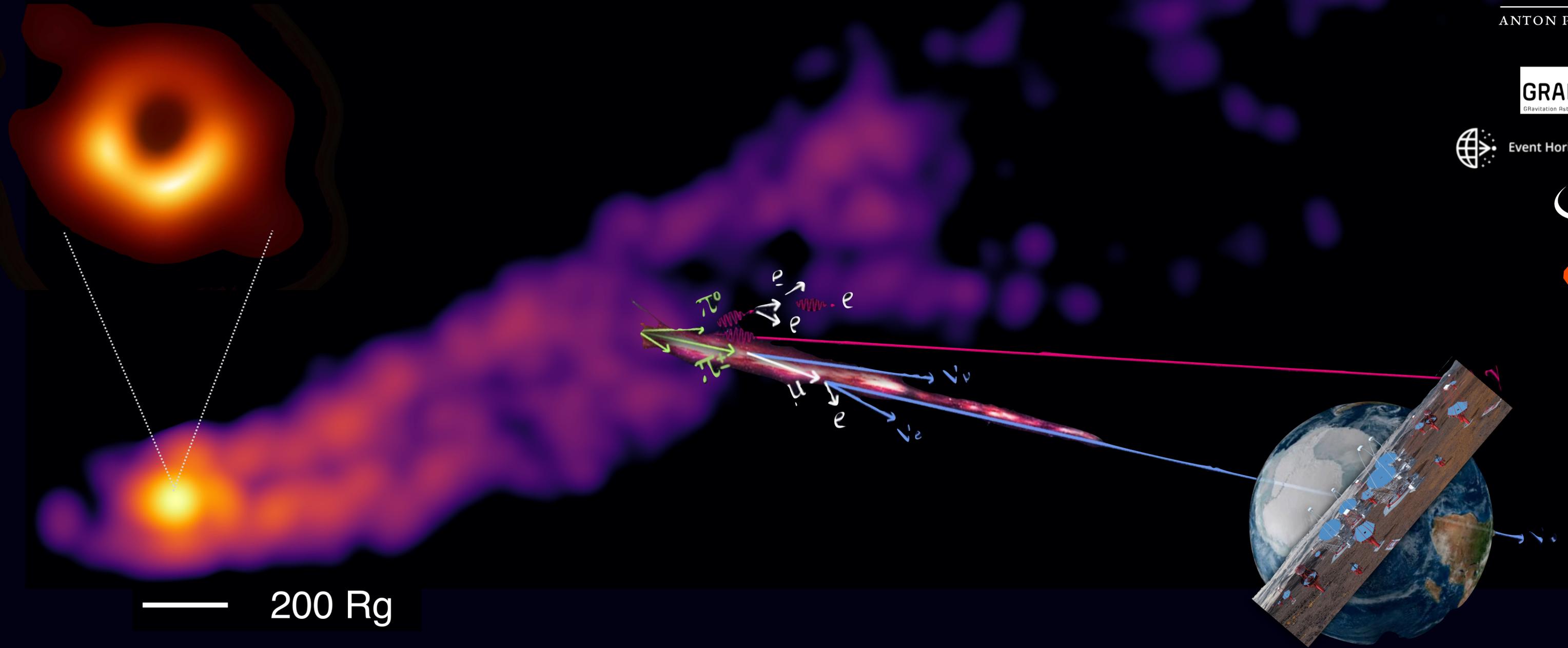


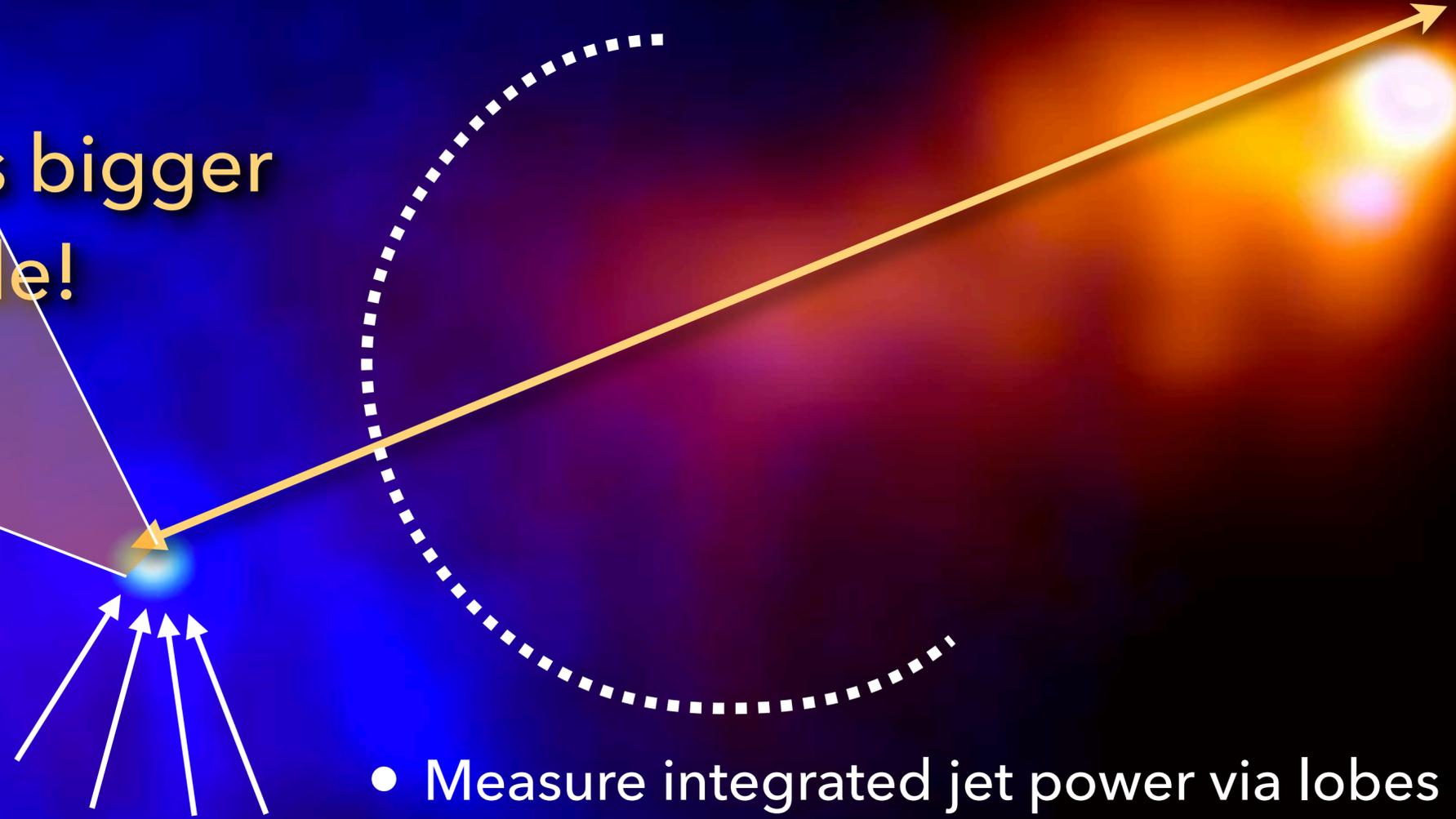
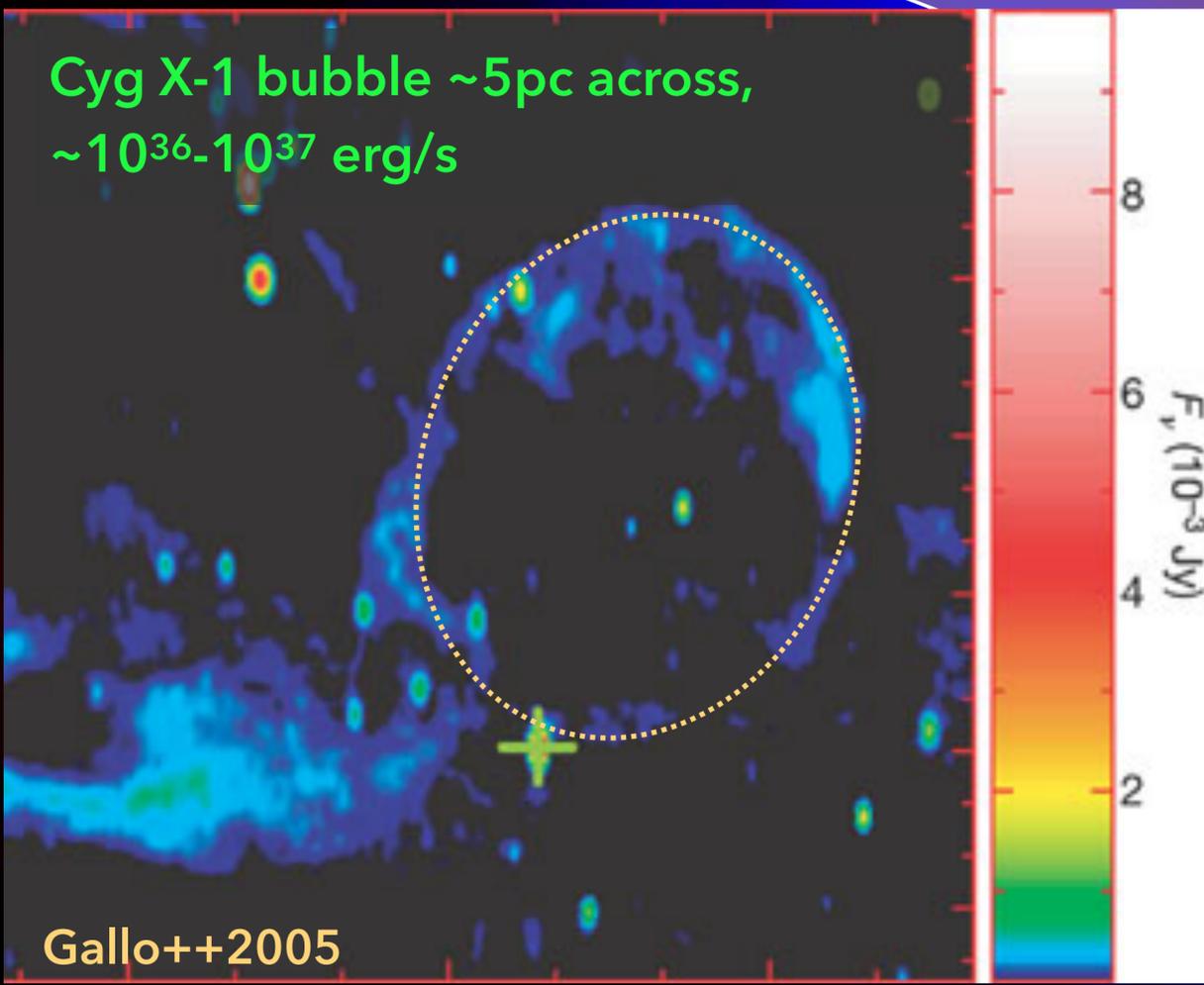
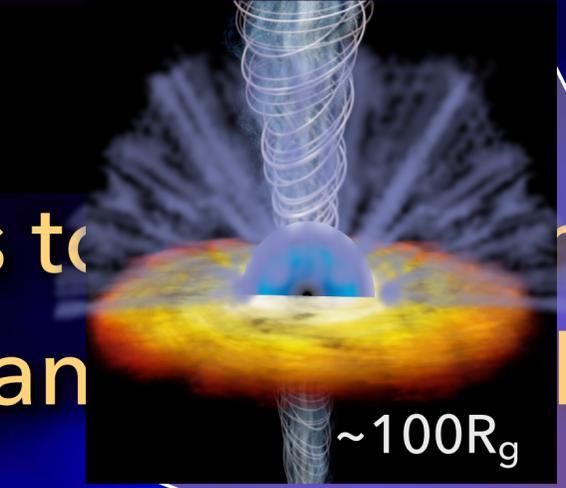
# Black holes: new perspectives (in the EHT+MM era)



Sera Markoff (U Amsterdam) + EHT/ngEHT Collaborations & EHT MWL WG + CTAC + several current/former members of the 'jetsetters' group @ U Amsterdam (K. Chatterjee, R. Duncan, D. v.Eijnatten, C. Hesp, D. Kantzas, M. Liska, M. Lucchini, W. Mulaudzi, G. Musoke, S. Praharaj, R. Roy, L.S. Salas, D.-S. Yoon) + J. Davelaar, S. Phillipov, B. Ripperda, S. Tchekhovskoy, Z. Younsi

