

# Long-term Relativistic Jet Propagation and Dynamics

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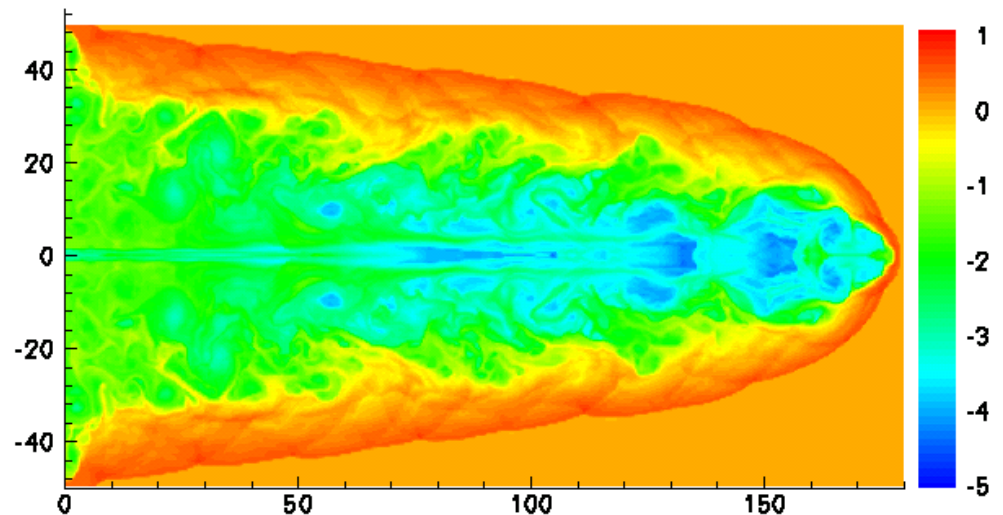
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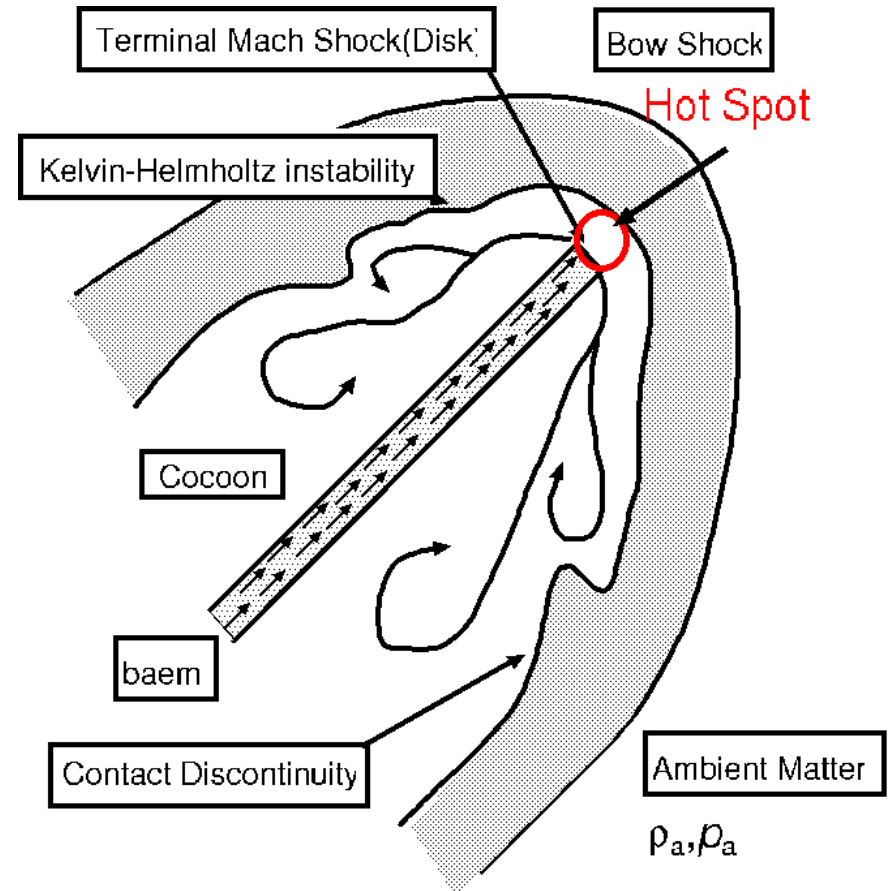
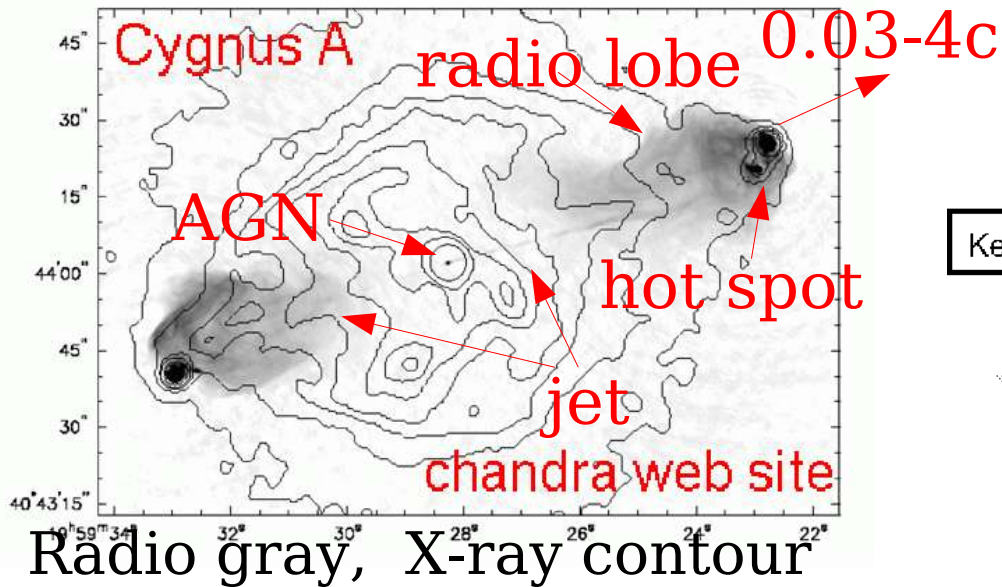
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# Observation and Dynamics of AGN Jets

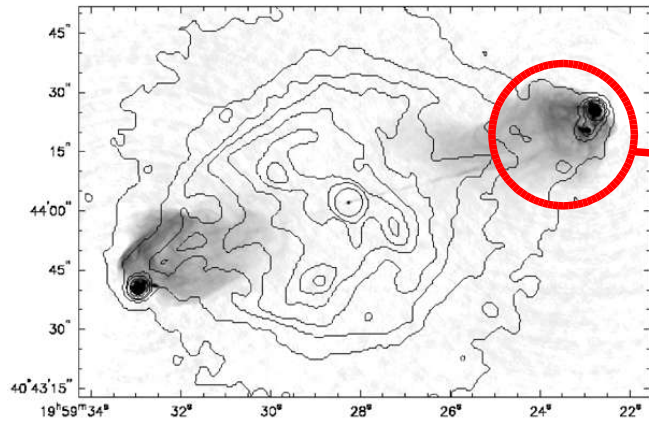


A schematics of the head of the jet.

