# Modeling TXS 0506+056 for AMEGO-X

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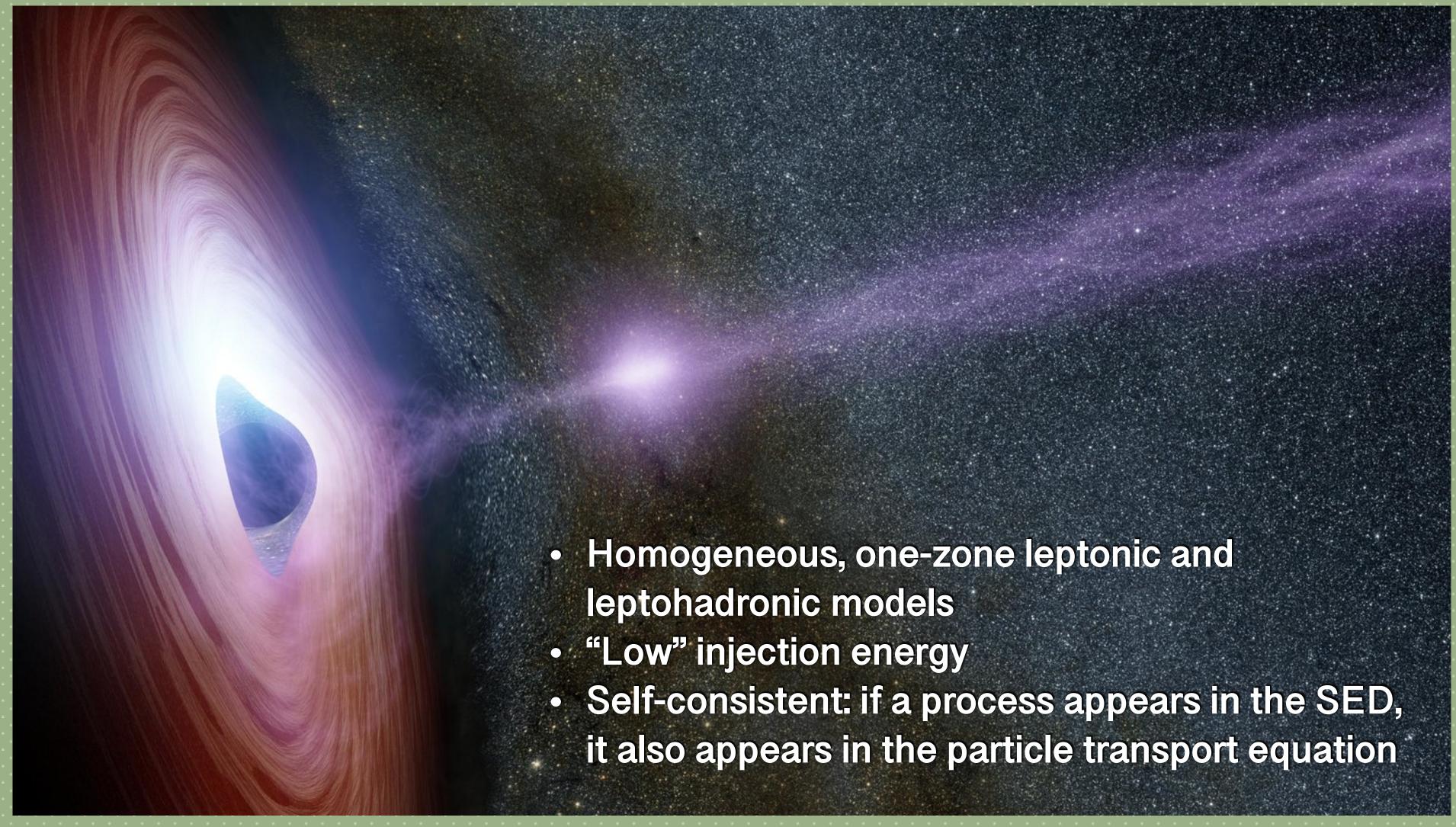
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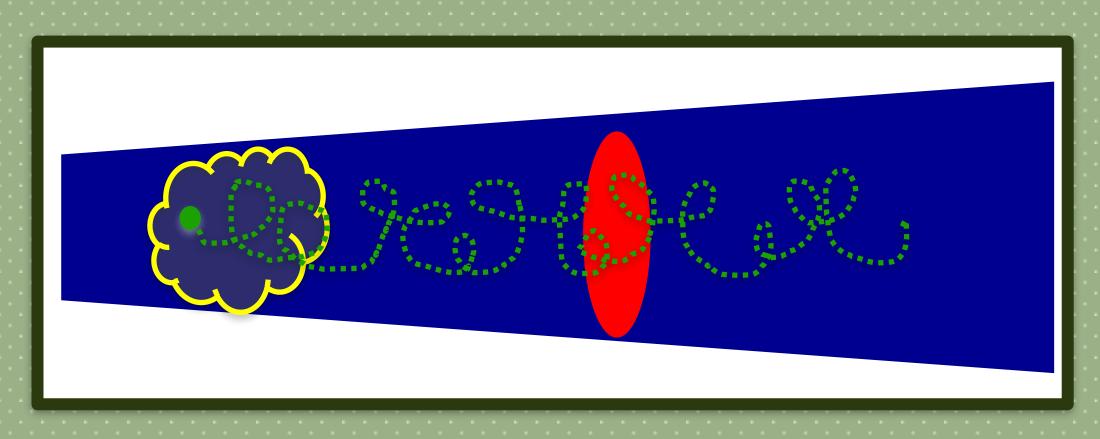
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#### Models for Blazar Jets



