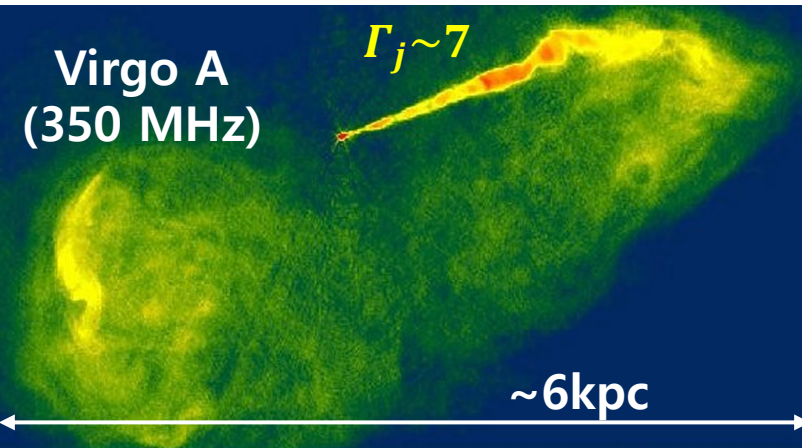


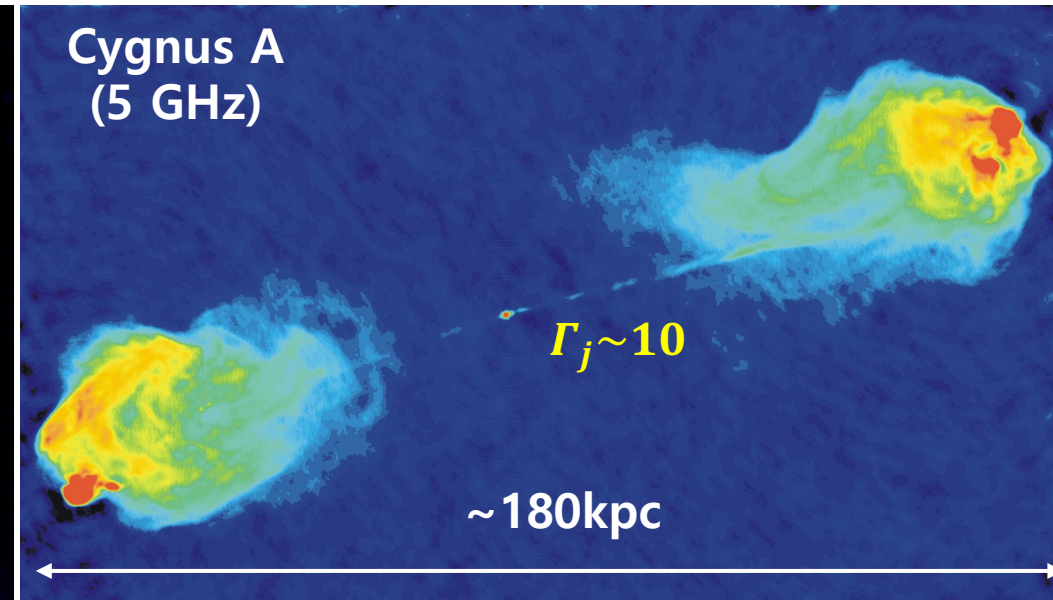
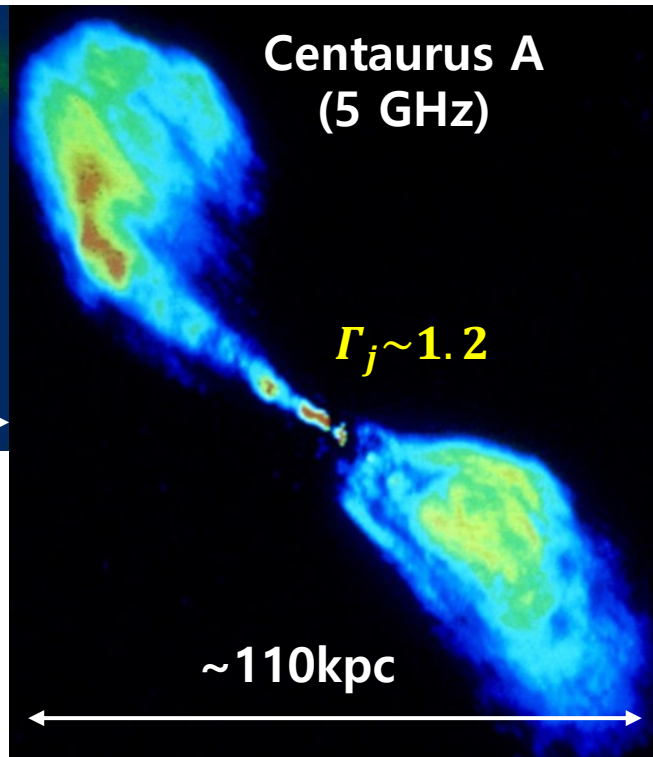
Exploring the **Origins of UHECRs** : Insights from **Simulated Relativistic Jets**

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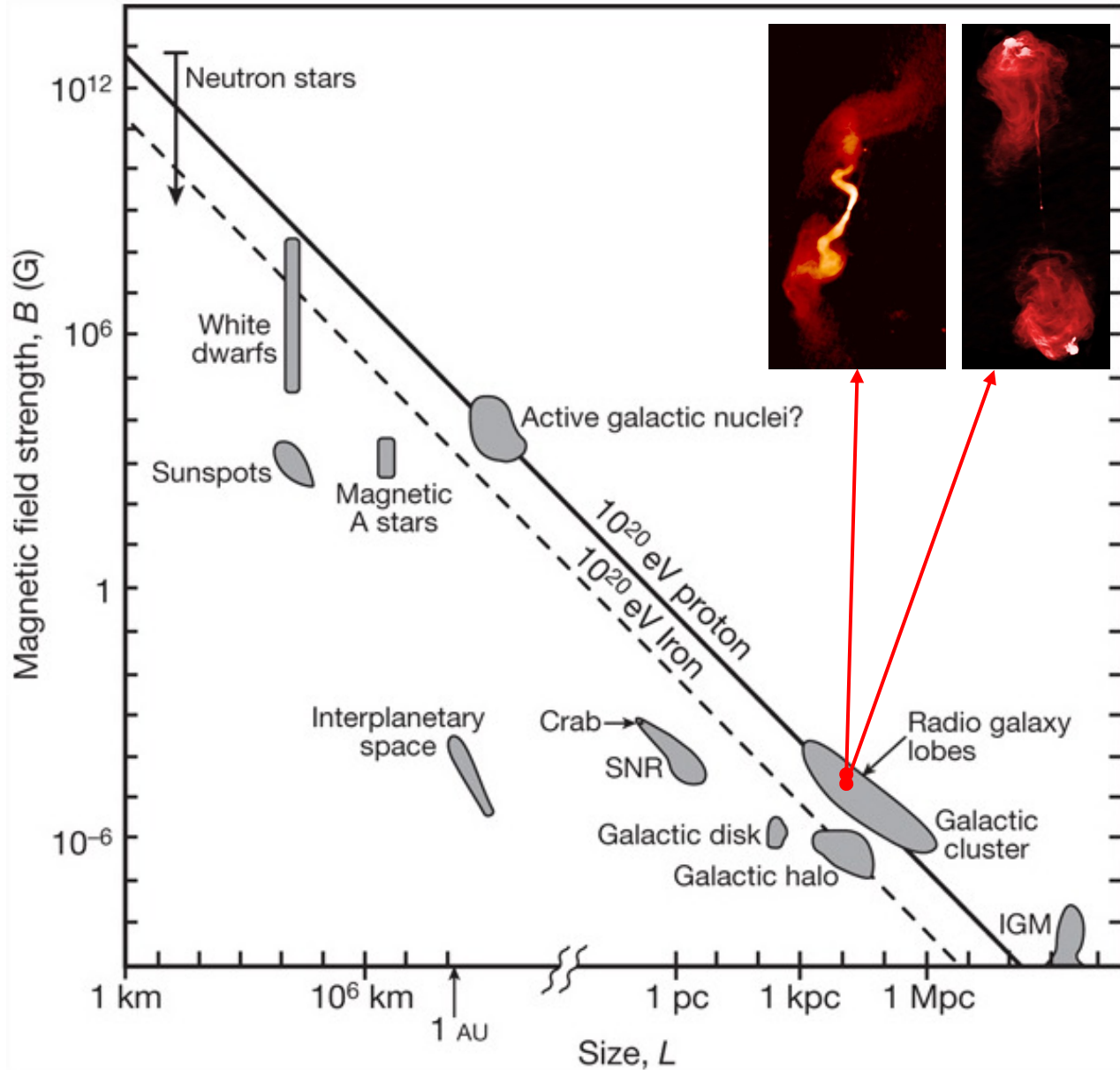
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- core
- one-sided relativistic jet
- outer lobes (+hot spots)



Jets & Lobes of Giant Radio galaxies: acceleration sites of UHECRs



Hillas criteria: confinement condition

Particles should be confined within accelerator in order to be accelerated. $r_g \leq L$

$$E_{\text{Hillas}} (\text{EeV}) \leq \beta_a \cdot B_{\mu\text{G}} L_{\text{kpc}} \quad \text{for proton}$$

$$E_{Z_i, \text{Hillas}} = Z_i E_{\text{Hillas}} \quad \text{For heavy ions}$$

$$Z_i = \text{charge} \quad \beta_a = V_a/c \quad B_{\mu\text{G}} = \frac{B}{1\mu\text{G}} \quad L_{\text{kpc}} = \frac{L}{1\text{kpc}}$$

Relativistic jets on 10-100 kpc scales:

$$\text{FR-I: } \Gamma_j \sim 1 - 10, \quad Q_j \leq 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\text{FR-II: } \Gamma_j \geq 10, \quad Q_j \geq 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

Most promising candidate for UHECR sources

(Ostrowski 1998, Caprioli 2015, Kimura et al. 2018; Rieger 2019; Matthews et al. 2019; Rachen et al 2019, Hardcastle & Croston 2020; + many previous studies)

Two steps: Quantitative numerical estimation of UHECR acceleration in RG jets

Relativistic hydrodynamic (RHD) simulations of relativistic jets with $\Gamma_j \sim 1 - 70$ [Seo et al. 2021b](#)

Models for
1. B field amp
2. $\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \propto p^\delta$

Monte Carlo simulations of the CR transport in simulated jet-induced flows. [Seo et al. 2023 a, b](#)

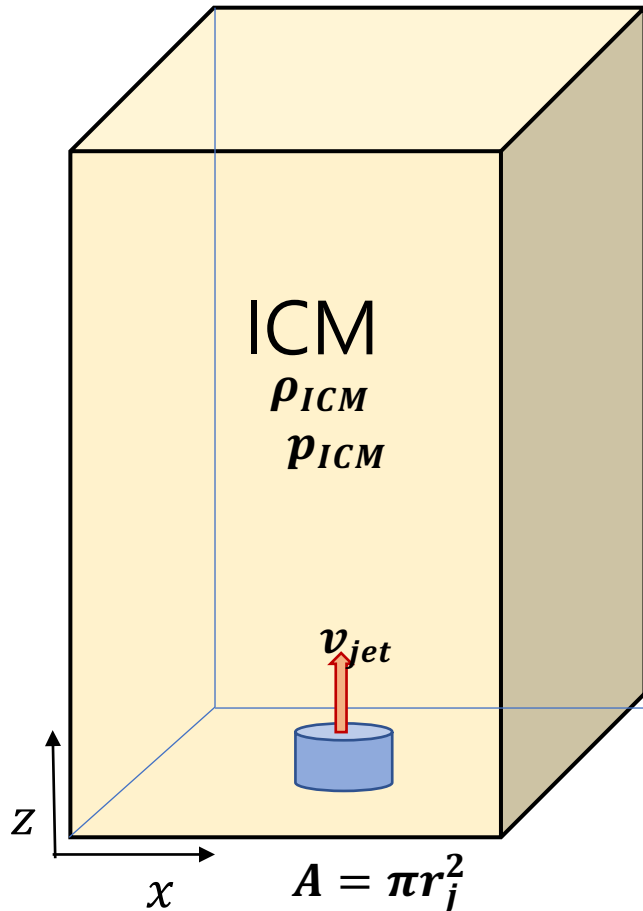
HOW(High-Order WENO)-RHD code [\(Seo et al 2021a\)](#):

- 5th order WENO scheme
- 4th order SSPRK time integration
- Realistic Equation of State: RC [\(Ryu et al. 2006\)](#)
- transverse flux averaging
- modified eigenvalues

