



Fermi  
Gamma-ray Space Telescope



## Blazars (and other AGNs) seen by the Fermi-LAT

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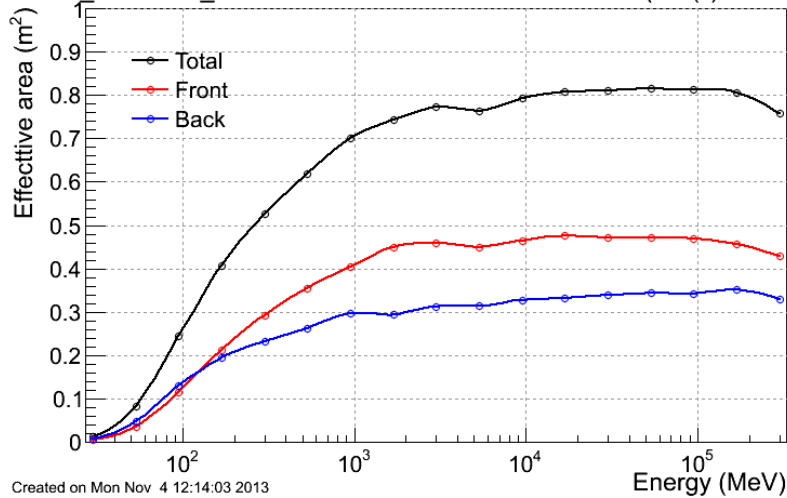


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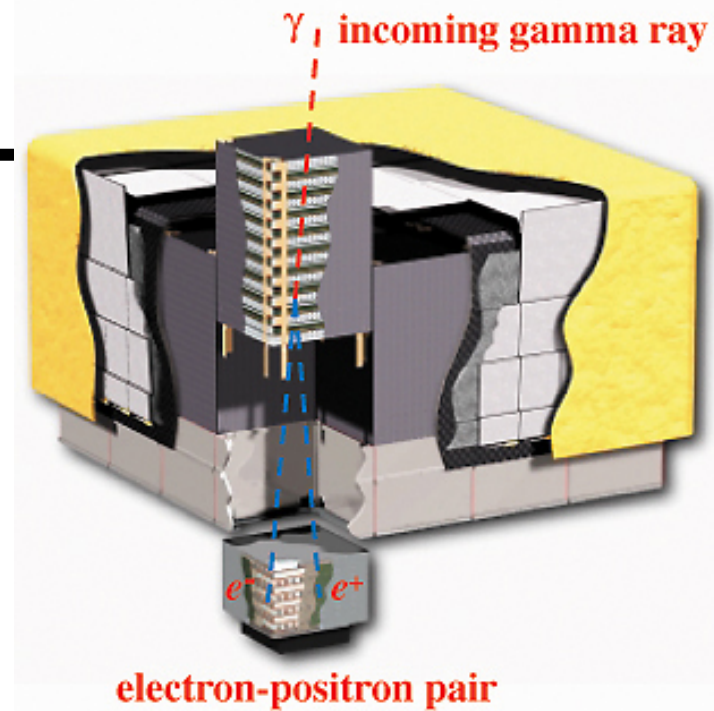
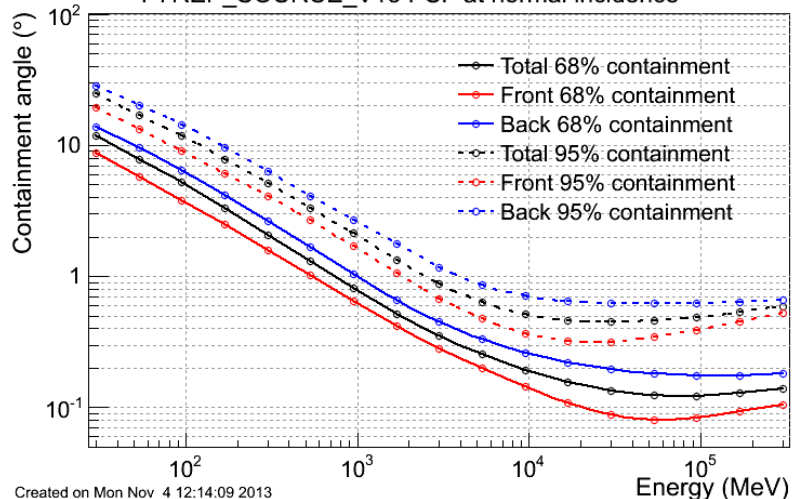
# LAT performance

[http://www-glast.slac.stanford.edu/software/IS/glast\\_lat\\_performance.htm](http://www-glast.slac.stanford.edu/software/IS/glast_lat_performance.htm)

P7REP\_SOURCE\_V15 effective area at normal incidence ( $\cos(\theta) > 0.975$ )



P7REP\_SOURCE\_V15 PSF at normal incidence

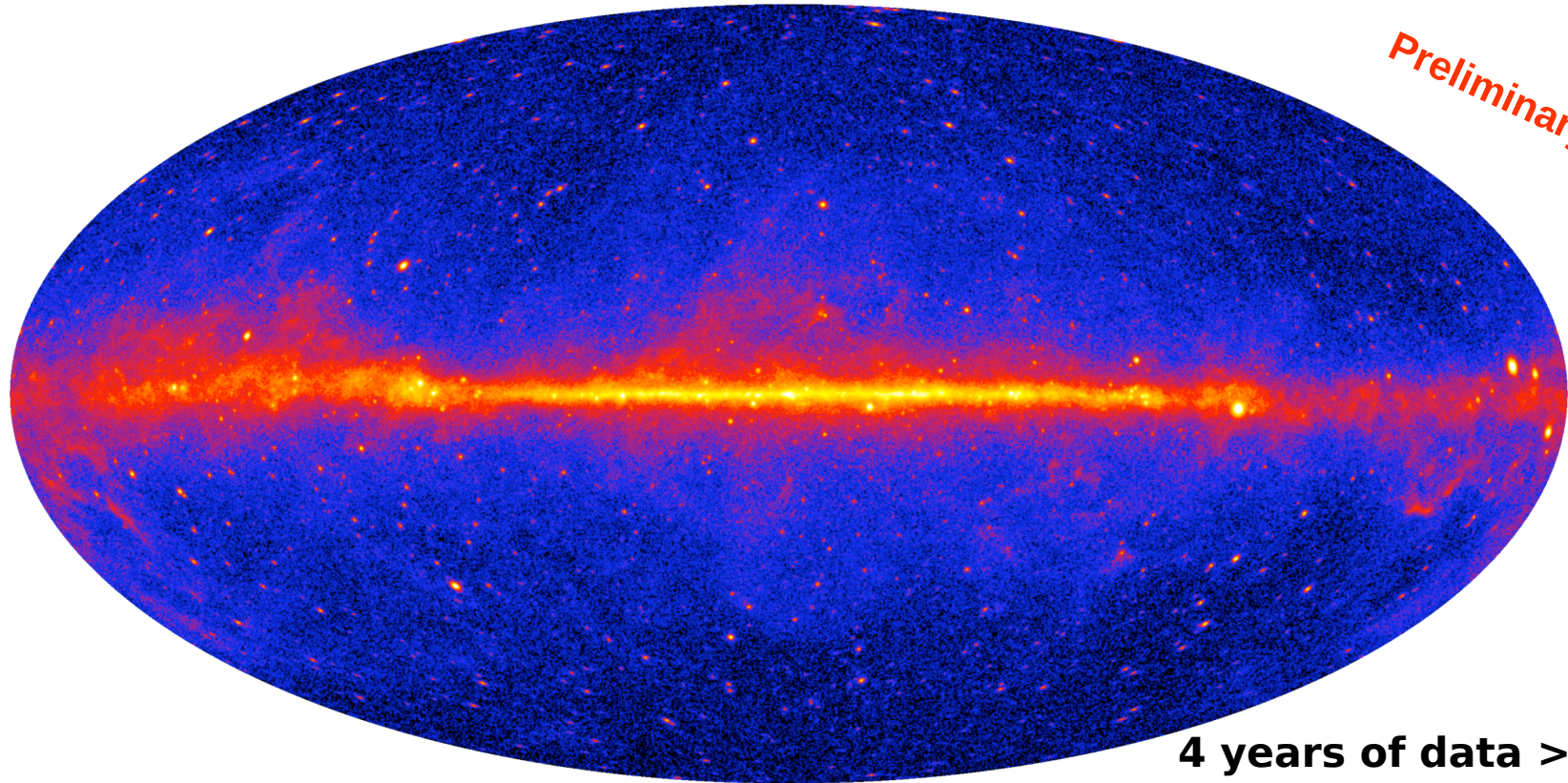


- energy range: 30 MeV - 300 GeV
- large FOV: 2.4 sr
- $A_{\text{eff}} \sim 8000 \text{ cm}^2$  at 1 GeV
- PSF:  $\theta_{68\%} \sim 0.8^\circ$  at 1 GeV
- altitude: 565 km
- inclination:  $25.6^\circ$
- orbital period: 91 min
- whole sky covered in 2 orbits in survey mode (rocking angle  $50^\circ$ )
- public data, available within 12 h
- operation guaranteed until 2018



# Gamma-Ray Blazar Populations





Preliminary

4 years of data > 1 GeV

- 4 years, P7REP\_SOURCE\_V15, improved PSF
  - Front/Back handled separately (different isotropic and Earth limb)
  - Energy range 100 MeV - 300 GeV
- 3033 sources, 2192 at  $|b| > 10^\circ$

# Association-Classification



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Two associations methods:

Bayesian method

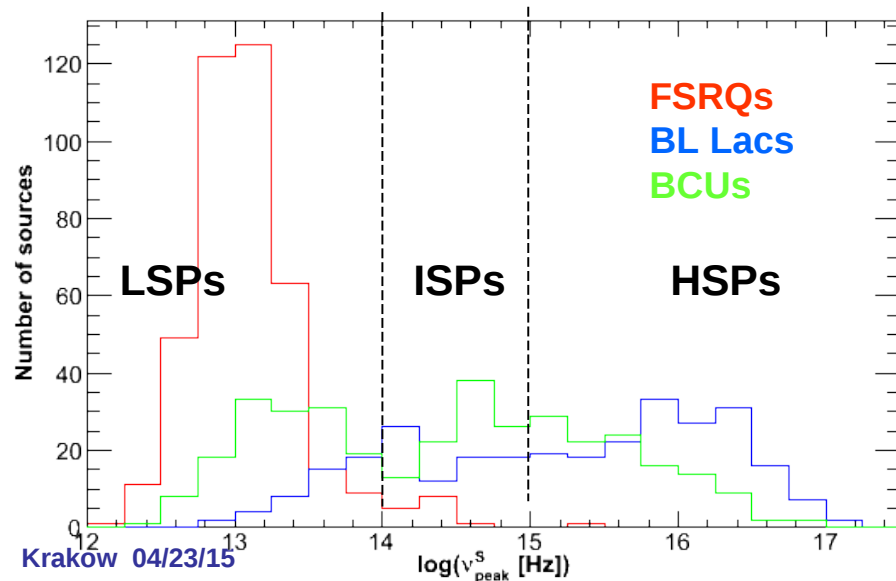
Likelihood ratio (LR) method

Two classification schemes:

- Optically-based (strength of broad lines): FSRQs, BL Lacs, BCUs (aka Sources of Unknown Type)
  - SED-based: Low-, Intermediate-, High-Synchrotron-Peaked sources (LSPs, ISPs, HSPs resp.)
- 3LAC: manually-controlled SED fit

## Catalogs used for association

- Véron-Cetty & Véron
- BZCAT
- VLBA Calibrator list
- CRATES
- CGRaBs
- TeVcat
- ATCA 20-GHz survey
- WISE gamma-ray blazar candidates
- 1WHSP
- NRAO VLA Sky Survey
- Sydney University Mongolo Sky Survey
- ROSAT All Sky Survey Bright and Faint Source Catalogs



