

Jet

Counterjet

Location of  
supermassive  
black hole

5 milliarcsec

0.5 light-year



# AGN physics in the age of Fermi



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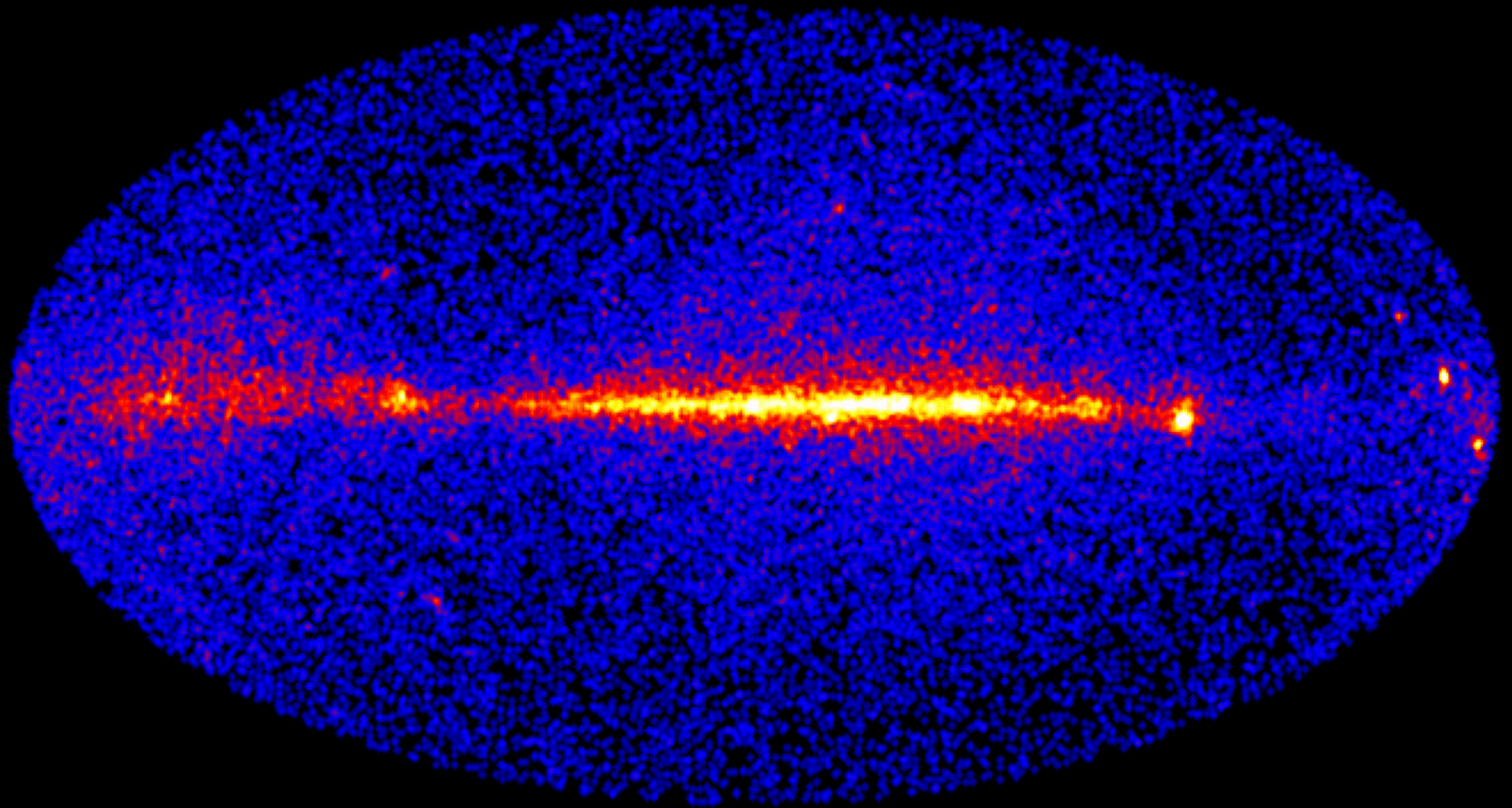
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### Outline

1. Radio Galaxies, Blazars, and Unification
2. Blazar Sequence
3. SED: Two Component Paradigm
4. Jet Physics:  $\gamma\gamma$  opacity and synchrotron/SSC model
6. External Compton scattering processes
7. Variability

# Blazar 3C 454.3's Record Flare



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# Fermi AGNs

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

LBAS: 3 month source list: 2008 Aug 4 – Oct 30

1LAC: 1 year catalog: 2008 Aug 4 – 2009 July 4

### 3EG (EGRET):

10  $>10\sigma$   $|b|>10^\circ$  sources

66  $>5\sigma$  blazars

### LBAS: subset of 0FGL

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

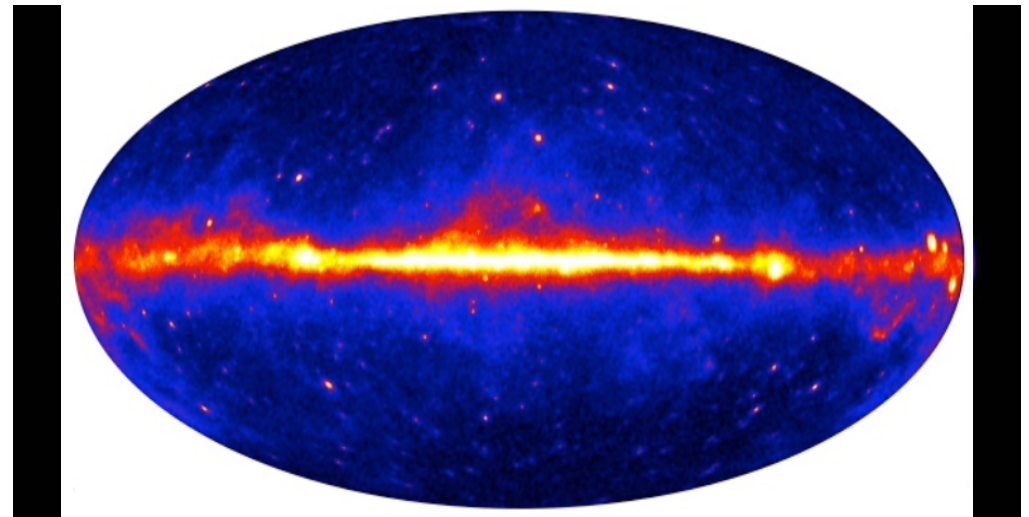
### 1LAC

TS  $>25$  ( $> 4.1\sigma$ )

671 assoc. w/ 709 AGN

(663 hi-conf. associations)

(300 BL Lacs, 296 FSRQ, 41 other AGN, 72 unknown)



2 year Fermi GeV sky

### 2FGL TS $>25$

1888 sources

114 Pulsars

593 unaccounted

832 AGNs (+268 candidates)

60 SNR/PWNe

7 others

### 2LAC 360 FSRQs

200 of unknown type

420 BL Lacs (~60% with known z)

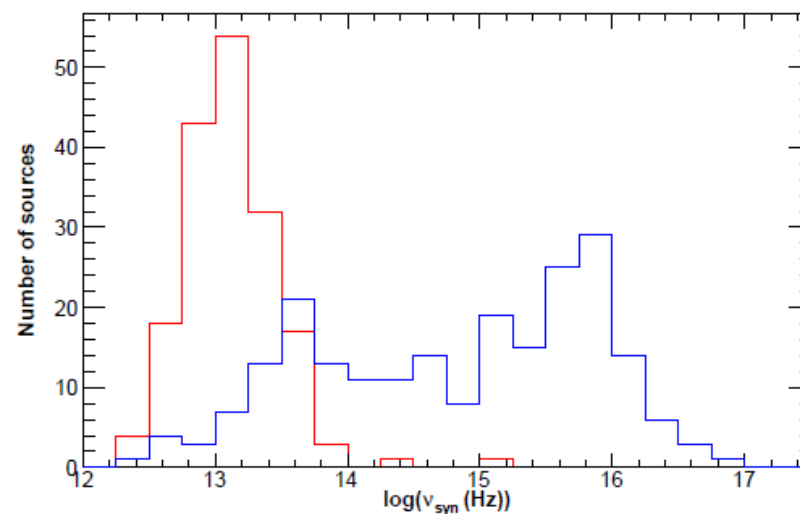
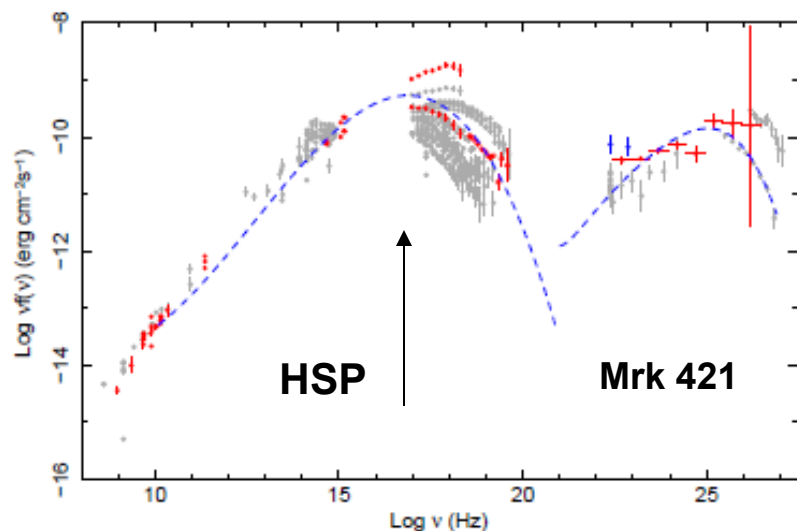
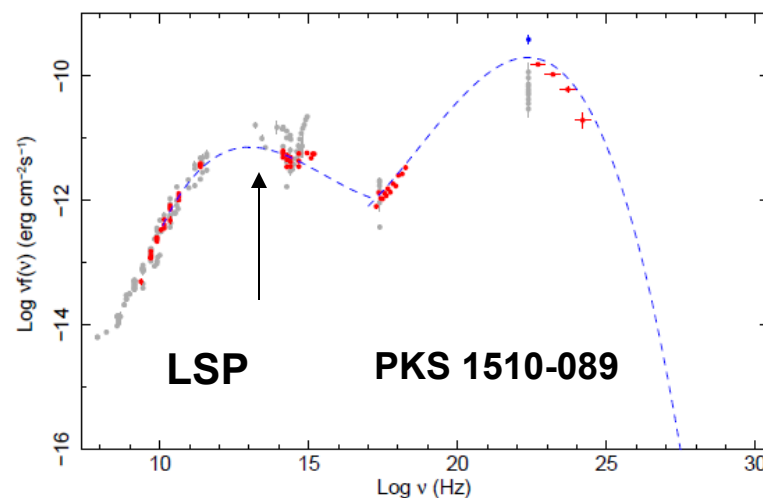
~20 other AGN

# Classifying Fermi AGNs

Abdo et al. 2010, ApJ, 710, 1271

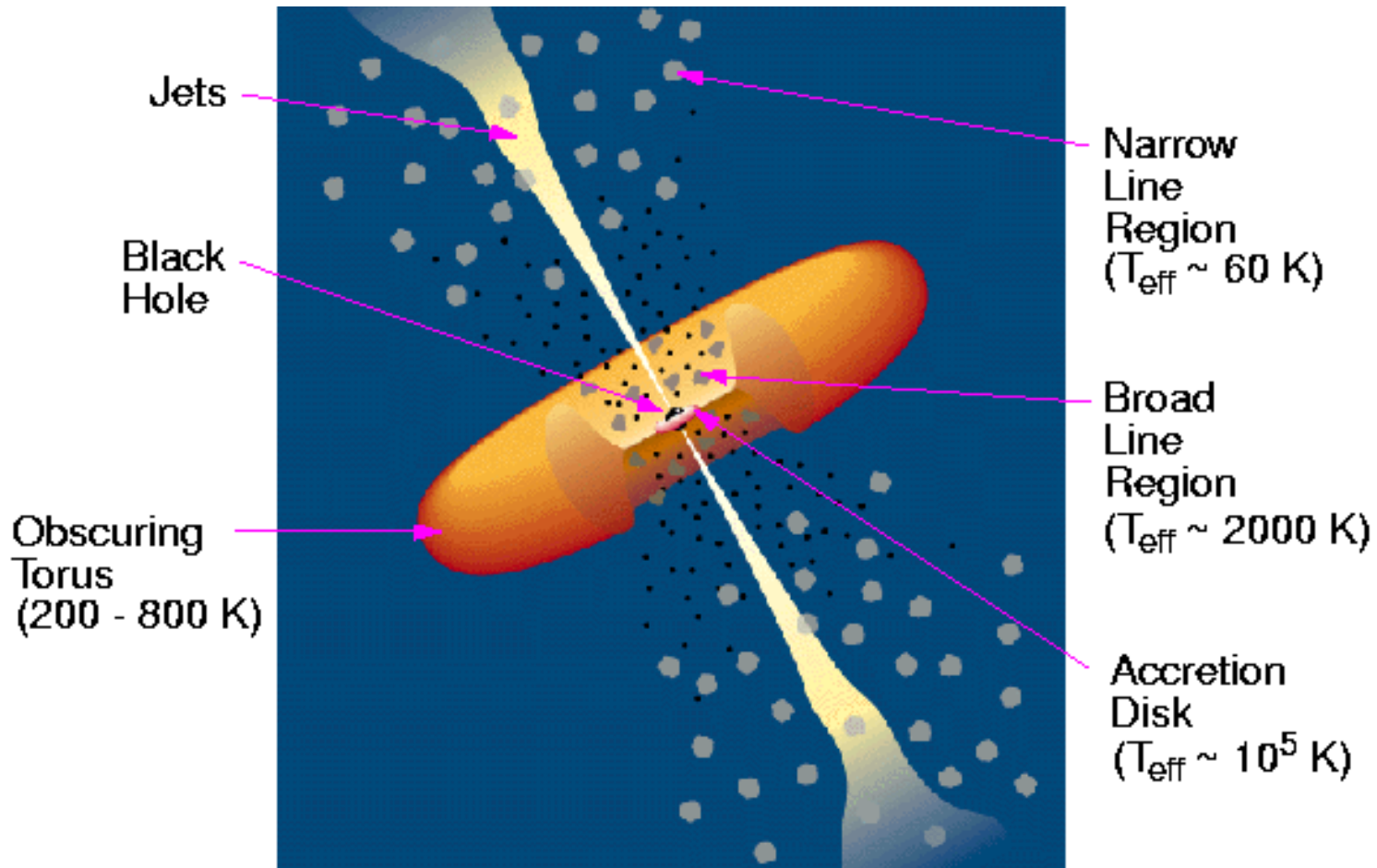
- ❑ **Radio:** FR1 vs FR2
- ❑ **Optical:** FSRQs vs. BL Lacs
- ❑ **SED; (“synchrotron-peaked”)**
  - LSP ( $\nu_{\text{pk}}^{\text{syn}} < 10^{14}$  Hz),
  - HSP ( $\nu_{\text{pk}}^{\text{syn}} > 10^{15}$  Hz)
  - ISP

Essentially all FSRQs are LSPs

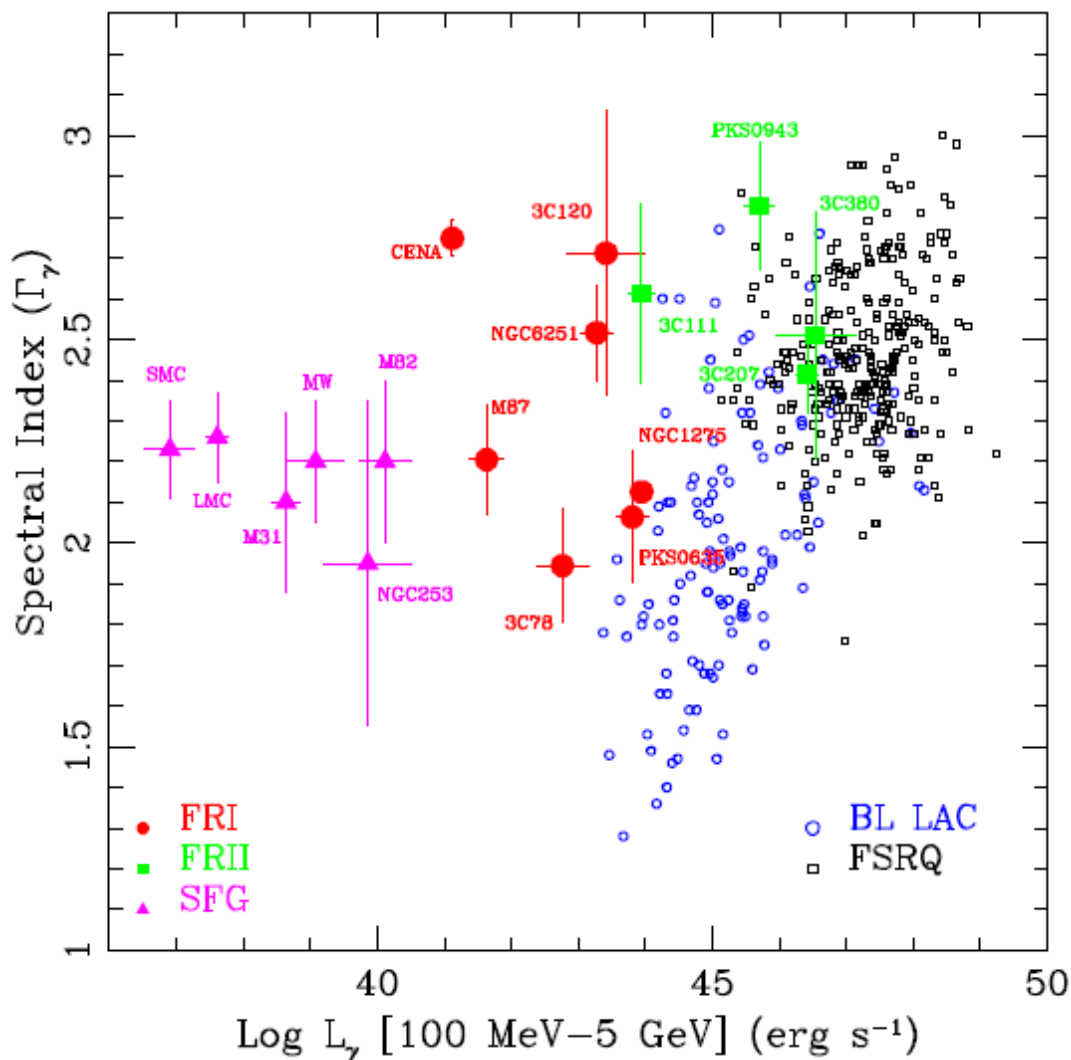


# AGN Unification Paradigm

(Urry and Padovani 1995)



