

# Lecture Plan:

**1) Cosmic Ray acceleration- accelerated spectrum, efficient accelerators, nuclei friendly**

**PROBLEMS**

**2) Cosmic Ray proton + nuclei interaction rates in extragalactic radiation fields**

**PROBLEMS**

**3) Cosmic Ray propagation through Galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields**

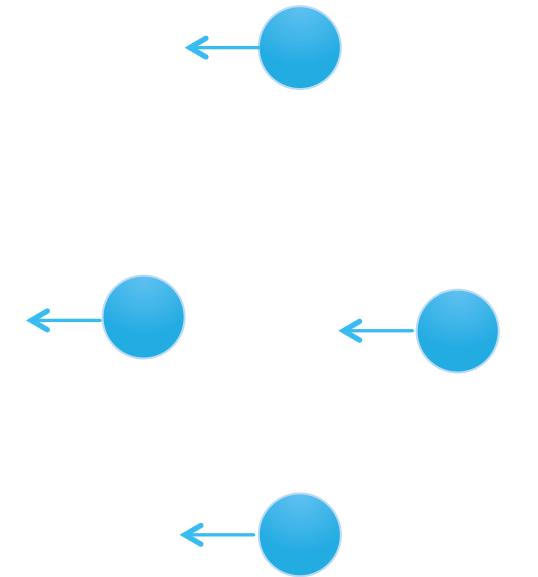
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# When $E^2$ and when not?

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Strong shock wave  
propagating at supersonic  
velocity (sound speed depends  
on temperature)



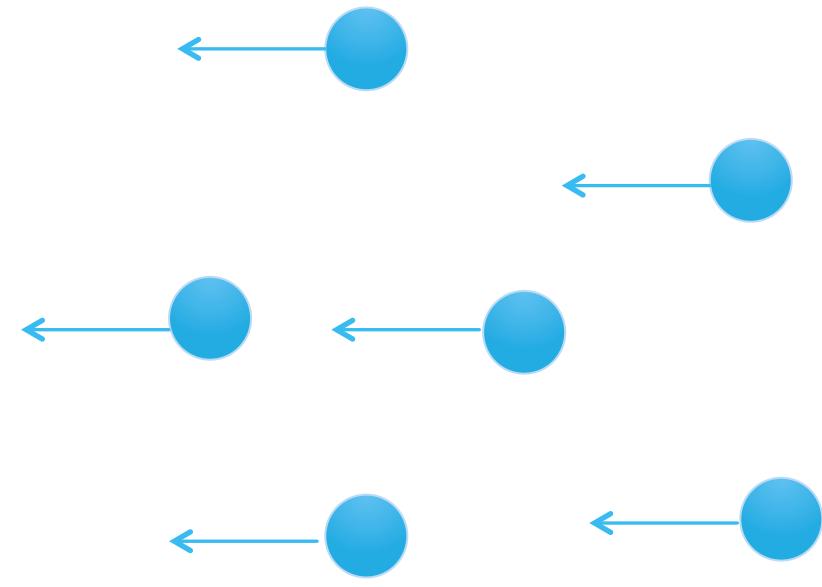
$U_2$   
downstream

$$E_2 = E_1 \left( \frac{1 + \beta \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_2} \right)$$

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$E_1, \mu_1$   
 $E_2, \mu_2$

## Shock Acceleration



$U_1$   
upstream

$E'_1, \mu'_1$   
 $E'_2, \mu'_2$

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# Fermi Acceleration (more)

## Energy

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{4v}{3c} = \frac{4}{3}\beta \text{ (energy gain)}$$

$$E_1 = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}\beta\right) E_0$$

$$E_n = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}\beta\right)^n E_0$$

## Number

$$\frac{\Delta N}{N} = -\frac{4v}{3c} = -\frac{4}{3}\beta \text{ (advection downstream)}$$

$$N_1 = \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\beta\right) N_0$$

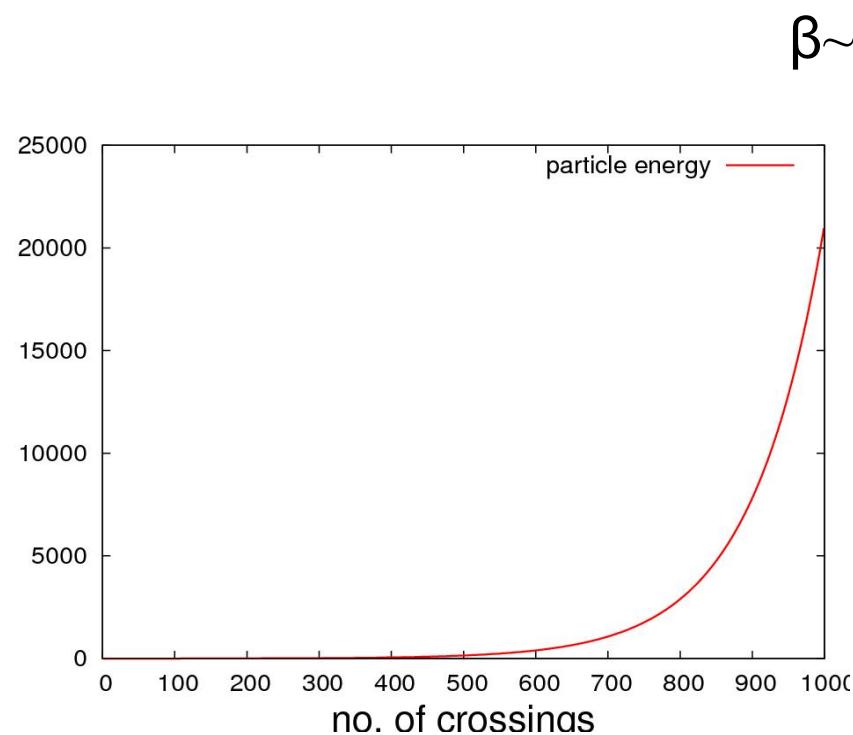
$$N_n = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}\beta\right)^n N_0$$

So  $n \sim 1/\beta$  crossings are needed before the particle population is significantly altered

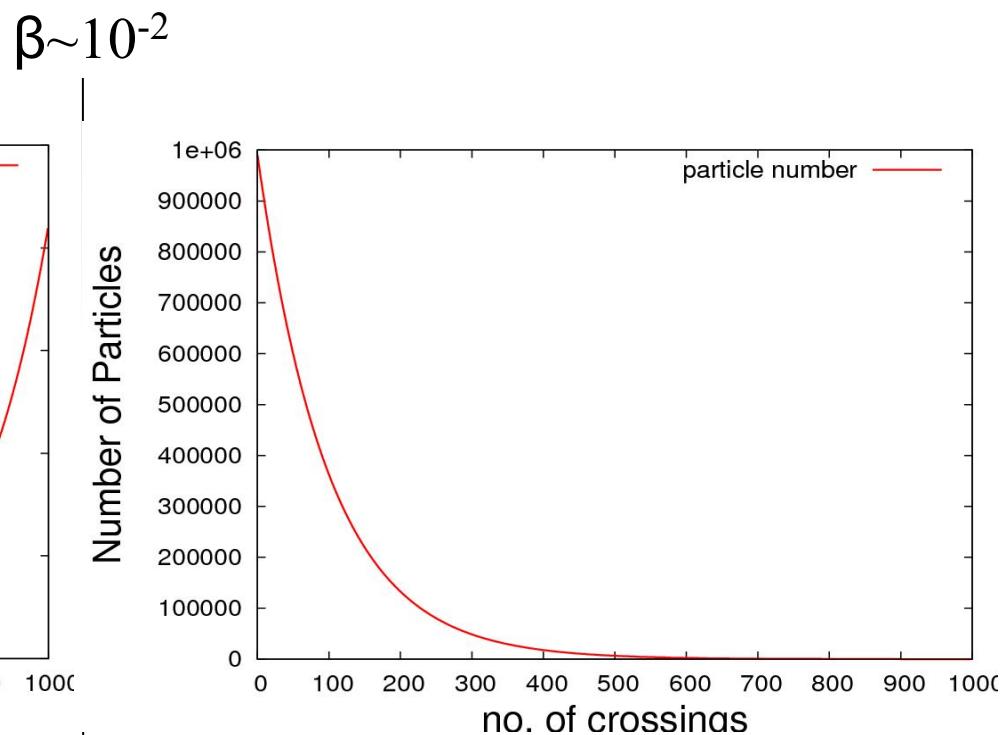
→ SNRs have  $v_{sh} \sim 10^3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
so  $\beta \sim 10^{-2}$

# Fermi Acceleration (more)

Energy



Number



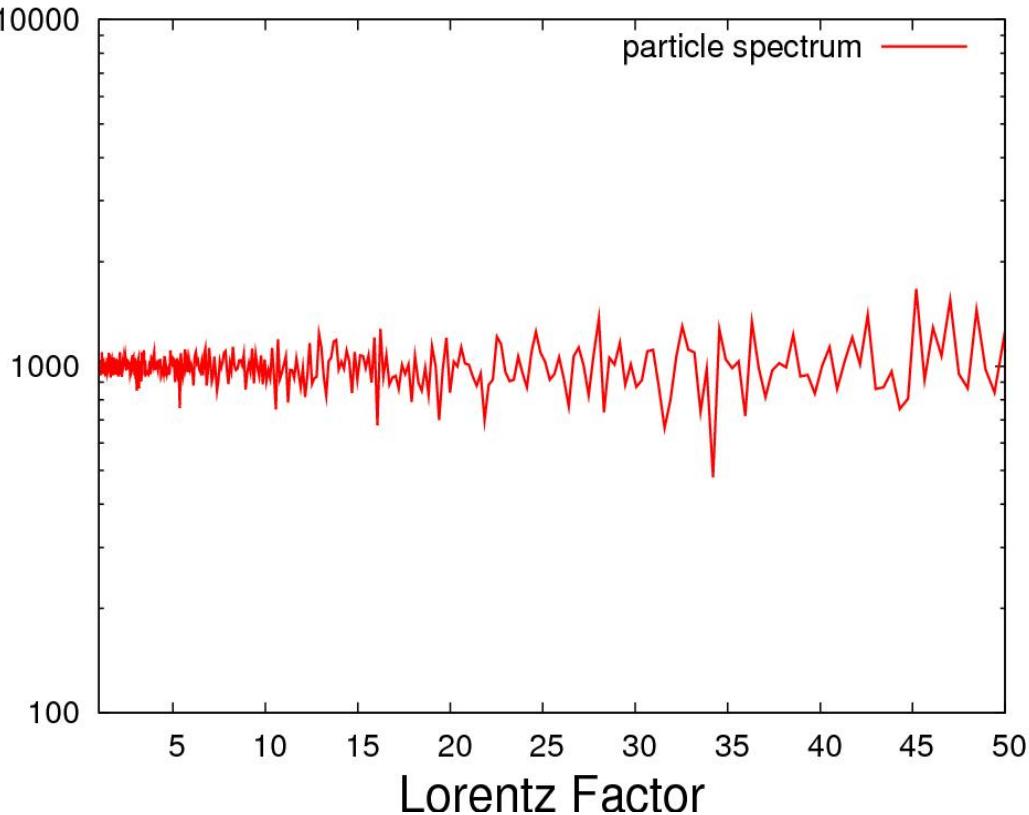
# Fermi Acceleration (more)

So,

$$\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta E} = \frac{N_0}{E_0} \left( \frac{1 - 4\beta/3}{1 + 4\beta/3} \right)^n$$

$$\approx \frac{N_0}{E_0} (1 + 4\beta/3)^{-2n}$$

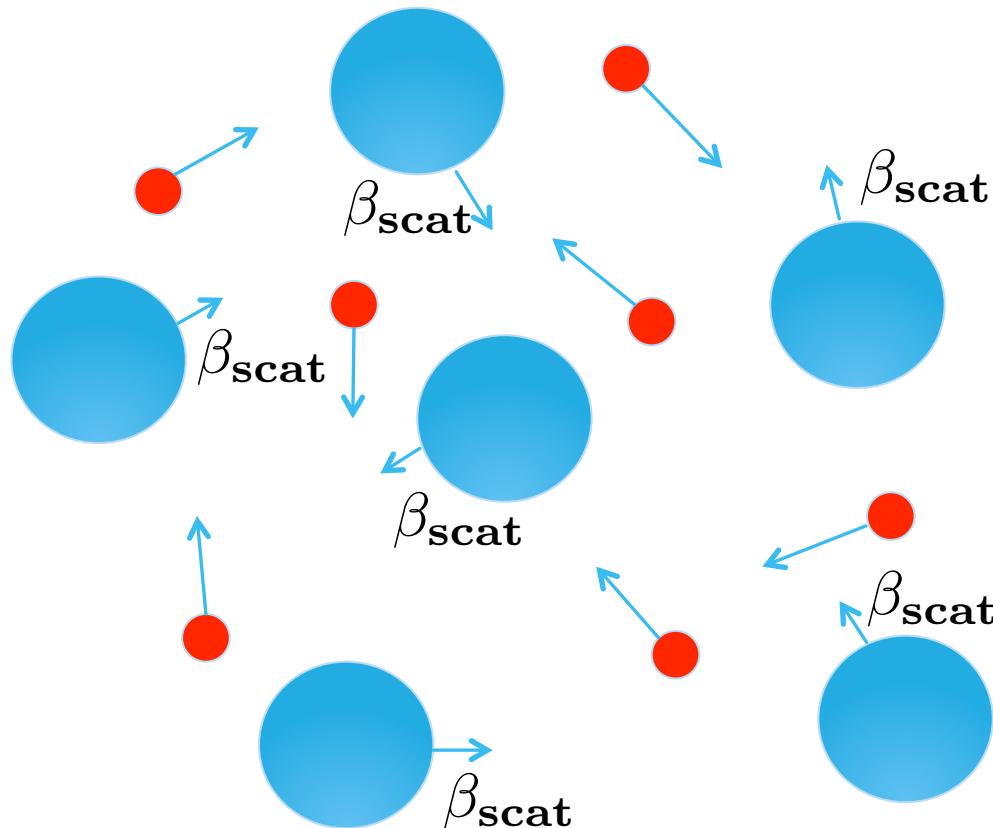
$$\approx N_0 E_0 E^{-2}$$



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# Stochastic Acceleration/Propagation

$$D_{xx} D_{pp} \approx \beta_{scat}^2 p^2$$



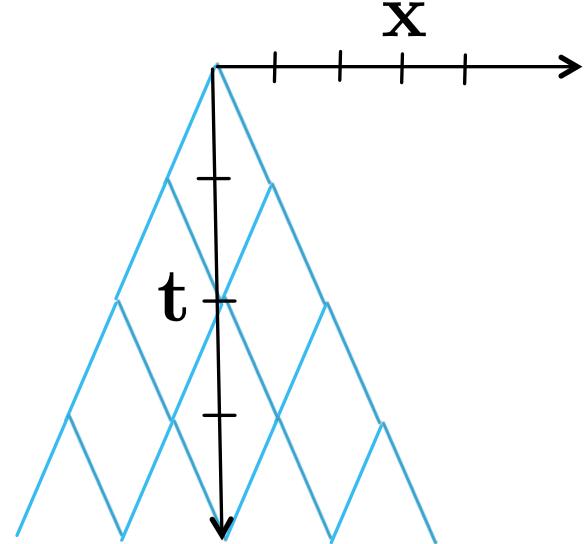
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# Random Walks

$$\gamma(t+1) = t!$$

$$\gamma(t+1) = \int_0^\infty x^t e^{-x} dx$$



$$f(x, t) = \gamma(t+1)/[\gamma([t-x]/2 + 1)\gamma([x+t]/2 + 1)]/(2^t)$$

$$f(x, t) \approx \frac{e^{-x^2/(2t)}}{[\pi/(t/2)]^{1/2}}$$

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# Random Walks

Spatial spread:

$$\frac{dN}{dx} \propto e^{-x^2/4D_{xx}t}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dx} \propto e^{-x^2/4c^2 t_{\text{scat}} t}$$

Momentum spread:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \propto \beta$$

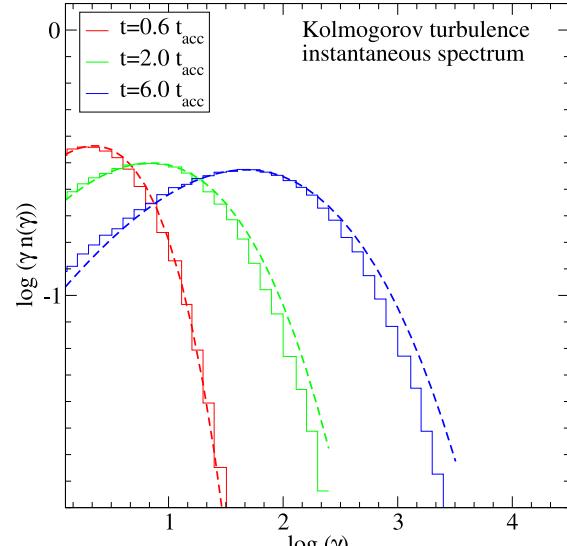
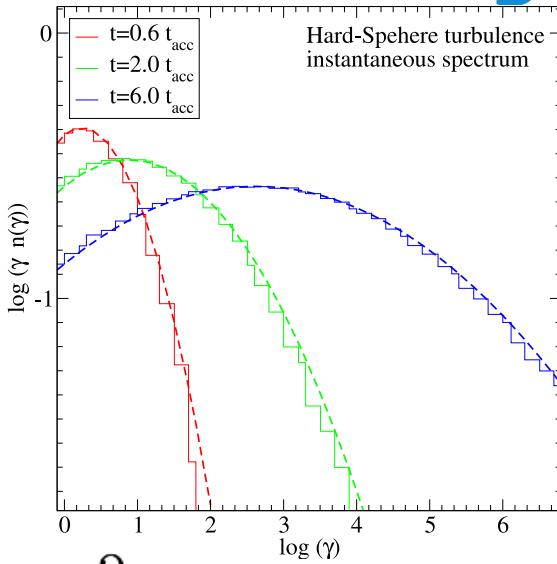
$$\frac{dN}{dp} \propto e^{-(\ln p)^2/4(D_{pp}/p^2)t}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dp} \propto e^{-(\ln p)^2/4(t/t_{\text{acc}})}$$

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# Gamma-Ray Probes of Particle Acceleration –Flaring Blazars (Mrk 501)

No energy losses



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p}, t) = \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{p}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p}, t) - \frac{\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p}, t)}{\tau_{\text{esc.}}(\mathbf{p})} + \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p}, t)$$

astro-ph/1107.1879, Tramacere et al.

