

General physical properties of bright Fermi blazars

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ABSTRACT

We studied all blazars of known redshift detected by the *Fermi* satellite during its first 3-month survey. For the majority of them, pointed *Swift* observations ensure a good multiwavelength coverage, enabling us to reliably construct their spectral energy distributions (SEDs). We model the SEDs using a one-zone leptonic model and study the distributions of the derived interesting physical parameters as a function of the observed γ -ray luminosity. We confirm previous findings concerning the relation of the physical parameters with source luminosity which are at the origin of the blazar sequence. The SEDs allow to estimate the luminosity of the accretion disc for the majority of broad emitting line blazars, while for the lineless BL Lac objects in the sample upper limits can be derived. We find a positive correlation between the jet power and the luminosity of the accretion disc in broad-line blazars. In these objects, we argue that the jet must be proton dominated, and that the total jet power is of the same order of (or slightly larger than) the disc luminosity. We discuss two alternative scenarios to explain this result.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The large area telescope (LAT) onboard the *Fermi* Satellite, in the first months of operation succeeded to double the number of known γ -ray emitting blazars (Abdo et al. 2009a, hereafter A09). Excluding radio galaxies, in the list of the LAT 3-month survey, we have 104 blazars, divided into 58 flat spectrum radio quasars (FSRQs; including one narrow-line Seyfert 1 galaxy), 42 BL Lacs and four sources of uncertain classification. Of these, 89 have a known redshift, and a large fraction of sources have been observed with the *Swift* satellite within the 3-month survey, while others have been observed by *Swift* at other epochs.

The combination of *Fermi* and *Swift* data are of crucial importance for the modelling of these blazars, even if the LAT data are an average over the 3 months of the survey, so that, strictly speaking, we cannot have a really simultaneous optical to X-ray SED, even when the *Swift* observations have been performed during the 3 months of the survey. Despite this, the optical/UV, X-ray and γ -ray coverage can often define or strongly constrain the position and the flux levels of both peaks of the non-thermal emission of blazars. Furthermore, as discussed in Ghisellini, Tavecchio & Ghirlanda (2009d, hereafter

Paper 1), the data from the UV Optical Telescope (UVOT) of *Swift* are often crucial to disentangle the non-thermal beamed jet emission from thermal radiation produced by the accretion disc. When the accretion disc is visible, it is then possible to estimate both the mass of the black hole and the accretion luminosity and to compare it with the power carried by the jet. In Paper I, we did this study for the 23 most luminous blazars, exceeding, in the γ -ray range, an observed luminosity of 10^{48} erg s⁻¹. In Tavecchio et al. (2009, hereafter T09), we considered the BL Lac objects detected by *Fermi* with the aim to find, among those, the best candidates to be TeV emitters. Here, we extend these previous studies to the entire *Fermi* blazar sample of the 3-month survey. Besides finding the intrinsic physical properties characterizing the emitting region of these *Fermi* blazars, like magnetic field, particle density, size, beaming factor and so on, the main goal of our study is to investigate if there is a relation between the jet power and the disc luminosity, as a function of the γ -ray luminosity.

This implies two steps. First, we collect the data to construct the SED of all sources, taking advantage of possible *Swift* observations, that we analyse, and of archival data taken from the NASA Extragalactic Data base (NED; <http://nedwww.ipac.caltech.edu/>). Secondly, we apply a model to fit these data, that returns the value of the physical parameters of the emitting region, and, if possible, the value of the accretion disc luminosity and of the black hole

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mass. We do this for all the 85 sources (out of 89) with a minimum coverage of the SED. Among these blazars, there are several BL Lac objects for which there is no sign of thermal emission produced by a disc, nor of emission lines produced by the photoionizing disc photons. For them, we derive an upper limit of the luminosity of a standard, Shakura–Sunyaev (1973) disc. We also derive the distributions of the needed physical parameters, and their dependence on the γ -ray luminosity and on the presence/absence of a prominent accretion disc. As expected, the jets of lineless BL Lacs have less power than broad-line FSRQs, have bluer spectra, and their emitting electrons suffer less radiative cooling. This confirms earlier results (Ghisellini et al. 1998) explaining the so-called blazar sequence (Fossati et al. 1998).

The main result of our analysis concerns the relation between the jet power and the accretion disc luminosity. We find that they correlate in FSRQs, for which we can estimate both the black hole mass and the accretion luminosity. We discuss two alternative scenarios to explain this behaviour. For BL Lacs (with only an upper limit on the accretion luminosity), we suggest that the absence of any sign of thermal emission, coupled to the presence of a relatively important jet, strongly suggests a radiatively inefficient accretion regime.

In this paper, we use a cosmology with $h = \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ and $\Omega_M = 0.3$, and use the notation $Q = Q_X 10^X$ in cgs units (except for the black hole masses, measured in solar mass units).

2 THE SAMPLE

Table 1 lists the 89 blazars with redshift of the A09 catalogue of *Fermi*-detected blazars. Besides their name, we report the redshift, the K -corrected γ -ray luminosity in the *Fermi*/LAT band (see e.g. Ghisellini, Maraschi & Tavecchio 2009c), if there are observations by the *Swift* satellite, if the source was detected by the Energetic Gamma Ray Experiment Telescope (EGRET) and the classification. For the latter item, we have maintained the same classification as in A09, but we have indicated those sources classified as BL Lac objects but that do have broad emission lines.

The distinction between BL Lacs and FSRQs is traditionally based on the line equivalent width (EW) being smaller or larger than 5\AA . With this definition, we classify as BL Lacs those sources having genuinely very weak or absent lines and also objects with strong lines but whose non-thermal continuum is so enhanced to reduce the line EW. This second category of ‘BL Lacs’ should physically be associated to FSRQs. We have tentatively made this distinction in Table 1, based on some information from the literature about the presence, in these objects, of strong broad lines. In the rest of the paper, we will consider them as FSRQs.

The source PMN 0948–0022 belongs to still another class, being a narrow-line Seyfert 1 [NLSy1; full width at half-maximum (FWHM) $\sim 1500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$]. This source has been discussed in detail in Abdo et al. (2009b) and Foschini et al. (2009): its SED and general properties are indistinguishable from FSRQs and we then assign this source to this group.

We then have 57 FSRQs, 1 NLSy1 and 31 BL Lac objects. Of the latter, six have strong broad lines or have been also classified as FSRQs (by Jauncey et al. 1989). Four of the FSRQs (indicated with the superscript n in Table 1) do not have a sufficient data coverage to allow a meaningful interpretation, and we will not discuss them. The 23 blazars (21 FSRQs and 2 BL Lacs, but with broad emission lines) with an average γ -ray luminosity exceeding $10^{48} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ written in italics have been discussed in Paper 1. The 25 underlined

Table 1. The 89 *Fermi* blazars in the A09 catalogue with redshift, including two blazars that have no z in the A09 lists (0332–403 and 1553+11).

Name	Alias	z	$\log L_\gamma$	S?	E?	Type
0017–0512 ⁿ	CGRaBS	0.227	45.96	Y	Y	Q
<u>00311–1938</u>	<u>KUV</u>	0.610	46.40	Y		B
<i>0048–071</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.975	48.2			Q
0116–219	PKS	1.165	47.68			Q
<u>0118–272</u>	<u>PKS</u>	0.559	46.48		UL	B
0133+47	DA 55	0.859	47.41	Y	UL	Q
0142–278	PKS	1.148	47.63			Q
<i>0202–17</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.74	48.2			Q
0208–512	PKS	1.003	47.92	Y	Y	Q
<i>0215+015</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.715	48.16	Y	UL	Q
0218+35	B2	0.944	47.47	Y	UL	Q
<u>0219+428</u>	<u>3C66A</u>	0.444	47.16	Y	Y	B
<i>0227–369</i>	<i>PKS</i>	2.115	48.6	Y		Q
<i>0235+164</i>	<i>AO</i>	0.94	48.4	Y	Y	B*
<u>0301–243</u>	<u>PKS</u>	0.260	45.77	Y	UL	B
0332–403	PKS	1.445 ^b	47.68	Y	UL	B**
<i>0347–211</i>	<i>PKS</i>	2.944	49.1	Y		Q
<i>0426–380</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.112	48.06	Y	UL	B*
<u>0447–439</u>	<u>PKS</u>	0.107	46.03	Y		B
<i>0454–234</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.003	48.16	Y	Y	Q
<u>0502+675</u>	<u>IES</u>	0.314	46.06	Y		B
<i>0528+134</i>	<i>PKS</i>	2.04	48.8	Y	Y	Q
0537–441	PKS	0.892	47.99	Y	Y	B*
0650+453	B3	0.933	47.82	Y		Q
0713+1935 ⁿ	CLASS	0.534	46.84			Q
0716+332	TXS	0.779	47.12	Y		Q
<u>0716+714</u>	<u>TXS</u>	0.26	46.55	Y	Y	B
<u>0735+178</u>	<u>PKS</u>	0.424	46.31	Y	Y	B
<u>0814+425</u>	<u>OJ 425</u>	0.53	46.87	Y	UL	B
<i>0820+560</i>	<i>S4</i>	1.417	48.01	Y		Q
<u>0851+202</u>	<u>OJ 287</u>	0.306	46.18	Y	UL	B
<i>0917+449</i>	<i>TXS</i>	2.1899	48.4	Y	Y	Q
0948+0022	PMN	0.585	46.95	Y		NL ^a
0954+556	4C 55.17	0.8955	47.41	Y	Y	Q
<u>1011+496</u>	<u>IES</u>	0.212	45.83	Y		B
<i>1012+2439ⁿ</i>	<i>CRATES</i>	1.805	47.99			Q
<i>1013+054</i>	<i>TXS</i>	1.713	48.2			Q
1030+61	S4	1.401	47.87	Y		Q
<u>1050.7+4946</u>	<u>MS</u>	0.140	44.65	Y		B
1055+018	PKS	0.89	47.11	Y	UL	Q
1057–79	PKS	0.569	47.06	Y	UL	B**
<u>10586+5628</u>	<u>RX</u>	0.143	45.14			B
<u>1101+384</u>	<u>Mkn 421</u>	0.031	44.52	Y	Y	B
1127–145	PKS	1.184	47.70	Y	Y	Q
1144–379	PKS	1.049	47.35	Y	UL	Q
1156+295	4C 29.45	0.729	47.15	Y	Y	Q
<u>1215+303</u>	<u>B2</u>	0.13	45.57		UL	B
<u>1219+285</u>	<u>ON 231</u>	0.102	45.25	Y	Y	B
1226+023	3C 273	0.158	46.33	Y	Y	Q
1244–255	PKS	0.635	46.86	Y	UL	Q
1253–055	3C 279	0.536	47.31	Y	Y	Q
1308+32	B2	0.996	47.72	Y	UL	Q
<i>1329–049</i>	<i>PKS</i>	2.15	48.5			Q
1333+5057 ⁿ	CLASS	1.362	47.73			Q
1352–104	PKS	0.332	46.17		UL	Q
<i>1454–354</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.424	48.5	Y	Y	Q
<i>1502+106</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.839	49.1	Y	UL	Q
1508–055	PKS	1.185	47.65	Y	UL	Q
1510–089	PKS	0.360	47.10	Y	Y	Q
<u>1514–241</u>	<u>Ap Lib</u>	0.048	44.25	Y	Y	B
<i>1520+319</i>	<i>B2</i>	1.487	48.4	Y		Q
<i>1551+130</i>	<i>PKS</i>	1.308	48.04			Q
<u>1553+11</u>	<u>PG</u>	0.36 ^b	46.57	Y		B

Table 1 – continued

Name	Alias	z	$\log L_\gamma$	$S?$	$E?$	Type
1622–253	PKS	0.786	47.44		Y	Q
1633+382	4C+38.41	1.814	48.6	Y	Y	Q
1652+398	Mkn 501	0.0336	43.95	Y	Y	B
1717+177	PKS	0.137	45.50	Y	UL	B
1749+096	OT 081	0.322	46.56	Y	UL	B
1803+784	S5	0.680	46.88	Y	UL	B*
1846+322	TXS	0.798	47.42	Y		Q
1849+67	S4	0.657	47.29	Y		Q
1908–201	PKS	1.119	47.99	Y	Y	Q
1920–211	TXS	0.874	47.49	Y	Y	Q
1959+650	IES	0.047	44.30	Y		B
2005–489	PKS	0.071	44.51	Y	Y	B
2023–077	PKS	1.388	48.6	Y	Y	Q
2052–47	PKS	1.4910	48.03		Y	Q
2141+175	OX 169	0.213	45.93	Y	UL	Q
2144+092	PKS	1.113	47.85	Y	UL	Q
2155–304	PKS	0.116	45.76	Y	Y	B
2155+31	B2	1.486	47.84	Y		Q
2200+420	BL Lac	0.069	44.74	Y	Y	B
2201+171	PKS	1.076	47.45	Y	UL	Q
2204–54	PKS	1.215	47.80	Y	UL	Q
2227–088	PHL 5225	1.5595	48.2	Y	UL	Q
2230+114	CTA102	1.037	47.69	Y	Y	Q
2251+158	3C 454.3	0.859	48.7	Y	Y	Q
2325+093	PKS	1.843	48.5	Y		Q
2345–1555	PMN	0.621	46.99	Y		Q

Note. In the last four columns, we indicate the logarithm of the average γ -ray luminosity as observed by *Fermi* during the first 3 months of survey (cgs units); if there are *Swift* observations; if the source was detected by EGRET (UL stands for an upper limit given by Fichtel et al. 1994); the classification of the source (B = BL Lac; Q = FSRQs; NL = Narrow line Seyfert galaxy; U = uncertain classification). ^aNarrow-Line Seyfert 1, analysed in Abdo et al. (2009b) and Foschini et al. (2009). ^bRedshift uncertain. ^cNot studied in this paper due to lack of multiwavelength data. ^dDefined as BL Lacs for the EW of the lines, but broad emission lines are present. ^eClassified as FSRQ in Jauncey et al. (1989).

BL Lacs are discussed in T09. One of these, (0814+425 = OJ 425) is shown also here, since it can be fitted both with a pure synchrotron self-Compton (SSC) and an ‘external Compton (EC)’ model (see the next section).

In summary, in this paper we present the SED and the corresponding models for 37 blazars: 32 FSRQs and five BL Lacs that are suspected to be FSRQs with broad lines hidden by the beamed continuum. However, when discussing the general properties of the *Fermi* blazars, we will consider the entire blazar sample of Table 1, with the only exception of the four FSRQs with a very poor data coverage. These are 85 sources. To this aim, we will use the results of Paper 1, concerning the most γ -ray luminous blazars, and we will apply our model also to the BL Lacs shown in T09. For the ease of the reader, we report in Tables 4 and 5 the physical parameters of all the 85 blazars.

3 SWIFT OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

For 33 of the 37 blazars studied in this paper, there are *Swift* observations, with several of them being observed during the 3 months of the *Fermi* survey. The data were analysed with the most recent software SWIFT_REL3.2 released as part of the HEASOFT v. 6.6.2. The calibration data base is that updated to 2009 April 10. The X-ray Telescope (XRT) data were processed with the standard procedures

(XRTPIPELINE v.0.12.2). We considered photon counting (PC) mode data with the standard 0–12 grade selection. Source events were extracted in a circular region of aperture ~ 47 arcsec, and background was estimated in a same-sized circular region far from the source. Ancillary response files were created through the XRTMKARF task. The channels with energies below 0.2 keV and above 10 keV were excluded from the fit and the spectra were rebinned in energy so to have at least 30 counts per bin. Each spectrum was analysed through XSPEC with an absorbed power law with a fixed Galactic column density from Kalberla et al. (2005). The computed errors represent the 90 per cent confidence interval on the spectral parameters. Table 2 reports the log of the observations and the results of the fitting the X-ray data with a simple power-law model.

UVOT (Roming et al. 2005) source counts were extracted from a circular region 5 arcsec sized centred on the source position, while the background was extracted from a larger circular nearby source-free region. Data were integrated with the UVOTIMS task and then analysed by using the UVOTSOURCE task. The observed magnitudes have been dereddened according to the formulae by Cardelli, Clayton & Mathis (1989) and converted into fluxes by using standard formulae and zero points from Poole et al. (2008). Table 3 list the observed magnitudes in the six filters of UVOT.

4 THE MODEL

We use the model described in detail in Ghisellini & Tavecchio (2009, hereafter GT09). It is a relatively simple, one-zone, homogeneous synchrotron and inverse Compton model, aiming at accounting the several contributions to the radiation energy density produced externally to the jet, and their dependence upon the distance of the emitting blob to the black hole. Besides the synchrotron radiation produced internally to the jet, we in fact consider radiation coming directly from the disc (i.e. Dermer & Schlickeiser 1993), the broad-line region (BLR; e.g. Sikora, Begelman & Rees 1994), a dusty torus (see Błazejewski et al. 2000; Sikora et al. 2002), the host galaxy light and the cosmic background radiation.

The emitting region is assumed spherical, of size r_{diss} , moving with a bulk Lorentz factor Γ and is located at a distance R_{diss} from the black hole of mass M . The bolometric luminosity of the accretion disc is L_d . The jet accelerates in its inner parts with $\Gamma \propto R^{1/2}$ (R is the distance from the black hole), up to a value Γ_{max} . In the acceleration region, the jet is parabolic (following e.g. Vlahakis & Königl 2004) and beyond this point the jet becomes conical with a semi-aperture angle ψ (assumed to be 0.1 for all sources).

