# **Plasma Instabilities of TeV Pair Beams induced by Blazars**

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#### **Cosmic Voids**



**Sloan Digital Sky Survey 600 Mpc**

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**TNG300 Simulation 300MpcX300Mpc**

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# **IGMFs impact the instability**

• Weak IGMFs with small correlation lengths,  $\lambda_B \ll \lambda_{e}$ , **deflect the beam stochastically** 

$$
\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{3} \lambda_e \lambda_B \left(\frac{e B_{IGM}}{m_e c}\right)^2}
$$

•**IGMFs widening of the beam impacts the instability growth:**

$$
\omega_i \propto \frac{1}{\Delta\theta^2}
$$

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• **The instability is suppressed by the IGMFs when**

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$$

## **Instability suppression by the IGMFs**



# **Is there something else that can impact the instability?**

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# **Yes, Nonlinear feedback.**

**Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)**

**Alawashra and Pohl (2024)** *ApJ 964 82*

#### **Feedback of the instability on the pair beam**

**Breizman and Ryutov (1970)**

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$$

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$$

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**: Beam distribution : Diffusion coefficients W**: Wave energy density  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$  . Linear growth rate

$$
D_{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \pi e^2 \int d^3 \boldsymbol{k} \, W(\boldsymbol{k}, t) \frac{k_i k_j}{k^2} \delta(\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} - \omega_p)
$$

 $\partial W(k,t)$  $\partial t$  $= 2 \left( \omega_i(\mathbf{k}) + \omega_c \right) W(\mathbf{k},t)$  $2\pi^2 n_b e^2$  $2f(x)$ 

$$
\omega_i(\mathbf{k}) = \omega_p \frac{2\pi^2 n_b e^2}{k^2} \int d^3 \mathbf{p} \left( \mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right) \delta(\omega_p - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})
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The plasma waves impact the beam  
the beam impact's the plasma waves

#### **Feedback of the instability in Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)**



#### **The significant feedback initially is the beam widening .**

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**Considered simplified 1D beam distribution.**

$$
g(\theta) = \int_0^\infty dp \, p \, f(p, \theta) \approx \exp(-0.2(\gamma \theta)^5)
$$

$$
\gamma = 10^6
$$

#### **Feedback of the instability in Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)**



 $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}$ **energy loss of the beam. The beam widens by one order of magnitude, suppressing the instability** 

 $\nu = 10^6$ 

 $\overline{v}$ 

# **Questions**

• **What is the feedback impact on the GeV cascade? Need the realistic 2D beam distribution.** 

• **What is the impact of continuous pair production? Need to include pair injection in the beam evolution equation.**



#### **What is the feedback impact on the GeV cascade?**

• **Start with the realistic beam distribution at 50 Mpc from blazar (Vafin et al (2018)).**

**Earth**



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# **Initially focused beam**



$$
15^{'}
$$

## Plasma waves grow due to the focused beam



### The feedback of the waves widens the beam



## **Waves growth is reduced**



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 $\omega_i$   $\propto$  $\overline{\theta^2}$ 

# Waves get damped




## **Significant widening of the beam**



#### **The instability is suppressed by the widening**



#### **Beam energy loss is subdominant**





# **What is the impact of continuous pair production?**

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**Continuous production of new pair due to the gamma-rays annihilation with EBL** 

**We just need to add a constant source term,**  $Q_{ee}$ **.** 

$$
\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + Q_{ee}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial W(k,t)}{\partial t} = 2 \left( \omega_i(\mathbf{k}) + \omega_c \right) W(\mathbf{k}, t)
$$

**We used the production rate found by Vafin et. al (2018).**

# **New focused pairs get produced**

 $A(\nu)$ 

 $\overline{\gamma}$ 

 $\Delta\theta$ 

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $e^{\pm}$ 

1

 $\overline{\underline{\gamma}}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{e}$ ±

 $\Delta\theta =$ 

 $\boldsymbol{k}$ 

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{k}$ 





# **A new quasi-steady state is established**

#### A balance between the instability widening and the injection is established.  $\boldsymbol{k}$

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $\Delta\theta$ 

k

## **The beam keeps widening**



# **Observational implications**







# **Conclusions**

- **IGMFs suppress the instability.**
- **Widening feedback is the dominant instability feedback.**
- **New quasi-steady state with continues pairs production.**

# **Outlook**

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• **Calculating the instability broadening at different distances in the IGM.** 

# **Thank you**

# **Back up slides**

#### **Suppression of the cascade emission by IGMFs**



#### **Suppression of the cascade by instability energy loss**



# What about the other angular diffusion term  $\rho p$ ?

$$
\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{p \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right)
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$$



