

Hadronic Code Comparison

Final Results and Data Release

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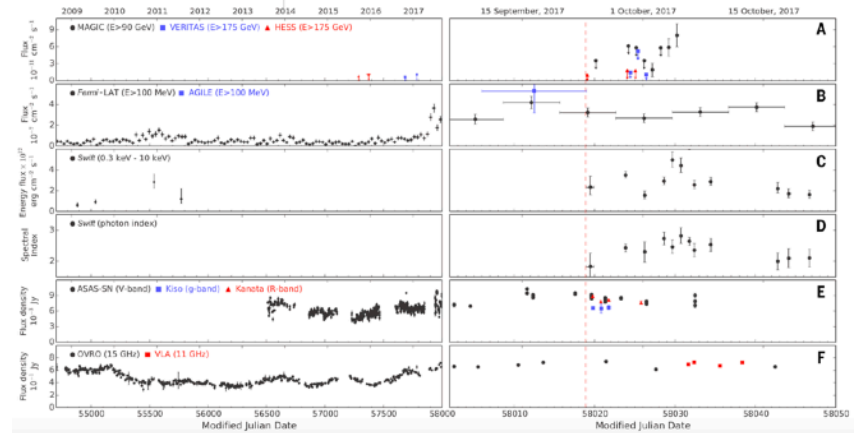
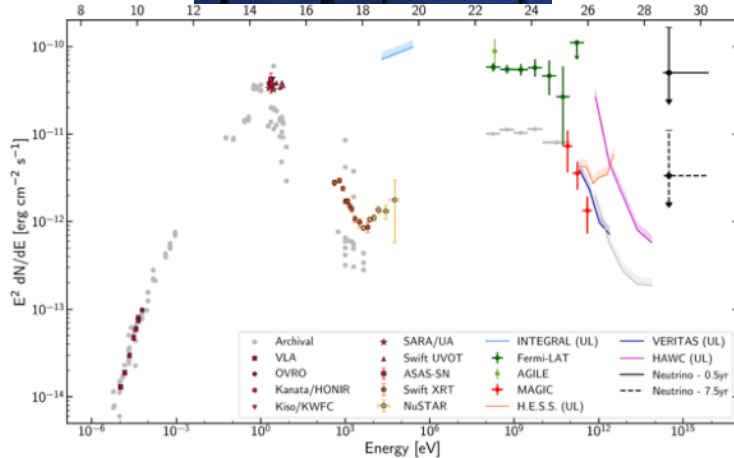
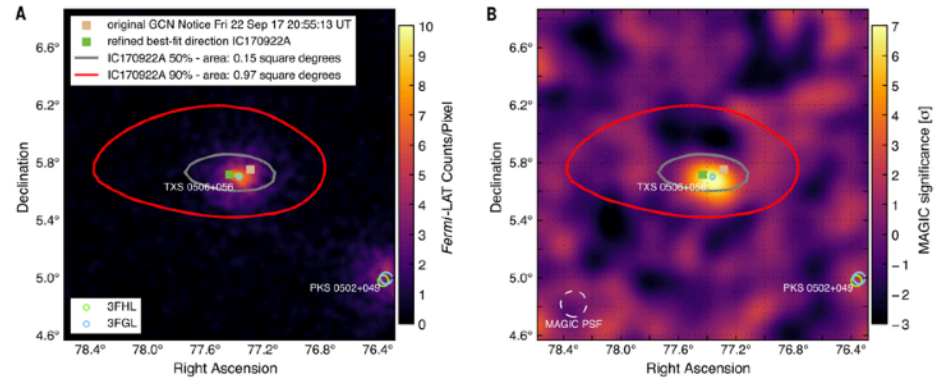
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IceCube-170922A / TXS 0506+056

Most significant association (3σ)
of a high-energy (290 TeV) neutrino with an astrophysical source

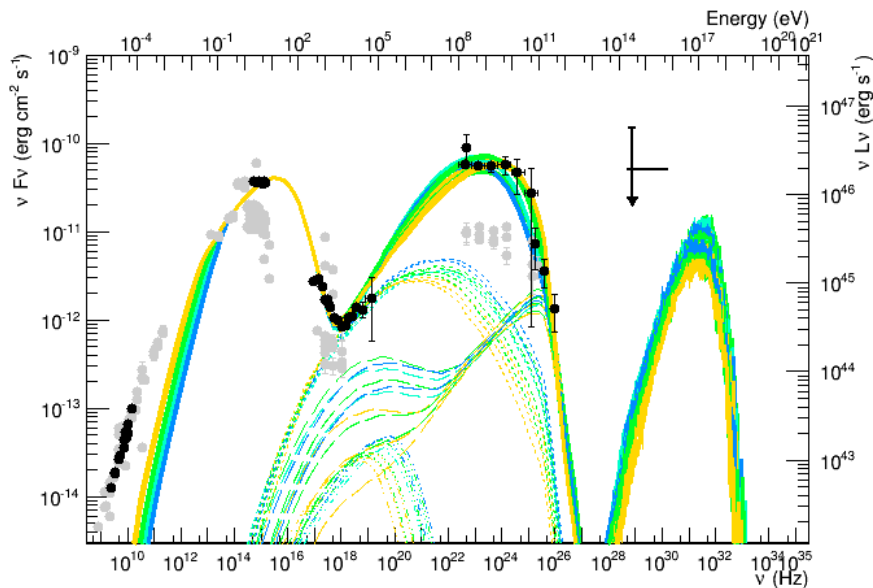


[IceCube, Fermi, MAGIC et al. 2018](#)



TXS0506+056: the 2017 flare

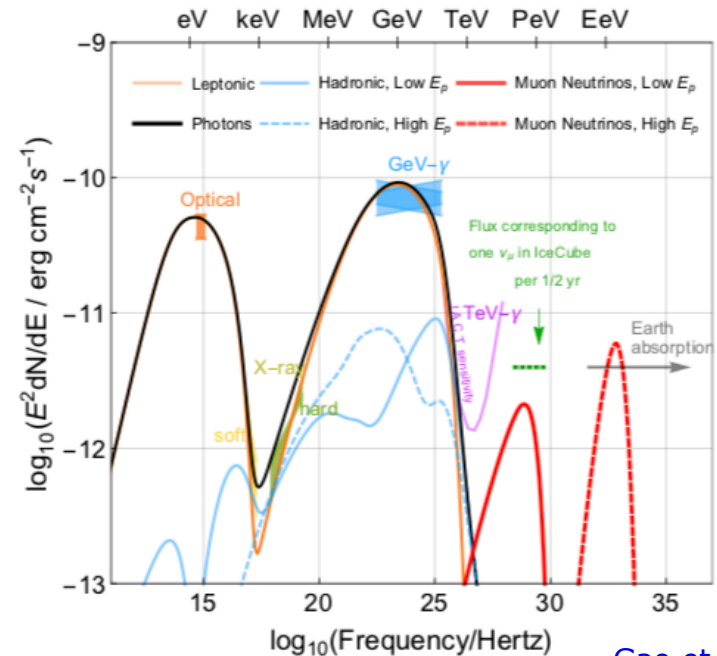
Lepto-hadronic solutions



[Cerruti et al. 2019](#)

$$L_{jet} = (9 - 60) \times 10^{47} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\nu = 0.01 - 0.06 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



[Gao et al. 2018](#)

$$L_{jet} \simeq \times 10^{50} \text{ erg/s}$$

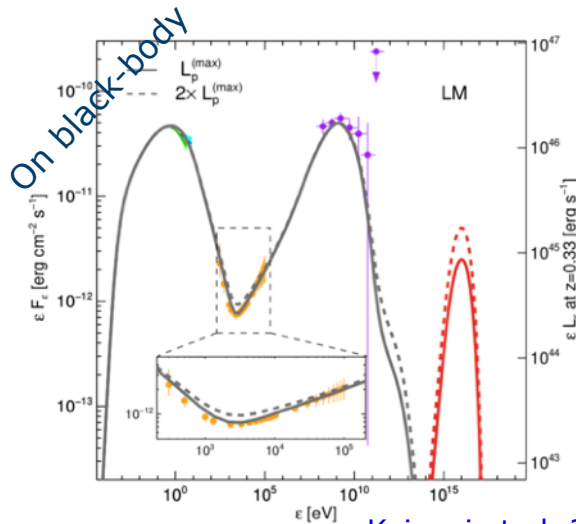
$$\nu = 0.3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