# $\gamma$ -Ray Galaxy Luminosity

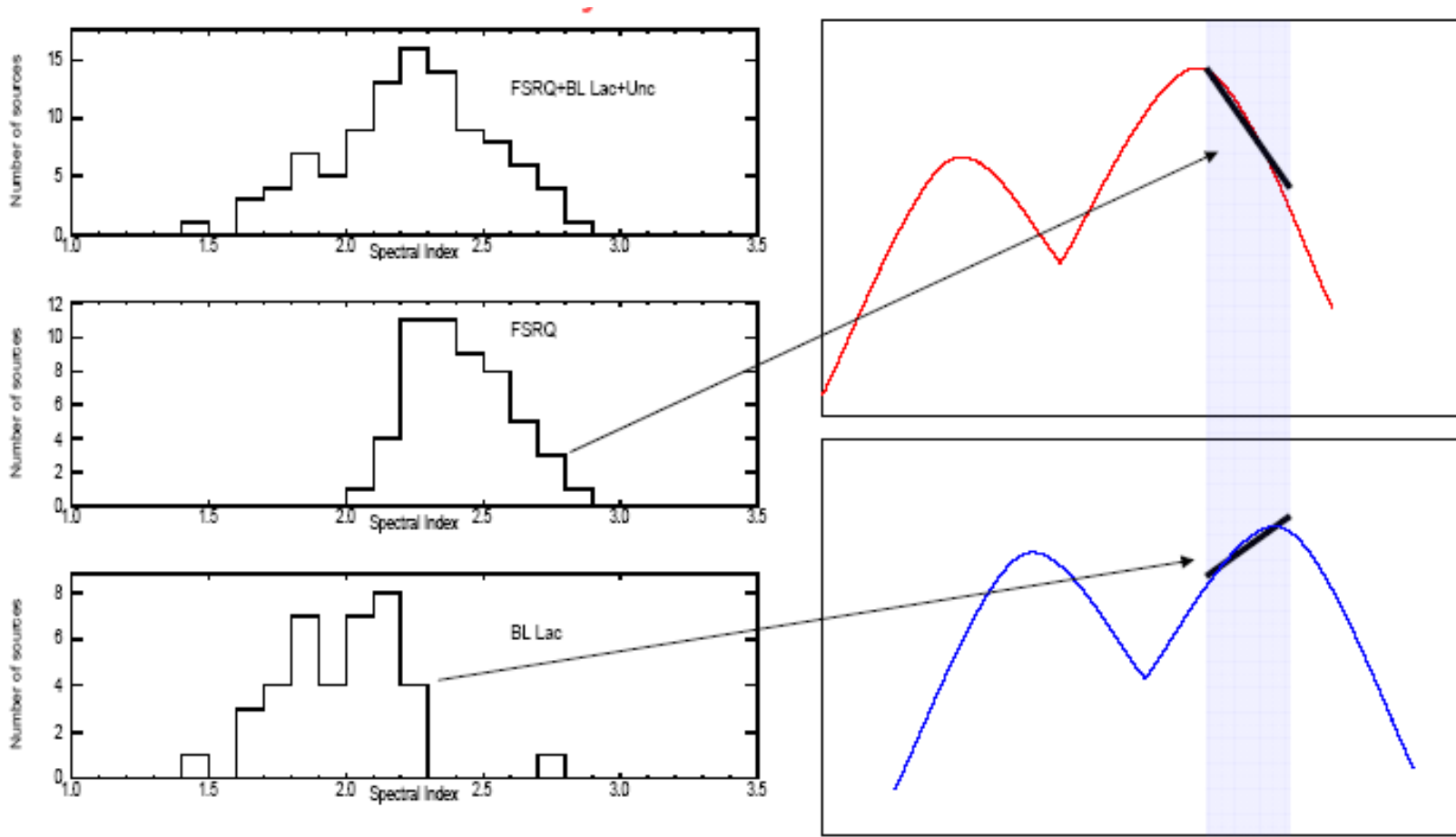


Fermi blazar divide  
(Ghisellini et al. 2009)

Misaligned AGNs  
(host galaxies of blazars)

Star forming galaxies

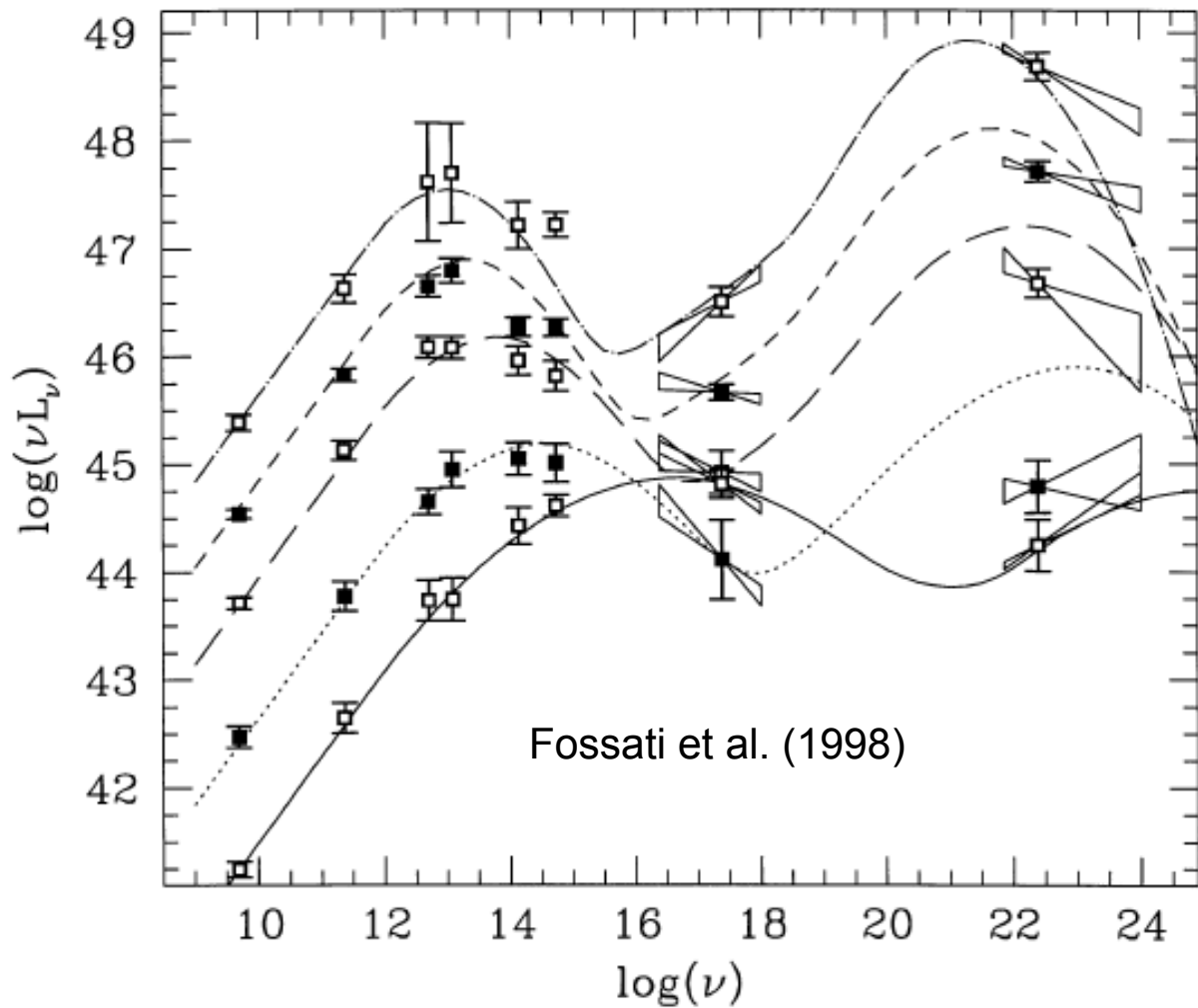
# Spectral Index Distribution





# Blazar Sequence

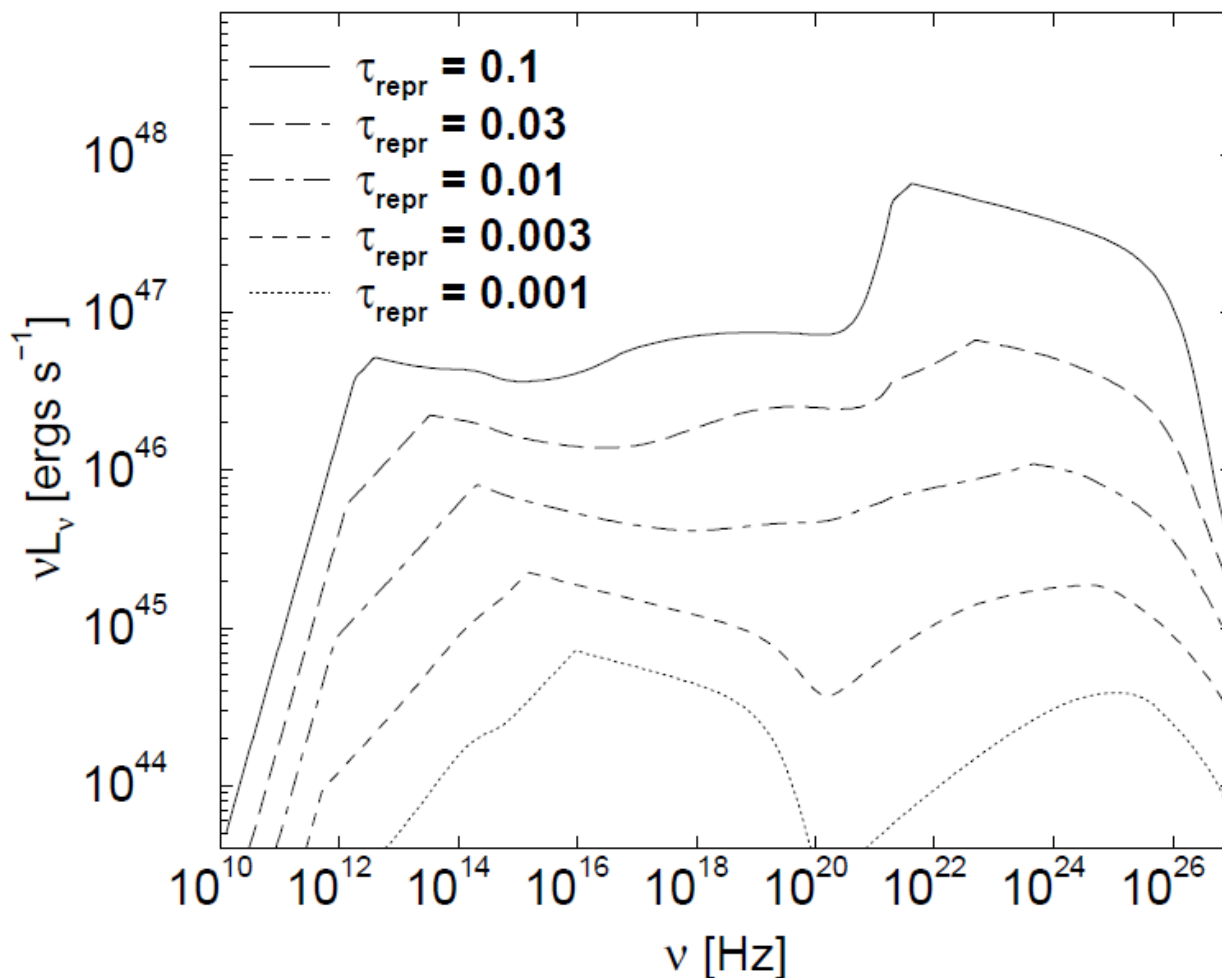
- ❑ Searching for the Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram in blazar studies
- ❑ Inverse correlation between  $E_{\text{peak}}$  and luminosity
- ❑ Cooling model with external radiation for FSRQs (Ghisellini et al. 1998)
- ❑ Selection biases from 2 Jy FSRQs (Wall & Peacock catalog), 1 Jy BL Lac (radio selected), and Einstein Slew Survey (X-ray selected) (Giommi et al. 1999; Padovani et al. 2003, Padovani 2007)



# Understanding the Blazar Sequence

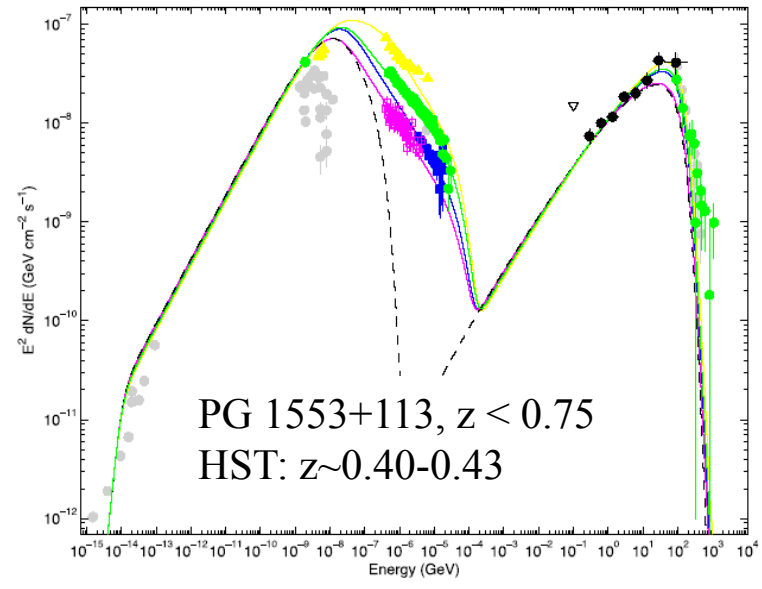
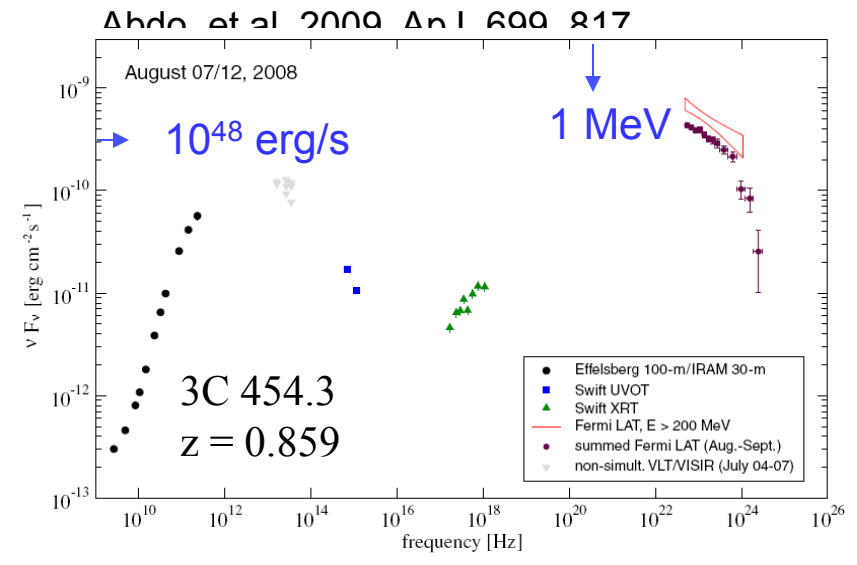
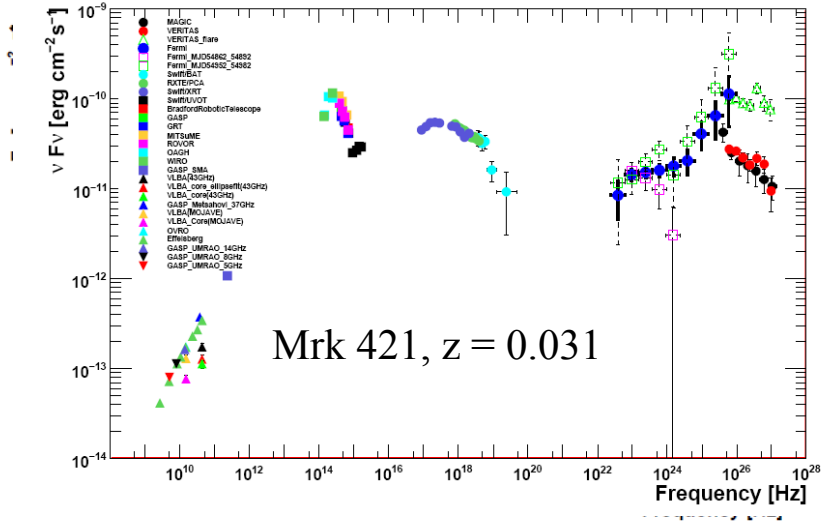
- **Inverse correlation between  $E_{\text{peak}}$  and luminosity** (Fossati et al. 1998)
- **Cooling model with external radiation for FSRQs** (Ghisellini et al. 1998)
- **Origin of the sequence**
  - **Galaxy evolution through reduction of fuel from surrounding gas and dust** (Böttcher and Dermer 2002)
  - **BZ effect** (Cavaliere and d'Elia 2002)

RLNL Sy 1s  
PMN J0948+0022  
z=0.585

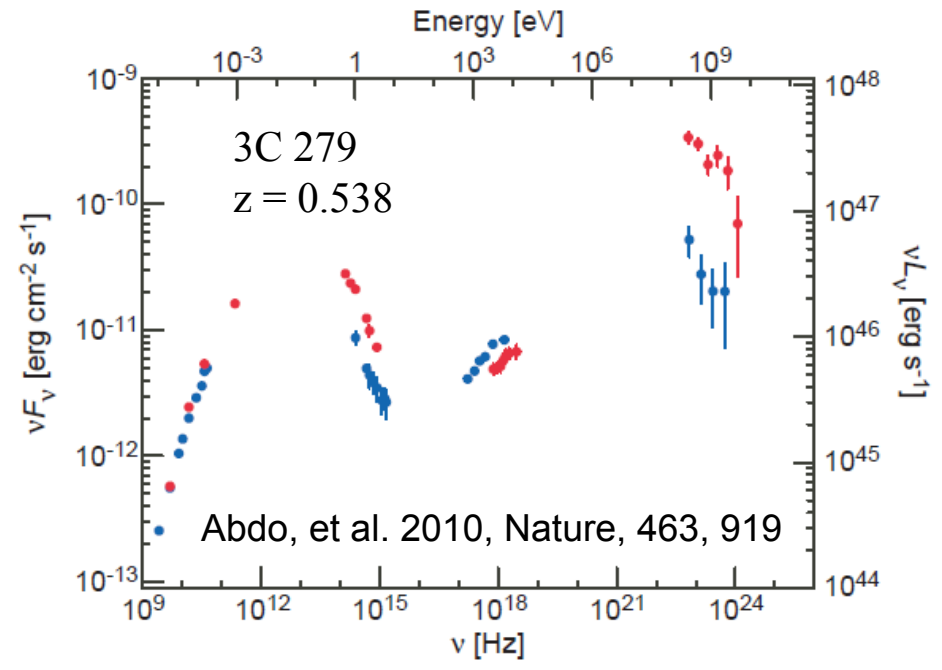


Abdo et al. 2009, ApJ, 699, 976

# Spectral Energy Distributions of Blazars: Two Component Paradigm



Abdo, et al. 2010, ApJ, 708, 1310



# Blazar Modeling

Nonthermal  $\gamma$  rays  $\Rightarrow$  relativistic particles + intense photon fields

