

F-GAMMA program

multi-frequency radio monitoring of Fermi blazars

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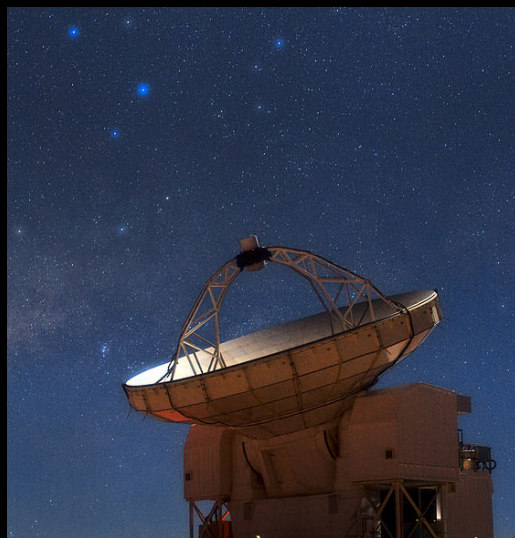
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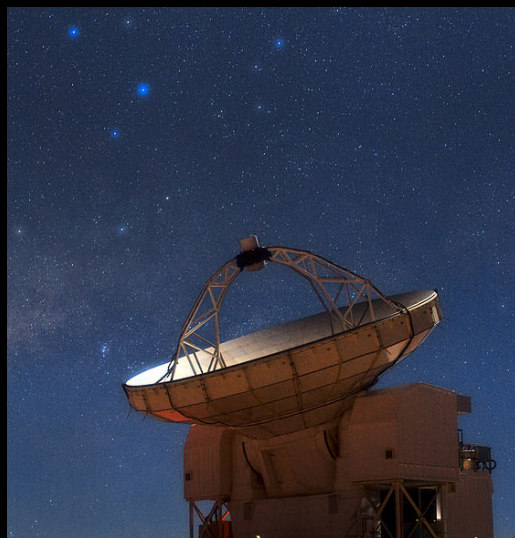
the F-GAMMA program (Jan. 2007 — Jan. 2015):

- ➔ understand the broad-band variability (emission and variability mechanisms)
- ➔ localise the gamma-ray emission site
- ➔ conduct population studies of HE emitters
- ➔ investigate what drives the HE emission
- ➔ physics of the emitting elements

Fuhrmann, Angelakis et al. A&A, accepted, 2016arXiv160802580F

Angelakis et al. 2010, astro-ph.CO/1006.5610

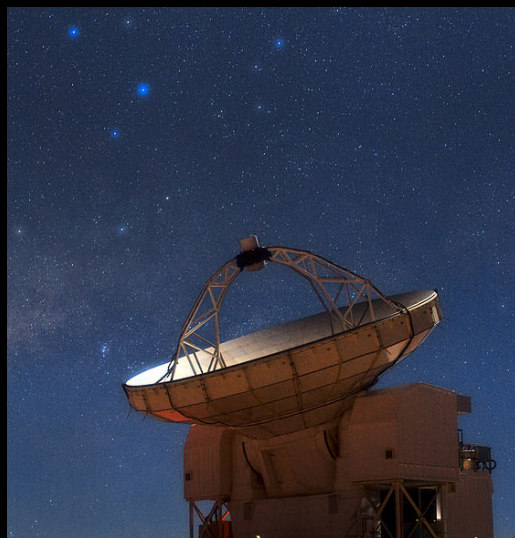
Fuhrmann et al. 2007, AIP Conf. Series, Vol. 921, 249–251



the F-GAMMA program (Jan. 2007 — Jan. 2015):

- ➔ ~90 mostly *Fermi*-detected and candidate sources
- ➔ Effelsberg: 2.6, 4.9, 8.4, 10.5, 14.6, 23, 32, 43
 - linear polarisation: 2.6, 4.9, 8.4, 10.5 and 14.6
 - circular polarisation: at 2.6, 4.9, 8.4, 10.5, 14.6, 23
- ➔ 30-m IRAM: 86.24, 142.3, 228.9,
- ➔ APEX 12 m: 345 GHz

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→ Effelsberg:

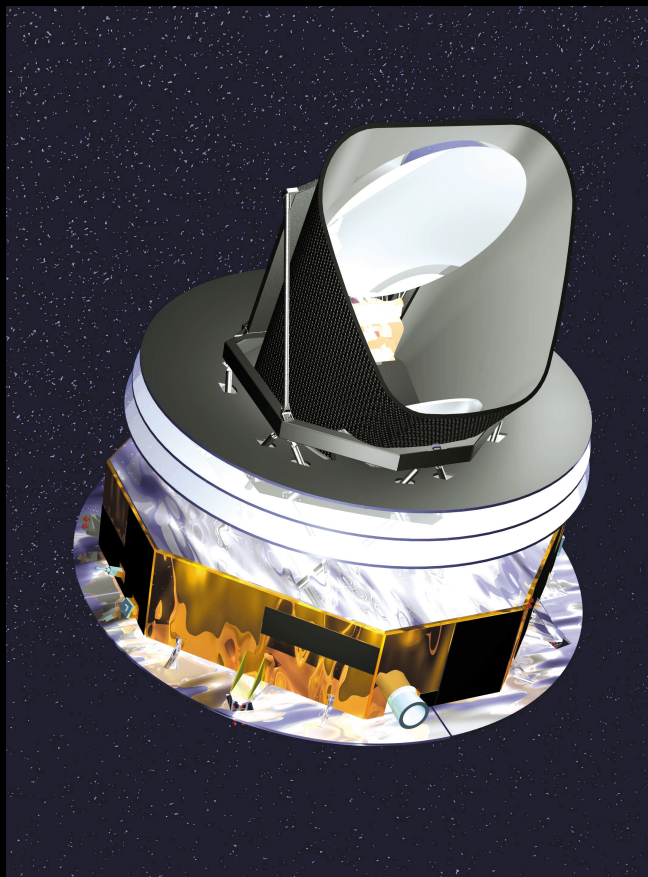
- cadence: 1-1.3 months
- fractional uncertainty: <5%

→ 30-m IRAM:

- cadence: 1-1.7 months
- fractional uncertainty: : <11%

→ APEX 12 m: 345 GHz

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→ OVRO monitoring (*Richards et al., 2011, ApJS, 194, 29*):

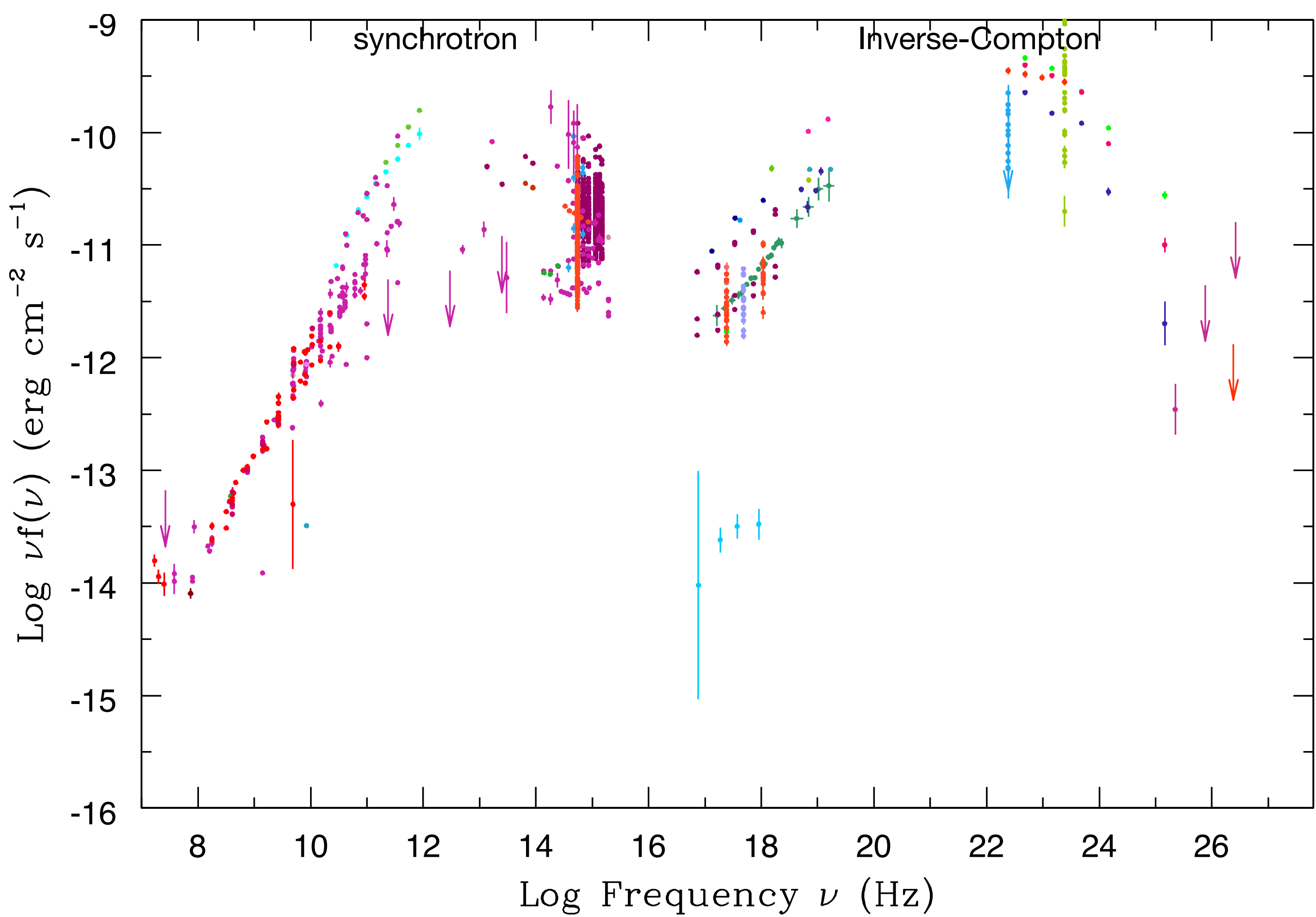
- 15 GHz
- 1800 sources
- cadence: ~2 days

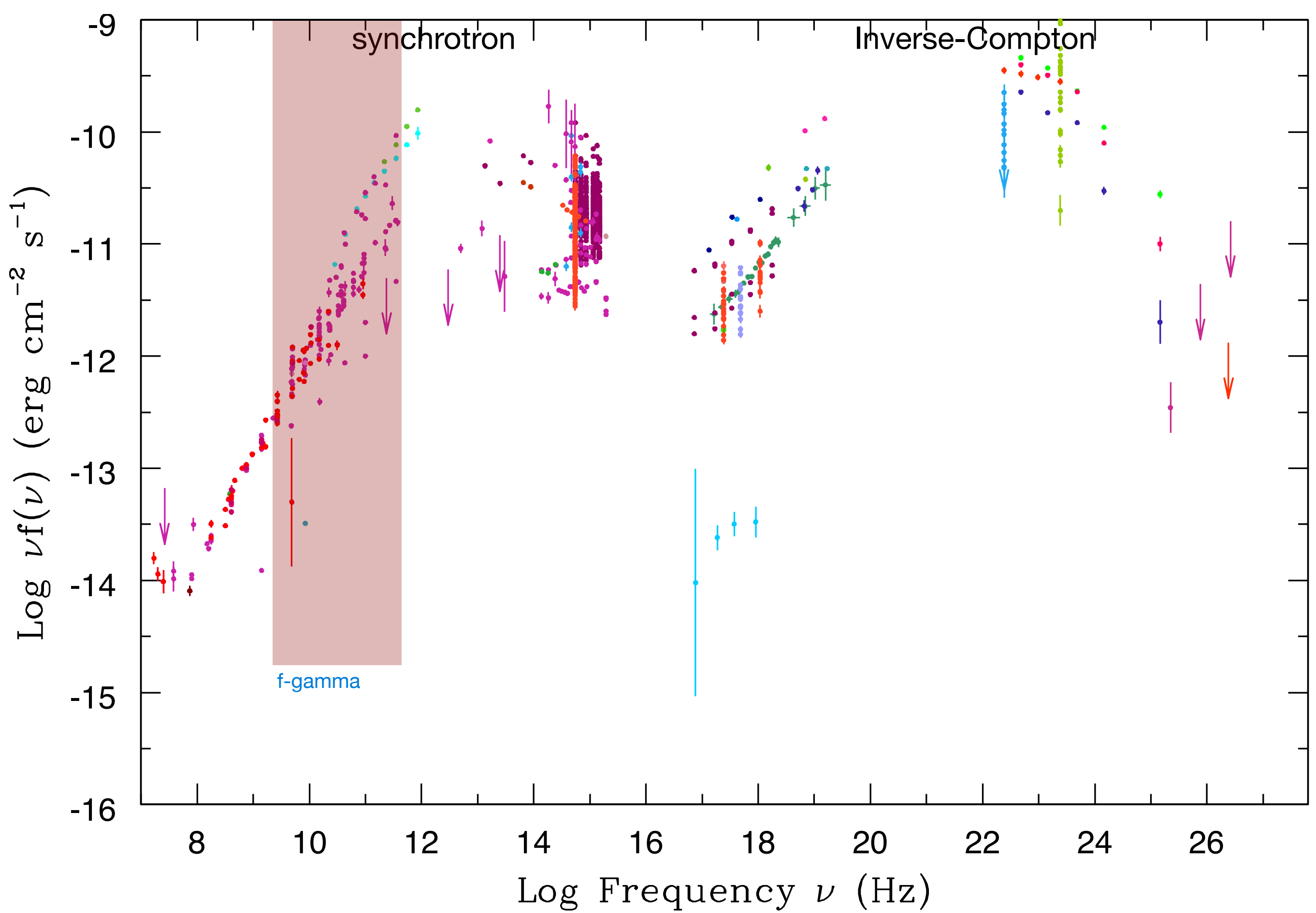
→ KVN (*Fuhrmann, Angelakis et al. A&A, accepted, 2016arXiv160802580F*):

