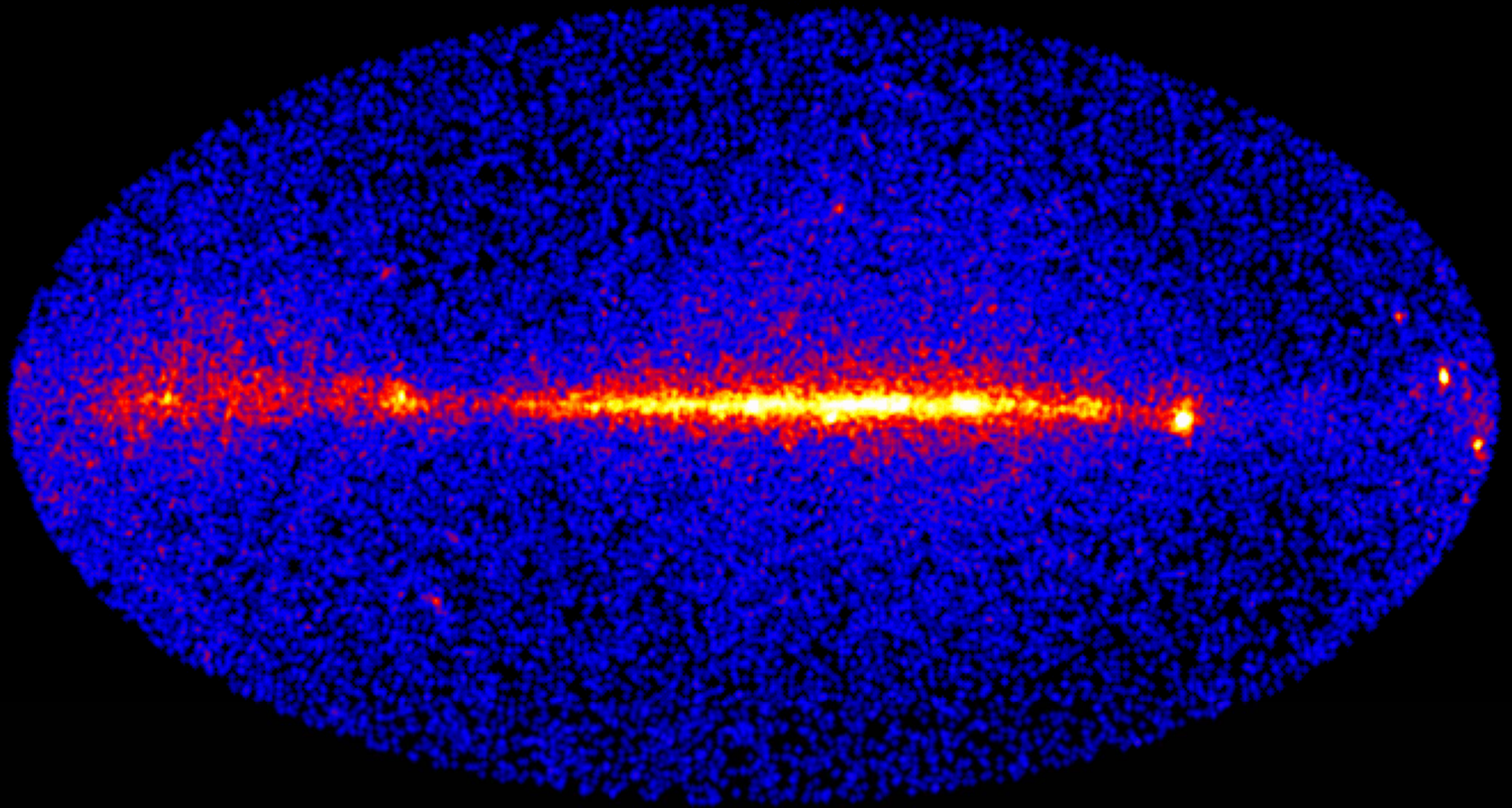


Blazar 3C 454.3's Record Flare



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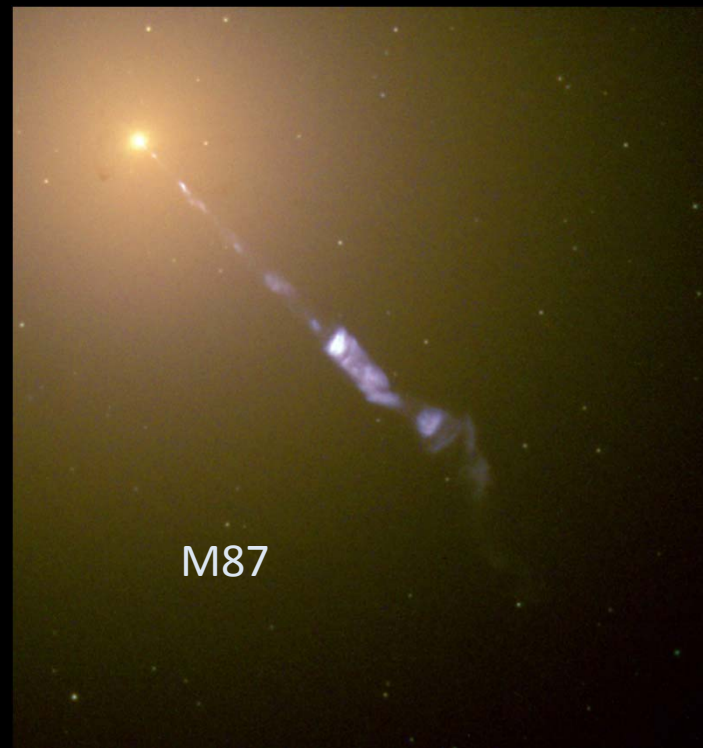


Outline

“...curious straight ray...apparently connected with the nucleus by a thin line of matter.” H. E. Curtis, 1918

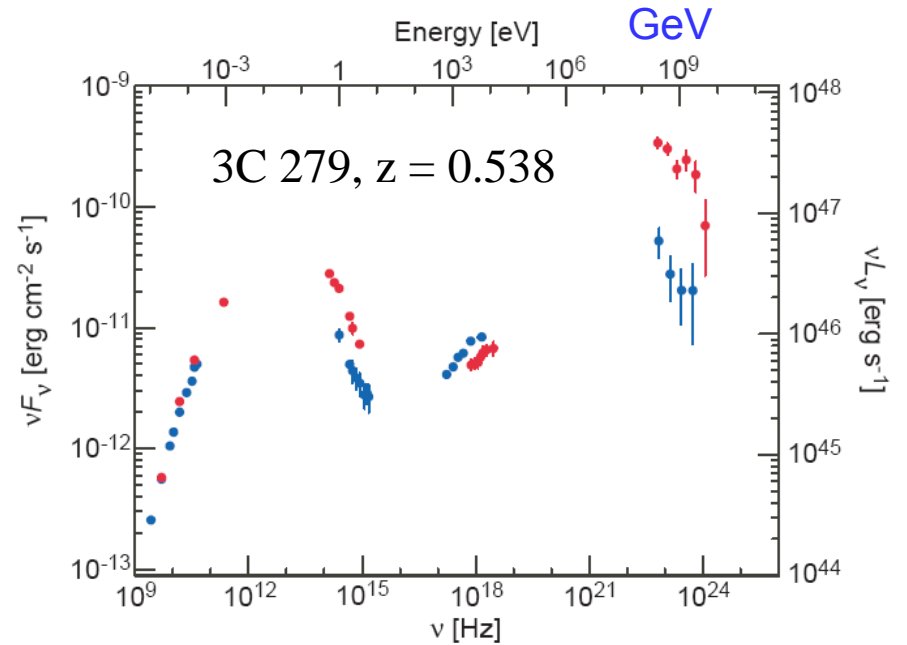
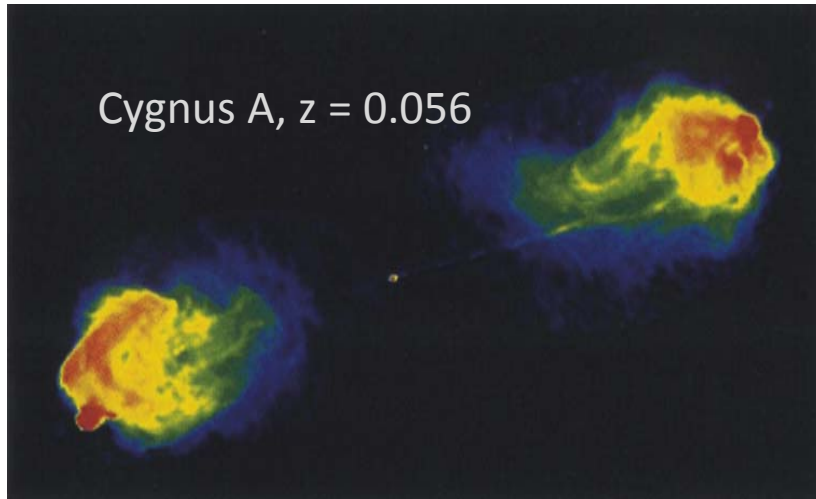
1. The Radio Galaxy/Blazar Paradigm
2. Problems with the Blazar Paradigm
3. Steps forward with Fermi

M87 discovered and cataloged by Charles Messier on March 18, 1781 (233 yrs ago)



Distance; 16.4 Mpc
Black hole mass: $6.6(\pm 0.4) \times 10^9$ Solar masses

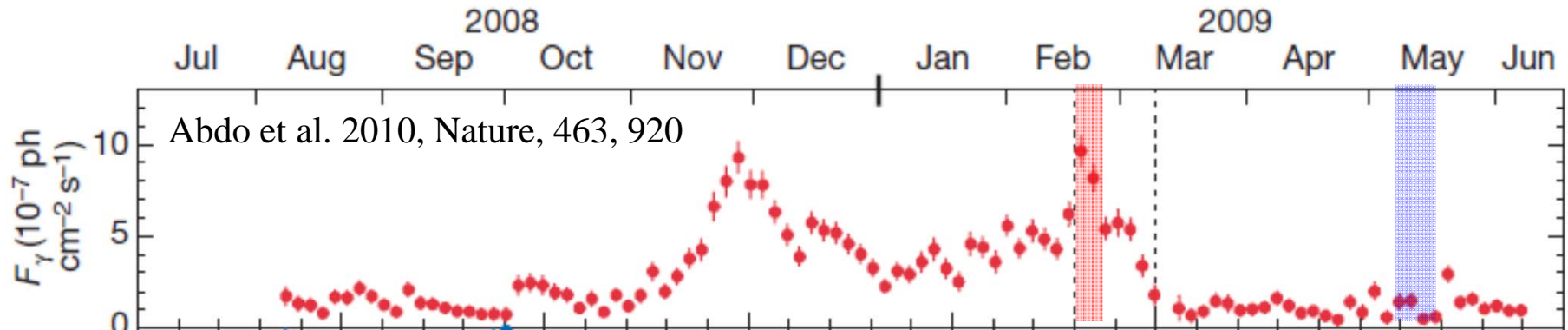
Blazars: Supermassive Black Holes with Relativistic Jets Pointed at Us



Causality argument for size of emission region

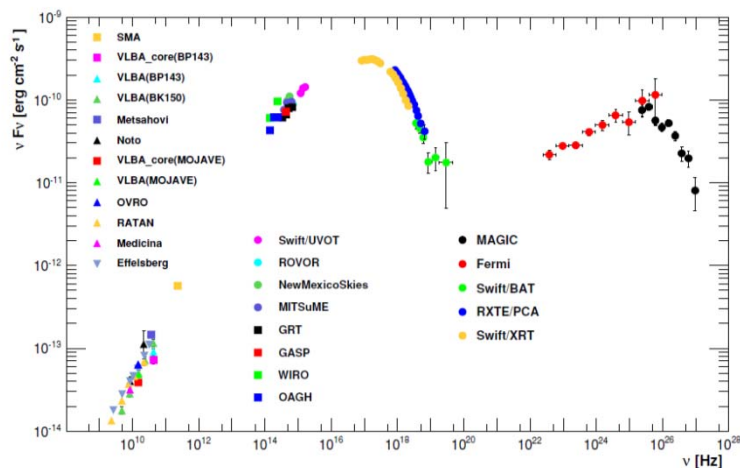
$$R / c \leq \Delta t_{\text{var}} \quad R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2} = 3 \times 10^{14} (M / M_9) \text{ cm} \quad L_{\text{Edd}} \approx 10^{47} (M / M_9) \text{ erg / s}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{var}} \leq 1 \text{ day} \quad R_S / c \cong 10^4 (M / M_9) \text{ s} \quad L_{\text{iso}} \approx 10^{48} (M / M_9) \text{ erg / s}$$

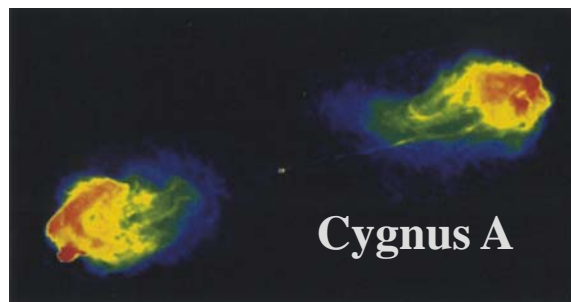


Radio Galaxies, Blazars, and Unification

$$L \sim 10^{45} \times (f/10^{-10} \text{ ergs cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}) \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

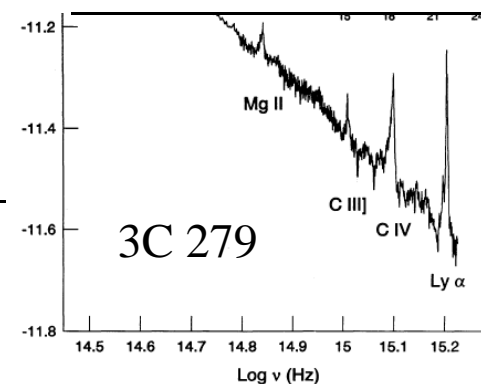


Mrk 421, $z = 0.031$



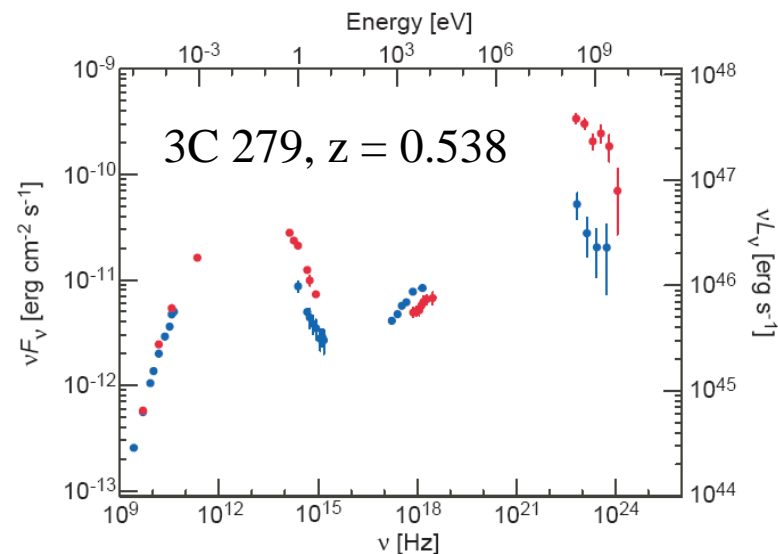
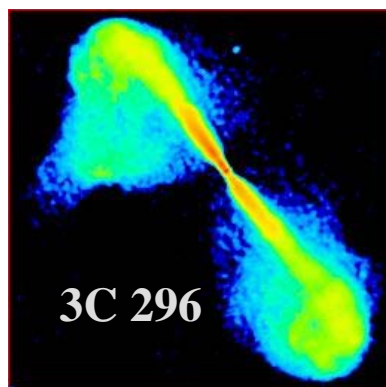
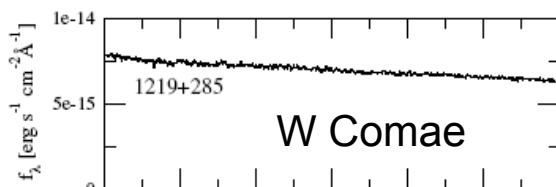
**FR1/2: radio power/
morphology correlation;
dividing line at $\approx 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
($2 \times 10^{25} \text{ W/Hz}$ at 178 MHz)**

FR2/FSRQ



**BL Lacs: optical emission line equivalent
widths $< 5 \text{ \AA}$**

FR1/BL Lac

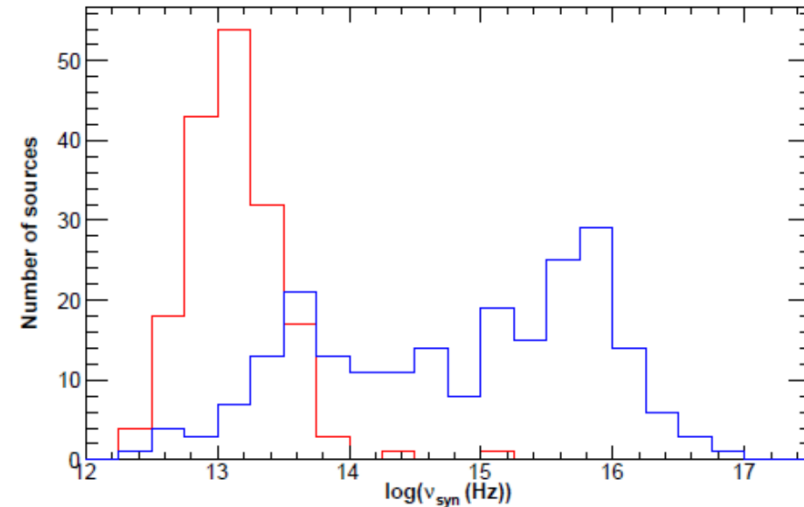
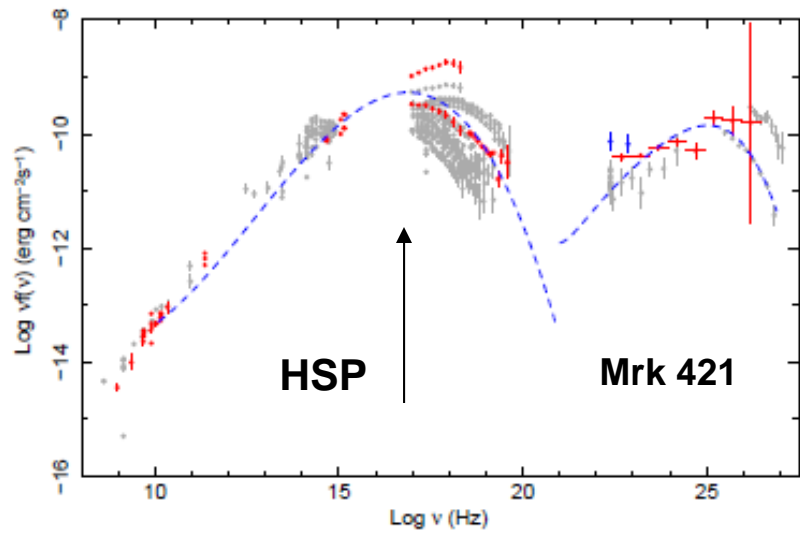
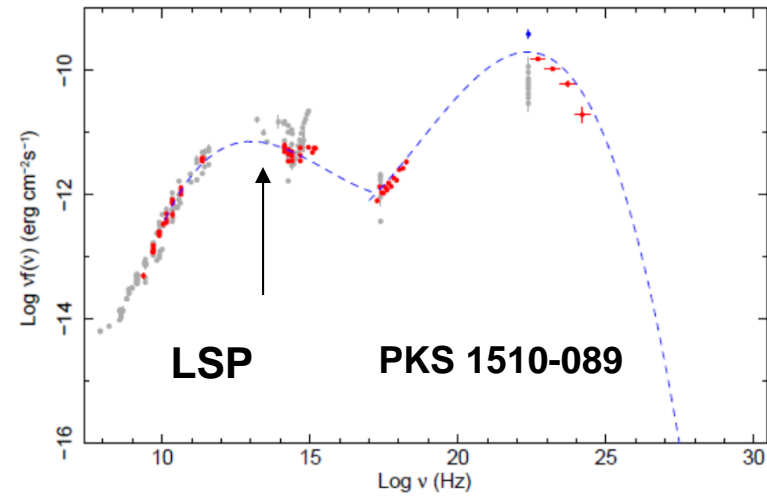


