

One of the main reasons we are having a symposium involving extragalactic jets here is that jets are a commonplace phenomenon in active extragalactic radio sources.

Let's look quickly at evidence for this ~~from jet databases I have kept from literature and many private communications from colleagues:~~

# EXTRAGALACTIC JETS ARE COMMON PLACE

- A.H.B. "working list" of jets + jets?  
239 sources June 1985



136 "definite jets" in sources with  
KNOWN REDSHIFTS, spanning wide range:

Distances ( $H=100, q_0=\frac{1}{2}$ )	5 Mpc $\rightarrow$ 10,200 Mpc (Cen A) (QSO, $z=2.594$ )
Total source powers at 1.4 GHz	$10^{21.6} \rightarrow 10^{28.4}$ W/Hz ( $10^{31} \rightarrow 10^{38}$ WATTS, 10 MHz to 100 GHz)
Core powers at 5 GHz	$10^{20.4} \rightarrow 10^{28.2}$ W/Hz
Jet lengths	50 pc $\rightarrow$ 280 kpc



So - jets occur in sources with whole range of powers,  
<sup>active</sup>  
Sizes and distances characteristic of extragalactic  
sources. Not confined to any one sub-type. This  
suggests they are part of basic physics of whatever  
makes the large scale sources

Also very important is rate of detection of jets in  
complete samples of different source types when observed  
with fairly homogeneous sensitivity, resolution +  
dynamic range.

head - collimated stream or flow

$\bar{E}/E_{\text{rel}}$  - something looking like it might be

the cause - MORPHOLOGY

ONLY except for

VBI!

# DETECTION RATES OF JETS IN COMPLETE SOURCE SAMPLES

## Weak radio galaxies

65% - 80% in ( $3CR^2$ ,  $z < 0.05$ )  
(B2,  $m_{pg} < 15.7$ )  
(E/SO,  $m_{pg} < 14$ )

median  $P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{24.43}$  W/Hz

## Extended $3CR^2$ QSRs - median $P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{27.43}$ W/Hz

45% - 70%

## Powerful $3CR^2$ radio galaxies ( $z > 0.4$ )

median  $P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{27.36}$  W/Hz

< 10%

N.B. "jet" here = narrow feature running  
from core towards lobes

$$P_{tot} (10 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow 100 \text{ GHz}) \sim 10^{9.6} P_{tot}^{1.4} (\alpha = 0.75)$$



N.B. The galaxy-QSR difference at same total power

can be interpreted as jet detection roughly correlating

with core prominence in strong sources, as it is well

known that QSR radio cores are more prominent than

radio galaxy radio cores at same power.

or "disembodied"

Also, there are no strictly "complete" radio jets

- if you detect the jet you also have detected the core in all but one case in the 136.

\* All explicable if core power + jet power  $\propto$  complete  
~~Burns (1985) has claimed core-jet power correlation~~  
in strong sources. E.g. Burns ~~1985~~

~~directly~~

This suggests that jets are intimately related to

ongoing activity in the innermost kpc, hence to energy

TRANSFER from cores to lobes. Also suggests some

other things about jet velocities that I hope to get to

later.

hade

# Evidence for Outflow in Kpc-scale Extragalactic Jets

- VERY INDIRECT -

## 1. PROPER MOTIONS ON PARSEC SCALES AT BASES OF SOME KILOPARSEC-SCALE JETS

3C120, 3C179, 3C279

VLB → mainly OUTFLOWS (expansion)

## 2. EXTRANUCLEAR EMISSION LINES

van Breugel (Tuesday)  
(NLRs)

~8 radio galaxies, 1 QSR

Seyfert 2 or liner-like spectra

gas at EDGES of radio jets, outside bends, knots  
gas pressure  $\approx$  minimum pressure of synchrotron jet

line widths increase toward radio features

peculiar velocities few 100's of km/s

$(n_e T \sim 2 \times 10^6 - 2 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3})$

- all suggest -

INTERACTION of ISM with jets

BUT NO DIRECT MEASURES OF OUTFLOW  
VELOCITY (GAS NOT ENTRAINED IN FLOW)

## 3. "JETS" SEEN WHERE "BEAMS" PREDICTED



5min

As I will be talking about correlations and trends involving jet data, we should look at some!

I'm sure many detailed maps will be shown at this

Symposium, so I will show just a few, rather

typical objects, in an order which shows up some

interesting trends — order of increasing core power.

Start with 3C31 —  $P_{\text{core}}^S = 10^{22.45} \text{ W/Hz}$

note — jet starts out asymmetric  $\sim 5:1$  (one-sided)

few kpc becomes symmetric (two-sided)

smooth brightness decline as it expands rapidly

lack of clear termination, blends into edge-darkened plume-like meandering structure

WSRT 610 MHz

N.B.  
NO CLEAR  
END  
OF  
JET

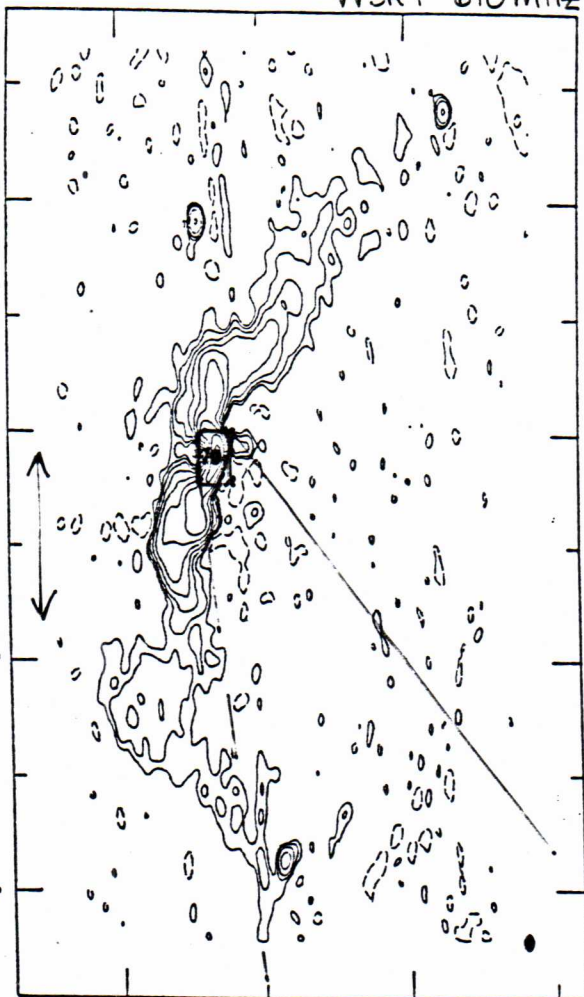
32° 20'  
Dec.

32° 10'

100  
kpc

32° 00'

31° 50'



01<sup>h</sup>05<sup>m</sup>

01<sup>h</sup>04<sup>m</sup>

# 3C 31

Radio galaxy

$P_{1.4} = 10^{24.21}$  W/Hz

$P_{5} = 10^{22.45}$  W/Hz

WSRT 610 MHz  
Strom et al.  
AA, 122, 305 (1983)

VLA 4866 MHz  
Bridle & Fomalont  
(to be published)

VLA 0"8

0104+321 IPOL 4866.350 MHz

R.A.

VLA

0104+321 IPOL 4866.350 MHz

N.B.  
INITIAL  
ASYMMETRY

DECLINATION

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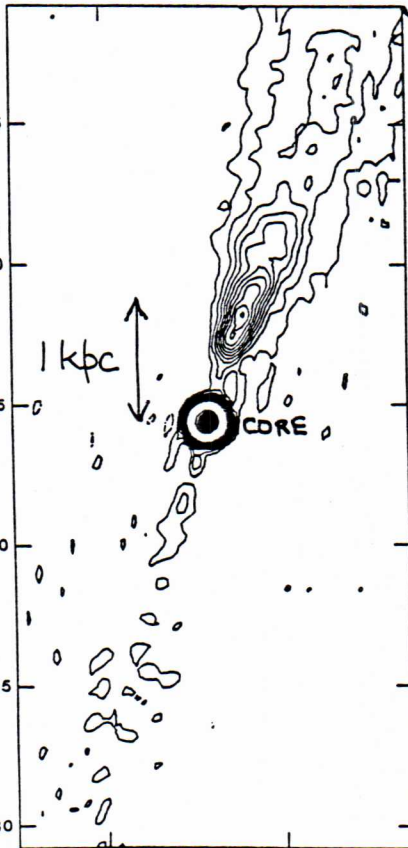
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DECLINATION

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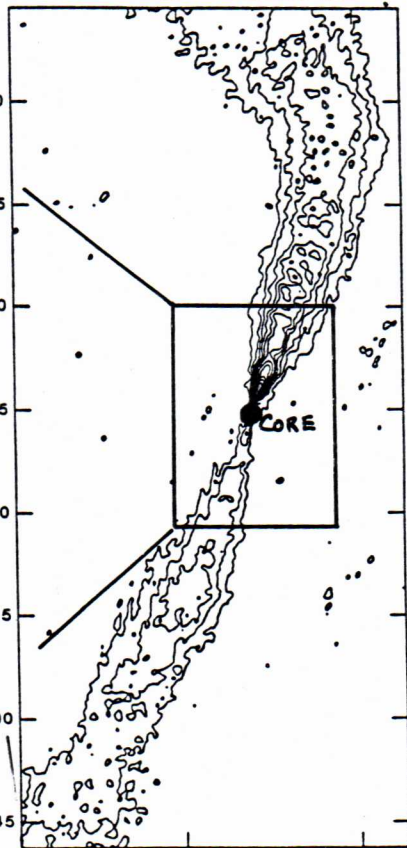
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10  
kpc

N.B. DEVELOPING  
SYMMETRY,  
DEFLECTION,  
EXPANSION,  
SMOOTH  
BRIGHTNESS  
DECLINE



Next, montage of NGC6251

~ same total power as 3C31, but core is ~ 10x more

powerful.  $P_{\text{core}}^S = 10^{23.66}$

Now see jet/counterjet asymmetry larger, ~ 30:1

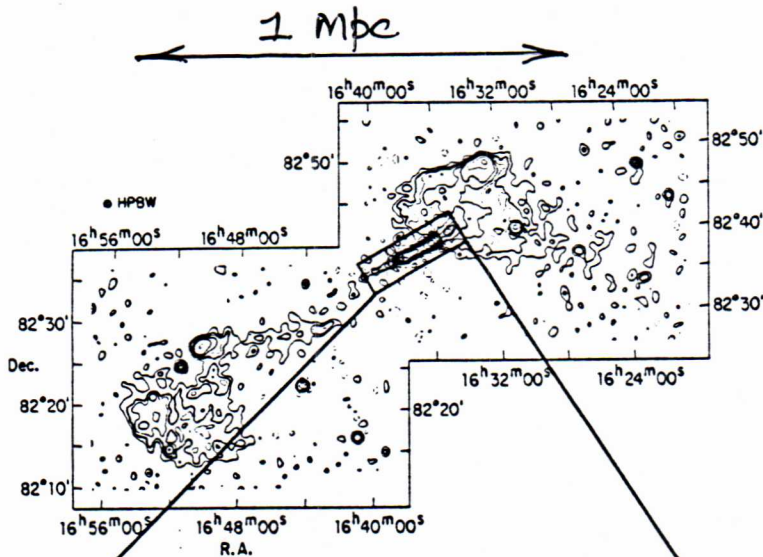
jet is blobbier/knottier

### Know about

Also in this case we ~~have~~ VLBI pc-scale jet.

Note it is one sided on same ~~side~~ side as 280-kpc scale jet. Also aligned with it to within a few degrees.

This is a lobe-dominated source still.