False-positive rate <2%

# The Third LAT AGN catalog (3LAC)



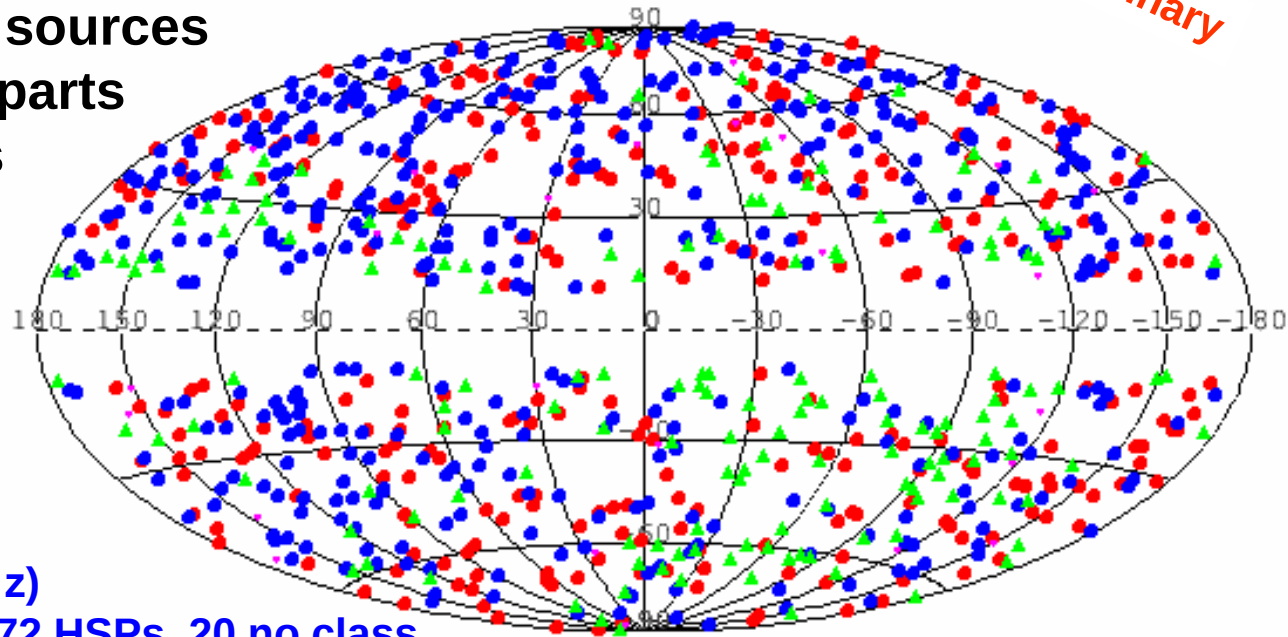
Ackermann M. et al., arXiv:1501.06054

Preliminary

- 48 month data set
- 2192  $TS > 25$ ,  $|b| > 10^\circ$  sources
- 3LAC: 1591 counterparts  
1563 sources
- 1444 AGNs in *Clean Sample* (no dup., no flags)

- Census :

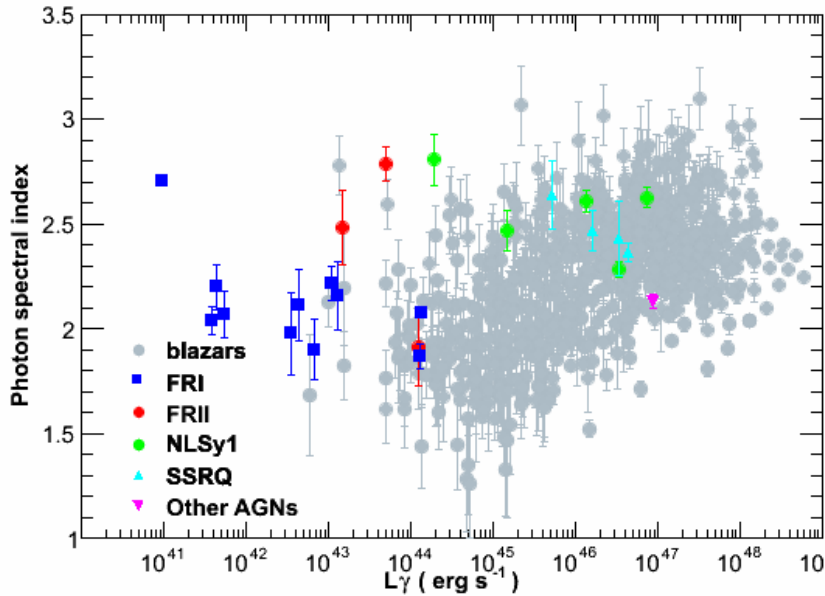
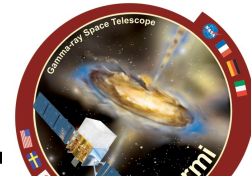
- 415 FSRQs
- 602 BLLacs  
(~50% with measured  $z$ )  
162 LSPs, 178 ISPs, 272 HSPs, 20 no class.
- 413 of unknown type (BCUs)
- 23 other AGNs



- Differences between Northern and Southern Hemispheres:  
40% of BL Lacs in Southern Hemisphere



# Non-Blazar and Misaligned AGNs



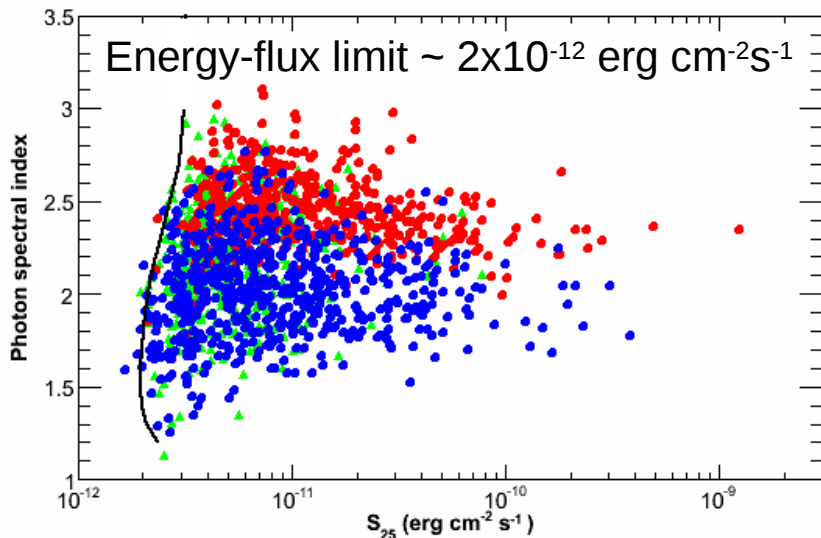
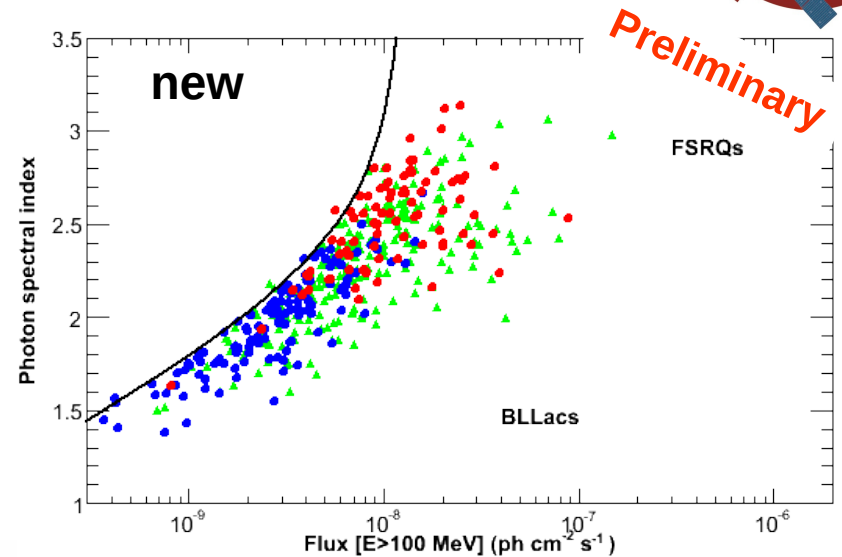
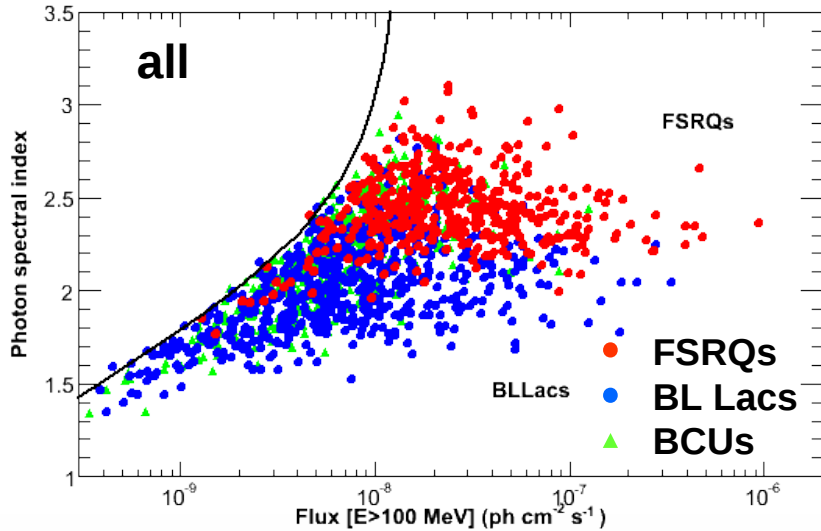
**11 FRI** || high core dominance  
**3 FRII** ||  
**7 SSRQ or CSS**  
**5 Radio-loud NLSy1**  
**6 Other AGNs**

CSS: compact steep spectrum  
 SSRQ: steep-spectrum radio source

Name	3FGL	2FGL	1FGL	Photon index
NGC 1218	J0308.6+0408*	...	J0308.3+0403*	FRI
IC 310	J0316.6+4119*	J0316.6+4119	...	FRI/BLL
NGC 1275	J0319.8+4130*	J0319.8+4130*	J0319.7+4130*	FRI
1H 0323+342	J0325.2+3410*	J0324.8+3408*	J0325.0+3403*	NLSy1
4C +39.12	J0334.2+3915*	...	...	FRI/BLL?
TXS 0348+013	J0351.1+0128*	...	...	SSRQ
3C 111	J0418.5+3813	...	J0419.0+3811	FRII
Pictor A	J0519.2-4542*	...	...	FRII
PKS 0625-35	J0627.0-3529*	J0627.1-3528*	J0627.3-3530*	FRI/BLL
4C +52.17	J0733.5+5153	...	...	agn
NGC 2484	J0758.7+3747*	...	...	FRI
4C +39.23B	J0824.9+3916	...	...	CSS
3C 207	J0840.8+1315*	J0840.7+1310	J0840.8+1310	SSRQ
SBS 0846+513	J0849.9+5108*	...	...	NLSy1
3C 221	J0934.1+3933	...	...	SSRQ
PMN J0948+0022	J0948.8+0021*	J0948.8+0020*	J0949.0+0021*	NLSy1
PMN J1118-0413	J1118.2-0411*	...	...	agn
B2 1126+37	J1129.0+3705	...	...	agn
3C 264	J1145.1+1935*	...	...	FRI
PKS 1203+04	J1205.4+0412	...	...	SSRQ
M 87	J1230.9+1224*	J1230.8+1224*	J1230.8+1223*	FRI
3C 275.1	J1244.1+1615	...	...	SSRQ
GB 1310+487	J1312.7+4828*	J1312.8+4828*	J1312.4+4827*	agn
Cen A Core	J1325.4-4301*	J1325.6-4300	J1325.6-4300	FRI
Cen A Lobe	J1324.0-4330e	J1324.0-4330e	J1322.0-4515	FRI
3C 286	J1330.5+3023*	...	...	SSRQ/CSS
Cen B	J1346.6-6027	J1346.6-6027	...	FRI
Circinus	J1413.2-6518	...	...	Seyfert
3C 303	J1442.6+5156*	...	...	FRII
PKS 1502+036	J1505.1+0326*	J1505.1+0324*	J1505.0+0328*	NLSy1
TXS 1613-251	J1617.3-2519	J1617.6-2526c	...	agn
PKS 1617-235	J1621.1-2331*	J1620.5-2320c	...	agn
NGC 6251	J1630.6+8232*	J1629.4+8236	J1635.4+8228*	FRI
3C 380	J1829.6+4844*	J1829.7+4846*	J1829.8+4845*	SSRQ/CSS
PKS 2004-447	J2007.8-4429*	J2007.9-4430*	J2007.9-4430*	NLSy1

