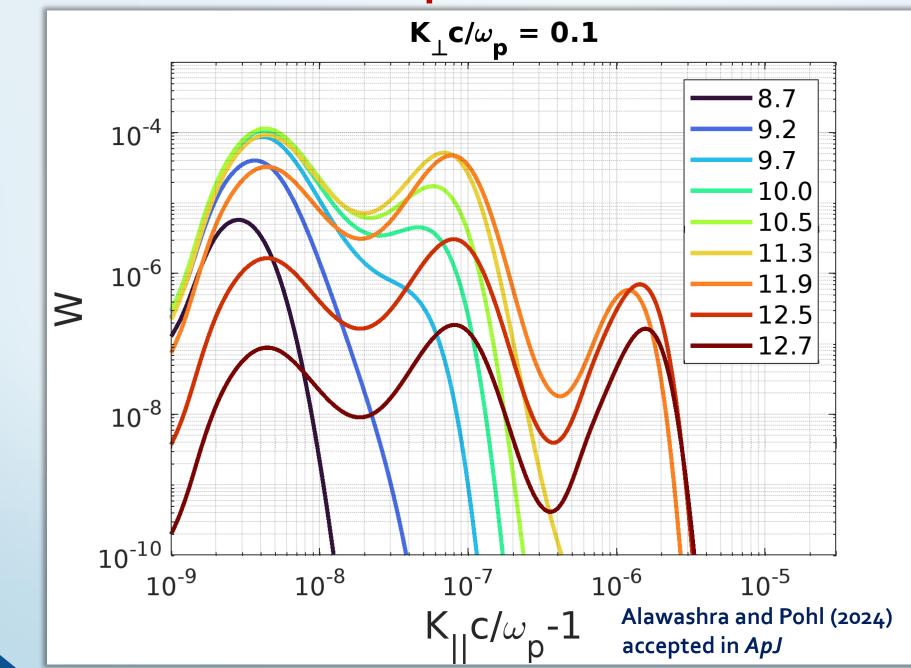
## Significant widening of the beam

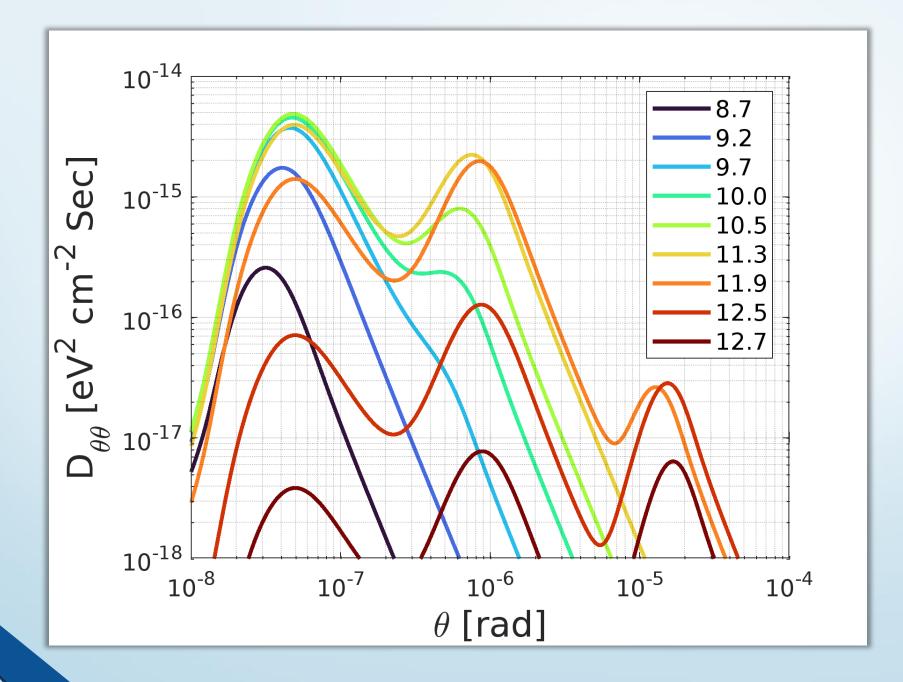


#### The instability is suppressed by the widening

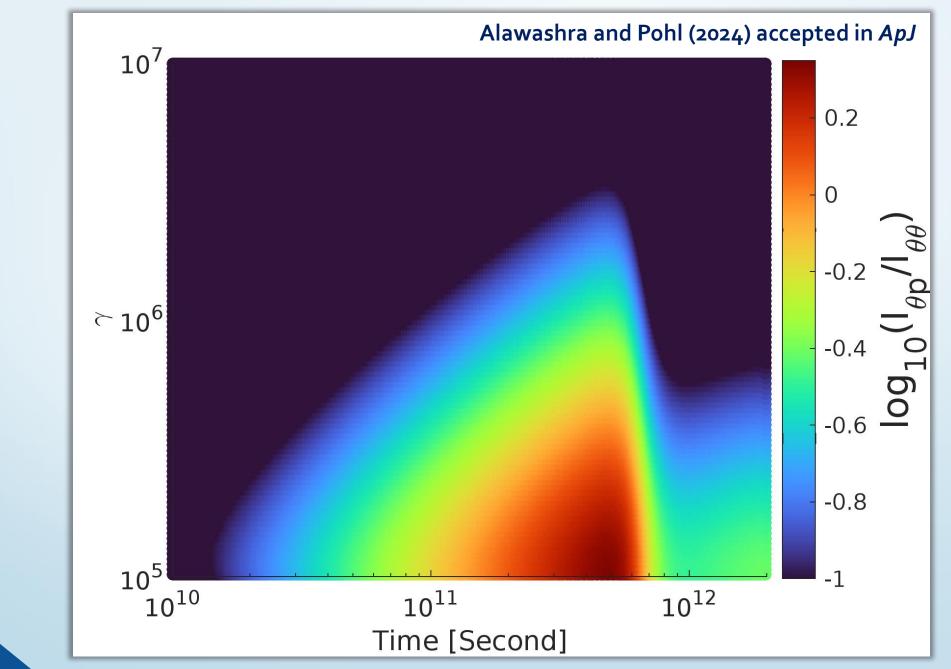


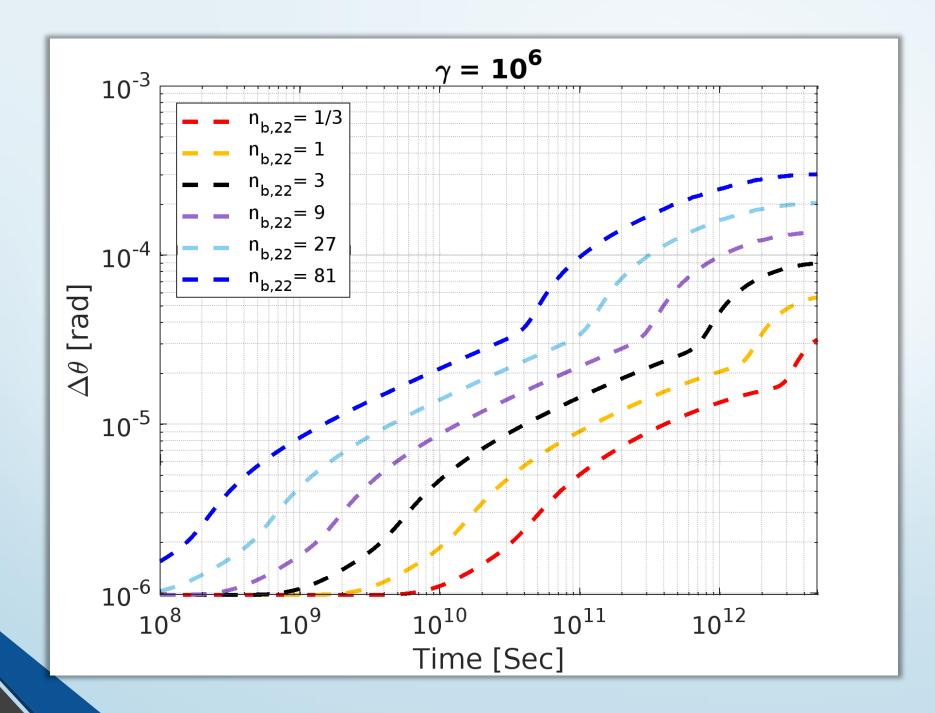
