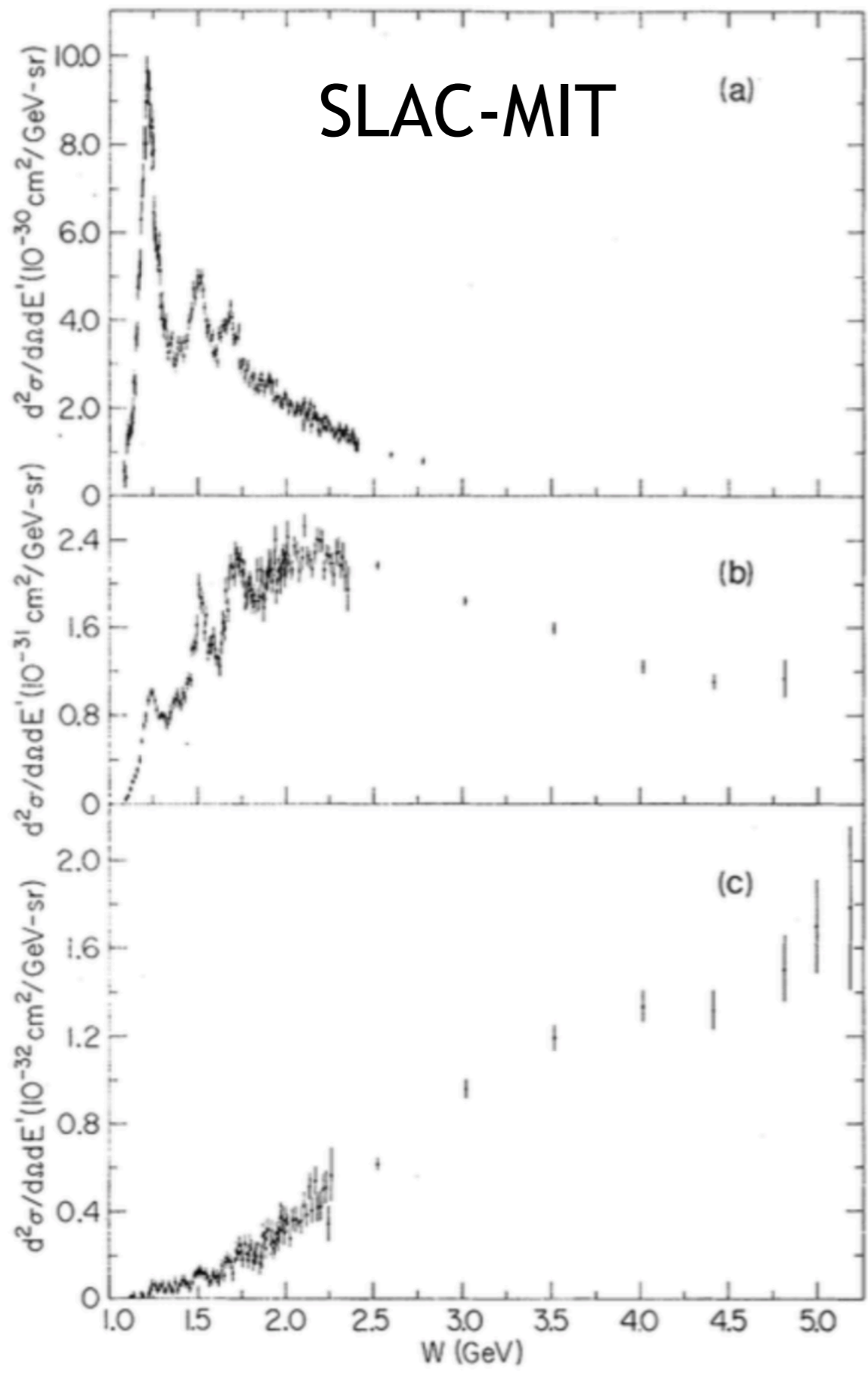
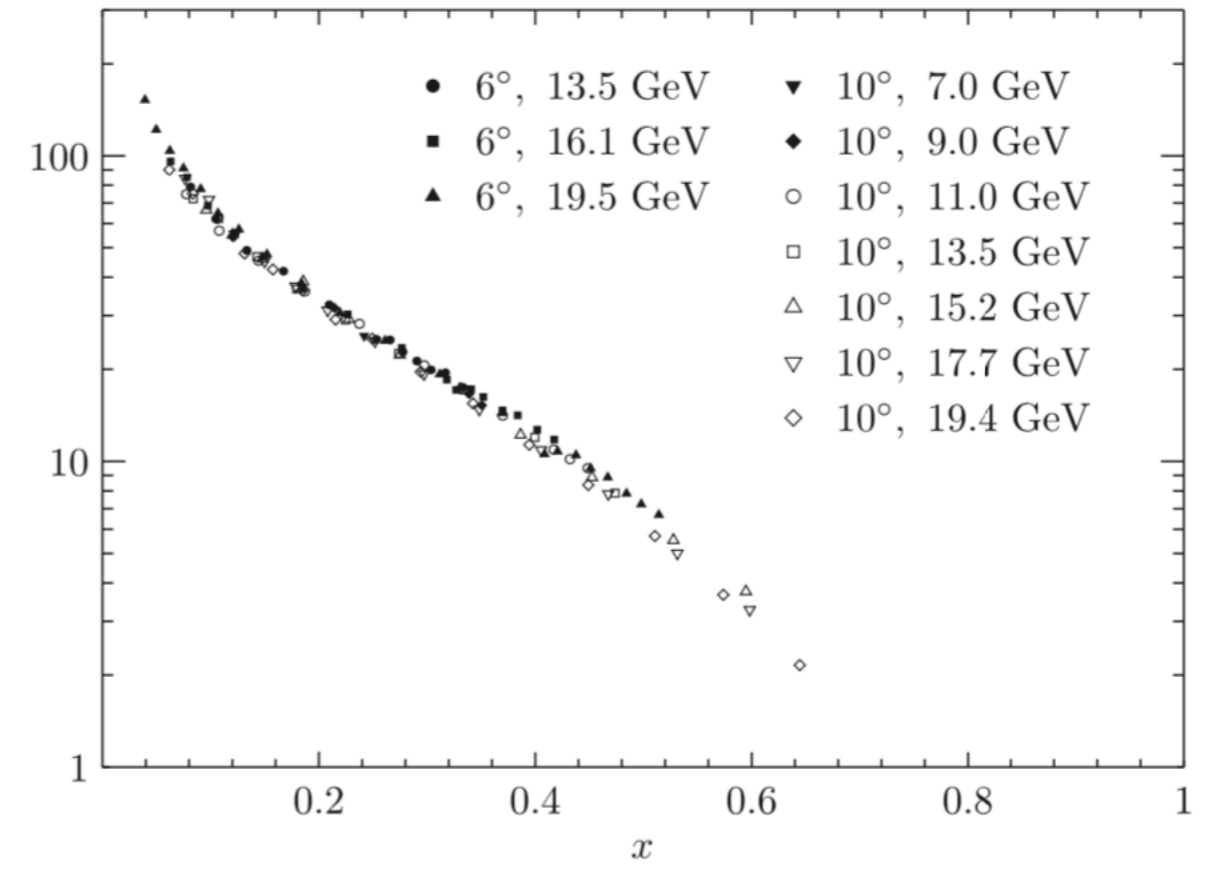


