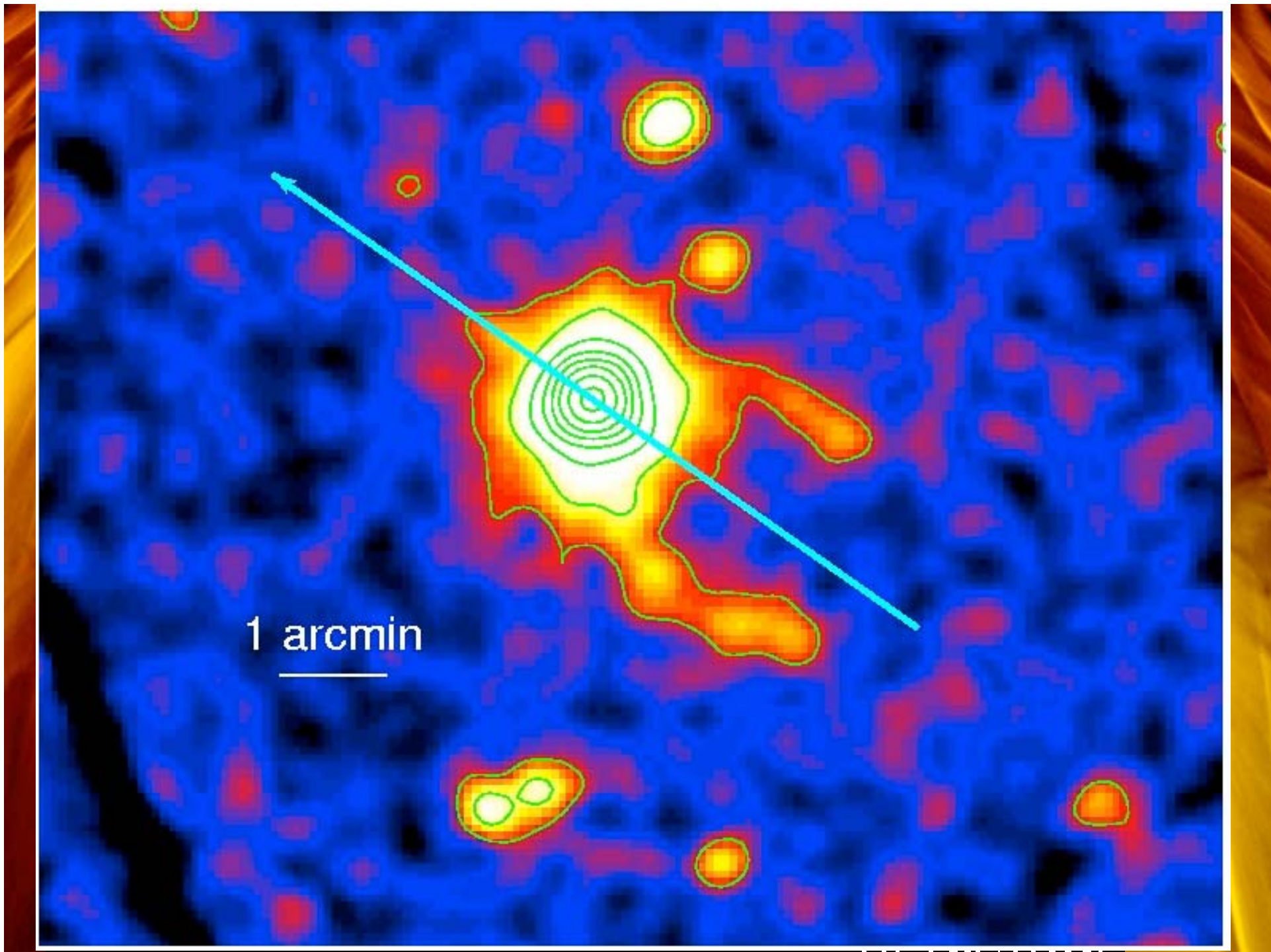




# The XMM observation of Geminga

100 ksec of GT  
time

**Geminga strikes again**





# Energetics

$$\dot{E} = 3 \times 10^{34} \text{ erg/sec}$$

$$D = 160 \text{ pc}$$

$$\mu = 170 \text{ mas/y}$$

$$v_{\text{tr}} = 120 \text{ km/sec}$$

$$\text{Geminga luminosity} = 3 \times 10^{31} \text{ erg/sec (0.1-5 keV)}$$

