Multi-messenger source models: neutrino-UHECR connections

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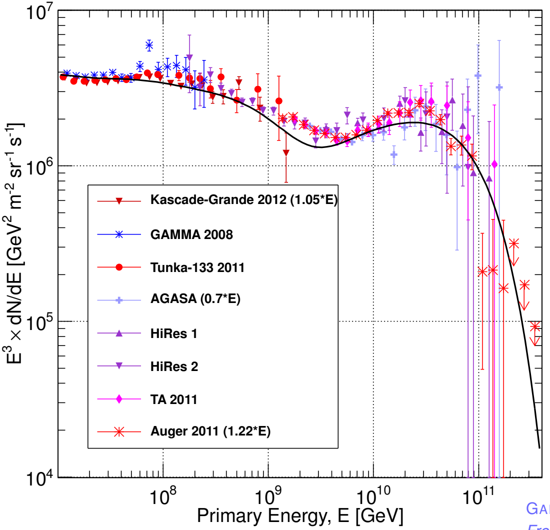
Ultra-high-energy cosmic rays

After 50+ years of UHECR measurements —



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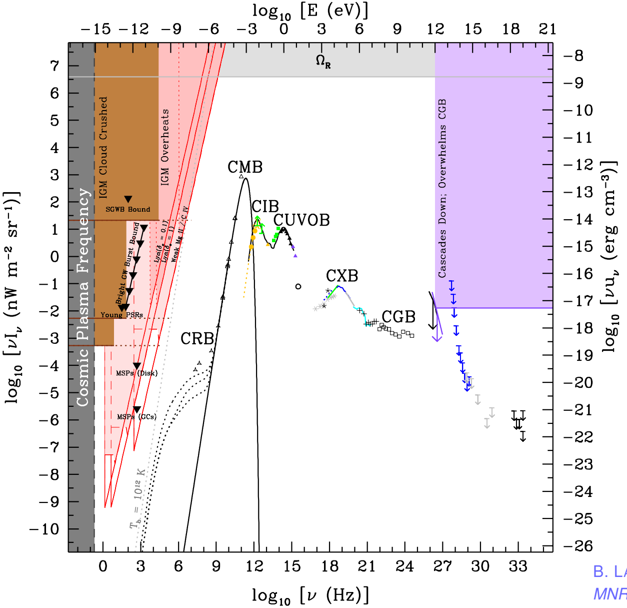
The electromagnetic sky

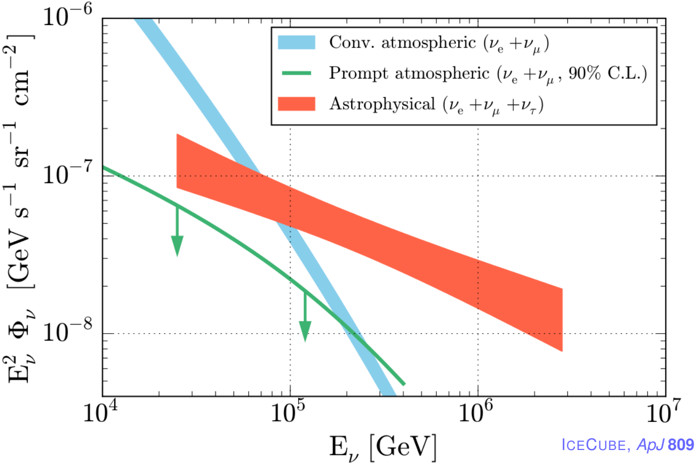


B. Lacki, *MNRAS* **406**, 863 (2010)

A new player: high-energy astrophysical neutrinos

The era of neutrino astronomy has begun!

IceCube has reported 54 events with 30 TeV – 2 PeV in 4 years



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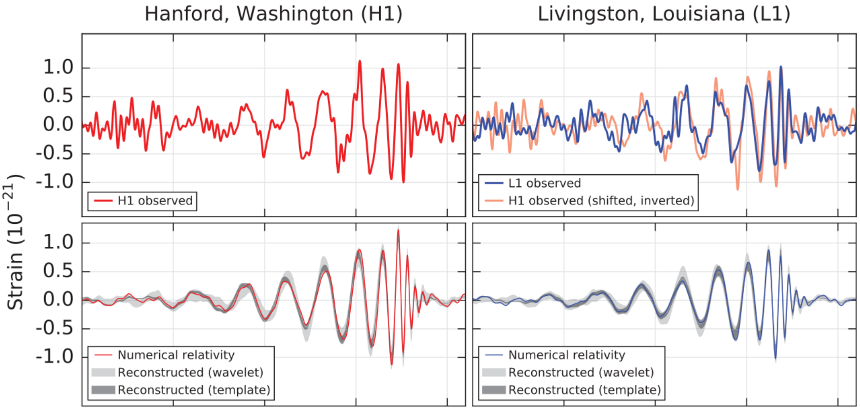
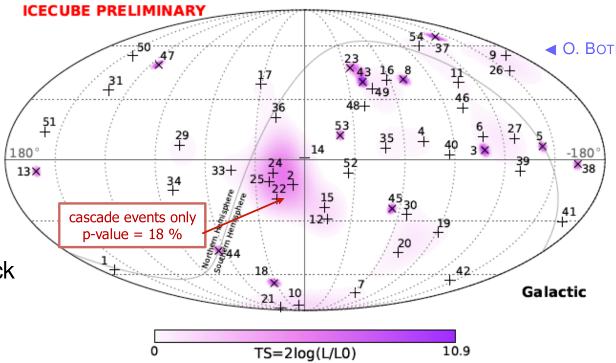
We have started listening to compact object mergers —



LIGO & VIRGO, *PRL* **116**, 061102 (2016)

What about the sources of HE neutrinos?

Arrival directions compatible with an isotropic distribution –

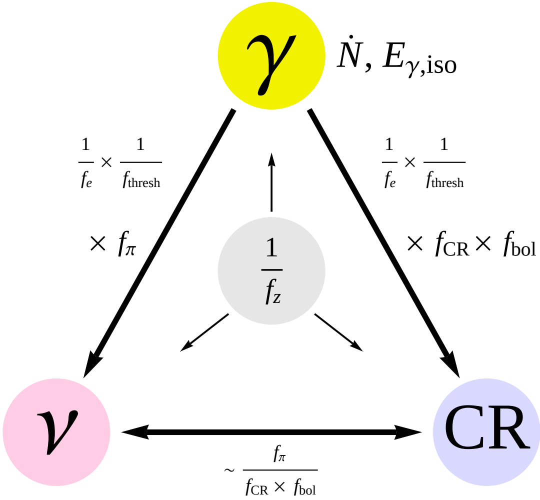


◀ O. Botner, IPA 2015

+: shower
×: muon track

No association with sources found yet

The multi-messenger picture



We will use gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) as a concrete source example

Why are GRBs interesting as potential ν sources?

1. They are the best candidates for detection of coincident high-energy e.m.–neutrino emission at PeV ν energies
2. Neutrinos from GRB afterglows are expected to be important at EeV energies (observable by radio neutrino detectors)

   [K. Murase, *PRD* **76**, 123001 (2007)] [S. Razzaque, L. Yang, *PRD* **91**, 043003 (2015)]
3. Dark, "failed" GRBs might contribute an important part to the diffuse flux seen by IceCube

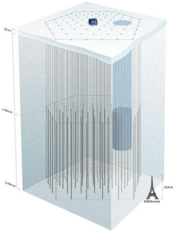
   [P. Mészaros, E. Waxman, *PRL* **87**, 171102 (2001)]

Here we will focus on issue 1
and explore the prompt emission of neutrinos in GRBs

Why is *now* a good time to do this?

better, bigger detectors + loads of data + bright future

Neutrinos



- IceCube: diffuse flux of HE astrophysical ν's
- No point sources *yet*
- GRBs: low bg due to time and direction cuts
- IceCube-Gen2

GRBs

- *Fermi*: $\sim$ 250 GRBs yr^{-1} in 8 keV – 40 MeV
- $\sim$ 12 GRBs yr^{-1} in 20 MeV – 300 GeV
- different wavelengths: INTEGRAL, *Swift*
- 1000's GRBs detected so far

UHECRs

- Auger: 69 events > 57 EeV
- Telescope Array: 72 events
- surface + fluorescence
- future: LHAASO, JEM-EUSO

GRBs – good candidates for UHE CR & ν sources

GRBs are among the best candidate sources for CRs *and* ν's:

- radiated energy of $\sim 10^{52} - 10^{53}$ erg
- intense magnetic fields of $\sim 10^5$ G
- magnetically-confined *p*'s shock-accelerated to $\sim 10^{12}$ GeV
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Solution: we need to build more realistic models!

GRBs – good candidates for UHE CR & ν sources

10^{20} erg	H bomb
10^{26} erg	killer asteroid
10^{40} erg	Death Star
10^{33} erg s^{-1}	Sun
10^{41} erg s^{-1}	supernova
10^{45} erg s^{-1}	galaxy

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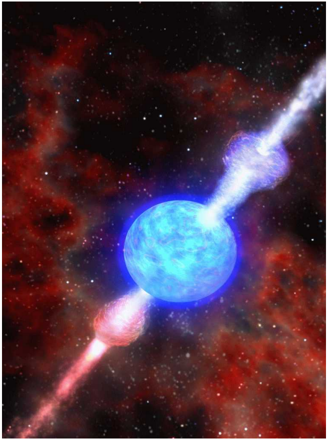
GRBs – what are they?

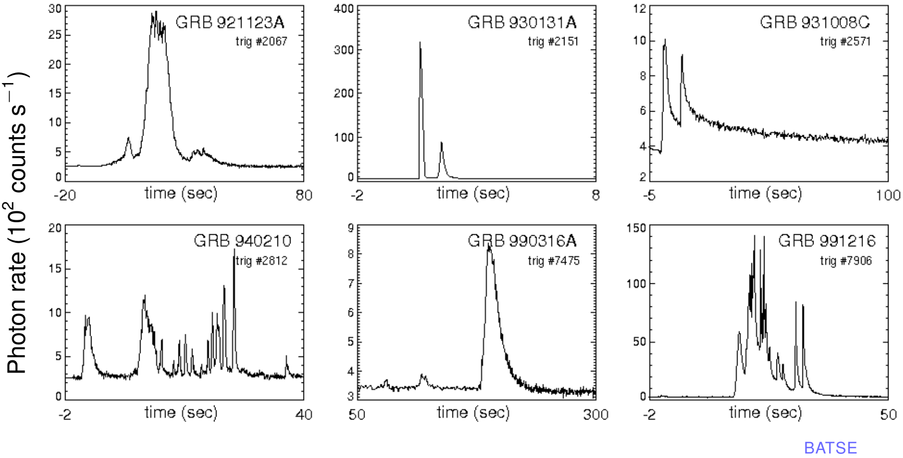
GRBs: the most luminous explosions in the Universe

- **brief** flashes of gamma rays: from 0.1 s to few 100's s
- isotropically distributed in the sky
- they are **far**: most occur at $\sim$ 1 Gpc from us ($z \approx 2$)
- they are **rare**: ~ 0.3 Gpc^{-3} yr^{-1}
- two populations:
  - **short-duration ($<$ 2 s):** neutron star-neutron star or NS-black hole mergers
  - **long-duration ($>$ 2 s):** associated to hypernovae
- powered by matter accretion onto a black hole



GRBs – a zoo of light curves

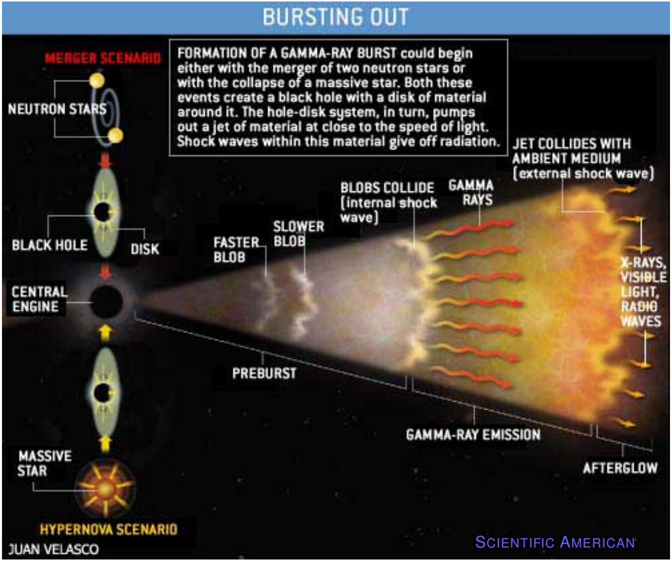
GRB light curves come in different shapes:



variability timescale (width of pulses) $\equiv t_v \approx 1$ ms

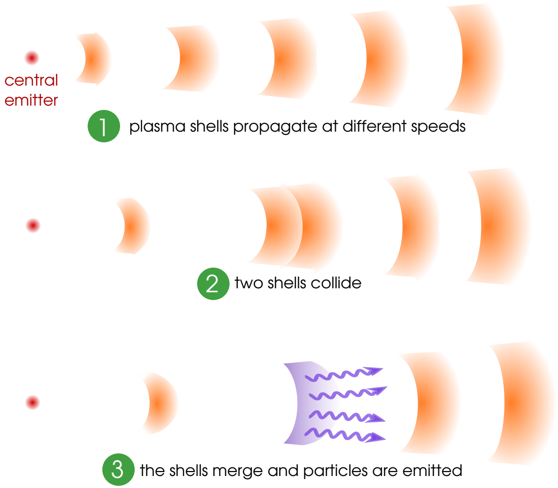
GRBs explained – the fireball model

Developed by Mészáros, Reese, Goodman, Pachinsky, *et al.* in the 1990s



Internal collisions

Relativistically-expanding blobs of plasma collide with each other, merge, and emit UHE particles —



Producing the UHE ν's, CRs, γ rays – a first look

Joint production of UHECRs, ν's, and γ's:

power law $\sim E^{-\alpha_p}$ broken power law

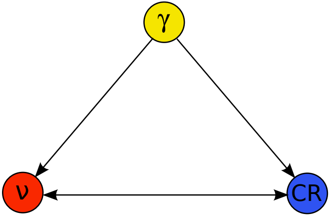
$$p\gamma \to \Delta^+(1232) \to \begin{cases} n\pi^+ , & \text{BR} = 1/3 \\ p\pi^0 , & \text{BR} = 2/3 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi^+ \to \mu^+\nu_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_\mu e^+ \nu_e \nu_\mu$$

$$\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$$

$$n \text{ (escapes)} \to p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$$

(Δ^+: ~50% of all $p\gamma$ interactions)



After propagation, with flavor mixing:

$$\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau : p = 1 : 1 : 1 : 1$$

("one ν_μ per cosmic ray")

This neutron model of CR emission is now strongly disfavoured

ICECUBE, *Nature* **484**, 351 (2012)
M. AHLERS *et al. Astropart. Phys.* **35**, 87 (2011)

What are the ingredients?

