The imprint of protons on the emission of extended blazar jets

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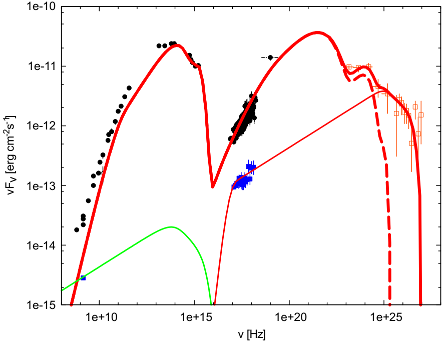

Figure 1: Model: one-zone core (dashed red), kpc-scale jet (thin solid), total (thick solid), MZ&Wagner16

- Blazars are well described through the one-zone model
- Noteworthy counter-examples are:
  - AP Librae Hervet+15, Sanchez+16, MZ&Wagner16
  - Centaurus A HESS+20
- Need for extended, kinetic jet models

Potter&Cotter12,13, Zdziarski+14, Lucchini+19, . . .

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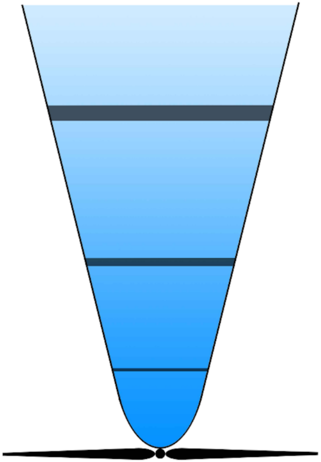

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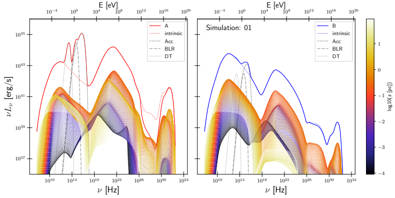
An **Ex**tended **Ha**dro-**Le**ptonic jet model

- Jet length cut into numerous slices, where kinetic equation is solved for each species
  - Injection of primary proton and electron distribution at the base; evolved self-consistently along the jet
  - Injection of secondaries (pions, muons, pairs) in each slice
  - Pairs propagated along with primaries
  - Radiation and neutrino output for each slice
- Geometry currently fixed as
  - Parabolic acceleration region: $\Gamma_b(z) \propto \sqrt{z}$
  - Conical coasting region $\Gamma_b(z) =$const.
  - Radius: $R(z) \propto \tan\left[0.26/\Gamma_b(z)\right]$
  - Magnetic field derived self-consistently
- Considering internal and external radiation fields
  - Synchrotron, π^0, Inverse-Compton
  - Accretion Disk, BLR, DT, CMB
  - BLR and DT depend on Accretion Disk

ExHaLe-jet: First results



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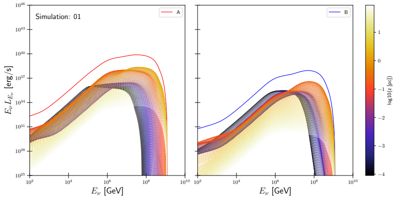

Figure 4: Total neutrino spectrum (observer's frame) with distance evolution (color code) for a strong (left) and weak (right) accretion disk.

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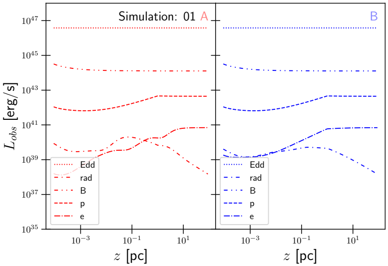

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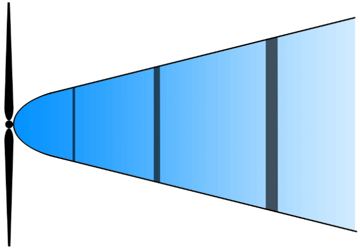