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# Fermi (Second Order) Acceleration

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[ (D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Acceleration

Radiative Losses

Escape

Source term

# Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Spatial)

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{xx} \nabla f) = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = \delta(r)$$

$$f = r^{-\alpha}$$

$$-\alpha(-\alpha - 1) - 2\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha(\alpha - 1) = 0$$

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# Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Momentum)

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[ (D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Steady state

No losses

Delta injection

$$D_{pp} \propto p^q$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p^2} + \frac{(2+q)}{p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} \frac{f}{p^2} = \delta(p)$$

For  $f = p^{-\alpha}$  and  $q = 2$

$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 0$$

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# Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Momentum)

$$\alpha^2 - 3\alpha - \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} \pm \left( \frac{4\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} + \frac{9}{4} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{\text{acc}}}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} = 1$$

$$f = \frac{dN}{d^3p} = p^{-4}$$

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# Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

Transport of particles in each region is dictated by competition between diffusion and advection

downstream

upstream

$$t_{\text{diff}} = \frac{R^2}{D_{xx}} \quad t_{\text{adv}} = \frac{R}{v_{\text{adv}}}$$

Balancing these timescales

$$t_{\text{resid}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c\beta_{\text{sh}})^2}$$

# Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

$$t_{\text{resid}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c\beta_{sh})^2}$$

However, during the time it takes advection to dominate over diffusion, the particle will have crossed the shock  $1/\beta$  times

$$\Delta t_{\text{cycle}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c^2 \beta_{sh})}$$

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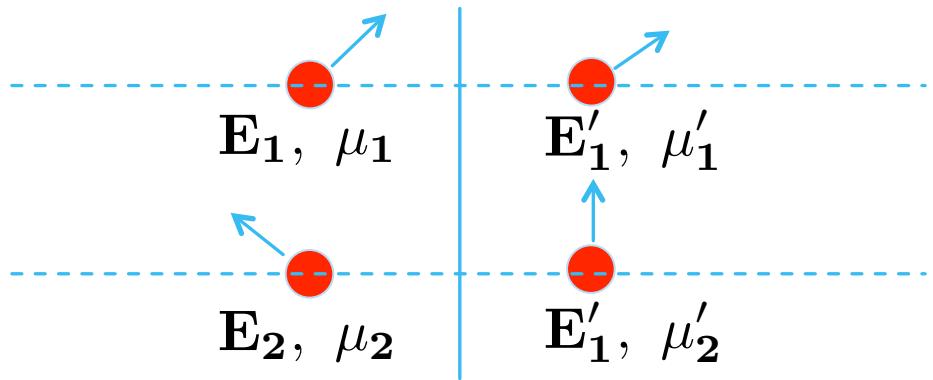
# Fermi (First Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{cycle}}}{\Delta E_{\text{cycle}}}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{cycle}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c^2 \beta_{\text{sh}})}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{cycle}} = E \beta_{\text{sh}}$$

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{D_{xx}}{(c \beta_{\text{sh}})^2} = \frac{t_{\text{scat}}}{\beta_{\text{sh}}^2}$$



$$E_2 = E_1 \left( \frac{1 + \beta \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_2} \right)$$

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# Fermi (Second Order) Acceleration Time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = E \frac{\Delta t_{\text{scat}}}{\Delta E_{\text{scat}}}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{scat}} = E \beta_{\text{scat}}^2$$

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{t_{\text{scat}}}{\beta_{\text{scat}}^2}$$

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# **Efficient Accelerators....what means efficient?**

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# Particle Acceleration in AGN

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \eta \frac{R_{\text{lar}}}{c\beta^2}$$

$$t_{\text{esc.}} = \frac{R^2}{\eta c R_{\text{lar}}}$$

Maximum energy  
(Hillas criterion)

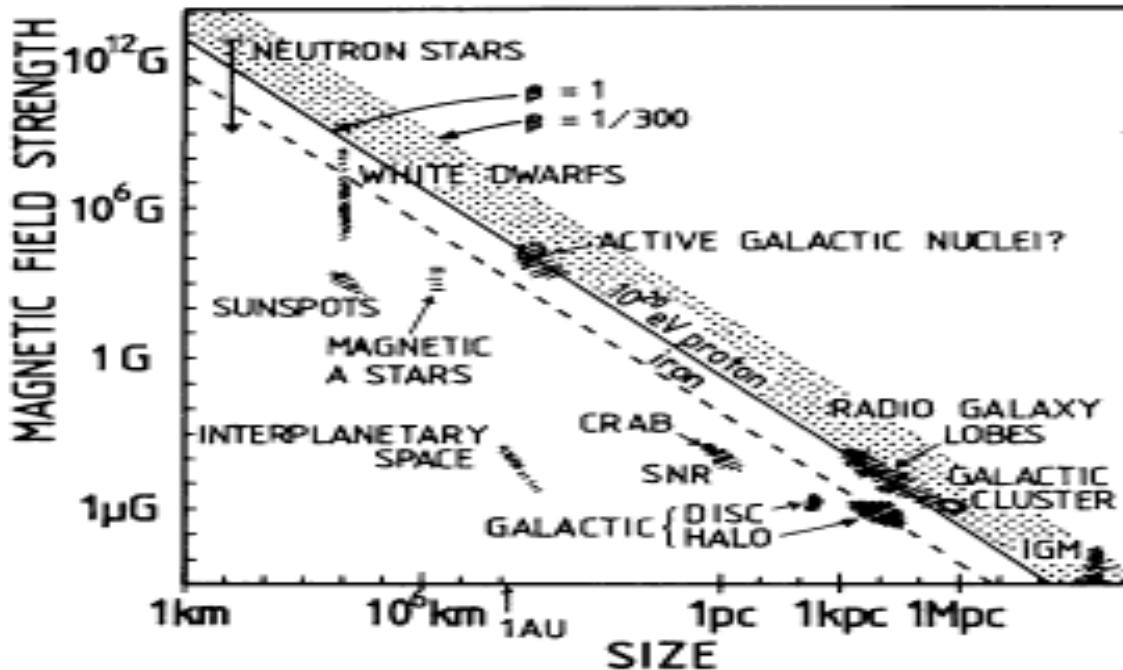
$$R_{\text{lar}} = \frac{\beta}{\eta} R$$

AM Hillas (1984)

$$R_{\text{lar}}(E, B) = \left( \frac{E}{10 \text{ EeV}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mG}}{B} \right) 10 \text{ pc}$$

# Compactness of UHECR Sources: Proton/Nuclei Synchrotron Losses

AM Hillas (1984)



$\eta \approx 1$  assumed in above plot

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# Particle Acceleration with Cooling

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \eta \frac{R_{\text{lar}}}{c\beta^2}$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \left( \frac{m_e}{E_\gamma^{\text{sync}}} \right) t_{\text{lar}}$$

$$E_\gamma^{\text{sync}} \approx \frac{9}{4} \eta^{-1} \beta^2 \frac{m_e}{\alpha}$$

Maximum synchrotron energy tells us how efficient accelerator is!

$$\eta < 10^3$$

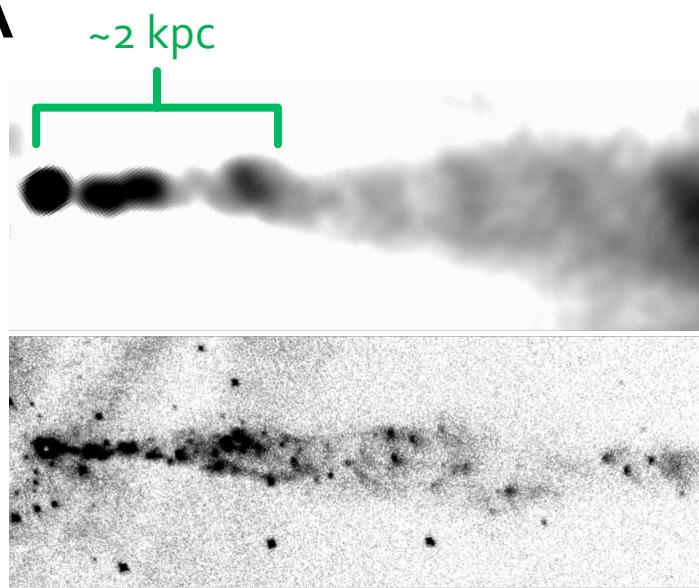
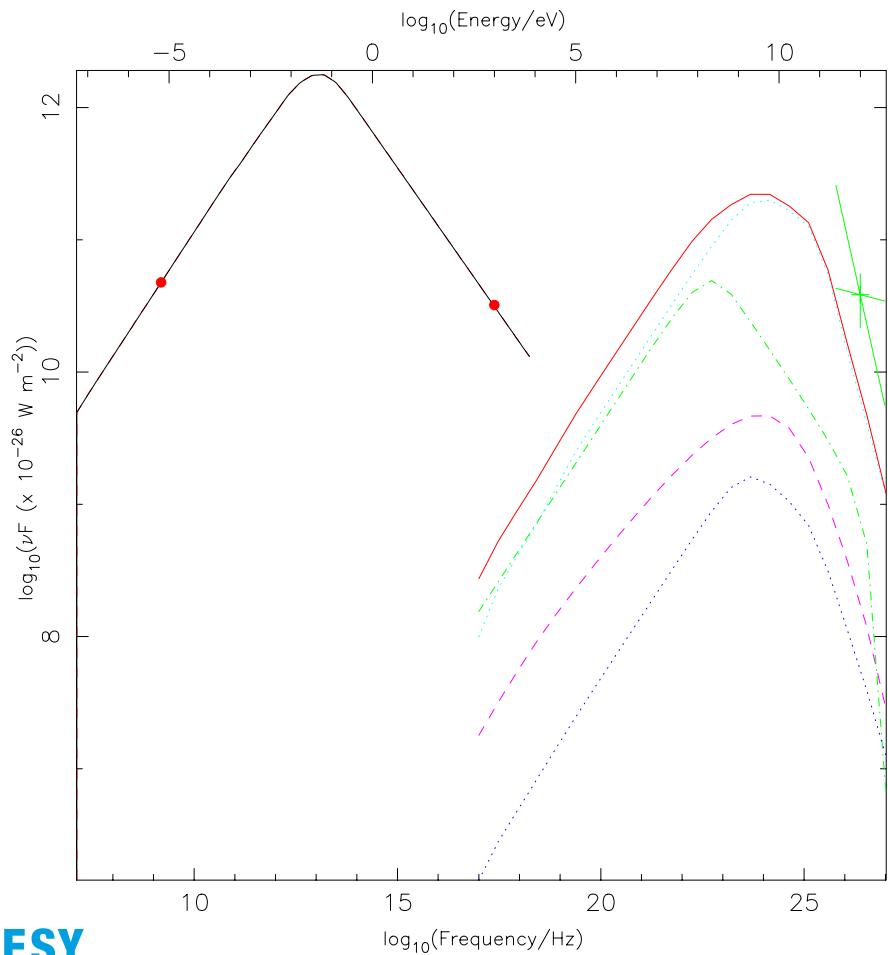
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# Emission Site?

Cen A

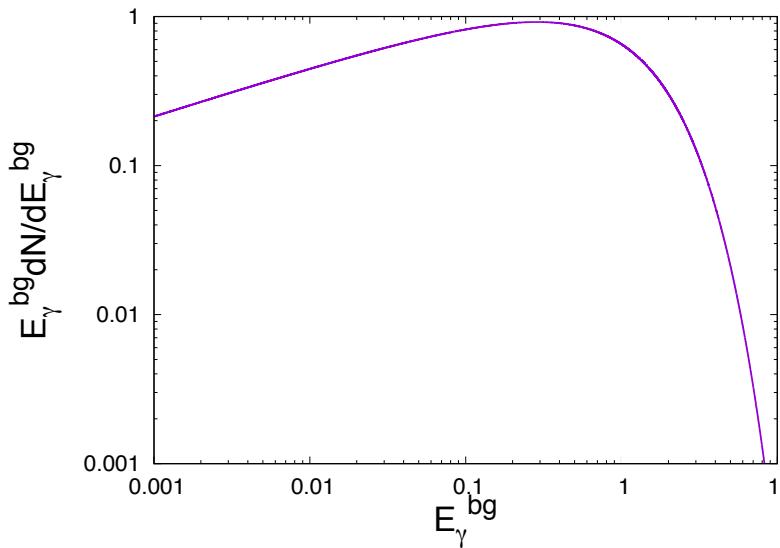
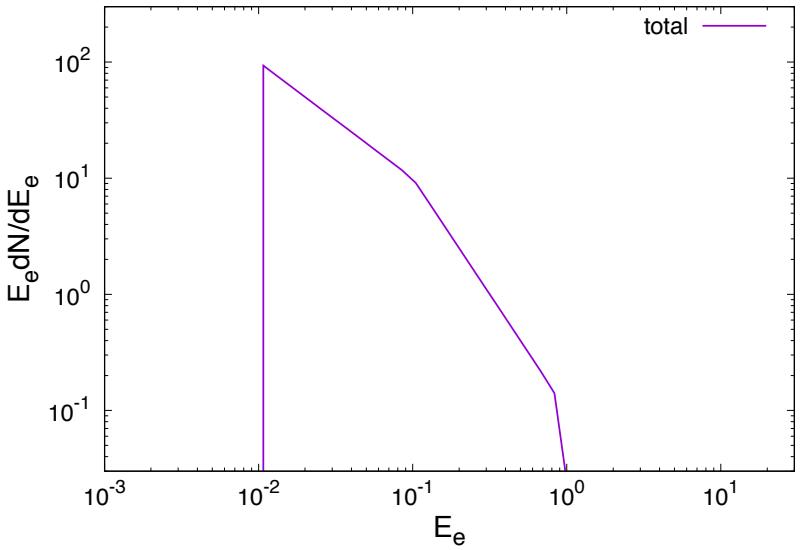
Where are the misaligned (X)HBLs?

Hardcastle et al. (1103.1744)



$$\eta < 10^3$$

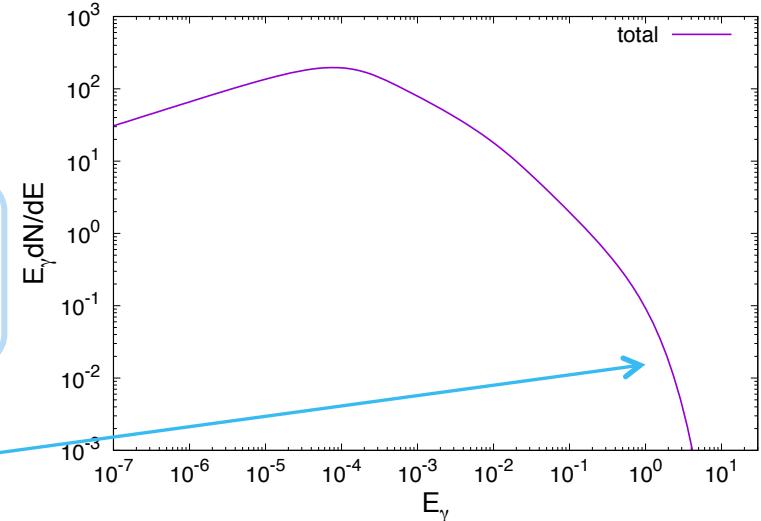
# Future Probes- Cutoff Region



$$\mathbf{E}_\gamma^{\text{sync}} = \Gamma_e^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{B}_{\text{crit}}} \right) \mathbf{m}_e$$

$$B_{\text{crit}} = 4 \times 10^{13} \text{ G}$$

$$E_\gamma \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma}_{\text{tot}} = \int \left( \frac{E_\gamma}{E_e^2} \right) \frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \left( \frac{E_\gamma}{E_e^2} \right) E_e \frac{dN}{dE_e} dE_e$$



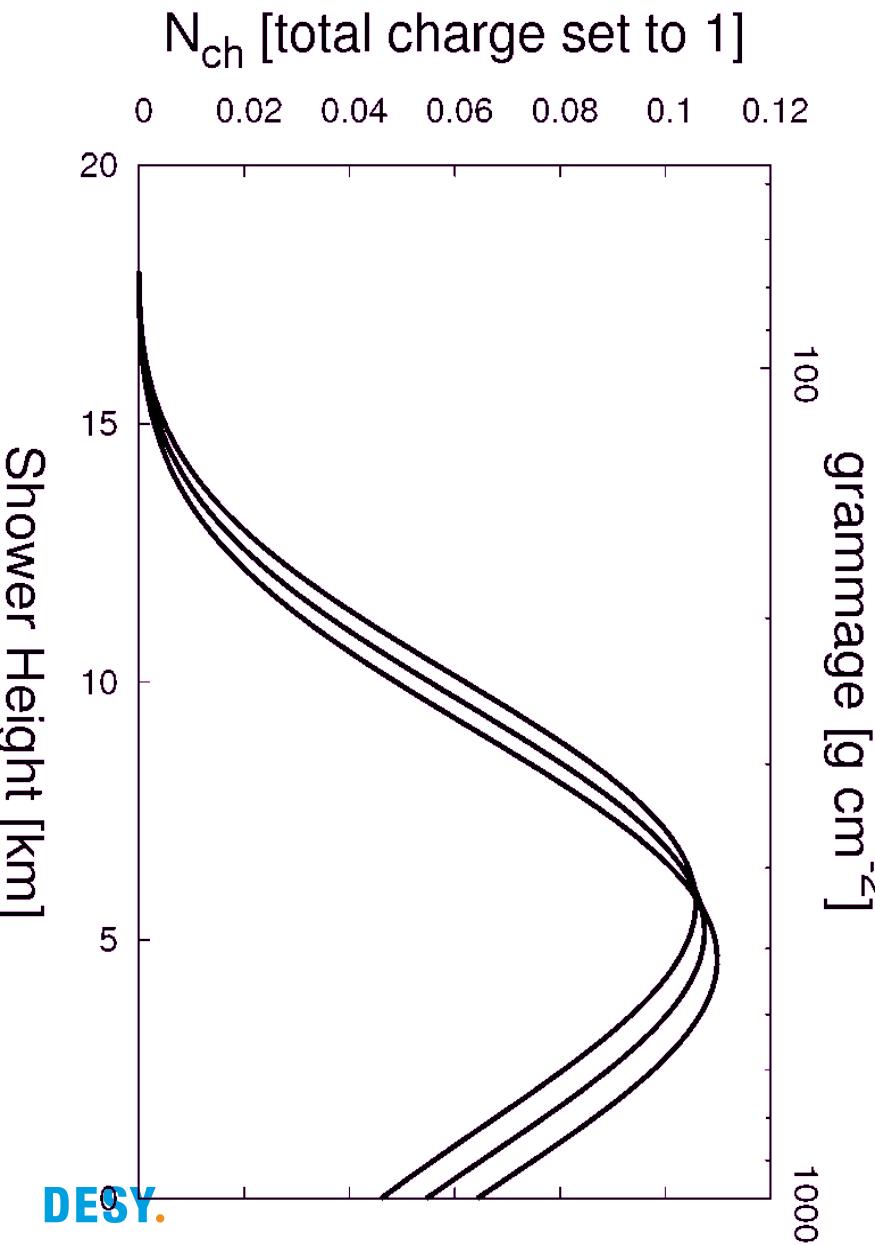
Possibility to probe cutoff region  
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# Nuclei Friendly Accelerators

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# UHECR Air Showers

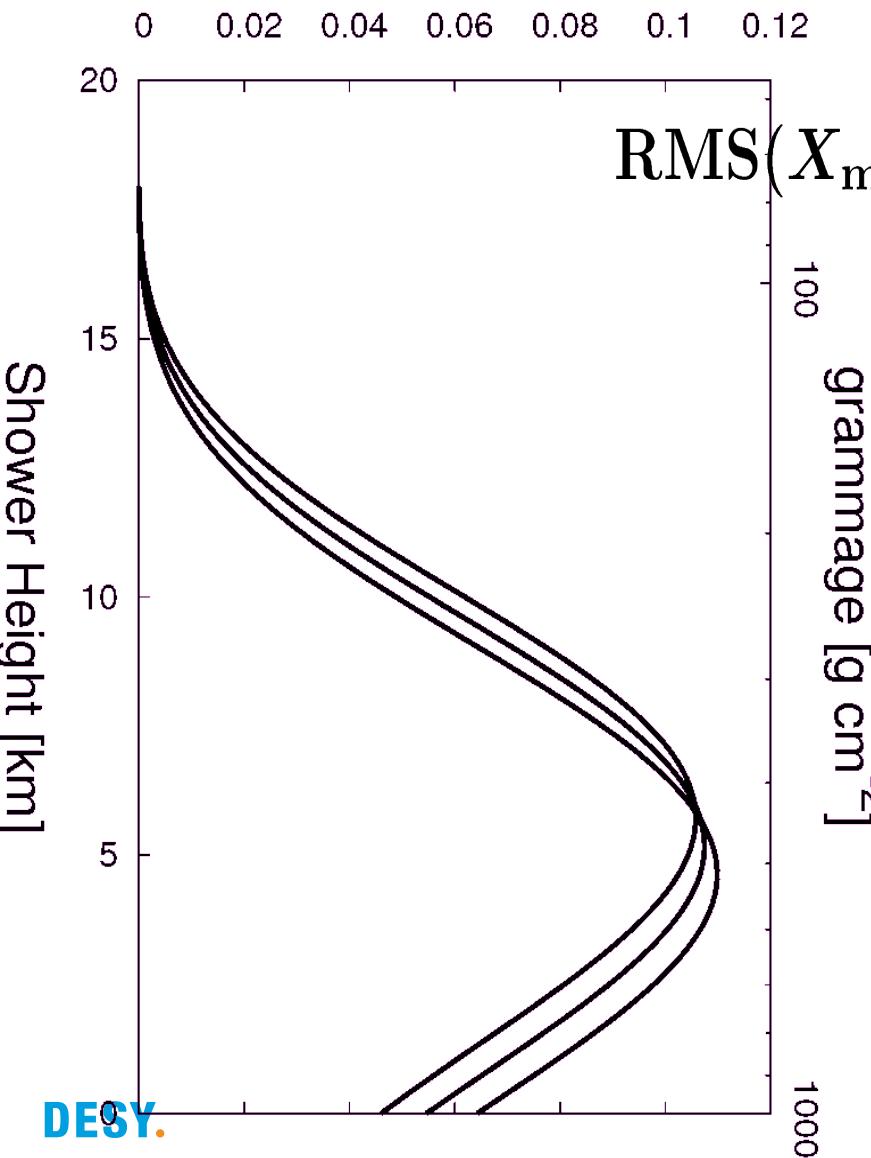


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# UHECR Air Showers

$N_{\text{ch}}$  [total charge set to 1]

