

# Minimum $e$ Lorentz factor and matter content of jet in blazars

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# 1. Why

minimum electron Lorentz factor  
?

Crucial for jet power estimation and  
constraint on jet matter content!

$$P_{\text{jet}} \propto \gamma_{\text{min}}^{1-p}$$

$$N_e \propto \gamma_e^{-p}$$

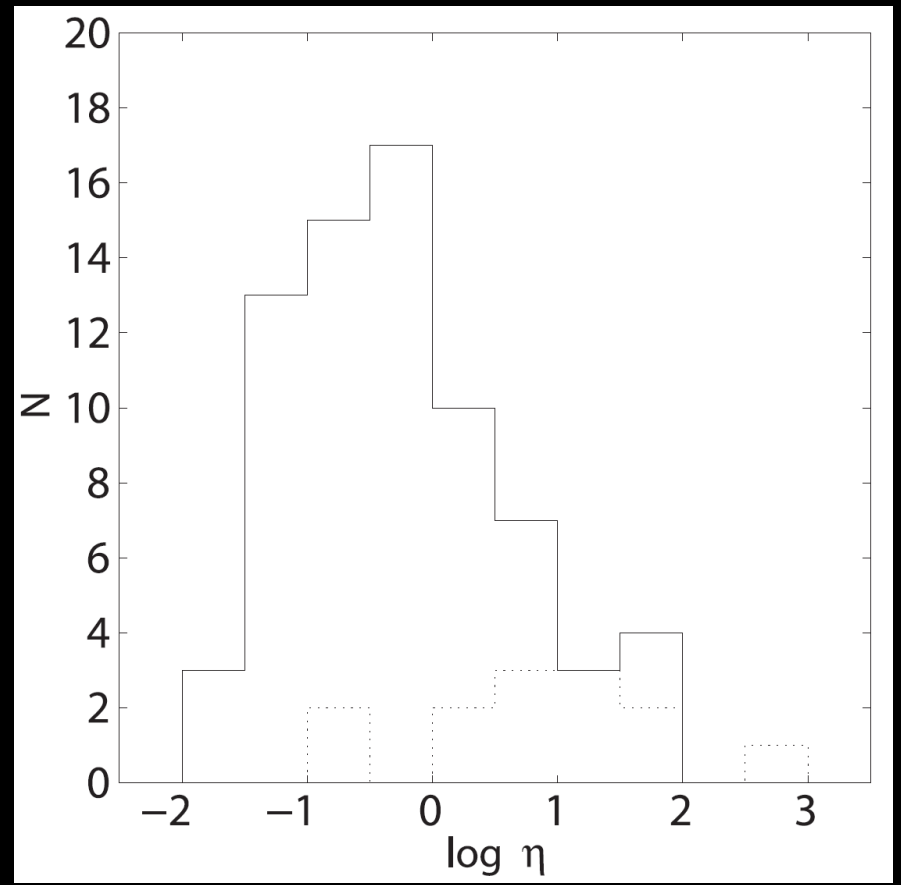
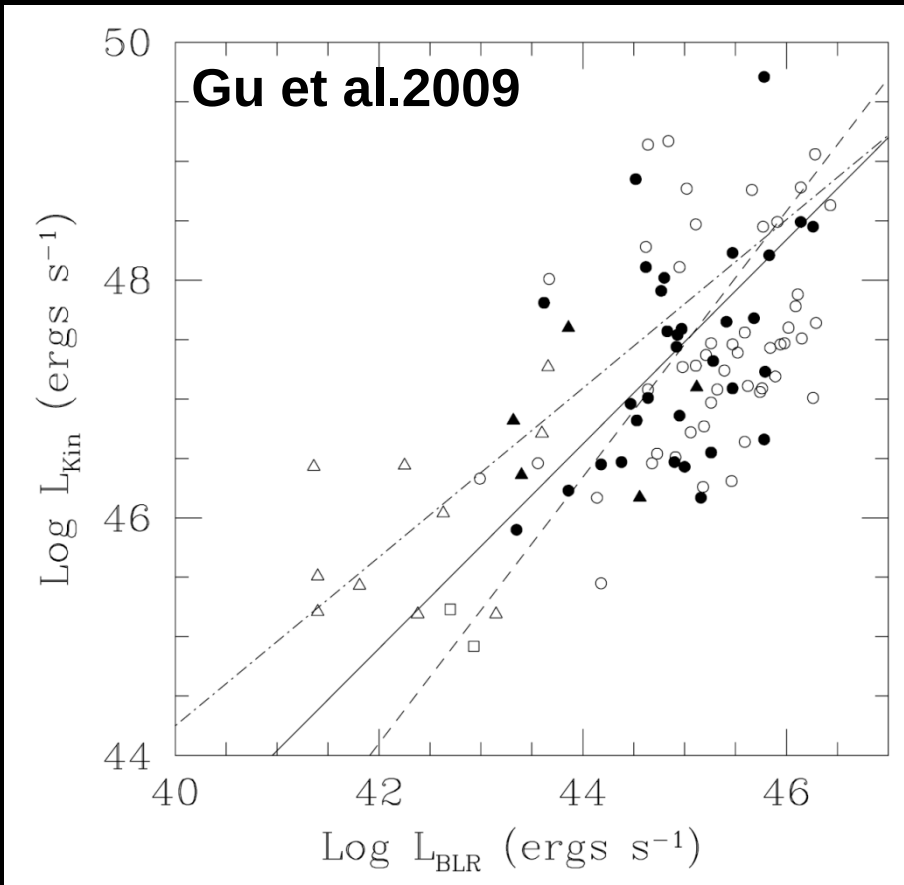
# Jet kinetic power

## Inhomogeneous jet model:

$$L_{\text{kin}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r_1^2 n_1 \underline{\gamma_{e,\text{min}}^{-\frac{3}{2}}} [1 - \cos(1/\Gamma)] (m_e \langle \gamma_e \rangle + m_p \langle \gamma_p \rangle) \Gamma (\Gamma - 1) \beta c^3$$

