

# Decelerated sub-relativistic material with energy Injection

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We investigate the evolution of the afterglow produced by the deceleration of the non-relativistic material due to its surroundings. The ejecta mass is launched into the circumstellar medium with equivalent kinetic energy expressed as a power-law velocity distribution  $E \propto (\Gamma\beta)^{-\alpha}$ . The density profile of this medium follows a power law  $n(r) \propto r^{-k}$  with  $k$  the stratification parameter, which accounts for the usual cases of a constant medium ( $k = 0$ ) and a wind-like medium ( $k = 2$ ). A long-lasting central engine, which injects energy into the ejected material as ( $E \propto t^{1-q}$ ) was also assumed. With our model, we show the predicted light curves associated with this emission for different sets of initial conditions and notice the effect of the variation of these parameters on the frequencies, timescales and intensities. The results are discussed in the Kilonova scenario.

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## 1. Introduction

Long-duration gamma-ray bursts [LGRBs;  $T_{90} \gtrsim 2$  s; 1] are linked to supernovae [SNe; 2, 3] caused by the core collapse (CC) of dying massive stars [4, 5]. Short-duration gamma-ray bursts, on the other hand, are linked to the coalescence of binary compact objects (NS-NS or BH-NS)<sup>1</sup> that result in kilonovae<sup>2</sup> (KNe) [sGRBs;  $T_{90} \lesssim 2$  s; 6–10].

It is thought that enormous volumes of materials with a wide range of velocities are propelled in both cases. Non-relativistic ejecta masses such as dynamical ejecta, cocoon material, shock breakout material, and wind ejecta are propelled in NS-NS mergers [e.g., see 11–14] with velocities in the range  $0.03 \lesssim \beta \lesssim 0.8$  (expressed, hereafter, in units of the speed of light). Similarly, several ejecta masses with non-relativistic velocities smaller than  $\beta \lesssim 0.3$  have also been observed in the context of CC-SNe.

The interaction of the ejecta mass with the surrounding circumburst medium was suggested to characterize multi-wavelength afterglow observations on time scales ranging from days to many years in the non-relativistic domain [e.g., see 15–21]. Several authors, [e.g see 22–26], took into account the material launched during the coalescence of binary compact objects and computed the synchrotron emission in the radio bands. The authors assumed the existence of a free-coasting phase before the Sedov-Taylor expansion. Tan et al. [27] hypothesized that the shock wave’s kinetic energy may be characterized by a power-law (PL) velocity distribution. Ever since, several authors have proposed that the material ejected during binary compact object coalescence and the CC-SNe be characterized by a PL velocity distribution [e.g., see 10, 13, 28–39].

In this proceedings, we provide a theoretical model that predicts the late-time multi-wavelength afterglow emission created by the deceleration of the outermost non-relativistic ejecta mass in a circumstellar medium. We assume interaction with a medium parametrized by a power law density profile  $n(r) \propto r^{-k}$ . We also express the equivalent kinetic energy of the outermost matter as a power-law velocity distribution  $E \propto (\Gamma\beta)^{-\alpha}$ . Finally, we consider a long-lasting central engine with the kinetic energy as a power-law distribution  $E \propto t^{1-q}$ .

The ejecta mass begins to decelerate after a long time, when the swept up quantity of material is similar to the ejected mass. Electrons are accelerated in forward shocks and cooled down by synchrotron radiation during this stage. We present the predicted synchrotron light curves for  $k = 0, 1, 1.5, 2$  and  $2.5$  that cover several ejecta masses launched during the coalescence of binary compact objects and the CC-SNe.

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we introduce the theoretical model that predicts the multi-wavelength afterglow emission generated by the deceleration of the non-relativistic ejecta mass.

We assume for the cosmological constants a spatially flat universe  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $H_0 = 69.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega_M = 0.286$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.714$  [40]. Prime and unprimed quantities are used for the comoving and observer frames, respectively.

<sup>1</sup>NS corresponds to neutron star and BH to black hole.

