



## Neutrino Emission from Blazars

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# Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs)



- >10<sup>6</sup> solar mass @ galactic center
  - Correlate with various physical parameters of host galaxies
- Gas accretion -> brighter than the galaxy (active galactic nuclei: AGNs)
  - Various population
  - Relativistic jet
    - Ultra-high-energy cosmic rays / high-energy neutrinos (?)
  - The SMBH of our galaxy does not show strong activities



Blazars

- AGNs whose relativistic jets pointing at us.
- Variable (⊿t ~ 1 day)
- ~10% polarization



# Individual Blazar Spectra

**BL** Lacs: emission to VHE/TeV energies / Fv [erg cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>] 01 VLBA(BP143 VLBA core(BP143) RXTE/PC/ VLBA\_core\_ell Swift/XR1 σ VLBA(BK150 2011 VLBA\_core(B) Motoph VLBA(MOJAVE 10 VLBA\_Core(MOJAVE a|. OVRO RATAN UMRAO et 10.1 Abdo MAGIC VERITAS GASP VERITAS flan GRT Mrk 501 10-13 MITSUME ROVOR WIRO z = 0.033101 10<sup>10</sup> 10<sup>12</sup> 1014 10<sup>1</sup> 1024 10<sup>26</sup> v [Hz] Abdo et al. 2011b SMA S. VLBA core(BP143 cm<sup>2</sup> VLBA(BP143)  $\mathbf{s}^{-1}$ [erg  $\mathbf{s}^{-1}$ 10 VLBA(BK150  $\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$ VLBA core(MOJAVE N VI BA/MOJAVE сIJ OVRO RATAN erg MAGIC Swift/UVO erg ROVOR Fermi 10-12 Swift/RAT νF, BXTE/PCA Mrk 421 Swift/XRT 10-13 WIRO z = 0.031 OAGH 10-1 10<sup>10</sup> 1012 1014 1016 10<sup>1</sup> 1022 1024 10<sup>26</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> v [Hz]

Flat-Spectrum Radio Quasars (FSRQs):

spectrum cutoff at GeV



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# **Typical Spectra of Blazars**



- Non-thermal emission from radio to gamma-ray
  - Two spectral humps
  - relativistic particles and intense photon fields

 Luminous blazars (FSRQs) tend to have lower peak
 energies
 (Fossati+'98;Kubo+'98;Donato+'01;Ghis ellini+'17)

## **Blazar Emission Mechanism**

#### Leptonic model

- 1st hump: non-thermal e- synchrotron
- 2nd hump:
  - Synchrotron-Self-Compton (SSC)
  - External Inverse Compton (EIC)
- Lepto-Hadronic model
  - 1st hump: non-thermal e- synchrotron
  - 2nd hump:
    - proton (ion) synchrotron
    - photomeson production (cascade)



## Leptonic Scenario



- Radiation from accelerated electrons in inner jets
  - shock? turbulence? reconnection? shear?
- One (multi)-zone synchrotron/SSC/EIC
- target photon: synchrotron, broad line regions (BLRs), dust torus, accretion disk

### Spectral Fitting w/ a Leptonic Model



### Maximum Proton Energy from HBLs



- HBLs are not efficient accelerators having  $\eta_g \sim 5x10^4$ .
  - consistent with previous individual source studies (Inoue & Takahara '96, Sato+'08, Finke+'08)
- the maximum proton energy from low-luminosity HBLs is <10<sup>15</sup> eV.

# Lepto-Hadronic Scenario



• Proton (Ion) Synchrotron

• p + B -> p + γ

- Photomeson interaction (cascade)
  - p+ $\gamma$  -> p/n,  $\pi$  -> p/n,  $\nu$ ,  $\gamma$ , e
- But, requires super-Eddington jet P<sub>jet</sub> ~100 L<sub>Edd</sub> ?(Sikora+'09, Zdziarski & Bottcher '15)

### **Photomeson Production in Blazars**

Murase, YI, & Dermer '14



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### **Photomeson Production Efficiency**

Dermer, Murase, & YI '14



Production efficiency (= effective optical depth)

- $f_{p\gamma} \sim n_{\gamma} \kappa_p \sigma_{p\gamma} r$
- BL Lacs are inefficient neutrino factories, but UHECRs can survive
- FSRQs are more efficient due to external photon field
  - have a v spectral peak at ~PeV due to BLR photons

## Neutrino SEDs



- $\bullet$  Luminous blazars are brighter in  $\nu$
- pγ with internal rad. field:
- pγ with external rad. field:

• because 
$$r_{\rm ext} \propto L_{\rm disk}^{0.5}$$

$$f_{p\gamma} \propto L_{\rm ph,int} \Rightarrow L_{\nu} \propto L_{\gamma}^2$$
  
 $f_{p\gamma} \propto L_{\rm ph,ext}^{0.5} \Rightarrow L_{\nu} \propto L_{\gamma}^{1.5}$ 

### **Cosmic TeV-PeV Neutrino Background**



- Difficult to explain IceCube results only by blazars
- Spectral structure by BLR & Dust Torus emission
- Normalized by UHECRs  $\Rightarrow$  EeV  $\nu$  detectable in future

## Blazar Models vs. Data

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#### Can Blazars Explain the IceCube Data? © K. Murase



