

Are outflows and jets rotation-powered ?

If so, where are their “power stations”  
and “roots” ?

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# Frame dragging, Unipolar induction and Jets in Kerr black hole magnetospheres

**Toward Constructing “Power Station”  
for Outflows and Jets**

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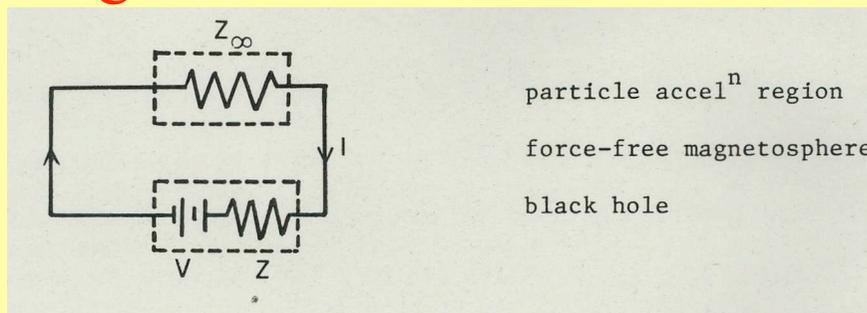
# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Scenario in the 1980s

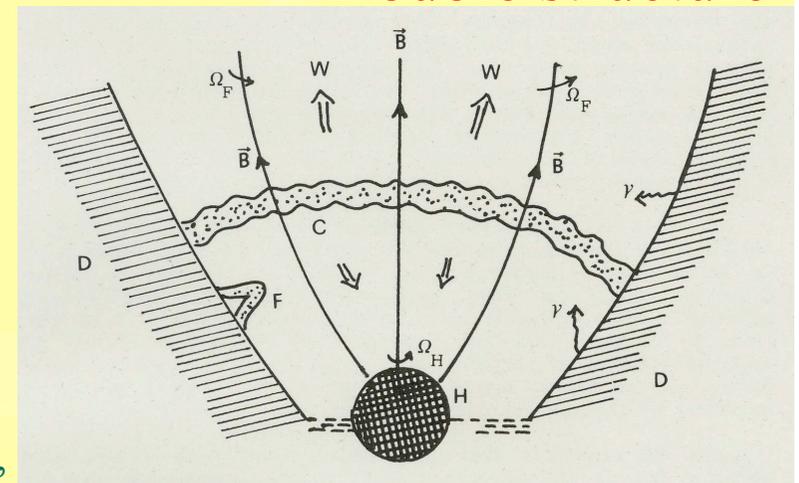
- **Extraction of hole's spin energy:** Blandford-Znajek process (1977), Phinney's jet model (1982), Macdonald & Thorne's "3+1" formalism (82), Thorne et al.'s "The Membrane Paradigm" (86). **Invited a criticism of causality violation.**
- Existence of a battery in the horizon of a magnetized Kerr hole.
- By no-hair theorem, we can draw out no information from under the Kerr hole's horizon, except mass  $M$  and angular momentum  $J$ .

### The image in the 1980s

Single circuit



Double structure



Phinney (1982): "Black hole-driven hydrodynamic flows"  
In "Astrophysical Jets", eds. A. Ferrari & A.G. Pacholszyk,

# 1.2 Unipolar Induction battery for pulsars

Landau & Lifshitz “Course of Theoretical Physics”, Vol. 8  
 “Electrodynamics of Continuous Media”, p. 220-1

A perfectly conducting sphere,  
 rotating with  $\Omega$  about the direction  
 of magnetization  $M$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EMF} &= B_0 \Omega a^3 / 2c = \Omega M / ca \\ M &= B_0 a^3 / 2 \\ &= \text{total magnetic moment} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{1}{2\pi c} \int_{\Psi_1}^{\Psi_2} \Omega_F d\Psi$$

between two field lines  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$   
 pinned down at the neutron star

static magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  due to a fixed magnet. We neglect the distortion of the field by the wire itself. According to formula (63.3), the e.m.f. between the ends of the wire is

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{c} \int_{ACB} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{c} \int_{ACB} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{r} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}, \quad (63.9)$$

taken along the wire. This is the required solution.

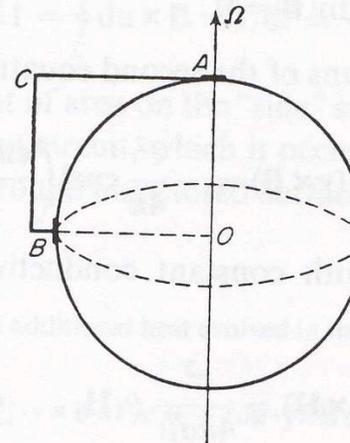


FIG. 39

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OACBO} &= 0 \\ \text{ACB} &= \text{AOB} \\ &= \text{OB}, \\ \text{OA} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

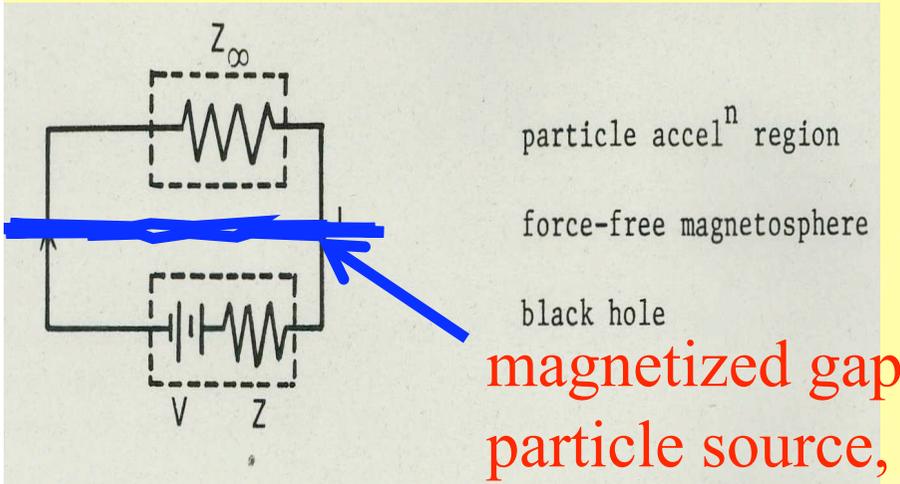
It is  $\Omega_F$  that relates unipolar induction to EMF.