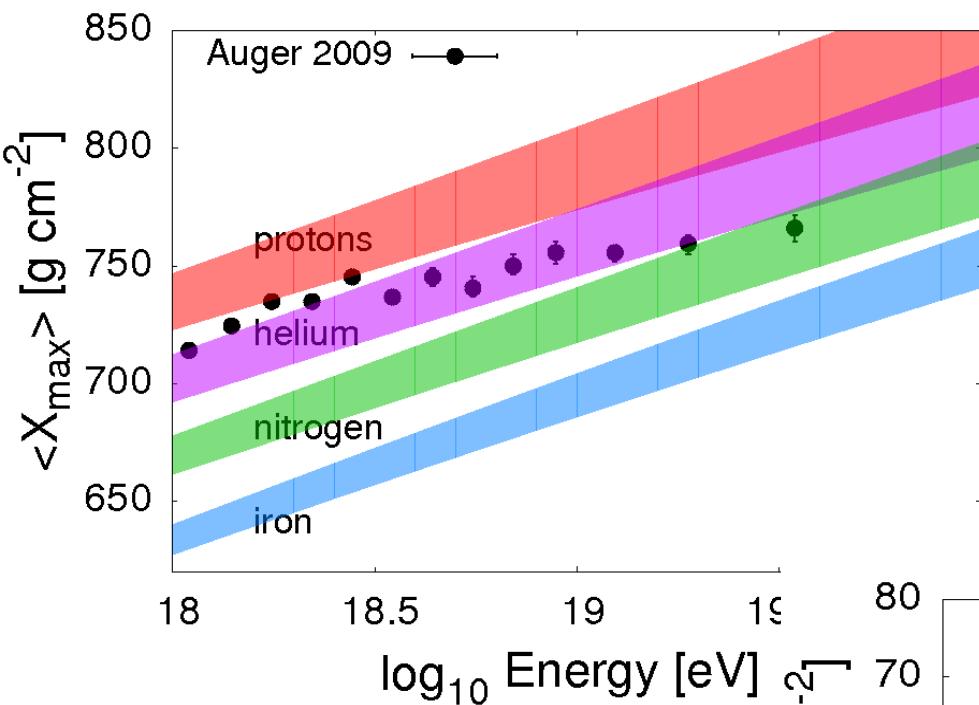
$$\langle X_{\max} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N X_{\max,n}$$



$$\text{RMS}(X_{\max}) = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N (X_{\max,n} - \langle X_{\max} \rangle)^2}$$

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# Composition Measurements by the PAO

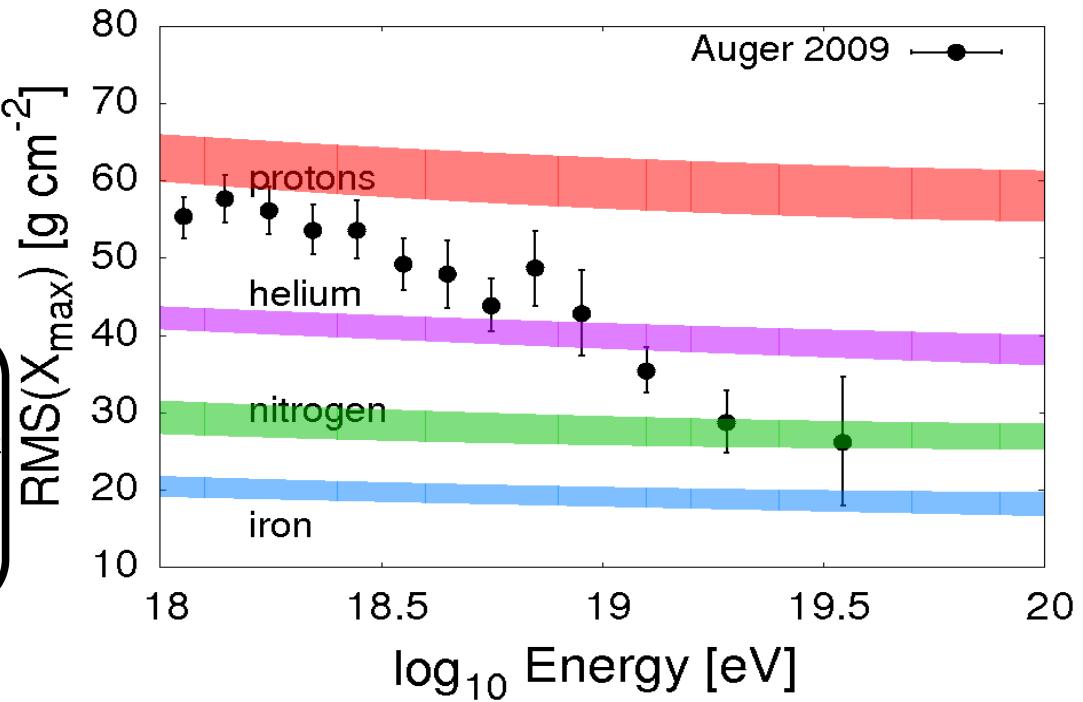


$$\leftarrow \langle X_{\max} \rangle$$

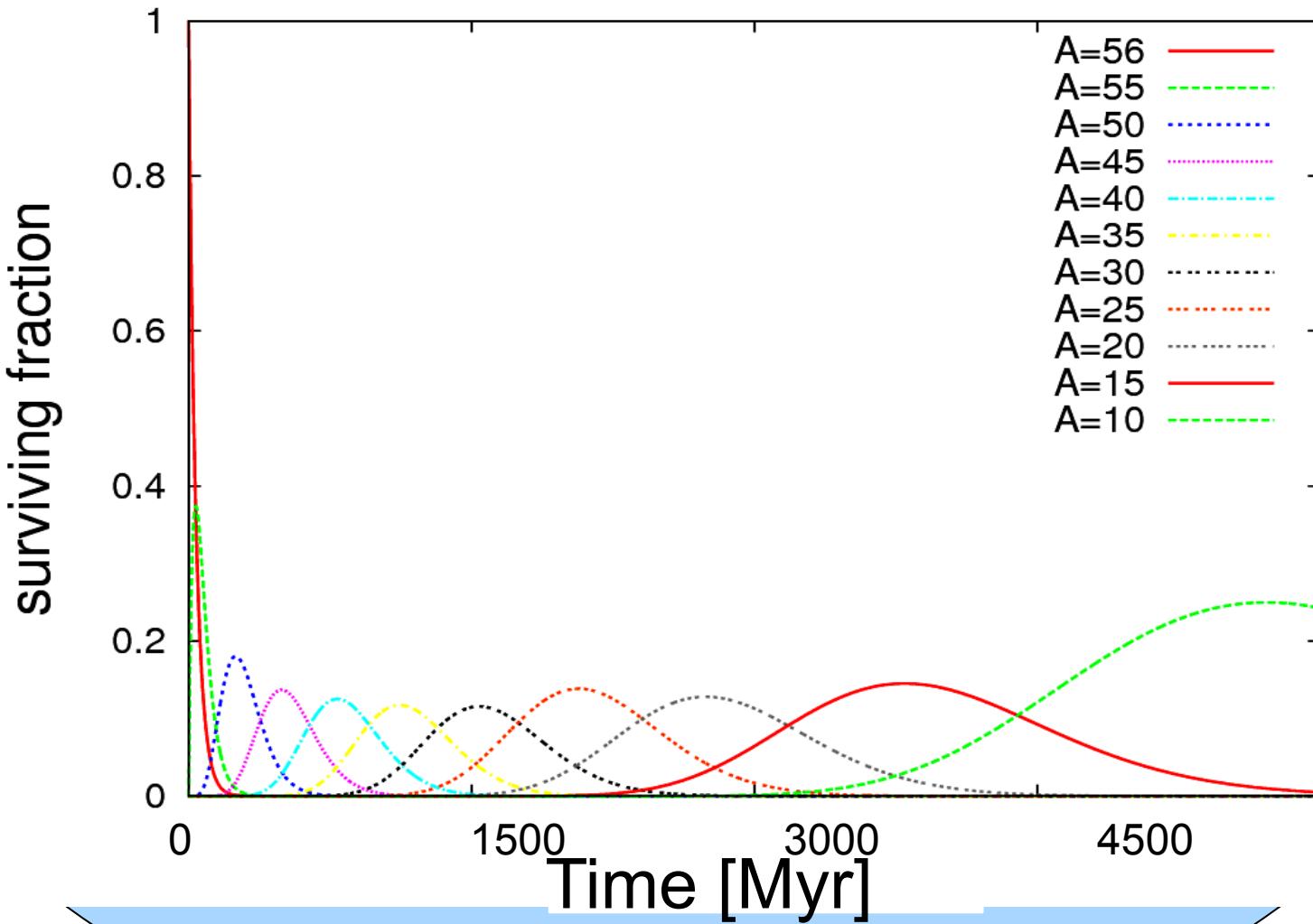
$$\langle X_{\max} \rangle = \sum_i f_i X_{i,\max}$$

$$\text{RMS}(X_{\max}) \longrightarrow$$

$$\text{RMS}_{X_{\max}}^2 = \sum_i f_i \text{RMS}_{X_{i,\max}}^2 + \sum_i f_i (X_{i,\max} - \langle X_{\max} \rangle)^2$$



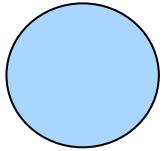
# Nuclei Transmutation Within their Source



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# IMPLICATIONS for UHECR Sources

$$f = \frac{t_{\text{trap}}}{t_{\text{int.}}^{\text{CR}\gamma}}$$


$$t_{\text{int.}}^{\text{CR}\gamma} \approx \frac{1}{n_\gamma \sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma} c}$$

$$n_\gamma = \frac{L_\gamma}{c 4 \pi R^2 \epsilon_\gamma}$$

$$t_{\text{trap}} \approx \frac{R^2}{2D} = \frac{3R^2}{2R_{\text{Larmor}}}$$

$$f^{\text{CR}\gamma} = \frac{3L_\gamma \sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma} ZB}{8\pi \epsilon_\gamma E_{\text{CR}}}$$

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# IMPLICATIONS for UHECR Sources

$$f^{\text{CR}\gamma} = \frac{3L_\gamma\sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma}ZB}{8\pi\epsilon_\gamma E_{\text{CR}}} = \frac{s_1}{s_2}$$

Photo-disintegration threshold:

$$2E_{\text{CR}}\epsilon_\gamma > Am_p c^2 E_{\text{bind.}}, \text{ where } m_p c^2 E_{\text{bind.}} = 10^{16} \text{ eV}^2$$

Since,

$$L_\gamma [10^{44} \text{erg s}^{-1}] = 2 \times 10^{45} \text{eV cm}^{-1}$$
$$\sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma} [\text{A mb}] = A \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2$$
$$B [10^{-4} \text{ G}] = 3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV cm}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{L_\gamma\sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma}B}{A} = 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ eV}^2, \text{ ergo.... } f^{\text{CR}\gamma} = 50 \frac{Z}{26}$$

**DESY.** A similar expression holds for TeV photon transparency

# IMPLICATIONS for UHECR Sources

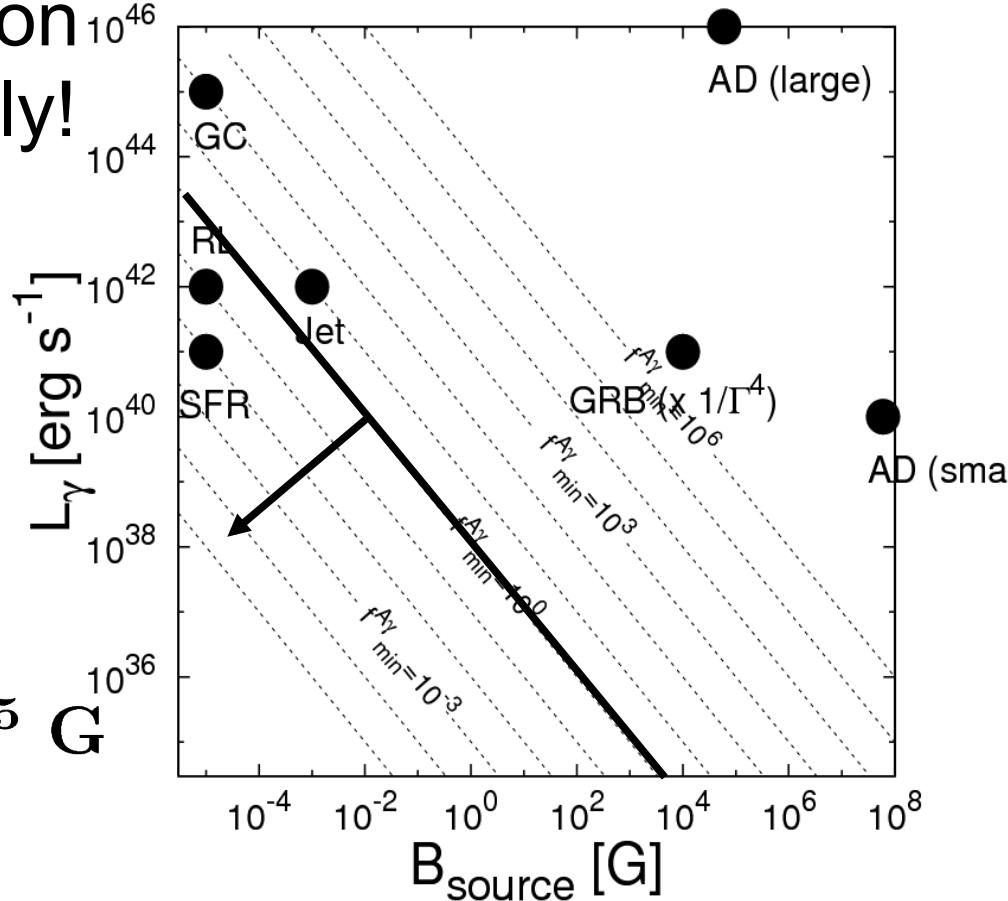
Since,  $\frac{L_\gamma^{\text{Edd.}} \sigma_{\text{CR}\gamma} B^{\text{Edd.}}}{A} = 4 \times 10^{23} \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{1/2} \text{ eV}^2$

Only heavily sub-Eddington power objects need apply!

If magnetic + photon luminosity are in equipartition:

$$L_\gamma \approx \beta R^2 B^2$$

Requiring,  $B < 4 \times 10^{-5}$  G to ensure safe passage.

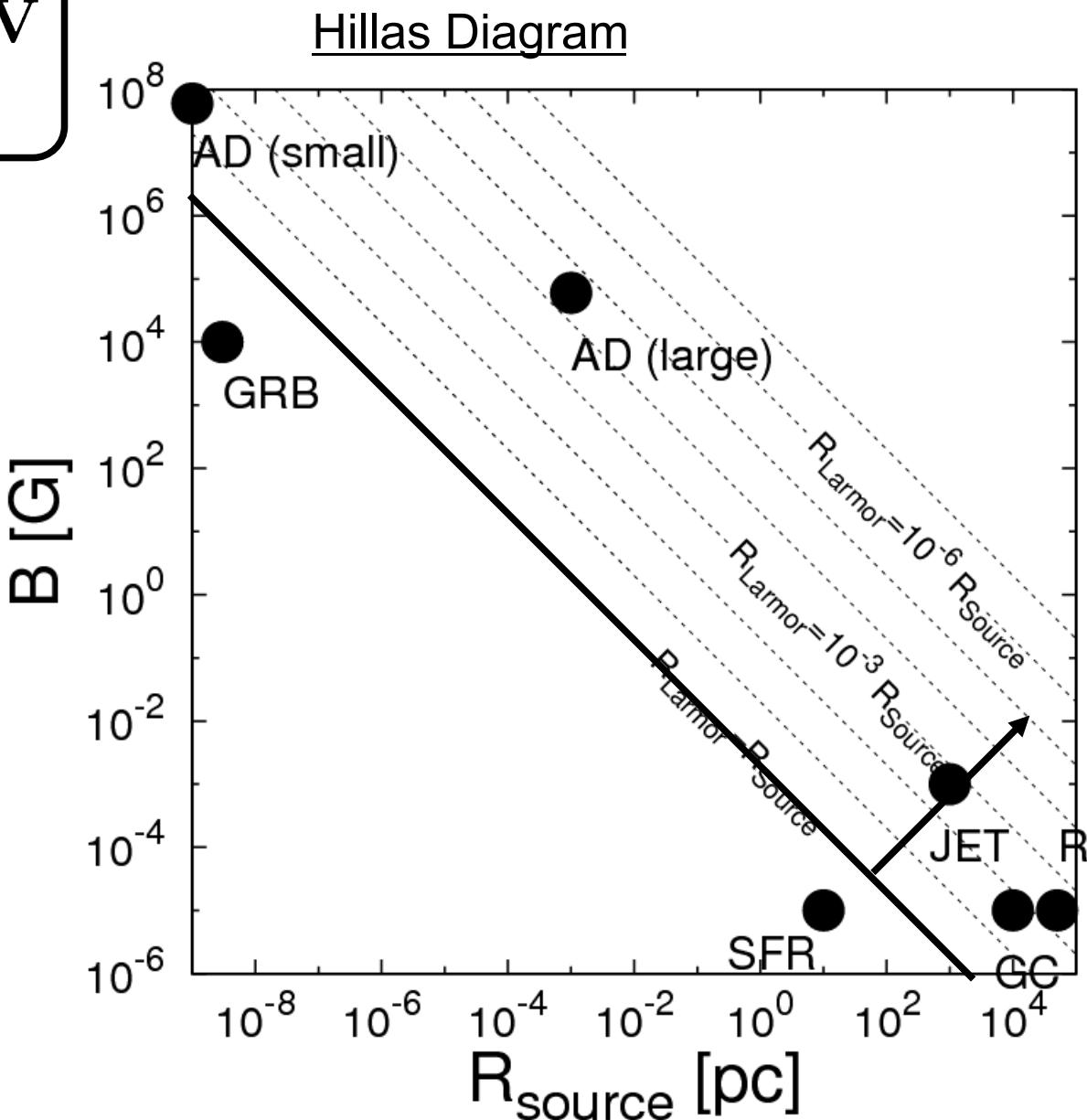


**OVERALL MESSAGE: Compact Sources Disfavoured**

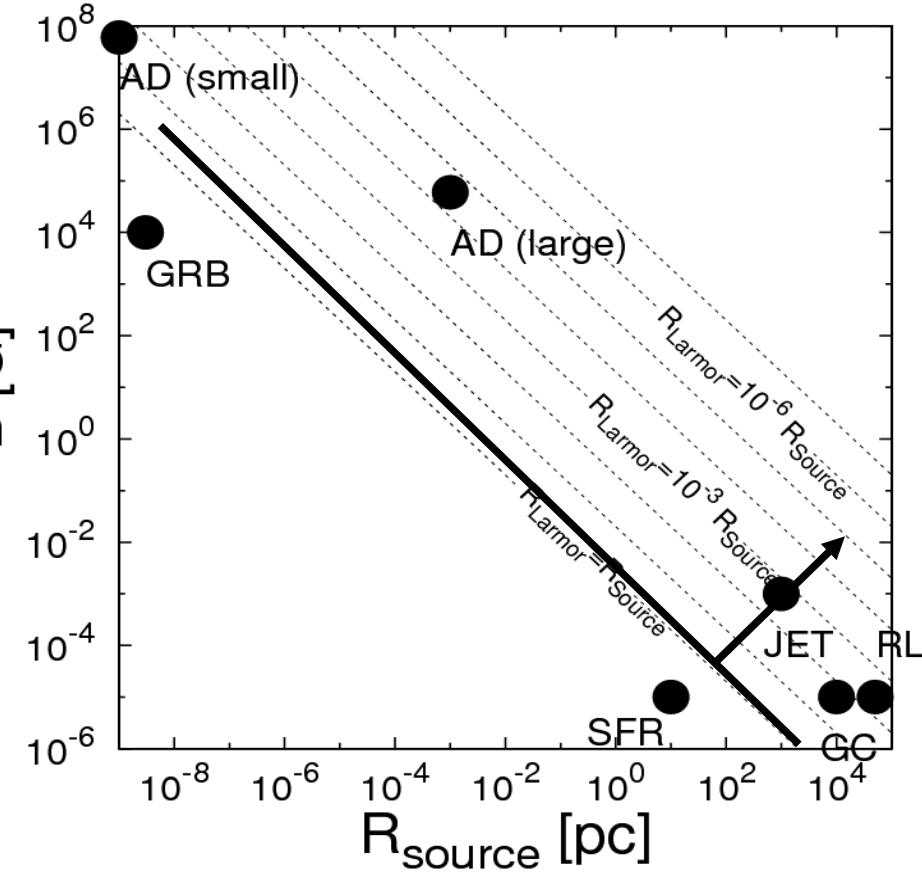
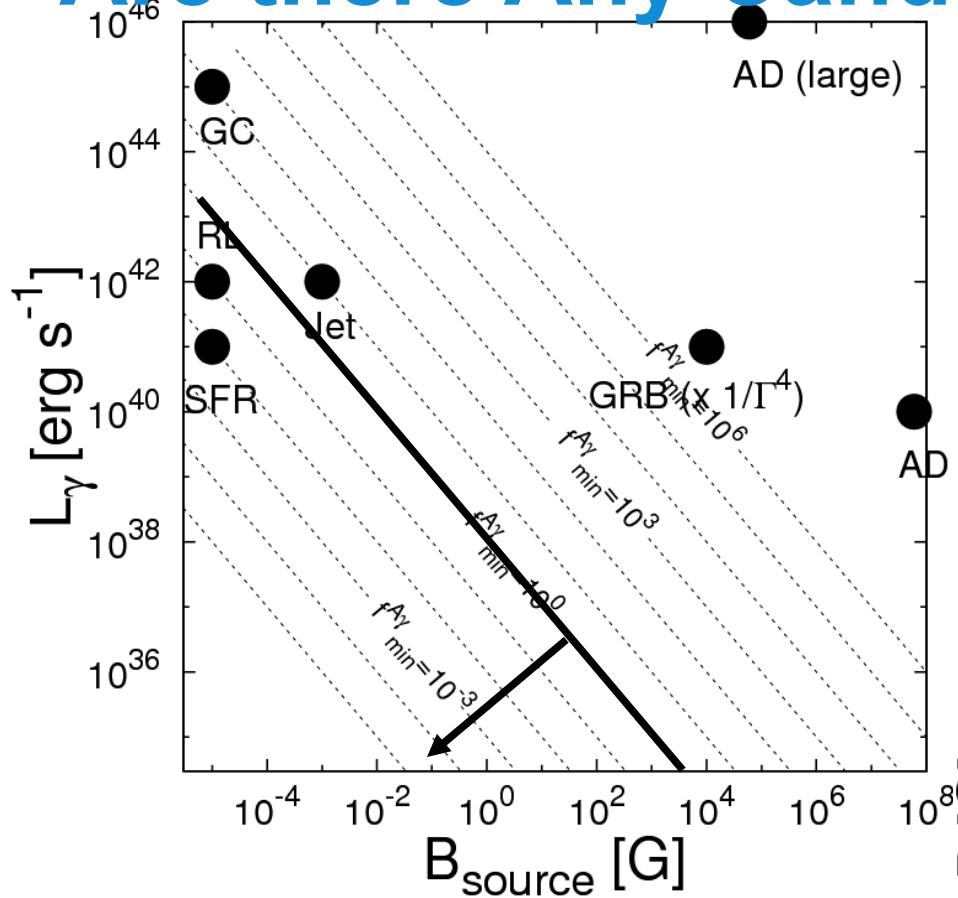
# Are there Any Candidate Sources Left?