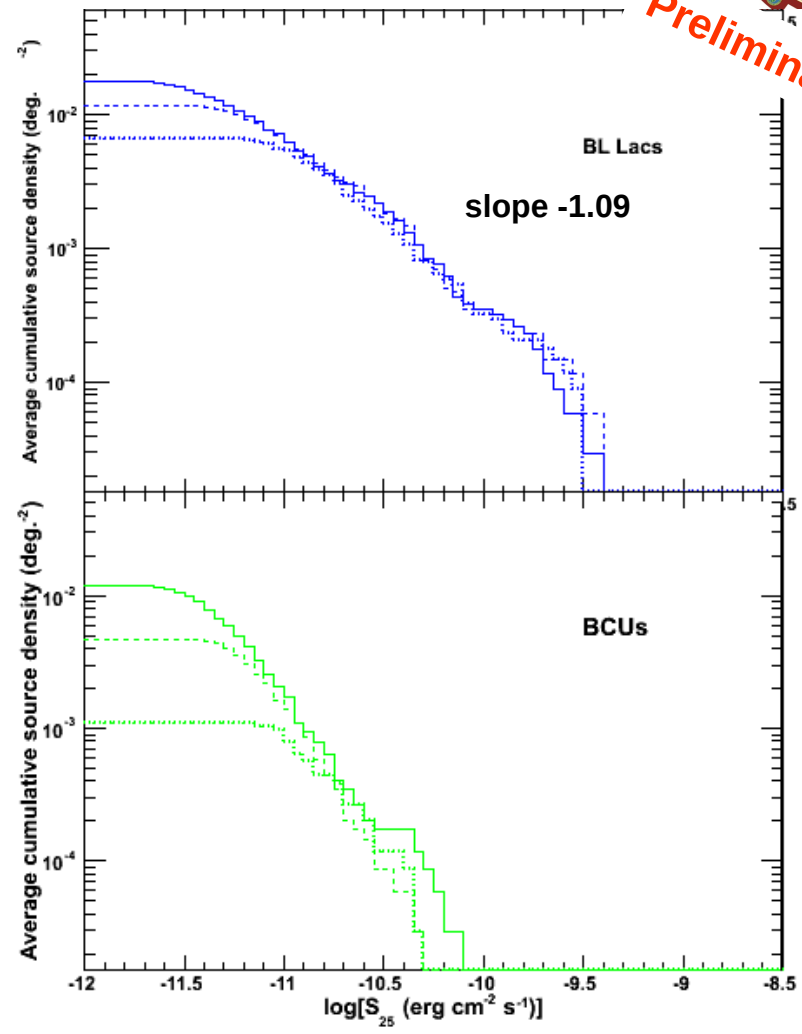
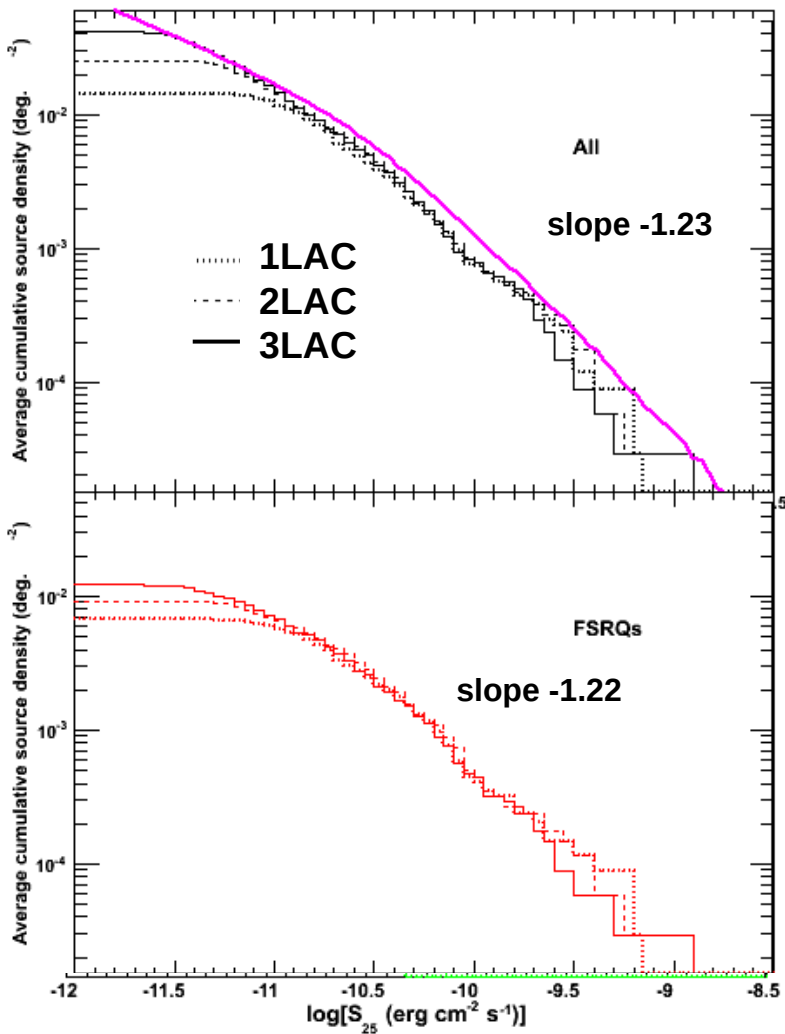
Preliminary

# Spectral photon index vs photon/energy flux



- Strong bias in photon flux but not in energy flux and thus in luminosity neither
- Highest flux in flare:  $8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (3C 454.3)

# log N-log S

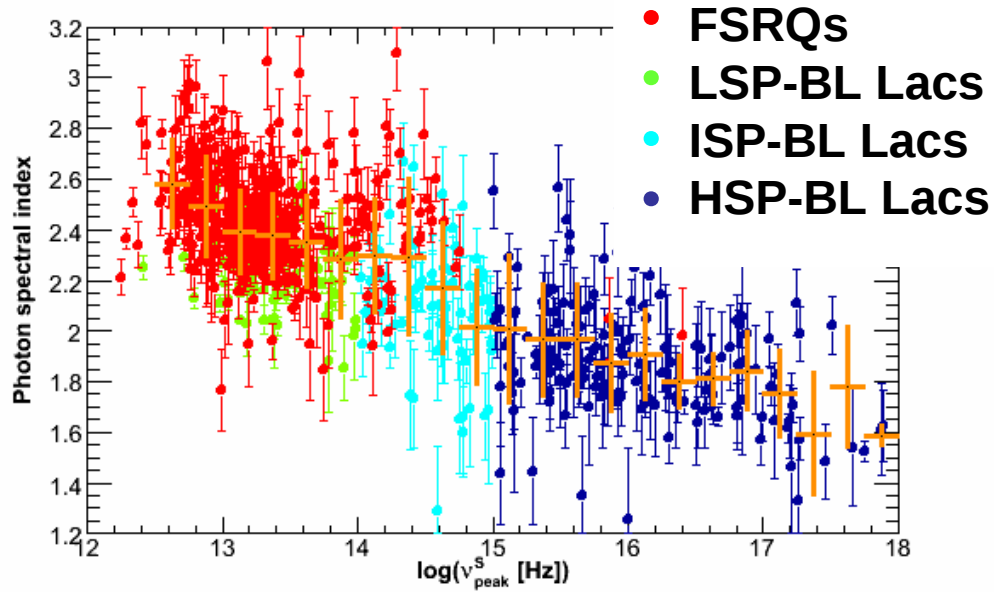


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Allows the contribution of blazars to the diffuse gamma-ray background to be estimated

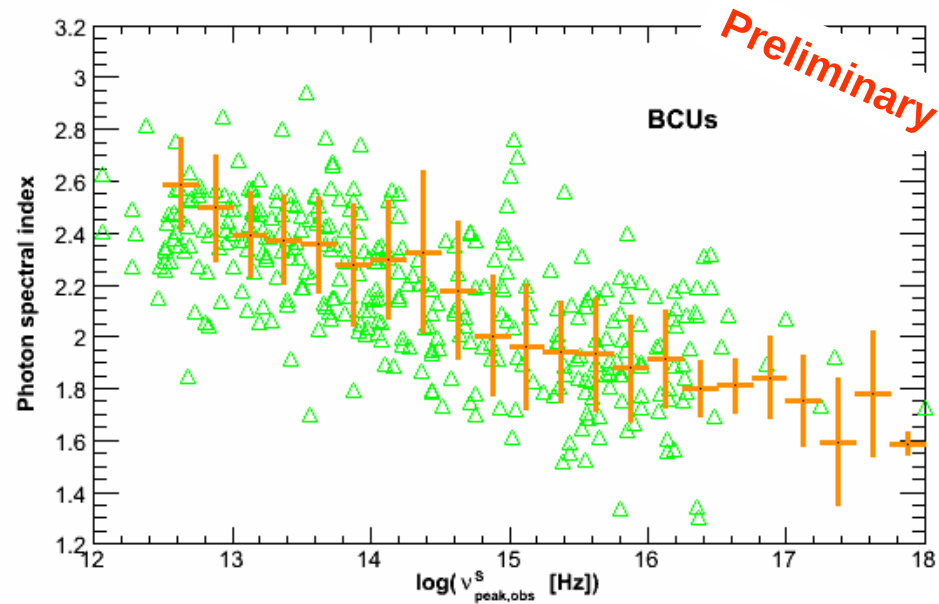
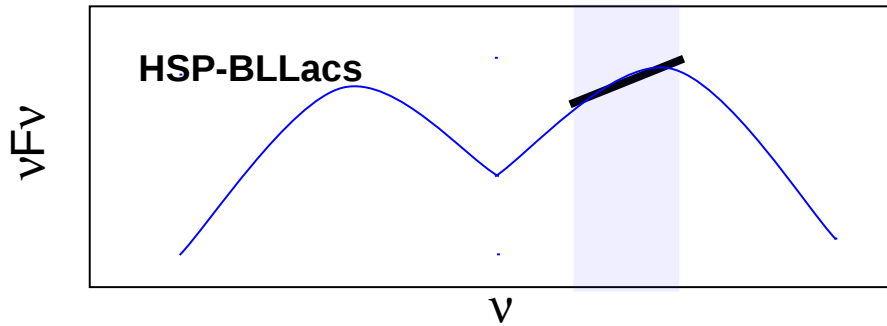


# Spectral photon index vs $\nu_{\text{peak}}$



- Correlation between spectral hardness and  $\nu_{\text{peak}}$  confirmed
- Lowest index  $\sim 1.5$ , as predicted by shock-acceleration models
- Same correlation applies to BCUs

LAT range



# Synergy with neighboring bands



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- 85 3LAC sources in the Swift BAT 70-month survey  
only 9 BAT FSRQs and 7 BL Lacs missing in 3LAC

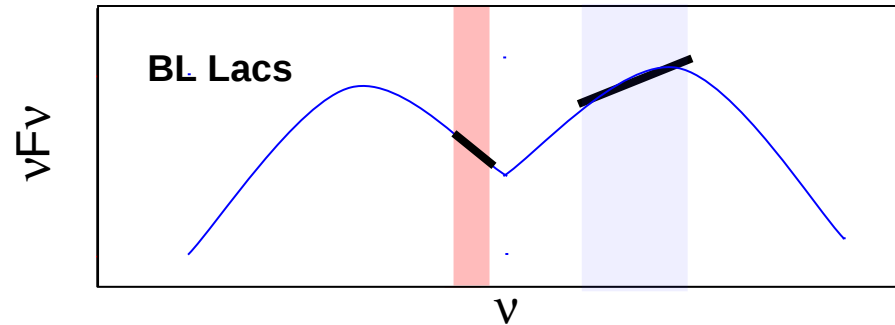
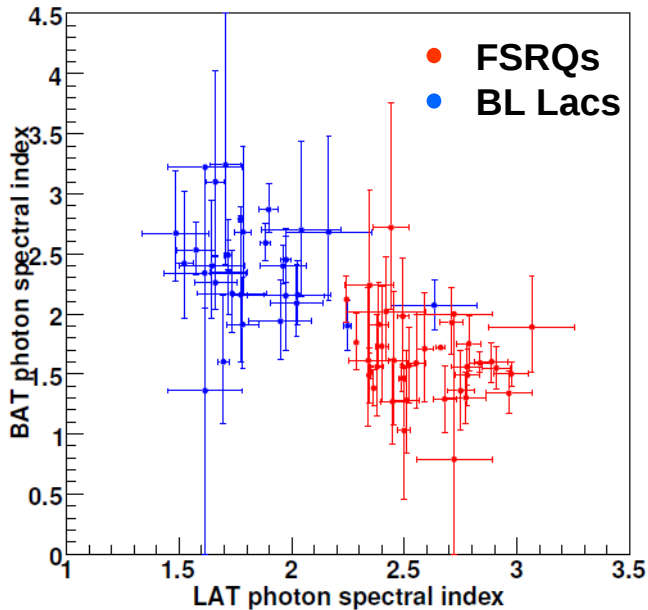


Table 10. Properties of the VHE AGN detected by the *Fermi* LAT.

VHE Name	3FGL Name	Source Class	SED Type	Redshift	Spectrum Type <sup>a</sup>	1FGL/1FHL <sup>b</sup>
SHBL J001355.9–185406	J0013.9–1853	BL Lac	HSP	0.095	PL	...
KUV 00311-1938	J0033.6–1921	BL Lac	HSP	>0.51	PL	H
RGB J0136+391	J0136.5+3905	BL Lac	HSP	...	PL	H
RGB J0152+017	J0152.6+0148	BL Lac	HSP	0.08	PL	Y
3C 66A	J0222.6+4301	BL Lac	ISP	0.3347 < z < 0.41	LP	Y
1ES 0229+200	J0232.8+2016	BL Lac	HSP	0.139	PL	...
PKS 0301-243	J0303.4-2407	BL Lac	HSP	0.26	PL	H
IC 310	J0316.6+4119	Radio Gal	HSP	0.018849	PL	Y
RBS 0413*	J0319.8+1847	BL Lac	HSP	0.19	PL	Y
NGC 1275*	J0319.8+4130	Radio Gal	ISP	0.018	LP	Y
1ES0347–121	J0349.2–1158	BL Lac	HSP	0.188 (?)	PL	...
1ES 0414+009	J0416.8+0104	BL Lac	HSP	0.287	PL	Y
PKS 0447–439	J0449.4–4350	BL Lac	HSP	0.205	PL	Y
1ES 0502+675*	J0508.0+6736	BL Lac	HSP	0.341	PL	Y
PKS 0548-322	J0550.6–3217	BL Lac	HSP	0.069	PL	H
1ES 0647+250	J0650.7+2503	BL Lac	HSP	...	PL	H
RGB J0710+591 (1H 0658+5957)	J0710.3+5908	BL Lac	HSP	0.125	PL	Y
S5 0716+714	J0721.9+7120	BL Lac	ISP	0.2314 < z < 0.27	LP	Y
1ES 0806+524	J0809.8+5218	BL Lac	HSP	0.138	PL	Y
RX J0847.1+1133 (RBS 0723)	J0847.1+1134	BL Lac	HSP	0.199	PL	...
1RXS J101015.9-311909	J1010.2-3120	BL Lac	HSP	0.143	PL	H
1ES 1011+496	J1015.0+4925	BL Lac	HSP	0.212	PL	Y
1ES 1101–232	J1103.5–2329	BL Lac	HSP	0.186	PL	Y
Markarian 421	J1104.4+3812	BL Lac	HSP	0.031	PL	Y
Markarian 180	J1136.6+7009	BL Lac	HSP	0.046	PL	Y
1ES 1215+303	J1217.8+3007	BL Lac	HSP	...	PL	Y
1ES 1218+304	J1221.3+3010	BL Lac	HSP	0.182	PL	Y

