Extreme TeV Bl Lacs: a stochastic acceleration model

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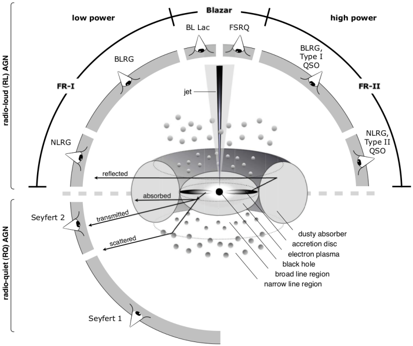

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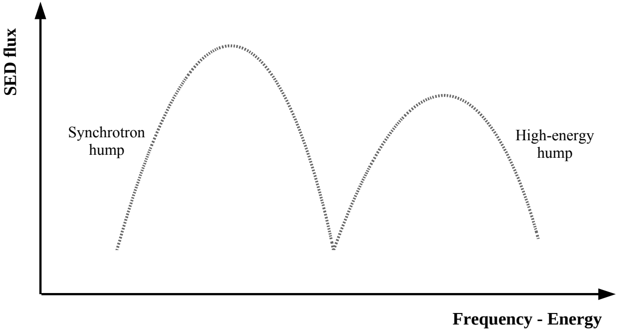

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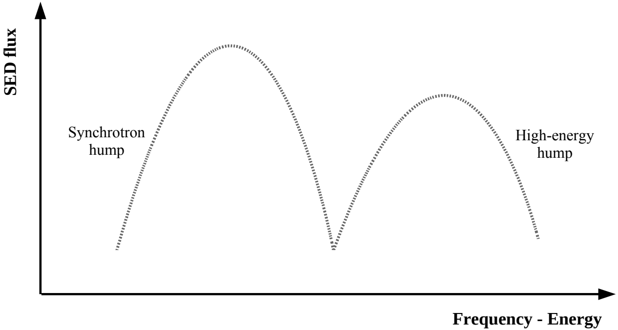

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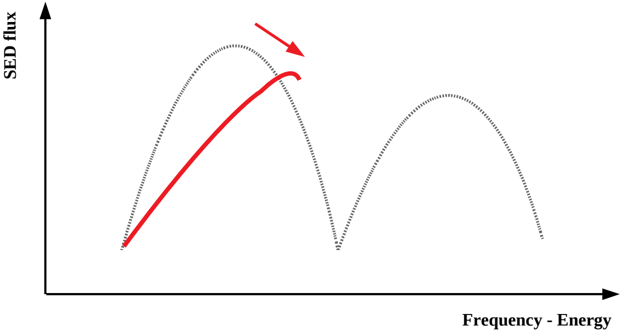

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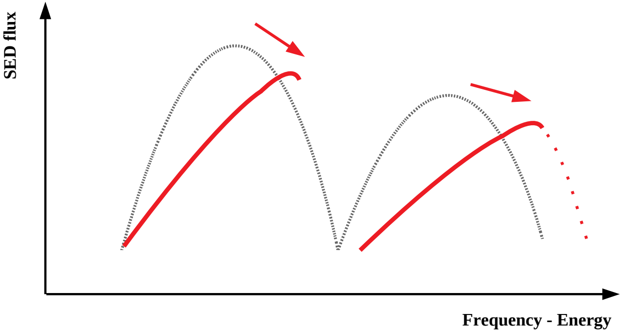

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- The second SED peak beyond 1 TeV
- A hard sub-TeV intrinsic spectrum
- The TeV emission is stable over years

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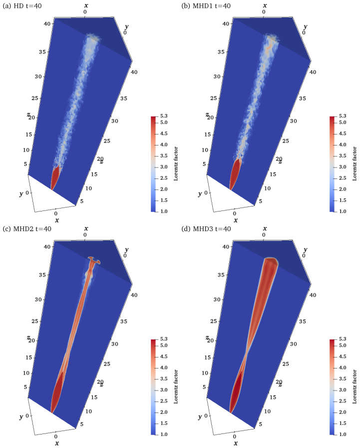

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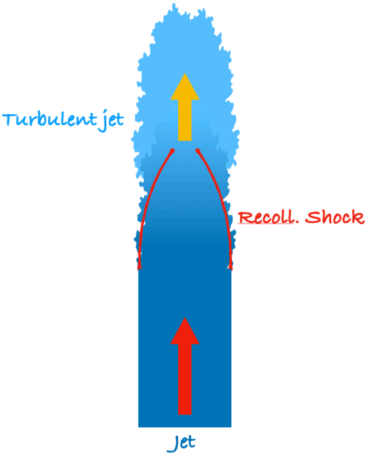

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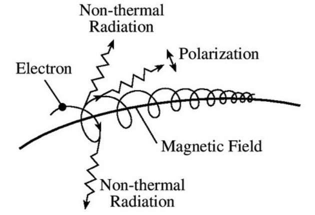

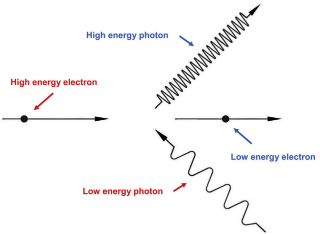

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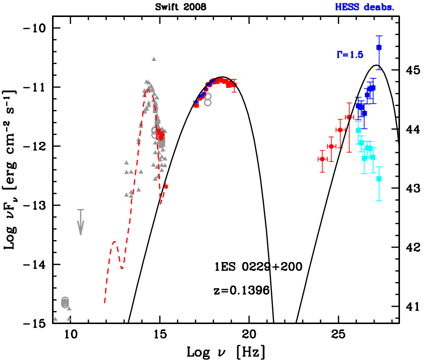

