# Rapid TeV and GeV Variability in AGNs as Result of Jet-Star Interaction

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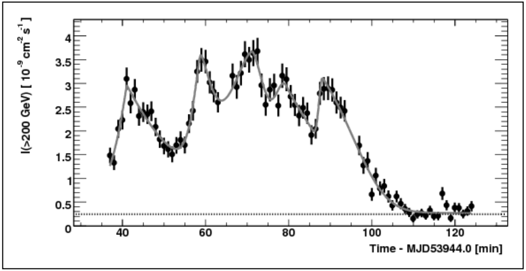
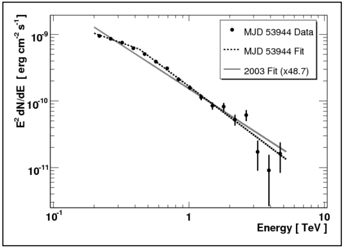
# Outline

# PKS 2155–304 observations




The observed parameters of the PKS 2155−304 flares (H.E.S.S. data)

$$L_\gamma \approx 10^{47} \text{erg s}^{-1}$$

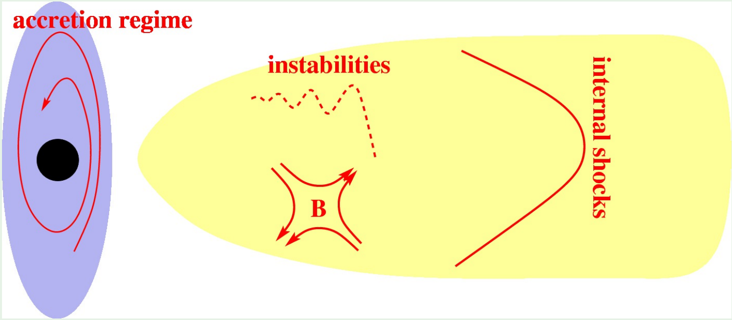
$$\tau \approx 200 \text{ s}$$

$$L_X \sim 10^{46} \text{erg s}^{-1}$$

(Aharonian et al 2007)

# What are the Blobs in Powerful Jets?

## There are a lot of hypothetical blobs




**Internal Shocks, Magnetic Reconnection, Change in Accretion, Instabilities....**

# Fundamental Requirements on the blob properties

**BLOBS MUST BE SMALL AND CONTAIN A LOT OF ENERGY (OR BE ABLE TO TRIGGER POWERFUL INTERACTION)**

### instabilities

can be very small

no energy

### accretion

hydrodynamical scale

a lot of energy

### shocks

very intensive interaction

at hydrodynamical scale

### reconnection

a lot of energy

hydrodynamical scale

# Blobs of external origin

- If blobs have external origin, they can be **very small** as compared to the hydrodynamical scale of the jet....
- External blobs contain **no energy** (as compared to the jet)
- I.e. external blobs must be able to **trigger an intensive interaction**. To be heavy?
- Compact and heavy, i.e **DENSE:** stars, BLR clouds?

Specific realization of such blob formation:

*Jet-Red Giant Interaction Scenario*

# Main Ingredients

## AGN jet

- Relativistic outflow ($\Gamma_{\rm bulk} \sim 10 - 100$, likely depends on the distance)
- Narrow: typically one adopts $\theta \simeq \Gamma^{-1}$, i.e.,
- Cross section:

$$\omega \simeq 10^{17} \Gamma_{1.5}^{-1} R_{\rm pc} {\rm cm}$$

## Stars around BH

- Moves with Keplerian velocity:

$$V_* \simeq 600 M_{\rm BH}^{1/2} R_{\rm pc}^{-1/2} {\rm km/s}$$

- Density (quite uncertain): $\rho_* \simeq \rho_0 R^{-a}$

## Mass injection between $10^{-2}$ and $10^{-1}$ pc:

$$\dot{M}_* \simeq 2 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\rho_0 M_{\rm BH,8}^{1/2}}{\Gamma_{1.5}} \int_{0.01}^{0.1} x^{1/2-a} dx \, [{\rm pc}^3 \, {\rm yr}^{-1}] \, ,$$

# Probability to get a star to a jet

## Murphy et al. 1991

- it was revealed that "$a$" spans a quite broad range depending on the mass accumulated in the central parsec
- It was obtained that $a = 7/2$ for $\bar{\rho} = 10^6 M_\odot \mathrm{pc}^{-3}$ and $a = 1/2$ for $\bar{\rho} = 10^8 M_\odot \mathrm{pc}^{-3}$

## Mass injection appears to depend very weakly on $a$

$$\dot{M}_* \simeq 2 \times 10^2 M_{\mathrm{BH},8}^{1/2} M_\odot \Gamma_{1.5}^{-1} \mathrm{yr}^{-1}$$

for $10^{-2} < R_{\mathrm{pc}} < 0.1$

One can expect HUNDREDS of stars entering per year which can contain a few Red Giants or young stars per year...

