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“X-Ray Emission from Young Galaxies”
- Signatures of Cosmic Rays and Magnetic Fields



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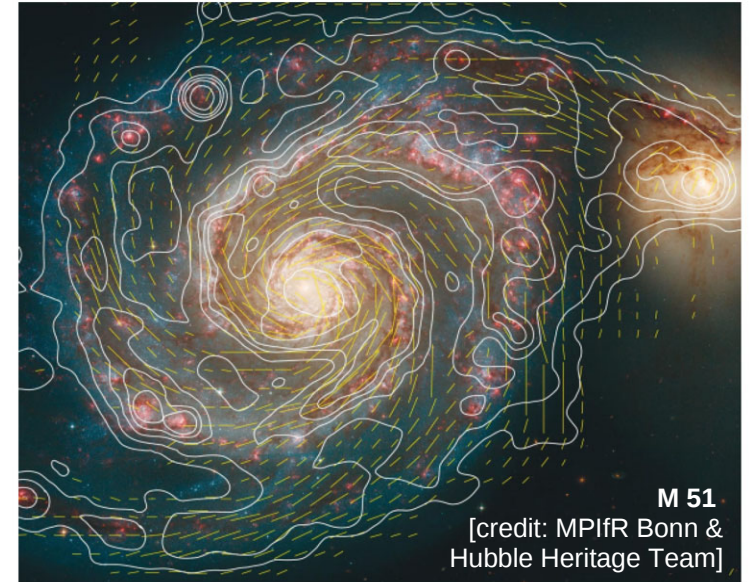
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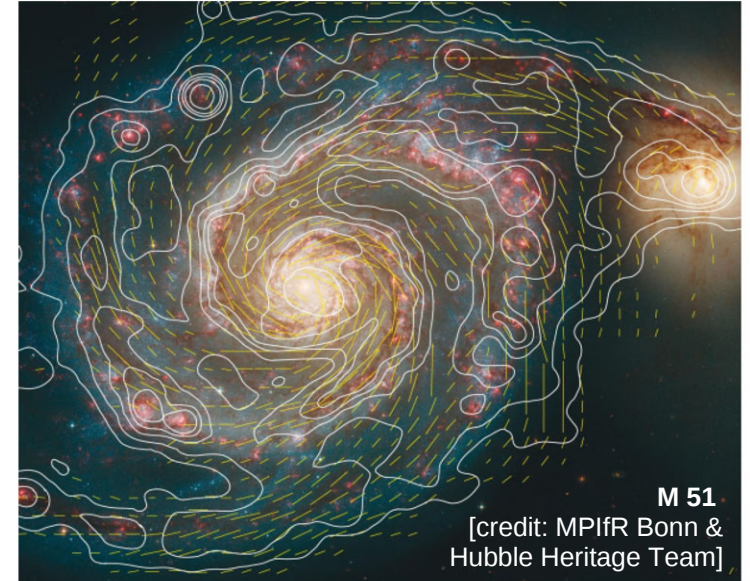
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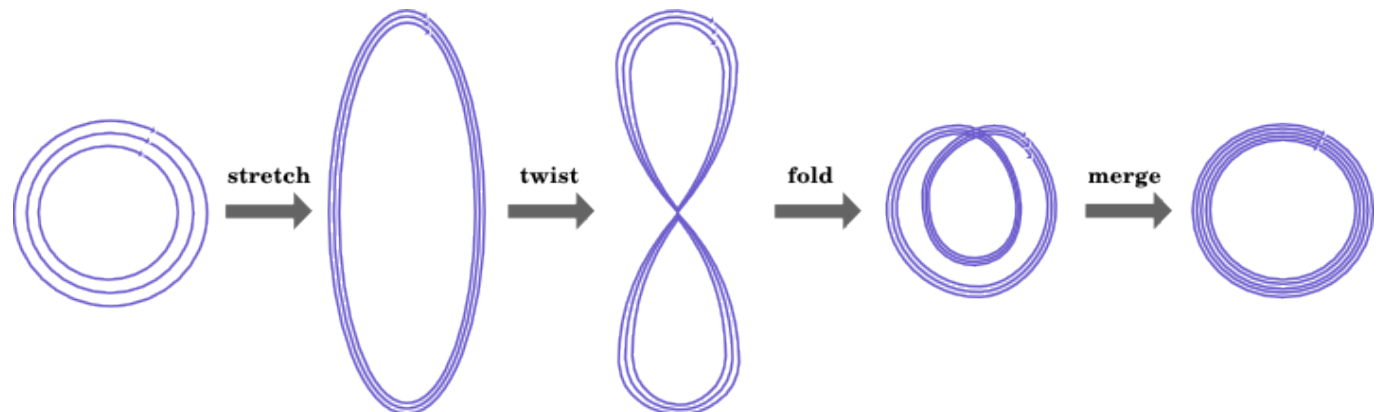
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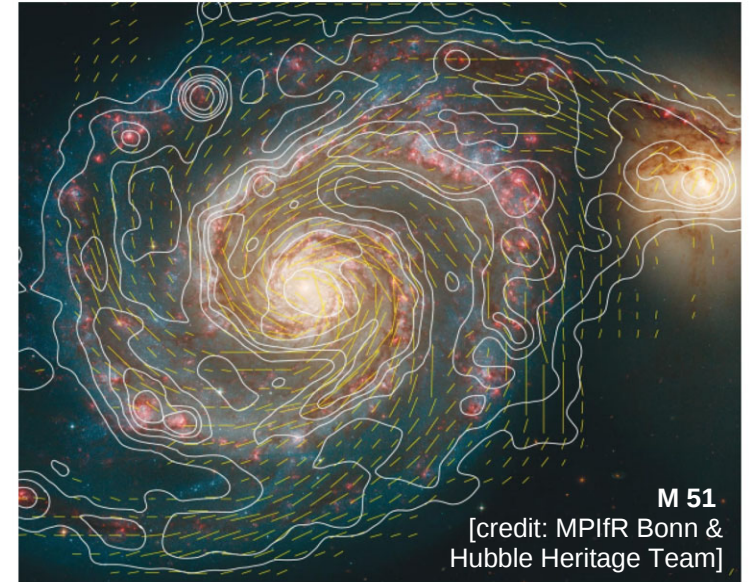
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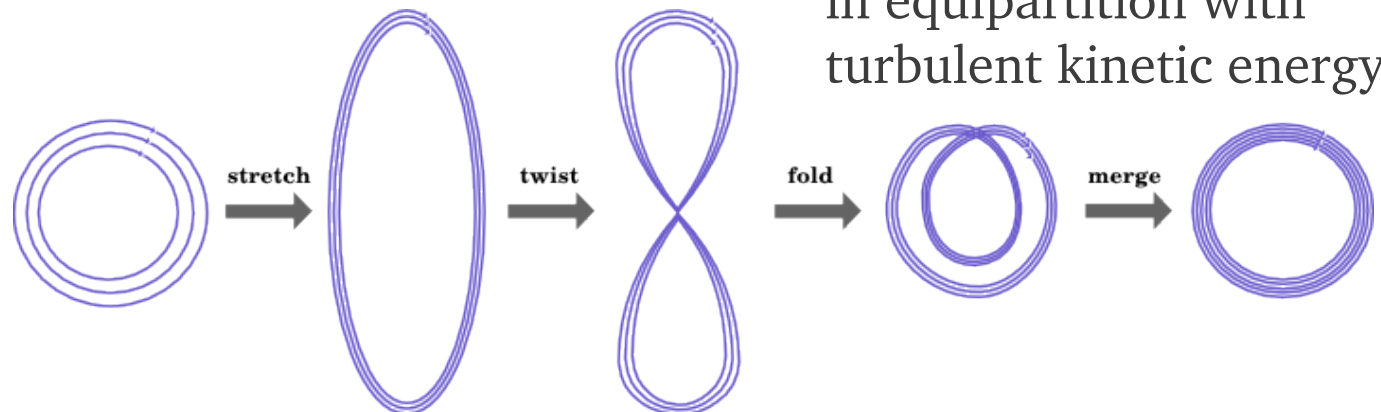
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→ magnetic energy is “always”
in equipartition with
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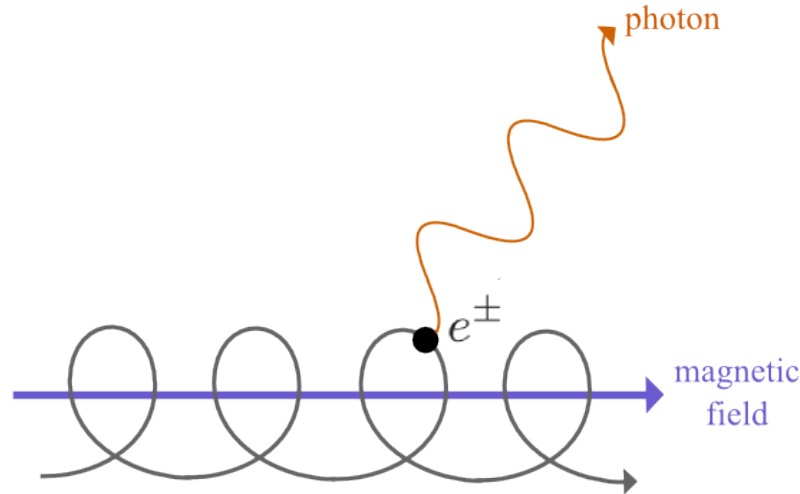
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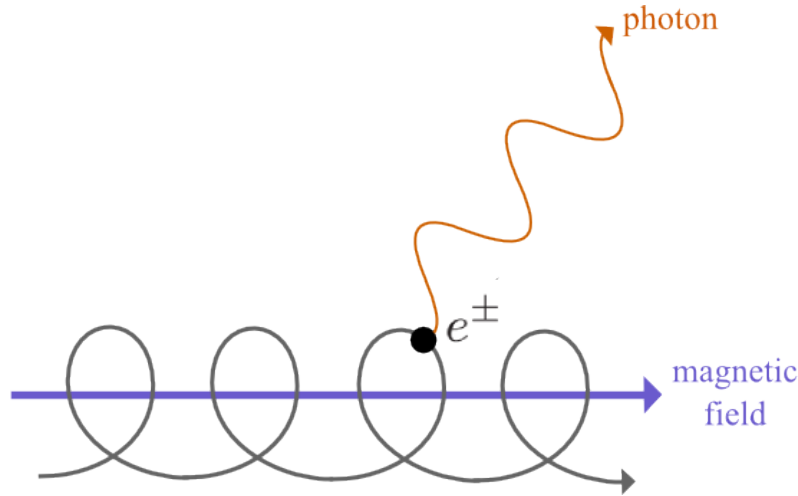
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- equipartition assumption:

