

JET CHARACTERISTICS OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SOURCES

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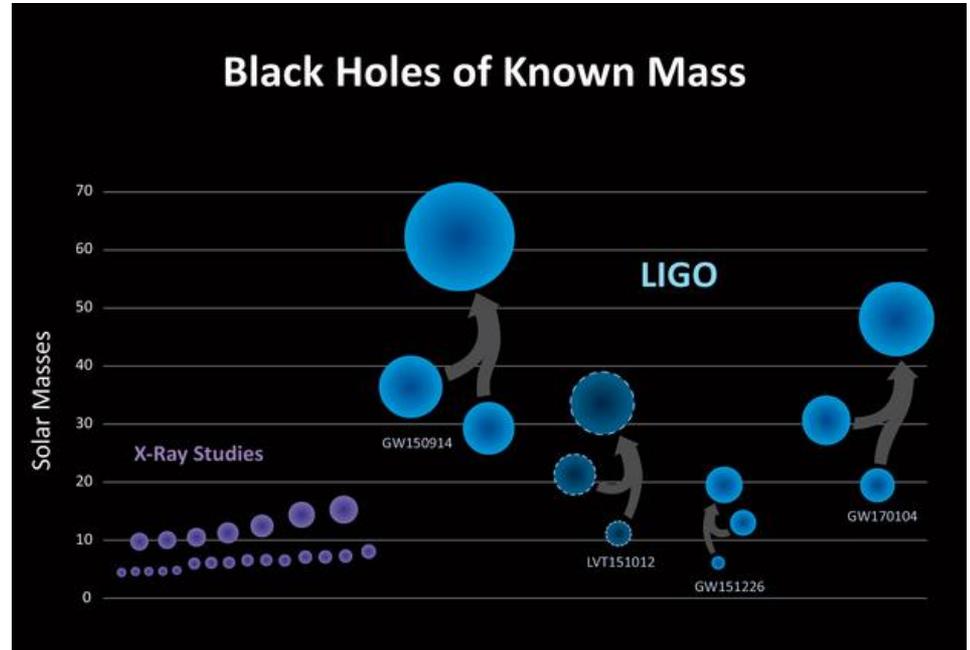
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- Introduction
- Active galactic nuclei and their jets
- Observation of possible sources of low-frequency gravitational waves
- Detection of neutrinos by the IceCube Neutrino Observatory
- Reorienting jets, as sources of high-energy neutrinos, with a case-study

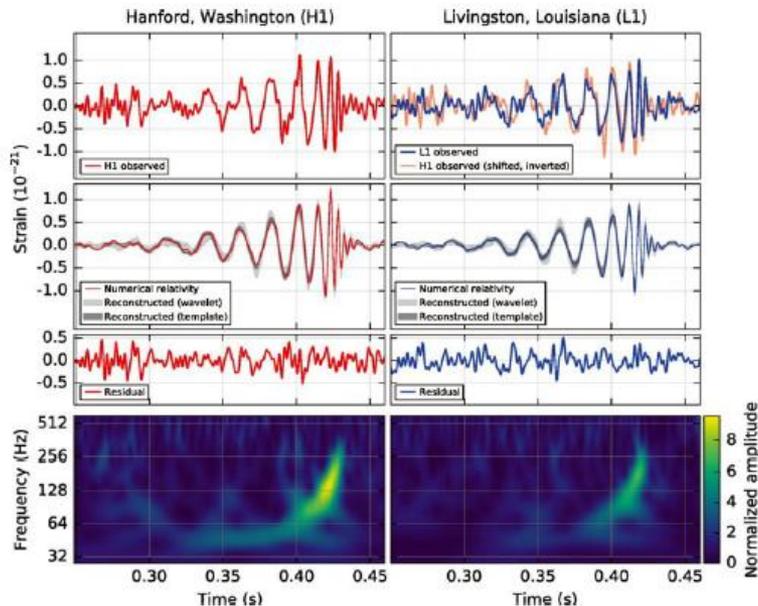
3rd window to the Universe – gravitational wave emission

First gravitational wave observation in September 14, 2015

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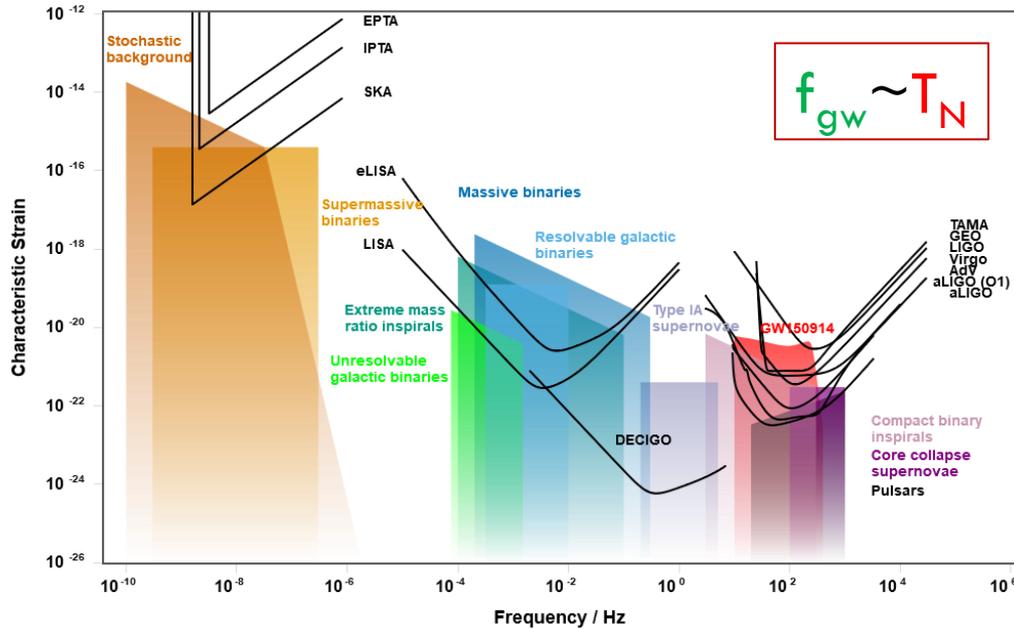
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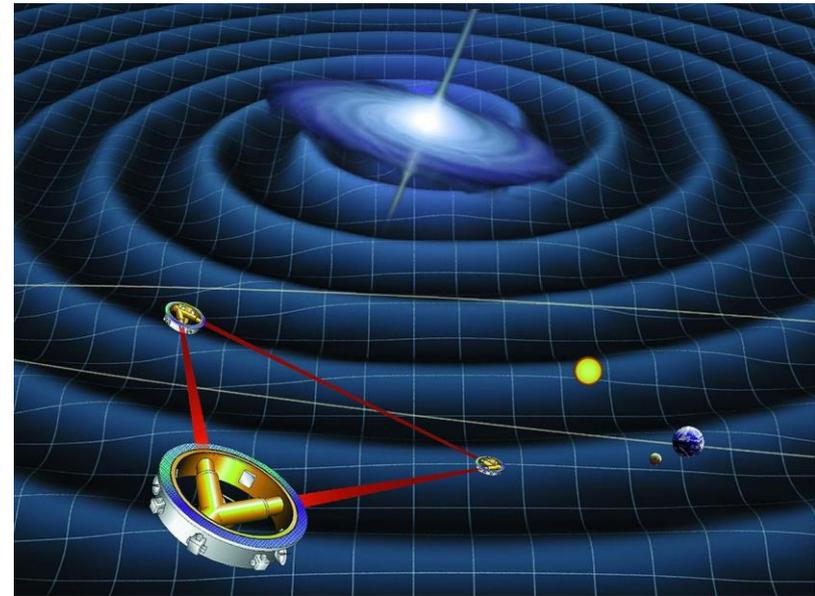
A brand-new window to the Universe
 Coalescence of **astrophysical black holes**