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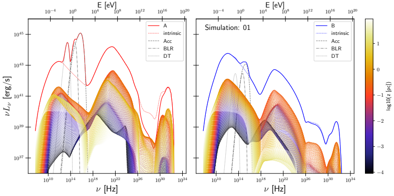

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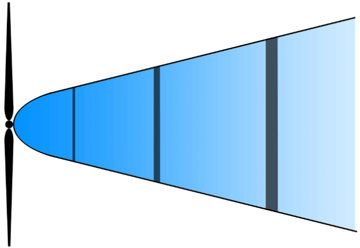
Summary



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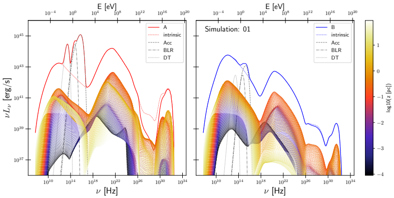

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Thank you!

Processes considered in the code

Cooling processes:

- Protons: synchrotron, adiabatic, p-γ, Bethe-Heitler
- Charged pions / muons: synchrotron, adiabatic
- Electrons: synchrotron, adiabatic, inverse Compton

Acceleration processes:

- Fermi I/II, but only as a “re-acceleration”
- Main acceleration through a generic injection term

Photon absorption processes:

- Pair production on all photon fields (external ones angle averaged in the comoving frame after boosting)
- Synchrotron-self absorption
- Photons that left the emission region, are also absorbed in the BLR and DT fields (but no EBL or CMB absorption considered)

Table 1: Parameters and values of the simulation

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Redshift	0.536		
Black hole mass	$3.0 \times 10^8\, M_\odot$	Initial magnetic field	100 G
Eddington ratio	A: 10^{-1}	Frac injected proton luminosity	0.1
	B: 10^{-3}	Initial proton to electron ratio	1
BLR temperature	10^4 K	Minimum proton Lorentz factor	2
DT temperature	5.0×10^2 K	Maximum proton Lorentz factor	2×10^8
Jet length	100 pc	Proton spectral index	2.5
Acceleration region	1 pc	Minimum electron Lorentz factor	100
Max jet Lorentz factor	30.0	Maximum electron Lorentz factor	1×10^5
Jet viewing angle	1.9^o	Electron spectral index	3.0
Frac Jet opening angle	0.26		
Frac Initial jet width	10.0		
Frac Escape time scale	10.0		
Frac Acceleration time scale	10.0		

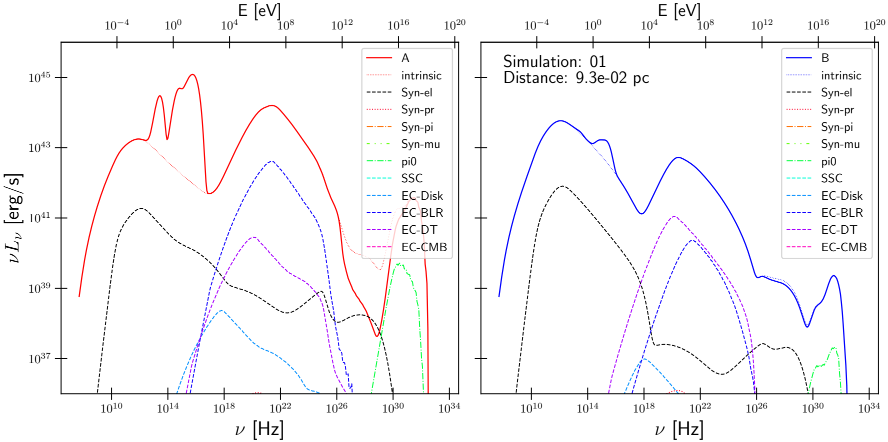

Figure 6: Total spectrum (observer's frame) showing individual contributions for a distance of ~ 0.1pc