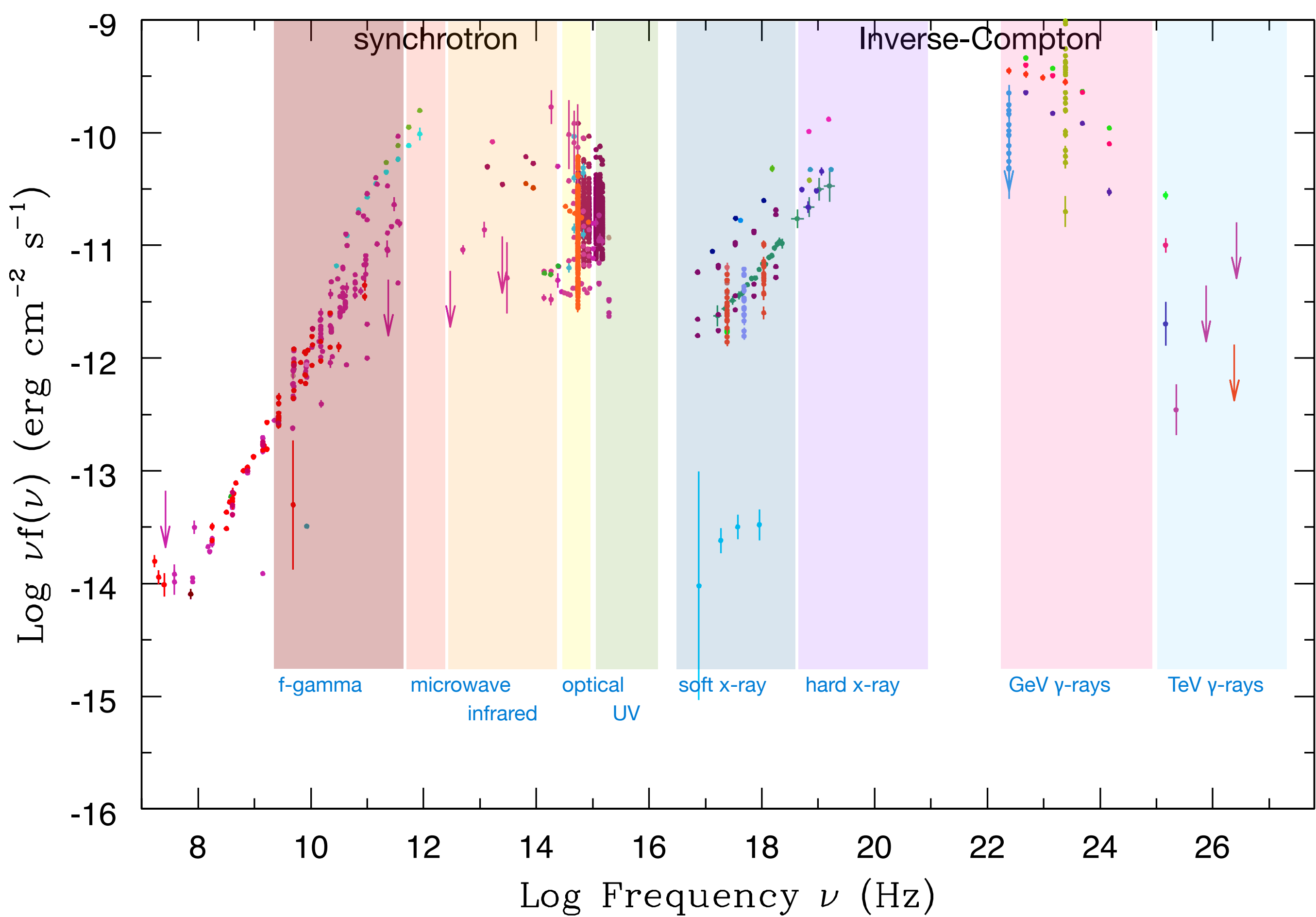
- cadence: ~1 month
- ~90 sources at 13 , 7 mm

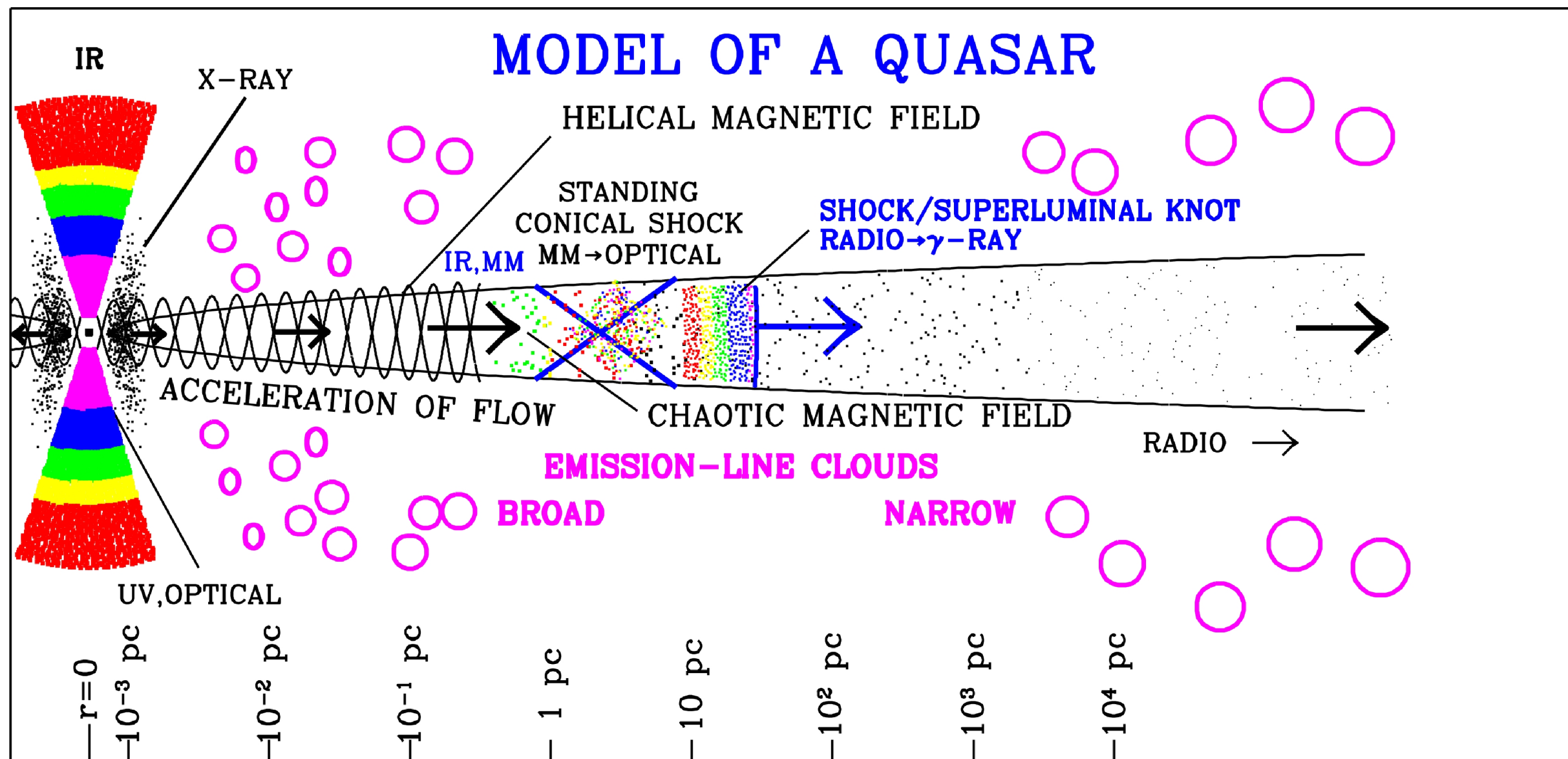
→ RoboPol (polarisation) (*Angelakis et al., 2016, MNRAS, 463, 3365*):

- 60 GL and 15 GQ sources
- 1-3 days in R-band

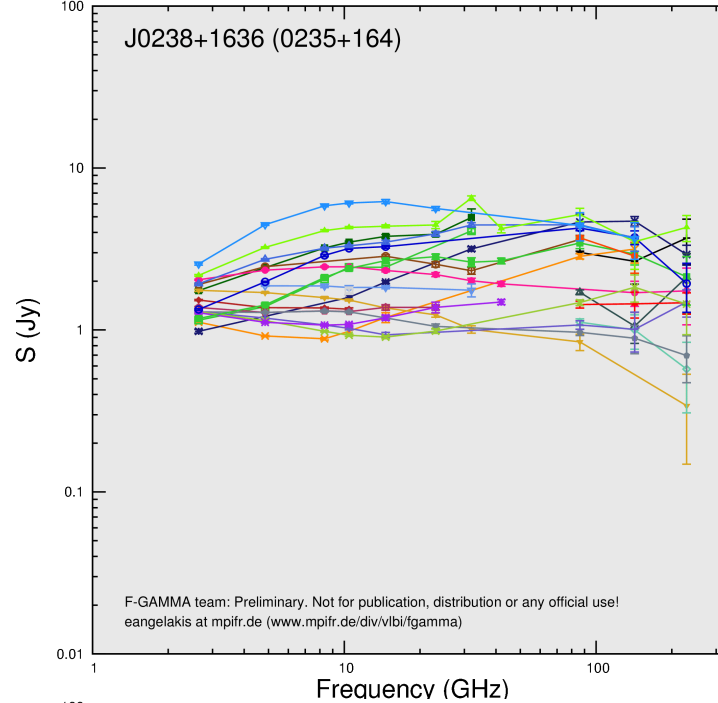
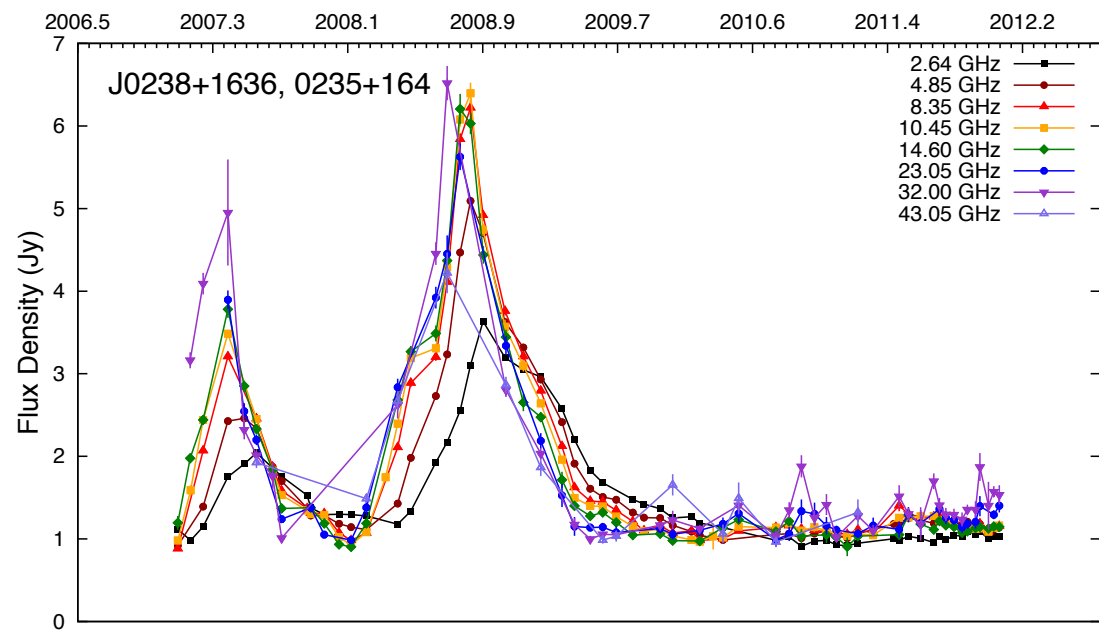




