COSMIC MAGNETIC FIELDS

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Jets

ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI

QUASAR 3C 273







NASA/ESA HST (1993)





1"

3C 31 (VLA) center-brightened Fanaroff-Riley type I Cygnus A (VLA) edge-brightened with hotspots Fanaroff-Riley type II



UNIFIED MODEL OF AGN



JETS FROM STELLAR MASS OBJECTS







Amy Mioduszewski Michael Rupen Craig Walker Greg Taylor

NRAO (2004)





Mirabel & Rodriguez (1994)

Fender et al. (1999)

RELATIVISTIC JETS FROM STELLAR-MASS OBJECTS



F. Mirabel

APPARENTLY SUPERLUMINAL MOTIONS



- A source moving with velocity \vec{v} emits two photons at time interval $\Delta t_{\rm em}$ in the same direction making with \vec{v} an angle $\theta_{\rm obs}$.
- The path of photon #2 is shifted from the path of photon #1 by $\Delta x = v\Delta t_{em} \sin \theta_{obs}$.
- Photon #1 is closer to the observer than photon #2 by $\Delta r = -(c - v \cos \theta_{obs}) \Delta t_{em}, \text{ it will arrive earlier by}$ $\Delta t_{obs} = -\Delta r/c = (1 - \beta \cos \theta_{obs}) \Delta t_{em}.$
- The apparent speed of the source is $v_{app} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t_{obs}} = \frac{v \sin \theta_{obs}}{1 - \beta \cos \theta_{obs}}.$



APPARENTLY SUPERLUMINAL MOTIONS



- Maximum value: $v_{app} = \Gamma v$ for the viewing angle satisfying $\sin \theta_{obs} = 1/\Gamma$ and $\cos \theta_{obs} = \beta$.
- Lower limit: $\Gamma > \beta_{app}$



RELATIVISTIC DOPPLER EFFECT

- We showed that $\Delta t_{obs} = (1 \beta \cos \theta_{obs}) \Delta t_{em}$ (light-travel effect)
- The co-moving emission interval (Lorentz transformation for $\Delta \vec{r}' = 0$): $\Delta t'_{em} = \frac{\Delta t_{em}}{\Gamma}$
- frequency transformation: $\frac{\nu_{obs}}{\nu'_{em}} = \frac{\Delta t'_{em}}{\Delta t_{obs}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta_{obs})} \equiv \mathcal{D}$ the relativistic Doppler factor

• for
$$\cos \theta_{obs} = \beta$$
: $\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \beta^2)} = \Gamma$

a source moving to the right with $v=0.7 \ensuremath{c}$



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SUPERLUMINAL MOTIONS AND DOPPLER EFFECT



- For some blazars it is possible to independently determine apparent speed β_{app} = v_{app}/c and Doppler factor D.
- Inversing the relations $\beta_{\text{app}} = \frac{\beta \sin \theta_{\text{obs}}}{1 - \beta \cos \theta_{\text{obs}}}$ and $\mathscr{D} = \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta_{\text{obs}})}$ $\mathcal{D}^2 + \beta_{app}^2 + 1$ and 22 $\tan \theta_{\rm obs} = \frac{2\beta_{\rm app}}{\mathscr{D}^2 + \beta_{\rm app}^2 - 1}$

RELATIVISTIC ABERRATION



BLAZARS

GAMMA-RAY VARIABILITY OF BLAZARS



SHORTEST VARIABILITY TIME SCALES



0.8 0.7 10 min 0.6 s, F (>300 GeV) [cm⁻² 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 56244.05 56244 56244.1 56243.95 Time [MJD]

Fig. 4. Light curve of IC 310 observed with the MAGIC telescopes on the night of 12/13 November 2012, above 300 GeV. As a flux reference, the two gray lines indicate levels of 1 and 5 times the flux level of the Crab Nebula, respectively. The precursor flare (MJD 56243.972-56243.994) has been fitted with a Gaussian distribution. Vertical error bars show 1 SD statistical uncertainity. Horizontal error bars show the bin widths.