To calculate the ν flux from a GRB, we need:

- its gamma-ray luminosity L_γ^{iso} [erg s^{-1}] [measured]
- its variability timescale t_v [s], from the light curve [measured]
- the break energy of its photon spectrum $\epsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}}$ [MeV] [measured]
- the bulk Lorentz factor of its jet Γ [estimated]
- the energy in electrons, magnetic field, protons [estimated]

Now let us cook up the neutrinos ▶

Normalizing neutrinos with observed gamma rays

energy in neutrinos $\propto$ energy in gamma rays

In detail, for each GRB,

$$\boxed{\int_0^\infty dE_\nu E_\nu F_\nu(E_\nu)} = \frac{1}{8} \underbrace{\left[1 - \left(1 - \langle x_{p\to\pi} \rangle\right)^{\Delta R/\lambda_{p\gamma}}\right]}_{f_\pi} \frac{1}{f_e} \boxed{\int_{1\text{ keV}}^{10\text{ MeV}} d\epsilon_\gamma \epsilon_\gamma F_\gamma(\epsilon_\gamma)}$$

f_π: fraction of total proton energy transferred to pions
ΔR: size of the emitting region
$\lambda_{p\gamma}$: mean free path for $p\gamma$ interactions
$\langle x_{p\to\pi} \rangle$: avg. fraction of p energy transferred to a π in one interaction
f_e^{-1}: ratio of energy in protons to energy in photons/electrons

$$\frac{\Delta R}{\lambda_{p\gamma}} = \left(\frac{L_\gamma^{\text{iso}}}{10^{52}\,\text{erg s}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{0.01}{t_v}\right) \left(\frac{10^{2.5}}{\Gamma}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}}}\right)$$

The original recipe: conventional fireball model

Observed gamma-ray fluence [GeV^{-1} cm^{-2}]

$$\mathcal{F}_\gamma\left(\varepsilon_\gamma\right) \propto \begin{cases} \left(\varepsilon_\gamma/\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}}\right)^{-1} & , \varepsilon_\gamma < \varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}} = 1 \text{ MeV} \\ \left(\varepsilon_\gamma/\varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}}\right)^{-2.2} & , \varepsilon_\gamma \geq \varepsilon_{\gamma,\text{break}} \end{cases}$$

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Assumed proton spectrum in the source

$$N_p'\left(E_p\right) \propto E_p'^{-2}$$

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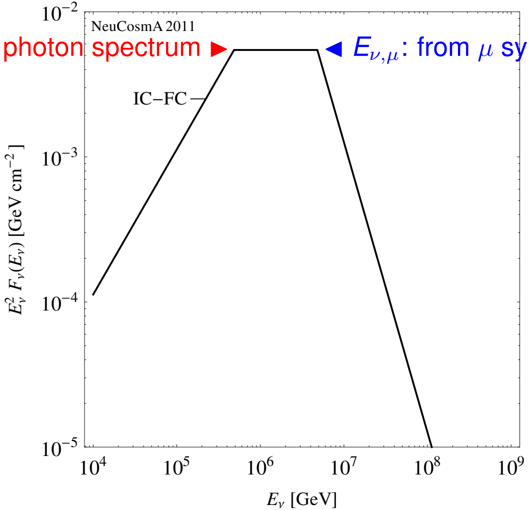
Neutrino spectrum from $p\gamma$, via Δ resonance

$$F_\nu(E_\nu) \propto \begin{cases} \left(\dfrac{E_\nu}{E_{\nu,\text{break}}}\right)^{-\alpha_\nu} & , E_\nu < E_{\nu,\text{break}} \\ \left(\dfrac{E_\nu}{E_{\nu,\text{break}}}\right)^{-\beta_\nu} & , E_{\nu,\text{break}} \leq E_\nu < E_{\nu,\mu} \\ \left(\dfrac{E_\nu}{E_{\nu,\text{break}}}\right)^{-\beta_\nu} \left(\dfrac{E_\nu}{E_{\nu,\mu}}\right)^{-2} & , E_\nu \geq E_{\nu,\mu} \end{cases}$$

Neutrino spectrum – conventional fireball

$E_{\nu,\text{break}}$: from photon spectrum ► ◄ $E_{\nu,\mu}$: from μ synchrotron cooling



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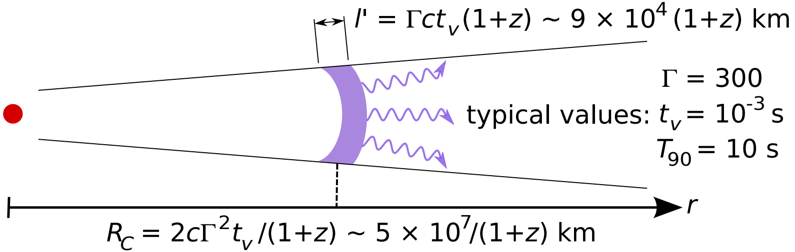
The *static* burst assumption

All internal collisions are identical and occur at the same radius —

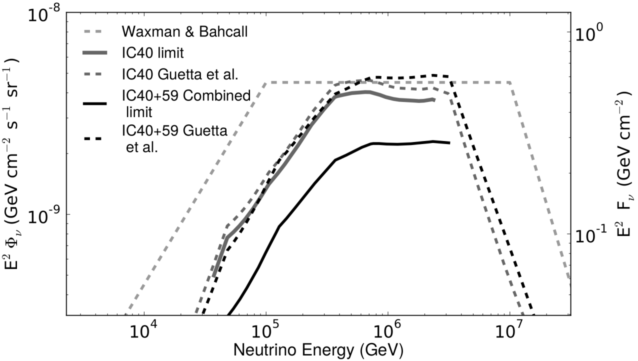


- Average speed Γ inferred from afterglow observations
- "Variability timescale" t_v measured from the light curve
- Redshift z measured for the host galaxy
- "Isotropically-equivalent volume": $V'_{\text{iso}} = 4\pi R_C^2 l'$
- $N_{\text{coll}} \approx T_{90}/t_v \sim 100$–$1000$ identical collisions

Neutron model of UHECR emission under tension?

In 2012, IceCube ruled this analytical version of the fireball model –

- assumed a fixed baryonic loading of 10
- extrapolated diffuse ν flux from 117–215 GRBs ("quasi-diffuse")
- analytical calculation – in tension with upper bounds



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NeuCosmA: (revised) GRB particle emission – I

Two ingredients:

$$\underbrace{N'_p\left(E'_p\right)}_{\text{proton density at the source [GeV}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-3}]} \overset{\text{NeuCosmA}}{\otimes} \underbrace{N'_\gamma\left(E'_\gamma\right)}_{\text{photon density at the source}}$$

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- Photons (same shape as observed at Earth):

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$$t'_{\text{acc}}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right) = \min\left[t'_{\text{dyn}}, t'_{\text{syn}}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right), t'_{p\gamma}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right)\right]$$

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NeuCosmA: (revised) GRB particle emission – II

Normalize the particle densities at the source —

- Photons:

$$\underbrace{\text{photon energy density per collision}}_{\int E'_\gamma \, N'_\gamma\left(E'_\gamma\right) \, dE'_\gamma} = \frac{\overbrace{\text{total gamma-ray energy of burst}}^{E^{\text{iso},\prime}_{\gamma,\text{tot}} \sim 10^{53} \text{ erg (from observed fluence)}}}{\underbrace{\text{number of collisions}}_{N_\text{coll}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{volume of one collision}}_{V'_\text{iso}}}$$

- Protons:

baryonic loading (energy in p's / energy in e's + γ's), *e.g.*, 10

$$\underbrace{\text{proton energy density per collision}}_{\int E'_p \, N'_p\left(E'_p\right) \, dE'_p} = \frac{1}{f_e} \cdot \text{photon energy density per collision}$$

NeuCosmA: (revised) GRB particle emission – III

Injected/ejected spectrum of secondaries (π, K, n, ν, etc.):

$x \equiv E'/E'_p$ $\quad$ $y \equiv E'_p E'_\gamma / \left(m_p c^2\right)$

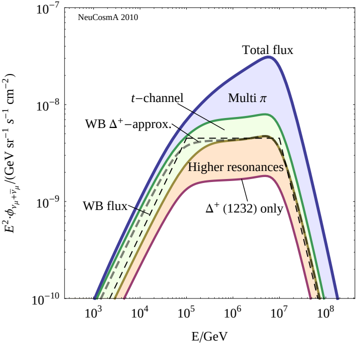
$$Q'\left(E'\right) = \int_{E'}^{\infty} \frac{dE'_p}{E'_p} N'_p\left(E'_p\right) \int_0^{\infty} c\, dE'_\gamma\, N'_\gamma\left(E'_\gamma\right) R\left(x, y\right)$$

response function

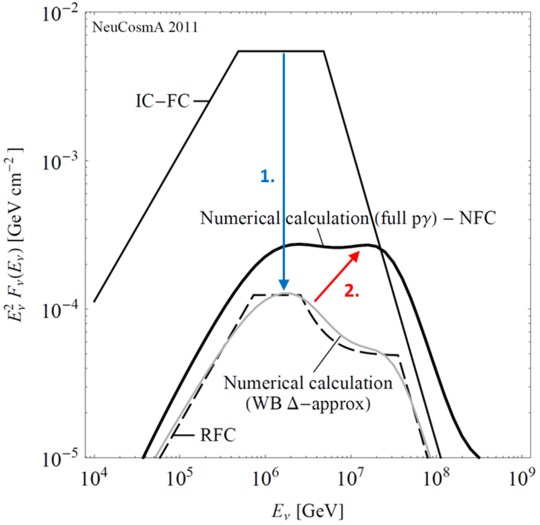
R contains cross sections, multiplicities for different channels

What does NeuCosmA include?

- $p\gamma \to \Delta^+(1232) \to \pi^0, \pi^+, \ldots$
- extra K, n, π^-, multi-π prod. modes
- synchrotron losses of secondaries
- adiabatic cooling
- full photon spectrum
- neutrino flavor transitions



NeuCosmA – how the neutrino spectrum changes



For example, GRB080603A:

1. Correction to analytical model (IC-FC → RFC)
2. Change due to full numerical calculation

IC-FC:	IceCube-Fireball Calculation
RFC:	Revised Fireball Calculation
NFC:	Numerical Fireball Calculation

S. Hümmer, P. Baerwald, W. Winter, *PRL* **108**, 231101 (2012)

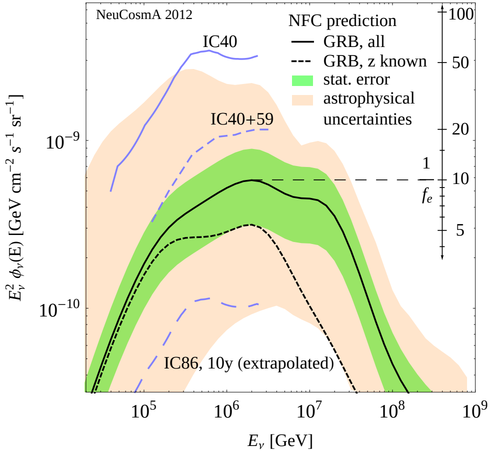
The new prediction of the quasi-diffuse GRB ν flux

Repeat the IceCube GRB neutrino analysis, with NeuCosmA —

- Same GRB sample and parameters
- Calculate ν fluence for each burst and stacked fluence $F_\nu(E_\nu)$
- Quasi-diffuse flux ($N_{\mathrm{GRB}} = 117$):

$$\phi_\nu(E_\nu) = F_\nu(E_\nu) \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{N_{\mathrm{GRB}}} \frac{667 \text{ bursts}}{\text{yr}}$$

Flux $\sim$ 1 order of magnitude lower!