Accelerators of  $10^{20}$  eV  
Iron nuclei

LHC



# Are there Any Candidate Sources Left?



# Example Candidate UHECR Source (a Nuclei Friendly Environment)

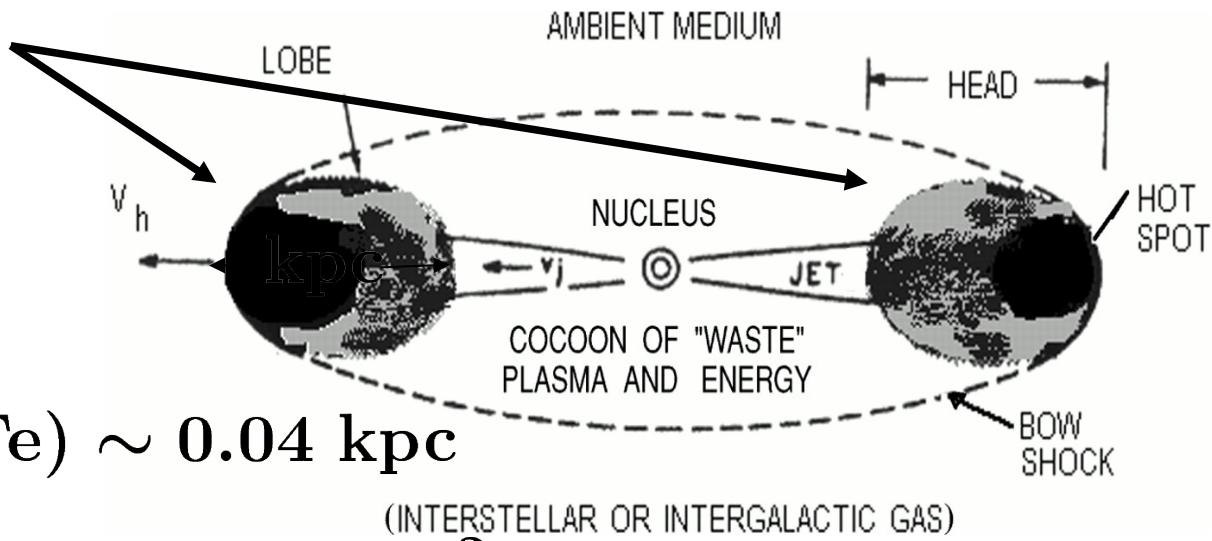
Stochastic Acceleration  
in Radio Lobes:

$$B_{\text{source}} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ G}$$

↳  $R_{\text{Larmor}}(10^{20} \text{ eV Fe}) \sim 0.04 \text{ kpc}$

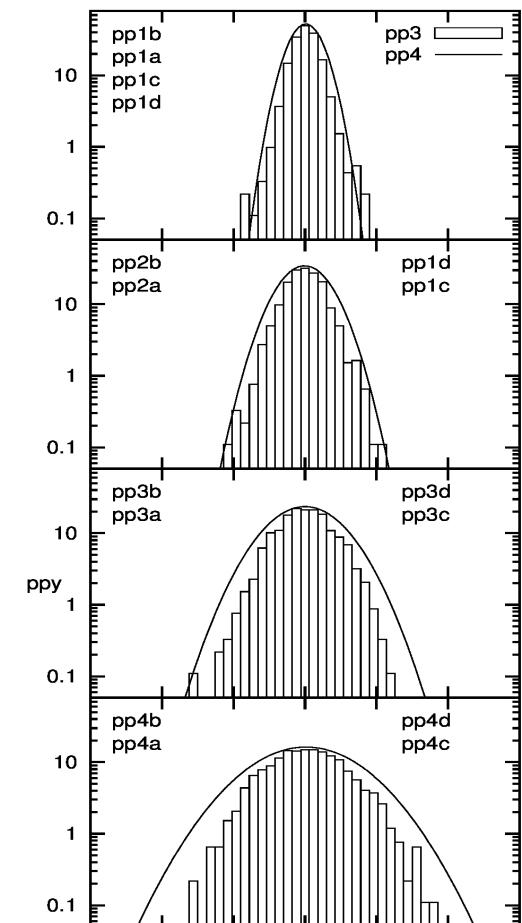
$$t_{\text{acc}} < 10^6 \text{ yrs} \text{ for } \beta_{\text{scat.}} > 10^{-2}$$

Diagram taken from Ferrari -1998

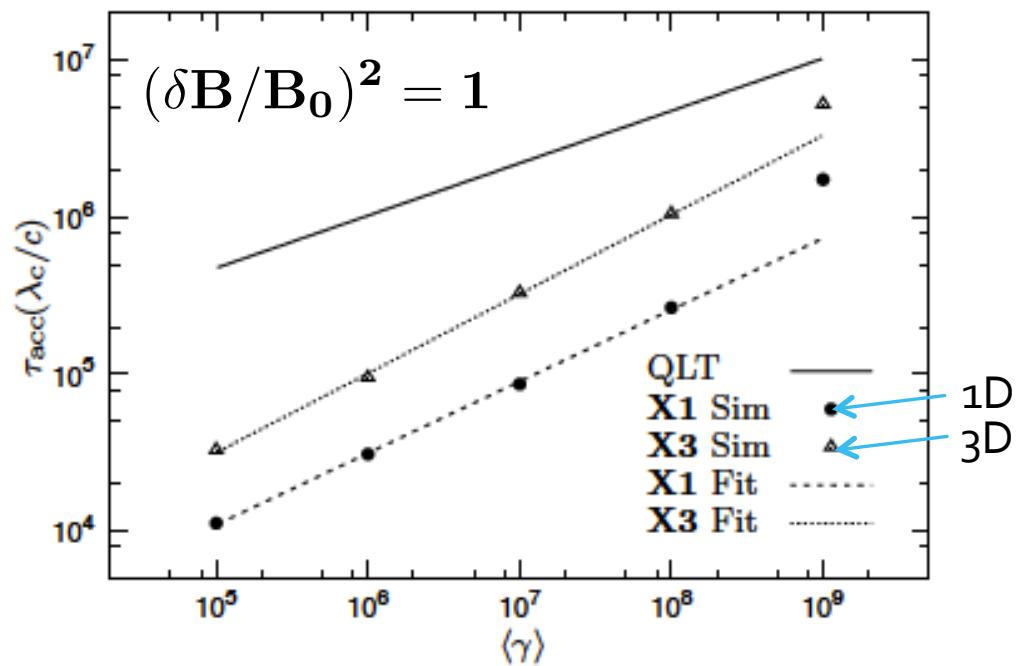


**General PROBLEM for Large Accelerators-  
ACCELERATION TIME**

# Can Centaurus A's Radio Lobes Accelerate UHECR?



time



Yes, but requires:

$$\beta_A > 0.1$$

where

$$\beta_A = \frac{1}{c} \frac{B}{\sqrt{4\pi m_p n_p}}$$

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astro-ph/0903.1259, O'Sullivan et al.

# Diffusion Coefficient

- From resonant scattering between particles and magnetic field perturbations



With Larmor radius  $R_L$



$B_0 + \delta B(k)$

resonance for  $k \sim R_L^{-1}$

$$P(k) \propto k^{-q}$$

$$\frac{D_{xx}}{\beta} = \left\langle \frac{B_0^2}{(\delta B(k))^2} \right\rangle R_L = \frac{R_L}{k P(k)}$$

Probability to scatter off resonant mode within Larmor period

$$\propto p^{2-q}$$

Since  $\frac{p^2}{D_{pp}} \sim \frac{D_{xx}}{\beta_{scat}^2}$

- Bohm ->  $q=1$
- Kolmogorov ->  $q=5/3$
- Kraichnan ->  $q=3/2$
- Hard-sphere ->  $q=2$

$$D_{pp} \propto p^q$$

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# Particle Transport Equation

- Cut-offs arise naturally in the general solution of the transport equation for particles

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[ (D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \frac{p}{\tau_{loss}(p)} f \right] - \frac{f}{\tau_{esc}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2}$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the Particle Transport Equation:

- Acceleration:  $D_{pp} \nabla_p f$
- Radiative Losses:  $\frac{p}{\tau_{loss}(p)} f$
- Escape:  $\frac{f}{\tau_{esc}(p)}$
- Source term:  $\frac{Q}{p^2}$

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# Cut-off Shape

- Interplay of acceleration and cooling defines the value of the cut-off of the primary particles:

$$\frac{dN}{dE_e} \propto E_e^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_e/E_{\max})^{\beta_e}} \quad \beta_e = 2 - q - r$$

- In the following, demonstrations for this result will be shown for the case of stochastic acceleration scenarios. However, in reality, this result is more general, holding also for shock acceleration scenarios.

[see Schlickeisser et al. 1985, Zirakashvili et al. 2007, Stawarz et al. 2008]

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# A Simple Case- q=1, only escape

- Bohm diffusion ( $q=1$ ) + only escape results in simple exponential cutoff.
- Some simplifications to the transport equation:

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} = \nabla_p \cdot \left[ (D_{pp} \nabla_p f) - \cancel{\frac{p}{\tau_{loss}(p)} f} - \frac{f}{\tau_{esc}(p)} + \frac{Q}{p^2} \right]$$

Steady state

No losses

Delta injection

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# A Simple Case (II)- $q=1$ , only escape

- Rearranging the terms (and explicitly stating the dependences from  $p$  of the parameters):

$$\frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( p^2 D_0 \frac{p}{p_0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) - \frac{f}{\tau_{\text{esc}}(p)} = \delta(p), \quad \tau_{\text{esc}}(p) \propto p^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p^2} + \frac{3}{p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \left( \frac{1}{D_0 \tau_0} \right) f = \delta(p)$$

Cutoff comes from  
balancing 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> term

$$f \propto A e^{-p/p_\tau}$$

Recall generally,  $\beta_e = 2 - q - r$

$$q = 1, \quad r = 0, \quad \rightarrow \quad \beta_e = 1$$

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# Intuitive Insights into Cut-off Shape Origin

Consider the steady-state case of diffusion (constant diffusion coefficient) of particles into an absorbing medium

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{xx}} \nabla \mathbf{f}) - \frac{\mathbf{f}}{\tau(\mathbf{x})} = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

For  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_*(\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{x}_*)^2$   $\mathbf{f} \propto \text{const.}$

For  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_*$   $\mathbf{f} \propto e^{-\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{x}_\tau}$

For  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_*(\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{x}_*)^{-2}$   $\mathbf{f} \propto e^{-(\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{x}_\tau)^2}$

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# End of First Lecture

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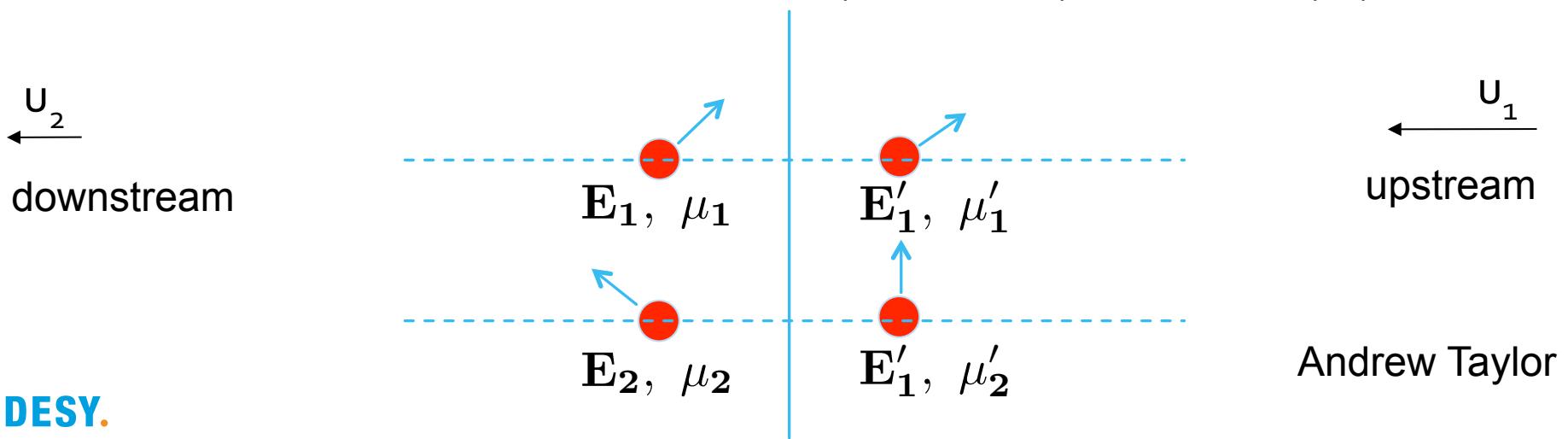
# Shock Acceleration

$$E_2 = E_1 \left( \frac{1 + \beta \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_2} \right)$$

$$E_2 = \Gamma^2 E_1 (1 - \beta \mu_1) (1 + \beta \mu'_2)$$

$$\mu' = \frac{\mu - \beta}{1 - \beta \mu}$$

$$E_2 = \Gamma^2 E_1 (1 - \beta \mu_1) \left( 1 + \beta \left( \frac{\mu_2 - \beta}{1 - \beta \mu_2} \right) \right)$$





# Random Walks

$$f(x, t) = \gamma(t+1)/[\gamma([t-x]/2+1)\gamma([x+t]/2+1)]/(2^t)$$

From Stirling's formula

$$\gamma(x) \approx \frac{(x/e)^x}{\pi^{1/2}} \quad \gamma(x+1) \approx (2\pi x)^{1/2} (x/e)^x$$

$$f(x, t) \approx \frac{t^t e^{-t}}{[(t-x)/2]^{(t-x)/2} [(t+x)/2]^{(t+x)/2} e^{-t}}$$

$$\log[f(x, t)] \approx \frac{t}{[\frac{1}{2}(t-x)(\log t/2 - x/2t)] + [\frac{1}{2}(t+x)(\log t/2 + x/2t)]}$$

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# Particle Acceleration with Cooling

$$\frac{dE_e}{cdt} = \frac{4}{3} \Gamma_e^2 \sigma_T U_B$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \left( \frac{m_e}{E_\gamma^{\text{sync}}} \right) t_{\text{lar}}$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = E_e \frac{dt}{dE_e}$$

$$\sigma_T U_{B\text{crit}} \frac{hc}{(m_e c^2)^2} = (2\pi/3)\alpha$$

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{9}{8\pi\alpha} \frac{h}{E_e} \frac{U_{B_{\text{crit.}}}}{U_B}$$

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$$t_{\text{lar}} = \frac{2\pi E_e}{eBc} = \Gamma_e \left( \frac{B_{\text{crit}}}{B} \right) \frac{h}{m_e}$$

$$E_\gamma^{\text{sync}} = \Gamma_e^2 \left( \frac{B}{B_{\text{crit}}} \right) m_e$$

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# Intuitive Insights into Cut-off Shape Origin

Consider the steady-state case of diffusion (constant diffusion coefficient) of particles into an absorbing medium

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{xx}} \nabla \mathbf{f}) - \frac{\mathbf{f}}{\tau(\mathbf{x})} = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

For  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_*(\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{x}_*)^2$   $\mathbf{f} \propto \text{const.}$

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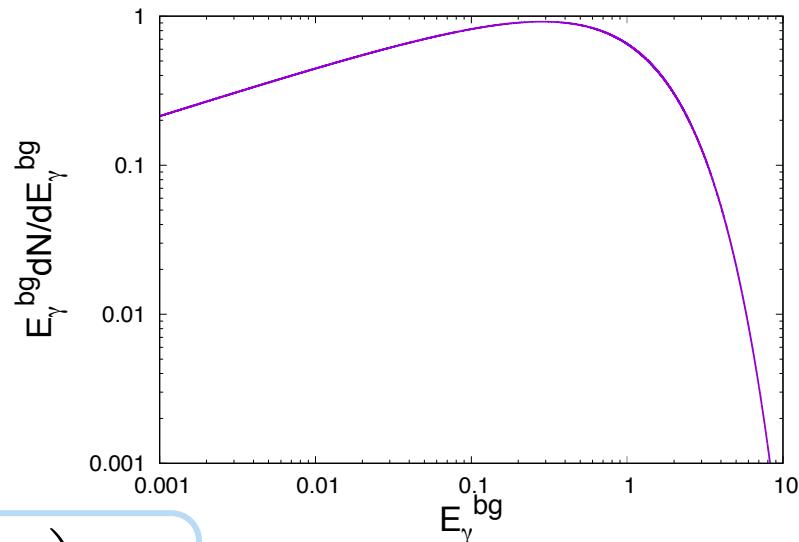
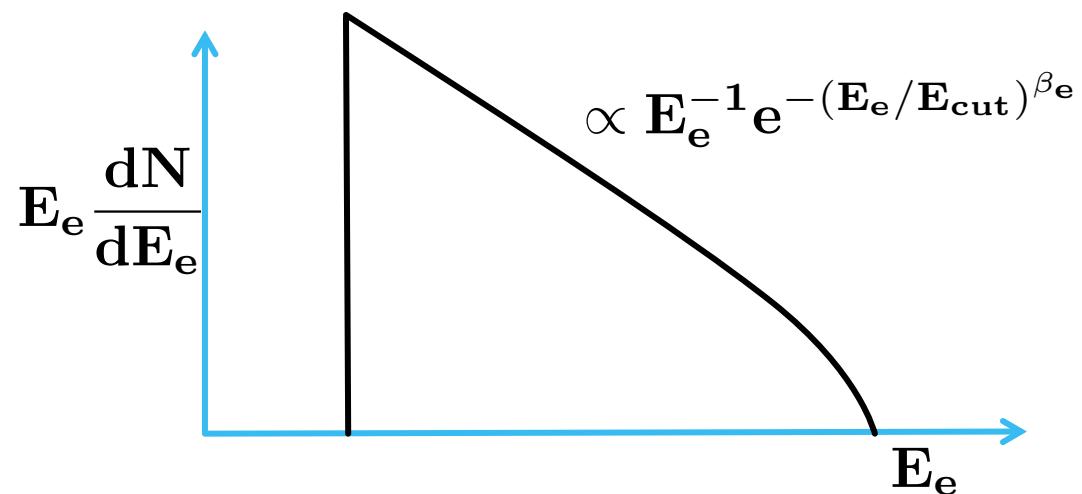