# 1.3 Purpose

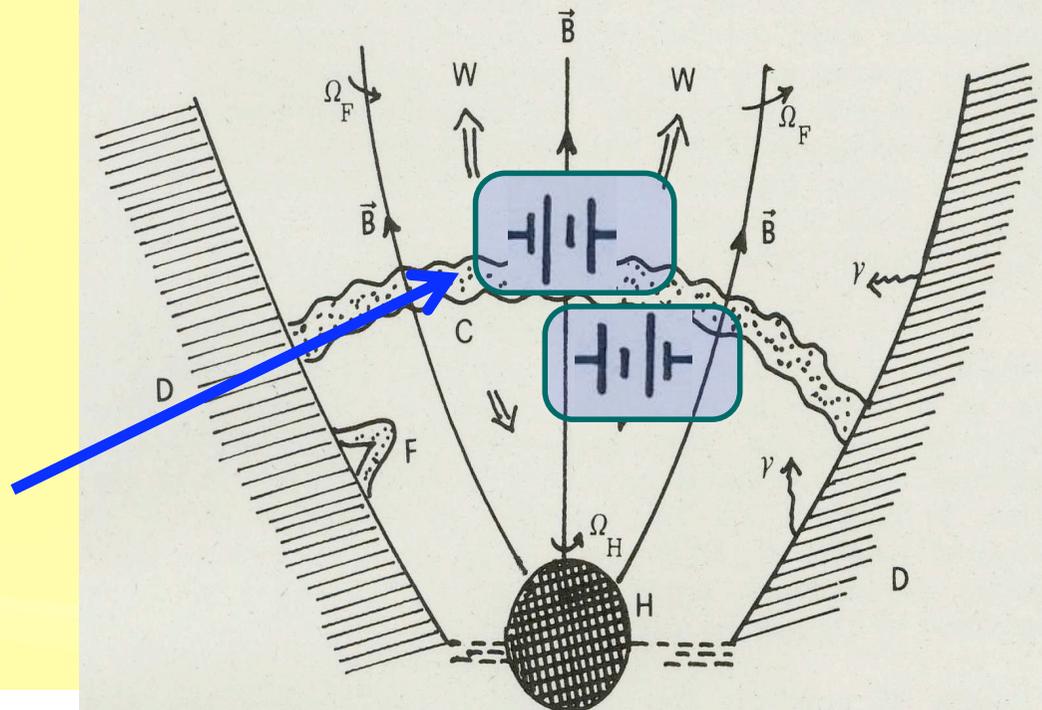
- **Purpose:** By coupling frame dragging effect with unipolar induction in flat space, construct a strong power station consisting of not only a pair of batteries for driving currents but strong voltage drop in-between for particle creation in a non-acausal location.
- Revive the BZ process, Phinney's jet model, and the Membrane Paradigm.

## Double Structure

### Double circuit



magnetized gap  
particle source,  
two batteries



## 2.1 Black Hole Electrodynamics

- We use "3+1" formalism in Boyer-Lindquist coordinates. GR effects are condensed in

$\alpha$ : lapse function and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

$\omega$ : frame-dragging angular velocity.  $\Omega_H \geq \omega \geq 0$

- FIDucial Observer FIDOs, resident in absolute space circulating with  $\omega$ .

- FIDO-measured FLAV:  $\Omega_{F\omega} = \Omega_F - \omega$

Key quantity embodying the coupling of frame dragging with unipolar induction.

- Assume presence of copious particles threaded by large-scale magnetic field lines with the angular velocity  $\Omega_F$  constant from  $S_H$  to  $S_\infty$ .

- **The freezing-in, force-free conditions**

$$\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{v}/c) \times \mathbf{B}, \quad \rho_e \mathbf{E} + (\mathbf{j}/c) \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$

- **where**  $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \mathbf{j}_p = \rho_e \mathbf{v}_p = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{dI}{d\Psi} \mathbf{B}_p$

$$\mathbf{B}_p = -\frac{1}{2\pi\varpi} (\mathbf{t} \times \nabla \Psi), \quad B_t = -\frac{2I}{\varpi\alpha c},$$

where  $\Psi = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  “field-streamline”

$I = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  “current line”

$$\mathbf{E}_p = -\frac{\Omega_F \omega}{2\pi\alpha c} \nabla \Psi, \quad \mathbf{S}_{EM} = \frac{\alpha c}{4\pi} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \frac{\Omega_F \omega I(\Psi)}{2\pi\alpha c} \mathbf{B}_p$$

- **No MHD-acceleration. Current-field-streamlines are equipotentials in the force-free domains.**

- **Charge-separated plasma.**  $\rho_e = -en^{(-)}$  or  $= +en^{(+)}$

## 3.1 Eigenvalue Problem due to Criticality-Boundary Conditions

- Two integral functions of  $\Psi$ 
  - $\Omega_F(\Psi)$ : field line angular velocity/potential gradient
  - $I(\Psi)$ : current function/field angular momentum flux
- $S_{ff\infty}$  and  $S_{ffH}$ : two membranes terminating "force-free" domains. The "criticality condition" from wind theory fixes  $I_{out}(\Psi)$  and  $I_{in}(\Psi)$  for outflow, inflow.
- $S_N$ : the interface between the two, outer and inner force-free domains. The "boundary condition" for continuity of angular momentum flux to be continuous across  $S_N$ , i.e.  $I_{out}(\Psi)=I_{in}(\Psi)$ , fixes  $\Omega_F(\Psi)$ .