$$\text{Tails luminosity} = 6.8 \times 10^{28} \text{ erg/sec}$$

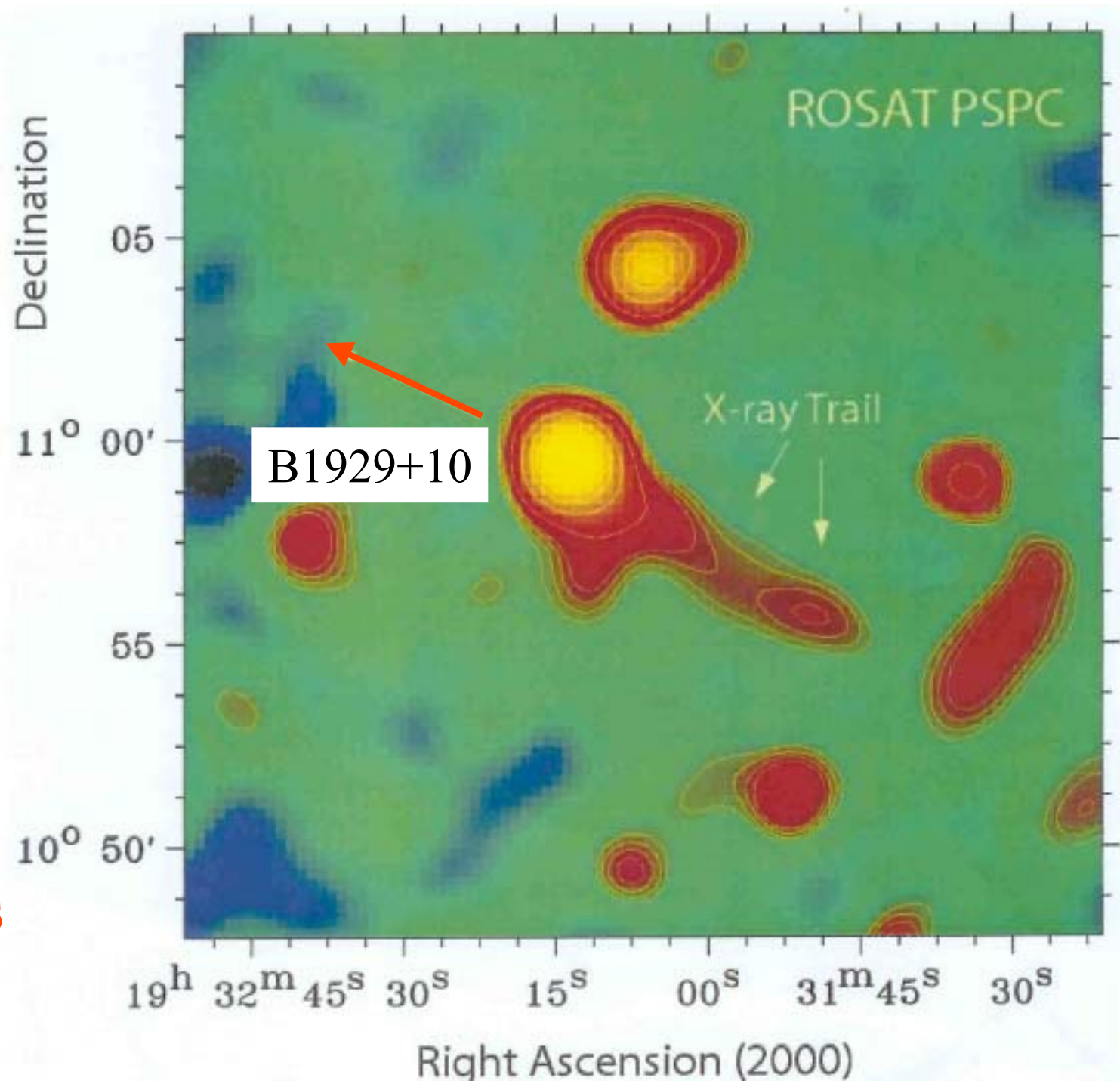
**The tails account for  $2 \times 10^{-6} \dot{E}$**

**What could this be ?**

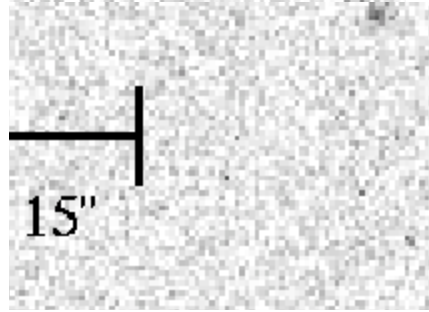


**A tail  
like  
this  
one ?**

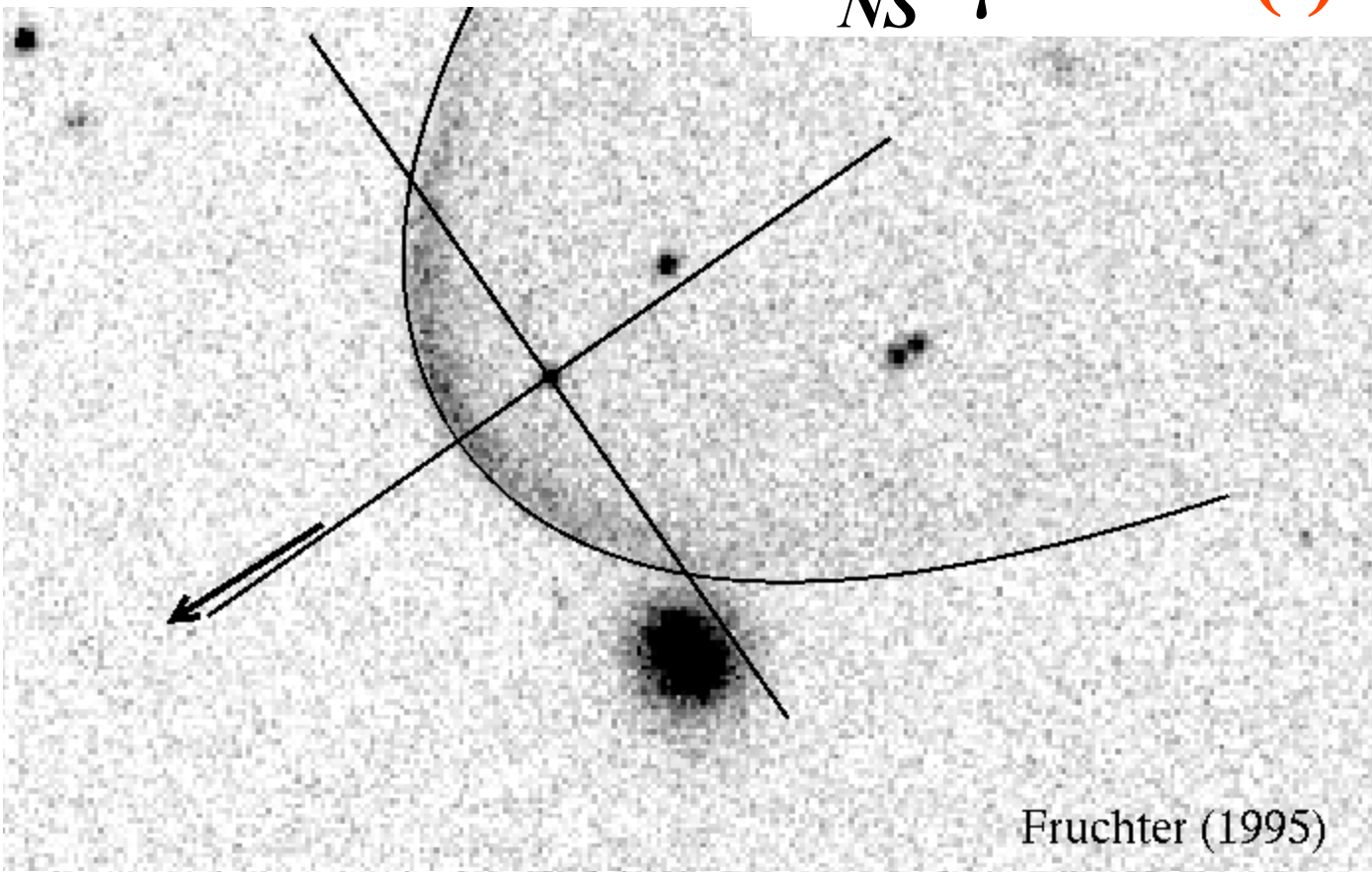
**No,  
our tails  
carry  
% of  $E_{\text{dot}}$   
100 times  
smaller**