## **Unstable wave spectrum evolution**



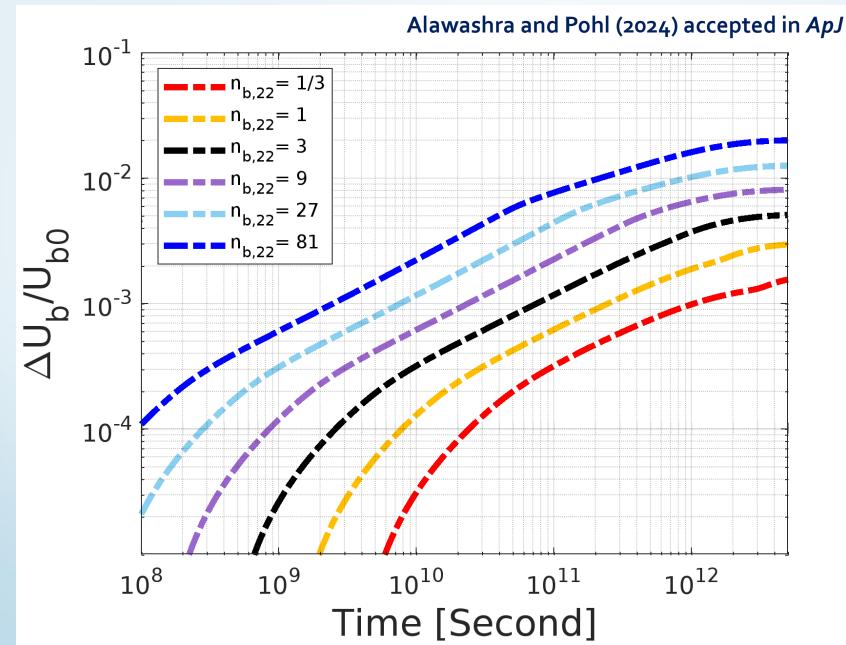


## Relevant for pairs with Lorentz factors less than 10<sup>6</sup>



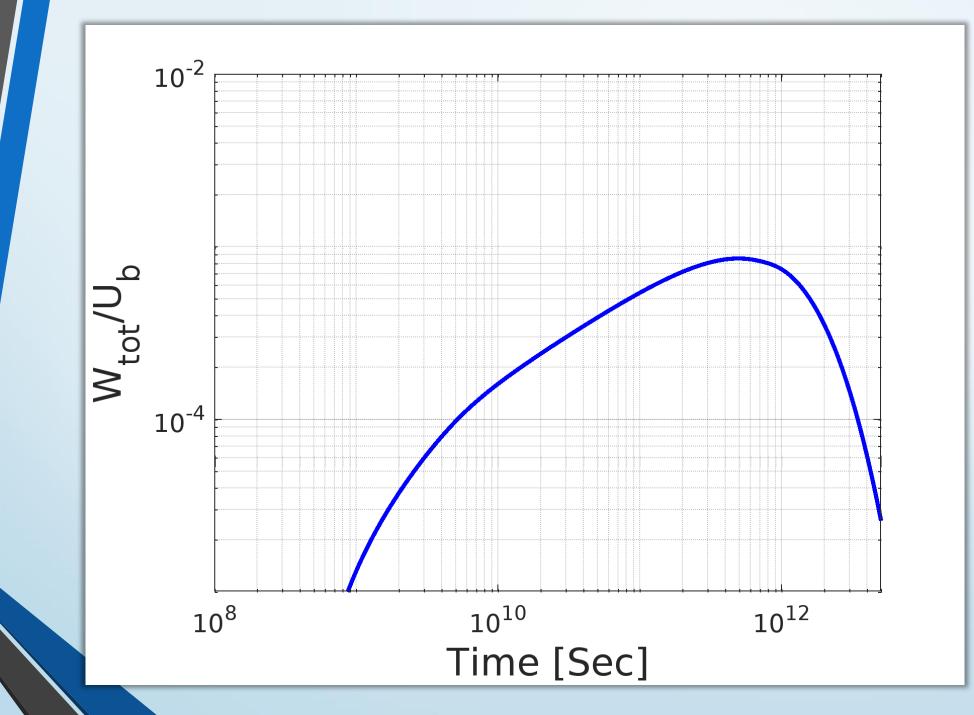


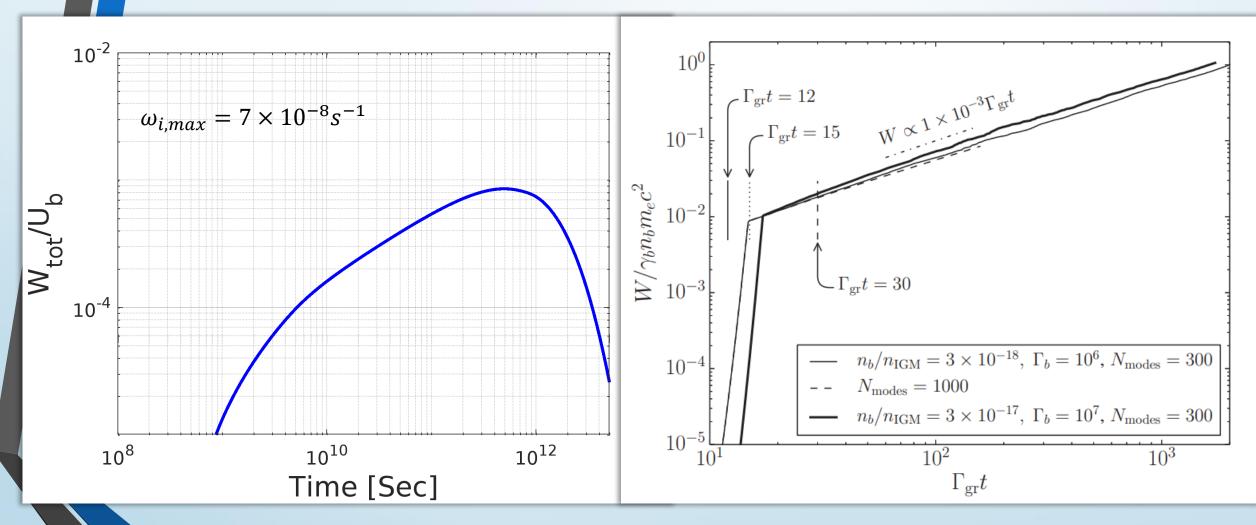
# Small energy loss even for higher densities



