

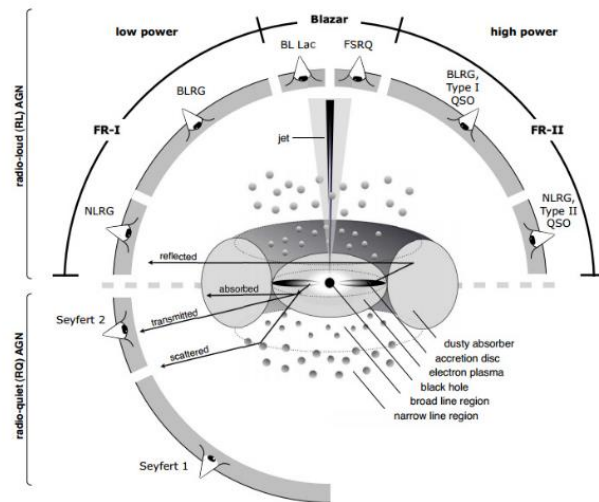
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# COINCIDENT NEUTRINO AND GAMMA-RAY EMISSION FROM BLAZARS

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# Motivation I – AGN as Multi-Messenger Sources

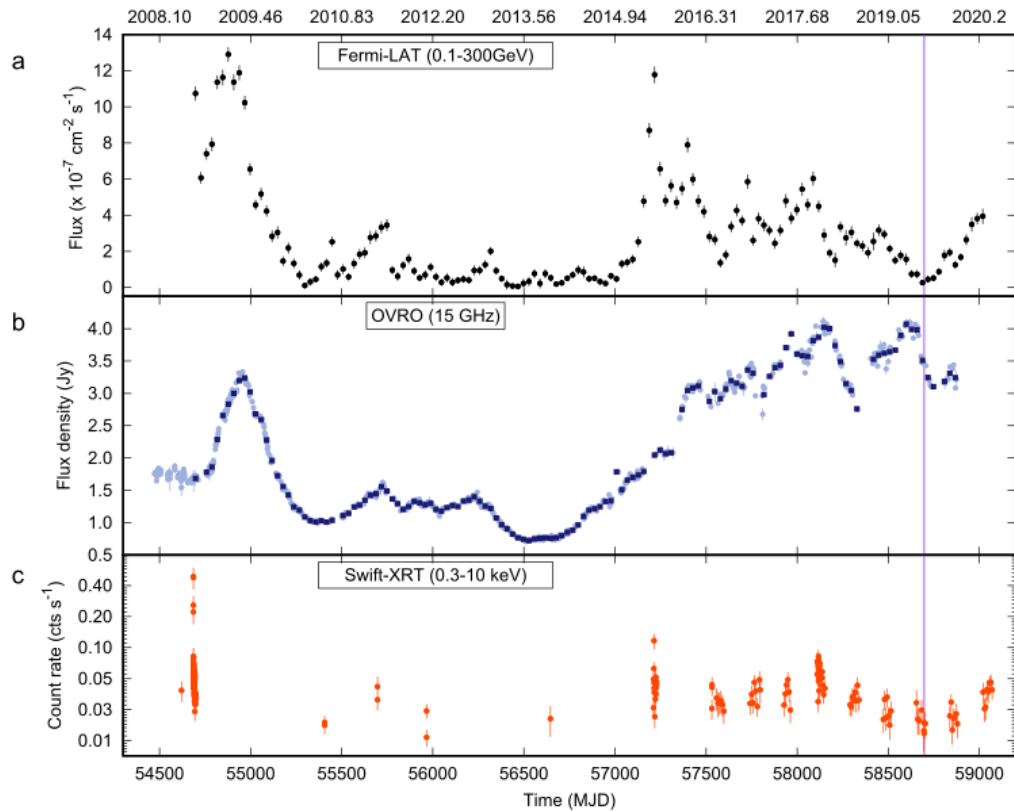
- **Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) are one of the most luminous, observable sources**
- Engine of the cosmic rays with highest energies up to  $E_{CR} = 10^{21} \text{eV}$  ?
- **Modelling is challenging; ambiguous signatures need to be understood via numerical simulation.**



