

# JET CHARACTERISTICS OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SOURCES

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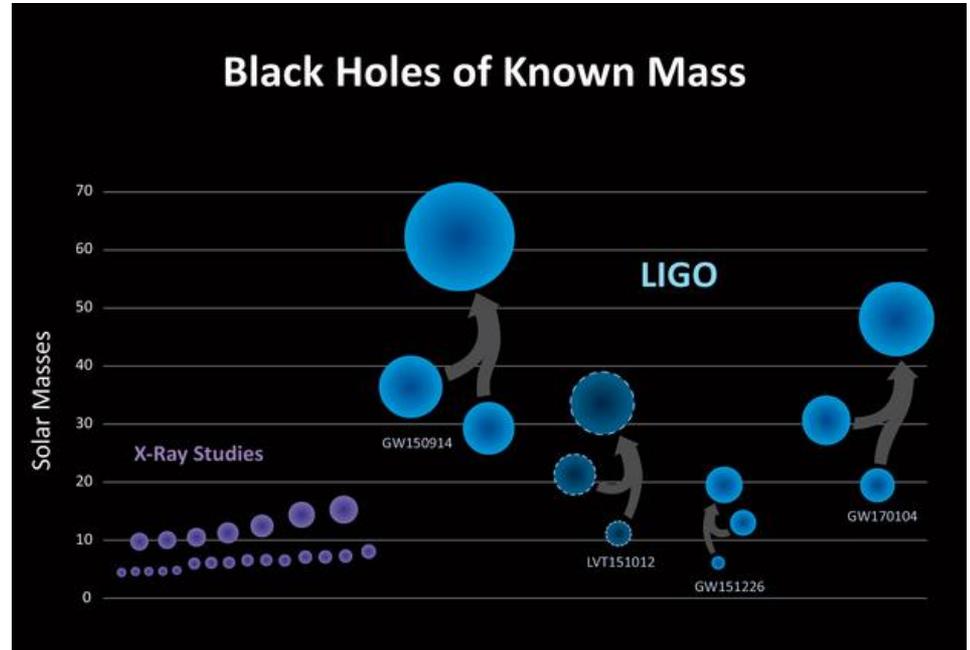
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- Introduction
- Active galactic nuclei and their jets
- Observation of possible sources of low-frequency gravitational waves
- Detection of neutrinos by the IceCube Neutrino Observatory
- Reorienting jets, as sources of high-energy neutrinos, with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

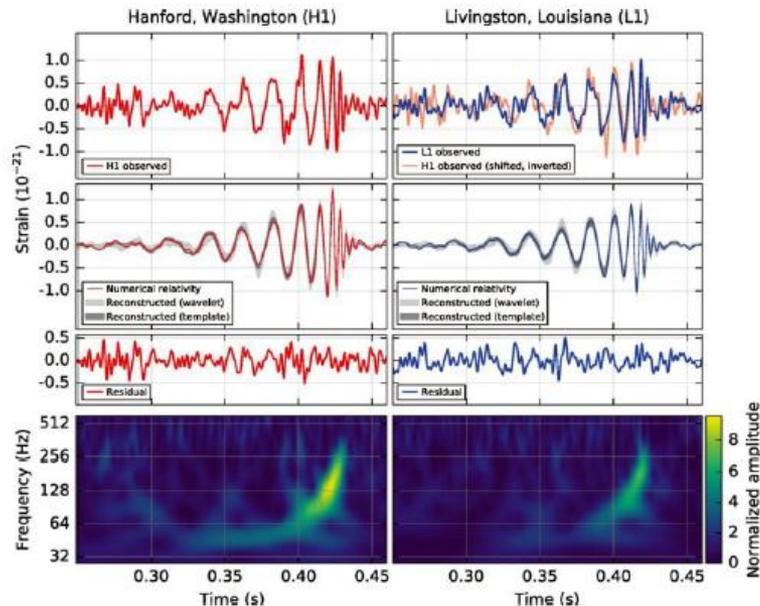
# 3rd window to the Universe – gravitational wave emission

## First gravitational wave observation in September 14, 2015

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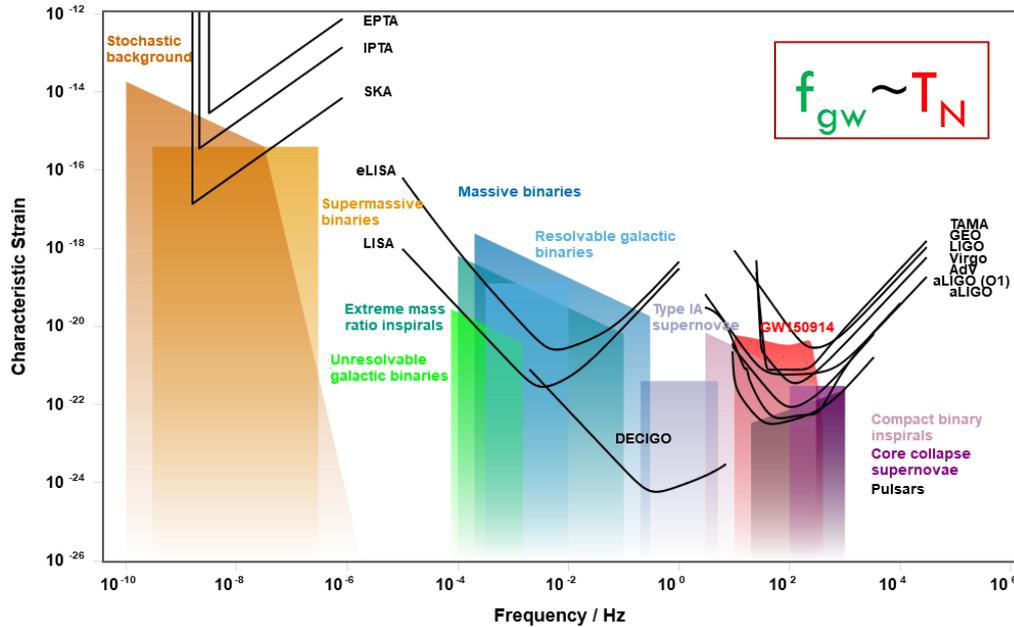
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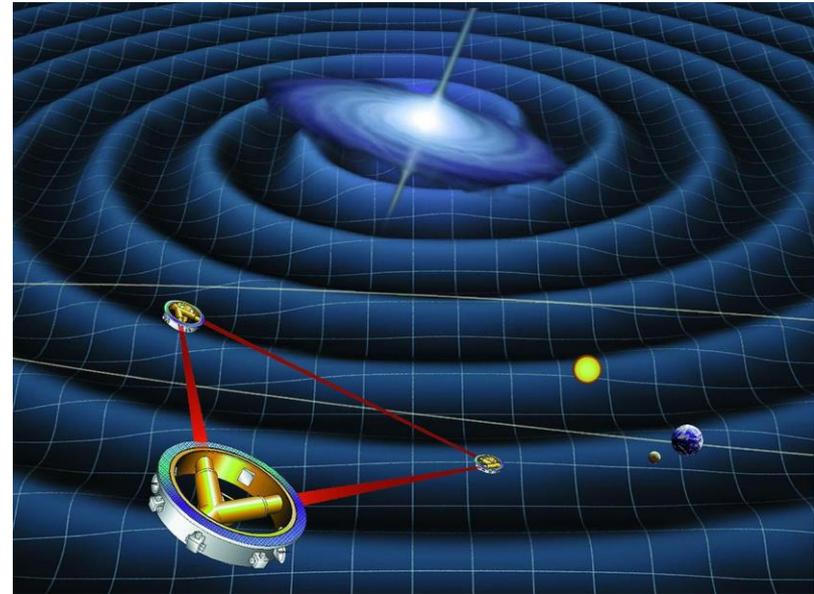
A brand-new window to the Universe  
 Coalescence of **astrophysical black holes**