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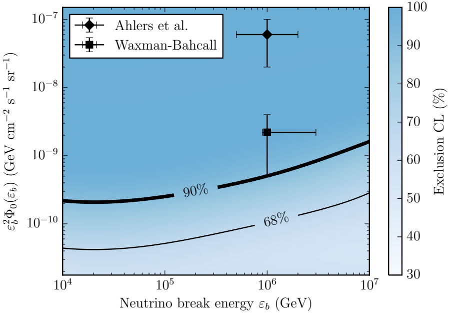

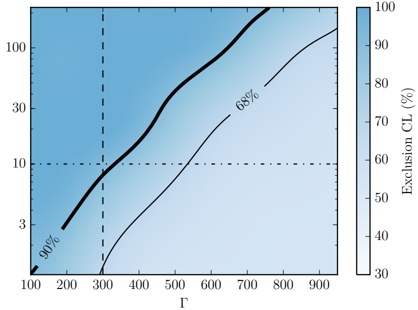

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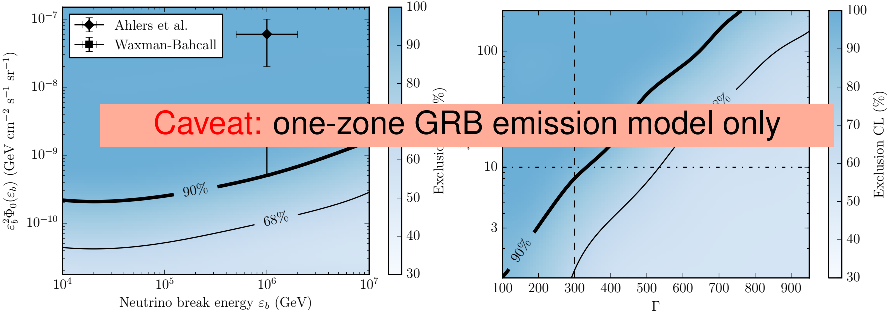

Caveat: one-zone GRB emission model only

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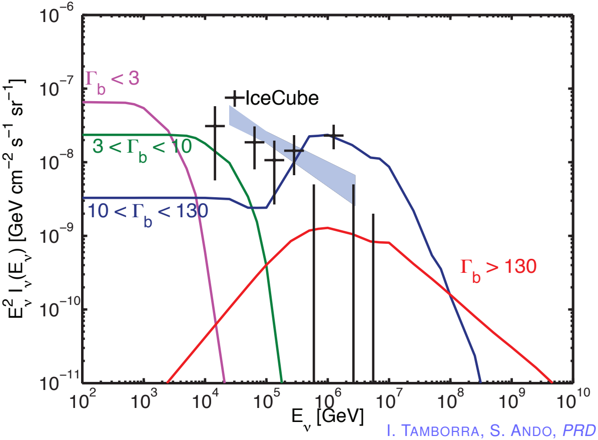
What about low-luminosity and choked GRBs?

- Low-luminosity and choked GRBs might be in the same family as high-luminosity long GRBs
- Due to lower jet speeds (Γ_b), they do not break out
- They might explain the TeV region of the IceCube diffuse ν flux:



I. Tamborra, S. Ando, *PRD* **93**, 053010 (2016)

Going beyond the neutron model

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What if 1 and 2 are violated?

- *p*'s "leak out", not accompanied by (direct) ν production
- multiple *p* interactions enhance the ν flux
- in *optically thick sources*, only *n*'s at the borders escape

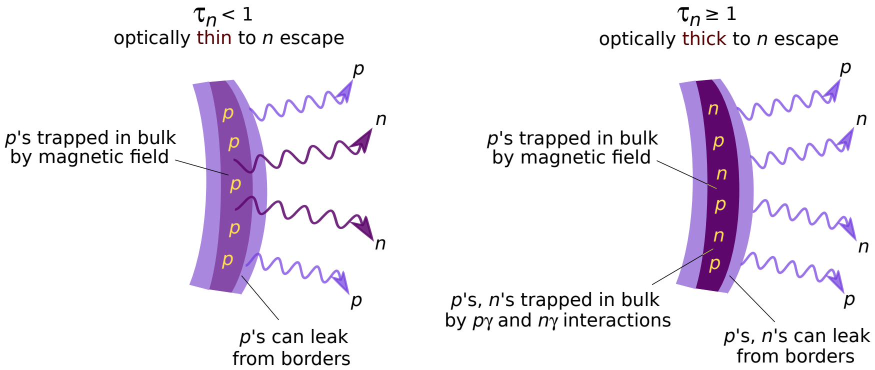
M. Ahlers, M. González-García, F. Halzen, *Astropart. Phys.* **35**, 87 (2011)

Going beyond the neutron model

We have improved the model – now UHECRs escape as either:

- neutrons, which decay into protons outside the source; or
- protons that leak out without interacting inside the source

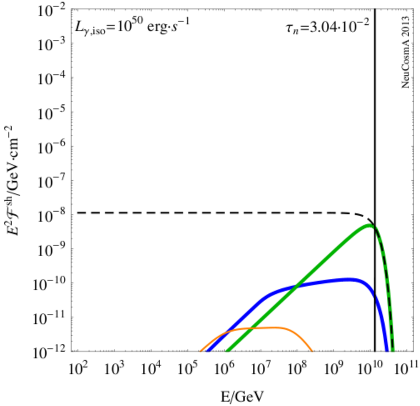
Relative contributions determined by $\tau_n \equiv \left. \left(t_{p\gamma}^{-1} / t_{\rm dyn}^{-1} \right) \right|_{E'_{p,\max}}$



A two-component model of UHECR emission

Sample neutrino fluences –

Optically **thin** source



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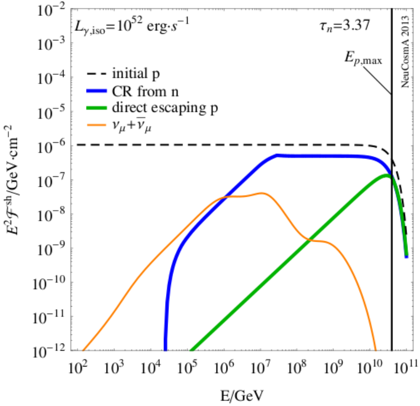

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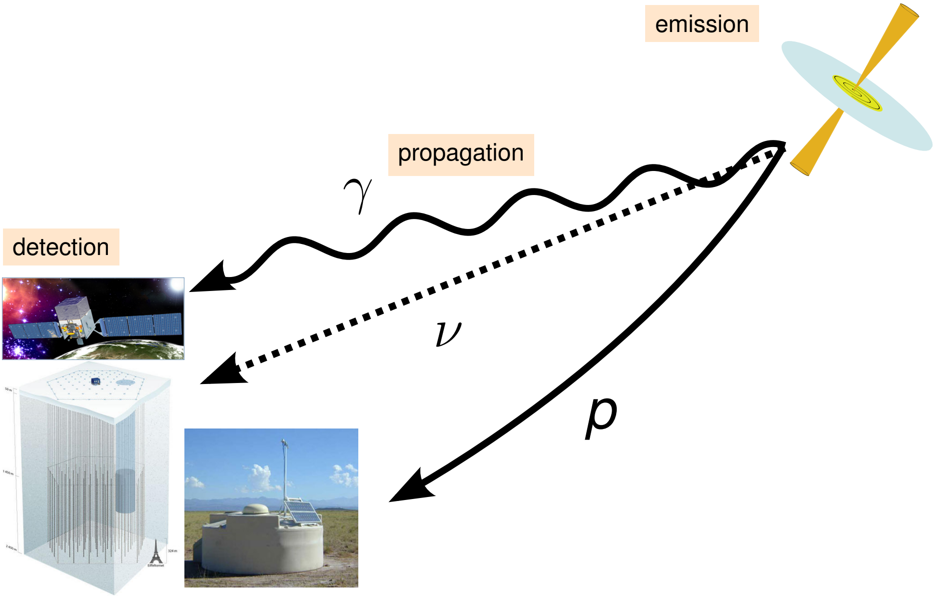
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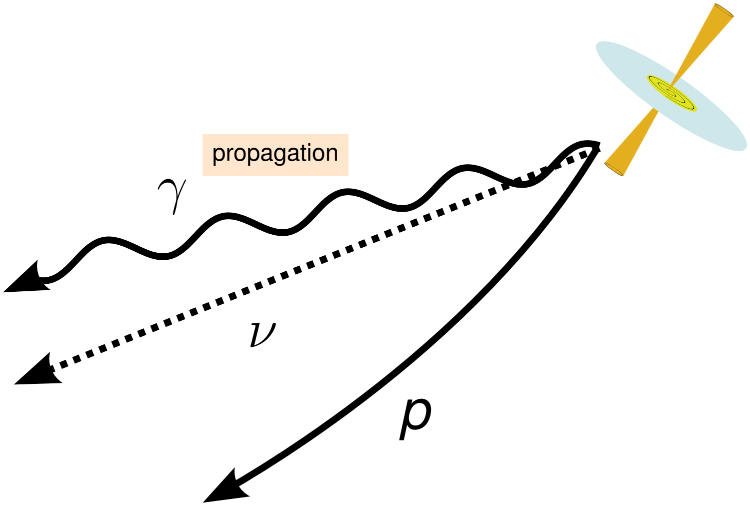

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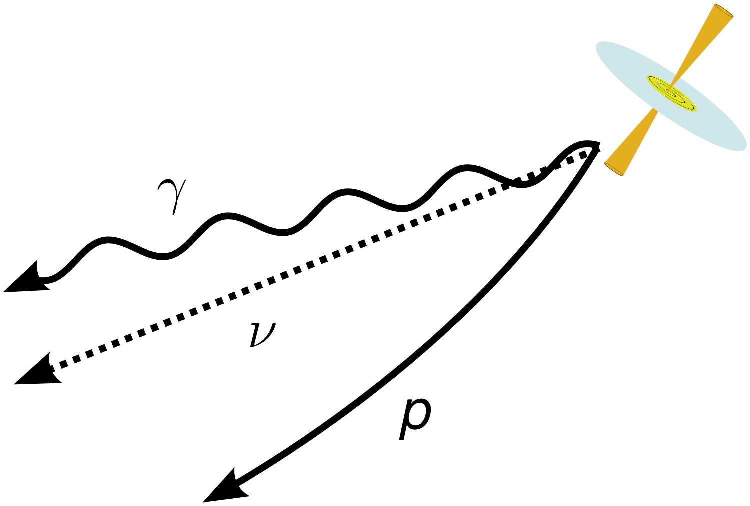
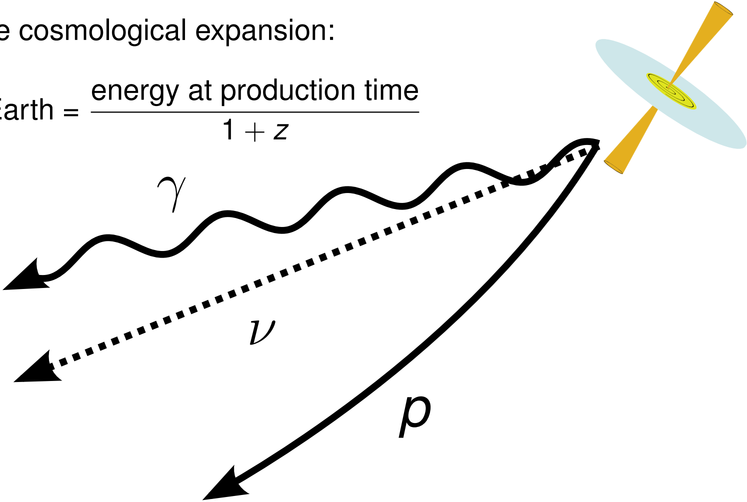


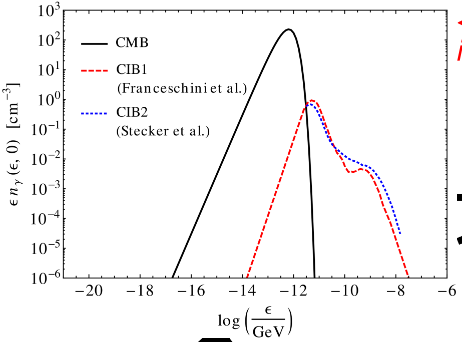
From the sources to us

Because of the cosmological expansion:

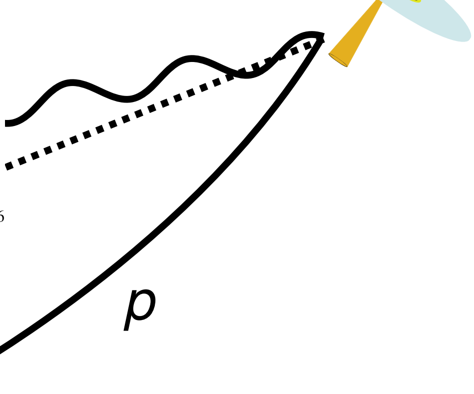
$$\text{energy at Earth} = \frac{\text{energy at production time}}{1+z}$$



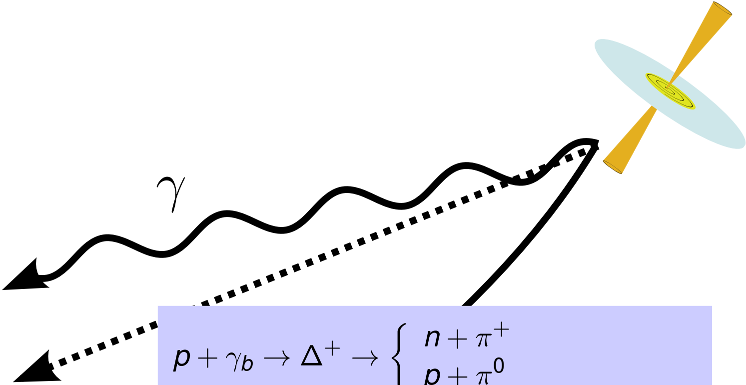
Cosmological photon backgrounds:



◄ they evolve with redshift, *i.e.*, $n_\gamma(\epsilon, z)$



From the sources to us



$$p + \gamma_b \to \Delta^+ \to \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ \\ p + \pi^0 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi^0 \to \gamma + \gamma$$

Cosmogenic ν's: $\pi^+ \to e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu$

