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ABSTRACT

The Chandra X-ray Observatory has proven to be a vital tool for studying high-energy emission processes in jets associated with active galactic nuclei (AGNs). We have compiled a sample of 27 AGNs selected from the radio flux-limited MOJAVE (Monitoring of Jets in AGNs with VLBA Experiments) sample of highly relativistically beamed jets to look for correlations between X-ray and radio emission on kiloparsec (kpc) scales. The sample consists of all MOJAVE quasars that have over 100 mJy of extended radio emission at 1.4 GHz and a radio structure of at least 3″ in size. Previous Chandra observations have revealed X-ray jets in 11 of 14 members of the sample, and we have carried out new observations of the remaining 13 sources. Of the latter, 10 have X-ray jets, bringing the overall detection rate to ~78%. Our selection criterion, which is based on highly compact, relativistically beamed jet emission and large extended radio flux, thus provides an effective method of discovering new X-ray jets associated with AGNs. The detected X-ray jet morphologies are generally well correlated with the radio emission, except for those displaying sharp bends in the radio band. The X-ray emission mechanism for these powerful FR II (Fanaroff–Riley type II) jets can be interpreted as inverse Compton scattering off of cosmic microwave background photons by the electrons in the relativistic jets. We derive viewing angles for the jets, assuming a non-bending, non-decelerating model, by using superluminal parsec scale speeds along with parameters derived from the inverse Compton X-ray model. We use these angles to calculate best-fit Doppler and bulk Lorentz factors for the jets, as well as their possible ranges, which leads to extreme values for the bulk Lorentz factor in some cases. When both the non-bending and non-decelerating assumptions are relaxed the only constraints on the kpc-scale jet from the Chandra and Very Large Array observations are an upper limit on the viewing angle, and a lower limit on the bulk Lorentz factor.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Blazar jets are generated in active galactic nuclei (AGNs) as a result of accretion onto supermassive black holes, and can transport energy over large distances. These outflows tend to show apparent superluminal speeds, and are oriented at very shallow angles with respect to the line of sight (Angel & Stockman 1980). The blazar class encompasses FSRQs, which have Fanaroff–Riley type II jets (FR II; Fanaroff & Riley 1974), and BL Lac objects, which are thought to have FR I type jets (Urry & Padovani 1995). The AGN outflows that we discuss here are of the powerful FR type II class, which has well-collimated jets and bright terminal hot spots (e.g., Kharb et al. 2008). In terms of X-ray production in the jet, the inverse Compton radiation process is suggested to be more important in FSRQs than in the less powerful BL Lac sources (Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008; Harris & Krawczynski 2006).

Prior to the launch of the Chandra X-ray Observatory, there were very few AGN jet detections in the X-ray band. The only major X-ray imaging telescopes in use were Einstein and ROSAT. Only a few very bright, nearby X-ray jets were known, e.g., M87, 3C 273, Centaurus A, and a few lesser known sources (see Sambruna et al. 2004; Marshall et al. 2005, and references therein). Since the launch of Chandra, there have been approximately 50 new discoveries of X-ray jets that are spatially correlated to some extent with the radio emission. The excellent angular resolution of Chandra has revealed detailed structure in FR II jets, such as knots, lobes, and hot spots (Hardcastle et al. 2002), and has opened up an entirely new subfield of AGN astronomy.

Many X-ray emitting jets were discovered in early surveys by Sambruna et al. (2004) and Marshall et al. (2005). The quasars in these surveys were selected mostly from radio imaging surveys of FSRQs, but the surveys were not statistically complete. For our study, we have chosen to assemble a complete sample of beamed FR II jets according to well-defined selection criteria. These jets generally have high Doppler factors and relativistic speeds. The MOJAVE Chandra Sample (MCS) is a complete subset of compact radio jets selected from the MOJAVE sample. The latter sample consists of all 135 known AGNs with $\delta > -20^\circ$, $|b| > 2.5$, and VLBA 15 GHz correlated flux density exceeding 1.5 Jy at any epoch between 1994.0 and 2004.0 (2 Jy for AGNs below $\delta = 0^\circ$; Lister et al. 2009a). Since the long interferometric baselines of the VLBA are insensitive to large-scale beamed radio emission, the sample is heavily dominated by blazars. In Section 2, we describe how the MCS was selected using a set of criteria designed to maximize the chances of X-ray jet detection.

The goals of our study are threefold. First, we seek to identify new X-ray jets for future follow up with Chandra, Spitzer, and the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Because of the large redshift range of the MCS ($0.033 \leq z \leq 2.099$), we can examine the effects of proposed X-ray mechanisms such as inverse Compton
scattering off of cosmic microwave background (IC/CMB) photons by relativistic electrons in the jets, which is highly dependent on redshift. Second, we wish to characterize the ratio of X-ray emission to radio emission for a large complete sample of jets. Such information is vital for determining the respective roles that deceleration and bending play in determining why jets associated with some AGNs are strong X-ray emitters.