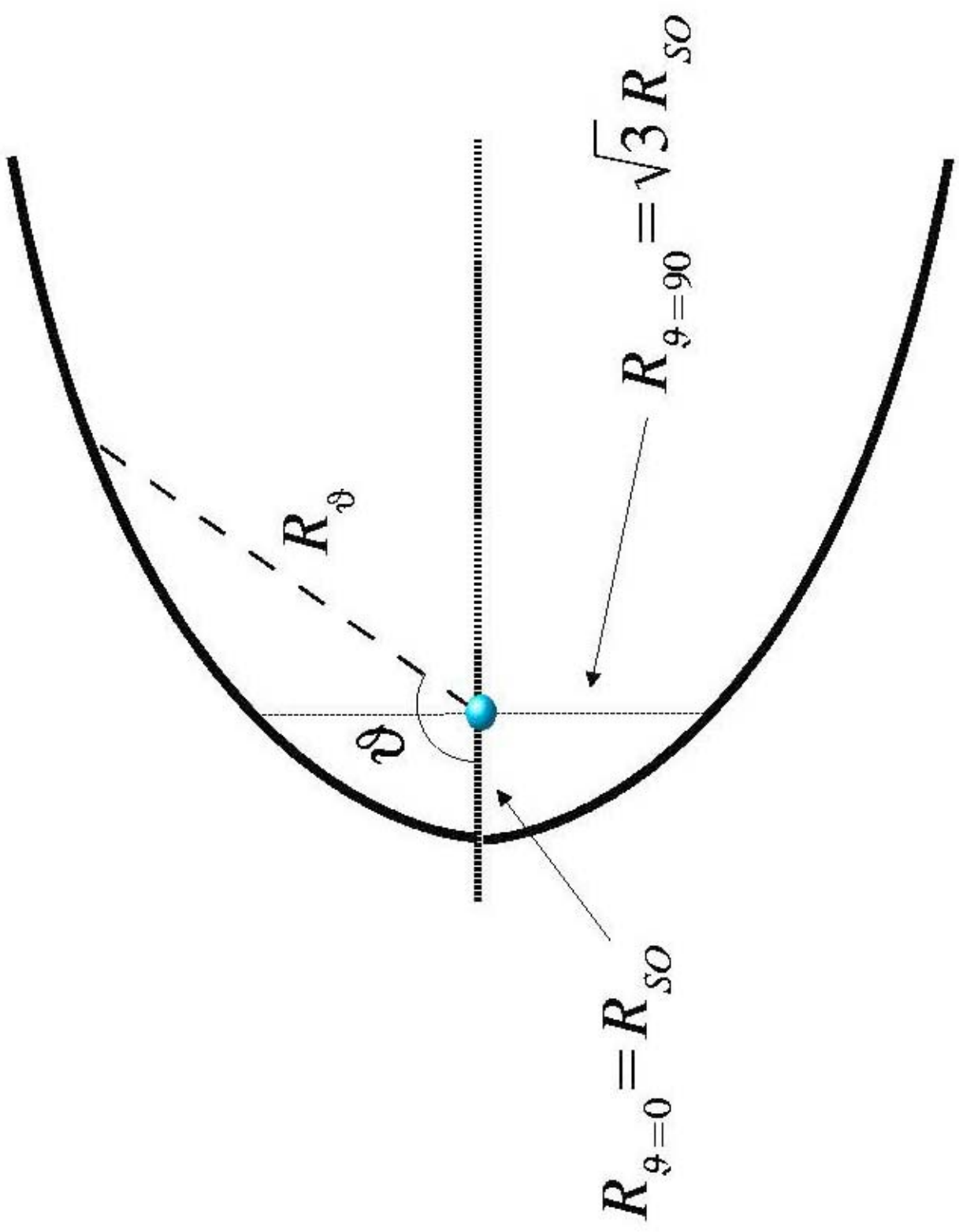
$$\frac{\dot{E}}{4\pi R_{SO}^2 c} = \rho_{ISM} V_{NS}^2$$