Classifying Fermi AGNs

Abdo et al. 2010, ApJ, 710, 1271

- ❑ **Radio:** FR1 vs FR2
- ❑ **Optical:** FSRQs vs. BL Lacs
- ❑ **SED; (“synchrotron-peaked”)**
 - LSP ($\nu_{pk}^{syn} < 10^{14}$ Hz),
 - HSP ($\nu_{pk}^{syn} > 10^{15}$ Hz)
 - ISP

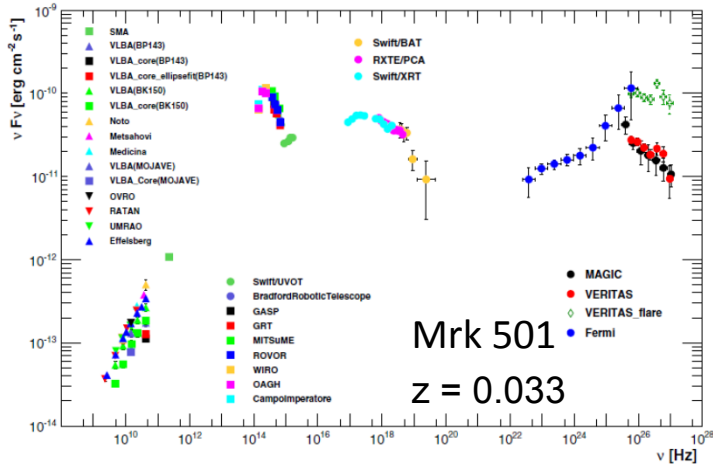
Essentially all FSRQs are LSPs



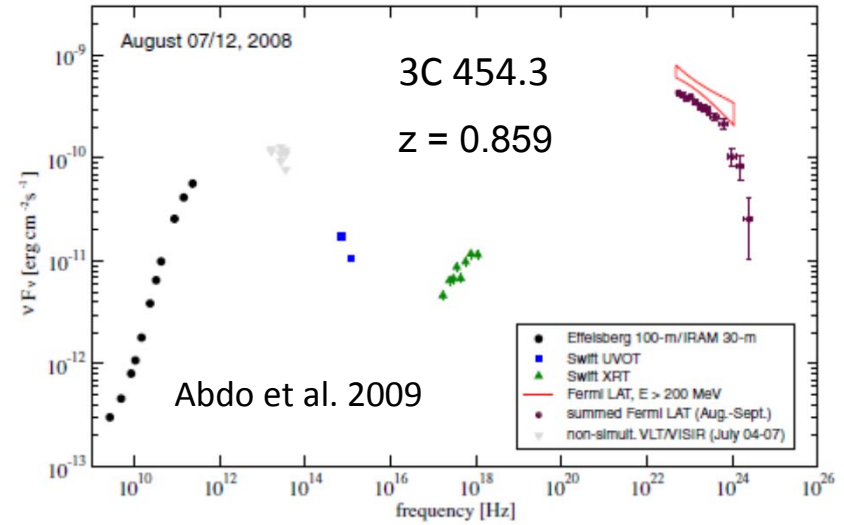
Blazar Spectral Energy Distributions

FSRQs: cutoffs at GeV with VHE episodes

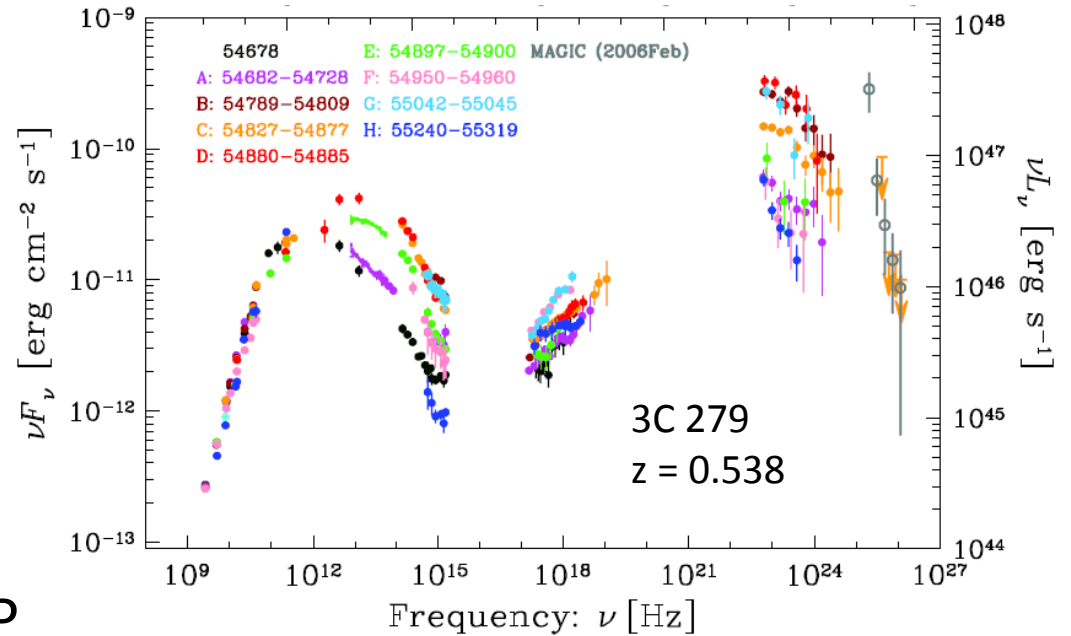
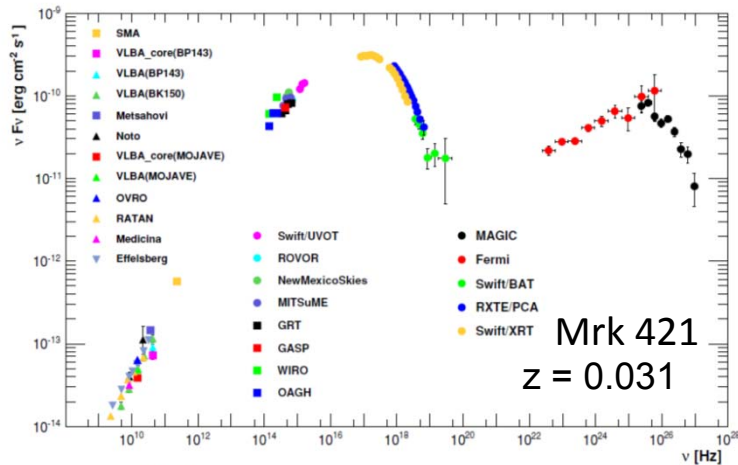
BL Lacs: emission to VHE/TeV energies



Abdo et al. 2011a



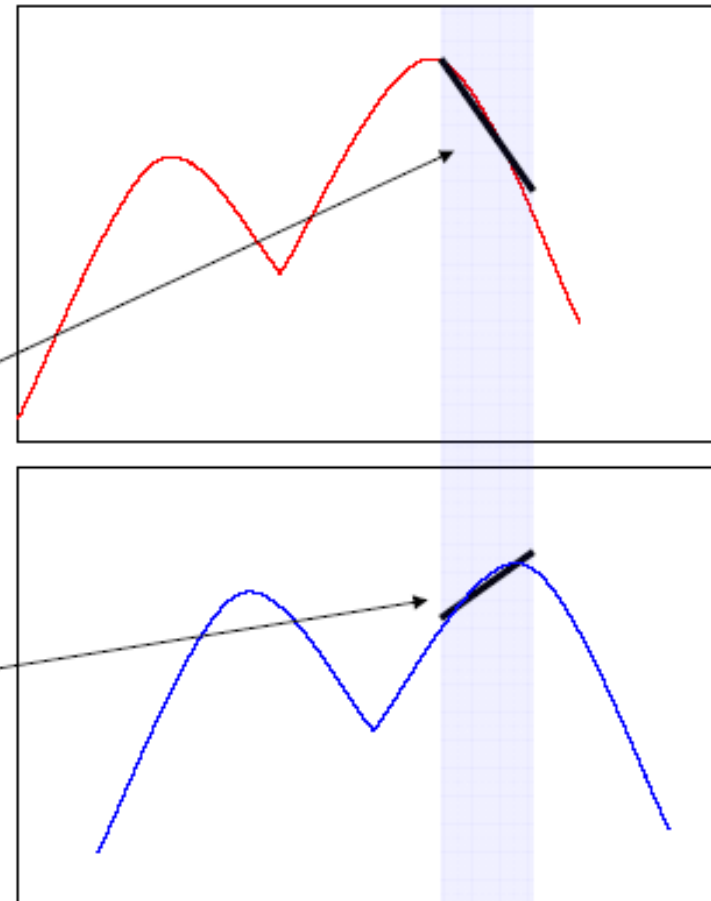
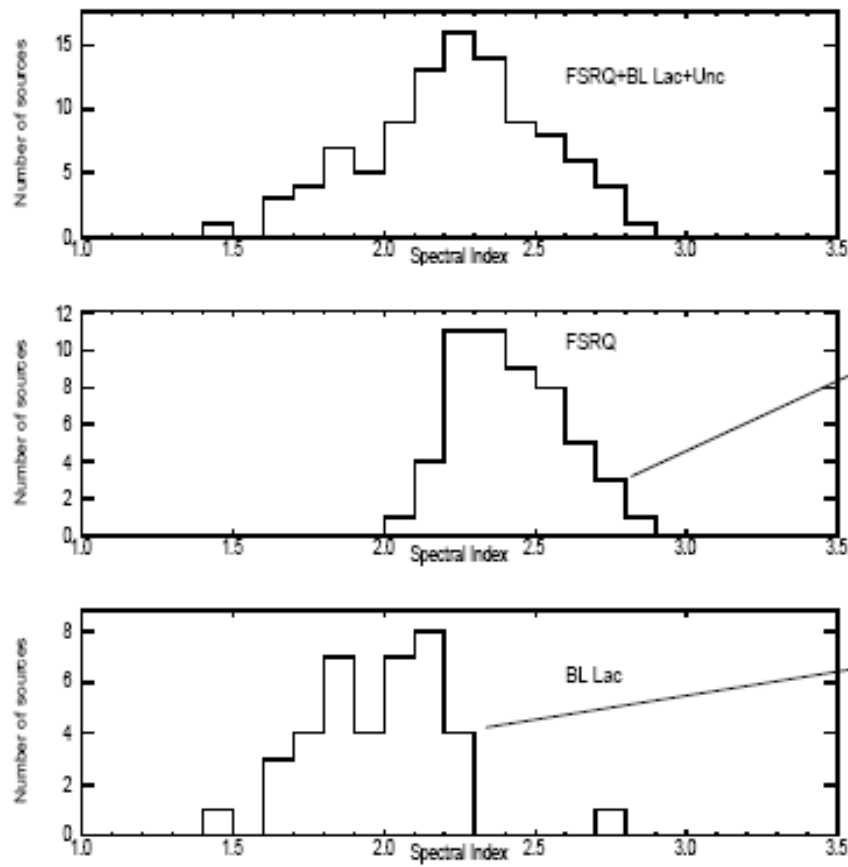
Abdo et al. 2011b



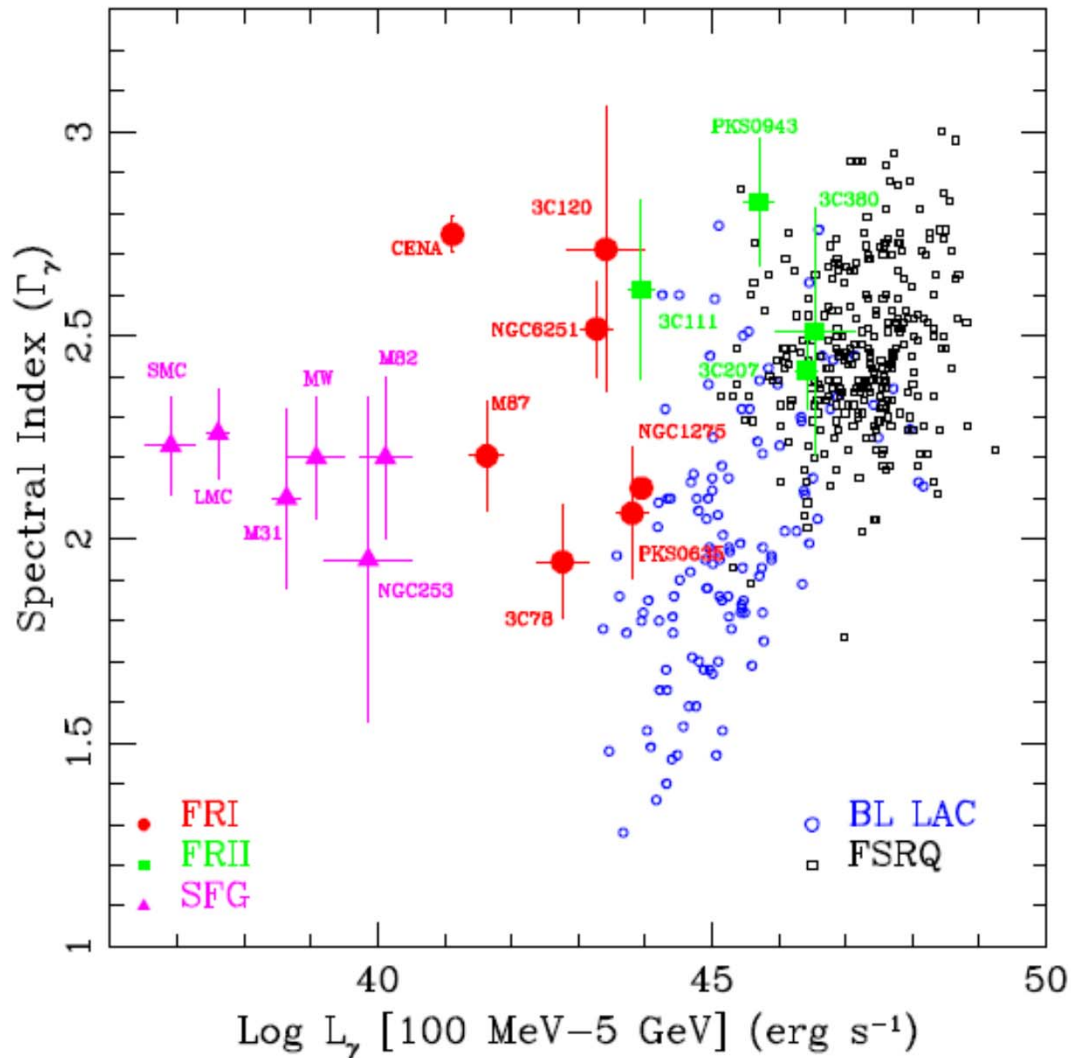
VHE (> 100 GeV)

LSP, ISP, HSP

Spectral Energy Distribution and Spectral Index Distribution



γ -Ray Spectral Index vs. γ -Ray Galaxy Luminosity



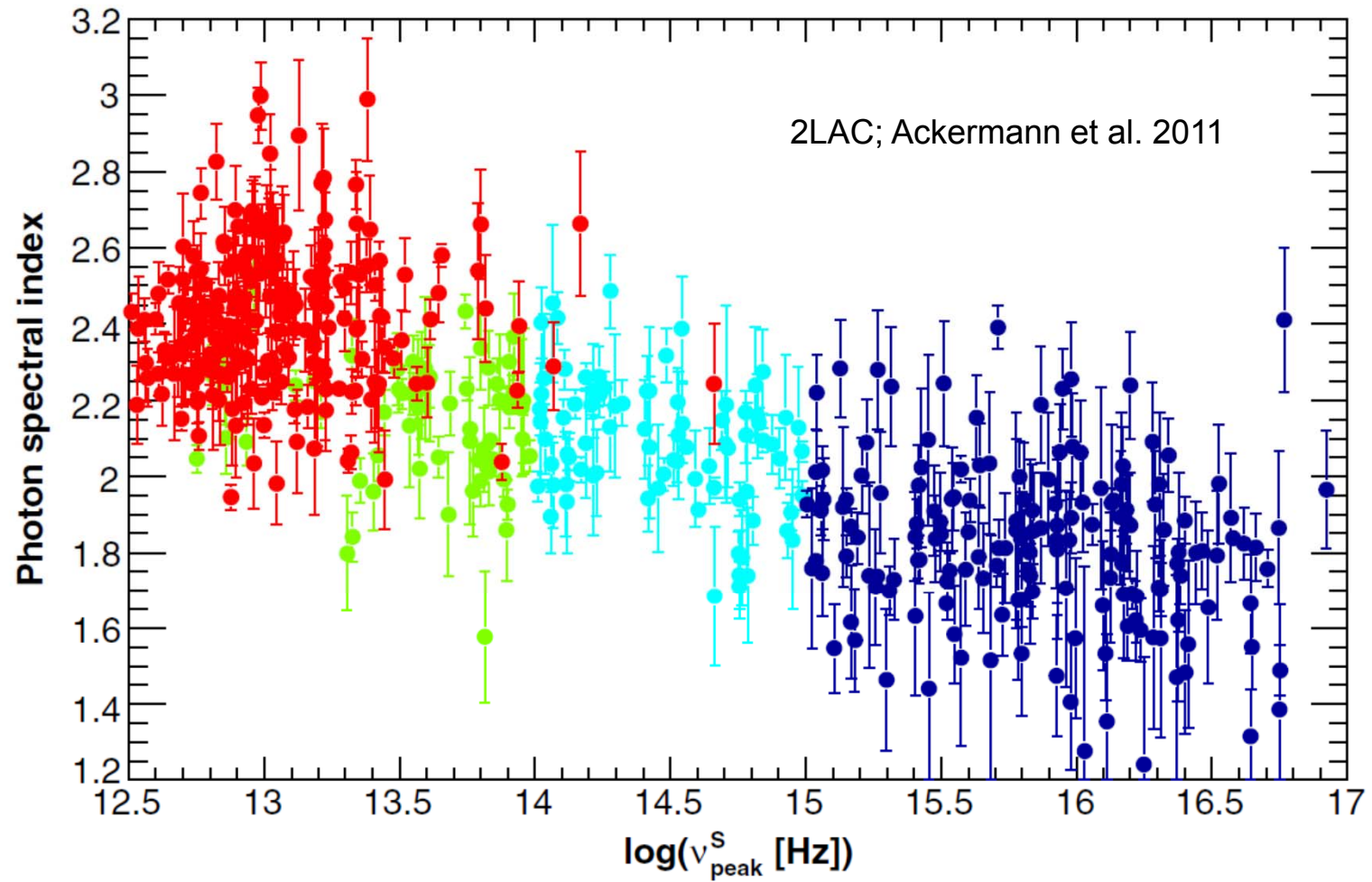
Fermi blazar divide
(Ghisellini et al. 2009)

