

# A heavy jet for Cen A

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# Outline

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# WHY



# Why

- Association of multiple Auger UHE events with Cen A
  - possible particle acceleration sites?
- Cen A is a relatively local extragalactic object with:
  - Radio lobes, relativistic jet → diffusive shock acceleration
  - Supermassive Black Hole → voltage drop created by spin
  - Less deviation by extragalactic fields
  - Wide observed SED
- Jet composition still unknown
- Some indications of “needed” heavy component (Celotti & Ghisellini 2008).

# WHAT

# What we know

- $d = 3.8 \text{ Mpc}$
- $M = (0.5-2) \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$
- $M = 6 \times 10^{-4} M / y$
- $L_{\chi} = 4 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$  (40–1200 keV,  $10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$  for the intermediate state (Bond et al. 1996))
- Jet viewing angle between  $15^{\circ}$  and  $80^{\circ}$
- HESS detection at VHE associated with the nuclear part (excluding radio lobes)
- Fermi detection at HE (pc-scale core, jet, and kpc-scale jet, excluding radio lobes, Cheung & Fukazawa 2009).

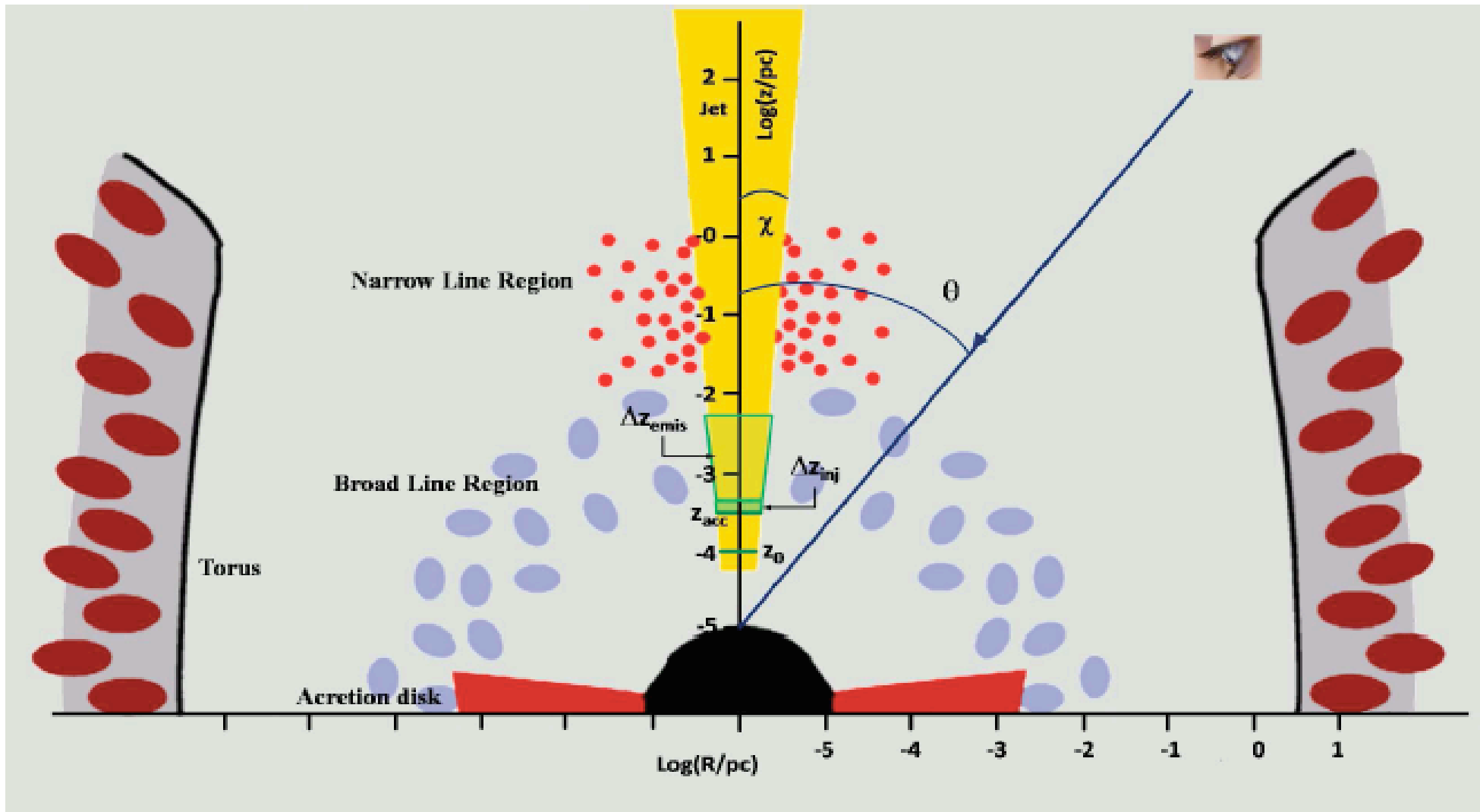
# What we assume

- Radiation produced by accelerated particles in the jet
- Jet launched by a dissipationless accretion disk
  - Transforms gravitational energy into energy of jet-like outflows with a high efficiency. (Bogovalov & Kelner 2005,2009; Blandford & Begelman 1999)