They can work: neutrino rates of the order of 0.1 / yr

But rather high energetic requirement : $L_{jet} \gg L_{Edd} \simeq \times 10^{46-47} \text{ erg/s}$

TXS0506+056: the 2017 flare

Proton-photon interaction on external photon fields



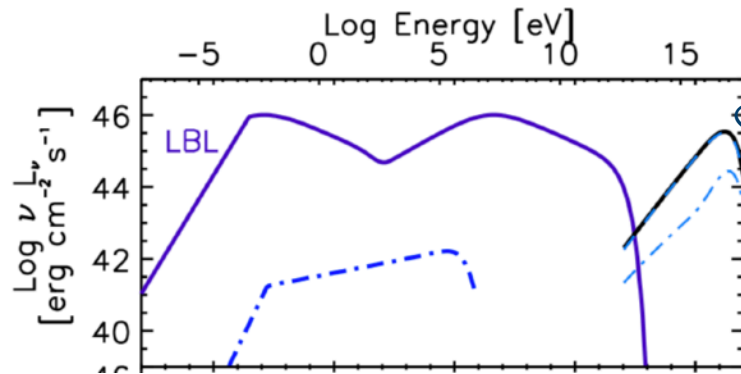
[Keivani et al. 2018](#)

$$L_{jet} = (4 - 150) \times 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\nu_{max} = 0.02 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$L_{jet} = (3 - 8) \times 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

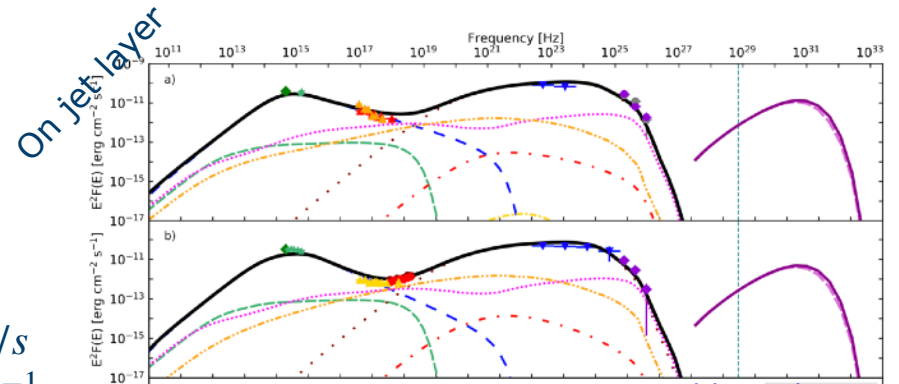
$$\nu = 0.12 - 0.34 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



[Righi et al. 2019](#)

$$L_{jet} = 6.3 \times 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\nu = 0.14 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



[Ansoldi et al. 2018](#)

HADRONIC CODE COMPARISON

What is the level of agreement reached by state-of-the-art numerical simulations?

- Compare outputs from 4 Numerical codes:
AM3, ATHE ν A, B13, LeHa-PARIS
- Check also widely used analytical approximation for neutrino emission
- Estimate spread among outputs from numerical codes for a wide part of the parameter space
→ *systematic uncertainty* (on i.e. neutrino rates) coming from numerical simulations
- Release all results in tabulated form as benchmark tests to help future numerical developments

THE FOUR CODES

- **AM3** (Gao et al. 2018)
 - Time-dependent
 - Photo-meson interactions following Hümmer et al. 2010; Bethe-Heitler following Kelner and Aharonian 2008
- **ATHE ν A** (Mastichiadis & Kirk 1995, Mastichiadis et al 2005, Dimitrakoudis et al 2012)
 - Time-dependent
 - Photo-meson from tabulated SOPHIA (Mücke et al. 2000); Bethe-Heitler from Protheroe and Johnson 1996
- **Böttcher13** (Böttcher et al. 2013)
 - Steady-state solver
 - Photo-hadronic interactions following Kelner and Aharonian 2008
- **LeHa-PARIS** (Cerruti et al. 2015)
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Photo-hadronic interactions following Kelner

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We also study simple semi-analytical approximations for neutrino emission :

$$\epsilon_\nu L_{\epsilon\nu} \approx \frac{3}{8} f_{py}(\epsilon_p) \epsilon_p L_{\epsilon p}$$

With $f_{py} \equiv t_{cool}/t_{py}$

THE FOUR CODES

Table 1. Physical processes included in the numerical codes.

Physical Processes	Codes			
	AM ³	ATHE ν A	B13	LeHa-Paris
electron synchrotron radiation	✓	✓	✓	✓
synchrotron self-absorption	✓	✓	✓	✓
electron inverse Compton scattering	✓	✓	✓	✓
electron-positron annihilation	✗	✓	✓	✗
photon-photon pair production	✓	✓	✓	✓
triplet pair production	✗	✓	✗	✗
proton synchrotron radiation	✓	✓	✓	✓
proton inverse Compton scattering	✓	✗	✗	✗
proton-photon pair production	✓	✓	✗	✓
neutron-photon pion production	✓	✓	✗	✗
neutron decay	✗	✓	✗	✗
kaon synchrotron radiation	✗	✓	✗	✗
pion synchrotron radiation	✓	✓	✗	✗
muon synchrotron radiation	✓	✓	✗	✓



THE FOUR CODES

Table 2. Main features of numerical codes and implementation of hadronic processes.

Features	Codes			
	AM ³	ATHE ν A	B13	LeHa-Paris
steady state	✓	✓	✓	✓
time dependent	✓	✓	✗	✗
linear EM cascades	✓	✓	✓	✓
non-linear EM cascades	✓	✓	✗	✗
Implementation				
Photo-pion process	following Ref. ^a	tabulated SOPHIA ^b	following Ref. ^c	running SOPHIA ^b
Photo-pair process	following Ref. ^c	tabulated from Ref. ^d	n/a	following Ref. ^c

References— ^aHummer et al. (2010), ^bMücke et al. (2000), ^cKelner & Aharonian (2008), ^dProtheroe & Johnson (1996)

THE TESTS

- Leptonic:

 - Electron break comparison

 - SSC with low γ_{\max}

 - SSC with high γ_{\max} (deep into Klein Nishina)

 - KN cooled electrons

- Hadronic (test cases)

 - Mono-energetic protons on black-body photons (varying γ_p)

 - Power-law protons on power-law photons

 - Power-law protons on black-body photons

- Hadronic (realistic tests)