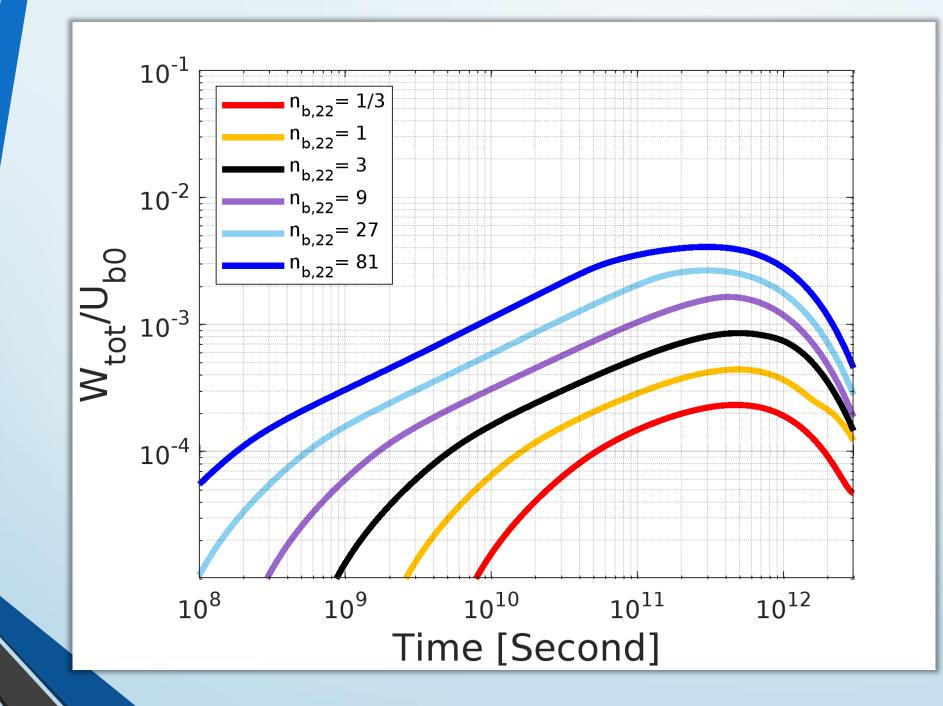
$$\frac{dU_b}{dt}(t) = -2\frac{dW_{\text{tot}}}{dt}(t)$$

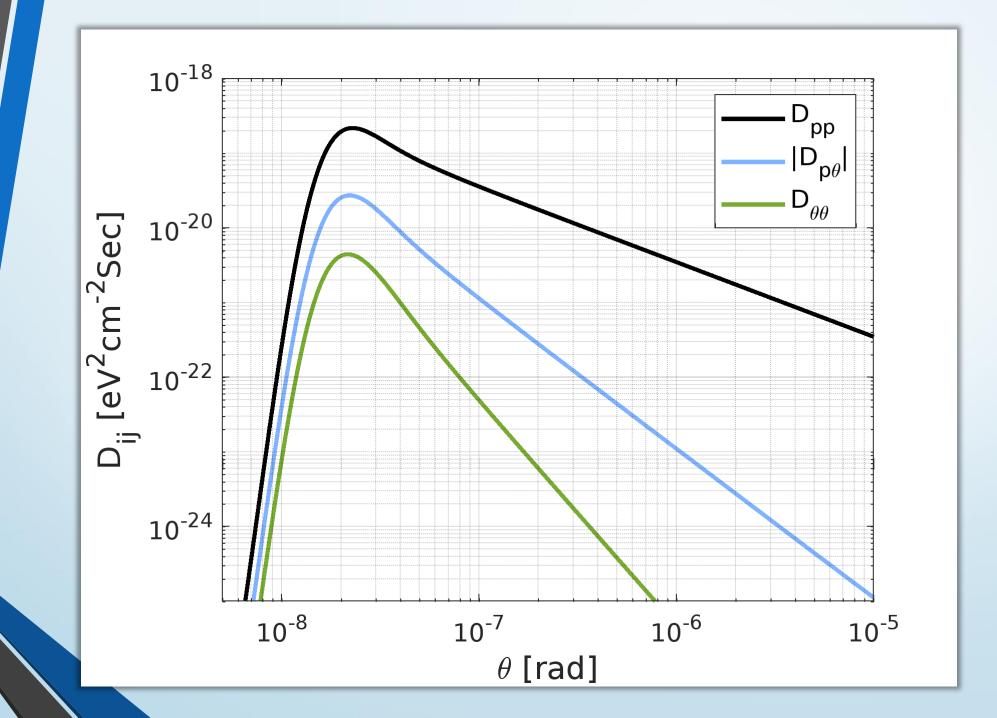
$$= -8\pi \int dk_{\perp}k_{\perp} \int dk_{||}W(k_{\perp},k_{||},t)\omega_i(k_{\perp},k_{||},t),$$
(5.38)

