

Particle content, morphology and jet power: all jets are not equal Judith Croston

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Motivation



All jets are not equal





Radiative mode = High Excitation RG (HERG) = Low Excitation RG (LERG)

Jet mode

(figure from Heckman & Best 2014 ARA&A 52 589)



Pressure comparisons

emission from lobes



See also Morganti+ 1988, Birkinshaw & Worrall 2000, Croston+ 2003, 2008, Dunn & Fabian 2004, Bîrzan+ 2008, Heesen et al. 2018



Ineson, JC et al. 2017 MNRAS 467 1586 & see Judith Ineson's poster



A comprehensive view of radio-galaxy environments





Ineson, JC et al. 2015 MNRAS 453 2682 & see Judith Ineson's poster

Systematic pressure comparison



"FRII-like" energetics



NB. Ruled out by FRI IC limits in 7 cases

Why can't FRIs and FRIIs have the same energy balance?

- FRIs with FRII-like sub-equipartition fields ruled out by IC limits in 7 cases
- Substantial proton content in FRIIs would overpressurise lobes at midpoints and "pinch" points.



Does particle content depend on morphology or accretion mode?



Implications for feedback estimates



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Jet power and morphology



Hardcastle 2018 (MNRAS 475 2768)

Predicting environments from radio properties



Croston+ 2017 MNRAS

Croston+2018

It works if you choose your sample carefully...

Summary

Systematic X-ray study of radio-galaxy environments and energetics has taught us:

- FRI and FRII radio galaxies have different particle content and energy balance
- FRIs best explained by significant proton contribution from entrainment/mixing, not present in more "pristine" FRIIs
- This affects relationship between jet power and radio observables (but so do many other factors)

Vital to understand the make-up of your population (including life stages!) before trying to infer jet power or feedback effects

see Croston+ 2018 MNRAS 476 1614 & 2017 MNRAS 470 1943