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Backflows: theory

Mizuta et al. (ApJ 709, L83, 2010): 2D simulations of relativistic jets - *Backflows along relativistic jets*V. A.-D. & Silk (MN 405, 1303, 2010): 2D simuls. of jet prop. inrealistic E's models *With cooling and BH's radiation field*

Backflows: observations

-Neumeyer et al. (ApJ 671, 1329, 2007): SiVI line within ~ 100 pc of Cen A – *Redshifted gas in NE part*



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- Laing and Bridle (MN 424, 1149, 2012): Counterflows detected in 2 FRI's – V_{bck} ~ -700 km/sec (5" ~ 3.7 kpc)



Figure 9. Predicted brightness distributions for the outflowing and backflowing parts of the model for 0206+35. (a) outflow; (b) backflow. Counter jet gas streaming along the bow shock

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- Jet/cocoon system, $n_{coc} T_{coc} \approx n_{bs} T_{bs} \gg n_{env} T_{env}$ expands (self-similar model: Falle, 1991)
- Does not determine neither <u>morphology</u> nor <u>internal flows</u>

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How does the cocoon expand?

- A *hotspot* develops near the jet's termination
- A high density region develops in < two spots near the meridional plane



Backflow from the HS is expected from Crocco theorem

 $\vec{v} \times \operatorname{curl} \vec{v} = \nabla h - T \nabla S.$

Shearing gas gains angular momentum when crossing a gradient in h₀ (*specific stagnation enthalpy*) near the meridional spots and the hotspot .

Backflows can feed the AGN

Backflows can provide $\sim 10^{-3} - 1 \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ over } \sim 10^7 \text{ yrs.} \rightarrow Self-feeding AGN}$ (V. A.-D. & Silk, 2010)

2D Simulations: 2modes of backflow













 No meridional circulation along the bow shock → flow is directly reflected from the hotspot

Similar velocity field in simulations of heavy $(\rho_j / \rho_{ism} = 10^{-1})$, adiabatic, relativistic simulations

Mizuta et al., ApJ 709, 1083 (2010)



3D simulations of jet propagation

- FLASH 3.3, Adapt. Mesh Refin.
- <u>Rad. cooling</u>, Z=0.5 Z_{\odot} , incl. pair prod.($10^2 \le T \le 10^{12} \text{ K}$)
- 8 ref. Levels, L_b = 80 kpc,
 1_{min} = 78.125 pc
- Rad. field from the central BH (heating)
- Same parameters as in
 V.A.-D & Silk 2010 (2D)

run	$\sigma_{\rm v}$	M (M	v	$\rho_{\rm c}$	M_{bh}	P_k
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s100av	100	$3.23 \cdot$	1011	2.20	$8.92 imes 10^6$	2.29×10^{44}
s100p1	"	$6.44 \cdot$	10^{11}	7.74	>>	22
s100m1	"	$1.62 \cdot$	10^{11}	0.746	>>	22
s200av	200	$2.57 \cdot$	10^{12}	2.68	$1.2 imes 10^8$	$1.06 imes10^{45}$
s200p1	"	$5.68 \cdot$	10^{12}	13.26	>>	22
s200m1	"	$1.16 \cdot$	10^{12}	0.893	>>	22
s300av	300	8.62 ·	10^{12}	3.04	$5.49 imes10^8$	$2.61 imes 10^{45}$
s300p1	>>	$2.03 \cdot$	1013	11.69	"	22
s300m1	"	3.66 ·	10^{12}	0.98	"	>>
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run	$\langle \mathbf{v} \rangle_j$	Γ_j	β_j	M_{nr}	h _j	P_h/P_k
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- Hot ISM: $T = 10^7 \text{ K}$, $\Omega_{b} = 0.013$, truncated isothermal distribution
- Jet/ISM/Halo/BH: parameters determined by observed scaling distributions (as in V.A.-D & Silk, 2010)

Initial setup:

Scaling relations between M_{BH} , P_{jet} , ρ_{0lism} - DM halo virial mass $M_v \propto \sigma_{200}^{2.99\pm0.15}$ (*Lintott, Ferreras & Lahav, 2006*)

- $M_{BH} = (1.2 \pm 0.2) * 10^8 \sigma_{200}^{3.57 \pm 0.15} M_{\odot}$ (Ferrarese & Merritt 2000)

• $\log(P_{jet}) = -0.22 + 0.59 * \log(M_{BH}) + 40.48$ (cgs, *Liu*, *Jiang and Gu* 2006)

• Diffuse Interstellar Medium: embed an isothermal halo in (appr.) equilibrium within the host NFW halo (central density ρ_{0lism} , *Hester, 2006*)

North-west: backflow (v opposite to jet) → green/yellow/red South-east: contours trace jet







X Velocity (cm/s)





0 -100 -200 -300 -400

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Circumnuclear disc from early backflow



Lobe's expansion drives matter towards the meridional plane

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Circumnuclear discs are very frequent in nearby Ellipticals (Kawata, Cen and Ho, 2007; Davies et al., 2007) *CN discs can thus arise also in absence of mergers, due to the cocoon dynamics*

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FRI morphology \rightarrow low internal enthalpy \rightarrow Diagnostics of the accretion/BAL region

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$$p_{\rm gas} = \rho k_{\rm B} T/m_p,$$

$$T^4 = \frac{3}{4} T_{\rm eff}^4 \left(\tau_V + \frac{2}{3\tau_V} + \frac{4}{3}\right),$$

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$$\Sigma_g = 2\rho h,$$

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi R h \rho V_r = 4\pi R h \rho m c_s = 4\pi R h^2 \rho \Omega m$$

$$\dot{M} = \dot{M}_{\rm ext} - \int_{-\infty}^{r} 2\pi r \dot{\Sigma}_{\star} dr.$$