Lastly, we can use the detailed viewing angle and speed information of AGN jets on parsec (pc) scales provided by MOJA VE Chandra ACIS images of the remaining 13 AGNs. This final list of 27 AGNs (see Table 1) comprises objects. The MOJA VE sample (Lister et al. 2009b) provided a useful list of candidates for possible IC/CMB objects. The MOJA VE sample (Lister et al. 2009b) provided a useful list of candidates for possible IC/CMB in this regard, since it comprises a complete set of compact radio jets in the northern sky. Its VLBA selection criteria favor highly Doppler-boosted blazar jets for which extensive pc-scale kinematic information has been obtained (Lister et al. 2009a). Deep 1.4 GHz Very Large Array (VLA) A-configuration radio images are also available for the entire sample of 135 AGNs (Cooper et al. 2007; Kharb et al. 2010). In order to maximize the likelihood of X-ray jet detection, we considered all MOJA VE quasars and FR II radio galaxies having more than 100 mJy of extended kiloparsec (kpc) scale emission (where the extended emission is the total emission after the core emission has been removed) at 1.4 GHz and a radio structure that was at least 3′′ in extent. This final list of 27 AGNs (see Table 1) comprises the MCS. A search of the Chandra archive revealed that 14 of these objects had been previously observed, where most of the sources had integration times > 10 ks. During the period 2007 November to 2008 December, we obtained new Chandra 10 ks ACIS images of the remaining 13 AGNs.

### 2. THE MOJAVE CHANDRA SAMPLE

#### 2.1. Selection Criteria

In formulating the sample for our Chandra survey, we wished to focus on relativistic radio galaxy and blazar jets whose high Doppler factors would make them prime candidates for IC/CMB X-ray emission. We also decided to limit our survey to FR II radio galaxies and quasars, in order to avoid possible contamination by lower power (presumably FR I type) BL Lac objects. The MOJAVE sample (Lister et al. 2009b) provided a useful list of candidates for possible IC/CMB in this regard, since it comprises a complete set of compact radio jets in the northern sky. Its VLBA selection criteria favor highly Doppler-boosted blazar jets for which extensive pc-scale kinematic information has been obtained (Lister et al. 2009a). Deep 1.4 GHz Very Large Array (VLA) A-configuration radio images are also available for the entire sample of 135 AGNs (Cooper et al. 2007; Kharb et al. 2010). In order to maximize the likelihood of X-ray jet detection, we considered all MOJAVE quasars and FR II radio galaxies having more than 100 mJy of extended kiloparsec (kpc) scale emission (where the extended emission is the total emission after the core emission has been removed) at 1.4 GHz and a radio structure that was at least 3′′ in extent. This final list of 27 AGNs (see Table 1) comprises the MCS. A search of the Chandra archive revealed that 14 of these objects had been previously observed, where most of the sources had integration times > 10 ks. During the period 2007 November to 2008 December, we obtained new Chandra 10 ks ACIS images of the remaining 13 AGNs.

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2.2. Data Reduction and Analysis

In Figure 1, we present X-ray–radio overlays for our new observations. We first obtained the 1.4 GHz VLA A-array data from the NRAO\textsuperscript{4} data archive and our own observations (Cooper et al. 2009; Kharb et al. 2010). The observation dates and exposure times for the new Chandra targets are listed in Table 2. These were reduced following standard procedures in the Astronomical Image Processing System (AIPS). After the initial amplitude and phase calibration using the standard calibrators, the AIPS tasks CALIB and IMAGR were used iteratively to self-calibrate and image the sources. Self-calibration on both the phases (with solution intervals typically set to less than 0.5 minutes in CALIB) and amplitude (with successively decreasing solution intervals) were performed until convergence in image flux and structure was achieved. The final radio maps had a typical rms noise of $\sim$0.2 mJy beam$^{-1}$. The FWHM restoring beam of the radio images was adjusted to $\sim$1.4 on average, and the width of the Chandra FWHM was estimated to be $\sim$0.75. The Chandra maps for the X-ray–radio overlays were created using the DS9 image tool. We started by loading the level 2 event files into CIAO for energy filtering. The event files were filtered to an energy range of 0.5–7 keV. After loading these event files into DS9, we used the analysis smoothing tool to smooth the image. This was set to use Gaussian smoothing with a kernel radius of 3 pixels, where a pixel size of 0.5 pixels arcsec$^{-1}$ is used. After that we adjusted the color scale so that the cores were oversaturated. This allowed for the jet emission to be detected easily by visual inspection. The radio contours were then superimposed. The image frames were aligned in DS9 using the WCS frame matching setting. Some of the core positions were slightly misaligned when overlayed. We registered the X-ray and radio images using the Fv program in

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Figure 1. (Continued)

the Ftools package provided by NASA5 (Blackburn 1995). The shifts were generally small, of the order of 2 pixels or less.