Radio galaxy

NGC 6251

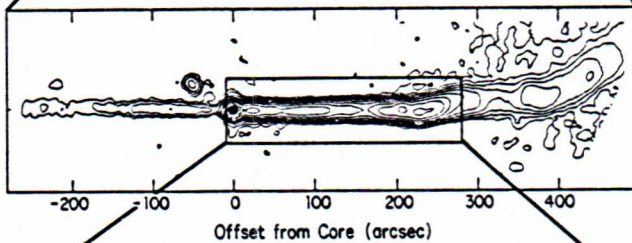
$$P_{1.4}^{\text{tot}} = 10^{24.14} \text{ W/Hz}$$

$$P_{\text{core}}^{0.5} = 10^{23.66} \text{ W/Hz}$$

WSRT

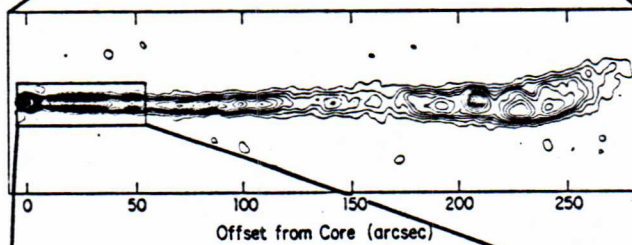
610 MHz

COUNTERJET  
1/30-1/40 MAIN



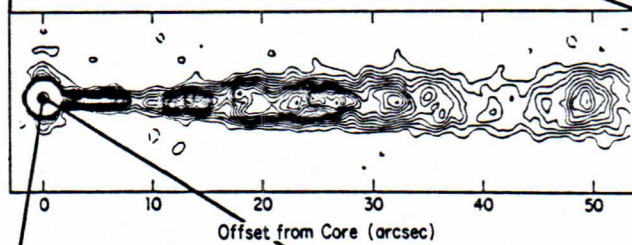
VLA  
1664 MHz  
100 kpc

WIGGLE



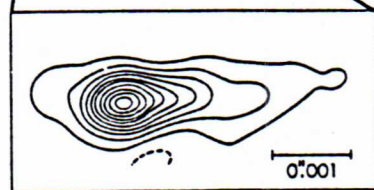
VLA  
1410 MHz  
10 kpc

KNOTTY  
SUBSTRUCTURE



VLA  
1662 MHz  
10 kpc

ALIGNMENT  
PC → KPC  
SCALES



VLB  
10651 MHz  
1 pc

A.H. Bridle, R.F. Perley



Next up is 3C120

~ same extended source power, but core is

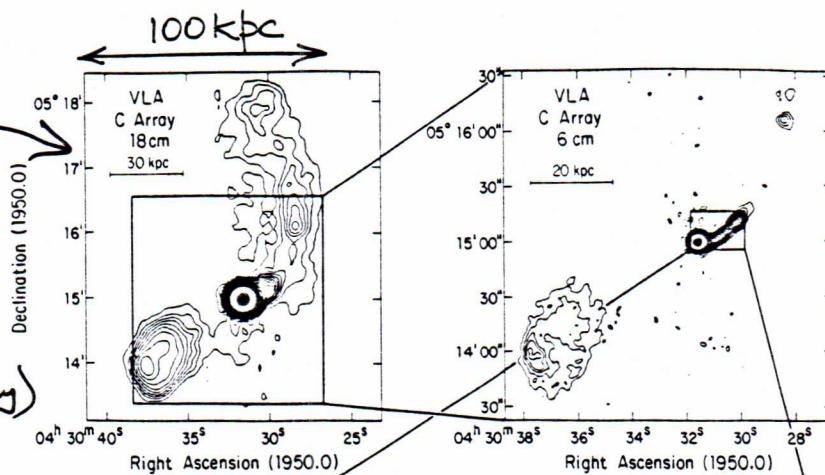
100 times more powerful still ( $P_{\text{core}}^S = 10^{24.9} \text{ W/Hz}$ )

Again, one-sided structure over an enormous range  
of linear scales, 1 pc  $\rightarrow$  100 kpc

Now no known counterjet, highly blobby "one-sided" jet

Initial jet direction is strongly misaligned with  
filament (pc-kpc misalignment).

N.B.  
 MORE  
 TO  
 COME!  
 See  
 C. Walker  
 (Wednesday)



3C120

over a  
 10,000:1  
 range  
 of scales

N.B.

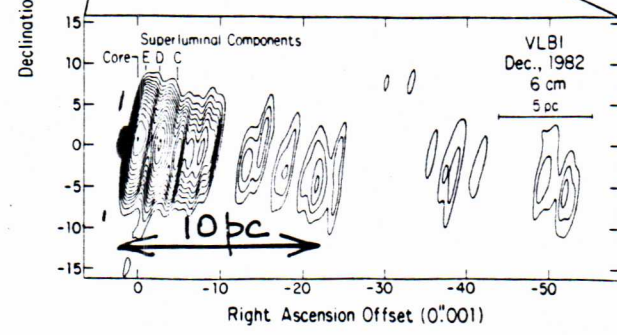
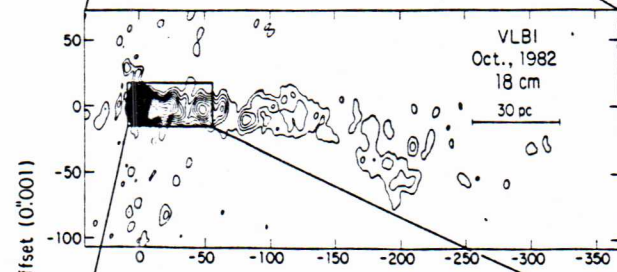
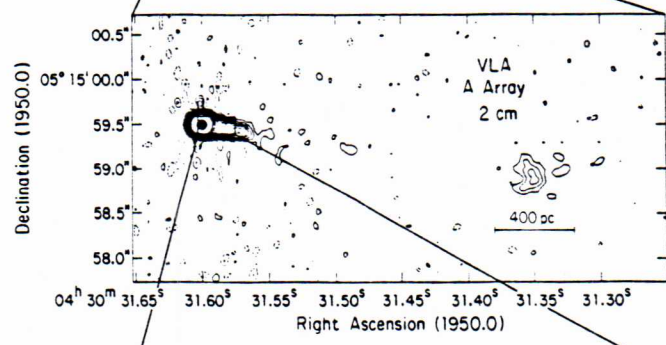
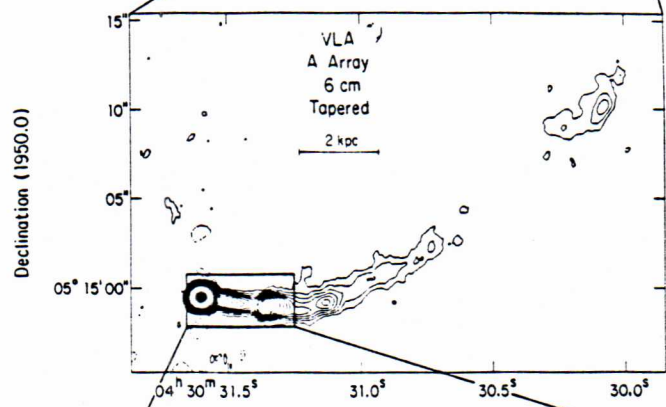
RADIO GALAXY  
 (Core-dominated)

$$P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{24.76} \text{ W/HZ}$$

$$P_{ext}^{1.4} = 10^{23.84} \text{ W/HZ}$$

$$P_{core}^5 \sim 10^{24.9} \text{ W/HZ}$$

Most sources with  
 this extended base  
 have no clear  
 hot spots at ends  
 of their jets.



N.B.  
 MISALIGNMENT  
 WITH "FINAL"  
 JET DIRECTION

R.C. Walker  
 J. Benson  
 G.A. Seielstad  
 S. Unwin



Now go up about a factor of 100 in core power

→  $P_{\text{core}} = 10^{26.6} \text{ W/Hz}$ , but back to

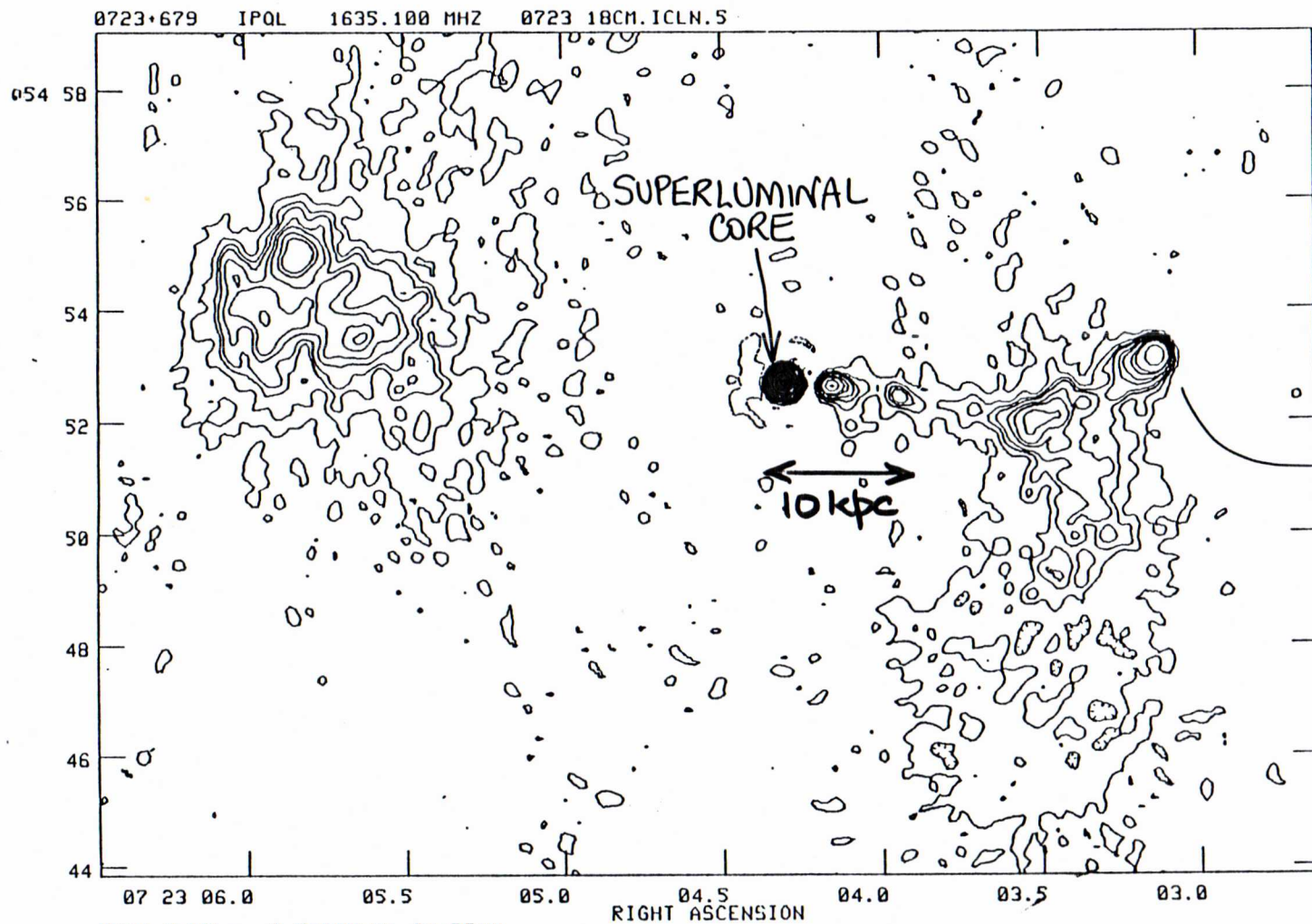
lobe-dominated extended QSR (~ 65 kpc total)

- one-sided knotty jet, ending in prominent hot spot
- superluminal core, tel. little misalignment.

