The Cosmological Impact of Blazars: from Plasma Instabilities to Structure Formation

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TeV gamma-ray astronomy

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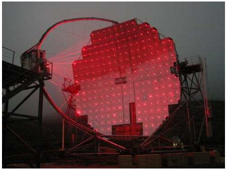

VERITAS

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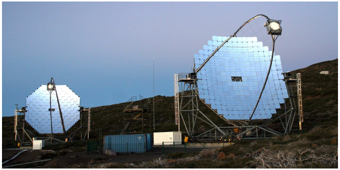
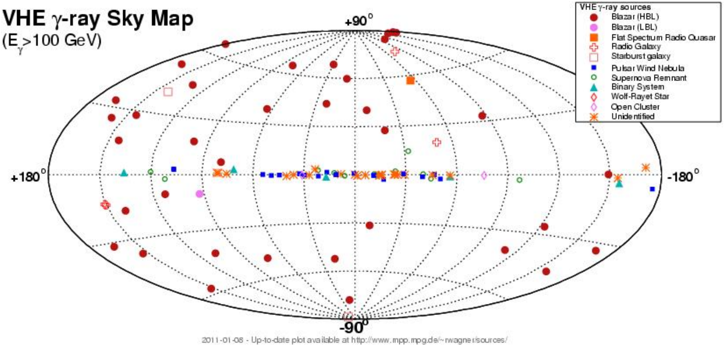


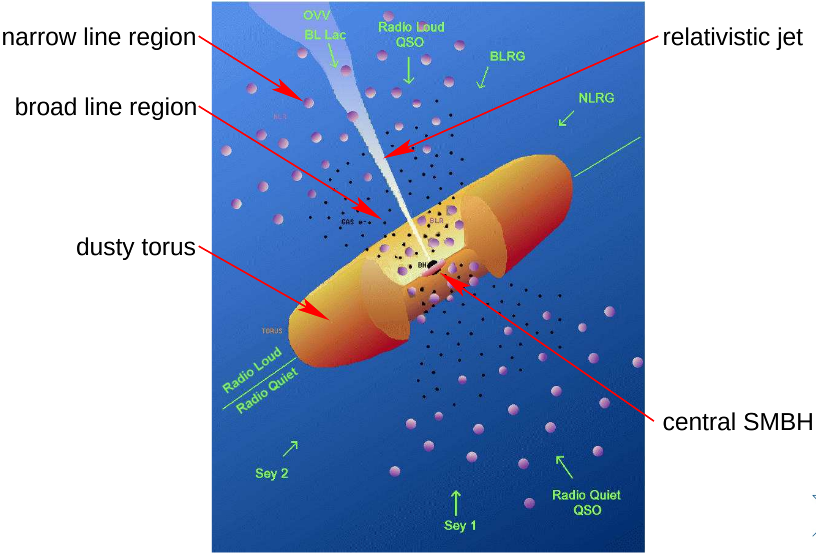
The TeV gamma-ray sky

There are several classes of TeV sources:

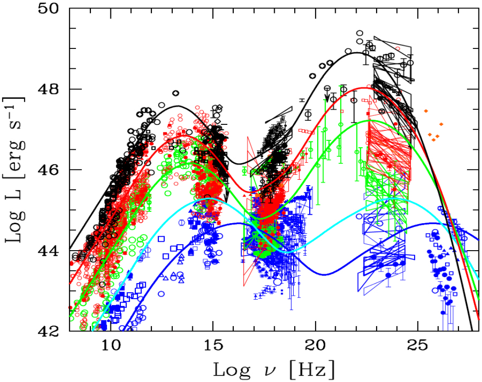
- Galactic - pulsars, BH binaries, supernova remnants
- Extragalactic - **mostly** blazars, two starburst galaxies



Unified model of active galactic nuclei



The blazar sequence



Ghisellini (2011), arXiv:1104.0006

- continuous sequence from LBL–IBL–HBL
- TeV blazars are dim (very sub-Eddington)
- TeV blazars have rising spectra in the Fermi band ($\alpha < 2$)
- define TeV blazar = hard IBL + HBL

Propagation of TeV photons

- 1 TeV photons can pair produce with 1 eV EBL photons:

$$\gamma_{\rm TeV} + \gamma_{\rm eV} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

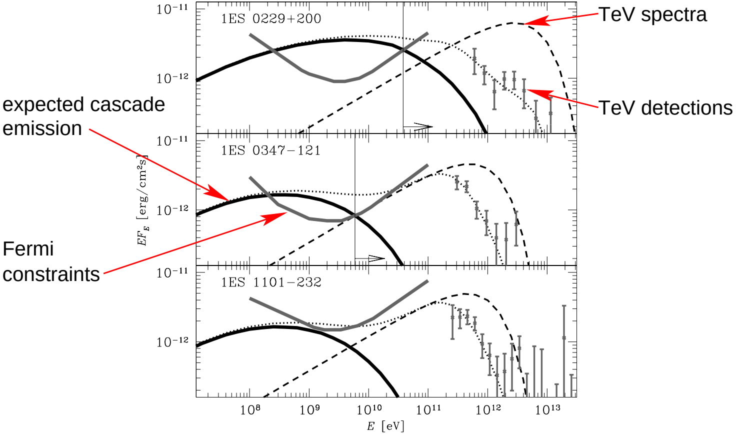
- mean free path for this depends on the density of 1 eV photons:
  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\gamma\gamma} \sim (35\ldots700)$ Mpc for $z = 1\ldots0$
  $\rightarrow$ pairs produced with energy of 0.5 TeV ($\gamma = 10^6$)
- these pairs inverse Compton scatter off the CMB photons:
  $\rightarrow$ mean free path is $\lambda_{\rm IC} \sim \lambda_{\gamma\gamma}/1000$
  $\rightarrow$ producing gamma-rays of ~ 1 GeV

$$E \sim \gamma^2 E_{\rm CMB} \sim 1\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

- each TeV point source should also be a GeV point source

What about the cascade emission?

Every TeV source should be associated with a 1-100 GeV gamma-ray halo – **not seen!**



Neronov & Vovk (2010)

Measuring IGM *B*-fields from TeV/GeV observations

- TeV beam of e^+/e^- are deflected out of the line of sight reducing the GeV IC flux → lower limit on B
- Larmor radius

$$r_\mathrm{L} = \frac{E}{eB} \sim 30 \left(\frac{E}{3\,\mathrm{TeV}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{10^{-16}\,\mathrm{G}}\right)^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}$$

- IC mean free path

$$x_\mathrm{IC} \sim 0.1 \left(\frac{E}{3\,\mathrm{TeV}}\right)^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}$$

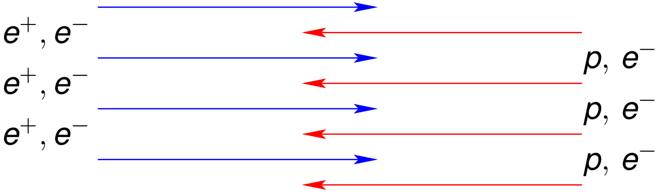
- for the associated 10 GeV IC photons the *Fermi* angular resolution is 0.2° or $\theta \sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$ rad

$$\frac{x_\mathrm{IC}}{r_\mathrm{L}} > \theta \to B \gtrsim 10^{-16}\,\mathrm{G}$$

Missing plasma physics?

How do beams of e^+/e^- propagate through the IGM?

