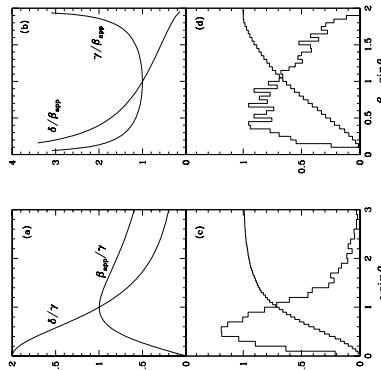




## Basic Relations for Relativistic Beams, I



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and

$$L = L_0 \mathcal{D}^{p-\alpha} \quad . \quad (6.37)$$

$p - \alpha$  depends on the jet geometry (e.g.,  $p = 2$  for a smooth series of blobs or  $p = 3$  for a single isolated blob; Lind & Blandford, 1985).

$$\text{If } \sin \theta = \gamma^{-1}, \mathcal{D} = \gamma \text{ and } \beta_{app} = \beta_{app,\max} = \beta \gamma \quad !$$

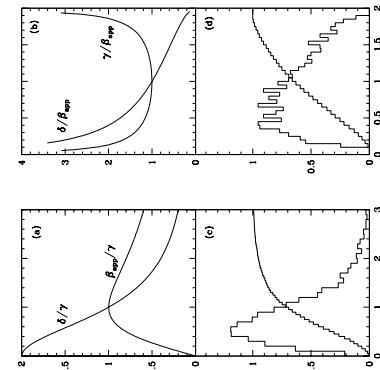
Curves for  $\gamma^2 \gg 1$  (Cohen et al., 2007)

From Eq. 6.38 and Eq. 6.39, any two of the four parameters  $\beta_{app}$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ , and  $\theta$  can be used to find the others!

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## Basic Relations for Relativistic Beams, II



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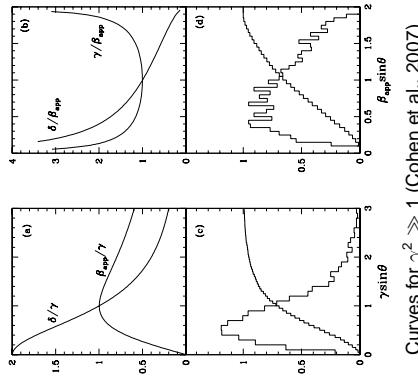
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Define the critical angle  $\theta_c$  so that  $\sin \theta_c = \gamma^{-1}; \theta/\theta_c \sim \gamma \sin \theta$  (accurate for  $\gamma^2 \gg 1$  and  $\theta \ll 1$ ) and still correct to 20% for  $\beta > 0.5$  and  $\theta < 60^\circ$ .

## Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Jet Sample, I



Because  $S_\nu \propto \mathcal{D}^2$  (for  $\alpha \sim 0$ ), and because  $\mathcal{D}$  decreases with increasing  $\theta$ , the sources found in a flux-density limited sample will preferentially be at small angles, even though there is not much solid angle there.

Problem:  $p(\theta|\beta_{app,f})$  is not an analytical function.  $\Rightarrow$  use Monte-Carlo simulations to study the probability functions.

- Peak of the probability distribution at  $\gamma \sin \theta = \theta/\theta_c = 0.6$ . At this position,  $\beta_{app} = 0.9\gamma$  and  $\mathcal{D} = 1.5\gamma$ .
- 50% point of  $P(\theta|\gamma_f)$  is at  $\gamma \sin \theta = \theta/\theta_c = 0.7$ .
- About 75% of all sources lie inside their  $1/\gamma$  cones!

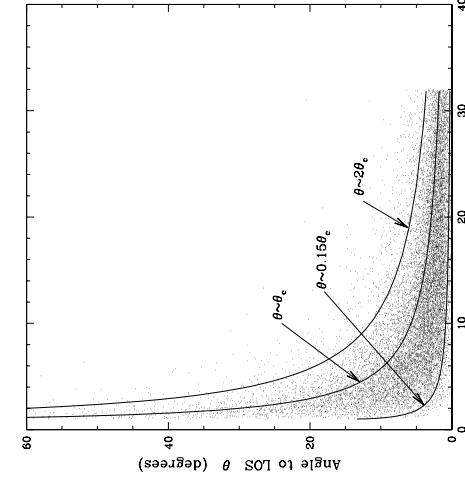
Almost all sources ( $0.04 < P < 0.96$ ) lie within the range  $0.15\theta_c - 2\theta_c$ !

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## Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Jet Sample, II



Distribution of 14000 sources selected randomly from a Monte-Carlo simulated parent population of jets (Cohen et al., 2007).

Input for the M-C simulation was a parent population with a power-law distribution of Lorentz factors with index  $-1.25$  and peak  $\gamma = 32$  and a power-law distribution of intrinsic luminosities with index  $-2.73$  and minimum luminosity  $1 \times 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$  (fits the MOJAVE data; see below).

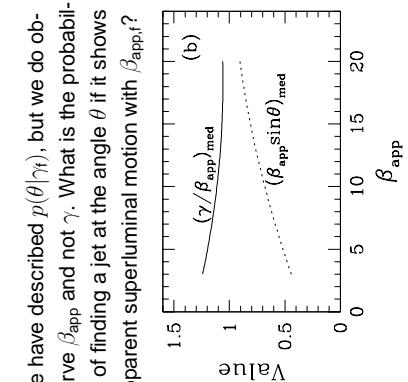
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## Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Jet Sample, III

We have described  $p(\theta|\gamma_f)$ , but we do observe  $\beta_{app}$  and not  $\gamma$ . What is the probability of finding a jet at the angle  $\theta$  if it shows apparent superluminal motion with  $\beta_{app,f}$ ?



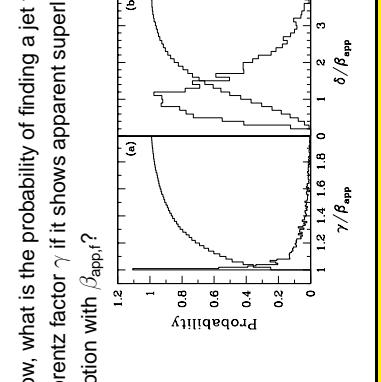
The probability density curve for  $p(\theta|\beta_{app,f})$  is broad and as  $\beta_{app}$  decreases, it becomes more peaked and the peak shifts to smaller values.

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## Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Jet Sample, IV

Now, what is the probability of finding a jet with a Lorentz factor  $\gamma$  if it shows apparent superluminal motion with  $\beta_{app,f}$ ?

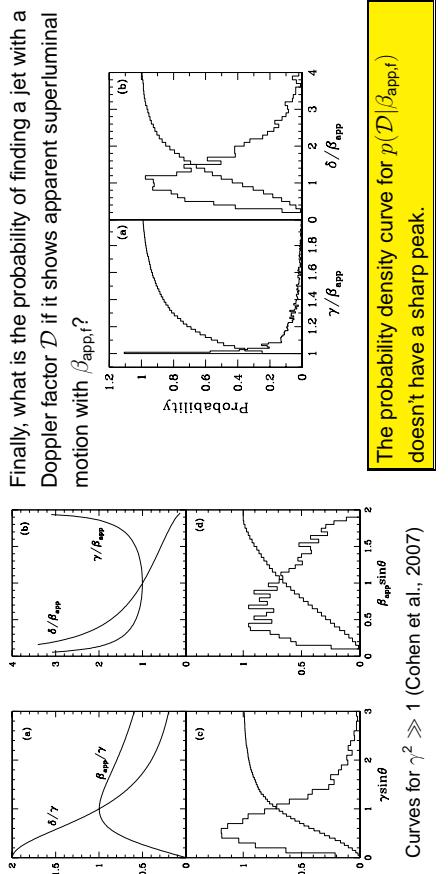


The probability density curve for  $p(\gamma|\beta_{app,f})$  is sharply peaked at  $\gamma \sim \beta_{app}$ .

For about half the sources with  $\beta_{app} \sim 15$ ,  $\gamma$  lies between 15 and 16, but the other half is distributed to the highest Lorentz factors in the parent distribution!

## Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Jet Sample, V

Finally, what is the probability of finding a jet with a Doppler factor  $D$  if it shows apparent superluminal motion with  $\beta_{app,f}$ ?



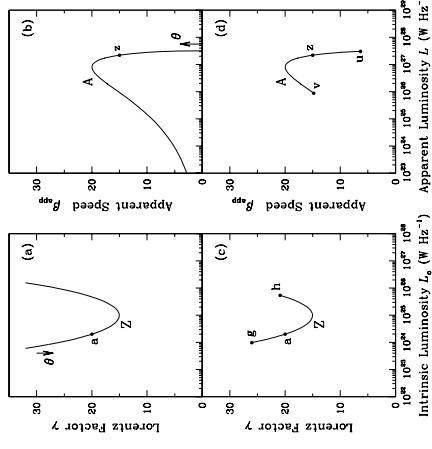
The probability density curve for  $p(D|\beta_{app,f})$  doesn't have a sharp peak.