## Particle Acceleration Mechanisms: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Fermi Interactions

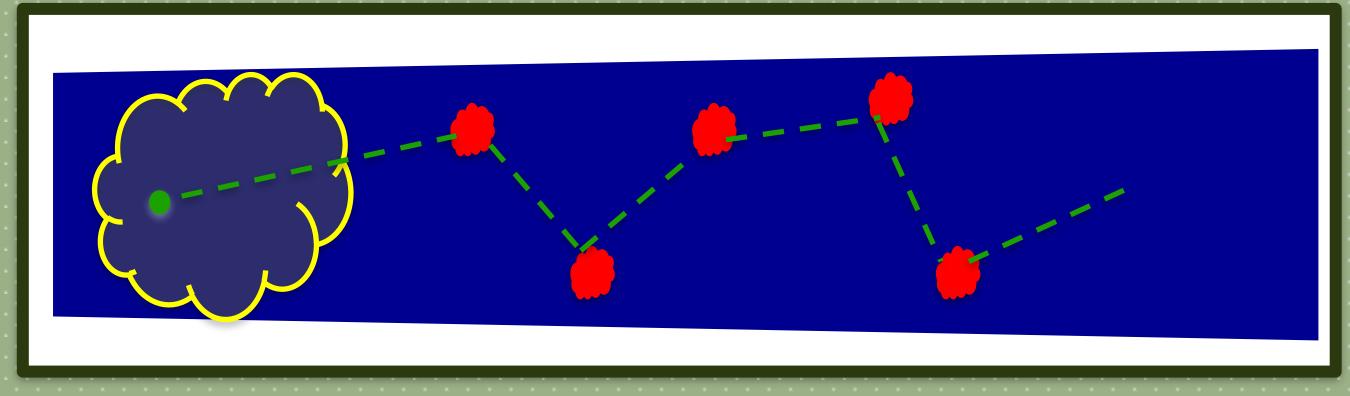


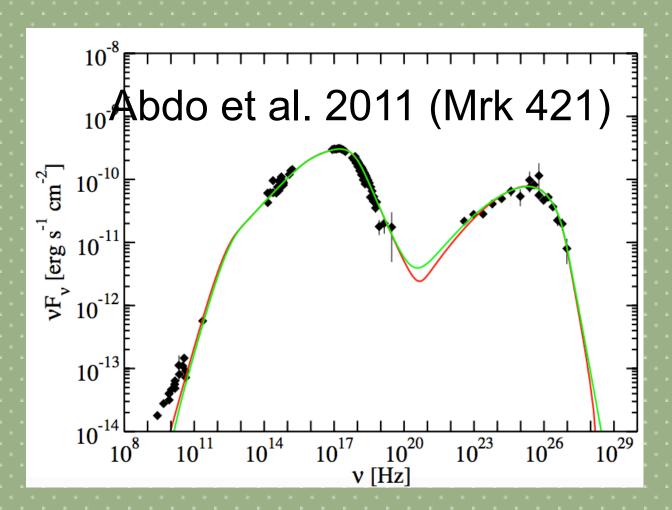
### Fermi I: Shock Acceleration (+) & Adiabatic Expansion (-)

Particles gain energy from shock crossings in proportion to the energy they already have, and can pass through a shock region multiple times

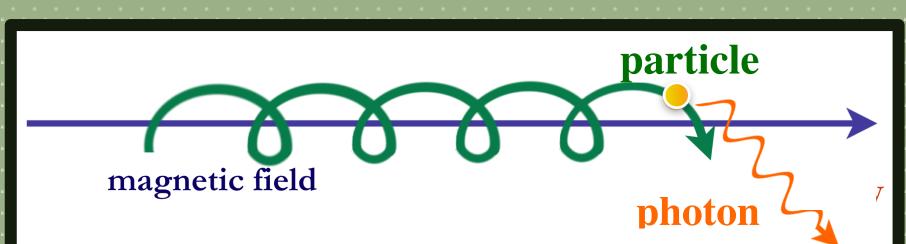
Fermi II:
Hard-Sphere Scattering off of Stochastic
MHD Waves

Particles always gain energy from stochastic scatterings in the head-on approximation due to the bulk motions in the jet.



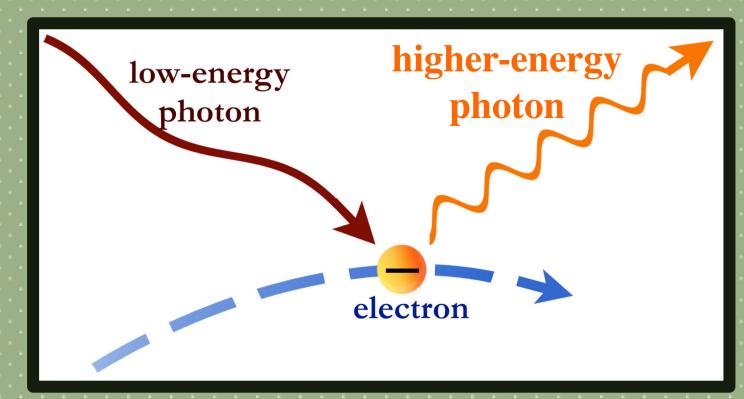


#### Particle Energy Loss Mechanisms: Synchrotron, Inverse Compton, Photo-pion Cascade



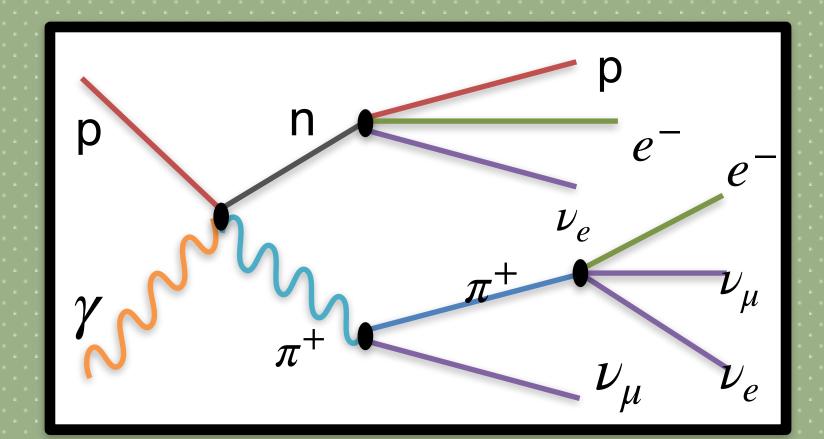
- Both electrons and protons populations can cool through synchrotron radiation.
- The rate of synchrotron cooling depends on the strength of the magnetic field.