Gravitational wave (GW) detectors and sources

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<http://rhcole.com/apps/GWplotter/>



Laser Interferometer Space Antenna

<http://lisa.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/lisa-waves.html>

The stellar mass binary BHs are already discovered
 Next challenge is the detection of low-frequency GWs,
 emitted by more massive black hole binaries

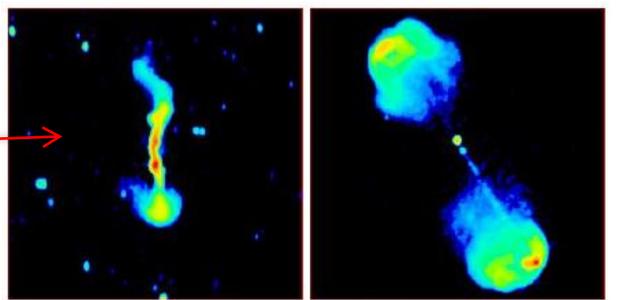
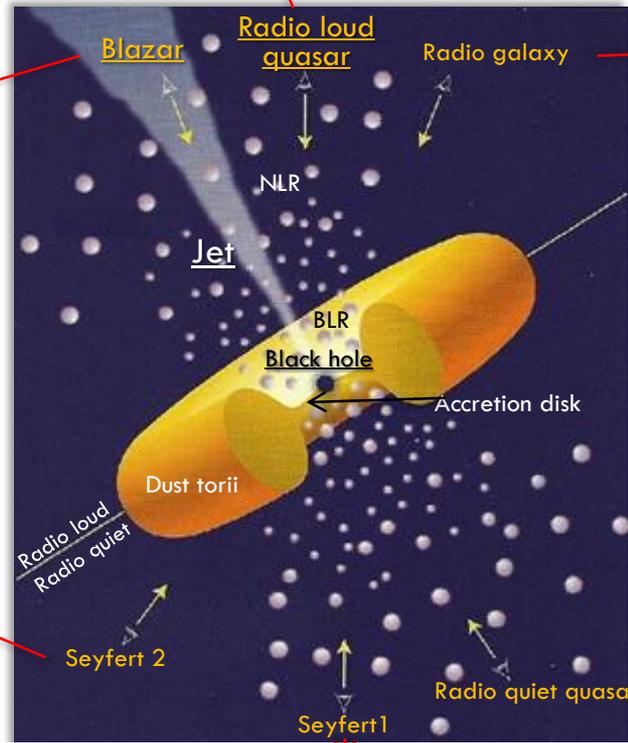
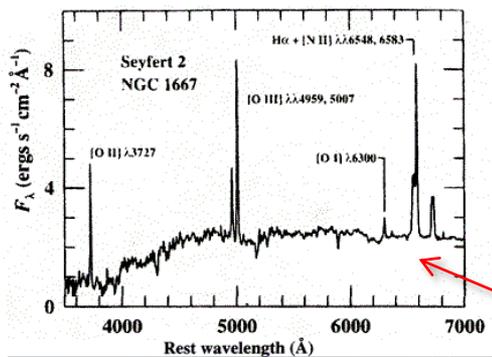
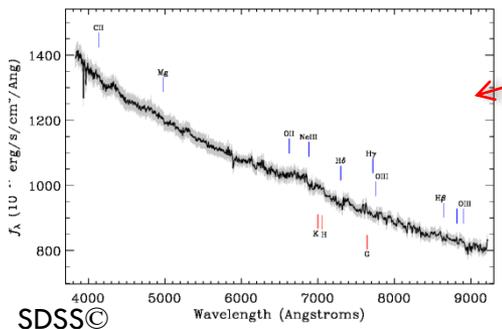
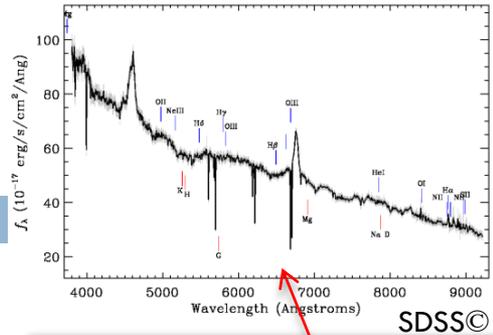
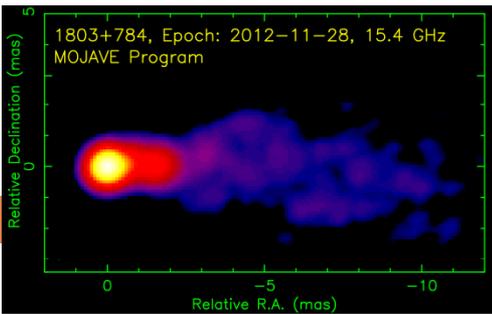
EM counterparts of GW emission

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- The **observations** will enable **testing general relativity in the strong, nonlinear regime**
- Bode et al. (ApJ, 715,2,2010) found that variable **electromagnetic (EM) signatures correlated with GWs** can arise **in merging systems** as a consequence of shocks and accretion combined with the effect of relativistic beaming.
- In the case of the **most massive binaries observable by the LISA**, calculated luminosities imply that they may be identified by EM searches **to $z \sim 1$** , while **lower mass systems and binaries** immersed in low density ambient gas can **only be detected in the local universe**.