Jet Power: $Q_j = \pi r_j^2 v_j (\Gamma_j^2 \rho_j h_j - \Gamma_j \rho_j c^2)$

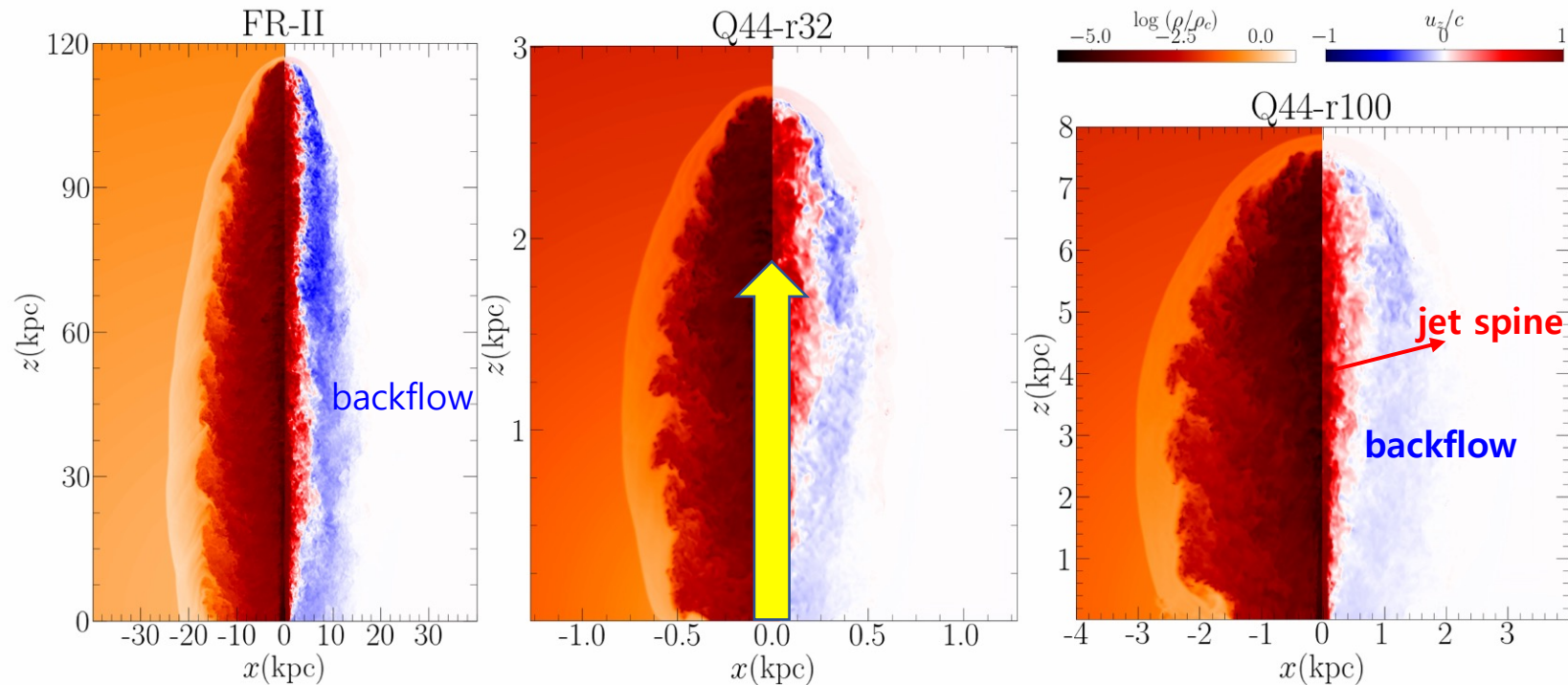
depends on $\Gamma_j, r_j, \rho_j, p_j$ of the jet inflow

$$r_j = 10\text{pc} - 1\text{kpc}, \quad \Gamma_j \sim 1 - 70, \quad Q_j \sim 10^{42} - 10^{47} \text{ erg/s}$$



Flow structures of simulated relativistic jets

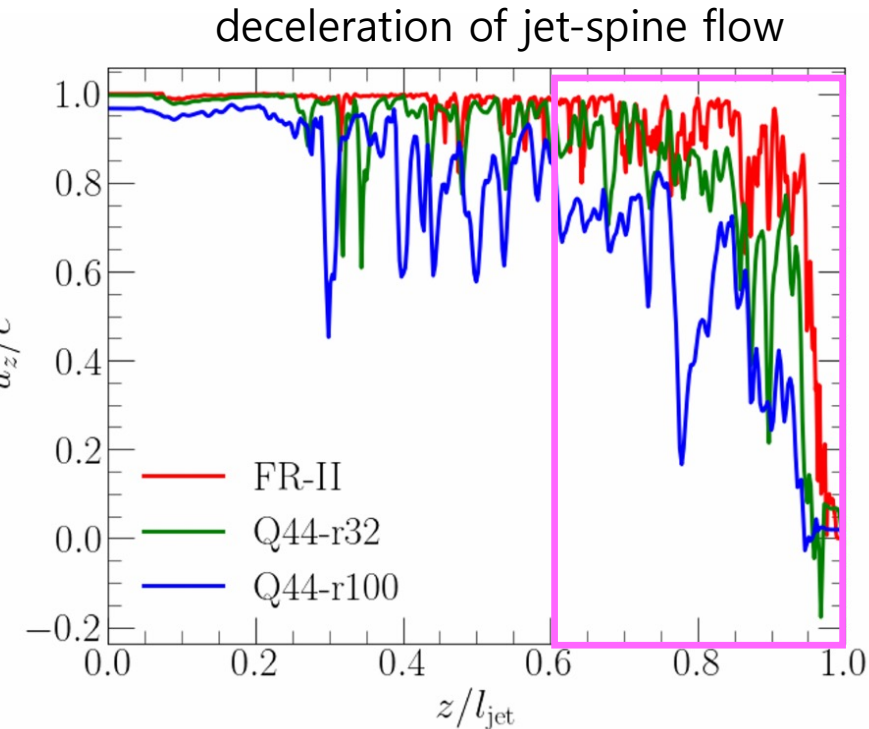
Jet Power: $Q_j = \pi r_j^2 v_j (\Gamma_j^2 \rho_j h_j - \Gamma_j \rho_j c^2)$: key parameter that governs the jet dynamics



$\Gamma_j \sim 23$
 $r_j = 1 \text{ kpc}$
 $Q_j \sim 3.3 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg/s}$
 $\langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}} \sim 10.3$

$\Gamma_j \sim 11$
 $r_j = 32 \text{ pc}$
 $Q_j \sim 3.5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$
 $\langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}} \sim 5.8$

$\Gamma_j \sim 3.9$,
 $r_j = 100 \text{ pc}$
 $Q_j \sim 3.5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$
 $\langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}} \sim 2.7$



Low-power jets with smaller Γ_j
→ significant deceleration of the jet-spine flow
→ well developed cocoon

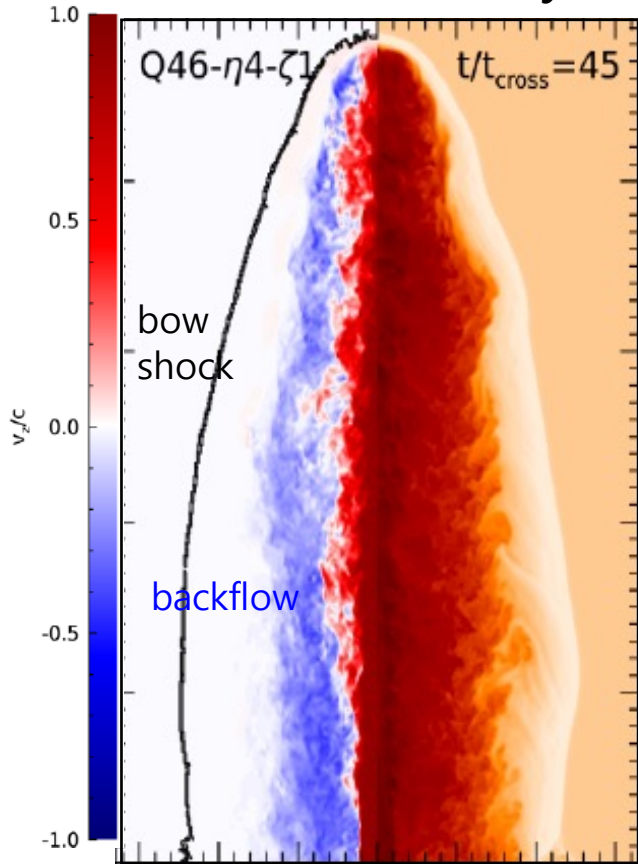
Averaging for $[z] = 0 - \frac{2}{3} l_{\text{jet}}$

RHD simulations of relativistic jets: shocks, shear, turbulence

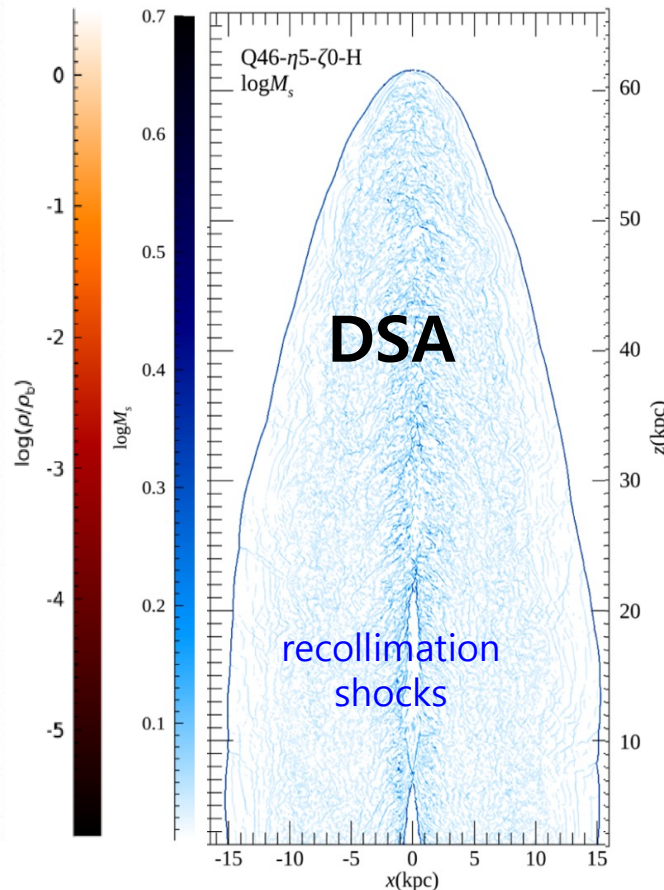
Limitations: 1. not MHD simulations

2. MHD turbulence, $\delta B/B$ on subgrid scales not resolved

Vertical vel. vs density

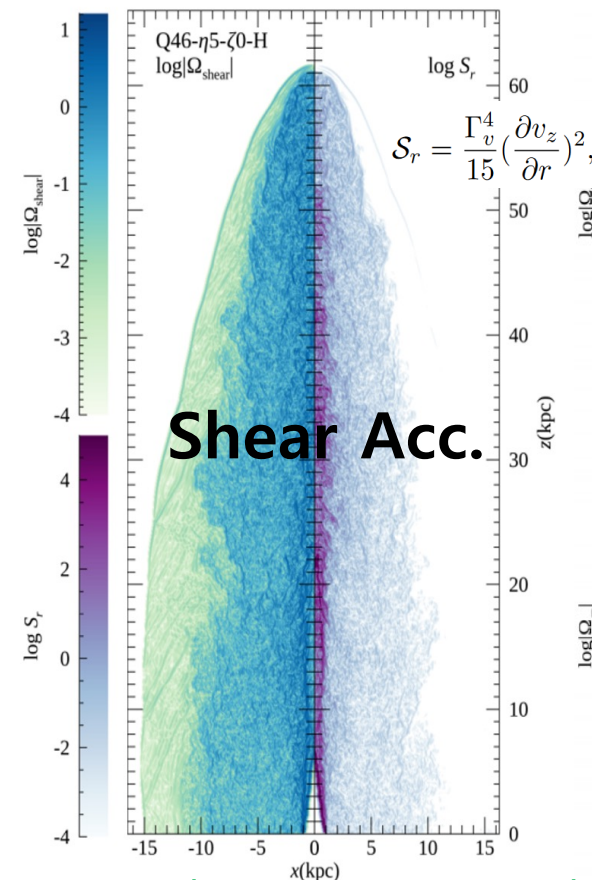


Shock Mach no.