Non-thermal emission is observed (AGN, knot, hot spot, and radio lobe). The dynamics is controlled by the thermal gas. **Most of them are hidden.**

(Isobe et al '02)

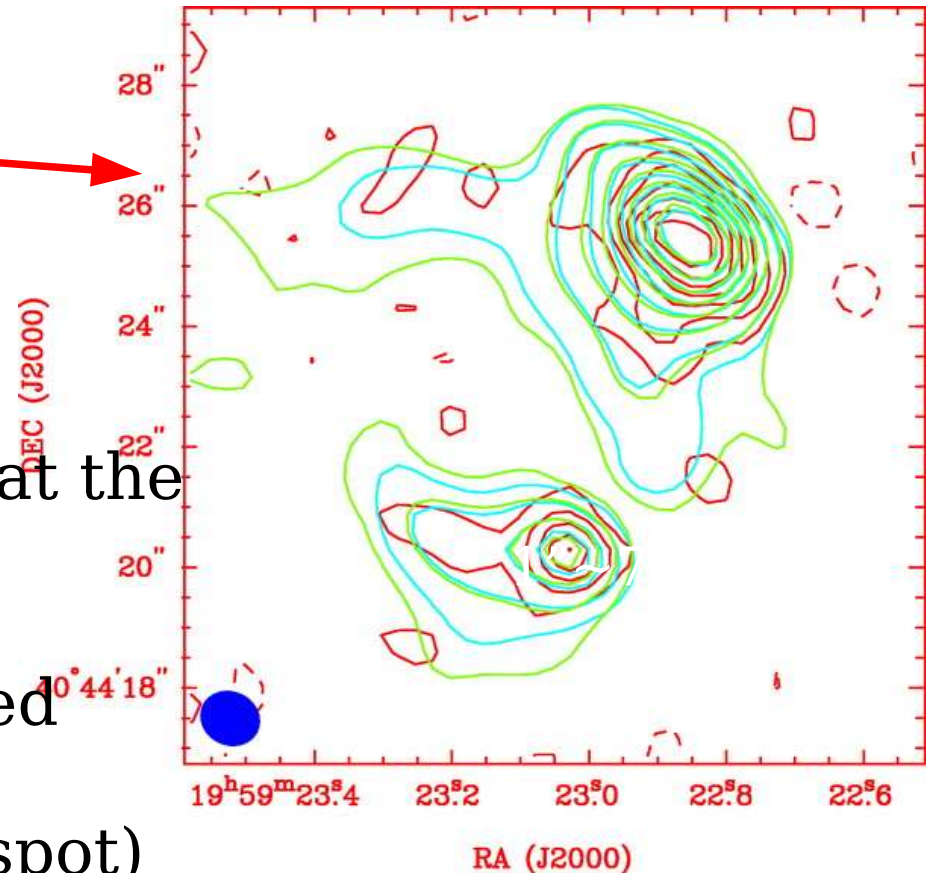
# Secondary hot spot



hot spot = Bright region at the head of the jet

two hot spots are observed in one side in many jets (primary, secondary hot spot)

How is the structure formed?  
Which hot spot is the terminal of the jet?  
Primary or secondary hot spot?



Cygnus A (radio 230GHz)

Wright et al.

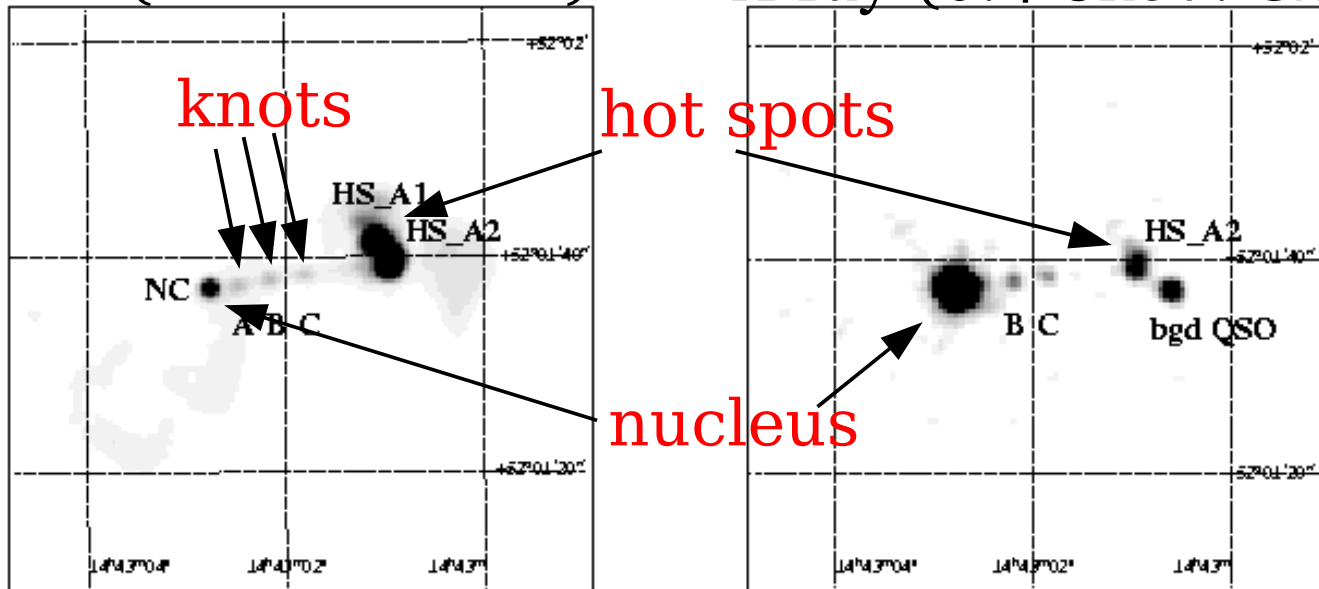
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# *Knots in large scale*

3C303 ( $z=0.141$ ) a few tens kpc jet

radio (1.5GHz : VLA)

X-ray (0.4-8keV: *Chandra*)



Kataoka et al. *A&A*, **399**, 91 (2003)

**Fig. 1.** (a) Radio image of 3C 303. The grey scale is a 1.5 GHz VLA image (Leahy & Perley 1991; actually taken from Leahy, Bridle & Strom 1998). The resolution is 1.2 arcsec and black represents  $20 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$ . NC denotes the nucleus, A, B and C the jet knots; and HS\_A1 and HS\_A2 the hotspot components. (b) X-ray image of 3C 303 in the 0.4–8 keV band (ACIS-S onboard *Chandra*). The image is smoothed with a  $\sigma = 0.5$  arcsec Gaussian. B and C denotes the jet knots, and HS\_A2 the hotspot component A<sub>2</sub>.

Non thermal emission

What is the origin of non-thermal particles ?

