



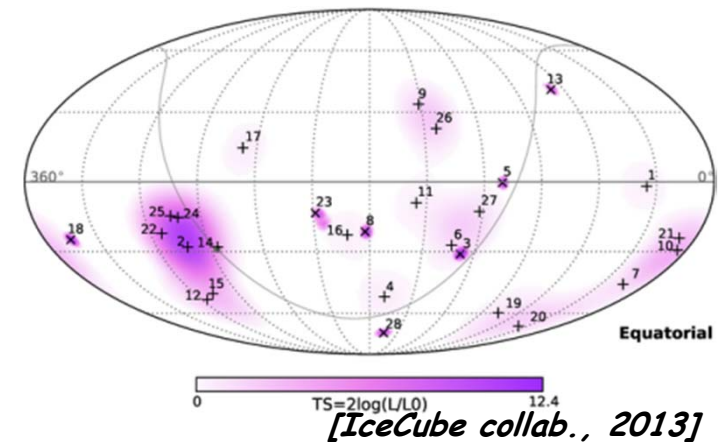
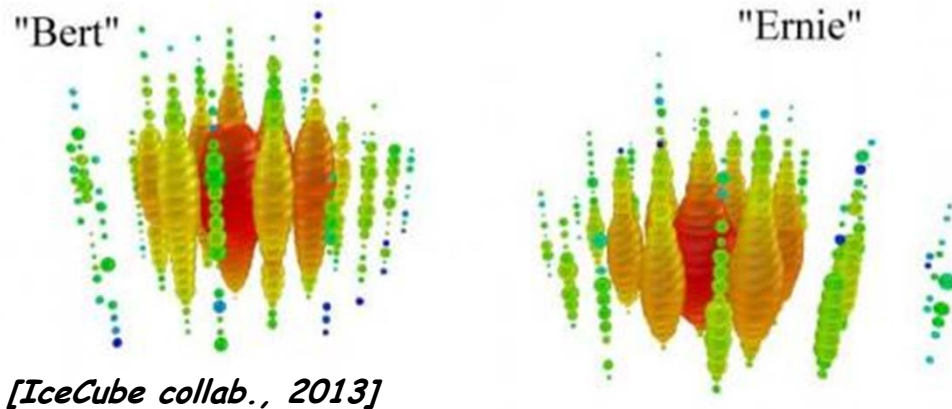
# Theoretical Aspects on : Multi-Messenger Strategies

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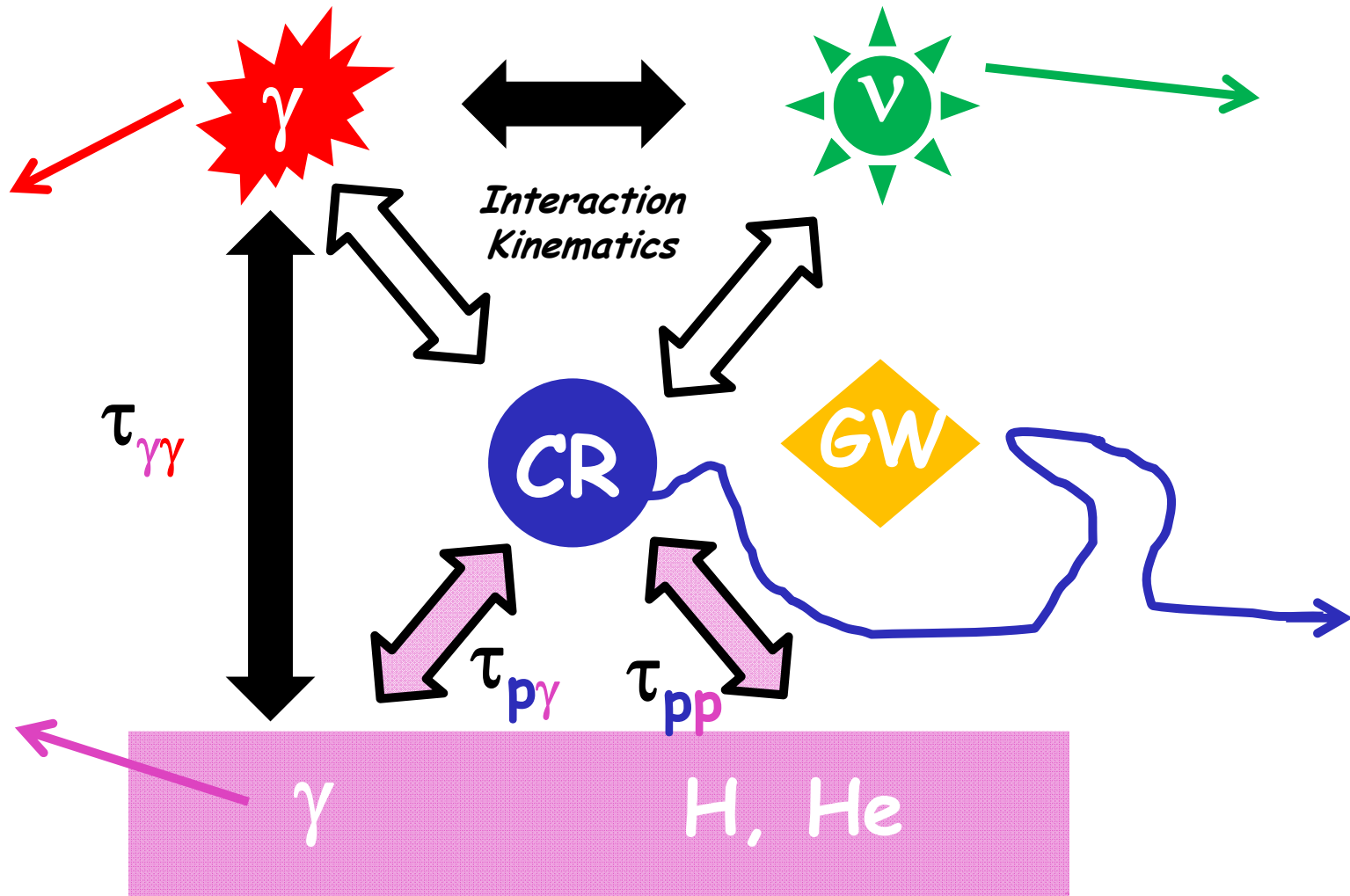


# Neutrino events counterparts?



- *IceCube detects extraterrestrial ( $\sim 5.7\sigma$ ) neutrinos:*  
*3-yrs data: 28 shower-like, 9 track-like, fully contained events [IceCube coll. 2014]*
- *reconstructed energies  $\sim$ tens of TeV -  $\sim 3$  PeV*
- *compatible with isotropic source distribution &  $\sim E^{-2.5}$  spectrum with cutoff above PeV energies*
- *all-sky integrated flux  $\sim 10^{-8} \text{GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1} (60-3000 \text{TeV})$  per flavor for  $E^{-2}$  spect*
- *compatible with neutrino flavor ratio  $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1 : 1 : 1$*   
*=> Evidence for hadronic (pp, p $\gamma$ ) interactions in cosmic sources*

# Hadronic Interactions in Astrophysics



**Multi-messenger approach for identifying cosmic ray sources**

# Outline

## I Hadronic Interactions in Astrophysics

1. Properties & interaction kinematics
2. Secondary particle spectra ( $\nu, \gamma$ )

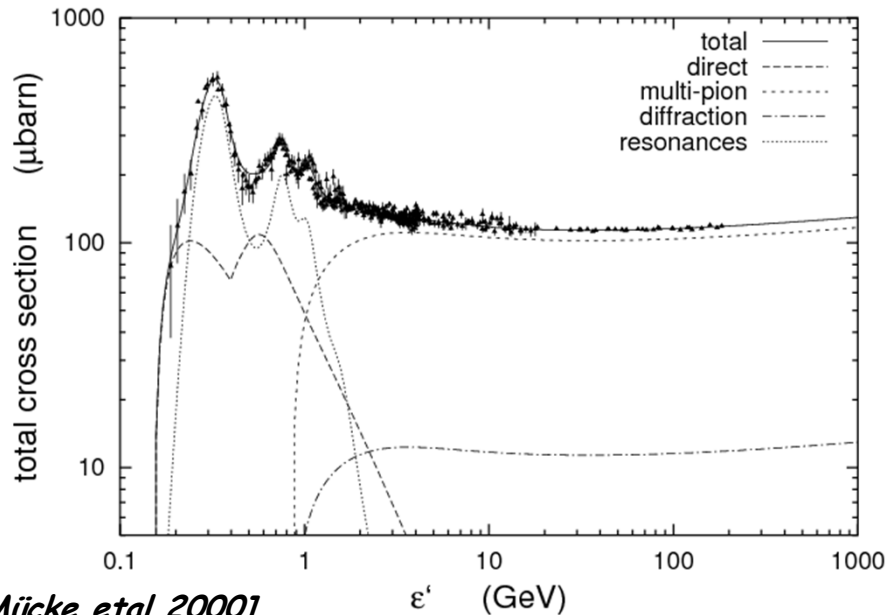
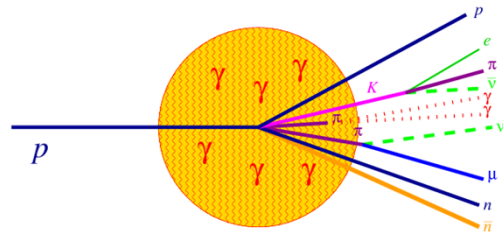
## II Applications to Active Galactic Nuclei