**Fig. 1:** Unified model of AGN: Classification regarding line of sight, luminosity and radio emissivity. Ref. to: [Beckmann, Shrader POS (2013)]

# Motivation II – $\gamma$ suppression vs. $\nu$ -emission

- **Example: Observations of blazar PKS 1502+106:**
  - Hint onto association of blazar to IceCube-event IC-190730A
- **Long-term survey of gamma-ray and radio fluxes show some correlation**
- **At event time IC-190730A: Deficient gamma-ray flux while de-correlated, strong radio activity**
- **Question: Can we implement models, which reproduce this behavior?**

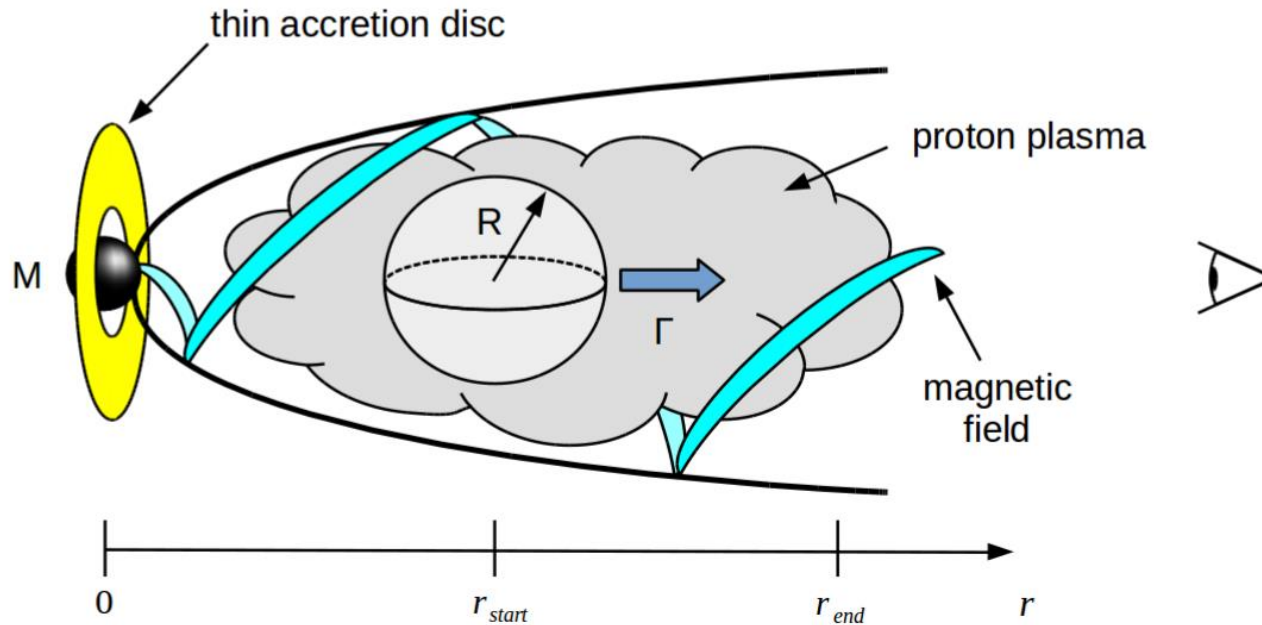


**Fig. 2:** Photon fluxes in gamma-ray, radio, and x-ray energies, as observed by different observatories. Radio and gamma-ray seem to be correlated, until the neutrino event (violet line). Ref. to: [Kun et al. ApJ (2021)]

# Simulation Setup

- **CRPropa (Cosmic Ray Propagation) version 3.1x [Merten et al. JCAP (2017)]**
  - Modified by M. Hörbe and M. Schroller for custom photon fields, temporal scalings of arbitrary choice [Hörbe et al. MNRAS (2020)]
- Various Hadronic interactions
- Ballistic propagation via Cash-Karp or Boris-push method
  - **Different approach: Commonly simulated purely diffusive!**