Motivated these observations

2D & 3D calculations have been done to see

How the jet keeps collimated structure

Propagation velocity

---age of jet itself and life of AGN

Outer Shape

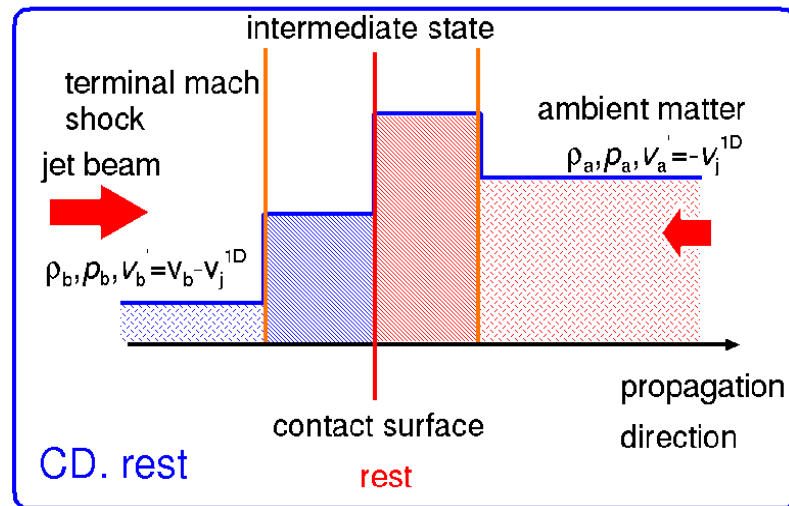
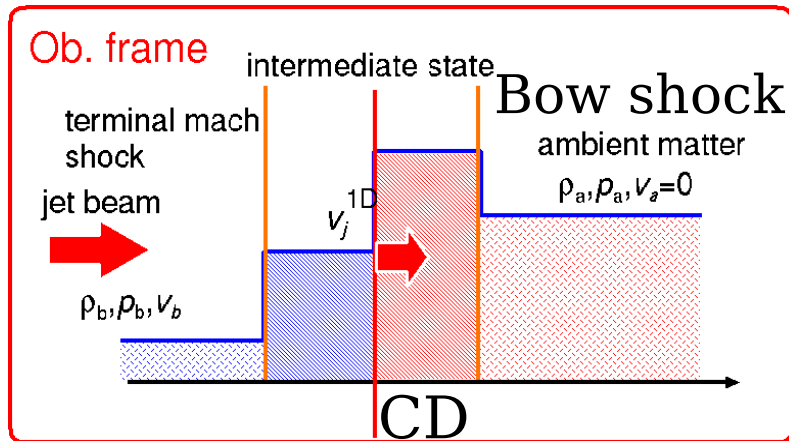
--- comparison with X-ray observation

Emissivity (radio lobe, knots, hot spots)

--- how extended the lobe is,

test for particle acceleration theory

# 1D theoretical estimate of propagation velocity by Norman (1982), Marti et al. (1997)



Propagation velocity ( $v_j$ )  
 < Beam velocity ( $v_b$ )

$$v_j < v_b$$

momentum balance

$$\rho_a h_a \Gamma_j^2 \Gamma_b (v_b - v_j^{1D})^2 + p_b = \rho_a h_a \Gamma_j^2 (-v_j^{1D})^2 + p_a$$

$$v_j^{1D} = \frac{\sqrt{\eta_R^*}}{1 + \sqrt{\eta_R^*}} v_b$$

where  $\eta_R^* = \Gamma_b^2 \cdot (\rho_b / \rho_a)$  for cold beam

Norman 1982,  
 Marti et al. 1997,  
 Mizuta et al. 2004

# Basic Equations

## Axisymmetric Special Relativistic Hydrodynamic Equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\Gamma)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r(\rho\Gamma v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(\rho\Gamma v_z)}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_r)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_r^2 + p)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_r v_z)}{\partial z} = \frac{p}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_z)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_r v_z)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_z^2 + p)}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 - p)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(\rho h\Gamma^2 v_z)}{\partial z} = 0$$

EOS

$$p = (\gamma - 1)\rho\epsilon \quad \gamma = 5/3 \text{ const}$$

$\rho$  density

$p$  pressure

$v_i$  velocity component

$$\Gamma = (1-v^2)^{-1/2}$$

Lorentz factor

$\epsilon$  specific internal energy

$$h = 1 + \epsilon + p/\rho$$

specific enthalpy

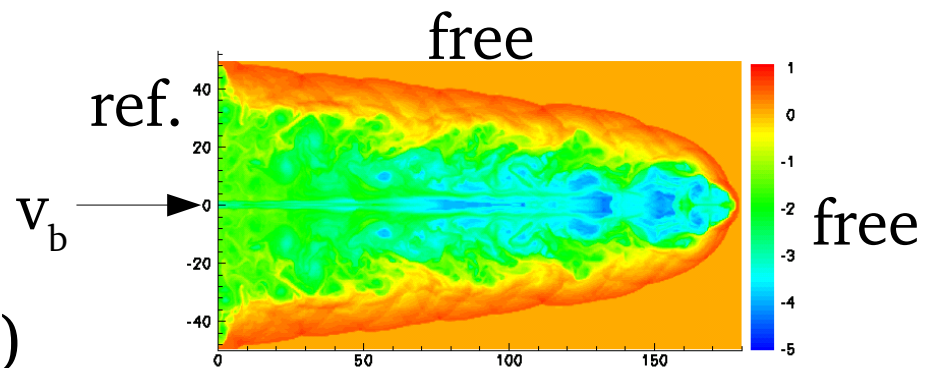
$\gamma$  adiabatic index

# Numerical Condition

Three models are studied.

	JB02	JB03	JB04
$\eta \equiv \rho_b / \rho_a$	$1.28 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.76 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.15 \times 10^{-3}$
$M_b \equiv v_b / c_b$	6.0	6.0	6.0
$\epsilon_b$	$2.55 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-2}$
$\gamma$	5/3	5/3	5/3
$K \equiv p_b / p_a$	10	33	100
$\Gamma_b(v_b)$	7.1(0.99)	7.1(0.99)	7.1(0.99)
$v_j^{1D}$	0.2	0.3	0.4
expiration time $R_b / (c)$	1800	1200	600

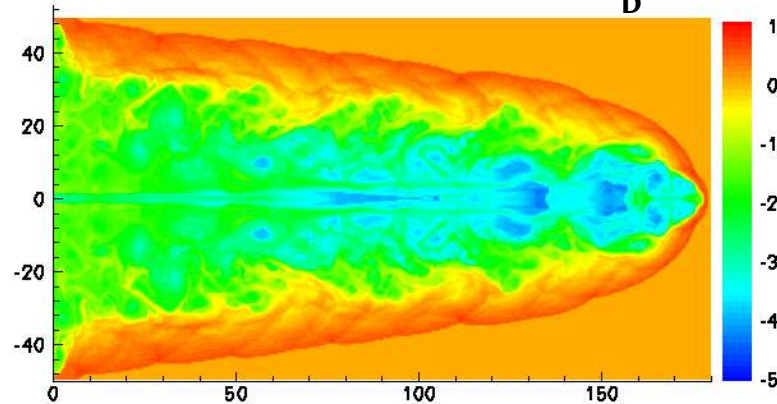
500x1800 grid points  
 $= 50R_b \times 180R_b$   
 10 grid points /  $R_b$   
 (injected beam radius)



