

Disks around Kicked Black Holes

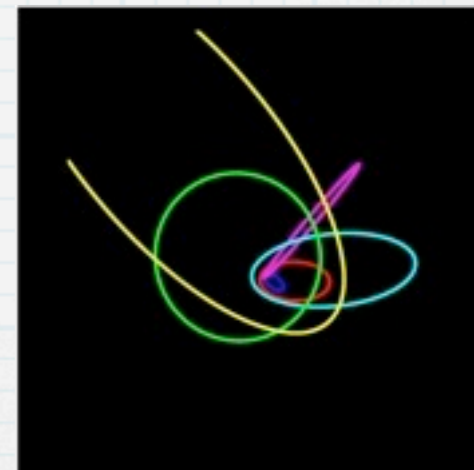
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Disks in Astrophysics

- * Disks are a ubiquitous phenomena in astrophysics since angular momentum is conserved
- * Food for AGNs when accreted onto SMBH
- * Milky Way: 3-4 million M_{\odot} SMBH
- * No AGN
- * Stars, Gas, Dust, etc. - Nature of the disk somewhat uncertain



Top: Gualandris (RIT);
Bottom: NASA



Disks in relativity

- * Near a BH, the ISCO acts as a sink for mass
- * Shakura and Sunyaev - assume shear stress proportional to pressure, find complete solution in terms of alpha
- * Close Binary BHs: Much more complicated...
- * Disk-Disk interactions
- * Spiral waves in circumbinary disks

Colpi et al. 2009



Timescales for merging BHs

- * Once the radiation reaction timescale \ll disk inflow timescale, BHs decouple from the disk - $R \approx 10^3 M_{\text{BH}}$
(Schnittman & Krolik 2008)
- * This leaves the remaining circumbinary disk in a (post-)Newtonian regime
- * After a merger/kick, the inner regions of the disk remain bound, and the outer parts unbound

A digression on Newtonian units

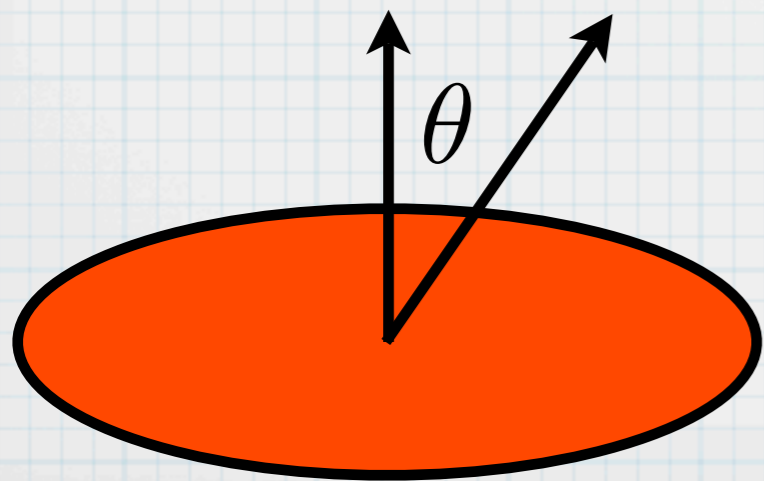
- * $G=1$. G always equals 1.
- * The natural velocity scale is the kick velocity, not c ...

$$\hat{R} \equiv \frac{GM_{\text{BH}}}{v_k^2} \approx 5.3 \times 10^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{v_k}{1000 \text{ km/s}} \right)^{-2} \text{ km} \approx 3500 \text{ AU} \approx 0.02 \text{ pc}$$