$$\theta_d = \frac{r(\tau_{v_s} = 1) \sin \theta}{D_a}$$

**VLBI core size, proper motion, X-ray (SSC) and with a assumed minimum electron Lorentz factor**

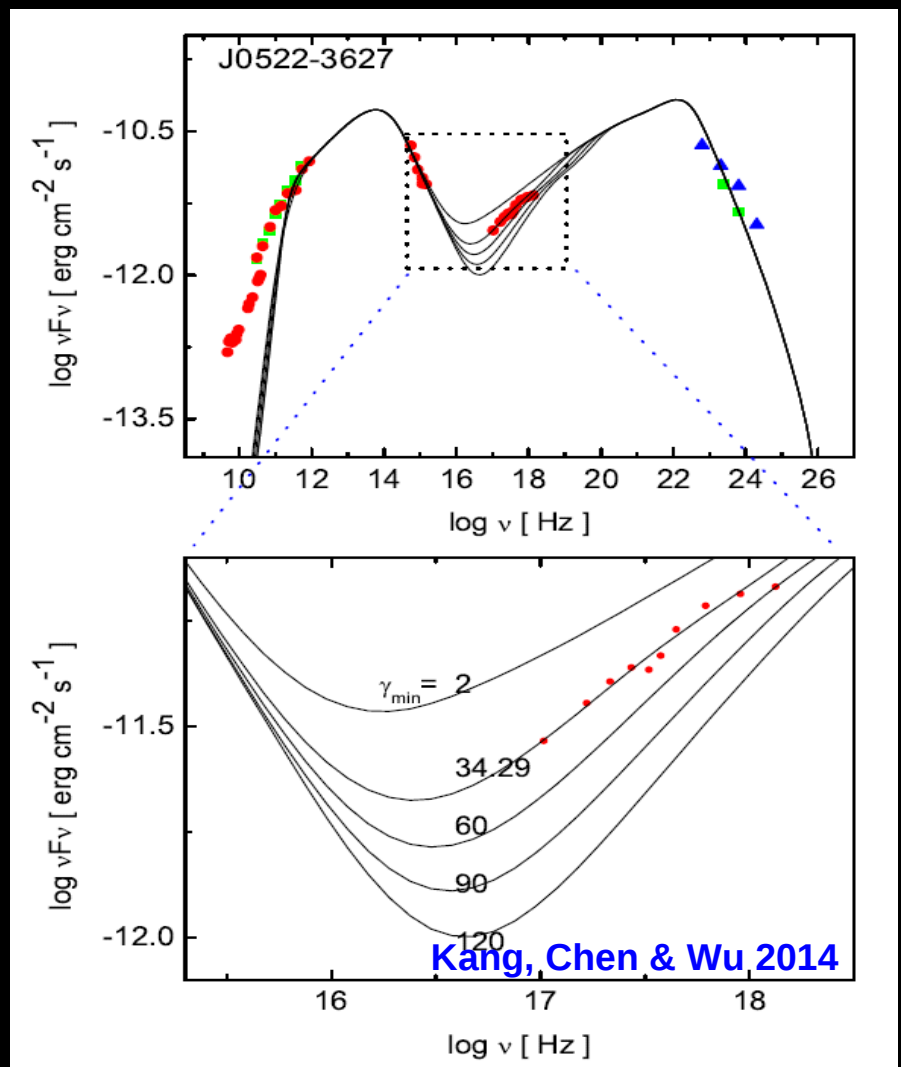
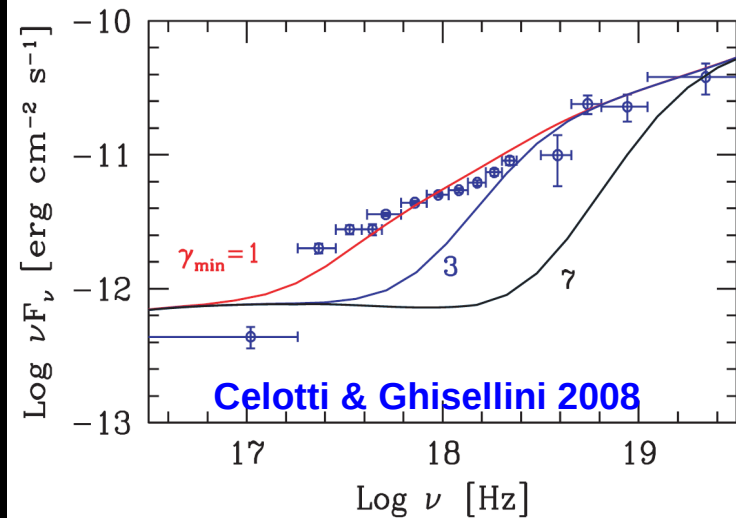
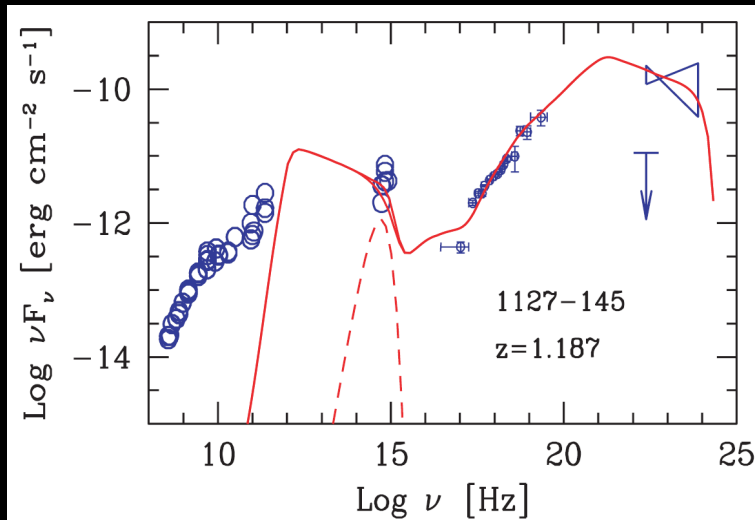


$$\gamma_{\text{min}} = 1$$

$$\eta_{\text{jet}} = \frac{0.1 L_{\text{kin}}}{L_{\text{bol}}}$$

MHD simulations on jet efficiency, e.g.,  
Tchekhovskoy, Narayan ... (2012)

# • Constrain minimum electron Lorentz factor from



## 2) Sample & Model

- **Sample: 30**

**Low-Synchrotron-Peaked(LSP)**

**blazars (FSRQs) with**

**(quasi-)simultaneous**

**observations (Fermi, **Swift**,**

**Plank & ground based radio,**

**optical, infrared telescopes).**

**X-rays of LSP blazars are mainly**

**dominated by SSC**

## 2) Sample & Model

- **Model:** one-zone leptonic model

$$N(\gamma) = \begin{cases} N_0 \gamma^{-p_1} & \gamma_{\min} \leq \gamma \leq \gamma_b \\ N_0 \gamma_b^{p_2-p_1} \gamma^{-p_2} & \gamma_b < \gamma \leq \gamma_{\max} \end{cases}$$

IC: SSC + EC

Seed photons for EC?

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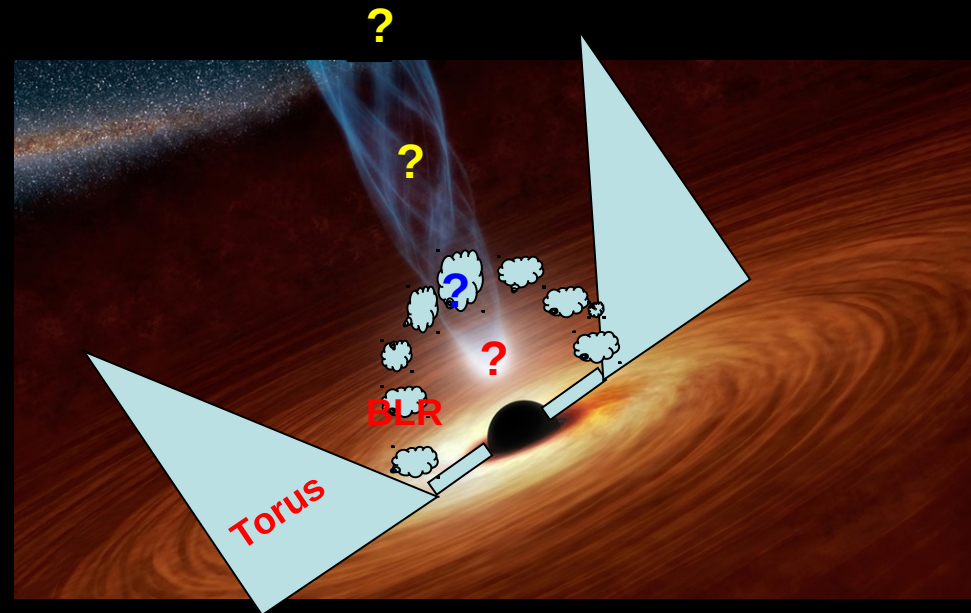
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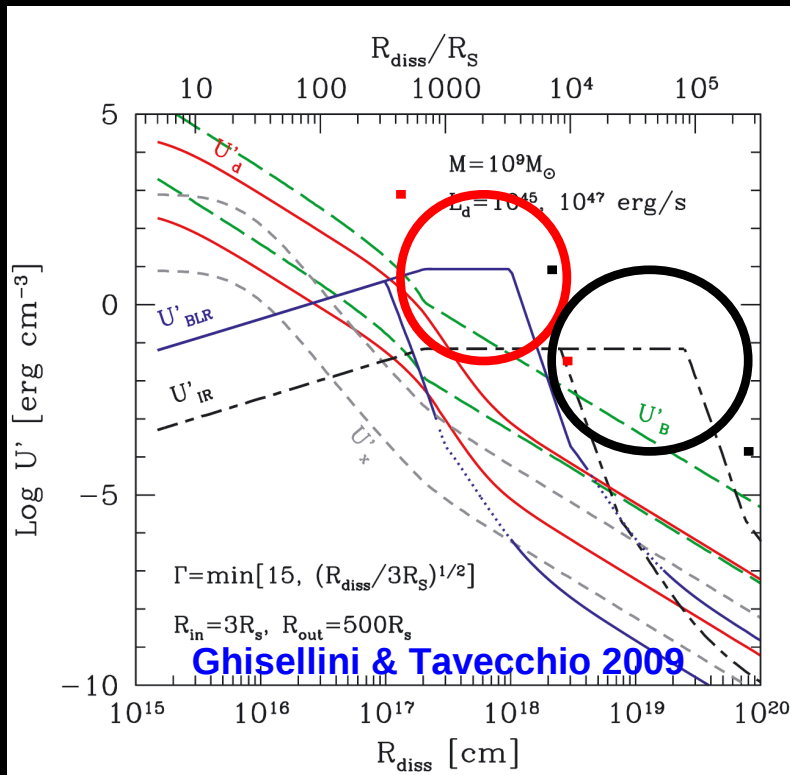
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Indirect test?

