

## COLLISIONS AMONG CLOUDS INSIDE DUSTY TORI IN ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI: OBSERVATIONAL CONSEQUENCES

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### ABSTRACT

A geometrically thick dusty torus in NGC 1068 has been unambiguously resolved by an infrared interferometry telescope. This implies that clouds composing the dusty torus are undergoing supersonic collisions with each other. We show that the collisions form strong nonrelativistic shocks, which accelerate populations of relativistic electrons. The torus reprocesses emission from the accretion disk into an infrared band. We show that the energy density of the infrared photons inside the torus is much higher than that of the magnetic field in the clouds, and the seed photons of inverse Compton scattering are mainly from the infrared. The maximum energy of the relativistic electrons can reach a Lorentz factor of  $10^5$ . We calculate the spectrum of the synchrotron and inverse Compton scattering radiation from the electrons in the torus. The relativistic electrons in the torus radiate non-thermal emission from radio to  $\gamma$ -ray, which isotropically diffuses in the region of the torus. We find that the most prominent character is a peak at  $\sim 0.5$ – $1$  GeV. We apply this model to NGC 1068 and find that the observed radio emission from the core component  $S_1$  can be explained by the synchrotron emission from the relativistic electrons. We predict that there is  $\gamma$ -ray emission with a luminosity of  $10^{40}$  ergs  $s^{-1}$  peaking at  $\sim 1$  GeV from the torus, which could be detected by the *Gamma-Ray Large-Array Space Telescope* in the future. This will provide a new clue to understanding the physics in the torus. The nonthermal radiation from the dusty torus may explain the radio emission from Seyfert galaxies. The cosmological implications of the nonthermal emission to the  $\gamma$ -ray background radiation are also discussed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A geometrically thick dusty torus has been recently resolved in the well-known Seyfert 2 galaxy NGC 1068 by an infrared interferometry telescope (Jaffe et al. 2004). The dusty torus, as an essential ingredient in the unification scheme of active galactic nuclei (AGNs), plays a key role in obscuring the broad-line region (Antonucci & Miller 1985; Antonucci 1993). How to maintain the thickness of the torus has long been puzzling in AGN physics. Krolik & Begelman (1988) suggested that the dusty torus is composed of discrete compressed clouds and supported by the random supersonic motion of clouds in the  $z$ -direction. However, the inevitable collisions among the clouds dissipate their kinetic energy; an extra supply of kinetic energy to the clouds, such as a star cluster, is thus needed (Krolik & Begelman 1988; Jaffe et al. 2004). What then are the observational consequences of the collisions?

The Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA) has resolved the radio components in the core region of NGC 1068. The radio component  $S_1$  at the center of the nucleus is coincident with the most powerful infrared source in NGC 1068 (Bock et al. 2000; Jaffe et al. 2004). The component  $S_1$  should therefore relate somehow physically to the dusty torus. The inner edge of the hypothesized torus will be ionized by UV and X-rays from the accretion disk and is expected to be optically thick to free-free absorption at gigahertz frequencies (Neufeld et al. 1994). The free-free emission is suggested for the radio emission of the component  $S_1$  from hot ionized gas of a temperature  $T = 6 \times 10^6$  K and number density  $n = 6 \times 10^5$   $cm^{-3}$  evaporated from dust, and the inverted spectrum below 5 GHz in NGC 1068 is explained by the ionized gas via free-free absorption with a total amount of  $3400 M_\odot$  (Gallimore et al. 2004). For typical values of the parameters, the ablation rate is  $M_{abl} \approx 0.49 M_\odot$   $yr^{-1}$  via pho-

toionization (Krolik & Begelman 1988); the timescale for the required mass of the ionized gas will be  $t_{abl} \approx 7 \times 10^3$  yr. However, the free-free emission from hot ionized gas is proportional to the square of the particle density, and its cooling timescale is  $t_{ff} \approx 3.2 T_6^{1/2} n_6^{-1}$  yr for the inferred ionized gas, where  $T_6 = T/10^6$  K and  $n_6 = n/10^6$   $cm^{-3}$ . It is clear that  $t_{ff} \ll t_{abl}$ , namely, most of the ionized gas ( $\sim 3400 M_\odot$ ) cannot be maintained and will recondense to dust. Thus, there is not enough ionized gas to absorb the radio emission below 5 GHz in the model suggested by Gallimore et al. (2004). The fact that the component  $S_1$  nicely overlaps with the region of the most infrared-bright torus (Jaffe et al. 2004) strongly implies that the radio emission from  $S_1$  is linked to the torus itself. The explanation of this radio emission remains open. Does it relate to collisions among the clouds?