# Setup: Scheme



**Fig. 3:** Propagation of the plasmoid and declarations. Ref. to: [Hörbe et al. MNRAS (2020)]

# Setup: Parameter (excerpt)

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Plasmoid Radius	$R$	$10^{13}$ m
Plasmoid Propagation Start	$r_{\text{start}}$	$10^{14}$ m
Plasmoid Propagation End	$r_{\text{end}}$	$r_{\text{start}} + 10$ pc
Plasmoid Lorentz Factor	$\Gamma$	10
Magnetic Field Initial RMS Value	$B_0$	1 G
Proton (primary) Initial Energy	$E_{p,\text{inj}}$	$10^8$ GeV
Proton Target Density (up-scaled)	$n_{0,\text{plasma}}$	$10^{15}$ m $^{-3}$
Electron Minimal Lorentz Factor	$\gamma_{e,\text{min}}$	10
Electron Maximal Lorentz Factor	$\gamma_{e,\text{max}}$	$10^6$
Electron Spectral Index	$\alpha_e$	2.6
Energy Density Ratio $U_p/U_e$	$\chi$	1/100
Accretion Disc Inner Radius	$3R_s$	$8.86 \cdot 10^{11}$ m
Accretion Disc Outer Radius	$R_{\text{acc}}$	$10^{14}$ m
Accretion Disc Temperature	$T_0$	10 eV/ $k_B$

**Tab. 1:** Parameter setup for simulation of the plasmoid.  
Ref. to: [Hörbe et al. MNRAS (2020)]

## Assumptions:

- Equipartition:  $U_B = U_p + U_e$
- Purely turbulent field with  $l_c = 10^{-2}R$
- Injection monochromatic (Tab. 1) or power law w. spectral index  $\alpha_p = 2$ ;  
 $E_{\text{min}} = 10^8$  GeV  
 $E_{\text{max}} = 10^{11}$  GeV
- Instantaneous injection
- Black body field of accretion disk Doppler de-boosted inside plasmoid
- Synchrotron radiation of ambient electrons

