

# Are blazar jets matter or poynting-flux dominated?

+ short introduction of this Session

“Particle Acceleration Mechanisms in Astrophysical Sources”



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# Outline

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## 1. A Short introduction of this session

***“Particle Acceleration Mechanisms in Astrophysical Sources”***

## 2. Acceleration mechanism in blazar jets

- Observational results (Fermi-LAT) from blazar 3C279
  - Two huge outbursts
    - a. Flare on 20th December 2013 (Hayashida+15, ApJ)
      - hard  $\gamma$ -ray index
      - high Compton dominance:  $L_{IC}/L_{syn} \sim 1000$
    - b. Flare on 16th June 2015 (Fermi-LAT Coll. 16)
      - Very fast variability

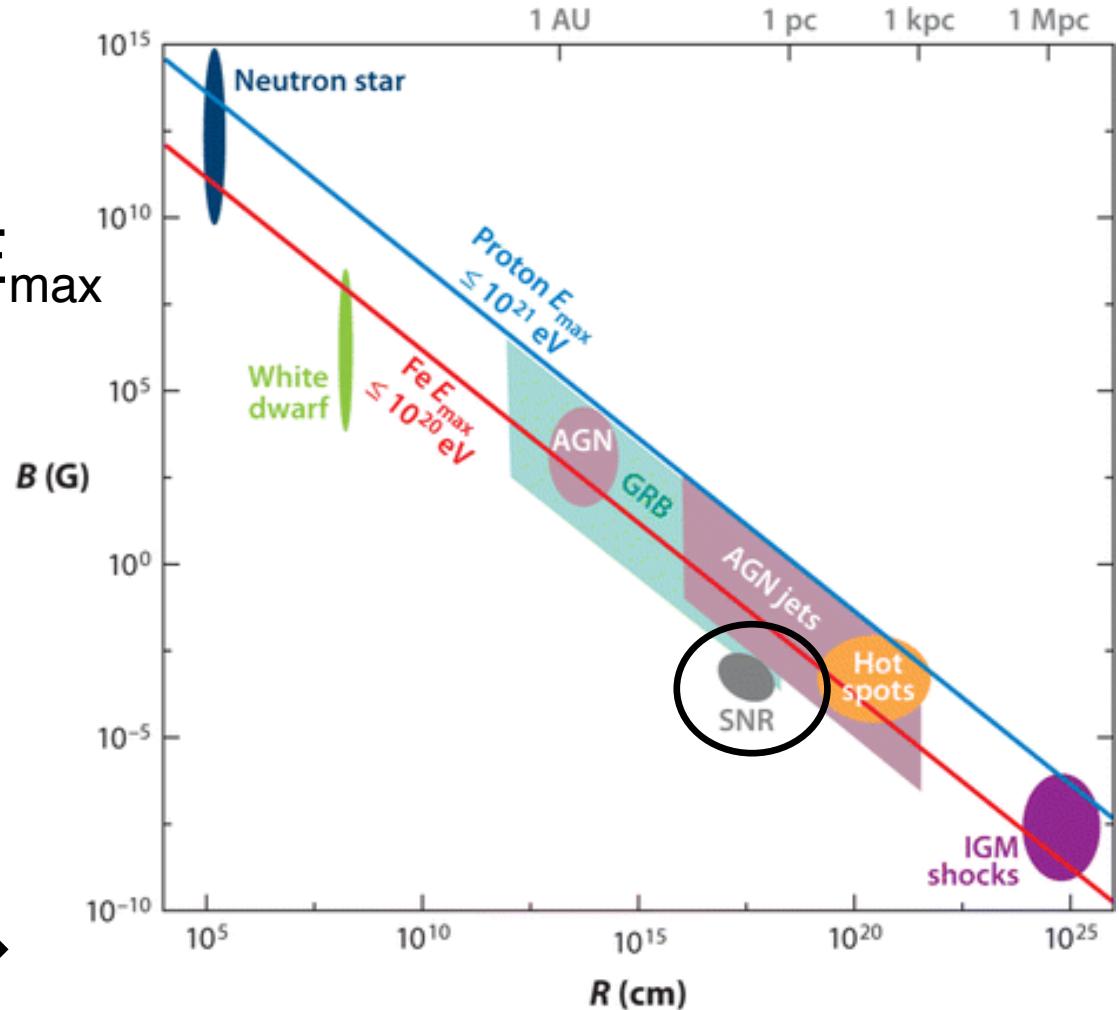
# Particle accelerations in astronomical sources

## Hillas diagram

maximum energy:  $E_{\max}$

Larmor radius  
( $r_L = E_{\max}/ZeB$ )  
is smaller than  
source size,  $R$

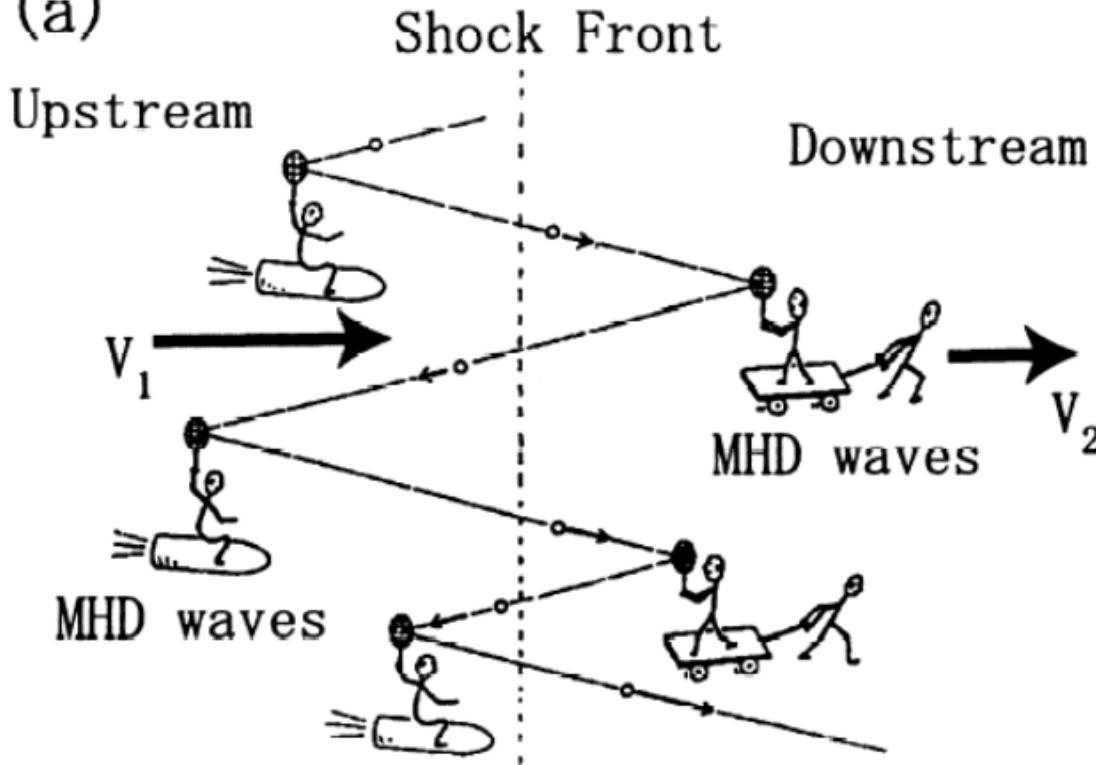
$$r_L = R \rightarrow$$



# 1st-order Fermi acceleration

## Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)

(a)



by Scholer

$$dN/dE \propto E^{-p} : p = \frac{V_1/V_2 + 2}{V_1/V_2 - 1} > 2$$

$V_1/V_2=4$  at  $M \gg 1$   
(M: mach number)

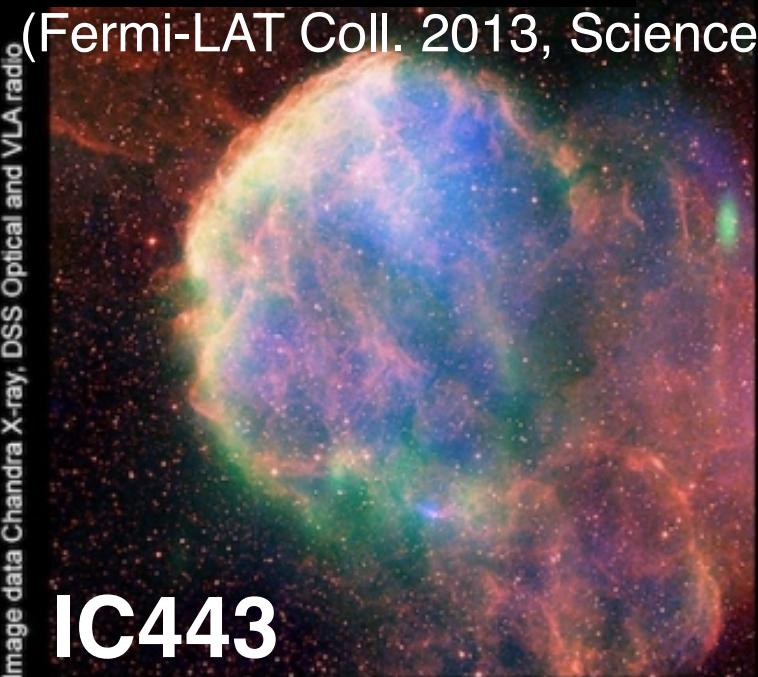
# Supernova remnant as Cosmic-ray origins