<sup>2</sup>A fairly isotropic thermal transient powered by the radioactive decay of rapid neutron capture process nuclei and isotopes

## 57 2. Theoretical Model

58 We model the afterglow as two components. The first one is the nonrelativistic ejecta mass  
59 ( $\Gamma \approx 1$ ). The second one is as the first one with the addition of the energy injection model:

$$E_2(t) = \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}} t^{1-q}. \quad (1)$$

60 The first component is assumed to follow a spherical profile of the form [41]

$$E_1 = \tilde{E} (\Gamma\beta)^{-\alpha} \approx \tilde{E} \beta^{-\alpha}, \quad (2)$$

61 where  $\beta$  is the shock front's velocity and  $\Gamma \sim 1$  its Lorentz factor. In the nonrelativistic regime,  
62 the ejecta mass is described by the Sedov–Taylor solution. Then, the velocity can be written as

$$\beta = \beta^0 (1+z)^{\frac{3-k}{5-k}} A_k^{-\frac{1}{5-k}} E_T^{\frac{1}{5-k}} t^{\frac{k-3}{5-k}}, \quad (3)$$

63 where  $E_T = E_1 + E_2$  with  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are given in Eqs. (1) and (2) and where the density  
64 parameter is denoted by  $A_k$  and the redshift as  $z$ . Therefore, the Sedov–Taylor solution can be  
65 written in a general form as

$$\tilde{E} \beta^{-\alpha} + \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}} t^{1-q} = \beta^0 k^{-5} (1+z)^{k-3} A_k \beta^{5-k} t^{3-k}. \quad (4)$$

66 With this in mind, we have two limiting cases:

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{E} \beta^{-\alpha} \propto (1+z)^{k-3} A_k \beta^{5-k} t^{3-k}, & \tilde{E} \gg \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}, \\ \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}} t^{1-q} \propto (1+z)^{k-3} A_k \beta^{5-k} t^{3-k}, & \tilde{E} \ll \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

67 Each limiting case leads to a different velocity; they are given by:

$$\begin{cases} \beta \propto (1+z)^{-\frac{k-3}{\alpha+5-k}} A_k^{-\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} t^{\frac{k-3}{\alpha+5-k}}, & \tilde{E} \gg \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}, \\ \beta \propto (1+z)^{\frac{k-3}{k-5}} A_k^{\frac{1}{k-5}} \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}^{-\frac{1}{k-5}} t^{\frac{q+2-k}{k-5}}, & \tilde{E} \ll \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

68 Both cases may be written with just one expression:

$$\beta = \beta^0 (1+z)^{-\frac{k-3}{\alpha+5-k}} A_k^{-\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} t^{\frac{k-(q+2)}{\alpha+5-k}}, \quad (7)$$

69 where the case  $\tilde{E} \gg \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}$  is obtained by setting  $q = 1$ , while the case  $\tilde{E} \ll \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}$  is obtained by  
70 setting  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\tilde{E} = \tilde{E}_{\text{inj}}$ . With this, we may also write the blast wave radius  $r \propto (1+z)^{-1} \beta t$  as:

$$r = r^0 (1+z)^{-\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+5-k}} A_k^{-\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{1}{\alpha+5-k}} t^{\frac{\alpha+3-q}{\alpha+5-k}}. \quad (8)$$

