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On the connection of radio and γ -ray emission of blazars

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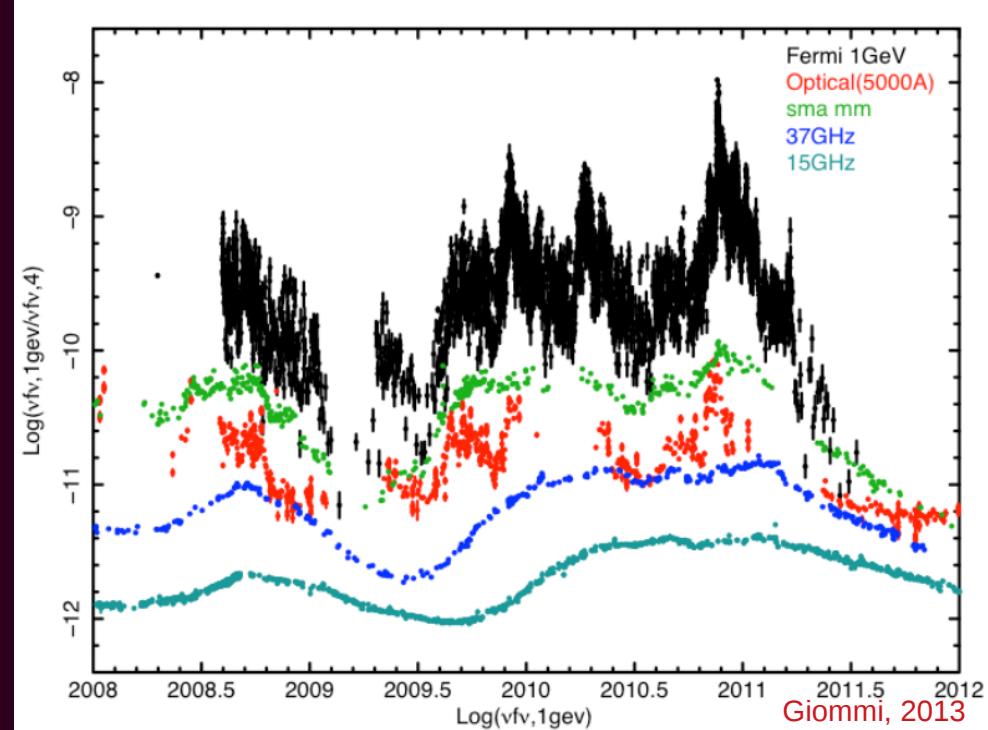
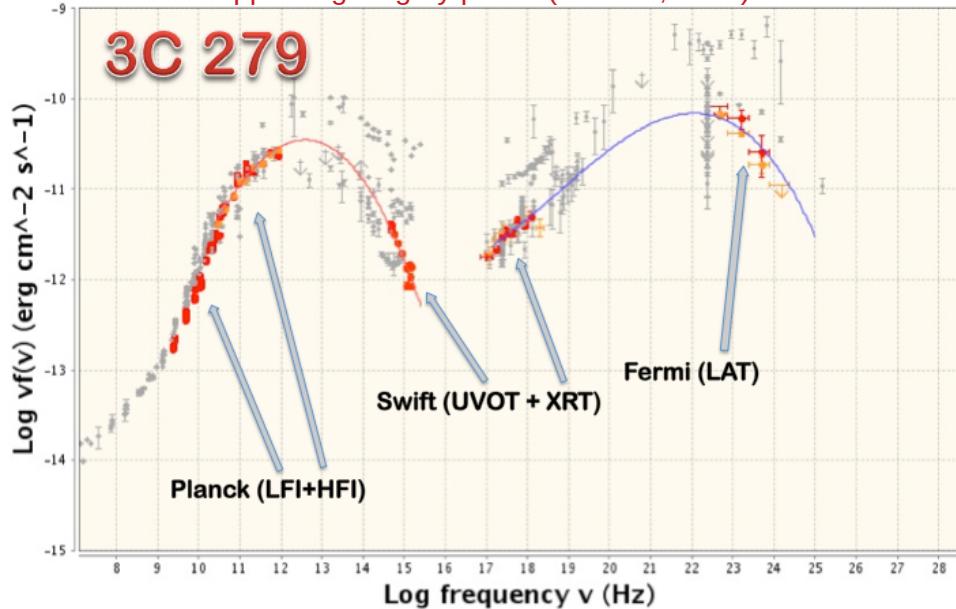


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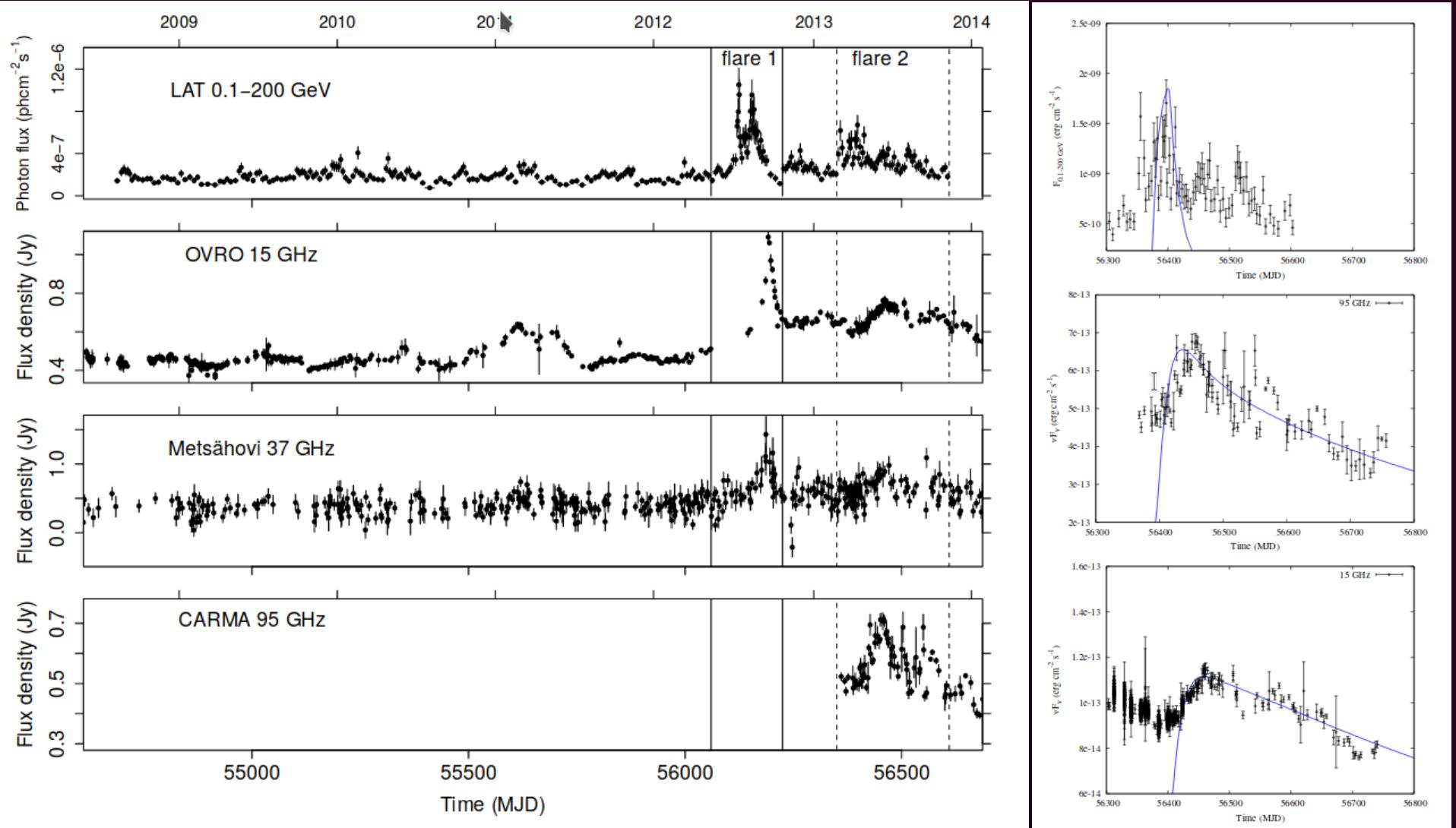
Motivation

The SED of the blazar 3C279 built with simultaneous Planck, Swift and Fermi data, shown as red symbols, and with non-simultaneous archival data appearing as gray points (Giommi, 2013).