# **We need to compare:**

$$
I_{\theta p} = \int d \cos \theta \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_{\theta p} = \int d \cos \theta \left| \frac{1}{p \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) \right|
$$
  

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$$

#### **Relevant for pairs with Lorentz factors less than**



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$$
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$$

$$
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$$
\Delta_{p\theta} \equiv \frac{\Delta U_b}{U_{b0}} \Big|_{p\theta}(t_s) = \frac{1}{U_{b0}} \int_{t_0}^{t_s} dt \frac{dU_b}{dt} \Big|_{p\theta}(t)
$$

#### **Momentum diffusion and energy loss are subdominant**





#### **The linear growth rate balances the damping rate**







# **Plasma waves energy density evolution**



#### A balance between the instability widening and the injection is established.  $\boldsymbol{k}$

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $e^{\pm}$ 

 $\Delta\theta$ 

k

**Add more Physics IC cooling**

## **Beam evolution including the full Physics (almost)**

$$
\frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \theta D_{\theta \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( - \dot{p}_{IC} p^2 f \right) + Q_{ee}
$$

#### **The IC cooling is only relevant for particle momentum**

$$
\dot{p}_{IC} = -\frac{4}{3}\sigma_T u_{CMB} \gamma^2
$$

**We use the same linear evolution of the plasma waves**

$$
\frac{\partial W(k,t)}{\partial t} = 2 \left( \omega_i(\mathbf{k}) + \omega_c \right) W(\mathbf{k}, t)
$$

## **Momentum beam distribution evolution**



# **Beam broadening is almost unaffected**








strongly on  $\theta_{\rm obs}$  and the orientation of the halo. The IGMF is modeled as cell-like; each cell has a side length of  $\ell_B = 1$  Mpc and the B-field orientation changes randomly from one cell to the next. The templates are generated for each source and for seven values of the field strength,  $B = 10^{-16}$  G,  $10^{-15.5}$  G, ...,  $10^{-13}$  G. For higher values of  $B$ , the pairs are quickly isotropized and the cascade emission would appear as an additional component to the isotropic gamma-ray background in the LAT energy band. An example of the simulated energy-

Constraints on the IGMF with H.E.S.S. and Fermi LAT ApJ Letters 2023, Volume 950, Number 2 950, L16



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# **Simulation steps**



## **2D simulation of the widening feedback**



For the wave spectrum, W, we use a logarithmic grid in the coordinates  $(k_{\perp}, \theta^R)$  where  $\theta^R = \left(\frac{ck_{||}}{\omega_p} - 1\right) / \left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)$ . We used 100 grid points for the perpendicular wave number,  $k_{\perp}$ , from  $10^{-3} \frac{\omega_p}{c}$  to  $10 \frac{\omega_p}{c}$ , we have verified a convergence of this by using 300 points. For the parameter,  $\theta^R$ , we used 600 grid points for the interval  $10^{-9}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  where we have tested this with 1500 grid points. For the beam distribution,  $f$ , we use a logarithmic grid in the coordinates  $(\theta, \gamma)$  where  $\gamma$  is the beam particle Lorentz factor. We used 100 grid points for  $\gamma$  from 10<sup>4</sup> to 10<sup>8</sup> and verified a convergence of this with 300 grid points. Finally for the beam particle angle,  $\theta$ , we used 600 grid points from  $10^{-9}$  radian to  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  radians tested by using 1500 grid points.

#### **More accurate collisional damping rate from Tigik et al. (2019) 20 times smaller**

$$
\omega_c(k) = -\omega_p \frac{g}{6\pi^{3/2}} \frac{1}{(1 + 3k^2\lambda_D^2)^3}.
$$
 (8)

Here  $g = (n_e \lambda_D^3)^{-1}$  is the plasma parameter,  $\lambda_D =$ 6.9 cm $\sqrt{\frac{T_e/K}{n_e/cm^{-3}}}$  is the Debye length,  $n_e = 10^{-7}(1 +$  $(z)^3$ cm<sup>-3</sup> is the density of IGM electrons, and  $T_e = 10^4 K$ is their temperature. We start integrating eq.  $(7)$  at the very low thermal fluctuations level.