## 3.2 Eigenvalues $I_{\text{out}}(\Psi)$ , $I_{\text{in}}(\Psi)$ and $\Omega_F(\Psi)$

Criticality condition for ingoing/outgoing winds

$$I(\Psi) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\Omega_H - \Omega_F)(B_p \varpi^2)_{\text{ffH}} \equiv I_{\text{in}}, & \text{at } S_{\text{iF}} \approx S_{\text{ffH}}, \quad \omega \approx \Omega_H, \\ \frac{1}{2}\Omega_F(B_p \varpi^2)_{\text{ff}\infty} \equiv I_{\text{out}}, & \text{at } S_{\text{oF}} \approx S_{\text{ff}\infty}, \quad \omega \approx 0. \end{cases}$$

Equivalent to Ohm's law on resistive membranes  $S_{\text{ffH}}$  and  $S_{\text{ff}\infty}$

Boundary condition  $I_{\text{in}} = I_{\text{out}}$  at  $S_N$ ,  $\omega = \Omega_F$

$$\Omega_F = \frac{\Omega_H}{1 + \zeta}, \quad \zeta \equiv \frac{(B_p \varpi^2)_{\text{ff}\infty}}{(B_p \varpi^2)_{\text{ffH}}}.$$

“Continuity of angular momentum flux at  $S_N$ ”

No source of angular momentum and rotational energy at  $S_N$

### 3.3 FIDO-measured field line angular velocity and gravito-electric potential

$A^{(4)} = (A_{0\omega}, 0, 0, A_\phi) :$  Kerr space 4-potential

$A_{0\omega} = A_0 + V :$  Kerr space scalar potential

$A_0 :$  Flat-space scalar potential

$V :$  Gravito-electric potential

$A_\phi = \Psi / 2\pi :$  Magnetic potential

$\Omega_F = -2\pi c(dA_0/d\Psi) :$

$\omega = 2\pi c(dV/d\Psi)_\ell :$

$\Omega_{F\omega} = -2\pi c(dA_{0\omega}/d\Psi)_\ell = \Omega_F - \omega :$

## 4.1 Angular Momentum and Energy Fluxes

- $S_J$  : Angular momentum flux, extracted from the hole by the surface torque.
- $S_{SD}$  : Spin-down energy flux form the hole due to the frame dragging effect, related to  $S_J$ .
- $S_{EM}$  : Poynting ElectroMagnetic energy flux
- $S_E$  : Total energy flux

$$S_J = \frac{I(\Psi)}{2\pi\alpha c} B_p, \quad S_{SD} = \omega S_J, \quad S_{EM} = \Omega_F \omega S_J,$$

$$S_E = S_{SD} + S_{EM} = \Omega_F S_J$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega + (\Omega_F - \omega) = \Omega_F$$

## 4.2 Frame-dragging spin-down energy fluxes $S_{SD}$

Angular momentum loss of the hole by the surface torque to  $S_{ffH}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dJ}{dt} &= - \oint_{\text{surface current}} (\alpha \mathcal{I}_{ffH} / c \times \mathbf{B}_p) \cdot \varpi \mathbf{t} dA \\ &= - \frac{1}{2\pi c} \oint I(\Psi) d\Psi = - \oint \alpha \mathbf{S}_J \cdot d\mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

Angular momentum flux  $\mathbf{S}_J = \frac{I(\Psi)}{2\pi\alpha c} \mathbf{B}_p$