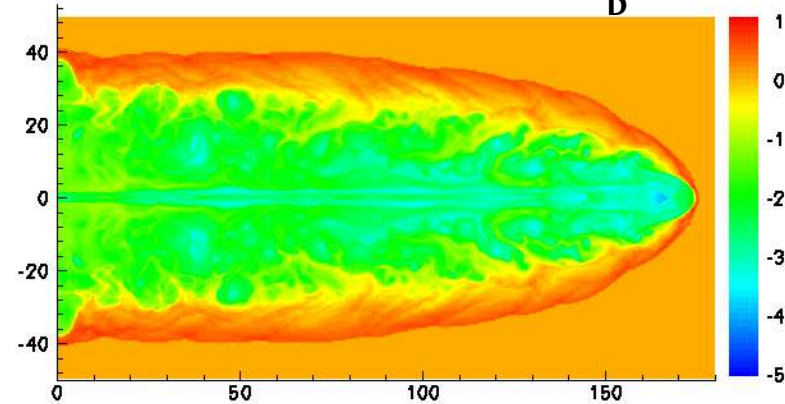


# Rest mass density contours at the end of simulations

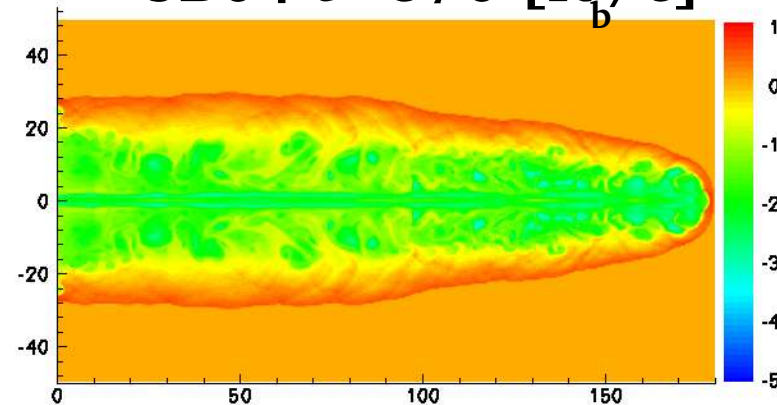
JB02  $t=1770 [R_b/c]$



JB03  $t=1140 [R_b/c]$



JB04  $t=570 [R_b/c]$



Slower jet

Cone like outer shape  
like Cygnus A

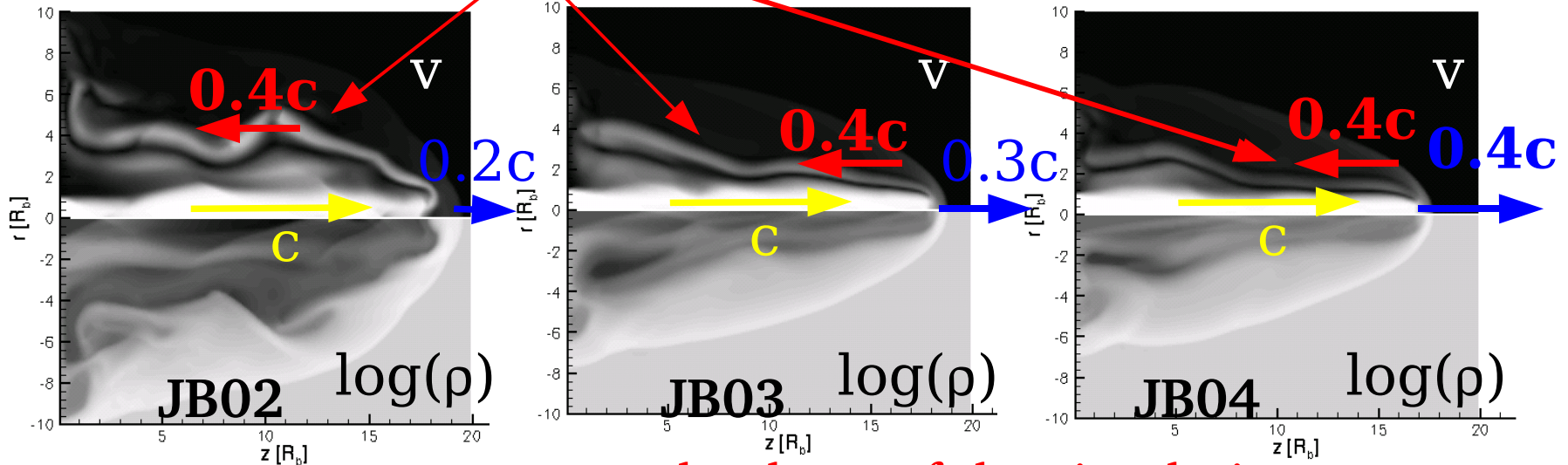
Faster jet

Cylinder like outer  
shape like 3C452

Is this difference due to the difference of  $v_j^{1D}$  ?

*Back flows from the hot spot affect the dynamics and outer shape of the jets*

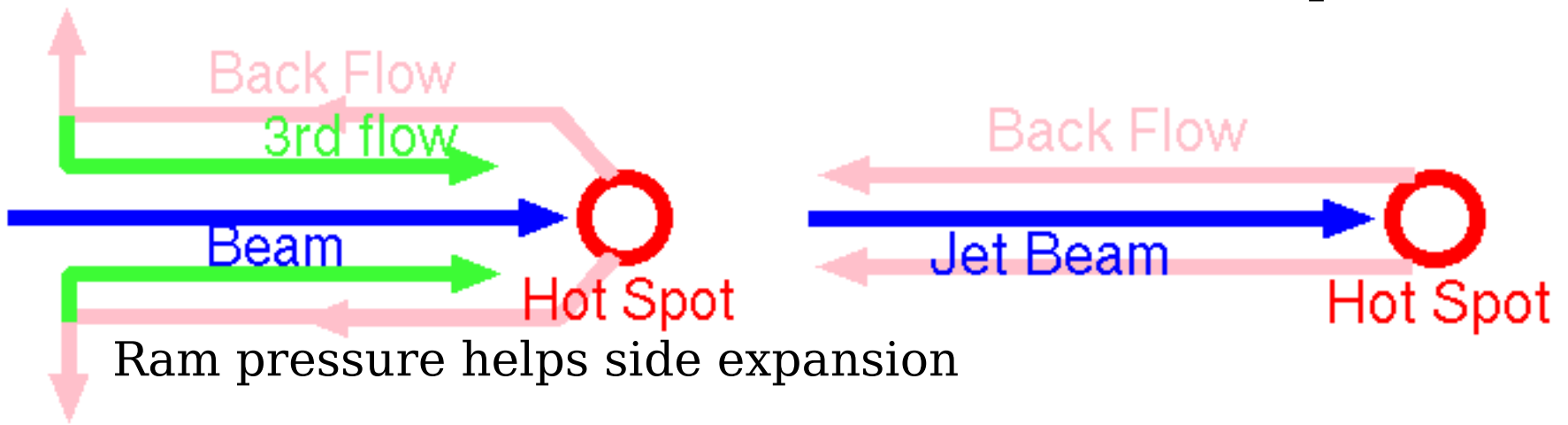
**Backflow**



Very early phase of the simulation

Slower head speed

Faster head speed



# The dynamics in the early phase can be tested by the observation of Compact Symmetric Objects (CSO)

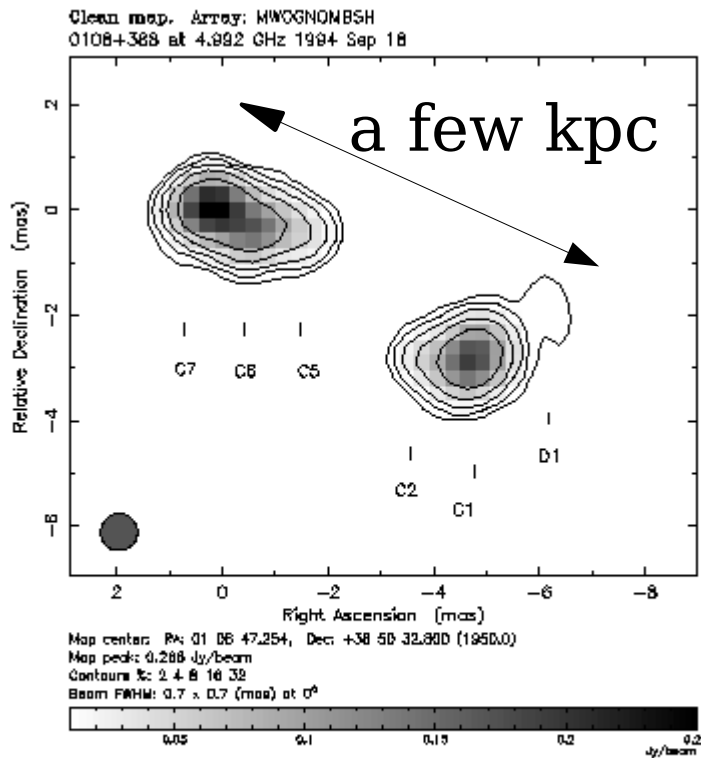


Fig. 1. Third epoch image of 0108+388 with the positions of components identified in gaussian modelfitting indicated. Rms noise=0.88 mJy beam<sup>-1</sup>.