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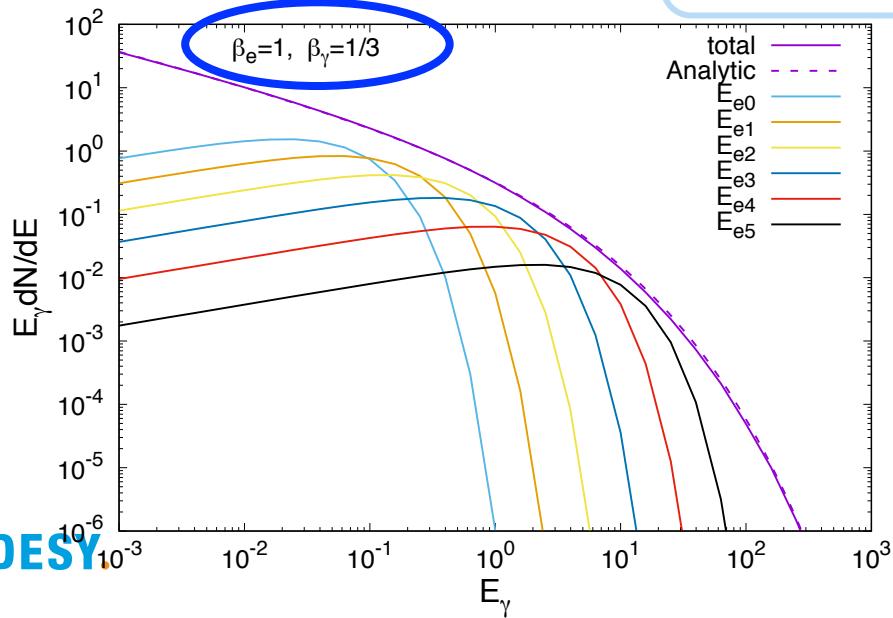
$$D_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + D_{xx} \frac{2}{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{f}{\tau(x)} = 0$$

For  $\tau(x) = \tau_*$   $f \propto e^{-x/x_\tau}$

# Cut-off Shape- Electrons & Photons



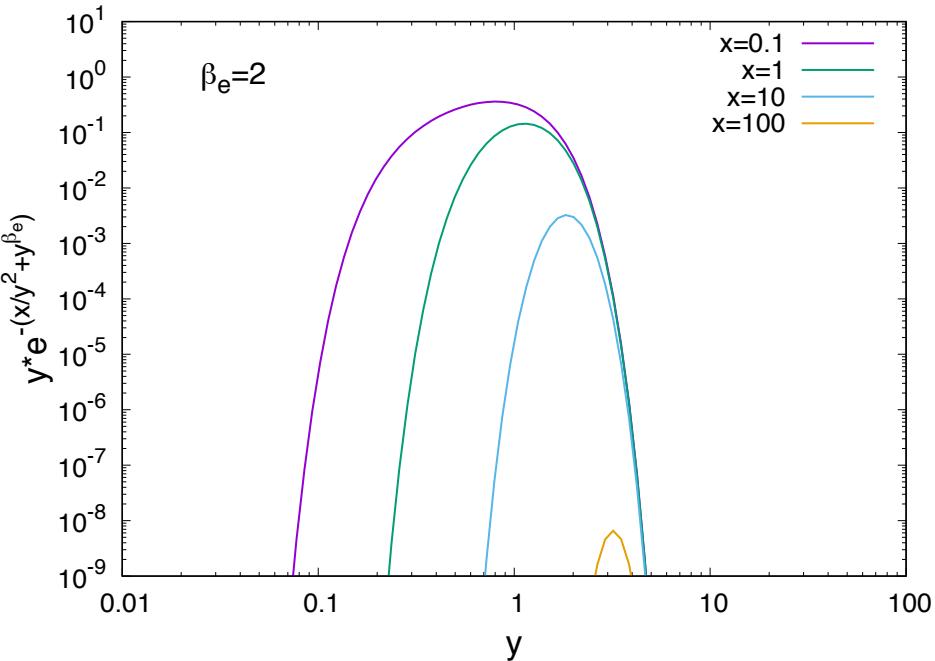
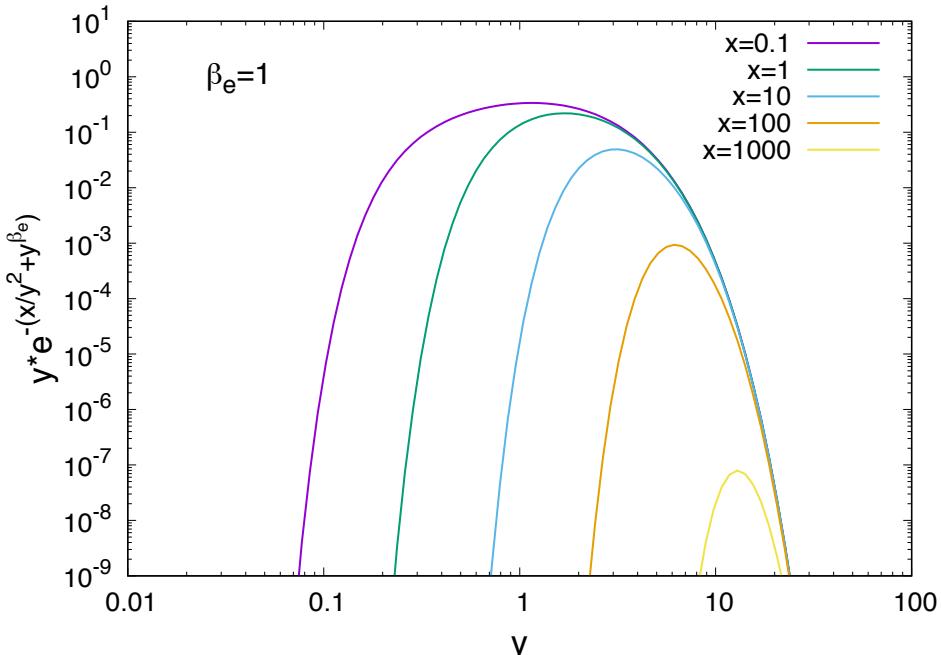
$$E_\gamma = \gamma_e^2 \left( \frac{B}{B_{\text{crit}}} \right) m_e$$



$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-(x/y^2)} e^{-y^{\beta_e}} dy$$

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# Integrand-



$$y^2 \left( y^{\beta_e} - \frac{1}{\beta_e} \right) = \frac{2x}{\beta_e}$$

$$y^2 \approx \left( \frac{2x}{\beta_e} \right)^{\frac{2}{\beta_e + 2}}$$

$$\frac{x}{y^2} \approx x^{\frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e + 2}} \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\beta_\gamma = \frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e + 2}$$

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# Cut-off Shape- Emission Dependence

$$\frac{dN}{dE_e} \propto E_e^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_e/E_{max})^{\beta_e}}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \propto E_\gamma^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_\gamma/E_{max})^{\beta_\gamma}}$$

- Different emission processes dictate different relation between electrons and gamma rays

e.g.

- Synchrotron/IC Thomson:
- SSC:  $\beta_\gamma = \frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e + 4}$
- IC (Klein Nishina)  $\beta_\gamma = \beta_e$

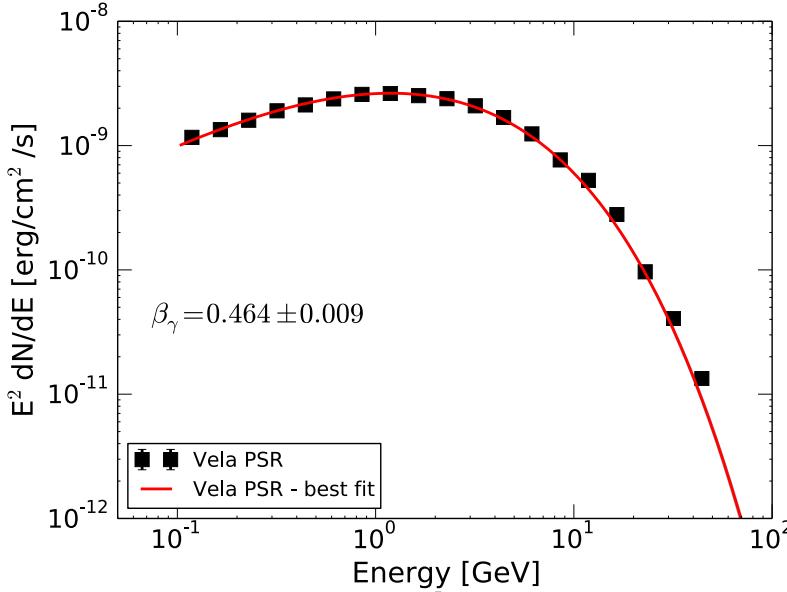
$$\beta_\gamma = \frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e + 2}$$

Good measurement of gamma ray cut-off can give insight on the cut-off region of primary electrons

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# Observation of Cut-offs in Gamma-ray Spectra

- Test case- Vela Pulsar (brightest source)



$$\frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \propto E_\gamma^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_\gamma/E_{\max})^{\beta_\gamma}}$$

Parameter	Value
$N$ [ph/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/GeV]	$(1.39_{-0.10}^{+0.12}) 10^{-5}$
$\Gamma$	$1.019 \pm 0.011$
$E_c$ [GeV]	$0.238 \pm 0.016$
$\beta_\gamma$	$0.464 \pm 0.009$
$E_s$ (fixed) [GeV]	0.83255

- Note- MCMC method used to explore 'good-fit' region. This has the benefit of being stable on the landscape being explored

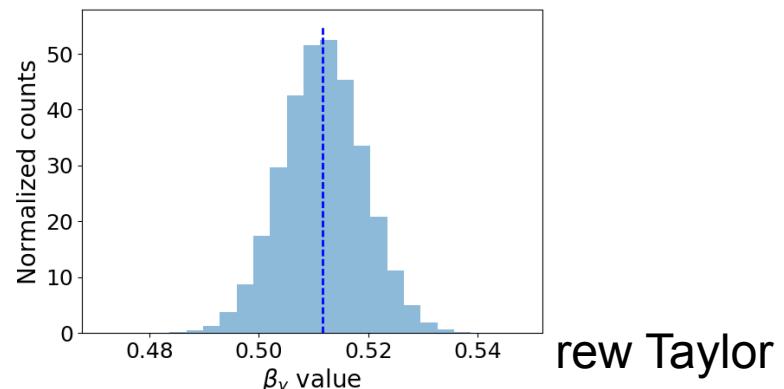
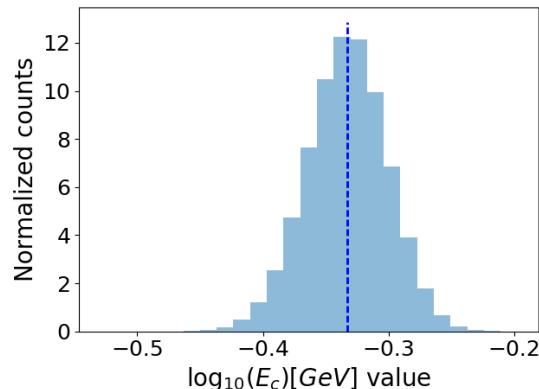
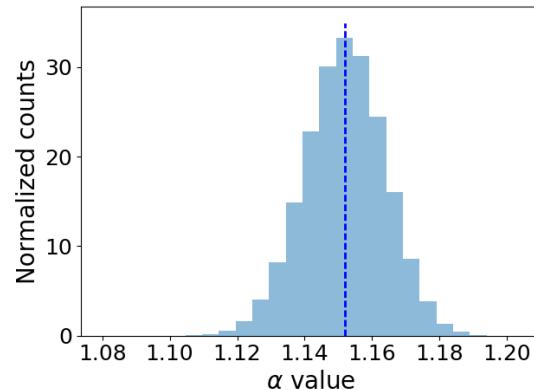
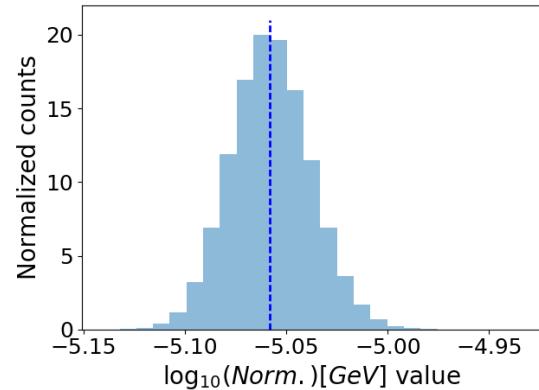
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# MCMC Parameter Constraints

$$\frac{dN}{dE_\gamma} \propto E_\gamma^{-\Gamma} e^{-(E_\gamma/E_{\max})^{\beta_\gamma}}$$

False minima

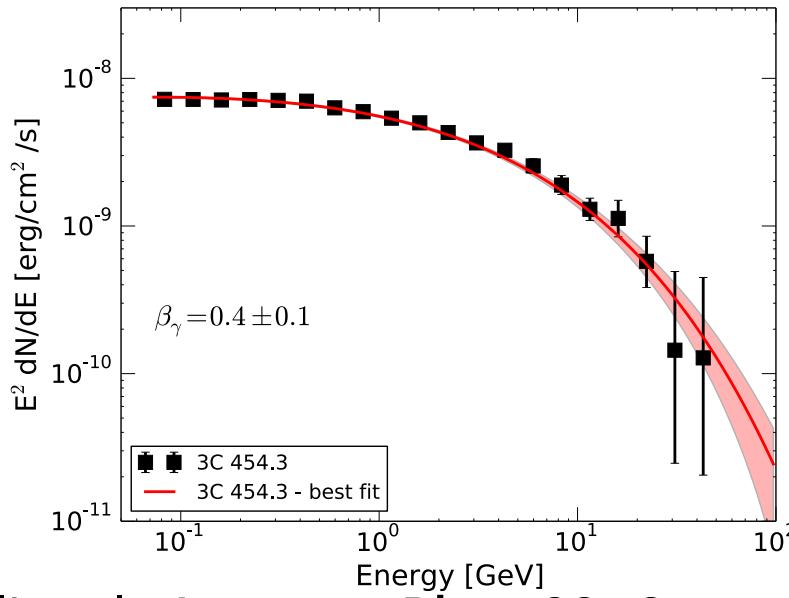


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# Observation of Cut-offs in Gamma-ray Spectra

- Brightest AGN Flare-

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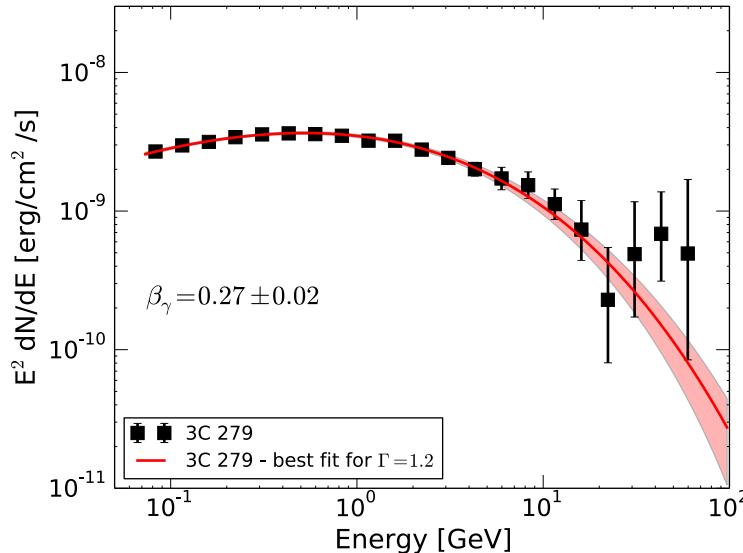
Parameter	Value
$N$ [ph/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/GeV]	$(4.7^{+3.9}_{-1.2}) 10^{-5}$
$\Gamma$	$1.87^{+0.08}_{-0.12}$
$E_c$ [GeV]	$1.1^{+1.6}_{-0.9}$
$\beta_\gamma$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
$E_s$ (fixed) [GeV]	0.41275

- Indicating a cut-off value of the primary particles around 1 GeV
- Caveats:**
  - Values obtained on a 7 days integration (for statistics)
  - Spectrum variable during the flare  
-> superposition effects?

# Observation of Cut-offs in Gamma-ray Spectra

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brightest AGN Flare-

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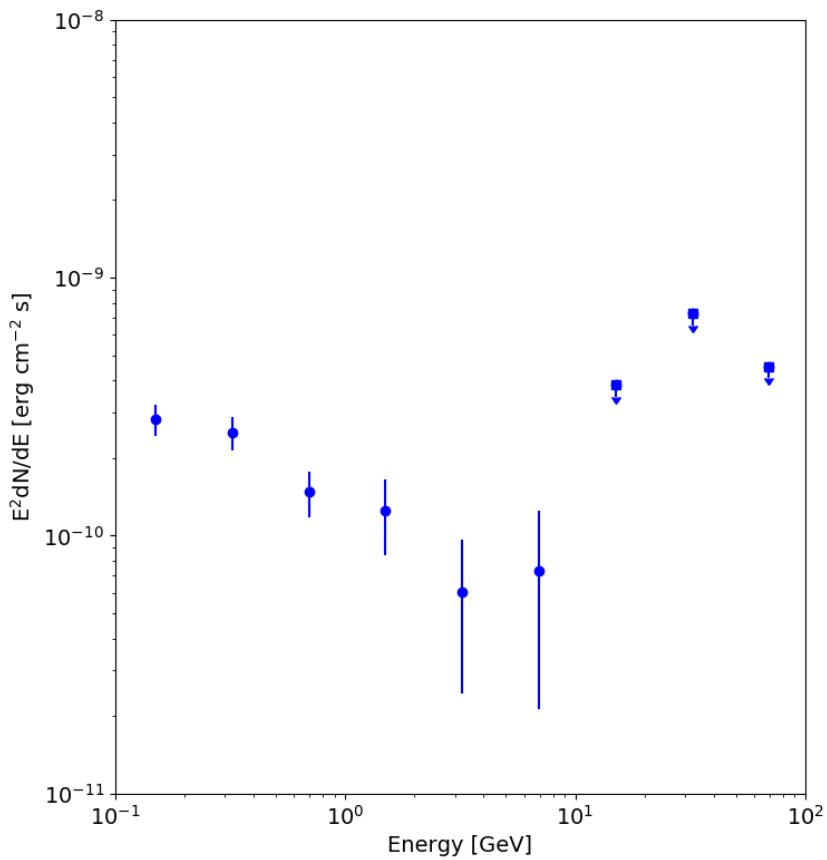
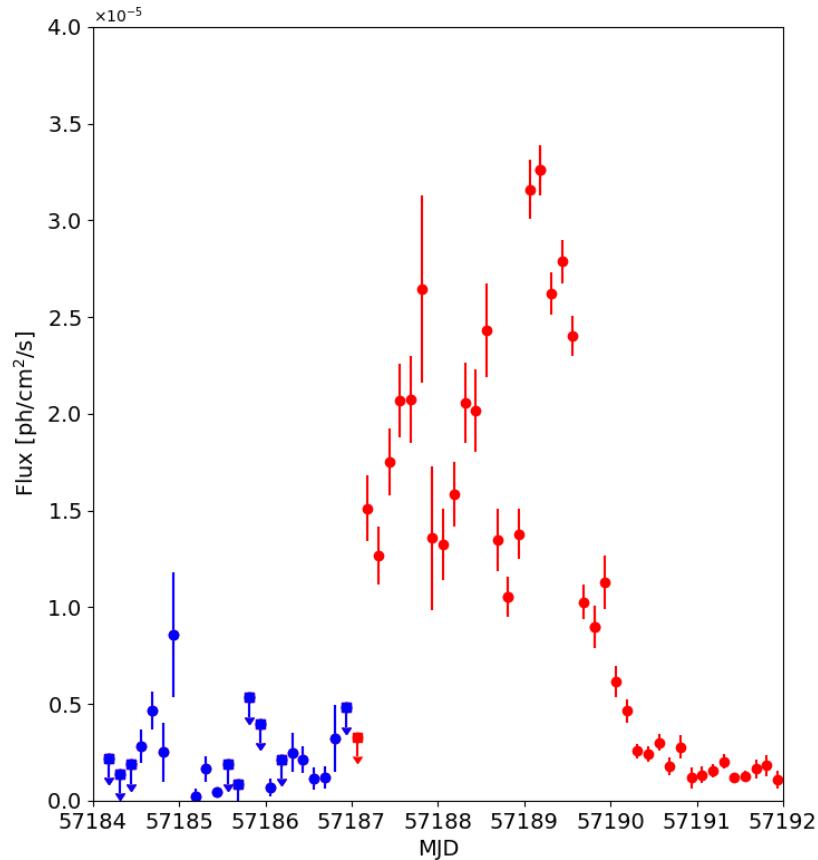


Parameter	$\Gamma = 1.2$
$N$ [ph/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/GeV]	$(2.8^{+0.8}_{-0.6}) 10^{-4}$
$\Gamma$ (fixed)	1.2
$E_c$ [GeV]	$(8.4^{+6.6}_{-4.1}) 10^{-3}$
$\beta_\gamma$	$0.27 \pm 0.02$
$E_s$ (fixed) [GeV]	

Values obtained on a 3 days integration  
Note- X-ray observations during flare indicated that  $\Gamma = 1.17 \pm 0.06$

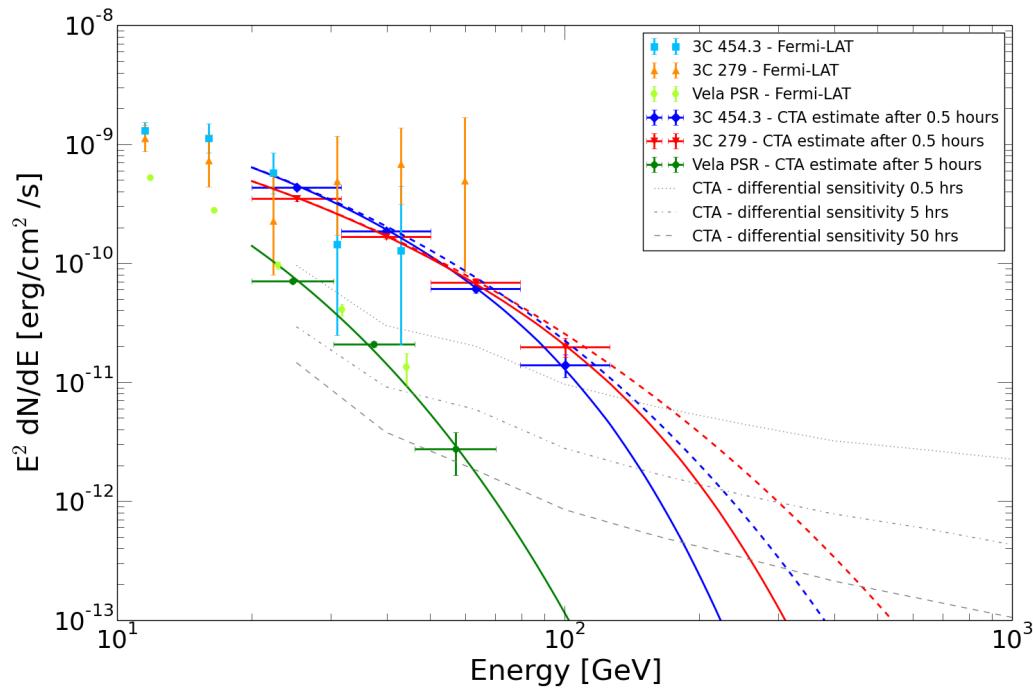
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# 3C 279 June 2015 Flare- Temporal Evolution



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# Prospects for CTA (South)



- Study using the expected CTA performance
- Fermi data integrated over 3 days
- Constraint on  $\beta_\gamma$  parameter at 10% level obtained during only 0.5 hr flare!