- plasma processes are important
- interpenetrating beams of charged particles are unstable
- consider the two-stream instability:



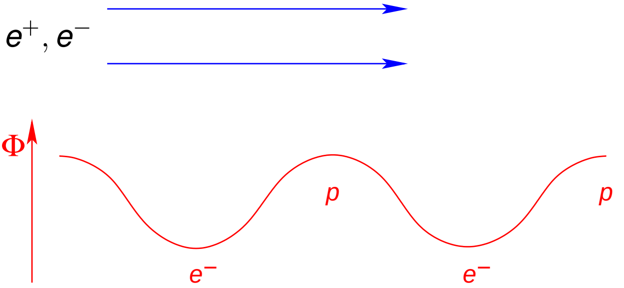
- one frequency (timescale) and one length in the problem:

$$\frac{\omega_p}{\gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi e^2 n_e}{\gamma^2 m_e}}, \qquad \lambda_p = \frac{\gamma c}{\omega_p} \sim 10^{14}\,\mathrm{cm} \times \left(\frac{\gamma}{10^6}\right)\bigg|_{\bar{\rho}(z=0)}$$

Two-stream instability: mechanism

wave-like perturbation with $\boldsymbol{k} \| \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{beam}}$, longitudinal charge oscillations in background plasma (Langmuir wave):

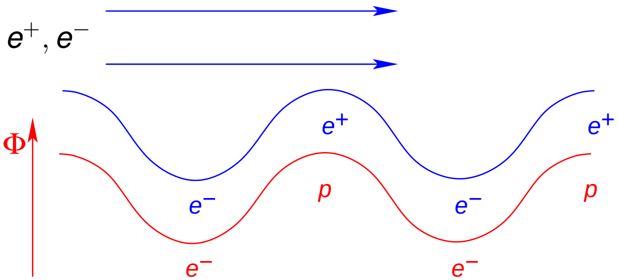
- initially homogeneous beam-e^-: attractive (repulsive) force by potential maxima (minima)
- e^- attain lowest velocity in potential minima $\rightarrow$ bunching up
- e^+ attain lowest velocity in potential maxima $\rightarrow$ bunching up



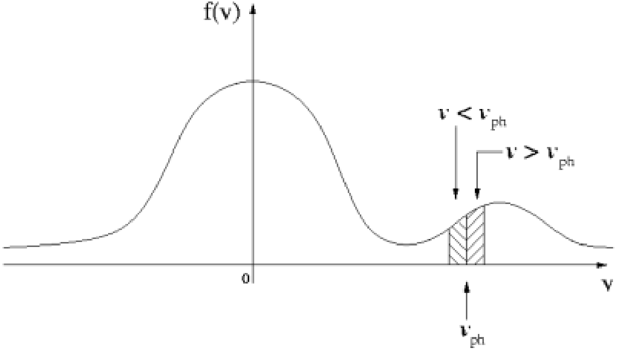
Two-stream instability: mechanism

wave-like perturbation with $\boldsymbol{k} || \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{beam}}$, longitudinal charge oscillations in background plasma (Langmuir wave):

- beam-e^+/e^- couple in phase with the background perturbation: enhances background potential
- stronger forces on beam-e^+/e^- $\rightarrow$ positive feedback
- exponential wave-growth $\rightarrow$ instability



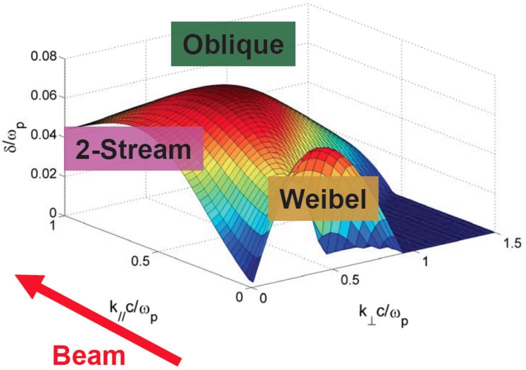
Two-stream instability: energy transfer

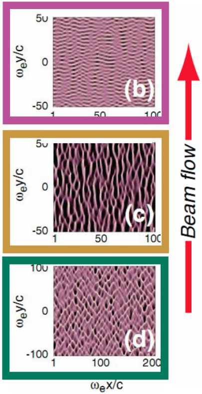


- particles with $v \gtrsim v_{\text{phase}}$:
  pair energy → plasma waves → growing modes
- particles with $v \lesssim v_{\text{phase}}$:
  plasma wave energy → pairs → damped modes

Oblique instability

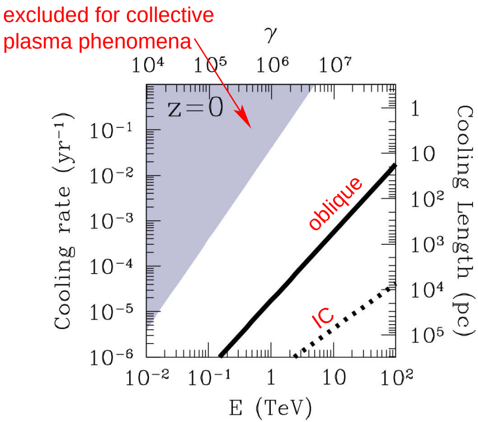
k oblique to $\boldsymbol{v}_{\rm beam}$: real word perturbations don't choose "easy" alignment $= \sum$ all orientations





Bret (2009), Bret+ (2010)

Beam physics – growth rates



Broderick, Chang, C.P. (2011)

- consider a light beam penetrating into relatively dense plasma
- maximum growth rate

$$\sim 0.4\,\gamma\,\frac{n_{\rm beam}}{n_{\rm IGM}}\,\omega_p$$

- oblique instability beats IC by two orders of magnitude

Beam physics – complications . . .

non-linear saturation:

- non-linear evolution of these instabilities at these density contrasts is not known
- expectation from PIC simulations suggest substantial isotropization of the beam
- **assume** that they grow at linear rate up to saturation

$\rightarrow$ plasma instabilities dissipate the beam's energy, no (little) energy left over for inverse Compton scattering off the CMB

TeV emission from blazars – a new paradigm

$$\gamma_{\mathrm{TeV}} + \gamma_{\mathrm{eV}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{IC off CMB} & \rightarrow \gamma_{\mathrm{GeV}} \\ \text{plasma instabilities} & \rightarrow \text{heating IGM} \end{cases}$$

absence of γ_{GeV}'s has significant implications for ...

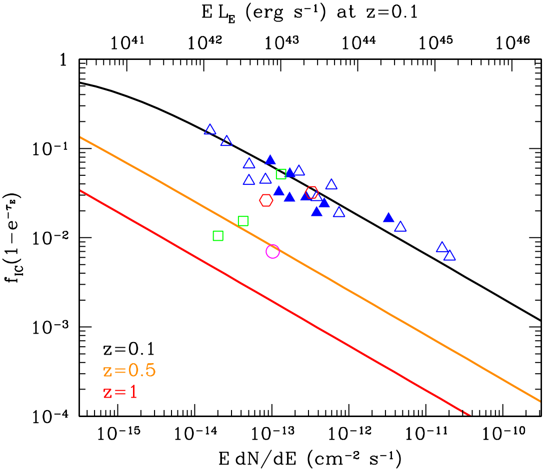
- intergalactic B-field estimates
- γ-ray emission from blazars: spectra, background

additional IGM heating has significant implications for ...

