

# **Illuminating Black Hole Spacetimes with Accretion Disks**



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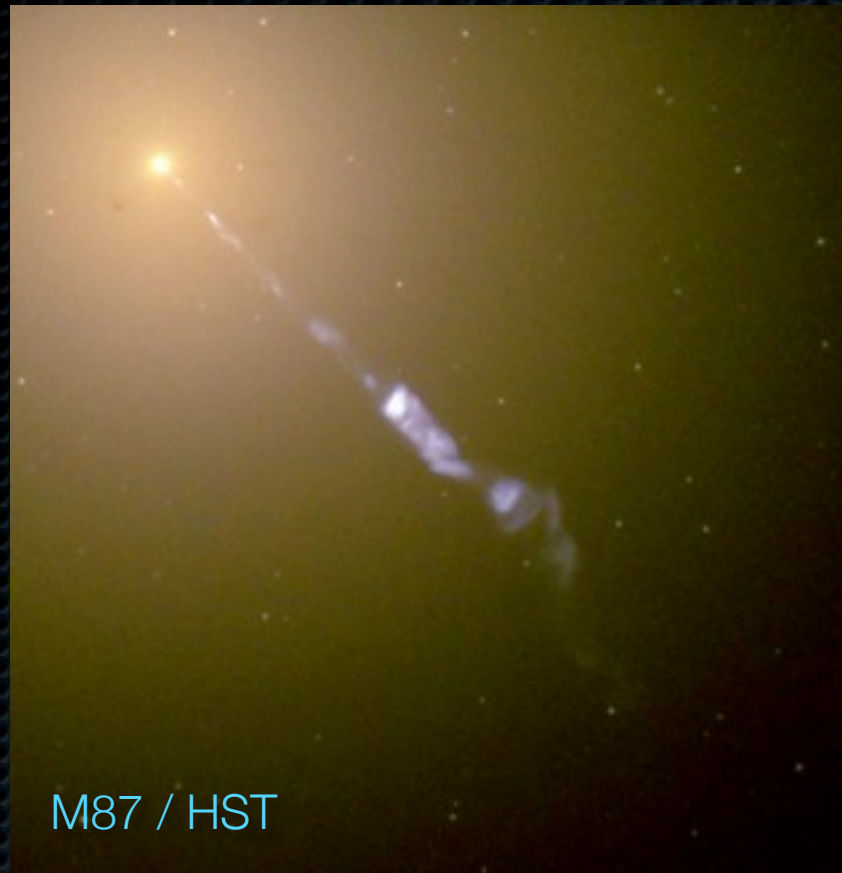


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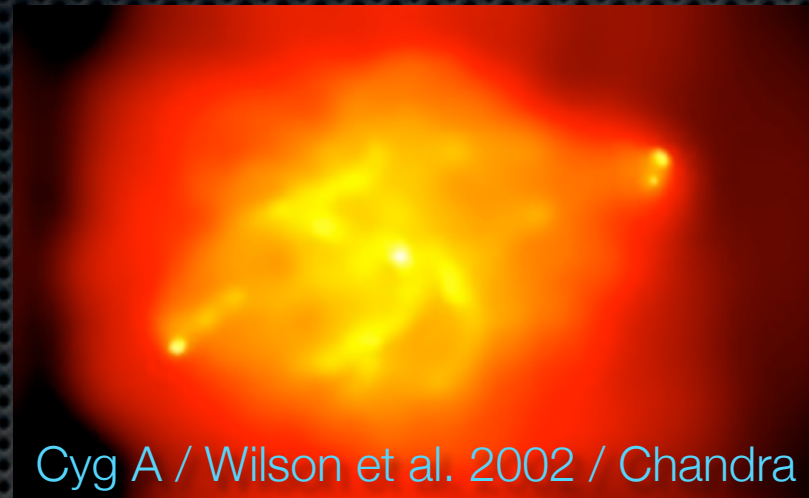
- ✦ Overview of black hole accretion disks
- ✦ Brief model/simulation description under the GRMHD paradigm
- ✦ Self-consistent models of emission from Sgr A\*
- ✦ Geometrically thin accretion disks
- ✦ Temporal power spectra of coronal X-ray emission
- ✦ Future Directions:
  - ✦ Further model-space explorations
  - ✦ Binary black hole accretion



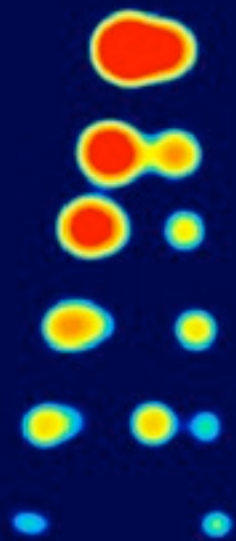
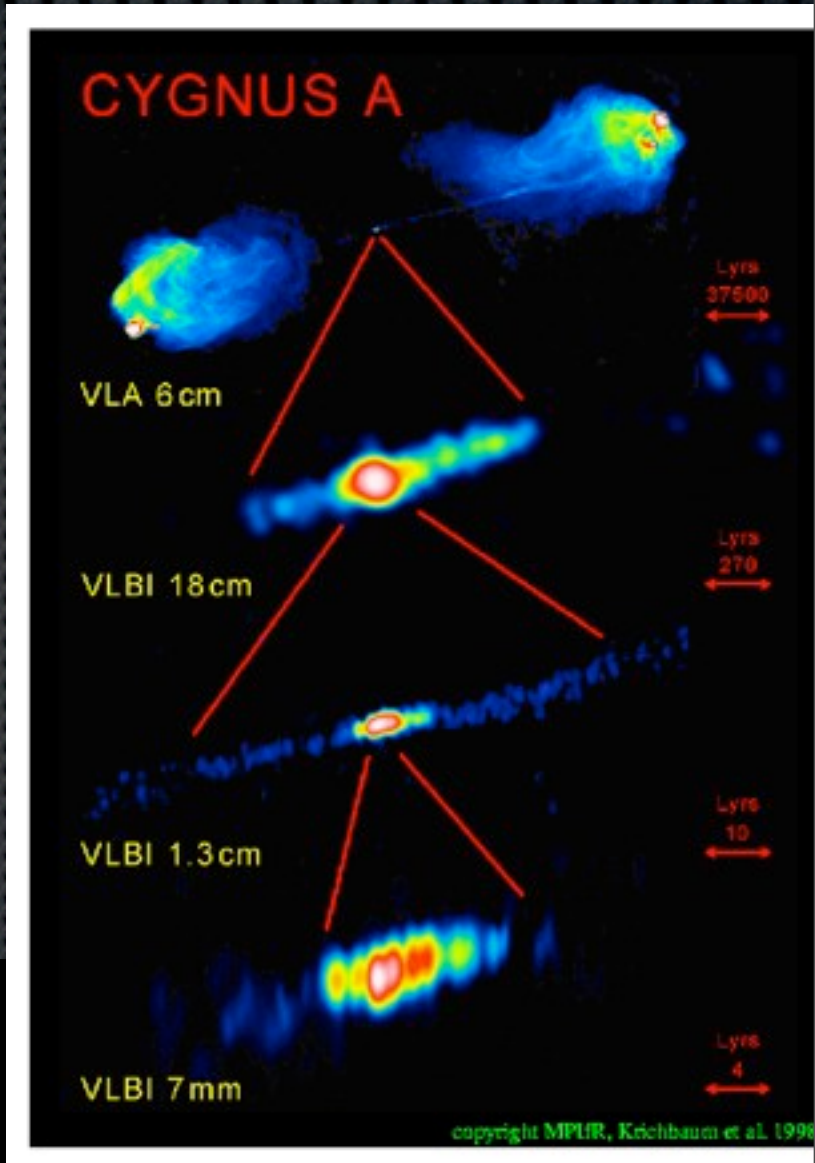
# The Exciting World of Black Hole Accretion!



M87 / HST



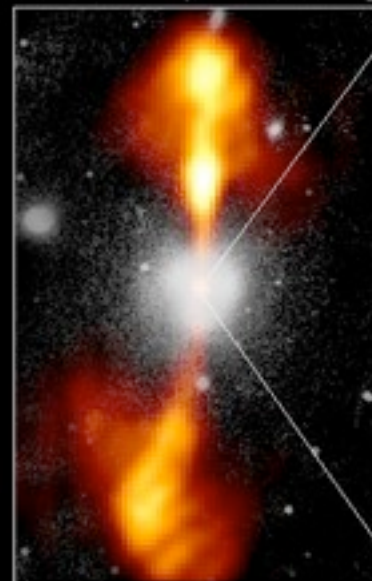
Cyg A / Wilson et al. 2002 / Chandra



GRS 1915+105  
Mirabel & Rodriguez 1994 / VLA

**Core of Galaxy NGC 4261**  
Hubble Space Telescope  
Wide Field / Planetary Camera

Ground-Based Optical/Radio Image



380 Arc Seconds  
88,000 LIGHTYEARS

HST Image of a Gas and Dust Disk



17 Arc Seconds  
400 LIGHTYEARS



# Probing the Spacetime of BHs

- ✦ Variability: e.g. QPOs, short time scale fluctuations

Done et al 2007

- ✦ Polarization  
(e.g. Schnittman & Krolik 2009)

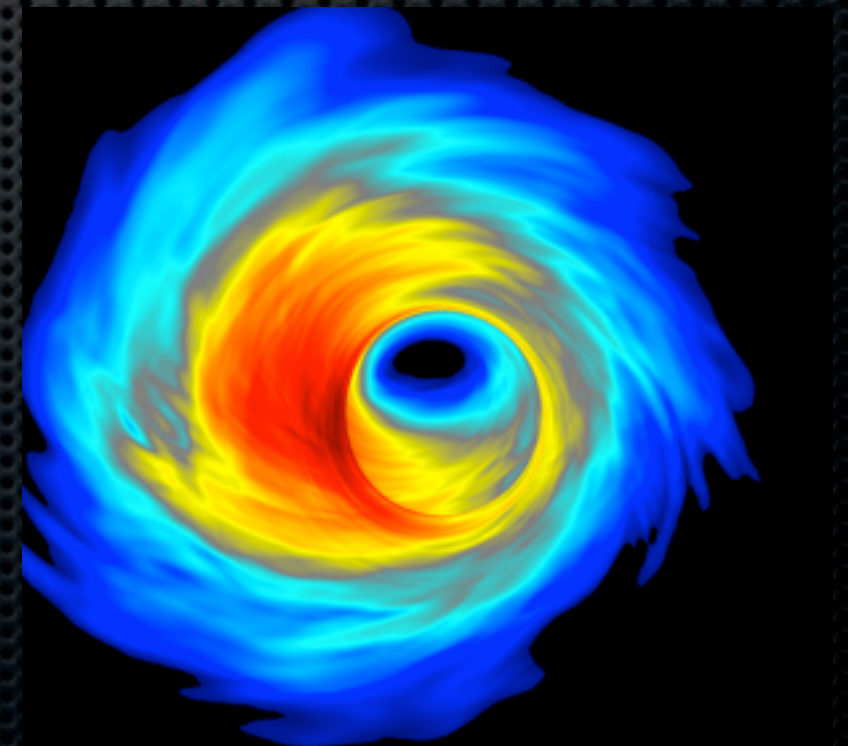
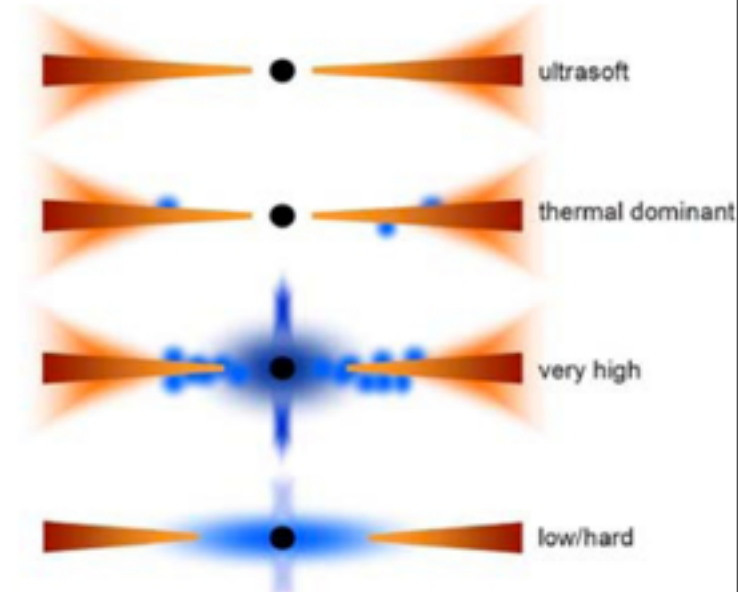
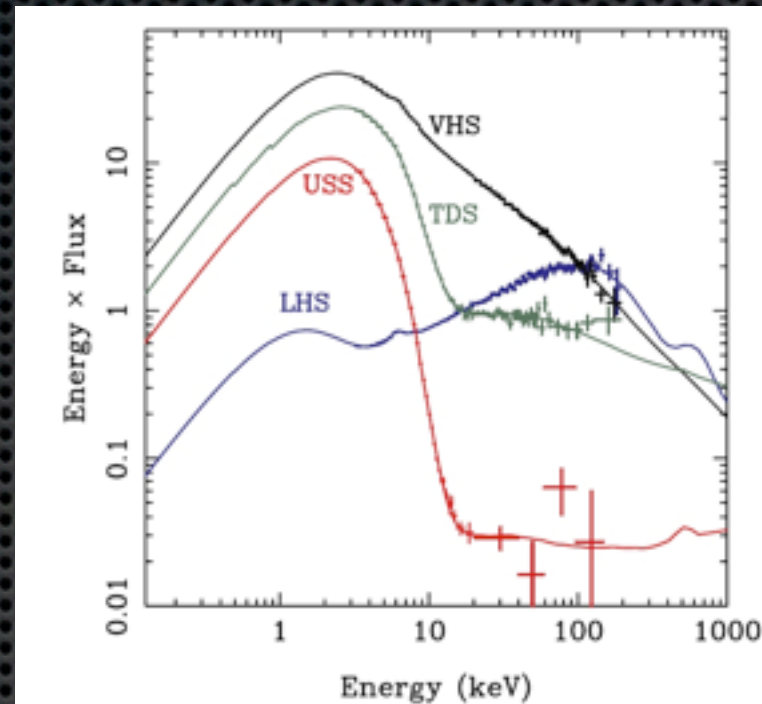
- ✦ Spectral Fitting of Thermal Emission

$$L = AR_{\text{in}}^2 T_{\text{max}}^4 \quad R_{\text{in}}^2 = f(a, M)$$

McClintock et al. 2006, Shafee et al. 2006

- ✦ Relativistic Iron Lines
- ✦ Directly Resolving the BH Silhouette
  - ✦ e.g. Sgr A\* with sub-mm/mm VLBI

Noble et al. 2007, Mościbrodzka et al 2009,  
Broderick et al 2006-2009, Doeleman et al. 2009

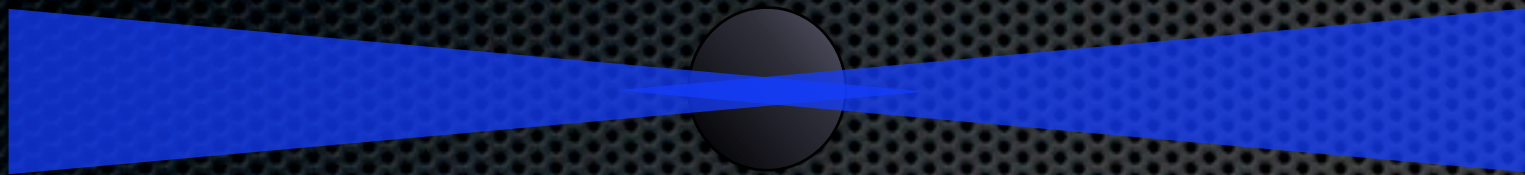




# Disk “Dichotomy”

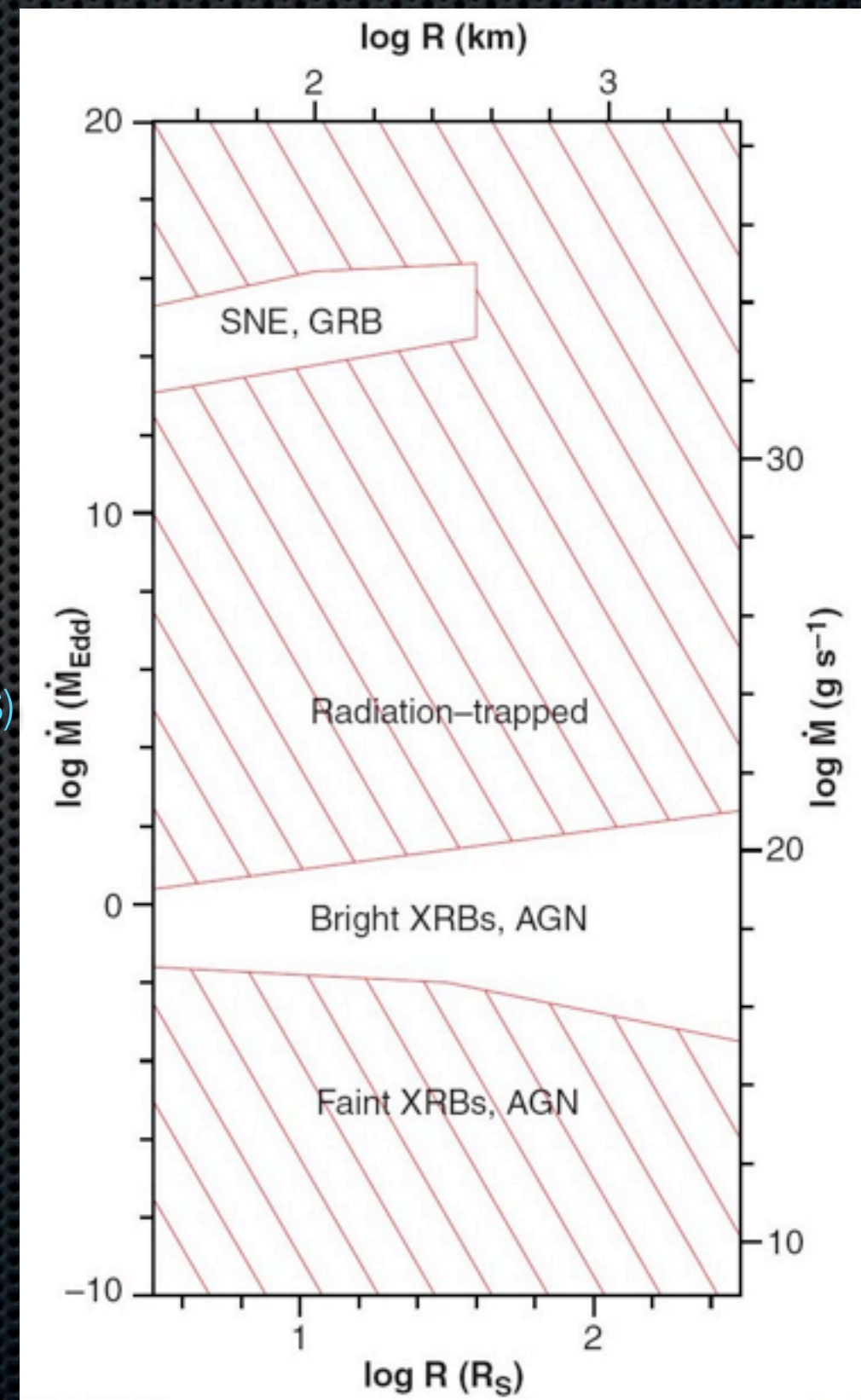
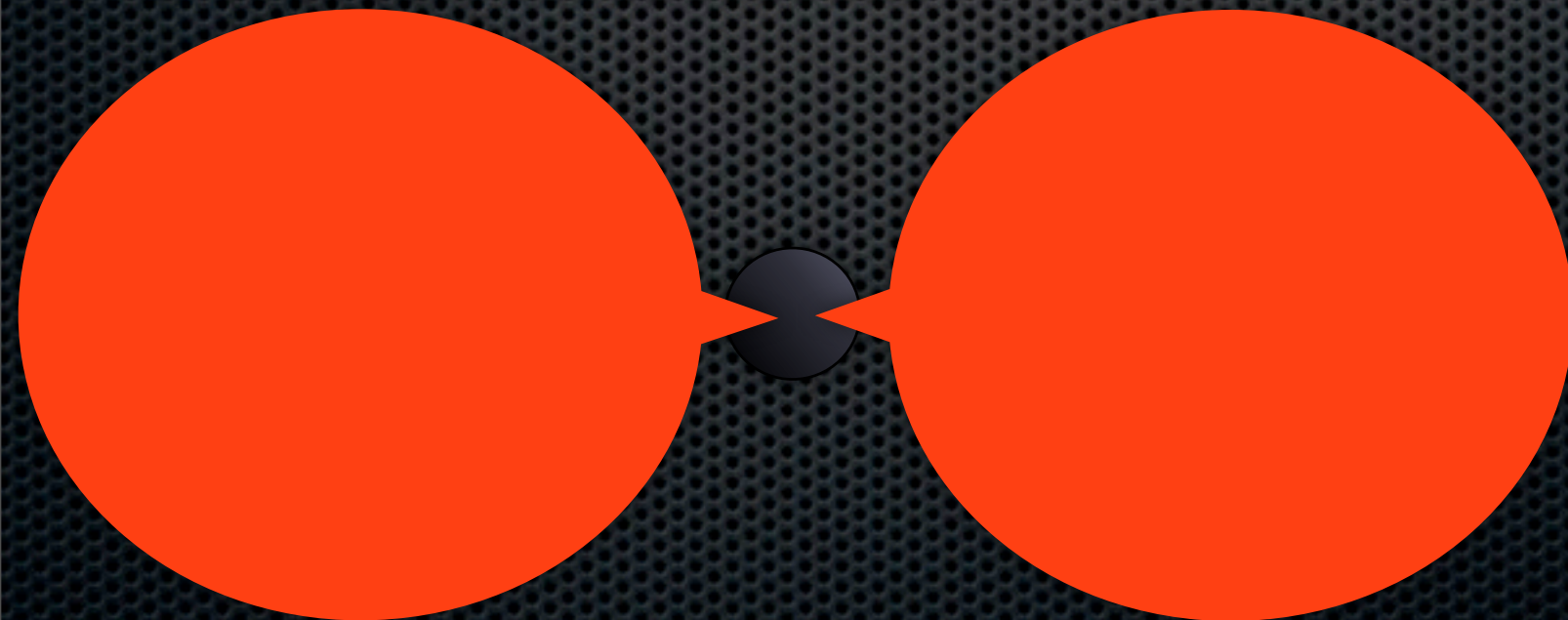
## Thin Disks:

- Shakura & Sunyaev (1972)
- Novikov & Thorne (1972)
- Dissipation Rate < Cooling Rate
- “Cold”, Optically Thick
- Thermal or Multi-temperature black body



## Thick Disks:

- Narayan & Yi (1994-5) (ADAF)
- Blandford & Begelman (1999) (ADIOS)
- Quataert & Gruzinov (2000) (CDAF)
- Dissipation Rate > Cooling Rate
- “Hot”, optically thin, outflows
- 2 Temperature flow, advected heat

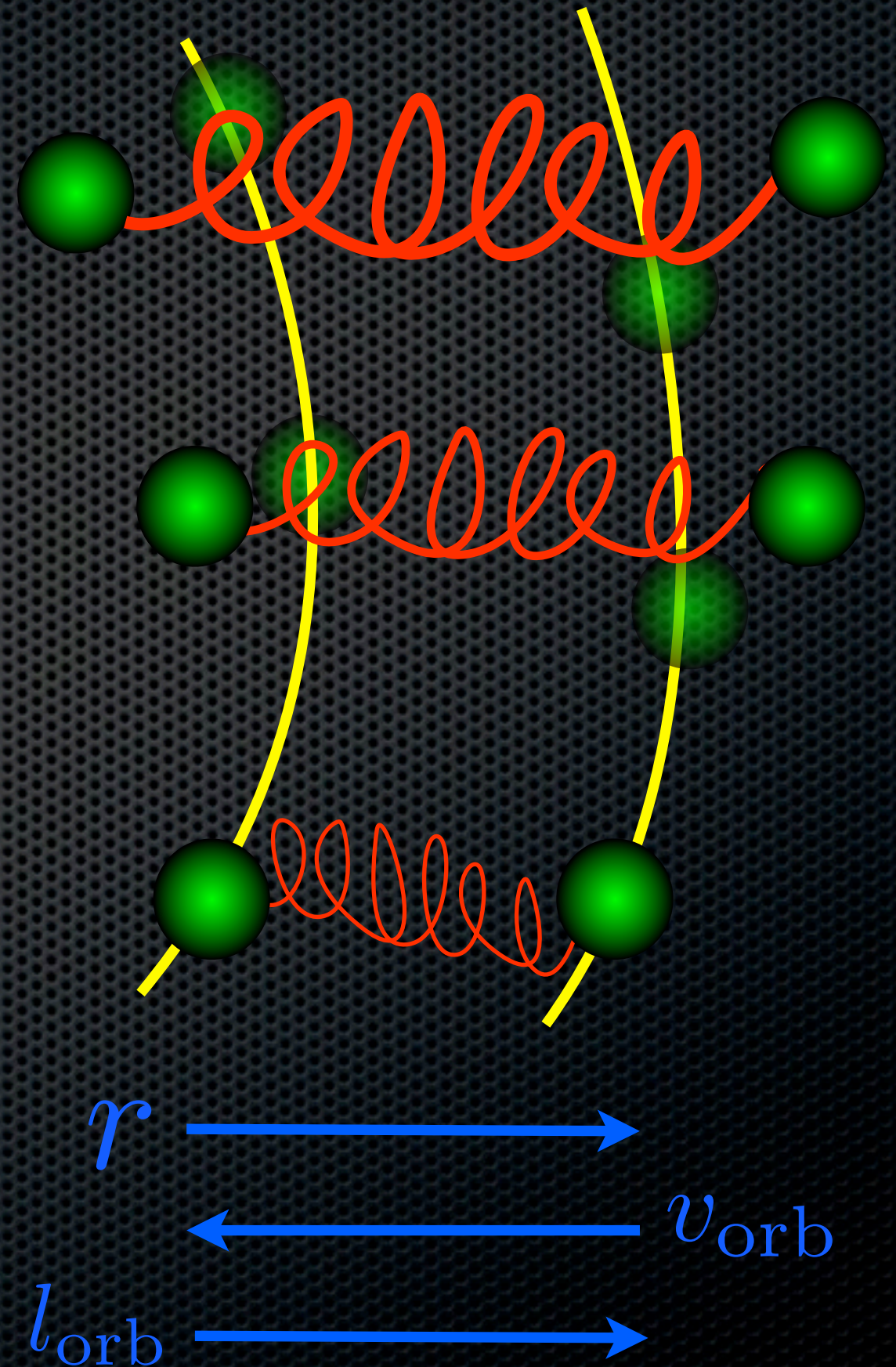
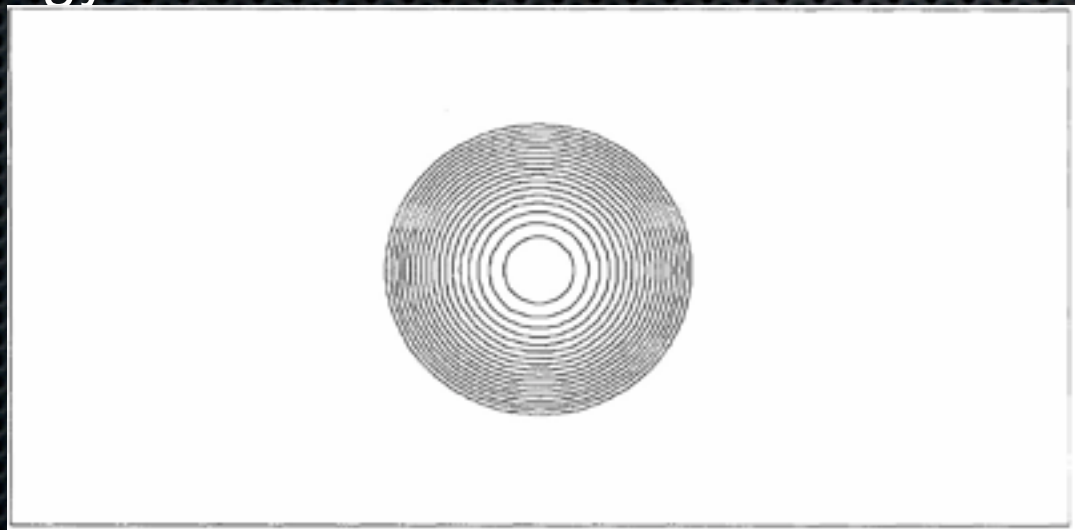


Narayan & Quataert (2005)



# Magneto-rotational Instability (MRI)

- Velikhov (1959)
- Chandrasekhar (1960)
- Balbus & Hawley (1991)
- Growth on orbital time scale.
- MRI develops from weak initial field --- relevant for any (partially) ionized gas.
- Magnetic coupling over different radii is not well described by local viscosity.
- Can explain high accretion rates where hydrodynamic viscosity cannot.
- Fastest instability known that feeds off free energy of differential rotation.

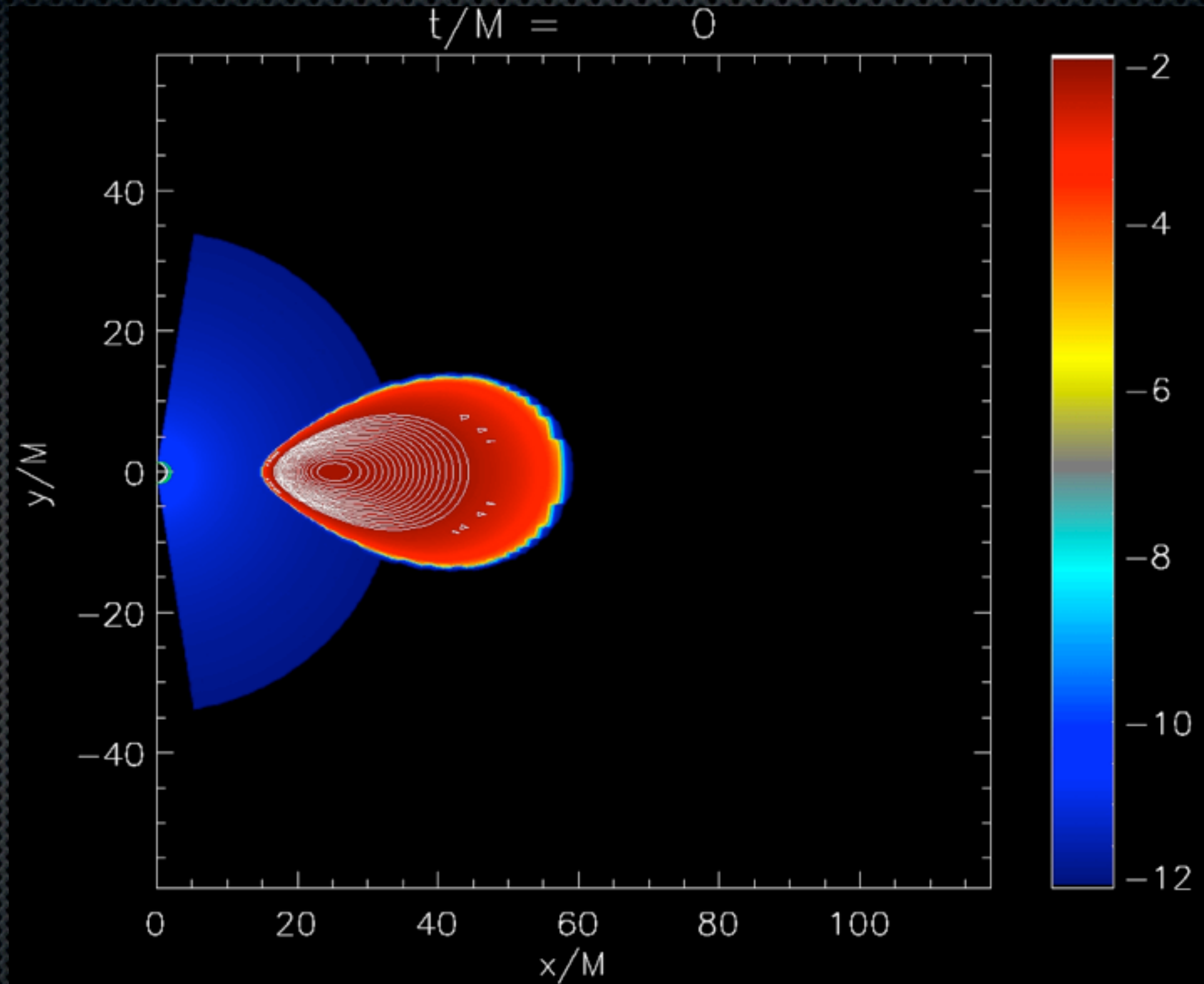




# Global Disk Simulations

- Ideal GRMHD EOM
- Kerr-Schild coordinates
- Modern high-res. shock-capturing methods
- Flux (energy) conserving

$$\begin{aligned} N_r \times N_\theta \times N_\phi \\ = \\ 192 \times 192 \times 64 \\ r \in [ < r_{\text{hor}}, 120M] \\ \theta \in \pi [\delta, 1 - \delta] \\ \phi \in [0, \pi/2] \end{aligned}$$

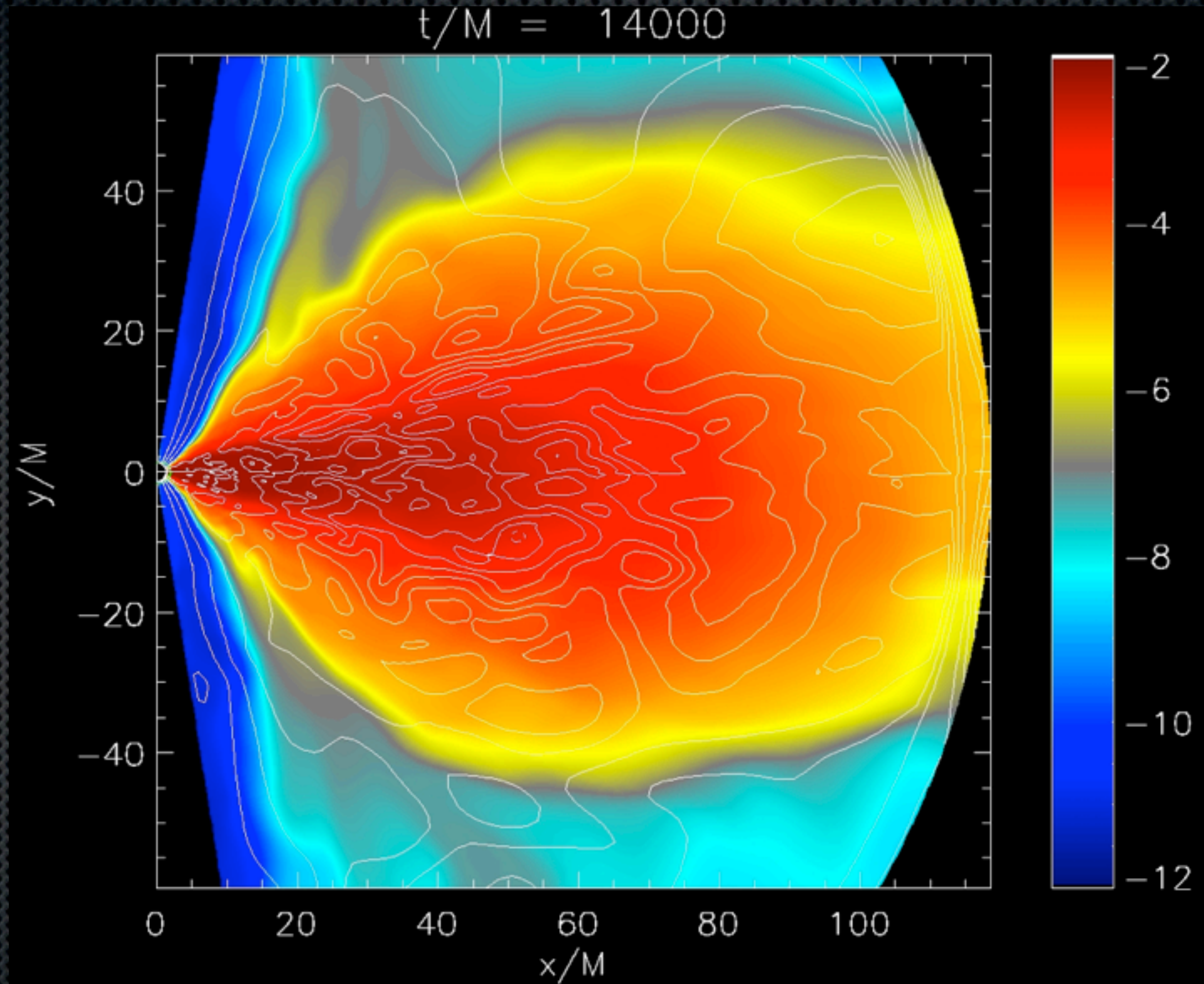




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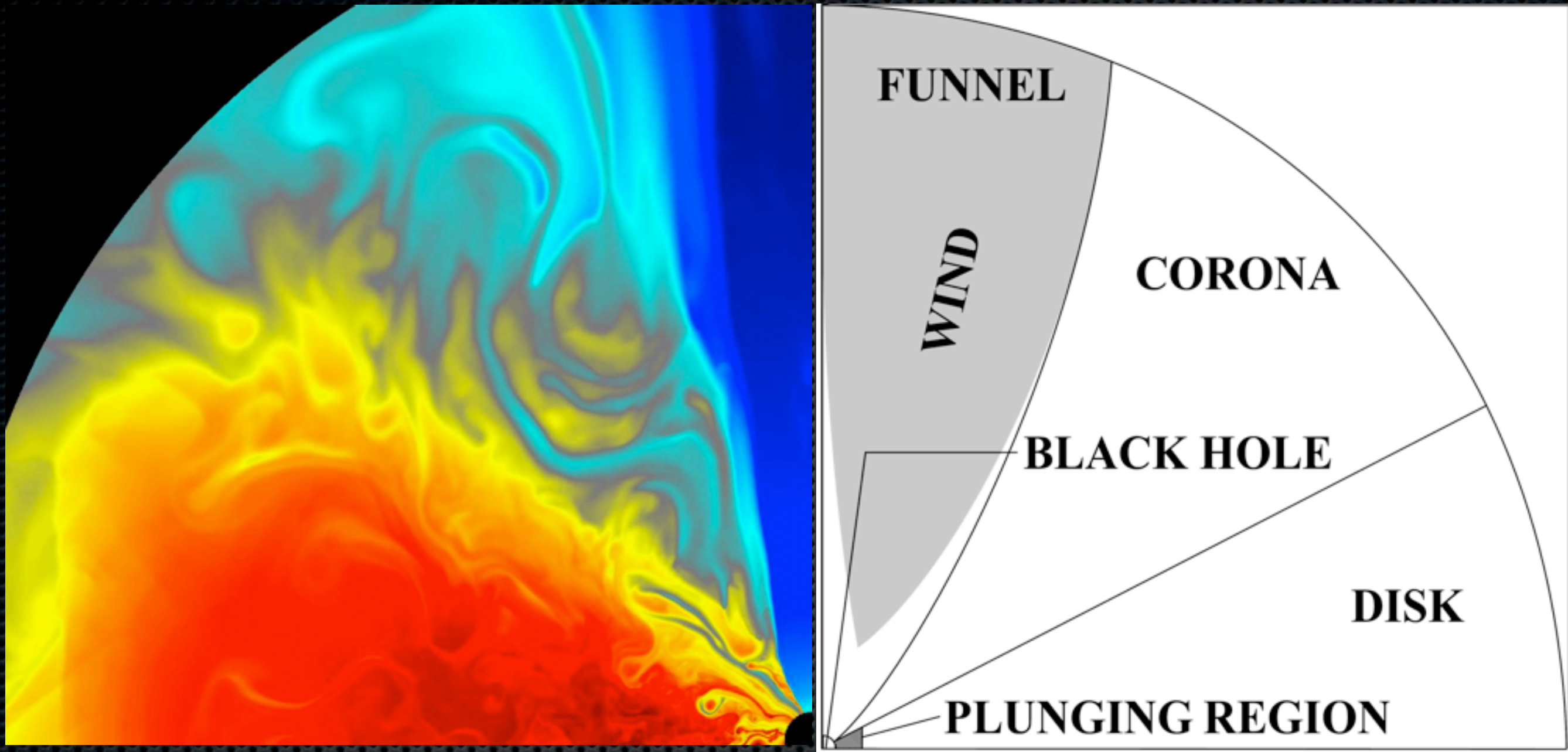
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# Disk Morphology

