A model of the emission from LS 5039 based on relativistic hydrodynamics

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Well-established observations & ingredients



Orbital modulations and spectra well-known in LS 5039 Generic ingredients: electrons + sync + IC + $\gamma\gamma$ + relativity

What is the recipe and what can it tell us about pulsar winds?

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Emission geometry for interacting winds
towards a consistent description of dynamics and radiation
extended emission
doppler boosting
adiabatic cooling

stellar wind

pulsar wind

The RHD simulation

• RAMSES relativistic hydrodynamics (Godunov+AMR+relativistic EoS) \Rightarrow low pulsar magnetisation σ , no radiation feedback

$$\eta = 0.1 \left(\frac{\dot{E}}{8 \times 10^{35} \,\mathrm{erg \, s^{-1}}} \right) \left(\frac{2 \times 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{M_{\odot} \, yr^{-1}}}{\dot{M}} \right)$$
$$v_w = 2000 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1}} \ \Gamma_p = 7$$

one 3D simulation rescaled with orbital separation (no orbital motion)
HLL solver (numerical diffusion quenches Kelvin-Helmholtz)

Conditions in the shocked pulsar wind



 $B\sim 1/d_p~~{\rm at}~({\rm perpendicular})~{\rm shock}$ induction equation in shocked region $\Rightarrow B\sim \Gamma nr$

Particle evolution in a post-processing step



in units of orbital separation

radiative & adiabatic cooling along streamlines with power law injection along shock:

- normalised to local density
- E_{max} given by $\tau_{acc} = \tau_{rad}$
- E_{min} derived from local pressure
- same slope everywhere

Emission from the particles

- 3D calculation including relativistic effects, synchrotron, anisotropic IC scattering & pair production on stellar photons.
- phase-dependent spectra & orbital modulation





Doppler boosting shapes the modulation



Influence of other parameters



Tough to reproduce hard VHE spectrum + level of X-ray emission in LS 5039

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Two-component model of LS 5039

Power-law with hard slope E^{-1.5} + Maxwellian with Γ≈5000



Orbital variability in reasonable agreement





• modulation set by Doppler boost $\Rightarrow i\approx 35^{\circ}$ (for $\eta=0.1$)

A RHD-based model of LS 5039's emission

- power-law is radiatively efficient, adiabatic cooling negligible
- 88% of the energy in radiatively-inefficient Maxwellian
- total $E_p \approx 10^{35}$ erg s⁻¹, lower than expected (low stellar wind mass loss?)
- pulsar wind magnetisation $\sigma \approx 1$
- points to shock driven reconnection in equatorial plane (e.g. Sironi & Spitkovsky 2011)
- wish list: RMHD, location-dependent acceleration, orbital motion

Dubus, Lamberts, Fromang et al. 2015 (arXiv:1505.01026)