- thermal history of the IGM: Lyman-α forest
- late time structure formation: dwarfs, galaxy clusters

Implications for *B*-field measurements

Fraction of the pair energy lost to inverse-Compton on the CMB: $f_{\rm IC} = \Gamma_{\rm IC}/(\Gamma_{\rm IC} + \Gamma_{\rm oblique})$



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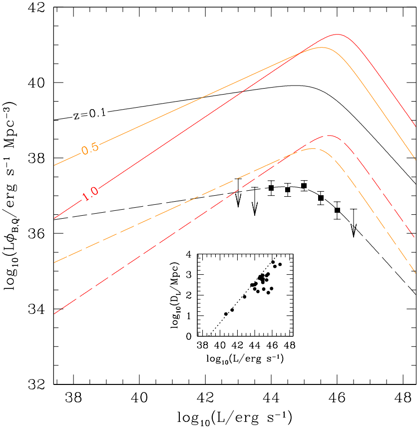
Conclusions on *B*-field constraints from blazar spectra

- it is thought that TeV blazar spectra might constrain IGM *B*-fields
- this assumes that cooling mechanism is IC off the CMB + deflection from magnetic fields
- beam instabilities may allow high-energy e^+/e^- pairs to self scatter and/or lose energy
- isotropizes the beam – no need for *B*-field
- $\lesssim$ 1–10% of beam energy to IC CMB photons

$\rightarrow$ **TeV blazar spectra are not suitable to measure IGM *B*-fields!**

TeV blazar luminosity density: today



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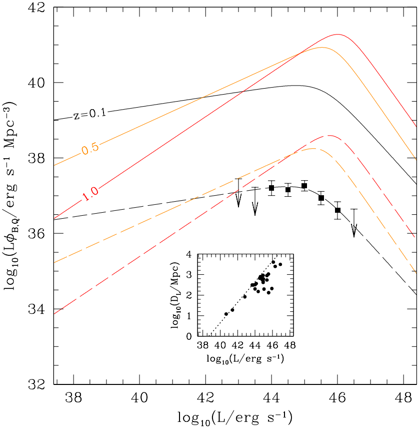
- collect luminosity of all 23 TeV blazars with good spectral measurements
- account for the selection effects (sky coverage, duty cycle, galactic occultation, TeV flux limit)
- TeV blazar luminosity density is a scaled version ($\eta_B \sim 0.2\%$) of that of quasars!

Unified TeV blazar-quasar model



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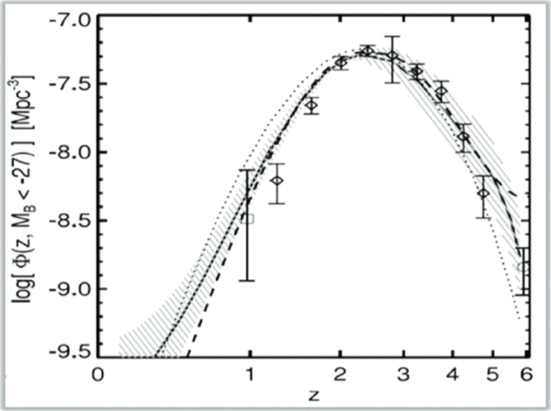
Quasars and TeV blazars are:

- regulated by the same mechanism
- contemporaneous elements of a single AGN population: TeV-blazar activity does not lag quasar activity

→ **assume that they trace each other for all redshifts!**

How many TeV blazars are there?



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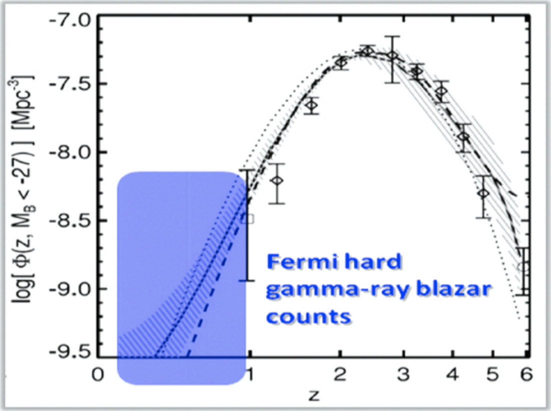

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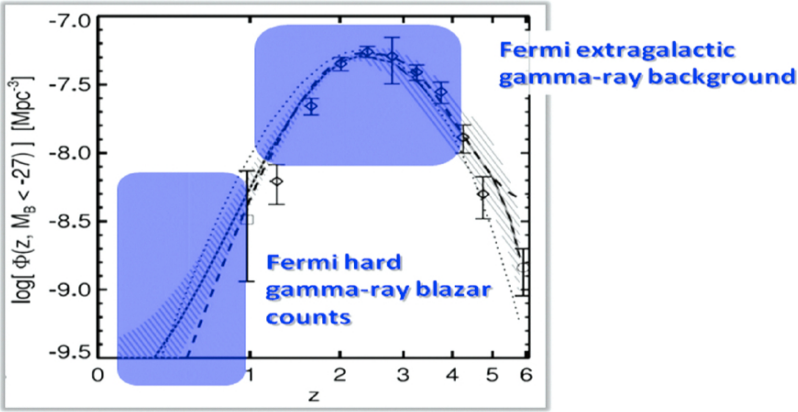

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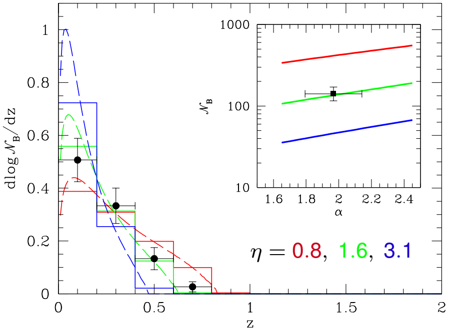
Fermi number count of “TeV blazars”



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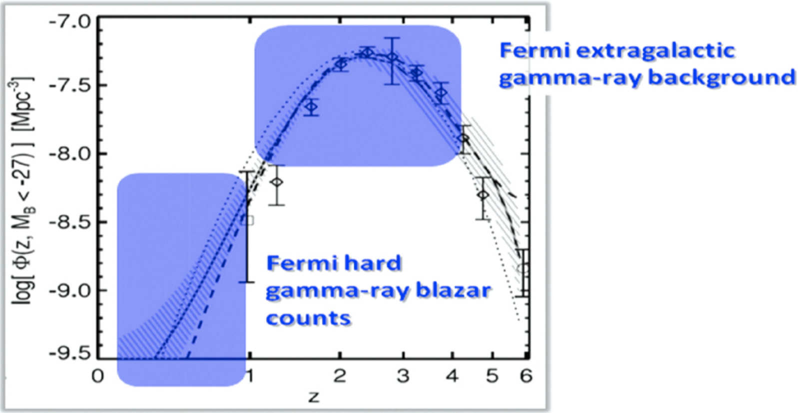
- number evolution of TeV blazars that are expected to have been observed by *Fermi* vs. observed evolution
- colors: different flux (luminosity) limits connecting the *Fermi* and the TeV band:

$$L_{\mathrm{TeV,min}}(z) = \eta\, L_{\mathrm{Fermi,min}}(z)$$

→ **evolving (increasing) blazar population consistent with observed declining evolution (*Fermi* flux limit)!**

How many TeV blazars are there at high-z?



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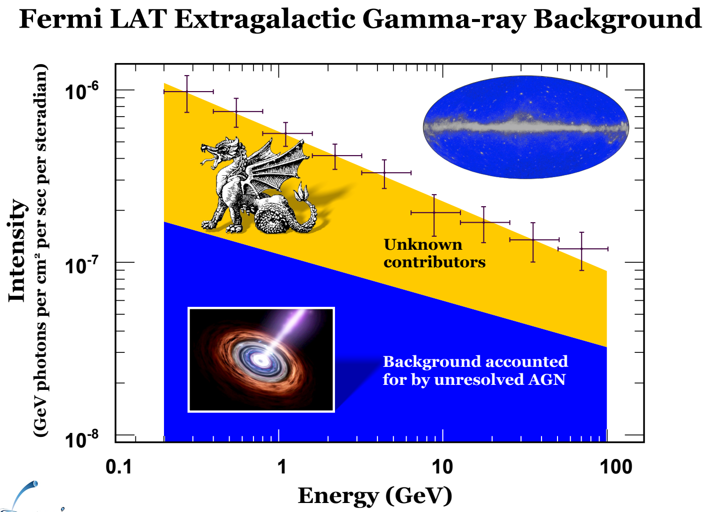
Fermi probes "dragons" of the gamma-ray sky