- Jet content: thermal plasma with a mildly relativistic bulk Lorentz factor  $\Gamma = 3$
- Few % of the jet power is carried by relativistic particles
- The jet expands in a conical way.

# What we assume

- Plasma initially in equipartition with a tangled magnetic field at the Alfvén surface (50  $R_g$  from BH)
- $B(z) \propto 1/z^m$ , with  $m \in [1, 2]$ .
- Shock acceleration  $\rightarrow$  magnetic energy density in sub-partition with the jet kinetic energy density
- Diffusive acceleration process efficiency  $\sim 0.01$
- Proportion electrons and protons power variable
- Extended emission zone





# What we do

Primary Particles Distributions  $N_p(z, E)$  &  $N_e(z, E)$  :

*Stationary state equation (1 D)*

$$\underbrace{v \frac{\partial N(E, z)}{\partial z}}_{\text{Convection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial (b(E, z)N(E, z))}{\partial E}}_{\text{Injection}} = \underbrace{Q(E, z)}_{\text{Injection}}$$

**Convection**

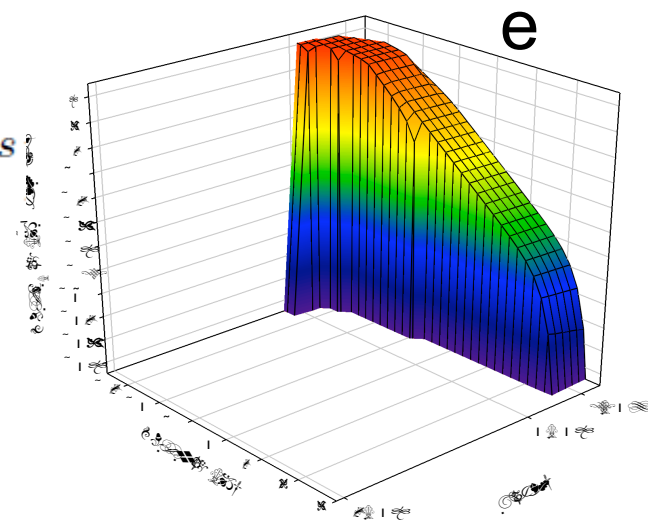
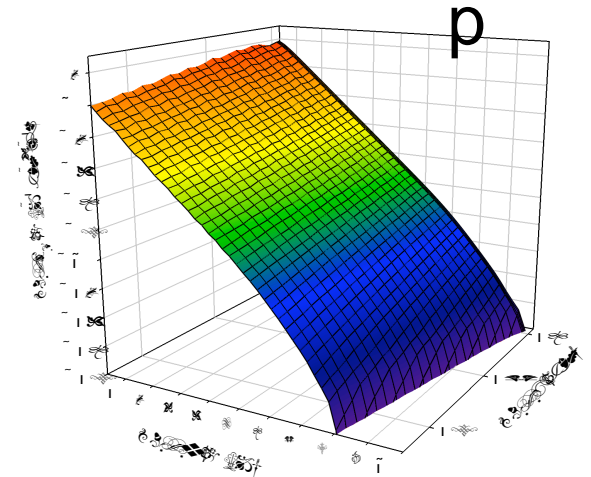
$v = \text{flux velocity}$

$$b(E, z) = \frac{dE}{dt}$$









**Injection**

$$Q(E', z) \propto \left(\frac{z_0}{z}\right)^2 E'^{-s}$$

+ High Energy cut-off



# What we do

-  Radiative Processes :
-  Synchrotron
  -  primary protons and electrons
  -  secondary  $e^\pm$ ,  $\pi$ s,  $\mu$ s
-  Inverse Compton Scattering
  -  primary  $e^-$  and secondary  $e^\pm$
-  Proton - proton interactions
-  Proton -  $\gamma$  interactions