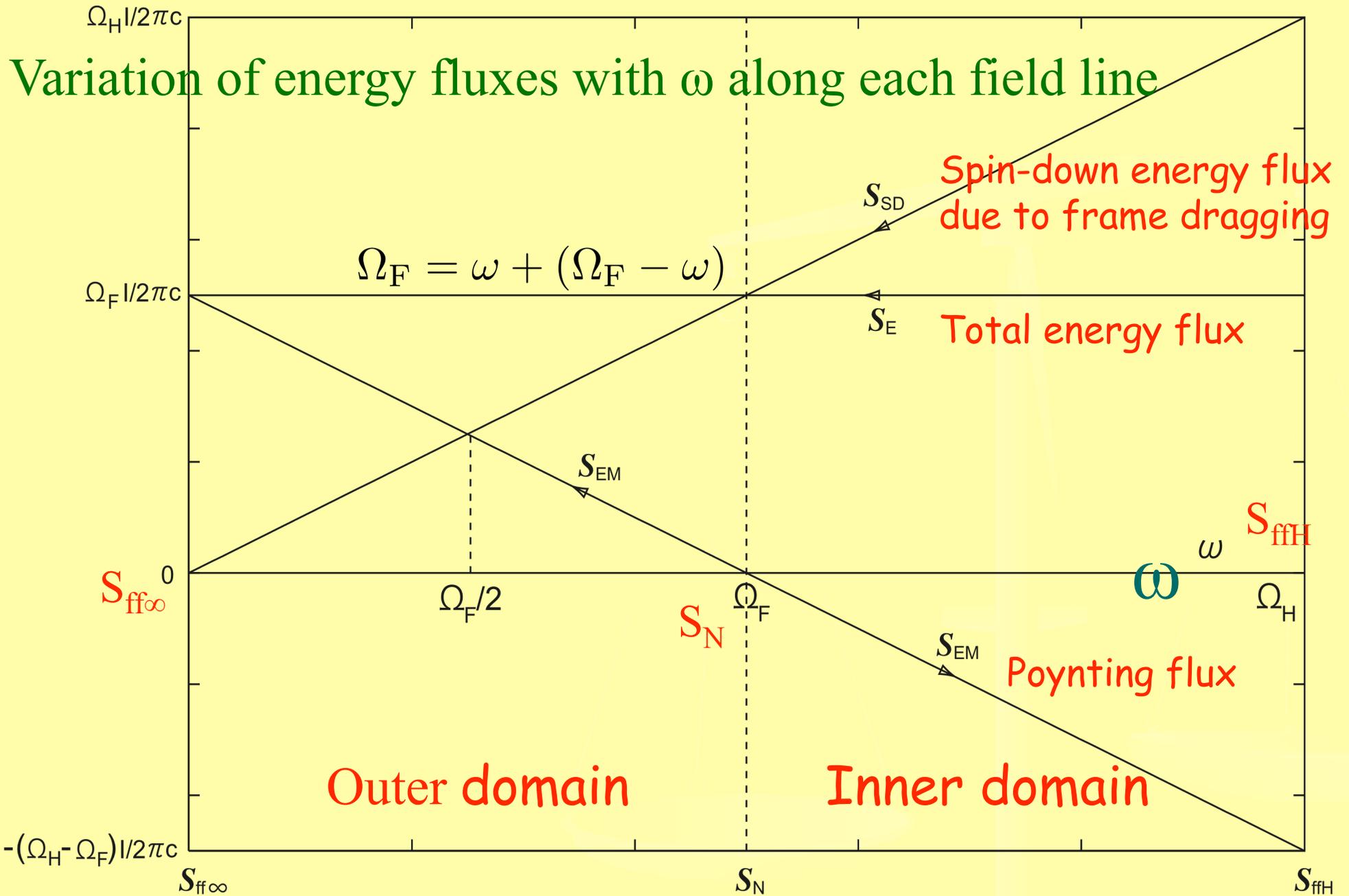
Spin-down energy flux due to the frame dragging effect

$$\mathbf{S}_{SD} = \omega \mathbf{S}_J = \frac{\omega I}{2\pi\alpha c} \mathbf{B}_p$$

Loss of the hole's rotational energy

$$\oint \alpha \mathbf{S}_{SD} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \Big|_{ffH} = \frac{\Omega_H}{2\pi c} \oint I(\Psi) d\Psi = -\Omega_H \frac{dJ}{dt}$$

# 4.3 Three modes of energy fluxes



## 4.4 Interface $S_N$ between two domains

- Outer domain : outgoing pulsar-type wind,  $\Omega_{FW} > 0$

$$E_p < 0, \quad v_p = j_p / \rho_e > 0$$

- Inner domain : ingoing anti-pulsar-type wind with  $\Omega_{FW} < 0$ , i.e. turned-outside-in toward the hole

$$E_p > 0, \quad v_p = j_p / \rho_e < 0$$

- At  $S_N$ :  $\omega = \Omega_F$   $E_p \lesseqgtr 0$ , for  $\omega \lesseqgtr \Omega_F$   
 $\rho_e \rightarrow 0$ ,  $v_p = j_p / \rho_e \rightarrow \pm\infty$  for  $\omega \rightarrow \Omega_F$

- Inevitable breakdown of force-freeness

- Stationary particles / currents sources needed in-between

- We show existence of a pair of unipolar induction batteries and voltage drop  $\Delta V$