Extragalactic gamma-ray background

- assume all TeV blazars have identical intrinsic spectra:

$$F_E = L\hat{F}_E \propto \frac{1}{(E/E_b)^{\alpha_L - 1} + (E/E_b)^{\alpha - 1}},$$

E_b is break energy,

$\alpha_L < \alpha$ are low and high-energy spectral indexes

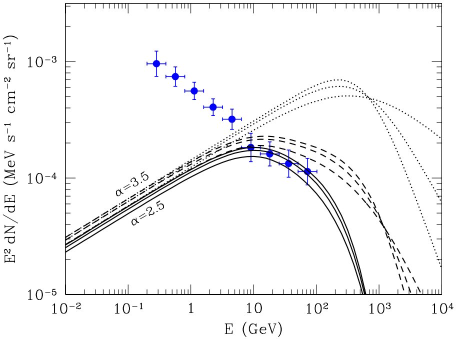
- extragalactic gamma-ray background:

$$E^2 \frac{dN}{dE}(E, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_z^\infty dV(z') \, \frac{\eta_B \tilde{\Lambda}_Q(z') \hat{F}_{E'}}{4\pi D_L^2} e^{-\tau_E(E', z')},$$

$E' = E(1 + z')$ is gamma-ray energy at *emission*,
$\tilde{\Lambda}_Q$ is physical quasar luminosity density,

τ is optical depth

Extragalactic gamma-ray background: varying α



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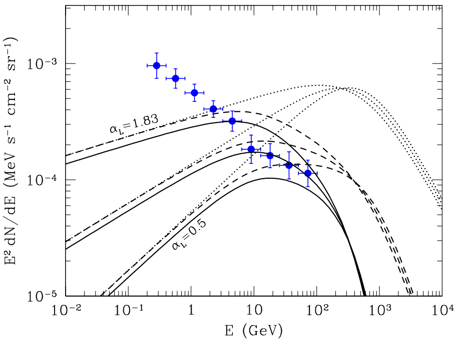

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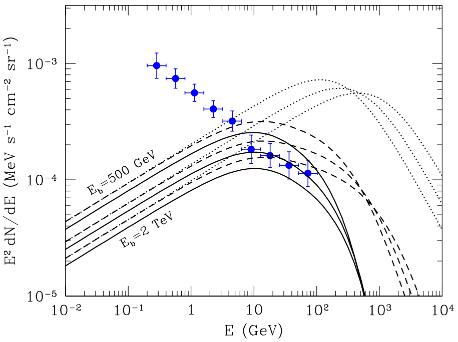

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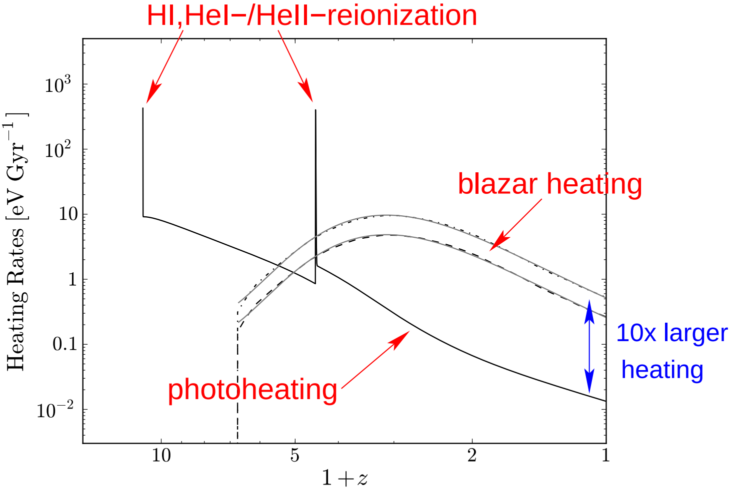
Conclusions on extragalactic gamma-ray background

- the TeV blazar luminosity density is a scaled version of the quasar luminosity density at $z = 0.1$
- assuming that TeV blazars trace quasars for all z and adopting typical spectra, we can match the *Fermi*-LAT extragalactic gamma-ray background
- evolving blazars do not overproduce EGRB since the absorbed energy is not reprocessed to GeV energies
- fraction of absorbed energy is greater at higher energies

Evolution of the heating rates



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Blazar heating vs. photoheating

- total power from AGN/stars vastly exceeds the TeV power of blazars
- $T_{\mathrm{IGM}} \sim 10^4$ K (1 eV) at mean density ($z \sim 2$)

$$\varepsilon_{\mathrm{th}} = \frac{kT}{m_{\mathrm{p}} c^2} \sim 10^{-9}$$

- radiative energy ratio emitted by BHs in the Universe (Fukugita & Peebles 2004)

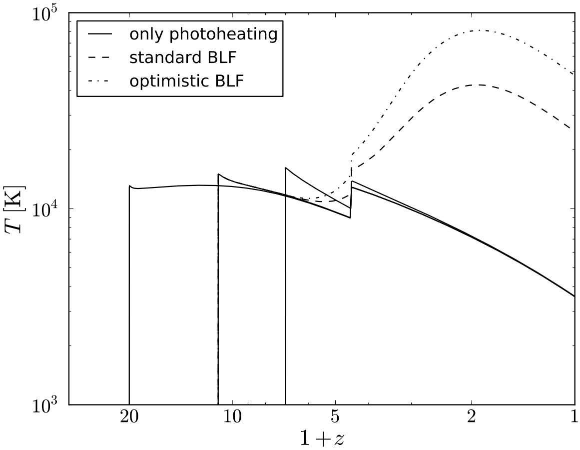
$$\varepsilon_{\mathrm{rad}} = \eta\, \Omega_{\mathrm{bh}} \sim 0.1 \times 10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5}$$

- fraction of the energy energetic enough to ionize H I is ~ 0.1:

$$\varepsilon_{\mathrm{UV}} \sim 0.1 \varepsilon_{\mathrm{rad}} \sim 10^{-6} \quad \rightarrow \quad kT \sim \mathrm{keV}$$

- photoheating efficiency $\eta_{\mathrm{ph}} \sim 10^{-3} \quad \rightarrow \quad kT \sim \eta_{\mathrm{ph}}\, \varepsilon_{\mathrm{UV}}\, m_{\mathrm{p}} c^2 \sim \mathrm{eV}$
  (limited by the abundance of H I/He II due to the small recombination rate)
- blazar heating efficiency $\eta_{\mathrm{bh}} \sim 10^{-3} \quad \rightarrow \quad kT \sim \eta_{\mathrm{bh}}\, \varepsilon_{\mathrm{rad}}\, m_{\mathrm{p}} c^2 \sim 10\,\mathrm{eV}$
  (limited by the total power of TeV sources)

Thermal history of the IGM



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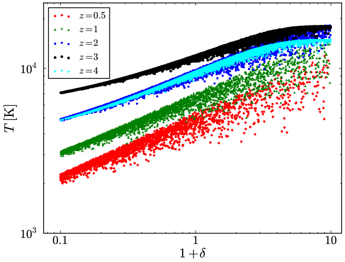
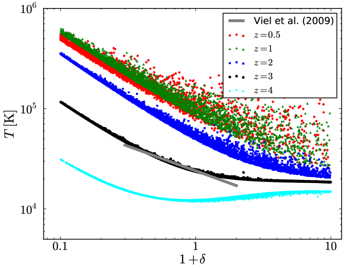
Evolution of the temperature-density relation

no blazar heating



with blazar heating



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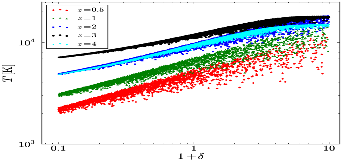
- blazars and extragalactic background light are uniform:
  $\rightarrow$ blazar heating rate independent of density
  $\rightarrow$ makes low density regions *hot*
  $\rightarrow$ causes inverted temperature-density relation, $T \propto 1/\delta$