The energy particle distribution $N(\gamma)$ (cm^{-3}) is calculated solving the continuity equation where particle injection, radiative cooling and pair production (via the γ - $\gamma \rightarrow e^\pm$ process) are taken into account. The injection function $Q(\gamma)$ ($\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$) is assumed to be a smoothly joining broken power law, with a slope $Q(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-s_1}$ and γ^{-s_2} below and above a break energy γ_b :

$$Q(\gamma) = Q_0 \frac{(\gamma/\gamma_b)^{-s_1}}{1 + (\gamma/\gamma_b)^{-s_1+s_2}}. \quad (1)$$

The total power injected into the source in the form of relativistic electrons is $P'_e = m_e c^2 V \int Q(\gamma) \gamma d\gamma$, where $V = (4\pi/3)r_{\text{diss}}^3$ is the volume of the emitting region.

The injection process lasts for a light crossing time r_{diss}/c , and we calculate $N(\gamma)$ at this time. This assumption comes from the fact that even if injection lasted longer, adiabatic losses caused by the expansion of the source (which is travelling while emitting) and the corresponding decrease of the magnetic field would make

Table 2. Results of the X-ray analysis.

Source	Obs. date (dd/mm/yyyy)	$N_{\text{H}}^{\text{Gal}}$ 10^{20} cm^{-2}	Γ	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	$F_{0.2-10, \text{unabs}}$ (10^{-12} cgs)	$F_{2-10, \text{unabs}}$ (10^{-12} cgs)
0133+47*	2008/11/18	11.4	1.4 ± 0.2	19/13	3.72 ± 0.43	2.57 ± 0.33
0208-512*	2008/12/29	3.19	1.9 ± 0.2	6/11	2.6 ± 0.3	1.26 ± 0.2
0218+35*	2008/12/12	5.86	$2.7_{-1.0}^{+1.1}$	0.2/3	2.0 ± 0.4	0.29 ± 0.05
0332-403 ^a	2009/02/25	1.38	1.4 ± 0.2	2/6	3.5 ± 0.4	2.4 ± 0.2
0537-441	2008/10/08	3.94	1.7 ± 0.1	23/20	8.24 ± 0.9	4.63 ± 0.47
0650+453*	2009/02/14	8.64	2.1 ± 0.6	5/5	0.76 ± 0.11	0.28 ± 0.04
0716+332	2008/01/27	5.93	1.8 ± 0.3	3/3	0.9 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.2
0948+0022**	2008/12/05	5.22	1.8 ± 0.2	5/8	4.4 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.1
0954+556	2009/03/05	0.853	$0.9_{-1.8}^{+1.1}$	0.1/2	2.2 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.5
1030+61*	2009/07/03	0.63	1.9 ± 0.7	0.3/4	0.62 ± 0.10	0.27 ± 0.04
1055+018*	2008/07/19	4.02	1.8 ± 0.5	1/3	3.5	1.8
1057-79	2008/01/20	8.76	1.9 ± 0.15	6/10	2.8 ± 0.4	1.3 ± 0.3
1127-145	2007/03/24	4.04	1.31 ± 0.05	116/94	9.8 ± 0.5	7.2 ± 0.4
1144-379*	2008/11/21	7.5	1.96 ± 0.32	1/5	1.0 ± 0.3	0.46 ± 1.2
1156+295	2008/11/21	1.68	1.52 ± 0.14	11/7	2.7 ± 0.4	1.7 ± 0.2
1226+023	2008/05/10	1.79	1.56 ± 0.05	88/68	833 ± 19	521 ± 26
1244-255	2007/01/17	6.85	1.8 ± 0.5	3/4	2.1 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.4
1253-055 ^b	2008/08/08	2.12	1.76 ± 0.04	88/94	10.5 ± 0.2	5.5 ± 0.1
1308+32	2008/08/20	1.27	1.6 ± 0.2	5/10	3.0 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.1
1508-055 ^c	2007/02/20	6.09	1.8 ± 0.2	8/6	0.95 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.04
1510-089	2009/01/10	7.8	1.4 ± 0.11	194/316	6.4 ± 1.3	4.4 ± 0.4
1803+784	2007/02/17	4.12	1.5 ± 0.1	14/14	2.8 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.2
1846+322 ^d	2008/12/28	9.93	1.7 ± 0.2	10/7	0.78 ± 0.05	0.45 ± 0.03
1849+67 ^e	2006/11/16	4.66	1.5 ± 0.1	22/14	2.6 ± 0.1	1.59 ± 0.07
1908-201 ^f	2007/03/08	9.24	1.4 ± 0.1	5/10	2.7 ± 0.1	1.83 ± 0.05
1920-211	2007/08/07	5.69	1.6 ± 0.3	1/3	1.4 ± 0.1	0.87 ± 0.09
2141+175 ^g	2007/04/19	7.35	1.71 ± 0.06	94/67	2.23 ± 0.04	1.47 ± 0.03
2144+092 ^h	2009/04/28	4.56	1.6 ± 0.2	13/9	1.6 ± 0.1	1.01 ± 0.07
2155+31 ⁱ	2009/04/01	7.42	1.0 ± 0.6	0.6/1	1.0 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.1
2201+171 ^l	2009/12/08	4.56	$1.80_{-0.15}^{+0.08}$	13/17	1.22 ± 0.05	0.62 ± 0.03
2204-54	2008/12/21	1.72	1.6 ± 0.1	9/17	2.2 ± 0.1	1.37 ± 0.07
2230+114 ^m	2005/05/19	4.76	1.50 ± 0.05	74/66	6.5 ± 0.1	4.2 ± 0.1
2345-155 ⁿ	2008/12/23	1.64	1.6 ± 0.4	0.3/1	0.39 ± 0.05	0.23 ± 0.03

*Poorly determined spectrum, the C-statistic was used to fit the spectrum. Therefore, the $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$ indicates instead the C-statistic value and the PHA bins. **Abdo et al. (2009b). ^aAverage of two observations on the same day. ^bAverage of 8 observations between 8 and 20 August 2008. ^cAverage of four observations between 2007/02/26 and 2008/09/13. ^dAverage of two observations on 2008/12/28 and 2009/02/20. ^eAverage of three observations between 2006/11/16 and 2008/08/04. ^fAverage of four observations between 2007 March 8 and 17. ^gAverage of nine observations between 2007/04/19 and 2009/01/15. ^hAverage of two observations on the same day. ⁱAverage of three observations between 2009 April 1 and 17. ^lAverage of seven observations between 2006/12/08 and 2009/04/18. ^mAverage of five observations between 2005/05/19 and 2007/05/01. ⁿAverage of two observations on 2008/12/23 and 2009/01/10.

the observed flux to decrease. Therefore, our calculated spectra correspond to the maximum of a flaring episode.

The BLR is assumed for simplicity to be a thin spherical shell located at a distance $R_{\text{BLR}} = 10^{17} L_{\text{d},45}^{1/2}$ cm. A fraction $f_{\text{BLR}} = 0.1$ of the disc luminosity is re-emitted by broad lines. Since $R_{\text{BLR}} \propto L_{\text{d}}^{1/2}$, the radiation energy density of the broad-line emission within the BLR is constant, but is seen amplified by a factor $\sim \Gamma^2$ by the moving blob, as long as $R_{\text{diss}} < R_{\text{BLR}}$. A dusty torus, located at a distance $R_{\text{IR}} = 2.5 \times 10^{18} L_{\text{d}}^{1/2}$ cm, reprocesses a fraction f_{IR} (of the order of 0.1–0.3) of L_{d} through dust emission in the far-infrared (far-IR). Above and below the accretion disc, in its inner parts, there is an X-ray emitting corona of luminosity L_{X} (we almost always fix it at a level of 30 per cent of L_{d}). Its spectrum is a power law of energy index $\alpha_{\text{X}} = 1$ ending with an exponential cut at $E_{\text{c}} = 150$ keV. The specific energy density (i.e. as a function of frequency) of all these external components are

calculated in the comoving frame, and used to properly calculate the resulting external inverse Compton (EC) spectrum. The internally produced synchrotron emission is used to calculate the SSC flux.

5 SOME GUIDELINES FOR THE MODELLING

In this section, we follow (and somewhat repeat) the arguments presented in Paper 1, adding some considerations for lineless BL Lac objects.

A general comment concerns the flux at low (sub-mm to radio) frequencies. The one-zone homogeneous model here adopted is aimed to explain the bulk of the emission, and necessarily requires a compact source, self absorbed (for synchrotron) at $\sim 10^{12}$ Hz. The flux at radio frequencies must be produced further out in the

Table 3. UVOT Observed magnitudes.

Source	OBS date	V	B	U	W1	M2	W2
0133+47	2008/11/18	15.89 ± 0.02	16.46 ± 0.01	15.89 ± 0.01	16.30 ± 0.02	16.56 ± 0.03	16.74 ± 0.02
0208–512	2008/12/29	17.69 ± 0.07	18.06 ± 0.05	17.01 ± 0.04	16.79 ± 0.03	16.69 ± 0.03	17.03 ± 0.03
0218+35	2008/12/12	>19.4	>20.3	>19.9	>20.3	>20.1	>21.0
0332–403	2009/02/25	17.00 ± 0.07	17.59 ± 0.05	16.85 ± 0.05	17.23 ± 0.06	17.29 ± 0.07	18.20 ± 0.07
0537–441	2008/10/08	16.04 ± 0.02	16.48 ± 0.02	15.78 ± 0.02	16.01 ± 0.02	16.02 ± 0.02	16.26 ± 0.02
0650+453	2009/02/14	>19.8	20.1 ± 0.2	19.3 ± 0.2	19.3 ± 0.1	19.4 ± 0.1	19.8 ± 0.1
0716+332	2008/01/27	–	–	–	–	–	17.71 ± 0.03
0948+0022*	2008/12/05	18.2 ± 0.2	18.56 ± 0.07	17.79 ± 0.06	17.48 ± 0.06	17.50 ± 0.06	17.55 ± 0.05
0954+556	2009/03/05	17.6 ± 0.2	17.97 ± 0.06	16.91 ± 0.04	16.80 ± 0.04	16.8 ± 0.2	16.94 ± 0.08
1030+61	2009/07/03	18.4 ± 0.1	19.14 ± 0.08	18.36 ± 0.07	18.56 ± 0.07	18.5 ± 0.1	19.08 ± 0.08
1055+018	2008/07/19	–	–	–	–	16.97 ± 0.04	–
1057–79	2008/01/20	–	–	–	–	17.31 ± 0.03	17.36 ± 0.01
1127–145	2007/03/24	16.46 ± 0.02	16.70 ± 0.01	15.64 ± 0.01	15.51 ± 0.01	15.55 ± 0.01	15.79 ± 0.01
1144–379	2008/11/21	–	–	–	–	–	20.0 ± 0.1
1156+295	2008/11/21	–	–	–	16.85 ± 0.01	–	–
1226+023	2008/05/10	12.72 ± 0.01	12.92 ± 0.01	11.92 ± 0.01	11.48 ± 0.01	11.33 ± 0.01	11.34 ± 0.01
1244–255	2007/01/17	–	–	–	–	17.44 ± 0.03	–
1253–055	2008/08/08	16.80 ± 0.09	16.25 ± 0.06	16.41 ± 0.05	16.44 ± 0.05	16.35 ± 0.06	16.50 ± 0.04
1308+32	2008/08/20	–	–	–	–	16.71 ± 0.03	–
1508–055	2007/02/20	17.4 ± 0.2	17.5 ± 0.1	16.56 ± 0.06	16.38 ± 0.09	16.8 ± 0.2	16.97 ± 0.09
1510–089	2009/01/10	16.76 ± 0.08	17.04 ± 0.04	16.18 ± 0.02	16.51 ± 0.02	16.42 ± 0.04	16.52 ± 0.03
1803+784	2007/02/17	16.51 ± 0.03	16.99 ± 0.02	16.32 ± 0.02	16.50 ± 0.02	16.55 ± 0.02	16.65 ± 0.01
1846+322	2008/12/28	18.9 ± 0.1	19.27 ± 0.09	18.50 ± 0.07	18.41 ± 0.06	18.45 ± 0.06	18.62 ± 0.05
1849+67	2006/11/16	17.6 ± 0.1	17.93 ± 0.06	17.28 ± 0.06	17.36 ± 0.06	16.13 ± 0.03	–
1908–201	2007/03/08	16.8 ± 0.1	17.40 ± 0.09	16.80 ± 0.08	17.09 ± 0.09	17.34 ± 0.08	17.66 ± 0.09
1920–211	2007/08/07	–	–	–	16.73 ± 0.03	–	–
2141+175	2007/04/19	16.16 ± 0.02	16.39 ± 0.02	15.21 ± 0.02	–	15.09 ± 0.03	15.12 ± 0.03
2144+092	2009/04/28	18.2 ± 0.2	18.48 ± 0.09	17.67 ± 0.07	17.50 ± 0.06	17.68 ± 0.07	18.00 ± 0.05
2155+31	2009/04/01	–	–	–	21.4 ± 0.4	–	>20.9
2201+171	2009/12/08	16.93 ± 0.06	17.71 ± 0.05	17.23 ± 0.04	17.62 ± 0.05	17.7 ± 0.1	17.86 ± 0.05
2204–54	2008/12/21	17.89 ± 0.08	18.18 ± 0.04	16.98 ± 0.03	16.83 ± 0.03	16.99 ± 0.04	17.40 ± 0.04
2230+114	2005/05/19	–	–	16.52 ± 0.02	–	16.38 ± 0.04	16.70 ± 0.03
2345–155	2008/12/23	18.5 ± 0.1	18.61 ± 0.06	17.91 ± 0.05	17.57 ± 0.07	17.66 ± 0.05	17.78 ± 0.04

* See also Abdo et al. (2009b) and Foschini et al. (2009).

jet. Radio data, therefore, are not directly constraining the model. Indirectly though, they can suggest a sort of continuity between the level of the radio emission and what the model predicts at higher frequencies.

5.1 Strong-line objects

Consider first sources whose inverse Compton flux is dominated by the EC process with photons of the BLR.

(i) When the UVOT data define an optical–UV bump, we interpret it as the direct emission from the accretion disc. This assumption allows us to determine both the black hole mass and the accretion rate. The maximum temperature (and hence the νF_ν peak of the disc luminosity) occurs at ~ 5 Schwarzschild radii and scales as $T_{\max} \propto (L_d/L_{\text{Edd}})^{1/4} M^{-1/4}$. The total optical–UV flux gives L_d [that of course scales as $(L_d/L_{\text{Edd}})M$]. Therefore, we can derive both the black hole mass and the accretion rate. For good UVOT data, the method is sensitive to variations of less than a factor of 2 in both the black hole mass and the accretion rate (see the discussion and fig. 2 in Ghisellini et al. 2009a).

(ii) The ratio between the high-to-low-energy emission humps (L_C/L_S) is directly related to the ratio between the radiation to magnetic energy density U'_r/U'_B . In this case, the assumption $R_{\text{BLR}} =$

$10^{17} L_{d,45}^{1/2}$ cm gives

$$\frac{U'_r}{U'_B} = \frac{L_C}{L_S} \rightarrow U'_B = \frac{L_S}{L_C} \frac{\Gamma^2}{12\pi} \rightarrow B = \Gamma \left(\frac{2L_S}{3L_C} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (2)$$

where we have assumed that $U'_r \approx U'_{\text{BLR}}$.

(iii) The peak of the high-energy emission (ν_C) is produced by the scattering of the line photons (mainly hydrogen Lyman α) with electrons at the break of the particle distribution (γ_{peak}). Its observed frequency is $\nu_C \sim 2\nu_{L\alpha} \Gamma \delta \gamma_{\text{peak}}^2 / (1+z)$. A steep (energy spectral index $\alpha > 1$) spectrum indicates a peak at energies below 100 MeV, and this constrains $\Gamma \delta \gamma_{\text{peak}}^2$.

(iv) Several sources whose Compton flux is dominated by the EC component may have rather small values of γ_{peak} . Electrons with these energies may emit, by synchrotron, in the self-absorbed regime. In these cases, the peak of the synchrotron component is the self-absorption frequency.

(v) In powerful blazars, the radiative cooling rate is almost complete, namely even low-energy electrons cool in a dynamical time-scale r_{diss}/c . We call γ_{cool} the random Lorentz factor of those electrons halving their energies in a time-scale r_{diss}/c . When the EC process dominates, γ_{cool} is small (a few). Therefore, the corresponding emitting particle distribution is weakly dependent of the low-energy spectral slope, s_1 , of the injected electron distribution.

(vi) The strength of the SSC relative to the EC emission depends on the ratio between the synchrotron over the external radiation

energy densities, as measured in the comoving frame, U'_s/U'_{ext} . Within the BLR, U'_{ext} depends only on Γ^2 , while U'_s depends on the injected power, the size of the emission and the magnetic field. The larger the magnetic field, the larger the SSC component. The shape of the EC and SSC emission is different: besides the fact that the seed photon distributions are different, we have that the flux at a given X-ray frequency is made by electron of very different energies, thus belonging to a different part of the electron distribution. In this respect, the low-frequency X-ray data of very hard X-ray spectra are the most constraining, since in these cases the (softer) SSC component must not exceed what observed. This limits the magnetic field, the injected power (as measured in the comoving frame) and the size. Conversely, a relatively soft spectrum (but still rising, in νF_ν) indicates a SSC origin, and this constrains the combination of B , r_{diss} and P'_i even more.