# 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

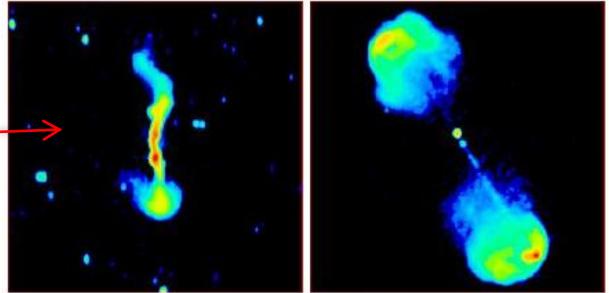
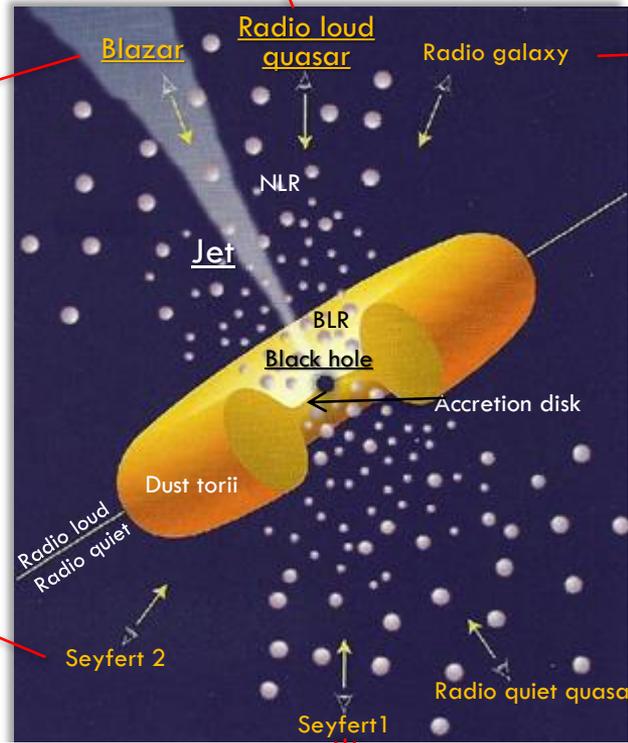
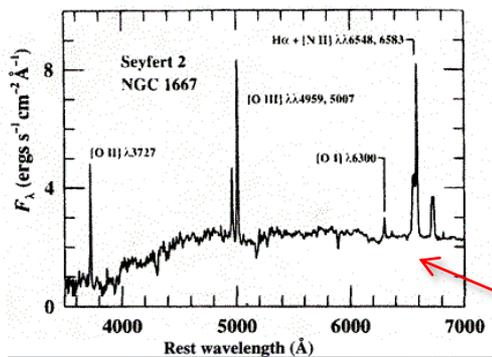
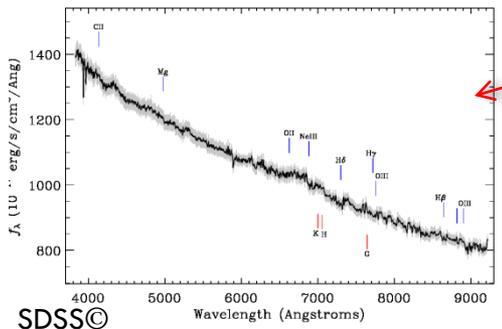
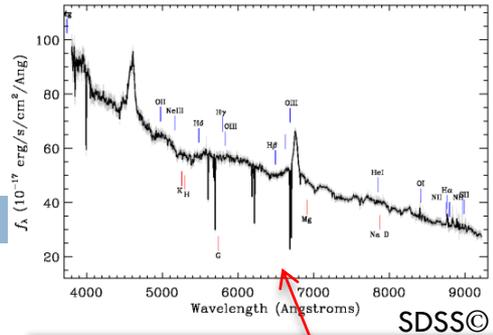
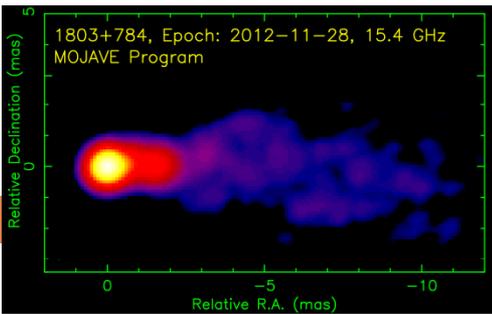
# EM counterparts of GW emission