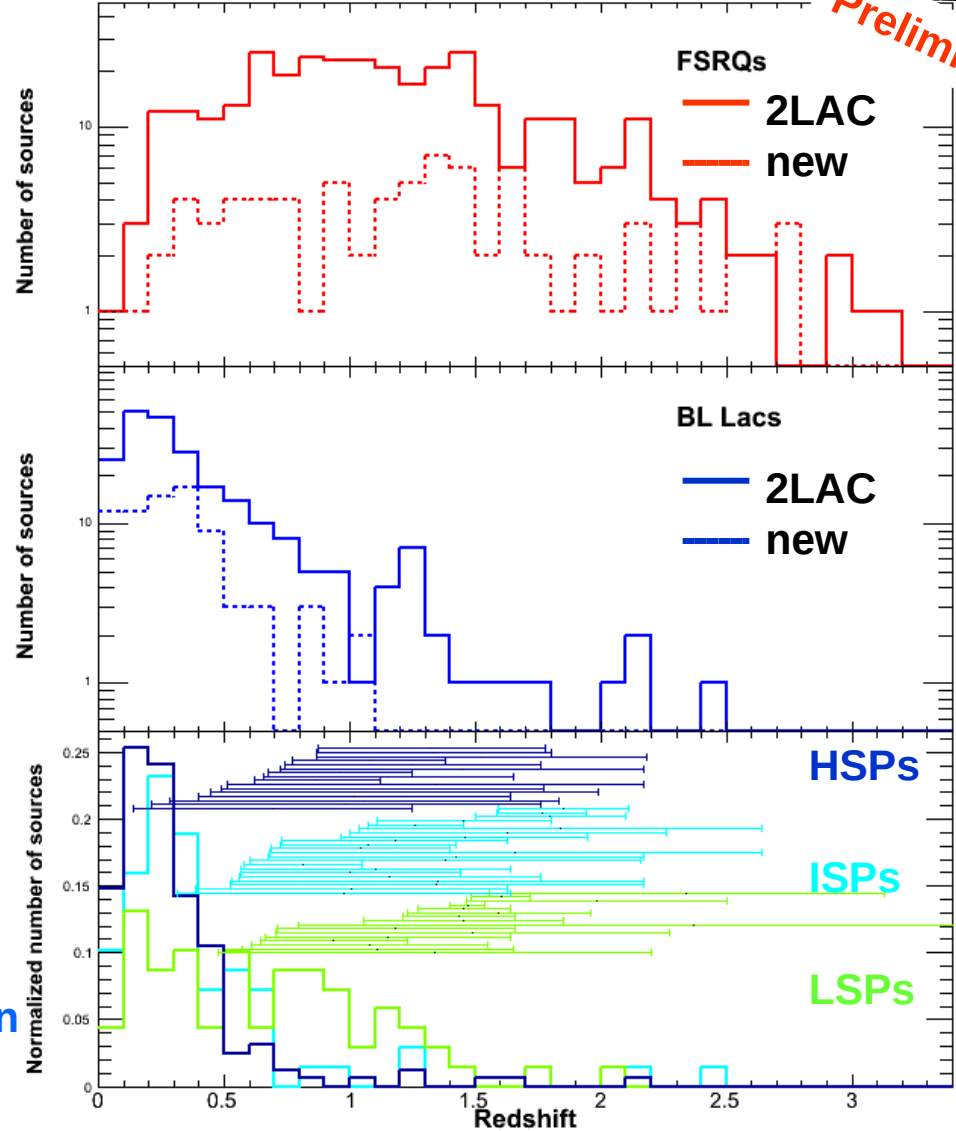
- 55 out of 56 TeV AGNs in 3LAC  
28 found to be variable
- 96 3LAC AGNs in the V38  
INTEGRAL Cat.

# Redshifts



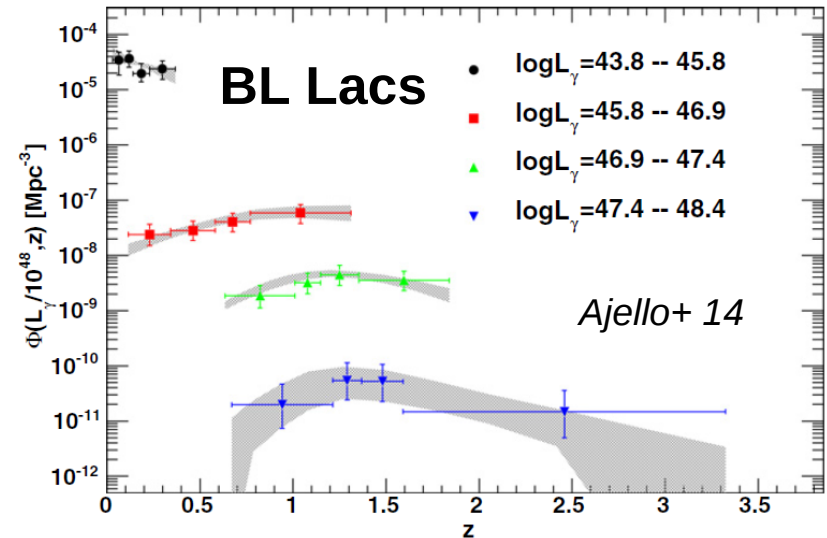
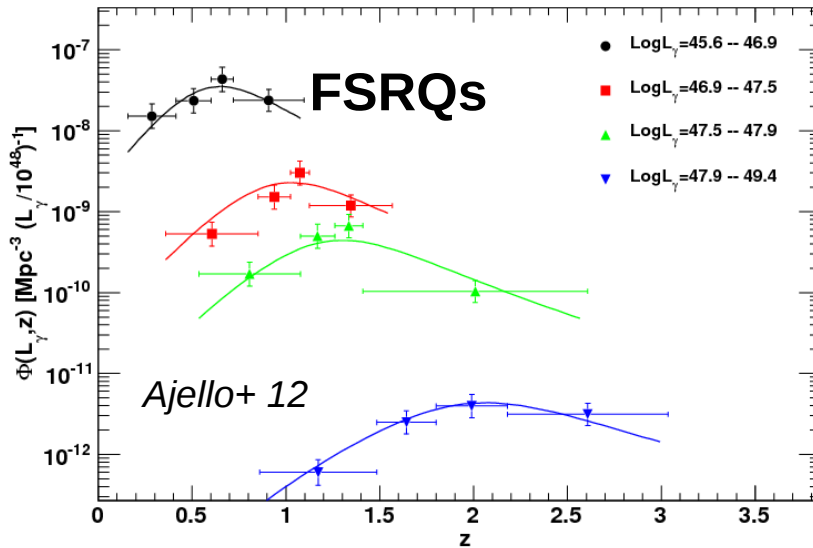
Preliminary

- slightly higher  $z$  for new FSRQs relative to 2LAC ones  $\langle z \rangle = 1.33$  vs. 1.17
- maximum redshift still  $z = 3.1$
- 295/604 BL Lacs have no measured redshifts (55%, 61%, 40%) for (LSPs, ISPs and HSPs)
- 134 constraints from Shaw et al. (2013)
- Redshift limits for BL Lacs not compatible with measured redshifts: measured redshifts are biased low.

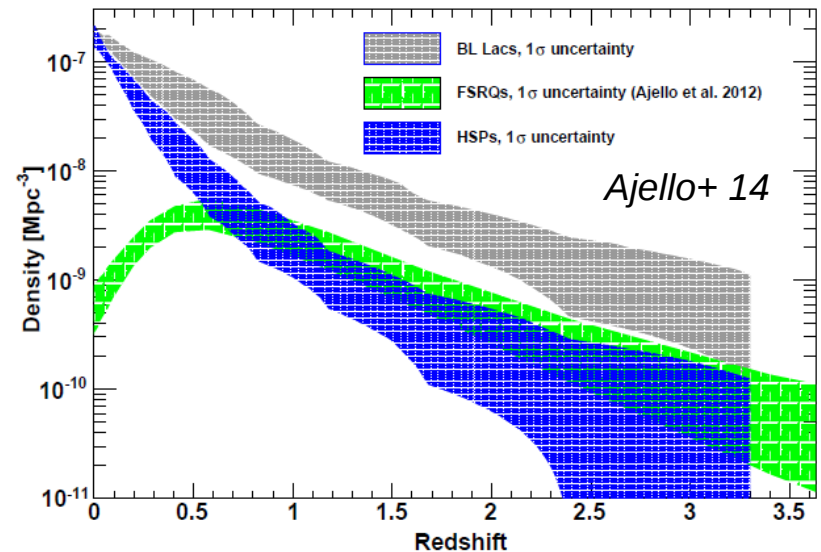


Are many BL Lacs FSRQs with emission lines swamped by the non-thermal continuum?

# Blazar luminosity functions



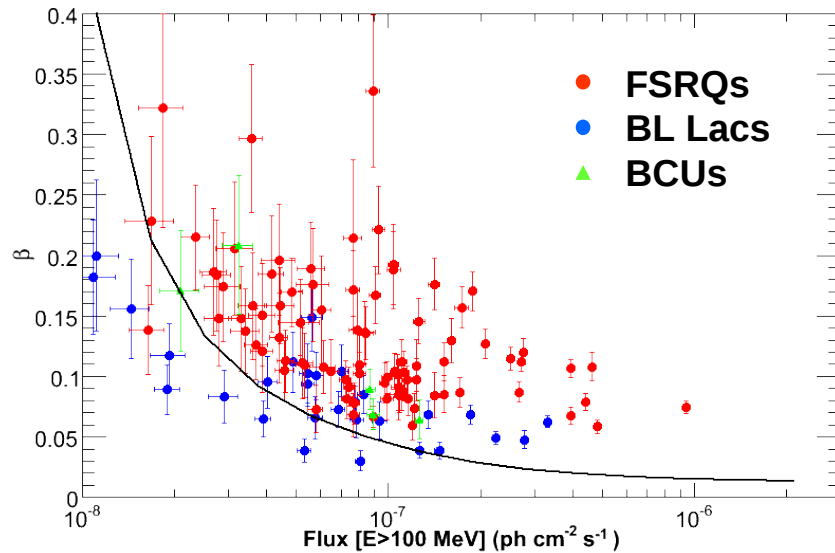
- Rise in HSP-BL Lac density corresponds to a drop-off in FSRQ density
- Evolution of FSRQS into HSPs due to starvation of accreting matter?



# Spectral curvature



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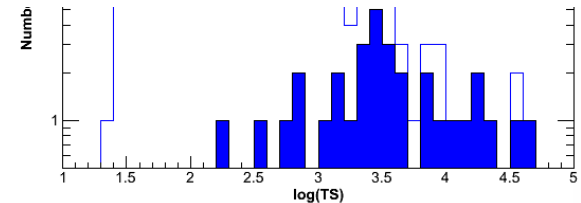
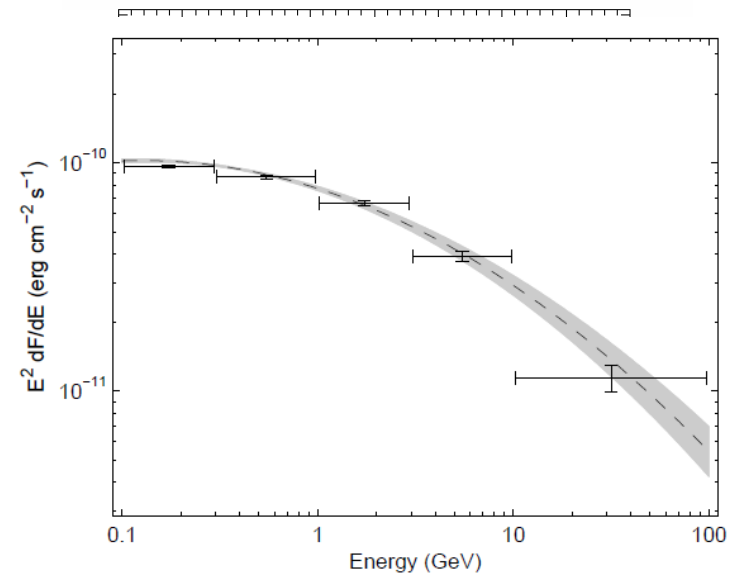


$$N(E) = N_0 \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{-\alpha - \beta \log\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)}$$

**Feature first seen in 3C 454.3**  
**91 FSRQs, 32 BL Lacs, 8 BCUs show significant spectral curvature**

Abdo +09, Poutanen & Stern 10, 14, Cerruti+13,  
 Dermer+14, Finke & Dermer 13, Hunger & Reimer 15  
 Kohler & Nalewajko 15