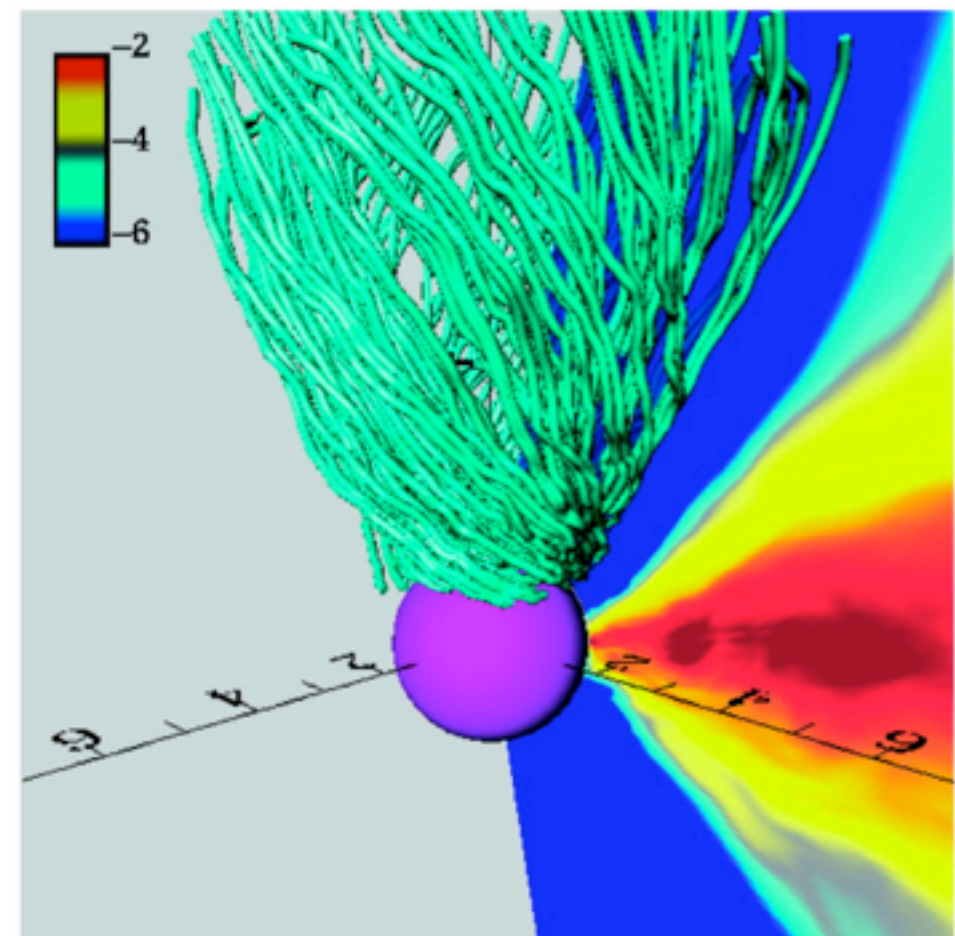
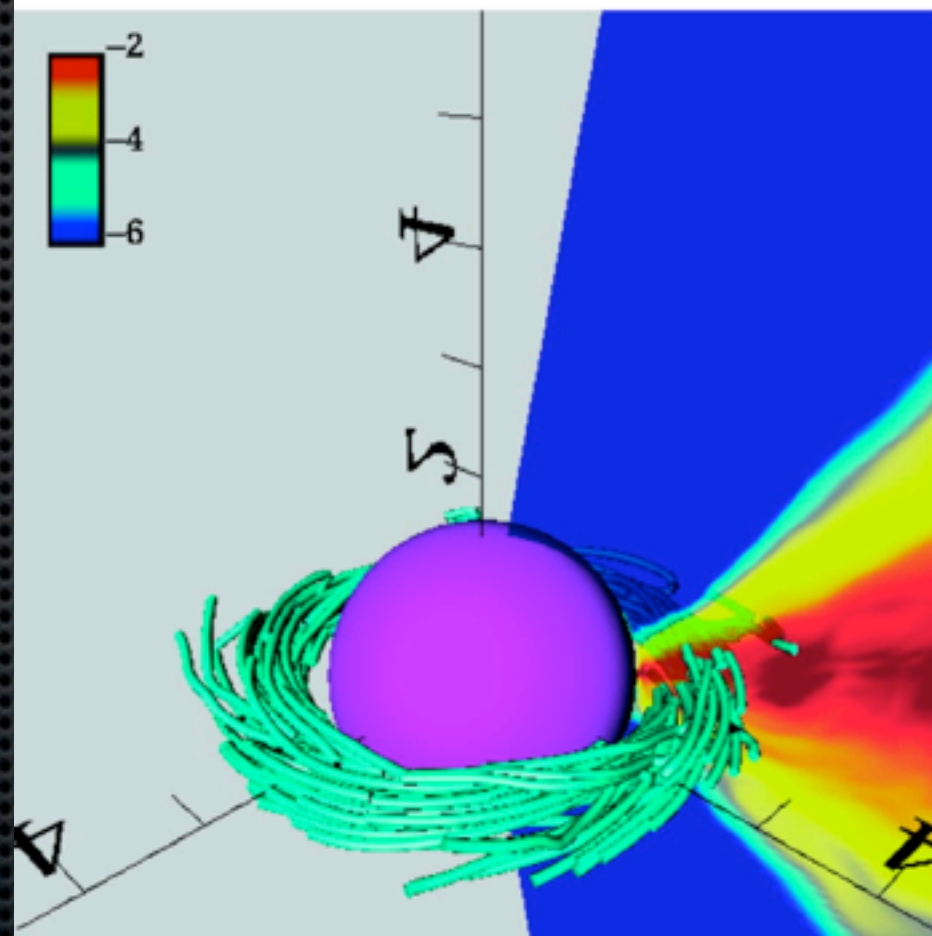
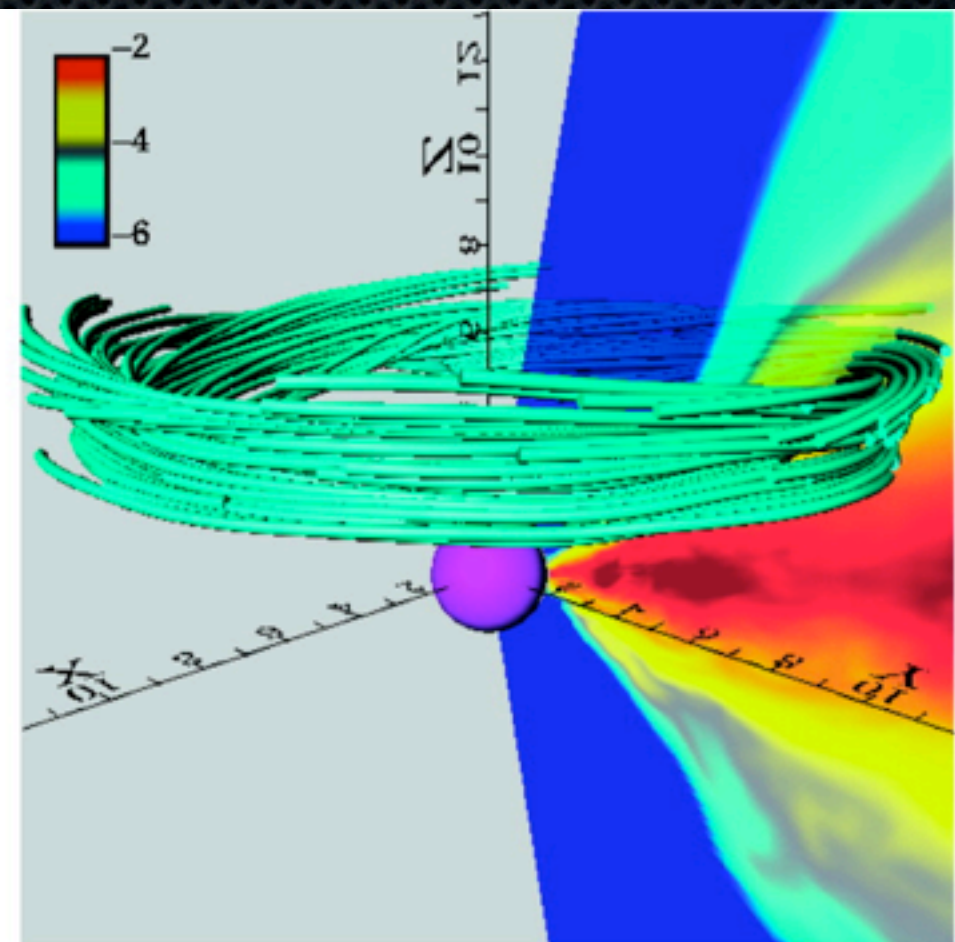
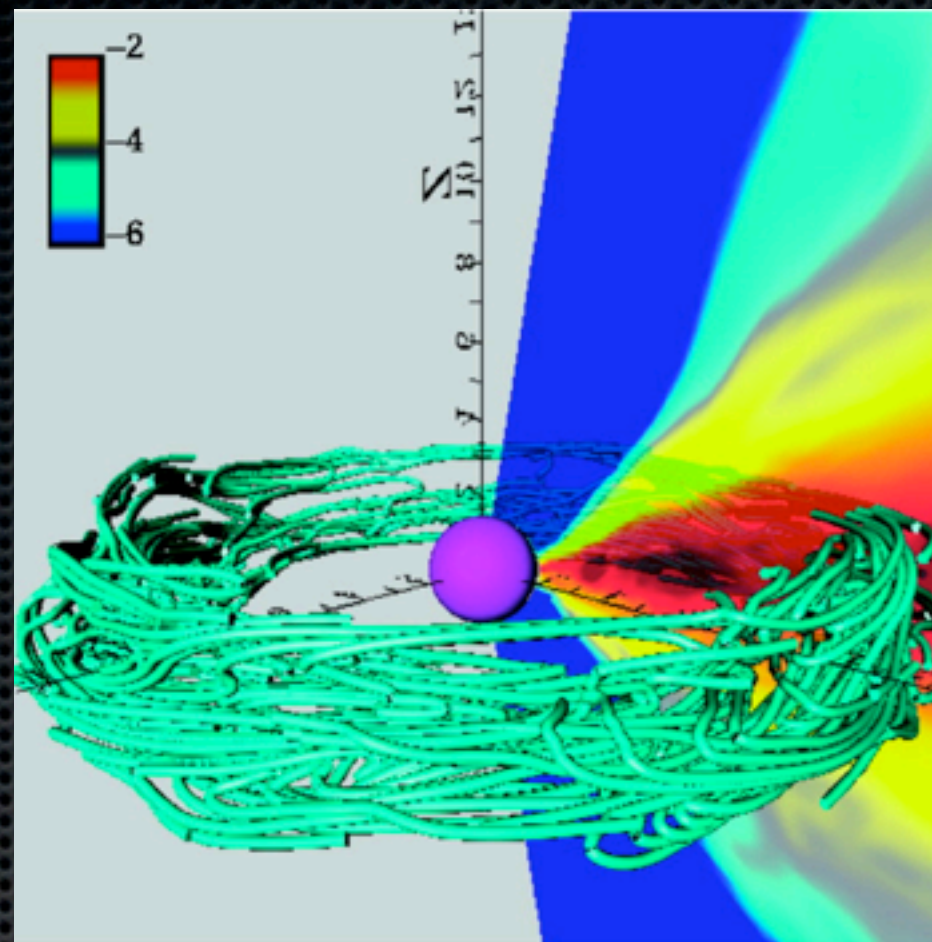


McKinney & Gammie (2004)

Hawley, De Villiers, Krolik, Hirose 2003+



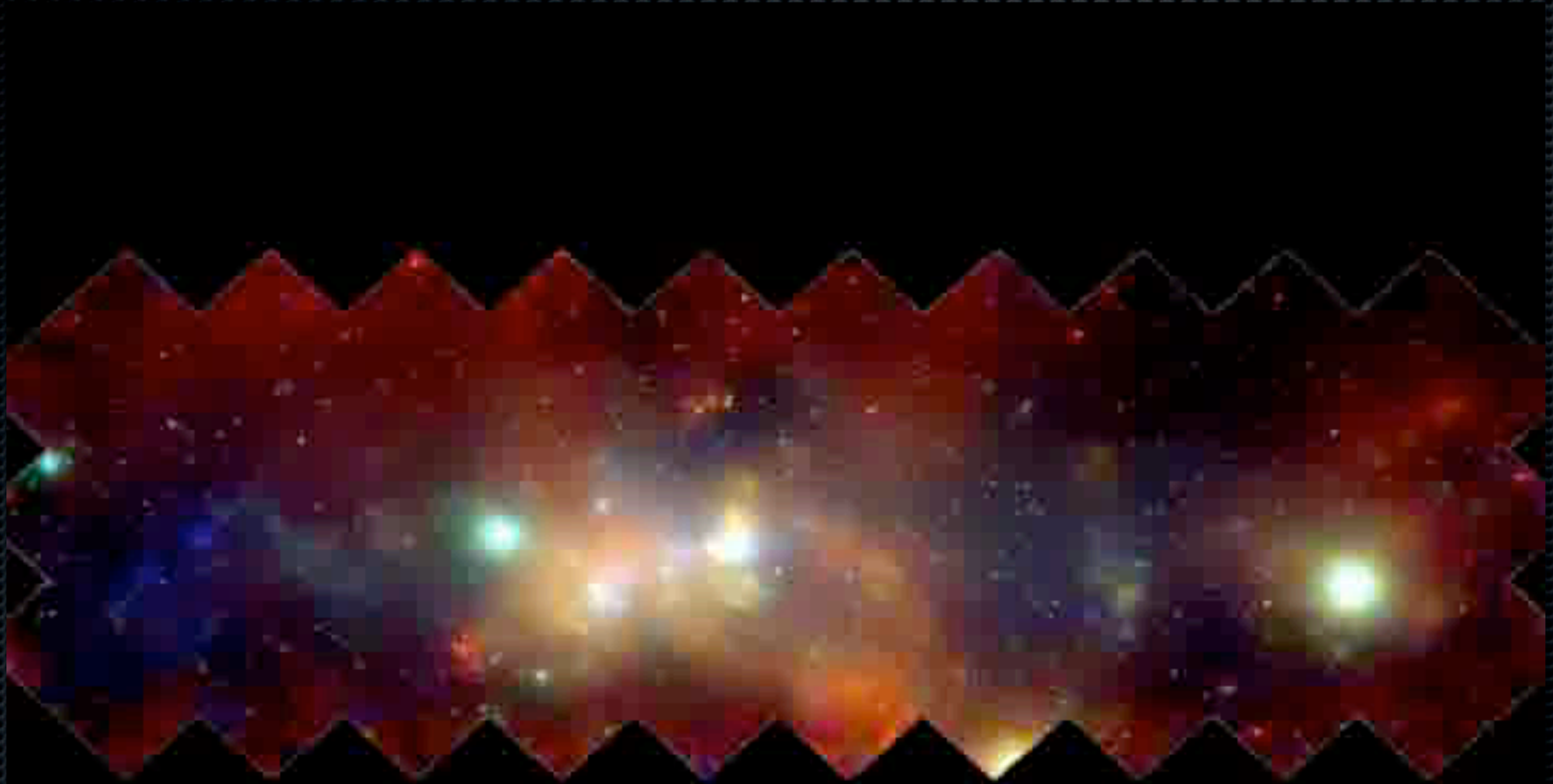
# Canonical Magnetic Field Distribution



Hirose et al. (2004)



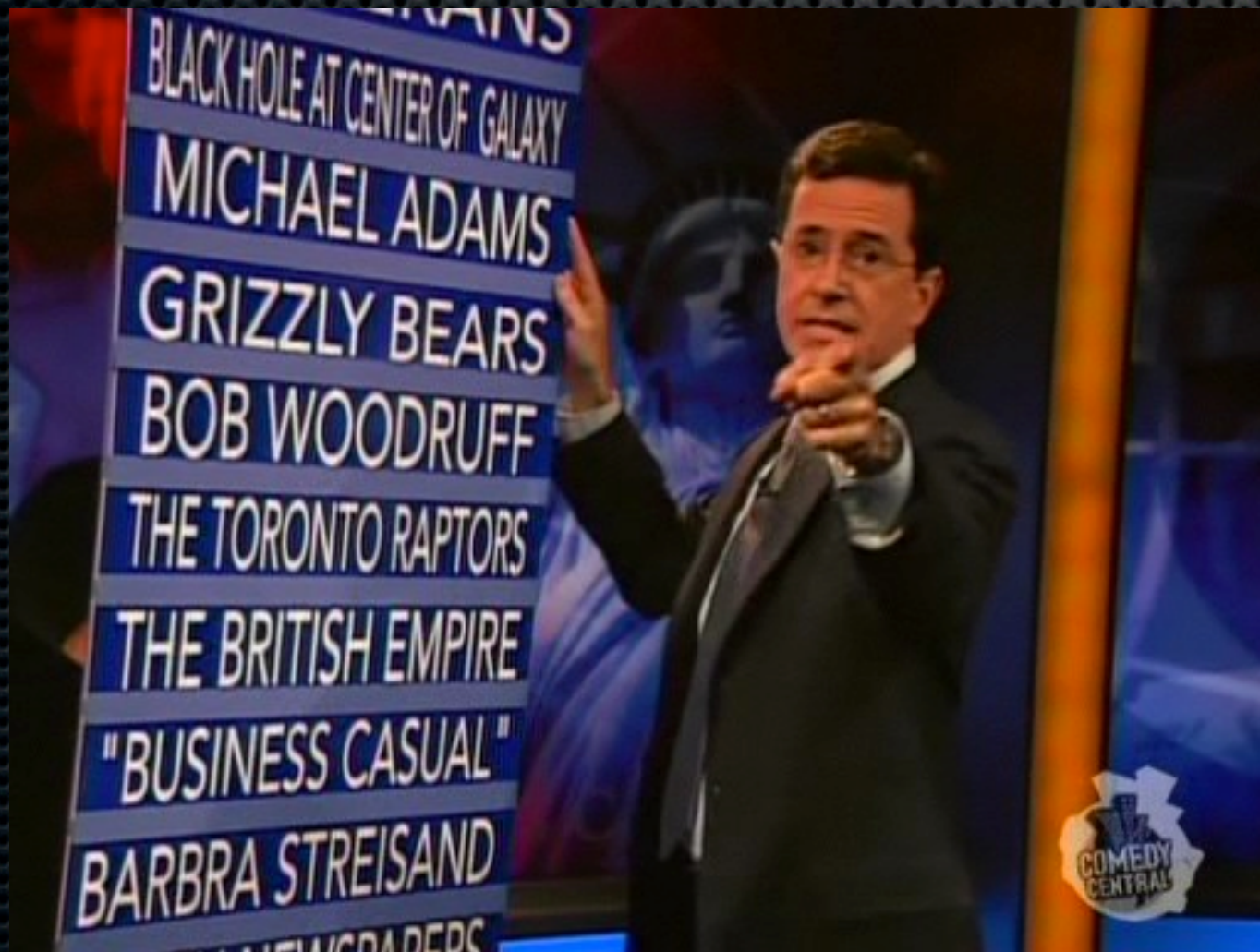
# Sagittarius A\* (Sgr A\*)





# Why Study Sagittarius A\* (Sgr A\*)?

- ✓ Biggest black hole on the sky!
- ✓ #5 out of 25 of David Gross' "Future of Physics" questions (tests of GR)
- ✓ Test masses orbiting it! (post-Newtonian parameters)
- ✓ Luminous plasma orbiting it! (disk theory tests, further gravity tests)



“The black hole at the center of the galaxy is officially On Notice. I don't know where this super massive black hole gets off holding the Milky Way together, nor do I care. It is blatantly challenging The Lord and will be dealt with in time. Does this singularity think God cannot hold our galaxy together on His own? Black hole, you may have swallowed a million suns, but now you're dealing with America! You're On Notice.”



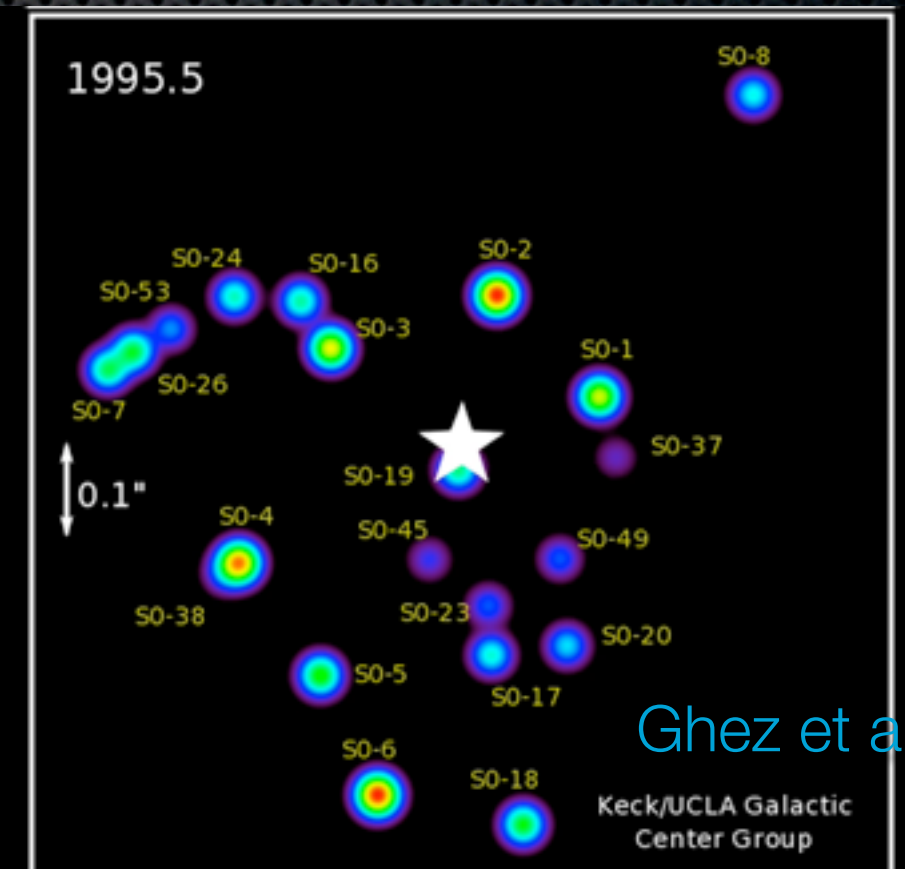
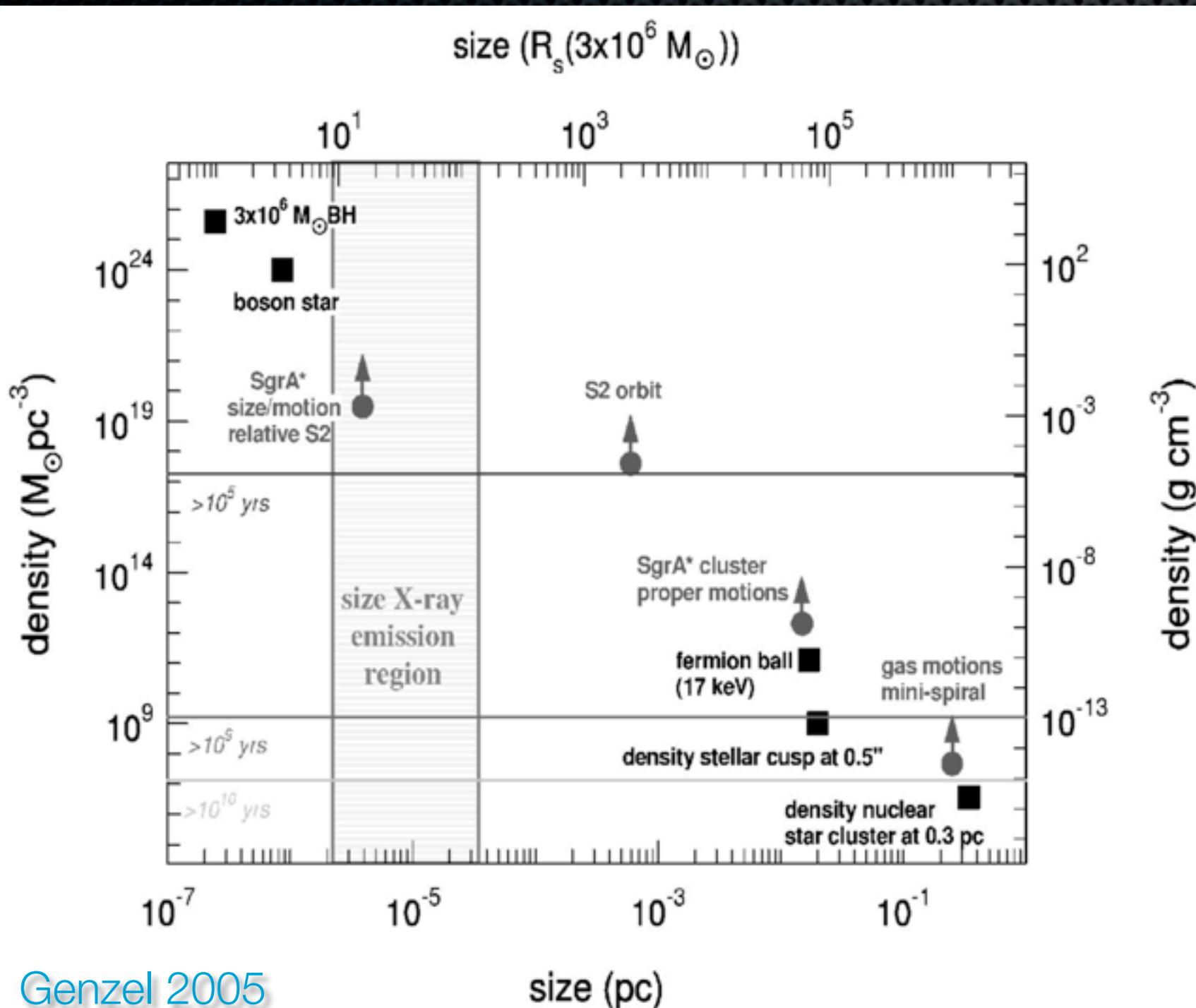
# The Central Gravitational Source

Ghez et al (2008)

Gillesen et al (2009)

$$D \simeq 8.4 \text{ kpc}$$

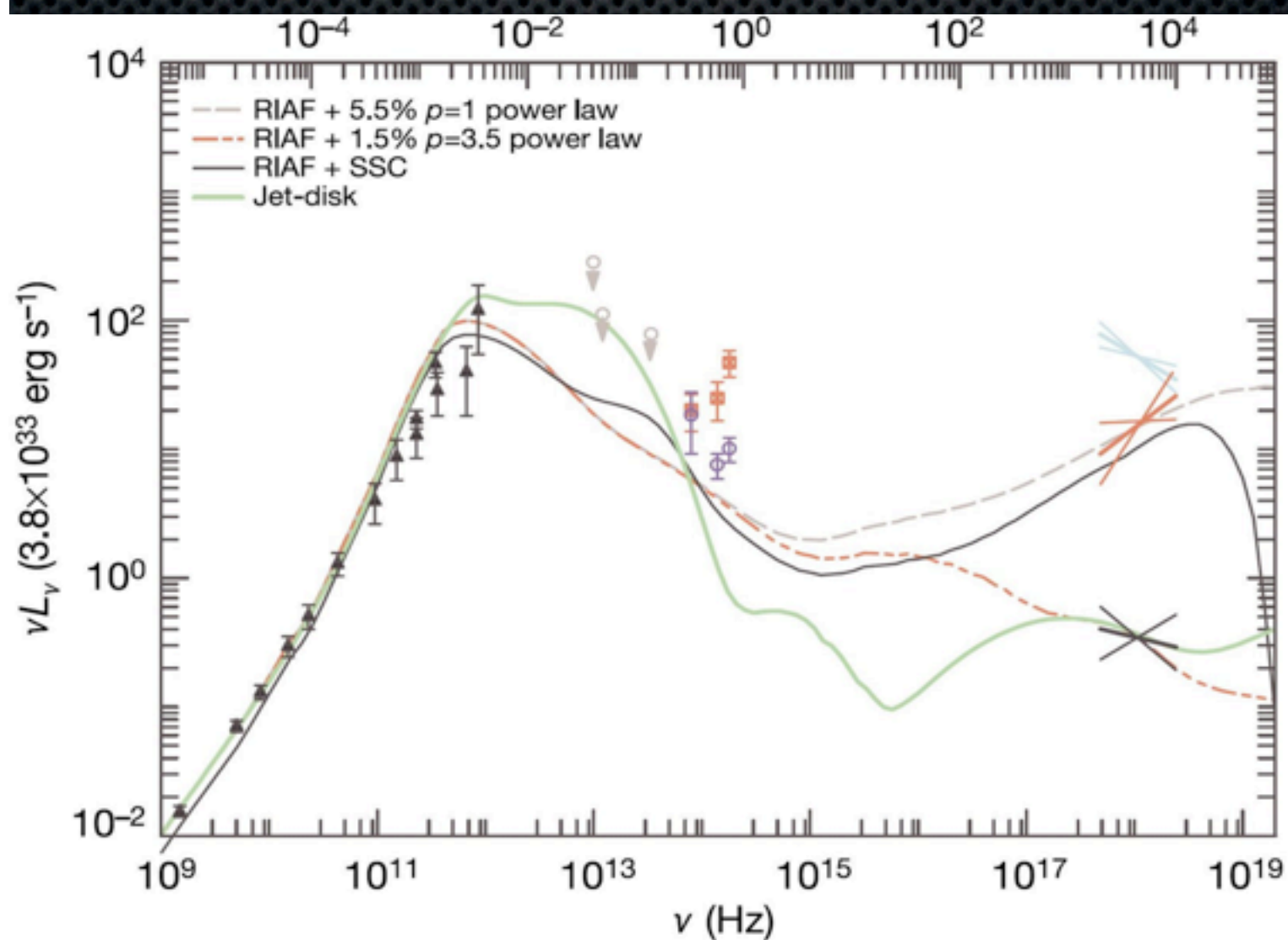
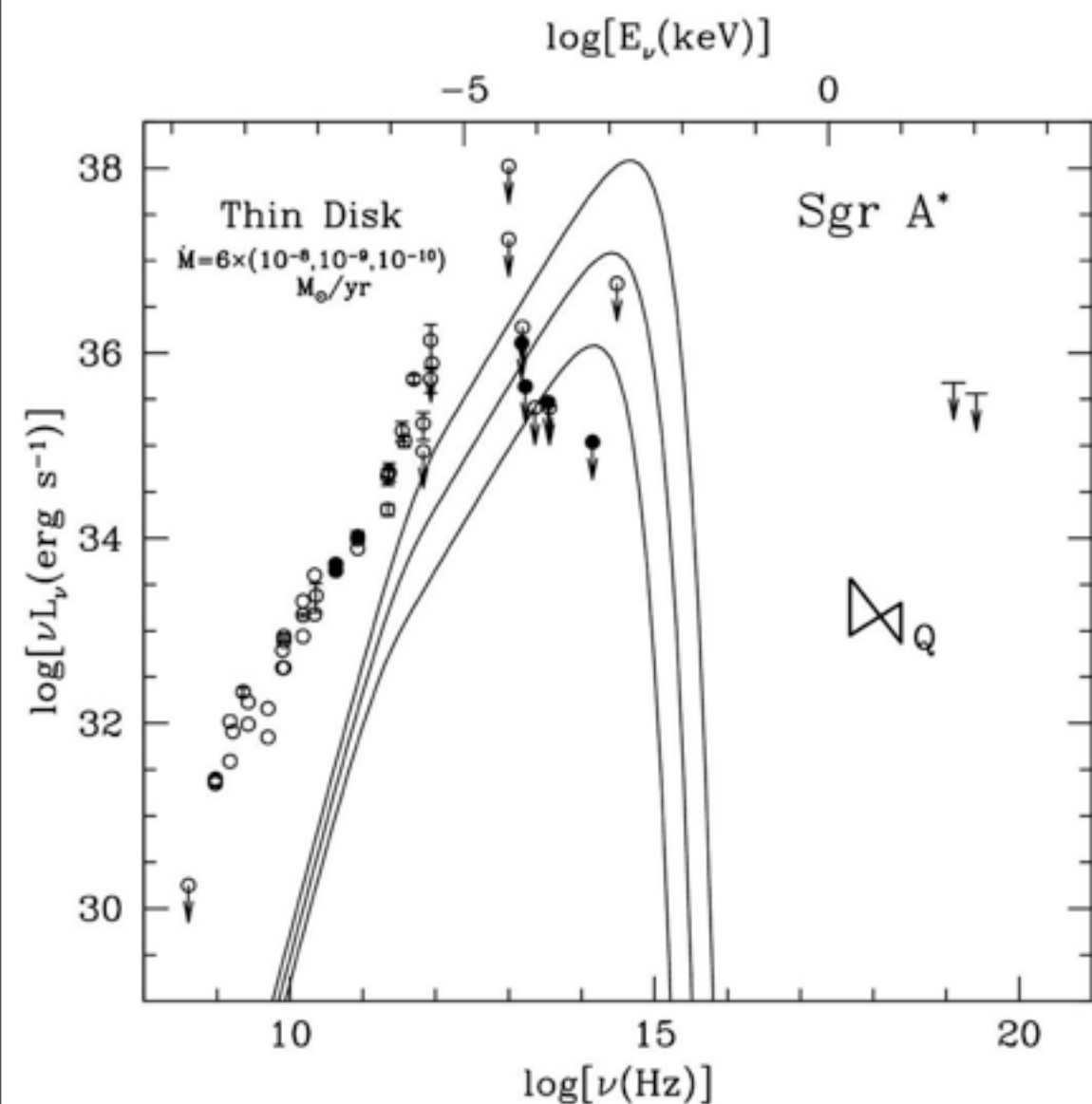
$$M_{\text{BH}} \simeq 4.5 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$$



$$r_s = 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm} = 3.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ pc} = 0.07 \text{ AU} = 10 \mu\text{as} = 33 \text{ sec}$$



# The Enigmatic Accretor



Narayan astro-ph/0201260

$$\dot{M}_{\text{RM}}(r \simeq r_s) \simeq 10^{-3} \dot{M}_{\text{X-rays}} \quad \text{Marrone et al. 2006}$$

$$L_{\text{SgrA*}} = 10^3 L_{\odot} = 10^{-9} L_{\text{edd}} \quad L_{\text{SgrA*}} = 10^{-2} \left( \frac{\eta}{0.1} \right) c^2 \dot{M}_{\text{RM}}$$



# Much Theoretical Interest!!

Moscibrodzka et al 2010, arxiv 1002.1261

Reference	dynamical model	radiative model	plasma	range of model
Narayan et al. (1998)	stat. rel. ADAF	non-rel. MC	th	$10^5 R_g$
Markoff et al. (2001)	Jet	scaling	non-th	–
Yuan et al. (2003)	stat non-rel. RIAF	non-rel rays	th+non-th	$2 \times 10^5 R_g$
Ohsuga et al. (2005)	MHD-time dep.	non-rel. MC	th	$60 R_g$
Goldston et al. (2005)	MHD-time dep.	polarized non-rel. rays	th+non-th	$512 R_g$
Broderick & Loeb (2006b)	stat. non-rel RIAF	polarized RT	non-th	$2 \times 10^5 R_g$
Mościbrodzka et al. (2007)	MHD-time dep.	non-rel. MC	th+non-th	$2.4 \times 10^3 R_g$
Loeb & Waxman (2007)	Jet	scaling	th+non-th	–
Huang et al. (2007)	stat. RIAF	RT	th	$2 \times 10^5 R_g$
Markoff et al. (2007)	Jet	non-rel rays /w corr	non-th	–
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Broderick et al. (2009)	stat. rel. RIAF	RT	th+non-th	$2 \times 10^5 R_g$
Chan et al. (2009)	MHD-time dep.	non-rel rays /w corr.	th+non-th	$43 R_g$
Yuan et al. (2009)	stat. rel. RIAF	RT	th	$100 R_g$
Hilburn et al. (2009)	GRMHD-time dep.	non-rel MC	th	$40 R_g$
Dexter et al. (2009)	GRMHD-time dep.	RT	th	$40 R_g$
Mościbrodzka et al. (2009)	GRMHD-time dep.	RT + rel. MC	th	$40 R_g$
Noble et al. (2007)	GRMHD-time dep.	RT	th	$40 R_g$

Table 1. Summary of selected models of Sgr A\*. Abbreviations: RT-ray tracing, MC-Monte Carlo, GR-general relativistic, RIAF-radiatively inefficient accretion flow, ADAF-advection dominate accretion flow, plasma-particles distribution, th-thermal, non-th-non-thermal, range-model radial range.



## SCN, Leung, Gammie, Book (2007)

- Axi-symmetric GRMHD Simulations (256x256) w/ HARM
- $a = 0, 0.5, 0.75, 0.88, 0.93, 0.97$
- $R_{\text{out}} = 40M$ ,  $P_{\text{max}}$  at  $r=10-15M$
- Relativistic self-absorbed synchrotron and brems. rad. transfer

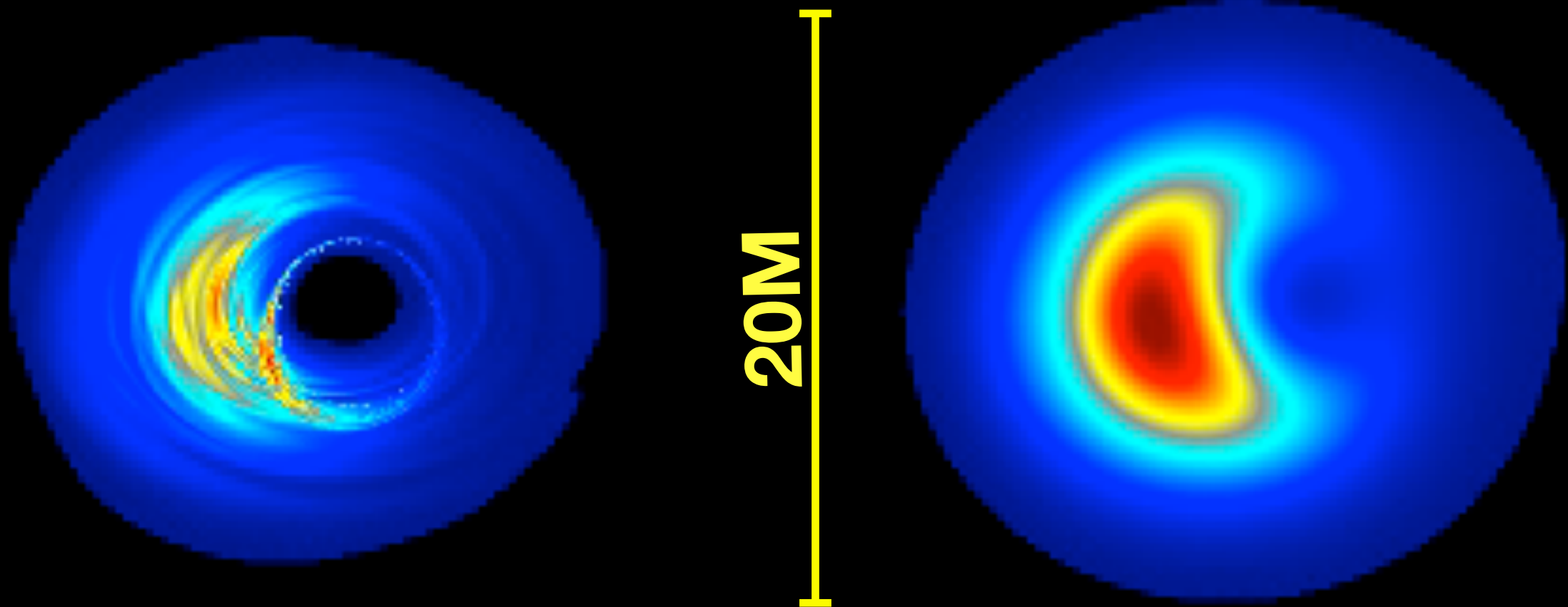
## Fiducial Model

$$a = 0.94M$$

$$\nu_{\text{obs}} = 3 \times 10^{11} \text{Hz} (1\text{mm})$$

$$i = 30^\circ$$

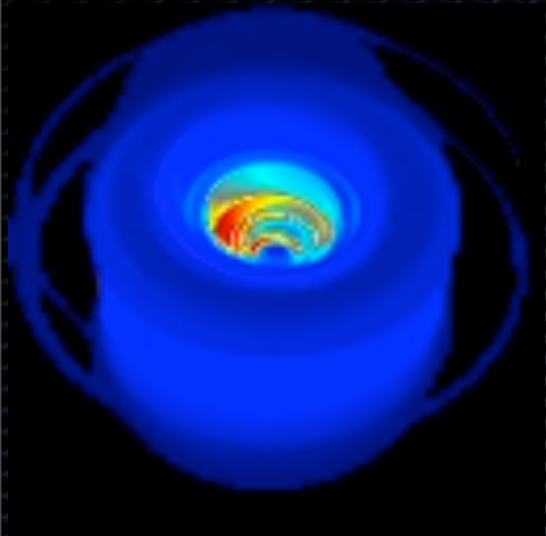
$$\dot{M} = 5 \times 10^{-9} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$$



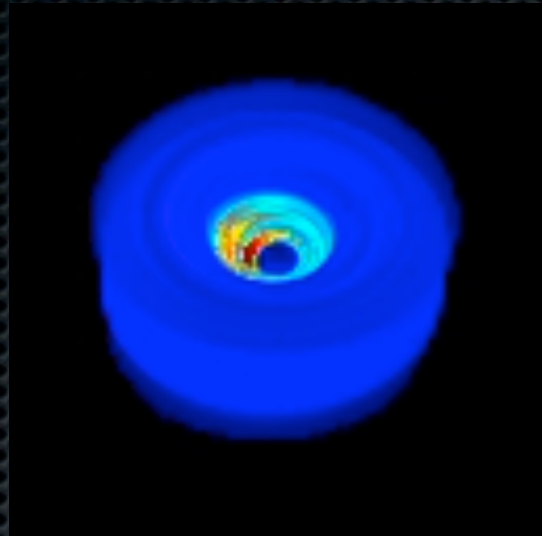


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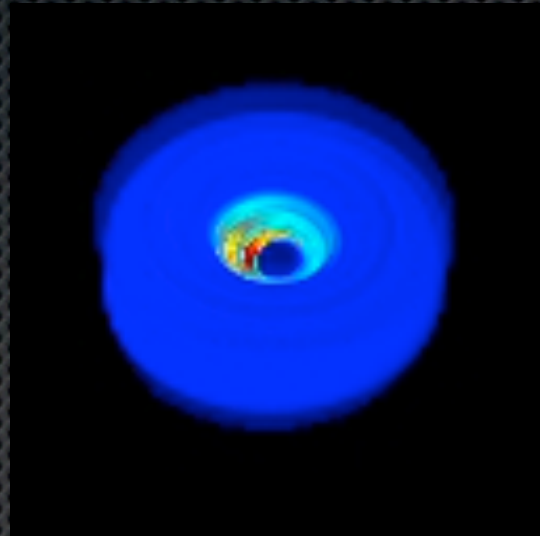
5 GHz



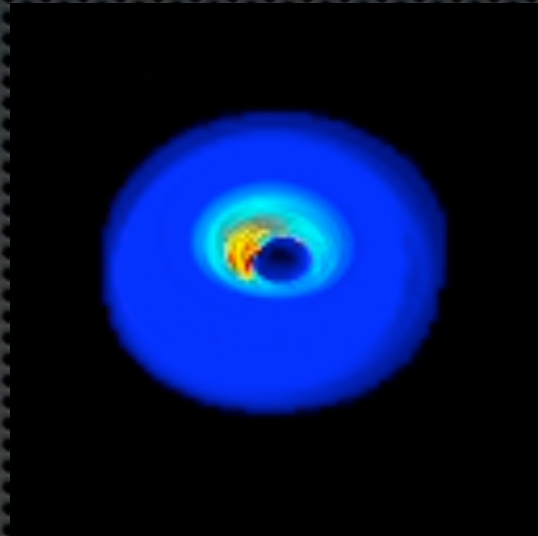
15 GHz



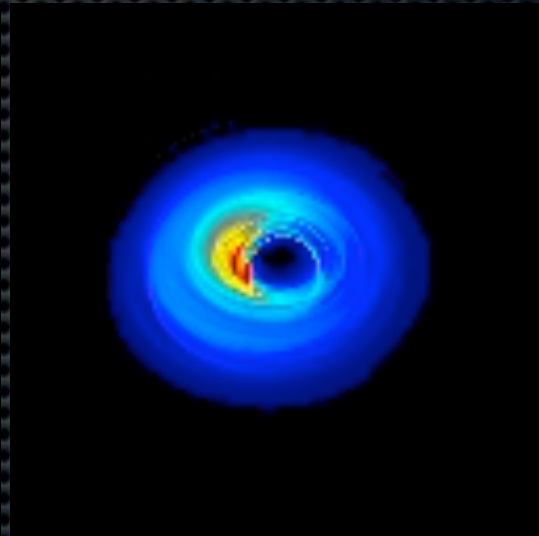
22 GHz



43 GHz



86 GHz



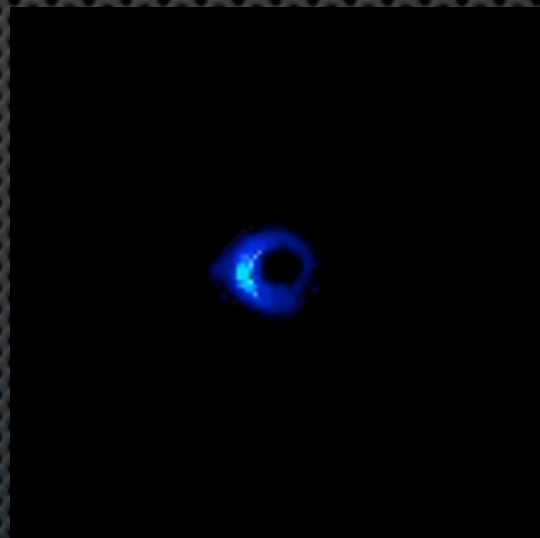
$10^{15}$  Hz



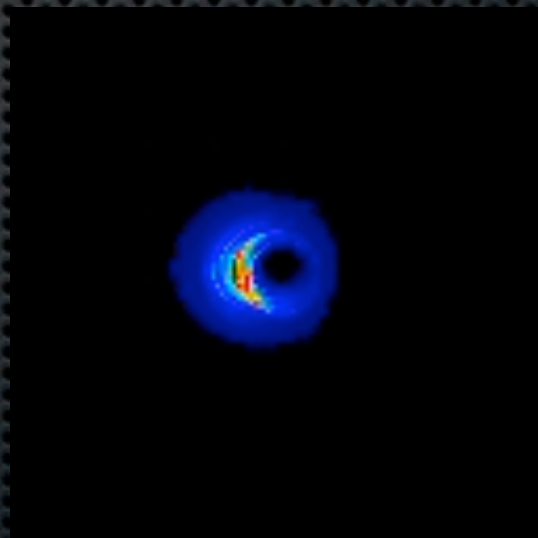
$10^{14}$  Hz



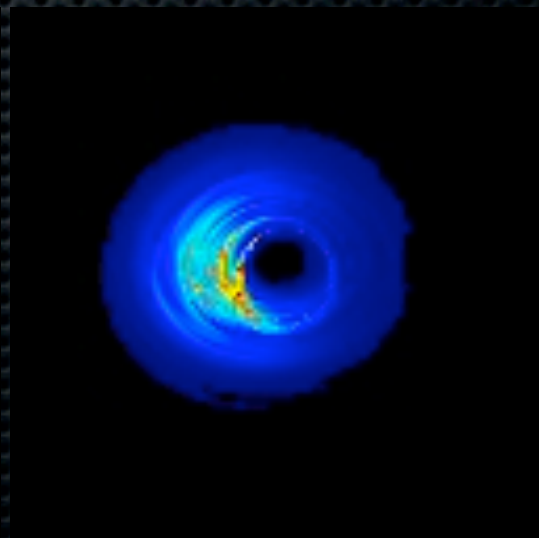
$10^{13}$  Hz



$10^{12}$  Hz



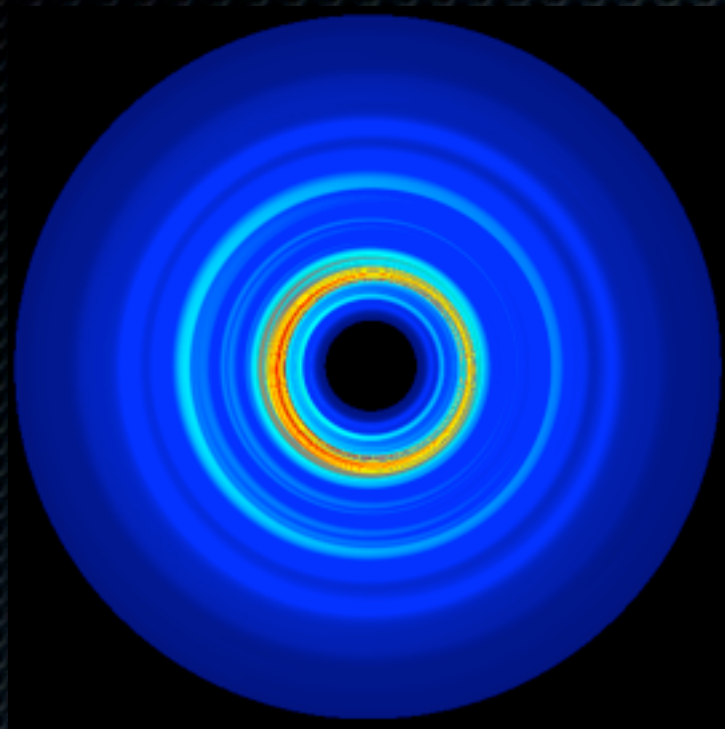
300 GHz



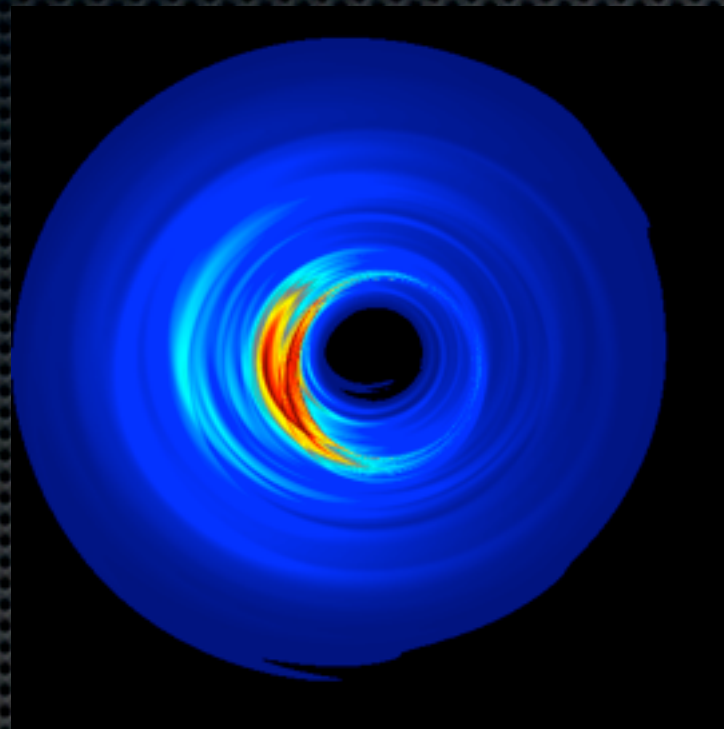


# Black Hole Silhouette

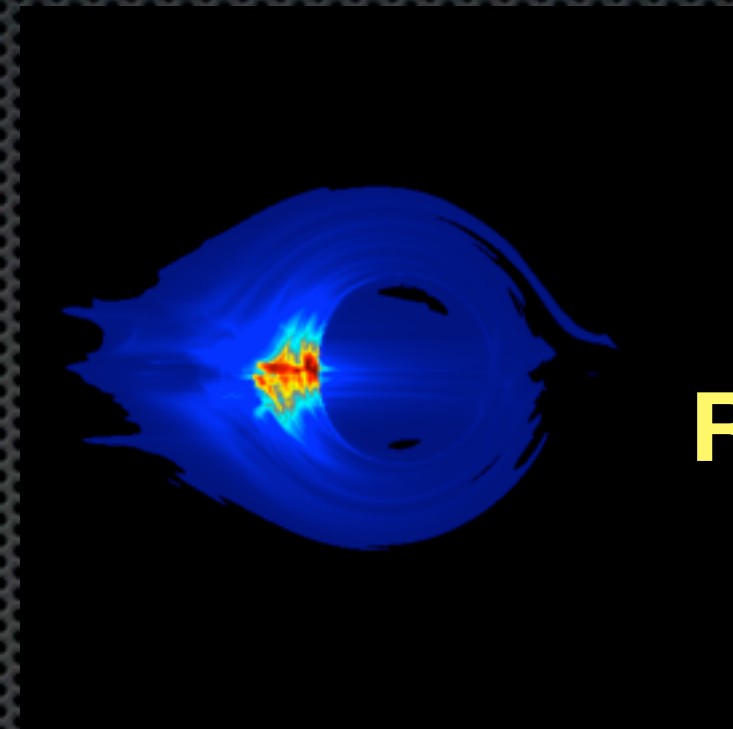
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- VLBI Base line = 8000km
- $\lambda = 1\text{mm}$