Origin of seed photon field may provide a test on the gamma-ray location

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- **Model:** one-zone leptonic model

BLR and torus seed photons are considered in IC respectively.

$$u_{\text{BLR}} \sim f_{\text{BLR}} L_d / (4\pi c R_{\text{BLR}}^2)$$

$$u_{\text{IR}} \sim f_{\text{IR}} L_d / (4\pi c R_{\text{IR}}^2)$$

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**Model parameters:**

$R, B, \delta, p_1, p_2, \gamma_{\min}, \gamma_{\max}, \gamma_b,$  and  $N_0$

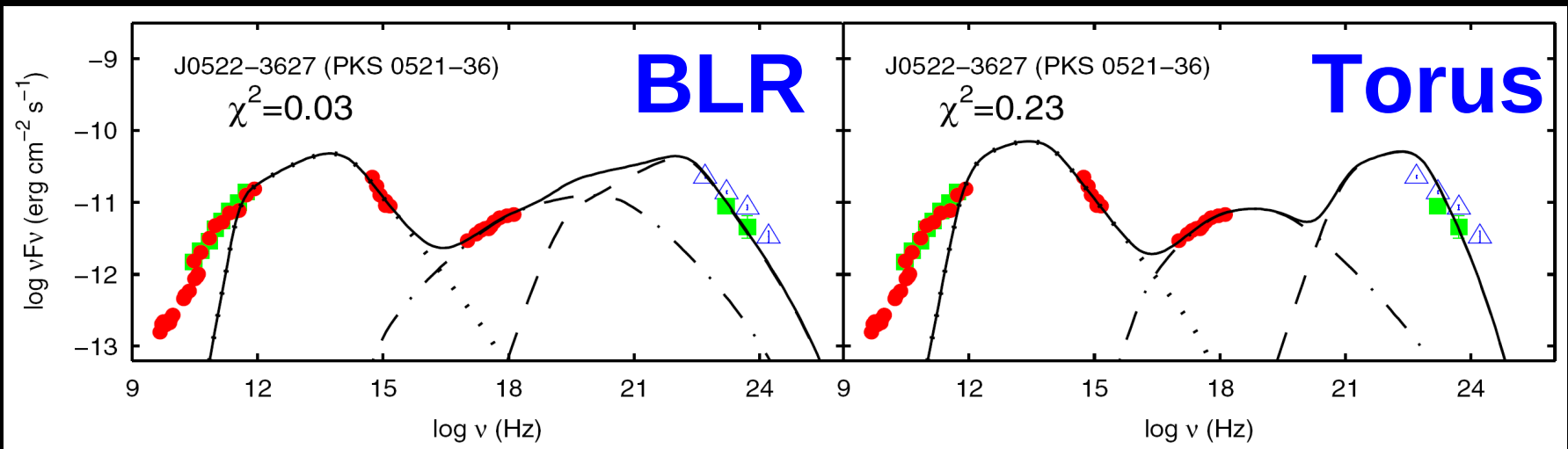
$$R = c\delta\Delta t_{\text{var}}/(1+z) \quad \gamma_{\max} = 100\gamma_b$$

**7 free parameters**

**Fitting method:**  $\chi^2$ -minimization procedure

# 3) Results

- **Fitting results**

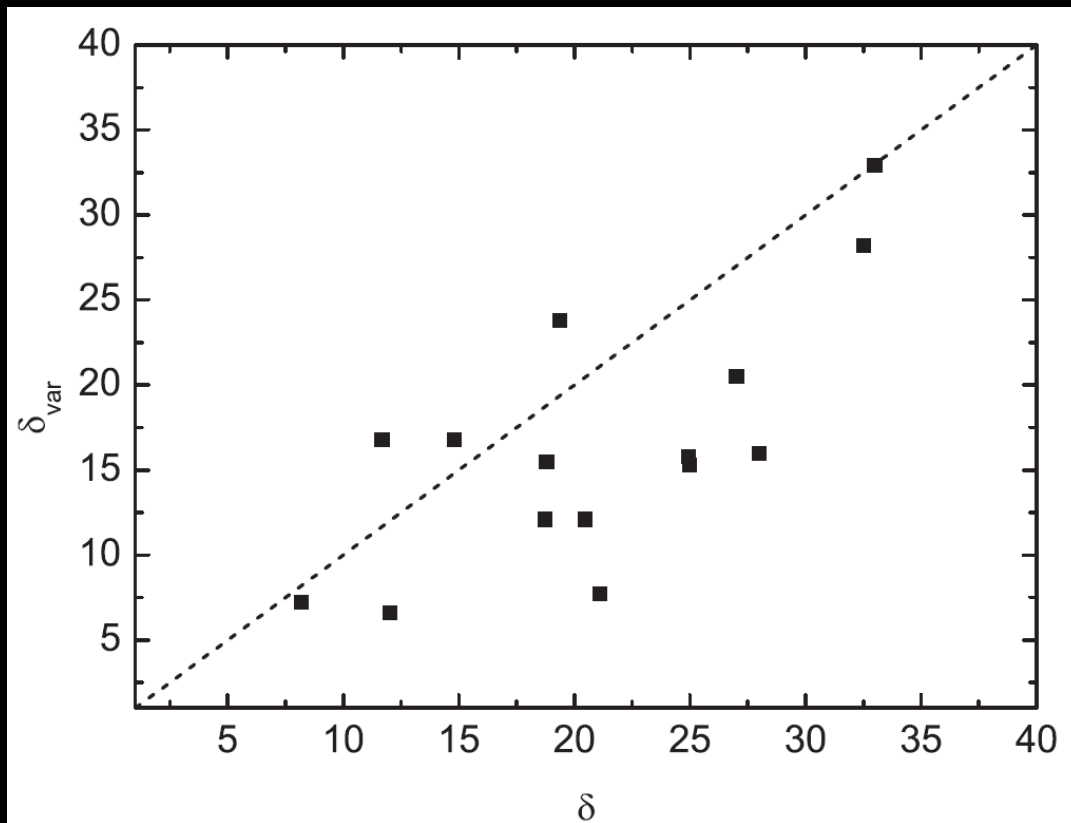


Fit the data from submm to Gamma-ray  
(e.g.,  $> 300\text{GHz}$ )