Compact symmetric Objects (CSOs)

====> young AGN jet ?

a few tens CSOs

"two sided" hot spots and lobes

d ~ a few kpc

expansion velocity ~0.1-0.5c

age ----- a few ky

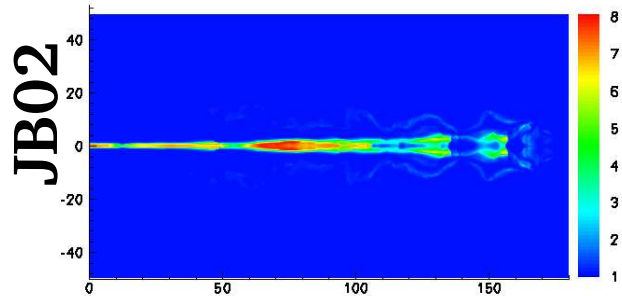
Separation of outer components

at a rate of  $0.197 \pm 0.026 c$

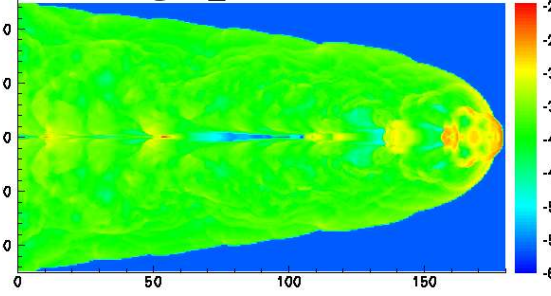
Owsianic et al. A&A 336 L37 (1998)

# Collimation of the Jets (1)

Lorentz factor

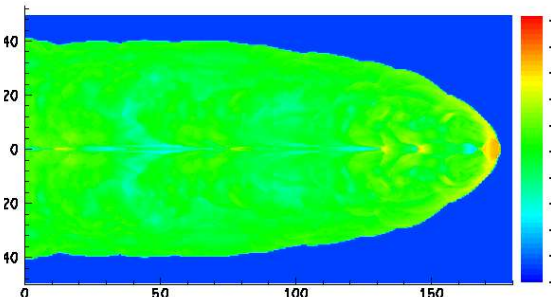
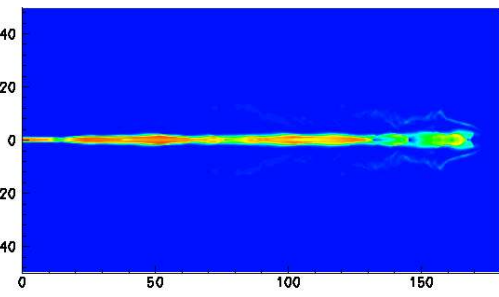


Log(pressure)



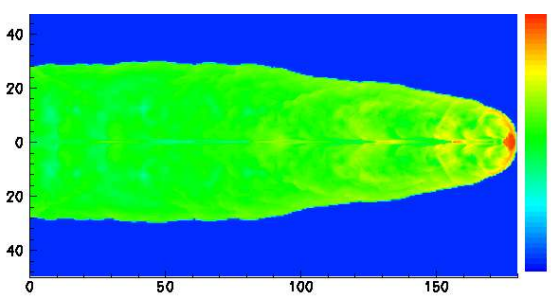
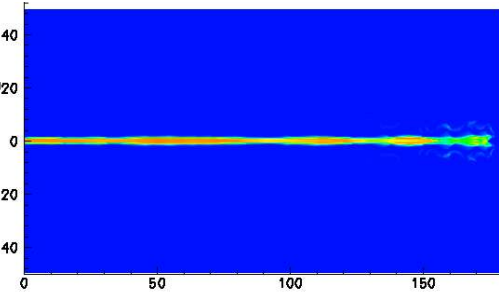
The pressure inside the bow shock is almost uniform except some high pressure region along the axis.

JB03



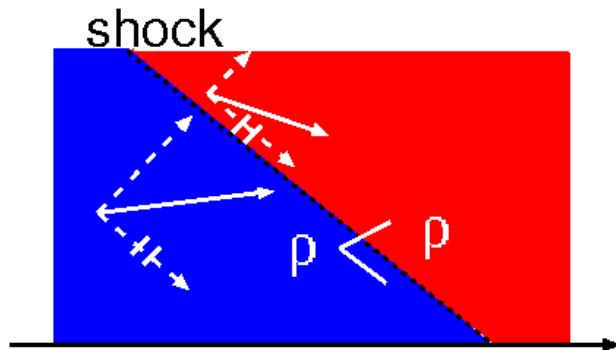
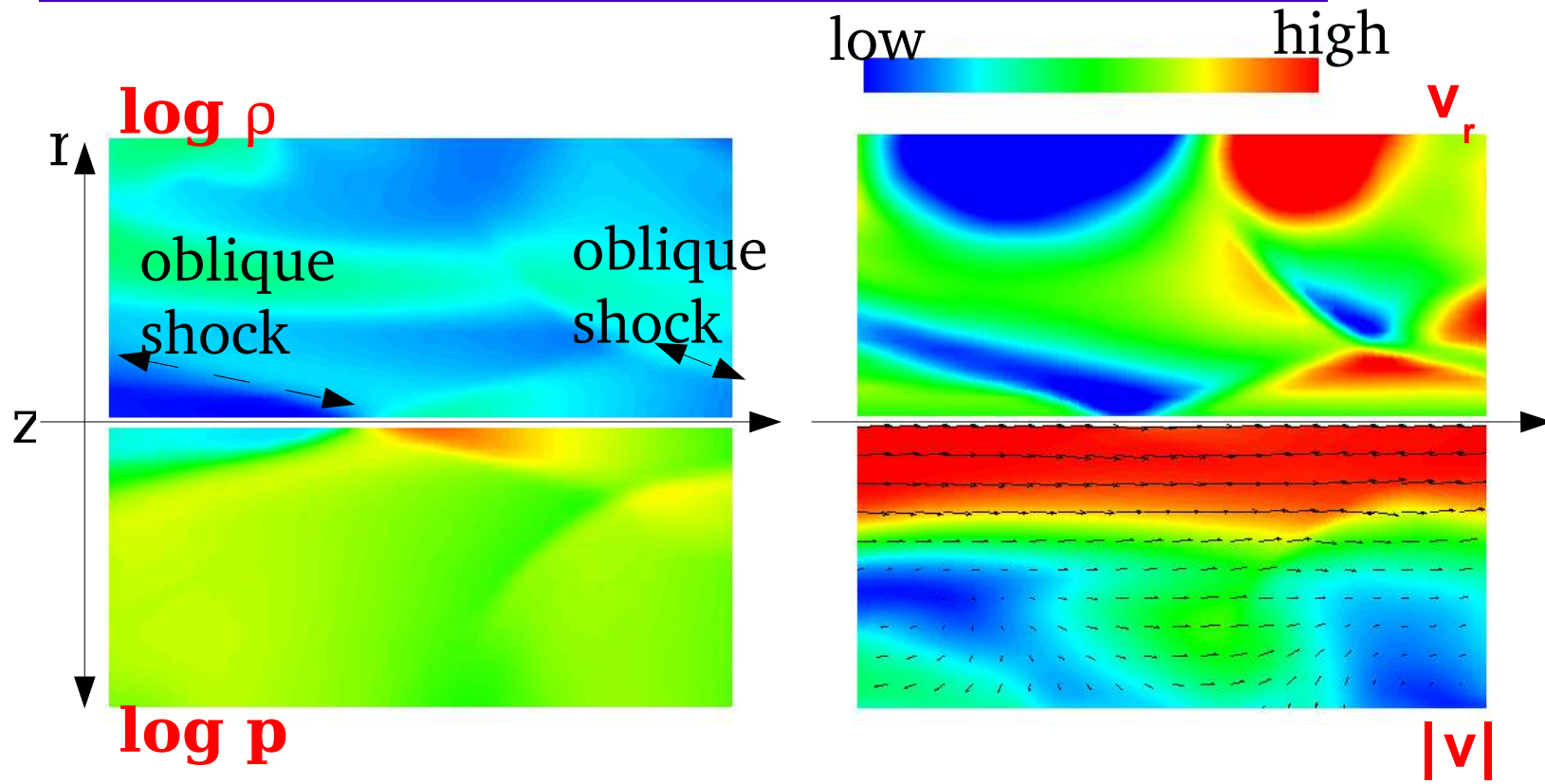
The half opening angle  $\sim 6^\circ$ .