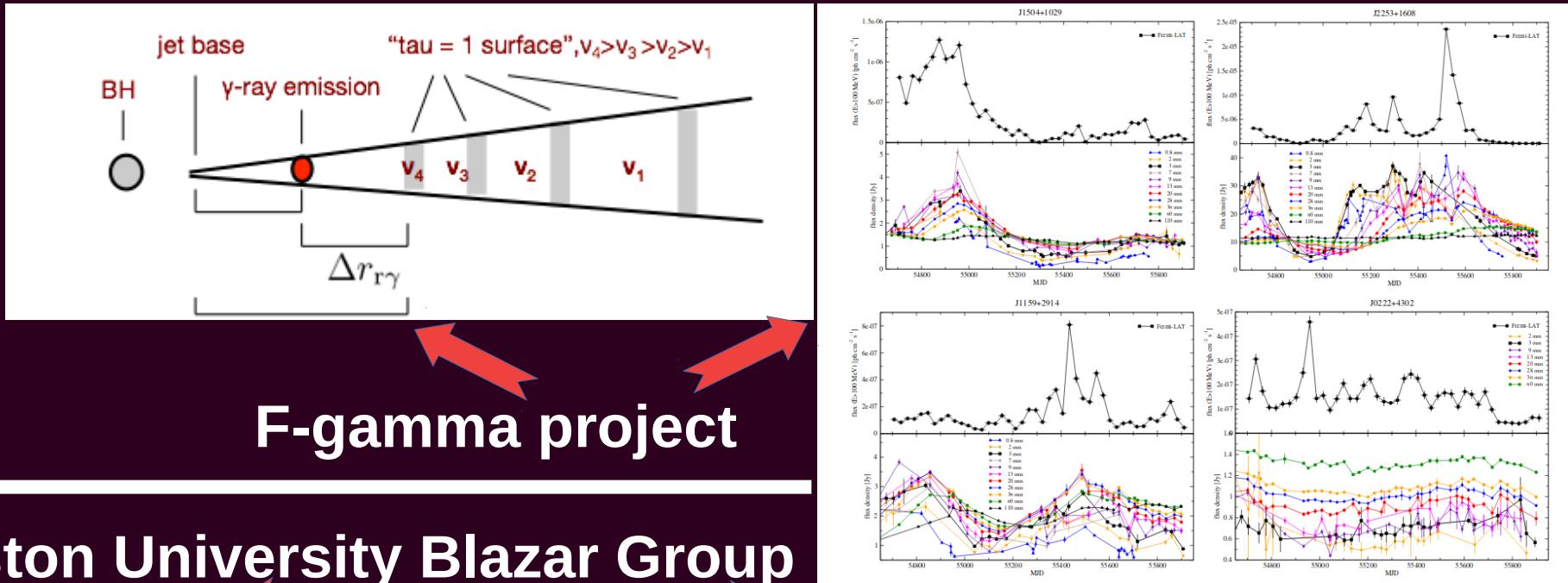
- Multi wavelength surveys
- Dedicated observations

Challenges: The connection of γ -ray and radio emission

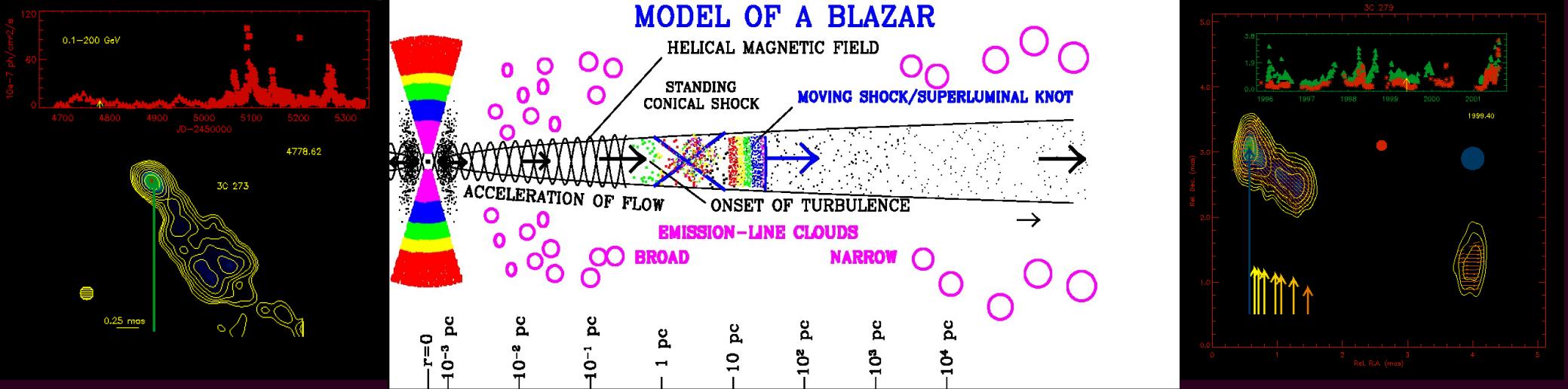


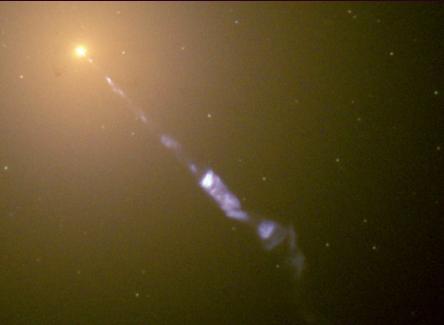
A combined radio and GeV gamma-ray view of the 2012 and 2013 flares of Mrk 421
(Hovatta et al., 2015)