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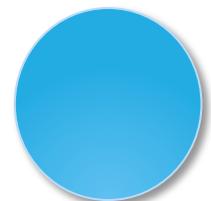
# HESSI and HESSII Eras

H.E.S.S. Phase I: 2002-2012

- 4 telescopes of 12m
- 100 GeV - 100 TeV

H.E.S.S. Phase II: 2012-++

- Addition of CT5 to the array: 28m
- ~30 GeV - 100 TeV

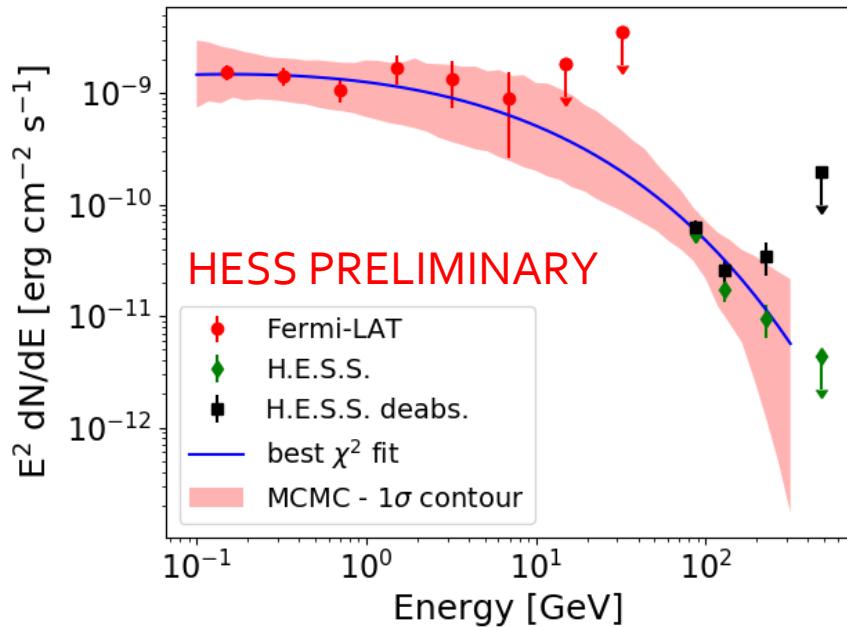


CT5 allows  $E < 100$  GeV measurements  
— best for:

- High redshift AGN + GRBs
- EBL studies at large  $z$

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# Can We Do Better Already? Fermi + H.E.S.S.II Fit



(HESSII data taken from ICRC2017 Presentation)



Parameter	MCMC fit
$\log_{10} N_0 [\text{ph/cm}^2/\text{s}/\text{GeV}]$	$(-4.75^{+0.91}_{-0.24}) \times 10^{-5}$
$\Gamma$	$(1.93^{+0.29}_{-0.41})$
$\log_{10} E_c [\text{GeV}]$	$0.13^{+1.33}_{-2.82}$
$\beta_\gamma$	$0.34^{+0.32}_{-0.14}$

- Joint fit of Fermi-LAT data (9 hours centred on HESSII obs.) taken on night 2

$$\beta_\gamma = 0.34^{+0.32}_{-0.14}$$

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# The pp Cross-Section

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# Cut-Offs for Primary and Secondaries

$$\Phi_\gamma(E_\gamma) = 4\pi n_H \int \frac{d\sigma}{dE_\gamma}(p_p, E_\gamma) J(p_p) dp_p$$

For spectra of the form,

$$J_p(p_p) = \frac{A}{p_p^\alpha} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{p_p}{p_p^{\max}} \right)^\beta \right]$$

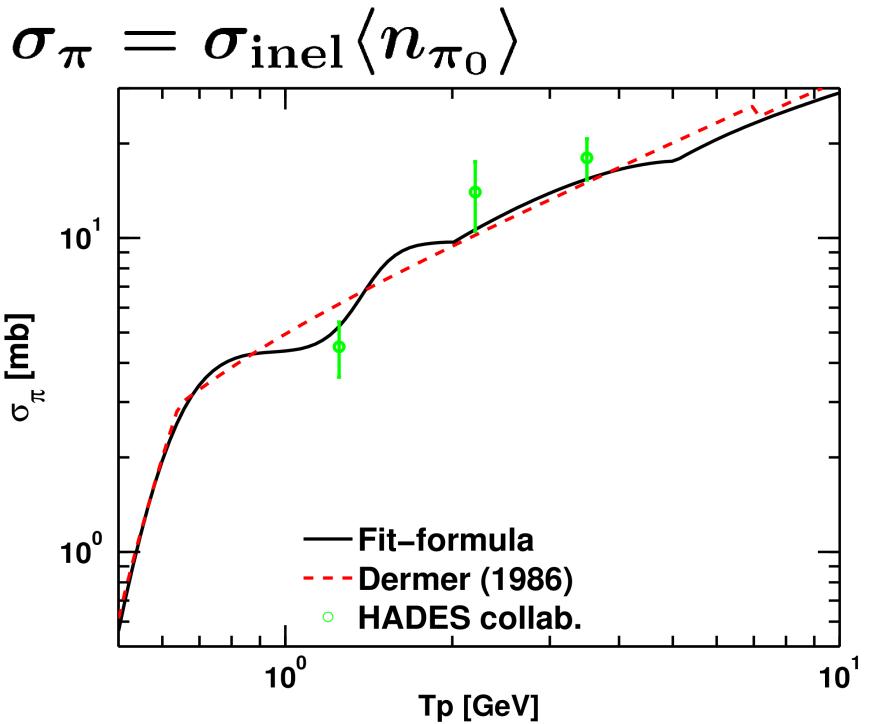
and the cutoff regions may be fit with a function of the form

$$\Phi_\gamma(E_\gamma) = \frac{A'}{E_\gamma^{\alpha'}} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{E_\gamma}{E_\gamma^{\max}} \right)^{\beta'} \right]$$

where  $\beta' = \frac{a\beta}{\beta+b}$

$\alpha$	Geant		Pythia		SIBYLL		QGSJET	
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
1.5	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
1.75	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
2.0	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3
2.25	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
2.5	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4

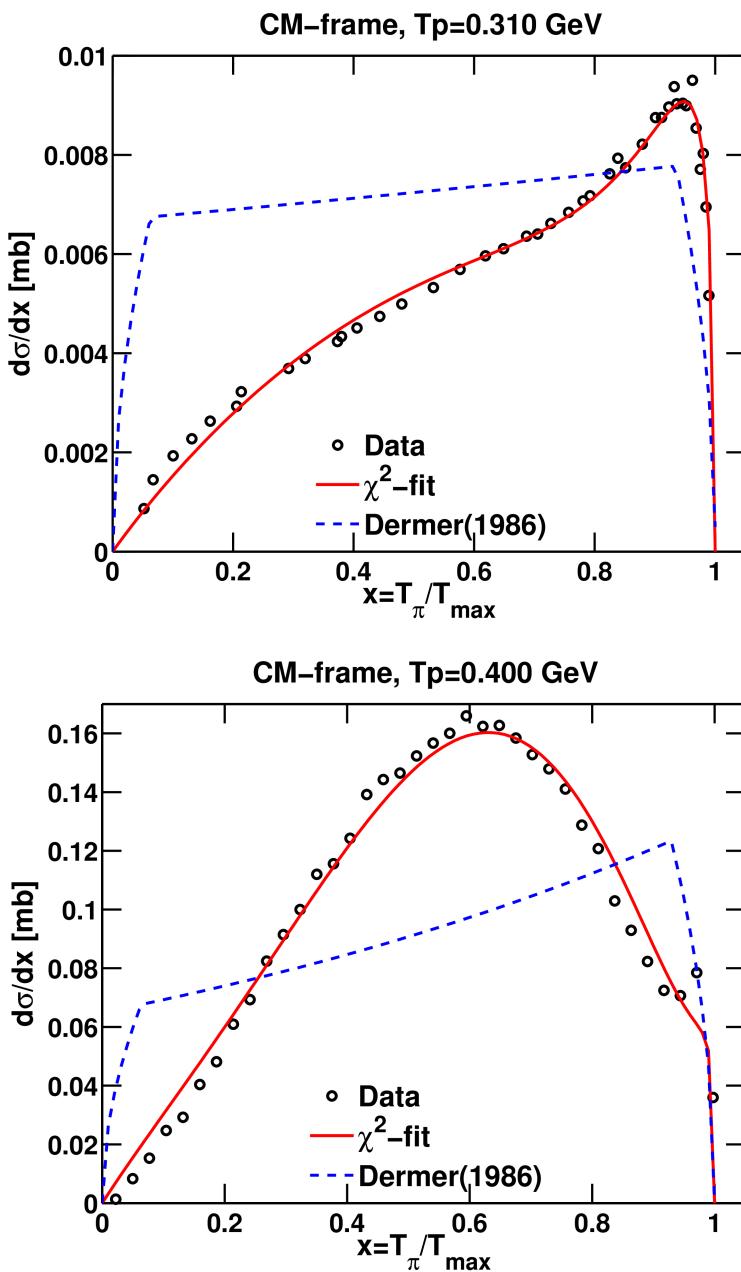
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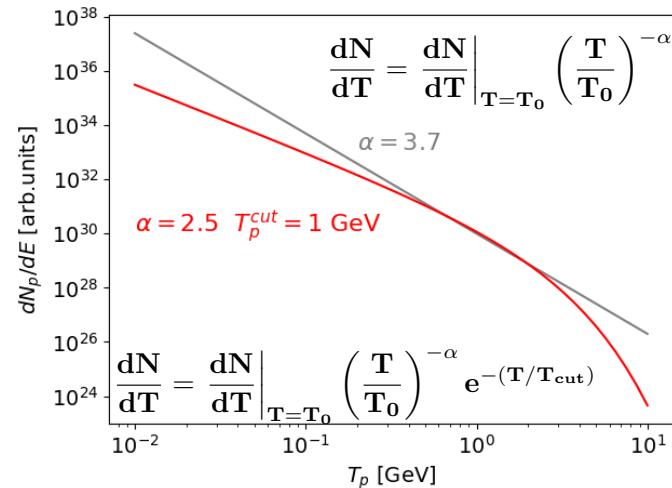
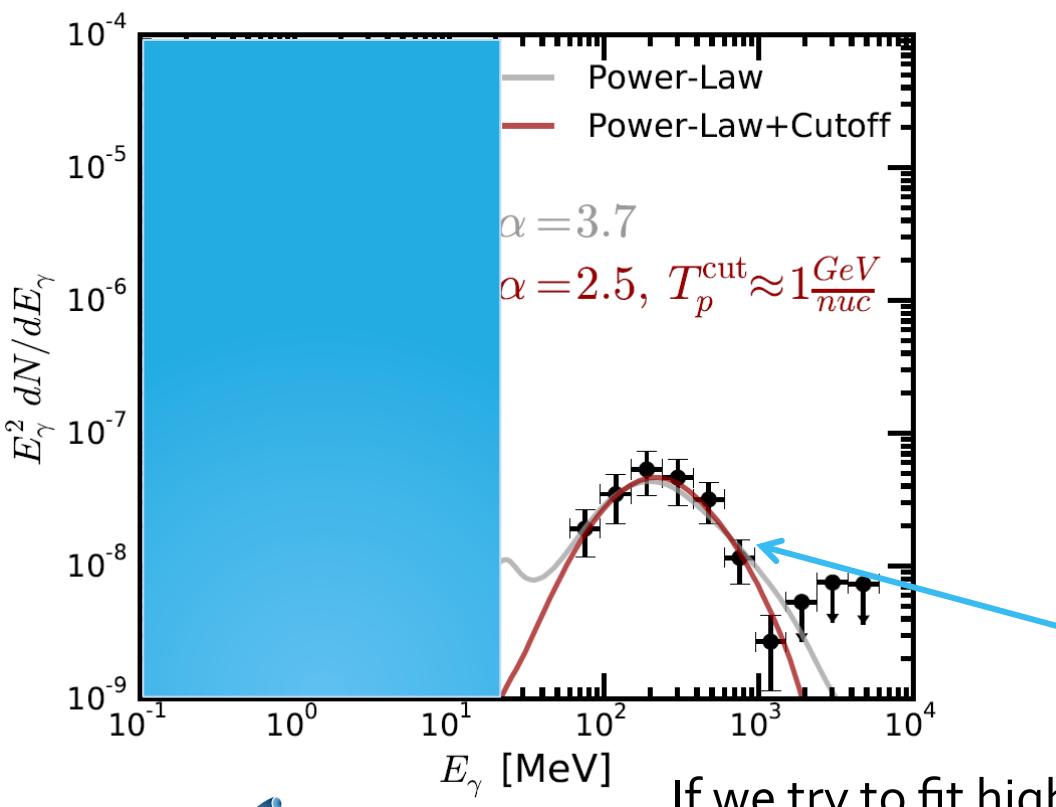
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# Constraining the Particle Spectra in Solar flares

- Optimal level of statistics (bright low energy transients, plenty of photons)
- Retrieve the primary particle spectrum (using the most up-to-date cross sections)

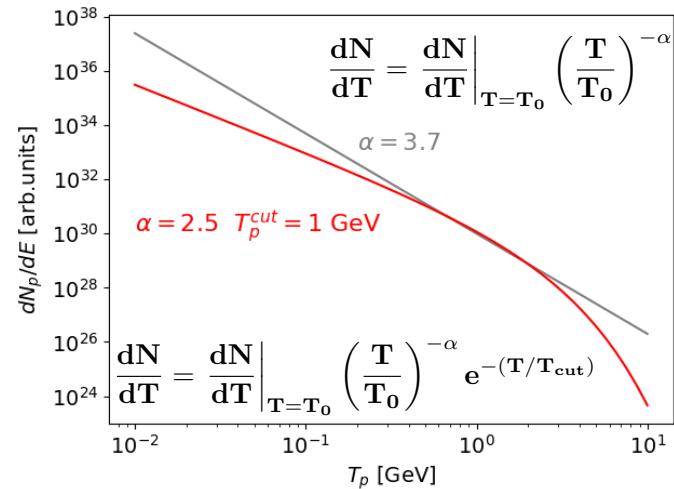
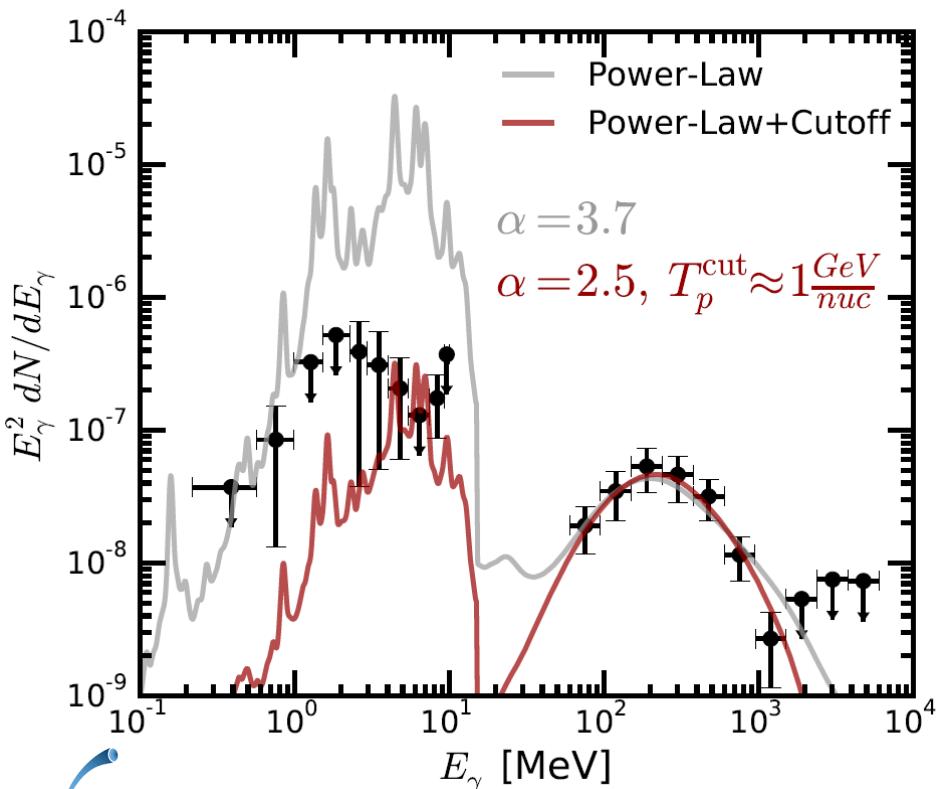


Fermi-LAT data

If we try to fit high energy cut-off, strong degeneracy exists with the spectral index

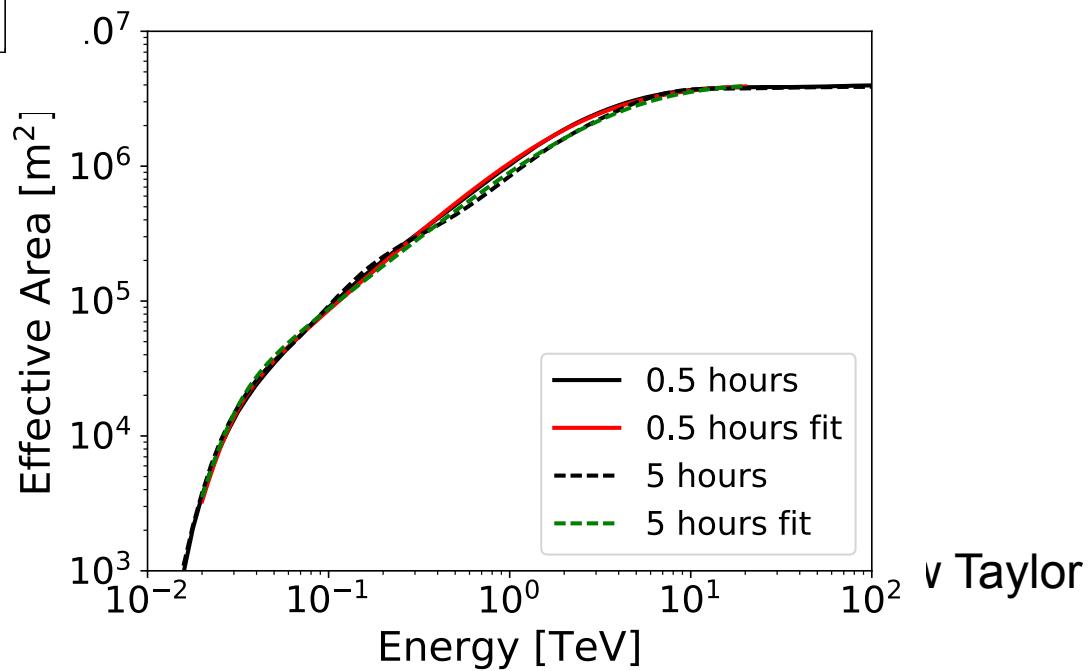
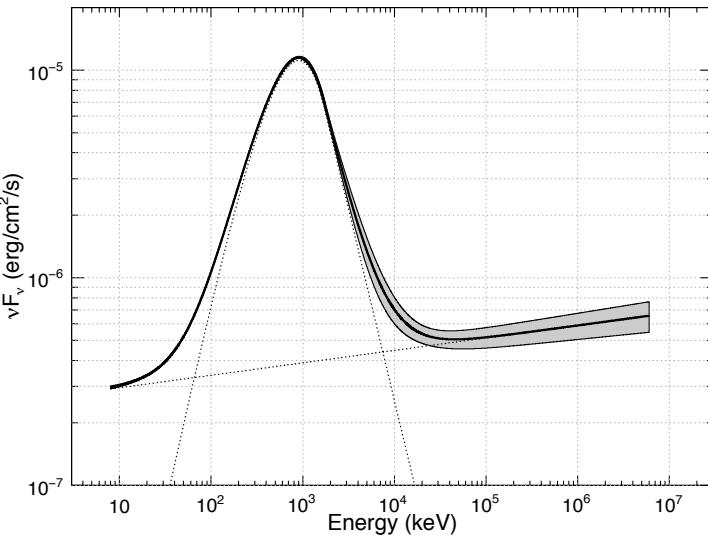
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This degeneracy can be broken by the lower energy emission detected by GBM, which nuclear de-excitation is expected to contribute/dominate

