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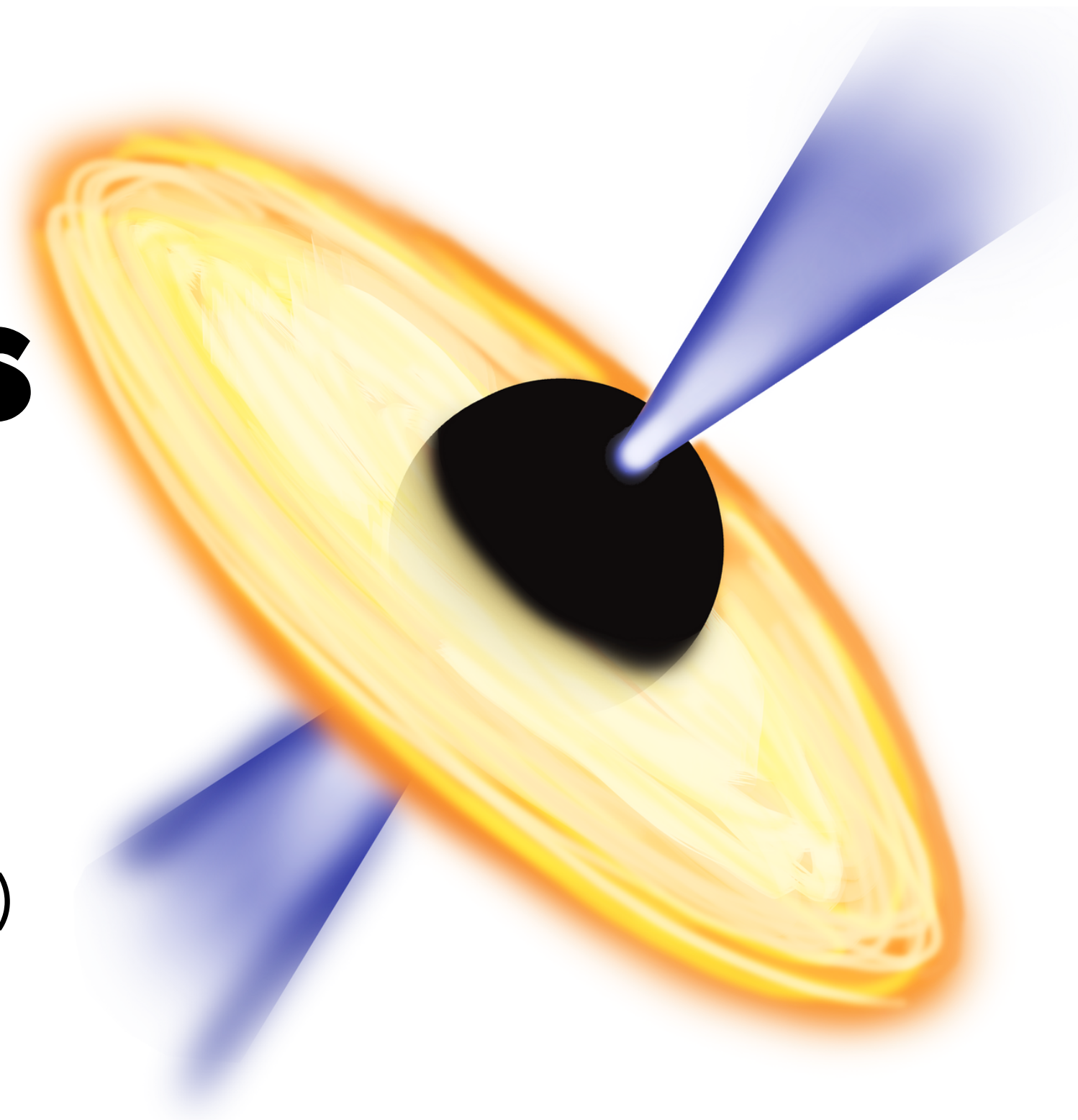
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Particles in Relativistic MHD Jets. I. Role of Jet Dynamics in Particle Acceleration

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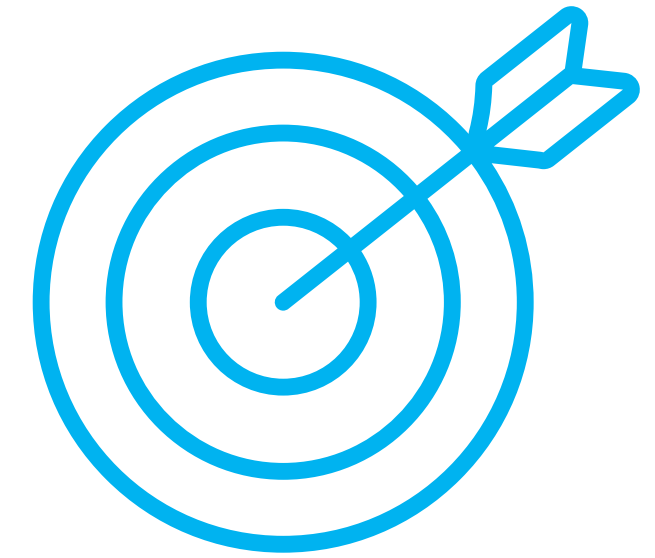
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Abstract

Relativistic jets from (supermassive) black holes are typically observed in nonthermal emission, caused by highly relativistic electrons. Here, we study the interrelation between three-dimensional (special) relativistic magnetohydrodynamics, and particle acceleration in these jets. We inject Lagrangian particles into the jet that are accelerated through diffusive shock acceleration and radiate energy via synchrotron and inverse Compton processes. We investigate the impact of different injection nozzles on the jet dynamics, propagation, and the spectral energy distribution of relativistic particles. We consider three different injection nozzles—injecting steady, variable, and precessing jets. These jets evolve with substantially different dynamics, driving different levels of turbulence and shock structures. The steady jet shows a strong, stationary shock feature, resulting from a head-on collision with an inner back-flow along the jet axis—a jet inside a jet. This shock represents a site for highly efficient particle acceleration. For a jet with a precessing nozzle, the shock structure is more complex, with a strong, stationary shock feature and a weaker, moving shock feature. The variable jet shows a strong, stationary shock feature, resulting from a head-on collision with an inner back-flow along the jet axis—a jet inside a jet. This shock represents a site for highly efficient particle acceleration.

