

# Jetted AGN (radio loud AGN)

Partly following RL AGN lesson by P. Grandi for the Astrophysics Laboratory course

# AGN classification: jetted vs. not-jetted AGN

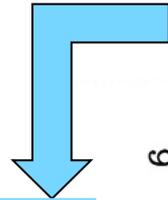
RQ: radio quiet - RL: radio loud

$$R_L = \frac{F(5GHz)}{F(4400\text{\AA})} > 10$$

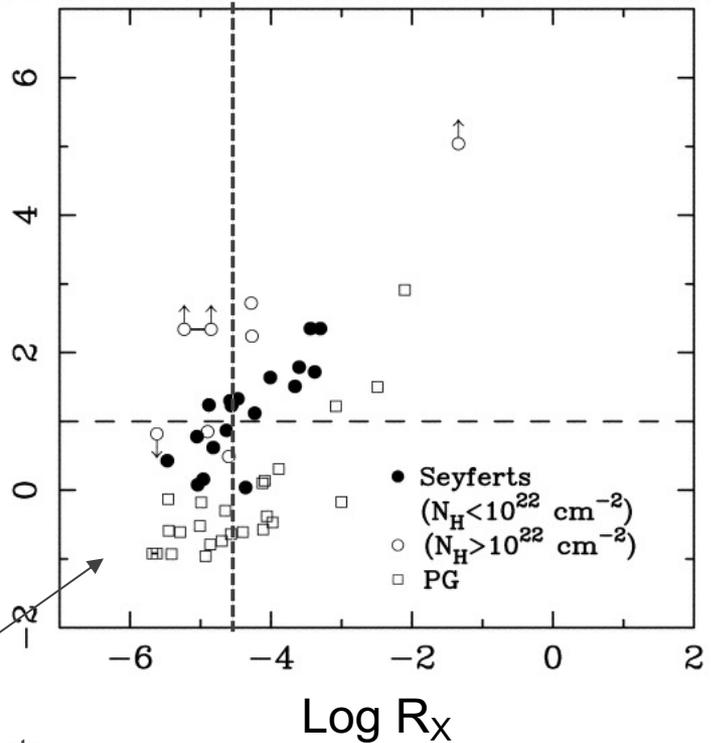
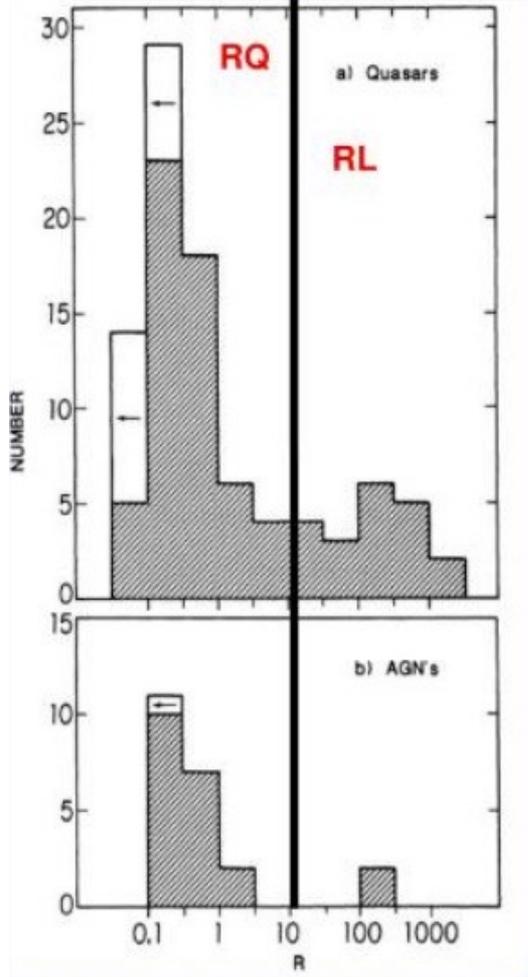


Radio over optical emission

Radio over X-ray emission



$$\log R_X = \frac{\nu L_\nu(5GHz)}{L_X} > -4.5$$

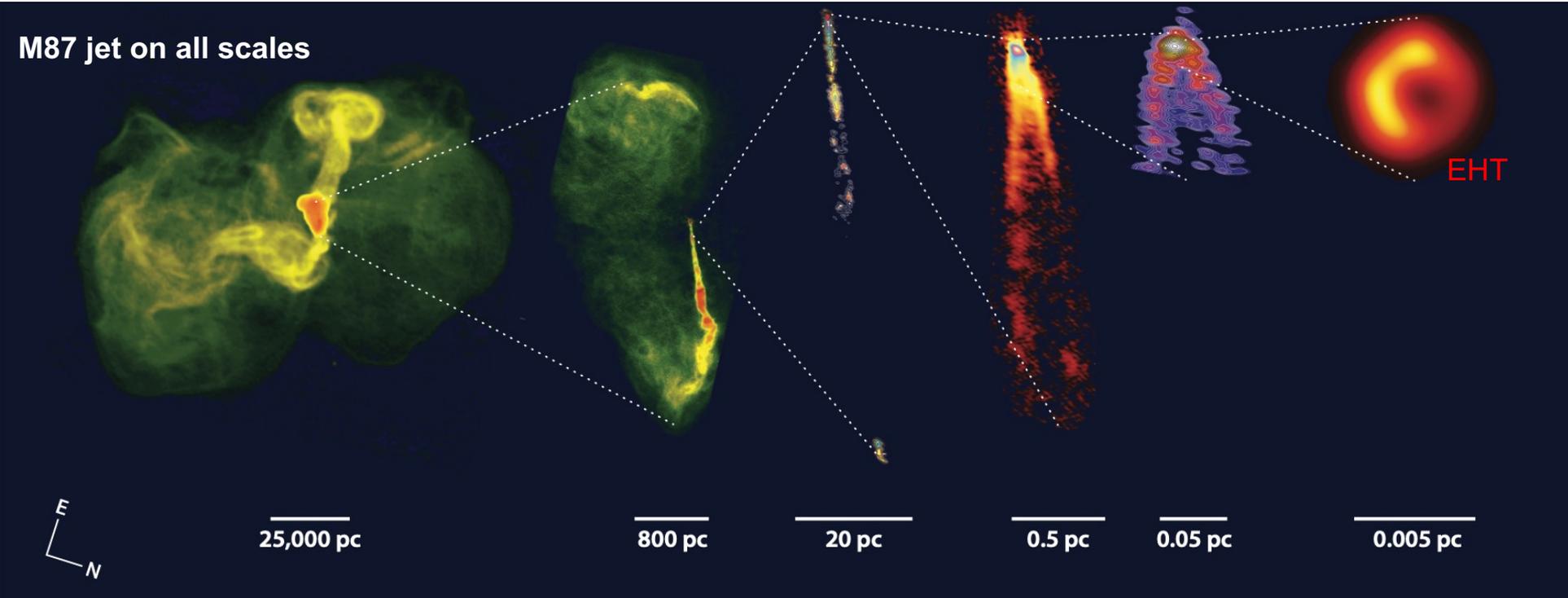


Not perfect agreements  
Limitations in both definitions

Kellerman et al. (1989)

Terashima & Wilson (2003)

# Jetted AGN. I



Blandford et al. (2019, ARA&A)

RL (jetted) AGN mostly in elliptical and RQ-AGN mostly in spirals

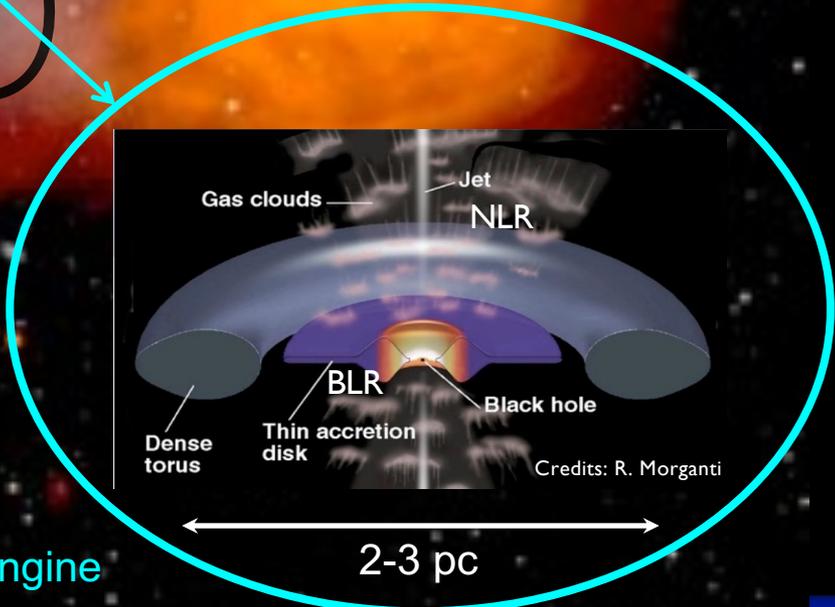
# Jetted AGN. II

Fornax A

Radio lobes

1 million light years

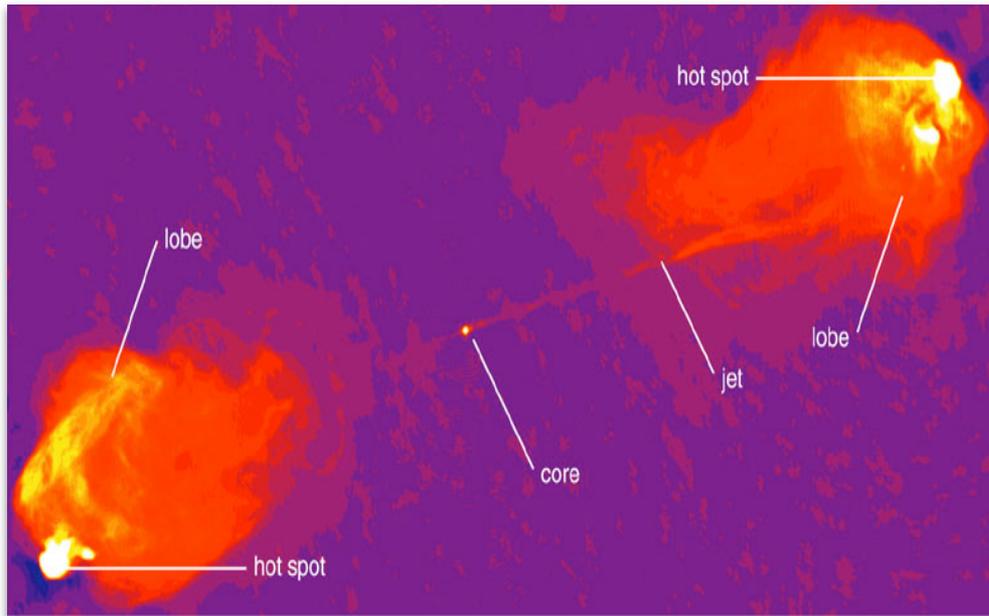
Elliptical galaxy



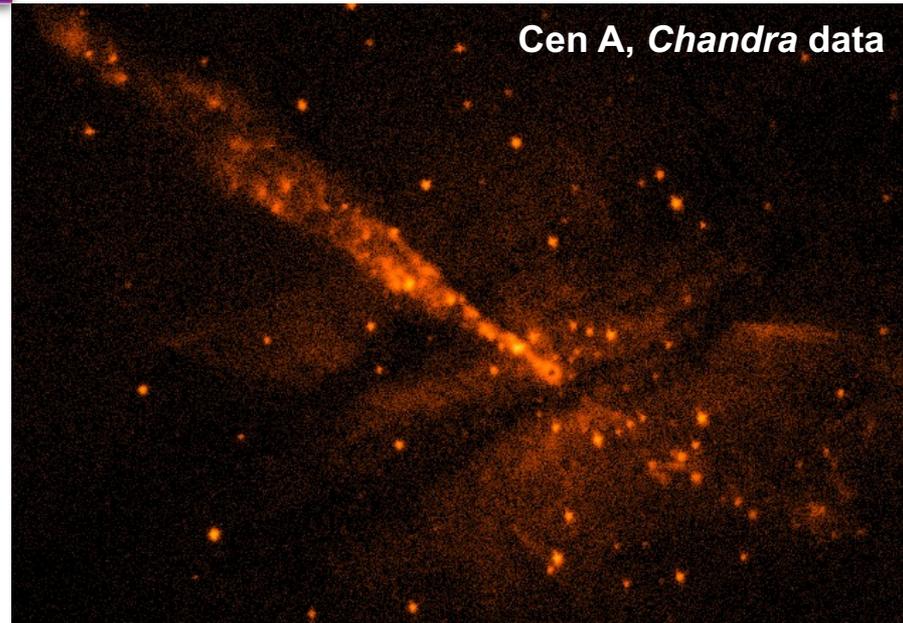
Central engine

2-3 pc

# Jetted AGN. III



Extended emission, a lot of spatial components and spectral complexities

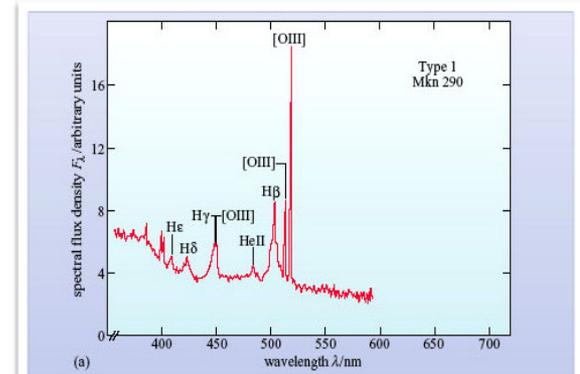


# AGN optical classification. I

Already discussed in the AGN classification lesson

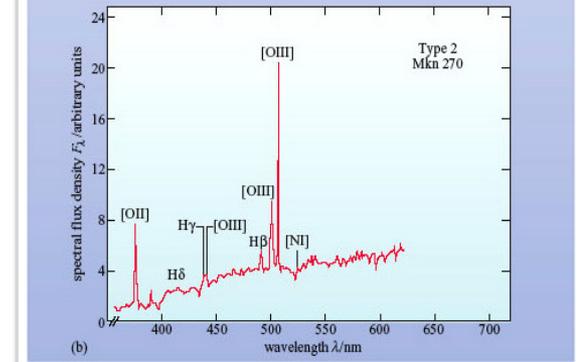
## Broad-line (Type 1) AGN

Typically, blue optical continuum (big blue bump, emission from the accretion disc) and broad permitted emission lines (several thousand km/s)



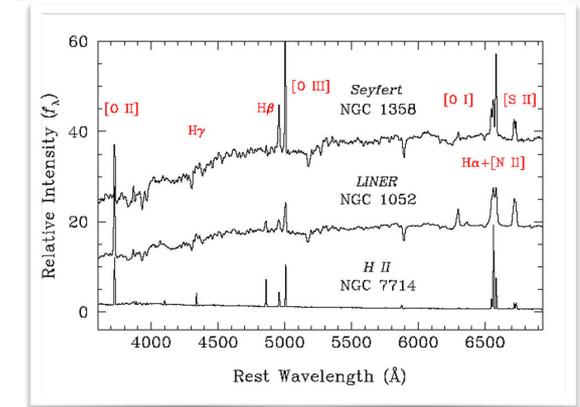
## Narrow-line (Type 2) AGN

Typically, weak continuum (the disc emission is largely suppressed because of extinction), significant host-galaxy contribution in the optical, narrow permitted emission lines (several hundred km/s)



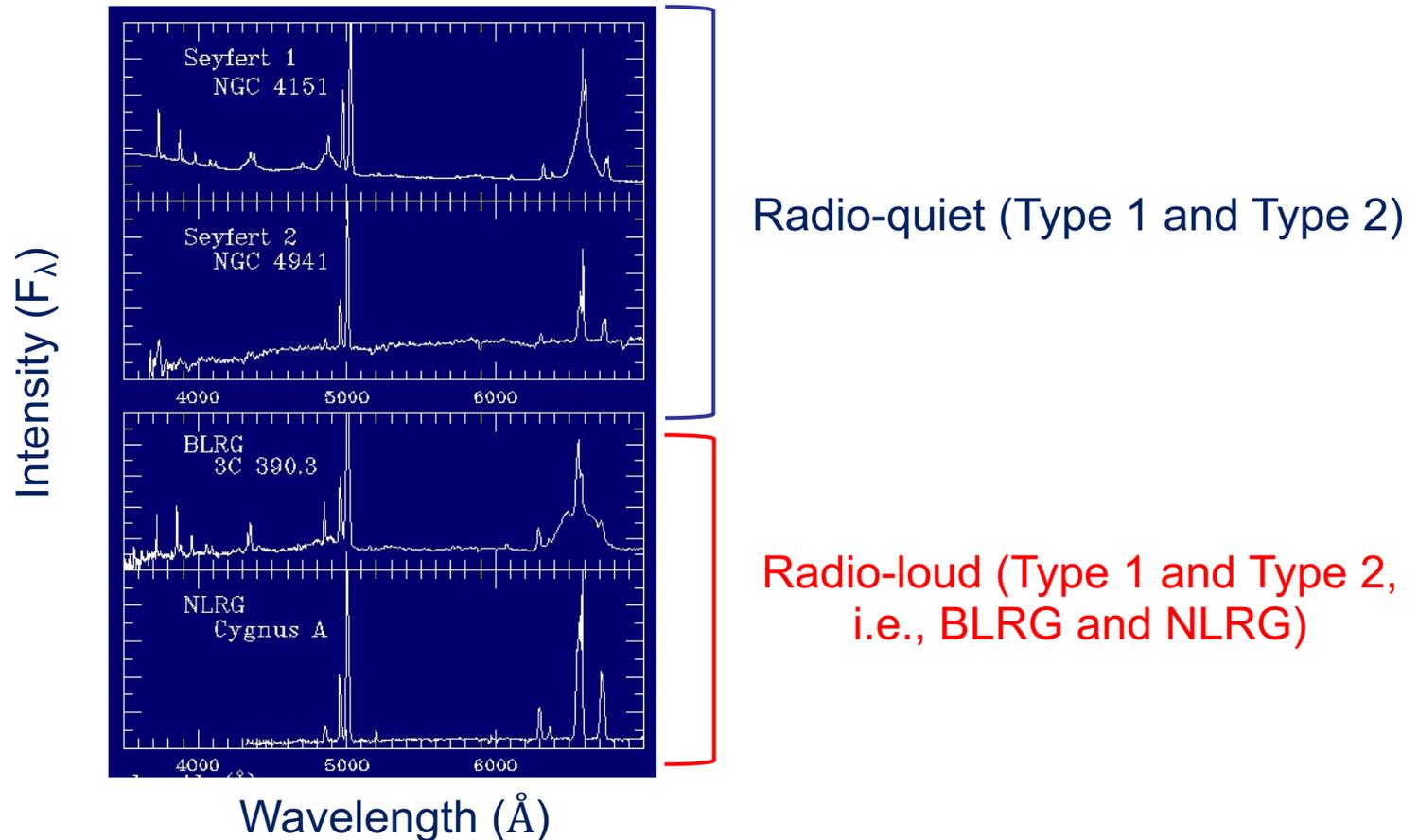
## LINERs

Typically, weak continuum, dominant emission from the host galaxy, strong low-ionization emission lines (e.g., [OI]<sub>6300A</sub>), [OIII]/Hβ < 3 (> 3 in Type 2 AGN)