Image data from ESA Herschel and XMM-Newton

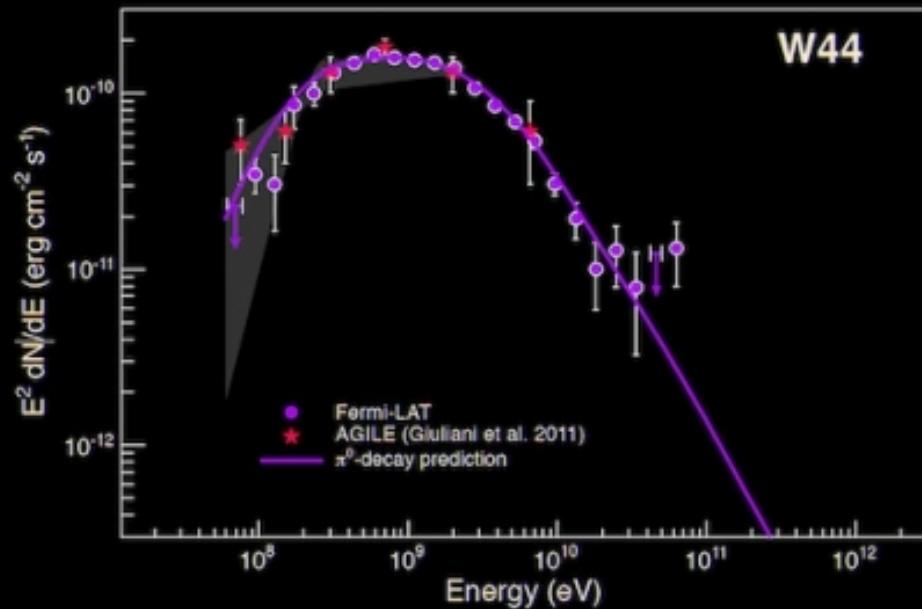


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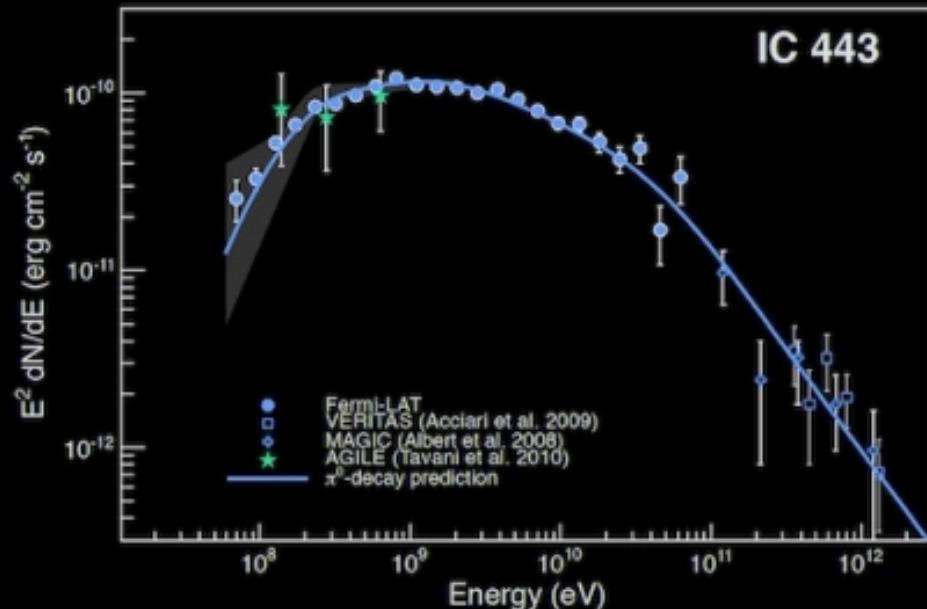
(Fermi-LAT Coll. 2013, Science)



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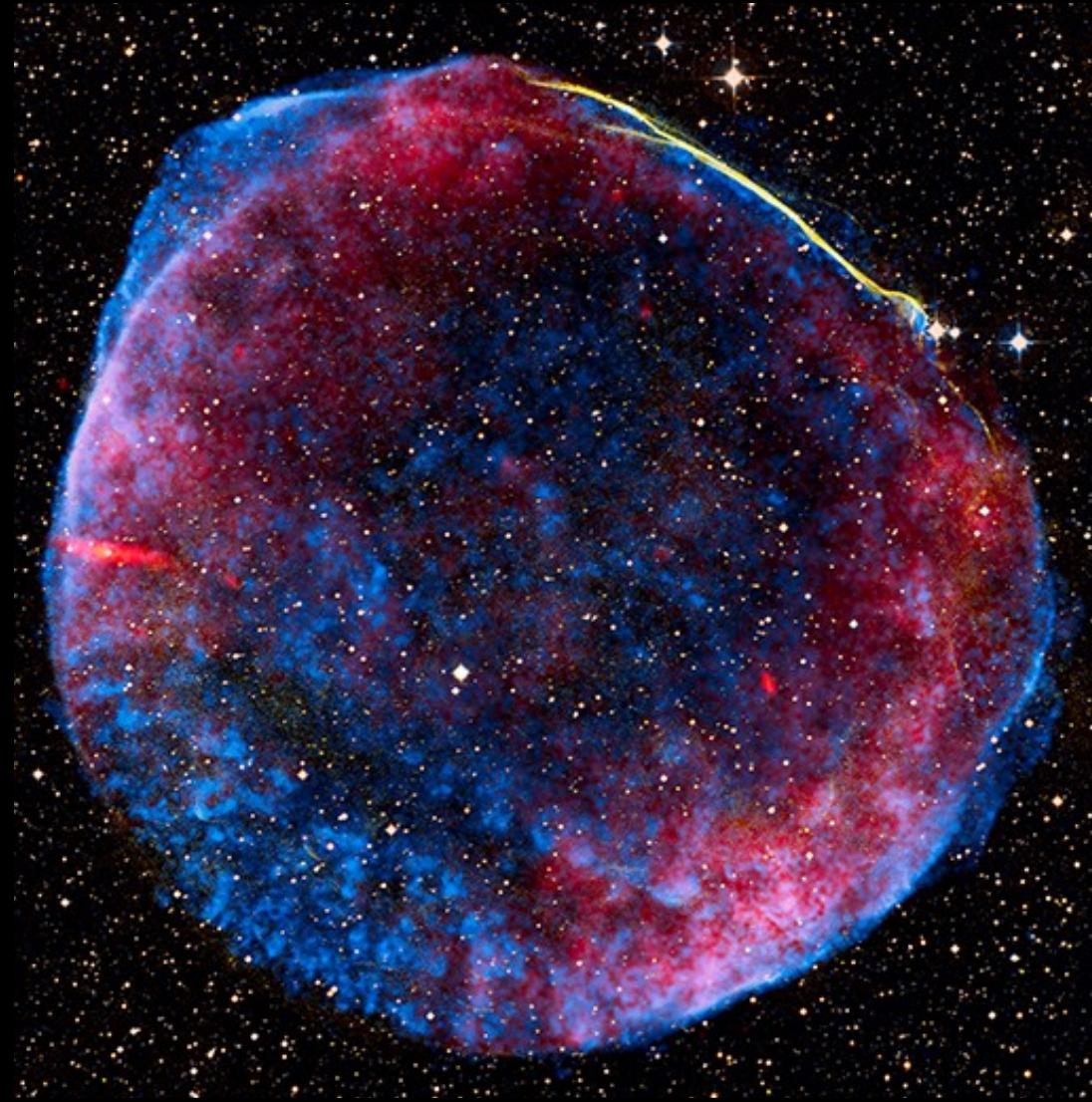
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# Diffusive shock acceleration (DSA) in SNR