# How do black holes grow, and release and transport energy to the largest scales?

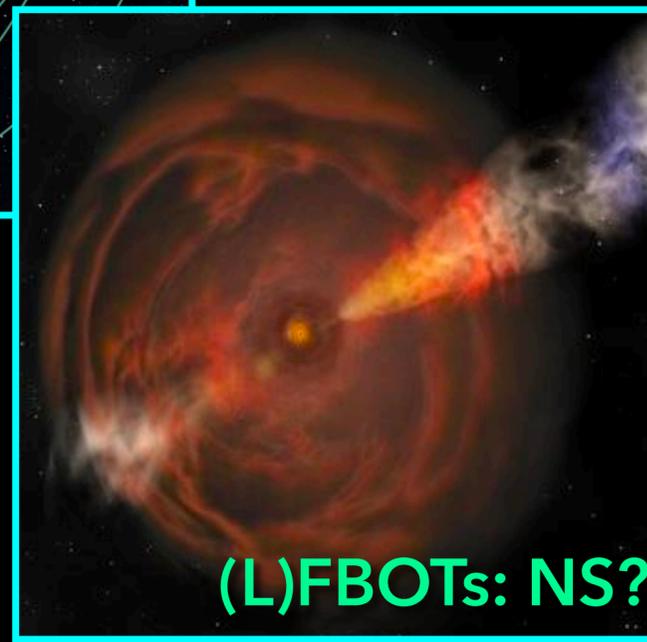
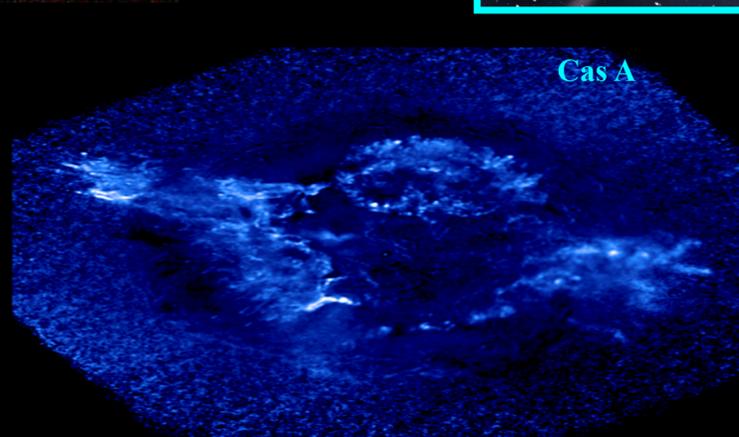
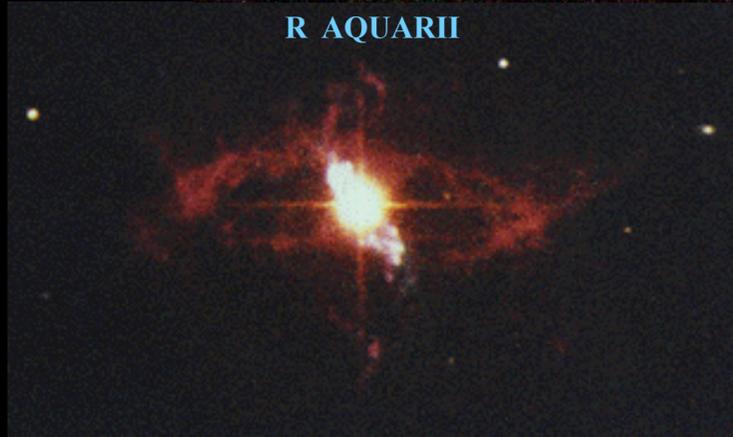
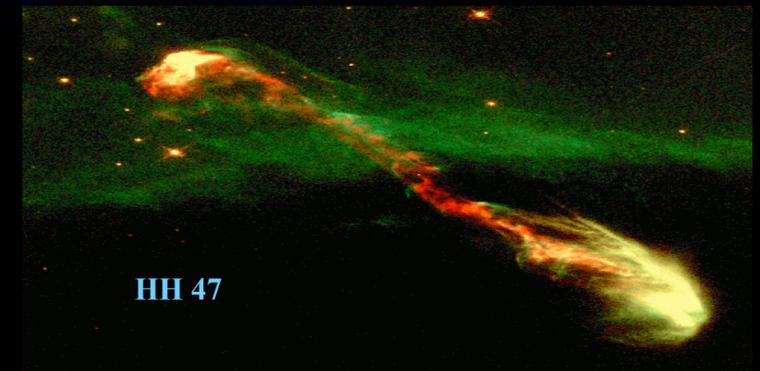
