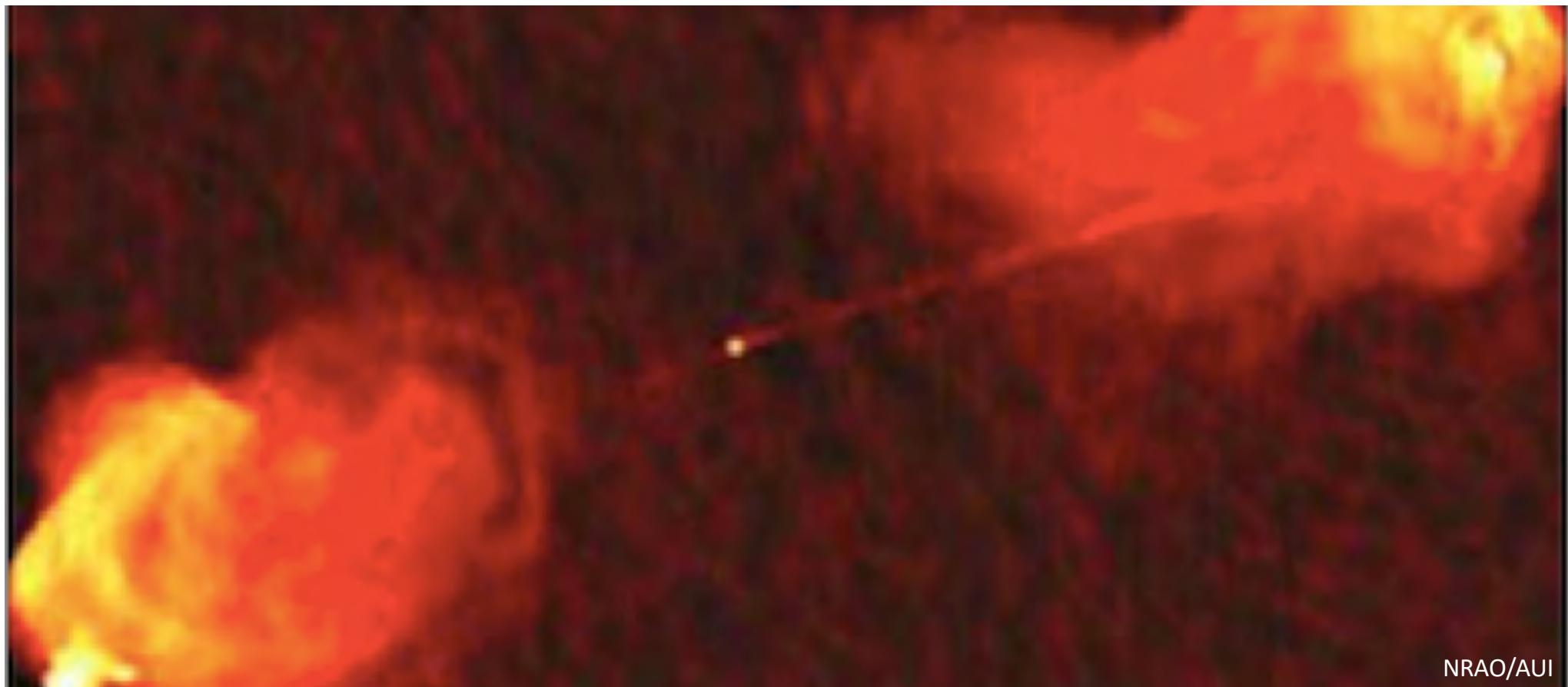


# Plasma Accelerator Physics

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# Cross paths with Dr. F. Albert

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APS fellow, etc.

ICUIL Member, etc.

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**PhD: Ecole Polytechnique (2007)**

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L LNL (1998-2001)

APS Wilson Prize

APS fellow, etc.

ICUIL co-founder (2004) Chair (2008-2016)

Pascal Chair: Ecole Polytechnique (2008-2009)



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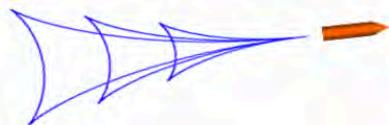


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# Comparison of wakes

## Wake

### Kelvin's Ship Wake



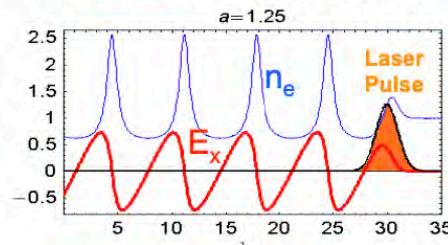
$$\omega = \sqrt{kg}$$

$$x = X_1 \cos \theta \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta \right)$$

$$y = X_1 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta$$

$$-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$$

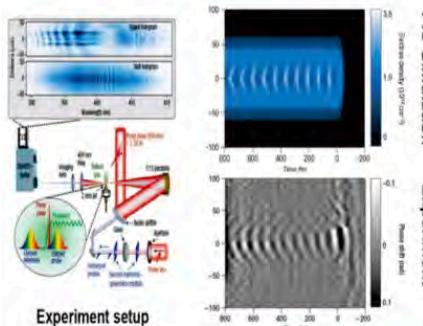
### Laser Plasma Wake



$$\lambda_p = 2\pi / k_p \quad k_p v_{ph} = \omega_{pe}$$

$$\omega_{pe} = (4\pi n e^2 / m_e)^{1/2}$$

### Snapshots of Laser Wake Waves



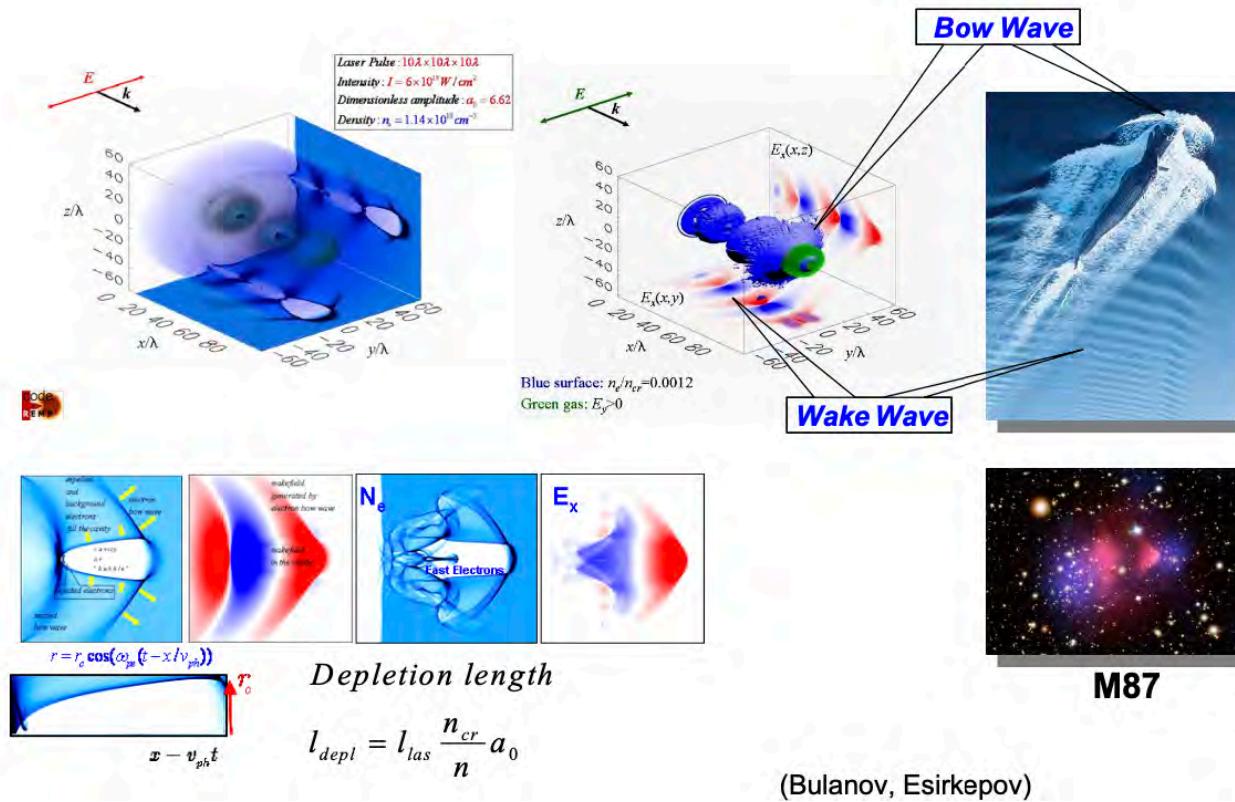
Paraboloidal  
Form  
of the Wake

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N. H. Matlis et al, Nature Phys. (2006)

# Bow and Stern wakes

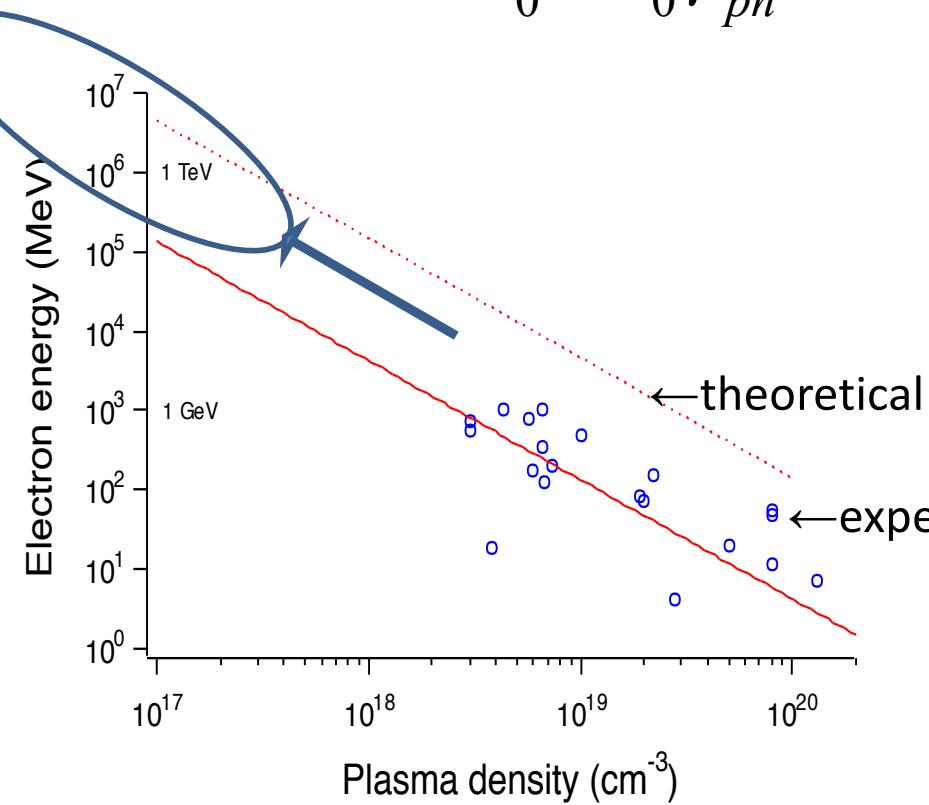
## Laser-driven Bow and Wake



# Theory of wakefield toward extreme energy

$$\Delta E \approx 2m_0c^2a_0^2\gamma_{ph}^2 = 2m_0c^2a_0^2 \left( \frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right), \quad (\text{when 1D theory applies})$$

