

# A Multi-wavelength Campaign to test the Inverse Compton model for Large-Scale-Jets

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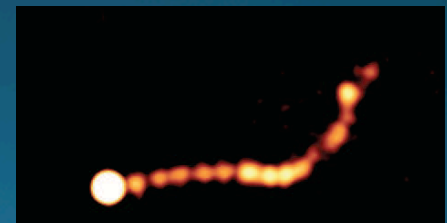
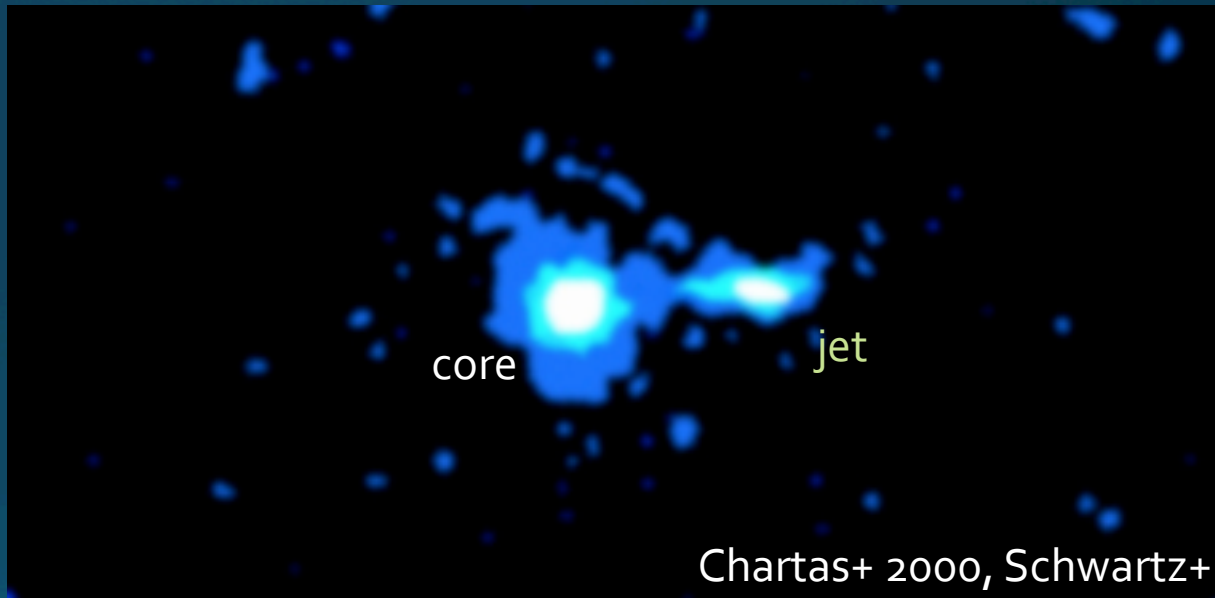




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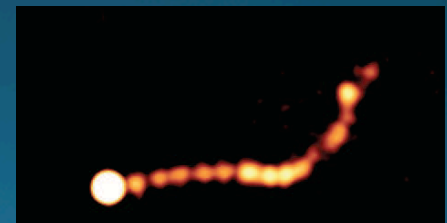
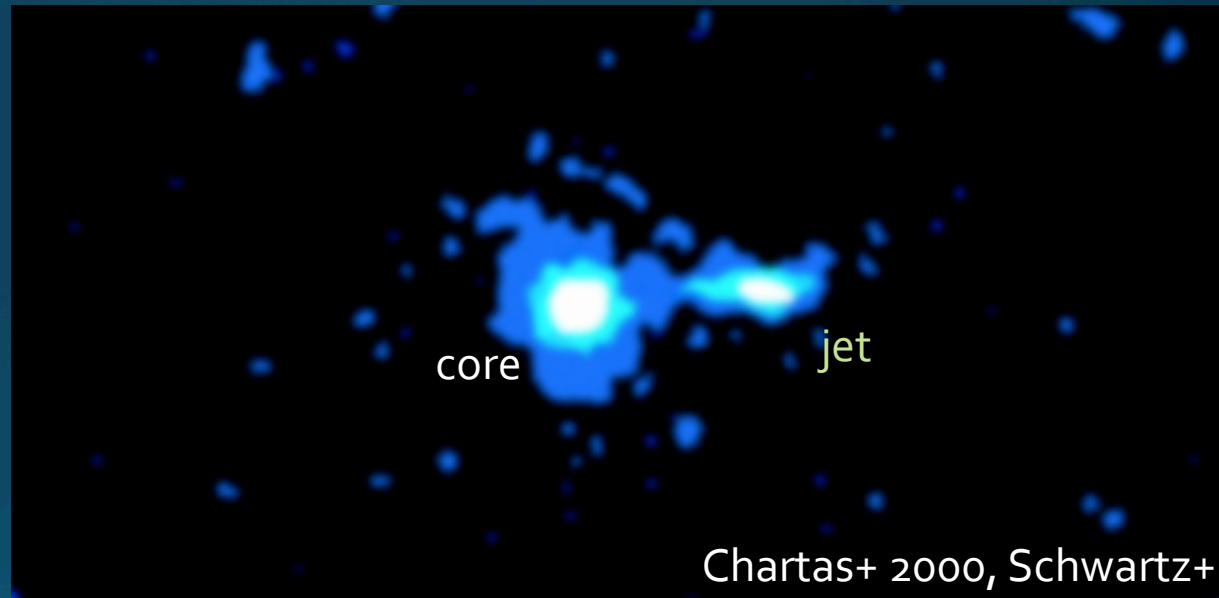