Misaligned AGNs
(host galaxies of blazars)

Star forming galaxies

Spectral Index vs. Peak Synchrotron Frequency

> 100 MeV γ -ray photon index vs. peak synchrotron frequency



Standard AGN/Blazar Paradigm

AGN: active galactic nucleus

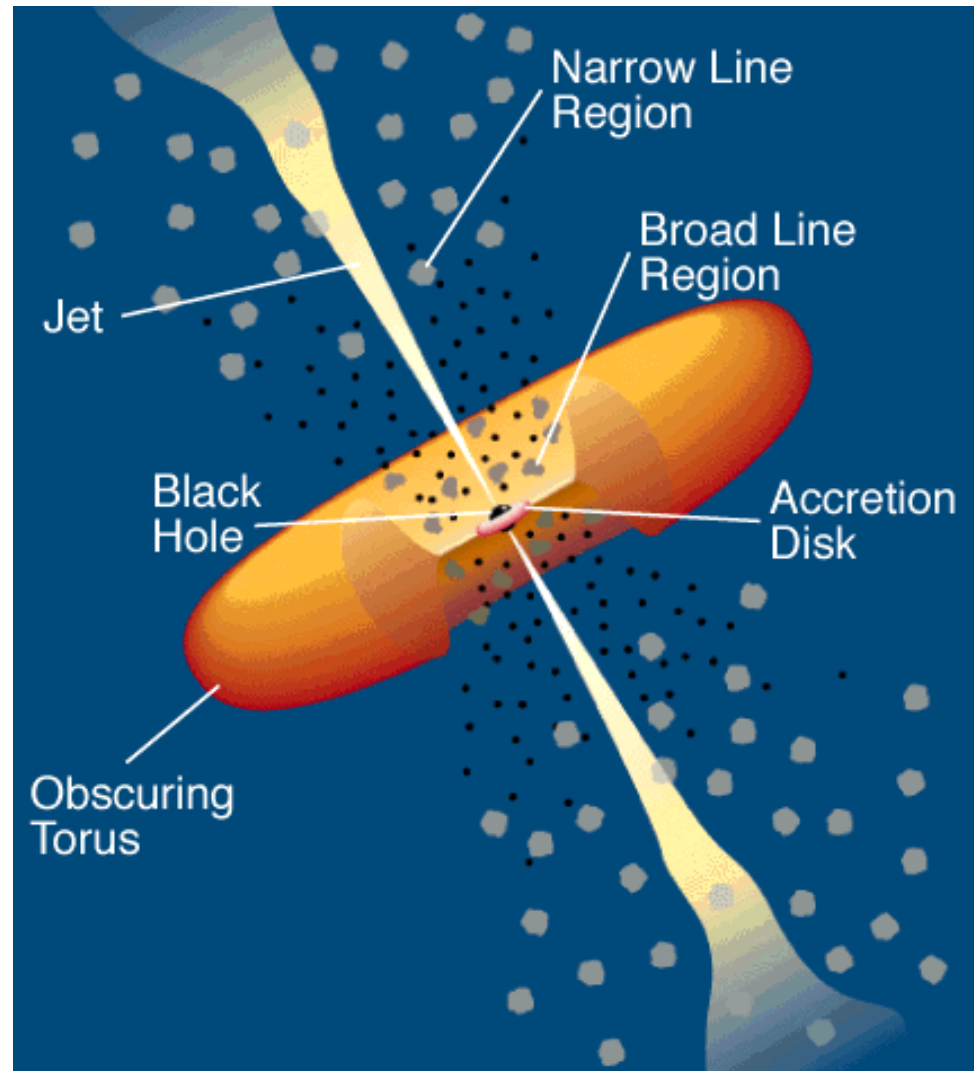
Accretion Disk

- Molecular Torus
- Shakura-Sunyaev Disk
- Magneto Rotational Instability
- Modified Accretion Disks
- Hot Pair Plasma ($T < 10^9$ K)
- Fe Lines
- Broad Line Region/ Narrow Line Region

Nonthermal particle acceleration not evident in radio-quiet AGNs

Jets

- Formation and Collimation
- Relativistic Outflows
 - Compton catastrophe
 - Apparent superluminal motion
 - $\gamma\gamma$ opacity arguments
- Particle Acceleration Sites
 - Within BLR
 - Pc scale
 - Knots and hot spots
 - Lobes



Urry & Padovani (1995)

Leptonic Blazar Modeling

Leptonic jet model:

Nonthermal synchrotron paradigm

Associated SSC γ -ray component
(**BL Lac objects**)
and SSC/EC components (**FSRQs**)

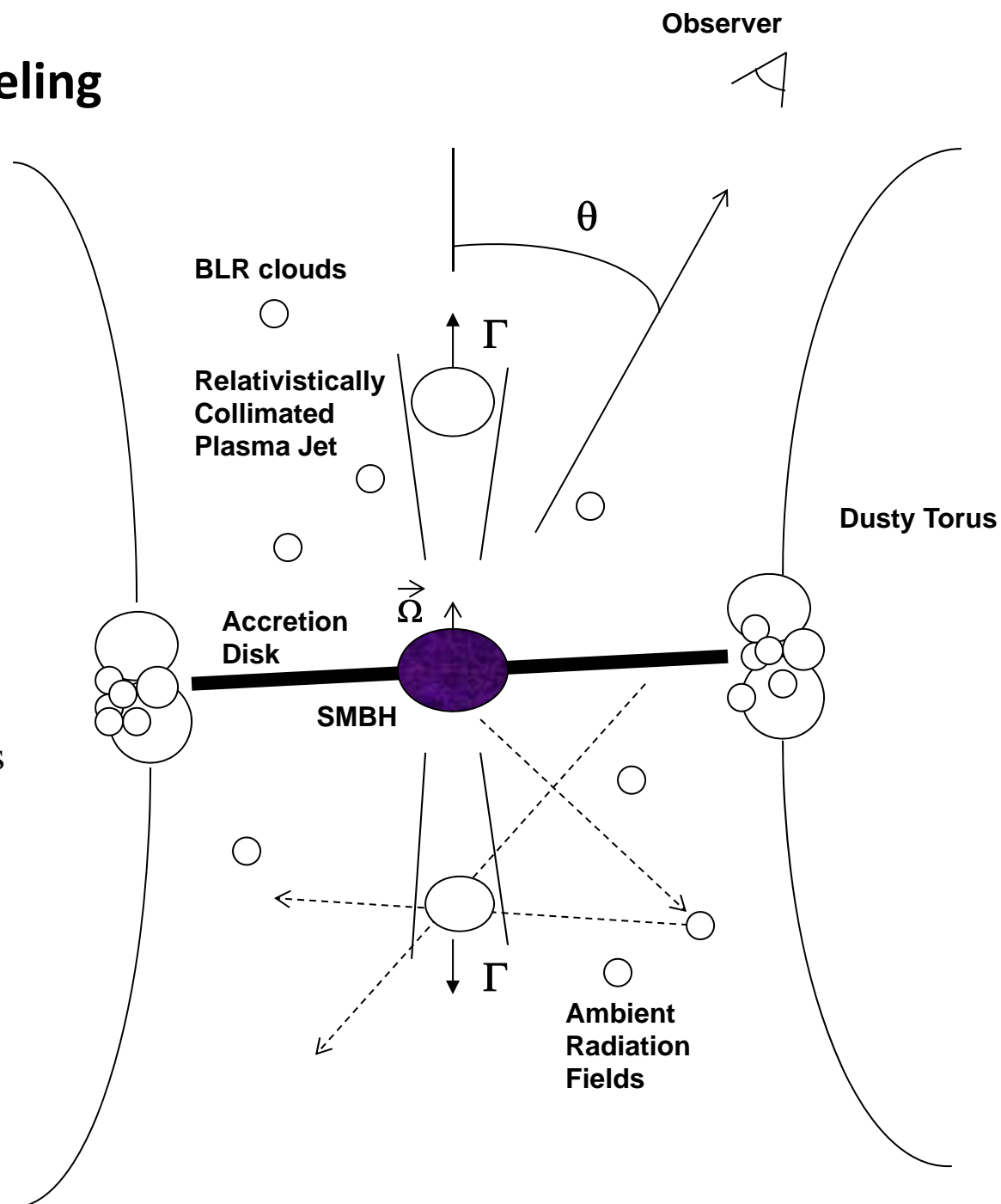
Target photon sources:

Accretion-disk radiation
Broad-line region radiation
IR radiation from molecular torus

Energy Sources:

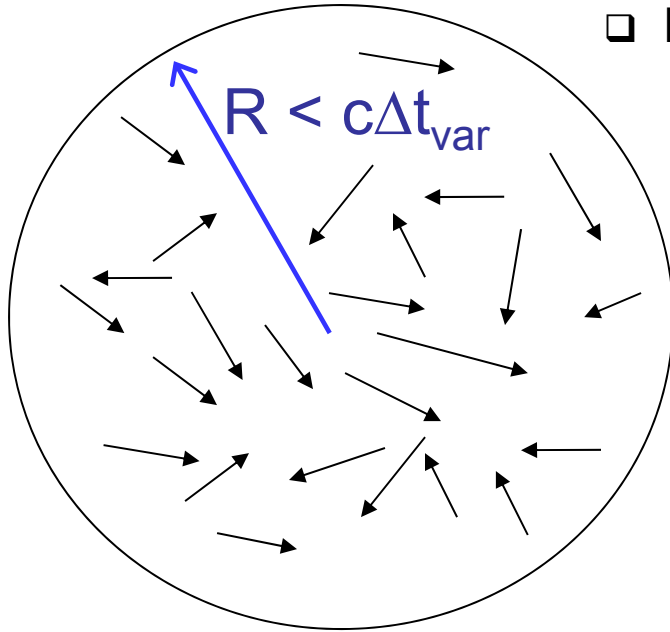
1. Accretion Power
2. Rotation Power

Relativistic plasma
outflows: $\Gamma \gg 1$



Compactness

□ Puzzle: how to get γ rays out of compact region?



$\gamma\gamma$ opacity $\gamma + \gamma_1 \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$

Threshold: $\epsilon\epsilon_1 \equiv \left(\frac{h\nu}{m_e c^2}\right)\left(\frac{h\nu_1}{m_e c^2}\right) > 2$

$$n_\gamma \approx \frac{L_\gamma}{4\pi R^2 c E_\gamma}$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \approx \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} n_\gamma R, \quad \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \approx \sigma_T$$

Compactness parameter: $\ell \approx \frac{L_\gamma \sigma_T}{4\pi R m_e c^3 \epsilon}$

$$\ell \approx \tau_{\gamma\gamma} \approx \frac{\sigma_T L_\gamma}{4\pi m_e c^4 \Delta t_{\text{var}}} \approx 10^3 \frac{L_\gamma / (10^{48} \text{ erg / s})}{\Delta t_{\text{var}} (d)}$$

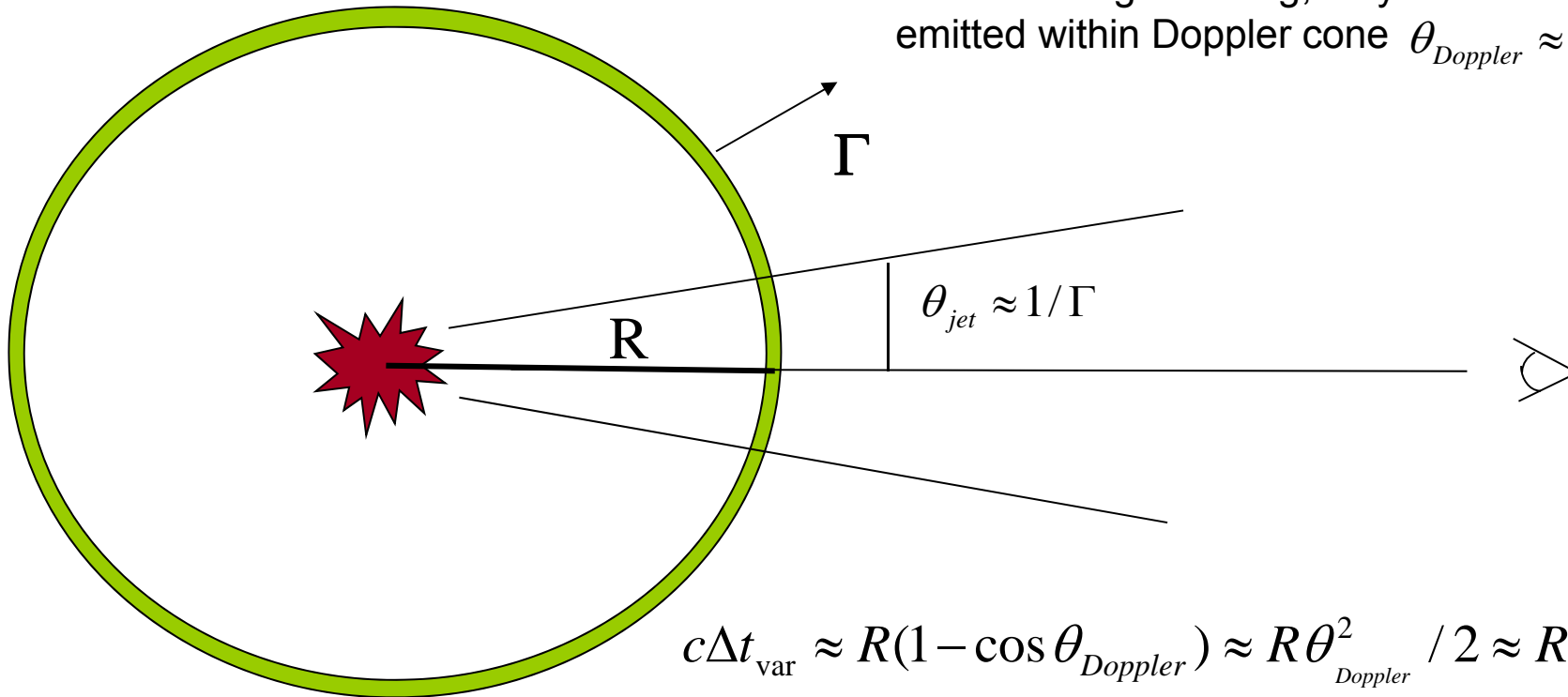


superluminal motion in 3C 120

Solution: Relativistic Bulk Motion

Naively, emission size $R < c\Delta t_{\text{var}}$

- Suppose relativistic spherical shell briefly illuminated, e.g., by shell collisions
- Due to strong beaming, only see emission emitted within Doppler cone $\theta_{\text{Doppler}} \approx 1/\Gamma$



$$c\Delta t_{\text{var}} \approx R(1 - \cos \theta_{\text{Doppler}}) \approx R\theta_{\text{Doppler}}^2 / 2 \approx R / 2\Gamma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow R < 2\Gamma^2 c\Delta t_{\text{var}}$$

Emission size $\sim \Gamma^2$ larger than values inferred for stationary region

Relativistic Bulk Motion in Blazars

What is Γ , and why is it important?

After *redshift* z , Γ is the most important property to make the extreme behavior of blazars comprehensible

Doppler factor $\delta_D = [\Gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)]^{-1}$

$$L \approx \delta_D^4 L' \approx 4\pi c R'^2 \delta_D^4 u'; \quad \varepsilon \approx \Gamma \varepsilon'$$

$$R' \approx \delta_D c t_{\text{var}} \Rightarrow L \sim c^3 \delta_D^6 t_{\text{var}}^2 u'$$

$$u'_\gamma \propto \frac{L'_\gamma}{R'^2} \propto \frac{L_\gamma}{\delta_D^6}$$

To be optically thin to $\gamma\gamma$ absorption,
 $\Gamma > 10$ in Blazars

Particle Acceleration and Radiation in Leptonic Blazar Models

$$\frac{\partial n(\gamma; t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} [\dot{\gamma} n(\gamma; t)] + \frac{n(\gamma; t)}{t_{esc}(\gamma, t)} = \dot{n}(\gamma; t)$$

The synchrotron flux is then given by

$$f_{\epsilon}^{\text{syn}} = \frac{\delta_D^4 \epsilon' J'_{\text{syn}}(\epsilon')}{4\pi d_L^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \delta_D^4 \epsilon' e^3 B}{4\pi h d_L^2} \int_1^{\infty} d\gamma' N'_e(\gamma') R(x).$$

$$f_{\epsilon_s}^{\text{SSC}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \frac{d_L^2 \epsilon_s'^2}{R_b'^2 c \delta_D^4 U_B} \int_0^{\infty} d\epsilon' \frac{f_{\tilde{\epsilon}}^{\text{syn}}}{\epsilon'^3} \\ \times \int_{\gamma'_{\min}}^{\gamma'_{\max}} d\gamma' \frac{F_C(q, \Gamma_e) f_{\tilde{\epsilon}}^{\text{syn}}}{\gamma'^5},$$

$$f_{\epsilon}^{\text{EC}} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{c \sigma_T \epsilon_s^2}{d_L^2} \delta_D^3 \int_0^{\infty} d\epsilon_* \frac{u_*(\epsilon_*)}{\epsilon_*^2} \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} d\gamma \frac{N'_e(\gamma', \Omega')}{\gamma^2} F_C(q, \Gamma_e)$$

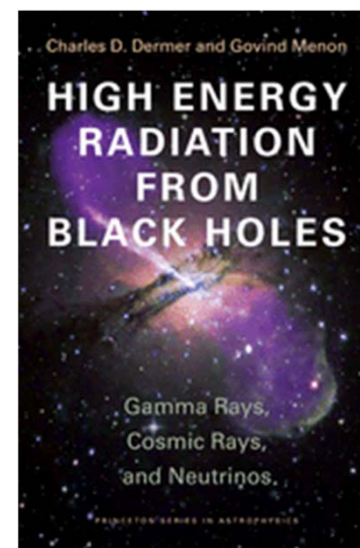
$$f_{\epsilon} = \nu F_{\nu}$$

1. Inject power laws and cool
2. Separate acceleration and radiation zones
3. Single zone; exclude radio
4. Power law injection
5. Nonlinear losses
6. Adiabatic expansion
7. Light travel time effects
8. Cascading/ $\gamma\gamma$ pair production
9. Multizone/spine-sheath
10. Anisotropic effects
11. Reverberation/echo

Boettcher & Chiang (2002)

Finke et al. (2008)

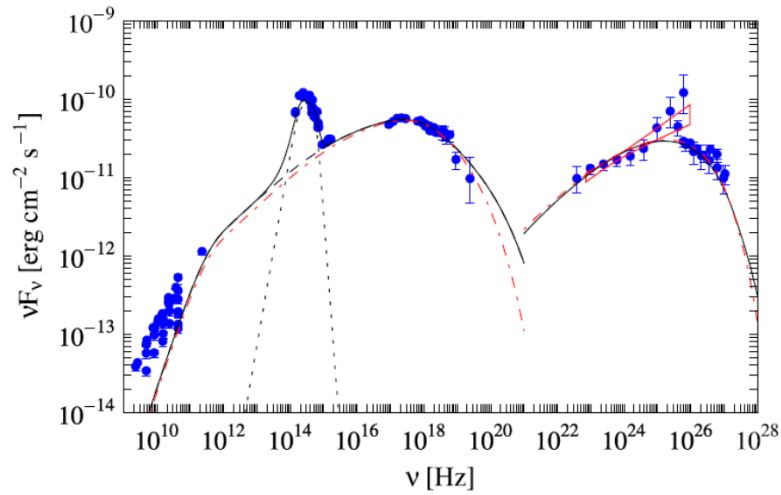
Dermer & Menon (2009)