PKS 2155-304 H.E.S.S. Collaboration (2007)

IC 310 MAGIC Collaboration (2014)

SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTION OF A LUMINOUS BLAZAR



SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTION OF A LOW-LUMINOSITY BLAZAR





BLAZAR SEQUENCE: SUPERLUMINAL MOTIONS



BLAZAR SEQUENCE: OPTICAL POLARIZATION



MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH FROM SYNCHROTRON LUMINOSITY



MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH FROM SYNCHROTRON SELF-ABSORPTION





RADIO CORE SHIFTS



• $B' \propto \Delta^{3/4}$

Figure 2 | Measured magnetic flux of the jet, Φ_{jet} , versus $L_{acc}^{1/2} M$. Here we assume that $\Gamma \theta_j = 1$; we also assume an accretion radiative efficiency of $\eta = 0.4$ for our sample of 76 sources. The dashed line shows the theoretical prediction based on the magnetically arrested disk model. Filled and open circles represent blazars and radio galaxies, respectively (see Methods for details).

FORMATION OF JETS

ROTATING MAGNETOSPHERE



FIG. 1. Schematic representation of the magnetosphere above and below a magnetized accretion disc, D, surrounding a compact object, C. For the Newtonian solution (with $\alpha . B > 0$) described by equations (3.29)–(3.36), the poloidal field, B_p , lies on paraboloidal surfaces with the toroidal component, B_{ϕ} , becoming increasingly important as the light surface, L, is reached. The light surface drawn is appropriate for a Keplerian disc, $\alpha^2 = R_s c^2/(2\tilde{\omega}_0^3)$ where R_s is the Schwarzschild radius of the compact object. The current, j, and charge density, ρ , are related by $j \sim 2^{1/2} \rho c$ close to the disc.

Blandford (1976)

- Consider a magnetosphere with poloidal fields rooted in a rotating object (accretion disk).
- Rotating magnetosphere induces perpendicular electric fields.
- In the presence of plasma, electric currents will flow, redistributing electric charge.
- The currents induce toroidal magnetic field that produces an outwards poloidal Poynting flux.
- A stationary force-free solution can be calculated.

see also Lovelace (1976), Blandford & Payne (1982)

BLANDFORD-ZNAJEK (1977)



- Spinning (Kerr) black hole (BH) threaded by net magnetic flux.
- Power extracted from the BH: $P_{\rm BZ} \propto \frac{a^2}{M_{\rm BH}^2} \Phi_{\rm BH}^2$ (valid for $a \leq 0.3$),

where a is the BH spin parameter, $\Phi_{\rm BH}$ is the magnetic flux threading the BH horizon.

numerical demonstration: Parfrey et al. (2019)

Figure 2. Electromagnetic structure of force-free magnetosphere with (a) radial and (b) paraboloidal magnetic fields. $\Omega_{\rm H} \cdot {\bf B}$ is taken to be positive. Space charge, currents and non-zero field components shown are as seen by a static observer outside the ergosphere E. Physical observers travelling round the hole at constant r and θ and angular velocity $d\phi/dt$ will see the electric field reverse direction on the surface $d\phi/dt = \omega$. Inside this surface they see a Poynting flux of energy going towards the hole. (For a system of observers with time-like worldlines $d\phi/dt \rightarrow \Omega_{\rm H}$ on the event horizon and $d\phi/dt \rightarrow 0$ at infinity. Hence when $0 < \omega < \Omega_{\rm H}$, i.e. when the hole is losing energy electromagnetically, this surface always exists.) The discs are assumed to be Keplerian; the electromagnetic structure of the magnetosphere of the transition region, T, in (b) cannot be determined without additional assumptions. Outside this region Blandford's (1976) Newtonian solution applies. Note the difference in the shape of the light surface, L, in the two cases. For a paraboloidal field the energy appears to be focussed along the rotation axis.

PROBLEM 8: BLACK HOLE FIELD

• Estimate (order of magnitude) the magnetic field strength in the immediate vicinity of a black hole of mass (1) $10M_{\odot}$, (2) 10^9M_{\odot} sufficient to drive a Poynting flux (through the $4\pi R_{\rm Sch}^2$ cross section) equal to the Eddington luminosity.

