
General constraints on sources of UHECRs Updated Hillas diagrams

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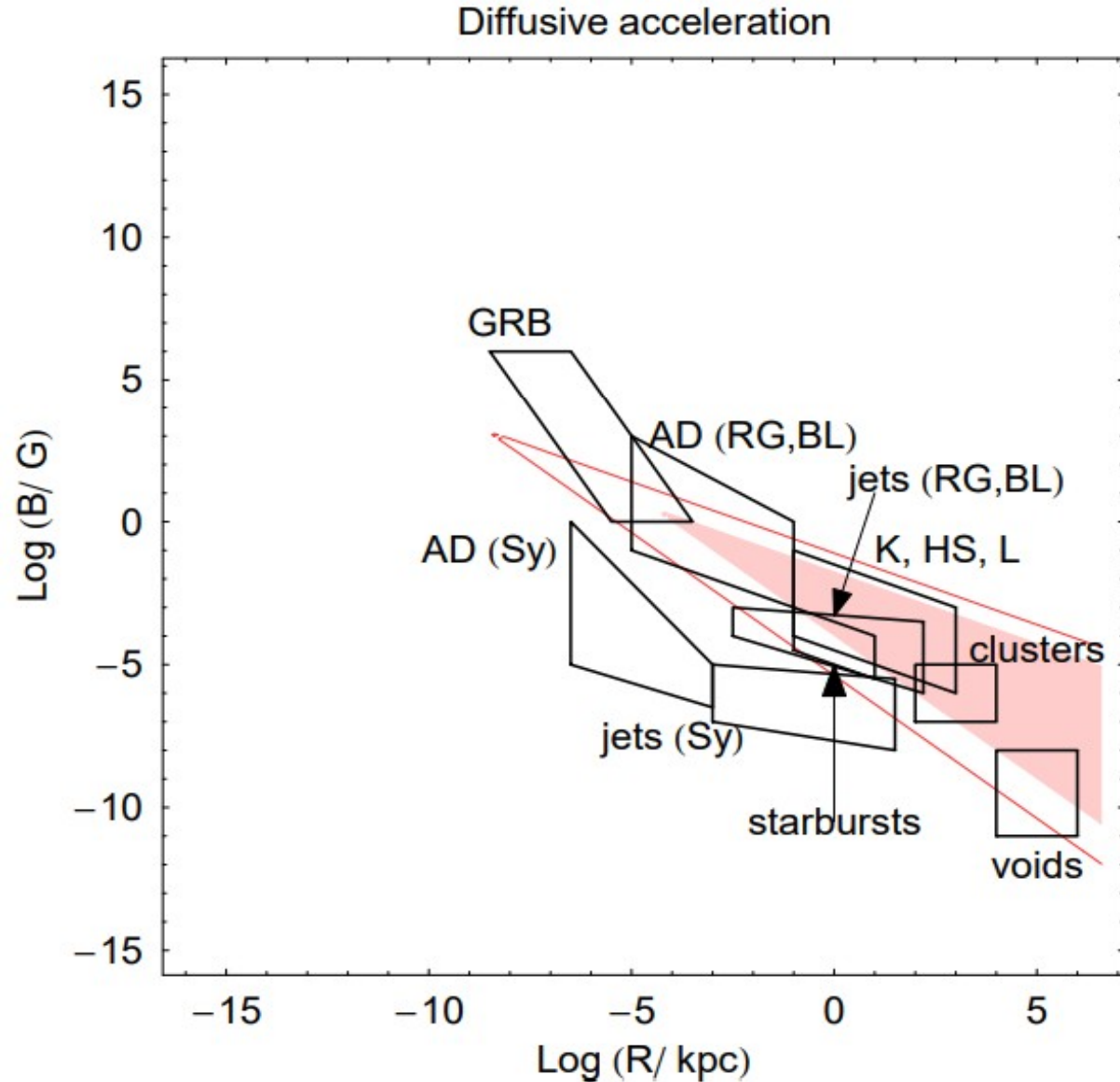
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An example the Hillas diagram [3]



[3]: K. V. Ptitsyna and S. V. Troitsky, Phys. Usp. 53, 691 (2010)