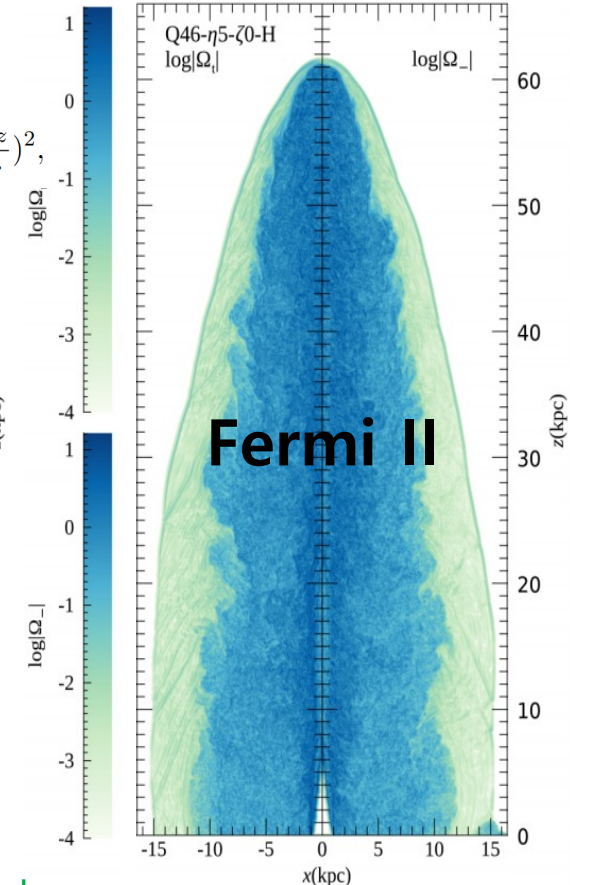
Matthews et al. 2019

Relativistic shear coefficient



Caprioli 2015, Kimura et al. 2018 Rieger 2019,

Vorticity = turbulence



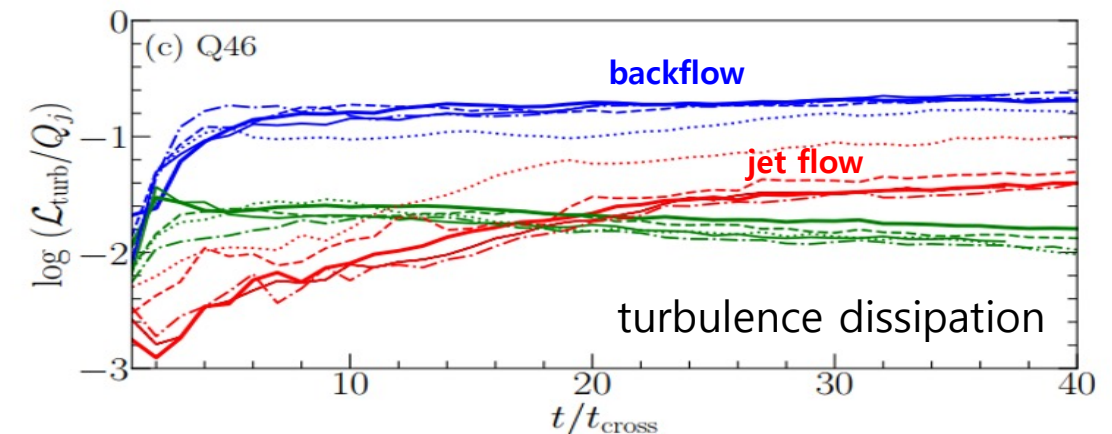
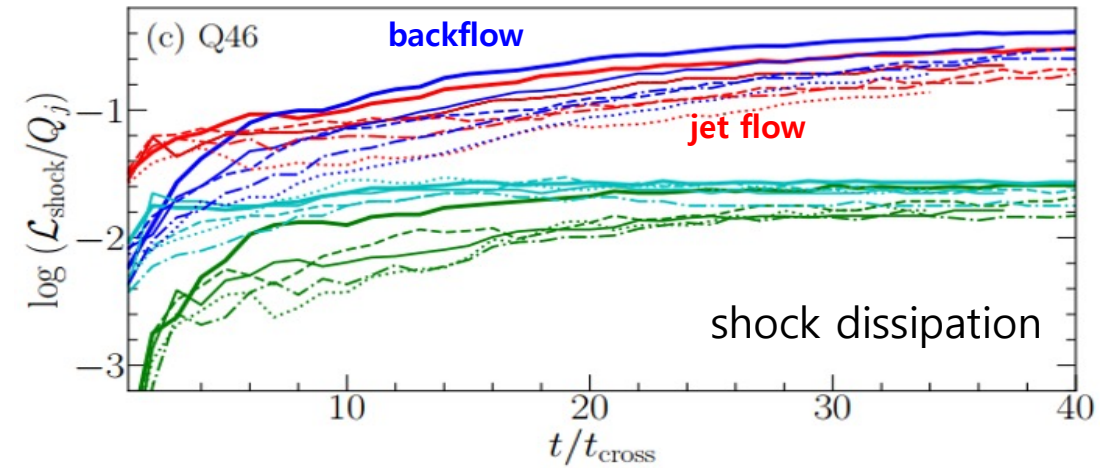
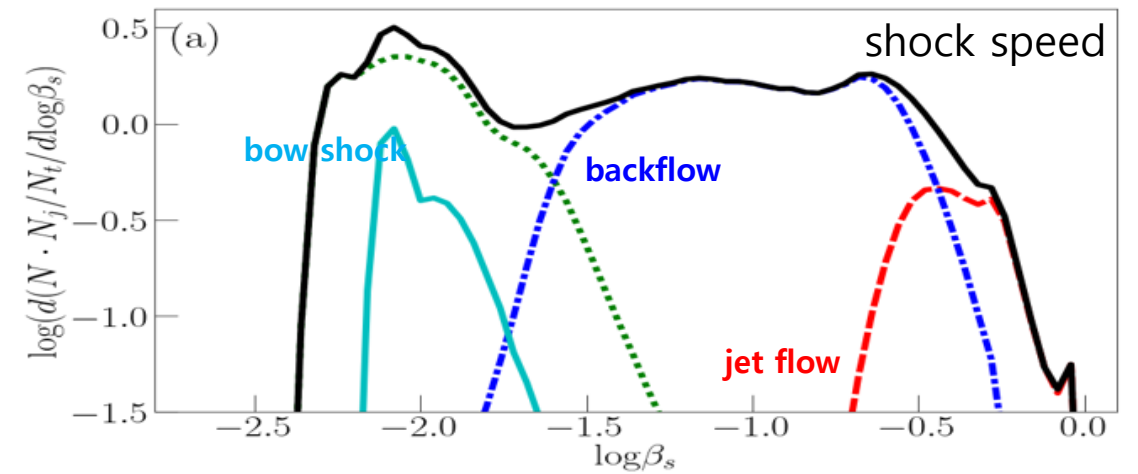
Hardcastle 2010

Characteristic Properties in Different Regions

Parameters	jet spine	backflow	shocked-ICM
$\beta_s = v_s/c$	~ 0.4	$\sim 0.06 - 0.2$	~ 0.01
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{shock}}/Q_j$	~ 0.3	~ 0.4	~ 0.03
$\Omega_{\text{shear}}/(c/r_j)$	~ 1.5	~ 0.3	~ 0.004
$S_r/(c/r_j)^2$	~ 0.2	~ 0.004	-
$\Omega_{-}/(c/r_j)$	~ 2.5	~ 0.7	~ 0.005
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{turb}}/Q_j$	~ 0.04	~ 0.2	~ 0.02

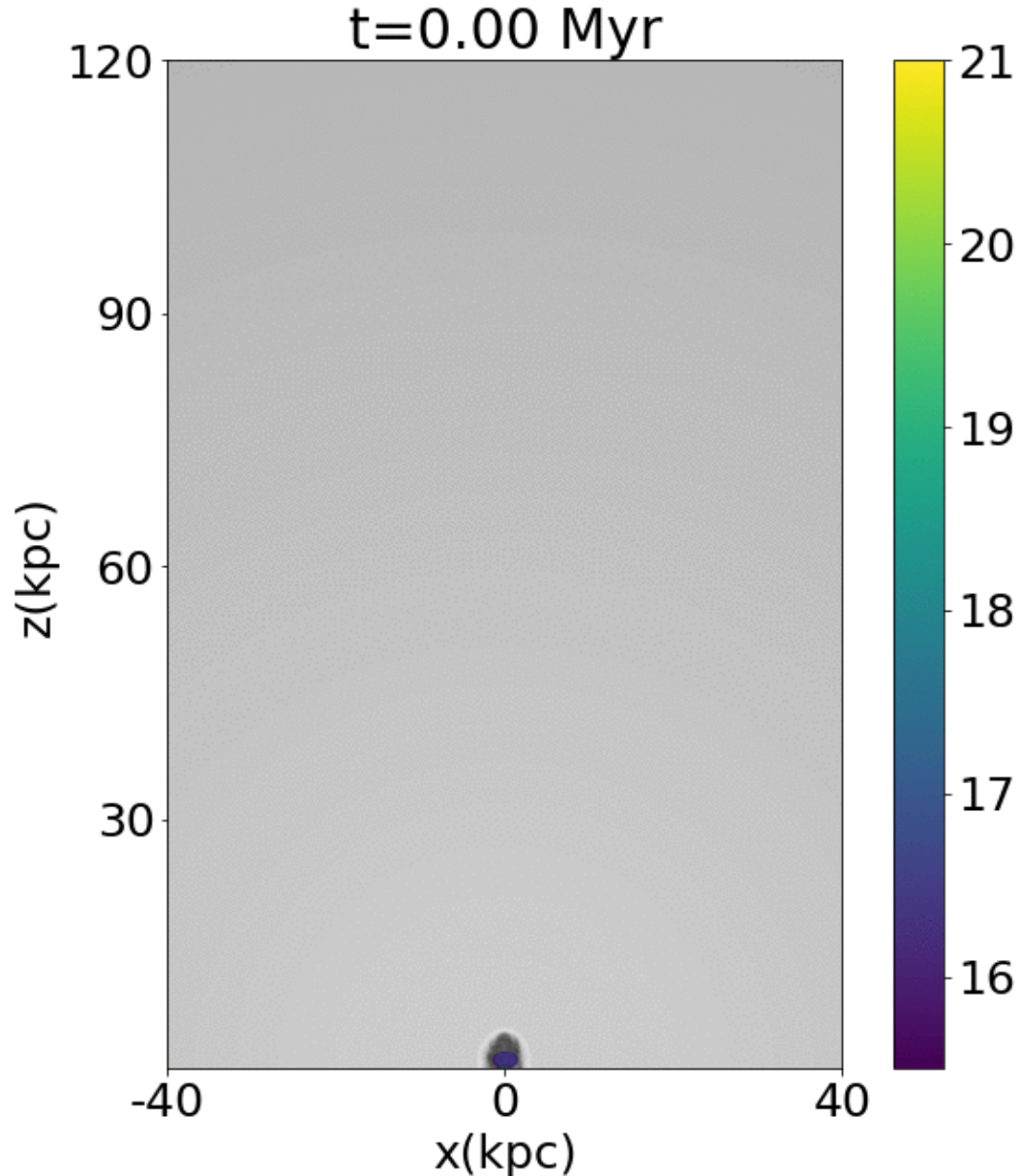
- Shocks in **jet-spine flow** are **relativistic**, while those in **backflow** are **subrelativistic**.
- Shocks formed in **jet-spine flow** and **backflow** are most effective in dissipating the jet kinetic energy.
- Turbulence dissipation is most important in **backflow**.

Seo et al. 2021b



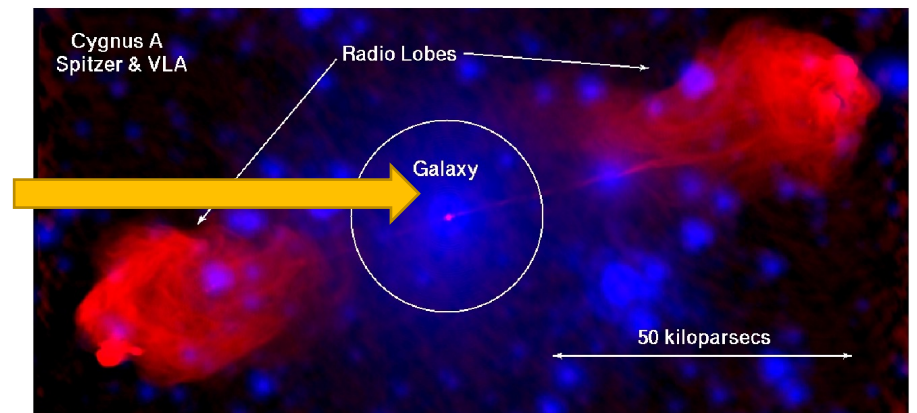
Monte Carlo simulations for CR transport & acceleration

Seo et al. 2023a, b



- seed CRs are injected from the host galaxy through the jet nozzle with a radius r_j
- Initially, seed CRs : 10^{13-15} eV with a power-law spectrum $dN/dE \propto E^{-2.7}$.
- Particles are continuously advected & energized in the time-evolving jet flows

Galactic cosmic rays are advected with jet inflow



Prescriptions for magnetic field strength

➤ Internal energy model

$$P_B = \frac{B_p^2}{8\pi} = \frac{P}{\beta_p} \quad \beta_p \approx 100 \text{ plasma beta}$$