- $\gamma\gamma$ -absorption
- superposition of different EC components
- superposition of different flares
- intrinsic curvature of electron energy distribution





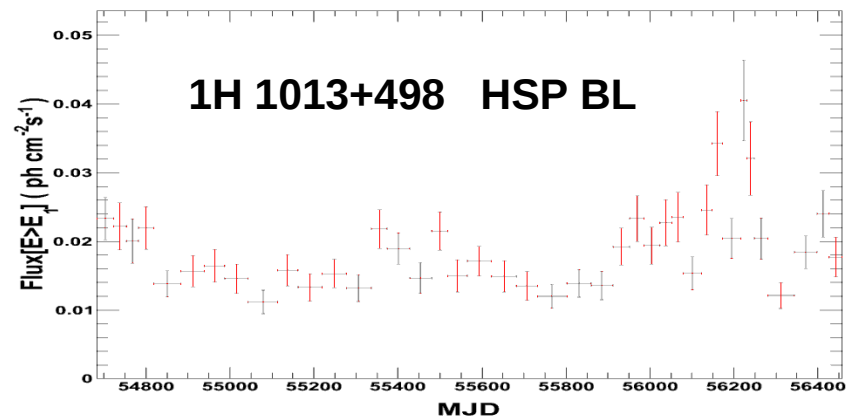
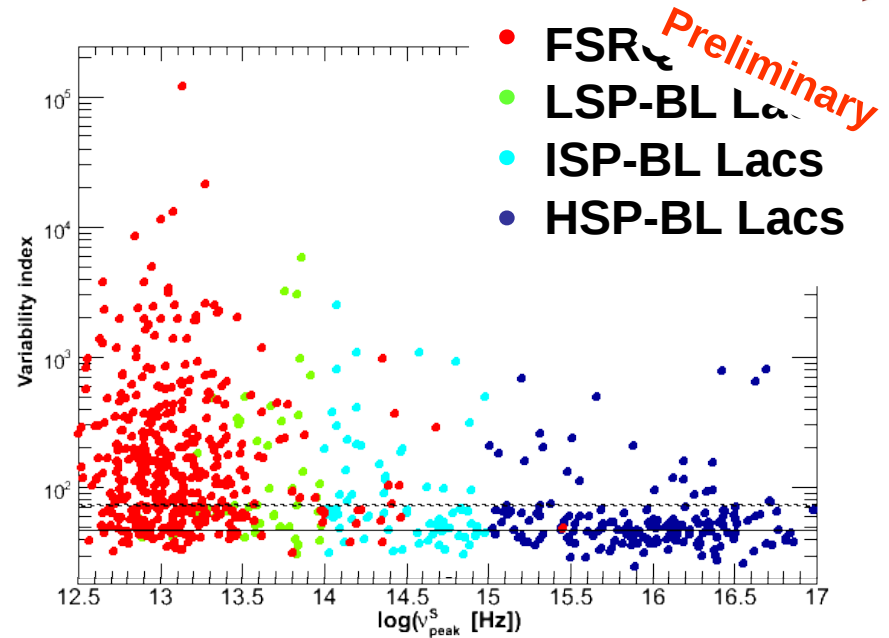
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- Variability index distributed as a  $\chi^2$  with 47 d.o.f. for non-variable sources.
- Fractions of sources showing significant variability  
**FSRQs: 69%** **BL Lacs: 23%**  
 (39%, 23%, 15%) for (LSP, ISP, HSP)
- The LAT samples different parts of the high-energy hump for the different classes.
- Monthly light curves to be extended beyond 48 months, continuously updated and posted on the ASDC site





## HSP BL Lac

$0.395 < z < 0.62$

one of the brightest BL Lacs  
in the X-ray band  
TeV source (HESS, MAGIC)

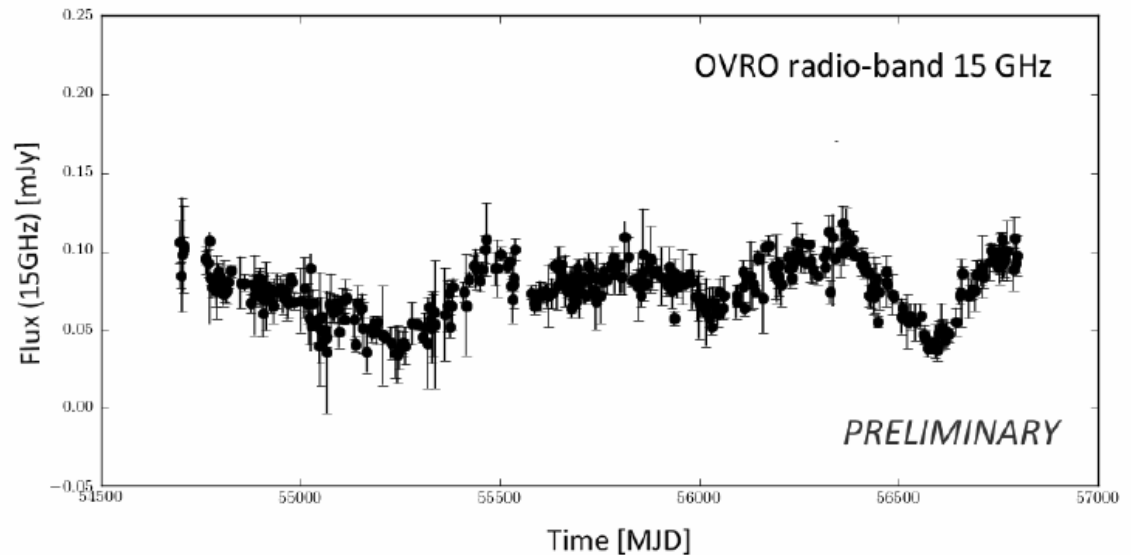
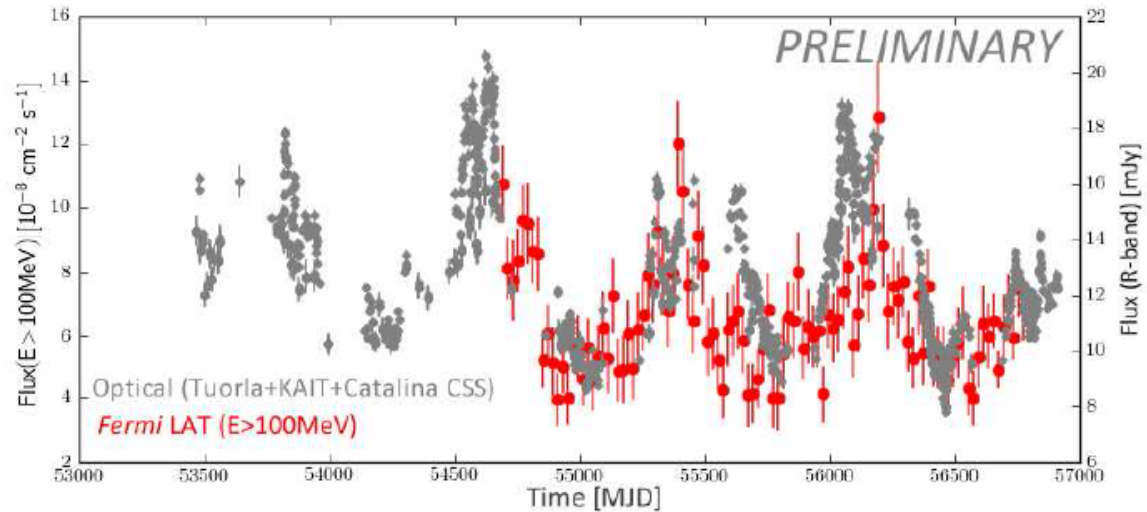
Indication for a **periodic**  
**behavior** in

- the radio (15 GHz)
- the optical (R-band)
- the LAT band

Autocorrelation gives a  
peak at **750 days**

**Interpretation:**

- binary black hole?
- warped disk?
- other?



# Shortest timescales



Preliminary

Constraints on size and location of emitting zone

4 sources show  $T_{\min}$  close to 3 hr:

3C 454.3, 3C 273, 4C+21.35, PKS 1510-089

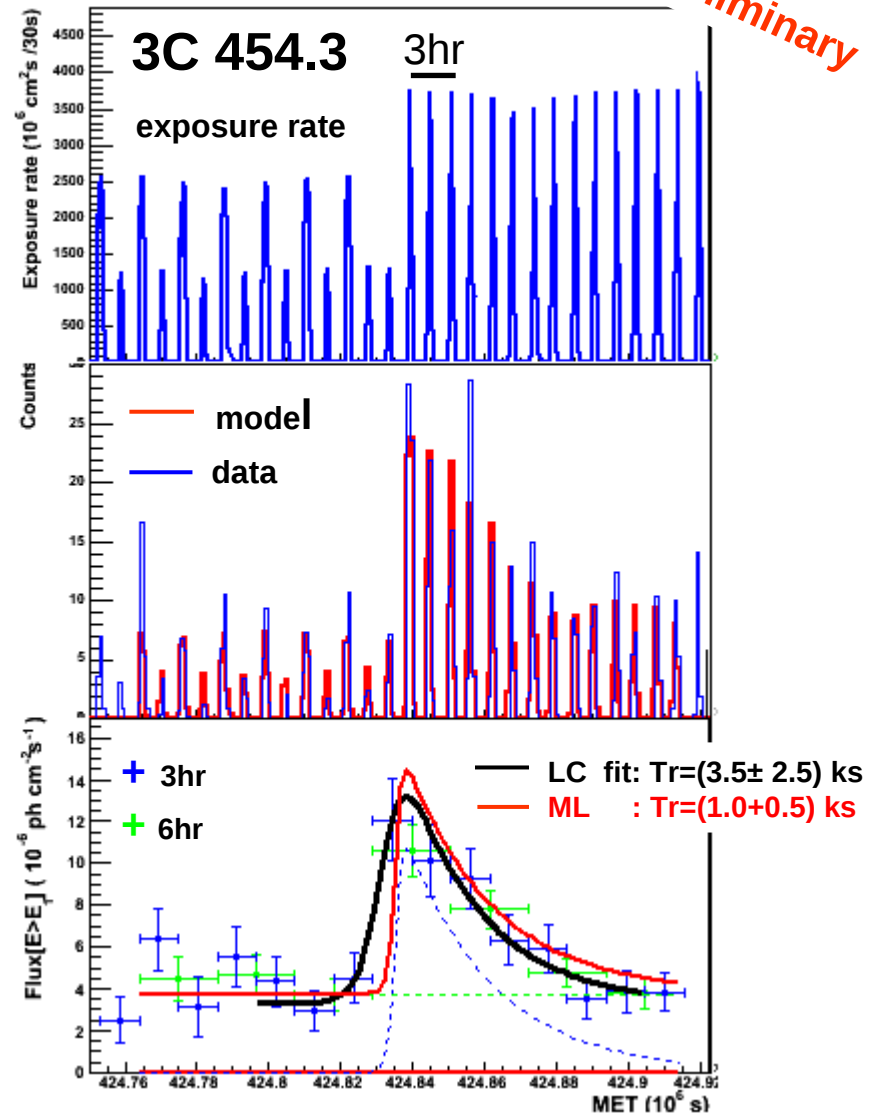
$R_s/c \sim 10^4 M_9 s$

Binned light curves unsuitable to derive  $T_{\min}$  accurately

Unbinned maximum-likelihood method

$$F = 2F_0(e^{(t_0-t)/T_r} + e^{(t-t_0)/T_f})^{-1}$$

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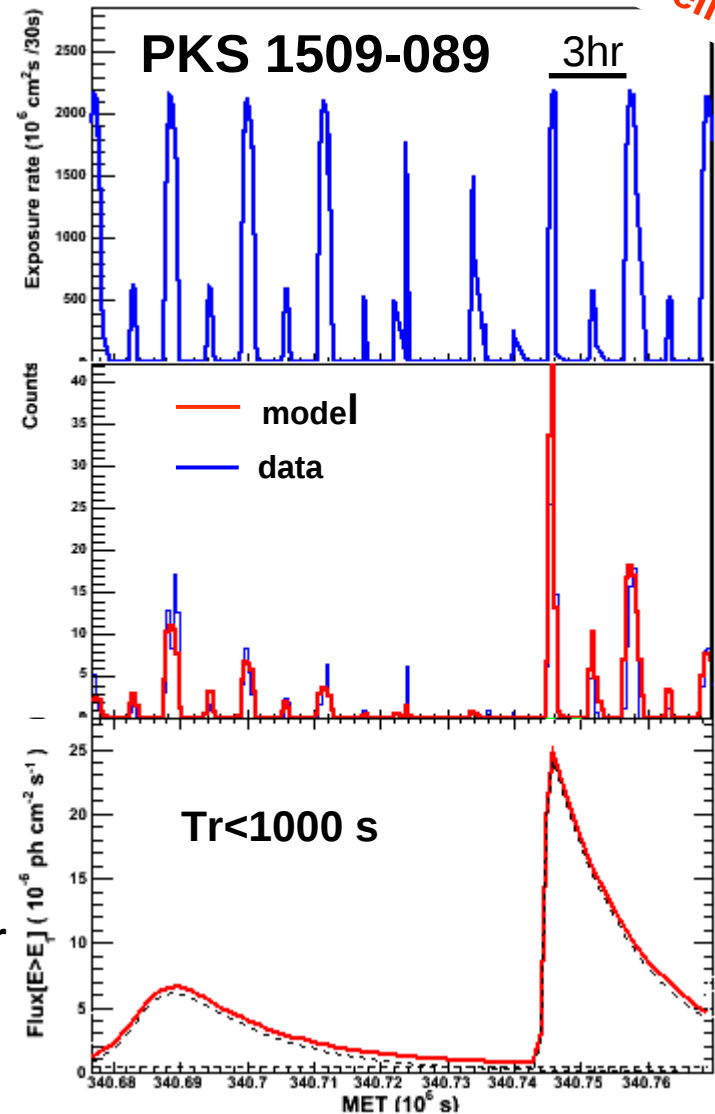
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# Correlations between Luminosity and Spectral Features