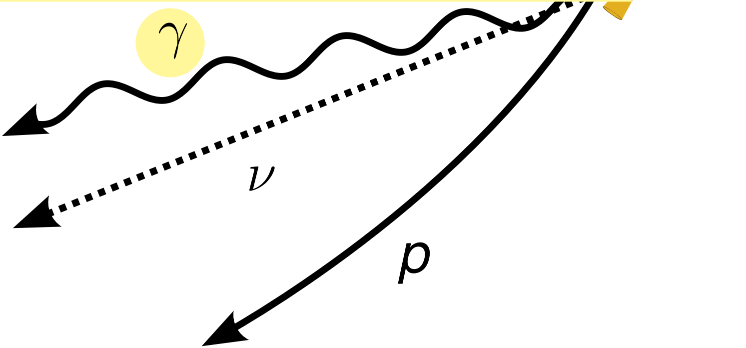
$$n \to p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

From the sources to us

γ's and $e^{\pm}$'s dump energy into e.m. cascades through

- pair production, $\gamma + \gamma_b \to e^+ + e^-$
- inverse Compton scattering, $e^{\pm} + \gamma_b \to e^{\pm} + \gamma$

Lower-energy (GeV–TeV) gamma-rays detected by Fermi-LAT



From the sources to us

p's are deflected by extragalactic magnetic fields

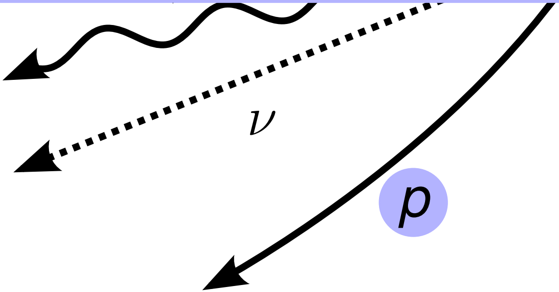
$\Rightarrow$ except for the most energetic ones, they are **not** expected to point back to the sources

Pierre Auger found weak correlation with known AGN positions

They lose energy through:

- pair production, $p + \gamma_b \to p + e^+ + e^-$
- photohadronic interactions, $p\gamma_b$

depend on the redshift evolution of the cosmological γ backgrounds



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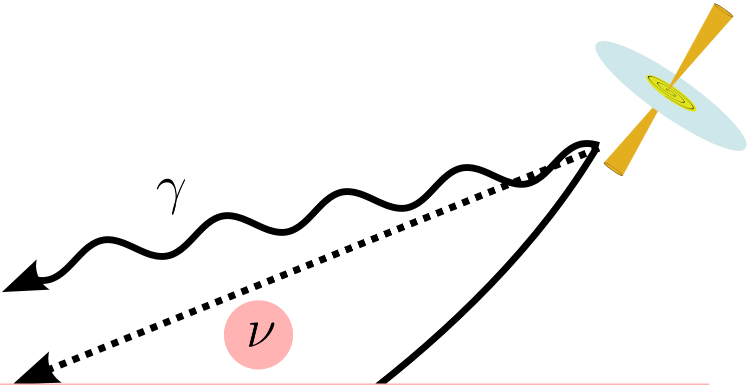


Initial UHE ν flavor fluxes: $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1 : 2 : 0$

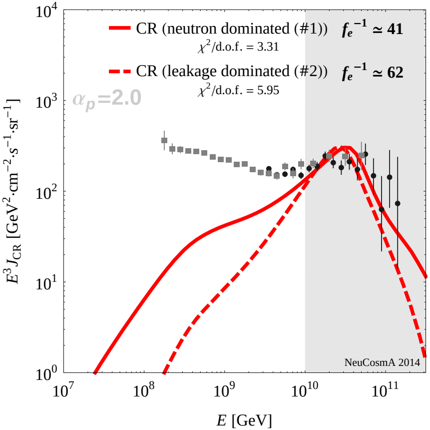
Probability of $\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta$ transition: $P_{\alpha\beta}(E_0, z)$

Flavor oscillations redistribute the fluxes
– at Earth: $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \approx 1 : 1 : 1$ (might be changed by exotic physics!)

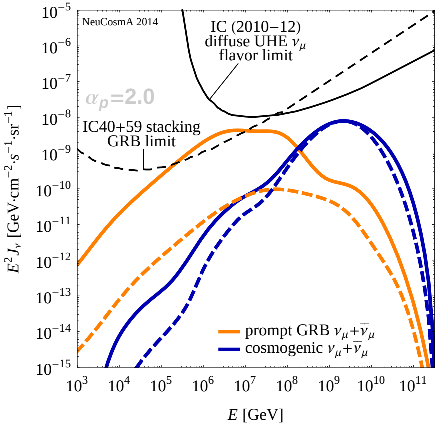
MB, Beacom, Winter, *PRL* **115**, 161302 (2015)

Neutron model vs. two-component model:
prompt and cosmogenic ν's

UHECRs



Neutrinos



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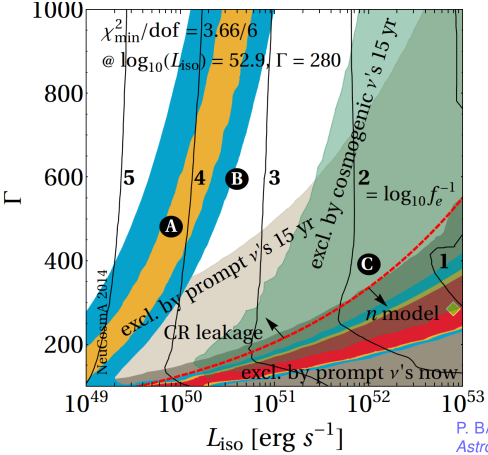
See also: H. He *et al.*, *ApJ* **752**, 29 (2012)

Constraints from experimental data

Fit the UHECR flux to Telescope Array data & enforce the IceCube GRB ν and cosmogenic ν upper limits —



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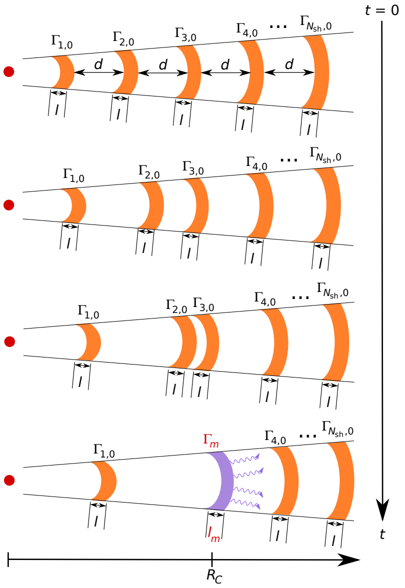
More relativistic (higher Γ) GRBs are needed

Going further: an evolving burst

Consider an evolving fireball –

- the fireball expands with time
- $\sim$ 1000 shells propagate with different speeds
- they have different masses
- they collide at different radii (collisions no longer identical)



What is different?

The particle (γ, p) densities fall as the fireball expands – particle production conditions change with time/radius

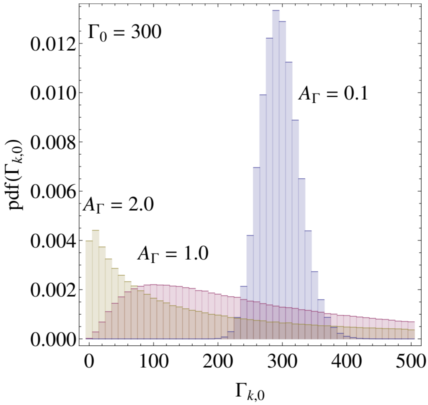
S. Kobayashi, T. Piran, R. Sari, *ApJ* **490**, 92 (1997)
F. Daigne, R. Mochkovitch, *MNRAS* **296**, 275 (1998)

Initial distribution of shell speeds

Distribution of initial shell speeds (Lorentz factors):

$$\ln\left(\frac{\Gamma_{k,0}-1}{\Gamma_0-1}\right) = A_\Gamma \cdot x$$

x follows a Gaussian distribution, $P(x)\,dx = dx\; e^{-x^2/2}/\sqrt{2\pi}$



$A_\Gamma < 1$

Speeds too similar, collisions only at large radii

$A_\Gamma \gg 1$

Spread too large, too many collisions at low radii

$A_\Gamma \approx 1$

Just right, burst has high efficiency of conversion of kinetic to radiated energy

Tracking each collision individually

Each collision occurs in a different emission regime –

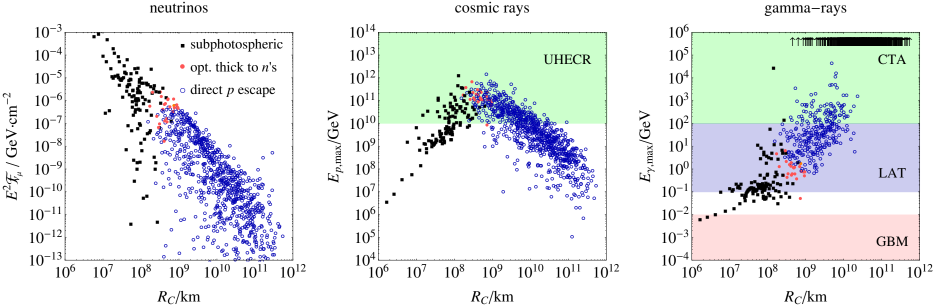
Sub-photospheric: $\tau_{e\gamma} > 1$

$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ fluence

maximum p energy

Limited by $\gamma + \gamma \to e^+ + e^-$

maximum γ energy



(observer's frame)

(source frame)

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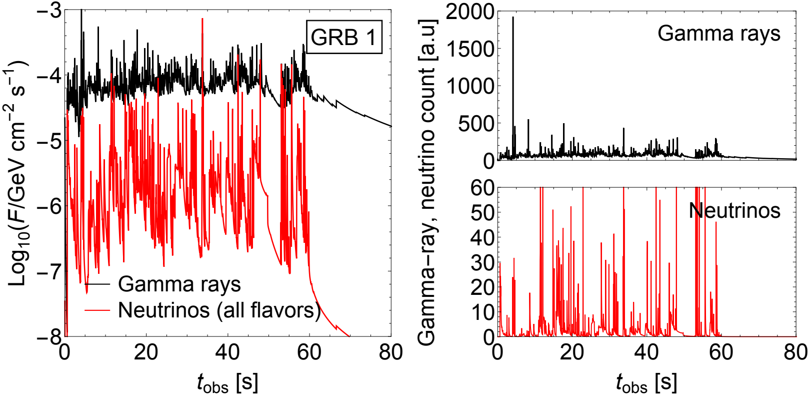
An emission pulse is assigned to each collision
– their superposition yields a synthetic light curve:



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Synthetic light curves

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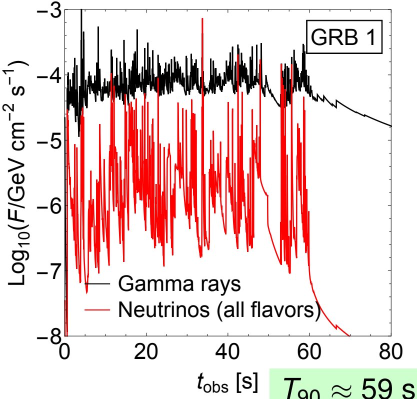
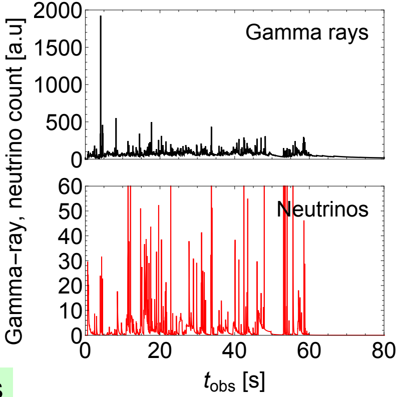
Energy in gamma-rays: $E_{\gamma,\mathrm{tot}}^{\mathrm{iso}} = 10^{53}$ erg





$T_{90} \approx 59$ s

1000 initial shells $\mapsto$ 990 collisions

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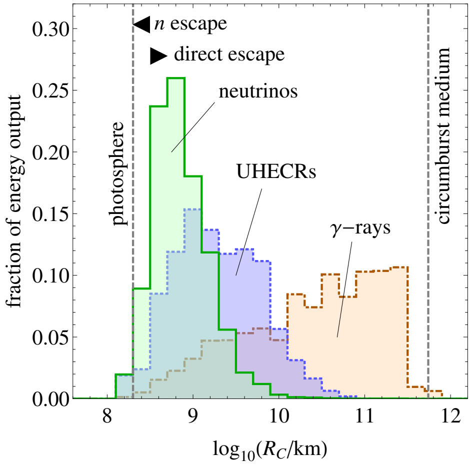
Different particles come from different jet regions

Emission of different species peaks at different collision radii –



Why?

As the fireball expands, photon and proton densities fall

Why does it matter?