➤ Turbulence kinetic energy model

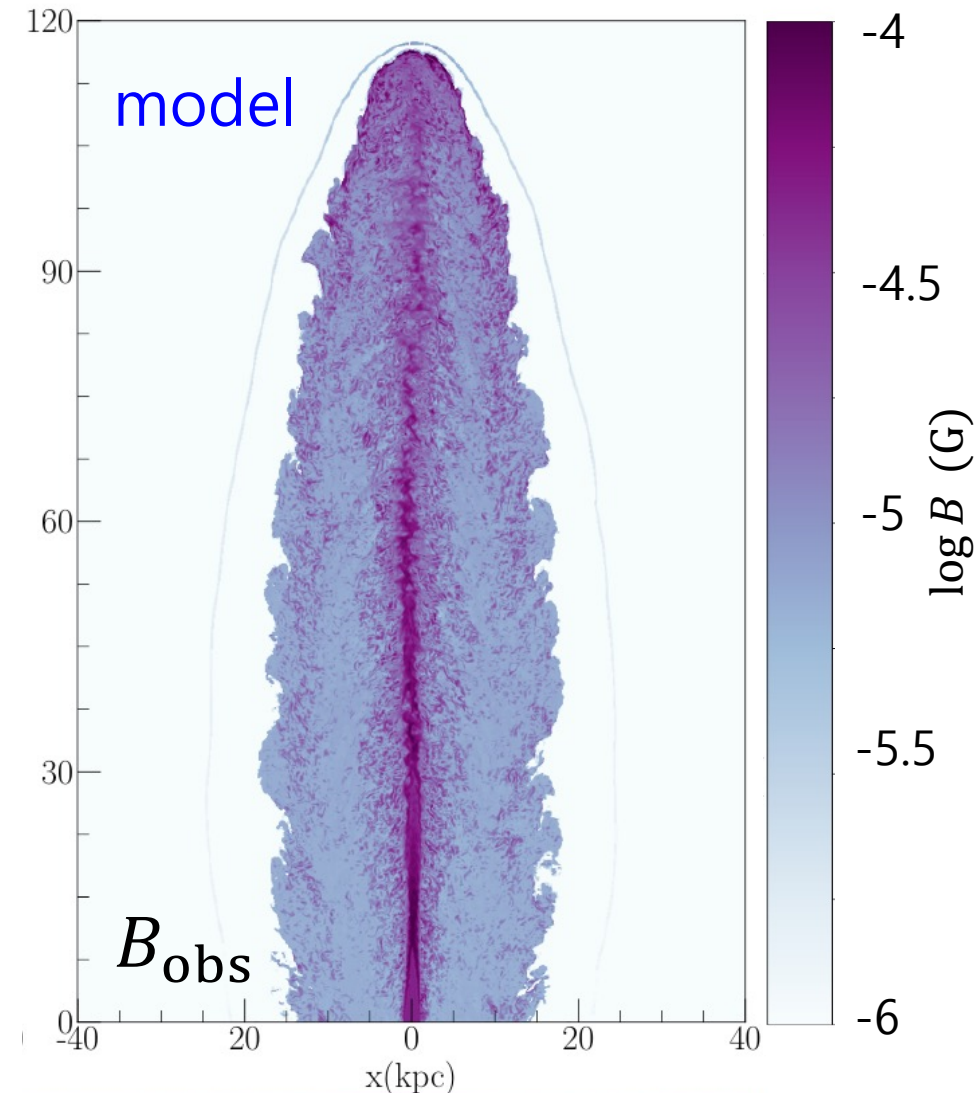
$$\frac{B_{\text{turb}}^2}{8\pi} \approx \mathcal{E}_{\text{turb}} \quad \mathcal{E}_{\text{turb}} = \Gamma_{\text{turb}}(\Gamma_{\text{turb}} - 1)\rho c^2$$

➤ Shock amplification model via Bell instability

$$\frac{B_{\text{Bell}}^2}{8\pi} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_s}{c} P_{\text{CR}} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_s}{c} (0.1 \rho_1 v_s^2)$$

➔ $B_{\text{comov}} = \max(B_p, B_{\text{turb}}, B_{\text{Bell}})$

$B_{\text{obs}} \approx \Gamma B_{\text{comov}}$ in the simulation frame



in the computational frame

Jet spine: $B \sim 100\mu\text{G}$

Backflow: $B \sim 10\mu\text{G}$

ICM: $B \sim 1\mu\text{G}$

Prescriptions for Particle Scattering

mean free path: $\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \propto E^\delta$

- $E < E_{\text{coh}}$: $E_{\text{coh}} = eZ_iBL_0$
due to **turbulence with Kolmogorov spectrum**

→ $\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \propto E^{\frac{1}{3}}$

- $E > E_{\text{coh}}$: **Bohm scattering**

→ $\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \propto E$

Bohm scattering at shock zones

due to **self-generated waves near shocks.**

Comparison model

$E > E_{\text{coh}}$: **non-resonant scattering**

→ $\lambda_{\text{mf}} \propto E^2$

e.g Kimura et al. 2018

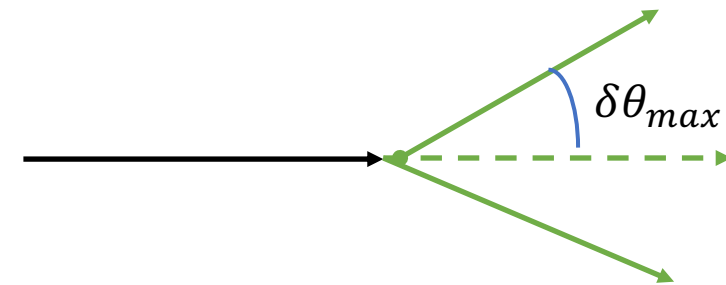
Restricted random walk model

In realistic jet flows, there may not be magnetic fluctuations strong enough to scatter in a fully random walk manner for high-energy particles.

$$\delta\theta_{\text{max}} = \pi \cdot \min\left[1, \sim \frac{L_0}{\lambda_f}\right]$$

- **Forward-beamed scattering** for HE particles

$$\lambda_f(E) \gg L_0 \quad \delta\theta_{\text{max}} \ll 1.$$



- **Fully isotropic scattering** for LE particles

$$\lambda_f(E) \ll L_0 \quad \delta\theta_{\text{max}} \approx \pi.$$

Acceleration Timescales: **shock**, **shear**, **turbulence**

**DSA
(shock)**

$$t_{\text{DSA}} = 3.52 \times 10^3 \text{ yr} \frac{\chi(\chi + 1)}{\chi - 1} \left(\frac{v_s}{c}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{E}{\text{EeV}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{1\mu\text{G}}\right)^{-1}$$

Drury 1983

**Gradual
Shear Acc**

$$t_{\text{GSA}} = 4.90 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \frac{1}{(4+\alpha)\gamma^4} \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{shear}}}{c/r_j}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{\lambda_f(p)}{\text{kpc}}\right)^{-1}$$

Webb et al 2018, Reiger 2019

**nonGradual
Shear Acc**

$$t_{\text{nGSA}} \sim \zeta \frac{\lambda_f}{c\Gamma_Z^2 \beta_Z^2}$$

Kimura et al 2018, Caprioli 2015

**Turbulent
Shear Acc**

$$t_{\text{TSA}} = 2.88 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{L_0/\gamma}{1\text{kpc}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\frac{|v_{\text{turl}}|}{c}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{\lambda_f(p)}{\text{kpc}}\right)^{1/3}$$

