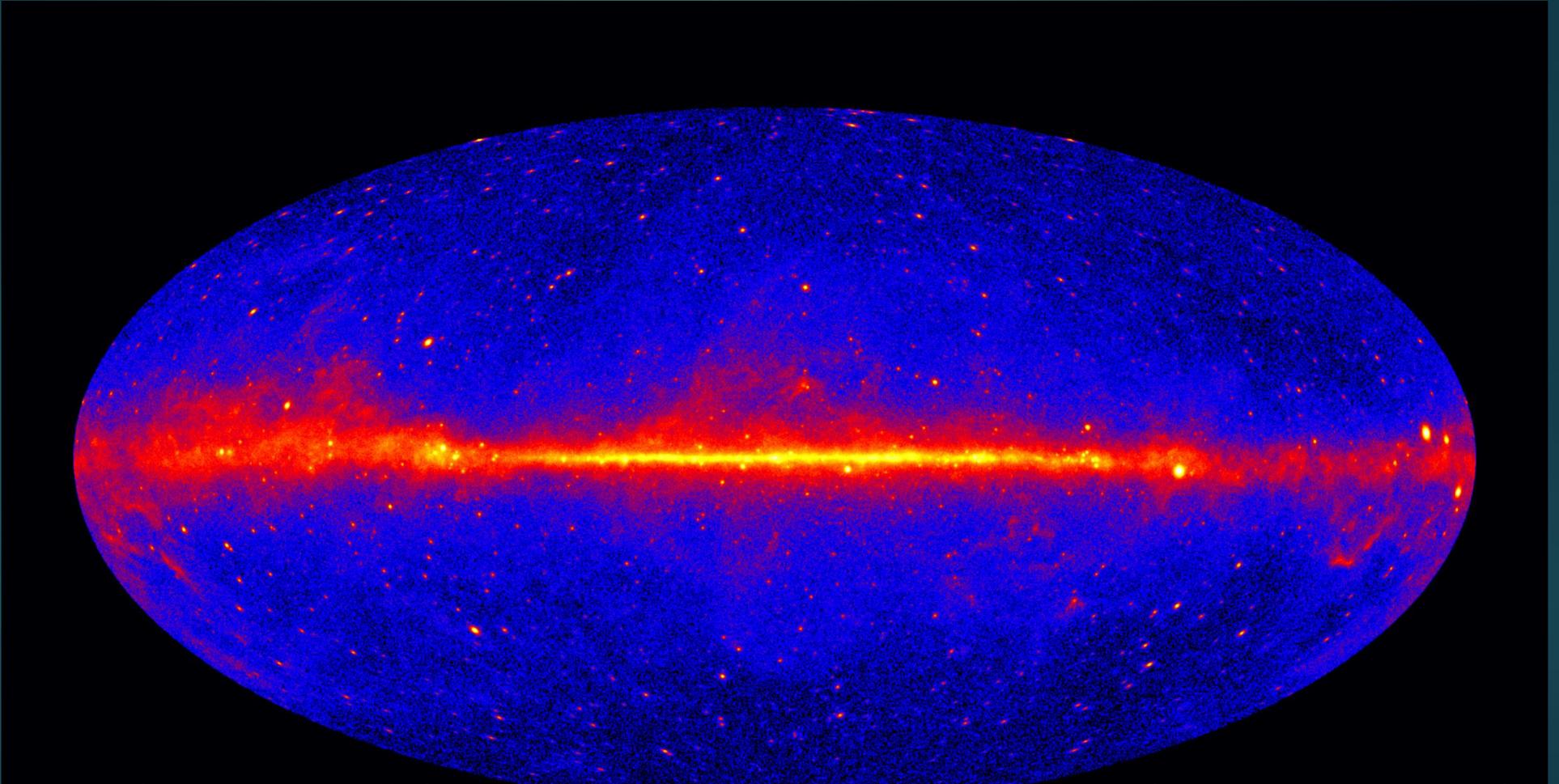




# Extragalactic sources of gamma- rays, neutrinos and cosmic rays

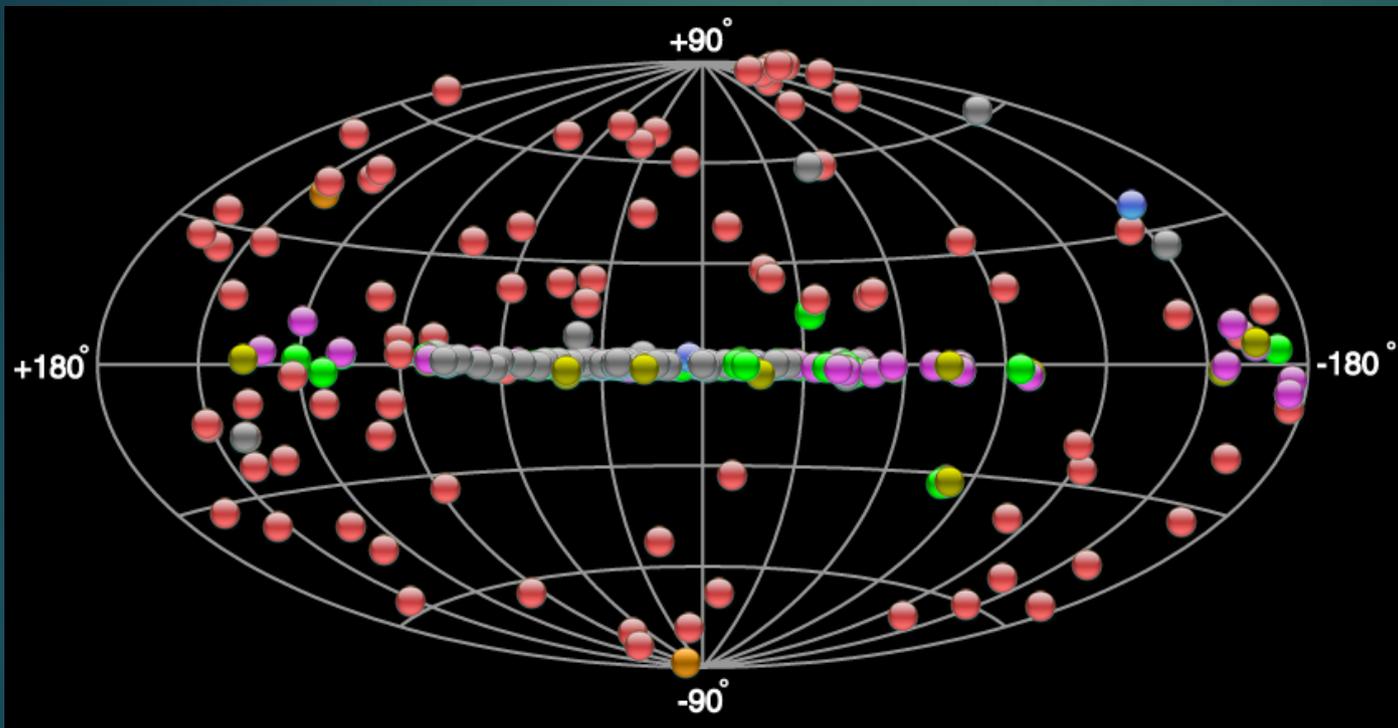
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# Gamma-ray sky seen by Fermi-LAT satellite ( $>1\text{ GeV}$ )



The Fermi LAT 60-month image, constructed from front-converting gamma rays with energies greater than 1 GeV. Red dots=extragalactic, source count~thousands.

# Very High Energy Gamma-Ray sky

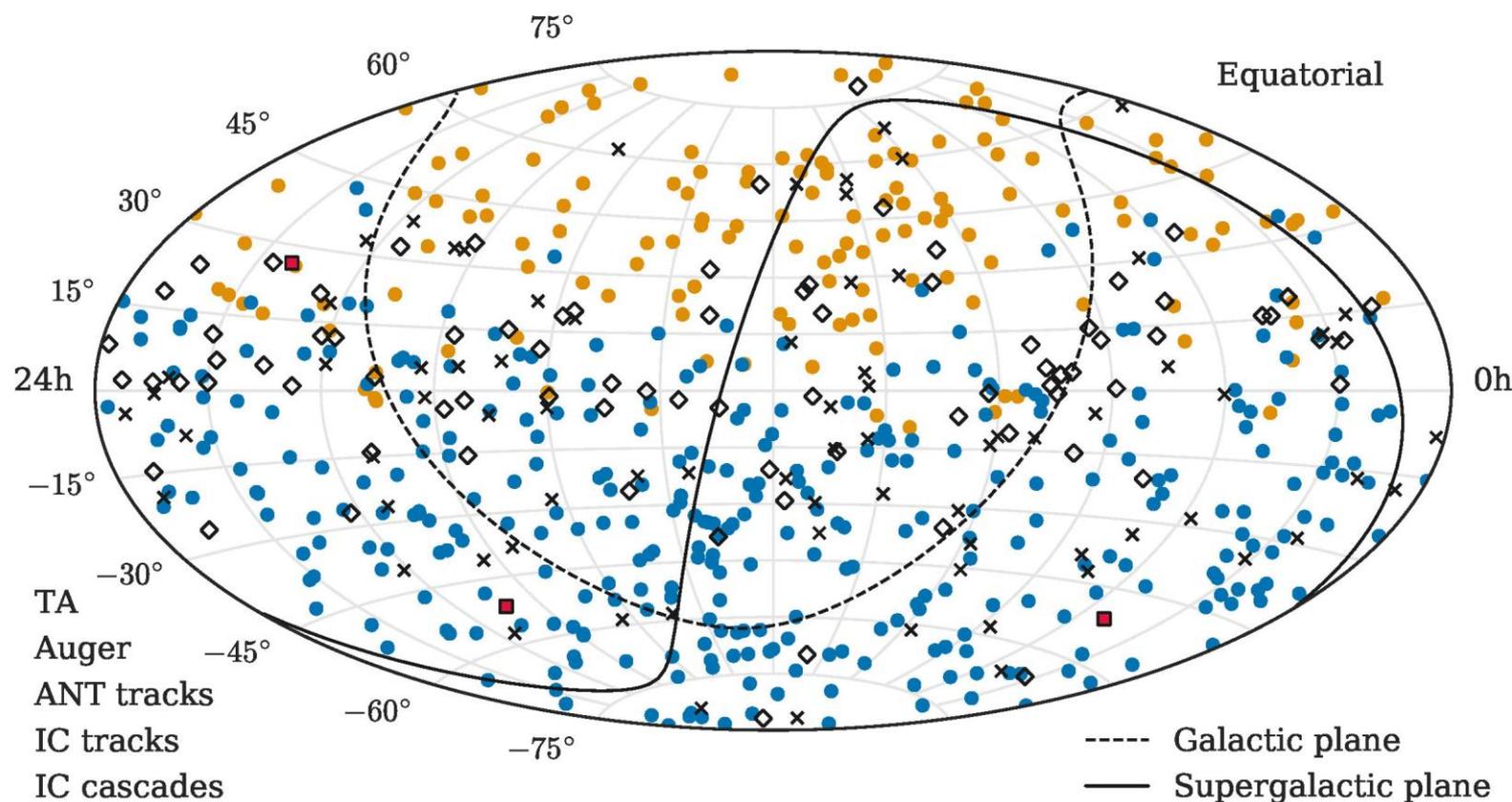


Red dots: extragalactic

Source count ~100

<http://tevcat.uchicago.edu/>

# Skymap of Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays and Neutrinos



Sky map of the arrival directions of UHECR events from the Pierre Auger Observatory and the Telescope Array and high-energy neutrinos from IceCube and ANTARES. Credit: The ANTARES, IceCube, Pierre Auger and Telescope Array collaborations.

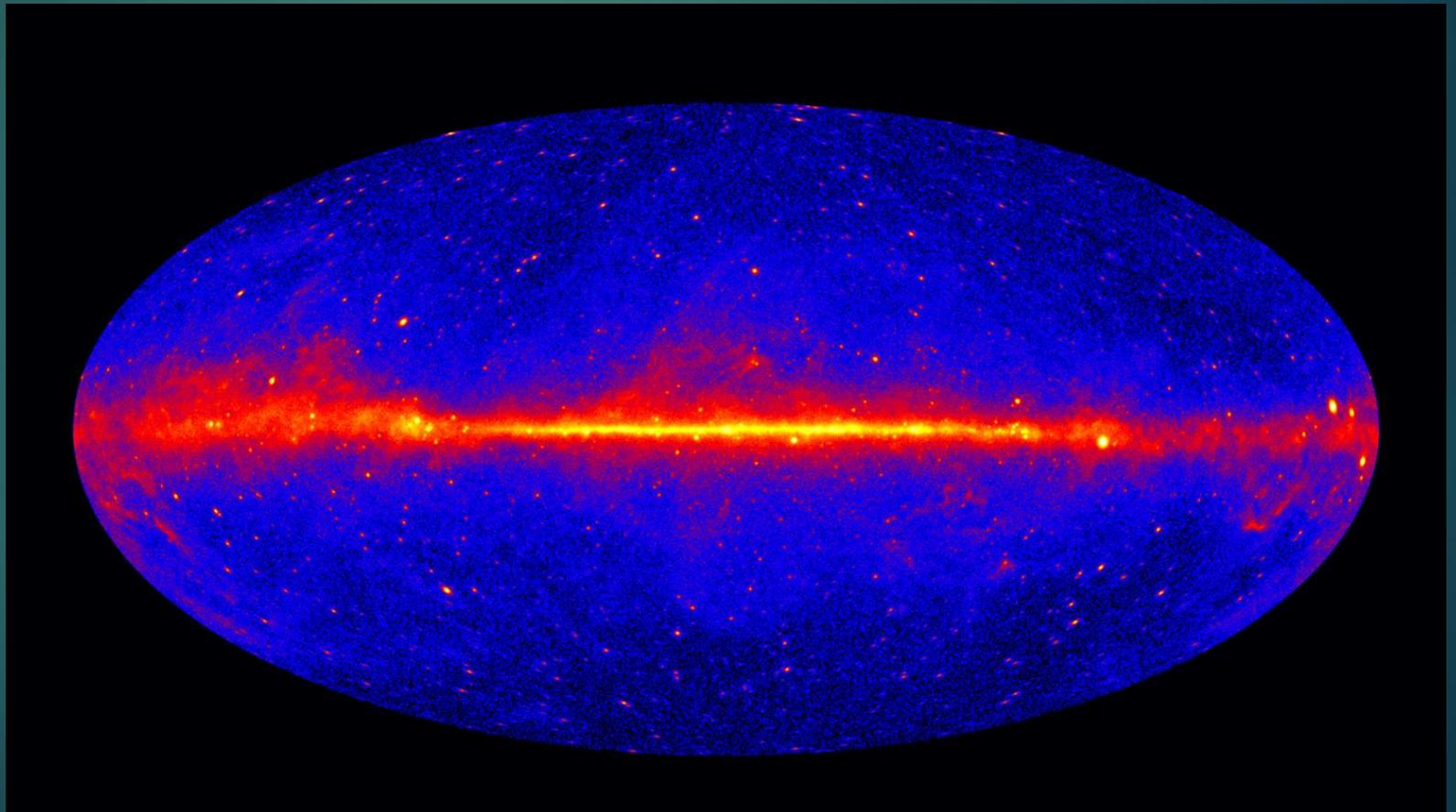


Gamma-rays, HE  
neutrinos and UHECRs  
have extragalactic origin

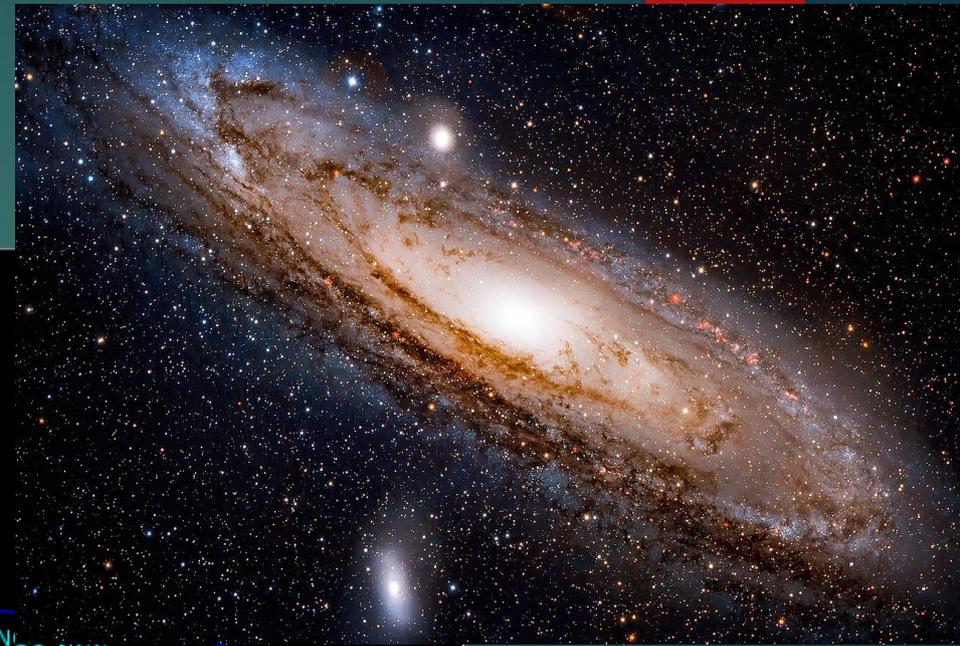
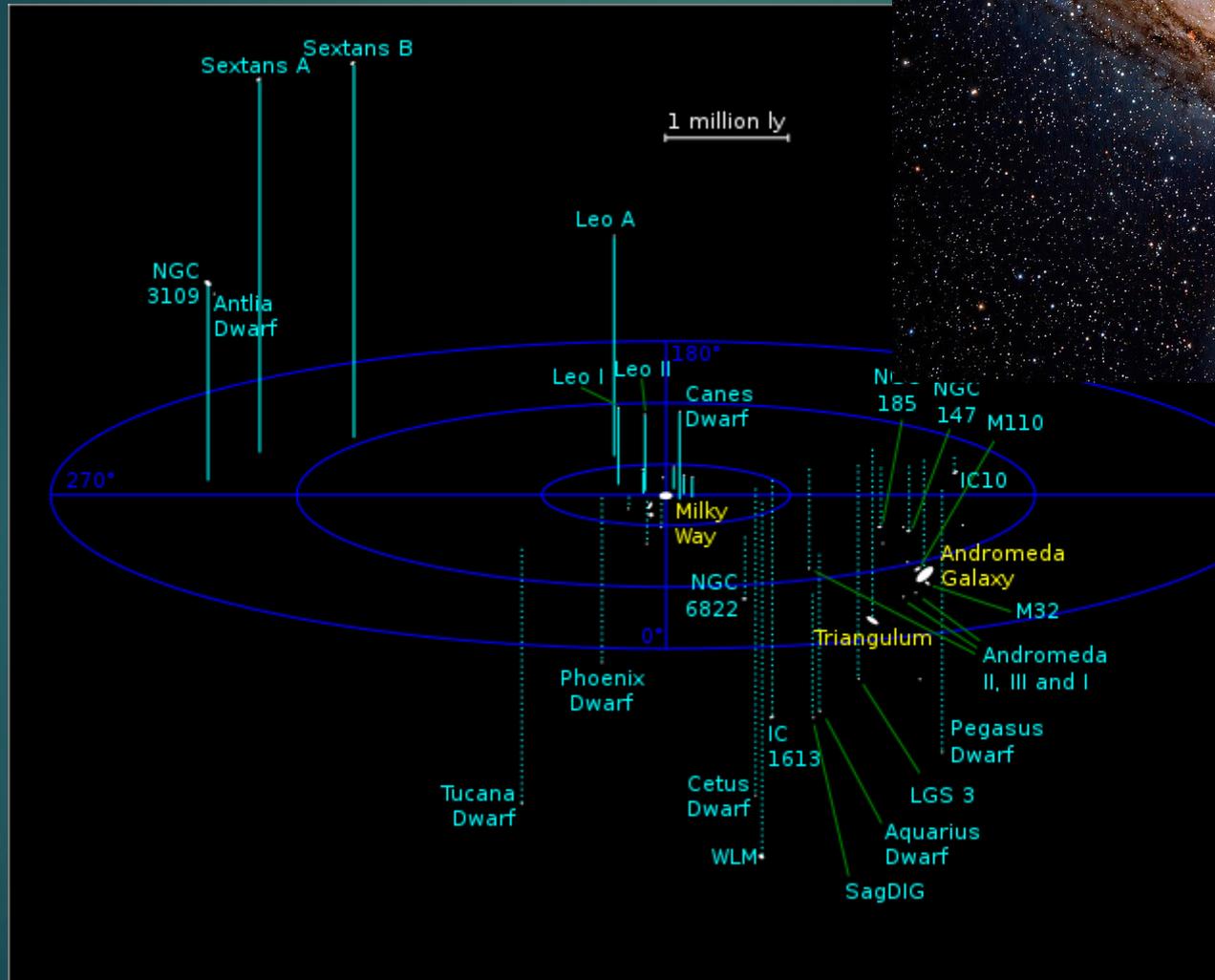
WHAT? HOW?

# Normal galaxies

- Our galaxy is bright source of gamma-rays: cosmic rays interacting with molecular clouds.
- What about other galaxies?



# Local group



# Milky Way at distance of Andromeda

Astronomy 101: 
$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$F(>100\text{MeV}) = 1.17 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ photons/cm}^2/\text{s/sr}$$

Radius of the Milky Way  $R = 30\text{kpc}$

$$L = 1.17 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 8.57 \cdot 10^{45} \cdot 4 \cdot \pi$$

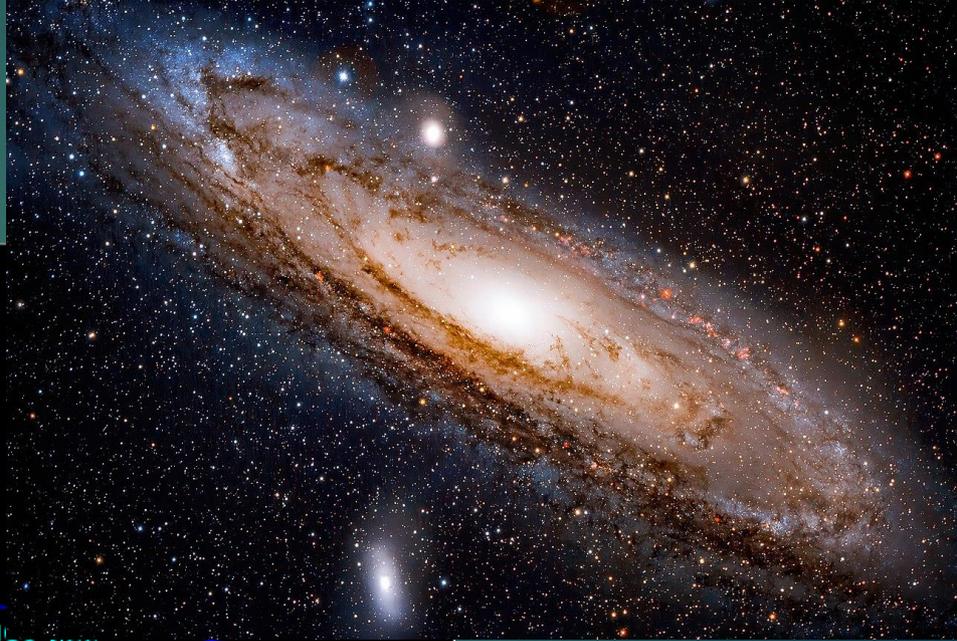
Distance to Andromeda  $r = 570\text{kpc}$

$$F = 10^{41} / (3.1 \cdot 10^{48}) \sim 0.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ photons/cm}^2/\text{s}$$

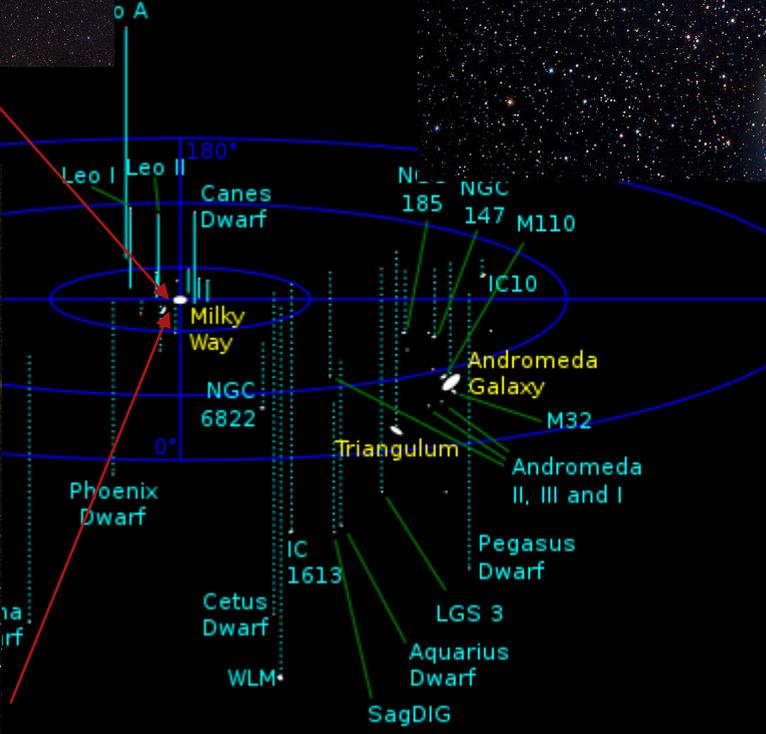




1 million ly



NGC 3109 Antlia Dwarf



# Dwarf galaxies

- Dwarf galaxies are small and faint galaxies orbiting as satellites to more massive galaxies (like MW). MW has many and they are close!
- LMC (distance 52 kpc) is source of gamma-rays: Already EGRET saw diffuse emission  $(1.9 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-5} \text{ /cm}^2\text{/s}$ , Fermi-LAT *extended*, but 50% of the emission is coming from 30 Doradus, also detected at VHE by HESS telescopes. SMC also detected.
- The stars show large circular velocities and velocity dispersion that compared to their modest spatial extension indicates that the dynamics are dominated by dark matter
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies are population of very faint galaxies with high mass to luminosity ratio => high density of dark matter
- The dwarf galaxies could produce gamma-rays via WIMP annihilation (not covered on this lecture)



# Starburst galaxies

- In starburst galaxies: higher density of ISM, (high star formation rate=>) more SNR=> higher density of cosmic rays and cosmic ray accelerators

More is more:  
Brighter gamma-ray sources  
Can be detected from  
greater distances!

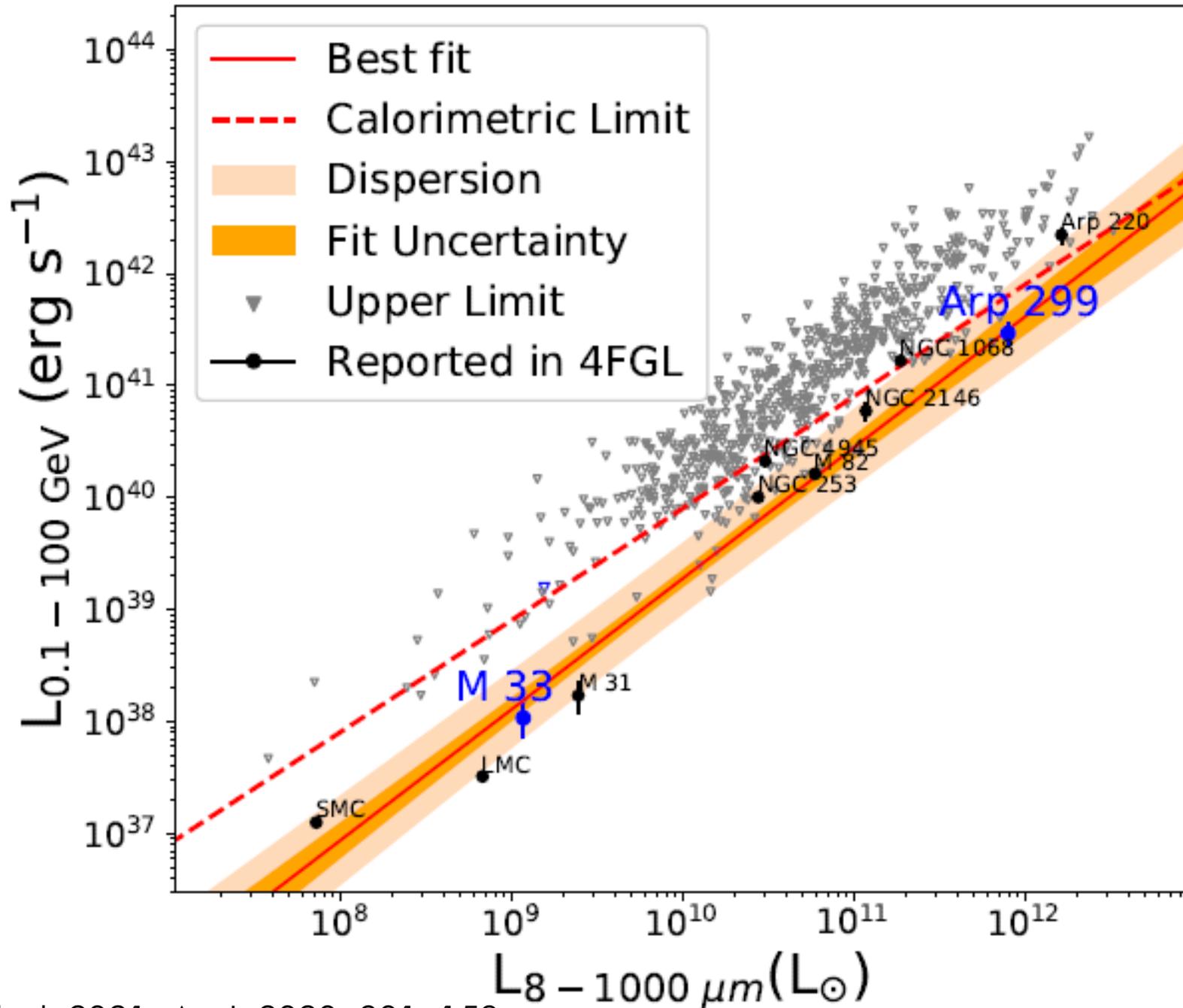


# Starburst galaxies - observations

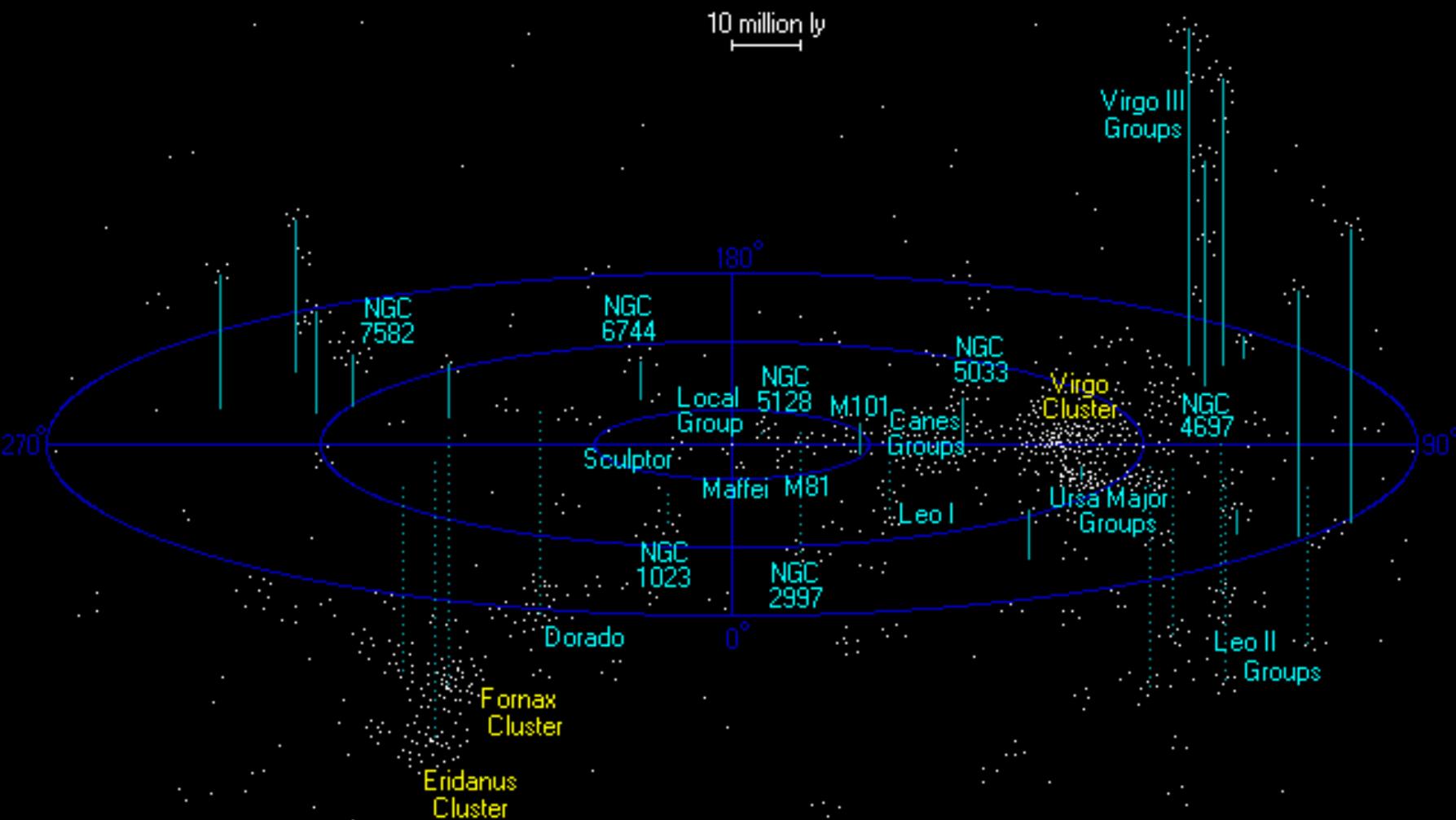
- VHE gamma-rays have been observed from two starburst galaxies: M82 ( $d \sim 5 \text{ Mpc}$ ) by VERITAS and NGC 253 ( $d \sim 5 \text{ Mpc}$ ) by HESS
- Fermi-LAT sees in addition NGC4945, NGC2146, NGC1068, Arp 299

# Ultraluminous infrared galaxies

- IR luminosity  $\sim 10^{12}L_{\text{sun}}$
- Starbursting, nuclear activity, very dense environment
- Also very rare: the closest one (Arp220,  $d=72\text{Mpc}$ ): no detection of VHE gamma-rays (yet).



# Virgo supercluster, d~60Mpc





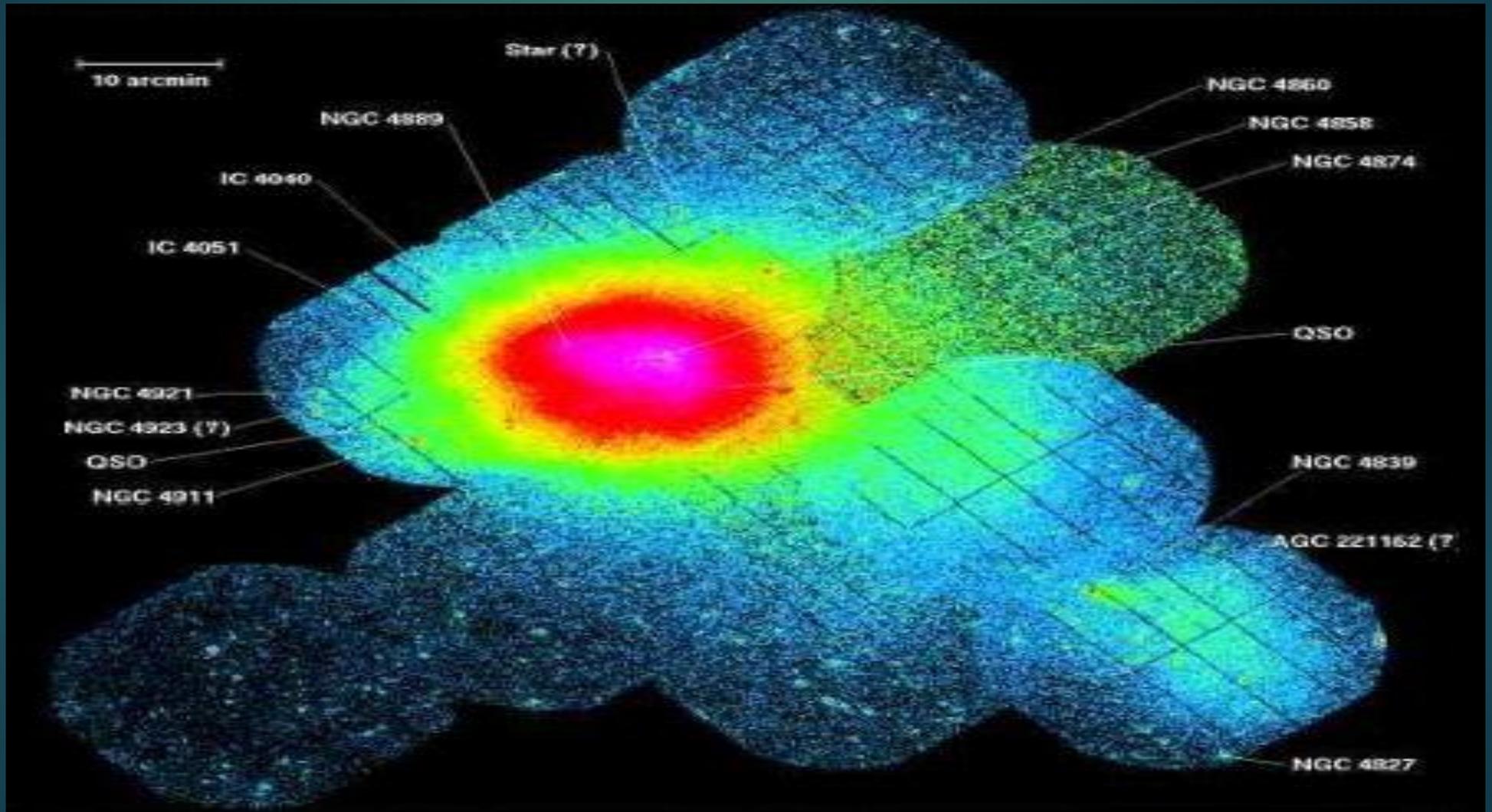
Galaxies of own  
supercluster ~handful of  
sources

WE NEED MORE, MAYBE THE CLUSTERS THEMSELVES?

# Galaxy Clusters

- Largest structures in the present universe in which gravitational force due to the matter overdensity overcomes the expansion of the universe
- Large collection of galaxies, gas and dark matter
- Rich clusters mass  $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ , mostly in form of dark matter, only 1% in galaxies, 5% in hot gas
- Non-thermal emission (radio, X-rays) = accelerated particles, i.e. relativistic electrons, magnetized ICM, magnetic field topologically complex

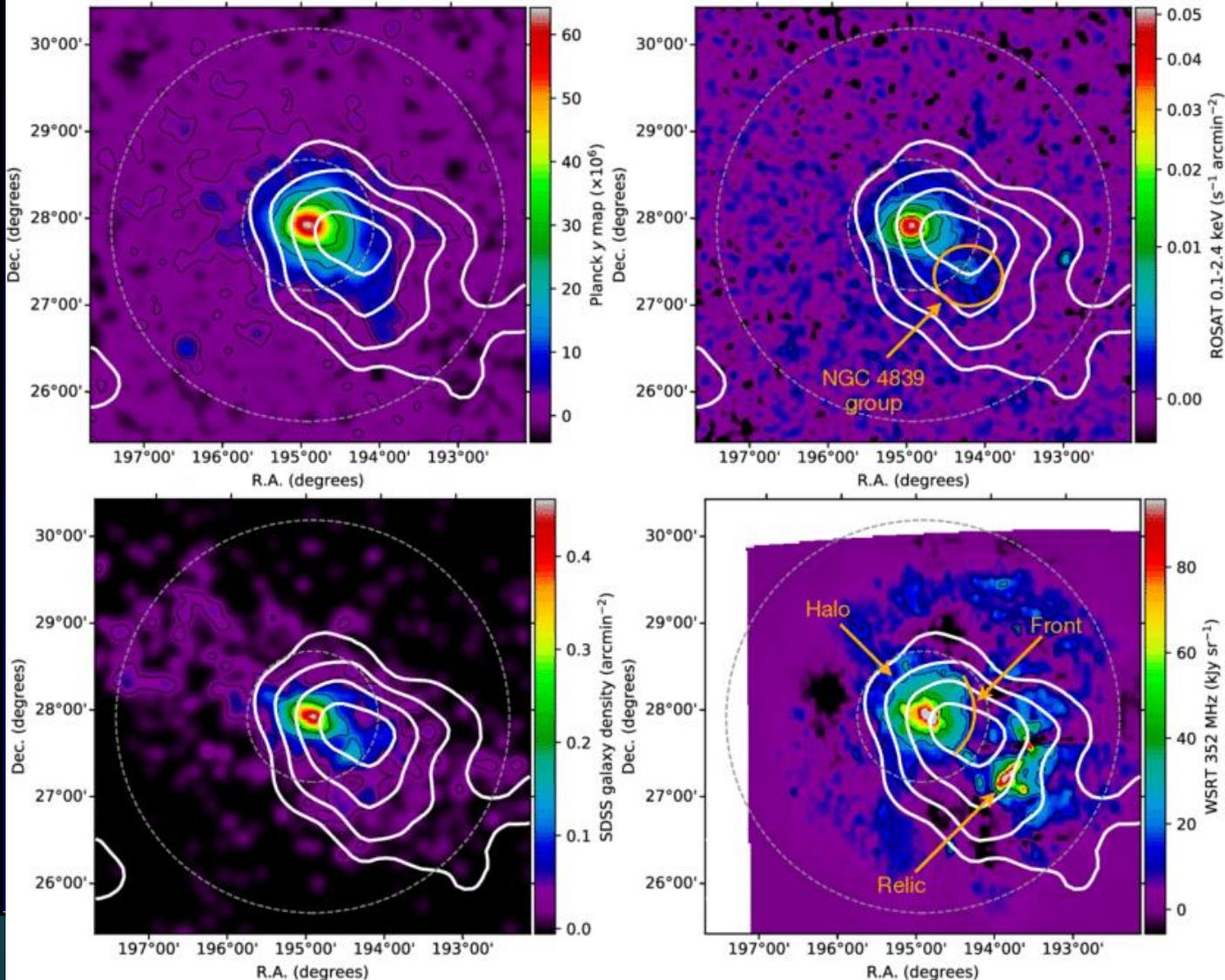
# X-ray map of Coma Cluster



Hot gas + non-thermal emission

# Clusters of Galaxies

A&A 648, A60 (2021)



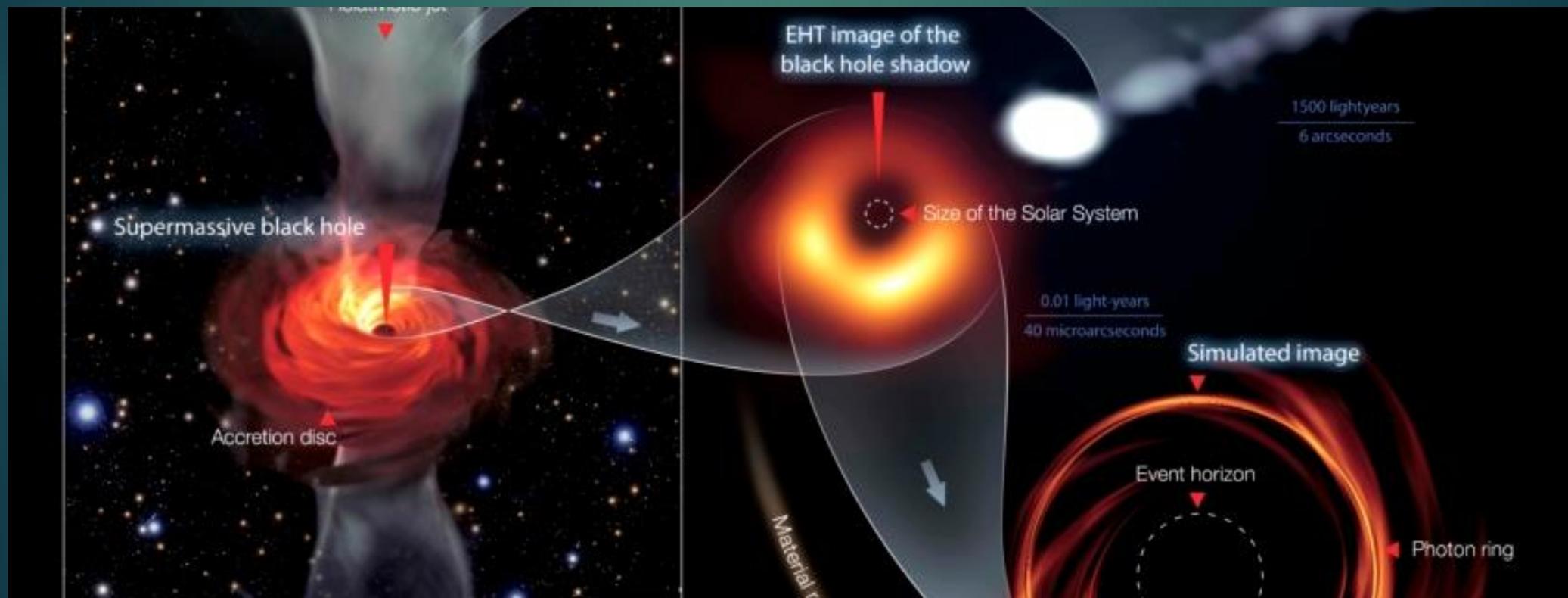
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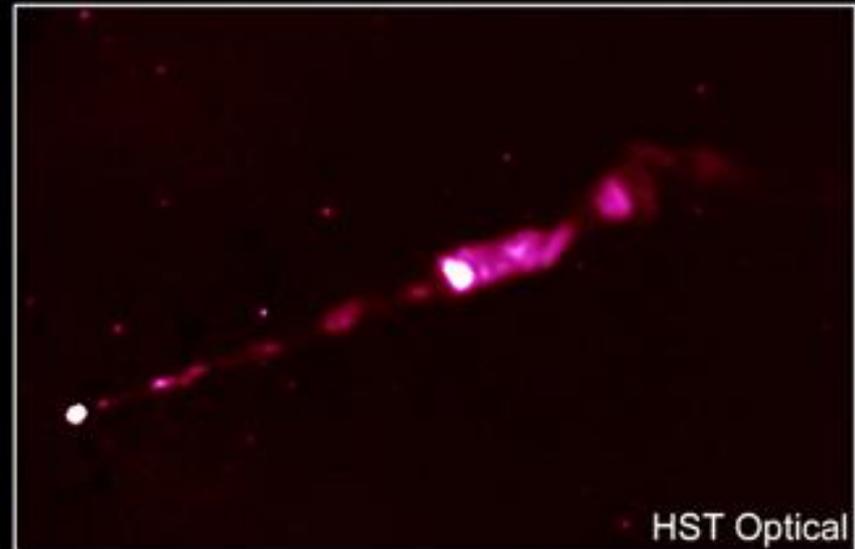
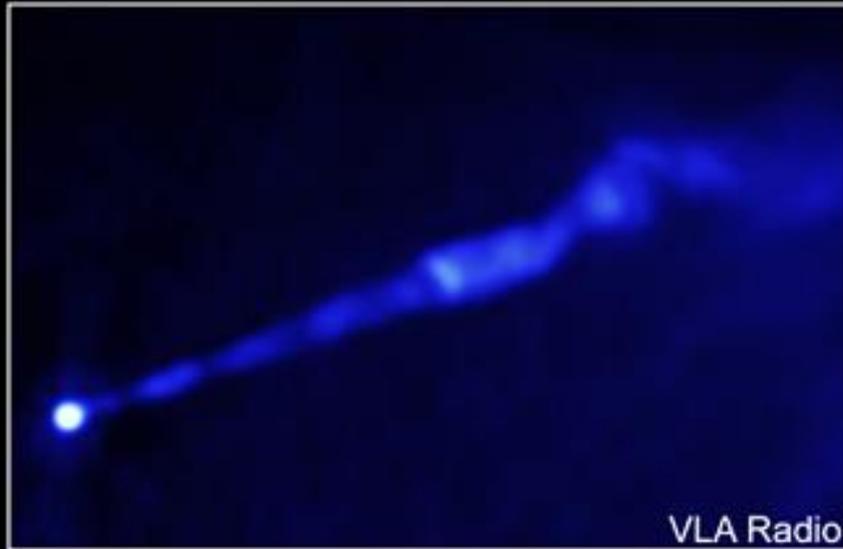
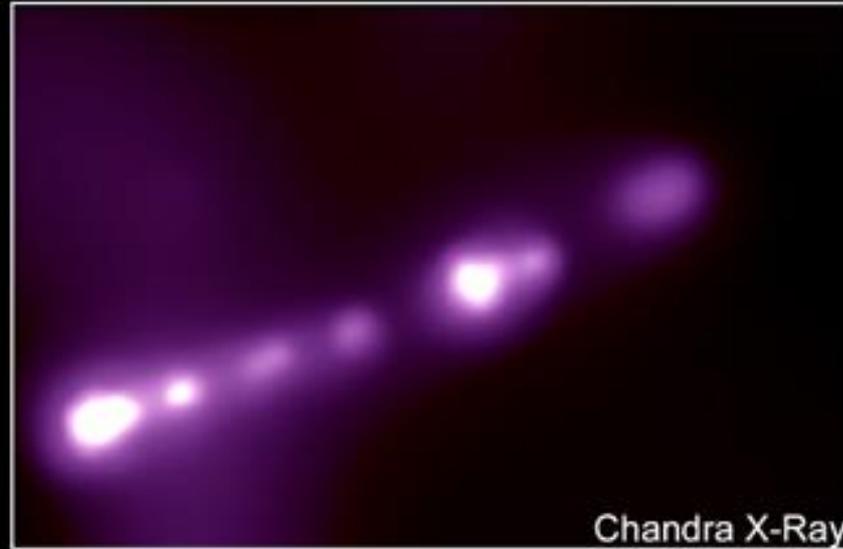
Clusters themselves:  
maybe few closeby...