CR energy density = magnetic energy density

$$u_{\text{CR}}(B) = B^2 / (8\pi)$$

\rightarrow estimate for magnetic field strength B
(see, e.g. Beck & Krause 2005)

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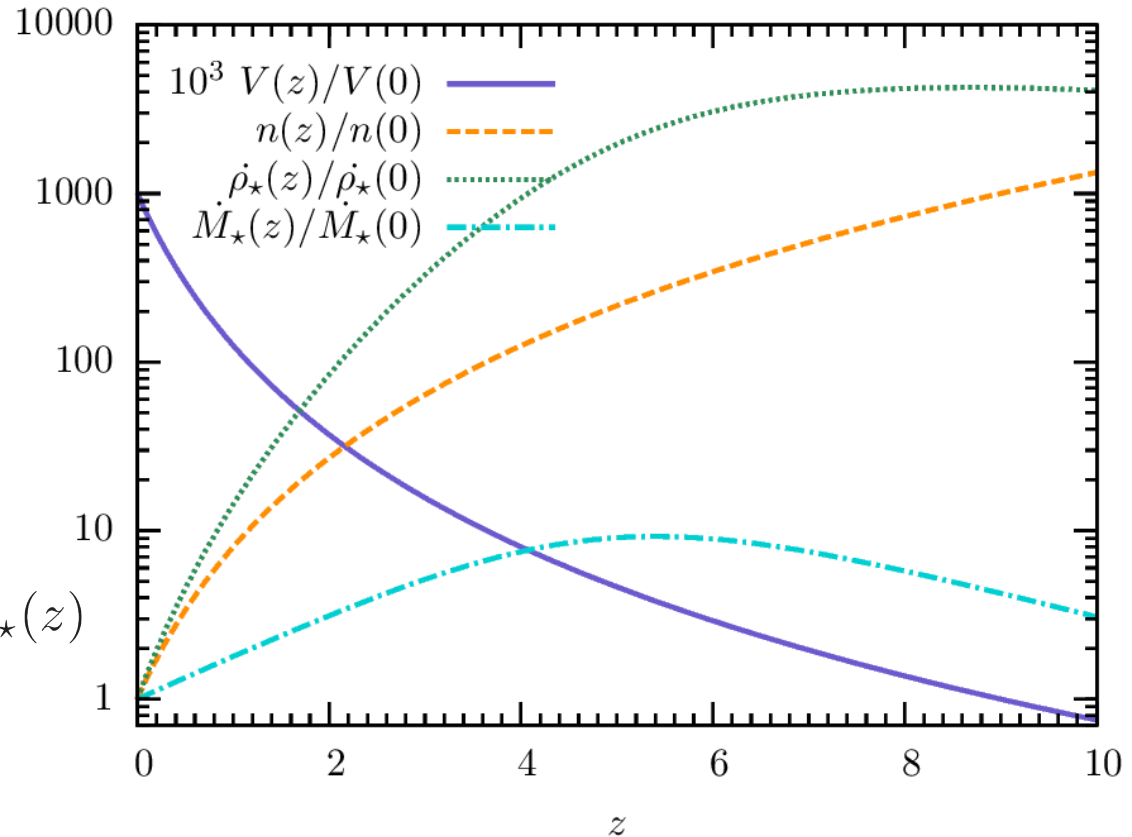
Galaxy Model

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- volume:
 $V(z) \propto (1+z)^{-3}$
- density:
 $n(z) \propto (1+z)^3$
- star formation rate:
 $\dot{M}_*(z) = V(z) \dot{\rho}_*(z)$
- star formation rate density:

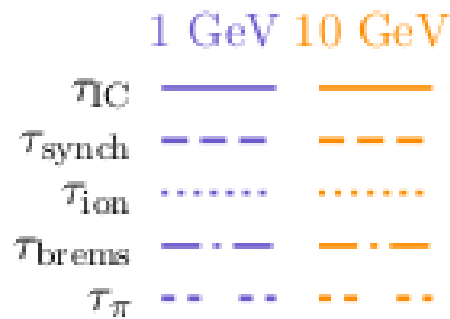
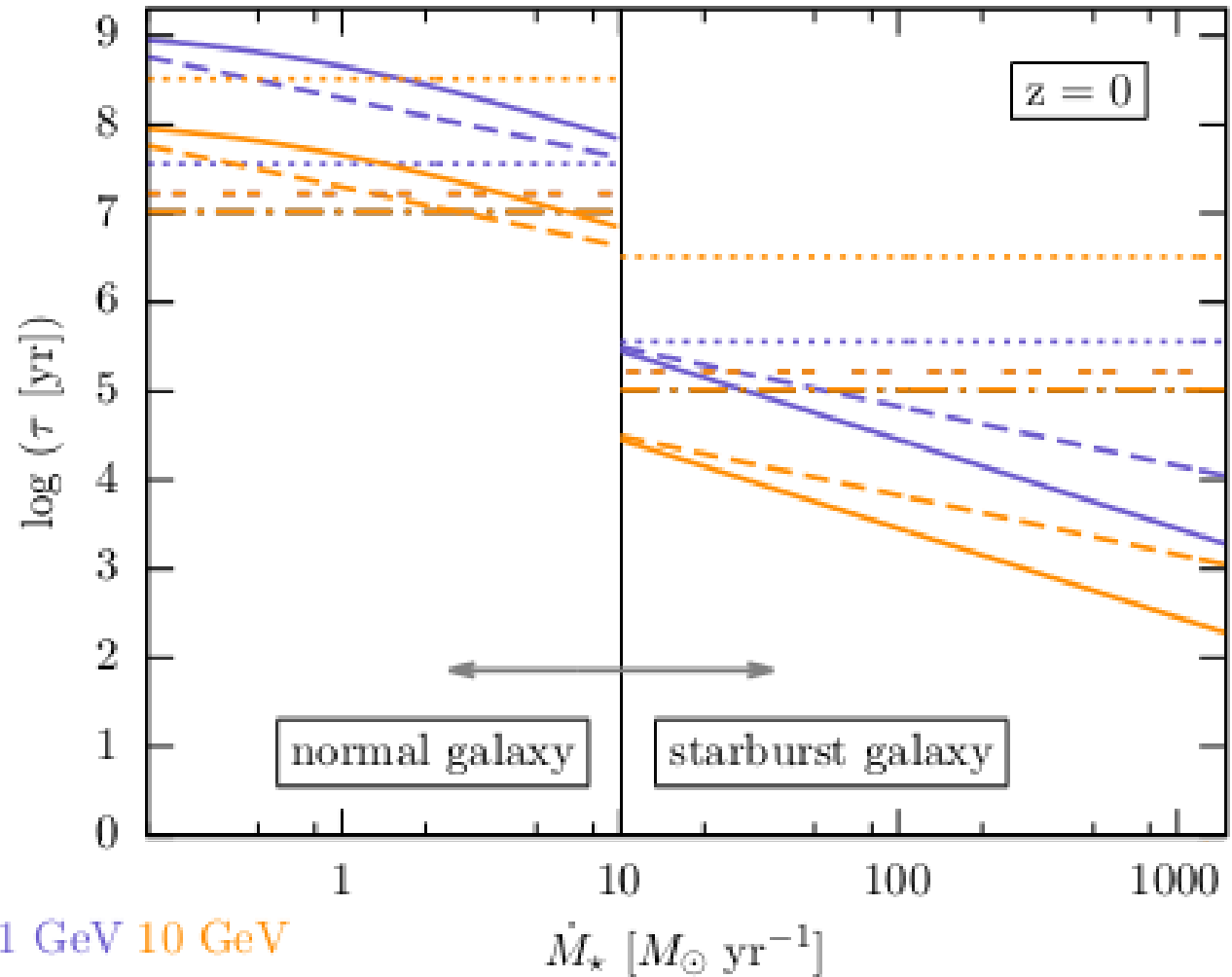
$$\dot{\rho}_*(z) \propto \frac{\kappa_2 \exp[\kappa_1(z - z_m)]}{\kappa_2 - \kappa_1 + \kappa_1 \exp[\kappa_2(z - z_m)]} (1+z)^3$$

(Hernquist & Springel 2002)