# AGN optical classification. II

RL (jetted) AGN follow a similar classification as RQ AGN



# New optical classification for RL AGN. I

Linking emission-line ratios (related to the NLR) to the efficiency of the engine

$$EI = \log([OIII]/H\beta) - \frac{1}{3} [\log([NII]/H\alpha) + \log([SII]/H\alpha) + \log([OI]/H\alpha)]$$

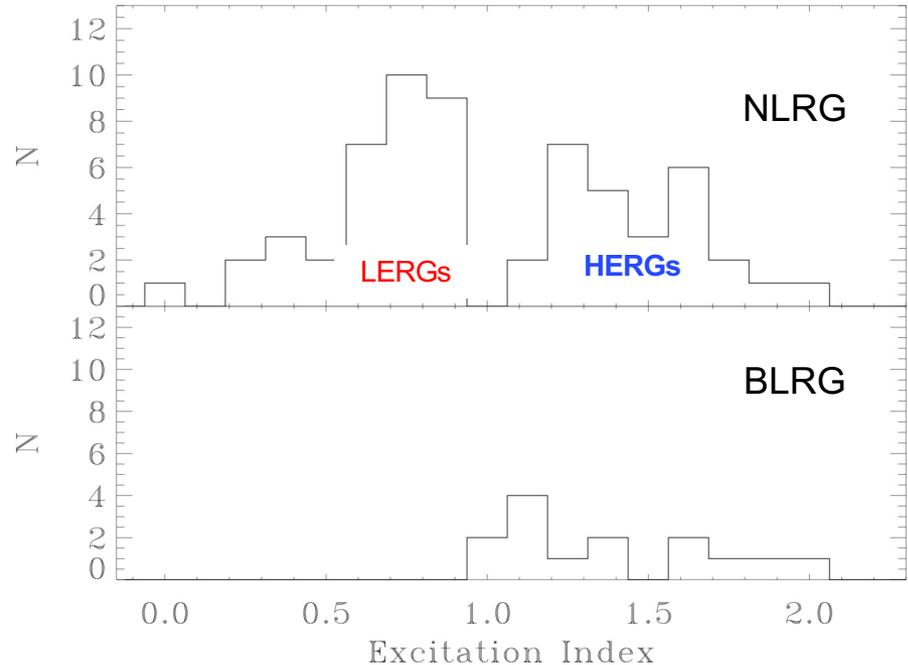
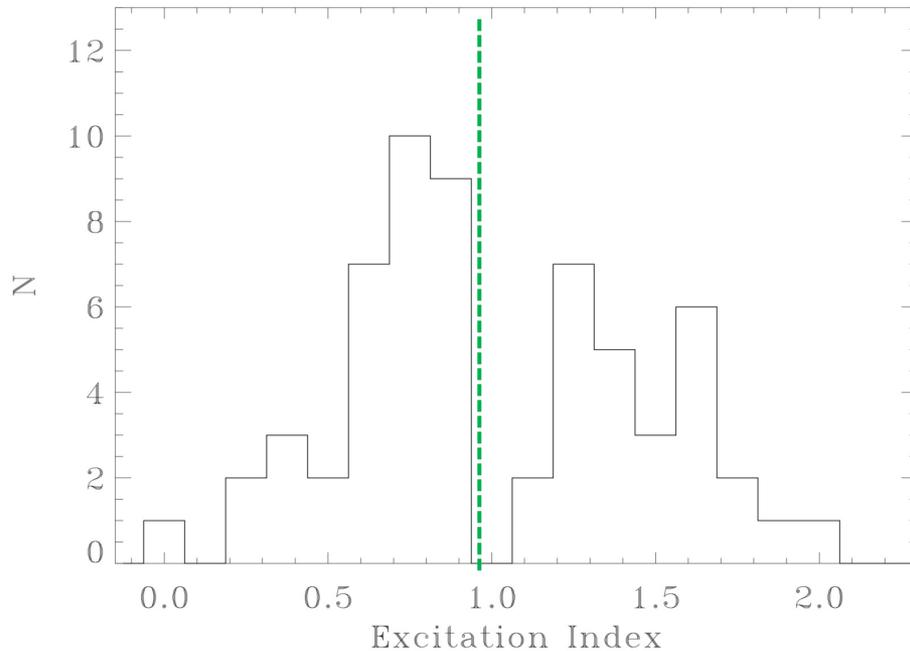
EI > 0.95: High-Excitation Radio Galaxies (**HERGs**)

EI < 0.95: Low-Excitation Radio Galaxies (**LERGs**)

Buttiglione et al. (2010)

Best & Heckman (2012)

Previously: EW([OIII]) > 3Å as HERGs (Laing et al. 1994)

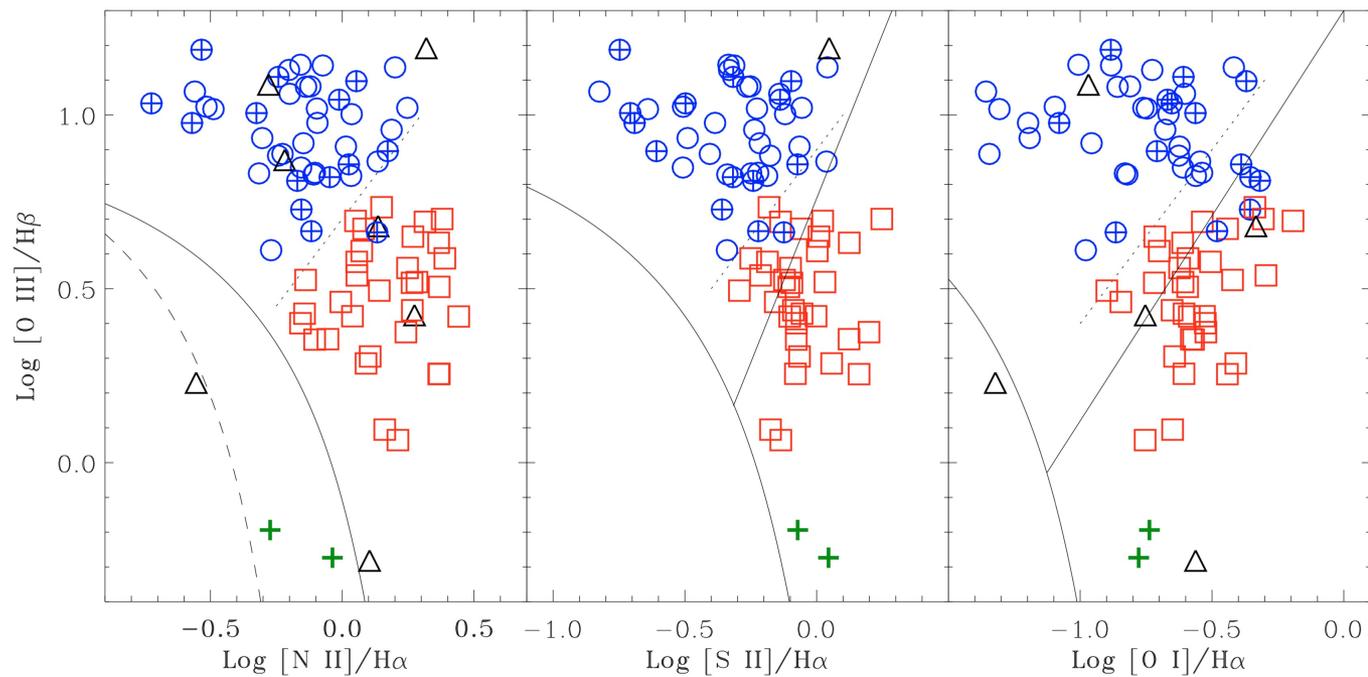


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# New optical classification for RL AGN. II

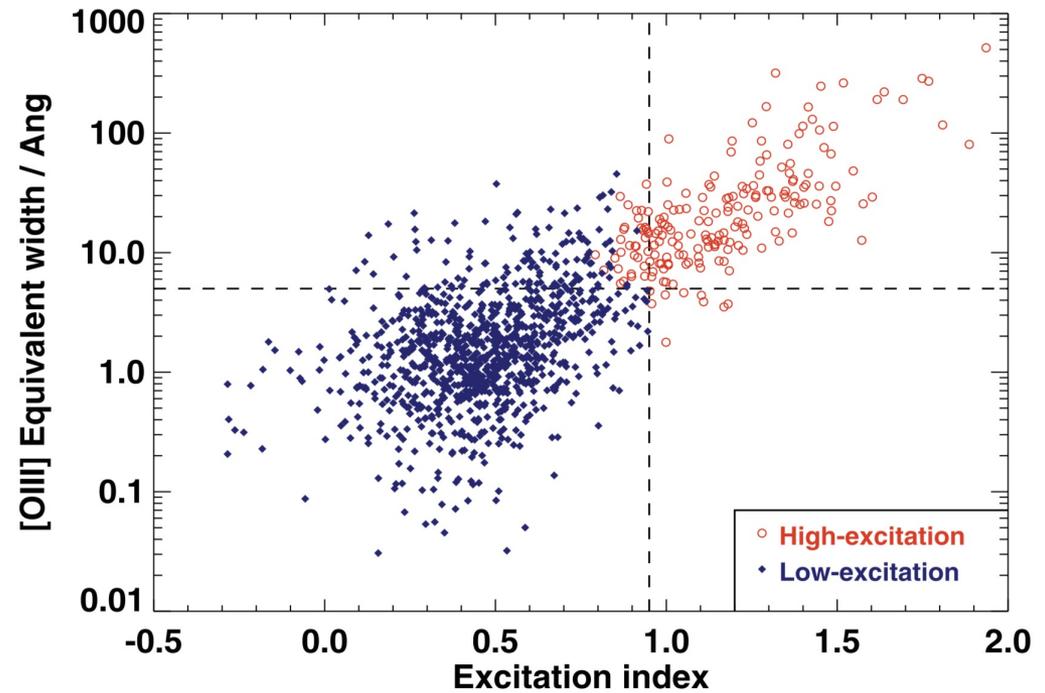
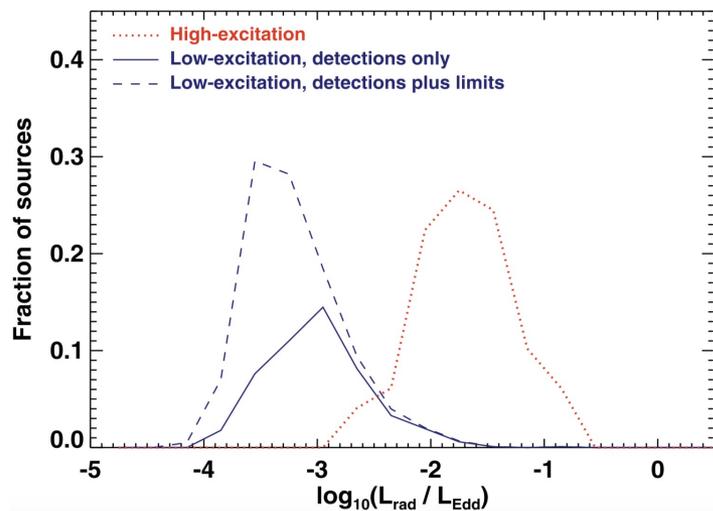
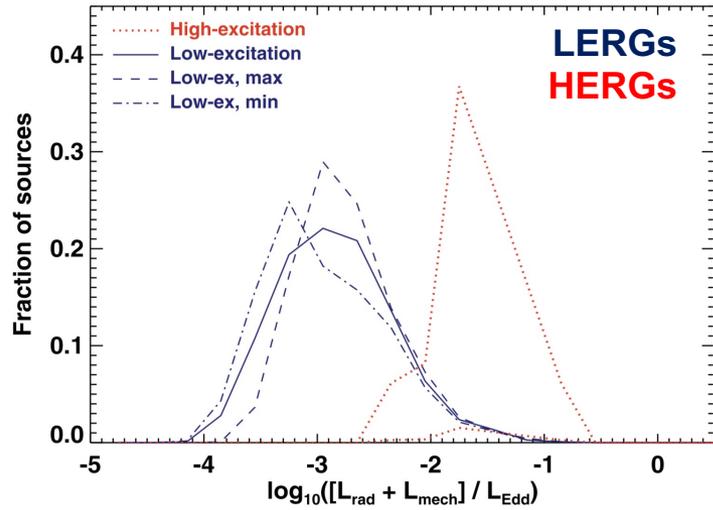
BPT diagnostic diagrams

HERGs  
LERGs



Buttiglione et al. (2010)

# New optical classification for RL AGN. III



Best & Heckman (2012)

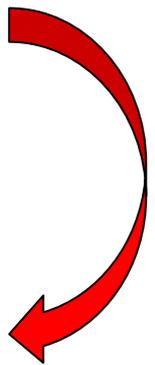
# New optical classification for RL AGN. IV

**HERGs: efficient engine ('standard' Shakura Sunyaev 1973 - SS73 - disc)**



**QUASAR MODE:** large amounts of gas flow inwards, feeding the BH hole through a radiatively efficient SS73 disc. This mode may have a role in reducing star formation at high-redshift and setting up the observed  $M_{\text{BH}}-M_{\text{bulge}}$  relation through radiative feedback

**LERGs: inefficient engine (ADAF)**



**RADIO MODE:** the material is accreted onto the BH in a radiatively inefficiently way, leading to limited radiation. The bulk of energy is kinetic through radio jets (mechanical feedback, bubbles and cavities often observed)

Further insights in the accretion disc lesson

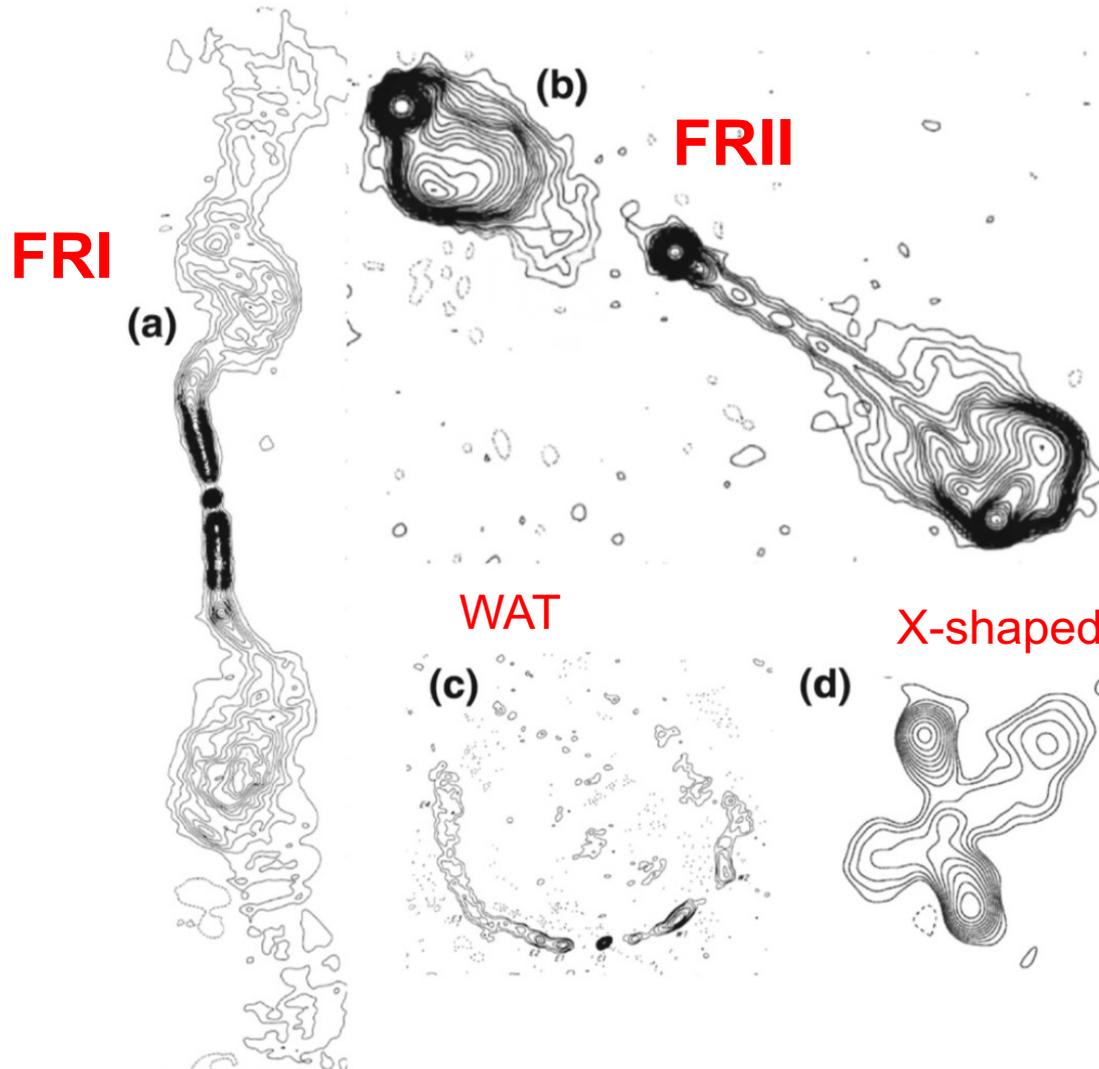
Abbr.	Meaning	Ref
NLRG	Narrow-line radio galaxy	1
BLRG	Broad-line radio galaxy	2
WLRG	Weak-line radio galaxy	3
SLRG	Strong-line radio galaxy	4
Quasar	Quasi-stellar radio source	5
LEG	Low-excitation galaxy	6
HEG	High-excitation galaxy	6
ELEG	Extreme low-excitation galaxy	6
BLRQ/Q	Broad-line radio galaxy or quasar	7
BLO	Broad-line object	6
OVV	Optically violently variable (quasar)	8
FRI	Fanaroff-Riley class I source	9
FRII	Fanaroff-Riley class II source	9
FR0	Fanaroff-Riley class 0 source	10
FSRQ	Flat-spectrum radio-loud quasar	11
SSRQ	Steep-spectrum radio-loud quasar	11
CSS	Compact steep spectrum radio source	12
GPS	Gigahertz-peaked radio source	13
FD	Fat-double radio source	14
RD	Relaxed-double radio source	15

Optical

Radio

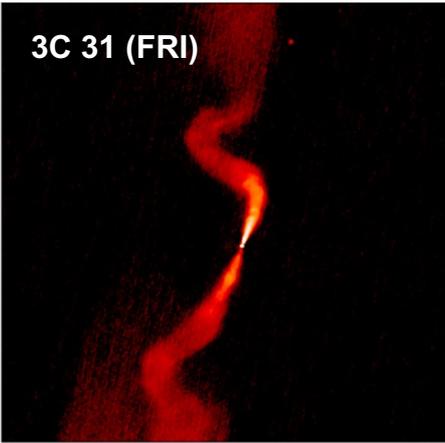
**Table 2** Summary of the main abbreviations of the labels used to classify radio AGN. The top half of the table relates to optical classifications, while the lower half relates to radio classifications. The final column gives references to some of the first uses of the labels. Reference key: 1. Costero & Osterbrock (1977); 2. Osterbrock, Koski & Philips (1976); 3. Tadhunter et al. (1998); 4. Dicken et al. (2014); 5. Schmidt (1963); 5. Buttiglione et al. (2010); 7. Dicken et al. (2009); 8. Penston & Cannon (1971); 9. Fanaroff & Riley (1974); 10. Ghisellini (2011); 11. Urry & Padovani (1995); 12. Fanti et al. (1990); 13. O’Dea, Baum & Stanghellini (1991); 14. Owen & Laing (1989); 15. (Leahy, 1993). Note that LEGs and HEGs are sometimes labelled LERGs (low excitation radio galaxies) and HERGs (high excitation radio galaxies) in the literature.