Blazars cause hot voids

no blazar heating



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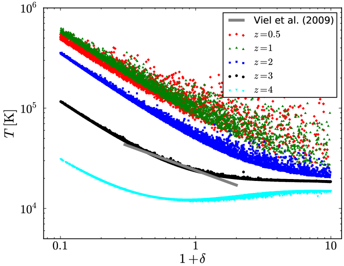

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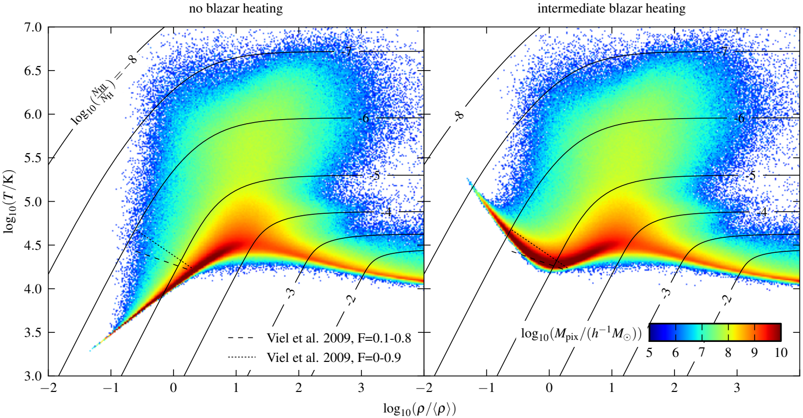
- blazars completely change the thermal history of the diffuse IGM and late-time structure formation

Simulations with blazar heating

Puchwein, C.P., Springel, Broderick, Chang (2011):

- $L = 15h^{-1}\mathrm{Mpc}$ boxes with 2×384^3 particles
- one reference run without blazar heating
- three with blazar heating at different levels of efficiency (address uncertainty)
- used an up-to-date model of the UV background (Faucher-Giguère+ 2009)

Temperature-density relation



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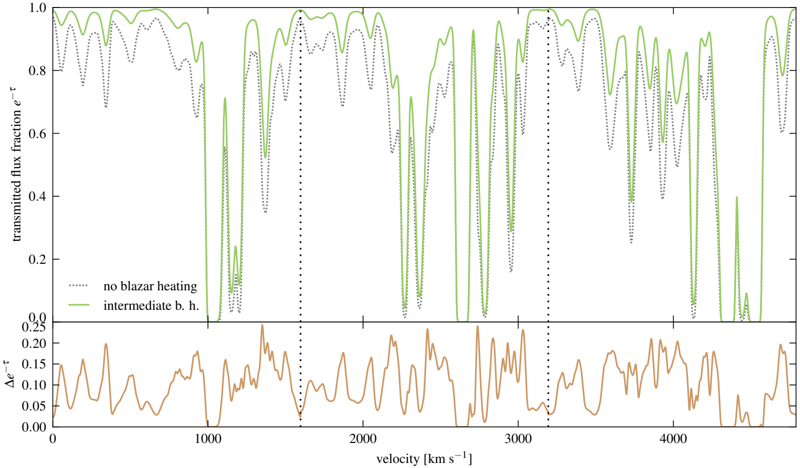
Ly-α spectra



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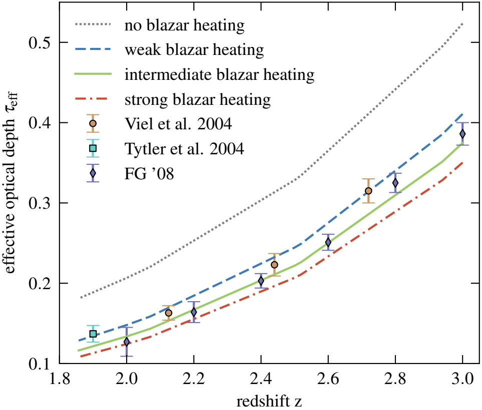
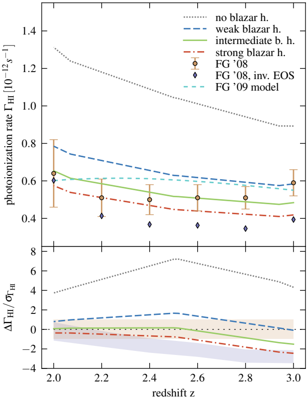
The end of fudged Ly-α simulations





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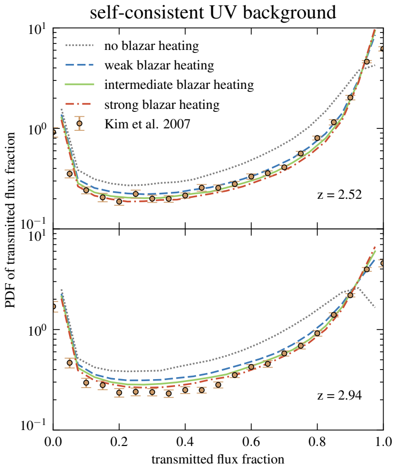
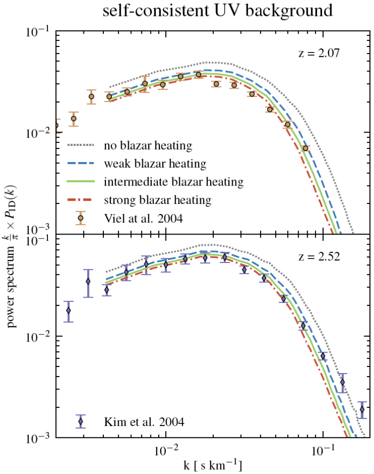
Ly-α flux PDFs and power spectra





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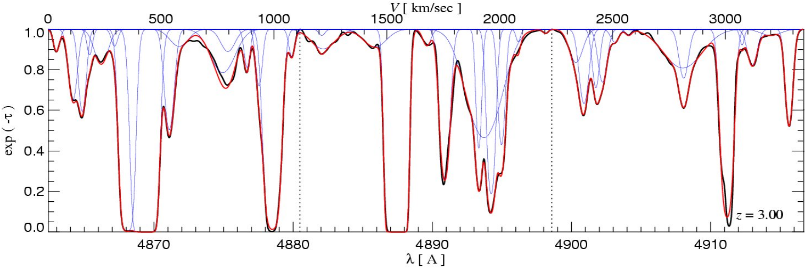
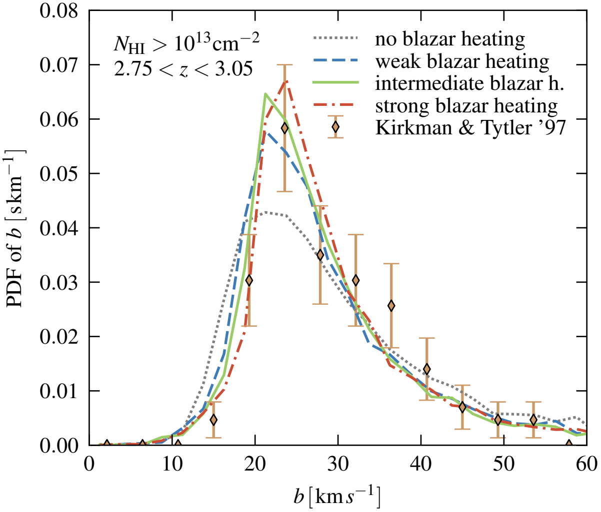
Voigt profile decomposition



- decomposing Lyman-α forest into individual Voigt profiles
- allows studying the thermal broadening of absorption lines

Voigt profile decomposition – line width distribution



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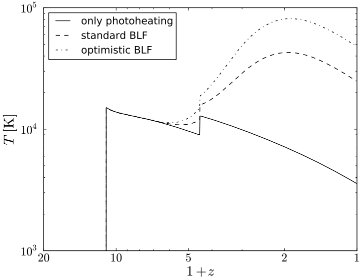
Lyman-α forest in a blazar heated Universe

improvement in modelling the Lyman-α forest is a direct consequence of the peculiar properties of blazar heating:

- heating rate independent of IGM density $\rightarrow$ naturally produces the inverted T–ρ relation that Lyman-α forest data demand
- recent and continuous nature of the heating needed to match the redshift evolutions of all Lyman-α forest statistics
- magnitude of the heating rate required by Lyman-α forest data $\sim$ the total energy output of TeV blazars (or equivalently $\sim$ 0.2% of that of quasars)

Entropy evolution

temperature evolution



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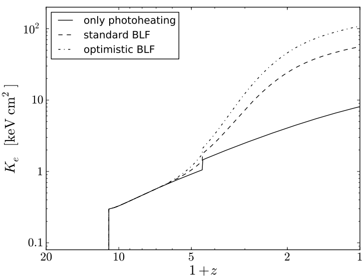


C.P., Chang, Broderick (2011)

- evolution of entropy, $K_\mathrm{e} = kTn_\mathrm{e}^{-2/3}$, governs structure formation
- blazar heating: late-time, evolving, modest entropy floor

Dwarf galaxy formation – Jeans mass

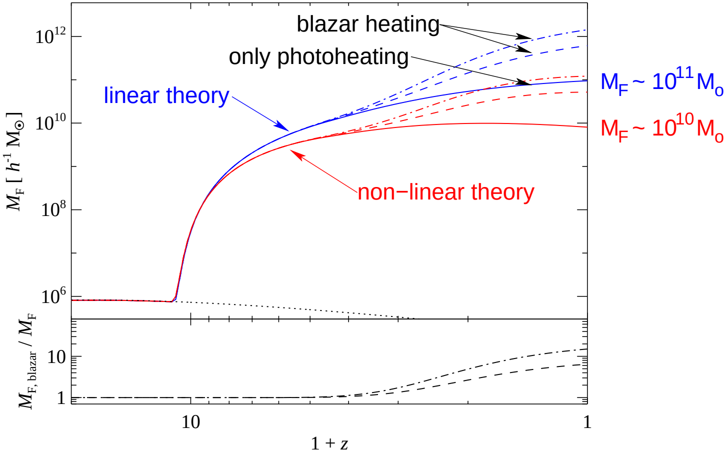
- thermal pressure opposes gravitational collapse on small scales
- characteristic length/mass scale below which objects do not form
- hotter IGM $\rightarrow$ higher IGM pressure $\rightarrow$ higher Jeans mass:

$$M_J \propto \frac{c_s^3}{\rho^{1/2}} \propto \left(\frac{T_{\mathrm{IGM}}^3}{\rho}\right)^{1/2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{M_{J,\mathrm{blazar}}}{M_{J,\mathrm{photo}}} \approx \left(\frac{T_{\mathrm{blazar}}}{T_{\mathrm{photo}}}\right)^{3/2} \gtrsim 30$$

$\rightarrow$ depends on instantaneous value of c_s

- "filtering mass" depends on full thermal history of the gas: accounts for delayed response of pressure in counteracting gravitational collapse in the expanding universe
- apply corrections for non-linear collapse

Dwarf galaxy formation – Filtering mass



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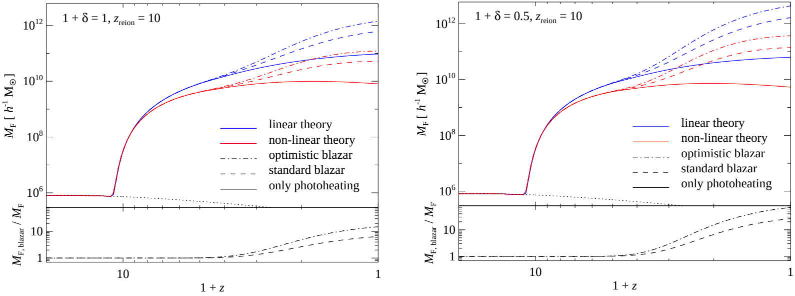
Peebles' void phenomenon explained?

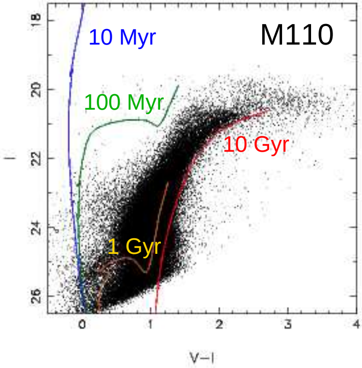
mean density | void, $1 + \delta = 0.5$



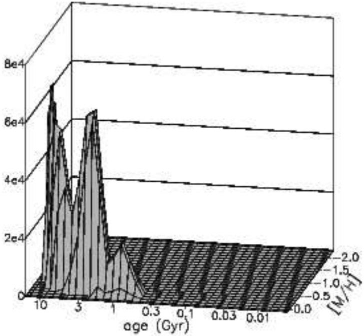
C.P., Chang, Broderick (2011)

- blazar heating efficiently suppresses the formation of void dwarfs within existing DM halos of masses $< 3 \times 10^{11}\ M_\odot$ ($z = 0$)
- may reconcile the number of void dwarfs in simulations and the paucity of those in observations

When do dwarfs form?



Dolphin et al. (2005)



isochrone fitting for different metallicities → star formation histories

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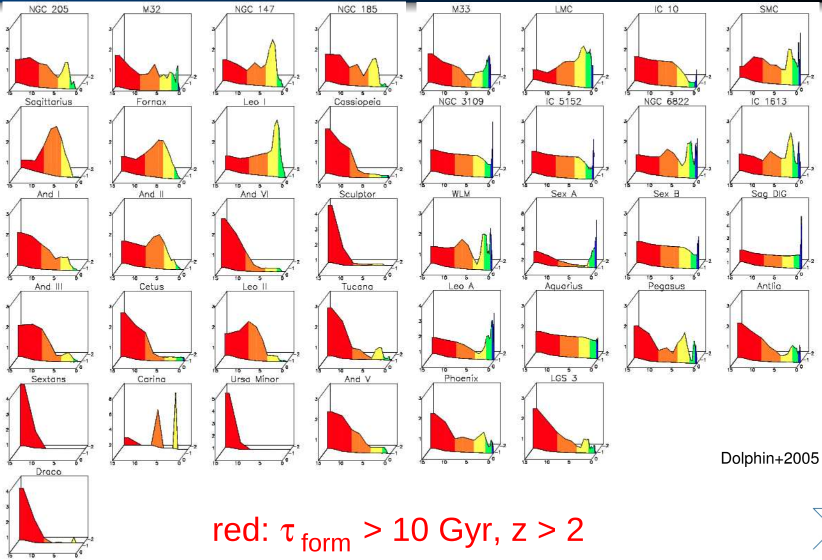
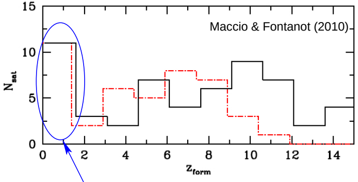


Dolphin+2005

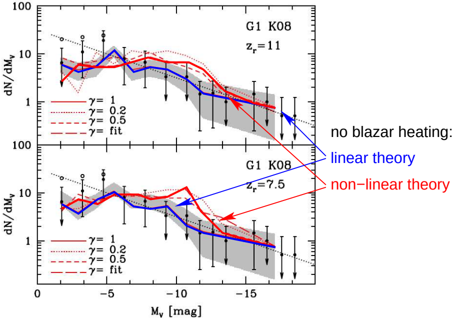
red: $\tau_{\mathrm{form}} > 10$ Gyr, $z > 2$