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## The Inversion Problem, I

Consider a source at point **a** in the intrinsic plane, with  $\gamma = 20$  and  $L_0 = 2 \times 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ . Let it be observed at  $\theta = 1.3^\circ$ , so that  $\beta_{app} = 15.0$  and  $L = 2.2 \times 10^{27} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ . This is point **z** in the observation plane.

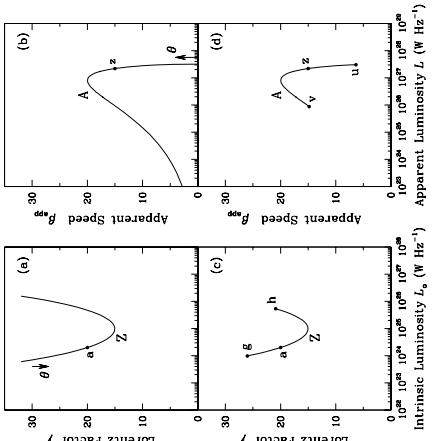


Now let  $\theta$  vary and the observables for source **a** will follow the aspect curve **A**. The aspect curve shows all possible observable  $(\beta_{app}, L)$  pairs for a given source **a**.

The height of the aspect curve is fixed by  $\gamma$ . The position on the x-axis is determined by both  $\gamma$  and  $L_0$ . The width of the peak is controlled by the exponent  $\rho$  ( $L = L_0 D^{\rho-1}$ ).

## The Intrinsic Properties of Extragalactic Jets

## The Inversion Problem, II



Now, consider a source at point  $\mathbf{z}$  in the observation plane, with  $\beta = 15$  and  $L = 2.2 \times 10^{27} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ .

Curve  $\mathbf{Z}$  in the intrinsic plane describes all possible pairs of intrinsic parameters  $(\gamma, L_0)$ , which could produce source  $\mathbf{z}$  (under the appropriate viewing angle  $\theta$ ).  $\mathbf{Z}$  is called the origin curve.

The inversion for the observed source  $\mathbf{z}$  is not unique. Any point on the origin curve  $\mathbf{Z}$  could be its counterpart as  $\theta$  can vary from  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ . This gives only broad limits to  $\gamma$  and  $L_0$ .

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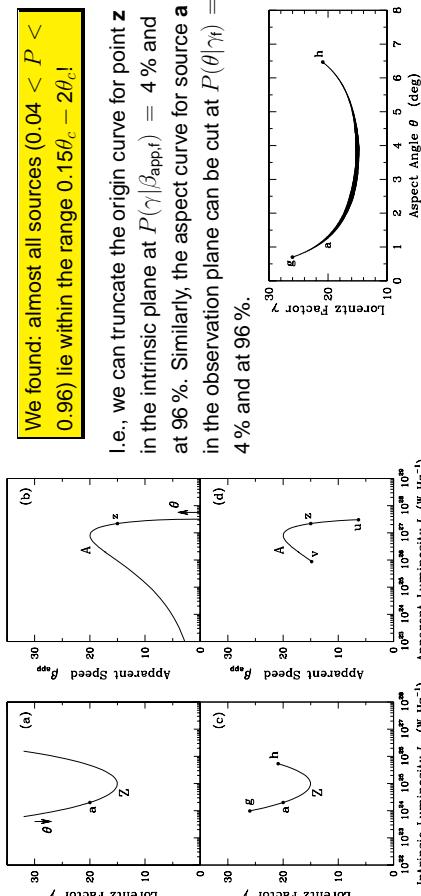


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## The Inversion Problem, III

We found: almost all sources  $(0.04 < P < 0.96)$  lie within the range  $0.15\theta_r - 2\theta_c$ !

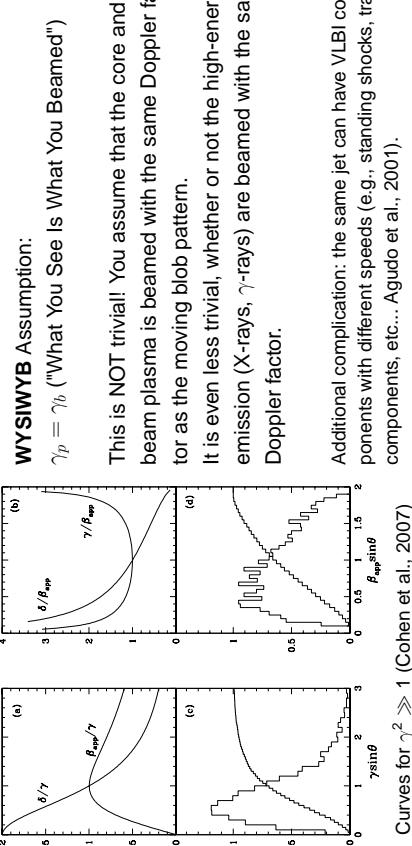
i.e., we can truncate the origin curve for point  $\mathbf{z}$  in the intrinsic plane at  $P(\gamma/\beta_{app,f}) = 4\%$  and at 96 %. Similarly, the aspect curve for source  $\mathbf{a}$  in the observation plane can be cut at  $P(\theta|\gamma_t) = 4\%$  and at 96 %.



Probabilistic limits for the intrinsic parameters of source  $\mathbf{z}$ :  $15 < \gamma < 26$  and  $1 \times 10^{24} \text{ W Hz}^{-1} < L_0 < 5 \times 10^{25} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ .

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## Caveats



**WYSIWYG Assumption:**  
 $\gamma_p = \gamma_b$  ("What You See Is What You Beam!')

This is NOT trivial! You assume that the core and jet-beam plasma is beamed with the same Doppler factor as the moving blob pattern.  
It is even less trivial, whether or not the high-energy emission (X-rays,  $\gamma$ -rays) are beamed with the same Doppler factor.

Additional complication: the same jet can have VLBI components with different speeds (e.g., standing shocks, trailing components, etc... Agudo et al., 2001).

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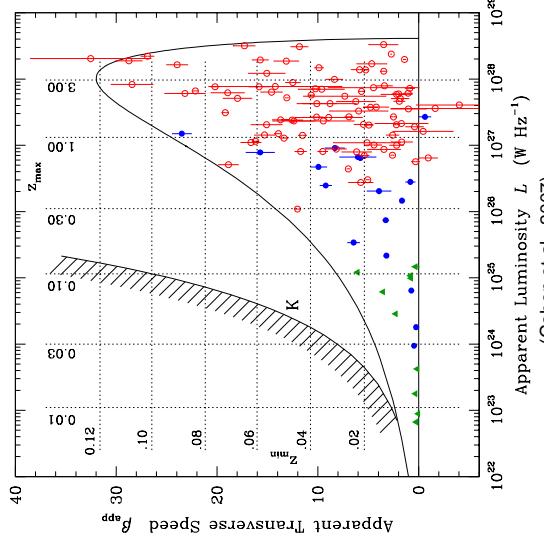
## Superluminal Motion Statistics, I



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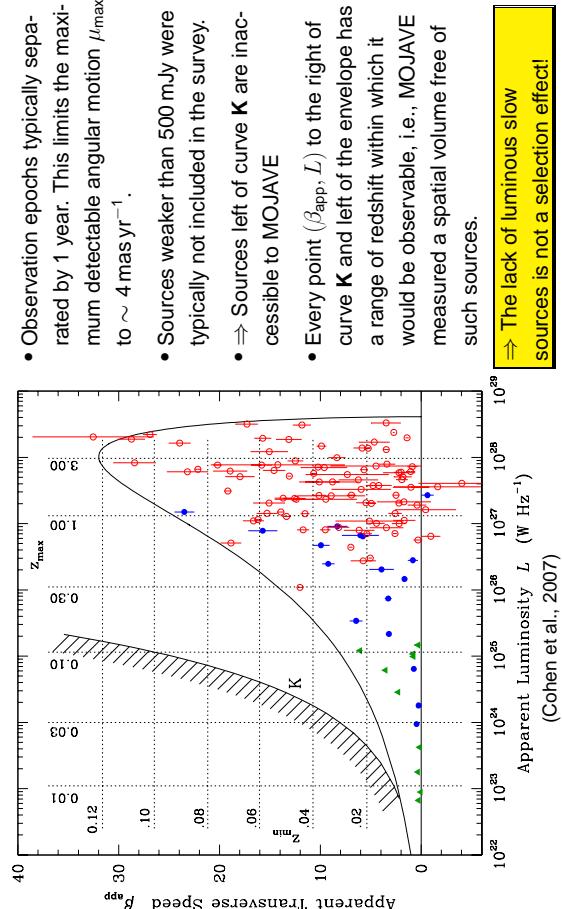
**Application of these results to MOJAVE data:**

- Measured jet speeds  $\beta_{app}$  and radio (VLBI) luminosities  $L$  for 119 sources (Cohen et al., 2007)
- An aspect curve for  $\gamma = 32$  and  $L = 10^{25} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$  forms an envelope to all data
- $\Rightarrow$  there is an upper limit to both distributions of  $\gamma$  and  $L$ !
- No high- $\beta_{app}$ , low- $L$  sources
- Selection effect because of flux-density and detectable-speed limits?