- * There is no inherent relation between the disk mass and the BH mass

A kicked BH disk model

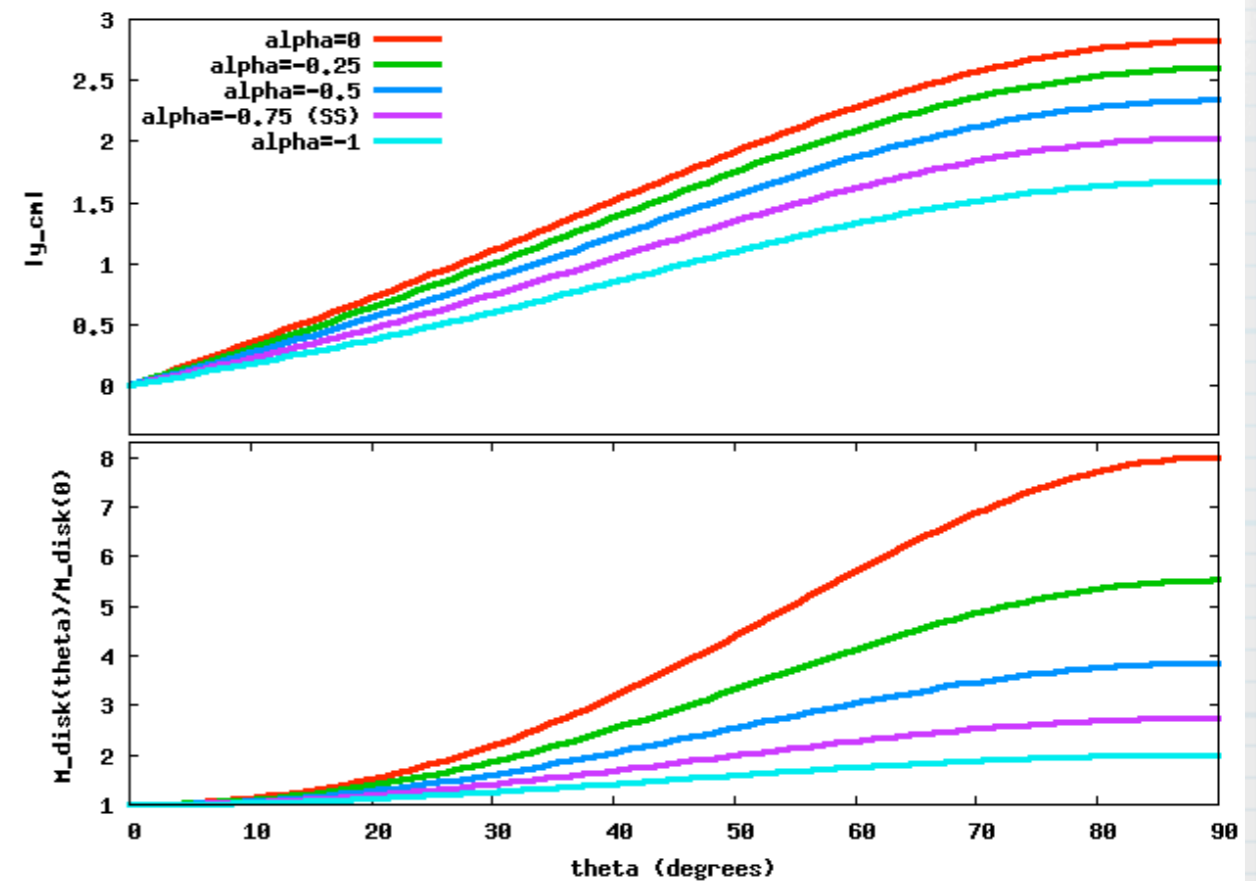
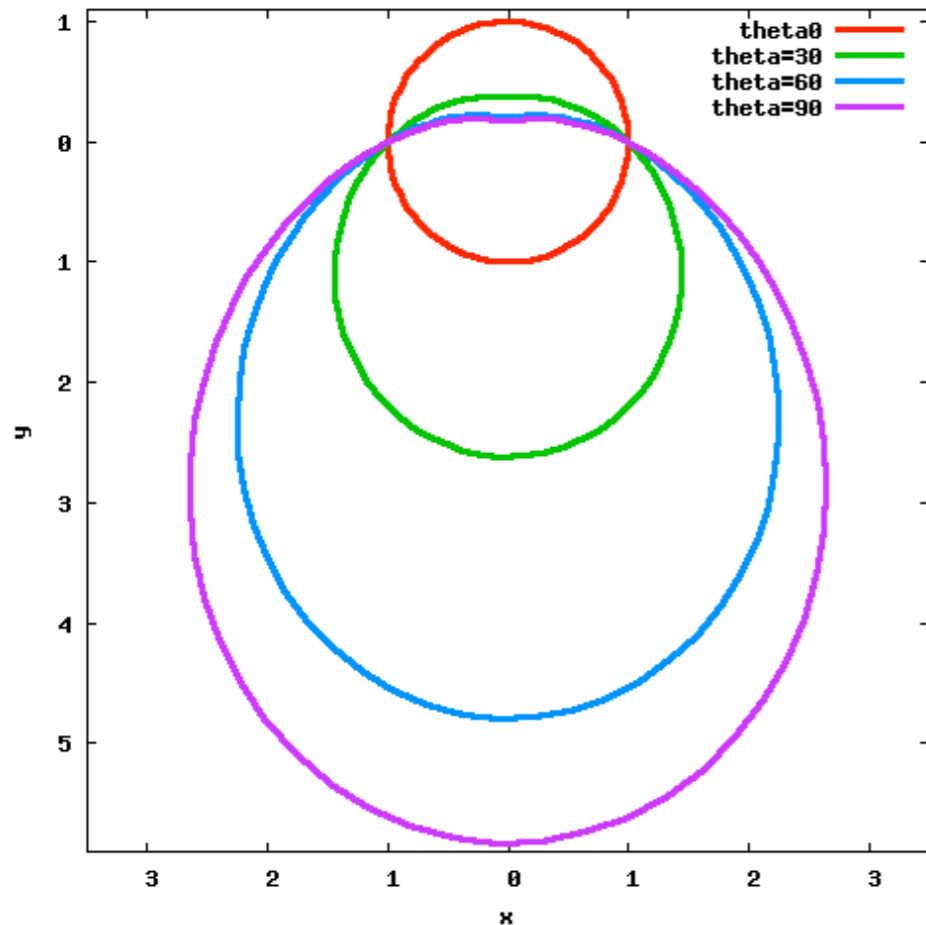
- * Disk initially in the x-y plane, L in the +z direction
- * Kick in the x-z plane, at an angle of θ from the vertical
- * Assume Keplerian or quasi-Keplerian rotation



$$v_b(\phi) = \sin \theta \sin \phi + \sqrt{1.0 + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}$$
$$r_b(\phi) = v_b(\phi)^{-2}$$