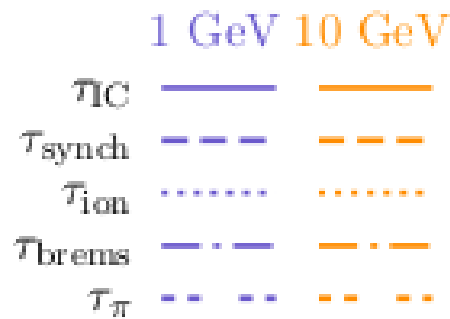
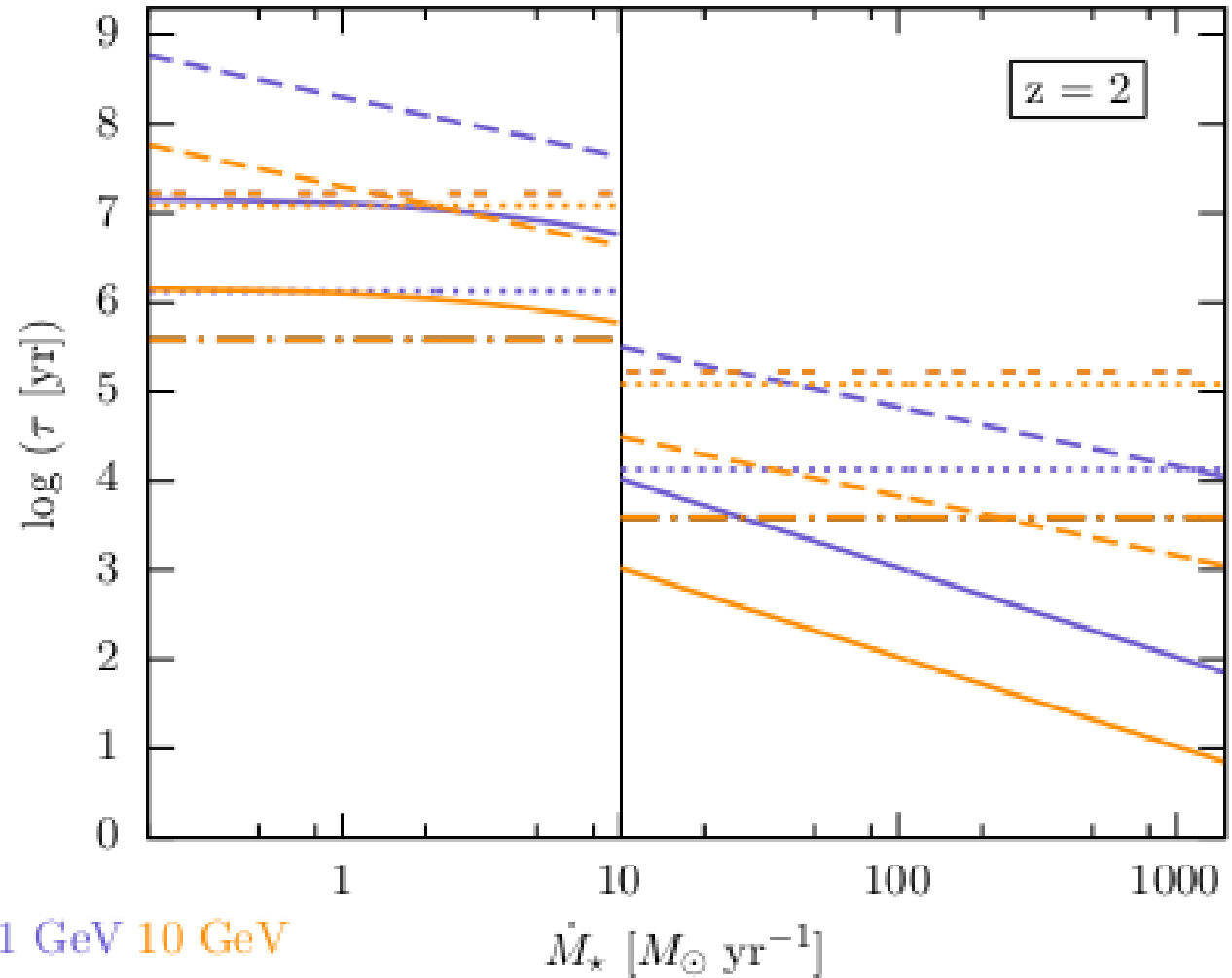
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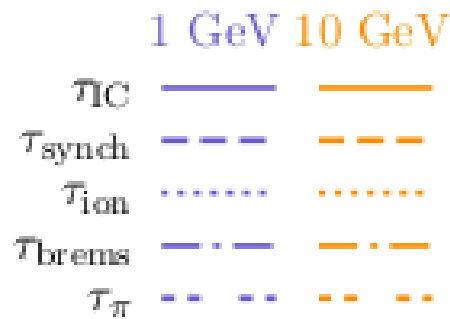
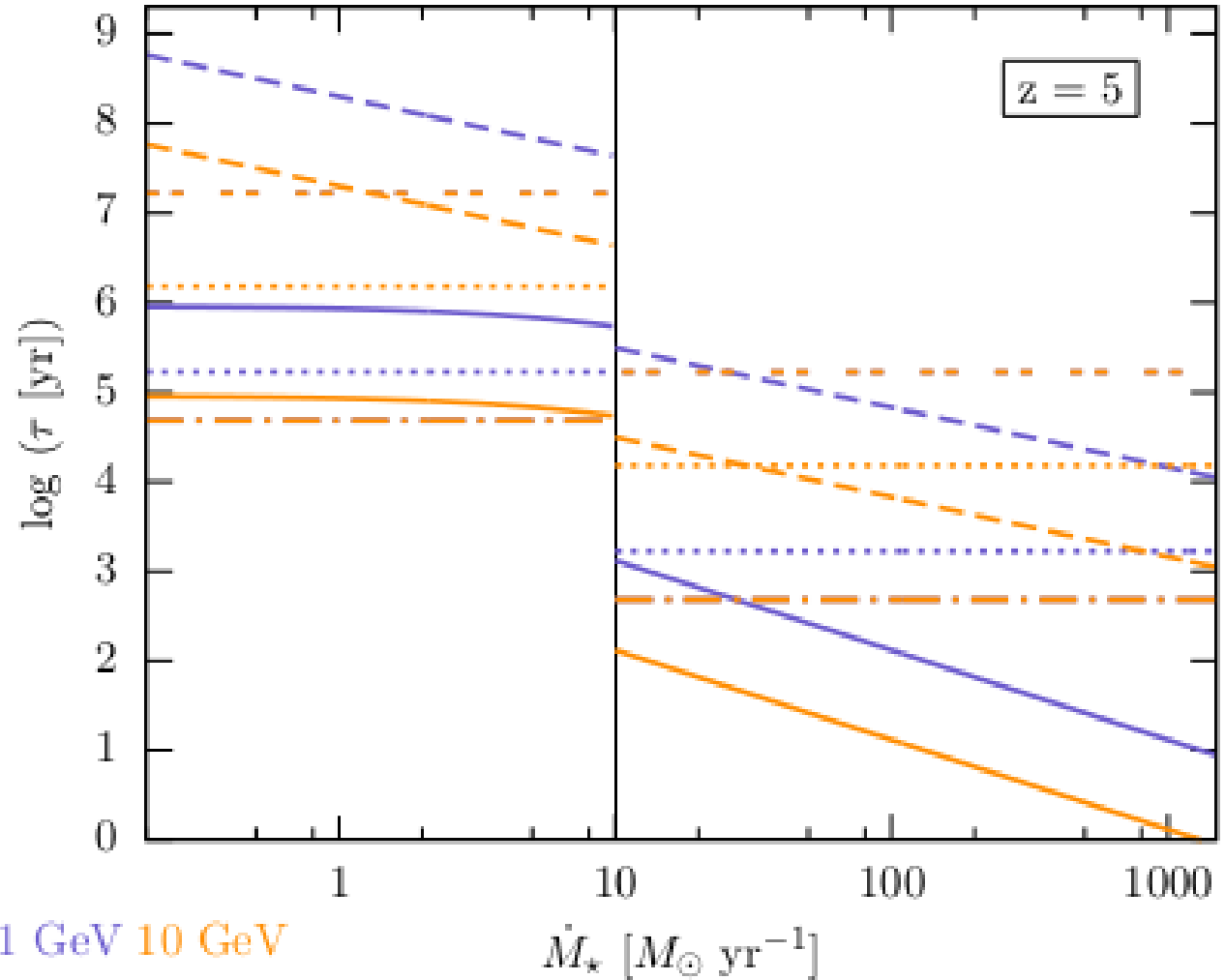
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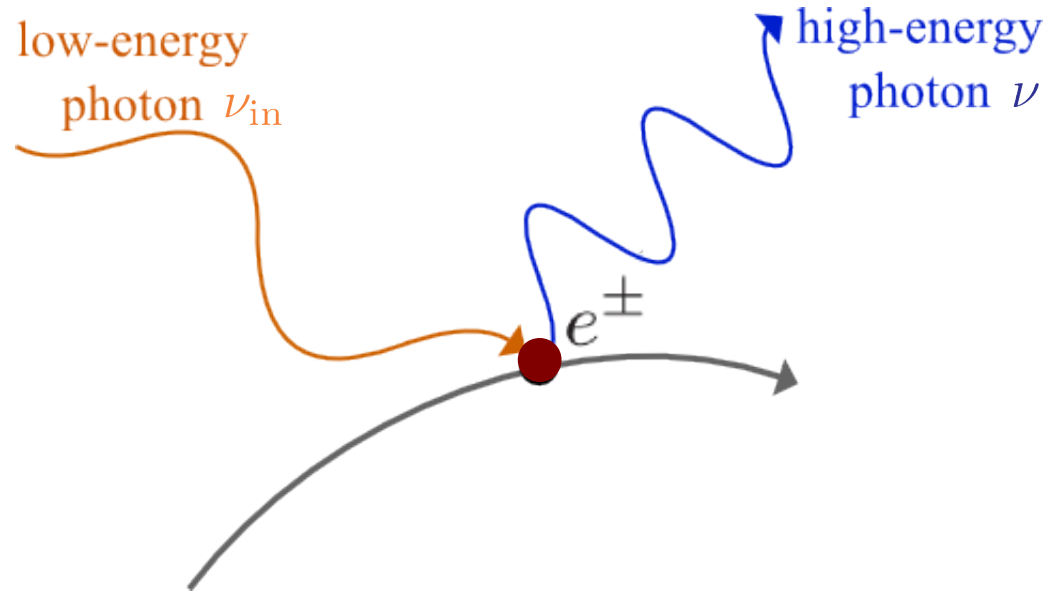