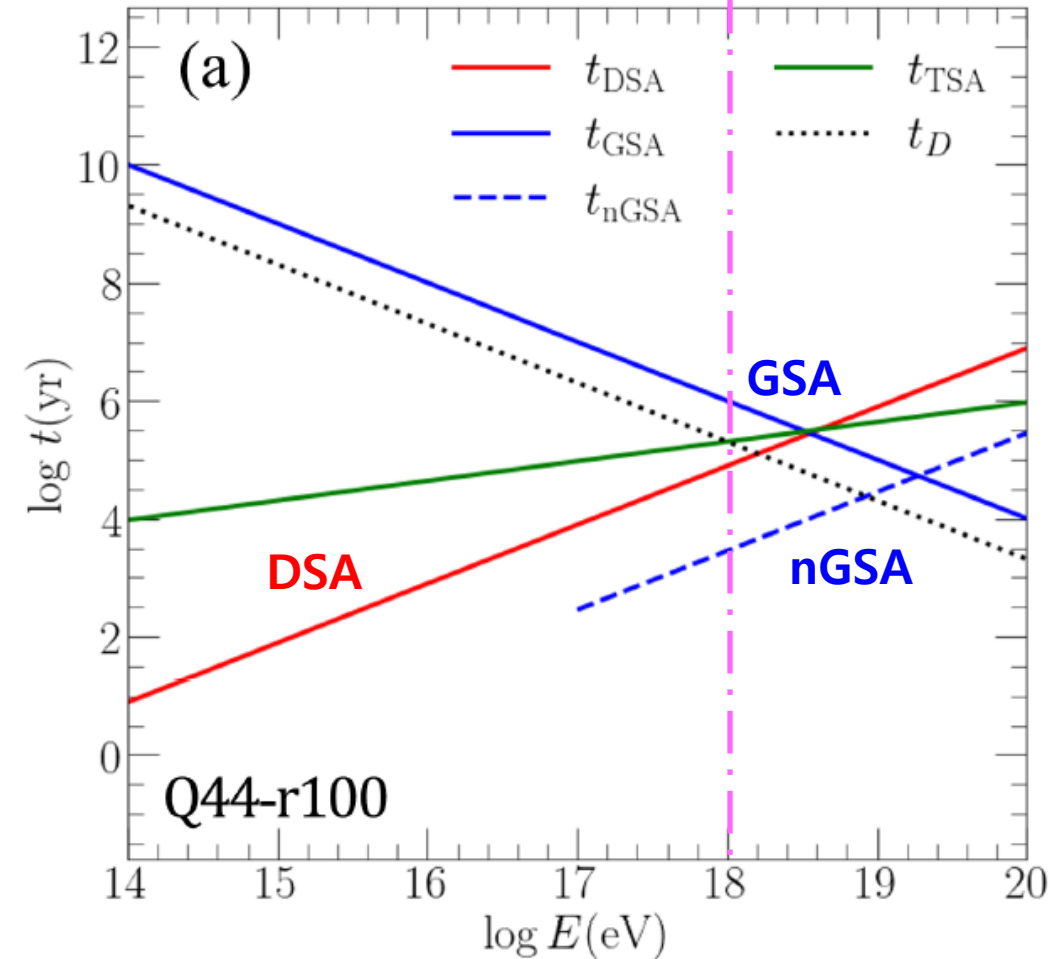
Ohira 2013

**diffusive
escape time**

$$t_D \sim \frac{(W/2)^2}{c \lambda_f}$$

diffusion time across the cocoon with a width W

Acceleration timescales



different APs in typical jet flows

Seo et al. 2023a

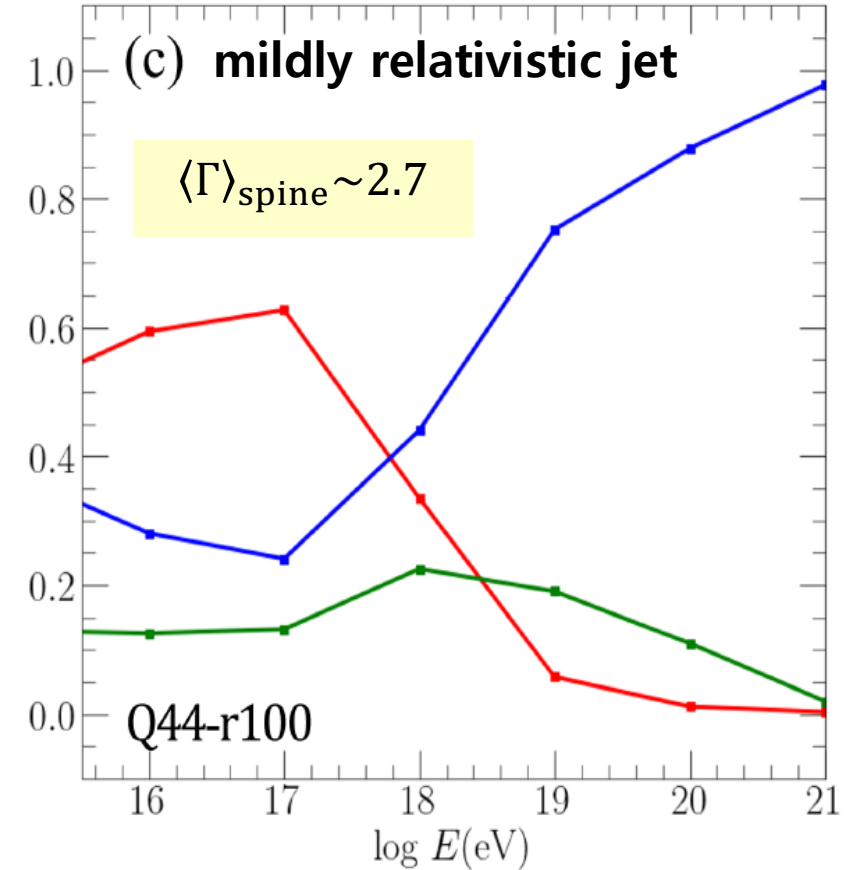
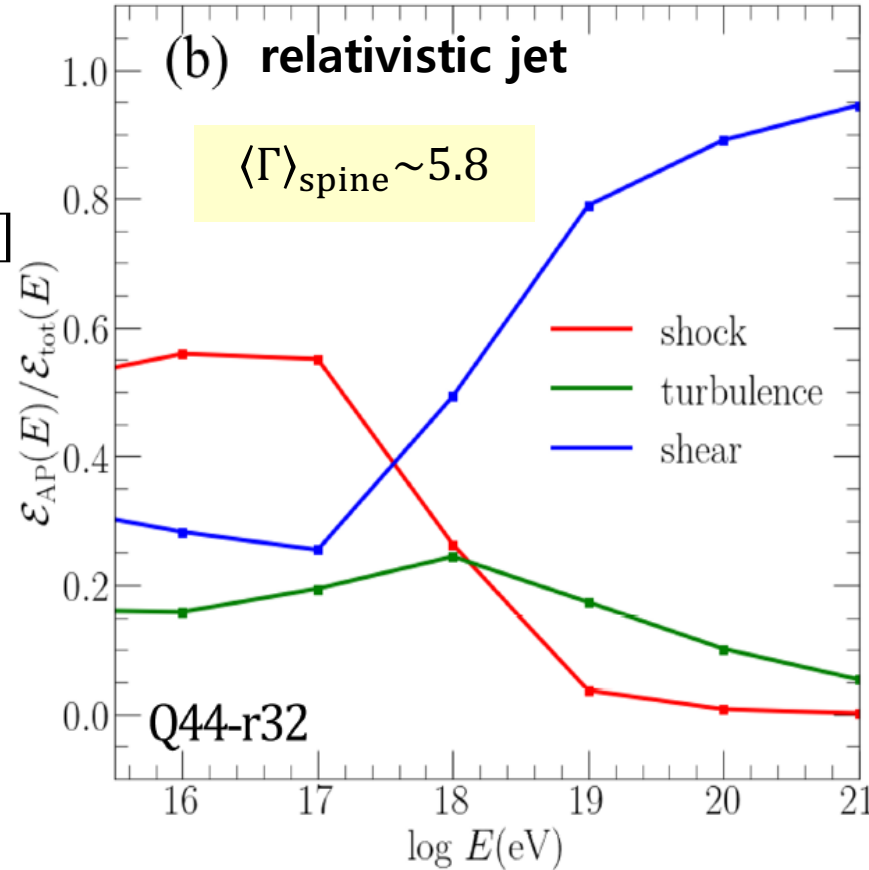
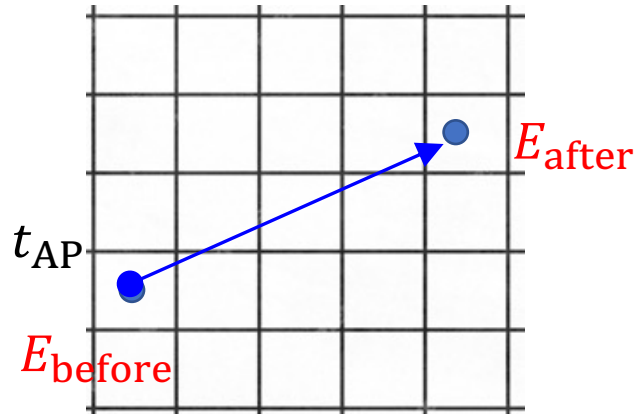
Relative importance of acceleration processes: approximate estimation

At each scattering event, relative contribution of acceleration processes (APs) in the bin of $[\log E, \log E + d \log E]$

$$\xi_{AP} = t_{AP}^{-1} / \sum_{AP} t_{AP}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{AP}(E) = \frac{\sum_{\log E}^{\log E + d \log E} \xi_{AP} \Delta E}{\sum_{\log E}^{\log E + d \log E} \Delta E}$$

$$\Delta E = E_{\text{after}} - E_{\text{before}}$$

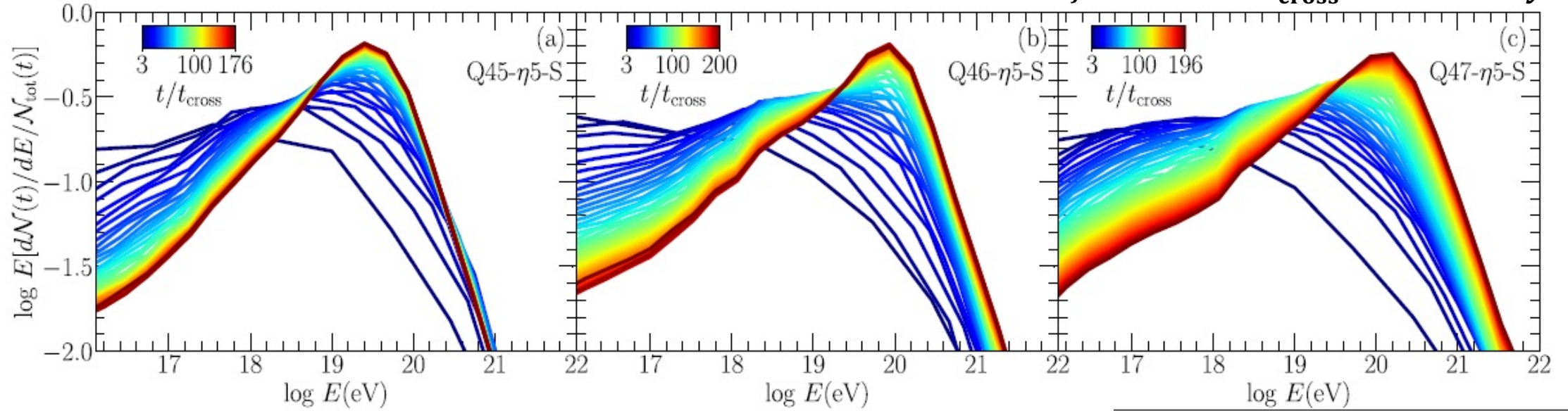


- **Shock acceleration** is the main acceleration for $E < \sim \text{EeV}$.
- **Shear acceleration** is the primary mechanism for $E > \sim \text{EeV}$.
- **Turbulence acceleration** plays a secondary role.

Evolution toward **time-asymptotic energy spectrum of escaping CRs**

Transition from "age-limited" to "size-limited" spectrum:

$r_j = 1\text{kpc}$ $t_{\text{cross}} \sim 10^4 - 10^5 \text{ yr}$



$r_j = 1\text{kpc}$

Model Name ^a	$Q_j(\text{erg s}^{-1})$	Γ_j	$t_{\text{cross}}(\text{yr})$
Q45- η 5-S	3.34E+45	7.2644	7.97E+4
Q46- η 5-H	3.34E+46	22.5645	2.77E+4
Q46- η 5-S	3.34E+46	22.5645	2.77E+4
Q46- η 5-L	3.34E+46	22.5645	2.77E+4
Q47- η 5-S	3.34E+47	71.0149	1.10E+4

$r_j = 10\text{pc}$

Model name ^c	Q_j (erg s^{-1})	r_j (pc)	Γ_j	t_{cross} (yrs)
Q42-r10	3.5E42	10	3.9	2.5E3
Q43-r10	3.5E43	10	11.2	8.6E2
Q44-r10	3.5E44	10	34.5	3.0E2
Q43-r32	3.5E43	31.6	3.9	7.9E3
Q44-r32	3.5E44	31.6	11.2	2.7E3
Q45-r32	3.5E45	31.6	34.5	9.5E2
Q44-r100	3.5E44	100	3.9	2.5E4
Q45-r100	3.5E45	100	11.2	8.6E3

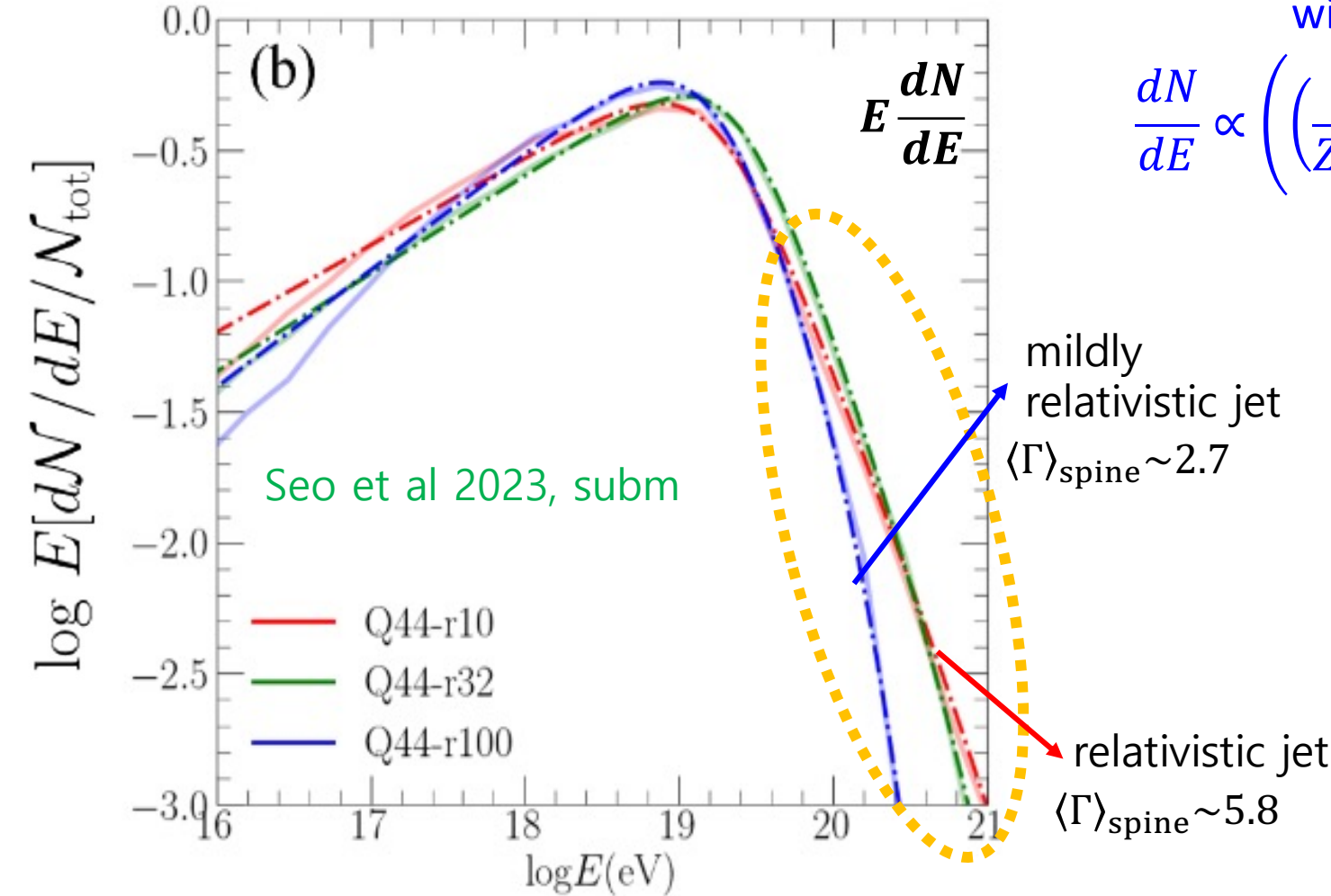
$r_j = 100\text{pc}$

Energy spectrum of escaping particles

double power law

with an extended exponential cutoff

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto \left(\left(\frac{E}{Z_i E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-s_1} + \left(\frac{E}{Z_i E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-s_2} \right)^{-1} \times \exp\left(-\frac{E}{Z_i E_{\text{break}} \langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}}^2} \right)$$

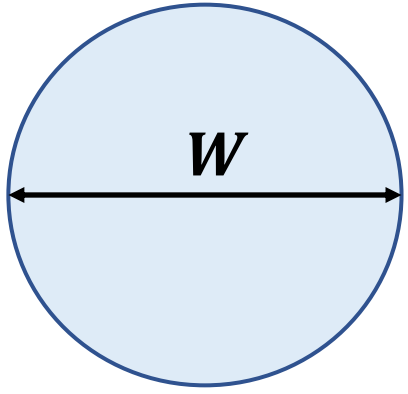


- $E < Z_i E_{\text{break}}$: $dN/dE \propto E^{-0.6}$
due to **shear acceleration**
cf. Ostrowski 1998
Kimura et al 2018

- $E > Z_i E_{\text{break}}$: $dN/dE \propto E^{-2.6}$
controlled by the confinement
within an elongated cocoon

- $Z_i E_{\text{break}}$: depends mainly on the jet power Q_j
- Exponential cutoff at $Z_i E_{\text{break}} \langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}}^2$
- $\langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}}$ is the mean Lorentz factor of the jet-spine flow

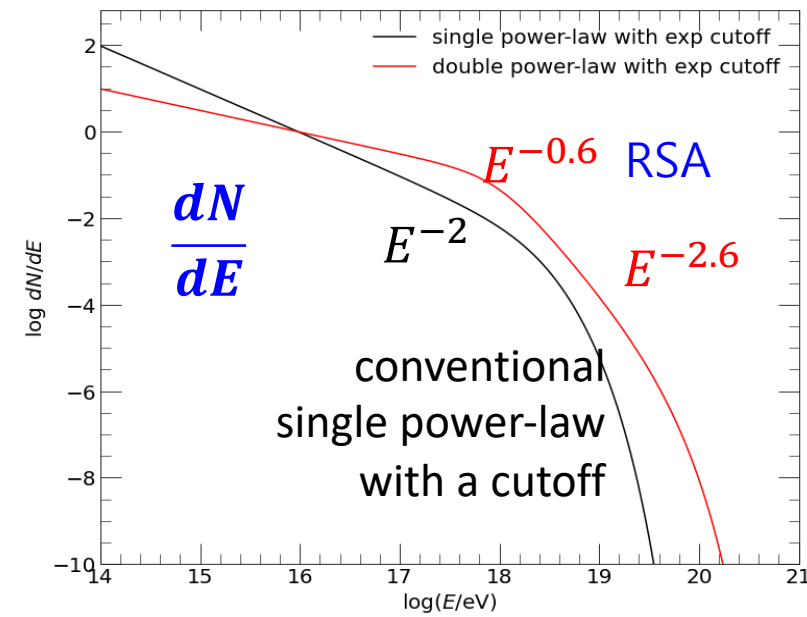
Why double power law ? How to model Break Energy ?