5.2 Lineless BL Lacs

When the SED is dominated by the SSC process, as discussed by Tavecchio, Maraschi & Ghisellini (1998), the number of observables (peak fluxes and frequencies of both the synchrotron and SSC components, spectral slopes before and after the peaks, variability time-scale) is sufficient to fix all the model parameters. The sources whose high-energy emission is completely dominated by the SSC process are lineless BL Lac objects, with less powerful and less luminous jets. The lack of external photons and the weaker radiation losses make γ_{cool} much larger in these sources than in FSRQs. The low-energy slope of the injected electrons, s_1 , in these cases coincides with the low-energy slope of the emitting distribution of electrons.

5.3 Upper limits to the accretion luminosity and mass estimate

For lineless BL Lac objects, we find an upper limit to the accretion disc luminosity by requiring that the emission directly produced by the disc and by the associated emission lines are completely hidden by the non-thermal continuum. By assuming a typical EW of the emission lines observed in FSRQs ($\sim 100 \text{ \AA}$), and the one defining BL Lacs ($\text{EW} < 5 \text{ \AA}$), we require that the disc luminosity is a factor of at least ~ 20 below the observed non-thermal luminosity. Note that we *assume* that the disc is a standard Shakura & Syunyaev (1973) geometrically thin optically thick disc. That this is probably *not* the case will be discussed later.

A crude estimate of the black hole mass is obtained in the following way. Assume that the dissipation region, in units of Schwarzschild radii, is the same in BL Lacs and FSRQs. Then, an *upper limit* to the mass is derived assuming that light crossing times do not exceed the typical variability time-scales observed. A *lower limit* can be derived by considering the value of the magnetic field in the emitting region. Small black hole masses imply smaller dimensions, thus smaller Poynting flux (for a given B field). To avoid implausibly small values of it, we then derive a lower limit to the black hole mass. Together, these two conditions give masses in the range 10^8 – $10^9 M_\odot$. As we discuss later (Section 6.1 and Table 6), for BL Lacs in which independent-mass estimates are available in literature, the masses derived in this way agree quite well.

6 RESULTS

In Figs 1 and 2, we show the distributions of the parameters derived from model fitting the SED of the entire sample of *Fermi* blazars (85 sources). Shaded areas in these histograms correspond to the

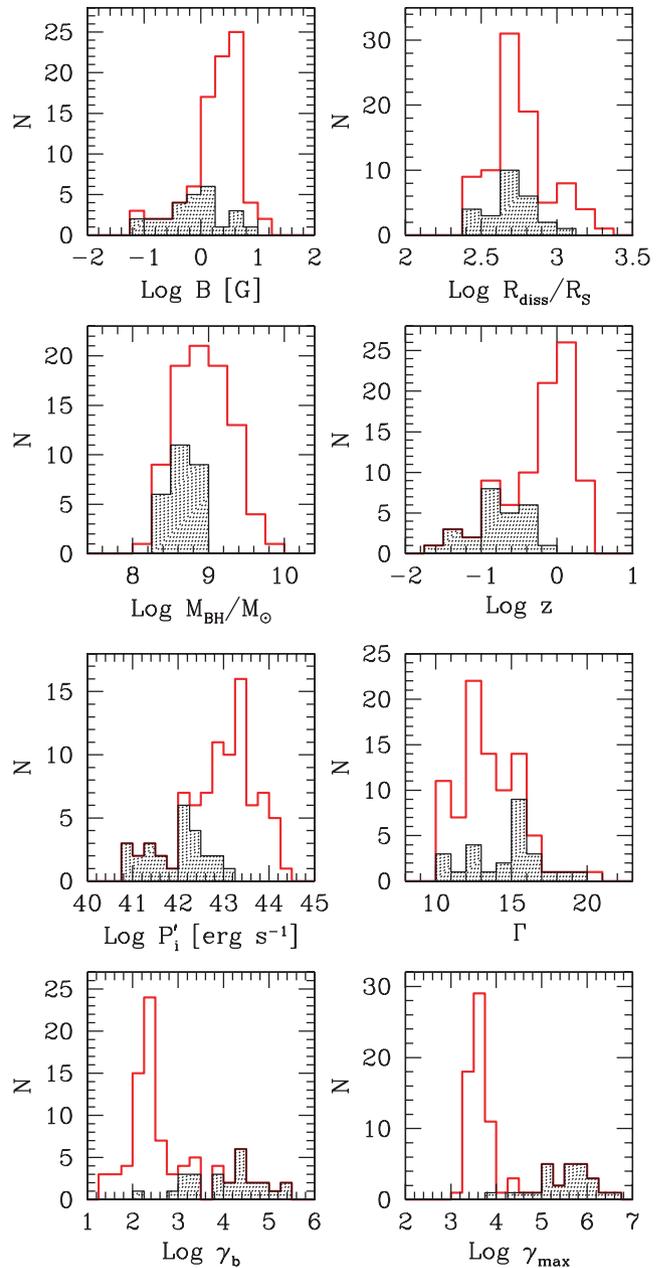


Figure 1. Distribution of the magnetic field, location of the dissipation region in units of the Schwarzschild radius, black hole mass, redshift, power P'_i injected in relativistic electrons (as measured in the comoving frame), bulk Lorentz factor, break energy (γ_b) and maximum energy (γ_{max}) of the injected distribution of electrons for all the 85 blazars. Shaded areas correspond to BL Lacs with only an upper limit on their disc accretion luminosity.

25 BL Lacs for which only an upper limit to the accretion luminosity could be derived (the plotted areas correspond to 26 objects because they include two states of PKS 2155–304). They can be considered as ‘genuine’ BL Lacs, namely blazars whose emission lines are intrinsically weak or absent, and not hidden by the beamed continuum.

The SED of the 37 blazar studied in this paper, together with the best-fitting model, are shown in Figs A1–A10. In Tables 2 and 3, we list the result of our XRT and UVOT analysis for the 33 blazars (out of the 37 blazars studied in this paper) with *Swift* data. All

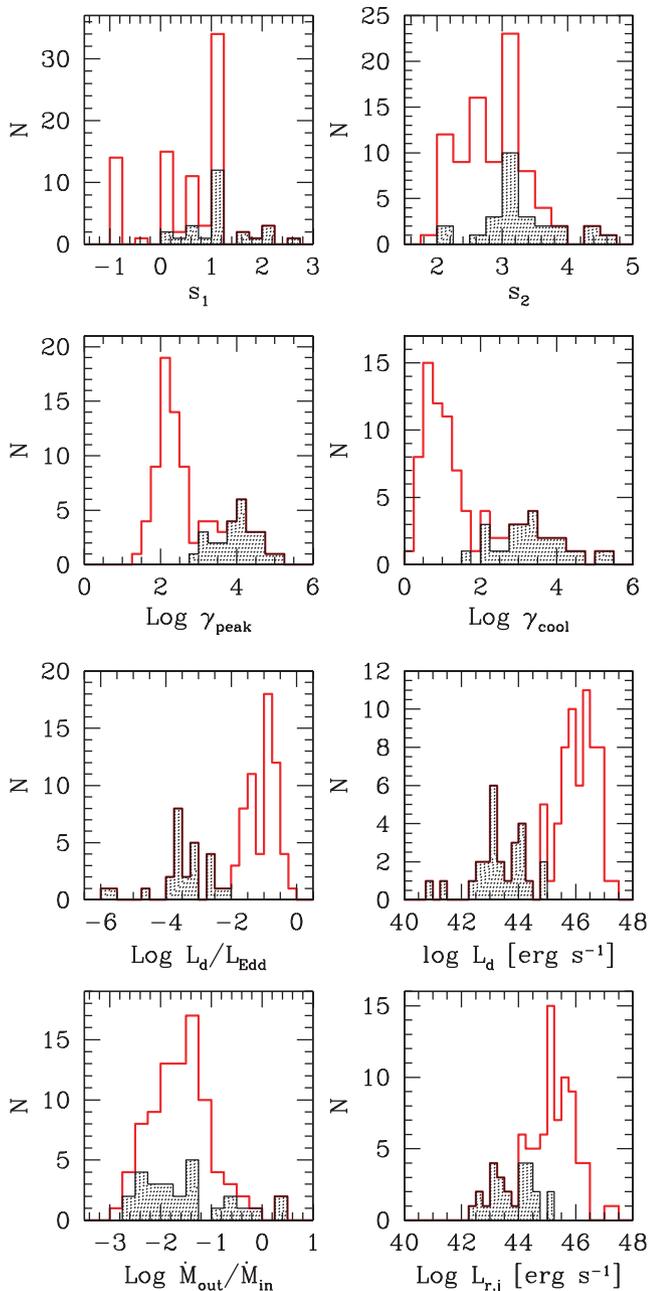


Figure 2. Distributions of the slopes of the injected electron distribution (s_1 and s_2 are the slopes before and after γ_b , respectively), the value of the random Lorentz factor γ_{peak} of the electrons radiating at the peaks of the SED, the value of the random Lorentz factor γ_{cool} of electrons cooling in one light crossing time r_{diss}/c , accretion disc luminosities (also in units of the Eddington one), the ratio between the outflowing and accretion mass rate and the power spent by the jet to produce the radiation we see. Shaded areas correspond to BL Lacs with only an upper limit on their disc accretion luminosity.

optical–UV fluxes shown in Figs A1–A10 have been dereddened according to the Galactic A_V given in the NED data base.

Table 4 reports the parameters used to compute the theoretical SEDs and Table 5 lists the power carried by the jet in the form of radiation, electrons, magnetic field and protons (assuming one proton per emitting electron). For the ease of the reader, in these tables we report also the values found and presented in Paper 1.

6.1 Redshifts and black hole masses

The redshift distribution of *Fermi* FSRQs extends to larger values than for BL Lacs (Fig. 1). This has been already pointed out in A09 and is the consequence of BL Lacs being less γ -ray luminous than FSRQs.

The derived black hole masses are in the range $(1\text{--}60) \times 10^8 M_\odot$ (Fig. 1). The object for which we could estimate the least massive black hole is PMN 0948+0022, that is a NLSy1 discussed in Abdo et al. (2009b), where a mass of $1.5 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ was found.

We have searched in the literature other estimates of the black hole masses of our blazars, and report them in Table 6. They have been mainly derived from the FWHM of the emission lines, through the assumption of virial velocity of the broad-line clouds. There is a rough agreement between our and the other estimates, but note that for specific objects the reported estimates vary by a factor of 3–10. It is comforting that the black hole masses assumed here for lineless BL Lacs are consistent with the existing estimates present in the literature.

6.2 Injected power, location of the dissipation region and bulk Lorentz factors

The injected power in relativistic electrons, as measured in the co-moving frame, is in the range $P'_i = 10^{43}\text{--}10^{44}$ erg s^{-1} for FSRQs and a $10^{41}\text{--}10^{43}$ erg s^{-1} for BL Lacs. Note that we should not compare this power with the power the jet carries in the form of bulk motion of particles and fields, since P'_i is measured in the comoving frame. To have comparable quantities, we should multiply P'_i by Γ^2 .

Among FSRQs, four sources have $R_{\text{diss}} > R_{\text{BLR}}$ (0215+015 and 1520+319, discussed in Paper 1, plus 0954+556 and 1622–253). This means a reduced radiation energy density that in turn implies a weaker radiative cooling and a larger γ_{peak} . All other FSRQs dissipate within the BLR, at a distance of the order of 300–1000 R_S (Fig. 1). For BL Lacs, we have the same range of R_{diss} .

The distribution of the bulk Lorentz factor is rather narrow, being contained within the 10–15 range, with few BL Lacs having Γ between 15 and 20. The average Γ for BL Lacs is somewhat larger than for FSRQs.

6.3 Magnetic field

On average, we need a slightly larger magnetic field B in FSRQs (1–10 G) than in BL Lacs (0.1–1 G). Note that in our list we lack TeV BL Lacs not detected by *Fermi* (for them, see T09), that have more extreme properties (and smaller magnetic fields) than the sources considered here. Note also that there is one FSRQ with a small magnetic field: this is 1520+319, whose R_{diss} is at very large distances.

6.4 Particle distribution

The average properties of the injected particle distribution can be seen in Figs 1 and 2. Note that the *injected* particle distribution $Q(\gamma)$ ($\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$) is different from the *emitting* particle distribution $N(\gamma)$ (cm^{-3}), that is the solution of the continuity equation evaluated at the light-crossing time r_{diss}/c . It can be seen that the diversity of the blazar spectra requires a rather broad range of s_2 , the injected slope for the high-energy electrons (between 2 and 4.5), steeper for BL Lac objects. Consider also that when radiative cooling is important (almost always in FSRQs, see the distribution of γ_{cool} in Fig. 2), the high-energy emitting particle distribution will be characterized by a

Table 4. Input parameters used to model the SED. Sources in italics have been discussed in Paper 1.