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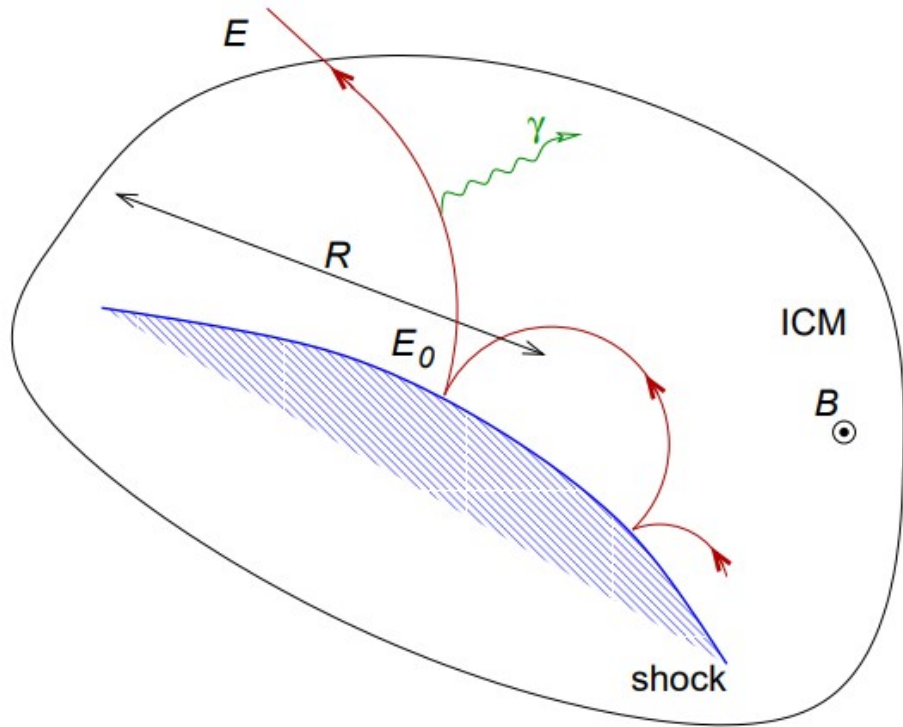
- Interaction losses (**This work**)

Losses associated with interactions in a source medium

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Acceleration model



A particle moves inside the accelerator and from time to time receives a portion of energy as a result of interaction with a shock.

For more details see [2]

Radiation losses

Expression for synchrotron losses for a proton moving in an astrophysical source with a magnetic field \mathbf{B}

$$-\frac{dE_{rad}}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^4}{m_p^4} E^2 B^2 = D \left(\frac{E}{\text{eV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{B}{\text{G}} \right)^2 \text{eV/s}$$

Interaction losses

In this work only photohadronic and photopair processes are considered:

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ \\ p + \pi^0 \end{cases}$$

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow p + e^- + e^+$$

Power-law case

Photohadronic
losses

$$-K_1 \left(\frac{E}{\text{eV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{R}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{L_{\geq \omega}}{\text{eV/s}} \right) \text{eV/s}, \quad \alpha > 2$$