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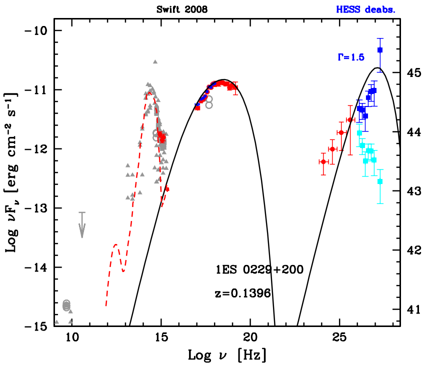

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Numerical method

Assuming isotropy and homogeneity (i.e. no spatial diffusion):

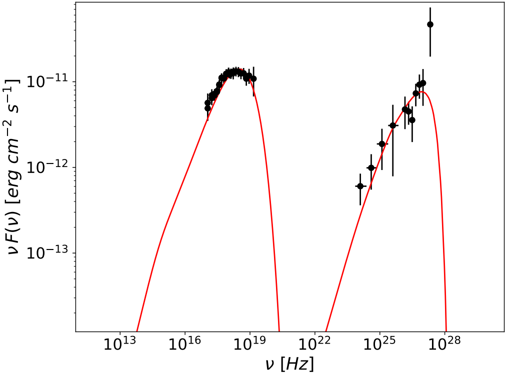
$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \dfrac{1}{p^2}\dfrac{\partial}{\partial p}\left[p^2 D_p \dfrac{\partial f}{\partial p} + p^2\left(\dfrac{\partial p}{\partial t}\right)_{\rm rad} f\right] + \dfrac{f}{t_{\rm esc}} + I_f \\ \dfrac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = \dfrac{1}{k^2}\dfrac{\partial}{\partial k}\left(k^2 D_k \dfrac{\partial Z}{\partial k}\right) + \Gamma Z + \dfrac{I_W}{k^2} \quad \text{with} \quad Z = \dfrac{W}{k^2} \end{cases}$$

- We must solve a system of two coupled Fokker-Planck equations
- We decided to use the robust implicit Chang-Cooper algorithm
- Kolmogorov phenomenology $\Longrightarrow D_k = D_k(k, W) \Longrightarrow$ Non-linearity
- We need a trick (see Larsen et al. 1985)

1ES 0229+200

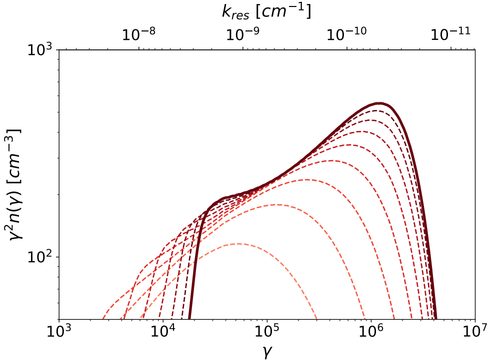
We apply our model to the prototypical extreme TeV Bl Lacs, i.e. 1ES 0229+200

- Downstream region radius
  $R = 1.2 \times 10^{16}$ cm
- Alfvén velocity
  $v_a = 2 \times 10^9$ cm/s
- Mean magnetic field
  $B = 15.9$ mG
- Injected electrons power
  $P'_n = 7 \times 10^{39}$ erg/s
- Injected turbulence power
  $P'_W = 7 \times 10^{39}$ erg/s



The electrons spectrum and the energy peak increase until the cooling becomes relevant. The final spectrum presents the following features:

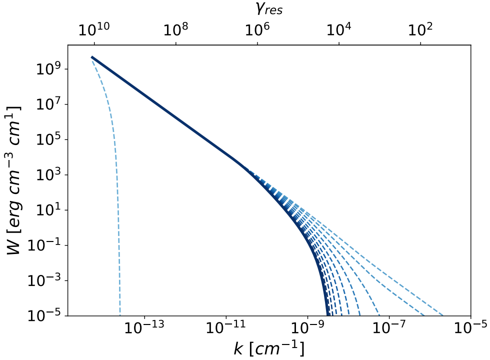
- Peak at $\gamma \sim 10^6$
- Cut-off at $\gamma \gtrsim 10^6$
- Cut-off at $\gamma \lesssim 10^4$



Electrons and turbulence spectra

The turbulence cascades to larger wavenumbers until the electrons damping becomes relevant. The final spectrum presents the following features:

- Cut-off at $k \gtrsim 10^{-10}$ cm^{-1}
- Power law at $k \lesssim 10^{-10}$ cm^{-1}



Conclusions and future perspectives

Our model was able to reproduce the SED of the prototypical extreme TeV Bl Lacs 1ES 0229+200

- Caveats
  - Necessary comparison with other SEDs
  - Check with MHD simulations

- Improvements
  - Addition of IC cooling term (other non-linear term)
  - More accurate algorithm (e.g. Runge-Kutta Implicit-Explicit schemes)

For further details, see Sciaccaluga & Tavecchio 2022 (arXiv:2208.00699)