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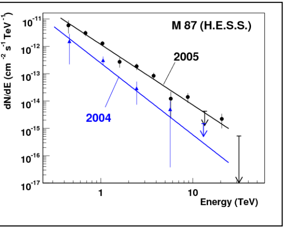
# VHE variability in M87

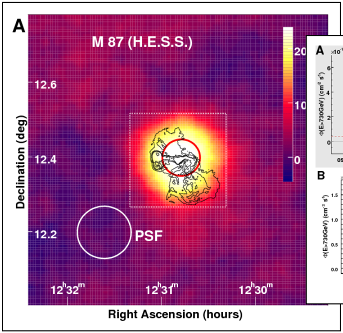
# H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS observations of M87

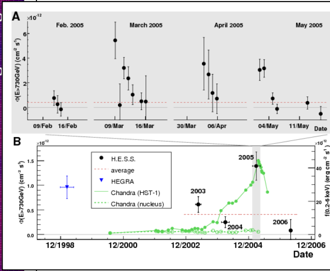
Several flashes were observed in 2006, 2008, 2010.

Variability on scales $t \sim 1$day

The flux $L_\gamma \sim 10^{42}$ergs s$^{-1}$ $\quad E_{\gamma,max} \simeq 20$TeV.

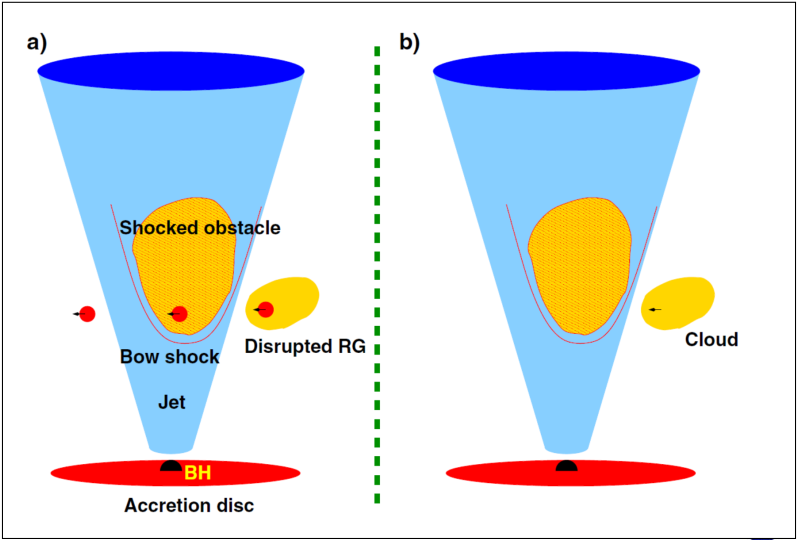



(Aharonian et al 2006; Abramowski et al. 2011; Aliu et al. 2011)

# Cloud/Star — Jet interaction




(Barkov et al 2010, 2012b)

# Star envelope evolution (Numerical results)

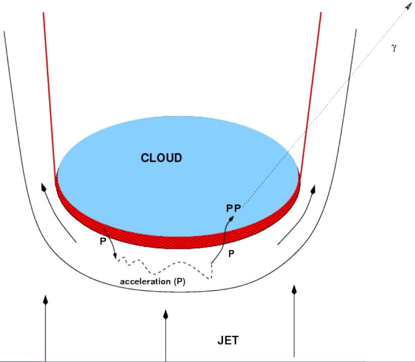
Uniform cloud

(Bosch-Ramon et al 2012)

