

# INTRODUCCIÓN A LA ASTROFÍSICA RELATIVISTA

Gustavo E. Romero Cursada 2020, FCAyG/UNLP Llamamos fuente de rayos gamma a un sistema astrofísico que emite una fracción significativa de su *luminosidad electromagnética* a energías mayores que 0.5 MeV.

Las fuentes de rayos pueden clasificarse en 2 grandes grupos:



Las fuentes <u>pasivas</u> son simplemente "blancos" para flujos de partículas relativistas originadas en una región diferente.

Las fuentes <u>activas</u>, por el contrario, aceleran partículas hasta velocidades relativistas y la interacción de estas partículas con los diferentes campos (de materia o electromagnéticos) locales da lugar a la radiación gamma.





Definamos una emisividad específica

$$\epsilon_{\gamma}(\vec{r}) = \frac{q_{\gamma}(\vec{r})}{n(\vec{r})},$$

donde *n* es la densidad del medio y  $q_{\gamma}(\vec{r})$  la emisividad por decaimientos de  $\pi^0$  en la dirección  $\vec{r}$ , el flujo total recibido a una distancia *d* será:

$$F_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{4\pi d^2} \int n(\vec{r}) \epsilon_{\gamma}(\vec{r}) d^3 r,$$

donde la integral se extiende sobre toda la región donde se distribuye el gas. Si llamamos  $\epsilon_{\gamma,0}$  a la emisividad local (en la vecindad del Sol), podemos escribir:

$$\frac{\epsilon_{\gamma}}{\epsilon_{\gamma,0}} \sim \frac{\omega_{\rm cr}}{\omega_{\rm cr,0}} = \kappa_{\rm S}$$

donde  $\omega_{cr}$  es la densidad de energía de los rayos cósmicos, que localmente vale

$$\omega_{\rm cr,0} \sim 1 \ {\rm eV} \ {\rm cm}^{-3}.$$

Luego

$$F_{\gamma} \sim \frac{1}{4\pi d^2} \int \kappa_{\rm S} \epsilon_{\gamma,0} n(\vec{r}) d^3 r.$$

Las fuentes pasivas discretas están formadas por medio interestelar altamente estructurado. En particular, pueden ser fuentes discretas nubes moleculares masivas, nubes de polvo, o incluso nubes más pequeñas ubicadas localmente o próximas a aceleradores de rayos cósmicos.

Si la densidad de una de tales nubes es aproximadamente constante:

$$F_{\gamma} \sim \frac{M_{\rm cl}}{m_p} \frac{\epsilon_{\gamma}}{4\pi d^2},$$

donde hemos asumido que la nube esta formada principalmente por H y  $M_{\rm cl}$  es la masa total que es irradiada por los rayos cósmicos. Si  $\epsilon_{\gamma} \sim \kappa_{\rm S} \epsilon_{\gamma,0}$ ,



Luego, podemos escribir:

$$\frac{F_{\gamma}}{\rm cm^{-2} \ s^{-1}} \sim 10^{-9} \left(\frac{M_{\rm cl}}{1000 \ M_{\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{d}{\rm kpc}\right)^{-2} \kappa_{\rm S} \left(\frac{\omega_{\rm cr,0}}{\rm eV \ cm^{-3}}\right) \eta_A,$$

donde  $\eta_A$  es un factor que tiene en cuenta la presencia en el medio de elementos más pesados que el H.



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#### ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

#### On the origin of the $\gamma$ -ray fields in the Ara region

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Proto-estrellas, bowshocks, novas, PWNs, estrellas normales, etc

#### Binarias con vientos en colisión















Eta Car is a heavily obscured and peculiar source source (includes a luminous blue variable - LBV - star of 90 solar masses and 5 10<sup>6</sup> L<sub>sun</sub>)



## η Carinae: a very Large Hadron Collider



accelerated electrons



accelerated protons

Hubble Space Telescope stellar wind









AGILE gamma-ray intensity map in Galactic coordinates of the Car region above 100 MeV (Tavani et al. 2009)

#### Eta Carinae

Parameter	Value	Reference
d	$2.3 \pm 0.1$ kpc	Davidson & Humphreys (1997)
Р	$2024 \pm 2$ d	Corcoran et al. (2005)
i	45°	Okazaki et al. (2008)
е	0.9	Smith et al. (2004)
Φ	27°	Okazaki et al. (2008)
	0-30°	Parkin et al. (2009)
а	15.4 AU	Corcoran (2001)
$M_{\rm A}$	90 <i>M</i> <sub>☉</sub>	Hillier et al. (2001)
$M_{\rm B}$	$30 M_{\odot}$	Verner et al. (2005)
$\dot{M}_{ m A}$	$10^{-3} M_{\odot} \mathrm{yr}^{-1}$	Hillier et al. (2001)
	$2.5 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	Pittard & Corcoran (2002)
$\dot{M}_{ m B}$	$10^{-5} M_{\odot} \mathrm{yr}^{-1}$	Pittard & Corcoran (2002)
	$1.5 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	Parkin et al. (2009)
$V_{\infty,A}$	$500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	Hillier et al. (2001)
V <sub>m B</sub>	$3000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	Pittard & Corcoran (2002)

#### Reitberger et al. 2012

Conditions are different in the two shocks and change along the orbit (e.g. Ohm et al. 2015).



A. Okazaki

Theoretical SED during the periastron passage (Gupta & Razzaque 2017)





Variability with the orbital phase. Different behavior at low (0.3-10 GeV) and high (>10 GeV) gamma-ray energies.

#### What are the best candidates for gamma-ray emission?



#### Benaglia + A&A 2015 80 \_-----70Maíz-Apellániz+ 2016 -59°32′51.28″ -59°32′51.28″ 60 51.30' 51.30" 2004.599 50 A dec (mas) 2006.586 51.32" 51.32" 0 40 Declination (2000) Declination (2000) 51.34" 51.34" YUD). 30 2012.440 51.36" 51.36" 20 $\mathcal{O}$ 2014.924 51.38′ 51.38" 2016.012 10 2016.255 $\bigcirc$ 51.40" 51.40" 0 1111 10h43m57.450s 10h43m57.450s 57.465<sup>s</sup> 57.460<sup>s</sup> 57.455<sup>s</sup> 57.465<sup>s</sup> 57.460<sup>s</sup> 57.455<sup>s</sup> 70 20 Right Ascension (2000) Right Ascension (2000) 60 50 40 30 10 0 -10 ∆ RA (mas) $S_{\nu}$ Array/project v 100 [GHz] [mJy] and date ATCA/C678 50 2003-01-28 4.8 $4.1 \pm 0.4^{a}$ 2003-01-28 8.6 $2.0 \pm 0.2^{a}$ 2003-12-20 1.4 $9.4 \pm 0.9^{a}$ 20 3-D separation (AU) 2003-12-20 2.4 $7.8 \pm 0.4^{a}$ 17.8 2004-05-05 $1.8 \pm 0.15^{a}$ 10 2004-05-05 24.5 $1.5 \pm 0.35^{a}$ ATCA/V191B 2008-08-06 2.3 $7.5 \pm 0.11$ Spectral index ~ -1 ATCA/C1726 2009-01-18 4.8 $5.6 \pm 0.3$ 2 2009-01-18 8.6 $2.9 \pm 0.3$ LBA/V191B 2017.0 2017.5 2018.0 2018.5 2008-08-06 2.3 $2.9 \pm 0.51^{b}$ CT I I I I I I I I 2012.5 2015.0 2017.5 2020.0 2022.5 202

r (a)