3C179

18cm

0.28 resolution  
MERLIN + VLA "A"



QSR

$\bar{z} = 0.846$

$P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{27.39} \text{ W/HZ}$   
 $P_{core}^{5} = 10^{26.62} \text{ W/HZ}$

N.B. PROMINENT  
HOT SPOT,  
JET KNOTS

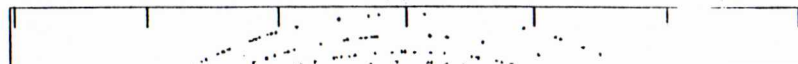
D.Shone,  
unpublished

PEAK FLUX = 3.5898E-01 JY/BEAM  
 LEVS = 0.1077E-02 \* (-1.0, 1.0, 2.0,  
 3.0, 4.0, 6.0, 8.0, 12.0, 16.0,  
 32.0, 64.0, 128.0, 256.0)

COMBINED MERLIN + 'A' ARRAY

Resolution 0.28

U VS U FOR 0723 18CM.XY.1  
 ANTENNAS \*\* - \*\* CORR IPOL





The extreme case - 3C418

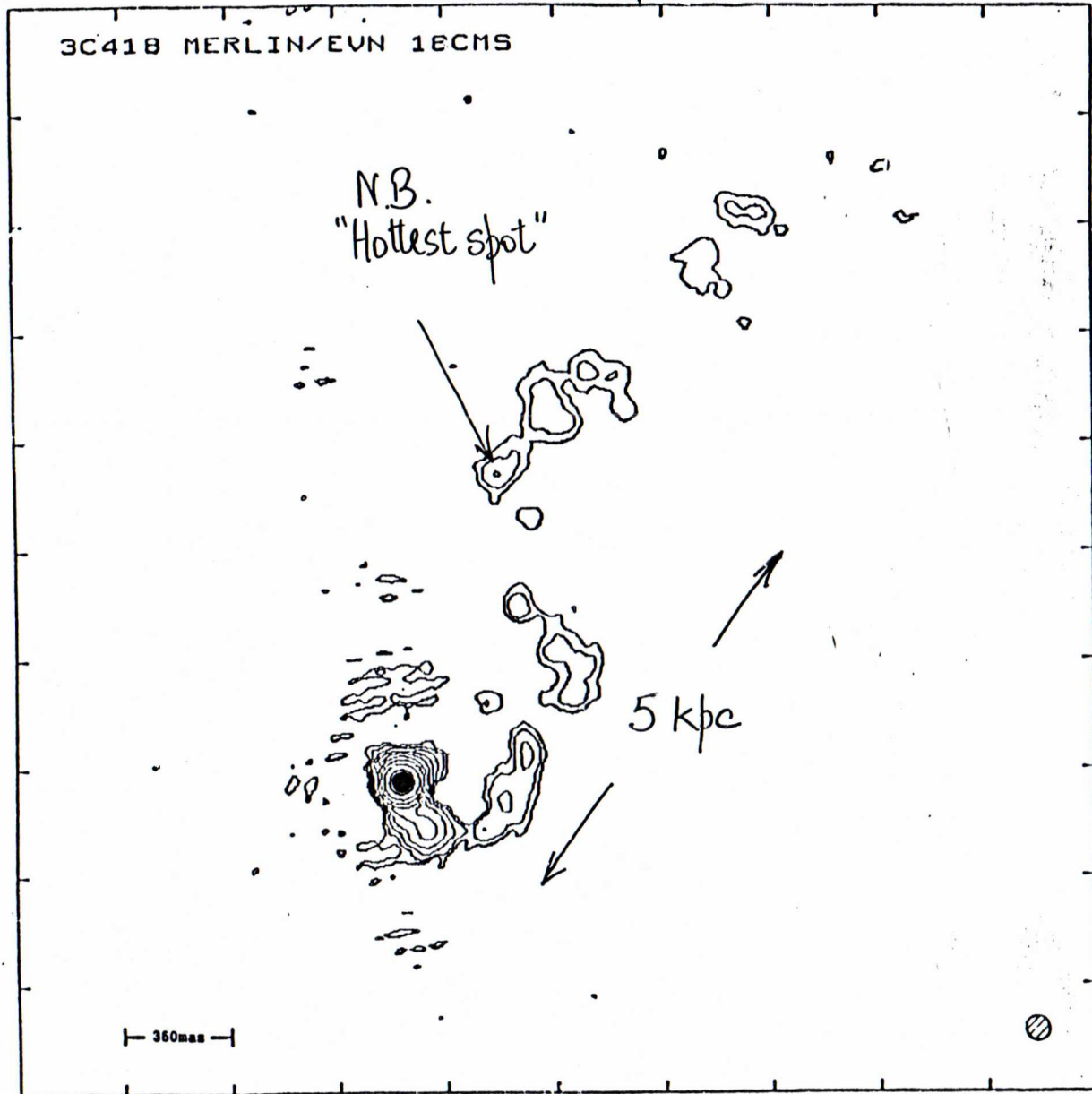
$$P_{\text{core}} = 10^{28.24} \text{ W/Hz}$$

Strongly core-dominated

Huge kurtosis in jet, which is one-sided, blobby

Hottest spot is at a deflection in jet.

# MERLIN + EVN



QSO,  $z = 1.686$   
(Core-dominated)

$$P_{\text{tot}}^{1.4} = 10^{28.41} \text{ W/Hz}$$

$$P_{\text{ext}}^{1.4} = 10^{27.79} \text{ W/Hz}$$

$$P_{\text{core}}^5 = 10^{28.24} \text{ W/Hz}$$

CONTOURS IN PERCENT

0.2	0.4	0.8	1.2
3.2	6.4	12.8	25.6
51.2			

peak 4376mJy/beam  
beam 80mas

4 TELESCOPE EVN

5 .. MERLIN

$\lambda 18$  MERLIN BEAM  $\sim 0.2''$

$\lambda 18$  EVN ..  $\sim 0.1''$

Muxlow, Julian, Winfield  
(1984)



Keep master slide to one side

# Power-Related Properties of Extragalactic Radio Jets

Many jet properties change systematically with

- core power
- total power
- core prominence (ratio of above)

## DETECTABILITY

- increases with core prominence in strong sources

## SYMMETRY/SIDEDNESS

- "two-sided" in weak sources, "one-sided" in strong

## TERMINAL HOT SPOTS

- absent in weak sources, prominent in strong

## DOMINANT MAGNETIC FIELD (straight jets)

- perpendicular in weak sources, parallel in strong
- parallel B-field enhanced by bending (outer edges)
- bright knots may have B-field across I gradients

## CLUMPINESS

- jets in weak sources smoother than in strong

## COLLIMATION (SPREADING RATE)

- rapid spreading in weak sources, slow in strong



Show

~~the~~ collimation trend using updates of curves

I published last year of mean spreading rate

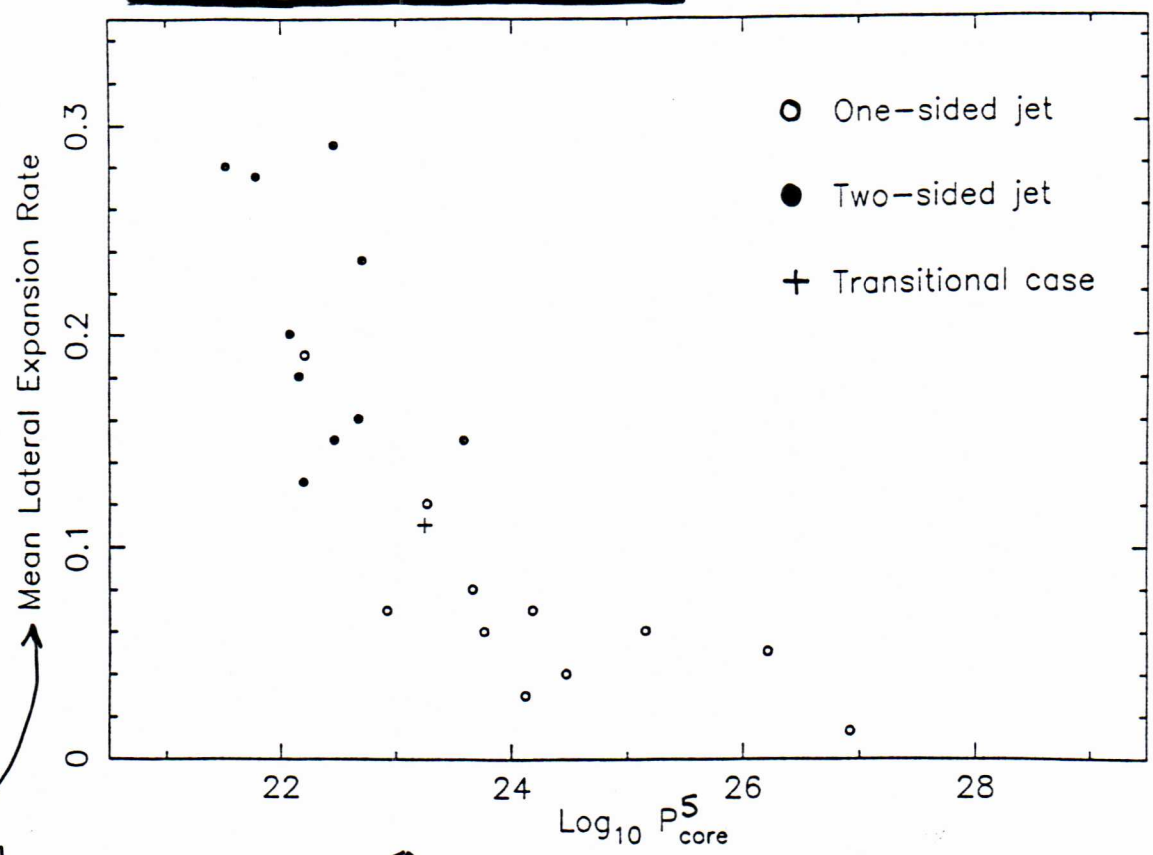
vs. core and total powers.

Note that the trend involves both one-sided

and two-sided jets — it's not ~~just~~ a pure

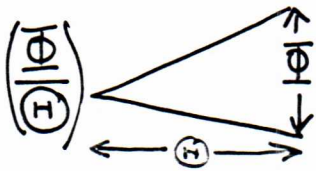
dichotomy between the two.

Jet Spreading Rate vs. Core Power



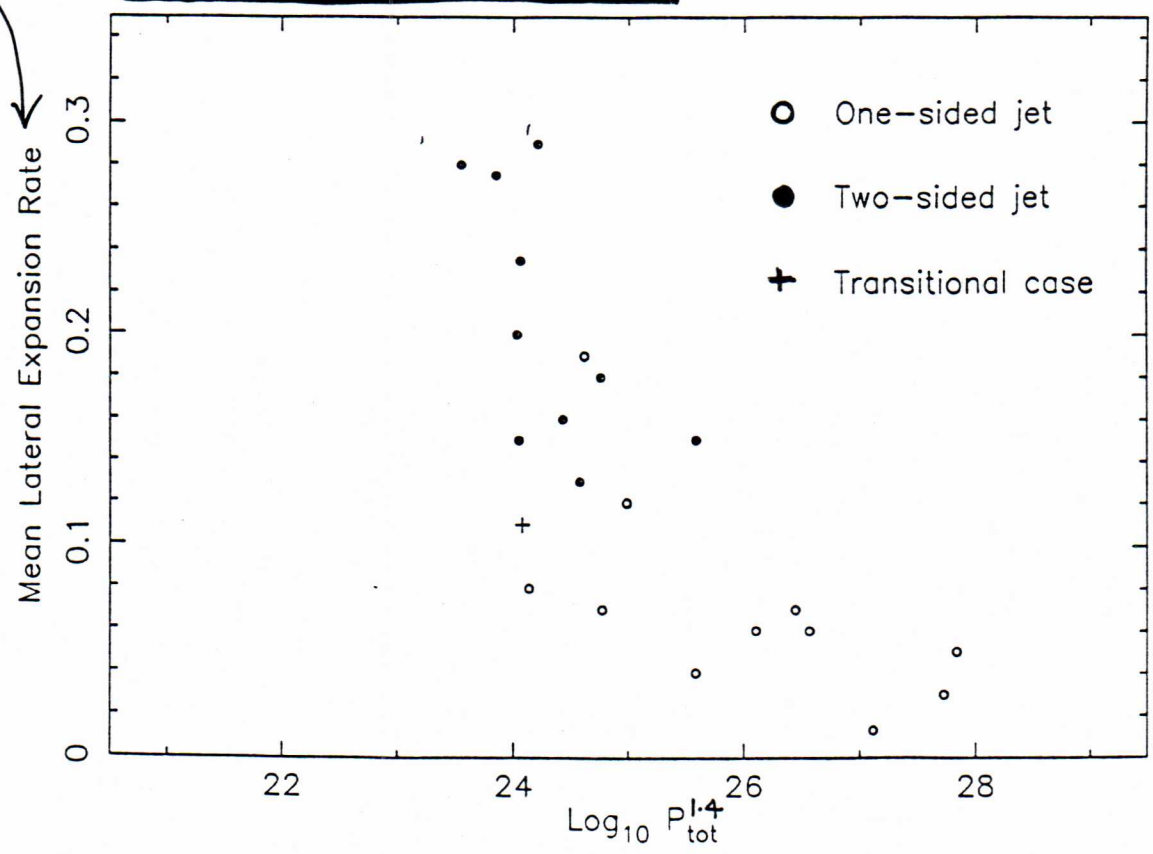
UPDATES  
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(1984)

