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3D Magnetohydrodynamics Simulations of Cluster Radio Sources

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A radio source



Cygnus A, courtesy: Chris Carilli

Fanaroff Riley (1974) class II

Fanaroff Riley class I



M84, 5 GHz, Laing+ 2011

Cluster radio sources



Some FR II - mostly FR I

X-ray cavities & shocks







327 MHz Perseus

Active radio sources: strong impact on ICM

Chon, Böhringer, Krause & Trümper 2012

Birzan+2008

Perseus

Central cluster galaxies: more radio loud



Duty cycle

- BCG: ~30%
- Core: ~10-20 %
- Outskirts: <≈
 I0 %
 - Optical AGN independent of radio AGN (Shabala+ 2008)

Consistent with feedback loop idea: radio AGN (only) couples to ICM

Cavity power



Heating / cooling balance?



No!(?) But large modelling uncertainties.

Heating / cooling balance?



Change radio source model: yes! (with conduction in massive clusters)

Questions

- Observations ⇔ jet energy flux ?
- Jet energy flux \Leftrightarrow ICM heating (radius) ?
- Jet morphological type ⇔ AGN type ?

Jet modelling

- Scheuer 1974: cocoon & cavity formation / jet collimation by cocoon
- Falle 1991, Kaiser & Alexander 1997, Komissarov & Falle 1998: identified critical scale L1, after which self-similarity, crucial factor: self-collimation by cocoon pressure
- Simulations: self-similar evol. confirmed when inc. self-col. by cocoon pressure (Komissarov & Falle 1998)
- Deviations from self-similarity at outer scale L2 (Alexander 2002, Hardcastle & Krause 2013)



 Outflows with opening angle < π

+LI: wind mass = swept up mass

-Lla:

sideways pressure = ambient pressure ⇒ recollimation

-LIb: jet density = ambient density ⇒ cocoon formation

-LIc:

forward ram pressure = amb. pressure \Rightarrow hot spot limit unless collimated



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Collimation (or not) by ambient pressure

- Initially conical beam, density & ram pressure $\propto r^{-2}$
- 3 parameters: solid angle $\Omega(\theta)$, external Mach number M_x , scale L1

Length-scale	formula	symb	ol
Inner	$\left(\frac{8Q_0}{\rho_{\rm x}v_{\rm j}^3}\right)^{1/2}$	L_1	
Recollimation	$\gamma^{1/2} M_{\rm x} \sin \theta L_1 / (2 \Omega^{1/2})$	L_{1a}	sideways ram press. = amb press.
Cocoon formation	$L_1/(2\Omega^{1/2})$	L_{1b}	iet density = amb. density
Terminal shock limit	$\gamma^{1/2} M_{\rm x} L_1 / (2 \Omega^{1/2})$	L_{1c}	forw. ram press. = amb. pressure
Outer	$\left(\frac{Q_0}{\rho_{\rm x}c_{\rm x}^3}\right)^{1/2}$	L_2	

Simulations

- Standard hydrodynamics:
 - mass conservation
 - momentum conservation
 - energy conservation
- 2.5D (axisymmetric) + AMR
- FLASH-code

FR II recipe

- Ist: form cocoon (LIb)
- 2nd: collimate (LIa)
- 3rd: have terminal shock (LIc)
- i.e. arrange: LIb < LIa < LIc
- Density ratio set by current external Mach number:

$$\eta = \left(\frac{L_{1b}}{L_{1a}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\gamma \sin^2 \theta M_x^2}$$



FR I recipe

- Ist: form cocoon (LIb)
- 2nd: have terminal shock
- 3rd: (try to) re-collimate
- i.e. Llb < Llc < Lla

FR I recipe





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Quantifying emission:

assume emission prop to div(v) (particle acceleration at shocks):



FR classification

(transform 3D, project surface brightness)



Questions

Jet morphological type ⇔ AGN type ?
 Correlated:

FR I: wide opening angle, ADAF, hot-mode accretion, low jet power, FR II when small

large-scale FR II: narrow opening angle, opt. AGN, cold-mode accretion, SF galaxies

2 types of simulations

2 keV cluster

- conical jets: $L_1 \rightarrow L_2$, expensive, only < M_x =40
- collimated jets, 3D MHD (background)



- above: L > L₂, as
 typically observed
- beta-profile, beta = 0.35, 0.55, 0.75, 0.90

$$n = n_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_{\rm c}}\right)^2 \right]^{-3\beta/2}$$

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Lobe volume



- Lobe volume grows slower than selfsimilar
- Radio emission overpredicted by self-similar models
- true jet power > jet power (self-sim)

Cavity power estimates

Vlobe Pext Shocked region energy /



Entropy profile



- Magnetic fields
- 3D crucial
- init:
 jet: toroidal
 ambient:
 turbulence,
 scaled with
 density

Magnetic topology: lobe magnetic energy fractions



Convergence: I/3 toroidal, 2/3 longitudinal

Luminosity-length diagram

• same jet power/ \approx factor 6 difference due to each, environment & jet field strength



Double jets - binary black holes?

extra cavity



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main

cavity(ies)

Oldest electrons in this side cavity



3D - 2 jets: 10^{45} erg/s \perp 2x10⁴⁷ erg/s

Cyg A - 2 jets - Time = 40.00 Myr



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Comparison to 3D simulation: 2 perpendicular jets



Similar in other sources

Cygnus A

M87 / Virgo



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Conclusions I

● Observations ⇔ jet energy flux ?

 E_{jet} = 4-20 pV, L_{radio} (size) \approx factor 10 scatter / env+mf, self-similar radio source models underestimate jet power

- Jet morphological type ⇔ AGN type ?
 Hot mode acc. ⇒ wide low pow. jets ⇒ FR I (large-sc.)
 Cold mode acc. ⇒ narrow high pow. jets ⇒ FR II
- Jet energy flux ⇔ ICM heating (radius) ?
 Efficient heating for L₁ < size < L₂ ≈ 10s of kpc, only ⇒ need frequent re-triggering (as observed).

Conclusions II

- Magnetic fields in FR II radio lobes turn longitudinal (reproduce polarisarion data)
- Binary black holes might produce radio sources in different directions

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