# p-p interaction

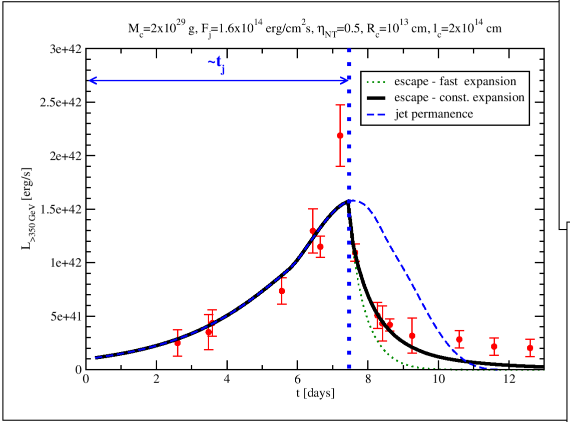
The cloud density can be very high making the *pp* interactions to be the most plausible mechanism for the gamma-ray production in the RG-jet interaction scenario: in this case the characteristic cooling time for *pp* collisions is

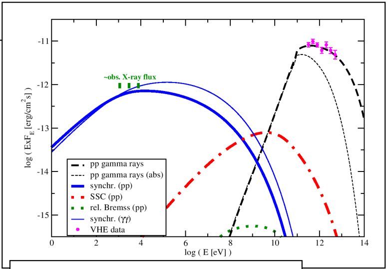
$$t_{pp} \approx \frac{10^{15}}{c_f n_c} = 10^5\, n_{c,10}^{-1} c_f^{-1}\,\mathrm{s} \qquad \chi \equiv E_\gamma / E_p = 0.17\,[2 - \exp(-t_v / t_{pp})]$$

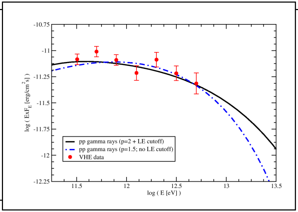


# VHE light curves and spectra (Numerical model)

$\xi = 0.5$ and $Q_p(E) \propto E^{-2}$



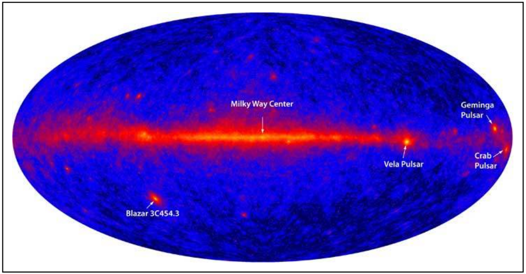



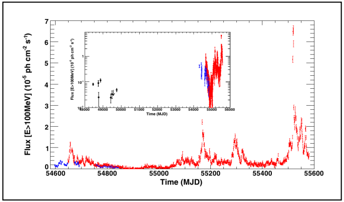




(Barkov et al 2012b)

# Fast variability in GeV blazars (3C454.3)

# 3C454.3 observations




The observed parameters of the 3C454.3 flares (*Fermi* data)

$$L_\gamma \approx 2 \times 10^{50} \mathrm{erg\ s}^{-1}$$

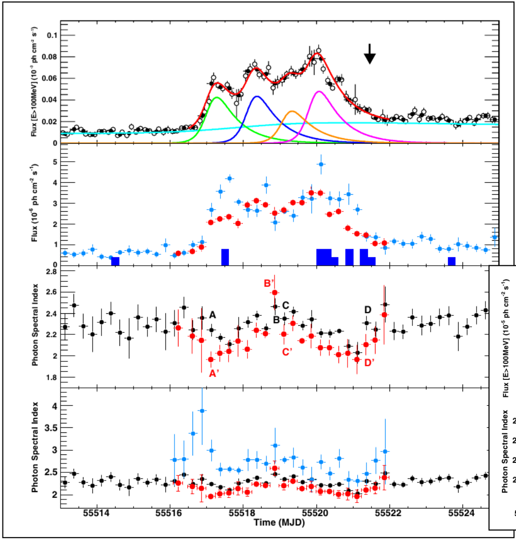
$$\tau_{\mathrm{r}} \approx 4.5\ \mathrm{h}$$

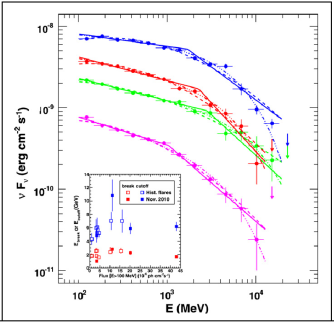
$$L_X \sim 5 \times 10^{47} \mathrm{erg\ s}^{-1}$$

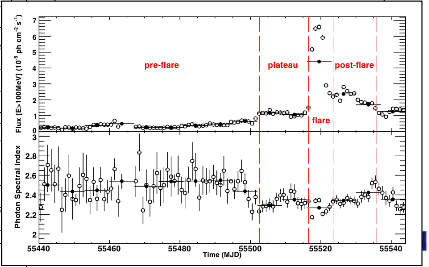
(Abdo et al. 2011; Vercellone et al. 2011)