# Theory at SLAC

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## KIPAC:

formation of cosmic structure: galaxies and clusters  
from the evolution of dark matter

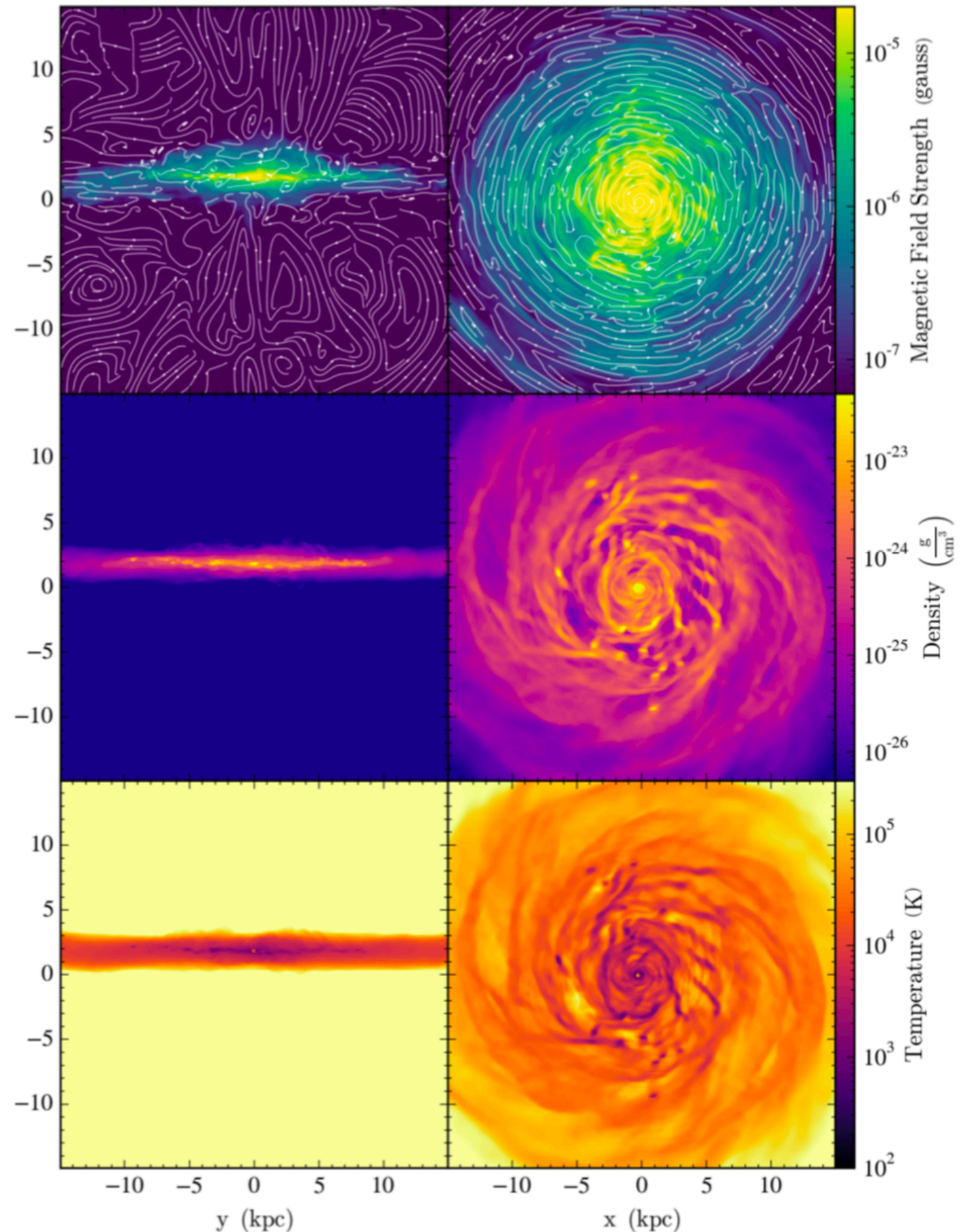
formation and evolution of stars in a galaxy – with  
physics on many length scales

physics of the most energetic objects in the universe:  
active galactic nuclei, X-ray sources, gamma ray bursts