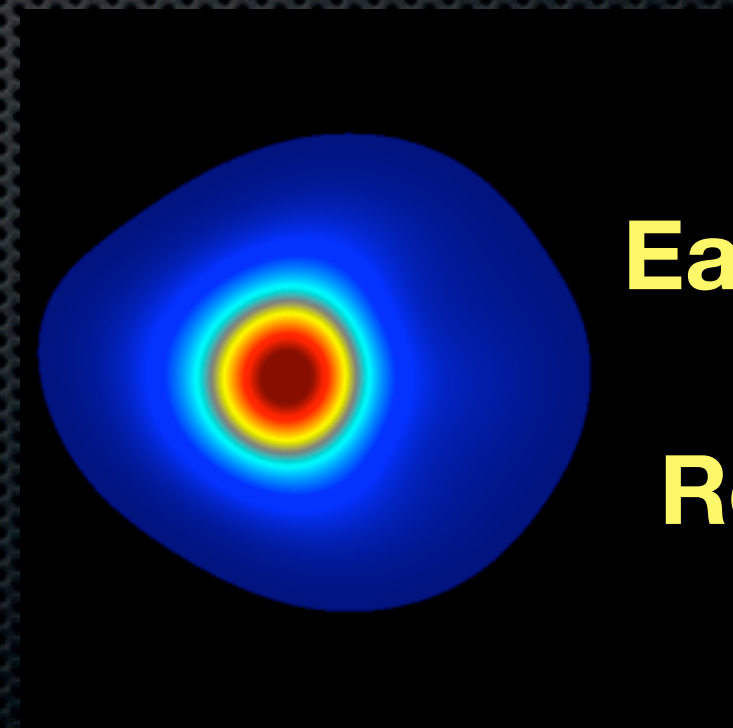
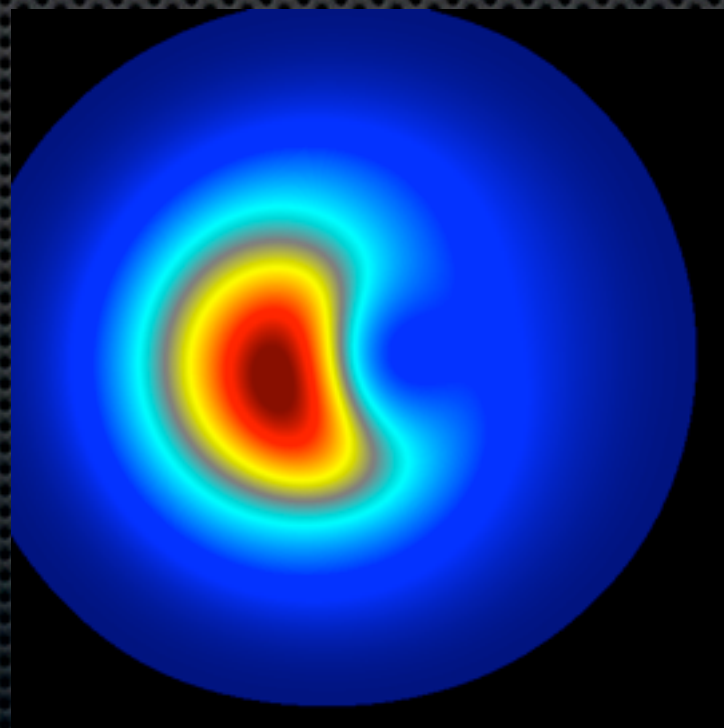
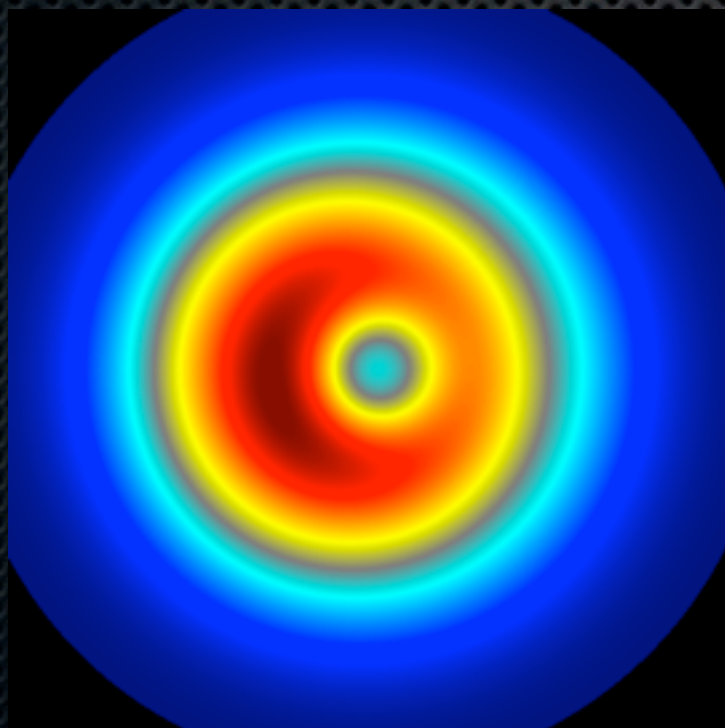
$i = 5^\circ$



$i = 30^\circ$

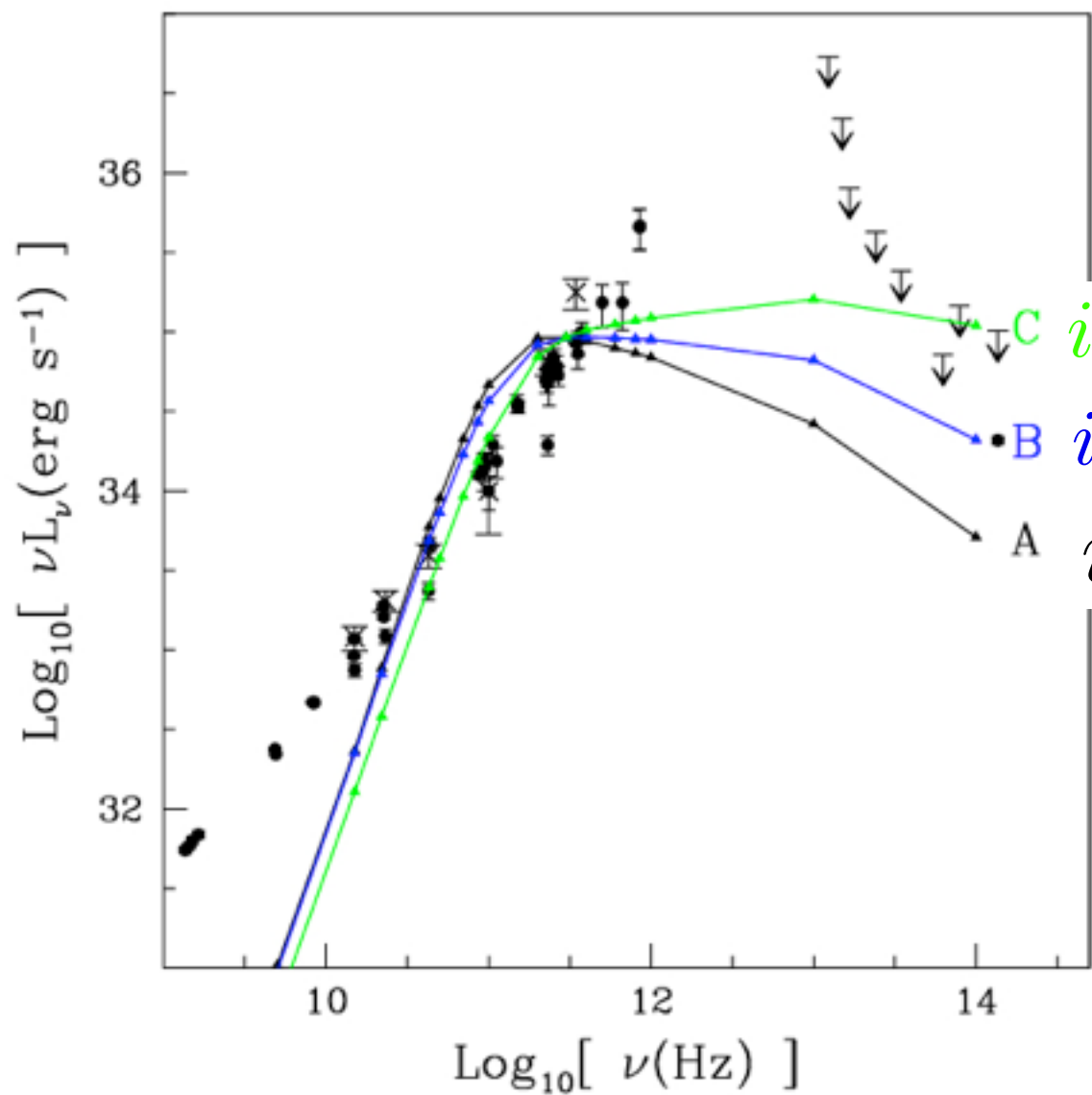


**"Infinite"  
Resolution**

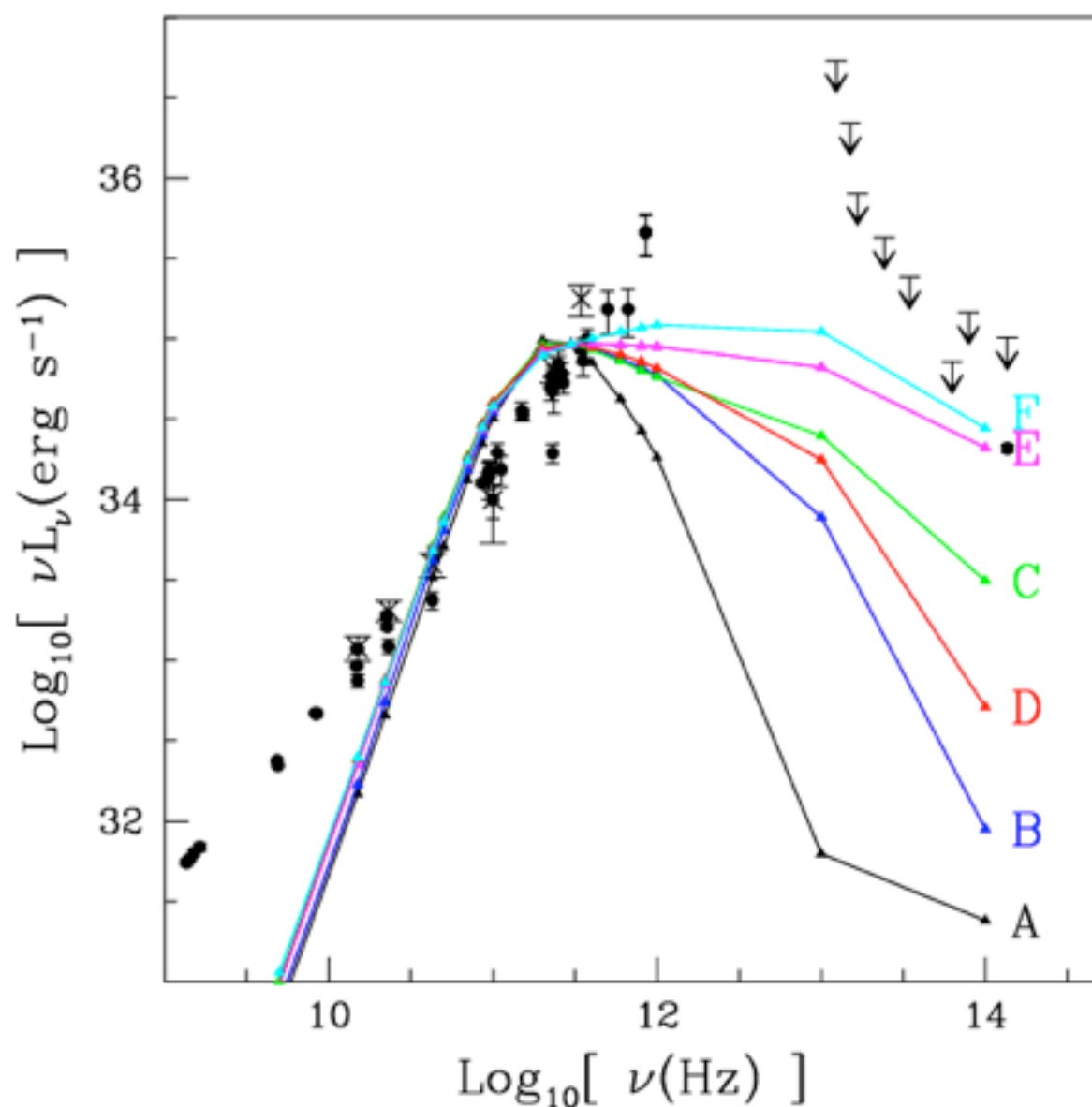


**Earth-based  
VLBI  
Resolution**





- Relativistic beaming/boosting sensitive to inclination angle;
- Amplifies relative spectral importance of high-T inner region;
- Our model favored smaller inclinations or more “face-on” disks;



a=0.97

a=0.94

a=0.75

a=0.88

a=0.5

a=0.0

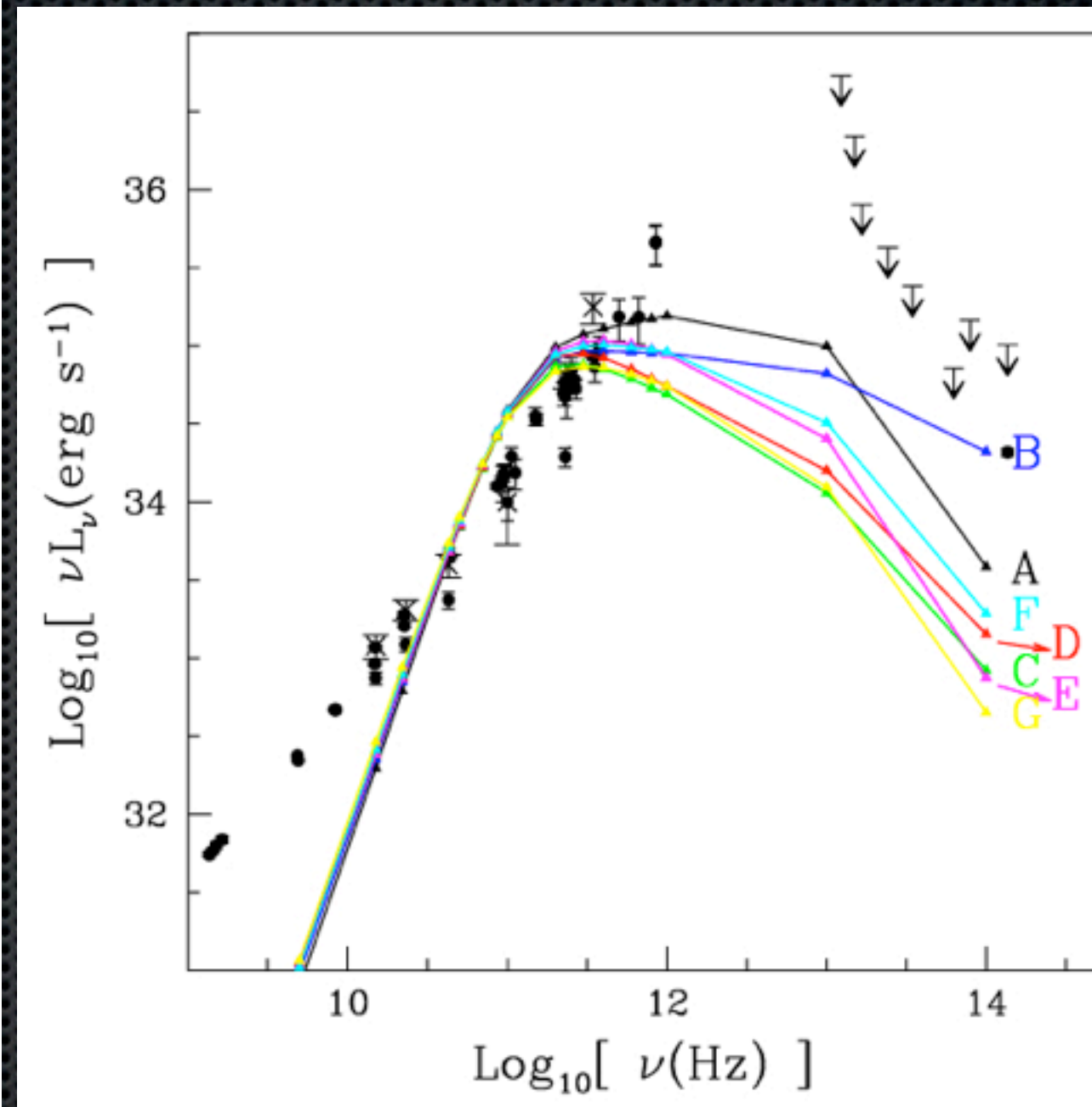
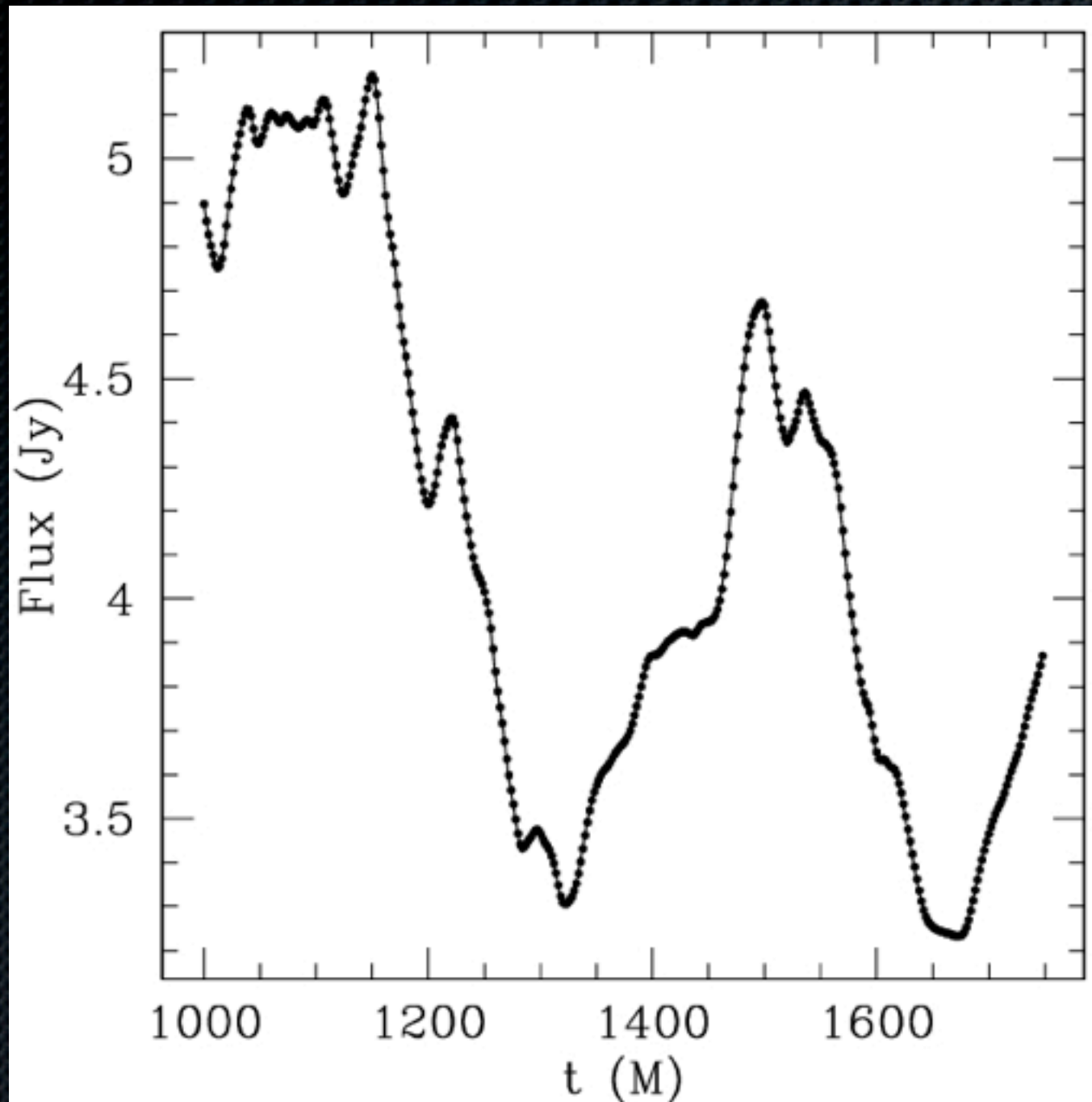
i = 30°

a = 0.94M

- Largest orbital velocities, temperatures and B-field increase with BH spin;
- Predict a < 0.88

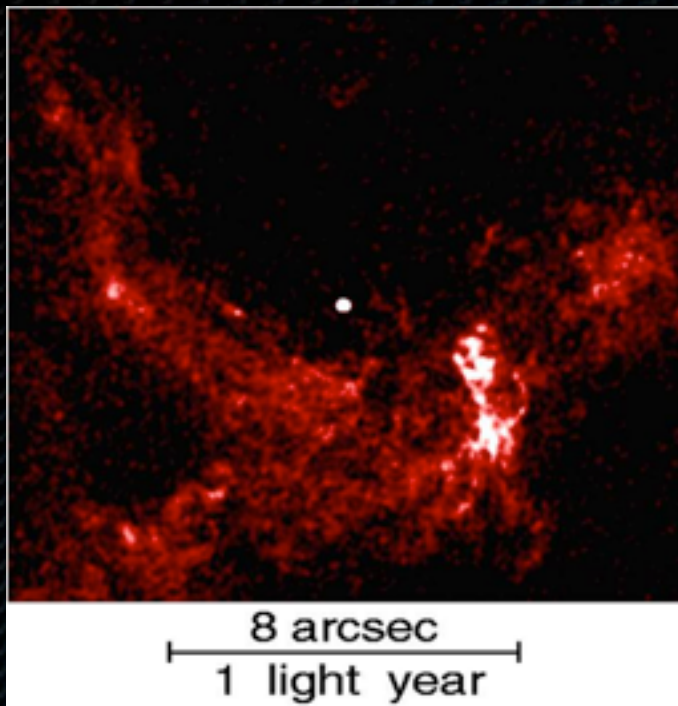


# Time-dependence



- Variability greatest at optically thin frequencies
- Weaker variability at 1mm consistent with flare events
- Time variation  $<$  spin variation
  - Hope for bracketing black hole spin

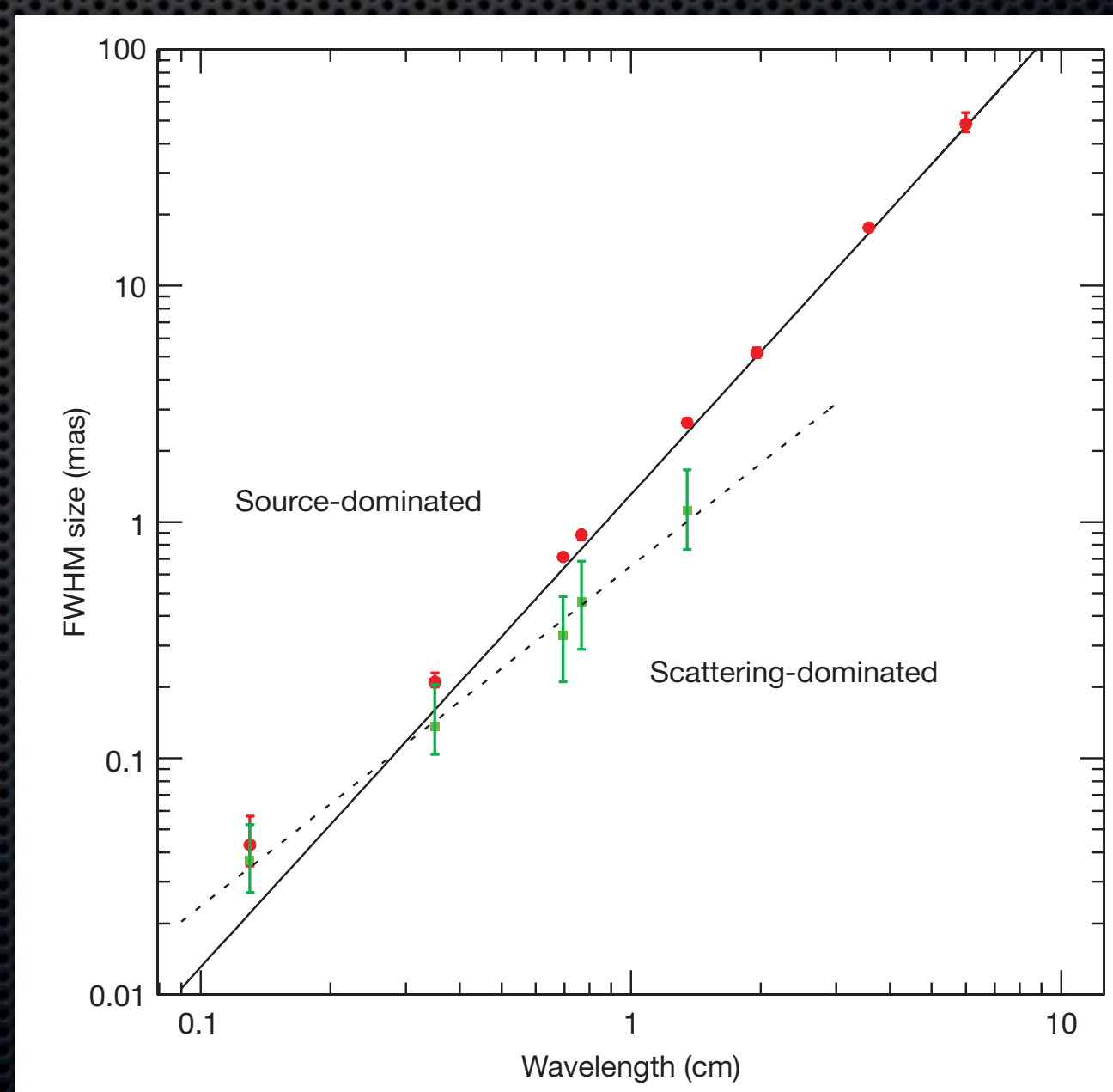
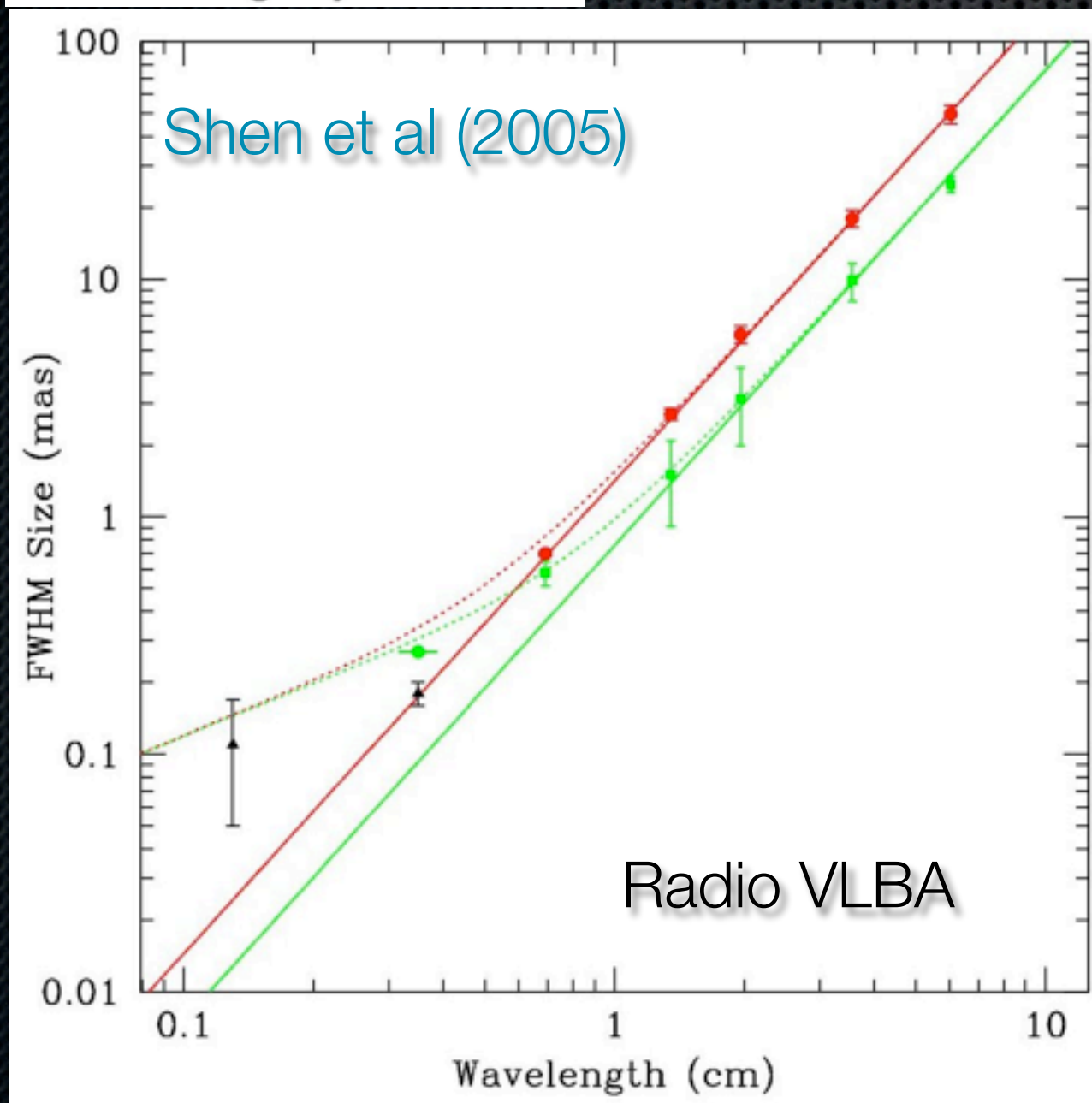




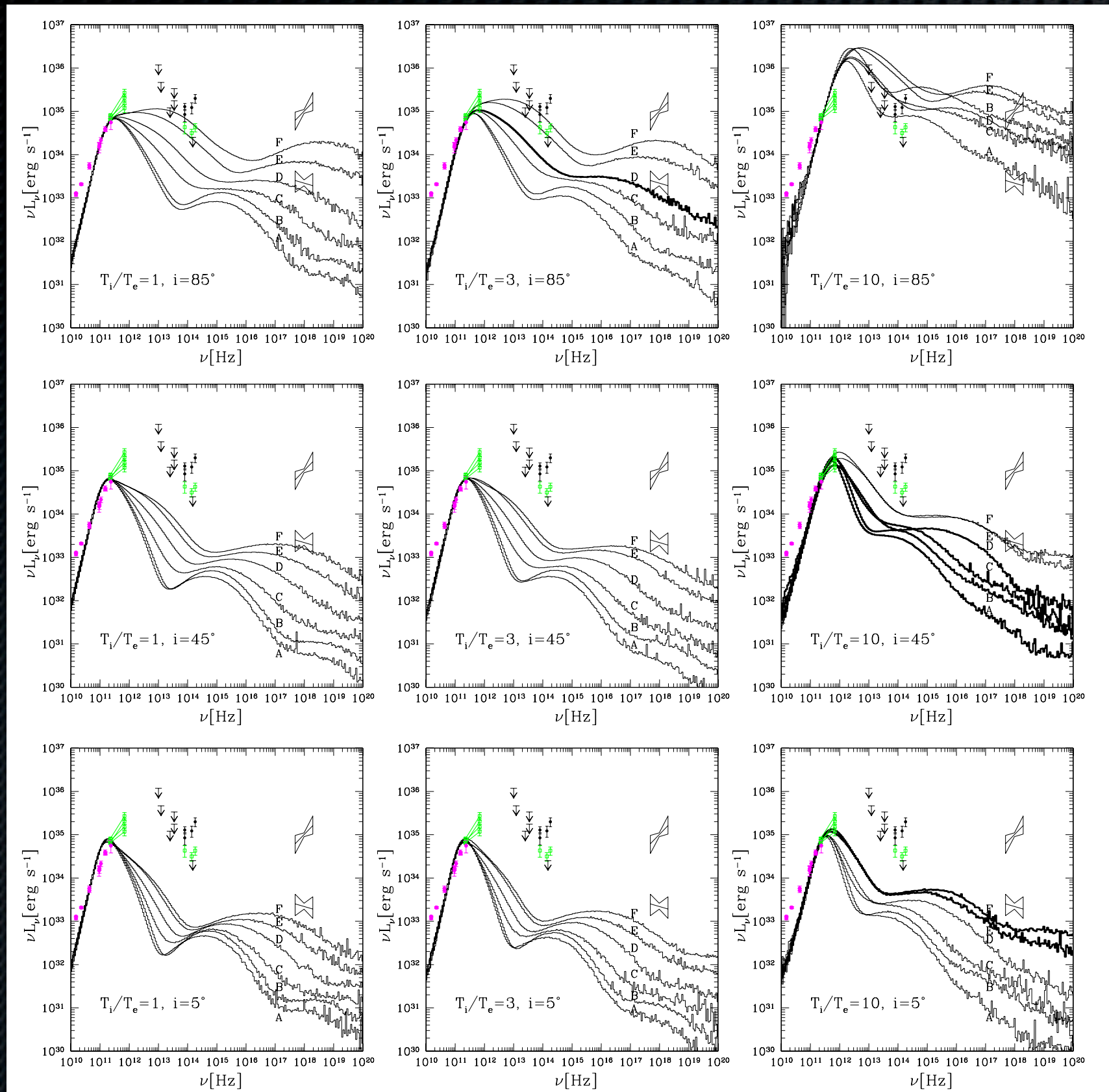
# Towards Horizon-scale Observations:

Doeleman et al (2008)

- Observe at freq. where disk becomes transparent;
- ARO/SMT, CARMA, JCMT
- Baseline = 4700km
- $\text{FWHM} \simeq 4r_s$
- Towards the “Event Horizon Telescope”





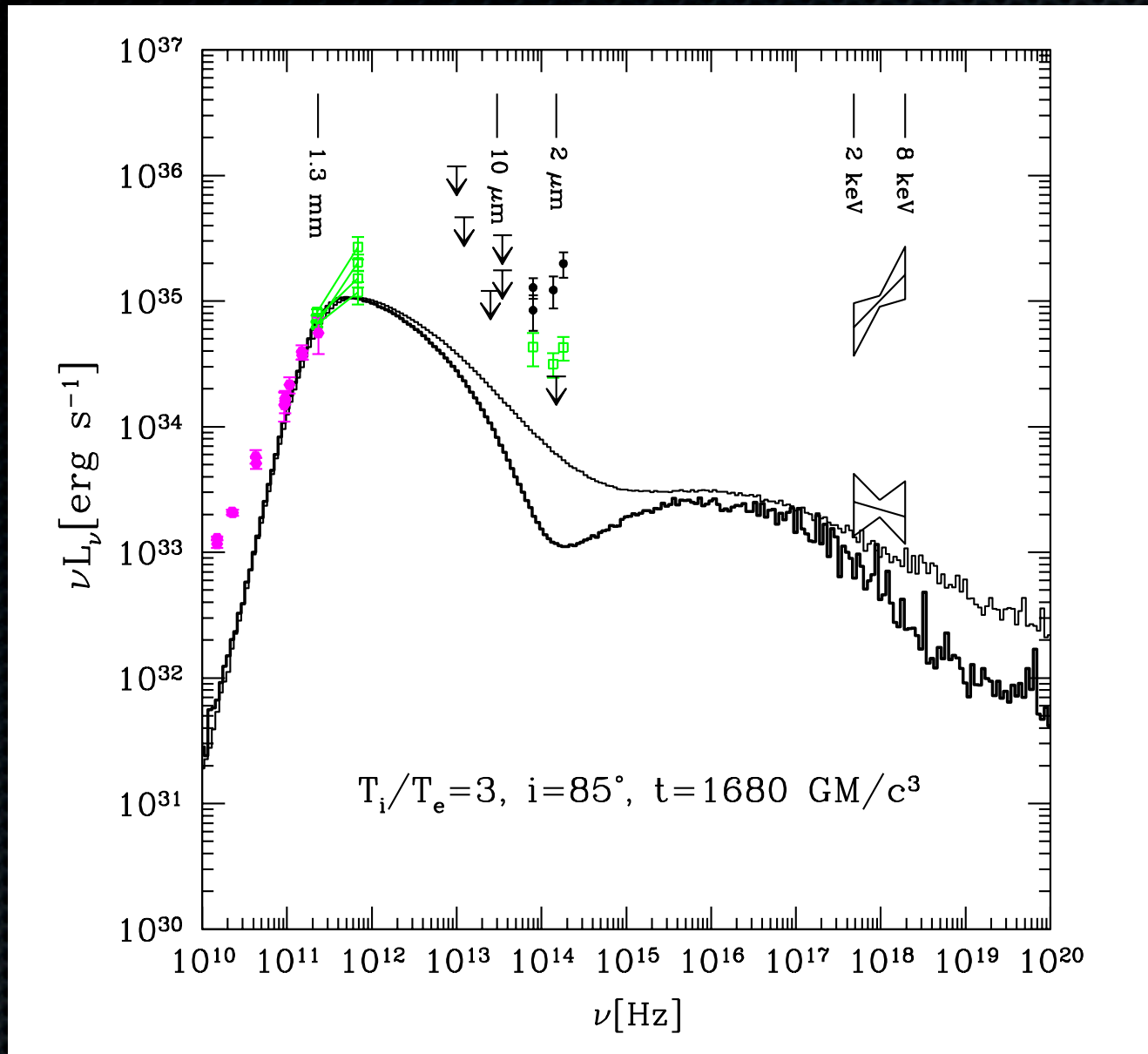


- Relativistic Monte Carlo, necessary for inverse-Compton emission (X-ray)
- Old ray-tracing method for images;
- Constrain time-averaged spectra to:
  - NIR, X-ray quiescent upper limits
  - sub-mm spectral slope
- Constrain time-averaged apparent sizes to mm-VLBI limits [Doeleman et al (2008)] ;

$$F_\nu(230\text{GHz}) = 3.4\text{Jy}$$

$$T_i/T_e = 1, 3, 10 \quad i = 5^\circ, 45^\circ, 85^\circ \quad a = 0.5, 0.75, 0.88, 0.94, 0.97, 0.985$$



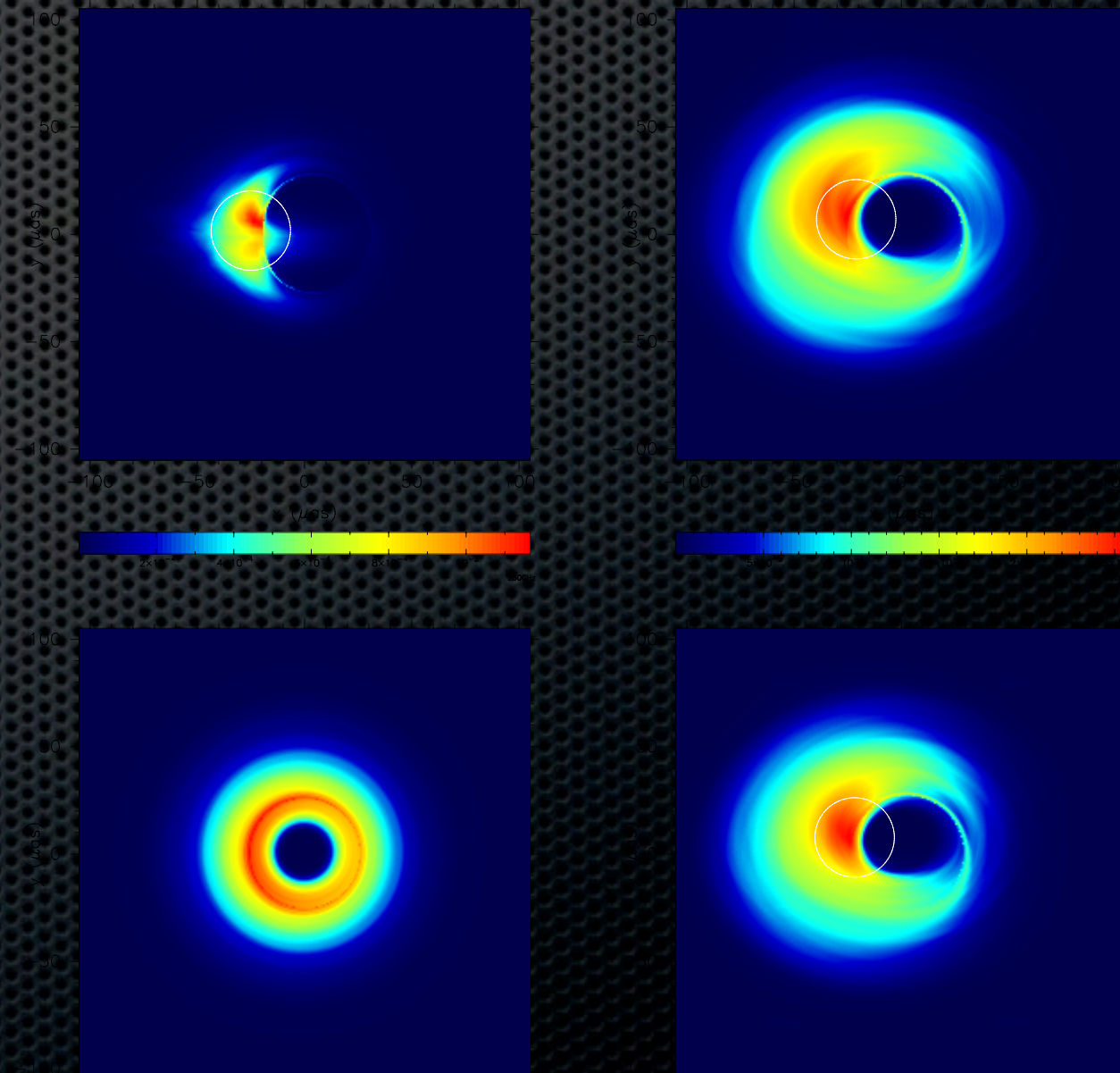


“Best-bet” Model:

$$a = 0.94$$

$$T_i/T_e = 3$$

$$i = 85^\circ$$



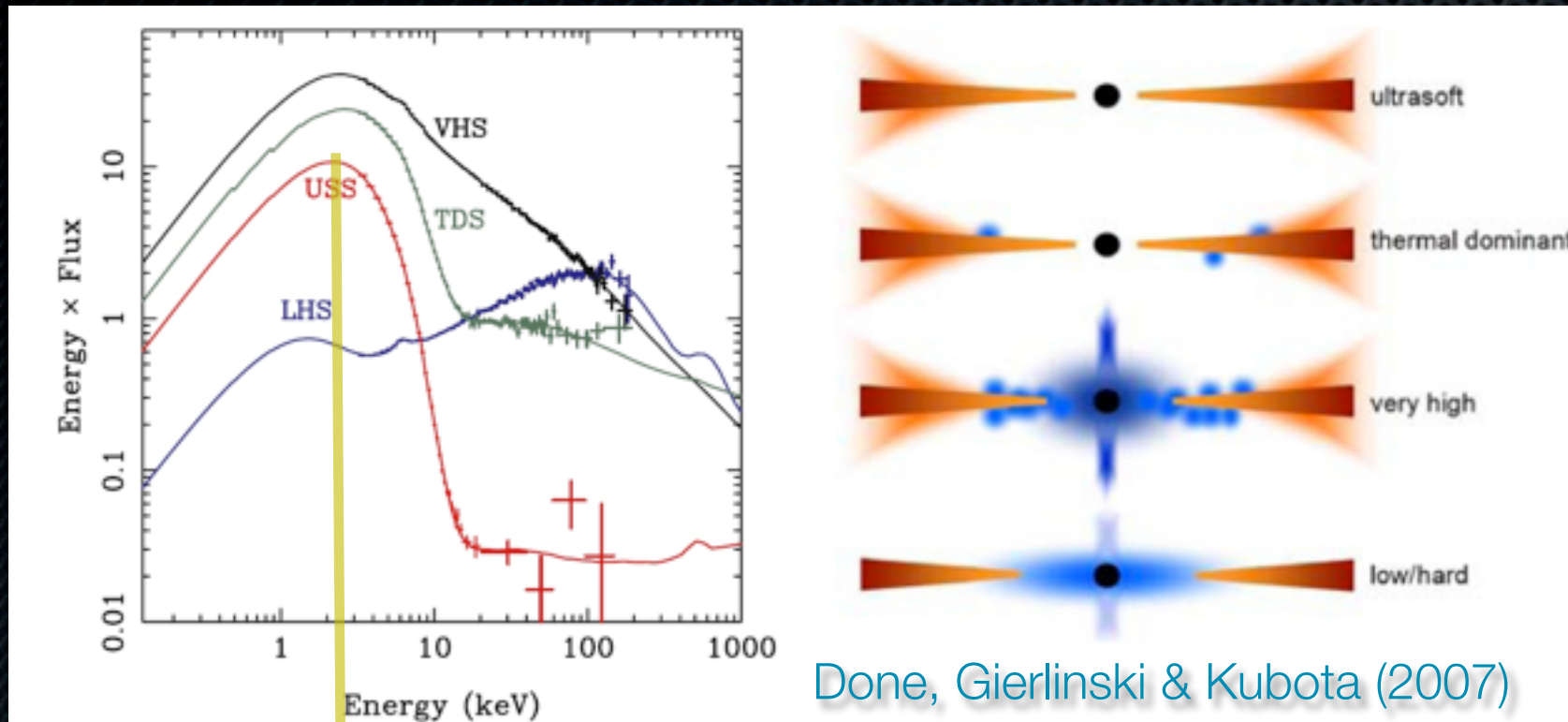
- Size constraints favor large spin & inclination
- $T_i/T_e = 1$  ruled out by spectra



# Thin Disks

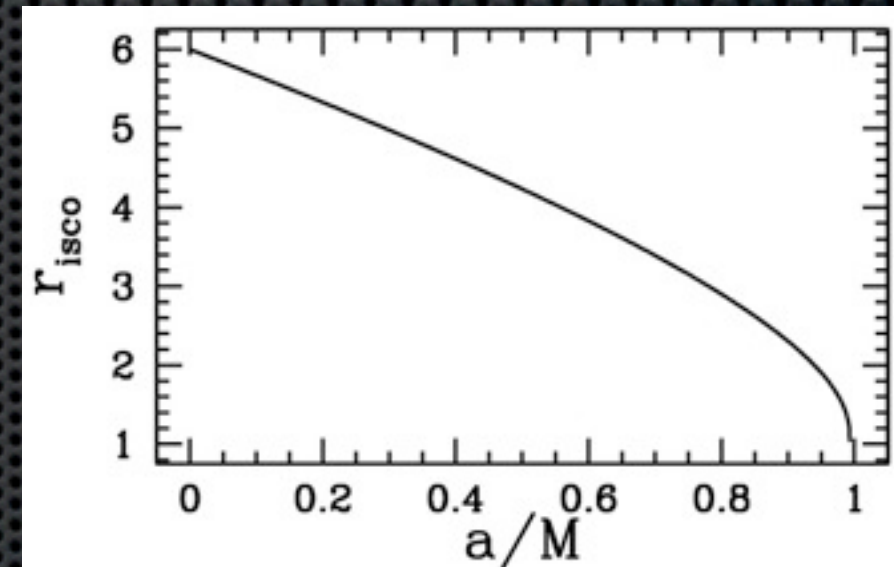


# Thermal Spectral Fitting for BH Spin



$$L = AR_{\text{in}}^2 T_{\text{max}}^4$$

$$R_{\text{in}} = R_{\text{in}}(M, a) \simeq R_{\text{ISCO}}$$



$T_{\text{max}}$

TABLE 1

BLACK HOLE SPIN ESTIMATES USING THE MEAN OBSERVED VALUES OF  $M$ ,  $D$ , AND  $i$

Candidate	Observation Date	Satellite	Detector	$a_*$ (D05)	$a_*$ (ST95)
GRO J1655–40 .....	1995 Aug 15	ASCA	GIS2	~0.85	~0.8
			GIS3	~0.80	~0.75
	1997 Feb 25–28	ASCA	GIS2	~0.75 <sup>a</sup>	~0.70
			GIS3	~0.75 <sup>a</sup>	~0.7
	1997 Feb 26	RXTE	PCA	~0.75 <sup>a</sup>	~0.65
4U 1543–47 .....	1997 (several)	RXTE	PCA	0.65–0.75 <sup>a</sup>	0.55–0.65
	2002 (several)	RXTE	PCA	0.75–0.85 <sup>a</sup>	0.55–0.65

<sup>a</sup> Values adopted in this Letter.