The centroid positions were also calculated via the method described by Marshall et al. (2005). The procedure involves determining the preliminary X-ray core centroid location by fitting Gaussians to the one-dimensional histograms obtained from events within 30′′ of the core region. This defines the rough centroid position. This process was then repeated using a region defined by a radius of 3′′ from the previously calculated centroid position which allows for a more refined centroid position. This two-step approach reduces the effect of the extended jet emission, which can bias the centroid. After calculating the centroid position, we used Poisson statistics to test for the existence of an X-ray jet. The radio profiles were first used to define the outer radius and position angle (P.A.) of the primary jet from visual inspection, which are listed in Table 3. The radii allowed us to create a box within which we could check for the existence of X-ray structures. The lengths of the radii varied but the width of each rectangle was fixed at 3′′. The inner radius was fixed at 1′.5 to eliminate the core emission, with the exception of 1849+670 and 2345−167, which were fixed to values of 5′′ and 2′′, respectively, because of their elongated radio restoring beams (Table 3).

The detection algorithm assumes straight radio jets and that the region 90° to the primary jet is free of jet emission, which is a valid assumption for all of the jets in the sample except for 0119+115. This source has radio jet emission on both sides of the core perpendicular to the direction of the primary jet but lacks substantial X-ray emission, making the perpendicular radio jet emission irrelevant. We then produced profiles of the radio emission along the jet P.A., and at 90° to it (Figure 2). These two quantities were subtracted from each other to eliminate core structure. The X-ray jet counts were then compared for the same sky region. For the X-ray profiles, we chose to use the jet axis region and the region 180° away from it (Figure 3). We then compared the counts in these regions by using Poisson statistics. Sources with negative values in the count rate column in Table 4 have less X-ray emission compared to the area in the region opposite to it. Counterjets in powerful AGNs have rarely been seen in X-rays, presumably due to Doppler boosting effects (Worrall 2009) and we found no evidence of any X-ray counterjets in our sample from visual inspection. We set the Poisson probability threshold for the detection of an X-ray jet to

5 Information about Ftools can be found at http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftools/.
Figure 1. (Continued)
This blazar has a prominent X-ray jet that protrudes due south of the radio core. There is a strong correlation between the X-ray jet and the radio jet contours. Both have a hot-spot-like structure 5′ from the core, which is the terminal point of their respective jets. There is also an excess of radio emission to the northeast that does not correlate with any X-ray emission.

3.3. 0529+075 (OG 050)

This blazar has an X-ray jet that follows the initial radio jet P.A. of −145°. The radio jet terminates at ∼6′ from the core. There is also radio emission to the southeast of the core and X-ray emission more to the east of the core, but these two features are not coincident. The main jet emission seems to coincide with the X-ray jet in the southwest direction. The southeastern emission could be coming from the counterjet.

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Figure 2. Radio profiles for sources in the sample. The thin solid lines give the radio profiles along the position angle of the jets. This information is given in Table 4 and is used in the measurements of the X-ray jet emission. The dashed lines indicate the radio profile at a position angle of 90° counterclockwise from the jet to avoid any non-jet emission and counterjet emission. The solid, bold line indicates the difference between the two profiles so that core emission is removed and the effective flux can be measured. The horizontal dot-dashed lines are set to a value five times the average noise level and the vertical dashed lines show the inner and outer radius limits.

since we see no X-ray emission there, which is what we might expect from the Doppler de-boosting of a counterjet, according to the IC/CMB model. The pc-scale jet lies at a P.A. of approximately −45°, which implies significant bending between the pc- and kpc-scale jets.

3.4. 1045−188

The radio image of this blazar shows strong one-sided jet emission and diffuse lobe emission from the counterjet. The main jet, which lies at a P.A. of 125°, makes a ∼90° bend at the bright radio knot at a distance of ∼8′′ from the core. The X-ray emission follows the primary radio jet out to the bend but then terminates abruptly. There is no detectable X-ray emission from the counterjet or its associated lobe above the background level.

3.5. 1334−127

This blazar has an X-ray jet with a length of ∼6′′ that follows the radio jet emission out to a 60° bend of the radio jet, then undergoes a drop in emission, but still terminates at the same point as the radio jet. Both jets initially follow a P.A. of 135°. The emission characteristics in the bend region are significantly different than the jet of 1045−188, which undergoes a sudden drop in X-ray emission after the bend.

3.6. 1800+440

The radio image of this jet shows a lobe to the northeast, and emission toward the southwest at a P.A. of −130°. The X-ray jet emission follows the radio jet emission to the southwest for ∼4′′ and then terminates at the radio knot. The radio emission
continues for another $\sim 3''$ until it terminates in a hot spot. There also appears to be a shallow bend beyond the first radio knot. This is another example where the X-ray jet flux decreases beyond a radio knot located at a bend.