Tajima / Dawson, 1979



In order to avoid wavebreak,

$$a_0 < \gamma_{ph}^{1/2},$$

where

$$\gamma_{ph} = [n_{cr}(\omega) / n_e]^{1/2}$$

$$n_{cr} = 10^{21}/\text{cc (1eV photon)}$$

$$\rightarrow 10^{29} \text{ (10keV photon)}$$

$$n_e = 10^{16} \text{ (gas)} \rightarrow 10^{23}/\text{cc(solid)}$$

$$L_d = \frac{2}{\pi} \lambda_p a_0^2 \left( \frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right), \quad L_p = \frac{1}{3\pi} \lambda_p a_0 \left( \frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right),$$

dephasing length

pump depletion length

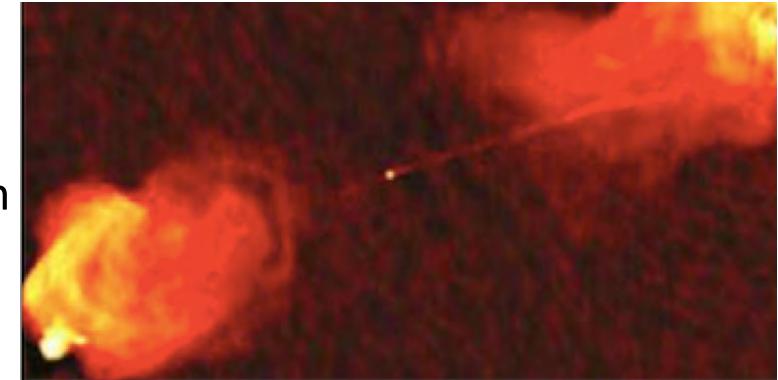
# Universal Universe of Wakefields



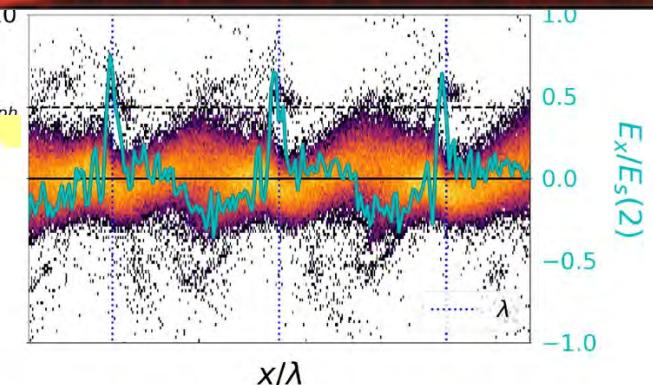
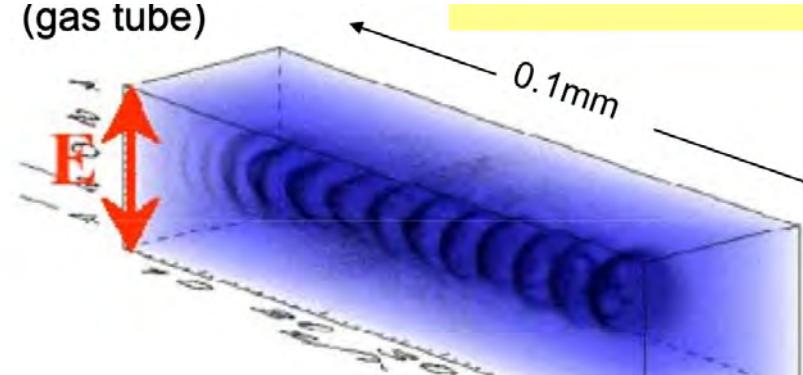
# Ranges of wakefields

$\lambda : 10^{-13} \text{ cm} \leftarrow \rightarrow 10^{19} \text{ cm}$

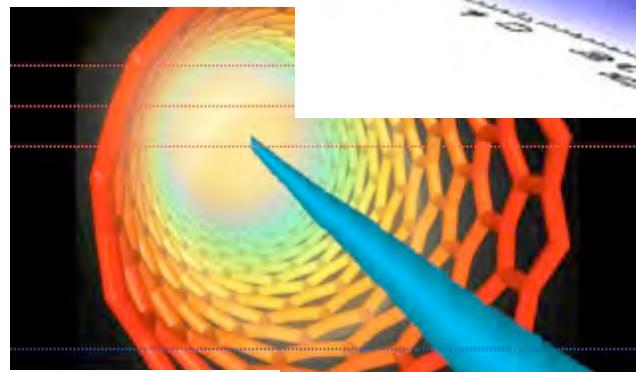
$\lambda = 10^{19} \text{ cm}$   
(AGN jets)



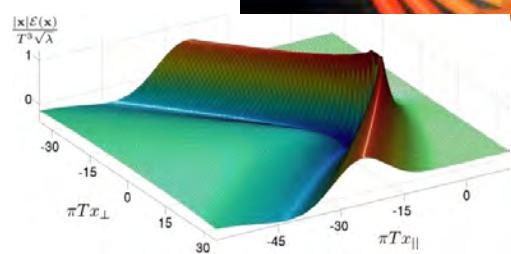
$\lambda = 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$   
(gas tube)



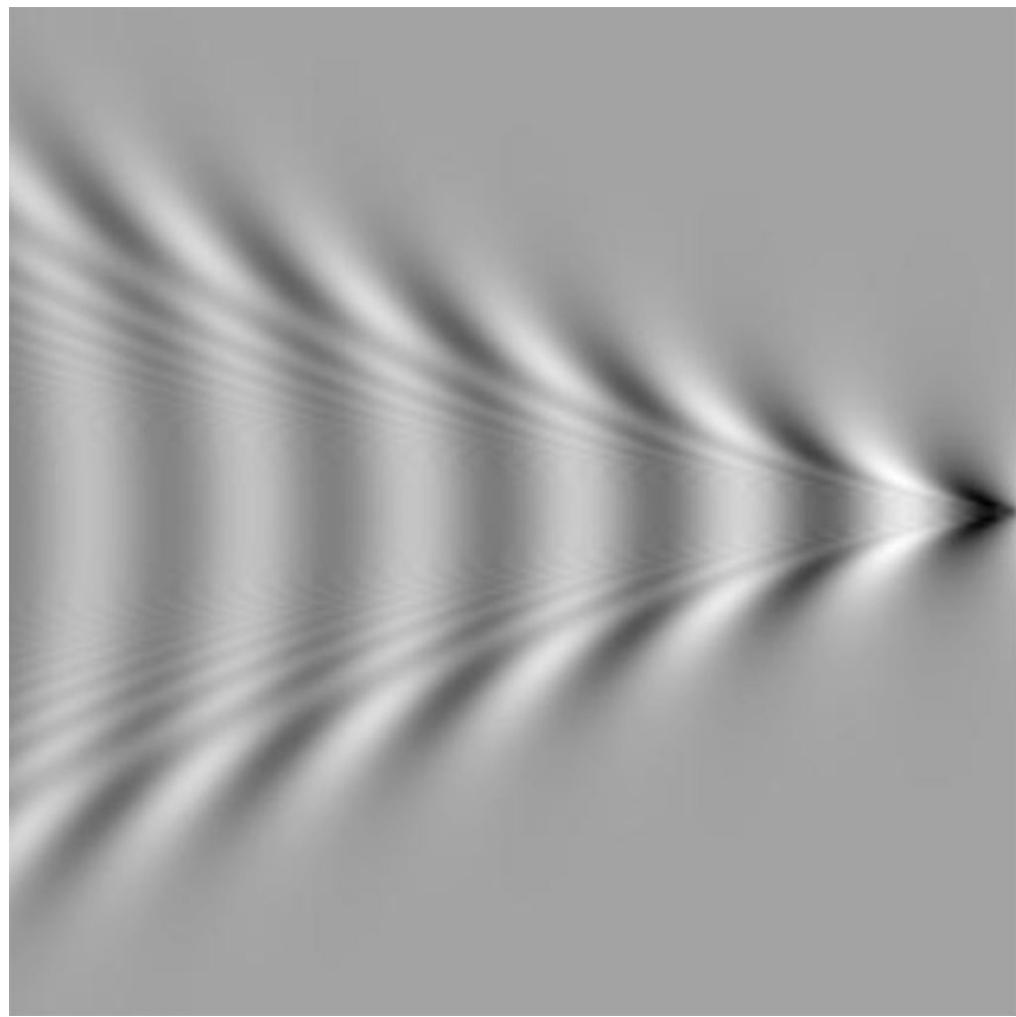
$\lambda = 1 \text{ cm}$  (fusion plasma)



$\lambda = 10^{-7} \text{ cm}$   
(nanotube)



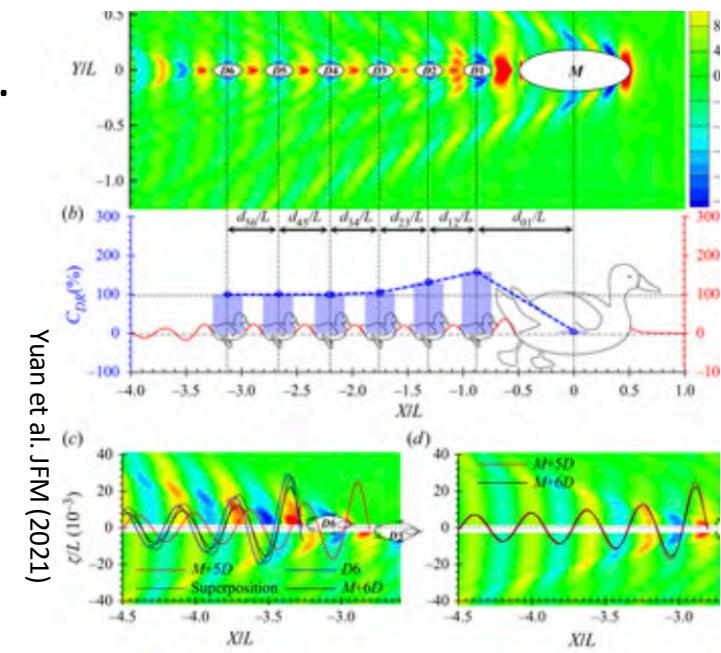
$\lambda = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$  (nuclear QCD plasma)



