

Relativistic HD and MHD models for AGN jet propagation and deceleration

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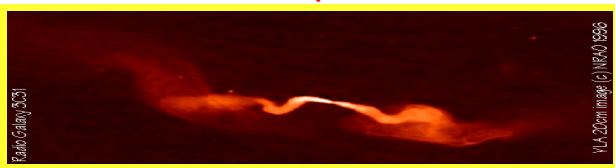
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Outline

- Fanaroff-Riley classification and HYMORS
 - ⇒ contemporary challenges in AGN jet modeling
- **Relativistic (M)HD simulations**
 - ⇒ relativistic HD jet simulations and HYMORS
 - ⇒ relativistic (M)HD two-component jet simulations
- Outlook

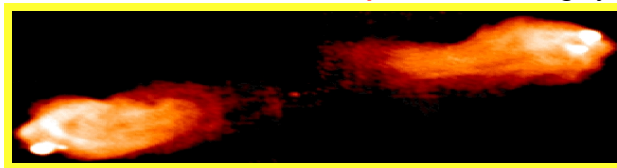
Fanaroff-Riley 1974 classification

- correlation **radio luminosity** - positions high-low surface brightness
⇒ Class I – Class II transition: at well-defined $L_{178\text{Mhz}}$
- FR I: brightest near core, jets in 80 %, **relativistic at parsec scale while diffuse and subrelativistic at kpc**



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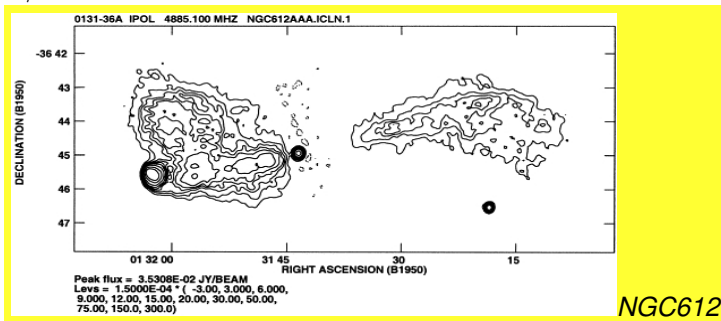
- FR II: emission in **lobes and hot spots**; narrow, highly relativistic jet



Cygnus A

- relation radio appearance - **IGM energy transport/deposition**

- Gopal-Krishna & Wiita 2002: **Hybrid Morphology Radio Sources**
 - ⇒ FR I appearance on one side, FR II characteristics
 - ⇒ FR I/II classification relates to **ambient medium differences**



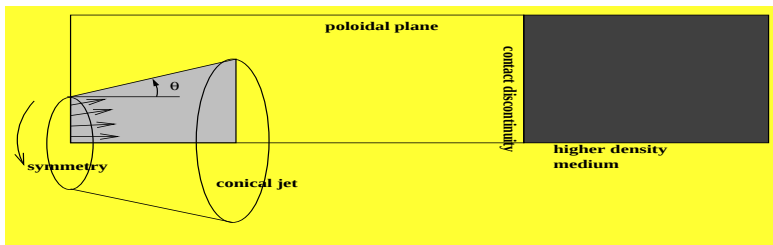
- ⇒ FR II lobe with hotspot to SE, diffuse jet to NW (FR I)
- ⇒ source yields 'identical' launch conditions at each side

AGN jet challenges

- How to decelerate highly energetic (especially FR II) flows?
 - ⇒ HYMORS suggest **external medium influence**, study with axisymmetric HD jet models
- jet launch models and observations point out **transverse stratification**
 - ⇒ source region controls inner/outer jet properties
 - ⇒ FR II/FR I transition: **liability to relativistic Rayleigh-Taylor mode**
 - ⇒ relativistic 2.5D and 3D (M)HD simulations
- Magnetization of jet flows
 - ⇒ **role of helical B in collimation/propagation**

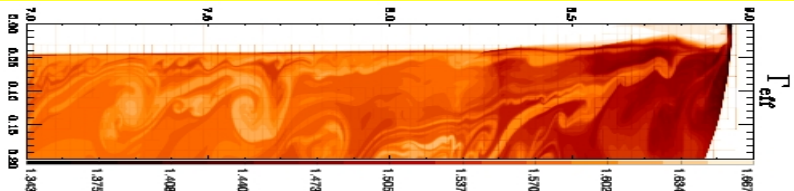
Model parameters

- jet kinetic energy & Lorentz factor Γ (order 10-20)
- ratio between jet/IGM inertia (density contrast)
- opening angle: cylindrical/conical models



- external medium stratification: include **density discontinuities**
⇒ inevitable boundaries separating differing regions of influence
- **special relativistic (magneto)hydro** equations