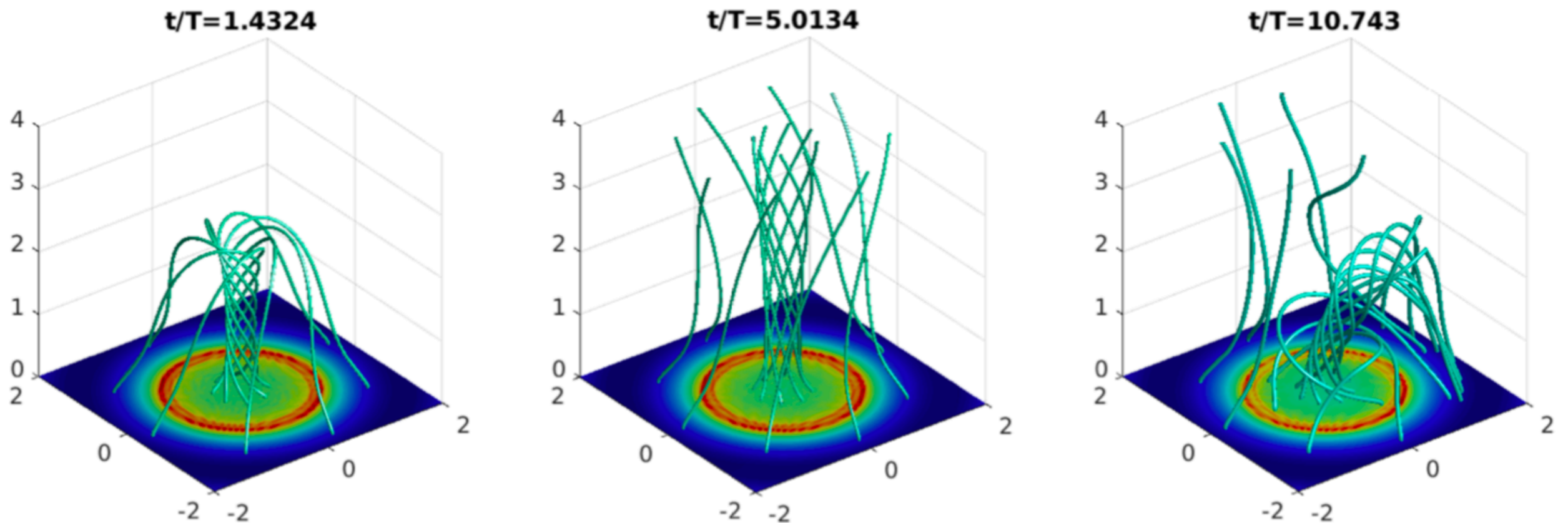
formation of a  
galactic magnetic  
field

using ENZO

Iryna Butsky,  
Jonathan Zrake,  
Ji-Hoon Kim,  
Hung-I Yang,  
and Tom Abel



magnetic fields heating the corona around a black hole,  
a model of a cosmic X-ray source



Yajie Yuan, Anatoly Spitkovsky, Roger Blandford,  
and Dan Wilkins

SIMES:

**exotic materials:** high-Tc superconductors, topological insulators, strongly-coupled 2-d electron systems, non-Fermi liquids

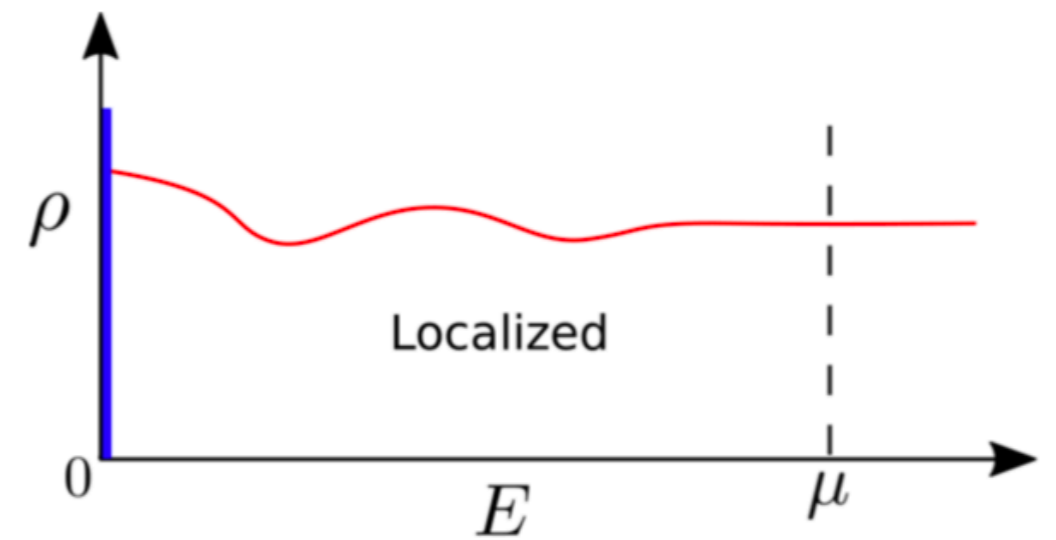
transition from an integer quantum Hall system to an insulator in the presence of disorder