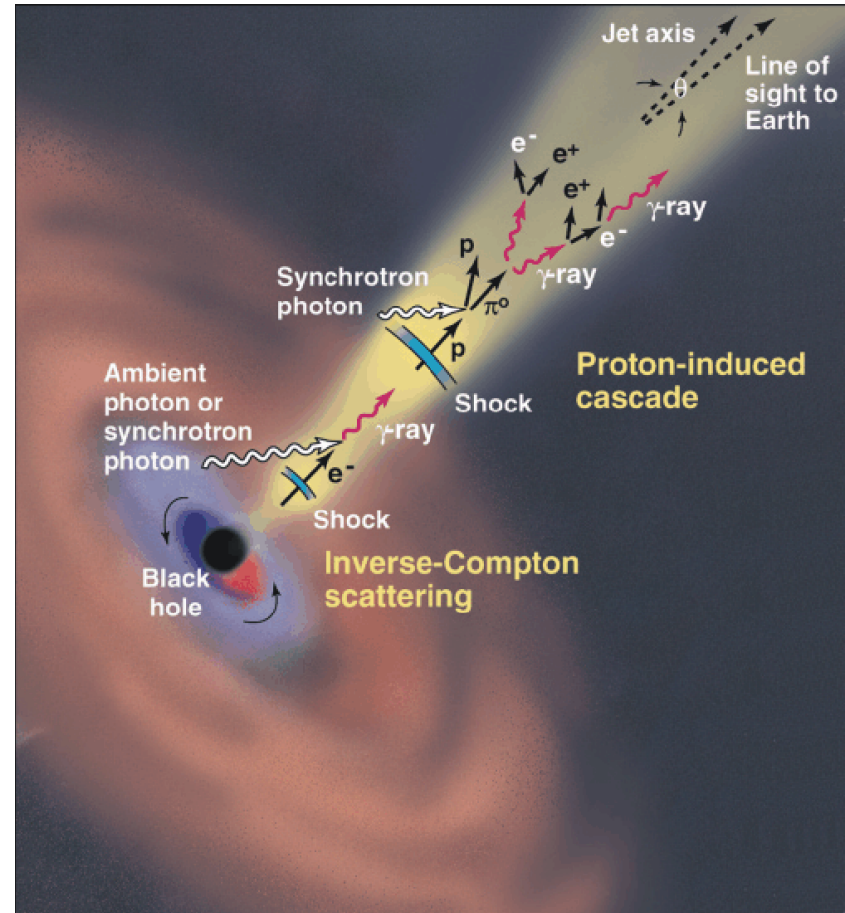
## Leptonic jet model:

- Nonthermal synchrotron paradigm
- Associated SSC and EC component(s)
- Location of emission site

## Hadronic jet model:

- Secondary nuclear production
  - $pN \rightarrow \pi^0, \pi^\pm \rightarrow \gamma, \nu, n, e^\pm$
- Proton and ion synchrotron radiation
  - $pB \rightarrow \gamma$
- Photomeson production
  - $p\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0, \pi^\pm \rightarrow \gamma, \nu, n, e^\pm$

High energy  $\gamma$ -ray component from  $\gamma\gamma' \rightarrow e^\pm \rightarrow \gamma$  by Compton or synchrotron processes  
 Neutrons escape to become UHECRs



# Black Hole Jet Physics: AGNs

Synchrotron/Compton  
Leptonic Jet Model

BL Lac vs. FSRQs

Target photons for scattering  
Accretion regime

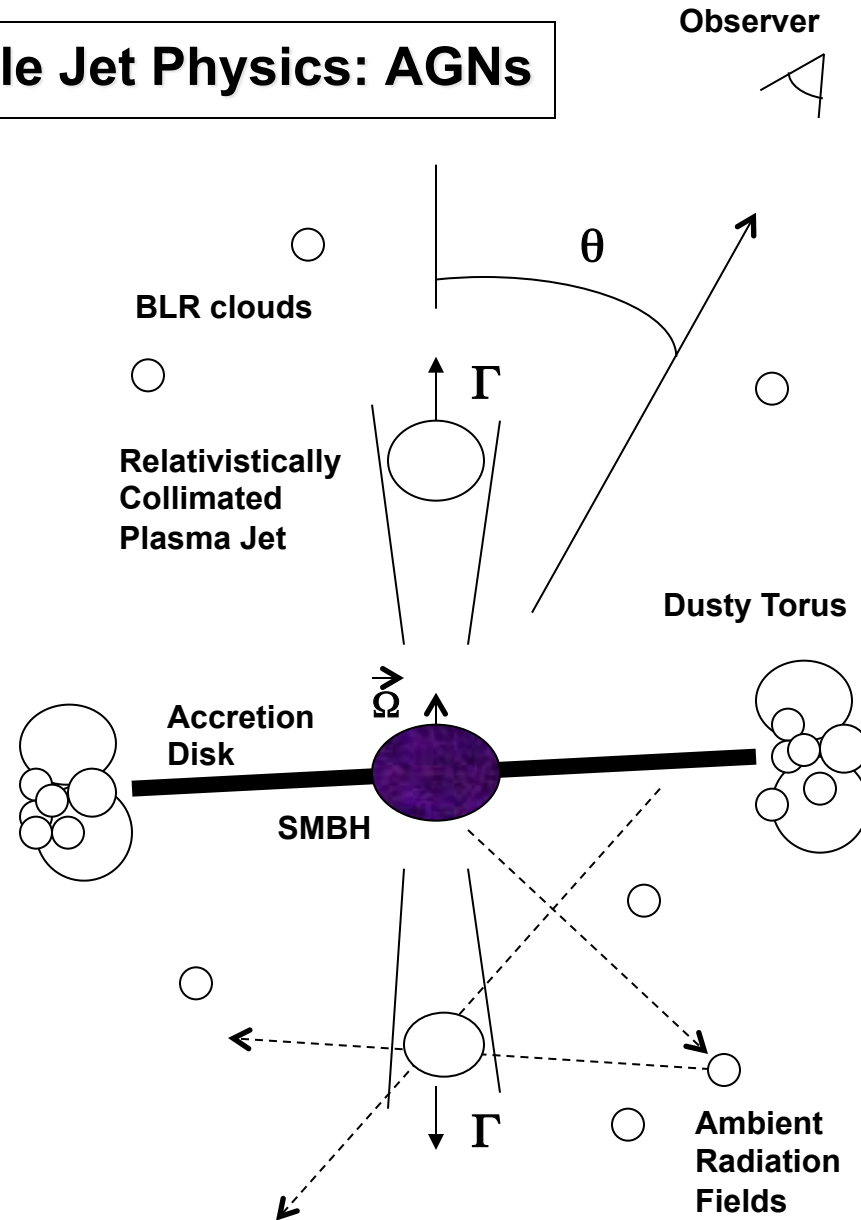
Blob Formalism

Energy Sources:

1. Accretion Power
2. Rotation Power

Supermassive Black Holes

Identifying hadronic emissions



# Doppler Factor

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

$$\Delta x = \beta c \Delta t_* = \beta \Gamma c \Delta t'$$

$$t = t_* + \frac{d}{c} - \frac{x \cos \theta}{c}$$

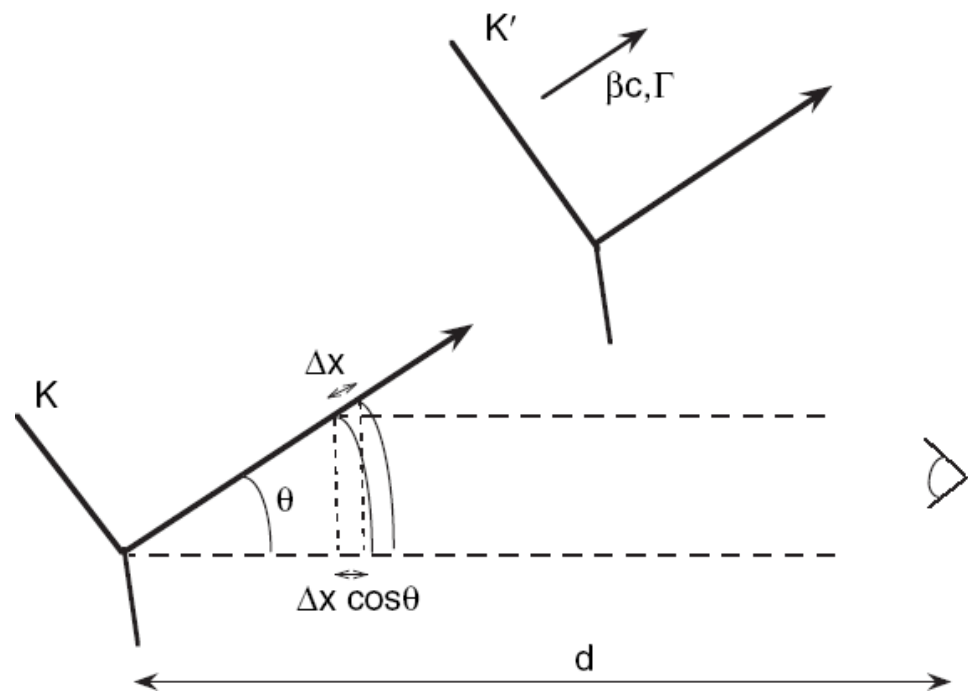
$$t + \Delta t = t_* + \Delta t_* + \frac{d}{c} - \frac{(x + \Delta x) \cos \theta}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{\beta c} (1 - \beta \cos \theta) = \Gamma \Delta t' (1 - \beta \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\Delta t'}{\delta_D} \quad \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{\beta c} (1 - \beta) \rightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{\Gamma^2 c}$$

$$dt = \frac{(1+z) dt'}{\delta_D}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta_D \varepsilon'}{(1+z)}$$



## Variability and Source Size

Source size from direct observations:

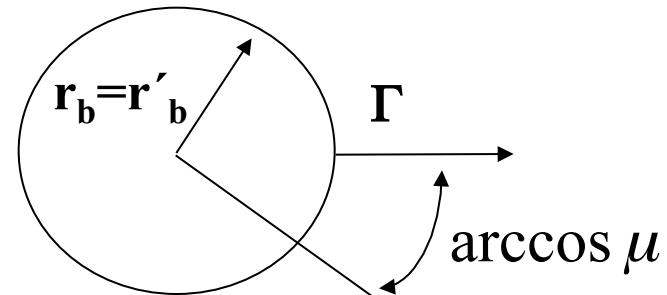
$$r'_b \cong d_A \vartheta \cong 2 \left( \frac{d_A}{10^{27} \text{ cm}} \right) \vartheta (\text{mas}) \text{ pc}$$

Source size from temporal variability:

$$r'_b \lesssim ct'_{var} = c\delta_D t_{var} / (1 + z)$$

$$r'_b (\text{cm}) < \frac{2.5 \times 10^{15} \delta_D t_{var} (\text{day})}{(1 + z)}$$

Spherical blob in comoving frame



**Doppler Factor**

$$\delta_D = [\Gamma(1 - \beta\mu)]^{-1}$$

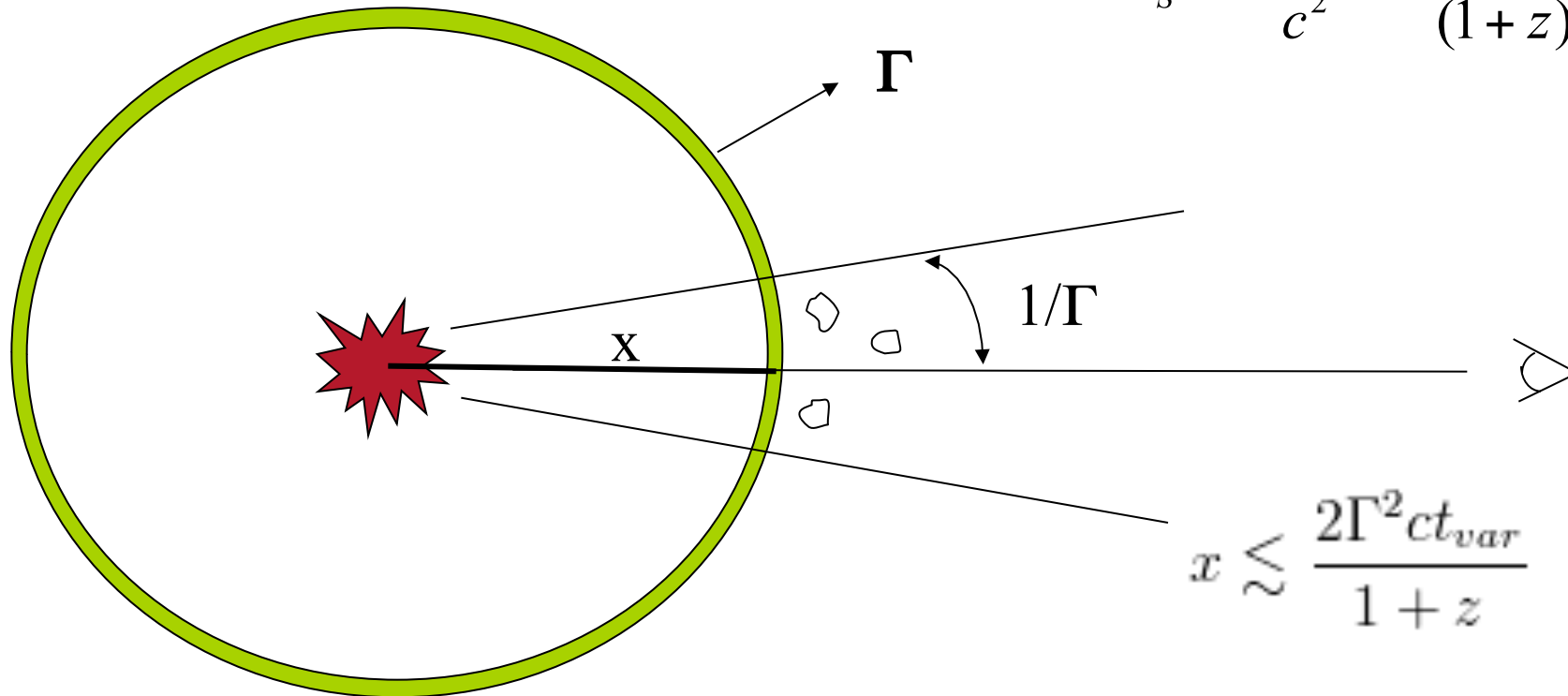
Variability timescale implies maximum emission region size scale

## Variability and Source Location

$$c\Delta t/(1+z) \cong x(1 - \cos\theta) \cong x\theta^2/2 \cong x/2\Gamma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cong 2\Gamma^2 c\Delta t/(1+z)$$

$$R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2} < \frac{ct_{\text{var}}}{(1+z)}$$



Variability timescale implies engine size scale, comoving size scale factor  $\approx \Gamma$  larger and emission location  $\sim \Gamma^2$  larger than values inferred for stationary region

Rapid variability by energizing regions within the Doppler cone



## Energy Fluxes, Blobs and Blast Waves

Measured:  $z$  ( $\Rightarrow d_L$ ),  $\nu F_\nu$  flux,  $t_\nu$   
and jet angle  $\theta_j$  for blob model

**Total Energy Flux:**  $\Phi = \frac{dE}{dAdt} = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$

**Spectral Energy Flux:**

$$f_\varepsilon (\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}) = \nu F_\nu$$

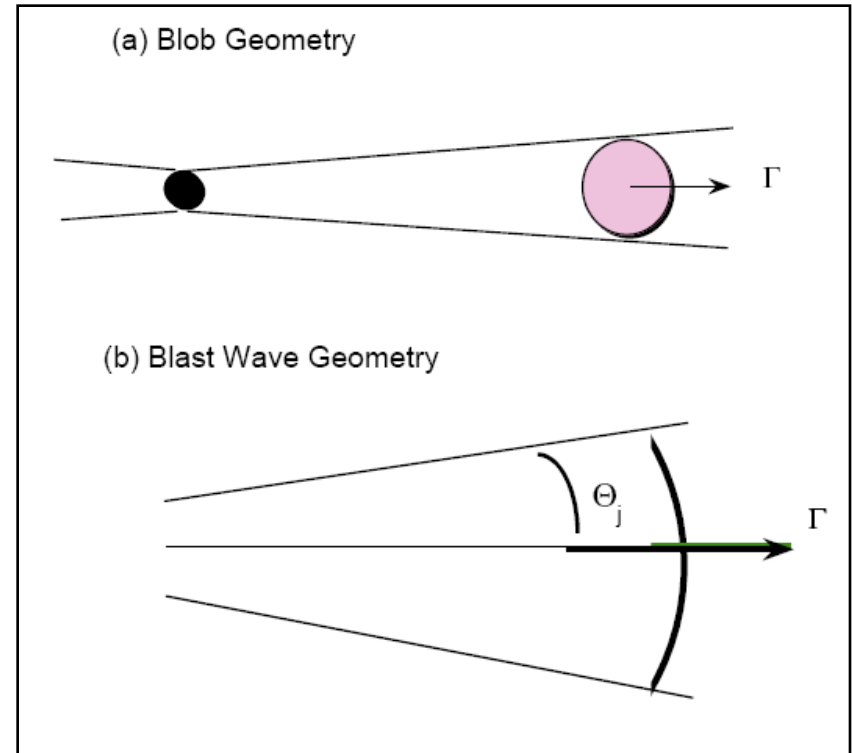
*Blob*:  $\Phi \approx \delta_D^4 \frac{L'_\gamma}{4\pi d_L^2}$

$$f_\varepsilon = \nu F_\nu = \frac{\delta_D^4 \varepsilon' L'(\varepsilon')}{4\pi d_L^2}, r'_b = \frac{c \delta_D t_\nu}{1+z}$$

*Blast Wave*:  $\Phi \approx \Gamma^2 \frac{L'_\gamma}{4\pi d_L^2}$

$$f_\varepsilon = \nu F_\nu = \frac{\Gamma^2 \varepsilon' L'(\varepsilon')}{4\pi d_L^2}, R = \frac{c \Gamma^2 t_\nu}{1+z}, R' = R / \Gamma$$

**Blob (off-axis jet model) vs.  
Blast Wave (observer within jet cone)**



Blob and blast wave  
framework are  
equivalent for opacity  
calculations

## Internal Radiation Fields

Instantaneous energy flux  $\Phi$  (erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>); variability time  $t_v$ , redshift  $z$

**Blob:**  $\Phi \approx \delta_D^4 \frac{L'_\gamma}{4\pi d_L^2}, \quad u'_\gamma \sim \frac{L'_\gamma t'_{esc}}{V'} \sim \frac{3d_L^2 \Phi}{\delta_D^4 r'^2 c}, \quad t'_{esc} \sim r'/c \sim \Delta t' \approx \frac{\delta_D t_v}{1+z}$

$$u'_\gamma \approx \frac{3d_L^2 (1+z)^2 \Phi}{\delta_D^6 t_v^2 c^3} \quad \text{or} \quad n'_\gamma(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{3d_L^2 (1+z)^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^5 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^6 t_v^2}$$

$$n'_{ph}(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{3d_L^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^3 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^4 r'^2} \quad r' \approx \frac{c \delta_D t_v}{1+z}, \quad \varepsilon' \cong \frac{(1+z)\varepsilon}{\delta_D}$$

**Blast Wave:**

$$u'_\gamma \cong \frac{4\pi d_L^2 \Phi}{4\pi R^2 \Gamma^2 c} \cong \frac{d_L^2 (1+z)^2 \Phi}{\Gamma^6 t_v^2 c^3} \quad \text{or} \quad n'_\gamma(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{d_L^2 (1+z)^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^5 \varepsilon'^2 \Gamma^6 t_v^2}$$

$$R' = R/\Gamma, R = \frac{c\Gamma^2 t_v}{1+z}, \quad \varepsilon' \cong \frac{(1+z)\varepsilon}{\Gamma}$$

## Internal Magnetic Fields and Power

Internal energy density  $u' = u'_\gamma / \epsilon_e$  implies a jet magnetic field

$$B' \cong \sqrt{8\pi\epsilon_B u'_\gamma / \epsilon_e}$$

$\epsilon_e$  is fraction of total energy density in nonthermal electrons assumed to be producing the  $\gamma$  rays