71 **Synchrotron emission** We assume an electron distribution described as  $dN/d\gamma_e \propto \gamma_e^{-p}$  for  
72  $\gamma_e \geq \gamma_m$ , where  $p$  is the index of the electron distribution and  $\gamma_m$  is the Lorentz factor of the  
73 lowest-energy electrons. During the deceleration phase, the electron Lorentz factors and the post-  
74 shock magnetic field evolve as,  $\gamma_m \propto t^{\frac{2(k-(q+2))}{\alpha+5-k}}$ ,  $\gamma_c \propto t^{\frac{-1+2q-k(-2+q-\alpha)-\alpha}{\alpha+5-k}}$ , and  $B' \propto t^{\frac{-4-k-2q+kq-k\alpha}{2(\alpha+5-k)}}$ ,  
75 respectively. The corresponding synchrotron break frequencies and max flux density are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
v_m^{\text{syn}} &\propto (1+z)^{\frac{20+k(\alpha-6)-2\alpha}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \epsilon_e^2 \epsilon_B^{\frac{1}{2}} A_k^{\frac{\alpha-5}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{10-k}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} t^{-\frac{10(2+q)+k(-7-q+\alpha)}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \\
v_c^{\text{syn}} &\propto (1+z)^{-\frac{8-2\alpha+k(3\alpha+2)}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \epsilon_B^{-\frac{3}{2}} (1+Y)^{-2} A_k^{-\frac{3(\alpha+3)}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{3(k-2)}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} t^{-\frac{8-6q+k(-7+3q-3\alpha)+4\alpha}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \\
F_{\nu, \text{max}}^{\text{syn}} &\propto (1+z)^{\frac{4+2k-4\alpha+3k\alpha}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \epsilon_B^{\frac{1}{2}} D_z^{-2} A_k^{\frac{3\alpha+7}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} \tilde{E}^{\frac{8-3k}{2(\alpha+5-k)}} t^{\frac{14-8q+k(-7+3q-3\alpha)+6\alpha}{2(\alpha+5-k)}},
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

76 where  $Y$  is the Compton parameter,  $D_z$  is the luminosity distance,  $\epsilon_e$  is the fraction of the  
77 shock's thermal energy density that is transmitted to the electrons and  $\epsilon_B$  is the fraction turned into  
78 magnetic energy density [20].

79 Using the synchrotron break frequencies and the spectral peak flux density (eq. 9), the syn-  
80 chrotron light curves in the fast- and slow-cooling regime are:

$$F_\nu^{\text{syn}} \propto \begin{cases} t^{\frac{25-15q+2k(-7+3q-3\alpha)+11\alpha}{3(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{\frac{1}{3}}, & \nu < \nu_c^{\text{syn}}, \\ t^{\frac{20-10q+k(-7+3q-3\alpha)+8\alpha}{4(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}, & \nu_c^{\text{syn}} < \nu < \nu_m^{\text{syn}}, \\ t^{-\frac{10p(2+q)-8(5+\alpha)+kp(-7-q+\alpha)+2k(7-q+\alpha)}{4(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{-\frac{p}{2}}, & \nu_m^{\text{syn}} < \nu, \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

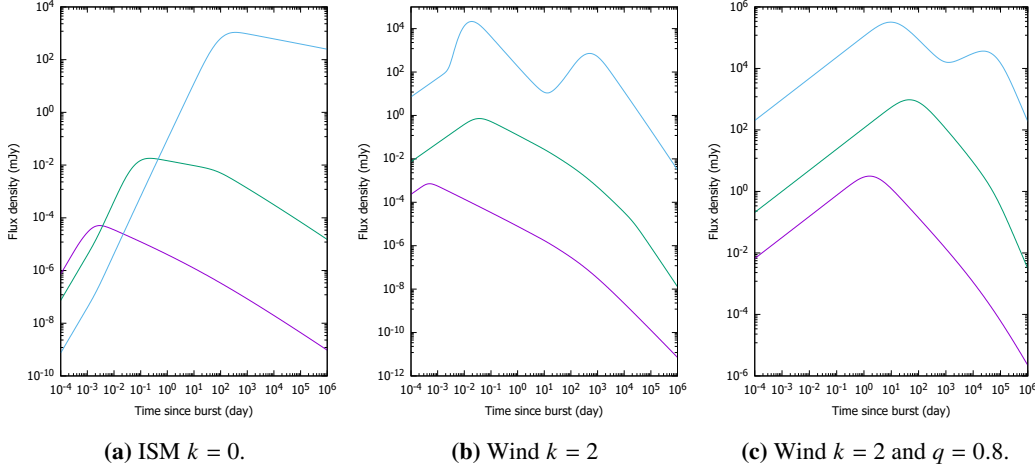
81 and

$$F_\nu^{\text{syn}} \propto \begin{cases} t^{\frac{31-7q+2k(-7+2q-2\alpha)+9\alpha}{3(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{\frac{1}{3}}, & \nu < \nu_m^{\text{syn}}, \\ t^{-\frac{10p(2+q)+6(-8+q-2\alpha)+k(21-5q+5\alpha+p(-7-q+\alpha))}{4(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{-\frac{p-1}{2}}, & \nu_m^{\text{syn}} < \nu < \nu_c^{\text{syn}}, \\ t^{-\frac{10p(2+q)-8(5+\alpha)+kp(-7-q+\alpha)+2k(7-q+\alpha)}{4(\alpha+5-k)}} \nu^{-\frac{p}{2}}, & \nu_c^{\text{syn}} < \nu, \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

82 respectively.