a very non-obvious self-duality predicts

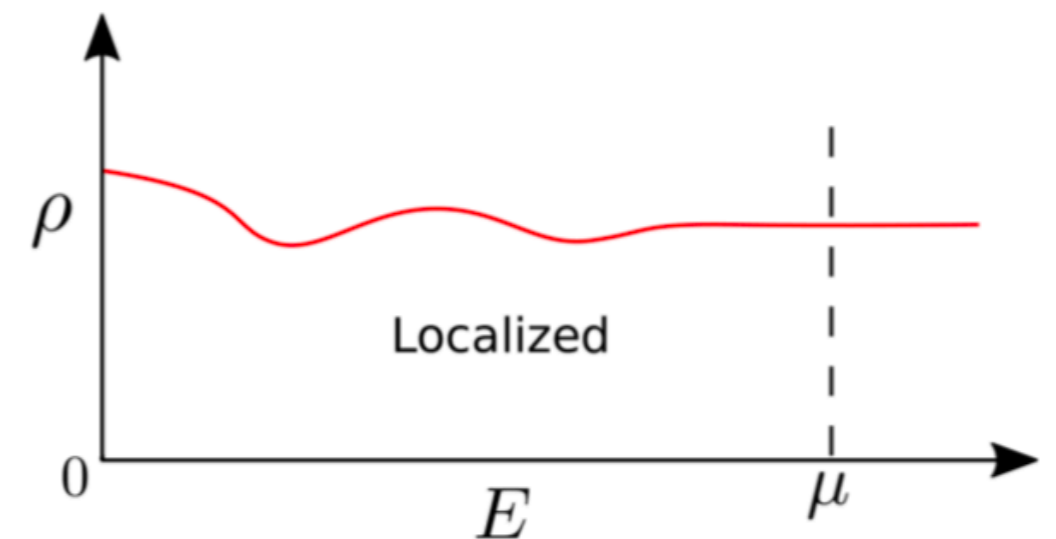
$$\rho_{xx} = \rho_{xy} = h/e^2$$

at the critical point

Prashant Kumar, Yong Baek Kim,  
Sri Raghu



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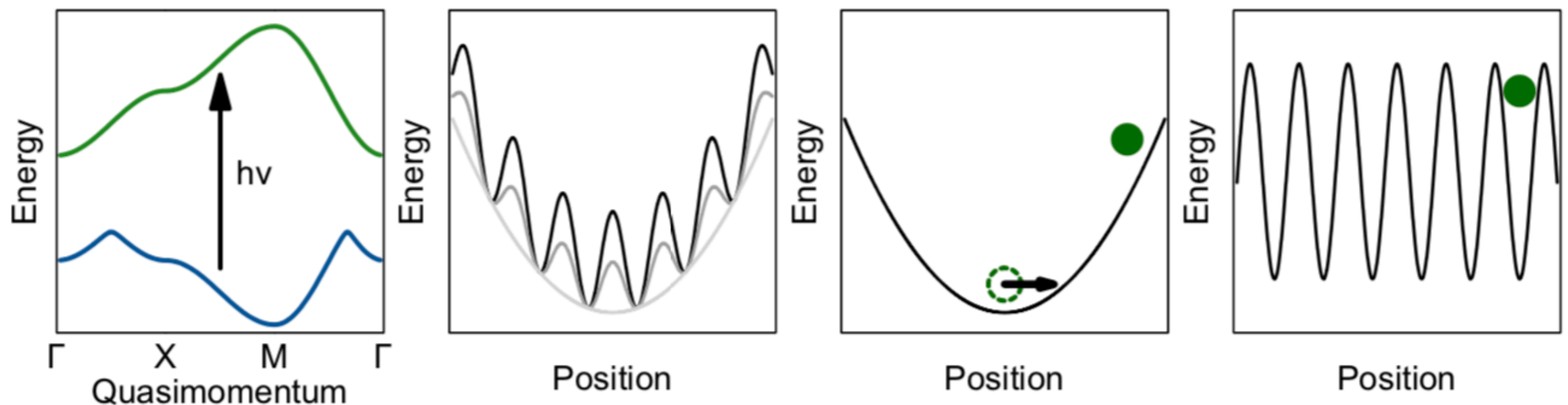


(b)



study of the Hubbard model, a 2-d model system for antiferromagnetism and pseudogap behavior, using an artificially created lattice of cold atoms.

how do you get the information of electron densities and correlations out? Use an analog of ARPES in X-ray scattering



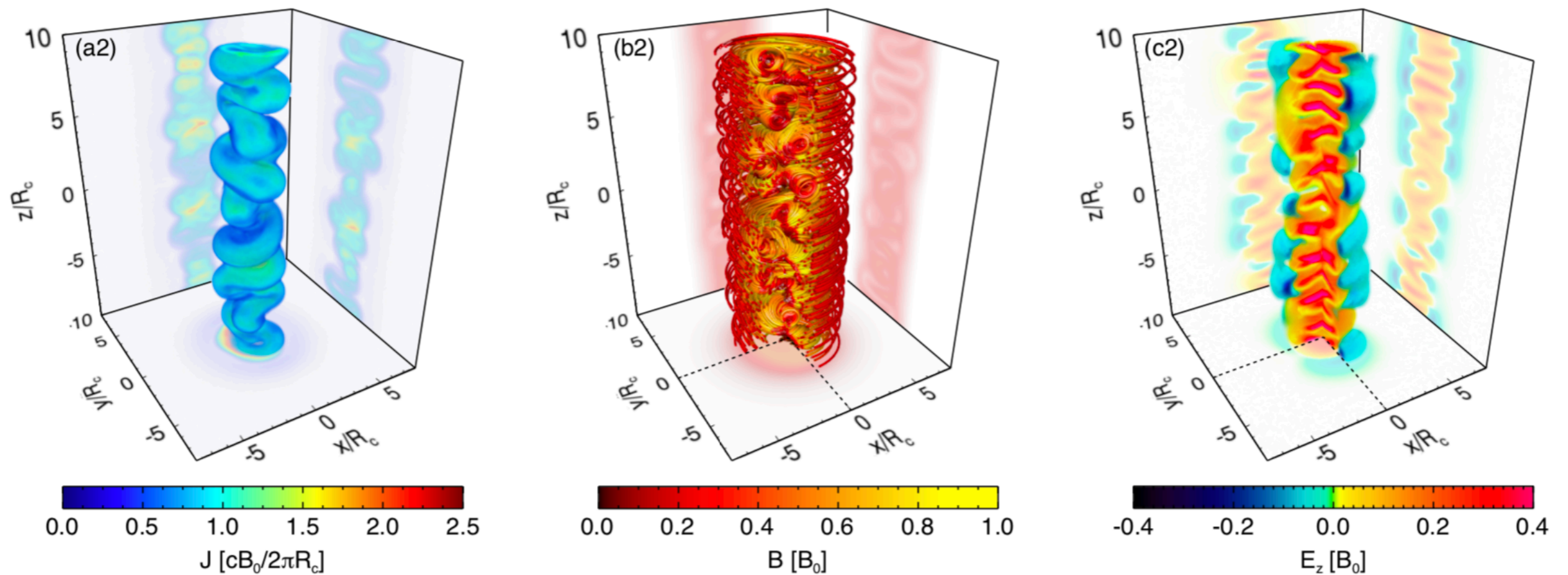
Peter Brown, Elmer Guardado-Sanchez, Benjamin Spar, Edwin Huang, Thomas P. Devereaux, and Waseem Bakr