WE NEED MORE, ANY IDEAS?

# Centre of Virgo Cluster: M87, accreting supermassive black hole



# M87: Relativistic jets launched by supermassive black hole



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# Active Galactic Nuclei

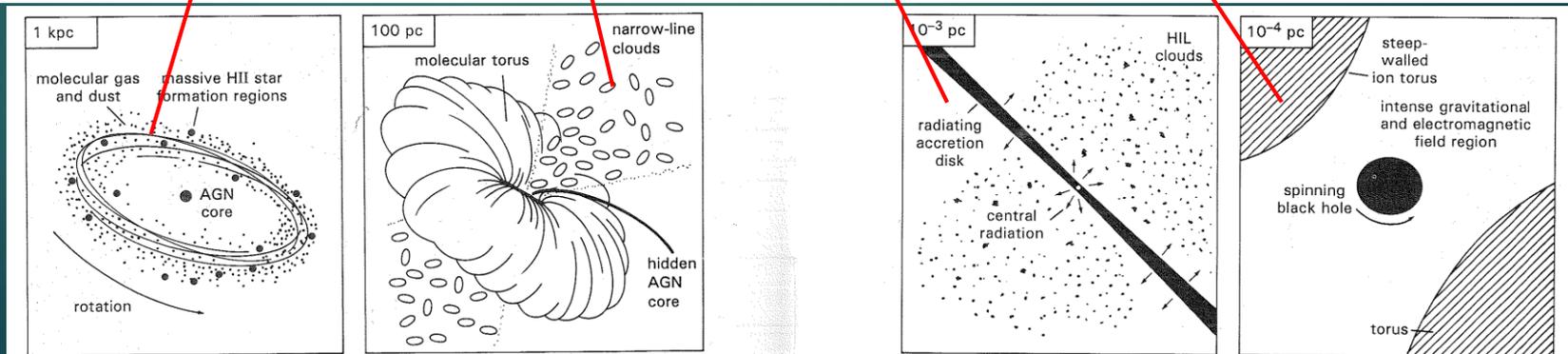
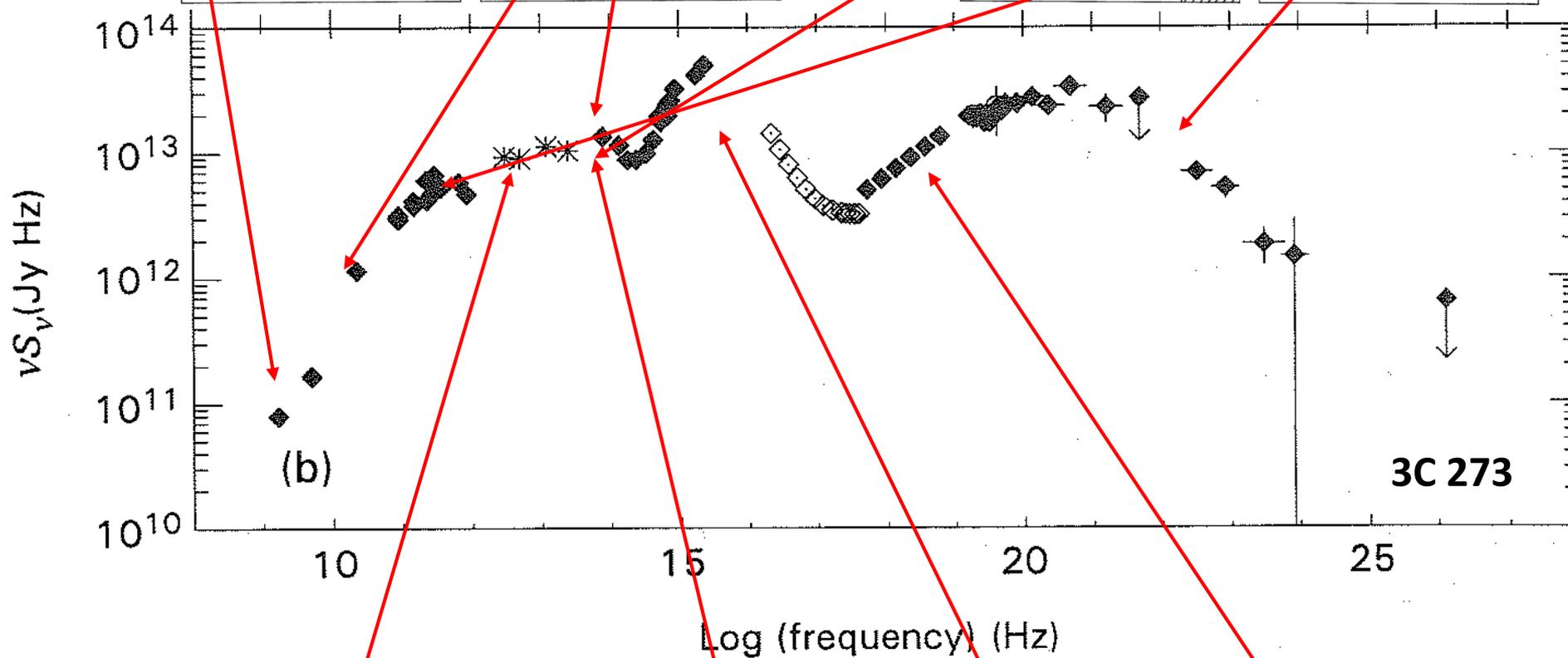
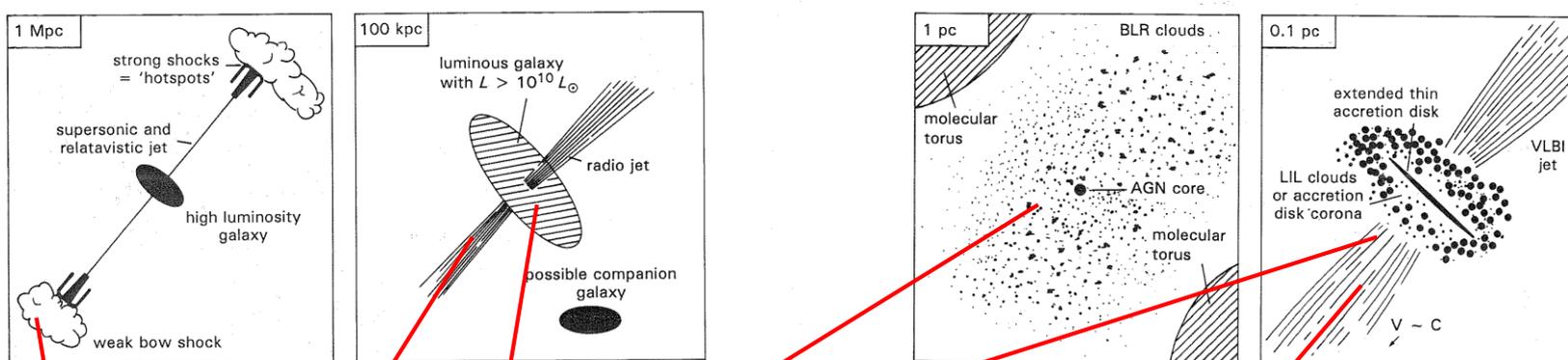
- Exceptionally bright compared to normal galaxies
- The luminosity originates from the very central region from matter accreting to supermassive black hole in the center of galaxies
- The luminosity of the nucleus outshines the thermal emission produced by the stars of the galaxy



# Active Galactic Nuclei



- Central region: supermassive black hole, accretion disk, broad-line region clouds surrounded by toroidal dusty structure (dust torus)
- Note: only some  $\sim 10\%$  supermassive black holes launch relativistic jets (10% of AGN radio loud, radio emission manifesting the existence of the jet)
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- Blazars: Jets pointing very close to our line of sight: Doppler boosting

# Doppler boosting

- Magnifies the apparent flux
- Doppler factor

$$S_{\nu} = \delta^{3-\alpha} S'_{\nu},$$

$$\delta = [\gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)]^{-1},$$

Spectral index

Lorentz factor

Viewing angle (small <10 degrees)

$v/c$ , usually very close to speed of light e.g. 0.99

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$\gamma$  = Lorentz factor

$v$  = speed of moving observer

$c$  = speed of light

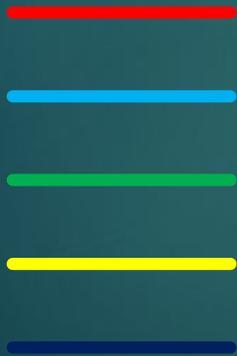
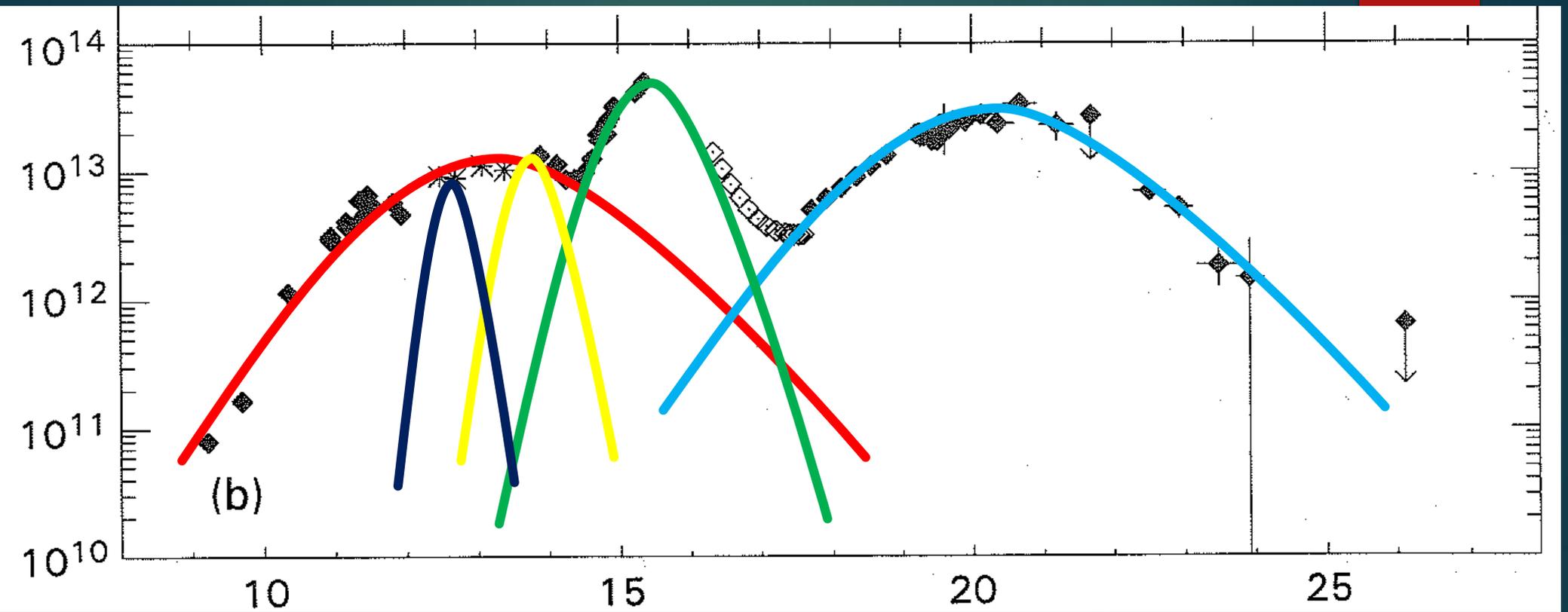
# Doppler boosting

Also makes variability times shorter

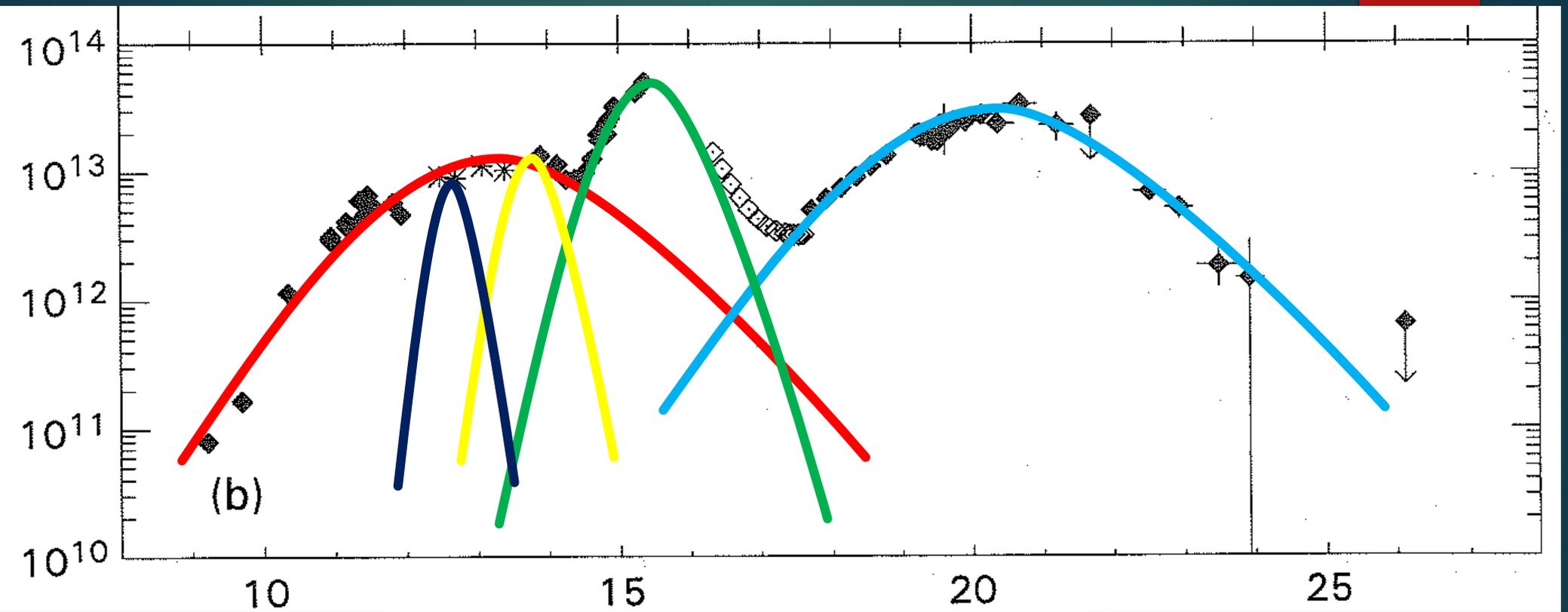
$$\Delta t_{\text{arr}} = \delta^{-1} \Delta t'.$$

....Emission from the relativistic jets pointing close to our line of sight: very bright and very variable!

# Radiative mechanisms in AGN in nutshell



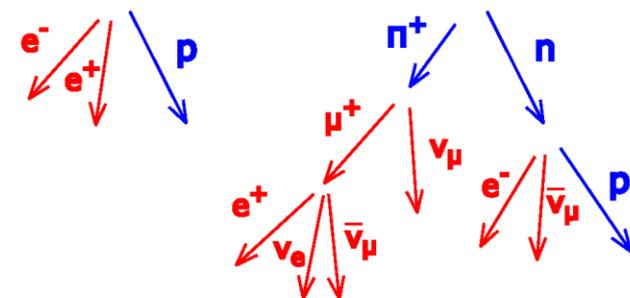
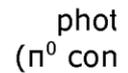
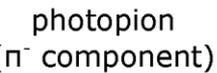
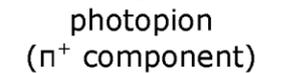
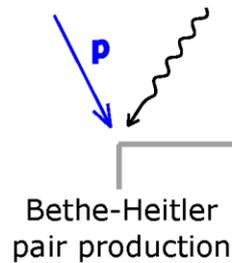
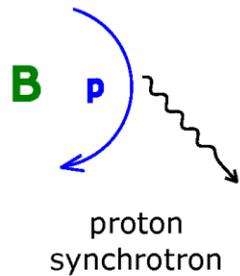
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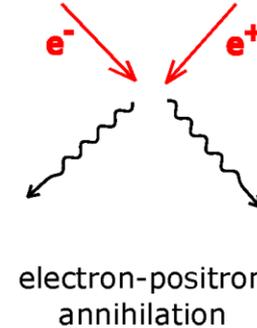
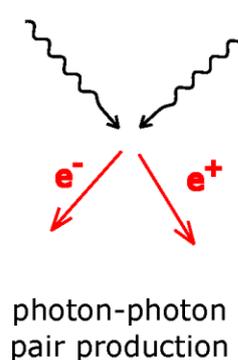
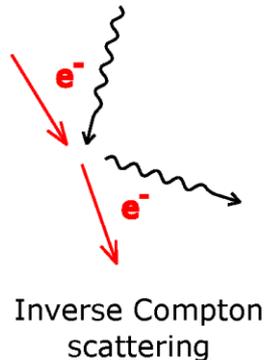
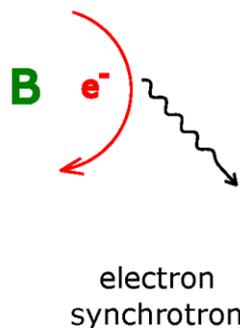
- Synchrotron radiation from the relativistic jet**
- Inverse Compton? radiation from the relativistic jet**
- Blackbody (greybody) radiation from the accretion disk**
- Blackbody (greybody) radiation from the parent galaxy ( $\Sigma 10^{11}$  stars)**
- Blackbody (greybody) radiation from heated dust**
- [ Line radiation (emission/absorption) from gas ]**

# Second SED peak; maybe also hadronic?

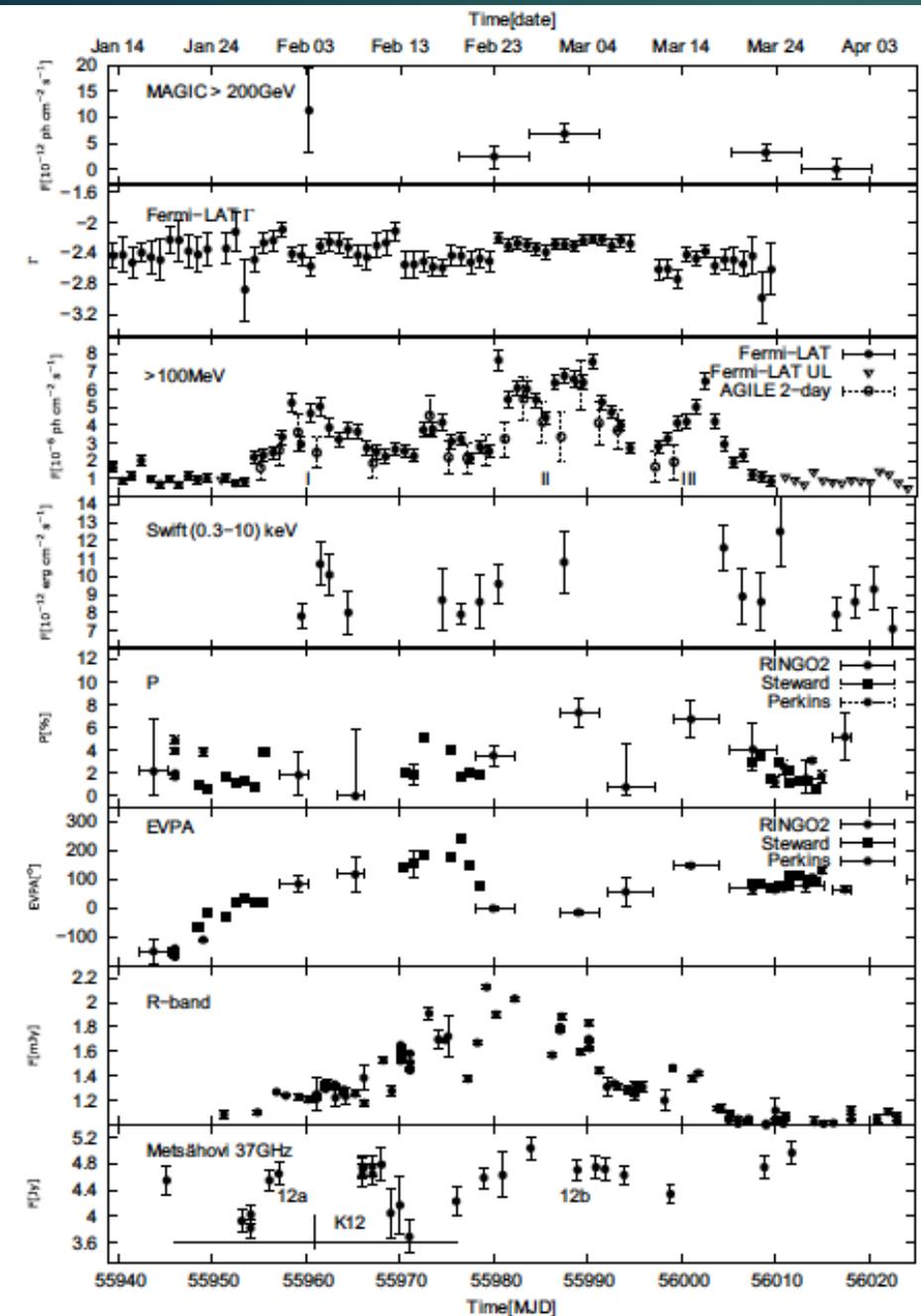
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leptonic



# Variable emission

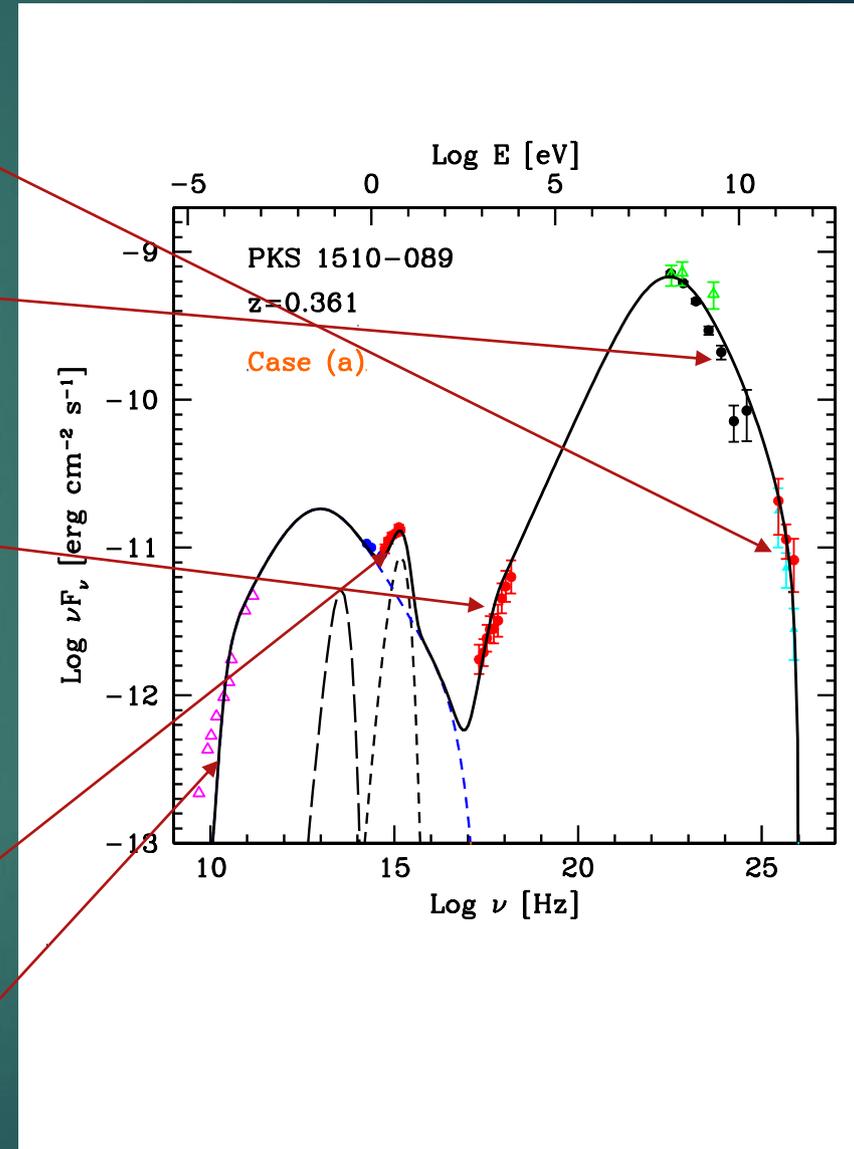


Gamma-rays

X-rays

Optical

Radio



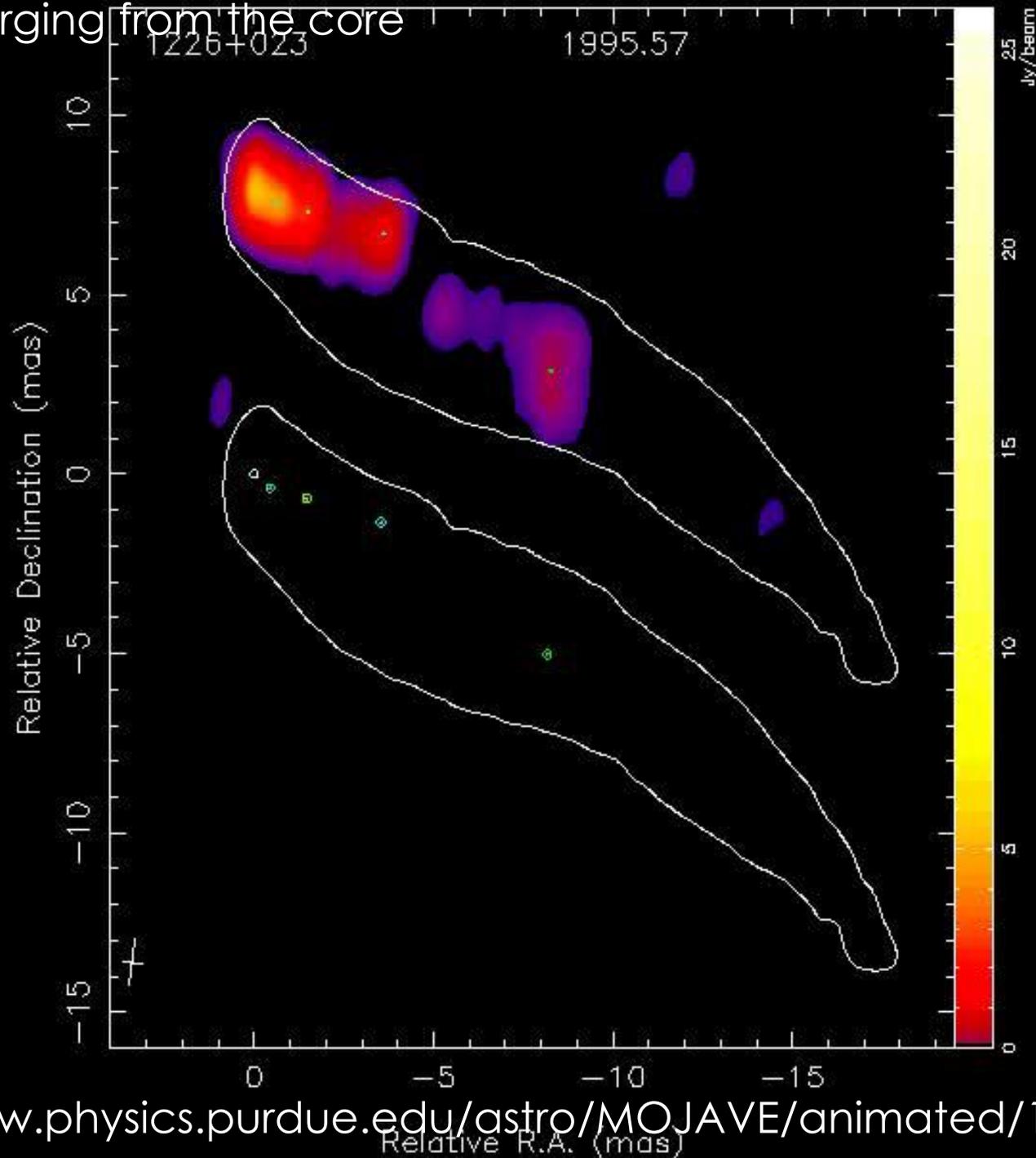
Plots from Aleksic et al. 2014



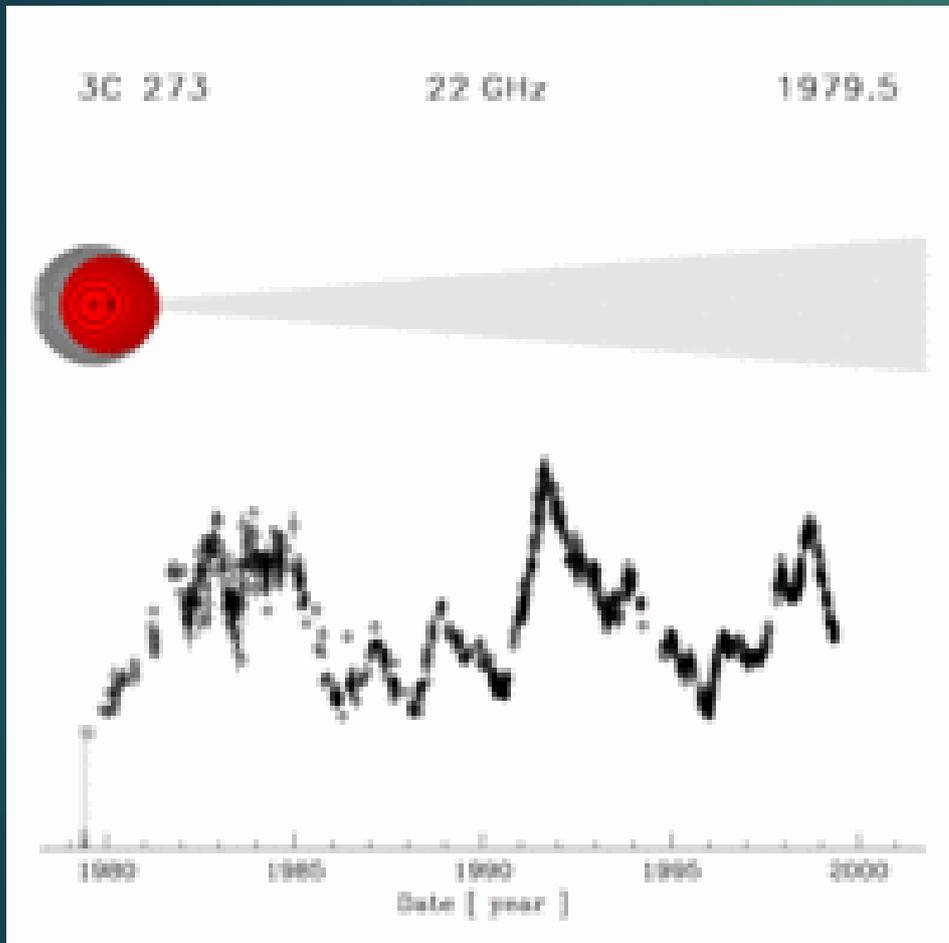
# Origin of variability

OR THE BIT THAT WE THINK WE KNOW

Origin of variability in radio: Following the time evolution over several years allows one to see changes in the structure of the pc-scale jet and new “blobs” emerging from the core



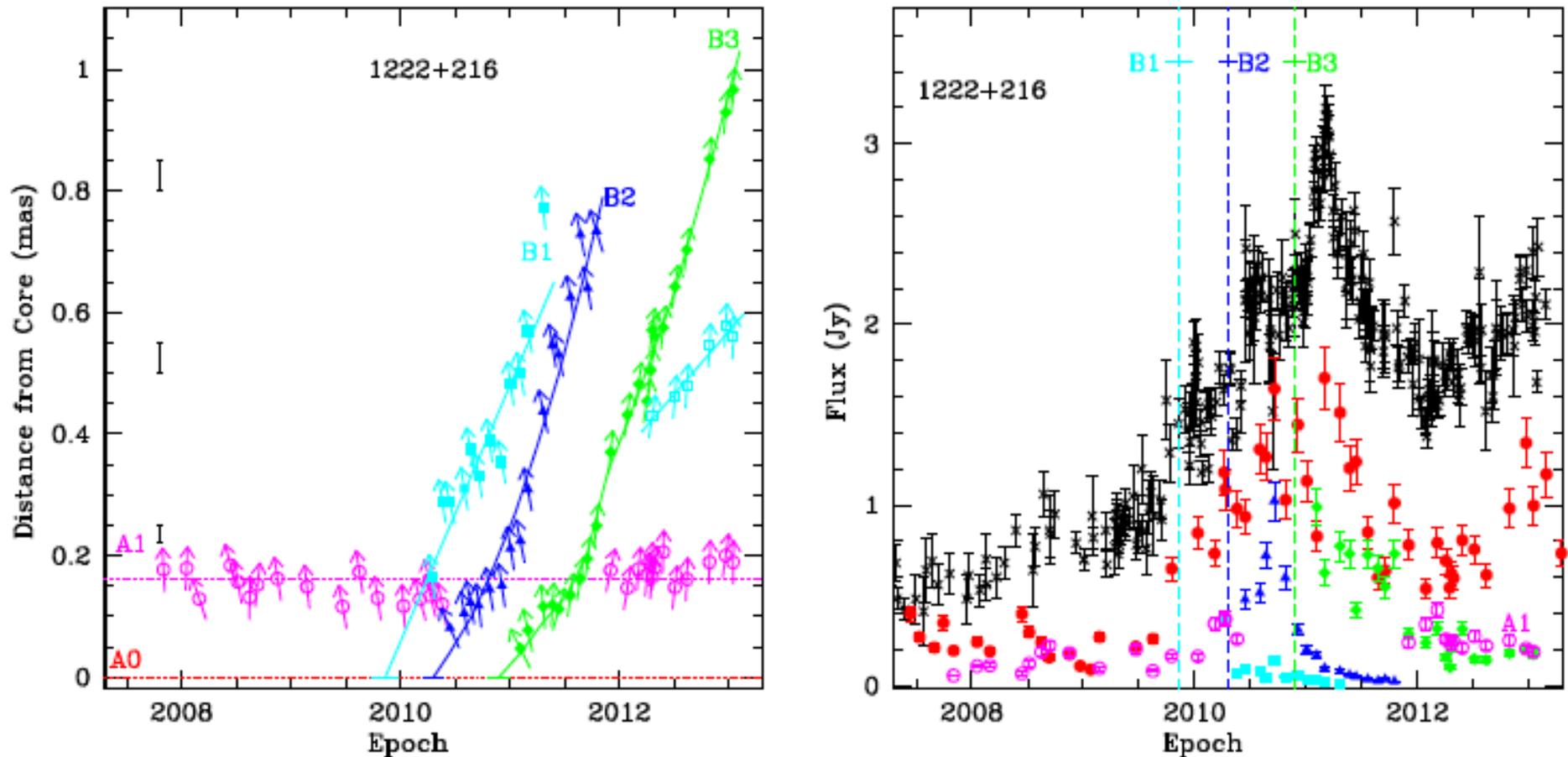
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It is possible to connect the blobs with variability seen on the light curves: Before a new blob emerges, the core is seen to brighten and then a blob is seen in traveling down the jet.

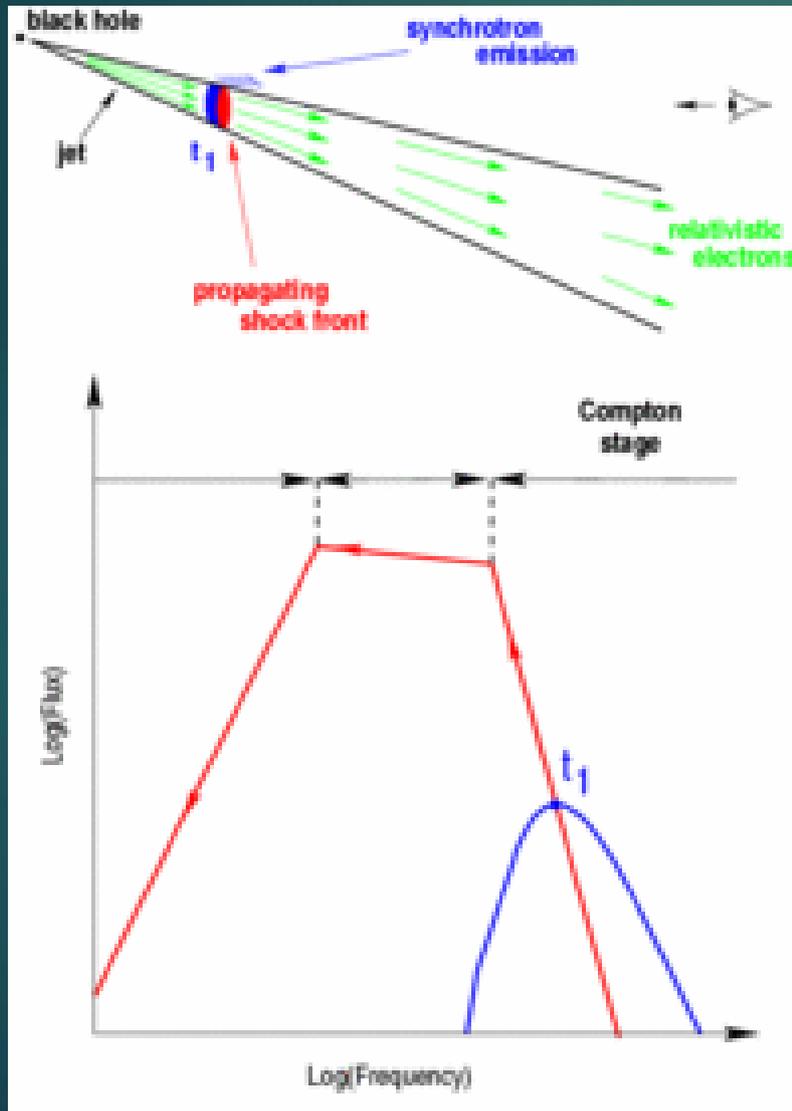
Animation by Türler et al. 1999

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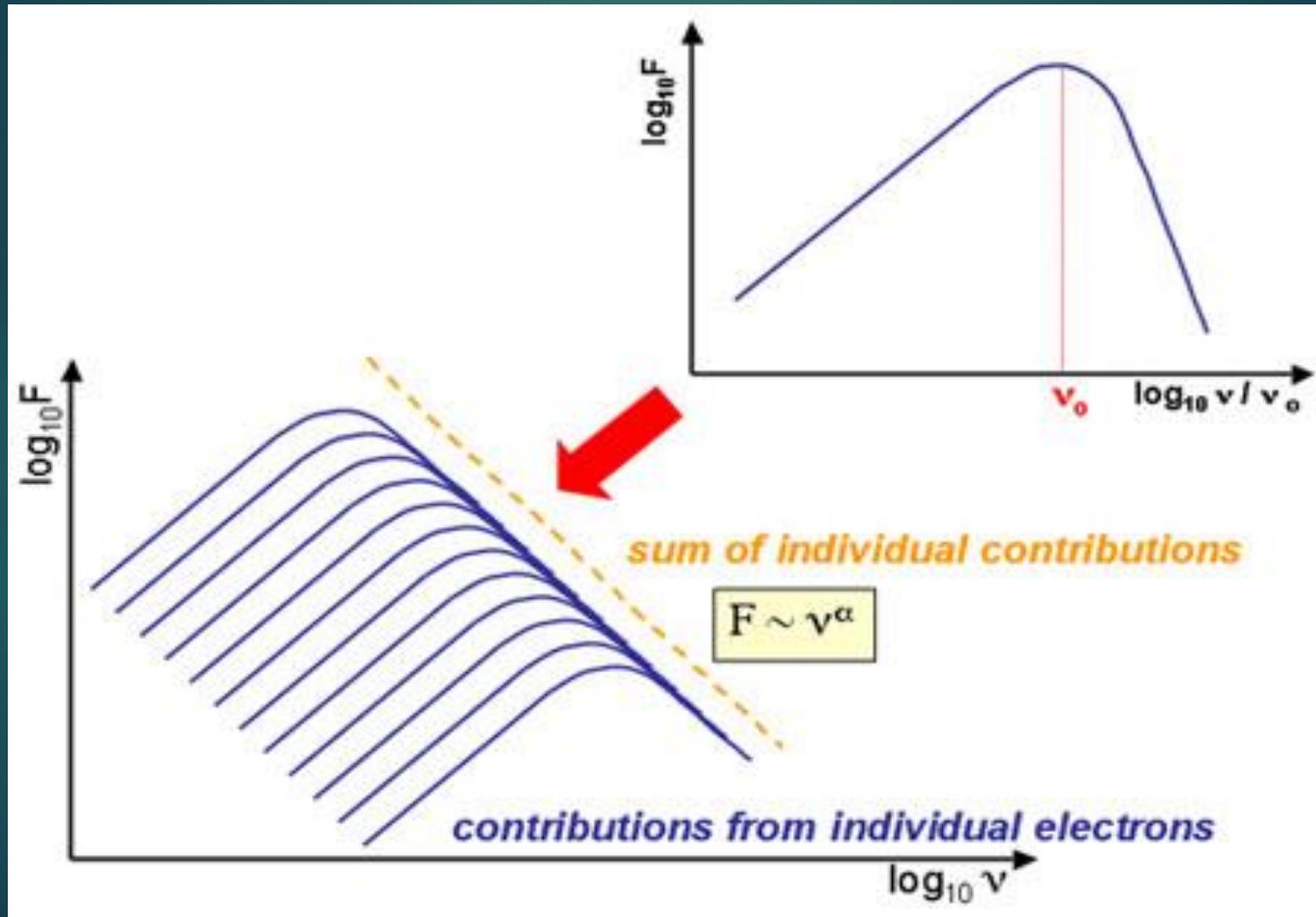
**Figure 4.** Separation of jet features from the core and their light curves. Left: separation vs. time of knots in the jet of the quasar 1222+216 from the VLBA-BU-BLAZAR sample. The vectors show the P.A. of each knot with respect to the core at the corresponding epoch. The solid lines or curves (depending on the parameter  $l$  in Table 5) represent polynomial fits to the motion, while the dotted red and magenta lines mark the position of the core, A0, and stationary feature, A1, respectively. The vertical black line segments show the approximate  $1\sigma$  positional uncertainties based on  $T_{b,obs}$ . Right: the light curves of the core, A0 (filled circles, red), and jet components, and the light curve of the entire source at 37 GHz (black crosses); dashed lines indicate the epochs of ejection of the moving knots. Symbols and colors correspond to the same knot in the left and right plots. Plots for all sources in the sample are available in figure set.