 - Proton synchrotron solution

 - Lepto-hadronic solution

- Other tests

 - Non-linear electron cooling

 - Non-linear proton cooling



THE TESTS

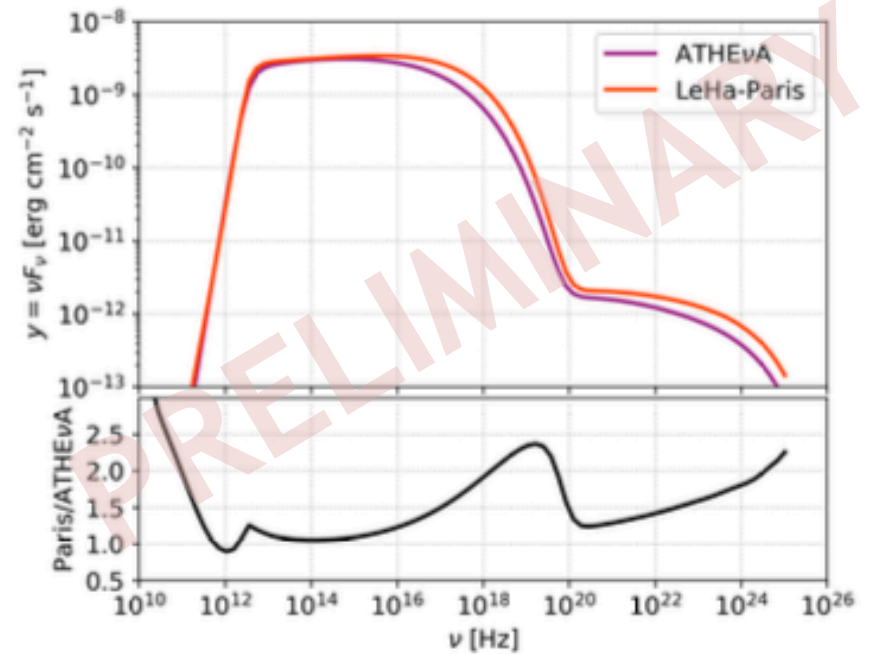
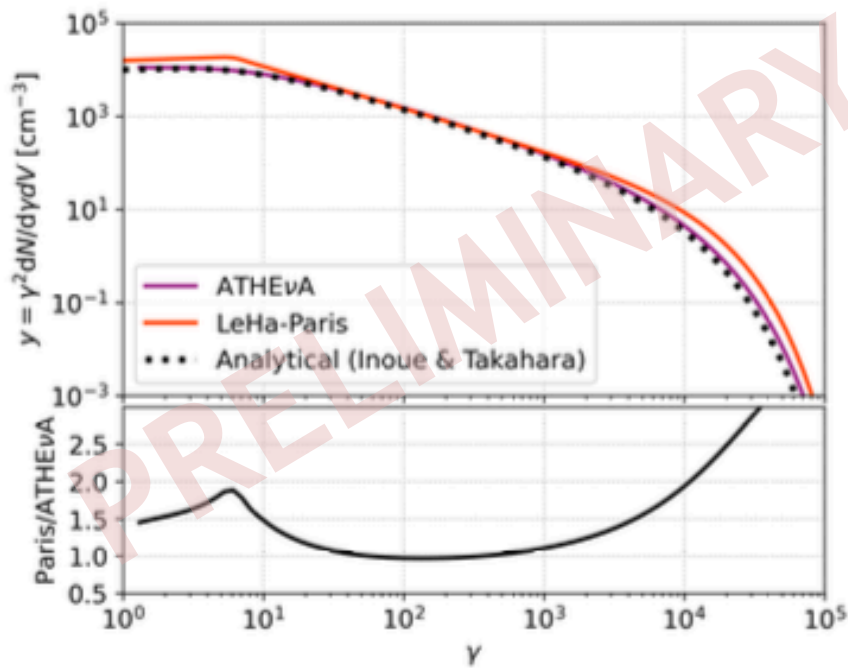
Table 3. Input parameter values used for each scenario for the code comparison.

		SYN-cool	SSC-TH	SSC-KN	p γ -MONOGB	p γ -PLPL	PS	LeHa
Input parameters	Symbol [Units]	Values						
Emission Region Radius	R [cm]	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{16}
Magnetic field strength	B [G]	50	0.1	0.1	10	10	10	0.1
Min. e $^-$ Lorentz factor	$\gamma_{e,\min}$	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
Max. e $^-$ Lorentz factor	$\gamma_{e,\max}$	10^4	10^4	10^6	—	—	10^3	3×10^5
e $^-$ power-law index	s_e	1.9	1.9	1.9	—	—	1.9	2.0
e $^-$ injection luminosity ^a	L_e^{inj} [erg s $^{-1}$]	—	—	—	—	—	1.6×10^{38}	3.7×10^{40}
e $^-$ injection compactness ^b	$\log(\ell_e^{\text{inj}})$	-4.5	-4.47	-4.18	—	—	7.47	-5.1
Steady-state e density ^c	$n_e^{\text{ss}} _{\gamma=1}$ [cm $^{-3}$]	1.65×10^4	10^4	10^4	—	—	10	—
e $^-$ escape timescale	$t_{e,\text{esc}}$ [R/c]	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
Min. p Lorentz factor	$\gamma_{p,\min}$	—	—	—	$10^{6(7)}$	1	1	1
Max. p Lorentz factor	$\gamma_{p,\max}$	—	—	—	$10^{6.2(7.2)}$	10^8	10^8	10^7
p power-law index	s_p	—	—	—	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
p injection luminosity ^a	L_p^{inj} [erg s $^{-1}$]	—	—	—	8.5×10^{43}	8.5×10^{43}	10^{44}	2.8×10^{46}
p injection compactness ^b	$\log(\ell_p^{\text{inj}})$	—	—	—	-4.0	-4.0	-4.93	-2.5
Steady-state p density ^c	n_p^{ss} [cm $^{-3}$]	—	—	—	$2.4(1.9) \times 10^5$	8490	1000	—
p escape timescale	$t_{p,\text{esc}}$ [R/c]	—	—	—	1	1	1	1

NOTE—^aAM³, ^bATHEVA, ^cLeHa-Paris and B13. Particle cooling neglected in SSC-TH, SSC-KN, p γ -MONOGB, p γ -PLPL, and $\gamma - \gamma$ -annihilation was omitted in PS. p γ -MONOGB: grey-body external photon field of compactness $\ell_\gamma = 8.1 \times 10^{-6}$ and temperature $T_\gamma = 10^6$ K. p γ -PLPL: Power-law external field of compactness $\ell_\gamma = 10^{-5}$ between $E_{\gamma,\min} = 10^{-6} m_e c^2$ and $E_{\gamma,\max} = 10^{-1} m_e c^2$, with power-law index $p_\gamma = 2.0$.