# Wake acceleration

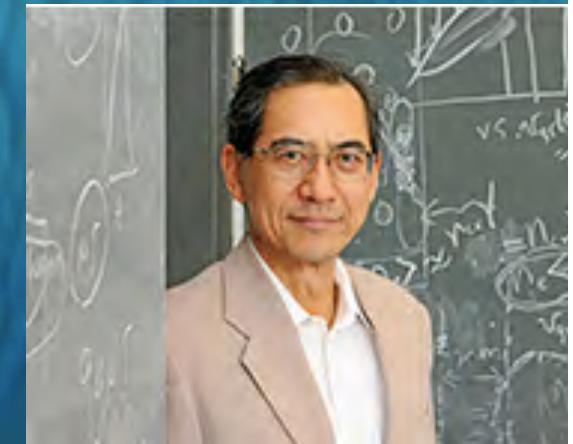
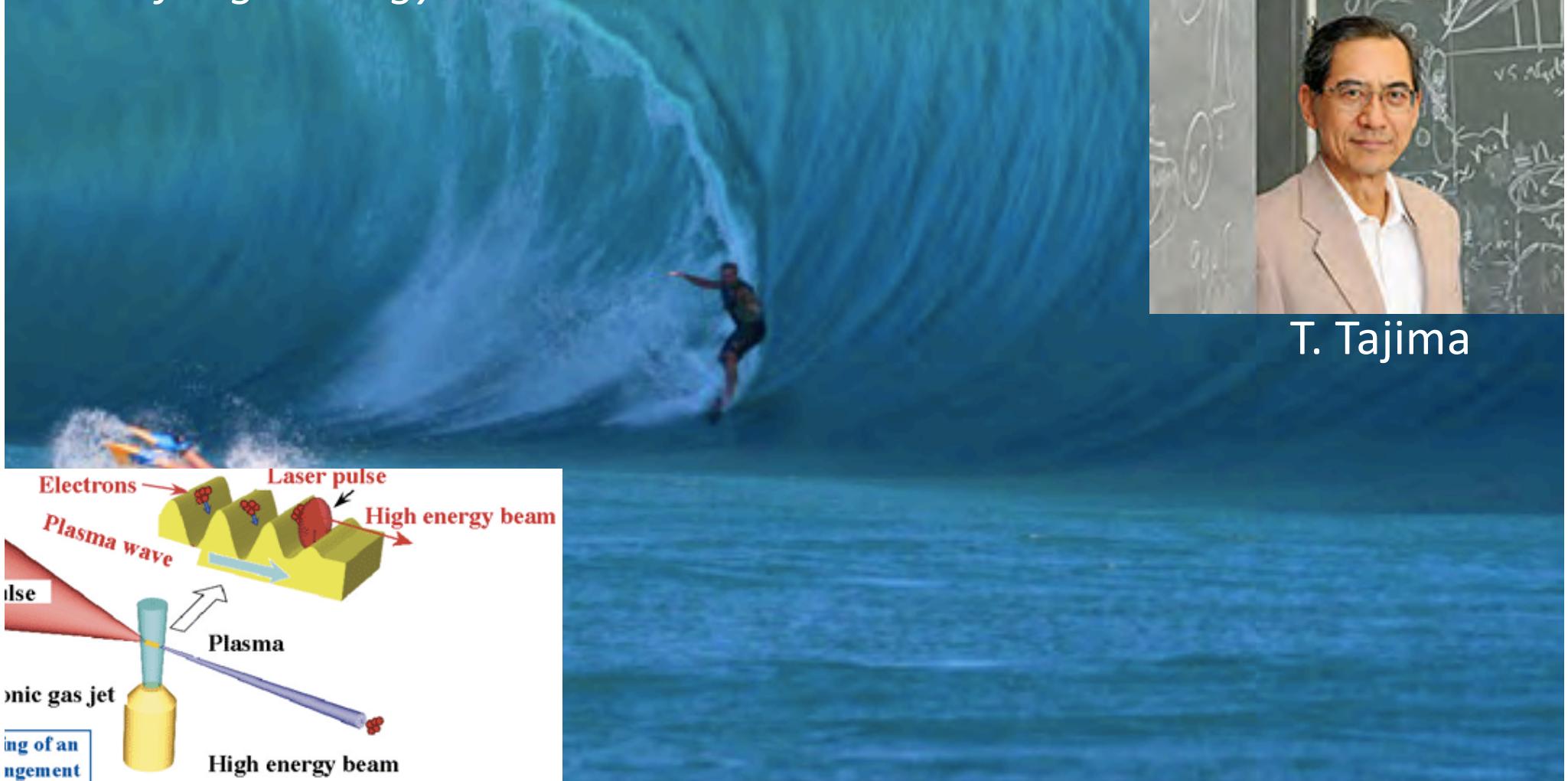


Bow wake and stern wake  
Nature (or mother duck) shows us.



# Laser Wake Field Acceleration

*source of High energy electrons and Photons*



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Nature's wakefield accelerator  
in cosmos

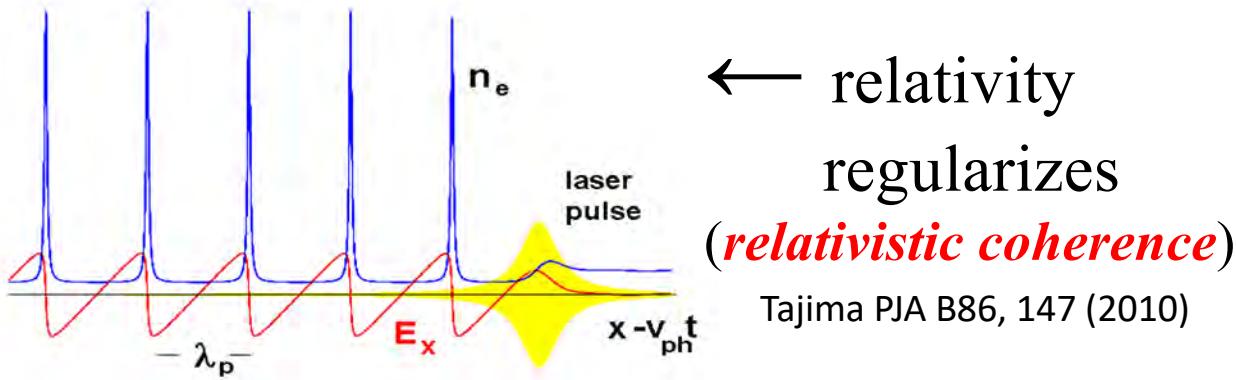
# Relativistic aspects of LWFA

1. **High phase velocity paradigm:** Tajima-Dawson (1979)  $v_{ph} \rightarrow$  large (close to  $c$ )
2. **Relativistic amplitude of LWFA :**  $a_0 \gg 1$

Strong beam (of **laser** / particles) drives plasma waves to saturation amplitude:  $E = m\omega_p v_{ph}/e$

**Relativistic coherence** enhances **beyond** the Tajima-Dawson field:  $E = m\omega_p c a_0/e$  ( $\sim$  GeV/cm)

No wave breaks and wake peaks at relativistic regime  
 $v \approx c$

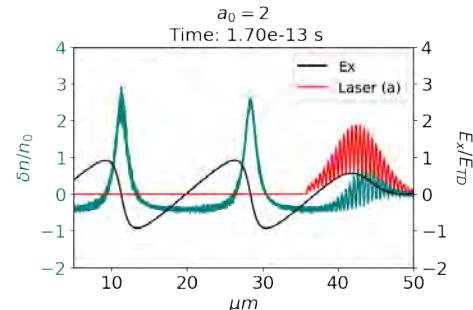


Wave **breaks** at  $v < c$  at non-relativistic regime

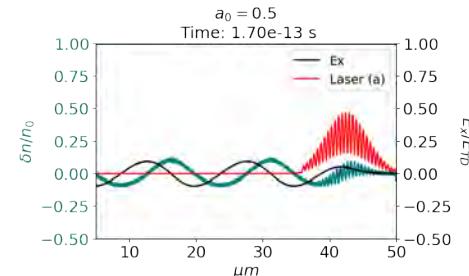


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**Relativistic coherence** (Tajima, 2010)  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  **Quantum coherence** (Bose-Einstein condensation)



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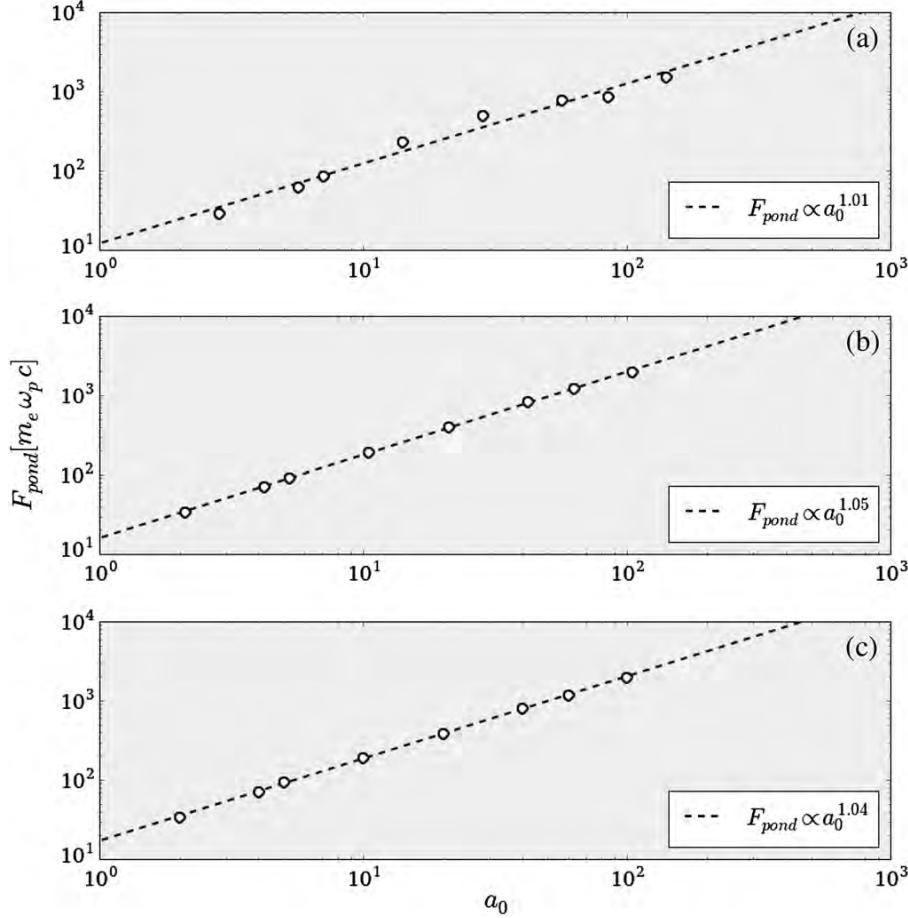


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# Relativistic astrophysical jets

Ponderomotive force: independent of  $M / m$

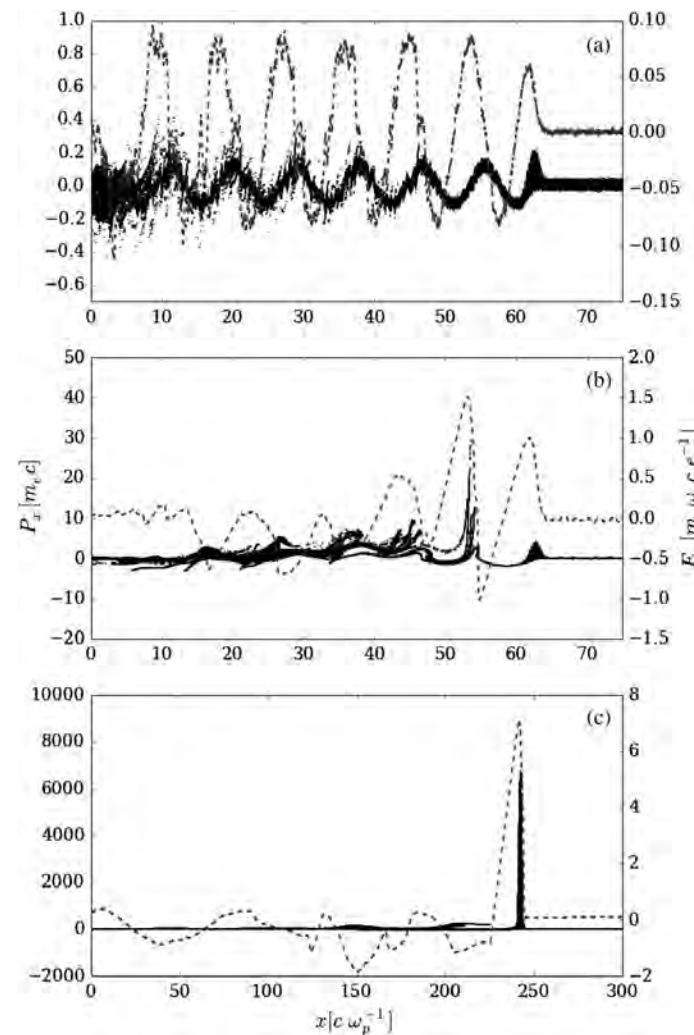
Charge force less, as we reduce  $M / m$