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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)

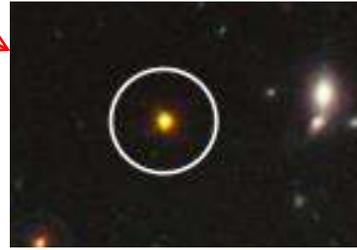
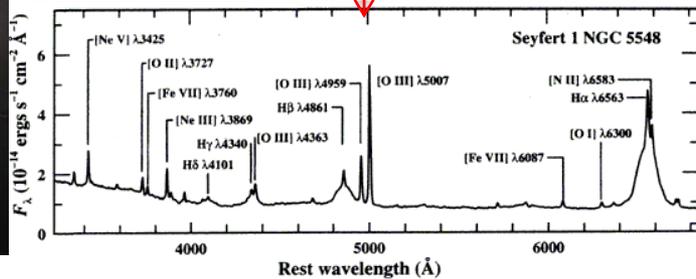
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<http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/atlas/object/>

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

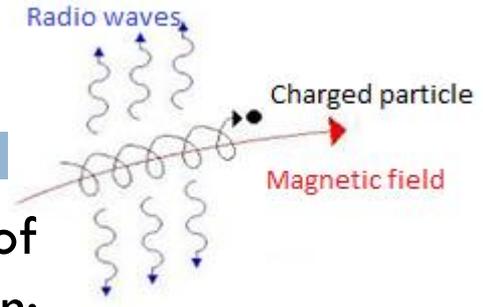
Unification theory of the radio loud AGN: the observed type of the AGN depends in the inclination angle of their jets





# Relativistic jets

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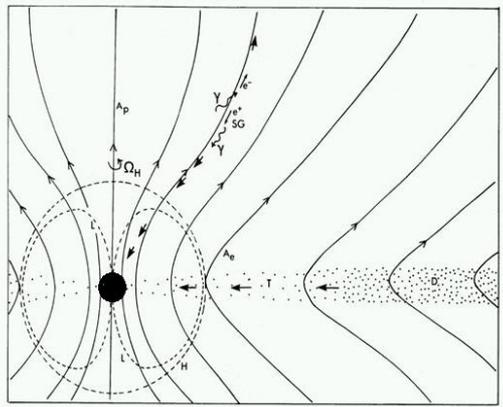
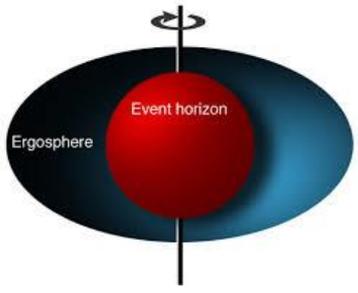


## Blandford–Znajek-effect

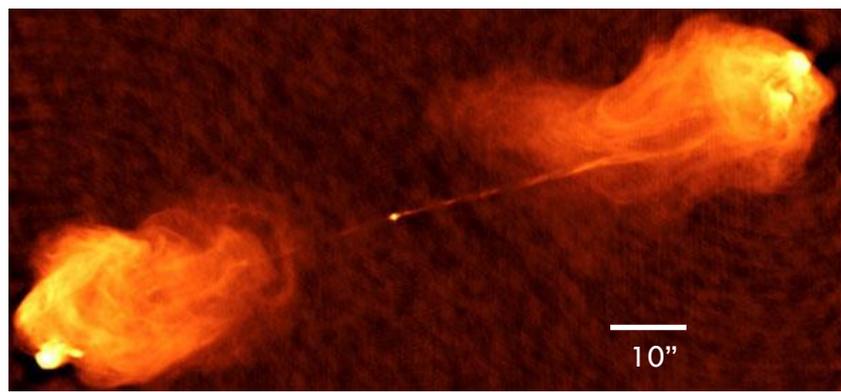
Critical frequency of synchrotron radiation:

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

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

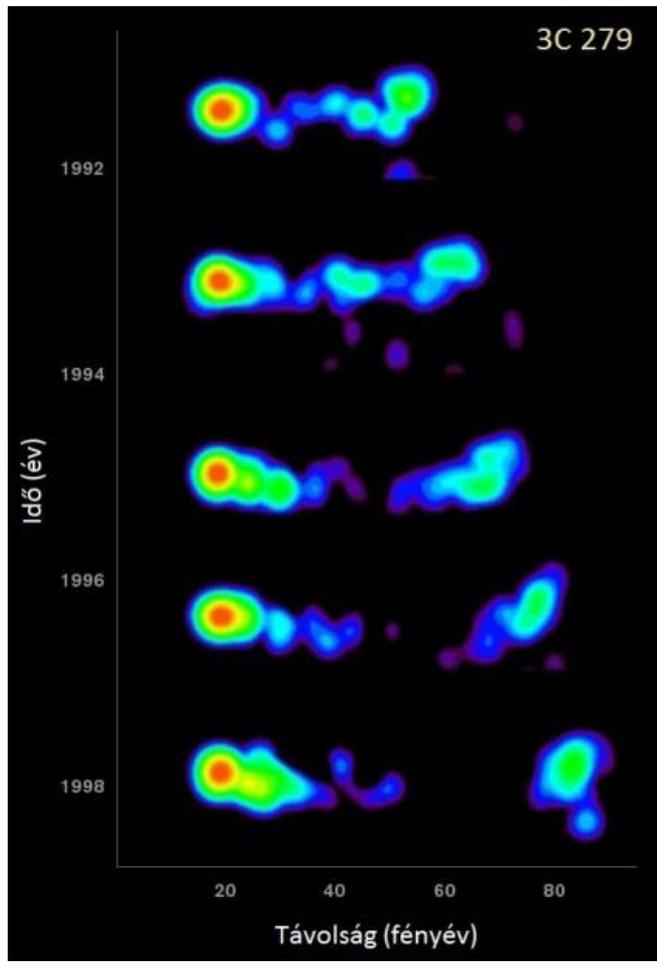


The **collimated jets** are observed as radio loud AGN



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)