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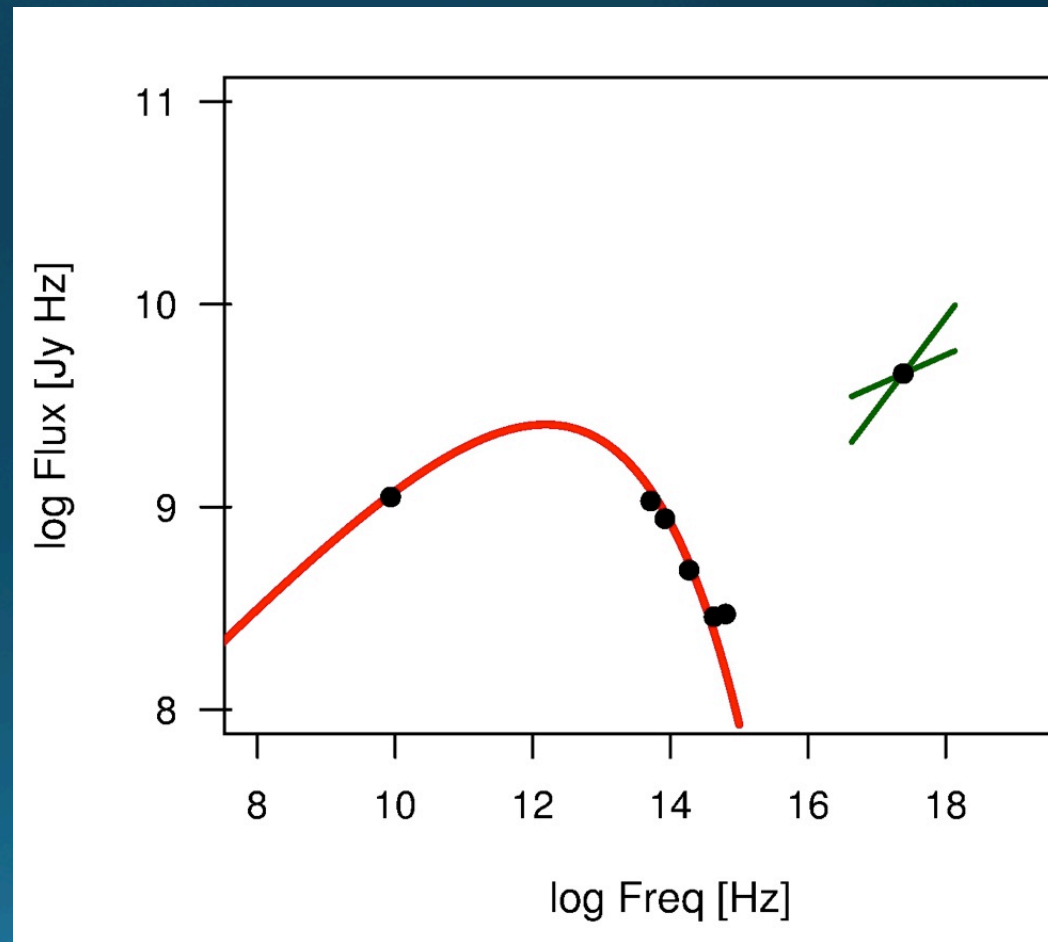
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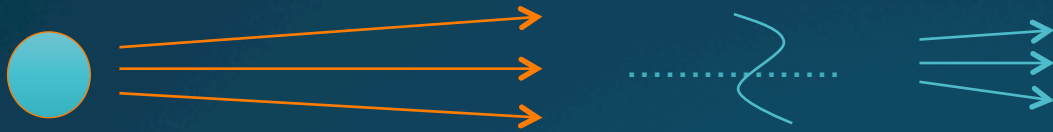
September/October 2000: Chartas et al. & Schwartz et al. discovery & discussion papers on PKS 0637-752 manage to rule out:

- **Thermal Bremsstrahlung** (electron density required far too high)
- **Synchrotron self-compton** (requires a "gross departure from equipartition")
- **Inverse Compton off the CMB** (off by orders of magnitude)
- **A Single Synchrotron Spectrum**
  - A second, co-spatial synchrotron spectrum was considered, but deemed unlikely because no known reason for it, and co-spatial with first synchrotron component!



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November 2000: Tavecchio et al. and February 2001: Celotti et al.: is it IC/CMB after all?



Quasar Jets are frequently observed to be highly relativistic on sub-parsec scales probed by VLBI with  $\Gamma=10-50$

But Radio surveys have long suggested that on kiloparsec scales the jet is only mildly relativistic with  $\Gamma=1.2-1.5$  [e.g., Arshakian & Longair 2004]

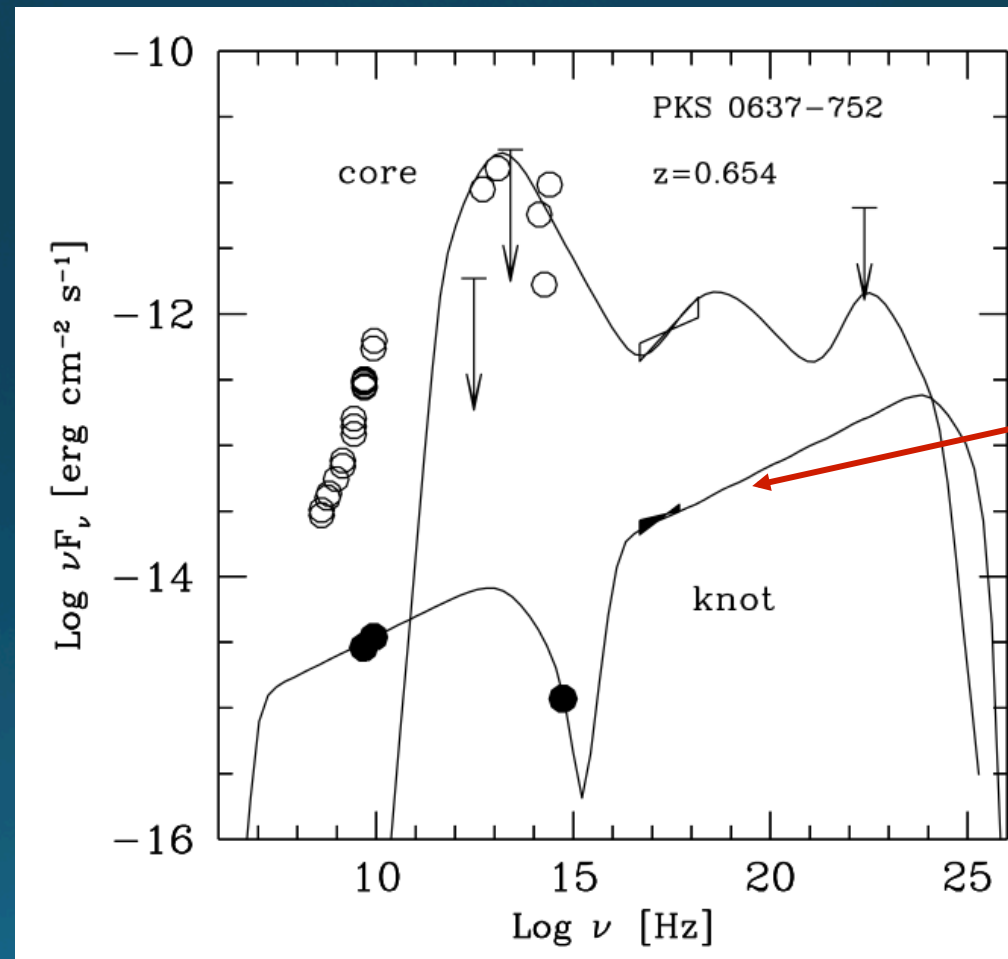
However, if you assume that powerful quasar jets remain highly relativistic on kpc scales, then IC/CMB works.



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Delotti et al 2001:

if you simply take  $\Gamma \sim 15$ , the increased beaming allows the IC/CMB to match the observed X-rays without any other majorly contrived assumptions.