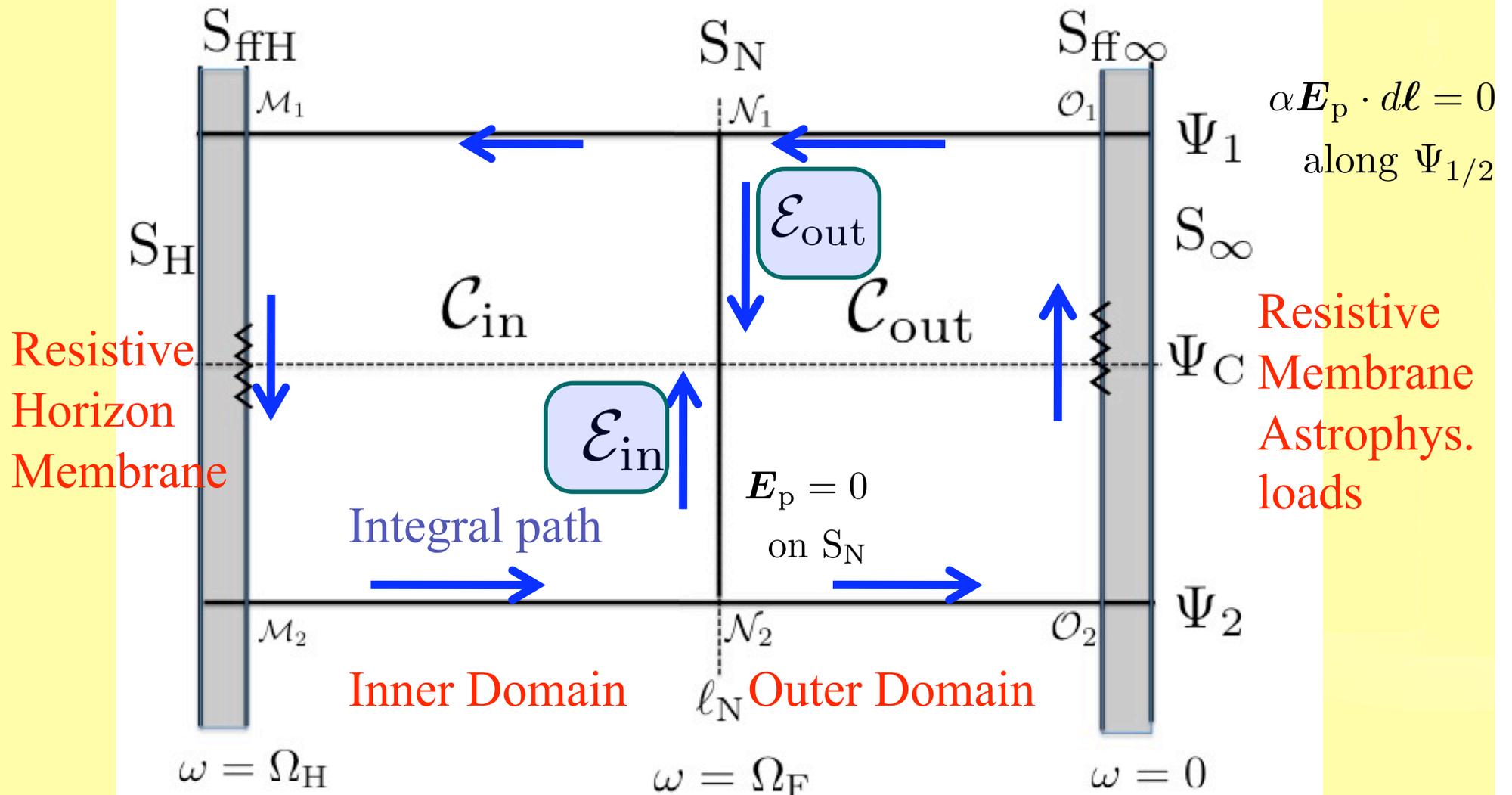
$$\Delta V = \mathcal{E}_{\text{out}} - \mathcal{E}_{\text{in}} = -\frac{\Omega_H}{2\pi c} \Delta\Psi$$

# 5.1 Double Circuits with Magnetized Gap in-between

- DC double circuit
- = EMF
- + volume-current lines in Force-Free domains
- + Impedances on the Resistive Membranes,  $S_{ff\infty}$  and  $S_{ffH}$ , dissipating Surface-Currents
- + Surface Lorenz torque extracting the hole's AM and rotational energy through  $S_{ffH}$  and transferring them to particles on  $S_{ff\infty}$ .
- One can describe the wind domains by superposition of infinite number of nested circuits.

## 5.2 Faraday integral along circuits

$$\mathcal{E}_c = \oint_c \alpha \mathbf{E}_p \cdot d\ell = - \oint_c \Omega_{F\omega} \nabla \Psi \cdot d\ell \quad \leftarrow \mathbf{E}_p = - \frac{\Omega_{F\omega}}{2\pi\alpha c} \nabla \Psi$$



## 5.3 EMF's for a pair of circuits, and Voltage Drop hidden under $S_N$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{out}} = -\frac{1}{2\pi c} \int_{\Psi_1}^{\Psi_2} \Omega_F(\Psi) d\Psi,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{in}} = +\frac{1}{2\pi c} \int_{\Psi_1}^{\Psi_2} [\Omega_H - \Omega_F(\Psi)] d\Psi,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{out}} - \mathcal{E}_{\text{in}} = \Delta V = -\frac{\Omega_H}{2\pi c} \Delta\Psi$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\Omega_{F\omega} &\equiv (\Omega_{F\omega})_{\infty} - (\Omega_{F\omega})_H \\ &= \Omega_F - [-(\Omega_H - \Omega_F)] \\ &= \Omega_H \end{aligned}$$

equivalent

## 6.1 Twin Pulsar Model

The results for EMF's are the same for  $\Omega_{F\omega}$  and  $\overline{\Omega_{F\omega}}$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{out/in}} = \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\text{out/in}}} \Omega_{F\omega} \nabla \Psi \cdot d\ell$$

in the curved space

$$= \oint_{\mathcal{C}_{\text{out/in}}} \overline{\Omega_{F\omega}} \nabla \Psi \cdot d\ell$$