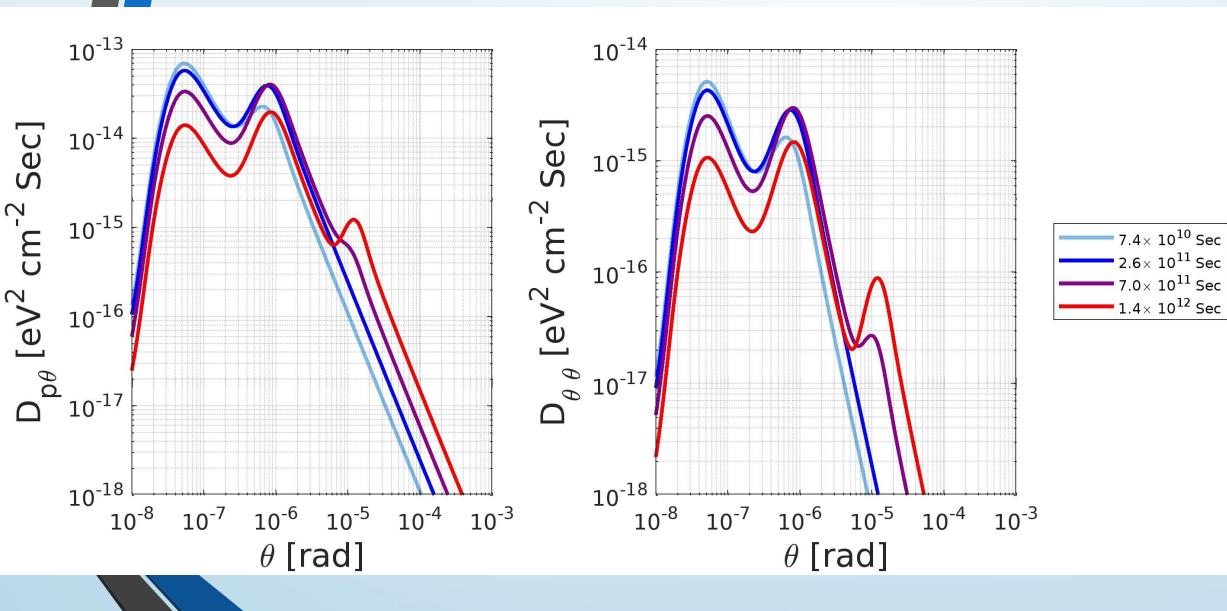




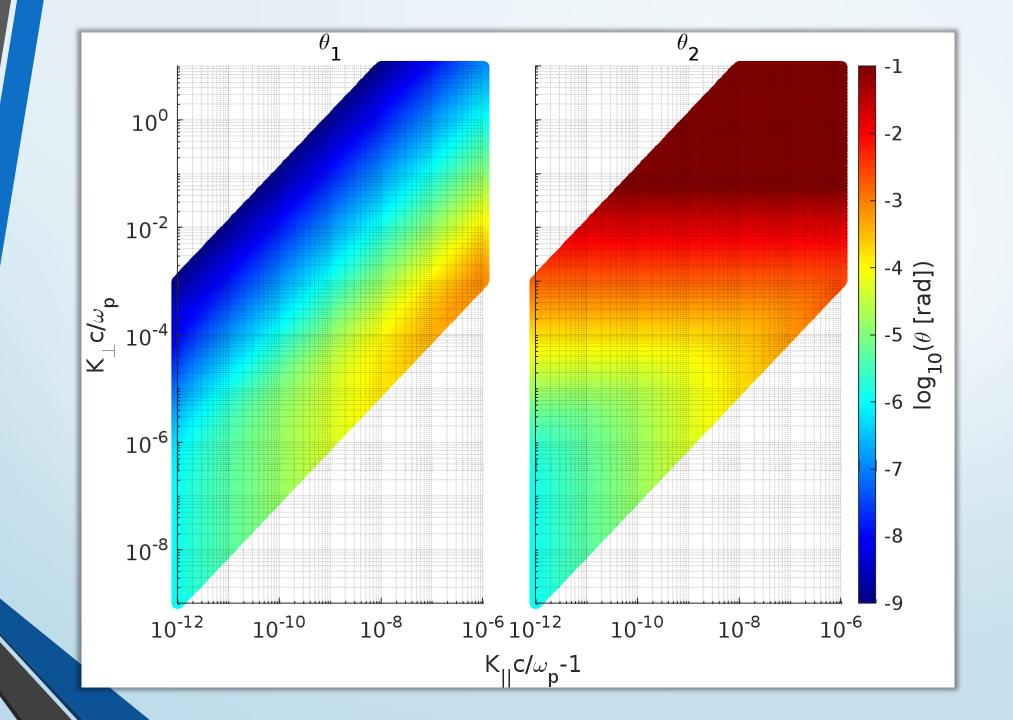
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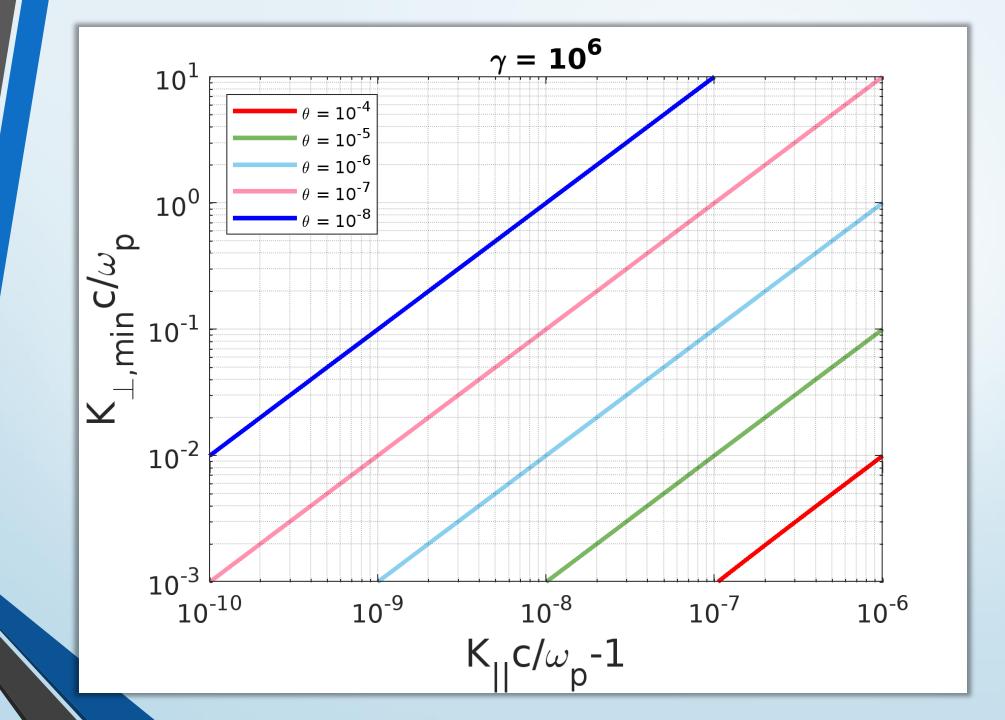