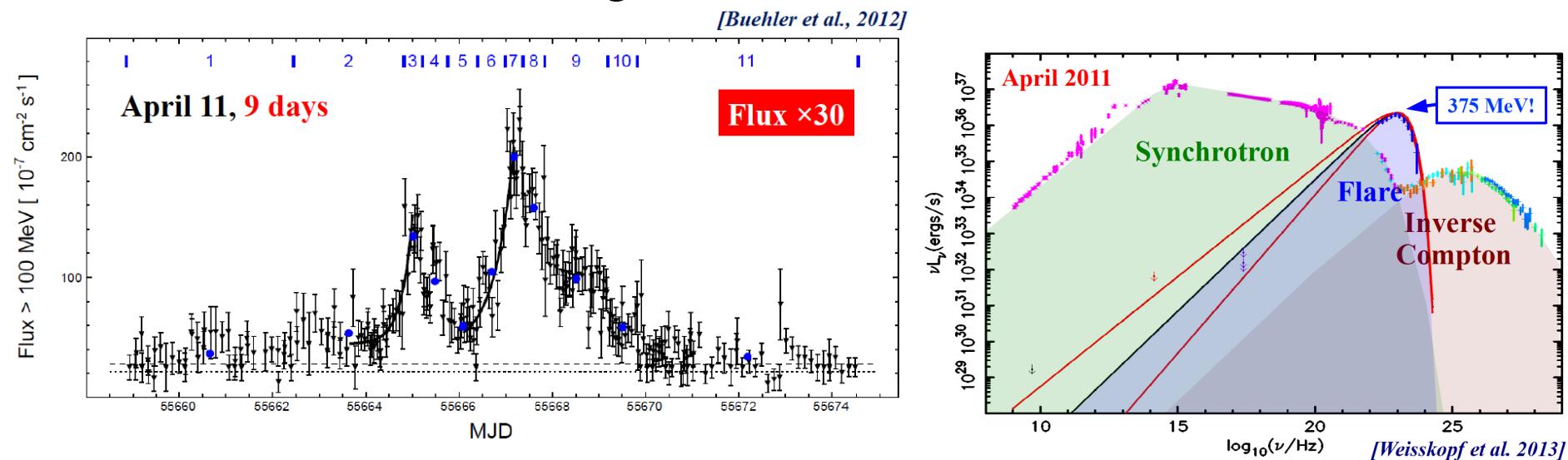
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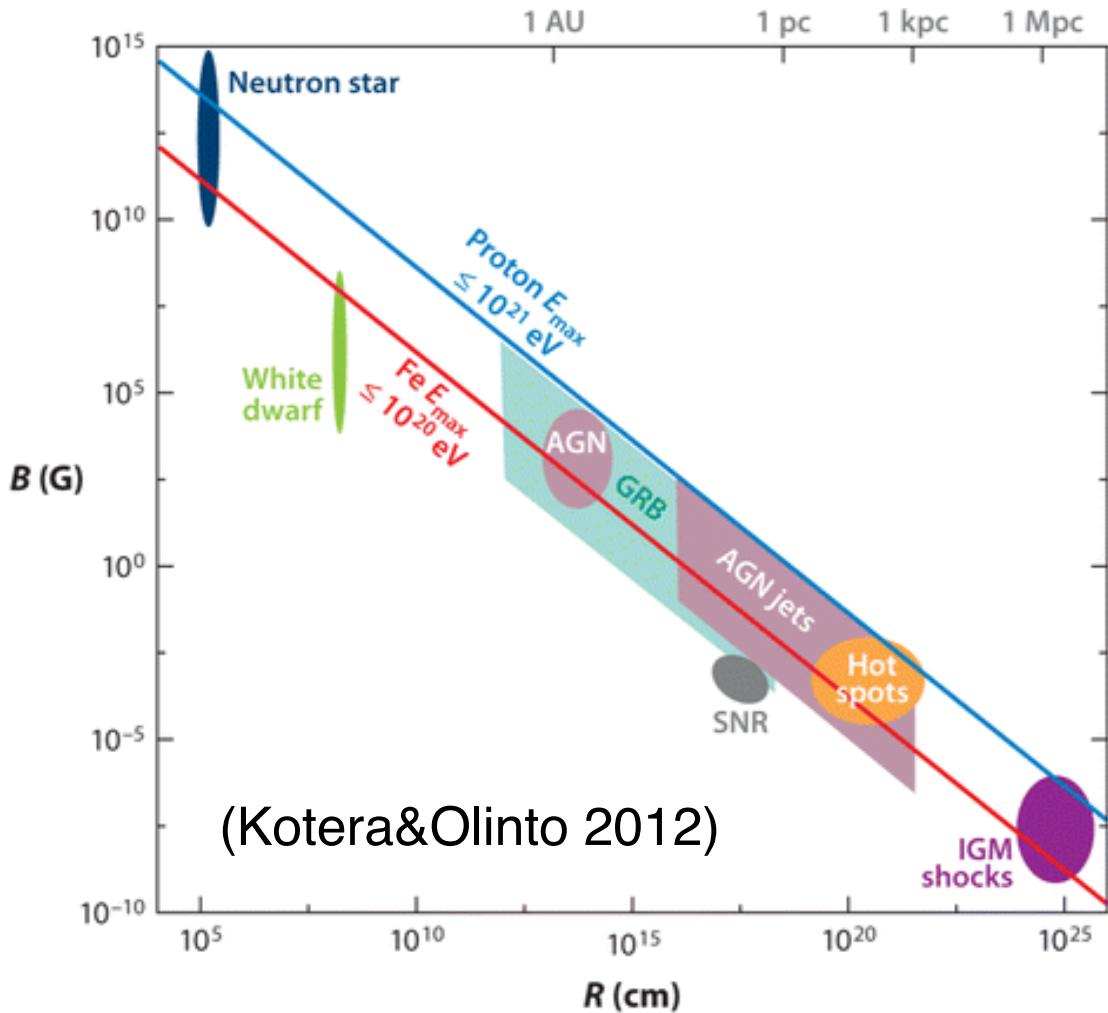
(more in Amano-san's talk)

# Crab flare: reconnection?



- Compactness:  $t_{\text{var}} \sim 4\text{-}8 \text{ hrs} \rightarrow$  Emission region  $3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ pc}$
- Hard spectrum:  $\Gamma \sim 1.3$ , inconsistent with shock acceleration
- Synchrotron 375 MeV  $> 160 \text{ MeV}$  (radiation reaction limit)  
 $\rightarrow$  challenge classical acceleration models
  1. Doppler beaming? (but not seen in the Crab)
  2. Reconnection!?  $\rightarrow$  **Zenitani-san's talk**

# extra-galactic: relativistic jet



## AGN jet:

- the most dominant gamma-ray source
- origin of Ultra-high-energy ( $\sim 10^{20}$  eV) cosmic rays?

# Blazar Jets

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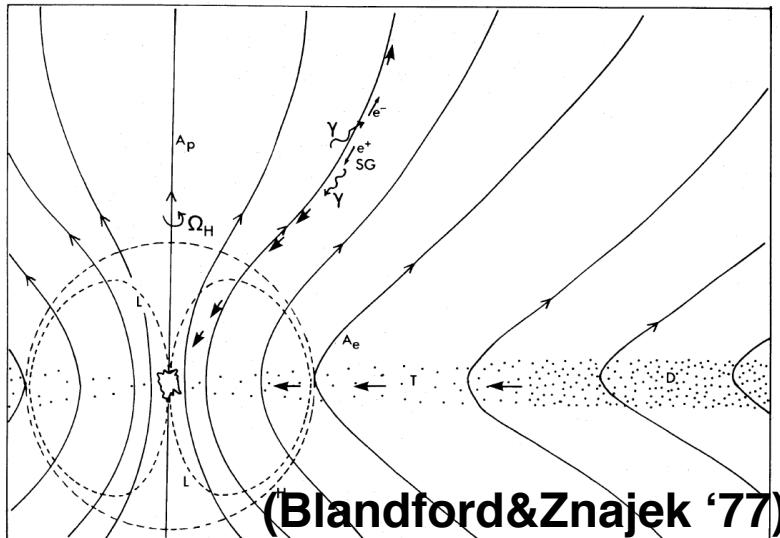
- ***where is the gamma-ray emission site?***  
(~ where is the jet dissipation region?)
- ***what is the acceleration mechanism?***  
(DSA (Fermi-I), Stochastic (Fermi-II), reconnection?)
- ***what is the dominant component in the jets?***  
(matter or Poynting flux dominated  
at the gamma-ray emission region?)

→ ***relativistic Jet formation***

# Relativistic Jet Formation

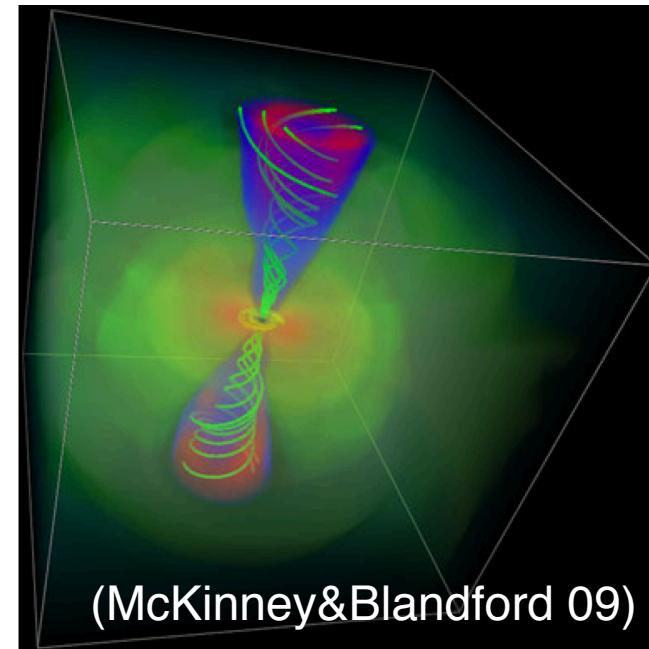
(these days) commonly considered: **MHD mechanism**

Blandford-Znajek process:  
(from rotating BHs)



(c.f, Blandford&Payne 82,  
from magnetized accretion disk)

3DMHD simulation (BZ effect)