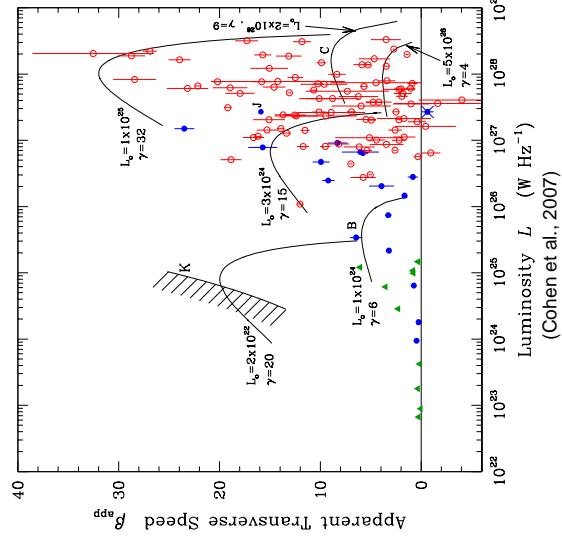
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## Superluminal Motion Statistics, II



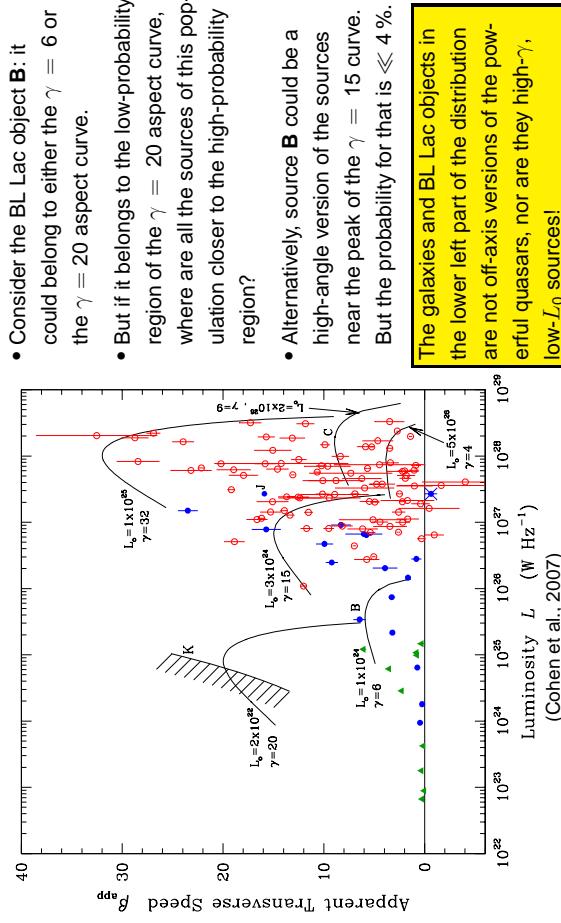
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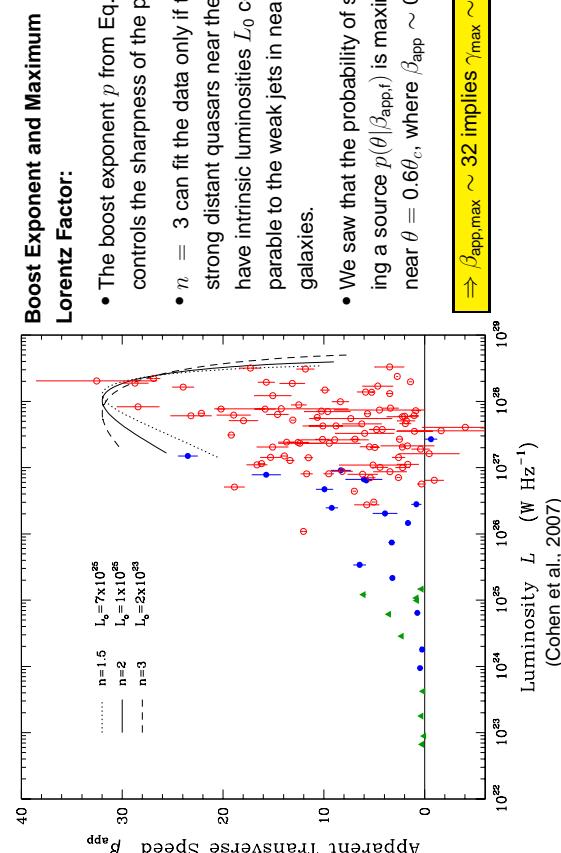
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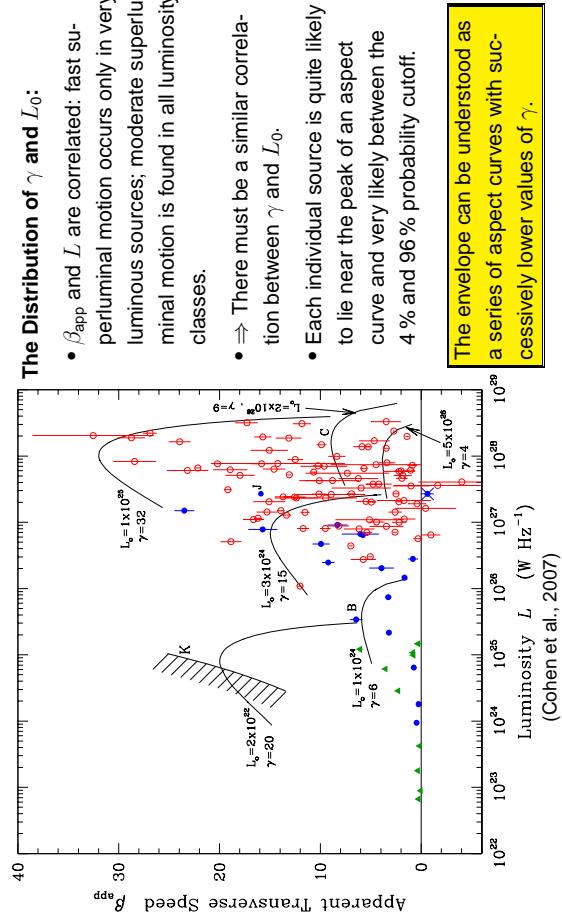
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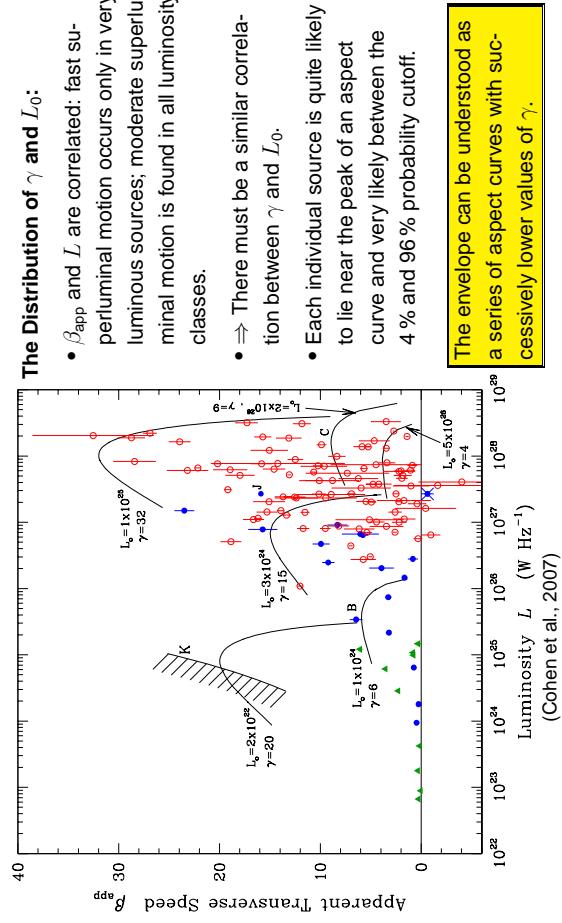
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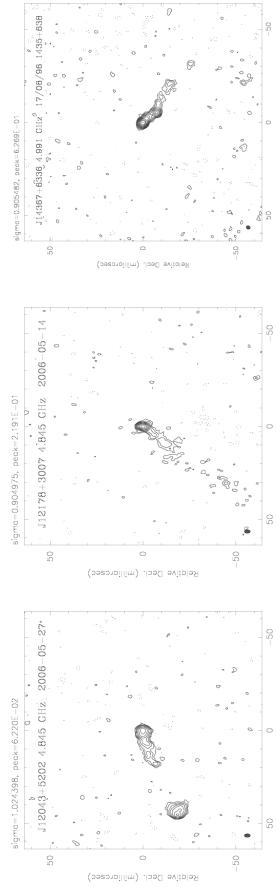