$M / m : 1, 10^2, 10^3$

$\uparrow$   
 $e^- e^+$

Lau et al. (2015)

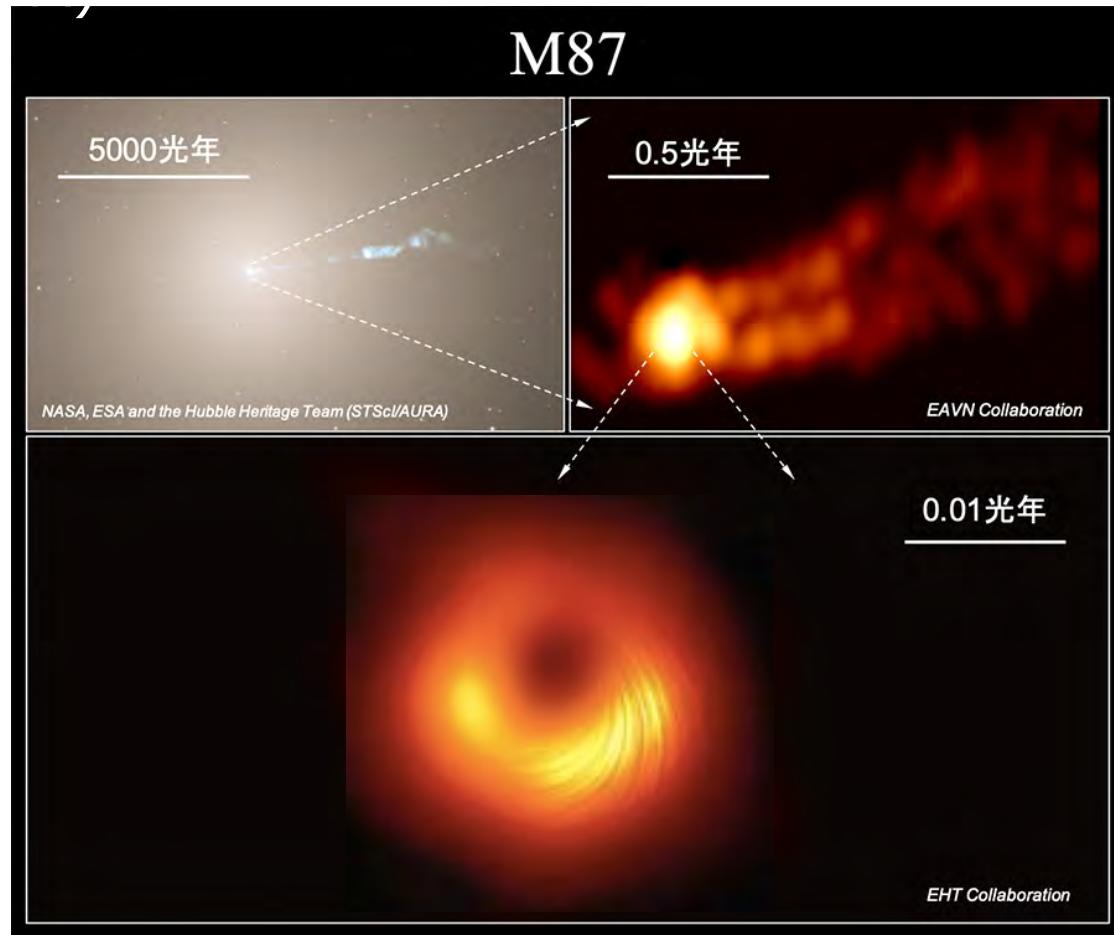


**Bow wake (or shock) (rather than stern wake)**  
Ponderomotive acceleration

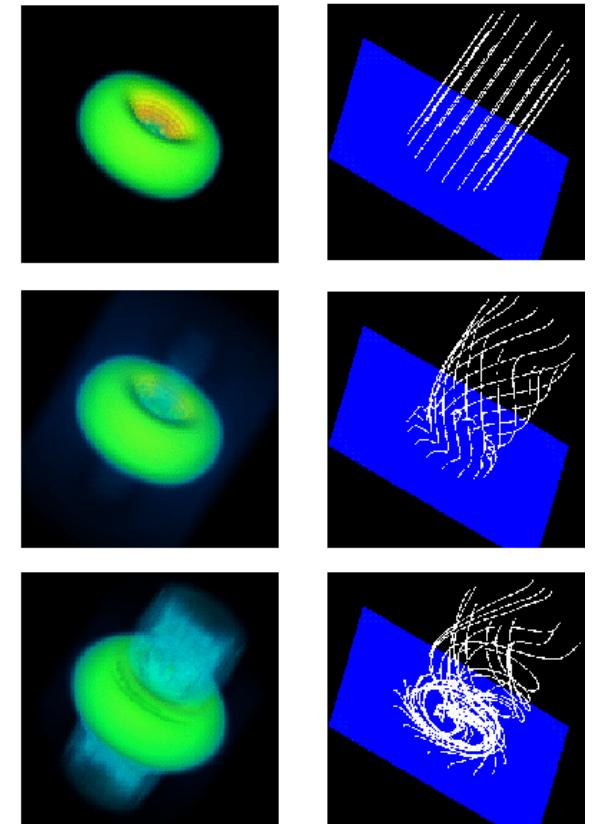
$a_0 : 0.4, 2, 60$

Energy gain :  $W_{max} = 2mc^2 (\omega/\omega_p)^2 a_0^2$

# Jet of M87 Galaxy



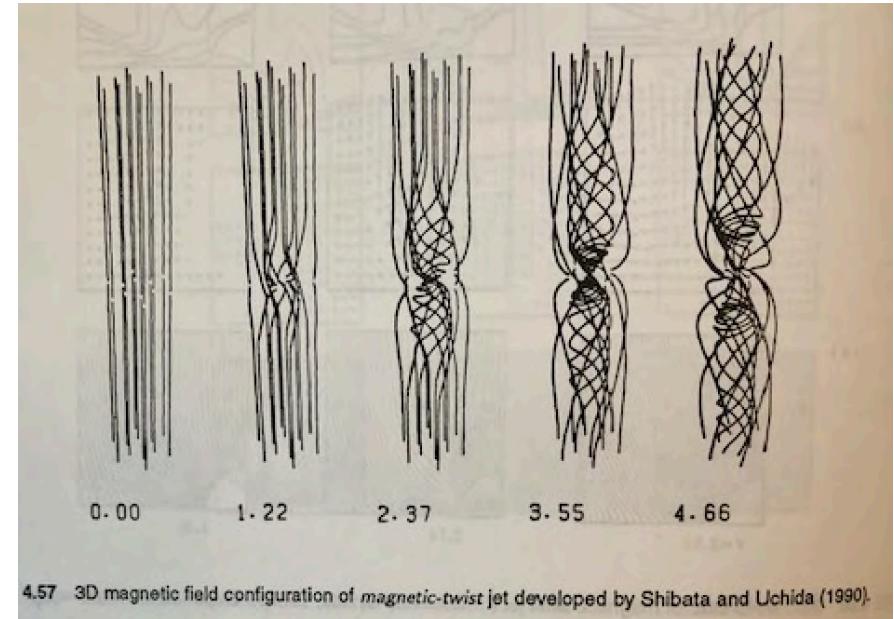
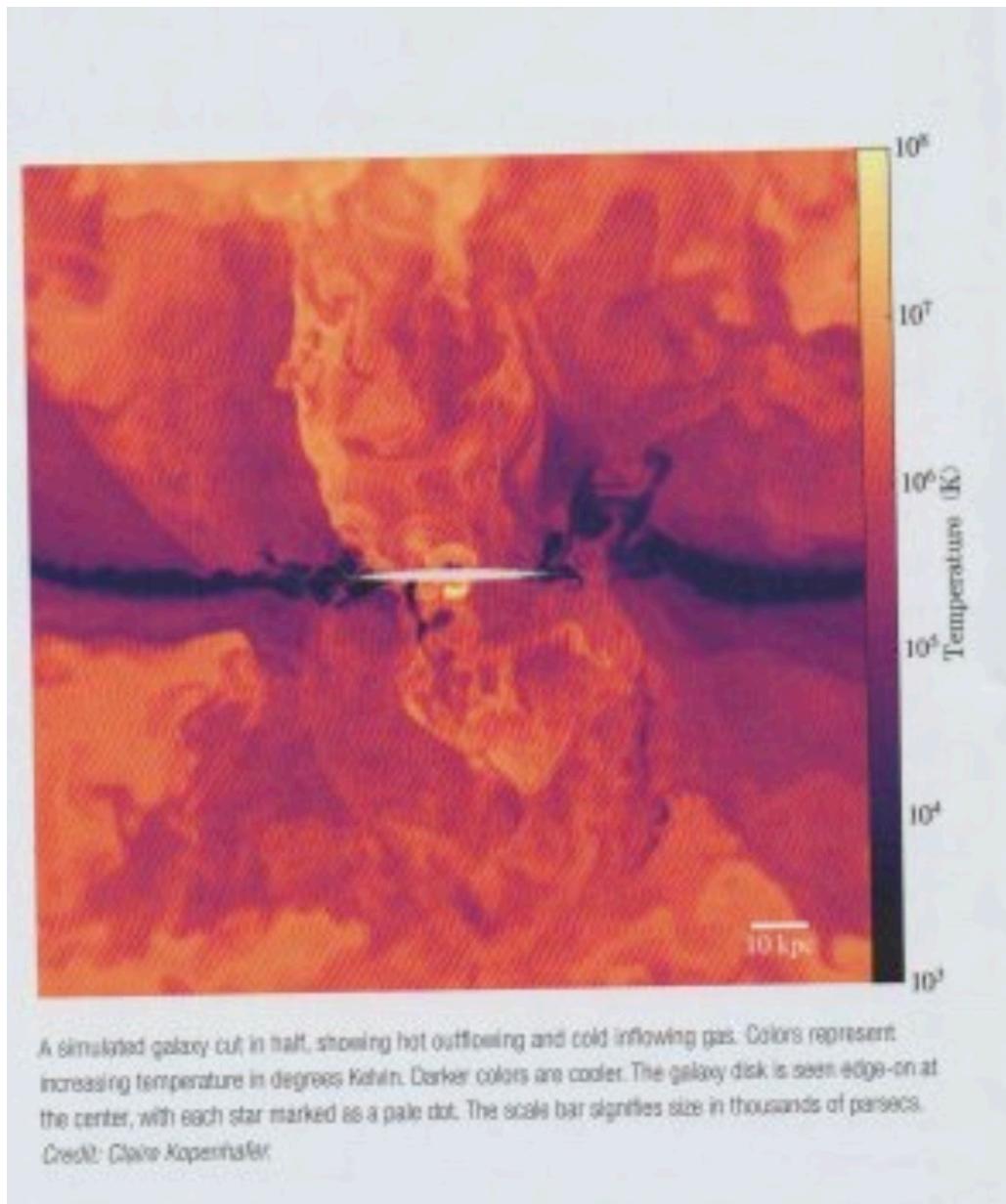
3D Structure of Disk and Jet