A physical explanation for this is shocks traveling down the jet. They cause the synchrotron spectrum of each individual blob to evolve in time.

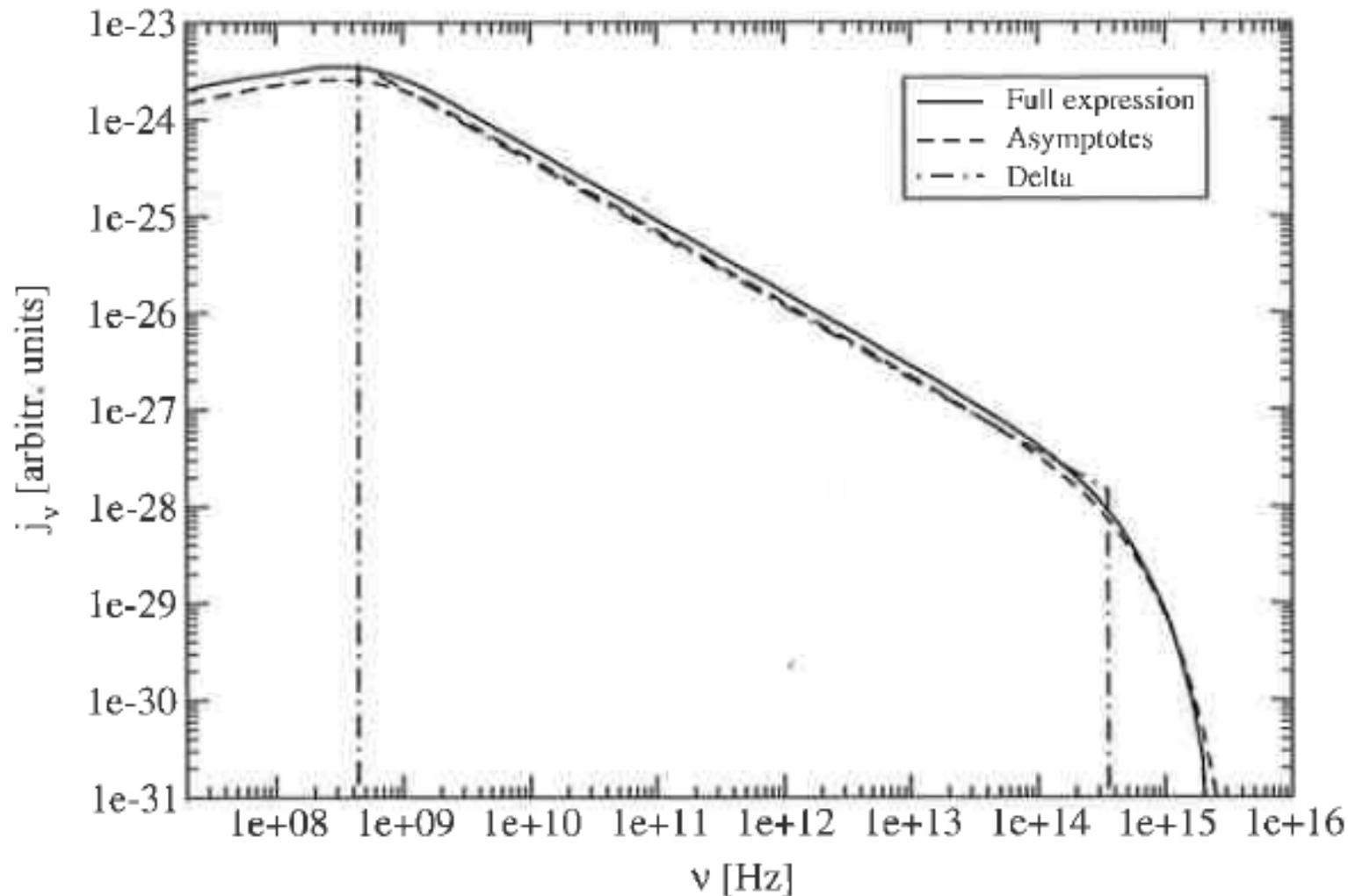


- Before the shock model, the emission was modeled with pure adiabatic expansion – Van Der Laan model
  - Electrons simply lose energy due to expansion of the emission region
- Because the spectral shape was seen to evolve during flares, it became apparent that adiabatic expansion cannot be the cause of variability
- The first shock models were introduced in 1985 by Marscher & Gear and Hughes, Aller & Aller.
- Main difference to adiabatic model is the inclusion of inverse Compton and synchrotron radiation losses, and energy gain of the electrons in the shocks

Re-cap: What do we see in radio band?  
Final resulting power law spectrum is a sum of individual electron spectra



# Optically thin synchrotron spectrum between $\gamma_1=10$ and $\gamma_2=10^4$



**Figure 3.2** Optically thin synchrotron spectra from a power-law distribution of electrons with index  $p = 2.5$  and cutoffs  $\gamma_1 = 10$  and  $\gamma_2 = 10^4$  for a magnetic field of  $B = 1$  G. The

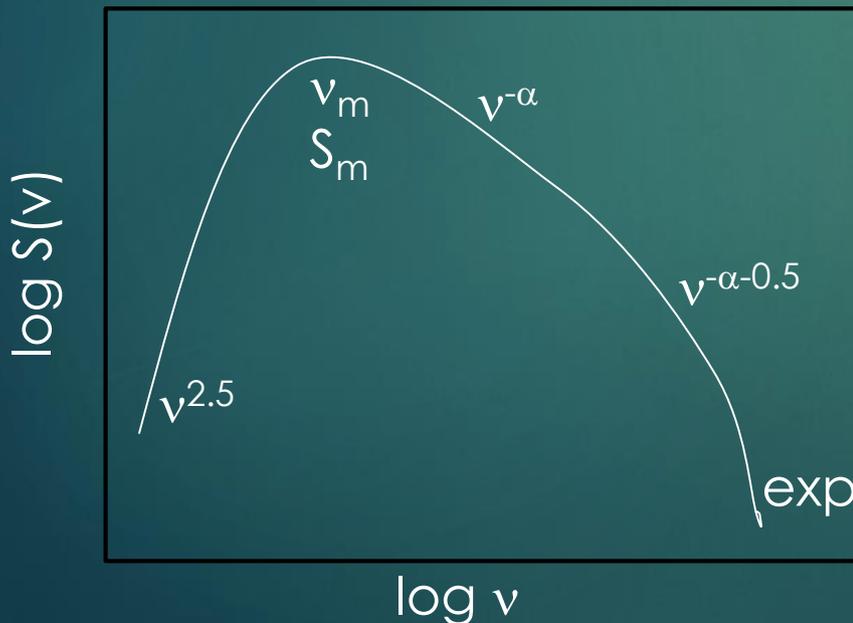
figure compares the full expression (3.34), the  $\nu^{1/3} e^{-\nu/\nu_c}$  approximation (3.38), and the  $\delta$  function approximation (3.40).

## Modifications

**Low frequencies:** *self-absorption*  $\Rightarrow I(\nu) \propto \nu^{5/2}$ . Also possible is a *low-energy cutoff* due to the lowest energy for accelerated electrons,  $E_{\min}$ .

**High frequencies:** the acceleration process can only reach electron energies up to some  $E_{\max}$  (Lorentz factor  $\gamma_{\max} = E_{\max}/m_0c^2$ )  $\Rightarrow$  *exponential cut-off* at frequencies  $\nu_h \geq 4B \gamma_{\max}^2$

**Energy losses:** higher energy electrons lose energy faster  $\Rightarrow$  *steepening* of the spectrum from  $\alpha$  to  $\alpha+0.5$ . The steepening frequency moves to lower frequencies with time.

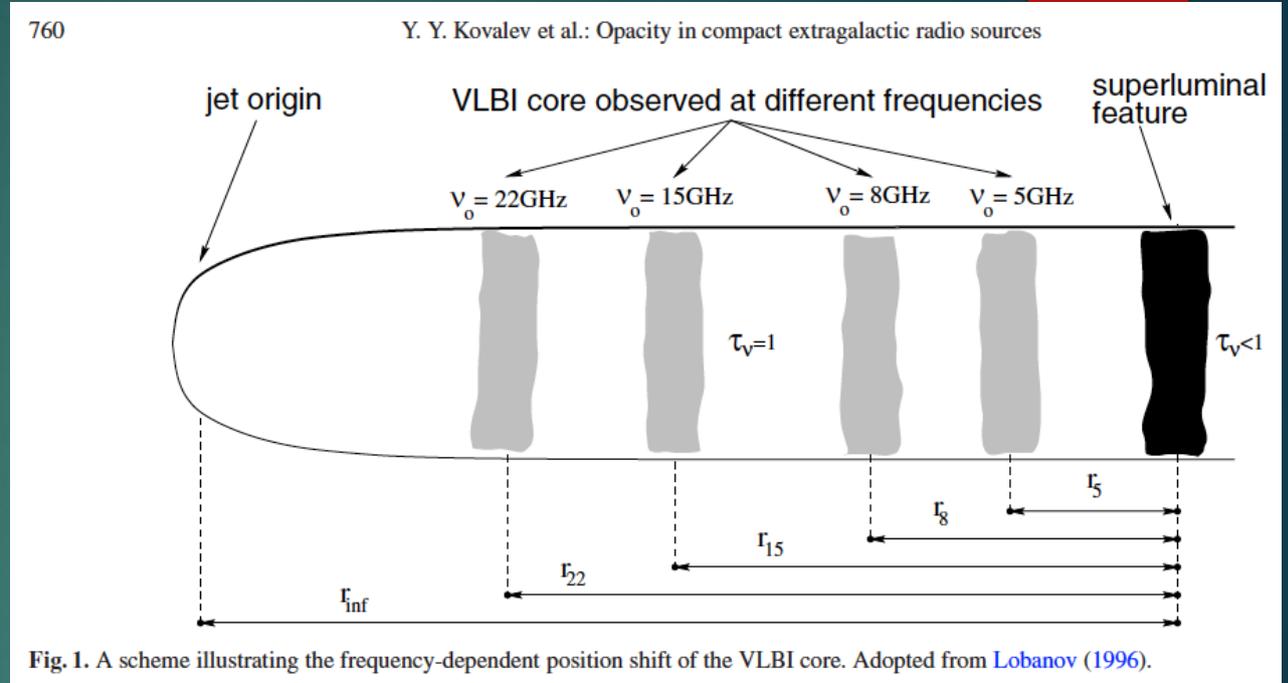


$$\text{Maximum at } \nu_m \approx 8B^{1/5}\Theta^{-4/5}S_m^{2/5} \\ \text{[GHz, G, mas, Jy]}$$

with  $\Theta$  the angular diameter of the source in milliarcseconds. In principle  $B$  can be estimated from observations, in practice rather uncertain because of the large exponents.

# What is the “core” seen in the VLBA images?

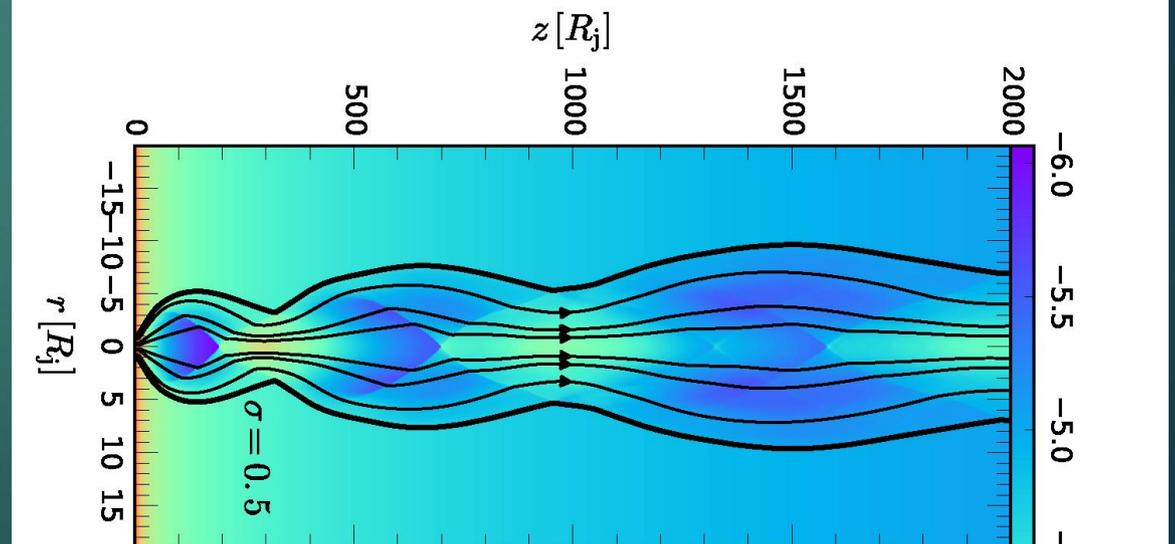
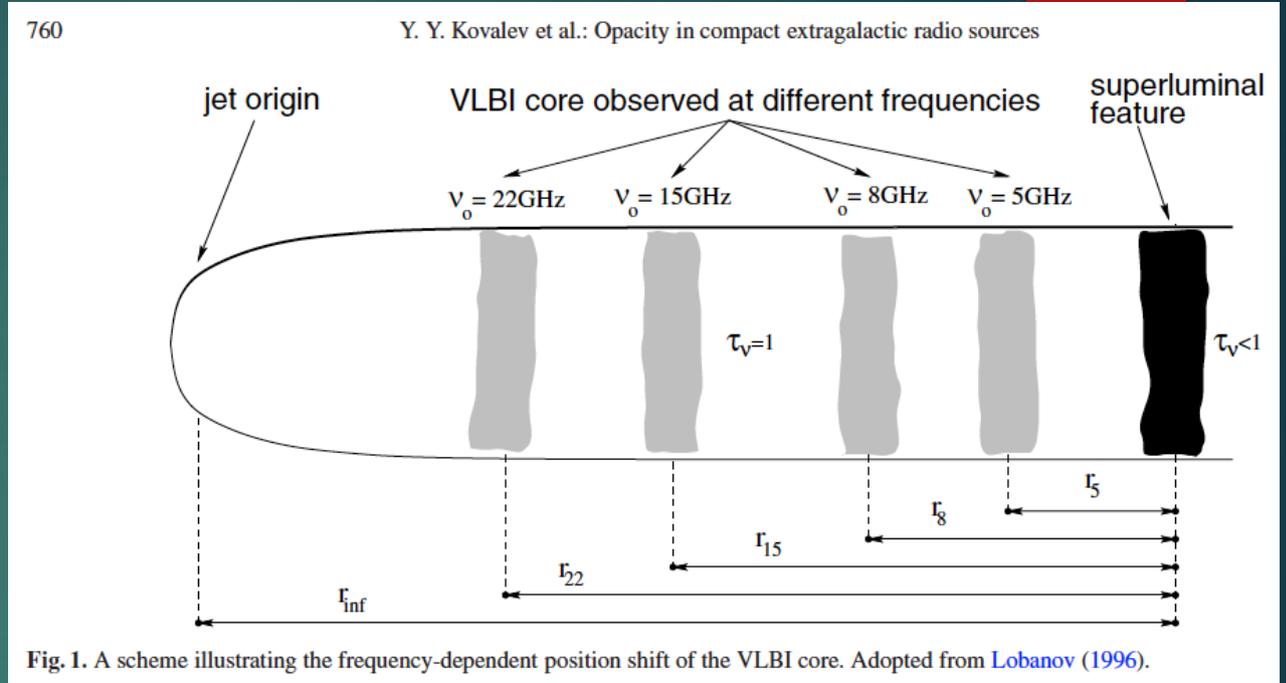
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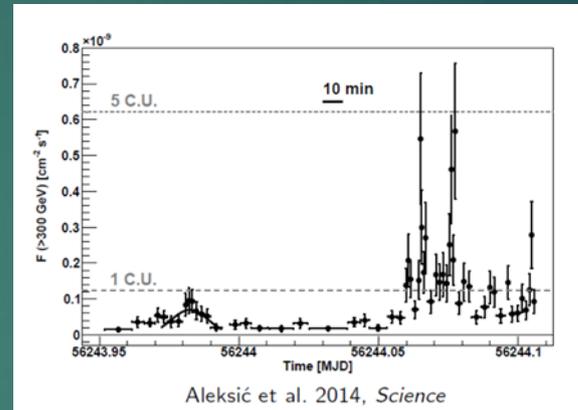
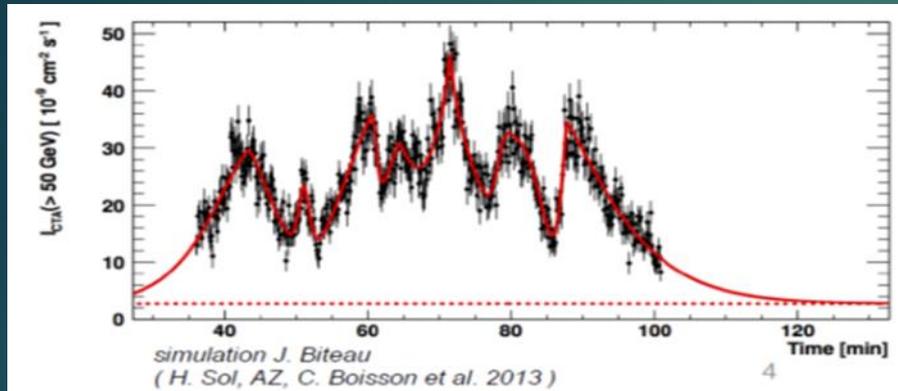
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At millimeter wavelengths, where the jet is already optically thin, the core could be a recollimation shock



Fromm et al. 2017

# What we see in radio bands is not all there is...



Variability in timescale of minutes at VHE gamma-rays cannot be explained with shock-in-jet model

Magnetic reconnection?

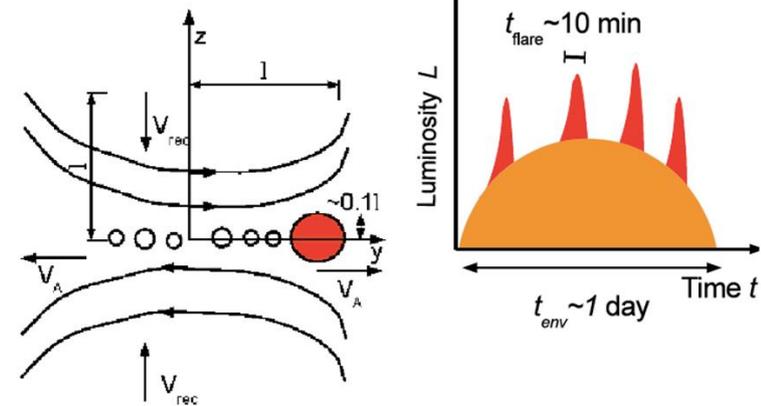


Fig. 14 *Left Panel:* Schematic representation of the geometry of reconnection process shown in a frame comoving with the jet. Magnetic field lines of opposite polarity annihilate at the  $x - y$  plane with speed  $v_{rec} = \beta_{in}c$ . The reconnection layer fragments to a large number of plasmoids. Regularly, plasmoids undergo multiple mergers resulting in a “monster” plasmoid (shaded blob). *Right Panel:* Sketch of the emission from plasmoid-dominated reconnection. The reconnection proceeds on a global timescale  $t_{rec} = l/\beta_{in}c$ , powering  $\sim 1$ day long flares (or envelope emission). Regularly, plasmoids grow to become “monster” plasmoids (shaded blob) giving rise to powerful, fast-evolving flares of duration  $t_{flare} \sim 10$  minutes. Several fast flares are expected from a single reconnection event.

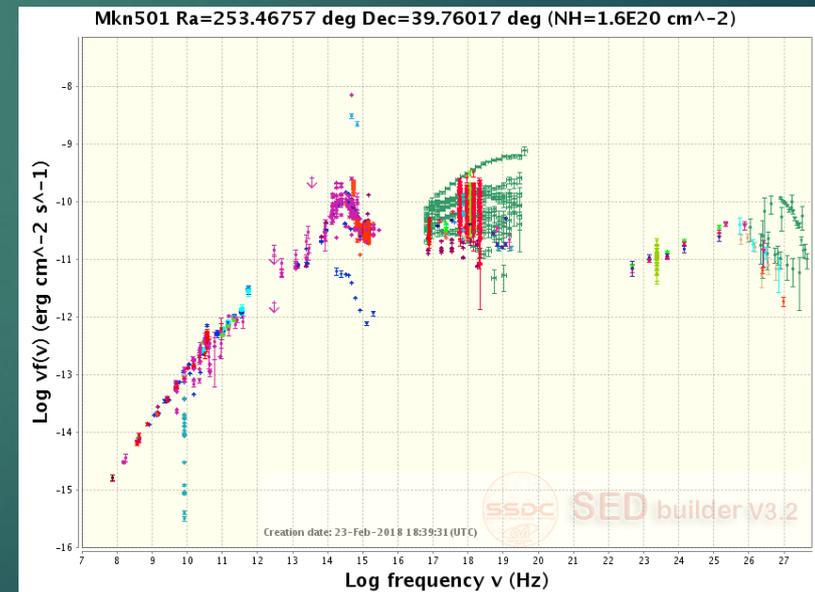
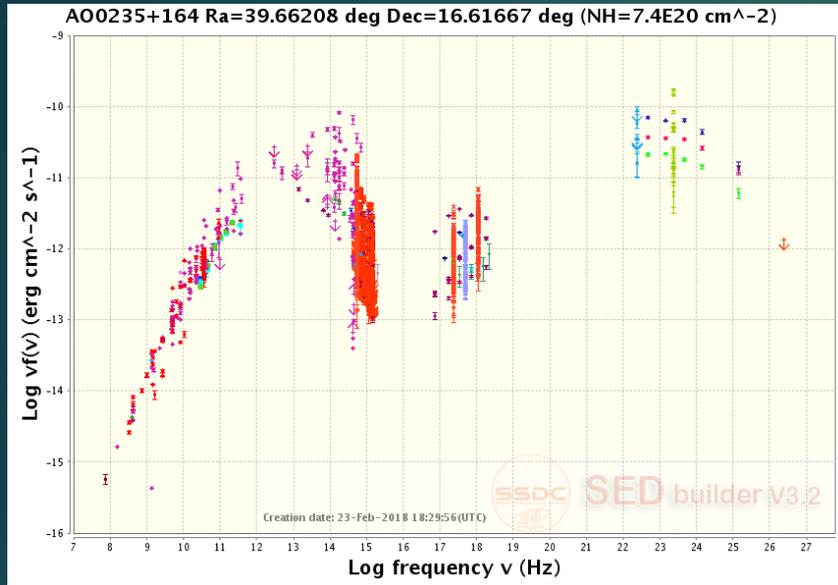
# What we think we know about variability

- ▶ It is there in all bands
- ▶ In radio band it probably has something to do with the emission features we see in the jet
- ▶ Emission features are likely to be shocks, but there are also standing shocks (recollimation shocks?), interacting shocks: *particle acceleration*
- ▶ Sometimes the variability is all bands have some similar patterns – common origin?
- ▶ The fastest variability in gamma-rays: extreme particle acceleration on very compact emission region (emission region much smaller than diameter of the jet)

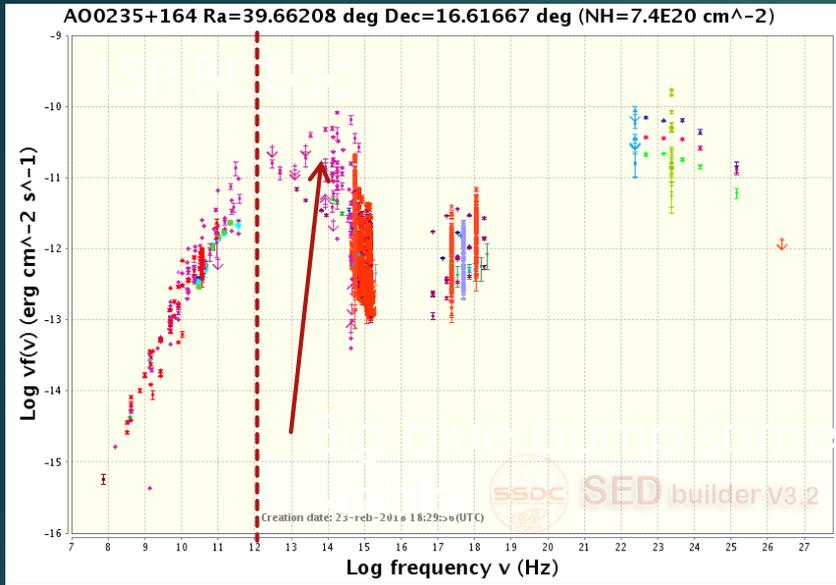


# BACK TO SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS

# What similarities / differences do you see in the SEDs below?



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Compton dominance

Accretion disk

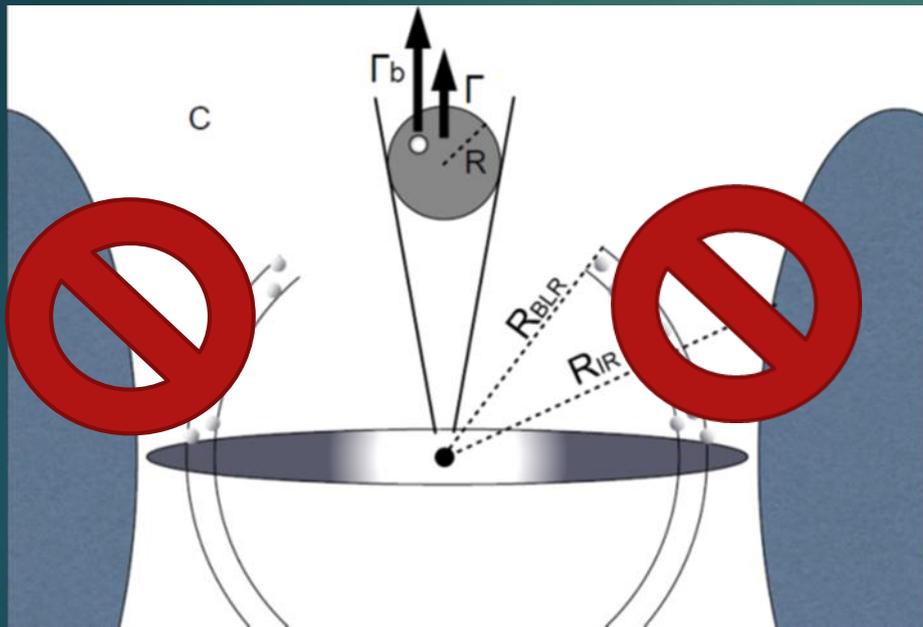
Peak frequency of the SED

All have prominent gamma-ray emission

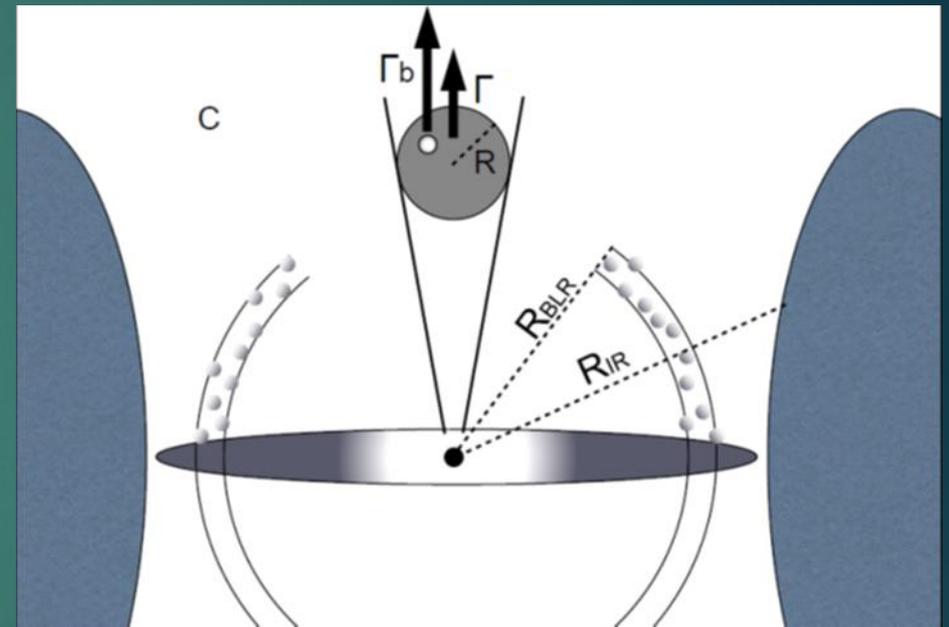
LSP = Low synchrotron peaked, ISP = intermediate synchrotron peaked, HSP = high synchrotron peaked

$v_{\text{peak}} < 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$        $10^{14} < v_{\text{peak}} < 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$        $v_{\text{peak}} > 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$

# Why are they different

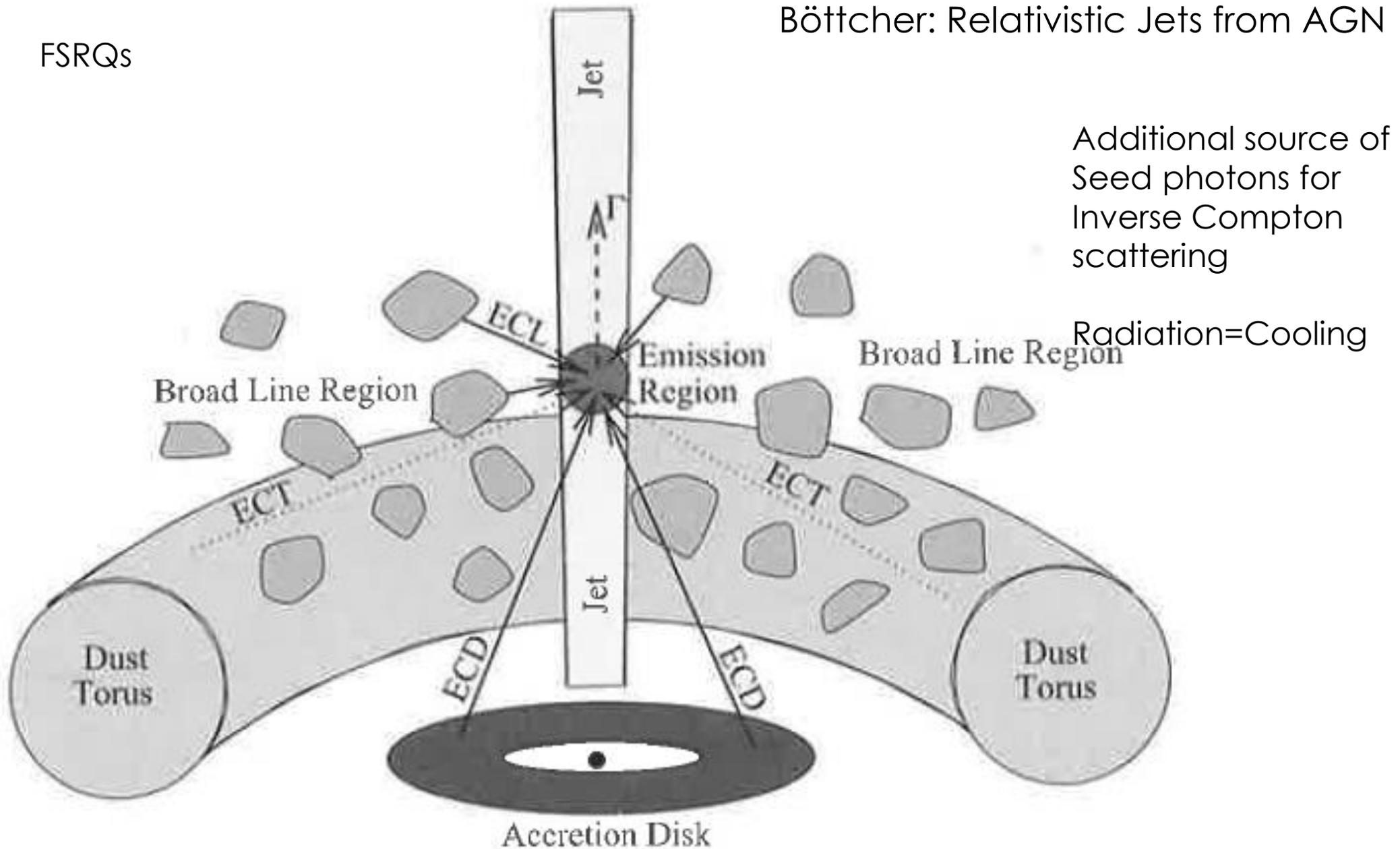


BL Lacs



FSRQs

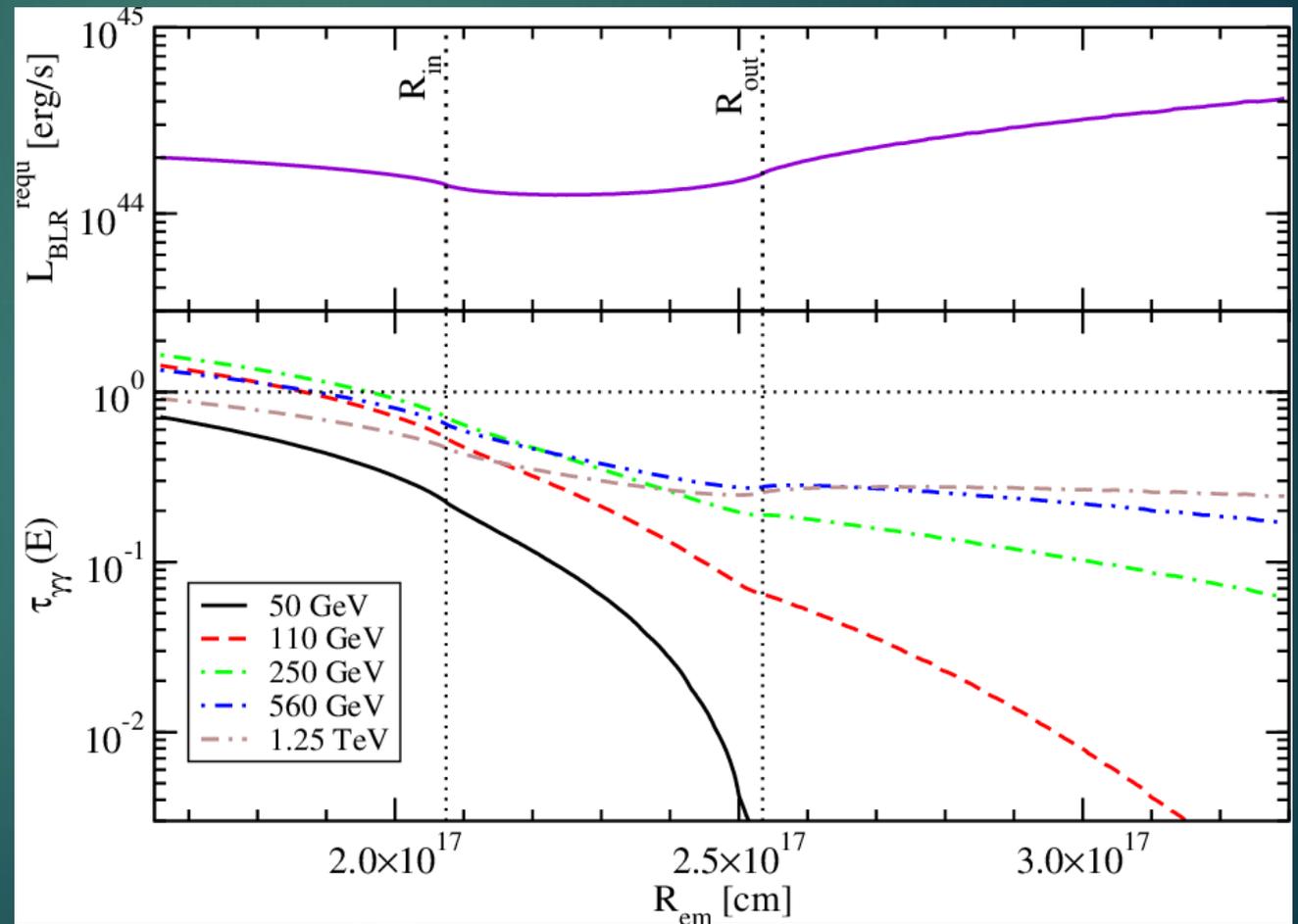
FSRQs



**Figure 8.4** Sketch of the central region of an active galaxy, illustrating the various external radiation fields that may be Compton scattered to form the high-energy emission observed from AGNs.

# But it also absorbs

gamma+gamma ->  
Electron+positron

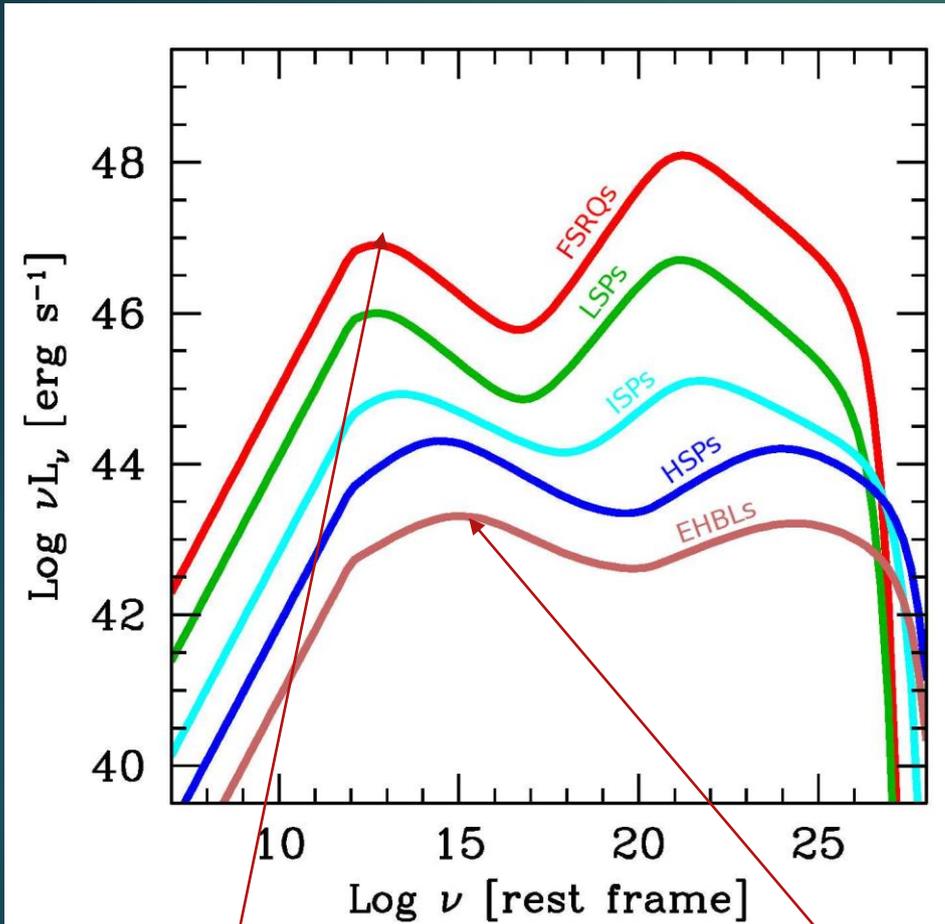




Which are more  
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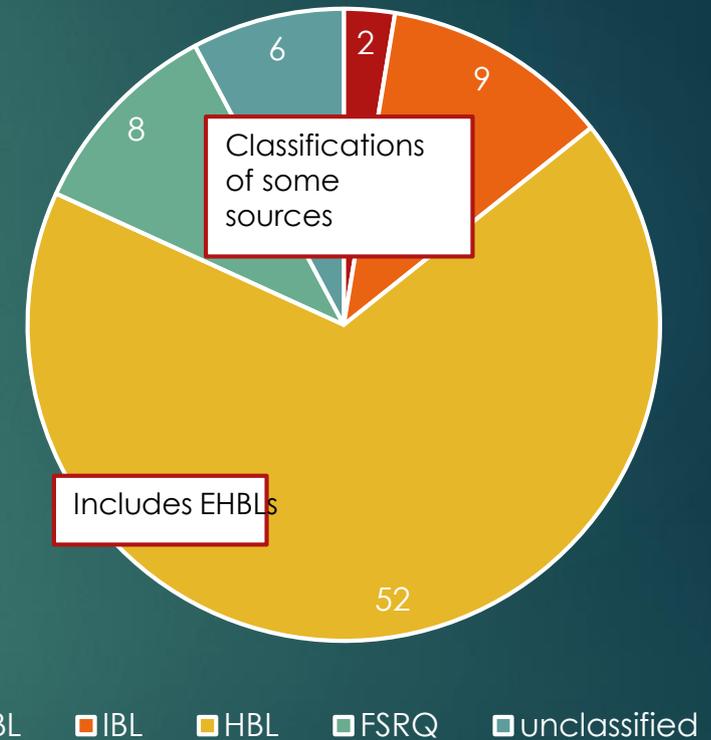
FSRQS OR BLLACS?

