

Stochastic acceleration and the evolution of spectral distributions in SSC sources: A self consistent modeling of TeV blazars' flares

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OUTLINE

The aim of this talk is to provide a self-consistent explanation of the X-ray spectral phenomenology of TeV blazars, in terms of a stochastic acceleration scenario. Our analysis bases on interpretation of the spectral curvature, in terms of a stochastic acceleration signature

main topics:

 phenomenological approach: acceleration signatures in the X-ray logparabolic spectral trends

 log-parabola physical insight: statistical derivation, and diffusion equation derivation

 self-consistent approach: numerical modeling of particle and SED evolution resulting from the competition between acceleration and radiative losses

model vs observed X-ray trends and γ-ray predictions

conclusions

Phenomenological approach

LP SPECTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF HBLs

E. Massaro et al.: The log-parabolic X-ray spectra of Mkn 501



acceleration signature in the Es-vs-b trend

Tramacere A., et al., 2007A&A...466 AND 2009A&A...501



acceleration signature in the Es-vs-Ls trend



The log-parabola origin: physical insight

The origin of the log-parabolic shape: statistical derivation



The origin of the log-parabolic shape: diffusion equation approach

$$\frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left\{ - \left[S(\gamma,t) + D_A(\gamma,t) \right] n(\gamma,t) + D_p(\gamma,t) \frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial \gamma} \right\} - \frac{n(\gamma,t)}{T_{esc}(\gamma)} + Q(\gamma,t)$$

$$n(\gamma, t) = \frac{N_0}{\gamma \sqrt{4\pi D_{p0} t}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[\ln(\gamma/\gamma_0) - (A_{p0} - D_{p0})t\right]^2}{4D_{p0} t}\right\}$$

analytical solution for: D_p~γ^q, q=2 "hard-sphere" case Melrose 1968, Kardashedv 1962



The curvature r is inversely proportional to $t => n_s$ and $D_p => \sigma_{\epsilon}$



A self-consistent approach

self-consistent approach: acc+cooling



acc.-dominated-vs-equil.,R= 10¹⁵ cm, q=2



mono energetic inj., t_{inj}<<t_{acc}, t_{inj}<<t_{sim}
we measure r@peak as a function of the time
two phase: acceleration-dominated, equilibrium
equil. distribution:

•f=1 for q=2 and S, full TH, or full KN
•equil. curv.: r~2.5, (r_{3p}~6.0) for TH or full KN
•equil. curv.: r~0.6, (r_{3p}~4.0) for TH-KN

$$n(\gamma) \propto \gamma^2 \exp\left[\frac{-1}{f(q,\dot{\gamma})} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{eq}}\right)^{f(q,\dot{\gamma})}\right]$$

D_p -driven trends $t_{D=}[1.5x10^4-1.5x10^5]$, L_{inj} =const.



E_s - b_s X-ray trend and γ -ray predictions



•data span 13 years, both flaring and quiescent states

- •We are able to reproduce these long-term behaviours, by changing the value of only one parameter (D_p)
- •for q=2, curvature values imply distribution far from the equilibrium (b~1.2)
- •More data needed at GeV/TeV, curvature seems to be cooling-dominated

L_{inj} (E _s -b _s trend) (erg s ⁻¹)	5×10^{39}
L_{inj} (E_s – L_s trend	l) (erg s ⁻¹)	$5 \times 10^{38}, 5 \times 10^{39}$
q		2
t_A	(s)	1.2×10^{3}
$t_{D_0} = 1/D_{P0}$	(s)	$[1.5 \times 10^4, 1.5 \times 10^5]$
<i>T</i> _{inj}	(s)	104
$T_{\rm esc}$	(R/c)	2.0

E_s - L_s X-ray trend and γ -ray predictions



•the E_s-S_s (E_s-L_s) relation follows naturally from that between E_s and b_s

•the low L_{inj} objets (Mrk 501 vs Mrk 421) reach a larger E_s, compatibly with larger γ_{eq}

- Mrk 421 MGIC data on 2006 match very well the Synchrotron prediction with simultaneous Xray data
- •the average index of the trend $L_s \propto E_S^{\alpha}$ with $\alpha \sim 0.6$, is compatible with the data, and with a scenario in which a typical constant energy $(L_{inj} \times t_{inj})$ is injected for any flare (jet-feeding problem), whilst the peak dynamic is ruled by the turbulence in the magnetic field.