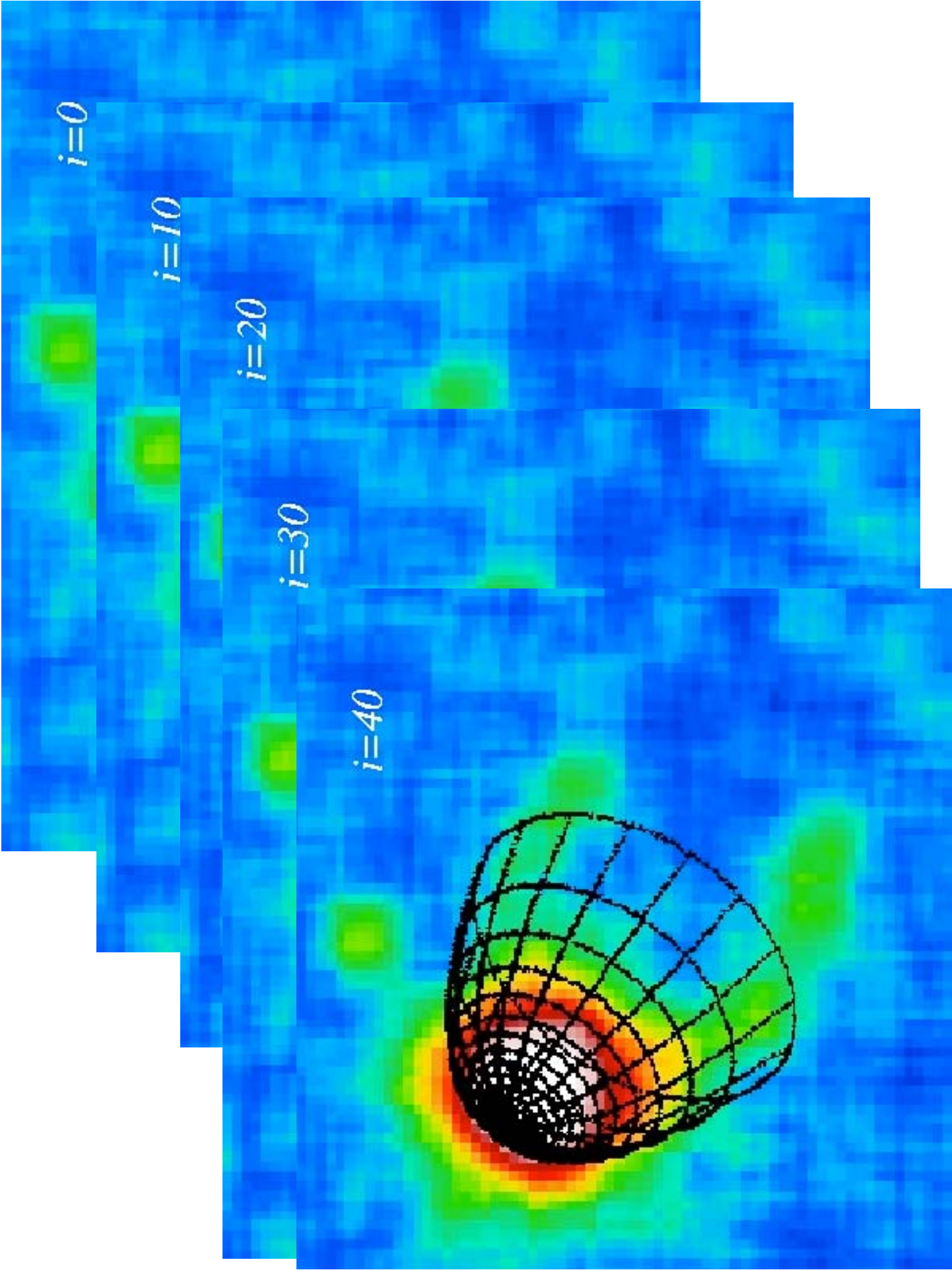
$$V_{NS} = \mu D / \cos(i)$$



Fruchter (1995)