The kick angle

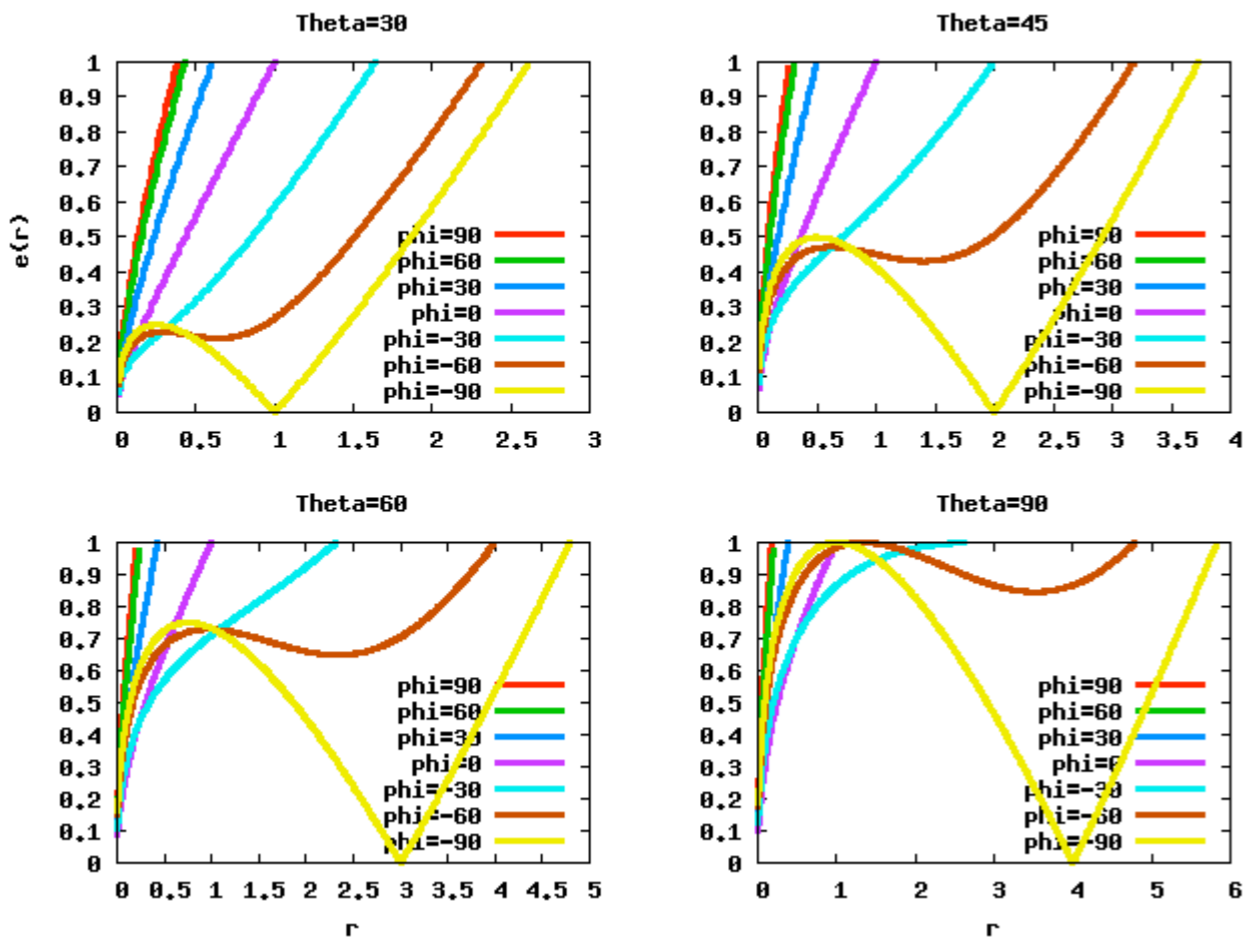
- * The kick angle θ determines the bound portion of a Keplerian disk, in units of \hat{R}
- * Disk masses can be determined if we assume $\sigma(r) \propto r^\alpha$



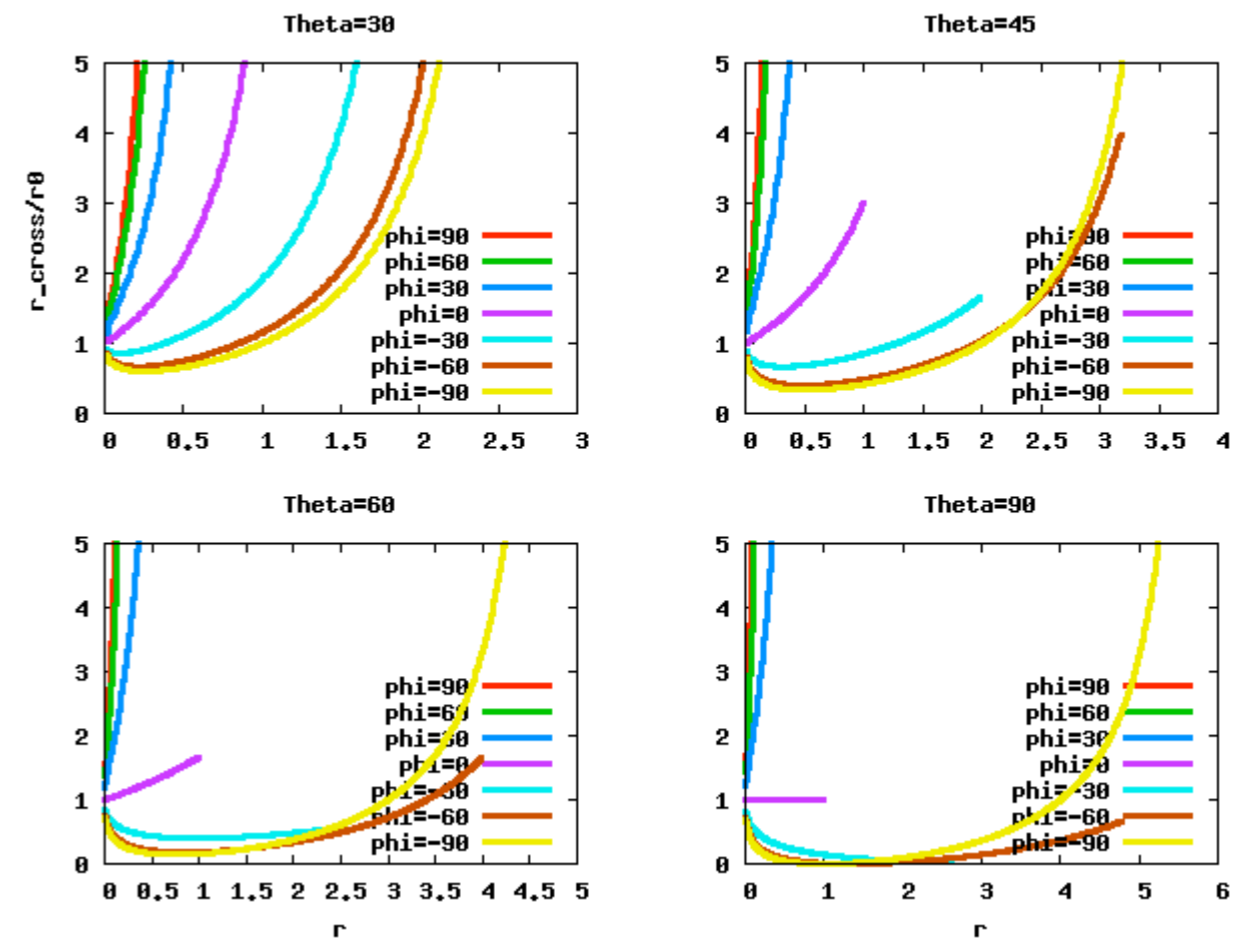
Collisionless disks

- * Shields, Bonning et al. (2008) considered quasi-collisionless disks around kicked BHs
- * All particle orbits are independent 2-body problems