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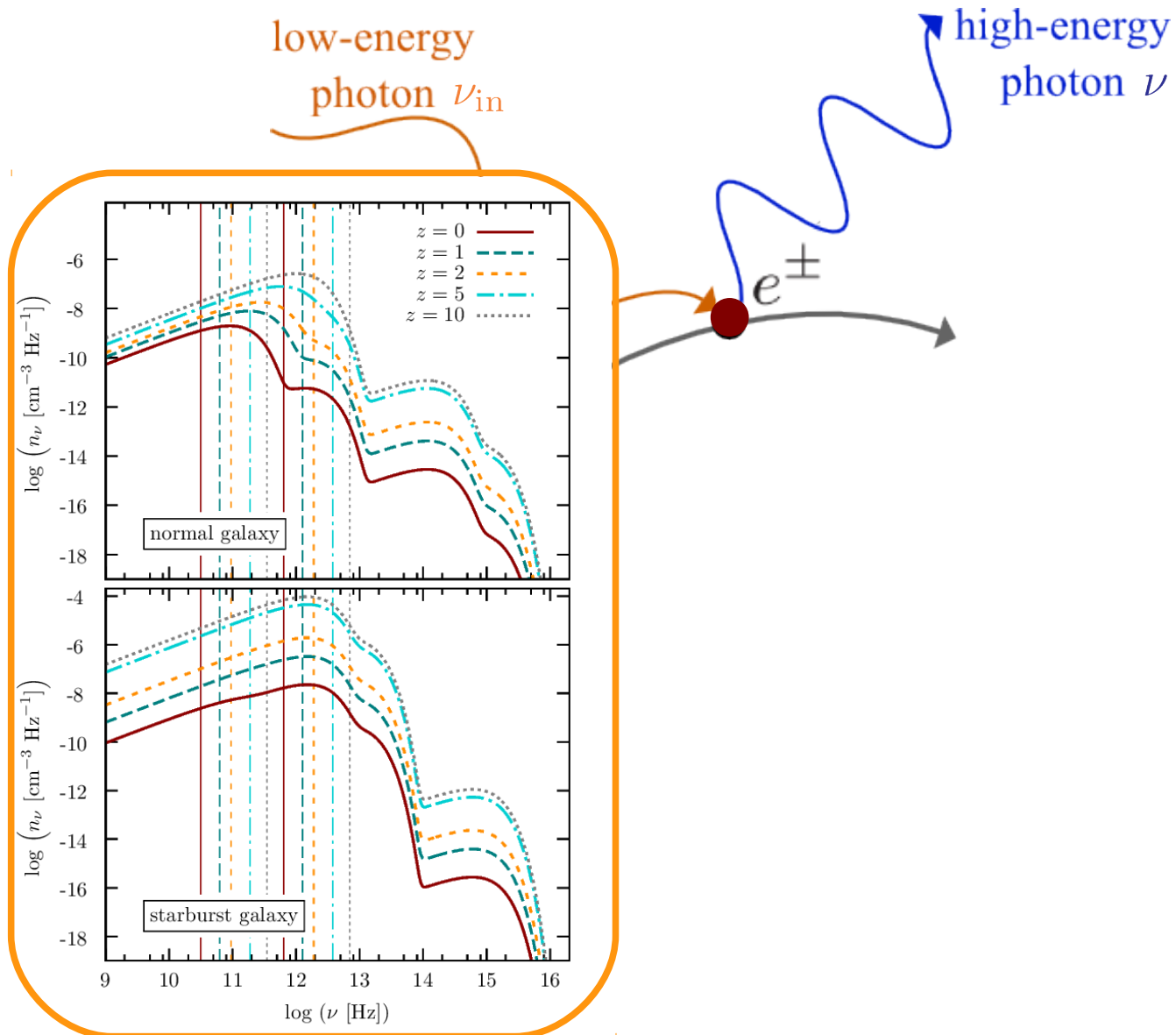
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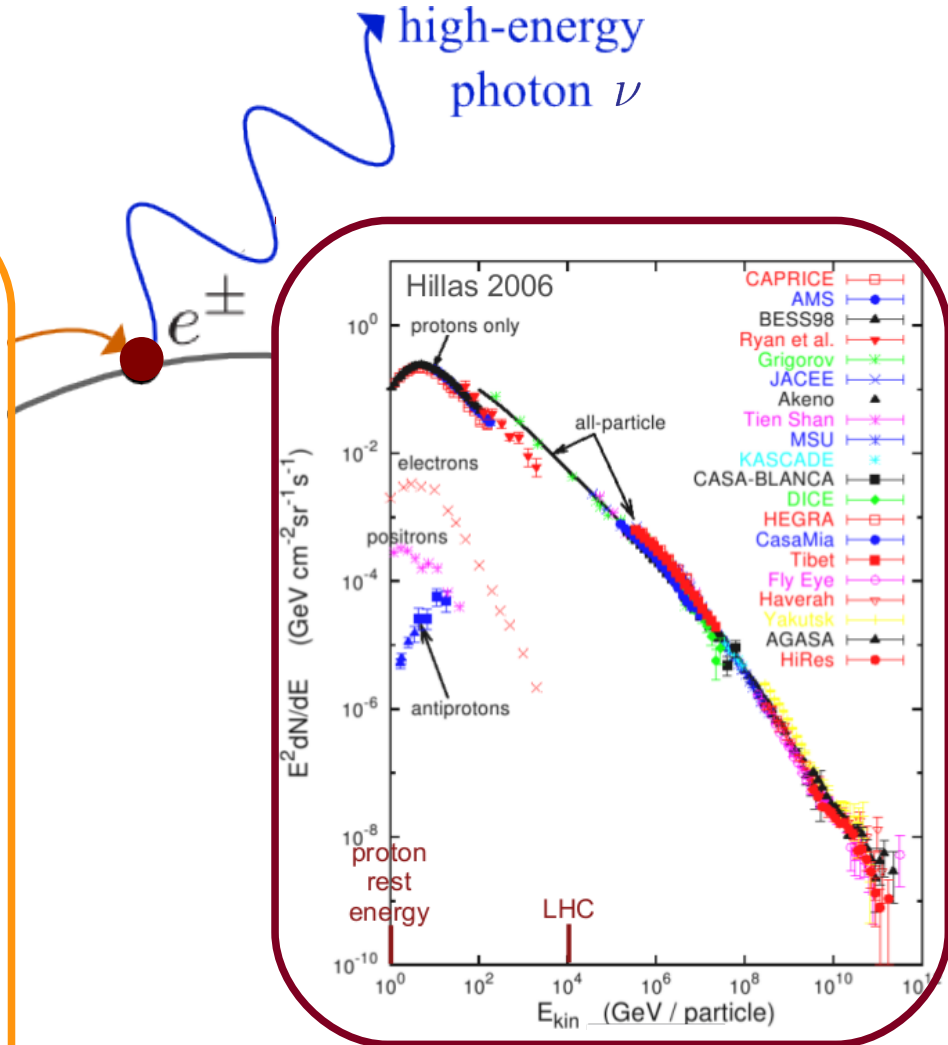
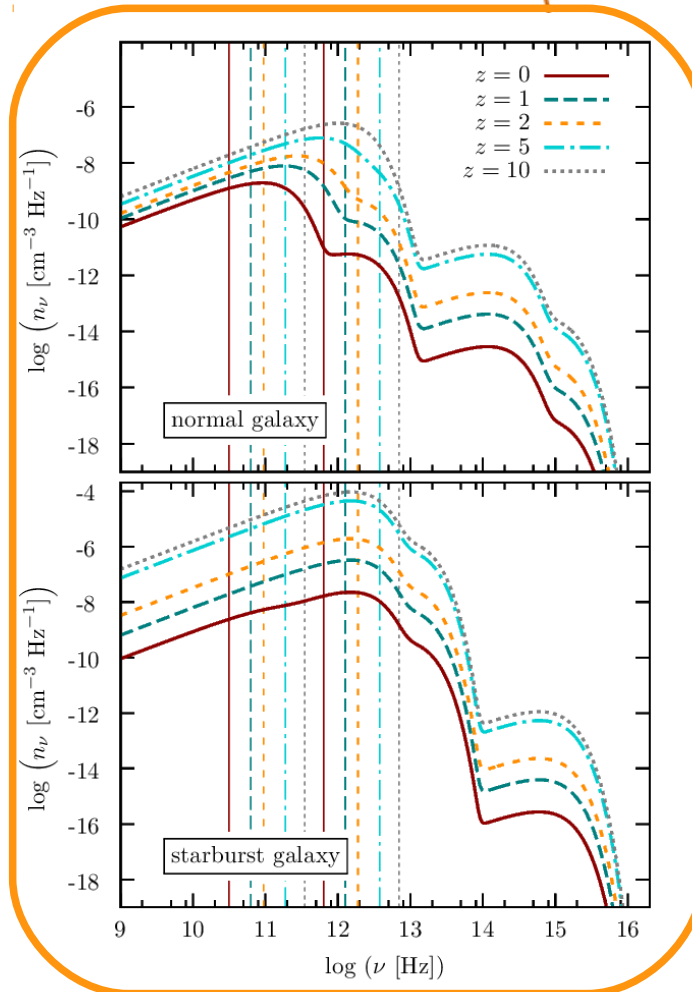