### 3.7. 1849+670

This quasar shows a short radio jet to the north with lobe structure to the south. The radio emission to the north shows a drop in emission at $\sim 15''$, whereas the X-ray emission decreases
Figure 3. X-ray profiles for the sources in the sample. These are represented as histograms of the counts in 0.2′′ bins. The solid lines give the profile along the position angle of the jet, as defined by the radio images. The dashed lines show the profile along the counterjet direction, which is defined as 180° opposite to the jet.

dramatically after a distance of about 9″ from the core. A visual inspection of the overlays (Figure 1) indicates no apparent correlation between the radio counterlobe emission and the X-ray emission in this source.

3.8. 2155−152

Although there is arcsecond scale radio emission on both sides of the core, the pc-scale jet is oriented to the south, so we chose this direction to search for X-ray emission. The southern jet emission terminates at a distance of ∼8″ from the core, whereas the X-ray emission is seen up until a distance of ∼4″ south of the core where it terminates.

3.9. 2201+315 (4C 31.63)

The radio map of this object shows a ∼37″ long jet with a counterjet lobe located approximately the same distance away in the opposite direction. There is X-ray emission that correlates with the radio in the first knot structure, as seen in Figures 2 and 3. This is at a distance of ∼4″ from the core. Downstream from this knot, there is a significant decrease in X-ray flux. This
detection is considered marginal and needs a longer exposure time to be able to produce a clear visual correlation in the overlay images.

3.10. 2216–038

The radio image shows a sharp knot-like structure at a distance of about 8″ from the core, along with an excess in the X-ray emission at the same location. The radio jet shows emission continuing out to a distance of \(\sim 15″\), but the overlayed image shows a sharp decrease in X-ray emission between the knot and the terminal hot spot. There is a counterjet lobe to the northeast in the radio portion of the overlay, but there is no X-ray emission in this region above the background emission.

4. X-RAY DATA ANALYSIS

4.1. Data Trends and Results

We have found that the extended flux densities, \(S_{\text{ext}}\), are closely correlated with the detection rate of the X-ray emission. Interestingly, Kharb et al. (2010) have reported a significant...
radio luminosity in the MOJA VE blazars. This could suggest a trend between pc-scale (apparent) jet speeds and extended kpc-scale jet bulk Lorentz factor allowing for deceleration but no bending between pc and kpc scales.

We also ran Kolmogorov–Smirnov tests on the MCS population for three different cases: the $\beta_{\text{app}}$ values with respect to the detection of sources, the $\beta_{\text{app}}$ values with respect to the $S_{\text{jet}}$ threshold value (300 mJy), and the redshift value with respect to the detection of the sources. In all three cases, the p value does not reject the possibility that both populations could have the same parent population.

If we examine the X-ray jet morphologies of the MCS, as well as the sample of Marshall et al. (2005), we find no visible instances of any X-ray counterjets. This is consistent with our findings.

Note: Columns are as follows: Column 1: IAU name (B1950.0); Column 2: radio position angle of the pc-scale radio jet in (°); Column 3: position angle of the kpc-scale radio jet (°); Column 4: inner radius in (°) (see Section 2.2); Column 5: outer radius in (°) (see Section 2.2); Column 6: observed flux density of the radio jet in mJy, measured in the region defined by the same region as for the X-ray count rate, given by the $P_{\text{A}_{\text{kpc}}}$, $R_{\text{jet}}$, and $R_{\text{p}}$ parameters; Column 7: observation frequency of the radio image in GHz; Column 8: counts per kilosecond in the region defined by the $P_{\text{A}_{\text{kpc}}}$, $R_{\text{jet}}$, and $R_{\text{p}}$ parameters (see Section 2.2); Column 9: the kpc-scale jet flux density (mJy) is given at 1 keV assuming a conversion of 1 Jy s count$^{-1}$, which is good to 10% for power-law spectra with low column densities and spectral indices ($\alpha_{\text{jet}}$) near 1.5; Column 10: probability of having more counts than those observed in the specified region under the null hypothesis that the counts are background events; Column 11: X-ray jet detection. The jet is defined to be detected if $P_{\text{jet}} < 0.0025$ (see Section 2.2).
with the predictions of the IC/CMB model, which suggest that the X-ray emission from the relativistic kpc-scale jets must be highly beamed along the direction of the flow. Thus, any X-ray counterjet emission would not be visible to Chandra. Jet bending on the kpc scale can also limit the detection of X-ray jets that are bright in the radio band. This could occur if there is deceleration past the point of the bend, which may in turn limit the flow to mildly relativistic speeds. A secondary factor may be a significant change in the magnetic field strength downstream from the bend as in 3C 279 (Jorstad et al. 2004). Other examples of jet bending where the X-ray flux decreases downstream from the bend as in 3C 279 (Jorstad et al. 2004).