Active galactic nuclei (AGN)

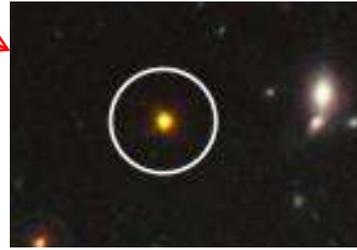
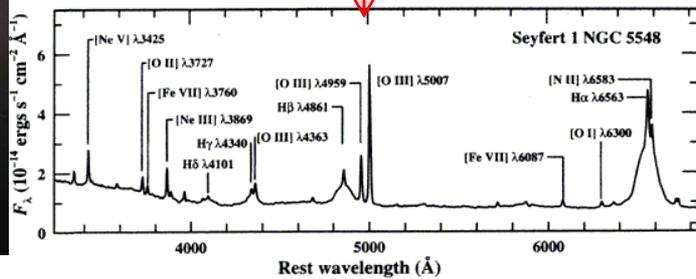
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<http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/atlas/object/>

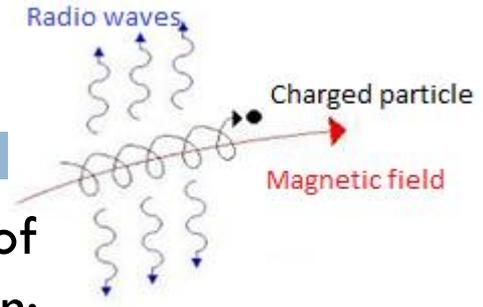
They host supermassive black holes (10^6 - $10^{11} M_{Sun}$)

Unification theory of the radio loud AGN: the observed type of the AGN depends in the inclination angle of their jets



Relativistic jets

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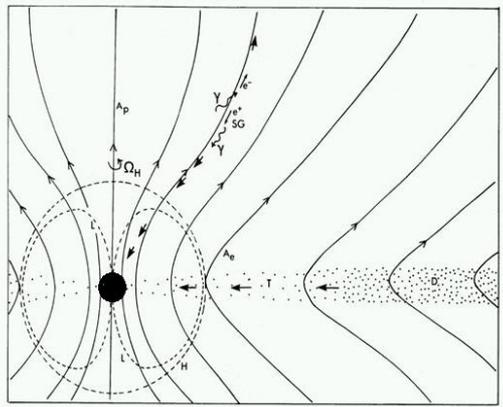
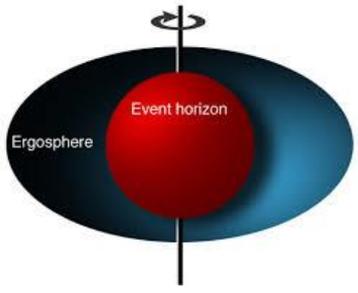


Blandford–Znajek-effect

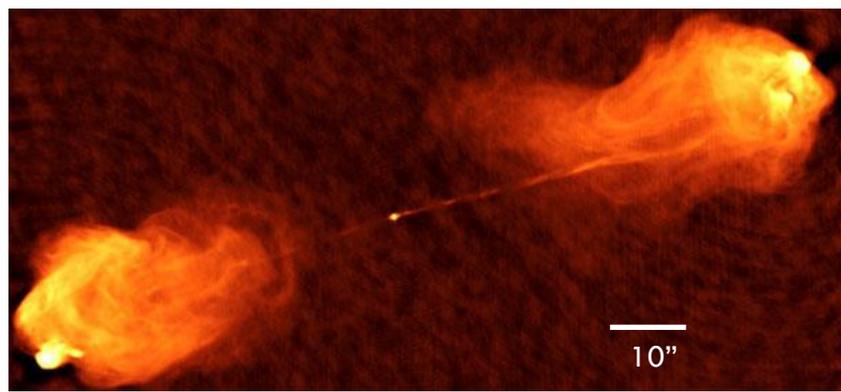
Critical frequency of synchrotron radiation:

$$\nu_{c,e^-} = \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{eB\chi}{m_{0,e^-}c} \gamma^2 = 16,1 \times \left(\frac{B\chi}{\mu G}\right) \left(\frac{E}{GeV}\right)^2 \text{ MHz}$$

$$B_\chi = 0,1 \mu G, E = 10 GeV \rightarrow \nu_{c,e^-} \approx 160 \text{ MHz}$$



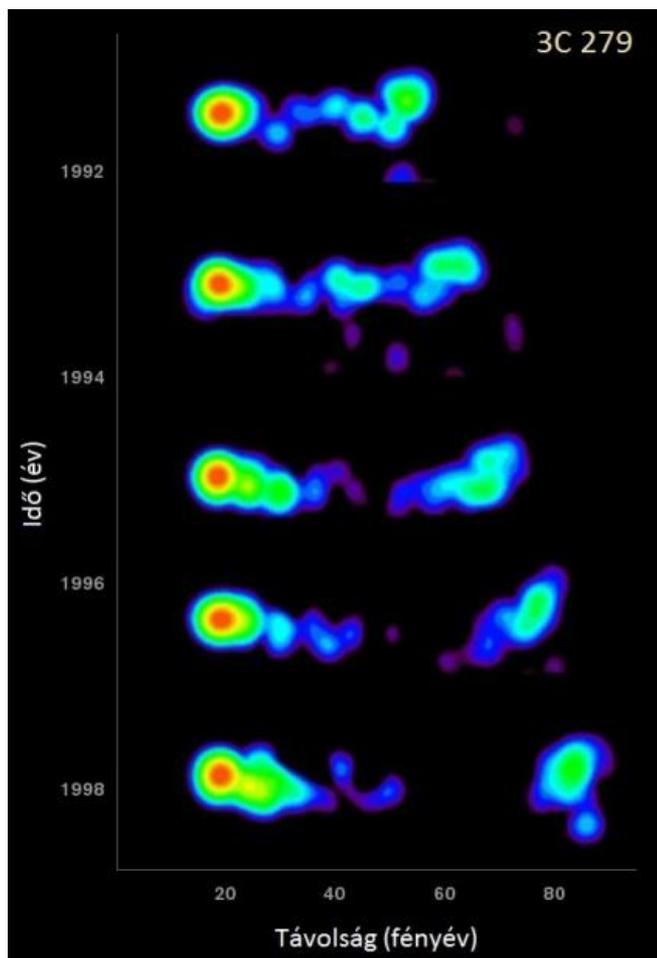
The **collimated jets** are observed as radio loud AGN



The Cygnus–A AGN at 5GHz (VLA)
 The source-distance is 760 mega-lightyear ($z=0,056$, scale 1,096kpc/'')
 National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)