MOTIVATION



1

Jet dynamics for
different injection
mechanism

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Shocks and
turbulence in
different jets

3

Particle
Acceleration
through shocks

4

Synthetic spectrum
and emission
signatures

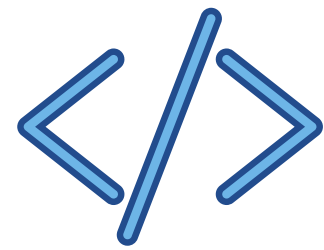
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Disentangle
dynamics from
emission

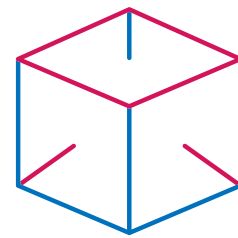
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Comparison
with
observations

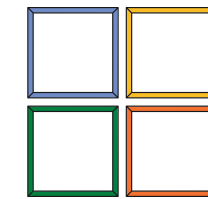
NUMERICAL SETUP



PLUTO code ([Mignone et al. 2007](#)) to solve RMHD fluid equations



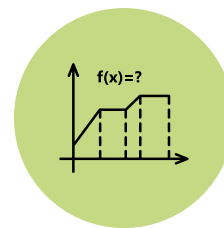
3D uniform Cartesian coordinates



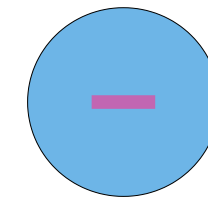
Resolution: 25 grid cells per jet radius



Ambient Medium: uniform, stationary, magnetized



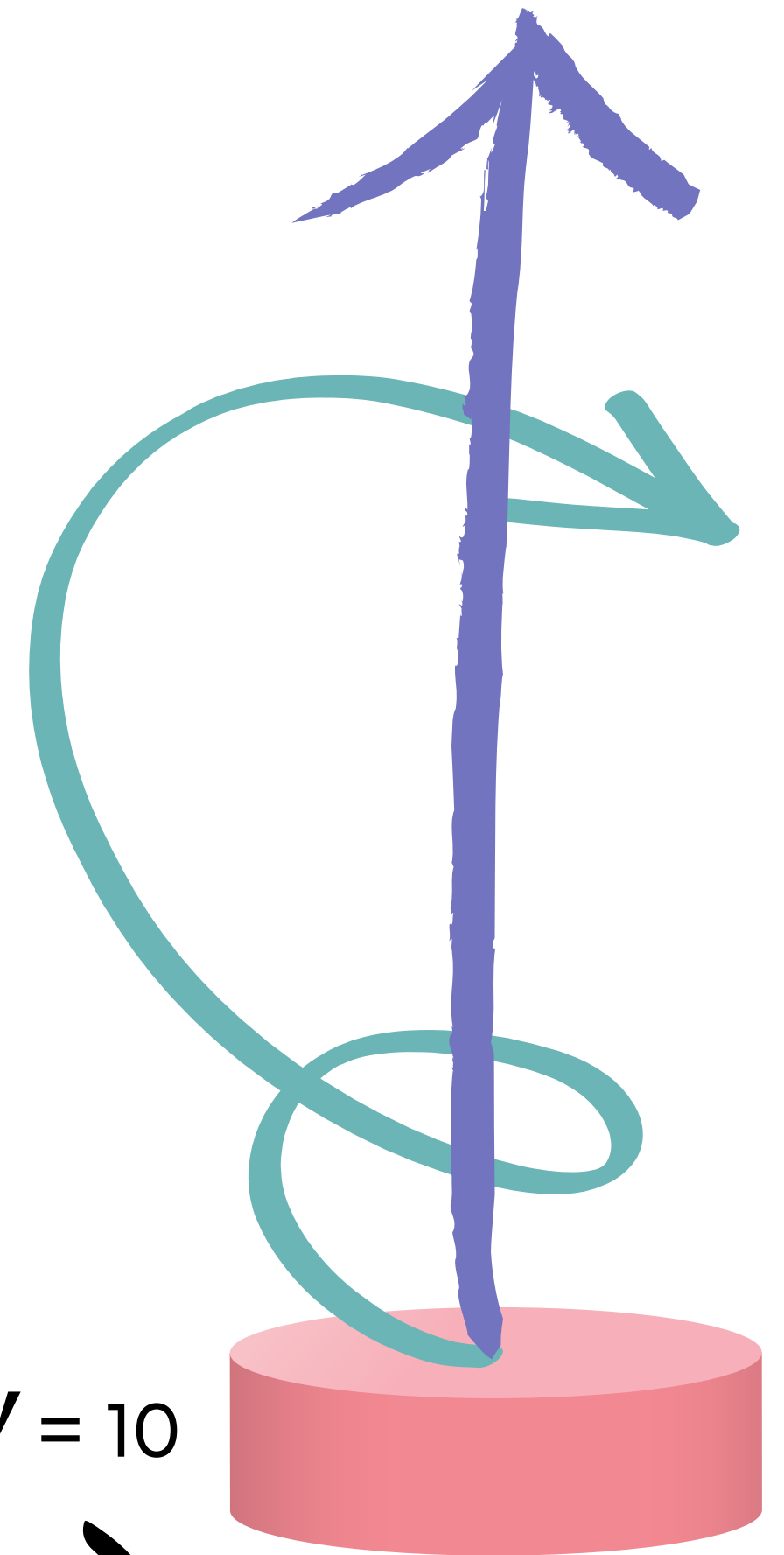
Equation of State: Taub-Matthews EoS for mixture of relativistic and non-relativistic gas



Lagrangian Particles: Diffusive shock acceleration, non-thermal cooling ([Vaidya et al. 2018](#))

JET INJECTION

- Jet injection through the injection nozzle
- Important to avoid artificial instabilities
- Adopted injection profiles from [Bodo et al. 2019](#)
- Three injection profiles
 - A rotating steady jet with $\gamma = 10$
 - A rotating jet with variable γ
 - A rotating jet precessing about z-axis with $\gamma = 10$