HED:

use of **high-power lasers** interacting with plasma as a source of accelerated electron beams

exploring the detailed MHD of **cosmic ray acceleration**

# simulation of the kink instability in a jet emerging from an active galactic nucleus



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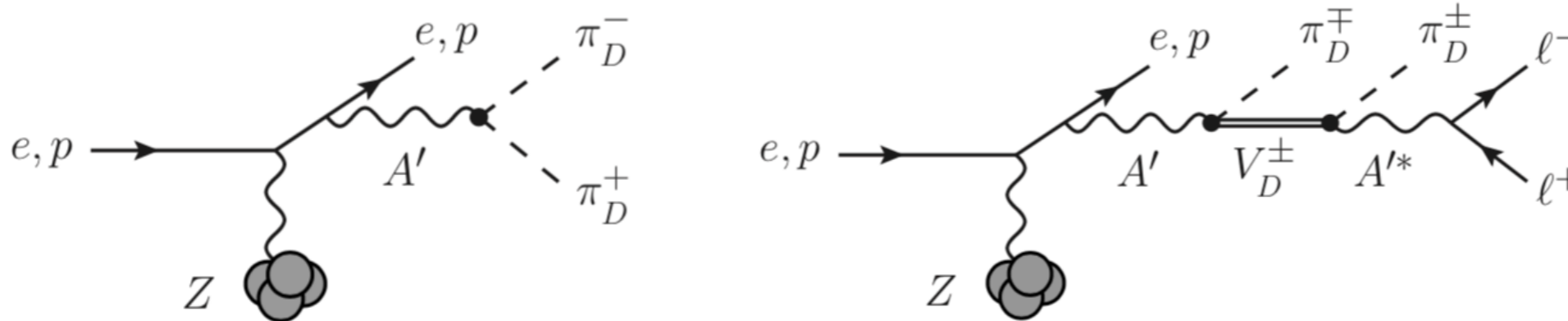
HEP:

new models of **cosmic dark matter**, and production of dark matter particles in the laboratory

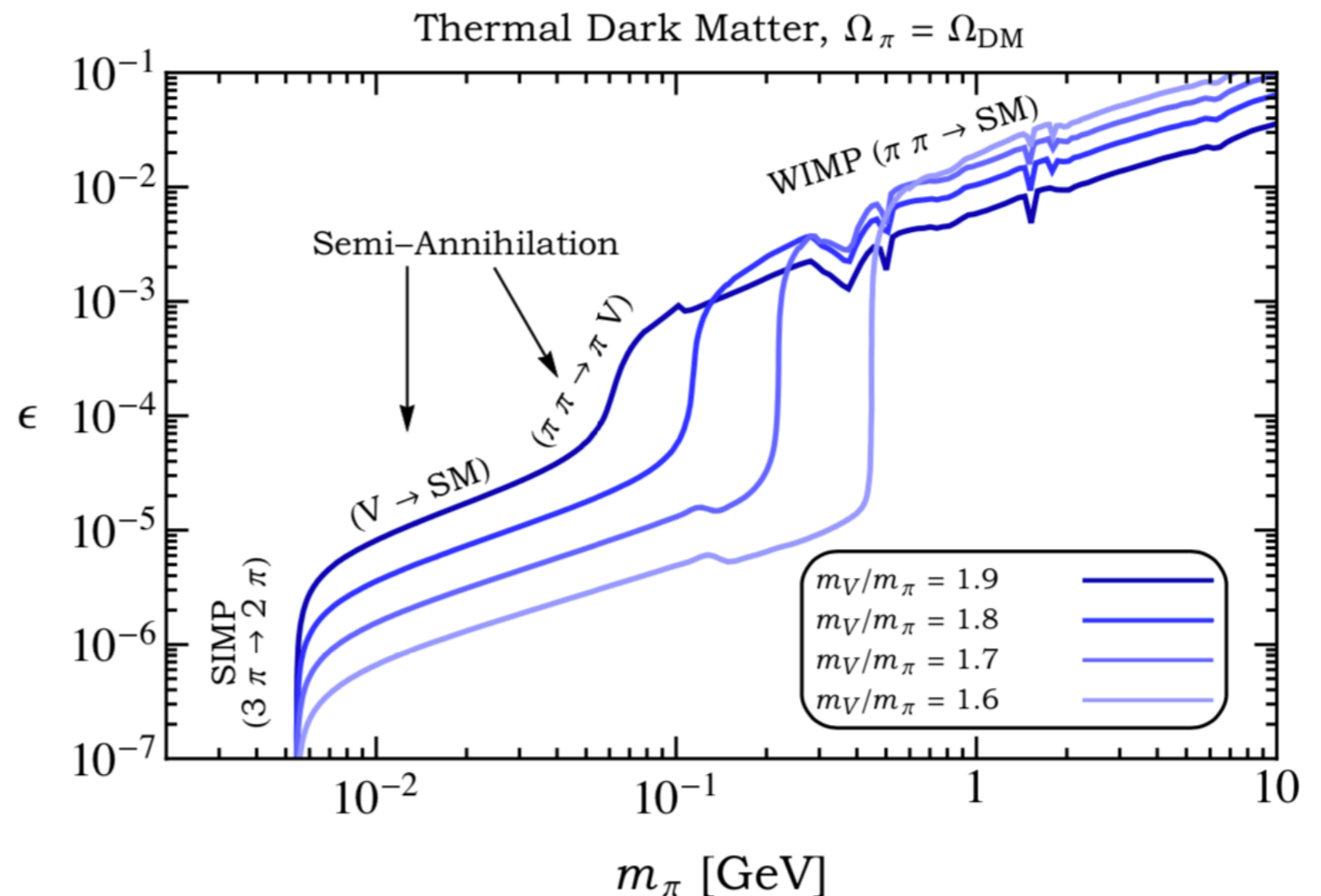
exploring the center of a **supernova** using the **neutrino** signal