JB04



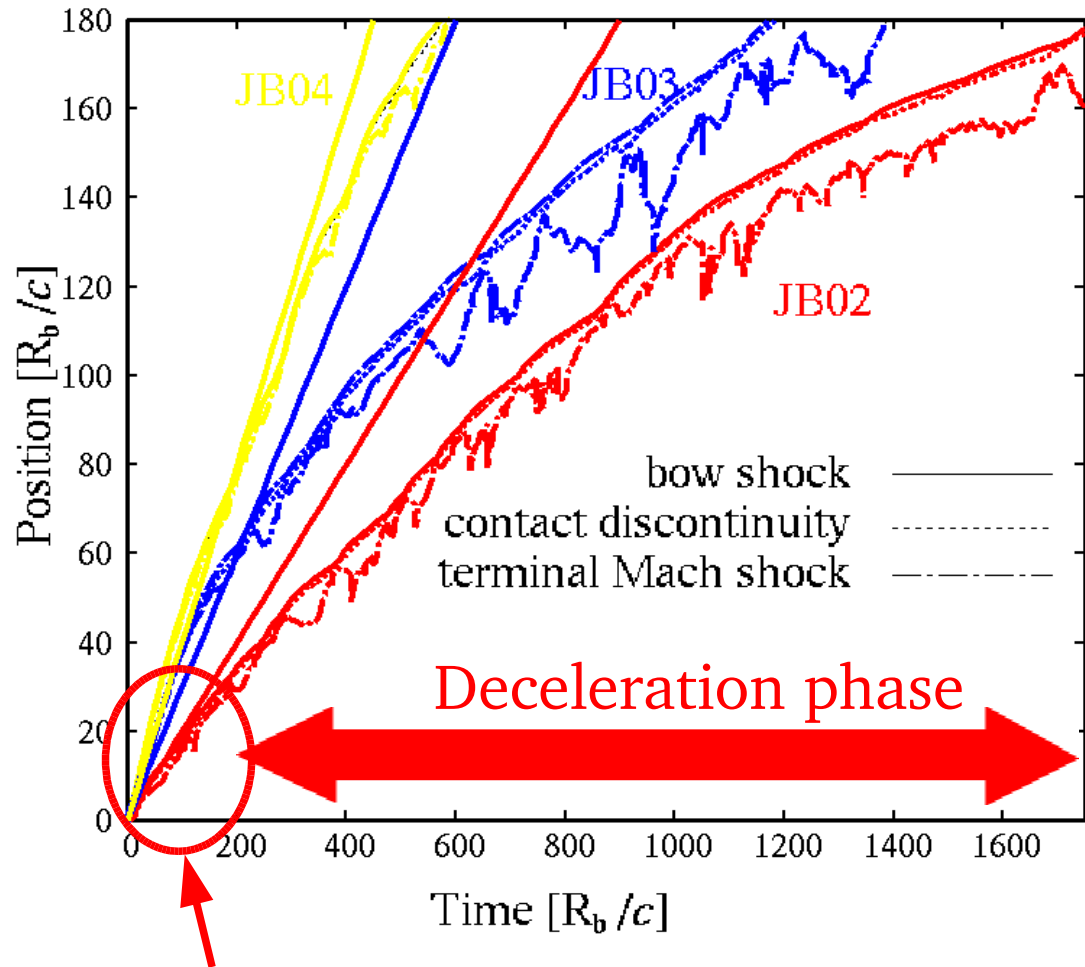
High pressure region may correspond to knots in the jet.

# Collimation of jet (2): reconfine mechanism by the oblique shock



The radial component of the velocity decreases when the flow pass the oblique shock (Muller 1997).

# Propagation of Jets : the head of the jet decelerates



Follows 1D estimation

In the early phase, the propagation velocity follows 1D theoretical estimation.