 $= \dot{M}_{\rm out} - \int_{R_{\rm out}}^{r} 2\pi r \dot{\Sigma}_{\star} \, dt$

Future work

- VHE γ 's from Hot Spot $T > 10^{11} K, n_{hs} \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-1} cm^{-3}$

Cold, star-forming clouds Feedback: positive vs. negative





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Laing et al., MNRAS 417, 2789 (2011)

Backflows: 2D vs. 3D Mass flow around a 20pc sphere centred on the BH



2D: $T \sim 2 \times 10^7$ yrs., independent of central density

 3D: early inflow phase (T~ 10⁵ yrs.), indep. of central density

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Adaptive Mesh refinement 2D simulations $\sigma_v = 100, t=6.8 \times 10^6 \text{ yrs.}$



A global backflow circulation develops – abt. ~ 2-10*10⁻³ of the jet's gas flows back towards the BH

• At t~1.6x10⁷ yrs. the recoll. shock is <u>destroyed</u> \rightarrow the meridional circulation disappears







• If P_{jet} exceeds by 2σ the fiducial value the backflow disappears

 $P_{jet} = 2.3 * 10^{45}$ erg s⁻¹ in model sm200av (V. A.-D. & Silk, 2010)



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The environment "seen" by the relativistic jet when it first enters ISM has an impact on the global structure of the cocoon

Mass backflow in a 10 pc circumnuclear region



For given P_j, n_{ism} strongly affects mass flow rates and backflow energetics compression → starburst
 NOTE: the backflow contributes L_z ~0

 dM/dt ~ 0.32 - 0.76 M_{sun} yr⁻¹, peak values ~ 0.6 - 1.3 M_{sun} yr⁻¹
 τ ~ 2-4x10⁷ yrs.
 Accr. rates needed: 10⁻⁵ M_{sun} yr⁻¹



Feedback of the backflow ON the circumnuclear disk





Phase 2

- Enhanced SF from compression

Effects of feedback from backflow:

Stores more L_z ~ 0 gas into the accr. disc → higher P_j
Line indices: shocks + starbursts (*Mazzuca et al.*, 2006; Sarzi et al., 2007)



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 SFR is damped, AFTER an initial enhancement (positive feedback)





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Thermodynamics of a relativistic jet

- Rel. jet-ISM/stars interactions: Relativistic Thermodynamics How does T transform in Special Relativity? Ans: depends on the thermometer (Touschek, 1968; Israel, 1986; van Kampen, 1974,)
- Non ideal relativistic fluid: T^{ab} explicitly includes thermal conduction (Eckart, 1974):

$$T^{ab} = eu^{a}u^{b} + \Pi^{ab}_{(0)} + q^{a}u^{b} + u^{a}q^{b} - \frac{q^{a}q^{b}}{e+p}$$

where:

$$\Pi^{ab}_{(0)} = p(g^{ab} + u^a u^b).$$

Thermodynamics of a relativistic jet (contd.)

- Here q^a is the *thermal conduction 4-vector* ($q^a u_a = 0$) Relation with T (Vàn, arxiv:0712.1437, eq. 26):

$$q^{a} = -\frac{\eta}{T^{2}} \Delta^{ab} \left(\partial_{b} T + T \dot{u}_{b} + \frac{T \dot{q}_{b}}{e} \right)$$

where:

$$\Delta^{ab} = \delta^{ab} - u^a u^b$$
 projection operator

 $\dot{q}_b = u^a \nabla_a q^b$ convective derivative

Rel. thermal conduction law:

$$\frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\eta}{e}\right) \dot{q}^a + q^a = -\frac{\eta}{T^2} \Delta^{ab} \left(\partial_b T + T \dot{u}_b\right)$$

Thermodynamics of a relativistic jet (contd.)

• Define
$$\lambda^a = q^a + eu^a$$

Energy-momentum conservation:

$$\nabla_a T^{ab} = 0$$

We get:
$$\partial_a \lambda^a + p \partial_a u^a - q^a \dot{u}_a - \frac{q^a q^b}{e+p} \partial_b u_a = 0$$

Note that:

$$a\dot{u}_a = (q^a u_a) - u_a \dot{q}^a =$$

$$= -u_a \left[-\frac{e}{\eta} T q^a - \frac{e}{T} \Delta^{ab} \left(\partial_b T + T \dot{u}_b \right) \right] = 0$$

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Thus:

$$\partial_a \lambda^a + p \partial_a u^a - \frac{q^a q^b}{e+p} \partial_b u_a = 0$$

Jet flow line interacting with a cloud in pressure equilibrium:
 p_j=p_c, thus:

We get:

$$\partial_a(\lambda^a + pu^a) - \frac{q^a q^b}{e+p}\partial_b u_a = 0$$

From here, imposing the <u>thermal equilibrium</u> condition between Jet an cloud, we get: $T_i \approx \beta \gamma T_c$

→ If instead the jet is in eq. With a photon gas (hot stellar corona we get (Israel, 1982): $T_i \approx \gamma T_s$

Thermodynamics of a relativistic jet (end)

- Thus, the temperature structure of a jet emerging from the BH is strongly affected by the local environment within the first few pcs of the AGN
- Detailed modeling requires also to take into account the effects of the backflow on the thermal structure of the jet

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Discs around AGNs are ALSO stellar

- Evidence for stellar discs on scales 1-100 pc in Sey 2 (SIMFONI, Davies et al., 2007)
- Circumnuclear disc are at most <u>marginally</u>
 <u>stable</u> to grav. inst. (Sloshman & Begelman, 1989; Collin & Zahn, 2008)



NGC 1097 (Davies et al., 2007): HI disc less massive than stellar
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