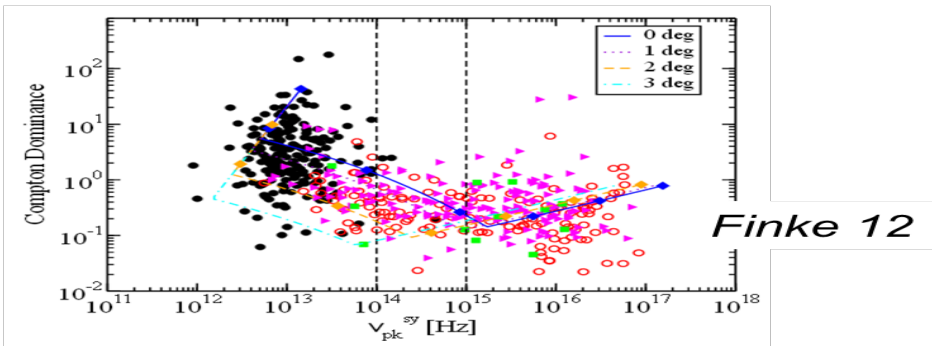
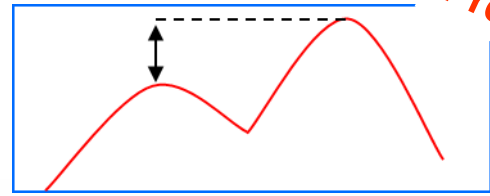
# Compton dominance vs $\nu_{\text{peak}}$



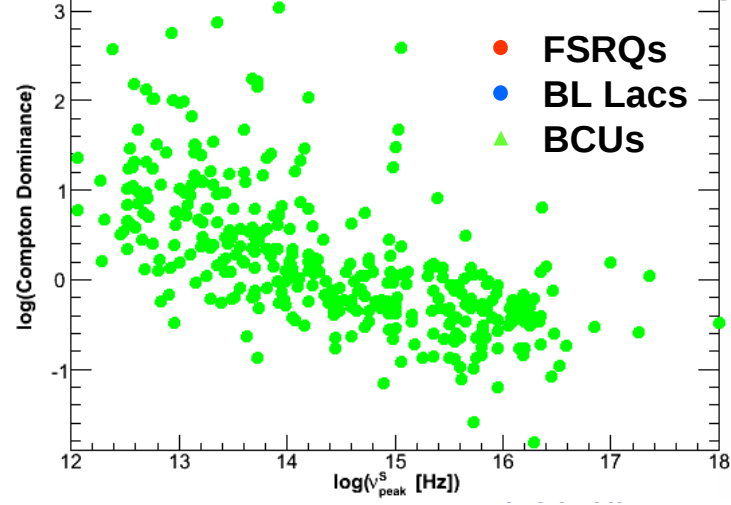
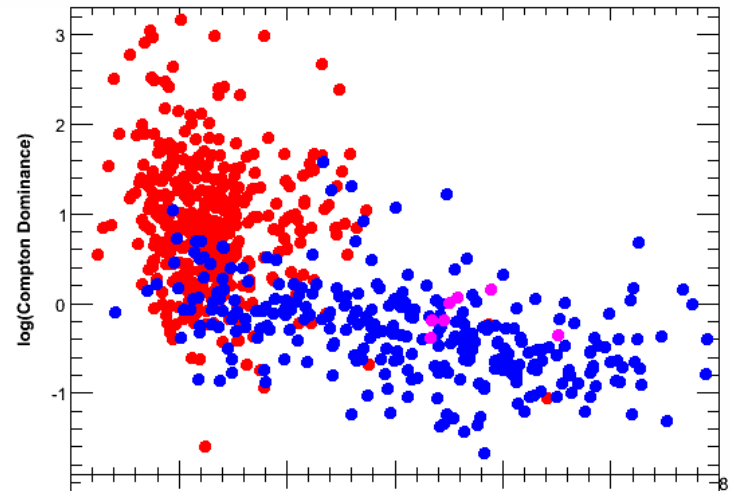
beyond the blazar sequence

Compton dominance independent of  $z$

- FSRQs
- BL Lacs
- ▽ Objects w/ unknown  $z$
- AGNs



varying  $u_{\text{ext}}$ , B, beaming





# Spectral index- $L_\gamma$

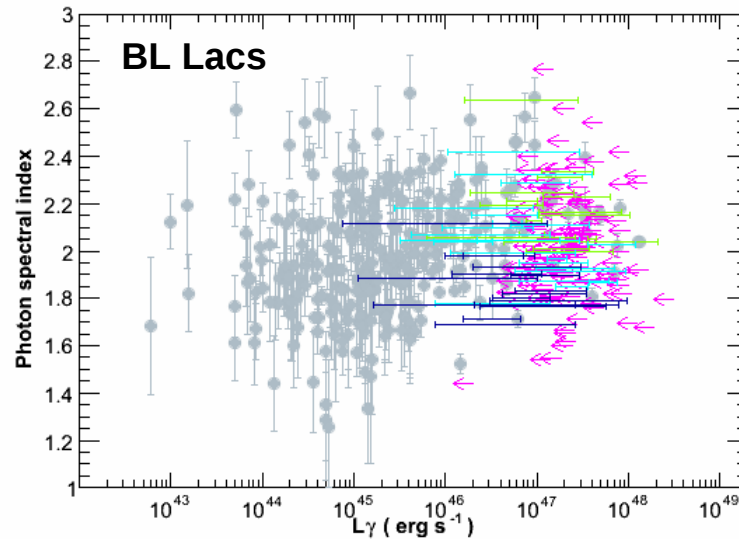
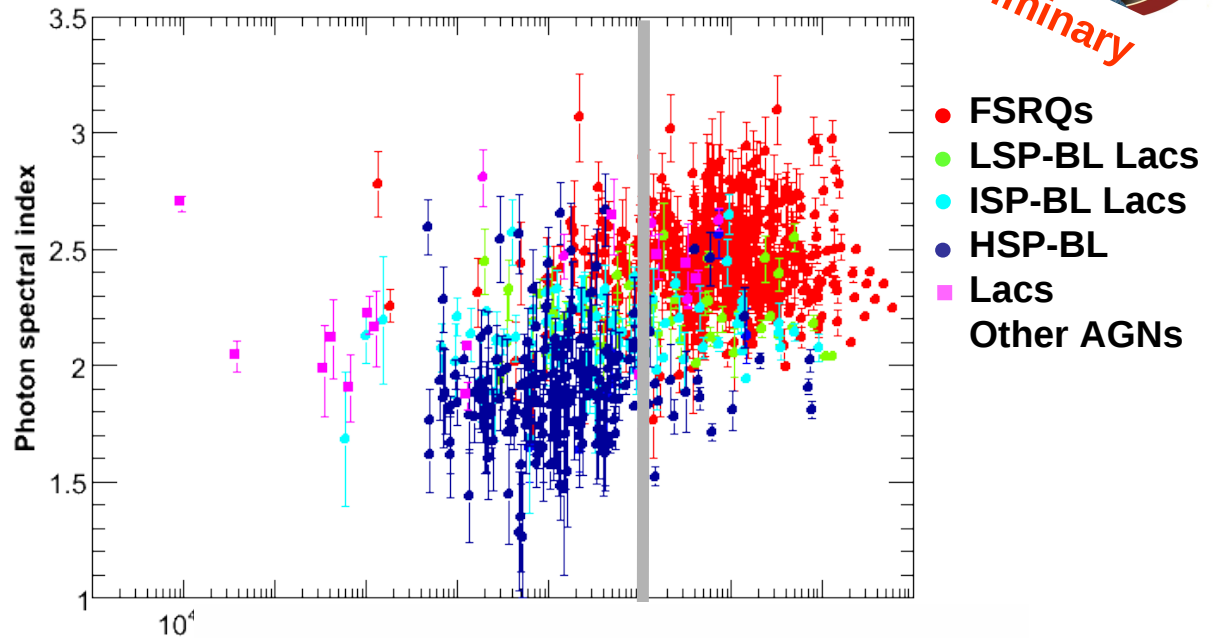


Preliminary

Led to the concept  
of « blazar divide »  
(Ghisellini + 09)

Soft spectra at high  $L_\gamma$   
Hard spectra at low  $L_\gamma$

Change of accretion  
regime at  $10^{46}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup>



# Spectral photon index- $\nu_{peak}$ diagram



arXiv:1504.03228

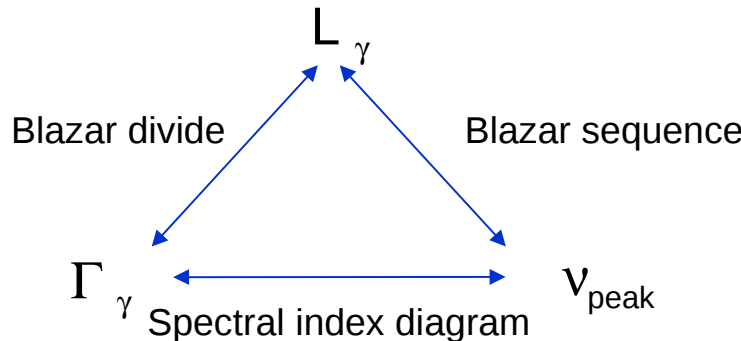
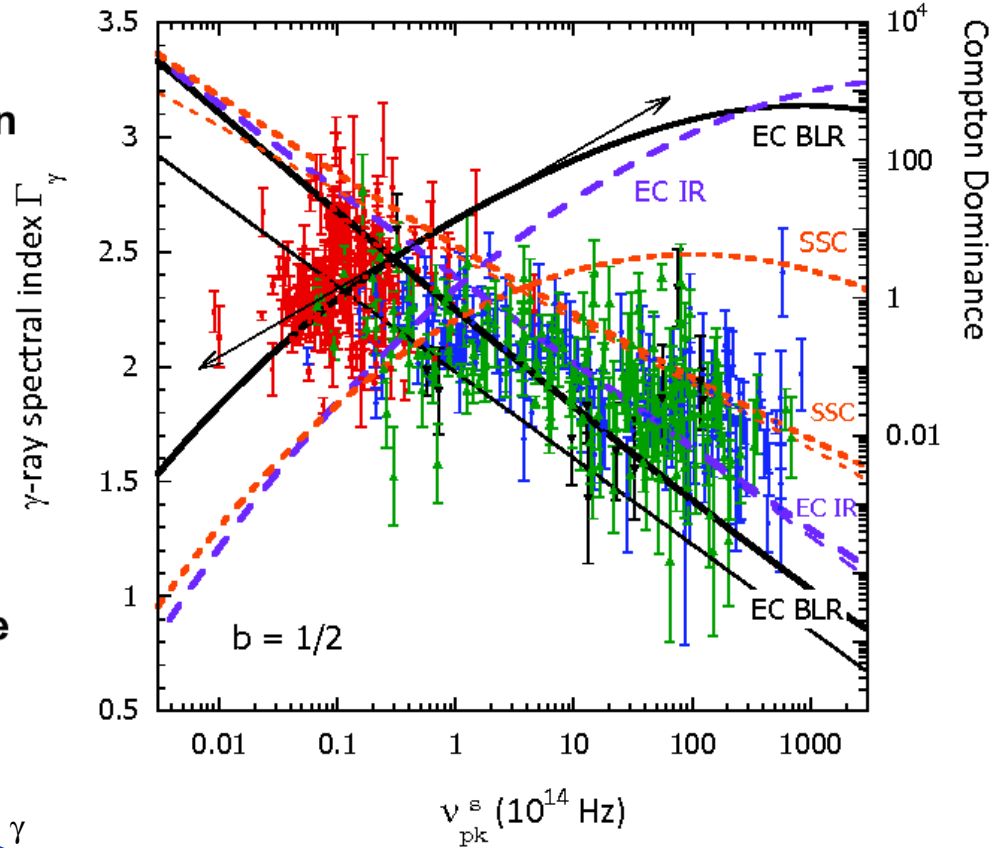
C. Dermer et al.