Eccentricity vs radius

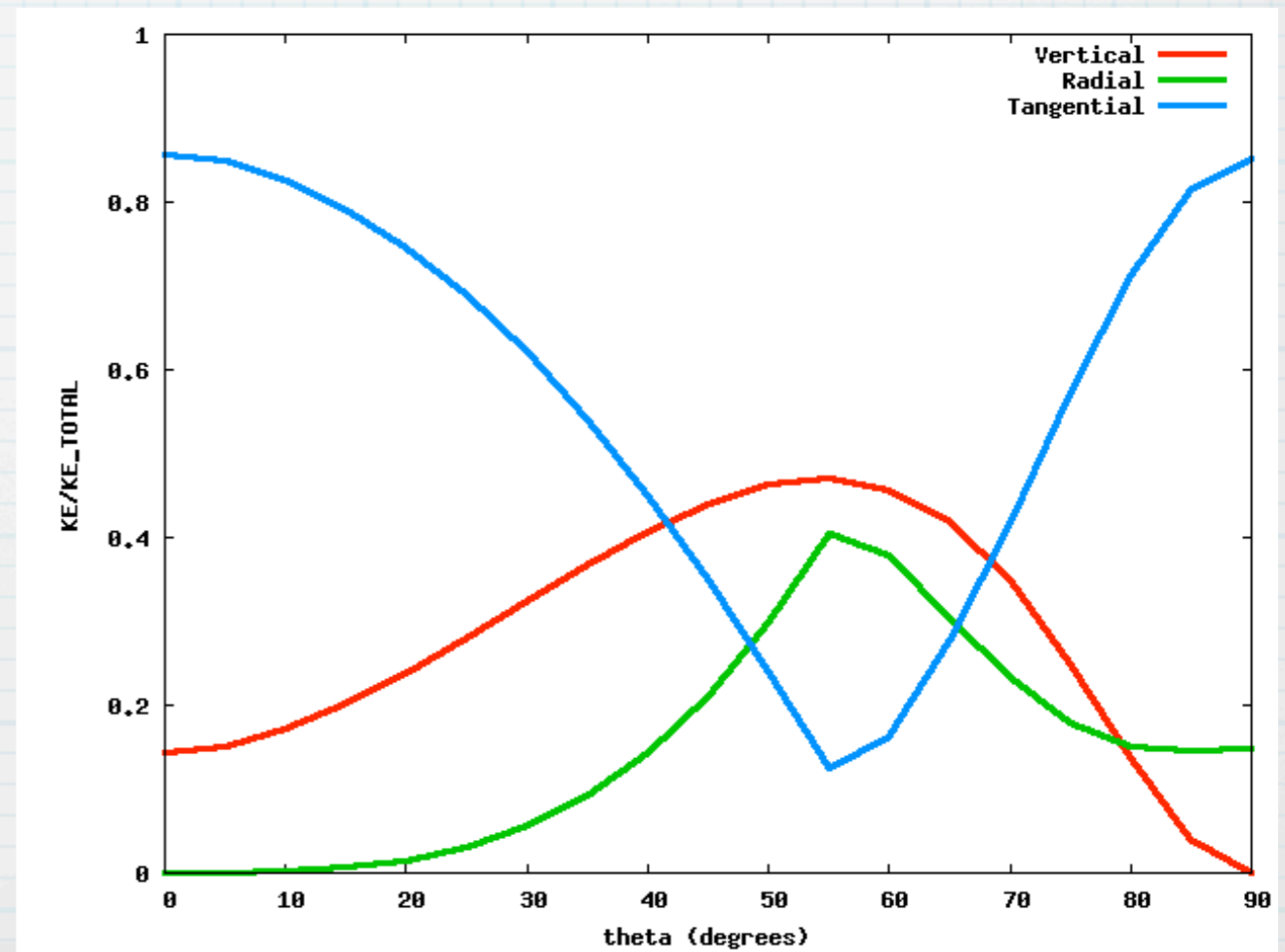
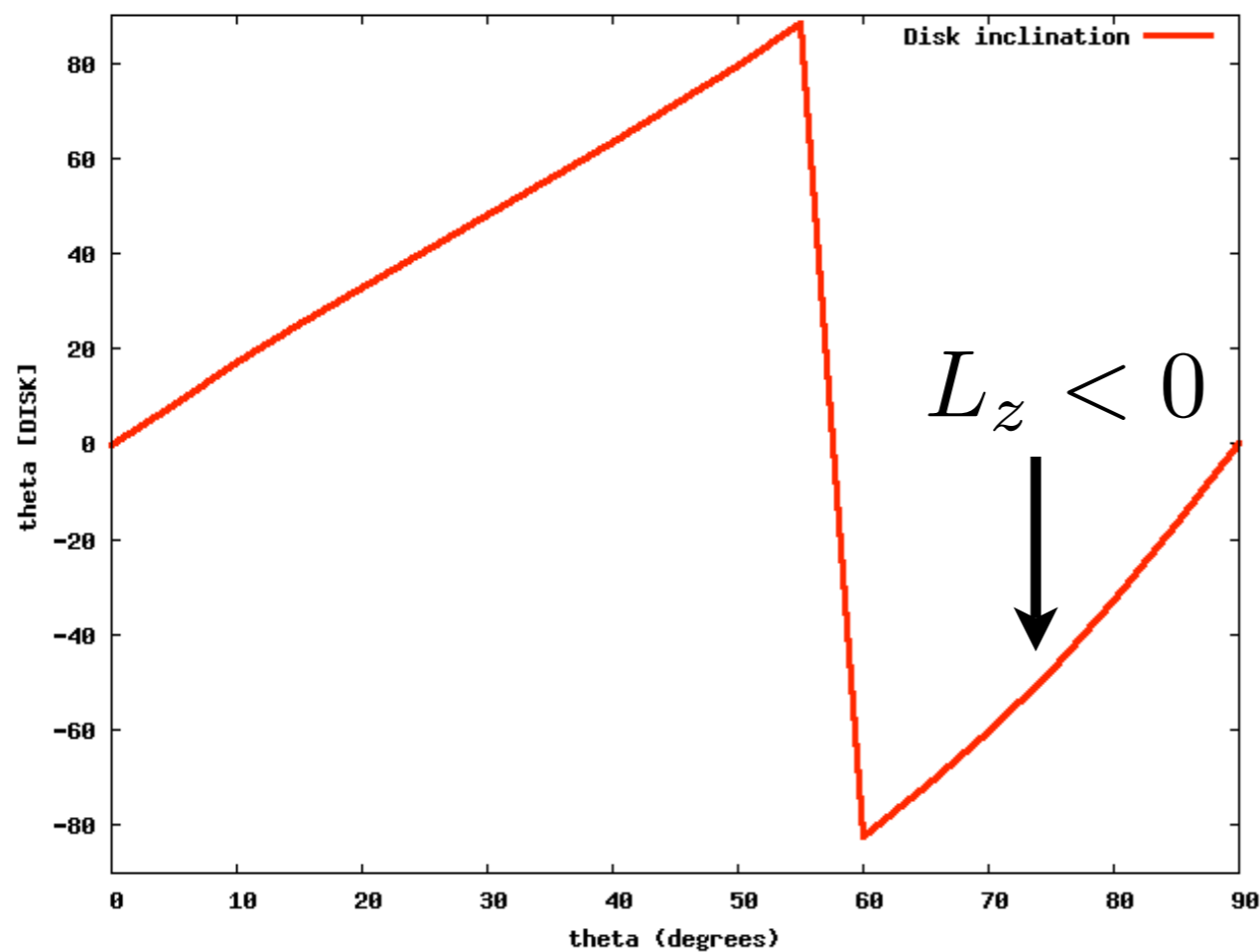