# FRI vs. FR II classification: source morphology. I

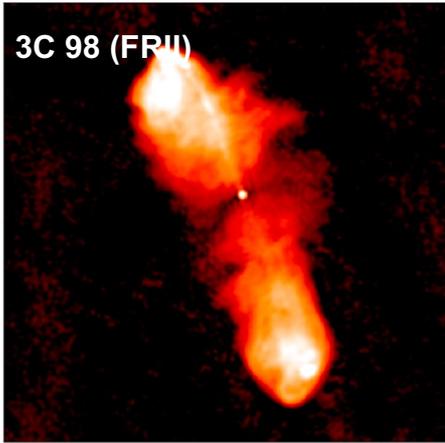


Radio galaxies have different morphologies. Main classification include **FRI** and **FR II** (Fanaroff & Riley 1974)

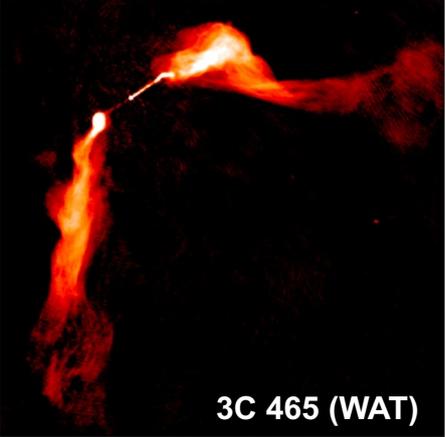
Environment and mergers have a role in shaping radio galaxies



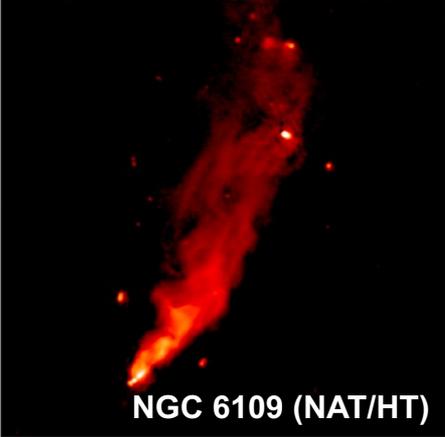
3C 31 (FRI)



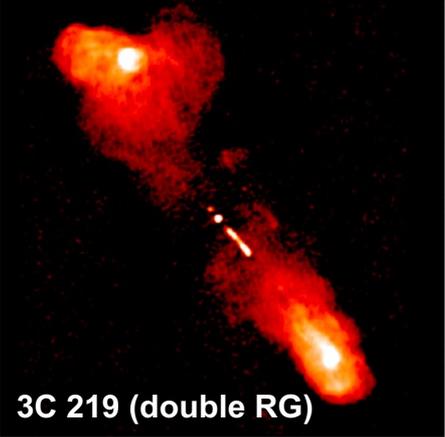
3C 98 (FRII)



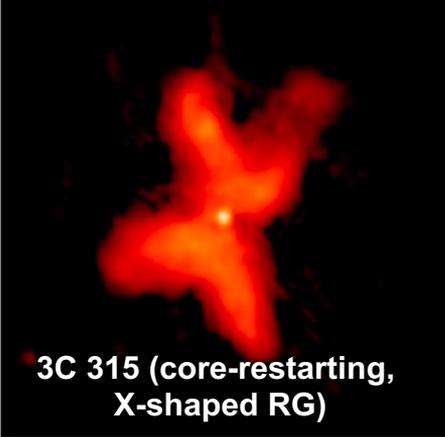
3C 465 (WAT)



NGC 6109 (NAT/HT)



3C 219 (double RG)



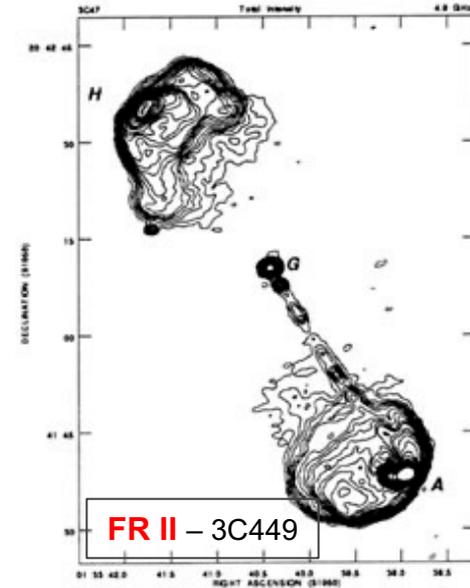
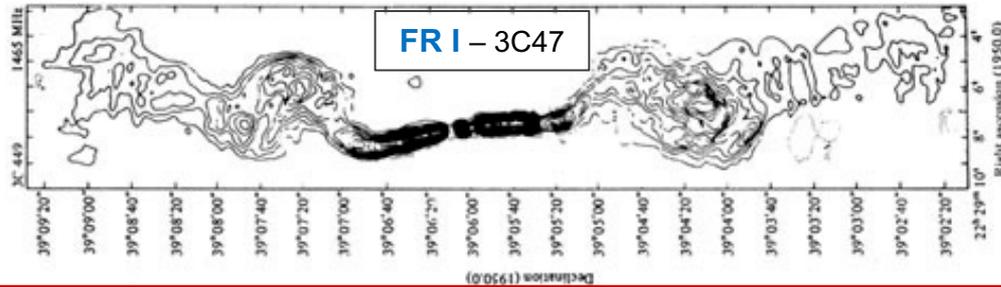
3C 315 (core-restarting, X-shaped RG)

WAT: wide-angle tail  
NAT: narrow-angle tail  
HT: head tail

Hardcastle & Croston  
(2020 review)

# FRI vs. FRII classification: source morphology. II

R=ratio of the separation of the highest surface brightness regions on opposite sides of the central galaxy and the extent of the source measured from the lowest surface brightness contour



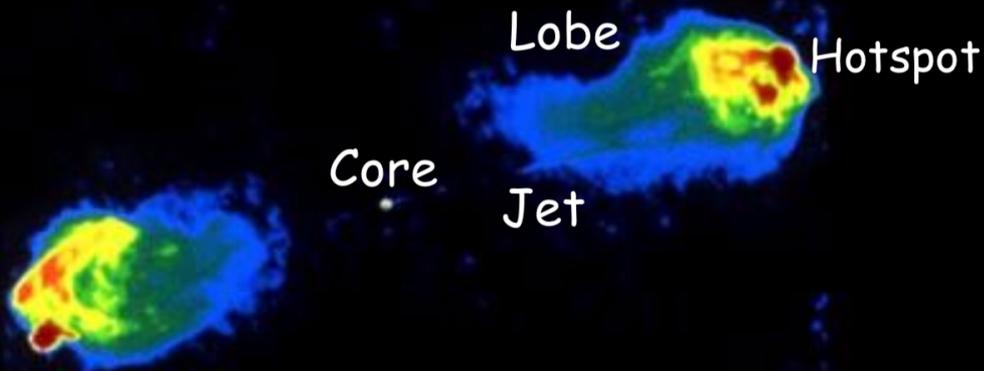
- **FRI:**  $R < 0.5$
- $L_{178\text{MHz}} \lesssim 10^{25} \text{ W/Hz/ster}$
- Dominated by the compact core and the jets (2-sided)  
Diffuse lobes in the outer regions fading with distance
- Parent population of BL Lacs?

- **FRII:**  $R > 0.5$
- $L_{178\text{MHz}} \gtrsim 10^{25} \text{ W/Hz/ster}$
- Radio lobes dominate over 1-sided jet (Doppler boosting of approaching jet and deboosting of receding jet) – swept-back material or backflow from the shocked region due to the advance of the head of the jet. Hot spots coincident with the location of the working surface of the beam
- Typically, in poorer environments
- Parent population of FSRQs?

# FRI vs. FR II classification: source morphology. III

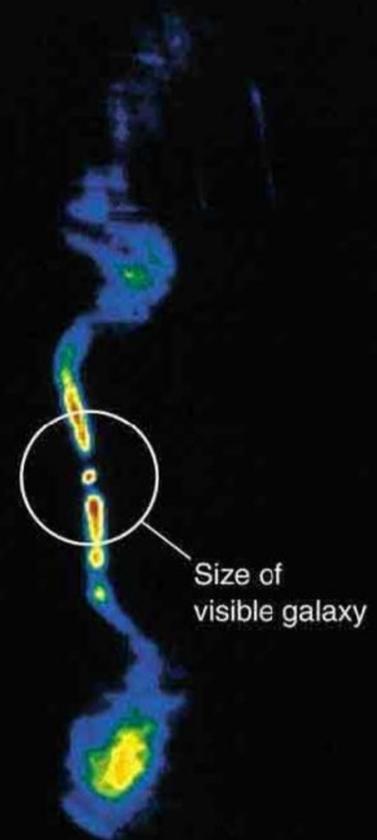
Extended radio structures well beyond the size of the host galaxy  
→ possible feedback up to Mpc scales

Radio image  
of Cygnus A



**FR II**

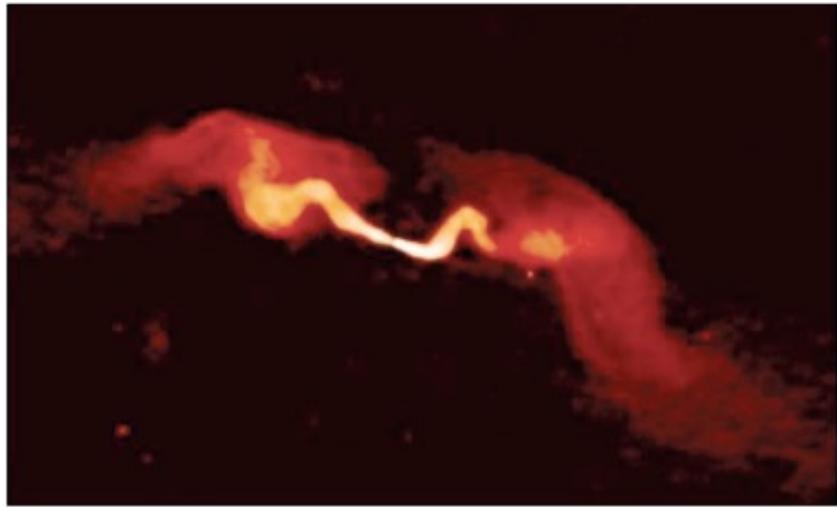
3C 449



**FR I**

# FRI vs. FRII classification: source morphology. IV

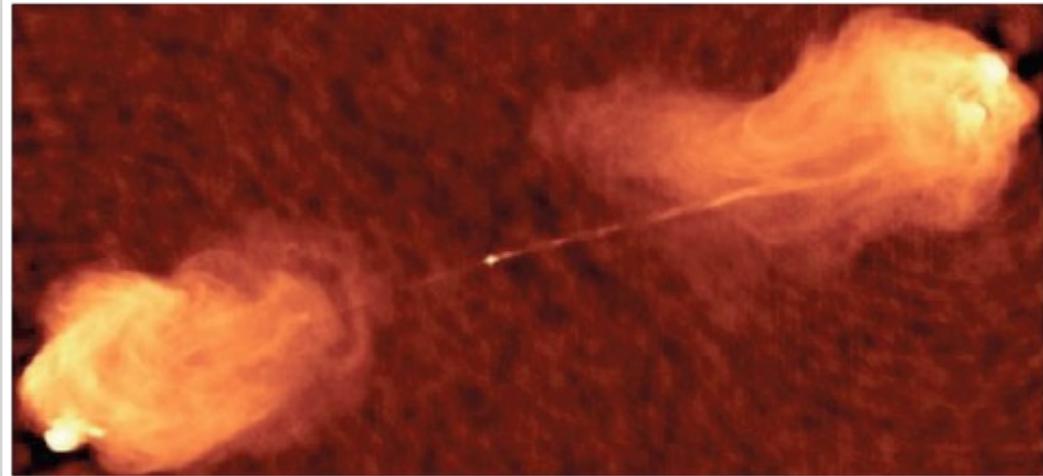
**FRI** are referred to as jet-dominated and *edge-darkened*



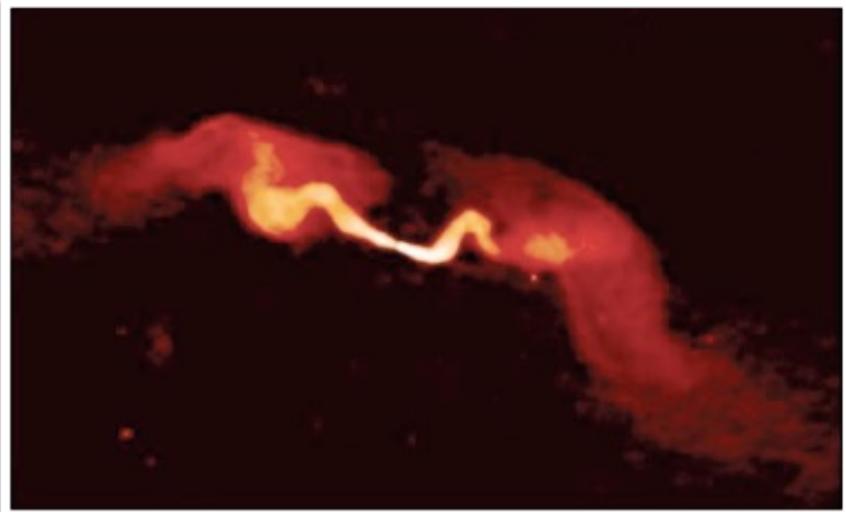
In **FRI** the jets are thought to be decelerated and become sub-relativistic on scales of hundred of pc to kpc  
Their nuclei are powered by an **inefficient engine**

**FRII** are referred to as lobe-dominated and *edge-brightened*

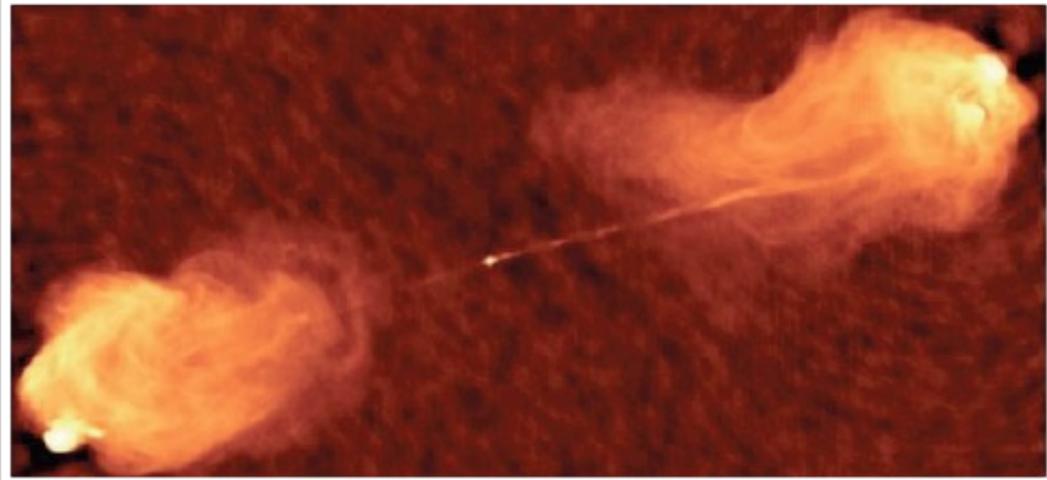
In **FRII** the jets are at least moderately relativistic and supersonic from the core to the hot spots  
Most of their nuclei are powered by an **efficient engine**