In this Letter we focus on the observational consequences of the collisions among the clouds and show that shocks due to collisions accelerate populations of relativistic electrons. Nonthermal emission will be radiated as an observational consequence from radio to GeV  $\gamma$ -rays. We apply this model to NGC 1068 and suggest that the radio emission of the component  $S_1$  originates from the synchrotron emission of population of the relativistic electrons. The predicted  $\gamma$ -ray emission could be detected by *Gamma-Ray Large-Array Space Telescope* (GLAST). This provides a new clue to test the mechanism supporting the torus.

### 2. NONTHERMAL EMISSION FROM TORUS

#### 2.1. Cloud Collisions and Acceleration of Electrons

The detailed microphysics of clouds has been discussed by Krolik & Begelman (1988). The clouds are supported by self-gravity and magnetic fields. Random motions of the clouds in the vertical direction support the thickness,  $H_i \approx \Delta v / \Omega_K$ , where

$H_t$  is the height of the torus,  $\Delta v$  is the random velocity in vertical direction, and  $\Omega_K$  is the Keplerian velocity of the clouds at the midplane. We then have  $H_t/R_t \approx \Delta v/v_{\text{orb}}$ , implying  $\Delta v \sim v_{\text{orb}}$ . It is expected that the clouds in the torus are undergoing collisions in such a torus. The clumpy torus can be described by the clumpiness  $\mathcal{C} = \Sigma_{\text{cl}}/\langle \Sigma_{\text{cl}} \rangle$ , where  $\Sigma_{\text{cl}}$  and  $\langle \Sigma_{\text{cl}} \rangle$  are the column density of each cloud and the mean column density of the torus, respectively. Genzel et al. (1985) estimate  $\mathcal{C} \approx 0.1$  in the Galactic center. The total kinetic energy dissipated by the collisions for typical values of the parameters is given by (Krolik & Begelman 1988)

$$\dot{E}_{\text{diss}} = 1.9 \times 10^{41} R_{\text{pc}} \Sigma_{25} \left( \frac{v_{\text{orb}}}{200 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^3 \text{ ergs s}^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

where the column density of the torus  $\Sigma_{25} = \langle \Sigma_{\text{cl}} \rangle / 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and the distance to the black hole  $R_{\text{pc}} = R_t / 1 \text{ pc}$ . Part of this power is used to evaporate dust, and it forms shocks that accelerate populations of relativistic electrons. We do not tackle the energy supply to the clouds in this Letter.

The magnetic field in a cloud is expressed in term of the plasma parameter defined by  $\beta = P_{\text{gas}}/P_{\text{mag}}$ ,

$$B = 1.3 \times 10^{-3} \beta_{0.2}^{-1/2} \mathcal{C}_{-1}^{1/2} \Sigma_{25}^{1/2} T_{300}^{1/2} \mathcal{H}^{-1/2} R_{\text{pc}}^{-1/2} \text{ G}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathcal{H} = H_t/R_t$ ,  $\beta_{0.2} = \beta/0.2$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{-1} = \mathcal{C}/0.1$ , and the temperature of the torus  $T_{300} = T_t/300 \text{ K}$ .

The Larmor gyration radius  $R_L$  of an electron with Lorentz factor  $\gamma_e$  is  $R_L = 5.5 \times 10^{-8} (\gamma_5/B_{-3}) \text{ pc}$ , where  $\gamma_5 = \gamma_e/10^5$  and  $B_{-3} = B/10^{-3} \text{ G}$ . This radius is much shorter than the size of the dusty torus. The temperature of the shocked gas during the collision is given by

$$T_s = \mathcal{M}^2 T_t \approx 1.2 \times 10^6 \Delta v_2^2 \text{ K}, \quad (3)$$

where Mach number  $\mathcal{M} = \Delta v/v_{\text{th}}$ ,  $\Delta v_2 = \Delta v/100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and  $v_{\text{th}} = (kT_s/m_p)^{1/2}$  is the sound speed. The shock velocity with respect to the unshocked gas  $v_{\text{sh}}$  is given by

$$v_{\text{sh}} = (\Gamma + 1) \left[ \frac{kT_s}{(\Gamma - 1)m_p} \right]^{1/2} \approx 2.97 \times 10^7 T_6^{1/2} \text{ cm s}^{-1}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\Gamma = 5/3$  is the adiabatic index,  $k$  is the Boltzman constant,  $m_p$  is the proton mass, and  $T_6 = T_s/10^6 \text{ K}$  is the temperature of the shocked gas. The timescale of accelerating electrons reads (Blandford & Eichler 1987)

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{R_L c}{v_{\text{sh}}^2} \approx 5.8 \times 10^7 \gamma_5 B_{-3}^{-1} T_6^{-1} \text{ s}, \quad (5)$$

where  $c$  is the light speed.