Illustration: CXC/S. Lee



- Compton cooling describes the high-frequency SED bump in the leptonic picture.
- The Compton cooling rate depends on the energy density of the 'low-energy' photon field

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- Photo-pion production contributes to cooling for the proton population
- It also has the potential to produce observable neutrinos, but I will not be showing neutrino spectra today.

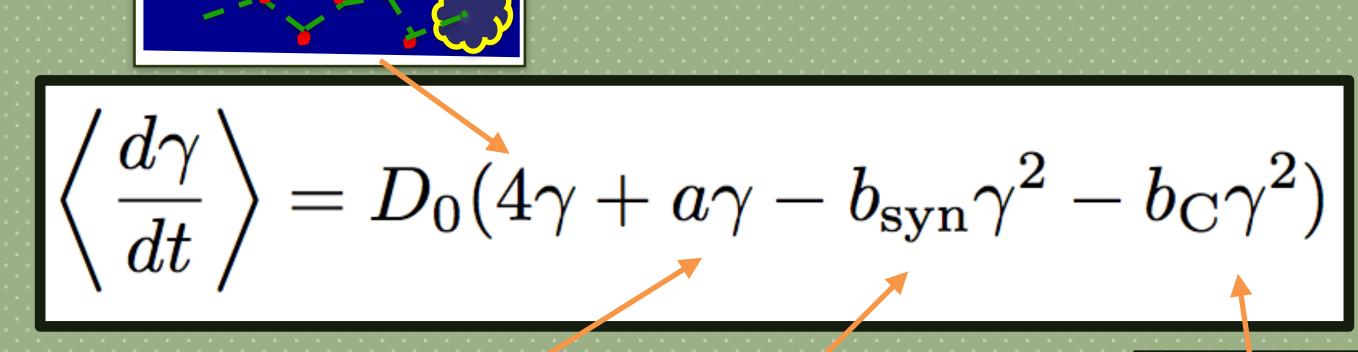
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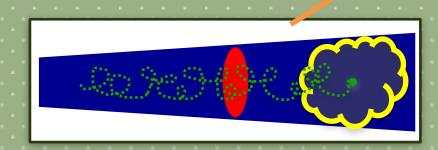
#### Fokker-Planck Electron Transport Equation

Escape Injection

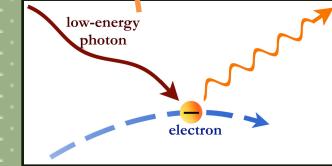
$$\frac{\partial N_e}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \gamma^2} \left( D_0 \gamma^2 N_e \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left( \left\langle \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right\rangle N_e \right) - \frac{N_e \gamma D_0}{\tau} + \frac{\partial N_e}{\partial t} \bigg|_{\text{inj}}$$

- N is the number of electrons with respect to the electron Lorentz factor.
- This version of the equation can be solved analytically, although generally I employ a more accurate accounting of the inverse Compton processes.
- An analogous equation is solved for the proton population.