Apparent superluminal motion

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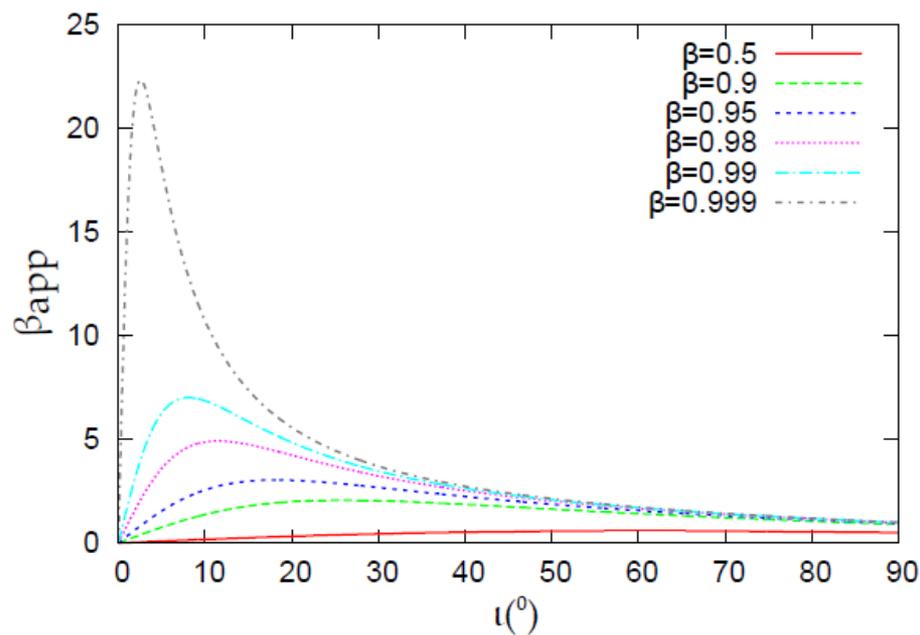


Jet moving with apparent superluminal speed.
Source : NRAO

Due to projection effects in relativistic jets

$$\beta_{\text{app}} = \frac{\beta \sin \iota}{1 - \beta \cos \iota}$$

β_{app} : apparent speed (in unit of c)
 β : jet speed (in unit of c)
 ι : „inclination” angle



Relativistic beaming

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- ❑ The **synchrotron radiation** is beamed within a cone having half-opening angle $\sim 1/\gamma$ ($\gamma=1/(1-\beta^2)^{1/2}$ Lorentz factor)

- ❑ $F_{obs}(v)$ apparent spectral flux density:

$$F_{obs}(v) = F(v) \delta^{n-\alpha}$$
 (Jansky, 1 Jy = 10^{-26} W/m²/Hz)

$\delta = 1/[\gamma(1 - \beta \cos i)]$
 Doppler factor,
 α : spectral index,
 n : jet geometric factor

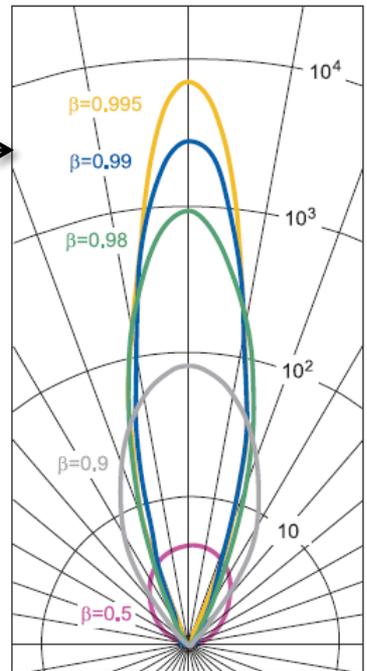
- ❑ Intrinsic flux density: $F(v) \sim v^{+\alpha}$
- ❑ Depending on the α spectral index, the continuum spectrum can be
 - ❑ inverted: $\alpha > 0$ (optically thick)
 - ❑ flat: $-0,5 < \alpha < 0$ (optically thick)
 - ❑ steep: $\alpha < -0,5$ (optically thin)

- ❑ The ratio of the Doppler beaming and debeaming

$$R = \left(\frac{1 + \beta \cos i}{1 - \beta \cos i} \right)^{(n+\alpha)}$$

E.g.: $\beta=0,992, i=7^\circ, n=2, \alpha=-0,05 \rightarrow R=13000$

- ❑ Only the approaching jet is seen if the jet is relativistic, and has small inclination

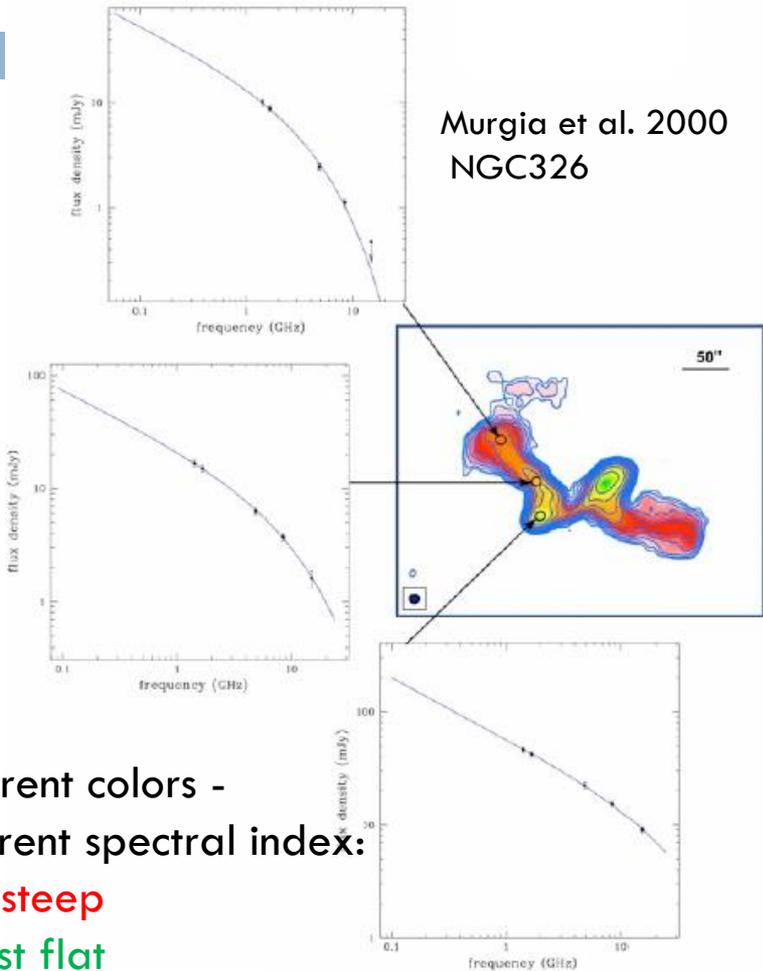


The apparent luminosity $L=L_0 \delta^n$ as function of the jetspeed and line-of-sight angle.
 /Kellerman et al., 2007/