### Model

#### (del Palacio et al 2016)

#### General considerations:

- Wind collision region with axial symmetry.
- Structure with 2 adiabatic and narrow shocks.
- $Q(E) \alpha E^{-q}$ , q according to the observations in radio.
- Electronic non-thermal emission by synchr, relativistic Bremss, and IC, and hadronic emission from *pp*.
- Free-free absorption in the stellar wind (SSA, R-T effect and  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  absorption are all negligible).





del Palacio et al. A&A, 591, A139, 2016

#### Binaria: pulsar + estrella O (LS5035)











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#### Modeling bowshocks and their emission



$$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\dot{M}_{\rm w} V_{\rm w}}{4\pi\rho_{\rm a} V_{\star}^2}}.$$

Relativistic particles are accelerated at the reverse adiabatic shock in the stellar wind

#### Modeling bow-schocks and their emission



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[ \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}t} \bigg|_{\mathrm{loss}} N(E) \right] + \frac{N(E)}{t_{\mathrm{esc}}} = Q(E),$$

#### Spectral energy distributions for O4I and O9I stars



#### del Valle & Romero 2012, A&A

## MSX emission toward BD+43<sup>o</sup> 3654



Galactic Longitude

D-band image (14.65 µm)



SED



Benaglia, Romero, et al 2010, A&A







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# Starburst galaxies



Galaxy M82. Hubble image using different wavelengths. Red: Hydrogen and infrared emission. Yellow-blue: visible light.

- Extremely high star formation rate
- Large number of massive stars
- High rate of supernovae and density of cosmic rays
- Large amount of heavy nuclei
- High-infrared luminosity (from heated gas and dust)
- Non-thermal radio and gamma emission
- 4.5σ correlation observed by the Pierre Auger Observatory

### Superwind


# NGC 253

- Very **nearby galaxy** (~ 2.6 Mpc)
- High star formation rate ~ 3 M<sub>o</sub> yr<sup>-1</sup>
- Superwind detected in X-ray, Hα, CO
- Asymmetric superwind (north-west bubble stronger)
- Non-thermal radiation from the central source
- Non-thermal radio halo



Galaxy NGC 253. X-ray emission contours 0.1 to 2.4 keV (white) on top of an optical image.

# Results



- The superwind of NGC 253 and other starbursts can produce cosmic rays up to 10<sup>18</sup> eV
- Possible to reach the energies by diffusive shock acceleration and stochastic diffusive acceleration.
- Higher energies impossible even taking into account the uncertainties of the observational parameters
- The observed mass loading and magnetic field mainly limits
- Possible to explain the gamma-radiation of starburst galaxies with the cosmic rays accelerated in the superwind reverse shock
  - Acceleration of **iron up to 100 EeV extremely difficult** in normal circumstances

### A. Müller, et al.

# <u>Clumps inside the superwind</u>



Figure adapted from Cooper et al. 2009

- The superwind sweeps up fragments of the galactic disk, which are denser and colder than the wind plasma
- The interaction of the warm wind with the dense cold clouds produces shock waves (bow shocks)
- Bow shocks studied by other authors to explain absorption and emission lines in the ultraviolet spectra of the superwinds



# <u>Results</u>





• Los cúmulos de galaxias son las mayores estructuras conocidas en el Universo. Están formados por miles de galaxias. El medio intracúmulo está lleno de gas caliente, contaminado químicamente por explosiones de supernova, vientos galácticos, etc.

• Ondas de choque pueden acelerar electrones y protones hasta velocidades ultra-relativistas.

• Los leptones se enfrían por radiación sincrotrón (algunos cúmulos como el de Virgo son detectados en radio como fuentes no-térmicas) y, en principio, por interacciones Compton inverso con fotones del fondo cósmico.

• De aquí que se haya propuesto que ciertos cúmulos de galaxias podrían ser fuentes gamma.

### Cúmulos de galaxias

### RELEVAMIENTOS ÓPTICOS DE CÚMULOS DE GALAXIAS



Inicialmente identificados como grandes concentraciones de galaxias (Abell 1958; Zwicky et al. 1966; Abell et al. 1989):
cientos de galaxias en una región de ~1 Mpc,
detectadas hasta profundidades de varios cientos de Mpc.



## Cúmulos de galaxias

- Los más grandes sistemas virializados en el Universo, con profundos pozos de potencial, determinados por la materia oscura, en los cuales quedan atrapados las galaxias y el medio intracúmulo.
- Medio Intracúmulo: gas caliente y difuso calentado por shocks de acreción cuando gas de relativamente baja temperatura se incorpora al cúmulo.

Los shocks generados durante la formación y fusión de cúmulos de galaxias son sitios potencialmente interesantes para la aceleración de partículas de alta energía por el mecanismo de Fermi, incluyendo electrones y protones



The rich cluster of galaxies Abell 3376 has been detected by *ROSAT* and *XMM*-Newton through its X-ray emission revealing strong evidence for merger activity of subclusters.

## Cúmulo de galaxias A3376



IC photons from cluster Abell 3376 could be detected by gammaray instruments such as *Fermi* satellite and the Cherenkov telescope HESS II, which operates in the ranges  $\sim 100$  MeV to  $\sim 100$  GeV, and 0.1 to 10 TeV, respectively

# Fuentes activas acretantes galácticas $\begin{cases} & \text{Microquasars} \\ & X - \text{ray binaries} \end{cases}$

Fuentes activas acretantes extragalácticas { AGNs Gamma – Ray Bursts

Jets are collimated outflows observed in a variety of astrophysics objects.

Heber Curtis (Lick Observatory) observed Messier 87 in 1918 and was the first to notice the polar jet which he described as a "curious straight ray ... apparently connected with the nucleus by a thin line of matter."

















The jet remains selfsimilar and well collimated along more than  $10^5$  orders of magnitud in size.

### Cygnus A





#### Jets: collimated outflows of particles and fields









#### Also observed in micoquasars and protostars



Radio "quiet" quasars were afterwards discovered (in fact, ~90% of all quasars are radio quiet)

Quasi Stellar Objects (QSO)

Today, the name **quasar** is used for objects in both classes, either radio loud (RLQ) or radio quiet (RQQ).

