

Relativistic Thermodynamics in CFD codes

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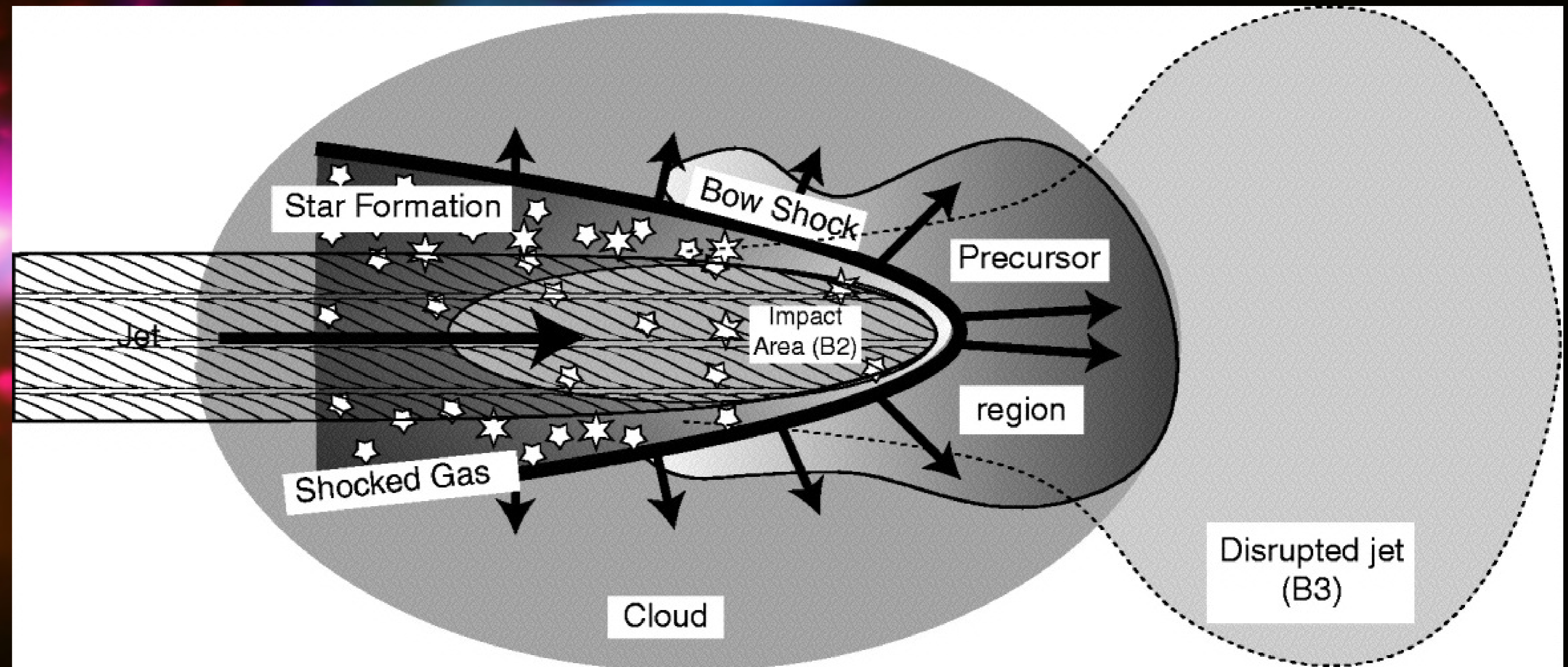
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AGN "mechanical" feedback is modelled by the interaction of relativistic jets with ISM cold clouds.

$$p_{j,kin} \approx \rho_j c^2 \beta_j^2 \sim n_c k_B T_c$$

Jet ram pressure
comparable to ISM
cold clouds internal
energy \rightarrow

The thermodynamics of
jet-ISM interaction is as
relevant as the purely
mechanical feedback.



Relativistic Thermodynamics (RT) is not based on firm grounds.

How does *Temperature* transforms between relatively moving reference frames?

- $T' = \gamma^{-1}T_0$ (Einstein 1907, Planck 1908)? $T' = \gamma T_0$ (Einstein, 1952; Ott, 1963)? $T' = T_0$ (Landsberg et al., 2004)

Consider a jet's fluid parcel, speed β_j . Its *hydrostatic pressure* $p_j = n_j k_B T_j$ is **Lorentz invariant** (Pathria, 1965), and: $n_j = \gamma n_{j0} \rightarrow T_j = \gamma^{-1} T_{j0}$ (i.e. Einstein-Planck).

However, the *internal energy* of the parcel is: $U_j = (3/2)n_m R T_j$, $n_m = \#$ of moles (**Lorentz invariant**), and $U_j = \gamma U_{j0} \rightarrow T_j = \gamma T_{j0}$.