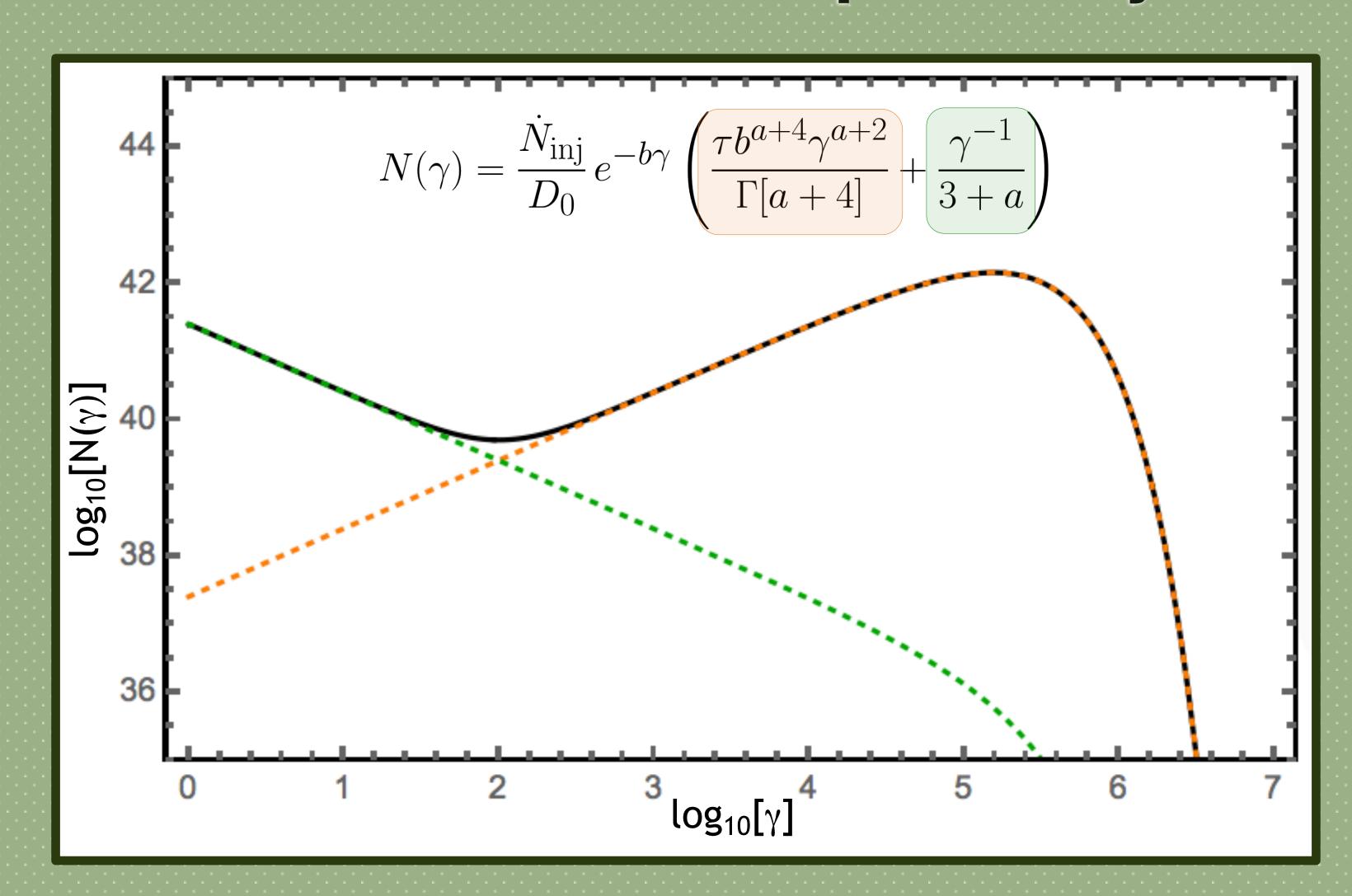






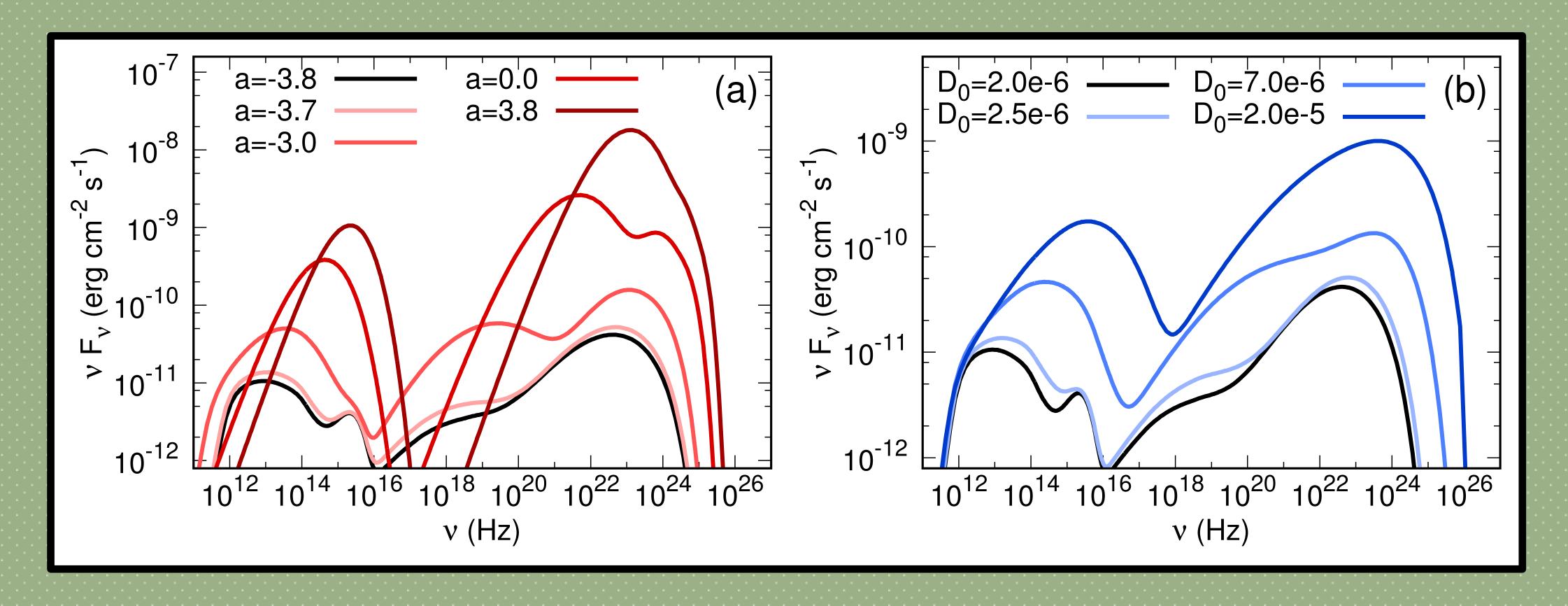


# A Simplified Analytic Electron Distribution with Explicit Physics



- Orange: balance between
   Fermi I and Fermi II terms
- Green: dominated by Fermi II acceleration
- These components of the analytic solution are NOT separable