- **Relativistically correct ideal gas: effective $\gamma(T)$**
 - ⇒ varying polytropic index: affects compression rate, shock strength
- Application: **AGN jets encountering density discontinuity**
 - ⇒ **simulate jet propagation through layered media**
 - ⇒ $\Gamma \simeq 20$ beam Lorentz factor, $L_{\text{Jet}, \text{Kin}} \sim 10^{46} \text{ ergs/s}$.
- lower region: lighter medium $\rho_{\text{Low}}/\rho_b = 0.1496$
 - ⇒ after 160 light crossings **zoom on jet head before jump encounter**
- **preformed jet head: ultrarelativistic state in shocked, swept-up ISM**
 - ⇒ effect on dynamics as it penetrates denser region

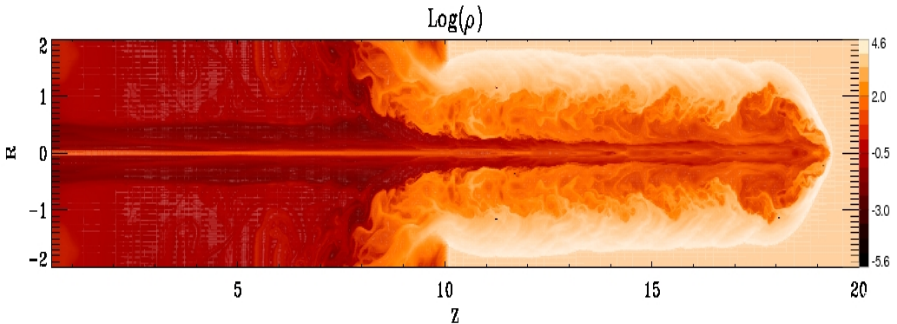


- explored differences between **low-high energy jets: 10^{43} or 10^{46} ergs/s**
 $\Rightarrow$ jet beam kinetic luminosity

$$L_{jet,Kin} = (\Gamma_b h_b - 1) \rho_b \Gamma_b \pi R_b^2 v_b$$

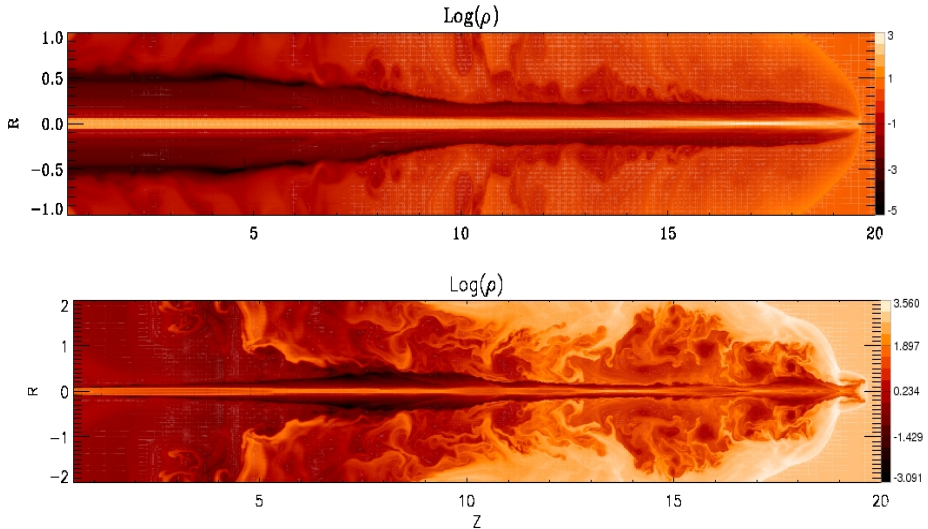
$\Rightarrow$ 10 model computations, **varying $\Gamma_b = 10 - 20$ and $\theta = 0 - 1$**

$\Rightarrow$ always CD, with/out ρ variation, Case II **10^{46} ergs/s** at $t = 900$



$\Rightarrow$ **FR II jet at first, then dramatic slowdown with FR I appearance**

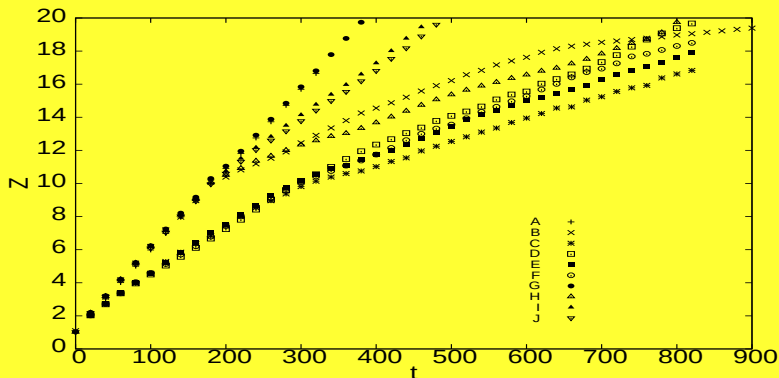
- high energy jets: need significant contrast to induce FR I transition