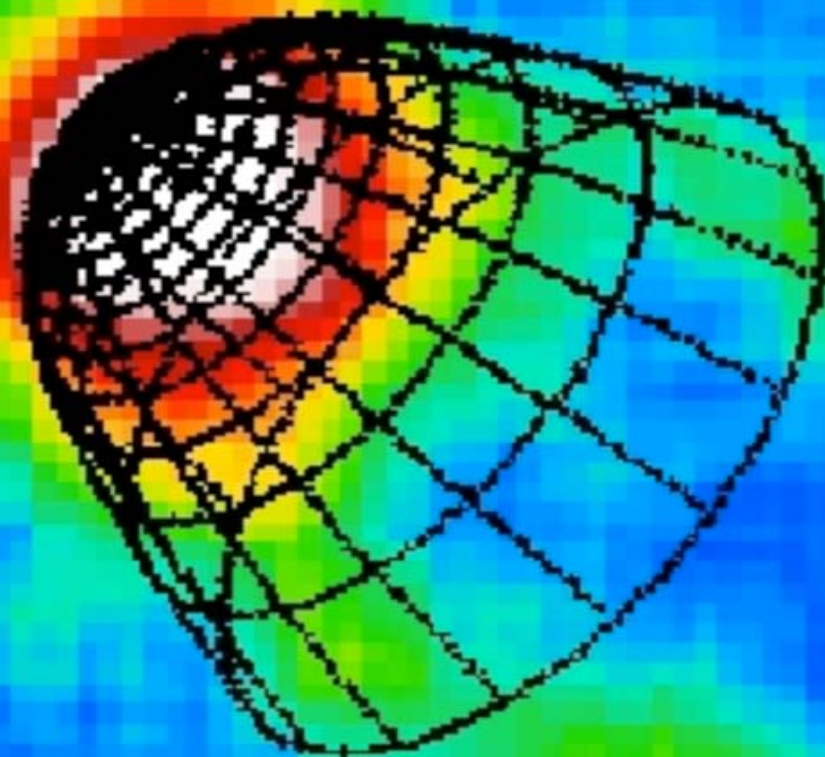




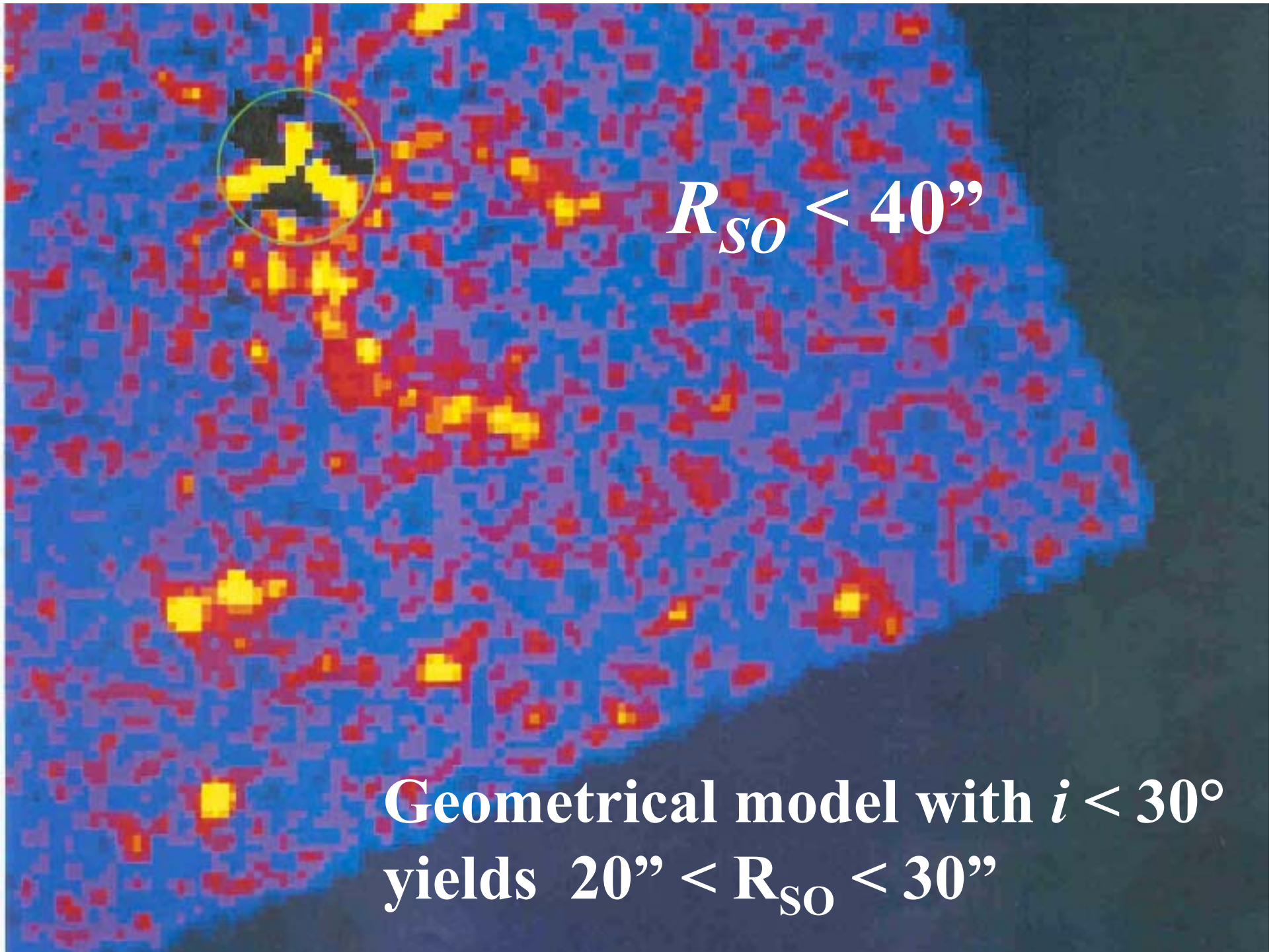




$i=30$



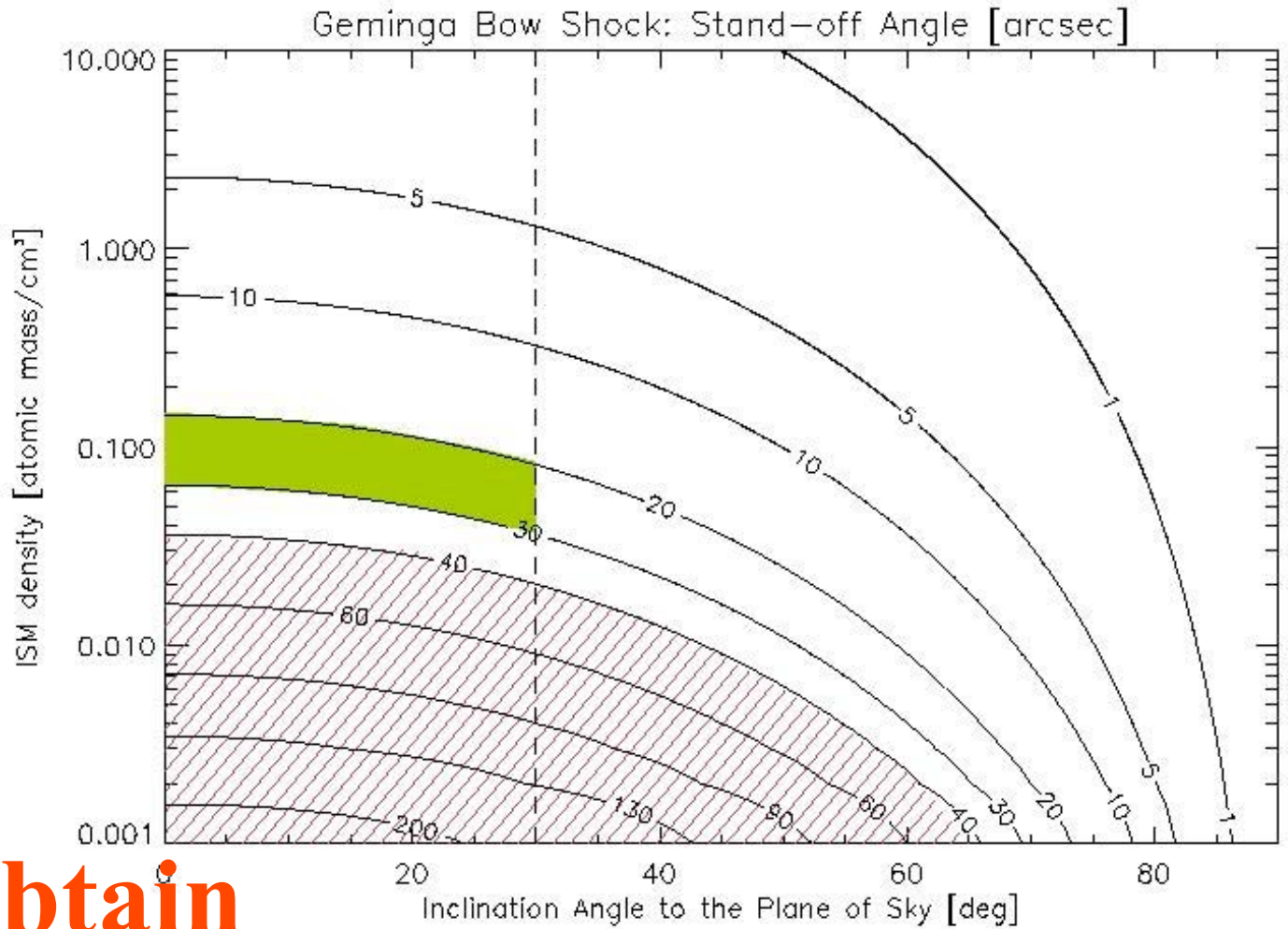
$i < 30^\circ$





from  $\dot{b}_0$

$$\frac{\dot{E}}{4\pi R_s^2}$$



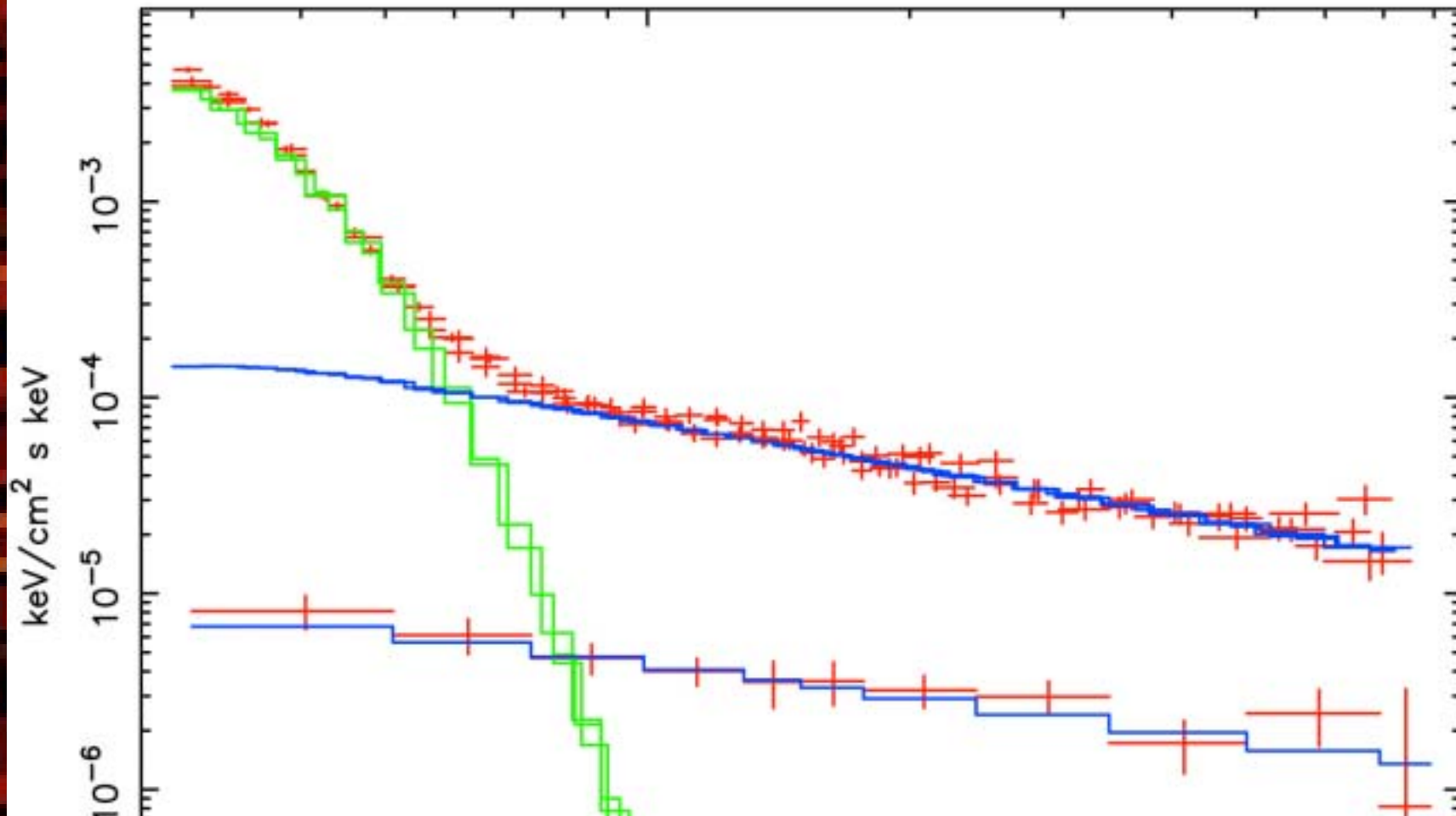
we can obtain

$$0.06 < \rho_{\text{ISM}} < 0.15 \text{ at/cm}^{-3}$$

which implies  $7 < M < 20$



# Geminga



ys