#### How Acceleration Processes Impact Spectral Features

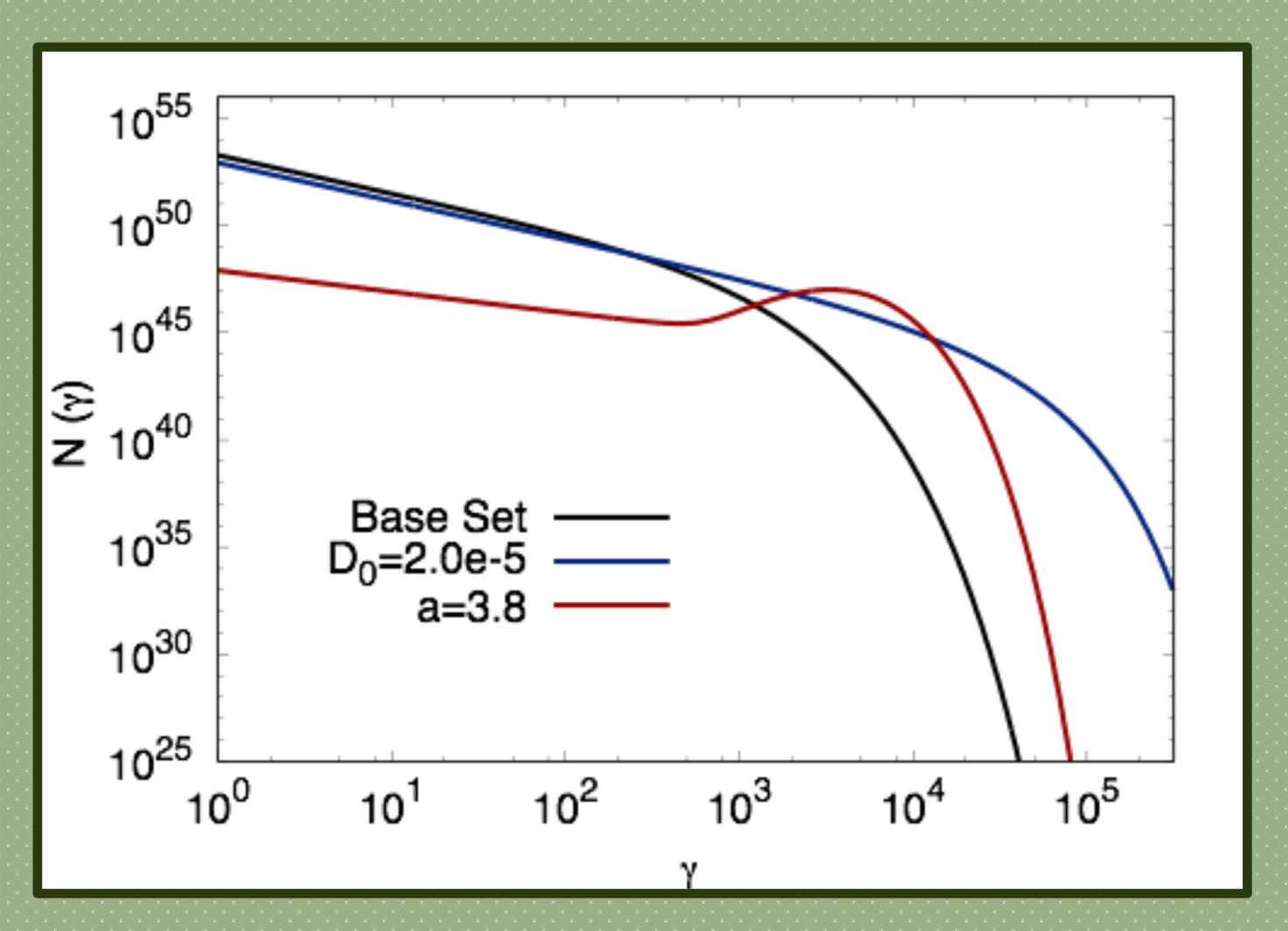


Fermi-I (shock) acceleration:
As red intensifies, the shock increases

Fermi-II (stochastic) acceleration As blue intensifies, Fermi-II increases

The black spectrum is the same in both panels.

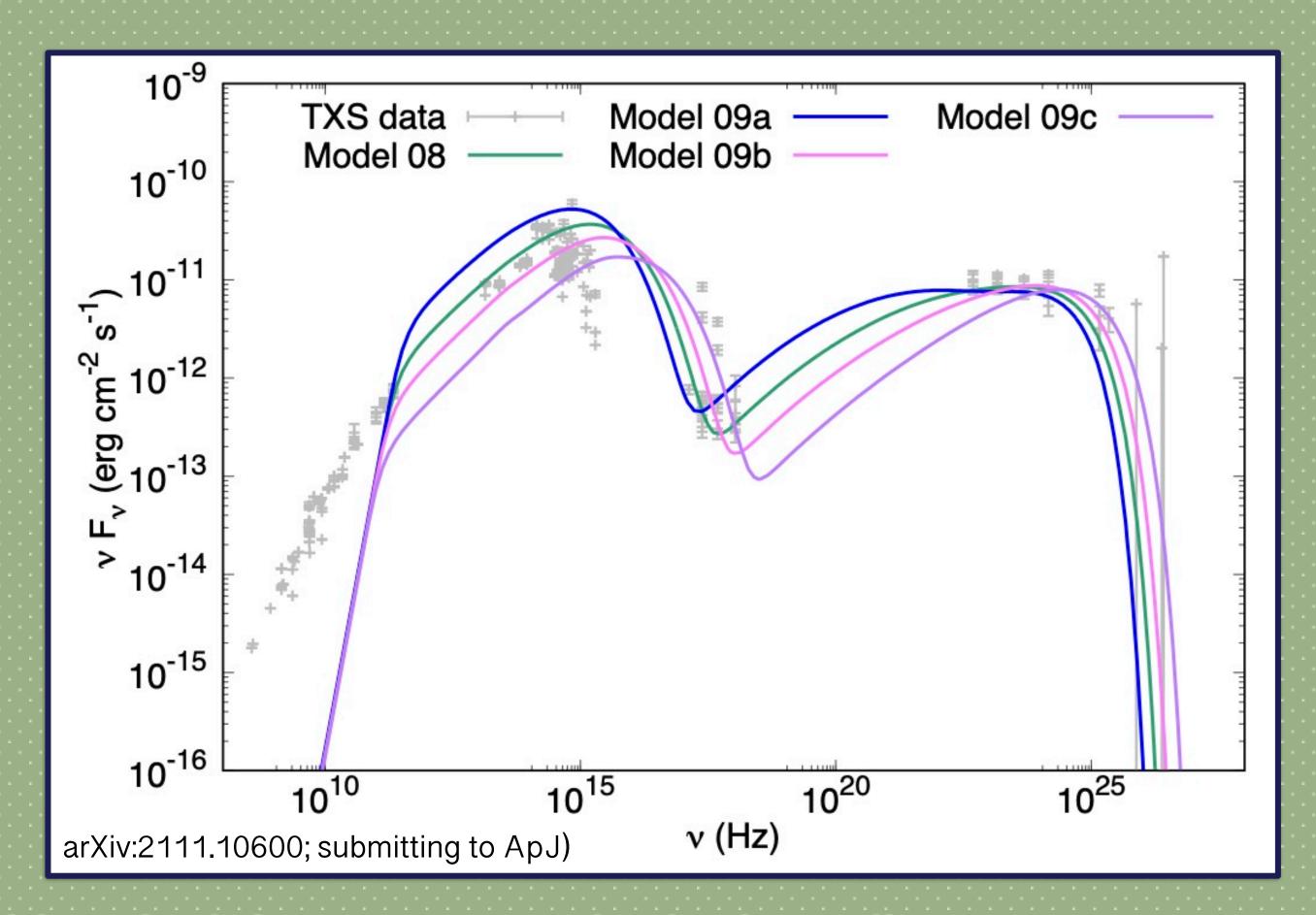
### Particle Energy Distributions Impact Spectra