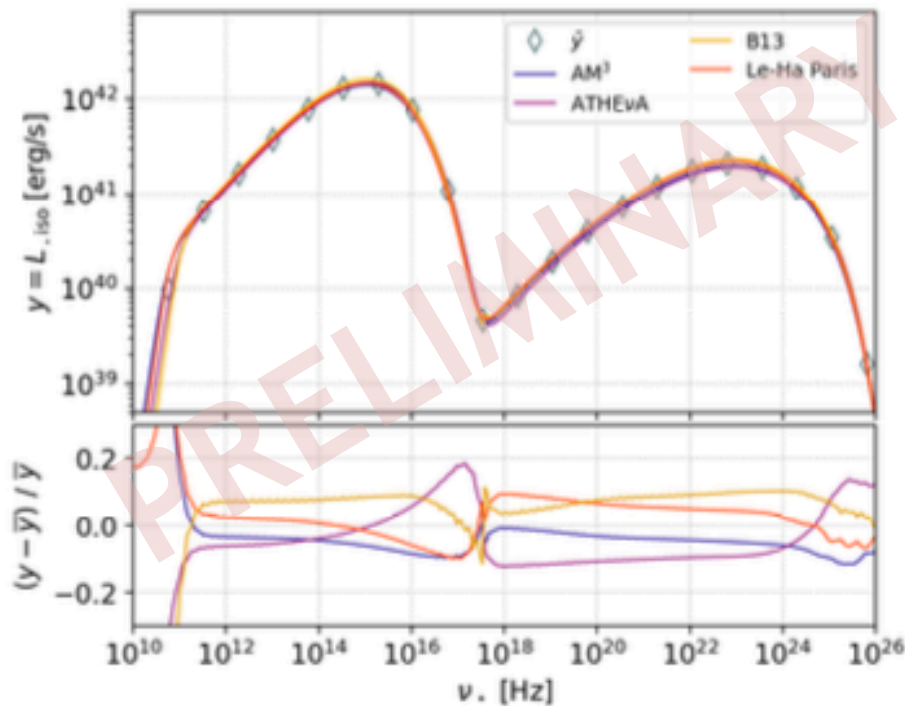
LEPTONIC TESTS

*Difference between sharp break
and self-consistent cooling break*

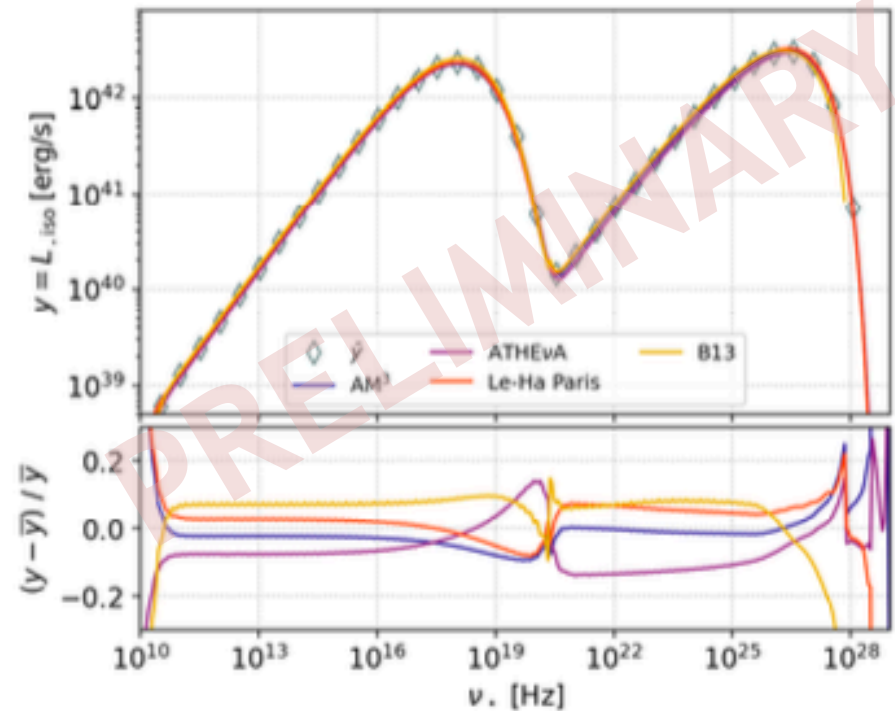


LEPTONIC TESTS

Agreement for SSC tests



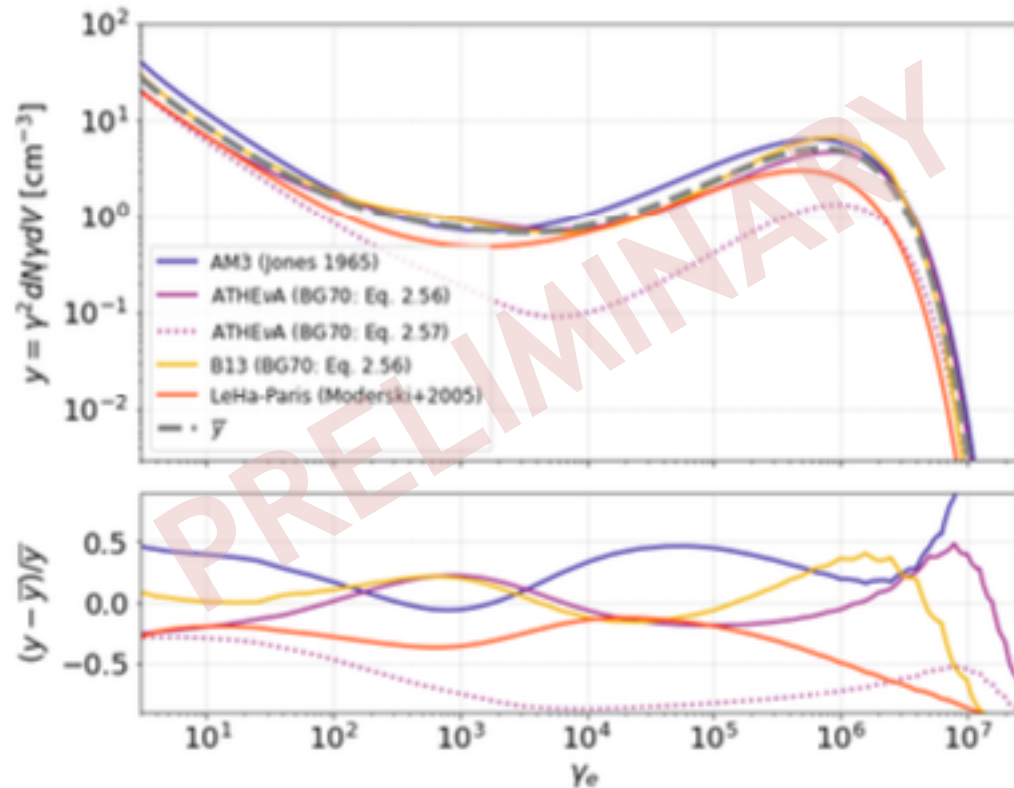
Low E_{max}



Low E_{max} (Klein-Nishina)

LEPTONIC TESTS

Klein-Nishina cooled distribution



(Understood as continuous vs discrete losses approximation)

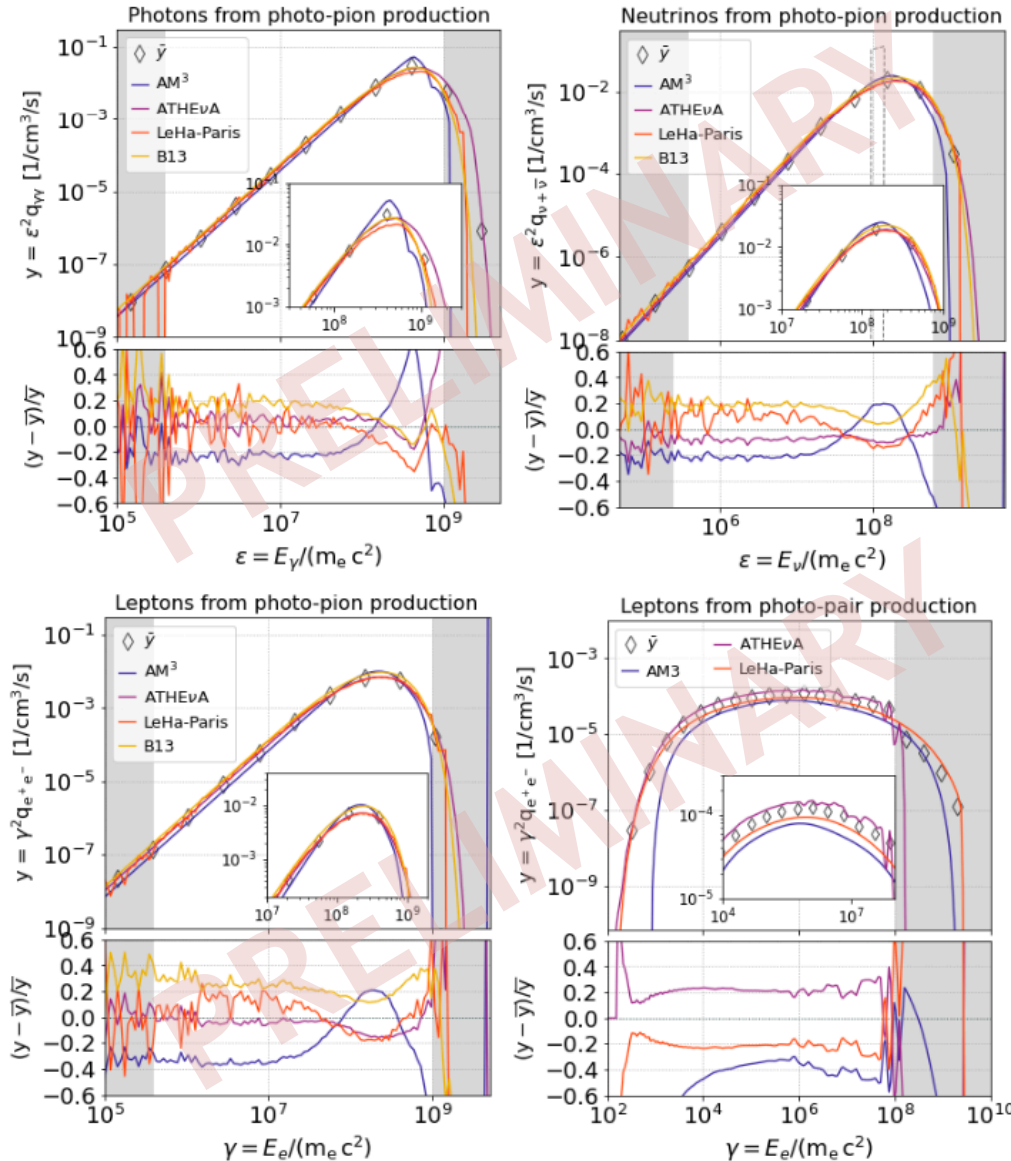
HADRONIC TESTS

Test cases

1) (quasi)
Monoenergetic
Protons
($\log_{10}(E)$ in 6-6.2)

Photo-meson in very
good agreement

Bethe-Heitler not so
well?