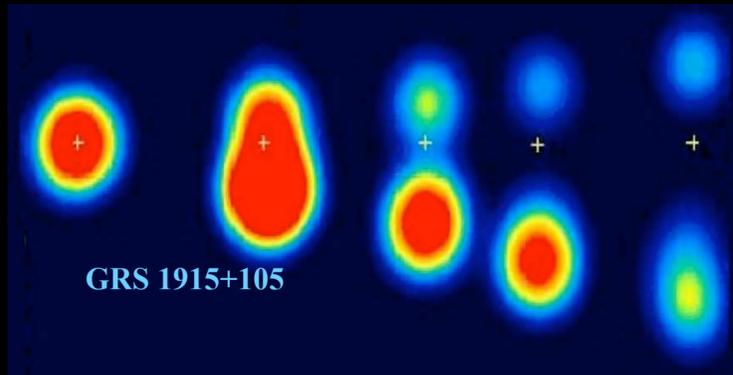
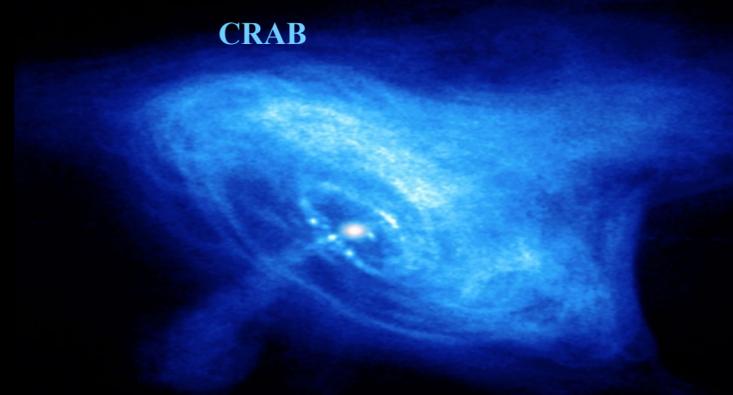
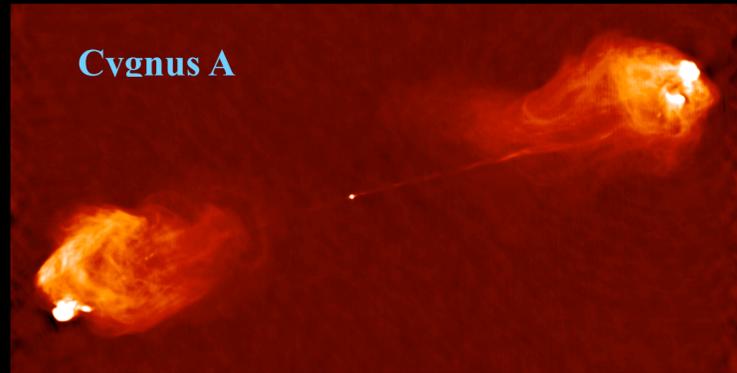
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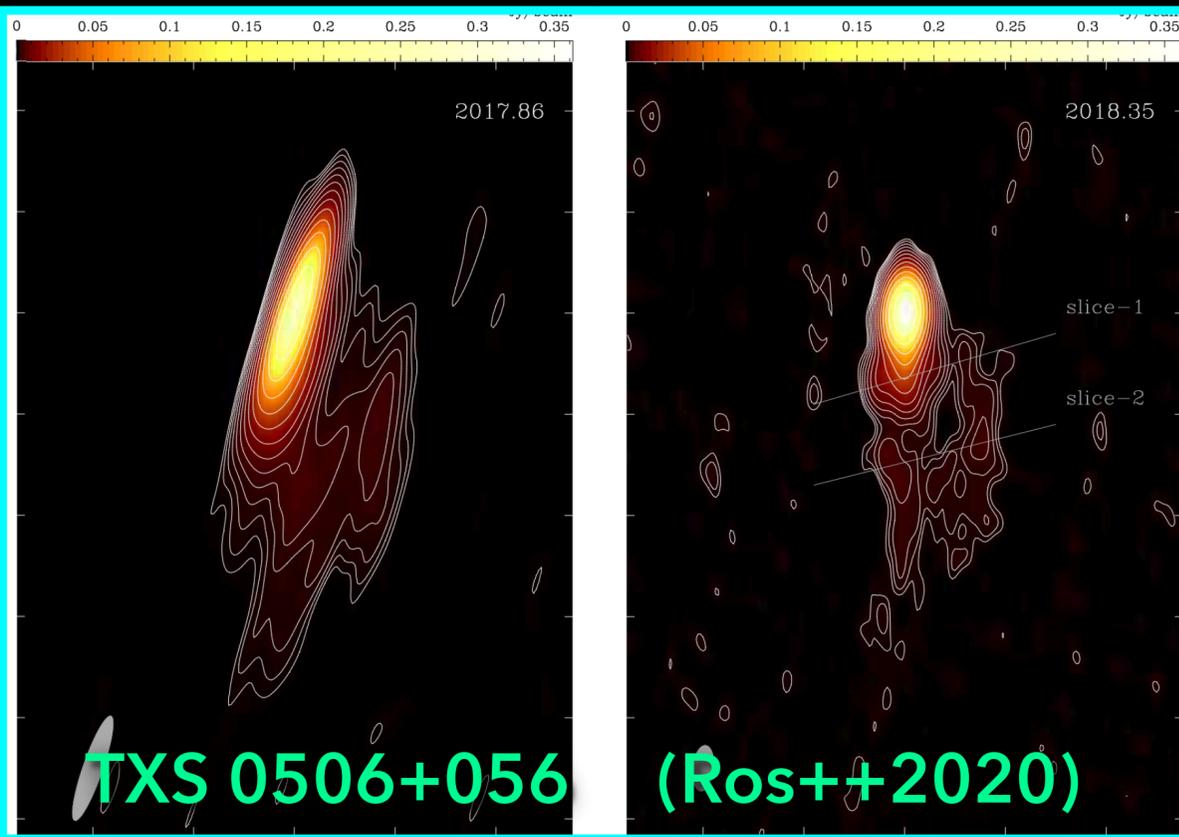
- Measure integrated jet power via lobes
- Feeding conditions? Duty Cycle?
- Inner accretion geometry?
- Black hole spin  $\Rightarrow$  jet power?
- Jet composition/hadrons?
- Dynamics  $\Rightarrow$  heat/accel  $\Rightarrow$  light/particles?
- Relevant for stellar compact objects!