1. Photon-neutrino scaling?
2. Impact of  $\gamma\gamma$ -opacity
3. Modeling broadband SEDs of Fermi-blazars

## III Conclusions

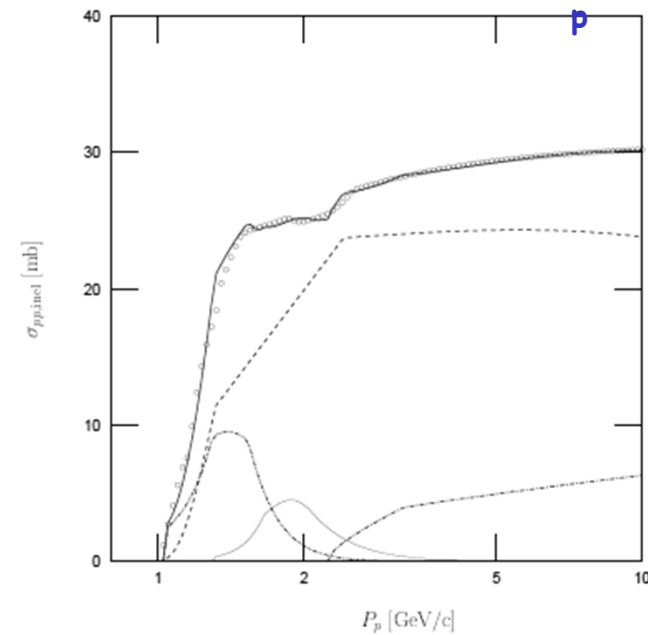
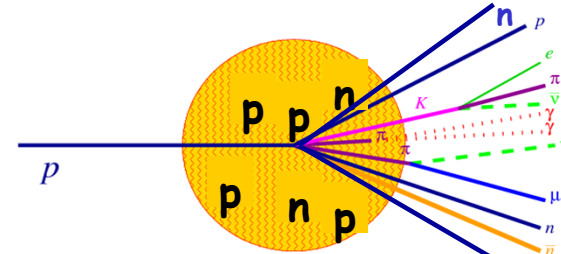
# Hadronic Interactions: Interaction Kinematics

## • Photomeson Production



**Threshold:**  $s^{1/2}_{\text{threshold}} = m_p + m_{\pi^0}$   
 $\epsilon' \cdot E'_p \geq 0.07 \text{ GeV}^2$

## • Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction



$s^{1/2}_{\text{threshold}} = 2m_p + m_{\pi^0}$   
 $\rightarrow E_p > 1.23 \text{ GeV}$

# Hadronic Interactions: Interaction Kinematics

- Photomeson Production
- Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction

• **Inelasticity:**  $K_p \sim 0.2 - 0.6$

$$K_p \sim 0.5$$

• **Neutrino energy:**  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \approx \frac{1}{4} E_\pi$ ,  $\gamma_p \approx \gamma_\pi$

$$\langle E_\nu \rangle \approx \frac{1}{4} E_\pi$$

$$\langle E_\nu \rangle / E_p \approx 0.04 \text{ in resonance region}$$

$$\langle E_\nu \rangle / E_p \approx 0.05$$

$$\langle E_\nu \rangle / E_p < 0.01 \text{ at high } E$$

• **Photon energy:**  $\langle E_\gamma \rangle \approx \frac{1}{2} E_{\pi^0}$ ,  $\gamma_p \approx \gamma_\pi$

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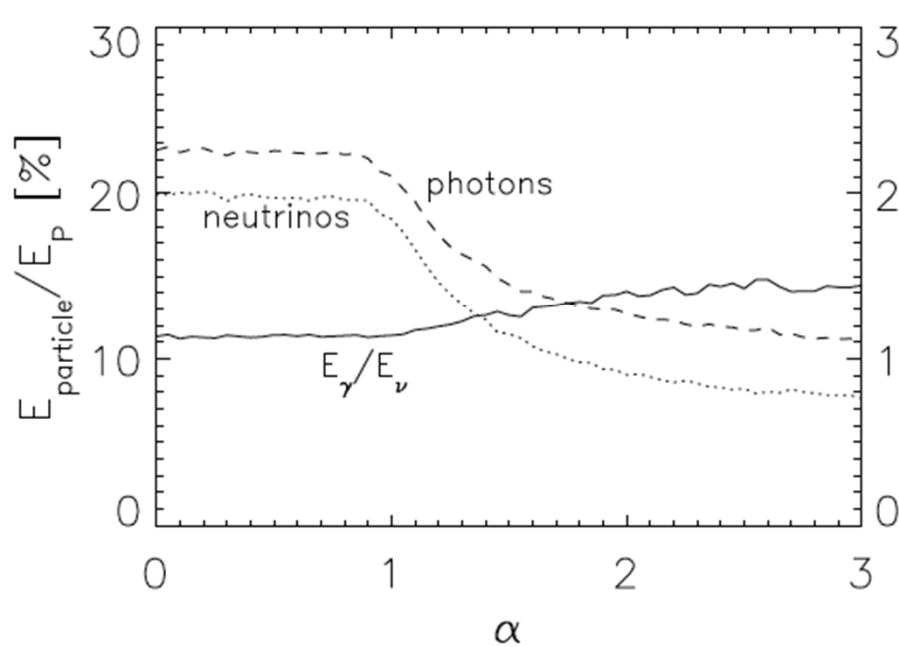
$$\langle E_\gamma \rangle / E_p \approx 0.1$$

$$\langle E_\gamma \rangle / E_p < 0.01 \text{ at high } E$$

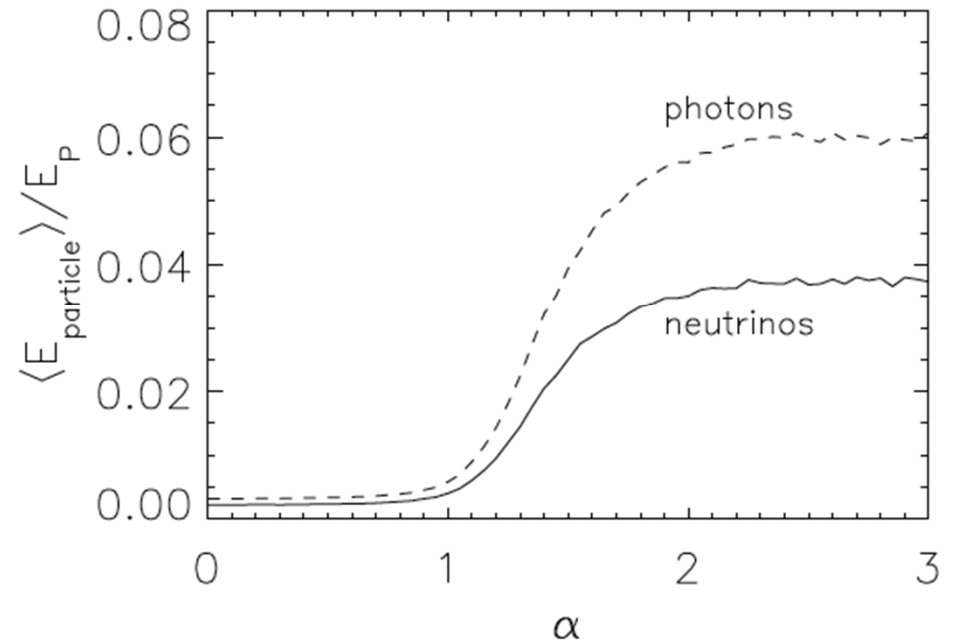
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# Photomeson production: Interaction Kinematics



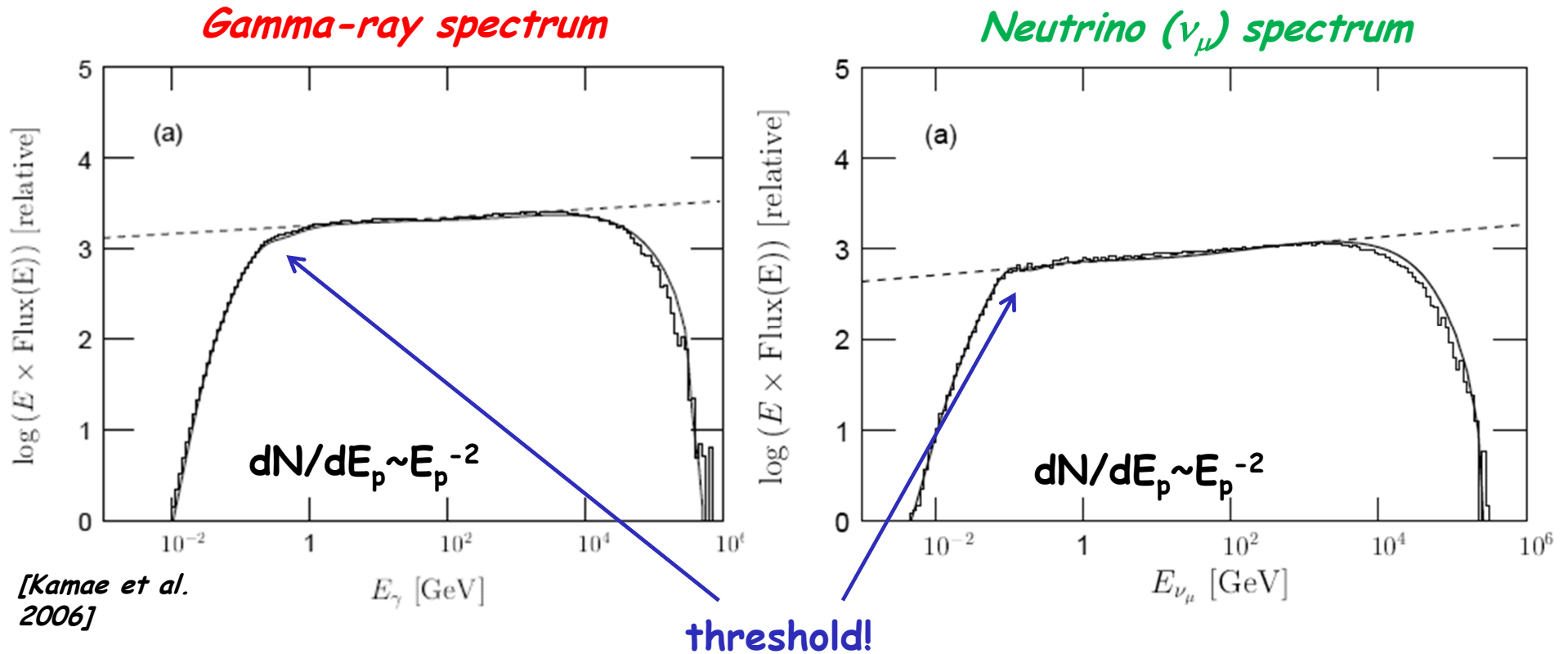
[Mücke et al. 1999, 2000]