Another example of jet bending where the X-ray flux decreases downstream from the bend as in 3C 279 (Jorstad et al. 2004). One difference between previous quasar surveys and ours is that the MCS is complete with respect to beamed synchrotron emission. Our sample is also more strongly biased toward blazars with superluminal jet speeds and higher Doppler factors. Our detection rate supports the hypothesis that relativistic beaming is indeed an important factor affecting large-scale X-ray jet emission.

For our sample analysis of blazars and radio galaxies, we have chosen to use a method similar to the one used by Marshall et al. (2005). This model assumes that the magnetic fields in the kpc-scale jets are in equipartition with the particle energies. Under this assumption, the magnetic field strength of the jet can be calculated. The photon energy density is then compared to the magnetic field energy density by using the previously calculated magnetic field strength and the CMB photon density. The parameter $K$ (a function of $\beta$, the jet velocity in terms of the speed of light, and $\theta$, the angle to the line of sight), can be calculated by combining the magnetic field strength with the ratio of the observed X-ray (inverse Compton) to radio (synchrotron) luminosities.

Since the single component synchrotron model has difficulties in explaining the X-ray emission in powerful blazar jets that have observed limits on their optical emission (e.g., Marshall et al. 2005), we have derived physical quantities for the X-ray emission using a standard IC/CMB model. We started with the same IC/CMB assumptions as Marshall et al. (2005), which were obtained from Harris & Krawczynski (2002). The first assumption is that the energy density of the CMB occurs at the peak of the blackbody distribution. The second assumption is that the jet frame equipartition holds between the particle energy densities and the magnetic field, with a filling factor ($\Phi$) of 1. If relativistic protons contribute to the particle energy density, then this assumption will fail and beaming will become much more extreme. The third assumption is that the low energy spectral index for the synchrotron spectrum continues unchanged below the current range of the instruments used to measure them. The procedure involves first defining

$$B_1 = \left[ \frac{18.85 C_{12} (1 + k) L_1}{\Phi V} \right]^{2/7},$$

where $B_1$ is the spatially averaged, minimum energy magnetic field of the jet in the case where there is no Doppler boosting, in Gauss, $C_{12}$ is a weak function of the low-frequency spectral index for the synchrotron spectrum ($\alpha_r$, where $S_r \propto \nu^{-\alpha_r}$), $\Phi$ is the filling factor, $L_1$ is the synchrotron luminosity (calculated from the radio flux and luminosity distance), $k$ is the baryon energy fraction parameter, and $V$ is the emitting volume (Pacholczyk 1970). The values used for the constants are: $k = 0$, $C_{12} = 5.7 \times 10^5$, $\alpha_r = 0.8$, and $\Phi = 1$. The emitting volume is calculated using the length of the jet defined in Table 4 by taking the difference of the two radius values and then assuming a cylindrical cross section given by the width associated with the Chandra FWHM ($0.75$). The 1.4 GHz (FWHM = 1') radio data results in larger derived emitting volumes than the Chandra FWHM. This discrepancy causes the magnetic field value ($B_1$) to be considered a minimum value for all intents and purposes.

One way to address this magnetic field discrepancy is to adjust the filling factor $\Phi$. If the $\Phi$ is decreased by a factor of 10, the magnetic field quantity $B_1$ would only increase by roughly a factor of two (Marshall et al. 2005).

We next compute the X-ray to radio luminosity ratio ($R$) using

$$R = \frac{S_x (\nu/\nu_x)^{-\alpha_x}}{S_r (\nu/\nu_r)^{-\alpha_r}} = \frac{S_x \nu_x^{\alpha_x}}{S_r \nu_r^{\alpha_r}} = \left[ \frac{v_x}{v_r} \right]^{\alpha_r - \alpha_x},$$

where $v_x$ and $v_r$ are the radio and X-ray frequencies, respectively, at which the flux densities $S_x$ and $S_r$ are observed, respectively. The luminosity distance and redshift are also important parameters, because they affect the derived synchrotron luminosity in the jet frame. Equation (2) is valid as long as both the X-ray and radio frequencies are far from the endpoints of the synchrotron and IC spectral breaks. We use $v_x = 2.42 \times 10^{17}$ Hz for calculation purposes later in the paper, as well as the $v_x$ values listed in Table 4. Based on previous IC/CMB modeling, following the solution presented by Marshall et al. (2005), we compute the quantity $K$, which is a function of constants or observed values only, given by

$$K = B_1 (a R)^{(\alpha_0+1)}(1+z)^{-(\alpha_0+5)/2}b^{(1-\alpha_0)/(\alpha_0+1)},$$

where $a = 9.947 \times 10^{10}$ G$^{-2}$ and $b = 3.808 \times 10^4$ G, as used by Harris & Krawczynski (2002). The values for $a$ and $b$ are found by equating the expected and observed values of the ratio of X-ray to radio energy densities ($R$) under the equipartition assumption. This leads to $K$ being a dimensionless number that is solely a function of intrinsic jet speed and viewing angle.