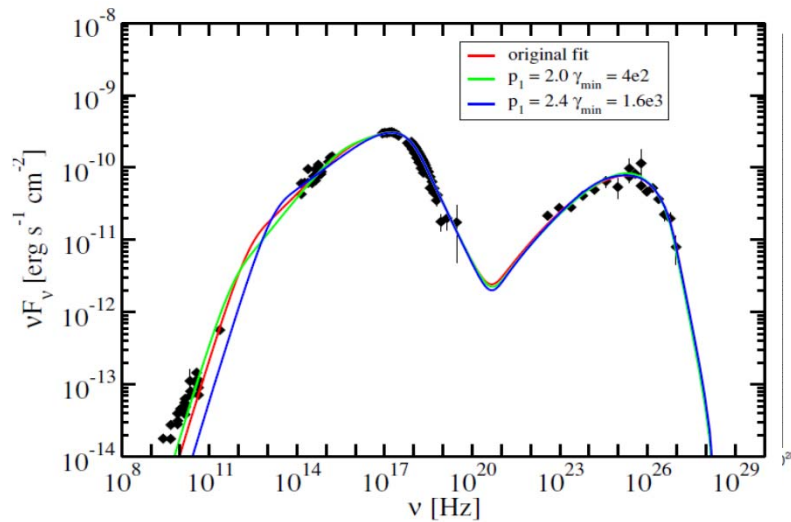
Spectrum and Jet Physics

- **BL Lacs:** synchrotron/SSC model fits

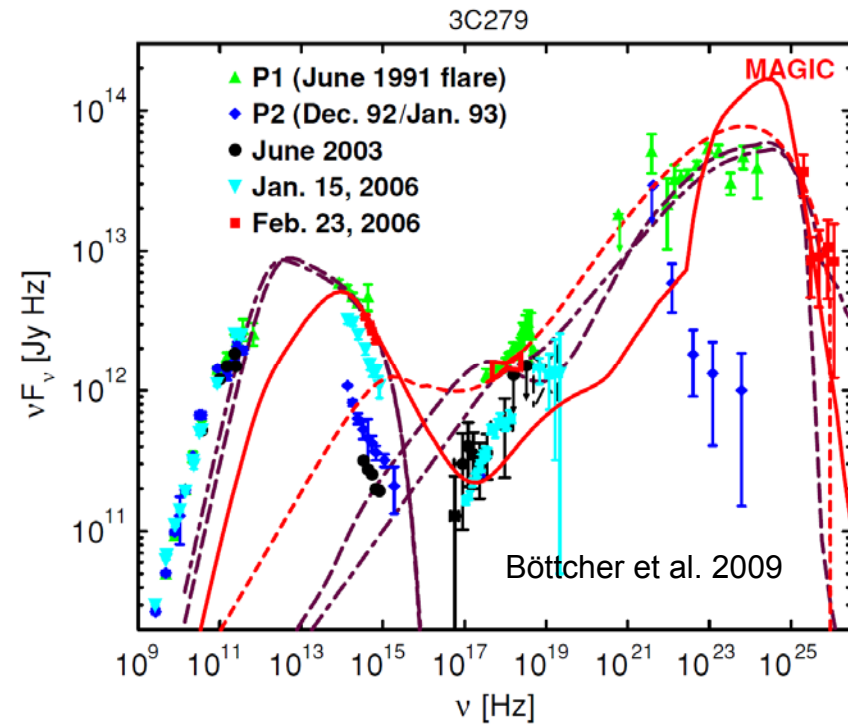
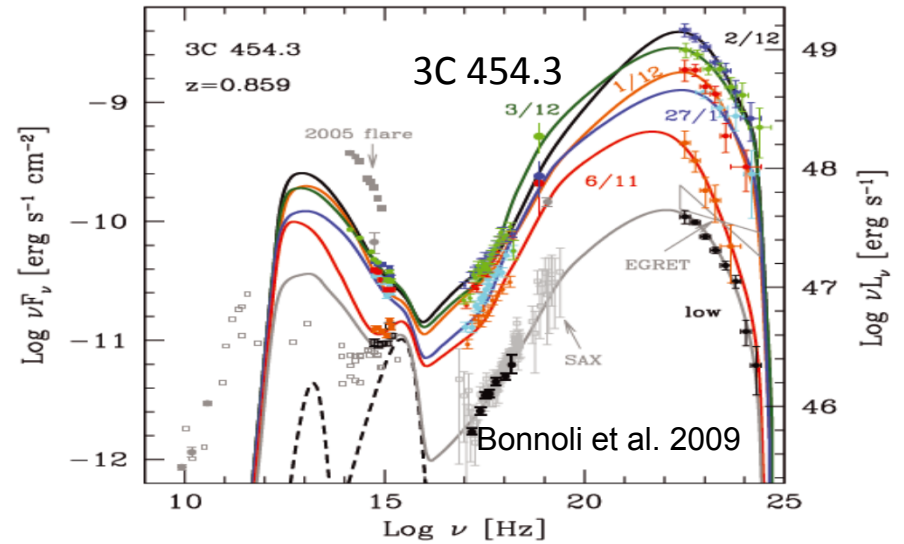
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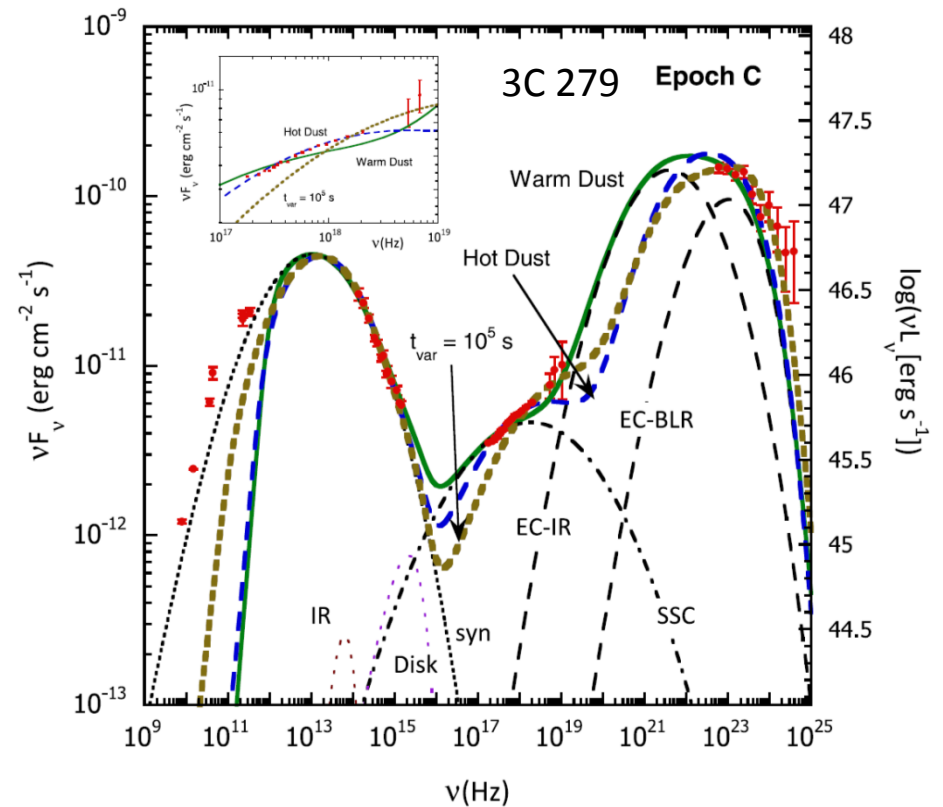
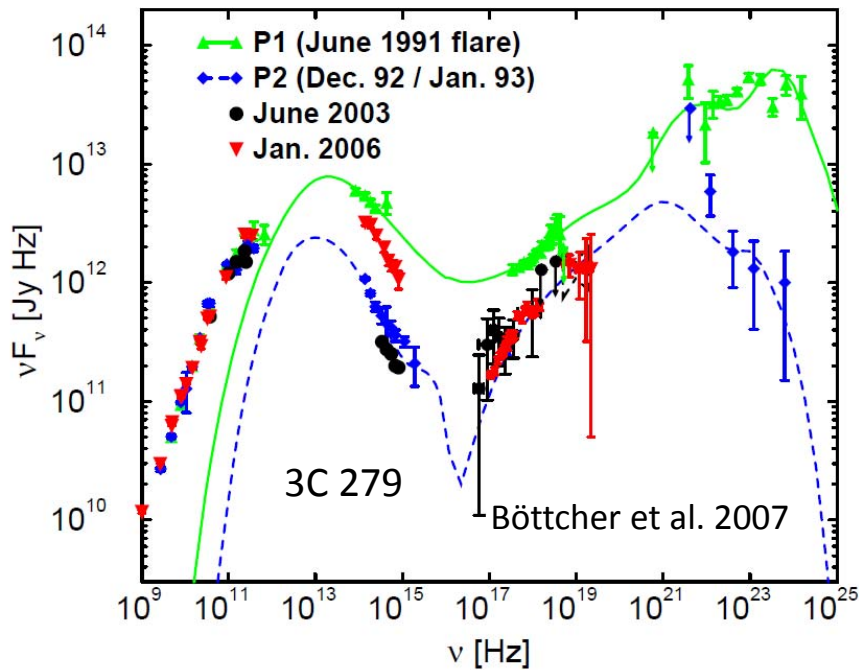
- **FSRQs:** synchrotron/SSC + EC



Blazar Spectral Modeling

- Standard Approach
 - synchrotron/SSC + external Compton
 - Inject power laws + cooling

- Equipartition Approach
 - Log-parabola electron distribution
 - Equipartition between magnetic field and nonthermal electrons



Dermer, Cerruti, Lott, Boisson, Zech 2014

GeV spectral breaks in FSRQs, LSP/ISP blazars

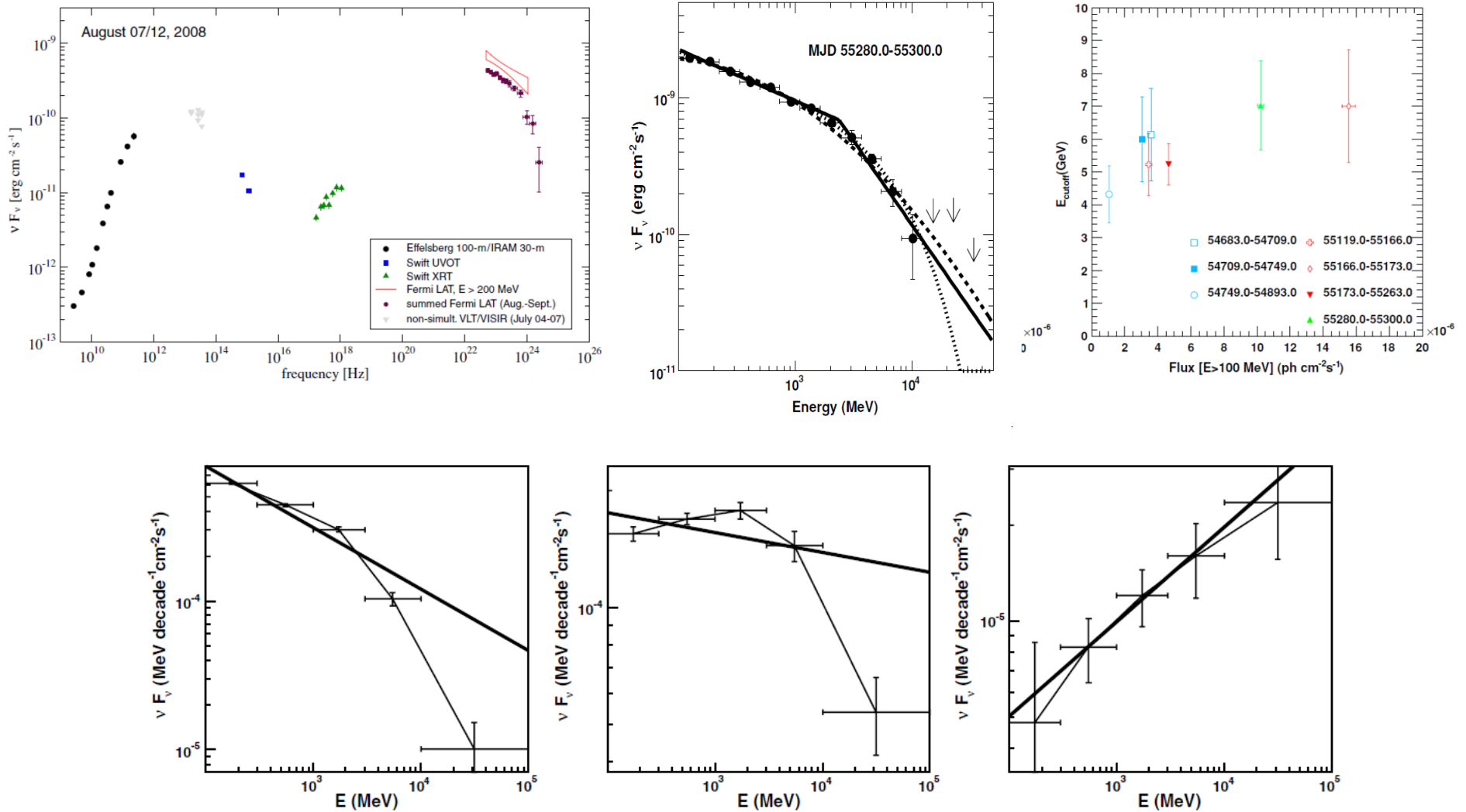
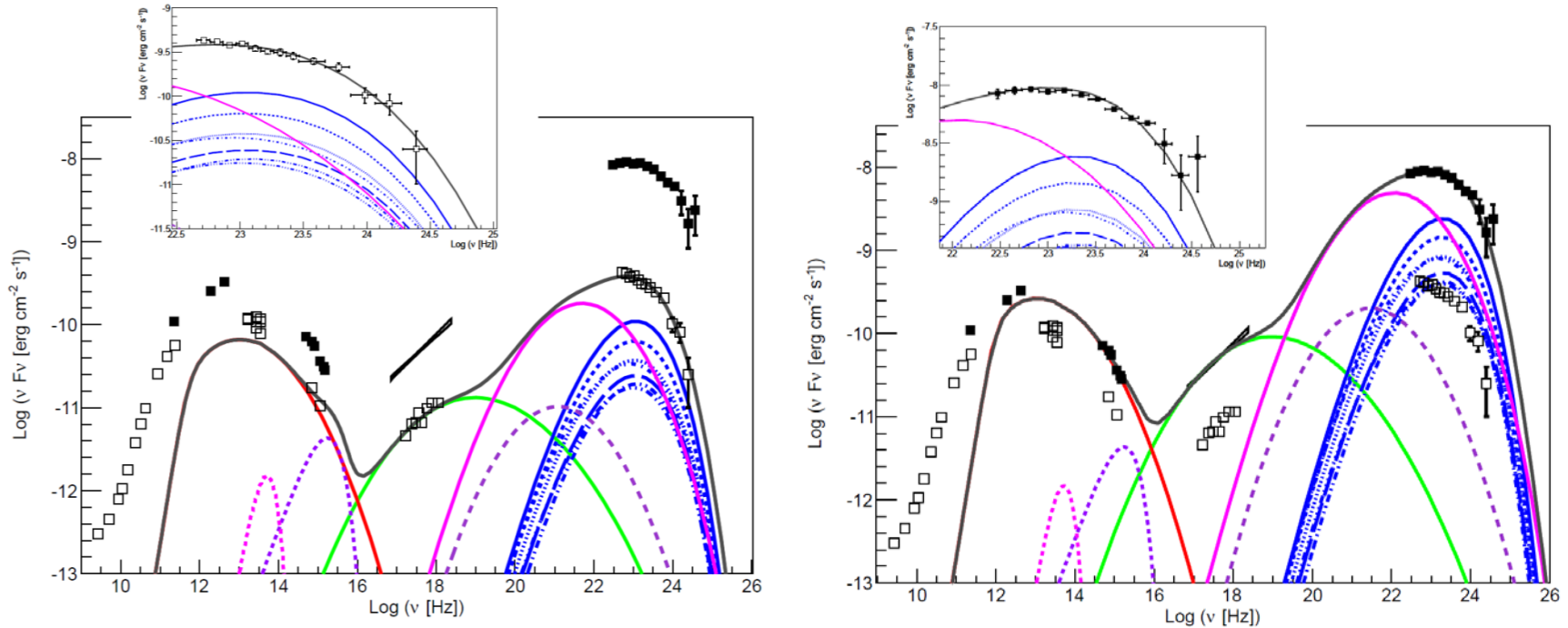


Figure 10. γ -ray SEDs of three bright blazars calculated in five energy bands, compared with the power law fitted over the whole energy range. Left: 3C 454.3 (FSRQ). Middle: AO 0235+164 (IBL). Right: Mkn 501 (HBL).