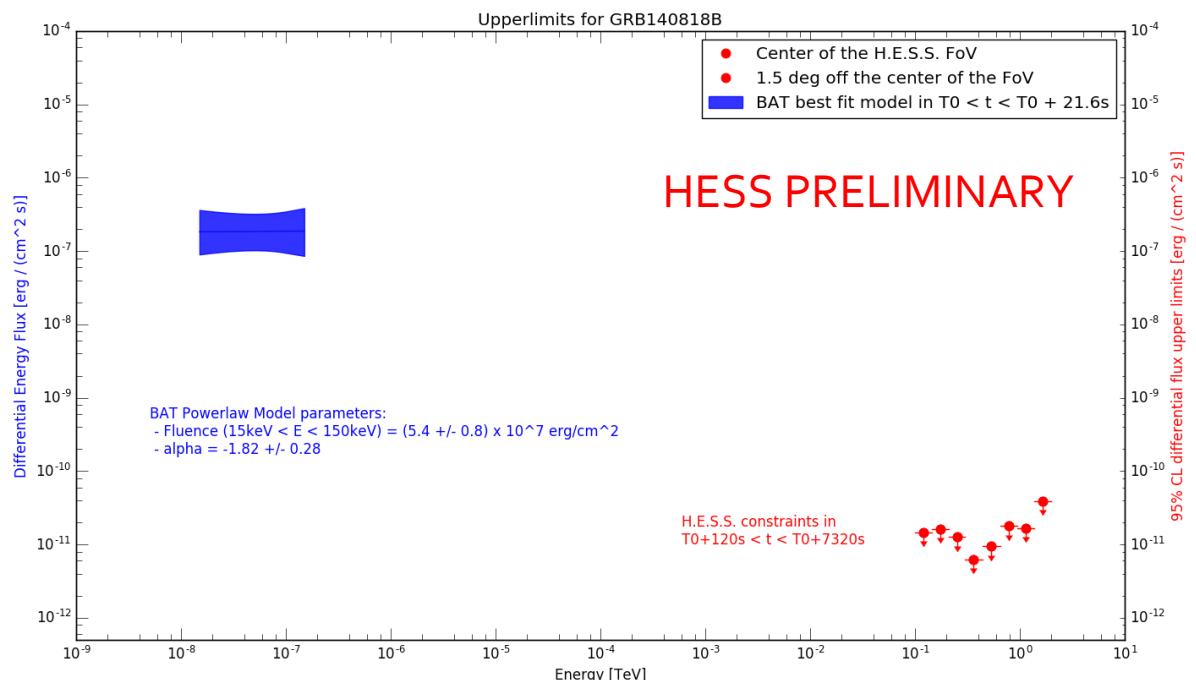
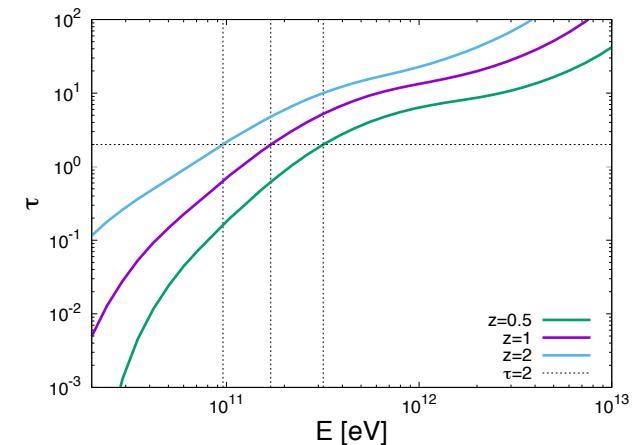
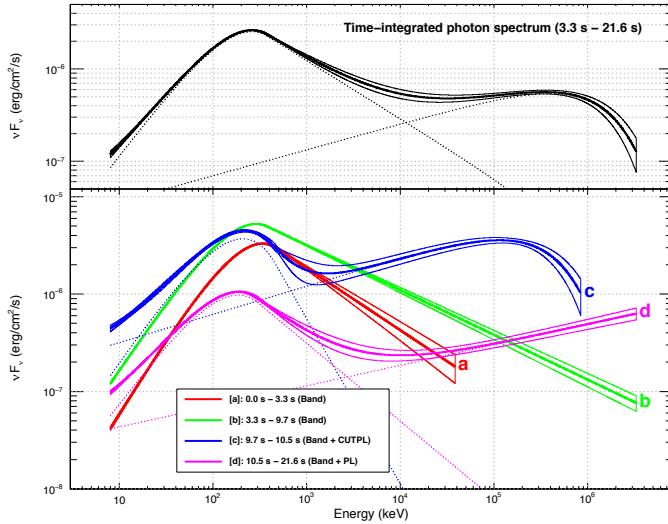
# Future Sources to be Probed.....GRB CTA (South)



- Evolution of spectra during flare
- Detection of as yet undetected VHE transients (eg. GRB)
- Detection of unexpected new VHE transient phenomena

# Recent HESSII GRB Upper Limits

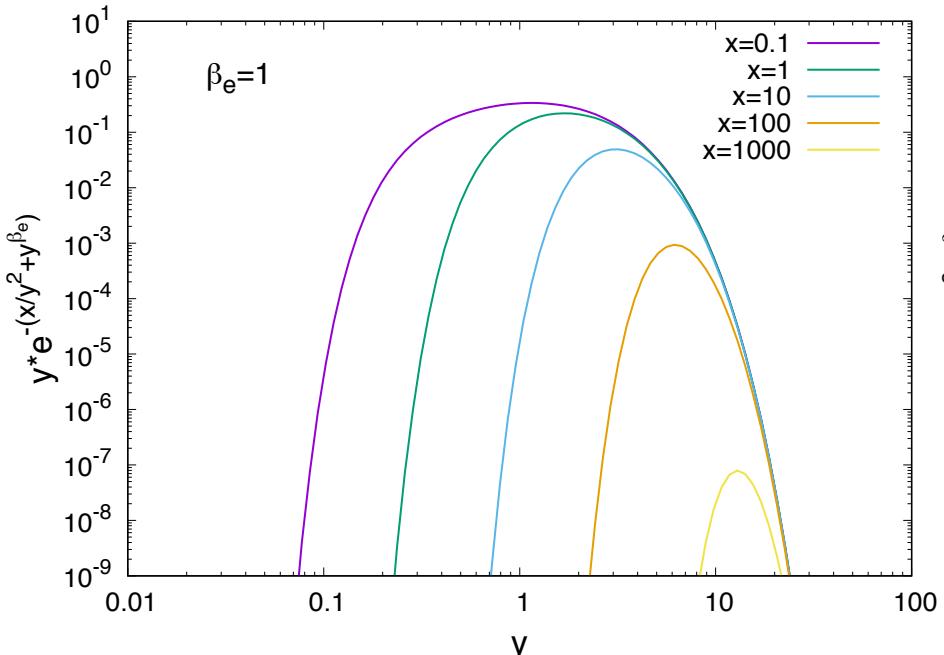
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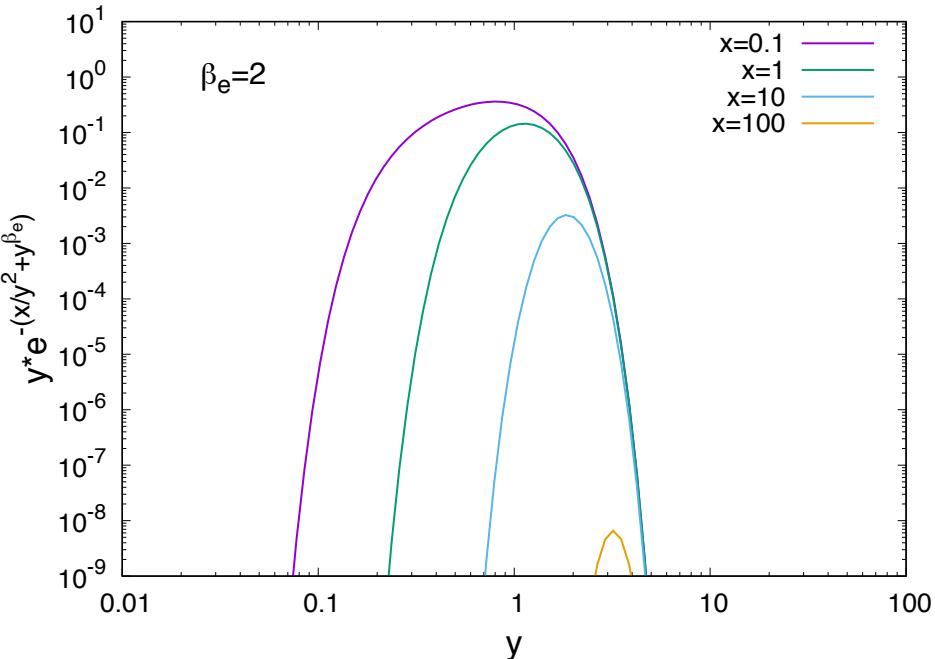
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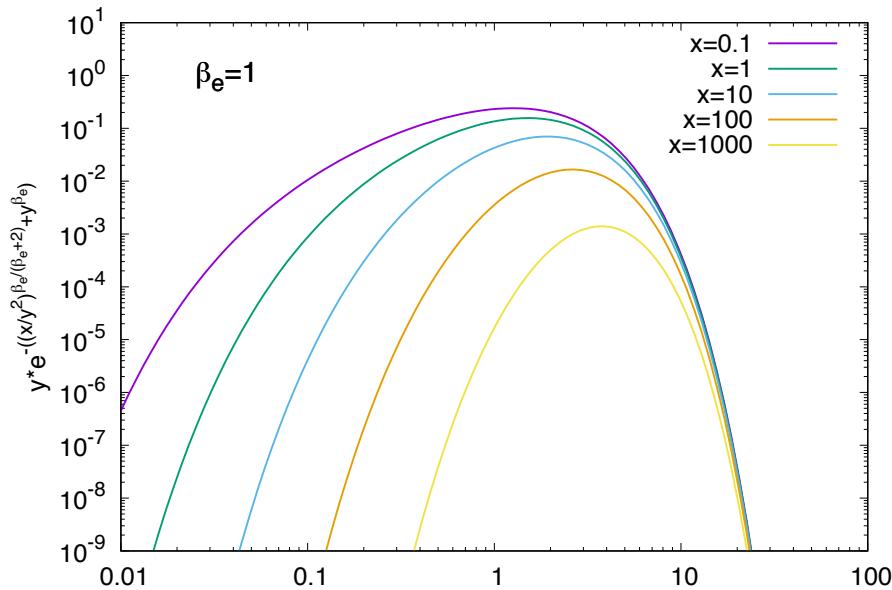
$$y^2 \approx \left( \frac{2x}{\beta_e} \right)^{\frac{2}{\beta_e+2}}$$

$$\frac{x}{y^2} \approx x^{\frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e+2}}$$



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# Integrand



$$y^{\frac{2\beta_e}{\beta_e+2}} \left( y^{\beta_e} - \frac{1}{\beta_e} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{2 + \beta_e} \right) x^{\frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e+2}}$$

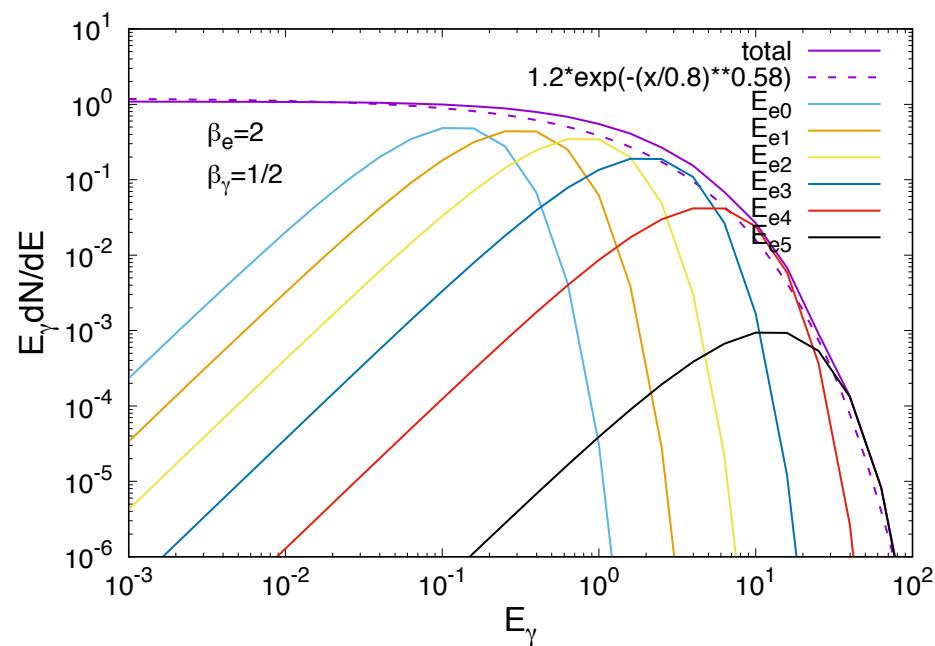
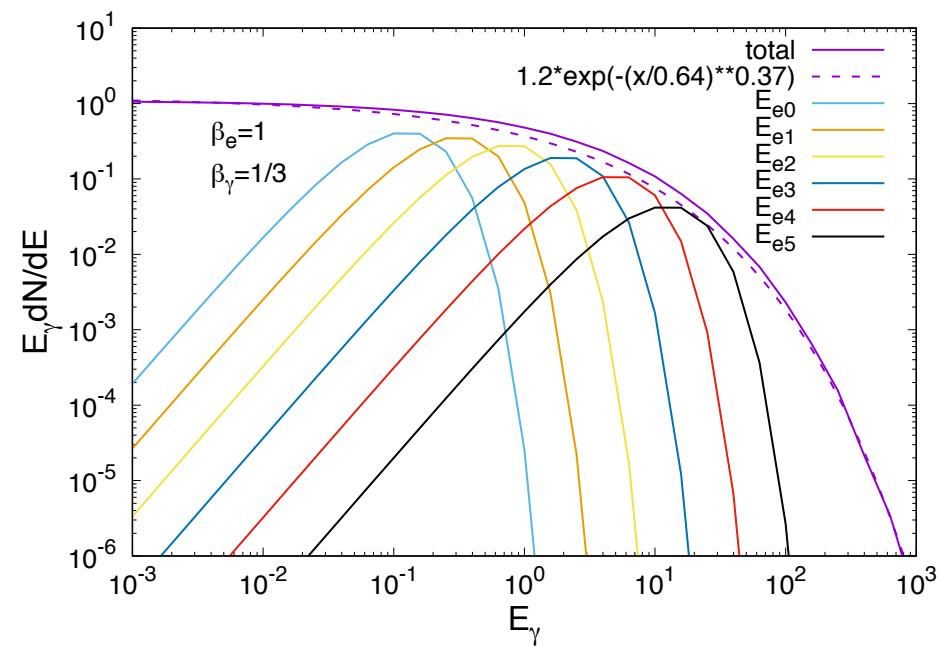
$$y^2 \approx x^{\frac{2}{\beta_e+4}}$$

$$\frac{x}{y^2} \approx x^{\frac{\beta_e+2}{\beta_e+4}}$$

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$$\left( \frac{x}{y^2} \right)^{\frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e+2}} \approx x^{\frac{\beta_e}{\beta_e+4}}$$

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# pN Interactions

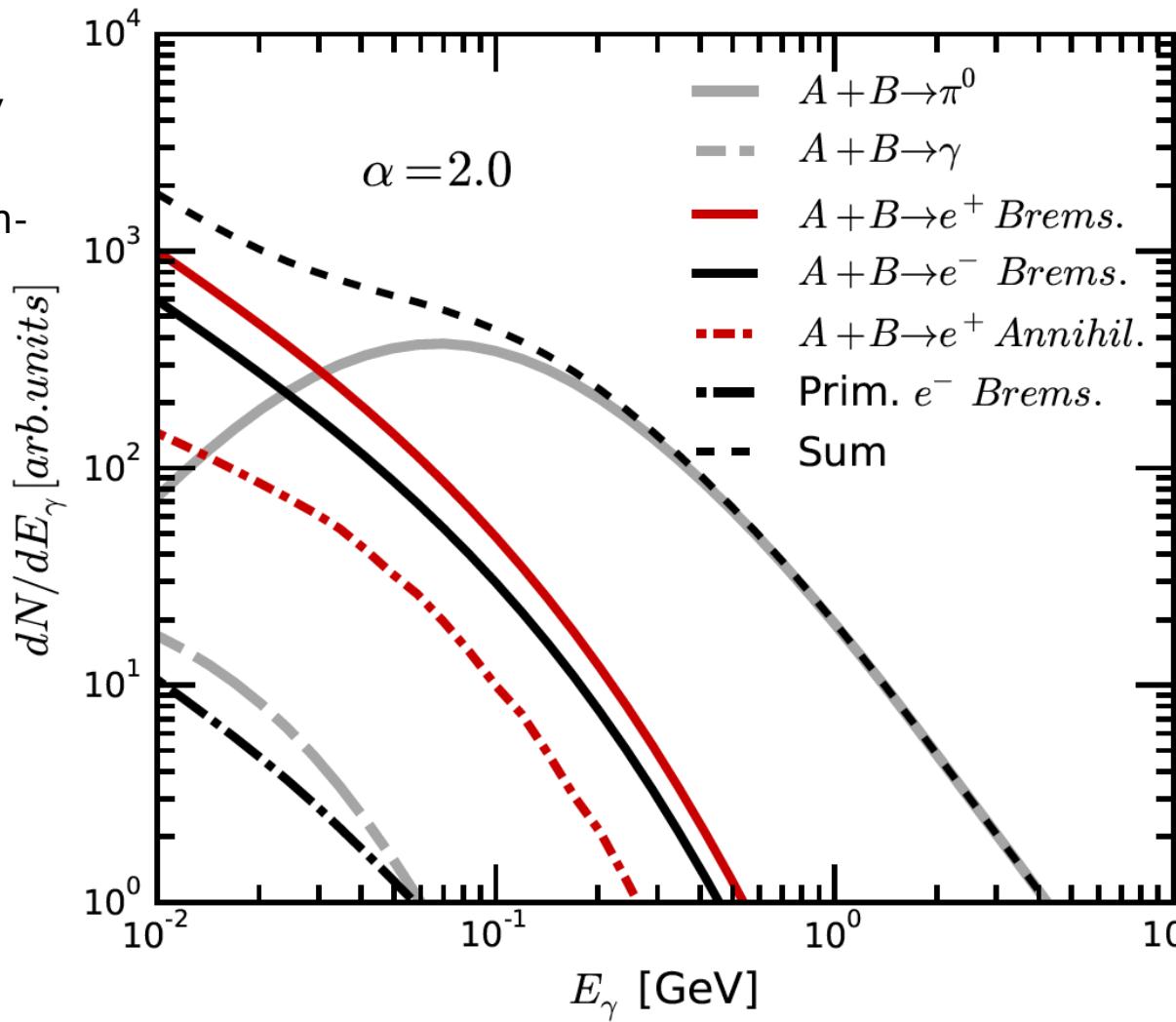
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# Multi-MeV Gamma-Ray Production Cross-Sections

There are also multiple channels by which multi-MeV gamma-ray emission can be produced from non-thermal **electrons**:

- Secondary Bremsstrahlung
- Secondary Annihilation in flight
- Primary Bremsstrahlung