# FRI vs. FR II classification: source morphology. V



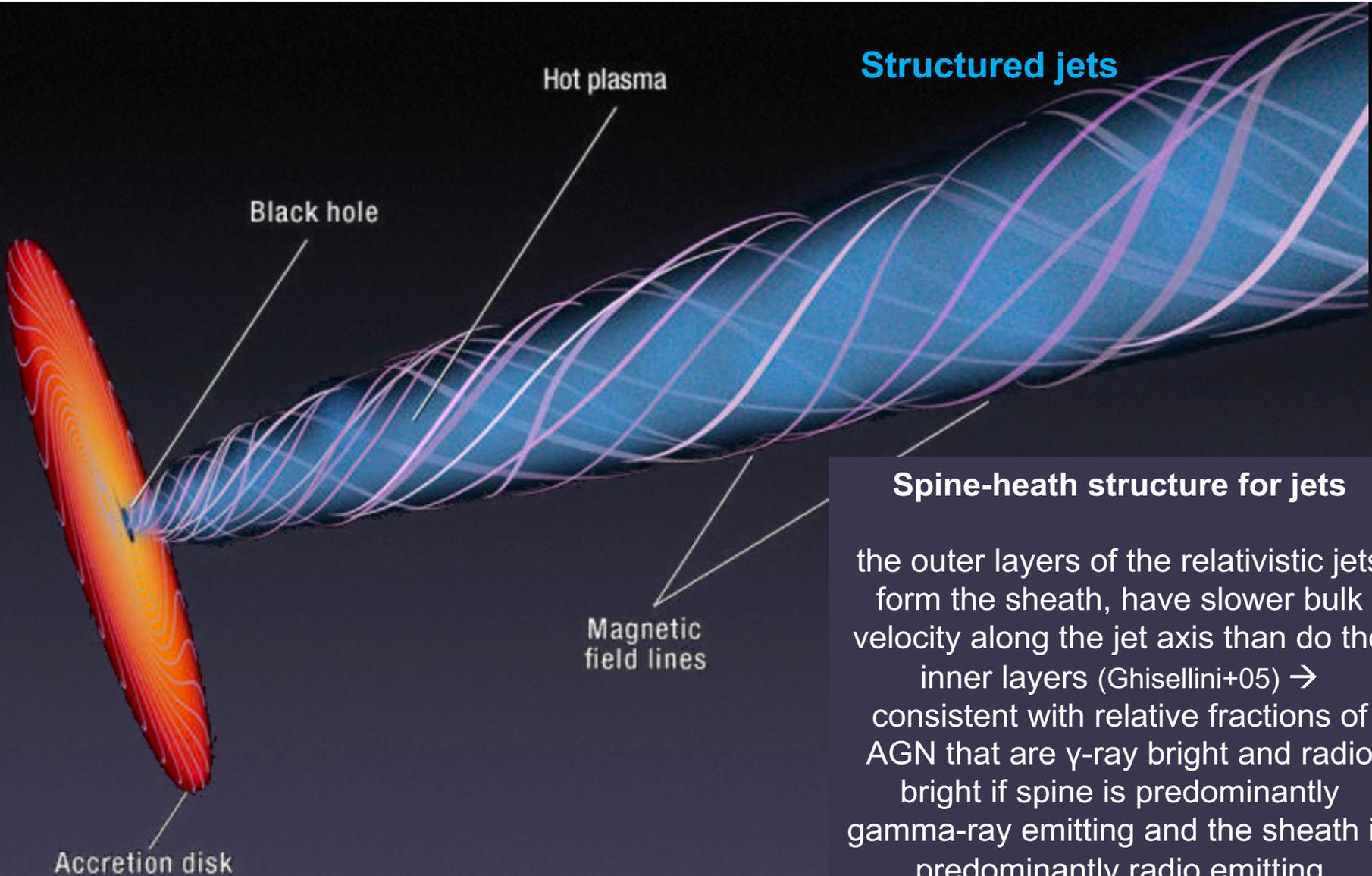
**FRI = LERG**



**FR II = HERG (mostly)**

Different engine: **ADAF** vs. **standard** (efficient) accretion disc

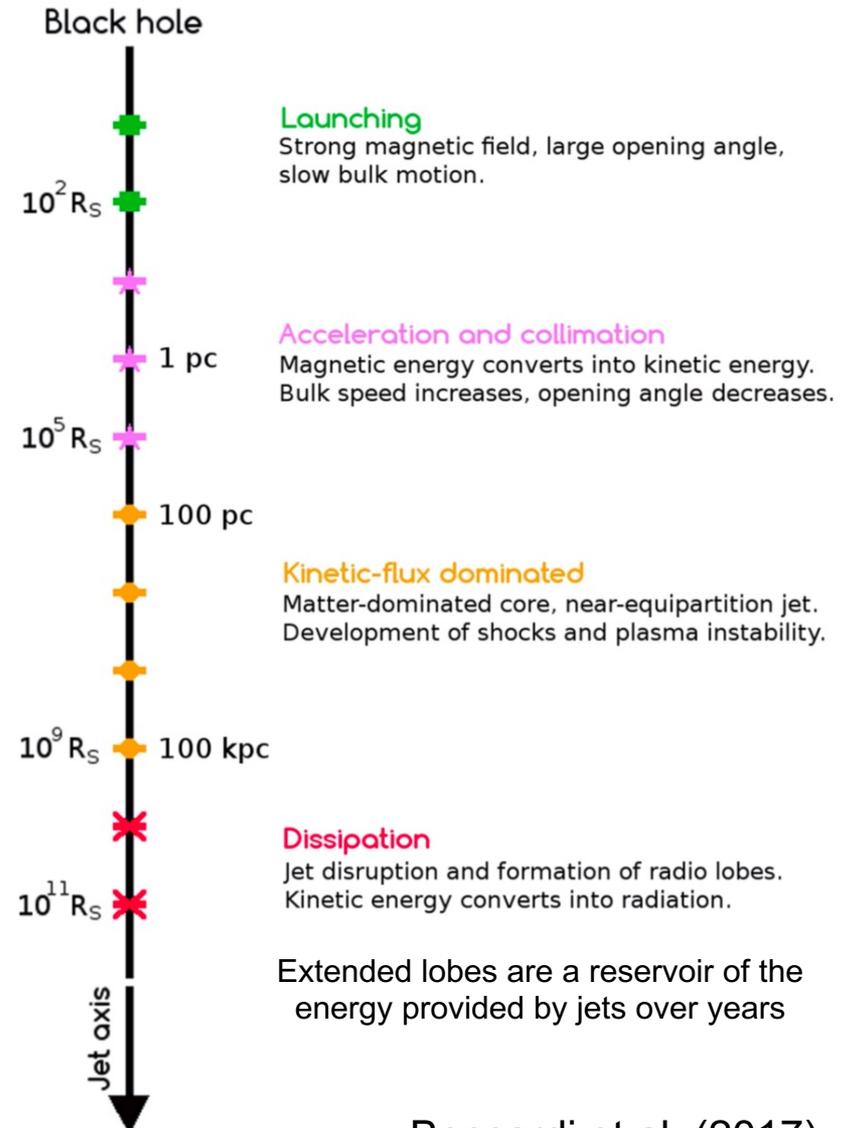
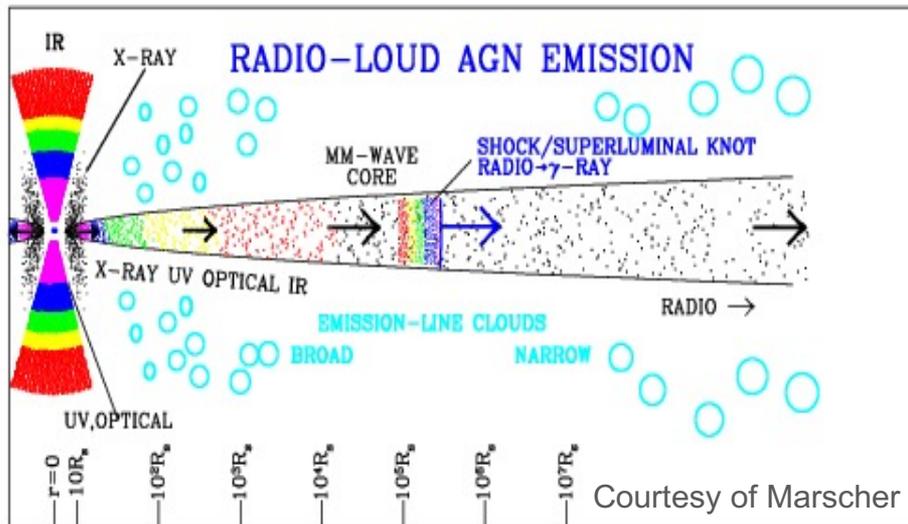
# Jets. I



# Jets. II

**Deceleration in jets**  
 entrainment of external gas  
 (FRI jets more prone to  
 this effect; Bicknell 1994)

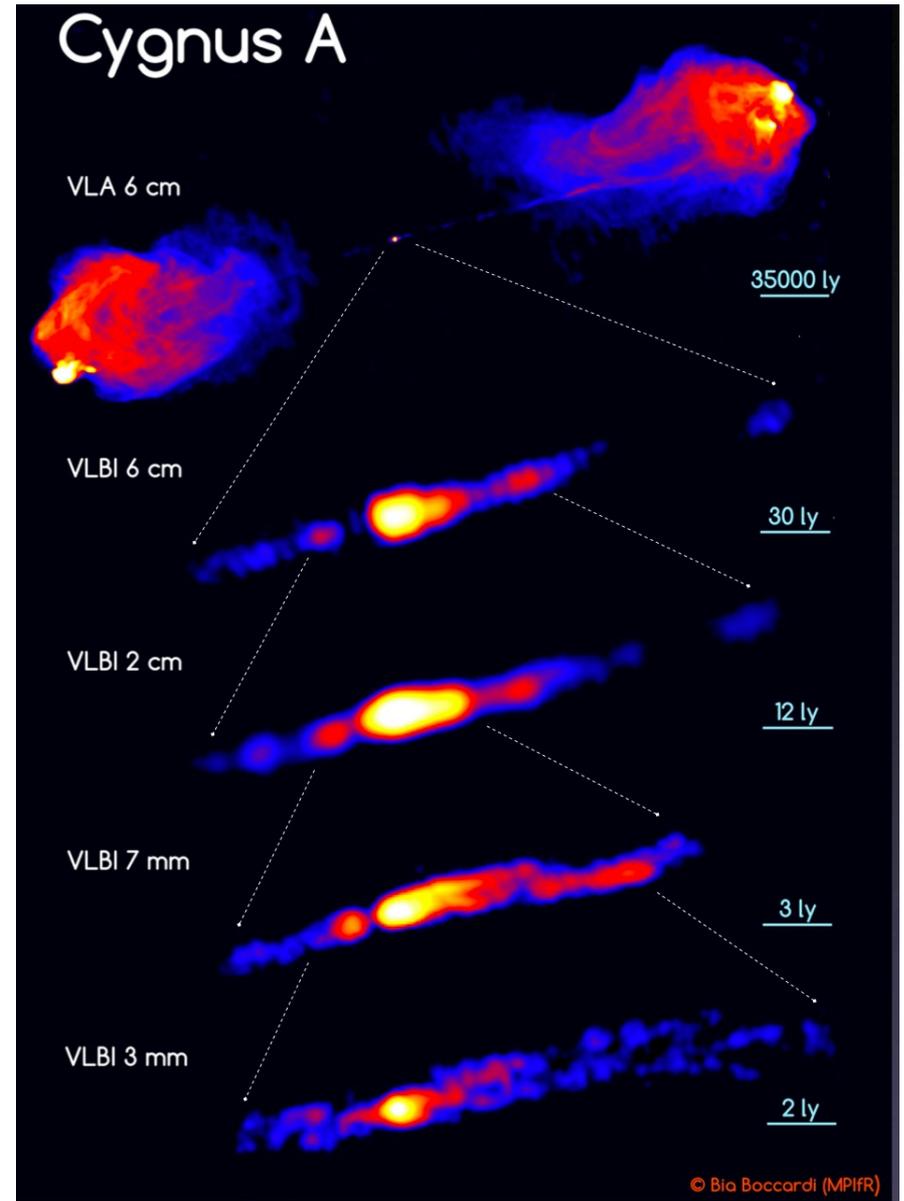
mm-VLBI



Boccardi et al. (2017)

# Jets. III

Jet base studies require high angular resolution and reduced synchrotron + free-free opacity  $\rightarrow$  mm band to probe acceleration and collimation



Boccardi et al. (2017)

# Jets. IV

## Jet Formation and properties: some considerations

Relativistic jets form when the *BH spins* and the *accretion disc* is *strongly magnetized*. AGN jets are collimated close to the BH by magnetic stress associated with a disc wind (produced by magnetic instabilities at the surface of the disc, giving rise to flares, hence a wind)

The twisting of the magnetic field lines, tied to the rotation of the BH, can lead to *highly collimated jets*

Their power relies either on the gravitational energy of accreting matter onto the BH (Blandford & Payne 1982) and/or by the *Blandford-Znajek* (1977) process (see also Penrose 1969), i.e. *extraction of rotational energy from the rotating BH*: the accreting material transports the magnetic field down to the event horizon where it can be twisted by the rotation of space-time close to the BH

In other words, *the work done in generating the jet comes directly from the rotation of the BH*

Both mechanisms can generate jet powers of  $\sim 10^{45-47}$  erg/s (Blandford et al. 2019)  $\rightarrow E \sim 10^{59-61}$  erg into lobes (assuming  $t \sim 10^7$  yrs)

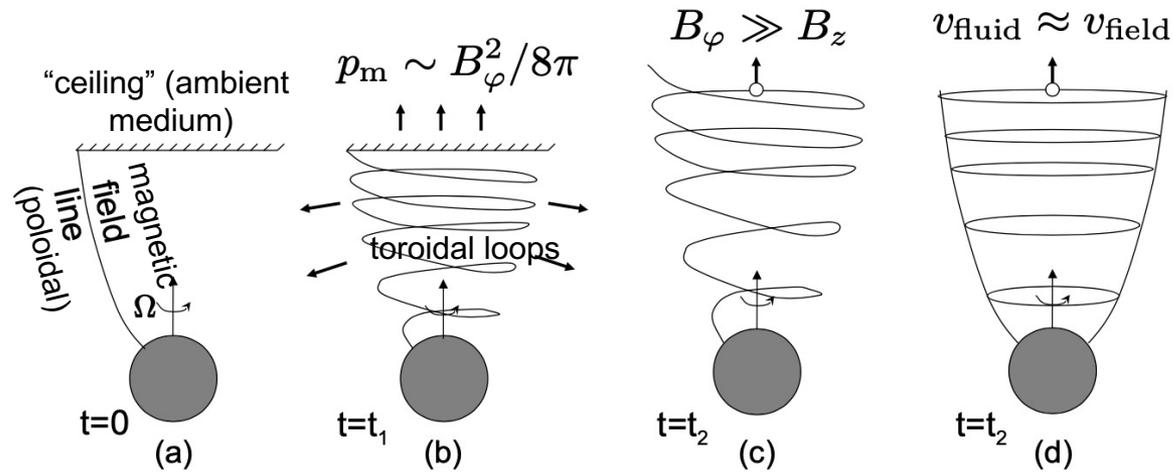
$U_{\text{pot,grav}}$  is transformed into heat and radiation and can also amplify the magnetic field, allowing the field to access the large store of BH  $E_{\text{rot}}$  and transform part of it into  $E_{\text{mech,jet}}$  (Ghisellini et al. 2014)

Link of radio activity with stellar mass (above  $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  to have power jets)?  
'Underlying' relation with halo density?

Still many open issues in jet formation and theory vs. observations

# Jets. V

$\Omega$  and  $B$  are the main parameters



- Magnetic field anchored to the accretion disc (spinning BH) and to a stationary, perfectly conducting, ‘ceiling’ (i.e., the ambient medium) – Panel (a).

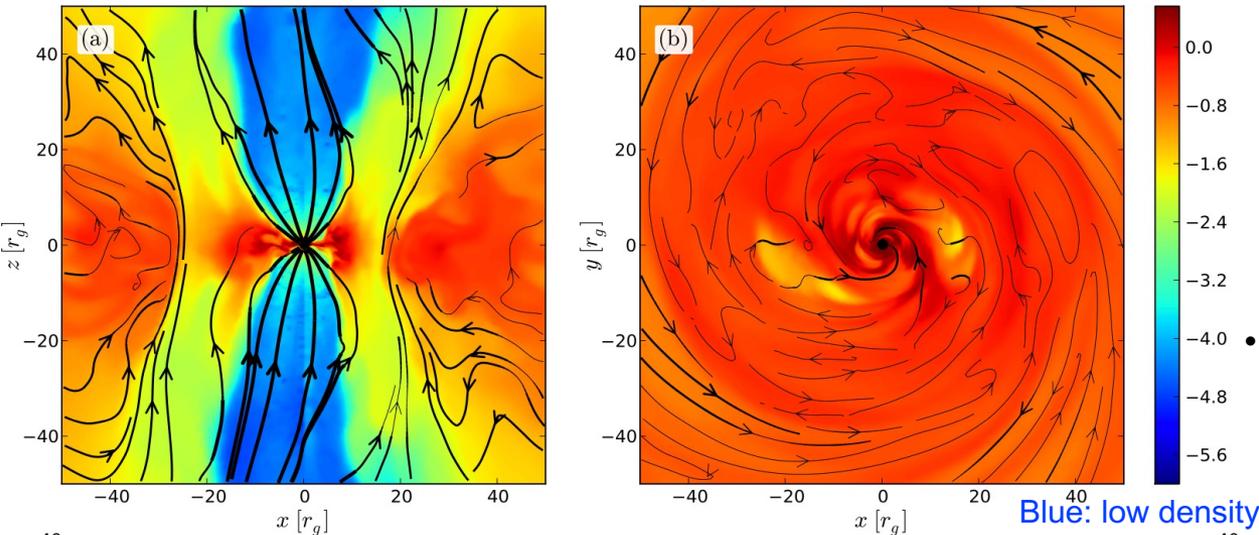
- After  $N$  rotations, the field develops  $N$  toroidal loops.  $B_\phi$  pushes the ‘ceiling’ with an effective pressure  $P_M \sim B^2 / 8\pi$  and accelerates the plasma along the rotation axis forming a jet – Panel (b).