# It depends...



VHE

sub-classes



FSRQs: most luminous

BL Lacs: higher synchrotron peak  
 => higher IC peak

➤ HSPs most numerous objects  
 ➤ Lower energies (Fermi)  
 ~about equal

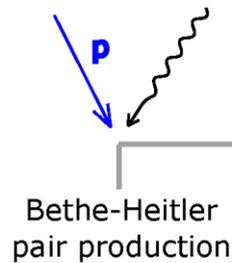
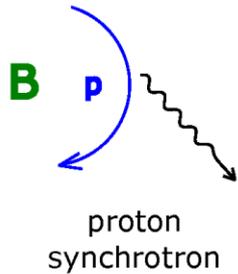


What about neutrinos?  
What are the best  
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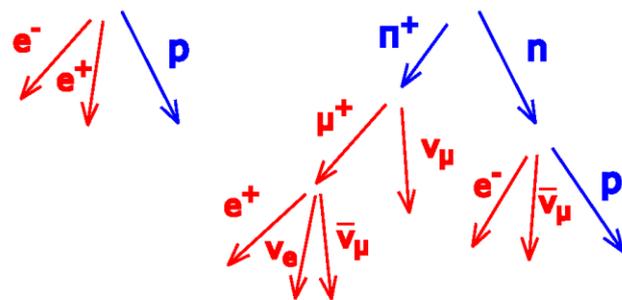
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# Reminder on what we need: protons and photons

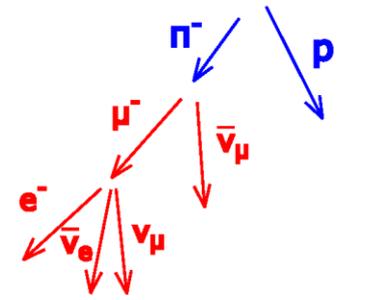
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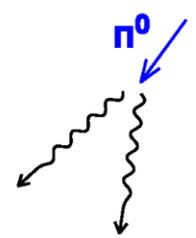
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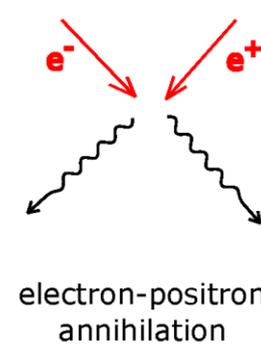
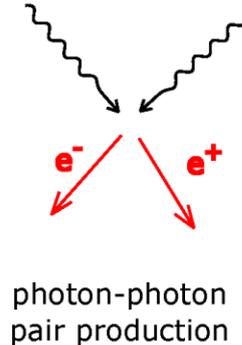
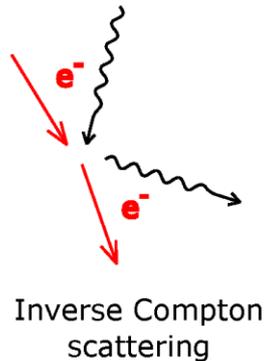
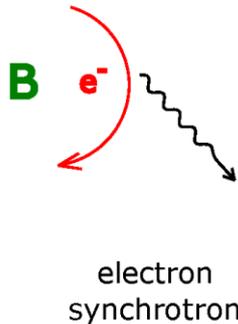
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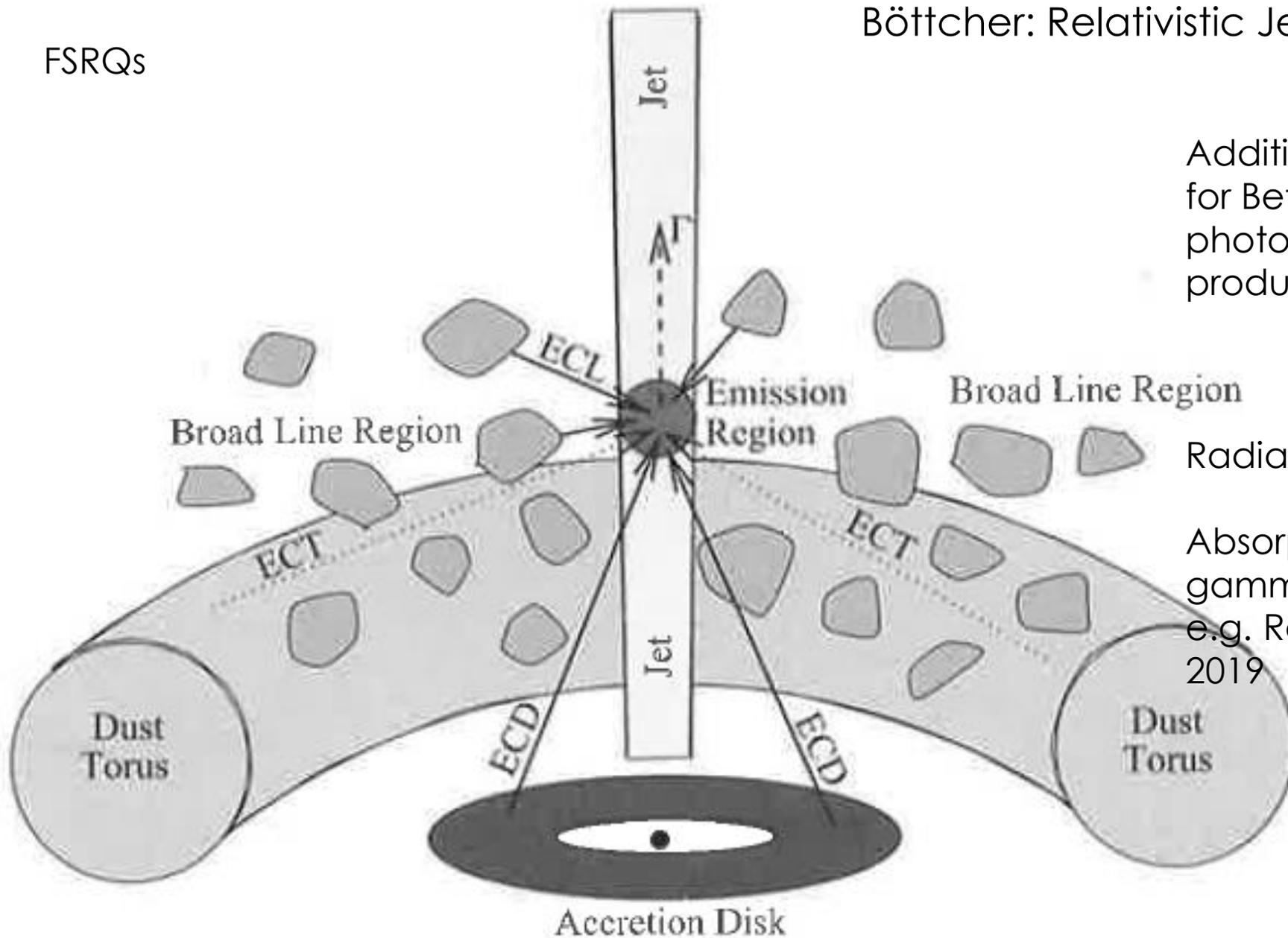
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leptonic



FSRQs



Additional photons for Bethe-Heitler or photopion production

Radiation=Cooling

Absorption of gamma-rays (see e.g. Reimer et al. 2019)

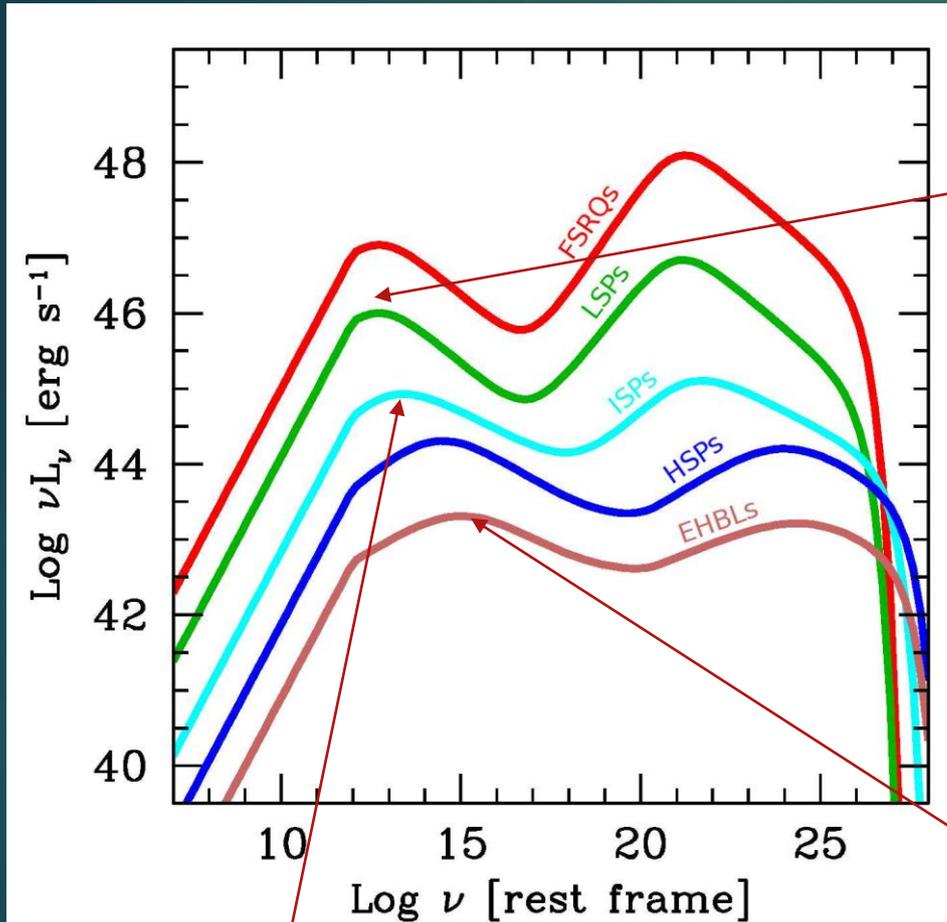
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What about neutrinos?  
What are the best  
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FSRQS OR BLLACS?

# We really have no clue...



There are also indications that radio brightness would have connection with neutrinos (Plavin et al. 2020) or that bright long-lasting radio flares would be connected to neutrinos (Plavin et al. 2020,2021, Hovatta et al. 2021), FSRQs+LSPs favored?

Statistical correlations with neutrino arrival directions:  
Padovani et al.  
Favours HSPs

TXS0506+056 is maybe ISP?



# Lecture 2: Extragalactic sources of gamma-rays, neutrinos and cosmic rays

# Where were we?

- ▶ Close-by sources: Normal galaxies, dwarf galaxies
- ▶ Within our supercluster: Not-so-normal galaxies (i.e. those with more ISM and CR)
- ▶ Dense clusters like Perseus and Coma

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- ▶ Relativistic jets launched by supermassive black holes: what do we know from electromagnetic radiation
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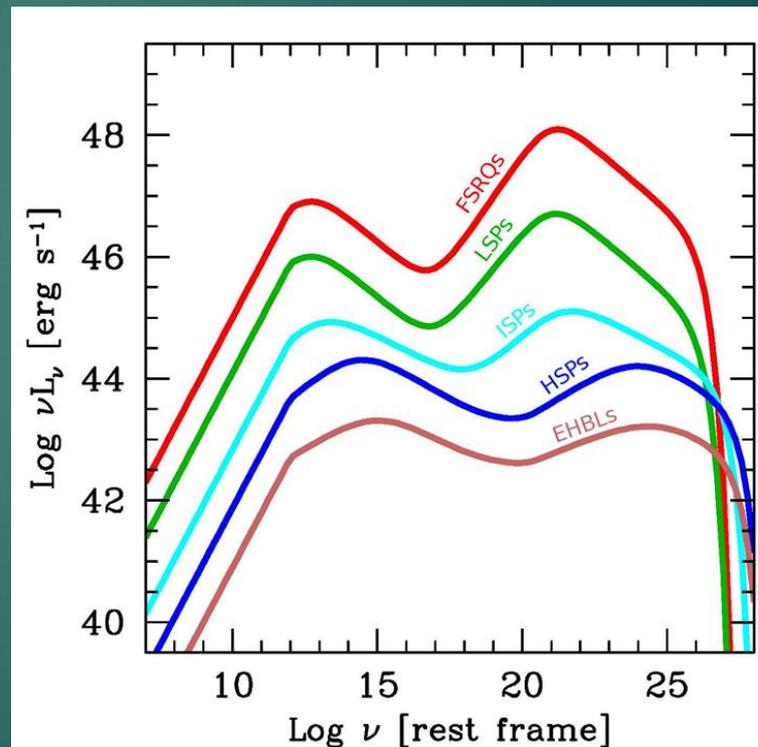
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# A bit more on the SED classes

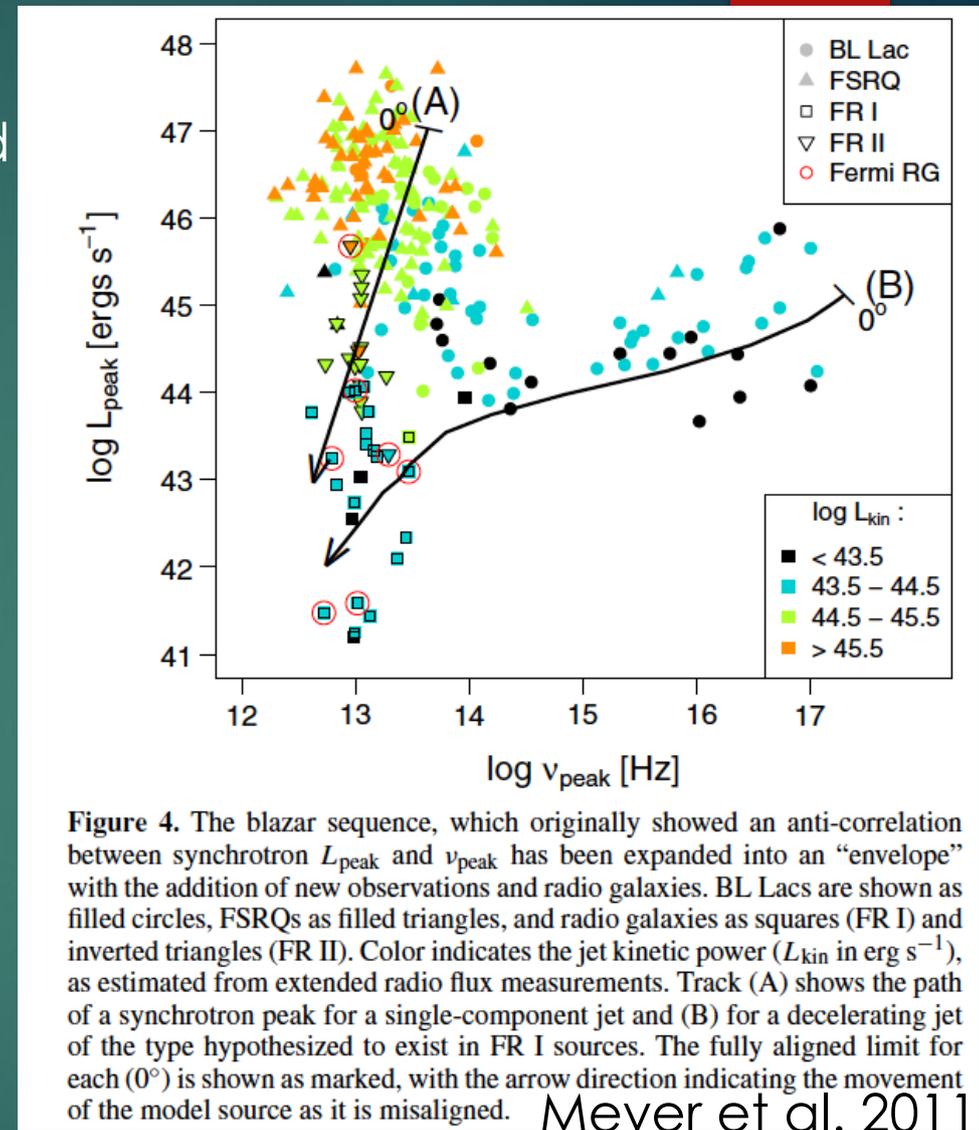
- ▶ Fossati et al. 1998: Blazar Sequence
- ▶ More luminous sources have a synchrotron component peaking at lower frequencies
- ▶ They also seem to have higher Compton dominance (external radiation field)
- ▶ This could be related to the energy losses and magnetic energy density in the sources, so that in low-peaking sources the radiation field dominates and high-energy electrons lose energy faster, thus radiating at lower frequencies



# Blazar sequence... becomes blazar envelope

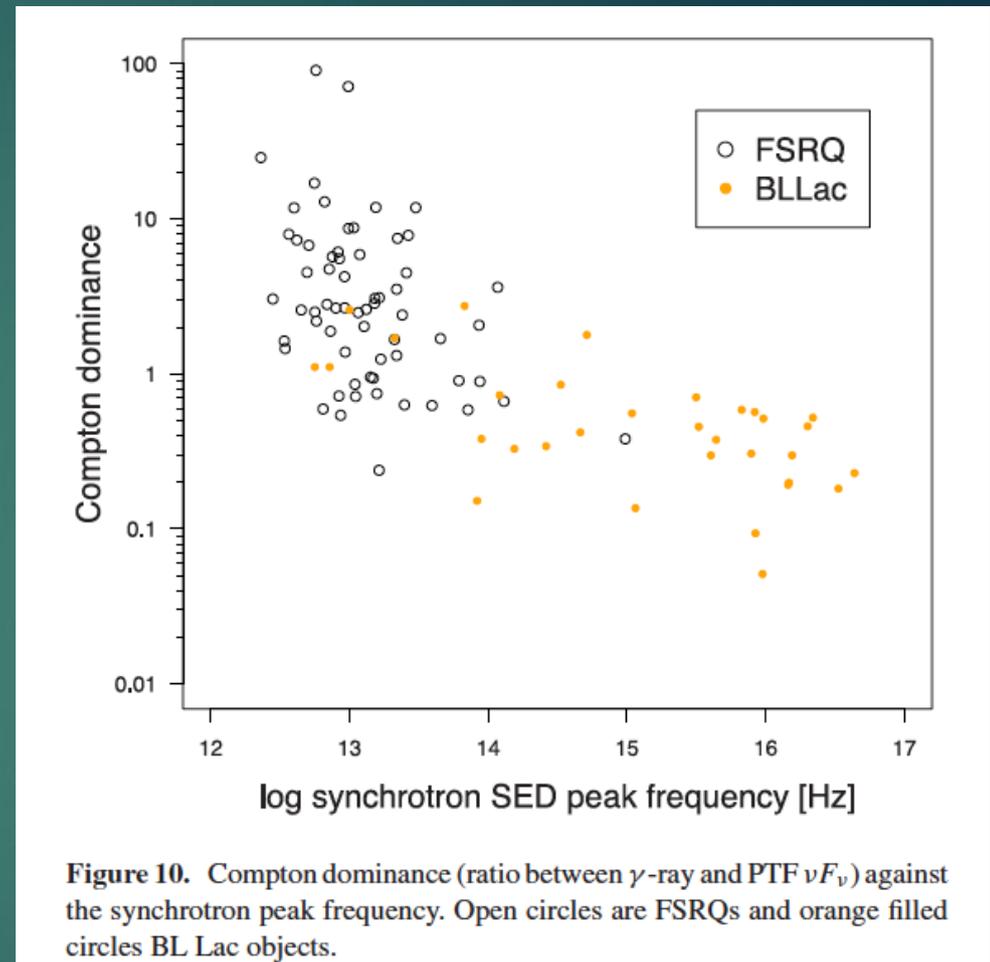
- Updated analysis including lower luminosity objects shows that instead of a simple trend, there seem to be an envelope, with two tracks
- An explanation for the change in the peak luminosity / frequency is the change in viewing angle
  - Track A, source with a constant jet speed
  - Track B, source with a velocity gradient in the jet (such as decelerating jets)

➔ **One should be careful when interpreting data of incomplete samples with biases!**



Compton dominance = how much higher is the luminosity in the inverse Compton component compared to the synchrotron peak  
=> what is the dominating energy loss mechanism

- FSRQs typically have a Compton dominance  $> 1$ , which means that an External Compton component is needed to model their SED, while in BL Lacs, SSC can be sufficient.
- This is in agreement with FSRQs typically showing thermal components from the torus or accretion disk in their SED
- “Masquerading” BL Lacs are LSP sources where the non-thermal jet emission swamps the thermal components from the SED. In reality these should be classified as FSRQs (e.g. BL Lac itself!), maybe also TXS0506+056? (Padovani et al. 2018)

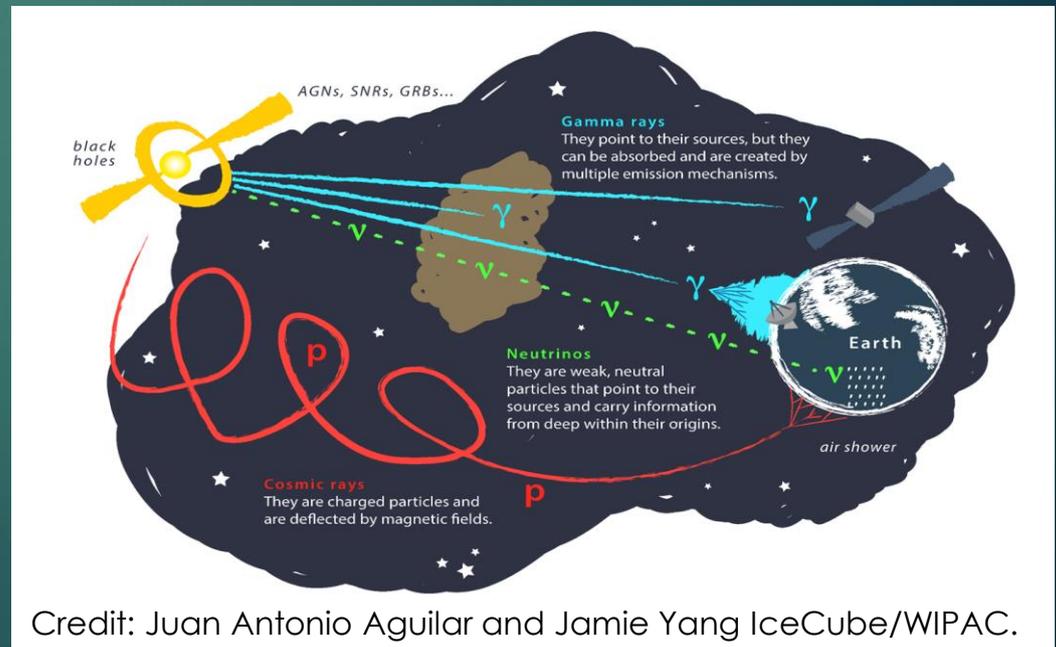


Hovatta et al. 2014

# What I will try to cover today?

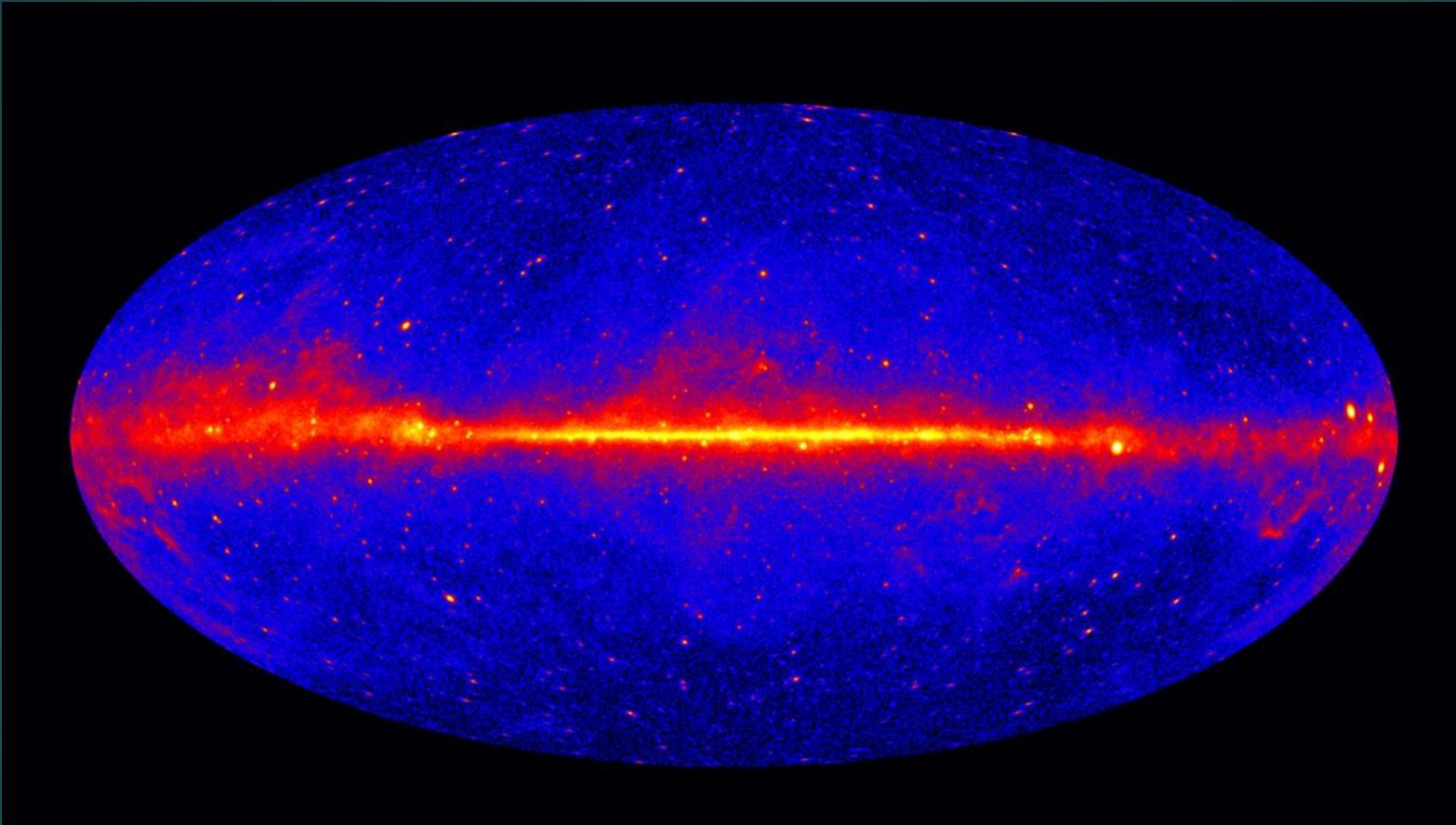
- ▶ Gamma-ray observations of blazars
- ▶ Neutrino observations of blazars
- ▶ Radio galaxies (i.e. when jet is not pointing close to our line of sight)

- ▶ Is that all?
- ▶ Propagation effects



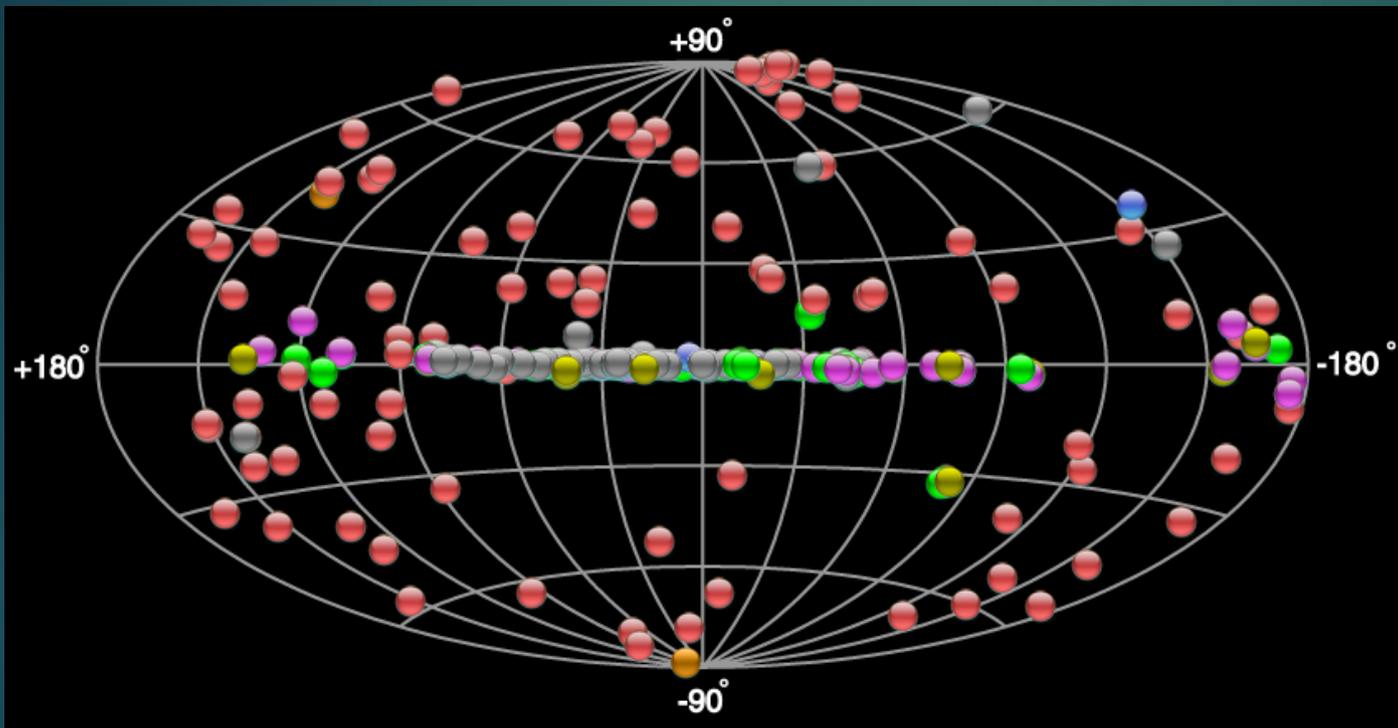
Credit: Juan Antonio Aguilar and Jamie Yang IceCube/WIPAC.

# Gamma-ray observations of blazars



>90% of the thousands of extragalactic sources that Fermi sees are blazars

# Very High Energy Gamma-Ray sky



Red dots: extragalactic

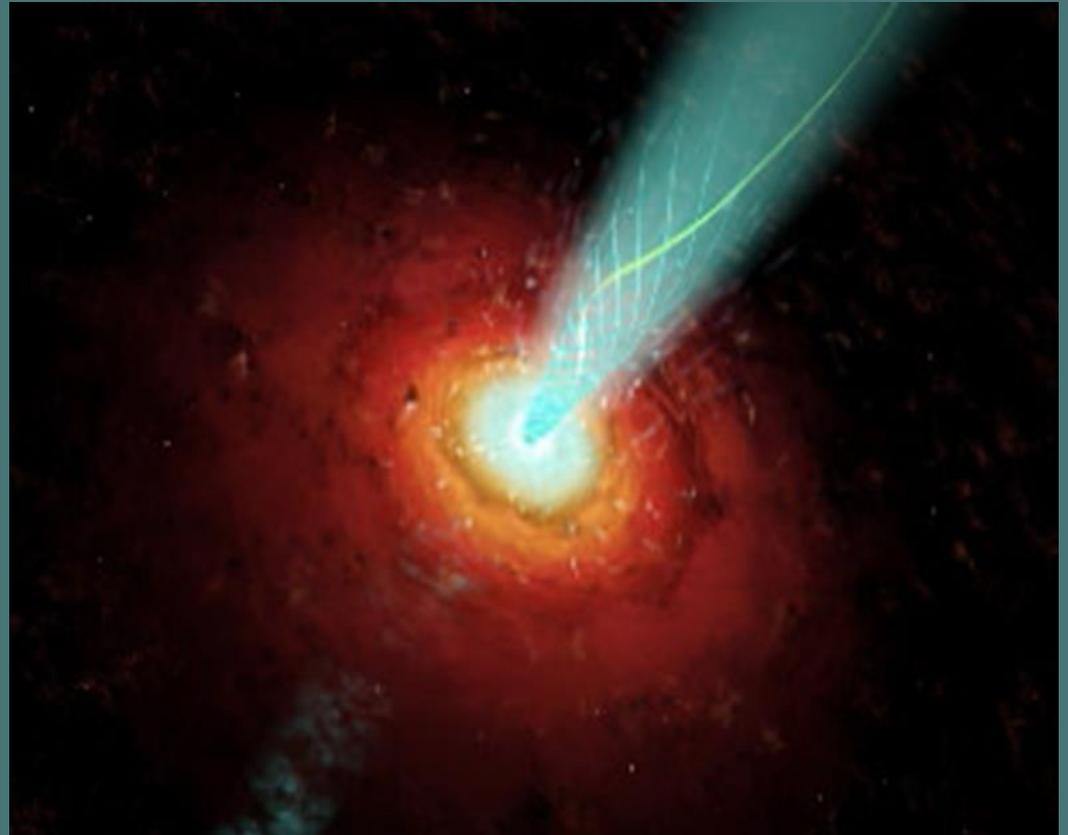
Source count ~100

~90% of them are blazars

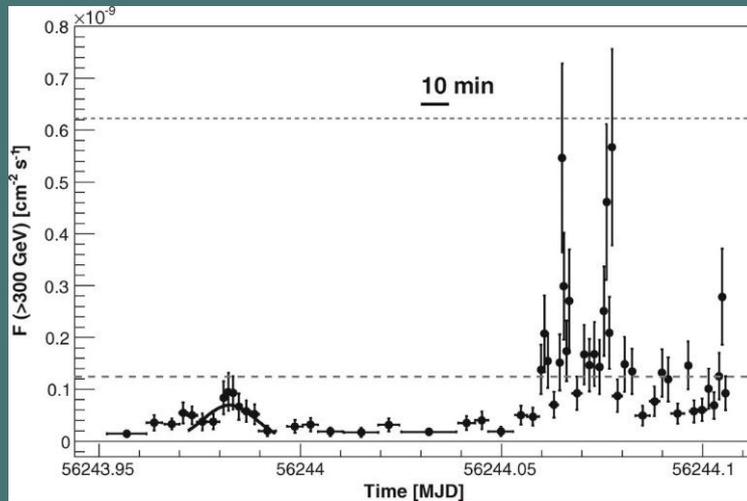
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# What have we learn from these observations?

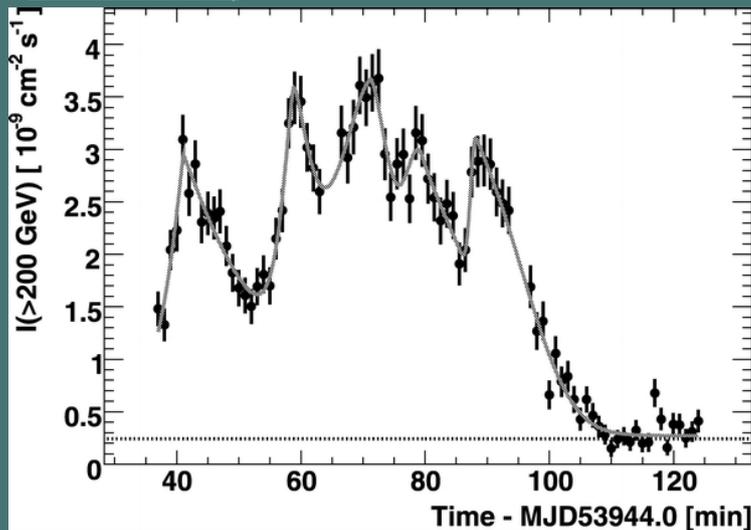
- Mechanism of the flares: the particle acceleration
- Location and physical conditions of the emission region/emission regions



# Mechanism of flares, how are particles accelerated?



[Aleksić et al. 2014](#)



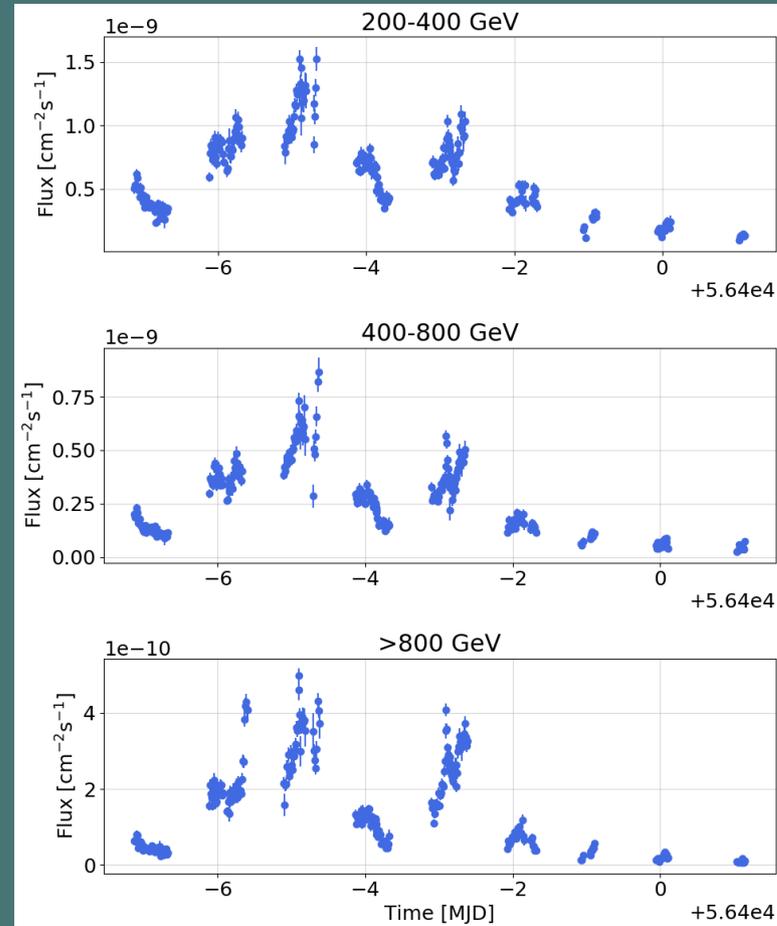
[Aharonian et al. 2007](#)

- Emission from the relativistic jets is variable in all wavebands and in timescales from years to minutes
- Several models have been invoked to explain blazar variability, typically shocks that accelerate particles
- Shocks manage to explain the slower variability in the lower energies well
- **Very fast VHE flares** have been observed from a handful of blazars
- Time scales of these flares are ranging from hours to minutes
- Need a mechanism that can produce fast flares → **Magnetic reconnection**

# Magnetic Reconnection: Observations vs. simulations

Observed data: Mrk421 in 2013  
Exceptionally well-sampled lightcurve  
from MAGIC and VERITAS

- ▶ Actual PIC simulations of magnetic reconnection (Christie, Petropoulou et al. 2019): Produce light curves of different jet scenarios varying the viewing angle  $\theta_{\text{obs}}$ , the reconnection layer angle  $\theta'$ , magnetic field  $B$ , and magnetization  $\sigma$
- ▶ We can actually compare these to observations!
- ▶ Acciari et al. 2020 estimated the peak flux and flux-doubling time scale of plasmoids of different sizes and find a range of layer angles compatible with the observed values of one of the flares
- ▶ But the PIC simulations produce *actual light curves*, surely we can extend the comparison beyond amplitude and flux-doubling times

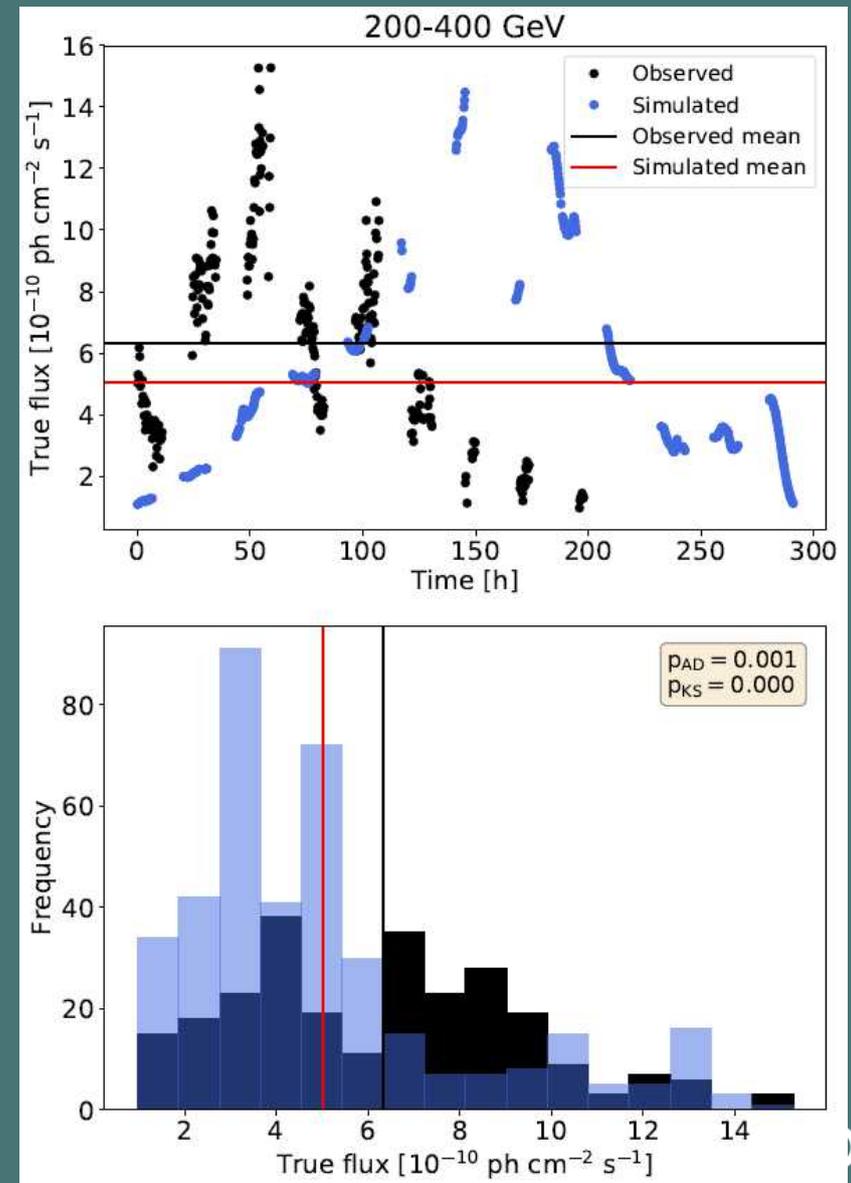


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# Particle acceleration

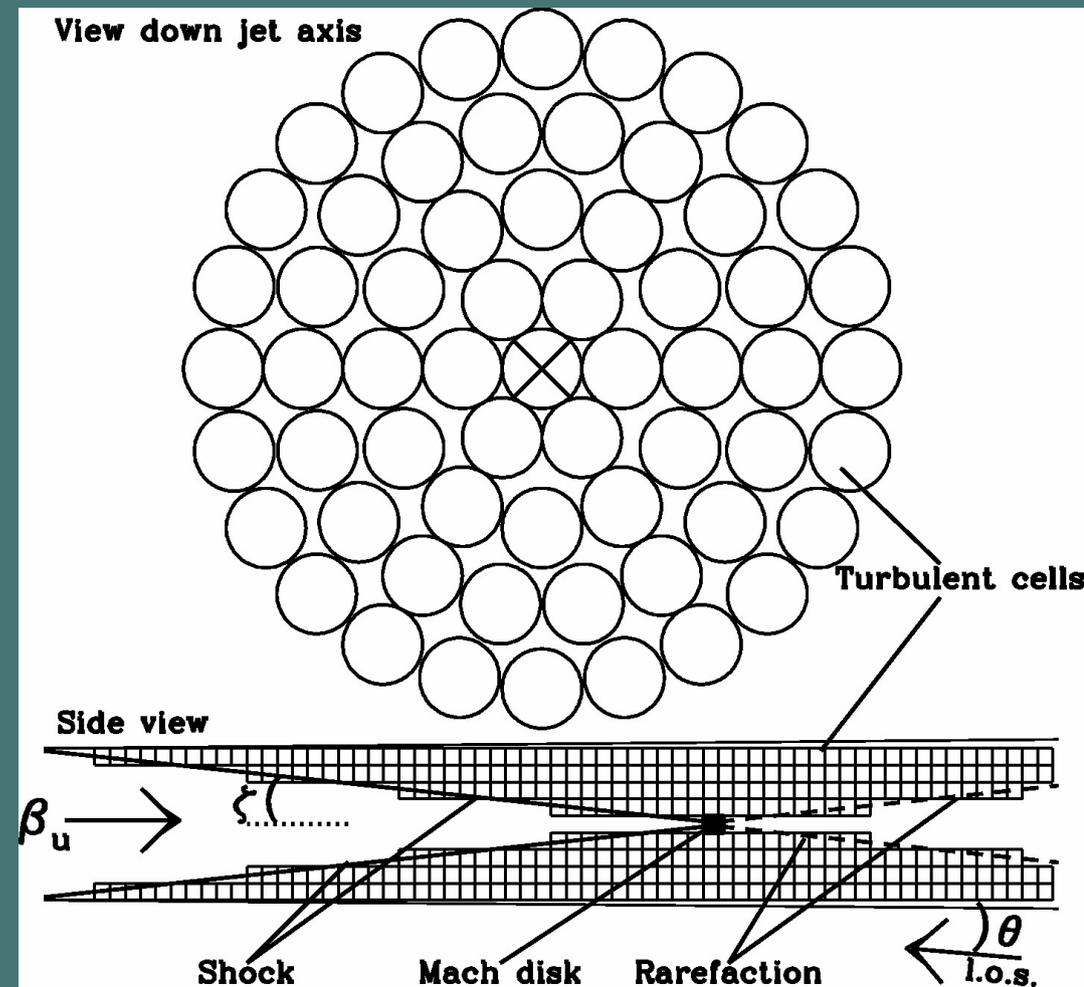
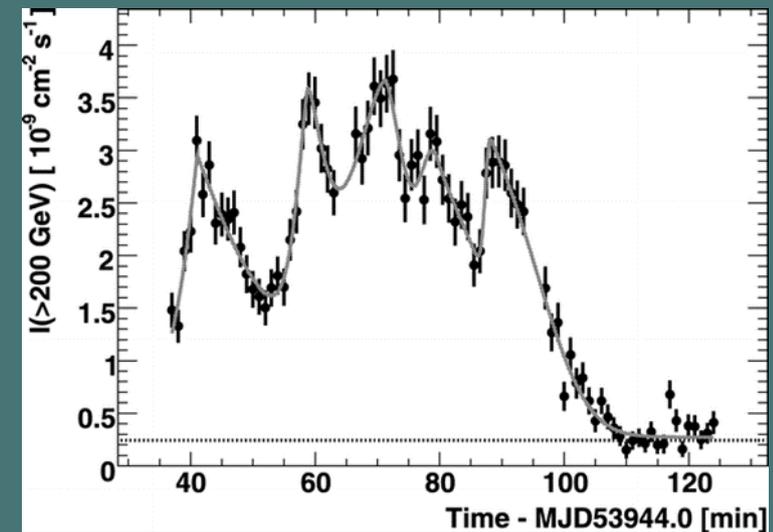
## Observations vs simulations

- Combine several methods in the analysis process to get a versatile view of the simulated data: flux distributions, time scales...
- Work in progress: preliminary results in Jormanainen, Hovatta, Lindfors et al. (ICRC2021)
- We do find parameters where simulations ~ observations
- Powerful tool to limit the parameter space: General methodology to compare to light curves from simulations



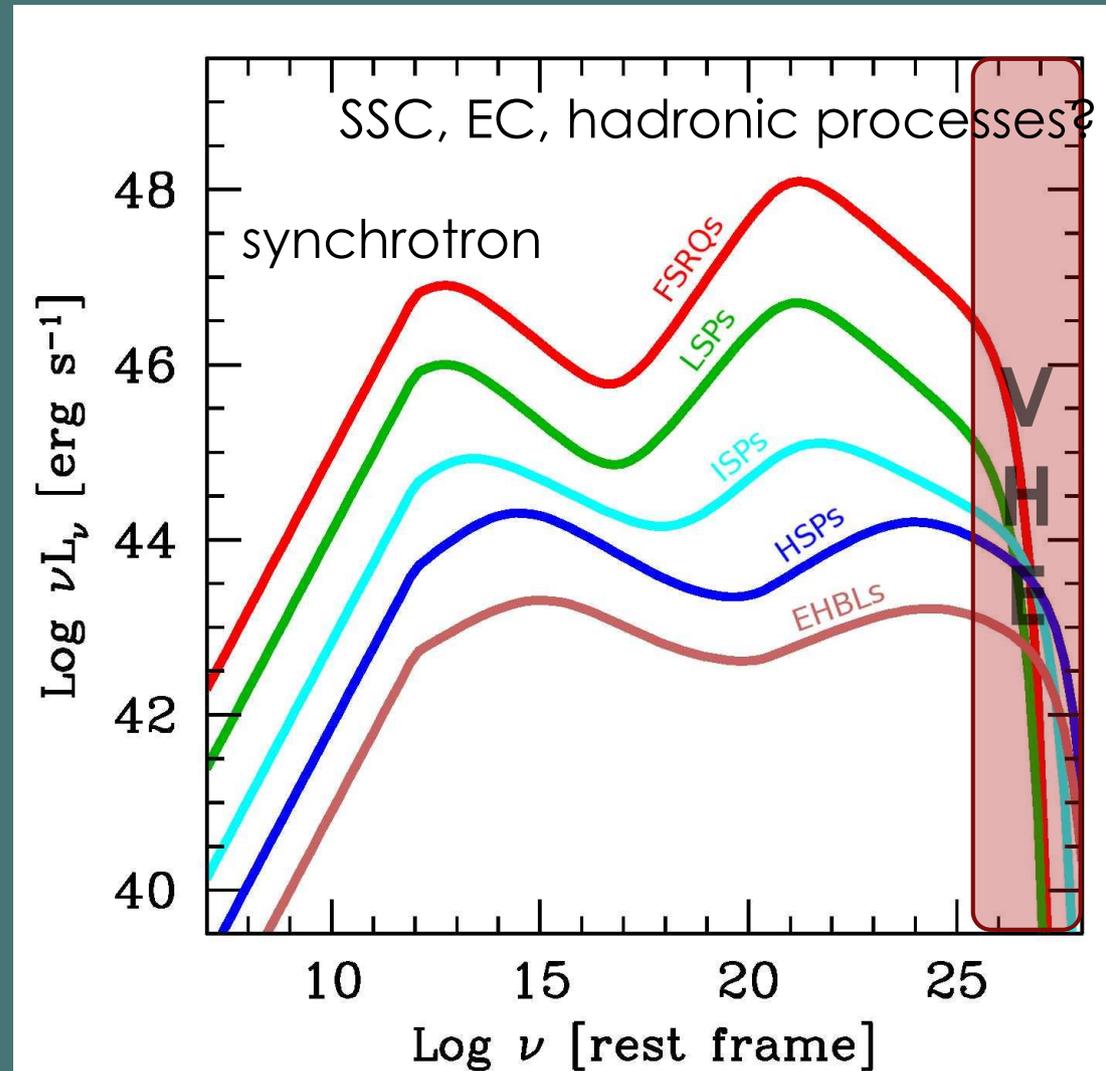
# Fast flares

- ▶ In general: there has to be sub-structures within the jet: timescales  
minutes  $\sim 10^{15} \text{cm} < 0.01 \text{pc}$
- ▶ Jet diameter (order of at least)  $\sim 1 \text{pc}$
- ▶ Plasmoids from magnetic reconnection?
- ▶ Turbulent cells?