- average energy of produced photon/neutrino sensitive to steepness of photon target

$\cdot \Sigma E_\gamma / \Sigma E_\nu \approx 1-1.5$   
 $\cdot \sim 20\% \ \& \ \sim 25\%$  dissipation in  $\nu$  &  $\gamma$  } in photomeson production

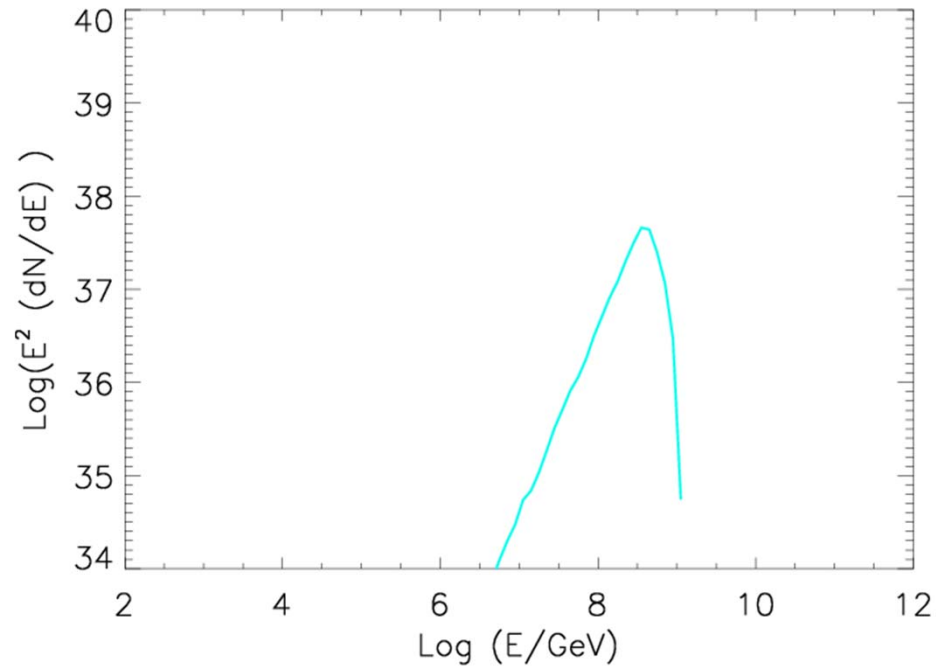
# Nucleon-Nucleon Interactions: Secondary particle spectra



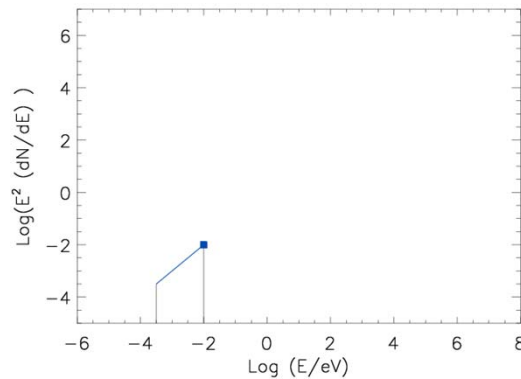
-> above threshold secondary particle spectrum ( $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ ) follows ambient CR spectrum



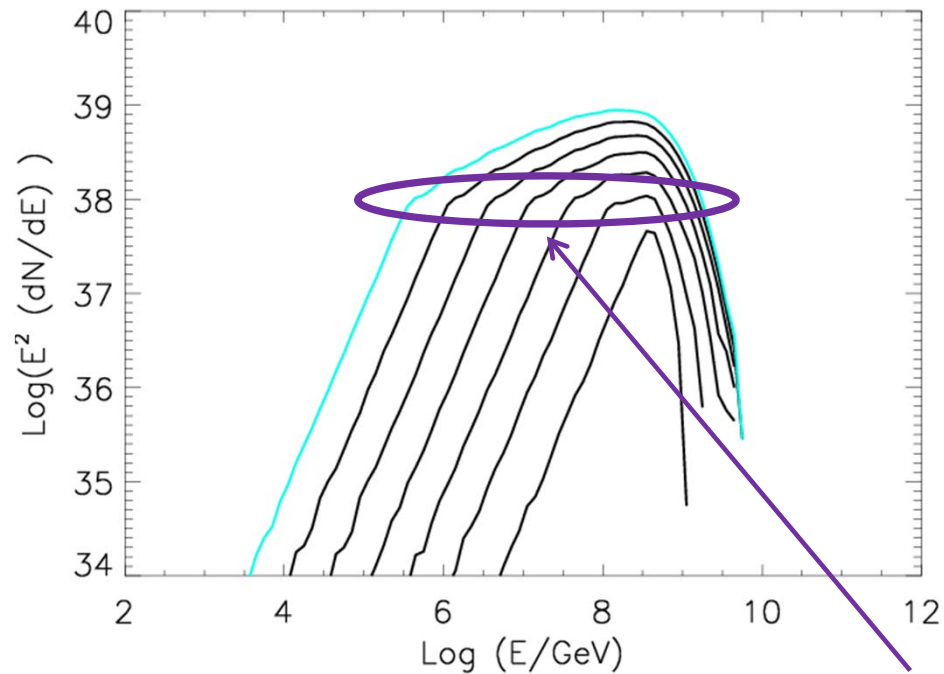
# Neutrino ( $\nu_\mu$ ) spectra from $p\gamma$ -interactions



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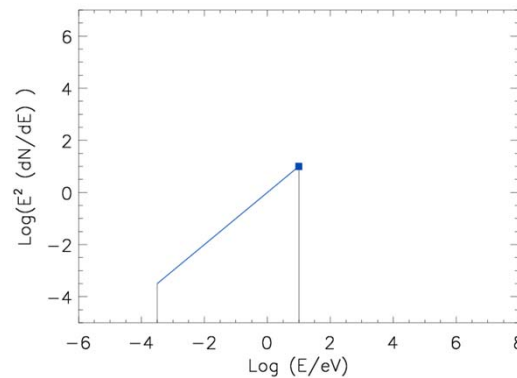


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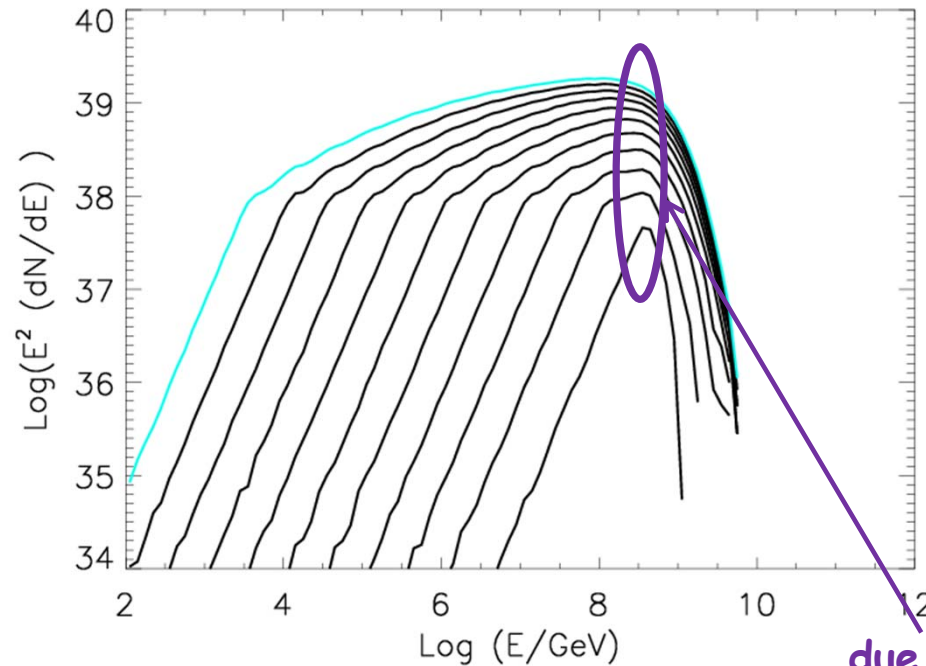