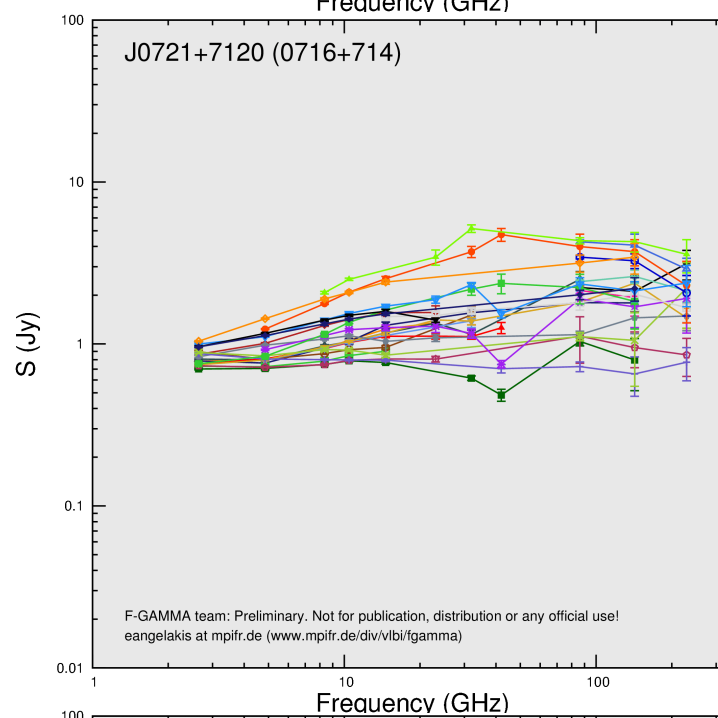
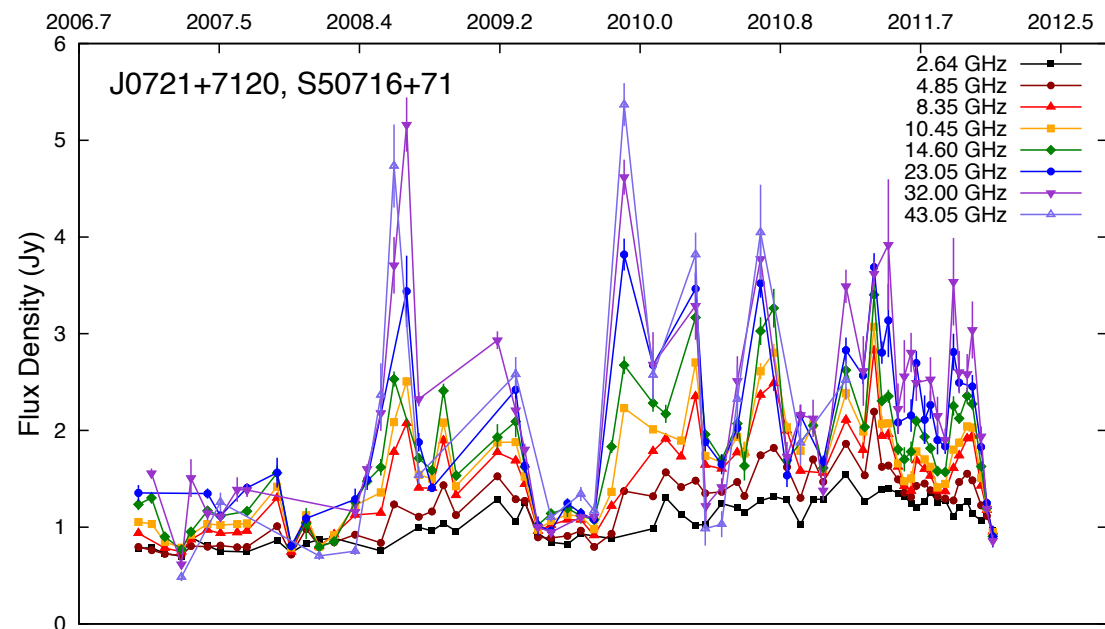