# What we do

✿ Maximum Energy attained by the particles

$$t_{\text{acc}}^{-1}(E^{(\text{max})}) = t_{\text{loss}}^{-1}(E^{(\text{max})})$$

$$t_{\text{acc}}^{-1} = \eta \frac{ceB(z)}{E}$$

$$t_{\text{loss}}^{-1} = t_{\text{syn}}^{-1} + t_{\text{ad}}^{-1} + t_{\text{IC}}^{-1}$$

Electrons

$$t_{\text{loss}}^{-1} = t_{\text{syn}}^{-1} + t_{\text{ad}}^{-1} + t_{\text{p}\gamma}^{-1} + t_{\text{pp}}^{-1}$$

Protons

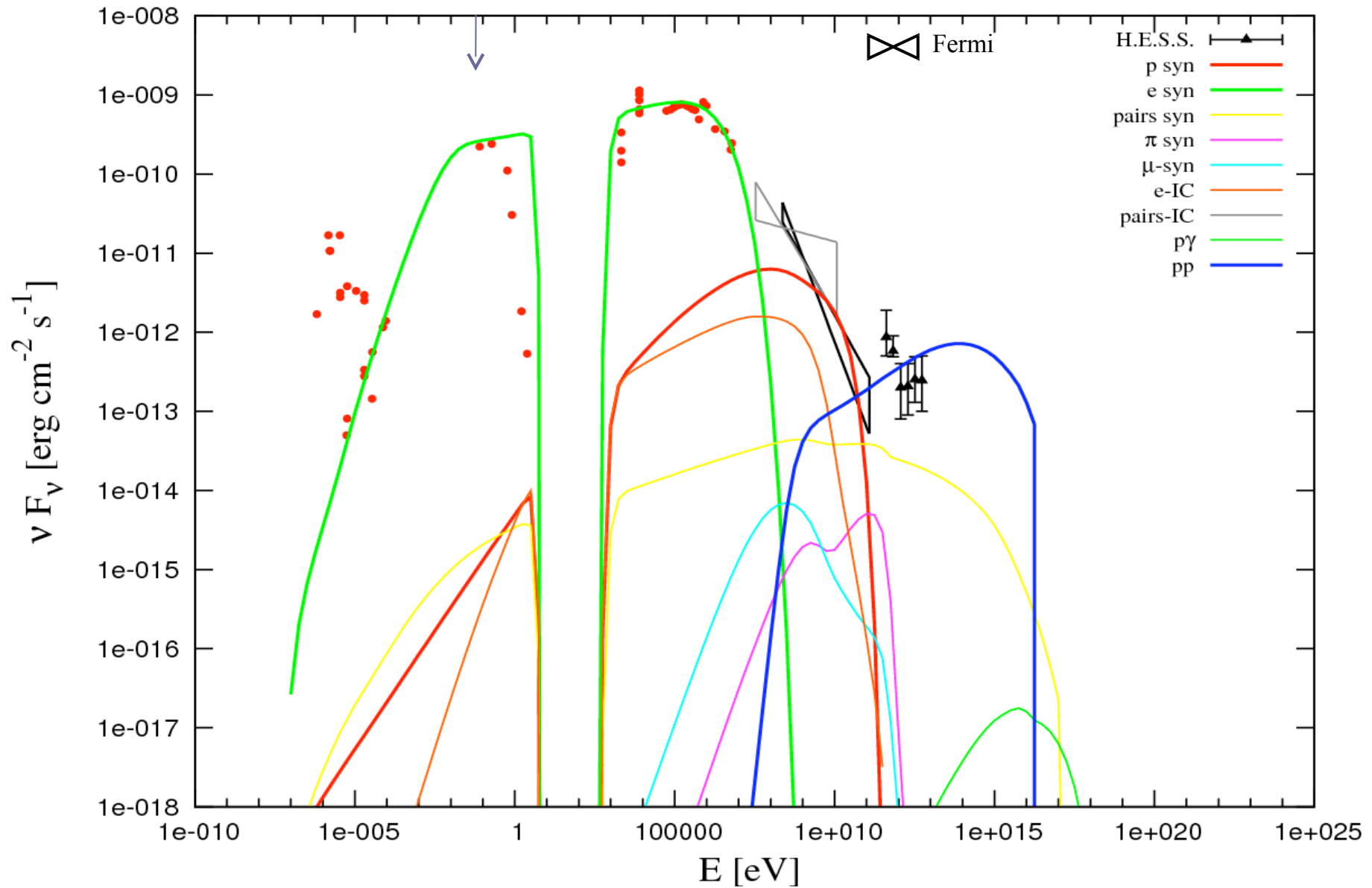
*Hillas Criterion fulfilled*

✿ Photon absorption:

- Internal absorption ( $\gamma - \gamma$  annihilation within the jet)
- External photons and absorption with dust material ( $N_{\text{H}} = 10^{23} \text{cm}^{-2}$ , Morganti et al.)