Main characteristics of QSOs:

- High redshift  $\Rightarrow$  high luminosity (-29.5 < M<sub>B</sub> < -21.5)
- Strong, often broad, emission lines (not "HII region")
- Continuum and emission line variability
- Broad spectral energy distribution (SED) from radio to γ-rays

# Seyfert galaxies



# Radio galaxies

Galaxies (mostly ellipticals) hosting an **active nucleus**, and strong **radio emission**, usually with a core + jet + lobes morphology

### What is the engine of AGNs?



Up to several  $10^{13} L_0$  are generated within a few pc<sup>3</sup> Nuclear fusion is insufficient Conversion of gravitational energy is more efficient Super Massive Black Hole (SMBH):  $M \le 10^9 M_0$ 

# Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

a schematic view --









## (Why) are there RL and RQ quasars?

Wilson & Colbert (1995, ApJ 438, 62)

• RL AGN never occur in spiral hosts (and few RQ AGN in elliptical hosts)

 Radio luminosity functions of Seyferts and radio galaxies are different

• RL and RQ AGN have similar emission properties from IR to X  $\Rightarrow$  accretion is similar

SMBH spin  $\rightarrow$  RL AGN

# Projected gas density left: xy right: xz

Isolated Disk (Sbc) Galaxy Run: execute/G3G2r-u3 T.J. Cox & Patrik Jonsson, UC Santa Cruz UC Santa Cruz, 2004

## A subset of RLQs with:

- "Flat" optical continuum
- Rapid variability
- Usually high and variable polarization

blazars

Flat Spectrum

(FSRQ)

Superluminal motions







#### Superluminal motion



Superluminal Motion in the M87 Jet



# PKS 2155-304



Whenever jets are observed, three ingredients are present:

A strong potential well, accretion of matter, and magnetic fields.

The most powerful jets are produced in the surroundings of black holes, the most compact objects in the universe.



### Axially symmetric black hole (Kerr)

$$ds^{2} = g_{tt}dt^{2} + 2g_{t\phi}dtd\phi - g_{\phi\phi}d\phi^{2} - \Sigma\Delta^{-1}dr^{2} - \Sigma d\theta^{2}$$

$$g_{tt} = (c^{2} - 2GMr\Sigma^{-1})$$

$$g_{t\phi} = 2GMac^{-2}\Sigma^{-1}r\sin^{2}\theta$$

$$g_{\phi\phi} = [(r^{2} + a^{2}c^{-2})^{2} - a^{2}c^{-2}\Delta\sin^{2}\theta]\Sigma^{-1}\sin^{2}\theta$$

$$\Sigma \equiv r^{2} + a^{2}c^{-2}\cos^{2}\theta$$

$$\Delta \equiv r^{2} - 2GMc^{-2}r + a^{2}c^{-2}. \quad a = J/M$$





Roy Kerr
### Kerr black hole



When  $g_{tt} \le 0$  the stationary condition cannot be fulfilled, and hence a massive particle cannot be stationary inside the surface defined by  $g_{tt} = 0$  —> ergosphere

#### Accretion onto black holes

<u>Standard disk model</u> (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973): conservation of angular momentum leads to the formation of a disk around the BH. Energy is dissipated through radiation created by viscosity. Then angular momentum is removed and there is an inflow. If the disk is optically thick each ring radiates as a blackbody of different temperature.



#### Basic equations for (thin) accretion disks

#### Simplifying assumptions:

1. The disk is axisymmetric, i.e.  $\partial/\partial \varphi = 0$ .

2. The disk is thin, i.e. its characteristic size scale in the z -axis is  $H \leq R$ .

3. The matter in the disk is in hydrostatic equilibrium in the z-direction.

4. The self-gravitation of the disk is negligible.

- Equation of continuity
- Equation of momentum transfer
- Energy dissipation in the disk
- Viscous stresses  $\nu = \alpha a_{\rm s} H$ .
- Equation of state  $P = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\rho kT}{\mu m_p} + \frac{4\sigma_{\text{SB}}}{3c}T.$
- Opacity law  $\kappa = \kappa(\rho, T)$ .
- Relation between electron and proton temperature.



Structure of the thin disks



- 1. An outer region (large R ) in which gas pressure dominates over radiation pressure and the opacity is due to free-free absorption.
- 2. A middle region (smaller R ) in which gas pressure dominates over radiation pressure but opacity is due to Thomson scattering off electrons.
- 3. An inner region (small R ) in which radiation pressure dominates over gas pressure and opacity is mainly due to scattering.

#### Thin accretion disk





$$I_{\nu}(\nu, R) = B_{\nu}(\nu, R) \equiv \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2[\exp(h\nu/kT) - 1]}.$$

The total flux at frequency  $\nu$  detected by an observer at a distance d whose line of sight forms and angle  $\theta_d$  with the normal to the disk is:

$$F_{\nu}(\nu) = \frac{\cos\theta_{\rm d}}{d^2} \int_{R_{\rm in}}^{R_{\rm out}} 2\pi R I_{\nu} dR.$$

The flux grows as  $F_{\nu} \propto \nu^2$  for photon energies  $h\nu \ll kT(R_{\text{out}})$ , and decreases exponentially for  $h\nu \gg kT(R_{\text{in}})$ . For intermediate energies the spectrum has the characteristic dependence  $F_{\nu} \propto \nu^{1/3}$ . As  $T(R_{\text{out}})$  approaches  $T(R_{\text{in}})$  this part of the spectrum narrows, and it becomes similar to that of a simple blackbody.





## Diagnostics through Fe K-alpha lines



It is possible to determine the spin parameter *a* 

$$egin{aligned} r_{
m isco} &= rac{GM}{c^2} \left( 3 + Z_2 \pm \sqrt{(3 - Z_1)(3 + Z_1 + 2Z_2)} 
ight) \ Z_1 &= 1 + (1 - x^2)^{1/3} \left[ (1 + x)^{1/3} + (1 - x)^{1/3} 
ight] \ Z_2 &= \sqrt{3x^2 + Z_1^2} \qquad \qquad x = a/M \end{aligned}$$

#### The spectrum of X-ray binaries is more complex: more components



#### **Eddington limits**

The Eddington luminosity, also referred to as the Eddington limit, is the maximum luminosity that can be achieved when there is balance between the force of radiation acting outward and the gravitational force acting inward. The state of balance is called hydrostatic equilibrium.

$$\begin{split} L_{\rm Edd} &= \frac{4\pi G M m_{\rm p} c}{\sigma_{\rm T}} \\ &\cong 1.26 \times 10^{31} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) {\rm W} = 1.26 \times 10^{38} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) {\rm erg/s} = 3.2 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) L_{\odot} \\ \dot{M}_{\rm Edd} &= \frac{L_{\rm Edd}}{c^2} \approx 0.2 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) \ M_{\odot} \ {\rm yr}^{-1}. \end{split}$$
$$T_{\rm Edd} &= \left(\frac{L_{\rm Edd}}{4\pi \sigma_{\rm SB} R_{\rm Schw}^2}\right) \approx 6.6 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/4} {\rm K}. \end{split}$$

#### ADAF

The assumption that all the heat generated by viscosity is radiated away does not hold for all accretion rates. Under some conditions the radial velocity of the accretion flow becomes large and the heat cannot be transformed into radiation and emitted fast enough. A significant fraction of the heat is stored as kinetic energy in the flow and advected onto the accretor. At the same time the disk "inflates", so that the thin disk assumption breaks down. This regime is known as "Advected Dominated Accretion Flow" (ADAF).