- The poloidal electromagnetic flux of energy (Poynting flux, PF) accelerates the magnetospheric plasma and plasma from the disc along the poloidal magnetic field lines, converting the PF into kinetic energy of bulk motion, reaching relativistic speeds at extended scales – Panel (c).

- The rotation of the BH continuously twists the poloidal field into new toroidal loops at a rate which, in steady state, balances the rate at which the loops move downstream – Panel (d).

Slices of the vertical and horizontal direction  
Essential role of the accretion disc

Red: high density



# Jets. VI

$$a = \frac{Jc}{GM^2}$$

Dimensionless spin parameter (J=angular momentum)

$$r_H = r_g [1 + (1 - a^2)^{1/2}]$$

BH horizon radius

$$\Omega_H = \frac{ac}{2r_H}$$

BH angular frequency

$$P_{BZ} = \frac{k}{4\pi c} \Phi_{BH}^2 \frac{a^2}{16r_g^2}$$

Rate of extraction of rotational energy from the BH  
(Blandford & Znajek 1977)

Low-spin limit:  $a^2 \ll 1$

$k \sim 0.05$ ;  $\Phi_{BH}$ =magnetic field flux across the BH horizon

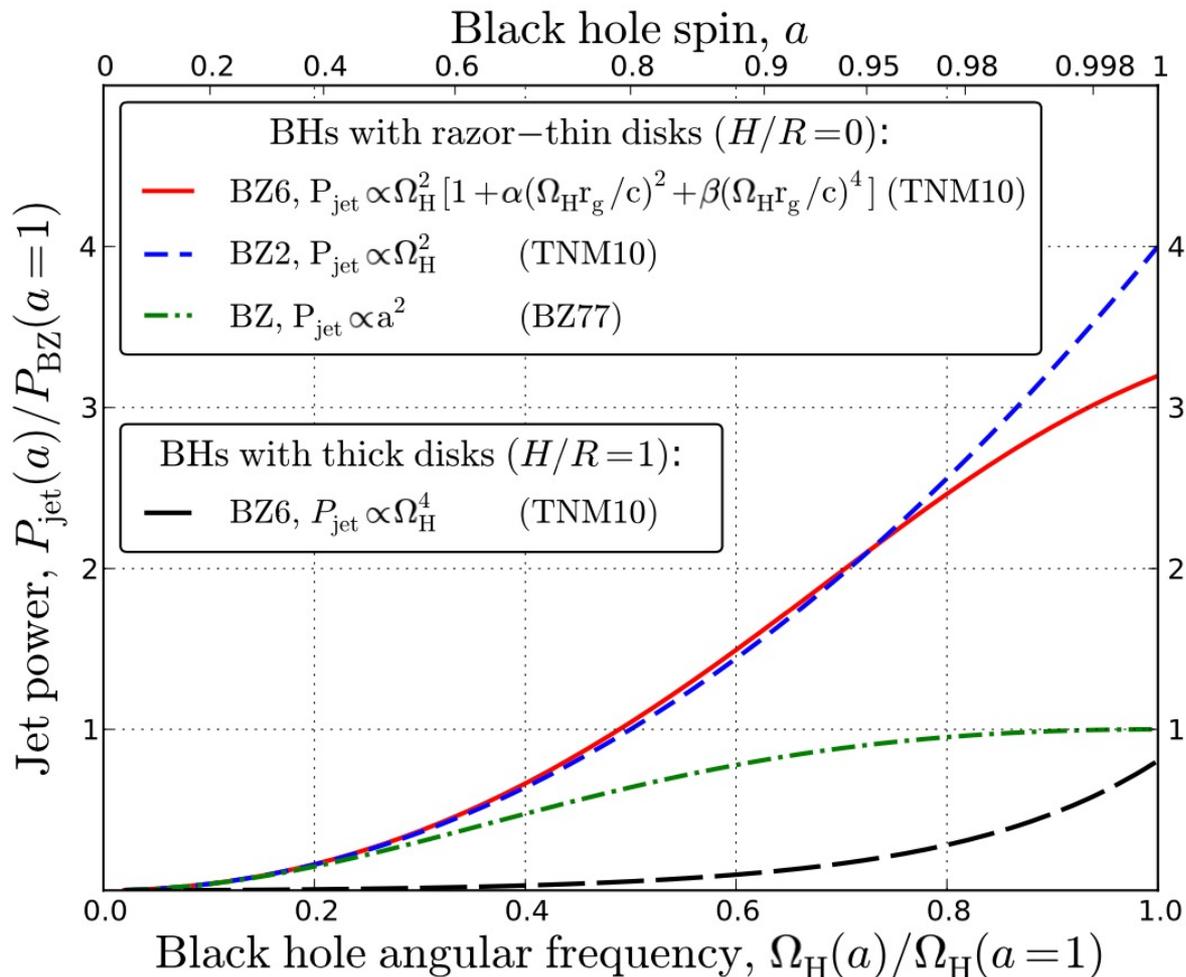
$$P_{BZ} = \frac{k}{4\pi c} \Phi_{BH}^2 \Omega_H^2 f(\Omega_H)$$

BZ6 formula, accurate for all  $a$  values

$F(\Omega_H) \sim 1 + 1.38(\Omega_H r_g/c)^2 - 9.2(\Omega_H r_g/c)^4$

(Tchekhovskoy et al. 2012)

# Jets. VII

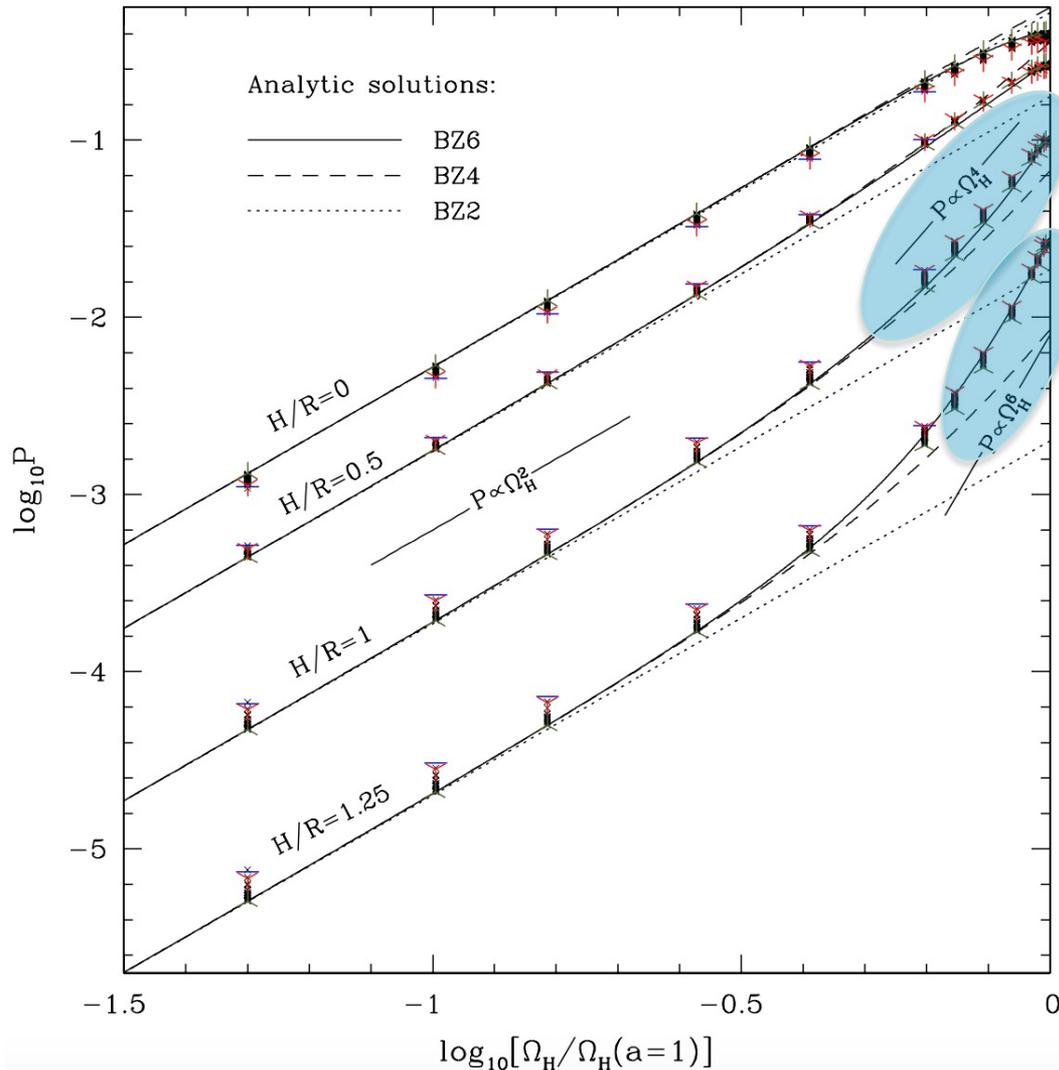


**$P_{\text{jet}}$  vs. BH angular frequency**  
(both normalized to maximum achievable power from BZ77 original solution - green curve).

*The standard BZ77 solution remains accurate up to  $a \sim 0.3$ ; for maximally rotating BHs it underpredicts  $P_{\text{jet}}$  by a factor  $\sim 3$  (wrt. BZ6 solution).*

In case of **thick discs**,  $P_{\text{jet}}$  has a stronger dependence on the BH angular frequency  $\rightarrow$  *high BH spins significantly enhance the possibility of having AGN with high radio-loudness parameters (factors  $\times 100$ – $\times 1000$  higher in RL AGN than in RQ AGN)*

# Jets. VIII



When a BH is surrounded by a thick disc/corona, equatorial field lines from the BH at lower latitudes pass through the disc/corona, become turbulent and produce a slow baryon-rich wind, whereas polar field lines at higher latitudes lie away from the disc gas and produce a Poynting-dominated relativistic jet (McKinney 2005)



$$P_{\text{jet}} \propto \Omega_H^4 \text{ (even } \Omega_H^6 \text{ for very thick discs)}$$

Changes in the solid angles subtended by the jet (via changes in the disc thickness) could change the steepness of  $P_{\text{jet}}$  as a function of  $a$ .

The different spin distribution of RQ and RL AGN may reflect different accretion and mergers histories of SMBHs in spirals and ellipticals

# Jets. IX

Strongly Doppler-boosted radiation in jets

$$\delta(\beta, \theta) = \frac{1}{\gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$
$$\beta = \frac{v}{c}$$
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

**Doppler factor**

$\vartheta$  angle between the jet axis and the line of sight

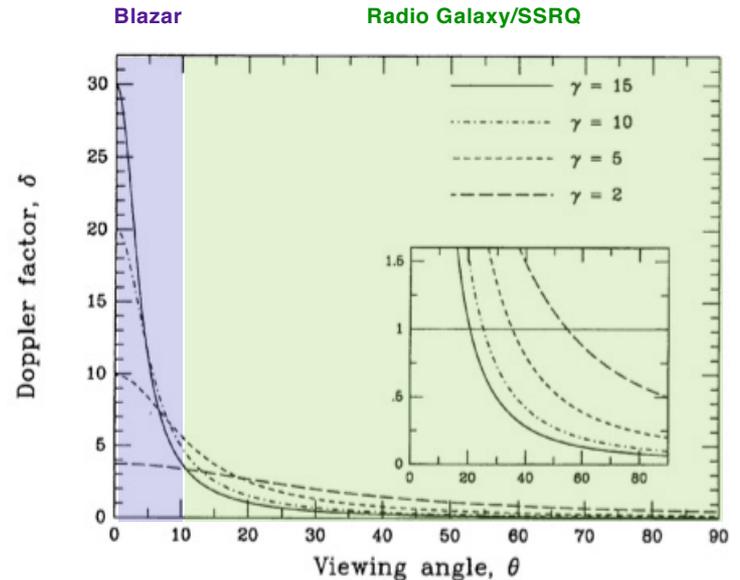
**Lorentz factor**

The Doppler factor relates intrinsic and observed flux for a moving source at relativistic speed  $v = \beta c$

For an **intrinsic** power law spectrum:  $F'(v') = K (v')^{-\alpha}$   
the **observed** flux density is

$$F_\nu(v) = \delta^{3+\alpha} F'_{\nu'}(v)$$

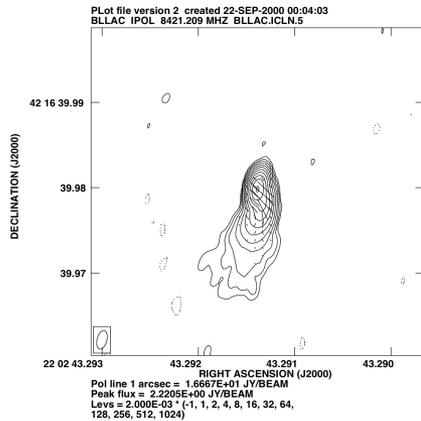
$$\Delta t = \Delta t' / \delta$$



# Small angles: blazars. I

## BL LAC

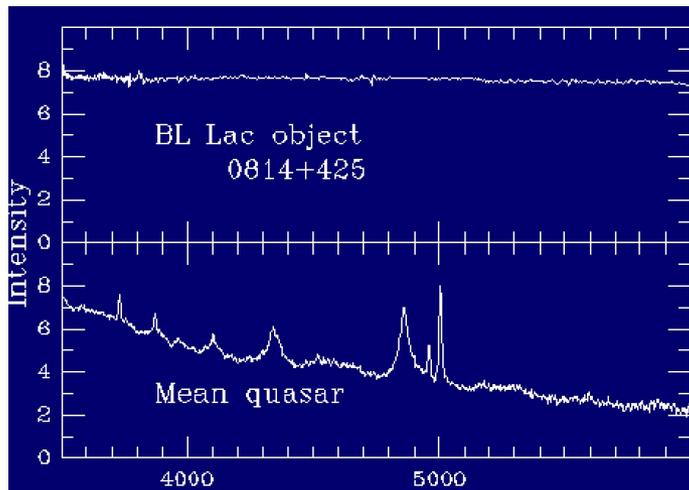
No/weak lines in the optical spectrum (featureless continuum)



Both classes are compact in radio images

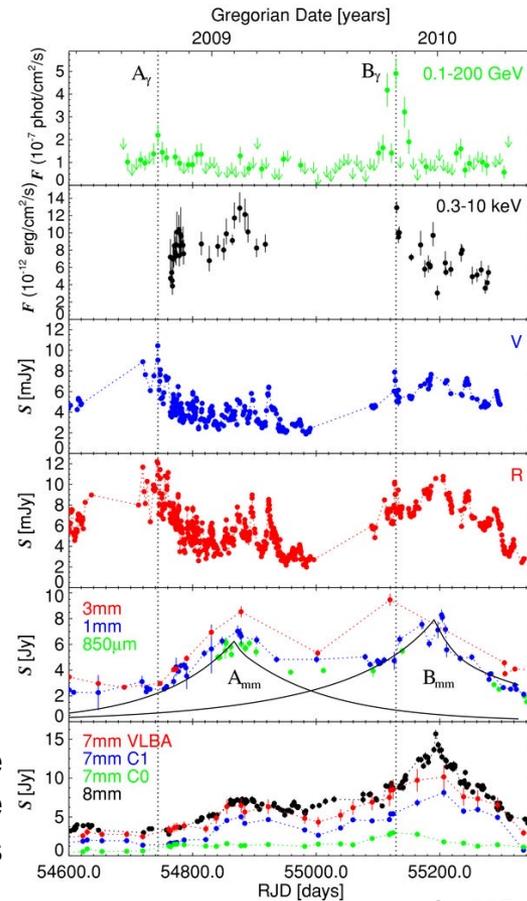
## Flat spectrum radio quasars (FSRQ)

Can show emission lines superimposed on a strong continuum



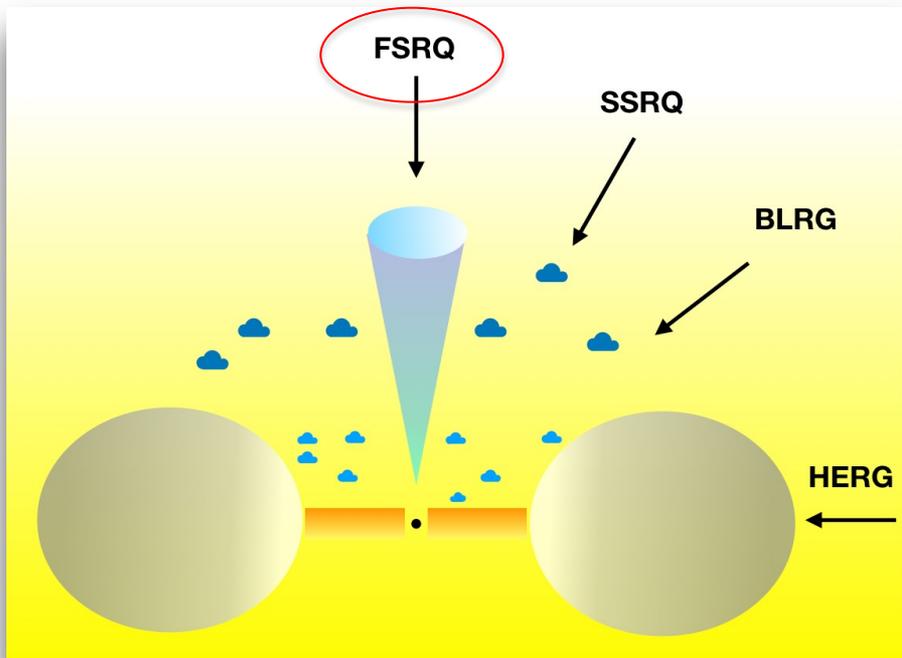
BL LACs are almost featureless

Both classes are extremely variable at all frequencies



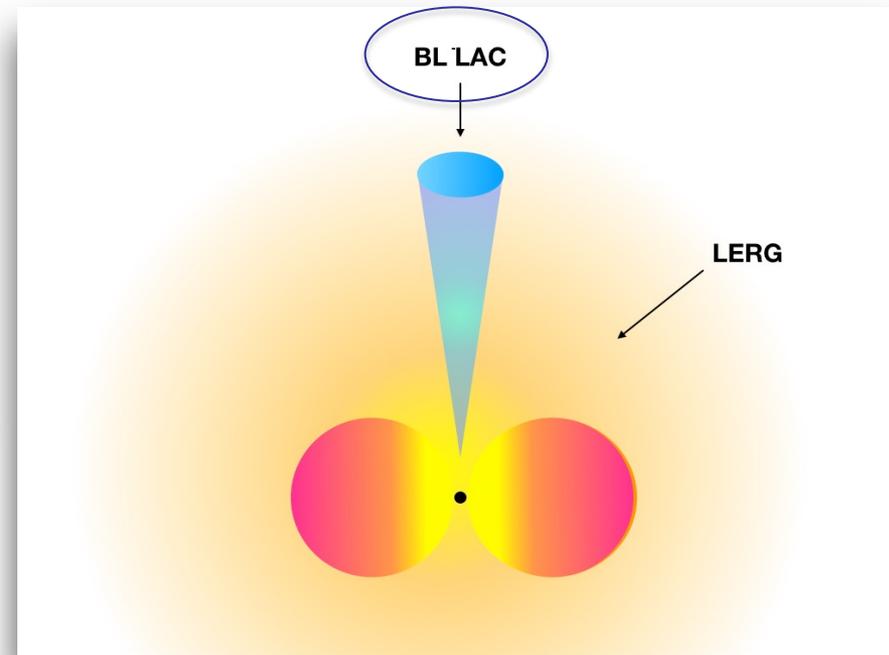
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Towards a revision of the Unified model for jetted AGN

