

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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I have no intention of trying to summarise or comment on the wide range of areas covered under the very general title of this meeting. Partly because, to use a colloquial English expression, I am knackered by a combination of scientific concentration and social excess. Partly because the science has been presented in such a way that for me to reinterpret and comment on it would be redundant. On the other hand, I have often been accused of never being able to keep my mouth shut and given this captive audience, it hardly seems the place to alter the habits of a lifetime. So before travel plans and exhaustion intervene too much, I will take the opportunity to make some very brief general comments.

One of the most striking aspects of the meeting to me has been the very wide range of topics considered but in which there are many common aspects of physics and dynamics. Shocks rear their heads everywhere; jets, tails (or to some, linear features) abound. Generic models of phenomena have proved extremely useful but

its now becoming clear that with the proliferation of high quality data, its time to put specific objects under the microscope, certainly a change of viewpoint for astronomers. One important aspect of such studies will be to learn where to draw the line between features of real physical significance and features which are really only of meteorological significance.

I do get more and more impressed by the sheer quality of presentation at meetings such as this, though the role of viewgraphs and pens is not entirely to be consigned to history. I have no doubt that at sometime in the future, the role of colour choice particularly in animated presentations, will attract the attentions of artists and psychiatrists alike.

I really only want now to add my thanks to all who came to this meeting and to those who organised it. It's a strange feeling seeing one's name on a large banner. Still, at least words such as 'wanted', 'dead' or even 'alive' did not seem to feature on it.

I have truly enjoyed the science but even more have enjoyed meeting again old friends and making new ones. Thank you each and everyone.



John Dyson and Dieter Breitschwerdt (Photo: Alan Pedlar).