**Giroletti's talk: optically thin at  $> \sim 86\text{ GHz}$**

# 3) Results

- Doppler factor & Doppler factor

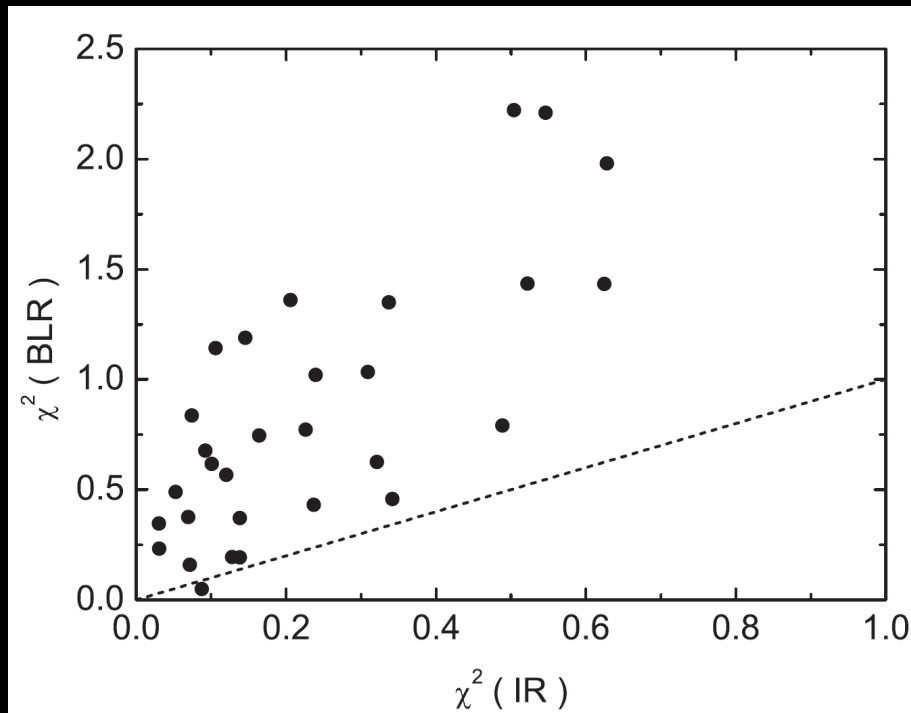


$$\delta_{\text{var}} = \left( 1.47 \times 10^{13} \frac{\Delta S_{\text{max}} d_L^2}{v^2 \Delta t^2 (1+z) T_{\text{b,int}}} \right)^{1/3}$$

Hovatta's talk & works

# 3) Results

- Seed photon field



$$\chi_{IR}^2 < \chi_{BLR}^2$$

Klein-Nishina effect?

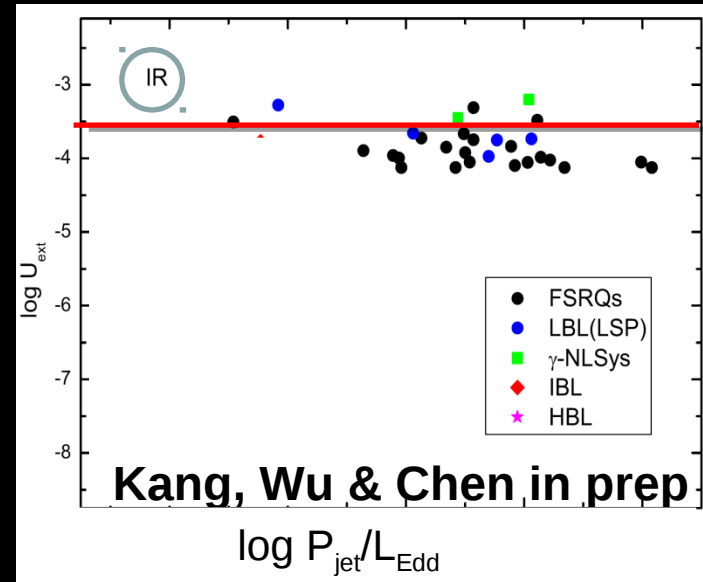
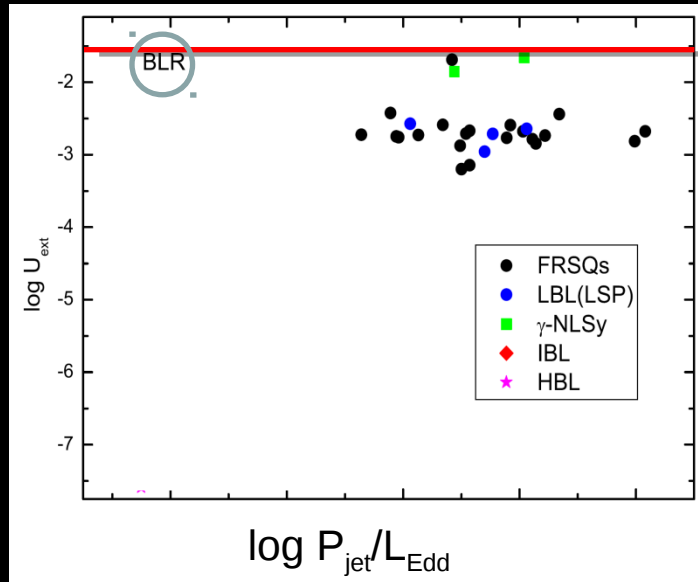
$$\nu_{\text{EC, BLR}}^T \lesssim 6 \times 10^{23} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\nu_{\text{EC, torus}}^T \lesssim 4 \times 10^{25} \text{ Hz}$$

It suggests that IR seed photons are preferred and  $R_{\text{BLR}} < R_{\text{dissi}} < R_{\text{torus}}$ .

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- $u_{\text{BLR}}, u_{\text{IR}}$  as a free parameter (or fit  $p_1$  or  $p_2$  fixed)



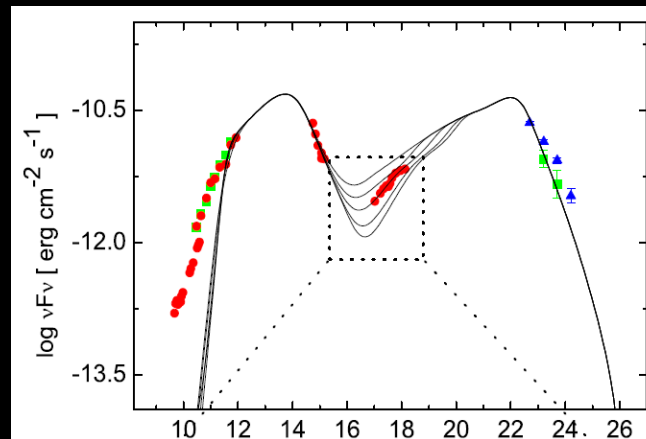
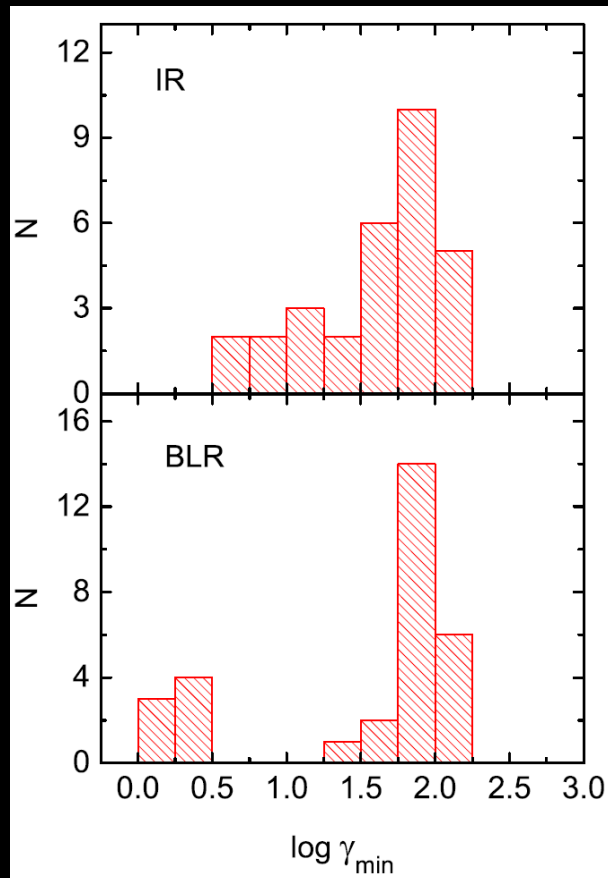
Kang, Wu & Chen in prep