# SO WHAT?

Application to Cen A SED



# Discussion

- Measurements composing the SED of CenA
  - inhomogeneous in time and angular resolution
- lack of a good spatial resolution
  - impossible to distinguish the emission components (jet, nucleus or other radiation sources)
- Nevertheless, spectral energy distribution which is basically consistent with the multi- $\lambda$  emission from Cen A.
- VHE emission : p – p interactions.
- hard X-ray peak : electron synchrotron radiation
- Soft  $\gamma$  : proton synchrotron and IC emission

## ✿ Photoionization interactions in the surrounding dust:

- Drastic modulation in the electron synchrotron spectrum (broadband range  $10^5$ – $10^7$ eV)
- Electrons efficiently accelerated ( $\eta = 0.01$ ) to high energies with a flat spectrum ( $s = 1.8$ ).

## ✿ The maximum proton energy obtained in this scenario is about $3.5 \times 10^{18}$ eV.

- Other mechanisms for UHECR observed by Auger in the direction of Cen A :
  - Shear acceleration along the jet (Rieger et Aharonian, 2009)
  - Production of neutrons by accelerated protons in the jet which decay in protons near radio lobes (re-acceleration)
  - Shock acceleration in outer lobes (Romero et al. 1996).



- Controversial Parameters ?

Parameter	Value
$M_{\text{bh}}$ : black hole mass	$10^8 M_{\odot}$
$\Gamma_{\text{b}}$ : jet Lorentz factor	3
$L_{\text{k}}$ : jet power	$2 \times 10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
$q_{\text{rel}}$ : fraction of power in rel. part.	0.1
$a$ : proton to electron power ratio	0.4
$m$ : magnetic field index	1.5
$z_0$ : jet launching site	$50R_g = 7.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}$
$z_{\text{acc}}$ : particle acceleration site	$7.4 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}$
$\xi$ : jet half-opening angle	$5^\circ$
$\theta$ : viewing angle	$25^\circ$