T. Tajima and K. Shibata, Plasma Astrophysics  
(Perseus Publishing, Cambridge Massachusetts

JISCRSS 109  
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# Compare Shibata's simulation with non-magnetic simulation to understand the importance of Magnetic fields in astrophysical jets and acceleration

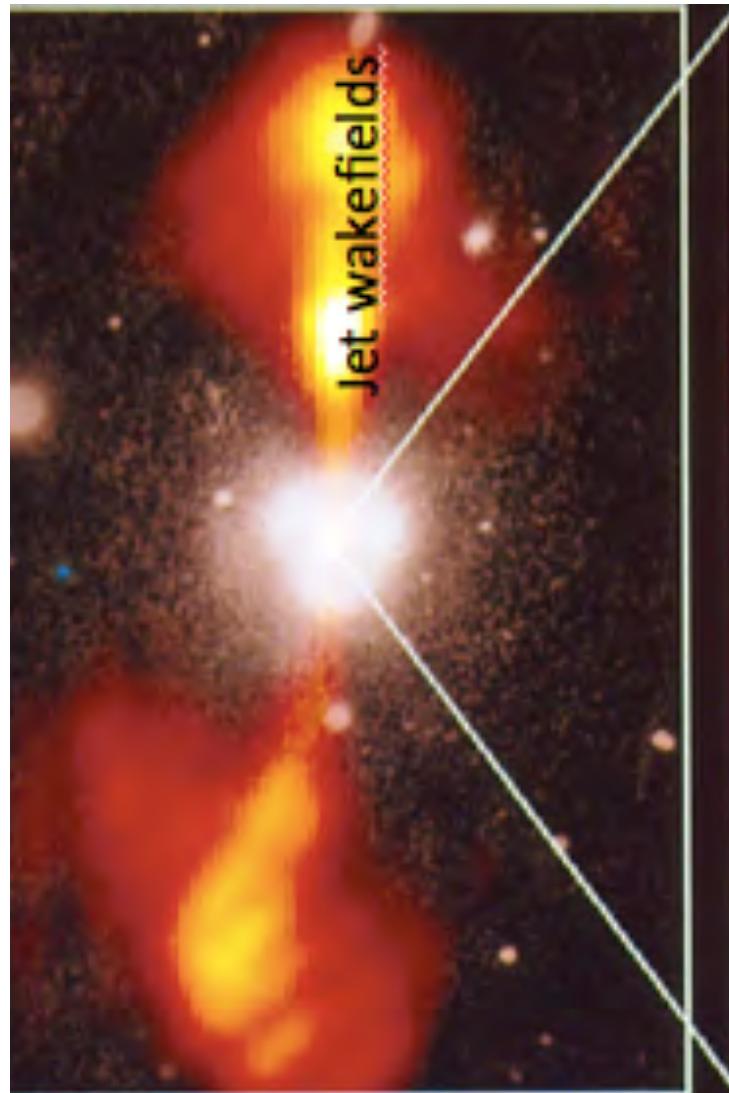


↑ With magnetic fields  
same book above Tajima-Shibata p. 384

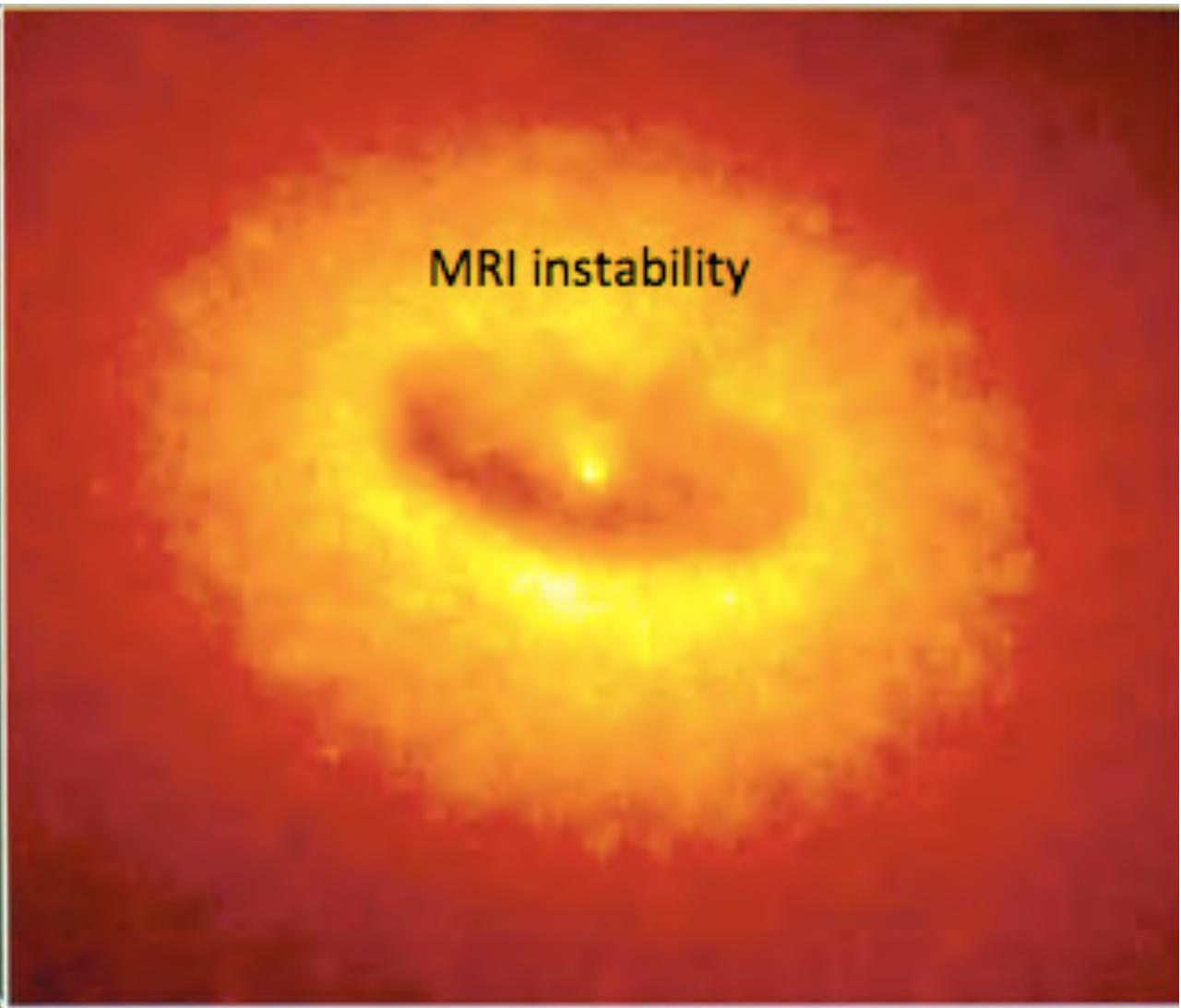
<--A gravitational simulation without B-fields  
C. Kopenhafer (in Dexis, DoE p. 10 (2021))

# Hubble Space Telescope image of jets and disk

Ground-based optical/radio image



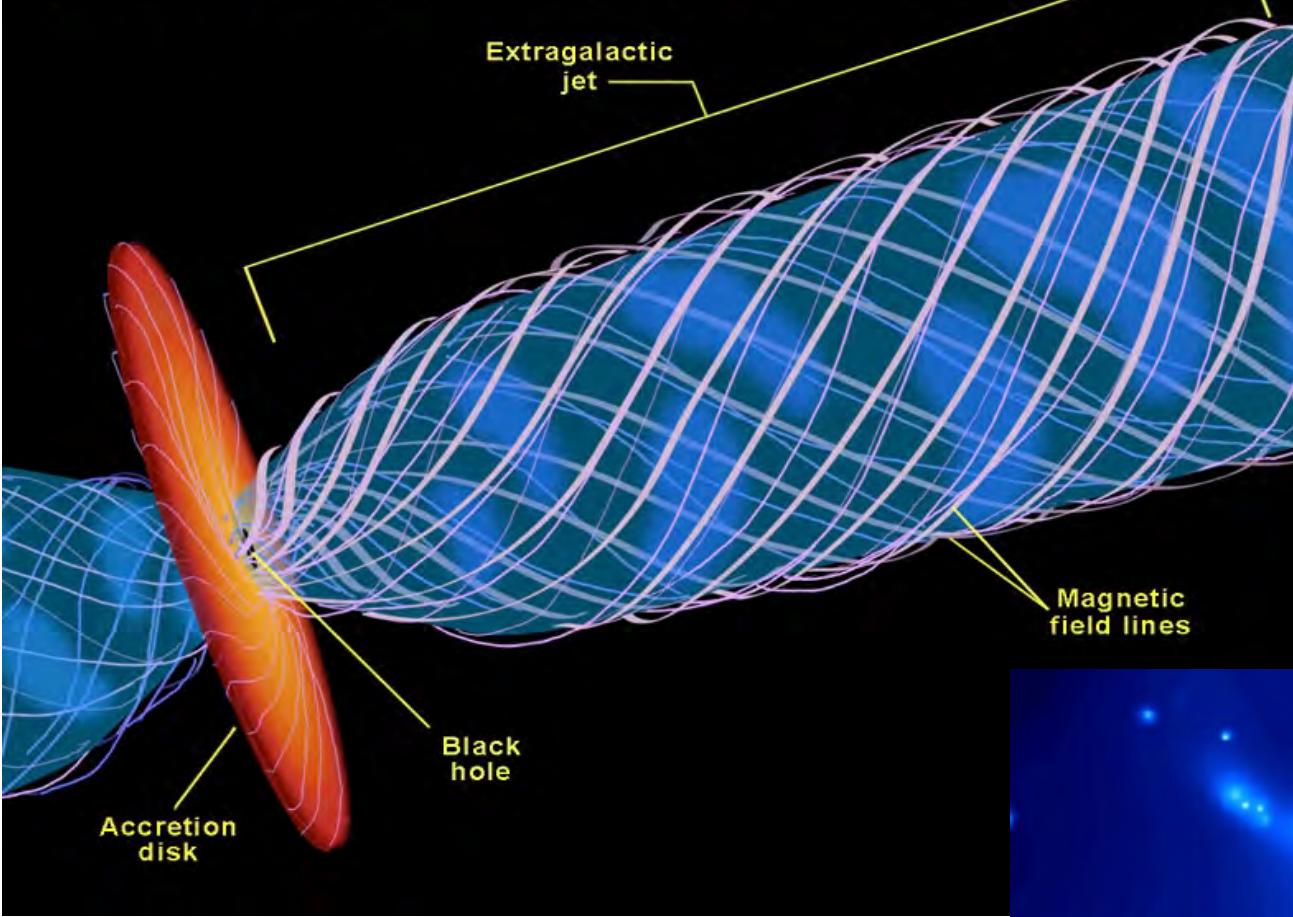
HST image of a gas and dust disk



380 Arc Seconds  
88,000 LIGHTYEARS

17 Arc Seconds  
400 LIGHTYEARS

## Formation of extragalactic jets from black hole accretion disk



Fermi's 'Stochastic Acceleration'  
(large synchrotron radiation loss)