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- Minimum electron Lorentz factor



$\gamma_{\min}$  ~ several tens,  
 which is not sensitive to  
 seed photon field (**SSC!**).

$$\gamma_{\min} = [(p - 2)/(p - 1)](m_p/m_e)\epsilon_e\Delta\Gamma$$

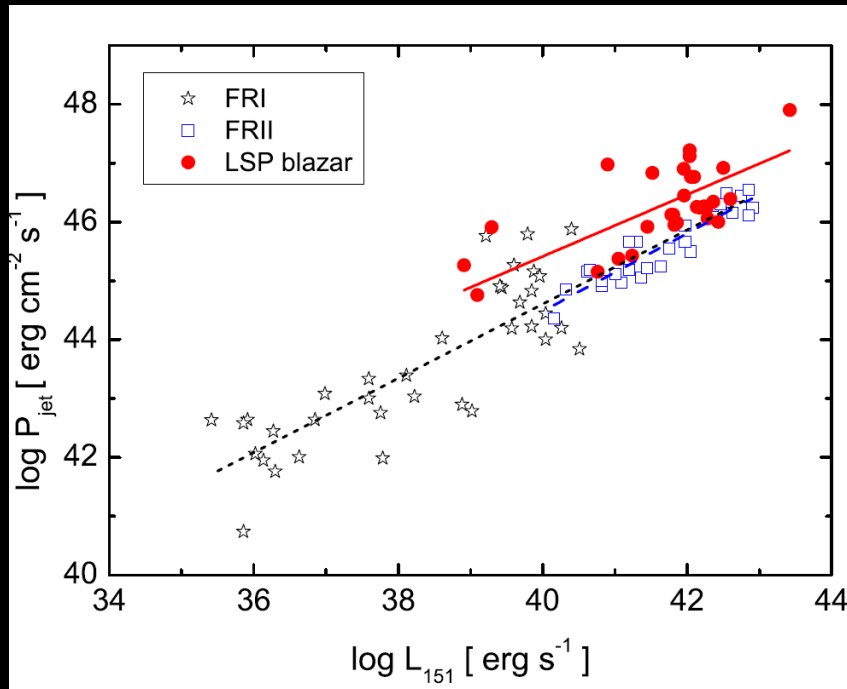
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Sari et al. 1998



# 3) Results

- **Jet power & matter content**



$$P_i = \pi R^2 \Gamma^2 c U_i'$$

One electron one proton,  
jet power of blazars is  
systematically larger than  
that of FR IIs at given 151  
MHz radio luminosity.

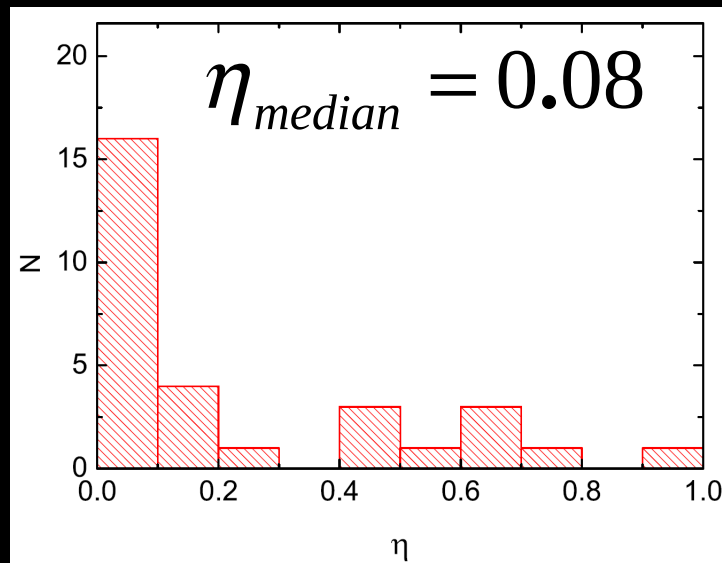
The jet power will decrease if positrons  
exist!

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Assume  $n_p = \eta n_{e^-}$ ,  $n_{e^+} = (1 - \eta)n_{e^-}$  and

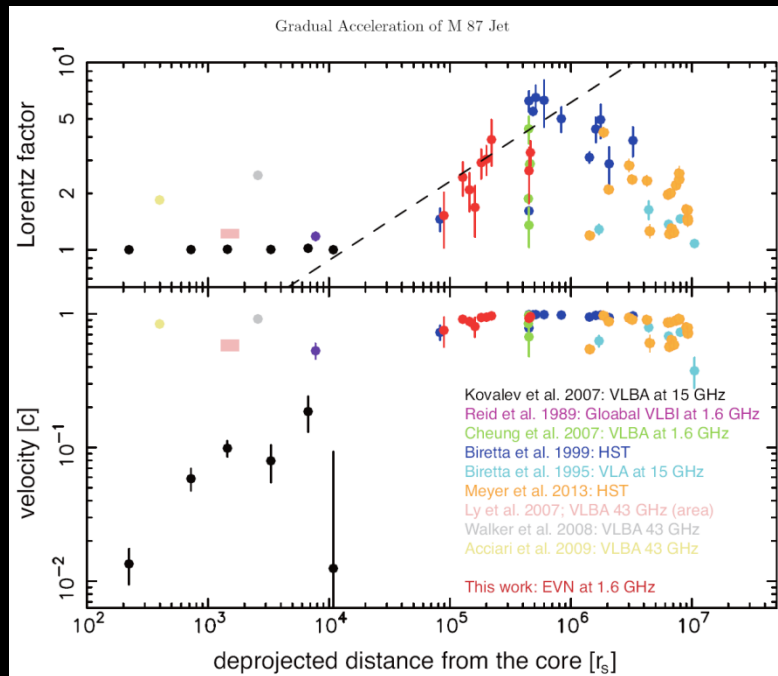
set  $P_{\text{jet}} = P_{\text{jet}}^{151}$ , we get



$$n_{e^+}/n_p \sim 10$$

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Most of jet energy is dissipated at  $10^5 R_g$ ?