$$K_1 = (\alpha - 2) / (\alpha^2 - 1) \cdot 10^{-89}$$

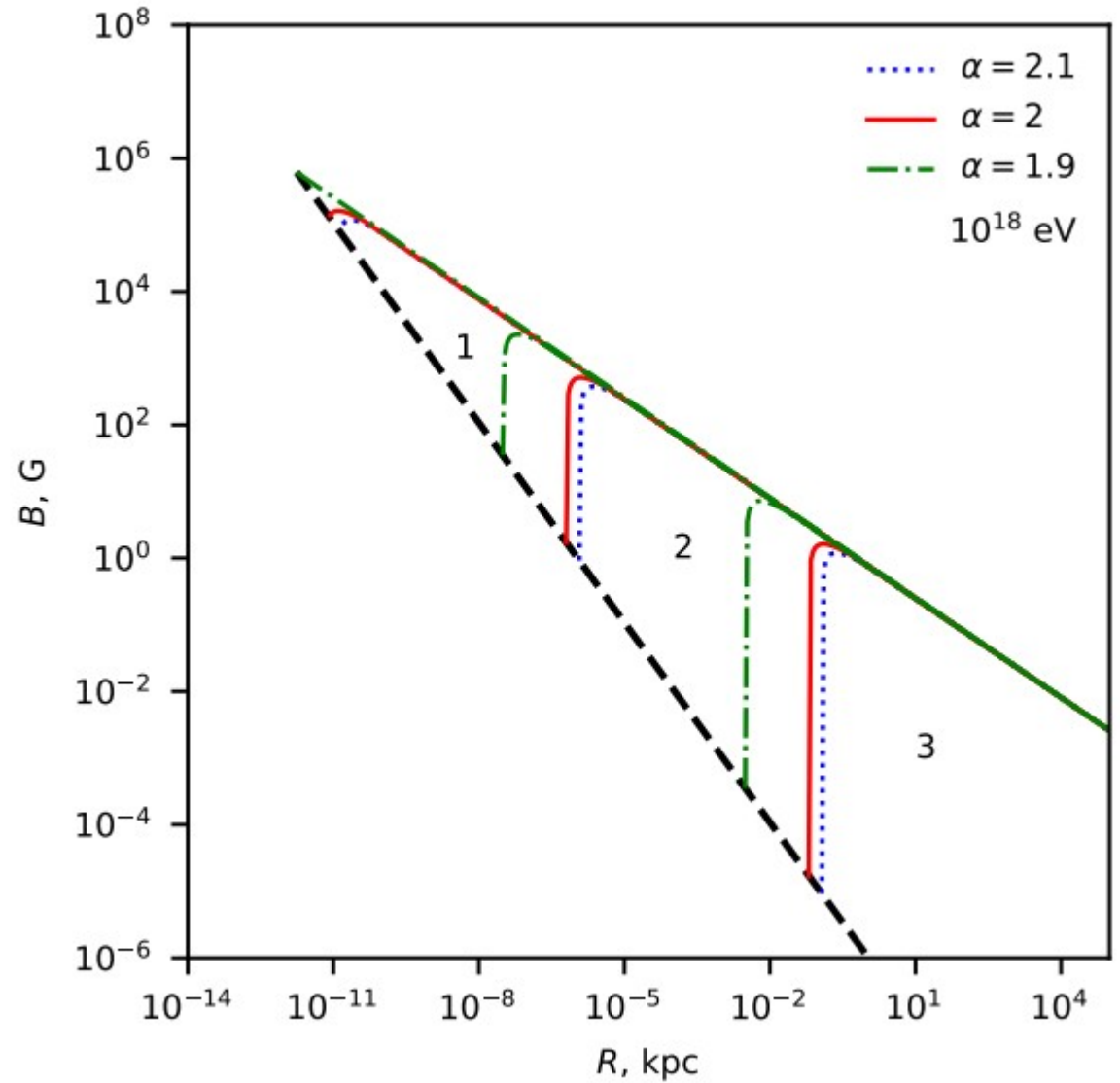