## Other VLBI Jet Surveys



VLBA Imaging and Polarimetry Survey (VIPS): combined 5 GHz and 15 GHz survey of 1100 AGN with full polarization (Heimboldt et al., 2008; Taylor et al., 2007)

Flux-density limit about an order of magnitude below MOJAVE but no monitoring



<http://www.phys.unm.edu/~gbtaylor/VIPS/>

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## Other VLBI Jet Surveys

### Other VLBI surveys:

- Pearson-Readhead Survey (Pearson & Readhead, 1981, 1988); first large VLBI jet survey (65 objects)
- Caltech-Jodrell Bank 1/2 Surveys (Polatidis et al., 1995; Thakkar et al., 1995; Xu et al., 1995): in combination with PR, first (sort of) complete flux-density limited sample; observed at 5 GHz and 1.6 GHz
- VCS (VLBA Calibrator Survey <http://www.vlba.nrao.edu/astro/calib/>): huge database to find calibrators for VLBI observations (but also snapshot images)
- RRFID (Radio Reference Frame Image Database <http://rrrf.usno.navy.mil/rrfid.shtml>): motivated by astrometric precision studies (waive sources with too much structure)

In this model, Cygnus A is so exceptional, because it is accidentally nearby. If it were at  $z \sim 1$  and pointed near the line of sight, it would be a normal quasar.

## Superluminal Motion Statistics, XI

### A special Case: Cygnus A

- Measured speed:  $\beta_{app} = 0.83 \pm 0.12$  (subluminal)
- Angle to the line of sight:  $45^\circ < \theta < 70^\circ$
- Lorentz factor:  $1.24 < \gamma < 1.36$
- Jet speed:  $0.59 < \beta < 0.68$  (only mildly relativistic)
- But the powerful lobes and hotspots indicate highly relativistic plasma

This apparent contradiction is solved, if the jets are assumed to have a stratified structure of at least two components: a highly relativistic spine and a mildly relativistic sheath.

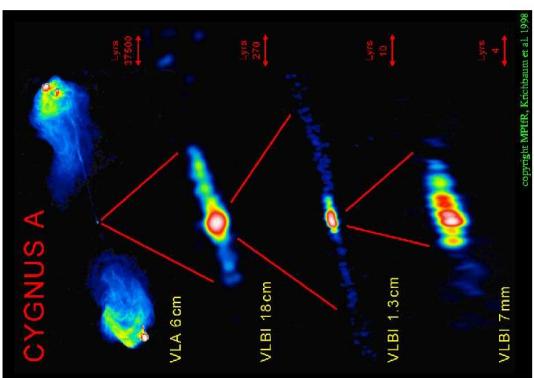


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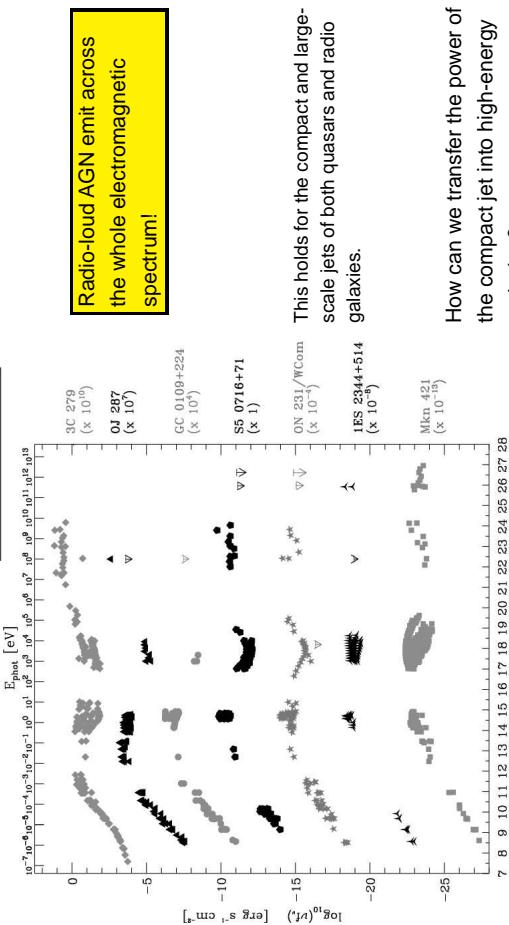
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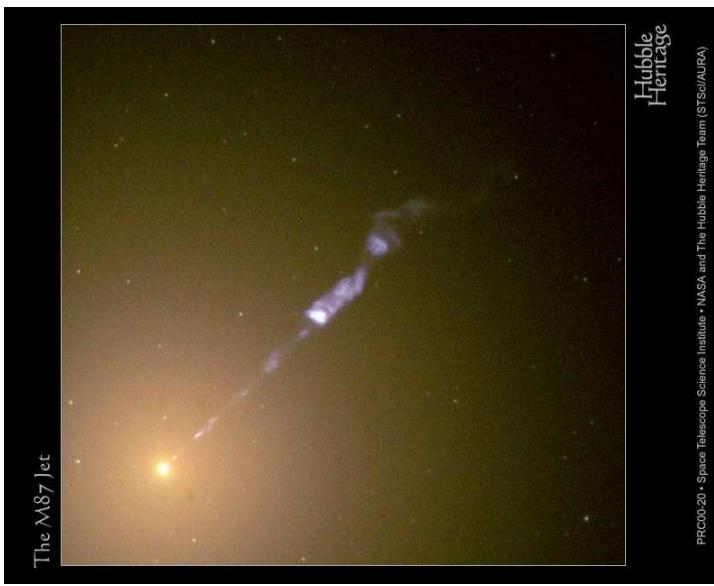
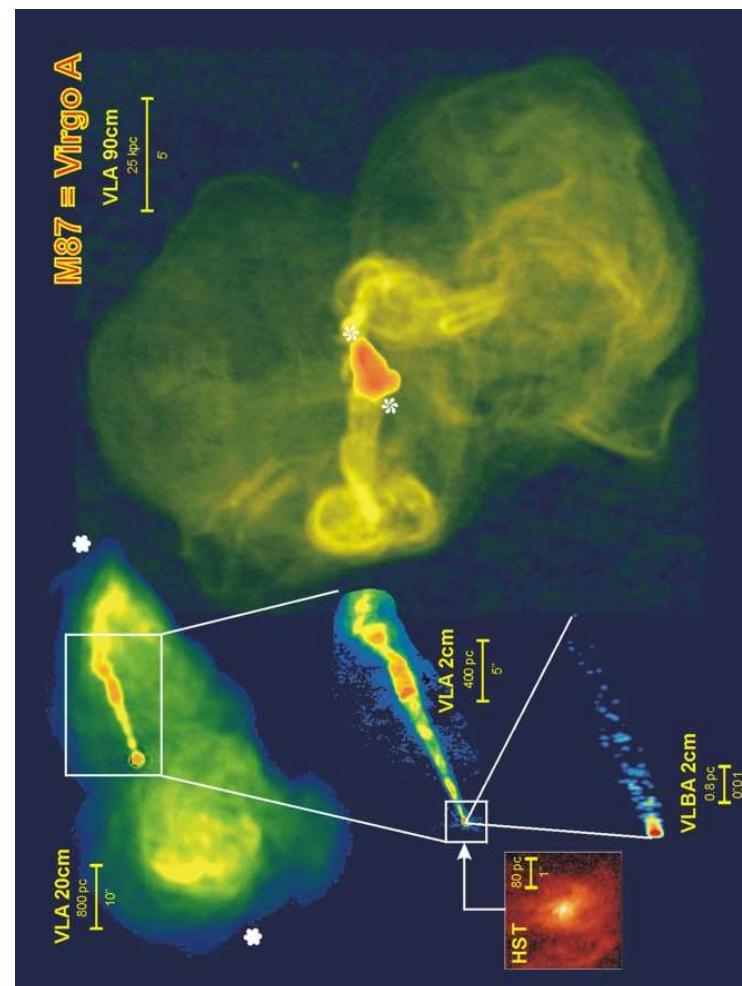


This holds for the compact and large-scale jets of both quasars and radio galaxies.