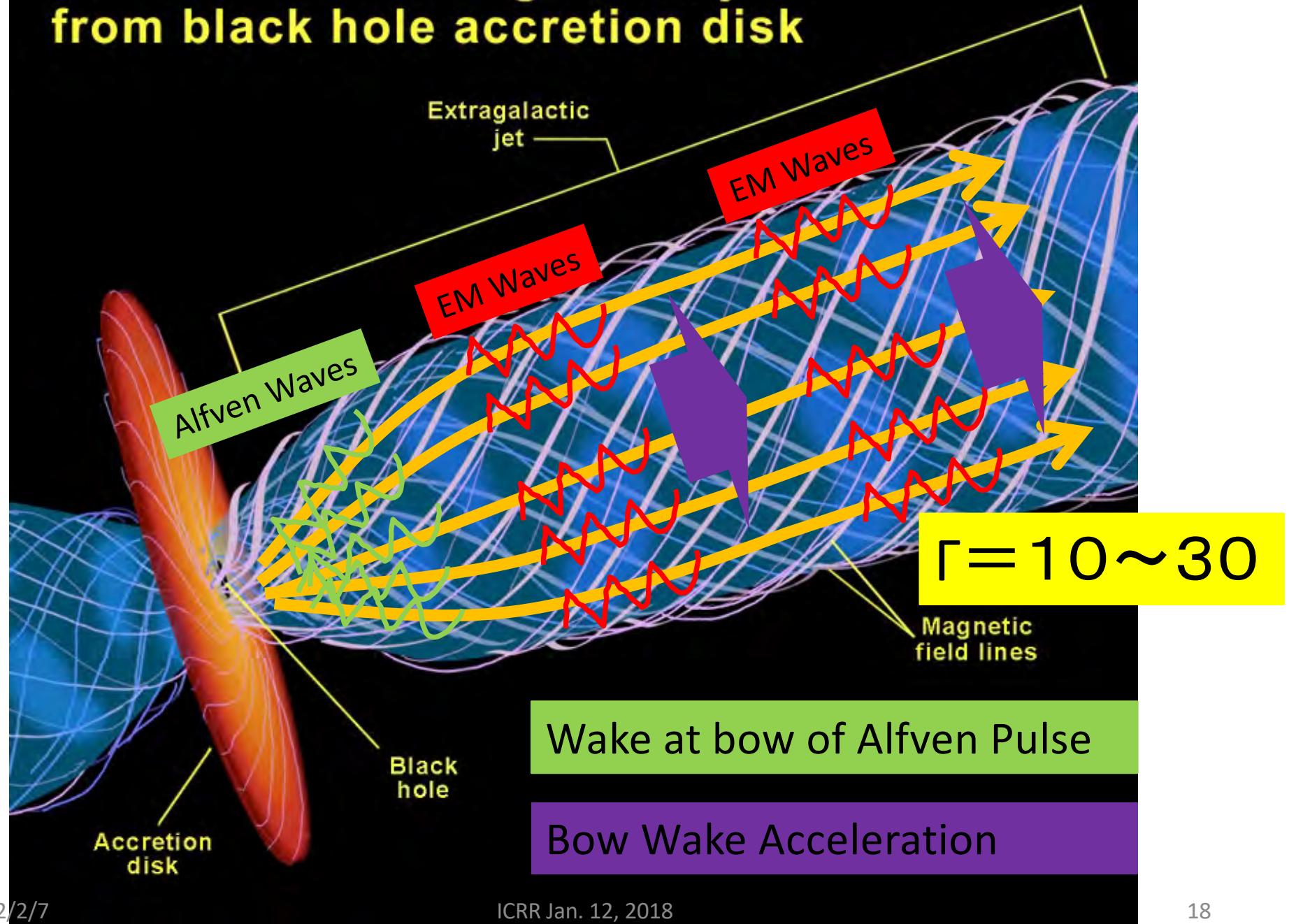


Coherent wakefield acceleration  
(no limitation of the energy)

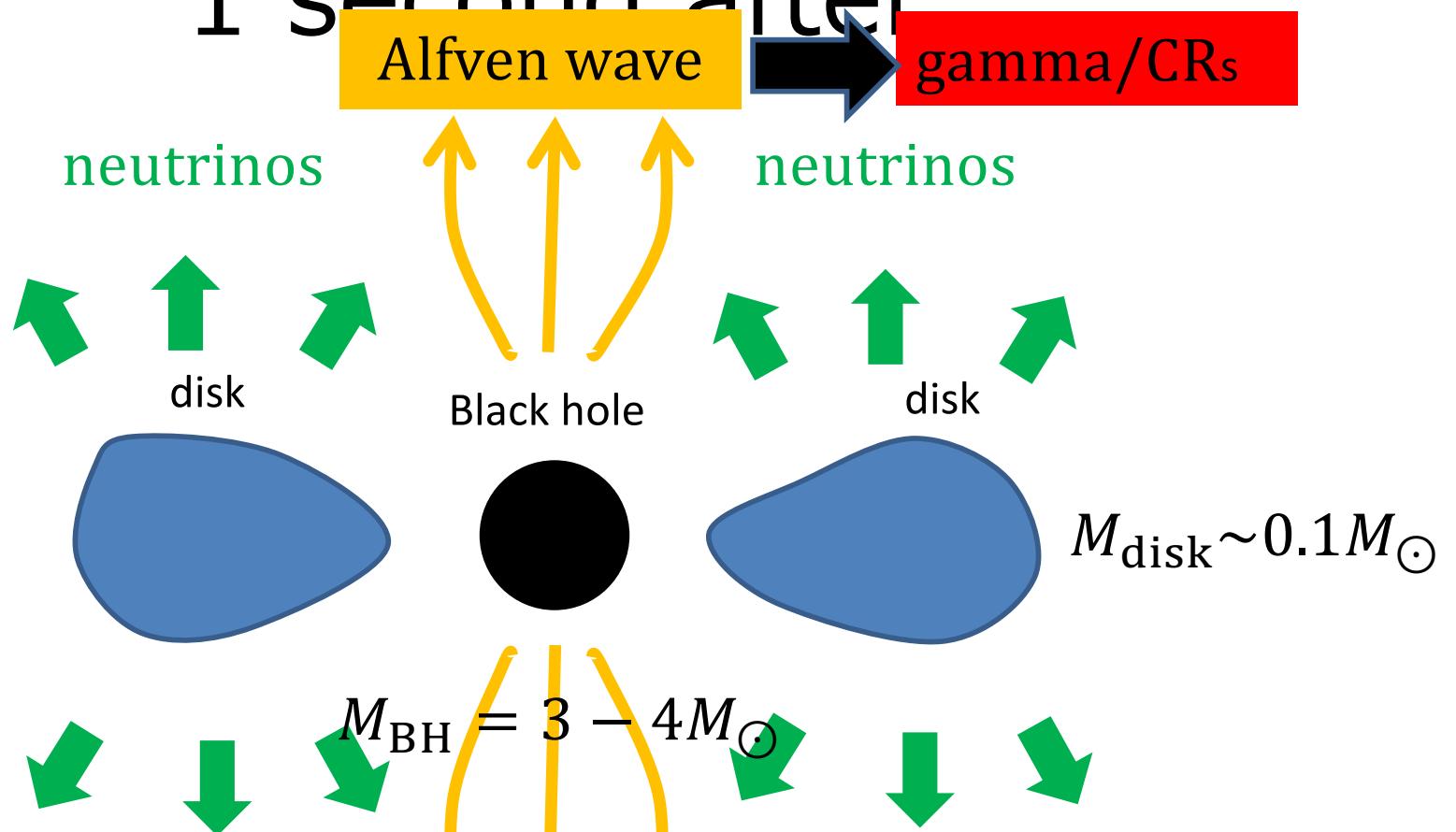
## Nature's LWFA : Blazar jets

extreme high energy cosmic rays ( $\sim 10^{21}$  eV)  
episodic  $\gamma$ -ray bursts observed  
consistent with LWFA theory

# Formation of extragalactic jets from black hole accretion disk



# NS-NS merger $\rightarrow$ BH + Disk 1 second after



$L_{\nu} \sim 10^{52}$  erg/s  $\sim L_A$

Central Engine of GRB/Hypernova

# Gravitational wave and Gamma bursts

Fermi

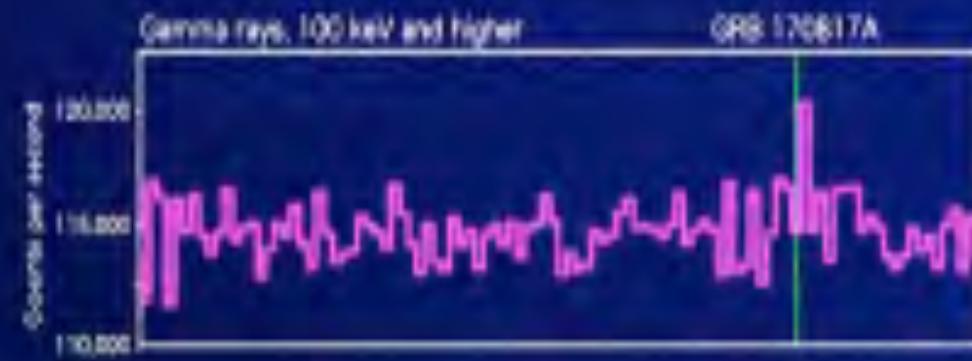
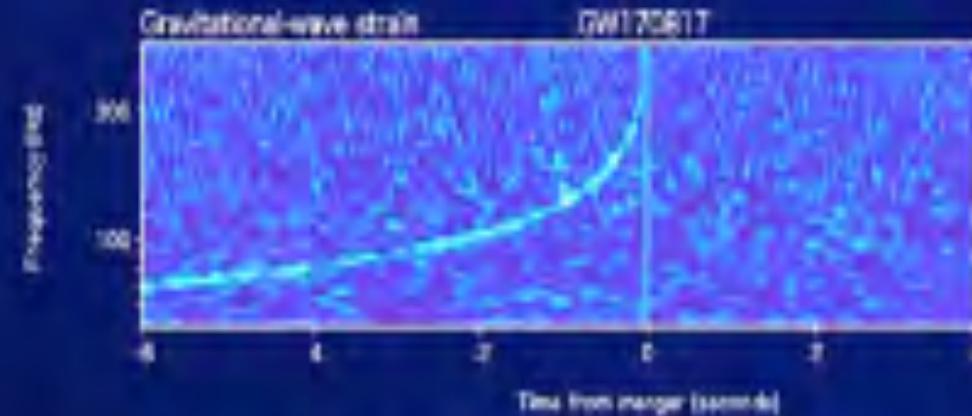
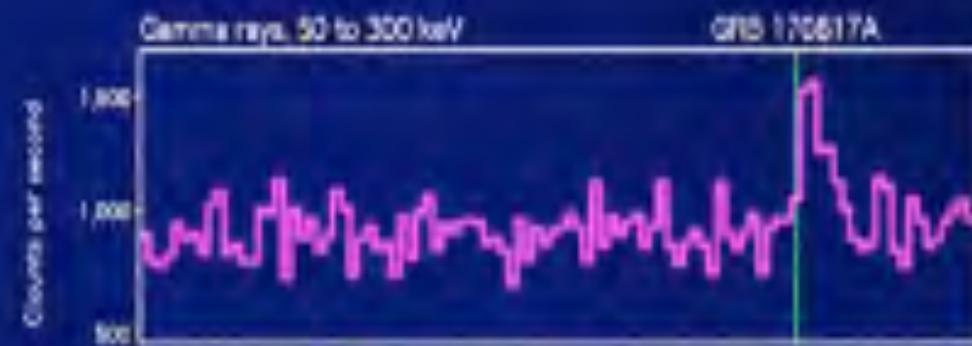
Reported 15 seconds  
after detection