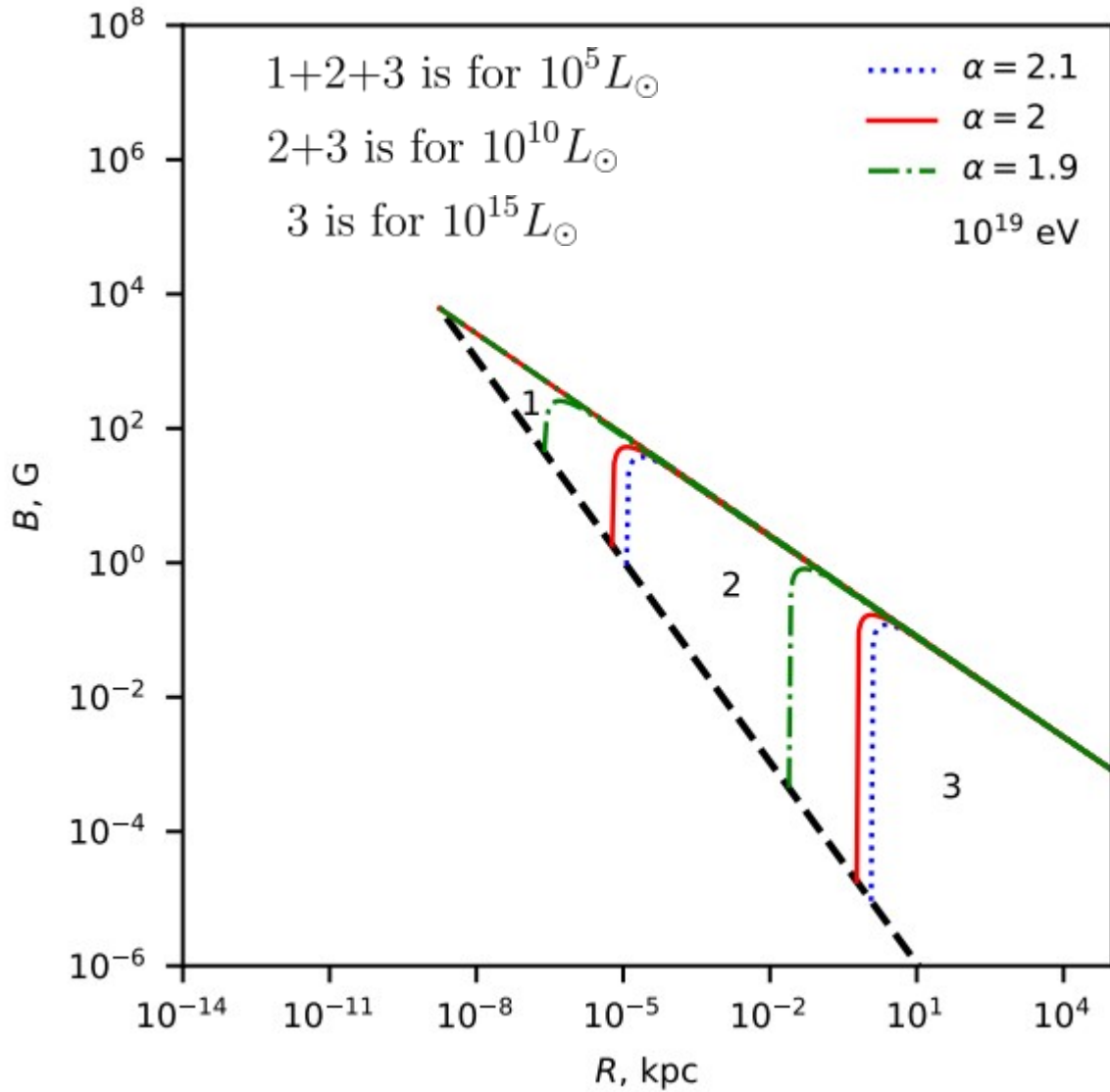
Photopair losses