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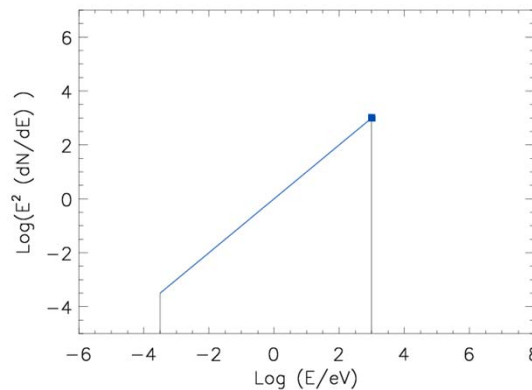


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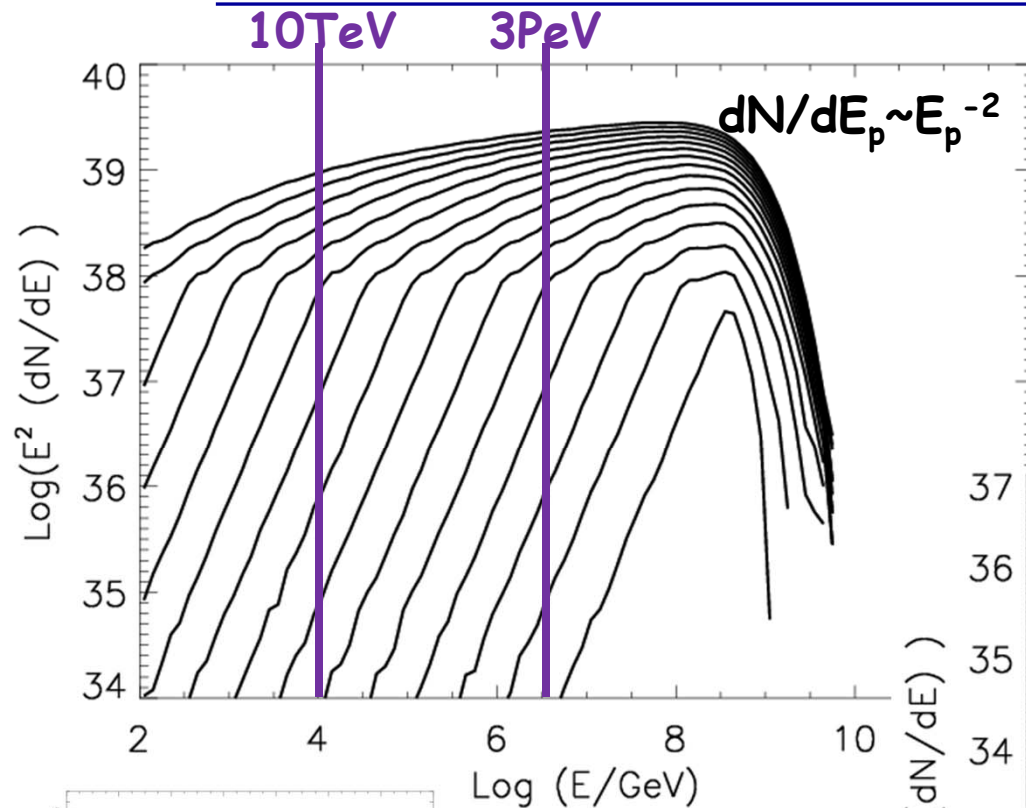


due to cutoff  
of ambient CR-  
spectrum

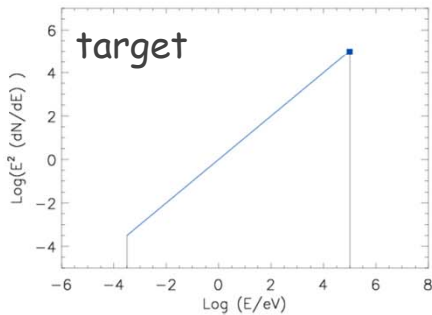
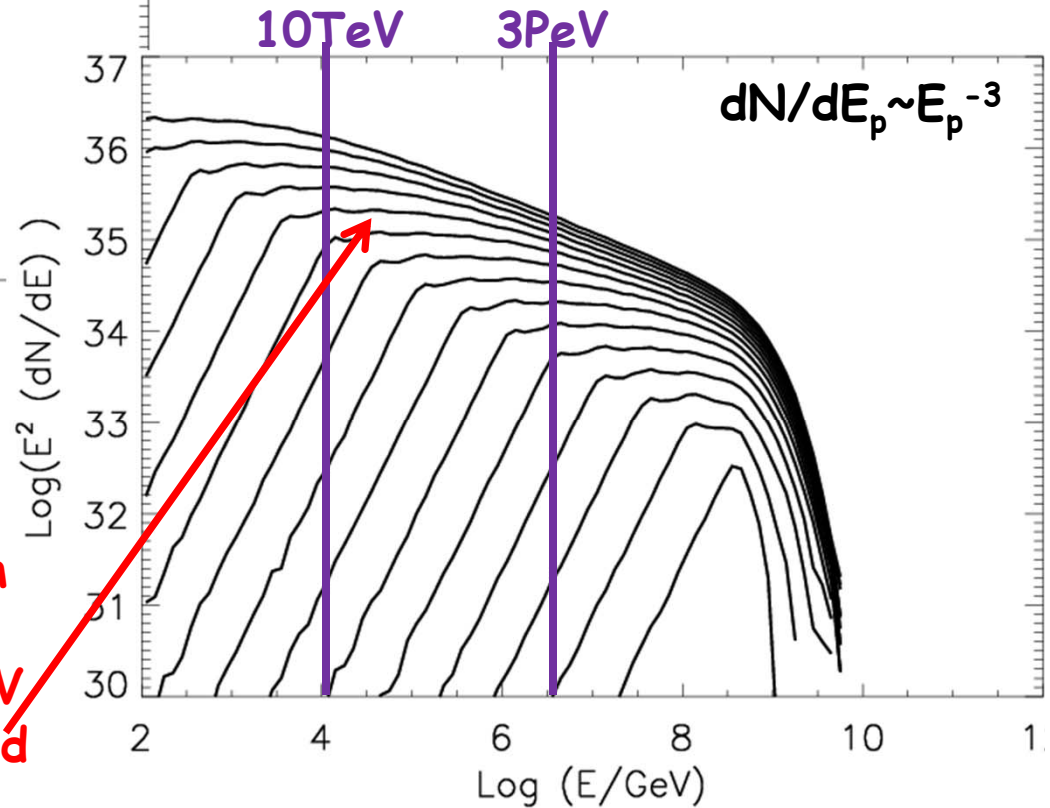
target



# Neutrino ( $\nu_\mu$ ) spectra from $p\gamma$ -interactions



$\nu$ -spectral shape above threshold roughly follows ambient CR spectrum



soft  $\nu$ -spectrum  
 $>10\text{TeV}$  requires prominent  $>0.3\text{keV}$  target photon field

# Applications

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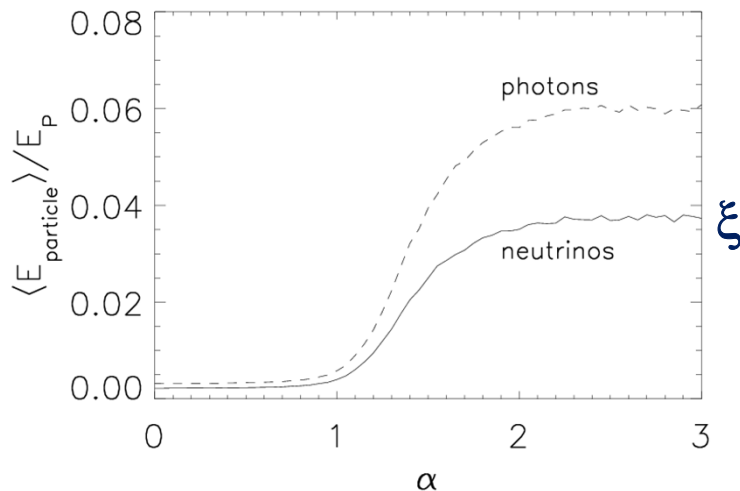
Are jetted AGN the  
counterpart sources of  
the detected IceCube  
neutrino events?

