The striped jet model: From the central engine to gamma-rays in GRBs*

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GRB prompt emission

(see short review: Bosnjak, Barniol Duran, Pe'er 2022)



Yu et al. (2015) Luminosities ~ $10^{51} - 10^{54}$ erg/s Efficiencies ~ 10%

Main questions



Tchekhovskoy (2014)

- 1. How does the jet accelerate?
- 2. How are gamma-rays produced?
 - Striped (magnetic) jet

Striped jet

Natural outcome of the rotation of a magnetized object (*e.g.*, *Drenkhahn 2002*, *Drenkhahn & Spruit 2002*, *Giannios & Spruit 2005*, ...).



Motivation: Crab nebula (Coroniti 1990)



McKinney & Uzdensky (2012)

Model basic picture



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Striped jet: Magnetic reconnection

Magnetic reconnection drives jet acceleration and particle acceleration (e.g., Giannios & Uzdensky 2019)



GRB striped jet acceleration



For more information on magnetic jet acceleration in the context of GRBs, see, e.g., Contopoulos 1995, Drenkhahn 2002, Drenkhahn & Spruit 2002, Giannios & Spruit 2005, Granot et al. 2011, McKinney & Uzdensky 2012, Kumar & Zhang 2015, Giannios & Uzdensky 2019, ...

Lorentz factor estimate from early afterglow



Lorentz factor Γ_∞ estimates for a large sample (67) of GRBs (*Ghirlanda et al. 2018, including Fermi data!*):

• Obtained from the peak of GRB afterglow light curve: Deceleration time

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 R_0 for neutron star (NS) and black holes (BH) are expected to be different: ~10⁸ and 10⁹ cm, respectively, with large uncertainties (*e.g. Drenkhahn 2002, Giannios & Uzdensky 2019*).

GRB striped jet emission

Photospheric emission** is expected in the striped jet model at the photospheric radius:

$$R_{ph} \propto rac{R_0^{2/5}}{\Gamma_\infty}$$

Determining R_{ph} numerically, we can calculate the expected photospheric peak energy and luminosity.

**Thermal spectrum will be Comptonized (e.g., Drenkhahn 2002, Drenkhahn & Spruit 2002, Giannios & Spruit 2005, Beloborodov 2013; Vurm et al. 2013; Thompson & Gill 2014; Bégué & Pe'er 2015; Vurm & Beloborodov 2016, Pe'er 2017, Giannios 2017, Gill et al. 2020, ...).







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An alternative approach

Imposing a large efficiency with $R_{diss}/R_{ph} \sim 1$ we find a nice agreement with the data (except for a few Fermi LAT GRBs, which require a non-thermal component, as observed).



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Constraining the stripes' length distribution $P(L) \sim L^{-\alpha}$: We find $\alpha < 3$.

Summary

The striped jet model is a promising model to explain GRB prompt emission. It allows us to connect the afterglow with the central engine.

Peak energies and efficiencies are consistent with prompt observations for most GRBs.

Please, see our paper for more information: *Damoulakis, Barniol Duran, Giannios, 2023, MNRAS, 523, 6250.*



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