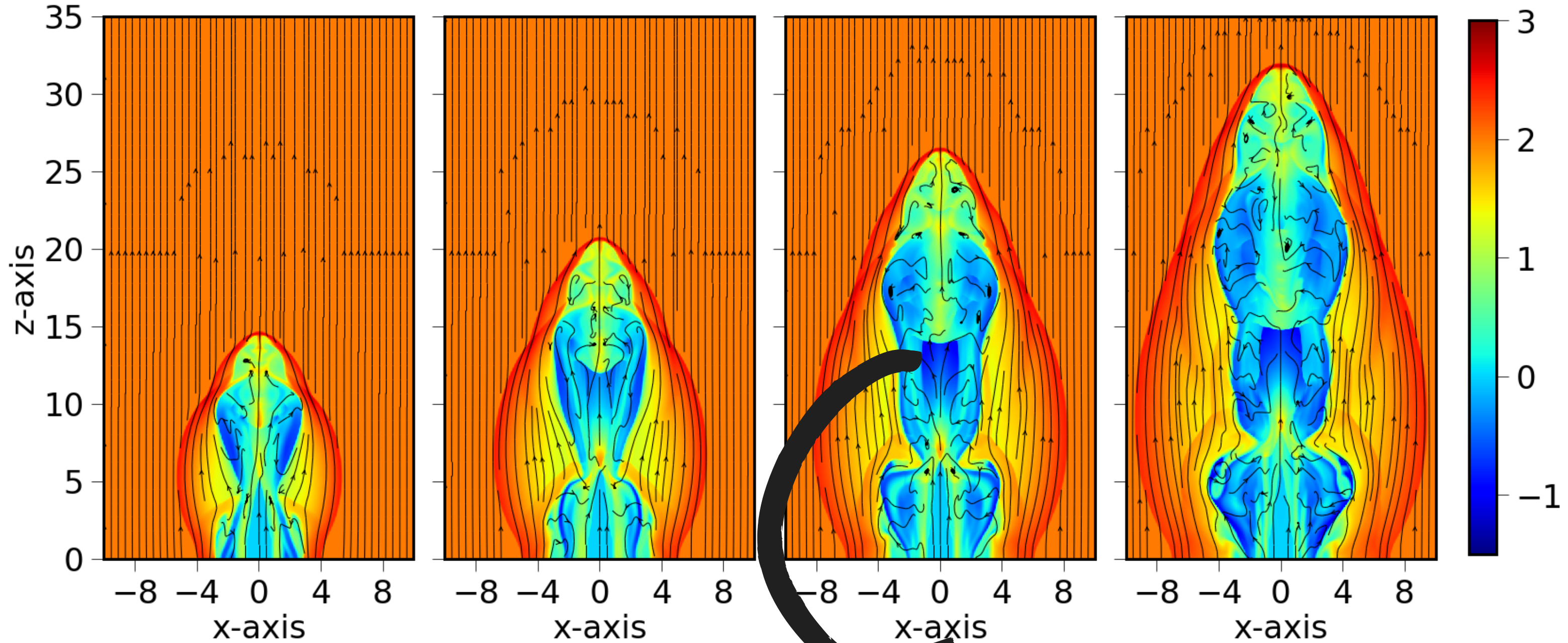
pc-scale jets





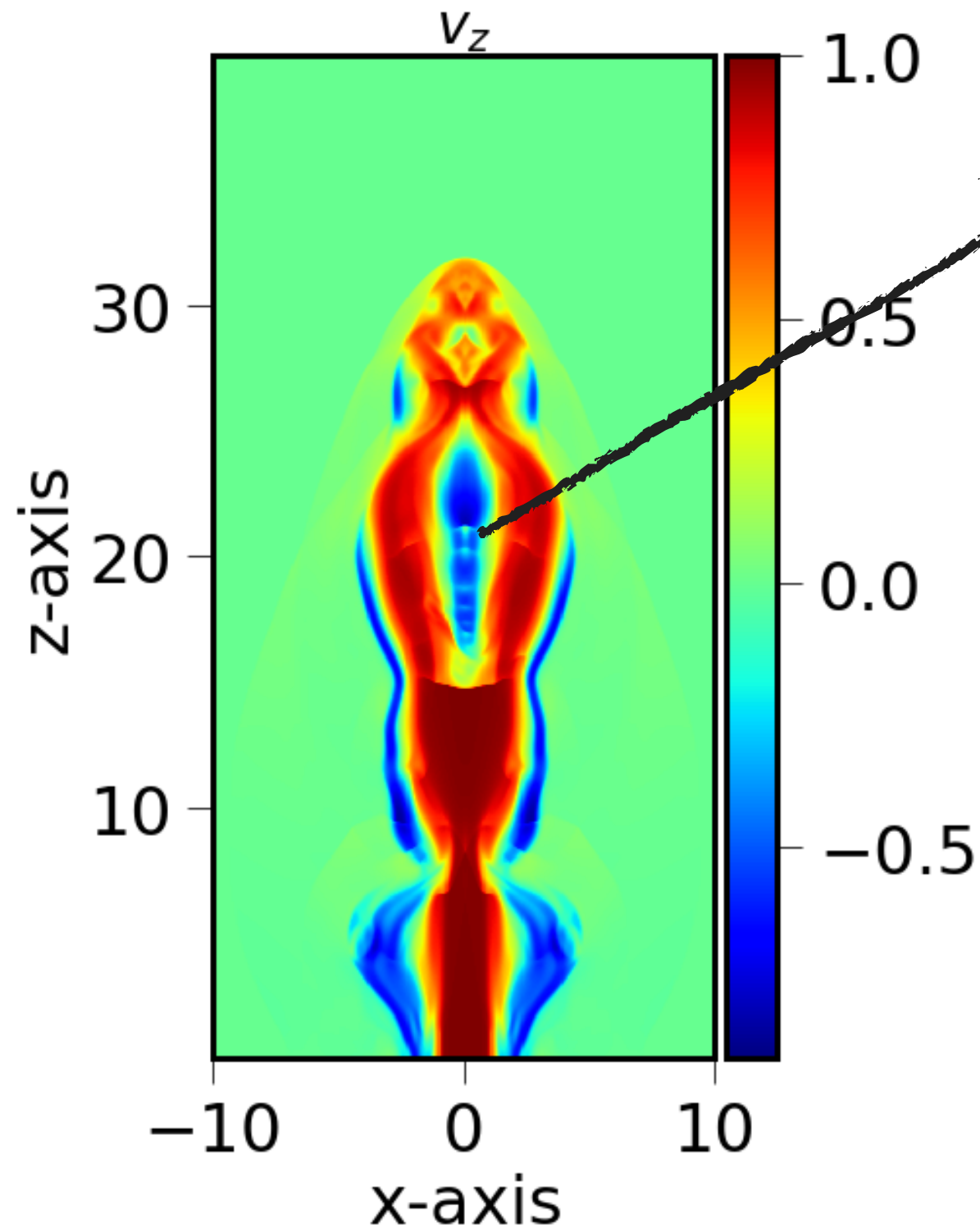
RESULTS

STEADY JET



STRONG, STATIONARY SHOCK

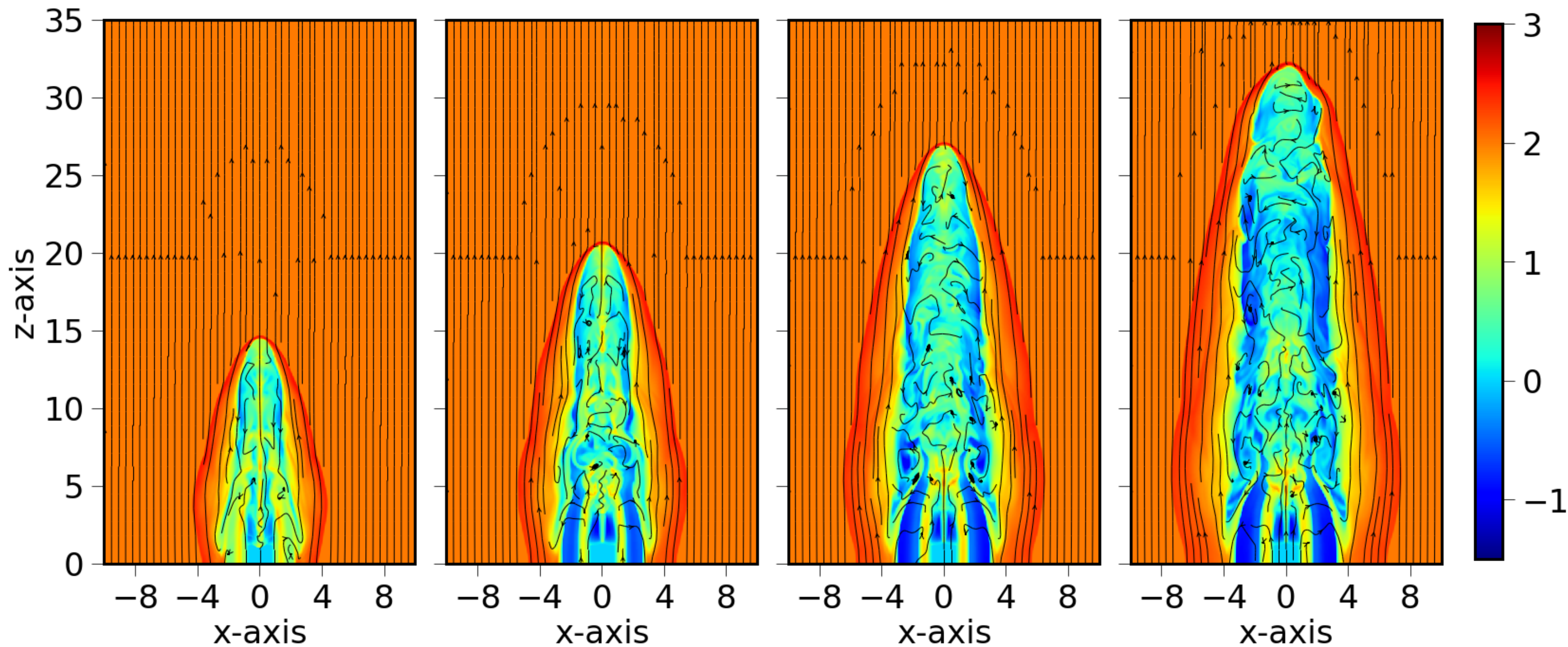