“Crossing radius” vs initial radius



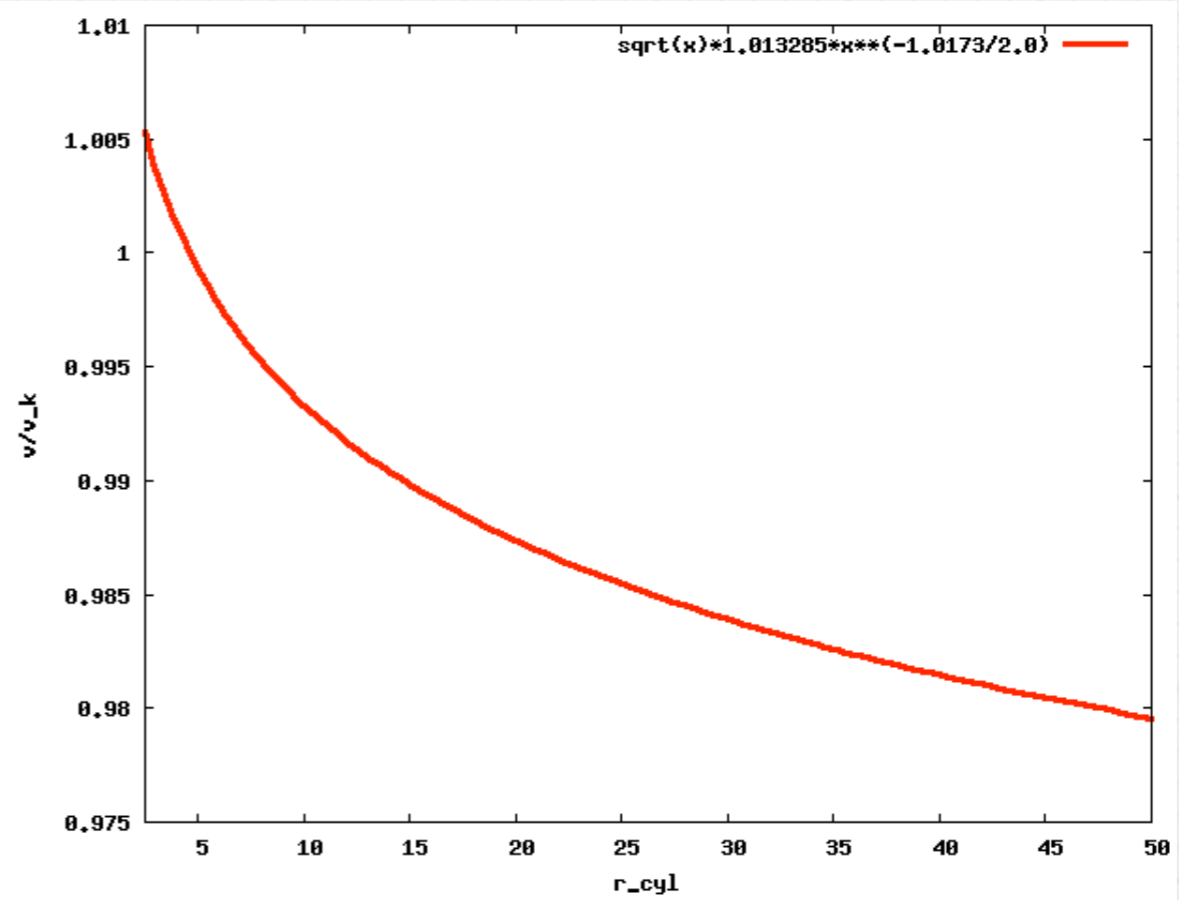
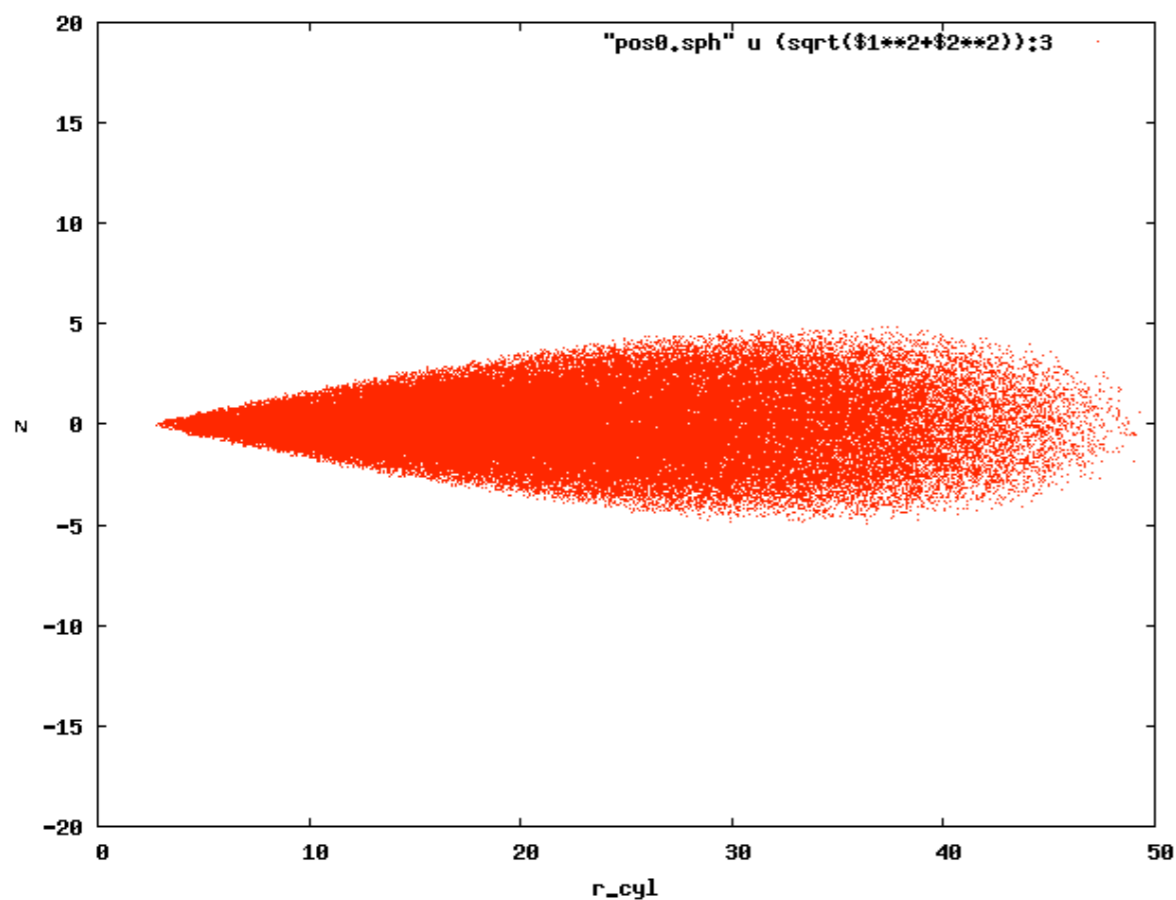
Global features of the disk