# Requirements on jetted neutrino sources

- Targets for hadronic interactions:

*photons -> radiative jets*  
*material -> heavy jets*

- Hadron energy in photohadronic interactions:



Required nucleon energy:

$$E'_p \leq 20 (E_{\nu,10\text{PeV}} / D_{10}^{\xi_{0.05}}) \text{ PeV}$$

Threshold condition:  $\varepsilon' \cdot E'_p \geq 0.07 \text{ GeV}^2$

Suitable target photons of energy

$$\varepsilon' \geq 3 (E_{\nu,10\text{PeV}} / D_{10}^{\xi_{0.05}})^{-1} \text{ eV}$$

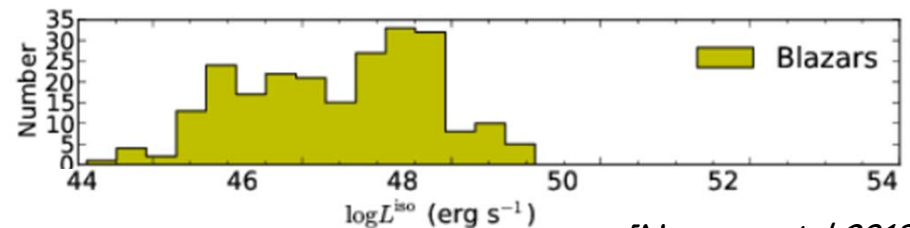
Hillas criterium [Hillas 1984]:

$$E'_p \leq \Gamma \cdot e \cdot Z \cdot B' \cdot R'$$

- Source energetics:

$$P_{\text{jet}} > 10^{43} \Gamma_{30}^2 \beta^{-1} (E_{\nu,10\text{PeV}} / \xi_{0.05})^2 \text{ erg/s}$$

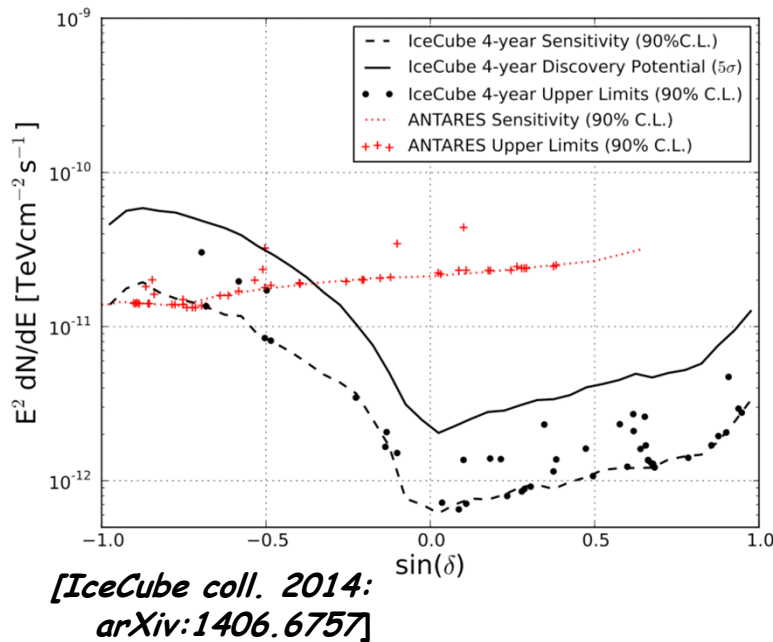
[Waxman 2004]



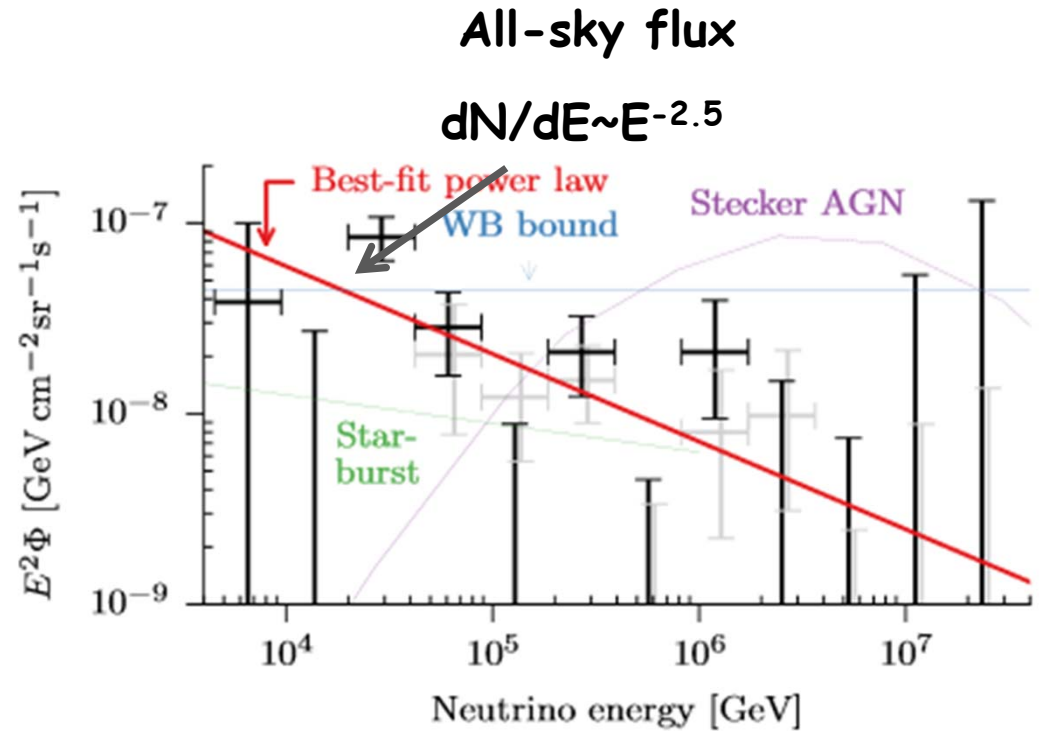
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# Requirements on jetted neutrino sources

- comply with observations!

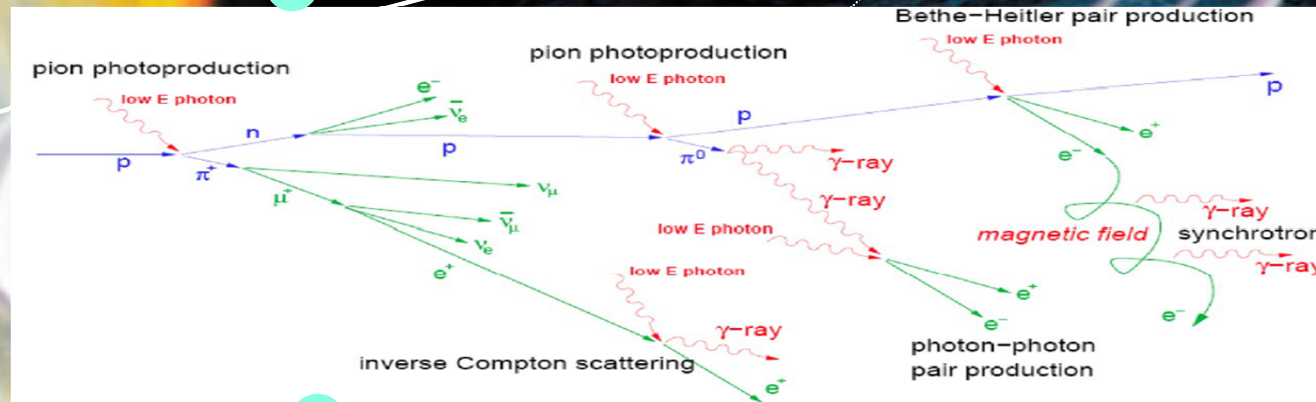


Point source  $\nu$ -limits



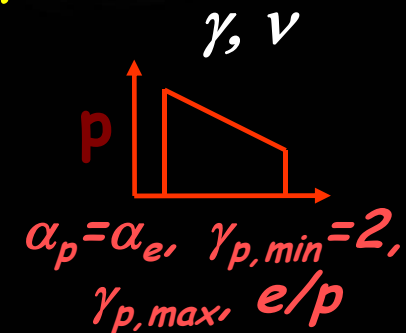
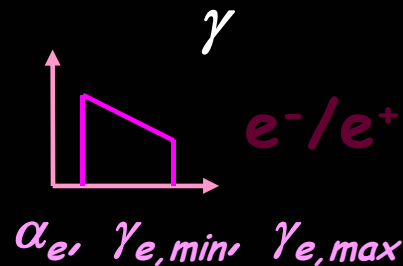
[Aartsen et al 2014]

# Non-thermal Emission Processes in AGN Jets: Leptons & Hadrons



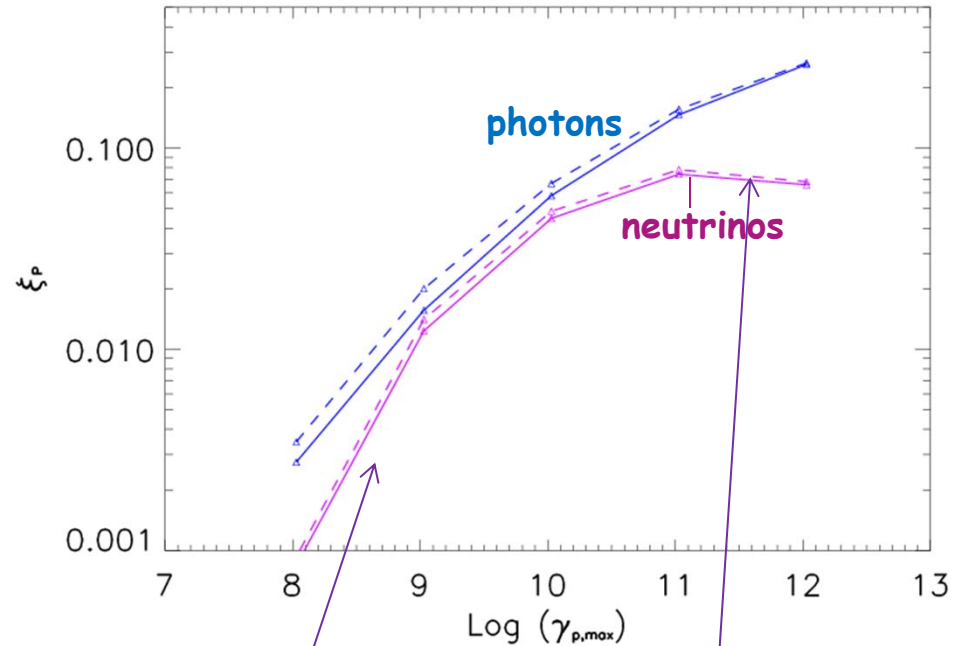
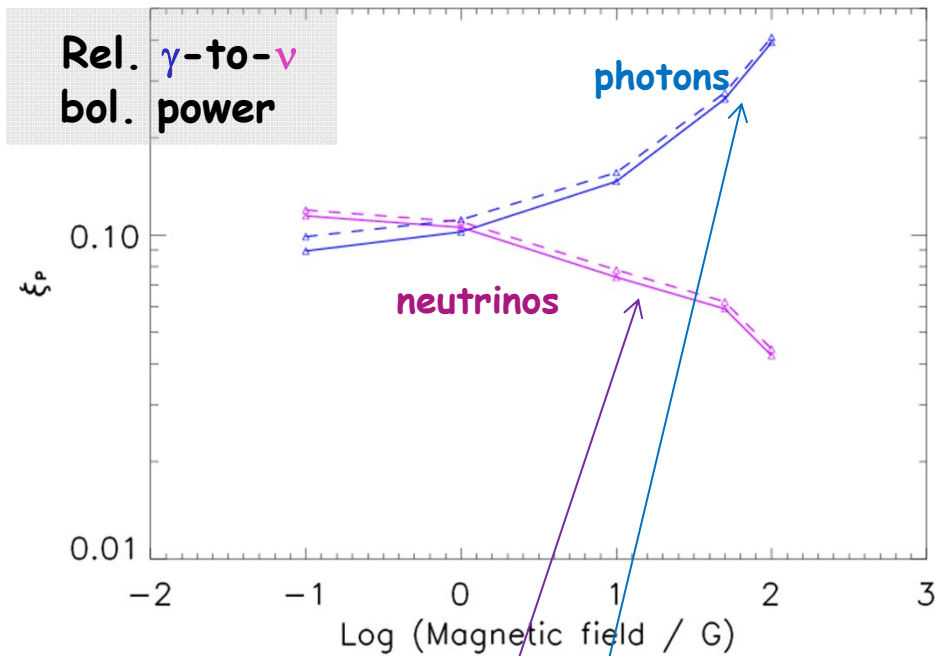
$\rightarrow \Gamma$   
ad. losses/  
escape