MEAN LATERAL EXPANSION RATE



halfway down length of jet

Jet Spreading Rate vs. Total Power



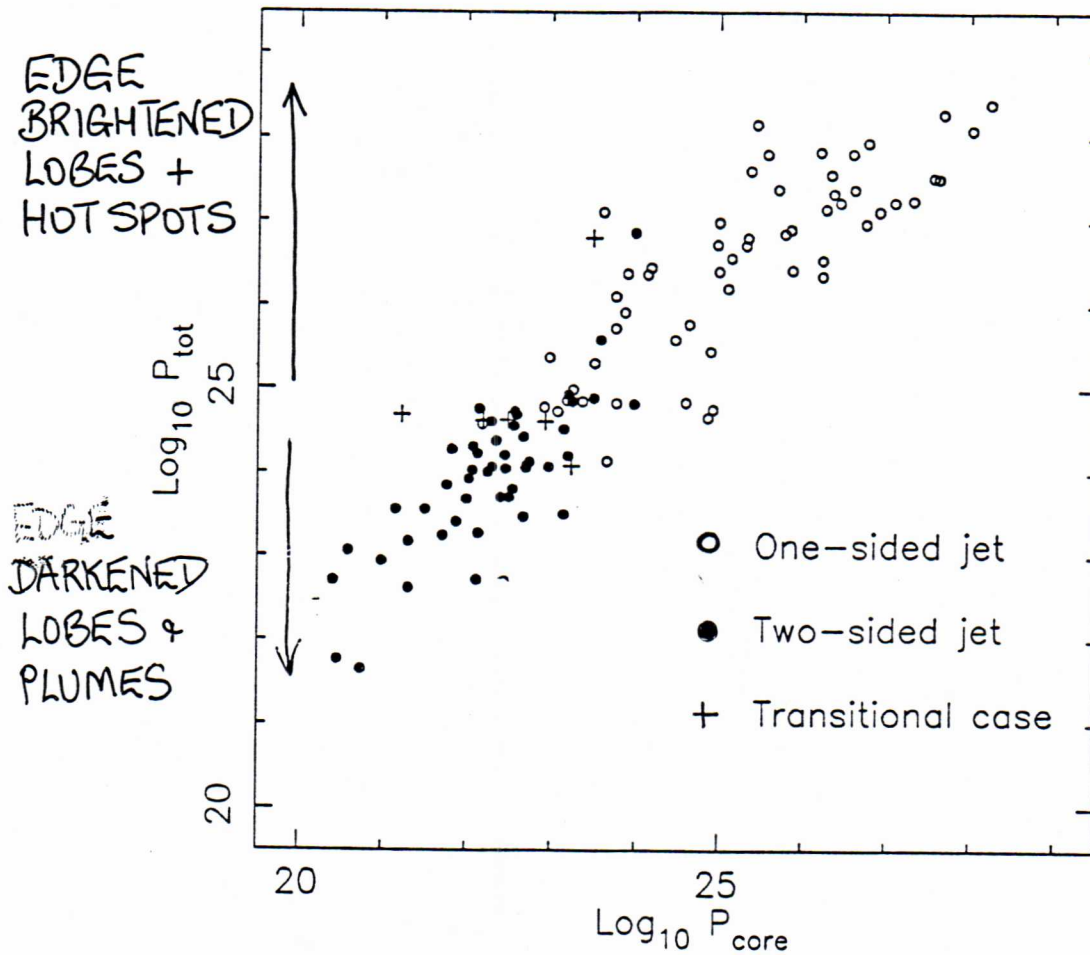
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(1984)

110 jets with  
classifiable sidedness

June 1985

[updates Bridle (1984)]  
A.J., 89, 979

Distribution of jet sidedness vs. power



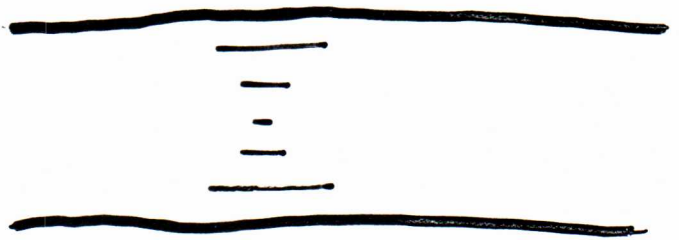
N.B. "One-sided"  $\equiv$  asymmetry  $> 4:1$   
"Two-sided"  $\equiv$  asymmetry  $< 4:1$   
"Transitional"  $\equiv$   $\geq 4:1$



COMMON JET PATTERNS OF  $\approx$  app (direction)  
 AND DEGREE OF LIN. POL. (length)

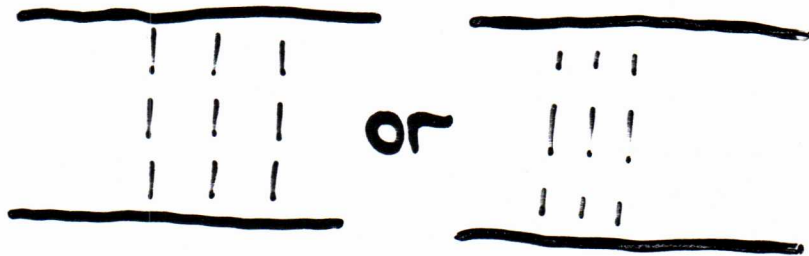
1)  $B_{||}$  JET

(strong sources, strongly curved weak sources, bases of weak jets)



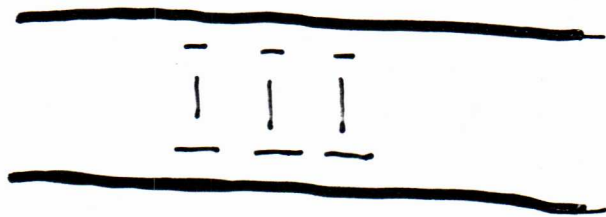
2) STRAIGHT  $B_{\perp}$  JET

(outer jets, weak sources)



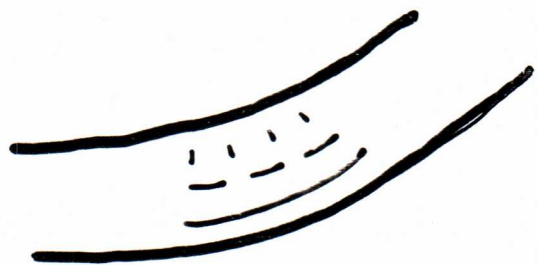
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(outer jets, weak sources)

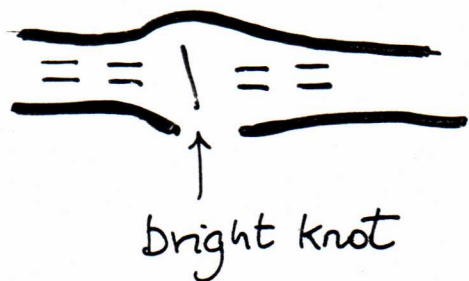


4) CURVED JET  $B_{||}$  ON OUTSIDE CURVE

(weak sources)



5) BRIGHT KNOT IN  $B_{||}$  JET (sometimes)  
 (strong sources)



N.B. We do not know 3-D field configurations from these data — need FARADAY DEPTH also to distinguish helical from sheared/toroidal fields.

# Conclusions + correlations :

Jets come in two basic flavors.

TWO-SIDED  
"SMOOTH"  
 $B_{\perp}$ -DOMINATED  
RAPIDLY SPREADING

} feeding edge-  
darkened  
structures

ONE-SIDED  
CLUMPY  
 $B_{\parallel}$ -DOMINATED  
NARROW

} feeding lobes with  
well-defined  
edges + hot spots

At the base of many two-sided jets there  
lurks a short one-sided jet. (usually  $\lesssim 10\%$  total length)

$P_{\text{core}}^5 < 10^{23} \text{ W/Hz} \rightarrow$  "two-sided" traits  
dominate


$P_{\text{core}}^5 > 10^{24} \text{ W/Hz} \rightarrow$  "one-sided" traits  
dominate

$10^{23} < P_{\text{core}} < 10^{24}$  TRANSITION!



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Questions about jets we'd like to answer.

- 1) Are they free or confined? Hydro or magnetohydro
- 2)  heavy or light?
- 3) fast or slow?

First: -

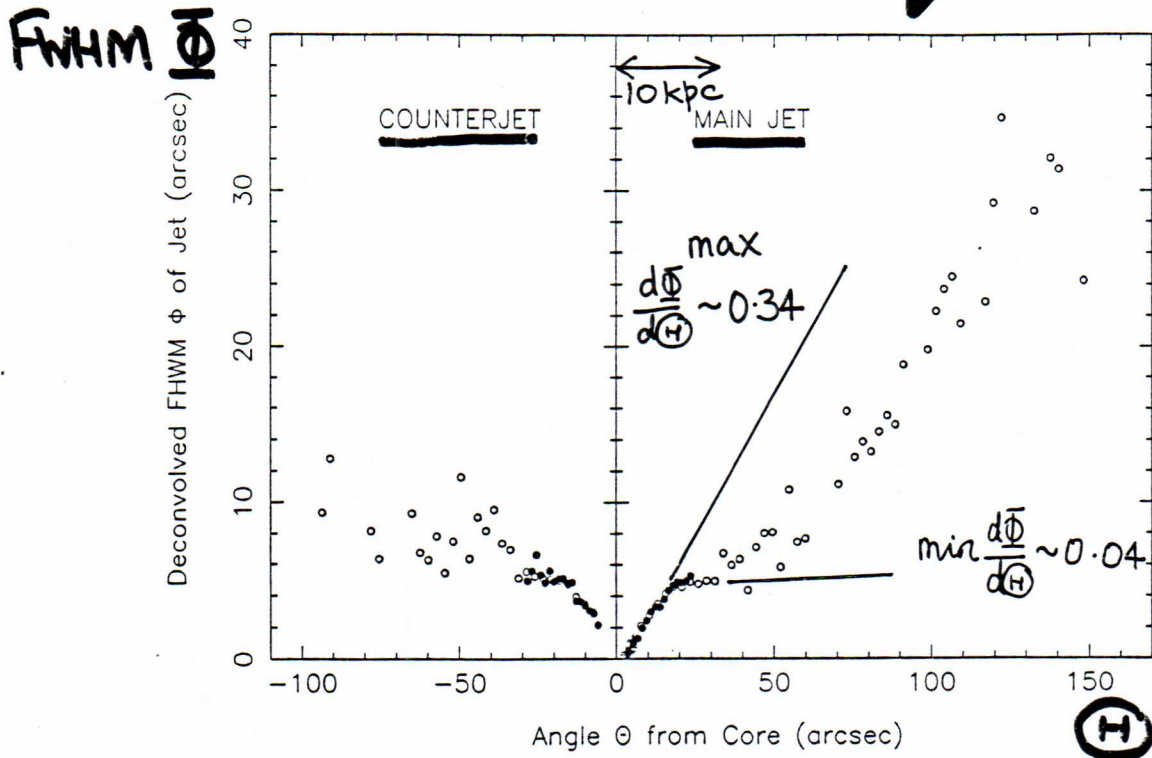
Freedom/Confinement, we get clues from detailed spreading data

I will show data on collimation (jet spreading) detail for two sources, chosen as one two-sided view, one one-sided powerful, each pretty representative of its class.