Radio monitoring



Boston University Blazar Group



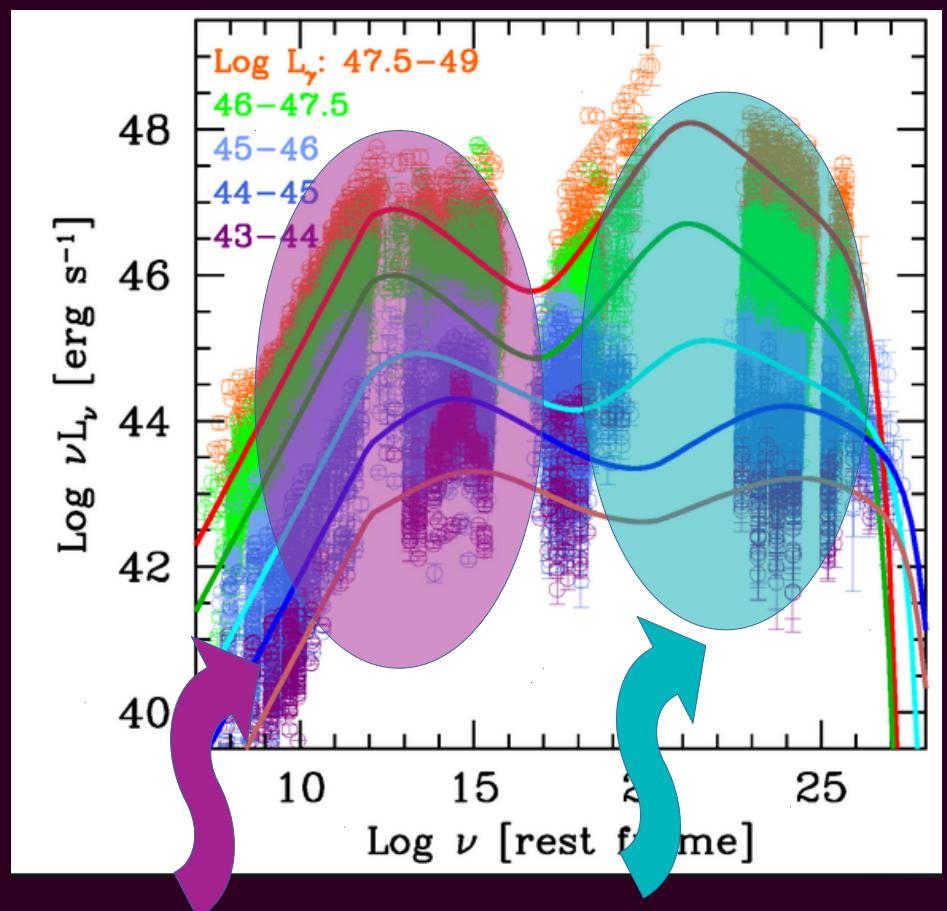


SED of Blazars

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Parameters of the Leptonic Model :

- Radius of the source
- Magnetic Field Strength
- Characteristics of Electrons Energy Distribution
- Bulk Lorentz factor
- Doppler factor



Synchrotron

Inverse
Compton
Scattering

One-zone modeling

**Kinetic equations
of particles and photons**

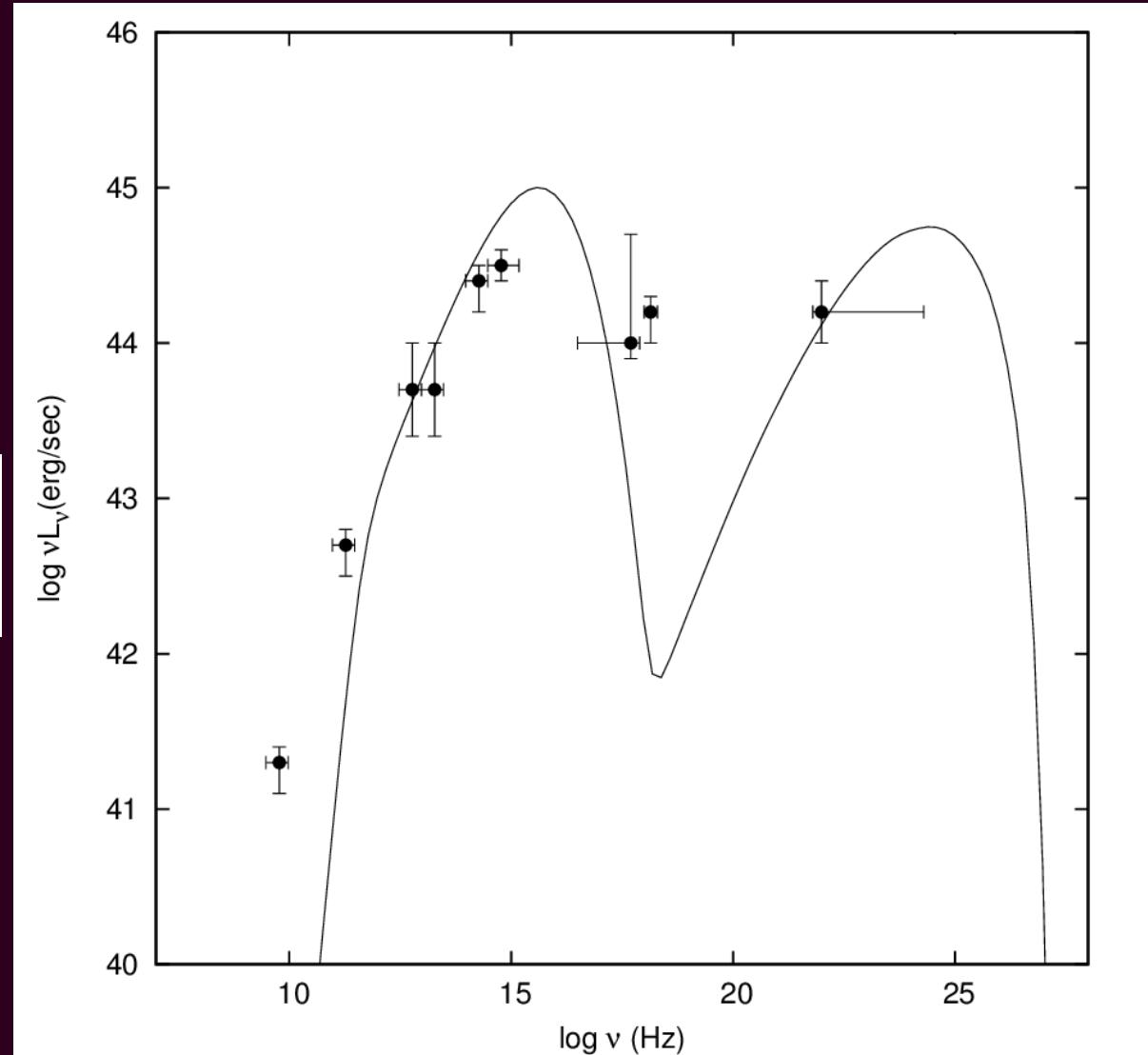
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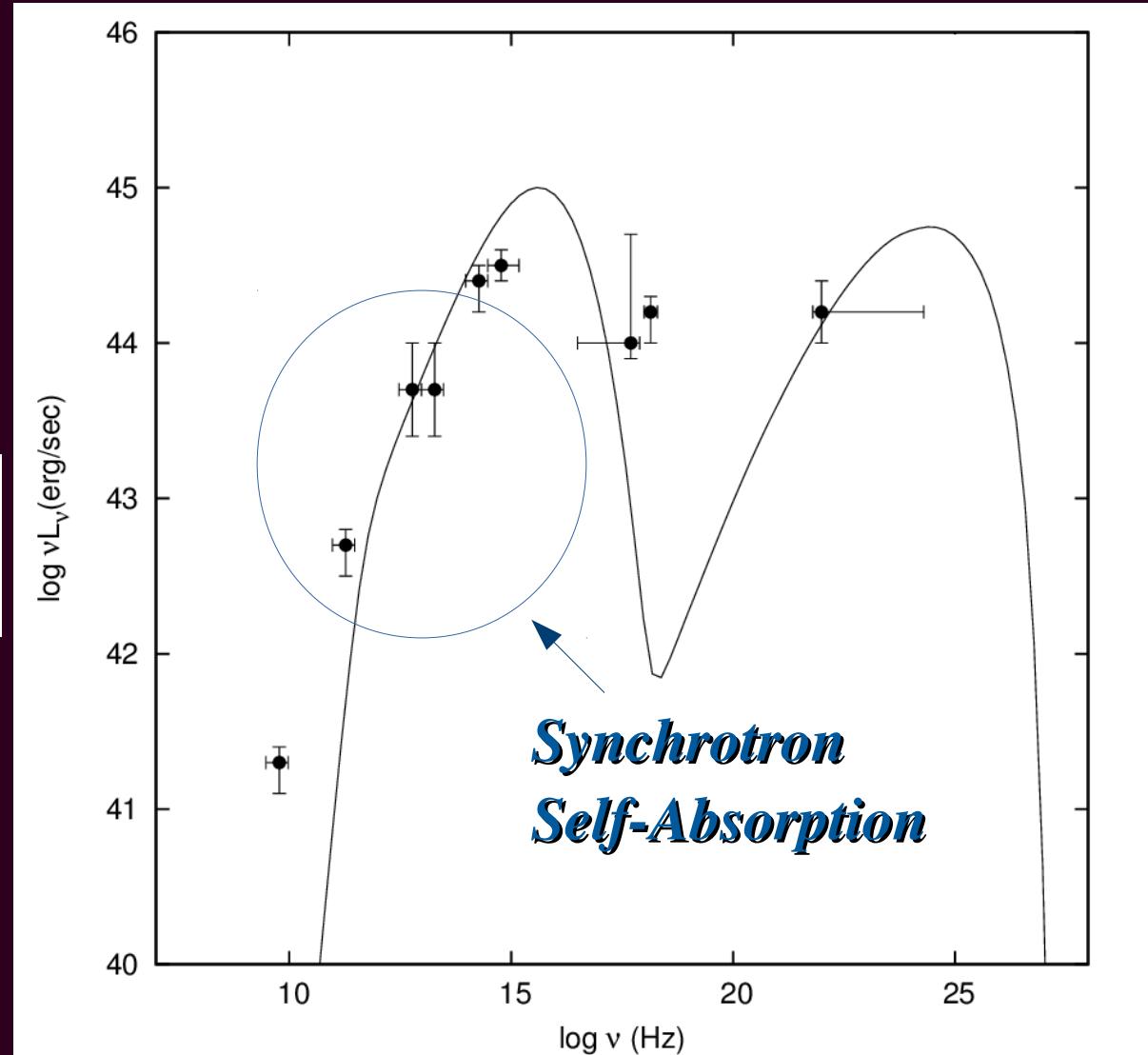
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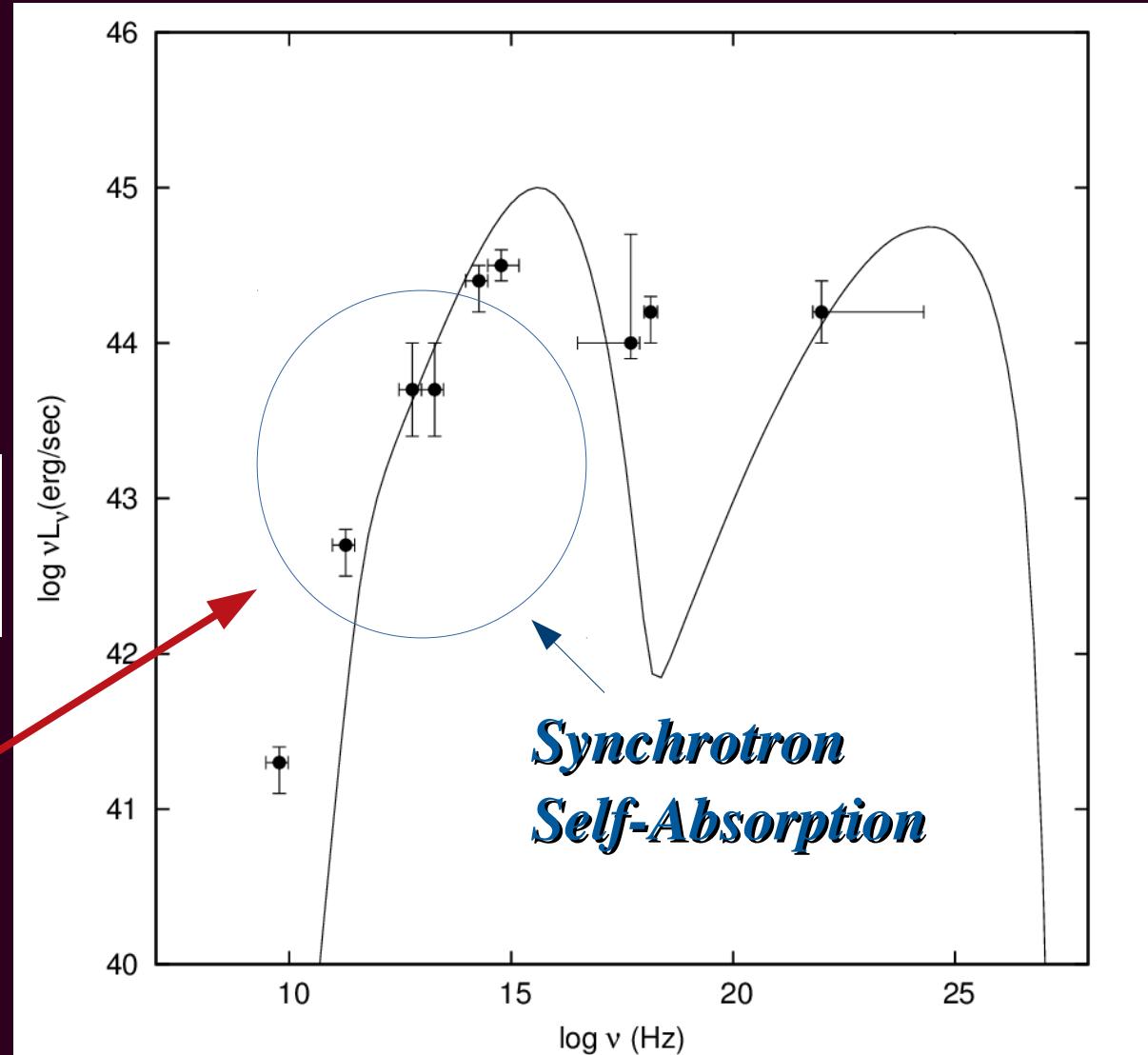