STATIONARY SHOCK



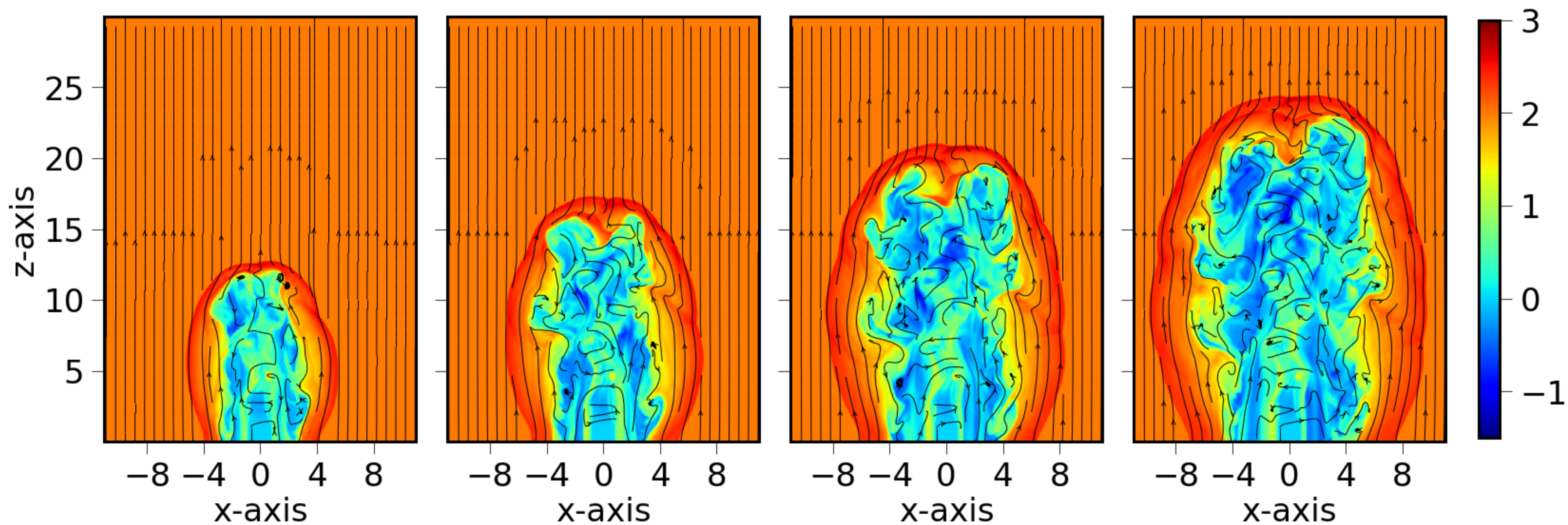
INNER BACK-FLOW

- Result of reflection from the jet head along the jet axis
- Goes away if the termination shock leaves the computational domain