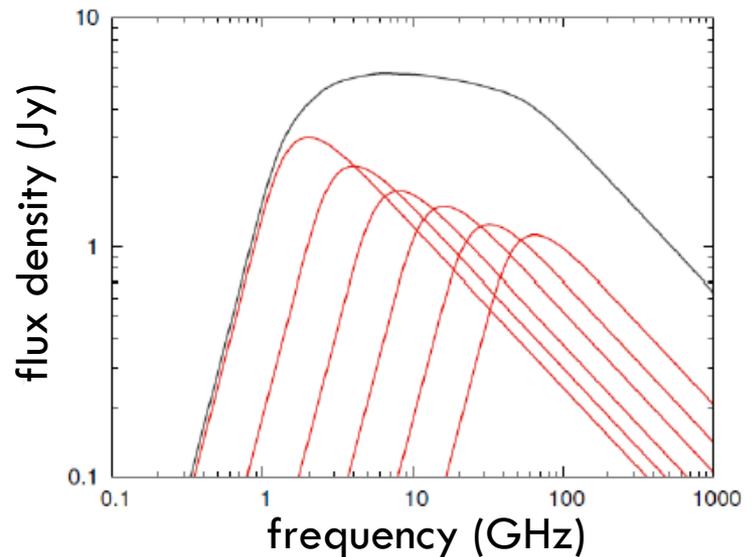
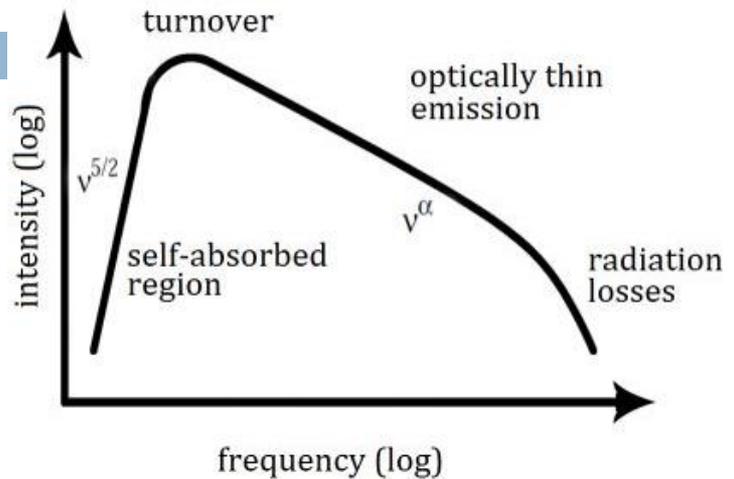
Continuum radio spectrum of AGN

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Murgia et al. 2000
NGC326



Different colors -
different spectral index:
very steep
almost flat



Flat spectrum is due to energetic electrons, with high Lorentz factors

Gravitational radiation dominated phase of the merger, from observational point of view

- ❑ Sub-parsec separated binary systems with years/**months/days** orbital period, leading to **decades of gravitational lifetime**
- ❑ **Possible candidates of gravitational waves to detect by the future LISA**
- ❑ It is not possible to spatially resolve these systems, even with the astronomical techniques giving the finest angular resolutions
- ❑ Indirect methods:

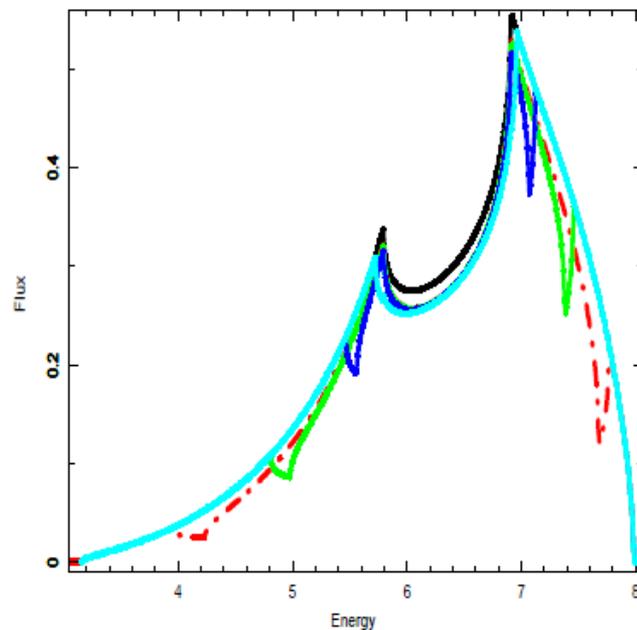
- ❑ X-shaped galaxies,
- ❑ double AGN,
- ❑ periodic jet structures, binary BHs are usually in the inspiral far from the final merger →
- ❑ periodical optical light curves,
- ❑ double peaked emission lines,
- ❑ accretion disks with central cavities,
- ❑ **ripples in FeK α X-ray lines**
- ❑ **high-energy neutrino emission**

Total mass, $m^a (M_{\odot})$	8.13×10^8
Orbital period, T (yr)	4.78 ± 0.14
Binary separation, r (pc)	0.0128 ± 0.0003
PN parameter, ϵ	≈ 0.003
Mass ratio, ν	$[0.21 : 1/3]$
Spin-orbit precession period, T_{SO} (yr)	4852 ± 646
Gravitational lifetime, T_{merger} (yr)	$(1.44 \pm 0.19) \times 10^6$
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Total mass, $m^* (M_{\odot})$	$\approx 4 \times 10^8$
Orbital period, T^* (yr)	4.0 ± 0.2
Binary separation, r^* (pc)	≈ 0.01
Post-Newtonian parameter, ϵ	≈ 0.002
Mass ratio, ν	$\nu > 0.08$
Spin-orbit precession period, T_{SO} (yr)	$< 14\,100$
Gravitational lifetime, T_{GR} (yr)	$< 7.2 \times 10^6$

Ripples in FeK α X-ray lines

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- The inner edge of the accretion disk is hot enough to ionize this emission line ($E=6.4$ keV, $\lambda=0.19$ nm)
- The orbital motion of the secondary BH opens a gap in the disk, and it affects the line profile