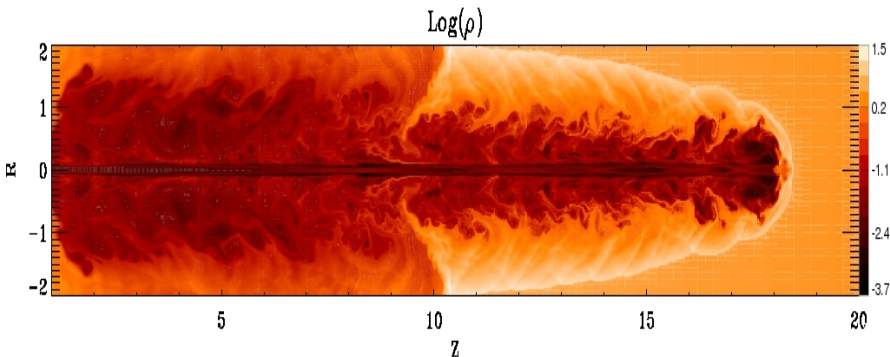
$\Rightarrow \Gamma = 10$, **density jump 10-1000**, IGM stratification effects

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- overall findings on jet deceleration
 - ⇒ **FR II-FR I transition feasible at large density contrast**
 - ⇒ FR I changeover: relativistic at pc to subrelativistic at kpc



- FR I low energy jets: **Richtmyer-Meshkov instability** as shock passes CD

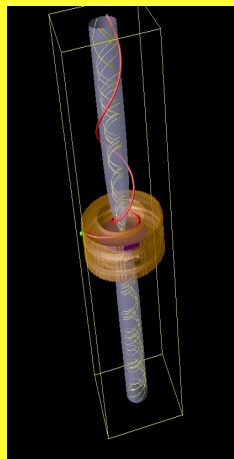


⇒ all **high-resolution, grid-adaptive computations, effective resolutions of 3000×5000 , 4 to 6 refinement levels**

⇒ typical execution times: **4 days on 64 processors**

Internal stratification effects and jet deceleration

- AGN jets **radial stratification: fast inner, slow outer jet**
⇒ different launch mechanism → different rotation
- **outer 'disk' jet launched magnetocentrifugally**
⇒ Magnetized Accretion-Ejection Structure (MAES)



- generic mechanism for jet launch
 - ⇒ magnetic torque brakes disk matter azimuthally
 - ⇒ magnetic torque spins up jet matter
 - ⇒ mass source for jet: disk
 - ⇒ B collimates, accelerates
 - ⇒ **Jet formation animation & Escaping accretion**
- accretor can be very different
 - ⇒ YSO, compact object, AGN

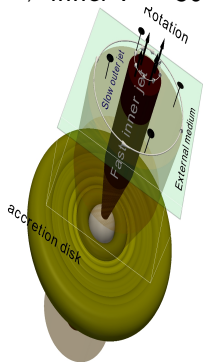
Two-component jet model

- **close to central engine: GR mechanisms launch additional inner jet**

⇒ efficient extraction AM from inner disk + black hole
(Blandford-Znajek mechanism)

⇒ fast rotating inner jet, introduce **radially layered jet**

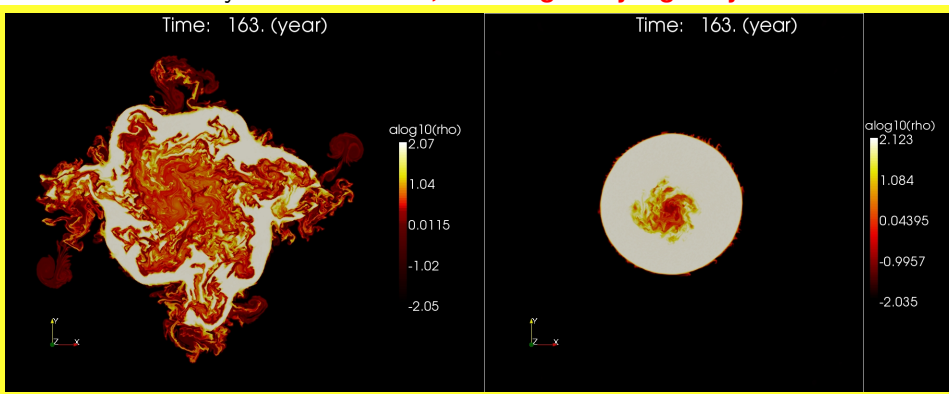
⇒ inner $\Gamma \sim 30$, outer $\Gamma \sim 3$