**Competing nucleon losses!**





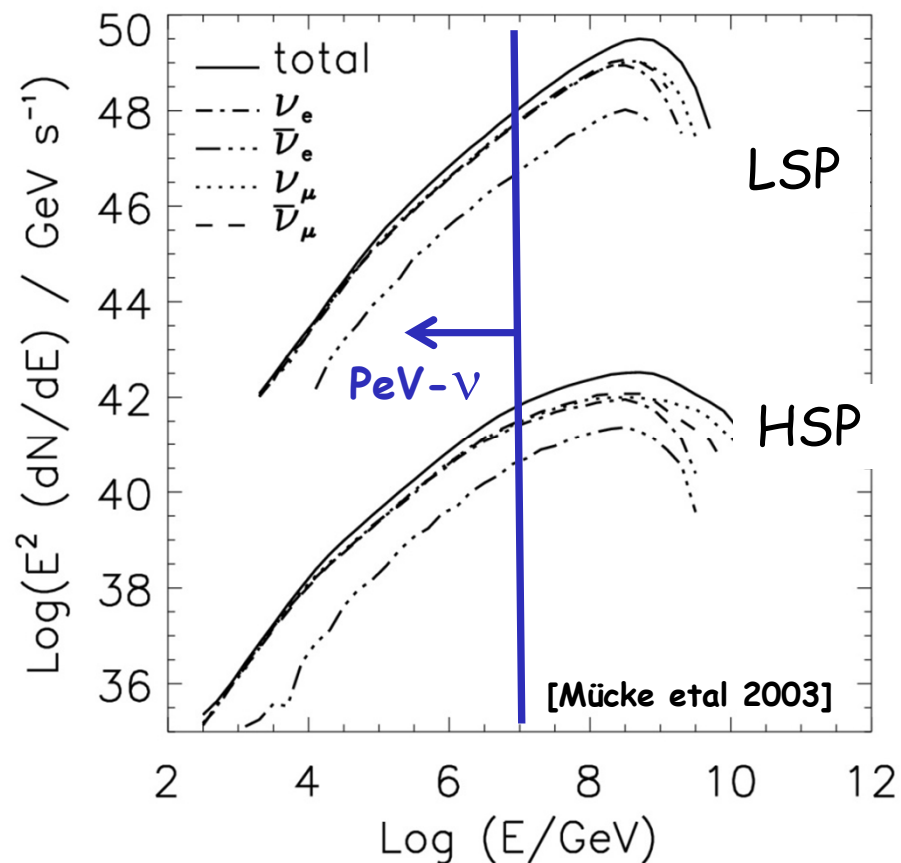
# Photon-neutrino scaling?



$\Rightarrow$   $\nu$ -flux estimates from observed  $\gamma$ -ray fluxes must take into account competing loss channels (e.g., synchrotron channel)

$\Rightarrow$  optimal  $\nu$ -production in limited  $\gamma_{p, max}$ -range

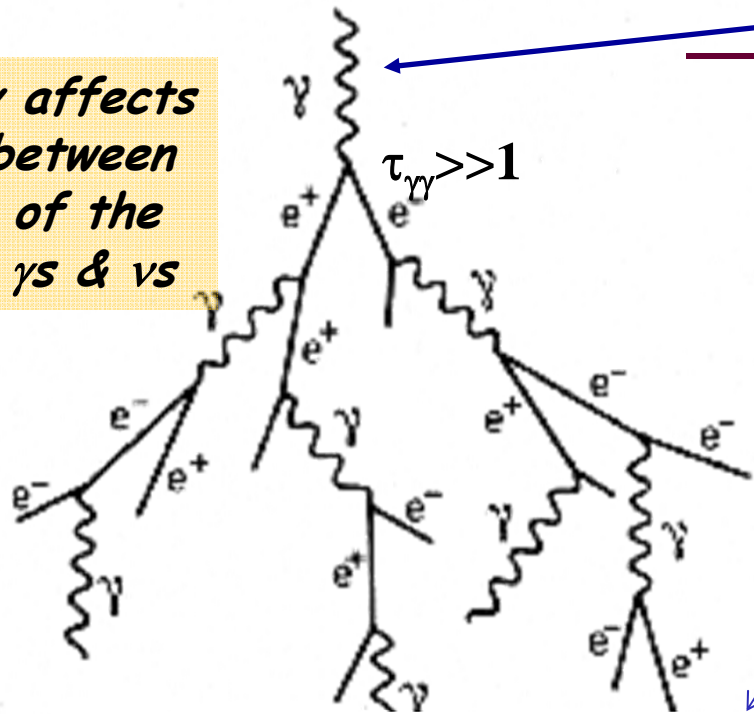
# LSPs versus HSPs as neutrino source candidates



**=> Among blazars LSP-type AGN produce potentially higher neutrino luminosities than HSP-type AGN**

# Cascade development

*$\gamma\gamma$ -opacity affects relation between energies of the emerging  $\gamma$ s & vs*

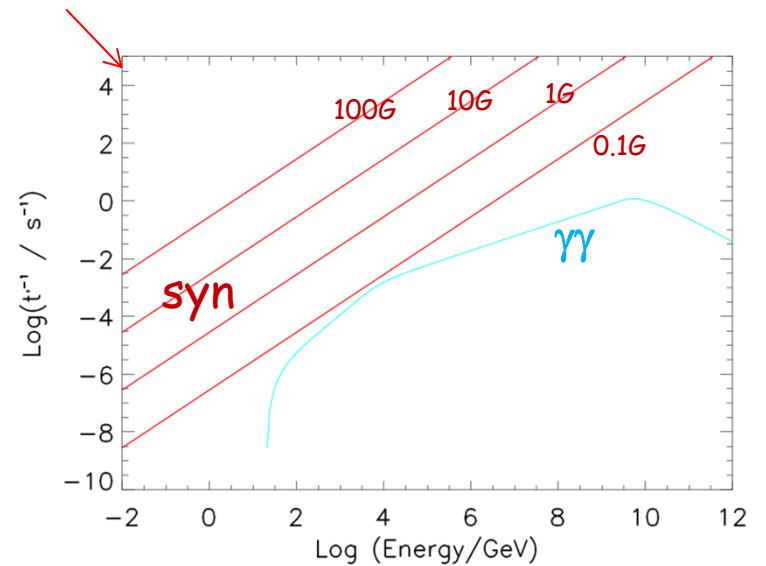
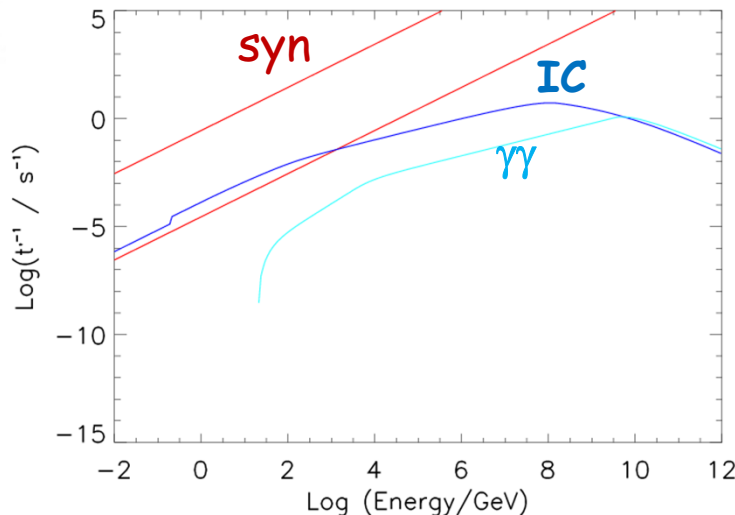