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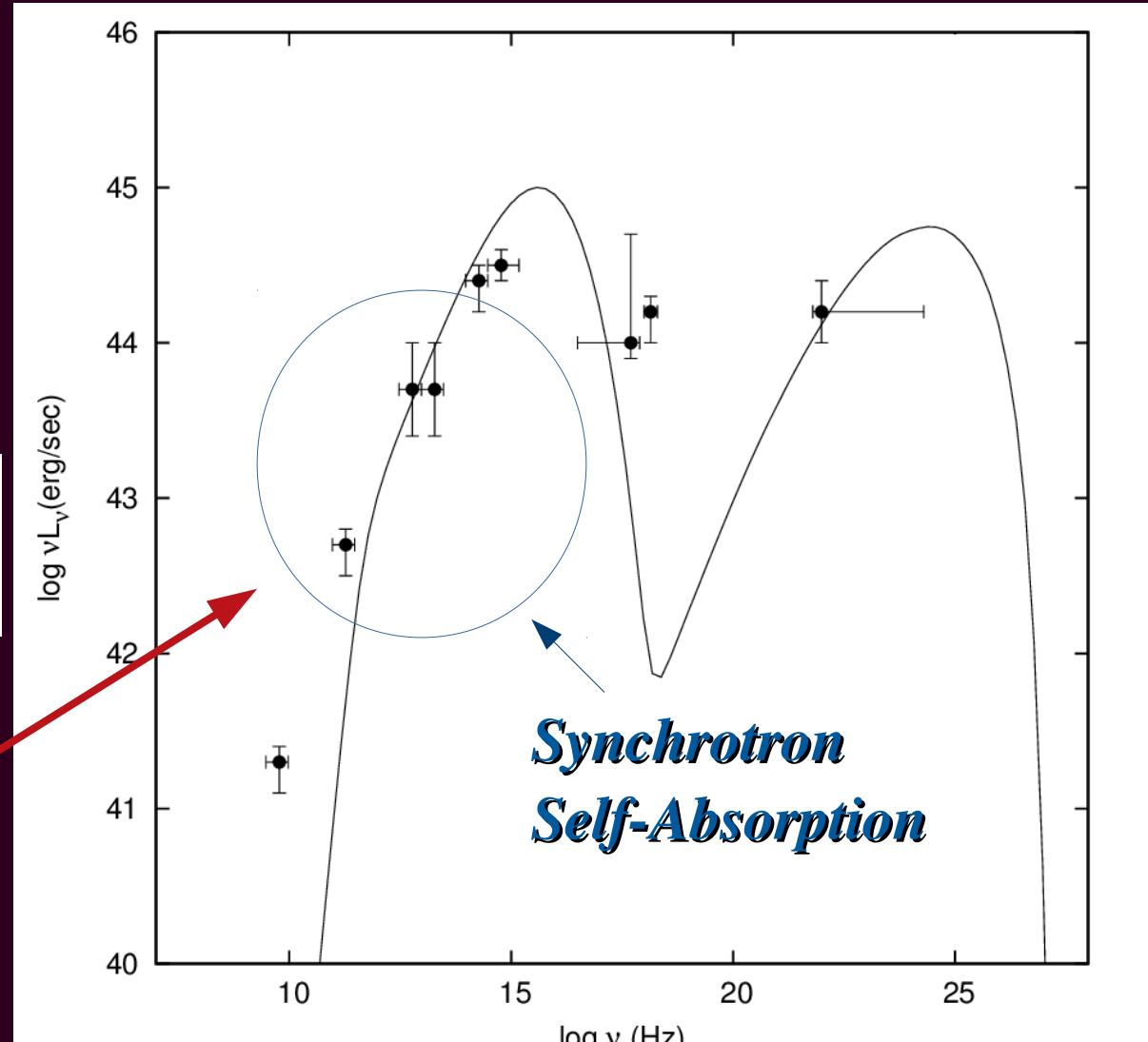


