Lepto-hadronic emission models for BL Lac objects seen at TeV

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## Introduction

# The "standard": Synchrotron Self Compton models



## Motivation for lepto-hadronic models

**UHECR** observations

#### neutrino observations



#### γ-ray / TeV observations

- "orphan" flares from blazars e.g. 1ES 1959+650 flare 2002, Mrk 421 flare 2012
   VHE / γ flares without X-ray counterpart
- extreme blazars e.g. 1ES 0229+200, 1ES 0347-121, RGB J0710+591, 1ES 1101-232, 1ES 1218+304 require extreme parameters for SSC
- radio-galaxies
  - e.g. M87, CenA : unbeamed high-energy emission difficult to explain
  - e.g. Fornax A radio-lobes : hadronic interpretation preferred (p-p collision) (McKinley+ 2014)

#### => often choice between simple hadronic models vs. complex leptonic models

#### Lepto-hadronic models



## the code LEHA

- ► fast, stationary one-zone "blob-in-jet" radiative model for BL Lac objects
- inputs:

*M.* Cerruti, AZ, C. Boisson, S. Inoue, MNRAS 448, 910-927 (2015)

- stationary spectra for primary p<sup>+</sup> et e<sup>-</sup>
- source parameters: redshift z, size R, magnetic field B, bulk Doppler factor  $\delta$
- processes:

*leptonic*: e<sup>-</sup> synch., SSC, external Inverse Compton, internal & external (EBL) γγ absorption, pair production *hadronic*: p+ synch., photopion production (using the SOPHIA MC code), muon-synchrotron, synchrotron-pair cascades, Bethe Heitler pair production

secondary particles are cooled & evolved into a stationary distribution

- constraints:
  - co-acceleration of protons and electrons -> assume same spectral index before cooling
  - spectral breaks and max. proton energy from acceleration and cooling time scales
  - -> only 8 free parameters
- outputs:

SED seen by observer , v spectra, ( n<sup>0</sup> spectrum retrievable from SOPHIA )

## Applications to TeV blazars

#### 1.) Mrk 421 & PKS 2155-304 - leptonic models



- brightest HBL in Southern sky (z=0.116)
- data from 2008 MWL campaign Aharonian et al. (2009)
- SSC model works

 $\delta$  = 30, B = 0.04 G, R = 10^16.8 cm

Both sources show frequent flares, but here we are interested in the steady emission.

- very bright Northern HBL (z=0.031)
- data from 2009 MWL campaign *Abdo et al. (2011)*
- SSC model gives good description

δ = 30, B = 0.08 G, R = 10^16 cm

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#### 1.) Mrk 421 & PKS 2155-304 - hadronic models (examples)



high-energy bump : combination of **proton-synchrotron** & **muon-synchrotron** emission (plus cascades)

 $\delta$  = 30, B = 2 G, R = 9 e16 cm

high-energy bump :

- **proton-synchrotron** dominates Fermi range

- **muon-synchrotron** dominates VHE range (plus cascades)

 $\delta$  = 30, B = 80 G, R = 1.5 e14 cm

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#### 1.) parameter space for the two HBLs



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## 1.) neutrinos from HBLs?



large range of neutrino distributions for different solutions for PKS 2155-304

smaller range for Mrk 421

Neutrino flux depends on compactness of source -> photo-pion contribution

Very-high-energy neutrino flux with peak around 10<sup>17</sup>- 10<sup>19</sup> eV. -> Out of reach for IceCube. Need to evaluate detectability with ARA, GRAND, ...

> M. Cerruti, AZ, G. Emery, D. Guarin, proc. of Gamma 2016 (astro-ph 1610.00255)

#### 2.) the extreme blazar (UHBL) RGB J0710+591



#### 2.) parameter space for five UHBLs



 no solutions for equipartition between magnetic and kinetic p+ energy density

## 3.) Centaurus A (a mis-aligned blazar ?)



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core seen with Fermi-LAT & HESS

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#### 3.) scenario 1 : SSC + cascades



- SED shows spectral hardening between Fermi-LAT and H.E.S.S. bands
   interpretation with single zone SSC model fails
- scenario 1: X-rays : SSC , Fermi : Bethe-Heitler, HESS : cascades

-  $\delta$  = 3.8 , B = 1 G , R = 2.3e15 cm , P<sub>jet</sub> ~ 5 L<sub>edd</sub>

SED from Abdo et al. (2010) A. Zech, Lepto-hadronic blazar models, Kathmandu 2016

- predicted neutrino flux <<</li>
   IceCube limit for 4 years
   Aartsen et al. (2014)
- peak around 10^16 eV

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#### 3.) scenario 2 : proton-synch + cascades



- scenario 2: X-rays : p+ synch , Fermi : Bethe-Heitler, HESS : cascades

-  $\delta$  = 3.8 , B = 18 G , R = 1.3e16 cm , P<sub>jet</sub> ~ 2 L<sub>edd</sub>

- predicted neutrino flux << IceCube limit for 4 years *Aartsen et al. (2014)*
- peak around 10^16 eV

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## Outlook

# Spectral signatures for CTA?



Cherenkov Telescope Array, artist's view

## What would CTA detect ?



- 33 hr of observations ( = exposure for HESS )

- CTA performance curves (Southern array)

-> this particular model shows clear spectral hardening due to muon synch. and cascades

What about the other hadronic models ?

CTA Technical Design Report to be released on ArXiv

hadronic spectral signatures to look for...



- logparabola fit to SSC and to hadronic models & distinction using Chi^2 or fit probability

- -> detectability for 50 100 hr exposure time for all the most probable hadronic models
- similar result for Mrk 421

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# Conclusions

	HBLs	UHBLs	Centaurus A
one-zone SSC models	work well in general	extreme parameters	insufficient
one-zone lepto- hadronic models	<ul> <li>range of solutions with acceptable parameters</li> <li>H.E. bump = p+ synch + μ synch (+ cascades)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>range of solutions with acceptable parameters</li> <li>(caveat: steep input spectra of 1.3 - 1.5)</li> <li>p+ synch and "cascade" scenarios</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>VHE component due to cascades</li> <li>H.E.: Bethe-Heitler</li> <li>X-rays : SSC or p+ synch</li> <li>(caveat need high jet power &gt;~ L edd)</li> </ul>
expected neutrino flux	at very high energies	not evaluated - expected to be low	in ICE Cube energy range, but below detection level
UHECRs ?	max. p+ energies around 10^19 eV	max. p+ energies up to 10^19 eV	max. p+ energies around 10^16 eV