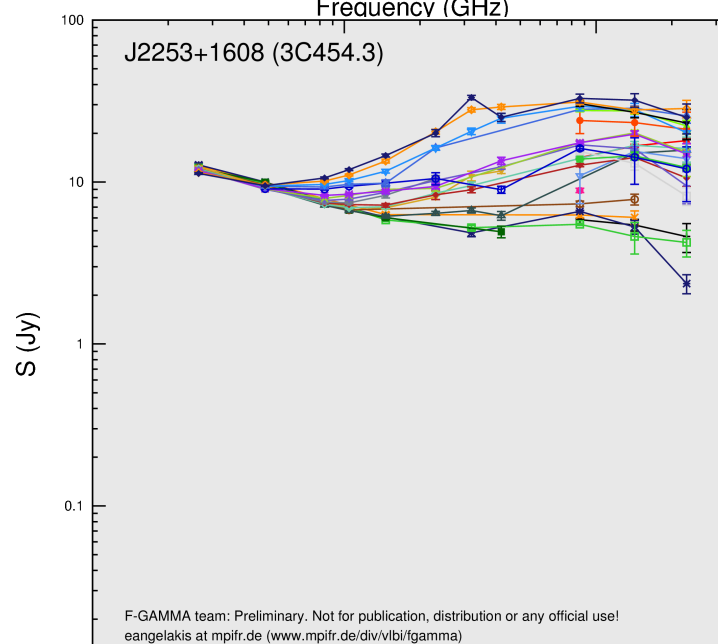
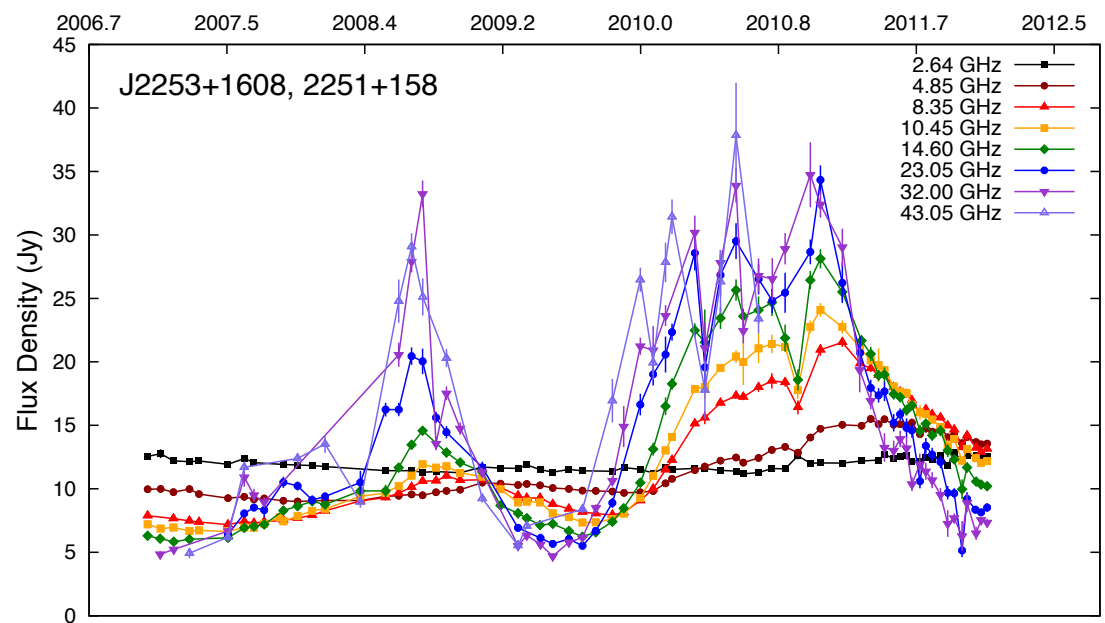
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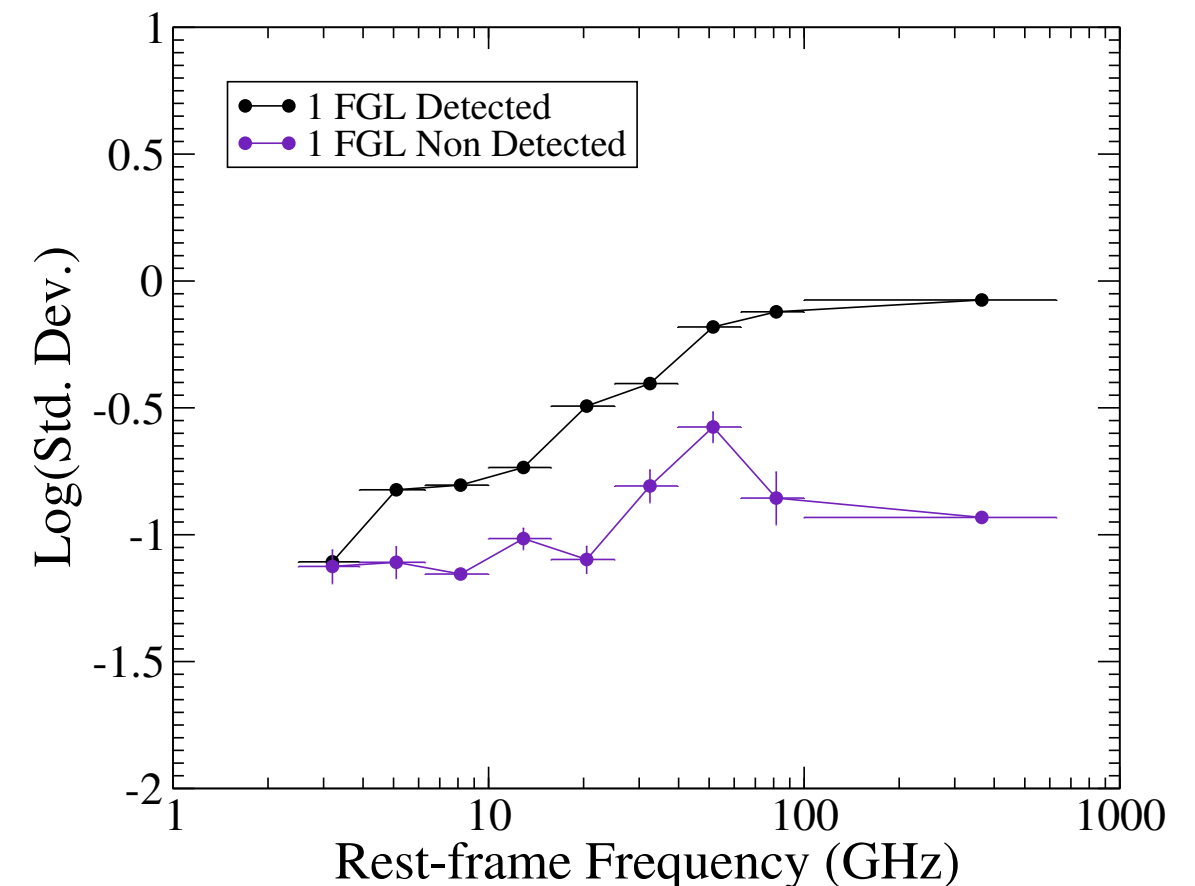
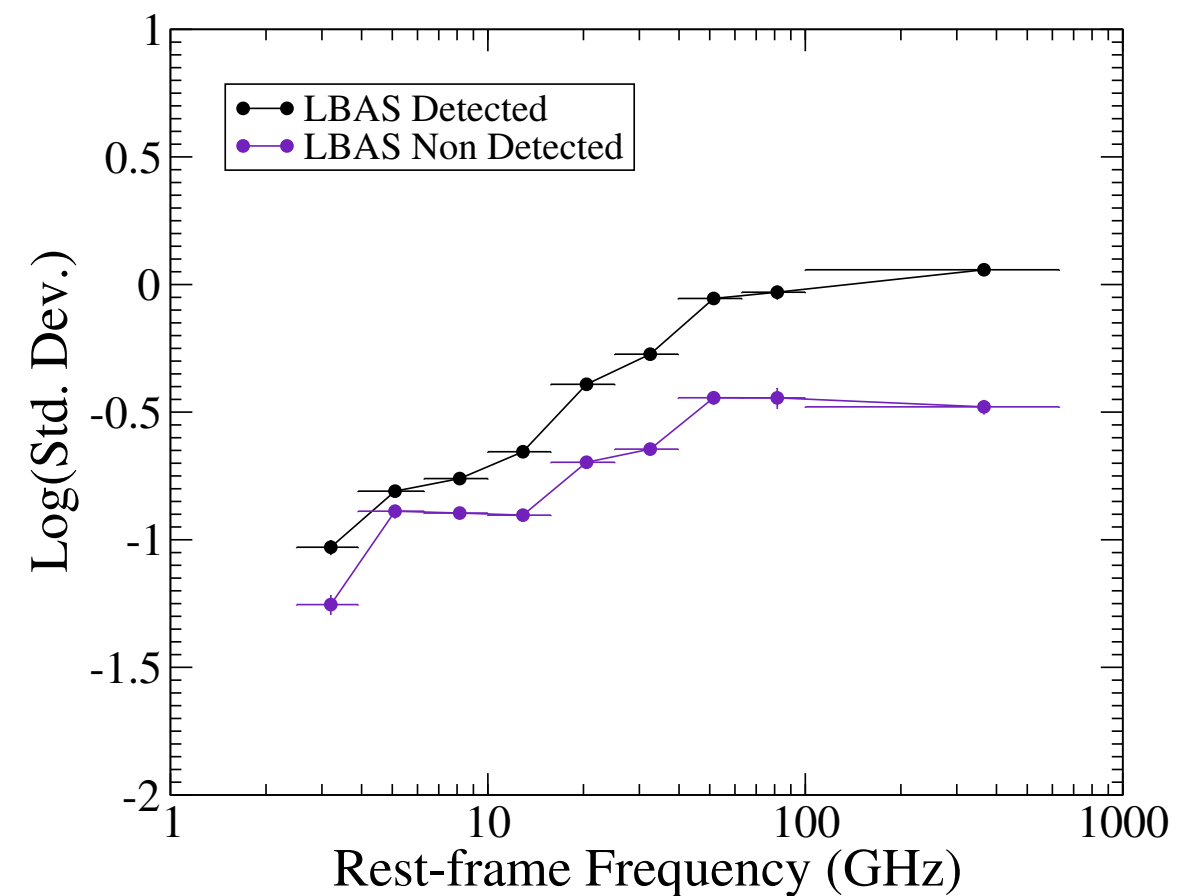
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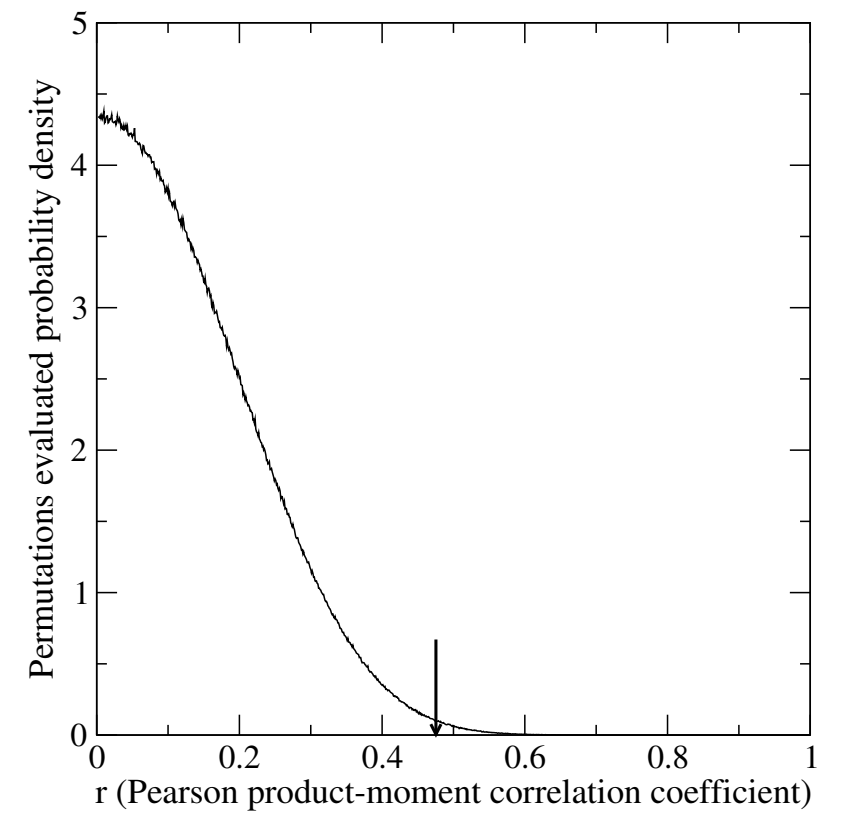
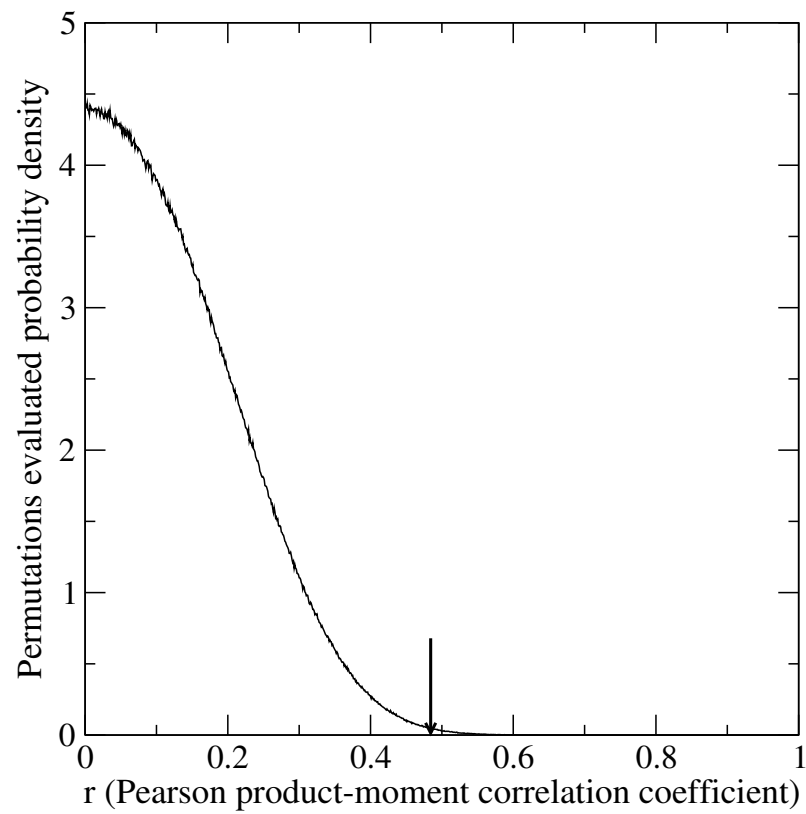
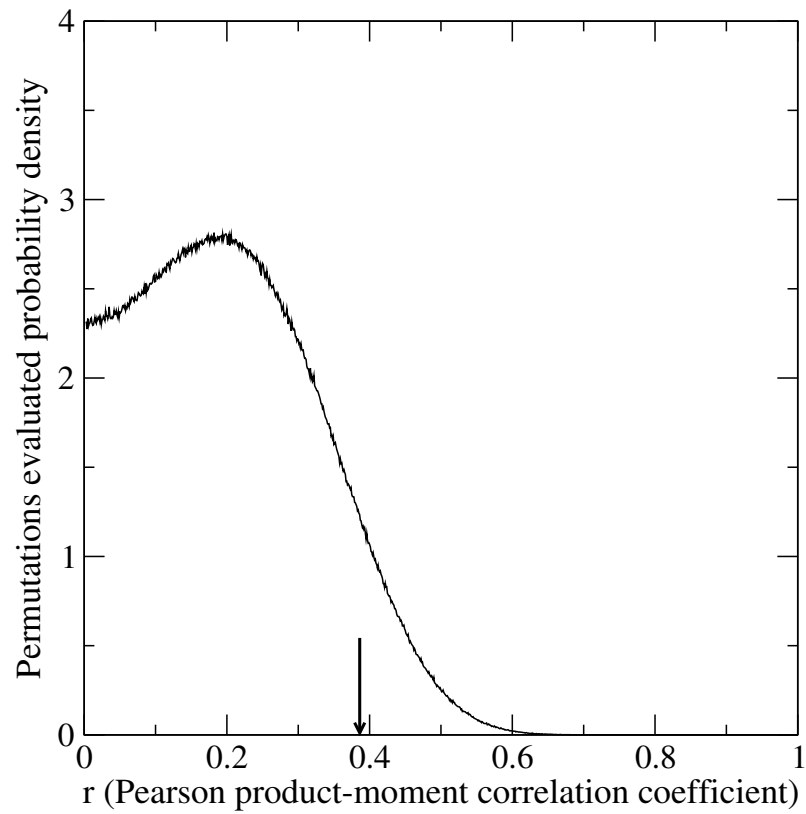
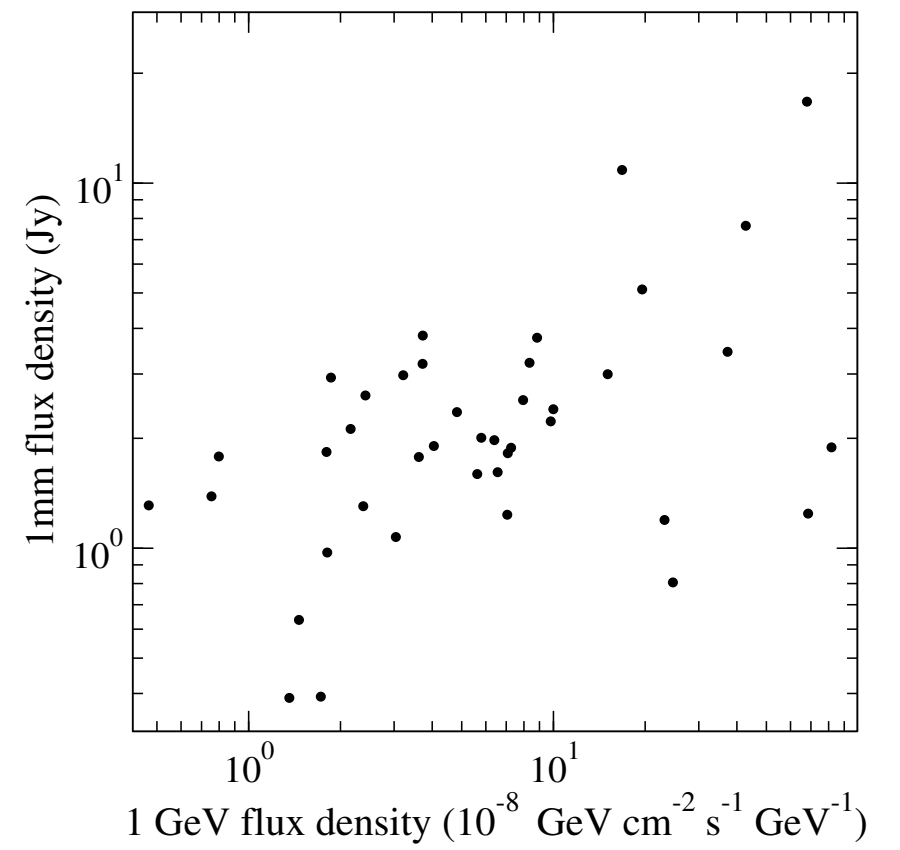
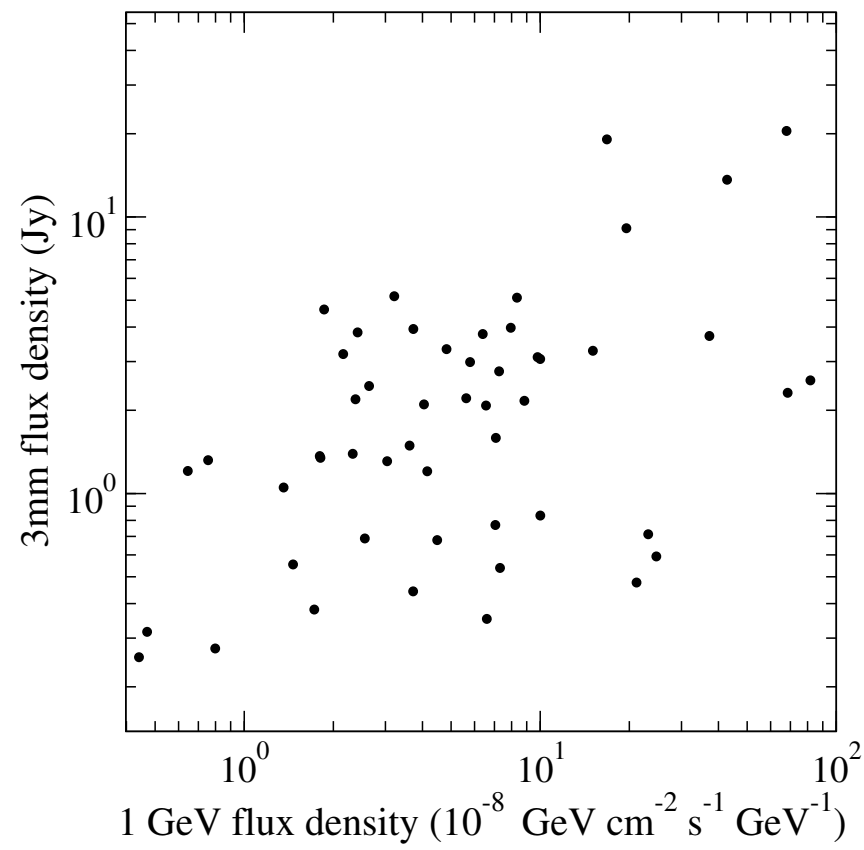
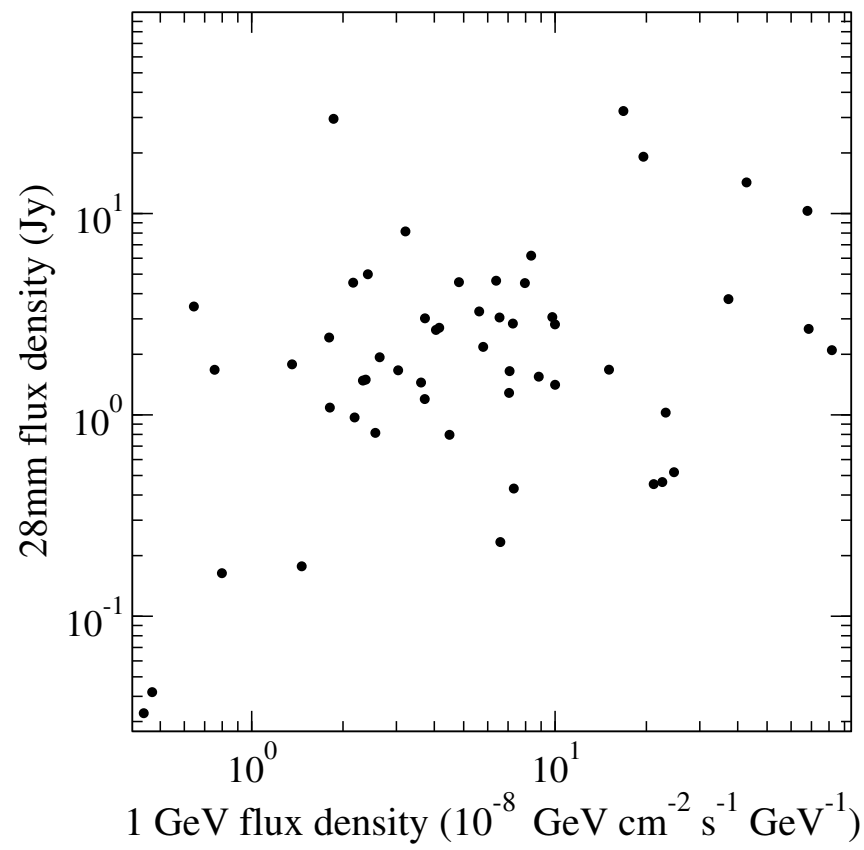
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radio - gamma-ray activity