Can blazars dominantly explain the IceCube data? – challenging

- Need a cutoff or steepening around a few PeV (ex. stochastic acceleration)
- Medium-energy (<100 TeV) data cannot be explained by proposed models</li>
  Can blazars dominantly explain the UHECR data? maybe
- But the simultaneous explanation for the IceCube data is challenging

## Fermi Blazars Contribution



- Blazars are rare (~1-10 deg<sup>-2</sup>)
- Fermi/LAT blazars can explain <7-27 % of the IceCube flux</li>
  - Note: Fermi/LAT is not sensitive to MeV blazars (most powerful blazars) and extreme HBLs (highest energy blazars)

## **Neutrinos From Flaring Blazars**





Lucarelli+'17

• Kadler+'16

- IceCube: HESE-35 (2 PeV)
- PKS B1424-418 (z=1.52)
- Association level: ~2σ
- Lucarelli+'17
  - ICECUBE-160731 (several hundred TeV?)
  - 1RXS J141658.0-001449
  - Association level:  $\sim 4\sigma$

## *IceCube* 170922A

- Initial alert by AMON
  - E<sub>v</sub> ~ 300 TeV
- Flare of TXS 0506+056, located inside the error region
  - Fermi ATel #10791 (Tanaka+)
  - MAGIC ATel #10817 (Mirzoyan+)
  - Swift GCN #21930, ATel #10942 (Keivani+)
  - NuSTAR ATel #10861 (Fox+)
  - Kanata, Subaru, and so on,,,
- ?? True association ??

### **Components of Cosmic Gamma-ray Background**



• FSRQs (Ajello+'12), BL Lacs (Ajello+'14), Radio gals. (YI'11), & Starforming gals. (Ackermann+'12) makes almost 100% of CGB from 0.1-1000 GeV.

### **Blazars in the Cosmic Gamma-ray Background**



 Padovani+'93; Stecker+'93; Salamon & Stecker '94; Chiang + '95; Stecker & Salamon '96; Chiang & Mukherjee '98; Mukherjee & Chiang '99; Muecke & Pohl '00; Narumoto & Totani '06; Giommi +'06; Dermer '07; Pavlidou & Venters '08; Kneiske & Mannheim '08; Bhattacharya +'09; YI & Totani '09; Abdo+'10; Stecker & Venters '10; Cavadini+'11, Abazajian+'11, Zeng+'12, Ajello+'12, Broderick+'12, Singal+'12, Harding & Abazajian '12, Di Mauro+'14, Ajello+'14, Ajello, YI, +'15,

- Blazars explain ~50% of CGB at 0.1-100 GeV.
  - explain ~100% of CGB at >100 GeV.

### **Cosmological Evolution of Blazars**



- FSRQs, luminous BL Lacs show positive evolution.
- Iow-luminosity BL Lacs show negative evolution unlike other AGNs.

### **Blazar evolution?**



- Stronger evolution in X-ray selected blazars?
- Redshifts of 50% of Fermi BL Lacs are unknown.

~10 hr exposure w/10-m telescope for TXS 0506+056

### **Cosmic TeV Gamma-ray Background**



• Above 1 TeV, there is no gamma-ray data, though it is important for neutrino studies.

### GeV-TeV Gamma-ray Connection: Cascade



- TeV gamma-ray photons are absorbed by EBL
- electron-positron pairs are created
- pairs scatter CMB via inverse-Compton process
  - 1 TeV (primary) -> ~1 GeV (secondary)
- Note: plasma instability may suppress the cascade (Broderick+'12, but see also Sironi & Giannios '14)

#### **Upper Bound on the Cosmic Gamma-ray Background**



- Cascade component from the TeV background can not exceed the Fermi data (Coppi & Aharonian '97, YI & loka '12, Murase+'12, Ackermann+'14).
  - No or negative evolution is required -> low-luminosity BL Lacs show negative evolution (Ajello+'14).

### Galaxy Counts: Lower Bound on the Cosmic Optical/Infrared Background



## Known TeV sources



 Select 35 known TeV sources at |b|>10 deg from the default TeVcat catalog.

- low-state data only
- 30 are blazars, 3 are radio galaxies, 2 are starbursts
- 3FGL SED data for the GeV data.

#### Lower Bound on the Cosmic Gamma-ray Background



- TeV source counts give lower limit on to the cosmic gamma-ray background.
- Fermi has resolved more portion of the TeV sky than IACTs do.
  - CTA survey will be important (YI, Totani, & Mori 10; Dubus, YI, +'13; De Franco, YI,+'17)



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•  $3x10^{-8}$  (E/0.1 TeV)<sup>-0.8</sup> exp(-E/2 TeV) < E<sup>2</sup>dN/dE < 1x10<sup>-7</sup> (E/0.1 TeV)<sup>-0.5</sup> [GeV/cm<sup>2</sup>/s/sr]



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### Summary

- Blazar emission mechanism
  - Leptonic? Lepto-Hadronic?
- Even if blazars are neutrino emitters,
  - blazars can not explain the whole IceCube data
- Currently, association w/ blazars is still uncertain.
  - More events & more follow-ups
- We still do not understand evolution history of blazars
- Can CTA/HAWC measure the TeV background?