Marshall et al. (2005) showed that $K$ is a simple function of the beaming parameters under the assumption that $\Gamma > 1.5$:

$$K = \frac{1 - \beta + \mu - \beta \mu}{(1 - \beta \mu)^2},$$

which can then be solved for $\mu$ (where $\mu = \cos \theta$) for a given $\beta$ (see Marshall et al. 2005; Equation (5)). The solution for $\mu$ has two roots and we have chosen, like Marshall et al. (2005), to use the negative root of Equation (5):

$$\mu = 1 - \beta^{1/2} \pm (1 - 2\beta + 4K\beta + \beta^2 - 4K\beta^3)^{1/2}.$$
\[ \theta = \arctan \frac{2\beta_{app}}{\beta_{app}^2 + \delta^2 - 1}. \]

\[ \Gamma = \frac{\beta_{app}^2 + \delta^2 + 1}{2\delta}. \]

By examining the effect of each parameter on the K factor individually, we have determined that the main source of observational error in K is the radio spectral index \( \alpha_r \). Typical observed values for \( \alpha_r \) in kpc-scale jets are between \(-0.7\) and \(-0.9\). Since we do not have direct measurements of \( \alpha_r \) for our jet sample, we carried out a Monte Carlo error analysis, using a Gaussian distribution of \( \alpha_r \) with \( \sigma_{\alpha_r} = -0.8 \) and \( \bar{\alpha}_r = 0.1 \). We tabulate the resulting 1\( \sigma \) error values for K in Table 5.

5. VIEWING ANGLE AND BULK LORENTZ FACTOR ANALYSIS

Using VLBI observations, we can investigate the possible kpc-scale jet beaming parameters under an initial assumption that there is no deceleration or bending from pc to kpc scales. This was done by using the theoretical framework of Harris & Krawczynski (2002). Given a pc-scale \( \beta_{app} \) measurement, which is a function of \( \theta \) and \( \beta \), we can use the \( K \) and \( \beta_{app} \) equations, along with the assumption that the value of \( \beta_{app} \) is the same for the pc- and kpc-scale jets to solve for the viewing angle \( \theta \). This then allows us to calculate the Doppler factor (\( \delta \)) and the bulk Lorentz factor (\( \Gamma \)) using the IC/CMB model (e.g., see Harris & Krawczynski 2002). We discuss the possibilities of jet bending and deceleration on the pc to kpc scales in Sections 5.2 and 5.3.

5.1. IC/CMB Model with No Jet Deceleration or Bending

Equation (4) can be solved for \( \theta \) as a function of \( K \) and \( \beta \) (or \( \Gamma \); Marshall et al. 2005) as shown in Figure 4 (blue curve) for each source. Equation (5) defines a locus of allowed \( \Gamma \) and \( \theta \) values for a fixed \( \beta_{app} \) observed in the pc-scale jet (black curve). The intersection point of these curves yields the viewing angle and bulk Lorentz factor of the kpc-scale jet, under the assumption that the X-ray emission is given by the IC/CMB model and that the jet directions and bulk Lorentz factors on pc and kpc scales are the same. The range of the error of the \( \beta_{app} \) and \( \Gamma \) values defines a range for the value of \( \Gamma \) described by the error curves associated with curves plotted in Figure 4. Note that in the cases of 0415+379 and 1800+440, as well as some other jets in the sample, the uncertainty in \( \beta_{app} \) can translate into a large range of uncertainty on \( \Gamma \) (Table 5).

Our measured ranges of \( \Gamma \) are consistent with previous investigations of beamed inverse Compton models for X-ray emission, which often require bulk Lorentz factors on the order of \( \Gamma \approx 10 \) or greater. Mullin & Hardcastle (2009), on the other hand, model a set of radio data using a Bayesian parameter-inference method, which provides \( \Gamma \) values for a sample of FR II jets. These \( \Gamma \) values range from 1.18 to 1.49, which are significantly lower than the values required by the inverse Compton model. The FR II jets in the Mullin & Hardcastle (2009) sample, however, are selected on the basis of isotropic lobe emission and thus, their jets generally have large angles to the line of sight. They are therefore more representative of the general FR II population than our MCS sample, which is highly biased toward fast jets pointing nearly directly at us. As pointed out by Lister & Marscher (1997), unbiased orientation samples of radio jets are likely to have much lower bulk Lorentz factors than blazars, due to the relatively steep power-law distribution of jet speeds in the parent population. Cooper (2010) produced a Monte Carlo simulation that describes the mean pc-scale viewing angle distribution for a modeled MOJAVE sample. The sample is modeled by using 1000 trial populations of 135 sources that have their bulk Lorentz factor described by a power law ranging from 3 to 50 with an index of \(-1.5\) and are based on the luminosity function for the MOJAVE parent population (Cara & Lister 2008). This simulation produces a roughly Poisson distribution of pc-scale angles for the sample that is peaked around \( 2^\circ \). This non-uniform distribution for the pc-scale viewing angle is produced because of the highly beamed nature of the MOJAVE sample. Since the MCS is a subsample of the MOJAVE sample we should expect to see a similar angle bias in it.