#### ADAF

There are two types of advection-dominated accretion flows. Optically thick ADAFs develop at very high accretion rates, typically larger than the Eddington value.

Optically thin ADAFs occur in the opposite limit of sufficiently low accretion rates. These models are similar to the disk + corona models.



The super-Eddington wind is driven by radiation pressure.

#### Main ADAF assumptions:

- The total pressure is considered as the sum of the pressure of a twotemperature gas and the magnetic pressure.
- The heat generated by viscosity is preferably transferred to ions. Hence,  $T_i >> T_e$
- Electrons cool completely.

$$q_e^- = q_{\rm Br}^- + q_{\rm synchr}^- + q_{\rm IC}^-.$$

$$q_{\text{IC}}^- = q_{\text{IC,Br}}^- + q_{\text{IC, synchr}}^- + q_{\text{IC,ext}}^-$$



The spectrum of AGNs extends along the whole e.m. range: there is non-thermal emission



#### Basic equations that rule the outflow (ideal MHD)

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c}\vec{J}, \qquad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_{p} + B_{\phi}\hat{\phi}.$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0, \qquad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho$$

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$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c}\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{4\pi}{c}\vec{J}. \qquad \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0, \qquad \text{Maxwell}$$

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$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0, \qquad \text{(steady state and conductivity}}$$

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 $\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c}\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = 0,$  $\nabla \times \left( \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right) = 0,$ 

Ohm

Induction

 $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0,$ 

Continuity

 $B_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r}.$ component is ux function



 $\rho\left(\vec{v}\cdot\nabla\right)\vec{v} = -\nabla P - \rho\nabla\Phi + \frac{1}{4\pi}\left(\nabla\times\vec{B}\right)\times\vec{B}.$  Euler

# **Ingredients for jet formation**: compact object, accretion of matter, magnetic fields, rotation

The power of the jet is directly related to the accretion power



$$P_{\rm jet} = q\dot{M}c^2$$
 (jet-disk symbiosis)

But in the case of many AGNs and GRBs we found

*q* > 1

This means that energy is extracted from the rotating black hole. The origin of the outflow is associated with the accretion of large-scale magnetic fields.

#### The origin of jets is related to the central compact object



#### Both the black hole itself and the accretion disk can launch outflows



# Accretion-disk driven jets

$$\Phi_{\rm off} = -\frac{GM_{\rm BH}}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{\rm m}^2 r^2.$$

$$\Phi_{\rm off} = -GM_{\rm BH} \left[ \frac{r_0}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^2 \right].$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_{\text{off}}}{\partial s^2}(r_0, 0) = -\frac{GM_{\text{BH}}}{r_0^3} \left(3\sin\theta^2 - \cos\theta^2\right) < 0.$$

$$\theta > 30^{\circ}$$

$$\Omega_{\rm K}(R) = \left(\frac{GM}{R^3}\right)^{1/2}.$$



## Jets in Young Stellar Objects















# Termination of the jet





## Bosch-Ramon, Romero, Araudo 2010, A&A

## HH 80 and IRAS 16547-4247





C. Carrasco-González et al.

	IRAS-N	HH 80
n [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$5 \times 10^{5}$	$4 \times 10^{2}$
$n_{\rm c}$ [CIII]	20	4 × 10
	2.9	1./
$L_*$ [erg s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$5 \times 10^{-38}$	$8 \times 10^{37}$
<i>u</i> [erg cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^{-12}$
$Z_{i}$ [cm]	$5 \times 10^{17}$	10 <sup>19</sup>
$n_{\rm i}  [{\rm cm}^{-3}]$	$5 \times 10^{5}$	$4 \times 10^{2}$
$\vec{R}_{i}$ [cm]	$1.6 \times 10^{16}$	$5 \times 10^{16}$
$v_{i}$ [cm s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$5 \times 10^{7}$	10 <sup>8</sup>
$v_{\rm bs}  [{\rm cm \ s^{-1}}]$	$5 \times 10^{6}$	$5 \times 10^{7}$
$v_{\rm r}  [{\rm cm \ s^{-1}}]$	$5 \times 10^{7}$	$5 \times 10^{7}$
t <sub>life</sub> [s]	1011	$3 \times 10^{11}$
$n_{\rm j}  [{\rm cm}^{-3}]$	$5 \times 10^{3}$	$4 \times 10^{2}$
X	0.01	1
$L_{\rm j}$ [erg s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$5 \times 10^{35}$	$2 \times 10^{36}$

$$E_{\gamma}L_{E_{\gamma}} = E_{\gamma}^2 \int q_{\gamma}(E_{\gamma}, E_{e,p}) N_{e,p}(E_{e,p}) dE_{e,p},$$





Bosch-Ramon, Romero, Araudo 2010, A&A

### Magnetic model of jets

- Powerful and relativistic jets are produced by rapidly rotating BHs with magnetized accretion disks.
- Power source the rotational energy.
- The energy is extracted via magnetic torque as Poynting flux.
- Jet collimation is due to external medium.
- Jet acceleration is via conversion of electromagnetic energy into bulk kinetic energy.
- Jet emission is via energy dissipation at shocks (kinetic energy) and / or reconnection sites (magnetic energy).

What is the origin of the particles?

#### Rotation + poloidal field —> outflow



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## Initial collimation of relativistic jets requires a "nozzle", external confining medium.



Suspects:

- Thick disk (torus)
- · Disk corona
- Disk wind
- ISM

## Ergospheric jets





- While plasma is carried into the hole only (not ejected), electromagnetic power is ejected along the rotation axis.
- This Poynting power should eventually be turned into particles and a very fast jet. How??
- Magnetic field is tied to infalling plasma, not horizon.
- Frame dragging in the ergosphere twists up the field lines just as in the non-relativistic accretion disk case.
- Back-reaction of the magnetic field accelerates the ergospheric plasma to relativistic speeds counter to the hole's rotation: negative energy plasma.
- Accretion of negative energy plasma spins down the hole



#### Issues with the magnetic model for generation of relativistic jets

$$B_{\rm MAD} \sim 4 \times 10^5 \, {\rm G}$$

$$r_{\rm L} = \frac{\gamma_p m_p c^2}{eB} \simeq 3 \times 10^4 \gamma_p \left(\frac{B}{10^4 \,\rm G}\right)^{-1} \,\rm cm\,.$$

The Schwarzschild radius  $r_{\rm S} = 2r_{\rm g}$  of the SMBH in M87 is of ~ 10<sup>15</sup> cm. Clearly protons, even highly relativistic ones, cannot be directly injected from outside: the base of the jet is shielded by the magnetic fields. For *e* is much worst.