Spectral Fits to 3C 454.3



- ❑ **Epoch A:** August 2008 low state (Abdo et al. 2009)
- ❑ **Epoch B:** November 2010 high state (Abdo et al. 2011; Wehrle et al. 2012)

Epoch ^a	Input								Output						
	L_{48}	t_4	ν_{14}	ζ_e	ζ_s	$\zeta_{Ly\alpha}$	ζ_{IR}	b	δ	B G	R 10^{16} cm	γ'_p	$N'_e(\gamma'_p)$ cm^{-3}	$u_{Ly\alpha}$ 10^{-4} erg cm^{-3}	L_{jet}^b 10^{45} erg s^{-1}
A	0.8	10	0.03	0.6	0.07	1.2	0.96	1.0	22.9	0.76	6.86	204	0.15	1.57	10.1
B	2.4	3.5	0.03	3.5	0.12	10.5	8.4	1.0	39.3	0.56	4.13	180	0.56	2.56	25.1

Cerruti, Dermer, Lott, Boisson, Zech 2012

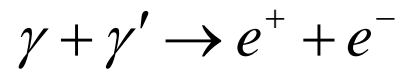
Predicts no VHE emission: made by separate (hadronic?) process

Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)

Infrared/optical EBL from past stellar activity and dust absorption and re-radiation (attenuates TeV radiation)

Difficult to directly measure

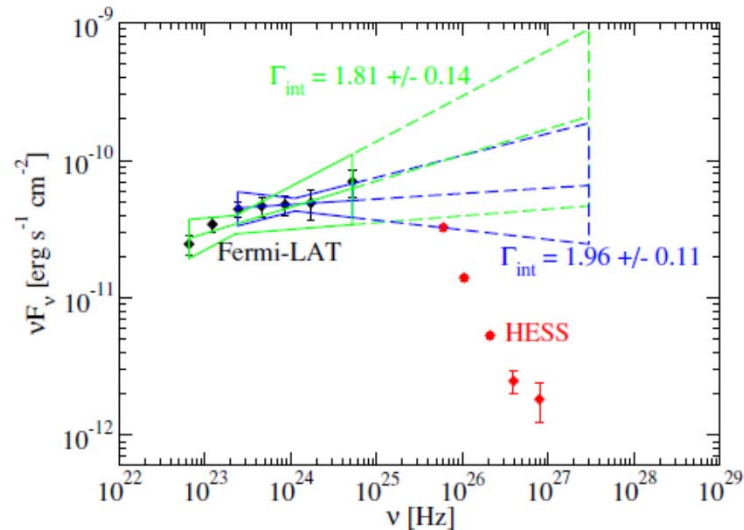
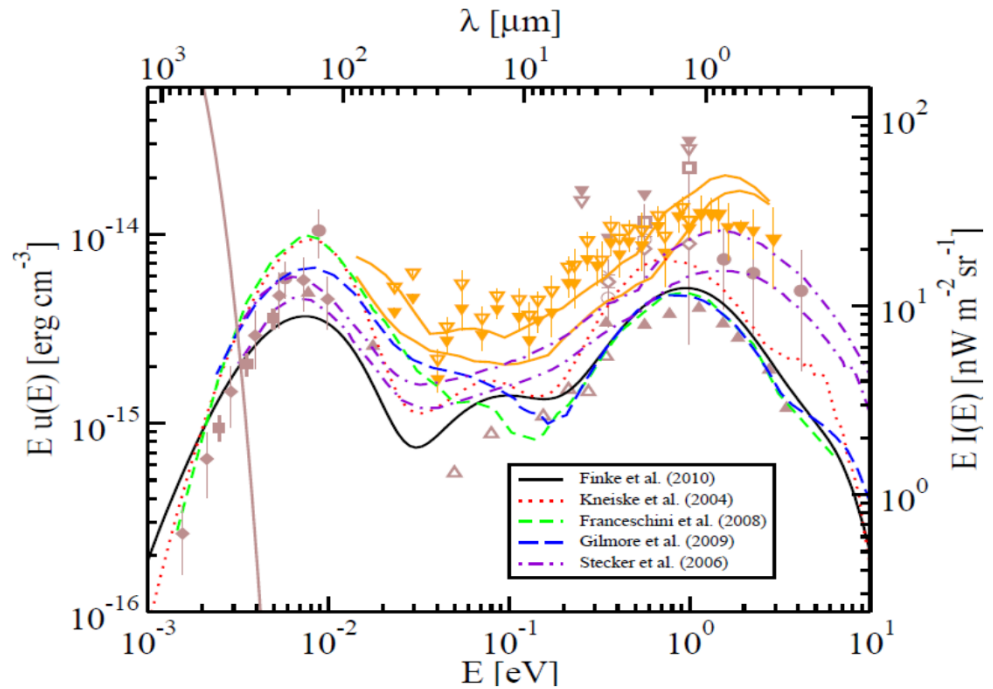
Provides a source of $\gamma\gamma$ opacity in intergalactic space through the process



Gould & Schrder 1966

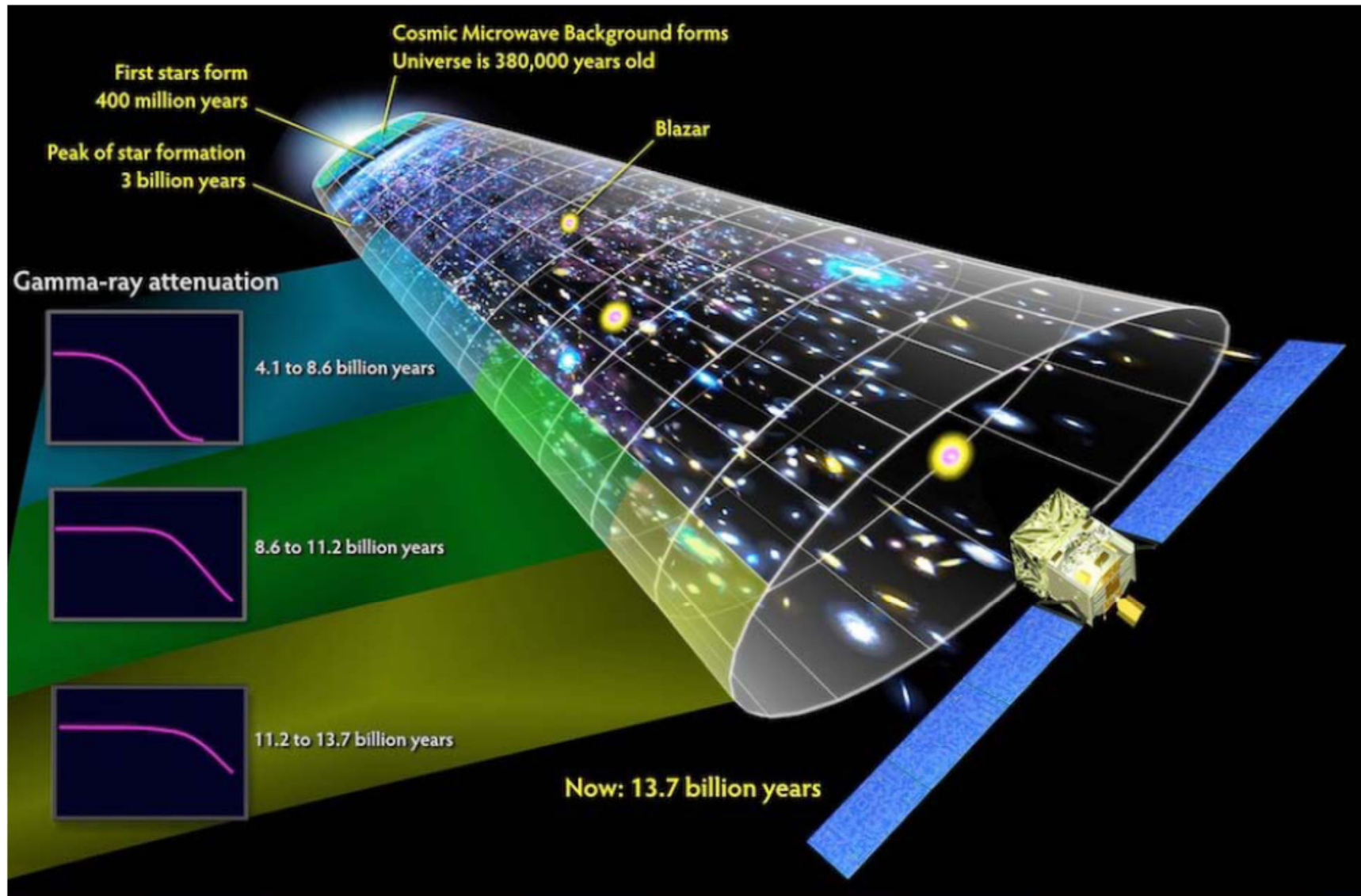
Stecker, de Jager, Salomon 1992

Fermi spectrum extrapolated into TeV range bounded by deabsorbed TeV spectrum—constrains EBL model



Blazars and the Extragalactic Background Light

Ajello/Fermi Collaboration 2012



Problems in Blazar Studies



- 1) Short variability times of luminous BL Lac objects
- 2) Unusual weakly variable BL Lac class
- 3) Distinct spectral components revealed by deabsorption of blazar VHE spectra
- 4) Flattening at moderate redshift in the Stecker-Scully relation showing the GeV - TeV spectral index difference versus redshift
- 5) Conflicting results for the location of the γ -ray emission site in blazars
- 6) VHE (> 100 GeV) emission from distant FSRQs γ rays formed by $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ with photons of ambient radiation fields
- 7) The Synchrotron Puzzle

TeV BL Lac Objects

Strongly variable class

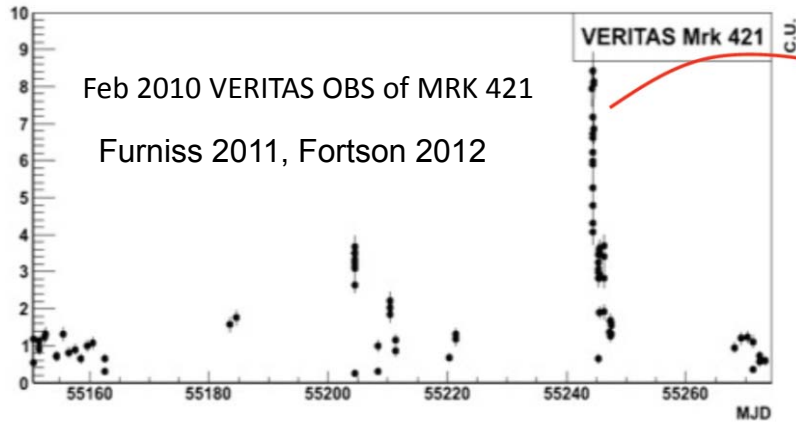
Mrk 421, $z = 0.03$

Mrk 501, $z = 0.033$

PKS 2155-305, $z = 0.116$

– $t_{\text{var}} < R_S/c$, $L > L_{\text{EDD}}$

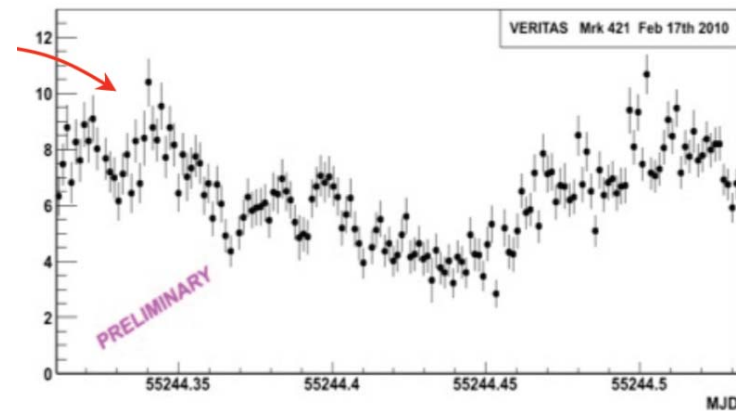
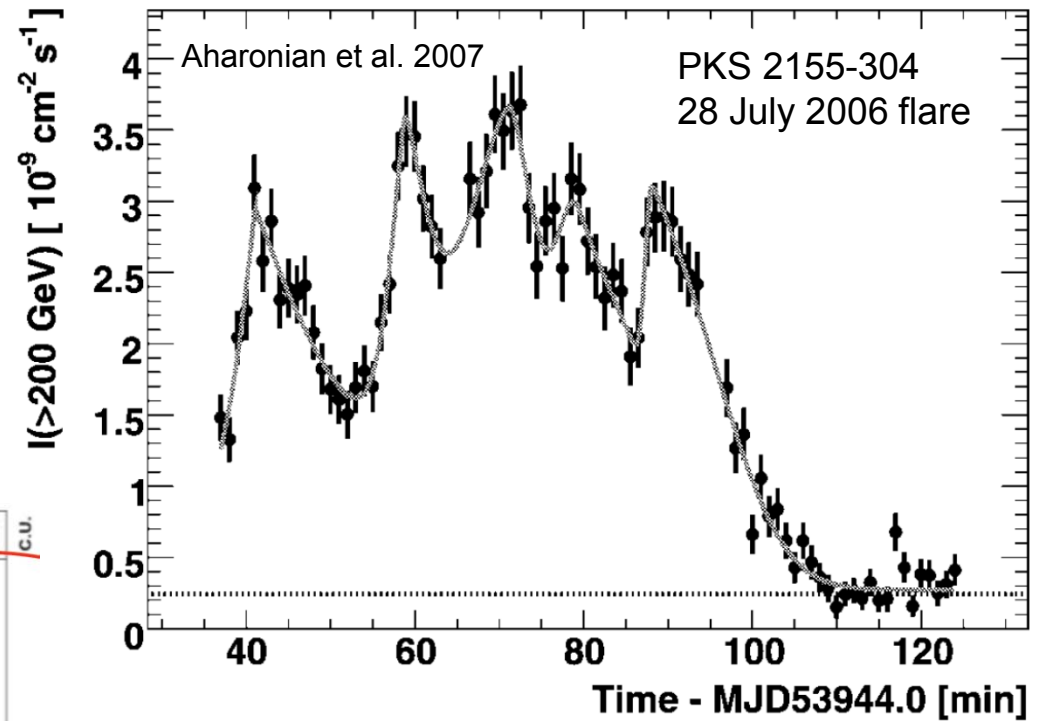
– Extreme sources



$$R_S/c = 10^4 M_9 \text{ s}$$

$$t_{\text{var}} \sim 5 \text{ min} = 300 \text{ s}$$

$$\Rightarrow (?) M \ll 10^8 M_0$$



TeV BL Lac Objects

□ Weakly variable class

- Weak Fermi LAT fluxes

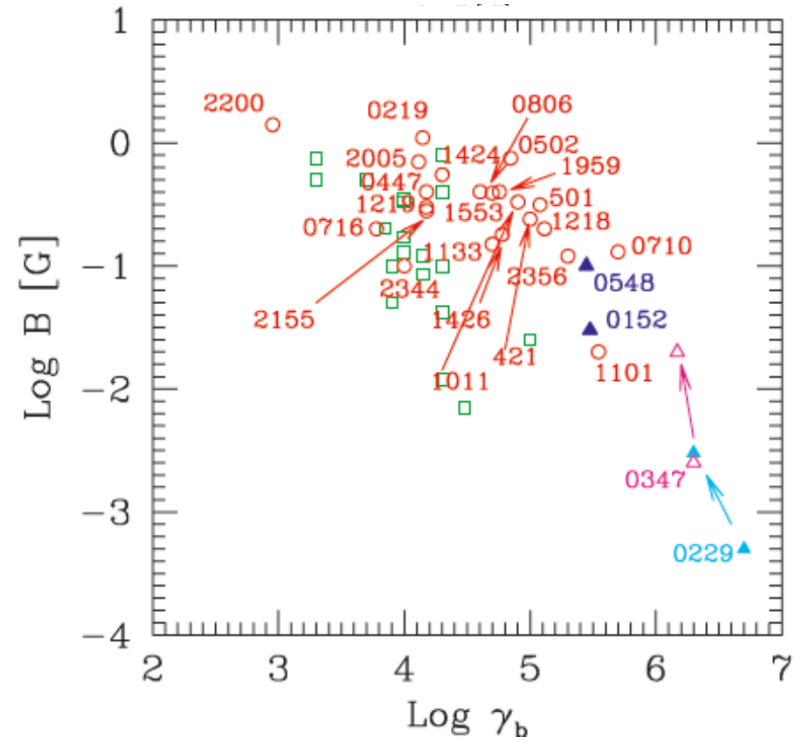
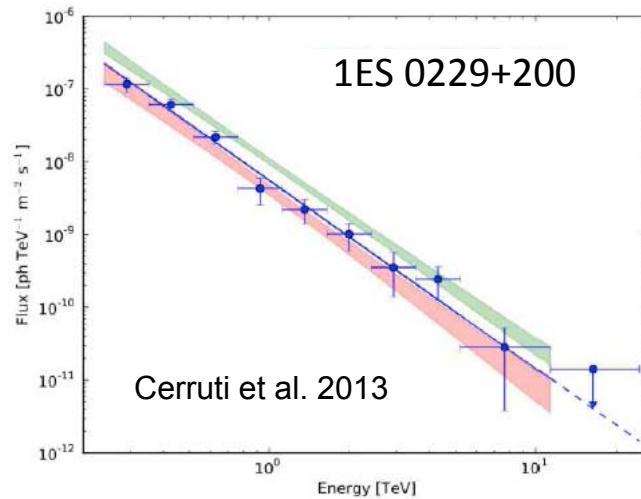
1ES 0229+200 $z = 0.14$

1ES 0347-121 $z = 0.186$

1ES 1101-232 $z = 0.14$

1ES 0548-322 $z = 0.069$

RGB J0152+0.17 $z = 0.08$



Tavecchio et al. 2011

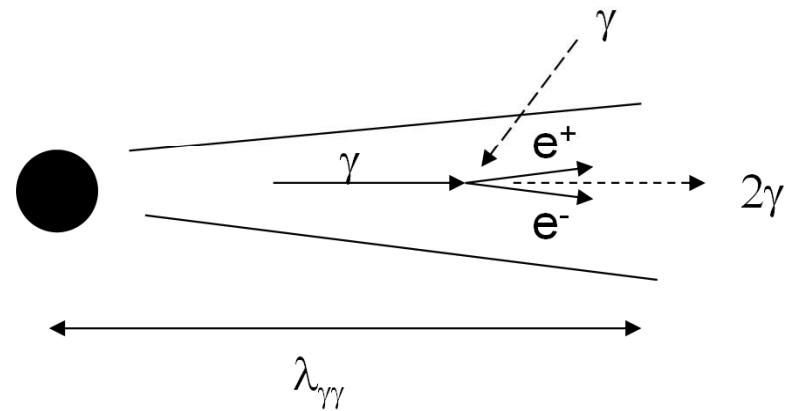
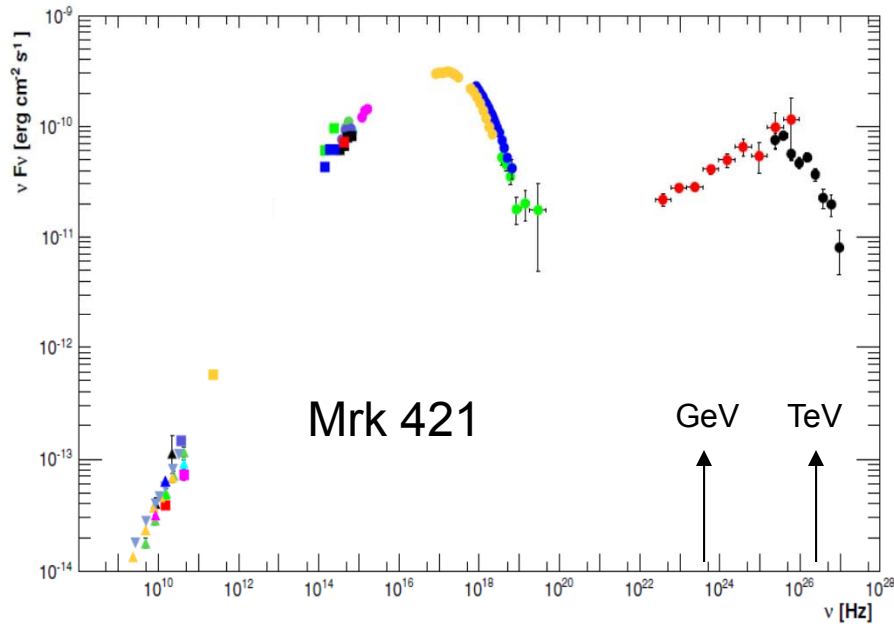
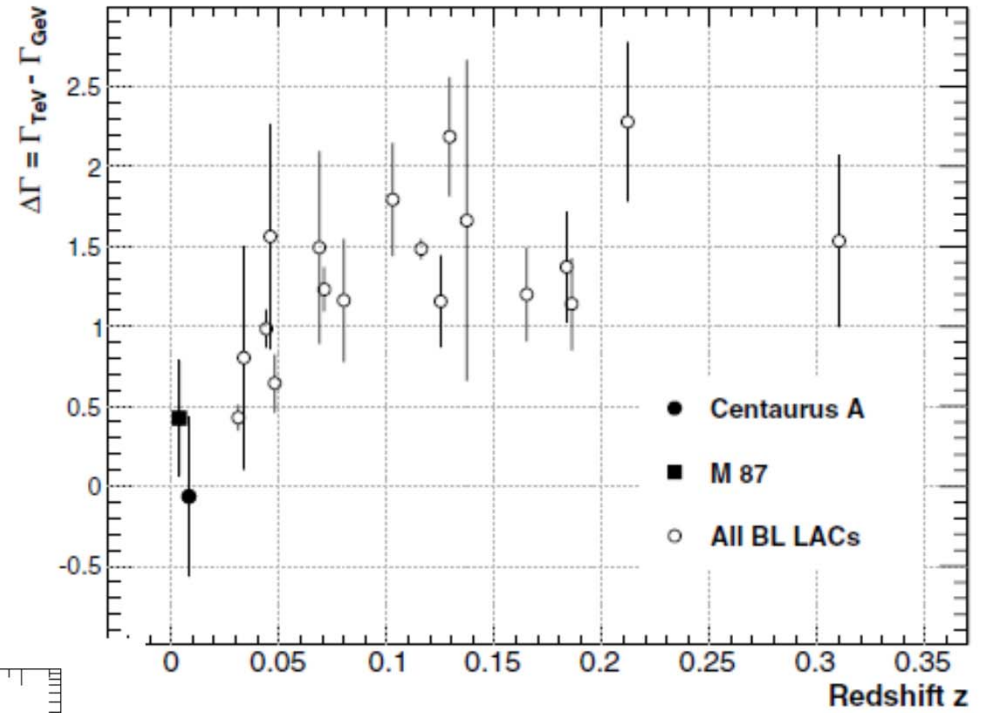
Compton-scattered CMBR from extended jet/lobe