Name	z	R_{diss}	M	R_{BLR}	P'_i	L_d	B	Γ	θ_v	γ_0	γ_b	γ_{max}	s_1	s_2
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]
00311–1938	0.610	72 (300)	8e8	<33	1.1e–3	<0.11 (<9e–4)	1.7	15	3	1	1.6e4	1e6	0.5	3
<i>0048–071</i>	1.975	210 (700)	1e9	474	0.025	22.5 (0.15)	2.4	15.3	3	1	400	7e3	1	2.7
0116–219	1.165	156 (650)	8e8	310	7e–3	9.6 (0.08)	2.4	14.7	3	1	300	3.5e3	0.5	2.5
0118–272	0.559	75 (500)	5e8	<12	1.2e–3	<0.015 (<2.e–4)	0.75	12.9	3	200	1.5e4	5e5	1	3.2
0133+47	0.859	180 (600)	1e9	387	0.013	15 (0.1)	11.1	13	3	1	20	2.5e3	1	1.9
0142–278	1.148	90 (500)	6e8	268	0.02	7.2 (0.08)	3.91	12.9	3	1	100	3.5e3	1	2.8
<i>0202–17</i>	1.74	300 (1000)	1e9	671	0.03	45 (0.3)	2.4	15	3	1	300	5e3	1	3.1
0208–512	1.003	126 (600)	7e8	383	0.03	14.7 (0.14)	2.05	10	3	1	200	8e3	0	2.5
<i>0215+015</i>	1.715	900 (1500)	2e9	548	0.04	30 (0.1)	1.1	13	3	1	2.5e3	6e3	–1	3.5
0218+35	0.944	54 (450)	4e8	77	0.014	0.6 (0.01)	2.24	12.2	3	1	150	3e3	0	3.2
0219+428	0.444	60 (500)	4.e8	<35	9e–3	<0.12 (<2e–3)	2.3	12.9	3	1	3.1e4	1.5e5	1.1	4.3
<i>0227–369</i>	2.115	420 (700)	2e9	547	0.08	30 (0.1)	1.5	14	3	1	200	5e3	0	3.1
<i>0235+164</i>	0.94	132 (440)	1e9	212	0.042	4.5 (0.03)	2.9	12.1	3	1	400	2.7e3	–1	2.1
0301–243	0.260	144 (600)	8e8	<11	4.8e–4	<0.012 (<1e–4)	0.42	14	3	1	9e3	6e5	1	3.2
0332–403	1.445	450 (300)	5e9	775	0.03	60 (0.08)	4.25	10	3	1	90	3e3	1	2.2
<i>0347–211</i>	2.944	750 (500)	5e9	866	0.12	75 (0.1)	1.5	12.9	3	1	500	3e3	–1	3.0
<i>0426–380</i>	1.112	156 (1300)	4e8	600	0.018	36 (0.6)	1.7	13	3	1	300	6e3	–1	2.4
0447–439	0.107	72 (400)	6e8	<25	1.4e–4	<0.063 (<7e–4)	0.9	15	3	1	2e4	4e5	1	3.5
<i>0454–234</i>	1.003	338 (450)	2.5e9	433	0.027	18.8 (0.05)	3	12.2	3	1	330	4e3	–1	2.4
0502+675	0.314	54 (300)	6e8	<23	1.5e–3	<0.054 (<6e–4)	4	15	3	1	5e4	1e6	0	2.8
<i>0528+134</i>	2.04	420 (1400)	1e9	866	0.13	75 (0.5)	2.6	13	3	1	150	3e3	–1	2.8
0537–441	0.892	216 (360)	2e9	346	0.06	12 (0.04)	3.4	11	3.5	1	90	3e3	0.5	2.2
0650+453	0.933	81 (900)	3e8	212	0.018	4.5 (0.1)	1	15	3	1	90	4.e3	0	2.6
0716+332	0.779	81 (450)	6e8	212	4.5e–3	4.5 (0.05)	4.1	12.2	3	1	150	5e3	0	2.6
0716+714	0.26	84 (700)	4e8	<42	1.5e–3	<0.18 (<3e–3)	1.2	15	3	1	6e3	6e5	1.2	3.2
0735+178	0.424	142 (590)	8e8	<77	3e–3	<0.6 (<5e–3)	0.66	10	3	1	1e3	9.5e3	1	2
0814+425	0.53	30 (500)	2e8	77	2e–3	0.6 (0.02)	3.4	12.9	3	1	100	4e3	1	2.1
	0.53	54 (600)	3e8	<9.5	0.01	<9e–3 (<2e–4)	0.08	14.1	2.5	70	800	4e4	2	2.2
<i>0820+560</i>	1.417	261 (580)	1.5e9	581	0.023	34 (0.15)	3.1	13.9	3	1	220	3e3	0	3.4
0851+202	0.306	90 (600)	5e8	<39	5e–3	<0.15 (<3e–3)	1	10	3	70	2.3e3	6e4	1.2	3.15
<i>0917+449</i>	2.19	900 (500)	6e9	1341	0.1	180 (0.2)	1.95	12.9	3	1	50	4e3	–1	2.6
0948+0022	0.5846	72 (1600)	1.5e8	300	0.024	9 (0.4)	3.4	10	6	1	800	1.6e3	1	2.2
0954+556	0.8955	315 (1050)	1e9	173	7.7e–3	3 (0.02)	0.7	13	2.5	1	6e3	9e3	0.3	2.1
1011+496	0.212	36 (400)	3e8	<12	7e–4	<0.014 (<3e–4)	3.5	15	3	1	6e4	1e5	0.2	3.7
<i>1013+054</i>	1.713	252 (420)	2e9	300	0.036	9 (0.03)	1.7	11.8	3	1	500	3e3	1	2.4
1030+61	1.401	405 (450)	3e9	424	0.022	18 (0.04)	2.1	12.2	3	1	200	7e3	0	3
1050.7+4946	0.140	45 (500)	3e8	<6.7	3e–4	<4.5e–3 (<1e–4)	0.08	17	3	1	2e4	5e6	0.7	3.9
1055+018	0.89	81 (450)	6e8	300	9e–3	9 (0.1)	5.6	12	3	1	30	4e3	1	2.3
1057–79	0.569	99 (550)	6e8	300	5.5e–3	9 (0.1)	4.6	11	3	1	200	4e3	–0.5	3.3
10586+5628	0.143	60 (400)	5e8	<12	1e–3	<0.015 (<2e–4)	0.55	11.5	5	200	1e3	2.8e5	1	2.6
1101+384	0.031	75 (500)	5e8	<0.9	6e–5	<7.5e–5 (<1e–6)	0.25	19	1.8	100	1.3e5	5e5	2	3
1127–145	1.184	405 (450)	3e9	1061	0.036	112.5 (0.25)	3.6	12	3	1	150	4e3	0.75	3.3
1144–379	1.049	64.5 (430)	5e8	173	7e–3	3 (0.04)	3.7	12	3	1	300	2e3	1	2.3
1156+295	0.729	114 (380)	1e9	245	0.011	6 (0.04)	4	11.3	3	1	70	5e3	–1	2.8
1215+303	0.13	45 (500)	3e8	<12	4e–4	<0.014 (<3e–4)	0.3	15	3	100	6e3	5e5	1	3.3
1219+285	0.102	75 (500)	5e8	<12	2.3e–4	<0.015 (<2e–4)	0.45	12.9	3	100	2.5e4	6e5	1.7	3.3
1226+023	0.158	120 (500)	8e8	693	0.015	48 (0.4)	11.6	12.9	3	1	40	2e4	1	3.4
1244–255	0.635	71 (340)	7e8	205	5e–3	4.2 (0.04)	4.8	10	3	1	100	4e3	1	2.3
1253–055	0.536	74 (310)	8e8	173	0.012	3 (0.025)	4.5	10.2	3	1	200	3e3	0.5	2.6
1308+32	0.996	115 (550)	7e8	435	0.015	18.9 (0.18)	4.8	13	3	1	300	3e3	1	2.5
<i>1329–049</i>	2.15	450 (1000)	1.5e9	822	0.07	67.5 (0.3)	1.4	15	3	1	300	5e3	1	3.3
1352–104	0.332	23.4 (390)	2e8	77	2.5e–3	0.6 (0.02)	5.5	11.4	3.5	1	50	4e3	0	2.7
<i>1454–354</i>	1.424	150 (250)	2e9	671	0.25	45 (0.15)	2	20.	3	1	1e3	4e3	–1	2.0
<i>1502+106</i>	1.839	450 (500)	3e9	764	0.16	58.5 (0.13)	2.8	12.9	3	1	600	4e3	–1	2.1
1508–055	1.185	360 (600)	2e9	775	9e–3	60 (0.2)	2.7	13	3	1	400	5e3	1	2.9
1510–089	0.360	126 (600)	7e8	205	6e–3	4.2 (0.04)	3.7	14.1	3	1	150	4e3	1	3
1514–231	0.048	105 (700)	5e8	<4.7	2e–3	<2e–3 (<3e–5)	0.4	15	4.3	200	3e3	2e4	2.5	4.6
<i>1520+319</i>	1.487	1500 (2000)	2.5e9	237	0.04	5.6 (0.015)	0.06	15	3	1	2e3	3e4	0.8	2.6
<i>1551+130</i>	1.308	330 (1100)	1e9	755	0.02	57 (0.38)	2	13	3	1	200	6e3	–1	2.4
1553+11	0.36	96 (800)	4e8	<35	7.5e–3	<0.12 (<2e–3)	6	15	3	1	4e4	6e5	0.3	3
1622–253	0.786	360 (300)	4e9	300	0.01	9 (0.015)	1.5	10	3	1	300	6e3	–1	2.6
<i>1633+382</i>	1.814	750 (500)	5e9	866	0.07	75 (0.1)	1.5	12.9	3	1	230	6e3	0	2.9
1652+398	0.0336	63 (300)	7e8	<1.4	1e–4	<2e–4 (<2e–6)	0.11	16	3	200	2e5	2e6	2	3

Table 4 – continued

Name	z	R_{diss}	M	R_{BLR}	P'_i	L_{d}	B	Γ	θ_{v}	γ_0	γ_{b}	γ_{max}	s_1	s_2
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]
1717+177	0.137	45 (500)	3e8	<13	1.8e-3	<0.018 (<4e-4)	0.1	12.9	3	100	1e3	1e6	1.8	2.8
1749+096	0.322	172 (820)	7e8	<79	3.5e-3	<0.63 (<6e-3)	1	15	3	1	2e3	1e5	0.9	2.8
1803-784	0.680	66 (440)	5e8	137	6.5e-3	1.88 (0.025)	9.8	12	3	1	20	3.5e3	1	2.2
1846+322	0.798	150 (1000)	5e8	312	6.e-3	9.75 (0.13)	2.5	14	3	1	200	3e3	1	2.5
1849+67	0.657	72 (400)	6e8	212	5.5e-3	4.5 (0.05)	4.6	13	3	1	250	3e3	1	2.3
1908-201	1.119	195 (650)	1e9	548	0.012	30 (0.2)	6.9	14.7	2.4	1	300	2.7e3	1	2.5
1920-211	0.874	150 (500)	1e9	387	8e-3	15 (0.1)	5.2	12.9	3	1	100	5e3	0	2.4
1959+650	0.047	60 (1000)	2e8	<7.7	7e-5	<6e-3 (<2e-4)	1.1	18	3	1	2e5	6e5	1.2	3
2005-489	0.071	83 (500)	5e8	<12	7e-5	<0.015 (<2e-4)	0.9	13.5	3	100	6e4	1e5	1.5	4.3
2023-077	1.388	378 (420)	3e9	474	0.07	22.5 (0.05)	1.8	11.8	3	1	350	4e3	0	2.6
2052-47	1.491	210 (700)	1e9	612	0.045	37.5 (0.25)	2.6	13	3	1	100	7e3	-1	3.0
2141+175	0.213	60 (500)	4e8	268	1.3e-3	7.2 (0.12)	4.3	10	4	1	200	1.5e4	0	3.2
2144+092	1.113	195 (650)	1e9	387	0.02	15 (0.1)	2.4	14.7	3	1	200	5e3	0.5	3.2
2155-304	0.116	72 (300)	8e8	<29	1e-3	<0.084 (<7e-4)	3.5	16	3	1	3e4	2e5	0.5	3.9
	0.116	120 (500)	8e8	<29	3e-4	<0.084 (<7e-4)	0.7	16	3	1	1.8e4	5e5	1	3.3
2155+31	1.486	96 (800)	4e8	110	0.03	1.2 (0.02)	1.2	16	3	1	140	5e3	0.5	3.2
2200+420	0.069	75 (500)	5e8	<17	2.5e-3	<0.03 (<4e-4)	1	10	3	80	150	1e5	1	3.1
2201+171	1.076	180 (300)	2e9	346	0.016	12 (0.04)	5.9	10	3	1	300	3e3	1.2	2.2
2204-54	1.215	195 (650)	1e9	520	0.023	27 (0.18)	3.1	14	3	1	150	3e3	0.5	3.1
2227-088	1.5595	211 (470)	1.5e9	497	0.06	24.8 (0.11)	3.3	12	3	1	200	5e3	0.5	3.2
2230+114	1.037	195 (650)	1e9	670	0.025	45 (0.3)	4.1	14	3	1	110	3e3	0.5	3.1
2257+158	0.859	240 (800)	1e9	548	0.14	30 (0.2)	4.1	13	3	1	250	4e3	1	2.7
2325+093	1.843	420 (1400)	1e9	671	0.08	45 (0.3)	1.6	16	3	1	190	5e3	0	3.5
2345-155	0.621	132 (1100)	4e8	190	3.5e-3	3.6 (0.06)	1.8	13	3	1	100	4e3	-1	2.8
(FSRQ)	1	189 (630)	1e9	387	0.02	15 (0.1)	2.6	13	3	1	300	3e3	1	2.7
(BL Lac)	0.1	75.6 (630)	4e8	<24.5	8e-4	<0.06 (<1e-3)	0.8	15	3	1	1.5e4	8.e5	1	3.3

Note that R_{BLR} is a derived quantity, not an independent input parameter. It is listed for an easy comparison with R_{diss} . Column [1]: name; Column [2]: redshift; Column [3]: dissipation radius in units of 10^{15} cm and (in parenthesis) in units of R_{S} ; Column [4]: black hole mass in solar masses; Column [5]: size of the BLR in units of 10^{15} cm; Column [6]: power injected in the blob calculated in the comoving frame, in units of 10^{45} erg s^{-1} ; Column [7]: accretion disc luminosity in units of 10^{45} erg s^{-1} and (in parenthesis) in units of L_{Edd} ; Column [8]: magnetic field in Gauss; Column [9]: bulk Lorentz factor at R_{diss} ; Column [10]: viewing angle in degrees; Column [11–13]: minimum, break and maximum random Lorentz factors of the injected electrons; Column [14 and 15]: slopes of the injected electron distribution [$Q(\gamma)$] below and above γ_{b} ; For all cases, the X-ray corona luminosity $L_{\text{X}} = 0.3L_{\text{d}}$. Its spectral shape is assumed to be $\propto \nu^{-1} \exp(-h\nu/150 \text{ keV})$.

power-law slope $s_2 + 1$, i.e. steeper still. The fact that BL Lacs are characterized by a flatter γ -ray spectrum in the *Fermi* band (A09; Ghisellini et al. 2009c) is *not due* to a flatter slope of the $N(\gamma)$ distribution above γ_{b} , but to their SED peaking at energies close to or higher than a few GeV.

Also the distribution of s_1 is broad, with FSRQs having harder slopes. But, in this case the radiative cooling is stronger, and $N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-2}$ from γ_{cool} to γ_{b} , making s_1 less important. For BL Lacs, instead, the cooling is much weaker, and in several cases $N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-s_1}$ at intermediate energies, mostly contributing to the X-ray band. This requires a softer s_1 . There are, however, extreme cases (TeV emitting BL Lacs, with an hard spectrum) present in T09, but not here (they are not detected by *Fermi*) that require a very hard s_1 or even a cut-off in the electron distribution (i.e. no electrons injected below some critical value).

The distributions of γ_{b} , γ_{max} (Fig. 1) are clearly different for FSRQs and BL Lacs, with BL Lacs requiring much larger values. This, together with the weaker cooling for BL Lacs (implying a larger γ_{cool}), determines the distribution of γ_{peak} , the value of Lorentz factors of those electrons producing most of the radiation we see. This confirms earlier results concerning the interpretation of the blazar sequence (i.e. Ghisellini et al. 1998; Celotti & Ghisellini 2008).

The relation of γ_{peak} with the energy densities and with γ_{cool} is shown in Fig. 3. The top panel shows γ_{peak} as a function of the sum

of the magnetic and radiation energy density as measured in the comoving frame. The grey symbols are the values for the blazars studied in Celotti & Ghisellini (2008).

6.5 Disc luminosities

The accretion disc luminosities of FSRQs (Fig. 2) derived by the model fits are in the range 10^{45} – 10^{47} erg s^{-1} , and the upper limits for BL Lacs indicate, always, values below 10^{45} erg s^{-1} . In Eddington units, FSRQs always have values above 10^{-2} , and BL Lacs always values below. Bearing in mind that for some FSRQs our estimates are poor (when the beamed non-thermal flux hide the thermal emission or when *Swift* data are missing) this result is intriguing. It is in perfect agreement with the ‘blazar’s divide’ between broad-line and lineless objects proposed by Ghisellini et al. (2009c). It also agrees with the scenario proposed by Cavaliere & D’Elia (2002) and Böttcher & Dermer (2002). We will further discuss this point later.

6.6 Accretion and outflow mass rates

Fig. 2 shows the ratio of the accretion (\dot{M}_{in}) and outflow (\dot{M}_{out}) mass rates. For FSRQs, we set $\dot{M}_{\text{out}} \equiv P_{\text{j}}/(\Gamma c^2)$: therefore, \dot{M}_{out} suffers from the same uncertainties of P_{j} , derived assuming one proton per emitting electron and that *all* electrons emit. For completeness,

Table 5. Jet power in the form of radiation, Poynting flux, bulk motion of electrons and protons (assuming one proton per emitting electron).

Name	$\log P_r$	$\log P_B$	$\log P_e$	$\log P_p$
00311–1938	44.37	44.10	43.46	43.93
<i>0048–071</i>	45.75	45.35	44.69	47.10
0116–219	45.16	45.06	44.09	46.26
0118–272	44.20	43.30	43.77	43.91
0133+47	45.22	46.41	44.43	47.01
0142–278	45.39	44.89	44.98	47.26
<i>0202–17</i>	45.80	45.65	44.80	47.31
0208–512	45.44	44.39	44.63	46.44
<i>0215+015</i>	45.81	45.78	44.86	46.09
0218+35	45.21	43.96	44.76	46.51
0219+428	45.16	44.08	44.12	45.44
<i>0227–369</i>	46.18	45.49	44.97	47.34
<i>0235+164</i>	45.78	44.97	44.61	46.60
0301–243	43.66	43.42	43.56	43.93
0332–403	45.41	46.21	44.51	47.05
<i>0347–211</i>	46.30	45.91	44.55	46.92
<i>0426–380</i>	45.48	44.67	44.30	46.36
0447–439	45.41	46.21	44.51	47.05
<i>0454–234</i>	45.60	45.80	44.16	46.40
0502+675	44.53	44.59	42.75	43.29
<i>0528+134</i>	47.39	45.86	45.87	48.31
0537–441	45.80	45.39	44.97	47.19
0650+453	45.55	43.73	44.90	46.88
0716+332	44.77	44.84	44.05	45.92
0716+714	44.36	43.93	44.06	45.21
0735+178	44.19	43.51	44.12	45.12
0814+425 (EC)	44.40	43.81	43.97	45.94
0814+425 (SSC)	44.23	41.35	44.91	45.64
<i>0820+560</i>	45.60	45.75	44.57	46.85
0851+202	44.45	43.48	44.28	44.96
<i>0917+449</i>	46.20	46.29	45.00	47.57
0948+0022	45.30	44.35	44.71	46.68
0954+556	45.04	44.48	44.52	45.07
1011+496	44.19	44.12	42.80	43.21
<i>1013+054</i>	45.68	45.02	44.66	46.99
1030+61	45.50	45.65	44.33	46.62
1050.7+4946	42.53	41.14	43.35	42.81
1055+018	44.93	45.04	44.57	46.90
1057–79	44.75	44.97	44.06	45.85
10586+5628	43.64	42.76	43.72	44.02
1101+384	42.60	42.67	43.03	43.50
1127–145	45.66	46.06	44.80	47.28
1144–379	44.92	44.49	44.34	46.41
1156+295	45.04	45.12	44.45	46.38
1215+303	43.20	43.46	43.46	42.18
1219+285	43.15	42.92	43.24	43.61
1226+023	45.05	46.09	44.90	47.48
1244–255	44.56	44.64	44.12	46.24
1253–055	45.00	44.71	44.40	46.29
1308+32	45.34	45.28	44.57	46.83
<i>1329–049</i>	46.18	45.53	45.07	47.65
1352–104	44.18	43.94	44.02	45.71
<i>1454–354</i>	47.01	45.13	45.20	47.47
<i>1502+106</i>	46.43	46.12	44.63	46.91
1508–055	45.16	45.78	44.07	46.54
1510–089	44.99	45.26	44.41	46.77
1514–241	43.08	43.17	43.98	44.59
<i>1520+319</i>	45.91	43.84	45.22	46.50
<i>1551+130</i>	45.53	45.45	44.21	46.48
1553+11	45.23	45.44	43.16	44.29
1622–253	44.95	45.04	44.17	45.65
<i>1633+382</i>	46.06	45.91	44.60	47.05
1652+398	42.45	41.66	43.05	43.20

Table 5 – continued

Name	$\log P_r$	$\log P_B$	$\log P_e$	$\log P_p$
1717+177	43.14	41.23	44.09	44.76
1749+096	44.73	44.40	44.43	45.37
1803+784	44.73	45.35	44.41	46.80
1846+322	45.02	44.99	44.25	46.59
1849+67	44.90	44.83	44.23	46.38
1908–201	45.36	46.18	44.37	46.82
1920–211	45.07	45.58	44.19	46.30
1959+650	43.32	43.72	42.51	43.17
2005–489	42.96	43.66	42.65	43.01
<i>2023–077</i>	45.98	45.41	44.65	46.87
<i>2052–47</i>	45.84	45.27	45.01	47.24
2141+175	44.00	44.39	43.51	45.18
2144+092	45.60	45.25	44.69	46.98
2155–304 (high)	44.40	44.78	43.06	43.85
2155–304 (low)	43.76	43.83	43.40	43.89
2155+31	45.19	43.89	44.98	46.36
2200+420	43.35	43.32	43.94	44.90
2201+171	45.12	45.62	44.36	46.74
2204–54	45.60	45.44	44.80	47.09
2227–088	45.89	45.40	45.07	47.29
2230+114	45.62	45.66	44.89	47.23
<i>2251+158</i>	46.33	45.78	45.43	47.87
<i>2325+093</i>	46.30	45.65	45.06	47.51
2345–1555	44.72	44.56	43.97	45.92

Note. Sources in italics have been analysed in Paper I and their jet powers are here reported for completeness.

we show this distribution also for BL Lacs, but the values are in this case completely uncertain, for two reasons. First, since only an upper limit on L_d is derived, we have a corresponding upper limit for \dot{M}_{in} . On the other hand, the discs in BL Lacs may well be radiatively inefficient: if so, they will have larger accretion rates than the ones corresponding to a standard disc. We will estimate \dot{M}_{in} for BL Lacs later, using the assumption of $P_j = \dot{M}_{in}c^2$.