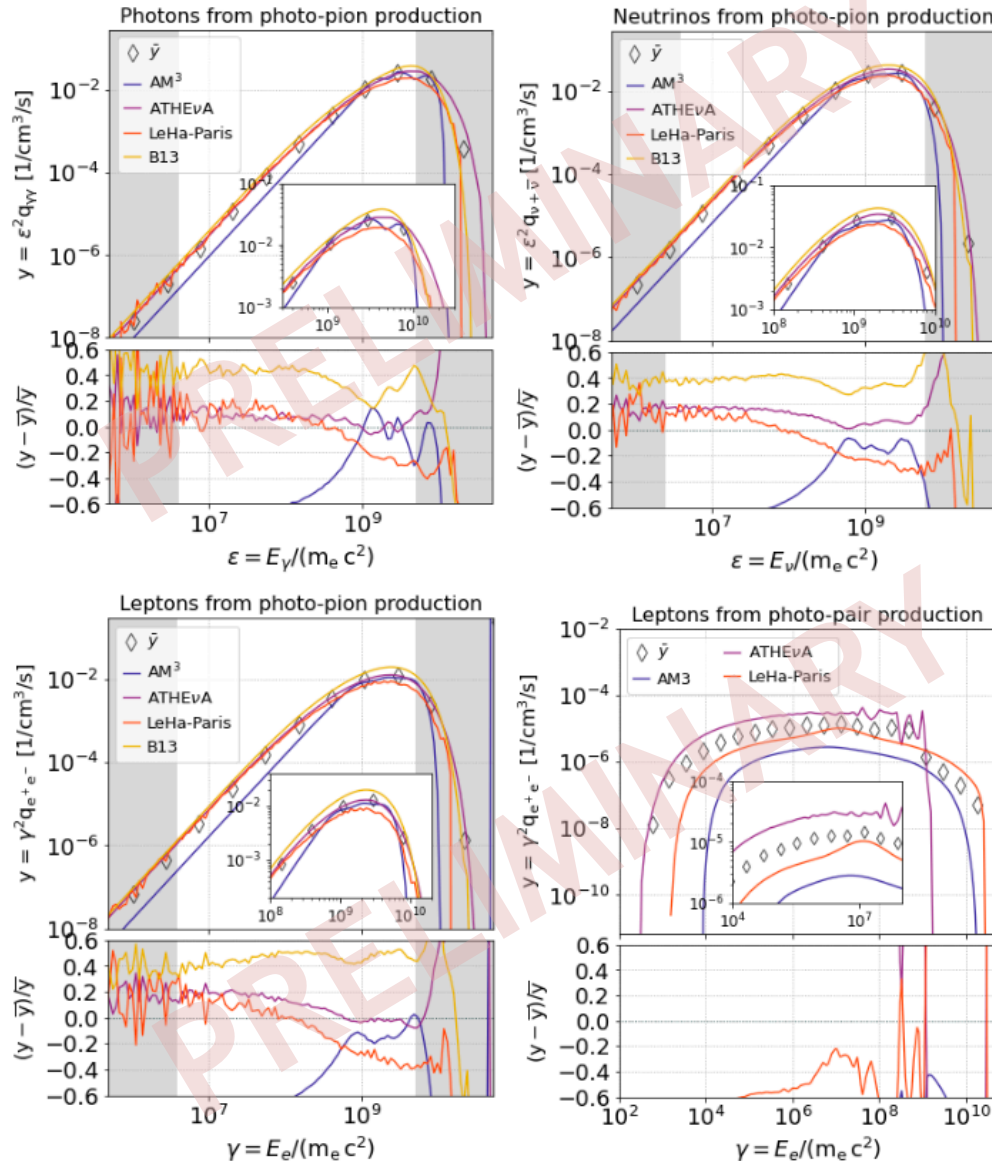
HADRONIC TESTS

Test cases

2) (quasi)
Monoenergetic
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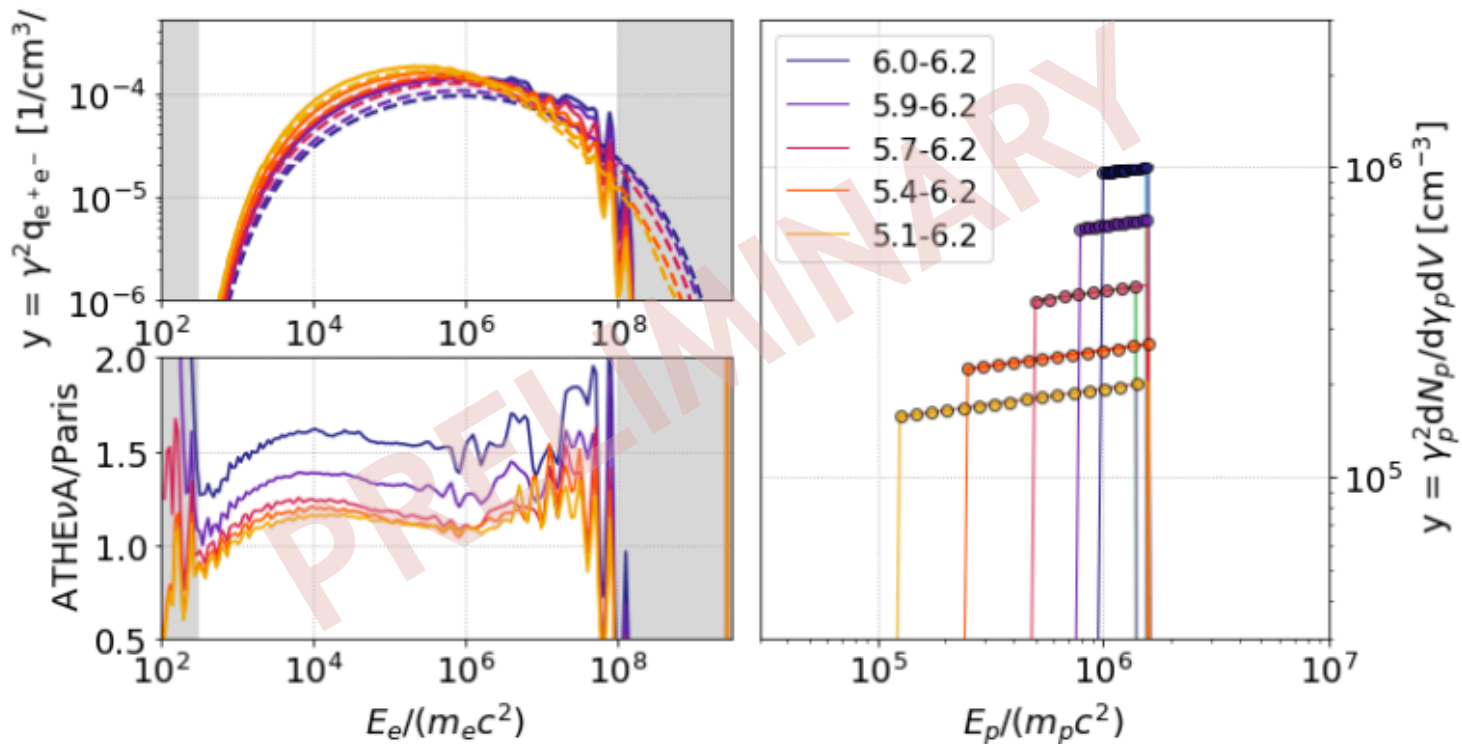
Bethe-Heitler even
worse!



HADRONIC TESTS

*Understood! Issue with very narrow distributions
(and low number of bins)*

(Extending the proton distribution improves the agreement)