**Tigik et al. (2019)**

$$
\omega_i(k_{\perp},k_{||}) = \pi \omega_p \frac{n_b}{n_e} \left(\frac{\omega_p}{kc}\right)^3 \int_{p_{\text{min}}}^{\infty} dp m_e c \, p \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} d\theta
$$
\n
$$
\times \frac{-2f(p,\theta)\sin\theta + (\cos\theta - \frac{k\nu_b}{\omega_p}\cos\theta') \frac{\partial f(p,\theta)}{\partial \theta}}{[(\cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta)(\cos\theta - \cos\theta_2)]^{1/2}},
$$
\n(5.32)

where the boundaries are given by

$$
\cos \theta_{1,2} = \frac{\omega_p}{k v_b} \left( \cos \theta' \pm \sin \theta' \sqrt{\left(\frac{k v_b}{\omega_p}\right)^2 - 1} \right),\tag{5.33}
$$

and

$$
p_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1\right)}{\left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1\right)}}.
$$
(5.34)

$$
\begin{Bmatrix}\nD_{pp} \\
D_{p\theta} \\
D_{\theta\theta}\n\end{Bmatrix} = \pi \frac{m_e \omega_p^2}{n_e} \int_{\omega_p/c}^{\infty} k^2 dk \int_{\cos \theta_1'}^{\cos \theta_2'} d\cos \theta' \frac{W(\mathbf{k})}{kv_b \sqrt{(\cos \theta' - \cos \theta_1') (\cos \theta_2' - \cos \theta')}} \begin{Bmatrix}\n1 \\
\xi \\
\xi \\
\xi^2\n\end{Bmatrix},
$$
\n(5.16)

where

$$
\xi = \frac{\cos \theta \frac{\omega_p}{kv_b} - \cos \theta'}{\sin \theta}.
$$
\n(5.17)

and the boundaries of  $\cos \theta'$  are given by

$$
\cos \theta'_{1,2} = \frac{\omega_p}{k v_b} \left[ \cos \theta \pm \sin \theta \sqrt{\left(\frac{k v_b}{\omega_p}\right)^2 - 1} \right].
$$
 (5.18)



$$
\theta^{R} = \left(\frac{ck_{||}}{\omega_{p}} - 1\right) / \left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_{p}}\right)
$$
\n
$$
\times \frac{W(k_{\perp}, \theta^{R})}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\theta^{R}}{\theta}\right)^{2} + \frac{\theta^{R}}{ck_{\perp}}/\omega_{p}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma\theta}\right)^{2}\right] - \left(\frac{\omega_{p}}{ck_{\perp}}\right)^{2} \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma^{2}\theta} + \frac{\theta^{2}}{2}\right]^{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} 1\\ \xi\\ \xi^{2} \end{Bmatrix},
$$
\n(B.34)

where

$$
\xi = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2\theta^R (ck_\perp/\omega_p) + (ck_\perp/\omega_p)^2 (1 + \theta^{R^2})}} \left[ \frac{\theta^R}{\theta} \frac{ck_\perp}{\omega_p} + \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2\theta\gamma^2} \right], \quad (B.35)
$$

and the resonance region  $R(\theta, \gamma)$  is defined by the following condition

$$
\left(\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}\right)^2 \left(\theta^2 - \theta^{R^2}\right) + \frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} \theta^R \left[\theta^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right] - \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{\theta^2}{2}\right]^2 \ge 0. \tag{B.36}
$$





## **Significant widening of the beam**



#### **The instability is suppressed by the widening**



## **Unstable wave spectrum evolution**





### **Relevant for pairs with Lorentz factors less than**





# **Small energy loss even for higher densities**



$$
\frac{dU_b}{dt}(t) = -2\frac{dW_{\text{tot}}}{dt}(t)
$$
\n
$$
= -8\pi \int dk_{\perp} k_{\perp} \int dk_{\parallel} W(k_{\perp}, k_{\parallel}, t) \omega_i(k_{\perp}, k_{\parallel}, t),
$$
\n(5.38)





Chang et al. The Astrophysical Journal, 797:110 (6pp), 2014 December 20







# **Resonance**









For 
$$
\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} > 10^{-2}
$$
,  $\gamma > 10^3$  and  $\theta < 10^{-3}$   
\n**The resonance condition:**  $\frac{ck_{\parallel}}{\omega_p} - 1 = \frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p} \theta$   
\nLet's look at the case of fixed  $\frac{ck_{\perp}}{\omega_p}$ 







#### For beam angles with  $\theta$

#### The resonance of the waves is








Chang et al. The Astrophysical Journal, 833:118 (12pp), 2016 December 10

# **Injection simulation**



### With Injection



#### **The beam keep widens**





## **2D analysis of diffusion equation**





### **The other term is relevant here**



#### **Not the same case for higher Lorentz factors**



#### **Angular widening dominate for larger Lorentz factors**



## **Perry and Lyubarsky (2021)**

#### **Significant beam broadening yields instability suppression**



## **Old Collisional damping with Injection**