LIGO-Virgo

Reported 27 minutes after detection

INTEGRAL

Reported 66 minutes  
after detection



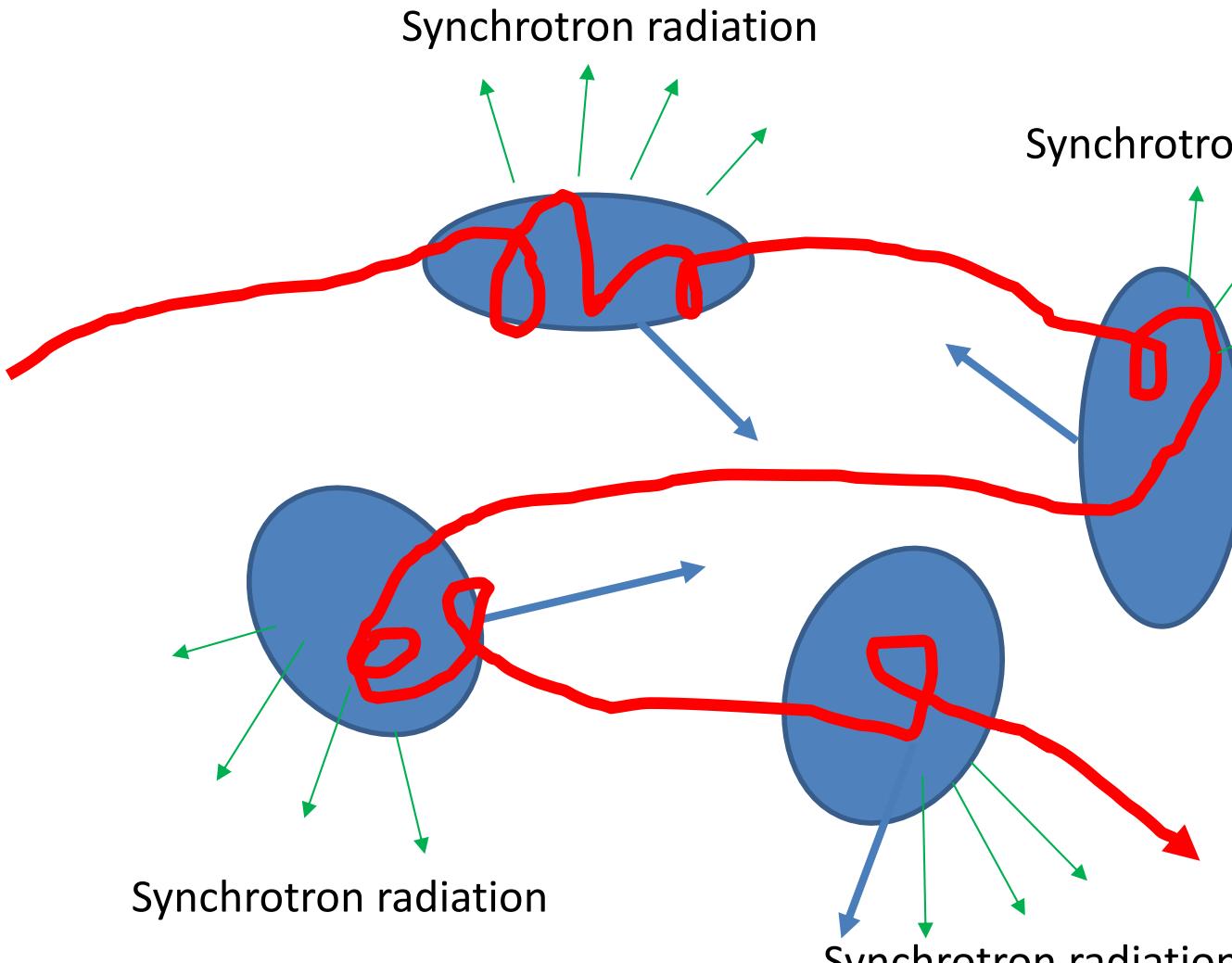


Nature's wakefield accelerator  
in cosmos

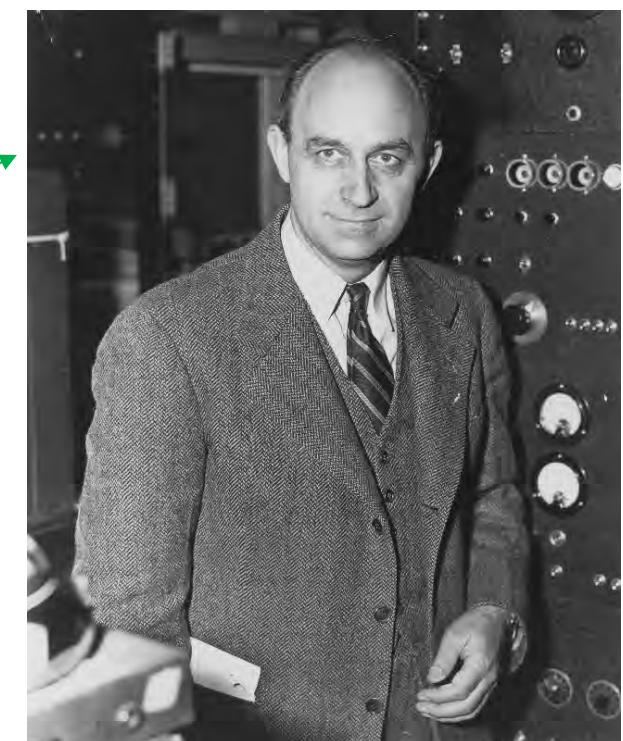
# Fermi mechanism

## incoherent

### requires bending $\rightarrow$ synchrotron loss



E. Fermi, ApJ 119 (1954) 1.

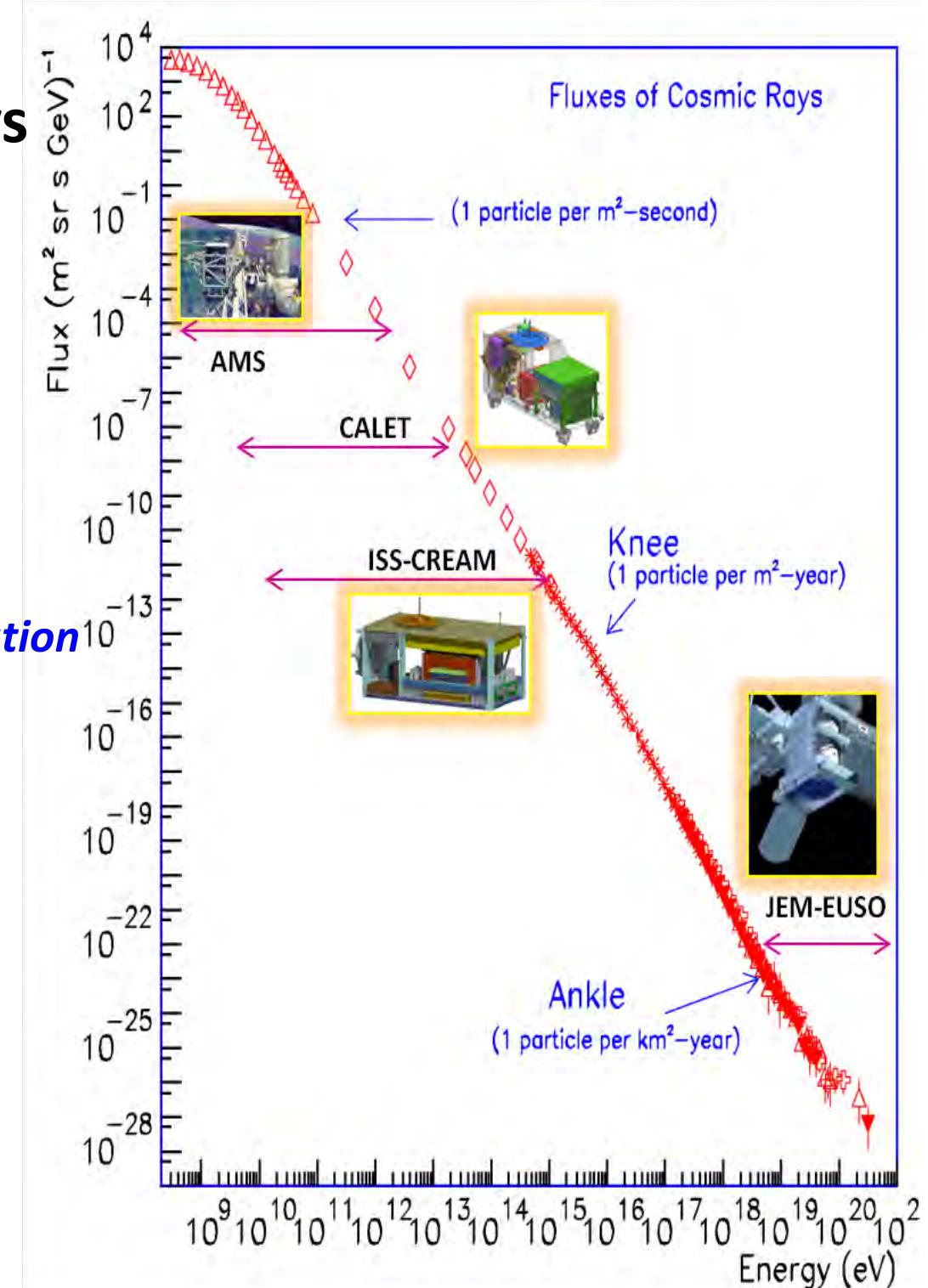


(Department of Energy, Office of Public Affairs)

# Ultrahigh Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECR)

Fermi mechanism runs out of steam  
beyond  $10^{19}$  eV  
due to *synchrotron radiation*

Wakefield acceleration  
comes in rescue  
prompt, intense, *linear acceleration*  
small synchrotron radiation  
radiation damping effects?