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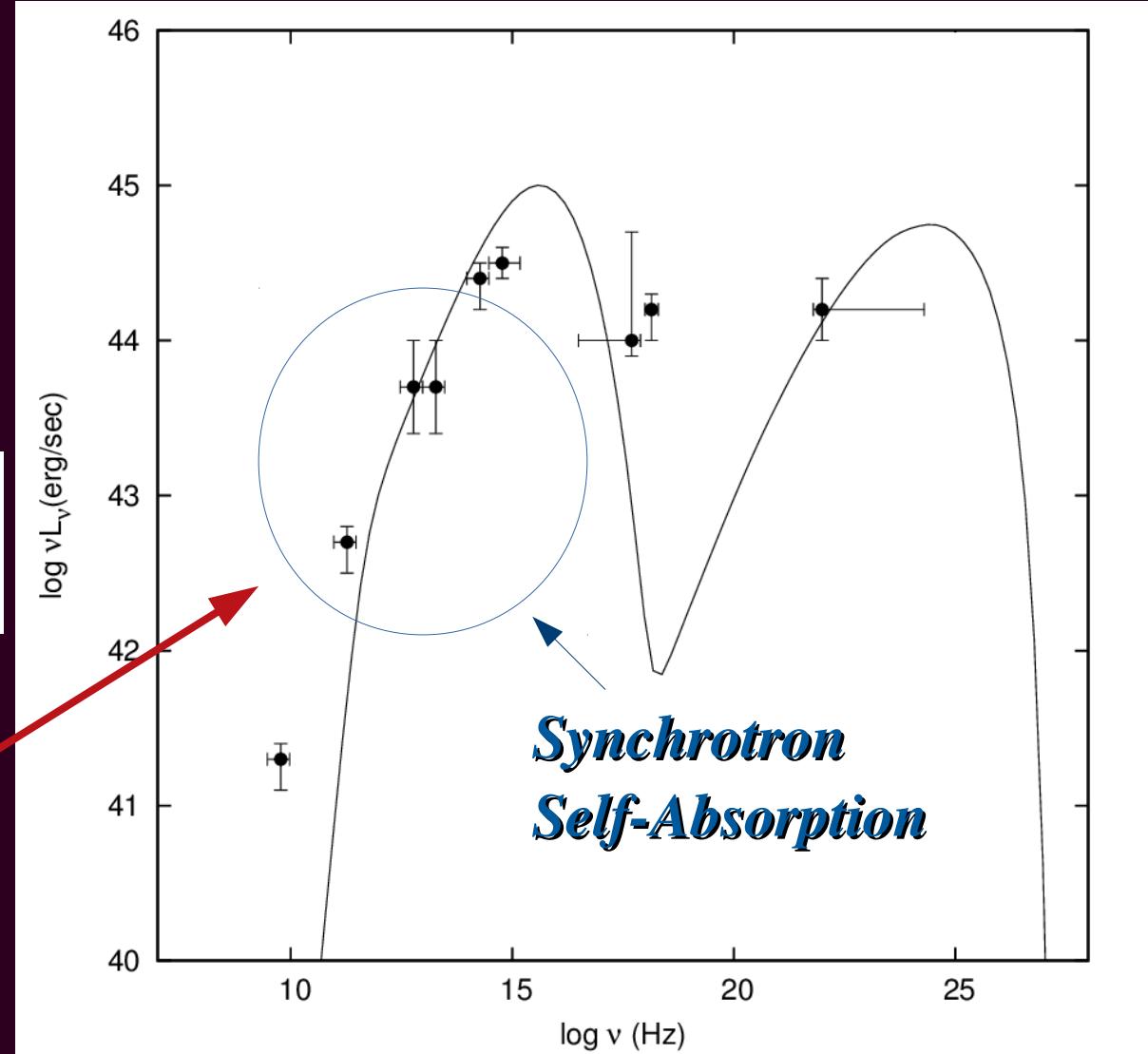
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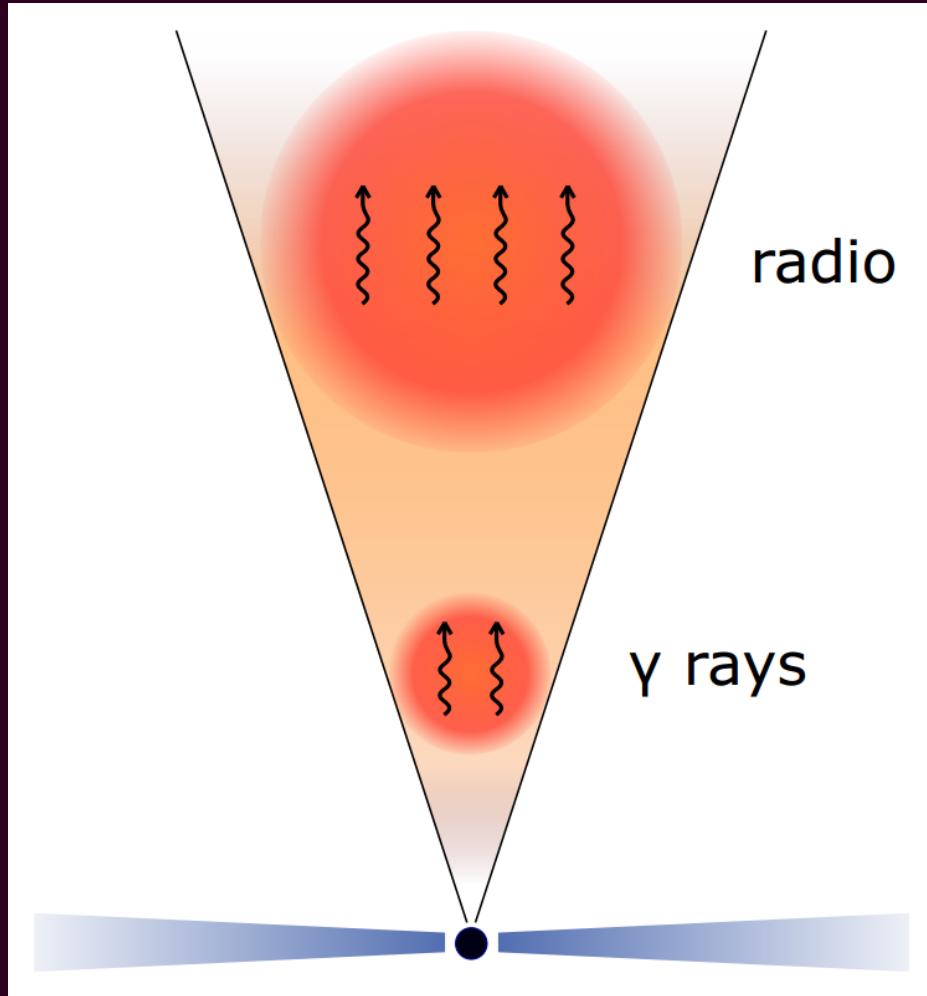
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Model: A uniform Jet



- Localization of γ -ray and radio emission
- Spherical regions of accelerated particles move toward the jet and at the same time are expanding.