The spectral shape is dictated in part by the shape of the particle spectrum.

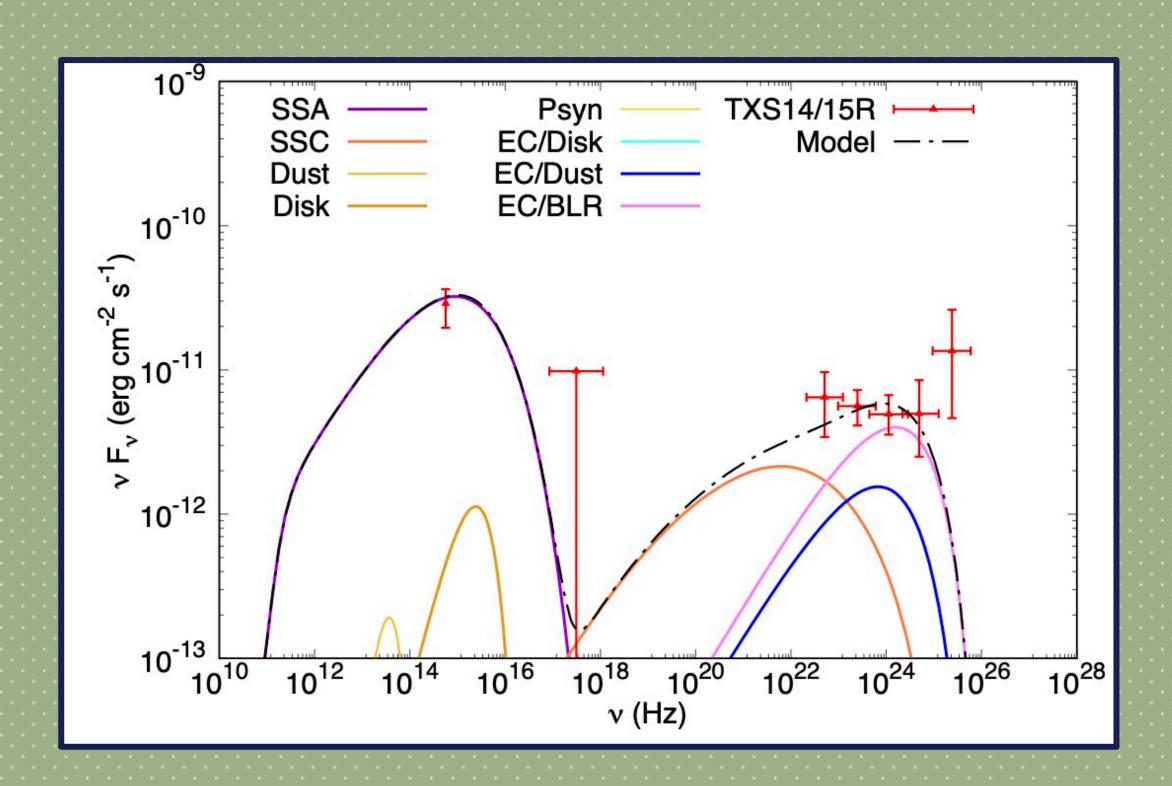
Particles accumulating at higher energies lead to sharper peaked spectra.

