### Magnetic Reconnection & Acceleration around BHs and Jets

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## COSMIC MAGNETIC RECONNECTION

#### Directly observed:



#### Solar corona



#### magnetotail

### Reconnection is FAST ! $V_{rec} \sim V_A = B/(4\pi\rho)^{1/2}$





Accretion disk coronae

> Stellar Xray Flares

Star Formation and ISM

Reconnection also beyond Solar System

Pulsars

AGN & GRB Jets

Accreting NS and SGRs





# Reconnection may be the key to solve another problem

## Particle acceleration in compact sources: new challenges

- pulsars
- Black Hole sources
- GRB and AGN relativistic jets

Standard process -> Fermi acceleration in shocks:

difficulties to explain relativistic particles origin and associated very high energy emission (up to TeV) occurring in very compact regions in:

magnetically dominated ? -> shocks weak

# This talk

### Fast magnetic reconnection and Particle acceleration:

Review in (collisional) MHD flows



surrounds of BHs & relativistic jets



its implications for very high energy (VHE), & neutrino emission, conversion of magnetic into kinetic energy

# Fast Reconnection in MHD flows

#### **Turbulence drives FAST RECONNECTION !**

(Lazarian & Vishniac 1999; Eyink et al. 2011)

#### Magnetic lines wandering: many simultaneous reconnection events

Successfully tested in numerical simulations (Kowal et



(Alternative~descriptions: Shibata & Tanuma01; Loureiro+07; Bhattacharjee+09)

## Reconnection a powerful mechanism to accelerate particles

#### This has been tested with $\rightarrow$ numerical simulations:

Most simulations of particle acceleration by magnetic reconnection:
 2D collisionless (kinetic) plasmas (PIC) (e.g. Drake+ 06; Zenitani & Hoshino 01; 07; 08; Cerutti, Uzdensky+ 13; Li+ 15) and 3D (Sironi & Spitkovsky 2014; Guo+2015; 16)
 @ scales:

few plasma inertial length  $\sim$  100-1000 c/ $\omega_{\rm p}$ 

#### Larger-scale astrophysical systems (AGNs, BHBs):

→ MHD description → collisional reconnection (Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian 2011, 2012; de Gouveia Dal Pino+ 2014, 2015; del Valle et al. 2016)

## Particle Acceleration by Reconnection using MHD Simulations with test particles

Isothermal MHD equations to build reconnection domain: second-order Godunov scheme and HLLD Riemann solver (Kowal et al 2009)



Inject test particles in the MHD domain of reconnection and follow their trajectories (6<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta-Gauss):

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma \, m \, \mathbf{u}) = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma m \boldsymbol{u}) = q\left[(\boldsymbol{u} - \boldsymbol{v}) \times \boldsymbol{B}\right]$$

Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian 2011; 2012

#### **Particle Acceleration in 2D MHD Reconnection**



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#### Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian, ApJ 2011

**2D Multiple current sheets** to compare with PIC simulations

#### Kinetic energy increase



# Interpretation of Particle Acceleration in reconnection sites

#### Shock Acceleration



### 1<sup>st</sup>-order Fermi (e.g.Bell+1978)



#### **Reconnection Acceleration**



1<sup>st</sup>-order Fermi (de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian, A&A 2005):

particles bounce back and forth between 2 converging magnetic flows

 $<\Delta E/E > ~ v_{rec}/C$ 

## 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi Reconnection Acceleration: successful numerical testing in 3D MHD



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 Acceleration more efficient in 3D than in 2D

## 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi Reconnection Acceleration: successful numerical testing in 3D MHD



log E,

del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal MNRAS 2016

# 3D MHD Reconnection Acceleration tested for different values of $v_A/c = 1/10 - 1/1000$



## Reconnection acceleration beyond the SS

- Zenitani & Hoshino (2001-2007)
- de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian (2003, 2005)
- Dmitruk, Matthaeus+ (2003)
- de Gouveia Dal Pino et al. (2010)
- Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian (2011, 2012)
- Giannios+ (2009), Giannios, 2010, 2013)
- del Valle, Romero et al. (2011)
- Cerutti et al. (2013)
- de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal & Lazarian (2014)
- Cerutti, Werner, Uzdensky, Begelman (2014)
- Lyutikov (2014)
- Wu+ (2014)
- Dexter+ (2014)
- Werner+ (2014)
- Sironi & Spitkovsky (2014)
- Singh, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kadowaki (2015)
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- Khiali & de Gouveia Dal Pino (2016)
- del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal (2016)
- de Gouveia Dal Pino & Kowal (2015)
- Uzdensky (2015)
- Guo et al (2015)
- Sironi, Petropoulou, Giannios (2015)
- Singh, Mizuno, de Gouveia Dal Pino (2016)....