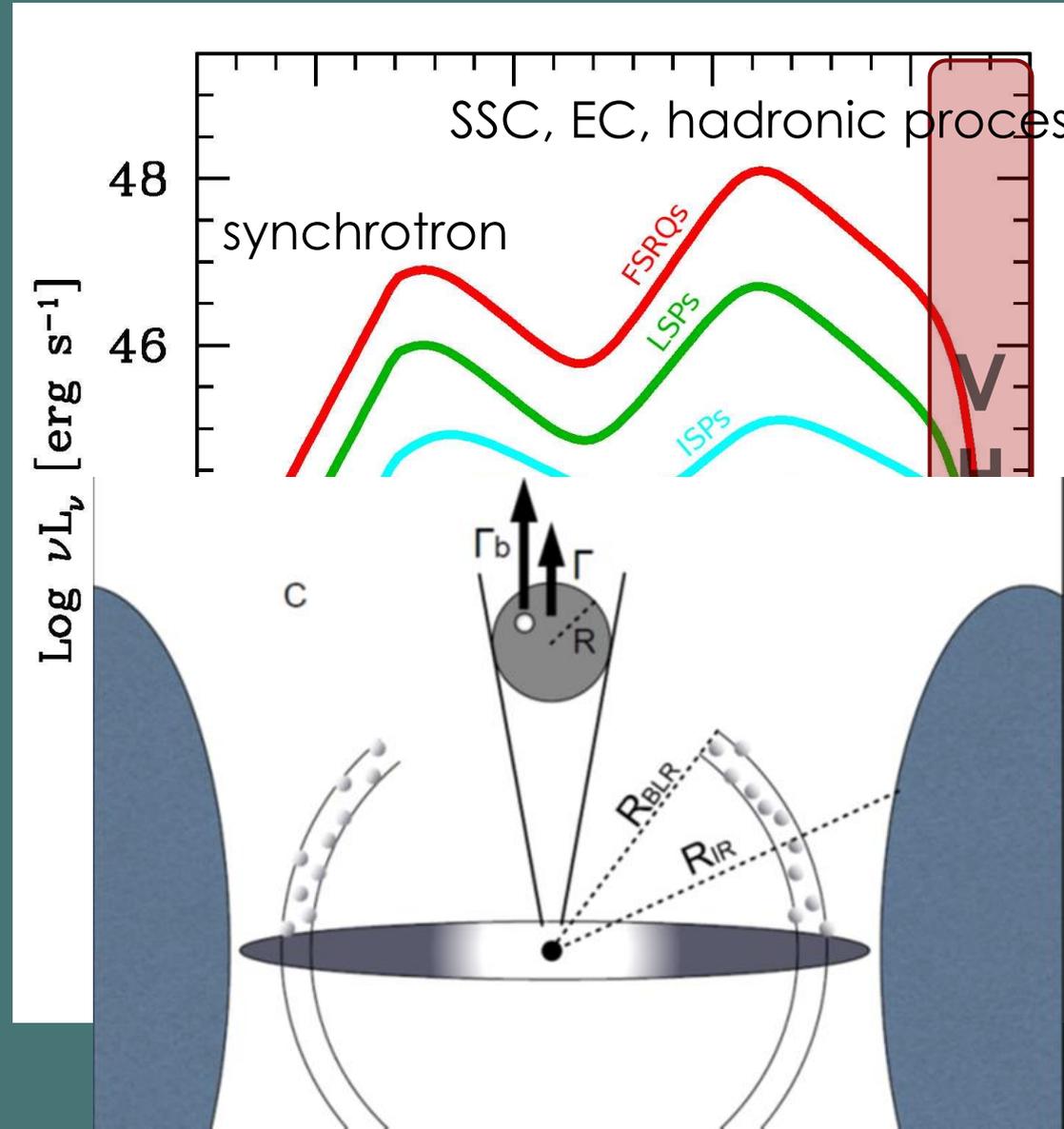
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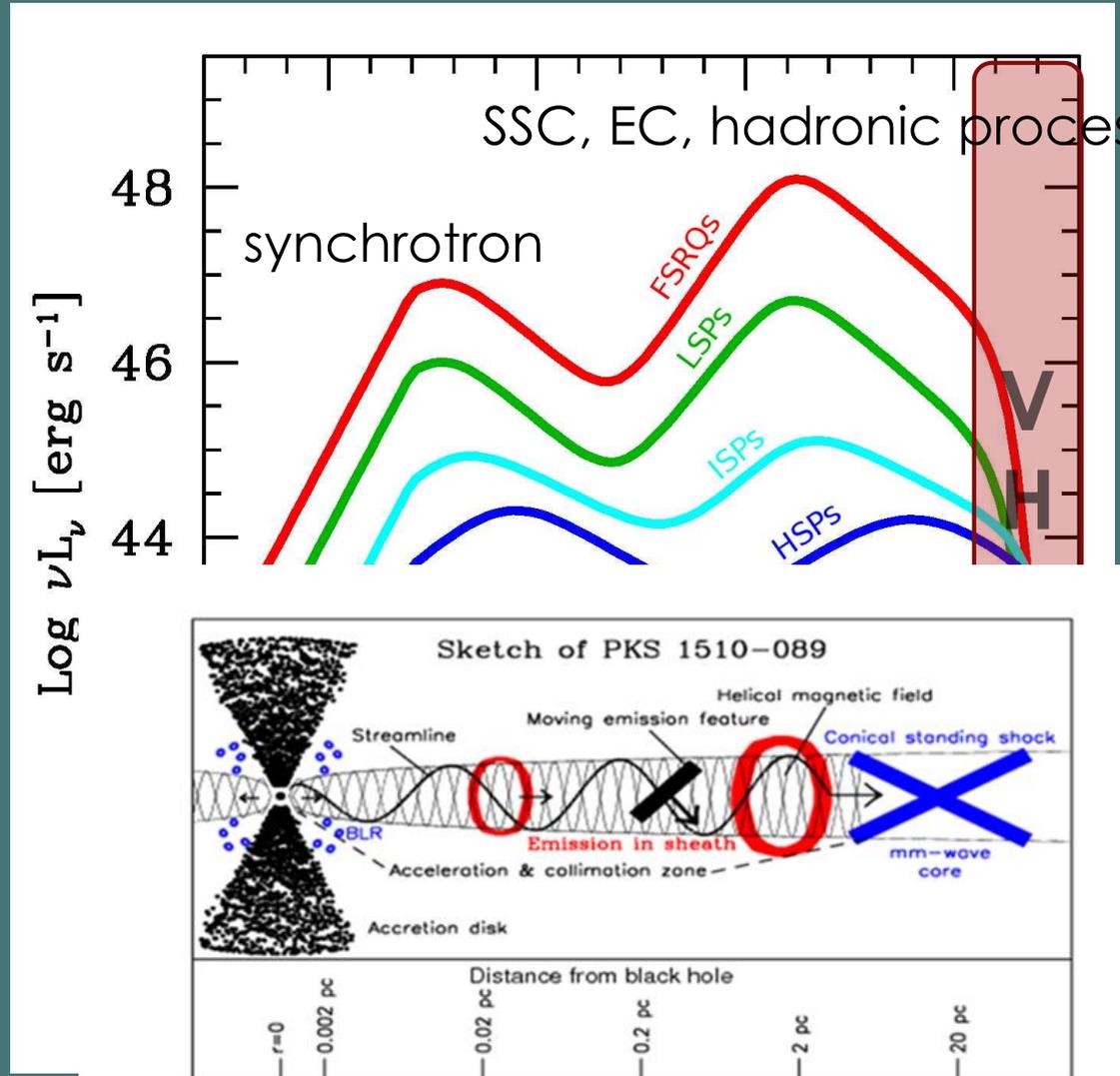
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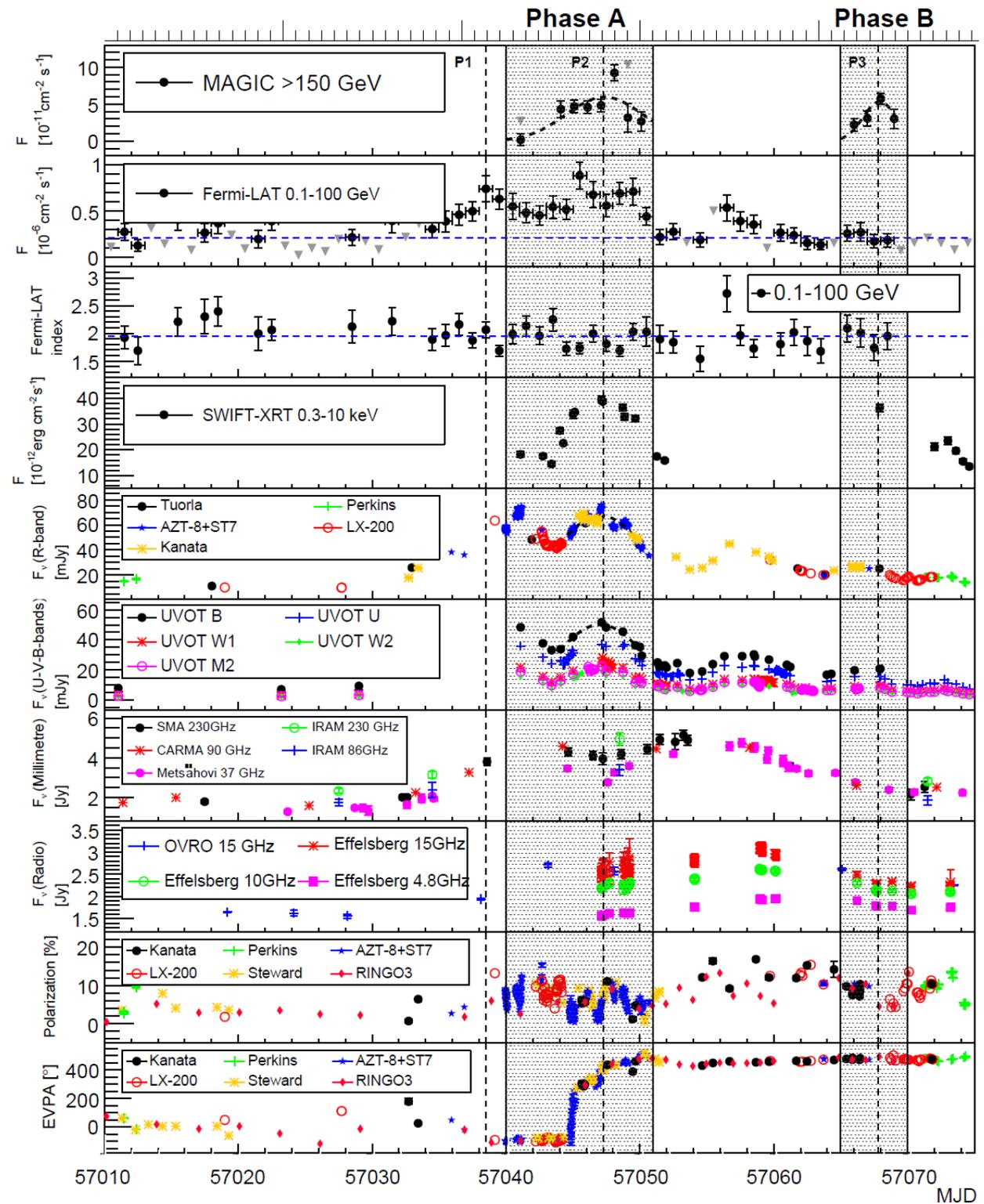
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- ▶ Location: availability of external seed photons e.g. from broadline region and dusty torus. The availability of the seed photons is relevant to EC and hadronic processes.
- ▶ How to locate: Broadline region (BLR) absorbs VHE gamma-rays: if we see VHE gamma-rays from FSRQ, it must originate outside BLR
- ▶ How to locate: Very Long Baseline Interferometry and MWL monitoring: timing of the events with respect to each other.



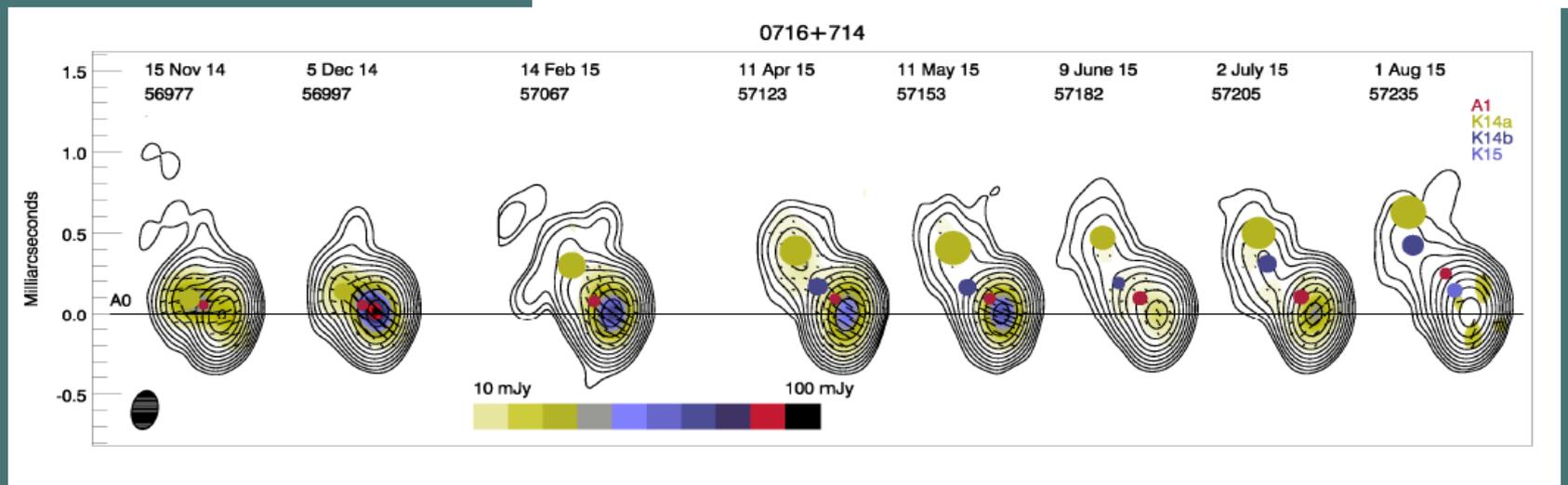
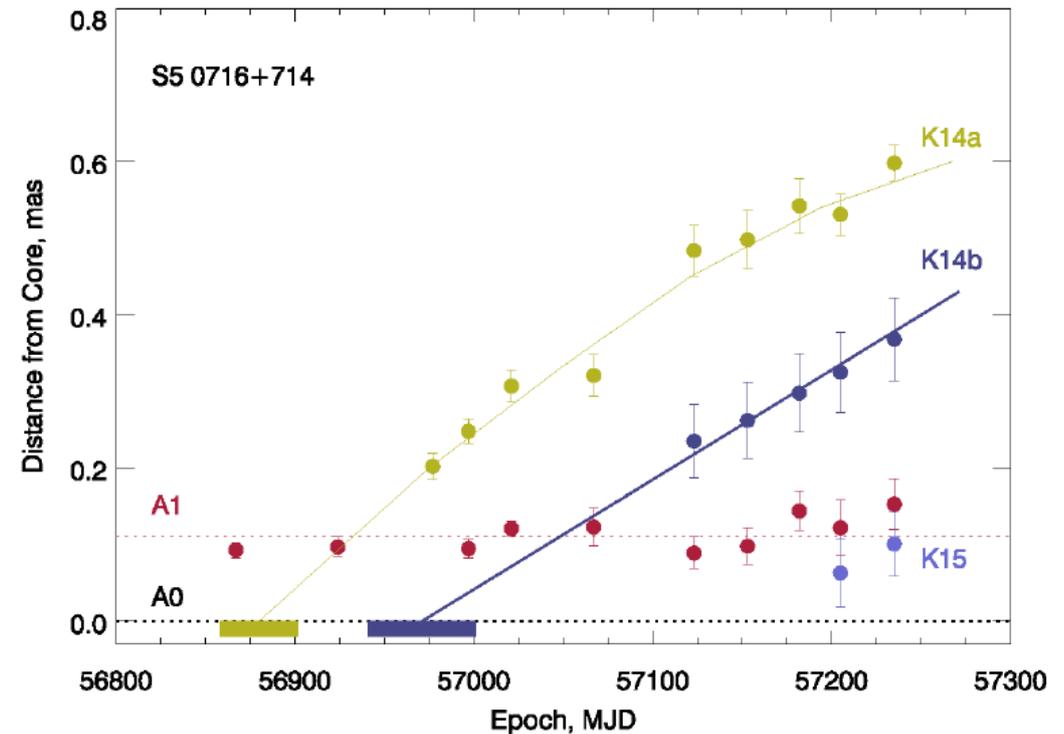
# S50716+714: Unprecedented flaring state in January 2015

- ▶ High state (radio, optical, GeV gamma-rays) started in the beginning of January 2015
- ▶ Phase A: flare in radio, optical, X-rays, gamma-rays, VHE gamma-rays, *very fast rotation of optical EVPA*
- ▶ Phase B: flare in X-rays and VHE gamma-rays



# What was happening in the jet?

- ▶ Component K14b passes through the stationary feature A1 at MJD 57050±30 days
- ▶ Average size of A1 is (0.049±0.020) mas, it will take K14b (35±13) days to pass A1



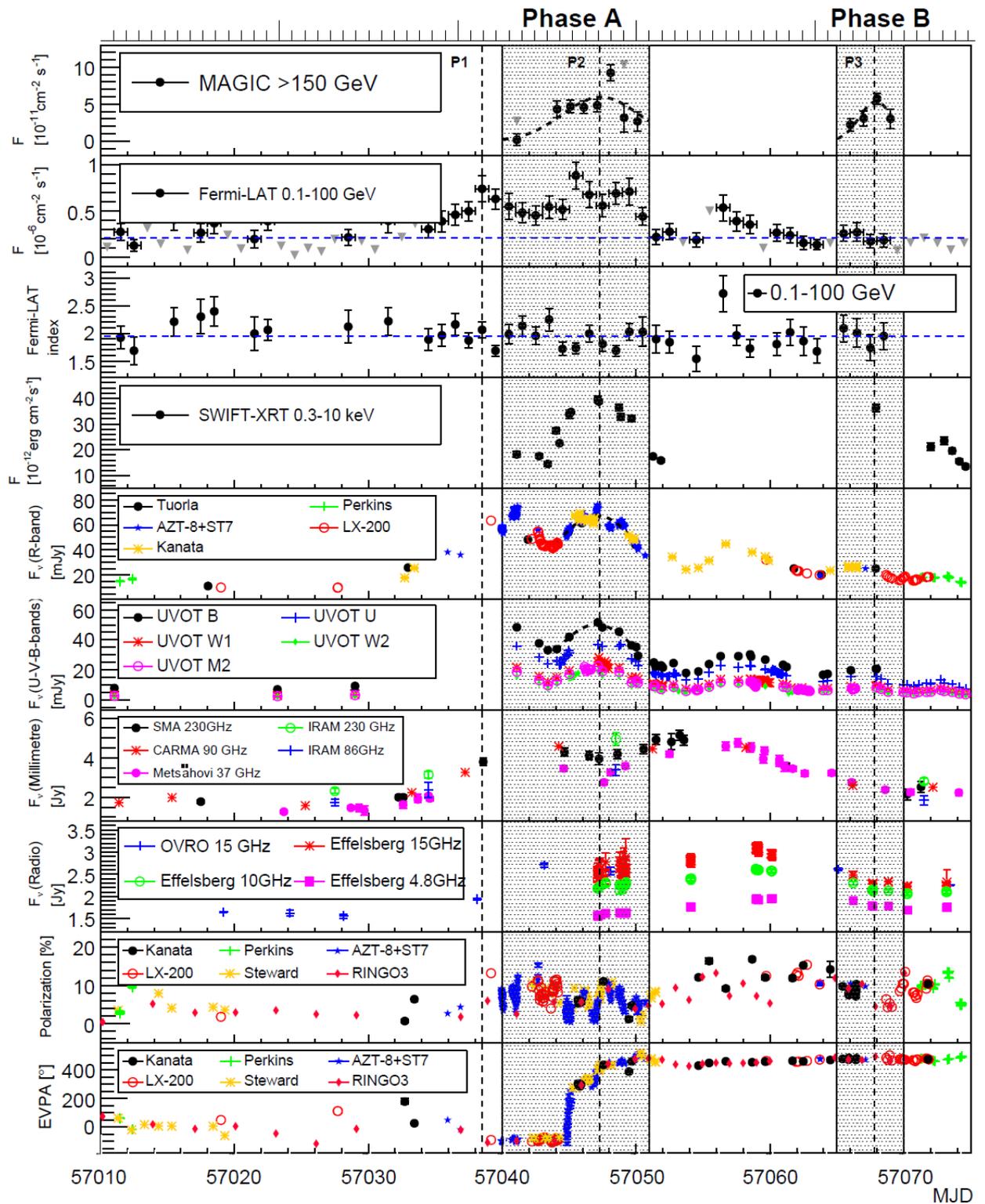
VLBA data: Boston Blazar Group: <https://www.bu.edu/blazars/VLBAproject.html>

# Unprecedented flaring state in January 2015

- ▶ Lightcurves+ VLBA
- ▶ The time it takes for K14b to pass A1 fits very well with the duration of 34 days of the elevated gamma-ray flux in the Fermi light curve

MJD 57032 to 57066.

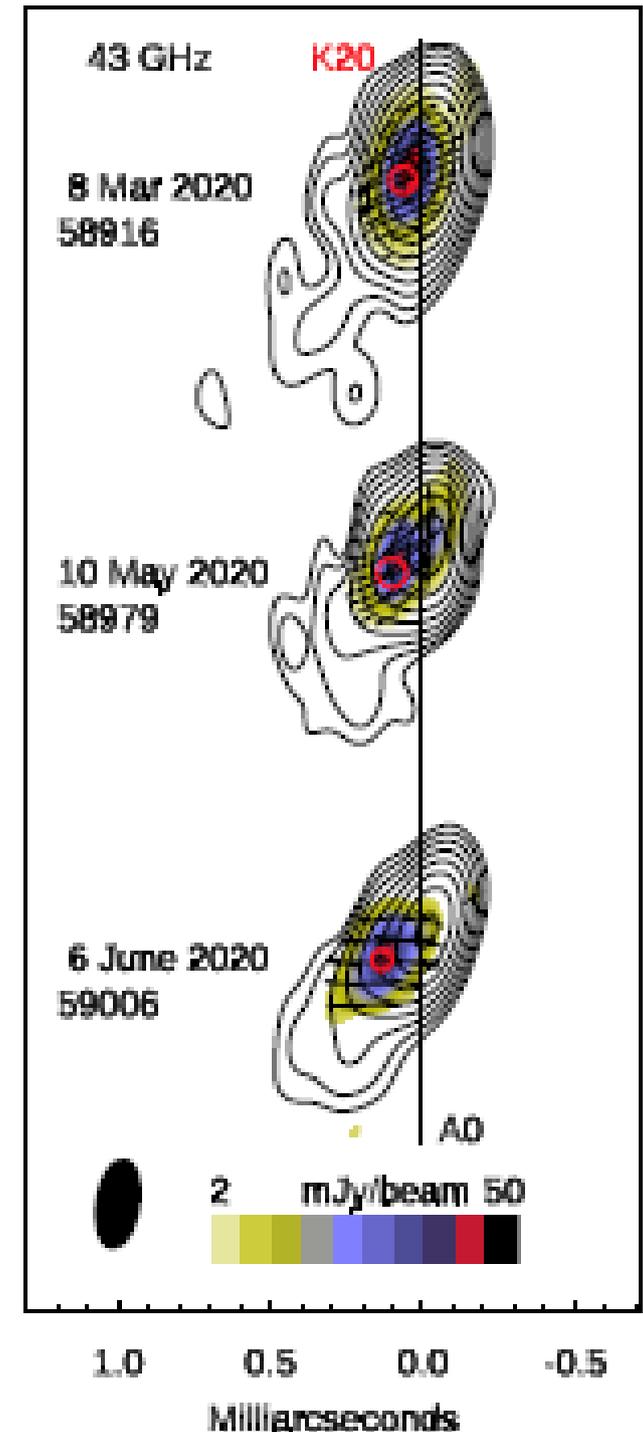
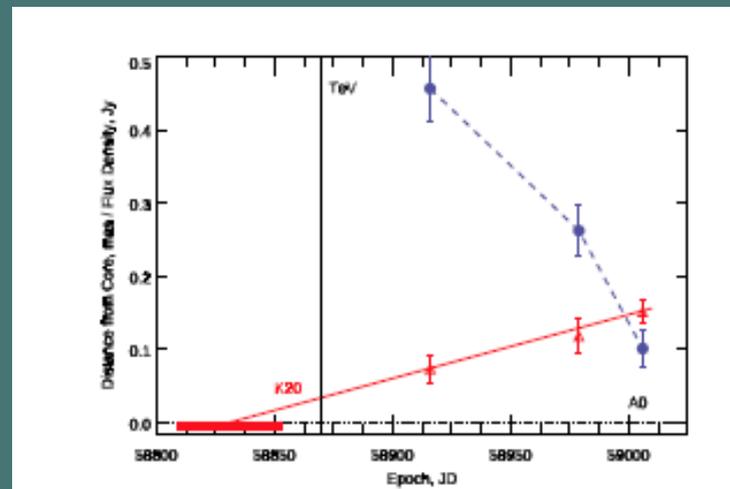
- ▶ In this scenario the TeV detections can be associated with the entrance and exit of the superluminal knot in and out of the recollimation shock (A1).



# New VHE FSRQ: B1420+326

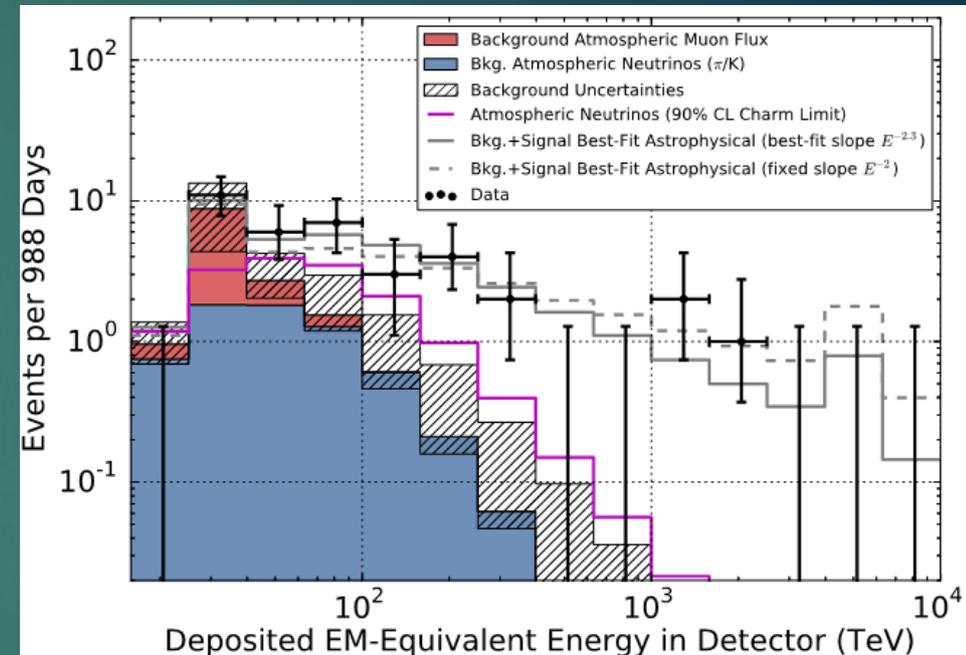
- ▶ Detected by MAGIC telescopes in VHE gamma-rays during a flaring state in January 2020
- ▶ We also see:
  - New, superluminal radio knot contemporaneously appeared in the radio image of the jet.
  - Rotation of the electric vector of position angle, low polarization degree
- ▶ Also seen with previous detections of VHE emission from other FSRQs (PKS1222+216, PKS1510-089) and BL Lac
- ▶ The core is located several parsecs away from central black hole (outside BLR, maybe even outside dusty torus), additional seed photons from shock-shock interaction?

MAGIC  
Collaboration et al.  
2021, A&A

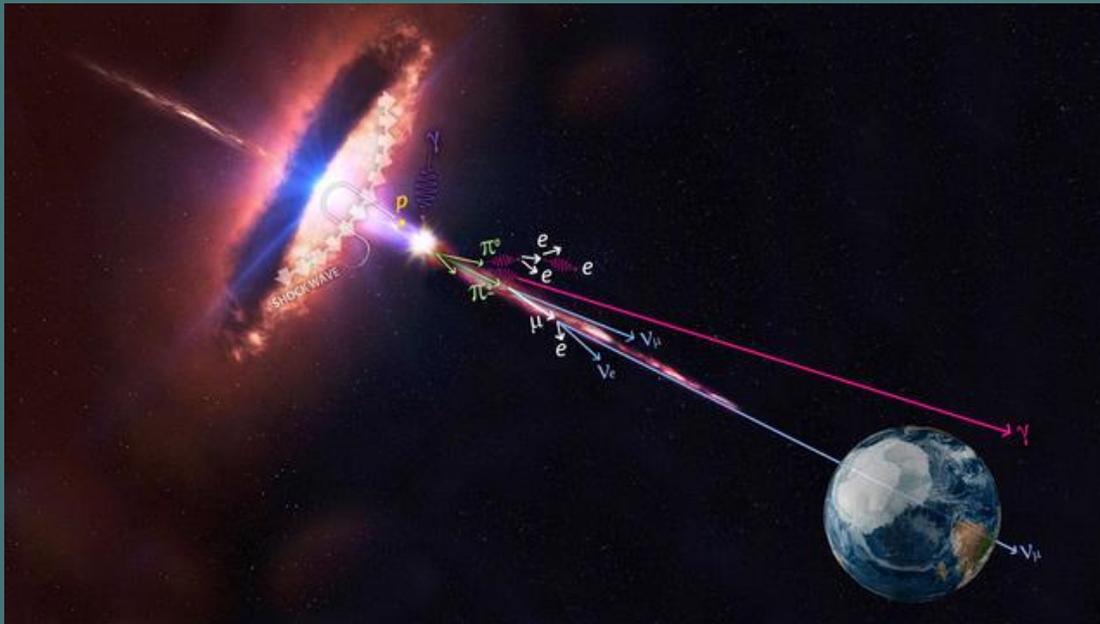


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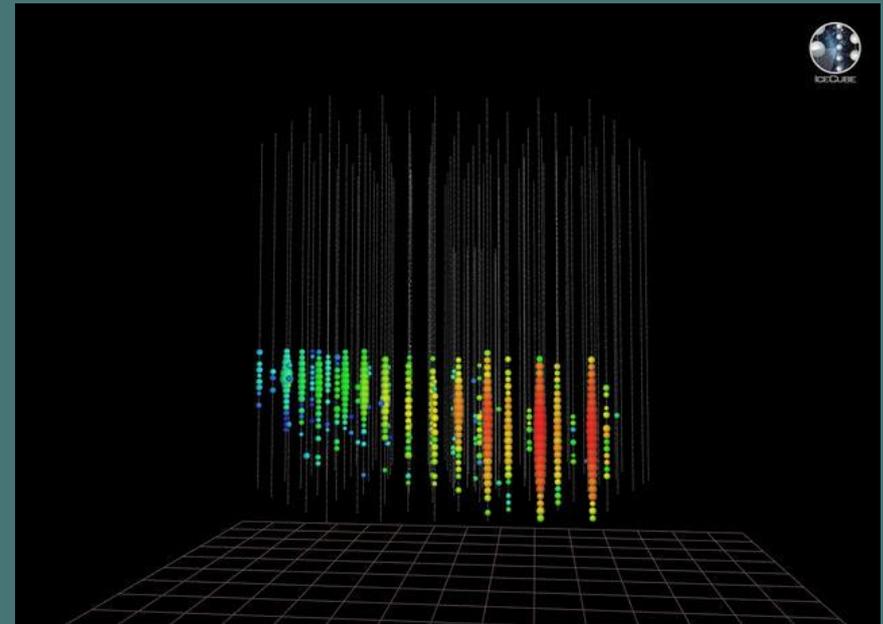
- ▶ IceCube detected an excess of astrophysical high-energy neutrinos
- ▶ There's no clear one-to-one correspondence between neutrino arrival directions and any given type of astronomical objects
- ▶ Studies cross-matching neutrino events with gamma-ray catalogues / emission have been inconclusive
- ▶ Association with blazars: Padovani et al. (2016) found the most significant connection with HSP sources. The most recent revision (with more data) suggested a connection with ISP and HSP sources (Giommi et al. 2020). On the other hand, Huber (2019) found the most significant connection (though only at 1.9sigma level) with low and intermediate synchrotron peaked BL Lac objects (LBL/IBLs) and the connection to high synchrotron peaked sources had a much lower significance (only 0.5sigma).



# Association of IC-170922A with the blazar TXS 0506+056

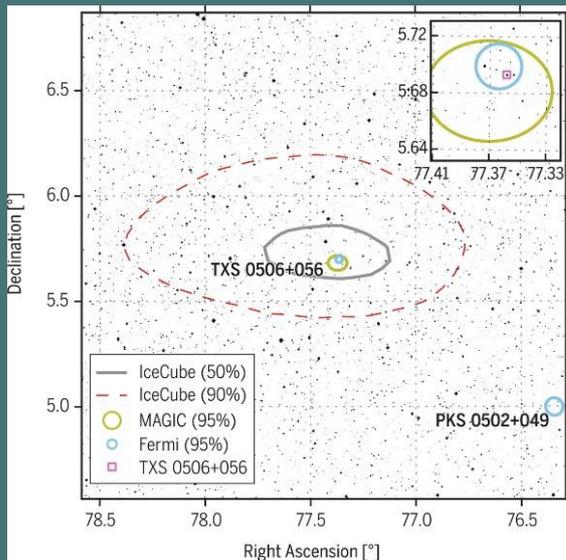


Credit: IceCube collaboration / NASA

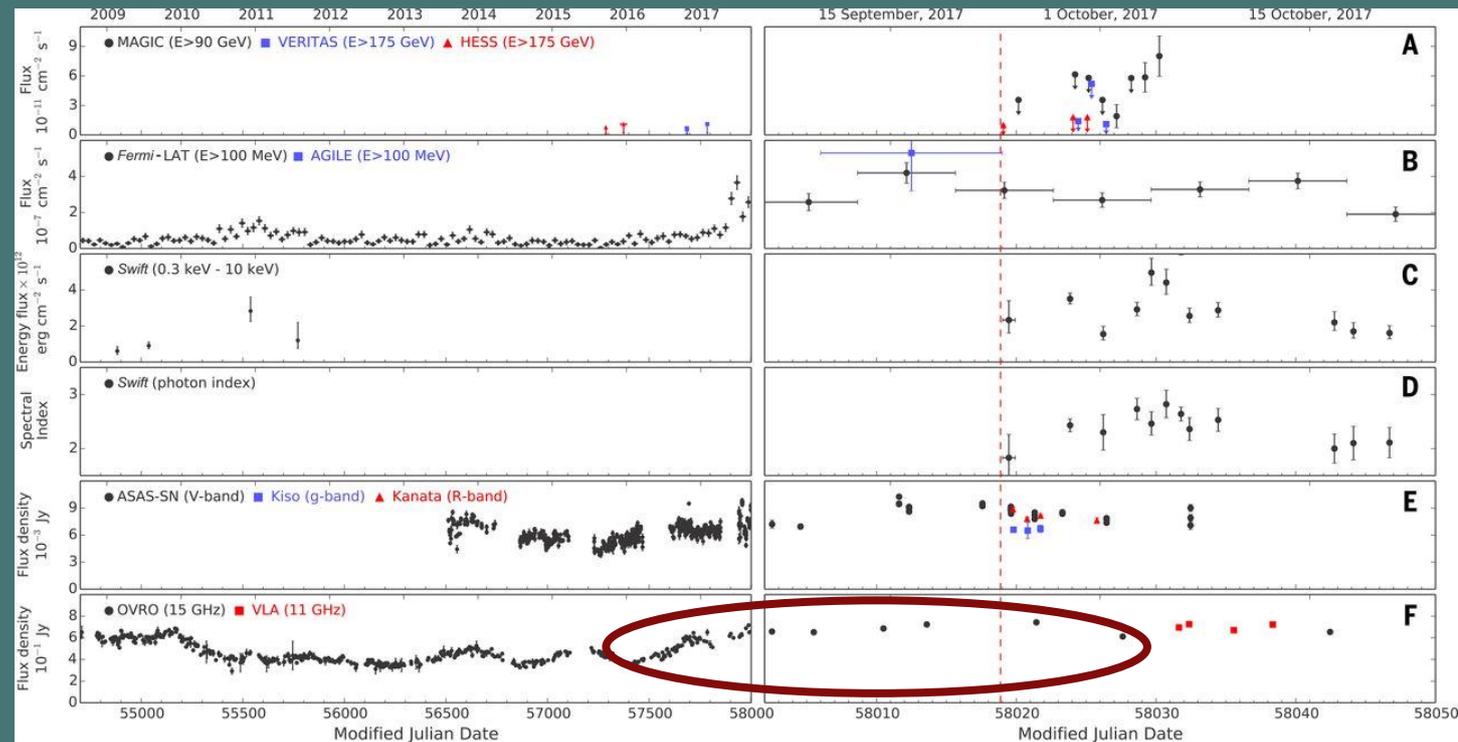


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# TXS 0506+056 radio association



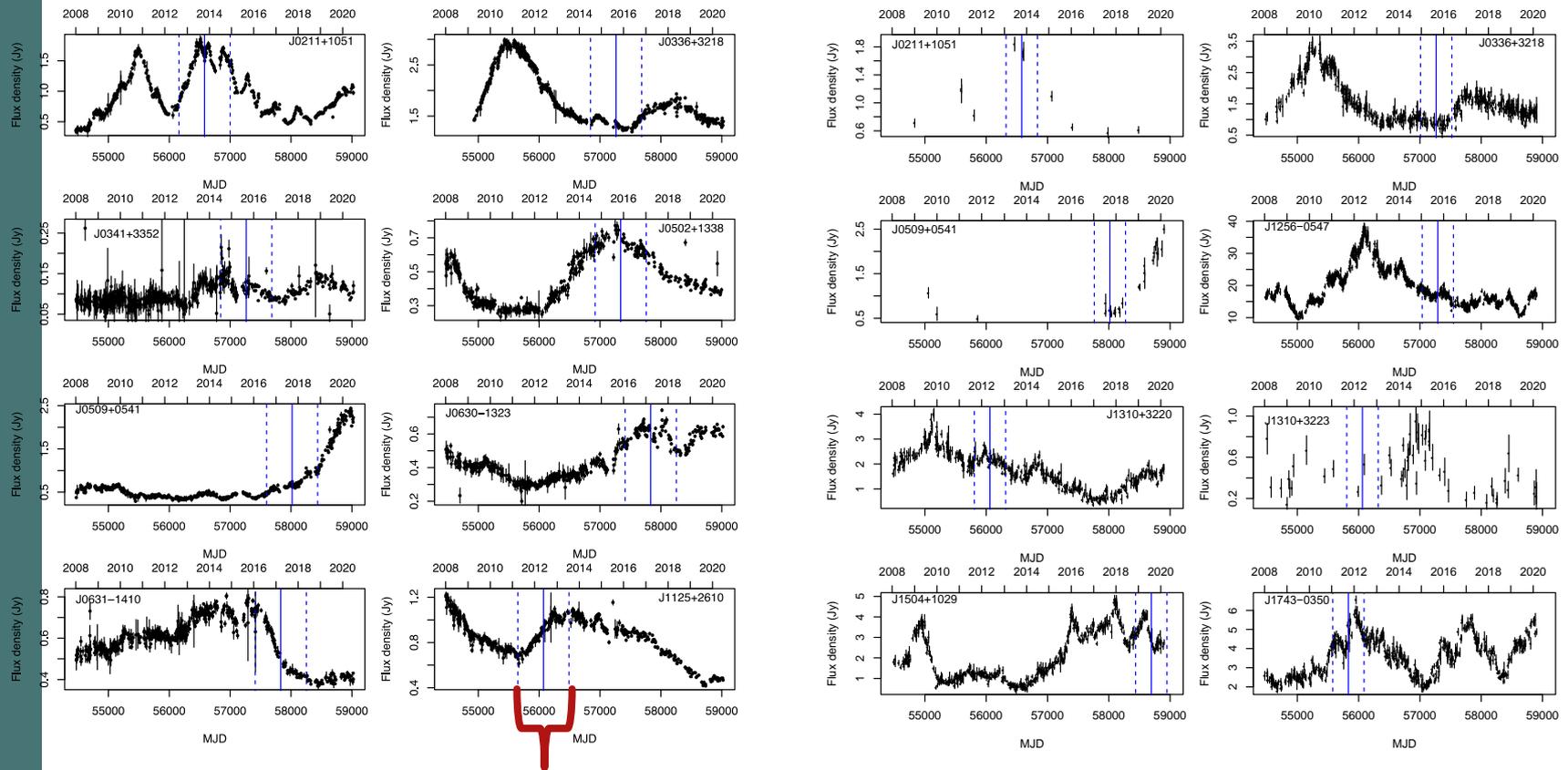
IceCube collaboration et al.  
2018, Science



# Radio light curves of some of the associations

OVRO 15 GHz

Metsähovi 37 GHz



Activity index = mean around the neutrino event / mean of the remaining LC

# Results

- ▶ Our number of associations is rather small: we had 56 neutrinos, ~50%, i.e. 28 of them should have astrophysical origin, but we found only 8-20 associated sources to 7-16 neutrinos (i.e. 11-27%)
  - Our radio samples are not complete (Plavin et al. 2020 found 26 associated events using the complete RFC sample)
- ▶ Not all the neutrino events coincide with a radio flare
- ▶ If there is a **large** radio flare at the same time as a neutrino event, it is unlikely to happen by random coincidence
- ▶ **Radio band is usually ignored by simulations, but it is known to be good proxy of jet activity. The missing power of multimessenger emission?**

# Implications of TXS0506+056 to SED modelling

Tens of SED modelling papers in arxiv  
Leptonic emission dominates

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THE MAGIC COLLABORATION

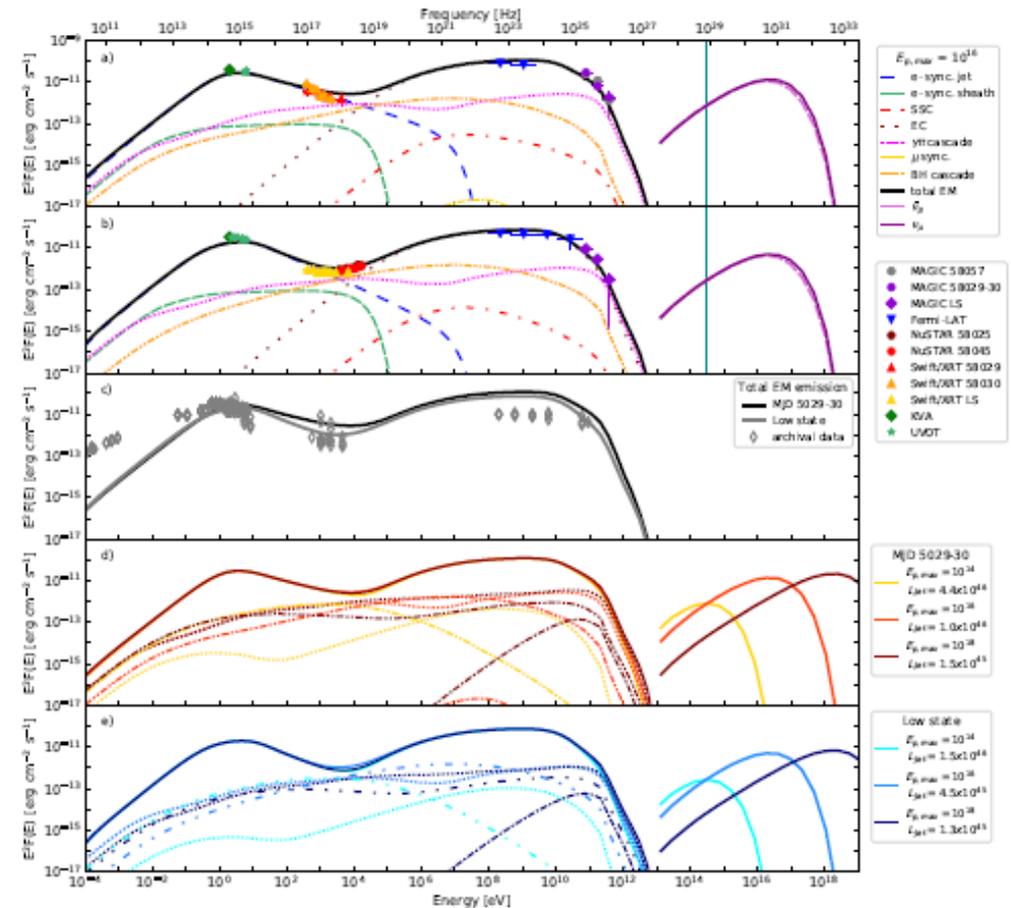


Figure 2. Spectral energy distribution for the enhanced VHE gamma-ray emission state (a), MJD 58029 to 58030) and the lower VHE gamma-ray emission state (LS; b)) modeled with the jet-sheath scenario with  $E_{p,max} = 10^{16}$  eV. Symbols corresponding to data-points from different facilities and observation epochs are described in the legend. The curves represent individual emission components while the thick black curve shows the total predicted emission. The leptonic emission from the jet includes synchrotron (blue loose-dashed), synchrotron-self-Compton (SSC, red loose-dash-dotted), and external Compton (EC) emission (dark red loose-dotted). Synchrotron emission from the sheath is denoted by the green dense-dashed line. The hadronic emission components are photo-meson-induced cascade (purple dense-dotted), Bethe-Heitler pair cascade (dark yellow double-dot-dashed) and muon-synchrotron (yellow dash-dotted). Predicted (anti-)neutrino spectra are marked by (light-)magenta (dashed) solid lines, the blue vertical line shows the energy  $\sim 290$  TeV of the observed neutrino. A comparison of the two solutions is also shown with the archival data from ASDC (c)). Results for different values of  $E_{p,max}$  are compared for the enhanced VHE gamma-ray emission state (d), MJD 58029 to 58030) and the lower VHE gamma-ray emission state (Low state, e)).