Radio variability amplitude and Fermi detectability:

- ➔ γ -ray detected sources display larger variability amplitudes
 - more than a factor of 3 at the highest frequencies
- ➔ clear increase in the separation towards higher frequencies





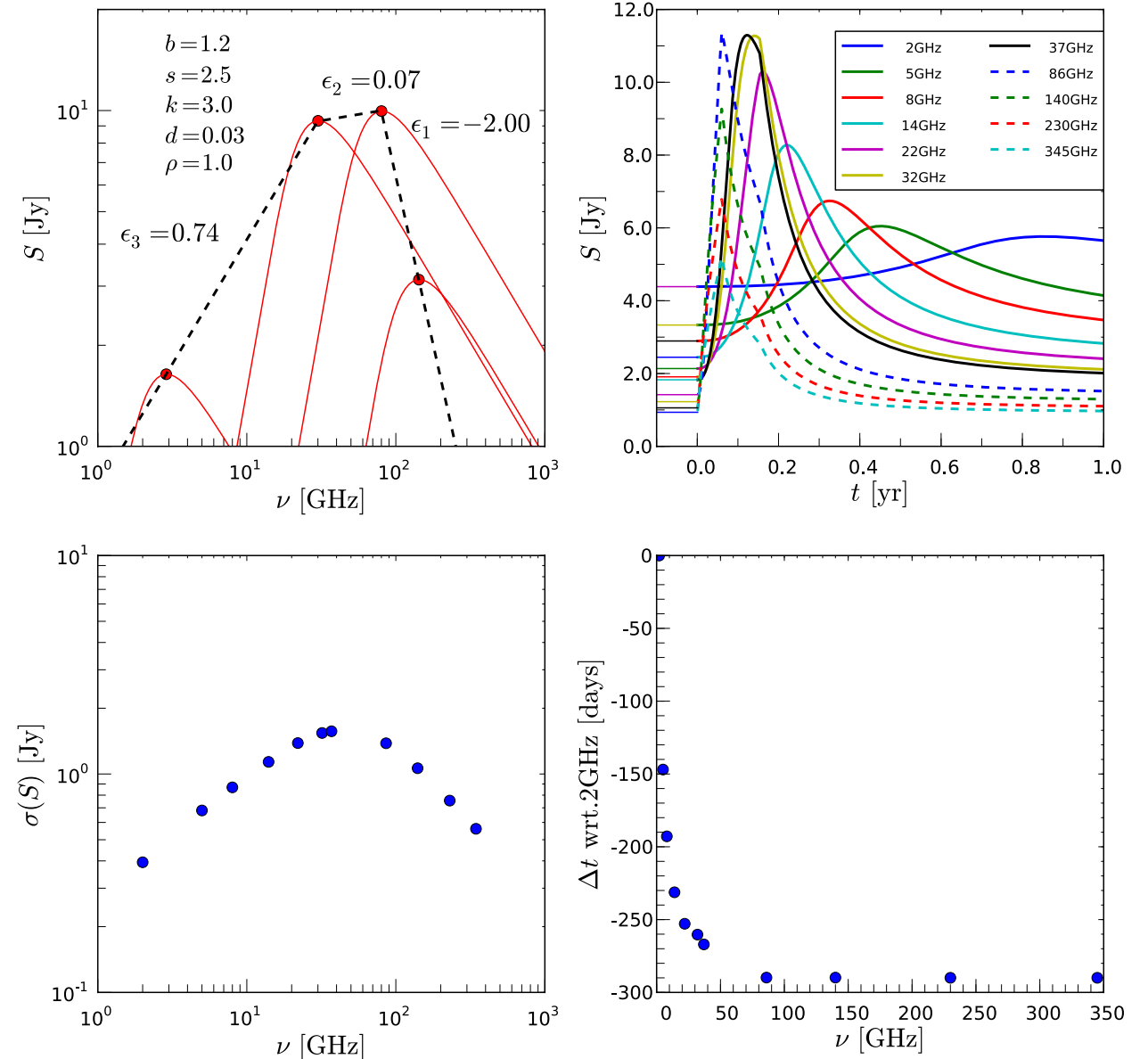
testing the shock in jet: variability amplitude vs frequency and classification

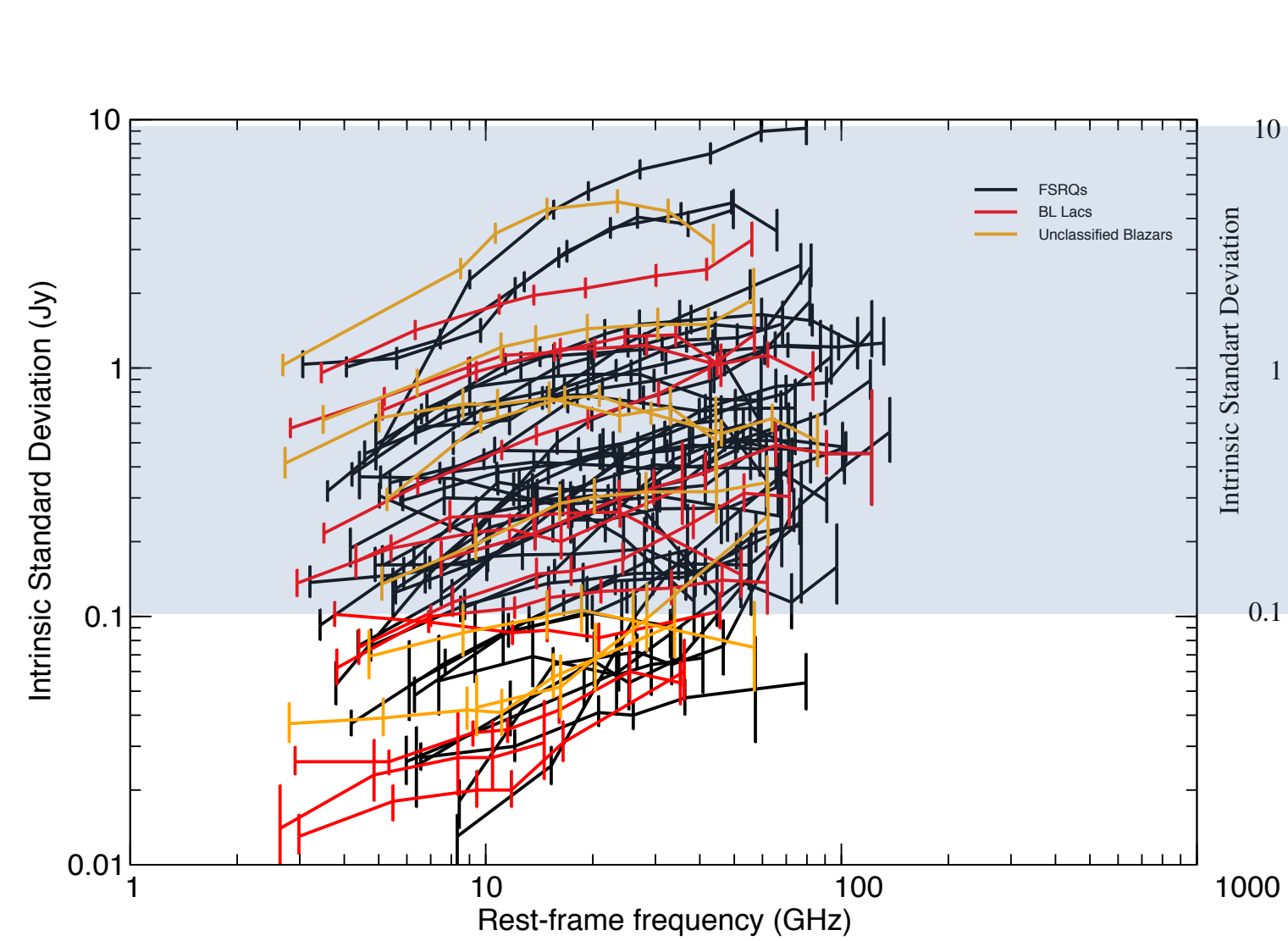
testing the predictions of the shock-in-jet ([Marscher & Gear 1985](#))

