Shocks in relativistic transverse stratified jets

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Active Galactic Nuclei jet

Jet at all scales

- AGN jets are observed to Mpc
- It can be stable to large scale
- Reach a Lorentz factor 3-50
- Magnetic field is important ingredient
- Synchrotron radiation (polarisation)
- Current models focus on MHD





Jet re-collimation knots in AGN

- Steady and moving knots along jet
- Observed at all wavelength



Recollimation shocks – Jet model



Marscher & Gear 1985

Over pressured jet

The relativistic jet covered a large distances covered in galactic medium

• Jet becomes over pressured

Gómez et al 1996, Agudo et al. 2001, Mimica et al. 2009, Fromm et al. 2016, ...



- re-collimation shocks
- Re-acceleration of the jet

Uniform jet

- Equidistance for cylindrical jet
- Increasing distance for the conical jet











Z =

Re-collimation shocks

- Re-collimation shocks appears with density and pressure increase,
- Rarefaction waves appears with Lorentz factor increase.



Density



Pressure

Radio knots as re-collimation shocks



Models (Two-component outflow)

Two flow model (Sol et al. 1989)

- Mildly relativistic sheath composed of e−/p+ and driven by MHD forces → transports most of the kinetic energy
- Ultra-relativistic spine composed of e−/e+ pairs → responsible for most of the emission





Merten et al. 2016

O. Hervet, Z.Meliani, A. Zech, C. Boisson, V.Cayatte, C. Sauty, H. Sol, 2017

Two-component jet model

Model and aim

- Two-component jet with fast inner component and slow outer component,
- Mainly classified following the kinetically power between inner and outer jets.



Jet structure

Powerful inner jet component





Uniform jet: case (A)

Equidistance shocks

Weak shear layer: case (B)

- Shock waves damping
- Energy transfer to outer jet component

Jet with the two components of the

same power



Lorentz factor profile $-\gamma_{in}$ γ_{out} 30-25. 20-7 15. 10. 07 50 100 150 250 300 350 400 200 Z

Jet components with same power:

- Strong first acceleration,
- Shock wave damping,
- Two-shock wave length.

Jet with powerful outer component





Powerful outer jet component:

- Stationary shocks near the core
- Moving shocks downstream

Empty spine

- Jet decollimation
- Increase of inter-shocks distance

Observation of knots

The stationary knot in the relativistic jets are not always equidistance

Jet radius changes with distance



Jet with the two components of the same power

- There are two type shocks
 - Short wavelength (inner component)
 - Long wavelength(outer component)



Jet with powerful inner component

- Jet is characterise by near- equidistance knot
- The distance between them is depend on the jet radius.



Classification des AGNs

Powerful inner jet component

- HBLs are the less powerful AGN jet
- Successive internal shocks (Meli & Biermann 2013))
- Jet has mainly one component (Kharb et al. 2008b,a; Gabuzda et al. 2014)

Powerful outer jet component

- IBL/LBL are the most powerful AGN jet
- Internal shocks close to the core
- Strong and de-structured downstream

Two components with the same power

• FSRQ



AGN classification





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Jet classification can be related to jet structuration and re-collimation shocks.