unperturbed FeK α line

$r=90\pm 9 R_S$

$r=50\pm 5 R_S$

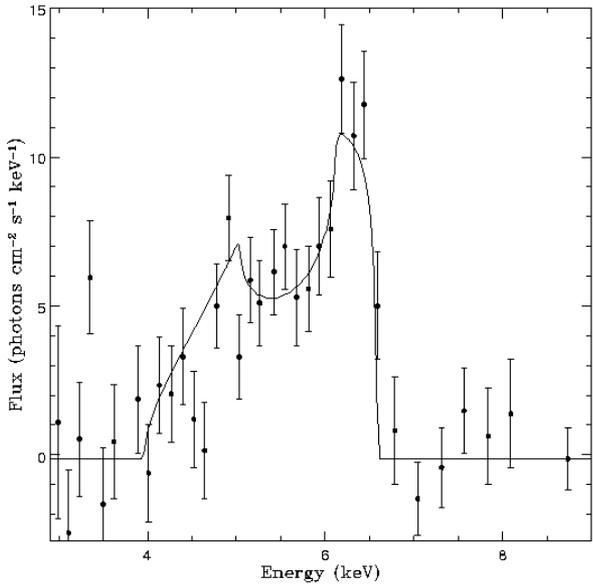
$r=20\pm 2 R_S$

$r=10\pm 1 R_S$

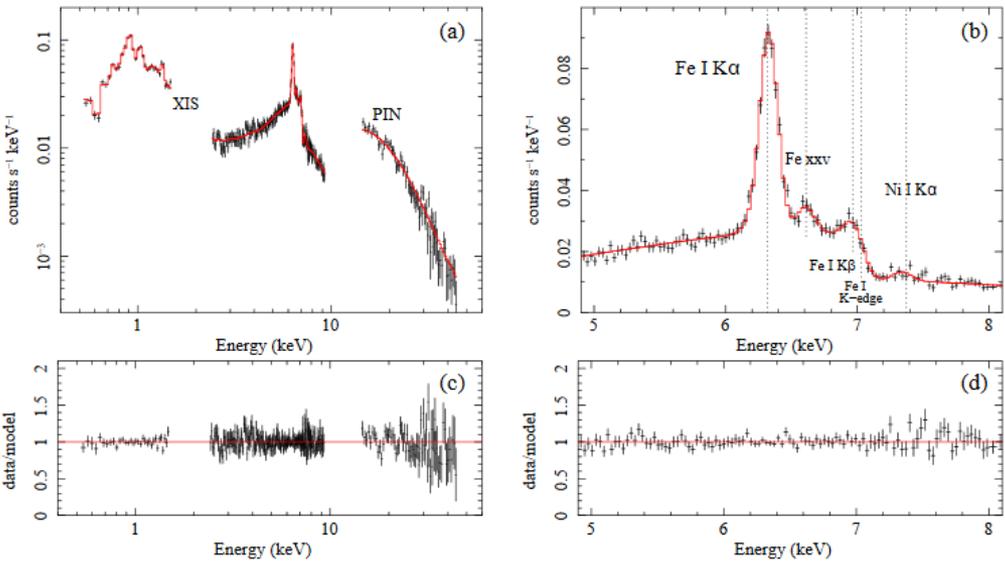
McKernan, B. *et al.* MNRAS, 432, 1468, 2013

Possible sources of strong GW burst within decades

The X-Ray observations are far more difficult in technique, than e.g. optical observations
The S/N of the present X-Ray spectra does not allow to fit such rippled FeK α models



ASCA: A model fit (Bromley et al. 1996) to the Fe K-alpha line profile of MCG-6-30-15 [Tanaka et al., Nature 375, 659, 1996]



Fit of the Suzaku data of Markarian 3 [Yaqoob et al. MNRAS, 454, 973, 2015]

Reorienting jets

Before the merger

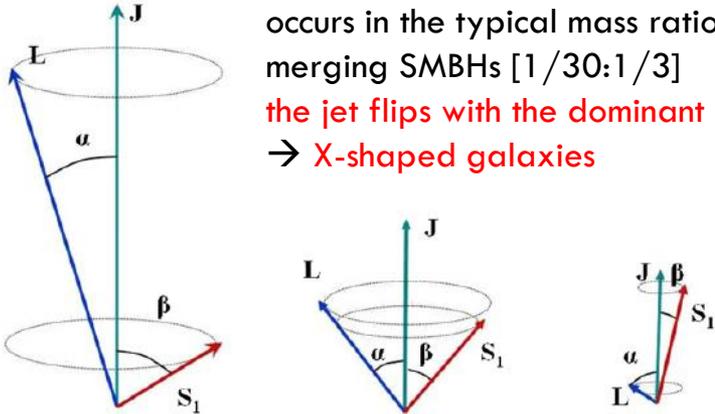
Precession of the dominant spin

If the spin is misaligned to the orbital angular momentum:

$$\dot{S}_1 = \Omega_1 \times S_1$$

The spin-direction points the jet direction
→ the jet is precessing with the spin

„spin-flip”
Flip of the dominant spin, which typically occurs in the typical mass ratio of merging SMBHs [1/30:1/3]
the jet flips with the dominant spin
→ X-shaped galaxies



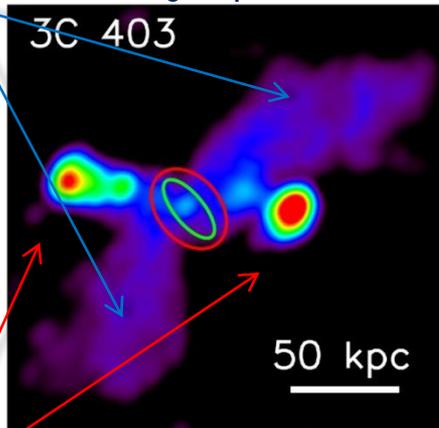
Gergely and Biermann, 2009

X-shaped galaxies

The remnant of the old jet can be seen with the freshly made jet, forming an X-shape

Old jet-pair:

- steep spectra
- old and slow charged particles



Hodges-Kluck and Reynolds, 2011

New jet-pair:

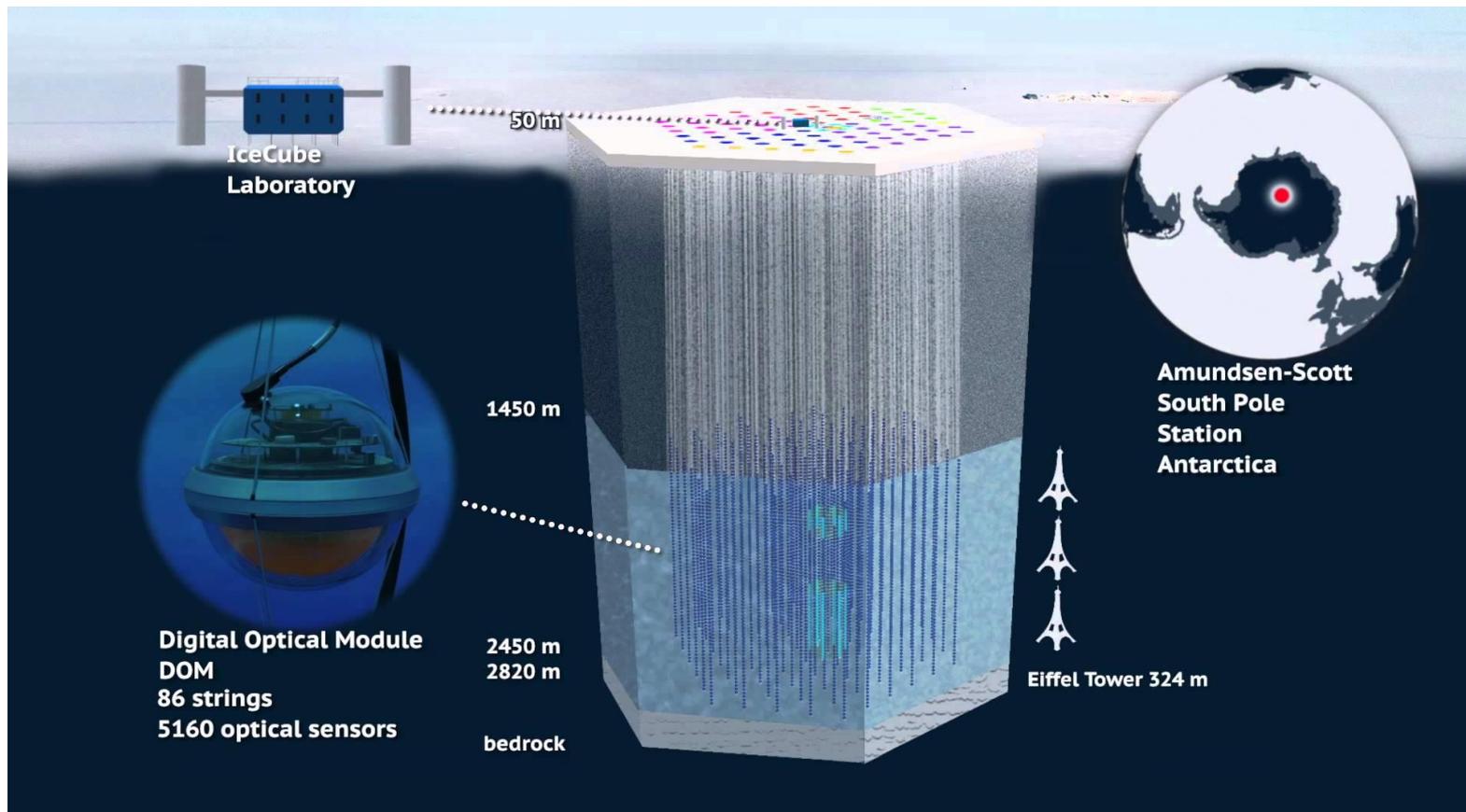
- bright and flat spectrum
- young and fast charged particles