Sphere \rightarrow single power-law with a cutoff

Hillas Energy: $E_H \approx 0.9 EeV \left(\frac{\langle B \rangle}{1\mu G} \right) \left(\frac{0.5W}{1kpc} \right)$

$E_{\text{break}} \sim E_H$ by confinement condition



Elongated cylinder (cocoon) \rightarrow double power-law with a cutoff

If $t_{\text{nGSA}} < t_D$, $E_{\text{break}} \sim E_H$
 E_{max} is limited by the **confinement** condition.

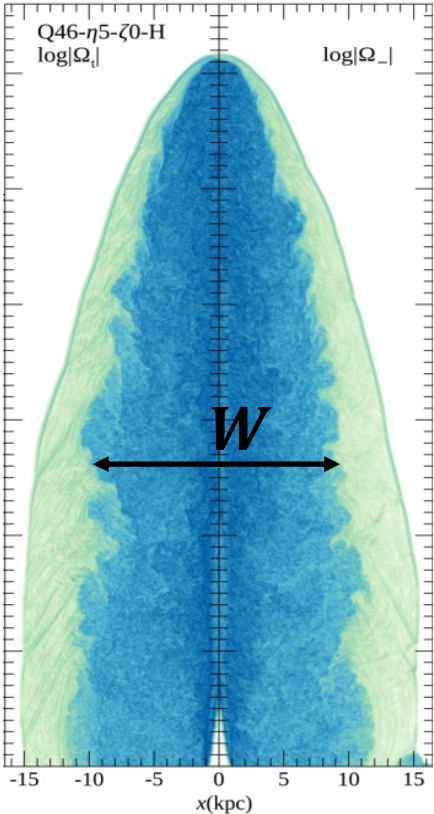
If $t_{\text{nGSA}} > t_D$, $E_{\text{break}} \sim E_D$
 E_{max} is limited by the **diffusive escape**.

$t_{\text{nGSA}} = t_D \quad \zeta \frac{\lambda_f}{c \Gamma_z^2 \beta_z^2} \sim \frac{(W/2)^2}{c \lambda_f}$

Jets with larger $\langle \Gamma_j \rangle$

Jets with smaller $\langle \Gamma_j \rangle$

$E_D \approx E_H \langle \Gamma_z \beta_z \rangle_{\text{acc}} \sim \varphi E_H$
 $\varphi \sim 0.3 - 1.0$



Application of our model spectrum to reproduce observations of UHECRs

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- **Model Source Spectrum at RGs**

$$\frac{dN}{dE_0 dt} = S_0 \left(\left(\frac{E_0}{Z_0 E_b(Q_j)} \right)^{-s_1} + \left(\frac{E_0}{Z_0 E_b(Q_j)} \right)^{-s_2} \right)^{-1} \exp \left(- \frac{E_0}{Z_0 \langle \Gamma_j \rangle^2 E_b(Q_j)} \right)$$

where Q_j , Γ_j , E_0 , Z_0 , and S_0 represent the jet power, the Lorentz factor of the jet, the energy of the particle, the charge of the particle, and the normalization factor of the source function

- **Model for Break energy:**

$$E_b(Q_j) = \xi \cdot \varphi \cdot E_H \cdot (Q_j/Q_n)^\alpha$$

Our RHD & MC
simulation results
suggest

$$Q_n \approx 3.5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}, \quad E_H \approx 1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}, \quad \xi \sim 1$$

$$\langle \Gamma_j \rangle \approx 2 \text{ for FR-I} \quad \& \quad \langle \Gamma_j \rangle \approx 10 \text{ for FR-II},$$

$$\alpha \approx 1/4 \text{ for FR-I} \quad \& \quad \alpha \approx 1/3 \text{ for FR-II},$$

$$\varphi \sim 0.3 - 1 \text{ (depending on } \langle \Gamma_j \rangle \text{)}$$

- **Chemical abundance:** 3 x Galactic values (elliptical galaxies) e.g. Kimura et al. 2018

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<https://crpropa.desy.de/>

In **CRPropa3** simulations, we include the following modules:

- photo-pion Production
- photodisintegration
- electron pair production
by CMB and extragalactic background light (Gilmore et al. 2012)
- redshift evolution (adiabatic energy loss)

Modeling the contribution from radio galaxies (RGs)

- The total energy of escaped CR particles is proportional to the radio luminosity of RGs.
(Godfrey & Shabala, 2013)

$$Q_{\text{FR-I}} = 5 \times 10^{44} \left(\frac{L_{151}}{10^{25} \text{W Hz}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}} \right)^{0.64} \quad Q_{\text{FR-II}} = 1.5 \times 10^{44} \left(\frac{L_{151}}{10^{25} \text{W Hz}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}} \right)^{0.67}$$

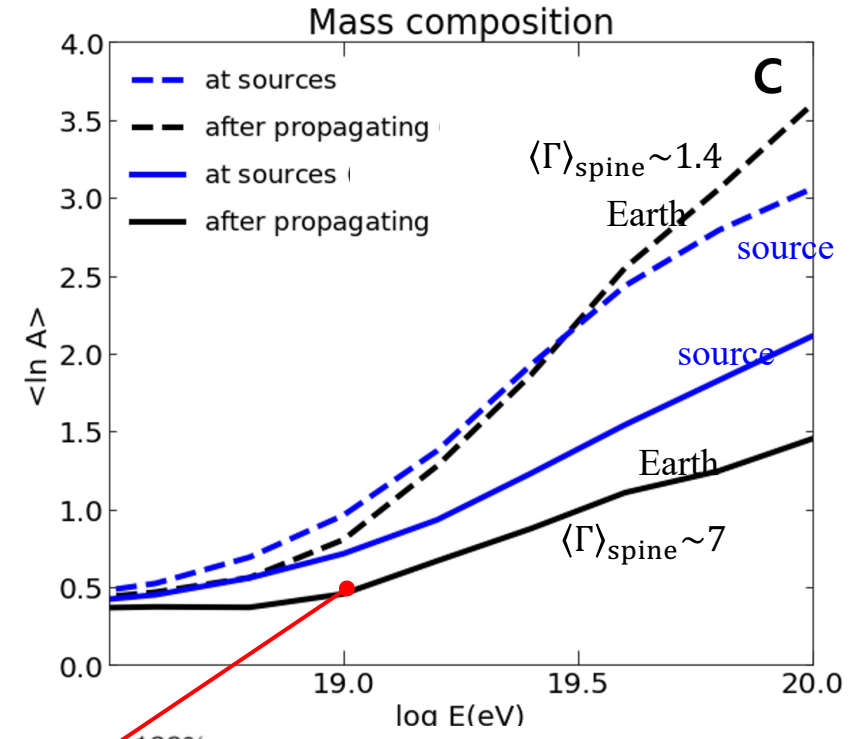
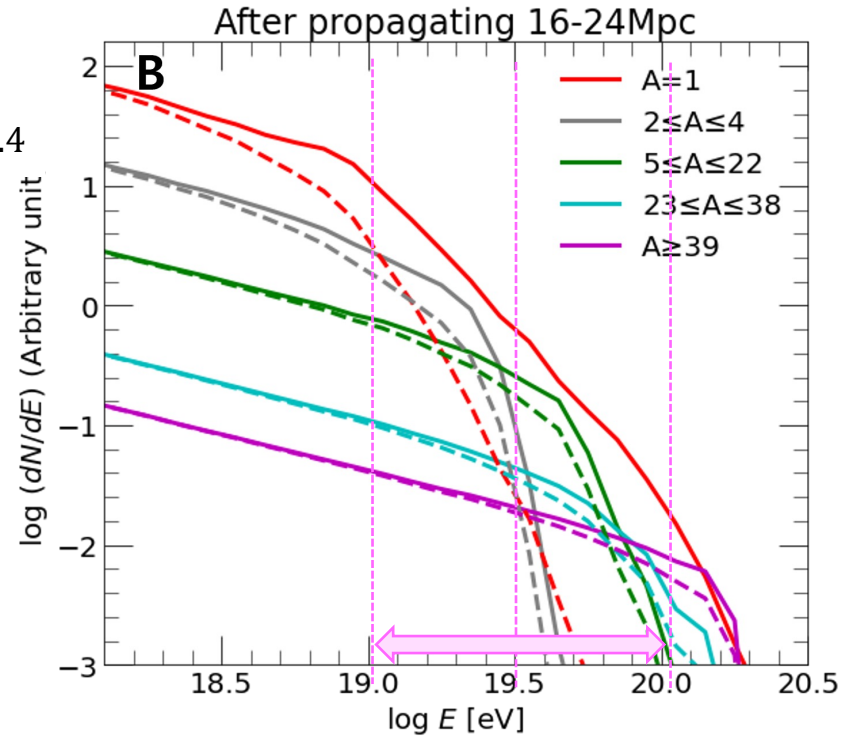
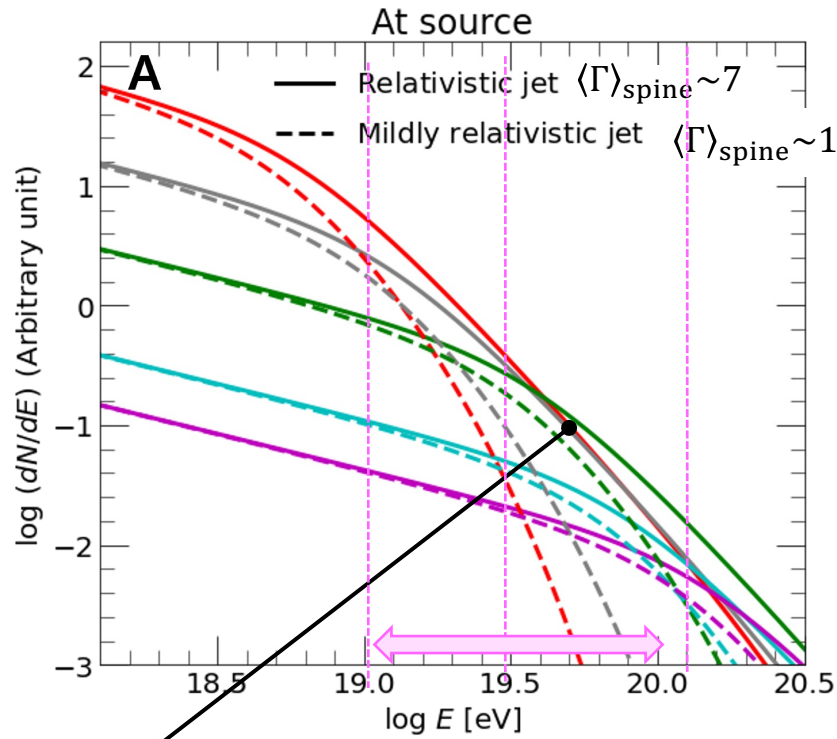
- **Modeling for the Lorentz factor** for cosmological RG sources ($0.1 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$)

$$\Gamma_c(Q_j, q) = \Gamma_{\text{min}} (Q_j / Q_{\text{min}})^q \quad Q_{\text{min}} = 10^{42} \text{ erg/s} \quad q_1 = 1/5 \text{ for FR-I; } q_2 = 1/3 \text{ for FR-II}$$