$$-C_1 \left(\frac{E}{\text{eV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{R}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{L_{\geq \omega}}{\text{eV/s}} \right) \text{eV/s}, \quad \alpha > 2,$$

$$C_1 = 10^{-89} (\alpha - 2) \epsilon_{\text{thr}}^{\alpha - 2} I(2)$$

$$I(\alpha) = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^{-\alpha} \varphi(\epsilon)}{\epsilon^2} d\epsilon$$

Power-law case

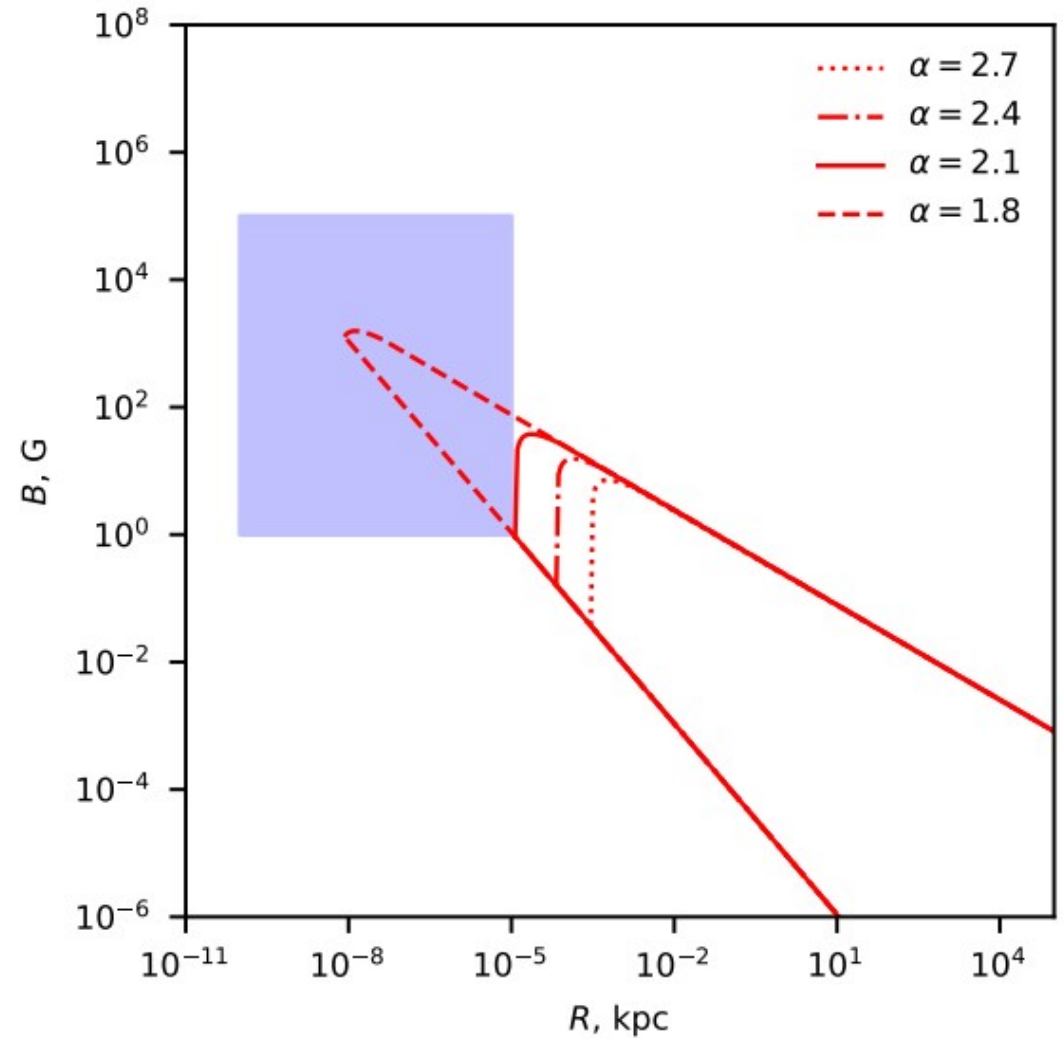
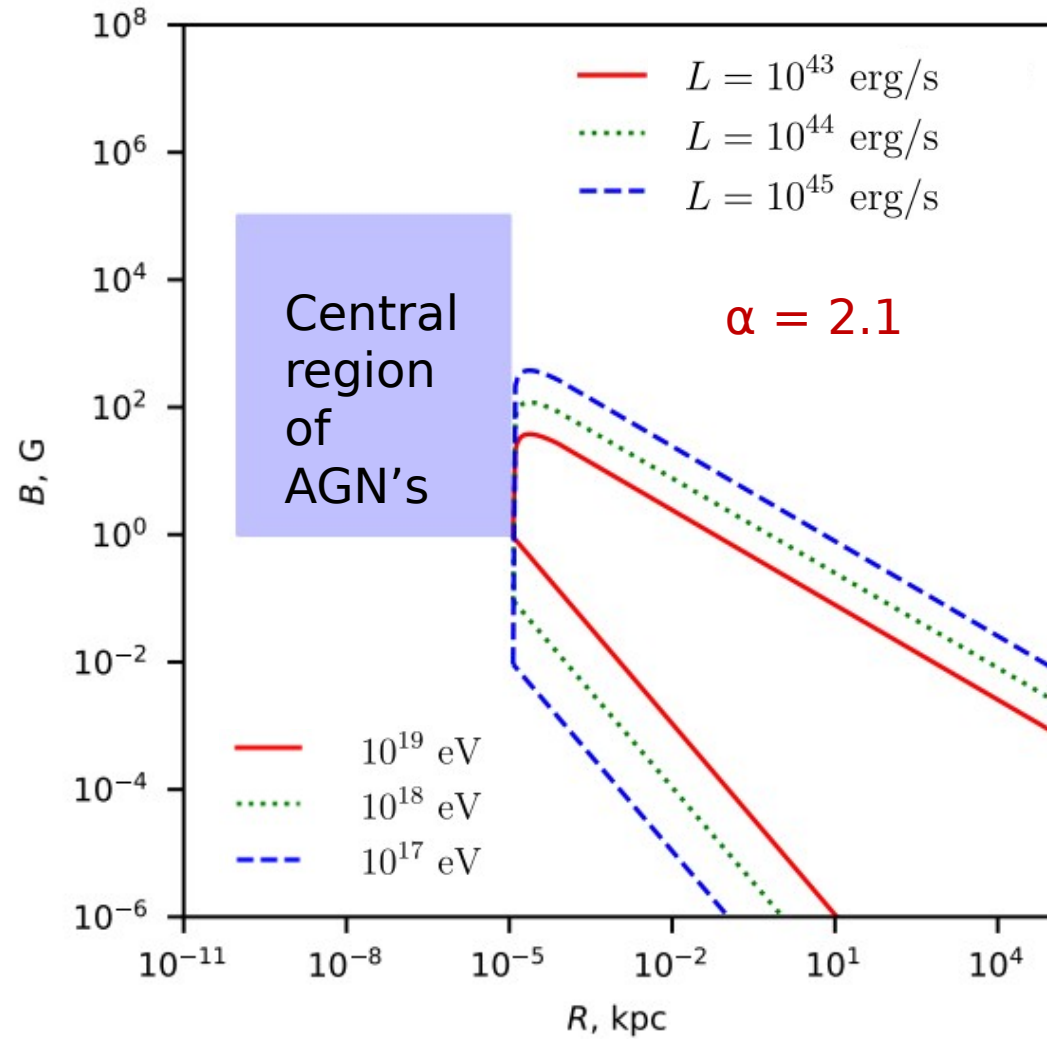