# 3C454.3 observations (2010 November)

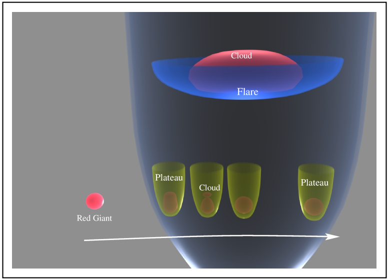
(Abdo et al 2011)



# Sketch and Plateau model




$$\dot{M}_* \approx 10^{24} L_{\gamma,49} \xi_{-1}^{-1} \Gamma_{j,1.5}^{-3} \text{ g/s.}$$

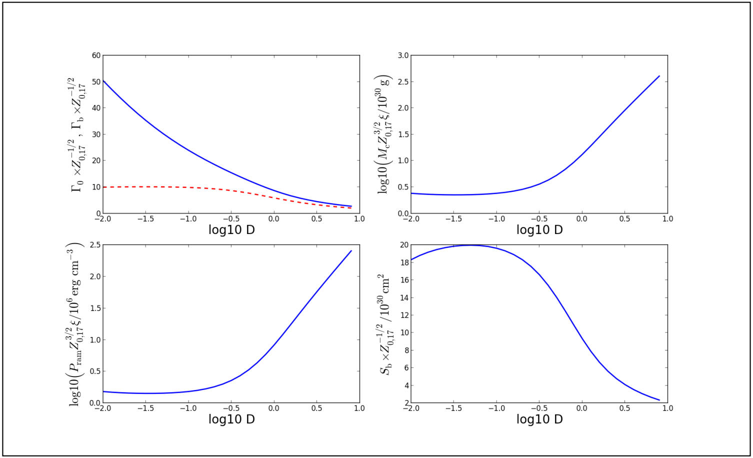
The cosmic ray/X-ray excite stellar wind (Basko et al. 1973; Dorodnitsyn et al. 2008),

$$\dot{M} \approx 10^{24} \alpha_{-12} R_{*,2}^{5/2} M_{*,0}^{-1/2} \chi P_{0,6} \, \text{g s}^{-1}$$

which providing limitations on the stellar radius

$$R_{*,2} \gtrsim \left( \frac{2\bar{F}_{\rm e} M_{0,*}^{1/2}}{\alpha_{-12}\chi} \right)^{2/5} .$$

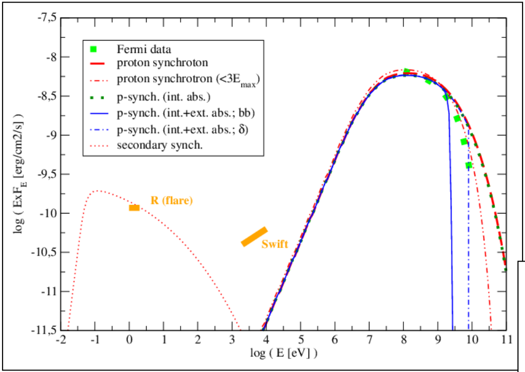
# The Model Solution for the Main Flare

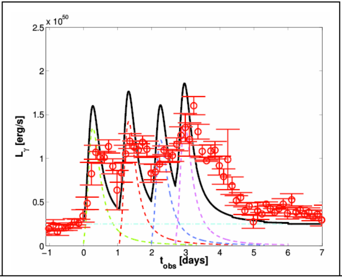


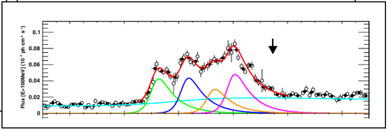

$$D \equiv \frac{L_j r_c^2}{4\theta^2 \Gamma_j^3 z_0 c^3 M_c} \qquad L_j \geq 10^{48} \quad \text{erg s}^{-1}$$