They may hide SMBH binaries that would collide within decades

IceCube and high-energy neutrinos

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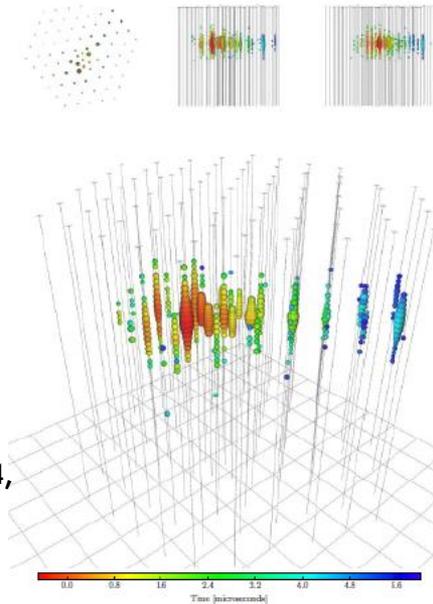
- ❑ IceCube: detection of 55 high-energy neutrino of cosmic origin
(IceCube collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 113, 101101, 2014; IceCube collaboration, arXiv: 1510.05223; Schoenen Raedel, AT, 7856, 2015)
- ❑ Their actual origin is not clear, most probably it is the AGN



„Track” and „shower”-type neutrino events

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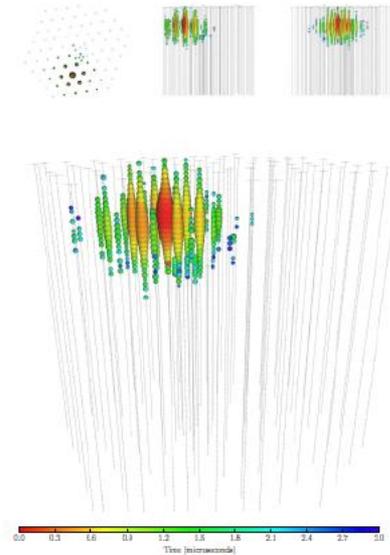
- The **electron neutrinos** create **electrons**, the **muon neutrinos** create **muons**
- The **electron neutrinos** generates „**shower**”-type neutrino events
- The **muon neutrinos** generates „**track**”-type neutrino events



Track-type (e.g. ID5)

directional uncertainty
 $\sim 1,2^\circ$

Blazar PKS 0723–008
 Kun et al., MNRAS Lett. 466, 34,
 2017



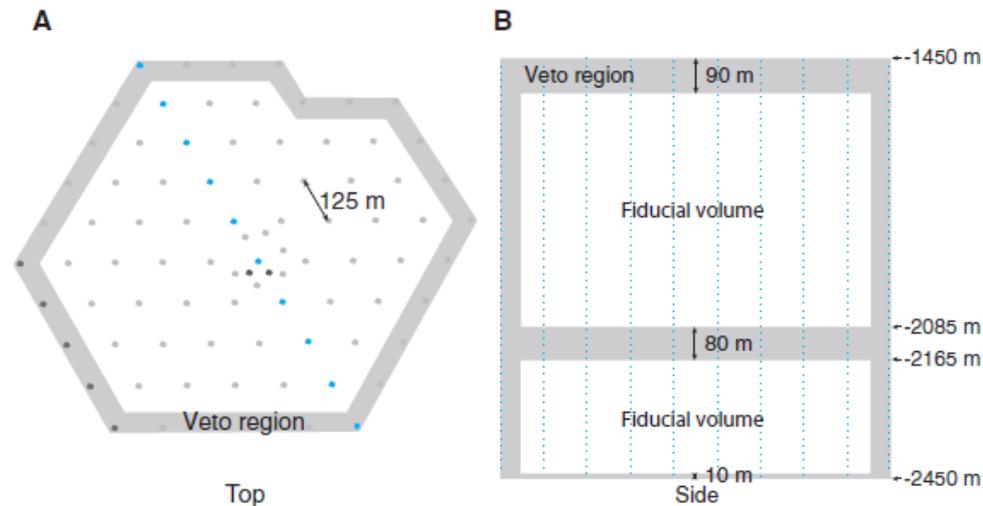
Shower-type (e.g. ID35)

directional uncertainty
 $\sim 16^\circ$

Blasar PKS B1424-418
 Kadler et al.,
 Nature, 12, 807, 2016

Selection of cosmic neutrinos

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[IceCube Collaboration, *Science* 342, 1242856, 2013]

Background events (99.9% of the events):

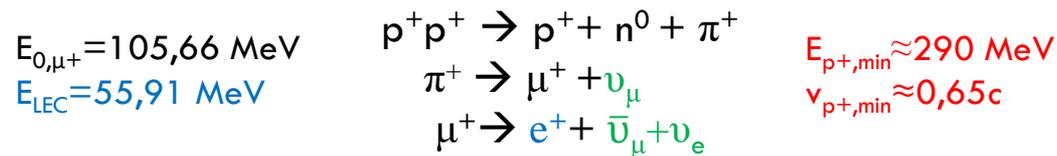
Events producing first light in the veto region (shaded area) were discarded as entering tracks (usually from cosmic ray muons entering the detector).