- * Disk inclination angle differs from kick angle - reversal of direction for $\theta \gtrsim 60^\circ$
- * Significant kinetic energy in vertical direction will be dissipated

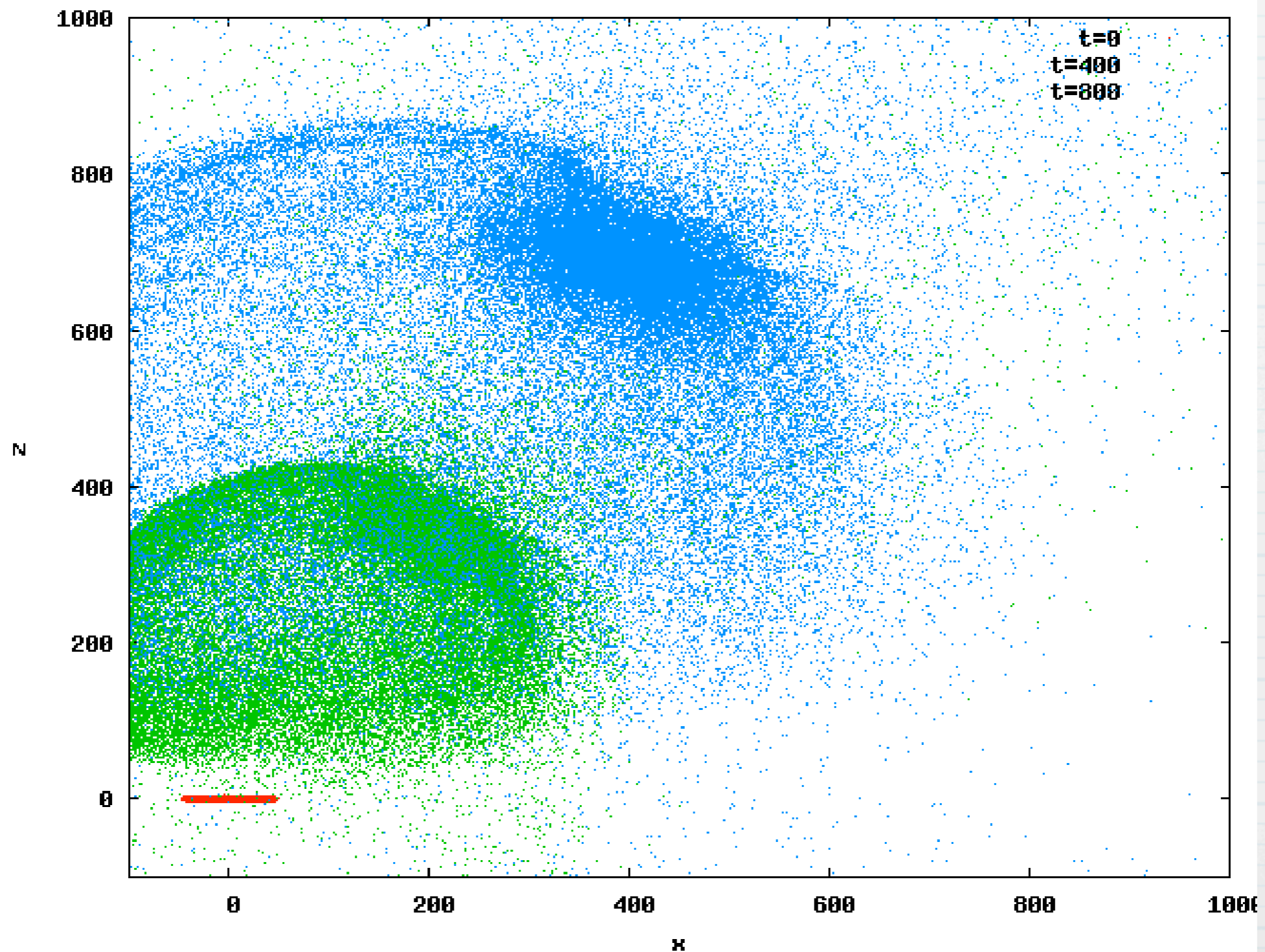


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