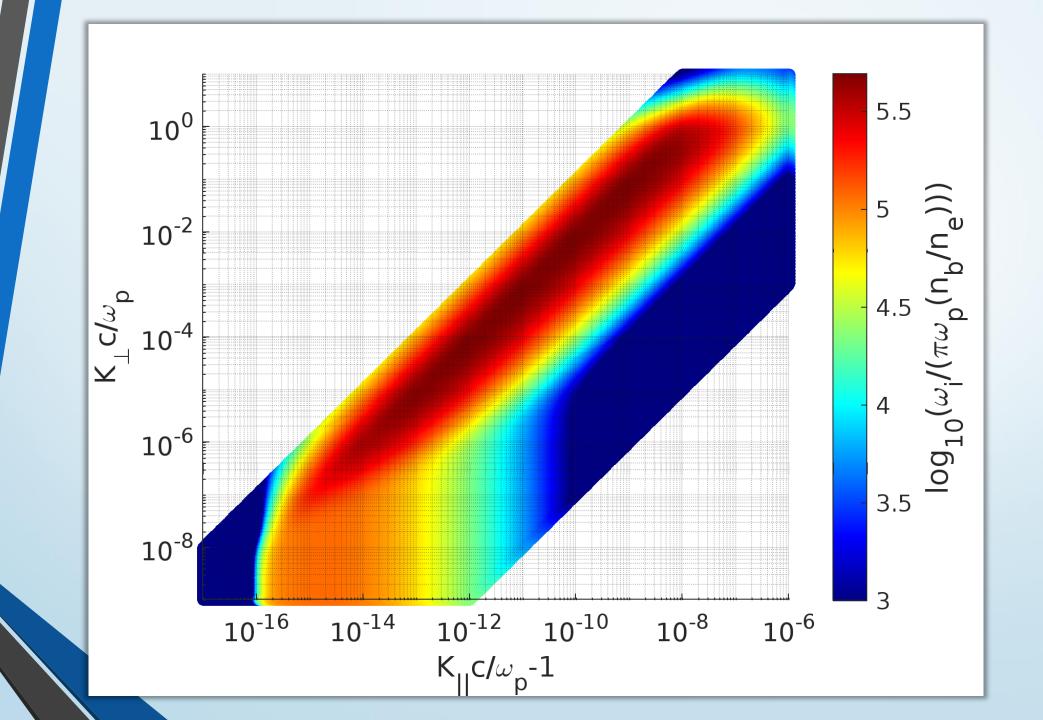


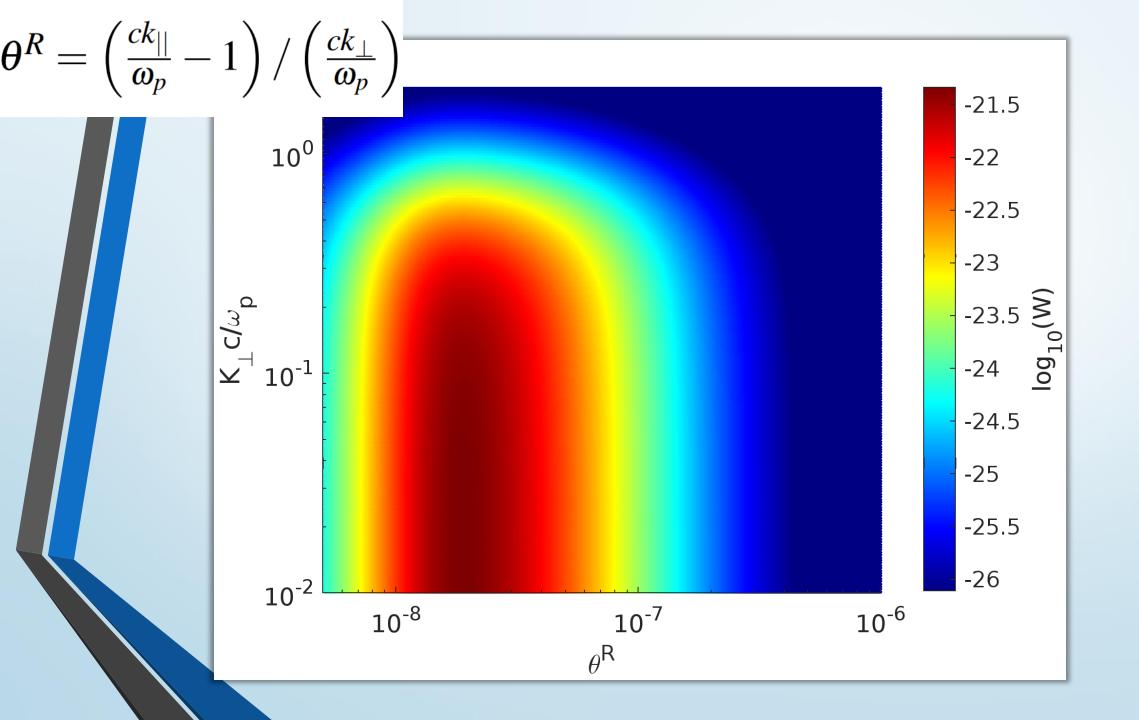


# Resonance



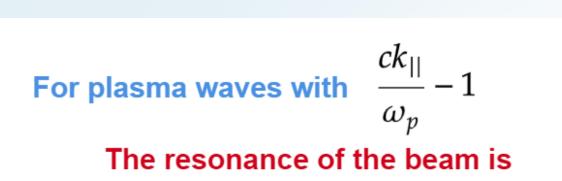


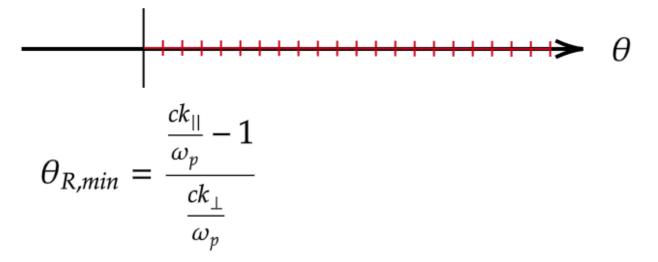




For 
$$\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} > 10^{-2}$$
,  $\gamma > 10^3$  and  $\theta < 10^{-3}$   
The resonance condion:  $\frac{ck_{||}}{\omega_p} - 1 = \frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} \theta$   
Let's look at the case of fixed  $\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}$ 