A Likelihood Analysis obtains the Intrinsic Modulation Index, we assume:

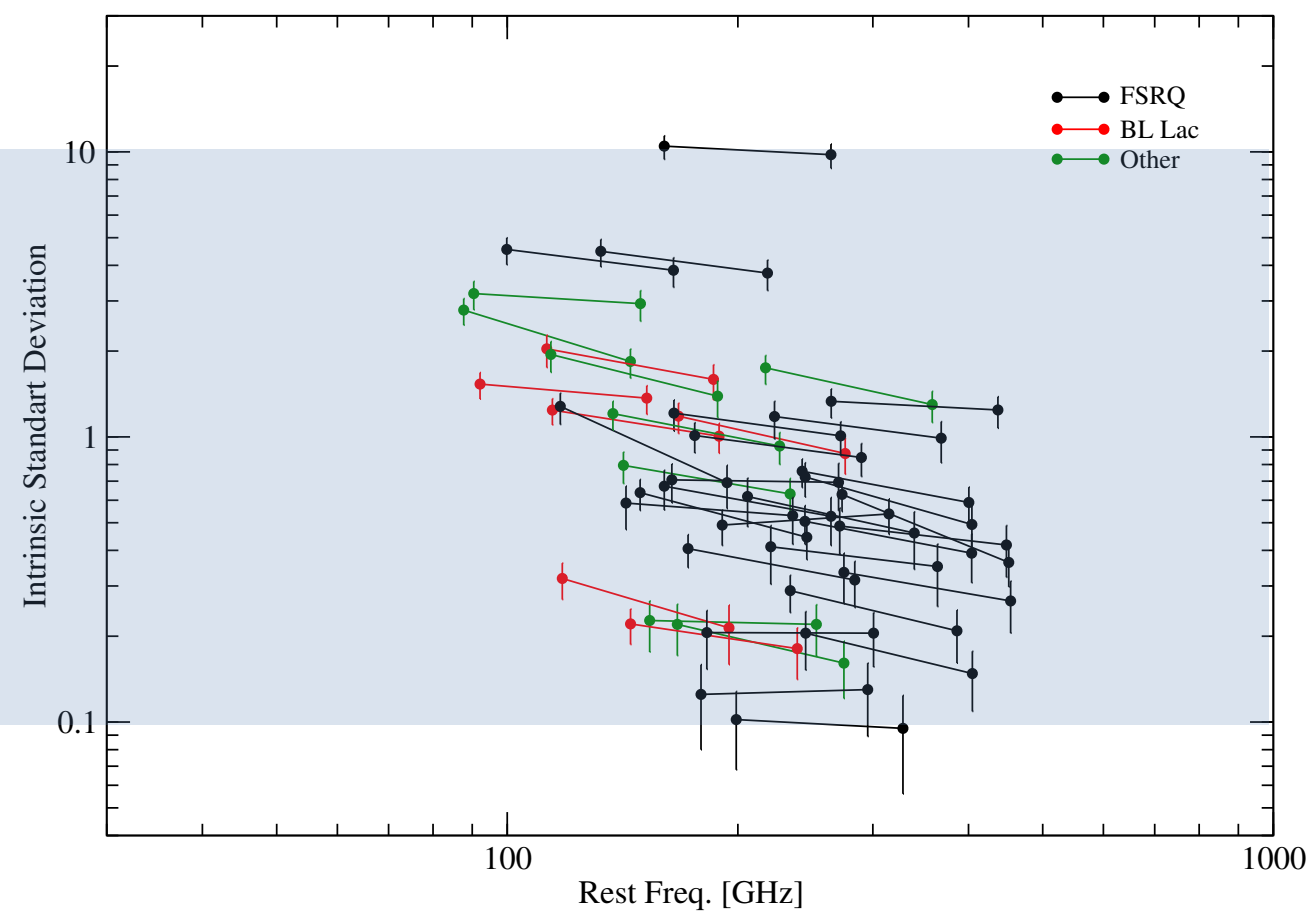
- ➔ normally distributed “true” flux densities (S_0 , σ_0)
- ➔ intrinsic modulation index $m = \sigma_0/S_0$
- ➔ For N measurements of the flux density (S_j , σ_j)
- ➔ the most likely value of m and the associated uncertainties obtain the marginalised likelihood as a function of only m :

$$\mathcal{L}(\overline{m}) = \int_{\text{all } S_0} dS_0 S_0 \left\{ \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi (\overline{m}^2 S_0^2 + \sigma_j^2)}} \right) \times \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{(S_j - S_0)^2}{\sigma_j^2 + \overline{m}^2 S_0^2} \right] \right\}$$

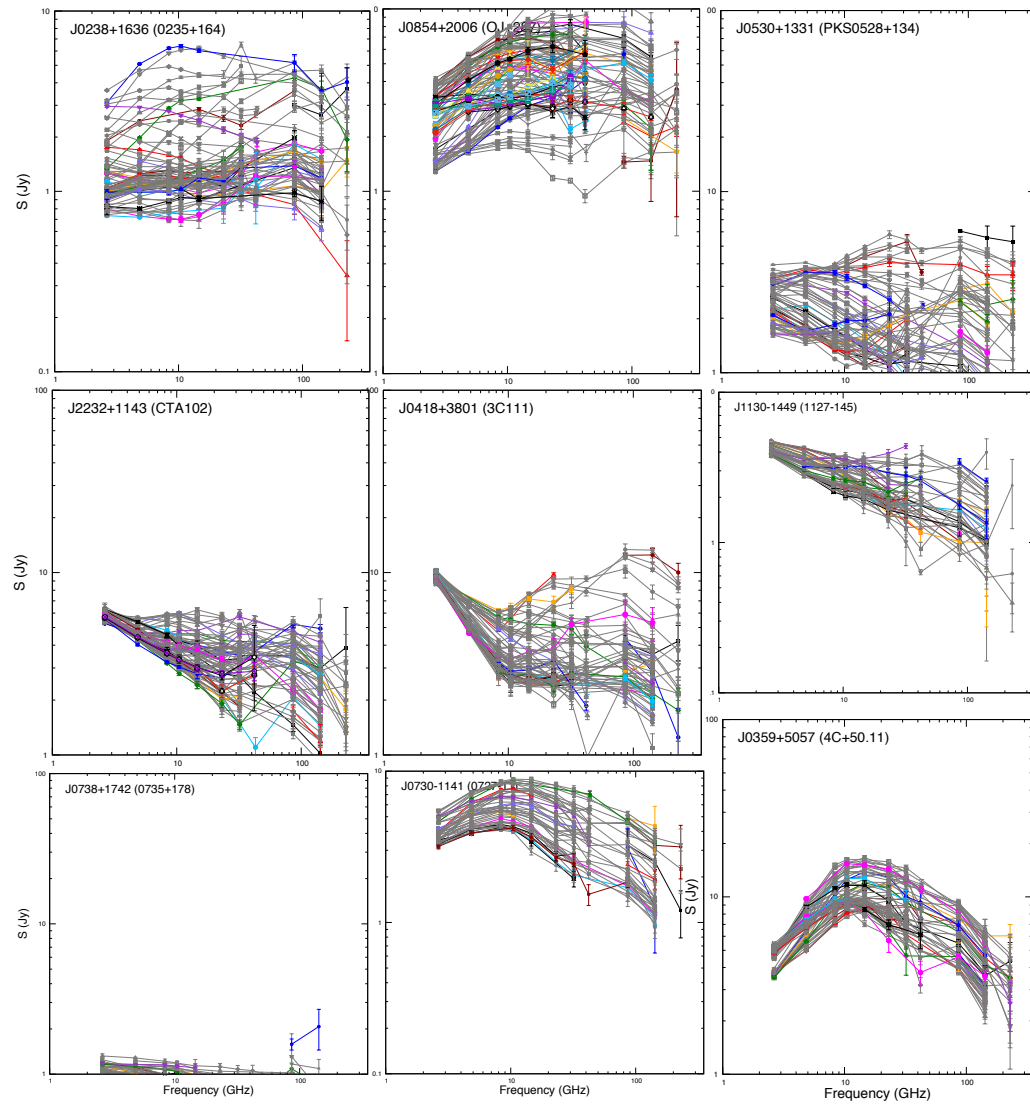




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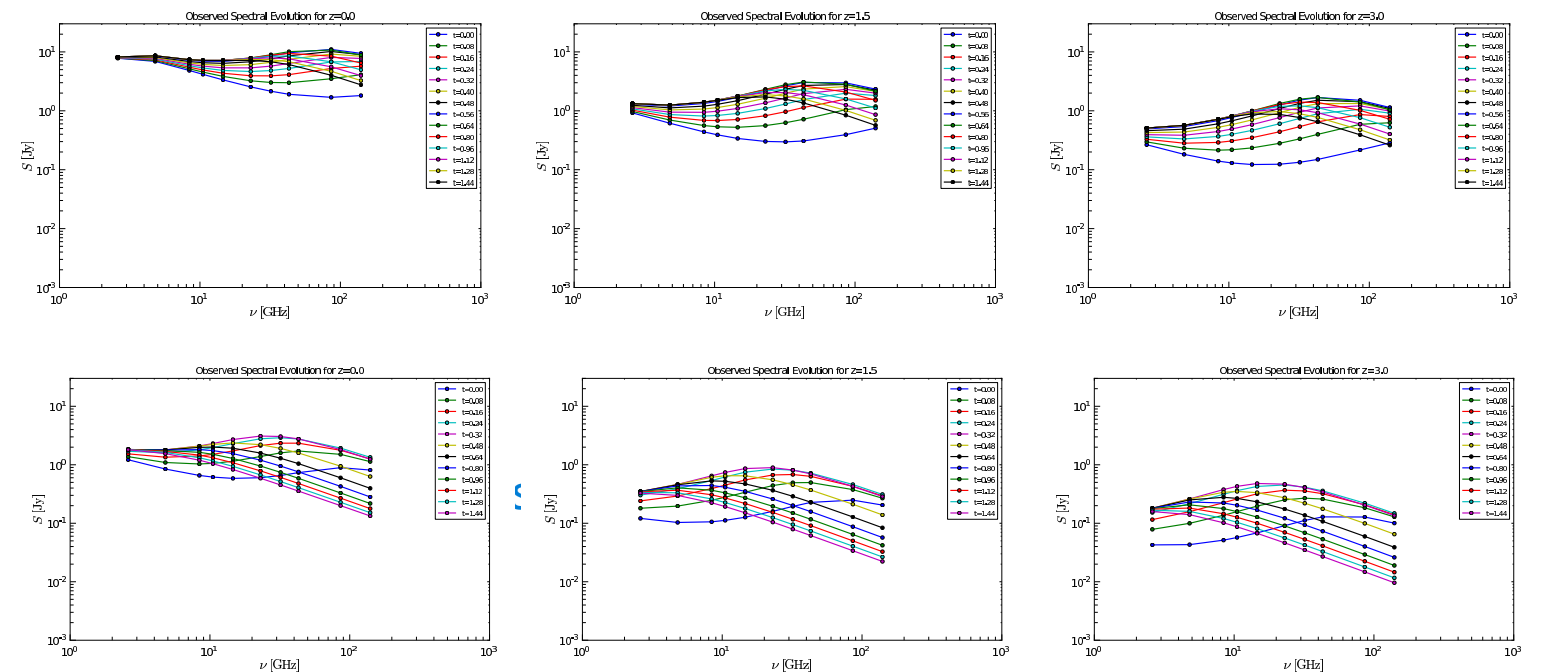
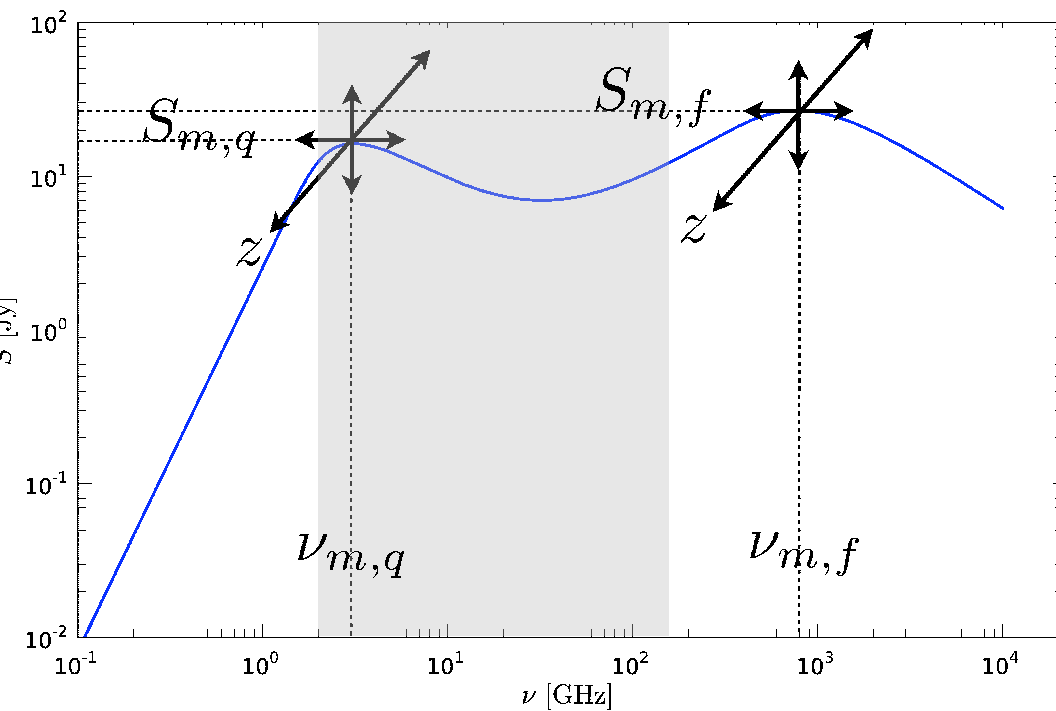