# Setup: Results (combined messengers)

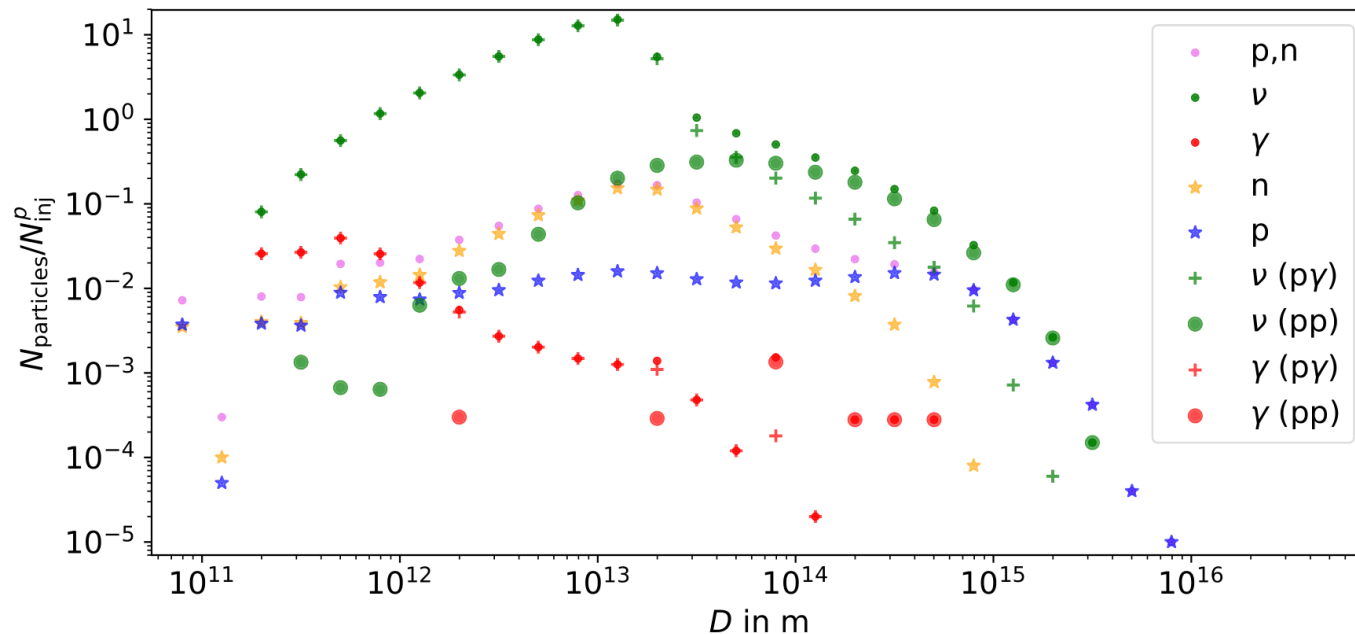


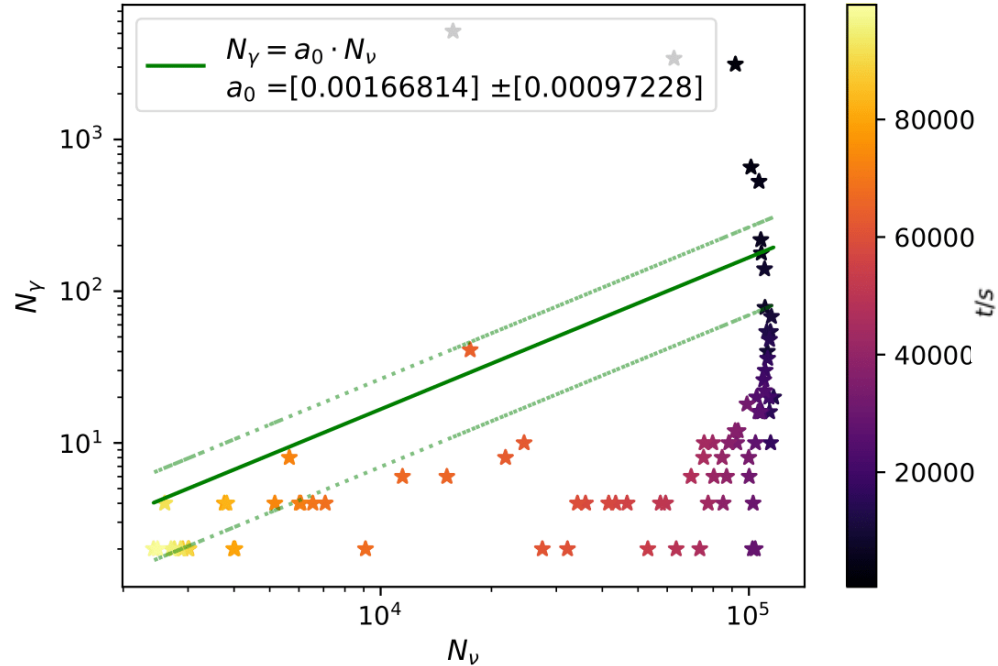
Fig. 4: Relative particle readouts of primary and secondary particles at the plasmoid's surface.