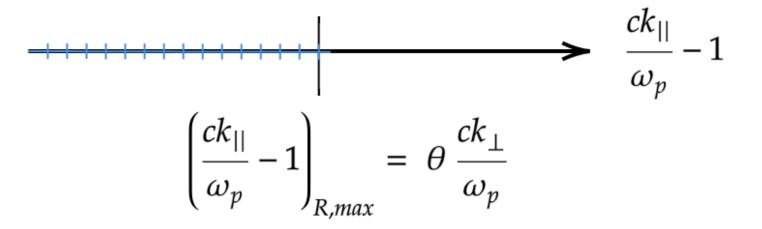




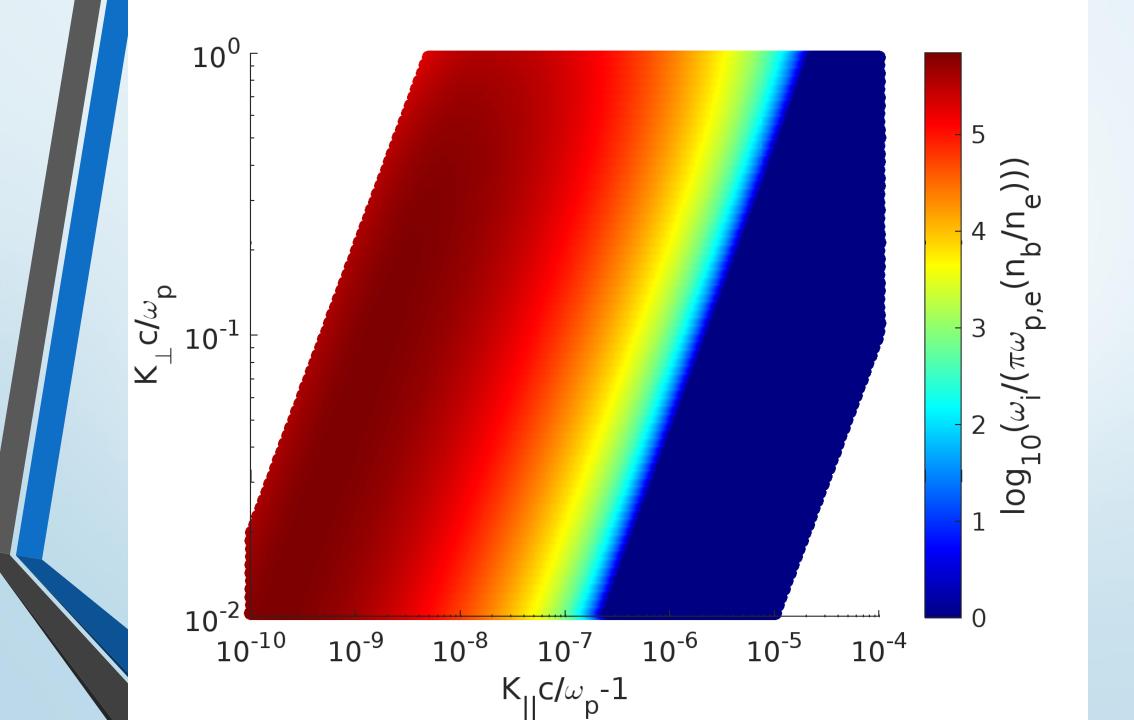


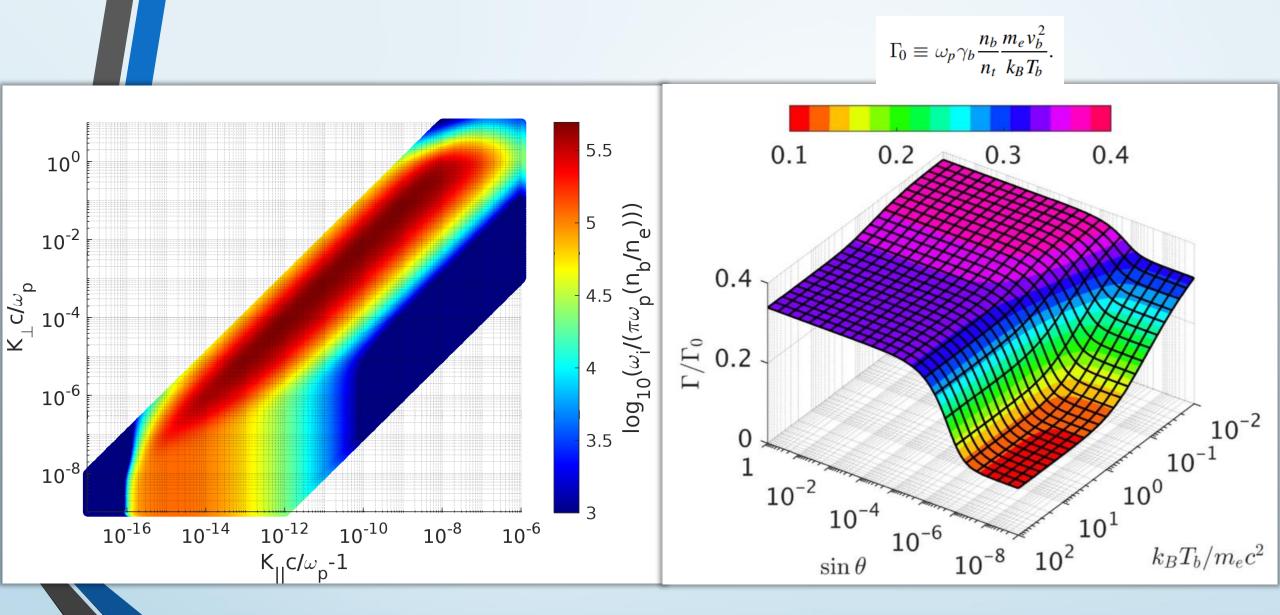
#### For beam angles with $\theta$

#### The resonance of the waves is



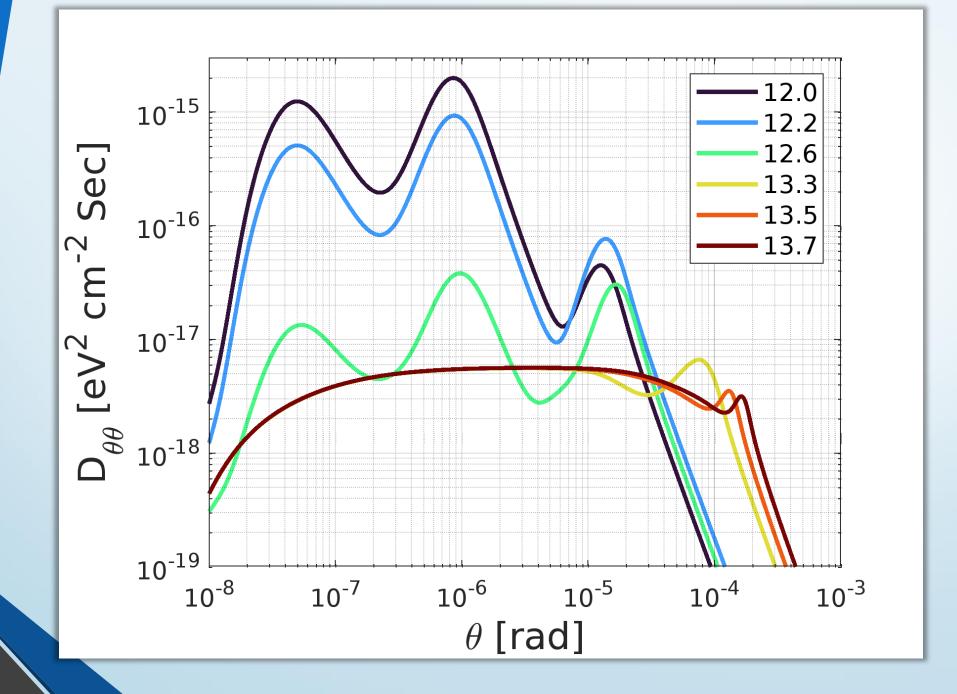