0106+013 and 1849+670 show extreme values for the bulk Lorentz factor (71 < \( \Gamma < 133 \)) and 97 < \( \Gamma < 129 \), respectively when compared to the rest of the MCS sample, as well as other samples of blazars. The largest value of \( \Gamma \) on pc scales in the Hovatta et al. (2009) sample is 65 for 1730–130, which has an extremely large apparent velocity value (\( \beta_{app} \approx 35 \) c). Hovatta et al. (2009) compare their sample to the Padovani & Urry (1992) sample, which has a maximum \( \Gamma \) of about 40. The MOJAVE sample contains no known jets with superluminal speeds above 50 c (Lister et al. 2009b). Lister & Marscher (1997) find that in large flux-limited blazar samples the value for \( \beta_{app, max} \) should always be very similar to the \( \Gamma_{max} \) in the parent population. The MCS sources with extreme Lorentz factors have the smallest values of \( \theta \) in the sample, with values less than 7\( ^\circ \), and also have the largest \( \beta_{app} \) values in the sample.

Based on papers by Conway & Murphy (1993) & Moore et al. (1981), the small angle approximation with respect to the pc-scale P.A. (\( \theta_n \)) and the intrinsic misalignment angle between the pc and kpc-scale jets (\( \xi \)) for Equation (1) of Conway & Murphy (1993) is

\[ \tan(\eta) \approx \frac{\sin(\phi)}{\left( \frac{\delta_n}{\xi} + \cos(\phi) \right)}, \]

where \( \eta \) is the change in the P.A. on the plane of the sky between the pc-scale to the kpc-scale jets and \( \phi \) is the azimuthal angle of the jet. For a small value of \( \eta \), the value for \( \xi \) has to be small when compared to the value for \( \theta_n \), for an arbitrary value of \( \phi \). Thus, for the sources in our sample with a small \( \eta \), misalignments are likely to be less than a degree, so any discrepancy between \( \delta \) and \( \Gamma \) is likely to require deceleration. Furthermore, to obtain a value for \( \eta \) which is large, \( \xi \) must be larger than \( \theta_n \). These large values for \( \eta \) require that the value for \( \xi \) is comparable to or larger than \( \beta_{app}^{-1} \). This is easily accomplished when the value for \( \beta_{app} \) is large, as is true with most of the sources in this sample. Moore et al. (1981) state that it is quite likely for small values of \( \theta_{max} \) to be attributed to large values of \( \eta \), where \( \theta_{max} \) is the largest value of \( \theta_n \) which is likely to occur. Lastly, for sources with \( \eta \) values that approach 90\( ^\circ \), the value of \( \xi \) must be comparable to the value of \( \theta_n \). Examining Figure 4, it is evident that bending between pc and kpc scales cannot by itself resolve the high bulk Lorentz factor issue in these two extreme sources.

5.2. IC/CMB Model with Jet Deceleration

One way to reconcile the large \( \Gamma \) values is to consider possible deceleration from the pc to kpc scale, where the deceleration is caused by a jet depositing its power into the surrounding medium in the form of kinetic energy (Georganopoulos & Kazanas 2004). A one-zone model deceleration of jets can allow for a misalignment of knots and other jet structures.
between the radio and X-ray wavelengths, which we also find examples of in the MCS. Deceleration can also offer a way to reduce the unusually large values for $\Gamma$ in sources in the MCS by widening the beaming cone, assuming that the jets decelerate from ultrarelativistic speeds near the base of the jet to mildly relativistic and even sub-relativistic speeds at the point of termination.

We now examine the application of the IC/CMB model allowing for possible deceleration, but no bending between the pc and kpc scales. The problem reduces to finding a possible family of horizontal lines in Figure 4 that intersect both the pc (black) and kpc (blue) curves. In Figure 4, we show a shaded region which represents this family of lines. The red dashed line corresponds to the best-fit viewing angle in the non-bending/non-decelerating model of Section 5.1. Thus, if we relax our non-decelerating assumption, the kpc-scale jet can lie on the low $\Gamma$ tail of the $K$ curve, without the need to invoke any jet bending. We list the range of possible kpc-scale $\Gamma$ values for this deceleration/non-bending scenario in Column 10 of Table 5. These ranges are generally narrow. In the case of the two extreme blazars, for 0106+013 we have $1.89 < \Gamma < 1.92$ and for 1849+670, $2.21 < \Gamma < 2.23$. Thus, deceleration between pc and kpc scales offers a way to alleviate the need for unusually high bulk Lorentz factors in these blazar jets.