GRB parameters derived from gamma-ray observations might not be adequate to describe ν and UHECR emission

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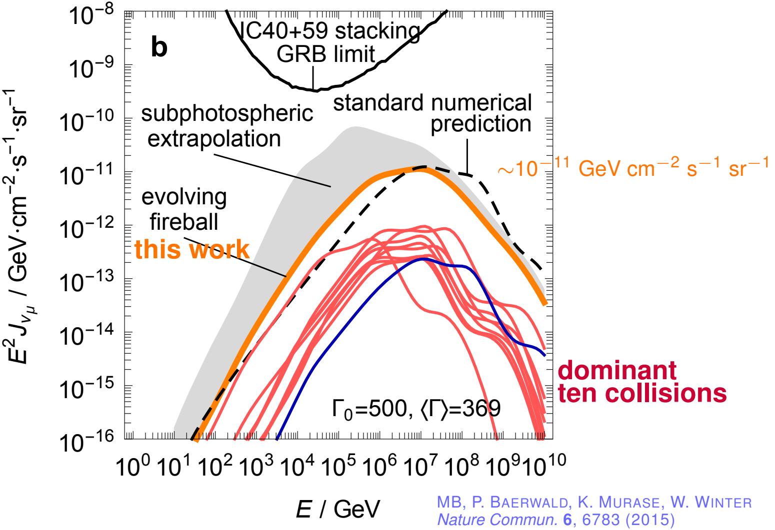
A robust minimal diffuse ν flux from GRBs

- Take the simulated burst as stereotypical
- Quasi-diffuse neutrino flux, assuming 667 identical GRBs per year:



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What makes a GRB bright in neutrinos? (Preliminary)

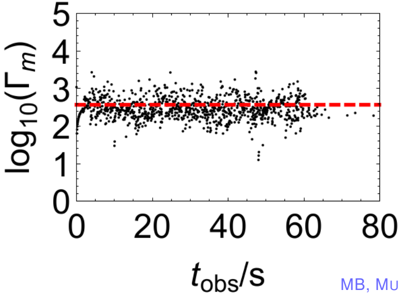
- Goal: to use the morphology of the GRB gamma-ray light curve to assess whether the burst is neutrino-bright
- The central engine determines the features of the light curve

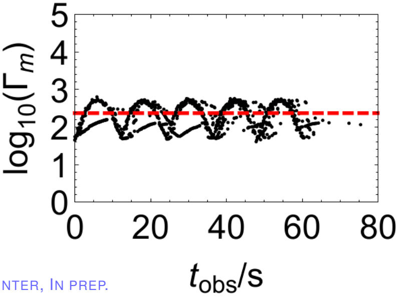
Undisciplined GRB engine

- Engine emits shells with log-normal distribution of Γ
- Broad Γ distribution

Disciplined GRB engine

- Engine emits shells with oscillating Γ
- Narrow Γ distribution





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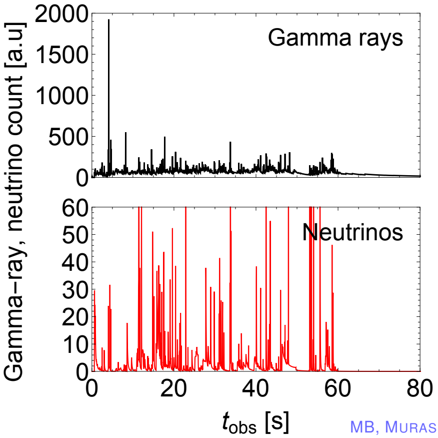
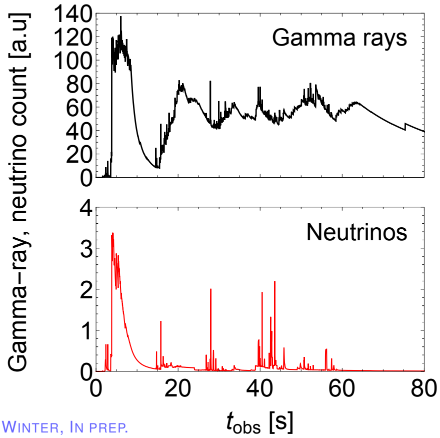
Undisciplined GRB engine

- Fast variability dominates
- No broad pulses

Disciplined GRB engine

- Broad pulses dominate
- Fast variability on top





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So which burst is neutrino-bright?

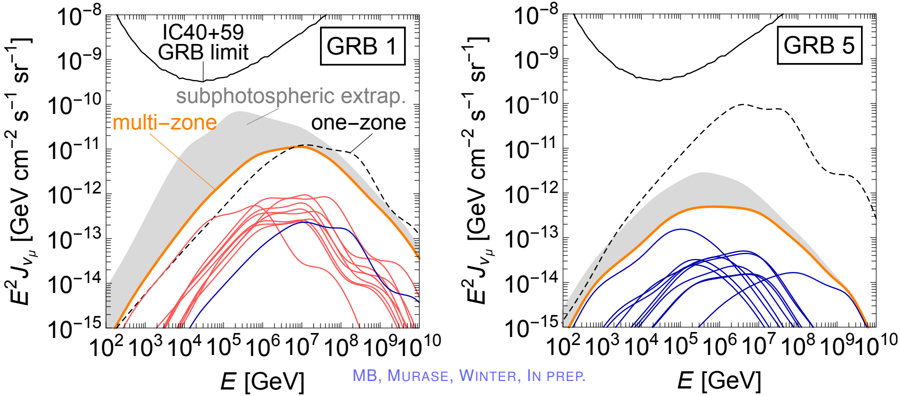
Compare the quasi-diffuse neutrino fluxes:

Undisciplined GRB engine

$\sim 10^{-11}$ GeV cm^{-1} s^{-1} sr^{-1}

Disciplined GRB engine

$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-13}$ GeV cm^{-1} s^{-1} sr^{-1}



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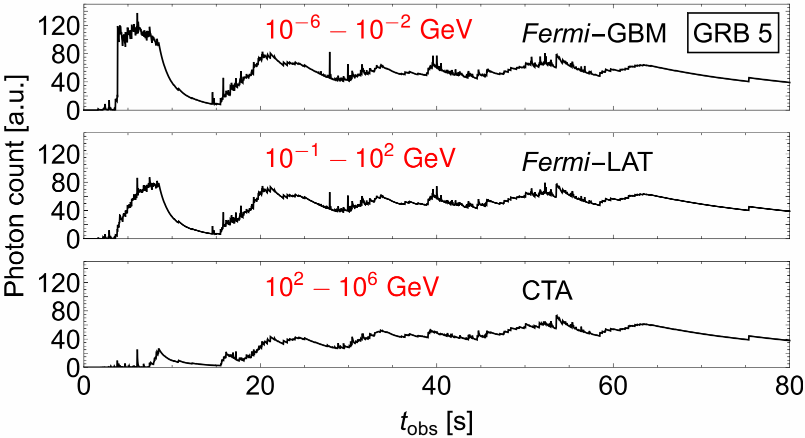
$\therefore$ An undisciplined engine makes a GRB neutrino-bright

Time delays in gamma-ray light curves

Neutrino-weak bursts show time delays in different energy bands —



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Conclusions . . . and the future

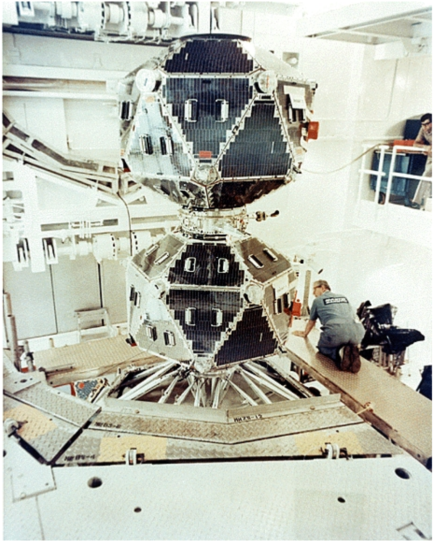
- GRBs *are* good UHECR and ν source candidates
- *But* the CR-ν-γ connection is trickier than originally thought
- Contribute to the diffuse HE astrophysical ν flux at the few % level
- Likely to be the first point neutrino sources to be resolved
- Need next-gen neutrino telescopes (IceCube-Gen2, KM3NeT) . . .
- . . . while Auger, Telescope Array, CTA, *etc.* gather extensive UHECR statistics
- Based on gamma-ray light curve morphology, we can build better GRB catalogues for ν searches

Backup slides

GRBs – an accidental discovery

After the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the U.S. launched six pairs of *Vela* satellites:

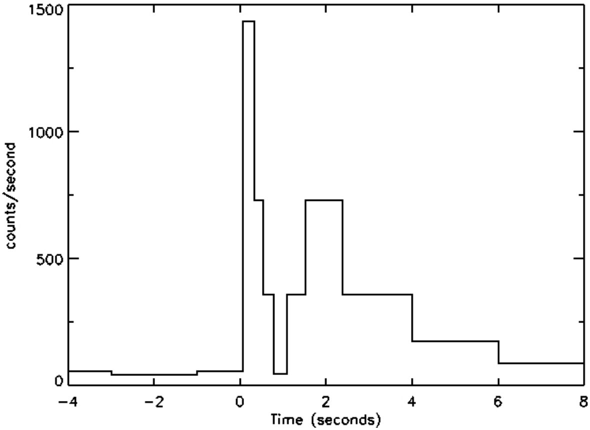
- They carried X-ray, gamma-ray, and neutron detectors
- *Vela* 5a-b had enough spatial resolution to pinpoint the direction of events
- Intense gamma-ray emission from a nuclear explosion lasts $\lesssim 10^{-6}$ s …
- … however, longer-lasting emissions were detected



VELA 5A/B SATELLITES (NASA)

GRBs – the first one detected

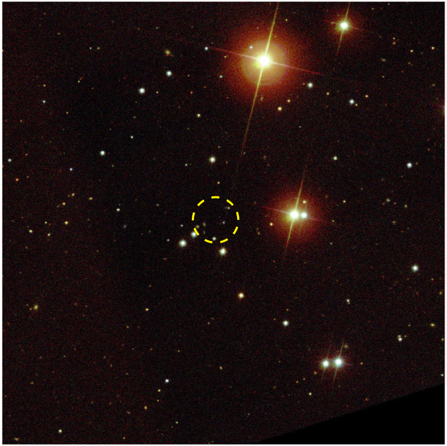
First GRB detected: July 2, 1967, 14:19 UTC

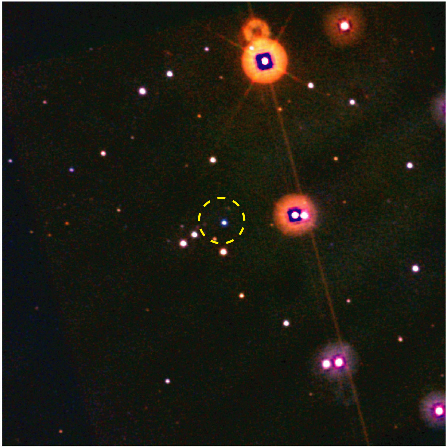


Detected by *Vela* 3, 4a, 4b (found on archival data)

What do they *look* like?

e.g., GRB060218 seen by *Swift*

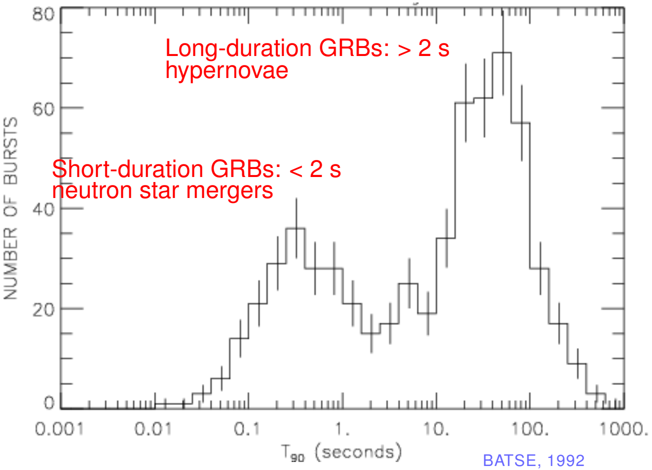




SDSS, Swift Collab., Sloan Foundation, NSF, NASA

GRBs – two populations

Two populations of GRBs:

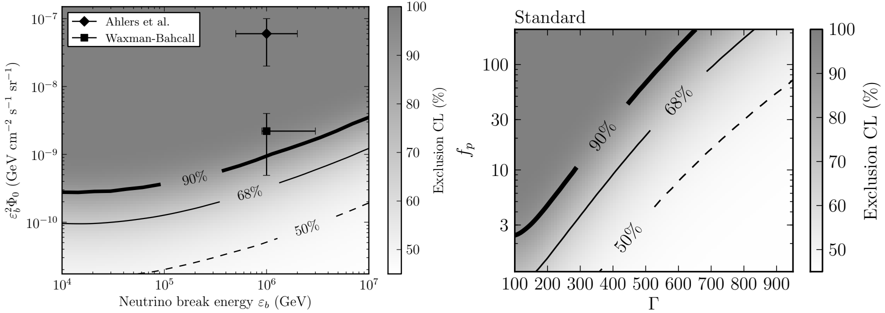


BATSE, 1992

T_{90}: time during which 90% of gamma-ray energy is recorded

Improved IceCube bounds (2014)

- Only upgoing ν_μ's with > 1 TeV used
- Four years of data (IC-40, -59, -79, -86)
- Larger GRB catalogue (506 bursts)
- One coincident event found, with low statistical significance
- $\lesssim$ 1% of the diffuse flux can be from prompt GRB emission



[IceCube, *ApJ* **805**, L5 (2015)]

A two-component model of CR emission

Optical depth:

$$\tau_n = \left. \frac{t_{p\gamma}^{-1}}{t_{\text{dyn}}^{-1}} \right|_{E_{p,\max}} = \begin{cases} \lesssim 1 \,, & \text{optically } \textbf{thin} \text{ source} \\ > 1 \,, & \text{optically } \textbf{thick} \text{ source} \end{cases}$$

Particles can escape from within a shell of thickness λ'_{mfp}:

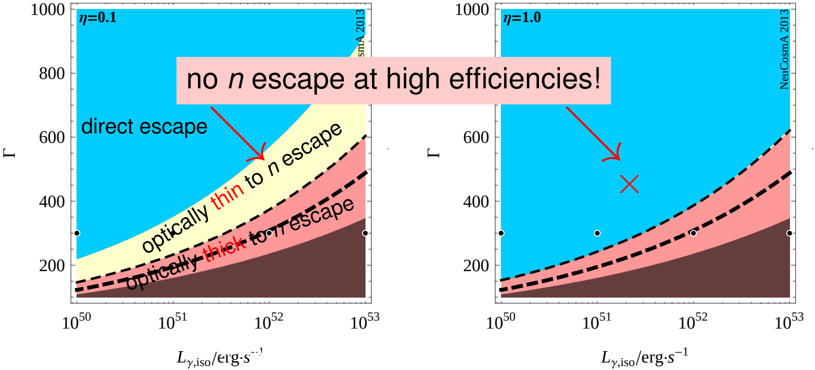
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda'_{p,\text{mfp}}\left(E'\right) &= \min\left[\Delta r', R'_L\left(E'\right), ct'_{p\gamma}\left(E'\right)\right] \\ \lambda'_{n,\text{mfp}}\left(E'\right) &= \min\left[\Delta r', ct'_{p\gamma}\left(E'\right)\right] \end{aligned} \right\} f_{\text{esc}} = \frac{\lambda'_{\text{mfp}}}{\Delta r'}$$

fraction of escaping particles

We *need* direct proton escape

Scan of the GRB emission parameter space –

acceleration efficiency $\longrightarrow$ $\eta = 0.1$ $\eta = 1.0$



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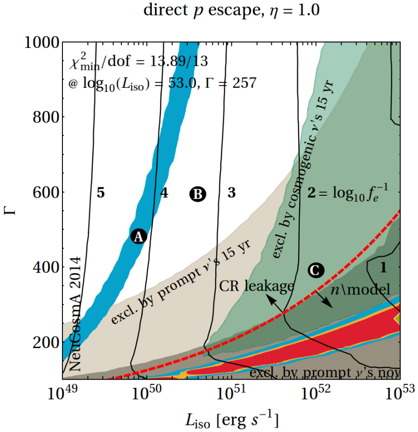
we need high efficiencies $\Rightarrow$ direct proton escape *is* required

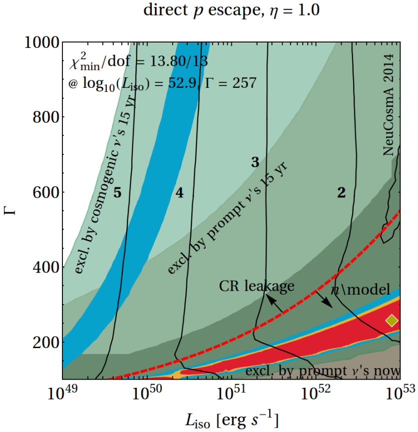
Star-formation-rate vs. GRB redshift evolution

The exclusion from cosmogenic ν's grows if the number of GRBs evolves more strongly with redshift:



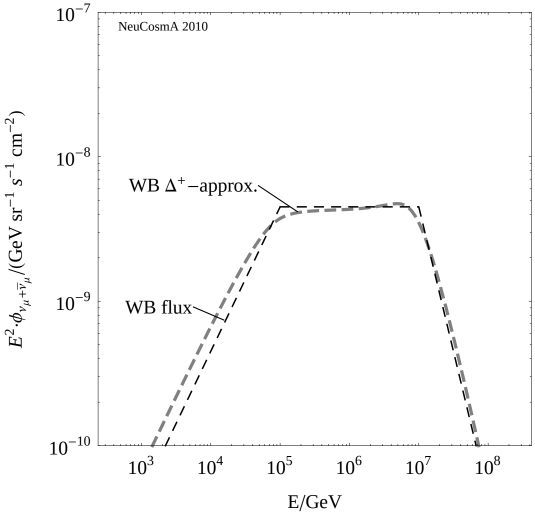
$n_{\mathrm{GRB}}(z) \propto \rho_{\mathrm{SFR}}(z)$

(star formation rate)



$n_{\mathrm{GRB}}(z) \propto \rho_{\mathrm{SFR}}(z) \times (1+z)^{1.2}$

NeuCosmA – the full photohadronic cross section



Contributions to $(\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ flux from $\pi^\pm$ decay divided in:

- Δ(1232)-resonance

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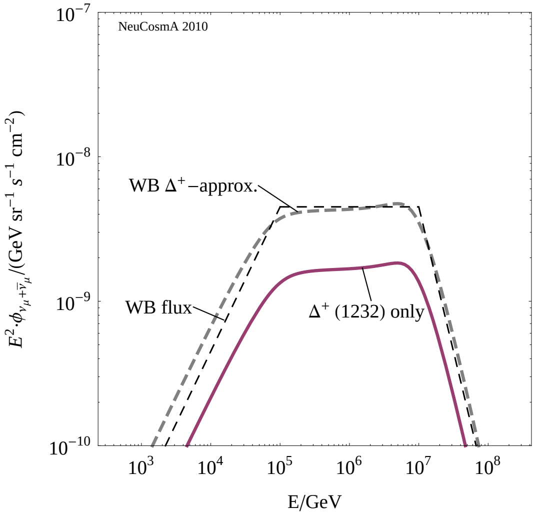

NeuCosmA – the full photohadronic cross section

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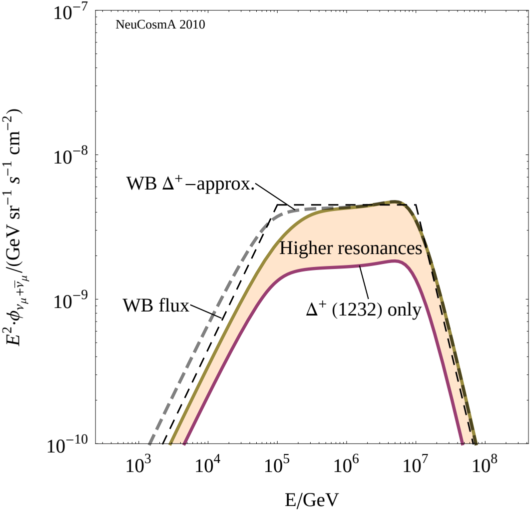

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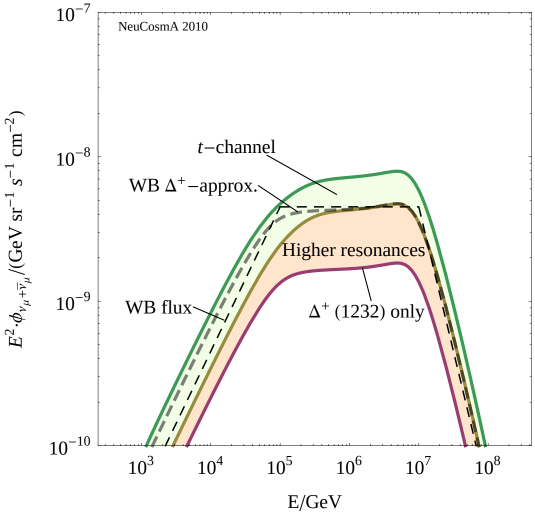

Contributions to $(\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ flux from $\pi^\pm$ decay divided in:

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- Higher resonances
- *t*-channel (direct production)
- High energy processes (multiple π)

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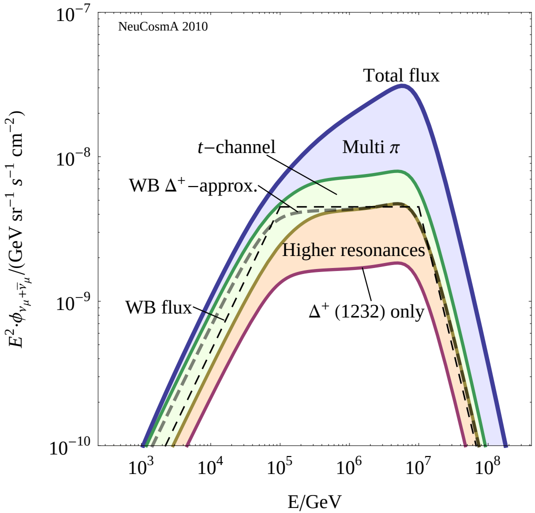

Especially "Multi π" contribution leads to change of flux shape; neutrino flux higher by up to a factor of 3 compared to WB treatment

NeuCosmA – further particle decays

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\begin{aligned}
\pi^+ &\rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \\
&\quad\ \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
\pi^- &\rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \\
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\end{aligned}
$$

$$
K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu
$$

$$
n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e
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NeuCosmA – further particle decays

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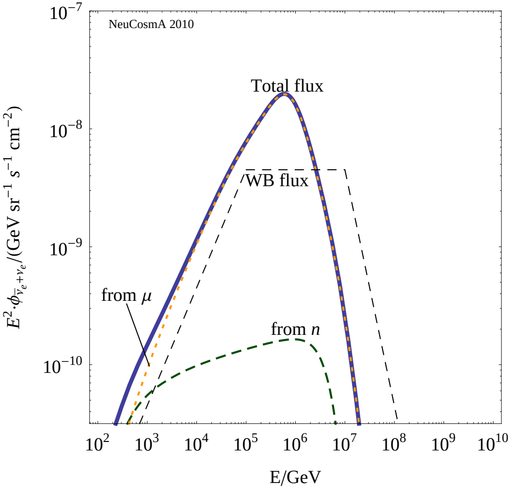
Resulting ν_e flux (at the observer)



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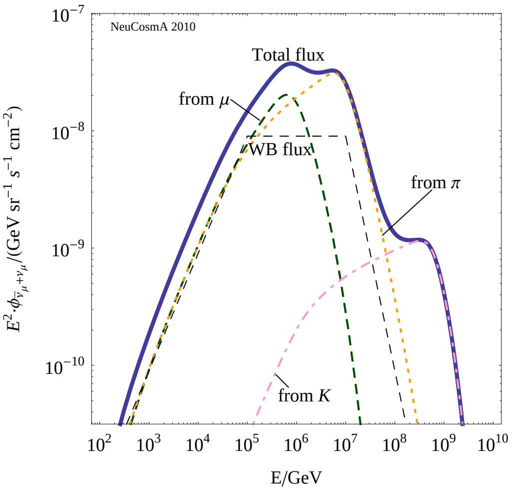

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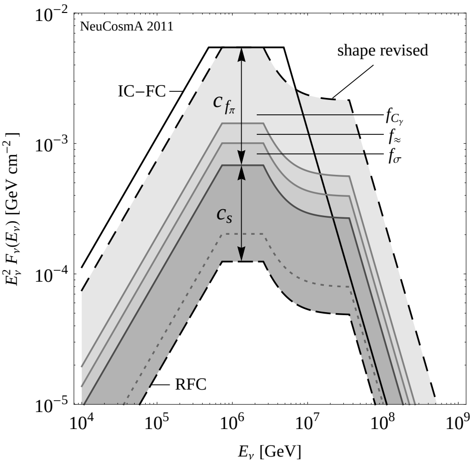


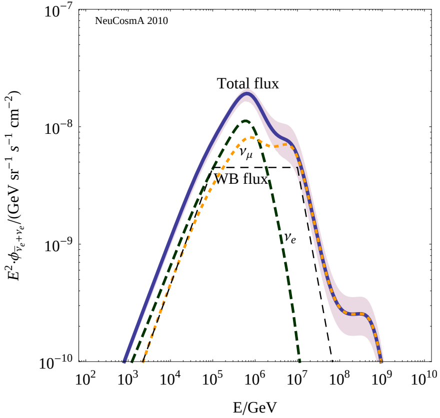
S. Hümmer, P. Baerwald, W. Winter, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **108**, 231101 (2012)

Corrections to the analytical model:

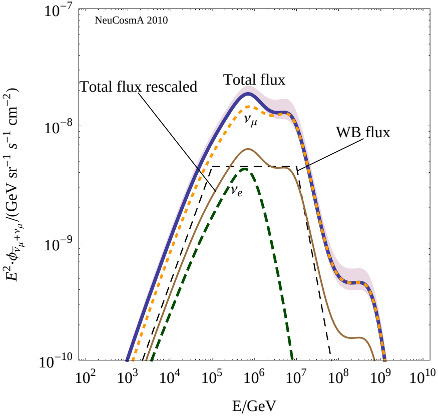
- shape revised:
  - shift of first break (correction of photohadronic threshold)
  - different cooling breaks for μ's and π's
  - $(1+z)$ correction on the variability scale of the GRB
- Correction cf_π to π prod. efficiency:
  - f_{C_γ}: full spectral shape of photons
  - $f_\approx = 0.69$: rounding error in analytical calculation
  - $f_\sigma \simeq 2/3$: from neglecting the width of the Δ-resonance
- Correction c_S:
  - energy losses of secondaries
  - energy dependence of the mean free path of protons

NeuCosmA – neutrino spectra including flavor mixing

Electron neutrino spectrum



Muon neutrino spectrum



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Characteristic double peak structure from μ and π decay in both flavors, additional peak from K^+ decay at 10^8 to 10^9 GeV

The need for km-scale neutrino telescopes

Expected ν flux from cosmological accelerators (Waxman & Bahcall 1997 & 1998):

$$E^2 \Phi_\nu \sim 10^{-8} \frac{f_\pi}{0.2} \left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{CR}}^{[10^{10},10^{12}]}}{10^{44}\ \text{erg Mpc}^{-3}\ \text{yr}^{-1}} \right) \text{GeV cm}^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}\ \text{sr}^{-1}$$