For FSRQs, instead, the distribution is more meaningful (bearing in mind the limitations mentioned above) and indicates that the mass outflowing rate, on average, is 1–10 per cent of the mass accretion rate. The distribution is rather narrow, and this may indicate that the mass outflow rate of the jet (derived assuming one proton per emitting electron) is linked with the mass accretion rate. In other words, the matter of the jet may come directly from the accreting one. In this case, other processes, like entrainment, should be less important.

6.7 Emission mechanisms

For all but four FSRQs (0215+015, 0954+556, 1520+319 and 1622–253), the dissipation region is within the BLR, that provides most of the seed photons scattered at high frequencies. The main emission processes are then synchrotron and thermal emission from the accretion disc for the low-frequency parts, and EC for the hard X-rays and the γ -ray part of the spectrum. The X-ray corona and the SSC flux marginally contribute to the soft X-ray part of the SED. When $R_{diss} < R_{BLR}$, the overall non-thermal emission is rather insensitive to the presence/absence of the IR torus, since the bulk of the seed photons are provided by the broad lines. Instead, for the four FSRQs with $R_{diss} > R_{BLR}$, the EC process with the IR radiation of the torus is crucial to explain their SED.

For BL Lacs (see the SEDs in T09), the main mechanism is SSC, but in few cases this process is unable to account for a very

Table 6. Estimates of the mass of the black hole for the blazars in our sample.

Name	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
0502+675	8.78	8.80	F03b	
0851+202	8.7	8.79	W04	
1011+496	8.48	8.71	F03b	8.28 W08 8.32 W02
		8.25	W02	8.25 W02
1101+384	8.7	8.29	W08	8.42 W08 8.97 W08
		9.13	W02	8.88 W02
1215+303	8.48	8.83	F03b	7.53 W02 7.62 W02
1514−241	8.7	8.74	F03a	8.09 B03 8.74 F03b
		8.40	Wo05	9.10 W02 8.86 W02
1652+398	8.84	9.21	W08	8.78 W08 8.62 Wo05
		8.94	F03	9.21 B03
1749+096	8.84	8.66	F03b	7.21 W02 7.36 W02
1959+650	8.3	8.08	W08	8.28 W08 7.96 Wo05
		8.56	F03a	8.30 W02 8.22 W02
		8.53	F03b	
2005−489	8.7	8.14	W08	8.89 F03b 8.66 W02
		8.51	W02	
2200+420	8.7	8.08	W08	8.28 W08 8.35 W04
		8.77	F03b	8.56 W02 8.43 W02
0537−441	9.3	8.74	W04	7.7 P05 8.33 L06
0820+560	9.18	9.49	C09	
0917+449	9.78	9.88	C09	
0948+002	8.17	8.26	C09	
0954+566	9	9.20	C09	7.7 P05 7.87 L06
1013+054	9.3	9.78	C09	
1030+61	9.48	9.39	C09	
1055+018	8.78	9.25	C09	
1144−379	8.7	7.6	P05	
1156+295	9	9.11	C09	8.56 X05 8.54 X05
		8.63	P05	8.54 L06
1226+023	8.9	9.10	F03b	9.21 W04 8.6 P05
		8.92	L06	
1253−055	8.9	8.48	W04	7.9 P05 8.28 L06
1308+32	8.84	8.94	C09	9.24 W04
1502+106	9.48	9.50	C09	8.74 L06
1510−089	8.84	8.62	W04	8.31 X05
		8.22	X05	8.20 L06
1551+130	9	9.19	C09	
1633+382	9.7	9.74	C09	8.67 L06
1803+784	8.7	8.57	W04	7.92 L06
2141+175	8.6	8.98	F03b	8.14 X05 8.05 X05
		7.95	L06	
2227−088	9.18	9.40	C09	
2230+114	9	8.5	P05	
2251+158	9	9.10	W04	8.5 P05 8.83 L06

Note. Values are given for the logarithm of the black hole mass measured in solar masses. We list here only those blazars for which we have found another, independent, mass estimate. The first value (Column 2) is the estimate found in this paper. In the top part of the table, we list BL Lacs for which we found only an upper limit on the disc luminosity. In this case our estimates of the black hole mass is very uncertain. References: B03: Barth, Ho & Sargent (2003); C09: Chen et al. (2009); F03a: Falomo et al. (2003a); F03b: Falomo, Carangelo & Treves (2003b); L06: Liu, Jiang & Gu (2006); P05: Pian, Falomo & Treves (2005); W02: Wu, Liu & Zhang (2002); W04: Wang, Luo & Ho (2004); W08: Wagner (2008); Wo05: Woo et al. (2005). X05: Xie et al. (2005).

large separation between the synchrotron and the inverse Compton peaks of the SED, without invoking extremely large bulk Lorentz factors (larger than 100). These are the cases where the SED is better modelled invoking an extra source of seed photons for the IC process, besides the ones produced by synchrotron in the same zone.

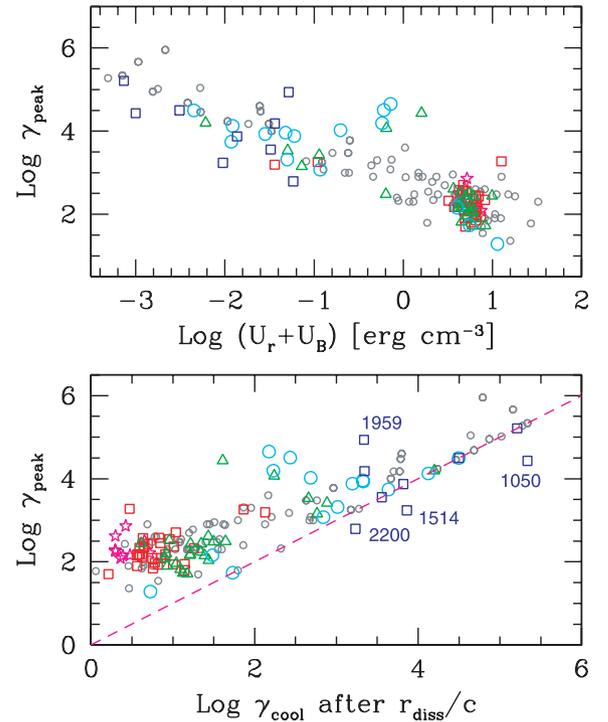


Figure 3. Top panel: γ_{peak} versus $U_B + U'_r$. Bottom panel: γ_{peak} versus γ_{cool} calculated after one light crossing time. The dashed line indicates equality. See the text for details. Different symbols refer to different γ -ray luminosity bins, as in Fig 6. For comparison, we show (little grey circles) the blazars studied in Celotti & Ghisellini (2008).

One possibility is offered by the spine/layer scenario (Ghisellini, Tavecchio & Chiaberge 2005), in which a slower layer surrounds the fast spine of the jet. The radiative interplay between the two structures enhances the IC flux and can account for the observed SED in these cases.

Another problem, with the standard one-zone SSC scenario, concerns the ultrafast (i.e. min) variability sometimes seen at high energies (Aharonian et al. 2007; Albert et al. 2007). This cannot be accounted for by the simple models, and require other emitting zones or extra population of electrons (see e.g. Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008; Ghisellini et al. 2009b; Giannios, Uzdensky & Begelman 2009).

For all our sources, the importance of the γ - $\gamma \rightarrow e^\pm$ process (which is included in our model) is very modest, and does not influence the observed spectrum, nor the derived jet power, discussed below.

7 JET POWER

Table 5 lists the power carried by the jet in the form of radiation (P_r), magnetic field (P_B), electrons (P_e) and cold protons (P_p , assuming one proton per emitting electron). All the powers are calculated as

$$P_i = \pi r_{\text{diss}}^2 \Gamma^2 \beta c U'_i, \quad (3)$$

where U'_i is the energy density of the i component, as measured in the comoving frame. We comment below on each contribution.

(i) The power carried in the form of the produced radiation, $P_r = \pi r_{\text{diss}}^2 \Gamma^2 \beta c U'_{\text{rad}}$, can be re-written as [using $U'_{\text{rad}} = L'/(4\pi r_{\text{diss}}^2 c)$]

$$P_r = L' \frac{\Gamma^2}{4} = L \frac{\Gamma^2}{4\delta^4} \sim L \frac{1}{4\delta^2}, \quad (4)$$

where L is the total observed non-thermal luminosity (L' is in the comoving frame) and U'_{rad} is the radiation energy density produced by the jet (i.e. excluding the external components). The last equality assumes $\theta_v \sim 1/\Gamma$. This is a almost model-independent quantity, since it depends only on the adopted δ , that can be estimated also by other means, namely superluminal motions.

(ii) When calculating P_e (the jet power in bulk motion of emitting electrons), we include their average energy, i.e. $U'_e = n_e \langle \gamma \rangle m_e c^2$. Usually, when estimating this quantity, we have the problem of determining $\gamma_{\text{min}} m_e c^2$, the minimum energy of the electron distribution [where, for steep distribution functions $N(\gamma)$, most of the electrons are]. This problem is much alleviated here, since the assumed form of the particle injection function $Q(\gamma)$ is rather flat at low energies. The amount of the electrons at low energies then mainly depends on cooling, making $N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-2}$ down to γ_{cool} and flatter below. Thus, the total amount of electrons contributing to P_e depends on cooling, not on a pre-assigned shape of the particle distribution (including a pre-assigned γ_{min}). In this sense, the P_e derived here is less arbitrary. Furthermore, in the case of luminous FSRQs, the X-ray flux can be reliably associated to the EC mechanism (this occurs when the slope is very hard, because the SSC component tends to be rather softer, see the discussion of this point in Celotti & Ghisellini 2008). In this case, the low-energy X-ray data are crucial to fix γ_{min} : a too high value makes the modelled X-ray flux to underestimate the observed one. Since in this sources the radiative cooling is severe, this agrees with the fact that γ_{min} must be small, of the order of γ_{cool} or less. As a final comment, consider that the estimate of P_e includes only those electrons contributing to the emission. Since it is unlikely that all the electrons present in the emitting region are accelerated, P_e is a lower limit. On the other hand, when $\langle \gamma \rangle$ is greater than a few, the contribution of the accelerated electrons to P_e may dominate over the contribution of the cool (not accelerated) ones.

(iii) For P_p (the jet power in bulk motion of cold protons), we have assumed that there is one proton per emitting electron, i.e. electron–positron pairs are negligible. This is a crucial assumption. Partly, it is justified within the context of our model because we take into account the pair-production process, and we find that pairs are always negligible. If a substantial amount of pairs comes from the inner regions of the jet, we must explain why they have survived annihilation, important in the inner, more compact and denser regions (Ghisellini et al. 1992). If they have survived because they were hot (thus they had a smaller annihilation cross-section) then they should have produced a large amount of radiation (that we do not observe). In doing so, they should have cooled rapidly, and then annihilate. These considerations (see also similar comments in Celotti & Ghisellini 2008) lead us to accept the assumption of one proton per electron as the most reliable.

For BL Lacs, the presence or not of electron–positron pairs is less of a problem, because the mean energy of the emitting electrons is large, approaching the rest mass–energy of a proton. In this case, $P_e \sim P_p$.

(iv) P_B is derived using the magnetic field found from the model fitting. There can be the (somewhat contrived) possibility that the size of the emitting region is smaller than the one considered here, i.e. inside the jet there could be smaller volumes where the magnetic field lines reconnect, and in this case the total Poynting flux of the jet can be larger than what we estimate here. We consider that this is unlikely.

Fig. 4 shows the distributions of the jet powers and the bottom panel, for comparison, shows the distribution of the accretion disc

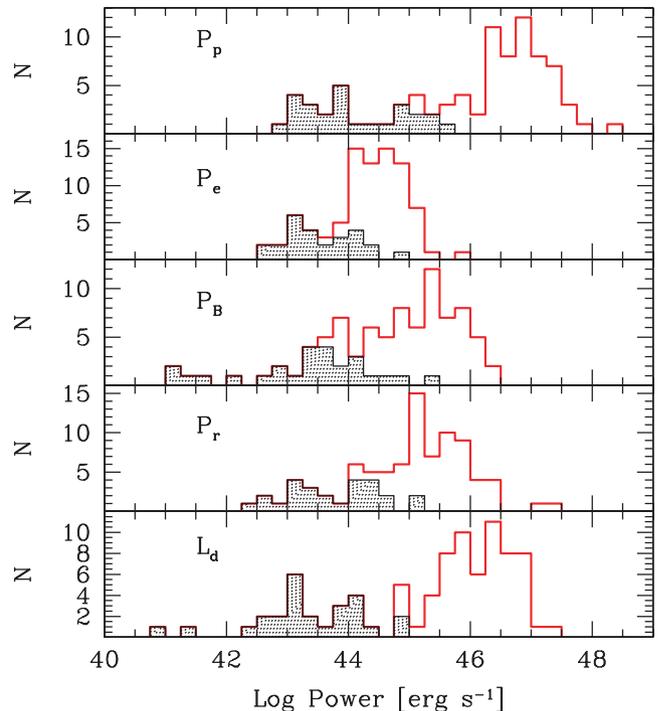


Figure 4. From top to bottom panels: distributions of the jet power in the form of bulk kinetic power of cold protons (P_p , assuming one proton per emitting electron); emitting electrons (P_e , including their average random energy $\langle \gamma \rangle m_e c^2$); Poynting flux (P_B), radiation (P_r). The bottom panel shows the distribution of the luminosities L_d of the accretion disc. The shaded area in all panels corresponds to sources with only upper limits on L_d .

luminosities. Grey-shaded areas correspond to BL Lacs for which we could estimate only an upper limit to their disc luminosity. Fig. 5 shows the fraction of the total jet power (i.e. $P_p + P_e + P_B$) transformed in radiation (ϵ_r), carried by electrons (ϵ_e) and Poynting flux (ϵ_B).

For FSRQs, the power carried in radiation (P_r) is larger than P_e . This is a consequence of fast cooling: electrons convert their energy into radiation in a time shorter than r_{diss}/c and the radiation component can in this time accumulate more energy than what remains in the electrons (even if they are continuously injected during this time). The distribution of P_B is at slightly smaller values than the distribution of P_r , indicating that the Poynting flux cannot be at the origin of the radiation we see. As described in Celotti & Ghisellini (2008), this is a direct consequence of the large values of the so-called Compton dominance (i.e. the ratio of the Compton to the synchrotron luminosity), since this limits the value of the magnetic field.