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the plurality seen in the radio SED variability patterns can be naturally reproduced by the mere combination of:

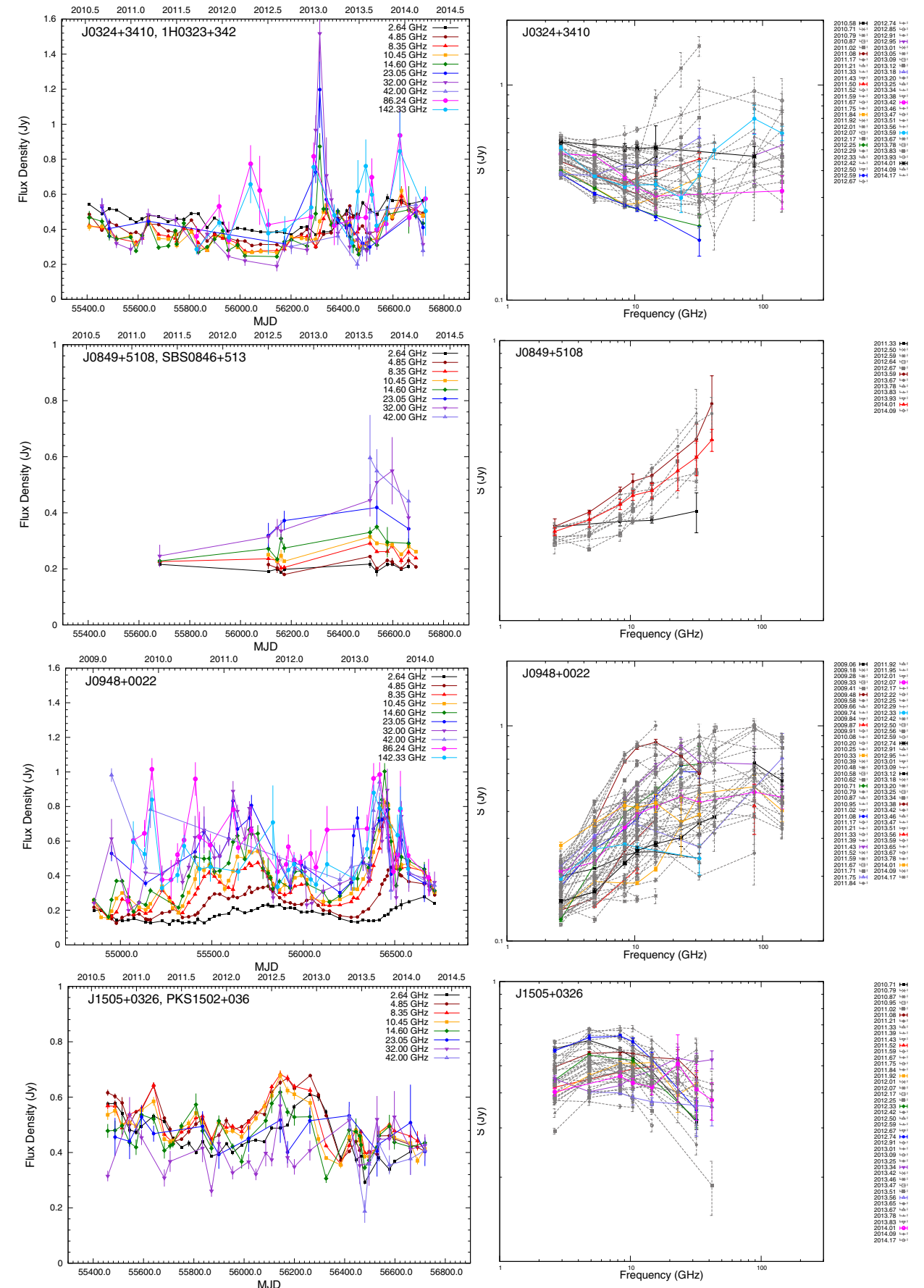
- ➔ a power-law quiescent spectrum with $S \sim \nu^\alpha$ attributed to the optically thin emission of a large scale jet
- ➔ a convex synchrotron self-absorbed spectrum caused by recent outbursting superimposed on the quiescent part.



NLSY1s

the radio jet emission of Narrow line Seyfert 1 galaxies:

- ➔ light curves phenomenology typical of blazars (lower flux densities),
- ➔ “flare decomposition” method showed moderate brightness temperatures implying:
 - Doppler factors that do not exceed about 10
 - moderately relativistic jets
- ➔ jet power similar to the least energetic blazars (BL Lac objects),
- ➔ spectral evolution occurs at a faster pace, involving shorter timescales:
 - probably related to the smaller black-hole masses or higher accretion rates

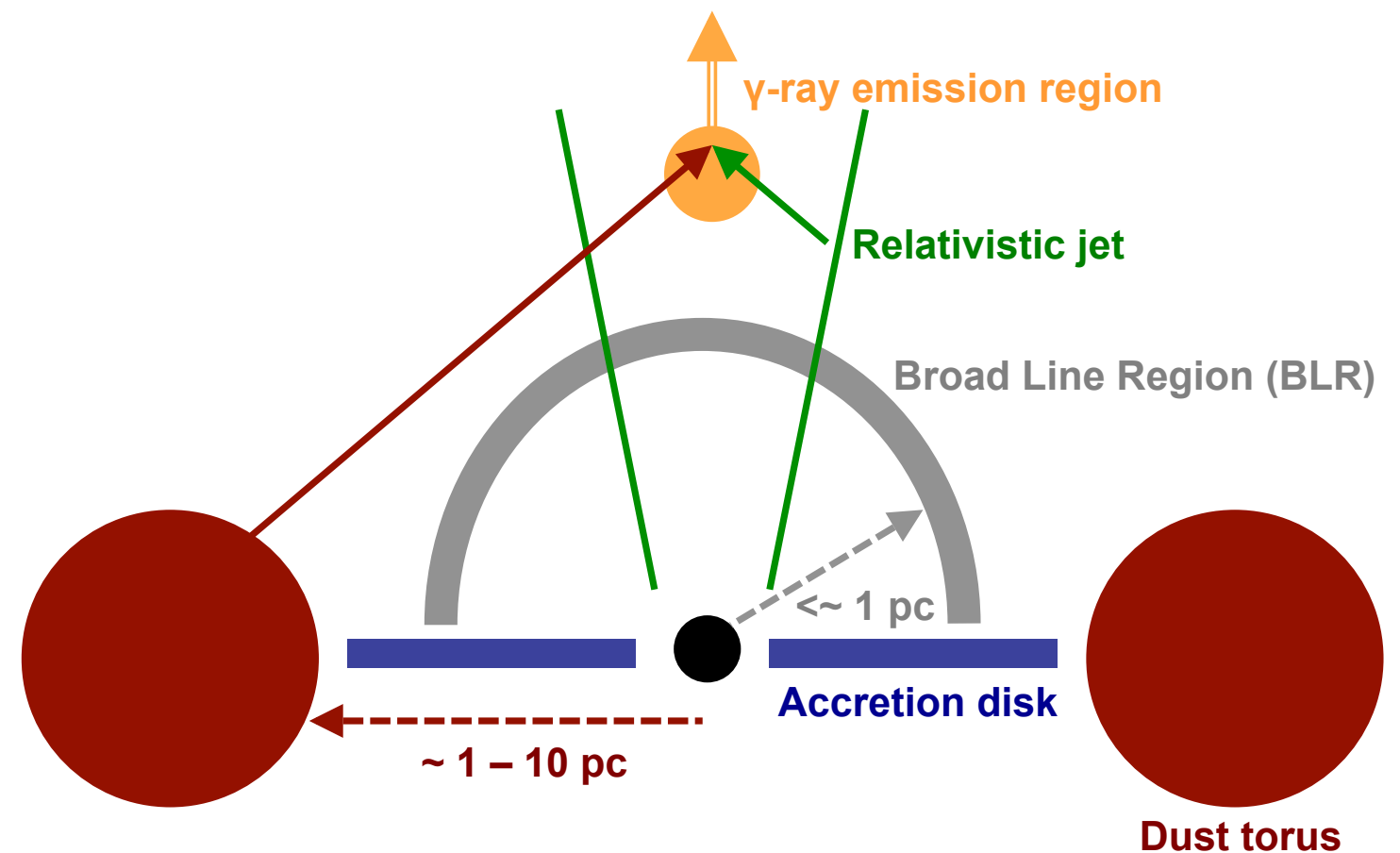
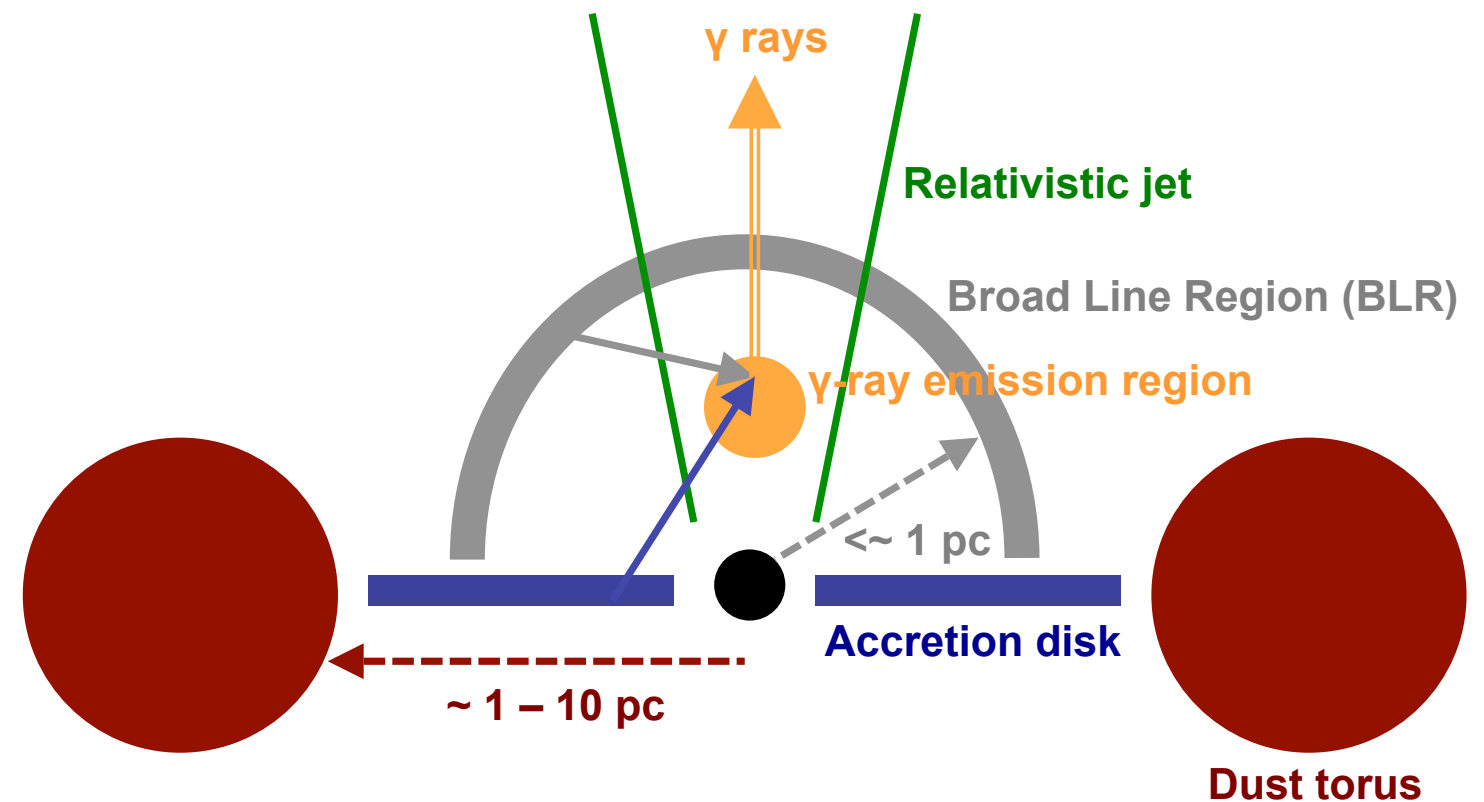


