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Young radio jets breaking free: molecular and HI fast outflows in the central regions

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Effect of radio plasma on the (sub) kpc-scale: Why interesting?

Energetics to drive outflows: long known from ionised gas (optical, X-ray)
→ but also atomic neutral hydrogen and molecular: major component in mass

Effects of the cycle of activity

results suggesting young and restarted having highest impact

Coupling energy/ISM -> simulations now making predictions and guiding the observations

Numerical simulations of a newly created radio jet from Wagner & Bicknell 2011, 2012, Mukherjee, Bicknell et al. 2016, 2017, 2018



Observations and simulations to quantify the impact of jets

- A large parameter space needs to be covered: evolution with age, jet power, surrounding medium, orientation of the jet → using HI and molecular gas (complementary?)
- Important to follow jets in their first phase (or restarted phase)
- Follow the impact using high spatial resolution observations → VLBI for HI and ALMA for CO
- Comparison observations/simulations



Results from HI outflows From a pilot survey HI absorption with the WSRT



at least 5% of the all sources (15% of HI detections) show HI outflow (500-1000 km/s) higher detection rate for young (and restarted) radio galaxies Mass in the HI outflows from a few x10⁶ to 10⁷ M_☉, velocities between a few hundred to ~1300 km/s, mass outflow rates a few to 50 M_{\odot}/yr

Gereb et al. 2015, Maccagni et al. 2017



Follow up high resolution and molecular gas in progress.



How about 3C84?





Radio power 10²⁵ W/Hz

- Two absorbing systems of HI (Jaffe 1990; Sijbring, de Bruyn et al. 1989)
- High-velocity system: chance alignment of foreground gas-rich galaxy? (Momjian et al. 2002)
- Broad (~500 km/s) absorption around systemic velocity: likely combination of large scale and circum-nuclear HI BUT signs of asymmetry: blueshifted
- High resolution required to locate the HI and pin down origin: ruled out absorption against the core? (Oonk, Schulz et al.)





Evolution of the outflows as the source expands? HI outflows traced at high spatial resolution with VLBI (resolution from a few tens to hundred pc)



Clumpy medium Younger: VLBI recovers all flux of the HI outflows

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More evolved (and restarted) sources: outflows only partly recovered by VLBI: likely mix of compact clouds and diffuse gas HI clouds (few x 10⁴ M_☉) observed in the inner region of the radio galaxy (< 40pc)

Schulz, RM et al. 2018

Some (preliminary) results from HI and VLBI

- Signs of clumpy medium in all sources
- Young/smaller sources showing the *most direct sign of interaction*
- Tentative signs of evolution of the outflow: presence of a *diffuse component* - not recovered by the VLBI observations - in larger sources (3C236, 3C293, B2 0258+35 Murthy et al. in prep.)
- HI outflows are also localised in the nuclear region of the AGN (<40 pc) → showing *clumpy structure*

Molecular gas to complete the picture: most massive phase in outflow!

Molecular outflows traced by ALMA

Radio power 10²⁶ W/Hz

0

Right Ascension (max)

50

Radio power 10²⁴ W/Hz

Best case illustrating the effect of a new-born powerful radio jet

Morganti et al. 2015, Oosterloo et al. 2017

IC5063

Highest ratios clearly associated with outflow \rightarrow gas must be optically thin

Kinetic temperatures in the range 20–100 K and densities between 10⁵ and 10⁶ cm⁻³ (best fit of ratio line transitions suggests a clumpy medium)

Mass of outflowing gas few x $10^6 M_{\odot}$; ~0.1% of total ISM Mass outflow rate ~10 M₀/yr

Significant impact of AGN feedback, but only in inner few kpc Small fraction of the gas will leave the galaxy, main effect of the outflow: redistribute the gas

Mukherjee, Wagner, Bicknell, Morganti et al. 2018

PKS 1549-79 quasar in the early stage of evolution

Newly born AGN in an ongoing merger: large cocoon of material still enshrouding the radio source. Jet clearing the central regions

Holt et al. 2006

Broad, blueshifted optical lines, high extinction, star formation Xray UltraFastOutflow (Tombesi et al. 2013), ~0.2c

Crucial stage in the evolution, feedback should be at work But outflow rate low compared to requirements from cosmological simulations.

PKS 1549-79 quasar in the early stage of evolution

ALMA CO(1-0) detected in emission Large tail AND fast outflow

PKS 1549-79 quasar in the early stage of evolution Large molecular outflow already in the central regions (<100 pc) \rightarrow ~100 M_{\odot}/yr Much higher than in more evolved radio galaxies: enough to produce the

expected feedback effects? (more data to come CO(3-2))

In agreement with simulations: a more powerful source (like PKS1549-79) has a faster/more massive outflow (compared to IC5063)

What have we learned so far about the impact of radio jets

HI and molecular outflows common in young and restarted radio galaxies suggesting a piling up of gas in the centre and the jet clearing it: jets couple well with ISM

Follow up of HI and molecular outflows with high spatial resolution: to first order confirming the predictions of the simulations → the exploration of the parameter space has just started!

 Clumpy medium seen by HI VLBI image and derived from multiple CO transitions (IC5063)

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- Conditions of outflows changing as radio source evolves
- Simulations can explain the kinematics of the molecular gas in IC5063 • Jet affects the kinematics but also the conditions of the gas
- First order trend with jet power: the mass outflow rate is not the only important parameter \rightarrow inject energy (prevent cooling) and redistribute the gas

The cases explored so far are field galaxies, erc next goal is to address also cluster galaxies, e.g. 3C84!

- occurrence of outflows (common? In which type of AGN?) - long or short duration?
- driving mechanisms? thermal, radiation, mechanical (jets)

Adapted

Gas outflows: one of the effects of the energy released by the AGN

Open questions:

- location and extent coincident with bright radio features?
- physical parameters: velocity, energy, mass,
 - mass outflow rate, structure (diffuse, clumpy?) etc.

Our goals: characterise the effects of radio jets using outflows of cold (HI and molecular) gas

Molecular gas to complete the picture: most massive phase in outflow! But also tracing different distance from BH compared to ionised (e.g. UFO!)

Evolution in the characteristics of the outflows?

VLBI project - in progress, Schulz, RM et al.

Total intensity images. All panels have the same scaling in K km/s Clear difference in excitation between jet region and outer disk

Oosterloo et al. 2017

Can do more: RADEX models (non-LTE radiative transfer code; van der Tak+ 2007) to obtain kinetic temperatures and densities

Best results for column density much higher than what observed: clumpy medium!!!

Kinetic temperatures in the range 20–100 K and densities between 10⁵ and 10⁶ cm⁻³.

The resulting pressures are two orders of magnitude higher than in the outer quiescent disk. gas is very clumpy.

The highest pressures are found in the regions with the fastest outflow.