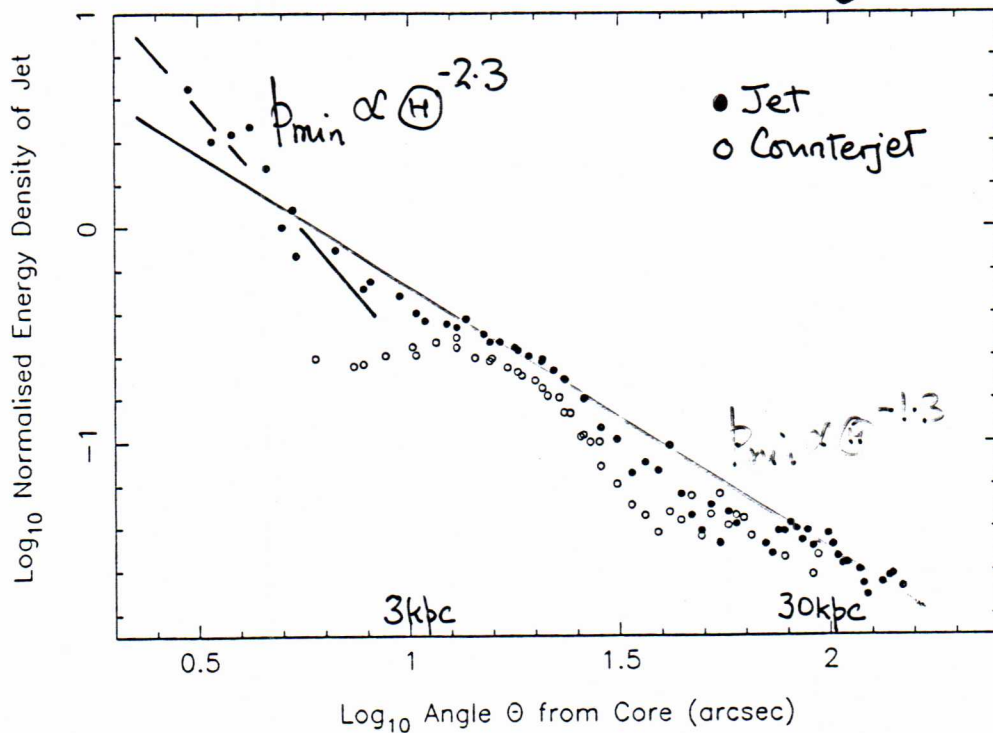
# SPREADING DIAGRAM OF THE JETS IN A WEAK SOURCE ( $P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{24.06} \text{ W/Hz}$ )

Collimation of Jets in B2 0326+396



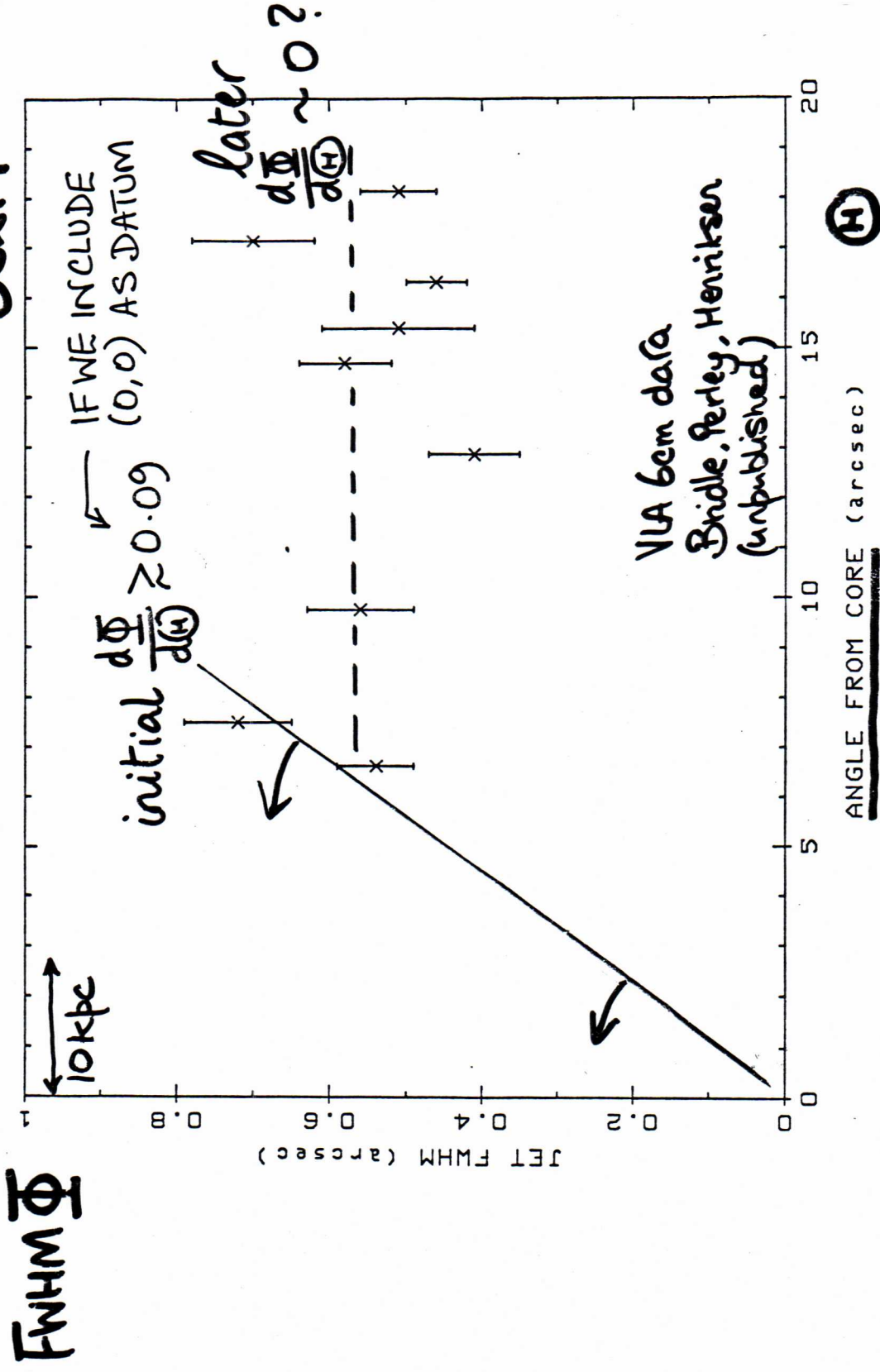
## MINIMUM PRESSURE VARIATION

Magnetic Energy Density of Jets in B2 0326+396



P. Parma, R. Fanti, A. Bridle, S. Baum, R. Ekers, E. Fomalont (in preparation)

LATERAL EXPANSION - 3C219 JET 3C219



SPREADING DIAGRAM OF JET IN A STRONG SOURCE ( $P_{tot}^{1.4} = 10^{26.45} \text{ W/Hz.}$ )

# Where are Extragalactic Jets Collimated ?

VLBI →

INITIALLY, ON PARSEC SCALES

– but –

Many radio-galaxy jets spread rapidly a few kpc from the nucleus, but more slowly at 10–30 kpc from the nucleus \*\*

– i.e. –

- THE JETS ARE NOT FREE ONCE AWAY FROM CORE

SOMETHING RECOLLIMATES MANY RADIO JETS ABOUT 10 KPC FROM THE PARENT NUCLEI  
— WHAT ?

\*\* in some cases they “flare” again further out



Basic physical issue is - if both weak and strong source jets are recollimated on  $\sim 10$  kpc scales, what is the recollimating mechanism?

Most obvious candidate is thermal pressure of hot gaseous haloes known to exist around some nearby elliptical galaxies from X-ray data.

Are the thermal pressures in such haloes on 10 kpc scales of right magnitude and gradient to confine minimum pressures in synchrotron jets?

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# Can Jets be Thermally Collimated by X-ray Haloes of Galaxies/QSRs ?

- is minimum jet pressure  $p_{min}$   $\geq$  thermal pressure  $p_{th}^x$  ?  
 (from synchrotron data) (from X-ray data)

## WEAK RADIO GALAXIES

Pressure laws of X-ray haloes have right form

Pressures of X-ray haloes have right magnitude

$p_{th}^x \sim 10^{-1}$  to  $10^{-2}$

$p_{min} < p_{th}^x$

$n_e T \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}$ , few kpc  
 $\sim 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}$ , 100 kpc

## STRONG RADIO GALAXIES

Pressure laws of X-ray haloes may have right form

Pressures of X-ray haloes are too low ?

$p_{min} \sim 1-50 p_{th}^x$

## QUASARS

Total X-ray luminosities too low ?

$p_{min} \geq 10 p_{th}^x$  ?

OBSERVERS MUST DISTINGUISH LOCAL OVERPRESSURES AT KNOTS FROM LARGE-SCALE OVERPRESSURES BETWEEN KNOTS

— before we are sure how bad the collimation problems are for strong radio galaxies/QSRs

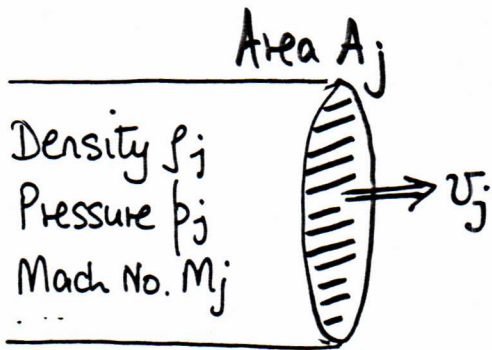
N.B. All jets with  $p_{min} > p_{th}^x$  are one-sided!

independently

John Wardle has also emphasised that the jers in strong QSR sources cannot be free, on grounds of thrust balance:



# THRUST BALANCE FOR POWERFUL JETS



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thrust} &= \rho_j v_j^2 A_j \\ &= \rho_j M_j^2 c_s^2 A_j \\ &= M_j^2 \Gamma p_j A_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{THRUST} > M_j^2 \Gamma p_{\text{min}} A_j}$$

fixed by observing  
Synchrotron  
properties of jet

IF NARROW, POWERFUL JETS ARE FREE,  $M_j \gtrsim 50$



THRUSTS  $\gtrsim 10^{39}$  dynes, independent of unknown  $\rho_j$

**PROBLEM - WHAT COULD STOP/DEFLECT SUCH THRUSTS?**

e.g. if balanced by ram pressure  $\rho_{\text{IGM}} v_{\text{HS}}^2 A_{\text{HS}}$   
across a 1 kpc-radius hot spot,

$v_{\text{HS}} = c$  requires  $\rho_{\text{IGM}} \sim 0.025 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

TO ESCAPE PROBLEM, MUST EITHER

a) REDUCE  $M_j$  - JET IS CONFINED

b) REDUCE  $p_{\text{min}}$  ← Doppler boost? But not for  
many large sources!

# Conclusions:

## Freedom or Confinement for Extragalactic Radio Jets ?

### 1. NO DETECTED LARGE-SCALE JETS ARE EVERYWHERE FREE

- some rapidly-expanding parts of jets free ?
- fully free jets too dim to detect ?

### 2. CONFINEMENT MECHANISM UNCLEAR

- especially for powerful QSR jets ?
- possible relation to one-sidedness ?
- magnetic collimation of current-carrying jets?
- thermal confinement possible for weak radio-galaxy jets, but are other mechanisms active ?

↑

e.g. magnetic  
viscous

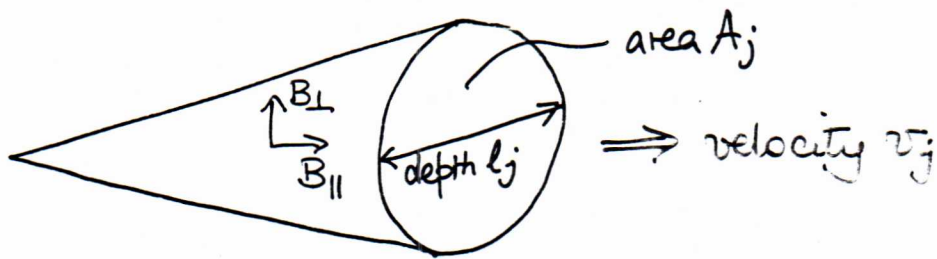
- thermal confinement possible for all jets if  
Synchrotron overpressures confined to shocked

regions  $\left( \frac{p_{\max}}{p_{\text{ambient}}} \sim (\text{Mach No.})^2 \right)$

Now ~~we~~ consider why the jets we see stay so bright while they expand. Understanding this may help us understand their interactions with the ambient gas, + also their stability.



# ADIABATIC "BENCHMARK" FOR DIMMING OF A SPREADING JET



IF JET FLOWS CONSERVE MAGNETIC FLUX

$$B_{\parallel} \propto \frac{1}{A_j} \quad B_{\perp} \propto \frac{1}{l_j v_j}$$

AND NO PARTICLE REACCELERATION,

THEN ADIABATIC SPREADING  $\rightarrow$

SYNCHROTRON EMISSIVITY $\epsilon_{\nu}$	$\propto$	$A_j^{-\left(\frac{5\gamma+1}{6}\right)} v_j^{-\left(\frac{\gamma+2}{3}\right)} (B_{\parallel})$
		OR $A_j^{-\left(\frac{\gamma+2}{3}\right)} l_j^{-\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)} v_j^{-\left(\frac{5\gamma+7}{6}\right)} (B_{\perp})$

Observers measure either:

luminosity per unit length  $L_{\nu} \propto \epsilon_{\nu} A_j$  OR:

peak profile intensity  $I_{\nu} \propto \epsilon_{\nu} l_j$

"Typical" electron energy index  $\gamma \sim 2.3$  ( $\bar{\alpha} = 0.69$ )

CIRCULAR  
JET

$$A_j = \pi R_j^2$$

SMITH/NORMAN  
ELLIPTICAL JET

$$A_j = \pi a_j b_j$$

$B_{||}$   
dominates

$$I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-5.2} v_j^{-1.4}$$

$$I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-2.9} v_j^{-1.4}$$

$B_{\perp}$   
dominates

$$I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-3.5} v_j^{-3.1}$$

$$I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-2.2} v_j^{-3.1}$$

assuming



$$\gamma = 2.3$$

assuming



$$\gamma = 2.3$$

EXTERNAL  
PRESSURE

$$p_e \sim z^{-1.5}$$

EQN. OF  
STATE

$$p_j \sim \rho_j^{5/3}$$

GEOMETRY

$$R_j \propto a_j$$

Note:

VERY STRONG R-dependence if  $B_{||}$   
SIGNIFICANT  $v$ -dependence if  $B_{\perp}$   
ELLIPTICAL JET may have weaker  
R-dependence



# Departures from "Adiabatic"

## $I-R_j$ Brightness Variations in Extragalactic Radio Jets

### 1. INITIAL "TURN-ON" AFTER "GAPS"

-  $I \propto R_j^{+?}$  i.e. jet brightens as it expands

!-10  
Kpc  
out

### 2. GRADUAL DIMMING AFTER "TURN-ON"

-  $I \propto R_j^{-1 \pm 0.5}$  initially to  $I \propto R_j^{-4 \pm 1}$  far out

### 3. BRIGHT KNOTS

- especially jets in powerful sources

### 4. TERMINAL HOT SPOTS

- absent in weak sources, prominent in strong

### 5. FLARING

- rapid brightening and widening of trails/plumes  
- often seen in weak sources

10-100  
kpc

N.B. possible selection effect

- if jet does not exhibit one or more of these behaviors, we don't detect it ?