prediction of the rates of complex processes observed at the **Large Hadron Collider**

could dark matter arise from a parallel strong interaction theory whose particles could weakly to our through a “dark photon”?



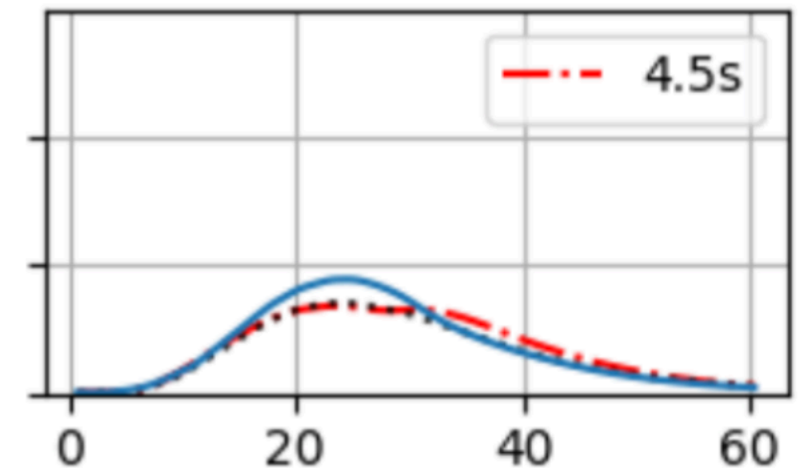
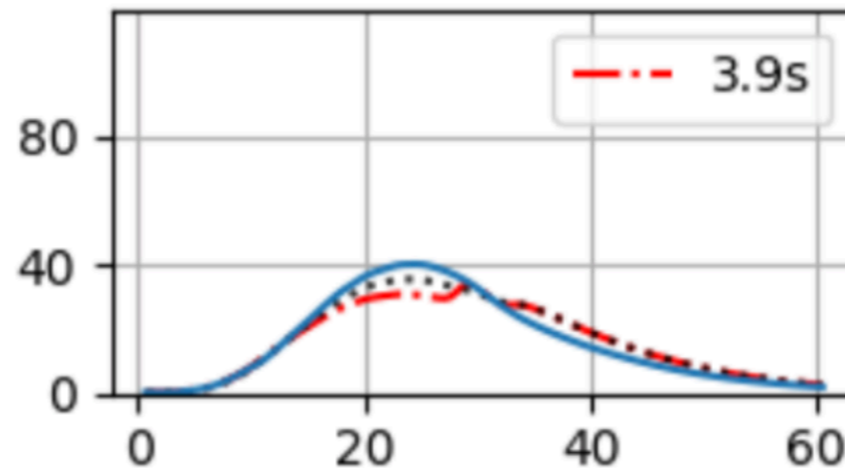
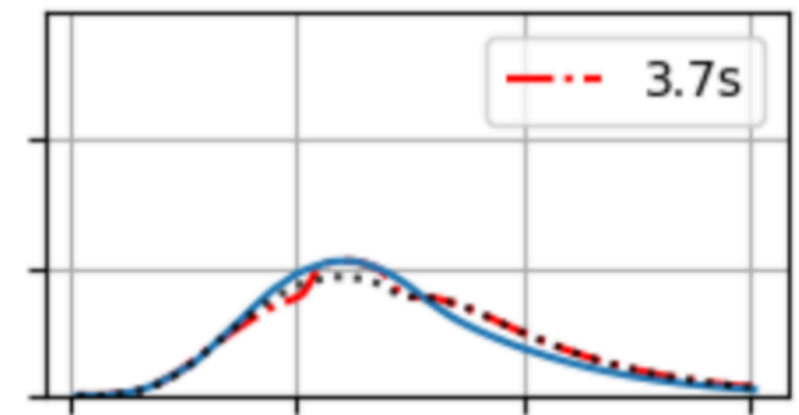
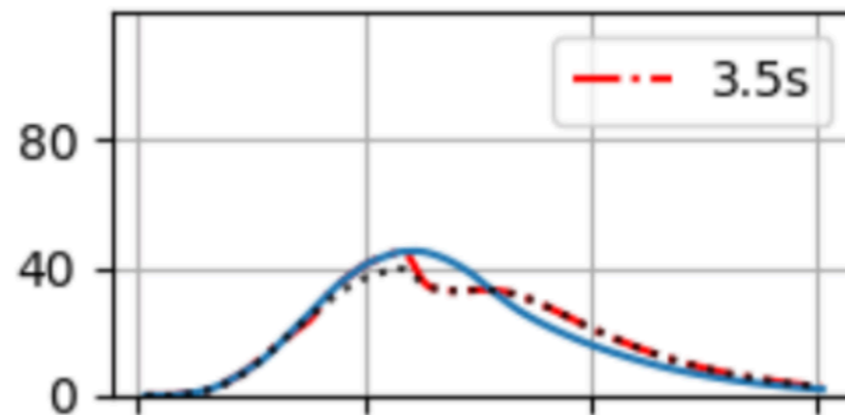
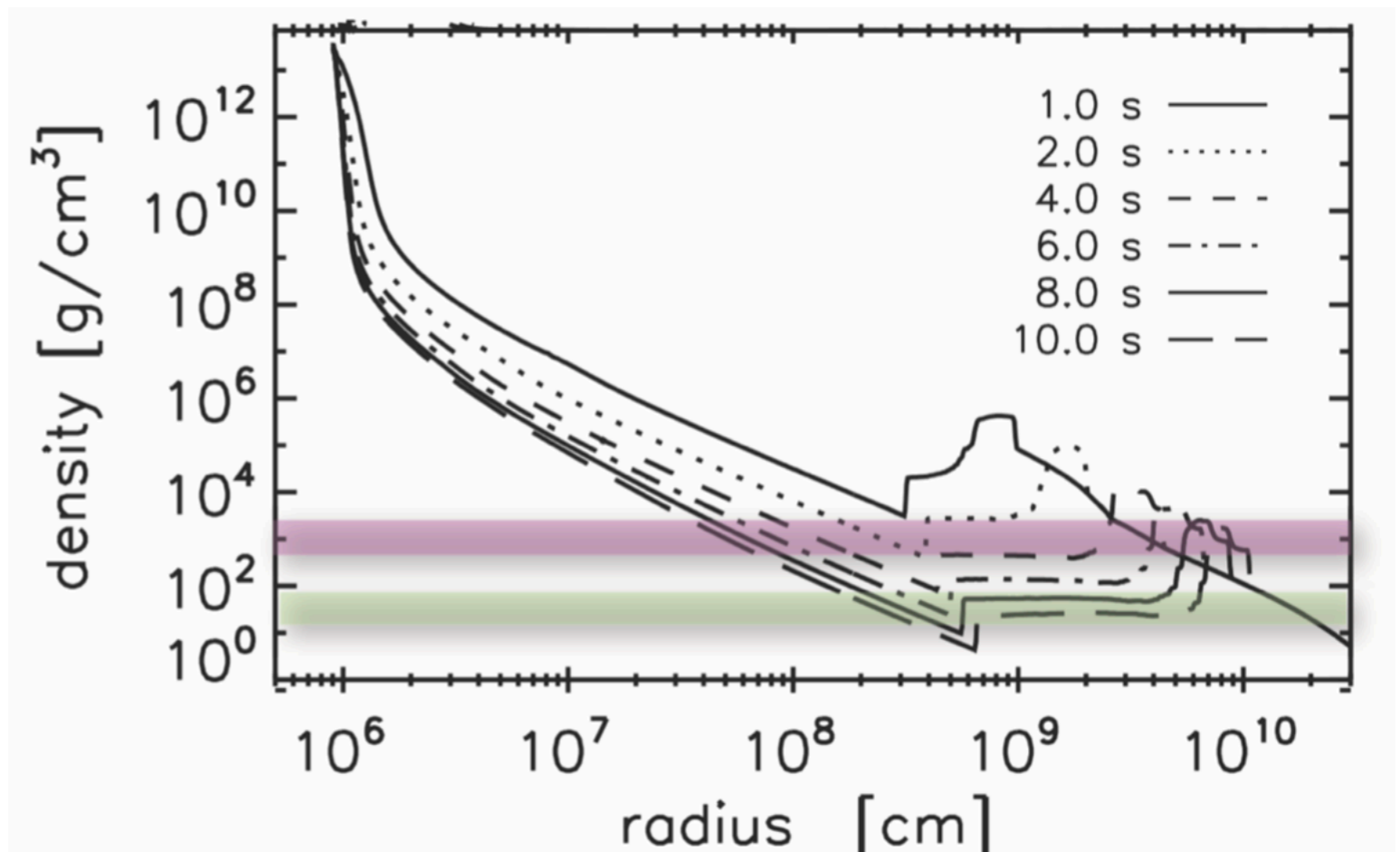
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neutrino mass implies that, as neutrinos stream out of a supernova, they can change flavor.