$\epsilon_B$  is fraction of total energy density in magnetic field

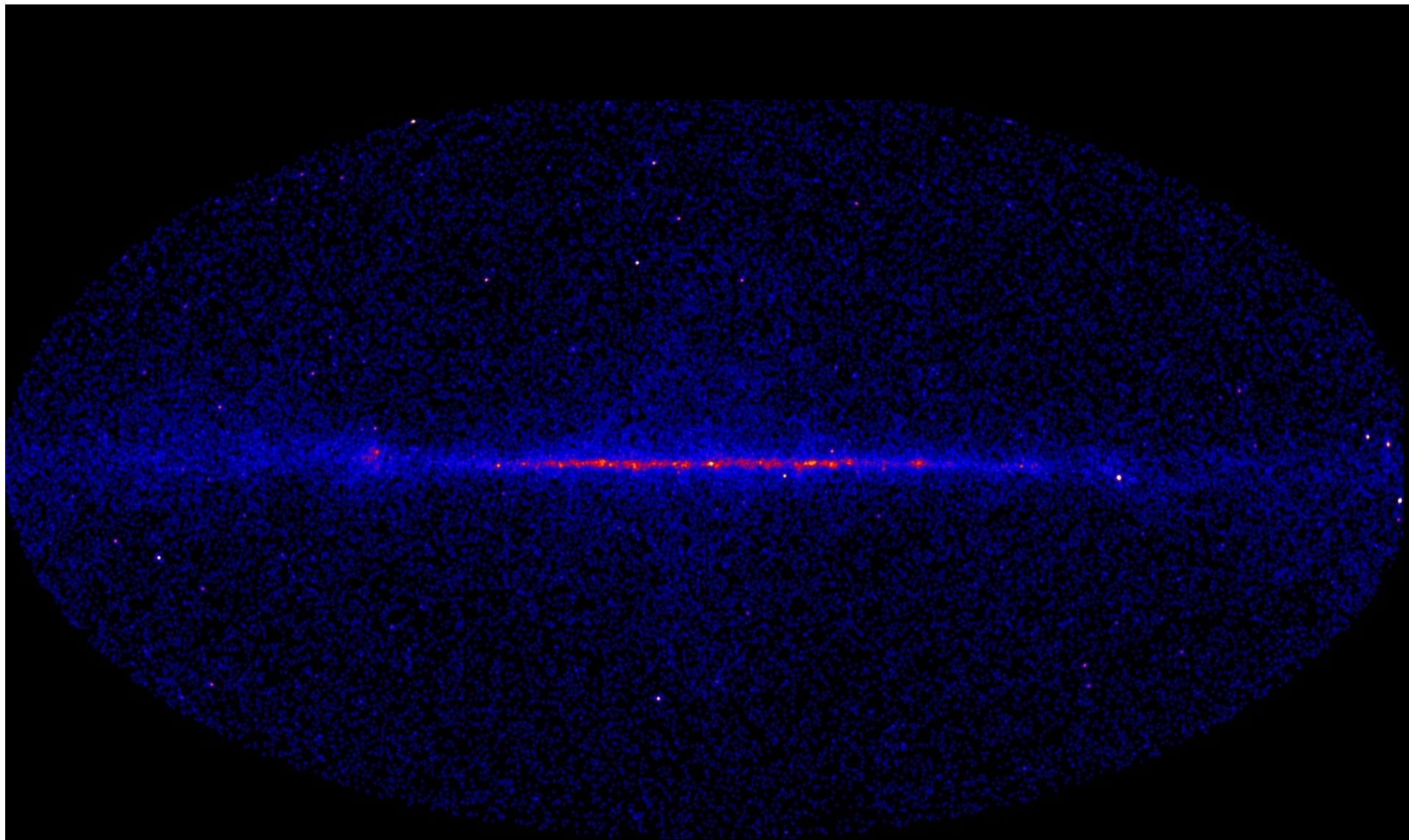
Apparent Jet Power

$$P_j = 4\pi R^2 \beta c \Gamma^2 (u'_B + u'_{par} + u'_\gamma)$$

Absolute Jet Power

$$P_j = 2\pi r'_b{}^2 \beta c \delta_D^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma^2}{\delta_D^2} \right) (u'_B + u'_{par} + u'_\gamma)$$

$$r'_b \approx \frac{c \delta_D t_v}{1+z}$$



**3 month Fermi LAT data**

**>200 MeV**

**1 Year Fermi LAT data**

**10-100 GeV**

## $\gamma\gamma$ Opacity : $\delta$ -function approximation for Blob

$$\frac{d\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon'_1)}{dx'} \cong \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon' \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(s') n'_{ph}(\varepsilon'), \quad \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(s') \cong \frac{2}{3} \sigma_T \delta(s' - 2)$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon'_1) \approx \frac{2}{3} \sigma_T r' \int_0^\infty d\varepsilon' \frac{\delta(\varepsilon' - 2/\varepsilon'_1)}{\varepsilon'_1} n'_{ph}(\varepsilon') \quad \varepsilon' = 2/\varepsilon'_1$$

$$\approx \frac{2}{3} \frac{\sigma_T r' n'_{ph}(2/\varepsilon'_1)}{\varepsilon'_1} \quad n'_\gamma(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{3d_L^2 (1+z)^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^5 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^6 t_v^2}$$

$$n'_{ph}(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{3d_L^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^3 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^4 r'^2} \quad \Rightarrow \tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon'_1) \cong \frac{2\sigma_T}{3\varepsilon'_1} \frac{3d_L^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^3 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^4 r'}$$

$$\varepsilon' = \frac{(1+z)\varepsilon}{\delta_D}$$

## Minimum Doppler factor approximation for Blob

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon'_1) \cong \frac{2\sigma_T}{\varepsilon'_1} \frac{d_L^2 f_\varepsilon}{m_e c^3 \varepsilon'^2 \delta_D^4 r'}$$

$$\varepsilon' = 2 / \varepsilon'_1$$

$$\varepsilon'_1 = \frac{(1+z)\varepsilon_1}{\delta_D}$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon'_1) \cong \frac{\sigma_T}{2} \frac{d_L^2 f_\varepsilon \varepsilon'_1}{m_e c^3 \delta_D^4 r'}$$

$$r' \approx \frac{c\delta_D t_v}{1+z},$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon_1) \cong \frac{\sigma_T (1+z)^2 d_L^2 f_{\hat{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon_1}{2m_e c^4 \delta_D^6 t_v}$$

Minimum bulk Lorentz factor:  $\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(\varepsilon_1) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{D,\min} \cong \left[ \frac{\sigma_T (1+z)^2 d_L^2 f_{\hat{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon_1}{2m_e c^4 t_v} \right]^{1/6}$$

$$\varepsilon' \varepsilon'_1 \approx 2 \Rightarrow \hat{\varepsilon} \cong \frac{2\delta_D^2}{(1+z)^2 \varepsilon_1}$$

## γγ opacity and $\Gamma_{\min}$ for PKS 2155-304

$$\delta_{D,\min} \cong \left[ \frac{\sigma_T (1+z)^2 d_L^2 f_{\hat{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon_1}{2m_e c^4 t_v} \right]^{1/6}$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon} \cong \frac{2\delta_D^2}{(1+z)^2 \varepsilon_1}$$

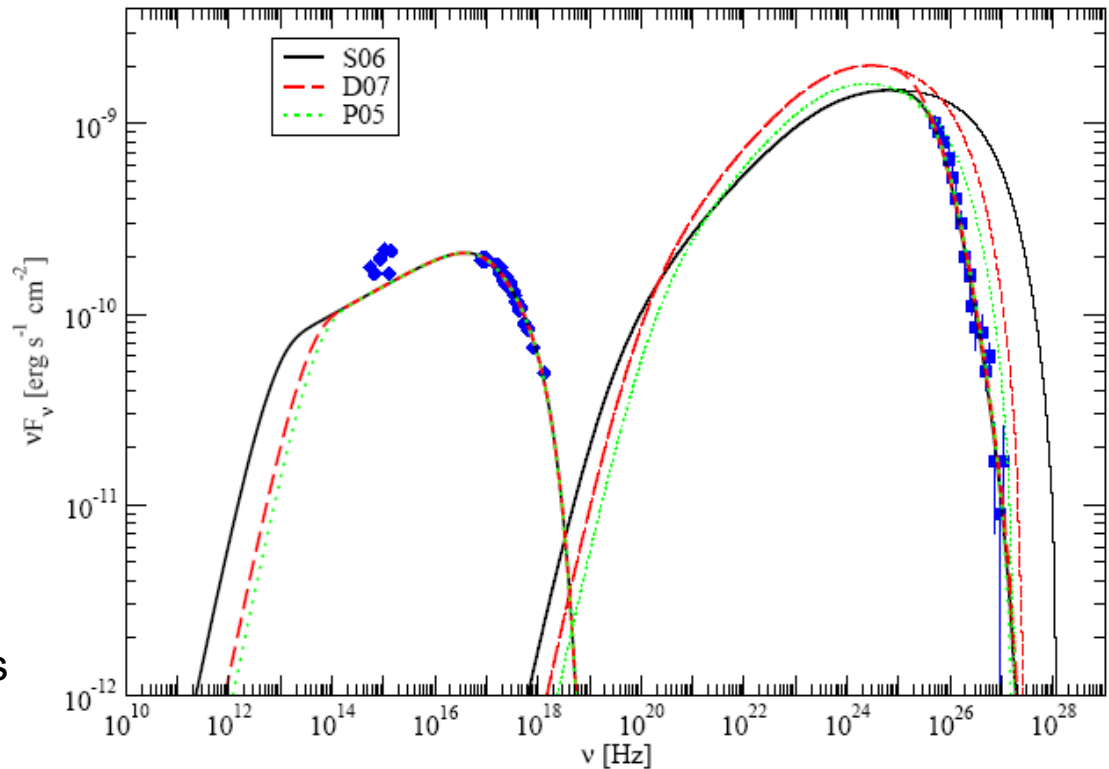
$$z = 0.116, d_L = 1.65 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}$$

$$t_v = 300 t_{5m} \text{ s}$$

Solve iteratively, quickly converges

$$\delta_{D,\min} \cong 32 \left[ \frac{(f_{\hat{\varepsilon}} / 10^{-10} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}) E_1(\text{TeV})}{t_{5m}} \right]^{1/6}$$

$$\hat{E}(\text{keV}) \cong 0.6 \frac{(\delta_D / 36)^2}{E_1(\text{TeV})}$$



- Code of Finke et al. (2008)
- Includes internal  $\gamma\gamma$  opacity but not pair reinjection
- Sensitive to EBL model
- Fit to 2006 flare

## **Synchrotron Self-Compton Model**

Basic tool is one-zone synchrotron/SSC model with synchrotron self-absorption and internal pair production

Even this lacks pair reinjection; multiple self-Compton components

Deducing source redshift from high-energy spectra requires both good spectral model and good EBL model

What portion of synchrotron spectrum should be fitted?

Synchrotron/SSC model: Best fit model; parameter studies; extracting underlying electron distribution; variability analysis



# Synchrotron/SSC Modeling

Approximations (in the one-zone model)

## 1. $\delta$ -function approximation

zero-fold for synchrotron; 1 fold for SSC

Take KN effects into account by terminating integration when scattering enters the KN regime

Useful for analytic results; equipartition estimates; jet power calculations

## 2. Uniform approximation: $B$ , $\delta_D$ , and $R'$

a. Integrate elementary synchrotron emissivity over electron  $\gamma$ -factor distribution (assumed uniform throughout sphere)

b. Average synchrotron spectrum over blob to get target photon spectrum

c. Compton-scatter synchrotron photons using (isotropic) Jones formula, valid throughout Thomson and KN regimes

Provides accurate absolute power estimates (photon, particle, B-field) given observing angle

for blazars,  $\Gamma \approx \delta_D$ ; for radio galaxies inferred from observations

# Synchrotron Self-Compton Modeling

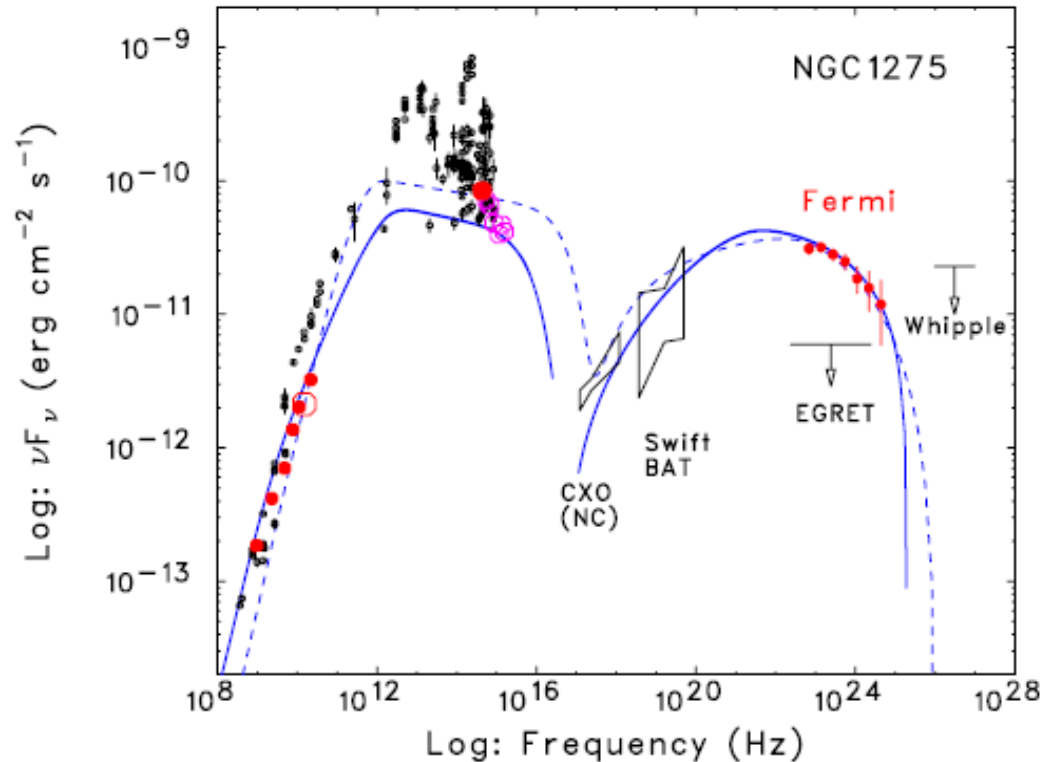
Determine electron distribution from nonthermal synchrotron spectrum

Integrate electron spectrum over  
Crusius-Schlickeiser (1986)  
function to get accurate  
synchrotron emissivity;  
See Finke et al. (2008)

Compton kernel in head-on  
approximation for SSC (Finke et al.  
2008; Dermer et al. 2008)

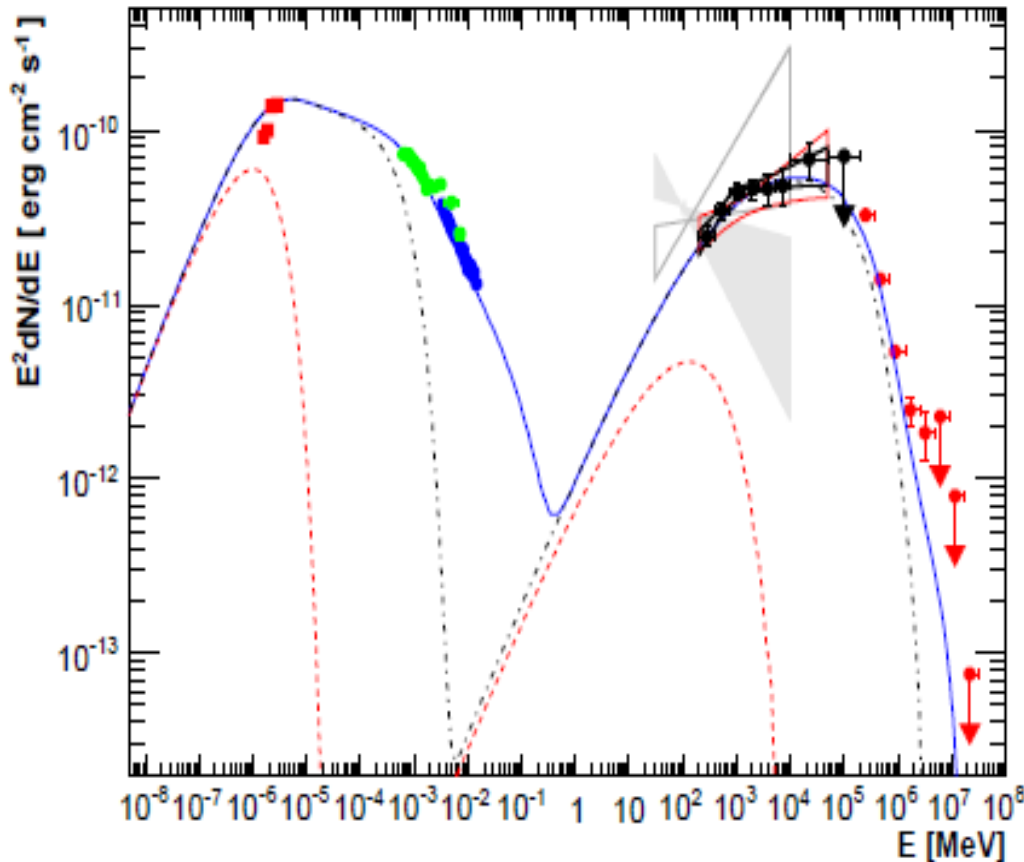
Spatially-averaged emission

Synchrotron self-absorption for  
homogeneous sphere



$$f_{\epsilon}^{syn} \cong f_{\epsilon_s} \left[ \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right)^{4/3} \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_s} \right)^a H(\epsilon; \epsilon_0, \epsilon_s) + \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_s} \right)^a H(\epsilon; \epsilon_0, \epsilon_s) + \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_s} \right)^b H(\epsilon; \epsilon_s, \infty) \right]$$

# $\gamma\gamma$ opacity and $\Gamma_{\min}$ for PKS 2155-304



Model	$\delta_D$	B [mG]	$t_{\text{var}}$ [s]	$L_j$ [ $10^{47}$ erg s $^{-1}$ ]
6	895	2.5	30	4.5
8	390	3.0	300	2.7
16	261	81	30	0.5
18	139	57	300	0.4