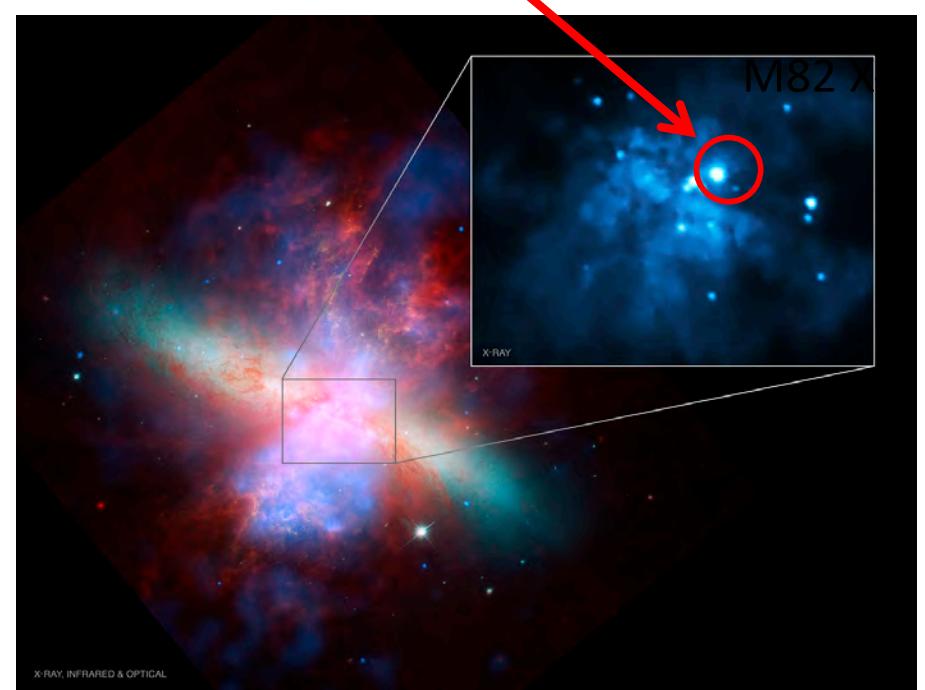
# M82: Nearest Starburst Galaxy



Just after the collision with M81

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M82 X-1: 1000-10000 Ms BH

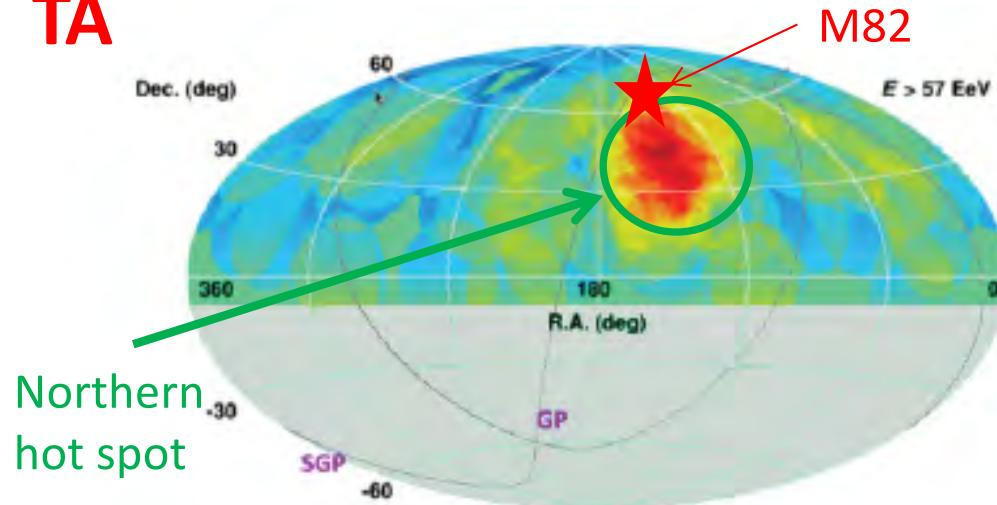


Composite of X-ray, IR, and optical emissions

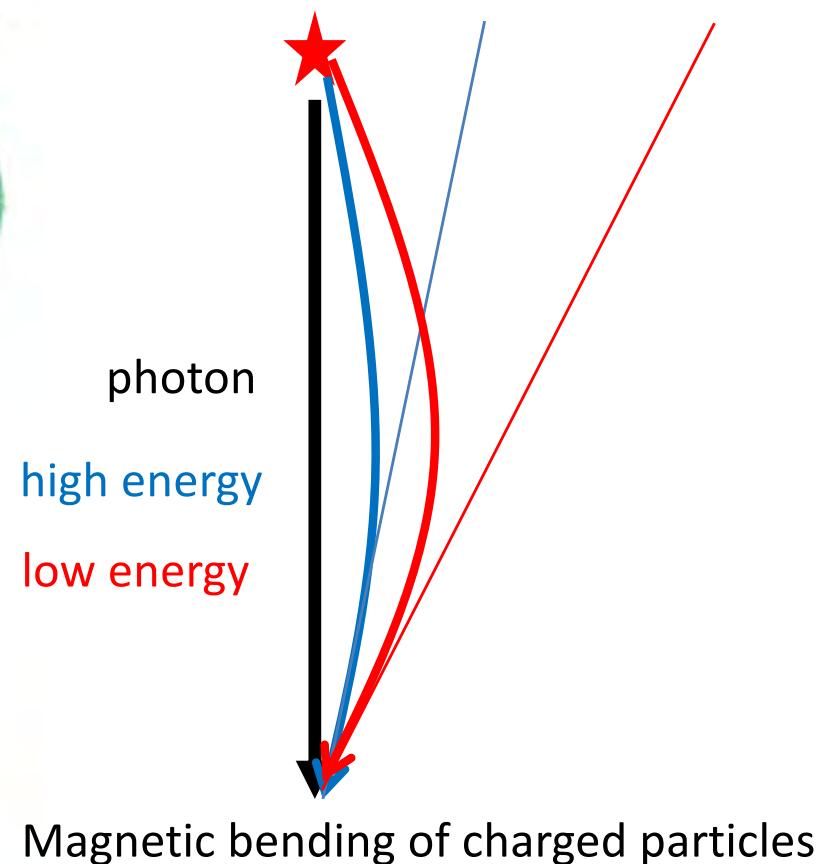
NASA / CXC / JHU / D. Strickland; optical: NASA /  
ESA / STScI / AURA / Hubble Heritage Team; IR:  
NASA / JPL-Caltech / Univ. of AZ / C. Engelbracht;  
inset – NASA / CXC / Tsinghua University / [H.Feng](#)  
et al.

# Arrival Direction Map (cosmic rays $> 5 \times 10^{19}$ eV)

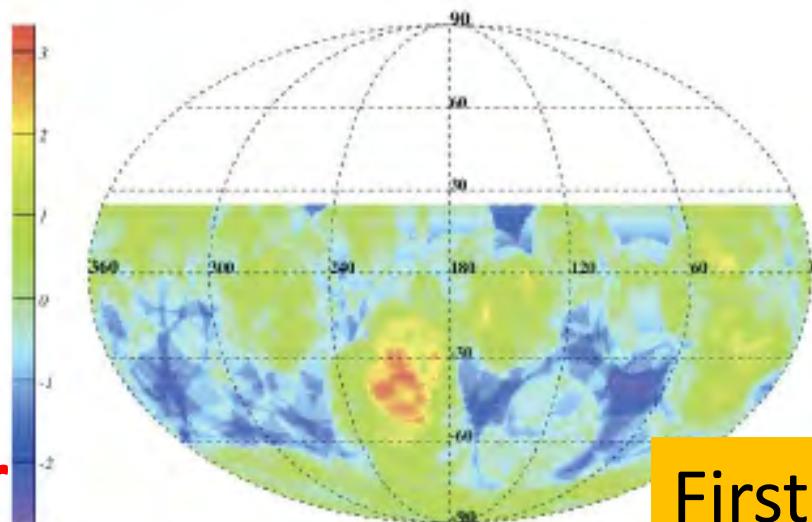
TA



M82 M82 M82



Auger



First Identification of CR sources?

First sign of anisotropy in charged particles

# Anti-correlation between the **luminosity** and the **power index** from Blazars

Anti-correlation of Luminosity  $L$  and Power index  $p$  in time



Wakefield theory anticipated (Ebisuzaki 2014)

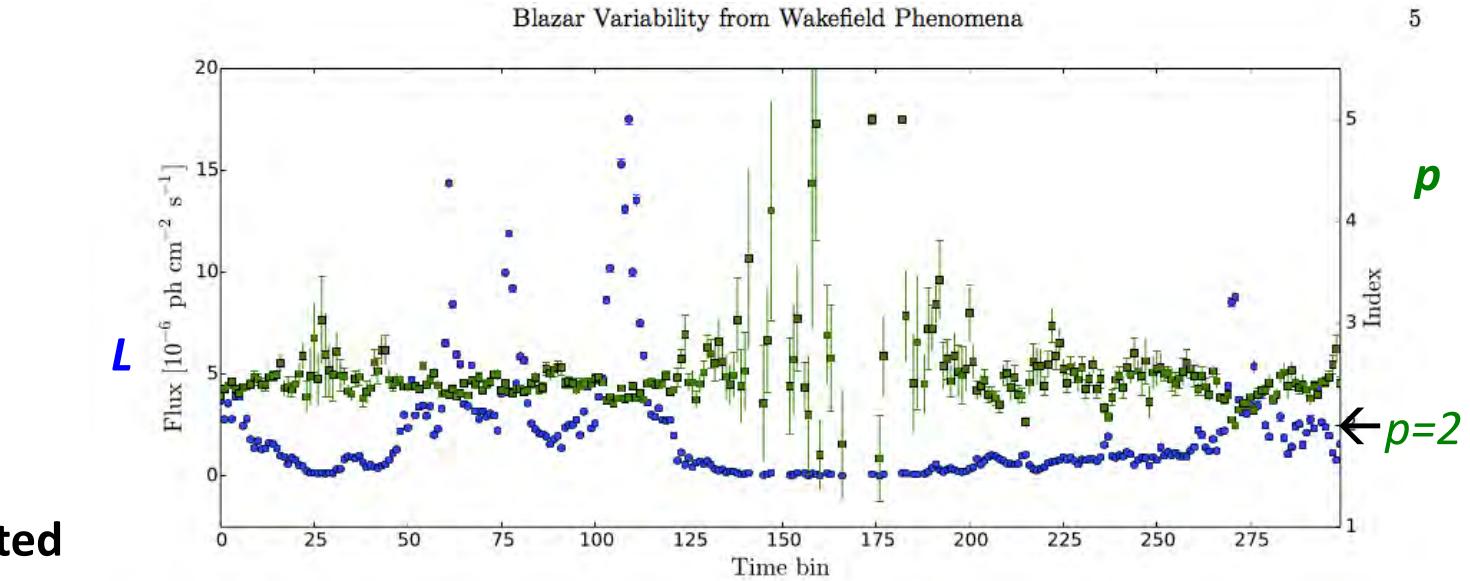


FIG. 2.— Shown are the flux (blue circles, left axis) and spectral index (green squares, right axis) for 3C 454.3 in 300 time bins of 7.9 days duration. An anti-correlation can be seen: the peaks in flux correspond to dips in the spectral index and vice versa.

Power index  $p$  vs. Luminosity  $L$  for several Blazars (more in Abazajian et al. arXiv 2017)