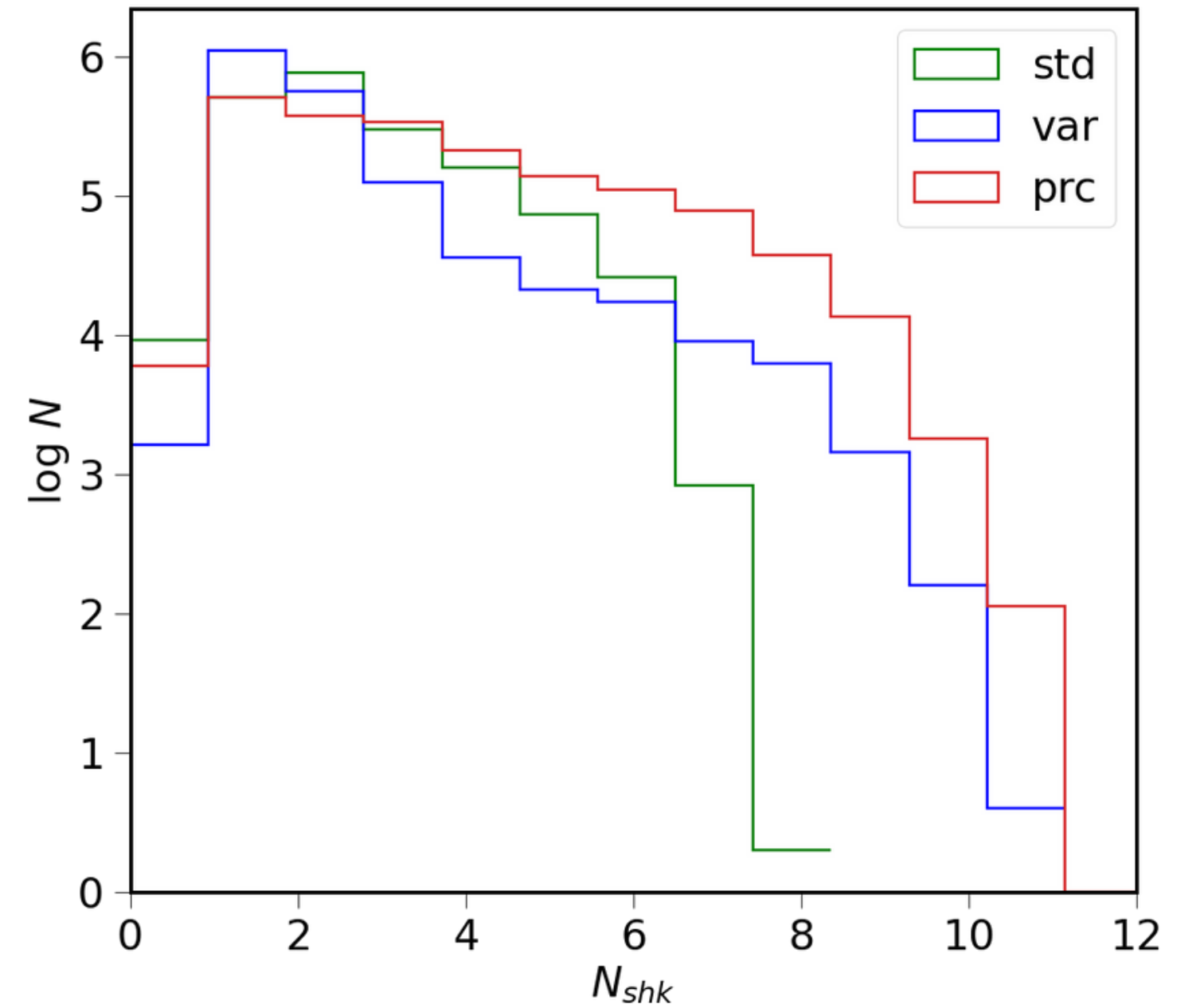
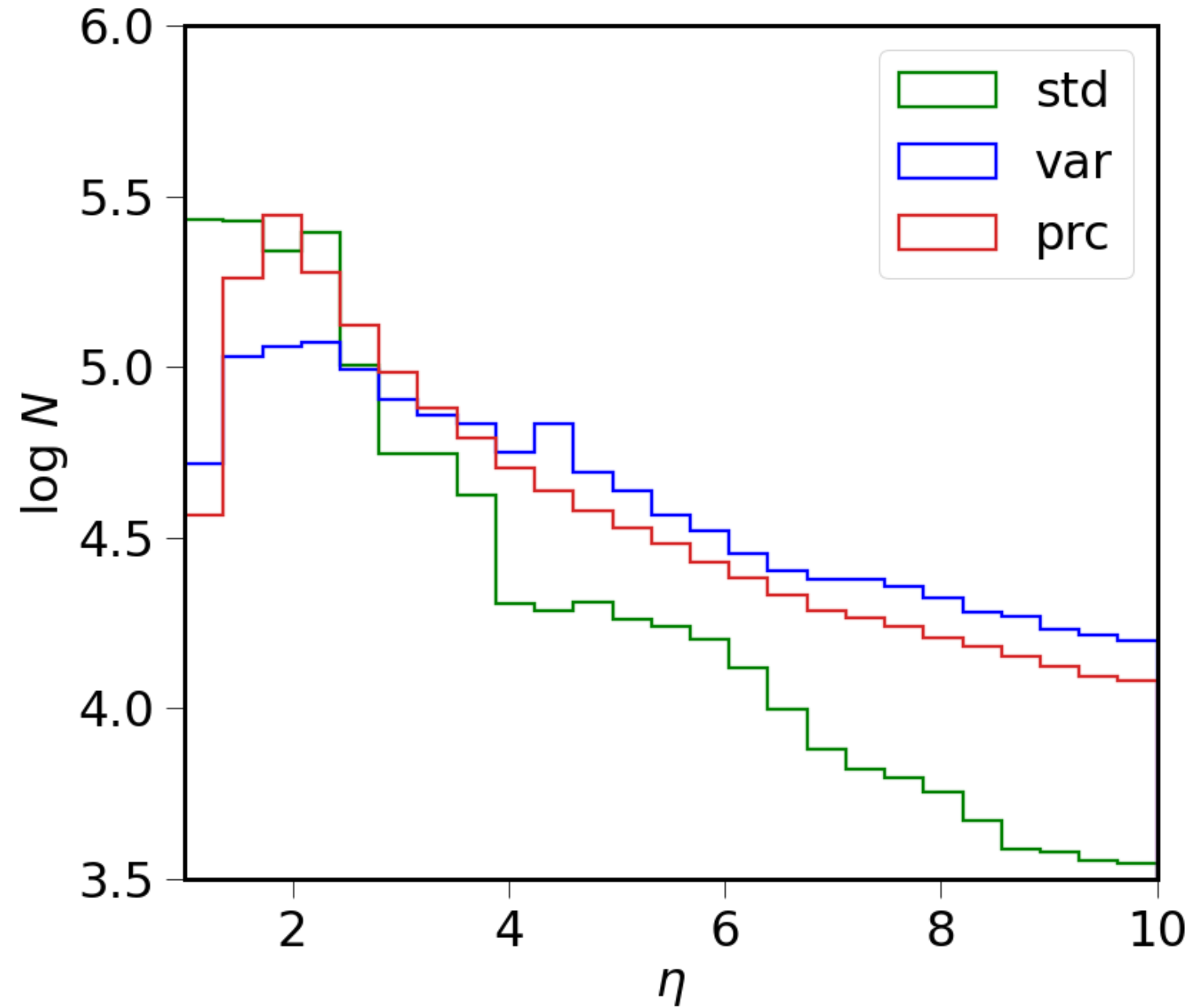
VARIABLE JET