A proposed model for a uniform conical jet can be found at Potter & Cotter series of papers.

Numerical Approach: Source's Expansion

- Physical Processes for a Leptonic Model
 - ✓ Synchrotron Radiation
 - ✓ Inverse Compton Scattering
 - ✓ Synchrotron Self Absorption
 - ✓ Photon-Photon Absorption
 - ✓ **Adiabatic Losses**

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A new numerical code based on
Mastichiadis & Kirk, 1995, 1997

An example: Synchrotron and Adiabatic Losses

$$\frac{\partial N(\gamma, t)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} [(A_{syn}(R)\gamma^2 + A_{exp}(R)\gamma)N(\gamma, t)] = \tilde{Q}(\gamma, t)$$



Adiabatic losses:

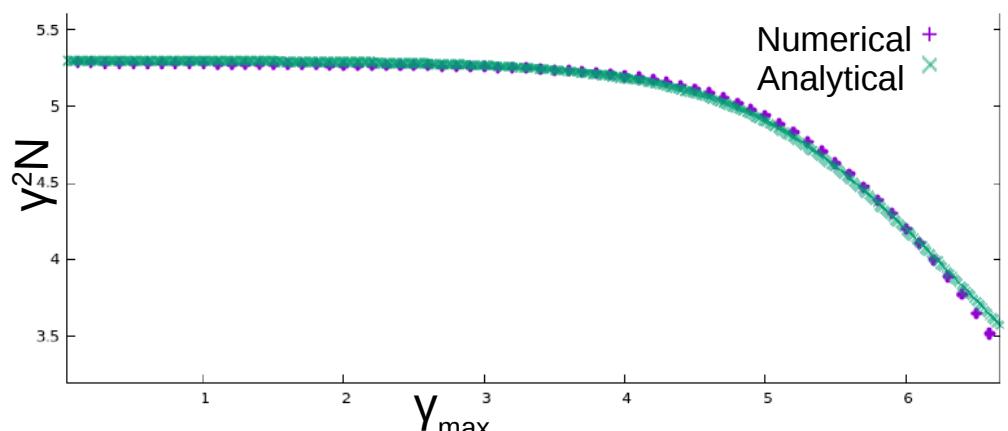
$$\begin{aligned}\left(-\frac{dE}{dt}\right)_{ad} &= \frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} E, \quad \frac{dR}{dt} = u \\ -\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right)_{ad} &= \frac{u}{R} E \Rightarrow -\left(\frac{d\gamma}{dE}\right)_{ad} = \frac{u}{R} \gamma\end{aligned}$$

Synchrotron losses:

$$\left(-\frac{d\gamma}{dt}\right)_{syn} = \alpha B^2 \gamma^2 \text{ with } \alpha = \frac{\sigma_\tau c}{6\pi m_e c^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial N(\gamma, R)}{\partial R} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{uR^x} \gamma^2 + \frac{1}{R} \gamma \right) N(\gamma, R) \right] = Q(\gamma, R)$$



A comparison of
the analytical and
numerical solution

Preliminary Results

Adiabatic Expansion

$$R = R_0 + u_{exp} t$$

Magnetic Field Strength

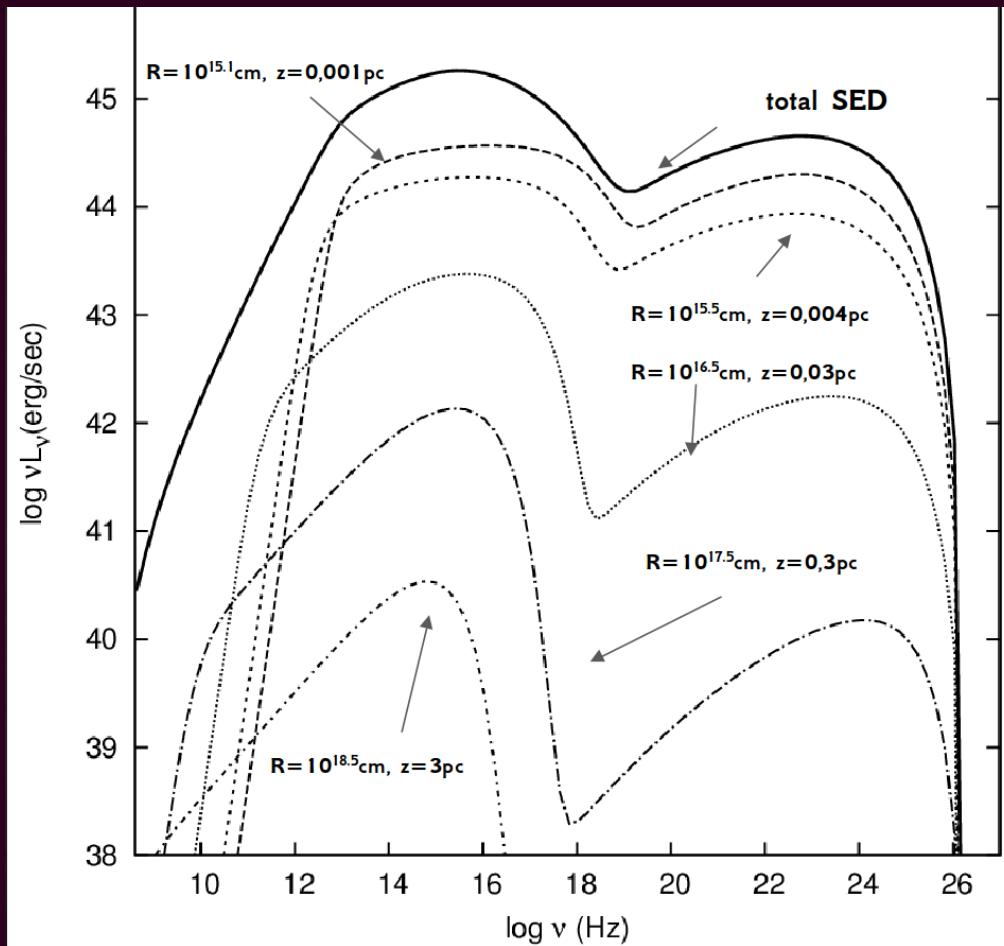
$$B = B_0 \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^x$$