Location of central regions of AGN's

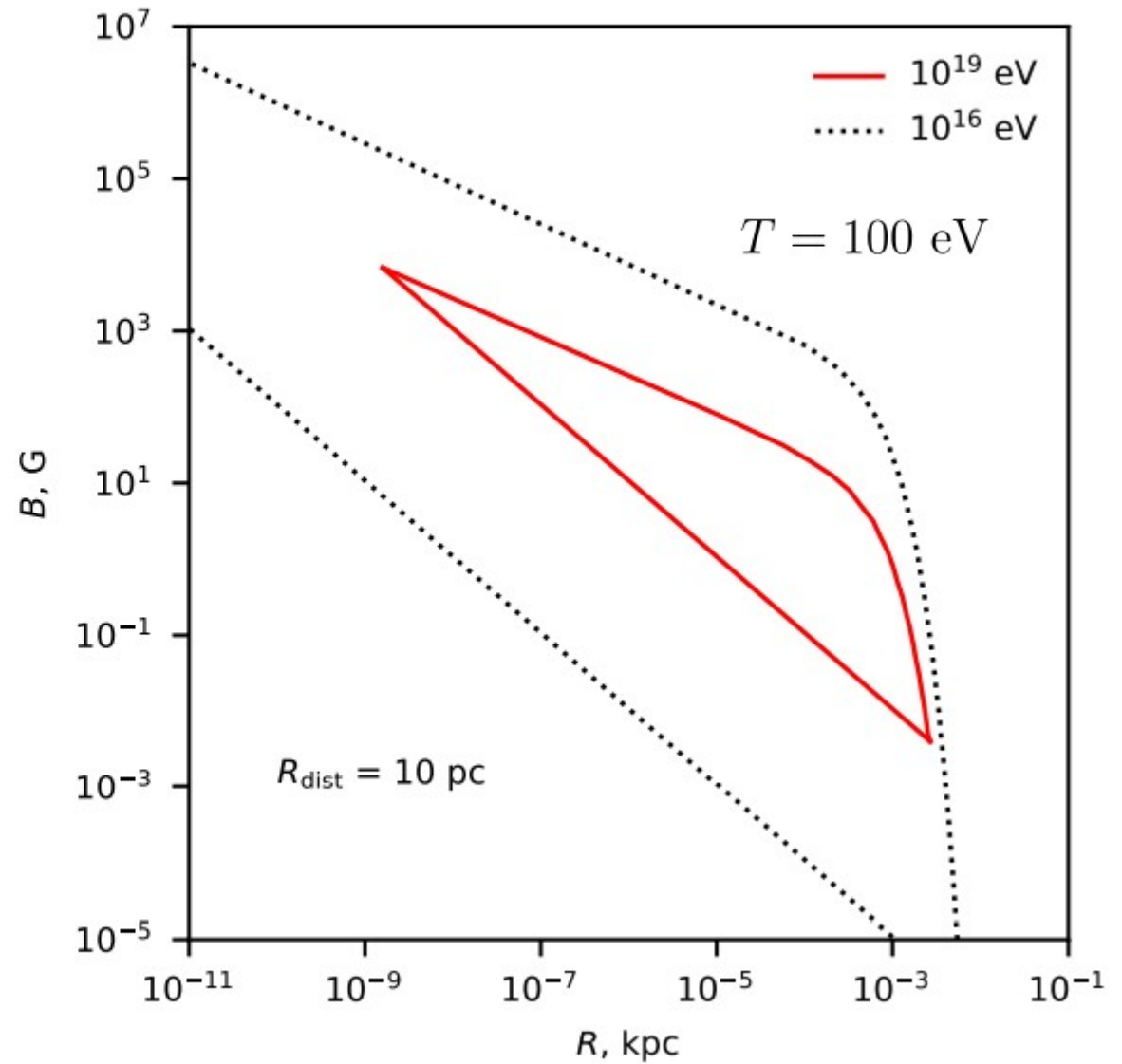
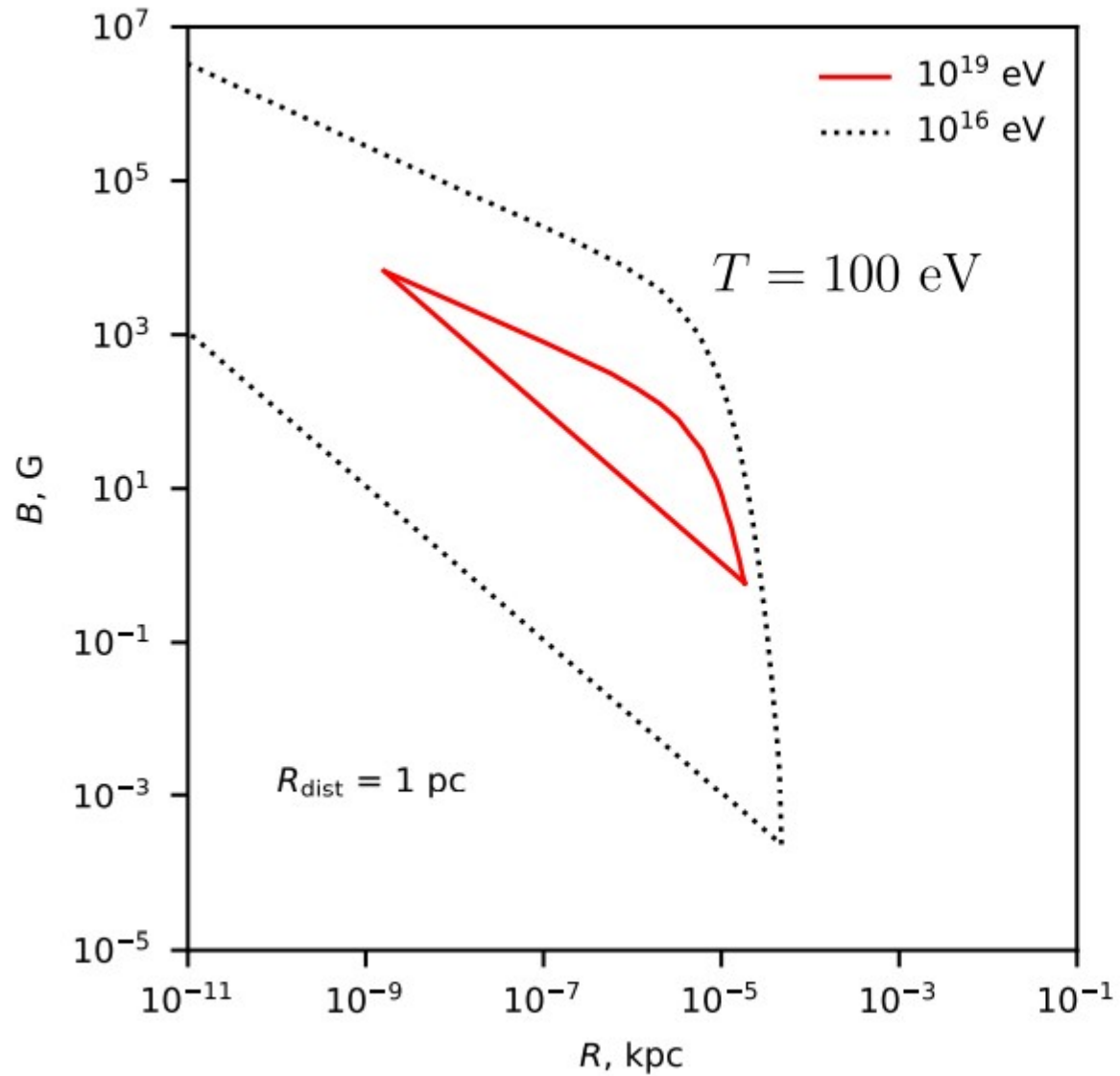
$$R \sim 5R_s \approx 5 \times 10^{-8} \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^8 M_{\odot}} \text{ kpc}$$