Shafee et al. (2006)

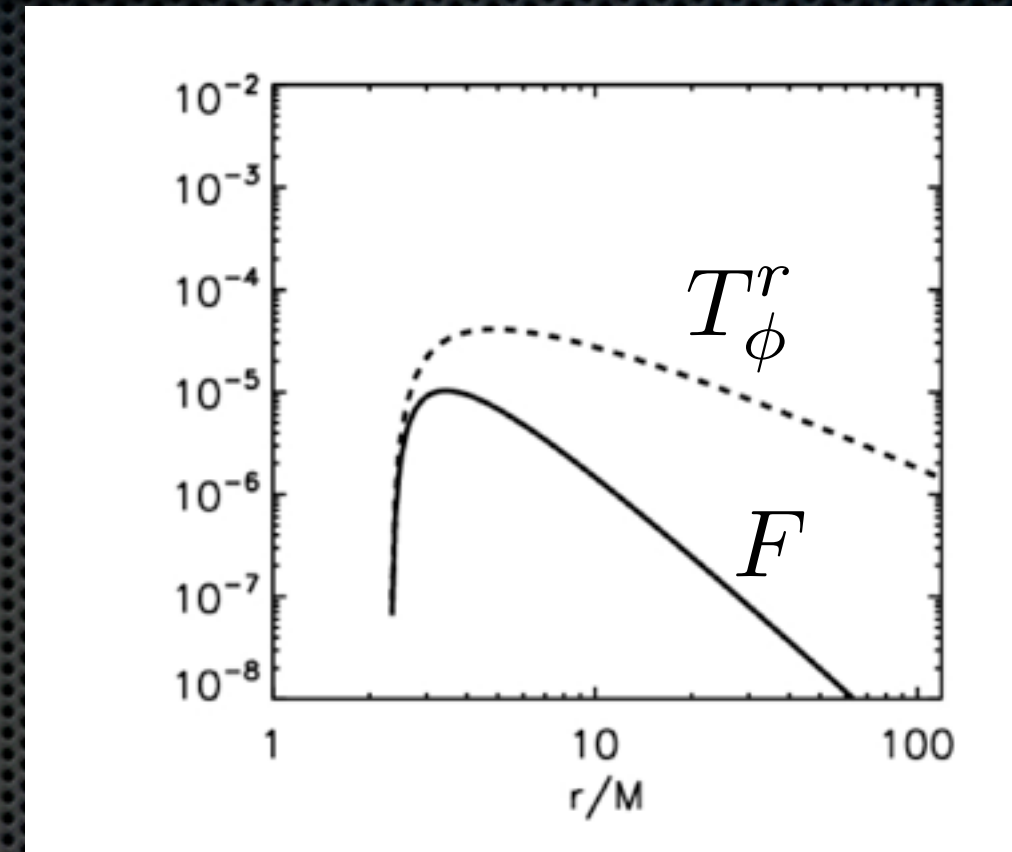
McClintock et al. (2006)

OBJECT	POWER LAW	
	Mean	Standard Deviation
GRS 1915+105 <sup>a</sup>	0.998	0.001
GRS 1915+105 <sup>b</sup>	0.998	0.001



# Steady-state Thin Disk Models

- Novikov & Thorne (1973)
- $$L = \eta \dot{M} c^2$$
- $$\eta = 1 - \epsilon_{\text{ISCO}}$$
- Stationary gravity
  - Perfect radiator
  - Work done by stress locally dissipated & radiated
  - Zero stress at ISCO as boundary condition
  - Luminosity as total liberation of binding energy up until plunge into ISCO



Shakura & Sunyaev (1973)

$$T_{\phi}^r = -\alpha P \quad P = \rho c_s^2$$
$$t_{\phi}^r = -\alpha c_s^2$$

**No stress at sonic point:**

$$\rightarrow R_{\text{in}} = R_s \simeq R_{\text{ISCO}}$$

Muchotzeb & Paczynski (1982)

Abramowicz et al. (1988)

Afshordi & Paczynski (2003)

Gammie (1999)

- Magnetized inflow model matched to thin disk
- Efficiency tied to mag. flux BC

Agol & Krolik (2000)

- Magnetic torques at ISCO can affect radiative efficiency



## SCN, Krolik & Hawley 2009

- 3D GRMHD thin disk evolution
- Local cooling function to constrain  $H \sim r$ 
  - Cool when cell because hotter than target temperature
- Save as emissivity for post-processing
- Fully relativistic radiative transfer calculation
- Assume cooling and transfer is optically thin for now
- $a = 0.9M$

$$L = \eta \dot{M} c^2 \quad \eta_{\text{NT}} = 0.143$$

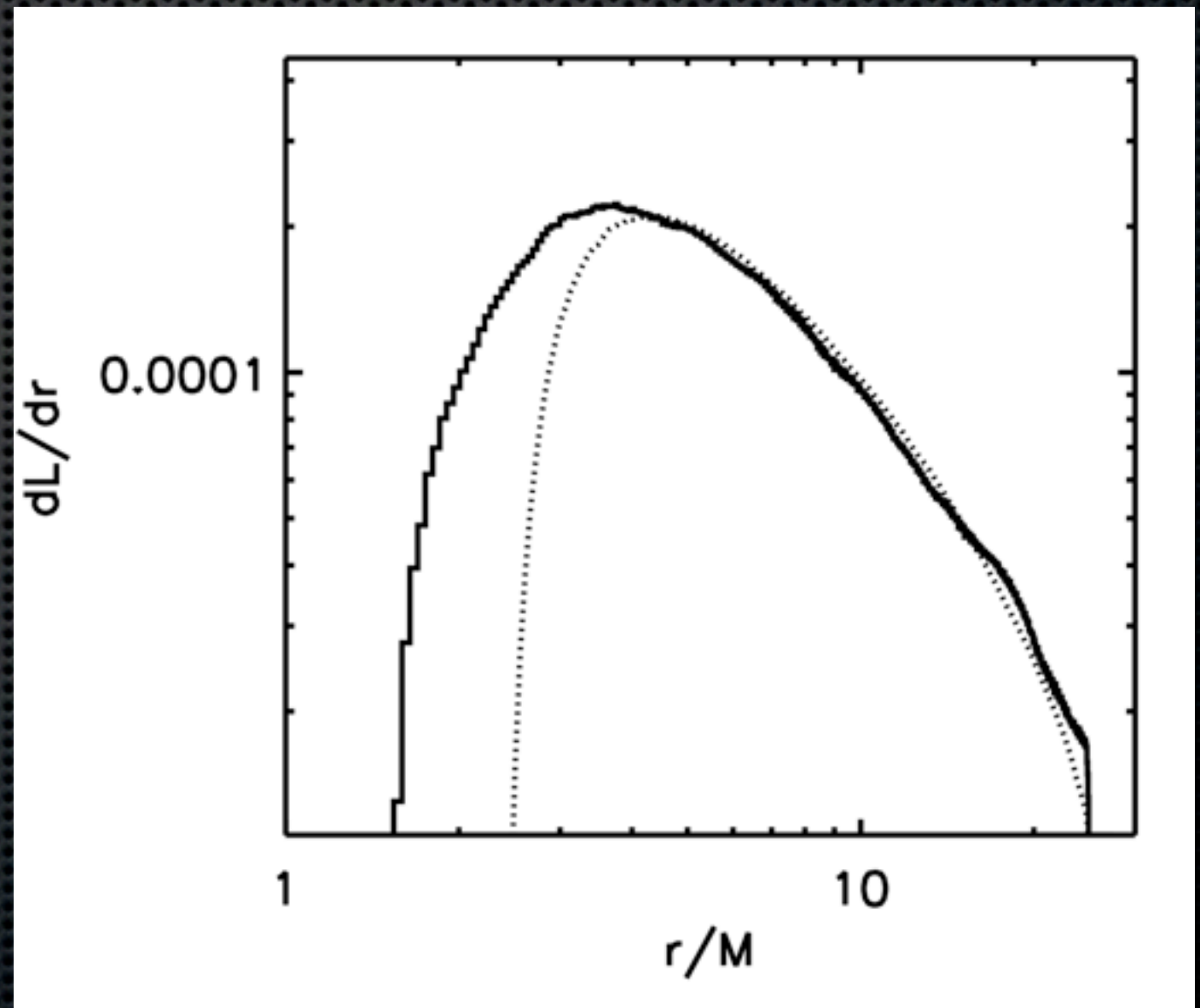
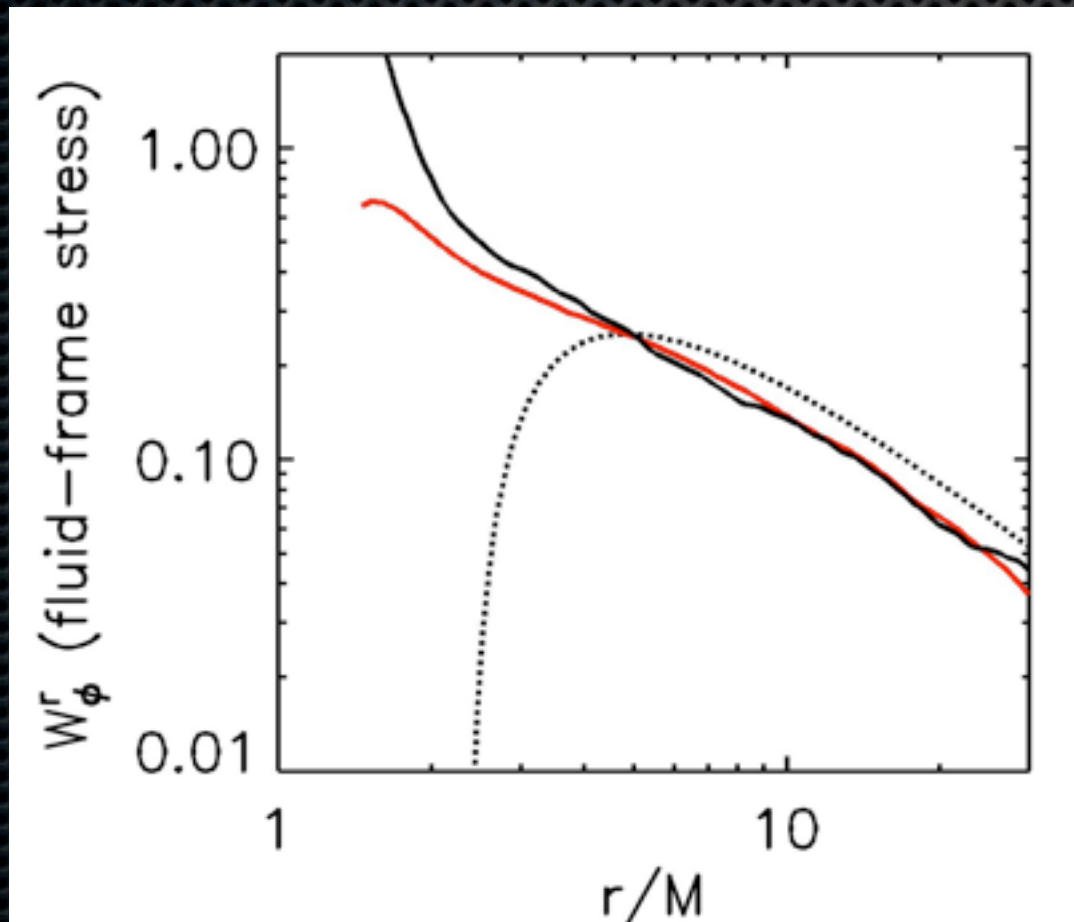
$$\Delta\eta/\eta = 6\%$$

$$\Delta T_{\text{max}}/T_{\text{max}} = 30\%$$

$$\Delta R_{\text{in}}/R_{\text{in}} = 80\%$$

$$T \rightarrow 0 : \Delta\eta/\eta = 20\%$$

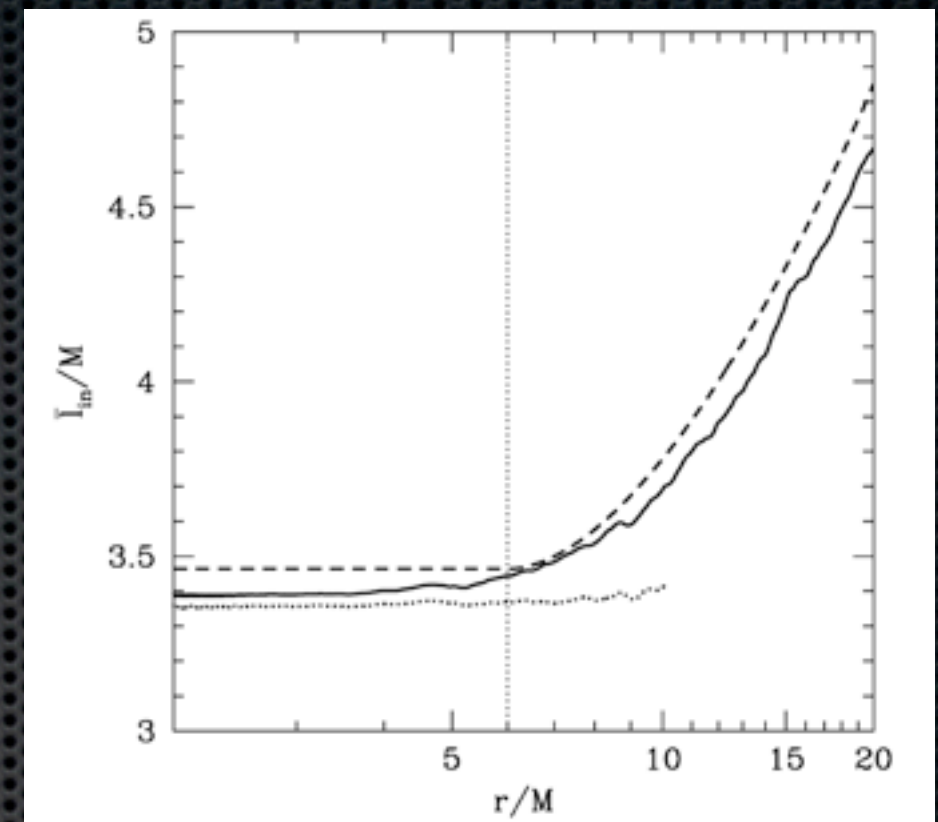
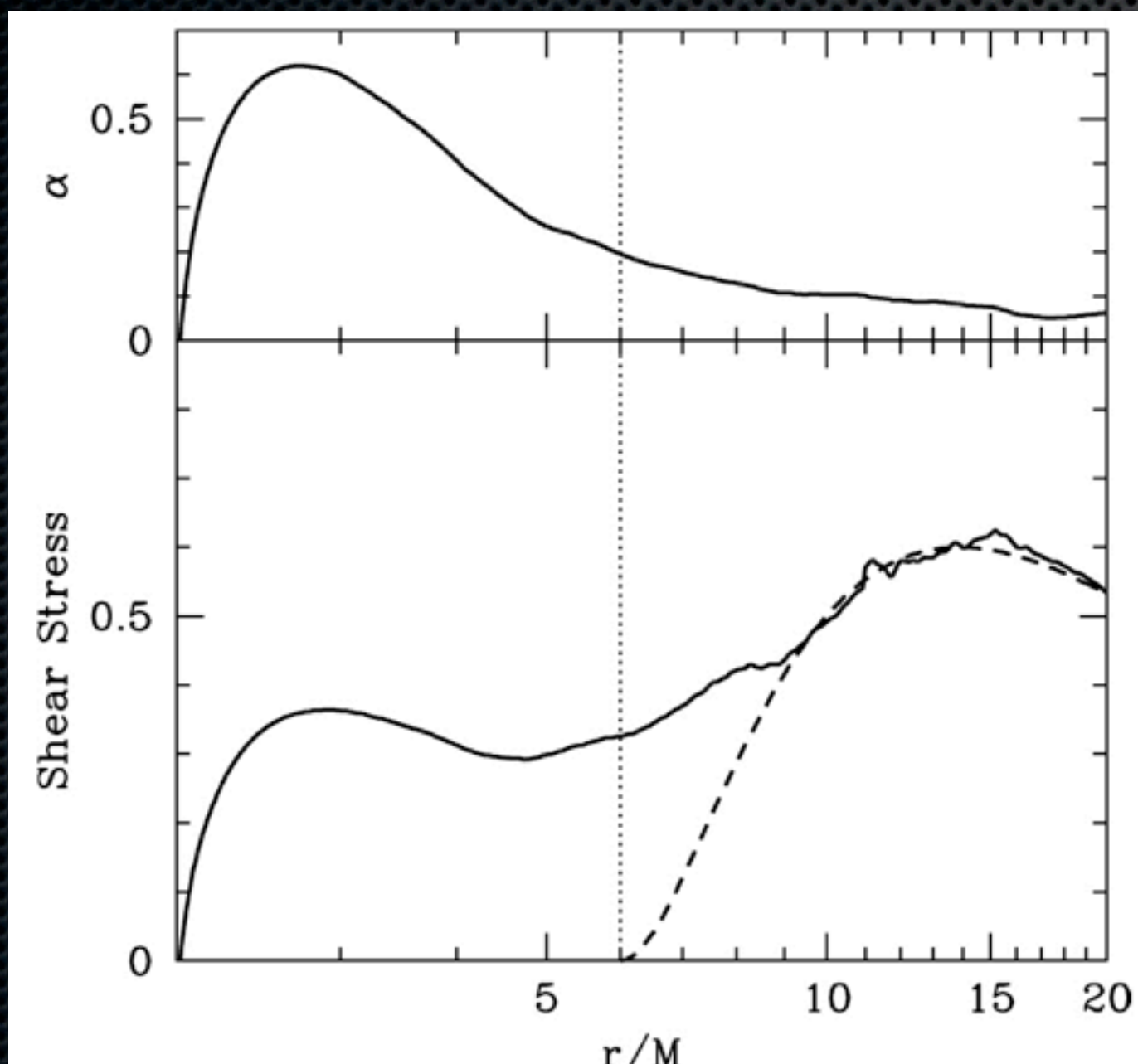
Suggests previous spectral fits may overestimate spin





# Shafee, McKinney, Narayan, Tchekhovskoy, Gammie, McClintock (2008)

- Cooling function: Drive to constant entropy
- $a = 0M$



	Shafee et al. 2008	SCN, Krolik, Hawley 2009
$a/M$	0	0.9
Azimuthal Extent	$\pi/4$	$\pi/2$
# of B Loops	2	1
Size of B Perturbation	2% (50%)	0%
H/R	0.05-0.07	0.07 - 0.13
Code	WHAM	HARM3D
Resolution	512x120x32	192x192x64



ThinHR:  $H/R = 0.06$   
912x160x64

$\rho$

SCN, Krolik, Hawley 2010

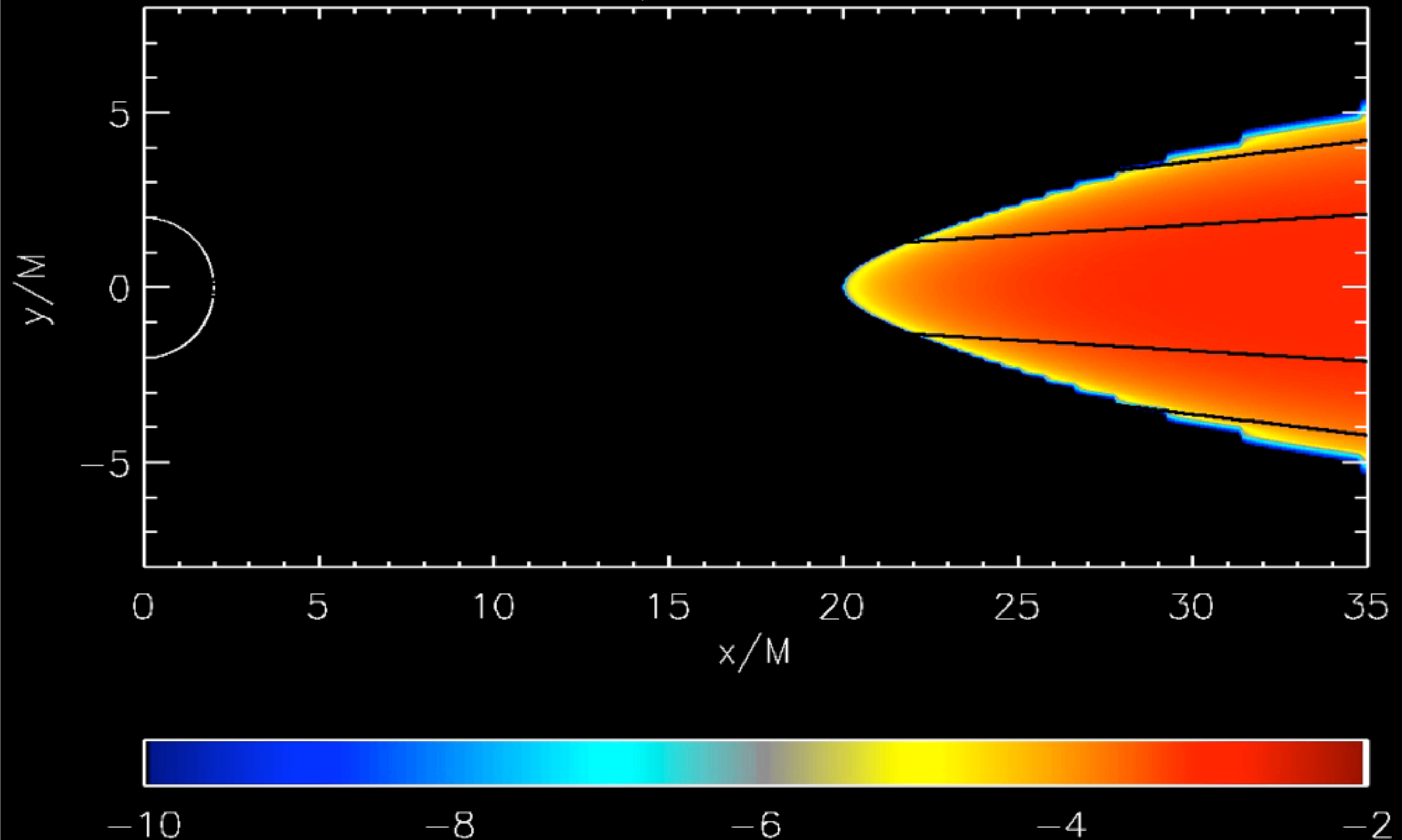


ThinHR:  $H/R = 0.06$   
912x160x64

$\rho$

SCN, Krolik, Hawley 2010

$t/M = 0.$





	Shafee et al 2009	Our Original	Thin1	Medium1	Thick1	Thin2	Medium2
<b>BH Spin</b>	$a=0.0$	$a=0.9$	$a=0.0$	$a=0.0$	$a=0.0$	$a=0.0$	$a=0.0$
<b>Resolution</b>	512x120x32	192x192x64	912x160x64	512x160x64	384x160x64	192x192x64	192x192x64
<b>f Extent</b>	$p/4$	$p/2$	$p/2$	$p/2$	$p/2$	$p/2$	$p/2$
<b># of Loops</b>	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Actual H/R</b>	0.05 - 0.07	0.07 - 0.13	0.06	0.10	$\sim 0.17$	0.087	0.097
<b>N<sub>cells</sub> per H/r</b>	44	6 - 30	80	100	40 - 70	60	35
<b>Initial Data</b>	"V. 1"	V. 2	V. 1	V. 1	V. 1	V. 2	V. 2

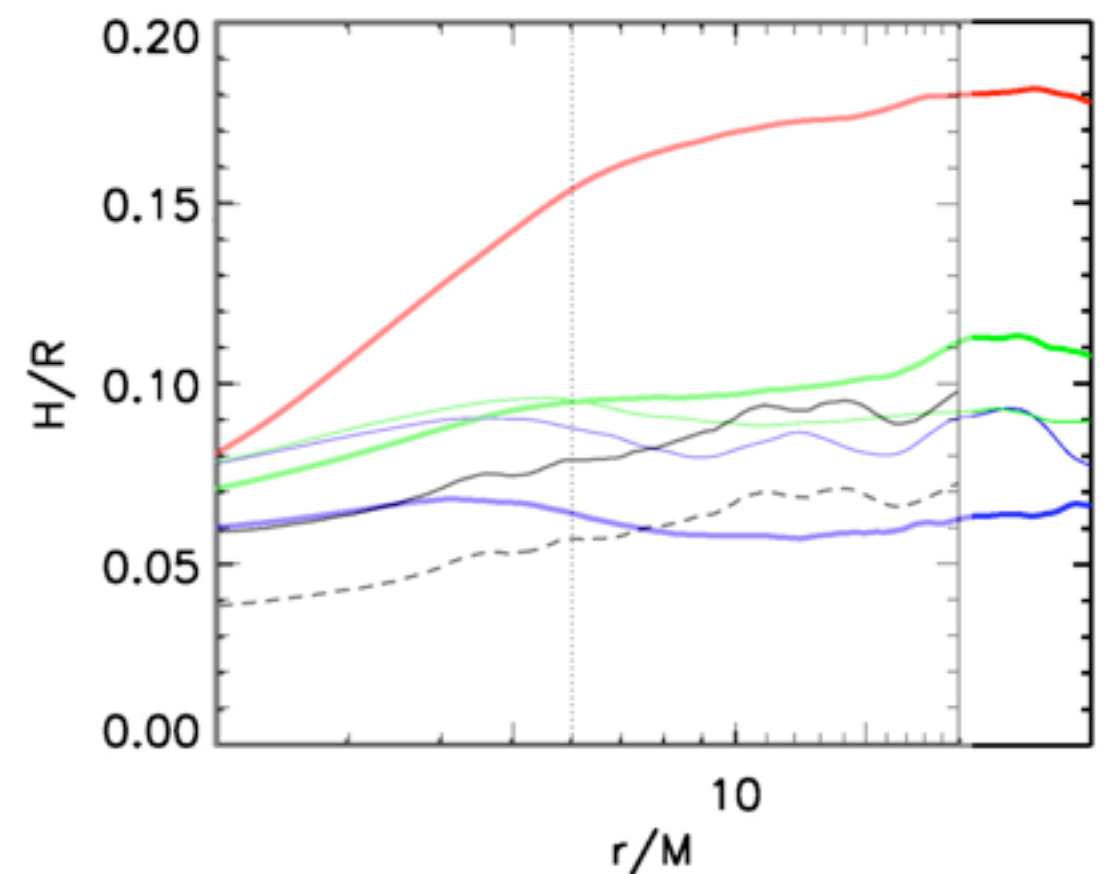
SCN, Krolik, Hawley 2010

v1: (high resolution), Initial Disk:

- at target thickness
- with inner radius at  $20M$
- With  $P_{\max}$  at  $r=35M$

v2: (low resolution), Initial Disk:

- at  $H/r \sim 0.15$
- Inner radius at  $15M$
- $P_{\max}$  at  $r=25M$



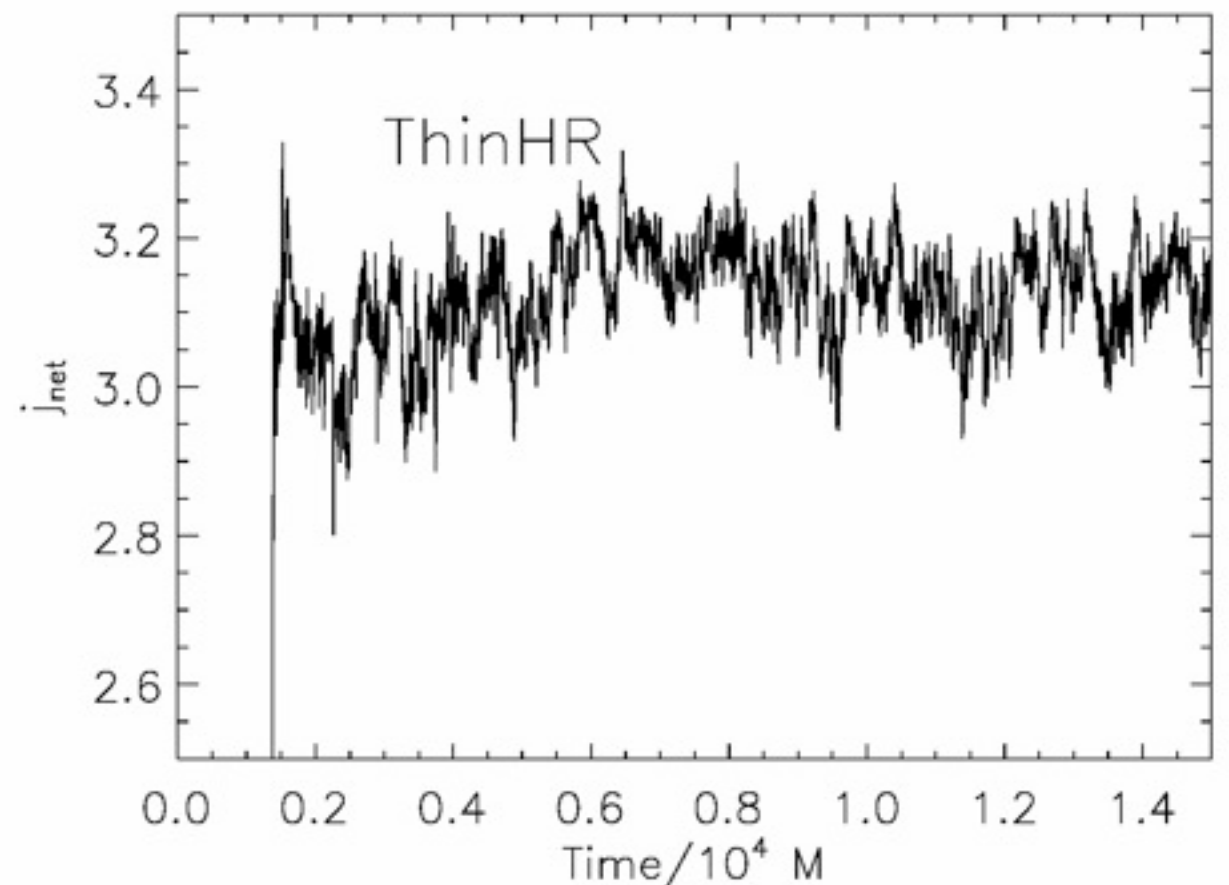
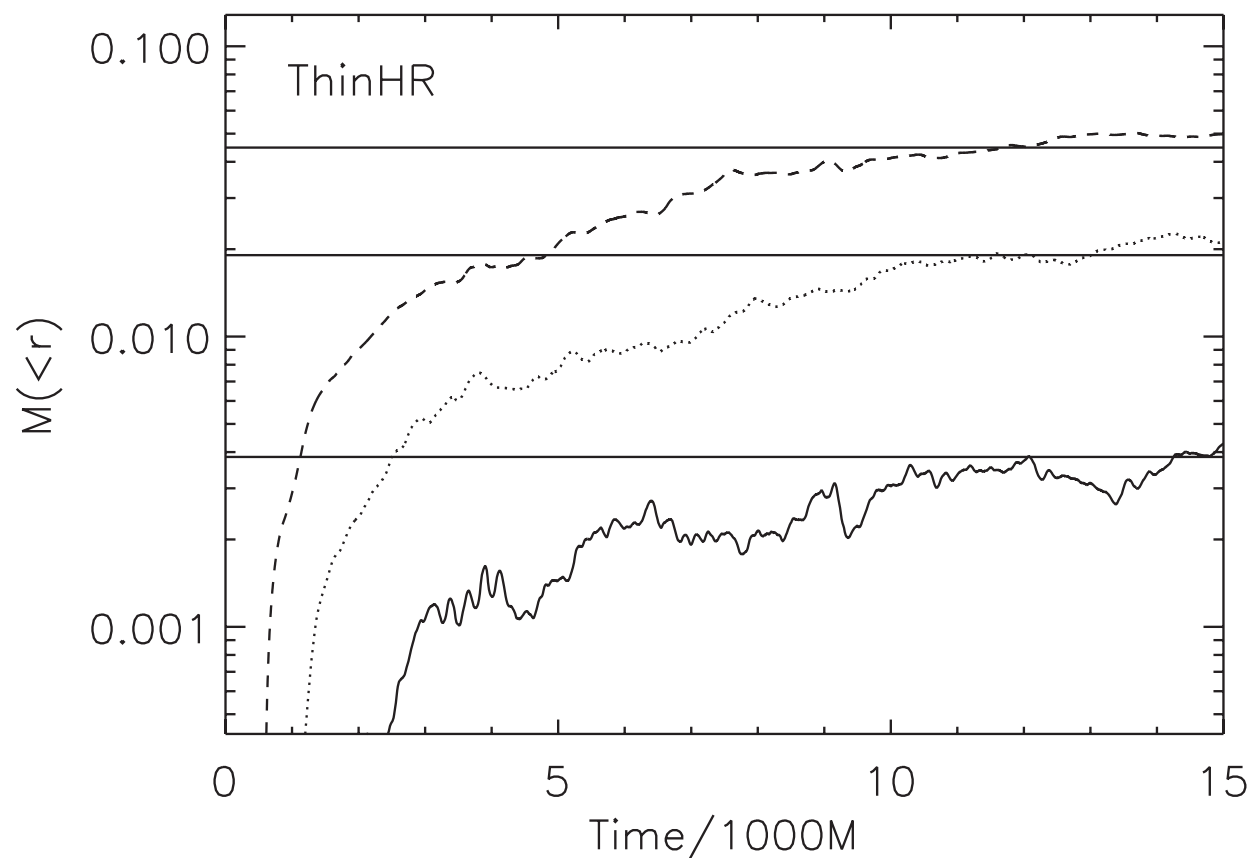
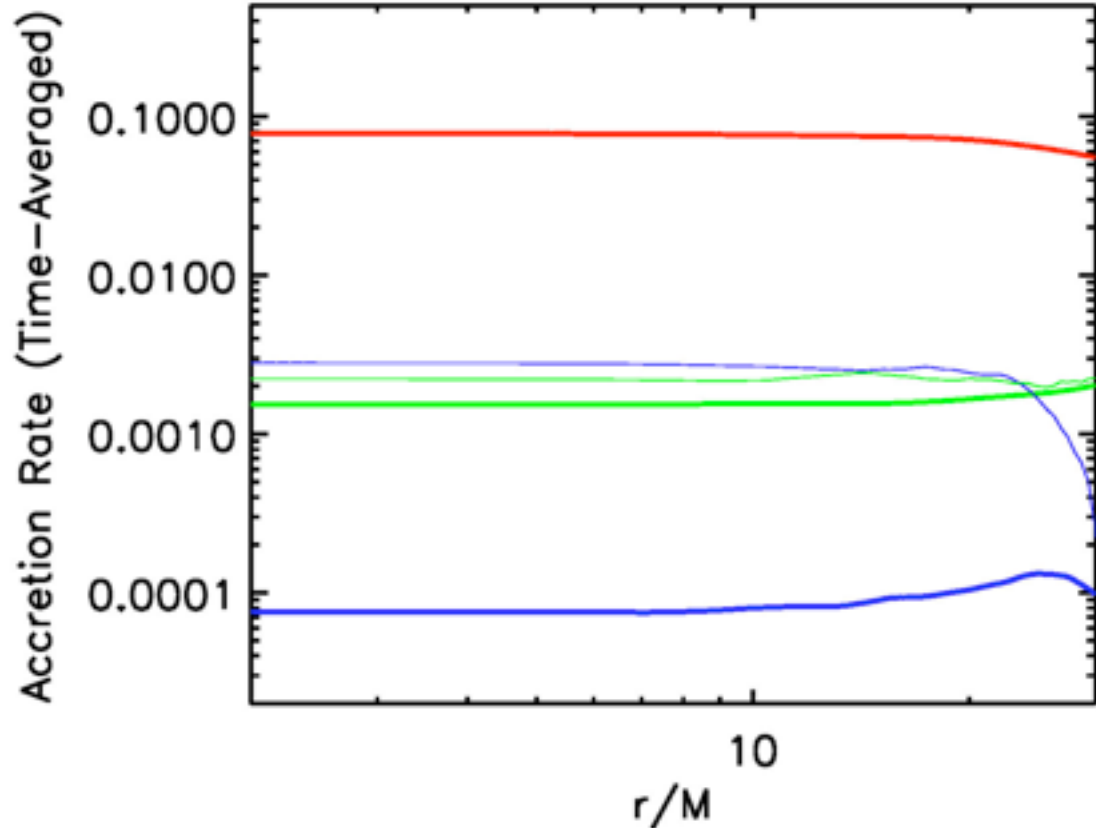


# Inflow Equilibrium

Defined to be when:

- 1) Accreted specific angular momentum ( $j_{\text{net}}$ ) is steady;
- 2) Mass flux shows no trends in time over radius;

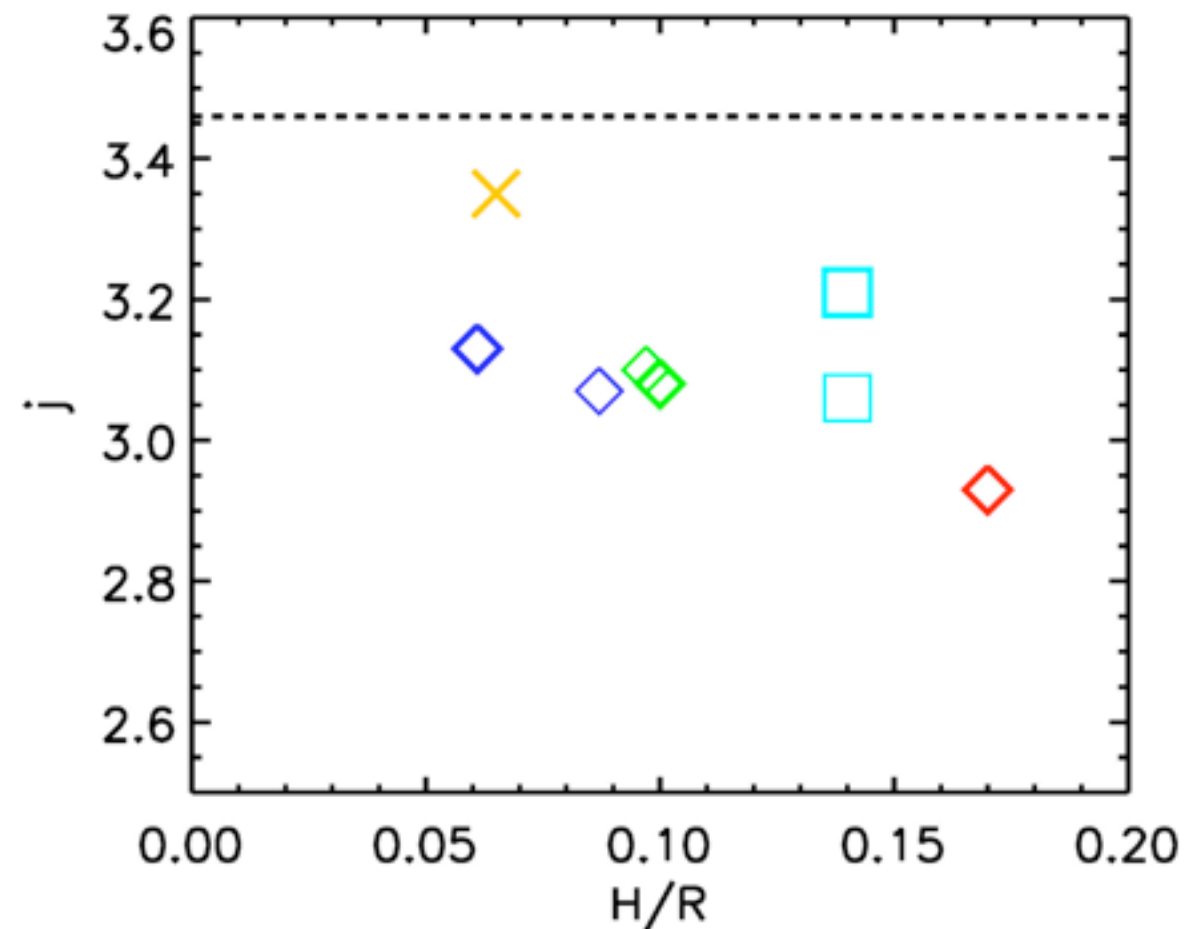
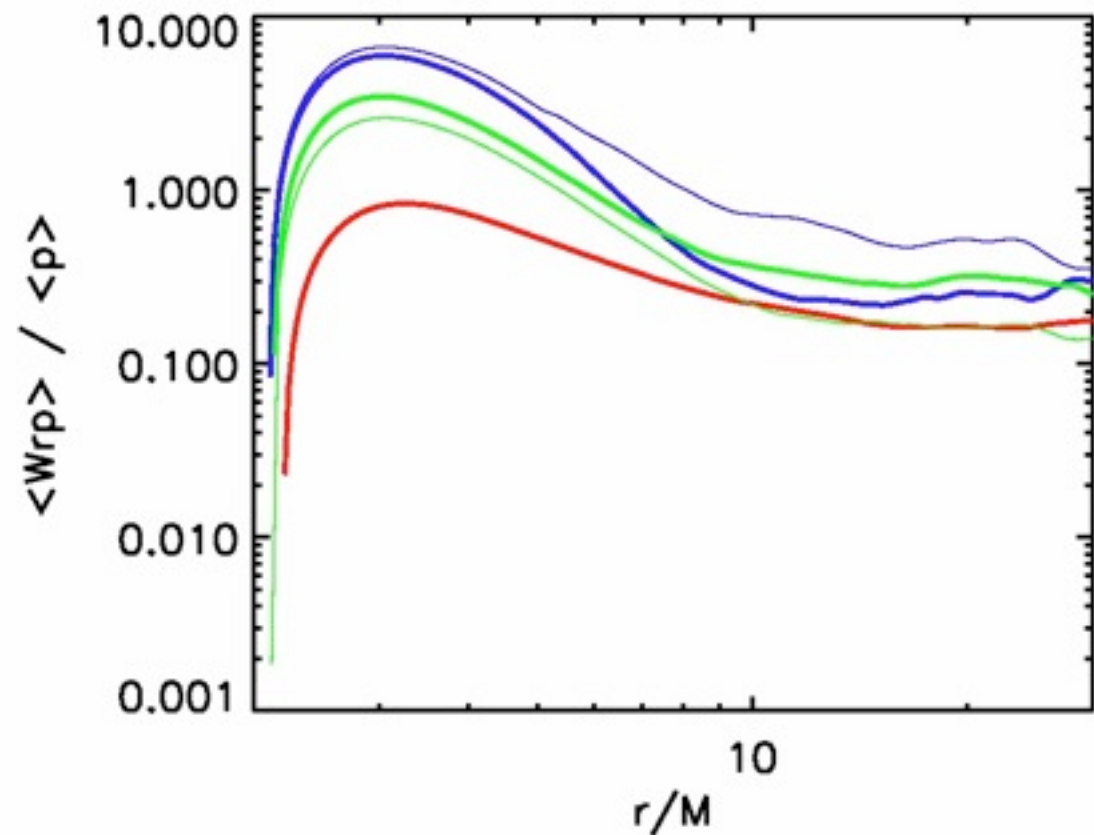
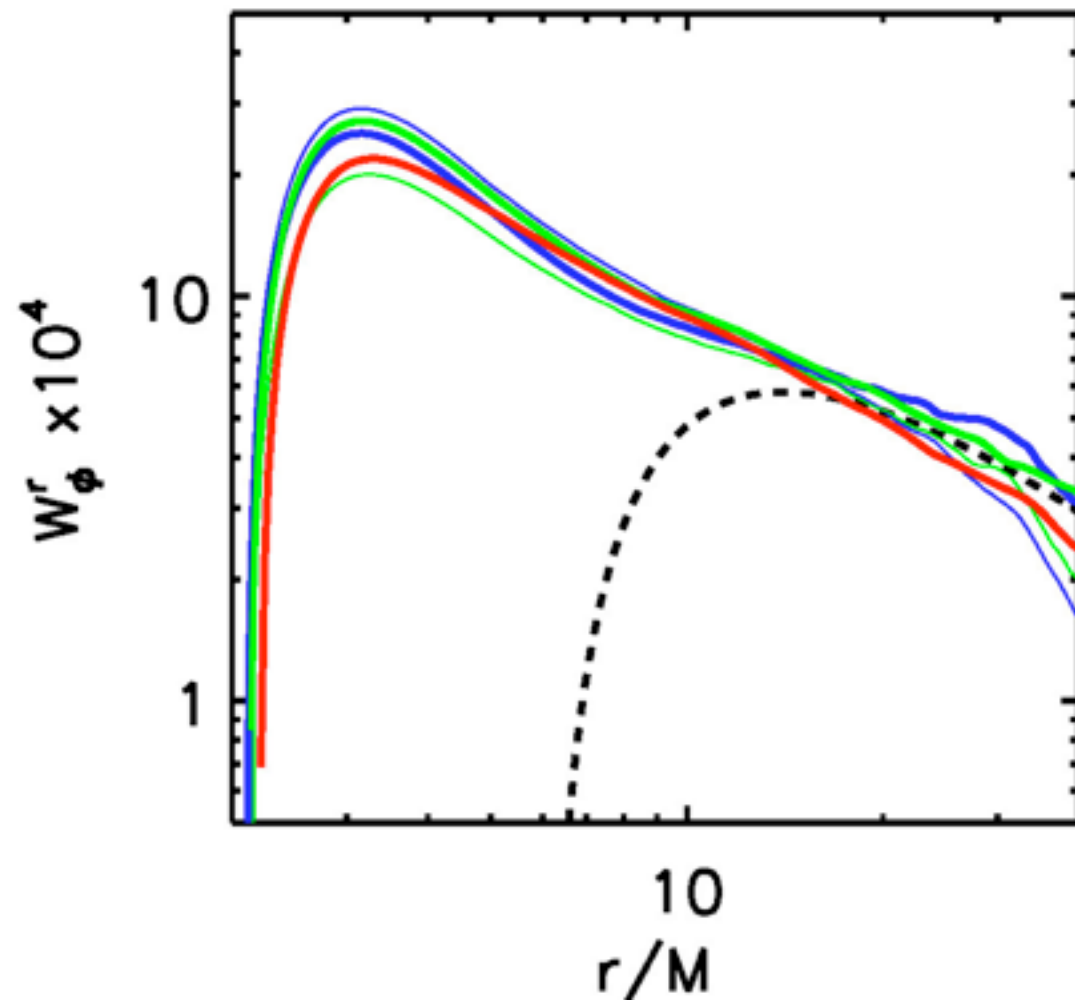
Remember these are turbulent MHD flows---they need not reach any kind of steady-state!