The energy density of infrared photons inside the torus, which is reprocessed radiation from the accretion disk, can be estimated by

$$u_{\text{IR}} = \frac{L_{\text{IR}}}{2\pi^2 R_t^2 \mathcal{H} c} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{-5} L_{44} \mathcal{H}^{-1} R_{\text{pc}}^{-2} \text{ ergs cm}^{-3}, \quad (6)$$

where  $L_{44} = L_{\text{IR}}/10^{44} \text{ ergs s}^{-1}$  is the infrared luminosity from the torus. We find  $u_{\text{IR}} \gg u_B$ , where  $u_B$  is the energy density of the magnetic field. Thus, the cooling of the relativistic electrons is mainly due to inverse Compton (IC) scattering of the infrared

photons. The maximum energy of the electrons will be determined by the balances between the shock acceleration and the IC scattering of the IR photons inside the dusty torus. The timescale of energy loss due to IC scattering is given by

$$t_{\text{IC}} = \frac{3m_e c}{4\sigma_T \gamma_e u_{\text{IR}}} \approx 1.7 \times 10^8 \gamma_5^{-1} L_{44}^{-1} \mathcal{H} R_{\text{pc}}^2 \text{ s}. \quad (7)$$

The maximum energy reaches when the acceleration timescale is equal to the IC timescale,

$$\gamma_{\text{max}} \approx 1.8 \times 10^5 L_{44}^{-1/2} \mathcal{H}^{1/2} R_{\text{pc}} B_{-3}^{1/2} T_6^{1/2}. \quad (8)$$

The shock acceleration is known to generally accelerate a power-law distribution of relativistic electrons as  $\gamma_e^{-\alpha}$ ; namely, the electron distribution function is

$$N(\gamma_e) = K \gamma_e^{-\alpha} = \frac{(3 - \alpha)}{\gamma_{\text{max}}^{3-\alpha} - \gamma_{\text{min}}^{3-\alpha}} \frac{\xi_e \dot{E}_{\text{diss}}}{m_e c^2 c_0 u_{\text{IR}}} \gamma_e^{-\alpha}, \quad (9)$$

which follows from the energy equation that the relativistic electron is getting energy from the dissipation of the cloud collision

$$\int_{\gamma_{\text{min}}}^{\gamma_{\text{max}}} \dot{\gamma}_{\text{IC}} m_e c^2 N(\gamma_e) d\gamma_e = \xi_e \dot{E}_{\text{diss}}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\dot{\gamma}_{\text{IC}} = c_0 u_{\text{IR}} \gamma_e^2$  ( $c_0 = 3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ergs}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) is the energy loss rate of the electron due to IC scattering (Rybicki & Lightman 1979). Here  $\xi_e$  is the fraction of the thermal energy converted into the energy of the relativistic electrons.

## 2.2. Synchrotron Radiation and Inverse Compton Scattering

For a steady torus, the cloud collisions provide a constant energy supply to relativistic electrons. We have shown synchrotron losses of the electrons are much less than the IC scattering of the infrared photons. However, the synchrotron radiation from the electrons is detectable in radio band as one observational consequence. The emergent spectrum from the torus will be given by the synchrotron and IC scattering emission. The peak frequency of the synchrotron emission is

$$\nu_{\text{syn}} \approx 4.2 \times 10^{13} B_{-3} \gamma_5^2 \text{ Hz}, \quad (11)$$