Sneak-preview of next week: a "blazar sequence" (Florucci, Ciprini & Tosti, 2004)

## X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets

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The M87 Jet

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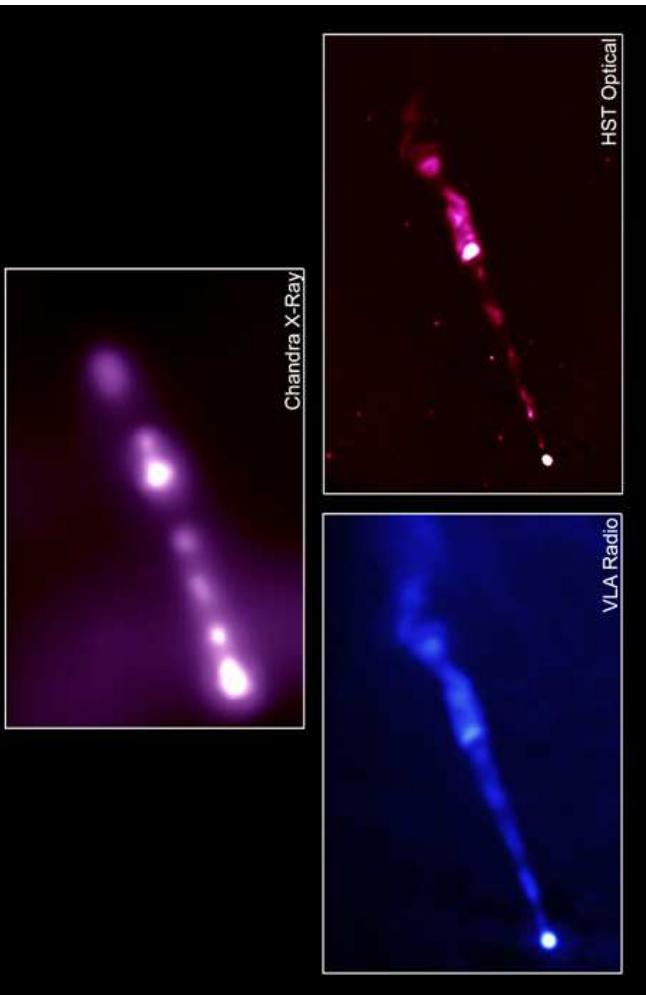


## X-ray Jet Surveys

Two major surveys conducted with *Chandra*:

- Sambruna et al. (2004): *A Survey of Extended Radio Jets with Chandra and the Hubble Space Telescope*
  - Marshall et al. (2005): *A Chandra Survey of Quasar Jets: First Results*
- Results: X-ray jets are common in beamed sources with large-scale radio jets (10/17 detections in Sambruna et al. (2004) and 16/19 in Marshall et al. (2005). Detectable with *Chandra* in 5ksec snapshot observations.)

Both samples were selected to include known bright large-scale radio jets. About the same detection rate results from the analysis of the *Chandra*-observed MOJAVE sources, which are selected based on bright, beamed, compact jet emission (and admittedly on the research interests of *Chandra* proposers).



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## X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets



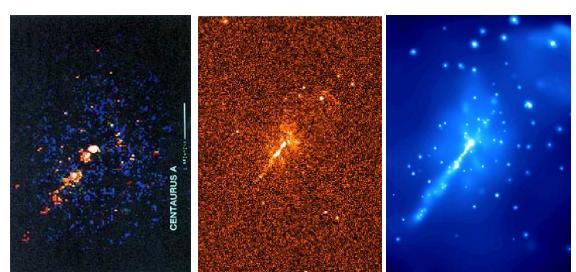
### Introduction, VI

First imaging X-ray observations of jets with *Einstein* (1978-81)  
Later *ROSAT* (1990-99)  
Golden Era: *Chandra* (1999-present)

Now, ~ 50 X-ray jets known.

Top: *Einstein*: Smithsonian Institution Photo No. 80-16249  
Middle: *ROSAT*:  
<http://www.mpe.mpg.de/Highlights/FB1997/fb1997-2-12.ps>  
Bottom: *Chandra*: Chandra press release 2001-11-23

Visit the X-Jet homepage:  
<http://hea-www.harvard.edu/XJET/>



### Inverse-Compton Emission, I

Most important process besides synchrotron emission:

**Comptonization: Upscattering of low-energy photons by inverse Compton collisions off high-energy electrons.**

Astronomically important in

- galactic black hole candidates
- active galactic nuclei: blazars, large-scale jets

Strategy: Refer to literature and the special lecture on radiative processes for details. Summarize main results, here.  
*Literature:*

- Blumenthal & Gould 1970, RMP 42, 237
- Górecki & Wilczewski 1984, Acta Astron. 34, 141
- Hua & Titarchuk 1995, ApJ 449, 188
- Pozdnyakov et al. 1983, Astrophys. Rep. 2, 189
- Sunyaev & Titarchuk 1980, A&A 86, 121

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## X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets

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## Inverse-Compton Emission, II

In relativistic jets, high-energy electrons are all around.

Physical process: Inverse Compton Scattering

Seed photons from

- the primary synchrotron photons of the jet emission: SSC – Synchrotron Self Compton emission (compact jets)

- an external photon field: EC – External Compton emission, e.g., from the cosmic microwave background (IC/CMB models: large-scale jet knots)

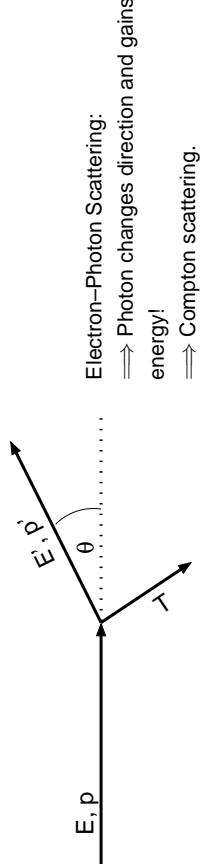
The most pressing problem in the context of large-scale extragalactic X-ray jets is whether or not the IC/CMB process is the dominant for high-power FR II and quasar jets or if (modified) synchrotron models can explain the observations.

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## Inverse-Compton Emission, III



Energy/wavelength change:

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{E}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)} \sim E \left( 1 - \frac{E}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta) \right) \quad (6.42)$$

and

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta) \quad (6.43)$$

where  $h/m_e c = 2.426 \times 10^{-10}$  cm (Compton wavelength).

Averaging over  $\theta$ , for  $E \ll m_e c^2$ :

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx -\frac{E}{m_e c^2} \cdot$$

## Inverse-Compton Emission, IV

For relativistic, non-stationary electrons, use previous formulae and Lorentz transform photon into electron's frame of rest (FoR):

1. Lab system  $\Rightarrow$  electron's frame of rest:

$$E_{\text{FoR}} = E_{\text{Lab}} \gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta) \quad (6.44)$$

2. Scattering occurs, gives  $E'_{\text{FoR}}$ .

3. Electron's frame of rest  $\Rightarrow$  Lab system:

$$E'_{\text{Lab}} = E'_{\text{FoR}} \gamma (1 + \beta \cos \theta') \quad (6.45)$$

Therefore, if electron is relativistic:

$$E'_{\text{Lab}} \sim \gamma^2 E_{\text{Lab}} \quad (6.46)$$

since (on average)  $\theta, \theta'$  are  $\mathcal{O}(\pi/2)$ .

Thus: Energy transfer is *very efficient*. Spectrum is “mirrored”.

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## Inverse-Compton Emission, V

It can be shown that the net power gain of the photon field is

$$P_{\text{compt}} = \frac{4}{3} \sigma \gamma^2 \beta^2 U_{\text{rad}} \quad (6.47)$$

Power emitted by synchrotron radiation in a  $B$ -field of energy density  $U_B$  was

$$P_{\text{synch}} = \frac{4}{3} \sigma \gamma^2 \beta^2 U_B \quad (6.6)$$

Magnetized plasma: synchrotron photons are inverse Compton scattered by the electrons. Ratio of emitted powers:

$$\frac{P_{\text{compt}}}{P_{\text{synch}}} = \frac{U_{\text{rad}}}{U_B} \quad (6.48)$$

Consequence of the fact that (in QED) synchrotron radiation is inverse Compton scattering off virtual photons of the  $B$ -field.