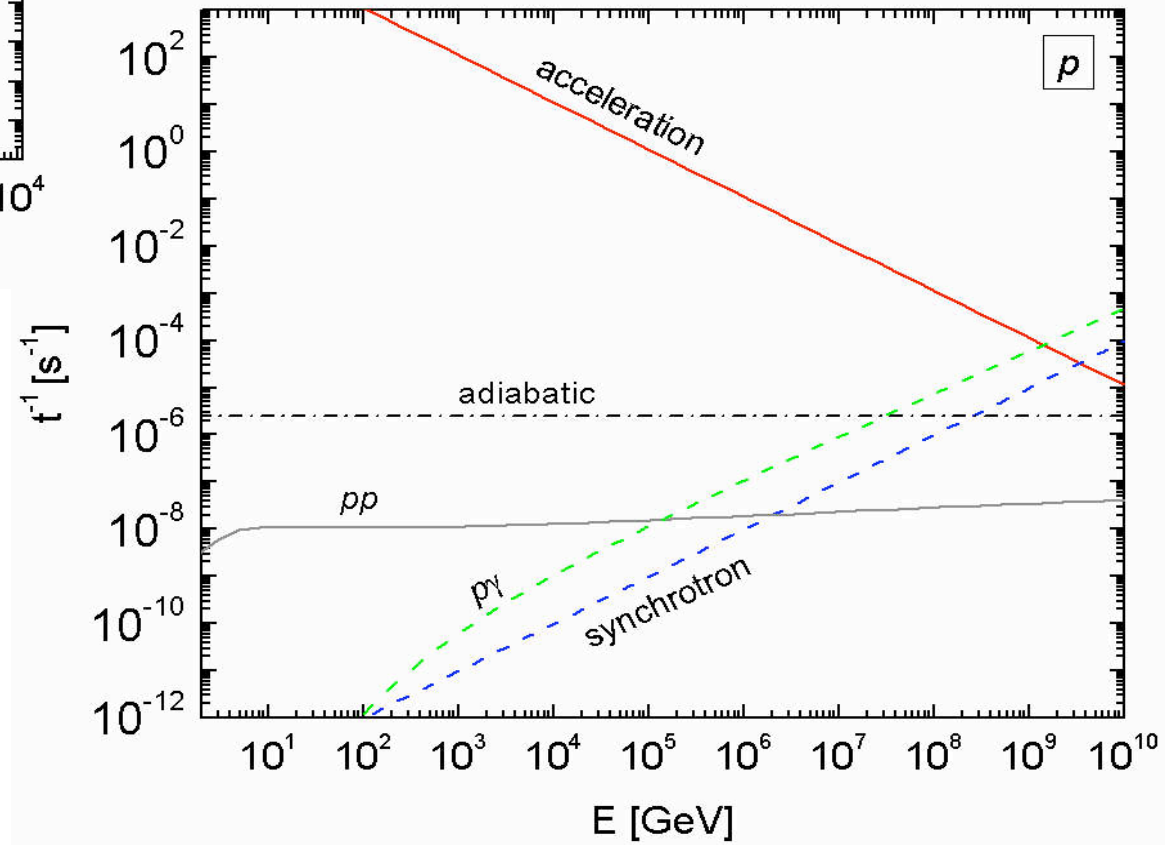
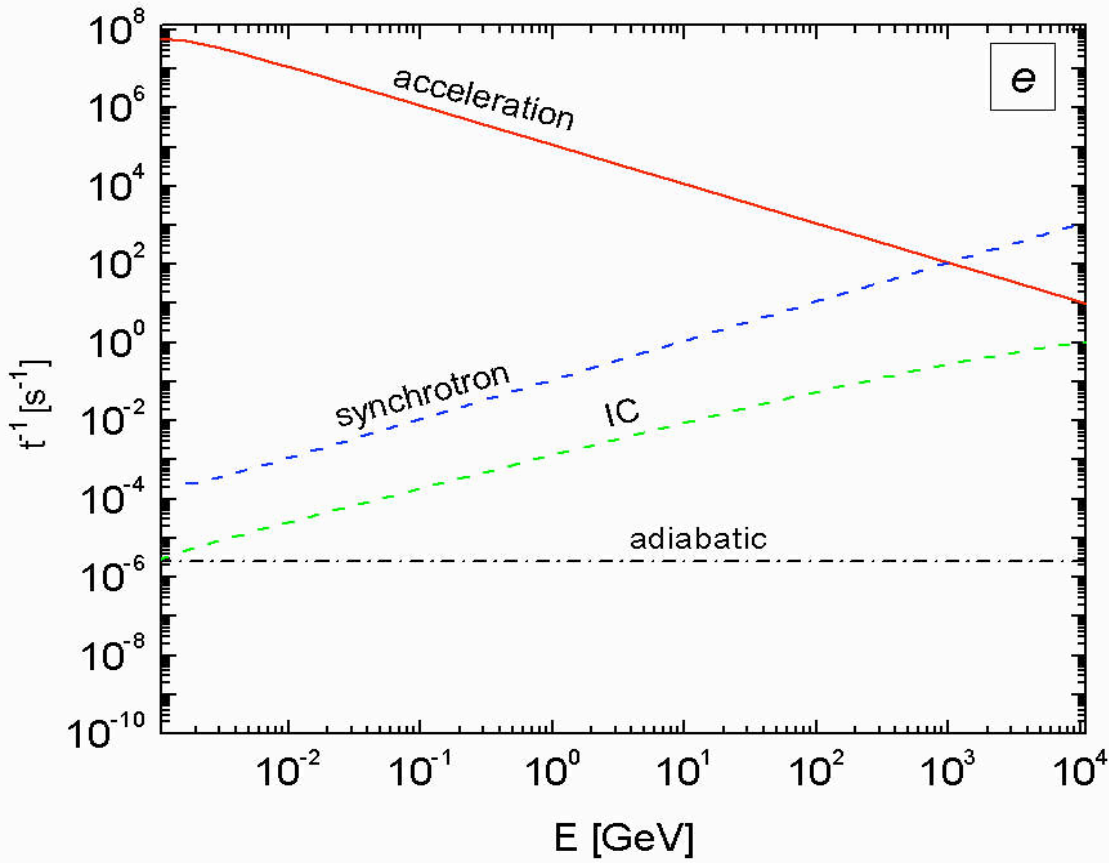
$B_0 \sim 10^4 \text{ G}$  (base of the jet)