# Proposed Mechanisms for “Sub-adiabatic” $I$ vs. $R_j$ Laws in Extragalactic Radio Jets

## 1. PARTICLE ACCELERATION AND/OR MAGNETIC FLUX AMPLIFICATION

- derived from bulk K.E. of jet
- mediated by shocks at high Mach number ?
- mediated by turbulence at low Mach number ?

## 2. PITCH ANGLE SCATTERING

- streaming parallel to  $\underline{B}$  until scattered ?

## 3. ADIABATIC SLOWDOWN

- longitudinal compression of slowing jet
- mediated by turbulent entrainment of ambient gas across boundary layer at low Mach number
- attractive for weak  $B_{\perp}$  jets, due to strong  $v_j$  dependence in adiabats for  $B_{\perp}$ .

# Tests of Mechanisms to Keep Extragalactic Jets Lit Up

## 1. OPTICAL to X-RAY IMAGING

- find particle reacceleration sites  
(short synchrotron lifetimes)
- full tests via detailed spectra (curvature !) plus  
model relating synchrotron emission to flow
- polarimetry (where possible) required to prove
  - (a) emission mechanism is synchrotron
  - (b) all of spectrum arises in same volume

## 2. EVIDENCE FOR SLOWDOWN

- bending radii of curved head-tail jets ?

(O'Dea, later today)

## 3. EVIDENCE FOR ENTRAINMENT

- optical emission from entrained gas ?
- Faraday depth variations along jets

# Faraday Depth Test for (Entrainment + Slowdown) keeping $B_{\perp}$ jet well lit up

Faraday depth  $\propto f_j B_j l_j$  ←

length  
line of sight  
through jet

$\propto \frac{1}{A_j v_j^3}$

(if  $B_{\perp}$   
+  
constant  
thrust)

an illustrative  
lower  
limit?

$B_{\perp}$  "adiabat" for circular jet ( $\gamma=2.3$ )

$I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-3.5} v_j^{-3.1}$

To make  $I_{\nu} \propto R_j^{-0.5}$  to  $R_j^{-1.5}$

we need  $v_j \propto R_j^{-0.95}$  to  $R_j^{-0.65}$

Faraday depth  $\propto R_j^{0.85}$  to  $R_j^{-0.05}$

Compare  $v_j = \text{constant}$

Faraday depth  $\propto R_j^{-2}$

● Compare:  
needs high  
resolution  
 $\lesssim 1 \text{ GHz}$ !

MERLIN, VLAX?

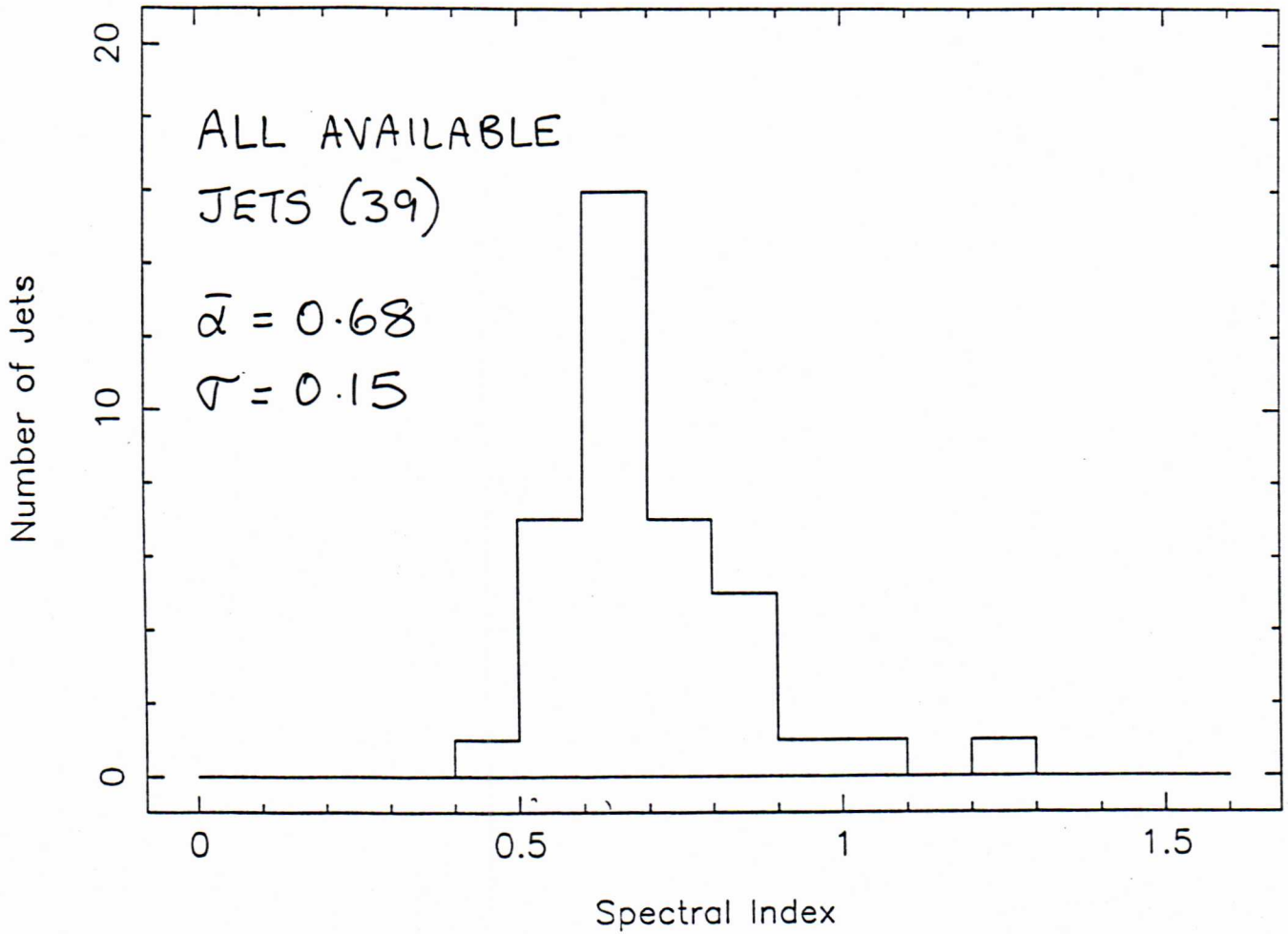


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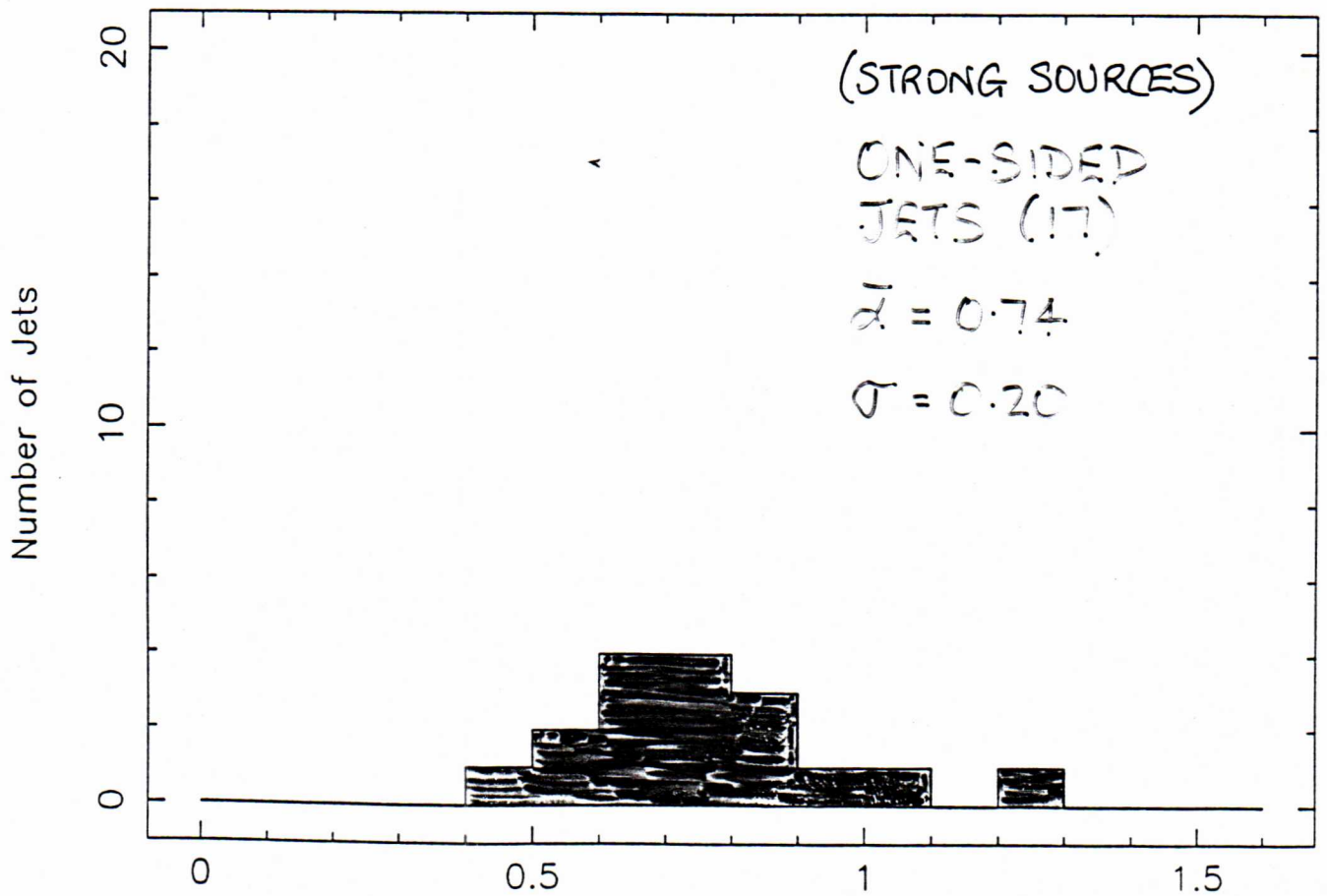
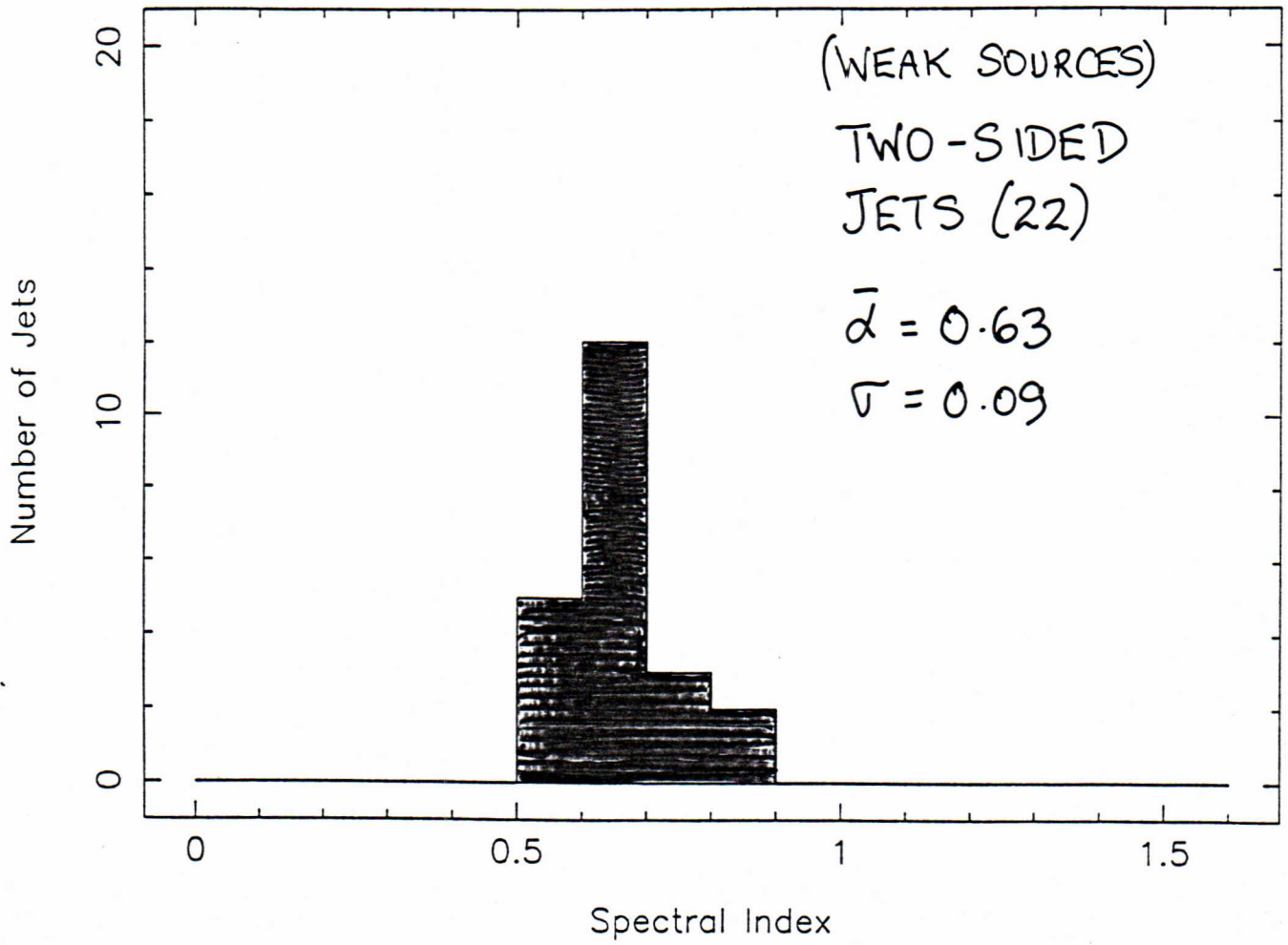
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Possibly some rudimentary information, <sup>also</sup> from  
jet radio spectra (hard to interpret at present  
as data are rather patchy) :-