Lower EBL

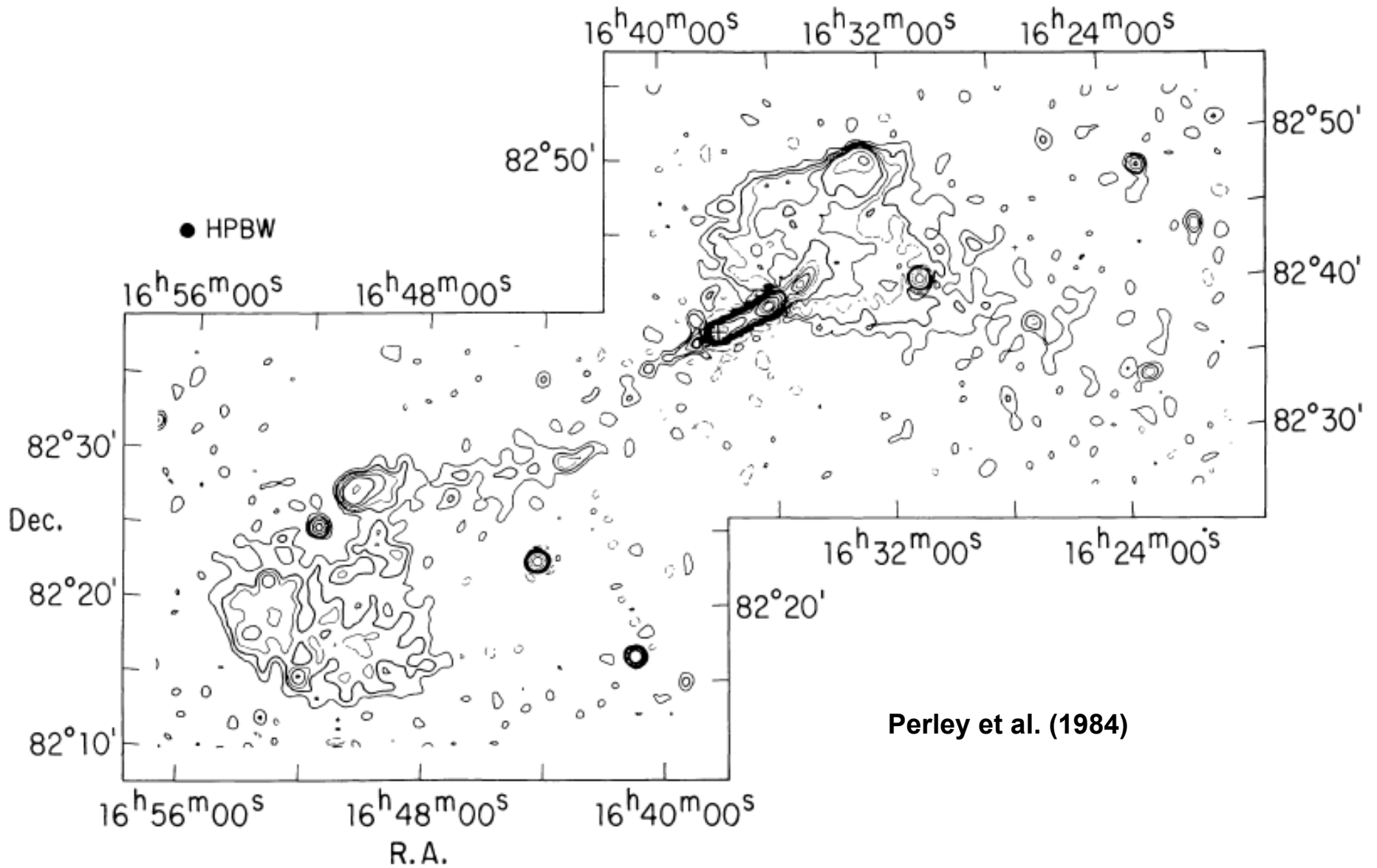
Standard one-zone synchrotron/SSC model

$$(\gamma'_{\min} = 100)$$

Doppler factor  $\delta \gg 100$  during flaring episodes

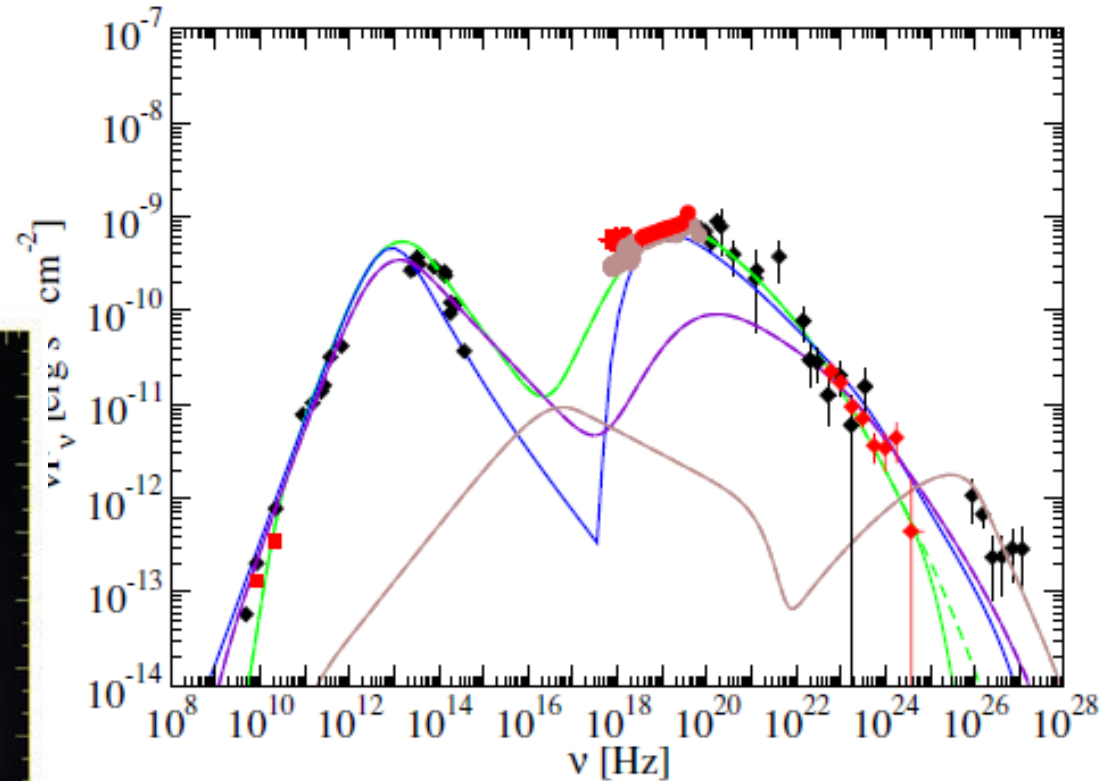
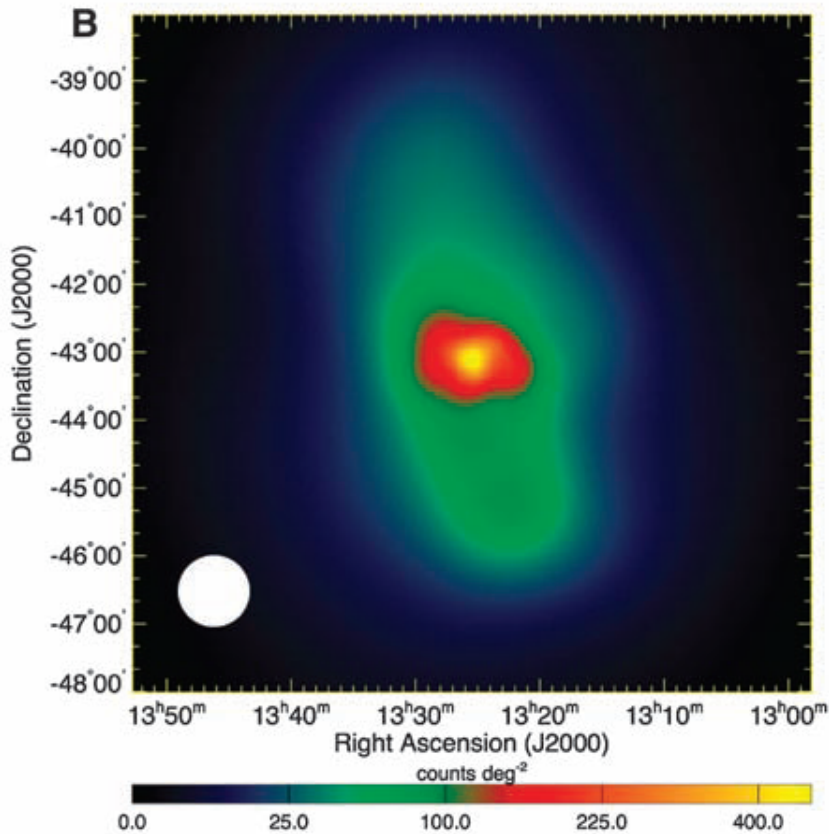
- ❑ Radio galaxy core emission well fit by sync./SSC model with  $\delta \approx \Gamma \approx \text{few}$
- ❑ The  $\delta$ -unification problem
  - Decelerating Jet Model  
(Georganopoulos & Kazanas 2003)
  - Spine and Sheath Model  
(Ghisellini et al. 2005)
  - Colliding Shell Model

# NGC 6251: FR1 MAGN



# Cen A Core and Lobes

- First resolved extragalactic GeV source (after LMC)



10 times more energy in nonthermal protons/hadrons as electrons

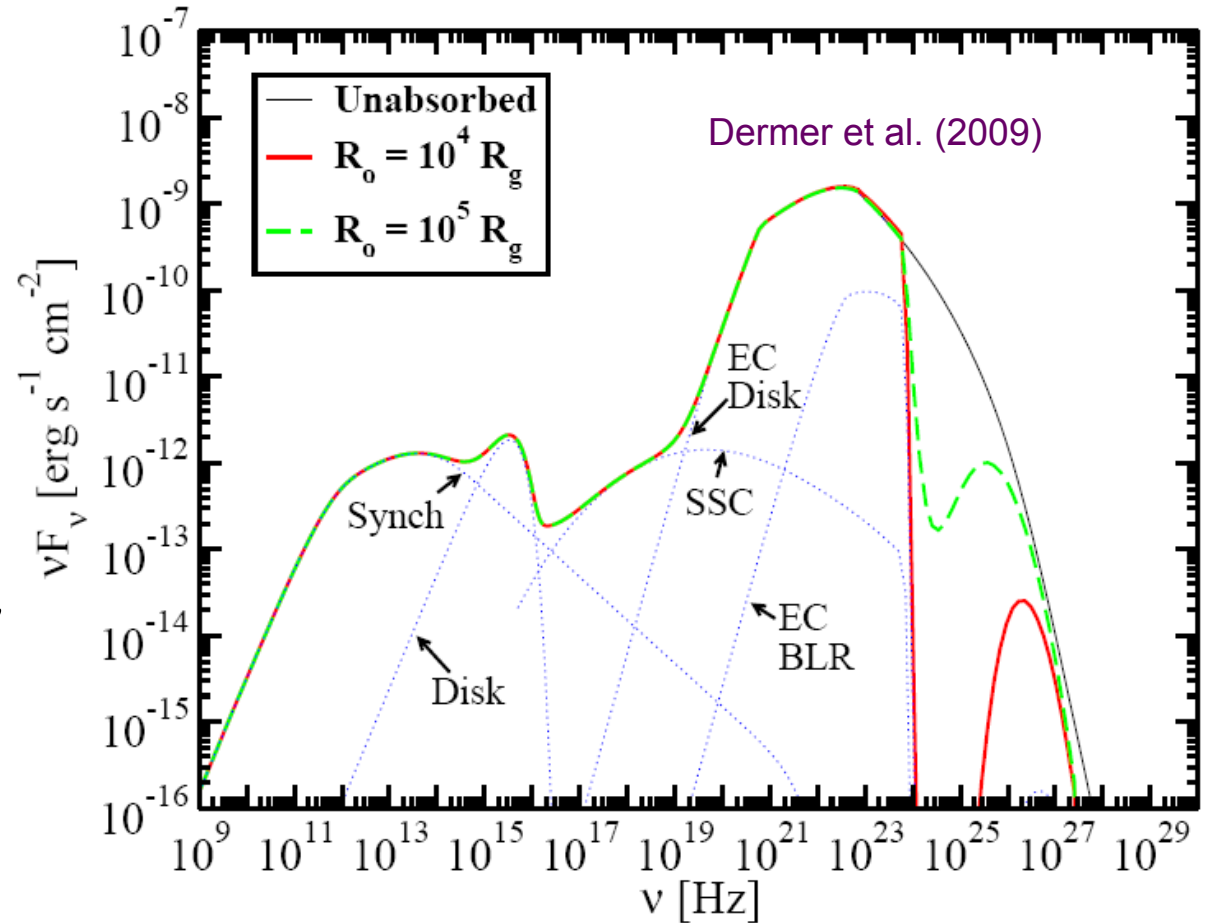
# FSRQ Modeling

At least three additional  
spectral components:

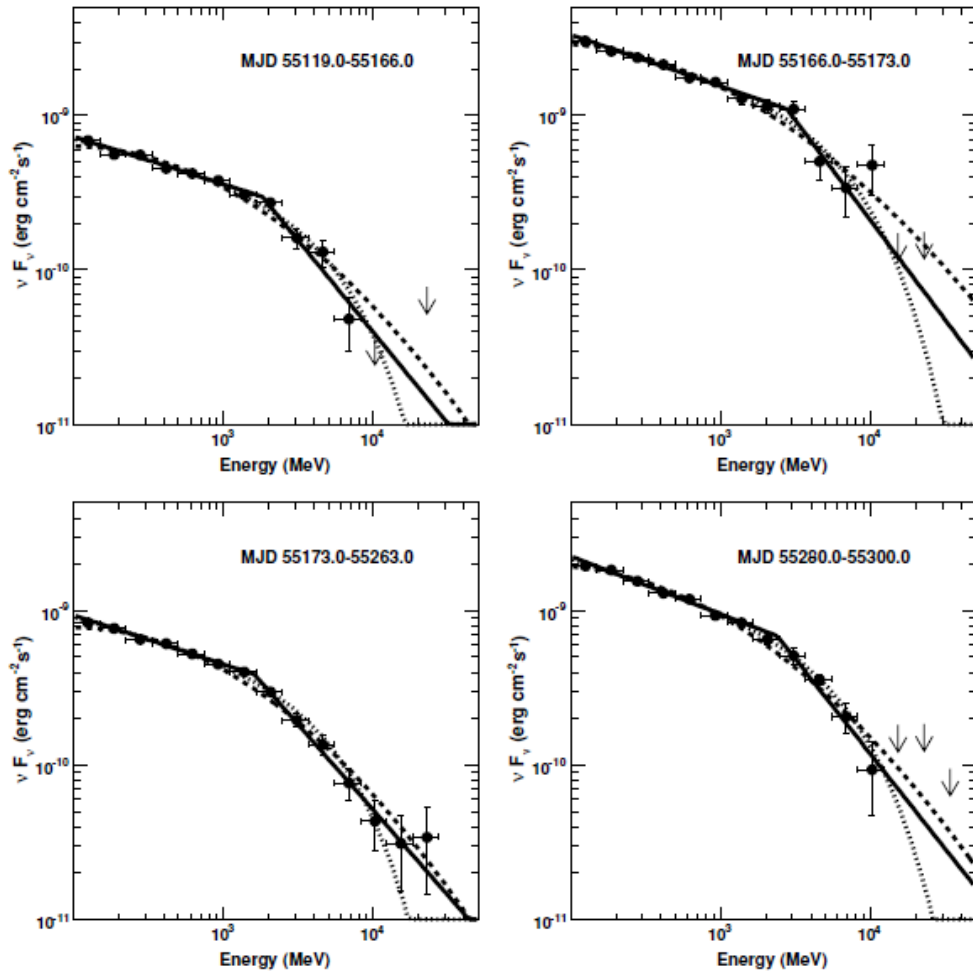
- Accretion disk
- EC Disk
- EC BLR

External radiation field  
provides a new source of  
opacity; need to perform  
Compton scattering and  $\gamma\gamma$   
opacity self-consistently

Opacity spectral break at a  
few GeV

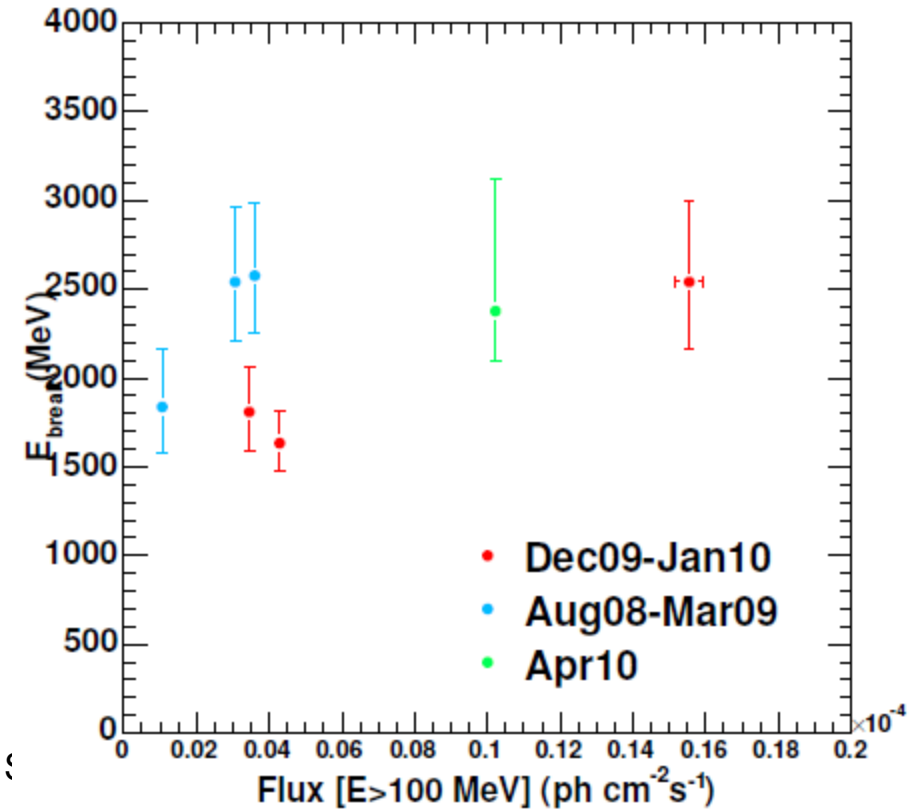


# The Peculiarly Constant GeV Spectral Break in 3C 454.3



or ● MJD=55152-55261  
 ● MJD=55280-55300  
 BPL, LogPar, Expcutoff

$\Gamma_1$	$\Gamma_2$	$E_{break}$ (MeV)	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\Gamma$	$E_b$ (MeV)	P (MeV)
$\pm 0.01$	$3.05 \pm 0.06$	$1590^{+190}_{-160}$	$2.51 \pm 0.02$	$0.13 \pm 0.01$	$2.29 \pm 0.02$	$760 \pm 190$	$6000 \pm 600$
$\pm 0.02$	$3.23 \pm 0.14$	$2380^{+750}_{-270}$	$2.55 \pm 0.03$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	$2.35 \pm 0.03$	$960 \pm 500$ MeV	$7700 \pm 1500$