"Missing satellite" problem in the Milky Way

satellite formation time



satellite luminosity function

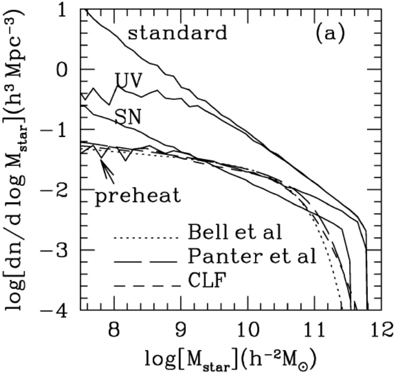


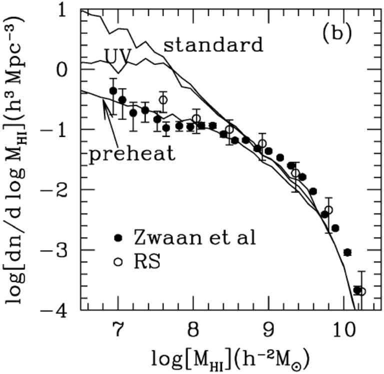
Maccio+ (2010)

- blazar heating suppresses late satellite formation, may reconcile low observed dwarf abundances with CDM simulations

Galactic H I-mass function

Mo+ (2005)

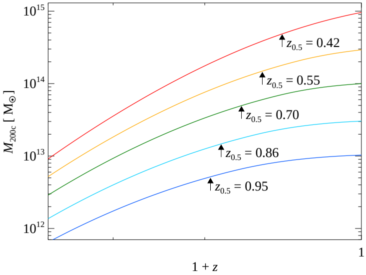




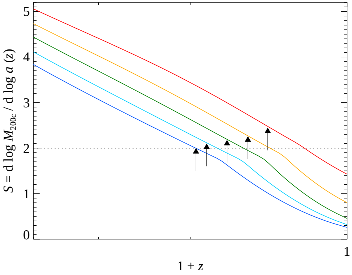
- H I-mass function is too flat (i.e., gas version of missing dwarf problem!)
- photoheating and SN feedback too inefficient
- IGM entropy floor of $K \sim 15\,\mathrm{keV\,cm}^2$ at $z \sim 2-3$ successful!

When do clusters form?

mass accretion history



mass accretion rates



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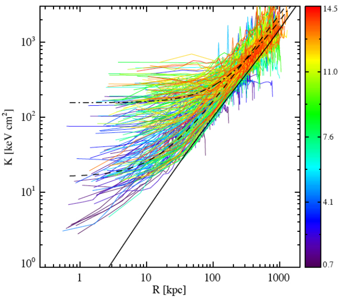
- most cluster gas accretes after $z = 1$, when blazar heating can have a large effect (for late forming objects)!

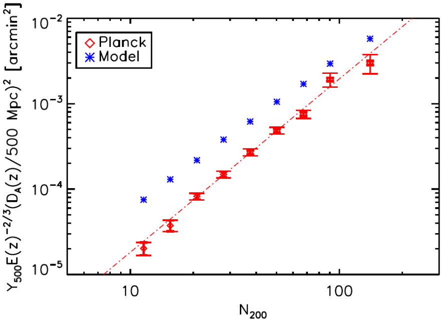
Entropy floor in clusters

Cluster entropy profiles



Cavagnolo+ (2009)

Planck stacking of optical clusters

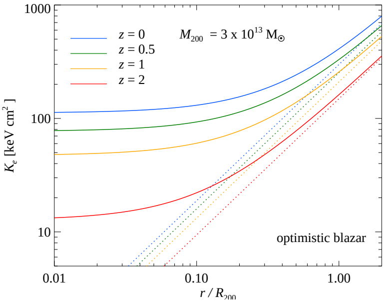


Planck Collaboration (2011)

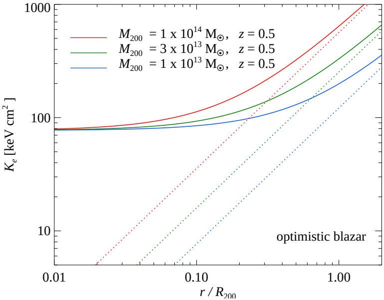
- Do optical and X-ray/Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster observations probe the same population? (Hicks+ 2008, Planck Collaboration 2011)

Entropy profiles: effect of blazar heating

varying formation time



varying cluster mass



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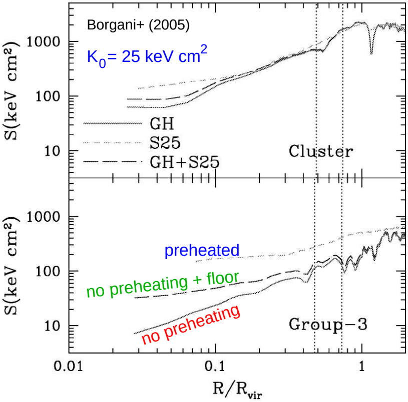
assume big fraction of intra-cluster medium collapses from IGM:

- redshift-dependent entropy excess in cores
- greatest effect for late forming groups/small clusters

Gravitational reprocessing of entropy floors



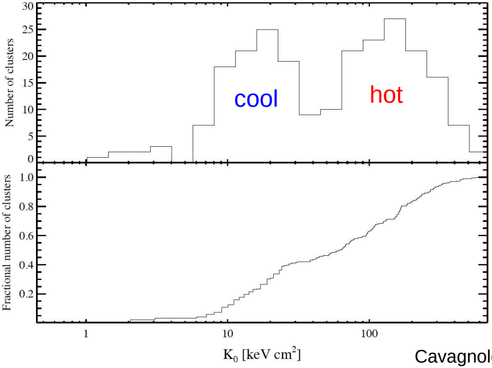
Borgani+ (2005)

- greater initial entropy K_0
  $\rightarrow$ more shock heating
  $\rightarrow$ greater increase in K_0 over entropy floor
- net K_0 amplification of 3-5
- expect:

  median $K_{e,0} \sim 150\,\text{keV}\,\text{cm}^2$

  max. $K_{e,0} \sim 600\,\text{keV}\,\text{cm}^2$

Cool-core versus non-cool core clusters



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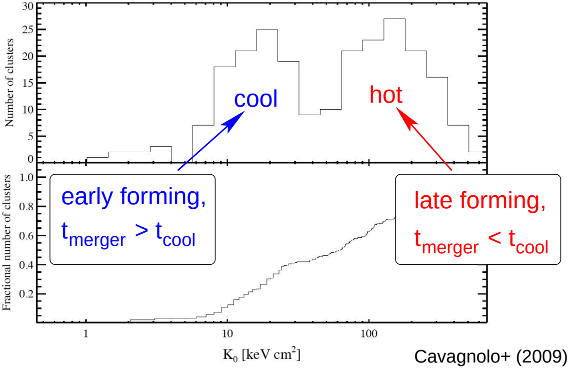
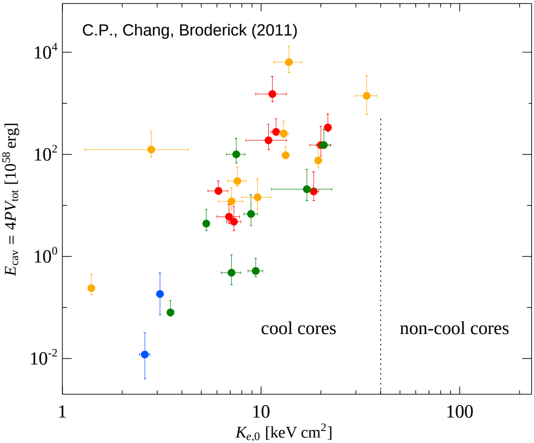


Cavagnolo+ (2009)

- time-dependent preheating + gravitational reprocessing $\rightarrow$ CC-NCC bifurcation (two attractor solutions)
- need hydrodynamic simulations to confirm this scenario

How efficient is heating by AGN feedback?