gamma-ray emission site

→ where in the jet are the gamma rays produced?:

- close to SMBH in the Broad Line Region
- on down the jet at pc-scales

(e.g. Blandford & Levinson 1995, Valtaoja et al. 1992, Jorstad et al. 2001, Agudo et al. 2011, Leon-Tavares et al. 2011)



Locating the γ -ray emission site using multi-band variability

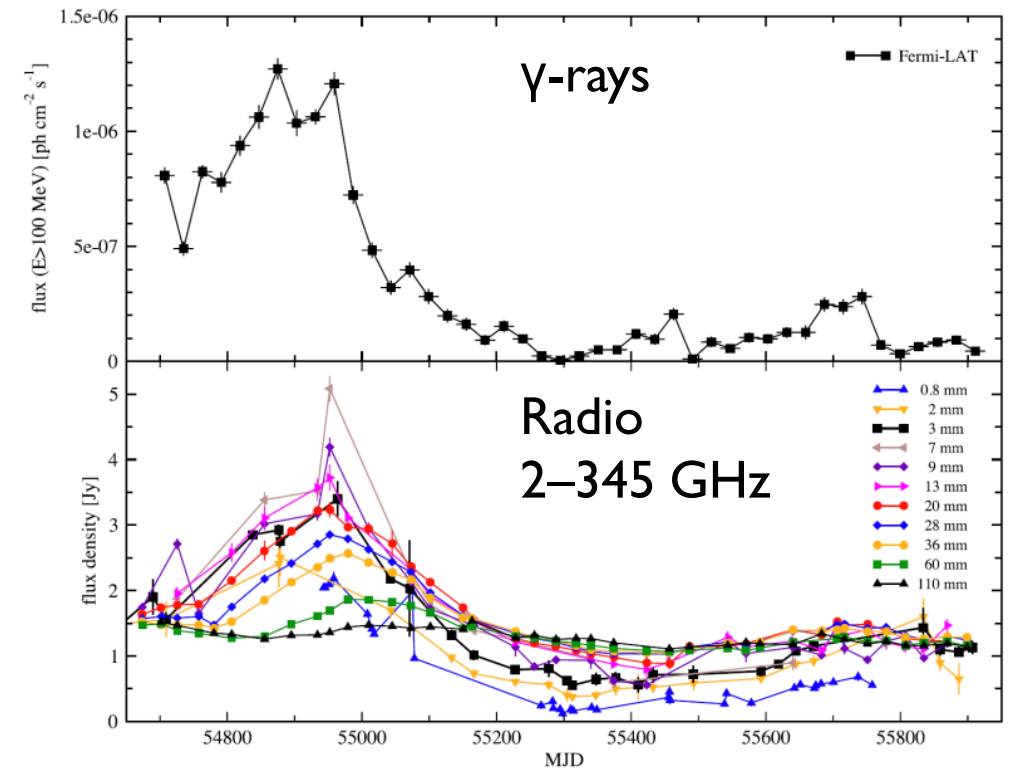
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Delay origin: opacity of the synchrotron
self-absorbed jet

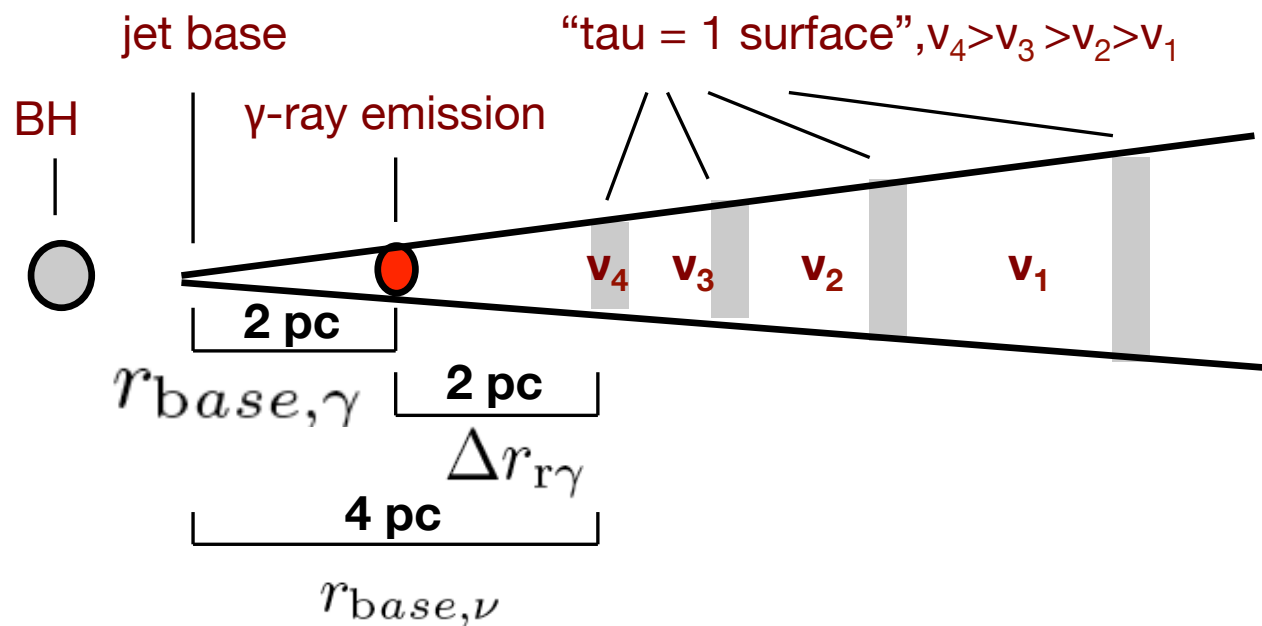
Relative timing of flares (DCCF)

Knot kinematics (mm-VLBI)

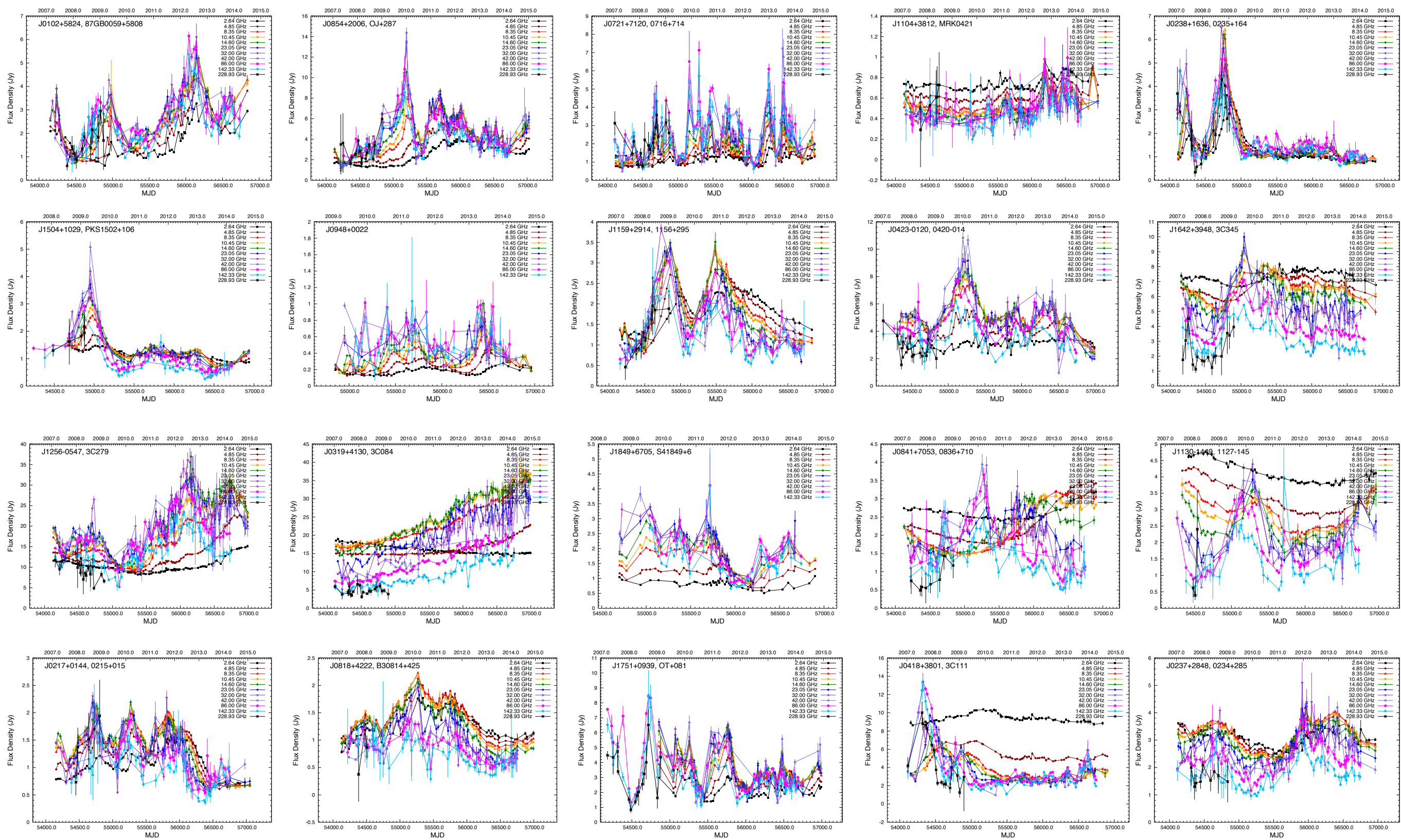
- precise core-shifts
- γ -ray emission site



200 days



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