To justify the power that the jet carries in radiation (we insist: it is the least controversial quantity), we are forced to consider the power carried by the jet in the form of protons. Following the consideration made above, the simplest and most reasonable assumption is to assume that there is one proton per electrons. If so, P_p for FSRQs is a factor of ~ 10 – 100 larger than P_r , meaning an efficiency of 1–10 per cent for the jet to convert its bulk kinetic motion into radiation (see also the top panel of Fig. 5). This is reasonable: most of the jet power in FSRQs goes to form and energize the large radio structures, and not into radiation. On the other hand, we do not have yet a firm handle on how much power the radio lobes require (this estimate, among other things, depends on the proton energy density, still a very poorly known quantity). Another inference comes from blazars

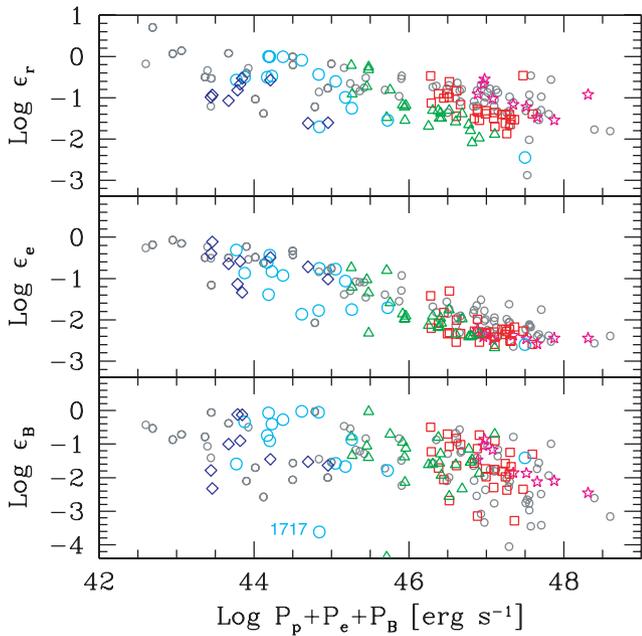


Figure 5. The fraction of L_{jet} radiated (ϵ_r , top panel), in relativistic leptons (ϵ_e , middle panel) and in magnetic fields (ϵ_B , bottom panel) as functions of $P_{\text{jet}} = P_p + P_e + P_B$. Different symbols refer to different γ -ray luminosity bins, as in Fig. 6. For comparison, we show (little grey circles) the blazars studied in Celotti & Ghisellini (2008).

emitting X-rays at large (~ 10 – 100 kpc) distances as observed by *Chandra*. For them, the leading emission model (e.g. Tavecchio et al. 2004, 2007; but see, e.g. Kataoka et al. 2008) requires that the jet is still relativistic at those scales (with Γ -factors similar to the ones derived in the inner regions) and this in turn suggests that the jet has not lost much of its power in producing radiation.

Consider now BL Lacs: we still have that $P_r \sim P_e \gtrsim P_B$, but now also P_p is of the same order. This means that we are using virtually all the available jet power to produce the radiation we see. This is also illustrated in Fig. 5. Thus, for BL Lacs we either assume that not all electrons are accelerated, allowing for an extra reservoir of power in bulk motion of the protons, or, more intriguingly, we conclude *that the jet notably decelerates*. The latter option is in agreement with recent findings on the absence of fast superluminal motion in TeV BL Lacs (Piner & Edwards 2004; Piner, Pant & Edwards 2008), with the absence of strong extended radio structures, and with the result of the *Chandra* observations of extended X-ray jets at large scales, showing subluminal speed at large scales (e.g. Worrall, Birkinshaw & Hardcastle 2001; Kataoka & Stawarz 2005). Moreover, this issue of jet deceleration of BL Lac jets has been debated recently on the theoretical point of view (Georganopoulos & Kazanas 2003; Ghisellini et al. 2005).

We conclude that the jet of FSRQs are powerful, matter dominated and transforming a few per cent of their kinetic power into radiation. The jet of BL Lacs is less powerful, with the different forms of power in rough equipartition, transforming a larger fraction of their kinetic power into radiation, and probably decelerating. Despite these different characteristics, there is no discontinuity between FSRQs and BL Lacs. All the different properties can be explained with the difference in jet power accompanied by a different environment, in turn caused by a different regime of accretion. This important point is discussed below.

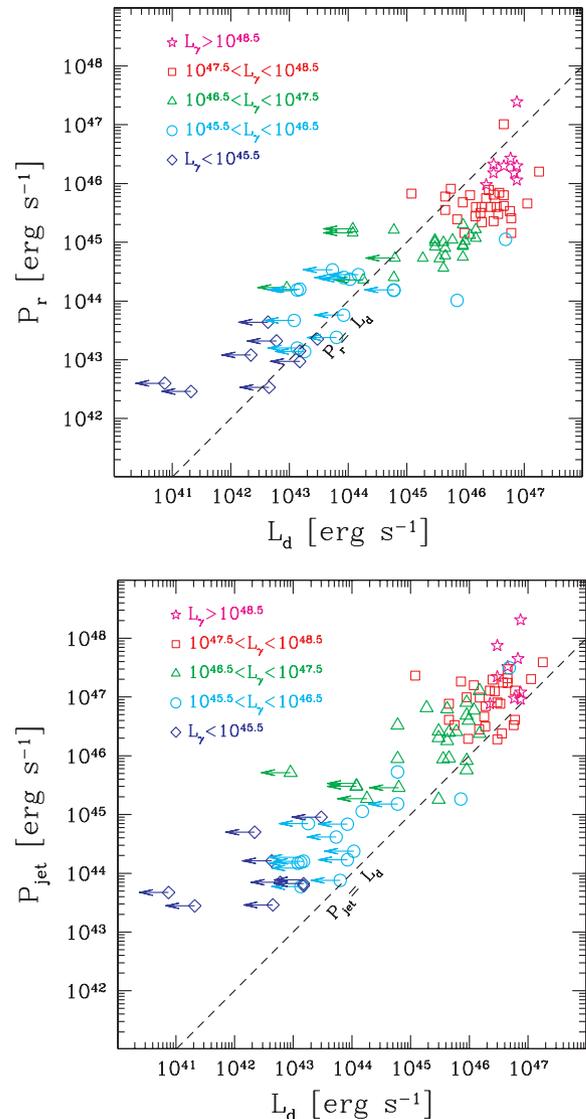


Figure 6. Top panel: the radiation power produced by the jet as a function of the accretion disc luminosity. Bottom panel: the jet power (i.e. $P_{\text{jet}} = P_p + P_e + P_B$) as a function of the accretion disc luminosity. The different symbols (as labelled) correspond to blazars of different γ -ray observed luminosities.

7.1 Jet power versus accretion luminosity

The availability of the *Swift*/UVOT data for many of our blazars made possible to estimate the accretion disc luminosity for several of them. We can then discuss one of the crucial problem in jet physics: the disc/jet connection.

Fig. 6 shows what we think is the main result of our work (see also Maraschi & Tavecchio 2003; Sambruna et al. 2006 for earlier results). The top panel shows P_r as a function of the accretion disc luminosity L_d , while the bottom panel shows P_{jet} versus L_d . The different symbols correspond to different bins of the observed γ -ray luminosity L_γ , as labelled.

Consider first the top panel.

(i) Blazars with different L_γ form a sequence in the $P_r - L_d$ plane. That L_γ correlates with P_r is not a surprise, since we already knew (from EGRET) that the γ -ray luminosity is dominating the

bolometric output. What is interesting is that the most luminous γ -ray blazars have also a more powerful accretion disc.

(ii) For our analysis, we have considered the average value of the γ -ray luminosity during the 3-month survey. Then, it should not be extreme, given the large amplitude and rapid variability shown by blazars, especially at high energies. In other words, the shown P_r is more indicative of an ‘average’ state, not of an extremely high state, even if, in a flux limited sample of variable sources, like the *Fermi* one, sources in high states are always overrepresented. Variability of P_r is, however, an issue, and we can consider that the single blazar can vary at least by a factor of 10–30 around the shown P_r . This contributes to the somewhat large scatter around the $P_r - L_d$ relation.

(iii) Considering only FSRQs, we have that a least-squares fit yields $\log P_{r,45} = 0.73 \log L_{d,45} - 0.36$, with a probability for the correlation to be at random of $P = 5 \times 10^{-8}$. The same least-squares fit yields $\log L_{d,45} = 0.65 \log P_{r,45} + 0.82$, indicating that a slope around unity is consistent with the data. Since both P_r and L_d depend on redshift, we have also applied a partial correlation analysis, as explained in Padovani (1992). Using equation (1) of that paper, we have verified that P_r and L_d , once the redshift dependence is excluded, still correlate, although the probability to be at random increases to $P = 2 \times 10^{-4}$.

(iv) Lineless BL Lacs are shown with their corresponding upper limits on L_d . These are nevertheless important, showing that they must deviate from the general trend defined by FSRQs (see also Maraschi & Tavecchio 2003).

Consider now the bottom panel, showing P_{jet} versus L_d . As mentioned, the jet power of FSRQs is dominated by the bulk motion of cold protons, while in BL Lacs it is more equally distributed among electrons, protons and magnetic field. Also, in this plane the more γ -ray luminous blazars have the most powerful jet.

Considering only FSRQs, we have that a least-squares fit yields $\log P_{\text{jet},45} = 0.62 \log L_{d,45} + 1.07$, with a probability for the correlation to be at random of $P = 6 \times 10^{-7}$. The same least-squares fit yields $\log L_{d,45} = 0.56 \log P_{\text{jet},45} + 0.14$, indicating that a slope around unity is consistent with the data. Excluding the dependence of redshift by applying a partial correlation analysis, the probability to be random increases to $P = 3.4 \times 10^{-6}$.

Also, in this plane the lineless BL Lacs (with upper limits for L_d) deviate from the trend defined by FSRQs, implying that their jet is much more powerful than the luminosity emitted by their accretion discs.

We now assume, as an ansatz, that the jet power is always of the order of $\dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$, for FSRQ as well as for BL Lacs (see Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008 for a discussion). This allows to estimate the accretion rate for BL Lacs independently from their (invisible) disc luminosity. Furthermore, we can form the ratio $\dot{M}_{\text{in}}/\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}$ given by

$$\frac{\dot{M}_{\text{in}}}{\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}} \equiv \frac{\dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2}{1.3 \times 10^{38}(M/M_{\odot})}. \quad (5)$$

For FSRQs, we have used \dot{M}_{in} and M derived from our modelling [\dot{M}_{in} is given by $\dot{M}_{\text{in}} = L_d/(\eta c^2)$, with $\eta = 0.08$ for all sources]. For BL Lacs, we simply set $\dot{M}_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{jet}}/c^2$. The resulting distributions are shown in Fig. 7. Since for BL Lacs the mass we have used is very uncertain, although in agreement with other independent estimates, we show, beside the values of $\dot{M}_{\text{in}}/\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}$ obtained using the masses listed in Table 4 (thick solid line), also the distribution obtained by adopting the same mass of 10^8 (shaded cyan) and $10^9 M_{\odot}$ (shaded grey) for all BL Lacs.

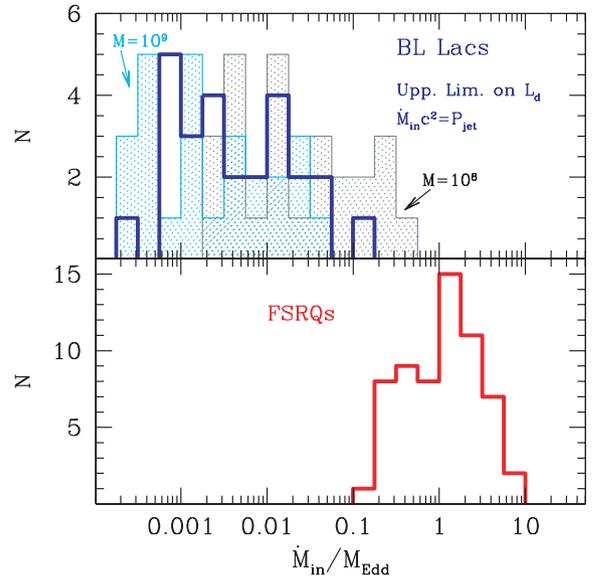


Figure 7. Distributions of the accretion rates in Eddington units for BL Lacs, calculated assuming $P_j = \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$ (top panel) and for FSRQs (bottom panel). The assumed black hole mass is listed in Table 4. For BL Lacs, given the uncertain estimates of the mass, we also report two other distributions, assuming a mass of $M = 10^8$ and $10^9 M_{\odot}$ (grey and cyan histograms, respectively) for all the sources.

Fig. 7 shows that there is a ‘divide’ between BL Lacs and FSRQs occurring at $\dot{M}_{\text{in}}/\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.1$, equivalent to $L_d/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.01$, in striking agreement with the value proposed by Ghisellini et al. (2009c) and very similar to the value proposed by Ghisellini & Celotti (2001) for the division between FR 1 and FR 2 radio galaxies, based on completely different arguments (see also Xu, Cao & Wu 2009). This division can be readily interpreted as the change in the accretion regime of the disc, becoming radiatively inefficient when \dot{M}_{in} is less than ~ 10 per cent of the Eddington value (and L_d is less than ~ 1 per cent of L_{Edd}). Notably, there are hints that similar results hold for *radio-quiet* sources (e.g. Ho 2009; see also Ho 2008 for review).

8 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

We have studied the entire sample of blazars detected during the first 3-month survey of *Fermi* and have a known redshift and a reasonable data coverage of their SED. By studying the resulting 85 objects, we have found the following main results.

(i) The simultaneous or quasi-simultaneous *Swift* observations for a large fraction of our sources allowed to have an unprecedented view on the optical to γ -ray SED of blazars. In addition, the optical–UV data were very important to separate the thermal emission produced by the accretion disc from the beamed non-thermal continuum. In this way, for FSRQs, we could estimate the black hole mass and the accretion rate. This in turn allowed to study the connection between the power of the jet and the luminosity emitted by the accretion disc. We found that they correlate.

(ii) The estimated black hole masses are in the range between 10^8 and several times 10^9 solar masses for FSRQs. For BL Lacs, the poorly constrained masses are in the range 10^8 – $10^9 M_{\odot}$. These values are consistent with those found in the literature for the same objects, but existing estimates vary.

(iii) The luminosity emitted by the accretion discs of FSRQs is between 1 and 60 per cent of the Eddington one. Upper limits to the disc emission of BL Lacs indicate $L_d/L_{\text{Edd}} < 10^{-2}$.

(iv) The ‘divide’ between FSRQs and BL Lacs, in terms of the accreting mass rate (Ghisellini et al. 2009c), is fully confirmed. It occurs when the accretion mass rate becomes smaller than 10 per cent of the Eddington one, or, equivalently, when the disc luminosity becomes smaller than 1 per cent Eddington.

(v) The γ -ray luminosity is a good tracer both of the accretion disc luminosity (for FSRQs) and of the jet power (for all blazars).

(vi) As for the jet emission processes, the EC component almost always dominates the emission beyond the X-ray band in FSRQs, with the SSC contributing to soft and mid-energy X-rays in some cases. In BL Lacs, most of the sources can be fitted by a pure SSC model, but some of them require an extra component when the separation, in energy, of the synchrotron and Compton peaks is too large. This can be provided by a spine/layer structure of the jet, that avoids the need of extremely large Γ -factors.

(vii) The seed photons for the EC mechanism can be provided by a fairly standard BLR, as assumed here and in the ‘canonical’ scenario for powerful blazars. The majority of FSRQs dissipate within the BLR, while four of them are better fitted assuming a dissipation region between the BLR and an IR-emitting torus, at distances greater than the BLR.

(viii) The jet dissipation region is located between a few hundred and a thousand Schwarzschild radii for all sources.

(ix) Bulk Lorentz factors are in the range 10–15.

(x) The magnetic field in the emitting region of FSRQs is between 1 and 10 G, and 10 times less for BL Lacs, on average.

(xi) Jets in FSRQs must be matter dominated, while in BL Lacs there can be equipartition between the power in bulk motion of the emitting electrons, cold protons and magnetic field.

(xii) In FSRQs, it is likely that the electron–positron pair component is negligible. If so, the jet power in these sources is dominated (by a factor 10–30) by the cold proton component, and it is a factor of ~ 3 –5 larger than the luminosity emitted by the accretion disc. The outflowing mass rate is around a few per cent of the accreting mass rate.

(xiii) We confirm that the SEDs of blazar form a sequence, explained in terms of different radiative cooling suffered by the electrons, with higher energy electrons present in jets of lower power.

9 DISCUSSION

The results listed in the previous section confirm earlier findings, largely based on blazars with an EGRET detection, and/or detections in the TeV band. Because of the factor ~ 20 better sensitivity of *Fermi*/LAT with respect to EGRET, we are now starting to explore sources that are not in ‘extraordinary’ bright states in γ -ray band. Sources in our sample should be closer to the average state of blazars, even if, given the still limited sensitivity and the large amplitude variability (even by a factor of 30–100), our blazars are most likely emitting above their average.

These *Fermi* blazars confirm that the jet of blazars form a sequence whose main parameter is their emitted luminosity. This may seem strange, given the strong dependence of the observed luminosity on the Doppler beaming, and therefore on the viewing angle. On the other hand, the results of our model fitting show that our blazars are all viewed at small angles, with no misaligned jet entering the sample. Misaligned sources, therefore, are fainter than the current *Fermi* blazars and should appear in deeper catalogues.

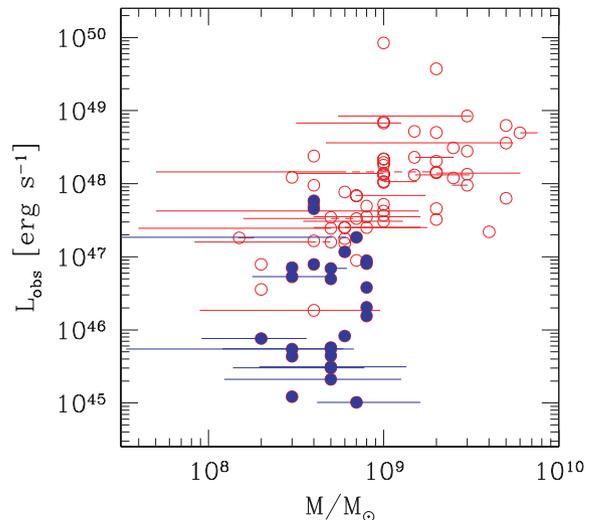


Figure 8. The observed bolometric luminosity produced by the jet (calculated from the fitting model) as a function of the black hole mass. Empty circles are FSRQs with estimated black hole masses and accretion luminosities, filled circles are BL Lacs with only an upper limit on their disc luminosities, and whose black hole mass is uncertain. We also show the range of the estimates of the black hole mass found in the literature.