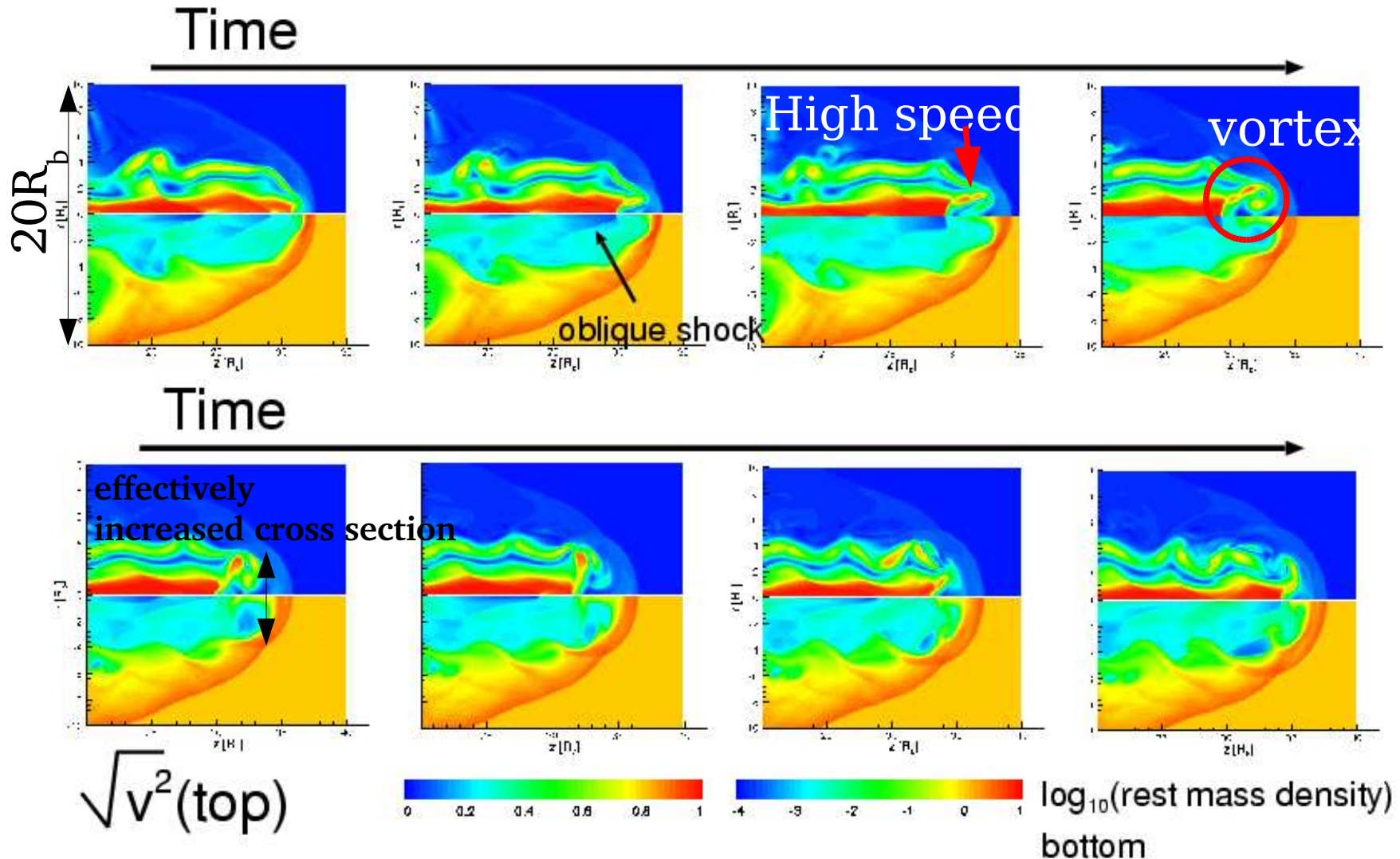
Deceleration phase observed in all cases.

The jet with small  $v_j^{1D}$  effectively decelerates.

The position of the terminal Mach shock oscillates in time.

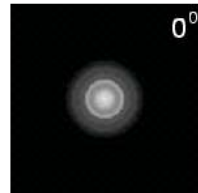
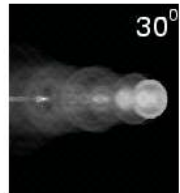
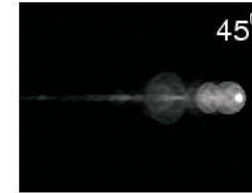
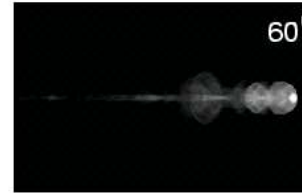
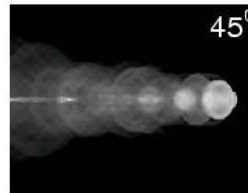
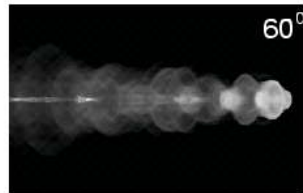
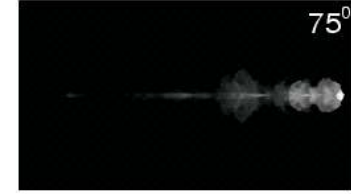
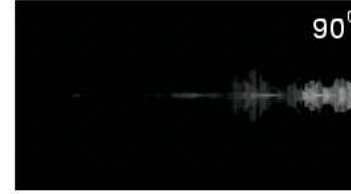
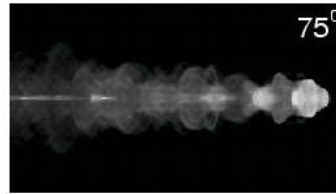
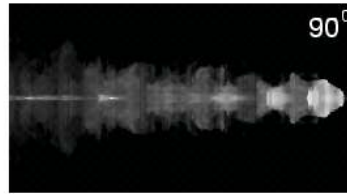
Why decelerating ?

# formation and separation of vortices

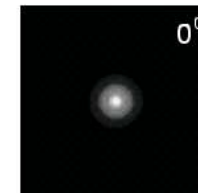
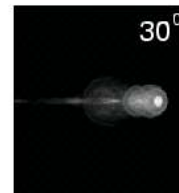


The gas through an oblique shock at the end of the jet becomes a fast flow of back flows

# Synchrotron map



**JB02**



**JB04**

Extended emissivity

localized emissivity

Synchrotron emissivity : Power  $\propto fpB^{1+\alpha}$

(f: fraction of beam gas, p: pressure,

B: magnetic field)

$P \sim B^2$  (equipartition),  $\alpha = 0.6$



## *2D Simulations Summary*

We performed long-term numerical simulations of very light relativistic jet propagation.

- We found the existence of “third flow” which affects the outer shape, dynamics, and morphology of jets, although the appearance depends on the boundary condition.
- The deceleration phase commonly occurs. Especially, the lighter jet strongly decelerates.
  - 0.2c is a critical propagation velocity
  - extended outer shape (Cygnus A)
  - cylinder like outer shape (3C 452)

## *2D Simulations Summary cont.*

- During deceleration phase, the formation and separation of vortices occurs repeatedly.