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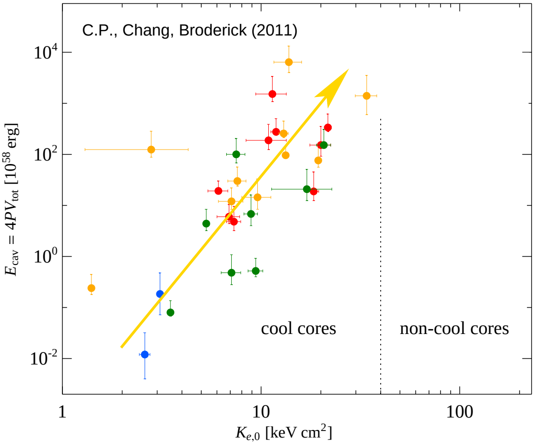

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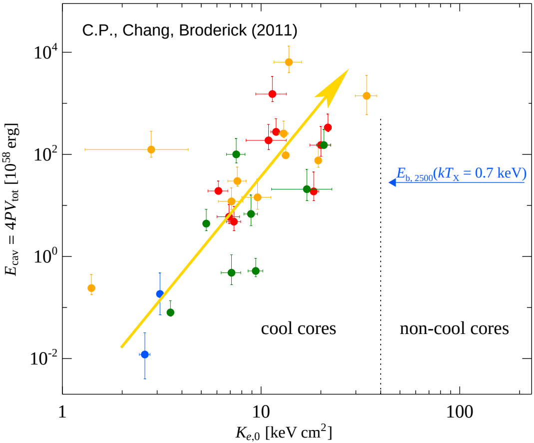

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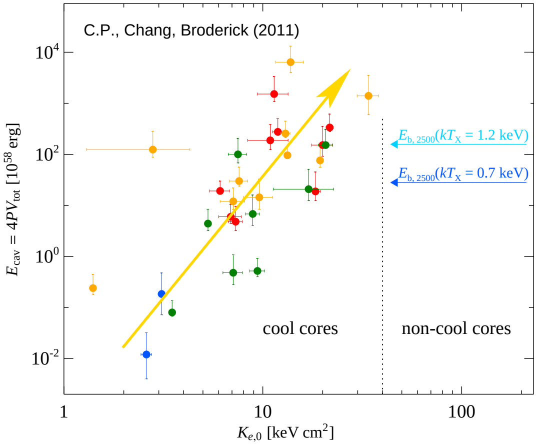

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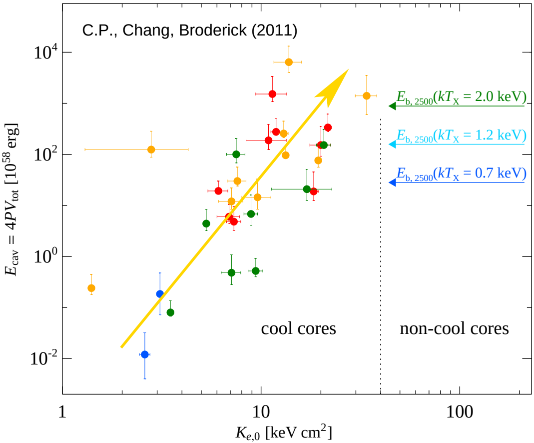

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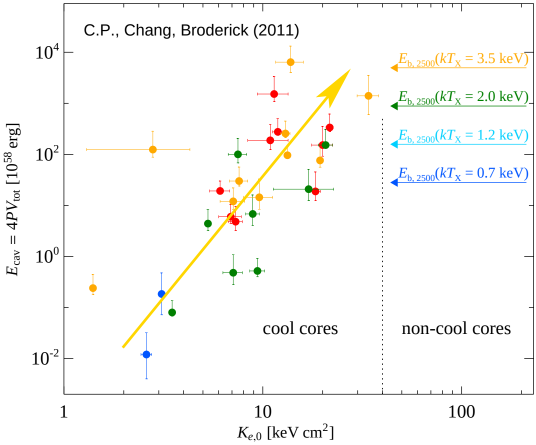

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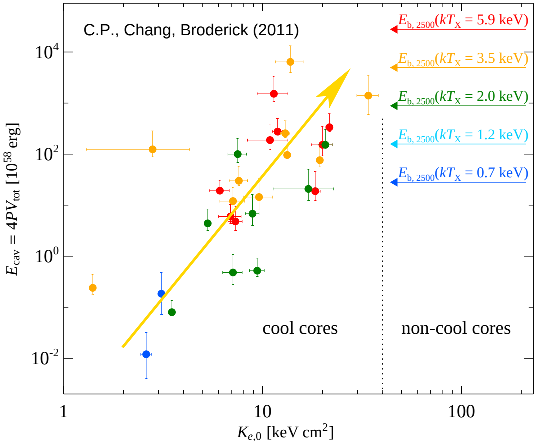

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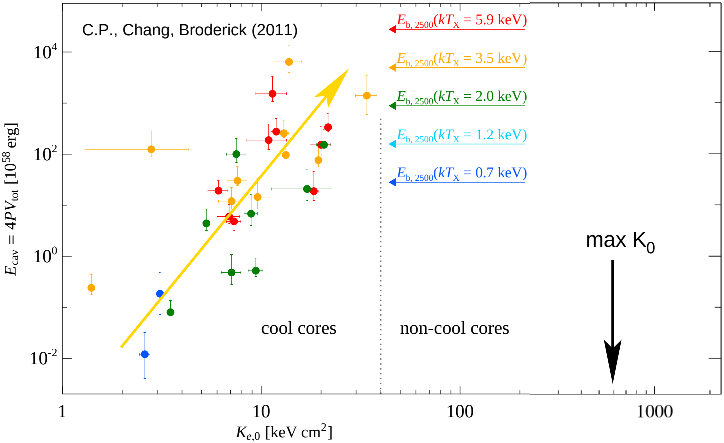
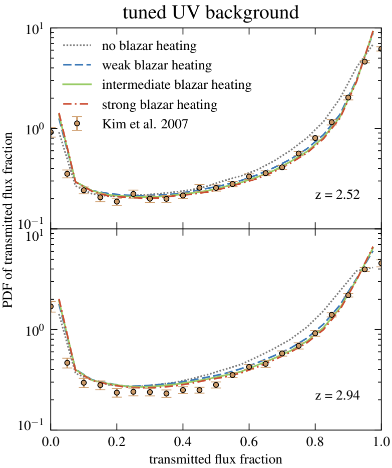


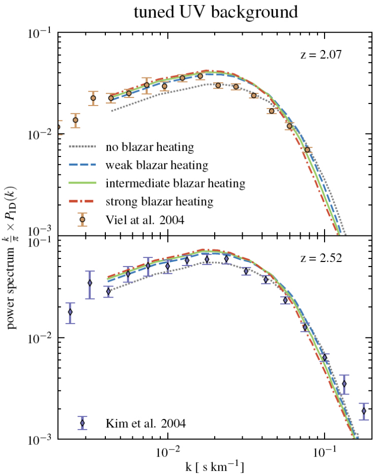
AGNs cannot transform CC to NCC clusters (on a buoyancy timescale)

Conclusions on blazar heating

- explains puzzles in high-energy astrophysics:
  - lack of GeV bumps in blazar spectra without IGM B-fields
  - *unified TeV blazar-quasar model* explains Fermi source counts and extragalactic gamma-ray background
- novel mechanism; dramatically alters thermal history of the IGM:
  - uniform and z-dependent preheating
  - rate independent of density $\rightarrow$ inverted T–ρ relation
  - quantitative self-consistent picture of high-z Lyman-α forest
- significantly modifies late-time structure formation:
  - suppresses late dwarf formation (in accordance with SFHs): “missing satellites”, void phenomenon, H I-mass function
  - group/cluster bimodality of core entropy values

Ly-α flux PDFs and power spectra





Puchwein+ (2011)