In very compact sources (next lecture),  $U_{\text{rad}} > U_B$  is possible, so that  $P_{\text{compt}} > P_{\text{synch}}$

$\Rightarrow$  (synchrotron) photon field will undergo dramatic amplification

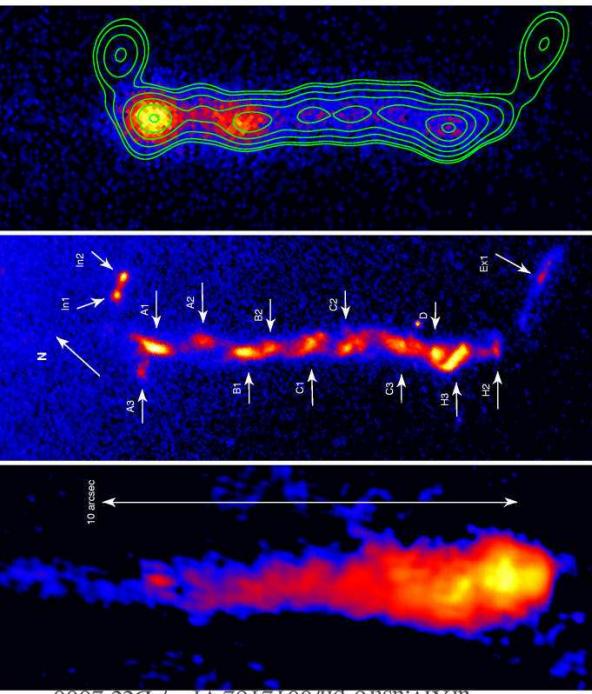
$\Rightarrow$  very efficient cooling of electrons by inverse Compton losses (Compton catastrophe).

As a result, the brightness temperature of **compact** radio sources is limited to  $10^{12}$  K.

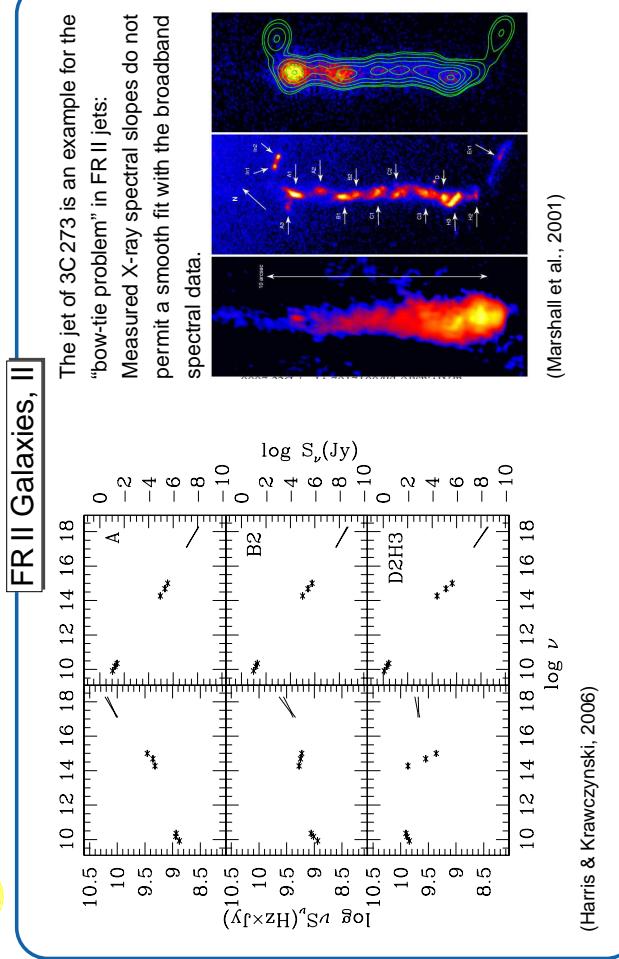
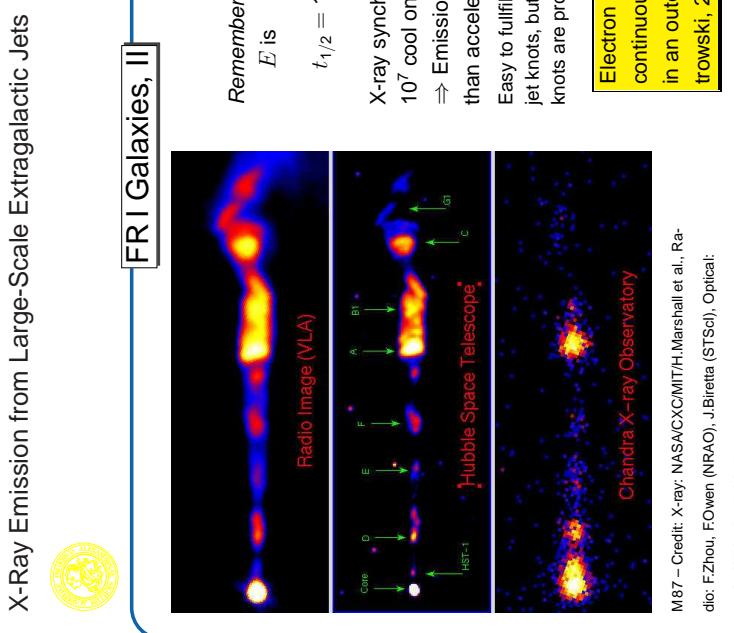
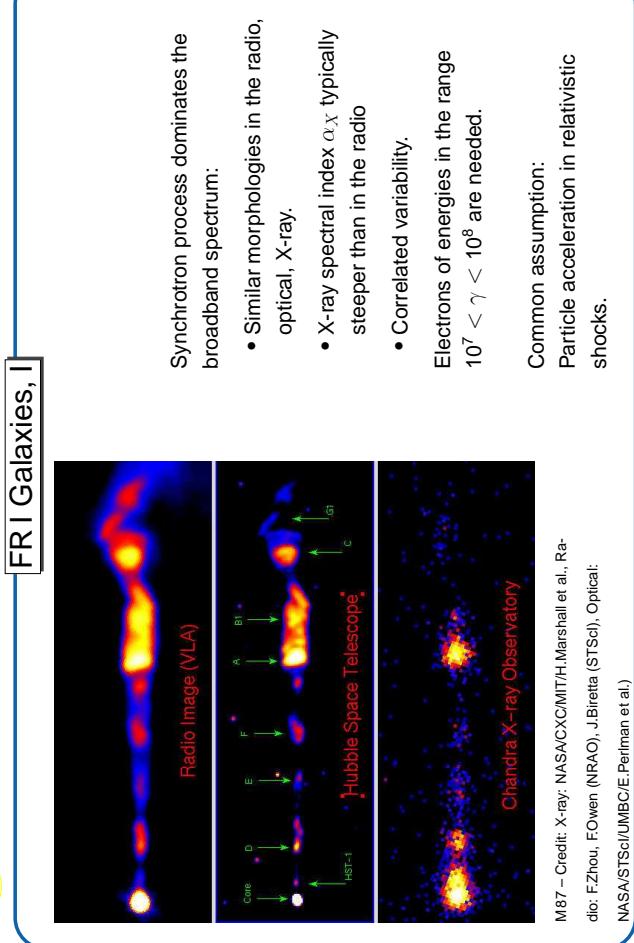
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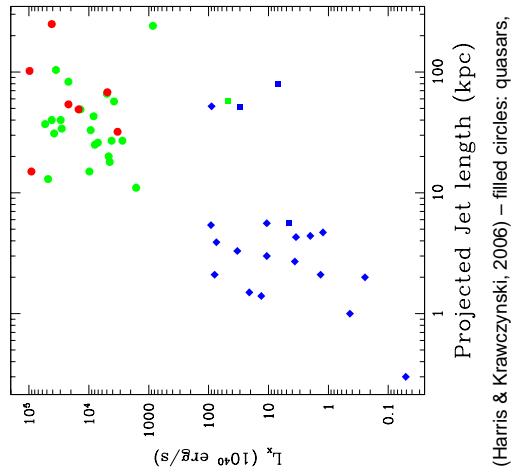
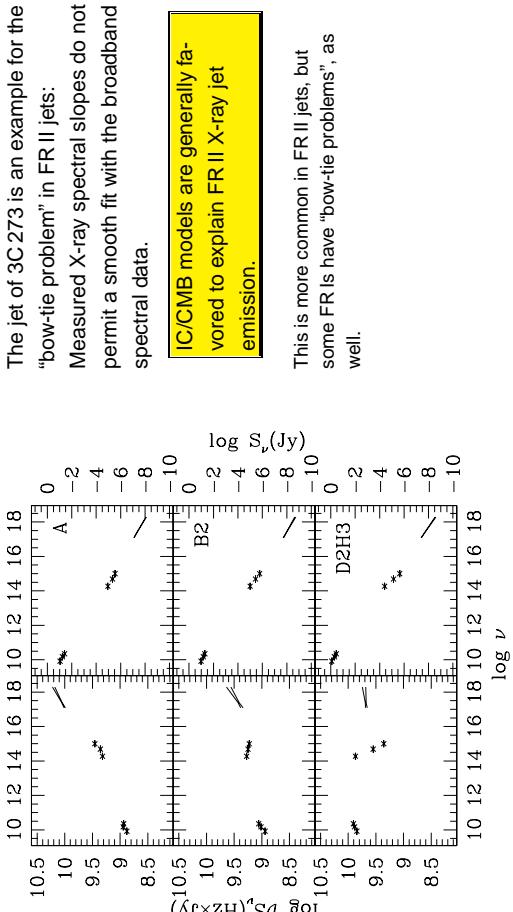