peaking at middle- or near-infrared band. This just overlaps with the peak frequency of the reprocessing of the disk and thus is undetectable. We approximate the reprocessing of the dusty torus as a blackbody with a single blackbody temperature of  $T_{\text{eff}} = (L_{\text{IR}}/2\pi^2 a R_t^2 \mathcal{H} c)^{1/4} \approx 223 L_{44}^{1/4} \mathcal{H}^{-1/4} R_{\text{pc}}^{-1/2} \text{ K}$ , where the blackbody radiation constant  $a = 7.56 \times 10^{-15} \text{ ergs cm}^{-3} \text{ deg}^{-4}$ . The averaged energy of the infrared photons is  $\epsilon_{\text{IR}} \approx 2.7 k T_{\text{eff}} \approx 5.2 \times 10^{-2} L_{44}^{1/4} \mathcal{H}^{-1/4} R_{\text{pc}}^{-1/2} \text{ eV}$  in torus, we have the peak of the IC scattering

$$\epsilon_\gamma \approx \gamma_{\text{max}}^2 \epsilon_{\text{IR}} \approx 0.52 \gamma_5^2 (\epsilon_{\text{IR}}/5.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}) \text{ GeV}. \quad (12)$$

We use the standard formulations of synchrotron and IC scattering including Klein-Nishina effects to calculate the spectra from torus for the typical values (Blumenthal & Gould 1970). The ratio of energy densities of magnetic field to synchrotron photons is of  $u_B/u_{\text{ph}} \approx 10^{2-3}$  for the typical values of

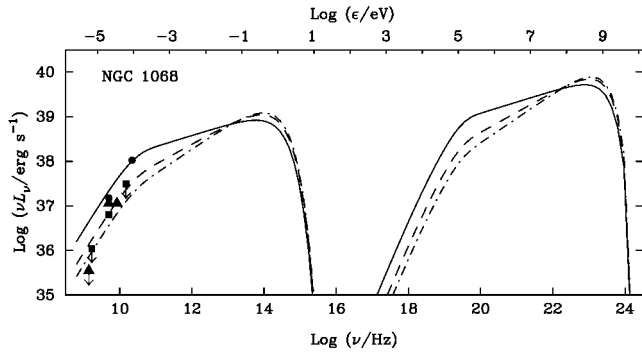


FIG. 1.—Spectrum of component  $S_1$ . The parameter  $\beta = 0.2$  is suggested in Krolik & Begelman (1988). We use the typical values of  $B = 5 \times 10^{-3}$  G,  $\gamma_{\max} = 10^5$ ,  $\gamma_{\min} = 900$ ,  $u_{\text{IR}} = 10^{-5}$  ergs cm $^{-3}$ , and  $\xi_e \dot{E}_{\text{diss}} = 3.0 \times 10^{40}$  ergs s $^{-1}$ . Spectral index  $\alpha$  is taken for 2.5 (solid line), 2.1 (dashed line), and 1.9 (dash-dotted line), respectively. There is a clear GeV bump predicted from the present model, which reaches a level detected by *GLAST*. The filled circles, squares, and triangles are from Muxlow et al. (1996), Roy et al. (1998), and Gallimore et al. (2004), respectively. We note that the nonthermal emission from the torus is lower by a factor of 4–5 orders than the emission from the central engine. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of this figure.]

the parameters, so self-Compton scattering emission can be neglected. Figure 1 shows the spectra for different electron index, but the injected energy  $\xi_e \dot{E}_{\text{diss}}$  is fixed.

The synchrotron spectrum beyond radio band overlaps with the reprocessed emission from the torus itself. Since it is much lower than the latter, this predicted component will be invisible or undistinguished. However, the component of the  $>100$  keV spectrum will be observable because the overlapped continuum from the disk/corona has a cutoff at 100 keV. This is a key feature of the present model. This component, if detected, only originates from the torus.

We emphasize that the nonthermal emission from the torus is isotropic in the present model. The predicted spectra should be testable for any Seyfert galaxies as long as the dusty torus exists like in NGC 1068. In the present model, the soft X-ray emission lines are invisible since they are too faint compared with the soft X-ray spectrum of the nucleus. The model of Gallimore et al. (2004) predicts strong features in the soft X-ray band but is obscured by the torus itself in NGC 1068. It would be interesting to test the model suggested by Gallimore et al. (2004) in Seyfert 1 galaxies, which have dusty tori, and the predicted luminous soft X-ray emission lines unobscured by the tori would be viewed by *Chandra*. The present model does not depend on the types of Seyfert galaxies provided that there are geometrically thick tori in these objects. So it is not difficult to distinguish the two different models in principle.