$B_{\text{acc}} \sim 200 \text{ G}$  (acceleration zone)

$$B_0 = \sqrt{\frac{8L_{\text{k}}}{[r_{\text{j}}(z_0)]^2 v_{\text{b}}}}$$

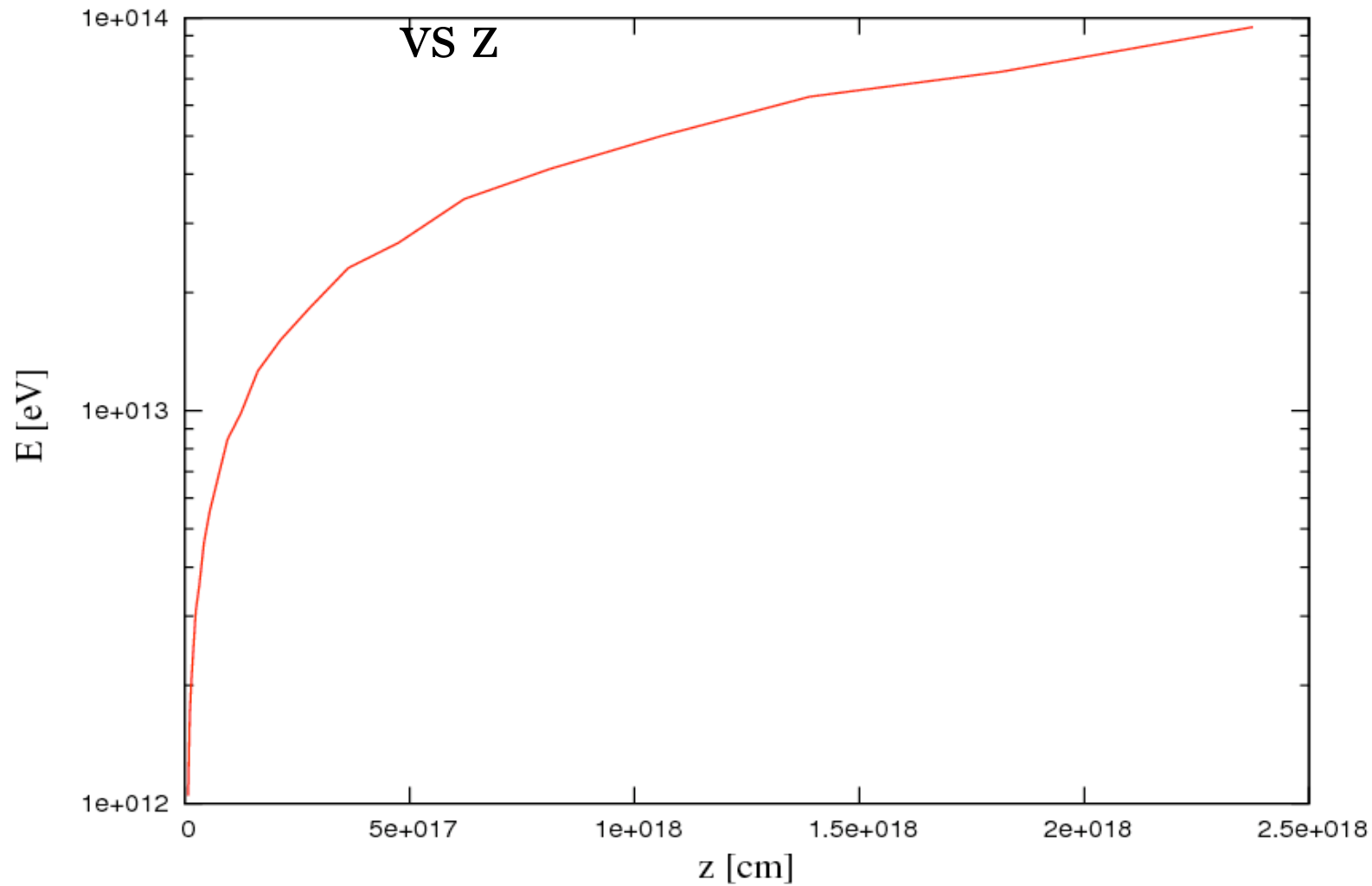
# Perspectives

- Neutrinos production (see Matías Reynoso talk)
- Application to other sources
- Time dependent injection function
- Wait for HESS II, CTA and KM<sub>3</sub>Net.





## Maximum electron energy



# Maximum proton energy