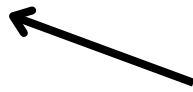
PREPROCESSING JET



SHOCKS



Compression Ratio

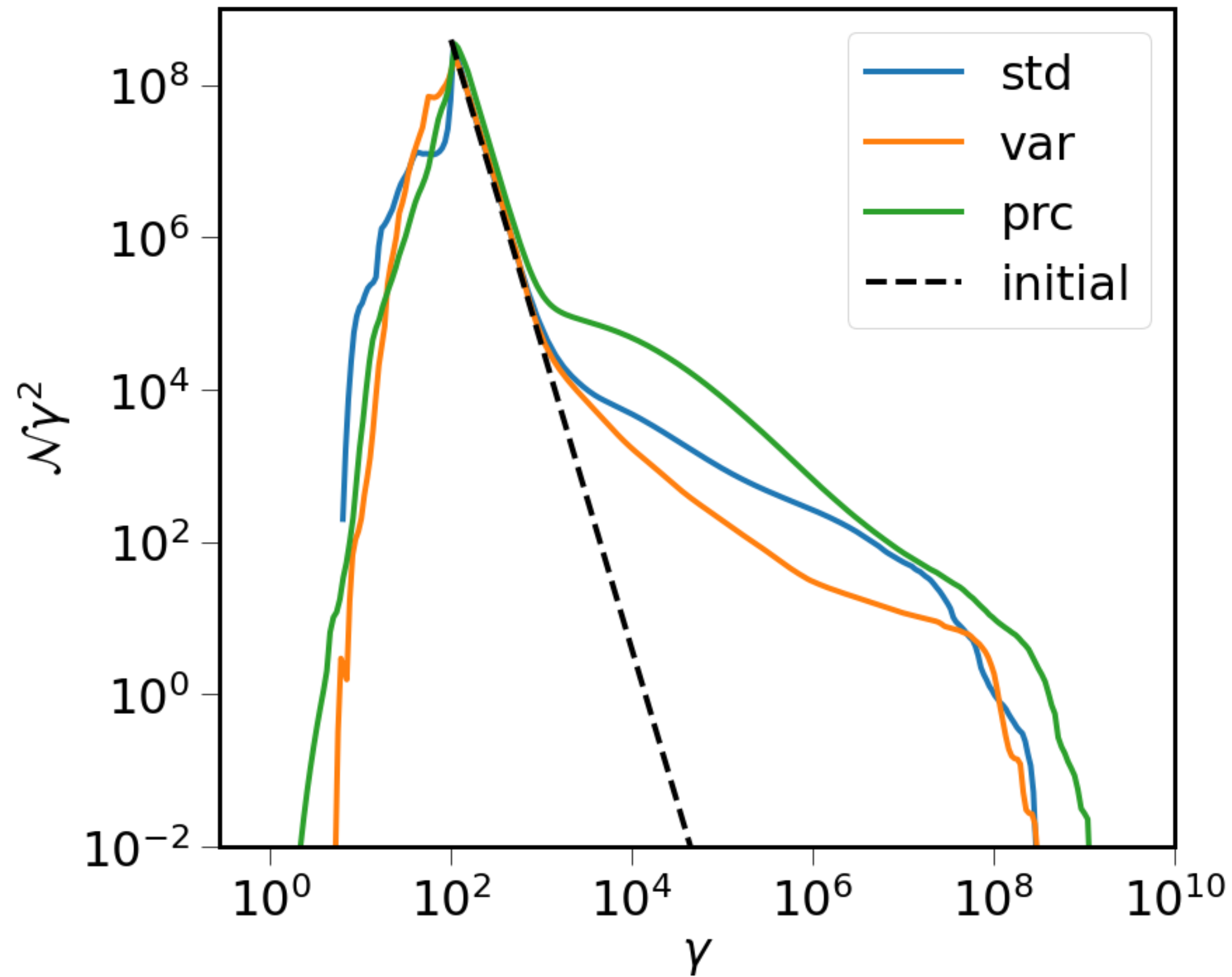


STRENGTH

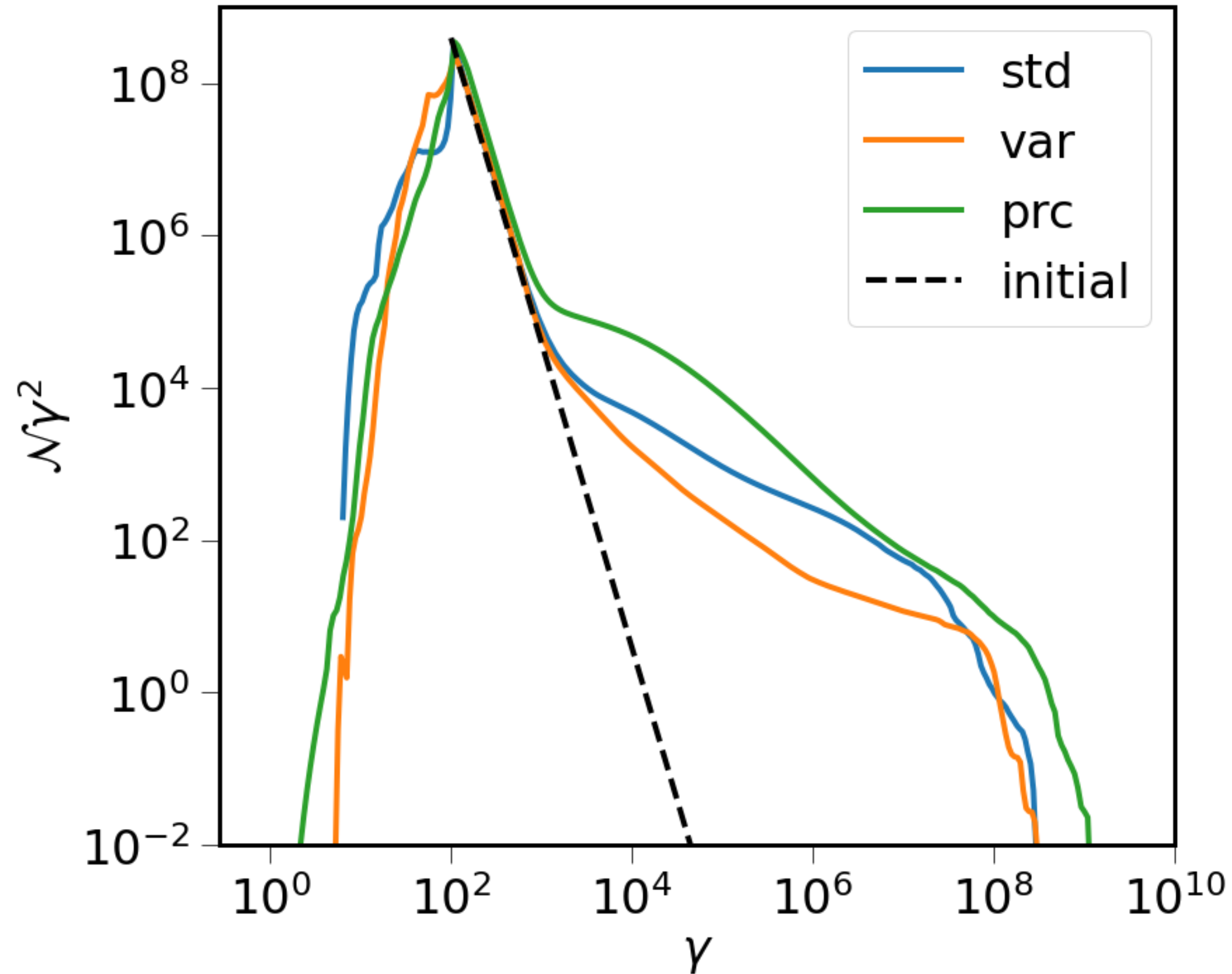


NUMBER

OVERALL SPECTRA

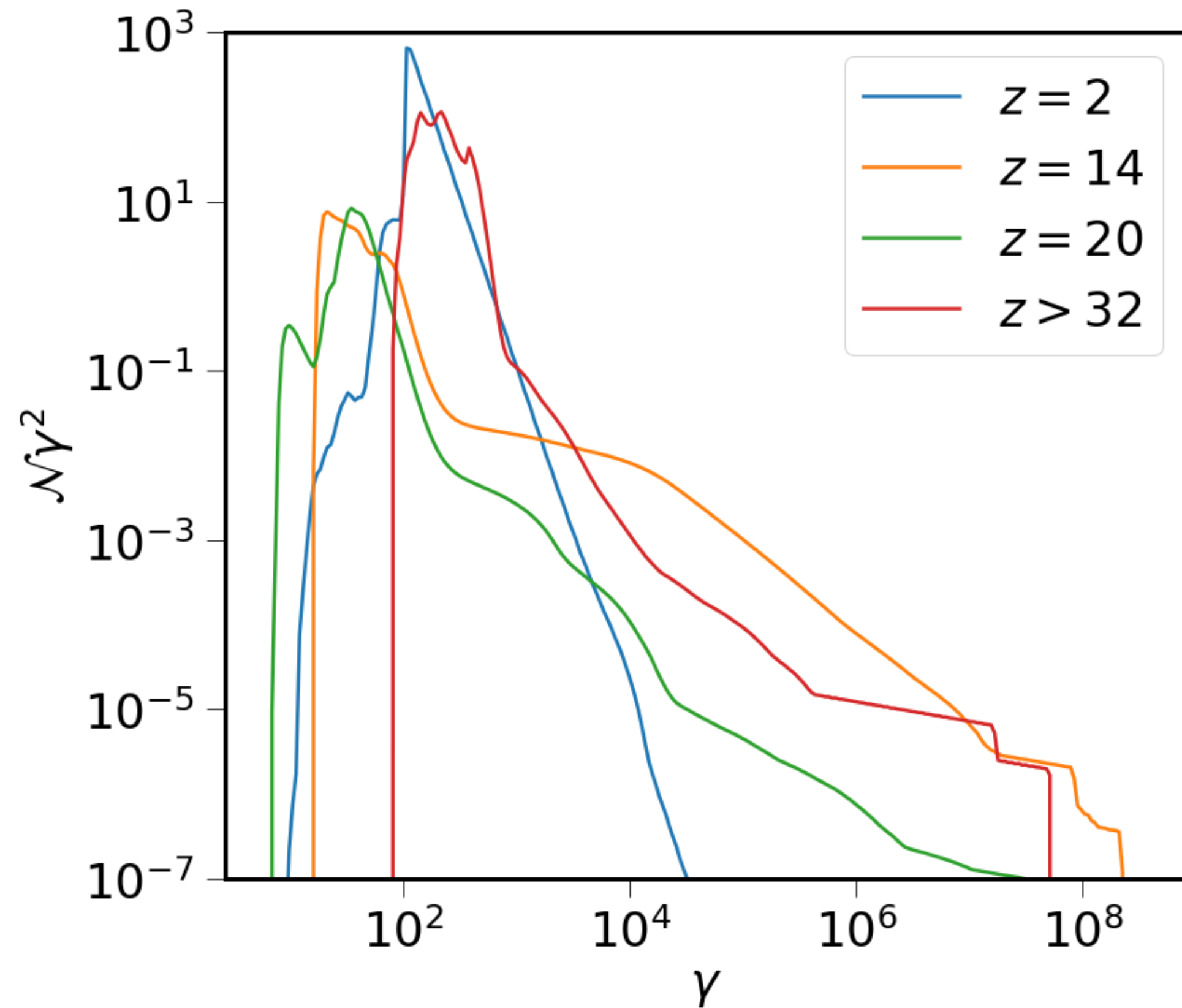


OVERALL SPECTRA



**NUMBER OF SHOCKS
MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THE
SHOCK STRENGTH
FOR PARTICLE
ACCELERATION**

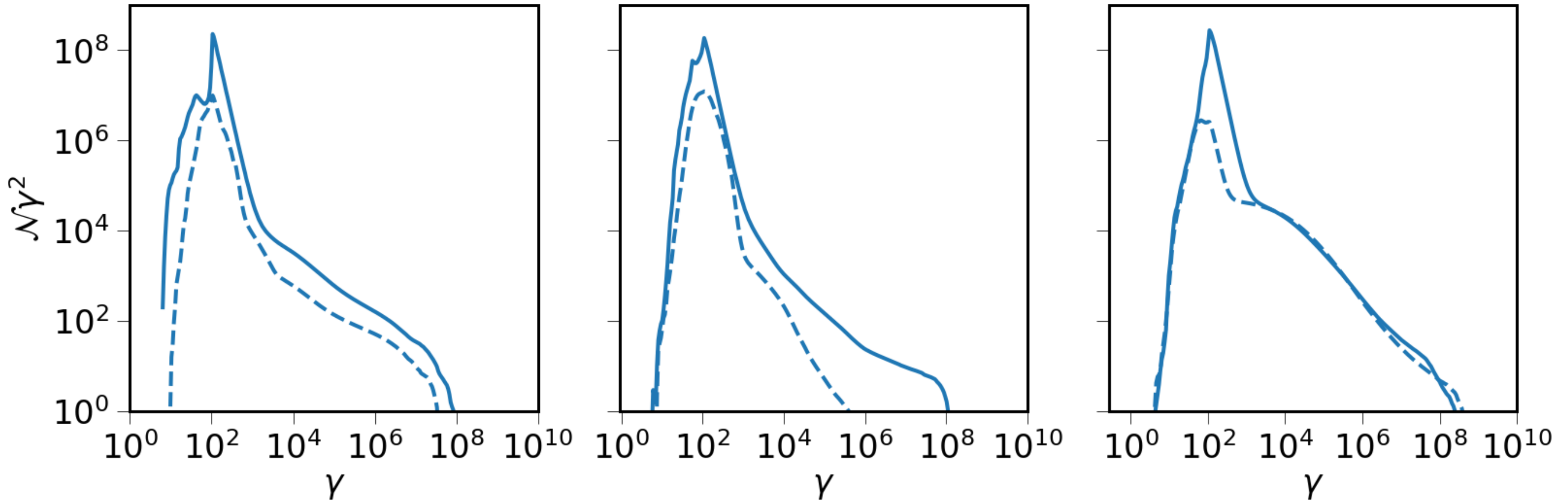
JET COMPONENTS



OUR STEADY SHOCK IS A SITE OF EFFICIENT ACCELERATION

JET VS ENTRAINED MATERIAL

— Jet => tracer > 0.8