### 3. APPLICATION TO NGC 1068

The amount of the ionized gas can be estimated from the balance between the free-free cooling and the ablation of dust in the torus. The ablation timescale is  $t_{\text{abl}} = M_{\text{gas}}/\dot{M}_{\text{abl}}$ , where the mass of the ionized gas is  $M_{\text{gas}} \approx 2\pi^2 n_{\text{th}} m_p \mathcal{H}^2 R_i^3$ , and  $n_{\text{th}}$  is the number density of the ionized gas. We then have  $n_{\text{th}} \approx 1.1 \times 10^4 T_6^{1/4} \mathcal{H}^{-1} R_{\text{pc}}^{-3/2}$  cm $^{-3}$  from  $t_{\text{abl}} = t_{\text{ff}}$ . The optical depth of the free-free absorption of the ionized gas is  $\tau_{\text{ff}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} T_6^{-3/2} \nu_{\text{GHz}}^{-2} n_4^2 R_{\text{pc}}$ , where  $\nu_{\text{GHz}} = \nu/10^9$  Hz and  $n_4 = n_{\text{th}}/10^4$  cm $^{-3}$ . It is thus impossible for free-free absorption to cause an invert spectrum at  $\sim$ a few GHz. The free-free emission from the ionized gas is of  $5.3 \times 10^{32} n_4^2 T_6^{-1/2} \nu_{\text{GHz}} \mathcal{H}^2 R_{\text{pc}}^3$  ergs s $^{-1}$ , much lower than synchrotron radiation from the relativistic electrons.

TABLE 1  
FUTURE OBSERVATIONS

Instrument	Energy Band	Threshold (photons cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ )	Note
<i>INTEGRAL</i> /SPI <sup>a</sup>	20 keV–8 MeV	$2.4 \times 10^{-5}$ at 8 MeV	n
<i>INTEGRAL</i> /IBIS <sup>a</sup>	20 keV–10 MeV	$5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ at 10 MeV	n
<i>GLAST</i> <sup>b</sup>	$>100$ MeV	$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$	y
<i>Agile</i> <sup>c</sup>	30 MeV–50 GeV	$5.0 \times 10^{-8}$ at 1 GeV	?

NOTE.—n = no; y = yes; ? = marginal.

<sup>a</sup> See <http://astro.estec.esa.nl/SA-general/Projects/Integral>.

<sup>b</sup> See <http://www-glast.stanford.edu/mission.html>.

<sup>c</sup> See <http://agile.mi.iasf.cnr.it/Homepage/performances.shtml>.

Here the Gaunt factor is neglected in our estimations. The thermal electrons from the evaporation has a Thomson scattering depth of  $\tau_{\text{es}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-2} n_4 R_{\text{pc}}$ . This value is consistent with the fraction of the polarized emission to the total due to the thermal electrons (Antonucci & Miller 1985). In addition, the free-free emission gets a peak flux of  $10^{38}$  ergs s $^{-1}$  at  $\sim 0.1$  keV, which is overwhelmed by the radiation from the core. We cannot detect such a faint radiation component.

The Eddington ratio is roughly  $L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.44$ , where the mass of the black hole  $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^{7.23} M_{\odot}$  estimated from maser observation (Greenhill et al. 1997) and the bolometric luminosity  $L_{\text{bol}} = 10^{44.98}$  ergs s $^{-1}$  by integrating the multiwavelength continuum (Woo & Urry 2002). It is much higher than the critical accretion rate of advection-dominated accretion flow (ADAF). This indicates that the radio emission from component  $S_1$  cannot originate from an optically thin ADAF in NGC 1068. Roy et al. (1998) suggested that component  $S_1$  may originate from synchrotron radiation from the relativistic electrons, but it remains an open question how to accelerate electrons.

We use the typical values of the parameters in the present model. The dissipation rate of the kinetic energy via cloud collisions is  $\dot{E} \approx 2.0 \times 10^{41}$  ergs s $^{-1}$  and  $\xi_e = 0.15$ . The radiation luminosity via IC scattering is  $\sim 10^{40}$  ergs s $^{-1}$ . We find that the radio spectrum of  $S_1$  can be generally fitted by synchrotron emission. The most prominent character in Figure 1 is the GeV bump, which is caused by IC scattering of the infrared photons inside the torus. This bump corresponds to a flux of  $\sim 10^{-9}$  photons cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$  at 1 GeV and  $\sim 10^{-8}$  photons cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$  at greater than 100 MeV. Detection of this component is essential to probe physics inside the torus.

Seyfert galaxies have been observed by *EGRET*, showing upper limit with  $2\sigma$  (Lin et al. 1993). Table 1 lists the sensitivities of several missions. The last column gives the comments to observations. We find that the Italian mission *Agile* could marginally detect the GeV bump in NGC 1068, and *GLAST* has the capability of detecting this GeV bump.