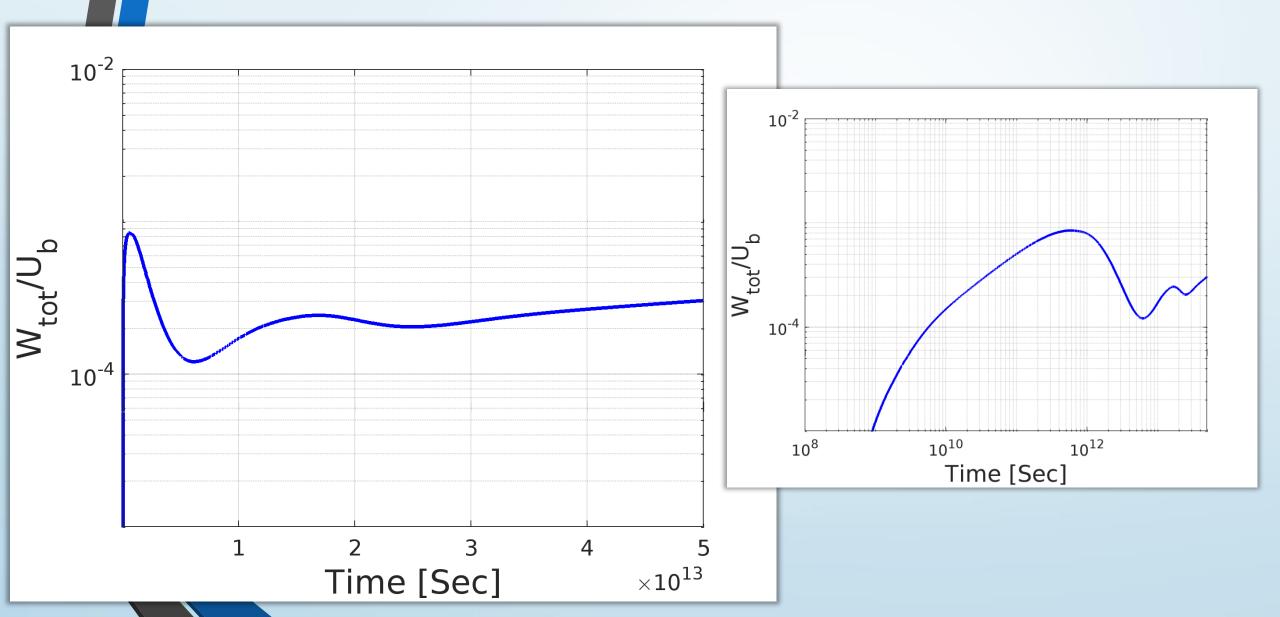


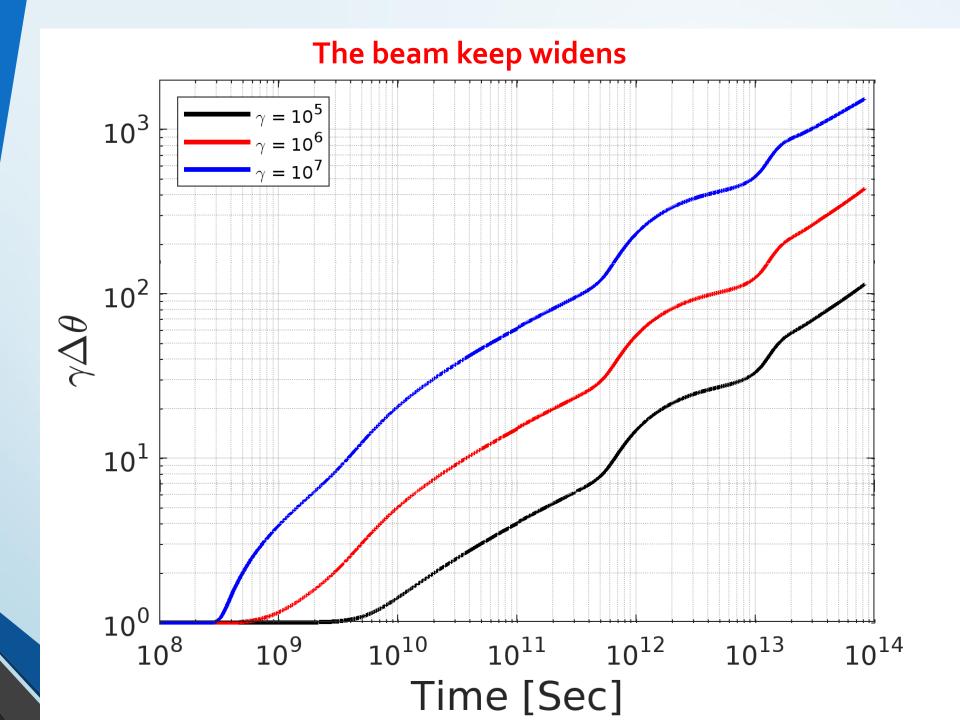
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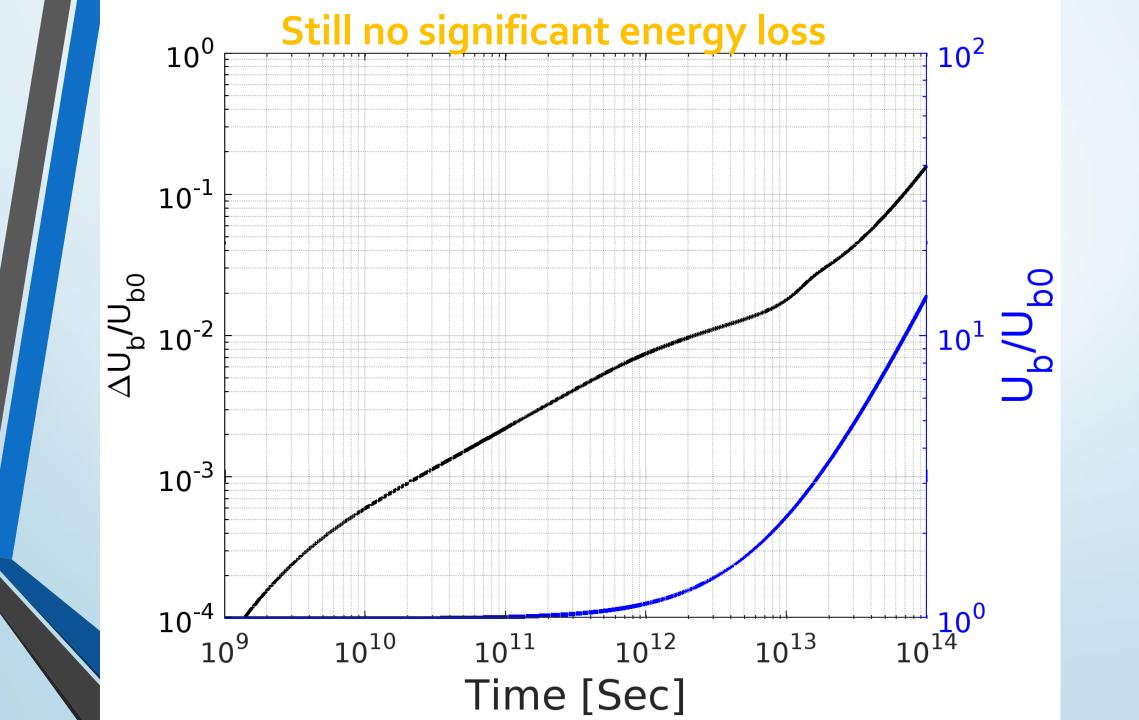
# Injection simulation



