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Emission properties of compact star clusters

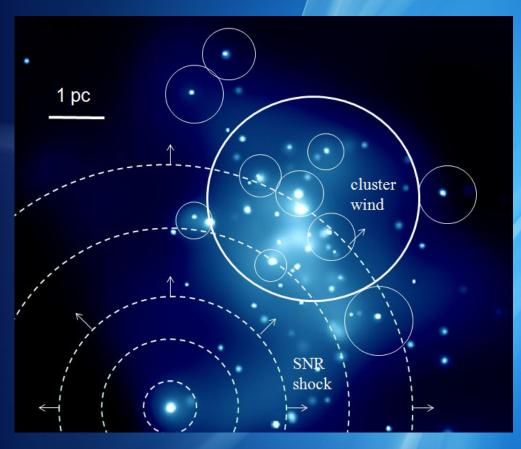
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Supernova remnant inside the young compact star cluster



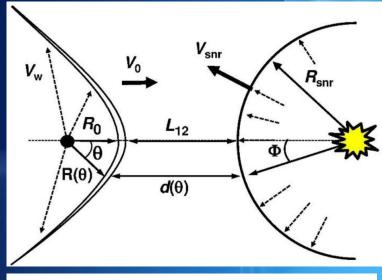
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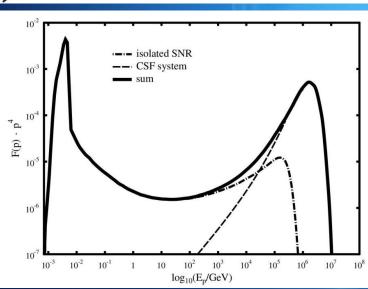
SNR shock collides with the shocks from the winds of the stars and cluster wind. Colliding shock flows system is formed!

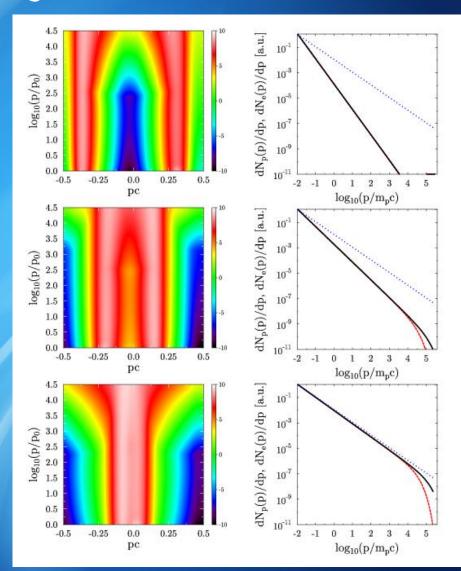
CSF system:

- 1. Increasing efficiency of Fermi I particle acceleration;
- 2. Piecewise spectrum with $\gamma \approx 2$ below 1 TeV and $\gamma \approx 1$ above 1 TeV with exponential cut-off;
- 3. Increasing maximal energy of the accelerated particles up to 10^{16} - 10^{17} eV.

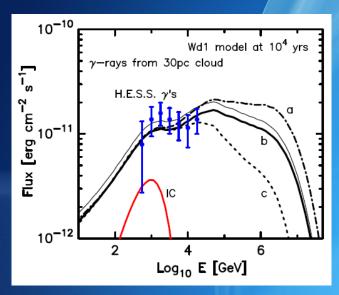
Colliding Shock Flows System: SNR + nearby Stellar Wind

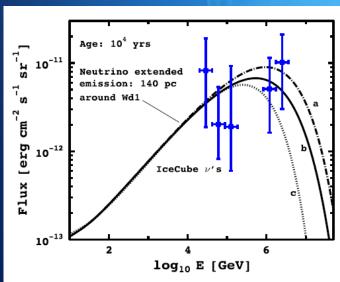


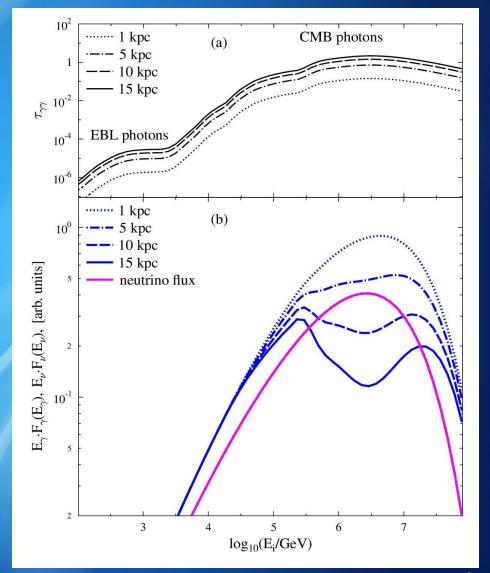




VHE neutrino and gamma-emission from long-distant clusters







Brief summary:

- CSF systems in compact galactic clusters are very suitable sources of VHE neutrino and gamma emission;
- SNR remnant inside (or outside) the cluster <u>increases</u> <u>maximal energy</u> of the accelerated particles and the emission power of the cluster up to <u>several hundreds years</u>;
- Pair-production suppresses gamma-emission at VHE range. For galactic clusters at 5-10 kpc (e.g., Arches, Quintuplet) this will cause that neutrino flux will exceed corresponding gamma-ray emission up to an order of magnitude near 1 PeV;
- Future measurements of this difference between gamma-ray and neutrino emission spectra could be an additional tool for the estimation of the distance to the source.