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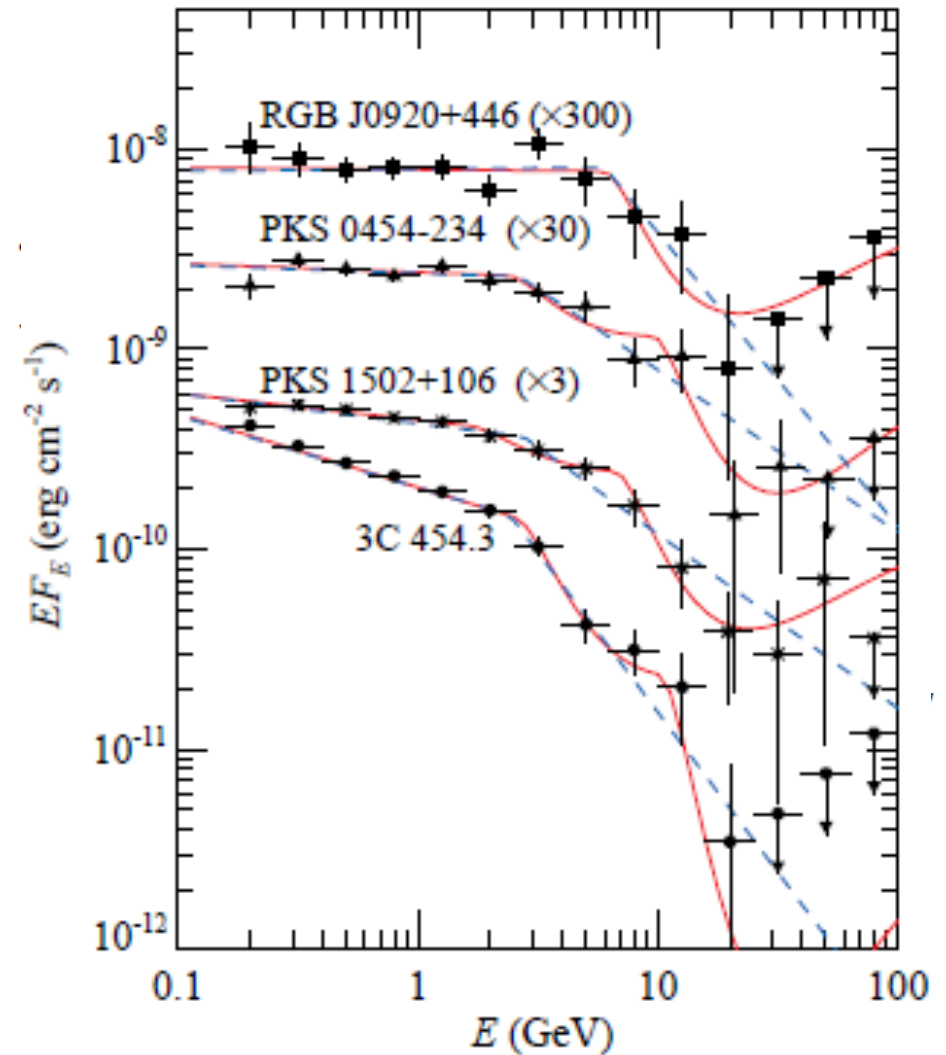
# Models for Spectral Break

Intrinsic spectral break in electron energy distribution with Compton-scattered accretion disk and broad line region radiation (Finke & Dermer 2010)

Robust solution, independent of dissipation radius, within BLR with wind-density profile (disk-wind)

$\gamma\gamma$  attenuation from H (13.6 eV) and He II (54.4 eV) recombination radiation deep within the BLR (Poutanen & Stern 2010)

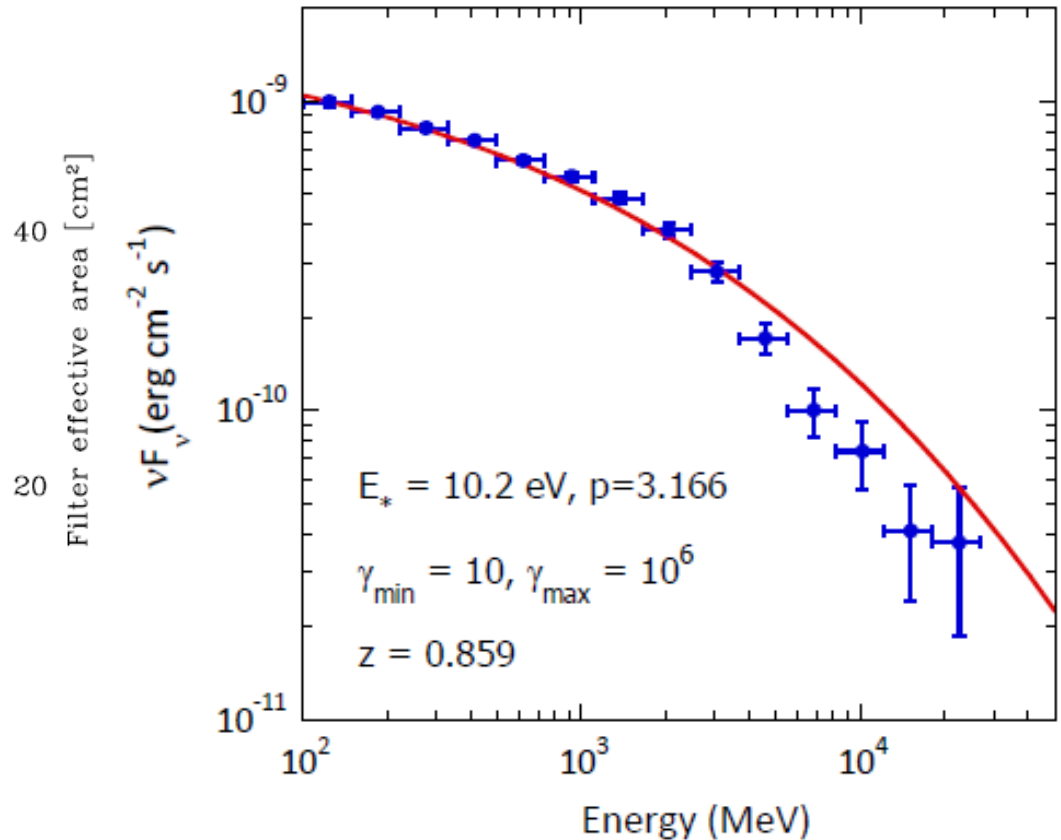
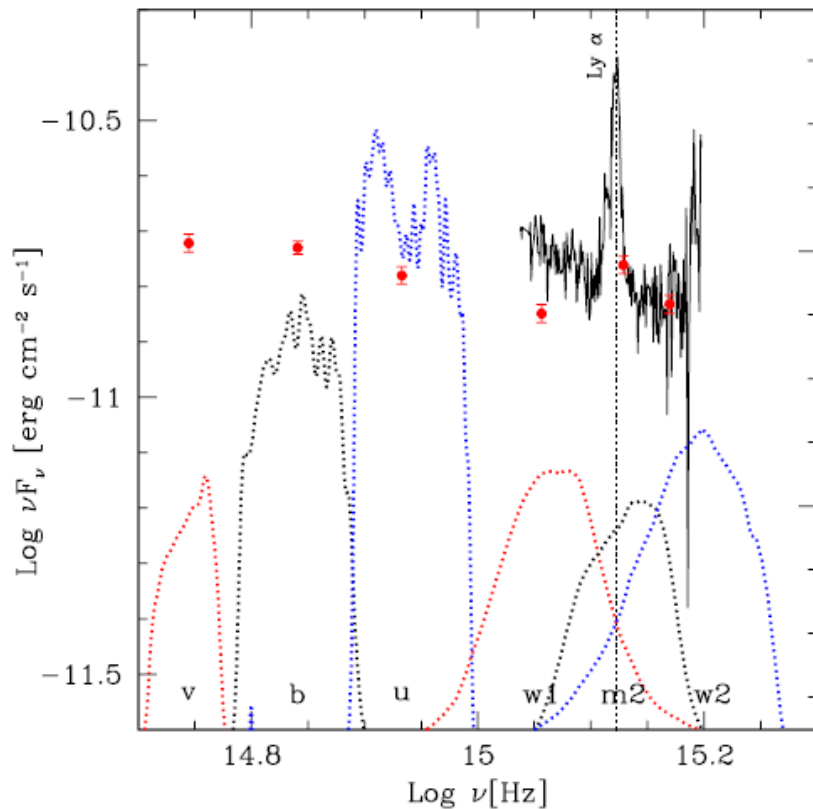
Consistency of synchrotron and Compton-scattered radiation spectrum with external photon field?





# Break due to Compton-Scattered Ly $\alpha$ Radiation?

$$E_{KN}(\text{GeV}) \approx 2.1 \text{ GeV} / E_*(10.2 \text{ eV})$$



**Bonnoli et al. (2009)**

**GALEX and UVOT observations of strong Ly  $\alpha$ :  $2 \times 10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$**

**Emission region size from reverberation mapping studies**

**$\Rightarrow$  Energy density of BLR**

**(cf. Georganopoulos et al. 2001)**

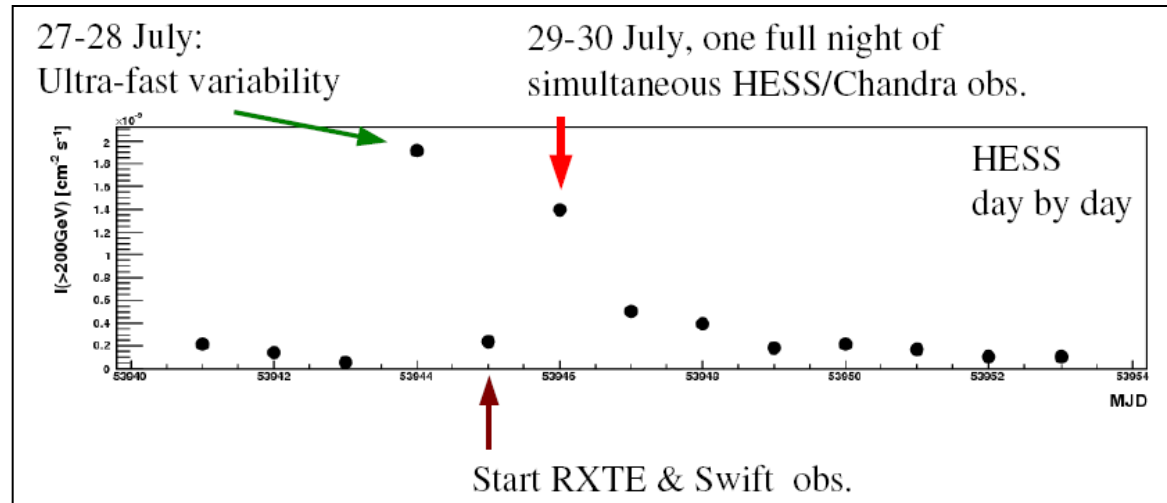
## VARIABILITY

*Hyper-variable*

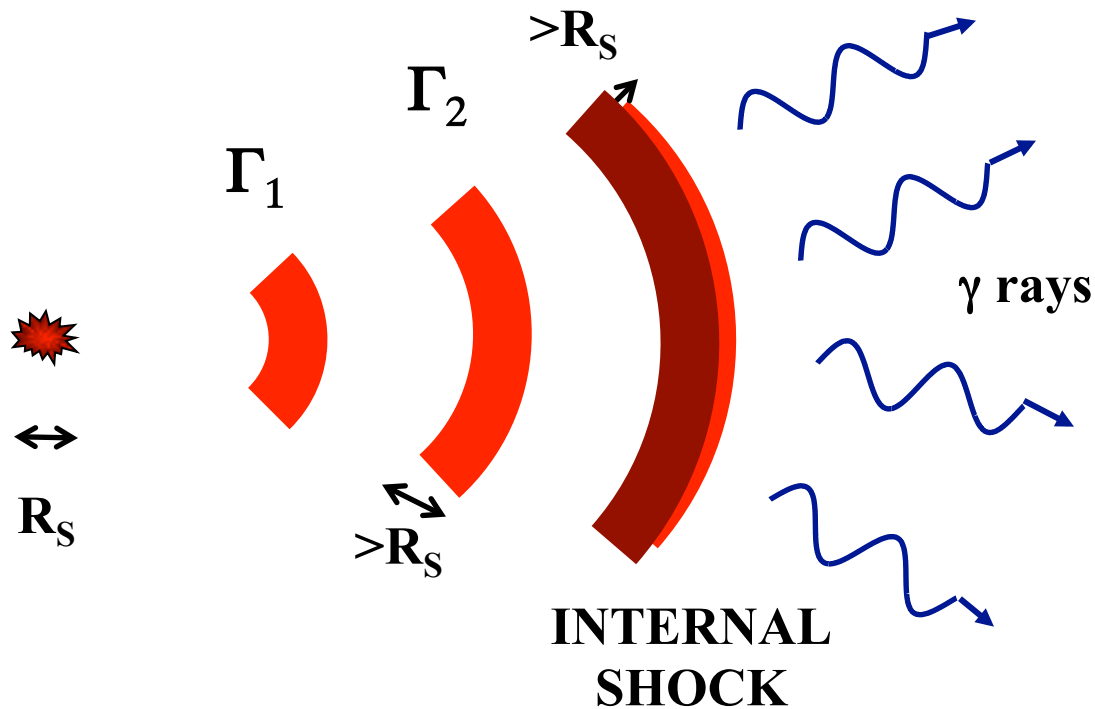
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- ❑ X-ray selected BL Lac
- ❑  $z = 0.116$ ,  $d_L = 540$  Mpc
- ❑ Detected by EGRET, AGILE
- ❑ August 2006: bright flares, detected by
  - Swift (Foschini et al. 2007) (3 ks/day)
  - HESS (Aharonian et al. 2007)
    - Variability timescale:  $\sim 5$  minutes
- ❑ BeppoSAX observed variability  $\sim 1$  hr (Zhang et al. 2002)

**PKS 2155-304**



## Temporal Variability



Size scale in stationary frame:  $\Delta R > R_S$   
 Size scale in comoving frame:  $\Delta R' = \Gamma \Delta R > \Gamma R_S$   
 (Lorentz contracted to size  $R$  in stationary frame)

$$t'_{\text{var}} > \Delta R' / c > \Gamma R_S / c$$

$$t_{\text{var}} = t'_{\text{var}} / \Gamma \approx R_S / c$$

Can small-opening angle colliding shells avoid this problem?

$$R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2} < \frac{ct_{\text{var}}}{(1+z)} ?$$

Mini-jets

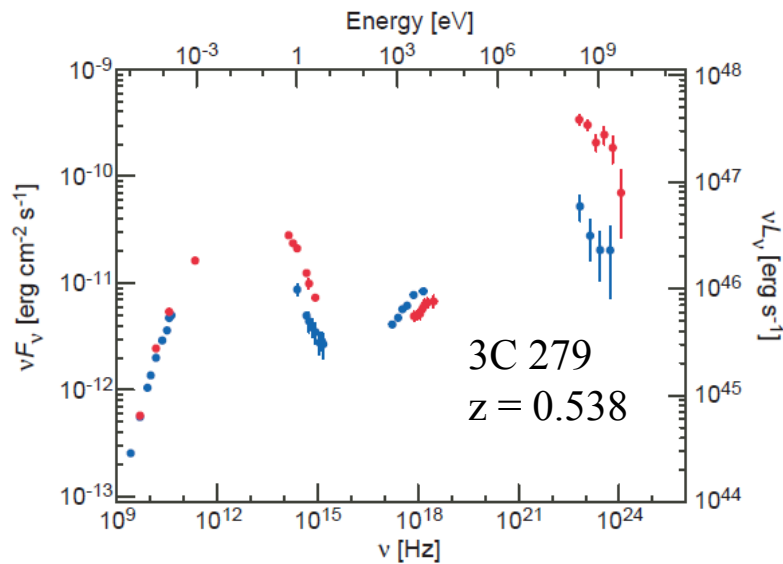
Magnetically-dominated jets

### Colliding Shell Solution:

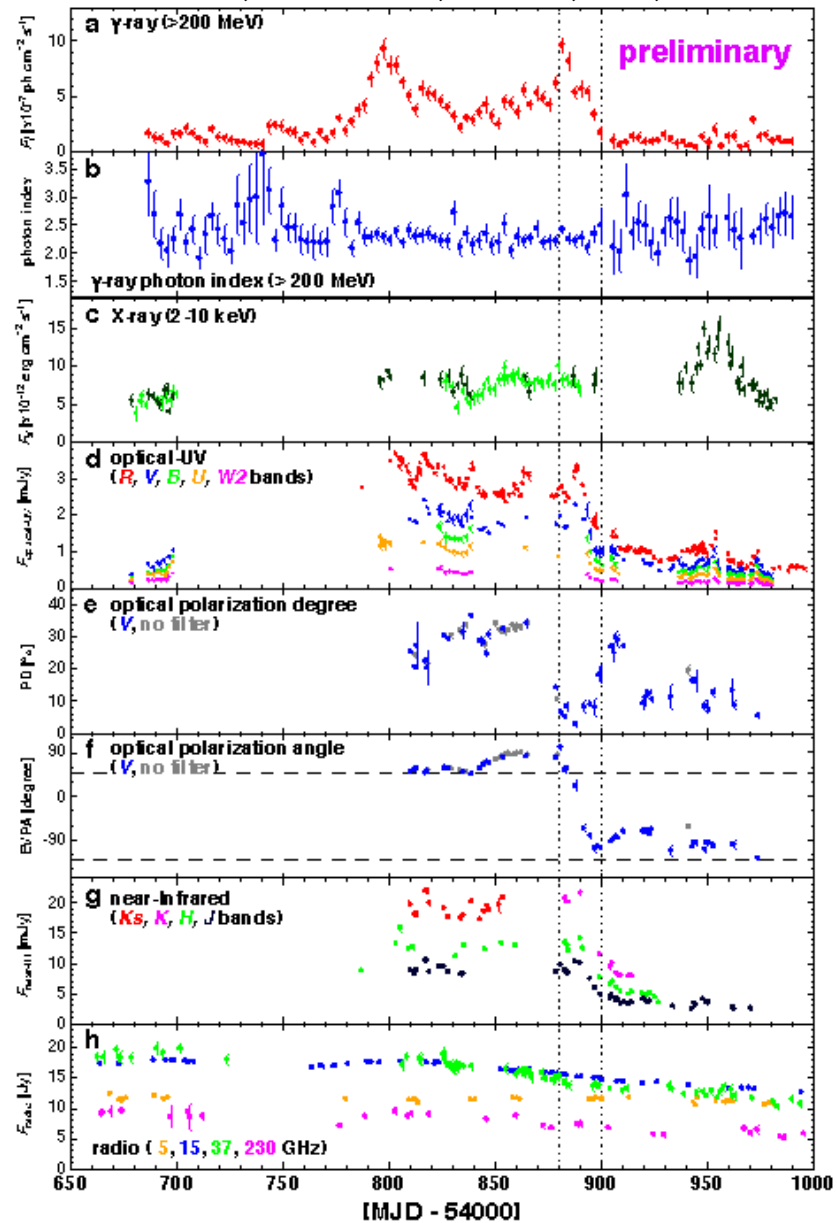
1. Variability
2. Unification
3. Light curves
4. UHECR acceleration

# 3C 279

- ❑ Where are the  $\gamma$ -rays made?
- ❑ Monitor long-term behavior of light curve
- ❑ Correlates with changes in optical polarization and flux
- ❑ Highly ordered magnetic field over long timescale
- ❑  $\gamma$  ray dissipation location at multi-pc scale?