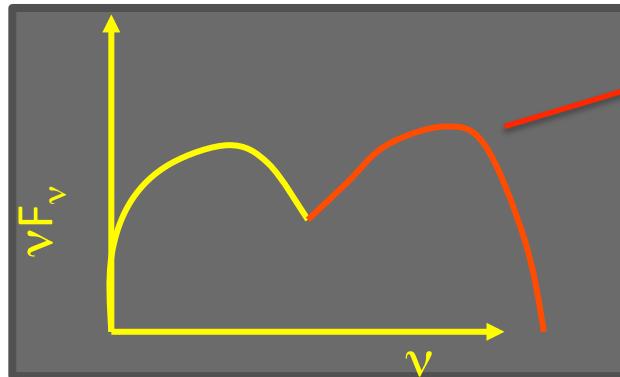


***are the jets strongly magnetized?***

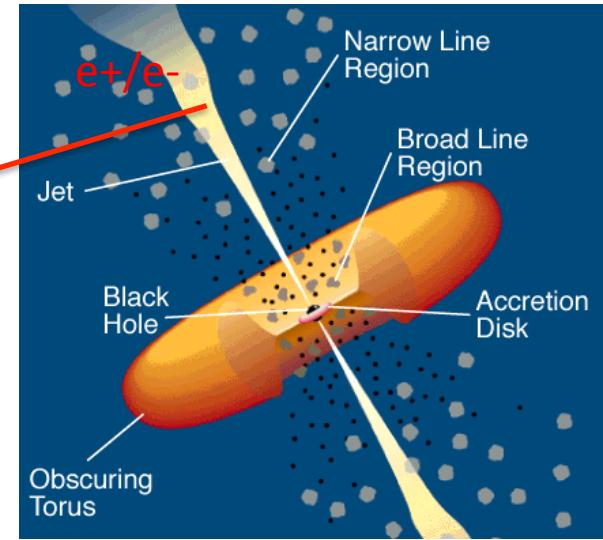
# Gamma-ray emission from AGNs

## AGNs with relativistic jet

Inverse-Compton scattering  
by electrons in the jets

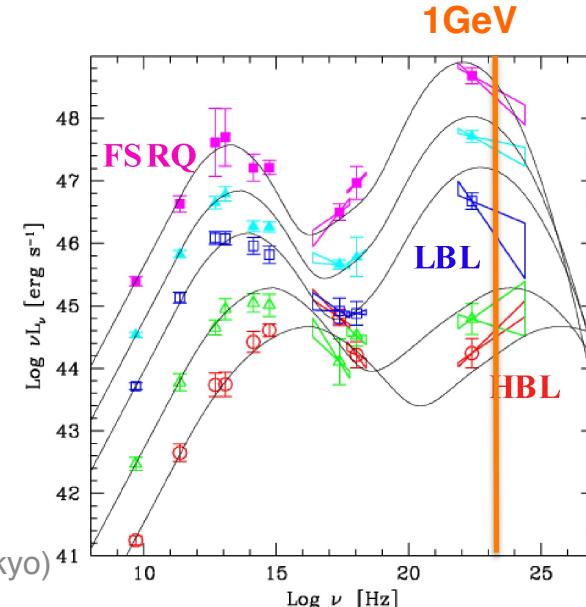


seed photon:  
synchrotron: SSC  
external: EIC



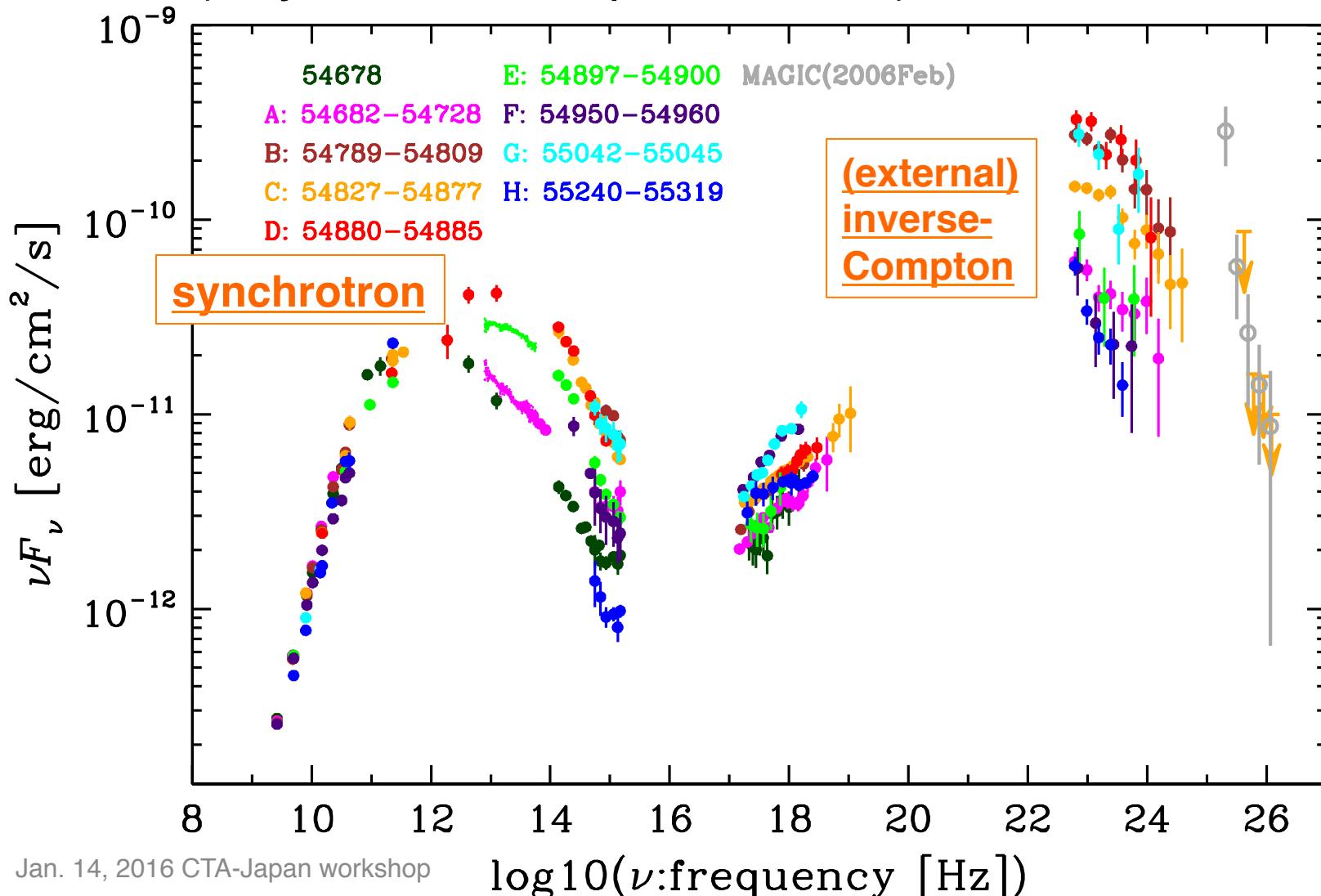
### Blazar      Radio Galaxies

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|--|--------|-------------------------|
| • low power                                    | BL Lac | FR I                    |
| • high power                                   | FSRQ   | FR II                   |
| small viewing angle<br>-> relativistic beaming |        | mis-aligned<br>blazar ? |

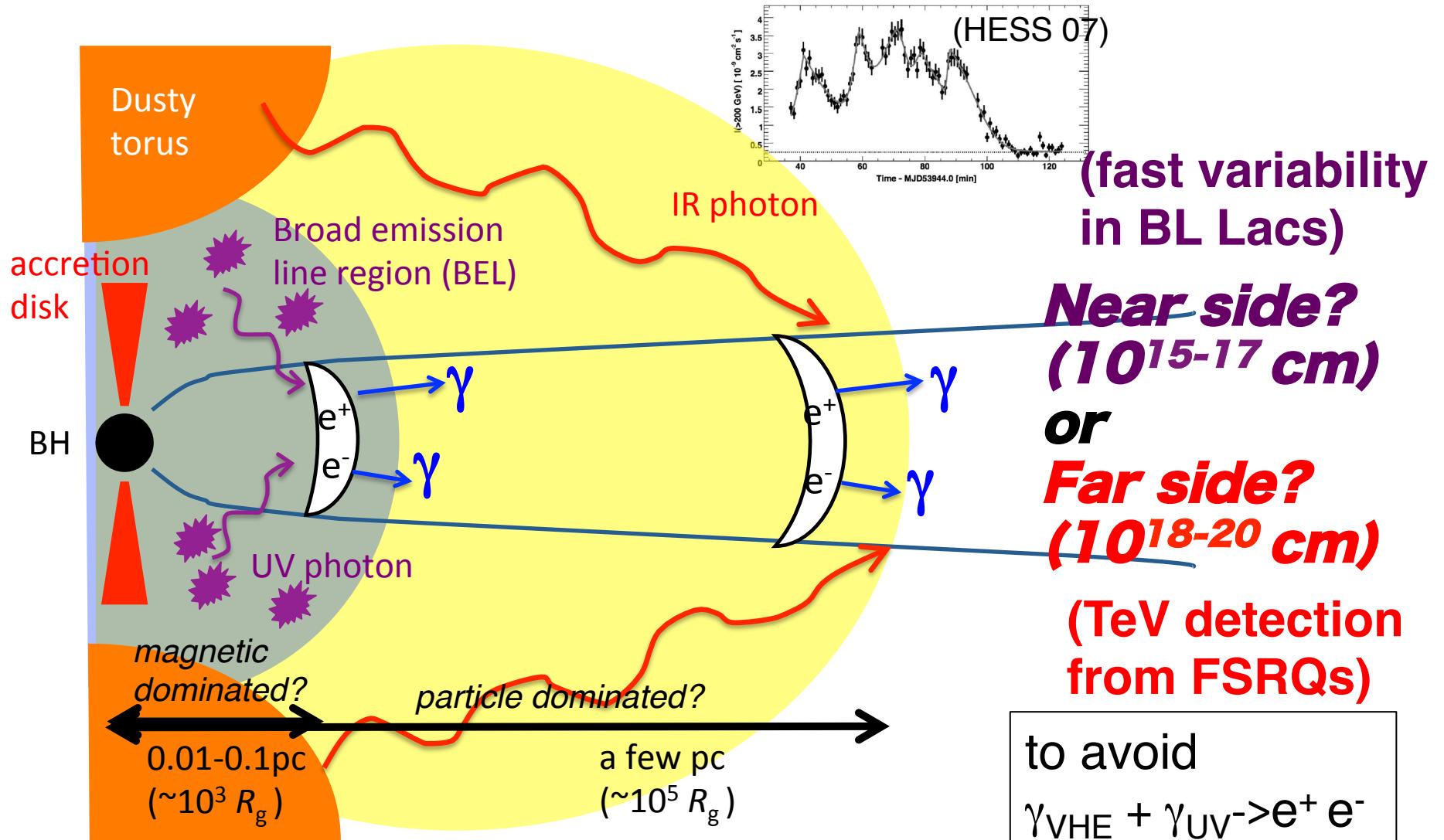


# Emission from Jets (FSRQ)

3C 279 (Hayashida+12, *ApJ*, 754, 114)

