Radiation Properties of GeV Narrow Line Seyfert 1 Galaxies†

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Abstract. The broadband SEDs of four gamma-ray NLS1s are compiled and explained with the leptonic model. It is found that their characteristics and fitting parameters of the observed SEDs are more like FSRQs than BL Lacs.

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1. Introduction

Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 Galaxies (NLS1s) are a very peculiar class of active galactic neclei (AGN). A NLS1 is characterized by an optical spectrum with narrow permitted lines FWHM (H β) < 2000 km s⁻¹, the ratio of [O III] λ 5007 to H β < 3, and a bump due to Fe II (e.g., Pogge 2000). NLS1s are generally radio quiet, but a small fraction of them (< 7%) are radio loud (Komossa *et al.* 2006). Yuan *et al.* predicted (Yuan *et al.* 2008) that the most radio loud NLS1s should host relativistic jets, which dominate the high energy emission of NLS1s. So far, four NLS1s have been detected as a new class of gamma-ray AGNs (Abdo *et al.* 2009a). Their GeV or TeV gamma-ray emissions increase significantly our knowledge about their broadband SEDs, thus providing an opportunity to constrain their model parameters and understand the analogies with and differences from those previously known gamma-ray blazars.

2. Model and Results

The shapes of the observed SEDs of NLS1s seem like that of flat spectrum radio quasars (FSRQs), and the contributions of inverse Compton (IC) by the external field photons from their broad line regions (BLRs) need to be considered. The radiation from a BLR is assumed to be a blackbody spectrum and the corresponding energy densities seen in the comoving frame are simply assumed as $U_{\rm BLR}' = 3.76 \times 10^{-2} \Gamma^2$ erg cm⁻³ (Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008), where we take $\Gamma = \delta$. Following the methods described in (Zhang et al. 2012), the SEDs of NLS1s are fitted well by the syn+SSC+IC/BLR model, where we do not consider the thermal emission of accretion disk in the optical-UV band and the possible corona emission at X-ray energies. The fitting results are shown in Fig. 1.

The contours of the probability p ($p \propto e^{-\chi^2}$) for the parameters B and δ in 1 σ significance level are also presented in Fig. 1. It is found that the tighter constraints on

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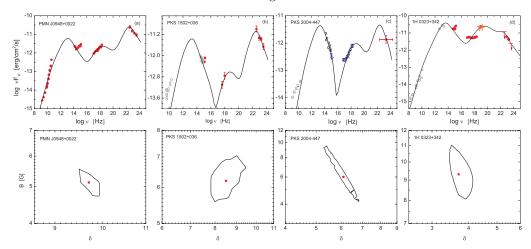


Figure 1. The observed SEDs (scattered data points) with model fitting (lines) for the four NLS1s and the contours in 1- σ significance level in the B- δ plane. The observed data of PMN J0948+0022 are taken from Abdo et al. (2009b) and the data for other NLS1s are taken from Abdo et al. (2009a). The red solid circles stand for the observation data with Fermi/LAT and simultaneous observation data in other bands. The opened circles indicate that they are not simultaneous with Fermi/LAT observations. The red stars in the contours stand for the best fitting parameter set of δ and B.

B and δ are obtained with the better observed SEDs. The range of δ for these NLS1s is from 3 to 10 and the magnetic field strengths are from 4 G to 11 G. The values of γ_b are several hundreds. It is clear that the physical parameters of NLS1s are more like that of FSRQs than BL Lacs.

3. Summary

The observed broadband SEDs of the four gamma-ray NLS1s, which are dominated by jet emission, can be well explained by the leptonic jet model. The shapes and fitting parameters of the observed SEDs of these NLS1s are more like that of FSRQs than BL Lacs. FSRQs, BL Lacs and, now, RL-NLS1s are characterized by the presence of a relativistic jet. The differences in their observed SEDs and the fitting parameters may be mainly determined by their different masses and accretion rates. The high accretion rates, which is close to the Eddington rate, and low black hole masses of NLS1s may imply they are in an early phase of blazar evolution. A detailed analysis on the comparison of physical properties for the three GeV-TeV AGNs, NLS1s, FSRQs and BL Las, will be presented in details elsewhere.

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