Mean Spectral Indices of 39 Jets near 20cm



A.H. Bridle, unpublished





To understand these spectral differences, need  
spectral CURVATURE + B field variations also.

But observers might watch for this trend in  
larger complete samples, in case it is telling us  
something about particle acc<sup>n</sup>. <sup>differences in</sup> ~~differences~~ <sup>mechanisms</sup> between  
strong and weak sources.

Another clue may come from spectral gradients along jets. These are rarely strong at cm AA but where they have been documented they are all of the same kind — brighter regions of jets tend to have less steep radio spectra.

(N.B. There are observational biases that can work in this direction, too — need to be very careful!)

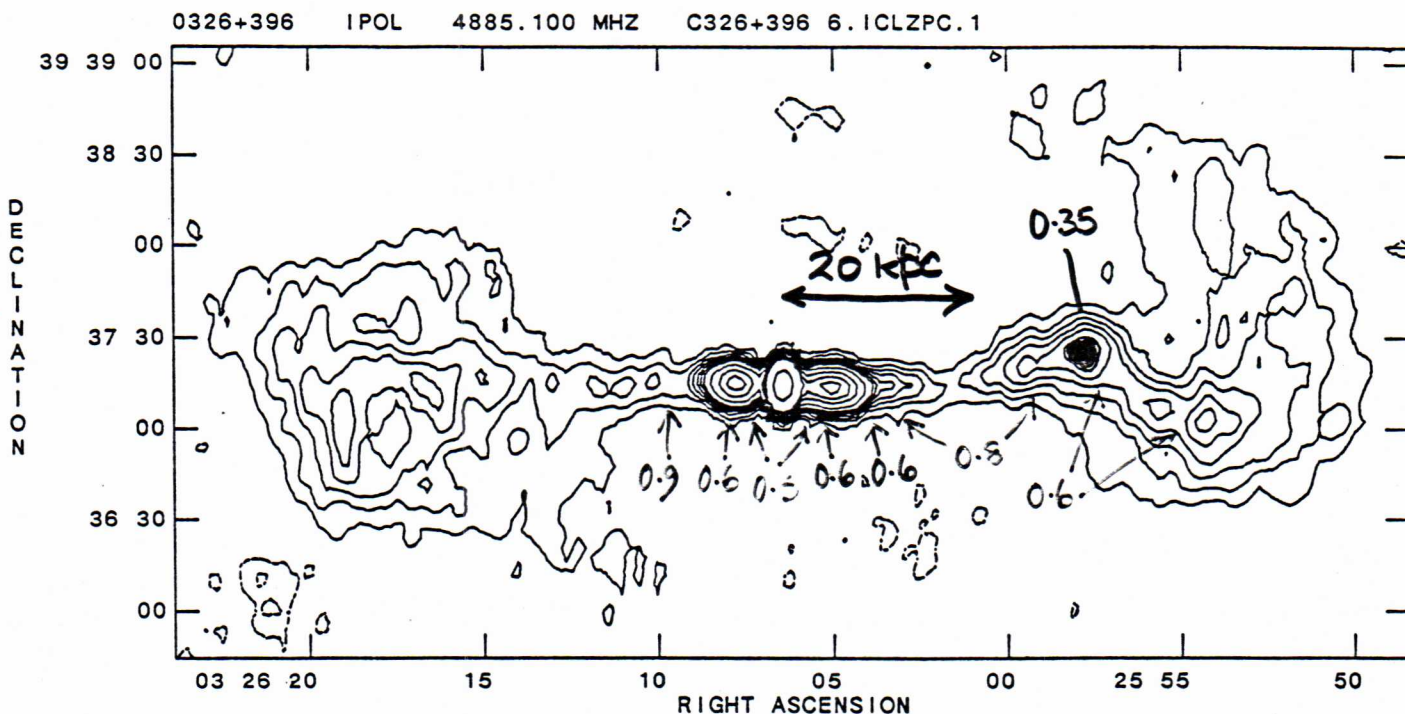
Several cases where spectra simply steepen along a jet, as expected under synch losses. e.g. 3C31 Strom et al. 1987

Also some cases of knots with flatter spectra than surrounding jet emission. (Mc, O'Dea)

Weak steep-spectrum emission in "gaps" before bright "turn-ons" (Killeen)   
 Poster

steepening

# REVERSAL OF SPECTRAL INDEX GRADIENT AT (RESOLVED) JET KNOT



PEAK FLUX = 7.7624E-02 JY/BEAM  
 LEVS = 0.4000E-03 \* (-2.00, -1.00, 1.00,  
 2.000, 3.000, 4.000, 5.000, 6.000, 7.000,  
 10.00, 15.00, 20.00, 25.00, 97.03)

$\alpha$  1415  
 4885

Parma, Fanti, Bridle, Baum, Ekers, formidat.  
 (in preparation)



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Now let's look at a possible connection between jet brightness behavior and <sup>known</sup> instabilities of confined jets at different Mach numbers that may help to unify several of the correlations and also lead into my last topic, which will be the ~~jet~~ jet velocity ~~question~~ question.

# PRINCIPAL KELVIN-HELMHOLTZ INSTABILITY REGIMES OF CONFINED SUPERSONIC JETS

ANALYTIC (LINEAR) MODELING - e.g. Cohn, Ferrari et al., Hardt  
NUMERICAL (NONLINEAR) MODELING - Norman et al., Woodward

both



1. ORDINARY MODE  
DOMINATED

$$\frac{p_j}{p_{ext}} > \left(\frac{M_j}{2}\right)^{3.3}$$

"Heavy, mildly supersonic"

- rapidly growing mixing layer at jet boundary
- rapid deceleration via entrainment of ambient gas
- internal PLANAR shocks
- disruption via mass exchange with ambient gas

2. REFLECTION MODE  
DOMINATED

$$\frac{p_j}{p_{ext}} < \left(\frac{M_j}{2}\right)^{3.3}$$

"light, hypersonic"

- coupling of jet to external medium via SHOCKS
- instabilities saturate as BICONICAL shocks
- effects of mass exchange minor
- jet is not disrupted



# UNMODELED COMPLICATIONS OF THE REAL WORLD

- 1) Real jets descend pressure gradients ( $10^6 : 1$  ?) but most models don't!  
→ parameter evolution in  $(M, \beta_i/\beta_e)$
- 2) Non-axisymmetry, 3-D effects
- 3) Unsteady inputs from central engine
- 4) Electromagnetic effects - MHD needed?
- 5) Synchrotron radiation as flow visualisation technique is poorly understood.

— BUT —





# Typical Jet Mach Numbers May Increase with Source Power

JETS IN WEAK ( $P_{10\text{GHz}} \lesssim 10^{34}$  W) SOURCES  
RESEMBLE MILDLY SUPERSONIC FLOWS

- 1) They spread rapidly, hence –
- 2) are dominated by perpendicular magnetic field,
- 3) so can stay bright as they expand by –
  - (a) becoming turbulent
  - (b) entraining gas and slowing down
 and may thus become subsonic, so that they –
- 4) “poop out” without making hot spots

wide  
 $B_{\perp}$

bright  
(smooth maybe?)

edge darkens  
Ext. structure

JETS IN STRONG ( $P_{10\text{GHz}} \gtrsim 10^{35}$  W) SOURCES  
RESEMBLE HYPERSONIC FLOWS ( $M_j \gtrsim 3$ )

- 1) They spread slowly, hence –
- 2) are dominated by parallel magnetic field, but – form strong X-shocks from boundary instabilities
- 3) so stay bright by shock acceleration at knots and remain supersonic until they –
- 4) plow into undisturbed IGM, making hot spots

narrow  
 $B_{\parallel}$

knotty

punch out hot spots

*N.B. if light, hypersonic jet starts to thread, it may also be ram-confined and brighter as internal shocks are driven in. Ext shocks also.*

Jet Mach #'s increasing with power don't  
tell us necessarily about jet velocities tho'.

How do sound speeds vary?

Let's look briefly at arguments relating to  
jet velocities.

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min

# Arguments Favoring Bulk Relativistic Motions\* in Parsec-Scale Jets

\*typical Lorentz factors  $\gamma_j \sim 5$

When such jets point near the line of sight, we may simultaneously explain:

**BY TIME DELAY EFFECTS:**

Superluminal knot separations (VLBI data)

**BY DOPPLER BEAMING/BOOSTING:**

One-sidedness of core-jets

Low self-Compton X-ray fluxes of bright radio cores

“Excess” radio brightnesses of rapid variables

**BY PROJECTION/ORIENTATION:**

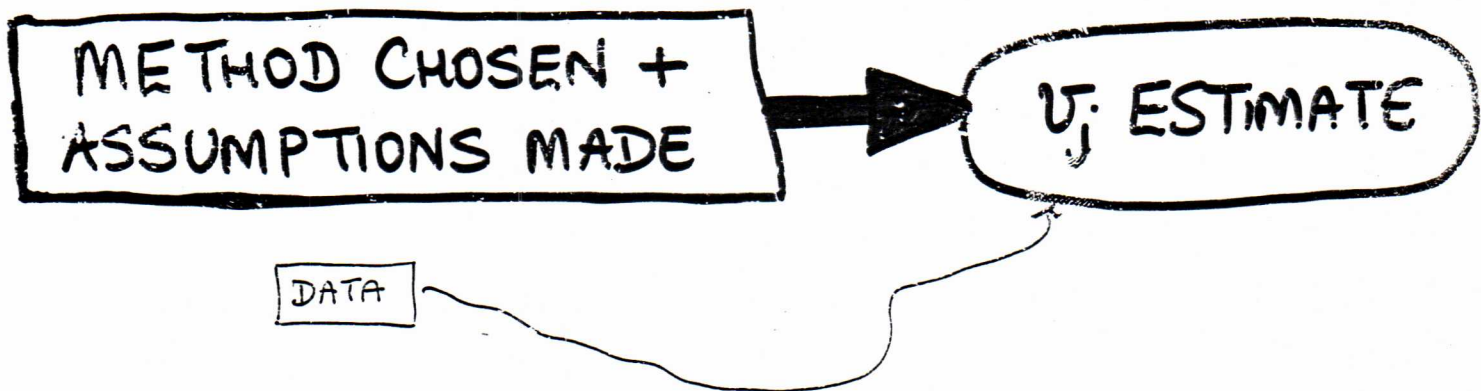
Large apparent jet curvatures/misalignments

in core-dominated sources



# PROBLEMS WITH VELOCITY ESTIMATES FOR KPC-SCALE JETS

- JET DENSITIES POORLY CONSTRAINED
- ASSUME  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ENTHALPY?} \\ KE \end{array} \right\} \text{FLUX DOMINANCE}$   
( $\approx$  assume Mach # range)
- STEADY STATE FLOWS
- WIGGLE INTERPRETATION
- PRESSURE BALANCE AT HOT SPOTS
- EQUIPARTITION / EFFICIENCIES



What we can be really sure of on kpc scales:

1)  $v_{\text{escape}} < v_j < c$

if there is outflow on these scales!