9.1 Black hole mass and the blazar sequence

There is, in our opinion (Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008), another important parameter, besides the jet power, controlling the look of the emitted SED and its bolometric luminosity: the mass of the black hole. Blazars with small black hole masses and accreting at a rate greater than a critical value should be ‘red’ (i.e. they should have relatively small peak frequencies and large Compton dominance) even if their observed bolometric luminosity is relatively small, contrary to what the simplest version of the blazar sequence would predict. Fig. 8 shows the observed bolometric luminosity (as derived by the model) as a function of the black hole mass estimated in this paper. Empty circles are FSRQs with estimated black hole masses and accretion luminosities, filled circles are BL Lacs with only an upper limit on their disc luminosities, and whose black hole mass is uncertain. We also show the range of black hole masses existing in the literature and reported in Table 6. Within FSRQs, there is indeed a tendency for larger luminosities to correspond to larger black hole masses. Vice versa, below $L_{\text{obs}} = 10^{47}$ erg s $^{-1}$ all black hole masses are smaller than $10^9 M_{\odot}$. Fig. 8 shows that there can be ‘red’ blazars with L_{obs} similar to (bluer) BL Lacs, but this happens when their black hole mass is relatively small.

Having the distribution of all relevant physical parameters, we can do the exercise to construct the ‘average’ SED of FSRQs and BL Lacs, respectively, of our sample. This is illustrated by Fig. 9, for which we have used for the average FSRQs and BL Lacs the parameters listed at the end of Table 4. Note that in our sample there are no ‘extreme’ TeV BL Lacs, since, as discussed in T09, these sources have so large Compton peak frequencies to make difficult a detection by *Fermi*. So, Fig. 9 corresponds to the average BL Lac detected by *Fermi*, and not to the average BL Lac in general.

9.2 Jet power and accretion

The jet powers derived here are large, reaching, at the high end of their distributions, values greater than 10 times the disc luminosity (see the upper panel of Fig. 10). For these extreme objects,

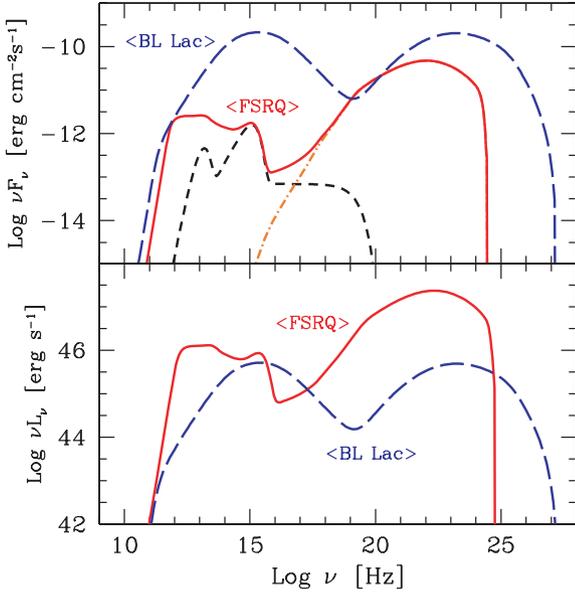


Figure 9. The average SED of FSRQs and of BL Lacs without any sign of disc emission. These SED have been constructed taking the (logarithmic) average of the parameters of the sources belonging to the two subclasses (see Table 4). The top and the bottom panels show the fluxes and luminosities, respectively. The shown frequencies are calculated in the rest frame of the source for the luminosity plot, and are the observed ones for the flux plot. The assumed redshift are $z = 1$ for (FSRQ) and $z = 0.1$ for (BL Lac).

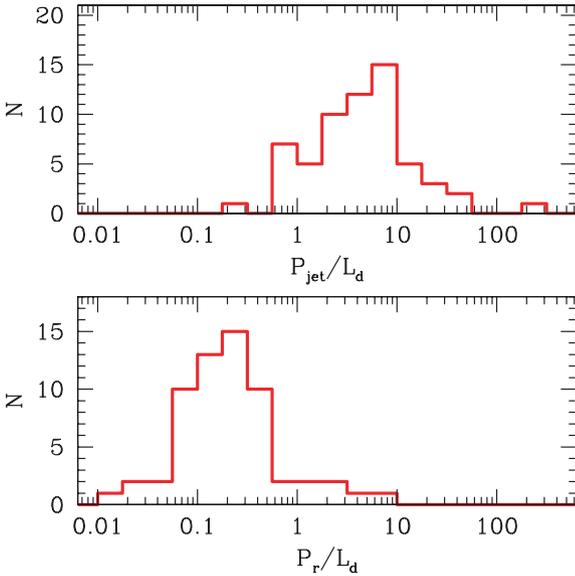


Figure 10. Top panel: the distribution of the ratio between the total jet power P_{jet} and the accretion disc luminosity L_d . Bottom panel: the distribution of the ratio between P_r (the power carried by the jet in the form of produced radiation) and the accretion disc luminosity L_d . Both distributions are for FSRQs only.

$P_{\text{jet}} \gtrsim \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$. This is admittedly a model-dependent statement. It assumes a one-zone leptonic model and that there is one proton per emitting electron. A more robust statement is that the amount of power the jet spends to produce and carry the non-thermal radiation is also very large, being in some case equal to the disc luminosity produced by accretion (see the bottom panel of Fig. 10), and more often a factor of ~ 3 – 10 smaller. Consider that the jet power cannot

be simply be represented by P_r : if this were the case, the entire jet power is used to produce the radiation we see, so that the jet would decelerate significantly. Instead, the jet *must* continue to be relativistic up to large distances, as required by the existence of strong radio lobes and the X-ray radiation seen by the *Chandra* satellite at distances (from the black hole) of hundreds of kpc. Therefore, a reasonable *lower limit* on P_{jet} should be a factor of 3–10 greater than P_r .

What is then the source of the power of the jet? Is it only the gravitational energy of the accreting matter or do we necessarily need also the rotational energy of a spinning black hole? We here discuss two possible alternatives, that can both explain our results, but are drastically different for the ultimate energy source for the jet.

Jets powered by accretion only. Jolley et al. (2009), building up on previous ideas put forward in Jolley & Kuncic (2008), propose that, in jetted sources, a sizeable fraction of the accretion power goes to power the jet. As a result, the remaining power for the disc luminosity is less than usually estimated by setting $L_d = \eta \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$, with $\eta \sim 0.08$ – 0.1 . This implies that the mass accretion rate needed to sustain a given L_d is *larger* than what we have estimated. Also the total accretion power is larger, and it is sufficient to explain the large jet power we have derived. Assume that the total power extractable from the accretion process is $\eta_{\text{tot}} \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$, and that a fraction $\eta_d(\eta_j)$ of $\dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2$ is used to produce the disc luminosity (the jet power). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{tot}} \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2 &= L_d + P_j, \\ \eta_{\text{tot}} \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2 &= \eta_d \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2 + \eta_j \dot{M}_{\text{in}}c^2 \rightarrow \\ \eta_{\text{tot}} &= \eta_d + \eta_j. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Our results imply (i) $\eta_j > \eta_d$ and (ii) $\eta_j/\eta_d \sim \text{constant}$ in different blazars to account for the observed $P_j - L_d$ correlation.

Jets powered by the black hole spin. The rotational energy of a maximally spinning black hole is 29 per cent of the hole rest-mass energy (i.e. up to $5 \times 10^{62} M_9 \text{ erg}$), amply sufficient to power a strong jet for its entire lifetime. In principle, in this case one can have $P_j > L_d$, given a sufficiently efficient way to extract the energy of the spinning black hole. In this case, we can ‘decouple’ P_j and L_d , since they have a different energy source.

On the other hand, for FSRQs, we do see a relation between the P_j and L_d , and at first glance this seems to suggest that it is the accretion, not the spin, to power the jet. We can envisage a possible solution to this apparently contradictory issue, by linking the extraction of the hole rotational energy to the accretion process. The main idea is the following: the energy density $\rho_0 v_\psi^2$ of the accreting material close to the black hole horizon can sustain a maximum magnetic energy density $B_0^2/(8\pi)$ of the same order (see also Ghisellini & Celotti 2002). Here, v_ψ is the circular (keplerian) velocity of the matter. The magnetic field sustained by the accreting matter can then tap the rotational energy of the hole. The mechanism able to do this task is the Blandford–Znajek (1977, hereafter BZ) process, whose efficiency has been debated in recent years (e.g. Moderski & Sikora 1996; Ghosh & Abramowicz 1997; Livio, Ogilvie & Pringle 1999; McKinney 2005; Garofalo 2009; Krolik & Hawley 2002). Here, for simplicity, without entering in the technical discussion on the efficiency of this mechanism, we assume that the jet power is of the form

$$P_j \sim ka^2 \pi R_0^2 \frac{B_0^2}{8\pi} c, \quad (7)$$

where $a \leq 1$ is the dimensionless angular momentum of the hole, R_0 is some fiducial distance of the order of the black hole horizon

and B_0 is the magnetic field at that radius. Equation (7) is nothing else than a Poynting flux. The factor k includes our uncertainties about the efficiency of the BZ process.

Assume that at a distance R_0 from the black hole, the disc has a height H_0 above the equatorial plane. If v_r is the radial infall velocity, we have

$$\dot{M}_{\text{in}} = 4\pi R_0 H_0 \rho_0 v_R \rightarrow \rho_0 = \frac{\dot{M}_{\text{in}}}{4\pi R_0 H_0 v_R}. \quad (8)$$

If the energy density of the magnetic field is a fraction ϵ_B of the kinetic energy density of the matter orbiting around the black hole, we have

$$\frac{B_0^2}{8\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_B \rho_0 v_\phi^2. \quad (9)$$

If a magnetic field with the same magnitude is threading the spinning hole then we have

$$P_j \sim \frac{\dot{M}_{\text{in}} c^2 \epsilon_B k a^2 \beta_\phi^2}{8(H_0/R_0) \beta_R} = L_d \frac{\epsilon_B k a^2 \beta_\phi^2}{8\eta(H_0/R_0) \beta_R}. \quad (10)$$

Close to the gravitational or Schwarzschild radius, we may set $H_0/R_0 \lesssim 1$. The ratio β_ϕ^2/β_R can be slightly larger than unity, depending on viscosity. For $\epsilon_B \sim 1$, the jet power is maximum, and for k not much less than unity can be of the same order of the disc luminosity. The (rather strong) requirement that our data are posing on the BZ mechanism is therefore on its efficiency, that must be large.

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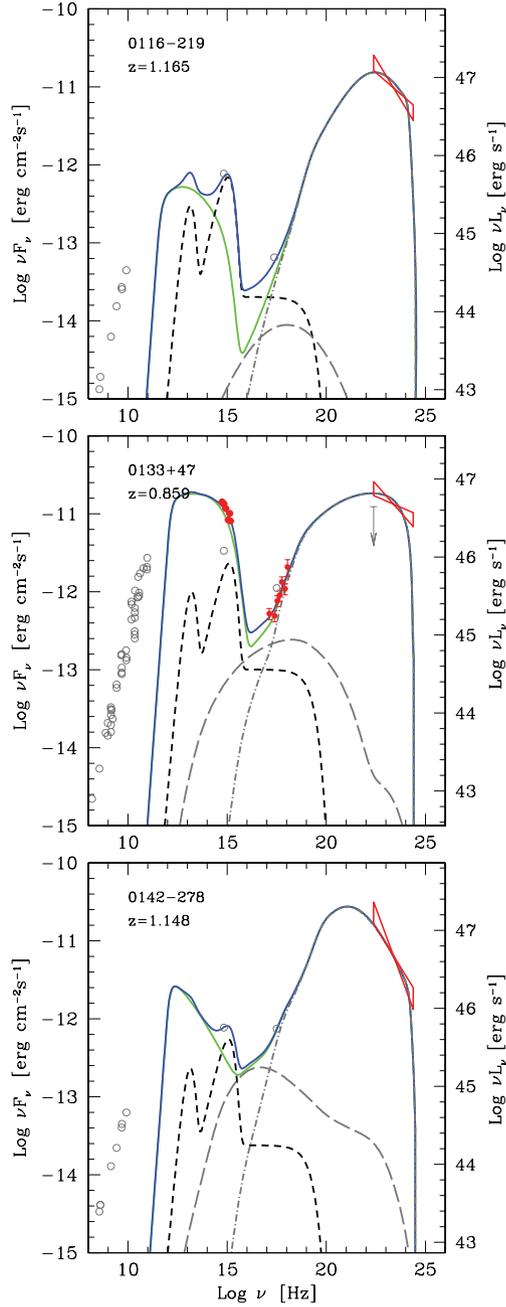
APPENDIX A: SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS


Figure A1. SED of PKS 0166–219, 0133+47 (DA 55) and PKS 0142–278, together with the fitting models, with parameters listed in Table 4. *Fermi* and *Swift* data are indicated by dark grey symbols (red in the electronic version), while archival data (from NED) are in light grey. The short-dashed line is the emission from the IR torus, the accretion disc and its X-ray corona; the long-dashed line is the SSC contribution and the dot-dashed line is the EC emission. The solid light grey line (green in the electronic version) is the non-thermal flux produced by the jet, the solid dark grey line (blue in the electronic version) is the sum of the non-thermal and thermal components.

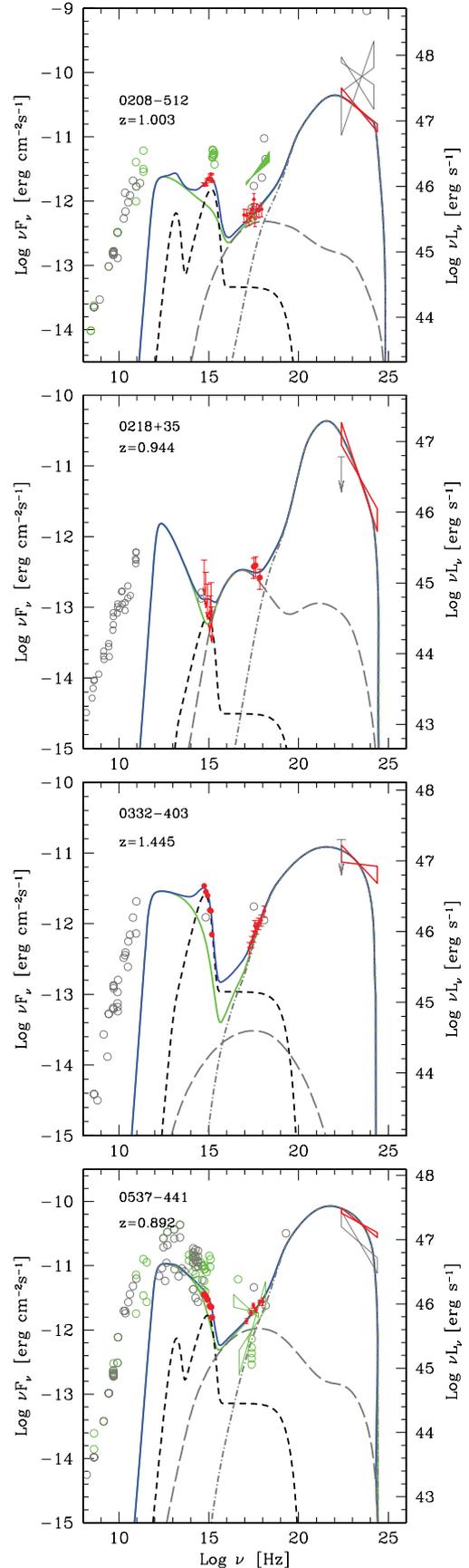


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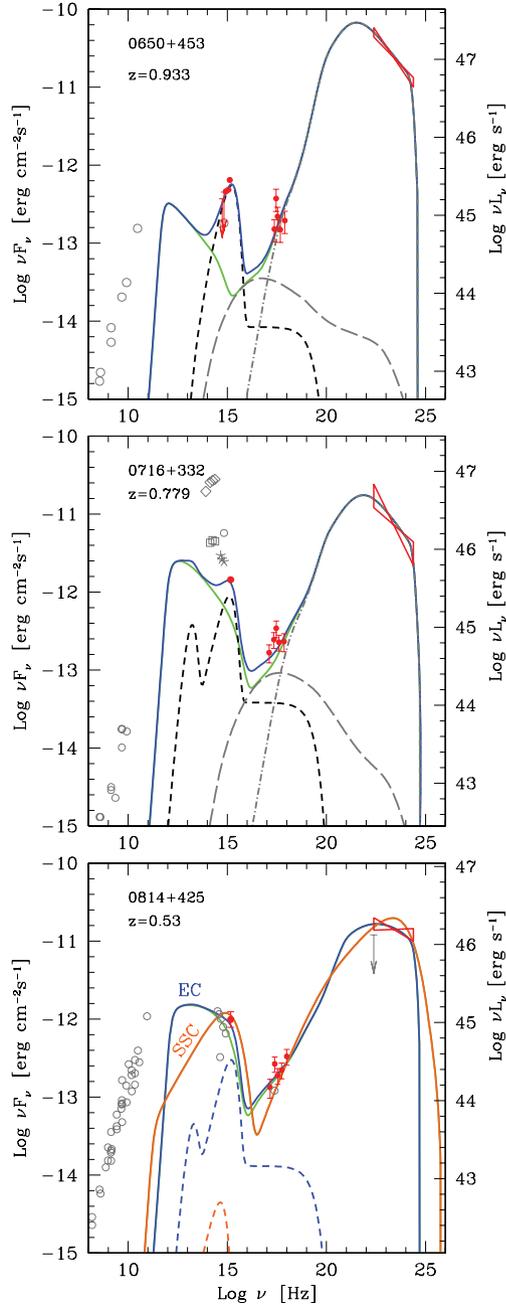


