

Chandra Observations of the Extended X-ray Structure of Relativistic Jets

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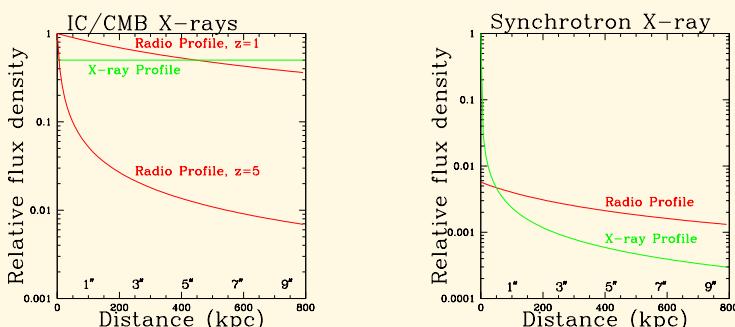
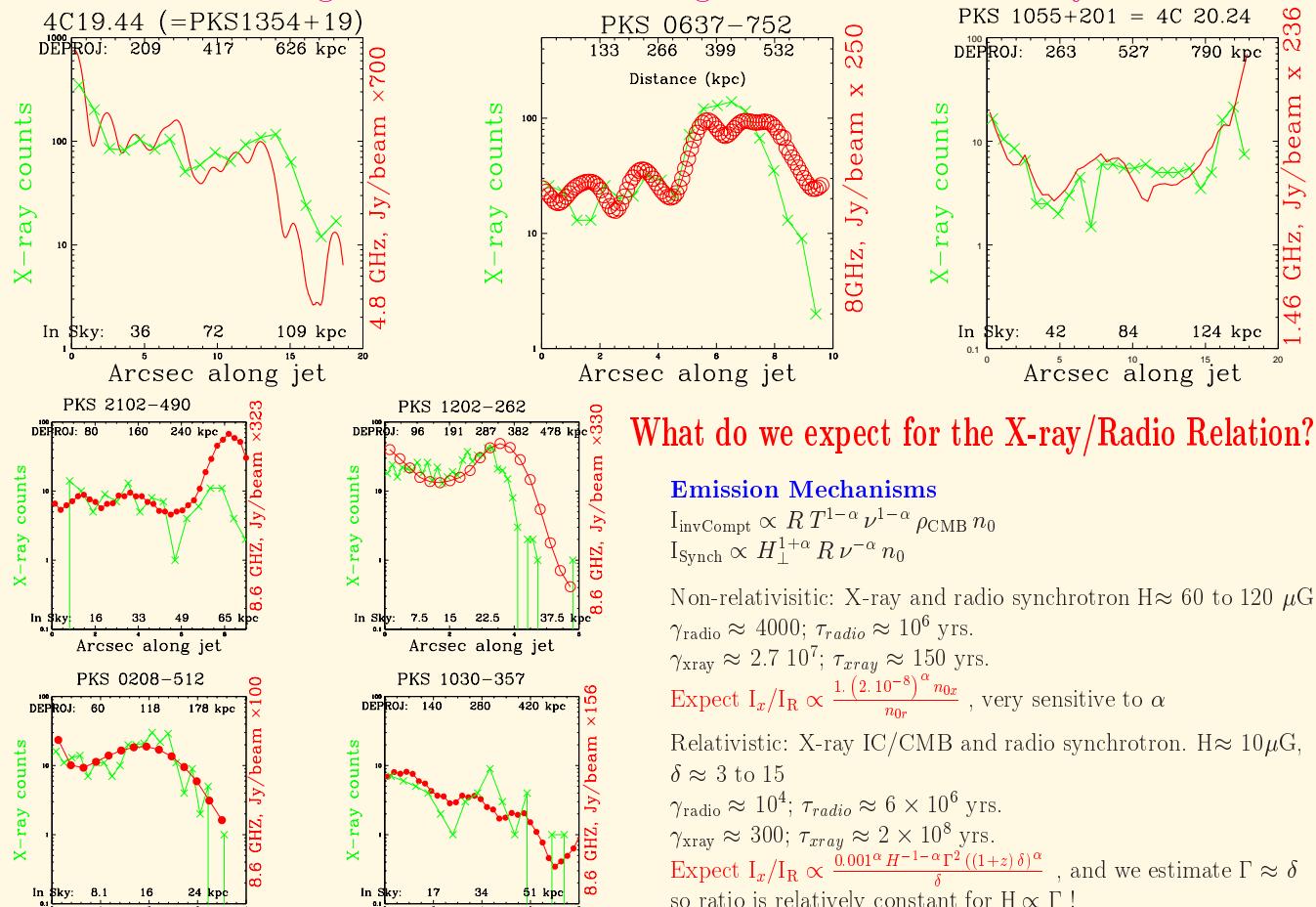
Challenges of Relativistic Jets:

Q: How can the X-ray to Radio flux remain roughly constant over great distances?

A: Ratio is less sensitive to parameters if X-rays are IC/CMB!

Q: How can the emission decrease over distances shorter than $c \times t_{life}$?

A: Changes in direction have large effects on relativistic jets!



Toy models calculating the decrease of 5 GHz radio and 1 keV X-ray emission along a jet, in case all particles are accelerated at distance zero, and either IC/CMB (left panel) or synchrotron (right panel) X-ray emission. Equipartition is assumed. Conversion to angular scale assumes $z=1$ and that jet is 0.1 radian from our line of sight. Left panel assumes $H=10 \mu\text{G}$, and bulk motion with $\Gamma = 10$. Right panel assumes $H=100 \mu\text{G}$, and Doppler factor $\delta=1$. For synchrotron X-rays the lifetime of X-ray emitting electrons is much shorter, and therefore the X-ray profile falls very steeply relative to the radio. IC/CMB, at modest redshifts, can result in a roughly constant ratio.

What do we expect for the X-ray/Radio Relation?

Emission Mechanisms

$$I_{\text{invCompt}} \propto R T^{1-\alpha} \nu^{1-\alpha} \rho_{\text{CMB}} n_0$$

$$I_{\text{Synch}} \propto H_{\perp}^{1+\alpha} R \nu^{-\alpha} n_0$$

Non-relativistic: X-ray and radio synchrotron $H \approx 60$ to $120 \mu\text{G}$
 $\gamma_{\text{radio}} \approx 4000$; $\tau_{\text{radio}} \approx 10^6$ yrs.

$\gamma_{\text{xray}} \approx 2.7 \cdot 10^7$; $\tau_{\text{xray}} \approx 150$ yrs.

Expect $I_x/I_R \propto \frac{1 \cdot (2 \cdot 10^{-8})^\alpha n_0 \nu}{n_0 r}$, very sensitive to α

Relativistic: X-ray IC/CMB and radio synchrotron. $H \approx 10 \mu\text{G}$, $\delta \approx 3$ to 15

$\gamma_{\text{radio}} \approx 10^4$; $\tau_{\text{radio}} \approx 6 \times 10^6$ yrs.

$\gamma_{\text{xray}} \approx 300$; $\tau_{\text{xray}} \approx 2 \times 10^8$ yrs.

Expect $I_x/I_R \propto \frac{0.001^\alpha H^{-1-\alpha} \Gamma^2 ((1+z) \delta)^\alpha}{\delta}$, and we estimate $\Gamma \approx \delta$ so ratio is relatively constant for $H \propto \Gamma$!

Morphology Summary and Interpretation

- Roughly constant f_x/f_r (within $\times 2$).

X-rays end when radio makes sharp bend.

IC/CMB: Strong Beaming Dependence

Examples: PKS 0637-752, PKS 1055+201, PKS 1202-262, PKS 0208-512

- X-ray profile decreases, Radio profile increases, f_x/f_r changes more than $\times 10$.

Multiple Electron-Population Synchrotron Contributions

Example: 3C 273 (not shown)

- Roughly constant f_x/f_r (within $\times 2$).

X-rays persist beyond radio.

IC/CMB: Longer Lived Low Energy Electrons

Example: 4C19.44