A. Tchekhovskoy, R. Narayan and J. C. McKinney (2011)
## What is the origin of the matter present close to the base of the jets?



Romero & Gutiérrez (2020): Neutral particles from the hot accretion flow.



- At low accretion rates, the thin disk is truncated at large distances from the hole.
- The plasma in the inner region forms a Radiatively Inefficient Accretion Flow (RIAF).
- This is a hot, inflated, optically thin plasma.
- The hot electrons Compton up-scatter not only photons from the thin disk but also low-energy photons produced by synchrotron radiation.
- The hot plasma lies in the so-called collisionless regime where particles can be far out of thermal equilibrium.





Romero & Gutierrez (2020)

## Non-thermal particles in the RIAF

5% of the accretion power to NT particles

$$\frac{1}{r^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ v_{r}(r)r^{2}N(E,r) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left[ b(E,r)N(E,r) \right] + \frac{N(E,r)}{t_{\text{diff}}} = Q(E,r) .$$

$$Q(E) = Q_{0}E^{-\alpha}e^{-E/E_{\text{cut}}},$$

$$Q(E) = Q_{0}E^{-\alpha}e^{-E/E_{\text{cut}}},$$

$$f_{10}^{40} \int_{10}^{10} \int$$

$$\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^ \tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E_{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_l \int_{\epsilon_{\rm th}}^{\epsilon_{\rm max}} \int_{-1}^{\mu_{\rm max}} (1-\mu) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(E_{\gamma},\epsilon,\mu) n_{\rm ph}(\epsilon,r) \, d\mu \, d\epsilon \, dl.$$

Romero & Gutierrez (2020)

 $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$ 



The production rate is ~  $10^{48}$  s<sup>-1</sup>. Photon annihilation, then, might be a significant lepton loading mechanism as long as non-thermal acceleration processes are active and efficient in the flow around the black hole.

Romero & Gutierrez (2020)

## Neutrons



Once inside the jet, the protons will inject additional pairs by Bethe-Heitler interactions

## **Entrainment?**

Large-scale fully three-dimensional GRMHD simulations of rapidly rotating, accreting black holes producing jets have shown that the accretion of nondipolar magnetic fields resulting from turbulence in the accretion disk leads to weak, turbulent outflows, with important matter loading.





McKinney and Blandford (2009)

 $\rho_{\rm cloud} v_{\rm cloud}^2 / 2 > B_{\rm j} / 8\pi$  $\rho_{\rm cloud} \gtrsim 10^{-7} {\rm g \ cm^{-3}}$ 

Kobayasi et al. (2014)

Clouds









Müller et al. A&A 2014



Wykes et al (2015) Araudo et al. (2013)

Multi-epoch VLBI 8.4 GHz

Las erupciones de rayos  $\gamma$  (Gamma-Ray Bursts, GRB) son un fenómeno astronómico caracterizado por un *rápido y breve <u>incremento</u> de la radiacion*  $\gamma$ 

Puede llegar a superar a toda otra fuente  $\gamma$  del Universo.

\* La duración de este fenómeno es muy corta:

- unos pocos segundos a algunas decenas de segundos;
- duraciones extremas: milisegundos a decenas de minutos.

\* En promedio se detecta entre 1 y 2 GRB por día.

\* Descubiertos por los satélites militares Vela en 1967.

La misión de la serie de satélites Vela Hotel era descubrir las explosiones nucleares en el espacio, mientras que la serie de Vela Avanzada era no sólo descubrir estas explosiones espaciales sino, también, las producidas en la atmósfera. Fueron situados en órbitas entre 100.000 y 113.000 km, bastante por encima de los cinturones de Van Allen.



Rango:

10<sup>-3</sup> seg. - 10<sup>3</sup> seg.

2 de julio de 1967: El satélite Vela 4a, b realiza la primera observación de un estallido de rayos gamma.



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#### OBSERVATIONS OF GAMMA-RAY BURSTS OF COSMIC ORIGIN

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#### ABSTRACT

Sixteen short bursts of photons in the energy range 0.2–1.5 MeV have been observed between 1969 July and 1972 July using widely separated spacecraft. Burst durations ranged from less than 0.1 s to  $\sim$ 30 s, and time-integrated flux densities from  $\sim$ 10<sup>-5</sup> ergs cm<sup>-2</sup> to  $\sim$ 2 × 10<sup>-4</sup> ergs cm<sup>-2</sup> in the energy range given. Significant time structure within bursts was observed. Directional information eliminates the Earth and Sun as sources.

Subject headings: gamma rays - X-rays - variable stars

En 1973, 6 años después de la primera detección, Ray Klebesadel (responsable del programa VELA en Los Álamos) y sus colegas Ian Strong y Roy Olsen publicaron en el Astrophysical Journal la lista de los 16 brotes que se había detectado hasta entonces con las misiones VELA5 y VELA6 (con una estimación de posición) dando indicios de su origen cósmico.

#### 1991-2000: BATSE, en el satélite COMPTON, detecta miles de GRBs.









#### **Perfiles temporales**

La distribución de los tiempos de duración de los GRB parece ser *bimodal* (descubrimiento importante de BATSE).

> Los GRB pueden clasificarse de acuerdo a su duración:

- GRB cortos, con duración T < 2 seg.
- ♦ GRB largos, con  $T \ge 2$  seg.

Se supone que esta dicotomía refleja una diferencia intrínseca en el mecanismo que genera ambas clases de eventos.



#### **Propiedades espectrales**

La energía de los fotones que caracterizan a los GRB esta típicamente en el rango que va de algunas decenas de keV a unos pocos MeV. En algunos casos excepcionales se han observado fotones de hasta 10 GeV.

El espectro es claramente no térmico y puede representarse por (Band et al. 1993):

 $n(E)dE = n_0 \begin{cases} AE^{-\alpha}e^{-(E/E_0)} & E < E_0\\ BE^{\beta} & E > E_0 \end{cases}$ 

con

 $\alpha \in (\sim 0.1, \sim 1)$  indice espectral (bajas energías)  $\beta \in (\sim -2, -3)$  indice espectral (altas energías)  $E_0 \in (\sim 0.1, \sim 1)$  MeV energía de quiebre

Estos parámetros varían de brote a brote sin un valor universal.