- Log-parabola electron energy distribution in a near-equipartition model

$$\gamma^{-2} N(\gamma) = K \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{peak}} \right)^{-b \log \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{peak}} \right)}$$

SSC, EC IR (torus), EC BLR

- good reproduction of data with  $b=1/2$
- Compton Dominance becomes excessive for EC IR, BLR at large  $\nu_{peak}^S$



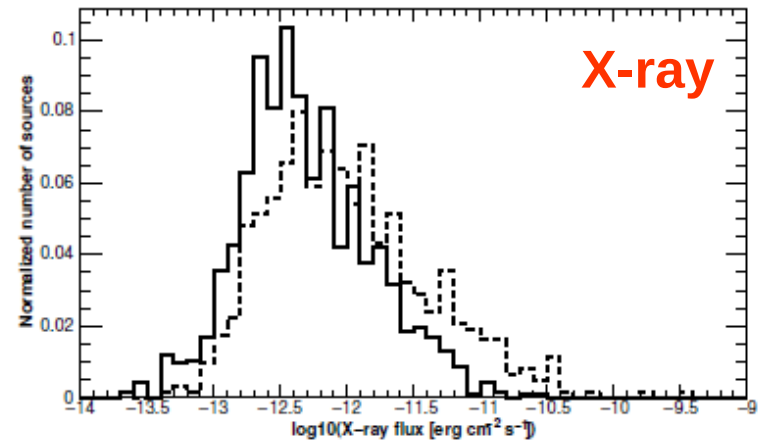
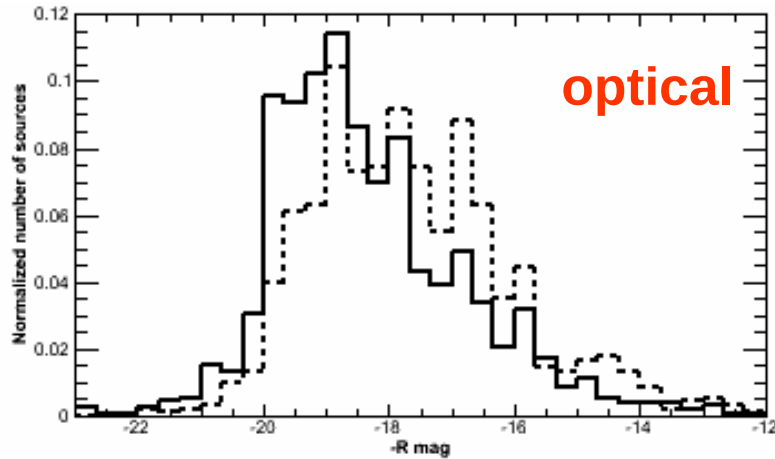
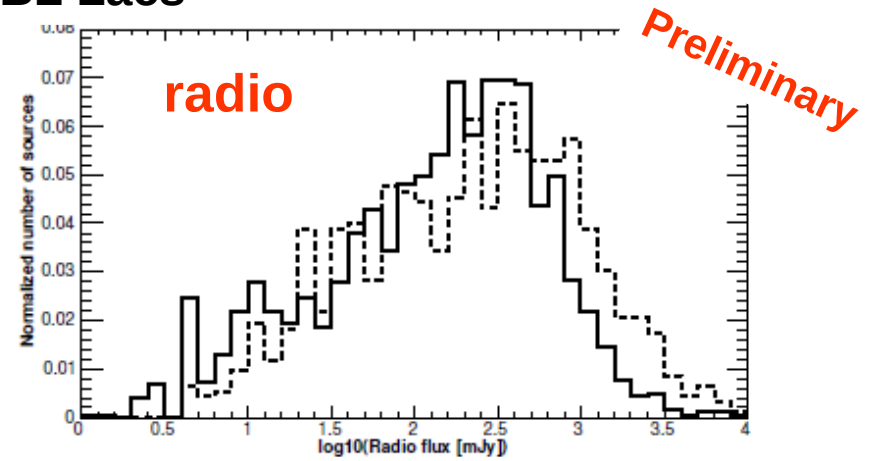
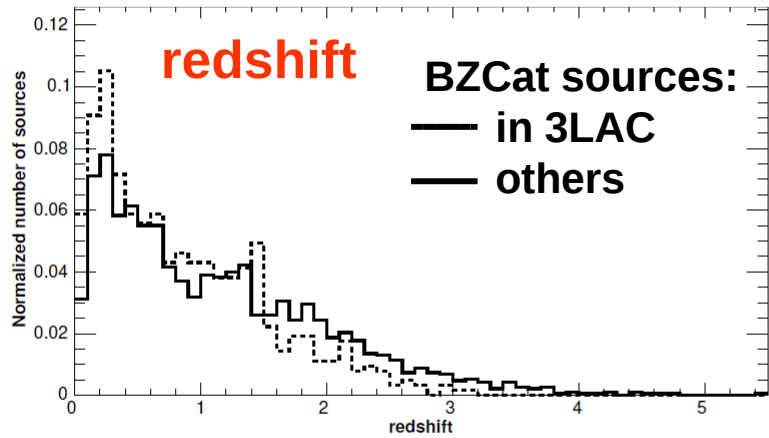


# **Gamma-ray loud vs. gamma-ray quiet blazars**

# Connection between 3LAC and BZCat

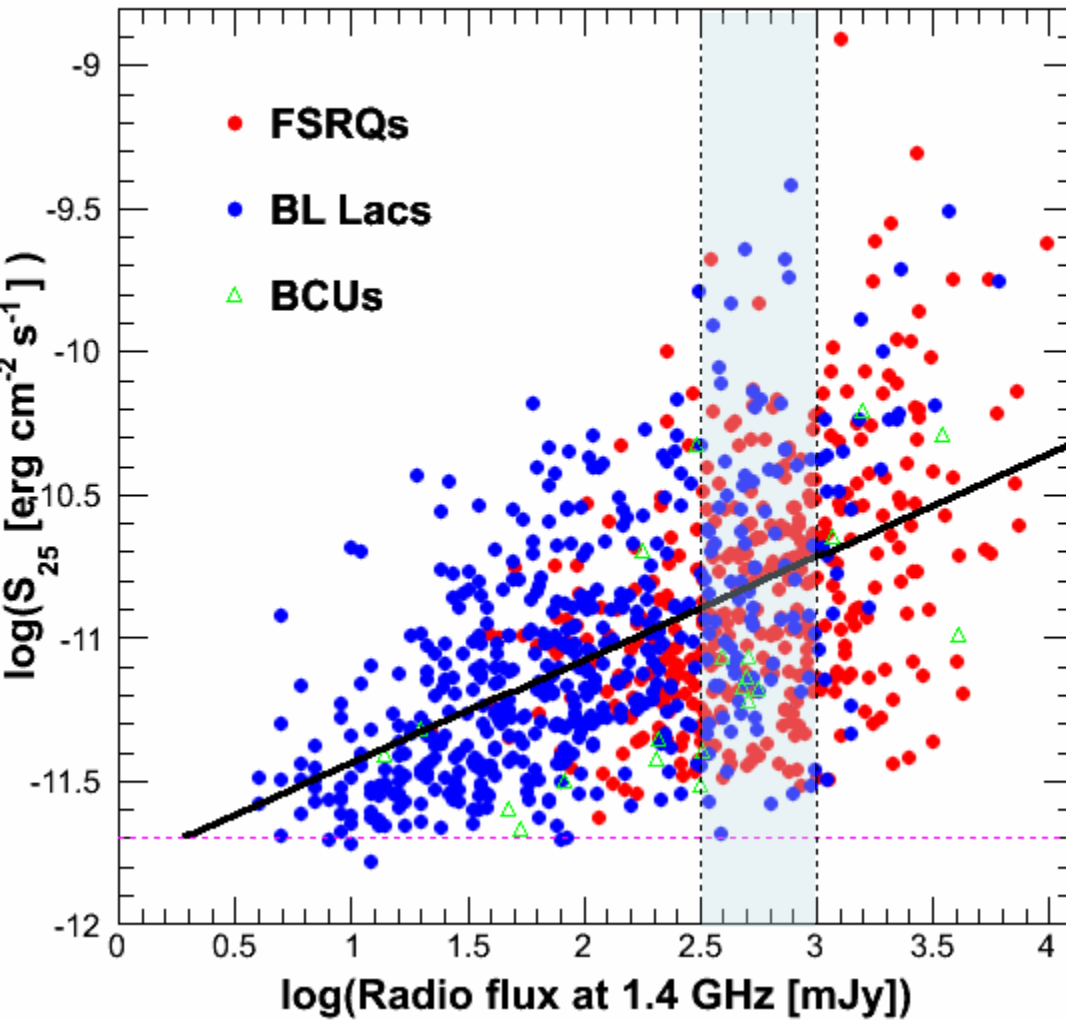


LAT-detected fraction: 24% (409/1707) for FSRQs  
44% (543/1221) for BL Lacs

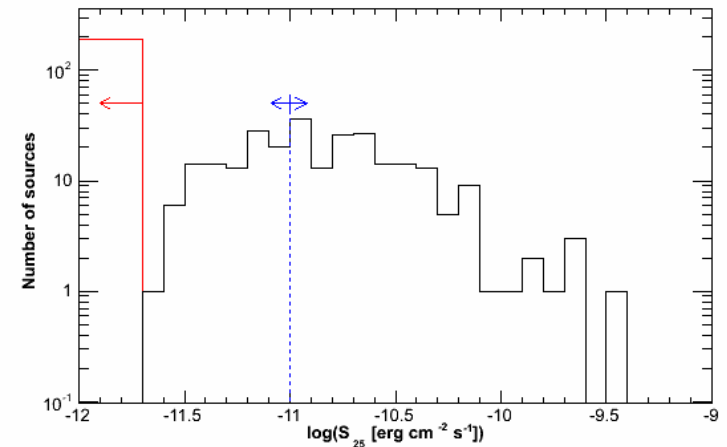


- gamma-ray sources slightly brighter than average in other bands,
- large overlap in distributions between gamma-ray loud and quiet blazars