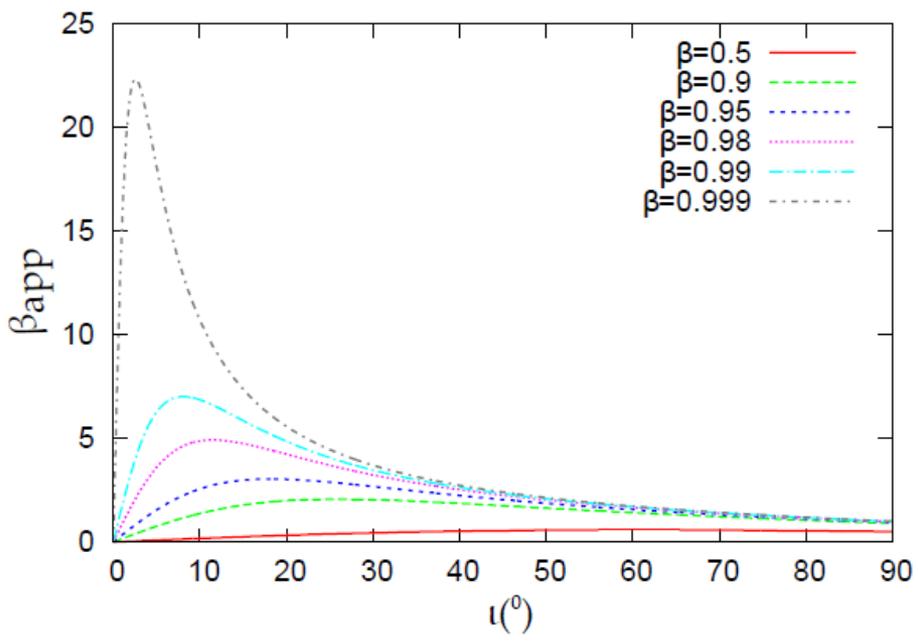
# Apparent superluminal motion



Due to projection effects in relativistic jets

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

$\beta_{app}$ : apparent speed (in unit of c)  
 $\beta$ : jet speed (in unit of c)  
 $\iota$ : „inclination” angle



Jet moving with apparent superluminal speed.  
Source : NRAO

# 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)

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

$$F_{obs}(\nu) = F(\nu) \delta^{n-\alpha}$$
(Jansky, 1 Jy =  $10^{-26}$  W/m<sup>2</sup>/Hz)

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

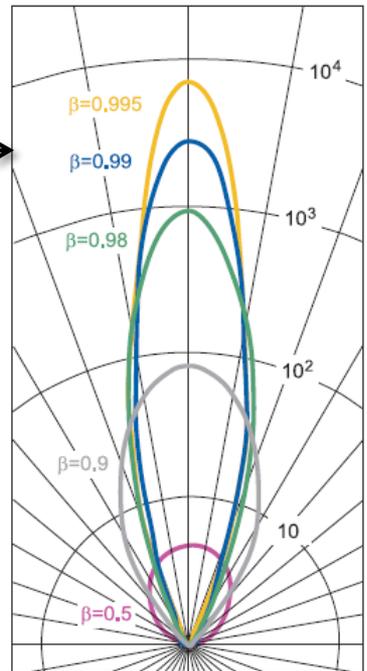
- ❑ Intrinsic flux density:  $F(\nu) \sim \nu^{+\alpha}$
- ❑ Depending on the  $\alpha$  spectral index, the continuum spectrum can be
  - ❑ inverted:  $\alpha > 0$  (optically thick)
  - ❑ flat:  $-0,5 < \alpha < 0$  (optically thick)
  - ❑ steep:  $\alpha < -0,5$  (optically thin)

- ❑ The ratio of the Doppler beaming and debeaming

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

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

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

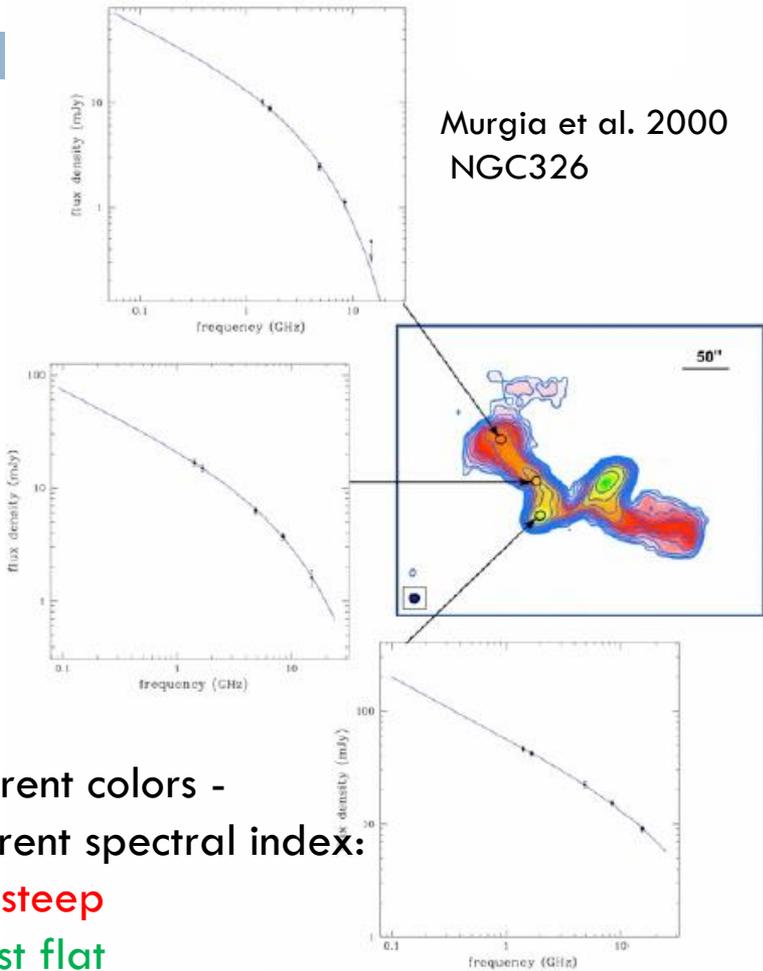


The apparent luminosity  $L=L_0\delta^n$  as function of the jetspeed and line-of-sight angle.  
 /Kellerman et al., 2007/