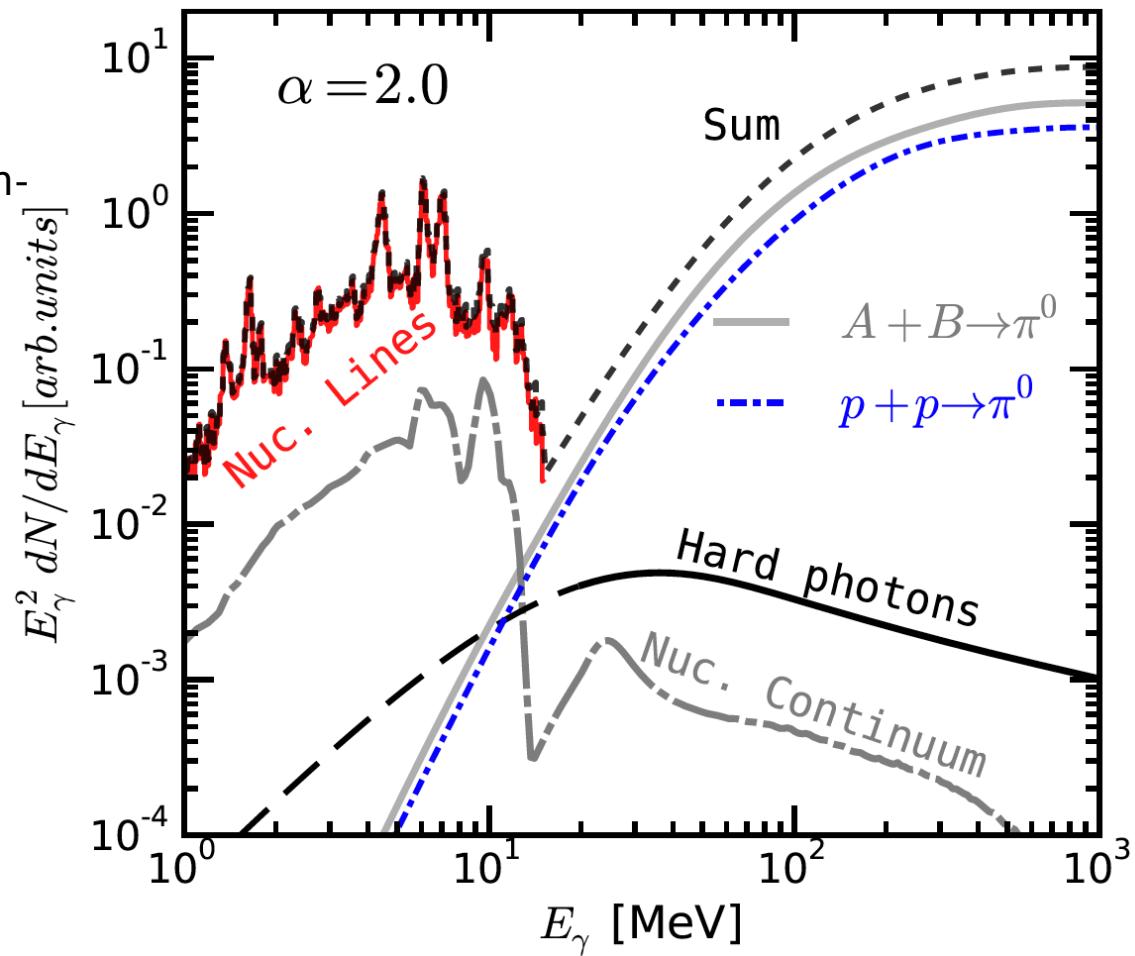


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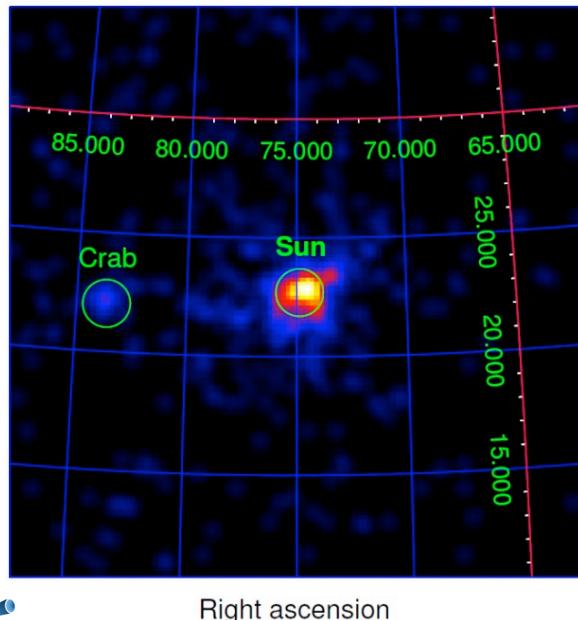
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- Nuclear Line Emission
  - $a+B \rightarrow B^*$
- Nuclear Line Continuum:
  - statistical photons
  - direct photons
  - pre-equilibrium processes
- Hard Photon Emission (nuclear Bremstrahlung)

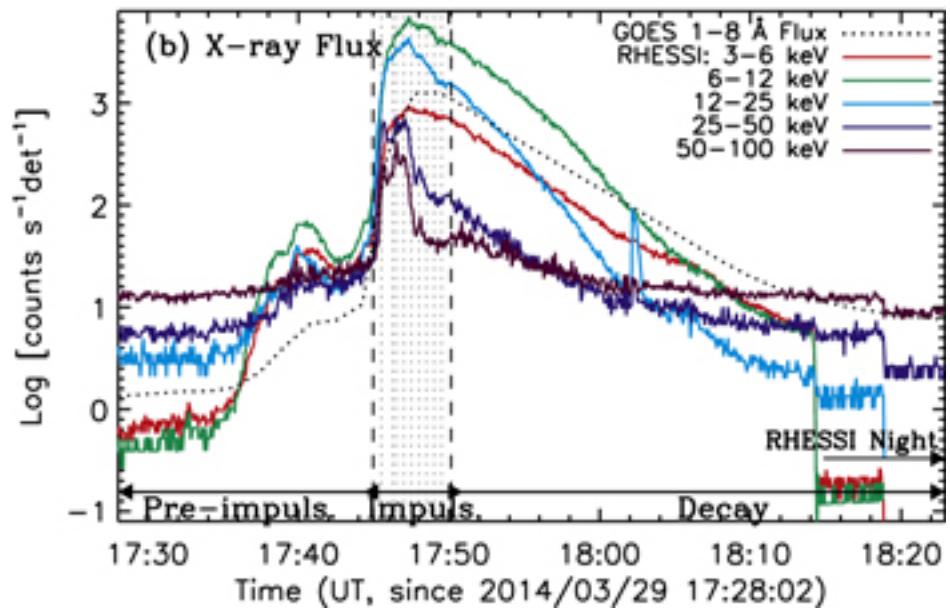


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# Other Bright Sources Seen By Fermi



- Gamma ray emission during flaring events
  - Most probable scenario, magnetic reconnection in Solar Corona



Emission of gamma rays!

Most important channels:

- De-excitation of atomic nuclei (low energy)
- Decay of neutral pions  $\pi_0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (high energy)

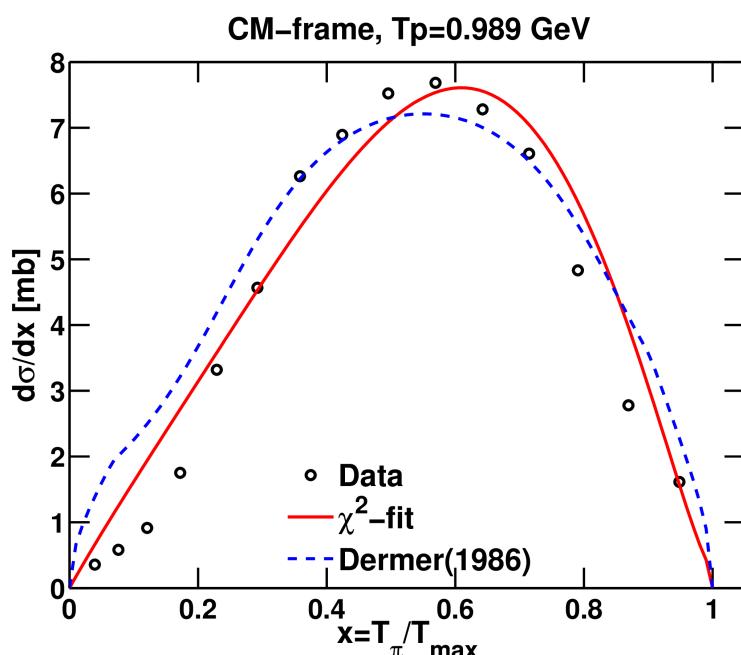
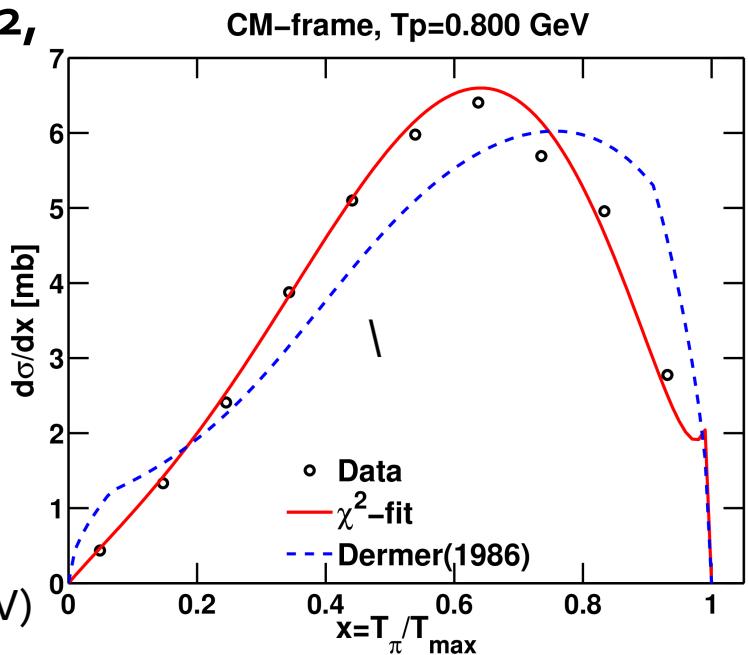
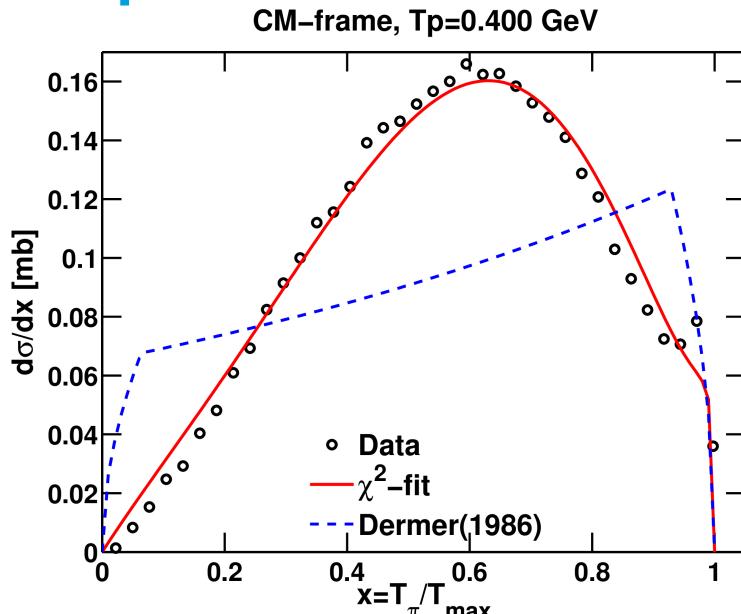
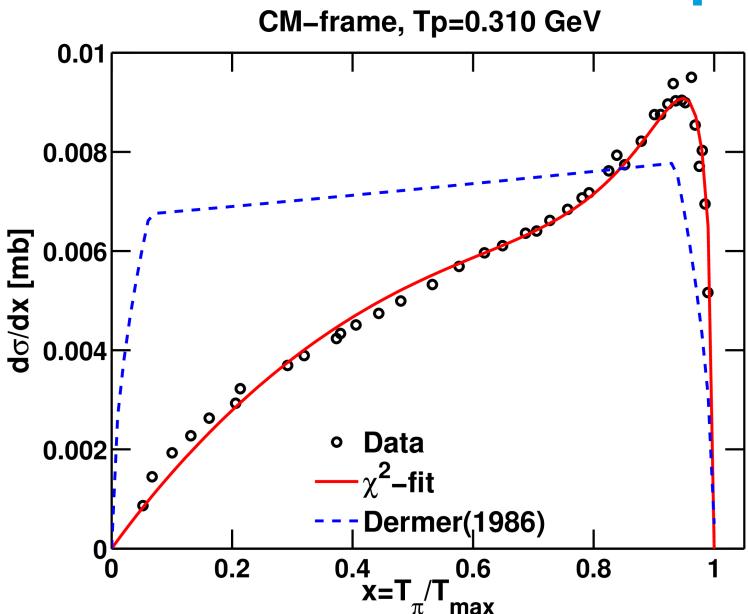
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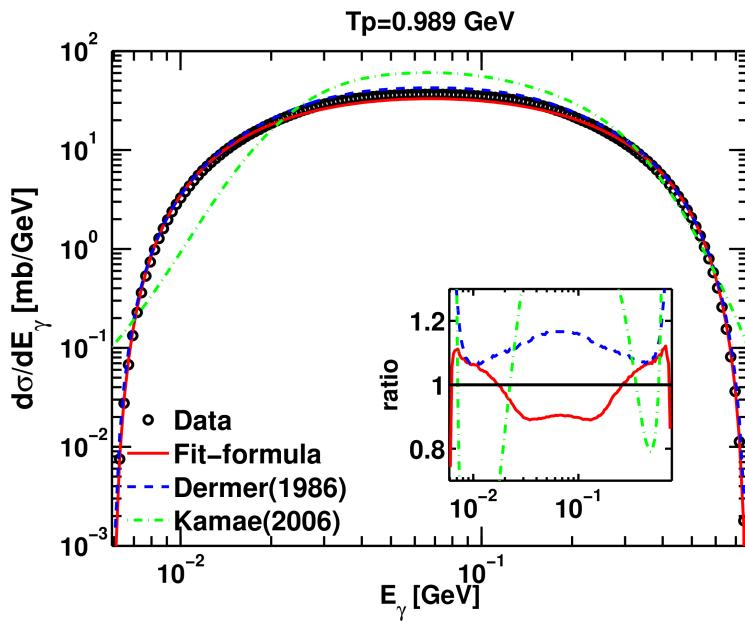
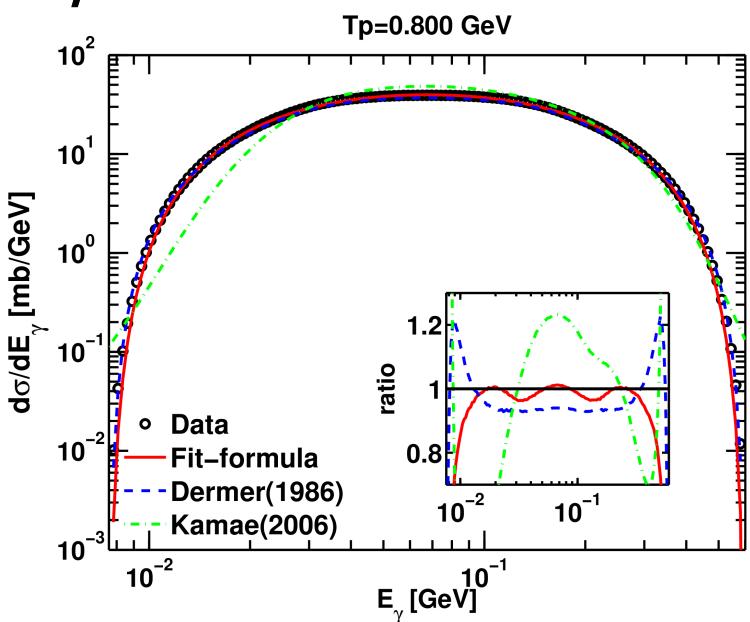
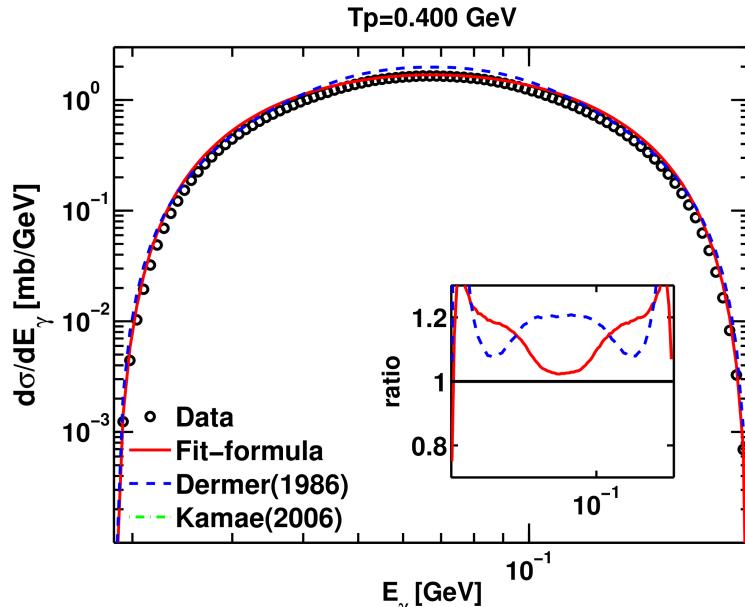
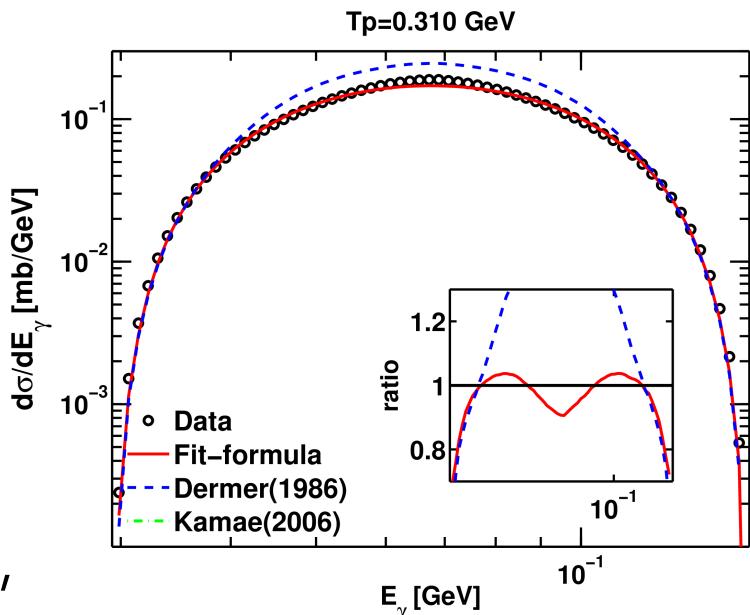
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# Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Spatial)

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}_{xx} \nabla f) = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

Spherically symmetric case:

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{r}^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \left( \mathbf{r}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} f \right) = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}f$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{r}^2} = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

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# Stochastic Particle Acceleration- Random Walk Result (Spatial)

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial r^2} = \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{A} + \frac{\mathbf{B}}{r}$$

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# Radiative Loss Timescale

- Relativistic particle will loose its energy on a timescale that depends of the different processes

$$\tau_{\text{cool}}(\mathbf{E}) \propto \mathbf{E}^r$$

Synchrotron:  
 $r = -1$

Inverse Compton  
(Thomson):  
 $r = -1$

Inverse  
Compton (K.N):  
 $r = 1$

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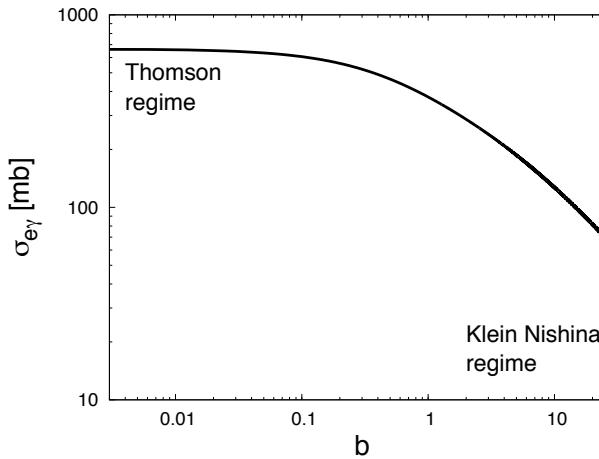
# Radiative Loss Timescale

$$\tau_{\text{cool}}(E) \propto E^r$$

Synchrotron:  
 $r = -1$

Inverse Compton  
(Thomson):  
 $r = -1$

Inverse  
Compton (K.N):  
 $r = 1$



$$E_\gamma \approx \gamma_e^2 \left( \frac{B}{B_{\text{crit}}} \right) m_e = b E_e$$



$$E_\gamma = \left( \frac{b}{1+b} \right) E_e$$

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