# Radio-gamma-ray connection



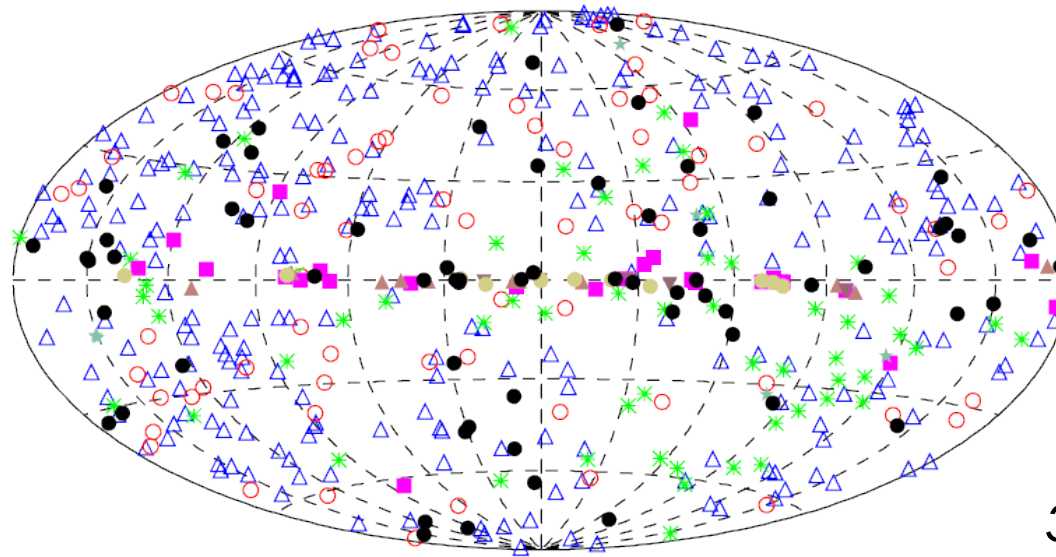
Pearson coefficient: 0.52



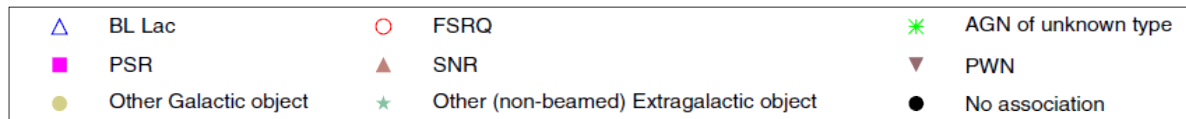


# High-energy blazars





3y of data



514 sources in the 1FHL catalog

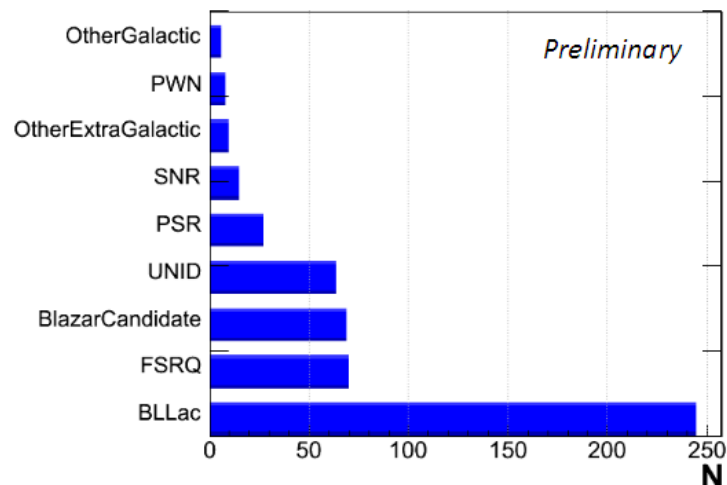
75% of sources  
are blazars

262 BL Lacs

59 FSRQs

58 BCUs

5 Radio Galaxies

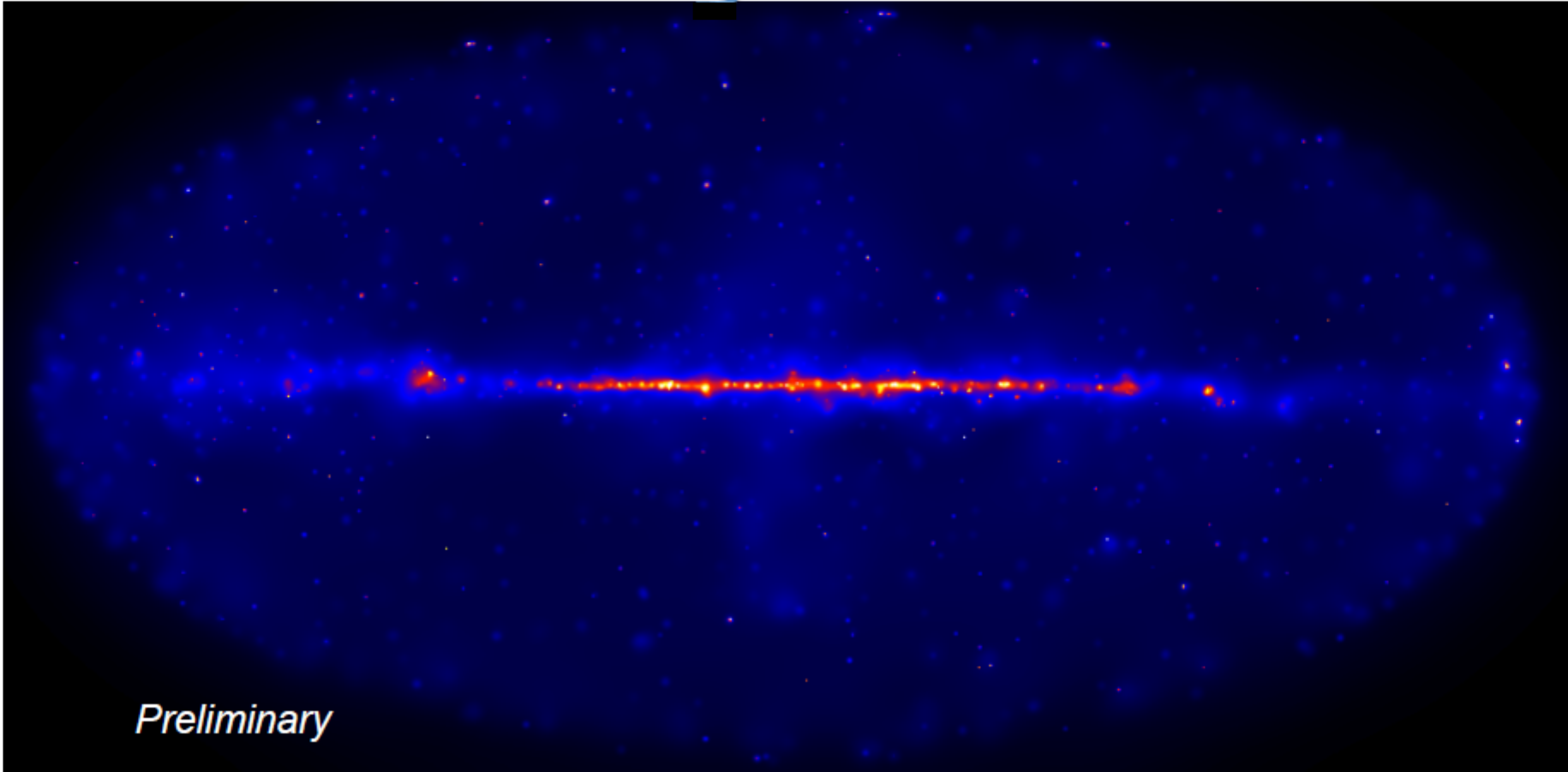


# Second Fermi Hard-Source List (2FHL)



*Preliminary*

- 6 years of Pass8 data  
at  $E > 50$  GeV increase in  $A_{\text{eff}}$  of 25%, in PSF of 20% at 50GeV (50% at 500GeV)
- 51,000 photons  $E > 50$  GeV  $\sim 1$  ph /deg<sup>2</sup> (EGRET: 1500 ph  $E > 10$  GeV)  
18,000 photons  $E > 100$  GeV  
2,000 photons  $E > 500$  GeV
- Fills the gap between Cherenkov ground-based observations and GeV all sky survey

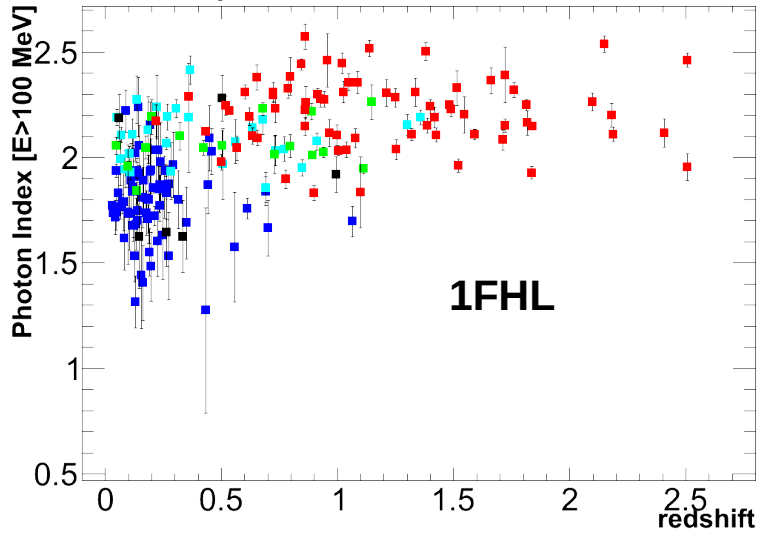


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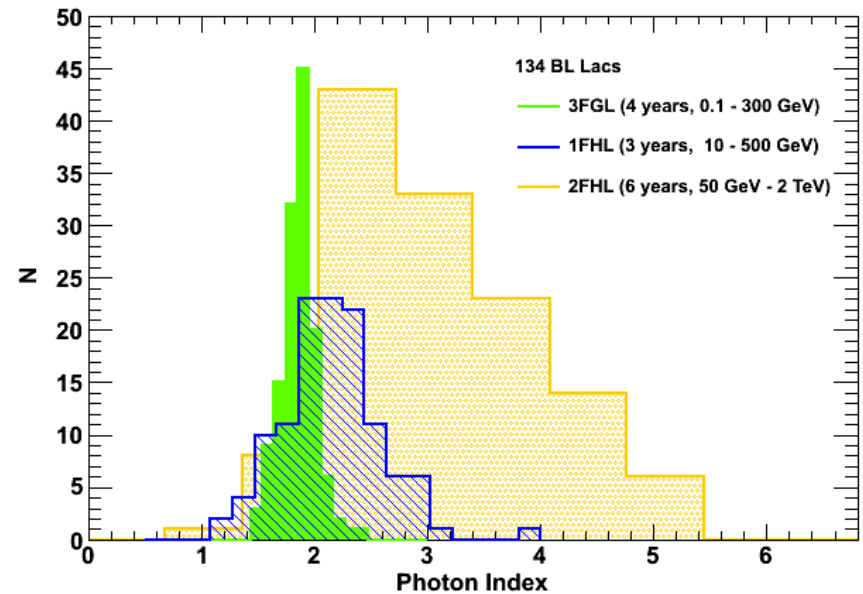
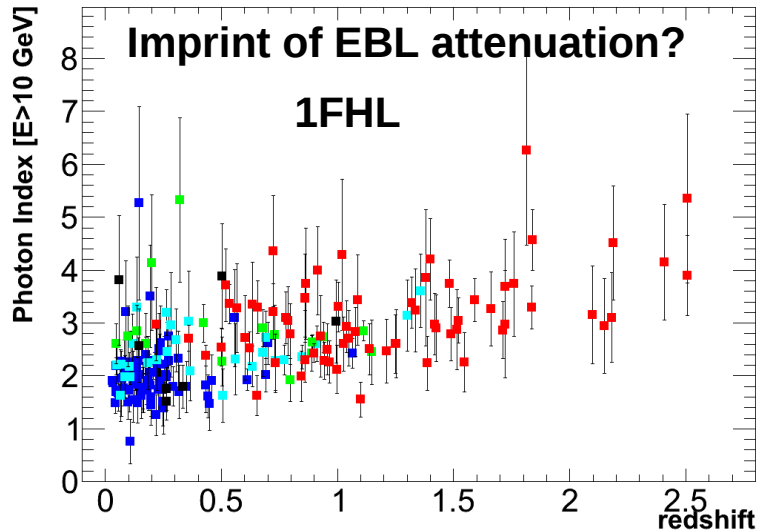


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## Detections

- 320 sources
- 71 detected by ACTs (TeVCat)
- 249 not detected by ACTs
- 206 in 1FHL
- 60 new sources



# Conclusions

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**The 3LAC is a significant improvement over 2LAC, with 71% more sources.**

**General trend:**

**FSRQs → BL LSPs → BL ISPs → BL HSPs**

**for redshift, photon index, spectral curvature, variability...**

**The LAT average photon index is a robust parameter, well correlated with blazar class. Interesting correlations discovered.**

**Assesment of shortest variability timescales is hampered by the LAT survey mode, but there are strong indications of subhour timescales.**

**First evidence for a periodic oscillation in the GeV range.**

**On-going/future efforts: 2FHL**

**4LAC (~6 years of data, Pass8)**

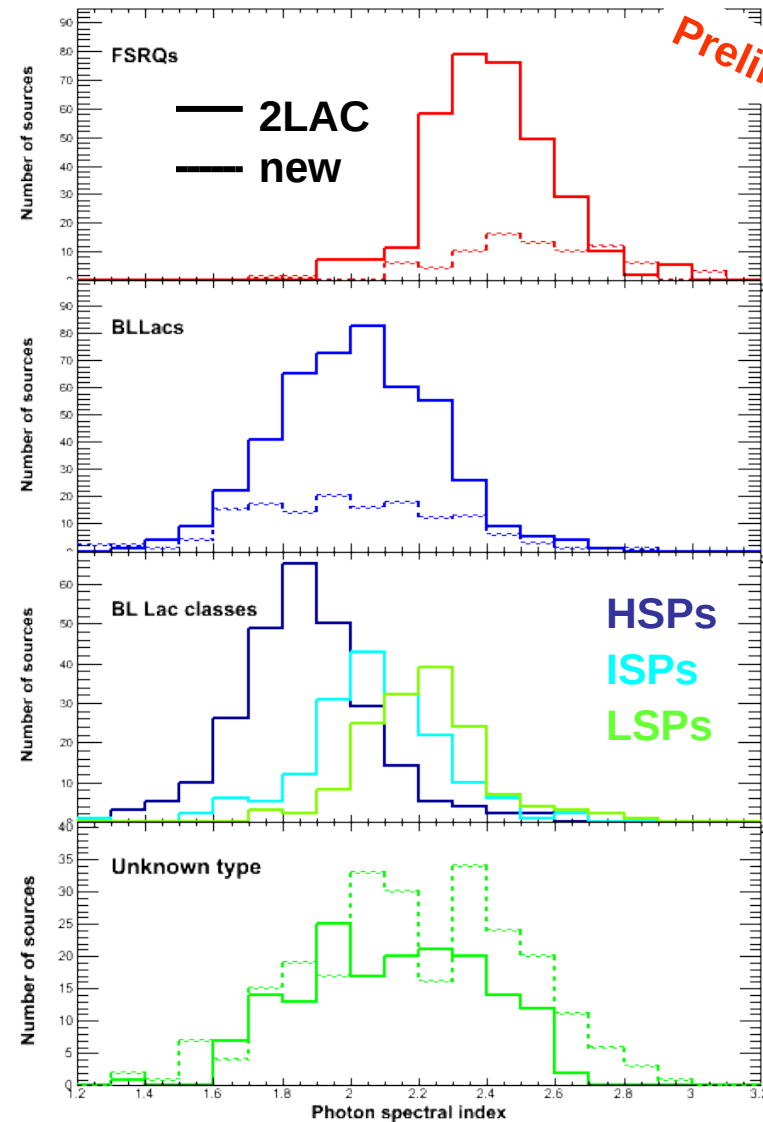


# Backup slides

# Spectral photon index



- Little overlap between FSRQs and BL Lacs
- New FSRQs slightly softer than 2LAC ones: ( $\langle \Gamma \rangle = 2.53$  vs. 2.41), not so for BL Lacs
- Lowest index  $\sim 1.5$ , as predicted by shock-acceleration models
- BCUs index distribution straddling the two classes' and extending beyond 2.5



Preliminary

# Contribution to EGB



**EGB total intensity of  $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$**

**Blazars contribute a grand-total of  $(5-7) \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$**

**- Resolved sources :  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$**

**- Unresolved blazars:  $\sim (2-3) \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$  (in agreement with Abdo+10)**

**Blazars, star-forming galaxies and radio galaxies can explain the intensity and the spectrum of the EGB**