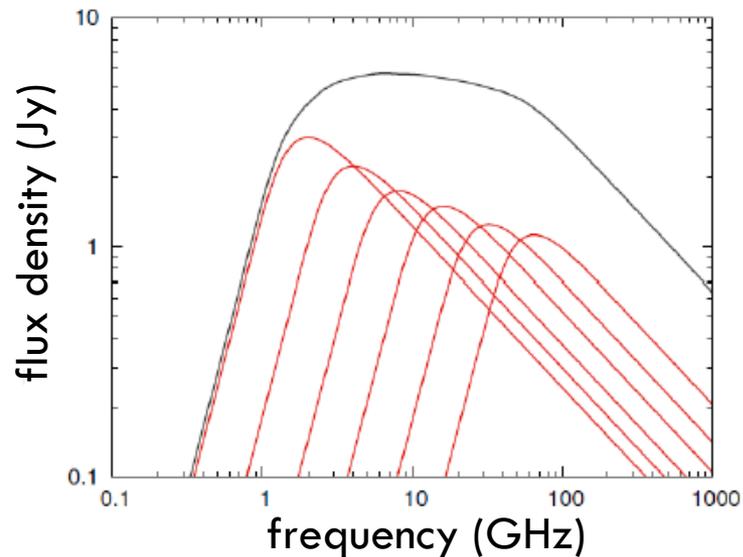
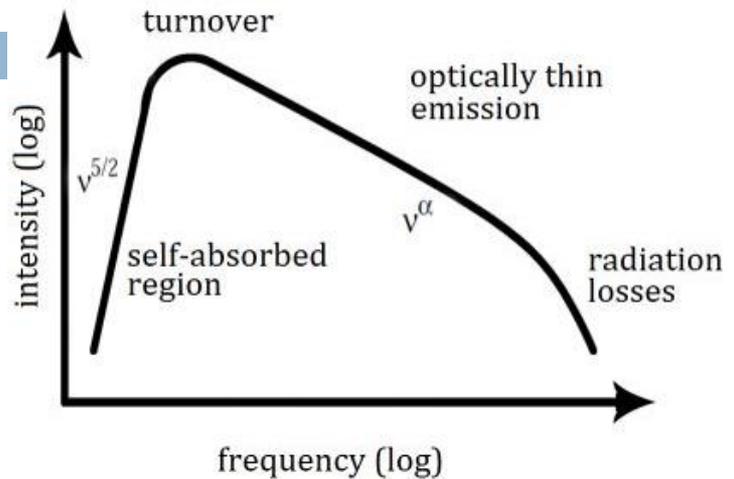
# Continuum radio spectrum of AGN

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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

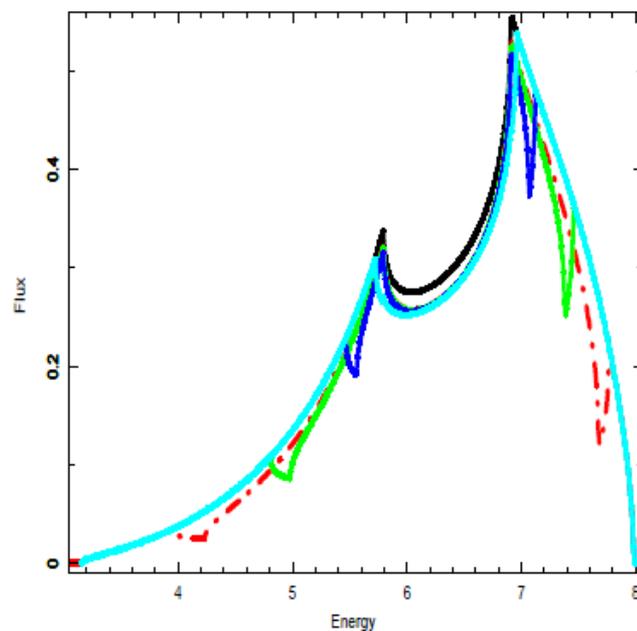
- ❑ Sub-parsec separated binary systems with years/**months/days** orbital period, leading to **decades of gravitational lifetime**
- ❑ **Possible candidates of gravitational waves to detect by the future LISA**
- ❑ It is not possible to spatially resolve these systems, even with the astronomical techniques 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 $\alpha$  X-ray lines**
  - ❑ **high-energy neutrino emission**