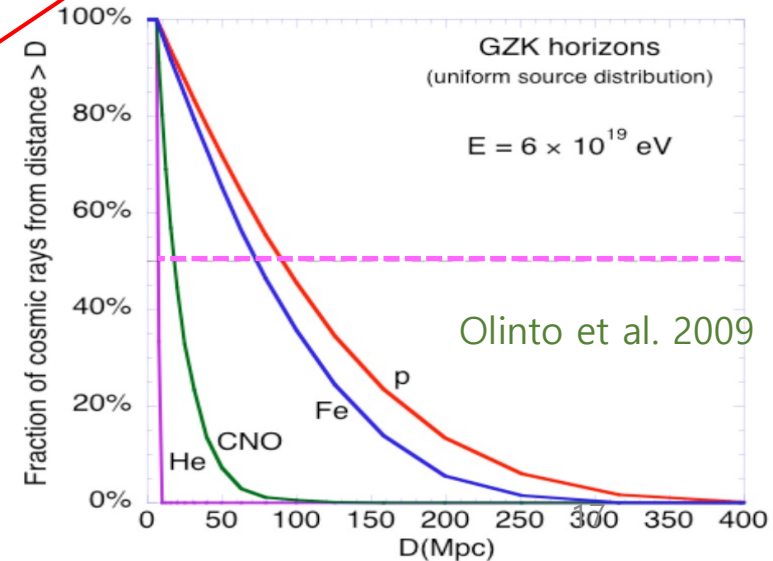
UHECRs from nearby RG jets

e.g. Virgo A, Cen A

abundance: 3 x Galactic values
(elliptical galaxies) e.g. Kimura + 2018



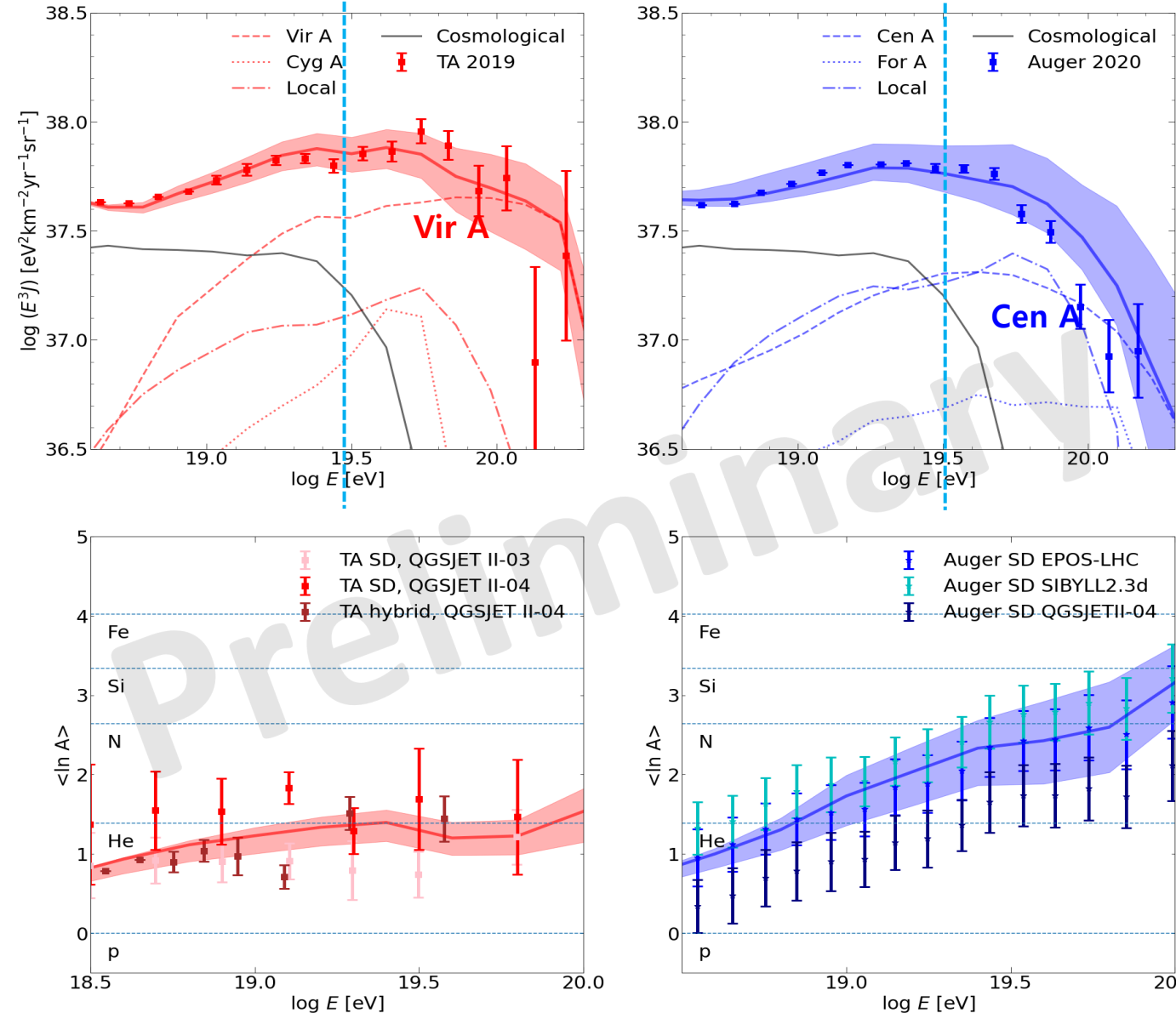
- **Jets with higher Γ (solid lines) generate more UHECRs flux for $E > 10 \text{ EeV}$**
- **UHECRs from jets with higher Γ (solid lines) have a smaller $\langle \ln A \rangle$, i.e., lighter composition for $E = 10 - 100 \text{ EeV}$.**
- **The mass composition of arrived UHECRs could become heavier or lighter, depending on Γ , chemical composition, propagation distance, etc.**



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Energy spectrum & mass composition of UHECRs from radio galaxy jets

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- **Virgo A** with $\langle \Gamma \rangle \sim 7$, may account for a substantial fraction of the observed at **TA**.
- **Cen A** with $\langle \Gamma \rangle \sim 1.2$ along with local RGs may account for a substantial fraction of the UHECRs observed at **Auger**.
- The Lorentz factor of RG jets affects the mass composition, $\langle \ln A \rangle$, of UHECRs observed at Earth as well as at sources.

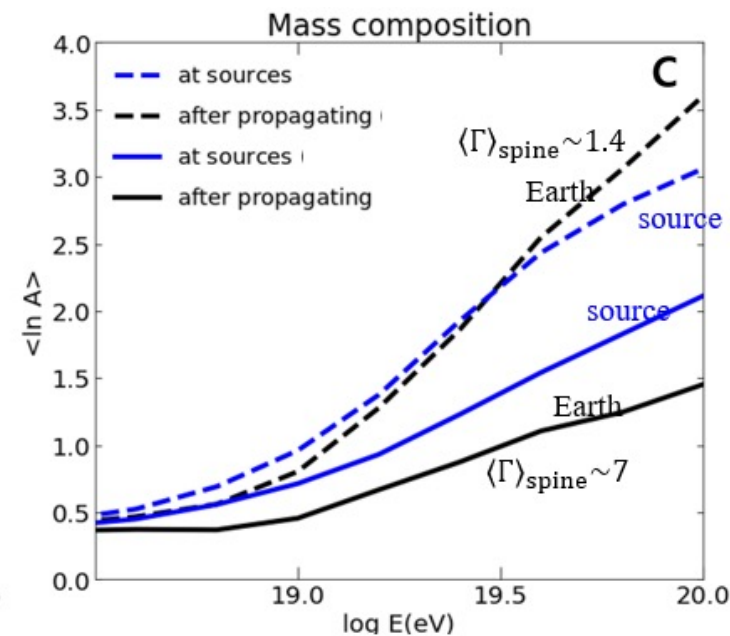
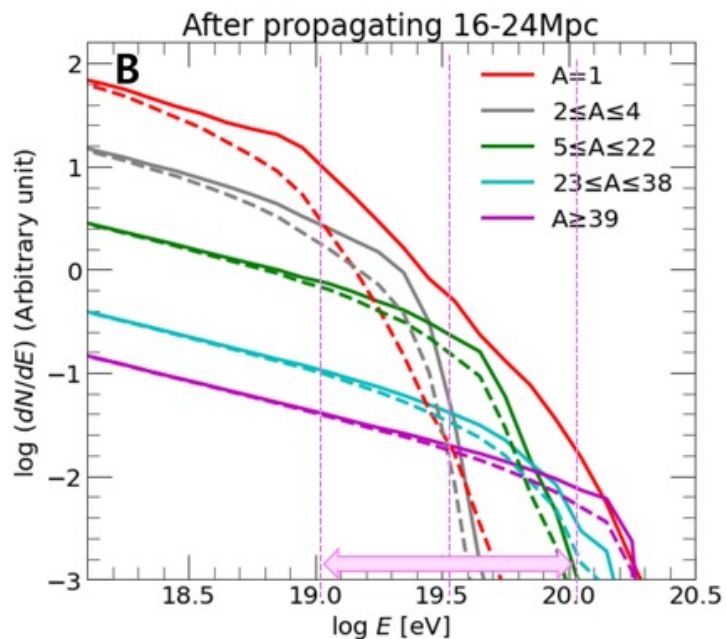
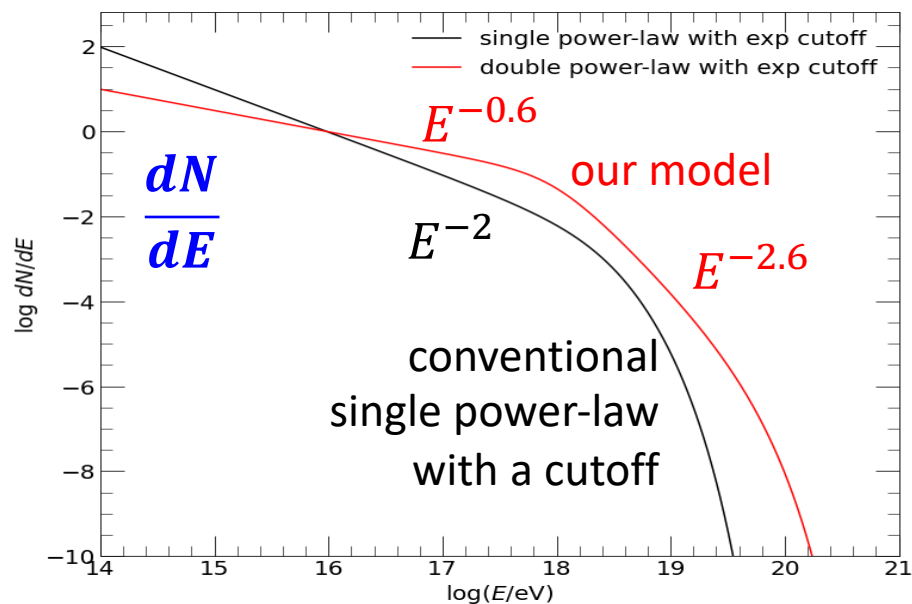
Source Modeling: 3 components

1. major RGs:
 - Centaurus A, Fornax A for TA**
 - Virgo A, Cygnus A for Auger**
2. Local RGs ($d < 300$ Mpc):
 - Rachen & Eichmann 2019
3. Cosmological Sources: $0.1 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$
 - Mingo et al. 2018

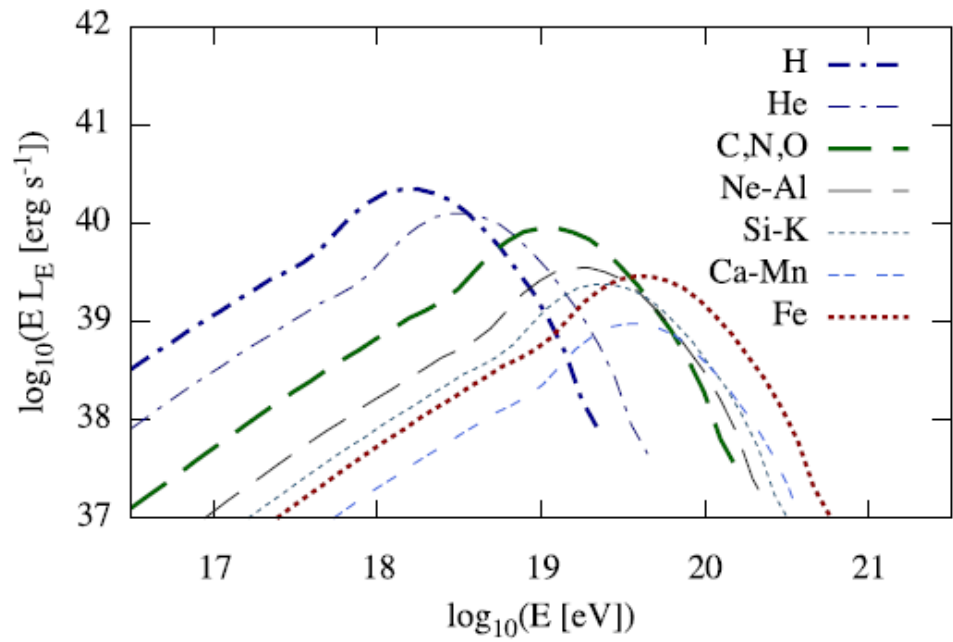
Shading represents $\pm 20\%$ variations of model parameters.