Power law spectrum  $\rightarrow$  synchrotron radiation

$\rightarrow$  need for electrons and magnetic field

# From bow-shock theory

$$\rho_{\text{shock}} = 4 \rho_{\text{ISM}}$$

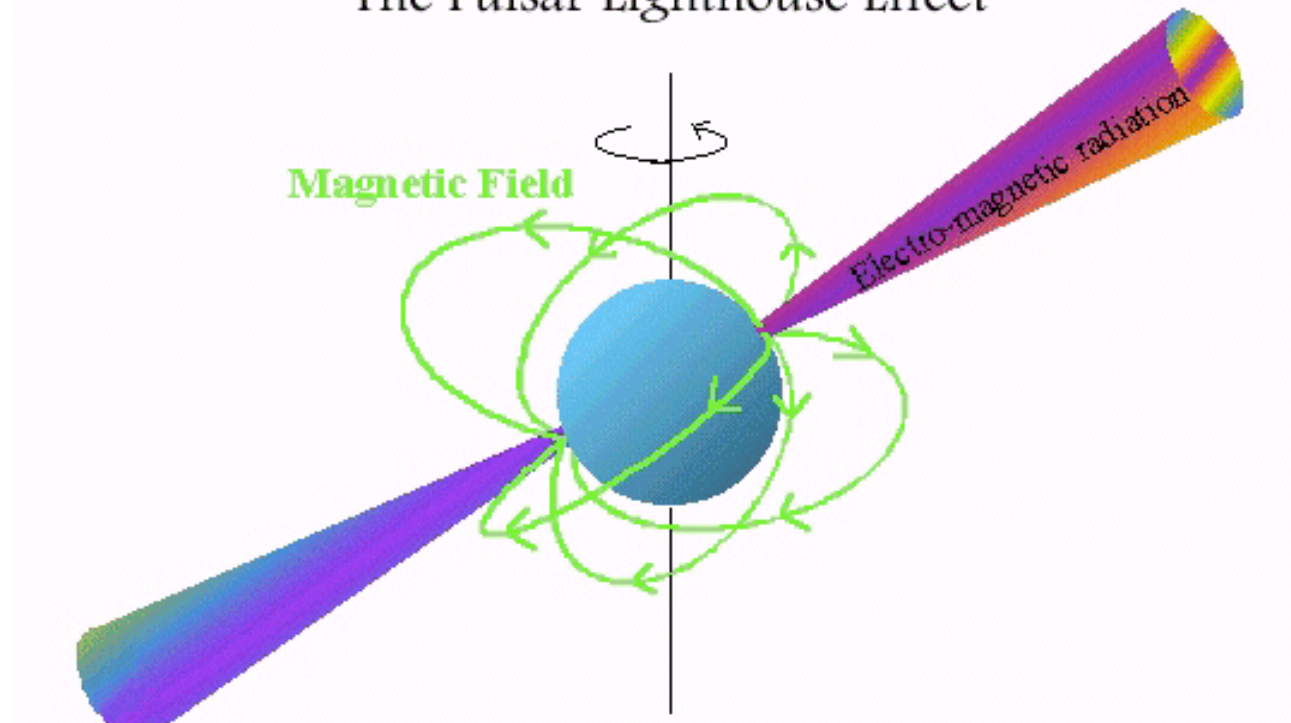
Since **B** is frozen-in

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{shock}} = 4 \mathbf{B}_{\text{ISM}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{shock}} = 10^{-5} \text{ G}$$