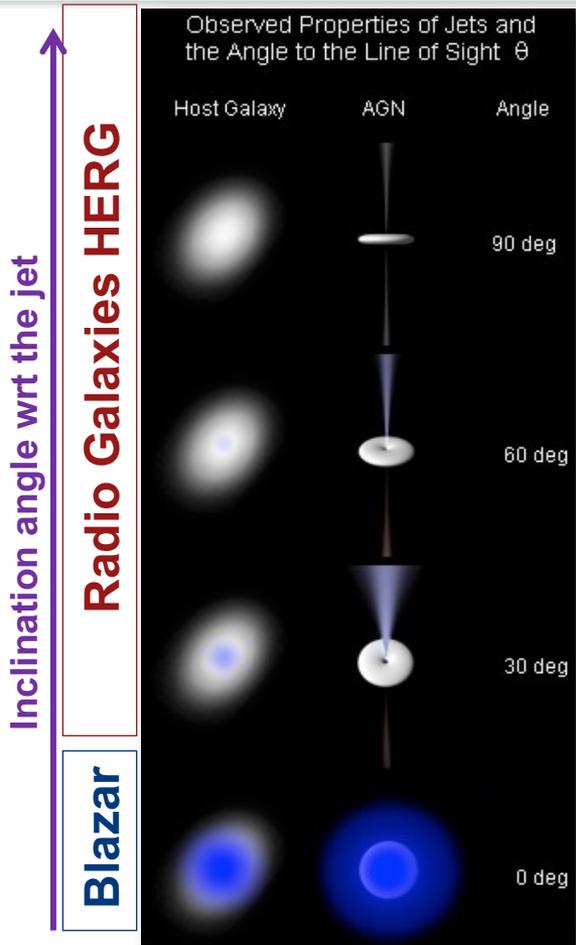


**FSRQs**: efficient accretion = standard disc

**BL Lacs**: inefficient accretion flow = ADAF solution



# The overall "picture". I



NLRG (Type 2)

BLRG (Type 1)

HERG: thermal radiation dominates the spectrum in the IR/optical/UV/X-ray

**In HERG spectra, accretion disc and jet emission are in competition**

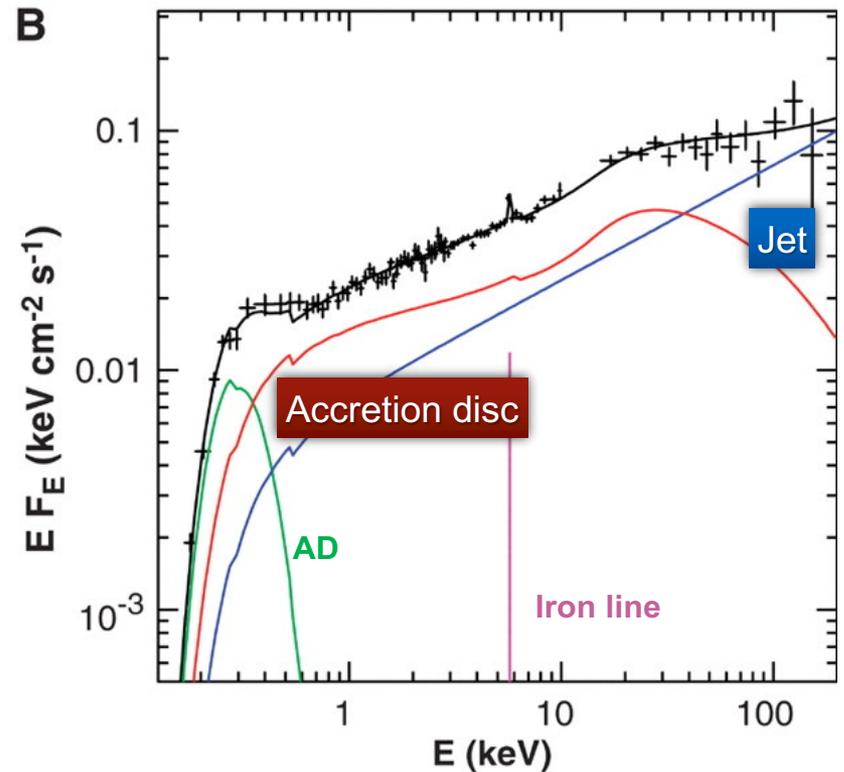
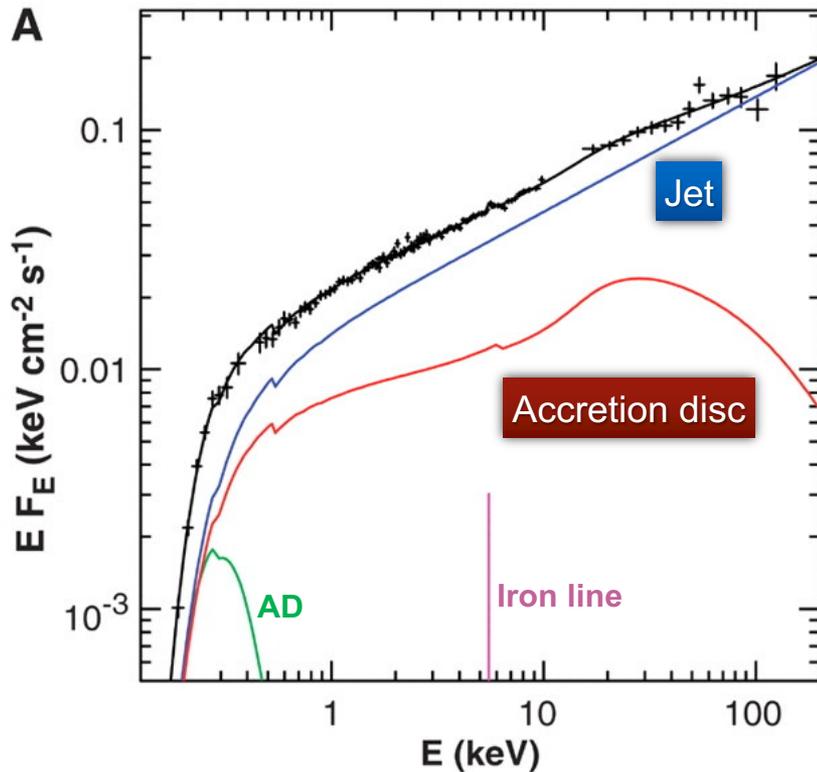
Angle~0 deg: jet radiation dominates  
 Angle~90 deg: accretion disc dominates

HERG (BLRG): thermal and non thermal radiation are 'rival'

BLAZAR: non-thermal radiation dominates throughout the spectrum

LERG: non-thermal radiation dominates the spectrum (inefficient accretion flow)

# The overall “picture”. II



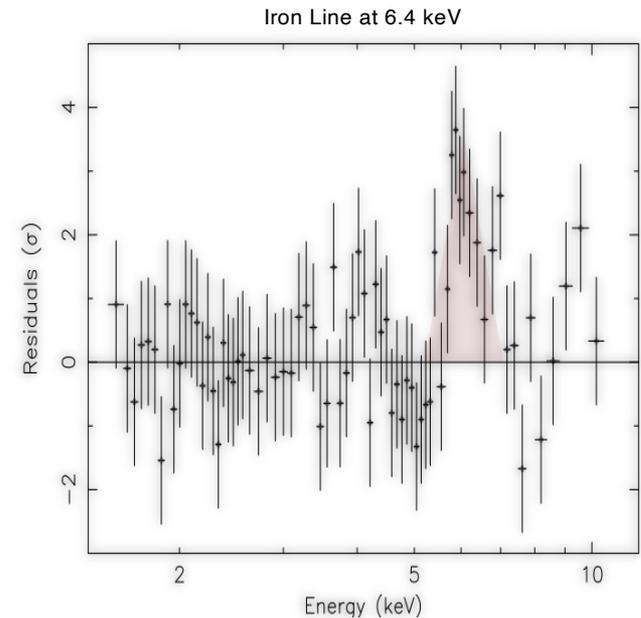
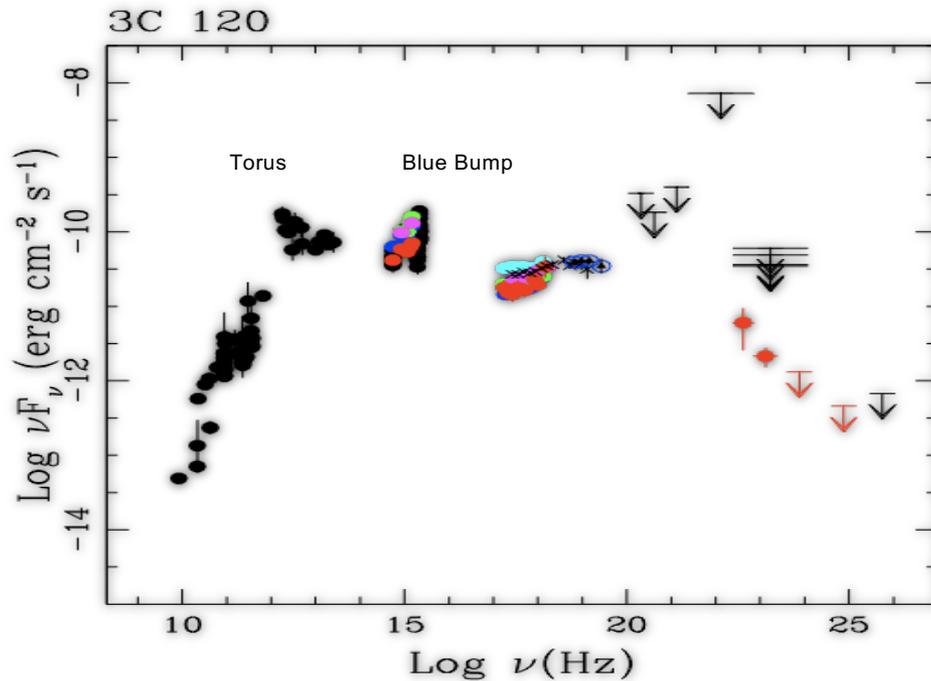
3C273 (FSRQ): generally, the spectrum in this FSRQ at small inclination angle is dominated by the jet (A). However, when the jet is less bright, the accretion disc (including the IC emission due to the primary AGN emission) and the iron line emerge (B, as in radio-quiet sources)

# The overall “picture”. III

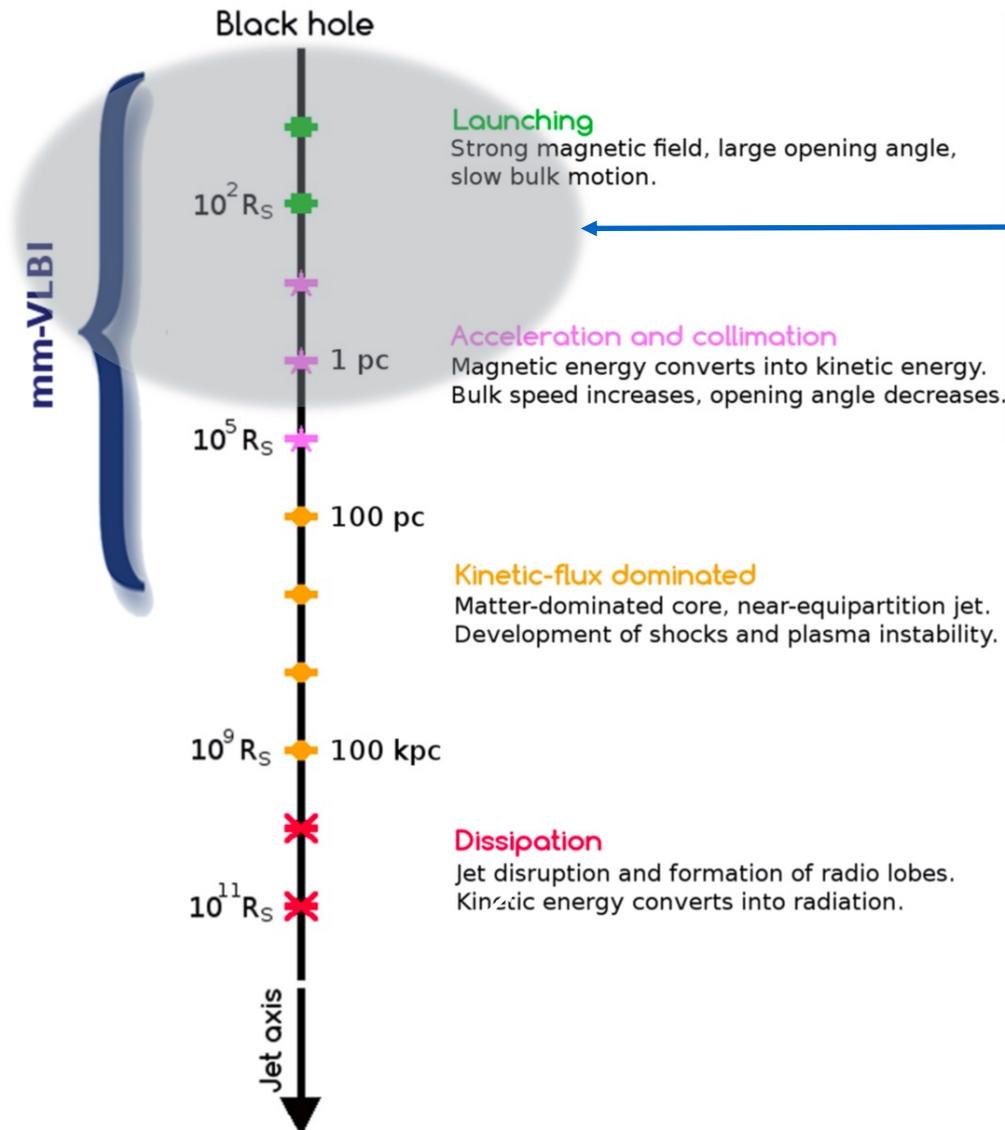
3C120 (BLRG): the torus and the blue bump are evident in the SED

The X-ray spectrum shows the presence for a significant iron K $\alpha$  emission line

→ looking at objects at inclination angles  $\gg 0$  deg wrt. the jet axis in RL AGN allows to observe emission properties similar to those of radio-quiet AGN (here: disc emission-Blue Bump and iron K $\alpha$  emission line)



# The core emission

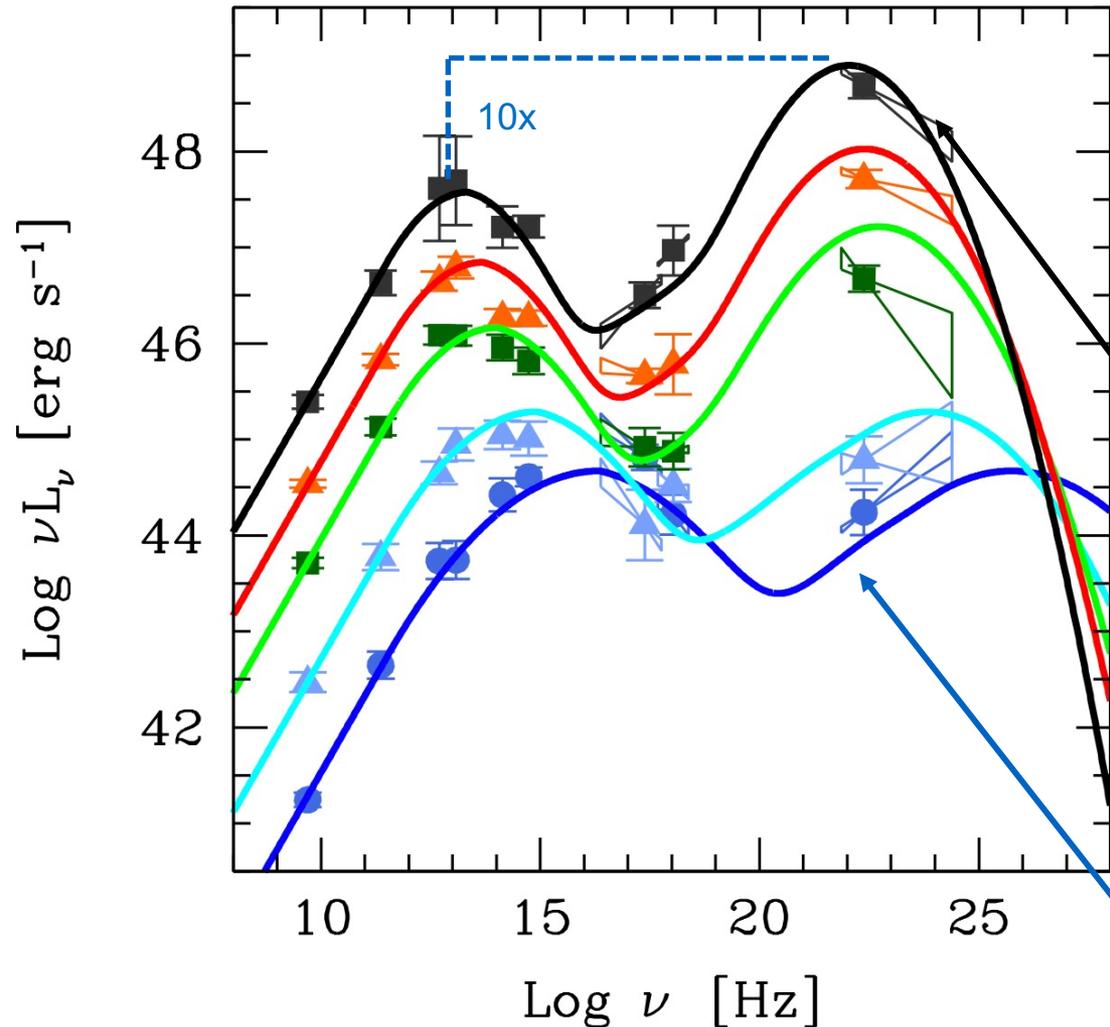


Non-thermal radiation coming from the core region dominates the SED if the jet intercepts the line of sight of the observer (blazar) and/or the accretion is inefficient (LERG)