Working IC/CMB model for the knot of PKS 0637-752

# Unusually Bright Quasar Jets: One of Chandra's major discoveries, and an ongoing mystery.

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the Chandra X-ray Center (CXC)

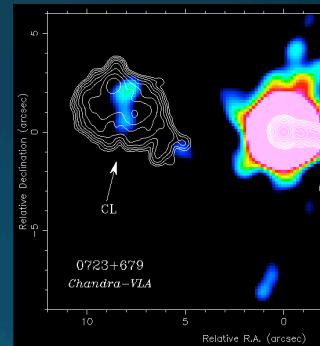
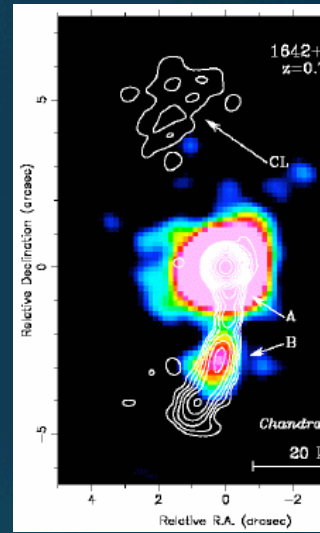
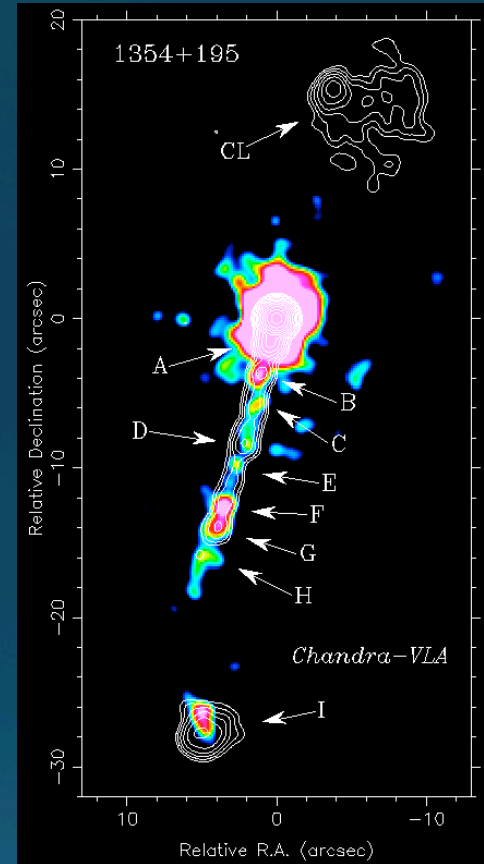
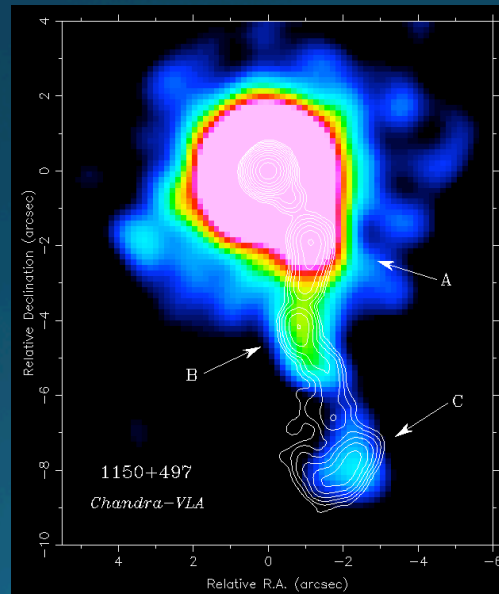
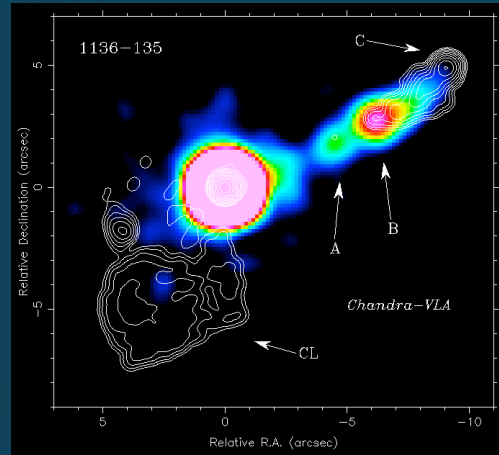
## X-ray Jets

Aneta Siemiginowska



Galaxy 4C+29.30

Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/SAO/A.Siemiginowska et al;  
Optical: NASA/STScI; Radio: NSF/NRAO/VLA



Several dozen now discovered (see review Harris & Krawczynski 2006, Also papers by Marshall, Sambruna, Jorstad & Marscher, K Godfrey, Siemiginowska, and many more.

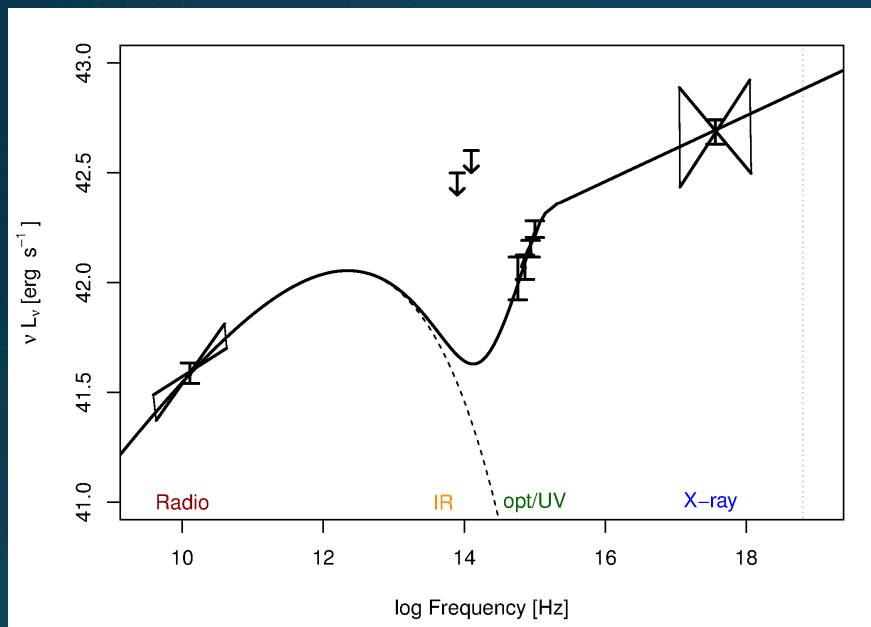
# Doubts about the IC/CMB model

- IC/CMB only works with deceleration (Georganopoulos & Kazanas 2004, Hardcastle 2006)
- IC/CMB requires near or super-Eddington jets in some cases
- Small beaming angle sometimes implies jet lengths  $> 1$  Mpc (longer than the very longest in the plane of the sky)
- In many cases the IC/CMB fit is an “uncomfortable” one
- Jester 2006, Uchiyama 2006, Hardcastle 2006: All suggest (leptonic) synchrotron models very much alive
- Hadronic models also a rather under-explored possibility (Aharonian 2002)