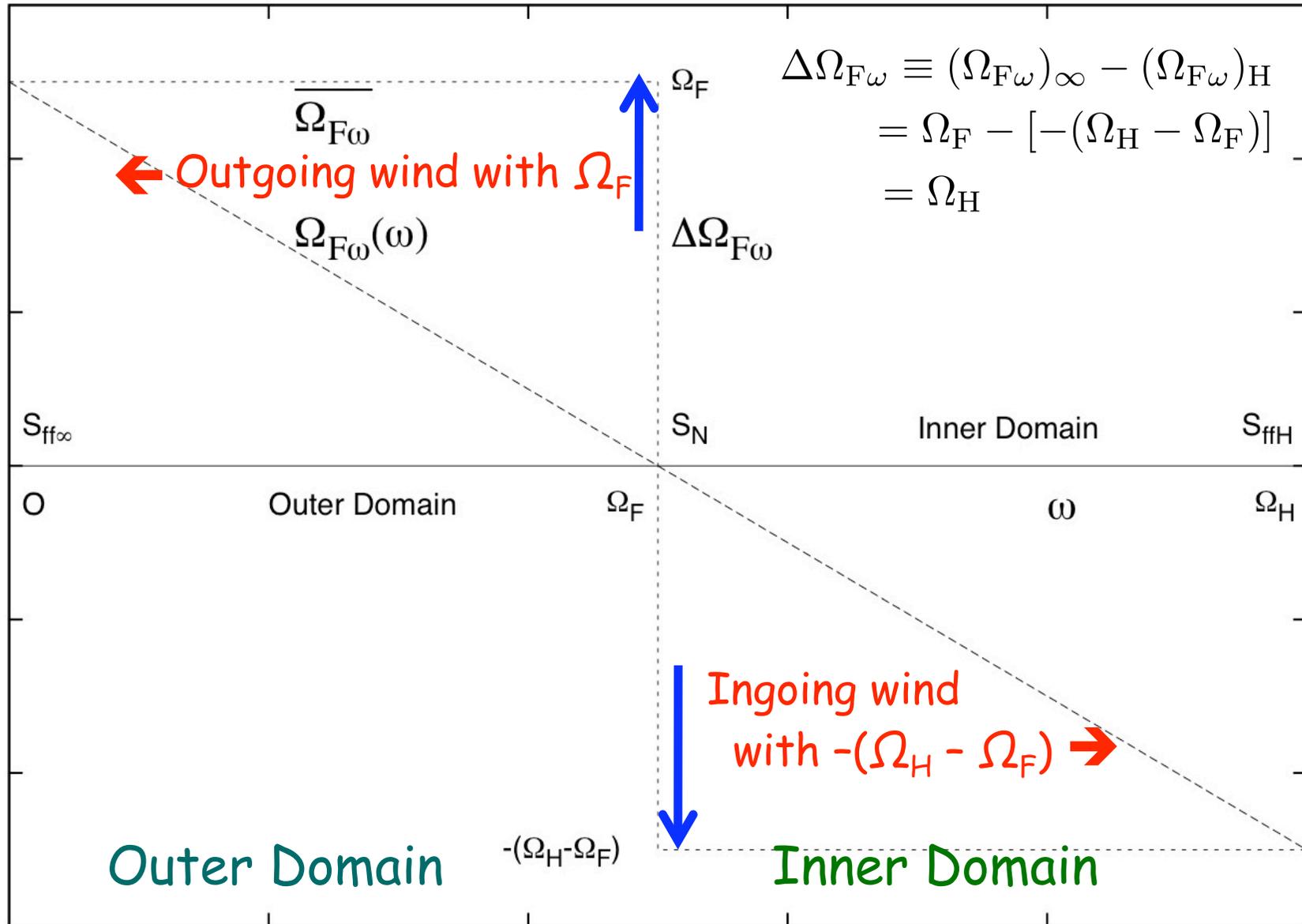
in the pseudo-flat space

$$\overline{\Omega_{F\omega}} = \begin{cases} \Omega_F & \uparrow ; 0 \leq \omega < \Omega_F & : \text{pulsar.type} \\ 0 & ; \omega = \Omega_F & : \text{gap} \\ -(\Omega_H - \Omega_F) & \downarrow ; \Omega_F < \omega \leq \Omega_H & : \text{anti.pulsar.type} \end{cases}$$