#### Historical TXS 0506+056 Data



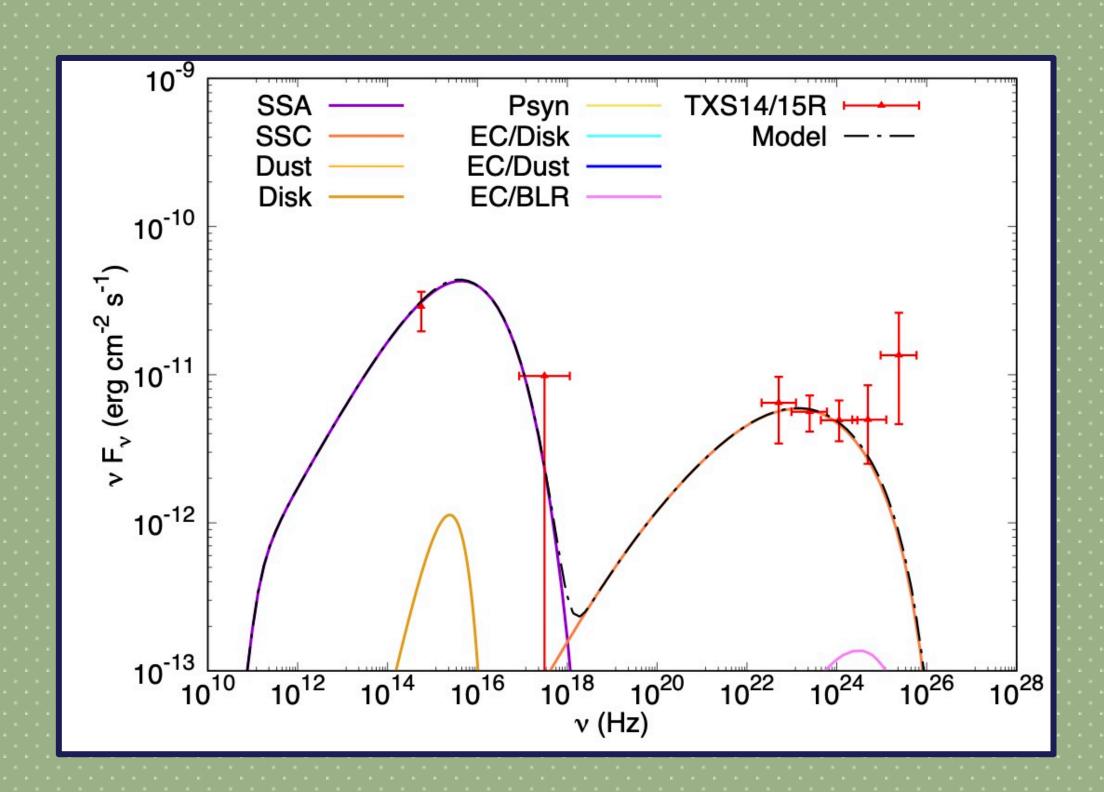
- Comparison to historical data to constrain the base-line parameter space
- It is only necessary to change a single parameter to illustrate this range of data
- B is varied from 0.5 to 1.2 G

#### TXS 0506+056 Data: the 2014-2015 Neutrino Flare



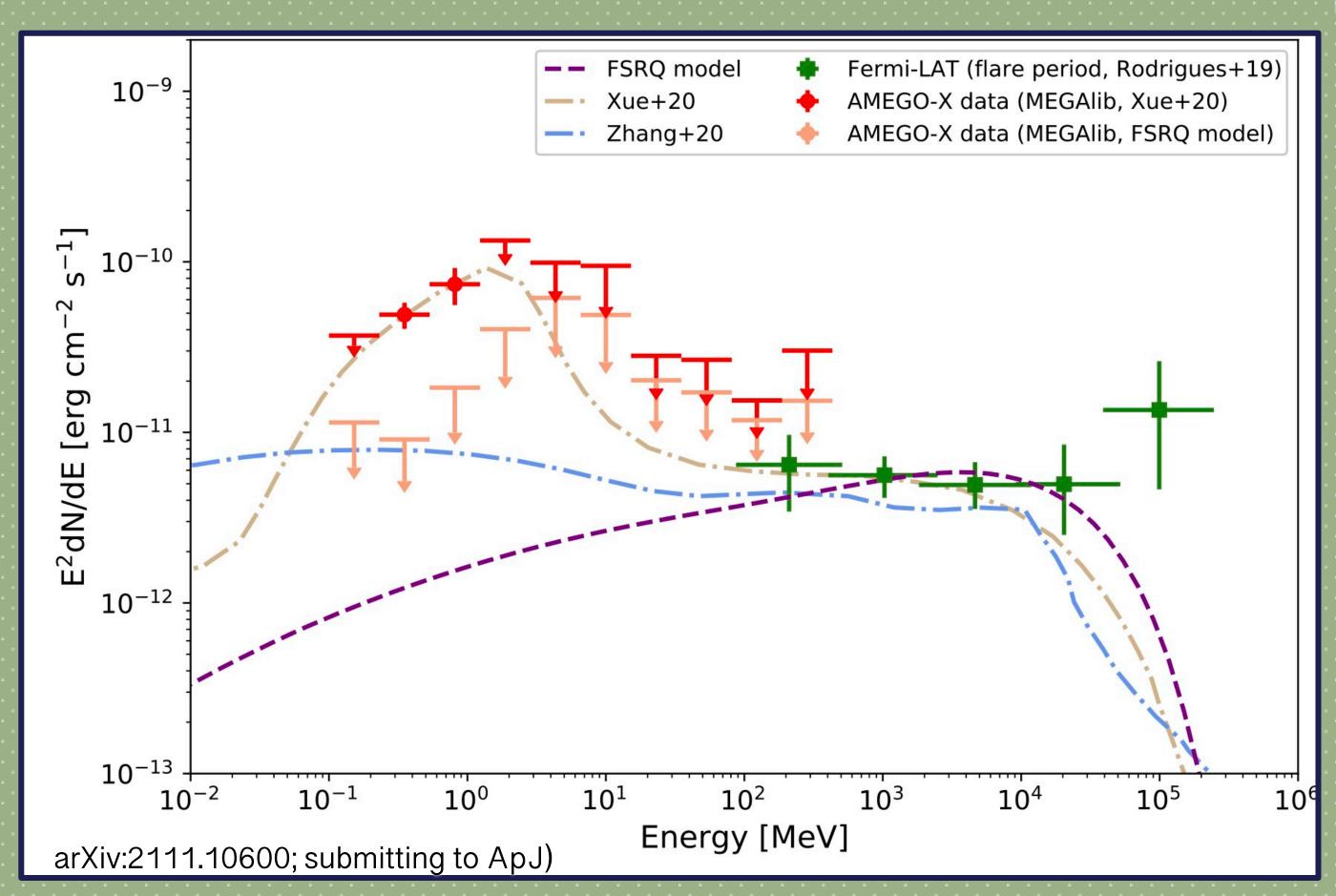


• The model is tuned such that external Compton dominates in the γ-rays.



