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# Jetted Active Galactic Nuclei

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## Foreword

- The **aim of this talk** is to draw your attention on some old and new discoveries on relativistic jets, and how to include them into a unified physical model for jetted AGN;
- This is **not** a challenge to the current unified model, but rather the request for an update and an improvement;
- Martin Gaskell in *Fifty years of quasars* (2012):

"[...] I tell students that classification is one of the first step in science. As science progresses, however, I believe that we need to move toward <u>physically meaningful</u> <u>classification schemes</u> as soon as possible. To achieve this, we need to be willing to modify our definitions, or else we can impede progress."

## **Evolution of terminology and classification:**

### 1978, Ed Spiegel, Pittsburgh conference social dinner:

- <u>**B**</u>L <u>**La**</u>c Objects + Optically Violently Variable Qua<u>sars</u> (OVV)  $\rightarrow$  **Blazars**
- 1994-1995 Giommi & Padovani:
  - Radio selected BL Lac (RBL)  $\rightarrow$  Low-energy cutoff BL Lacs (LBL)
  - X-ray selected BL Lac (XBL)  $\rightarrow$  High-energy cutoff BL Lacs (HBL)
- 1994, Laing:

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- FRI, FRII → Low-Excitation Radio Galaxies (LERG), High-Excitation Radio Galaxies (HERG)
- 2017, Padovani:
  - Radio-Loud AGN  $\rightarrow$  Jetted AGN
  - Radio-Quiet AGN  $\rightarrow$  Non-jetted AGN

## The Unified Scheme by Urry & Padovani (1995)

	Type 2 (Narrow Line)	Type 1 (Broad Line)	Type 0 (Unusual)
Radio-quiet:	Sy 2 Nelg	Sy 1	
	IR Quasar?	QSO	BAL QSO? H Sj
Badia landa	NURC (FR I	BLRG	BL Lac Objects
Radio-ioud:	FR II	SSRQ	(FSRQ)
		FSRQ	•

#### The Unified Scheme by Urry & Padovani (1995) AGN Radio-quiet Radio-loud Radio Blazars Galaxies Seyfert QSO Weak Strong Lines Lines Broad Narrow Lines Lines misaligned aligned FR1 aligned FR2 **FR 1** FR 2 Flat Spectrum BL Lac Sy 1 Sy 2 Radio Quasars Objects (FSRQ)

Today, still more or less unchanged... (Dermer & Giebels 2016)

## Radio-Loud AGN (Urry & Padovani 1995)

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Unbeamed (radio galaxy)	HERG (FRII)	LERG (FRI+FRII)

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  - Mass threshold for jet generation? (e.g. Laor 2000, Chiaberge & Marconi 2011)
- Giant Elliptical host galaxy (e.g. McLure et al. 1999, Urry et al. 2000, Dunlop et al. 2003);
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# That's all well and good, but...

## **Radio Loud/Quiet: Not a bimodal distribution!**



FIG. 15.—Left: Histogram of radio-optical ratio  $R^*$  (Stocke et al. 1992) for FBQS quasars. Shaded area represents previously known quasars. The dotted histogram includes  $R^*$  upper limits for Véron catalog objects in the FBQS area but not detected by FIRST. The Véron quasars (shaded plus dotted histograms) show a bimodal distribution of  $R^*$ , with a dip around  $R^* = 3-30$ , but the FBQS quasar counts rise continuously through that region and show no obviously evidence for bimodality. Right: Fraction of newly discovered quasars vs.  $R^*$ . The FBQS is increasing the number of known objects in the radio-quiet/radio-loud transition region ( $R^* = 1-100$ ) by a large factor.

### White et al. (2000)



### Lähteenmäki et al. (2018)

Metsähovi Radio Telescope (Finland)

0.8

0.7

0.6

Flux density [Jy] 0.5 0.4 0.3

0.2

0.1

0.8

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These NLS1s were never detected in any previous survey at any radio frequency!



# **Radio detection at 37 GHz** of radio-silent NLS1s **Radio-Loud/-Quiet: Meaningless!**



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### Small-mass/compact radio sources were present in early surveys (1979), but were lost when focusing on bright sources (1986)



## **Host Galaxy**

- Urry et al. (2000):
  - 110 BL Lac Objects, z < 1.3
  - Most host galaxies are ellipticals, 1 disk galaxy, many unresolved or doubtful (>> disk < 8%)</li>
- McLure et al. (1999), Dunlop et al. (2003):
  - 13 radio-quiet quasars; 10 radio-loud quasars; 10 radio galaxies (0.1 < z < 0.25)
  - $M_V <-23.5 \rightarrow \underline{all}$  the hosts are giant elliptical galaxies!
  - Both radio-loud and radio-quiet quasars: jet does not matter
  - $M_{BH} \gtrsim 5 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}; M_{BH,jet} \gtrsim 10^9 M_{\odot};$

### Hamilton et al. (2002, 2008):

- 70 quasars,  $M_V \le 23$ ,  $0.06 \le z \le 0.46$
- 43 radio-quiet, 26 radio-loud, 1 unknown
- 24 spirals (4 radio-loud), 46 ellipticals (22 radio-quiet)

• Inskip et al. (2010): 2Jy sample  $(0.03 \le z \le 0.5)$ , 41 sources, 12% disk galaxies;

### **Powerful Relativistic Jet in Disk Galaxies...**





- Coziol et al. (2017): SDSS ( $z \le 0.3$ ), 1953 sources, 22% radio-loud (430)
  - Radio morphology vs Host Galaxy:
    - Compact (53% Elliptical; 47% Spiral)
    - Core + Jet (90% Elliptical; 10% Spiral)
    - One lobe (100% Elliptical)
    - Two lobes (64% Elliptical; 36% Spiral)
    - Compact weak radio sources have smaller BH masses (confirm 1979 Miley & Miller's results).