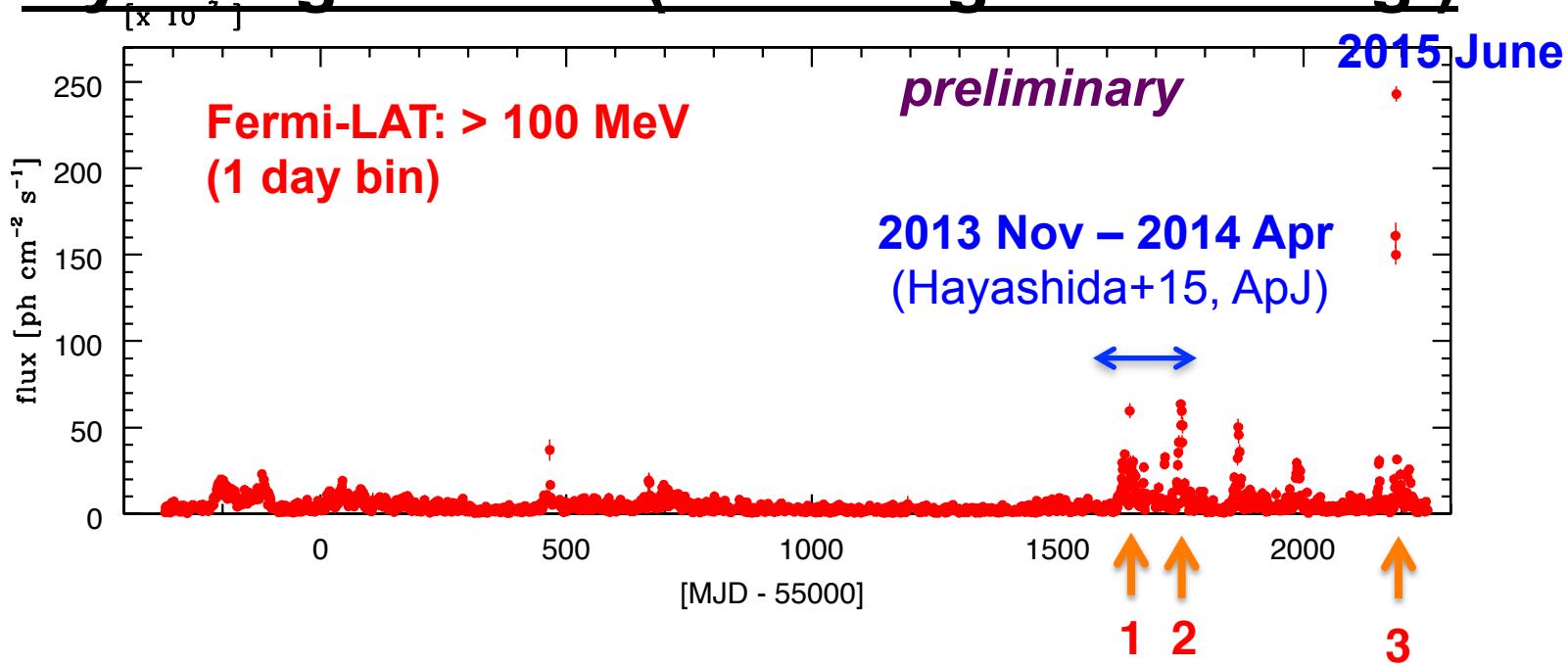


# "where is the gamma-ray emission site?"



# 3C 279 $\gamma$ -ray activity for 7 years

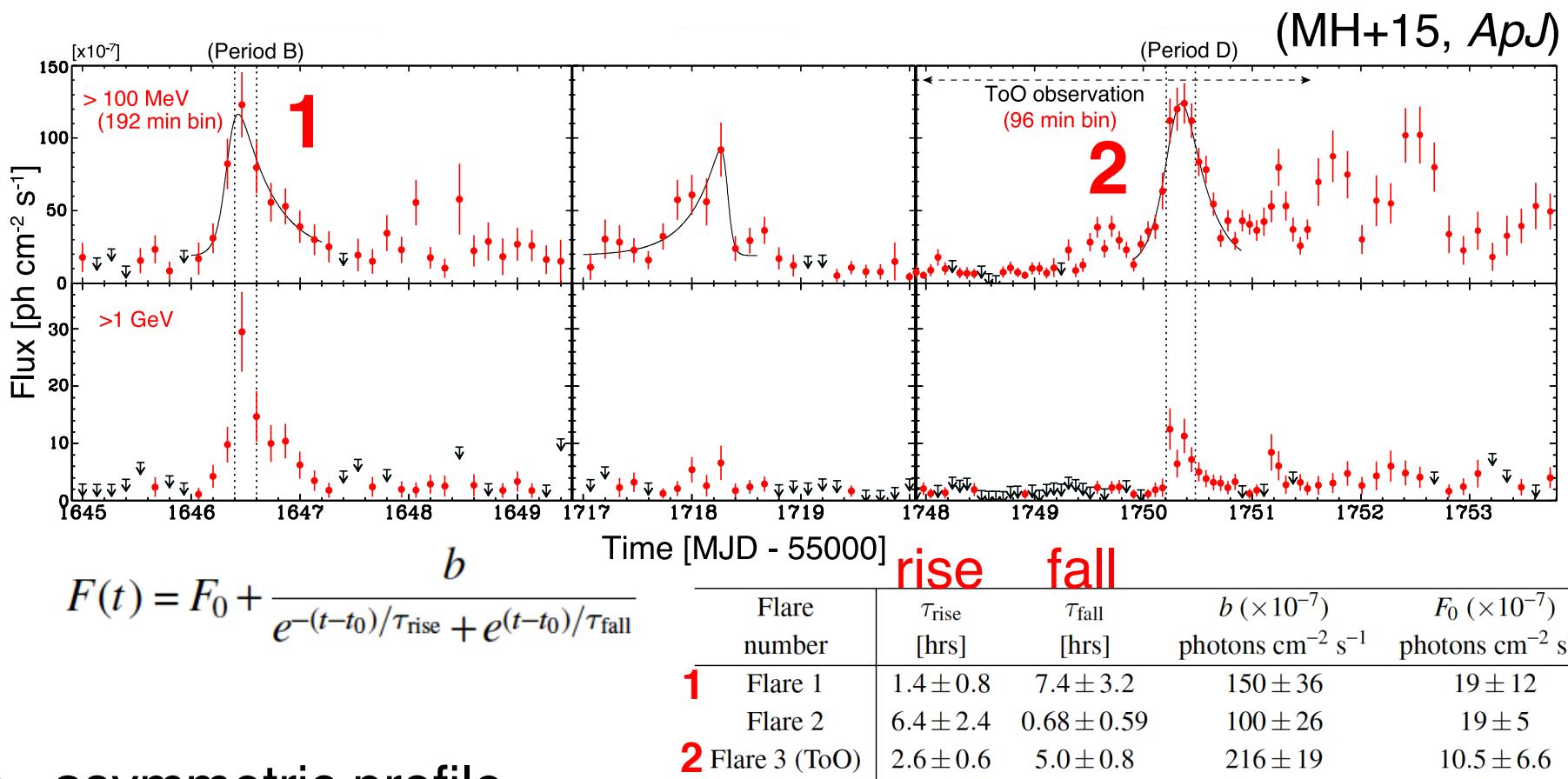
## 7 year light curve (2008 Aug. – 2015 Aug.)



### Three large outbursts with flux (>100 MeV) (1 day average)

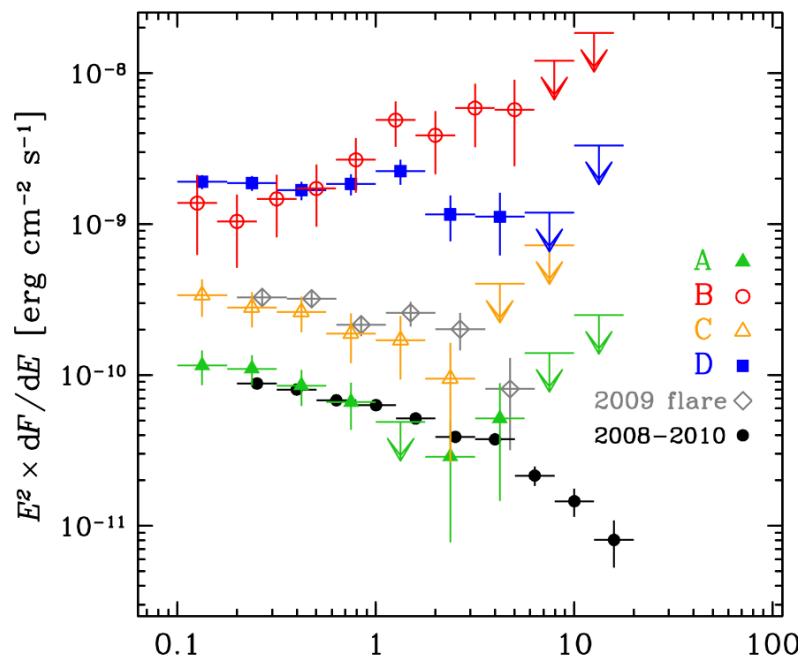
1. 2013 December 20 :  $6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
2. 2014 April 03 :  $6.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
3. 2015 June 16 :  $24.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

# Flare profile



- asymmetric profile
- hourly scale variability at 100 MeV:
  - very efficient cooling → need dense external photon → inside BLR

# LAT Spectrum



(MH+15, *ApJ*)