La intensidad integrada en el tiempo T es de  $F \sim (0.1 - 10) \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{erg} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$  Ejemplo de un ajuste espectral. El modelo es ajustado al espectro promedio del GRB 1B 911127.



Band et al. ApJ, 413, 281 (1993); Apunte Introducción a la Astrofísica Relativista, G. E. Romero

#### **Propiedades espectrales**



Gomboc, Contemporary Physics, 53, 339 (2012) Apunte Introducción a la Astrofísica Relativista, G. E. Romero

#### Distribución espacial

El instrumento BATSE mostró claramente que la distribución de los GRBs es **altamente isotrópica**.



#### BATSE:

- Observaciones de GRB limitadas a rayos-γ
- No eran posibles observaciones subsiguientes (follow-up) al brote en otras longitudes de onda.

Ubicaciones de los GRB tenían cajas de error de unos pocos grados: contenían un gran número de posibles contrapartidas a bajas energías.

#### Contrapartidas a bajas energías

Descubrimiento de post-luminicencia (*afterglow*) en rayos-X de un GRB (28/02/97) por el satélite BeppoSAX:

- observatorio espacial de rayos X, 30/04/96 29/04/03, 1 a 200 keV;
- detección de eventos transitorios en el rango entre 2 a 30 keV;
- Combinación de instrumentos (*Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor* y 2 *Wide Field Cameras*) con capacidad para detectar GRB y posicionarlos rápidamente (orden de arcmin) para posterior seguimiento.

Ocho horas después de GRB 970228, BeppoSAX detectó una fuente de rayos-X que se debilitaba, coincidente con el GRB (Costa et al. 1997).



Cota et al., Nature, 387, 783 (1997); Mészáros, ARAA, 40, 137, (2002); Gomboc, Contemporary Physics, 53, 339 (2012)



Flujo de la fuente 1SAX J0501.7+114 en función del tiempo en el rango 2-10 keV.

Los datos son ajustados por una ley de potencias (  $\propto t^{-1.32}$ ; línea sólida).

La extrapolación hacia adelante en el tiempo es consistente con el flujo detectado por ASCA (Advanced Satellite for Cosmology and Astrophysics; 20/02/92 - 02/03/01).

Cota et al., Nature, 387, 783 (1997); Mészáros, ARAA, 40, 137, (2002); Gomboc, Contemporary Physics, 53, 339 (2012)

#### Contrapartidas a bajas energías

Estas detecciones en rayos-X, luego de 4-6 horas de la erupción en rayos- $\gamma$ :

- permitieron obtener posiciones del orden del minuto de arco,
- facilitando la detección de la contrapartida en el óptico y del seguimiento de la post-luminicesnia de los GRB a longitudes de onda más largas.



Curvas de luz de la post-luminiscencia de GRB970228 en bandas del óptico/ infrarrojo.

#### Contrapartidas a bajas energías

Detecciones de post-luminiscencia en rayos-X, óptico y radio.

+ Las duraciones de los eventos son mayores a energías mas bajas,

• Las contrapartidas son variables y su intensidad decae como leyes de potencia:  $F_{\nu} \propto t^{-\alpha} (\alpha = 1.1 - 2.1)$ 

+ La detección de post-luminiscencia en el óptico permitió:

- determinar con precisión la posición de los GRB y
- realizar observaciones espectroscópicas con grandes telescopios.

Identificación de galaxias anfitrionas. Medición de sus corrimientos al rojo (*redshifts*): confirmación de que los GRB se encuentran a distancias cosmológicas.

#### Distribución de corrimientos al rojo

El telescopio Swift permitió realizar observaciones de alta calidad de cientos de GRBs, con mejor cobertura temporal y de multi-banda de la post-luminiscencia.



Distribución de redshifts de GRB antes de la era Swift:  $\langle z \rangle \sim 1.4$ , y después de la era Swift:  $\langle z \rangle \sim 2.1$ (hasta 2012).

Diferencias debidas a la mayor sensibilidad de Swift (en comparación con BeppoSAX y HETE-2).

La mayoría de los redshifts de GRB fueron determinados usando observaciones espectroscópicas de post-luminiscencia en el óptico y de galaxias anfitrionas

la muestra presenta una tendencia (bias) a GRB ópticamente brillantes.

#### **Galaxias anfitrionas**

La observación directa de la galaxias anfitrionas de GRB revelan propiedades sobre los entornos en los que tienen lugar los brotes:



Selección de galaxias anfitrionas de GRB largos (arriba; Wainwright et al. 2007) y GRB cortos (abajo; Fox et al 2005), observadas por el Hubble Space Telescope. Se eligieron pares de galaxias anfitrionas de GRB cortos y largos con redshifts comparables. Las flechas señalan la ubicación del brote.

#### **Galaxias anfitrionas**

Propiedades de galaxias anfitrionas de:

✦ GRB largos

- Galaxias mayormente débiles, azules e irregulares,
- de baja masa, con formación estelar,
- y bajas metalicidades.
- GRBs cortos
  - Galaxias con luminosidades y metalicidades más altas.
  - Algunas galaxias son viejas y masivas sin formación estelar reciente, pero la mayoría son galaxias con formación estelar.

Una comparación detallada entre las galaxias anfitrionas de GRB cortos y GRB largos revela diferencias sistemáticas, y las pruebas estadísticas muestran que no pertenecen a la misma población de galaxias.

### Modelos para progenitores de GRB

El mecanismo que produce la liberación de la energía en forma de radiación está oculto por la "bola de fuego", que es opaca en su estado inicial.

Modelos más aceptados para progenitores de GRB:

★ GRB largos: modelo de *collapsar* → colapso de estrellas muy masivas

★ GRB cortos: La fusión de objetos en sistemas binarios compactos (2 estrellas de neutrones; 1 estrella de neutrones y 1 agujero negro) de <u>período ultracorto</u>: hipótesis respaldada por la reciente detección de ondas gravitacionales con un patrón característico de fusión asociadas a un GRB.



Gomboc, Contemporary Physics, 53, 339 (2012); Apunte Introducción a la Astrofísica Relativista, G. E. Romero

## Gamma-ray bursts: Collapsar



Pair load by neutrino annihilation Neutron dragging?







sigma (magnetization)  $< 1 \rightarrow$  shocks if sigma > 1, the fluid is incompressible and shocks are suppressed





Vieyro, Romero & Peres 2013, A&A



# GRB cortos



## GRB cortos

# Crashing neutron stars can make gamma-ray burst jets









15.3 milliseconds



Jet-like magnetic field emerges

26.5 milliseconds



Credit: NASA/AEI/ZIB/M. Koppitz and L. Rezzolla

## Neutrino cooled accretion disks



## Simulations



$$3 = P_{\text{gas}}/P_{\text{mag}}$$

Janiuk 2017

## Neutrino cooled accretion disks





Depending on the viewing angle, these events can be detected with LIGO for d<100 Mpc (Romero et al. 2010).