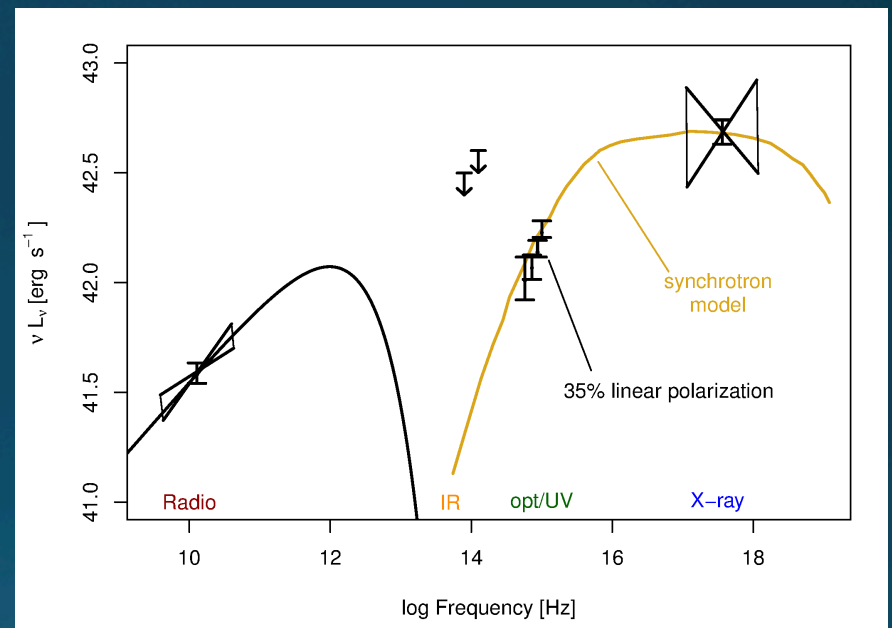


# The Essential Problem

Second-synchrotron and IC/CMB fit radio-optical-X-ray equally well.



PKS 1136-135, IC/CMB Model



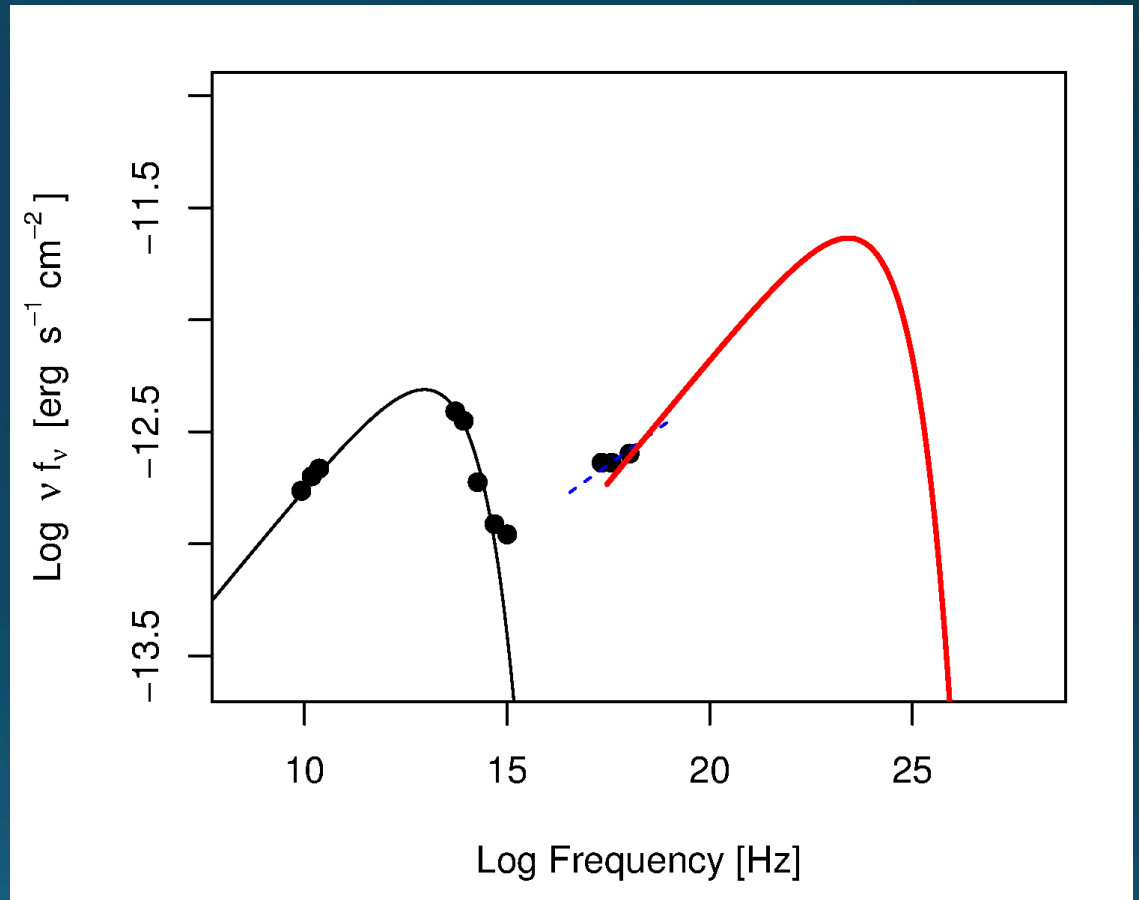
PKS 1136-135, synchrotron Model

Cara+ 2013 – Showing that X-rays of PKS 1136-135 are synchrotron due to high UV polarization

# The Test: How to Rule out IC/CMB

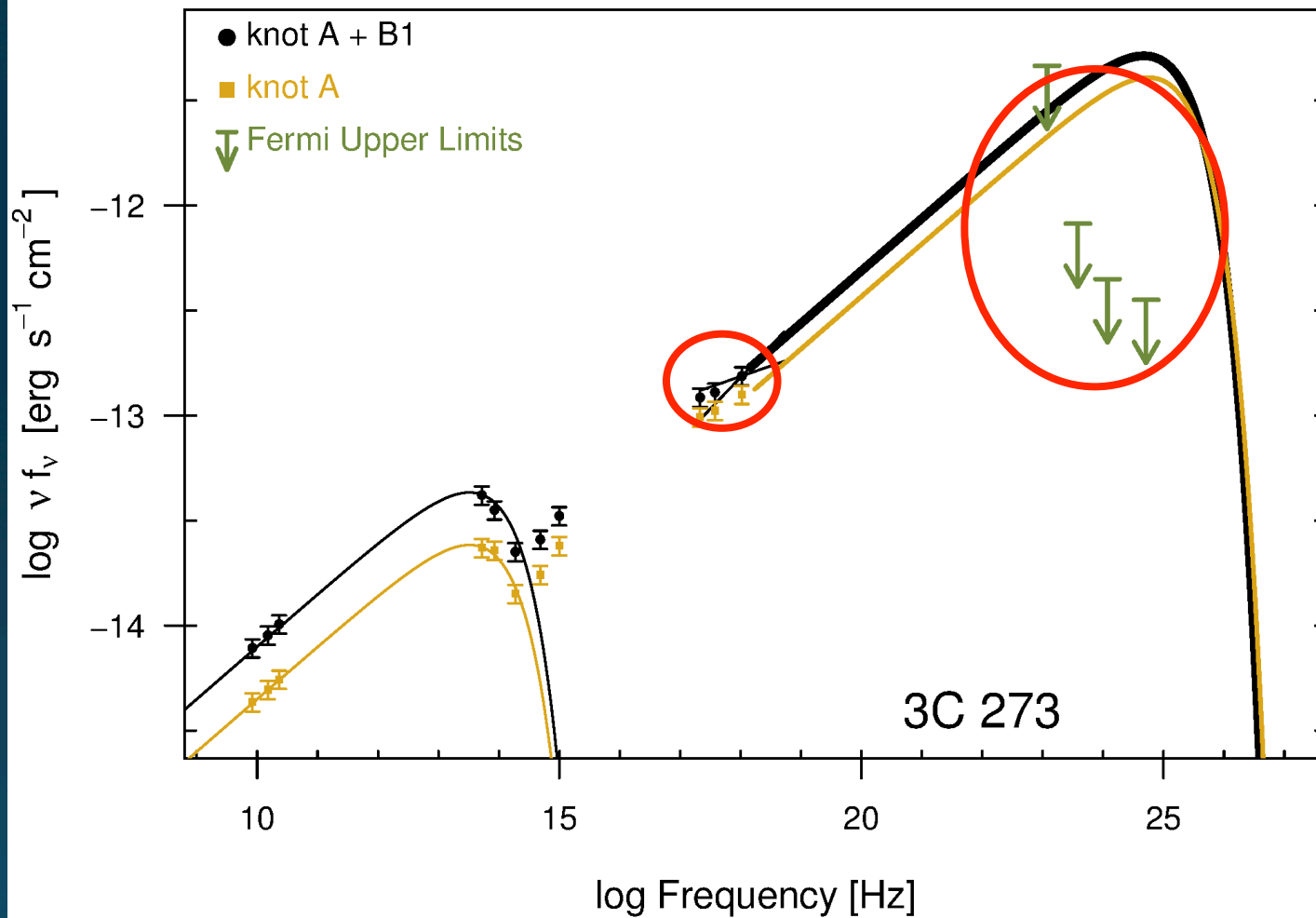
The IC Component is a copy of the synchrotron, shifted in frequency and luminosity.

