Particle Acceleration in Variable Jets



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Cosmic Ray Source Requirements



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AGN Flickering

Observations of blazar, X-ray binary, + local AGN observations indicate that being noisy is not perculiar.



FIGURE 1 Light curve of the quasar 3C273 over a period of 80 years, from 1887 to 1967. The data of Kunkel¹¹ is here plotted by hundred-day averages; the ordinate is in arbitrary intensity units. (Reproduced from Fahlmann and Ulrych⁶).

The Role Played By AGN Flickering

A number of simulations of AGN fuelling suggest the largescale accretion rate follows a log-normal distribution with a flicker noise power spectrum!

Yang & Reynolds 2016 104 1046 Luminosities (erg/s)

1.5

Time (Gyr)

2.0

2.5

3.0





Gaspari et al. 2016

1044

 10^{4}

0.0

Cooling et power

1.0

0.5



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Noise Amplitude Distribution (PDF)



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Particle Acceleration in Flickering Jets

We developed a reduced model of a jet inflated lobe, keeping track of particle acceleration/cooling (inspired by previous efforts- eg. Hardcastle 2018)







Jet Inflated Cocoon Model

Assumptions:

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- Jet termination shock is acceleration site
- Accelerated particles diffuse subsequently diffuse isotropically through homogeneous volume
- Diffusion throughout the cocoon volume is at the Bohm level



The Electron Spectrum

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{t}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \left[\mathbf{p} \left(\frac{1}{\tau_{sync}(\mathbf{p})} + \frac{1}{\tau_{adi}} \right) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p}) \right] + \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t})$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{n}}{d\mathbf{p}}_{ss} = \int \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}) \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$
Time limited/adiabatic losses "steady state via synchrotron cooling "time limited/adiabatic losses "steady state via synchrotron cooling 100

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{10^{-4}}{10^{-4}} \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-4}} \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-3}} \frac{10^{-5}}{10^{-5}} E (MeV)$$

The Electron Spectrum



Proxy Electrons with Cooling Times Comparable to the UHECR Escape Times

$$\tau_{esc}^{p} = 9.05 \text{ Myr} \left(\frac{L_{esc}}{100 \text{ kpc}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{D_{B}}{D}\right) \left(\frac{E/Ze}{10 \text{ EV}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{B}{10\mu\text{G}}\right)$$

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ight)^2 \left(rac{10 \;
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m Myrs$$

$$\begin{split} \nu_{\rm c} &= \gamma_{\rm e}^2 \left(\frac{\rm B}{\rm B_{\rm crit}}\right) \frac{m_{\rm e} c^2}{\rm h} \\ \nu_{\rm proxy} &\approx 20 \,\, {\rm GHz} \left(\frac{\rm E/Ze}{\rm 10EV}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rm L_{esc}}{\rm 100 \,\, kpc}\right)^{-4} \left(\frac{\rm D_{esc}}{\rm D_B}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rm B}{\rm 10 \,\, \mu G}\right)^{-5} \end{split}$$

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Radiative Signatures from Accelerated Electrons



The msynchro code used here has been
made publicly available at https://
github.com/jhmatthews/
msynchro
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Proton/Nuclei Injection Spectra



$$\frac{d\mathbf{N_A}}{d\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{Z^2} \mathbf{A^{p-2}} \mathbf{f}_\odot \left(\frac{\mathbf{E}}{\mathbf{E_0}}\right)^{-\mathbf{p}}$$

solar system abundance ratios

	proton	He	С	0	Si	Fe
x_i	1.0	0.1	0.0004	0.0008	0.00003	0.00003

 \mathbf{f}_{\odot}

Low Energy CR Composition Consideration



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10¹⁵

Fe

The Hadronic Spectrum



The Proton/Nuclei Steady-State Spectra Inside/Outside Source



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The Shape of the UHECR Cutoff Produced by a Flickering Source

Instantaneous maximum cosmic ray energy dependent on jet power

$${
m E_{max}} = 10^{19} \left(rac{eta {
m Q_j}}{10^{43} \ {
m erg \ s^{-1}}}
ight)^{1/2} \ {
m eV}$$

The Shape of the UHECR Cutoff **Produced by a Flickering Source** $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{E}) \propto \mathbf{E}^{-\mathbf{p}} \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} \mathbf{Q}_{\mathrm{j}}(\mathbf{t}) \; \exp \left[-rac{\mathbf{E}}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{k}}} \sqrt{rac{\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{0}}}{eta_{\mathrm{j}} \mathbf{Q}_{\mathrm{j}}(\mathbf{t})}}
ight] \mathbf{dt}$ $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}_0) = \int \mathbf{y} e^{\left[-\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{y}\mathbf{Q}_0}} - \frac{(\ln \mathbf{y})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]} d\ln \mathbf{y}$

Method- approximate integral as value at peak of integrand.

$$f(x, Q_0) \approx y_p e^{\left[-\frac{x}{\sqrt{y_p Q_0}} - \frac{(\ln y_p)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}$$

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The Shape of the UHECR Cutoff Produced by a Flickering Source



The Shape of the UHECR Cutoff Produced by a Flickering Source

$$\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{p}}^{1/2} \left(\frac{\ln \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{p}}}{\sigma^2} - 1
ight)$$

Inversions of relation:



Conclusion

Simple AGN model developed to investigated the effect jet variability has on non-thermal signatures

Electron and UHECR luminosities track jet power with a response set by cooling/escape time

Proxy electrons are noted, capable of probing source activity level on the relevant timescale for present UHECR escape

Variation in power causes variation in both the resultant shape of the spectral break and cut-off features

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Extra Slides



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Electron Cooling Timescale

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m e} c^2}$$

$$= 100 \ \left(rac{10\mu G}{
m B}
ight)^2 \left(rac{
m GeV}{
m E_{
m e}}
ight) \
m Myrs$$

Noise Production



Impulse response

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{t}) = \theta(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{t}^{-\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{f}) = \int \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{t}) \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{ift}} \mathbf{dt}$$

= $\mathbf{\Gamma}(lpha + \mathbf{1}) \mathbf{f}^{lpha - \mathbf{1}}$



Noise Frequency Distribution (PSD)WhitePink/FlickerRed



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Injection Ratio of Nuclear Species-Motivation