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

# Ripples in FeK $\alpha$ 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 $\alpha$  line

$r=90\pm 9 R_S$

$r=50\pm 5 R_S$

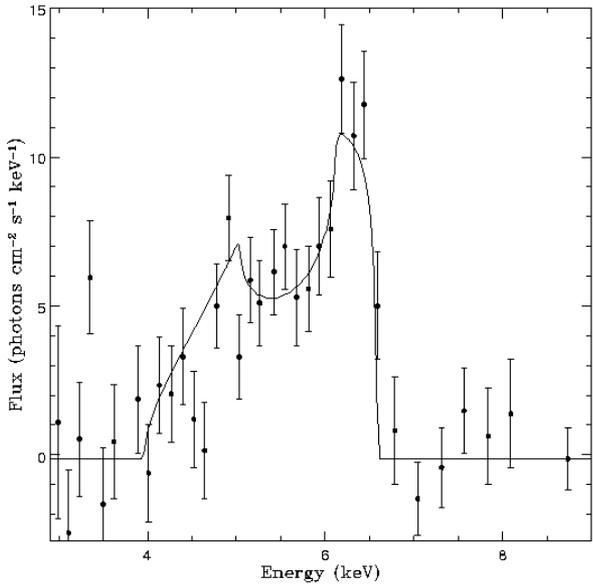
$r=20\pm 2 R_S$

$r=10\pm 1 R_S$

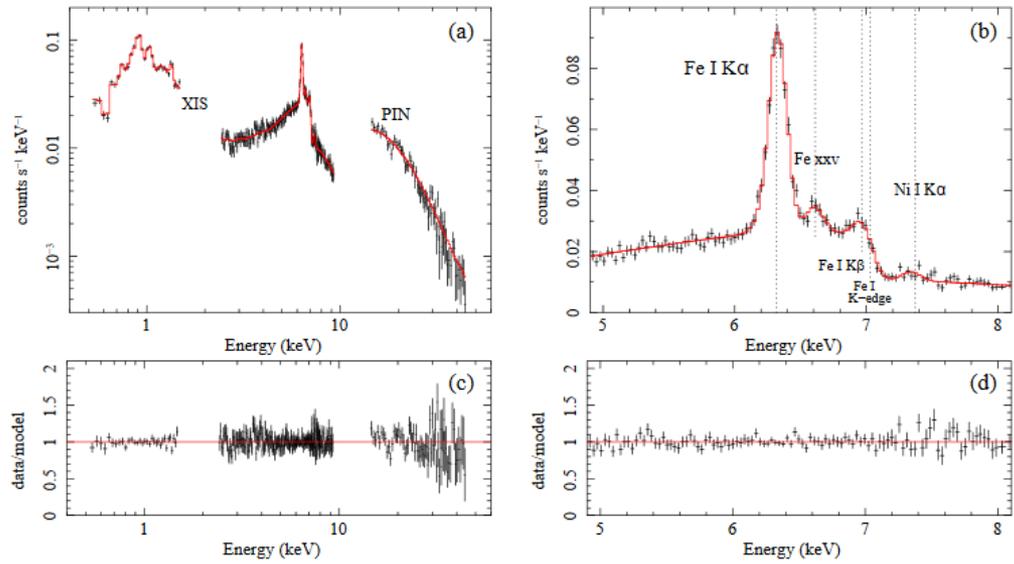
McKernan, B. *et al.* MNRAS, 432, 1468, 2013

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 $\alpha$  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

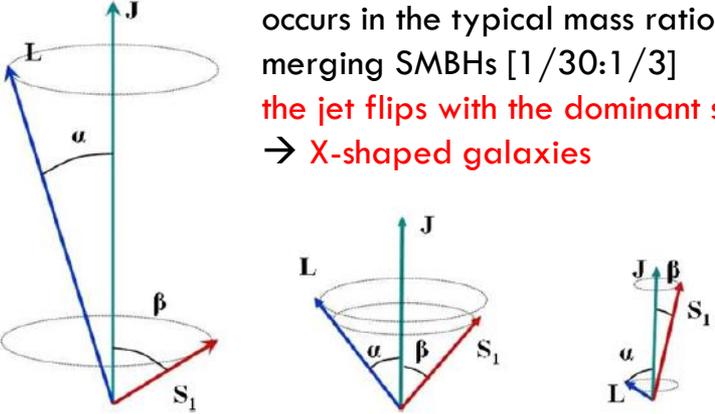
### Precession of the dominant spin

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



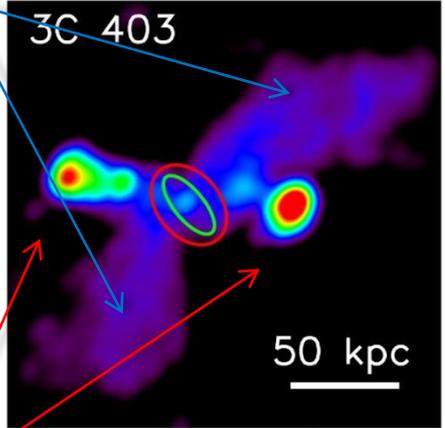
Gergely and Biermann, 2009

## 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:

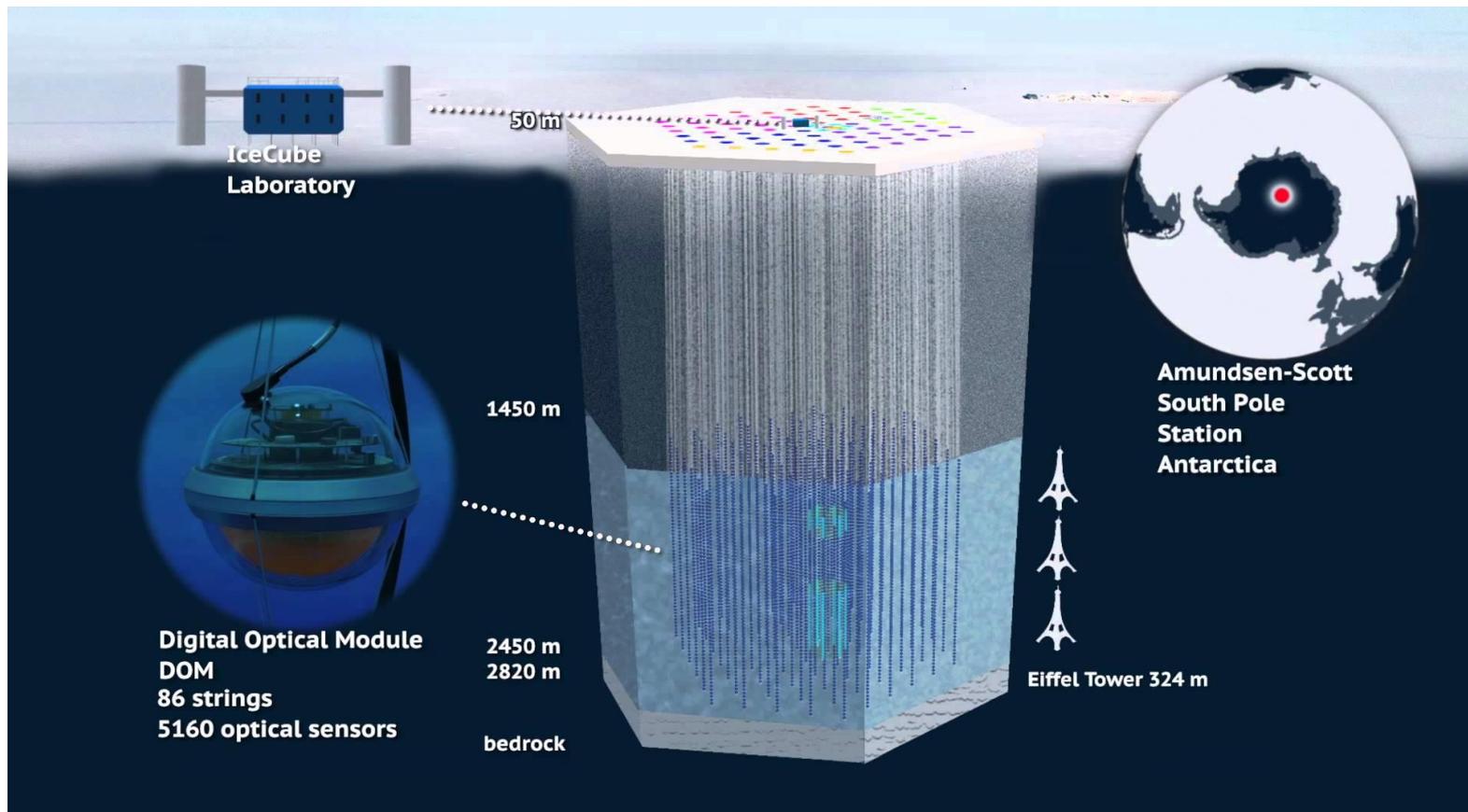
- bright and flat spectrum
- young and fast charged particles