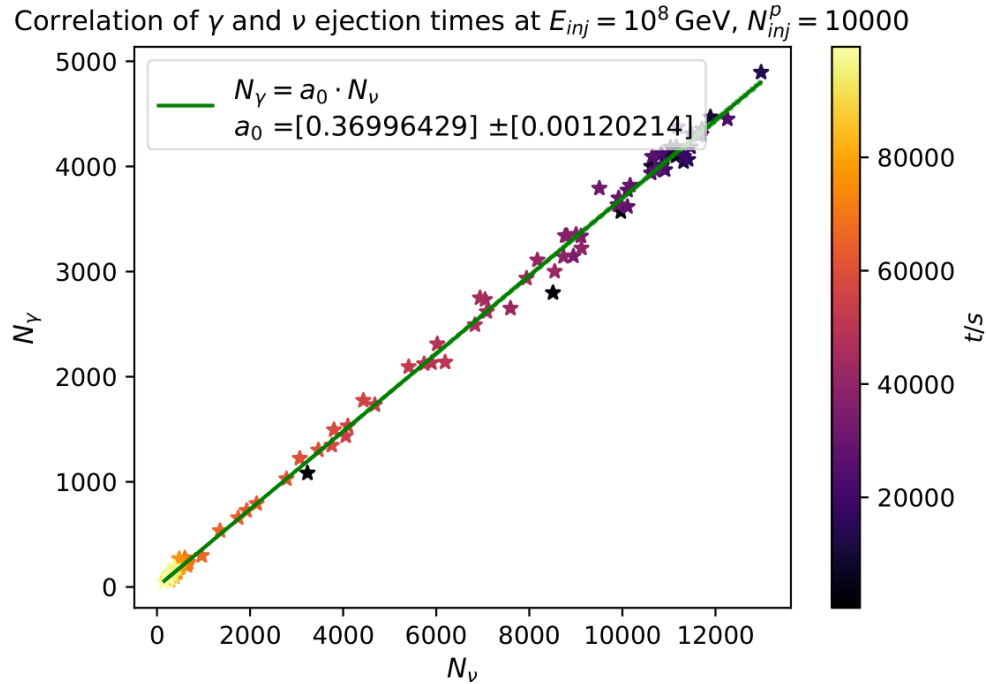
# Correlation between $\gamma$ -rays and Neutrinos

- **Investigation of particle readouts of photons and neutrinos at equal points in time**
  - Can we observe a correlated emission of both messengers?

Correlation of  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  ejection times at  $E_{inj} = 10^8$  GeV,  $N_{inj}^p = 100000$



**Fig 7.:**The correlation between neutrino and gamma-ray emission at equal points in time, which are color-coded by the bar on the right-hand side. Gamma-rays are absorbed by the dense photon fields, while neutrinos escape.



**Fig 8.:** The correlation between neutrino and gamma-ray emission at equal points in time, which are color-coded by the bar on the right-hand side. In this unphysical view-case, the Breit-Wheeler pair production of secondary  $\gamma$ -rays with background photons is disabled for visualization.

# Summary

- **A simulation scheme is established for the ballistic propagation of hadronic plasmoids traveling along an AGN jet axis.**
- **A first analysis of simultaneous  $\gamma$ -ray and neutrino emission has been performed.**
- **For a full analysis of temporal correlation of gamma-ray and neutrino emission in absorbing environments, higher statistics is needed.**

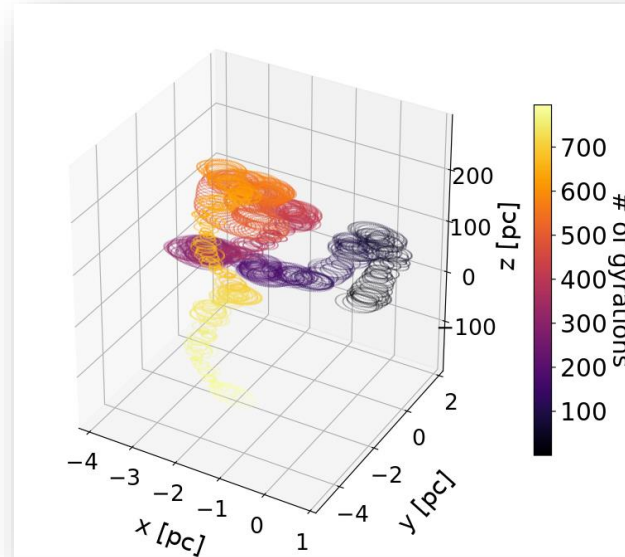
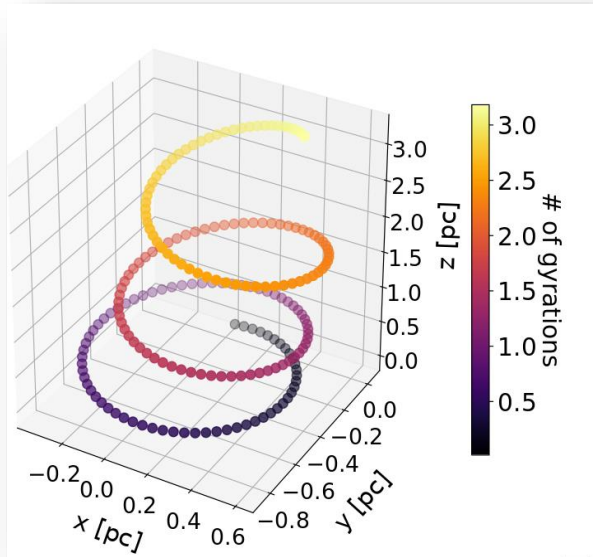
# Outlook