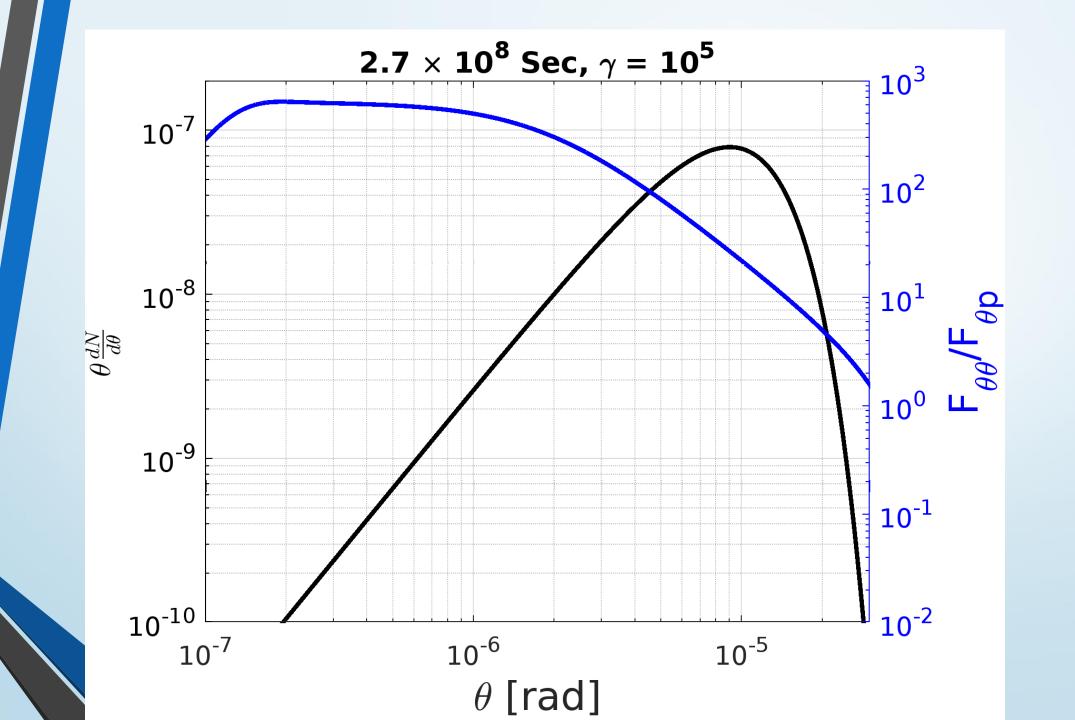
### With Injection

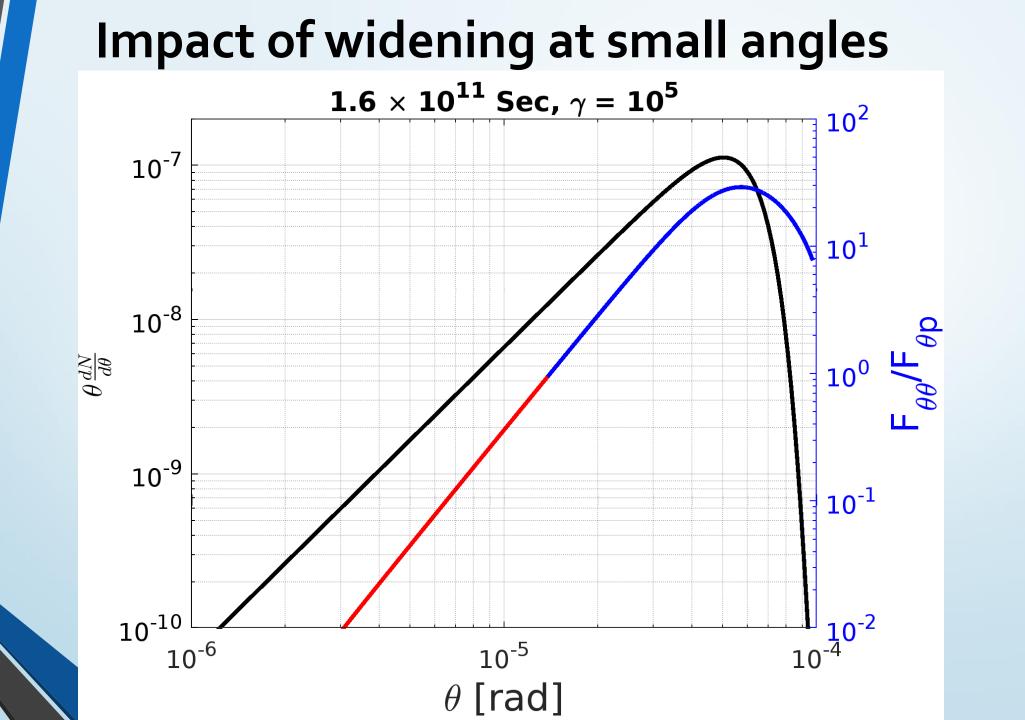




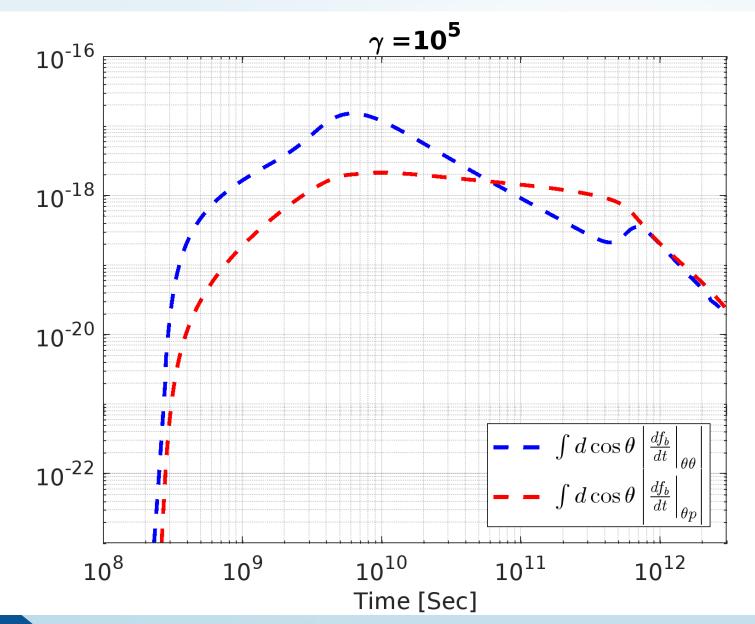


## **2D** analysis of diffusion equation

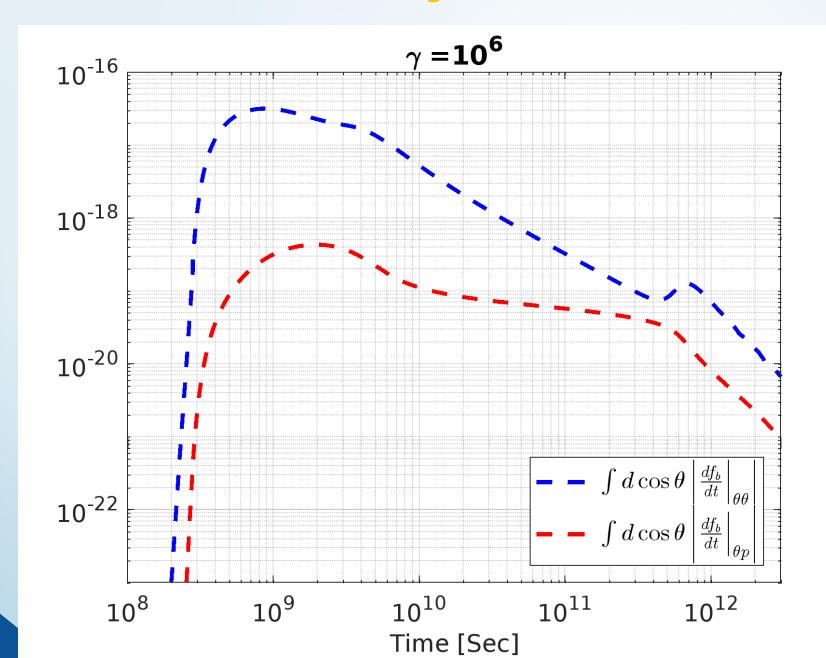




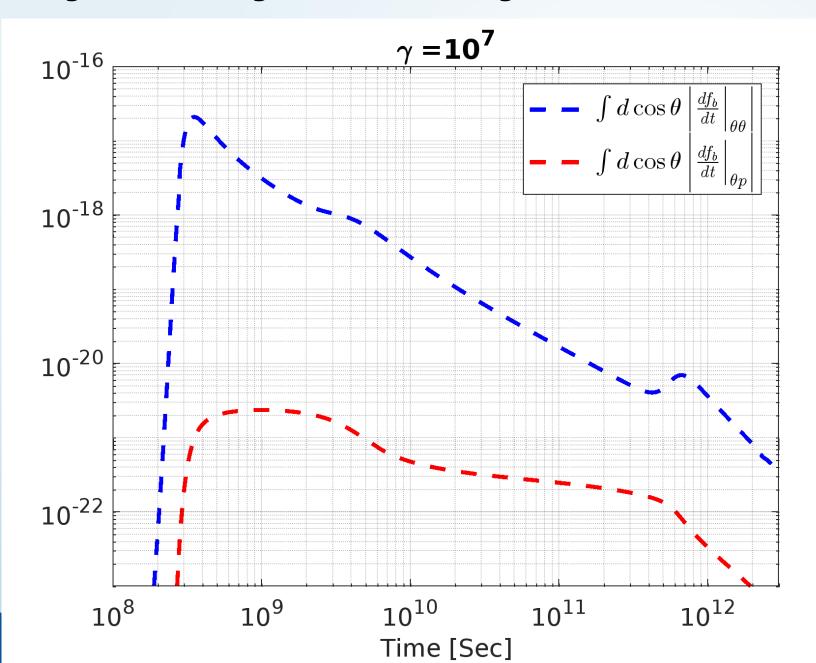
### The other term is relevant here



#### Not the same case for higher Lorentz factors

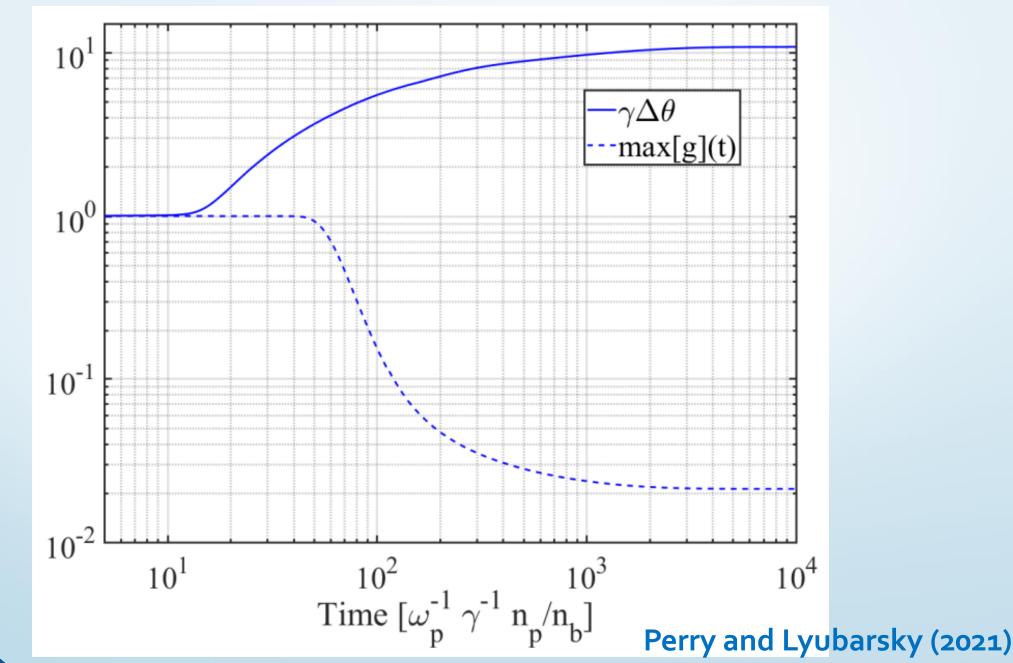


#### Angular widening dominate for larger Lorentz factors



## Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)

#### Significant beam broadening yields instability suppression



## **Old Collisional damping with Injection**