All are disk galaxies.



Olguín-Iglesias et al. (2017): SB0 (NOT, J, 0.75"; K, 0.63" seeing) D'Ammando et al. (2017): E (GranTeCan, J, 0.9" seeing)

**J2007-4434 (z=0.24):** Kotilainen et al. (2016): pseudobulge+bar (VLT)

J2021-2235 (ULIRG, z=0.185): Berton et al. (2018): ongoing interacting systems (Magellan)

## The host galaxy does not affect the relativistic jet generation!



"As the continuum emission is proposed to originate in the central 10 pc, I don't think the nature of the surrounding object is particularly relevant to the model." [Roger Blandford, 1978]

This does not exclude some mutual feedback between the jet and the host.

### Jetted Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 Galaxies



## Search for the parent population of Jetted NLS1s



Luminosity Functions (Berton et al. 2016, PhD thesis)

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Best & Heckman (2012): 7302 radio-loud AGN (SDSS+NVSS+FIRST)  $0.01 \le z \le 0.3$ , HERG/LERG

"HERGs are typically of lower stellar mass, with lower black hole masses, bluer colours, lower concentration indices and less pronounced 4000Å breaks indicating younger stellar populations..."







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Foschini et al. (2015)

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**Blazar Sequence** 

Jetted NLS1s do have small BH mass 🖙 Scaling Jet Power (Heinz & Sunyaev 2003) 🖙 OK



## Unification of Relativistic Jets (Foschini 2011-2014)



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## **X-Ray Binaries**

(Neutron Stars, Stellar-Mass Black Holes)

Coriat et al. (2011)

## **Active Galactic Nuclei**

(FSRQ, BL Lac Objects, Jetted NLS1)







### Jet Scaling Theory: Heinz & Sunyaev (2003)



General Relativity: mass = geometry

**Table 1.** The dependence of *B* and *C* on *M* and *m*, and the scaling indices  $\xi_M$  and  $\xi_m$  for different accretion modes (rows 1–3), and for the Ansatz that the mechanical jet luminosity  $W_{jet}$  should be proportional to the disc power  $L_{disc}$  (row 4), assuming p = 2.

	Injection mode	$B^2 \propto C$	ξM	$\xi_{\dot{m}}$
1	ADAF	ṁ/M	$17/12 - \alpha/3$	$17/12 + 2\alpha/3$
2	rad. press. disc	$M^{-1}$	$17/12 - \alpha/3$	0
3	gas press. disc	$\dot{m}^{4/5}M^{-9/10}$	$(187 - 32\alpha)/120$	$(17/12 + 2\alpha/3)4/5$
4	$W_{\rm jet} \propto L_{\rm disc}$	$\dot{m}/M$	$17/12 - \alpha/3$	$17/12 + 2\alpha/3$



Self-similarity







$$L_{\rm BZ} ({\rm erg \ s^{-1}}) = \begin{cases} 2.10^{44} M_8 (J/J_{\rm max})^2 & \text{Radiation Pressure Dominated (disk)} \\ 8.10^{42} M_8^{11/10} \dot{m}_{-4}^{4/5} (J/J_{\rm max})^2 & \text{Gas Pressure Dominated (disk)} \end{cases}$$

Moderski & Sikora (1996); Gosh & Abramowicz (1997)



Foschini (2011)

## Unification of Relativistic Jets (Foschini 2011-2014)



Measurement errors are about one order of magnitude. The remaining dispersion likely to be due to the lack of knowledge about the **spin** (Heinz & Sunyaev 2003; Mościbrodzka et al. 2016).

### Mario Livio's Conjecture (1997):

"[...] I will make the assumption that the jet <u>formation</u> mechanism, namely, the mechanism for acceleration and collimation, <u>is the same</u> <u>in all of the different classes of objects which exhibit jets</u>. [...] It should be noted right away that the <u>emission mechanism</u> which render jets visible in the different classes of objects, are very different in objects like, for example, YSOs and AGN."

### **Confirmed!** At least for AGN and XRBs



Log Disc Luminosity



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Log Jet Luminosity



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## To update the Unified Scheme for Jetted AGN...

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### However...

- Blazar and Radio Galaxy are terms today associated to a certain type of cosmic sources: high black hole mass, elliptical host galaxy, ...
- Risk to lose important information/differences by simply adding NLS1s and CSS to the scheme under the blazar and radio galaxy labels (different black hole mass, different host,...);
- Not a negligible detail: remind **biases** in previous works caused by selecting only bright sources:
  - threshold mass in jet generation ( $\rightarrow$  no unification with XRB jets)
  - blazar sequence (partially revised to include also small-mass quasar, although considered only as "pollution"; Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008; Ghisellini et al. 2017)
- Martin Gaskell (2012): "When you attach different classifications to things, it is all too easy to get convinced that they <u>are</u> different things". On the opposite, if you attach the same name to different things, it is all too easy to get convinced that they are the same thing.

# The Physical Unified Scheme for Jetted AGN

Let's keep observational differences, but unify the sources by means of a physical scheme.

Jetted AGN	Efficient Cooling	Inefficient Cooling
High Mass	<b>HMEC</b> (FSRQ, HERG)	<b>HMIC</b> (BL Lac obj, LERG)
Low Mass	LMEC (NLS1, CSS)	LMIC?

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 • $M \sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$	$L_{disk}/L_{Edd}$ ~	0.01-0.001	

[equivalent to Excitation Index~1; cf Best & Heckman (2012)]

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