Integrated flux above 1 PeV:

$$\Phi_\nu (> 1\ \text{PeV}) \sim \int_{1\ \text{PeV}}^{\infty} \frac{10^{-8}}{E^2}\, dE \sim 10^{-20}\ \text{cm}^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}\ \text{sr}^{-1}$$

Number of events from half of the sky (2π):

$$N_\nu \simeq 2\pi \cdot \Phi_\nu (> 1\ \text{PeV}) \cdot 1\ \text{yr} \cdot A_{\text{eff}} \approx \left(2.4 \times 10^{-10}\ \text{cm}^{-2}\right) A_{\text{eff}}\ ,$$

where A_{eff} is the effective area of the detector

To detect $N_\nu > 1$ events per year, we need an area of

$$A_{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 0.4\ \text{km}^2$$

Therefore, we need km-scale detectors, like IceCube

Cosmogenic neutrinos

We have seen that protons interact with the cosmological photon fields (CMB, etc.), *e.g.*,

$$p + \gamma \to \Delta^+ \to \pi^+ + n \,,$$

and neutrinos are created in the decays of the secondaries:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^+ &\to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \\ \mu^+ &\to \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + e^+ \\ n &\to p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \end{aligned}$$

These are called *cosmogenic neutrinos*

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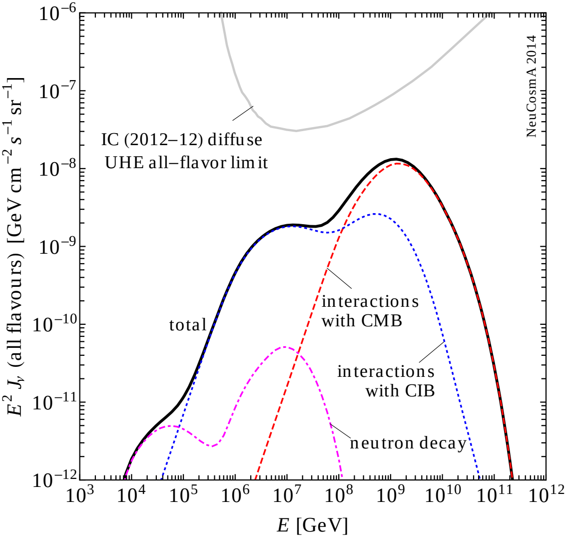

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Interaction with the photon backgrounds – I

- Energy loss rate (GeV s^{-1}):

$$b(E) \equiv \frac{dE}{dt}$$

- For pair production $p\gamma \longrightarrow pe^+e^-$:

$$b_{e^+e^-}(E,z) = -\alpha r_0^2 \left(m_e c^2\right)^2 c \int_2^\infty d\xi\, n_\gamma \left(\frac{\xi m_e c^2}{2\gamma}, z\right) \frac{\phi(\xi)}{\xi^2}$$

  - n_γ: isotropic photon background (GeV^{-1} cm^{-3})
  - ξ: photon energy in units of $m_e c^2$
  - proton energy: $E = \gamma m_p c^2$ ($\gamma \gg 1$)
  - $\phi(\xi)$: (tabulated) integral in energy of outgoing e^-

G. BLUMENTHAL, *Phys. Rev.* **D 1**, 1596 (1970)
H. BETHE, W. HEITLER, *Proc. Roy. Soc.* **A146**, 83 (1934)

Interaction with the photon backgrounds – II

Photohadronic interactions – $p\gamma$ interaction rate (s^{-1} per particle):

$$\Gamma_{p\gamma\to p'b}(E,z) = \frac{1}{2}\frac{m_p^2}{E^2}\int_{\frac{\epsilon_{\rm th} m_p}{2E}}^{\infty} d\epsilon \frac{n_\gamma(\epsilon,z)}{\epsilon^2}\int_{\epsilon_{\rm th}}^{2E\epsilon/m_p} d\epsilon_r \epsilon_r \sigma_{p\gamma\to p'b}^{\rm tot}(\epsilon_r)$$

1. For given values of E and z, NeuCosmA calculates the cooling rate $t_{p\gamma}^{-1} \equiv -(1/E)\, b_{p\gamma}$ (s^{-1}) as

$$t_{p\gamma}^{-1}(E,z) = \sum_i^{\text{all channels}} \Gamma^i_{p\to p}(E,z)\, K^i\ ,$$

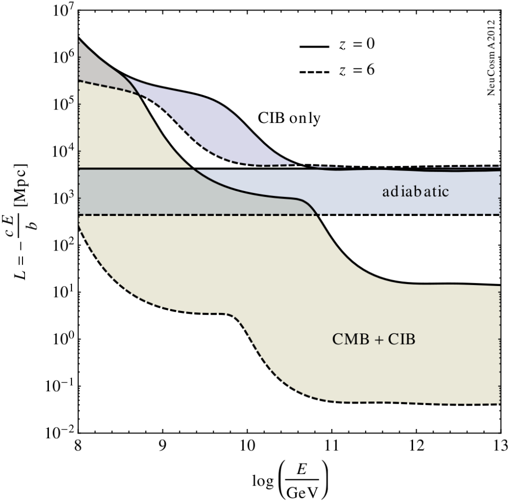
   with $K^i E$ the loss of energy per interaction

2. From this, we calculate back $b_{p\gamma}$ (GeV s^{-1}) ...
3. ...and the corresponding energy-loss term in the transport equation, $\partial_E(b_{p\gamma} Y_p)$.

S. Hümmer, M. Rüger, F. Spanier, W. Winter, *Astrophys. J.* **721**, 630 (2010) [1002.1310]

Interaction lengths

Note that $L_{\text{CIB}} \gg L_{\text{CMB}}$:



Matches, *e.g.*, H. Takami, K. Murase, S. Nagataki, K. Sato, *Astropart. Phys.* **31**, 201 (2009) [0704.0979]

UHE ν's in the GRB internal shock model

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Normalisation to the observed GRB photon flux F_γ

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Fluence per shell, at Earth (GeV^{-1} cm^{-2})

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- Photon density, shock rest frame (GeV^{-1} cm^{-3}):

$$N'_\gamma\left(\varepsilon'\right) \propto \begin{cases} \left(\varepsilon'\right)^{-\alpha_\gamma}, & \varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{min}} = 0.2 \text{ eV} \leq \varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{break}} \\ \left(\varepsilon'\right)^{-\beta_\gamma}, & \varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{break}} \leq \varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{max}} = 300 \times \varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{min}} \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{\gamma,\text{break}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\text{keV}\right), \alpha_\gamma \approx 1, \beta_\gamma \approx 2$$

- Proton density:

$$N'_p\left(E'_p\right) \propto \left(E'_p\right)^{-\alpha_p} \times \exp\left[-\left(E'_p/E'_{p,\text{max}}\right)^2\right] \quad \left(\alpha_p \approx 2\right)$$

Maximum proton energy limited by energy losses:

$$t'_{\text{acc}}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right) = \min\left[t'_{\text{dyn}}, t'_{\text{syn}}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right), t'_{p\gamma}\left(E'_{p,\text{max}}\right)\right]$$

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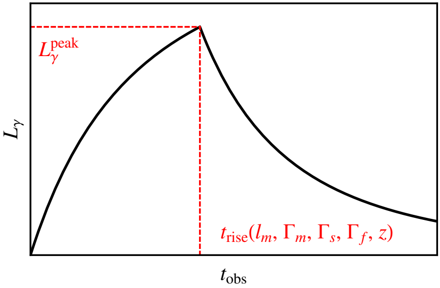
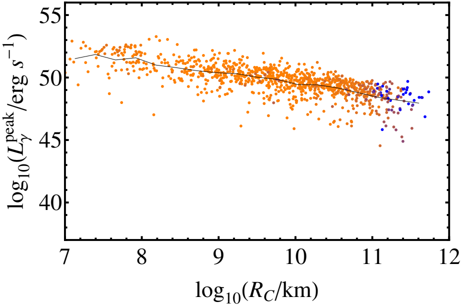
Gamma-ray and neutrino pulses

A fast-rise-exponential-decay (FRED) gamma-ray pulse is emitted in every collision:

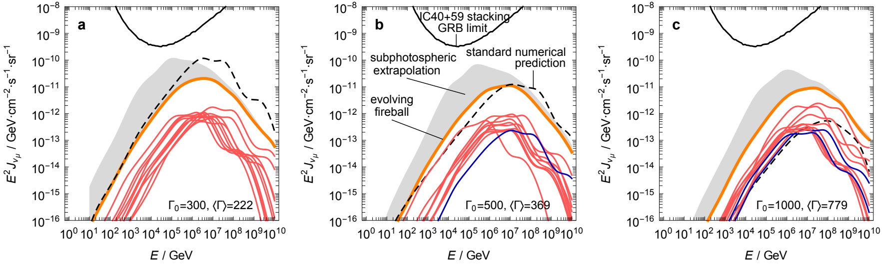




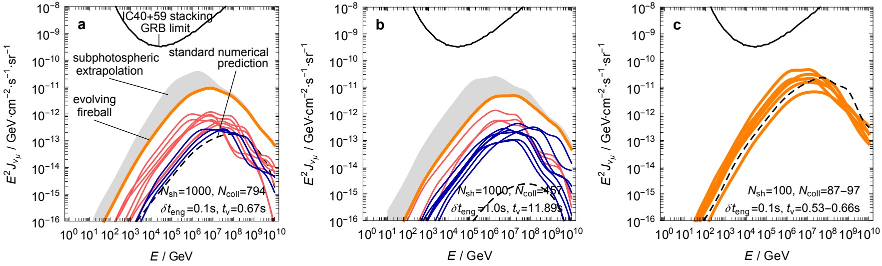
$$L_\gamma^{\text{peak}} \sim R_C^{-2}$$

The prediction *is* robust

Simulations show only weak dependence of the **flux** on the boost Γ …

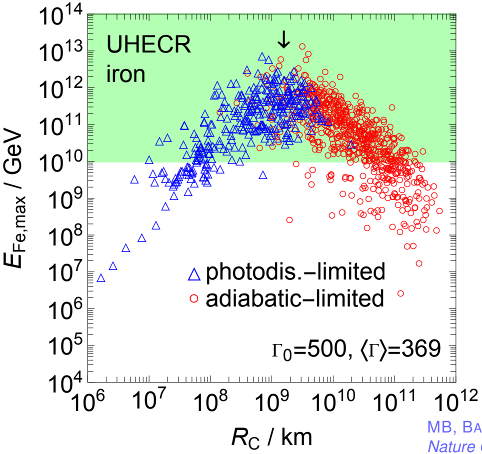


…and on the GRB engine variability time $\delta t_{\rm eng}$



Accelerating iron

- Photodisintegration destroys nuclei close to the center ($\sim 10^8$ km)
  e.g., Anchordoqui *et al.*, *Astropart. Phys.* **29**, 1 (2008)
- However, they can survive at large radii:



MB, Baerwald, Murase, Winter
Nature Commun. **6**, 6783 (2015)

Propagating the UHECRs to Earth

We use a Boltzmann equation to transport protons to Earth:

- Comoving number density of protons ($\text{GeV}^{-1}\ \text{cm}^{-3}$):

$$Y_p(E,z) = n_p(E,z)\,/\,(1+z)^3 \ ,$$

  with n_p the real number density

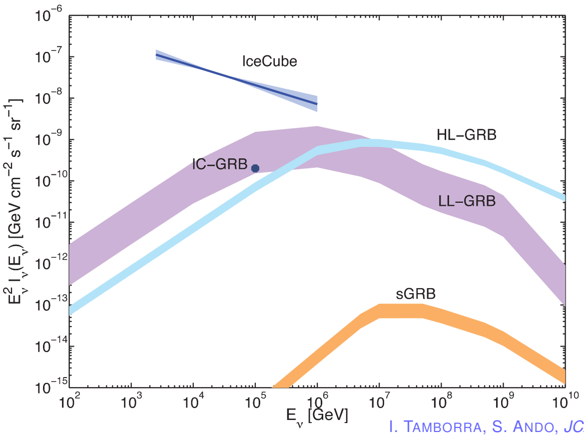
- Transport equation (comoving source frame):

$$\dot{Y}_p = \underbrace{\partial_E(HEY_p)}_{\text{adiabatic losses}} + \underbrace{\partial_E(b_{e^+e^-}Y_p)}_{\text{pair production losses}} + \underbrace{\partial_E(b_{p\gamma}Y_p)}_{\text{photohadronic losses}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{CR}}}_{\text{CR injection from sources}}$$

$$Q_{\text{CR}}(E) \propto E^{-\alpha_p} e^{-E/E_{p,\max}}$$

Contribution of GRBs to the diffuse ν flux

- Three populations: high-luminosity long GRBs (HL-GRB), low-luminosity long GRBs (LL-GRB), short GRBs (sGRB)
- Sub-PeV: GRBs contribute a few % to the IceCube diffuse flux
- PeV: contribution could be higher



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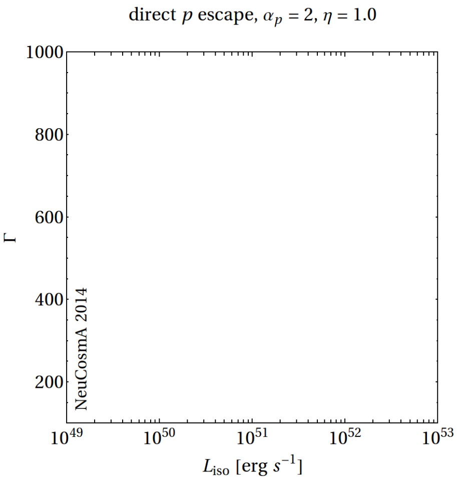