Böttcher et al. 2008

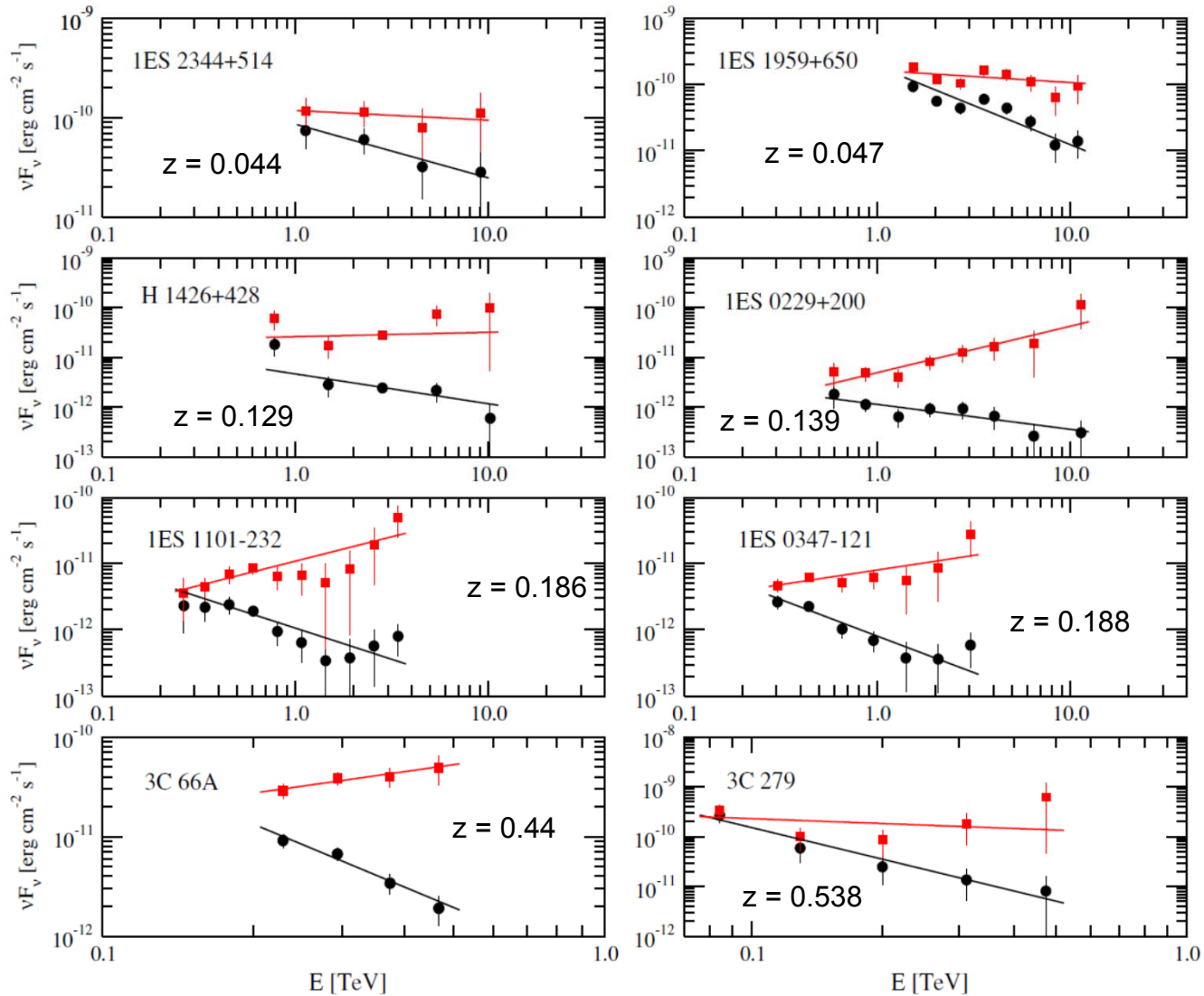
Stecker-Scully Relation and High-Redshift VHE Blazars

- GeV-TeV Spectral index difference $\Delta\Gamma$

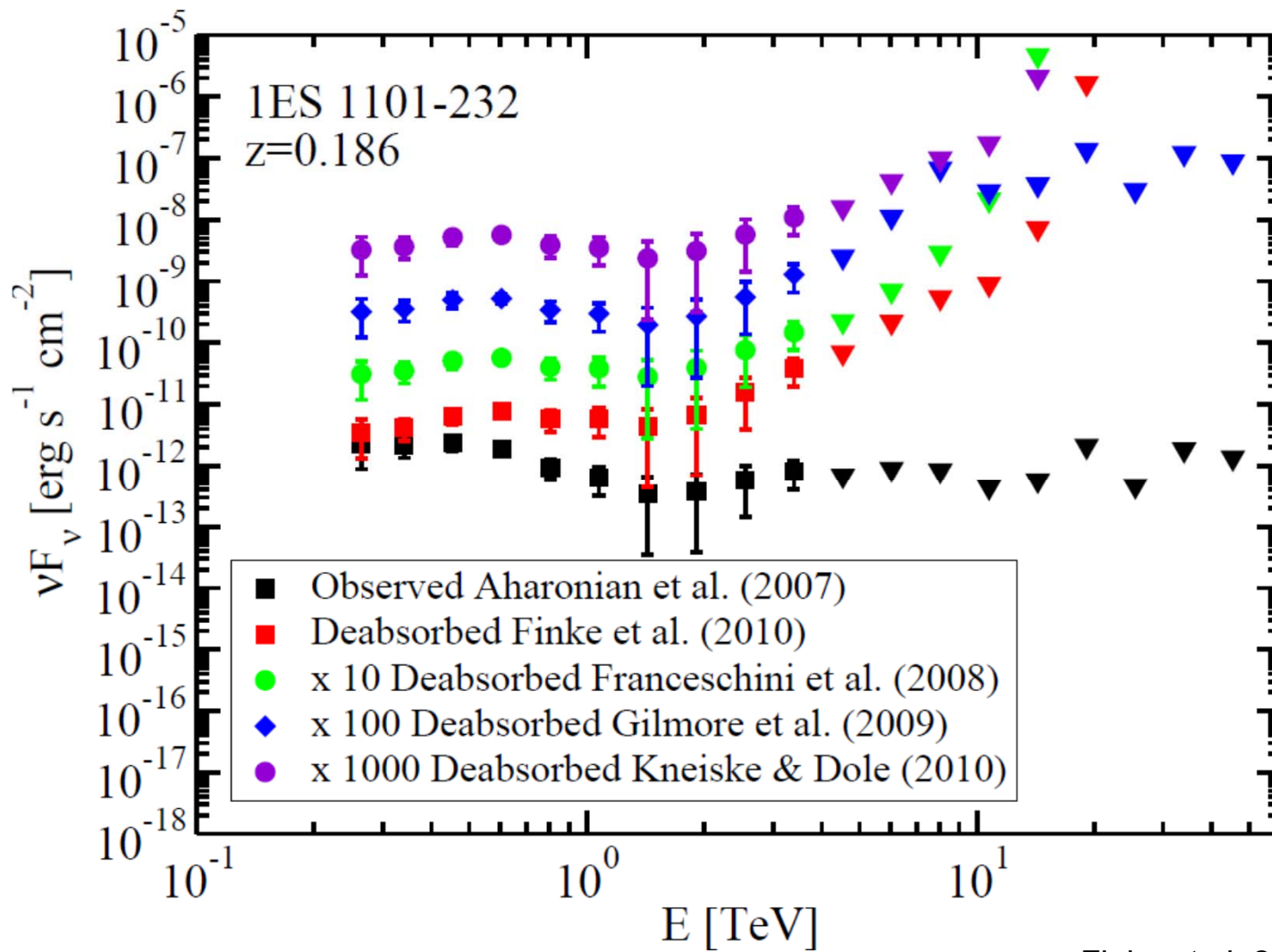
Stecker & Scully (2006, 2010)
(cf. Sanchez et al. 2013)



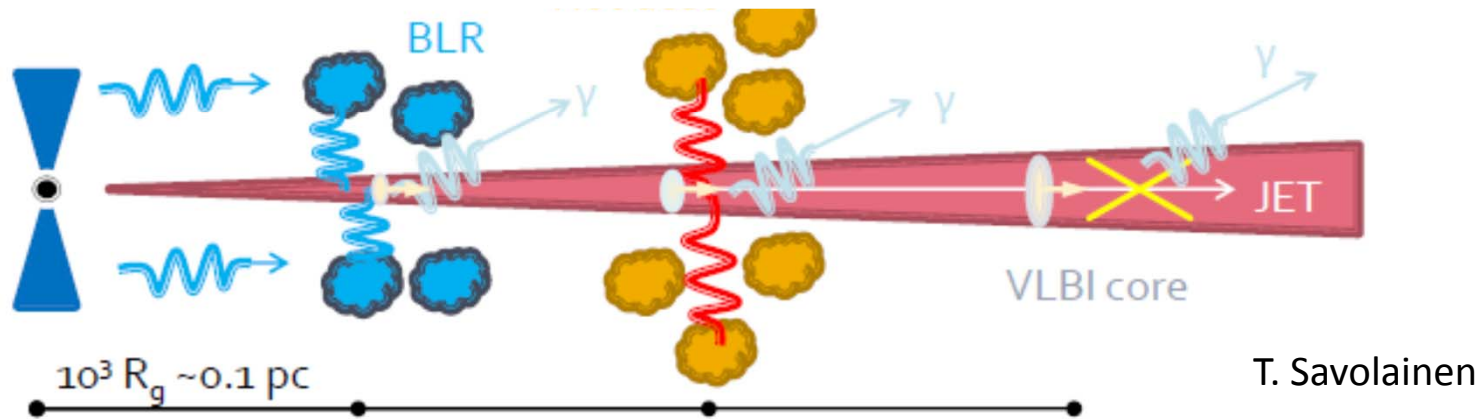
Deabsorbed Blazar Spectra: Evidence for Extra Spectral Component?



Finke et al. 2010



Location of γ -Ray Emission Region

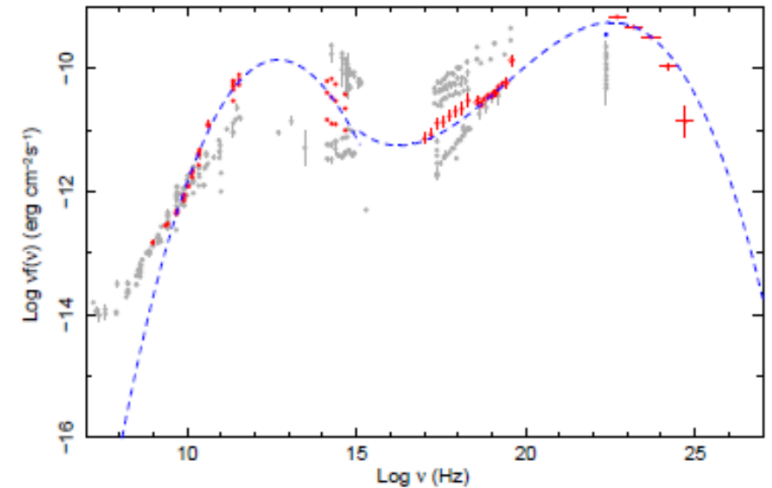
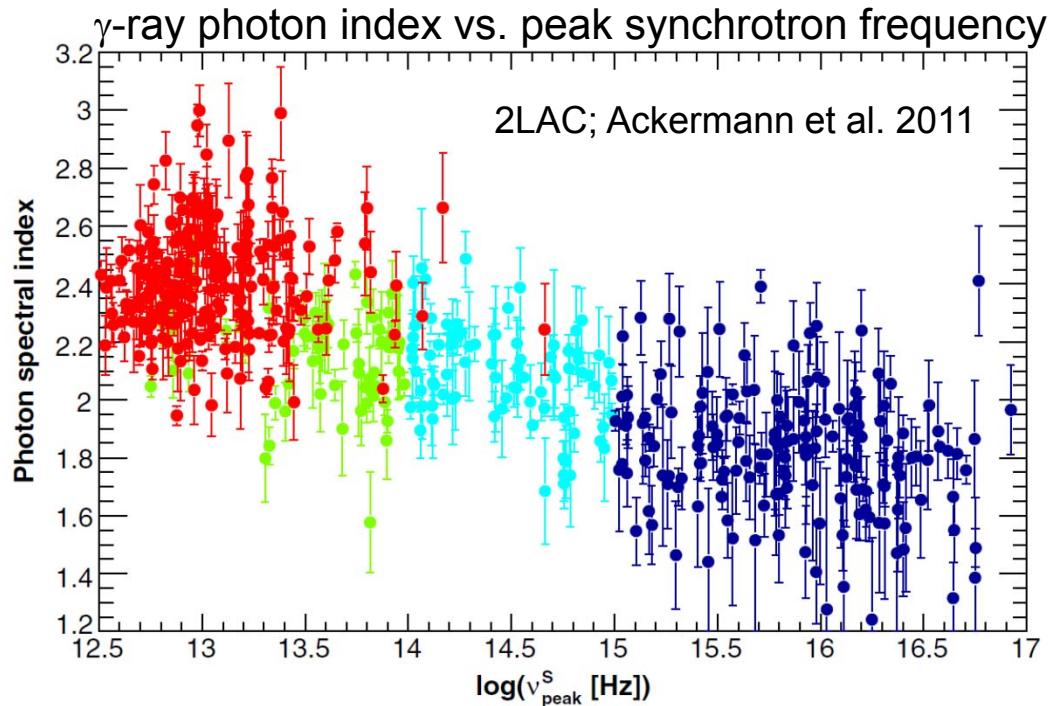


1. Radio- γ correlations
2. Optical polarization angle swings: 3C 279, PKS 1510-089, OJ 287
3. Rapid variability, large luminosity implies inner jet origin of γ rays

$$R < c\Gamma^2 \Delta t_{\text{var}} \approx 0.05(\Gamma / 100)^2 (\Delta t_{\text{var}} / 10 \text{ min}) \text{ pc}$$

$$R > R_{\gamma\gamma} \Rightarrow R \gg R_{BLR} \approx 0.1 \text{ pc} \quad 4C +21.35$$

The Synchrotron Puzzle



In Fermi acceleration scenarios, **acceleration timescale > Larmor timescale**
Equating synchrotron energy loss time scale with Larmor timescale implies
maximum synchrotron energy $\sim 100\Gamma$ MeV (de Jager & Harding 1992)

Many orders of magnitude greater than peak or maximum synchrotron
frequency of blazars!

Steps Forward with Fermi



- 1) **Acceleration Physics**
- 2) **Hadronic Component: UHECRs**
- 3) **New Physics--Axions**

Acceleration Physics

First-Order Fermi Acceleration

$$t_I \approx ft_L \propto f\gamma$$

Second-order Fermi Acceleration

$$t_{II} \propto \zeta \beta_A^2 \gamma^{2-q}$$

Makes curved particle distribution

$$\gamma'^2 N'_e(\gamma'^2) = K \left(\frac{\gamma'}{\gamma'_{pk}} \right)^{-b \log(\gamma'/\gamma'_{pk})}$$

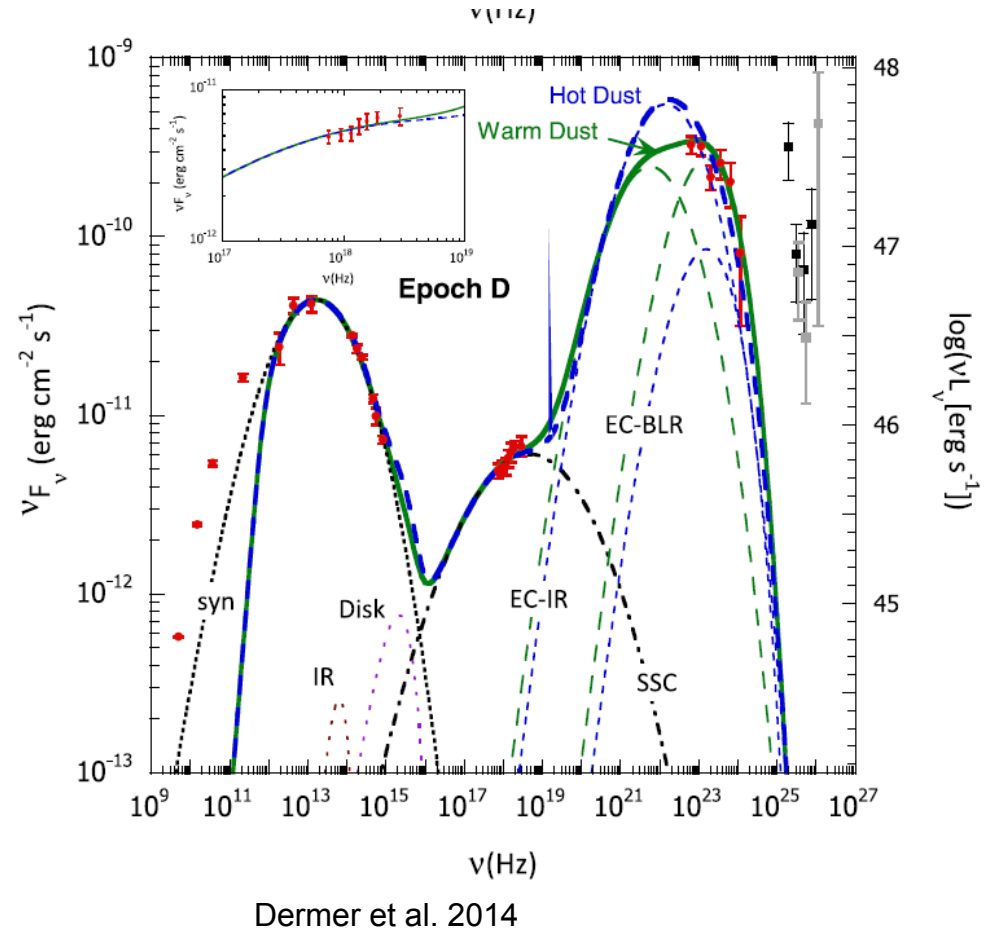
Turbulent particle acceleration scenario
(Lazarian et al.)