Summary

- The energy spectrum of the UHECRs produced at radio galaxies (RGs) could be modeled as a double power law with an extended exponential cutoff, thanks to RHD & MC simulations. **However, a better understanding of the detailed physical processes is crucial.**
- Compared to a single power-law with an exponential cutoff at Hillas energy, **our source spectrum model results in an observed UHECR spectrum that may extend to higher E and has a lighter $\langle \ln A \rangle$ at the highest E.**
- Understanding the proprieties of local RGs, such as the Lorentz factor Γ_j , jet power Q_j , radius r_j , magnetic field B , & age of the jet, would be important in modeling the observations of UHECRs.

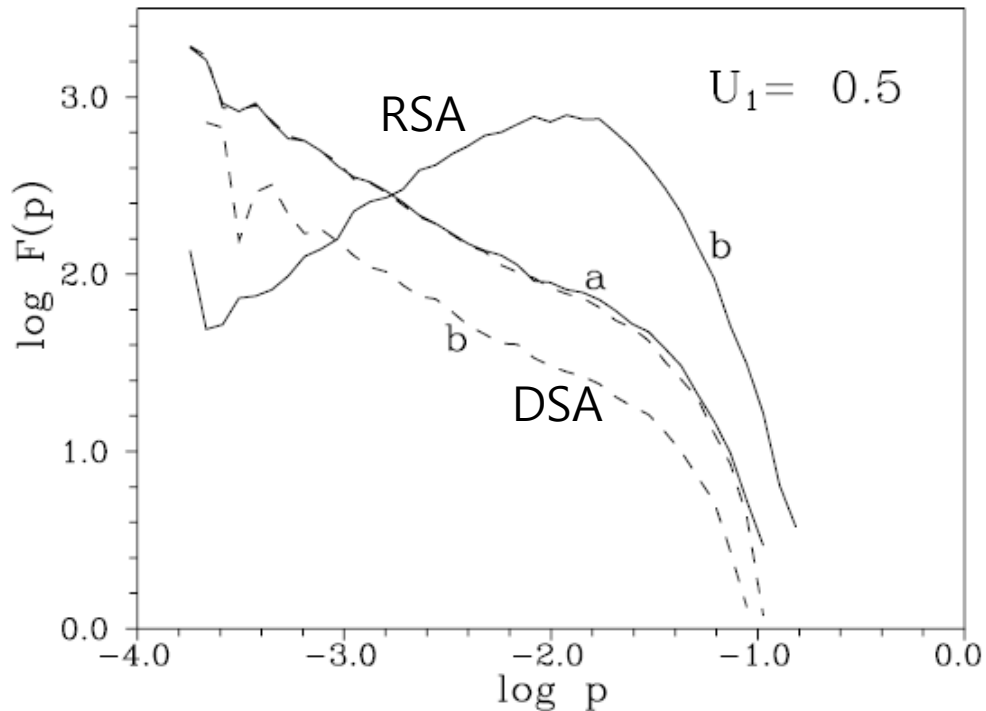


Supplementary Materials



Kimura et al. 2018

“the shear reacceleration mechanism leads to a hard spectrum of escaping cosmic rays, $dLE/dE \propto E^{-1} - E^0$, distinct from a conventional E^{-2} spectrum.”



Ostrowski 1998

“the spectrum of particles accelerated at the jet side boundary is expected to be much flatter than the one formed at the shock.”

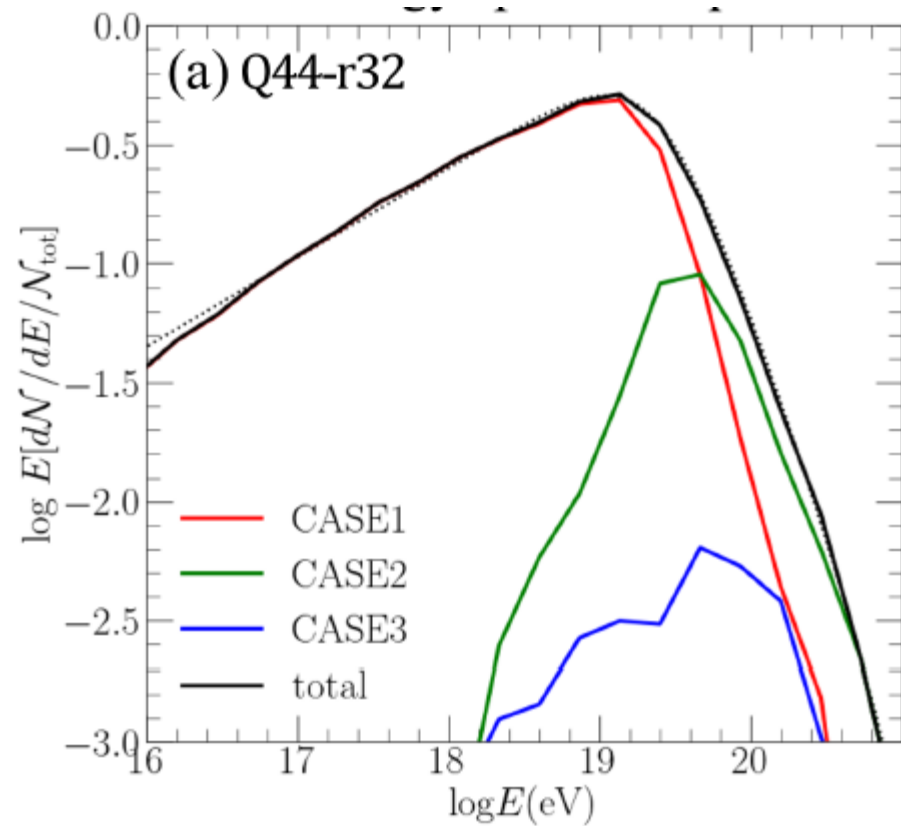
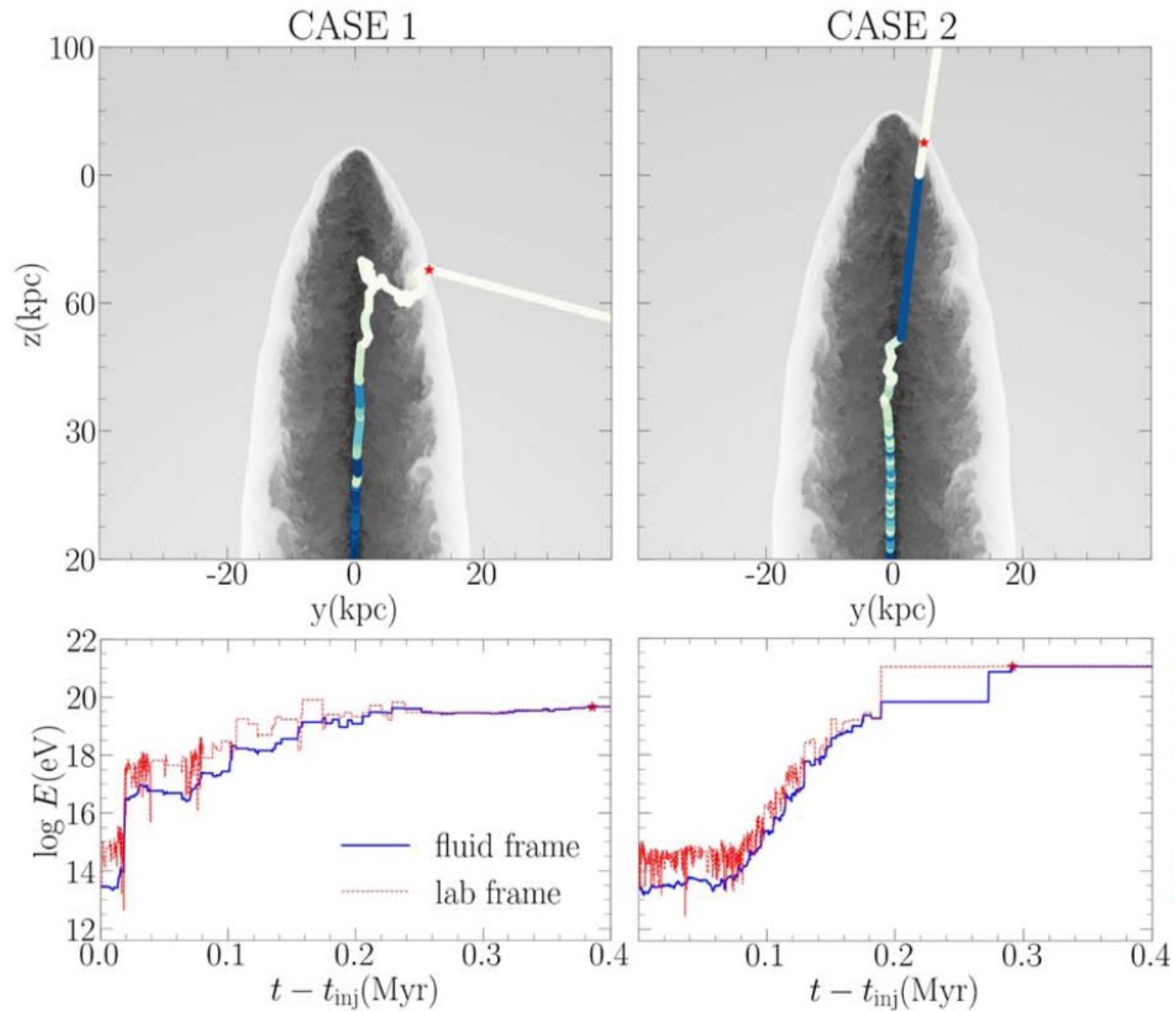


Table 1
Simulation Models for FR-II Jets

Model Name ^a	$Q_j(\text{erg s}^{-1})$	$\eta \equiv \frac{\rho_j}{\rho_b}$	$\dot{M}_j(\text{dyne})$	u_j/c	Γ_j	u_{head}^*/c	$t_{\text{cross}}(\text{yr})$	Grid Zones	$N_j \equiv \frac{r_j}{\Delta x}$ ^b	$\frac{t_{\text{end}}}{t_{\text{cross}}}$
Q45- η 5-S	3.34E+45	1.E-05	1.15E+35	0.9905	7.2644	0.0409	7.97E+4	$(400)^2 \times 600$	5	176
Q46- η 5-H	3.34E+46	1.E-05	1.13E+36	0.9990	22.5645	0.1180	2.77E+4	$(800)^2 \times 1200$	10	111
Q46- η 5-S	3.34E+46	1.E-05	1.13E+36	0.9990	22.5645	0.1180	2.77E+4	$(400)^2 \times 800$	5	200
Q46- η 5-L	3.34E+46	1.E-05	1.13E+36	0.9990	22.5645	0.1180	2.77E+4	$(240)^2 \times 360$	3	150
Q47- η 5-S	3.34E+47	1.E-05	1.12E+37	0.9999	71.0149	0.2965	1.10E+4	$(400)^2 \times 1000$	5	196

Table 1. Model Parameters of Simulated Jets^a and Fitting Parameters for UHECR Energy Spectrum^b

Model name ^c	Q_j	r_j	Γ_j	r_c	t_{cross}	t_{end}	s_1	s_2	E_{break}	Γ_{fit}	E_H ^d	E_D ^d	$\langle \Gamma \rangle_{\text{spine}}$ ^d
	(erg s^{-1})	(pc)		(pc)	(yrs)	(t_{cross})			(eV)		(eV)	(eV)	
Q42-r10	3.5E42	10	3.9	uniform	2.5E3	50	-0.60	-2.50	2.6E18	2.8	4.6E18	2.3E18	2.8
Q43-r10	3.5E43	10	11.2	uniform	8.6E2	50	-0.61	-2.65	7.5E18	7.1	8.2E18	7.4E18	6.0
Q44-r10	3.5E44	10	34.5	uniform	3.0E2	75	-0.64	-2.57	1.7E19	15.5	1.5E19	2.3E19	13.4
Q43-r32	3.5E43	31.6	3.9	400	7.9E3	50	-0.56	-2.51	5.7E18	2.5	1.5E19	6.0E18	2.7
Q44-r32	3.5E44	31.6	11.2	400	2.7E3	50	-0.62	-2.70	2.3E19	6.4	2.6E19	2.2E19	5.8
Q45-r32	3.5E45	31.6	34.5	400	9.5E2	65	-0.60	-2.35	4.3E19	15.2	4.6E19	6.4E20	12.9
Q44-r100	3.5E44	100	3.9	1200	2.5E4	50	-0.56	-2.51	1.7E19	2.5	4.6E19	1.8E19	2.7
Q45-r100	3.5E45	100	11.2	1200	8.6E3	50	-0.62	-2.70	7.0E19	6.4	8.2E19	7.0E19	5.8