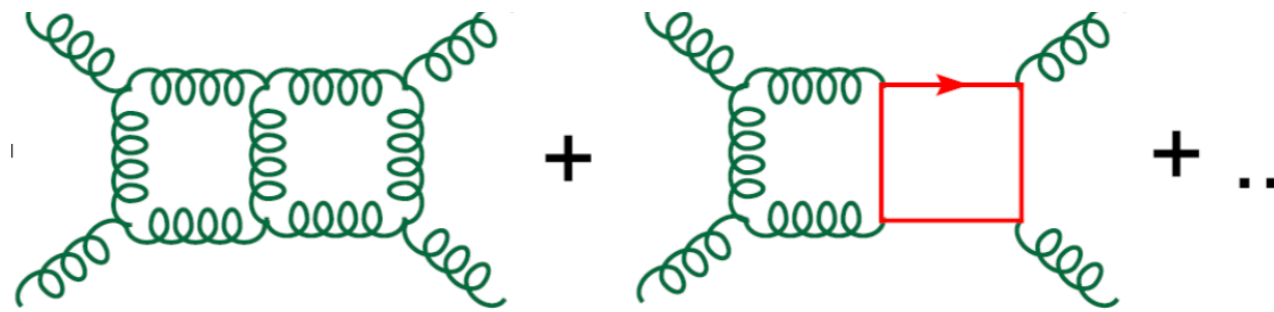
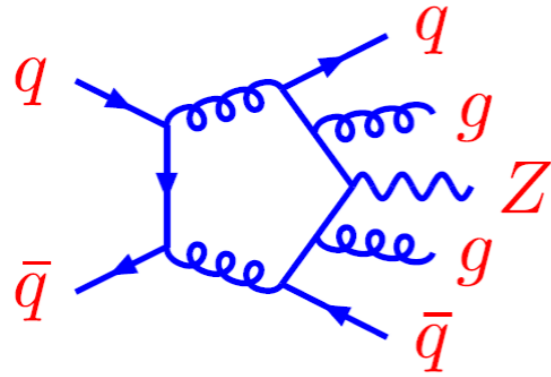
What do we observe as the neutrino burst passes the earth?