This problem is worth 5 points. Solutions should be sent as 1-page PDF files to <u>knalew@camk.edu.pl</u> before the next lecture.

LAUNCHING RELATIVISTIC JETS FROM ACCRETING BLACK HOLES



Barkov & Komissarov (2008)

MAXIMUM JET POWER



ACCELERATION OF JETS



Davis & Tchekhovskoy (2020)

ACCELERATION OF JETS

• Conservation of energy for perpendicular co-moving magnetic field $\overrightarrow{B'} \perp \overrightarrow{v}$:

$$T^{0i} = \Gamma^2 \left(w' + \frac{B'^2}{4\pi} \right) \frac{v^i}{c} = \Gamma^2 (1 + \sigma') w' \beta^i = \text{const},$$

where $\sigma' = \frac{B'^2}{4\pi w'}$ is the magnetization

- Conservation of mass: $\Gamma \rho' \beta^i = \text{const}$
- Bernoulli's equation: $\frac{T^{0i}}{\Gamma \rho' \beta^{i}} = \Gamma(1 + \sigma') \frac{w'}{\rho'} \equiv \mu \frac{w'}{\rho'} = \text{const,}$ where $\mu \equiv \Gamma(1 + \sigma')$ is the Michel parameter
- Conservation of momentum: $T^{ij} = \text{const}$



ACCELERATION OF JETS RADIAL FIELD (SPLIT MONOPOLE)



ACCELERATION OF JETS PARABOLOIDAL FIELD (COLLIMATION)







Komissarov et al. (2007)

BEYOND MAGNETICALLY DOMINATED JETS P. Meier



- As the jets become relativistically fast, the convert from being dominated by magnetic energy (Poynting flux) to being dominated by kinetic energy (inertia).
- As the magnetic fields become weak, they may be subject to instabilities disrupting the ordered structure and leading to turbulent motions, making the fields chaotic.
- Dissipation of ordered energy (kinetic by shocks, magnetic by reconnection) leads to non-thermal particle acceleration and blazar emission.

INSTABILITIES IN MAGNETIZED JETS



INSTABILITIES OF JETS WITH TOROIDAL MAGNETIC FIELDS

- toroidal magnetic field supported by gas pressure is unstable (Kruskal & Schwarzschild 1954)
- magnetic fields in expanding jets become increasingly toroidal $B_{\phi} \propto R^{-1}, B_{p} \propto R^{-2}$
- jets may need to dissipate their magnetic fields via magnetic reconnection (Giannios & Spruit 2006)



Mizuno et al. (2011)

KINETIC SIMULATIONS OF INSTABILITIES IN CYLINDRICAL JETS WITH TOROIDAL MAGNETIC FIELDS



axial magnetic field balanced (force-free screw-pinch)



Davelaar, Philippov, Bromberg & Singh (2020)

efficient particle acceleration found in both cases

KINETIC SIMULATIONS OF INSTABILITIES IN CYLINDRICAL JETS WITH TOROIDAL MAGNETIC FIELDS

3D, periodic boundaries, static equilibrium, pair plasma moderately relativistic magnetization, highly relativistic temperature



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KINETIC SIMULATIONS OF INSTABILITIES IN CYLINDRICAL JETS WITH TOROIDAL MAGNETIC FIELDS

B_{ϕ} flux dissipation

particle acceleration



• fast magnetic dissipation and particle acceleration by $\overrightarrow{E} \perp \overrightarrow{B}$ until the confinement limit $\gamma_{\rm lim} = eB_0R_0/mc^2$ (Alves et al. 2018)

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SUMMARY

- Jets are collimated outflows from certain accreting black holes characterized by highly relativistic speeds appearing as superluminal.
- Radiation from a relativistic jet viewed at a small angle is very strongly boosted (Doppler effect + aberration).
- Jets are powered by Poynting flux induced in a rotating magnetosphere with poloidal and toroidal fields.
- Acceleration of jets to relativistic speeds involves conversion of relativistic magnetization aided by collimation.