# Diffusive Synchrotron Radiation Gregory D. Fleishman

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#### **Bremsstrahlung vs Synchrotron Radiation**



### Prompt Gamma-Ray Burst Spectra



FIG. 1.—Example of a spectral fit. The GRB model (eq. [1]) was fitted to the average spectrum of 1B 911127. The low-energy spectral index is  $\alpha = -0.968 \pm 0.022$ , the high-energy spectral index  $\beta = -2.427 \pm 0.07$ , and the break energy  $E_0 = 149.5 \pm 2.1$ . With 100 degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2 = 121.58$ .

#### Band et al. 1993



**Problem:** soft index distribution incompatible with synchrotron spectrum.

**Current model:** interacting internal shocks produced by a central engine. This interaction gives rise to efficient generation of the extremely small-scale magnetic/electric fields due to two-stream (e.g., Weibel) instability.



Piran 2005

Jaroshek et al. 2005

#### Bulk current density and magnetic field structure in relativistic shocks



#### Spectral Energy Distribution in Extragalactic Jets



Lobe Lobe Hot current Bipolar jets Large-scale toroidal magnetic field Central engine Accretion disk Central engine C

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Honda & Honda 2004

**Problem:** UV – X-ray flattenings inconsistent with synchrotron emission from a single electron population.

**Current model:** filamentation of the jet current as well as interaction of the flow with ambient plasma gives rise to efficient generation of the extremely small-scale magnetic fields transverse to the jet speed..

Magnetic field lines



9 10 11 12 13 14 15 z (electron skin depths)

Hededal & Nishikawa 2005

### Implication for the e/m emission theory

Radiated energy can be expressed via electric current in the source

In uniform plasma and regular magnetic field the current is the regular function expressed via fast particle trajectory and velocity:

$$\mathcal{E}^{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{n},\omega} = (2\pi)^6 \frac{\omega^2 n_{\sigma}(\omega)}{c^3} |(\boldsymbol{e}_{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{j}_{\omega,\boldsymbol{k}})|^2$$

$$\boldsymbol{j}_{\omega,\boldsymbol{k}} = Q \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{v}(t) \exp(i\omega t - i\boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{r}(t)) \frac{dt}{(2\pi)^4}$$

*Random inhomogeneities* of the magnetic and electric fields as well as number density of the background plasma give rise to *important change* in the *microphysics of the radiative processes* 

**Cotal current** 

 $\langle B_{st}^2 \rangle, \langle E_{st}^2 \rangle, \langle \Delta N^2 \rangle$ 

Plasma response current

Intrinsic random current

*Transition radiation* due to coherent plasma response on the external perturbations provided by fast particles

**Diffusive synchrotron radiation** produced by the random walk of the fast particles in addition to normal synchrotron emission



### Calculation of e/m emission. Scheme.

$$\mathcal{E}^{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{n},\omega} = (2\pi)^6 \frac{\omega^2 n_{\sigma}(\omega)}{c^3} |(\boldsymbol{e}_{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{j}_{\omega,\boldsymbol{k}})|^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{n},\omega}^{\sigma} = \frac{Q^2 \omega^2 n_{\sigma}(\omega)}{4\pi^2 c^3} Re \int_{-T}^{T} dt \int_{0}^{\infty} d\tau e^{i\omega\tau} \left\langle e^{-i\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{r}(t+\tau)-\mathbf{r}(t)]} (\mathbf{e}_{\sigma}^* \cdot \mathbf{v}(t+\tau)) (\mathbf{e}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)) \right\rangle$$

$$\langle ... \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{p}' (\mathbf{e}_{\sigma}^* \cdot \mathbf{v}') (\mathbf{e}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v}) F(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) W_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{p}, t; \mathbf{p}', \tau)$$

### **Treatment of Random Particle Motion**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}_L \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}_L = \mathbf{F}_R + \mathbf{F}_{st}$$

 $\vec{\mathcal{O}} = [\mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}}]$ 

 $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) = W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) + \delta W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$ 

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}_R \frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = -\left\langle \mathbf{F}_{st} \frac{\partial \delta W}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - (\mathbf{\Omega} \overrightarrow{\mathcal{O}}) W =$$

$$\frac{\langle B_{st}^2 \rangle}{6} \left(\frac{Qc}{\mathcal{E}}\right)^2 \mathcal{O}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \psi(v\tau) W(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{v}\tau, \mathbf{p}, t - \tau)$$

### Spectrum of e/m emission.

$$I_{\omega} = \frac{8Q^2q(\omega)}{3\pi c}\gamma^2 \left(1 + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2\gamma^2}{\omega^2}\right)^{-1} \Phi_1(s,r) + \frac{Q^2\omega}{4\pi c\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2\gamma^2}{\omega^2}\right) \Phi_2(s,r)$$

$$\Phi_1(s,r) = 24s^2 Im \int_0^\infty dt \exp(-2s_0 t) \left[ \operatorname{cth} t \exp\left(-2rs_0^3(\operatorname{cth} t - \operatorname{sh}^{-1} t - t/2)\right) - \frac{1}{t} \right]$$

$$\Phi_2(s,r) = 4rs^2 Re \int_0^\infty dt \frac{\operatorname{ch} t - 1}{\operatorname{sh} t} \exp\left(-2s_0 t - 2rs_0^3 (\operatorname{cth} t - \operatorname{sh}^{-1} t - t/2)\right)$$

$$s_0 = (1-i)s = \frac{1-i}{8\gamma^2} \left(\frac{\omega}{q(\omega)}\right)^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2 \gamma^2}{\omega^2}\right)$$

$$r = 32\gamma^6 \left(\frac{\Omega_{\perp}}{\omega}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2 \gamma^2}{\omega^2}\right)^{-3}$$

$$q(\omega) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\nu/2)\omega_{st}^{2}\omega_{0}^{\nu-1}}{3\Gamma(\nu/2 - 1/2)\gamma^{2} \left[ (a\omega/2)^{2} \left(\gamma^{-2} + \omega_{pe}^{2}/\omega^{2}\right)^{2} + \omega_{0}^{2} \right]^{\nu/2}}$$



Radiation by a single electron. Random field only.

Small-scale random field.

 $\omega_0 \gg \omega_{st}$ 





Radiation from PIC simulations. Random field only.(Hededal, 2005)





#### **Diffusive synchrotron radiation in the Gamma-Ray Burst Sources**



compatible with GRB soft spectral index distribution.

Radiation by an ensemble of electrons with a power-law spectrum

$$dN \sim E^{-\xi} dE, E_1 < E < E_2$$

#### in a dense plasma





#### Diffusive synchrotron radiation in the Extragalactic Jets

Model spectra of the diffusive synchrotron radiation in a smallscale random magnetic field superimposed on a comparable regular magnetic field. The spectral flattening observed in UV – Xray range does not require the presence of a secondary population of the relativistic electrons.



### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. The basic theory of *diffusive synchrotron radiation* applicable for a broad range of random magnetic field models including *anisotropic and isotropic* spectral functions, and absence/presence of the regular magnetic field is presented.

2. The use of the theory of *diffusive synchrotron radiation* combined with the current models of the microphysics of the astrophysical sources for calculating the e/m emission produced offers a straightforward way of solving many puzzling and poorly understood observations.

3.In particular, various specific regimes of the *diffusive synchrotron radiation* are shown to agree well with lowenergy spectral index distribution of the gamma-ray bursts and with broad band spatially resolved spectra of the extragalactic jets.