$$B_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-0.5} \text{ G}$$

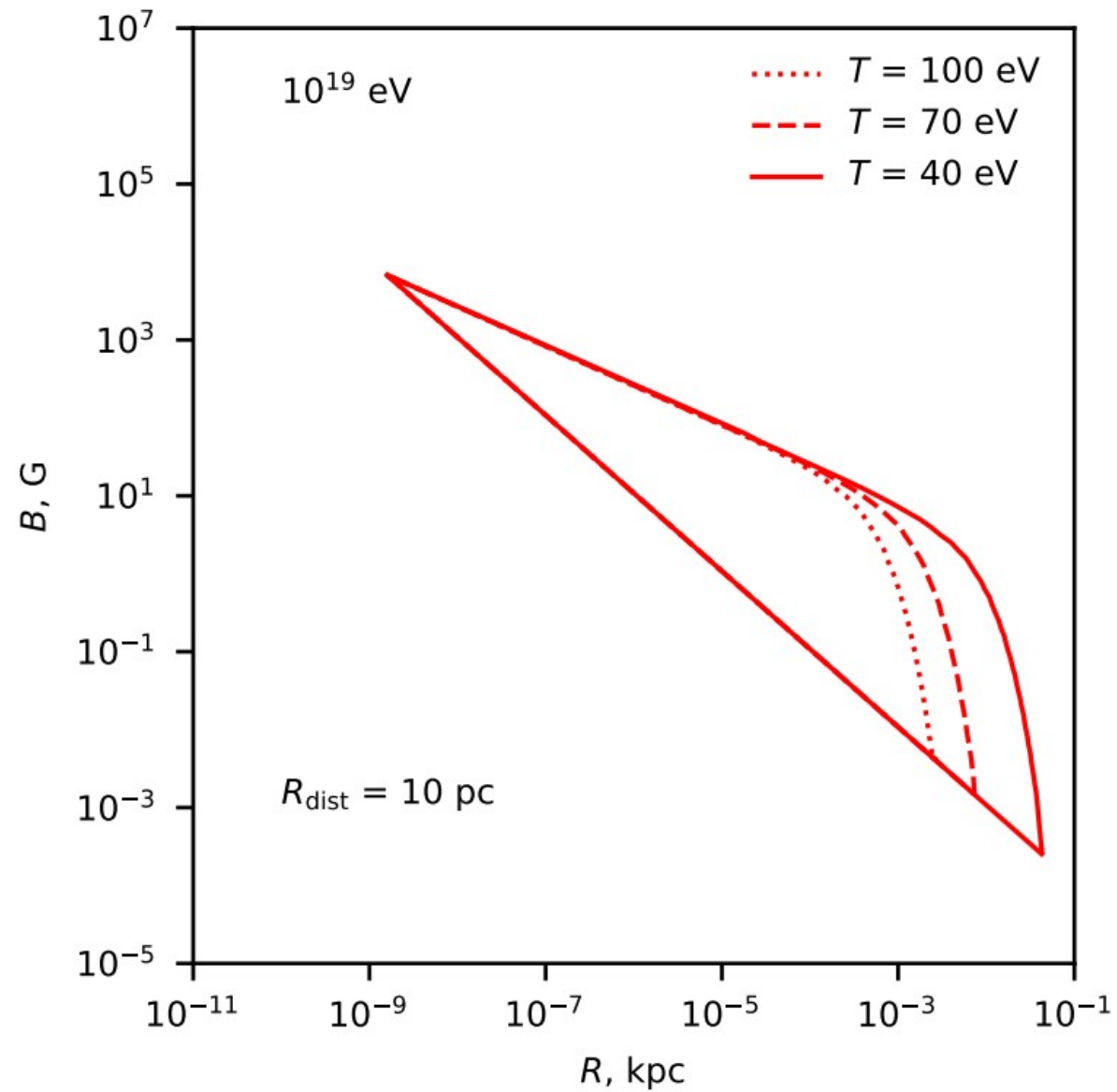
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Thermal radiation case



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Conclusions

- A constraint was added to the Hillas diagram associated with the interaction of protons with source photons
- A class of central regions of AGNs which can not accelerate protons was singled out assuming power-law (and thermal) radiation field and diffuse acceleration mechanism.
- In our model of diffuse acceleration In the case of thermal radiation field, it was also possible to narrow down the search area for high-energy proton accelerators (jets) .

For more details see [Phys.Rev.D 107 \(2023\) 12, 123018](#) e-Print: [2212.03483](#)