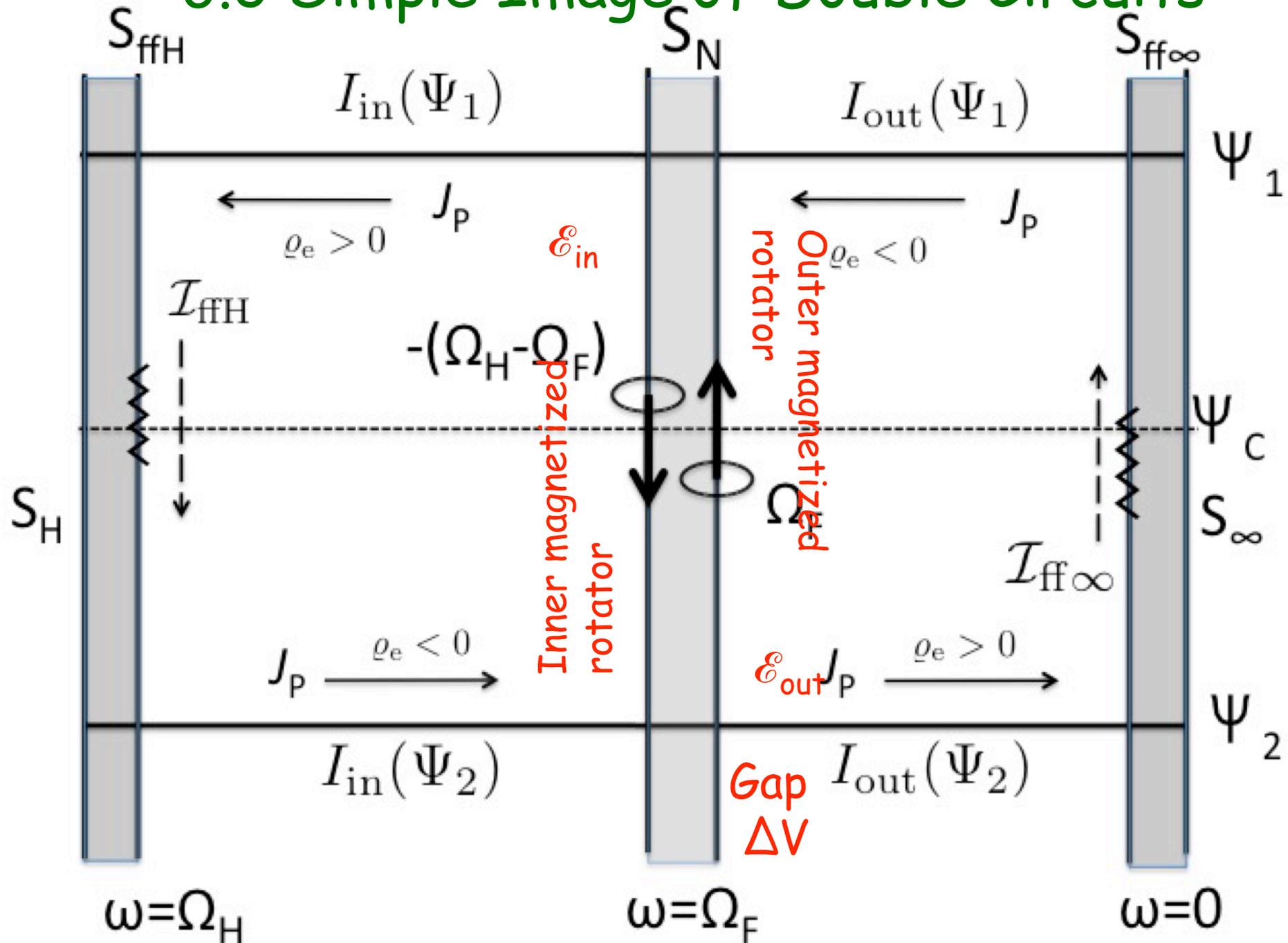
$\omega=0$   
 $\omega=\Omega_H$

because current-field-streamlines are equipotentials, and  $E_p=0$  on  $S_N$ .  
This allows us to present the hole's magnetosphere with a pair of a pulsar and an anti-symmetric pulsar (the outside-turned-in version).

# 6.2 Two "Virtual" Magnetized Rotators



## 6.3 Simple Image of Double Circuits



## 7.1 New Gap Physics ?

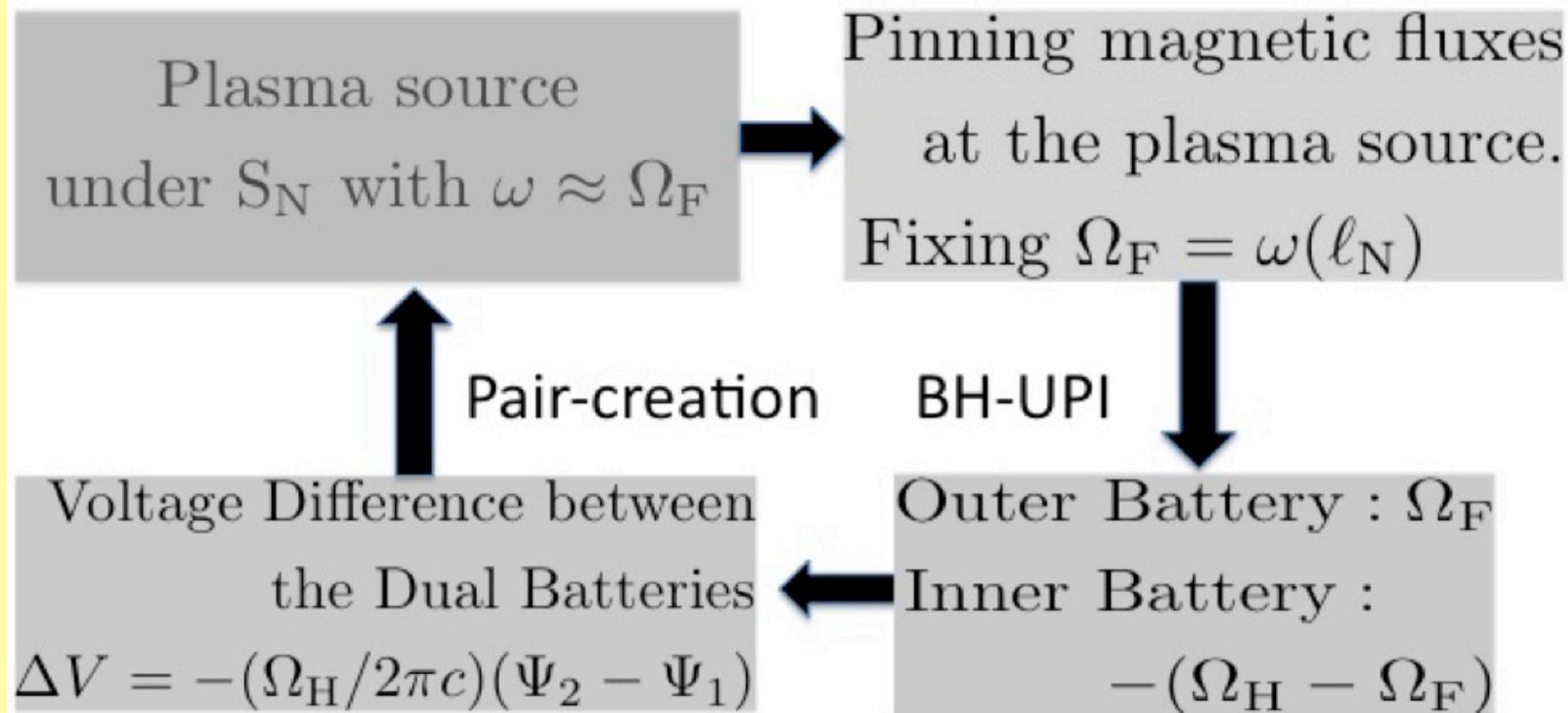
- (1) Two oppositely directed UPI batteries due to two oppositely directed **magnetized** rotators seem to be existent back-to-back under  $S_N$ .
- (2) Voltage drop  $\Delta V$  between inner and outer circuits is **stationary, stable, strong** enough to pair-create particles.