3C273 – left: radio, 1.6 GHz (MERLIN); middle: optical, F622W filter (HST); right: X-rays, (0.5-8.0) keV (*Chandra*) (Marshall et al., 2001)





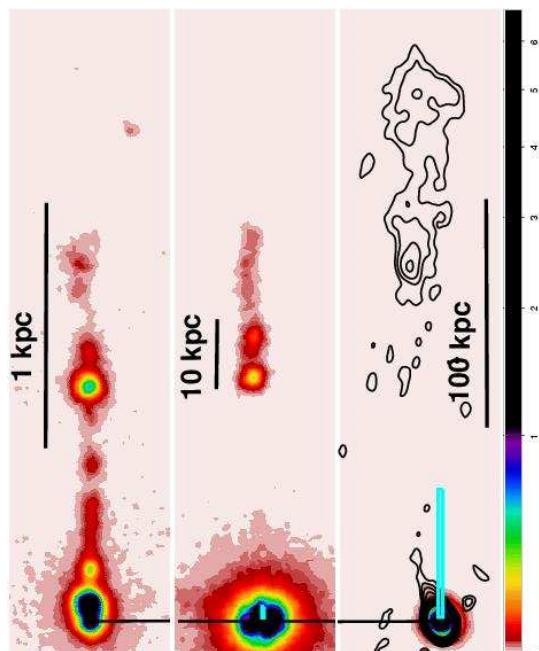
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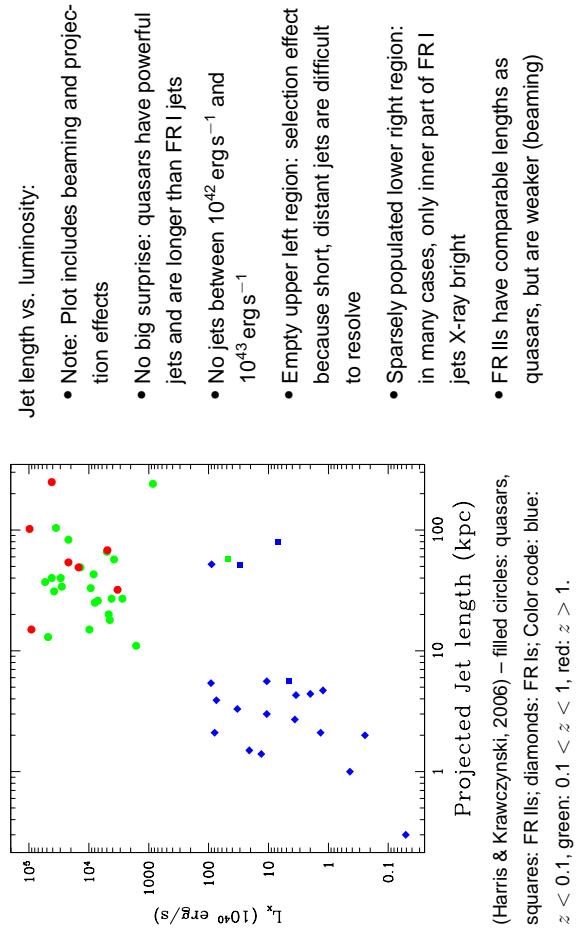


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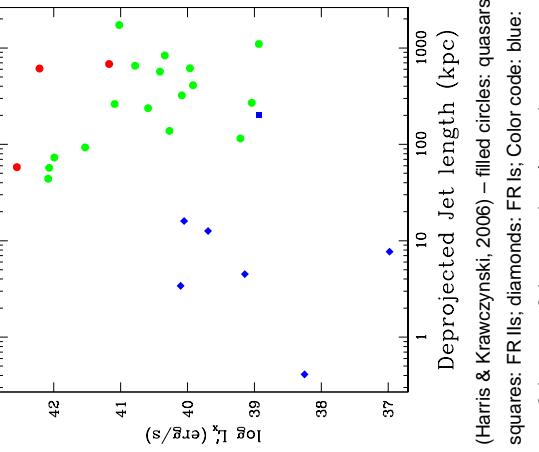
The whole jet of M87 would easily fit into one knot of 3C 273 (Harris & Krawczynski, 2006)

## FR II Galaxies, V



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## FR II Galaxies, VI



- Note that  $L_X$  denotes the jet loss, not the jet power
- De-project and de-beam if reasonable estimates for  $D$  and  $\theta$  exist
- Many uncertainties  $\Rightarrow$  Scatter
- “Community interpretation” that FR Is are synchrotron and FR IIs IC emitters affects the luminosity axis
- Under these caveats, FR I jets and quasar jets are more clearly distinguished on the basis of size rather than luminosity
- Note that  $L_X$  denotes the jet loss, not the jet power



### Relativistic Bulk Motion on Kpc Scales, I

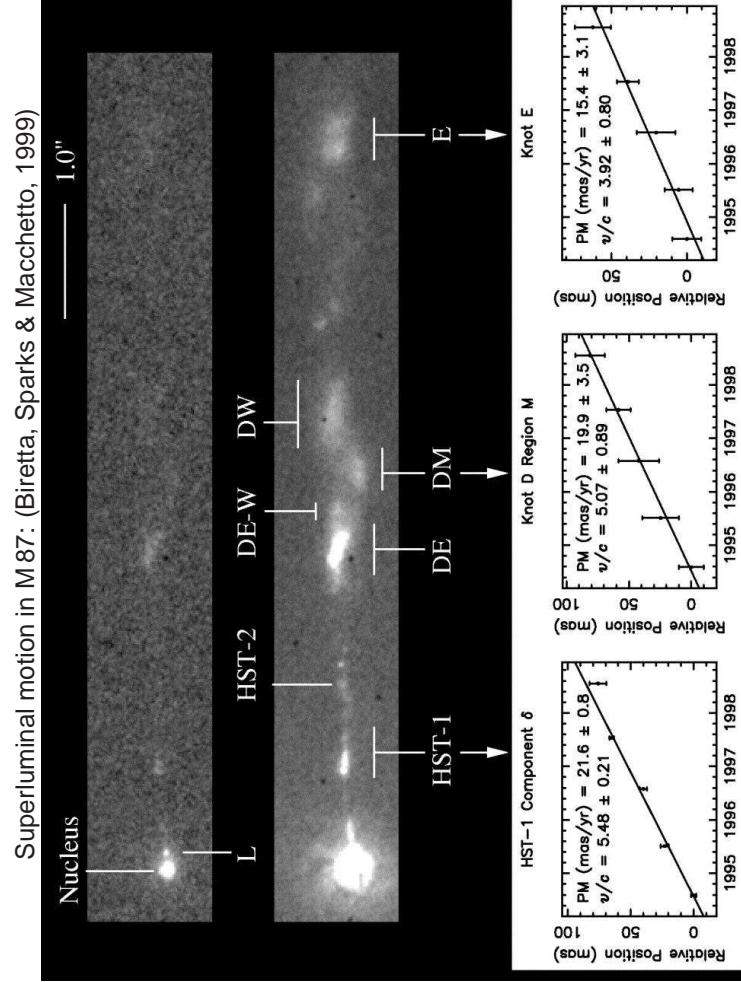
Bulk relativistic jet motion needed on kpc scales in order to explain IC/CMB emission

- Apparent superluminal motion remains the clearest signature of bulk relativistic motion
- Well established on parsec scales with VLBI but difficult to measure on kpc scales because of a lack of sufficiently compact features
- Optical telescopes (HST) have superior angular resolution compared to Chandra

### X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets

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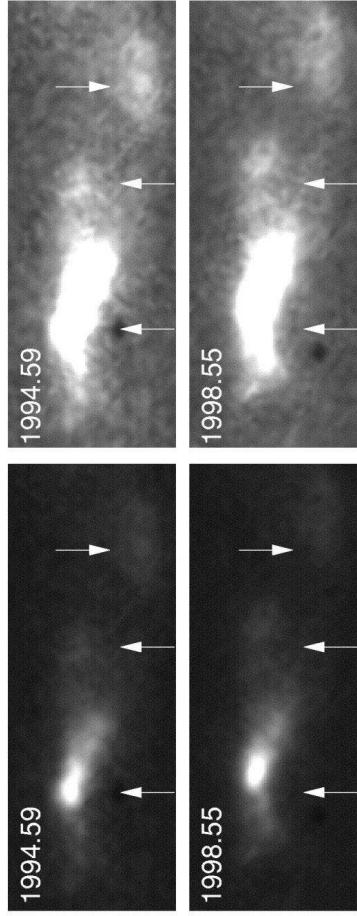
Superluminal motion in M87: (Biretta, Sparks & Macchetto, 1999)



### Relativistic Bulk Motion on Kpc Scales, III

Superluminal motion in M87: (Biretta, Sparks & Macchetto, 1999)

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Note that MOJAVE measures only  $0.05c$  at 2 cm on millisecond scales.