That shift is parameterized ONLY by  $B/\delta$ , no other free parameters.



Getting the X-rays just right means fixing  $B/\delta$  and consequently **implies a high level of gamma-ray emission which should be detectable with Fermi**

# The case of 3C 273

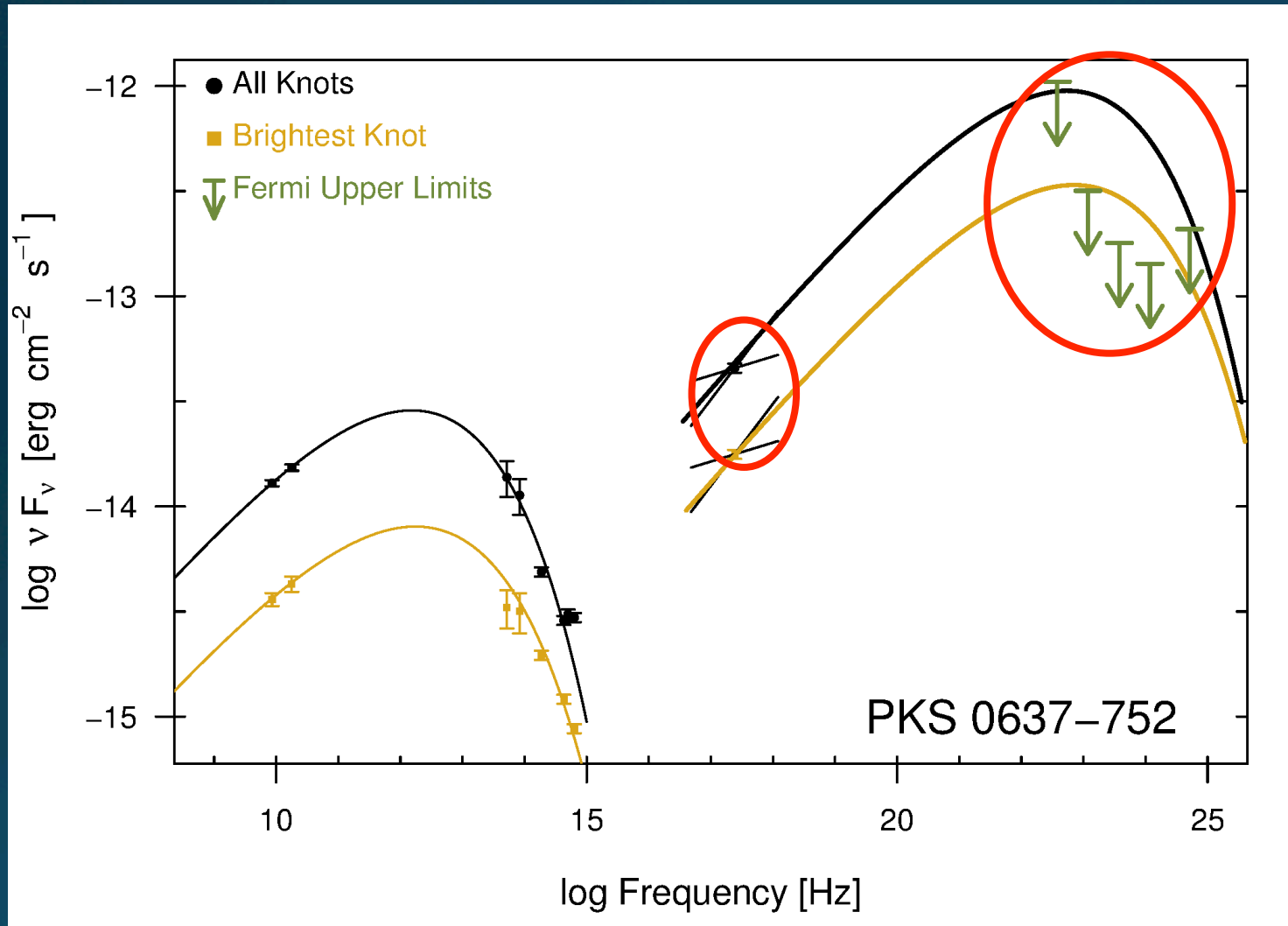


IC/CMB clearly ruled out at the > 99.99% level

You cannot satisfy producing the X-rays and the gamma-ray limits.



# The case of PKS 0637-752



IC/CMB is now ruled out at the  $> 99.99\%$  level for the original jet for which the model was first proposed!