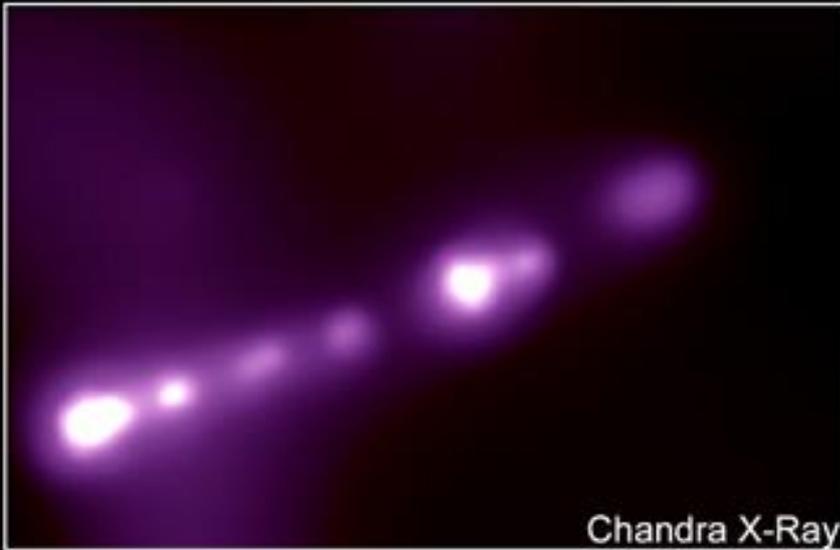
# Radio galaxies



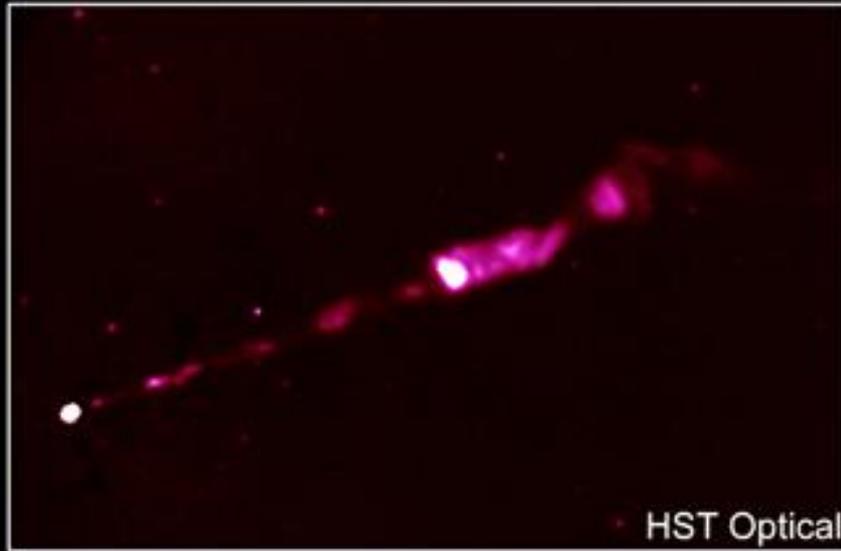
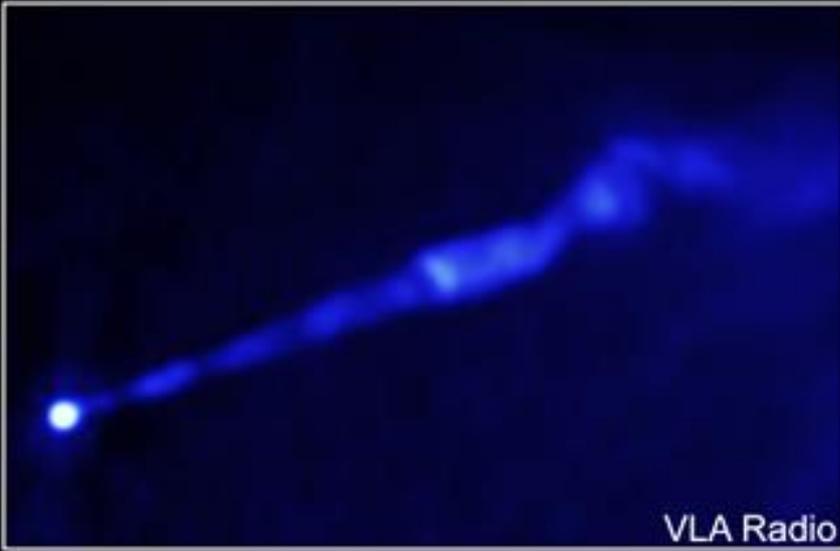
- Should be intrinsically same as blazars, but the jet oriented away from our line of sight.
- Powerful radio emission from large-scale jets, in some cases dominated by lobes far out from the host galaxy

# Large-scale jets in radio galaxies are seen in radio, optical, and X-ray bands

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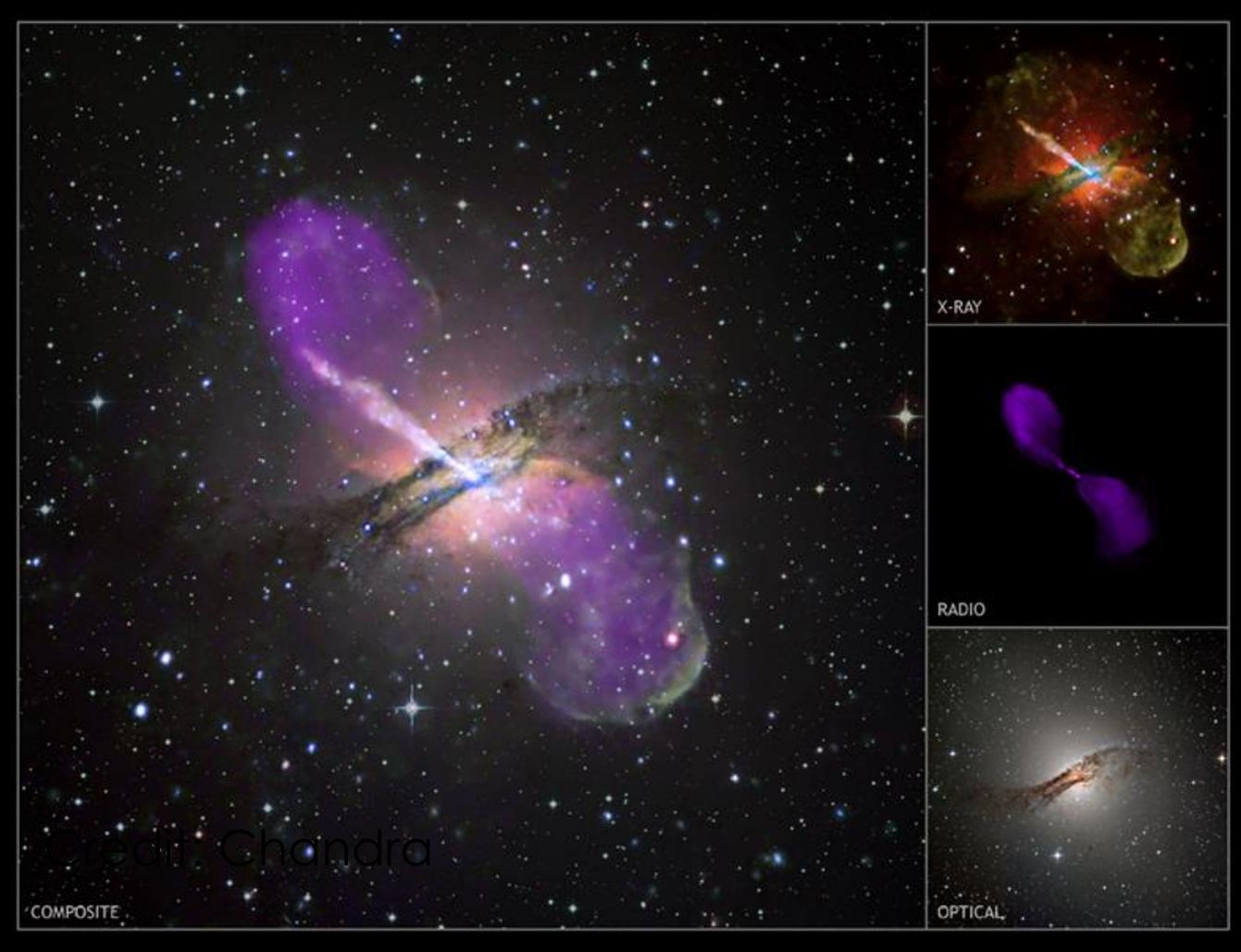
Large = more than a kpc in length  
in high-z objects means that they are observable in (sub)arcsecond resolution



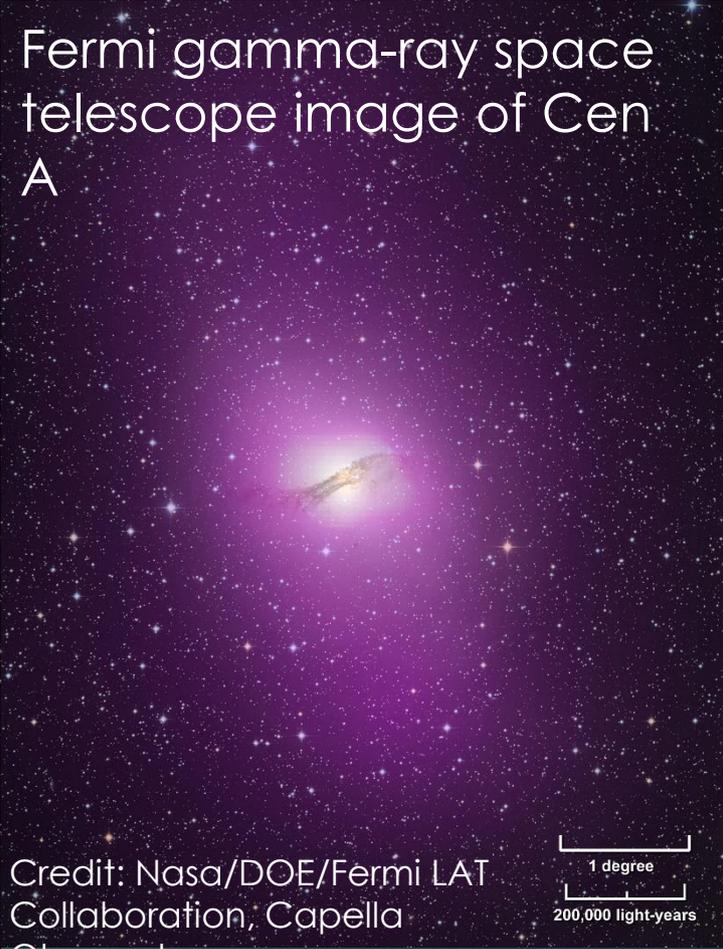
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## Centaurus A

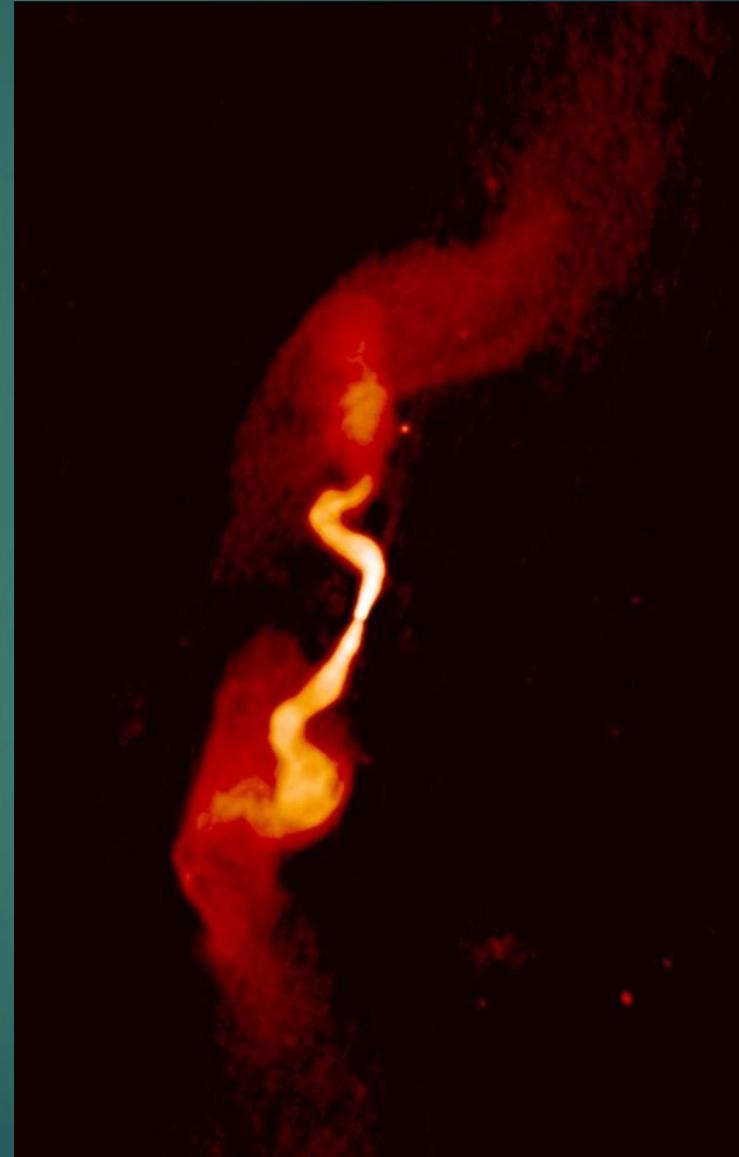
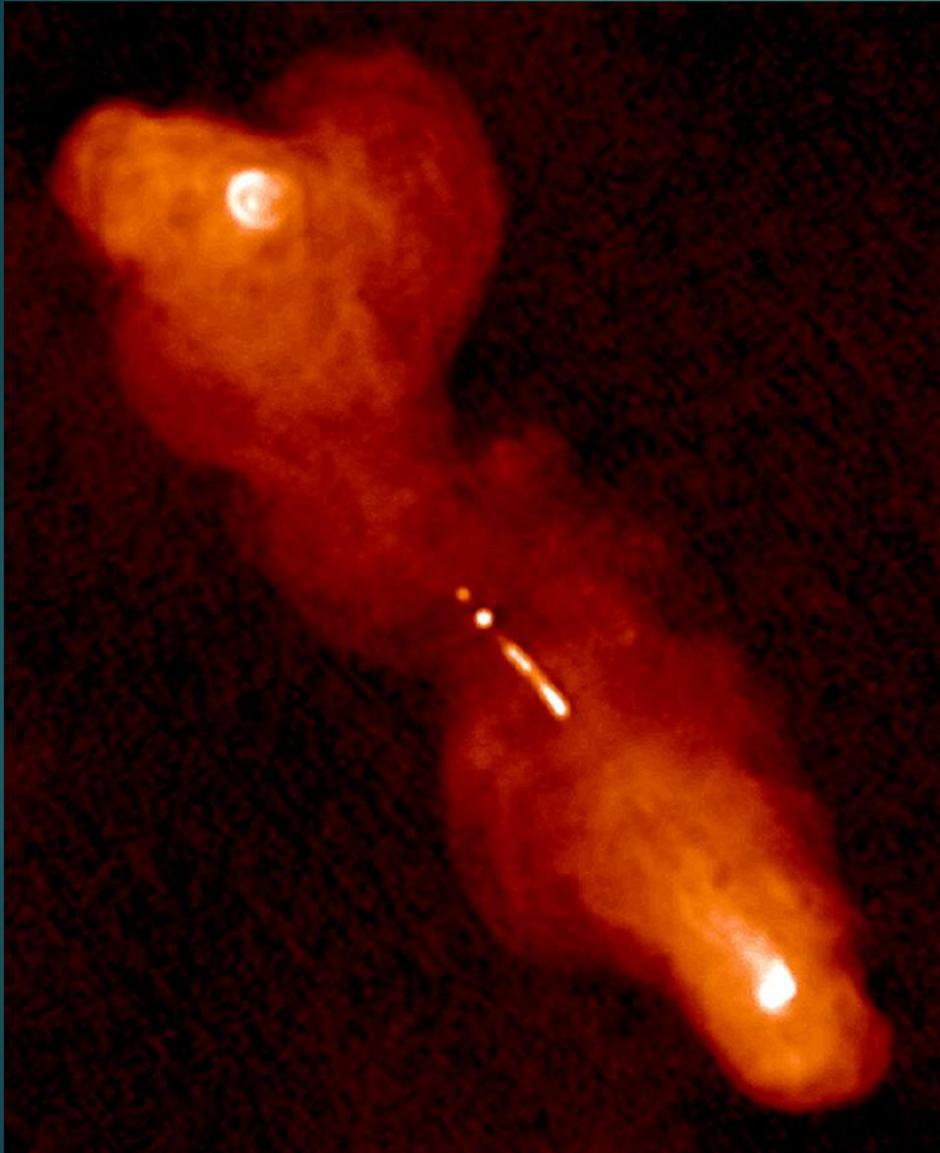


Fermi gamma-ray space telescope image of Cen A



Credit: Nasa/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration, Capella Observatory

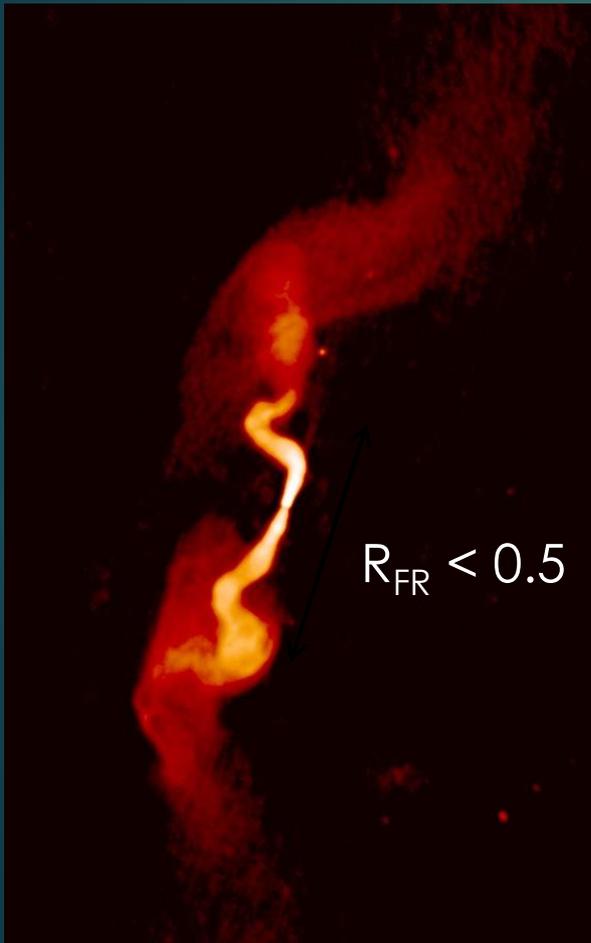
# Large scale jets: the dictonomy



# Fanaroff-Riley classification (1974)

Classification of radio galaxies based on the ratio between the high-surface-density extent and the full source extent, so that if  $R_{FR} < 0.5$  the source is FR I and if  $R_{FR} > 0.5$ , the source is an FR II.

In their sample of 57 objects, they also noticed that FR I sources seemed to have 1.4 GHz luminosities  $L_{1.4\text{GHz}} \leq 5 \times 10^{25} \text{W/Hz}$  while FR II have mostly higher powers.

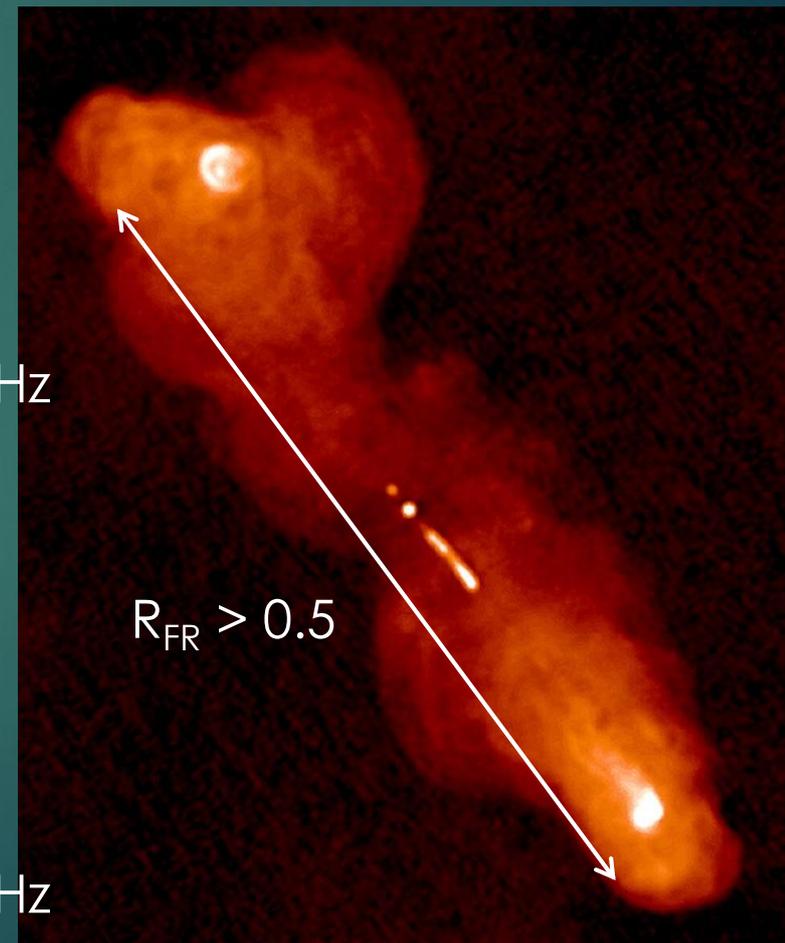


FR I:

- nucleus dominates
- broad jets ending in plumes
- two asymmetric jets
- luminosity  $< 5 \times 10^{25} \text{W/Hz}$

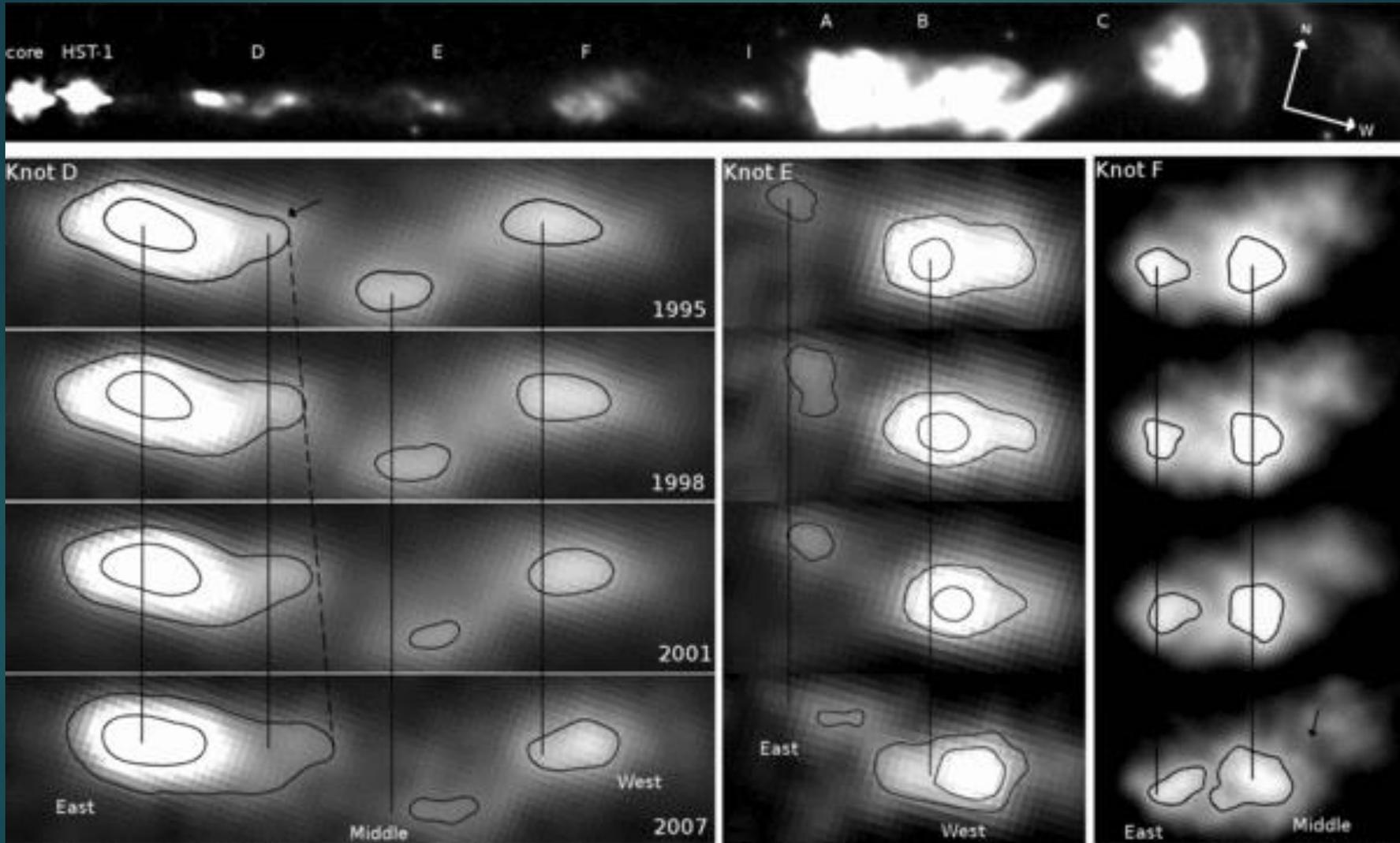
FR II:

- lobes dominate
- weak jets ending in radio lobes with hotspots
- edge brightened jets
- luminosity  $> 5 \times 10^{25} \text{W/Hz}$



# M87 = FRI source with jet length $\sim 2\text{kpc}$

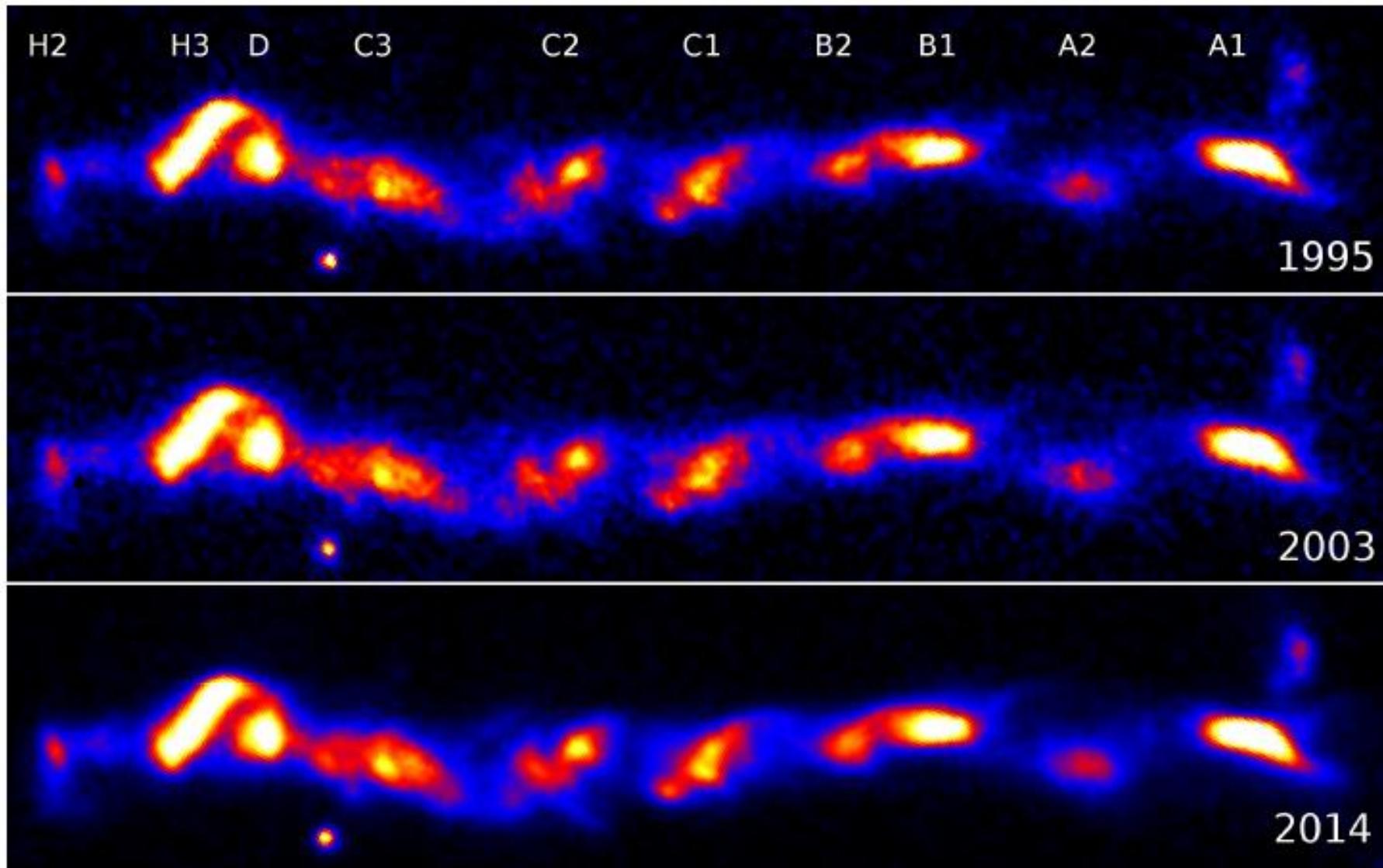
Meyer et al. 2013



Apparent superluminal motion ( $\sim 5c$ ) detected in the large-scale jet by Biretta et al. 1991 and confirmed by Meyer et al. 2013

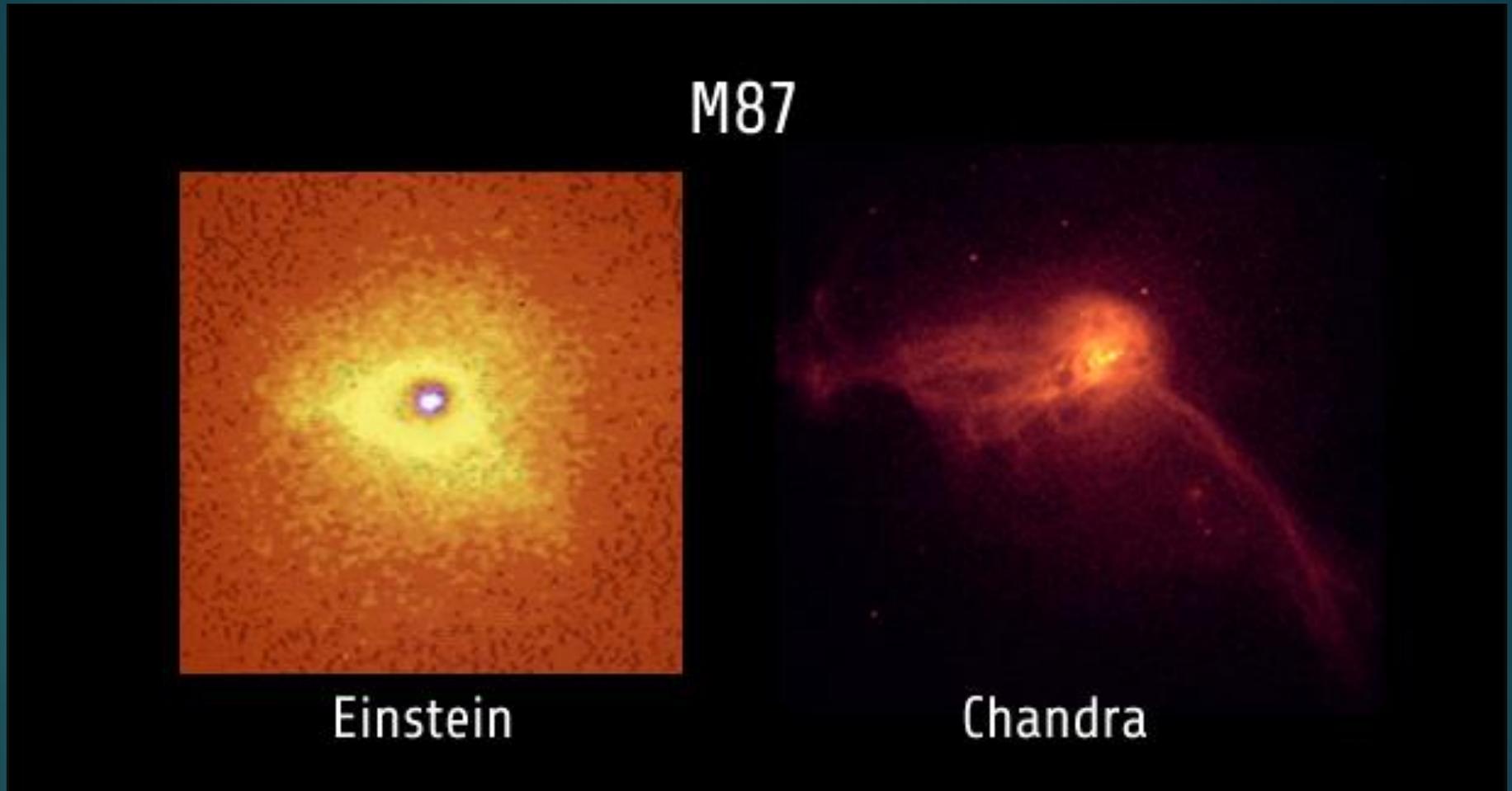
# 3C 273 FR II with jet length of $\sim 60$ kpc

Meyer et al. 2016



No proper motion seen on time scales of 20 years (Meyer et al. 2016)  
(but much further away!)

