The Effect of Jet-Ejecta Interaction on Multi-D Kilonova Light Curves

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Neutron star mergers are multimessenger events



Fernández & Metzger '16

GW170817 / GRB170817A / AT2017gfo





Drout + '17

Abbott + '17

R-Process Nucleosynthesis





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Dynamical ejecta from tides and shocked NS matter ${\sim}10^{\text{-3}}\,M_{\odot}$ over ${\sim}10$ ms



Radice + '18

NS mergers produce multiple ejecta components



Kasen +' 17

Kilonova consistent with multiple ejecta components



Modified from Villar + 17

GW170817 radio light curve indicates jet



Mooley + '18

What next?

What kind of diversity can we expect to see in subsequent kilonovae?

What next?

What are the effects of different viewing angles?

How Does Jet-Ejecta Interaction Affect Kilonova?

Focusing on **shock-heating** due to a prompt jet and **changes to density structure**

Two of the Possible Sources of Heating for the Optical Transient

Prompt shock heating (from jet?)

(incl. Kasliwal+'17, Piro & Kollmeier'17)

~seconds

10⁴⁹ - 10⁵⁰ erg

Radioactive decay of nucleosynthesis products

(incl. Metzger+'10)

~seconds to days

10⁵⁰ erg

Approach



2D relativistic hydrodynamic simulation (in JET) of jet interacting with expanding outflow (Duffell, Quataert, Kasen, **Klion**) '18) 2D Monte Carlo radiation transport simulations with Sedona (Klion + in prep)

Relativistic Hydrodynamic Calculations

- Initial conditions from numerical NS merger simulations (Hotokezaka +13, Nagakura + 14); ejecta slightly oblate
- Fiducial scales
 - $\,\circ\,$ Mass 0.07 M_\odot
 - Engine duration T = 0.1s
- Using code JET (Duffell & MacFadyen 2011, 2013)
- Lagrangian spherical polar grid, cells can move radially with the flow
- Assume ejecta are homologously expanding. No delay between merger and engine turn on. Inject a jet with some luminosity, engine duration, and opening angle
- Evolve until $1000T \sim 100s$, when mostly homologous



Jet + Ejecta Hydrodynamic Simulations



Four regimes of jet-ejecta interaction



Jet success depends only on energy scale & angle

Assumption: ejecta expand homologously – delay between merger and engine is small

Only timescale in the problem is the **engine duration** *T*, and success condition cannot independently depend on *T*. Only energy scale and geometry matter.

Success condition:

$$E_j > E_{\rm crit}$$

 $E_{\rm crit} \propto \theta_j^2 E_{\rm ej}$



Jets can break out on timescales longer than engine duration



Higher energy jet does not guarantee more thermal energy



Jet thermalization efficiency is limited



Approach



Input Models



r-process heating > jet shock heating @ 900s



Thermal energy due to r-process heating exceeds jet shock heating throughout



Light curves are brighter on pole than on equator



Amount of brightening along jet correlates with how much jet affects density distribution



Equatorial light curves match failed jet case



Jet shock heating does not affect light curves



Klion +, in prep

obs L_{bol} from Drout + '17

More variation between models at pole than at equator



Brighter on pole because greater photospheric temperature



Emission is bluer at poles



Effect Apparent in Predicted Band Light Curves



Observed photometry from Kasliwal + '17

Early times: iron-like opacities push emission redwards at equator but not near pole



Reddening more apparent at later times



Summary

✤Jet thermalization efficiency is limited

Unlikely that light curve is dominated by (prompt jet) shock heating

r-process heating greatly exceeds shock heating

Jet changes the structure of the ejecta, giving viewing-angle effects that depend on jet energy and opening angle

✤Jet-affected viewing angles are brighter and possibly somewhat bluer