(Meyer et al. 2015 ApJ 805 154)

## Take-away #1: The IC/CMB Model is in trouble.

IC/CMB has been conclusively ruled out by lack of gamma-rays on 2 sources  
(Meyer & Georganopoulos 2014, Meyer et al., 2015)

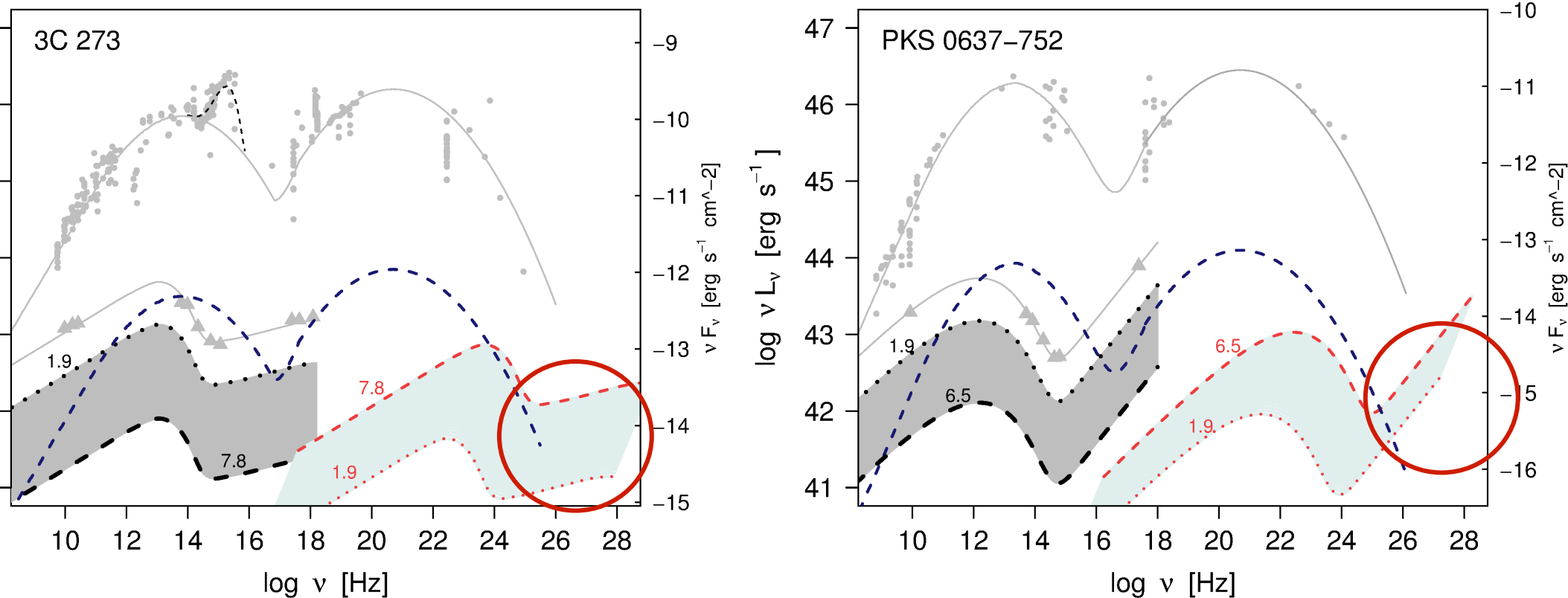
IC/CMB has also been ruled out by lack of proper motions In 3C 273  
(Meyer et al., 2015, submitted)

IC/CMB has been ruled out in a third case because the second component is highly polarized (35%, unexpected since the CMB has low polarization)  
(Cara et al., 2013)

## Take-away #2: The only alternative is a second synchrotron component

Theorists: what is this and why is it there?

# Consolation Prize: Slow Jets = TeV Emission

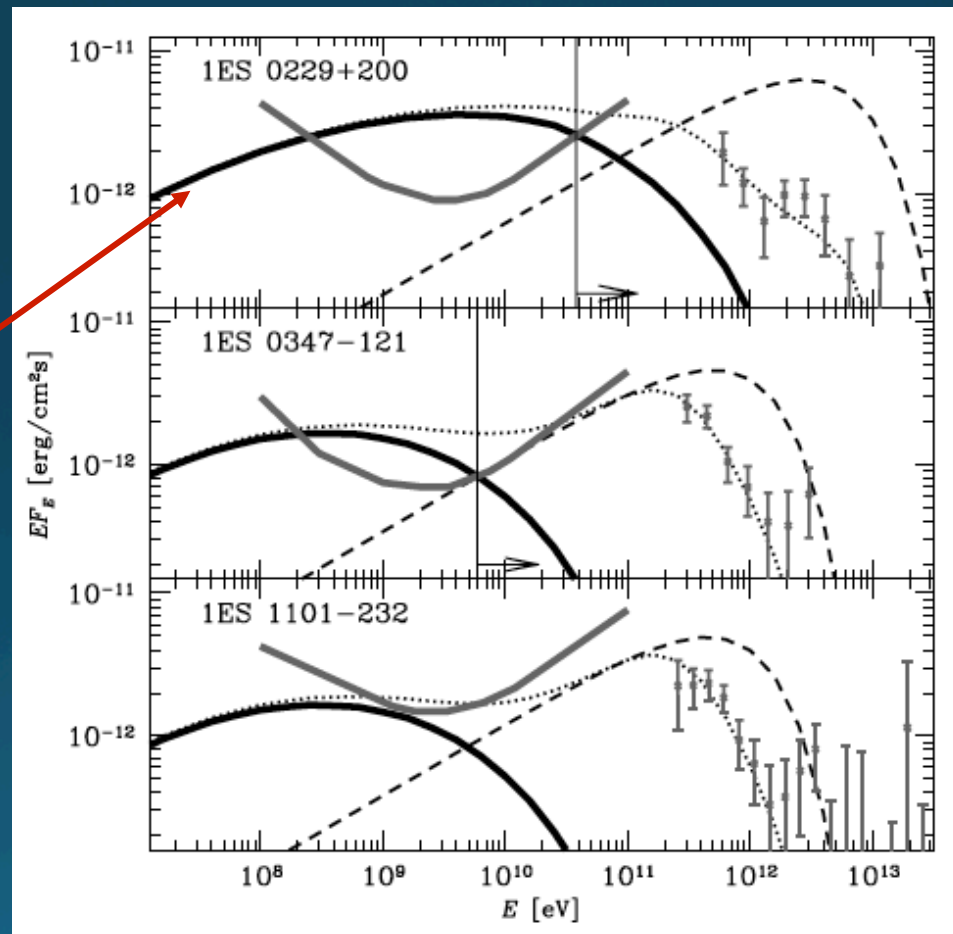


Both 3C 273 and PKS 0637-752 already have predicted IC/CMB TeV emission which is far above the isotropic output of a 'typical' TeV Blazar.



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Fermi limits rule out expected signature



Nevonov & Vovk (2010)

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  - **May also explain missing dwarf satellites compared to simulations (leads to suppression of dwarfs), alleviates need for a very differently evolved population, may also explain inverted IGM temperature-density profile at low densities (Chang 2012).**

# Take-aways

1. IC/CMB is not the cause of the anomalously high X-rays in 3C 273, PKS 0637-752, and PKS 1136-135
2. I think it likely that this will turn out to be true for most of our anomalous X-ray sources (maybe not at high  $z$ ?)
3. We still have a mystery: what is the source of the second synchrotron component? Why does it appear co-spatial? Why does it (usually) decrease as you go down the jet? → theorists!
4. Kpc-scale jets are not, after all, super-fast. They are mildly relativistic (one-sided jets, hotspots are also somewhat beamed)

