# The internal shock model applied to X-ray binaries

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#### Evidence for compact radio jets in XRBs in the hard spectral state



**Q** Radio emission quenched in soft state

(Gallo et al. 2004)

#### **Observed Spectral Energy Distribution of Compact Jets**



#### Standard conical jet emission model (Blandford & Koenigl 1979)

Synchrotron radiation from a population of relativistic leptons travelling down the jet

 $n_e(\gamma_e) \propto \gamma_e^{-p}$ 

#### Energy losses neglected





Adiabatic expansion energy losses: strongly inverted SED need to compensate for losses

## Internal shock model

- Jet= 'shells' ejected a time intervals ~ tdyn with randomly variable Lorentz factors
- Faster shells catch up will slower shells and collide
- Shocks, particle acceleration, and emission of synchrotron radiation
- Hierarchical merging process

Jamil et al. 2010; Malzac 2013



ISHEM code: simulate SEDs and light curves

Malzac 2014

## Shell collisions

Energy dissipated during collision:  $E_{s,i} = (\gamma_1 m_1 + \gamma_2 m_2)c^2 - \gamma_c (m_1 + m_2)c^2.$   $\gamma_c = \frac{m_1 \gamma_1 + m_2 \gamma_2}{\sqrt{2} - \gamma_c (m_1 + m_2)c^2}$ 

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1m_2\gamma_1\gamma_2\left(1 - \beta_1\beta_2\right)}}$$

Reverse and forward shock front velocities estimated from jump conditions of Blandford & Mc Kee (1978)

Shock crossing times —> dissipation time  $t_{dis}$ 

During this duration, we assume dissipation occurs at a constant rate:  $P_T = E_{s,i}/t_{dis}$ 

The (comoving) specific internal energy per unit mass  $\,\widetilde{\epsilon}\,$  increases at a rate  $\,\,\dot{\epsilon}=P_T/(m_1+m2)$ 

After  $t_{dis}$  dissipation stops. In practice, other collisions with other shells may happen during  $t_{dis}$ 













Shell geometry

Homogeneous expanding cylinder:

 $z = z_0 + \gamma \beta c \tilde{t},$   $R = R_0 + \gamma \beta c \tilde{t} \tan \phi,$   $\tilde{H} = \tilde{H}_0 + 2 \tilde{\beta} c \tilde{t},$   $\uparrow$ Longitudinal
expansion/compression
velocity

$$\tilde{V}=\pi R^2 \tilde{H}$$



Time evolution of specific internal energy of a shell:

$$\frac{d\tilde{\epsilon}}{d\tilde{t}} = \dot{\epsilon} - \tilde{\epsilon}(\gamma_a - 1)\frac{2}{R}\frac{dR}{d\tilde{t}}.$$

Pressure work against external medium as shell expands:

$$d\tilde{W} = Pd\tilde{V} = (\gamma_a - 1)\frac{m\tilde{\epsilon}}{\tilde{V}}d\tilde{V} \simeq (\gamma_a - 1)m\tilde{\epsilon}\frac{2dR}{R}$$

(longitudinal expansion losses neglected)

#### Solution:

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \left[\dot{\epsilon}\tau_d \frac{x^{2\gamma_a - 1} - 1}{2\gamma_a - 1} + \tilde{\epsilon_0}\right] x^{2 - 2\gamma_a},$$
$$x = \frac{R}{R_0} = \frac{z}{z_0} = 1 + \frac{\tilde{t}}{\tau_d}. \qquad \tau_d = \frac{z_0}{\gamma\beta c}$$

## Internal energy budget

Total internal energy density:

$$\tilde{u} = \frac{m}{\tilde{V}}\tilde{\epsilon} = \frac{mx^{-2\gamma_a}}{\pi R_0 \tilde{H}_0} \left[\dot{\epsilon}\tau_d \frac{x^{2\gamma_a - 1} - 1}{2\gamma_a - 1} + \tilde{\epsilon}_0\right] \left[1 + 2\frac{\tilde{\beta}c}{\tilde{H}_0}\tau_d(x-1)\right]^{-1}$$

Assume constant equipartition factors  $\xi_e, \xi_p$ 

$$\frac{B^2}{8\pi} = \frac{\tilde{u}}{1+\xi_e+\xi_p}$$

Non-thermal leptons:

$$\tilde{u}_e = \frac{\xi_e \tilde{u}}{1 + \xi_e + \xi_p}$$

Thermal energy (protons+leptons):

$$\tilde{u}_p = \frac{\xi_p \tilde{u}}{1 + \xi_e + \xi_p}$$

# Non-thermal leptons energy distribution

$$n(\gamma_e) = K_0 \gamma_e^{-s} \quad \text{for} \quad \gamma_{\max} > \gamma_e > \gamma_{\min}$$
$$K_0 = \frac{\tilde{u}_e}{m_e c^2} \frac{2-s}{\gamma_{\min}^{2-s} - \gamma_{\max}^{2-s}} \qquad 2 < s < 3$$

 $\gamma_{\min}, \gamma_{\max}$  and s are fixed parameters.

=> effects of cooling/heating only through normalization !

## Synchrotron emission

Uniform comoving specific intensity at the cylinder surface:

$$\tilde{I}_{\tilde{\nu}} = \frac{\tilde{j}_{\tilde{\nu}}}{\tilde{\alpha}_{\tilde{\nu}}} \left( 1 - e^{-\tilde{\alpha}_{\tilde{\nu}} \langle \tilde{l} \rangle} \right)$$

Use of standard analytical formulae for  $j_{ ilde{
u}}$  and  $lpha_{ ilde{
u}}$ 

for electrons with a power-law energy distribution.