The observed SED consists of two peaks of emission

# Double-peaked SEDs.I

Product of the jets in blazars: the **blazar sequence**



The first peak is in the IR → X-ray  
The second peak is in the MeV → TeV

- High-power and strong-line blazars have radiatively efficient discs and are able to ionize the clouds of the BLR. Part of the disc luminosity is reprocessed by the torus in the IR → seed photons (produced externally to the jet) for the IC → powerful high-energy emission
- *SED is red*, peaking in the submm (synchrotron) and in the MeV (IC) bands
- The IC emission dominates over the synchrotron emission (Compton dominance)

- Low-power and lineless BL Lacs have a radiatively inefficient disc → little ionization of the BLR → fewer seed photons to be scattered at high energies
- Radiative cooling rate is weaker, allowing the electrons to reach high energies → *blue SED* (peaking at higher energies)
- Almost equal synchrotron and IC luminosities

# Double-peaked SEDs.II

## BL LAC

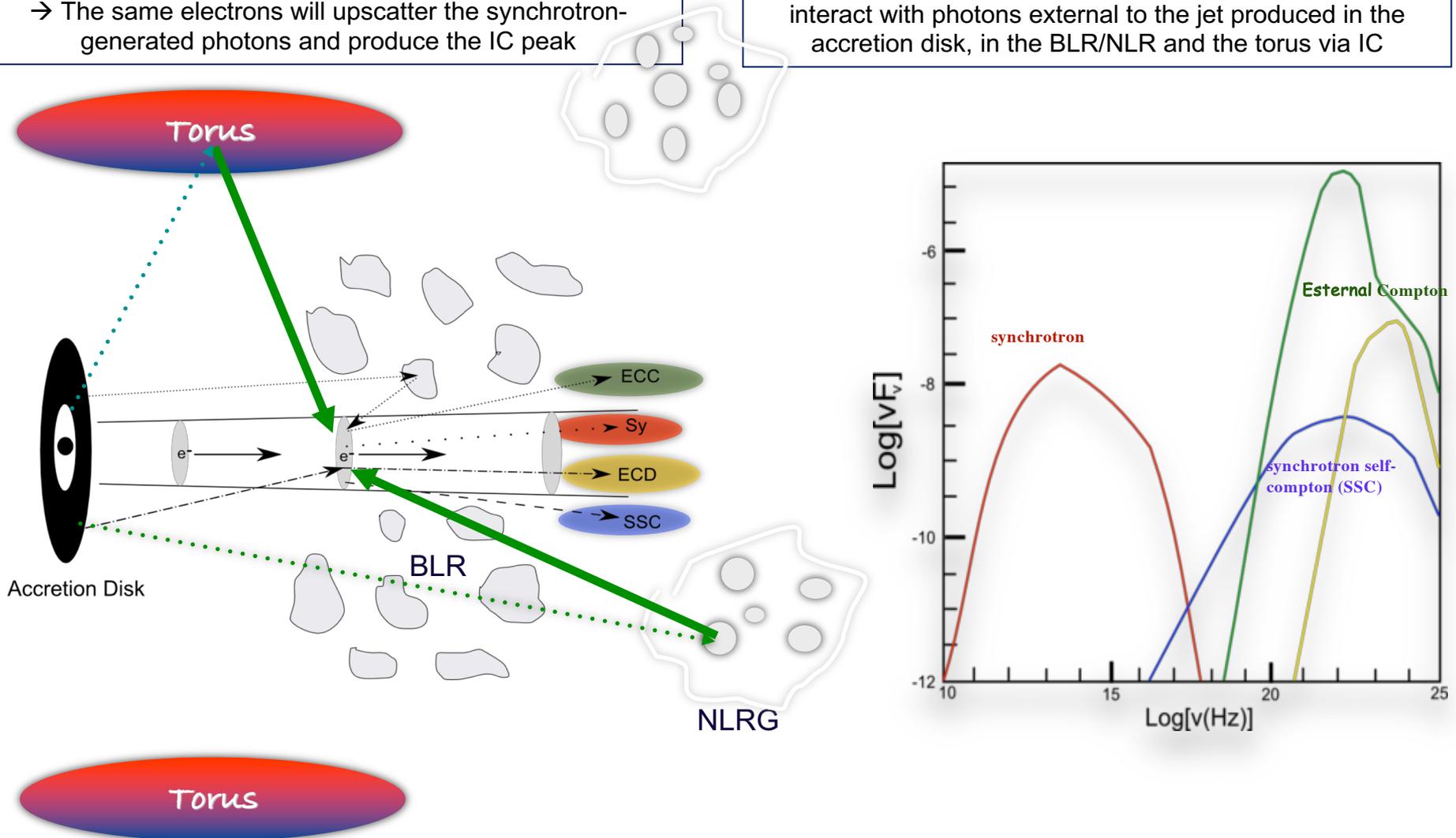
### SSC (Synchrotron Self-Compton)

Relativistic electrons in a magnetized region  $\rightarrow$  synchrotron  
 $\rightarrow$  The same electrons will upscatter the synchrotron-generated photons and produce the IC peak

## FSRQ

### IC via external photons

Relativistic electrons in a magnetized region can also interact with photons external to the jet produced in the accretion disk, in the BLR/NLR and the torus via IC



# Double-peaked SEDs.III

Abbreviation	Expansion	Probable radio parent	Emission lines
Extreme HBL	TeV blazars (BLL)	Low-luminosity FR-Is	Weak
HBL	High-energy peaked (blue) BLL	FR-I sources	Weak
IBL	Intermediate-energy peaked BLL	FR-I/II break sources	Weak
LBL	Low-energy peaked (red) BLL	Class B FR-IIs	Weak
FSRQ	Flat-spectrum radio quasar	BLRG, FR-II QSR	Strong

Link with neutrino emitters?  
(the case of TXS 0506+056;  
Paiano et al. 2018)

BLL: BL Lac object

HBL: high-energy peaked blue BLL

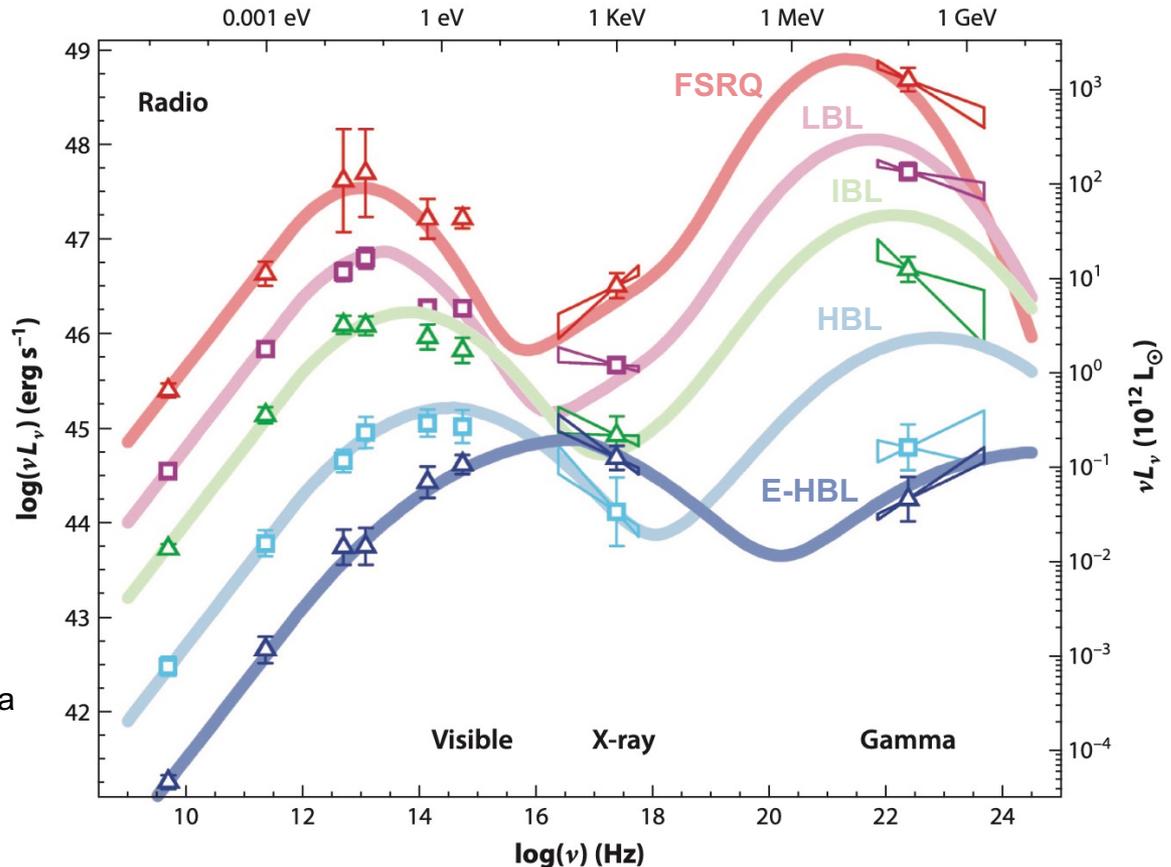
IBL: intermediate-energy peaked BLL

LBL: low-energy peaked BLL



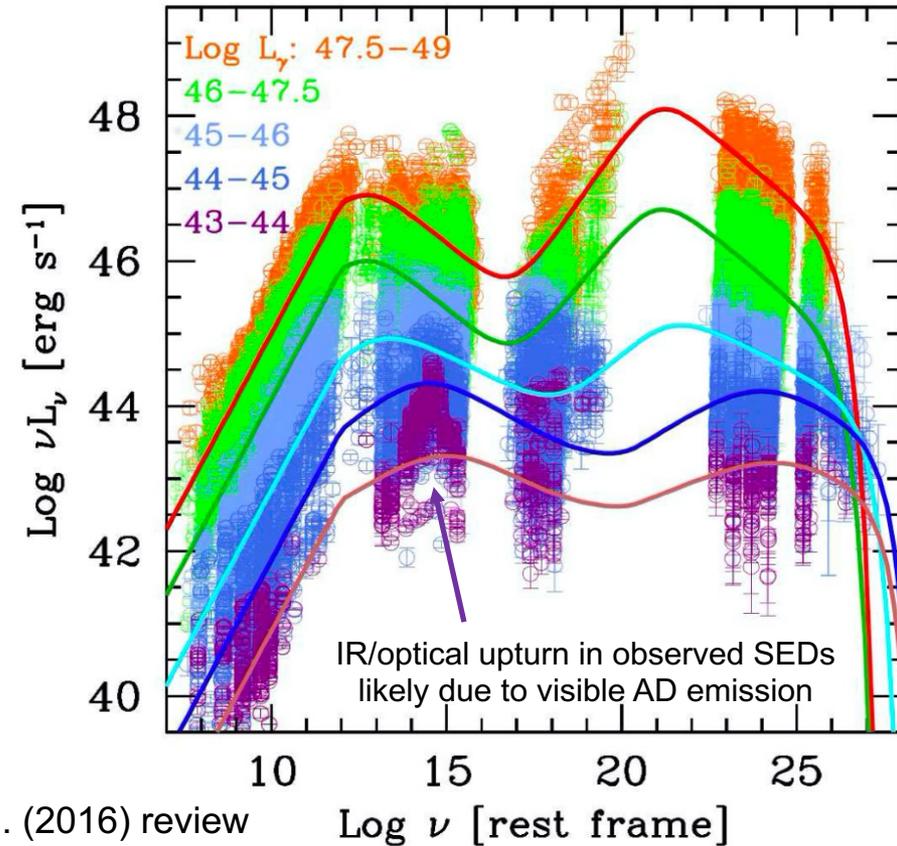
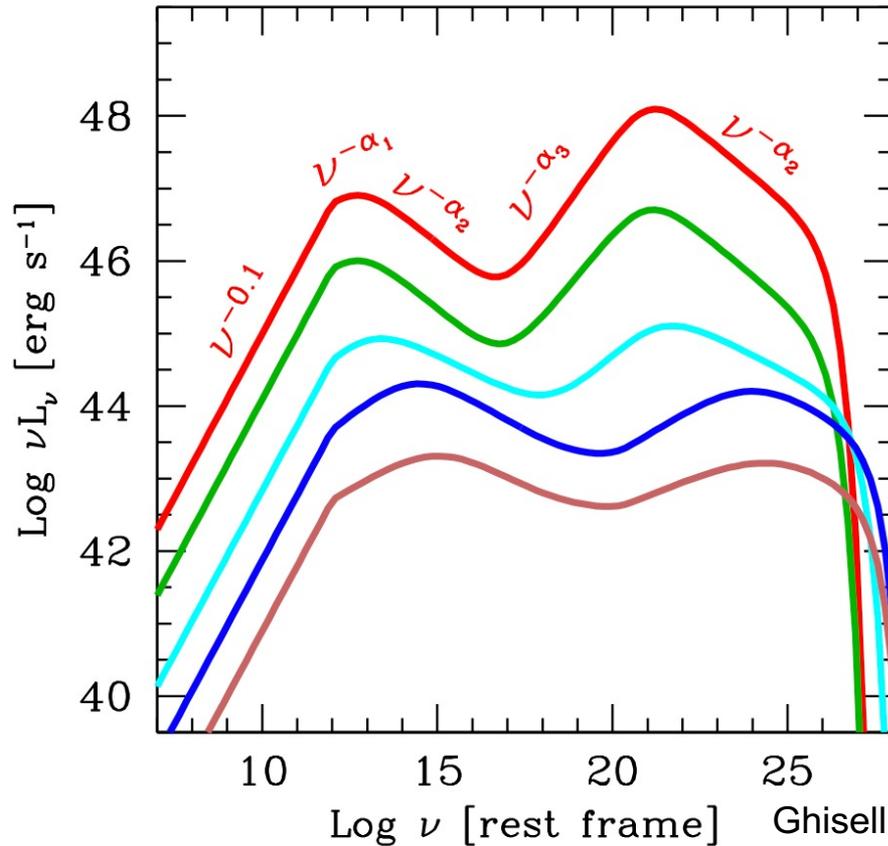
Provides a sort of sequence for the high-energy peak as a function of energy → the second peak (IC) is progressively moving to lower frequencies (thus becoming redder) from HBL to LBL

The energy 'dissipated' into radiation is only a minor fraction of the jet power, at least in FSRQs



# Double-peaked SEDs.IV

Phenomenological SEDs → implications for possibility of detecting the various classes of blazars at very high energies (e.v. TeV, CTA...)