$$M_{BH} \approx 10^9 M_\odot \qquad \delta_b \approx 20$$

# Radiation Model: Proton synchrotron + secondary synchrotron

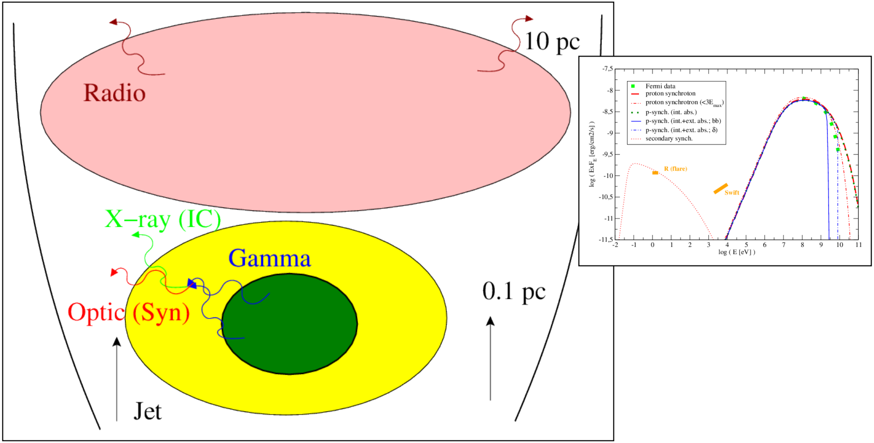


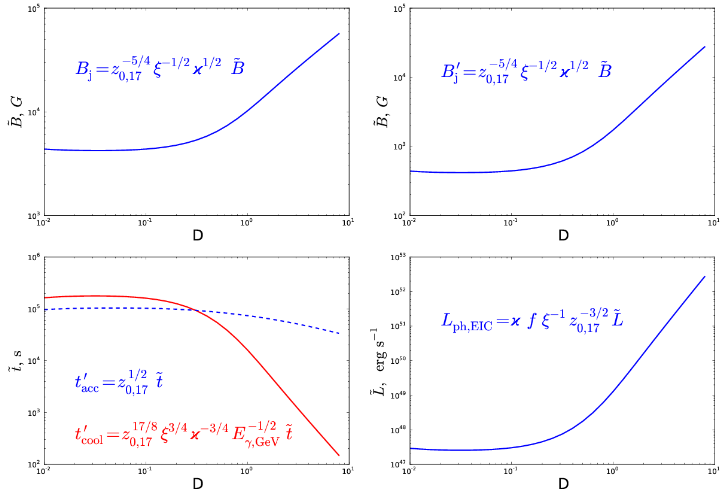



$$t_{\rm acc}/(2\Gamma_b^2) \approx 5\ \mathrm{h}.$$

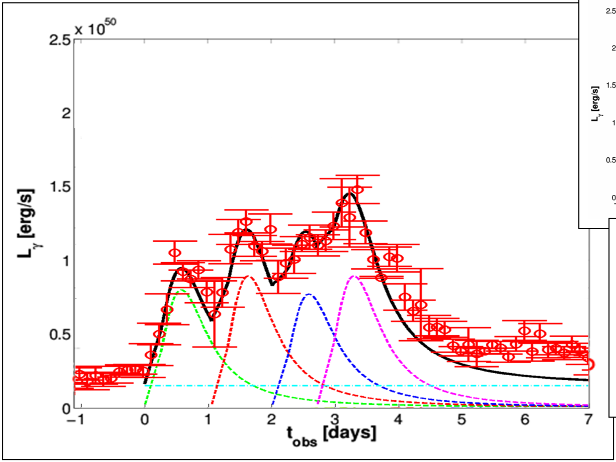
# Radiation Model: Geometry

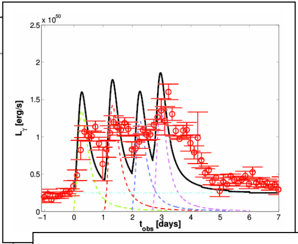


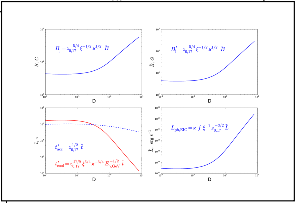
# Radiation Model: limitations



# Radiation Model: Light curve + cooling time



# Conclusions

- The jet can blow-up some RG envelope fragments and accelerate them up to Lorentz factors of $\Gamma_j$ ($\sim 10 - 30$).
- In the case of 3C454.3 the radiation in the GeV energy range can be effectively produced through proton synchrotron radiation, Jitter or EIC in the Thompson regime.
- The model can explain hour sacle GeV flares and the minute-scale TeV flares on top of a longer (typical time-scales of days) gamma-ray variability.
- The process can render suitable conditions for energy dissipation and proton acceleration, which could explain the detected day-scale TeV flares in 2010 from M87 via proton-proton collisions.

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# Thank you!!!