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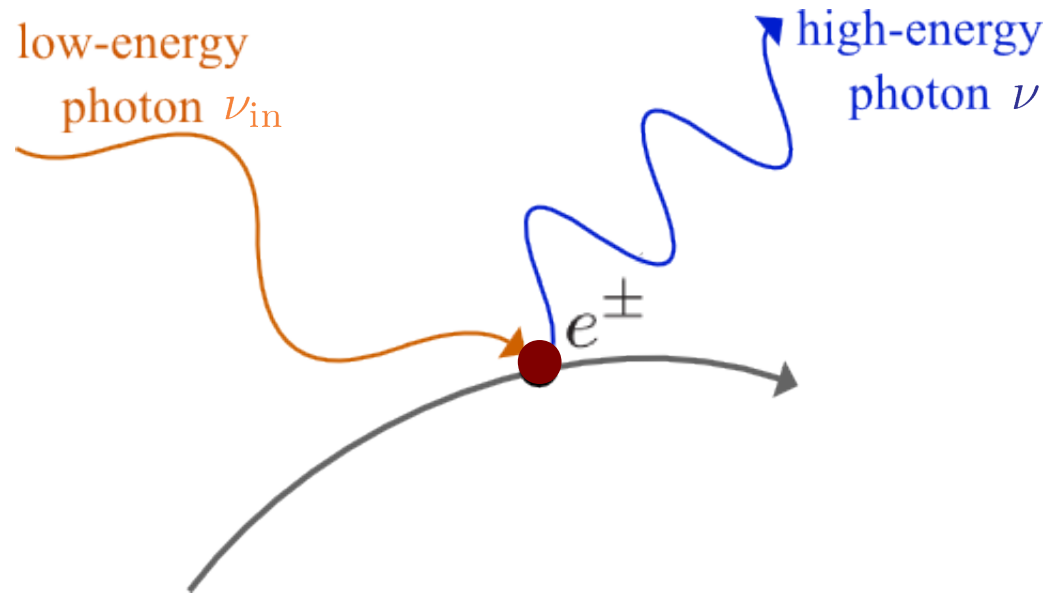
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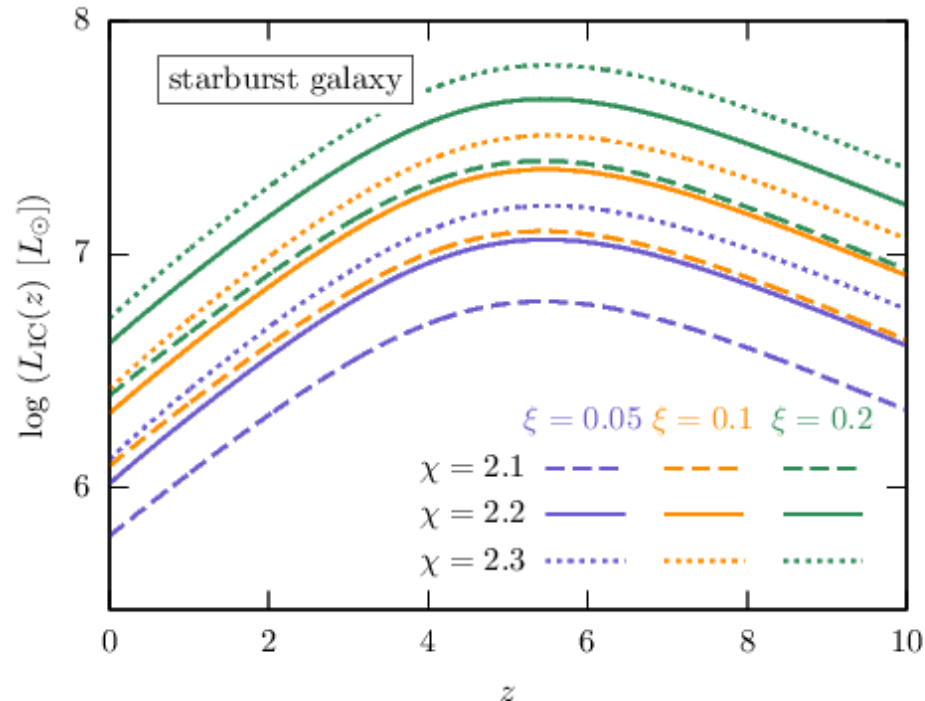
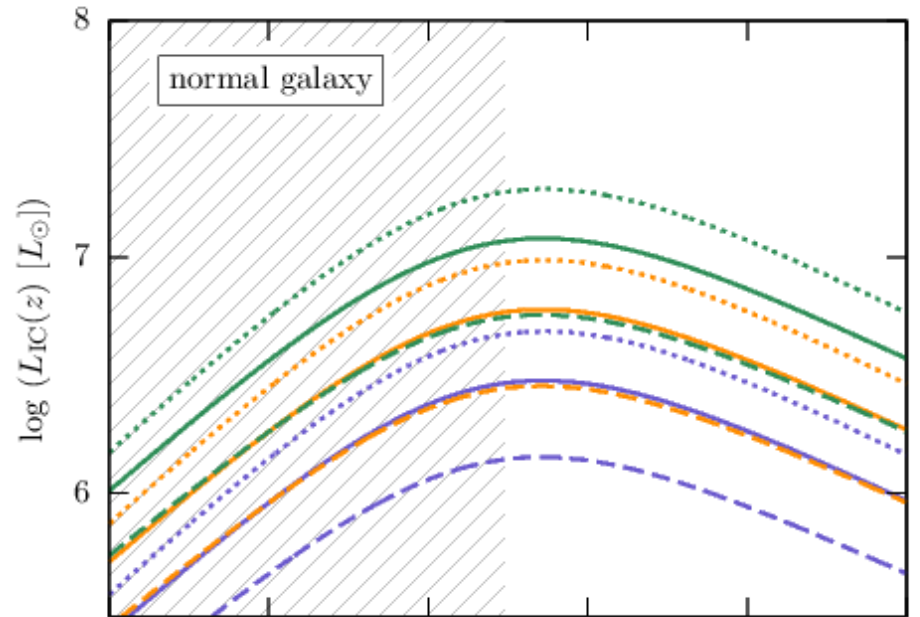