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Asada et al. 2014  
& Nakamura's talk

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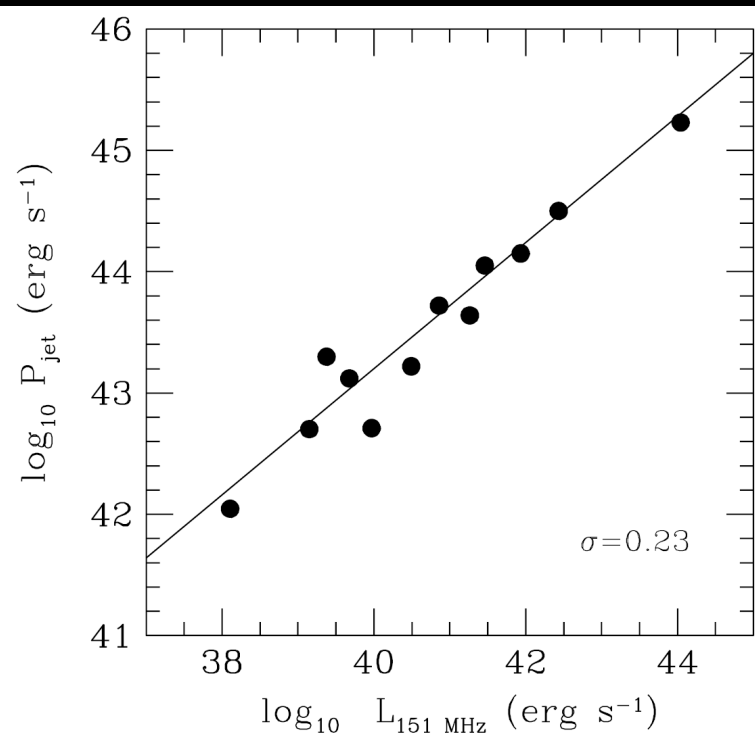
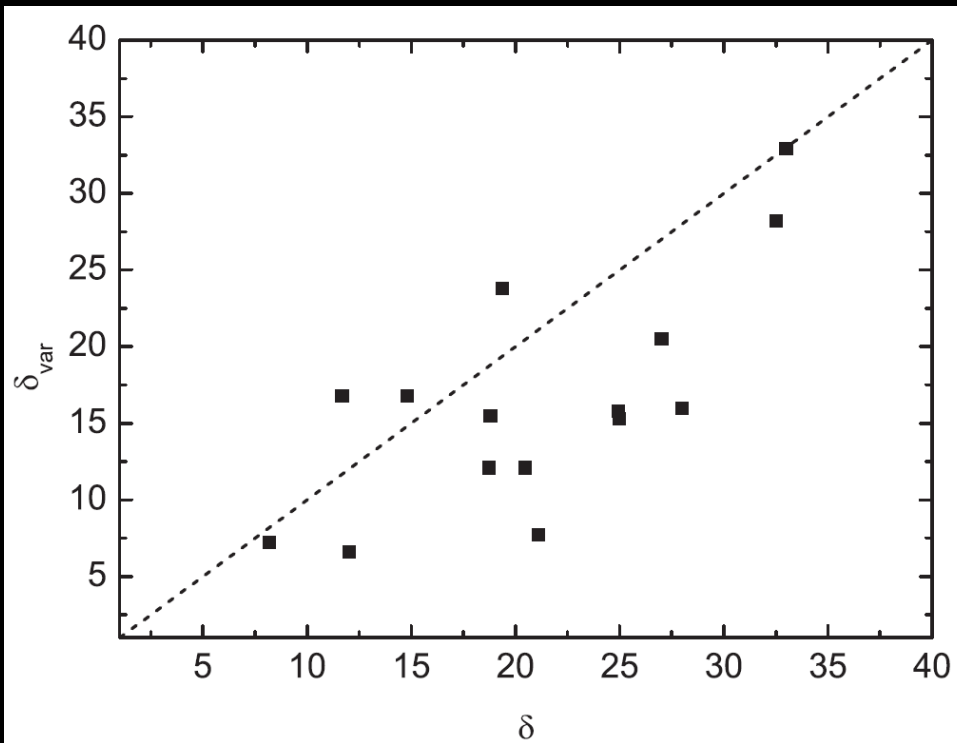
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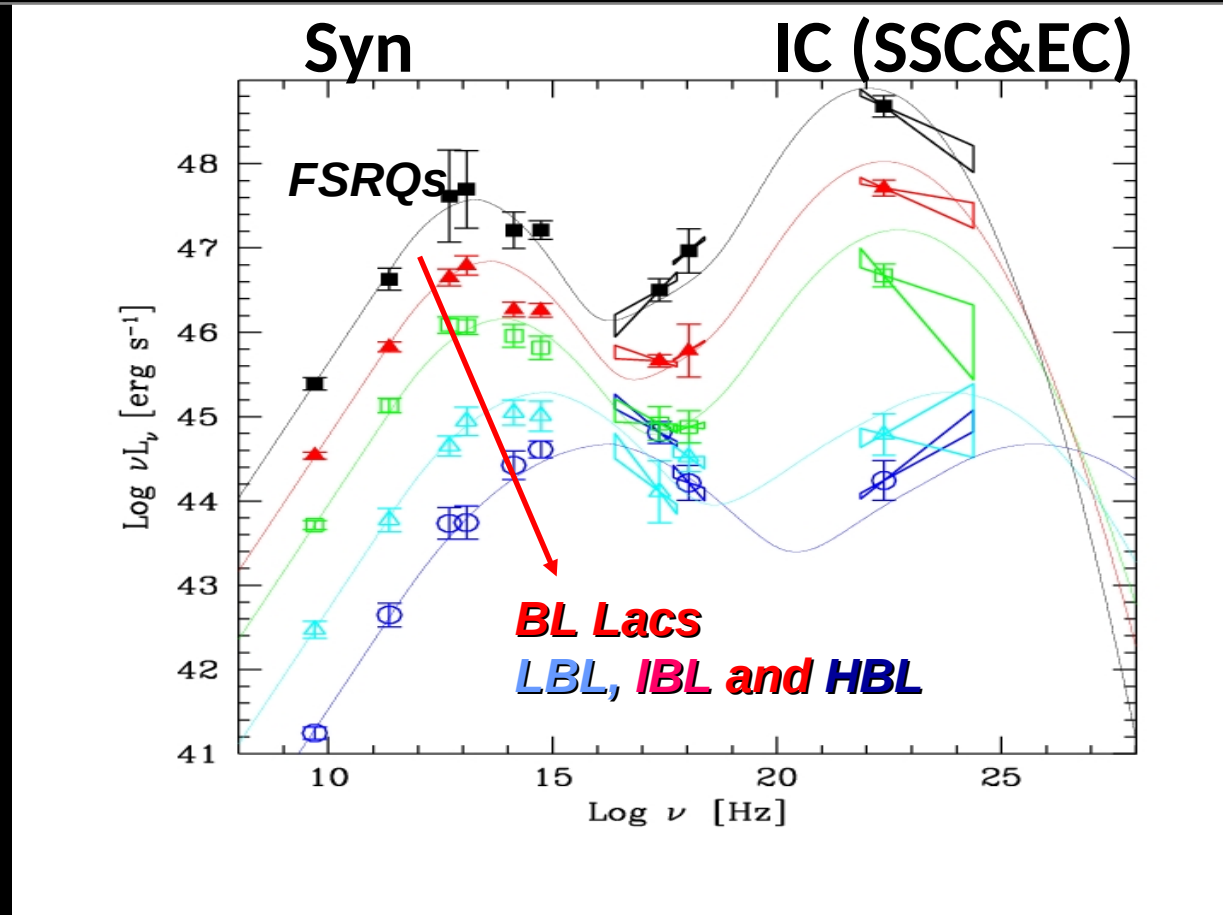
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# 2.5 Gamma-ray emitting region and jet composition in blazars