**Red (Flare 1, Period B)**

- **Very hard index**  
**( $1.71 \pm 0.10$ )**

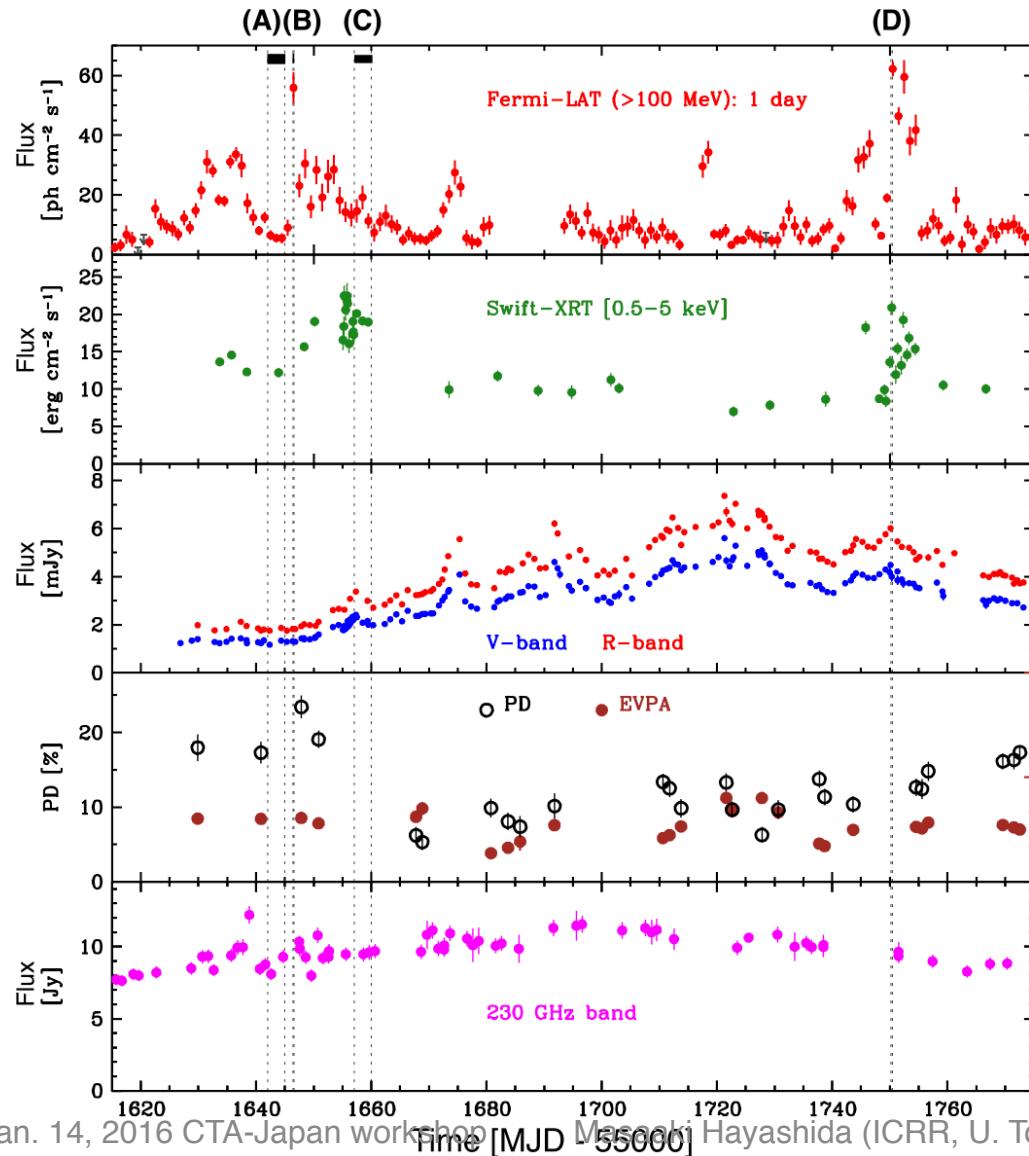
↔ typ. FSRQ:  $\sim 2.4$

- **peaked at a few GeV**

↔ typ. FSRQ:  $< 100$  MeV

Period (MJD - 56000)	Gamma-ray spectrum ( <i>Fermi</i> -LAT)					$TS$	$-2\Delta L^b$	Flux ( $> 0.1$ GeV) ( $10^{-7}$ ph cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ )	# of photons $> 10$ GeV
	fitting model <sup>a</sup>	$\Gamma/\alpha/\Gamma_1$	$\beta/\Gamma_2$	$E_{\text{brk}}$ (GeV)					
Period A (3 days) Dec 16.0h – 19.0h (642.0 – 645.0)	PL	$2.36 \pm 0.13$	...	...	174	...	...	$5.9 \pm 0.9$	1
	LogP	$2.32 \pm 0.17$	$0.03 \pm 0.07$	...	174	$< 0.1$	5.7	$5.7 \pm 0.9$	(26.1 GeV)
Period B (0.2 days) Dec 20,9h36 – 14h24 (646.4 – 646.6)	PL	<b><math>1.71 \pm 0.10</math></b>	...	...	407	...	...	$117.6 \pm 19.7$	1
	LogP	$1.12 \pm 0.31$	$0.19 \pm 0.09$	...	413	6.0	94.5	$\pm 18.1$	(10.4 GeV)
	BPL	$1.41 \pm 0.17$	$3.01 \pm 0.91$	$3.6 \pm 1.6$	415	7.6	100.6	$\pm 18.4$	
Period C (3 days) Dec 31,0h – Jan 02,0h (657.0 – 660.0)	PL	$2.29 \pm 0.13$	...	...	219	...	...	$17.1 \pm 2.8$	1
	LogP	$2.29 \pm 0.16$	$0.00 \pm 0.06$	...	219	$< 0.1$	17.1	$\pm 2.9$	(GeV)
	BPL	$2.22 \pm 0.42$	$2.32 \pm 0.20$	$0.34 \pm 0.27$	219	$< 0.1$	16.9	$\pm 3.1$	
Period D (0.267 days) Apr 03,5h03 – 11h27 (750.210 – 750.477)	PL	$2.16 \pm 0.06$	...	...	1839	...	...	$117.9 \pm 7.1$	1
	LogP	$2.02 \pm 0.08$	$0.10 \pm 0.05$	...	1840	5.3	114.9	$\pm 7.1$	(13.5 GeV)
	BPL	$2.02 \pm 0.09$	$2.89 \pm 0.45$	$1.6 \pm 0.6$	1843	8.0	115.1	$\pm 7.7$	

# Multi-band light curve



Period (B):  
no flare in other bands  
**“orphan”  $\gamma$ -ray flare**

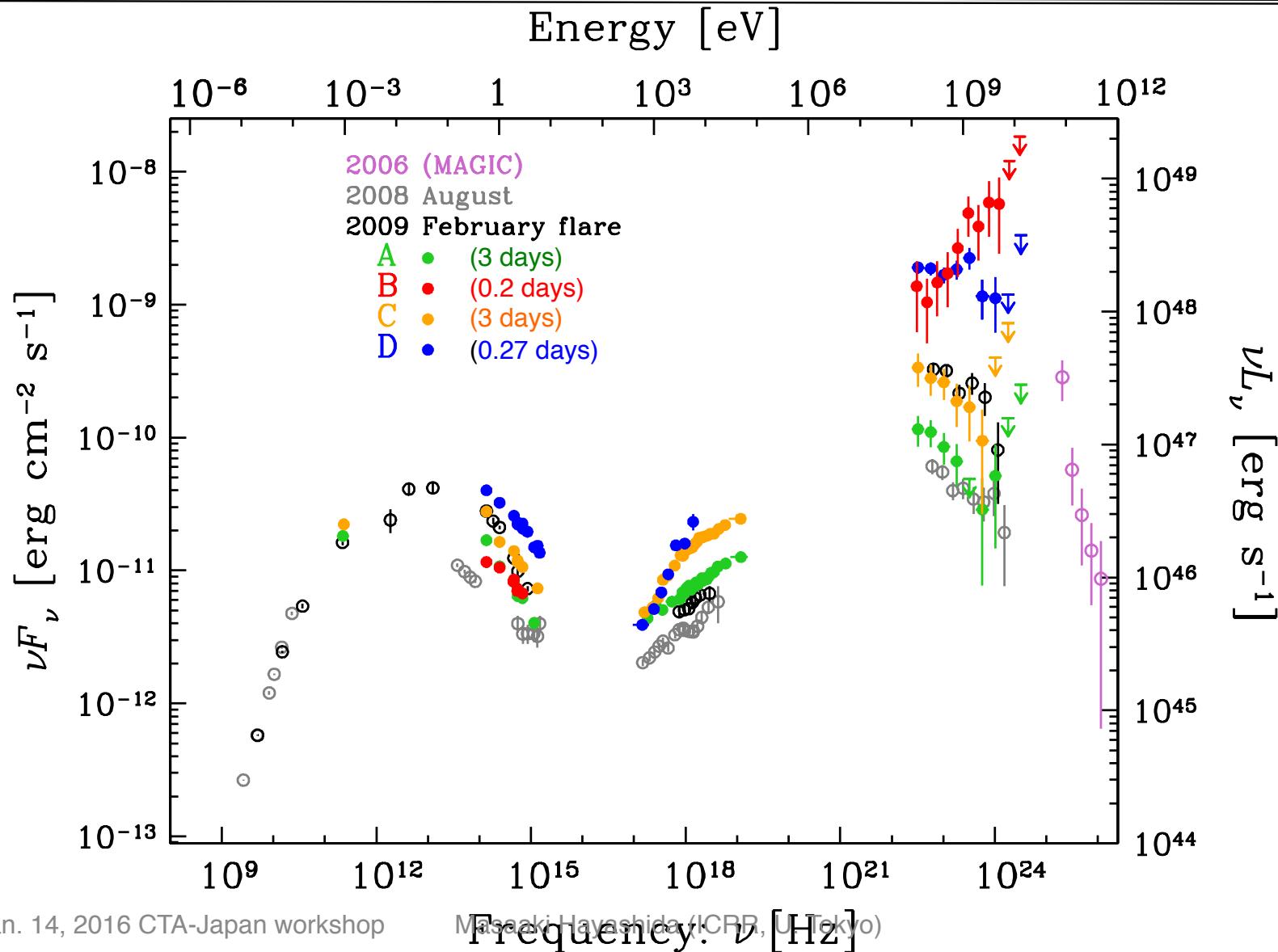
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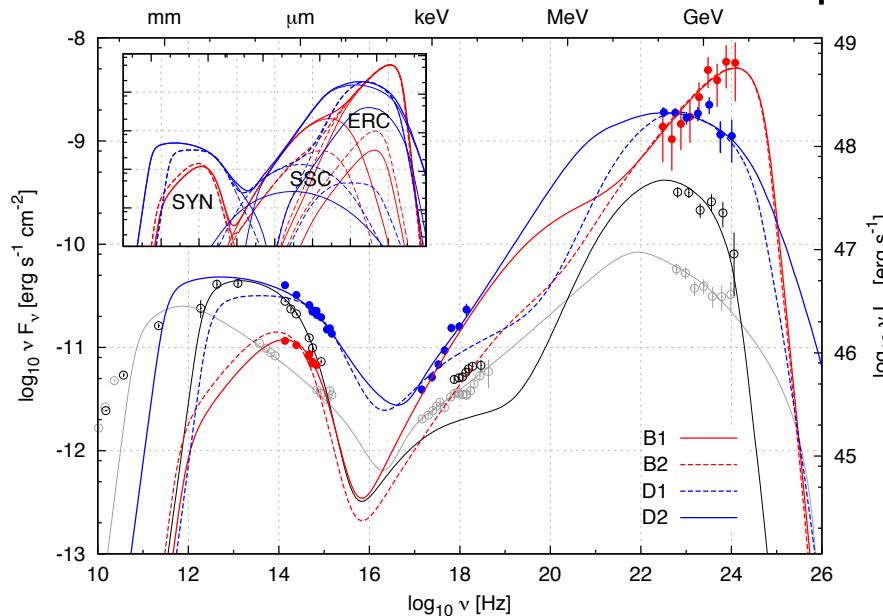
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# Broad band SED