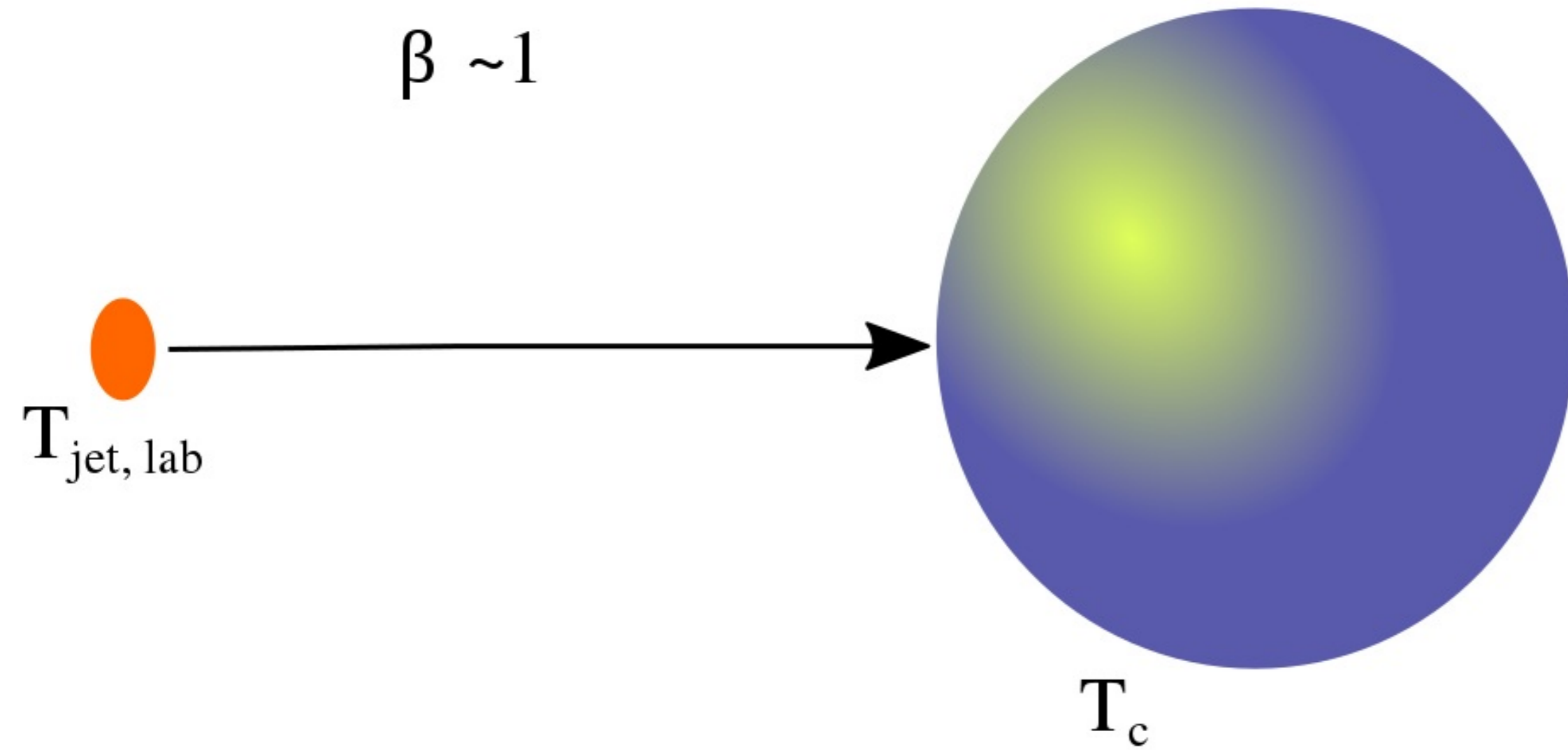
BOTH choices are physically consistent: which one should we adopt in numerical experiments?

Classical Thermodynamics only holds for Galileian transformations (Landsberg, 2003).