2) For 2-sided bent jets in C-shaped sources:

$v_j \lesssim 0.2c$  from their brightness symmetries  
(O'Dea) (unless all close to plane of sky!)

# The Great Velocity Debate

From collimation/brightness arguments:

If jet MACH NUMBERS increase with increasing source power, do jet VELOCITIES increase also ?

From parsec-scale core-jet properties:

How far from the nucleus does bulk relativistic flow persist in the powerful sources ?

From symmetry/sidedness considerations:

Jet one-sidedness extends further from the core as core power increases – does this indicate increasing dominance of bulk relativistic effects with increasing power output ?

– and –

How much of the above is a geometrical effect ?

Very relevant to which of these statements is correct

are

~~the~~ the correlations between PC and KPC scale

for properties.



# Parsec/Kiloparsec Correlations

## 1. CORE – JET DETECTABILITY

Jets are found most easily in sources with prominent cores. There are no “disembodied” radio jets.

– thus –

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE CORE POWER  
IN MOST SOURCES IS NO MORE BEAMED  
THAN THE KPC-SCALE JET

**BUT CORE = BASE OF JET IN MODELS OF PC SCALES**

## 2. ONE-SIDEDNESS

One-sided pc-scale jets always point on the same side of the core as one-sided kpc-scale jets, when both are seen in the same source.

– thus –

THE PRIME CAUSE OF JET ONE-SIDEDNESS  
IS THE SAME ON BOTH PC AND KPC SCALES

# 3 Interpretations of Pc/Kpc Jet One-Sidedness Correlation

## 1. BOTH SCALES ARE APPROACHING SIDES OF SYMMETRIC (two-sided) BULK RELATIVISTIC ENERGY FLOWS

- why SO MANY one-sided jets in complete samples of big lobe-dominated QSRs ? ( $\gamma \gg 1 \rightarrow$  most should not be seen)
- HOW one-sided are these QSR jets ?
- needs  $\bar{\gamma}_j$  decreasing outwards ?  $\gamma = 5, \text{ pc scales ?}$   
 $\gamma \sim 1, \text{ 10 kpc scales .}$

## 2. BOTH SCALES HAVE SYMMETRIC ENERGY FLOWS BUT ONE SIDE DISSIPATES MORE

- why is dissipation coherent on pc/kpc scales ?
- why is asymmetry correlated with power ?

## 3. INTRINSIC ASYMMETRY ON BOTH SCALES

- needs  $\bar{\gamma}_j$  decreasing with distance ? (To preserve  $v/c$ , etc)
- needs "flip flop" to build two lobes
- asymmetry and "flip time" increase with power ?



N.B. both non-Doppler interpretations  
should be taken seriously, because of:

## Evidence for Non-Doppler Brightness Asymmetries in Low-Power Jets

BRIGHT ONE-SIDED JET BASES (first few kpc)

- (a) on receding side in some dust lane galaxies
- (b) close to plane of sky in others

JETS IN "C"-SHAPED SOURCES

generally bend without showing the brightness changes expected if emission is Doppler-boosted

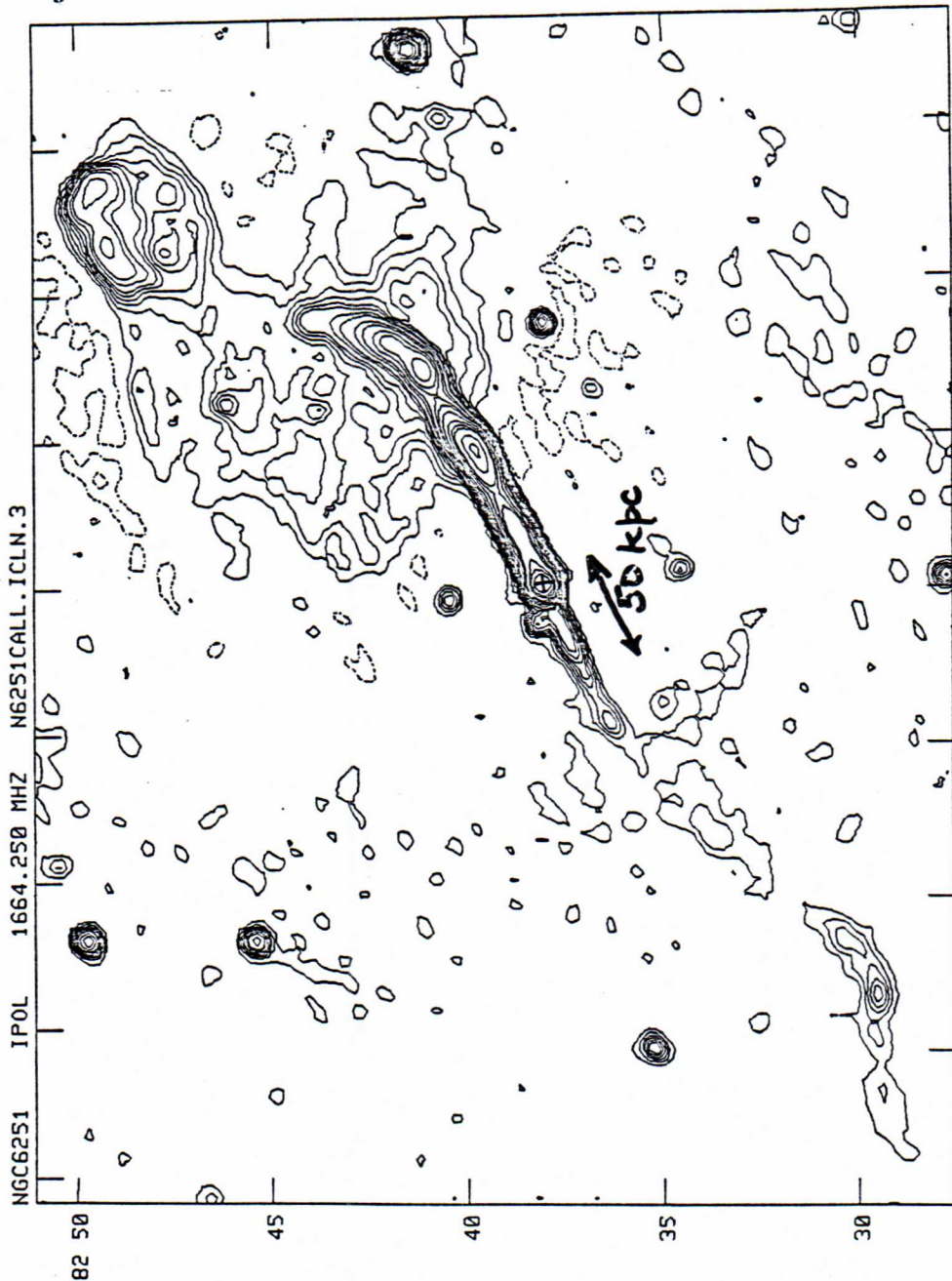
LOW-VELOCITY OPTICAL EMISSION LINES

share jet/knot asymmetries in most sources  
where both asymmetries and lines exist

SO - DOPPLER BOOSTING CANNOT  
EXPLAIN ALL ONE-SIDEDNESS  
NOW KNOWN IN EXTRAGALACTIC  
JETS



# S SYMMETRY OF JET/COUNTERJET IN NGC6251



16 44 42 40 38 36 34 32  
 RIGHT ASCENSION  
 PEAK FLUX = 5.5324E-01 JY/BEAM  
 LEVELS = 0.5532E-03 \* (-0.5, 0.5, 1.0,  
 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0,  
 7.5, 10.0, 15.0, 20.0, 30.0, 50.0,  
 75.0, 100.0, 200.0, 300.0, 500.0)

Perley  
 Bridle  
 D. Jones  
 Reached

VLA "C"  
 array N.B.  
 28-hr  
 integration

+ = NUCLEUS  
 OF  
 NGC6251

Sidedness  
 Varies from  
 30:1 to  
 200:1

DECLINATION

# Conclusions about Jet Velocities (as at June 1985)

1. ALL MODELS FOR PC/KPC SIDEDNESS CORRELATIONS HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY  
ALL-DOPPLER — statistics of big QSR sources with one-sided jets  
ONE-SIDED DISSIPATION — physics needed  
INTRINSIC / FLIP-FLOP — symmetric hot spots fed by one-sided jets (e.g. Cyg A.)
2. EVIDENCE THAT  $\gamma_j \gg 1$  IN JETS  
(a) decreases with distance from cores  
(b) decreases with decreasing power
3. SOME JETS ARE DEFINITELY SUBRELATIVISTIC, PERHAPS ALSO SUBSONIC? (Two-sided, wide jets in weak sources)
4. ALL STATEMENTS ABOUT JET VELOCITIES STARTING WITH "ALL" ARE LIKELY TO BE WRONG



## Conclusions about Core-Jet Relationships

1. ( $P_{\text{core}}^S = 10^{20.5}$  to  $10^{24}$  W/Hz)

- core emission and jet emission CANNOT be significantly Doppler-boosted

VLB-ers: how many of these core-jets are one-sided, how many superluminal, etc?

2. ( $P_{\text{core}}^S = 10^{24}$  to  $10^{28.5}$  W/Hz)

- core-dominated sources  $\rightarrow \gamma_j \sim 5$  on parsec scales.

- lobe-dominated sources  $\rightarrow$  roughly the same boosting factor on pc and kpc scales (N.B. "boost" could be = 1!)

• EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND IF CENTRAL ENGINES MAKE BOTH  $\gamma_j \sim 5$  (optional?) AND  $\gamma_j \sim 1$  (compulsory) OUTFLOWS.

+

• SOME ONE-SIDEDNESS IS NON-DOPPLER



# Problems for Observers

1. DETECT COUNTERJETS (STRONG SOURCES)  
– symmetries, sidedness, spectra, collimation
2. HOW MANY SUPERLUMINALS ?  
– complete samples of one-, two- and no-sided  
kpc-scale jets should be monitored for hard  
evidence of bulk relativistic motions at bases
3. TEST PC/KPC JET SIDEDNESS  
– are pc and kpc sidedness always the same ?  
i.e., same SYMMETRY ? same SIDE ?
4. MAP INTRINSIC FARADAY DEPTHS  
– constrain 3-D B field, jet density, entrainment
5. FIND PARTICLE REGENERATION SITES  
– image optical, X-ray synchrotron emission  
– polarimetry if you can !
6. IMAGE X-RAY HALOES  
– test thermal collimation in detail for  
both galaxies and QSRs

VLA  
- e.g. NGC 6251

VLBNets  
VLBA

VLA  
MERLIN  
VLBNets  
VLBA

VLAX  
MERLIN

HST  
AXAF

AXAF?

Measure the velocities

# Problems for Theorists

## 1. RELATIVISTIC SLOWDOWN

- can it happen quietly about 10-100 pc out ?

## 2. ASYMMETRIC JET ENGINES

- can they have time scales or asymmetries that increase with increasing power output ?

## 3. JET "GAP AND PIECE" THEORY

- what do (a) unsteady, (b) flip-flop jets look like ? 3c219?

## 4. ASYMMETRIC DISSIPATION

- can <sup>it</sup><sub>^</sub> be coherent from pc to 100-kpc scales ?

## 5. SYNCHROTRON FLOW VISUALISATION

- how do the synchrotron parameters "visualise"  
(a) collimation, (b) pressure ? - predict I, Q, U !

M. Norman  
(Wednesday)

## 6. FLOW IN PRESSURE GRADIENTS

- can parameter evolution in haloes stabilize jets ?

P. Wicke (Wednesday)