Energy injection

Degrading of photon/ particle energy:

- (1) Conversion of  $\gamma$ -photons into  $e^\pm$  by  $\gamma\gamma$ -pair production
- (2) Radiation from  $e^\pm$ -pairs by
  - Compton scattering or/and
  - Synchrotron radiation

*$\gamma\gamma$ -opacity grossly determines cascade time scale*

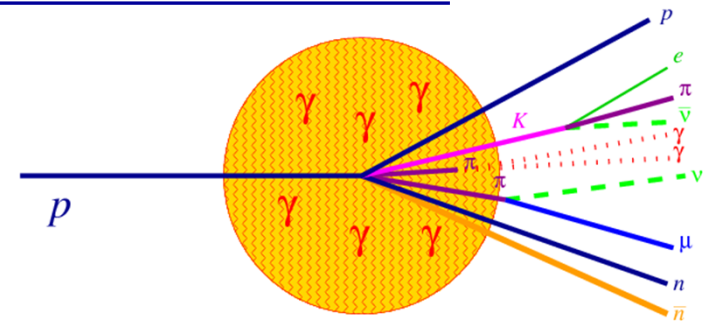


# Target photon fields

- **Internal photon fields**

(jet synchrotron radiation; z.B. PIC, SPB

[Mücke et al 2003, ...])



- **External photon fields:**

e.g., - accretion disk radiation field -> redshifted in jet frame!

[e.g. Protheroe 1996; Bednarek & Protheroe 1999, ...]

- BLR lines & at BLR scattered accretion disk radiation

[e.g. Atoyan & Dermer 2003, Dermer et al 2014, Murase et al 2014, ...]

- IR/dust torus

[e.g. Murase et al 2014]

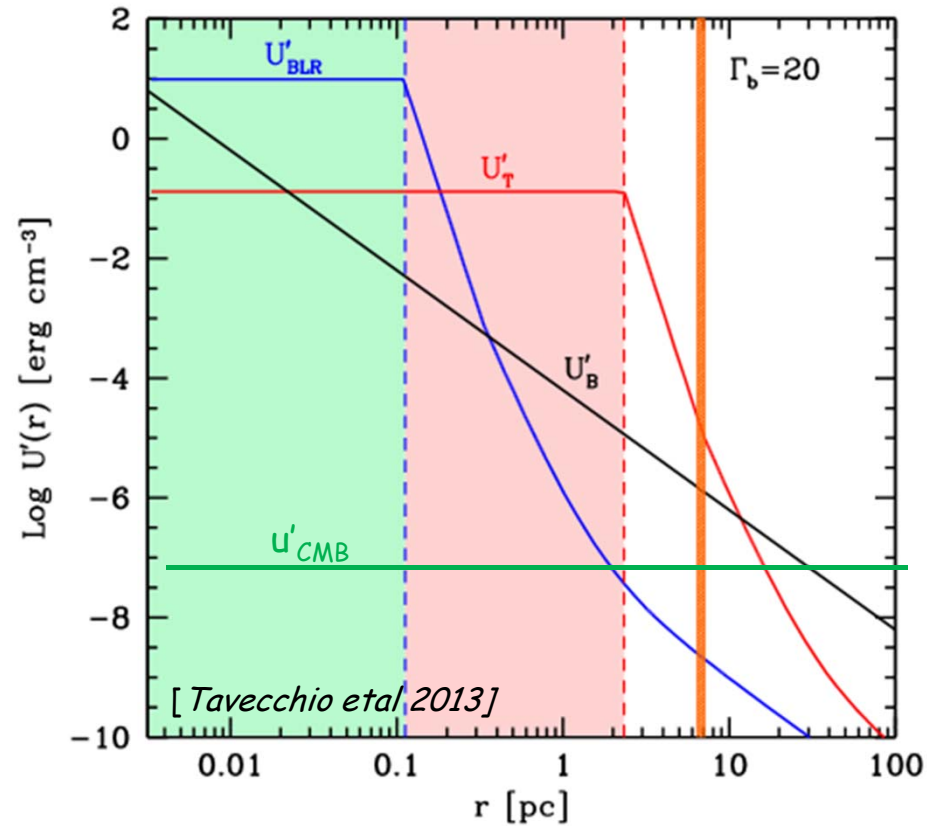
- Spine/sheath within structured jet model

[e.g. Tavecchio et al 2014]

External radiation blueshifted in jet frame relaxes required  $\gamma_p$  for  $\pi$ -production

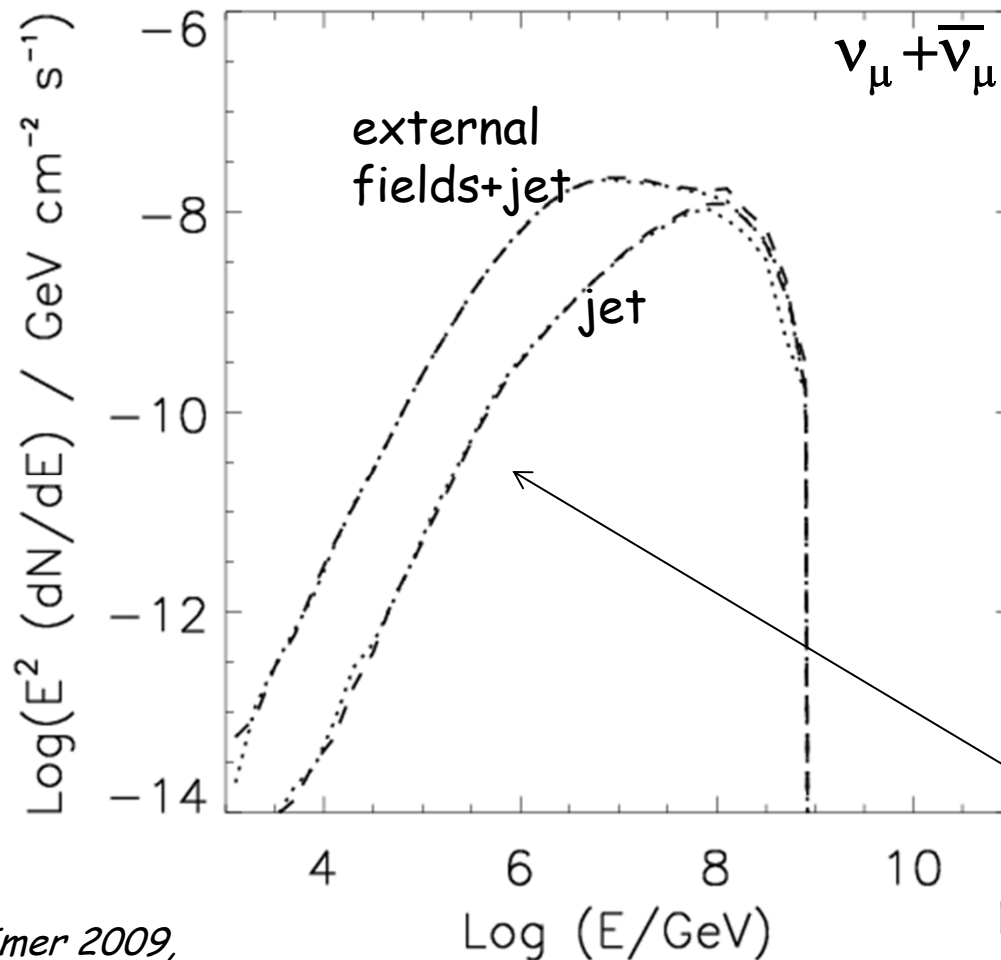
# Location of the $\gamma$ -ray emitting region

-> implications for dominating target photon field for particle-photon interactions



=> Nature (& frequency) of dominating external target photon field depends on distance from the central engine

# Neutrino fluxes: External versus jet target photons



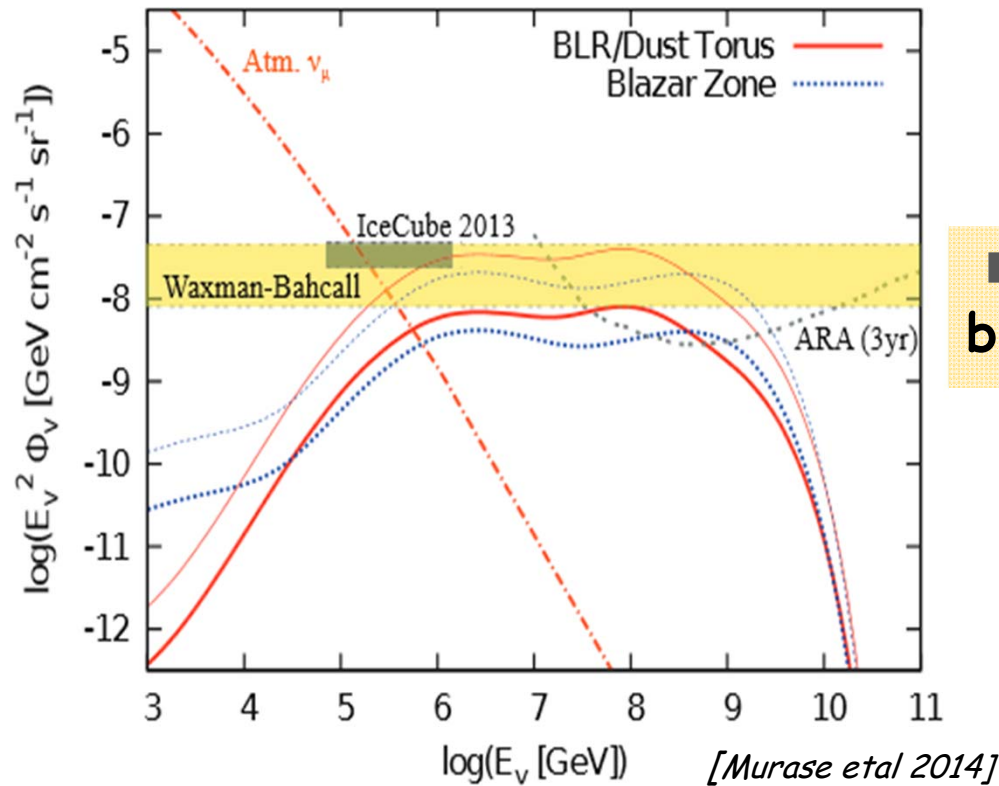
$\pi$ -production in BLR radiation field adds predominantly  $> \text{PeV}$  neutrinos

[Reimer 2009,  
Abbasi et al 2009]

Blazars with highly magnetized emission regions - if sources of the HECRs - are weak, hard-spectrum TeV-PeV  $\nu$ -emitter!