- - - - - Entrained material => tracer < 0.8

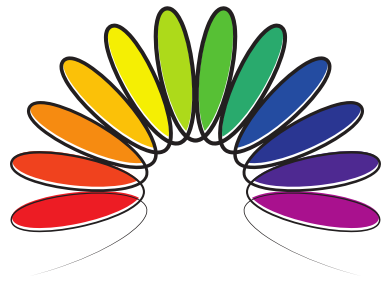


Steady Jet

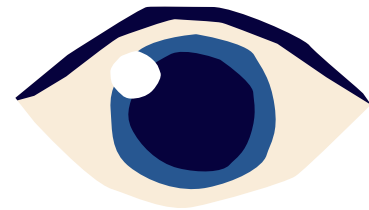
Variable Jet

Precessing Jet

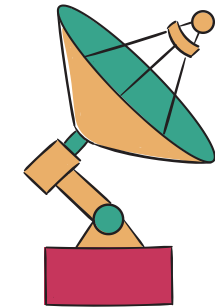
FUTURE PROSPECTS



Synthetic emission,
spectral, polarization
signatures



Projection Effects



Comparison with
observations



CONCLUSION

TAKE HOME MESSAGES



Particle acceleration
depends on jet injection
nozzle

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Number of shocks more
important than shock
strength

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Our steady shock is a site of efficient particle acceleration

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THANK YOU!

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Number of shocks more important than shock strength

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Our steady shock is a site of efficient particle acceleration

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Precessing jet is the most efficient accelerator, followed by steady & variable jet

5

Cocoon of precessing outflow is as efficient as jet in accelerating particles