They may hide SMBH binaries that would collide within decades

# IceCube and high-energy neutrinos

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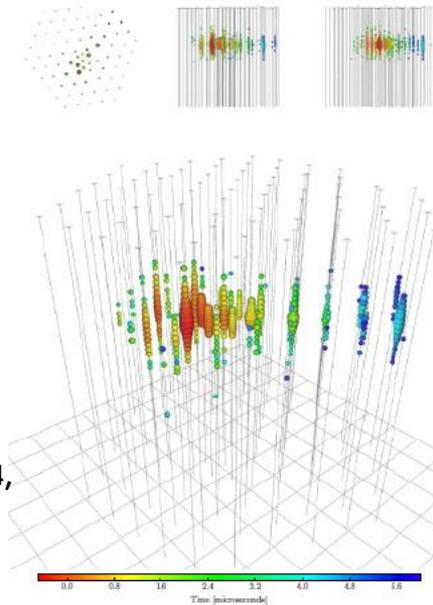
- ❑ IceCube: detection of 55 high-energy neutrino of cosmic origin  
(IceCube collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 113, 101101, 2014; IceCube collaboration, arXiv: 1510.05223; Schoenen Raedel, AT, 7856, 2015)
- ❑ Their actual origin is not clear, most probably it is the AGN



# „Track” and „shower”-type neutrino events

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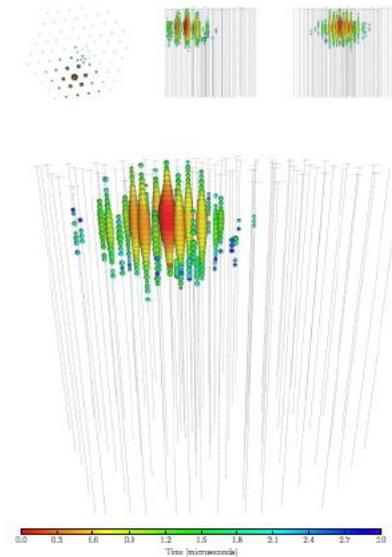
- The **electron neutrinos** create **electrons**, the **muon neutrinos** create **muons**
- The **electron neutrinos** generates „**shower**”-type neutrino events
- The **muon neutrinos** generates „**track**”-type neutrino events



**Track**-type (e.g. ID5)

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

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



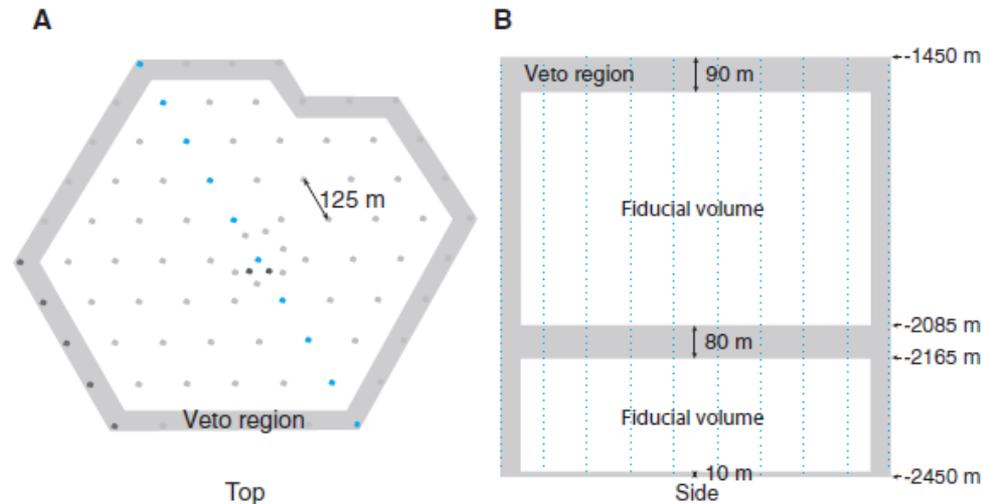
**Shower**-type (e.g. ID35)

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):

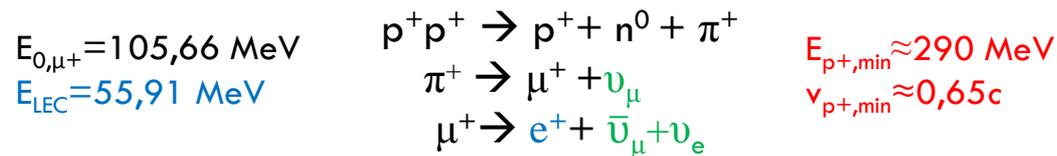
Events producing first light in the veto region (shaded area) were discarded as entering tracks (usually from cosmic ray muons entering the detector).