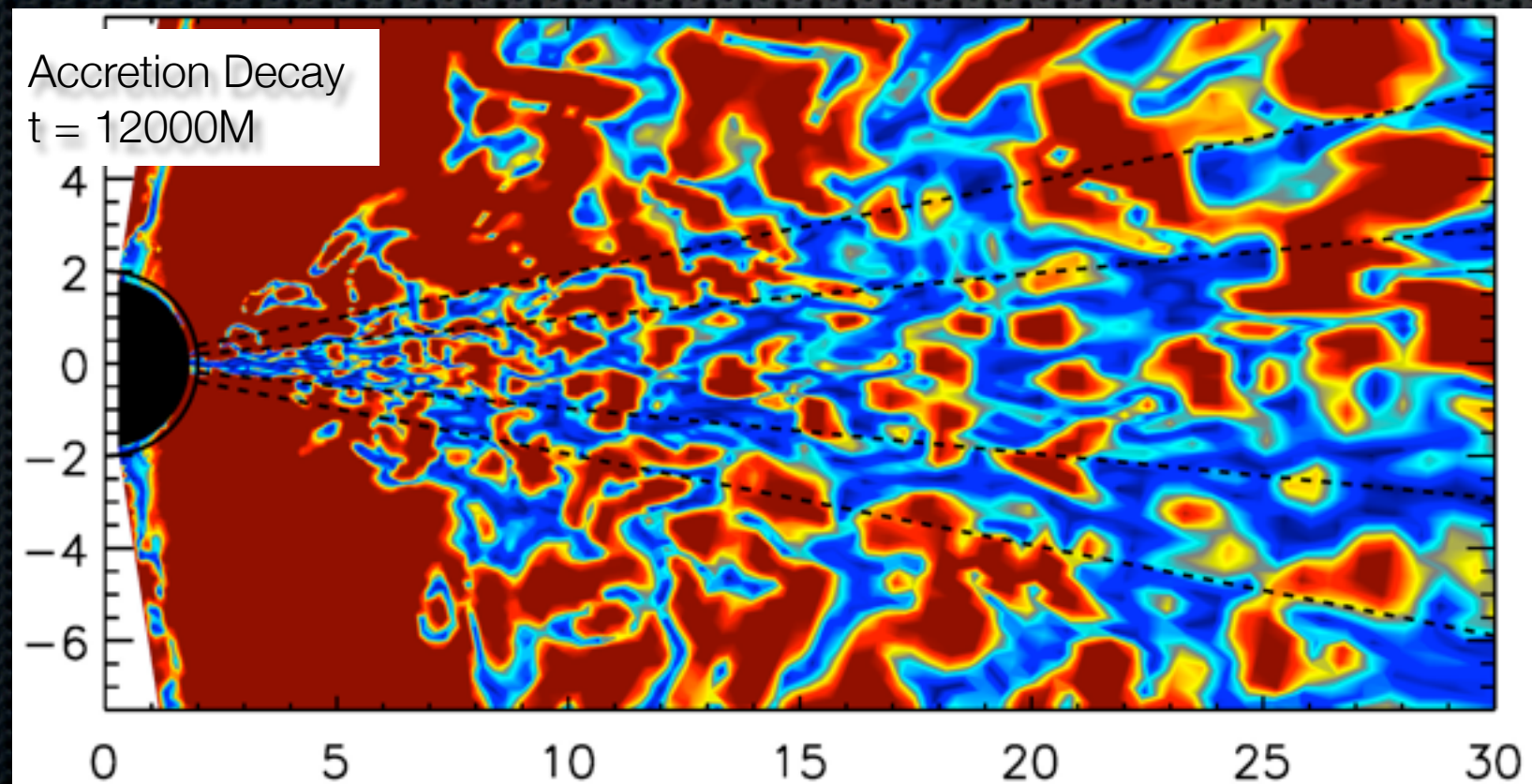
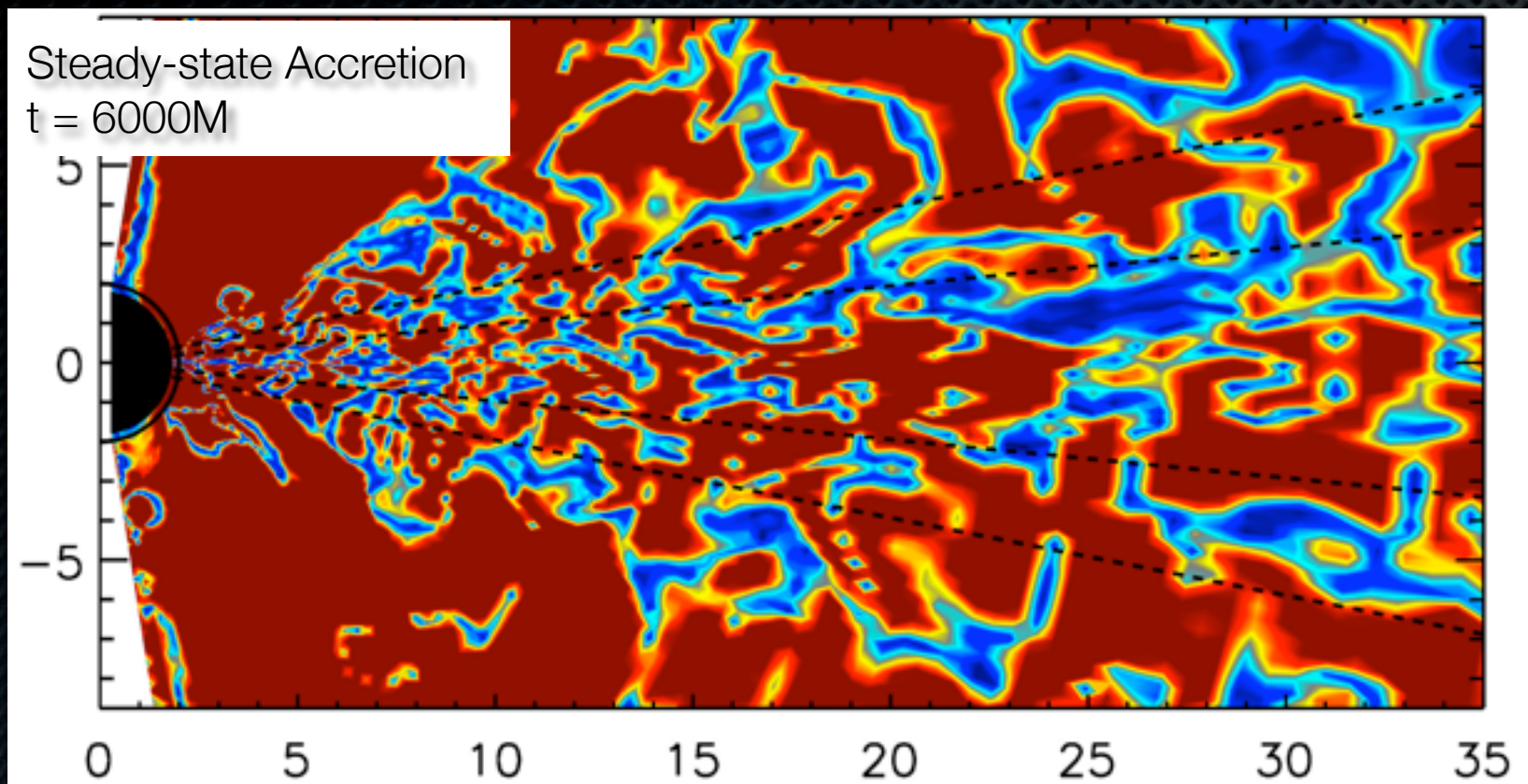
- No trend seen in Maxwell Stress
- Minor “sqrt” trend seen in spec. ang. mom.
  - Due to additional Reynolds stress for thicker disks

- De Villiers & Hawley code
- Vertical field with De Villiers & Hawley code
- × Shafee et al 2008





# Track MRI Resolution for all time!



Suggestions from local shearing box simulations:

Sano et al. 2004

$$\lambda_{\text{MRI}} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho\Omega(R)}} b_\mu \hat{e}_{(\theta)}^\mu$$

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{MRI}}}{\Delta z} > 6$$

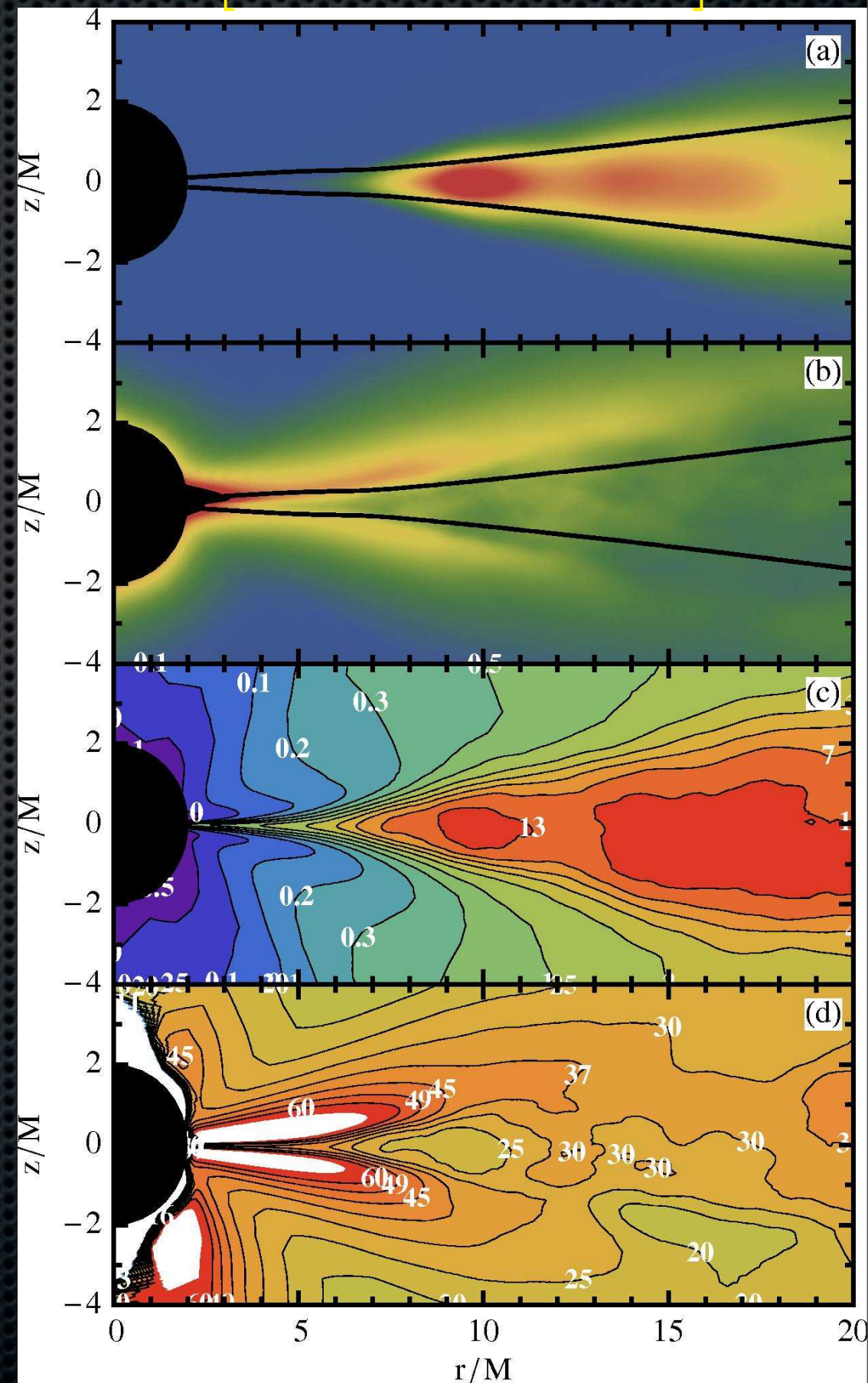
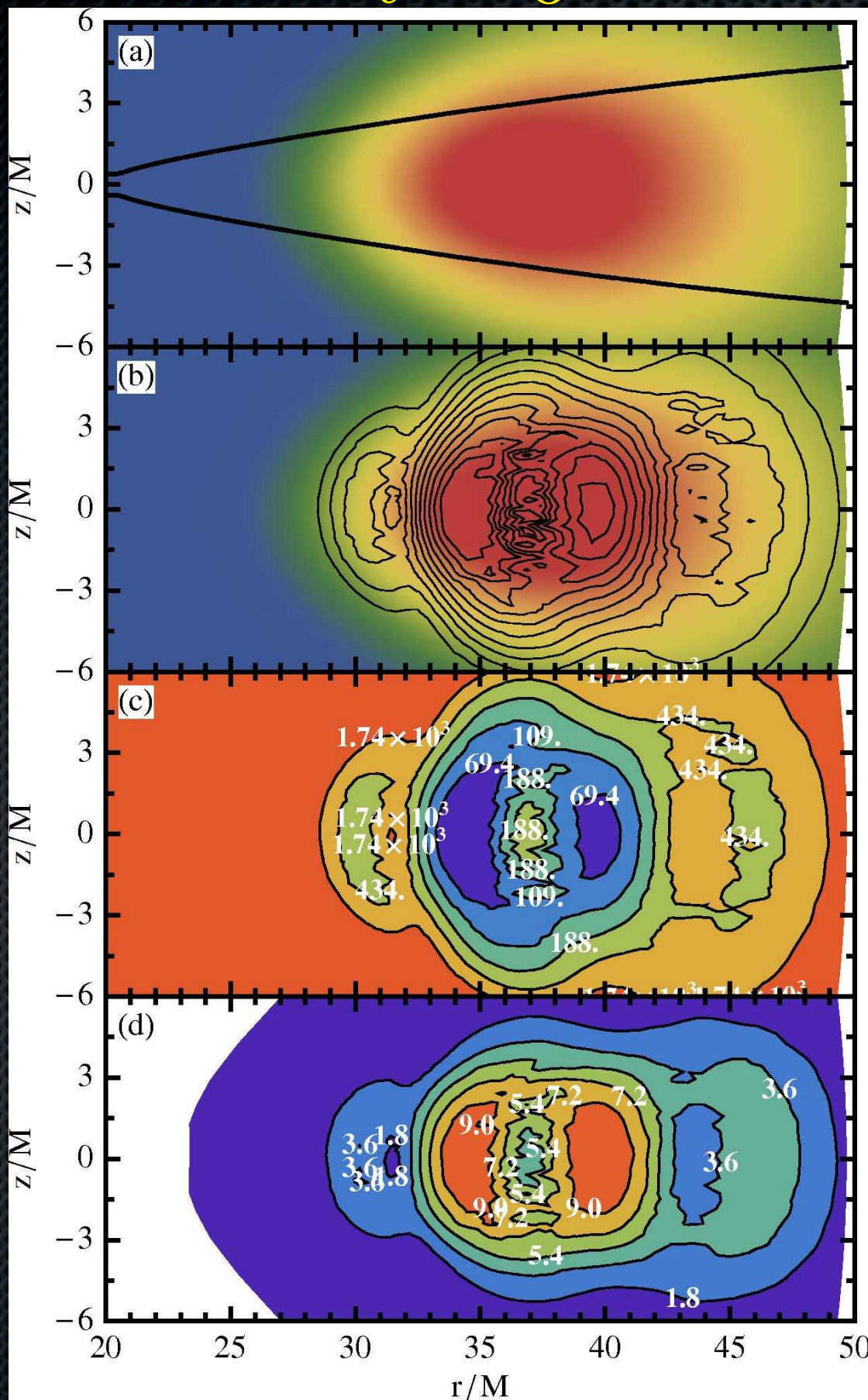
Davis, Stone, & Pessah 2009

$$\frac{H}{\Delta z} > 60$$



$$t = 0$$
$$t = [12500 - 27350] \text{M}$$

$\rho$

$$b^2$$
$$\frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{P_{\text{mag}}}$$
$$\frac{''\lambda_{\text{MRI}}''}{dz}$$




- Resolution, spin, thickness study;
- Canonically use 4 loops of magnetic field;
- Various azimuthal extents and resolutions;
- Perform resolution in w/ grid sizes below ThinHR's (reach same azimuthal grid size only);
- 10 to 44 cells per  $H/r$  ;

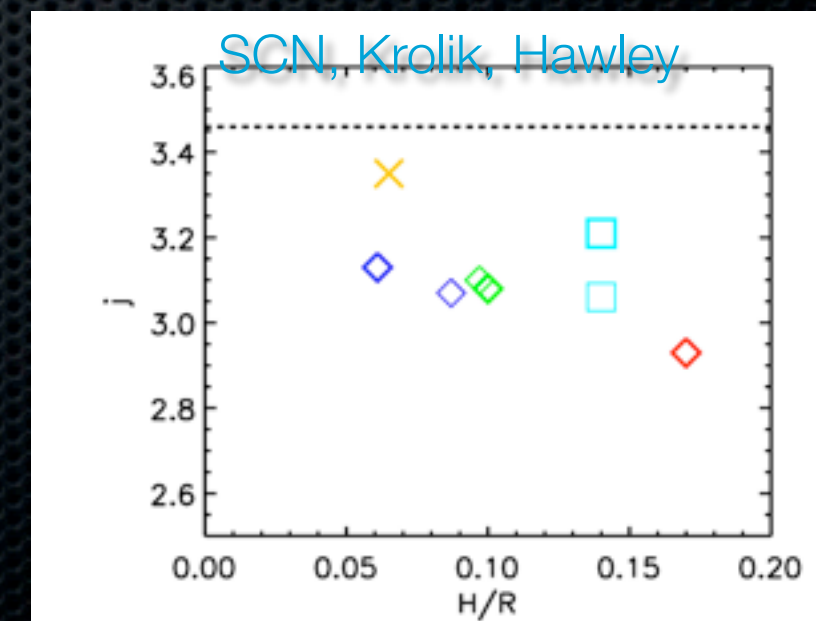
Model Name	$T_i/M-T_f/M$	$\frac{a}{M}$	$N_r$	$N_\theta$	$N_\phi$
A0HR07	12500-27350	0	256	64	32
A7HR07	12500-20950	0.7	256	64	32
A9HR07	14000-23050	0.9	256	64	32
A98HR07	14000-19450	0.98	256	64	32
A9HR3	4500-8300	0.9	256	64	32
A98HR3	4500-5100	0.98	256	64	32
C0	6000-10000	0	512	128	32
C1	10400-18900	0	256	64	16
C2	10400-16000	0	256	64	64
C3	10400-20000	0	256	64	16
C4	10400-17700	0	256	64	64
C5	11500-20000	0	256	32	32
C6	10400-15800	0	256	128	32
LOOP1	12900-17300	0	256	64	32

- Show trend toward NT with thickness;
  - Thinnest disks show ~2% deviations from NT even over spin
  - Larger deviations for the 1 Loop configuration

Model Name	$ h/r $	$\dot{M}$	$\tilde{e}$	$D[\tilde{e}]$	$J$	$D[J]$
<u><math>\pm 2 h/r </math></u>						
A0HR07	0.064	0.066	0.058	-0.829	3.363	-2.913
LOOP1	0.069	0.091	0.057	-0.336	3.269	-5.637
<u>All <math>\theta</math></u>						
A0HR07	0.064	0.074	0.054	4.723	3.266	-5.717
LOOP1	0.069	0.106	0.053	7.574	3.093	-10.726

Open Questions:

- What are natural magnetic field topologies?
- What are the convergence criteria for global disk calculations?
- What luminosity profiles do these new models predict?

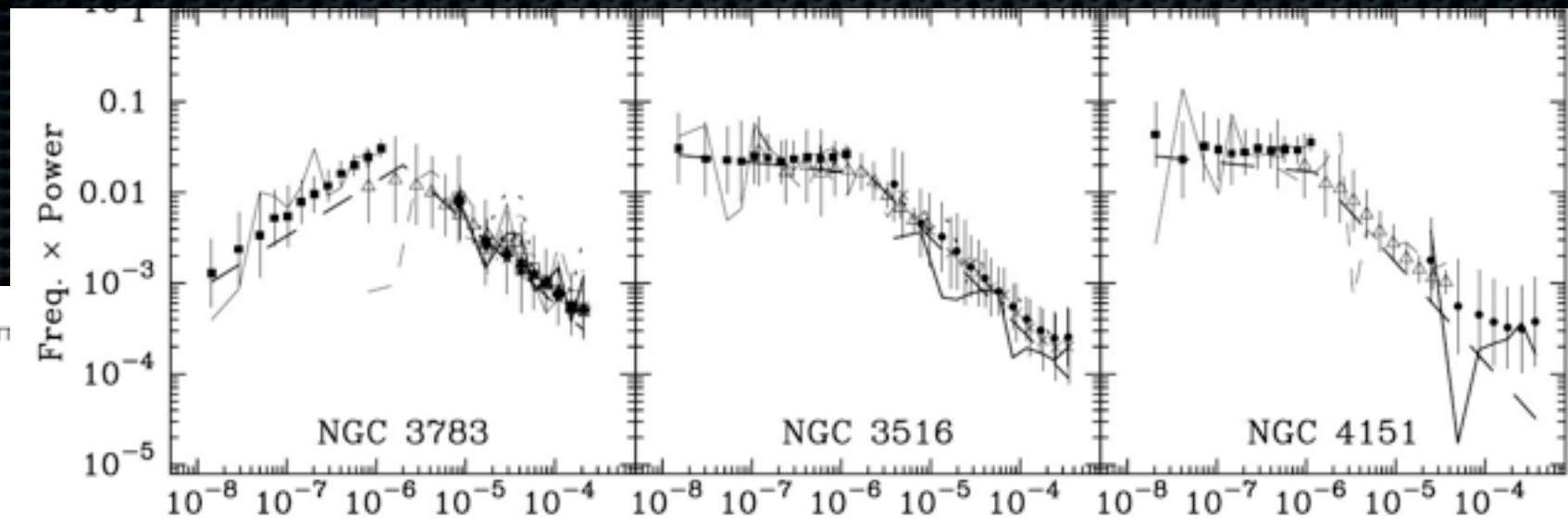
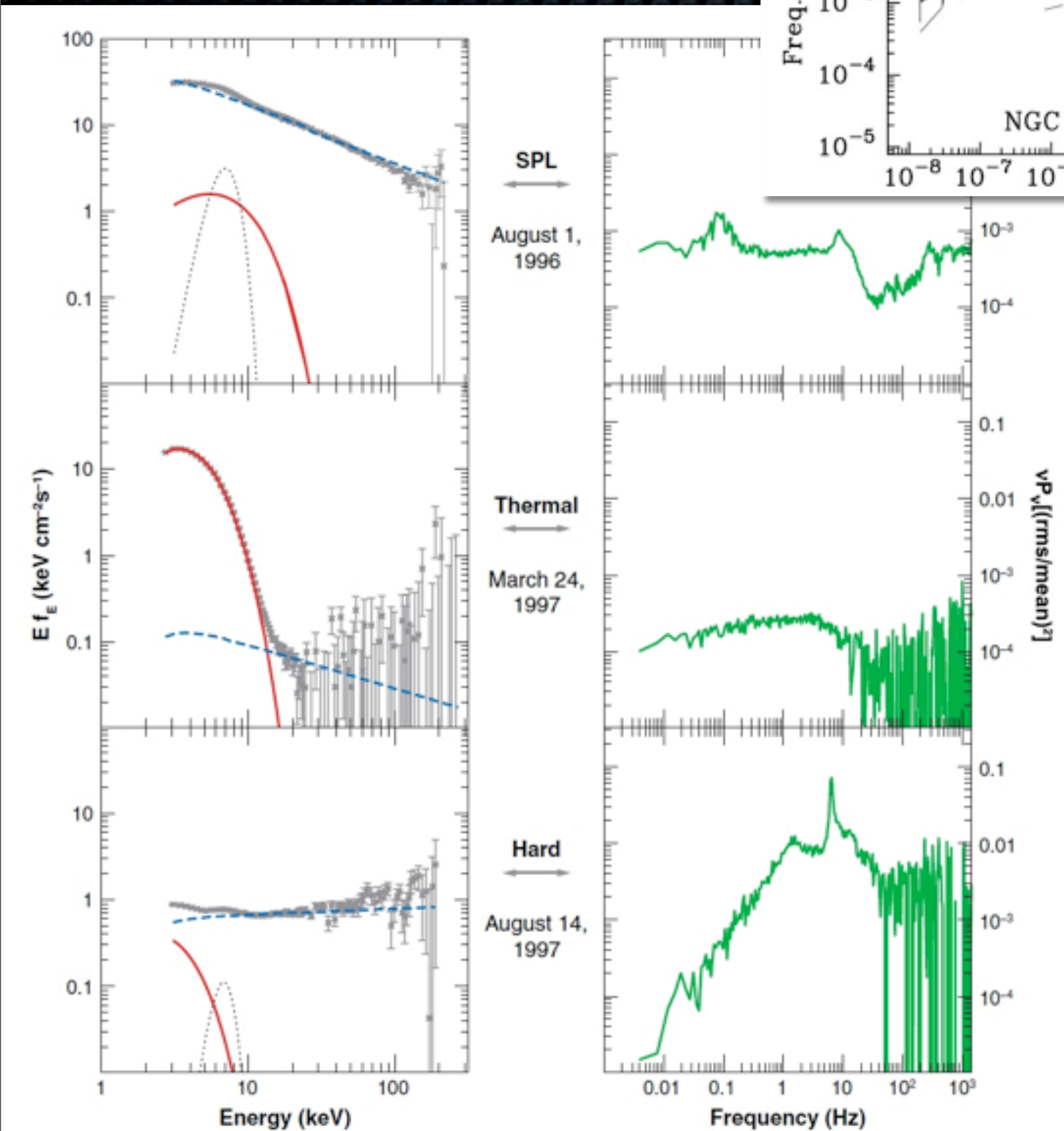




# Variability



# Coronal X-ray Variability



AGN Markowitz et al 2003

X-ray variability:

- is always dominated by corona;
- is dependent on spectral state;

$$P \sim \nu^\alpha$$

$$-3 < \alpha < -1$$

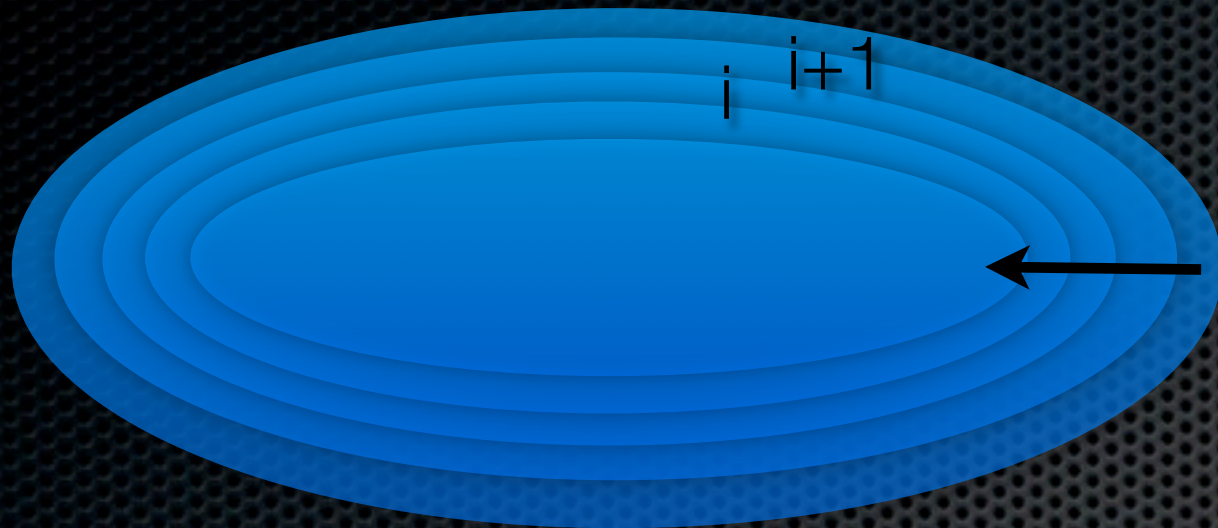
X-ray Binaries

Remillard & McClintock 2006



# Variability Models

$$P \sim \nu^\alpha$$



Lyubarskii et al 1997

- Total variability is a superposition of independent variability from larger radii modulating interior annuli on inflow (viscous) times scales

Churazov et al 2001

- Outer radius of corona may be cause of (temporal) spectral slope

$$\tau_a = \left[ \alpha \left( \frac{H}{r} \right)^2 \Omega_K \right]^{-1}$$

- Accretion rate modulation modeled as variability of  $\alpha$  (disk parameter)
- Predicts phase coherence at frequencies longer than inverse of inflow timescale

Armitage & Reynolds 2003

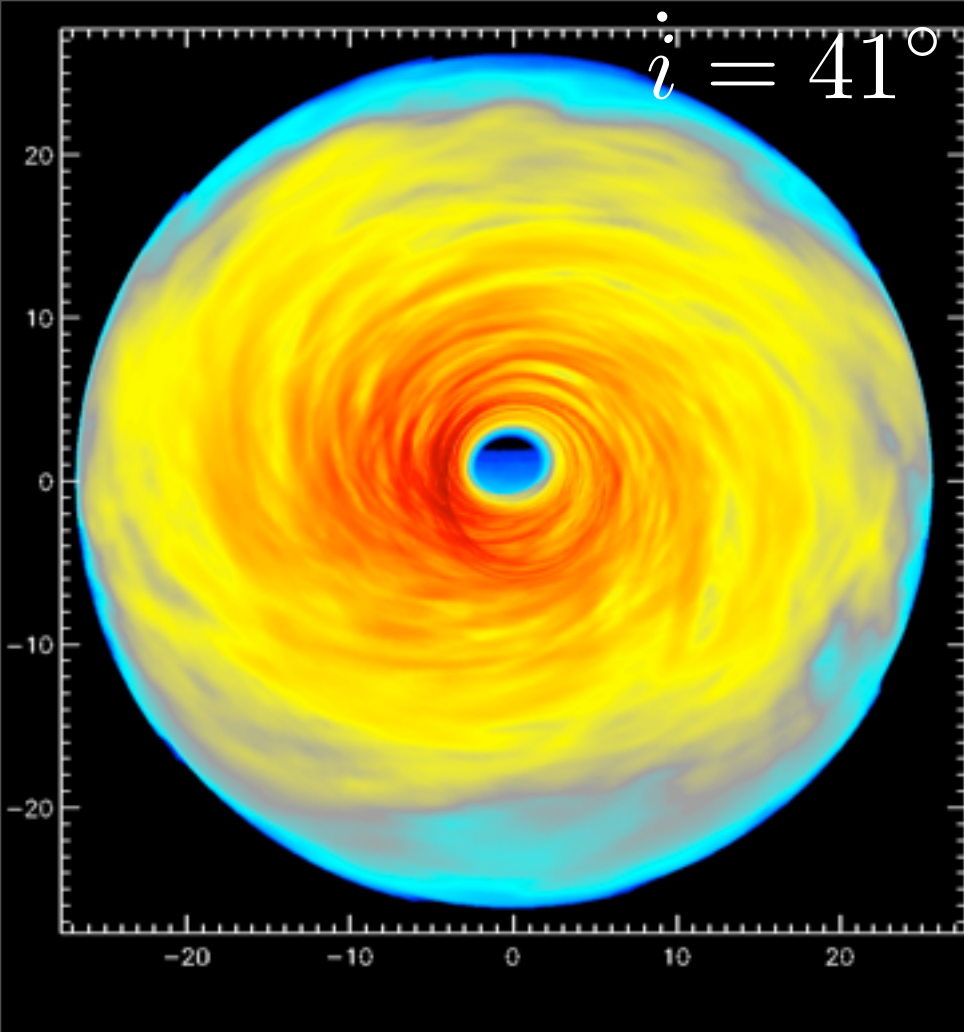
Machida & Matsumoto 2004

Schnittman et al 2006

Reynolds & Miller 2009

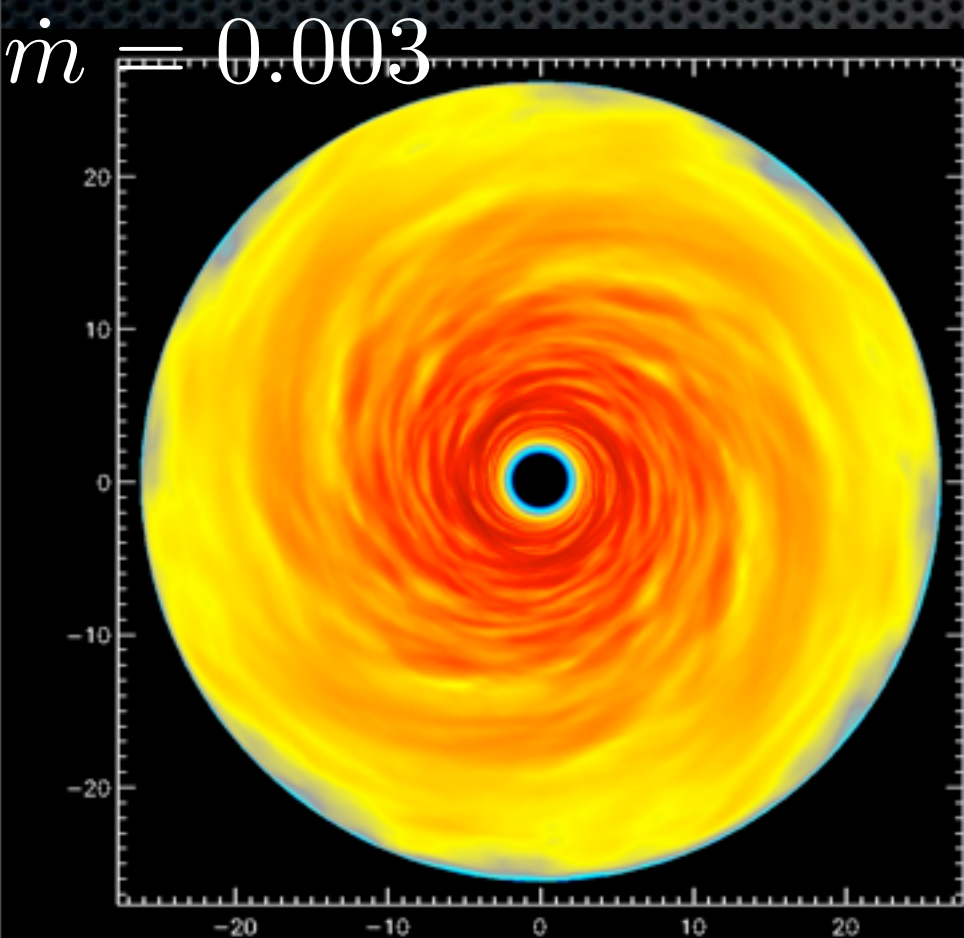
- Used accretion rate or stress as dissipation proxies
- PLD breaks at local orbital frequency per annulus
- Composite PLD  $\rightarrow \alpha \simeq -2$



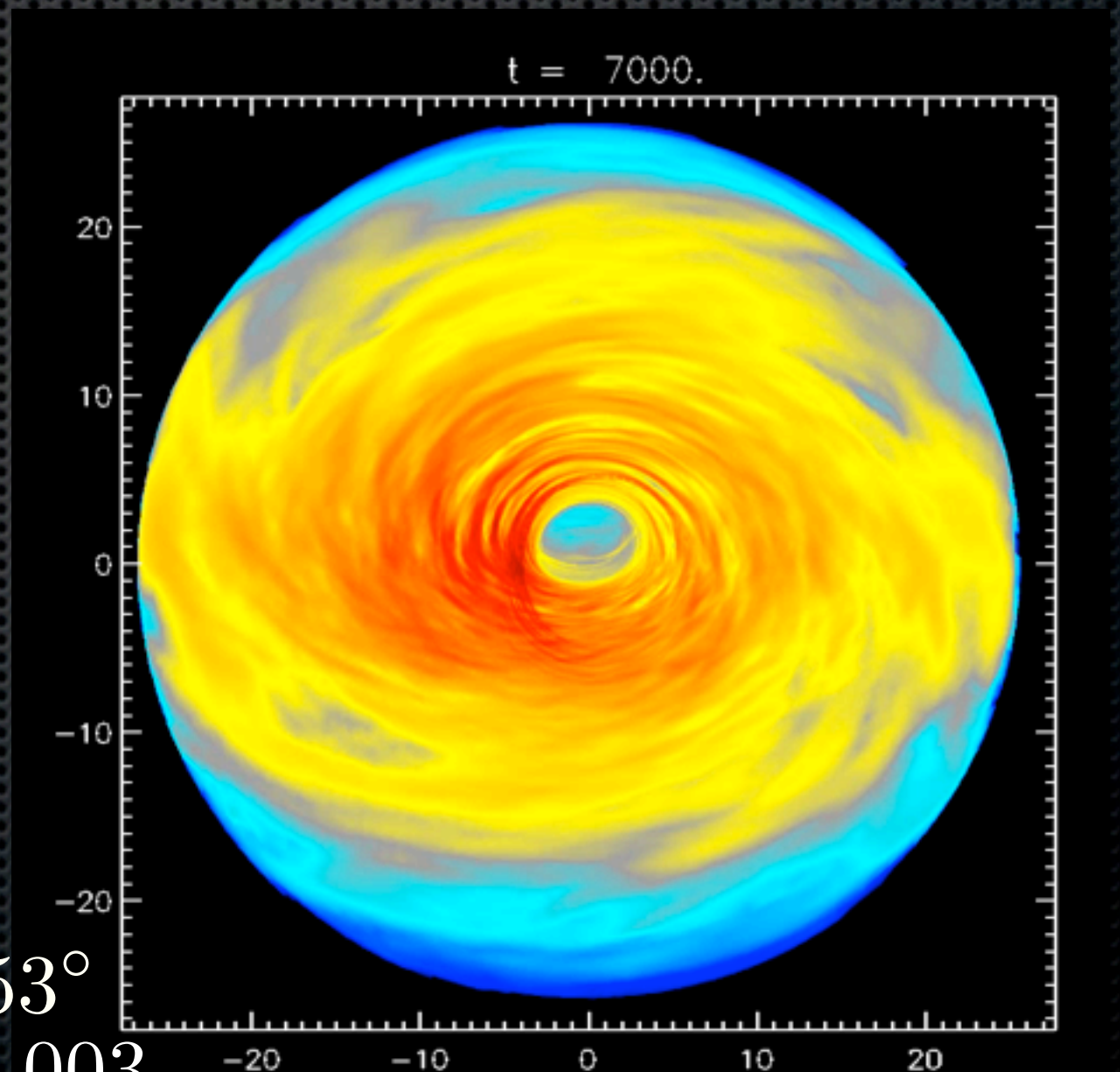


SCN & Krolik 2009

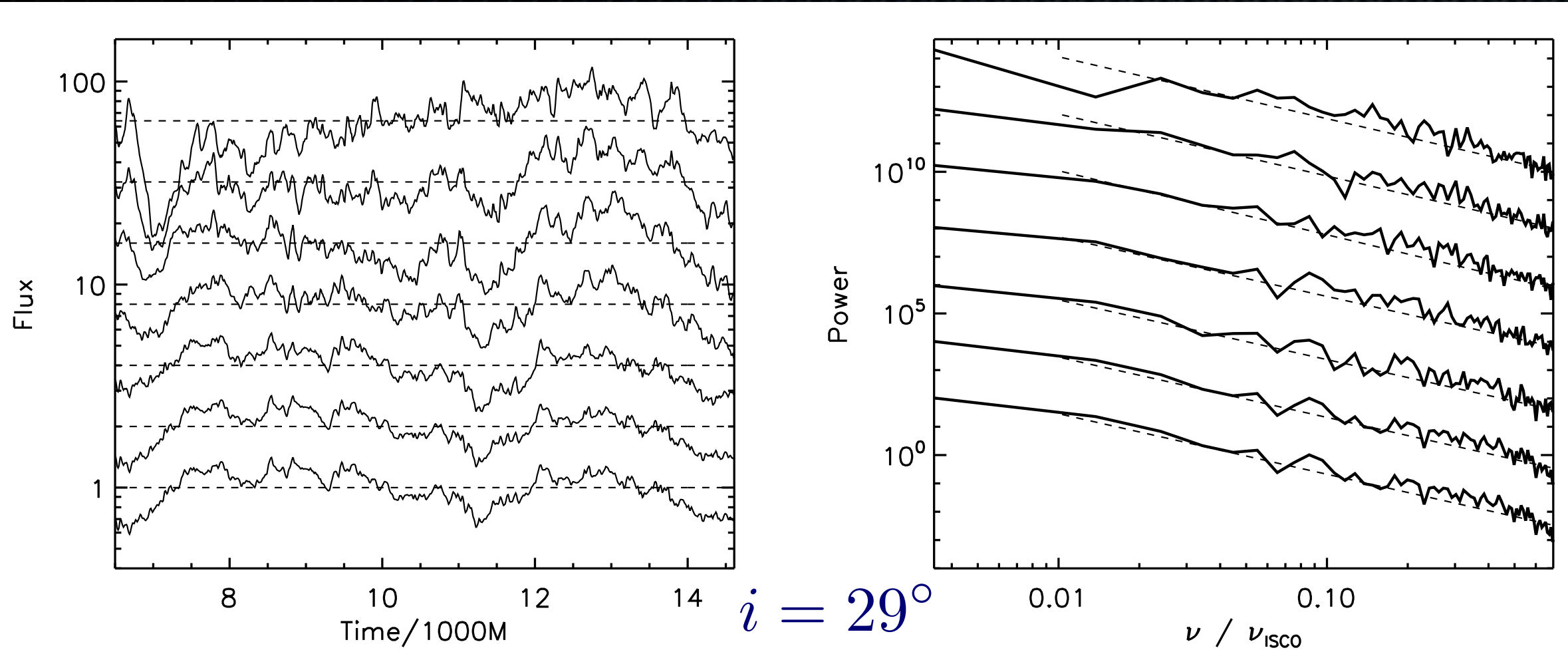
- Use “thin disk” cooling rate in corona as emissivity
- Thomson Opacity model (e- scattering)
- Integrate to photosphere ( $\tau = 1$ )
- Include finite light speed effect
- Parameterized by accretion rate and inclination