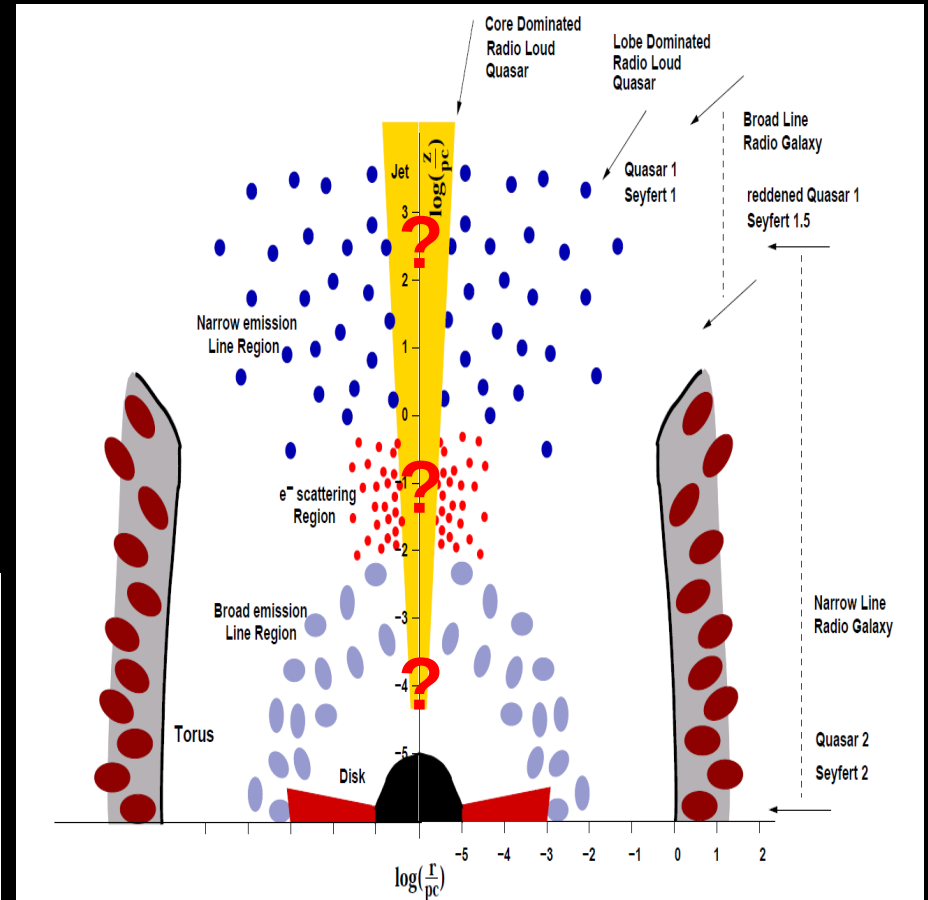
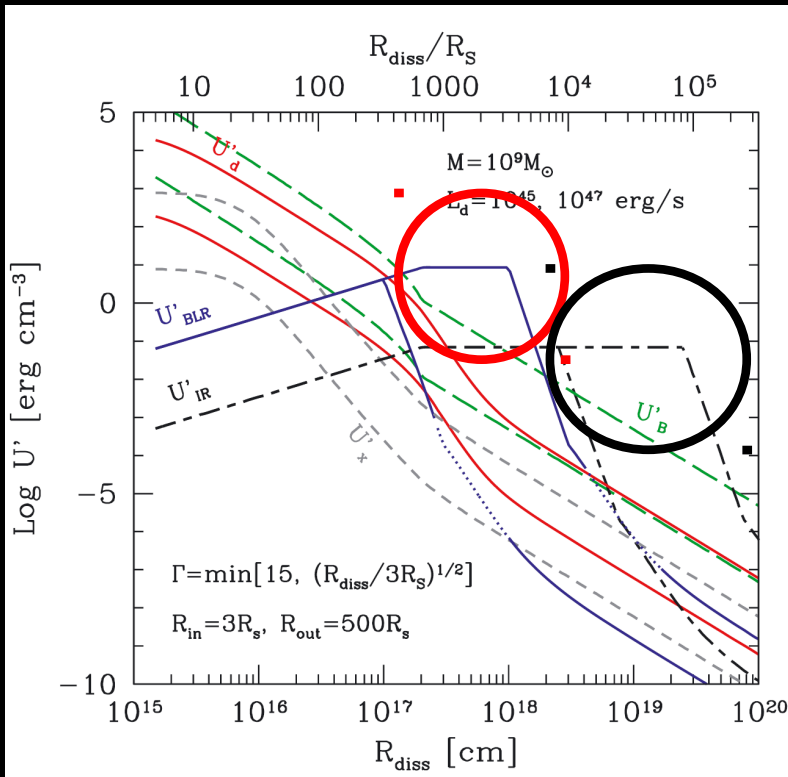
Multi-band SED normally can be modeled by one-zone model (size  $R \sim D \cdot c \cdot t_{\min}$ ,  $t_{\min} \sim 1$  day).