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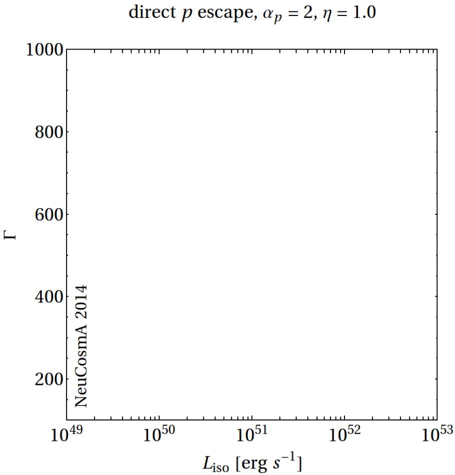

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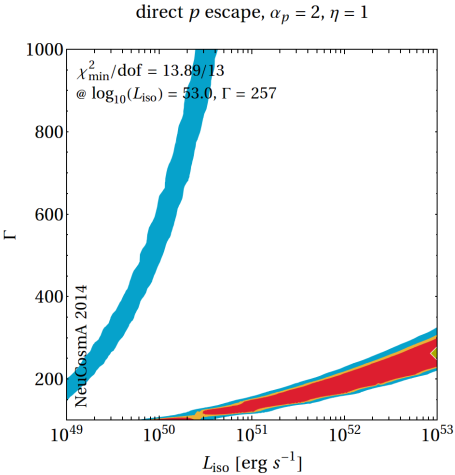

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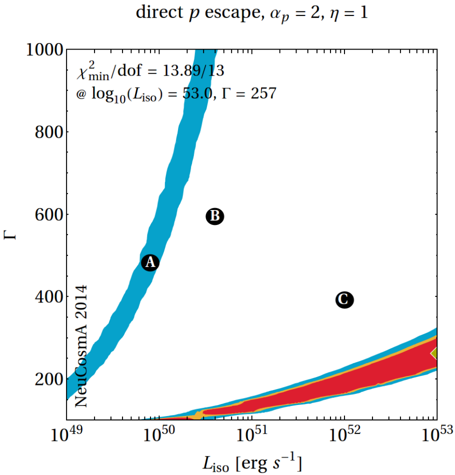

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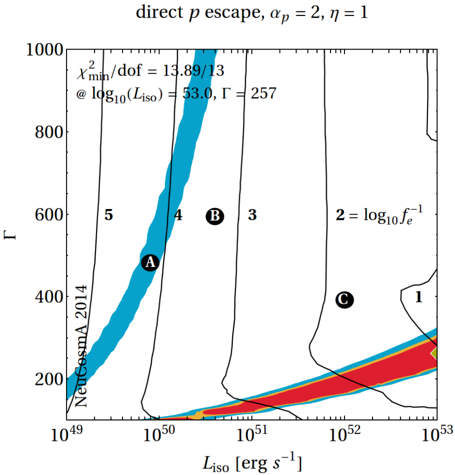

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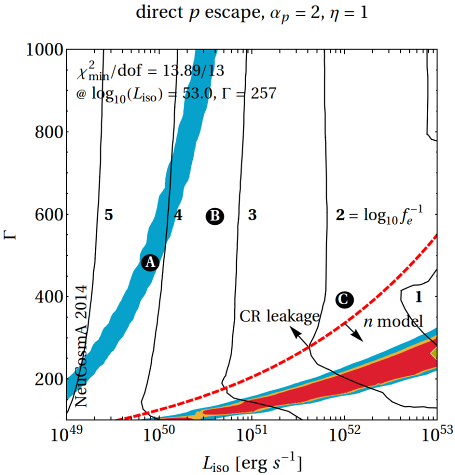

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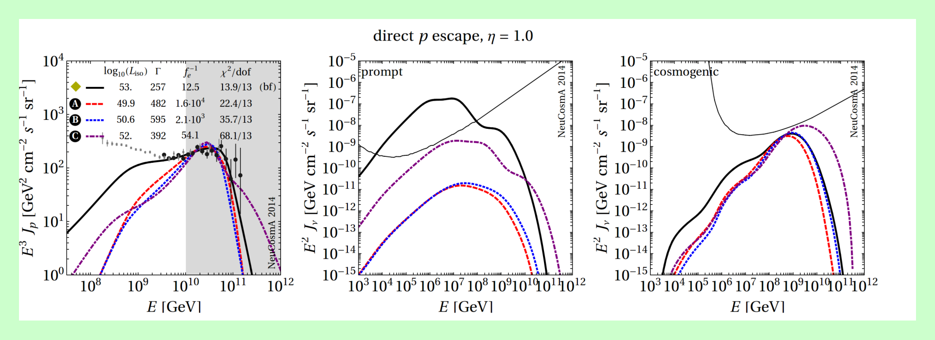
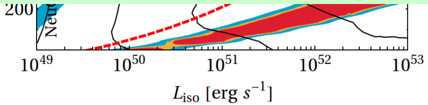
direct p escape, $\alpha_p = 2$, $\eta = 1$





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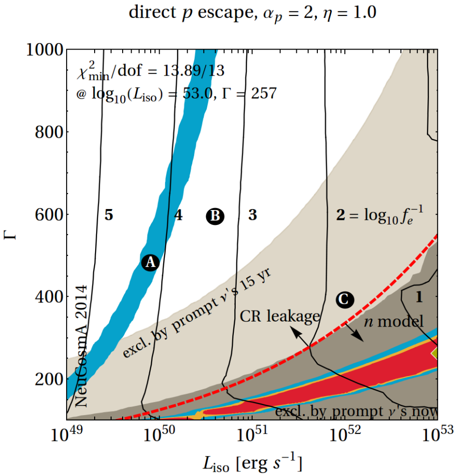

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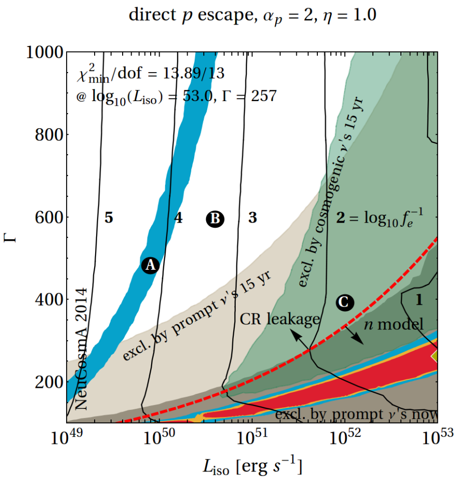
7. After 15 yr of exposure and no detection, cosmogenic neutrinos also exclude



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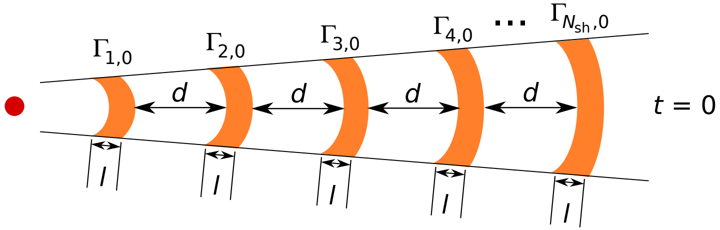
Initialising the burst simulation

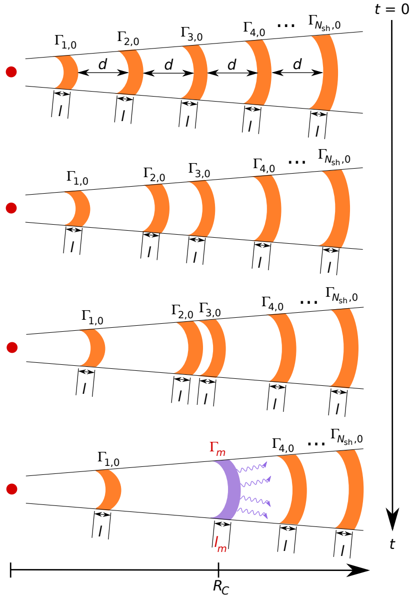
Initial number of plasma shells in the jet: $\gtrsim 1000$



Initial values of shell parameters:

- Width of shells and separation between them: $l = d = c \cdot \delta t_{eng}$
- Equal kinetic energy for all shells ($\sim 10^{52}$ erg)
- Shell speeds $\Gamma_{k,0}$ follow a distribution (log-normal or other)

Propagating and colliding the shells



During propagation:

- speeds, masses, widths do not change (only in collisions)
- the new, merged shells continue propagating and can collide again

Evolution stops when either:

- a single shell is left; or
- all remaining shells have reached the circumburst medium ($\gtrsim 6 \times 10^{11}$ km)

$$\text{final number of collisions} \approx \text{number of initial shells } (\gtrsim 1000)$$

S. Kobayashi, T. Piran, R. Sari, *ApJ* **490**, 92 (1997)
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Anatomy of an internal collision

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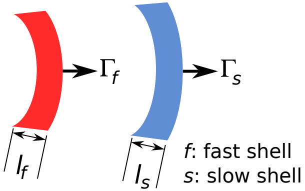
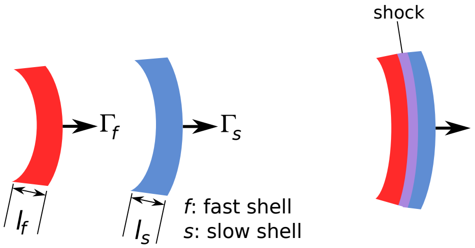
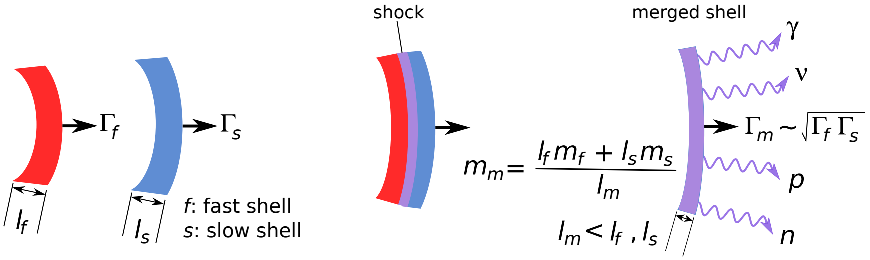


Anatomy of an internal collision

① Propagation ② Collision



1 Propagation — 2 Collision — 3 Radiation



Part of the initial kinetic energy radiated as γ's, ν's, p's, and n's:

$$E_{\rm coll}^{\rm iso} = \left(E_{{\rm kin},f}^{\rm iso} - E_{{\rm kin},m}^{\rm iso} \right) + \left(E_{{\rm kin},m}^{\rm iso} - E_{{\rm kin},s}^{\rm iso} \right)$$

$$\underbrace{\overset{1/12}{\epsilon_e E_{\rm coll}^{\rm iso}}}_{\text{energy in photons}} \qquad \underbrace{\overset{1/12}{\epsilon_B E_{\rm coll}^{\rm iso}}}_{\text{energy in magnetic fields}} \qquad \underbrace{\overset{5/6}{\epsilon_p E_{\rm coll}^{\rm iso}}}_{\text{energy in baryons}}$$

How is the new prediction different?

- The top-contributing collisions are at the photosphere
- Pion production efficiency there is independent of Γ:

$$f_{p\gamma}^{\mathrm{ph}} \sim 5 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{0.25} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_e}{0.1} \cdot \frac{1\ \mathrm{keV}}{\epsilon'_{\gamma,\mathrm{break}}}$$

  ε: energy dissipation efficiency
  ϵ_e: fraction of dissipated energy as e.m. output (photons)

- $\Rightarrow$ Time-integrated neutrino fluence dominated is independent of Γ:

$$\mathcal{F}_\nu \propto \frac{N_{\mathrm{coll}}\left(f_{p\gamma} \gtrsim 1\right)}{N_{\mathrm{coll}}^{\mathrm{tot}}} \times \min\left[1, f_{p\gamma}^{\mathrm{ph}}\right] \times \frac{\epsilon_p}{\epsilon_e} \times E_{\gamma-\mathrm{tot}}^{\mathrm{iso}}$$

- Compare to standard predictions, which have a $\langle\Gamma\rangle^{-4}$ dependence
- Raising ϵ_p automatically decreases ϵ_e, so the photosphere grows, but still ~ 10 photospheric collisions dominate

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- Pion production efficiency there is independent of Γ:

$$f_{p\gamma}^{\rm ph} \sim 5 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{0.25} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_e}{0.1} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ keV}}{\epsilon'_{\gamma,\rm break}}$$

  ε: energy dissipation efficiency
  ϵ_e: fraction of dissipated energy as e.m. output (photons)

- $\Rightarrow$ Time-integrated neutrino fluence dominated is independent of Γ:

$$\mathcal{F}_\nu \propto \frac{\overset{\sim 10}{N_{\rm coll}\left(f_{p\gamma} \gtrsim 1\right)}}{\underset{\sim 1000}{N_{\rm coll}^{\rm tot}}} \times \min\left[1, f_{p\gamma}^{\rm ph}\right] \times \overset{10}{\frac{\epsilon_p}{\epsilon_e}} \times \overset{10^{53}\text{ erg}}{E_{\gamma-\rm tot}^{\rm iso}}$$

- Compare to standard predictions, which have a $\langle\Gamma\rangle^{-4}$ dependence
- Raising ϵ_p automatically decreases ϵ_e, so the photosphere grows, but still ~ 10 photospheric collisions dominate

Why?

Undisciplined GRB engine

- Shells have very different speeds
- Collide quickly, close to engine
- High *p* and γ densities
- $\sim$ 10 optically-thick bursts near the photosphere

Disciplined GRB engine

- Shells have similar speeds
- Collide far from engine
- Low *p* and γ densities
- All (superphotospheric) collisions are optically thin