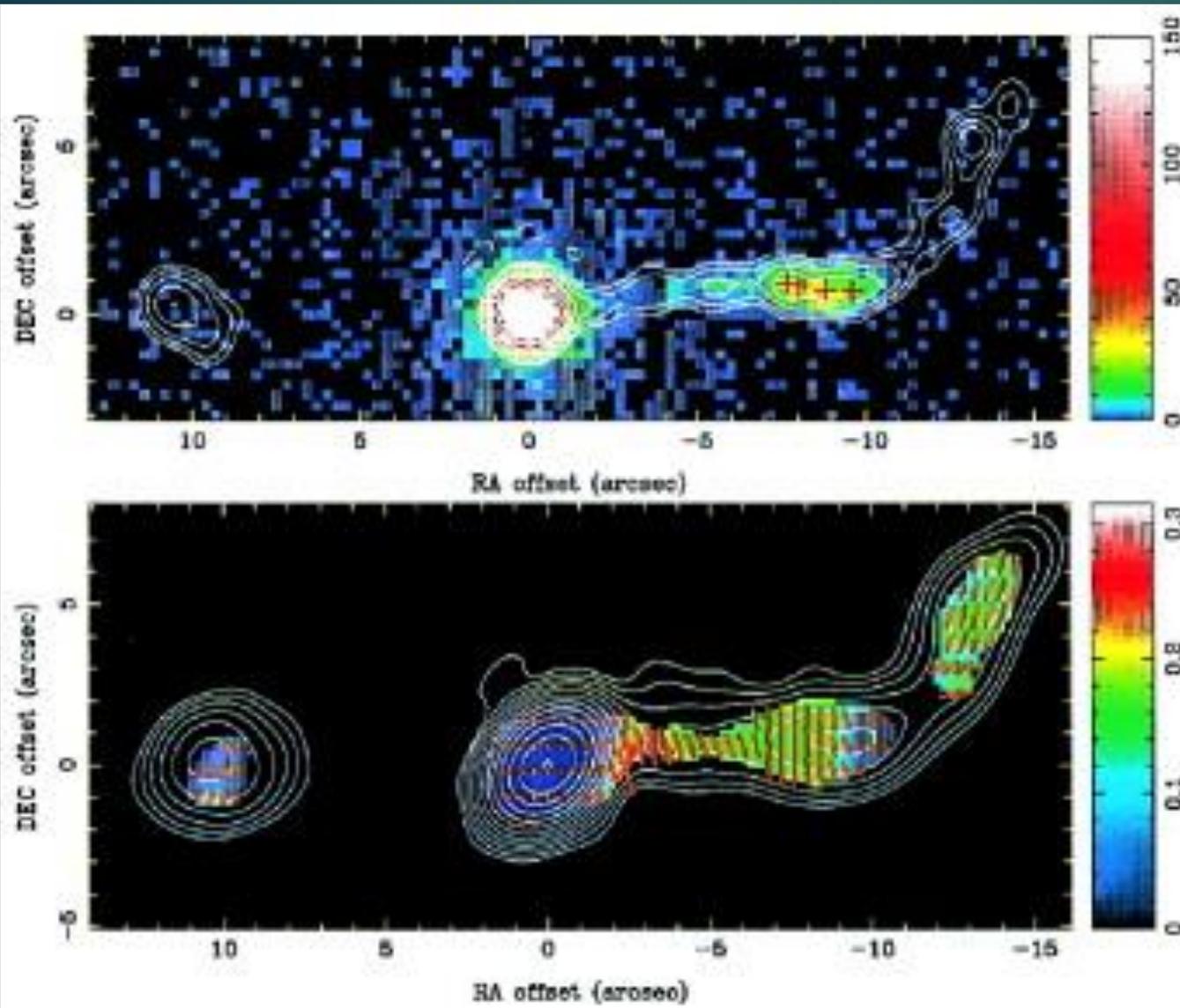
X-ray emission from jets was first detected by the Einstein Observatory ... but revolution came with Chandra



Einstein was launched in 1978, Chandra in 1999 and there was ROSAT in between

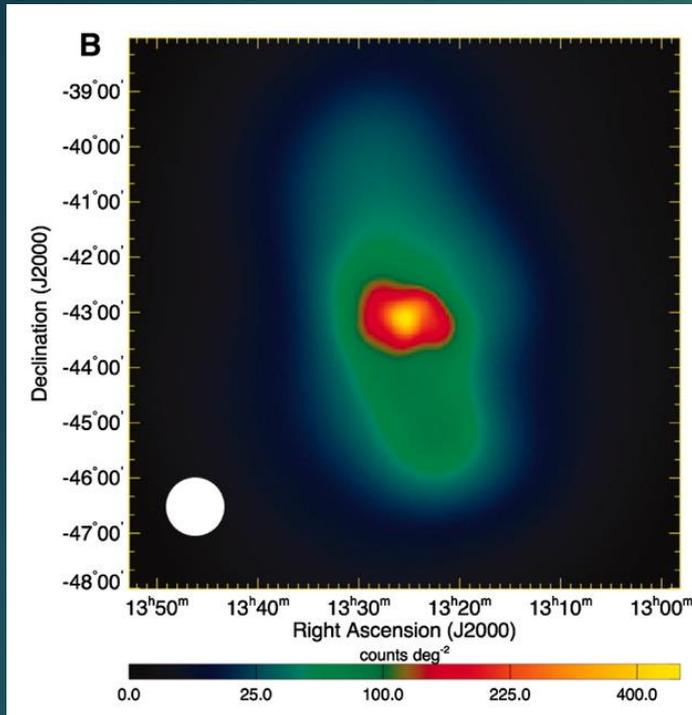
# Chandra pointing calibration revealed a kpc-scale jet in PKS 0637-752

Schwartz et al. 2000

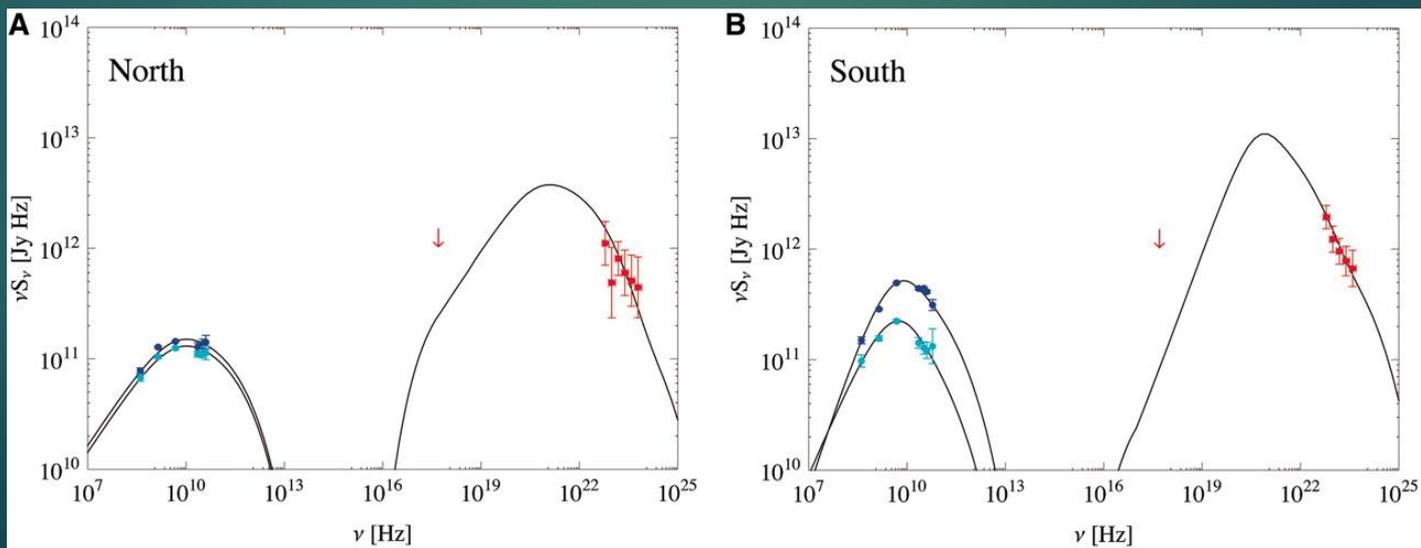


- For the first observations of Chandra they selected a “definite” point source PKS 0637-752 to verify the point-spread-function
- As often happens with new instruments, it turned out that this source actually shows a prominent kpc-scale X-ray jet!
- The jet has a very similar appearance as the radio jet
- Now more than 100 sources with detected X-ray knots  
<http://hea-www.harvard.edu/XJET/>

# Gamma-ray detection of the lobes of Centaurus A by Fermi



- One of the few spatially resolved extragalactic sources on the gamma-ray sky
- Despite the radio lobes dominating the radio emission, most of the energy in the lobes is actually emitted in gamma-ray energies!
- Best model to fit the gamma-ray data is inverse Compton emission off the CMB photons

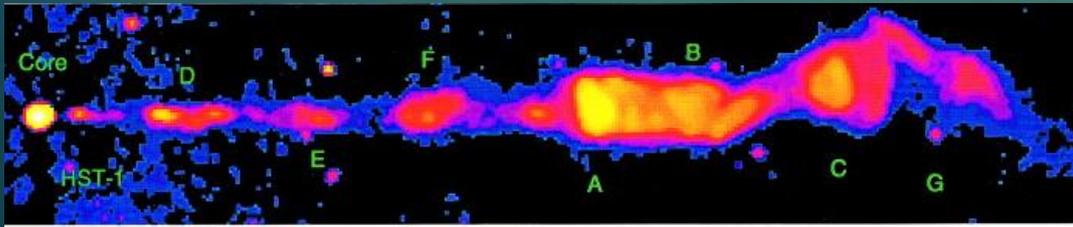


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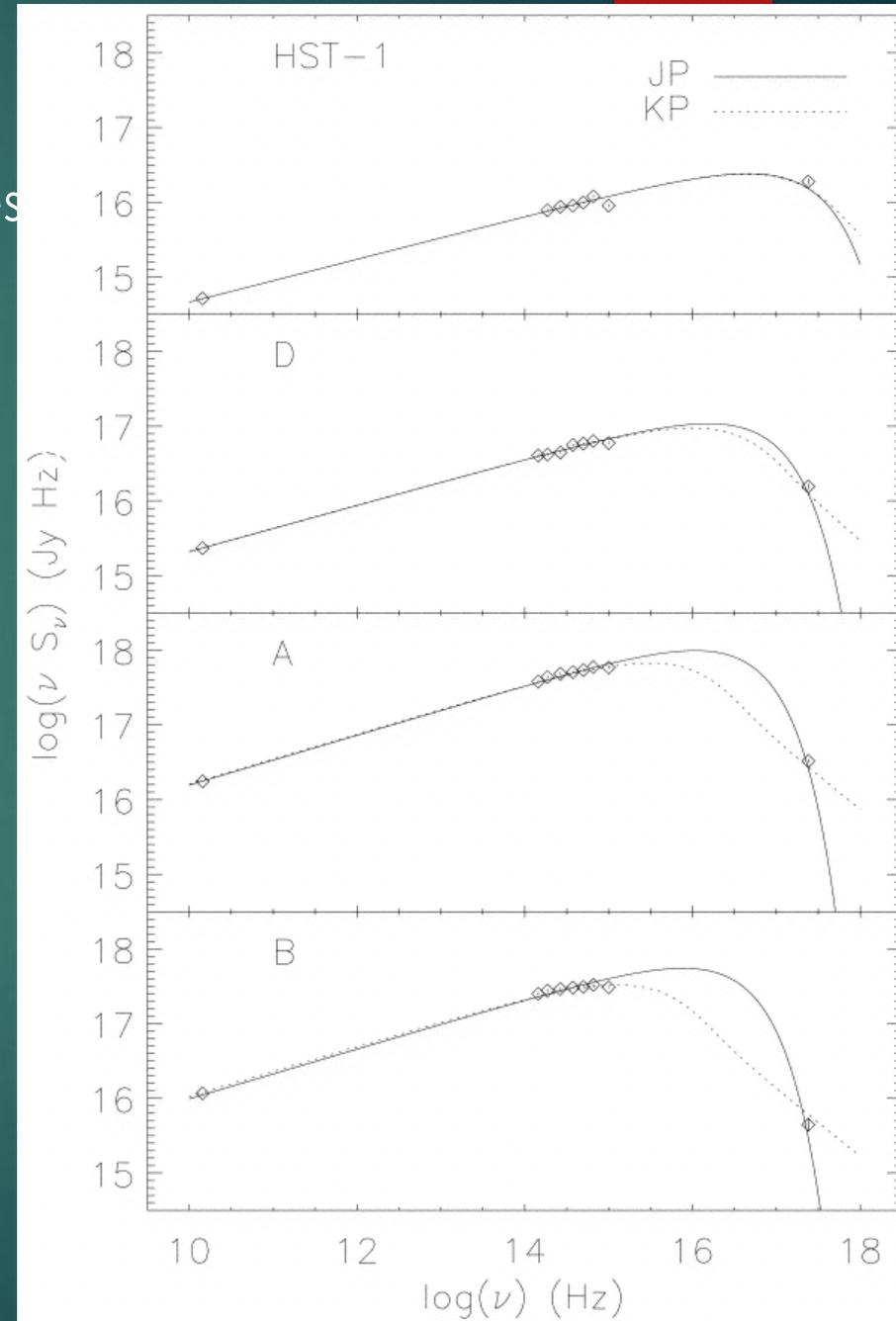
In FRI type jets, such as M87, the X-ray fluxes fall on a power-law extrapolation of the radio – optical spectrum

→ This is interpreted as a synchrotron origin one population of electrons

Implication is that FRI jets must be able to accelerate particles to very high energies!



Marshall et al. 2002

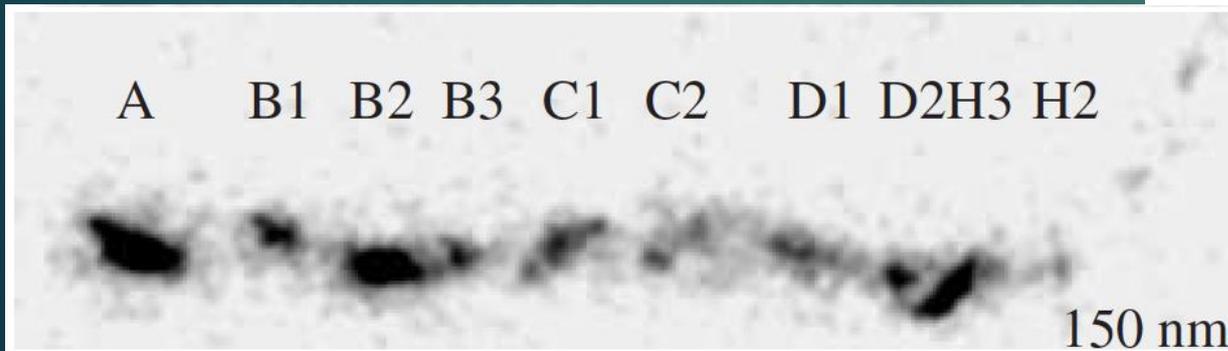
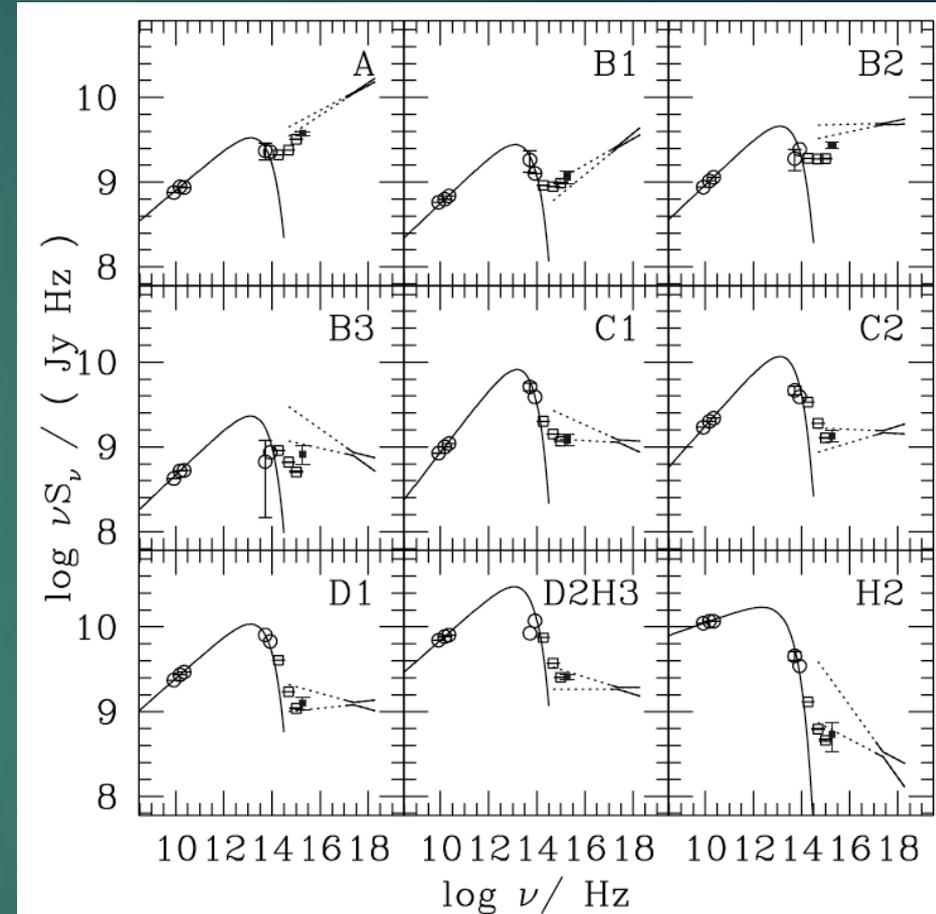


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In FRII type jets, such as 3C273, the situation is much less clear because the synchrotron does not seem to fall on the same power-law spectrum.

→ In these sources the X-ray emission could be also due to inverse Compton mechanism, but this is highly debated!

If the X-ray emission would be IC off CMB photons, it would mean that there must be a large population of low-energy electrons (to scatter the photons), and the jet power must be very large.



Jester et al. 2007

FR II jets can often be modeled with both synchrotron and IC/CMB models, but the implications for the jet characteristics in the two models are very different

IC/CMB jet:  $\Gamma = 40$ ,  $\delta = 20 \rightarrow \theta = 2.48^\circ$   
 $Y_{\min} = 1.6$ ,  $Y_b = 160$ ,  $Y_{\max} = 3 \times 10^5$

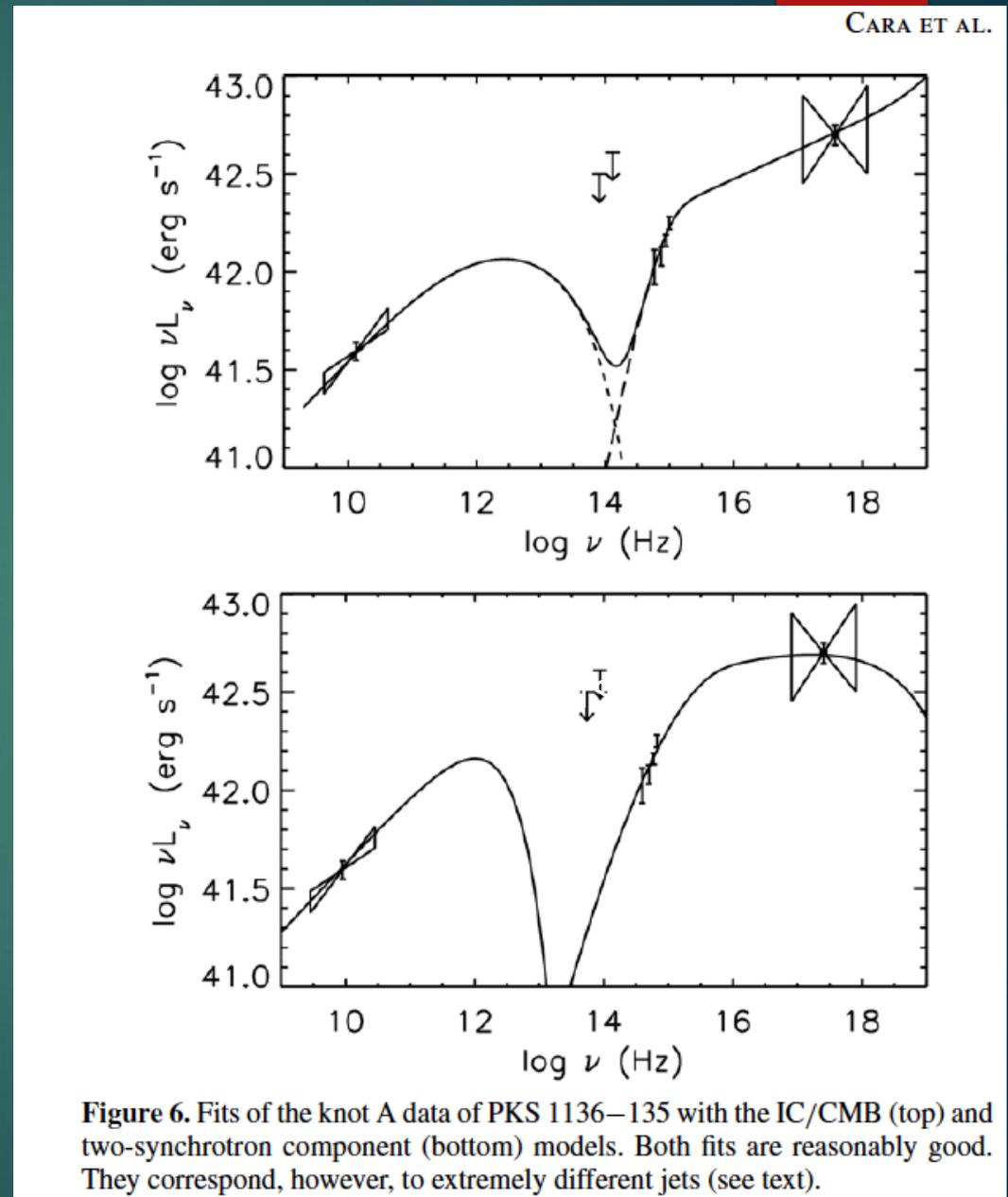
$\rightarrow$  Jet kinetic power 34 x Eddington luminosity of a  $10^9 M_{\text{BH}}$  black hole, projected length of the jet 1.63 Mpc (would be one of the largest ever known)

2 synchrotron components:  $\Gamma = \delta = 2$ ,  $\theta = 30^\circ$

Radio-optical SED:  $Y_{\min} = 100$ ,  $Y_{\max} = 7 \times 10^5$

optical – X-ray SED:  $Y_{\min} = 3 \times 10^6$ ,  $Y_{\max} = 2 \times 10^8$

$\rightarrow$  Jet kinetic power  $\sim 7\%$  of Eddington luminosity, projected length of the jet 140 kpc



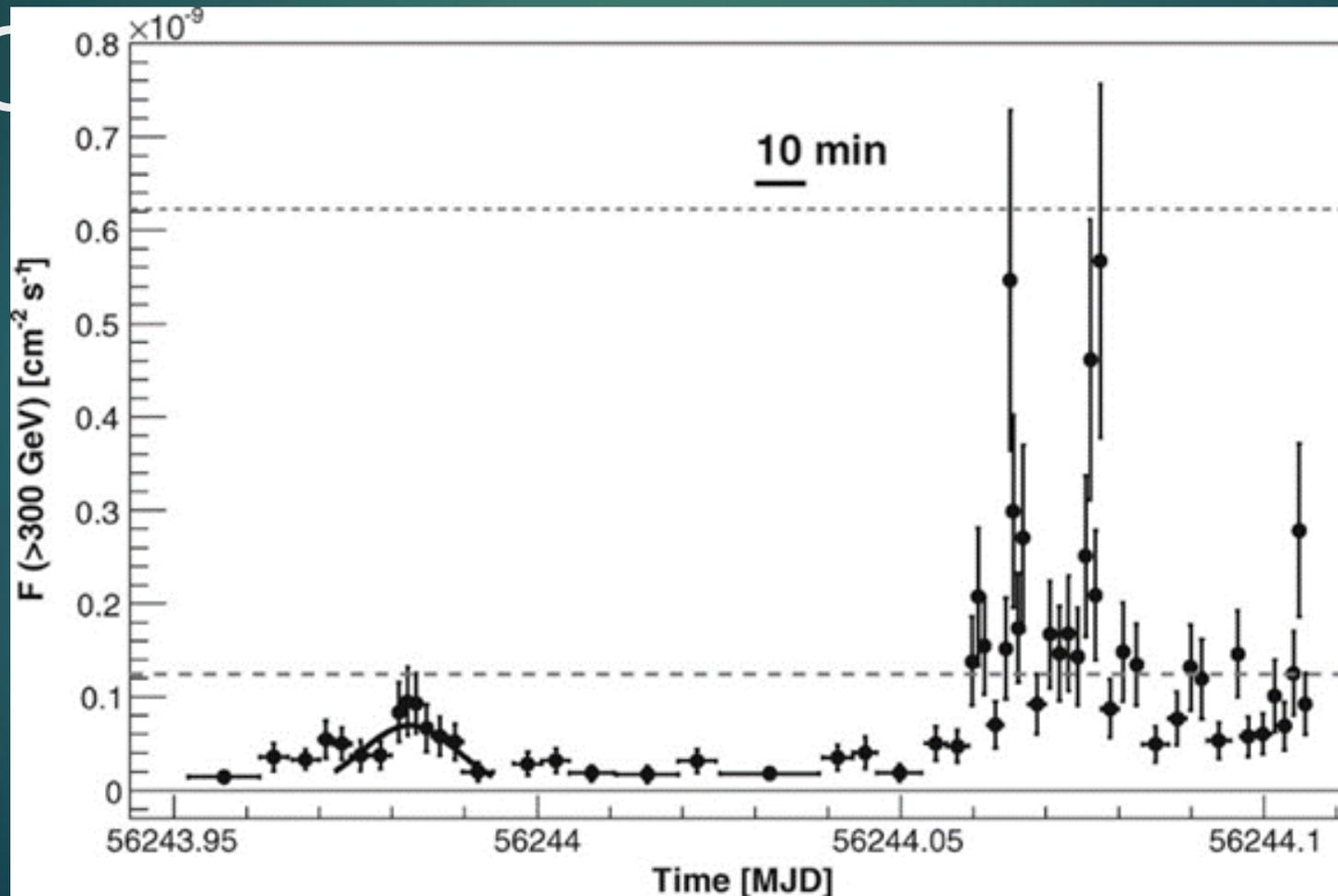
# Radio galaxies

- Should be intrinsically same as blazars, but the jet oriented away from our line of sight.
- Powerful radio emission dominated by lobes far out from the host galaxy
- Jet not pointing towards us: Problem for gamma-ray emission: Doppler boosting needed...but if theta is not small, these are very difficult to achieve...
- Structured jets? The large scale jet has different direction than the jet close to black hole?

And we do detect them in  
gamma-rays  
In addition to Cen A...

Variable emission from M87,

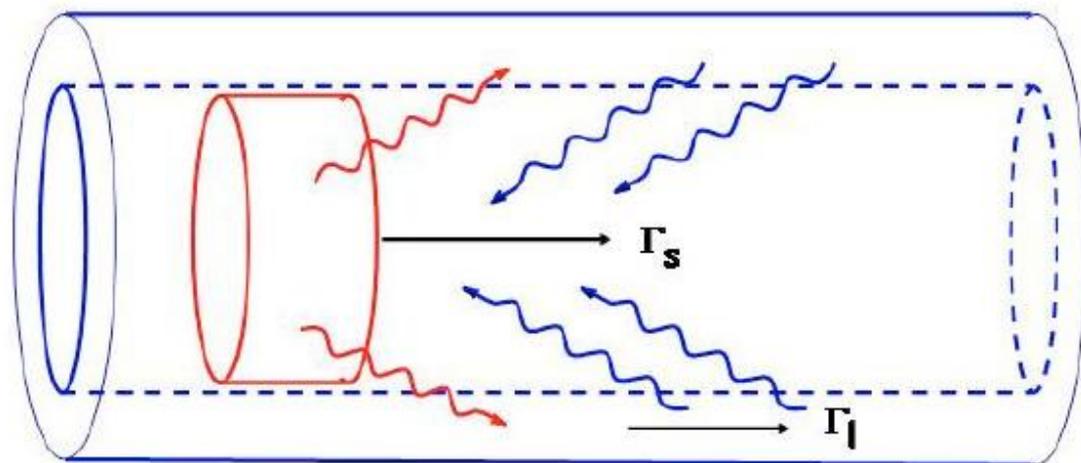
NGC



# Some ideas to overcome this

Structured jet models were suggested (e.g. Ghisellini et al. 2005):

- spine would dominate emission in blazars
- layer would dominate in radio galaxies



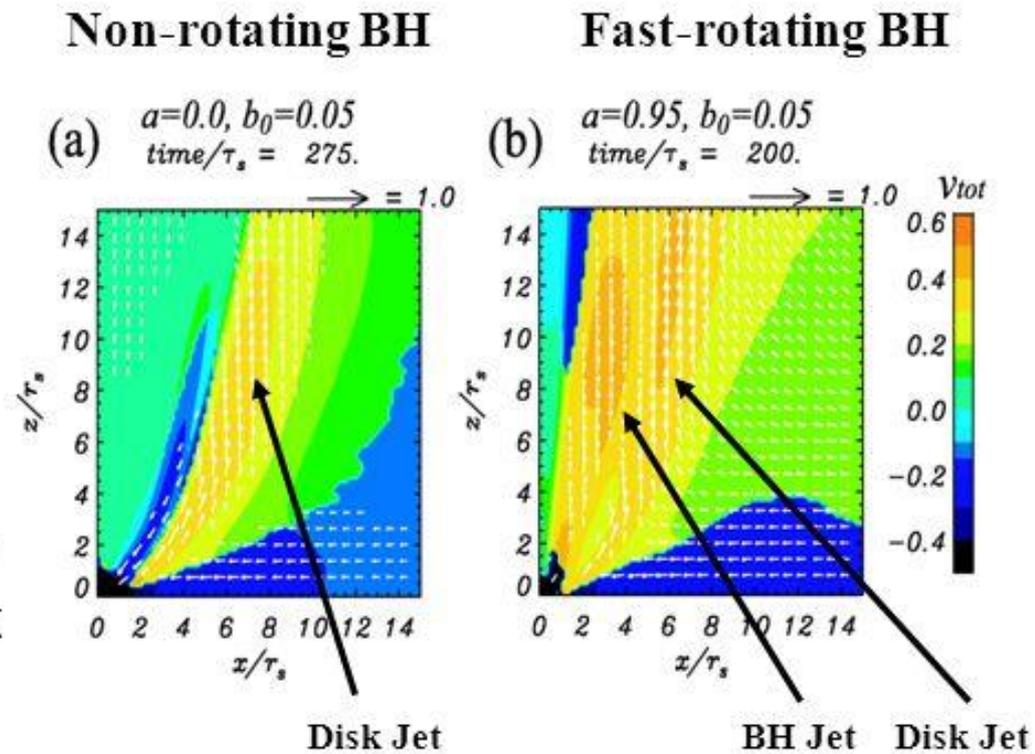
**Fig. 1.** Cartoon illustrating the layer+spine system.

Center spine may be deboosted due to Doppler effects (fast enough speed with large enough viewing angle causes de-boosting)

Sheath may be naturally bright because of mass-loading from the ISM and particle acceleration along the jet edge

# Spine-Sheath Relativistic Jets (GRMHD Simulations)

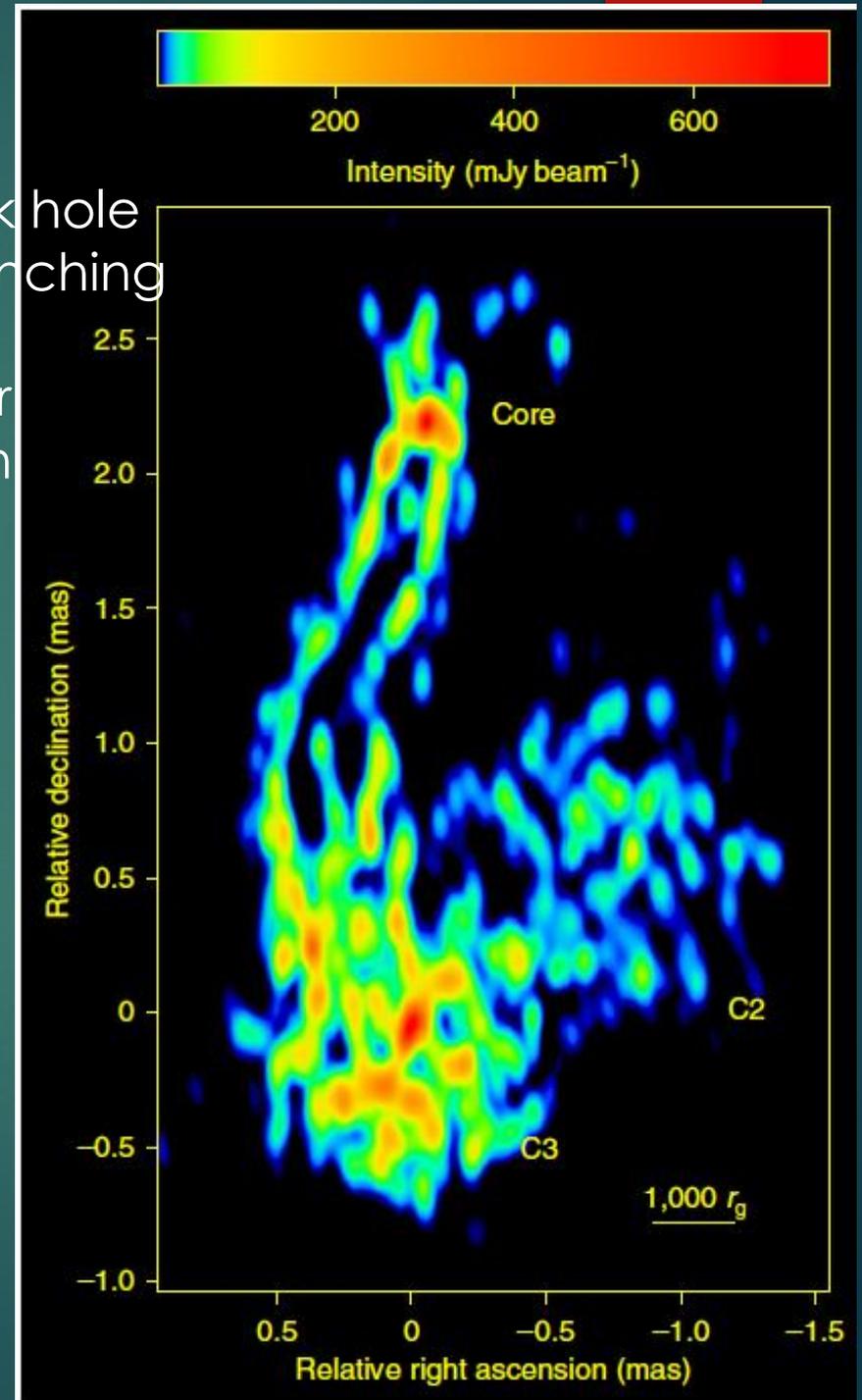
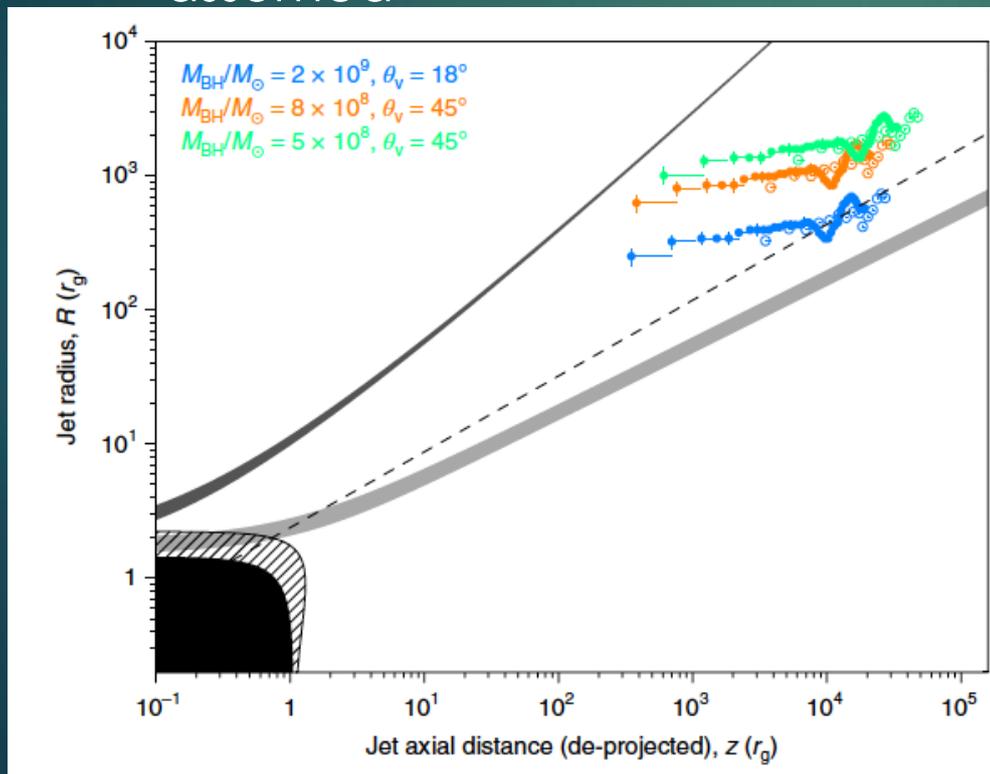
- In recent general relativistic MHD simulation of jet formation (e.g., Hawley & Krolik 2006, McKinney 2006, Hardee et al. 2007), simulation results suggest that
  - a **jet spine** driven by the magnetic fields threading the ergosphere
  - may be surrounded by a **broad sheath wind** driven by the magnetic fields anchored in the accretion disk
- This configuration might additionally be surrounded by a **less highly collimated accretion disk wind** from the hot corona.



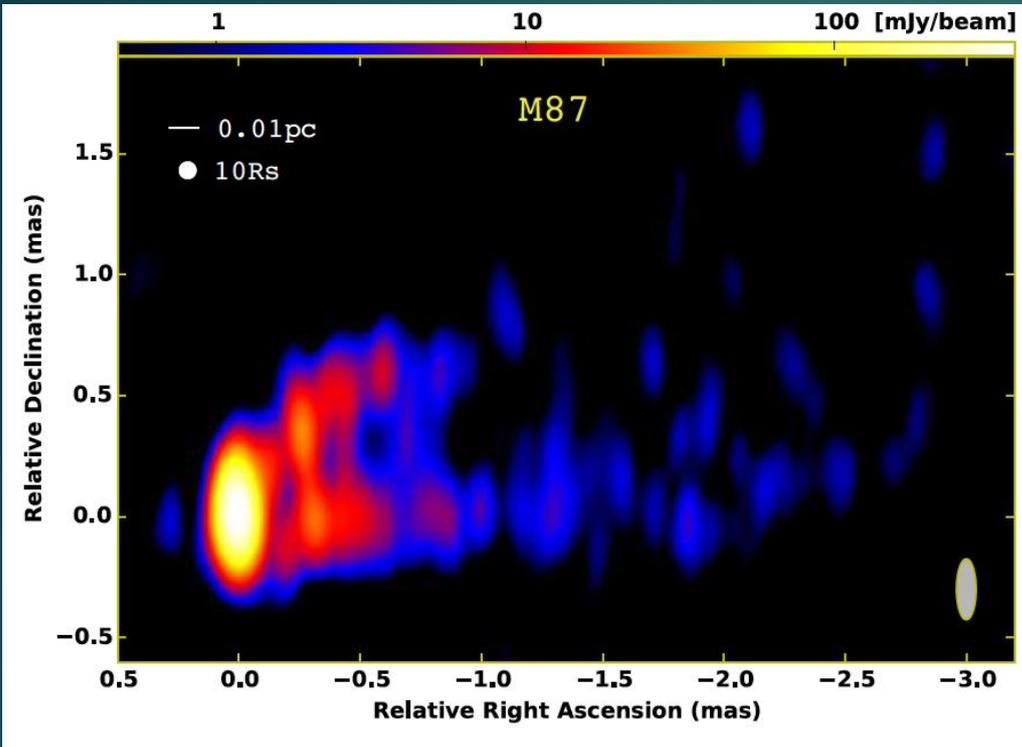
Total velocity distribution of 2D GRMHD Simulation of jet formation (Hardee, Mizuno & Nishikawa 2007)

# RadioAstron image of the nearby radio galaxy 3C84 reveal a spine-sheath structure of the jet

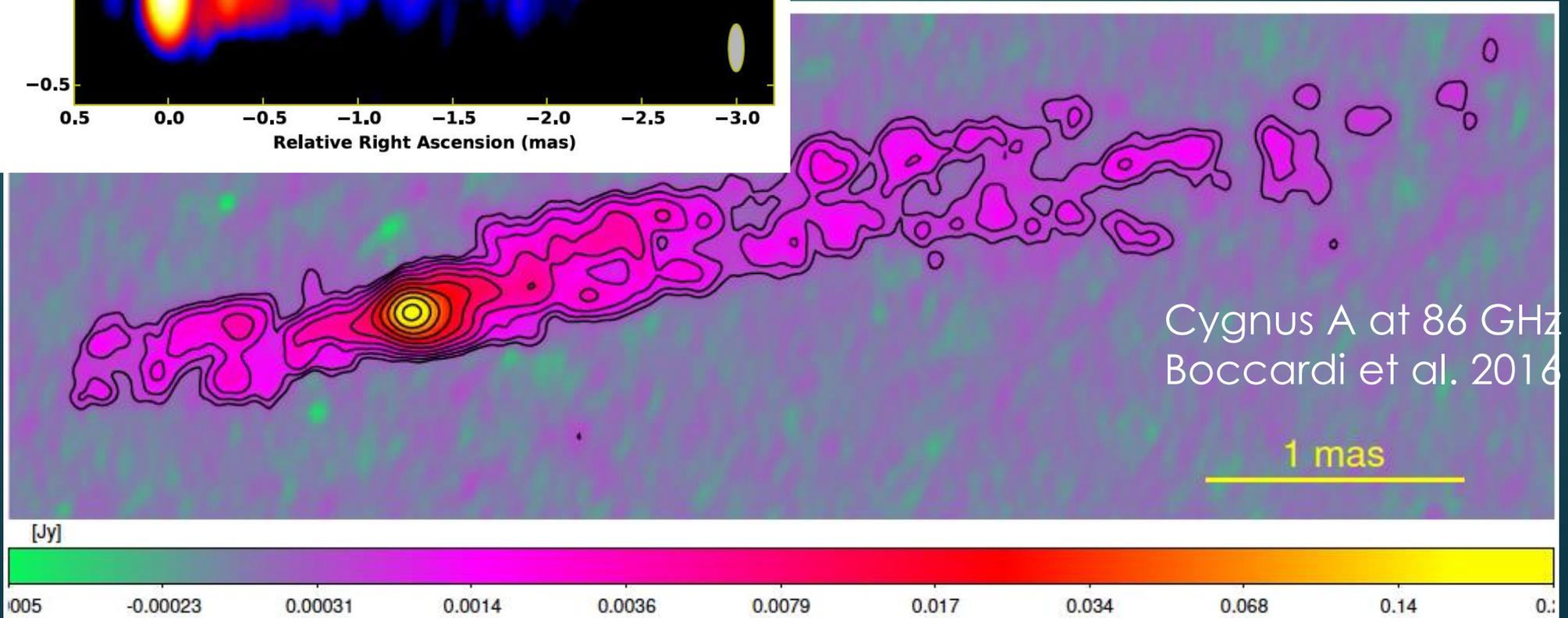
- Angular resolution is **27 $\mu$ as**
- Jet is seen down to  $\sim 10^2 r_g$  from the black hole
- Jet is much wider than expected for launching from the black hole ergosphere!
  - launched from the accretion disk, or external pressure much weaker than assumed



# Direct indications of spine-sheath structures are seen in other nearby radio galaxies as well



- Center spine may be deboosted due to Doppler effects (fast enough speed with large enough viewing angle causes de-boosting)
- Sheath may be naturally bright because of mass-loading from the ISM and particle acceleration along the jet edge



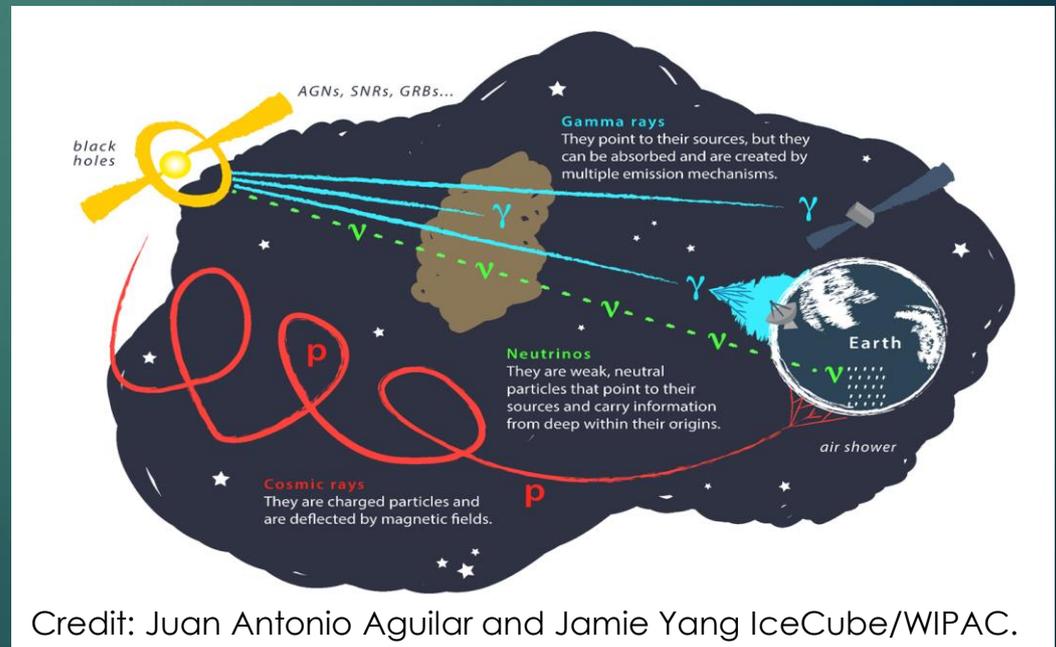
# Final slide on radio galaxies

- ▶ Many open questions at observational and simulations side which makes it difficult to access the jet speed, magnetic fields and kinetic power that are all very relevant for UHECRs acceleration

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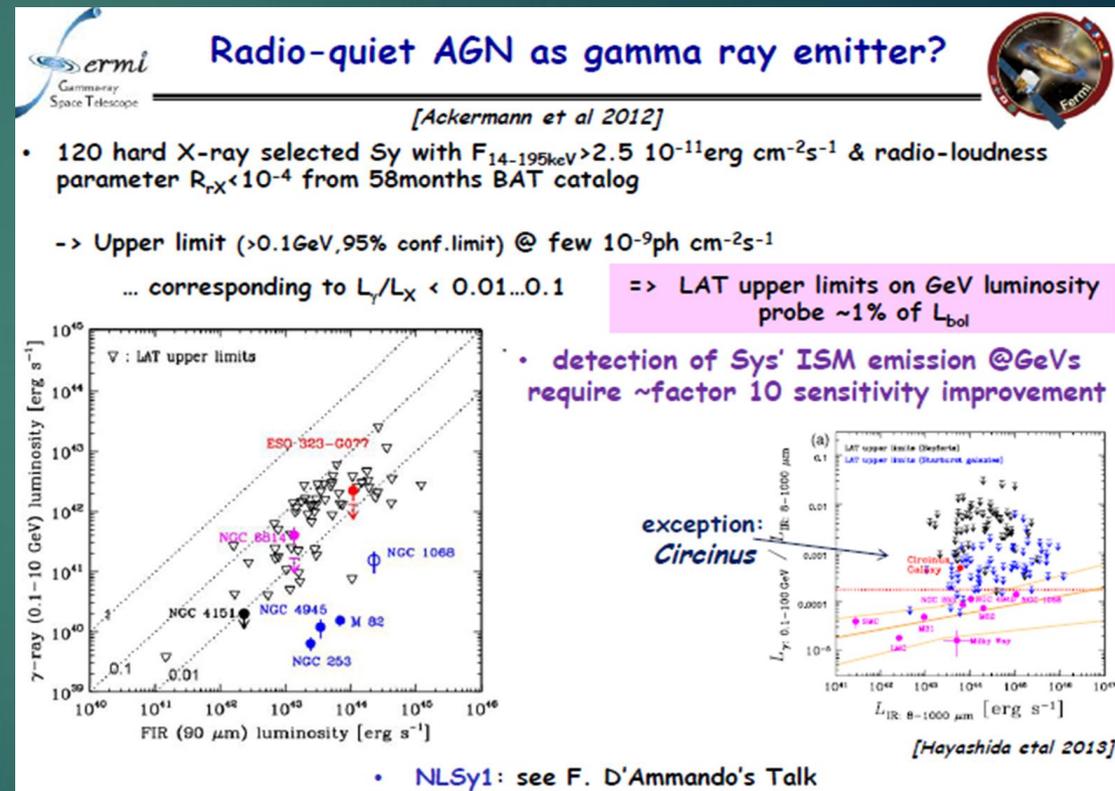
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# Non-jetted AGNs?

- ▶ Reminder: these are ~90% of the sources
- ▶ All same ingredients close to central engine, just NO JET
- ▶ Outflows/winds from the accretion disk
- ▶ Seemed uninteresting for astroparticle physics...



# Non-jetted AGNs?

- ▶ Widespread evidence that AGN can more commonly eject moderately collimated winds of thermal plasma
- ▶ Outflow velocities from a few 100 km/s up to mildly relativistic values of  $\sim 0.3c$
- ▶ Primarily observed as blue-shifted absorption features due to ionized metals at UV and X-ray energies.
- ▶ They are seen in at least  $\sim 40\%$  of all nearby AGN, of both radio-loud and radio-quiet types (i.e. with or without strong jets).
- ▶ The winds are inferred to be generated on sub-pc scales, and their estimated kinetic power can reach a fair fraction of the AGN bolometric luminosity.