Conclusions

- •Log-parabola is not a "magic" distribution, but it is not by chance, it has a physical interpretation compatible with a stochastic acceleration scenario, and, in this framework, the curvature parameter is an indicator of the momentum diffusion in the acceleration process
- Log-parabolic distributions hint for an acceleration-dominated state, far from the equilibrium state, whilst at the equilibrium, maxwellian-like distribution are expected (TH/KN regime relevant to the equilibrium shape)
- •Our stochastic scenario is able to reproduce the observed trends for a sample o 6 HBLs, spanning 13 years, with a small number of parameters. We found that the momentum diffusion can explain the Eb-vs-b trend, and that the Lp-vs-Ep trends follows from it naturally, provided that a constant typical energy (Linjxtinj) is injected.
- The crosscheck with γ-ray data, is mandatory to constrain better the parameter space of the cooling and acceleration scenario (and to break some of the degeneracy among the parameters). We predict GeV/TeV trends, basing on the Xray data, and we find a reasonable agreement with the literature data, but a larger amount of γ-ray data is needed
- Future instrument (γ-ray/X-ray), thanks to larger statistics, will provide tighter constraints possible to the measure of the curvature variation, and to discriminate between log-par and exp. cut-off, with an higher accuracy, allowing to discriminate between acceleration and cooling dominated trends.

online SSC/EC tool @ http://isdc-web00.isdc.unige.ch/sedtool/



Backup slides



Relation between the observed synchrotron curvature (b) and that of the emitting electrons (r)



A test for Homogeneous SSC Model



Due to the K-N effect, TeV IC photons are most efficiently produced by e⁻ emitting @ E>~1keV and up-scattering UV-to-soft-X-ray photons, and GeV photons are efficiently produced by e⁻ radiating @ E~<1keV and up-scattering UV-to-soft-X-ray photons. Moreover UV photons are much more numerous than X-ray ones.

We expect a strong correlation between the Swift/UVOT and Fermi-LAT spectral index.

IC intrinsic curvature and TeV emission

Massaro E., Tramacere A. et al. A&A 2006



fixed $\gamma_0 = 10^3, 2^*10^4$

change r and and the center of the range over which the IC curvature is measured



Cut-off interpretation as due only to the interaction among EBL and TeV photons



HBL Mrk 501 1997 large Flare

Massaro E., Tramacere A., et al. A&A 2006



•We used the lowest EBL realization from Dwek and Krennrich 2005, to evaluate EBL attenuation for Mrk 501

•Within a One-Zone SSC scenario, our model requires low EBL densities to explain cut-off and curvature in the TeV spectra of blazars

TeV detection of High z TeV BLAZARS is in agreement with our model.



The origin of the log-parabolic shape: statistical approach

particle energy at step *n*_s

$$\gamma_{n_s} = \varepsilon_{n_s} \gamma_{n_s-1} = \gamma_{n_s-1} (1 + \Delta \gamma_{n_s-1} / \gamma_{n_s-1})$$

 $\varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} + \chi$ systematic gain

energy gain = syst.+ fluctuation

is a RV with mean=0, and variance σ_{χ^2} ,

$$\gamma_{n_s} = \gamma_0 \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \varepsilon_i$$

This equation clearly shows that the final energy distribution $(n(\gamma) = dN(\gamma)/d\gamma)$ will result from the product of the random variables ε_i .

$$\begin{split} n(\gamma) &= \frac{N_0}{\gamma \sigma_\gamma \sqrt{(2\pi)}} \exp\left[-\left(\ln \ \gamma - \mu\right)^2 / 2\sigma_\gamma^2\right] \\ \mu &= \langle \ln \ \gamma \rangle, \ \sigma_\gamma^2 = \sigma^2 (\ln \ \gamma) \end{split}$$