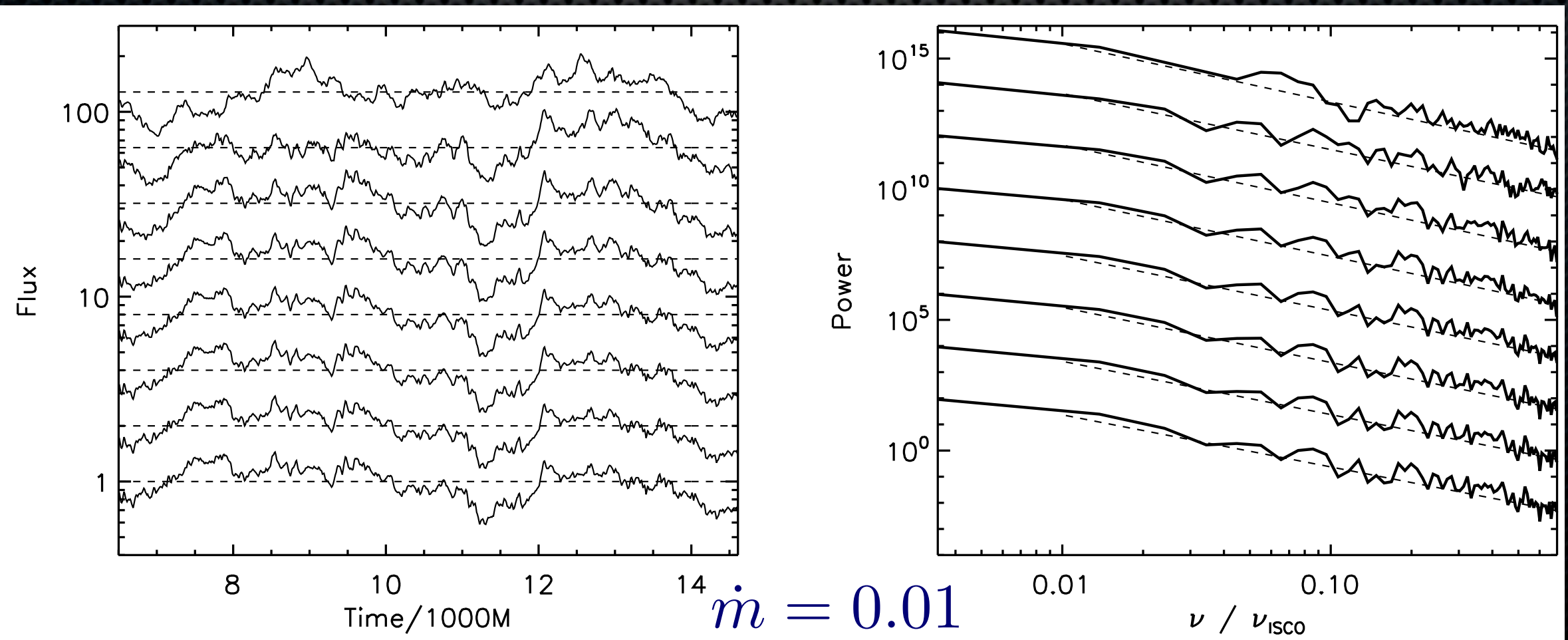
$i = 53^\circ$   
 $\dot{m} = 0.003$





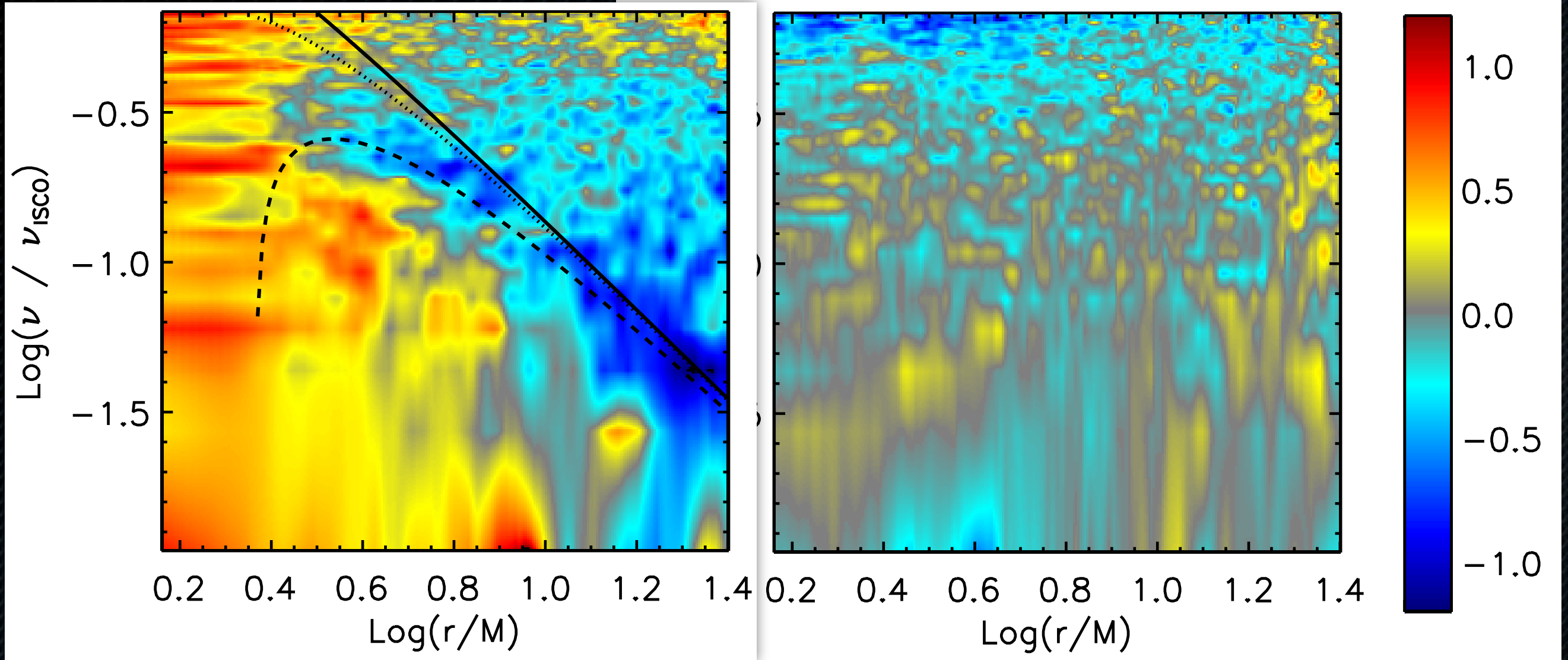


$\dot{m}$



$i$



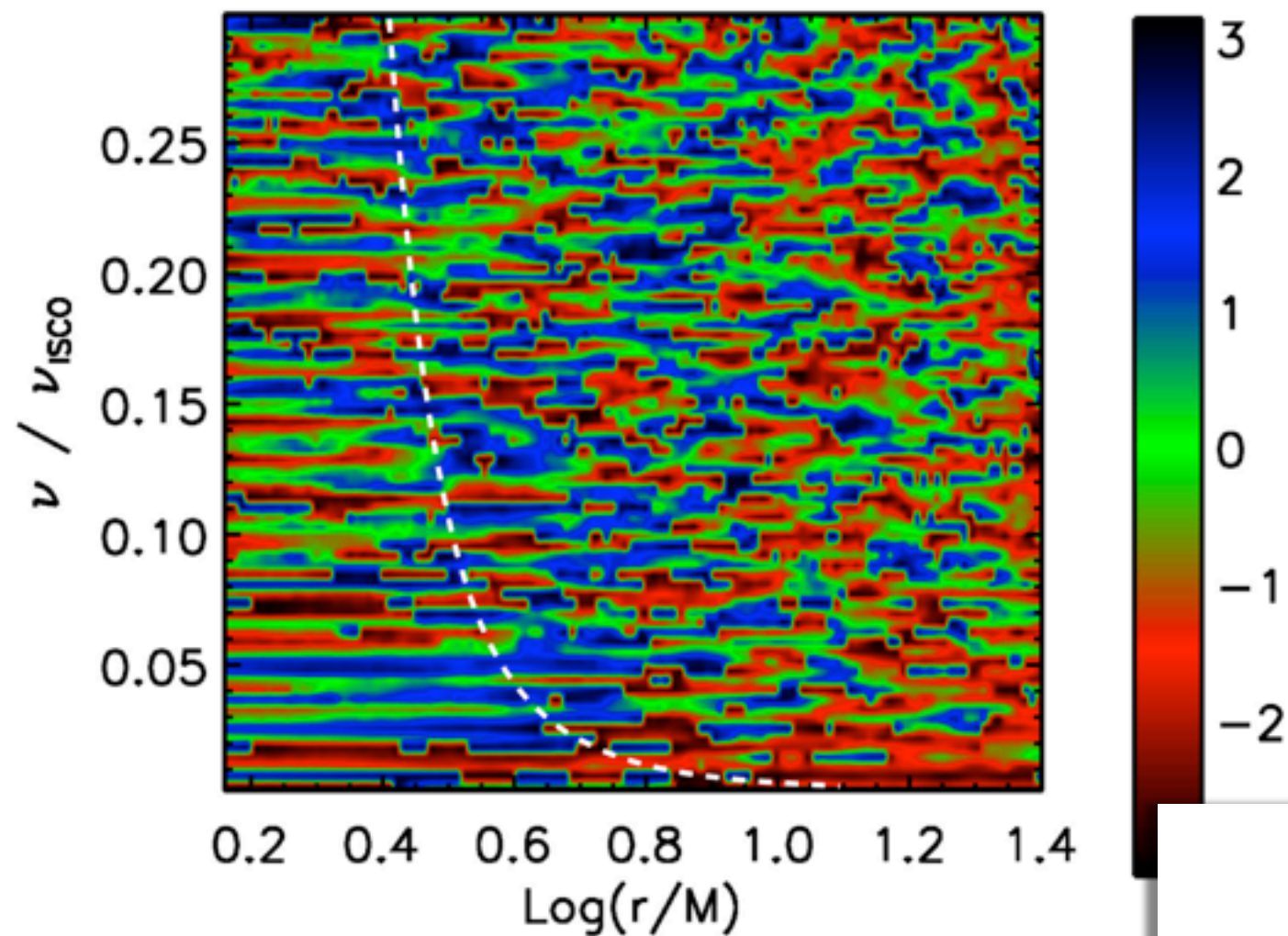


$$\log \frac{P_{\text{diss}}(\nu, r)}{P_{\dot{M}}(\nu, r)}$$

$$\log \frac{P_I(\nu, r)}{P_{\text{diss}}(\nu, r)}$$

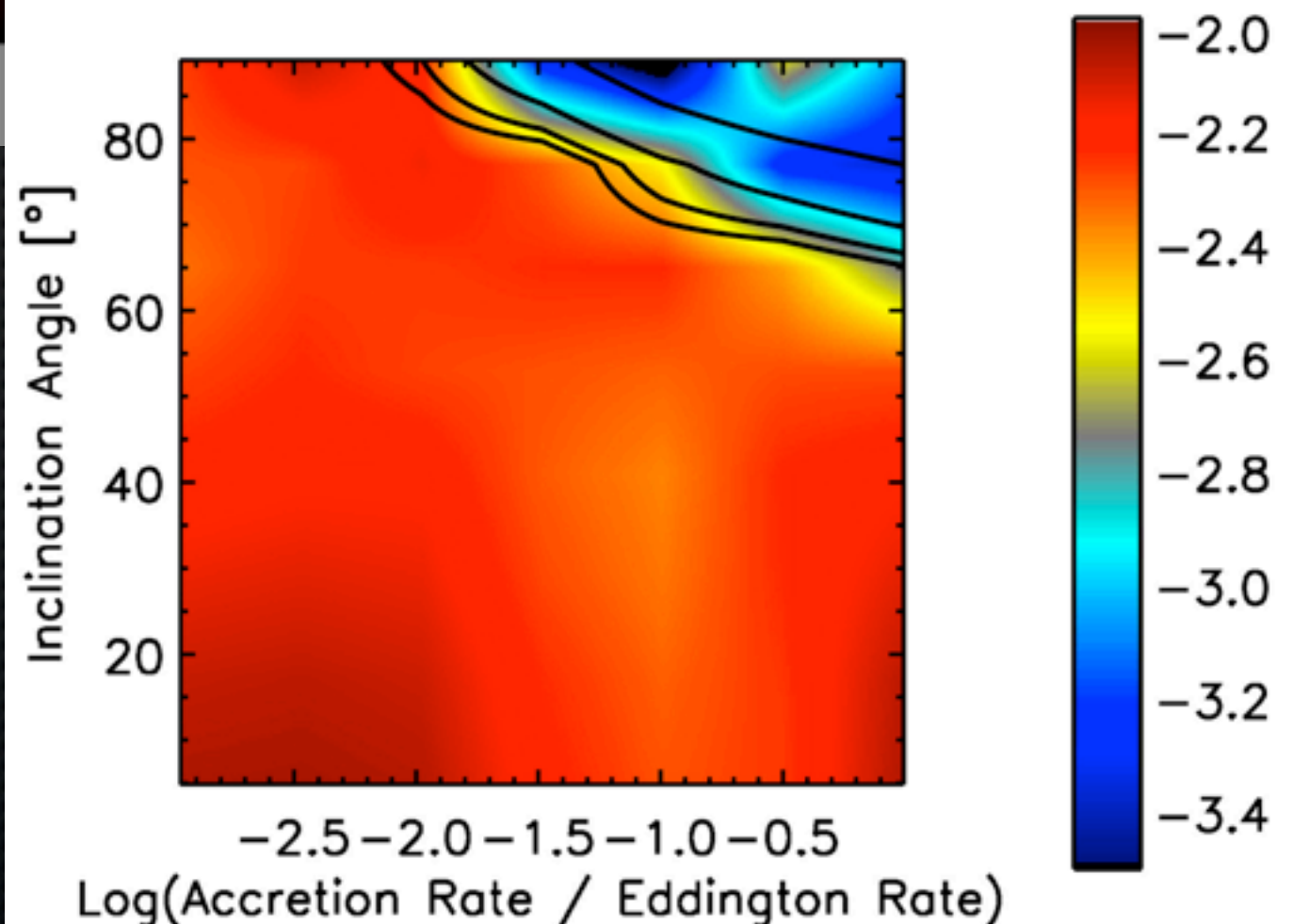
- Dissipation approximately follows accretion rate
- Not all accretion rate modes are dissipated
- Variability at infinity follows local dissipation var.



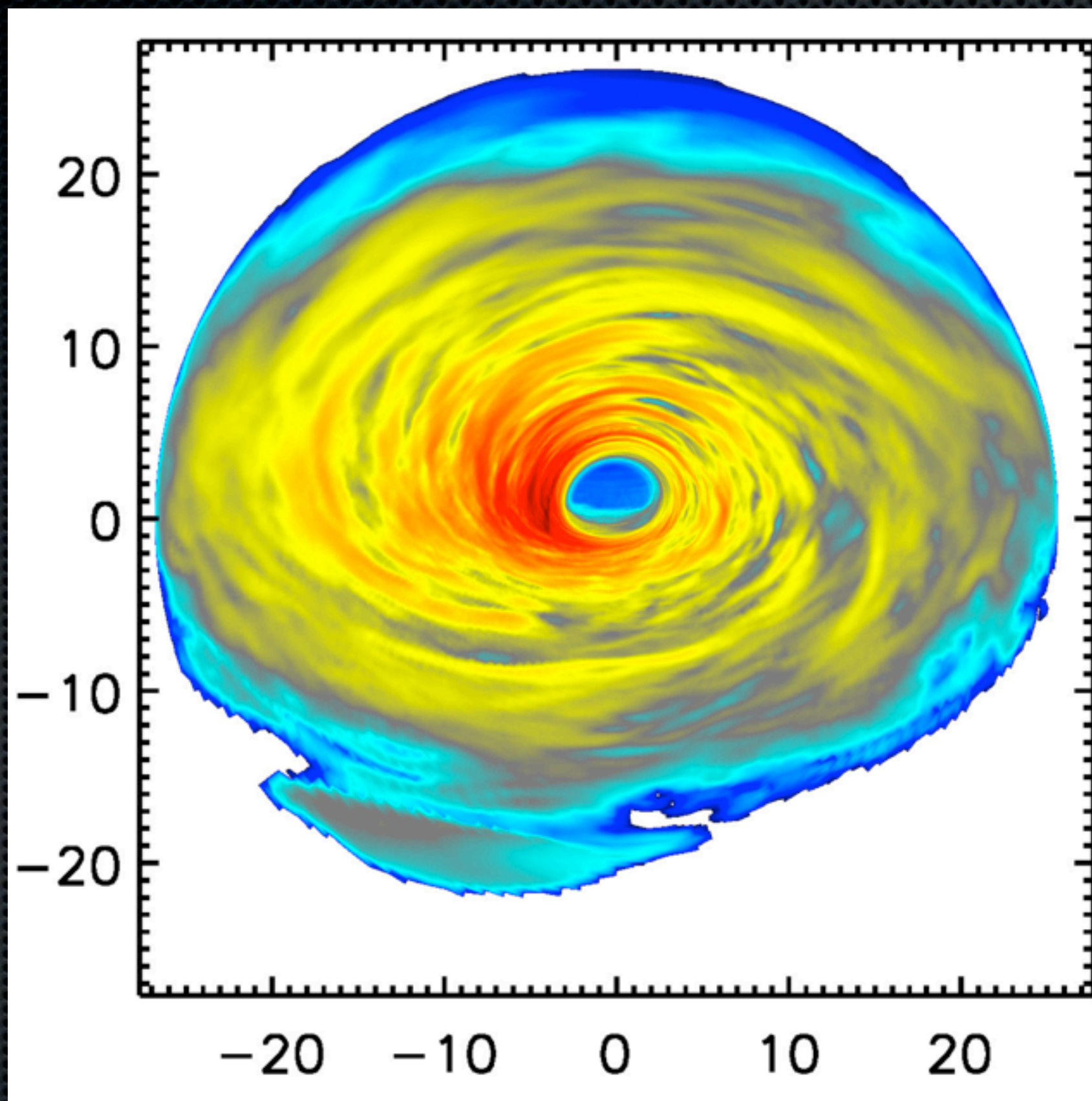


- Mostly incoherent between adjacent radii and frequencies;
- Possible coherence at  $\nu < 1/T_{\text{inflow}}(r)$
- Need longer runs to verify;

- Degenerate Result;
- No inclination angle effect;
- Consistent w/ observed power-law exponents
- See no QPOs, though we lie between LFQPO and HFQPO range



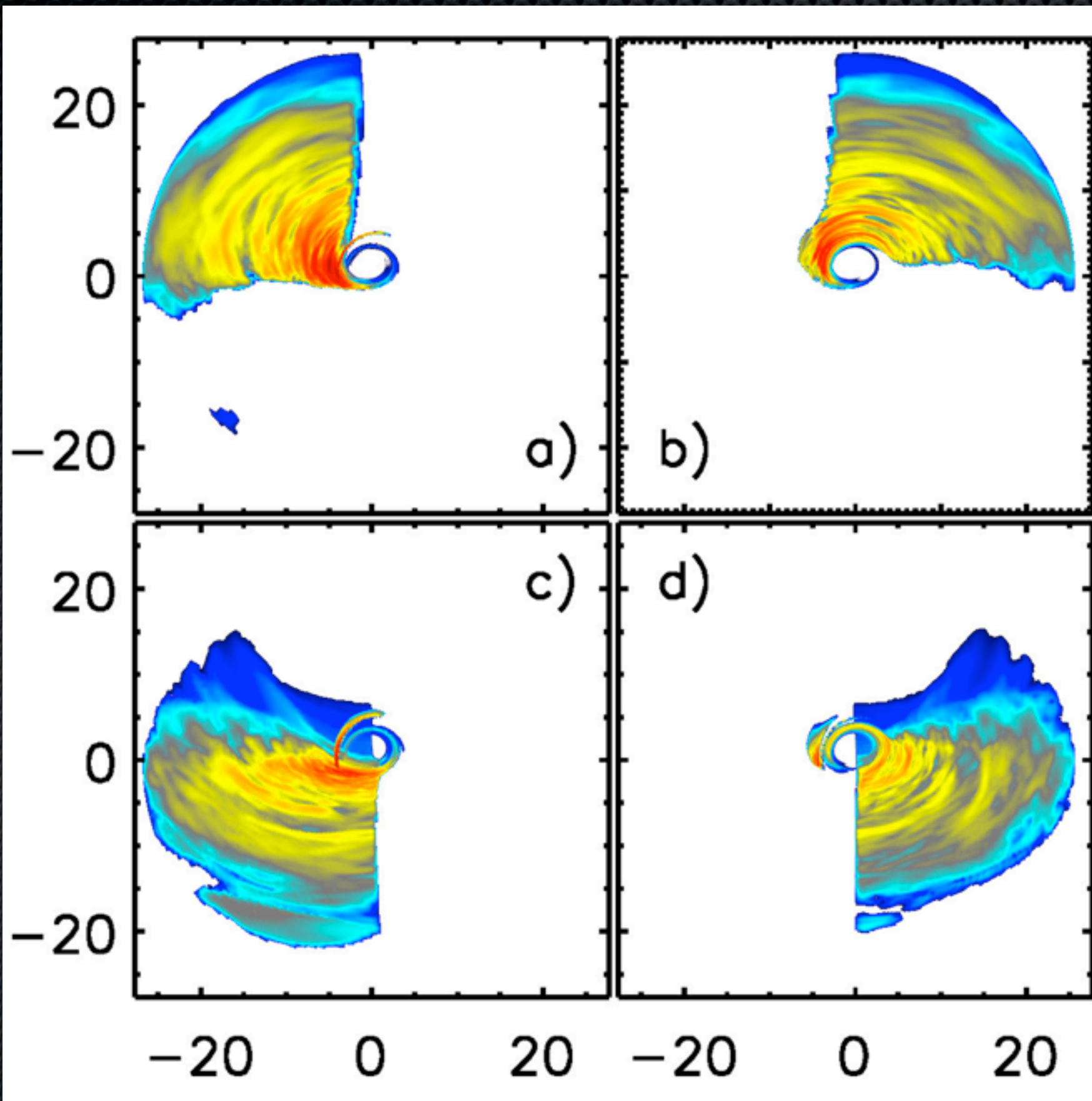






# Degeneracy Explanation

$$\alpha_a > -2$$



$$\alpha_b > -2$$

$$\alpha_c < -2$$

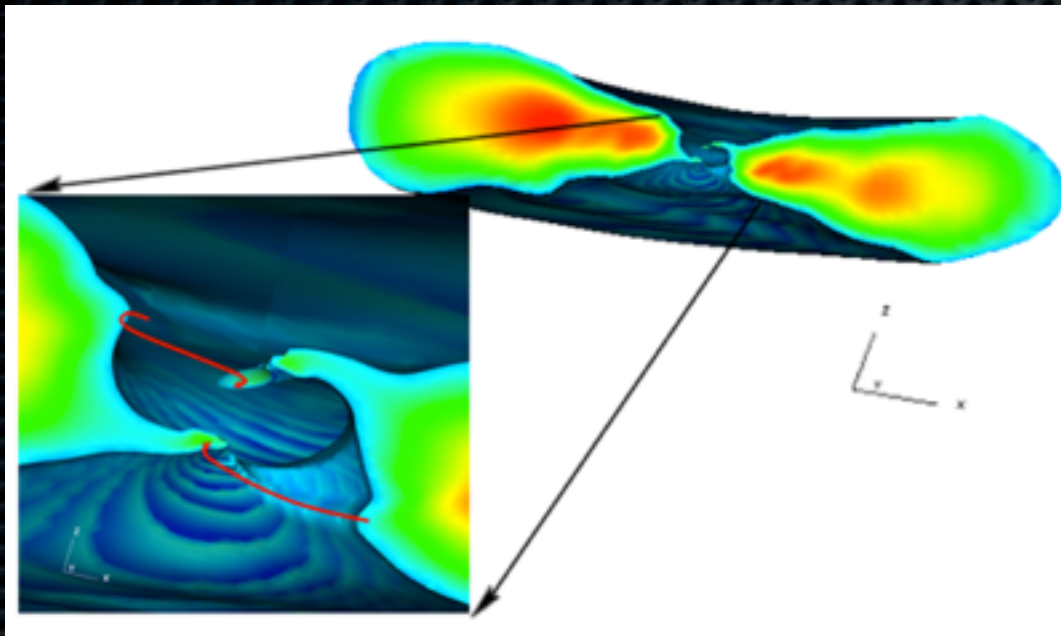
$$\alpha_d < -2$$

$$i \sim 0^\circ$$
$$\alpha_i \simeq -2$$



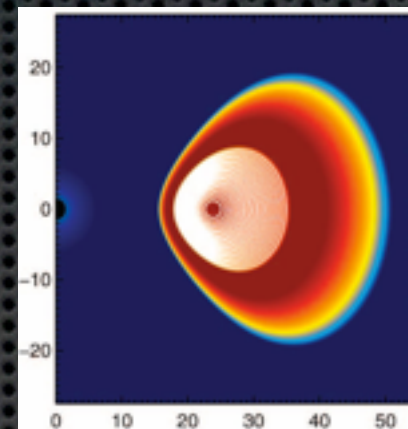
# Out-standing Issues in black hole accretion

Warped Disks Fragile et al. 2007-2009



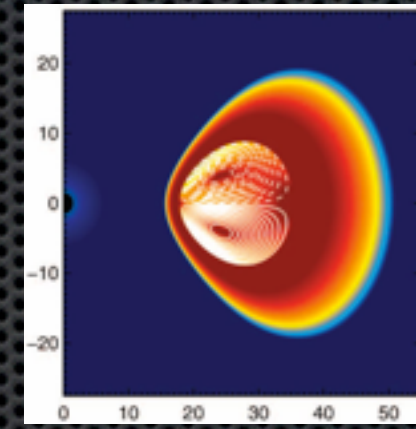
Initial Field Topology

Beckwith et al. 2008



Poloidal

Jet



Quadrupolar

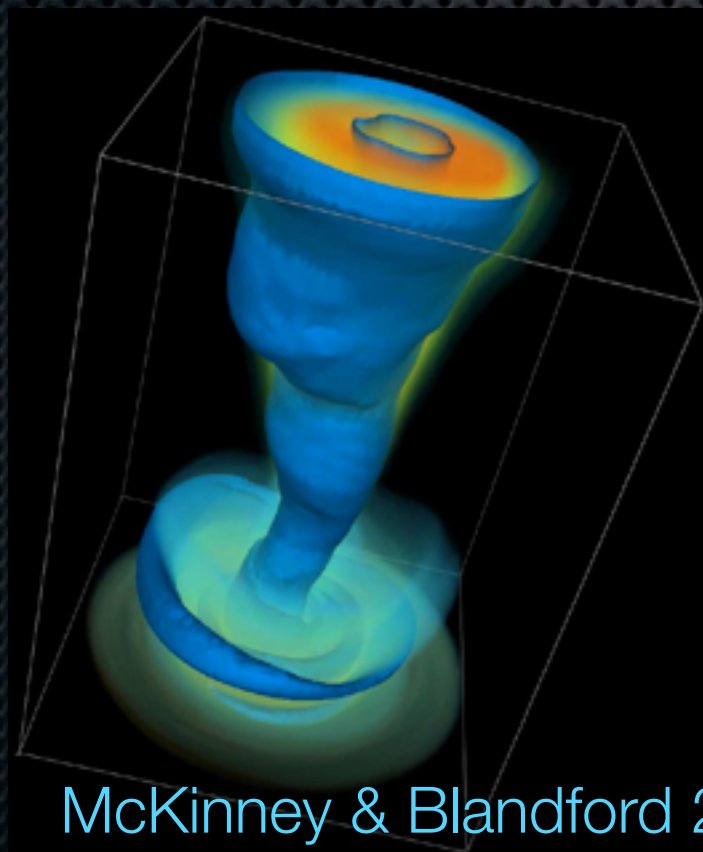
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Toroidal

"No" Jet

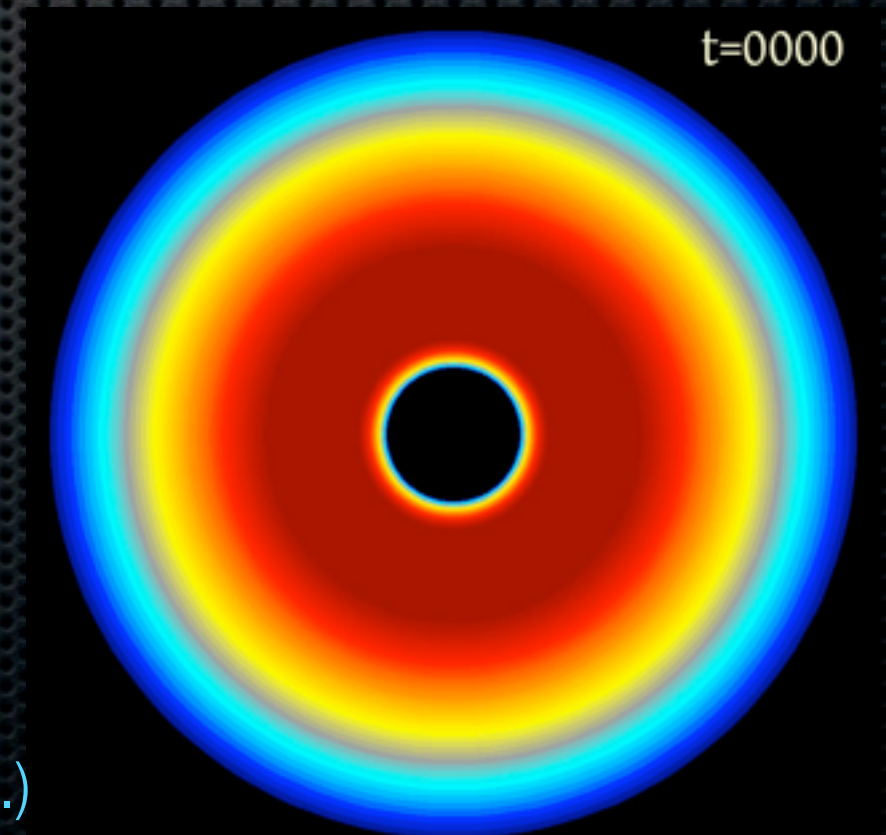
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Full  $2\pi$  Evolutions  
 $m=1$  mode dominance

McKinney & Blandford 2009

Gammie et al (unpub.)





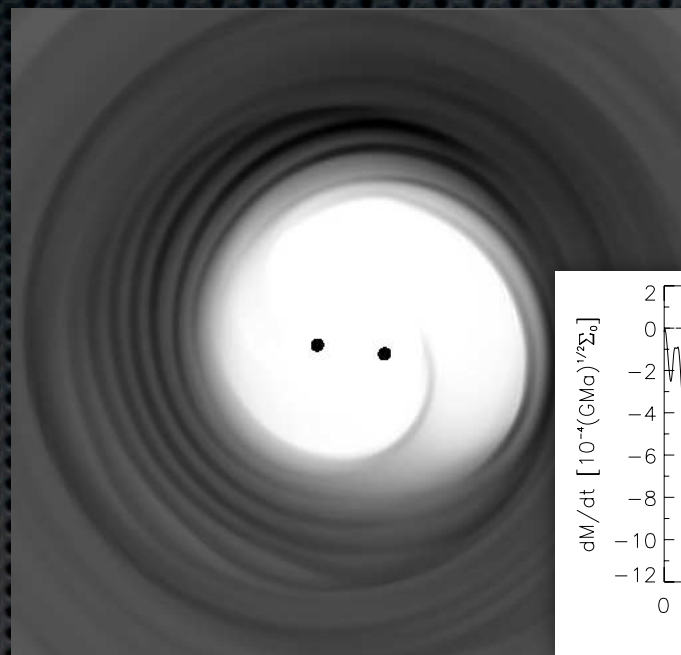
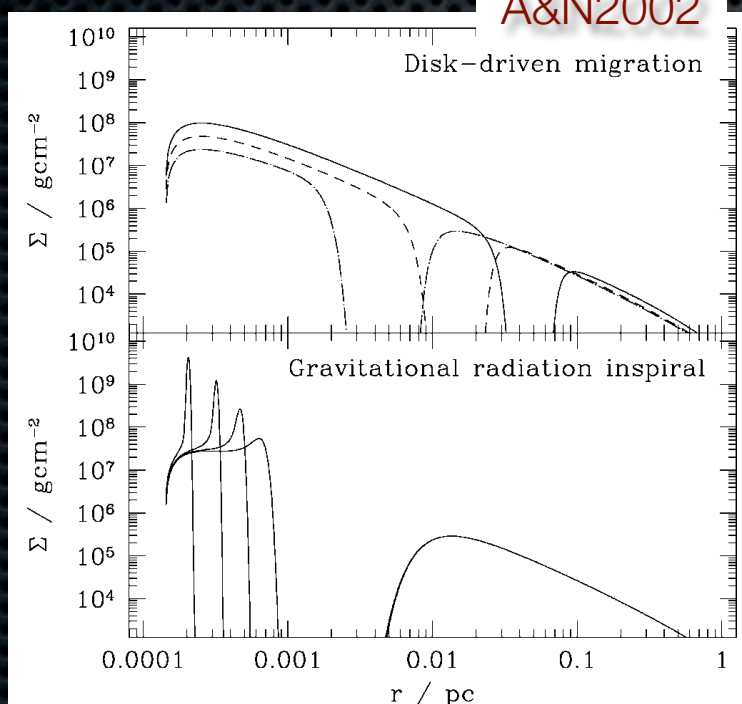
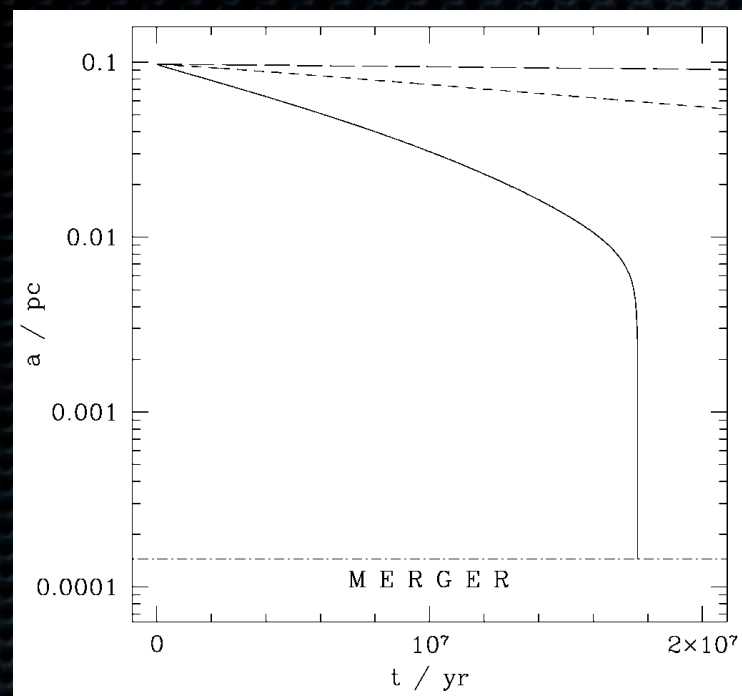
# Binary Black Hole Accretion



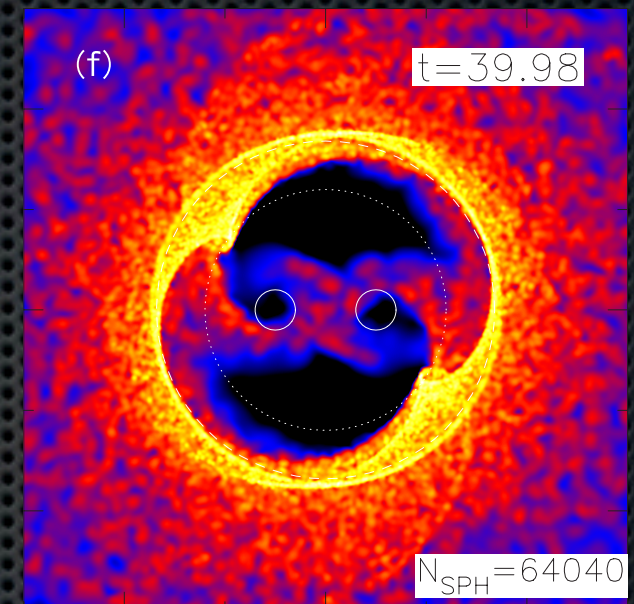
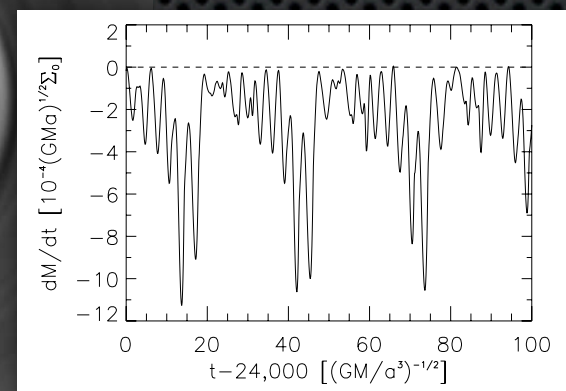
Artymowicz & Lubow 1994

Armitage & Natarajan 2002,2005

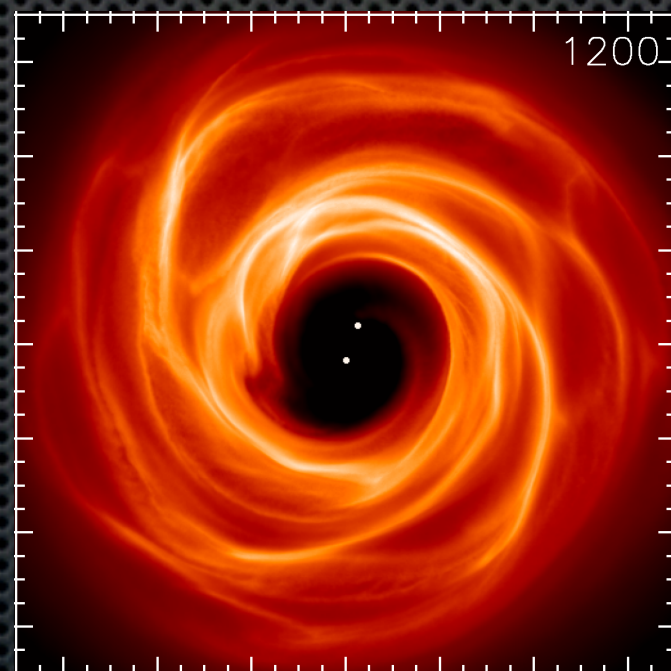
# Circumbinary Black Hole Disks



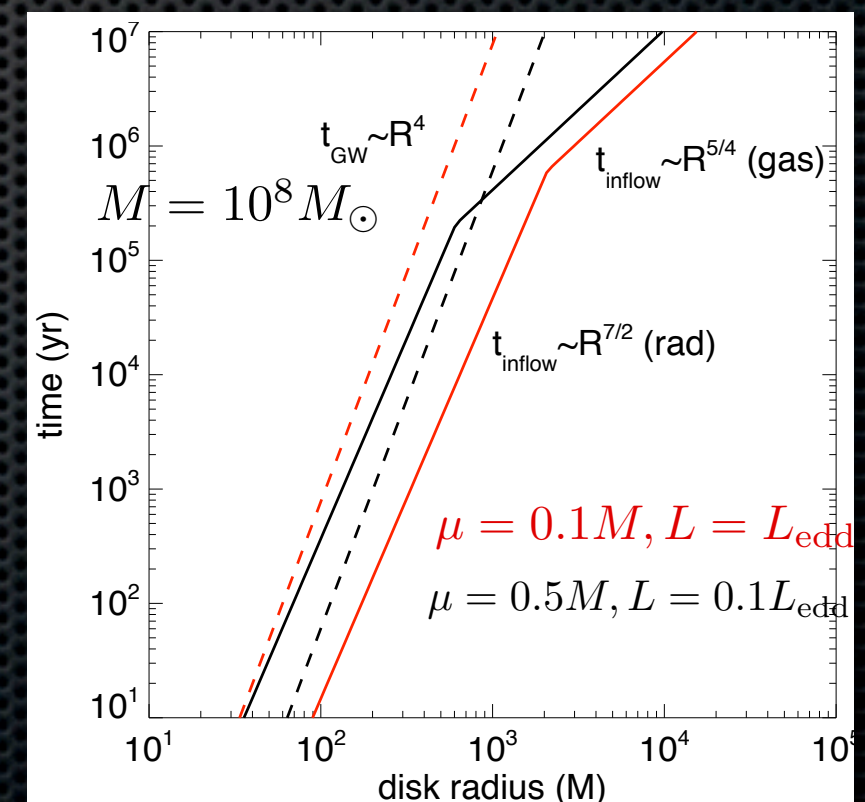
MacFadyen & Milosavljevic 2008



Hayasaki et al 2007



Cuadra et al 2009

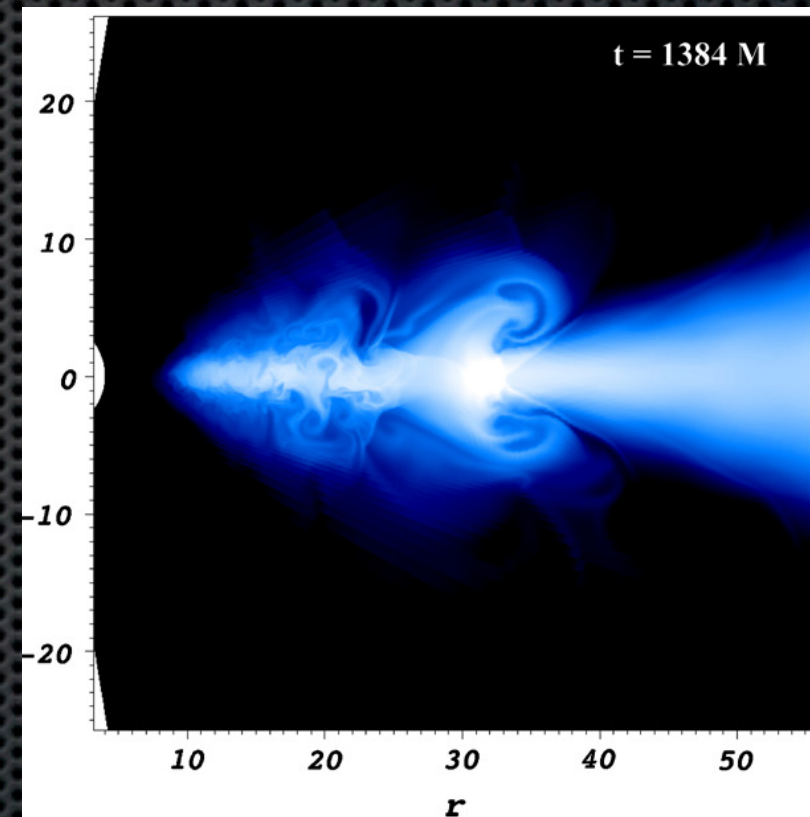
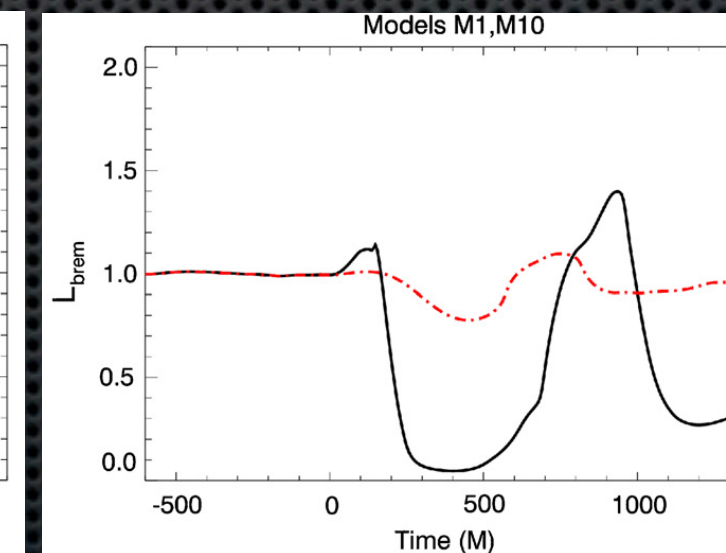
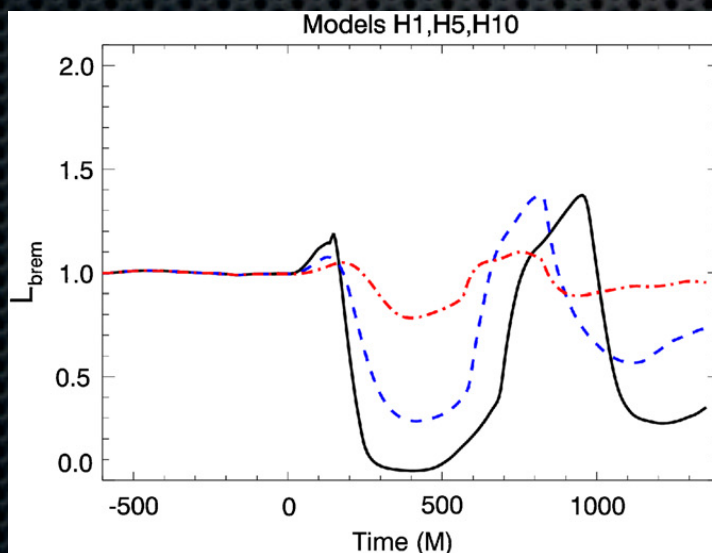
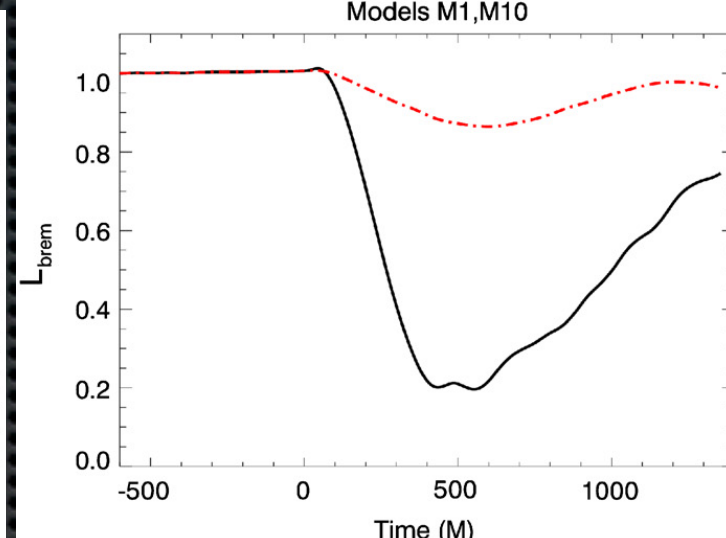
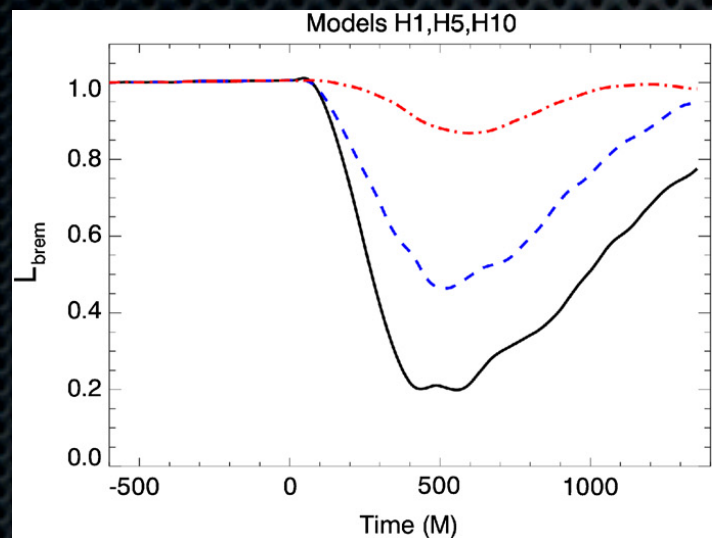
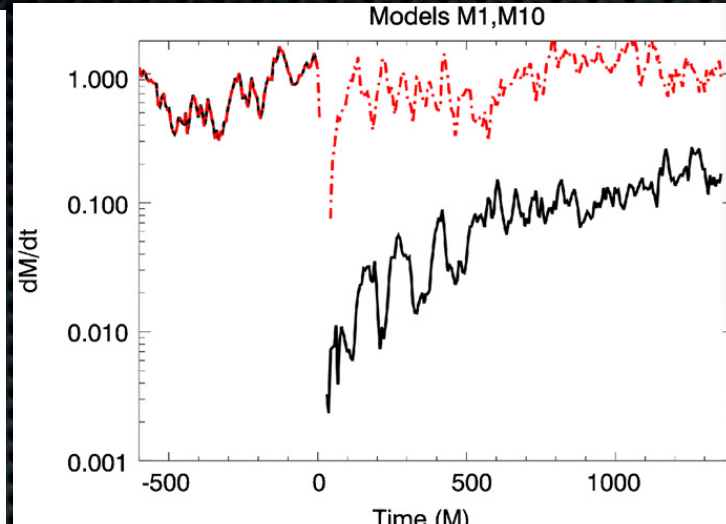
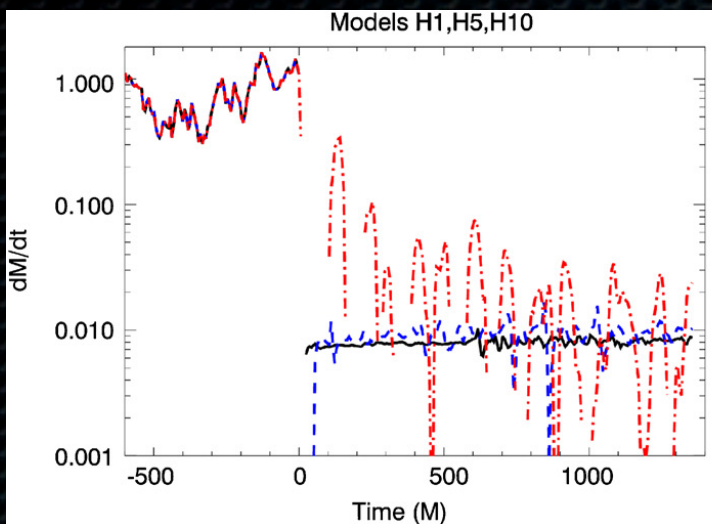