Electrons Luminosity

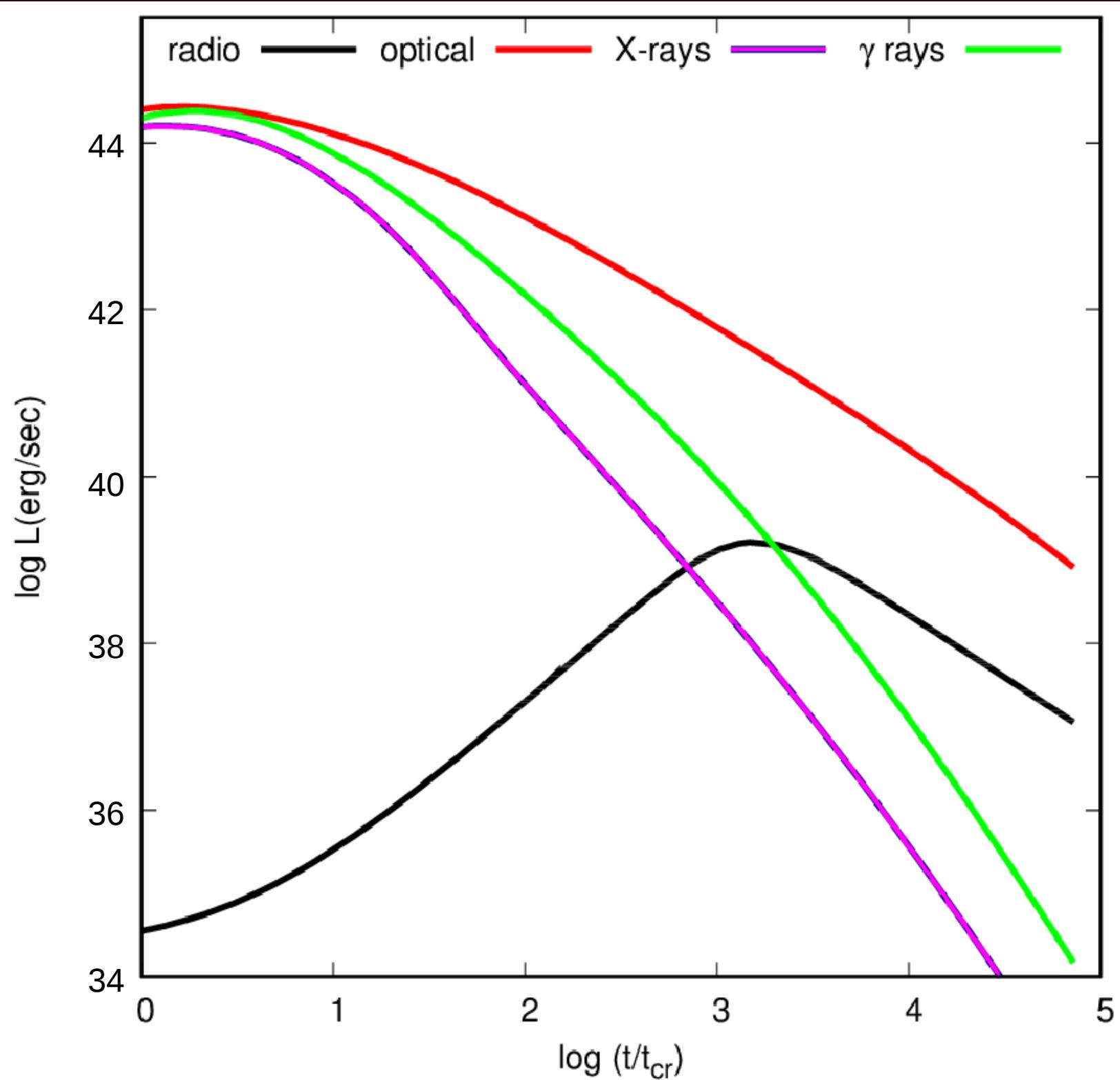
$$L_e^{inj} = L_{e0}^{inj} \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^x$$

Electrons Energy Distribution

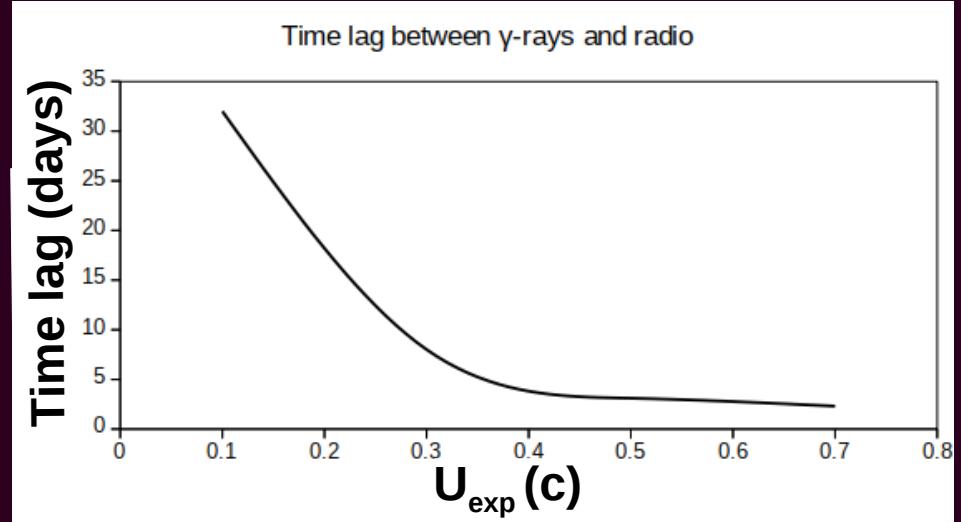
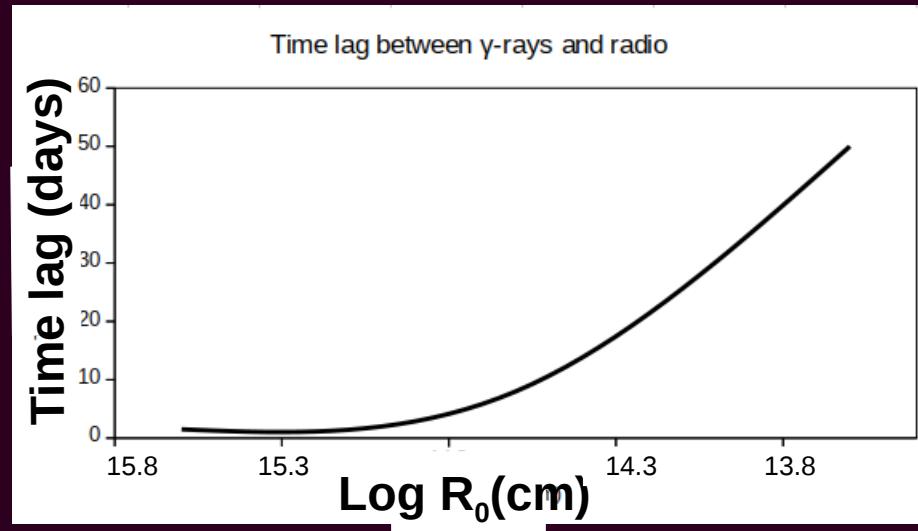
$$Q_e(\gamma) = k_e \gamma^{-p} \quad \gamma_{min} \leq \gamma \leq \gamma_{max}$$