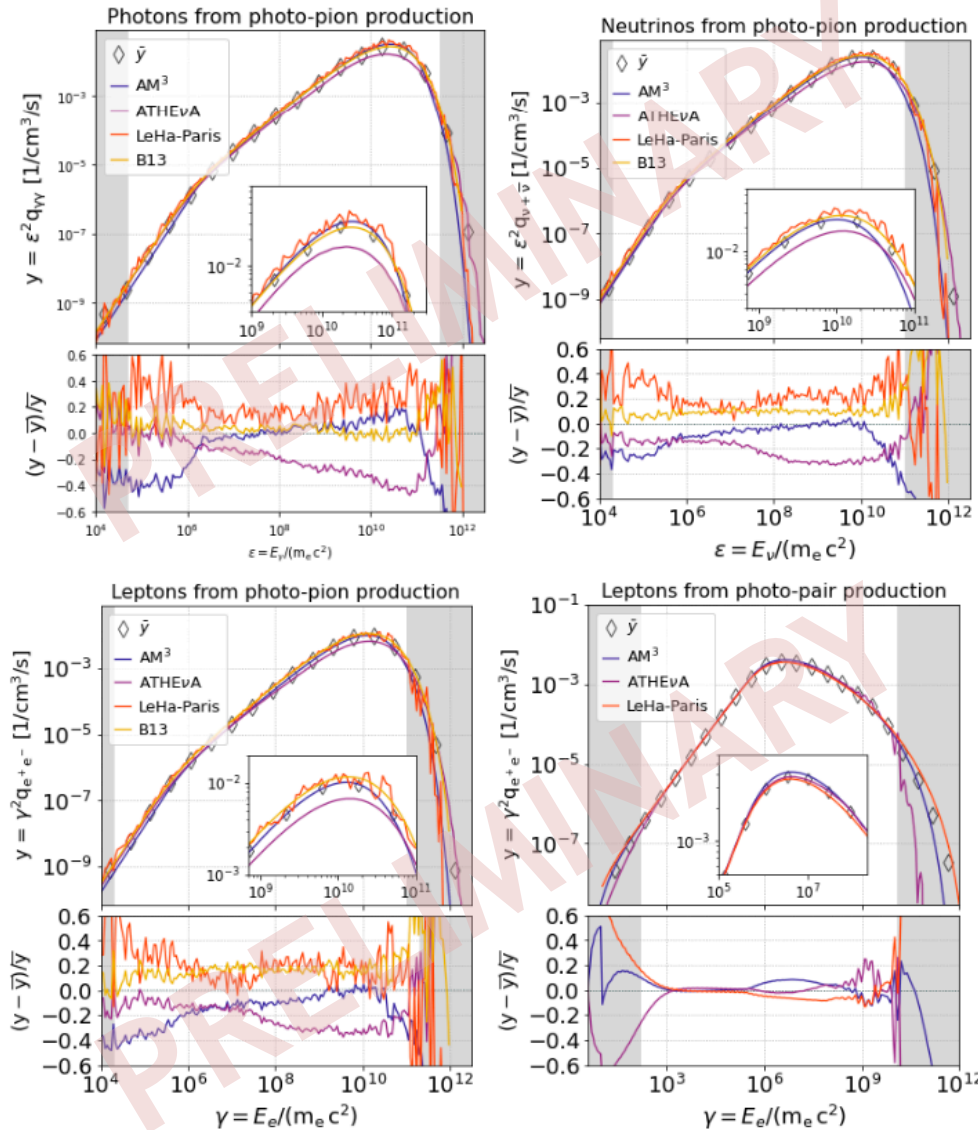
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Test cases

3) power-law on power-law

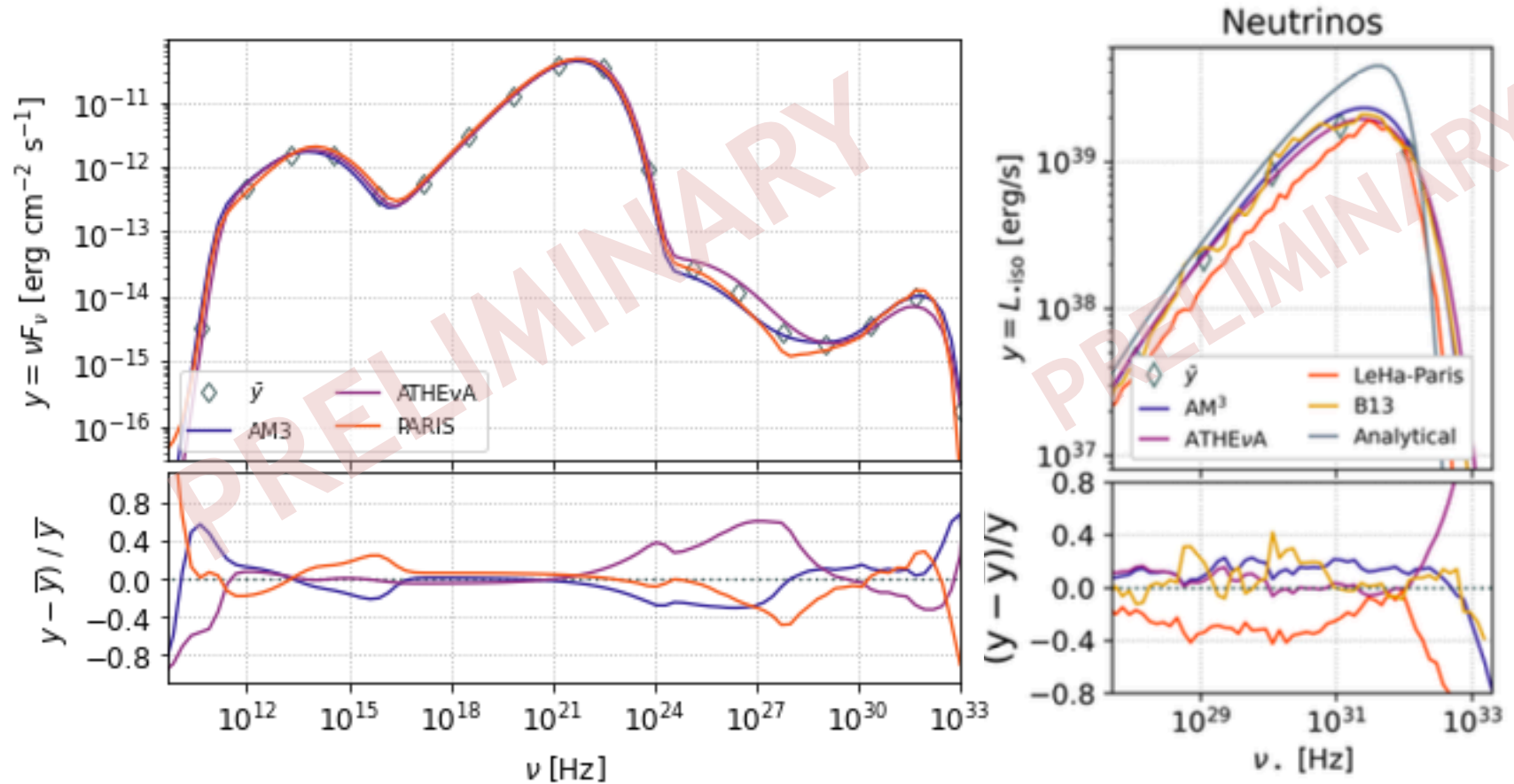
Photo-meson in very good agreement

Bethe-Heitler in extremely good agreement



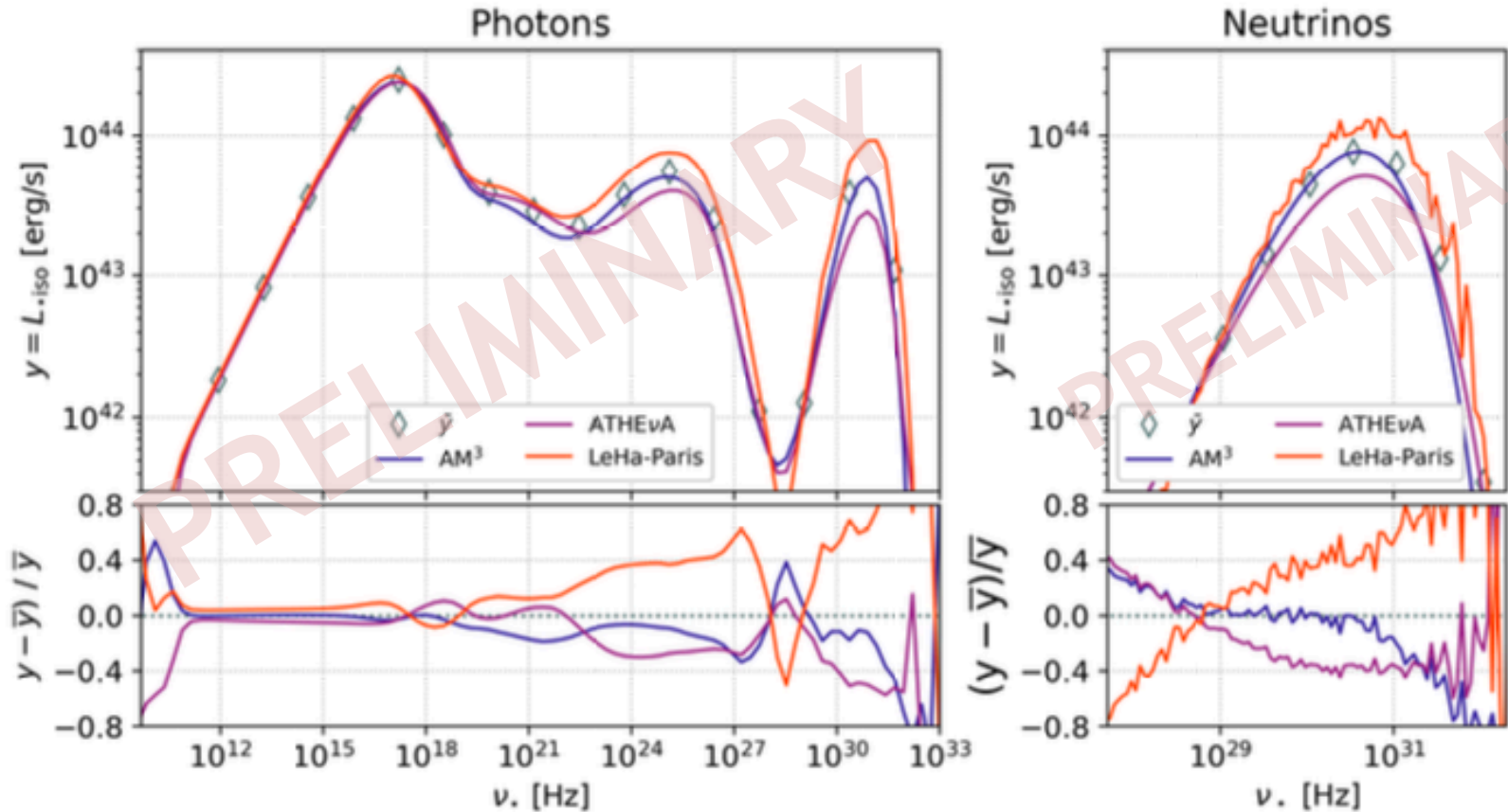
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SED comparison for typical proton synchrotron scenario



