Two-component jet scenarios and blazar classification

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 - TeV-radio VLBI connection
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Various facets of two-component jets

- Various approaches and names: 2-flow, 2-fluid, 2-stream, spinesheath, limb-brightened, layered, coaxial, transversely stratified or structured jets
 - → strong transverse gradients in the velocity, magnetic field, density, or intensity profiles of the jet
 - \rightarrow inner jet + outer jet :
 - typically a fast central spine + a slower outer layer
- Proposed for three decades and applied with increasing success first mostly on radio AGN, and later on gamma-ray AGN as well

(Sol et al, 1989; Reid et al, 1898; Owen et al, 1989; Komissarov, 1990; Henri, Pelletier, 1991; Romero, 1995; Appl et al, 1996; Krichbaum et al, 1998; Swain et al, 1998; Katz-Stone et al, 1999; Aloy et al, 2000; Chiaberge et al, 2000; Giroletti et al, 2004; Ghisellini et al, 2005; Jester et al, 2006; Gopal-Krishna et al, 2007; Boutelier et al, 2008; Abramowski et al, 2012; Reynoso et al, 2012; Sol et al, 2013; Aleksic et al, 2014; Tavecchio & Ghisellini, 2015; Boccardi et al, 2016; Mertens & Lobanov, 2016; Sikora et al, 2016; Mertens et al, 2016; Sobacchi et al, 2017; Chen, 2017; Hervet et al, 2017; Boccardi et al, 2017; Gaur et al, 2017; Chhotray et al, 2017, Piner & Edwards, 2018 ...)

• Different origins for the 2-components:

Initial formation from the central engine itself (Tsinganos, Bogovalov, 2002; McKinney, 2005; Sikora et al, 2007; Komissarov et al, 2007; Sadowski & Sikora, 2010; Xie et al, 2012; Chantry et al, 2018 ...)

or possibly developed during jet propagation (Bowman et al, 1996; Rossi et al, 2008; Walg et al, 2014; Gabuzda et al, 2014; Coughlin & Begelman, 2015; Kawakatu et al, 2016; Gabuzda et al, 2018 ...)

• Interaction between the 2-components:

Propagation, deceleration & entrainement, instabilities, shocks, particle acceleration ...

(Laing, 1993, 1996; Hanasz & Sol, 1996; Urpin, 2002; Georganopoulos & Kazanas, 2003; Rieger & Duffy, 2004; Bogovalov & Tsinganos, 2005; Perucho et al, 2005; Mizuno et al, 2007; Hardee, 2007; Hardee et al, 2007; Meliani & Keppens, 2007; Walg et al, 2013; Chhotray et al, 2017; McDonald et al, 2017 ...)

• Can explain some AGN/blazar puzzles:

pc/kpc speed discrepancy, FRI/BL Lac unification, Doppler crisis, orphan gamma-ray flares ... (however, alternatives exist)

Considered also for GRB, microquasars, Tidal Disruption Event ...

(Berger et al, 2003; Peng et al, 2005; Filgas et al, 2011; Granot et al, 2016; Lan et al, 2018 - Petrucci et al, 2006 - Liu et al, 2015 ...)







McDonald et al

A few exemplary cases



M 87: Deep analysis of 2D structure and kinematics on 11 images by 7 mm VLBA (43 GHz) in Jan-Aug 2007

(Mertens et al, 2016)



lower emissivity layer.

Relativistic sheath: fast, accelerating layer. fast accelerating stream line (v = 0.92 c, γ = 2.5) + a probably faster spine (not detected here)

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Cygnus A: a stratified two-sided jet, with fast and slow layer in the flow seen in 7 mm VLBI (Boccardi et al, 2016)







(Koyama et al, 2016) -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Distance Transverse to the Center of Core (mas)

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Blazar emission from radio to TeV

 Basic Synchrotron-Self-Compton (SSC) « blob-in-jet » scenario easily reproduces instantaneous SED from radio to VHE gammarays for most HBL: fast moving shock or plasmoid propagating along an extended radio jet.



- Blazar flares: different two-component scenarios can offer rather good (*not perfect*) multi-lambda fits for highly variable event, even when keeping a reasonnably small number of free parameters.
- Here the second big flare of PKS 2155 in 2006 (Abramowski et al, 2012, HESS)





Fits of SED and multi-lambda light curves by a time-dependent blob-in-jet model (from Katarzynski, HS, Kus, 2003) and by a stratified jet scenario (from Boutelier et al, 2008)



 Clear need to better constrain the physics of the flares (origin of the variability, parameters of emitting zone, location & environment ...)

Studying intrinsic arrival time spectral lags Δt(E) in basic SSC flare scenario



Arrival time spectral lags in the VHE range



Intrinsic SSC time lags can reach significant values: for a reasonable set of parameters suitable for Mrk 501, intrinsic $\Delta t(E)$ could be larger than 100 s between 0.1 and 10 TeV ! (*Perennes, HS, Bolmont, in progress*) Such lags could be detected in high quality multi-lambda light curves. However no lags firmly detected and confirmed yet, only upper limits are available (*one single positive case seen in Mrk 501*)

- → Broad-band next generation VHE instruments (CTA) will likely detect lags
- \rightarrow Strong new constraints expected on VHE emission models.

AP Librae : an intermediate BL Lac object



its jet structure

(Hervet, Boisson, HS, 2015)

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Modelling AP Librae, combining VHE & radio VLBI data: VHE blob at the base of the jet = possibly evolving into radio knot



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L_d [erg s⁻¹] Disk

(Hervet, Boisson, HS, 2015)

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Overlap of the kinematic classification with spectral classification

Spectral class	number	Class I	Class I/II	Class II
HBLs	5	100%	0%	0%
IBLs/LBLs FSRQs	23 125	32% 8%	56% 16.5%	12% 75.5%

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Various biaises difficult to handle

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Overlap of the kinematic classification with spectral classification (updated)

Spectral class	number	Class I	Class I/II	Class II
HBLs	25	76%	16%	8%
IBLs/LBLs	23	32%	56%	12%
FSRQs	125	8%	16.5%	75.5%

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Here with the 20 new HBL, deduced from Piner & Edwards, 2018 (preliminary)

Now almost all known TeV HBL have been monitored with VLBI \rightarrow VLBI-TeV samples need new VHE data!

MHD simulations of two-component jets





Transverse structure of 2-component jets (inner jet + outer jet/envelope) appears linked to the different blazar classes

HBL: strong stationary shocks structure, weak outer envelope, dominated by inner jet (cf Mizuno et al, 2015 for parallel B)
IBL/LBL: dominated by outer jet
FSRQ: strong inner and outer jets

Increasing accretion regime from HBL (# ADAF) to FSRQ (# standard disk)

(Hervet et al, 2017; see also Meliani's poster, this conference)

New hope to close the loop on accretion-ejection cycle with spectral & kinematic classification of blazars!