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



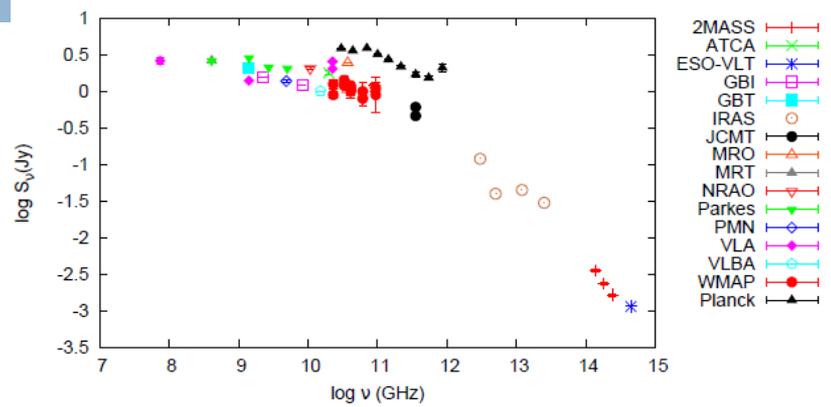
- The plunge of a newly formed jet into the environment of the BBH
  - The Lorentz factor of the freshly made jet is high
  - Enhanced radiation in all EM frequencies
    - The spectrum of the AGN is flat up to THz frequencies
    - Its radio flux density is increasing as the electrons are speeding, 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

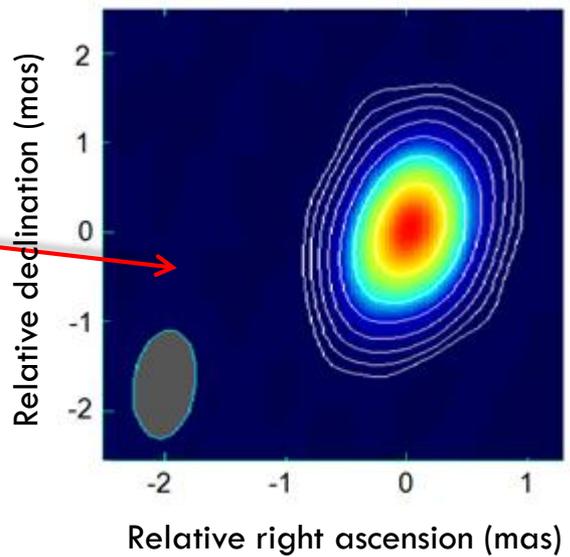
E. Kun, P. L. Biermann, L. Á. Gergely, *MNRAS Letters*, **466**, 34, (2017)

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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

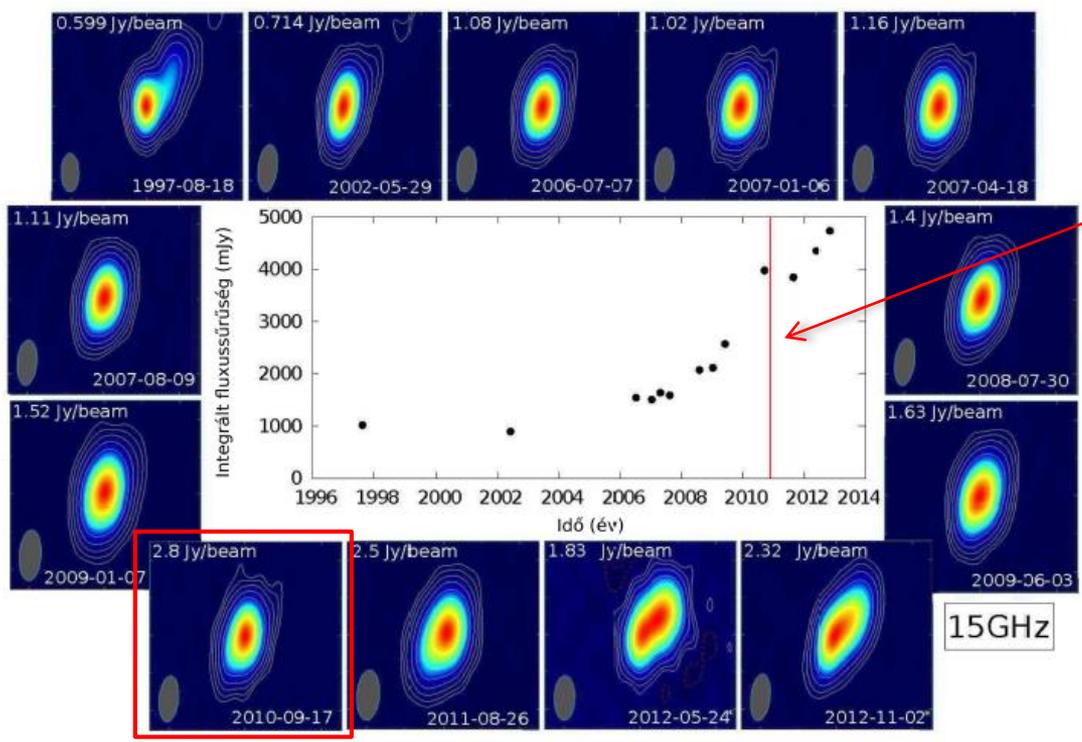


Spectrum of PKS 0723–008 (NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database)  
 PCCS2:  $\alpha_{30\text{GHz},857\text{GHz}} = -0,18 \pm 0,04$ ,  $\alpha_{70\text{GHz},545\text{GHz}} = -0,45 \pm 0,03$



# 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!**