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SM physics:

- ν oscillations
- strong interactions:
 - ▶ $\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{pp}$, K_{inel}^{pp} , $dN/d\eta_X$, pO run
 - ▶ nothing more to come from LHC?
 - ▶ only a one-way street?

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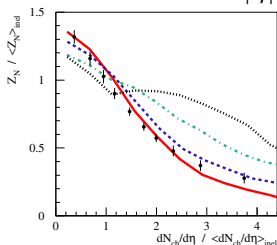
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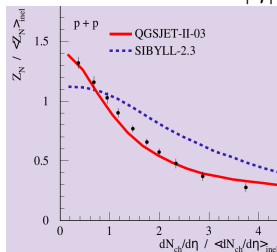
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same analysis for pO?

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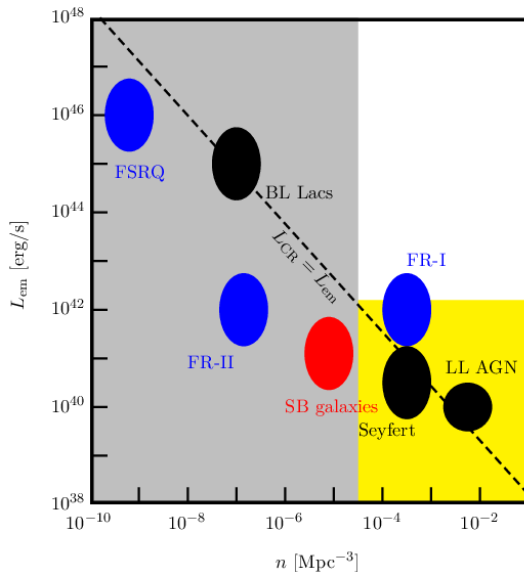
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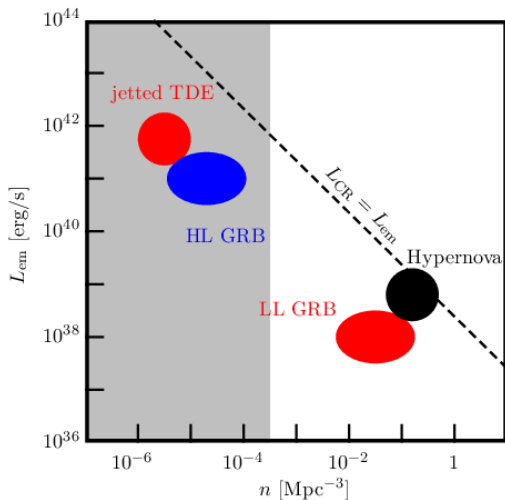
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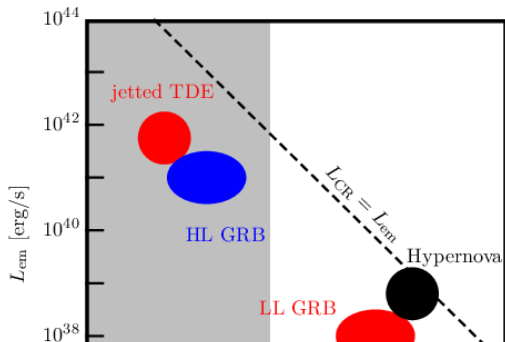
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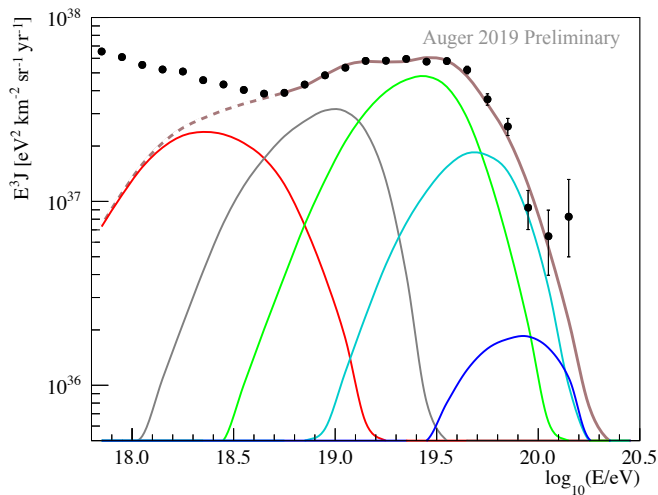
better, but:

- ▶ rare: emissivity too small
- ▶ τ could be much smaller

n [cm⁻³]

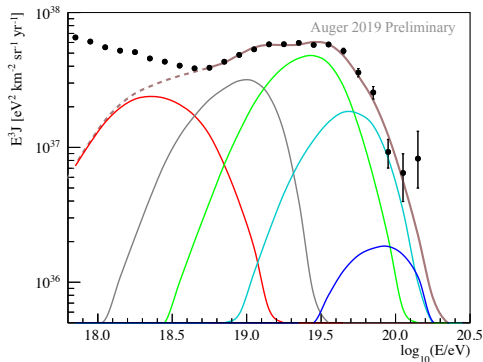
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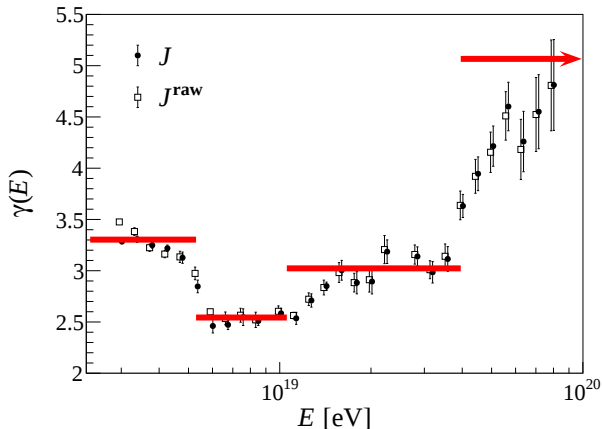
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- + eases acceleration
- ▶ additional component below ankle needed
- surprising values for slopes and composition

Energy spectrum: sequence of power-laws?



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- Multi-messenger connection: weak?