The synchrotron self-absorption (SSA) depth is numerically given by  $\tau_{\text{syn}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-5} K_{56} R_{\text{pc}}^{-2}$  ( $\alpha = 2.5$ ,  $\gamma_{\min} = 900$ ,  $B = 5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  G) at 1 GHz, where  $K_{56} = K/10^{56}$  for a spatially homogeneous distribution of the relativistic electrons inside the torus. This shows less importance of the SSA; however, we note that this may severely underestimate  $\tau_{\text{syn}}$  depending on the spatial density distribution of the electrons. This is because we use the number density of the relativistic electrons averaged over the entire torus, which is much lower than the local. In addition, the gigahertz spectrum may rely on the break energy of the electron distribution, which is determined by the detail of processes of the acceleration and cooling. We leave it unchanged it as a free parameter to fit the spectrum, since we mainly pay attention to the observational consequences of cloud collisions. Future detailed numerical simulations of cloud

collisions may display some details of the accelerations so that the minimum energy of the electrons and SSA depth will be given.

#### 4. DISCUSSION

Collisions simultaneously lead to the loss of angular momentum of molecular clouds and then determine the accretion rate of the black hole (Krolik & Begelman 1988). Therefore, the present model predicts a strong correlation between the radio emission from the torus and a parameter representing the accretion rate. Indeed, Ulvestad & Ho (2001) find a very strong correlation,  $P_{6\text{ cm}} \propto L_{[\text{O III}]}^{-1.5}$  (estimated from their Fig. 5) in the Palomar Seyfert galaxies, where  $L_{[\text{O III}]}$  is the [O III] luminosity and  $P_{6\text{ cm}}$  is the radio emission power at 6 cm.  $L_{[\text{O III}]}$  is a good indicator of the accretion rate of the black hole since  $L_{[\text{O III}]} \propto L_{\text{ion}}$ , where  $L_{\text{ion}}$  is the ionizing luminosity. We note that the collisions lead to angular momentum loss of clouds, which will be accreted onto the black hole. Therefore, the radio emission and  $L_{[\text{O III}]}$  are related with the physics of cloud collisions. The  $P_{6\text{ cm}}-L_{[\text{O III}]}$  correlation could be explained by the present model. The predicted radio flux in the present model depends on electron index  $\alpha$ ; a more careful study of this topic will be carried out in future.

The isotropic radiation of the relativistic electrons may imply a significant contribution to the  $\gamma$ -ray background radiation. If the typical  $\gamma$ -ray luminosity from the torus is  $L_{\gamma}^{\text{AGN}} \approx 10^{40}$  ergs  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , we find the contributed flux to the  $\gamma$ -ray background radiation  $F_{\gamma} \approx \phi_{\text{AGN}} L_{\gamma}^{\text{AGN}} \Delta V / 4\pi d_L^2$ , where  $\phi_{\text{AGN}}$  is the AGN number density peak,  $\Delta V$  is the shell volume of the AGN number peak at redshift

$z \approx 1$ , and  $d_L$  is the distance the peak shell. We derive the contribution of the AGN torus to the  $\gamma$ -ray background  $F_{\gamma} \approx 0.6$  keV  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$  for  $\phi_{\text{AGN}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$  from the X-ray observation (Steffen et al. 2003) and the peak shell width  $\Delta R \approx d_L$ . The deduced  $\gamma$ -ray background emission is  $1.0$  keV  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$  below 1 GeV (see Fig. 1 in Loeb & Waxman 2000). The predicted GeV flux contributes significantly to the background emission below 1 GeV. It is interesting to note that the background emission spectrum shows increases below 0.6 GeV (Loeb & Waxman 2000). It is worth investigating this subject in detail further.

#### 5. CONCLUSIONS

We suggest that the collisions among the clouds inside the torus produce populations of relativistic electrons in active galactic nuclei. Nonthermal emission from relativistic electrons is detectable in the radio and  $\gamma$ -ray bands. The radio emission from component  $S_1$  in NGC 1068 can be explained by the present model. It is predicted that there is a GeV bump in NGC 1068, which is caused by inverse Compton scattering off the infrared photons inside dusty torus. This GeV component can be detected by *GLAST*. We also show that the GeV bump of radiation from the torus could significantly contribute to the background radiation of less than 1 GeV.

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