Magnetic Reconnection

Giannios, Narayan & Piran 2012

Jets within Jets

Marscher

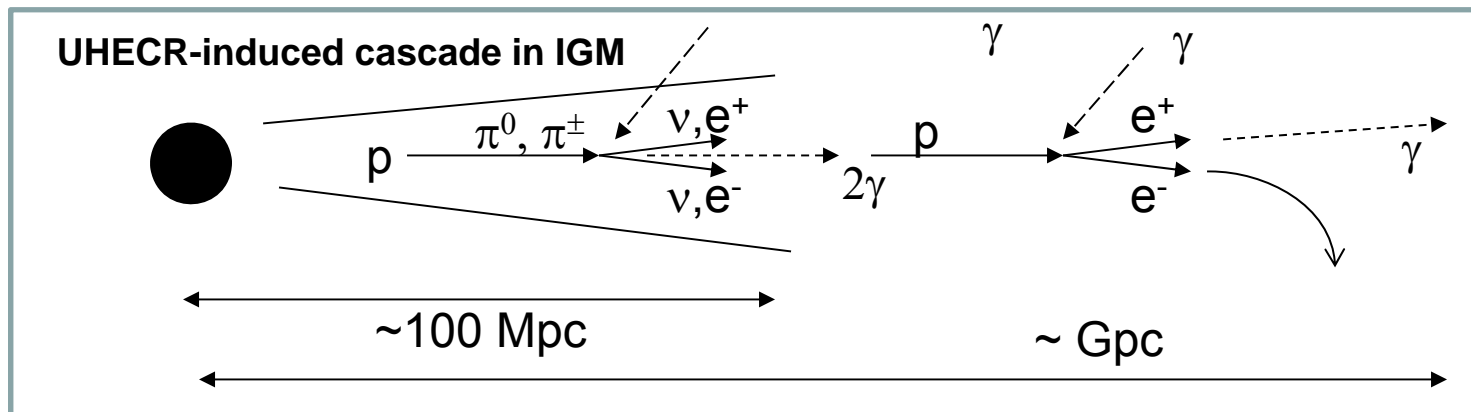
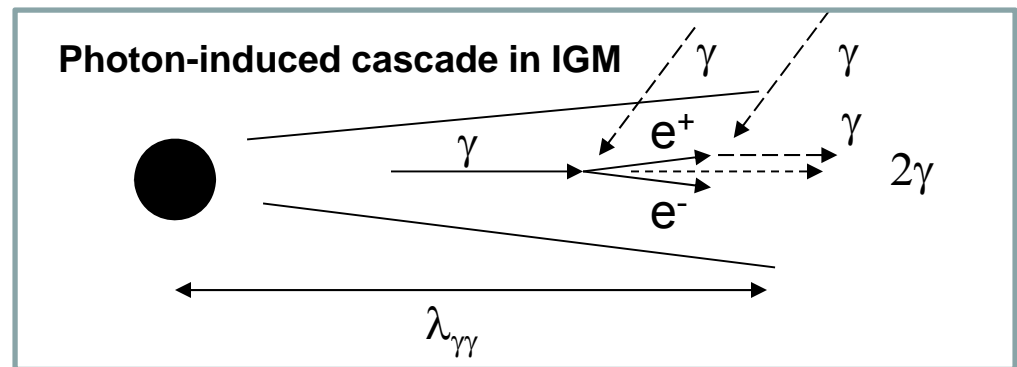


Gamma-ray and Cosmic-ray Induced TeV emissions from Jetted Sources

Mechanism for making

Weakly variable cascade radiation

Hard VHE component



UHECR protons with energies $\sim 10^{19}$ eV make $\sim 10^{16}$ eV e^\pm that cascade in transit and Compton-scatter CMBR to TeV energies

Essey, Kalashev, Kusenko, Beacom (2010, 2011)

Limits on IGMF and Correlation Length

Origin of the Intergalactic Magnetic Field (B_{IGMF}):

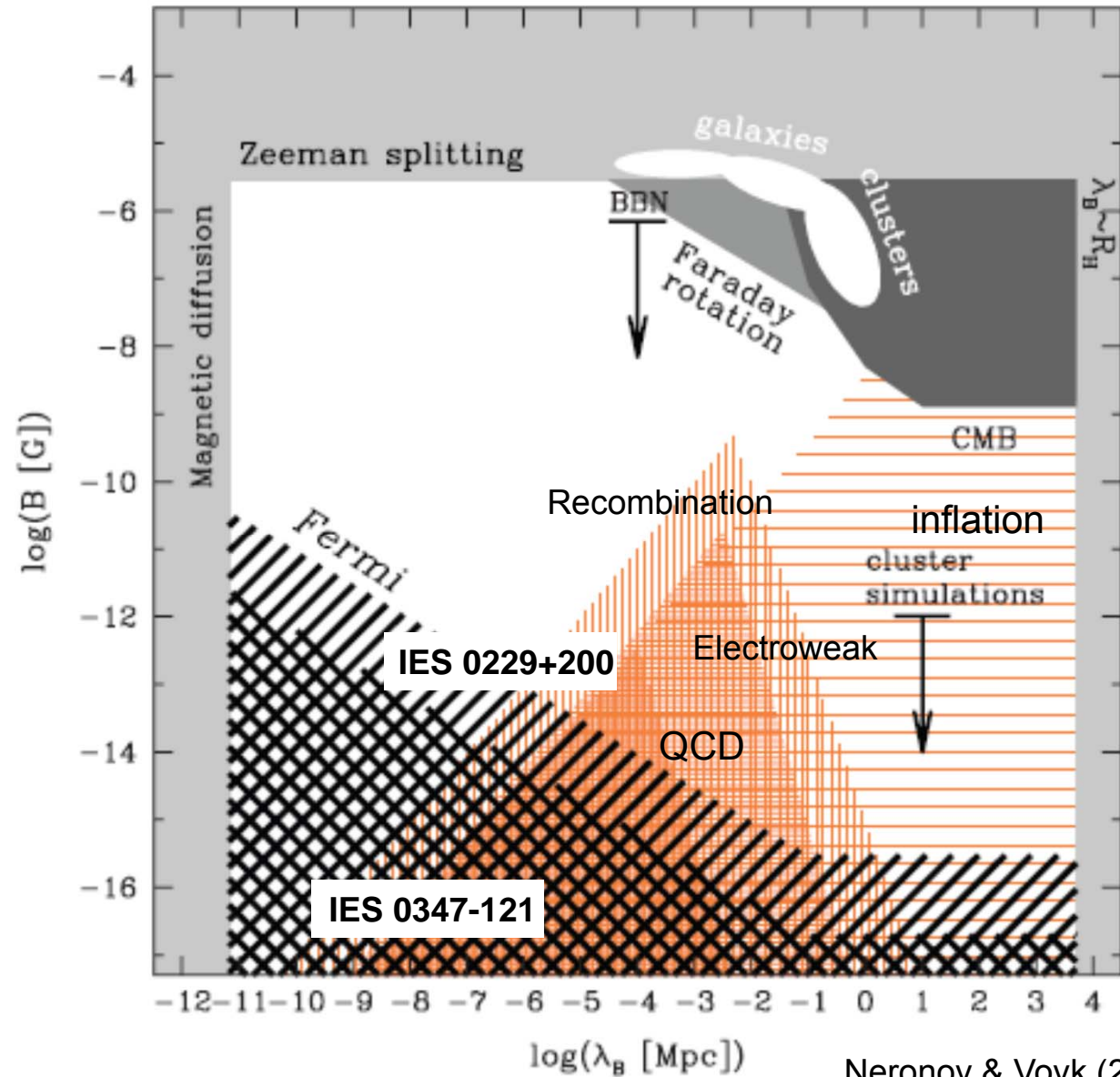
Primordial

Early universe physics

Biermann battery ($\sim 10^{-30}$ G on Mpc scale)

Galaxy dynamo

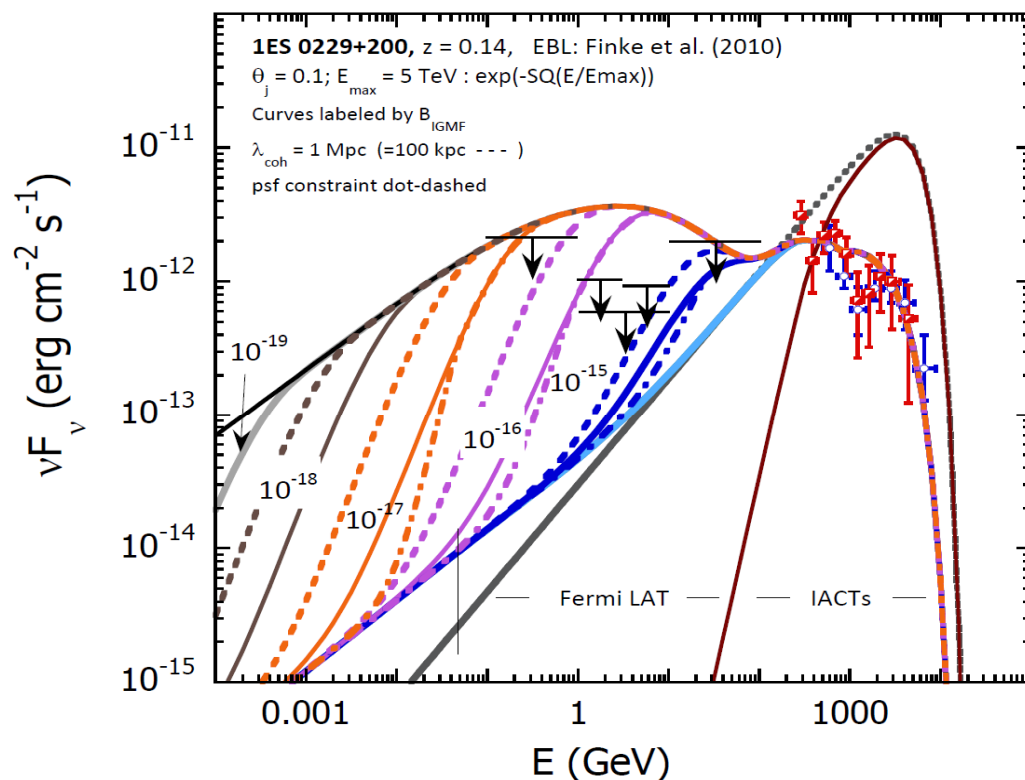
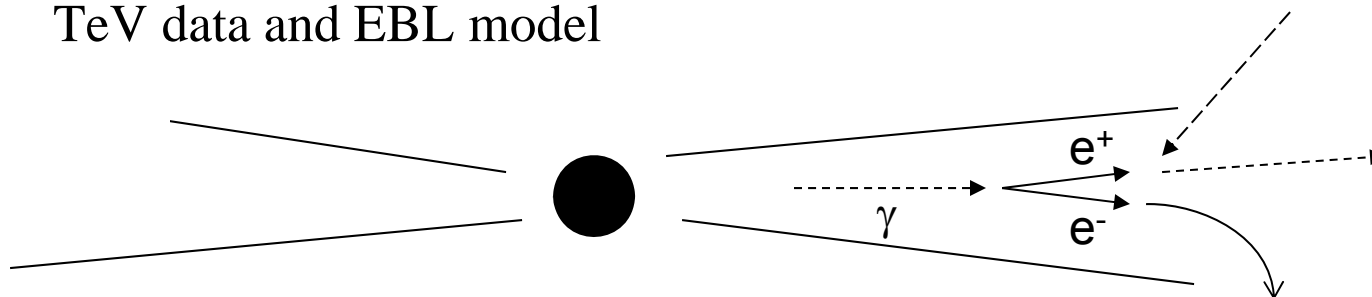
other



Neronov & Vovk (2010)

Lower Limits on the Intergalactic Magnetic Field

- Use Fermi upper limits or detections at GeV energies to limit B_{IGMF} given TeV data and EBL model



$$? \Rightarrow B_{\text{IGMF}} \gtrsim 10^{-15} \text{ G}$$

(Neronov & Vovk 2010; Tavecchio et al. 2010)

$$\Rightarrow B_{\text{IGMF}} \gtrsim 10^{-18} \text{ G}$$

(relaxing assumption of extended TeV emission)

(CD, Cavadini, Razzaque, Finke, Chiang, Lott, 2011)

Electromagnetic Signatures of UHECRs

Photon-induced cascade in IGM

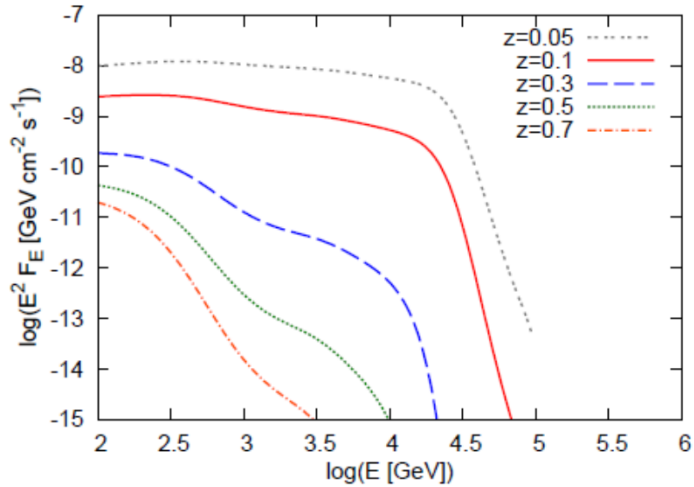
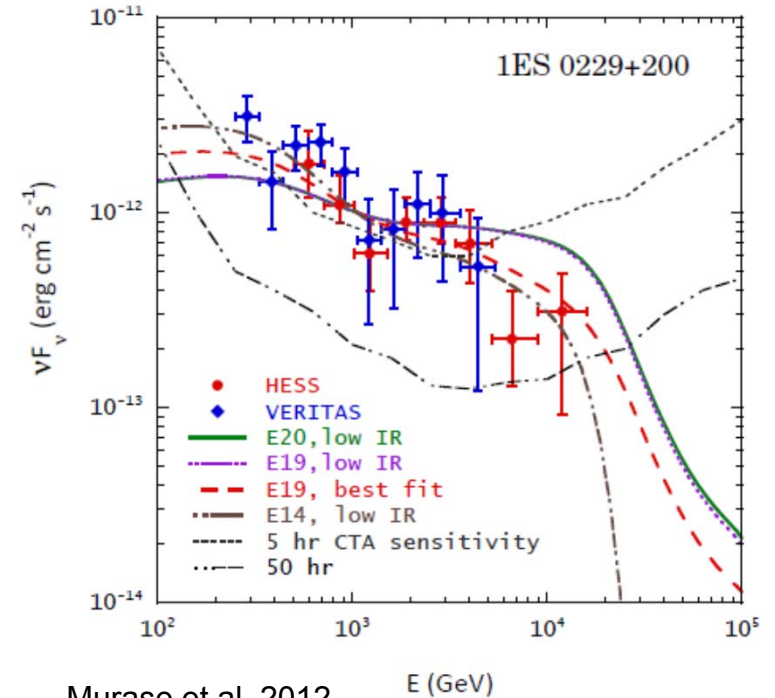
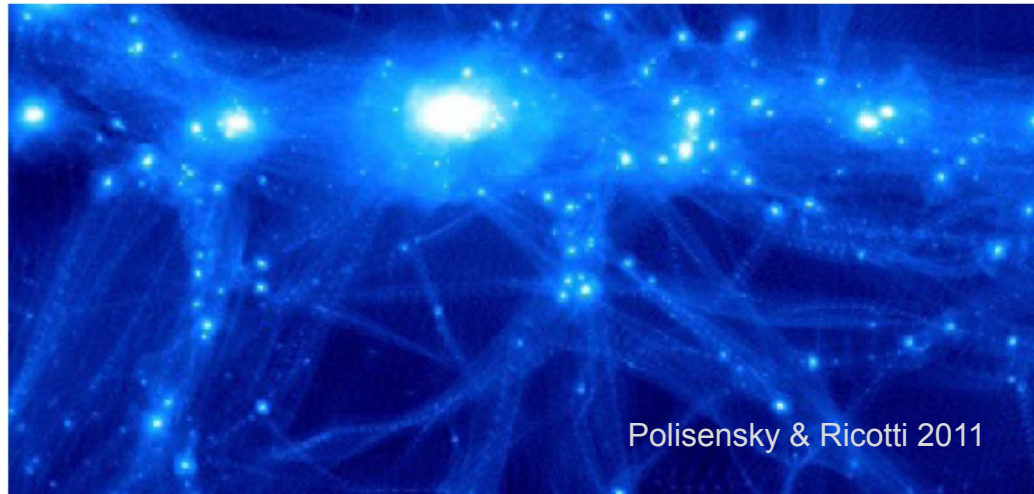
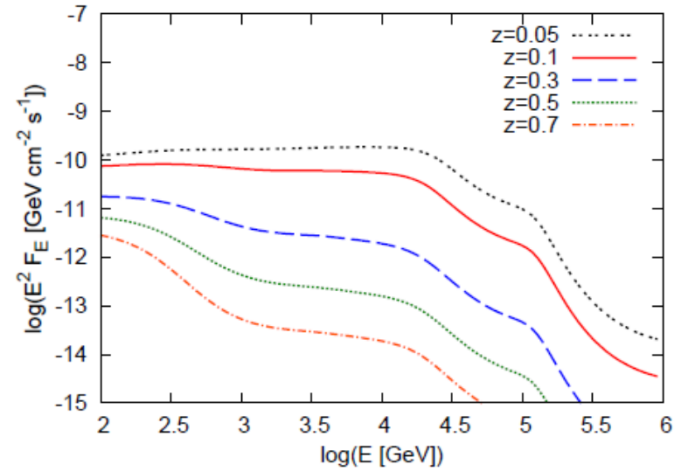


FIG. 1.— Spectra of VHE γ -ray-induced cascade emission for various source redshifts. We assume the total γ -ray luminosity of $L_\gamma = 10^{45}$ erg s^{-1} with $\beta = 2/3$ and $E^{\max} = 100$ TeV. The low-IR EBL model of Kneiske et al. (2004) is used here.