# Application to BHs and relativistic jets

# Black Hole sources are accelerators (specially of cosmic rays >10 $^{17}$ eV) and VHE emitters

AGNs (blazars, radio-galaxies, seyferts)

-RAY BINARY SCHEMATIC

#### Black Hole Binaries (Microquasars)

Shells collide (internal shock wave

ack hole engine

GRBs

Radio Galaxy 3C31 = NGC 383 Copyright NRAO/AUI 2006

## VHE emission more common in Blazars

#### High Luminous AGNs

- ✓ Jet ~ along our line of sight
- VHE Emission (poor resolution): attributed to particle acceleration *along* the relativistic jet
- ✓ with apparent high flux due to strong Doppler Accretion Dis boosting ( $\gamma$ ~5-10)
- ✓ shock acceleration in kinetic-dominated flux



### ...*But* a few Non-Blazars Low Luminous AGNs

Also Gamma Ray emitters
 Jet does not point to the line of sight
 no significant Doppler boosting !

CenA



#### Does it come from core or jet ?

Rapid variability emission: ~100 r<sub>s</sub>
 -> compact *emission (core)*?

Where are particles accelerated?

Is acceleration magnetically dominated?

**Reconnection Acceleration?** 

#### Reconnection acceleration in the surrounds of BHs ?

#### Accretion disk/jet systems (AGNs & galactic BHs)



de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian 2005; de Gouveia Dal Pino+2010 37



Kadowaki, Master thesis 2011 (also Zani & Ferreira 2013; Romanova+)



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Dexter, McKinney et al. 2014: reconnection seen in GRMHD simulations (also Koide & Arai 2008)

#### Reconnection acceleration in the surrounds of BHs

# Revisited the model to evaluate reconnection power and acceleration -> apply to more than 230 sources:

- Different accretion disk models (Shakura-Sunyaev; MDAF)
- Coronal model by Liu et al. (2002, 2003).
- Fast reconnection in the surrounds of the BH driven by turbulence



#### Reconnection acceleration in the surrounds of BHs

$$B \cong 9.96 \times 10^8 r_X^{-1.25} \xi^{0.5} m^{-0.5} \text{ G}$$
  
W \approx 1.66 \times 10^{35} \psi^{-0.5} r\_X^{-0.62} l^{-0.25} l\_X q^{-2} \xi^{0.75} m \text{ ergs}^{-1}  
\Delta R\_X \approx 2.34 \times 10^4 \psi^{-0.31} r\_X^{0.48} l^{-0.15} l\_X q^{-0.75} \xi^{-0.15} m \text{ cm}  
n\_c \approx 8.02 \times 10^{18} \psi^{0.5} r\_X^{-0.375} l^{-0.75} q^{-2} \xi^{0.25} m^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}



#### Reconnection acceleration in the surrounds of BHs

#### **Magnetic Power**

$$\dot{W}_B \simeq 1.66 \times 10^{35} \Gamma^{-rac{1}{2}} r_X^{-rac{5}{8}} I^{-rac{1}{4}} I_X q^{-2} \dot{m}^{rac{3}{4}} m \ erg/s$$



## Magnetic Reconnection Power around BHs



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Also applied the reconnection acceleration model in the *core* to build the full SPECTRUM of

Non-Blazars: CenA, M87, PerA, 3C110 (Khiali, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Sol, arXiv:1504.07592)

> Microquasars: Cyg X1 and Cyg X3 (Khiali, de Gouveia Dal Pino, del Valle, MNRAS 2015)

#### Reconnection Acceleration & Radiation from the core

 $\checkmark$  Cooling of the accelerated particles -> emission:

t<sub>acc</sub> ~ t<sub>loss</sub>(Synchrotron, SSC, pp, pγ)

#### **Ex.: Radio-galaxy Cen A**



Khiali, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Sol 2015 (arXiv:1504.07592); Khiali, de Gouveia Dal Pino, del Valle, MNRAS 2015

# **Neutrino emission** from *cores* of low luminous AGNs ( $z \sim 0 - 5.2$ ) due to reconnection acceleration



Khiali & de Gouveia Dal Pino, MNRAS 2015

# Reconnection Acceleration *within* Relativistic Jets

"Blazar" Viewing down the jet

> "Quasar / Seyfert 1" Viewing at an angle to the jet

> > "Radio Galaxy / Seyfert 2' Viewing at 90° from the jet

Black Hole

Accretion Disk

If jet emission produced near the core and jet is magnetic, then reconnection acceleration may prevail

# Are Jets born magnetically dominated?



Magneto-centrifugal acceleration by helical field arising from the accretion disk (Blandford & Payne)

Or powered by BH spin (Blandford-Znajek)

#### Major Problem 1:

Most energy in Poynting Flux (magnetic field) → Need rapid conversion (dissipation) to kinetic:

#### **Requires RECONNECTION?**



GRMHD simulations (e.g., McKinney 06)

# Very-rapid TeV Flares in *Blazar Jets* hard to explain with standard acceleration

Variation timescale:

 $t_v \sim 200 s < r_s/c \sim 3M_9$  hour

- For TeV emission to avoid pair creation  $\gamma_{em} > 50$  (Begelman, Fabian & Rees 2008)
- But bulk jet  $\gamma \sim 5-10$
- Emitter: compact and/or extremely fast
- A proposed Model:
   Reconnection
   inside the jet

PKS2155-304 (Aharonian et al. 2007) See also Mrk501, PKS1222+21



## GRB jet prompt gamma-ray emission may require reconnection acceleration too

Internal collision-induced magnetic reconnection turbulent model (ICMART) (Zhang & Yan 2011):

> GRB prompt emission: turbulence, magnetic reconnection, and particle acceleration via internal collisions of multiple launched parcels



(See also Gianios 2008; McKinney & Uzdensky 2012)

# **Regions of AGN & GRB Jet Propagation**

#### Modified from D. Meier & Y. Mizuno (courtesy)

 $\sim 10 - 10^{2.5 \pm 0.5} r_{S}$ 



# **CD Kink Instability**

- Well-known instability in laboratory plasma (TOKAMAK) and astrophysical plasmas (Sun, jets, pulsars)
- In configurations with strong toroidal magnetic fields, current-driven (CD) kink mode (m=1) is unstable
- This instability excites large-scale helical motions that can strongly distort or even disrupt the system
- Distorted magnetic field structure may trigger magnetic reconnection





Kink instability in lab plasma (Moser & Bellan 2012)

### MHD Simulations of Reconnection driven by Kink in Magnetically Dominated Relativistic Jets (GRBs & AGNs)

• Precession perturbation allows growth of CD kink instability with helical density distortion.

• Helical kink advected with the flow with continuous growth of kink amplitude in nonlinear phase.

• Helical structure is disrupted

• Magnetic energy converted into kinetic



Singh, Mizuno, de Gouveia Dal Pino, ApJ 2016

## Reconnection driven by Kink in Magnetically Dominated Relativistic Jets (GRBs & AGNs)









Sites for magnetic reconnection, dissipation, particle acceleration (and gammarays)!

Singh, Mizuno, de Gouveia Dal Pino, ApJ 2016

# Summary

 Reconnection can be important in accretion/jet systems for particle acceleration, dissipation of magnetic energy and conversion MDF -> KDF

- Fermi particle acceleration by turbulent magnetic reconnection (numerically tested): can explain gamma-ray of microquasars and nonblazar AGNs as coming from the *core*
- ✓ The magnetic reconnection power matches well with the observed correlation of radio/gamma-ray luminosity versus BH mass of microquasars and non-blazar AGNs over 10 orders of magnitude in mass
- Reconnection acceleration in the core -> SEDs of non-blazars and microquasars
- Reconnection in magnetically dominated relativistic jets can be triggered by CD Kink instability, can explain rapid variability and possibly drive Fermi acceleration and gamma-ray emission too

# **CTA:** Cherenkov Telescope Array

## **ASTRI Mini-Array**







# CTA & ASTRI Mini-Array will locate the real region of acceleration and help to unveil the physics in the core/jet launching

# EXTRA SLIDES

### *In situ* 1<sup>st</sup>-order Fermi Relativistic MHD Reconnection x shock acceleration in Jets



# Competing mechanisms

de Gouveia Dal Pino & Kowal, ASSL 2015





#### Particle Acceleration in 3D MHD Pure Turbulence

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~1 2.54

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Time [t<sub>Alfven</sub>]

10<sup>0</sup>

10

100

10-2

10<sup>2</sup>

100

10<sup>2</sup>

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10

Perseus cluster

scattering by approaching and receding magnetic irregularities

Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian, PRL 2012

# Magnetic Reconnection around BHs works for different Accretion Disk Models



Soft -> Hard

MDAF accretion disk Hard -> Soft

#### **Reconnection Acceleration X Radiative Losses**



 γ-ray flux absorption by pair production as function of energy and height z above the plane of the accretion disk

#### **Ex.: Radio-galaxy Cen A**



z>1 Rs -> NO absorption

Khiali, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Sol 2015

# 3D MHD Reconnection Acceleration tested for different parameters of **turbulence**

Acceleration time X E for different turbulence injection power P<sub>inj</sub>

Acceleration time X E for different turbulence injection scale 1/k<sub>inj</sub>



Acceleration time -> weak dependence with parameters of turbulence

-> Compatible with the fact that turbulence is just the driving mechanism of fast reconnection in the large scale current sheet

(del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kowal 2016)

#### Particle Acceleration in 2D x 3D MHD Reconnection