But the real game-changer:

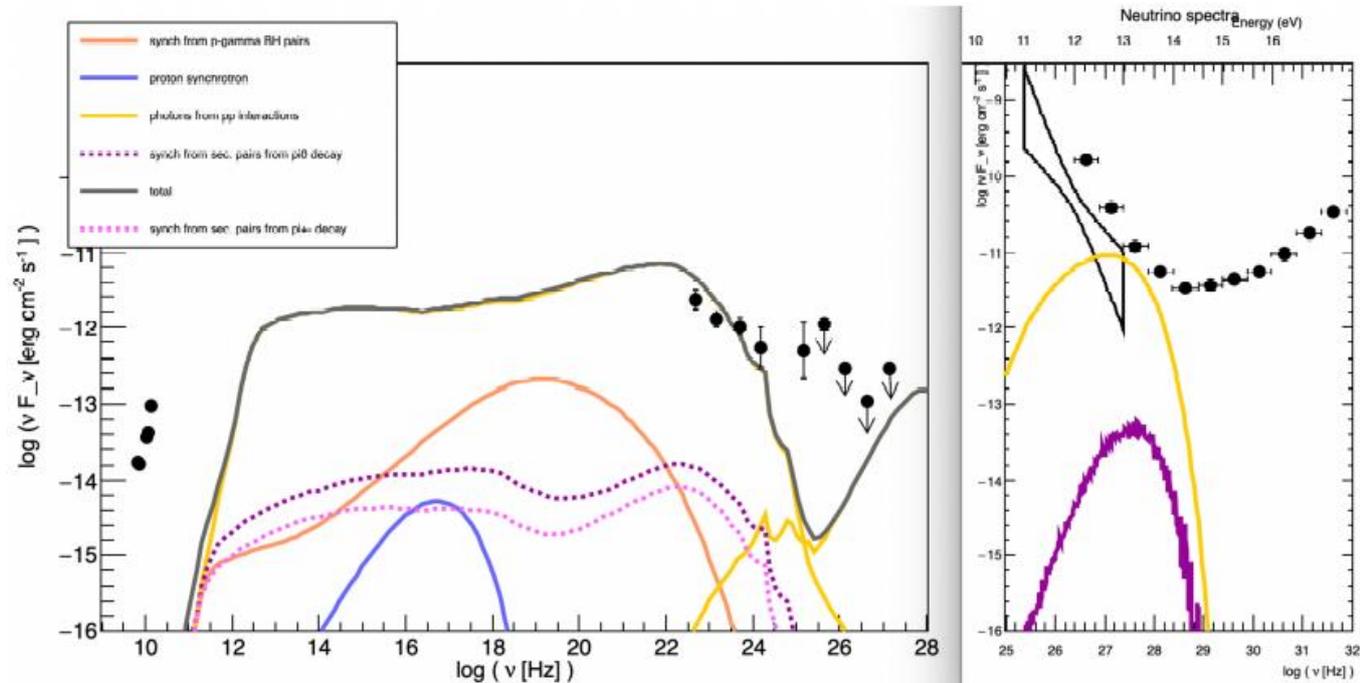


# NGC 1068

- ▶ NGC 1068, a nearby (distance  $\sim 14$  Mpc), type-2 Seyfert galaxy
- ▶ Known to possess a conspicuous AGN-driven wind
- ▶ The GeV gamma rays detected from the object was initially suggested to be of starburst origin
- ▶ But could also be photopion production of gamma rays induced by protons accelerated in the AGN wind external shock
- ▶ NGC 1068 has been shown to be a tentative source of neutrinos by IceCube, the most significant point in the northern hemisphere in a full-sky scan. A  $2.9\sigma$  excess over background.
- ▶ Not detected at VHE (yet?): Upper limits in gamma rays at energies above 0.2 TeV by MAGIC: important constraints on the origin of such neutrinos.

# NGC 1068

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**Figure 2:** Multi-messenger spectral energy distribution for the model parameters discussed in the text, compared with observational data for NGC 1068. Left panel: Photon model curves for  $\pi^0$  decay gamma rays and cascade emission due to  $pp$  interactions (yellow solid), cascade emission due to  $p\gamma$  Bethe-Heitler interactions (orange solid), cascade emission due to  $p\gamma$   $\pi^0$  and  $\pi^\pm$  decay (purple and magenta dashed, respectively), proton synchrotron emission (blue solid). Data from Fermi-LAT [11] MAGIC [15] and ALMA [17]. Right panel: Neutrino model curves for  $pp$  (yellow solid) and  $p\gamma$  (purple solid). Data for NGC 1068 [14] and the 10-yr point-source sensitivity of IceCube.



# Gamma-ray bursts

- Short, very bright bursts of gamma-rays, first discovered by Vela satellites
- BATSE (onboard CGRO) observed 2700 GRBs (about one a day): isotropic distribution => extragalactic origin
- Long and short duration bursts: deviation at 2s
- Very short “variability time scale”  $\sim < 1 \text{ ms}$  => emission region very compact!

$$R_{\text{emission}} < \Gamma^2 \cdot c \cdot \delta T_{\text{min}} \approx \Gamma^2 \cdot 60 \text{ km}$$

# Gamma-ray bursts

- Progenitors of the long duration bursts are supermassive stars; GRB occurs when the core collapses directly to black hole, for short bursts merger models (neutron star-neutron star, neutron star- black hole) have been suggested
- The emission can be described with the “fireball model”: where the central object produces highly variable, ultrarelativistic ( $\Gamma \gg 100$ ) outflow of optically thick plasma shell (“the fireball”) containing mostly electrons, positrons and gamma-rays

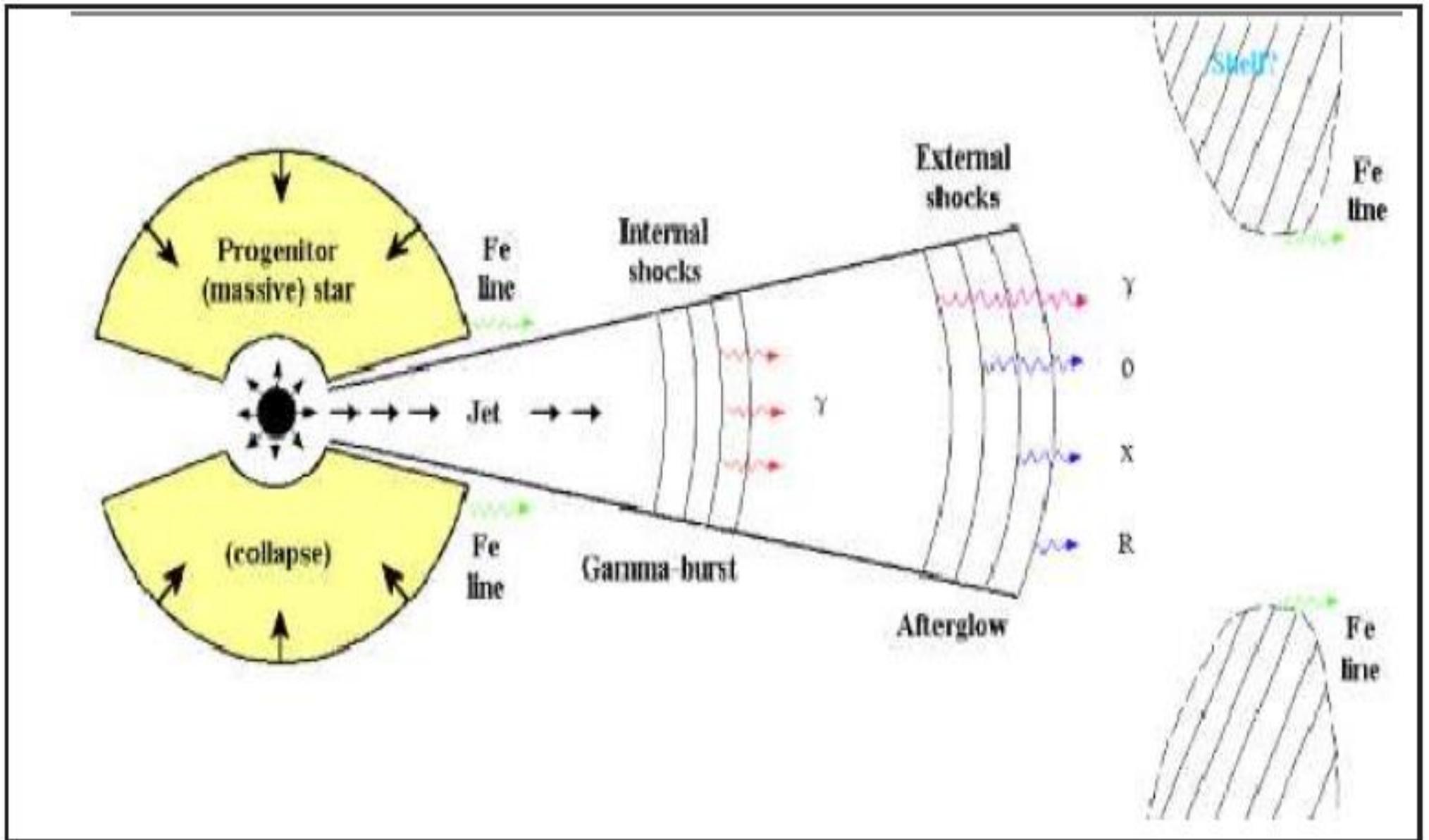


Figure 18: A sketch of the *fireball* model.

# Gamma-ray Bursts

- The energy is transported via bulk motion to  $10^{13}$  -  $10^{15}$  cm before the plasma becomes optically thin and radiates the GRB
- The kinetic energy is reconverted to radiation, relativistic shocks ( $\Gamma > 100$ ) accelerate electrons and positron at very short time scales, large scale turbulences distribute the energy dissipated in the shock over the shocked gas.
- Various such outflows can collide with each other – producing relativistic *internal shocks* at  $10^{14}$  -  $10^{16}$  cm from triggering event AND emit the prompt gamma-rays

# Gamma-ray bursts

- At the later stage the shell interacts with interstellar medium and relativistic *external shock* is produced, electrons accelerated (1 order Fermi); the external shock radiates the *afterglow* (synchrotron radiation from the electrons)
- Because of the *relativistic beaming* only a small fraction of the expanding shock is visible at the beginning and thus the time profile of the arriving gamma-rays is not smoothed by the simultaneous emission from different points in the expanding shell
- As the Lorentz-factor of the fireball decreases, the beaming angle opens up and the expansion is seen as if it was isotropic.

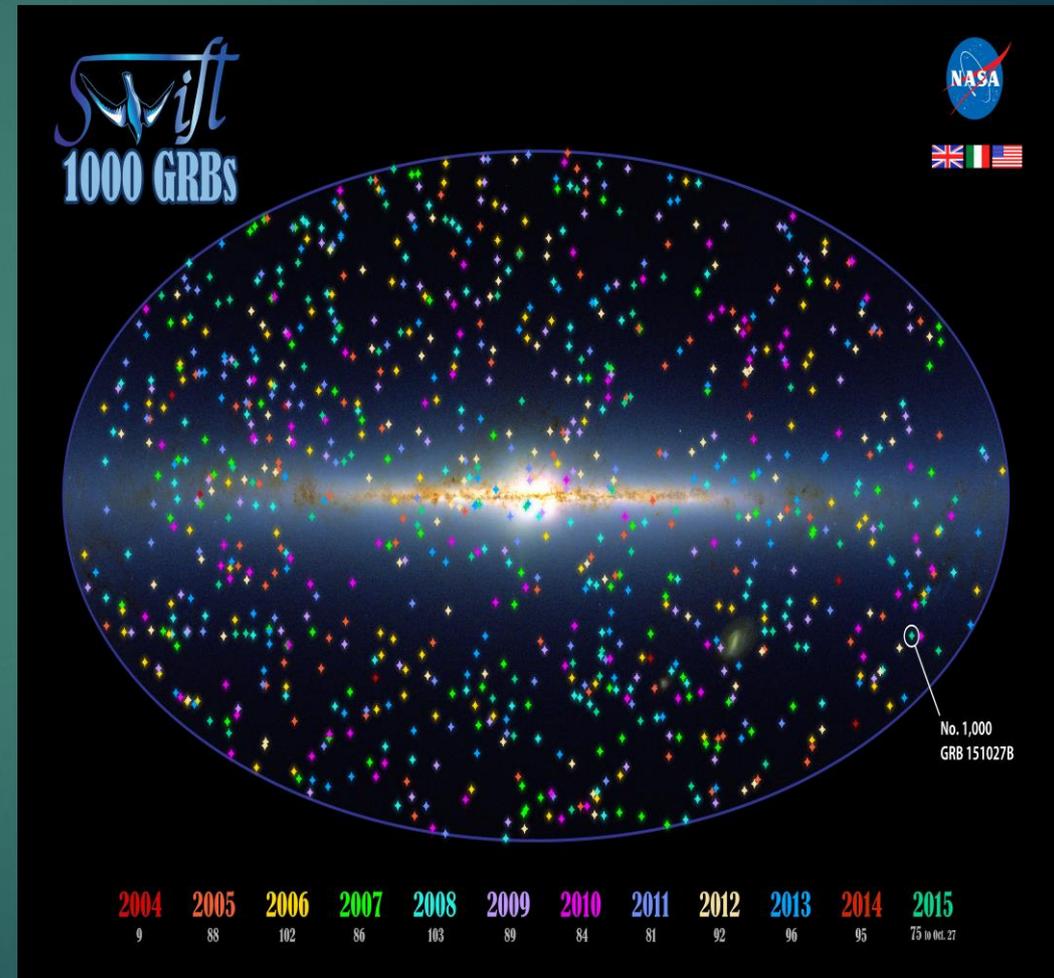
# Gamma-ray bursts



- The gamma-rays emitted are usually at keV -MeV range (hard X-rays, soft gamma-rays)
- Several attempts have been made to observe GeV emission: both EGRET and LAT observations indicate that the GeV emission would be delayed with  $\sim 1$  hour from the onset of the burst
- From theoretical point of view: the delayed GeV-TeV was be expected for proton synchrotron emission (see blazars) or photo-pion production or inverse Compton scattering or reverse shock in the burst environment

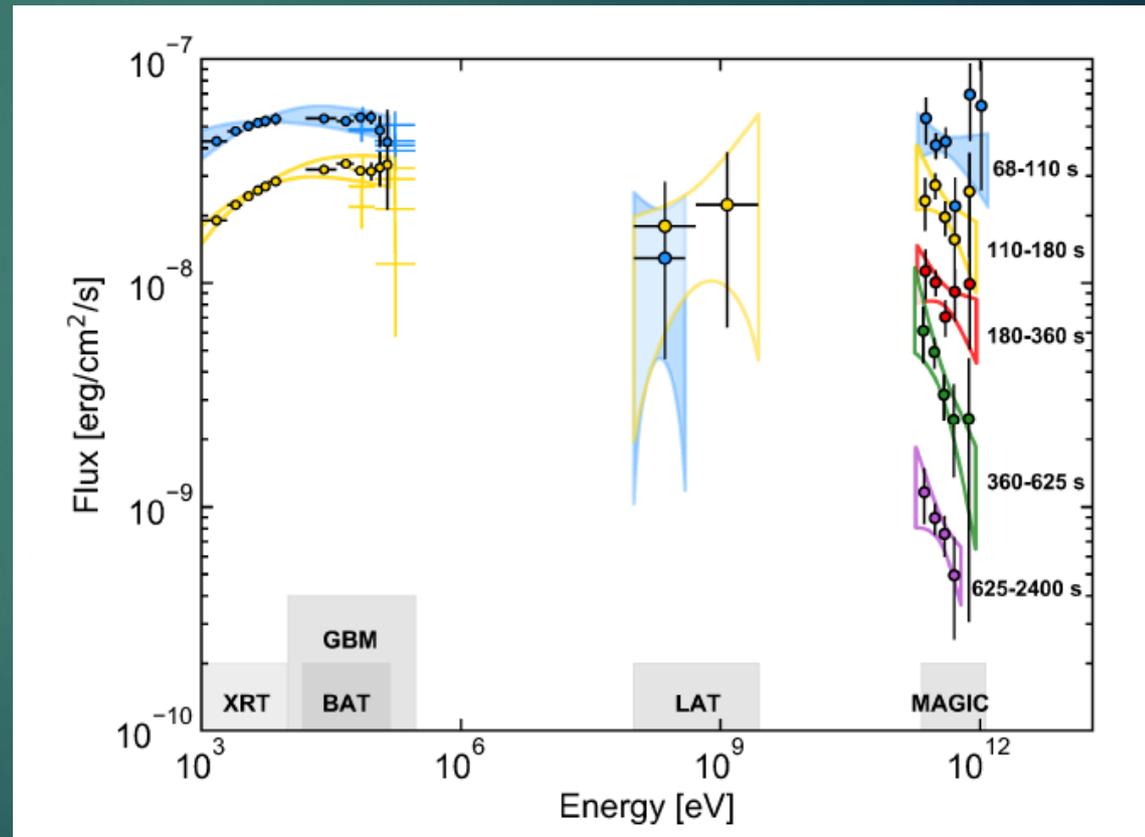
# Gamma-ray bursts at VHE

- ▶ Observed at Very High Energy gamma-rays with IACTs 4 (GRB 180720B, GRB 190829A by H.E.S.S., GRB190114C, GRB 201216C by MAGIC)



# What does the VHE observation tell us?

- ▶ GRB190114C: Very High Energy gamma-rays from inverse Compton scattering: New emission component
- ▶ Still debated
- ▶ GRBs also valuable for EBL studies (distant and bright!)
- ▶ With CTA we expect to detect many more

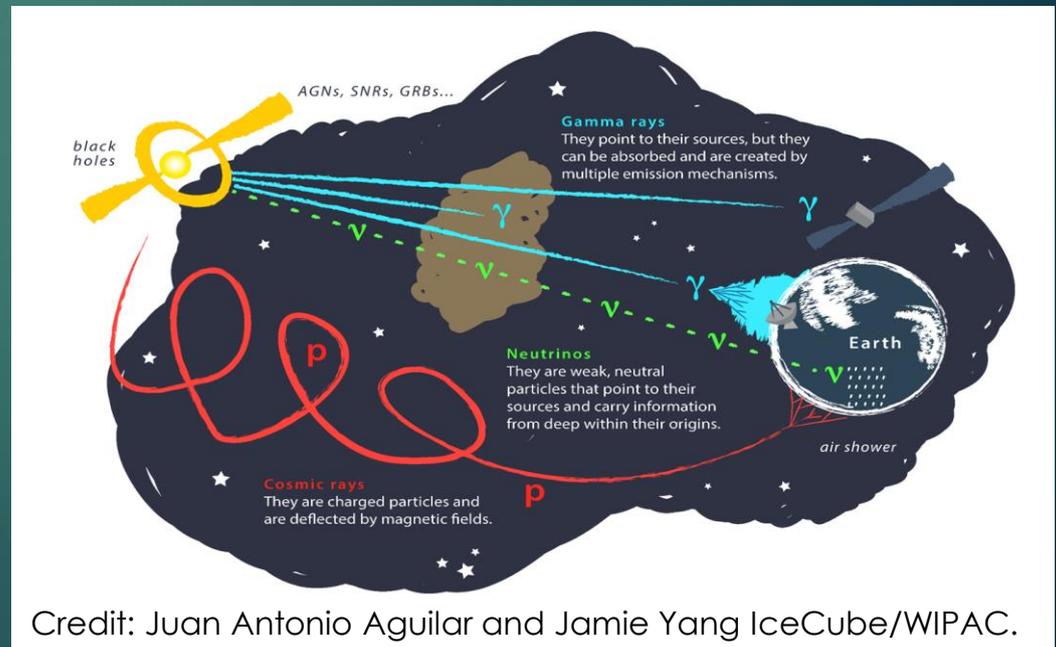


MAGIC Collaboration 2019,  
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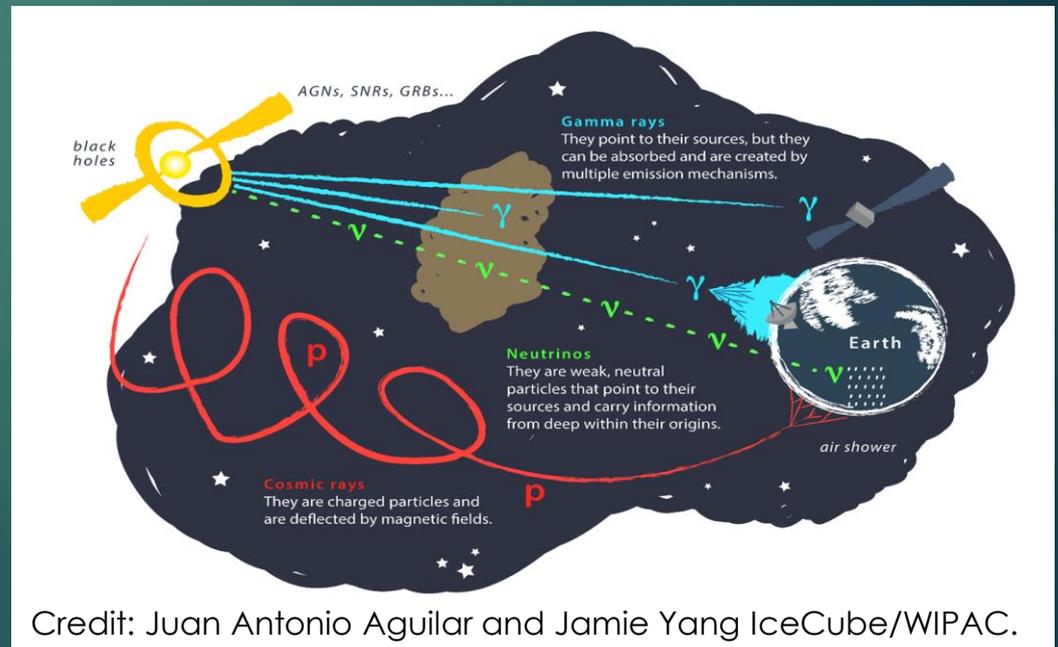
# Something more: unidentified Fermi sources

- ▶ Sample of unidentified or unassociated  $\gamma$ -ray sources (UGSs) constitute about one-third of all gamma-ray sources detected to date.
- ▶ At high galactic latitudes, likely to have extragalactic origin
- ▶ (Sidenote: to great surprise Fermi-LAT also identified large population of MSP that explained many EGRET unidentified sources)
- ▶ Efforts to identify counterparts e.g. in X-rays (e.g. Marchesini et al. 2020), good for finding blazars of BL Lac type (almost all Fermi detected BL Lacs have X-ray counterpart), confirmation of classification with optical spectroscopy
- ▶ Is there a source type that I did not cover during this lecture hiding there? No clue...

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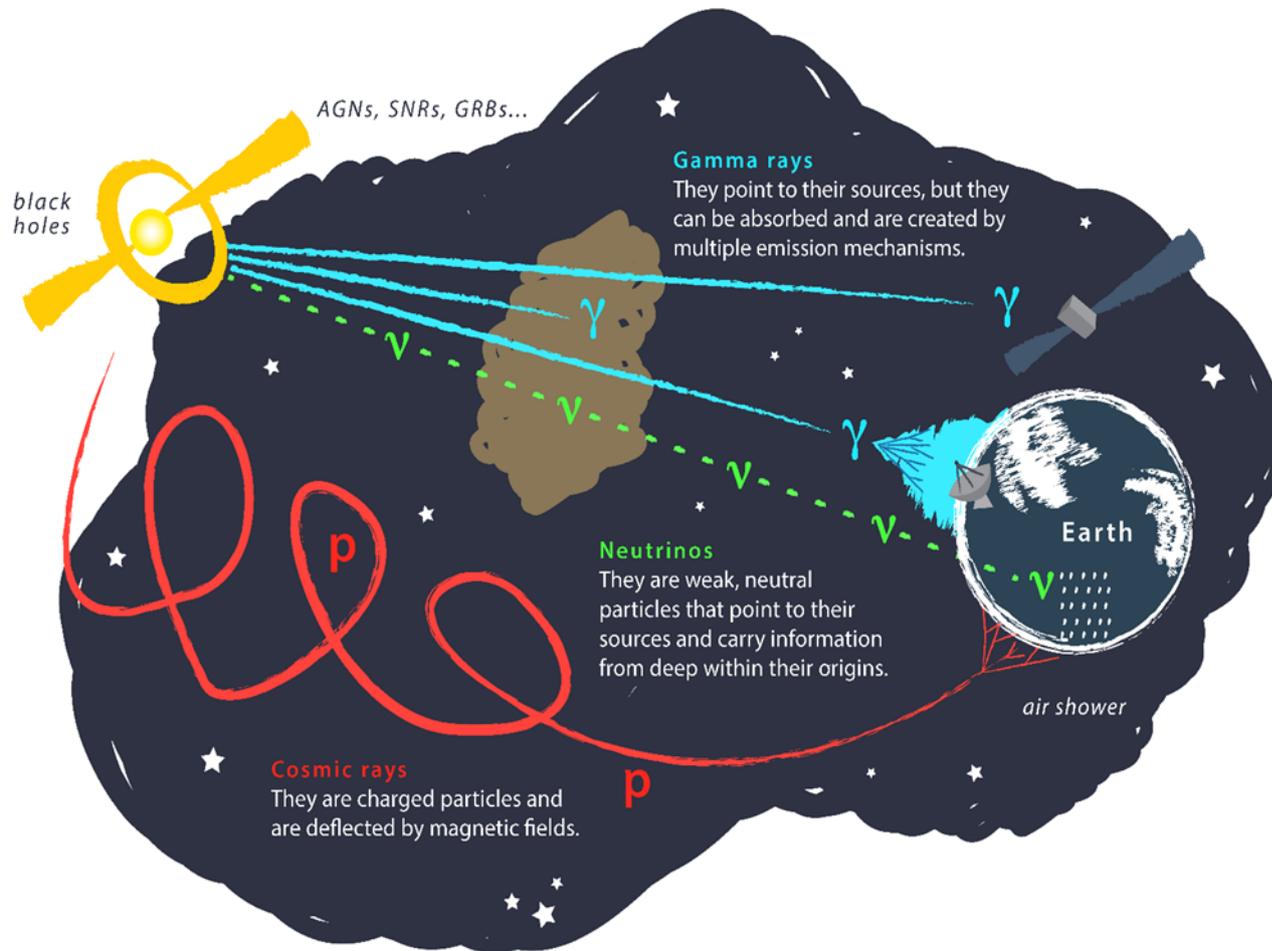
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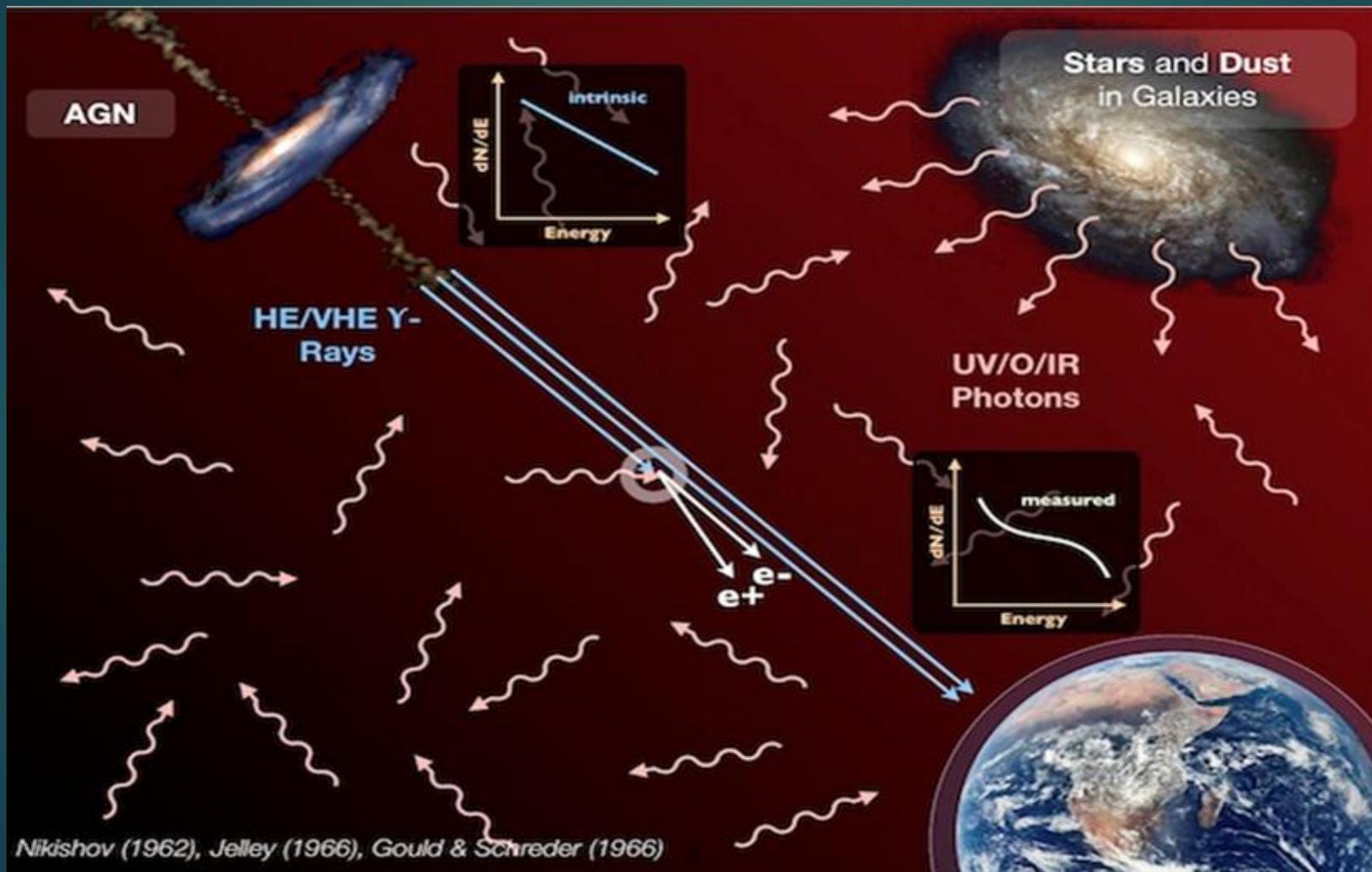


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# Propagation of Astroparticles



# Propagation of VHE gamma-rays



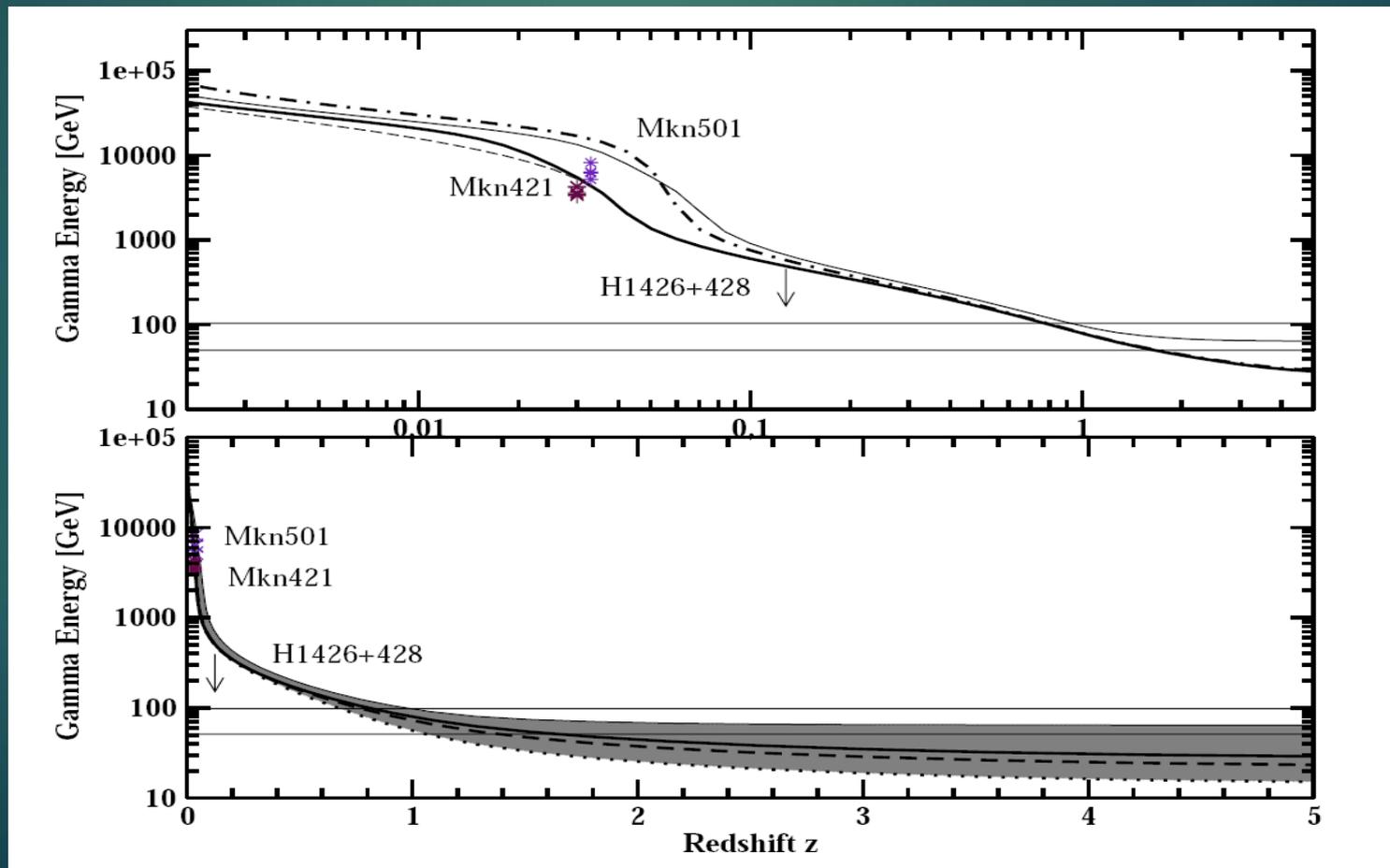
# Gamma-ray Horizon

- Because of the pair production with the low energy (IR, optical) diffuse and isotropic extragalactic background light (EBL) photons the visible universe to high energy gamma-rays is limited
- Threshold energy for pair production:  $E \cdot \gamma (1 - \cos\theta) > 2m_e c^2$   
where  $E$  is the gamma-ray energy,  $\gamma$  is the photon energy,  $\theta$  is the scattering angle
- Given the certain model about the EBL, the attenuation of a hypothetical monoenergetic flux from a source can be parameterized by the *optical depth*  $\tau$ :

$$\phi(E, z) = \phi(E, 0) \cdot \exp[-\tau(E, z)]$$

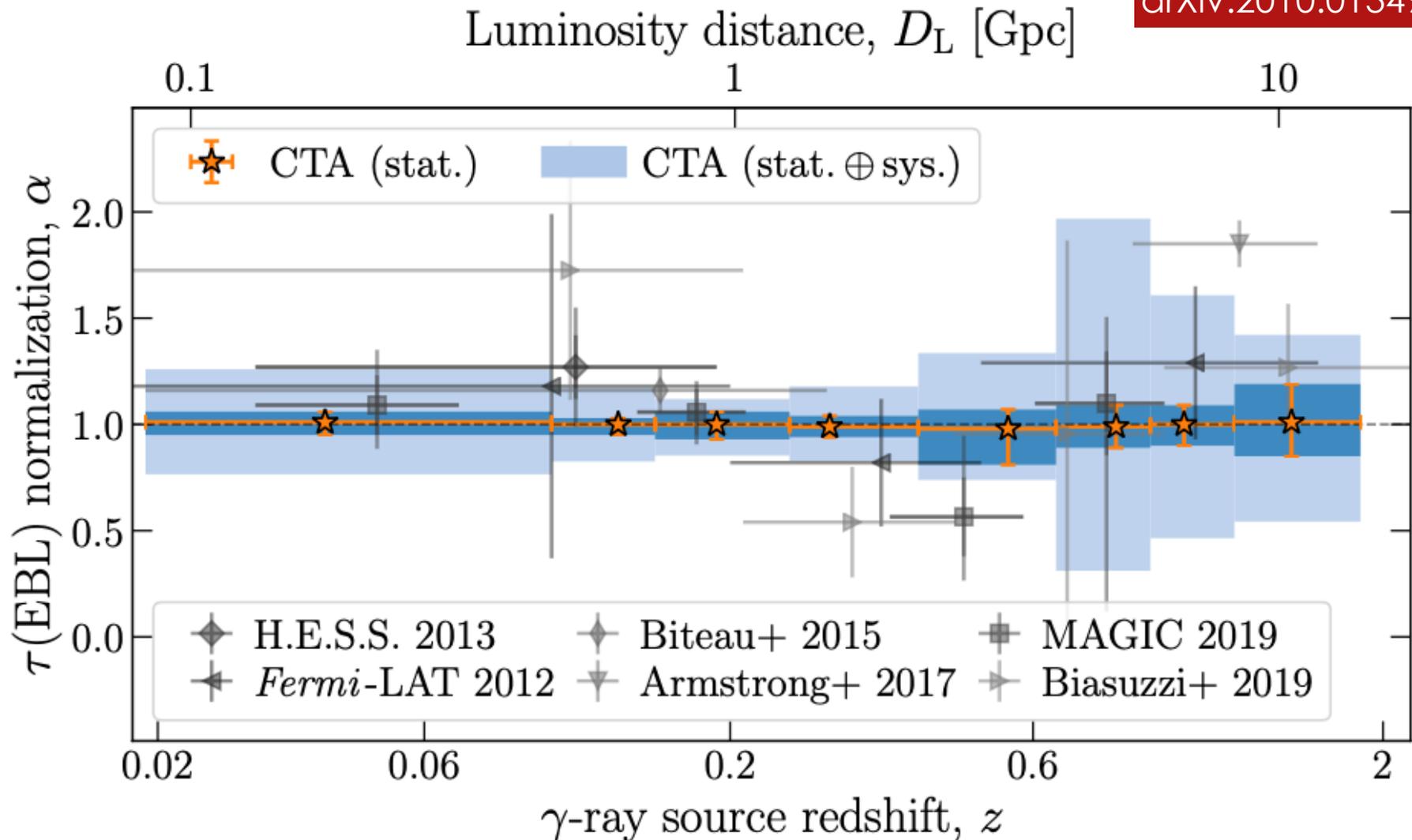
# Gamma-ray Horizon

- The condition  $\tau(E, z) = 1$  defines the Gamma-ray Horizon also known as Fazio-Stecker relation:  $1/e$  of the flux  $\tau(E)$  is lost traveling from the distance  $z$  from the source



# How far do we see and what do we expect from CTA?

CTA consortium, 2021  
arXiv:2010.01349



# Cosmic ray horizon

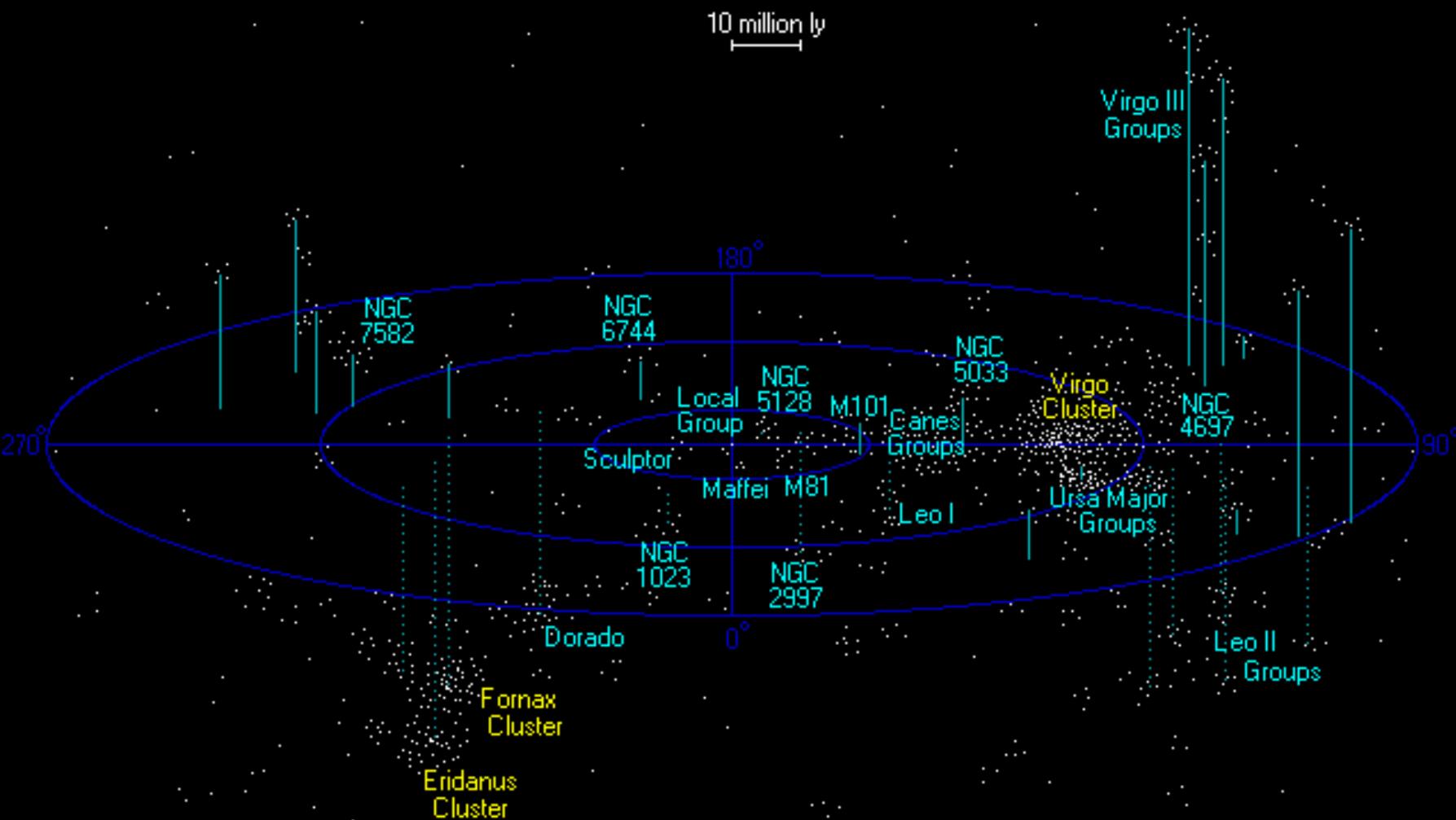
- Hadrons lose their energy fast in intergalactic medium via photoproduction of pion off blackbody photons
- Mean free path for protons:

$$\lambda_{\gamma p} = \frac{1}{N \sigma} , \quad (7.23)$$

where  $N$  is the number density of blackbody photons and  $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p) \approx 100 \mu\text{b}$  the cross section at threshold. This leads to

$$\lambda_{\gamma p} \approx 10 \text{ Mpc} . \quad (7.24)$$

# Virgo supercluster, d~60Mpc

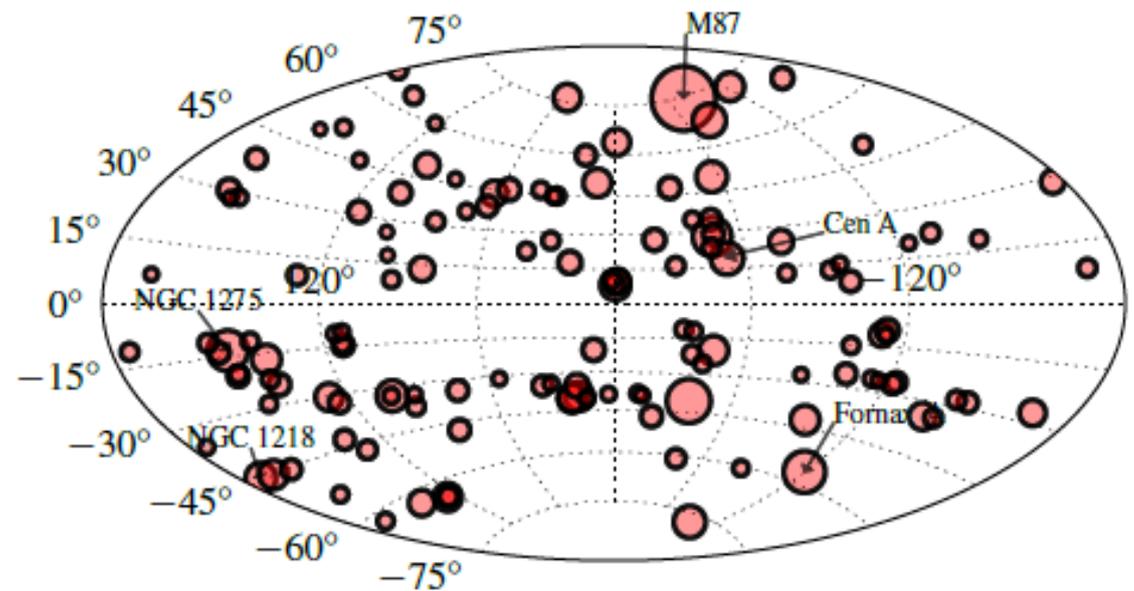


# Cosmic ray horizon

- Therefore, e.g. Mrk 421 and Mrk 501 are out; from the distance of  $100_{20}$  Mpc, the arrival probability for protons with energy  $10^{20}$  eV is only  $\approx e^{-x/\lambda} \approx 4 \times 10^{-5}$
- If the local GZK sphere is defined to be  $\sim 30$  Mpc (i.e. several mean free paths), there is hardly any blazars within the sphere, closeby GRBs dont happen often (in average  $z \sim 2$  for GRBs), but

# Cosmic Ray Horizon

There are quite some radiogalaxies like Cen A, M87 and NGC 315 and starburst galaxies like M82 and NGC 253



**Figure 6.** Map in Galactic coordinates with the radio galaxies of the volume-limited sample ( $z < 0.03$ ). The area of the circles is proportional to the radio flux of the source. The location of some famous sources is indicated (M87 and NGC 1275 are the brightest members of the Virgo and Perseus cluster, respectively).

Thank you for your  
attention

