Black hole jets

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- Many astrophysicists feel uncomfortable in curved spacetime...
- Macdonald & Thorne reformulated electrodynamics with the hope that it may catalyze pulsar-experienced astrophysicists to begin research on black-hole electrodynamics and to bring to bear on this topic their lore about the 'axisymmetric pulsar problem'...

Macdonald & Thorne 1982









Contopoulos, Kazanas, Harding, Kalapotharakos

 $\mathcal{E}_{EM} \propto \omega (\Omega_{\rm BH} - \omega) \Psi_m^2 \sim \Omega_{\rm BH}^2 \Psi_m^2$



Blandford & Znajek 1977

- Radio loud/radio quiet AGN
- Jet formation and disruption in X-ray binaries
- No relation between BH spin and jet power?!!





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$$-\frac{2\Psi_{,r}}{r} - 2\omega^2 \cos\theta \sin\theta\Psi_{,\theta} - \omega\omega' r^2 \sin^2\theta \left(\Psi_{,r}^2 + \frac{1}{r^2}\Psi_{,\theta}^2\right) = -4II'$$

- The pulsar light cylinder: $r \sin \theta = c/\omega$
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- The black hole possesses two light surfaces
- The electric current $I(\Psi)$ must be determined selfconsistently together with the angular velocity of the magnetic field $\omega(\Psi)$

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Blandford-Znajek revisited

α=0.7-0.9999M, ω~0.5 Ω_{BH}















Contopoulos et al. 2013 (in preparation)

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Not real jets!



-8 -6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6 8 X-Axis (M)

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Jets!









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$$B_{eq} \sim 10^{7-8} G$$

- A Kerr black hole with its own magnetic field
- Pulsar-like boundary conditions on the horizon



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Conclusions

- The black hole magnetic field may be generated in the accretion disk (Cosmic Battery)
- Stellar mass black holes gain charge and magnetic field during their formation (MBH)
- MBH: an "orthogonal" GRB model?
- Isolated black holes do not produce jets