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Observations and models of solar coronal jets

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Solar jets

Jets: ubiquitous phenomena

- Impulsive, collimated, sharp edged features
- Observed all over the atmosphere
 - in coronal holes
 - in active regions
- Observed over a broad range of scales
 - Coronal jets
 (macrospicules) : Xray, UV, White light
 - Length > 10⁴ km
 - Chromospheric jets (surges): Ha, Ca II, UV
 - Length: $\sim 10^3$ km
 - Photospheric jets / spicules :
 - Length $< 10^3$ km
- Homologous recurring structures

2007-8vb-4 02:12:26 dt = 4.0 (Liu et al. 09) UV+White Light (STEREO) SOT/Hinode (Patsourakos et al. 08) Ca II H 2006-12-17 20:00:37 UT (Shibata et al 07: Nishizuka et al. 11)

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Helical properties of jets

Helical structure commonly observed

- Morphology (e.g. Shibata et al. 92, Canfield et al. 96,, Liu et al. 10,11, Shen et al. 11, ...)
- Doppler (imaging) (Harrison et al. 01, Jibben et al. 04, Young et al. 14,15, Cheung et al. 15)
- Stereoscopy (Patsourakos et al. 08, Kamio et al. 10, Matsui et al. 12)
- Twisting motion observed at all scales (e.g. Liu et al. 09,11, Curdt et al. 11, 12, DePontieu et al. 12)



Magnetic field properties

- Jets generally (~90%) associated with multipolar fields. (Shimojo et al, 98,09)
- Jet collimated along "open" **B** lines:
- Jets occur at the interface of two connectivity domains:
- close & "open" = two different characteristic length of B gradients
 - Necessary ingredients for jets





Magnetic field topology



Jet progenitor and trigger

- Observations of sigmoid structure (Raouafi et al.
 10, 12) and of small scale filaments (Kayshap et al.
 13, Sterling et al. 15) prior to the jet
- indication for pre-jet twisted flux rope in the closed field domain
- Flux rope recently found bellow null points (Jiang et al.14, Kai et al. 15, Liu et al. 15, Masson et al. 16)
- Pre-jet photospheric motions generally convergent, i.e. magnetic cancellation filaments (Chen et al. 08, Chifor et al. 08, Guo et al. 13, Young et al. 14, Muglach et al. 15)
 - Flux emergence earlier (and necessary) but not directly linked with jet trigger





Evidence for magnetic reconnection

- X-ray jets: energetic events (10²⁰-10²²J).
 - Energy source must be magnetic
- Transient impulsive events:
 - Violent energy release
- **Obs. of non-thermal particles** (Bain et al. 09) ۲
- X-ray jets associated with small flares: X-ray • bright points (Shibata et al. 1992, 1994, ...):
 - Correlation between energies and plasma temperatures of the jet and of the flare
 - Area of footpoint flare corr. jet temperature
- Change of the coronal loops connectivity •
- Null points are preferential recon. sites •
- Numerous numerical simulations involving • reconnection producing jets



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Mechanism for jets (in 2D)



- Jet = flare involving strongly asymmetric field lines
- Jet bright point: standard post flare loop
- Jet: non-standard post flare loop
 - Energy deposit close to base of a extended loop
 - Transfer of energy along the extended loop

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Jets and particles acceleration

- Evidences of non-thermal e- beam during (large) jet events (Aurass 94, Raulin 96, Bain et al. 09, Krucker et al. 11,)
- Test particle simulations (B fixed)
 - at 3D null point (Dalla & Browning 05,06,08)
 - with relativistic e- (Rosdahl & Galsgaard 10)
- Toward self-consistent model: PIC (Baumann et al. 13)
 - Important tool to follow particle injection in the heliosphere and ribbon formation





Evaporation flows



Evaporationflow

- Relative good fits (V,p,T) with observations (e.g. Shimojo et al 01, Chifor et al .08, Matsui 12)
 - Velocity agreement at high Temp. (Matsui 12)
 - No good fit at lower temperature
 - Exponential intensity decrease with height in X-ray
- Jet properties depends on the energy deposit height, i.e., reconnection evolution
 - Mechanism different in the corona and in the chromosphere





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Magnetic untwisting flows

• Magnetic Twist flows

- Recon. of twisted/sheared and untwisted/unsheared loops
- Release of the shear → non linear Alvénic wave
- Driver: Kink-type wave magnetic pressure





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Helical jet = destroyed erupting flux rope

- Helical jets corresponds to destroyed erupting flux rope (Moore et al. 10, Raouaffi et al. 12, Moreno-Insertis et al. 13, Archontis et al. 13, Kayshap et al. 13, Fang et al. 14, Lee et al. 15, Pariat et al. 15)
- Jet driver: untwisting of the reconnected field lines of the disrupted flux rope (Pariat et al. 09,10,15, Törok et al. 09, Moore et al. 10,13)
- Trigger of helical jets = trigger of coronal mass ejection



3D model of magnetic untwisting flows





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Homologous property

- Magnetic system quasi relax to its initial potential state
- Continuous energy injection
- Null point configuration can simply produce multiple jets
 - Homologous system
 - Helicity release: jets •
 - **Relaxation & energy storage**

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Influence of inclination

- Parametric study of the influence of the inclination, θ , of the coronal field
 - 1°< θ <20°
- Helical jet always generated in that range of angle
 - Direction of the blowout jet is given by the inclination θ as for observations
 - Morphology of blowout jet is very similar, i.e. indep. of θ
- **Trigger energy strongly** decreases with increasing θ
 - E_{trig}(20°)=60% E_{trig}(1°)
 - Axisymetric system able to store more energy
 - → shall generate more energetic jets



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Conclusion

- Recent observations/models allow to strongly focused our understanding of coronal jets:
- 2 main reconnection-induced mechanisms: evaporation & untwisting flows
 - Occurring concomitantly
 - Responsible for the \neq obs. properties
 - Relative importance/interplay of each mechanism to be understood:
 - Relative energy distribution/transfer
 - Dependence on environmental conditions
 - No simulation is yet able to include processes
- More evidences that jets and eruptions share same type of initial condition / trigger mechanisms
 - (Helical) jets = reconnection-destroyed erupting structures/CMEs
 - Same problematic than flare/eruption init.
- Coronal jet study: helps to understanding of chromospheric jet/spicules?





Thanks for your attention