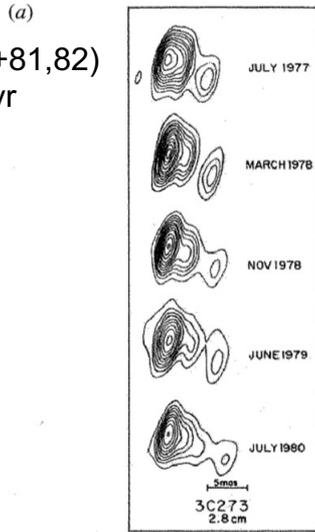


Balance between cooling rate and acceleration rate of the electrons → the most powerful sources (FSRQs) have a large amount of magnetic and radiation energy density, hence strong cooling, not reaching the highest energies of the SEDs (compared to lower-cooling sources as BL Lacs)

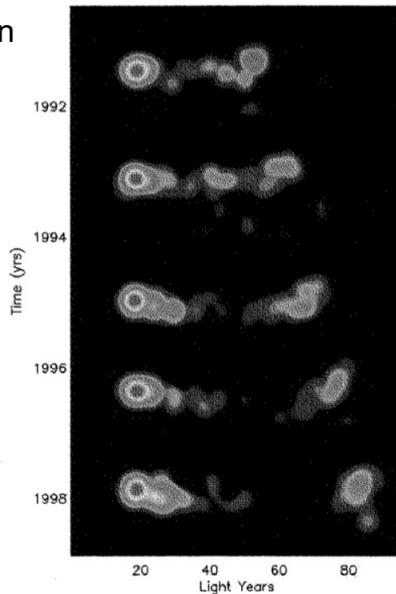
# Superluminal motions. I

## 3C273 ( $z=0.158$ )

VLBI obs. (Pearson+81,82)  
~25 ly over 3-yr

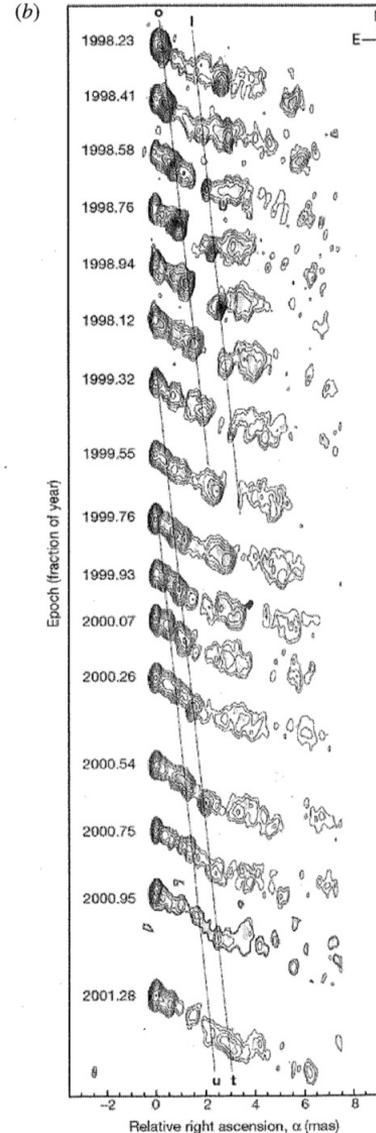


6-yr period motion

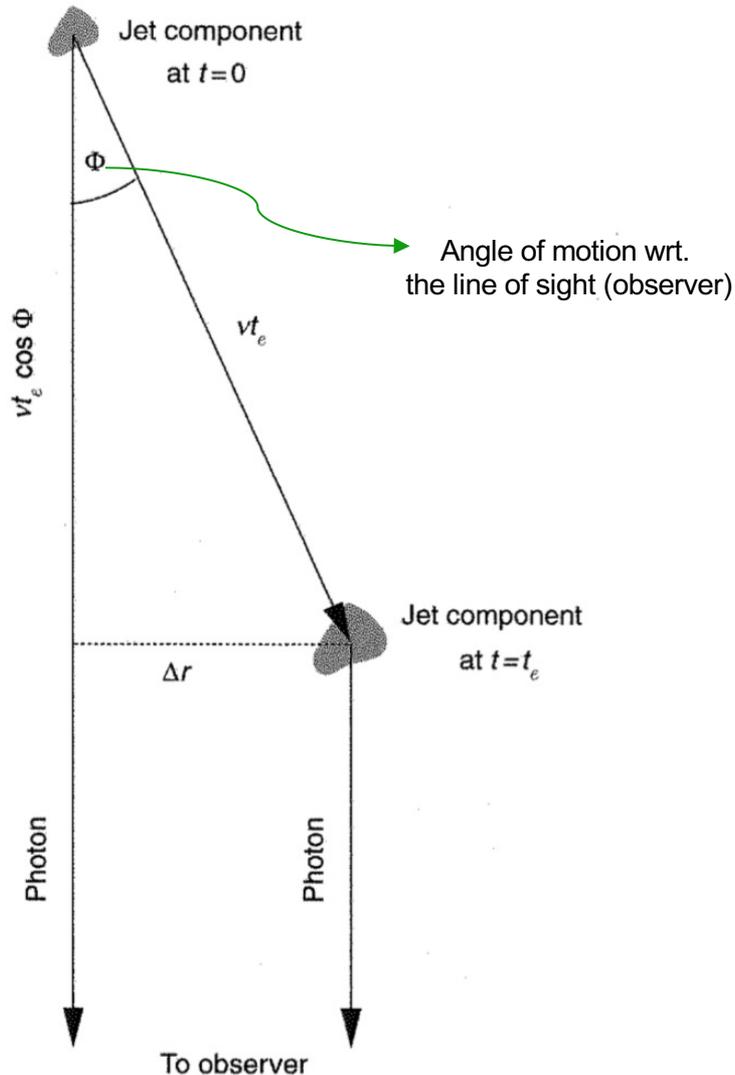


## 3C120 ( $z=0.033$ )

VLBA observations, 16 epochs  
 $v \sim 4.1\text{--}5$  times the speed of light  
(Marscher+02)



# Superluminal motions. II



- Very fast motion of the source components at velocity  $v$

$$\Delta r = v t_e \sin \phi \quad \text{observed separation in the transverse component of } \mathbf{v} \mathbf{t}_e$$

- Photons emitted at  $t=0$  and  $t=t_e$  will reach us with a time difference of

$$\Delta t = t_e - \frac{v t_e \cos \phi}{c} = t_e (1 - \beta \cos \phi)$$

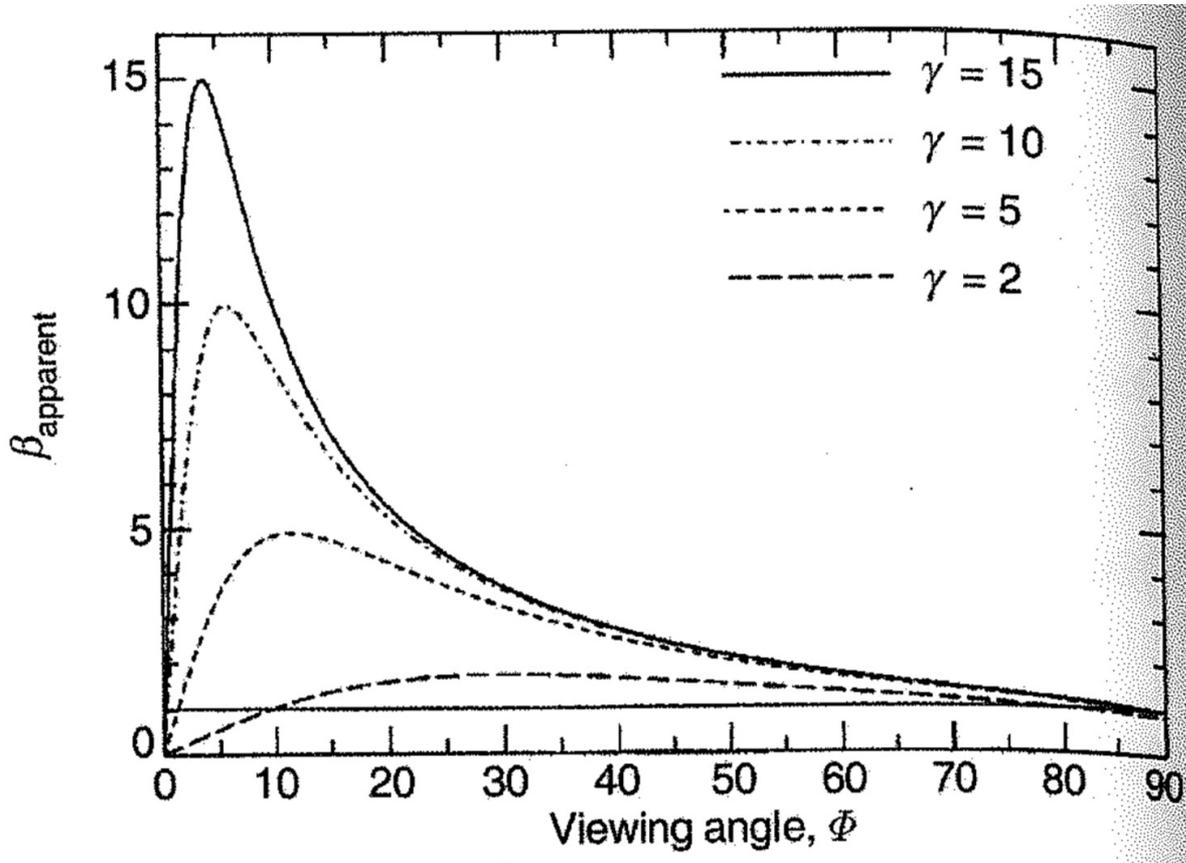
$$v_{app} = \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} = \frac{v \sin \phi}{1 - \beta \cos \phi}$$

$$(\sin \phi)_{max} = \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

$$(v_{app})_{max} = \gamma v$$

$v_{app}$  can be  $\gg c$

# Superluminal motions. III



# Equipartition. I

$$U_{tot} = U_{el} + U_{pr} + U_M$$

Total energy of a radio source irradiating via synchrotron: energy content in *relativistic particles* and *magnetic field*

$$U_{el} + U_{pr} = (1 + k) U_{el}$$

Electrons and B produce the observable radiation. We assume that protons have an energy proportional to  $U_{el}$

$$U_{el} = \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} E \underbrace{N(E) dE}$$

Energy density of relativistic electrons in the energy range  $E_{min}$  to  $E_{max}$

Number density of electrons in the energy  $E, E+dE$

In the case of synchrotron, we have seen that electrons with energy  $E$  emit most of the radiation at a frequency

$$\nu \propto E^2 B$$

[see lessons on emission processes](#)

The electron energy corresponding to the radiation at frequency  $\nu$  is

$$E \propto B^{-1/2}$$

# Equipartition. II

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} \propto B^2 E^2$$

Synchrotron power emitted per electron

$$N(E) \propto E^{-\delta}$$

Electron energy distribution as a powerlaw  
 $\delta$  was reported as  $p$  in the synchrotron lesson (it is not the Doppler factor described few slides before)

$$L = \int_{\nu_{min}}^{\nu_{max}} L_{\nu} d\nu \propto \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} -(dE/dt)N(E) dE$$

Luminosity of a synchrotron source

$$\frac{U_{el}}{L} \propto \frac{\int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} E^{1-\delta} dE}{B^2 \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} E^{2-\delta} dE} \propto \frac{E^{2-\delta} \Big|_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}}}{B^2 E^{3-\delta} \Big|_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}}}$$

Ratio of the electron energy density  
over the emitted luminosity via  
synchrotron emission

$E_{max}$  and  $E_{min}$  are proportional to  $B^{-1/2}$

$$\frac{U_{el}}{L} \propto \frac{(B^{-1/2})^{2-\delta}}{B^2 (B^{-1/2})^{3-\delta}} = \frac{B^{-1+\delta/2}}{B^2 B^{-3/2+\delta/2}} = B^{-3/2}$$

# Equipartition. III

$$U_{el} \propto B^{-3/2}$$

Electron energy density needed to produce a given  
synchrotron luminosity

$$U_M \propto B^2$$

Magnetic energy density

$$U_{tot} = U_{el} + U_{pr} + U_M = (1 + k)U_{el} + U_M \propto (1 + k)B^{-3/2} + B^2$$

The total energy density  $U_{tot}$  has a fairly sharp minimum near **equipartition** (=same energy content in particles and in magnetic field)

$$\frac{dU_{tot}}{dB} = \frac{d[(1 + k)U_{el} + U_M]}{dB} = 0$$

$$\frac{dU_{el}}{dB} \frac{1}{U_{el}} = -\frac{3}{2} B^{-5/2} B^{3/2} = -\frac{3}{2B} \rightarrow \frac{dU_{el}}{dB} = -\frac{3U_{el}}{2B}$$

$$\frac{dU_M}{dB} \frac{1}{U_M} = \frac{2B}{B^2} = \frac{2}{B} \rightarrow \frac{dU_M}{dB} = \frac{2U_M}{B}$$

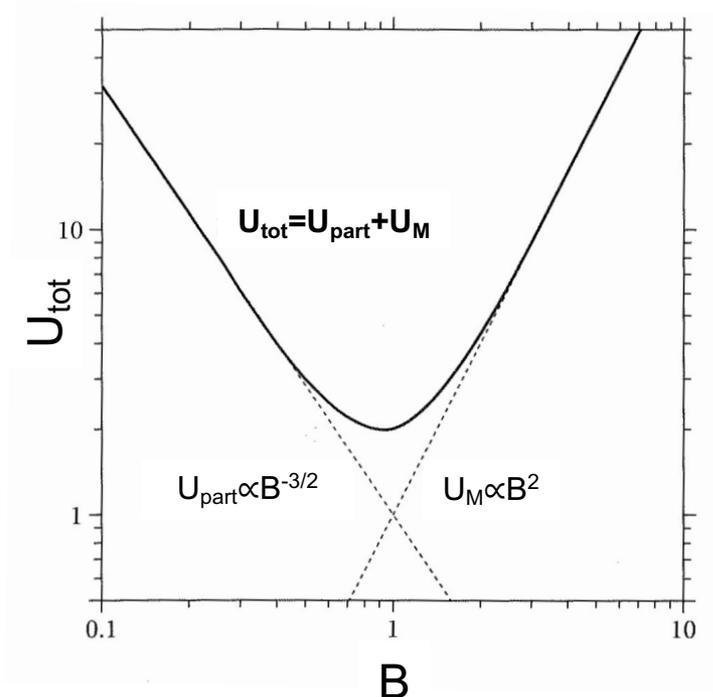
# Equipartition. IV

$$\frac{dU_{tot}}{dB} = 0 \rightarrow -\frac{3(1+k)U_{el}}{2B} + \frac{2U_M}{B} = 0$$

The total energy is minimized when

$$\frac{\text{Particle energy density}}{\text{Magnetic field energy density}} = \frac{(1+k)U_{el}}{U_M} = \frac{4}{3}$$

The particle energy is close to the magnetic field energy



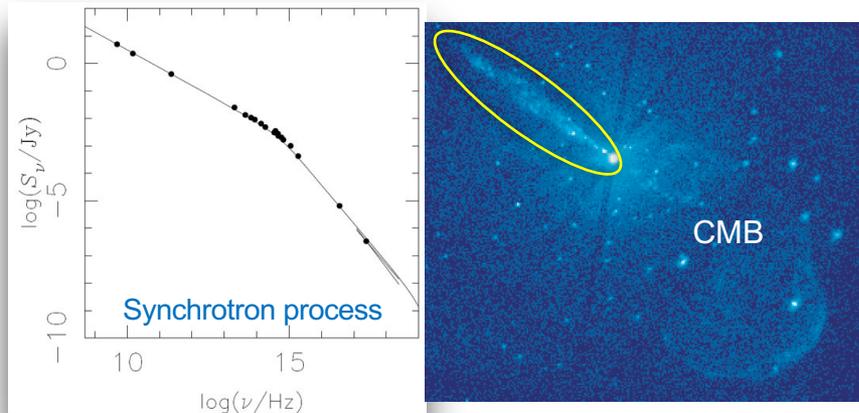
**Energy equipartition:**  
condition of minimum energy

Approximately the same energy in  
particles and magnetic field  $\rightarrow$   
Equipartition magnetic field

# More on extended structures in RL AGN. I

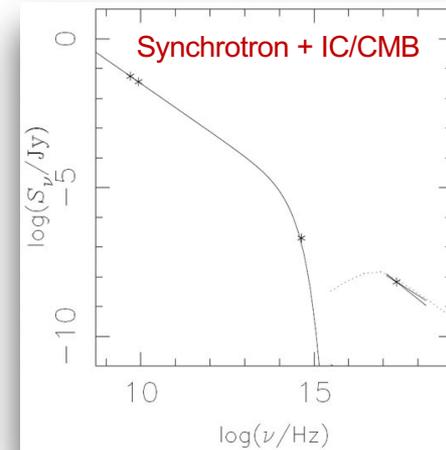
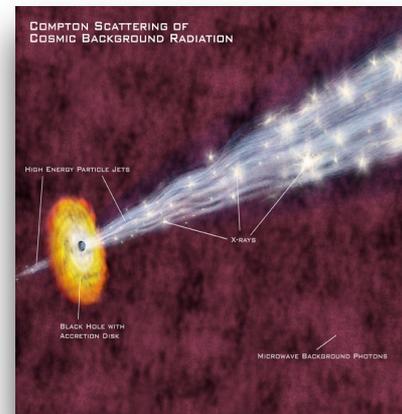
## FRI

For low-luminosity (FRI) radio sources, there is strong support for the *synchrotron process* as the dominant emission mechanism for the X-rays, optical, and radio emission of **jets**



## FR II

High-luminosity (FR II) radio sources require multi-zone synchrotron models or synchrotron + IC models (where seed photons are from CMB). Most popular model postulates very fast **jets** with high bulk Lorentz factors

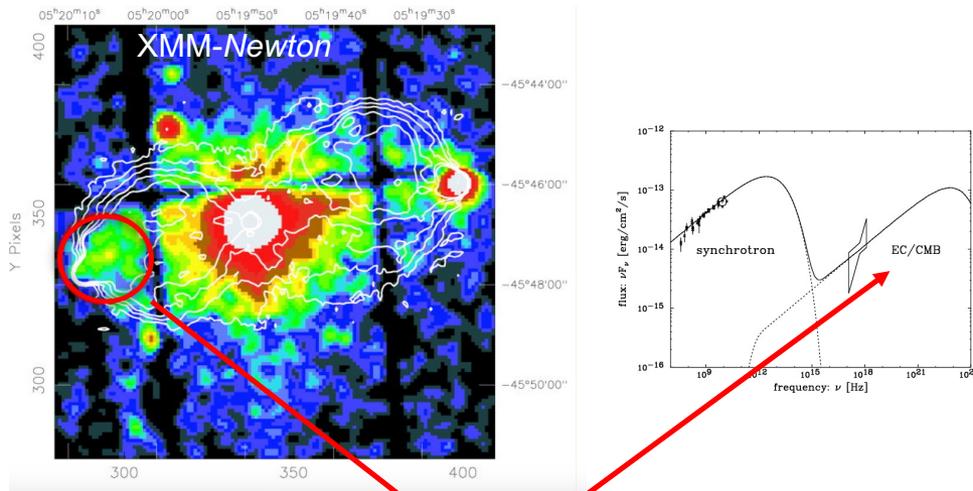


# More on extended structures in RL AGN. II

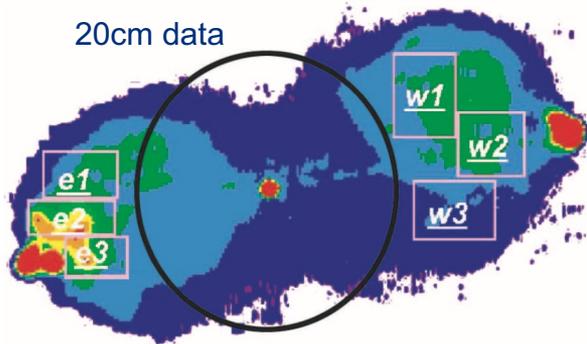
## Lobes

IC scattering by relativistic electrons. Seed photons from either CMB or nuclear photons (the latter case mostly in powerful and compact,  $R < 100$  kpc, RGs)

Pictor A (FR II,  $z=0.035$ )



Migliori et al. (2007)



## Hot spots

Localized volumes of high emissivity produced by strong shocks. Generally consistent with SSC predictions with  $B \sim B_{eq}$ ; cases excess X-ray emission ( $B < B_{eq}$ ? additional component?)