UHECR-induced cascade in IGM



Murase et al. 2012

>10 GeV Sources Explained by Cascade Emission

□ GeV-TeV sources

- EBL effects greater on more distant blazars

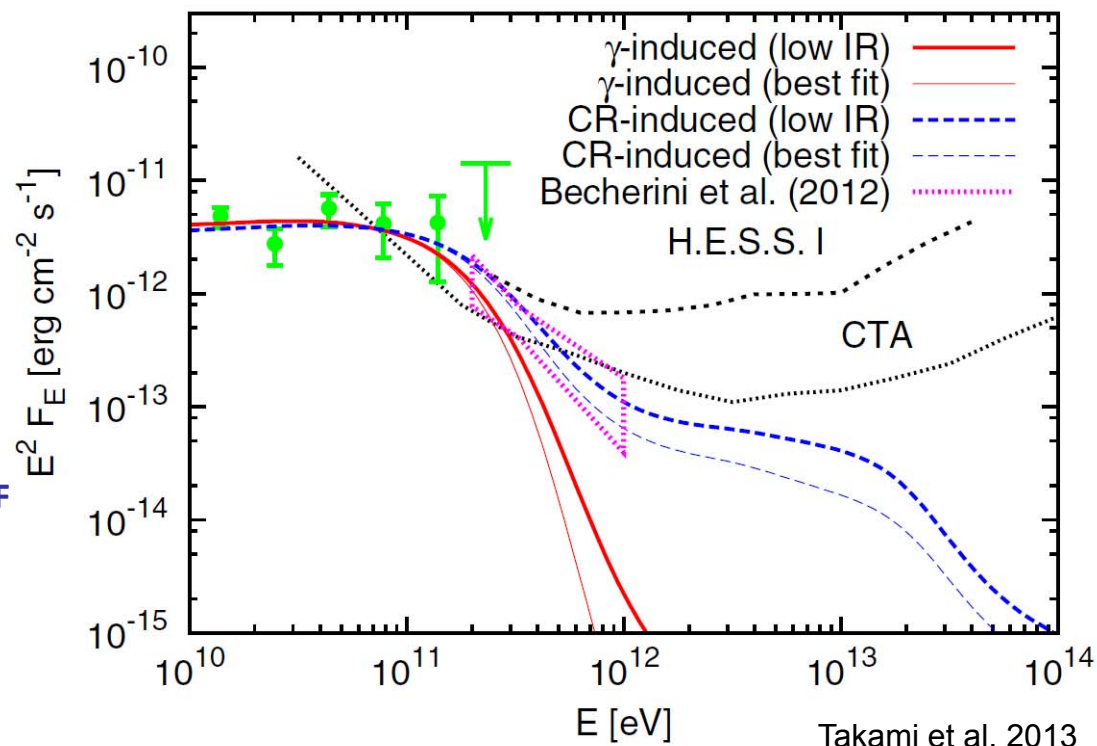
□ Model >10 GeV Fermi-LAT emission by cascades

$\gamma\gamma$ /Compton cascade

- Kneiske et al. (2004) EBL models
- Assume no suppression from IGMF ($B_{\text{IGMF}} < 10^{-15}$ G)
- Intrinsic spectrum $F(E_\gamma) \propto E_\gamma^{-1.76}$, $5.6 \text{ GeV} < E_\gamma < 100 \text{ TeV}$

□ UHECR-induced cascade

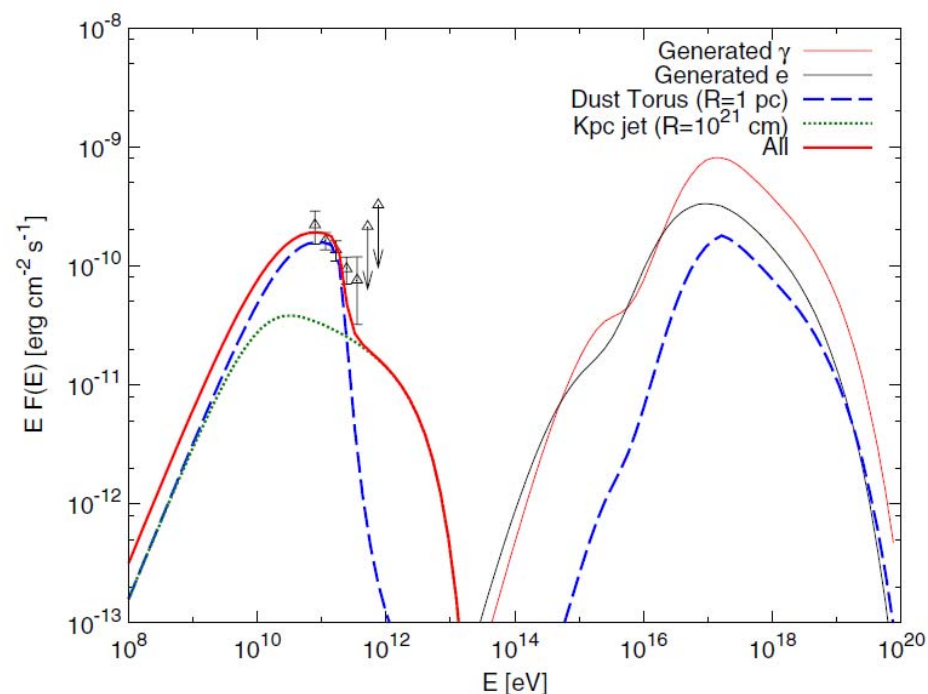
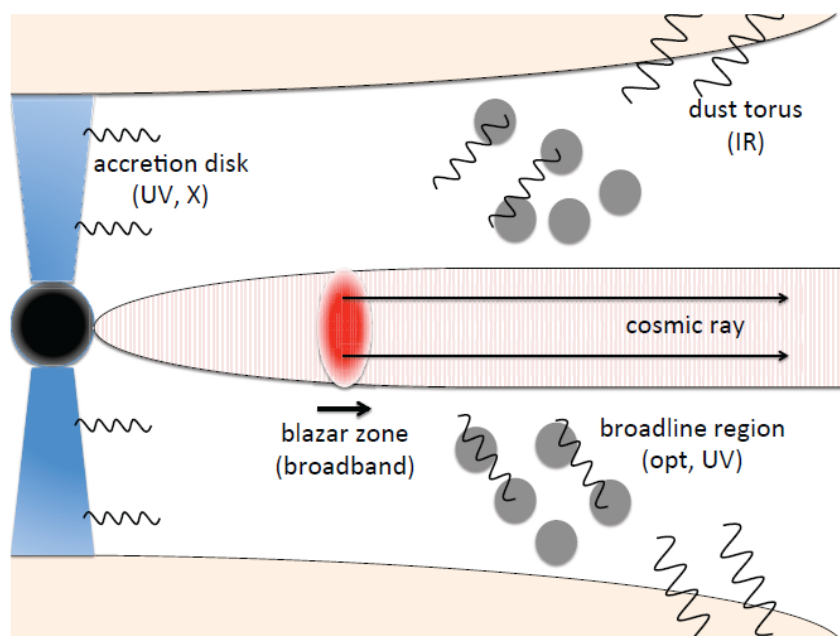
- Bethe-Heitler pair production
- Assume no suppression from IGMF ($B_{\text{IGMF}} < 10^{-12}$ G)
- UHECR proton spectrum:
 $F(E_p) \propto E_p^{-2.6} \exp(-E_p/10^{19} \text{ eV})$



KUV 00311-1938 ($z = 0.61$)

- Normalization imposed to fit > 10 GeV Fermi-LAT spectrum from cascade emission
- Definitive test of UHECR Hypothesis with CTA

GeV-TeV Radiation in 4C +21.35 from Hadronic Processes



Ultra-relativistic leptons from UHECRs:

$$n + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} + B \rightarrow \gamma'$$

$$n + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma \rightarrow e^{\pm} + B \rightarrow \gamma'$$

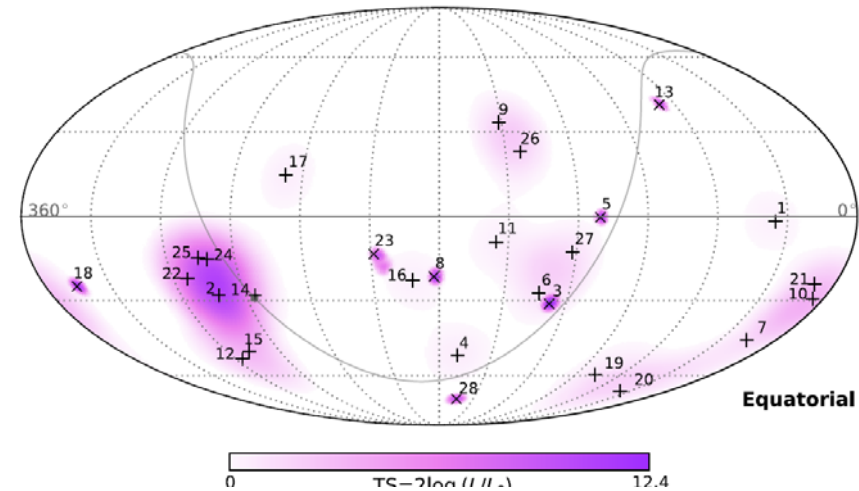
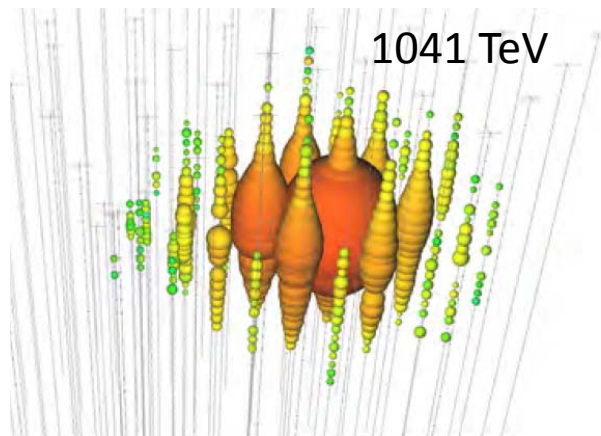
Make synchrotron γ -rays

Dermer, Murase, Takami (2012)

Detailed GeV and VHE studies with Fermi/CTA

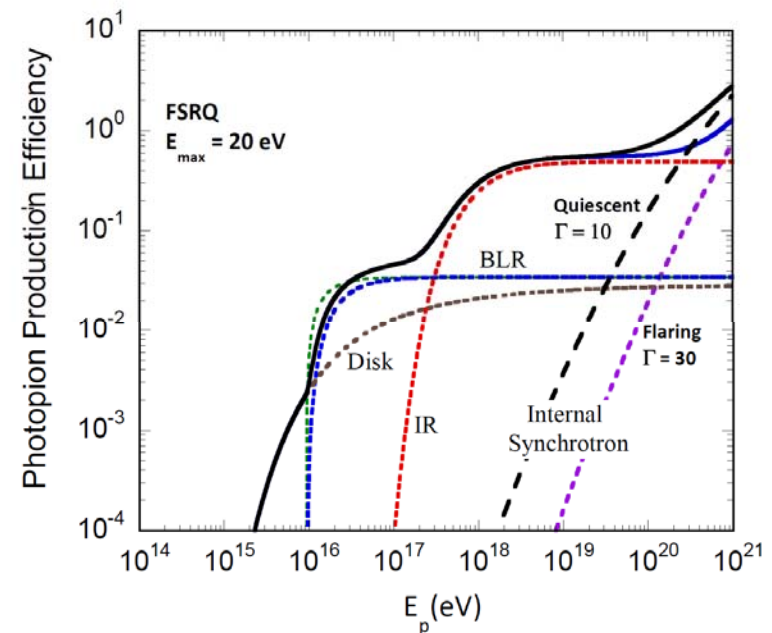
Neutrino Production in FSRQs

- Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector Science, 342, Nov. 22, 2013



- Broad-line region (Ly α) radiation
- Threshold $\gamma_p \epsilon_0 > \sim 400$, so most neutrinos are made with energy $E_\nu \sim 0.05 m_p c^2 \gamma_p > \sim 0.05 \times 10^9 \text{ eV} \approx 400 / \epsilon_0 \sim 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ for $\epsilon_0 \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ (Ly

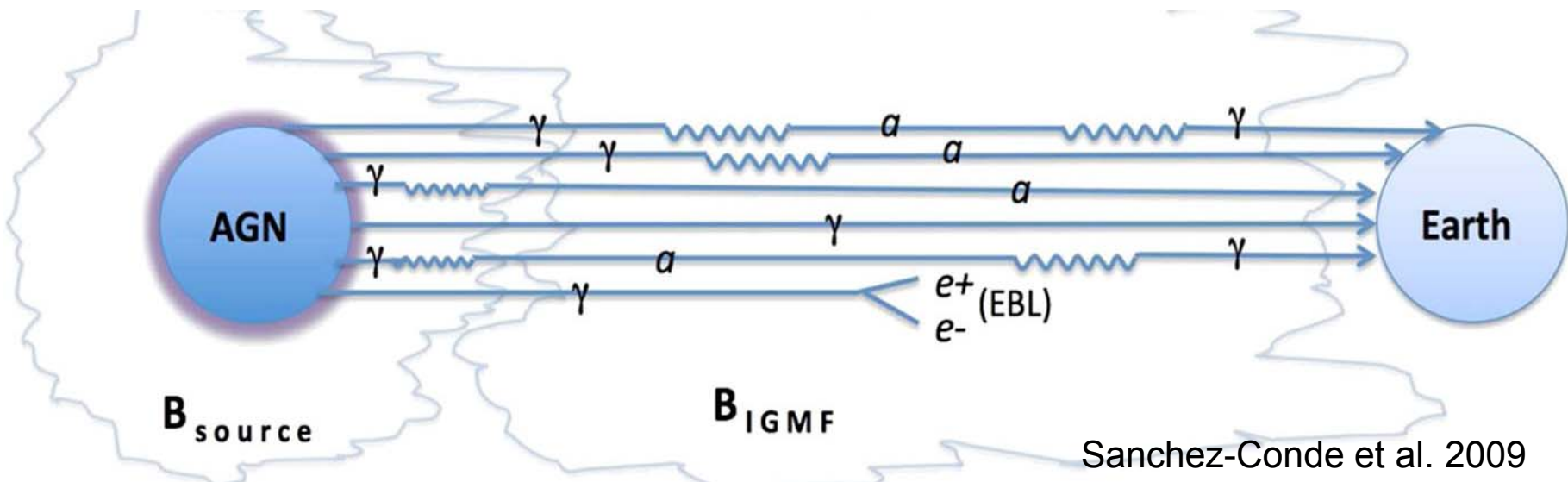
Murase, Inoue, Dermer 2014



Axions

Axion: light DM particle introduced to solve the strong CP problem in QCD
Photon-axion conversion in presence of a magnetic field

Oscillation of photons to axion-like particles (and vice versa) can lead to an enhancement of the received flux from a distant source. Mixing near source and in intergalactic space



Spectral features/GeV cutoffs in FSRQs (Mena & Razzaque 2013)



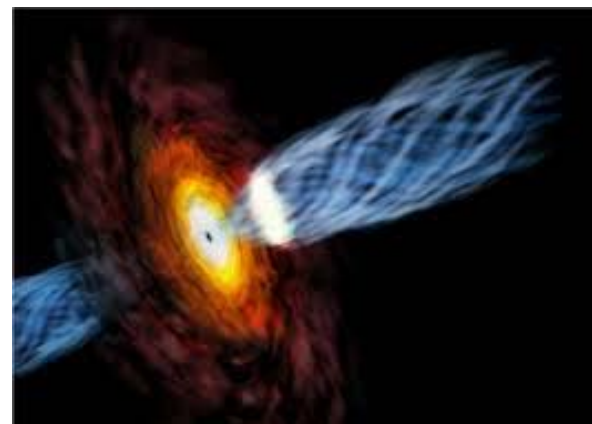
Fermi Blazar and AGN Science: Summary



- ❑ **Standard blazar paradigm: Supermassive black holes with jets explained by leptonic Compton-synchrotron processes in relativistic collimated plasma**

- ❑ **Problems with the blazar paradigm**
 - **Deabsorbed spectra of distant ($z > 0.1$) TeV blazars show unexplained hard emission component**
 - **$\Delta\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{GeV}} - \Gamma_{\text{TeV}}$ relation violated**
 - **Location of γ -ray emitting regions in blazars**
 - **Rapid variability in BL Lac objects**
 - **Existence of a weakly variable BL Lac class**
 - **VHE emission from FSRQs**
 - **Synchrotron puzzle**

- ❑ **Directions forward**
 - **New thinking about particle acceleration**
 - **UHECRs in blazar can potentially solve some of these problems**
 - **New physics**



Fermi AGNs: All Radio-Loud

□ LAT Bright AGN Sample (LBAS); First year LAT AGN Catalog (1LAC)

3EG (EGRET):
 10 $>10\sigma$ $|b|>10^\circ$ sources
 66 $>5\sigma$ blazars

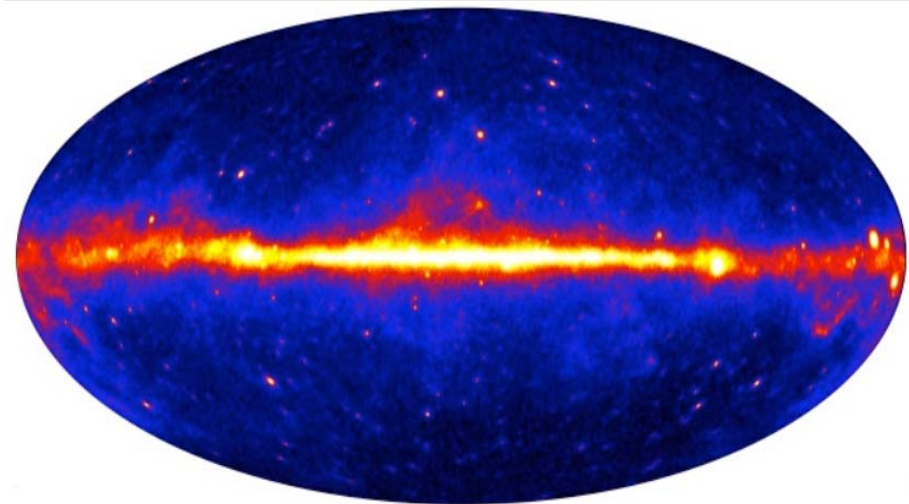
LBAS: subset of 0FGL/Bright Source List
 w/ 205 sources

TS >100 ($>10\sigma$)
 106 $|b|>10^\circ$ sources
 assoc. w/ AGNs

1FGL TS >25
 1451 sources
 1043 $|b|>10^\circ$ sources

1LAC
TS >25 ($> 4.1\sigma$)
 671 assoc. w/ 709 AGN
 (663 hi-conf. associations)
 (300 BL Lacs, 296 FSRQ,
 41 other AGN, 72 unknown)

LBAS: 3 month source list: 2008 Aug 4 – Oct 30
 1LAC: 1 year catalog: 2008 Aug 4 – 2009 July 4



2 year Fermi GeV sky

2FGL TS >25
 1888 sources 832 AGNs (+268 candidates)
 114 Pulsars 60 SNR/PWNe
 593 unaccounted 7 others

2LAC 360 FSRQs 420 BL Lacs (~60% with known z)
 200 of unknown type ~20 other AGN

Small number of radio galaxies

Coming soon: **3FGL/3LAC**

BL Lac and FSRQ: definition

- ❑ classify an object as a BL Lac if the equivalent width (EW) of the strongest optical emission line is $< 5 \text{ \AA}$, e.g., [O II] $\lambda 3727$ and [O III] $\lambda 5007$
- classification of higher-redshift sources will preferentially use lines at shorter wavelengths (e.g., Ly α $\lambda 1216$ and C IV $\lambda 1549$) than for low-redshift sources (e.g., Mg II $\lambda 2798$ and H α $\lambda 6563$).
- ❑ a Ca II H/K break ratio $C < 0.4$,
- ❑ Wavelength coverage satisfies $(\lambda_{\text{max}} - \lambda_{\text{min}})/\lambda_{\text{max}} > 1.7$ so that at least one strong emission line would have been detected if present
- ❑ Sources for which no optical spectrum or of insufficient quality to determine the optical classification are listed as “unknown type”