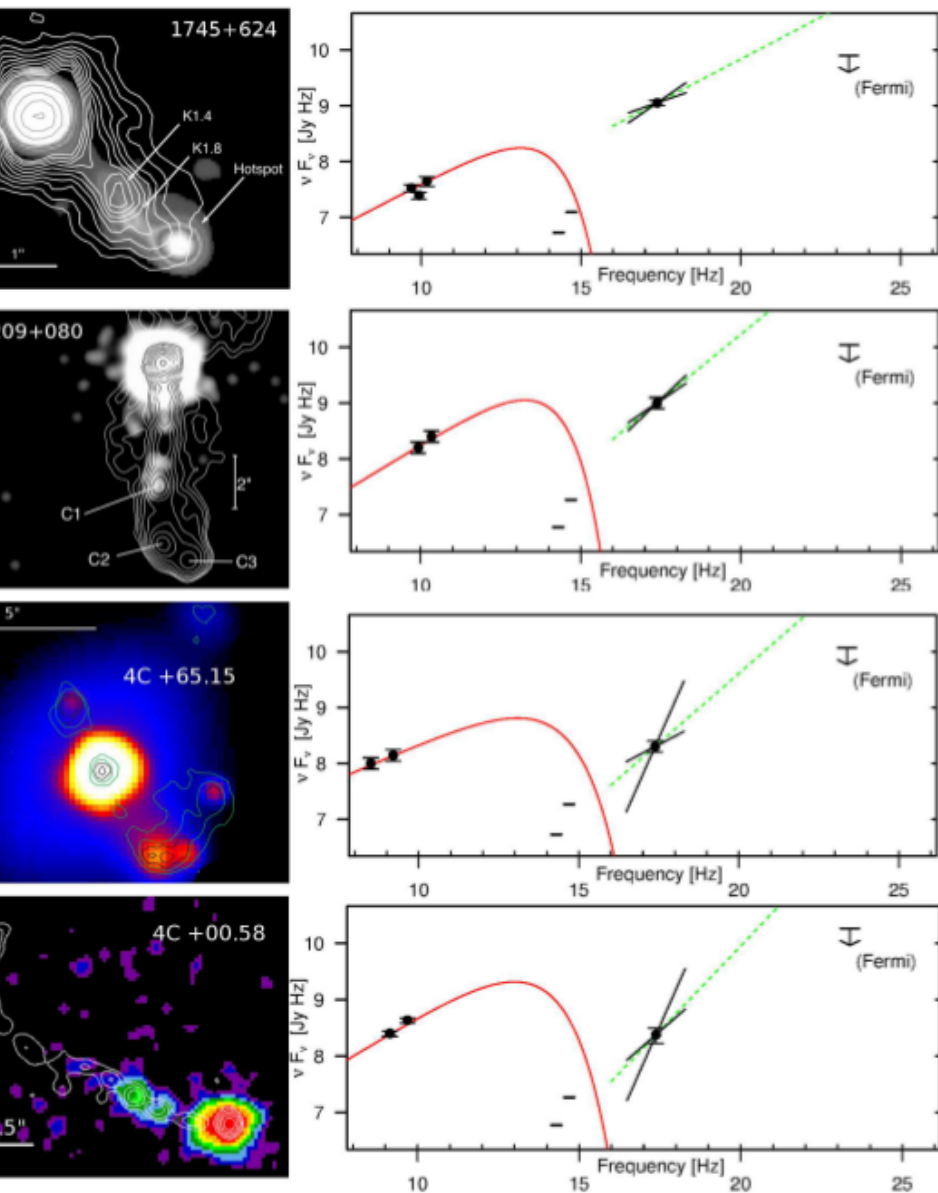
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5. Prediction: Fermi will detect IC/CMB before the 10 year mission is up. It must be there at some level even if it doesn't produce the X-rays. This gives us a direct measurement of  $B/\delta$
6. The synchrotron X-rays should give us lots of TeV emission, almost certainly more than 'TeV blazar's in total luminosity. This may turn out to be Really Important.
7. Prediction: Either Fermi or CTA will finally detect this component, ultimate proof that the X-rays are synchrotron.

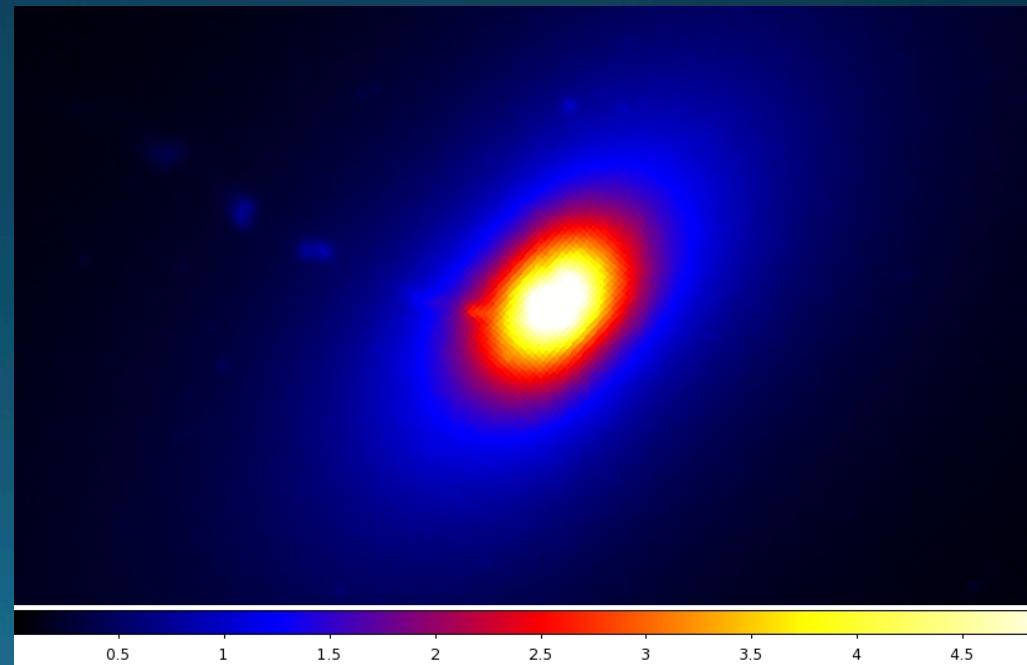
# Follow-up & Current Work

- New data on 8 sources + archival effort on about 2 dozen total jets should give us a good test of IC/CMB overall with Fermi
- Variability study for Chandra X-ray jets: variability not expected in IC/CMB
- Ongoing look for the TeV 'upturn' at the highest Fermi energies to confirm synchrotron origin of X-rays
- Population study of Anomalous X-ray Jets to estimate TeV heating potential (initial idea paper should be out in a few months, until then see Meyer et al., 2015).