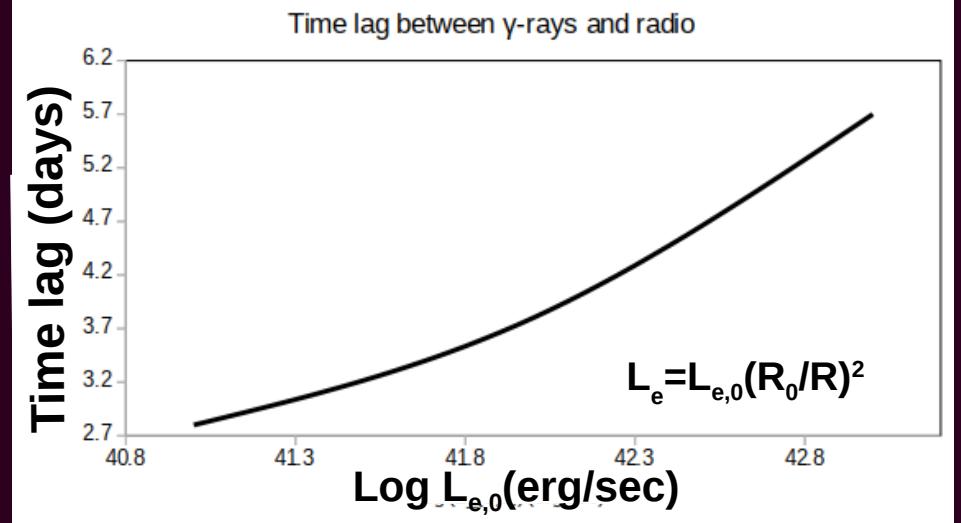
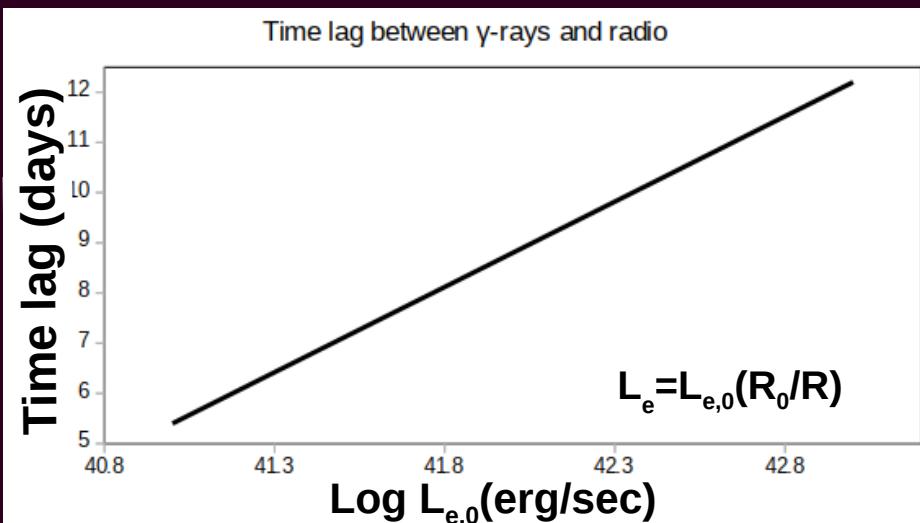
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 $R_0 = 10^{15}\text{cm}$
 $L_e = 10^{42}\text{erg/sec}$
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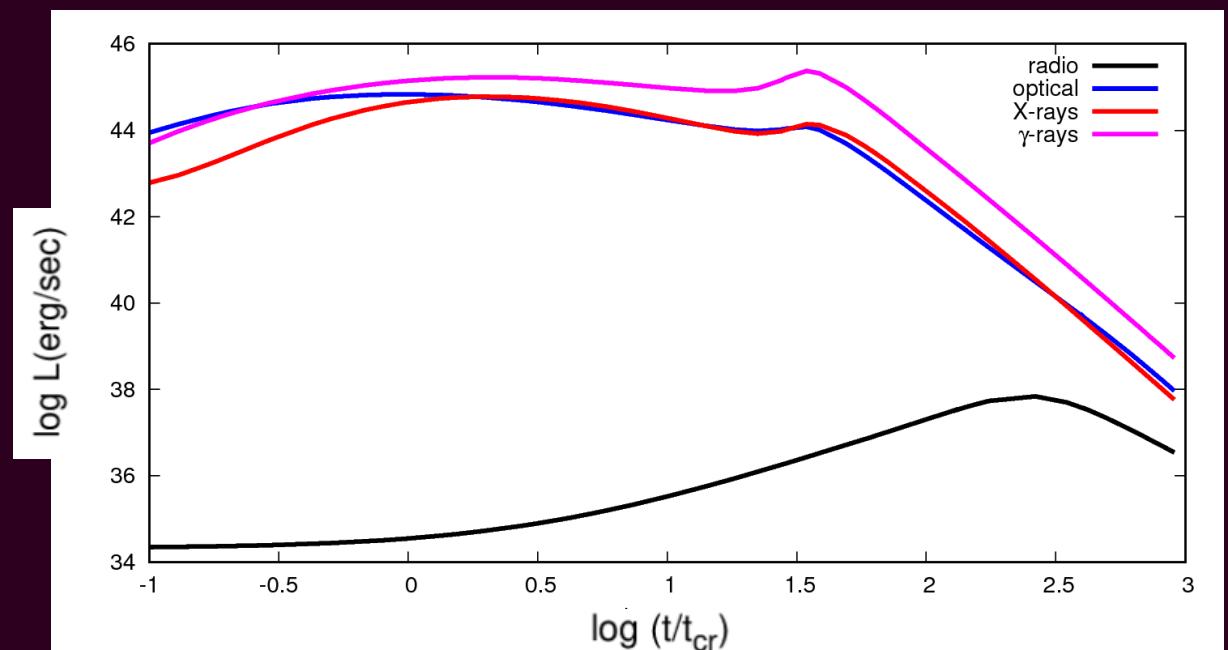
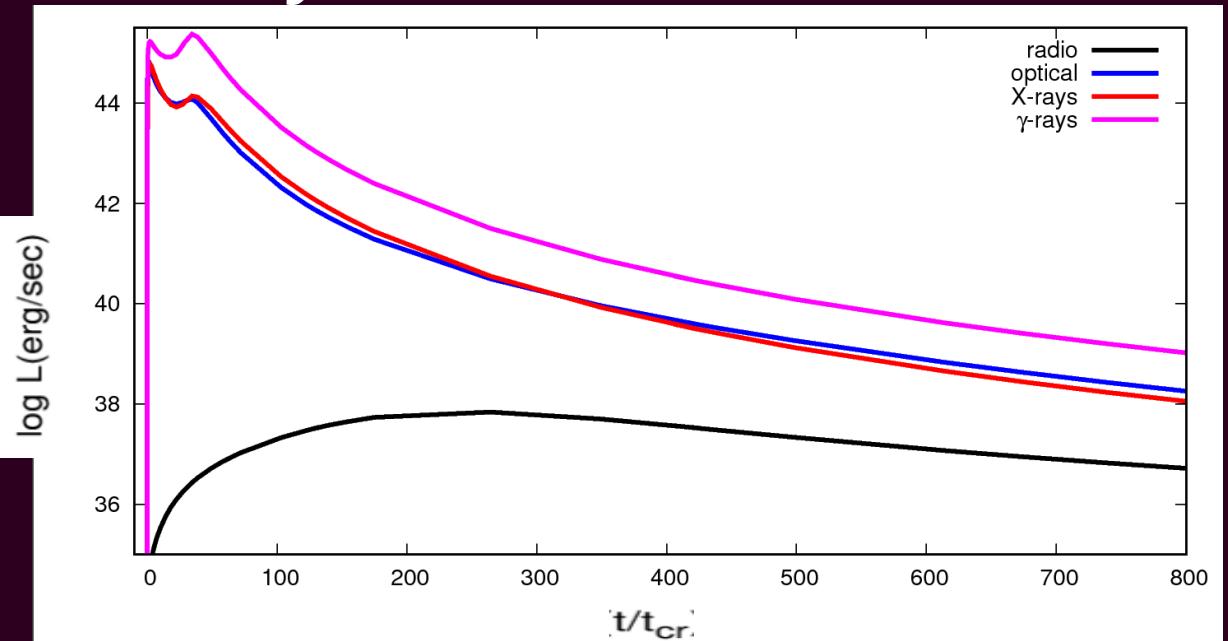
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Electrons Luminosity

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Lorentzian Electron Energy Distribution

$$Q_e(\gamma, t) = k_e \gamma^{-p} \left(1 + \frac{(\alpha - 1)w^2}{4(t - t_o)^2 + w^2} \right)$$



Take-home message:

In order to explain the connection between γ -ray and radio emission:

- We have created a new expanding numerical code
- We propose a model of a uniform jet

Work in progress:

- Searching the parameter phase space
- Self-consistent particle acceleration

Thank you!