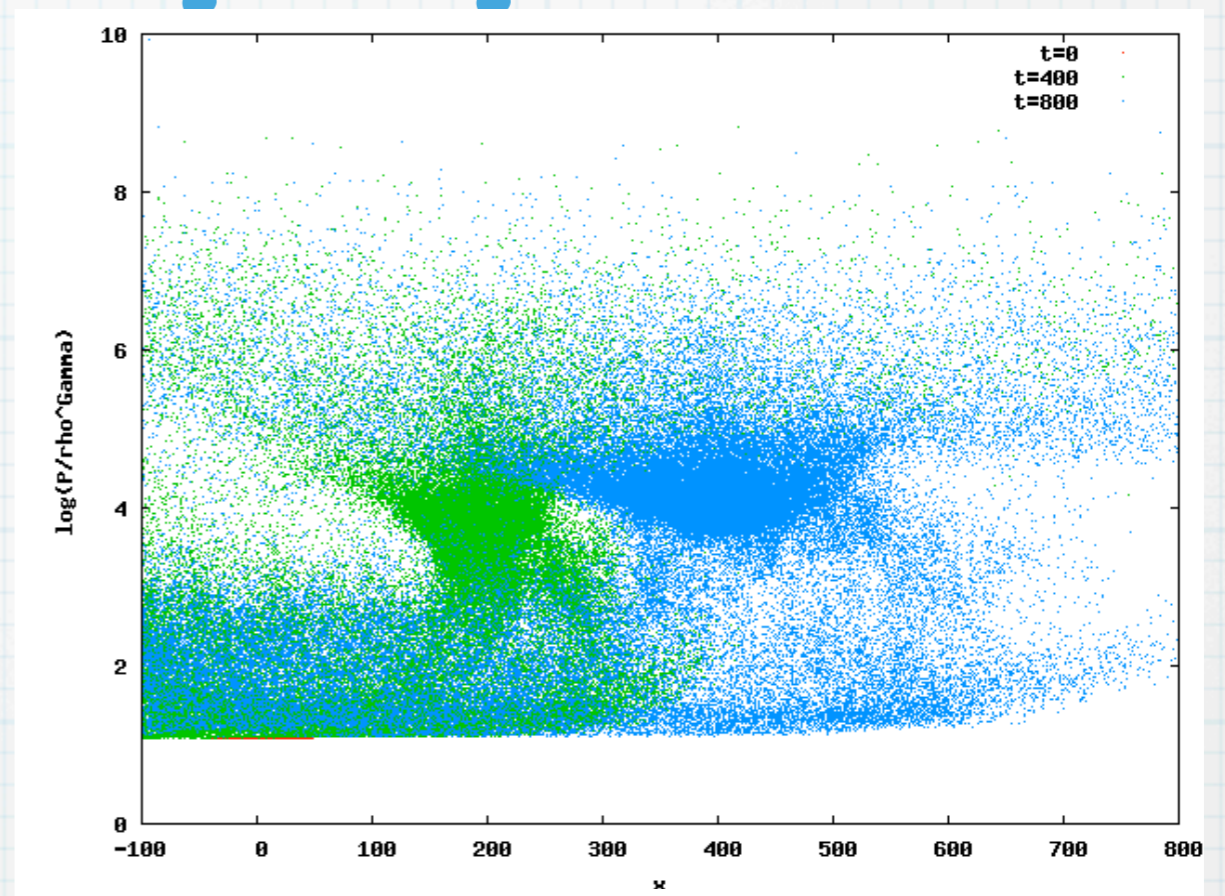
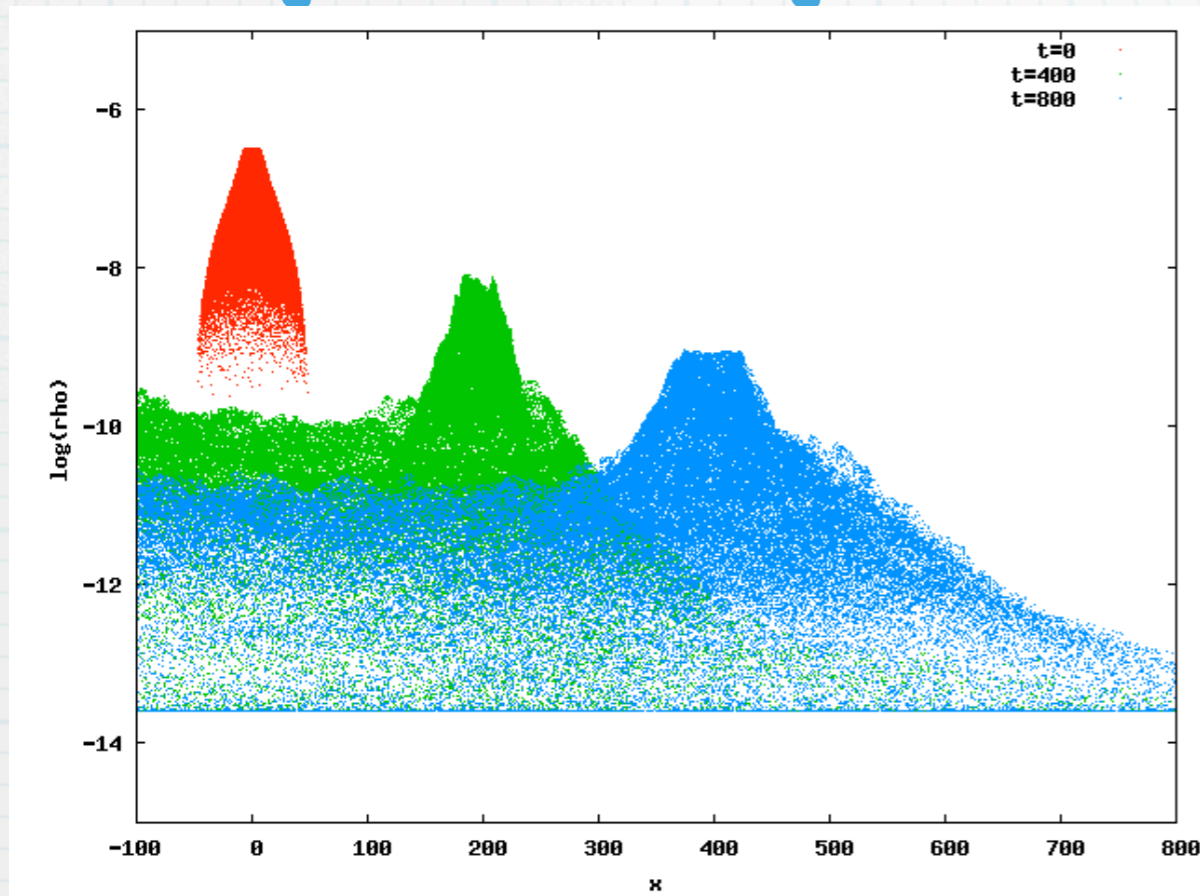
- * Newtonian SPH can track the disk evolution without recourse to moving grids
- * Heating via artificial viscosity-induced shocking
- * Self-gravity of the disk is ignored