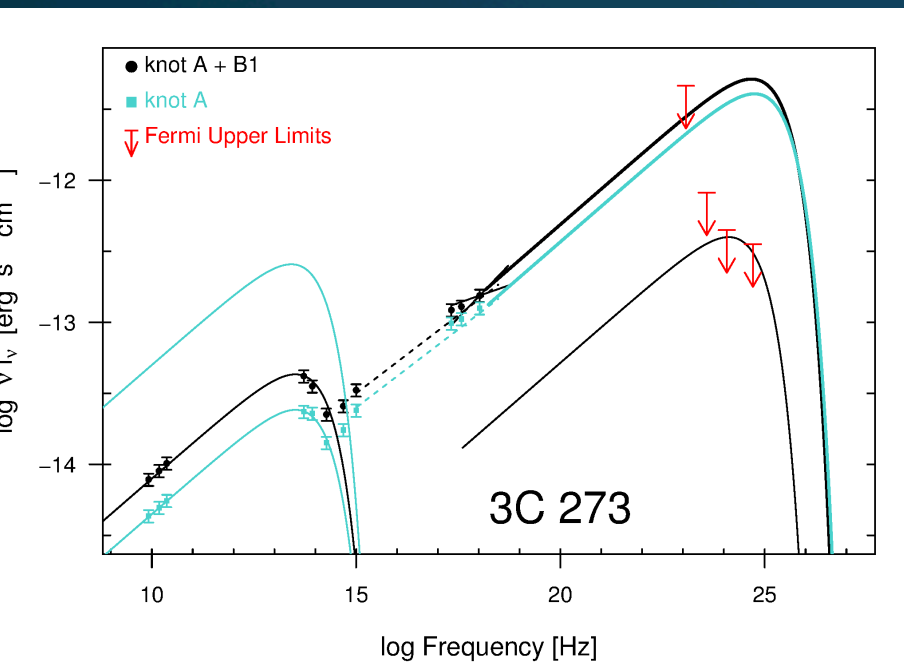


What is next? We will be using the Fermi test on at least 8 more jets per year (new Chandra and HST observations)



# Limits on Doppler factor/Magnetic Field

Fermi observations not only rule out IC/CMB X-rays, they put limits on the Doppler beaming factor of jets on kpc scales.

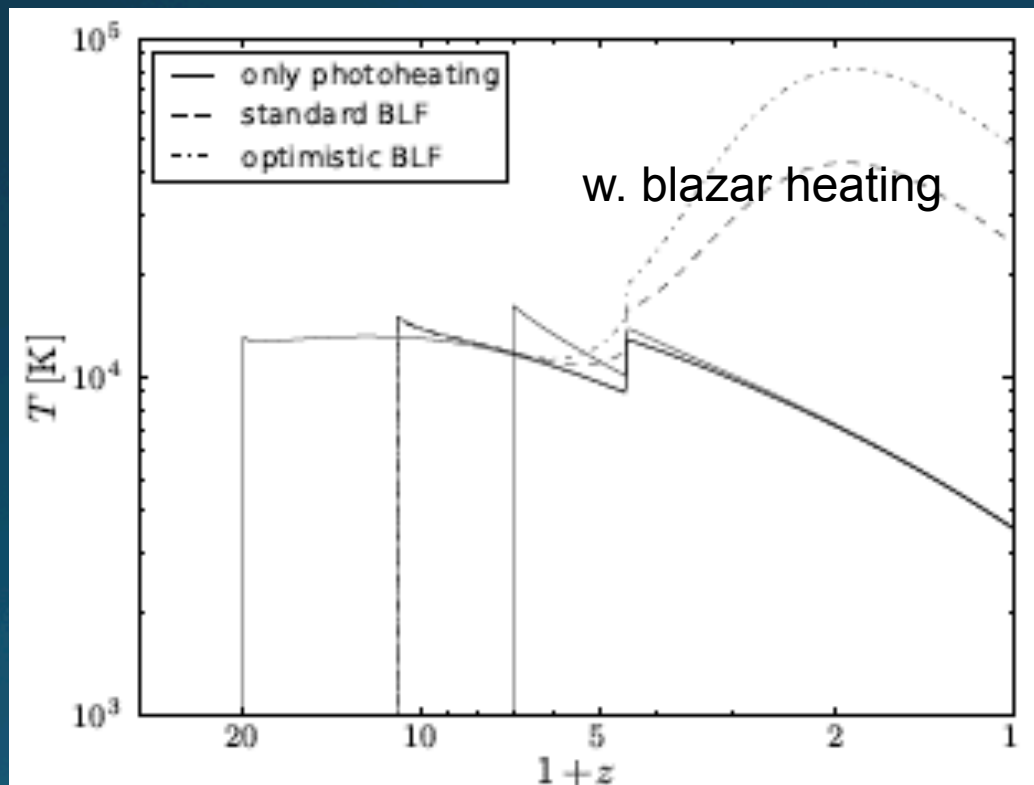


Assuming equipartition fields,  
 $\delta < 7.8$  in 3C 273 (based  
solely on knots A and B1)

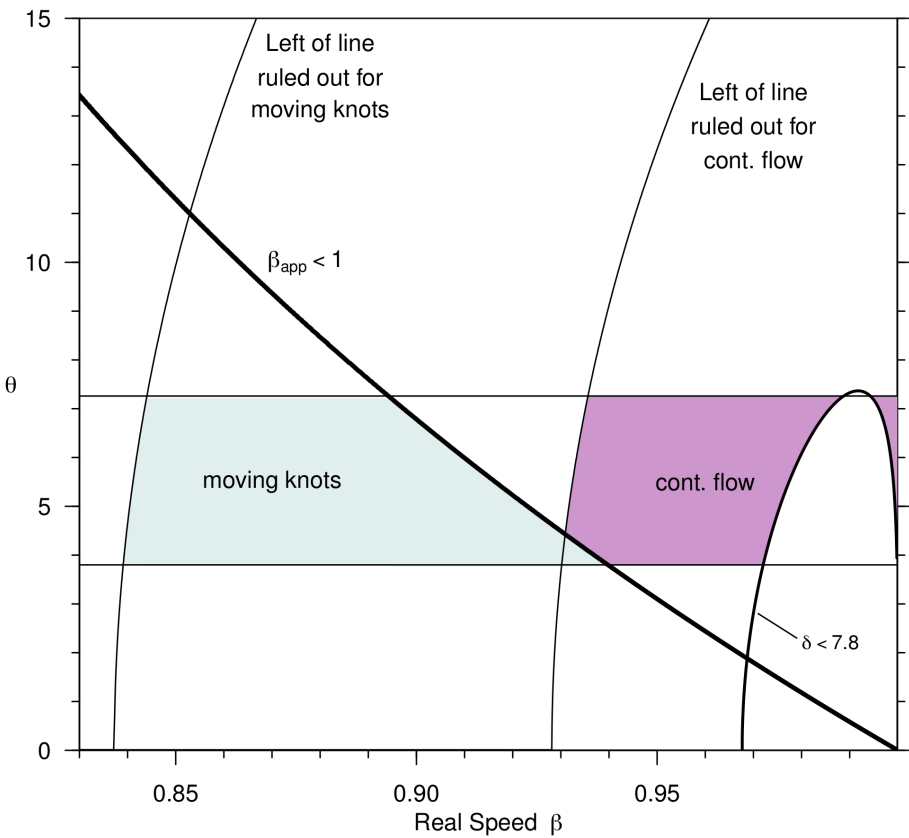
For PKS 0637-752,  $\delta < 6.5$

# TeV Heating

- Issues that could be solved by Jet Heating:
  - Inverted temperature-density relation in under-dense regions of the IGM



# 3C 273 another way



The colored zones at left give the remaining 'allowed' zones given the following constraints:

$\beta_{app} = 15 c$  on parsec-scale (Lister et al 2009)

Jet length  $< 1$  Mpc

$\beta_{app} < 1c$  on kpc scale