- perform 2.5D runs in cross-section
 - ⇒ variation along jet axis ignored
 - ⇒ both HD and MHD runs
 - ⇒ explore differences in effective inertia
- repeat in full 3D HD
 - ⇒ confirm & complement 2.5D scenario

Meliani & Keppens, ApJ 705, 1594-1606 (2009)

- vary relative contribution inner jet to total $L_{\text{Jet}, \text{Kin}} \sim 10^{46} \text{ ergs/s}$
⇒ discovery **new relativistic, centrifugal Rayleigh-Taylor mode**



⇒ **FR I versus FR II related to launch efficiency inner jet!**

- novel **relativistically enhanced Rayleigh-Taylor mode**

⇒ approximate **dispersion relation**

⇒ insert spatio-temporal dependence $\exp(\lambda t - k |\zeta|)$ with displacement ζ

$$\lambda^2 \propto k \left[(\Gamma^2 \rho h + B_z^2)_{in} - (\Gamma^2 \rho h + B_z^2)_{out} \right]$$

- **Stability: effective inertia outer jet > effective inertia inner jet**

⇒ works for both HD and MHD relativistic jets

⇒ purely poloidal B effect incorporated

⇒ **No classical counterpart (relativistic flow essential)!**

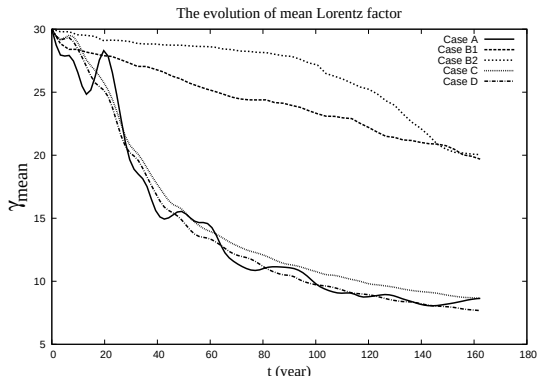
⇒ $\Gamma^2 h$ effect with h specific enthalpy

⇒ **relativistic EOS crucial**: cold/hot outer/inner jet

- stable versus unstable jets: **design initial conditions with varying contribution of inner/outer jet to total kinetic energy flux**

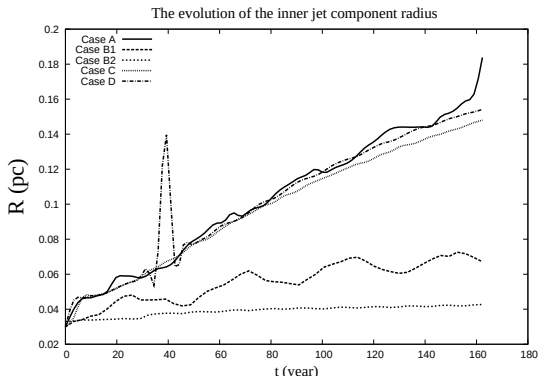
⇒ criterion predicts cases A, C, D stable; B1, B2 unstable

⇒ **evolution of inner jet mean Lorentz factor**



⇒ efficient AM redistribution and enhanced inner/outer jet mixing when mode develops

- can quantify jet de-collimation due to mode development



⇒ non-axisymmetric mode development ultimately responsible
⇒ relativistic RT mode decelerates inner, decollimates total jet

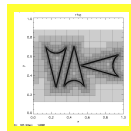
- **FR II/FR I transition thereby related to central engine**

⇒ depends on distribution kinetic energy over two-component jet

Outlook

- *In summary:* realistic relativistic (M)HD models
 - ⇒ external medium influence HYMORS: one-sided FR II to FR I
 - ⇒ radial jet stratification: FR II versus FR I
- **Related References:**
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 - ⇒ helical B jets: magnetic reacceleration across cross-shocks
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Adaptive Mesh Refinement & AMRVAC



- extreme contrasts, positive $p, \rho, \tau, v < 1, \Gamma \geq 1$, solenoidal B
⇒ stringent demands on numerics and accuracy: **AMR vital**
- **Special relativistic HD and MHD: ‘modules’ in AMRVAC**
⇒ *CPC* **179** 2008, 617, *JCP* **226** 2007, 925, *MNRAS* **376** 2007, 1189
⇒ advection, hydro, MHD, relativistic (M)HD modules
⇒ **different EOS implemented for relativistic modules**
⇒ any-D, explicit **grid adaptive framework**
⇒ **full MPI octree variant, cartesian/cylindrical/spherical**
- shock-capturing schemes (TVDLF/HLL/HLLC/Roe), reconstructions (linear/PPM)