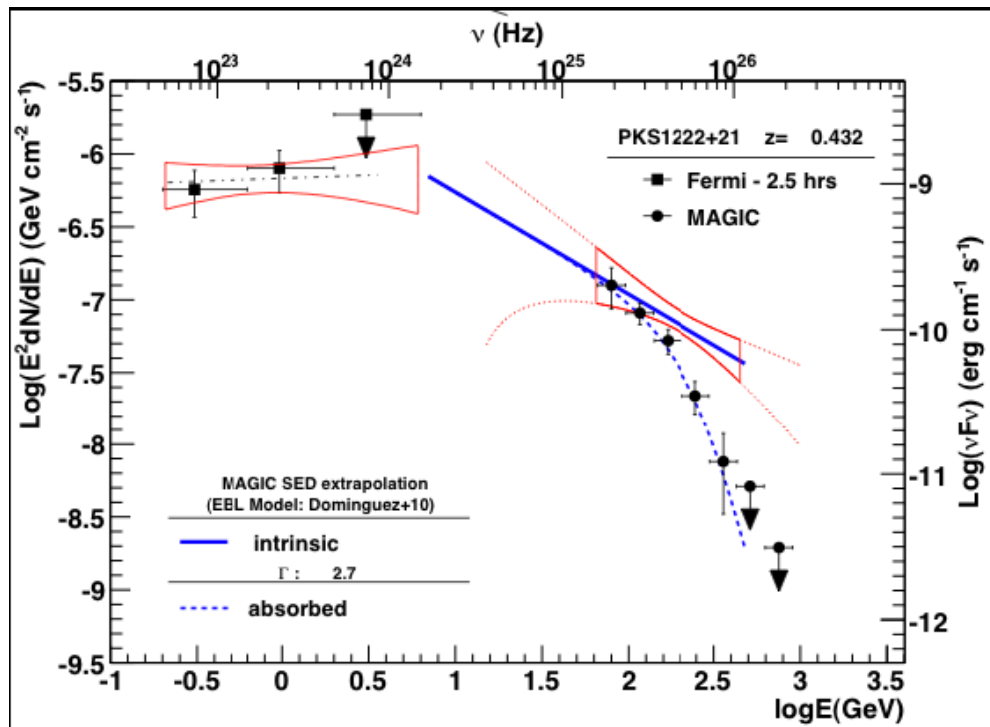


Abdo., et al. 2010, Nature, 463, 919



# VHE $\gamma$ rays from Flat Spectrum Quasars

- ❑ 3C 279 ( $z = 0.536$ ) with MAGIC
- ❑ PKS 1510-089 ( $z = 0.361$ ) with HESS
- ❑ PKS 1222+216 ( $z = 0.432$ ) with Fermi, HESS, VERITAS



Aleksic et al. (2011)

Variability of 70 – 400 GeV  
radiation on 10 min timescale

Two-zone scenario  
(Tavecchio et al. 2011)

Strong nuclear pc-scale IR emission  
( $T = 1200$  K,  $L_{\text{IR}} = 8 \times 10^{45}$  erg/s)  
Malmrose et al. (2011)

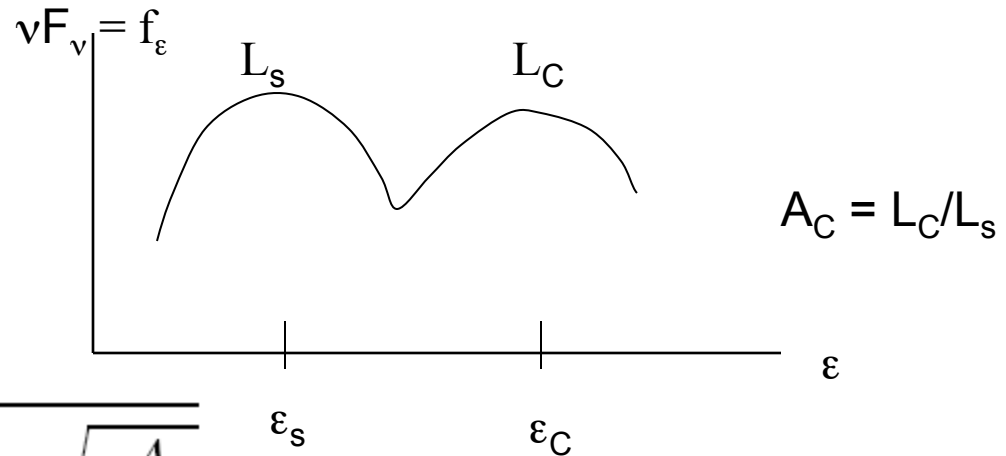
Cosmic-ray induced emission on  
pc scale

## Exercise 1: Synchrotron/SSC model in the Thomson regime

Can measure 6 defining quantities for syn/SSC model:

$z, t_v$

$$\Gamma \cong \frac{1}{\epsilon_s} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_C}{ct_v B_{cr}}} \sqrt{\frac{2L_s}{cA_c}}$$



$$B \cong \frac{(1+z)B_{cr}\epsilon_s^3}{\epsilon_C^{3/2}} \sqrt{ct_v B_{cr} \sqrt{\frac{cA_c}{2L_s}}} \quad (\text{Ghisellini et al. 1996})$$

$\Gamma > \Gamma_{\min}$

$$B_{cr} = m_e^2 c^3 / e\hbar \cong 4.414 \times 10^{13} \text{ G}$$

Thomson regime

$$\epsilon_C \epsilon_s \lesssim \left( \frac{\Gamma}{1+z} \right)^2$$

## Exercise 2: Nonthermal Electron Synchrotron/SSC model

If electrons are assumed to radiate the observed synchrotron  $\nu F_\nu$  spectrum, then in the  $\delta$ -function approximation for synchrotron emissivity

$$f_\varepsilon^{syn} = \frac{\delta_D^4 \varepsilon' L'(\varepsilon')}{4\pi d_L^2}, \quad \varepsilon' L'(\varepsilon') \cong \frac{4}{3} c \sigma_T \frac{B'^2}{8\pi} \gamma'^2 \times \gamma' N_e(\gamma')$$

$$\varepsilon' \cong \frac{B'}{B_{cr}} \gamma'^2, \quad \varepsilon \approx \frac{\delta_D \varepsilon'}{1+z} \Rightarrow \gamma' \cong \sqrt{\frac{(1+z)\varepsilon B_{cr}}{\delta_D B'}}$$

**Construct synchrotron/SSC model in  $\delta$ -function approximation**

# Relativistic jet physics

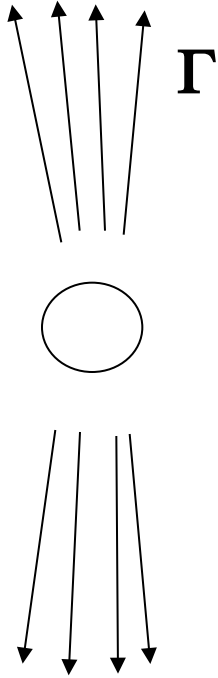
## **New results on blazars and radio galaxies:**

1. LBAS / 1LAC/ 2LAC catalogs
2. Multi-GeV spectral softening in FSRQs, LBLs, IBLs; not XBLs
3. Multiwavelength quasi-simultaneous SEDs including GeV emission for radio galaxies, BL Lacs and FSRQs e.g.,
  1. FSRQs 3C 454.3, 3C 279
  2. BL Lacs: Mrk 421, PKS 2155-304
  3. Radio galaxies: Cen A, M87, 3C 84
4. 3C 279, PKS 1510-089: location of emission site; complexity of magnetic field
5. Use SED to constrain redshift from EBL model
6. Long (mo – yr) timescale light curves
7. High energy photons from blazar sources: minimum Doppler factor
8. Radio/ $\gamma$ -ray connection



# Backup Slides

## Jet Power



$$n_* = \frac{L_{j,ke}^*}{2\Omega_j R^2 (\Gamma m_e c^2) \beta c} = n' (\langle \gamma \rangle + \chi m_p / m_e)$$

$$L_B^* = 2\Omega_j c R^2 \beta \Gamma^2 \left( \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right)$$

Total jet power = sum of particle kinetic and magnetic field

Minimum jet power for equipartition (minimum energy) magnetic field

Minimize jet power for measured synchrotron flux

- Jet power: total power available in jet (in observer frame)
- $L_j = 2\pi r_b' \beta \Gamma^2 c (u'_B + u'_p)$  (Celotti & Fabian 1993)
- $dL_j / dB = 0 \rightarrow B_{\min}$  (equipartition)
- $B < B_{\min} \rightarrow u'_p \gg u'_B$  and  $f_{\text{SSC}} > f_{\text{syn}}$

Synchrotron spectrum implies minimum jet power; additionally fitting  $\gamma$  rays gives deviation of model from minimum jet power

# Monte Carlo Simulation of Synchrotron/SSC Model

Improved accuracy

Use accurate Compton kernel in the head-on approximation (Compton scattering, *not* inverse Compton scattering)

**Mersenne Twister for Random Number Generator**

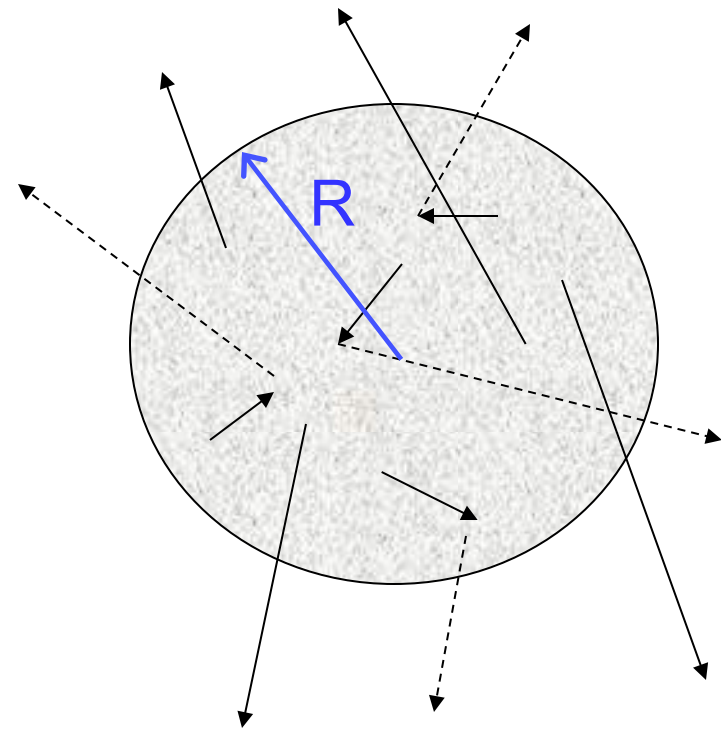
Check uniformity assumption  
(cf. Gould 1979)

Can consider non-radial electron distributions

Realistic  $\gamma\gamma$  opacity calculations

High energy tail for EBL studies

Photon conservation



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{C}}}{d\epsilon_s} \cong \frac{\pi r_e^2}{\gamma \bar{\epsilon}} \Xi_{\text{C}} H\left(\epsilon_s; \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{2\gamma}, \frac{2\gamma\bar{\epsilon}}{1+2\bar{\epsilon}}\right)$$

$$\Xi_{\text{C}} \equiv y + y^{-1} - \frac{2\epsilon_s}{\gamma \bar{\epsilon} y} + \left(\frac{\epsilon_s}{\gamma \bar{\epsilon} y}\right)^2 \quad y \equiv 1 - \frac{\epsilon_s}{\gamma}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \gamma \epsilon (1 - \cos \hat{\psi})$$

## Synchrotron with Photon Conservation

Standard parameters:

$$n_e(\gamma) = k_{eo} \gamma^{-p} H(\gamma; \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$$

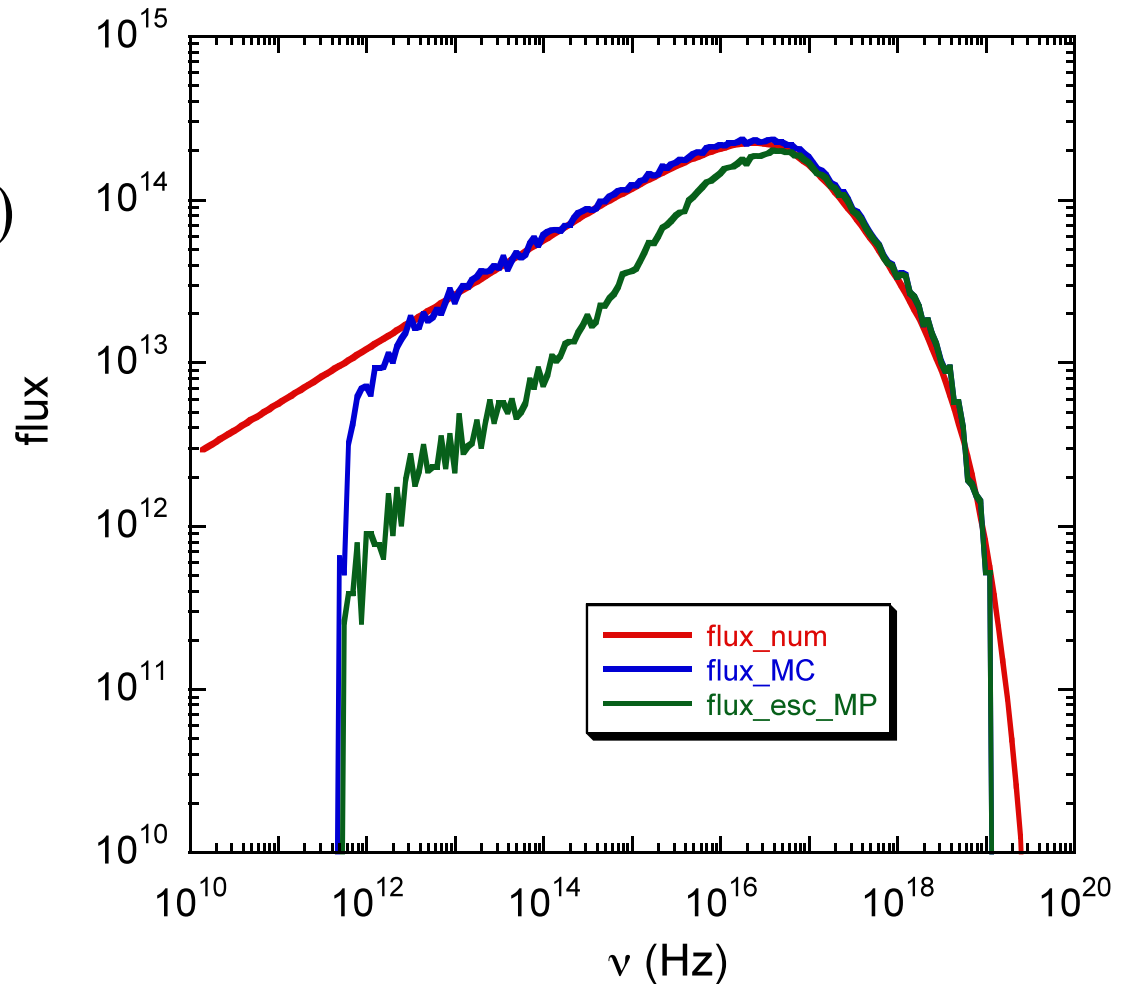
$$R = 10^{15} \text{ cm}, p = 2.2$$

$$B = 1 \text{ G}$$

$$k_{eo} = \frac{n_{eo} (p-1)}{\gamma_1^{1-p} - \gamma_2^{1-p}}$$

$$n_{eo} = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3},$$

$$\gamma_1 = 10^5, \gamma_2 = 10^6$$



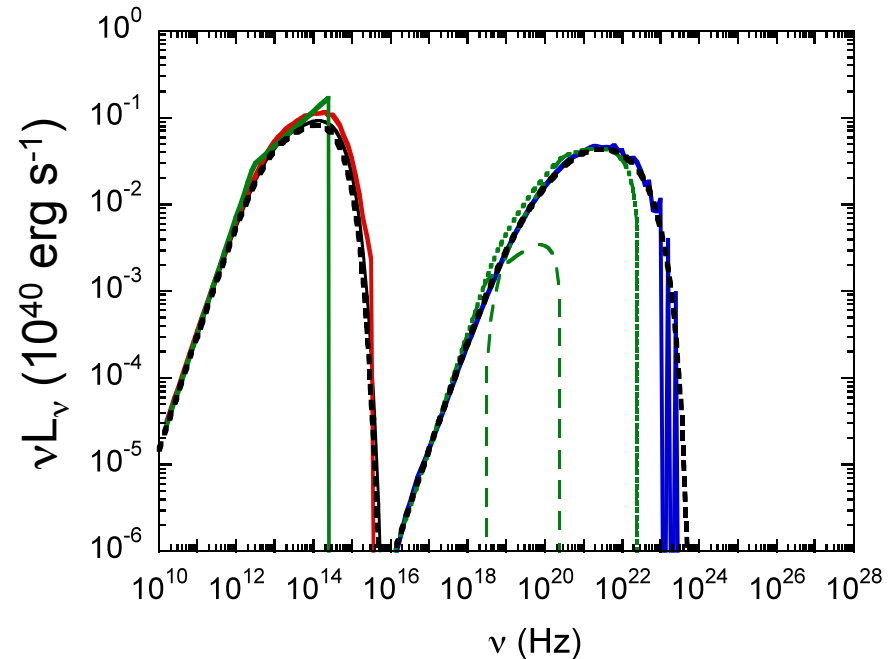
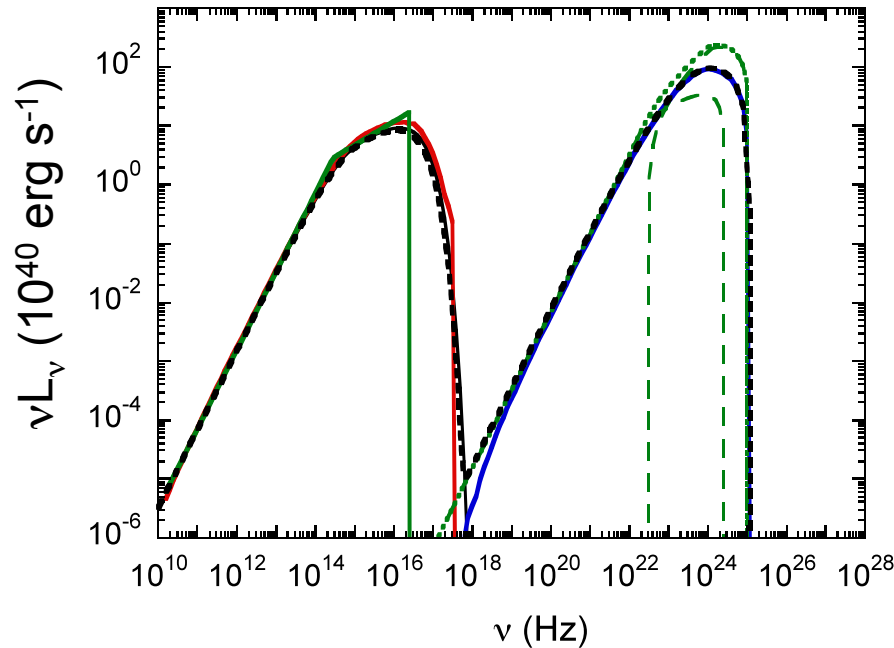
Scattering in KN regime

Solves “line of death” problem in GRB physics?