5.3. IC/CMB Model with Deceleration and Jet Bending

Many blazar jets display bent morphologies going from pc to kpc scales (e.g., Kharb et al. 2010), although their apparent magnitudes are often highly exaggerated by projections effects. For some of the jets in our sample, bending between the pc and kpc scales can lower the bulk Lorentz factor value required to reconcile the VLBI and X-ray observations, but cannot change the requirement that $\Gamma \geq \beta_{\text{app}}$ on pc scales, which is derived from the superluminal motion of the radio pc-scale jet. Allowing the possibility of deceleration, acceleration, and bending effectively renders the two curves in Figure 4...
independent, i.e., the kpc jet can now lie anywhere on the blue curve, and the pc jet anywhere on the black curve. There are still, however, limits that can be placed on the beaming parameters. For example, the expression for $K$ (Equation (4)) sets an upper limit on $\theta_{\text{pc}}$, which is a lengthy algebraic function of $K$ (Marshall et al. 2005). These limits range from 8° to 20°.
for the jets in our sample (Figure 4). Setting $\mu = 1$ for an end-on jet in Equation (4) also lower a limit of

$$\Gamma_{\text{min}} = \frac{K}{2\sqrt{K-1}}$$

on the kpc scale. These are tabulated in Column 11 of Table 5. The IC/CMB model thus limits the kpc-scale minimum bulk Lorentz factor to $1.6 < \Gamma < 2.7$ in most cases, although in two sources (0415+379 and 1334−127) the limit placed on the minimum bulk Lorentz factor must be at least 3.5.

Finally, the superluminal speed confines the Lorentz factor of the pc jet to $\beta_{\text{app}}^−1$. Its viewing angle to below $2\tan^{-1}(\beta_{\text{app}}^−1)$. If independent observations can further constrain the amount of intrinsic jet bending, then X-ray observations of blazars can provide useful limits on the amount of pc- to kpc-scale jet deceleration. It may be possible to pursue this method statistically using a larger sample.

6. CONCLUSIONS

We have performed *Chandra* observations of a radio-core-selected sample of blazar jets. The selection criteria that we used to define our AGN sample has increased the overall fraction of correlations between X-ray and radio jets in radio-selected AGNs. Of the popular single zone models available (synchrotron or IC/CMB), we chose to apply the IC/CMB model to our sample, based on the earlier results of Marshall et al. (2005). The detected X-ray jets are generally well correlated spatially with the radio jet morphology, except for those radio jets that display sharp bends. The wide range of apparent X-ray to radio ratios among the jets suggests that no single overall emission model can explain all of the X-ray morphologies. We are currently analyzing follow-up *Chandra* and HST observations of selected AGNs to obtain multiv wavelength spectra of jet knots (P. Kharb et al. 2011, in preparation), which will allow us to investigate possible synchrotron and IC models for the emission beyond what we have discussed in this paper.

Our major findings are as follows.

1. The selection criteria associated with the MCS has increased the detection rate from previous jet surveys (Sambruna et al. 2004; Marshall et al. 2005) from a $\sim 60\%$ detection rate to a $\sim 78\%$ detection rate.

2. We have found that the 1.4 GHz, VLA A-array extended radio jet flux density, $S_{\text{ext}}$, is a strong predictor of X-ray jet emission in a core-selected sample such as the MCS, which is related to the correlation of the extended luminosity and the pc-scale jet (apparent) speed. Above a value of 300 mJy we find a 100% X-ray detection rate, with $\sim 57\%$ detection rate for sources located below that threshold. This further reinforces the usefulness of our extended radio emission selection criteria for this sample.

3. The IC/CMB assumptions can produce calculated values for the jet bulk Lorentz factor, $\Gamma$, which are larger than expected in some sources (e.g., 0106+013 and 1849+670) under the assumption that the jet speed and direction are the same on both the pc and kpc scales.

4. Bending alone cannot reconcile the large $\Gamma$ values in these sources as it constrains the minimum $\Gamma$ value on the kpc scale to the minimum value on the pc scale. This can still be quite large as seen in sources such as 0106+013 and 1849+670.

5. If we allow for the possibility of deceleration without jet bending, the VLBI jet speeds and IC/CMB X-ray model can be reconciled, although jet bending is necessary in several cases. In this scenario, the kpc-scale relativistic jet bulk Lorentz factors typically range from $\sim 1.7$ to 7.

6. When both the non-bending and non-decelerating assumptions are relaxed, the only constraints on the kpc-scale jet from the *Chandra* and VLA observations are an upper limit on the viewing angle, and a lower limit on the bulk Lorentz factor. These typically range from $8° < \theta < 20°$ and $1.6 \Gamma_{\text{min}} < 3.5$ for our sample.

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