Instantaneous flux emitted by the cylinder (in observer's frame):

$$F_{\nu} = \frac{A_{\perp}}{D^2} \delta^3 \tilde{I}_{\tilde{\nu}}$$

Instantaneous flux received from the shell:

$$F_{s\nu}(t_r) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} F_{\nu}(t')g_l(t', t_r)dt'.$$

The code provides an average of the flux over specified exposure times  $\Delta_r = t_f - t_i$ ,  $\bar{F}_{\nu} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \frac{F_{s\nu}}{\Delta_r} dt_r$ 





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### Can shock dissipation balance energy losses ?

Dissipation profile and SED sensitive to Fourier PSD of input Lorentz factor fluctuations



Flat radio-IR spectra produced for flicker noise Lorentz factor fluctuations

Malzac, MNRAS, 2013

Jet Lorentz factor fluctuations driven by accretion flow variability which is best traced by X-ray light curves



#### Effects of parameters on SED



Large parameter degeneracy

## Modeling the jet SEDs of MAXI J1836-194



Data from Russell. et al (2013) 'fitted' with ISHEM using the observed X-ray fluctuations as input

Péault et al. MNRAS 2018

## Neutron star sources: the case of 4U 0614+091 (preliminary)

System in persistent hard state with radio emission attributed to radio jet. (Migliari et al. 2010)



Fitting the SED requires departure from conical jet geometry (Marino et al. in prep.)

# Effects of jet geometry on jet SED $R \propto z^a$





More collimated jet geometry in neutron stars ??

## Fast variability from jets

Simulation

Observation



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Casella et al. 2010

## Fast IR /X-ray correlations in GX339-4



- IR vs X-ray Fourier coherence, and lags from Kalamkar et al. (2016) data
- Model:
- IR light curve from same model used for SED and IR PSD.
- X-ray light curve:  $L_X(t) \propto \Gamma(t) 1$



#### **Contribution of jets at high energies**

Emission in excess of thermal comptonization detected in several sources in hard state.
 (Mc Connell et 2002; Del Santo et al. 2008)

IC emission from non-thermal electrons in the corona (hybrid thermal/ non thermal models) (Coppi & Poutanen 1998)

INTEGRAL polarization measurements in Cyg X-1 suggests excess is strongly polarized (PD: 76%+/-15% above 230 keV).

Jet synchrotron emission ?

(Jourdain et al. 2012, Laurent et al 2012, but see Zdziarski et al. 2017)



### Radiation cooling and inverse Compton (work in progress...)

Resolution of kinetic equations to calculate evolution of particle and photon distribution during the propagation of the shocked shells



# Summary

- Possible connection between X-ray power spectrum and jet SED: GX339-4 and MAXI J1836 consistent with internal shocks driven by fluctuations of the accretion flow. In NS system 4U 0614+091 a nonconical jet geometry is required to fit the SED.
- Internal shock model predicts strong variability and IR/X-ray correlations similar to that observed in GX339-4.
- Opt/IR/X-ray correlations can unveil the dynamics of accretion and ejection physics. Need to combine accretion flow and jet models

#### Nature of OIR QPOs

#### Synchrotron emission from precessing jet.



Liska et al. 2018

Kalamkar et al. 2016; Malzac et al. 2018

Synchrotron from non-thermal particles in the same precessing hot flow that produces the X-ray QPO.





#### The case of the simultaneous X-ray and IR QPO of GX 339-4



Precession model: Depending on hot flow geometry, orbital inclination and precession angle, X-ray QPO can be dominated by second harmonic.

Veledina et al. 2013

### The case of GX 339-4: Combining X-ray and IR QPO information



Amplitude of both fundamental AND harmonic of X-ray QPOs

Amplitude of IR QPO reproduced by IR synchrotron emission from hot flow

IR and X-ray QPO amplitudes cannot be reproduced simultaneously Boughelilba

Boughelilba, Master Thesis

## The case of GX 339-4: Combining X-ray and IR QPO information



- Amplitude of both fundamental AND harmonic of X-ray QPOs produced
   Amplitude of IR QPO produced by IR synchrotron emission from JET
  - both IR and X-ray QPOs amplitudes can be reproduced
     Jet velocity must be < 0.16 c</li>

**Boughelilba's Master Thesis** 

# Scaling of compact jets

Assuming uni dimensionles simple scaling SED can be analytically.

Accretion ra Eddington u

Assuming 
$$L_{
m X} \propto M \dot{m}^{\xi}$$

then

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mensionless parameters,  
mple scaling laws for the  
ED can be derived  
halytically.  
Accretion rate in  
Eddington units: 
$$\dot{m} \propto \frac{\dot{M}}{M}$$
  
Assuming  $L_X \propto M\dot{m}^{\xi}$   
then  
 $\log F_{rad} \simeq 1.4 \frac{\xi - 1}{\xi} \log M + \frac{1.4}{\xi} \log L_X + \text{constant}$ 

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#### A dark jet in the soft state ?



- Jet luminosity very sensitive to rms amplitude of fluctuations
  - Disappearance of the jet in soft state associated to drop in X-ray variability ??
  - Jet with same kinetic power as in hard state but radiatively inefficient ??

A dark jet in the soft state ?



Drappeau et al. MNRAS, 2017.

## Thanks !

Soft state of HI743-322



Drappeau et al. subm.

## IR /X-ray correlation

**Observations** 

Simulation



Assuming X-ray flux  $\propto 1/\Gamma$ 

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GX 339-4

Casella et al. 2010

#### Optical/IR QPOs from jet precession