**To produce keV photons in  $10^{-5}$  G B field  
one needs  $10^{14}$  eV electrons**

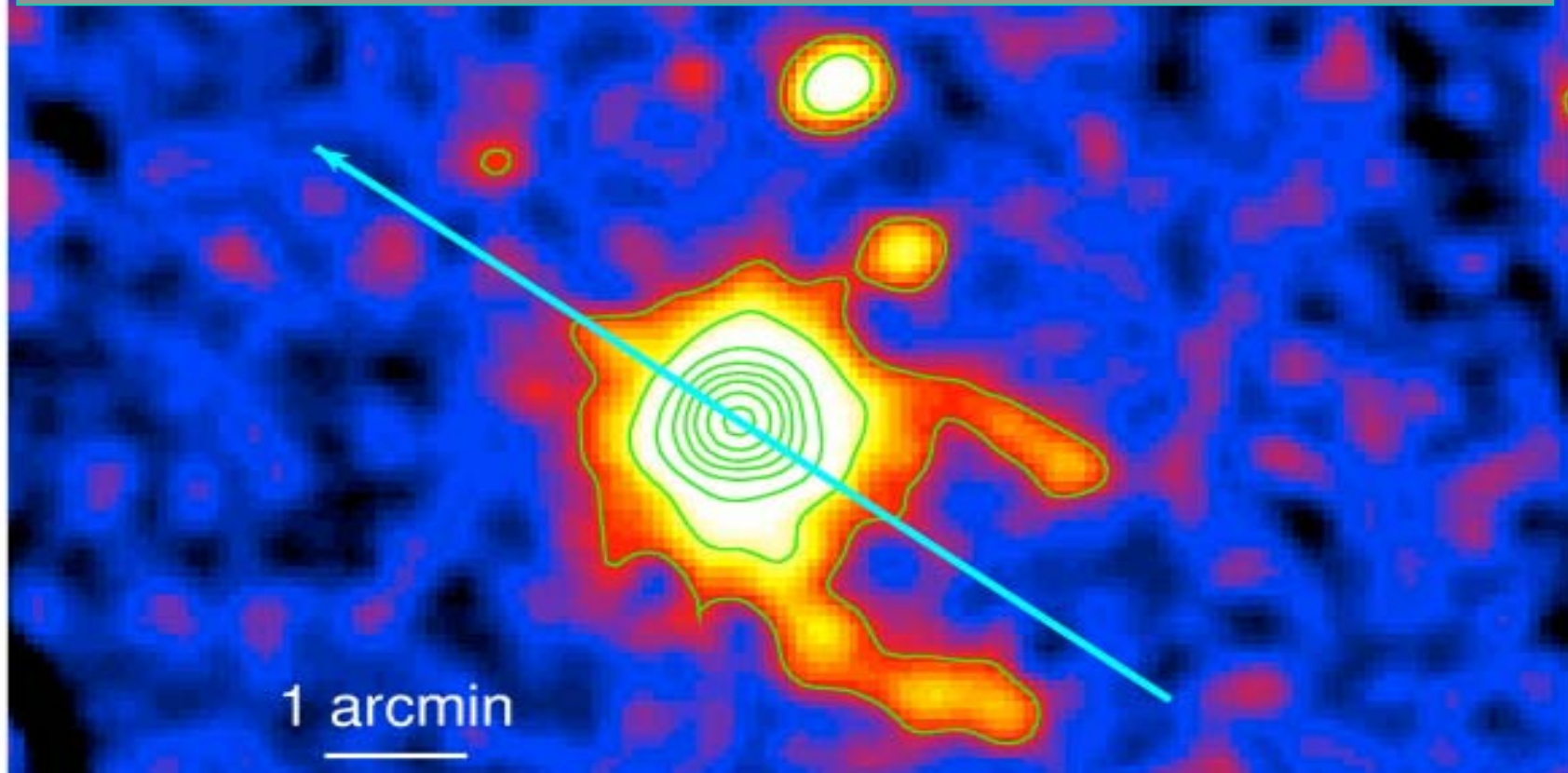
The Pulsar Lighthouse Effect



$$\Delta V_{\max} \sim \frac{\Omega^2 B_p R^3}{2c^2} \sim \frac{I\Omega\dot{\Omega}}{e\dot{N}_0} \sim 2 \times 10^{14} \text{ V} ,$$