RT is relevant to AGNs' feedback

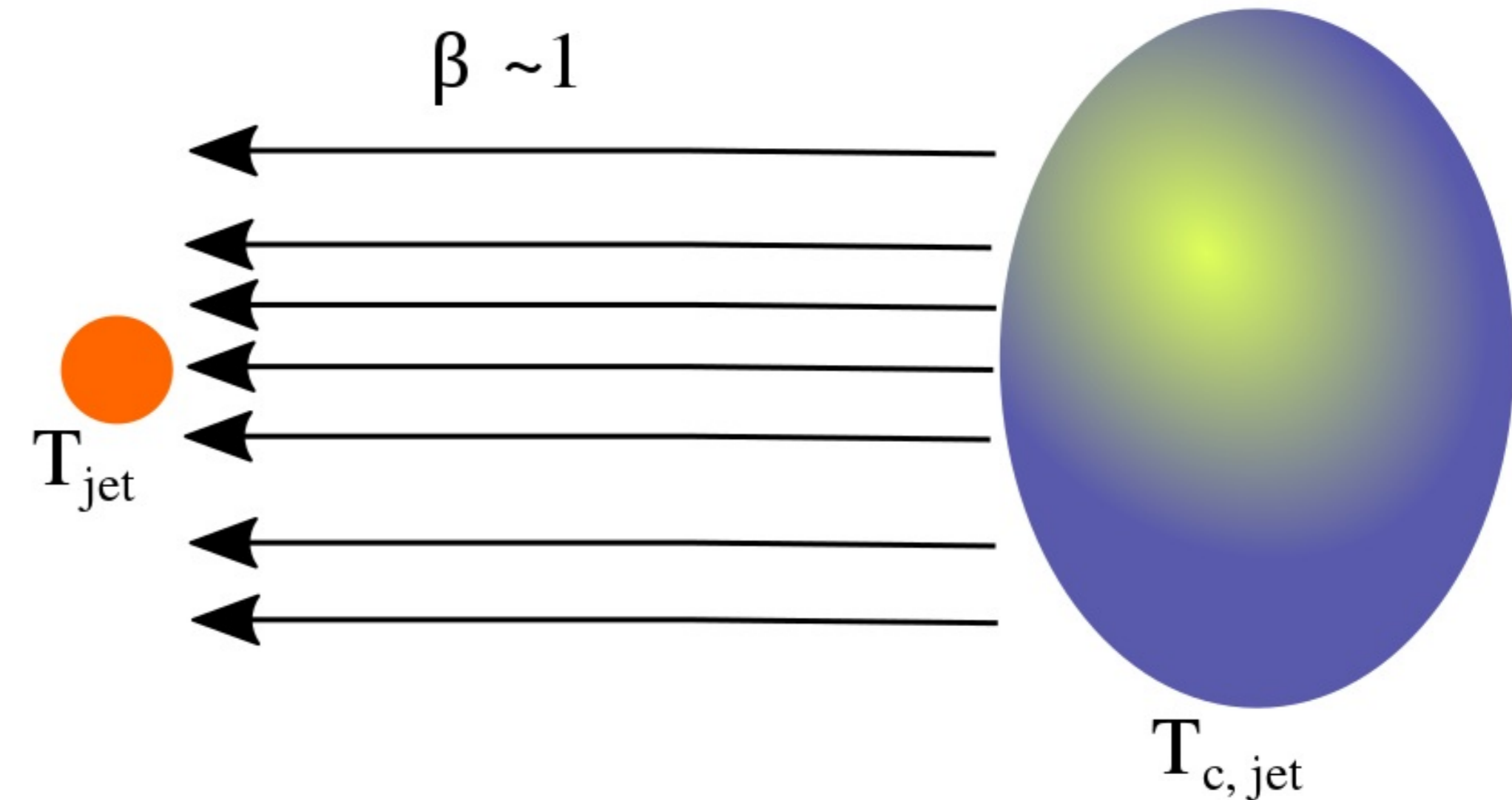
When a jet fluid parcel hits a cloud it exchanges *internal energy* even within an *ideal Relativistic Hydrodynamic* context.

Laboratory frame



Laboratory frame: $T_{jet,lab} = f(\gamma)T_{jet}$

Jet frame



Jet frame: $T_{c,jet} = f(\gamma)T_c$

If $f(\gamma)=1$ (Landsberg) one can apply standard thermal conduction theory.

Actual value of T_c determines the *excitation temperature* of observed fluorescence lines.

Embedding RT in AMR codes: Module RTHD in Flash 4.7

Main target: Allow different $f(\gamma)$ and predict continuum emission (*agnpy*) and line shapes.

In *ideal RHD* temperature is derived from pressure, assuming $p = \Gamma n k_B T$.

Current module RH solves the conserved equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} D \\ m \\ E \end{pmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} Dv \\ mv + pI \\ m \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Problem: Derive *primitive* variables from conserved ones:

$$\rho = \frac{D}{\gamma}, \quad v = \frac{m}{E + p}, \quad p = Dh\gamma - E.$$

Combining these one obtains:

$$p = Dh(p, \tau(p))\gamma(p) - E.$$

where the relativistic enthalpy is:

$$h = 1 + \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho}$$

Temperature in the lab. frame is obtained by combining with the model for $f(\gamma)$.