# emission model for Period B

(MH+15, *ApJ*)



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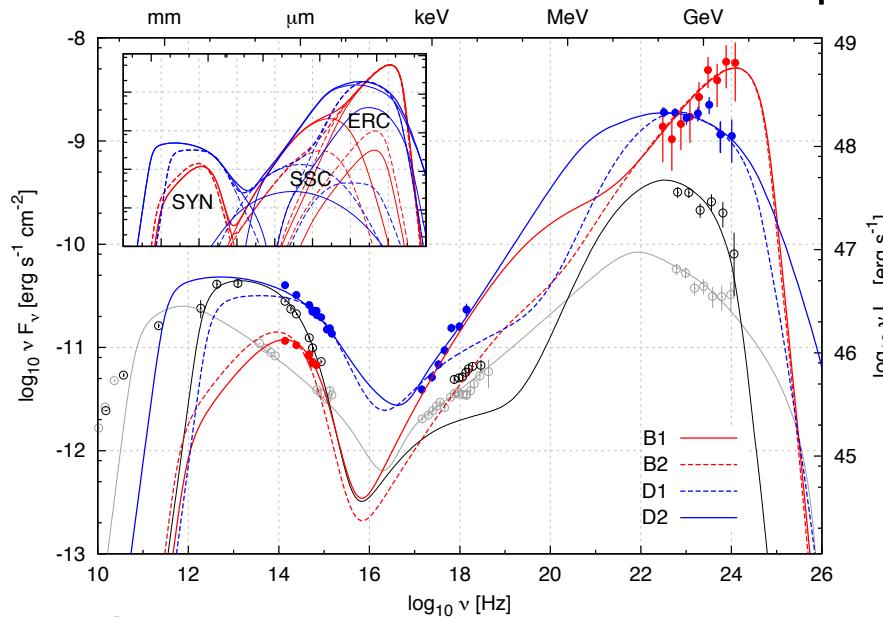
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$p_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1.6
$\gamma_1$	1000	3700	2800	1000	200	100
$p_2$	2.4	7	7	2.4	2.5	2.5
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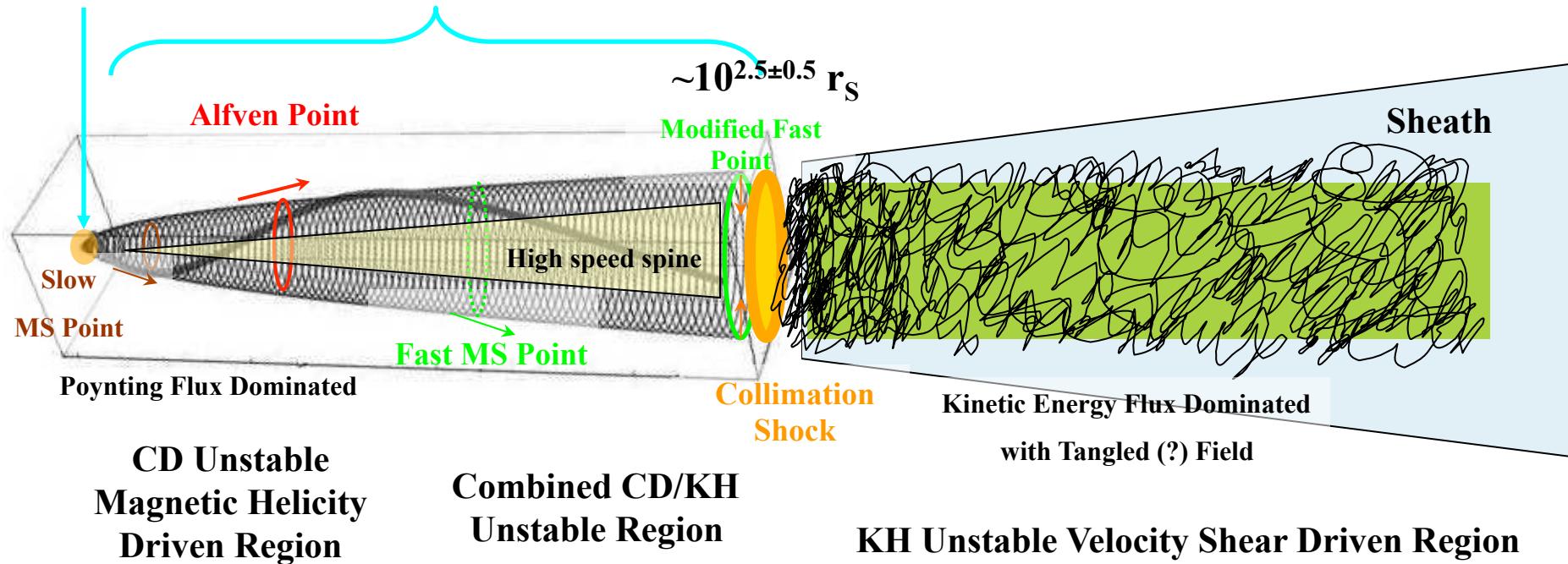
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# Regions of AGN Jet Propagation

Jet Launching Region

Jet Collimation Region  
(10 –100 × Launching Region)

Modified from Graphic  
courtesy David Meier



*slide from Yosuke Mizuno*

# Poynting flux dominated? Kinetic energy flux dominated?

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- if jet is derived by the magnetic field  
(e.g., Blandford-Znajek process) ,,,,  
→ jet should be Poynting-flux dominated jet  $< 10^3 r_g$  (= inside BLR)
- Leptonic models can explain well the broad band SED inside BLR ( $0.03 \text{ pc} < 10^3 r_g$  for  $5 \times 10^8 M_{\text{solar}}$ )
  - the emission model results suggest kinetic energy dominated jets  
(some models with equipartition  
see e.g., Dermer+14, ApJ, 782 for 3C 279)
- Hadronic models require stronger magnetic fields (10-100 G) than the Leptonic models (0.01-1 G), but also requires very high power of relativistic protons,  $10^{50}$  erg/s  
(e.g., Zdziarski & Boettcher 15)

# $U_{e(\pm)}/U_B$ at the jet base of M87

(Kino+14, *ApJ*, 786,5, Kino+15, *ApJ*, 803,30)

based on Synchrotron-self absorption

$$\frac{U_{\pm}}{U_B} = \frac{16\pi}{3b^2(p)} \frac{k(p)\epsilon_{\pm,\min}^{-p+2}}{(p-2)} \left( \frac{D_A}{1 \text{ Gpc}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\nu_{\text{ssa,obs}}}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{-2p-13} \\ \times \left( \frac{\theta_{\text{obs}}}{1 \text{ mas}} \right)^{-2p-13} \left( \frac{S_{\nu_{\text{ssa,obs}}}}{1 \text{ Jy}} \right)^{p+6} \left( \frac{\delta}{1+z} \right)^{-p-5}$$

(for  $p > 2$ ).

core detection:

$\theta_{\text{thick}} < 40 \mu\text{as}$   
(at 230 GHz)

$40 \mu\text{as}$

EHT beam

possible BH shadow

optically-thin region ( $40 \mu\text{as}$ )

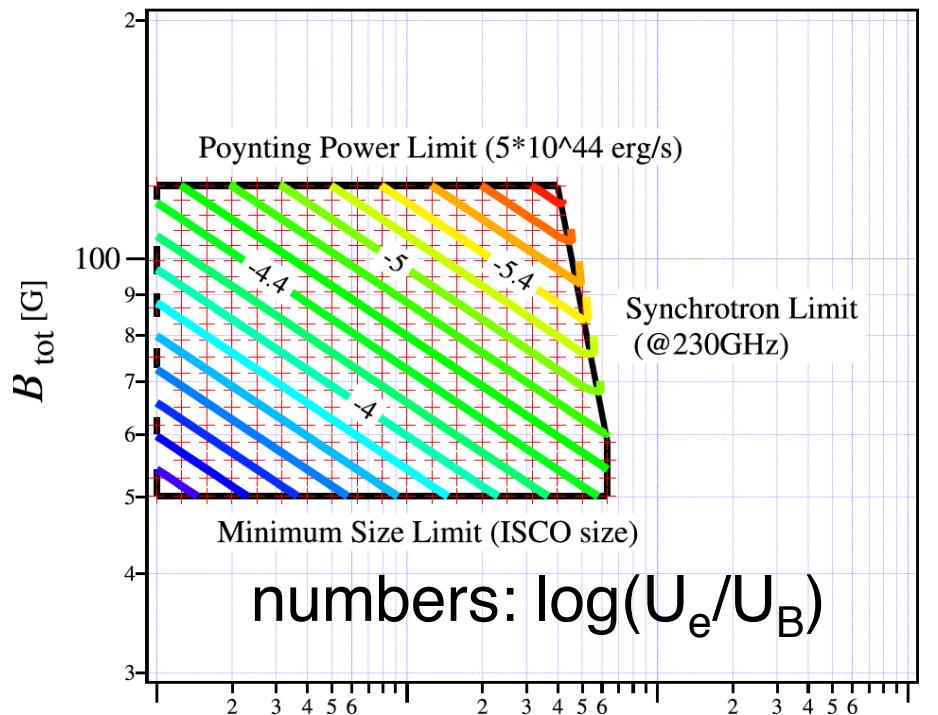
optically-thick region ( $\geq 21 \mu\text{as}$ )