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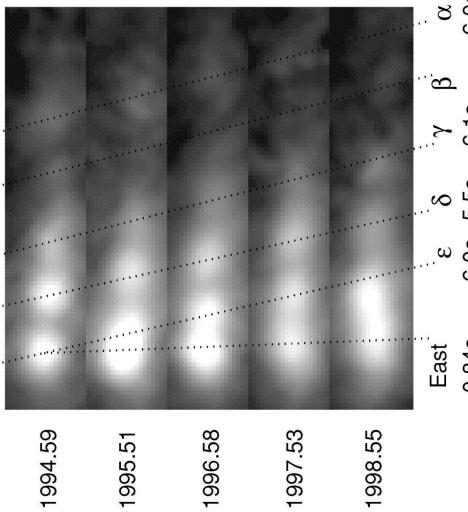
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### Relativistic Bulk Motion on Kpc Scales, IV

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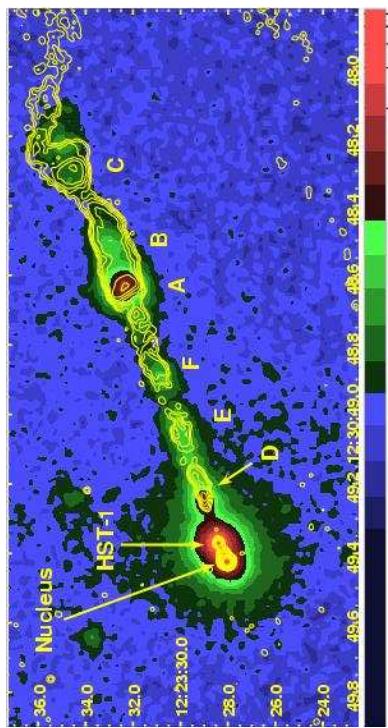


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### X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets



## Misalignments of Radio-, Optical-, X-Ray Jet Features, I



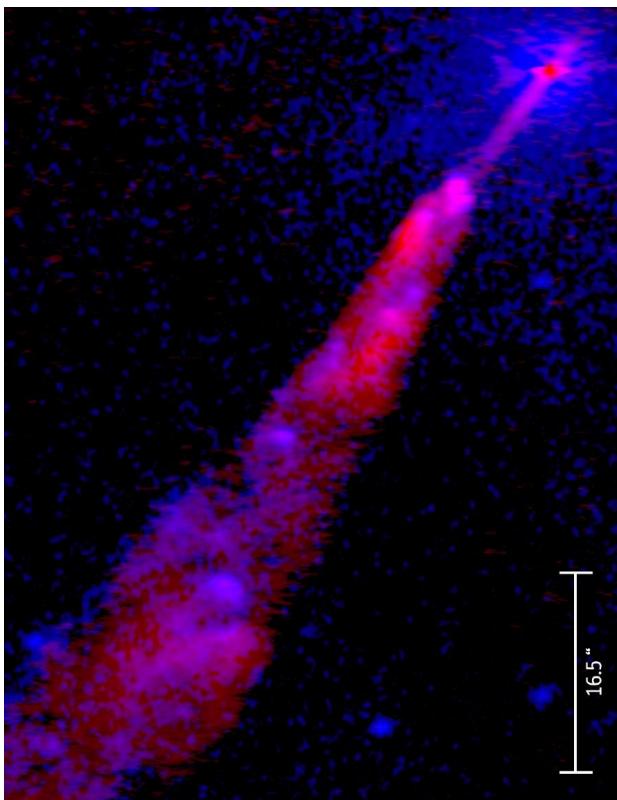
(Harris & Krawczynski, 2006)

Radio jet “circumnavigates” around an obstacle beyond knot C.

X-ray emission may come from the obstacle rather than from the jet itself.

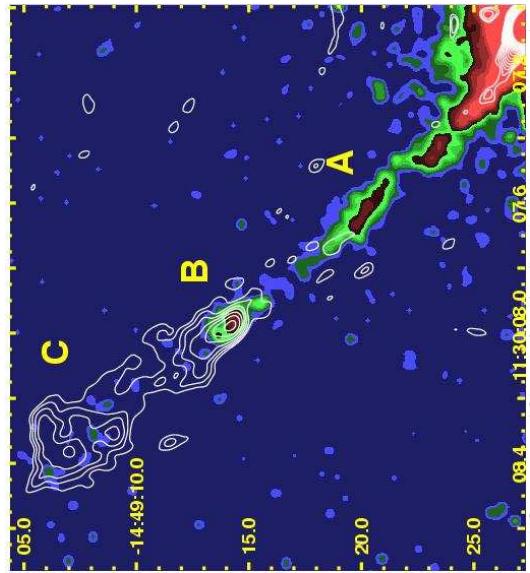
There are offsets between radio and X-ray peaks in knots D and F.

## X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets



Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/Bristol U./M. Hardcastle et al.; Radio: NRAO/AUI/NSF/Bristol U./M. Hardcastle

## Misalignments of Radio-, Optical-, X-Ray Jet Features, III



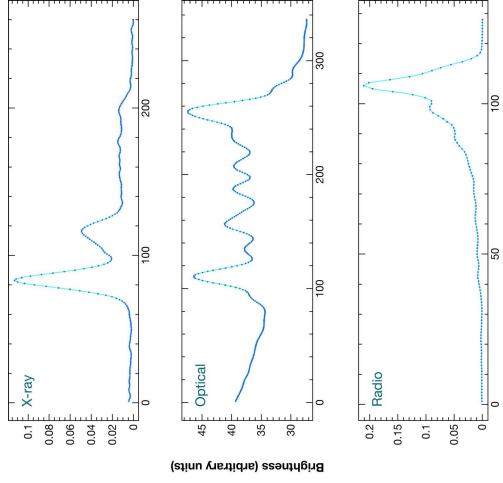
PKS 1127-145 (Chandra/VLA) – (Harris & Krawczynski, 2006)

- In nearby sources (Cen A, M 87), offsets are of the order of tens of parsecs
- In PKS 1127-145 ( $z = 1.18$ ), the offset in knot B is 10 kpc.
- Resolution effects combined with radiative losses during downstream motion
- Alternatively, the radio emissivity may be enhanced downstream from a shock region
- Offsets in IC/CMB knots are much more difficult to explain

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## Misalignments of Radio-, Optical-, X-Ray Jet Features, IV



Profiles along the jet in 3C 273 – (Harris & Krawczynski, 2006)

## X-Ray Emission from Large-Scale Extragalactic Jets

## Progressions

- Common effect, most prominent in 3C 273
- Degraded angular resolution (or larger distance) would create an offset
- Progressions can be explained via increasing magnetic field strengths in synchrotron jets and via jet deceleration in IC/CMB jets.

## Outlook

In IC/CMB models, the X-rays are produced from low-energy electrons from the bottom of the energy distribution. Their primary synchrotron emission would lie well below the frequencies probed until today.

### Tests of synchrotron vs. IC/CMB models:

- Look for a cutoff at high X-ray energies
- Observe the IC/CMB seed-electrons in the radio: their low-frequency ( $\sim$  100 MHz) emission will be detectable with LOFAR and the LWA.
- More and deeper optical/IR observations to show if this emission is from the top end of the synchrotron spectrum or the bottom of the IC component.
- Model sensitivity of 5-yr *Fermi* all-sky survey predicts that the putative IV/CMB of many FR II knots should be detectable at GeV energies (Dermer & Atoyan, 2004); Problem: angular resolution.
- Search for signals at even higher energies (TeV range: H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS, CANGAROO); better angular resolution but: Problem: universe not transparent at high redshifts

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