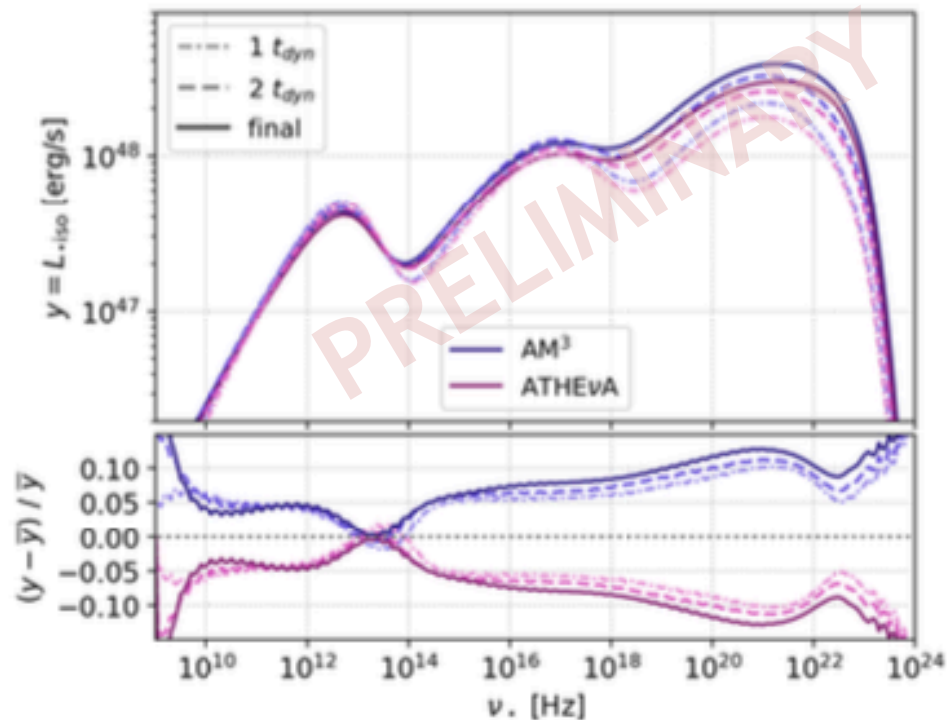
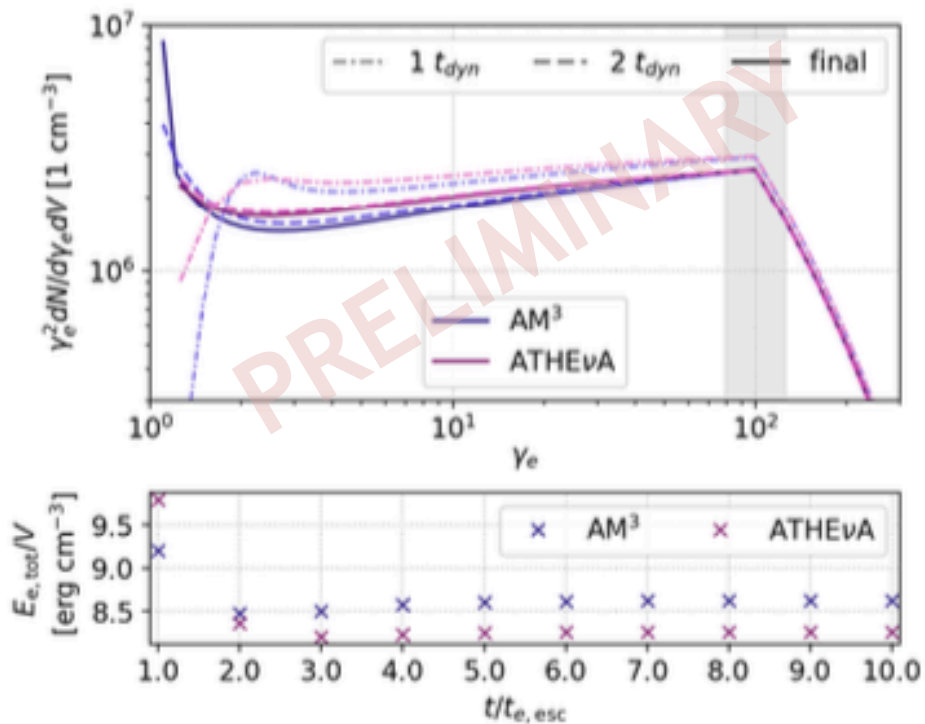
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SED comparison for typical lepto-hadronic scenario



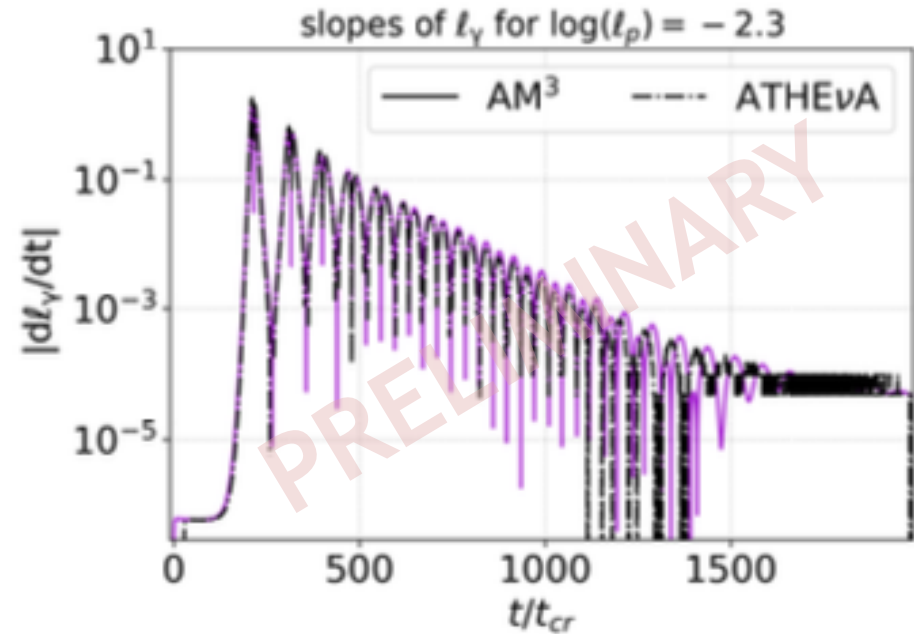
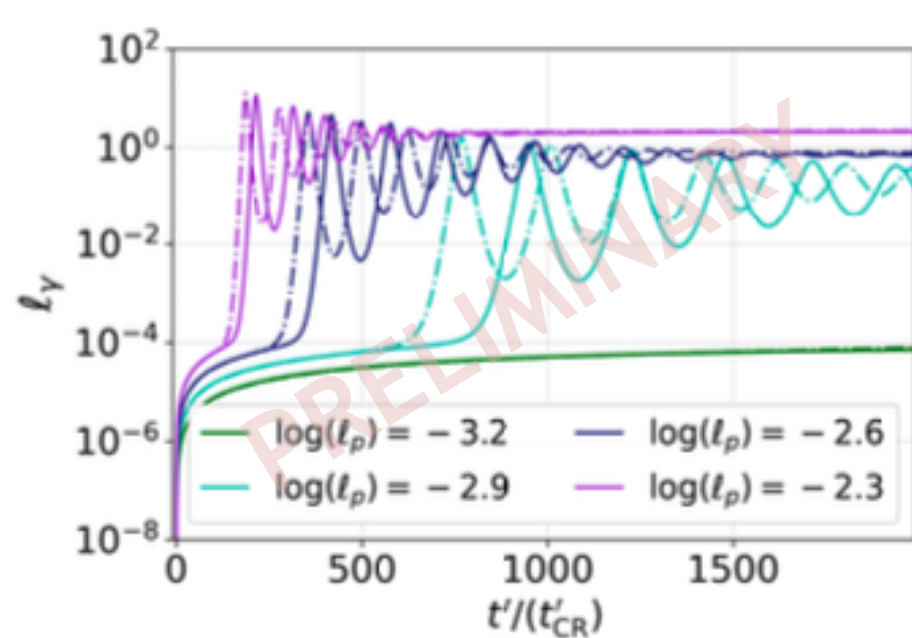
OTHER TESTS