Schnittman & Krolik 2008



# O'Neill et al 2009 “Kicked” Thin Disk (near BH)

ID	Type of Simulation <sup>a</sup>	Resolution <sup>b</sup>	$\epsilon^c$
H10	Hydrodynamic	$768 \times 256$	0.10
M10	MHD	$768 \times 256 \times 32$	0.10
H5	Hydrodynamic	$768 \times 256$	0.05
H1	Hydrodynamic	$768 \times 256$	0.01
M1	MHD	$768 \times 256 \times 32$	0.01



$$L_{\text{brem}} = \int j_{\text{brem}} dV$$

$$j_{\text{brem}} \propto \rho^2 T^{1/2}$$

- Newtonian Hydro/MHD
- Mass Loss
- Non-conservative Hydro



# Summary & Conclusion:

- ✦ Moving towards fully self-consistent accretion models
- ✦ MRI-driven, uncooled accretion can match the full spectrum of Sgr A\*
  - ✦ Vital for understanding its evolution and polarization
- ✦ Building the analytical tools to evaluate disks' statistical steady-state
- ✦ Find that magnetic fields can dramatically change the “thin disk” picture within the ISCO
- ✦ MRI turbulence can explain the high frequency X-ray variability in AGN and low/hard state of galactic black holes
  - ✦ Emissivity is not trivially dependent on accretion rate

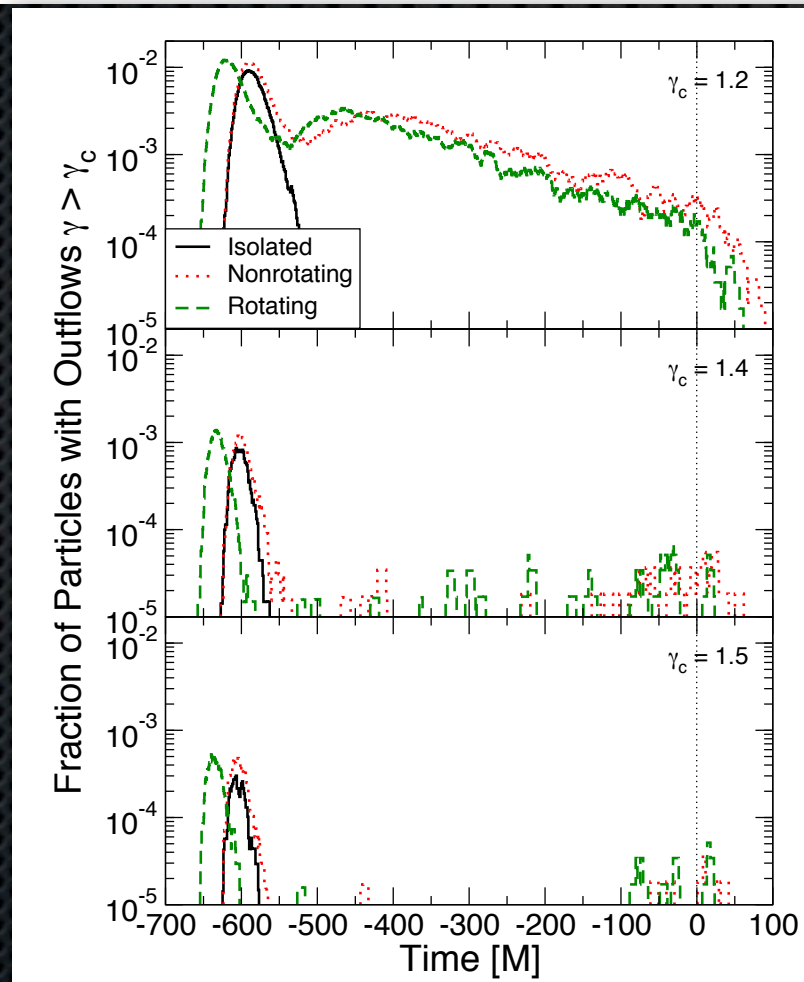
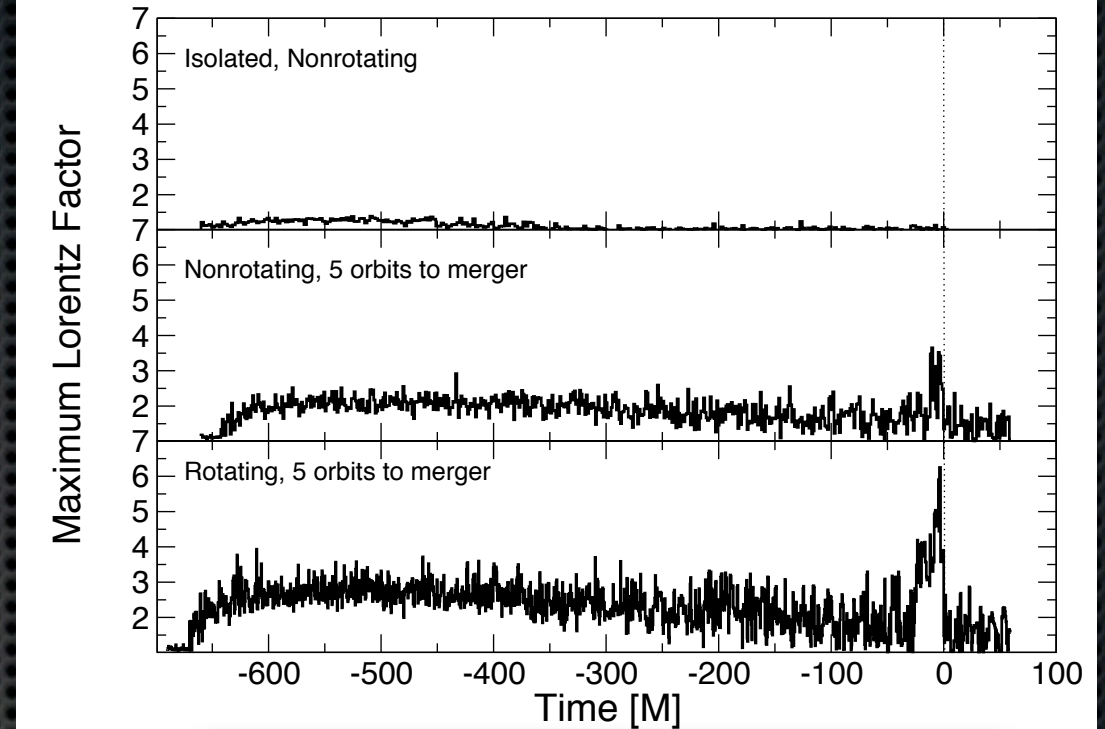
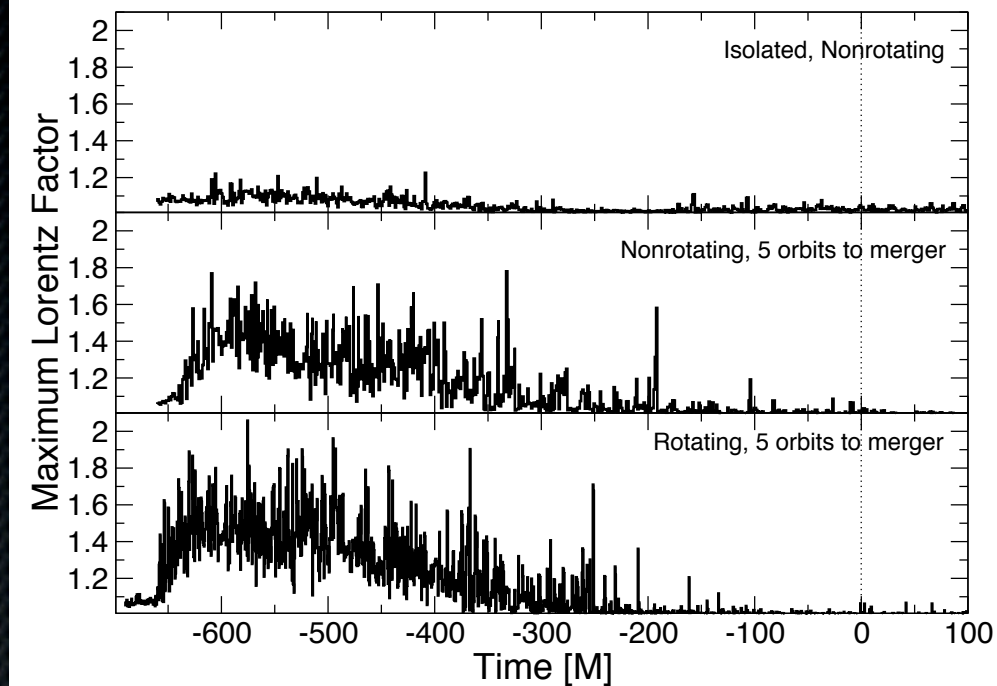
## Future Work:

- ✦ 3D Sgr A\* models
- ✦ Inclined disks;
- ✦ Further magnetic field topology studies;
- ✦ What are “natural” initial disk conditions?
- ✦ How does Unary Black Hole accretion physics carry over to Binary Black Holes?

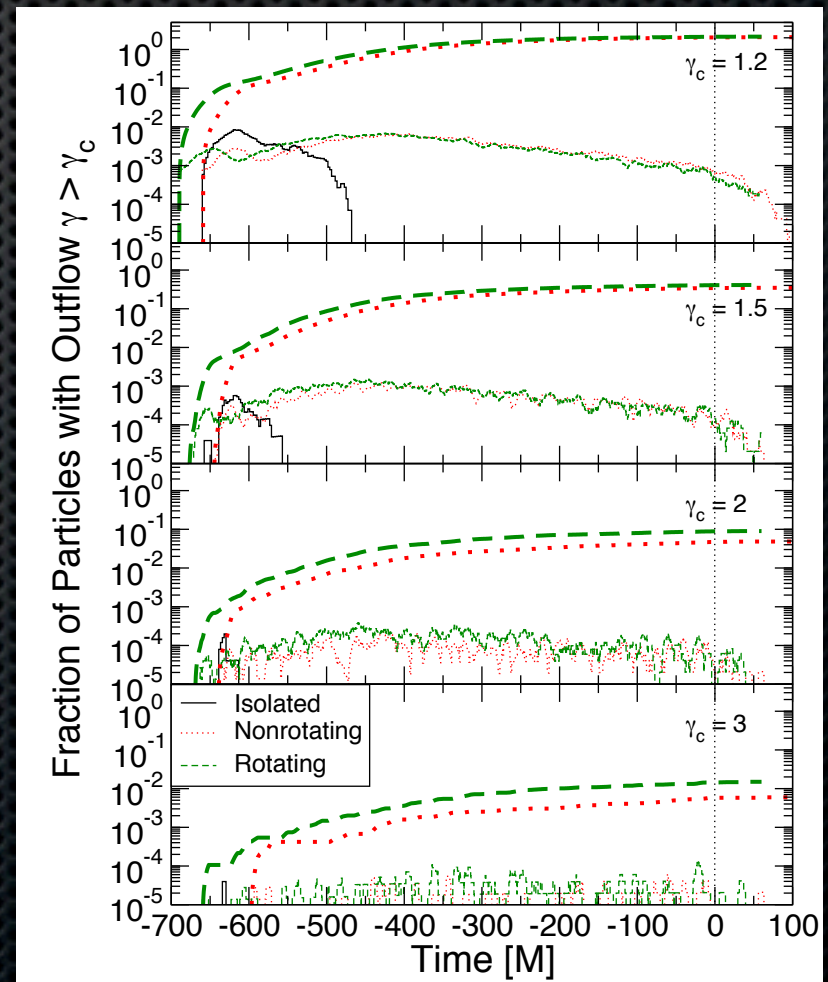


# Extra Slides





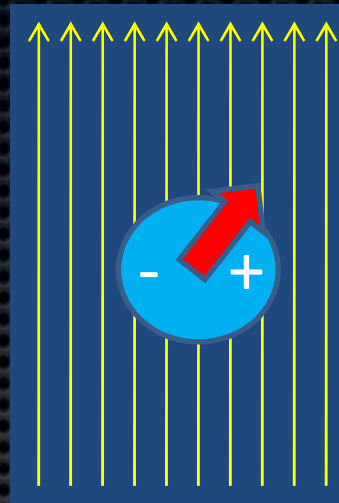
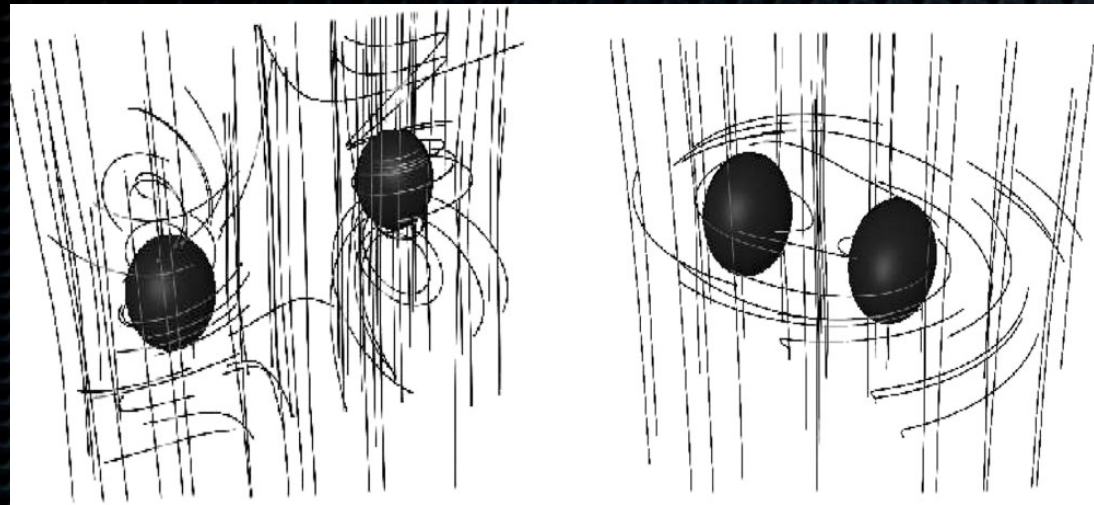
Warm Torus in Orbit



Hot Isotropic Cloud

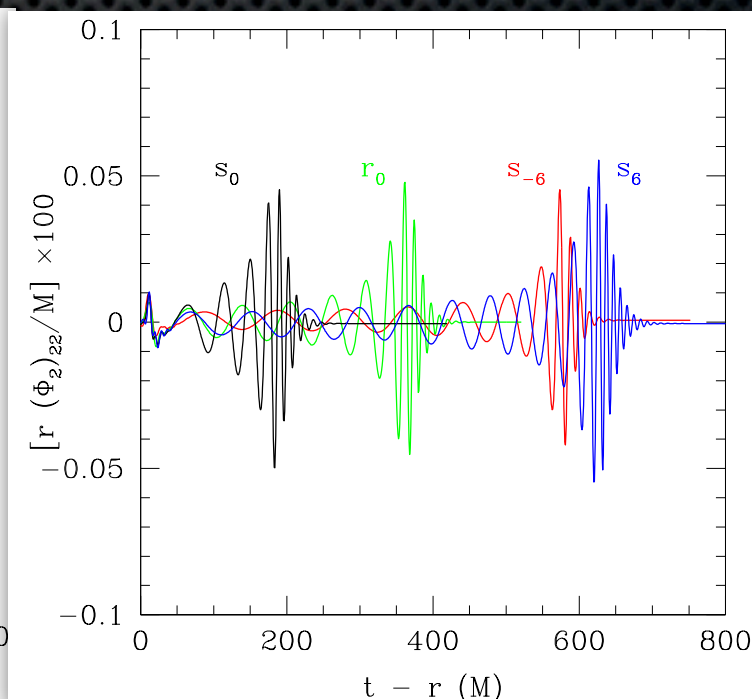
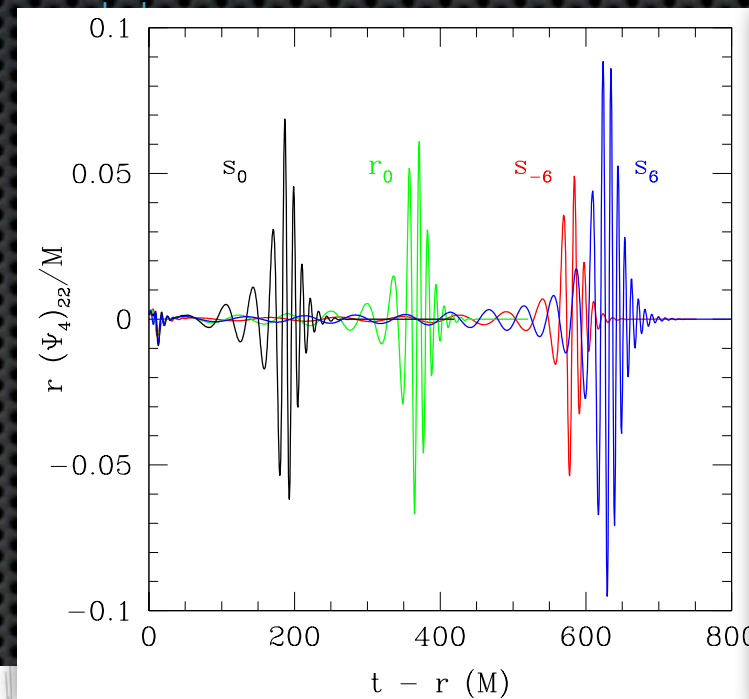


Palenzuela et al 2009

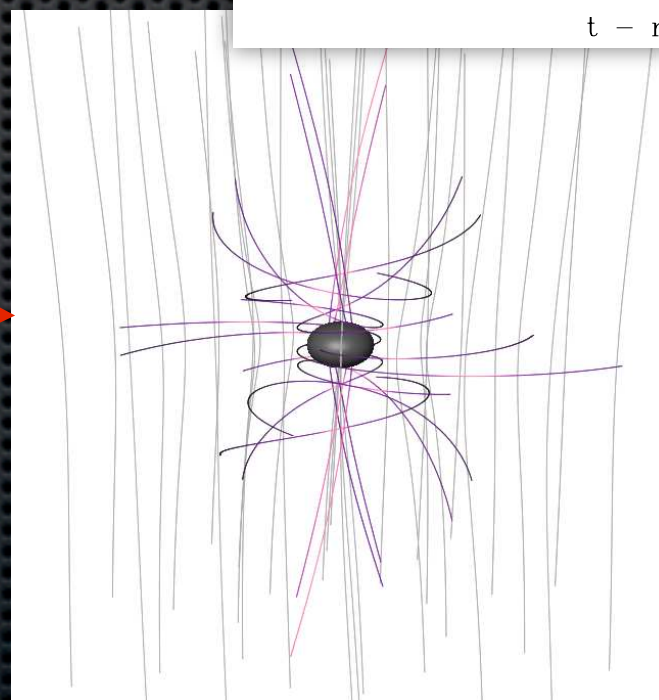
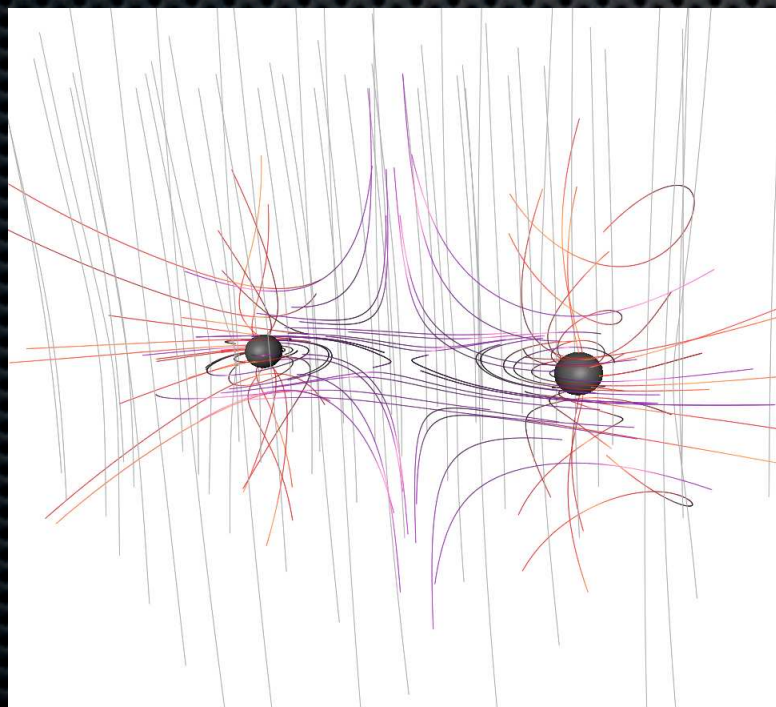


GW

EM



Mosta et al 2009

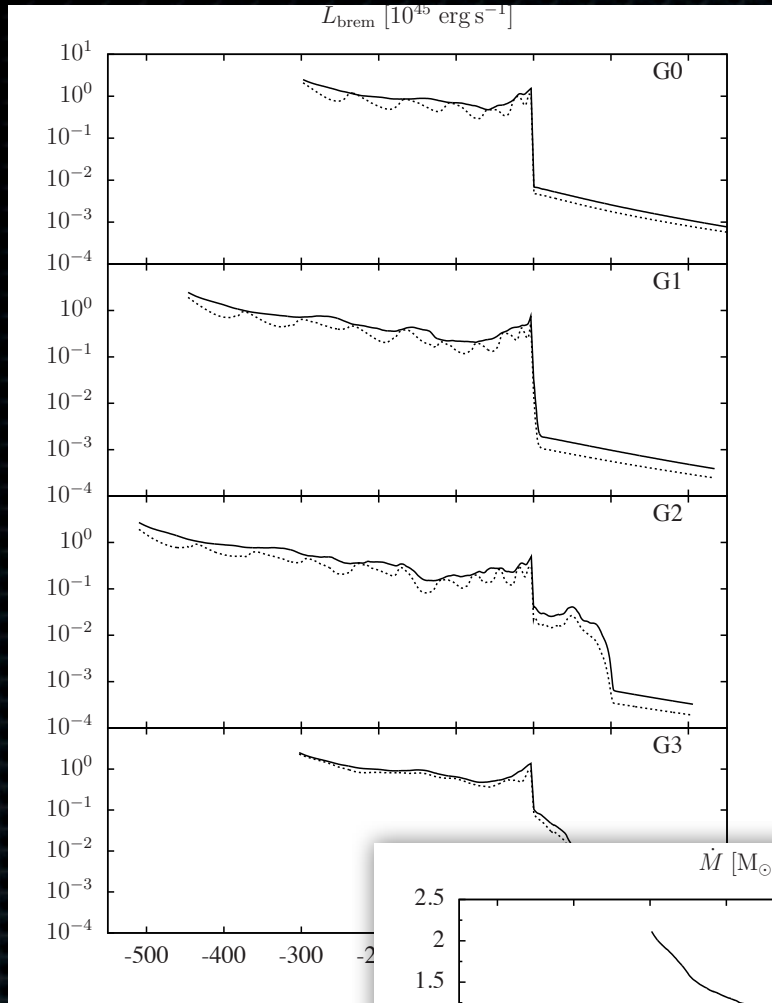


$$\frac{E_{\text{EM}}^{\text{rad}}}{M} \simeq 10^{-15} \left( \frac{M}{10^8 M_{\odot}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B}{10^4 \text{ G}} \right)^2$$

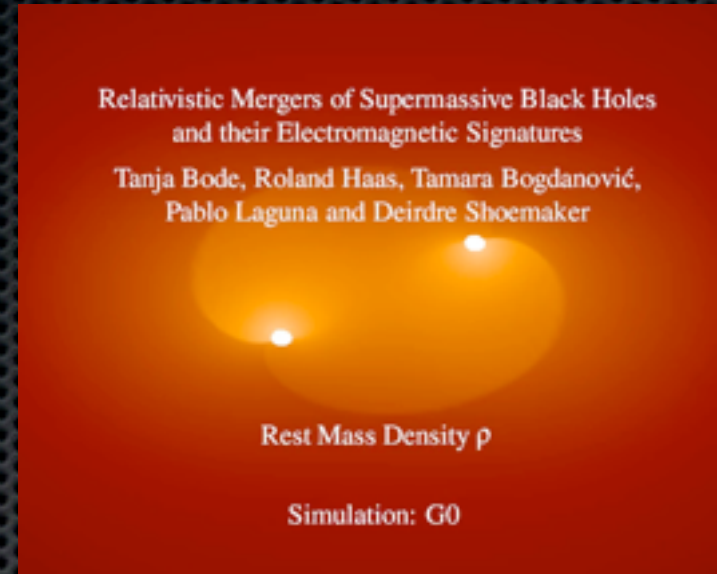
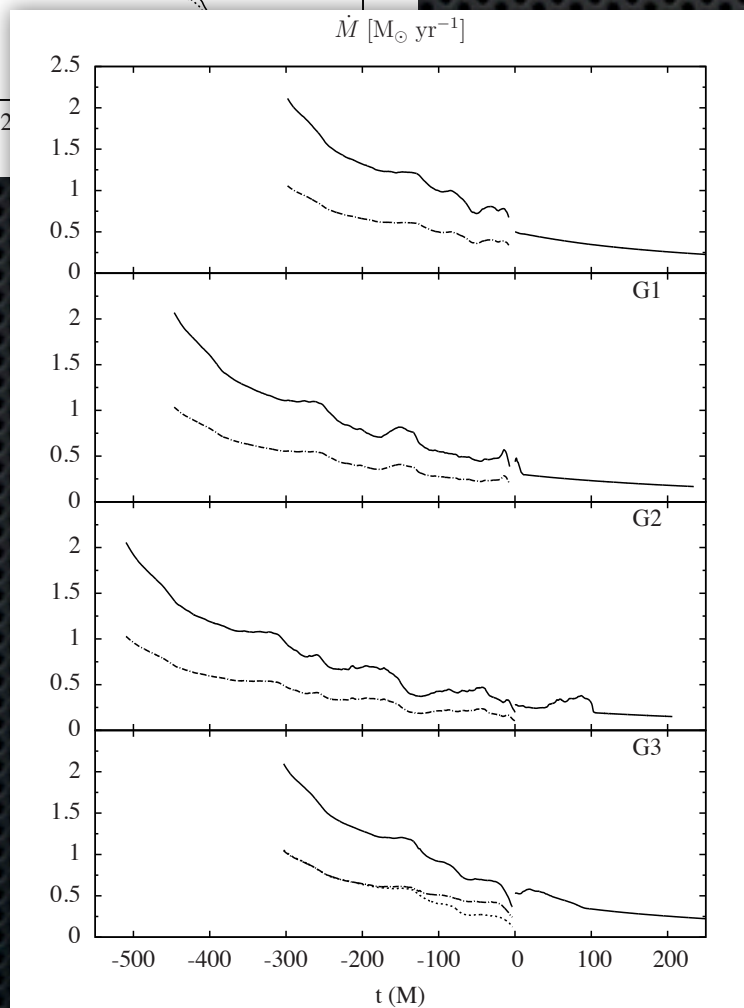
$$L_{\text{EM}} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{EM}}^{\text{rad}}}{\tau} \simeq 10^{-4} \left( \frac{B}{10^4 \text{ G}} \right)^2 L_{\text{Edd}}$$

$$\nu = 10^{-4} (10^8 M_{\odot} / M) \text{ Hz}$$





G0

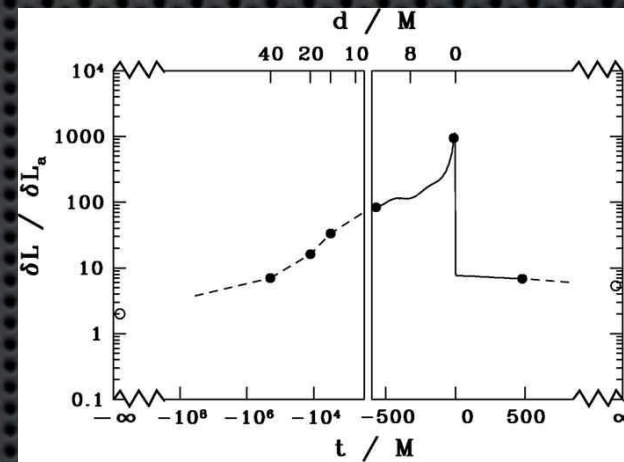
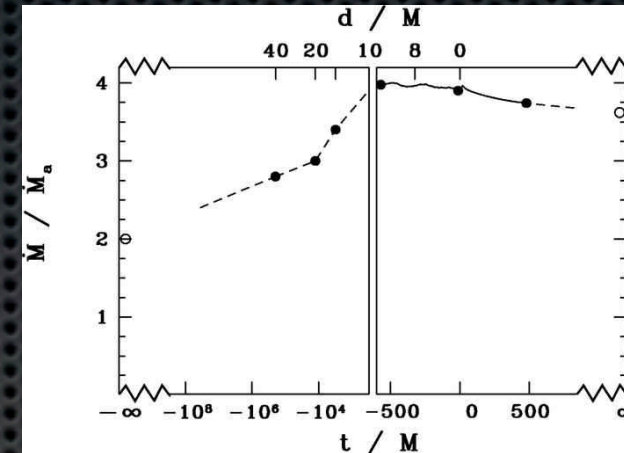
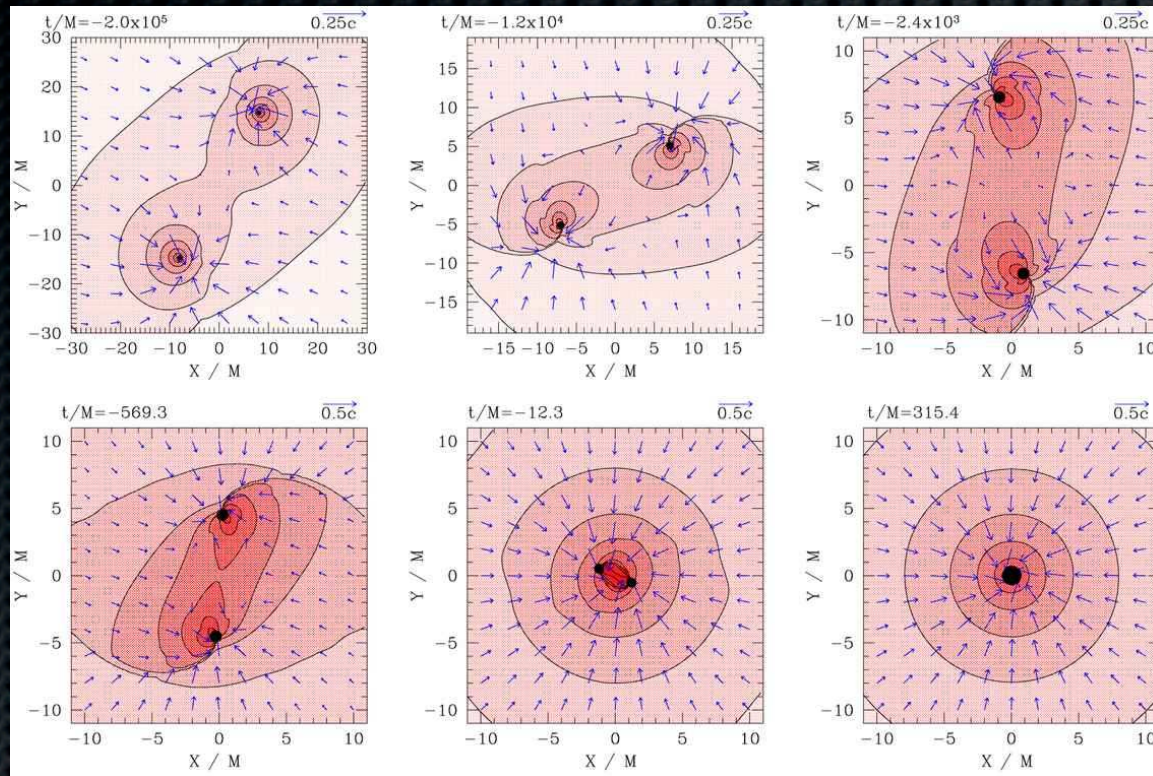


G1

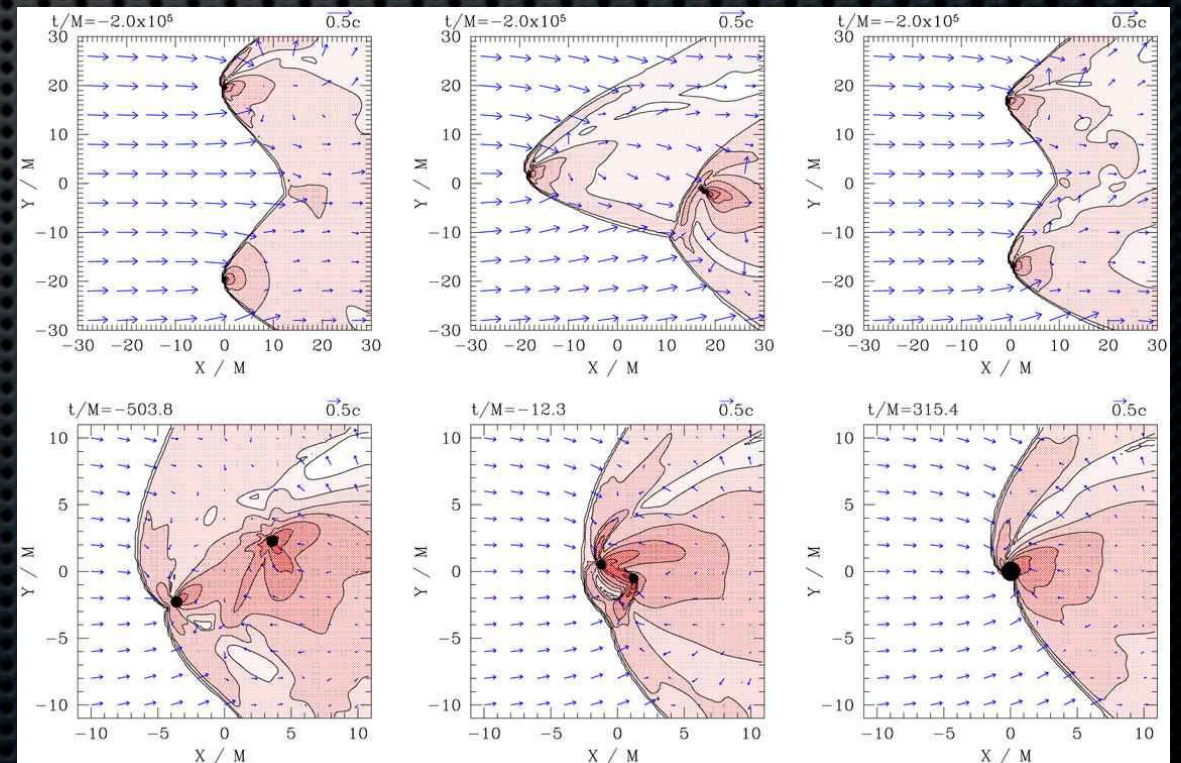
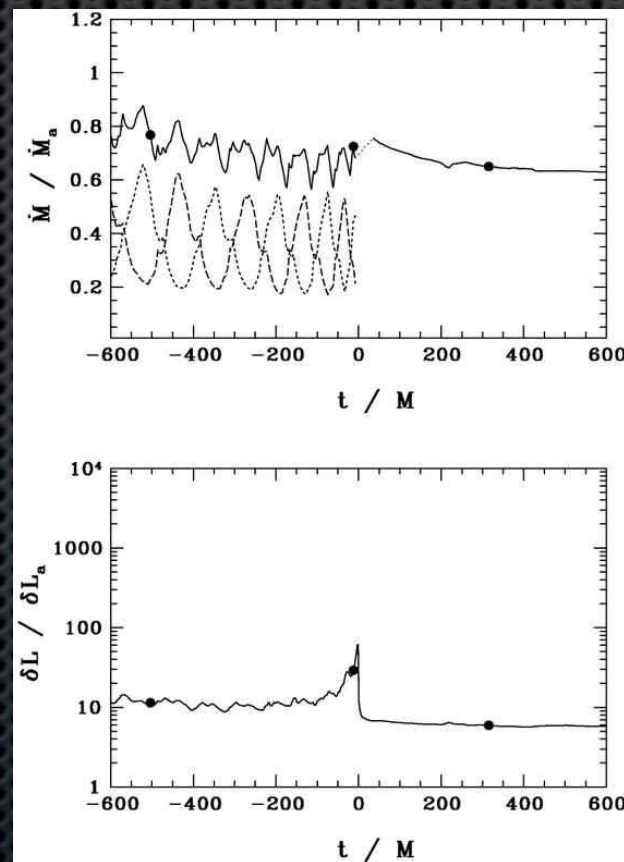
G2

Run	$a_1/m$	$a_2/m$	$P^x/M$	$P^y/M$	$m_i/M$	$M_{\text{ADM}}/M$
G0	0	0	$-2.0902 \times 10^{-3}$	0.11237	0.5000	0.9878
G1	+0.4	+0.4	0	0.10862	0.4893	0.9875
G2	+0.6	+0.6	0	0.10677	0.4736	0.9874
G3	+0.4	-0.4	0	0.11237	0.4893	0.9878