C.L. Theorem multiplicative case log-normal distribution we can determine $\mu = \langle \ln \gamma \rangle$, $\sigma_{\gamma} = \sigma (\ln \gamma)$ by expanding

$$\ln \gamma_{n_s} = \ln \gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \ln (\bar{\varepsilon} + \chi_i)$$

$$\mu = \ln (\gamma_0) + n_s \left[\ln \bar{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}}{\bar{\varepsilon}} \right)^2 \right] \qquad \sigma_{\gamma}^2 \approx n_s \left(\frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}}{\bar{\varepsilon}} \right)^2$$

Log-Parabolic distribution



The origin of the log-parabolic shape: the Diffusion equation approach

$$\frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left\{ - \left[S(\gamma,t) + D_A(\gamma,t) \right] n(\gamma,t) + D_p(\gamma,t) \frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial \gamma} \right\} - \frac{n(\gamma,t)}{T_{esc}(\gamma)} + Q(\gamma,t)$$

$$W(k) = \frac{\delta B(k)^2}{8\pi} = \frac{\delta B(k_0)^2}{8\pi} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{-q}$$

Turbulent magnetic field

$$D_p \approx \beta_A^2 \left(\frac{\delta B}{B_0}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_g}{\lambda_{max}}\right)^{q-1} \frac{p^2 c^2}{\rho_g c}$$

momentum diffusion coeff. (part-wave acc.)

$$n(\gamma, t) = \frac{N_0}{\gamma \sqrt{4\pi D_{p0} t}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[\ln(\gamma/\gamma_0) - (A_{p0} - D_{p0})t\right]^2}{4D_{p0} t}\right\}$$

analytical solution for q=2 "hard-sphere" case

$$r = \frac{c_e}{4D_{p0} t} \propto \frac{1}{D_{p0} t} \longrightarrow D_{p0} \propto \left(\frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}}{\bar{\varepsilon}}\right)^2$$

The curvature *r* is inversely proportional to $t => n_s$ and $D_p => \sigma_{\varepsilon}$

Numerical Self Consistent Approach

•both analytical and statistical approaches explain the link r-D-t $r-\sigma-n_s$ •but ignore the radiative contribution, and competition between radiative and accelerative time

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•we solve numerically the continuity equation in order to have a self-consistent description of the problem

$$\frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left\{ - [S(\gamma,t) + D_A(\gamma,t)]n(\gamma,t) + D_p(\gamma,t)\frac{\partial n(\gamma,t)}{\partial \gamma} \right\} - \frac{n(\gamma,t)}{T_{esc}(\gamma)} + Q(\gamma,t)$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{synch} = \frac{4\sigma_T c}{3m_e c^2} \gamma^2 U_B = C_0 \gamma^2 U_B$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{IC} = \frac{4\sigma_T c}{3m_e c^2} \gamma^2 \int f_{KN}(4\gamma\epsilon_0)\epsilon_0 n_{ph}(\epsilon_0)d\epsilon_0 = C_0 \gamma^2 F_{KN}(\gamma)$$

$$C(\gamma) = \dot{\gamma}_{synch} + \dot{\gamma}_{IC} = C_0 \gamma^2 (U_B + F_{KN}(\gamma))$$

$$\begin{cases} D_p(\gamma) = D_{p0} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0}\right)^q, & t_D = \frac{1}{D_{p0}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0}\right)^{2-q} \\ D_A(\gamma) = 2D_{p0} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0}\right)^{q-1}, & t_{DA} = \frac{1}{2D_{p0}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_0}\right)^{2-q} \\ A(\gamma) = A_{p0}\gamma, & t_A = \frac{1}{A_0} \end{cases}$$

$$L_{inj} = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \int \gamma_{inj} m_e c^2 Q(\gamma_{inj}, t) d\gamma_{inj} \quad (erg/s)$$

