Relativistic HD/MHD Flow for GRB Jets Jin Matsumoto RIKEN Astrophysical Big Bang Laboratory

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What a relativistic jet?

collimated bipolar outflow from gravitationally bounded object

active galactic nuclei (AGN) jet: γ ~ 10
 microquasar jet: v ~ 0.9c
 Gamma-ray burst: γ > 100

Lorentz factor $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$



AGN jet

schematic picture of the GRB jet



A relativistic jet is considered to be launched form the central engine and propagates the progenitor star.



Motivation of Our Study



- To investigate the propagation dynamics and stability of the relativistic jet
 - using relativistic hydrodynamic simulations

focus on the transverse structure of the jet

■ 2D simulations: evolution of the cross section of the relativistic jet

■ 3D simulation: propagation of the relativistic jet

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JM & Masada, ApJL, 772, L1 (2013)

Numerical Setting: 2D Toy Model



Basic Equations

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\text{conservation}}{\text{mass}} & \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\gamma\rho) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\gamma\rho v_r) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\gamma\rho v_{\theta}) = 0 & & & & & \\ \\ \underset{\text{conservation}}{\text{momentum}} & :r & \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\gamma^2\rho hv_r) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r(\gamma^2\rho hv_r^2 + P)) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\gamma^2\rho hv_r v_{\theta}) = \frac{P}{r} \\ \\ :\theta & \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\gamma^2\rho hv_{\theta}) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r(\gamma^2\rho hv_{\theta} v_r)) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\gamma^2\rho hv_{\theta}^2 + P) = -\frac{\gamma^2\rho hv_r v_{\theta}}{r} \\ \\ :z & \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\gamma^2\rho hv_z) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r(\gamma^2\rho hv_z v_r)) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\gamma^2\rho hv_z v_{\theta}) = 0 \\ \\ \\ \underset{\text{energy conservation}}{\overset{\text{energy}}{\partial t}(\gamma^2\rho h - P) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r(\gamma^2\rho hv_r)) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\gamma^2\rho hv_{\theta}) = 0 \\ \end{array}$$

$$\frac{h}{c^2} = 1 + \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma - 1} \frac{P}{\rho c^2} \qquad \qquad \Gamma = \frac{4}{3} \qquad \qquad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v_r^2 + v_\theta^2 + v_z^2)}}$$

Time Evolution of Jet Cross Section

The effective inertia is important.

relativistically hot plasma:

 $\rho_{\rm jet}c^2 \leq P_{\rm jet}$

effective inertia:

$$\gamma^2 \rho h = \gamma^2 (\rho c^2 + 4P)$$

The effective inertia of the jet is lager than the external medium although the density of the jet is smaller than the external medium in our setting.



The amplitude of the corrugated jet interface grows as time passes.

A finger-like structure is a typical outcome of the Rayleigh-Taylor instability.

Growth of RTI in SN Explosion



It is well known that a contact discontinuity, formed where a heavy fluid is supported above a light fluid against gravity, is unstable to perturbations to the boundary between the two fluids.

Although the gravity is negligible in SN explosions, the acceleration of the gas works as a gravity.

The mechanism of the growth of RTI



In addition to the growth of the Rayleigh-Taylor instability, the growth of the Richtmyer-Meshkov instability is also contributed to the finger like structures.

Richtmyer-Meshkov Instability



contact discontinuity

- The Richtmyer-Meshkov instability is induced by impulsive acceleration due to shock passage.
- The perturbation amplitude grows linearly in time (Richtmyer 1960)

$$\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} = k \delta_0^* A^* v^* , \qquad A^* = \frac{\rho_1^* - \rho_2^*}{\rho_1^* + \rho_2^*}$$

Time Evolution of Jet Cross Section

Effective inertia: $\log \gamma^2 \rho h$



Richtmyer-Meshkov instability is secondary excited between the RTI fingers. Almost all finger-like structures in panel (f) have their origin in the RMI.

Synergetic Growth of Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov Instabilities



The transverse structure of the jet is dramatically deformed by a synergetic growth of the Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities once the jet-external medium interface is corrugated in the case with the pressure-mismatched jet.

3D simulation: propagation of the relativistic jet

focusing on the impact of the oscillation-induced Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities on the 3D jet propagation.

Numerical Setting: 3D Toy Model



Basic Equations



In 3D case, we calculated the numerical flux to all directions.

Result: Density

Only the jet component is shown.

The amplitude of the corrugated jet interface grows due to the oscillation-induced Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities.

Since the relativistic jet is continuously injected into the calculation domain, standing reconfinement shocks are formed.

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We confirmed that the Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities grows at the interface of the jet. The material mixing due to the Rayleigh-Taylor and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities between the jet and surrounding medium leads to the deformation of the jet.



the transversal cuts of the rest-mass density

Spatial Growth Rate of Azimuthal Velocity



■ Growth of the volume-averaged azimuthal velocity is saturated around the 3rd reconfinemet region.

non-Axisymmetric vs Axisymmetric

Velocity v_z: t=0000



The numerical settings of the axisymmetric case are same as the 3D case except the azimuthal direction.



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Magnetically Driven Jet?

schematic picture of the GRB jet



Propagation of MHD jet for GRB



Summary

Basic physics of the propagation of the relativistic jet is investigated though 3D HD/2D MHD numerical simulations.

A pressure mismatch between the jet and surrounding medium leads to the radial oscillating motion of the jet.



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Rayleigh-Taylor instability
Richtmyer-Meshkov instability
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deceleration of the jet due to the mixing between the jet and surrounding medium

Next Study:

• more realistic situation for relativistic MHD jets in the context of GRBs