- **Inclusion of radio-emission to the particle readouts**
- **Transformation of signatures to the observer's frame**
- **... and many more ideas for projects!**

Thank you for your attention!

**BACKUP**

# Transport in Turbulent Fields: Ballistic vs. Diffusive



$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\frac{\delta n}{\delta t} = \nabla \cdot (\hat{D} \cdot \nabla n) - \vec{u} \cdot \nabla n + Q$$

Propagation modes. Ref. to: [Merten et al. JCAP (2017)]

# Transport in turbulent fields: Criteria

Following [Reichherzer et al. MNRAS (2020)]:

The reduced rigidity  $\rho = \frac{r_g}{l_c} = \frac{E}{qcB l_c}$

- Reduced rigidity  $\rho$  can be used as criterion to distinguish between the necessity to either propagate ballistically or diffusively:
  - Ballistic motion for  $\rho > 1$
  - Diffusive propagation for  $l_{min}/l_{max} \leq \rho \leq 1$



# System: parameter comparison

$i$	$P_i$	former Value $V_i$	new value $W_i$
1	Radius of plasmoid $R$	1e13 m	1e13 m
2	Spacing $\Delta s$	2*R	2*R
3	timestep $\Delta t$	33358 s	33358 s
4	# timesteps $N_t$	308557	308557
5	# spatial steps $N_{x,y,z}$	2	2

# Magnetic field: former parameter

$i$	$P_i$	$V_i$	$W_i$
6	# of gridpoints $N_{Gr}$	256	512
7	Spacing $\Delta s_B$	R / (128)	R / (256 * 64)
8	Root Mean Value $B_0$	1 G	1 G
9	Correlation length $l_c$	$10^{(-2)}$ R	$10^{(-2)}$ R
10	Lmin $l_{min}$	R / (64)	R / ( 256 * 32)
11	Lmax $l_{max}$	R / (32)	R / ( 32 )
12	# of spatial scalings $N_{x,y,z}^B$	2	4
13	# of temporal scalings $N_t^B$	308557	617114
14	Scaling: spacing $\Delta s^B$	2 * R	R
15	Scaling: timesteps $\Delta t^B$	33358 s	16679

# Propagation and energy: comparison parameter

$i$	$P_i$	$V_i$	$W_i$
16	Propagation method $P$	CK	BP
17	Min. step size $\Delta x_{min}$	$10^{(-2)}$ R	$10^{(-5)}$ R
18	Max step size $\Delta x_{max}$	$10^{(-2)}$ R	$10^{(-3)}$ R
19	Precision $\varepsilon$	$10^{(-3)}$	$10^{(-3)}$
20	Injection energy $E$	$10^{(8)}$ GeV	$10^{(8)}$ GeV
21	Max. trajectory length $d$	10 pc	10 pc
22	Minimum energy $E_{min}$	$10^{(2)}$ GeV	$10^{(2)}$ GeV
23	# of particles $N$	10000	10000