“Prototype”  
Boosted Temperature



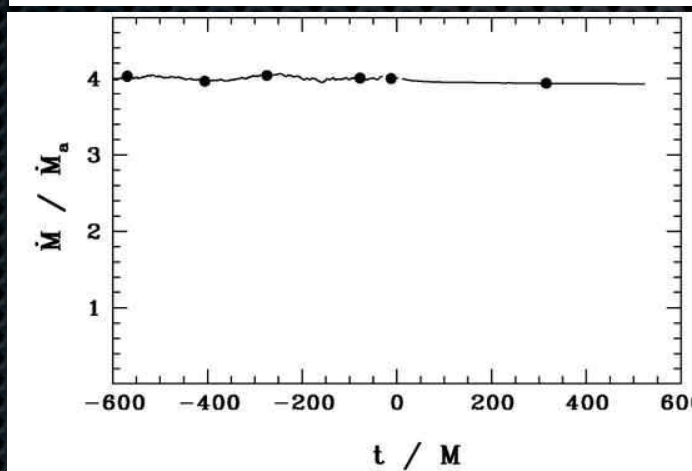
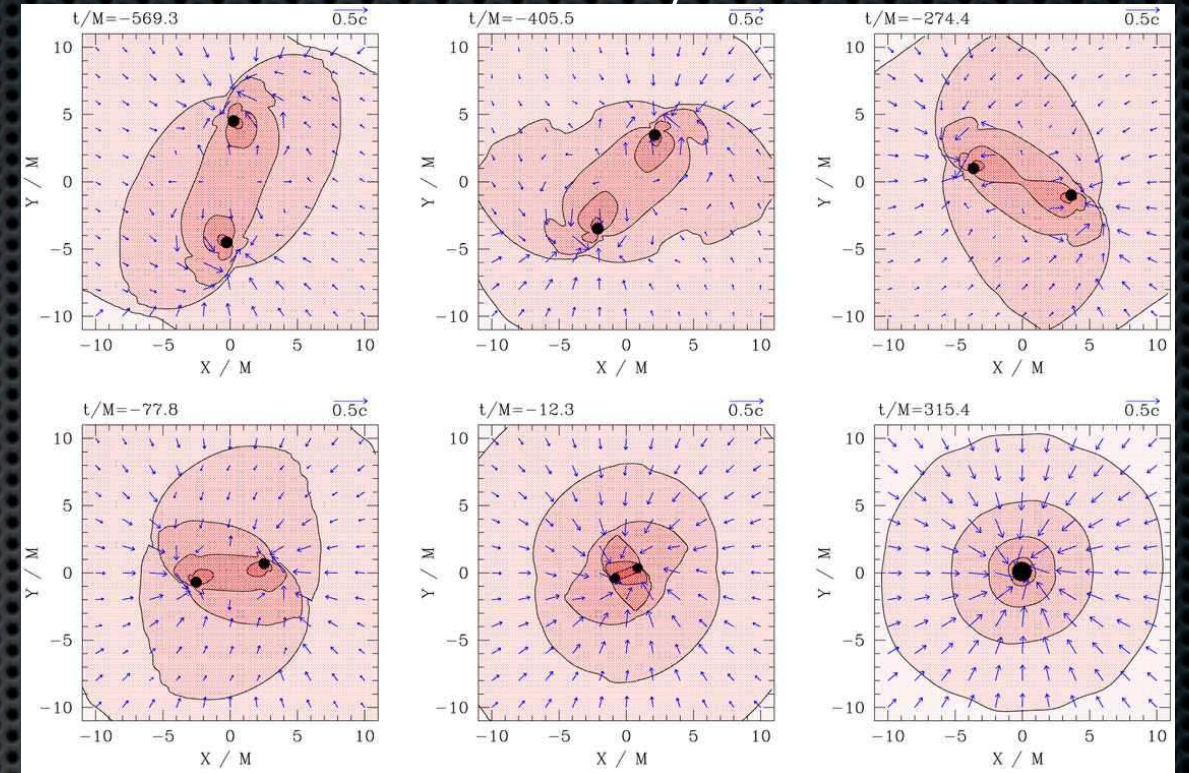
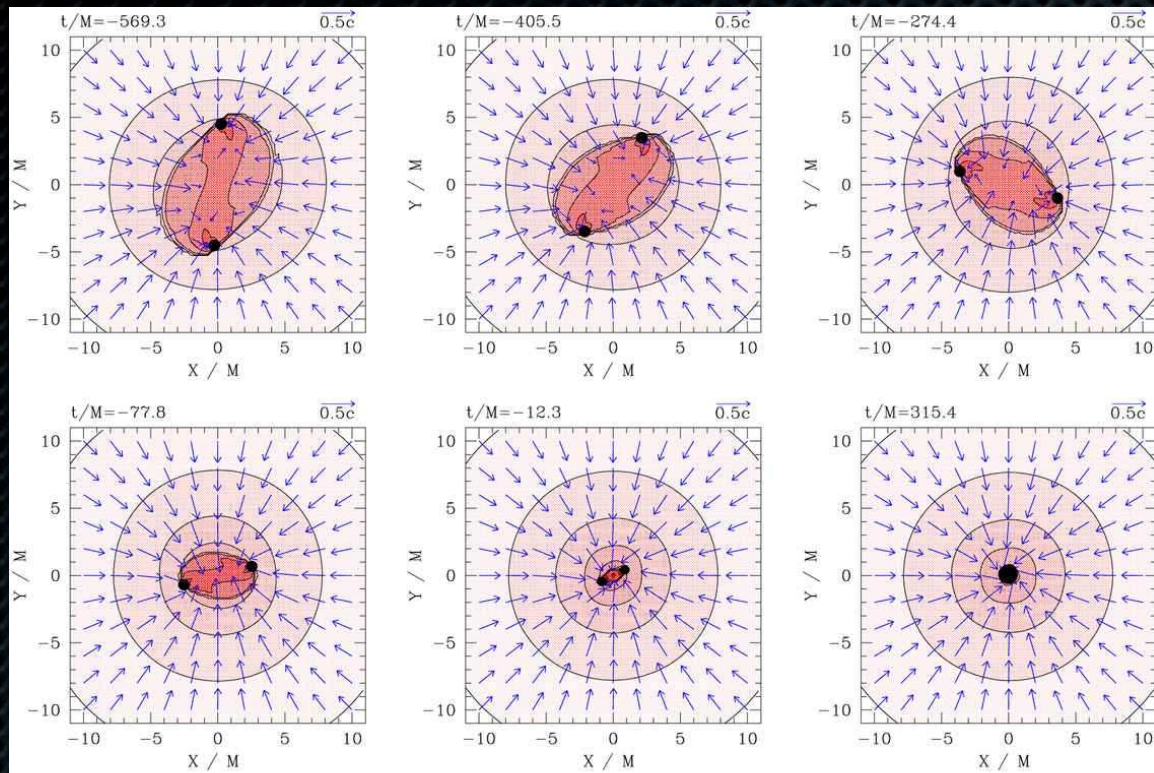


# Farris, Liu, Shapiro 2009

$$\Gamma = 5/3 \rightarrow 13/9$$

# Realistic Temperature

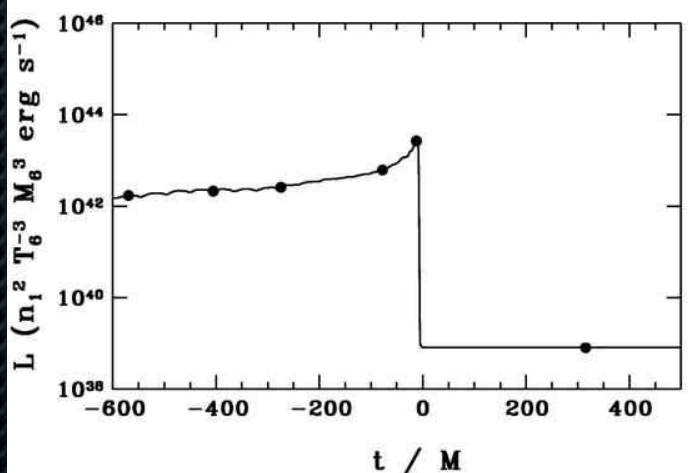
$$\Gamma = 5/3$$



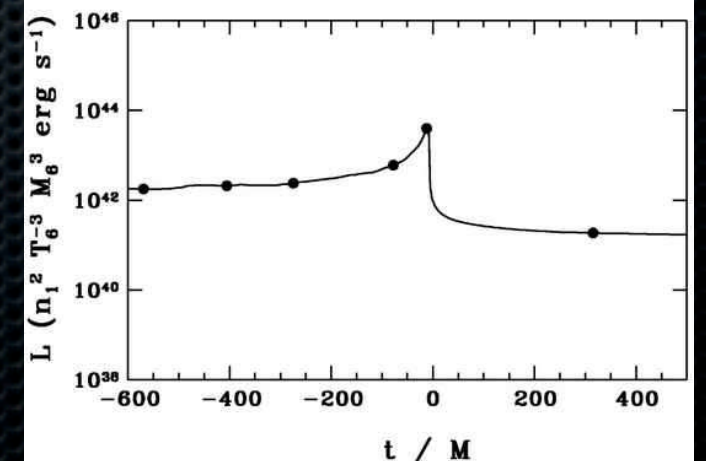
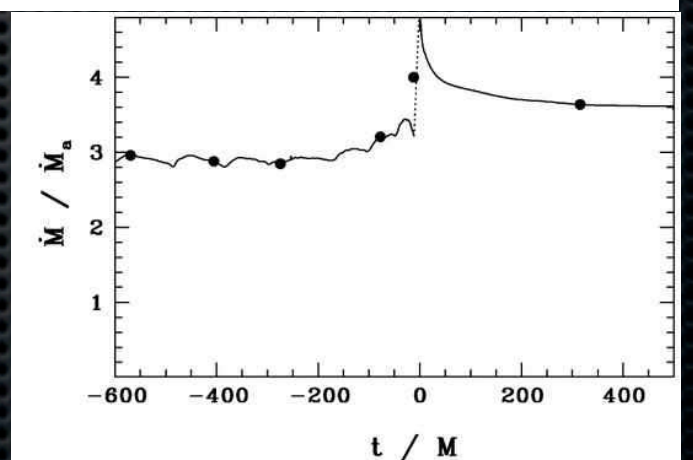
$$L_{ff}^{max} \approx 3 \times 10^{37} n_1^2 T_6^{-3} M_6^3 \text{ erg s}^{-1},$$

$$L_{syn}^{max} \approx 3 \times 10^{43} n_1^2 T_6^{-3} \beta_1^{-1} M_6^3 \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

$$h\nu_{ff}^{max} \approx \frac{230 \text{ MeV}}{1+z} \text{ (RA2)}$$



$$h\nu_{syn}^{max} = \frac{100}{1+z} n_1^{1/2} T_6^{-3/4} \beta_1^{-1/2} \text{ eV (RA2)}$$





# Sub-kpc Resolved Dual Nuclei

0402+379:

(Xu et al. 1994, Maness et al. 2004, Rodriguez et al. 2006):

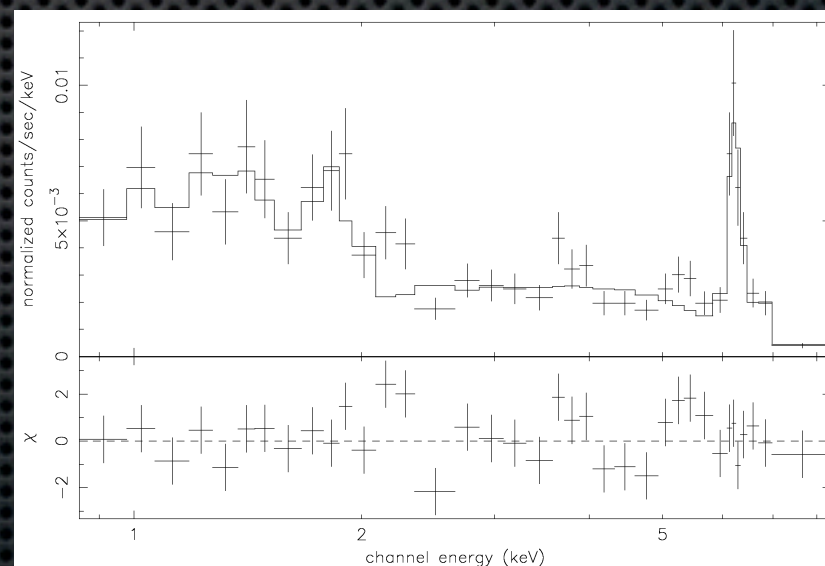
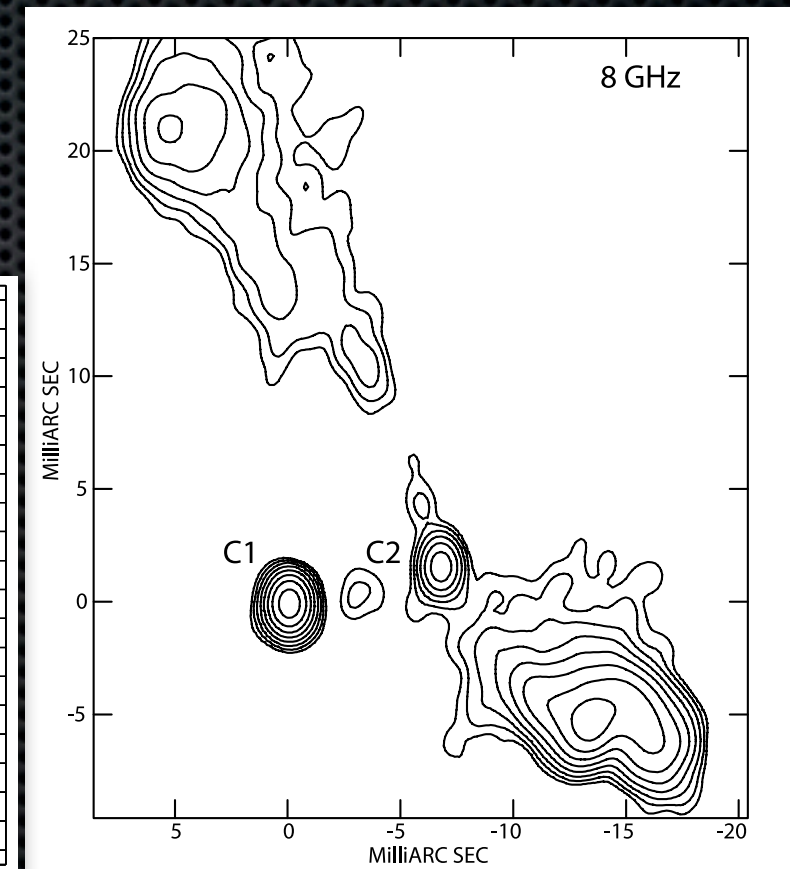
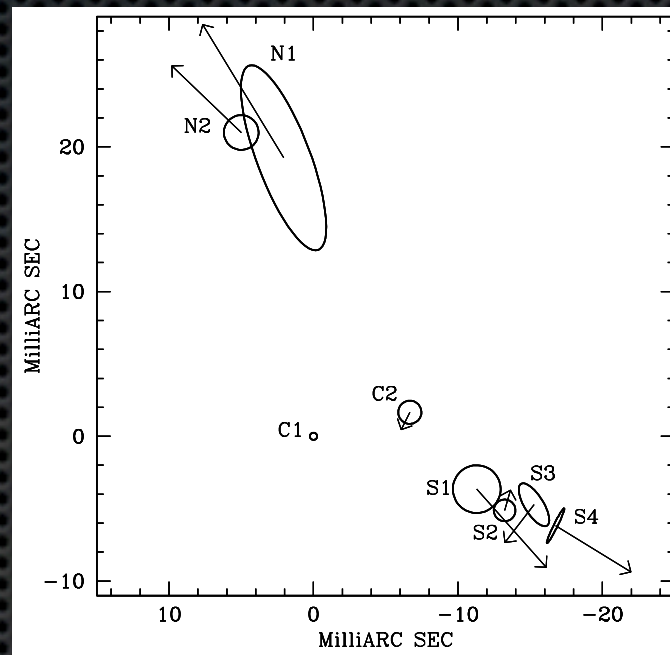
- Radio, Elliptical galaxy host
- $z = 0.055$ ,  $d = 5$  pc  $M \sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$

NGC 6240: (Komossa et al. 2003)

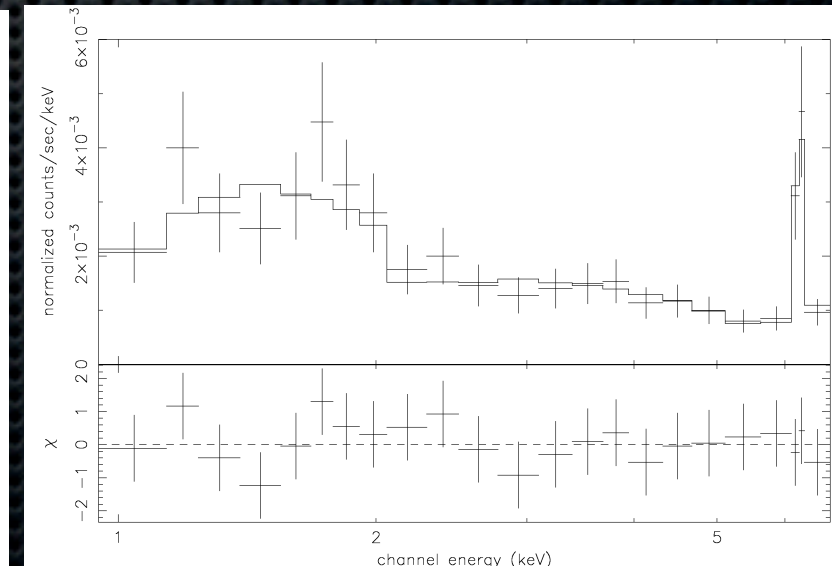
- Optical ID: (Fried & Schulz 1983)
- HST, Ultra-lum. IR galaxy host
- $z = 0.024$   $d = 0.5$  kpc

Chandra/Komossa et al. 2003

5 arcsec



South



North



# Super kpc Dual Nuclei

Comerford et al. 2009 x2

DEEP2 Survey

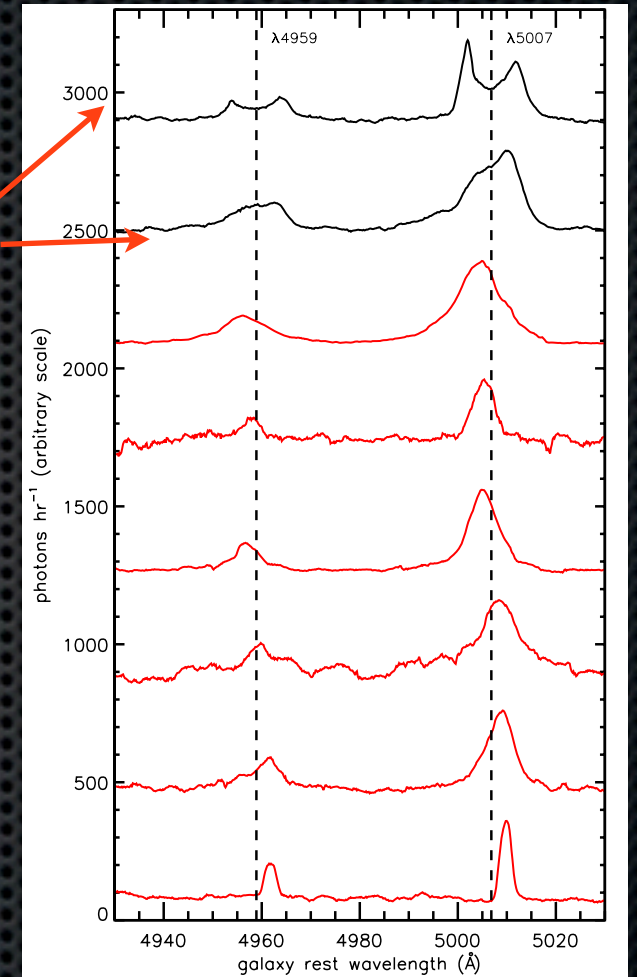
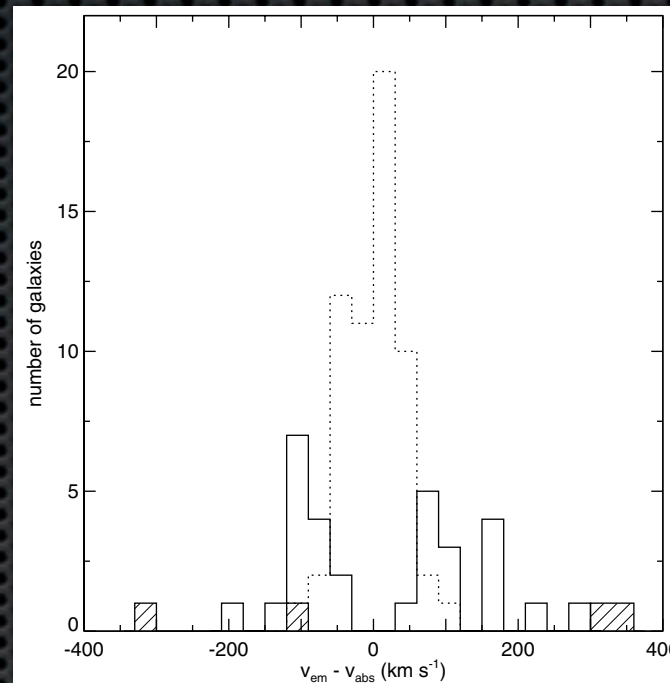
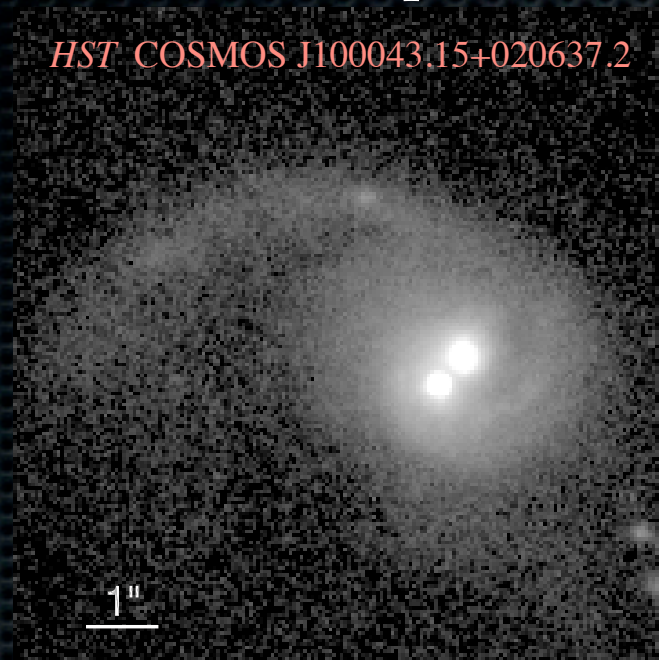
91 AGN: [OIII], HB selected (Seyfert 2)

32 have shifted [OIII] from host

2 have double peaked lines --> "dual" AGN

COSMOS Survey

$d = 1.7\text{kpc}$

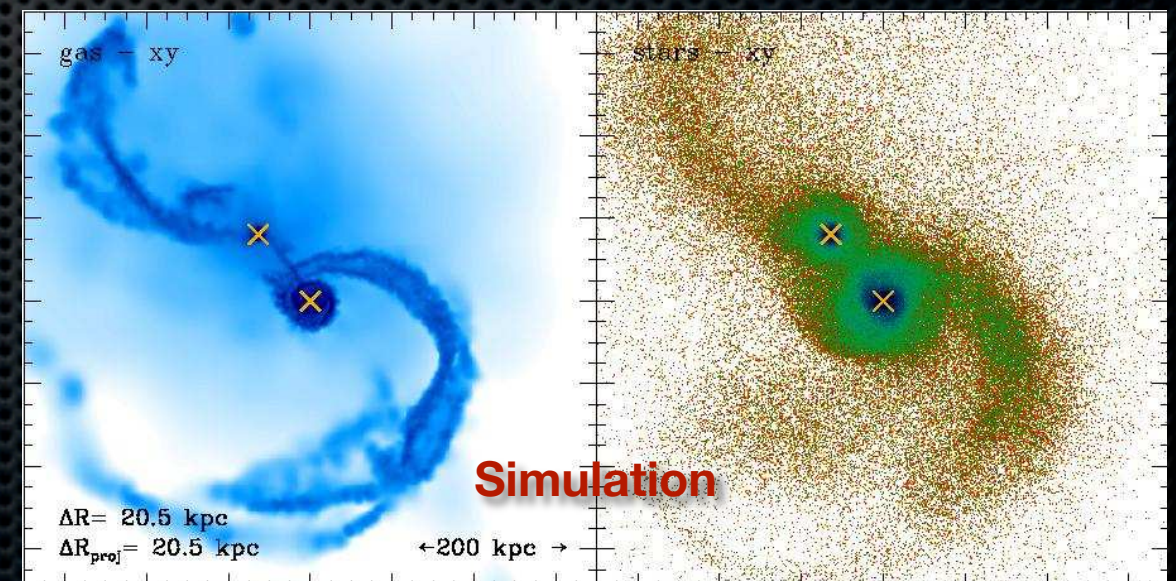
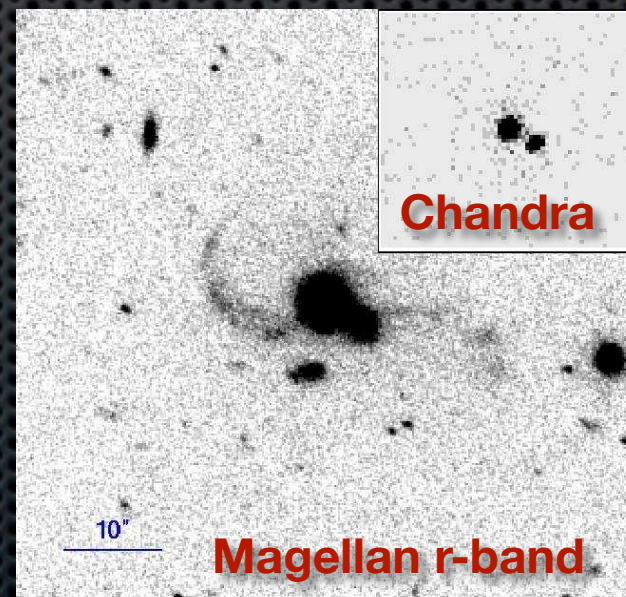


First Spatially Resolved  
Binary Quasar :  
SDSS J1254+0846

Green et al. arxiv1001.1738

$z = 0.44$        $d = 21\text{kpc}$

$\Delta v = 215\text{km/s}$





# OJ287: Pre-minor-merger??

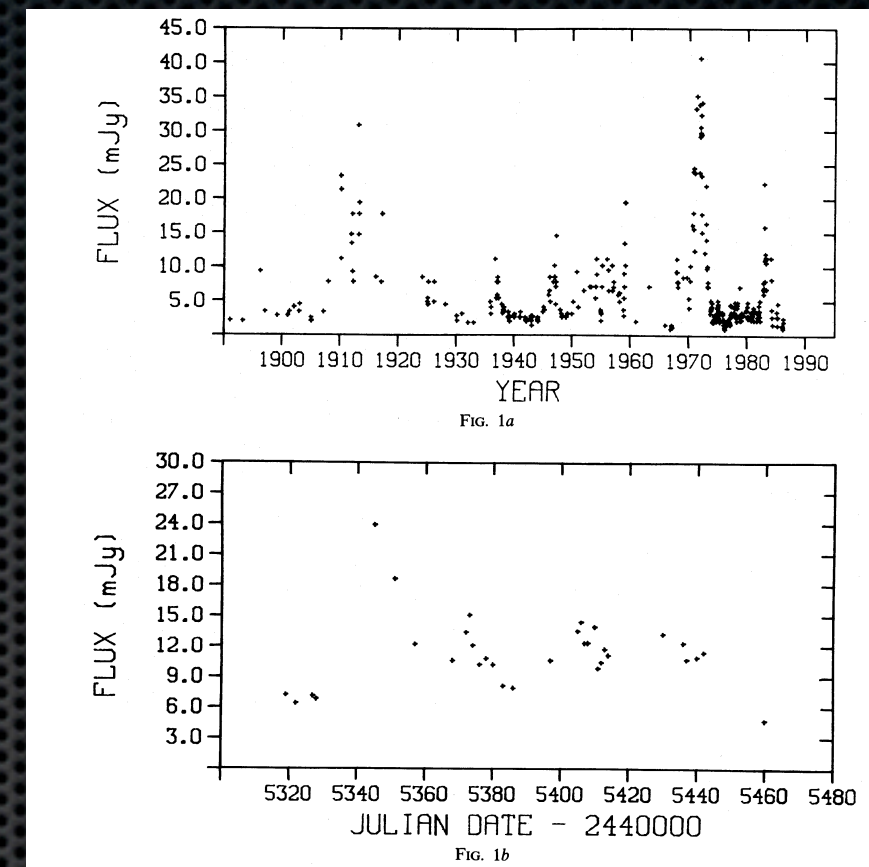
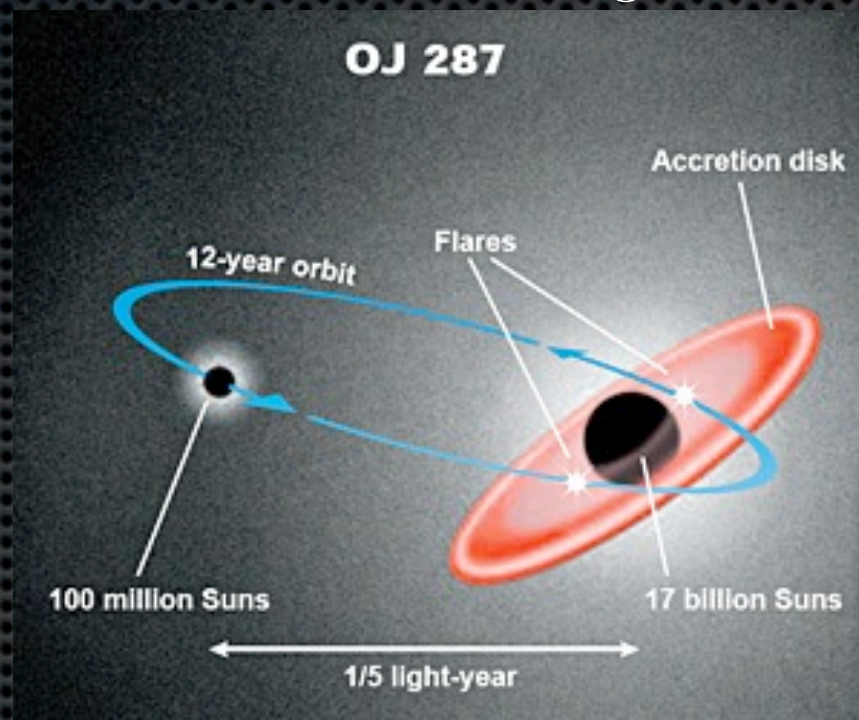
Lehto & Valtonen 1996:

$$M_1 = 1.7 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot} \quad M_2 = 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

$$T_{\text{orb}} = 12.07 \text{ yr} \quad T_{\text{precess}} = 130 \text{ yr} \quad T_{\text{merge}} \simeq 10^4 \text{ yr}$$

$$i_{\text{disk}} = 4^{\circ}$$

$$e = 0.68$$



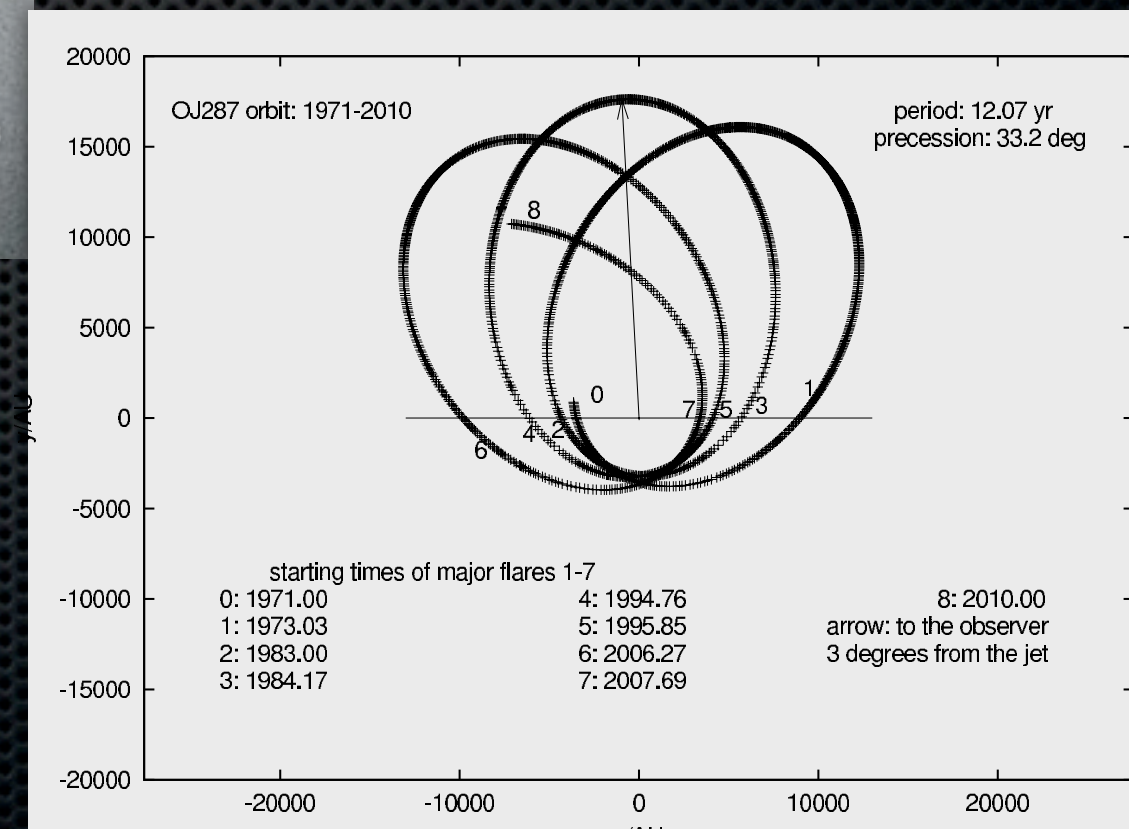
Sillanpaa et al 1988

Valtonen et al Nature 2008:

- 20 days earlier than expected
- Consistent to 10% predicted by radiation decay

Valtonen et al 2010:

Fit with 2.5PN expansion  $\rightarrow a = 0.28 \pm 0.05 M$



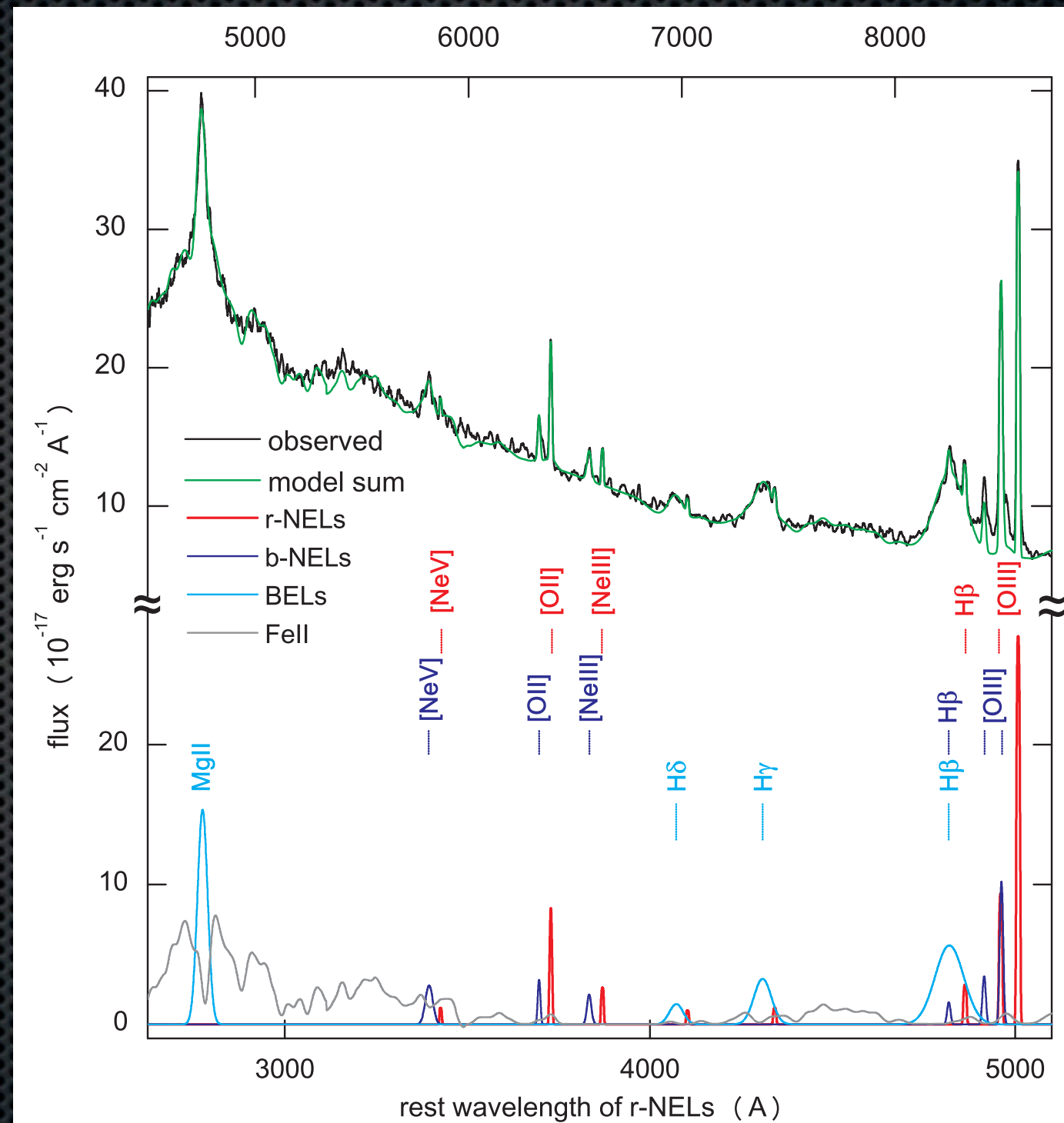
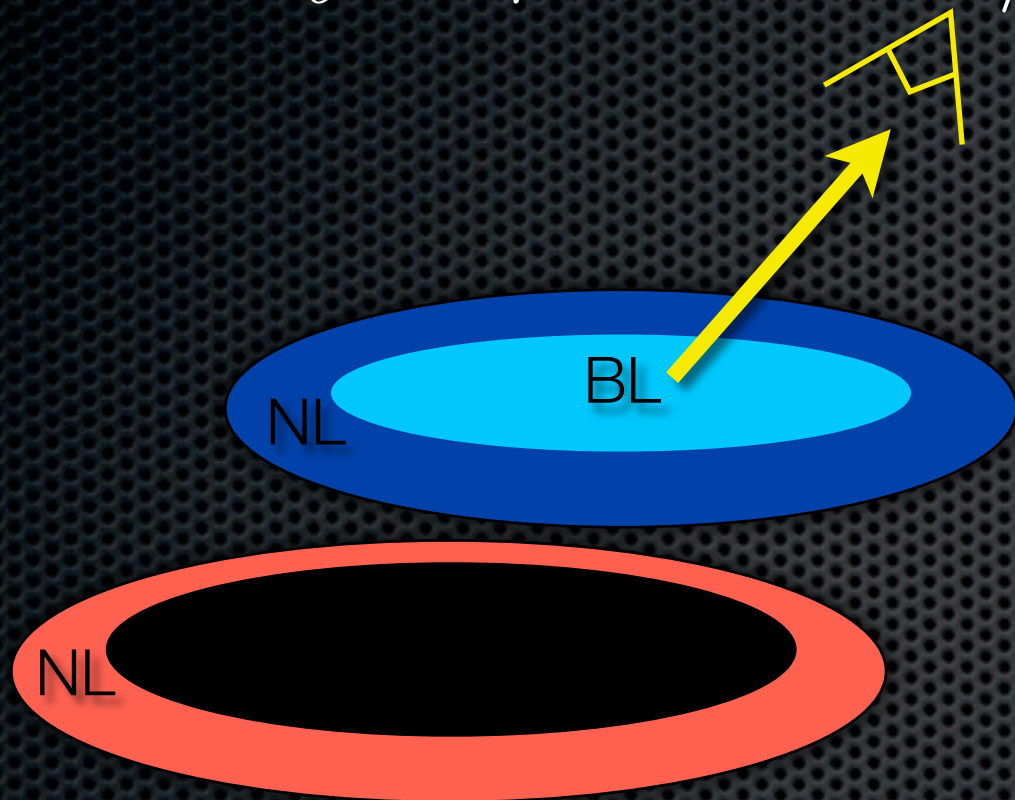


# Recoiled SBH? SDSS J0927+2943

Komossa, Zhou, Lu (2008)

$$z = 0.713 \quad r_{\text{BL}} \sim 0.1 \text{ pc}$$

$$v_b - v_r = 2650 \text{ km/s}$$



Other Explanations:

Heckman et al 2009, Shields et al. 2009,  
Bogdanovic et al. 2009, Dotti et al. 2009

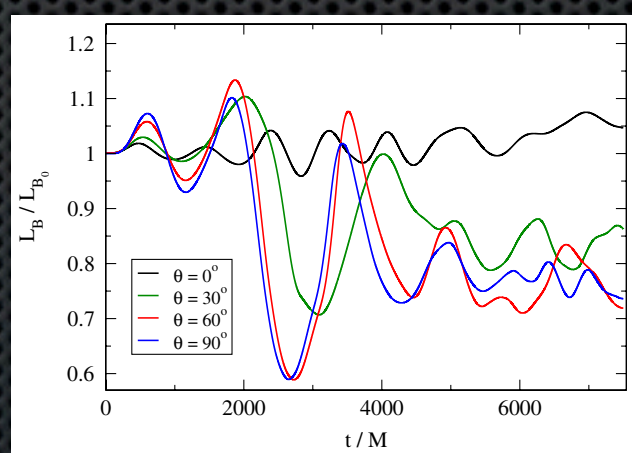
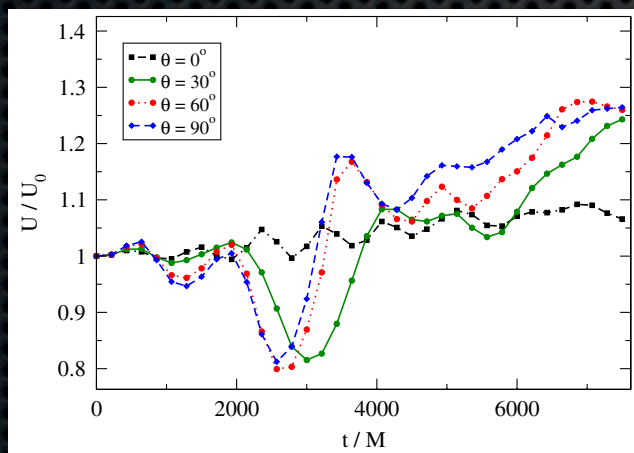
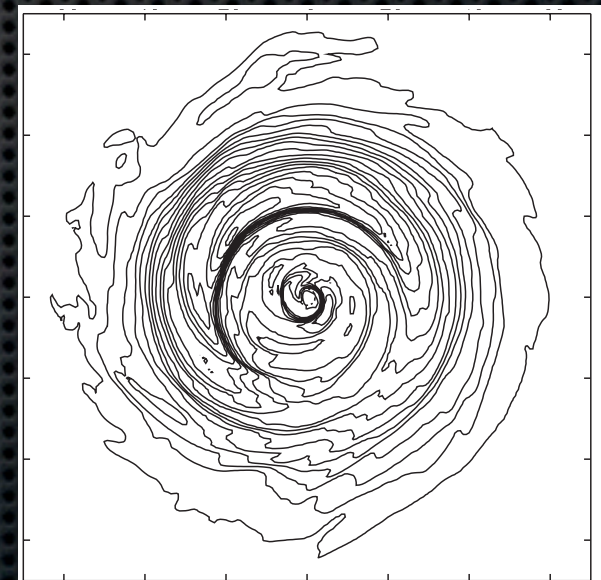
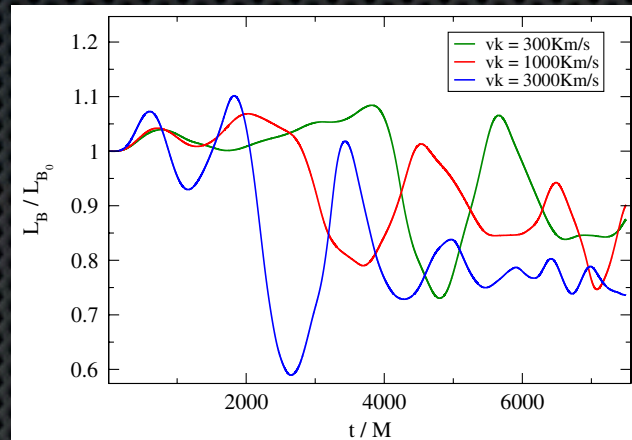
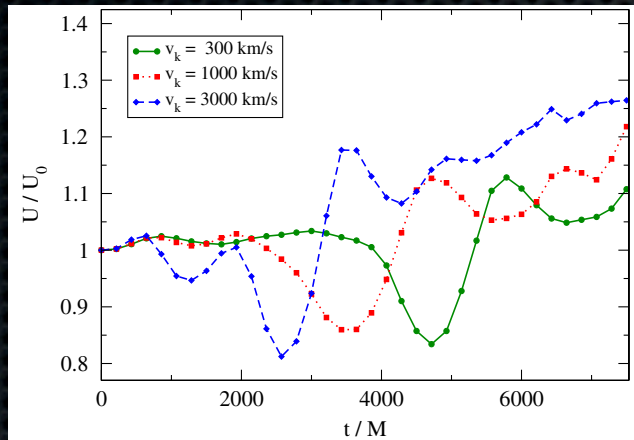
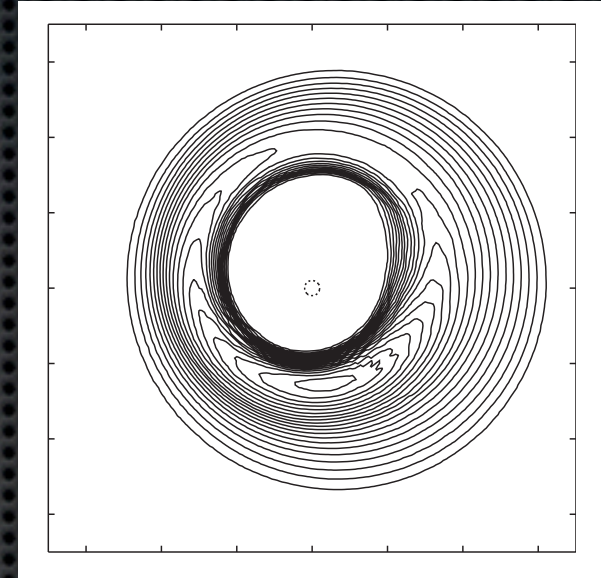
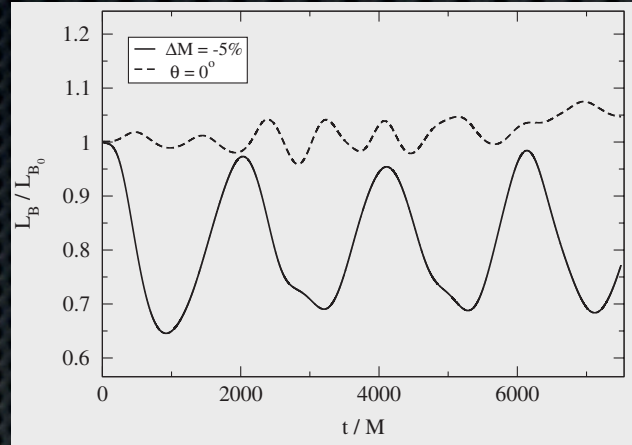
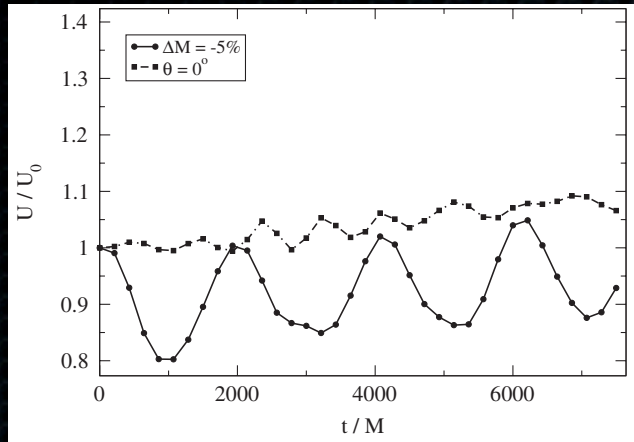
Another Similar Candidate:

SDSS J105041.35+345631.3 (Shields et al. 2009)

$$v_{\text{BL}} - v_{\text{NL}} = 3500 \text{ km/s}$$



# Megevand et al 2009 Kicked Thick Disk (near BH)



- GR Hydro (not self-gravitating)
- Mass Loss and Kicks
- Conservative Hydro



$$t/M = 0$$