Payel Mukhopadhyay and Alex Friedland



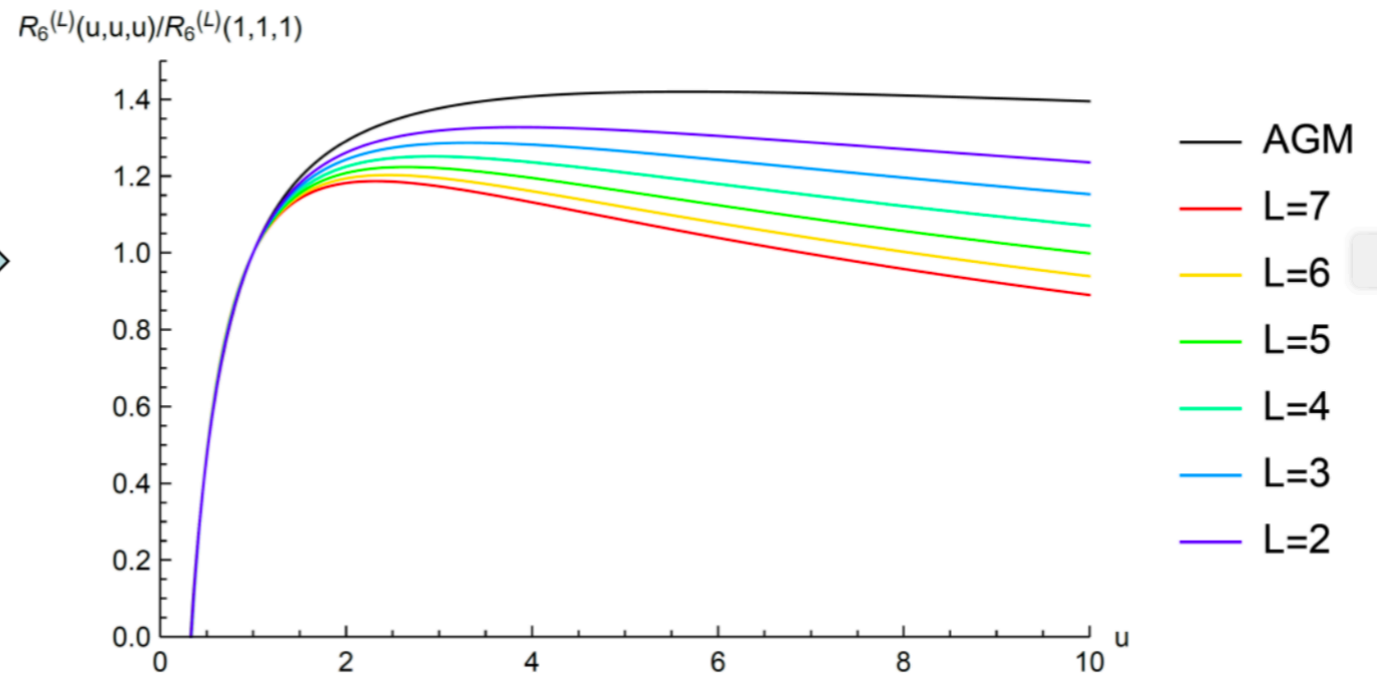
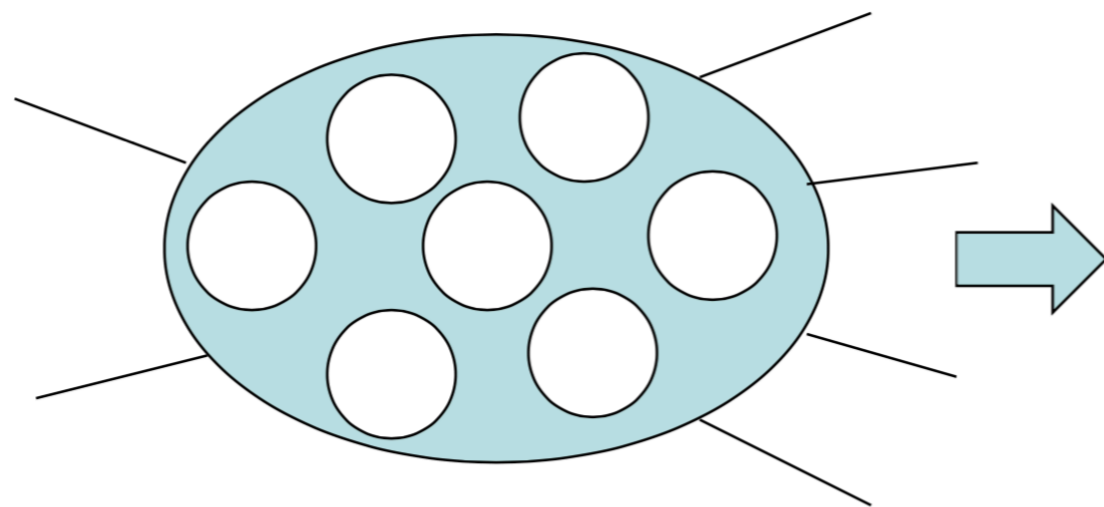
Energy (MeV)

to compute the rates of quark and lepton reactions at the LHC, ordinary methods of Feynman diagram calculation are not sufficient.



(1531 diagrams in all)

need to invent new methods: “unitarity”, “bootstrap”, new special functions, “cosmic Galois group”



Simon Caron-Huot, Lance Dixon, Falko Dulat,

Matt von Hippel, Andrew McLeod and Georgios Papathanasiou

We are thinking about many fascinating questions and pushing the boundaries in many directions.

Please contact the faculty and staff on slide 3 to ask about rotation opportunities.