The deposited energy is also a veto, only the high-energy (TeV, PeV) neutrinos are considered to be extragalactic.

Where can be the neutrinos created in AGN?

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- Energetic proton-proton collisions lead to pion creation



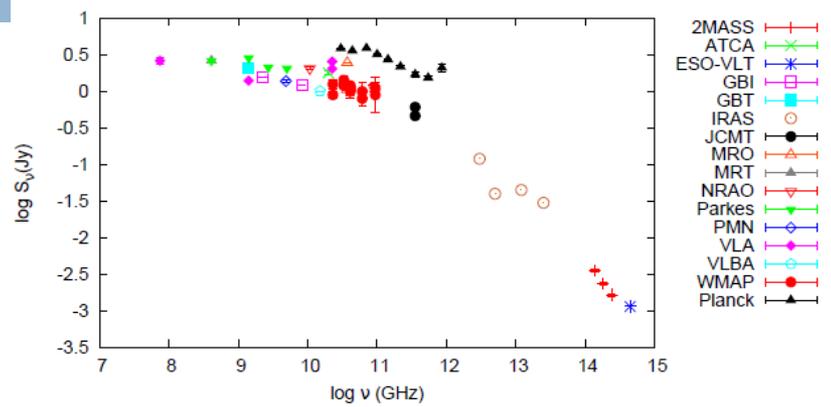
- The plunge of a newly formed jet into the environment of the BBH
 - The Lorentz factor of the freshly made jet is high
 - Enhanced radiation in all EM frequencies
 - The spectrum of the AGN is flat up to THz frequencies
 - Its radio flux density is increasing as the electrons are speeding, leading to enhanced synchrotron radiation
 - Neutrino emission
 - Their sources might be the energetic proton-proton collisions ($E \geq E_{p^+, \min}$)
- New jet tunnel forms after the coalescence of the BBH

Case study: the blazar PKS 0723–008

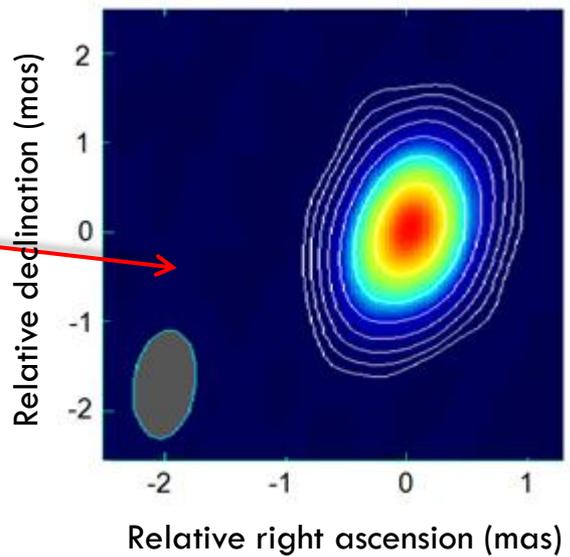
E. Kun, P. L. Biermann, L. Á. Gergely, *MNRAS Letters*, **466**, 34, (2017)

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- Cross-correlation of AGN positions in radio catalogues with the arrival direction of the 15, track-type high-energy neutrino detected by the IceCube (mispointing $\sim 1,2^\circ$)
- The blazar **PKS 0723–008** is the candidate-source to neutrino event **ID5**
- Its spectrum is flat up to **857 GHz**
- MOJAVE data (15 years)
 - ▣ mapping with point sources
 - ▣ modeling with Gauss components
 - ▣ no visible component motion

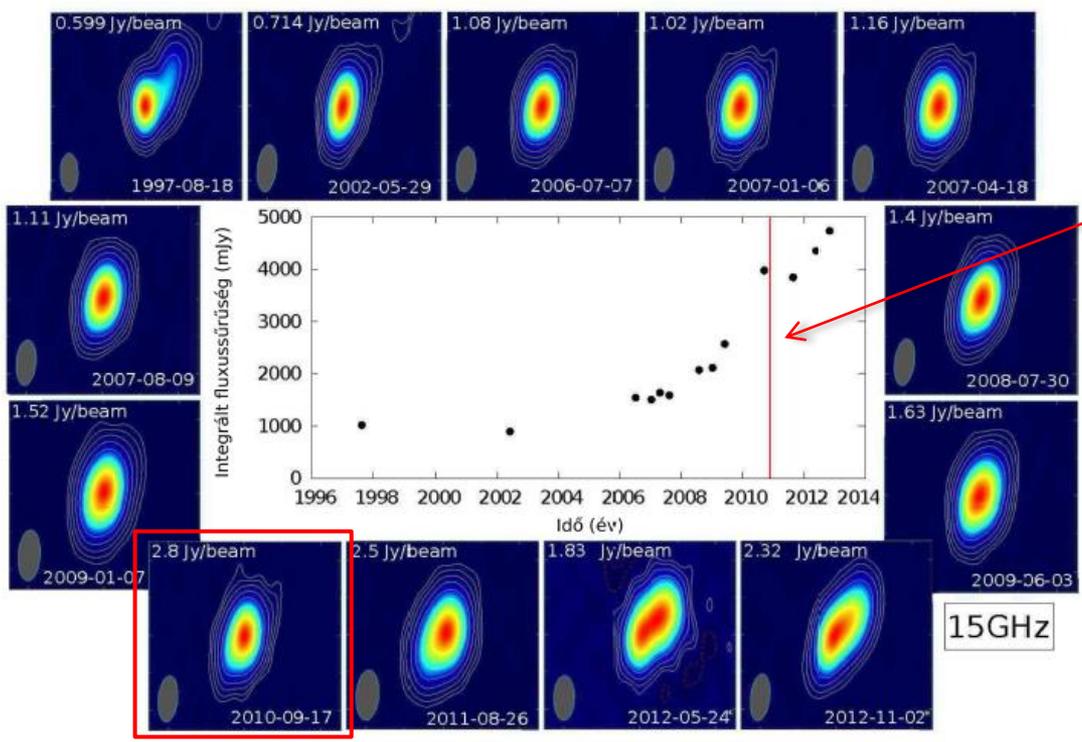


Spectrum of PKS 0723–008 (NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database)
 PCCS2: $\alpha_{30\text{GHz},857\text{GHz}} = -0,18 \pm 0,04$, $\alpha_{70\text{GHz},545\text{GHz}} = -0,45 \pm 0,03$



Surface brightness distribution of the blazar PKS0723-008 at the 15 GHz observing frequency

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ID5
2010-11-02.

BBH merger → freshly made jet → **increasing radio flux density, hardened spectrum, neutrino emission.**

A possible way to confirm the sources of **low-frequency gravitational wave bursts** is the detection of **high-energy neutrinos** accompanied by **enhanced radio flux density, and flat radio spectrum.**

Thank you for the attention!