# Monte Carlo Synchrotron/SSC with Uniform Electrons and B-field

$$\gamma_1 = 10^4, \gamma_2 = 10^5$$

$$\gamma_1 = 10^3, \gamma_2 = 10^4$$



Comparison with  $\delta$ -function approximation

Discrepancies in amplitude

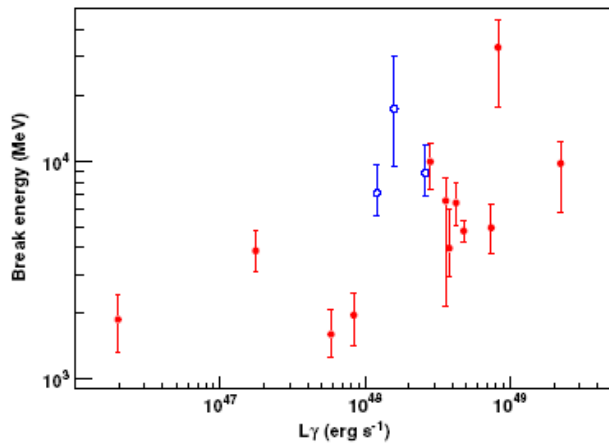
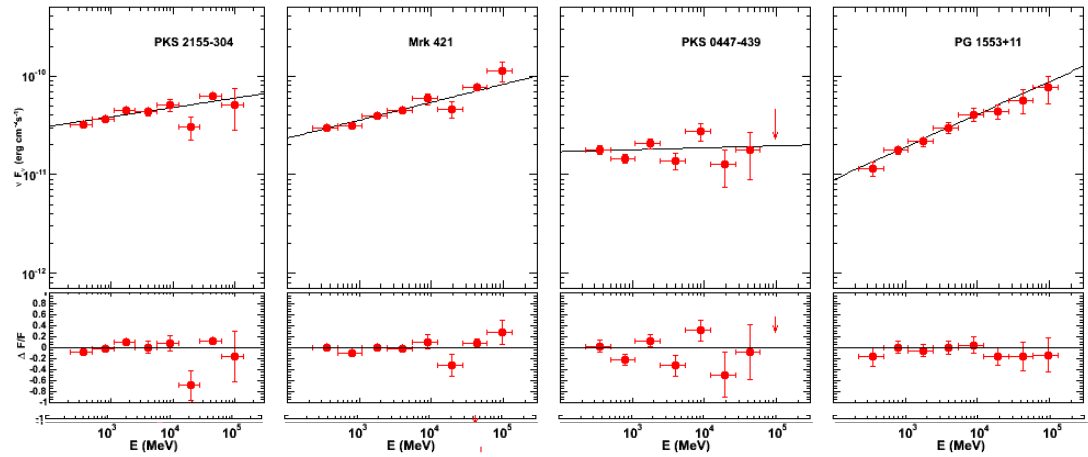
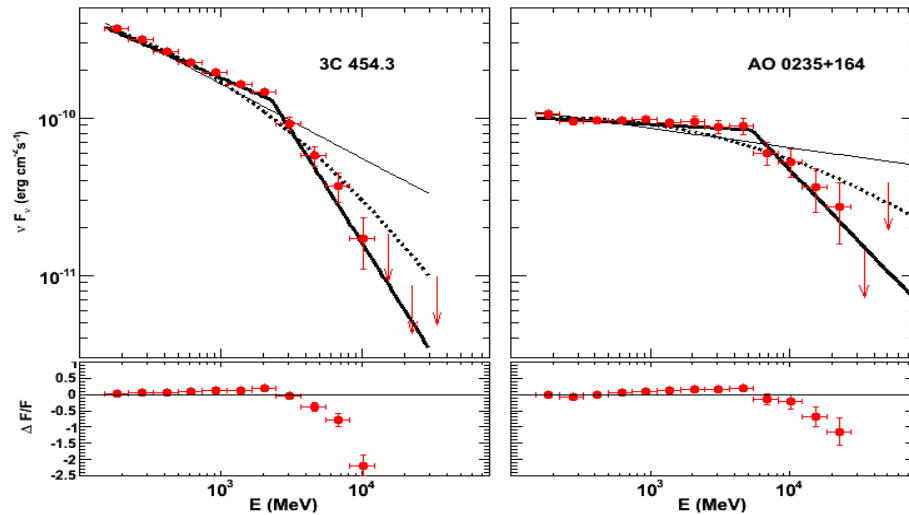
Discrepancies in high-energy cutoff (could improve it by using exponential cutoff in electron distribution)

Excellent agreement with numerical calculation (mean escape length =  $3R/4$ )

# Non-power law spectra

Abdo et al., 2010, ApJ, 710, 1271

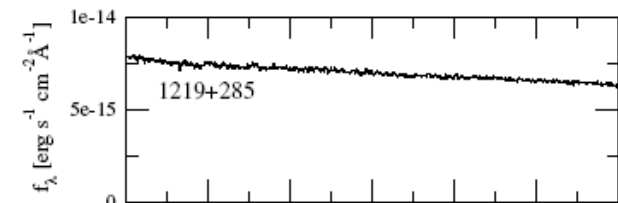
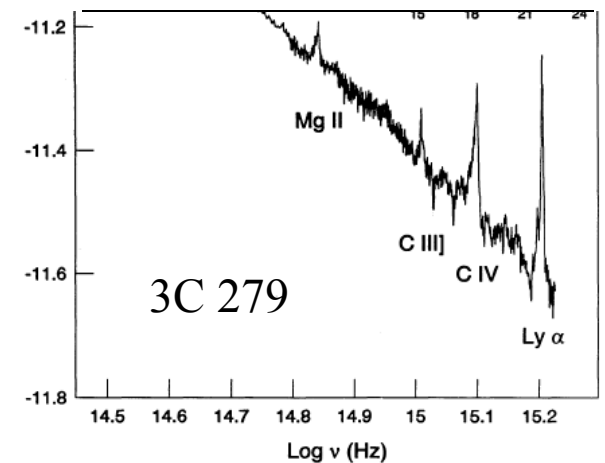
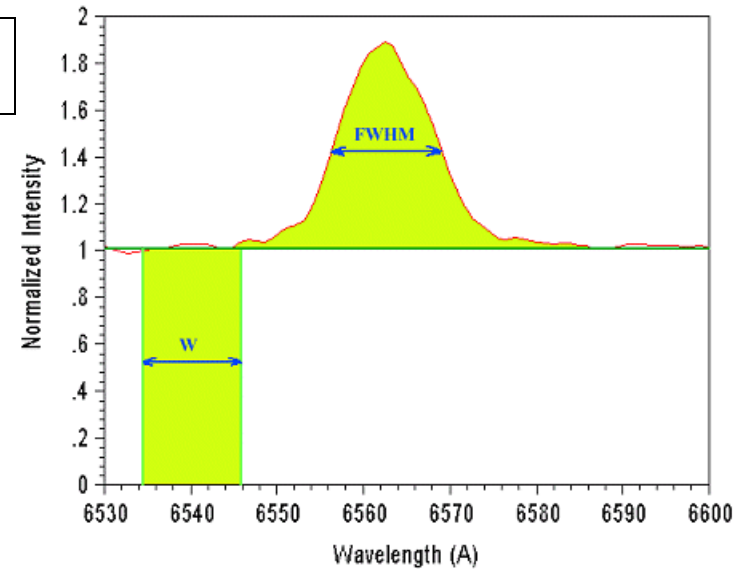
- ❑ First definitive evidence of a spectral break above 100 MeV
- ❑ General feature in FSRQs and many BLLac-LSPs
- ❑ Absent in BLLac-HSPs
- ❑ Broken power law model seems to be favored
- ❑  $\Delta\Gamma \sim 1.0 > 0.5 \rightarrow$  not from radiative cooling
- ❑ Favored explanation: feature in the underlying particle distribution
- ❑ Implications for EBL studies and blazar contribution to extragalactic diffuse emission



Challenge for modelers to account for the break and the relative constancy of spectral index with time

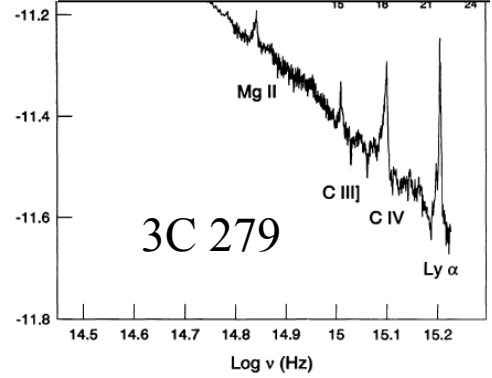
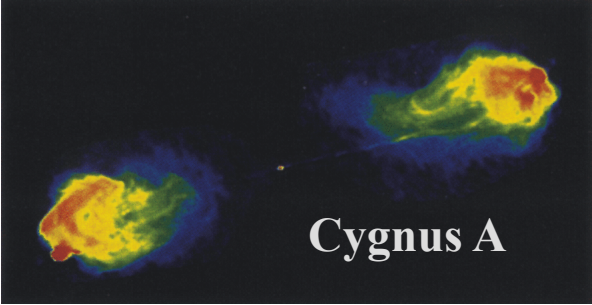
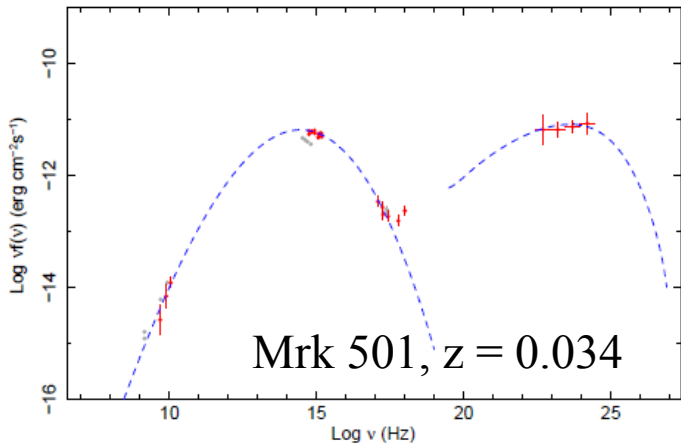
## BL Lac and FSRQ: definition

- ❑ 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 $\alpha$   $\lambda 1216$  and C IV  $\lambda 1549$ ) than for low-redshift sources (e.g., Mg II  $\lambda 2798$  and H $\alpha$   $\lambda 6563$ ).
- ❑ 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 it were present.
- ❑ Sources for which no optical spectrum or of insufficient quality to determine the optical classification are listed as “unknown type”



# Radio Galaxies and Blazars

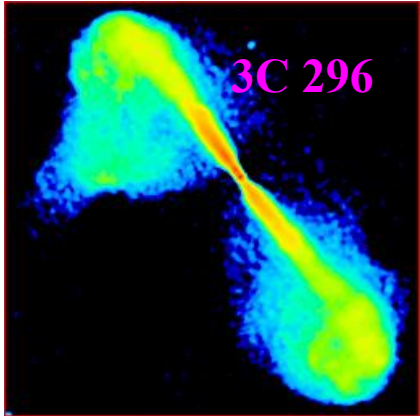
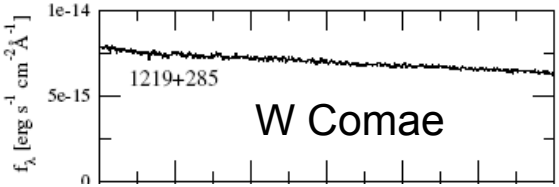
**FR1/2: radio power/morphology correlation; dividing line at**  
 $\approx 4 \times 10^{40} \text{ ergs s}^{-1}$   
 $\approx (2 \times 10^{25} h^{-2}_{100} \text{ W}/(\text{Hz}\cdot\text{sr}))$  at 178 MHz)



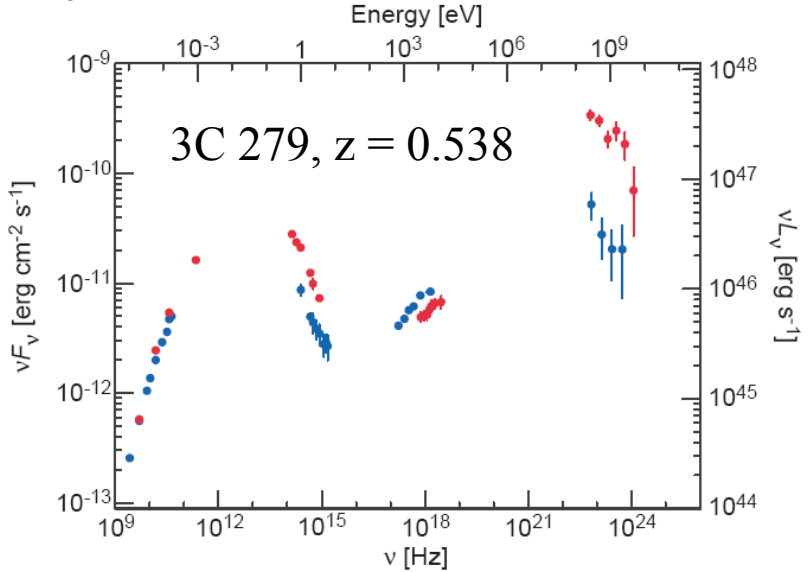
**BL Lacs vs. FSRQs:**  
 $EW < 5 \text{ \AA}$   
 $\text{Ca H-K break} < 0.4$   
 $(\lambda_{\text{max}} - \lambda_{\text{min}})/\lambda_{\text{max}} > 1.7$

**FR2  $\leftrightarrow$  FSRQ**

**FR1  $\leftrightarrow$  BL Lac**



**BL Lac vs. FSRQ**  
**RQ vs. RL**



**Blazar Unification:**  
**Padovani & Urry (1995)**



## Fitting Routine

Code written by  
Justin Finke

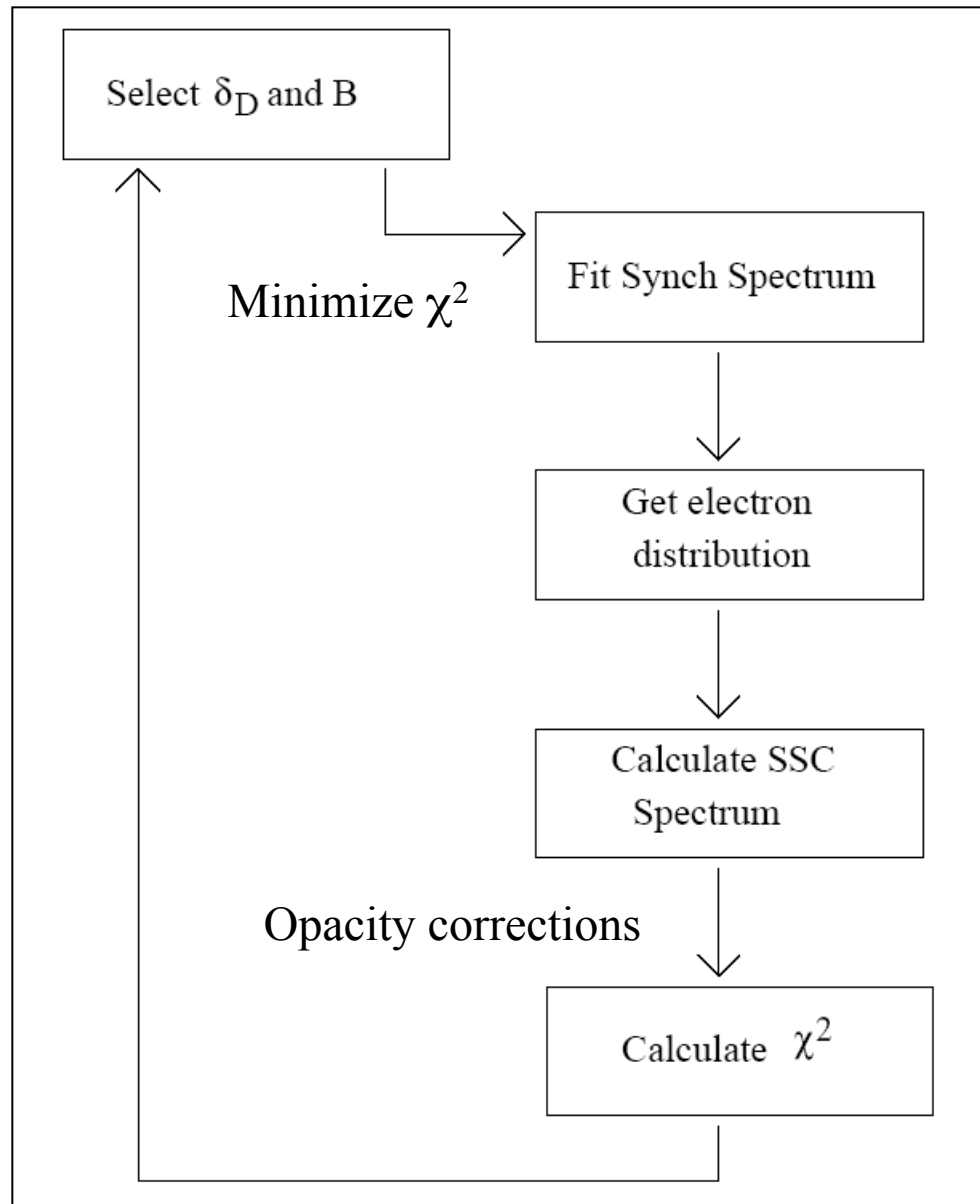
Write SSC as a function of:  
 $\delta_D$ ,  $B$ ,  $r_b'$ ,  $z$ ,  $N_e(\gamma)$ .

Use electron spectrum to  
calculate SSC using Jones (1968)  
formula

$\nu F_\nu^{\text{syn}}$  gives  $N_e(\gamma)$   
(CS86 expression)

Internal and EBL absorption  
calculated

Leaves two unknowns to fit:  
 $\delta_D$  and  $B$



# Complex GeV Spectral Behavior

- Sampling separate FSRQ and BL Lac populations

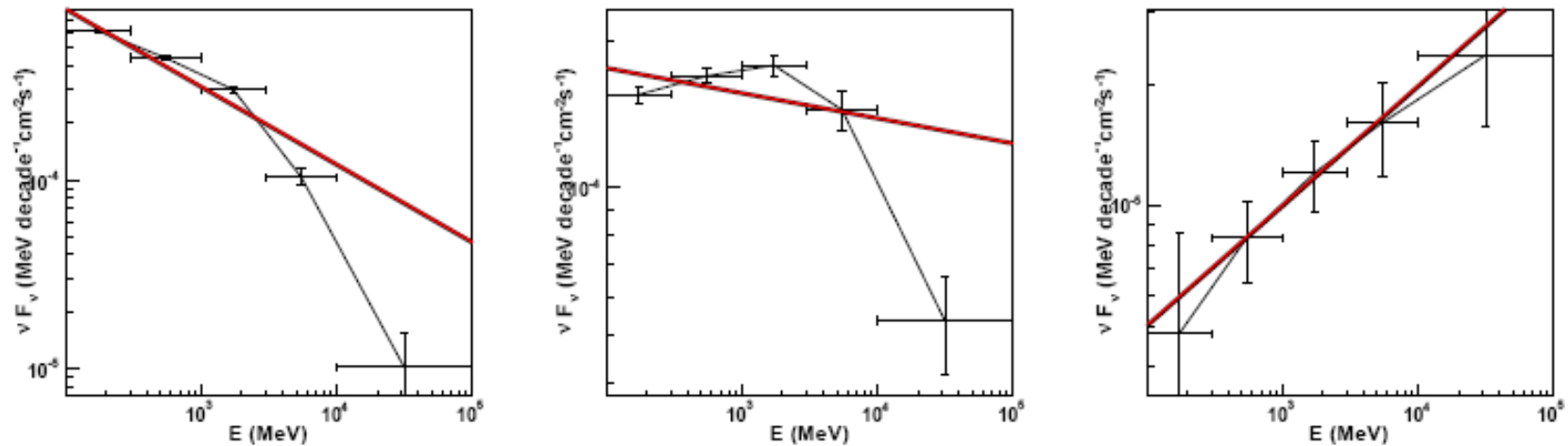


Fig. 14.— SED of 3 bright blazars calculated in five energy bands, compared with the power law fitted over the whole energy range. Left: 3C454.3 (FSRQ), middle: AO 0235+164 (IBL), right: Mkn 501 (HBL)

Abdo et al. (2009) LBAS