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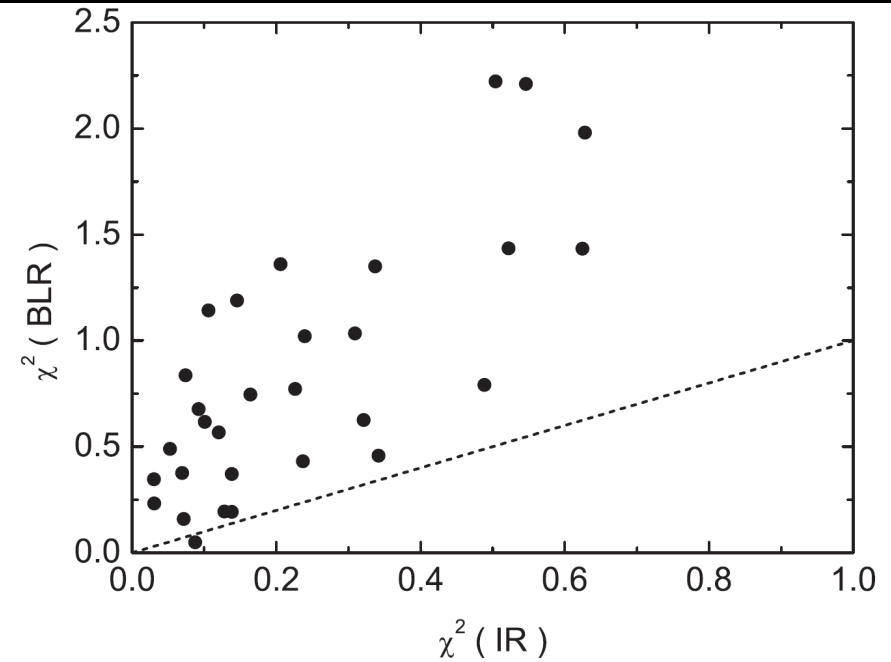
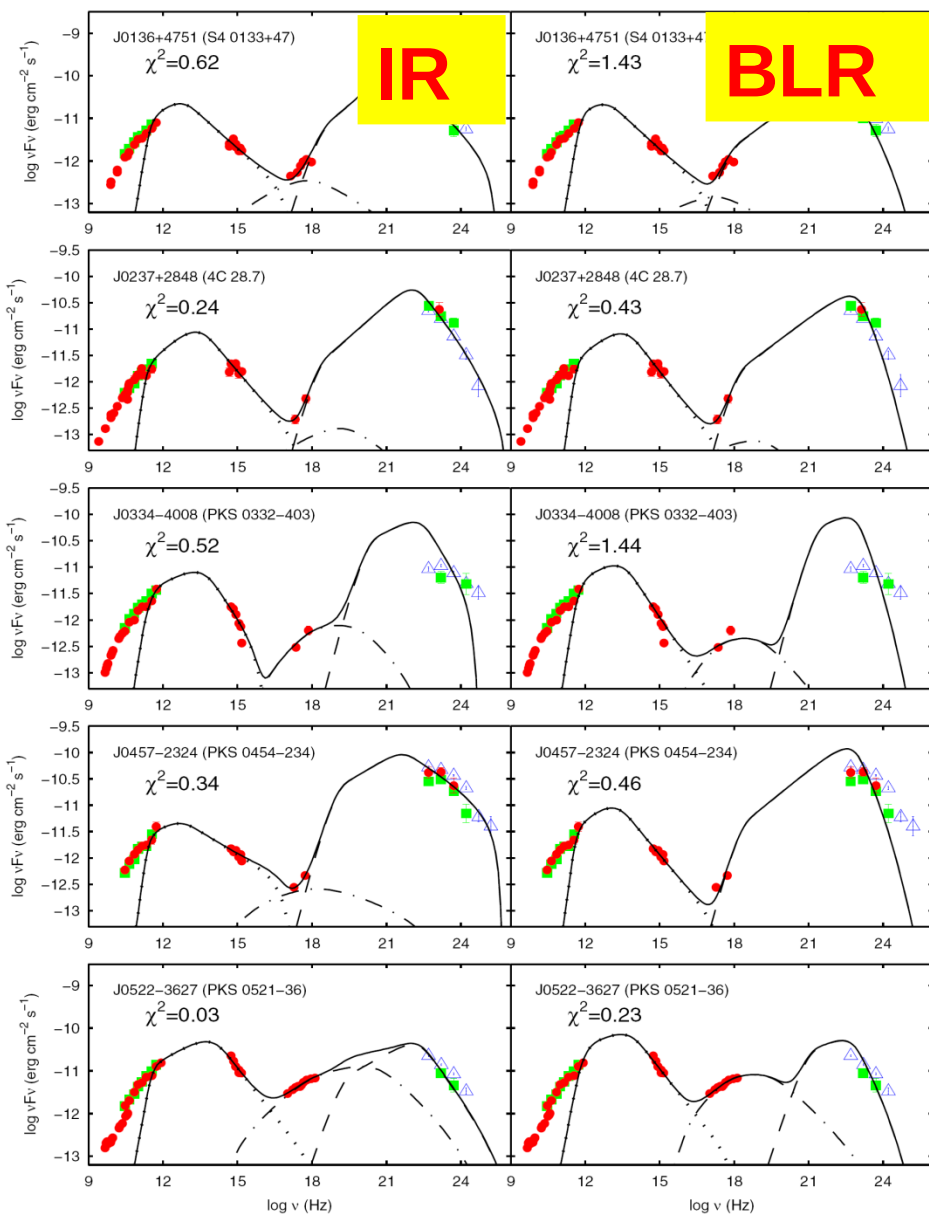
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**Different locations will lead to different IC seed photons.**

# SED modeling results

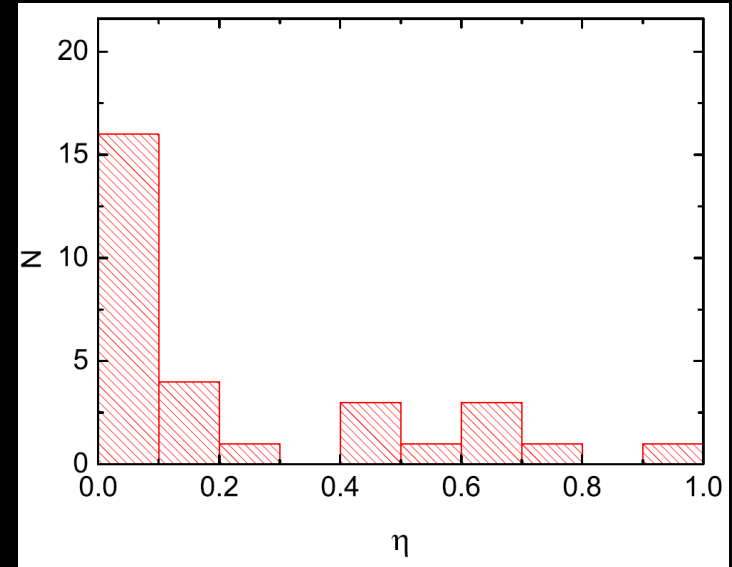
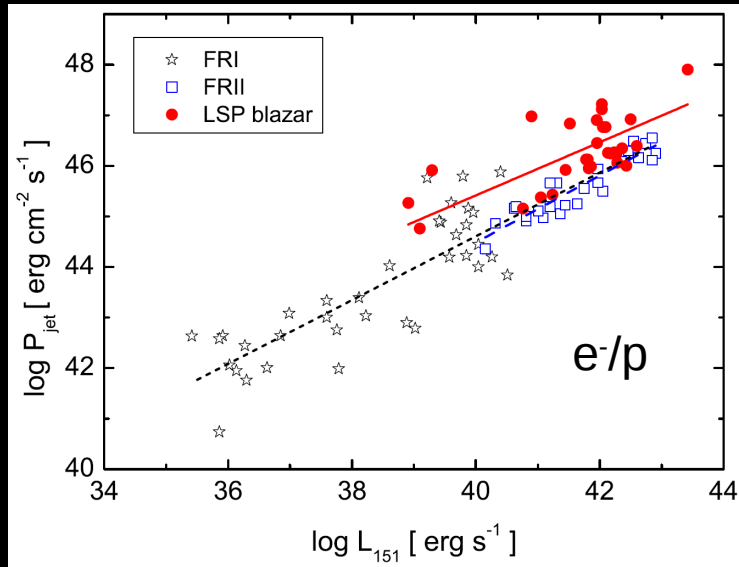


**Figure 1.**  $\chi^2$  values derived from multiwavelength SED fittings with the IR seed photons of the torus are plotted against the fittings with BLR seed photons. The dashed line represents  $y = x$ .

$$\chi_{IR}^2 < \chi_{BLR}^2$$

**Support the IR soft photons  
-> located at  $R > \sim R_{BLR}$**

# Blazar jet include positrons?



$$n_p = \eta n_{e^-} \quad \text{and} \quad n_{e^+} = (1 - \eta) n_{e^-}$$

Median value is 0.08, average value is 0.22  
 $n_{e^+}/n_p \sim 10$  **electron-positron dominated!**

# MHD Jet efficiency

ENERGY FLUX								
Model	$a/M$	$E_{\text{hole}}^m$	$E_{\text{hole}}^{\text{em}}$	$E_{\text{jet}}^m$	$\eta_m$	$E_{\text{jet}}^{\text{em}}$	$\eta_{\text{em}}$	$\eta_{\text{NT}}$
KDR .....	-0.90	-20.8	0.41	2.71	0.088	0.509	0.023	0.039
KD0c .....	0.00	-20.6	-0.02	0.16	0.0022	0.007	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.057
KDIb .....	0.50	-21.7	0.10	2.06	0.063	0.129	0.0063	0.081
KDPg.....	0.90	-21.8	0.88	5.89	0.22	0.892	0.046	0.155
KDG .....	0.93	-19.8	1.37	3.13	0.065	0.824	0.038	0.173
KDH .....	0.95	-16.9	2.79	4.26	0.13	1.46	0.072	0.190
KDJ .....	0.99	-9.9	6.86	9.94	0.41	3.28	0.21	0.264

Hawley & Krolik 2006

**Minimum electron Lorentz factor  $\gg 1$  ?**

But see Tchekhovskoy, Narayan ...

$\eta \approx 140$  per cent

for  $a^* \sim 0.99$