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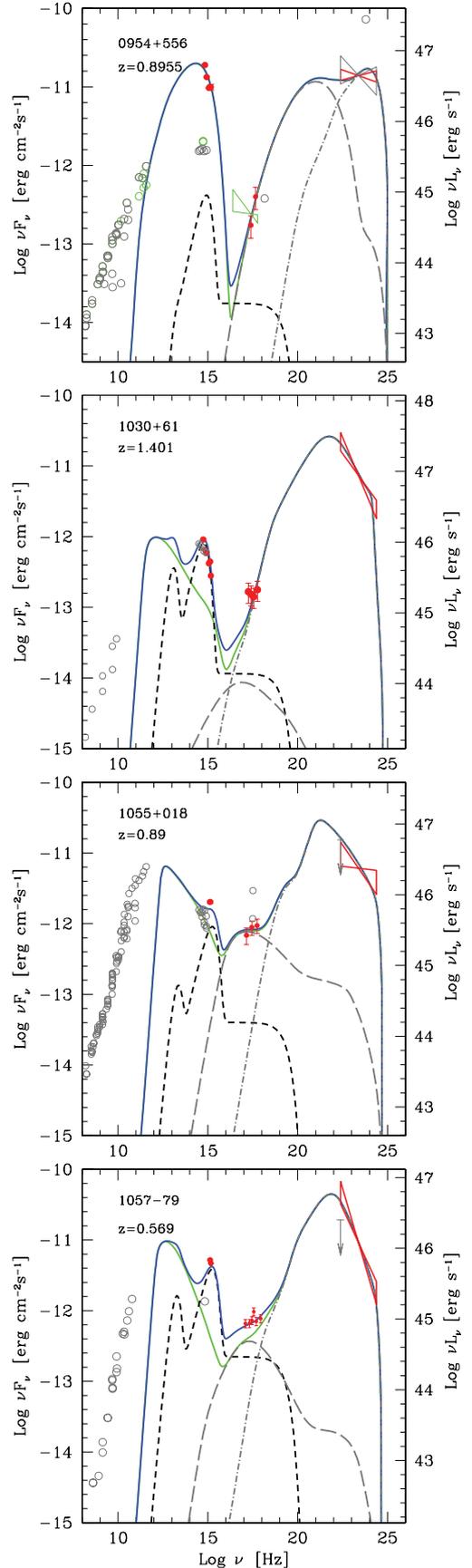


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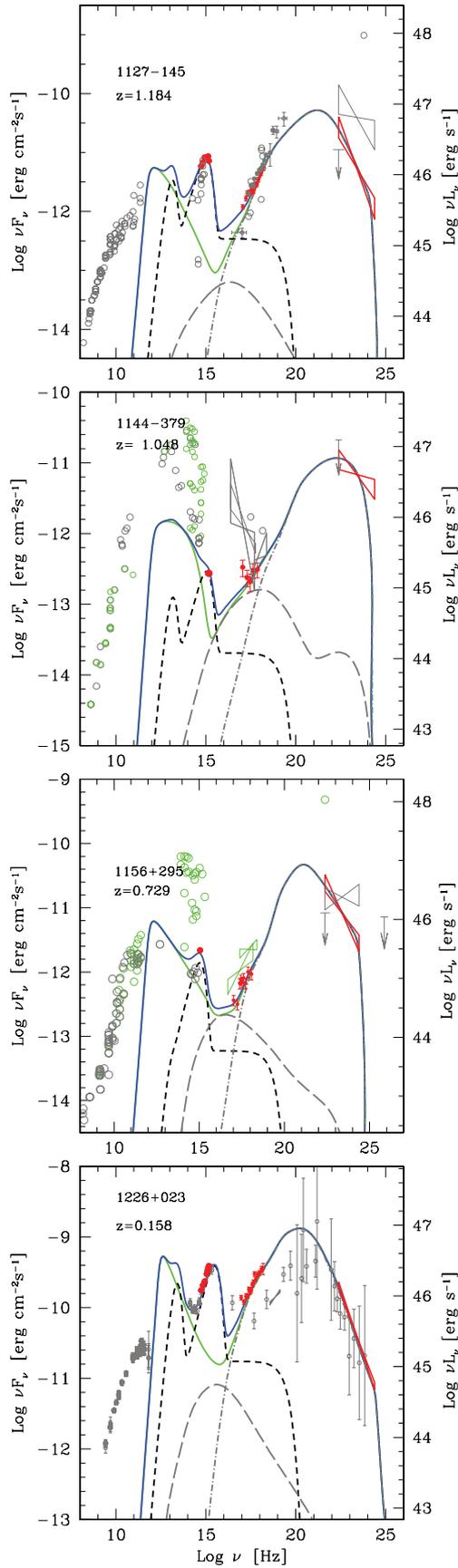


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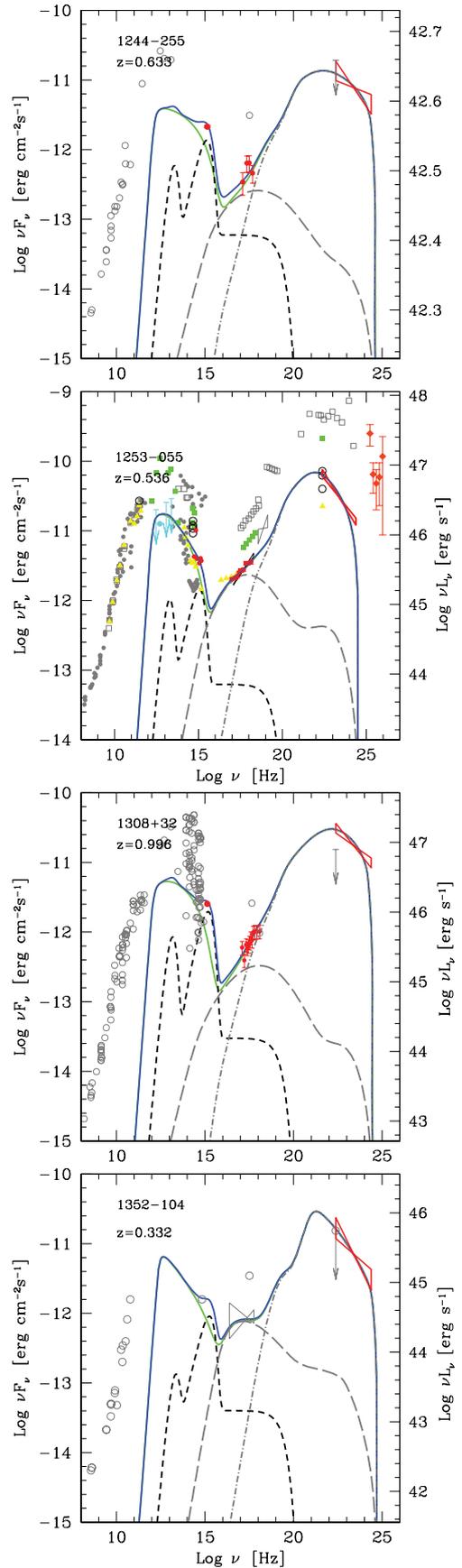


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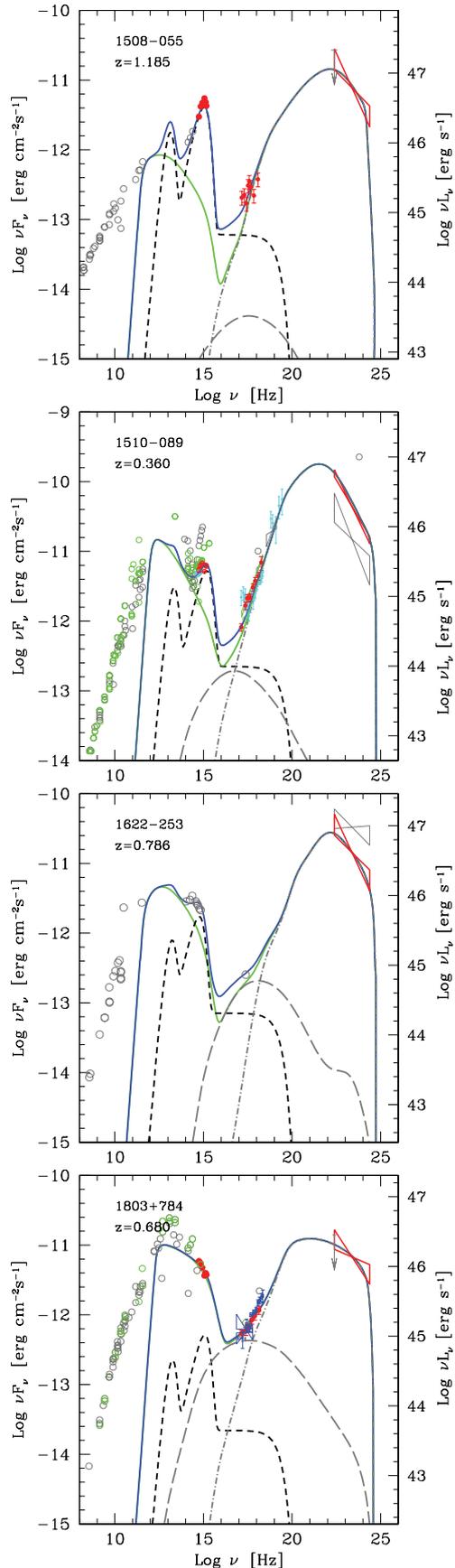


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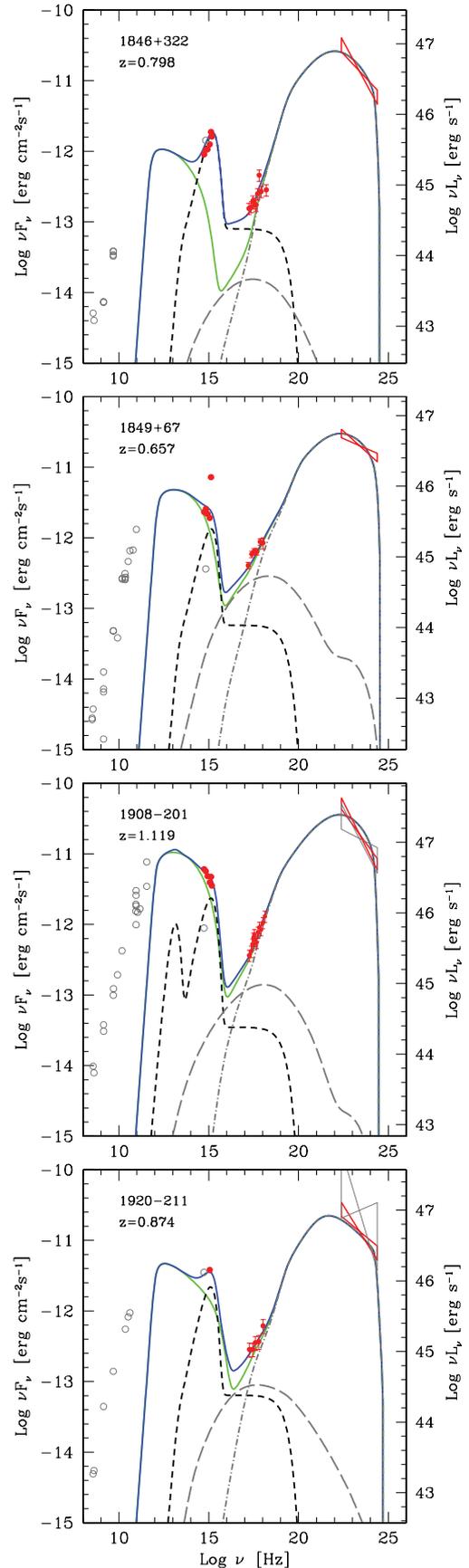


Figure A8. SED of TXS 1846+322, S4 1849+67, PKS 1908–201 and TXS 1920–211. Symbols and lines as in Fig. A1.

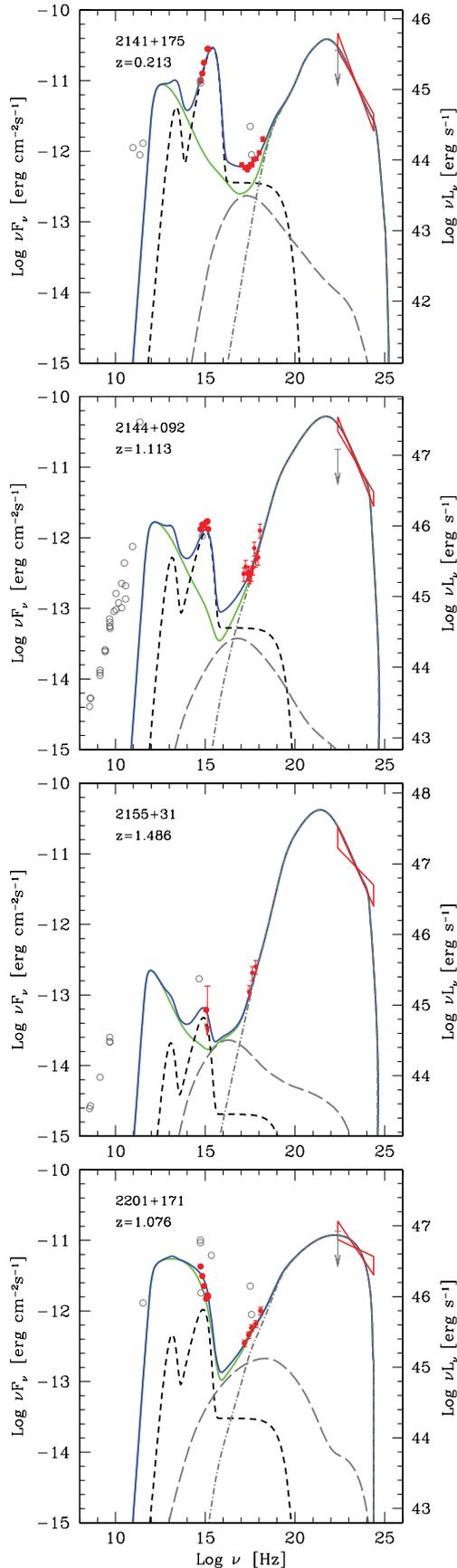


Figure A9. SED of 2141+175 (OX 169), PKS 2144+092, B2 2155+31 and PKS 2201+171. Symbols and lines as in Fig. A1.

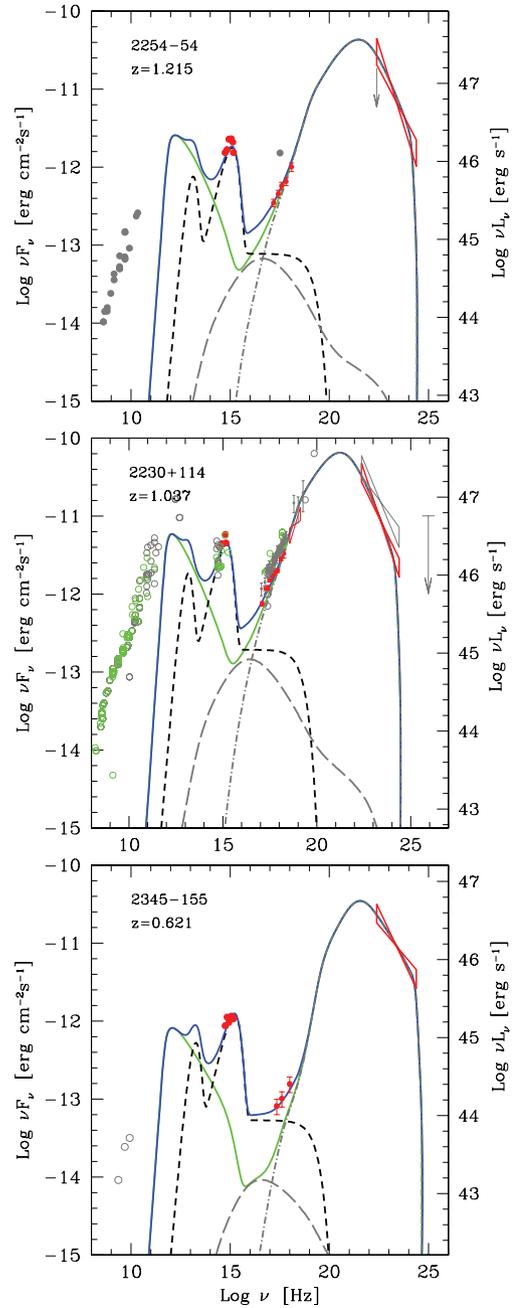


Figure A10. SED of PKS 2204-54, 2230+114 (CTA102) and PMN 2345-155. Symbols and lines as in Fig. A1.

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