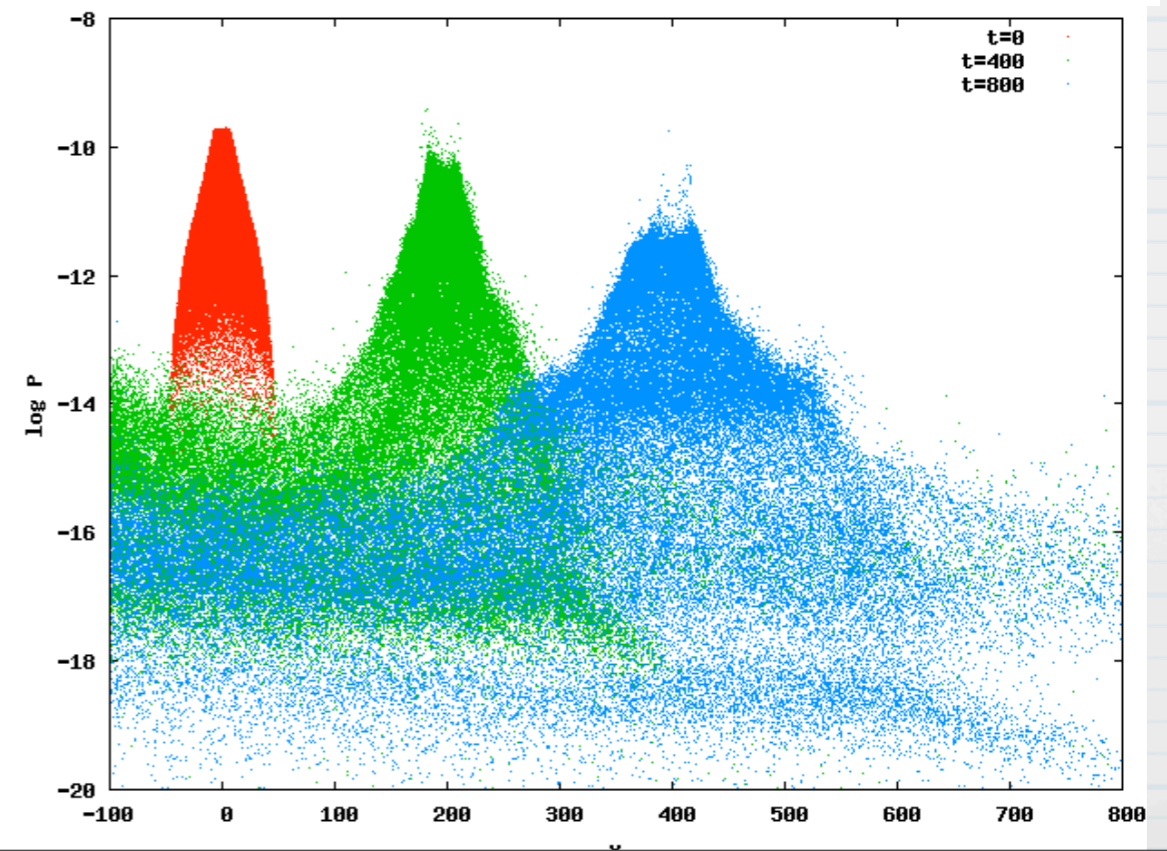
Evolution of a Kicked BH disk



Hydrodynamic properties



Top Left: $\log_{10} \rho$
Top Right: $\log_{10}(P/\rho^\Gamma)$
Bottom: $\log_{10} P$



Future Work

- * **Nearly everything...**