# Simple model

Conical jet, perpendicular to binary orbit

Mildly relativistic outflow,  $\Gamma = 1.5$ 

Viewing angle  $\theta$ =30°, moderate

Compact acceleration/emission region located where the field falls below equipartition







#### ✓ Particle distributions "one-zone" approximation




The proton microquasr jet model (Romero & Vila, A&A 485, 623 (2008), also Romero & Vila, A&A, 494, L33 (2009) )

Interaction of relativistic *p* and *e*<sup>-</sup> with

- Synchrotron radiation
- Inverse Compton (IC)
- Proton-proton inelastic collisions
- Photohadronic interactions (pg)

$$p, e^- + B \rightarrow p, e^- + \gamma$$
$$e^- + \gamma \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$$

magnetic field

radiation fields

$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + a \pi^{0} + b(\pi^{+} + \pi^{-})$$

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow p + e^{+} + e^{-}$$

$$e^{\pm} + B \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$$

$$\pi^{o} p \rightarrow \gamma^{2} \gamma \rightarrow p + a \pi^{o} + b(\pi^{+} + \pi^{-})$$

 $\pi^{+}p + \gamma \rightarrow n + \pi^{+} + a\pi^{o} + b(\pi^{+} + \pi^{-}) \quad (\mathbf{v}_{\mu})$ 

in the jet

# Lepto hadronic model for a MQ (Vila & Romero 2010)



GX 339-4

FRBs are a transient radio pulses lasting a few milliseconds. They are bright, unresolved, non-repeating, broadband flashes.

So far about 100 FRBs have been detected. Some of them repeat.

The origin of fast radio bursts is not known: they are generally thought to be extragalactic due to the anomalously high amount of pulse dispersion observed. In few cases a host galaxy was identified. Mangetars in our galaxy have been observed producing FRBs.

# What are FRBs?

- First bursts: Lorimer et al.
   (2007)
- Reality check: Thornton et al. (2013)
- Peak flux > 0.5 Jy
- L-band (1.4 GHz)
- Highly dispersed
- Pulse widths > few ms
- Evidence for scattering
- Singular events?
- Different sky locations



Thornton et al. (2013)

### Parkes Radio Telescope



### Detections

Image credit: Stephen West

New South Wales, Australia

Multibeam Receiver (13 beams)

Discovered 9 FRBs (including the first)

First measurement of polarization

First detection in realtime

### Arecibo Radio Telescope



Image credit: NAIC - Arecibo Observatory, a facility of NSF

Puerto Rico, USA

Arecibo L-band Feed Array (7 beams)

Second telescope to discover an FRB

First (believable) FRB in the Galactic plane

# +GBT+CHIME+LOFAR

# CHIME



# Scattering in FRB 110220





The ionized component of the ISM and the IGM, i.e. free electrons, make the group velocity of the signal frequency dependent. This results in the higher radio frequencies arriving before those emitted at the same time at lower frequencies from a source. The delay added at a frequency v is

$$t = k_{DM} \times \left(\frac{\mathrm{DM}}{\nu^2}\right),$$

where  $k_{DM}$  is the dispersion constant

$$k_{DM} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi m_e c} \simeq 4.149 \ {\rm GHz}^2 \ {\rm pc}^{-1} \ {\rm cm}^3 \ {\rm ms},$$

and the dispersion measure (DM) is the column density of electrons, or the number density of electrons integrated along the path traveled by the photon, d, from the source to the observer,

$$\mathrm{DM} = \int_0^d n_e \, \mathrm{d}l.$$



Measuring the delay in arrival times at two different frequencies allows one to obtain the signal's DM. This time delay, *t*, between high and low frequency component of a signal is (Wilson, Rohlfs, Huttemeister 2009)

$$\begin{split} \delta t &= k_{DM} \times \text{DM} \times \left(\frac{1}{\nu_l^2} - \frac{1}{\nu_h^2}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \text{DM} &= \frac{\delta t}{k_{DM}} \frac{(\nu_l \nu_h)^2}{\nu_h^2 - \nu_l^2} \end{split}$$

$$\mathrm{DM} = \int_0^d n_e \, \mathrm{d}l.$$

 $DM \sim 1200 z \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ pc}$ , for  $z \leq 2$ .









# FRBs: extraordinary probes of the distant universe

- Measure the distance  $\rightarrow$  origins
- Measure the intergalactic DM
- Measure turbulence in IGM
- Probe missing baryons
- Through lensing probe dark matter
- Measure the intergalactic B-field
- Probe population at different redshifts

On 18 April 2015, FRB 150418 was detected by the *Parkes observatory* and within hours, several telescopes including the *Australia Telescope Compact Array* caught an "afterglow" of the flash, which took six days to fade (Keane et al. 2016). The *Subaru telescope* was used to find what was thought to be the host galaxy and determine its redshift and the implied distance to the burst.





# Host galaxy for FRB 150418?

### LETTER

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#### The host galaxy of a fast radio burst

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In recent years, millisecond-duration radio signals originating in distant galaxies appear to have been discovered in the so-called fast radio bursts1-9. These signals are dispersed according to a precise physical law and this dispersion is a key observable quantity, which, in tandem with a redshift measurement, can be used for fundamental physical investigations16,11. Every fast radio burst has a dispersion measurement, but none before now have had a redshift measurement, because of the difficulty in pinpointing their celestial coordinates. Here we report the discovery of a fast radio burst and the identification of a fading radio transient lasting ~6 days after the event, which we use to identify the host galaxy; we measure the galaxy's redshift to be  $z = 0.492 \pm 0.008$ . The dispersion measure and redshift, in combination, provide a direct measurement of the cosmic density of ionized baryons in the intergalactic medium of  $\Omega_{\rm IGM} = 4.9 \pm 1.3$  per cent, in agreement with the expectation from the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe12, and including all of the so-called 'missing baryons'. The ~6-day radio transient is largely consistent with the radio afterglow of a short \-ray burst13, and its existence and timescale do not support progenitor models such as giant pulses from pulsars, and supernovae. This contrasts with the interpretation8 of another recently discovered fast radio burst, suggesting that there are at least two classes of bursts.