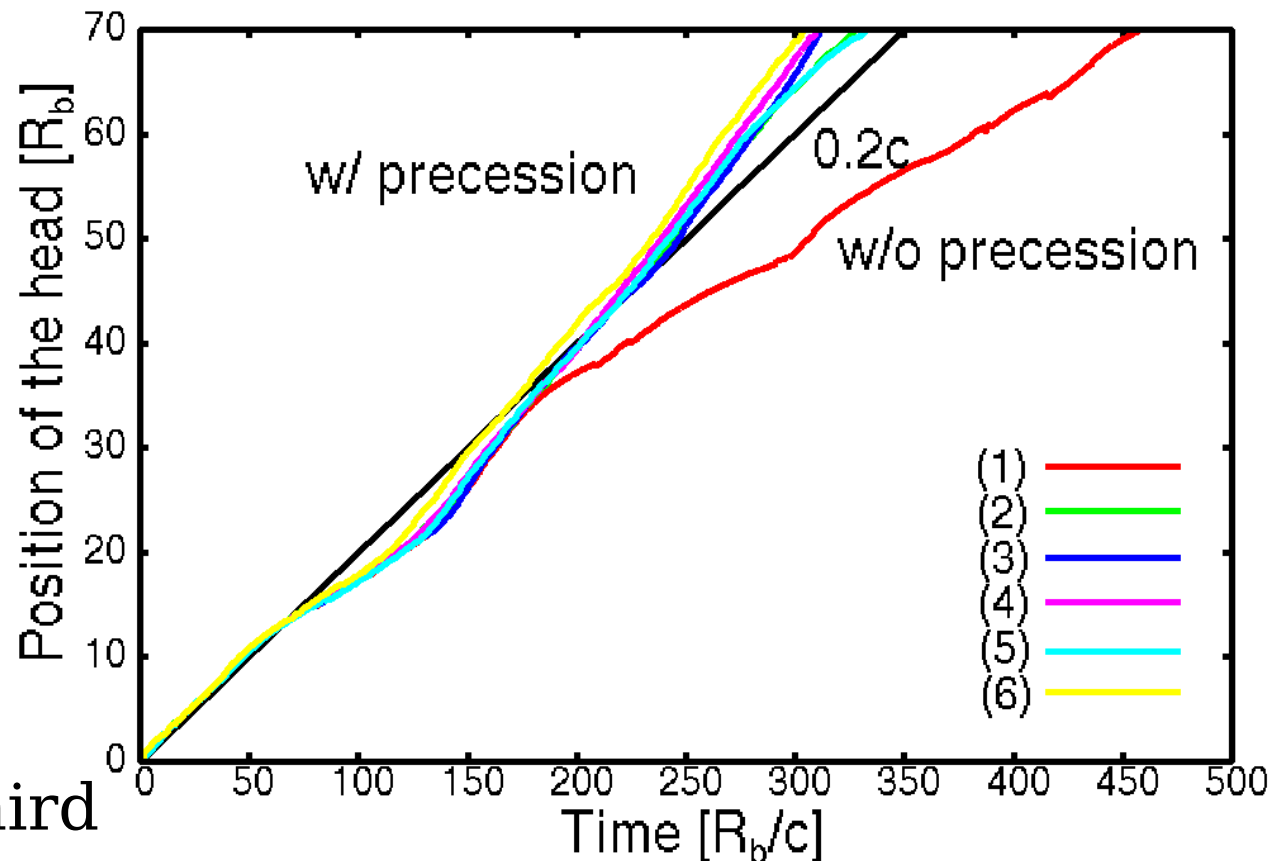
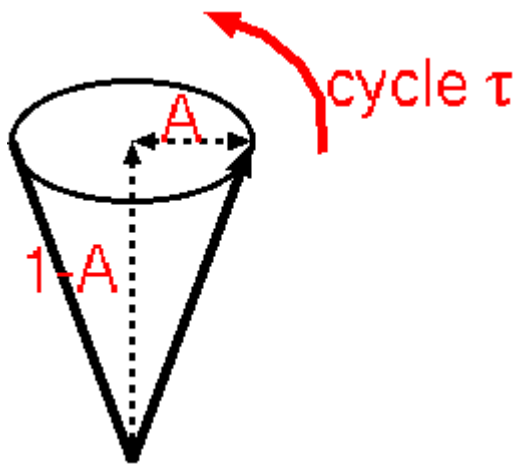
When a vortex grows, the head of the jet decelerates effectively due to increasing cross section to the jet beam.

Vortex separation ==> secondary hot spot ?

- The jet which has a number of vortices shows extended emissivity.

How do these results in the case of the jets with some precession ? ==> 3D simulations

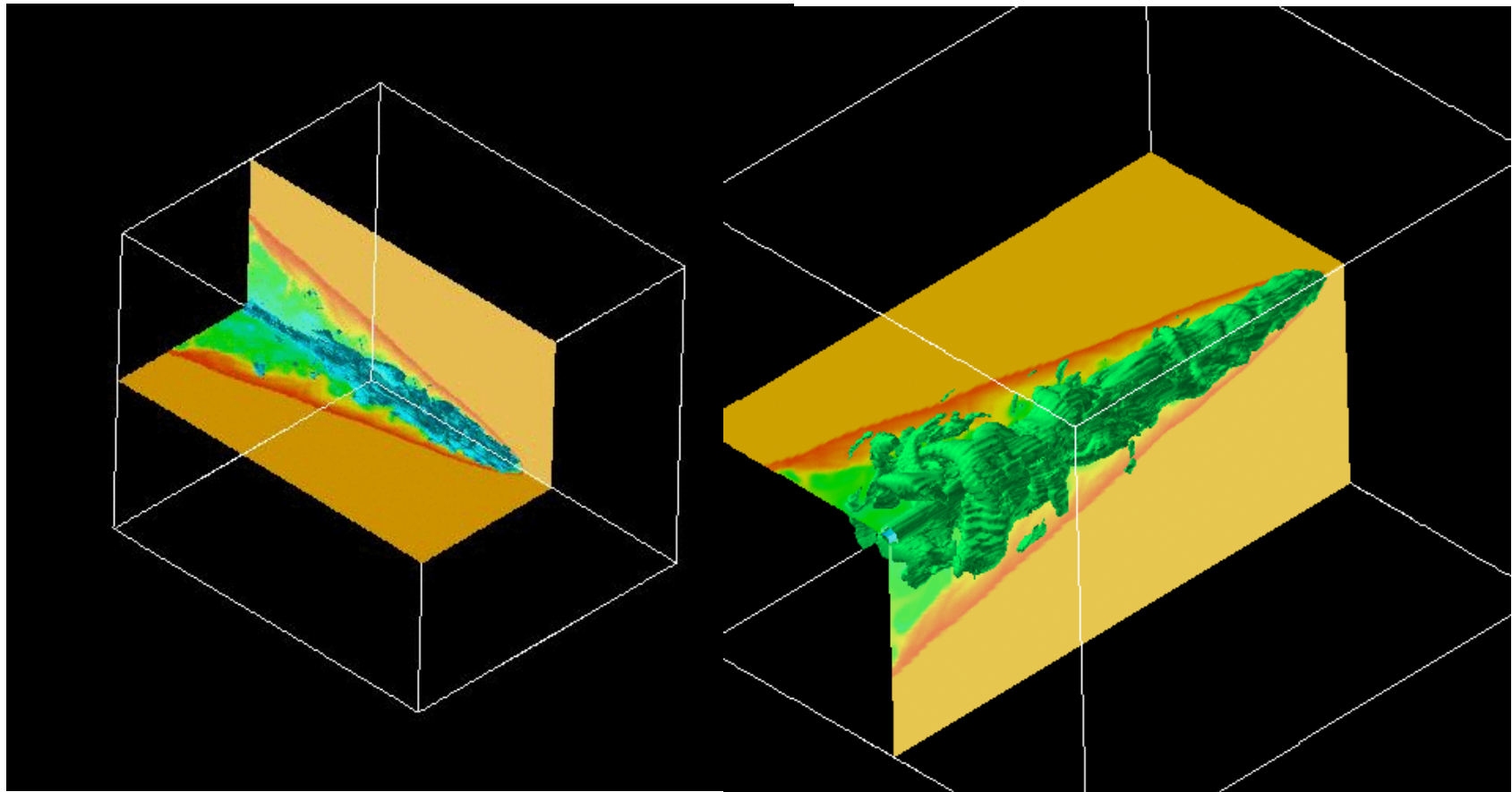
# No deceleration phase was observed



A lack of the third flow, the jets do not decelerate.

- (1)  $A=0.0$   $\tau=---$  (4)  $A=1.E-2$ ,  $\tau=3.0$   
 (2)  $A=5E-2$ ,  $\tau=1.5$  (5)  $A=7.5E-2$ ,  $\tau=1.5$   
 (3)  $A=1E-2$ ,  $\tau=1.5$  (6)  $A=1E-2$ ,  $\tau=5.0$

*The “back flow” also has an angular momentum in large scale*



## *Summary (3D simulations)*

- The largest scale 3D calculations have just begun.
- The jets with some precession do not have deceleration phase in current propagation distance for which axisymmetric jet begins to decelerate.
- The back flow has helical structure since injected jet has some precession.
- Wide range of the parameter space and larger computational domain are necessary for the next step.

Thank you for your attention.