$$\Delta V = \mathcal{E}_{\text{out}} - \mathcal{E}_{\text{in}} = -\frac{\Omega_H}{2\pi c} \Delta \Psi$$

- (3) How large should the particle density be, to **pin down magnetic field lines** and to fix  $\Omega_F$  by the local value  $\omega_N$ ?
- (4) What is **magnetized matter** under  $S_N$ ? (Cf. neutron stars' matter of pinning field lines down under the surface.)
- (5) No need of resorting to invoking **vacuum  $E_{||}$**  and pair-creation discharge for particle supply, as in the previous models.  
(cf. Hirovani & Okamoto 1998, ApJ, 497, 563)

## 7.2 What do we expect to take place ?

### Simple Image of Magnetized Gap



## 8. Estimate of Location $S_N$ , $\Delta V$ and Power

Location of  
“Power Station”

$$\omega = \Omega_F \simeq (1/2)\Omega_H,$$

$$r \simeq 1.6r_H$$

Voltage Drop  
at  $S_N$

$$\Delta V = \frac{\Omega_H}{2\pi c} \Delta\Psi$$

$$\simeq \frac{1}{2\pi c} \frac{a}{2Mr_H} B_n \pi r_H^2$$

$$\simeq (10^{20} \text{volts}) \left( \frac{a}{M} \right) \left( \frac{M}{10^9 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{B_n}{10^4 \text{G}} \right)$$

Power

$$P_H = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \oint \Omega_F(\Psi) I(\Psi) d\Psi$$

$$\simeq 2 \times (10^{45} \text{erg/sec}) \left( \frac{a}{M} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M}{10^9 M_\odot} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B_n}{10^4 \text{G}} \right)^2$$

## 9. Summary

- By collaboration of frame dragging and unipolar induction, the hole's magnetosphere has a double structure, divided by interface  $S_N$  into two domains, outer S-C and inner G-R domains, with outflow and inflow. Strong magnetized gap with voltage drop is concealed under  $S_N$ , with a secret Power Station for launching outflow, which will be accelerated to a large-scale jet.
- Large-scale jets will be a manifestation of the frame-dragging effect, coupled with unipolar induction.
- The present model is an extended version of S. Phinney's jet model (1982).

## 10. Concluding Remarks

- (i) “Power Station” at the Magnetized Gap will be a product of collaboration of Frame Dragging with Unipolar Induction
- (ii) Physics of Magnetized Gap is awaiting further elucidation.
- (iii) Observations will be expected to provide some firm evidence for this model.

Radio Galaxy Hercules A

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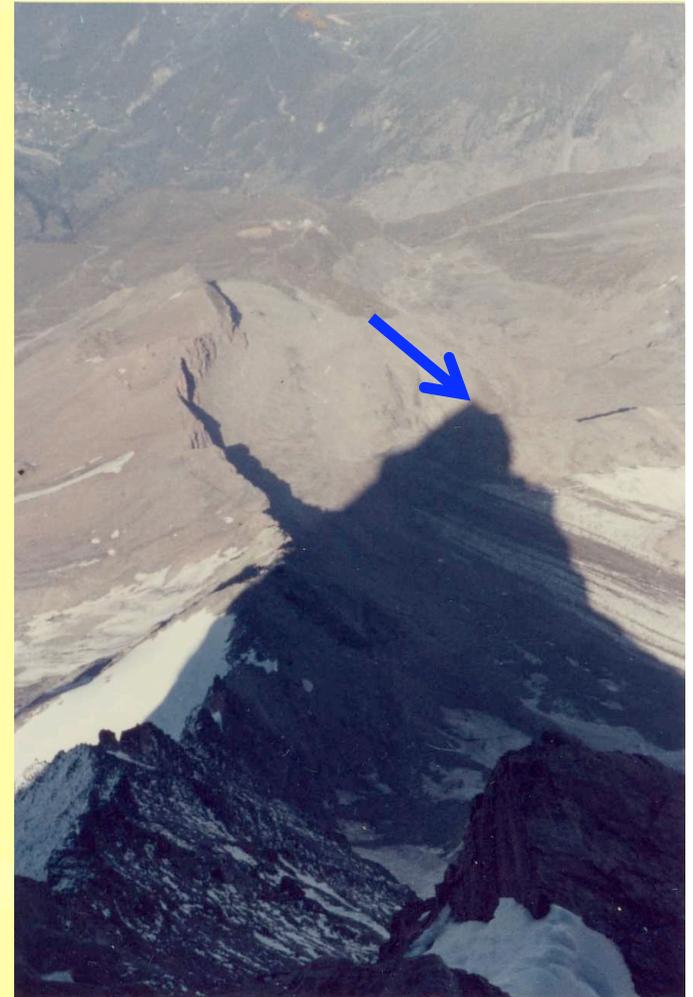


I love Switzerland,  
the Alps and  
Matterhorn.

**I. Okamoto**

43 years ago.

At the summit of  
Matterhorn.



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