Upon detection of FRB150418 at Parkes, a network of telescopes was triggered across a wide range of wavelengths (see Methods). Beginning two hours after the FRB, observations with the Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA) were carried out at 5.5 GHz and 7.5 GHz, identifying two variable compact sources. One of the variable sources is consistent with a GHz-peaked-spectrum source, with a positive spectral index, as previously identified in observations at these frequencies16. The other variable source (right ascension, RA 07h 16 min 34.6 s; declination, dec. -19° 00' 40"), offset by 1.944 arcmin from the centre of the Parkes beam, was seen at 5.5 GHz at a brightness of 0.27(5) mJy per beam just 2h after the FRB. The source was then seen to fade over subsequent epochs, settling at a brightness of ~0.09(2) mJy per beam (Fig. 2). The source is also seen at 7.5 GHz at 0.18(3) mJy per beam in the first epoch but subsequently not detected. These observations indicate a ~-6-day transient with a negative spectral index; we obtain  $\alpha = -1.37$  in the first epoch, for a power-law spectrum of the form  $F_{\gamma} \propto v^{\alpha}$ . The subsequent quiescent level is consistent with the level expected17 from an early-type galaxy at z ≈ 0.5. To estimate the likelihood that this transient could occur by chance we consider the results of radio imaging surveys (see Methods). By comparing to a recent survey with the Very Large Array18 in the 2-4 GHz band, we expect a 95% (99%) confidence upper limit of <0.001 (<0.002) such transients

# Keane et al (2016)

*z*~049

# The burst



# FRB 150418

- DM=776 cm<sup>-3</sup> pc, larger than the Galactic contribution in this direction.
- Frequency 1.382 GHz.
- Observed pulse width 0.8+/-0.3 ms. Intrinsic pulse width is unresolved.
- Radio afterglow is discovered lasting about 6 days.
- Host galaxy is identified as *elliptical galaxy* at z=0.492+/-0.008 with  $M = 10^{11}$  solar masses.

#### **A Repeating Fast Radio Burst**

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"Here we report the detection of ten additional bursts from the direction of FRB 121102, using the 305-m Arecibo telescope. These new bursts have dispersion measures and sky positions consistent with the original burst. This unambiguously identifies FRB 121102 as repeating and demonstrates that its source survives the energetic events that cause the bursts."

 $DM_{FRB}/DM_{Gal} \sim 3$ , l = 174.89 deg; b = -0.23 deg.

# Two populations, at least

FRB 121102 burst morphologies and spectra



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The rate of burst detections is  $\sim 3 / h$ 

The 11 bursts have peak flux densities S1400  $\approx 0.02-0.3$  Jy at 1.4 GHz The other known FRBs typically have peak flux densities an order of magnitude higher, S1400  $\approx 0.2-2$  Jy.

nature

Emission process must be coherent

Energy output is...

$$L \approx 10^{38} - 10^{40} \,\text{ergs}$$

Spectral index is not as negative as radio pulsars

# What are they?

- Local: Atmospheric events? Perytons? (Kulkarni et al. 2014).
- Galactic: Magnetars.
- Extragalactic: Assorted cosmic catastrophes

#### Perytons: Caused by microwave ovens on Parkes site



Can be generated when the microwave

door is opened while microwave is still

running.

Petroff et al 2015: astro-ph/1504.01265





The Peryton was created and described by Jorge Luis Borges in his Book of Imaginary Beings, using a supposedly longlost medieval manuscript as a source.

# Extragalactic FRBs

- Collapsing neutron stars (Falke & Rezzolla 2014)
- Discharging Kerr-Newman black holes (Liu, Romero, et al. 2016; Zhang 2016)
- Coalescing neutron stars/GRBs (Totani 2013, Zhang 2015)
- Coalescing white dwarfs (Kashiyama et al. 2013)
- Magnetar flares (Lyubarski 2014, Katz 2016)
- Giant pulses within young SNRs (Connor et al. 2015).
- Jet coherent pulses (Romero et al. 2016)
- Collision of asteroids with pulsars (Geng & Huang 2015)
- Cosmic strings...



Blitzars are a hypothetical type of astronomical object in which a spinning pulsar rapidly collapses into a black hole (Falke & Rezzolla 2014).



After the collapse the magnetic field violently recombines producing a coherent pulse.





# Kerr-Newman black holes?

(Liu, Romero, et al. ApJ 826, id. 82, 2016).

 $R_{\rm mag} = c/\Omega \approx 4.8 \times 10^9 P {\rm cm}.$ 



For stellar-mass KNBH of MBH ~ 20 M $\odot$ , the unstable orbit for a charged particle is calculated to be about 10^7-10^8 cm.



# The charged magnetosphere is unstable

# Jet-plasma interactions in GRBs and AGNs?

(Romero, et al. Phys. Rev D 93, id. 023001, 2016).



TABLE I. Main parameters of the model.				
	Cloud parameters	Value		
	$n_c$ : density $[cm^{-3}]$	$6  imes 10^8$		
	$T_{\rm c}:$ temperature [K]	$10^{5}$		
	$R_{\rm c}$ : radius [cm]	$5 \times 10^{13}$		
	Jet parameters	Value		
	Γ: Lorentz factor	500		
	$n_j$ : density [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$6\times 10^6$		

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$$t_{\rm cross} = \frac{R_{\rm c}}{c\Gamma^2} \sim 6 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{R_{\rm c}}{5 \times 10^{13}\,{\rm cm}}\right) \left(\frac{500}{\Gamma}\right)^2 ~{\rm s}; \label{eq:tcross}$$

$$\begin{split} P_{\rm t} &\sim 1.5 \times 10^{42} \ {\rm erg \, s^{-1}} \\ &\times \left(\frac{T_{\rm c}}{10^5 \, {\rm K}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{f}{0.1}\right) \left(\frac{n_{\rm j}}{6 \times 10^6 \, {\rm cm^{-3}}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{\rm c}}{5 \times 10^{13} \, {\rm cm}}\right)^3 . \end{split}$$



Magnetars are rapidly spinning ultra-magnetic neutron stars (they spin around their axis with a period between 3 and 12 seconds) that undergo high energy flare events which are caused by "starquakes". During these quakes rapid flares can occur and coherent radiation might be produced (Lyubarski 2014, Katz 2016).





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	GRBs	FRBs
Are they astrophysical?	<ul> <li>1967: discovery</li> <li>1973: Yes! (first paper published)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2007: discovery</li> <li>2013-2015: Yes! (new FRBs and microwave-oven-origin of perytons)</li> </ul>
Are there multiple types?	<ul> <li>1979: soft gamma-ray repeaters (SGRs)</li> <li>1992: long vs. short</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2016: repeaters</li> <li>2020: do all FRBs repeat?</li> </ul>
Where are they?	<ul> <li>1979: SGRs are Galactic (or nearby)</li> <li>1997: long GRBs are cosmological</li> <li>2004: short GRBs are cosmological</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2017: extragalactic and cosmological (FRB 121102)</li> <li>2020: Galactic (FRB 200428)</li> </ul>
What make them?	<ul> <li>1998: SGRs from magnetars</li> <li>1998: Long GRBs from massive star core collapse</li> <li>2017: Short GRBs from NS-NS mergers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2020: FRB 200428 from a magnetar</li> <li>2020: can other sources produce FRBs?</li> </ul>

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