Physical set-up (R,δ,B,q)



evolution of the SSC SEDs vs time



parameter values for n(γ) evolution study

Parameter		Impulsive Inj.		Cont. Inj.	
R	(cm)	$5 \times 10^{13}, 1 \times 10^{15}$			
В	(G)	0.1, 1.0	•••		
L_{inj}	(erg s^{-1})	10 ³⁹	•••	10^{37}	
q		2	3/2	2	3/2
$t_{D_0} = 1/D_I$	$p_0(s)$	1×10^{4}	1×10^{3}	1×10^{4}	1×10^{3}
T _{inj}	(s)	100		1×10^{4}	
$T_{\rm esc}$	(R/c)	∞		2	
Duration	(s)	1×10^{5}			
$\gamma_{ m inj}$		10.0		10.0	

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Size effect on IC cooling, R~ 5x10¹³ cm, q=2



 U_{ph} (R= 1x10¹³ cm) >> U_{ph} (R= 5x10¹⁵ cm) IC prevents higher energies in more compact accelerators (if all the parameters are the same) ³³

impulsive injection q=3/2, R=10¹⁵ cm, B=0.1 G $t_{inj}=t_D(\gamma_{inj})10^3$ s



- •t_D energy-dep. increasing with γ
- eq-energy lower compared to q=2
 curvature milder



Cooling rates at the final step of the temporal evolution



Continuous injection q=2, R=10¹⁵ cm, B=0.1 G, $t_{inj}=t_D=10^4$ s



parameter values for SEDs evolution study

Parameter		Range
R	(cm)	2×10^{15}
В	(G)	[0.01, 1.0]
$L_{\rm inj}$	(erg s^{-1})	10 ³⁸
q		[3/2, 2]
t_A	(s)	1.8×10^{3}
$t_{D_0} = 1/D_{P0}$	(s)	$[1.5, 25] \times 10^4$
T_{inj}	(s)	10 ⁴
$T_{\rm esc}$	(R/c)	2.0
Duration	(s)	10 ⁴
Yinj		10.0

evolution of the SSC SEDs



 D_p -driven trends $t_{D=}[1.5x10^4 - 1.5x10^5]s$



B-driven trends



parameter values for X-ray trends reproduction

Parameter		D Trend	q Trend
R	(cm)	3×10^{15}	
В	(G)	[0.05, 0.2]	
L_{inj} (E_s - b_s trend) (erg s ⁻¹)	5×10^{39}	
$L_{\rm inj}$ (E_s - L_s trend) (erg s^{-1})	$5 \times 10^{38}, 5 \times 10^{39}$	
q		2	[3/2, 2]
t_A	(s)	1.2×10^{3}	
$t_{D_0} = 1/D_{P0}$	(s)	$[1.5 \times 10^4, 1.5 \times 10^5]$	1.5×10^4
T _{inj}	(s)	10 ⁴	
$T_{\rm esc}$	(R/c)	2.0	
Duration	(s)	10^4	
Yinj		10.0	

E_s-b_s: Comparison with the data





- •two scenarios, *D*_p-driven and q-driven
- •data span 13 years, both flaring and quiescent states
- •We are able to reproduce these long-term behaviors, by changing the value of only one parameter $(D_p \text{ or } q)$
- •for q=2, curvature values imply distribution far from the equilibrium (b~1.2)
- •for q=3/2, curvature values are compatible with the equilibrium (b~0.6) only for Es<~ 1.5 keV

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		D trend	q trend
R	(cm)	3×10^{15}	-
В	(G)	[0.05-0.2]	-
L_{inj} (E _s -b _s trend)	(erg/s)	5×10^{39}	-
L_{inj} (E _s -L _s trend)	(erg/s)	$5 imes10^{38}, 5 imes10^{39}$	-
q		2	[3/2-2]
t_A	(s)	1.2×10^3	-
$t_{D_0} = 1/D_{P0}$	(s)	$[1.5 \times 10^4 - 1.5 \times 10^5]$	$1.5 imes 10^4$
T_{inj}	(s)	10^{4}	-
T_{esc}	(R/c)	2.0	-
Duration	(s)	10^{4}	-
γ_{inj}		10.0	-

Es-Ls: Comparison with the data