### 83 3. Results and discussion

84 Figure 1 shows examples of synchrotron light curves with this model. The purple curves  
85 stand for X-ray (1 keV), the green ones for optical (1 eV) and the blue ones for radio (1.6 GHz).  
86 Panels 1a and 1b correspond to a model without energy injection in an ISM and wind-like medium,  
87 respectively. Panel 1c shows the curves in a wind-like medium for the energy injection component.  
88 In all cases, an increase of the stratification parameter leads to a flattening of the rising flux and  
89 a steepening of the decreasing one. In the case of radio band, it also leads to the appearance of a  
90 double peak. By comparing the first two panels with the third one, it can be seen that the energy  
91 injection model leads to larger fluxes by about two orders of magnitude. The right panel also shows  
92 that the decrease of the flux starts at much later times than in models without energy injection.



**Figure 1:** Synchrotron light curves from a sub-relativistic material decelerated in different circumburst media.

93 The parameters used for Figure 1a are:  $\tilde{E} = 10^{51}$  erg,  $\epsilon_B = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\epsilon_e = 10^{-1}$ ,  $A_k = 1$  cm $^{-3}$ ,  
 94  $p = 2.8$ ,  $q = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha = 3.0$ ,  $D_z = 100$  Mpc and  $z = 0.022$ .

95 For Figure 1b, they are:  $\tilde{E} = 10^{51}$  erg,  $\epsilon_B = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\epsilon_e = 10^{-1}$ ,  $A_k = 3 \times 10^{36}$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $p = 2.8$ ,  
 96  $q = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha = 3.0$ ,  $D_z = 100$  Mpc and  $z = 0.022$ .

97 Finally, for Figure 1c, they are:  $\tilde{E} = 10^{51}$  erg,  $\epsilon_B = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\epsilon_e = 10^{-1}$ ,  $A_k = 3 \times 10^{36}$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  
 98  $p = 2.6$ ,  $q = 0.8$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $D_z = 100$  Mpc and  $z = 0.022$ .

#### 99 4. Conclusion

100 We have derived a model that describes the non-relativistic, adiabatic evolution of the forward  
 101 shock described by the Sedov-Taylor solution. We have modeled the afterglow in two components:  
 102 one that considers a long-lasting central engine that injects energy into the shock, which leads to  
 103 the power-law dependence  $E \propto \tilde{E} t^{1-q}$ ; and one that doesn't assume energy injection and instead  
 104 assumes a power-law energy distribution  $E \propto (\Gamma\beta)^{-\alpha}$ . We have also taken into account that the  
 105 ejecta interacts with a medium parametrized by a power law number density distribution  $A \propto R^{-k}$ .  
 106 This general approach is advantageous, as it allows one to not only consider a homogeneous medium  
 107 ( $k = 0$ ) and a wind-like medium ( $k = 2$ ), but regions with non-standard stratification parameters,  
 108 in particular  $k = 1, 1.5$  or  $2.5$ . It also allows one to transition between energy injection models to  
 109 models without it by the change of two parameters:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

110 We have calculated, for both components, the synchrotron light curves in the fast- and slow-  
 111 cooling regimes and we have analyzed their behaviour for different sets of parameters. In the case  
 112 of variation of the stratification parameter, we have noticed that an increase of this parameter leads  
 113 to flatter profiles when the flux increases. It also leads to the appearance of a double-peak behavior  
 114 in the radio band. As for the case of the comparison between energy injection with models without  
 115 it, we have shown that the flux increases in general and the moment when it begins to decrease  
 116 happens later when energy injection is considered.

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