10Rs

0.01pc

jet base of M87  
(VLBA at 43GHz)

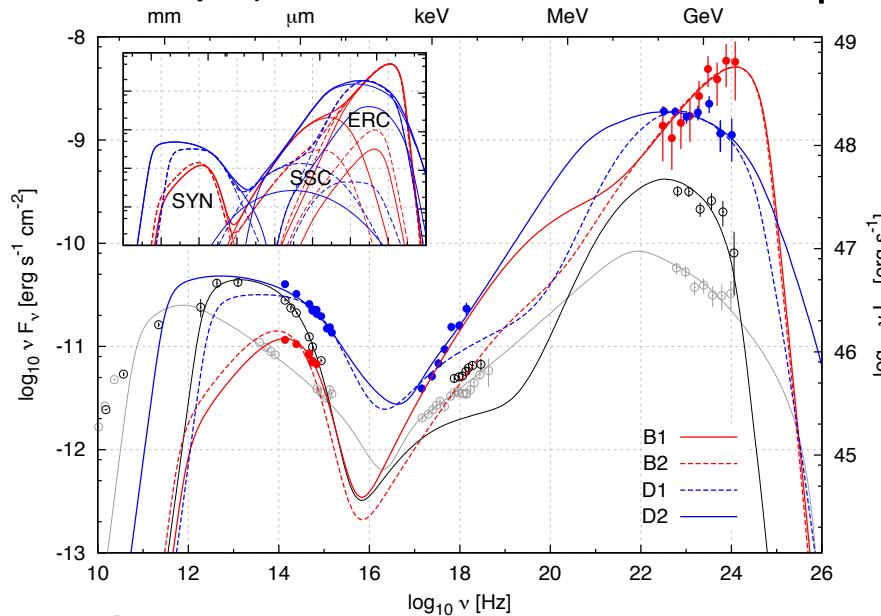
Allowed B,  $\gamma_{\min}$  region  
( $L_j = 5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$ ,  $p=3$ )



$\rightarrow U_B \gg U_{e(\pm)}$

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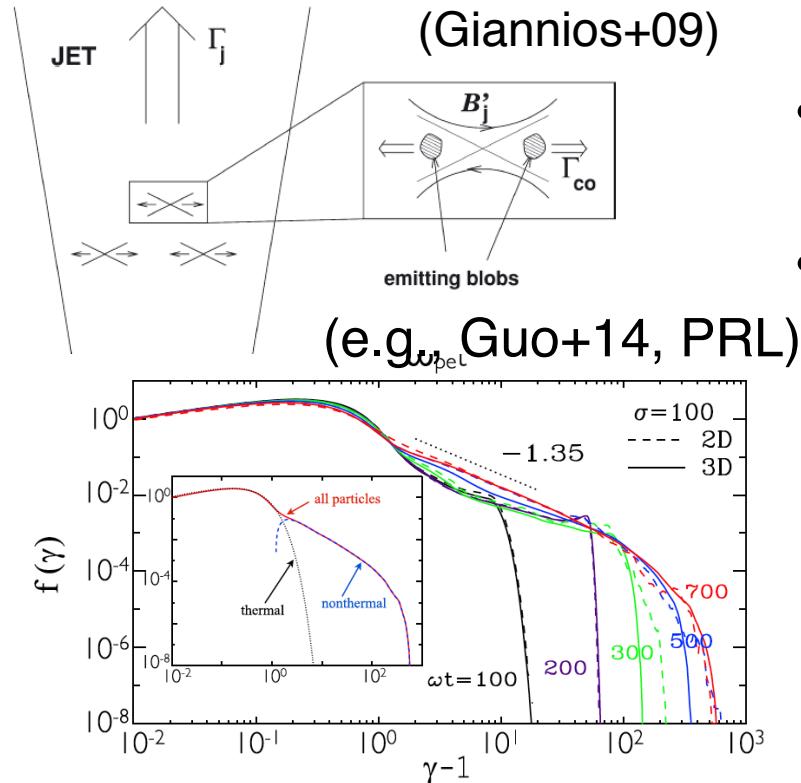
# hard ( $p < 2$ ) electron index

$p$  : injected electron index

$p \geq 2$ : normal standard shock (Fermi-I) acceleration

**too soft!!**

## magnetic reconnection

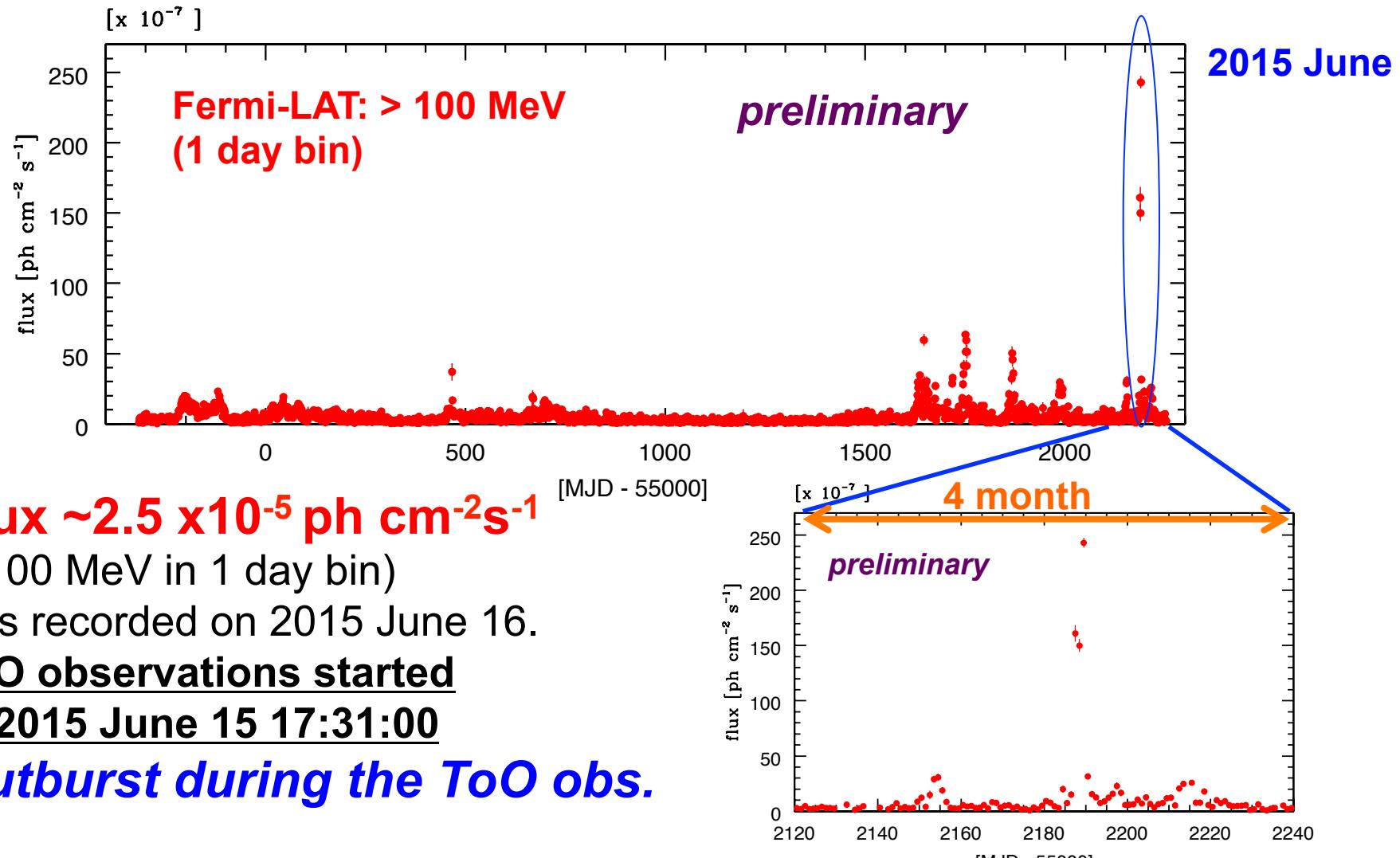


## Our result:

- jet magnetization:  $\sigma < 10^{-3}$
- the reconnection will efficiently work in this condition?*
- very localized acceleration sites?*
  - can generate  $10^{48}$  erg/s emission?*

→ Stochastic Acceleration ?  
(2nd order Fermi acceleration)  
**(see Asano-san's talk)**

# 3C 279 $\gamma$ -ray activity for 7 years



# Summary & Conclusion

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- Blazar 3C 279 showed outbursts ( $>10^{-5}$  ph/cm<sup>2</sup>/s) in last years
  - 2013 Dec.: orphan  $\gamma$ -ray flare, very hard index ( $\Gamma_\gamma \sim 1.7$ )
  - 2015 Jun.: the largest flare with minute-scale variability
- where is the gamma-ray emission site?
  - *inside BRL ( $\sim 100 r_g$ ) for vary fast variability at 100 MeV*
  - *Jets should be sufficiently accelerated ( $\Gamma > 50$ ) even at  $< 100 r_g$*
- what is the dominant component in jet?
  - *emission model : kinetic-flux dominated :  $L_B/L_{jet} \sim 10^{-4}$*
  - *jet simulation: Poynting-flux dominated ( $< 10^3 r_g$ )*
  - *radio observation (SSA): Poynting-flux dominated (M87 at  $\sim a few r_g$ )*
- what is the acceleration mechanism?
  - *not only shock accelerations should work* (e.g., *Fermi-II, reconnection*)