- spectral power distribution of inverse Compton emission (Blumenthal & Gould 1970):

$$Q_{IC}(\nu) = \int_0^\infty \int_{\gamma_{min}}^\infty N_e(\gamma) Q_{IC,e}(n_{ISRF}, \gamma, \nu_{in}) d\gamma d\nu_{in}$$

Inverse Compton Luminosity

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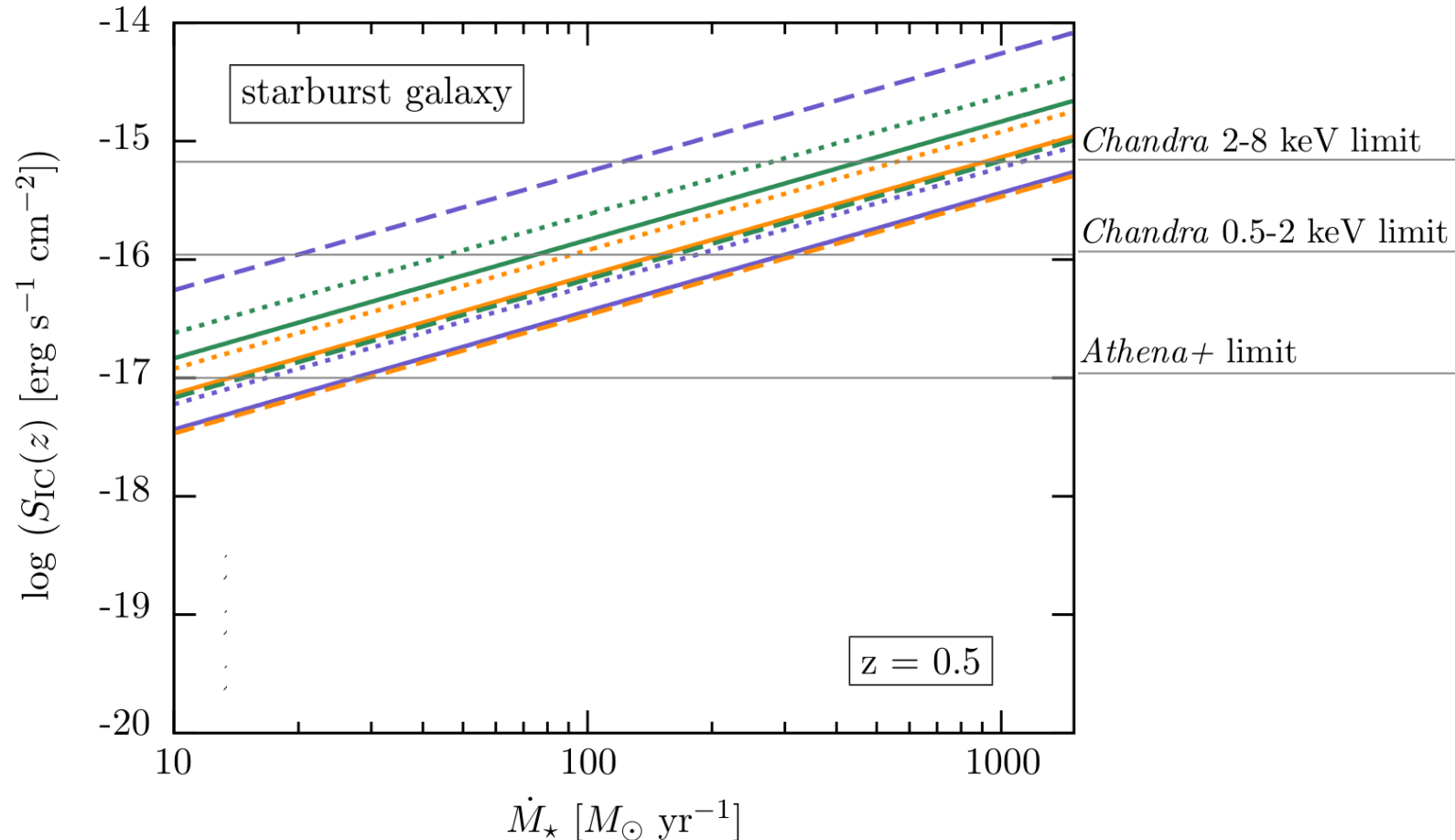


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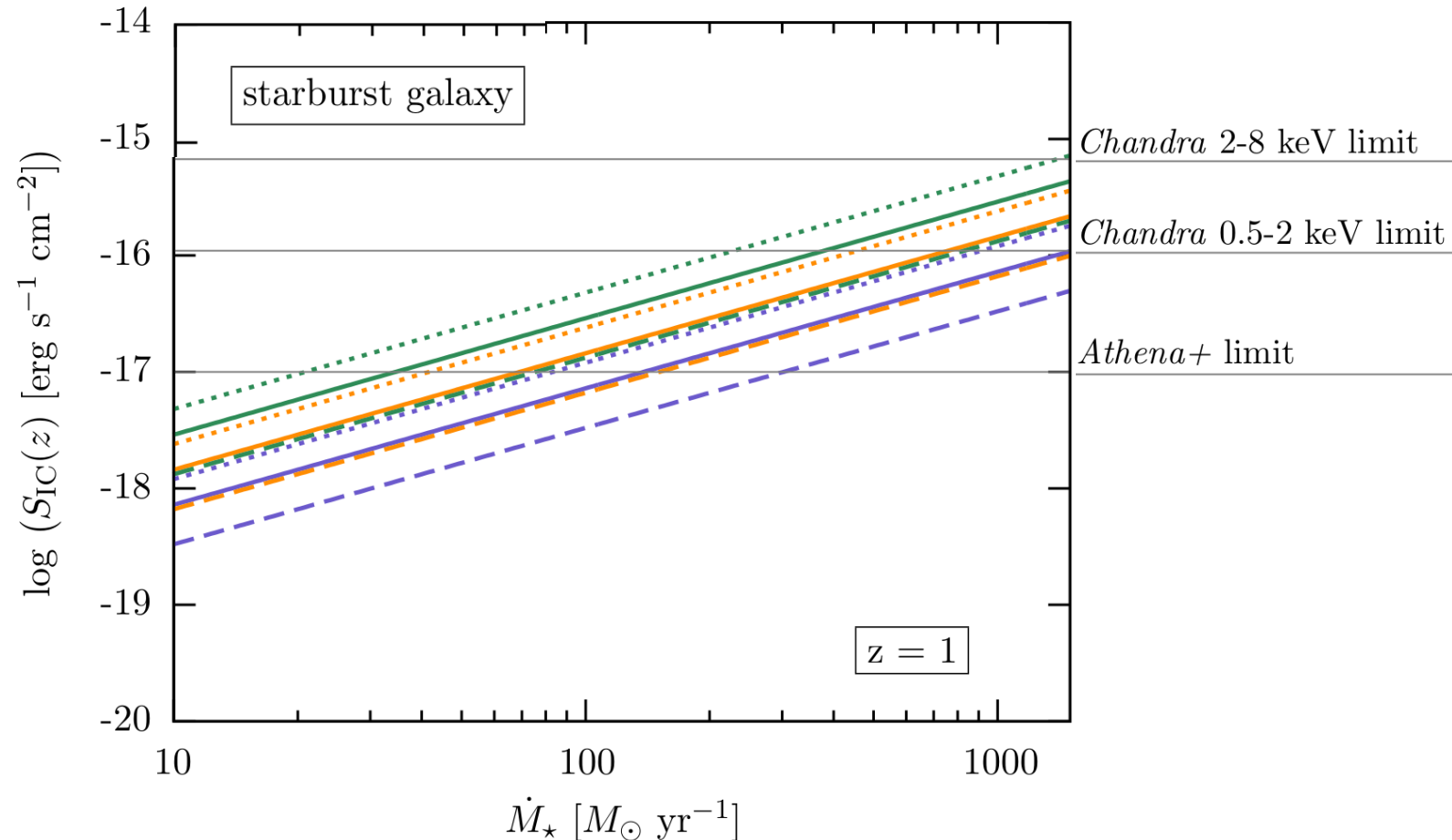
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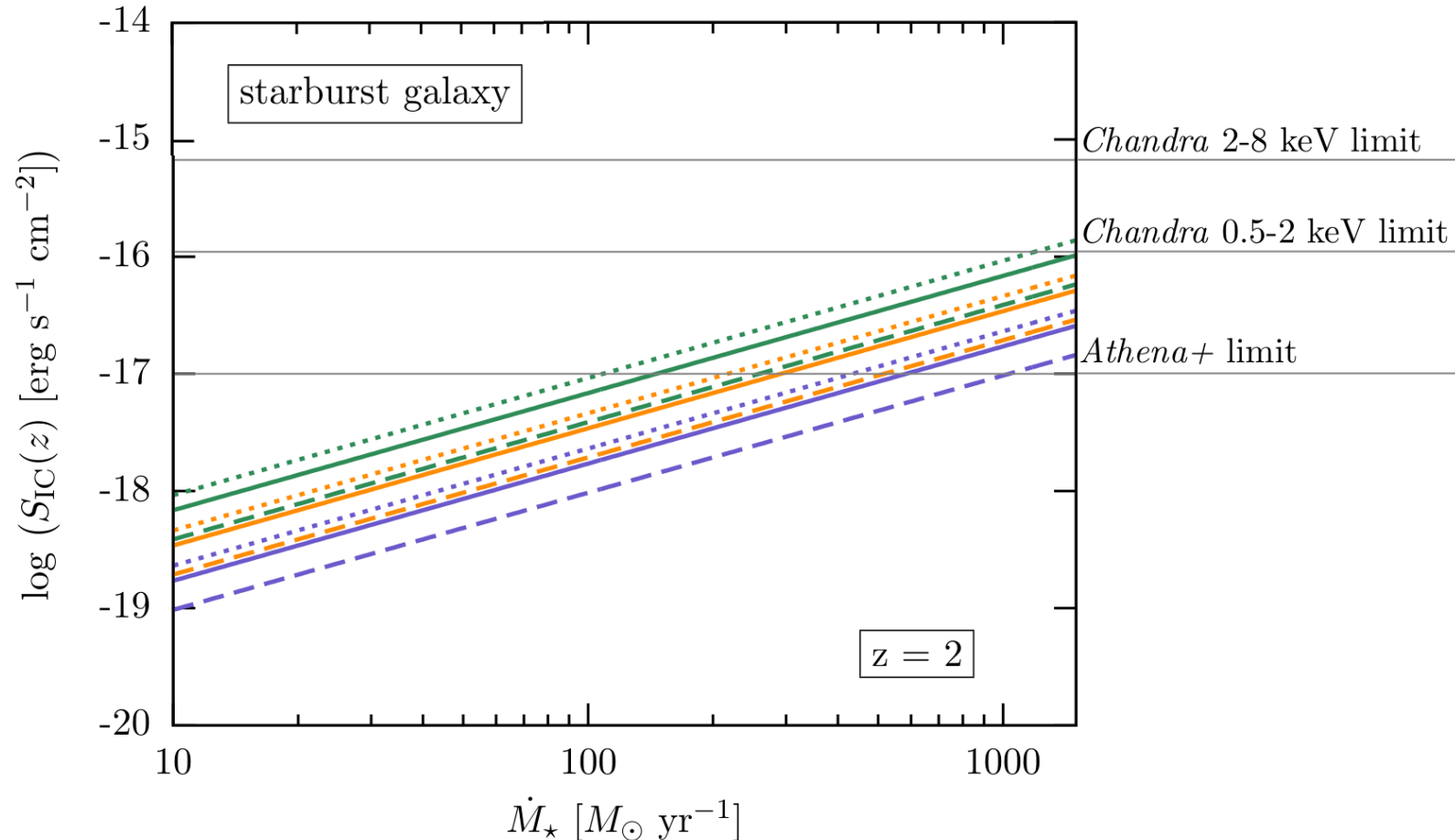