- Comparison of the BLL leptonic model to multiwavelngth data
- The model is tuned such that synchrotron self-Compton dominates in the γ-rays.

#### 2014 Neutrino Flare MeV Spectra for AMEGO-X



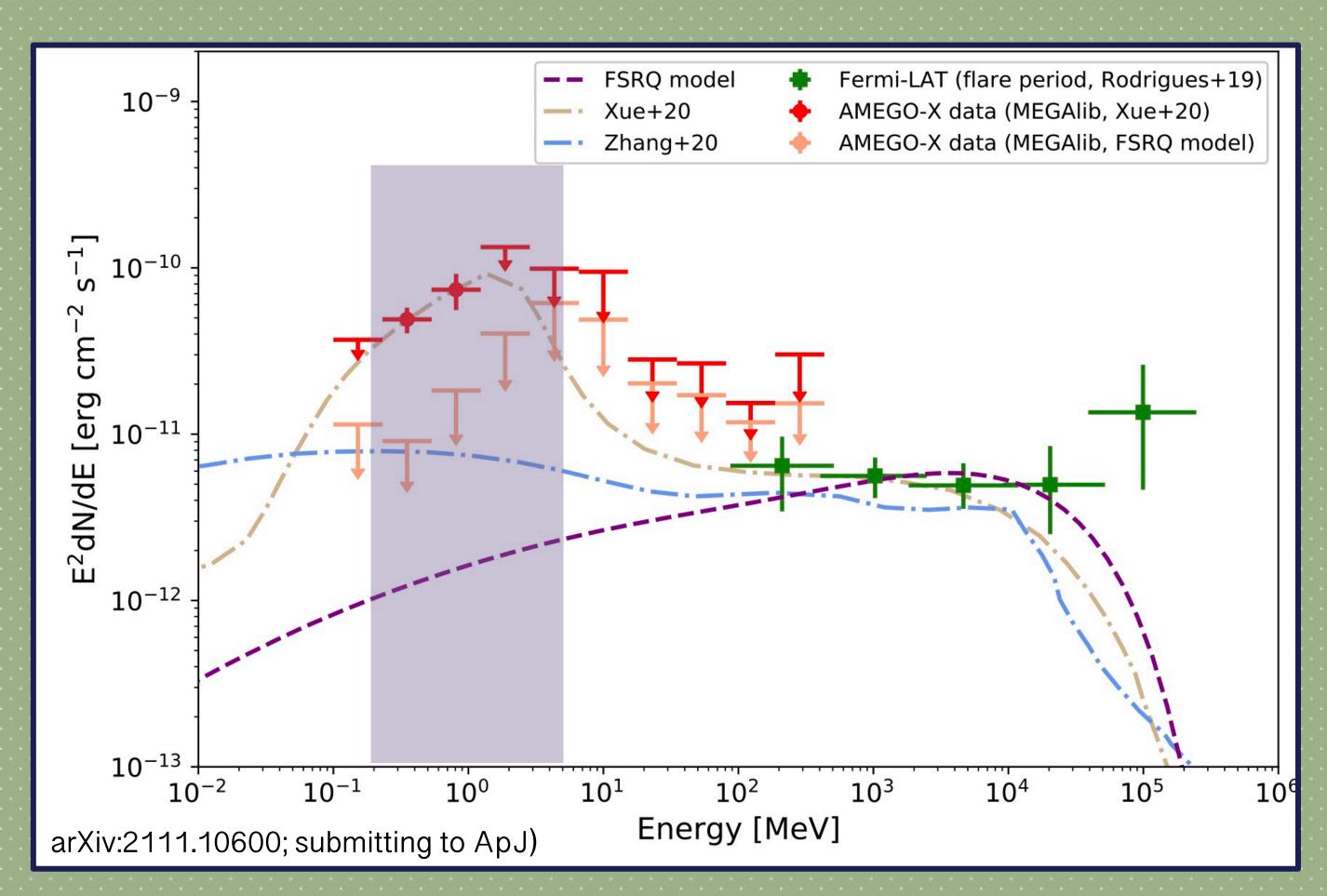
#### In the figure:

- Fermi LAT data is in green
- Simulated AMEGO-X data in red & peach
- 3 leptohadronic models representing different dominant emission processes.
  - Purple is Inverse Compton
  - Blue is hadronic cascades
  - Tan is 2 zones with coronal gammagamma absorbed cascade emission in the MeV, but inverse Compton in the GeV

AMEGO-X would have detected the tan model or ruled it out through non-detection. 11

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#### COSI Will Also Observe Blazars



The purple box, containing the peak of the tan model, is COSI's sensitivity band.

- COSI is a large field of view 0.2-5 MeV gamma-ray satellite mission planned for launch in 2026 (Tomsick et al., arXiv:1908.04334, arXiv:2109.10403)
- COSI is expected to detect flares from ~35 blazars/year & a correlation study with IceCube events is planned



Questions?

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