# Predicted diffuse neutrino fluxes .....

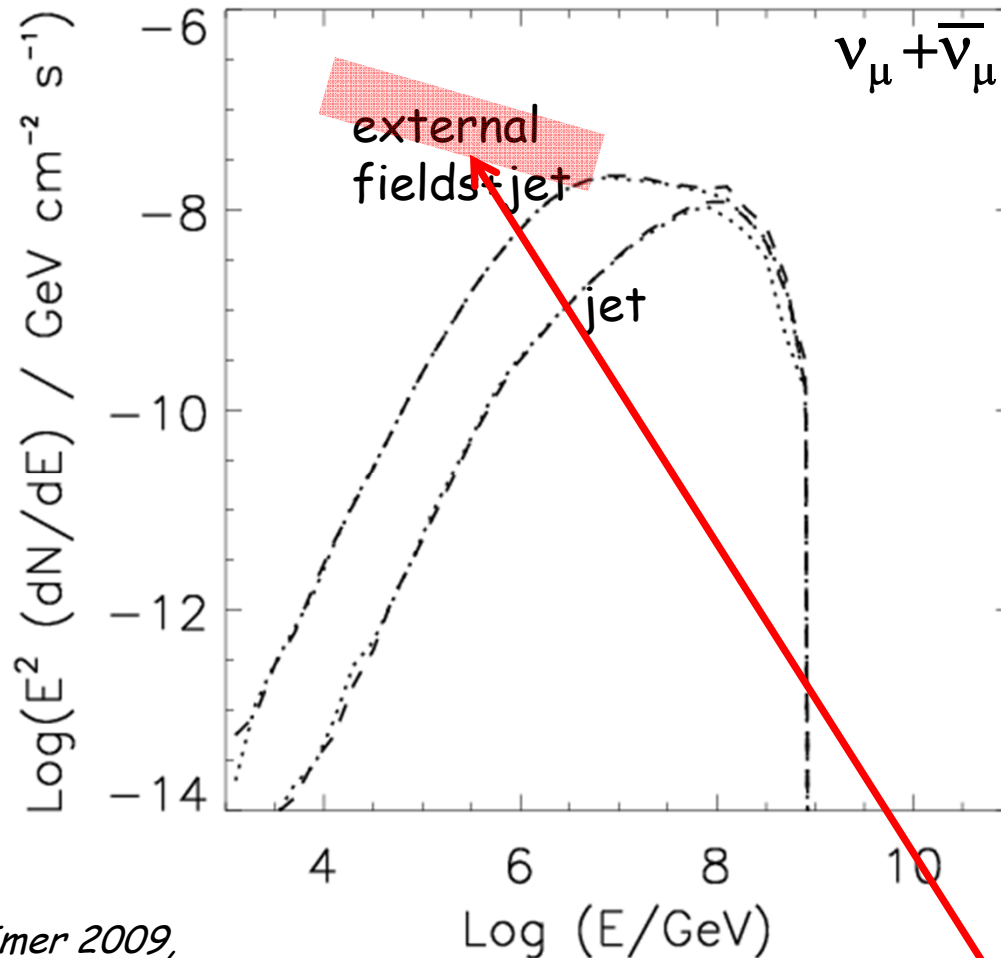
.... from  $\pi$ -production in external blazar radiation fields



➔ predict hard  $\nu$ -spectra below PeV energies

.... possibly in tension with observed soft all-sky  $\nu$ -spectrum!

# Neutrino fluxes: External versus jet target photons



$\pi$ -production in BLR radiation field adds predominantly > PeV neutrinos

[Reimer 2009, Abbasi et al 2009]

Need prominent (jet-frame) x-ray target photon field!



# On co-spatial GeV-photon & 10TeV $\nu$ -emission

If  $\gamma$ -ray &  $\nu$ -emission *co-spatial*:

- Significant  $>GeV$  emission requires:

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} = n_{T,\gamma\gamma} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} R \ll 1 \quad \text{with } n_{T,\gamma\gamma} = n_x$$

[Threshold condition:

$$E_T \cdot E_\gamma > (m_e c^2)^2 ]$$

- Significant  $>$ tens of TeV  $\nu$ -production from  $p\gamma$ -interactions requires:

$$\tau_{p\gamma} = n_{T,p\gamma} \sigma_{p\gamma} R \gg 1 \quad \text{with } n_{T,p\gamma} = n_x$$

→ Together:  $1 \gg \tau_{\gamma\gamma} / \tau_{p\gamma} \approx \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} / \sigma_{p\gamma} \gg 1$

requirement

if same target photon field  
for  $\gamma\gamma$ - &  $p\gamma$ -interactions



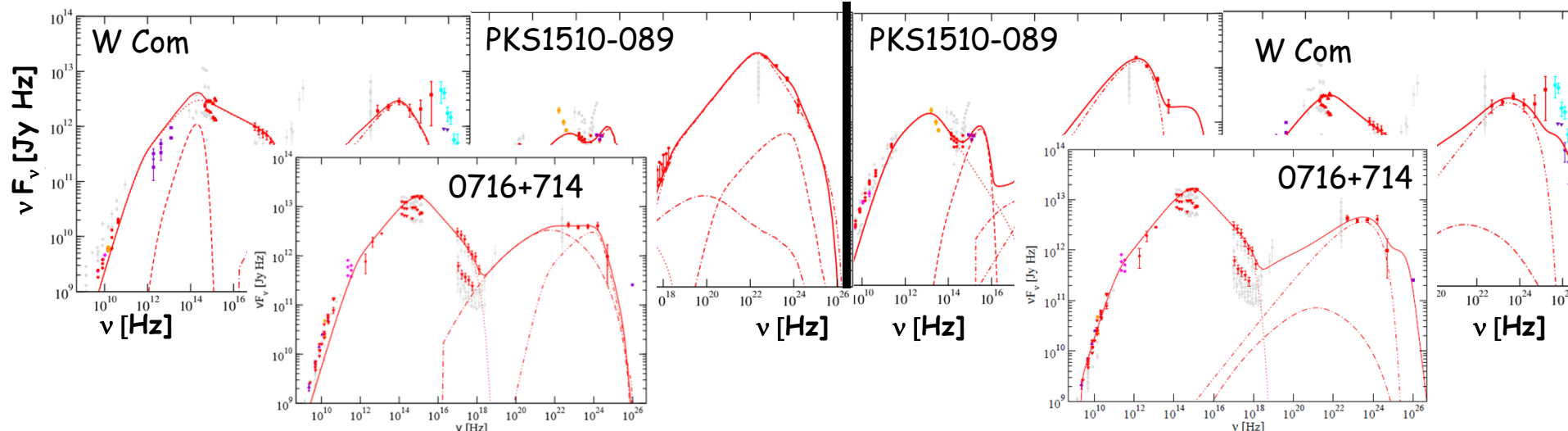
→  $>$ Tens GeV-photon emission suppressed in regions where significant  $\sim 10TeV$  soft-spectrum  $\nu$ -flux is photohadronically produced.

# Multifrequency Modelling of *LAT*-detected Blazars

## Leptonic Models

[Böttcher, Reimer et al 2013]

## Hadronic Models



### One-zone leptonic models:

- acceptable fits to ~9/12 of all cases
- need external target photons *in all cases*

### One-zone hadronic models:

- acceptable fits to ~8/12 of all cases
- proton syn. @GeV + cascade emission @ higher energies
- require very large jet powers  $\sim 10^{47-49} \text{ erg/s}$
- $E_{p, \text{max}} \sim 10^{17-18} \text{ eV}$

# Conclusions

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## - Photon-neutrino flux scaling? -

- $L_\gamma \sim L_\nu$  flux scaling from interaction kinematics reflects only upper limit of expected  $\nu$ -flux.
- Flux ratios  $F_\nu/F_\gamma$  from multi-messenger modeling indicate significantly lower values (due to competing loss processes).

## - On the counterpart sources of the IceCube TeV-PeV events -

- Soft  $>$ tens of TeV  $\nu$ -spectra unlikely produced photohadronically by luminous photon emitters peaking  $>$ tens of GeV if  $\gamma$ -ray &  $\nu$ -emission co-spatial.

**$\gamma\gamma$ -opacity effects!**