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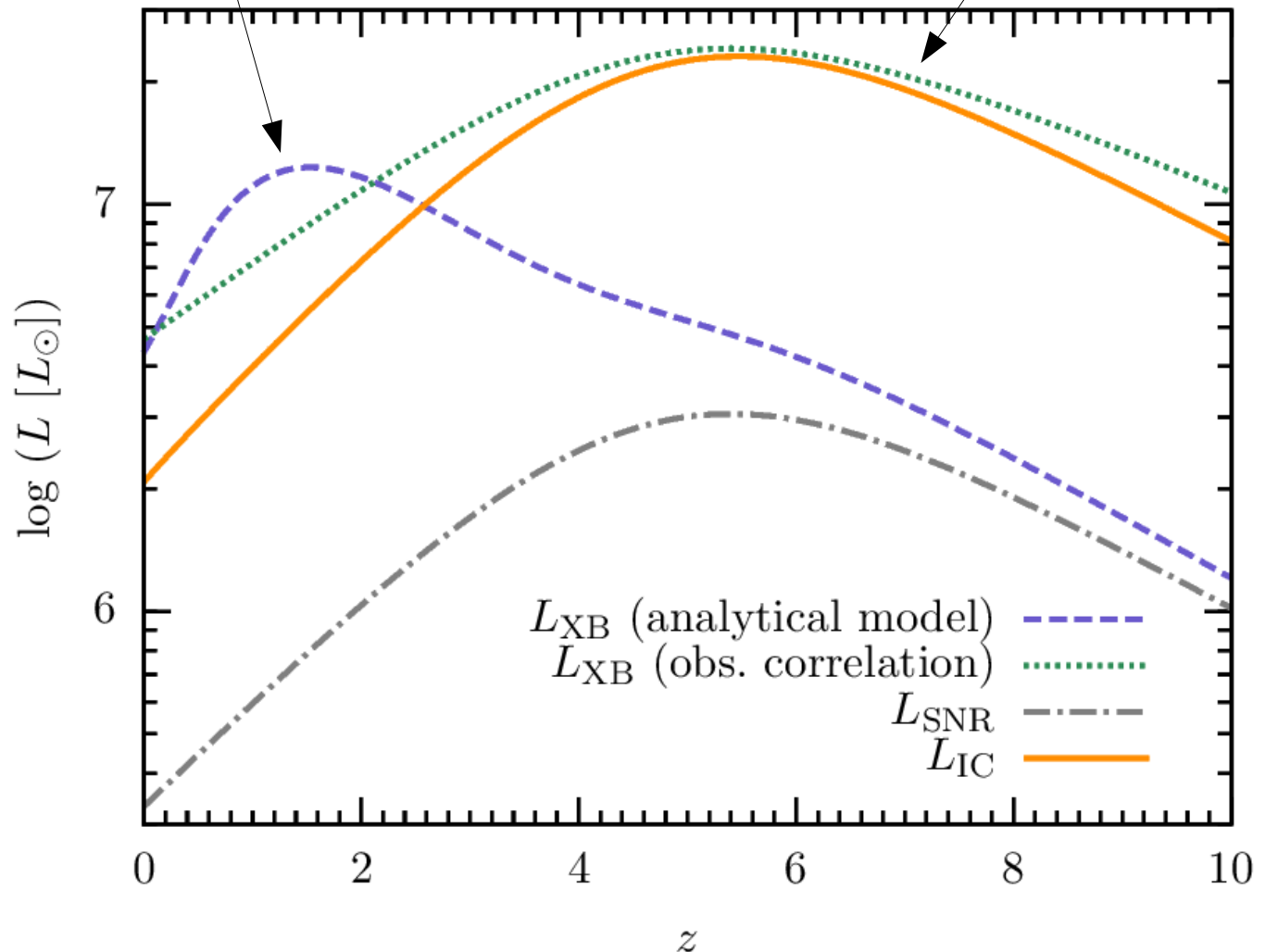
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Additional X-Ray Sources

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L_{XB} , analytical model
(Ghosh & White 2001)

L_{XB} , obs. correlation
(Lehmer et al. 2010)



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- motivation: magnetic fields are already important in young galaxies
- inverse Compton scattering most important energy loss of cosmic ray e^\pm for
 - Milky Way-type galaxies at $z \gtrsim 5$
 - starburst galaxies
- *Chandra* observations of pure inverse Compton scattering in starbursts possible up to $z \lesssim 2$
- additional X-ray sources need to be considered carefully





Thanks for your attention!



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