Non-linear electron cooling: Compton catastrophe



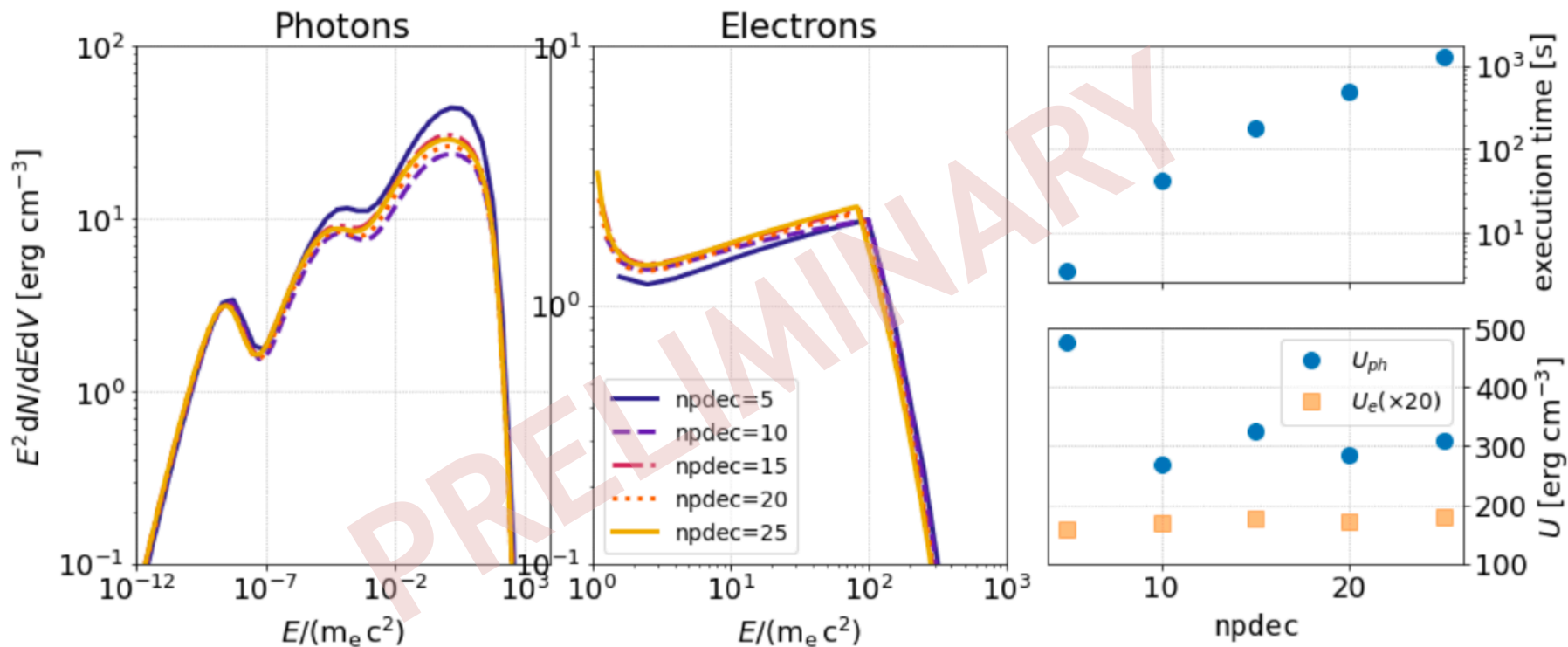
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Non-linear proton cooling: pair loops



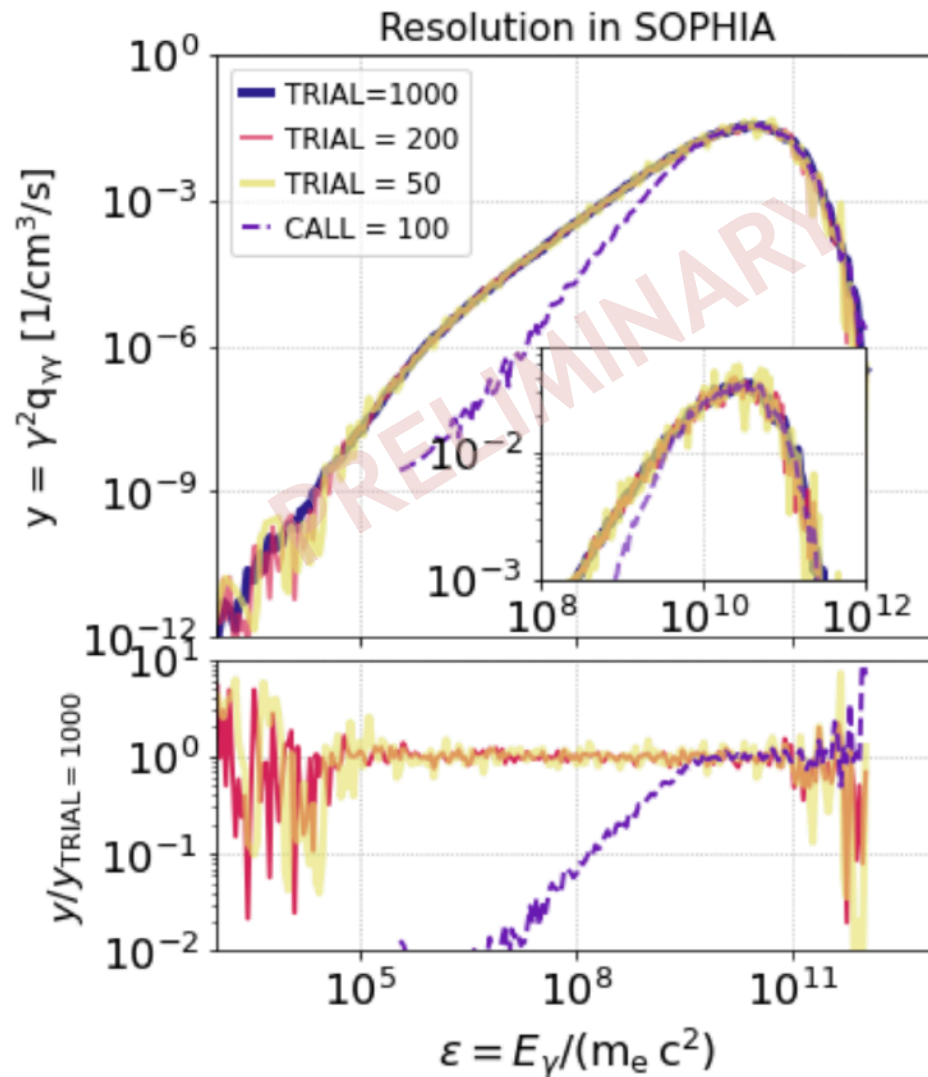
BONUSES

Resolution in codes



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PAPER AND DATA RELEASES

Paper exists!



PAPER AND DATA RELEASES

Data release:

- * *ALL code outputs for all tests performed*
- * *ALL python scripts to produce the plots shown in the paper*

Expected in the upcoming months (really)

If you want early data access, just ask us