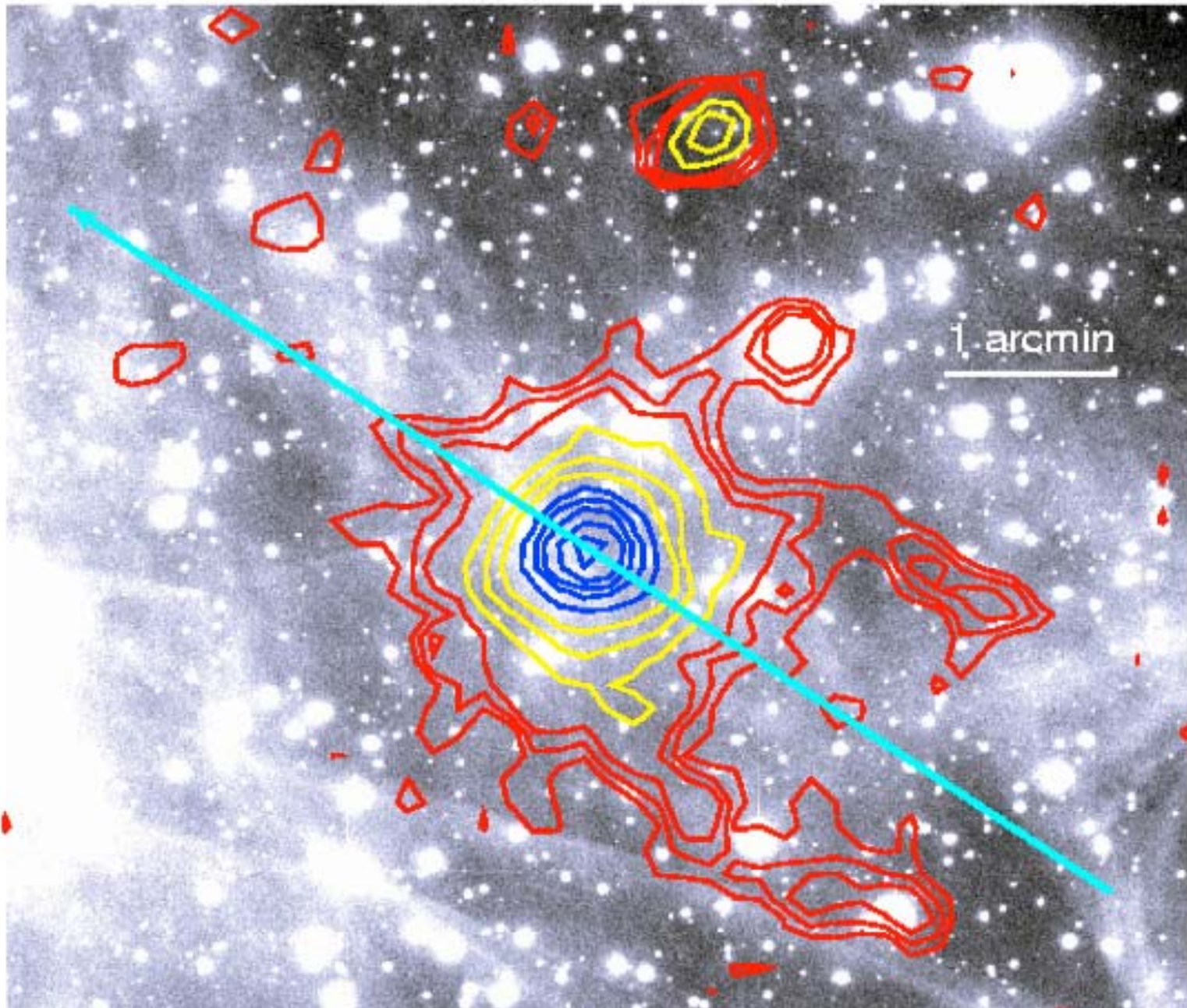


$10^{14}$  eV electrons will have a Larmor radius of  $3.4 \cdot 10^{16}$  cm  $\rightarrow$  thickness  $6.8 \cdot 10^{16}$  cm  $\rightarrow 27''$



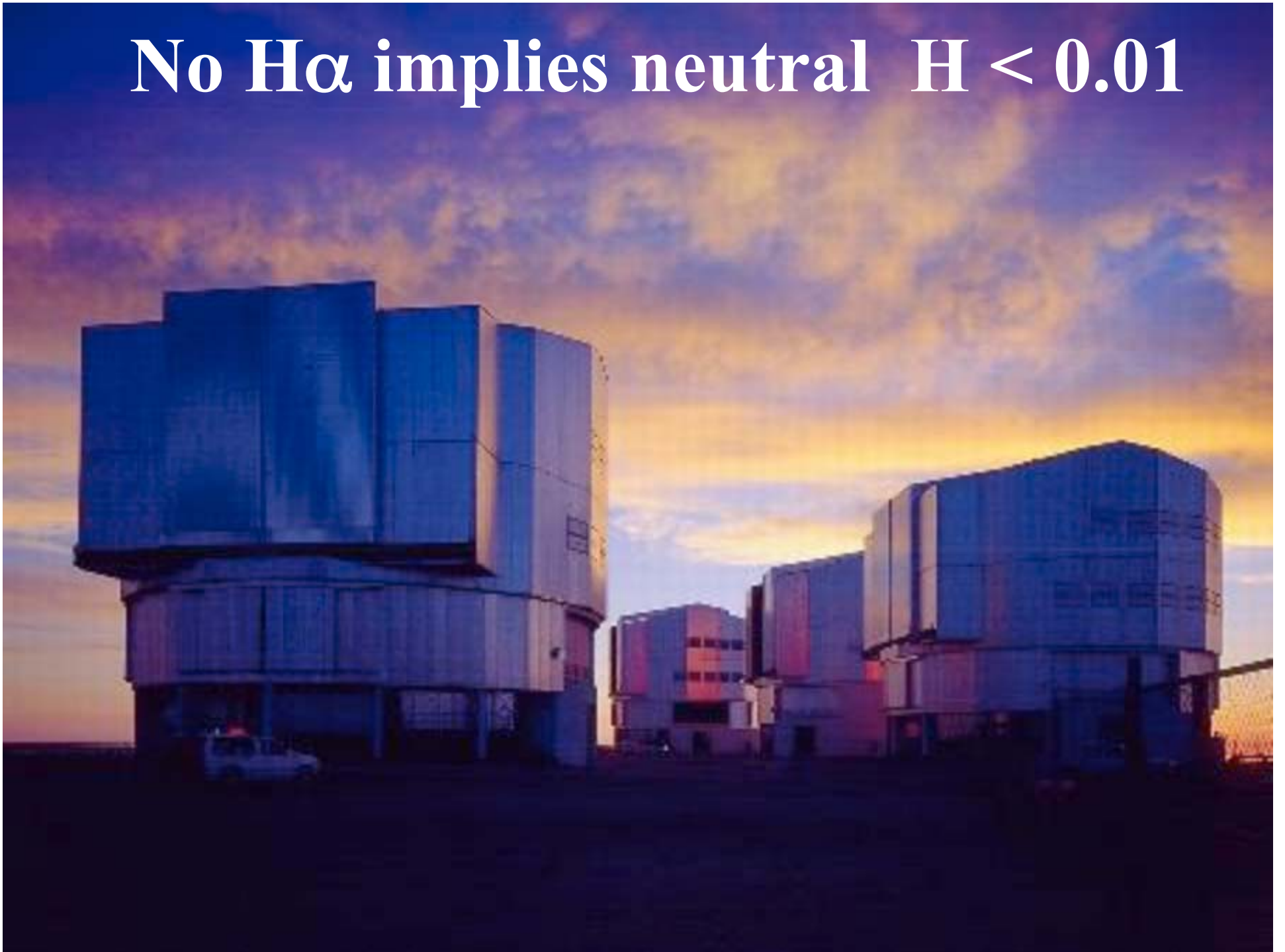
$10^{14}$  eV electrons will lose half of their energy in 800 y .

$$180'' / 170 \text{ mas/y} = 1,000 \text{ y}$$





**No H $\alpha$  implies neutral H < 0.01**





# Conclusions

Geminga accelerates electrons up to  $E = 10^{14}$  eV

$$0.06 < \rho_{\text{ISM}} < 0.15 \text{ at/cm}^{-3}$$

$$B_{\text{ISM}} < 2-3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Gauss}$$

The ISM is fully ionized by Geminga