(Combined LOFAR radio + Chandra Xray image of Cyg A; Wise & McKean)

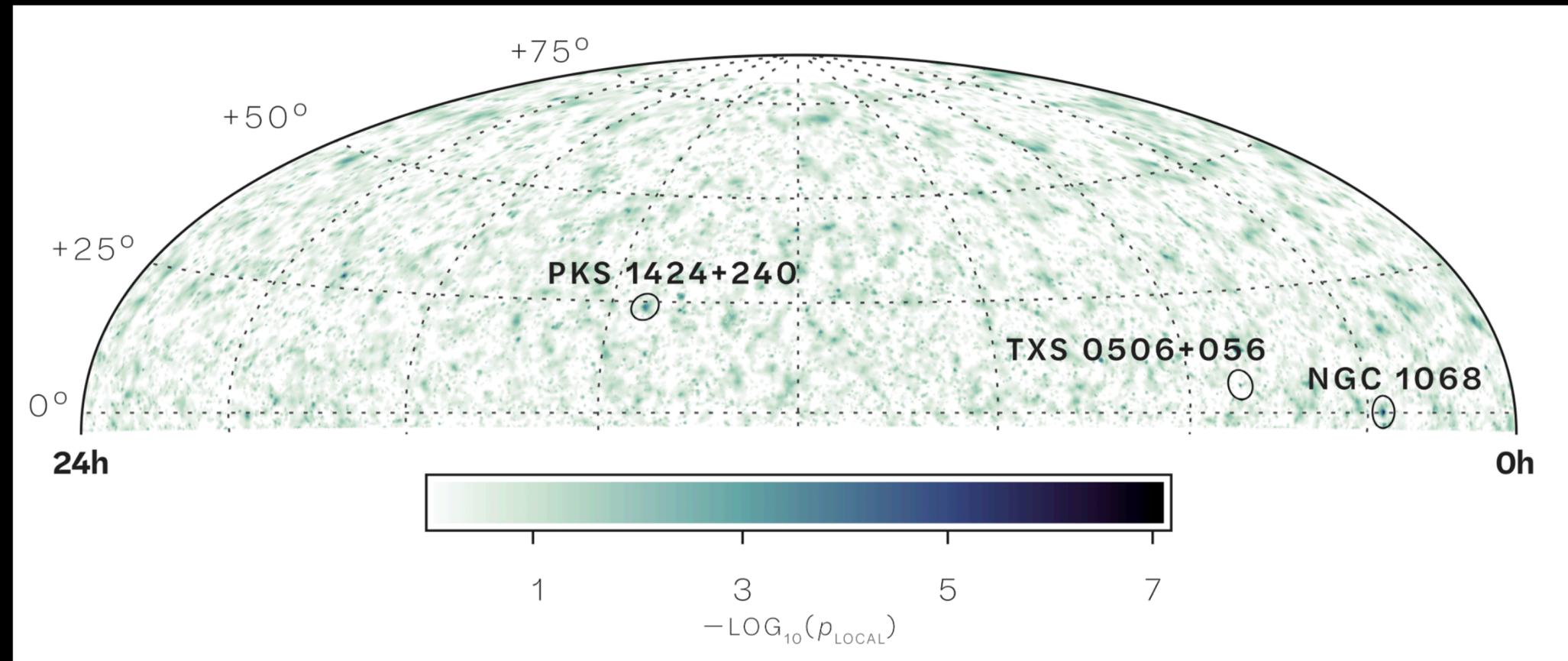
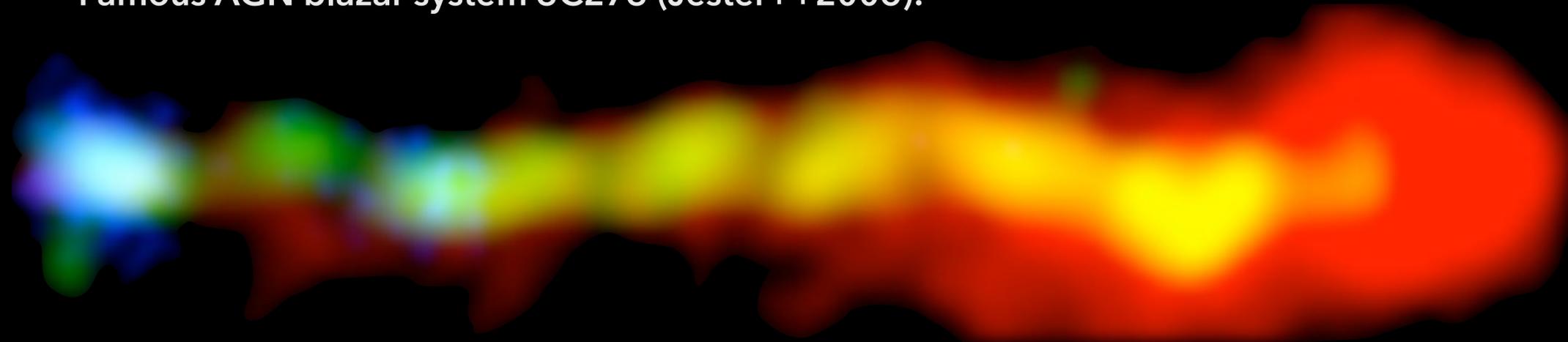
# Physics of gravity-powered phenomena seems to be universal



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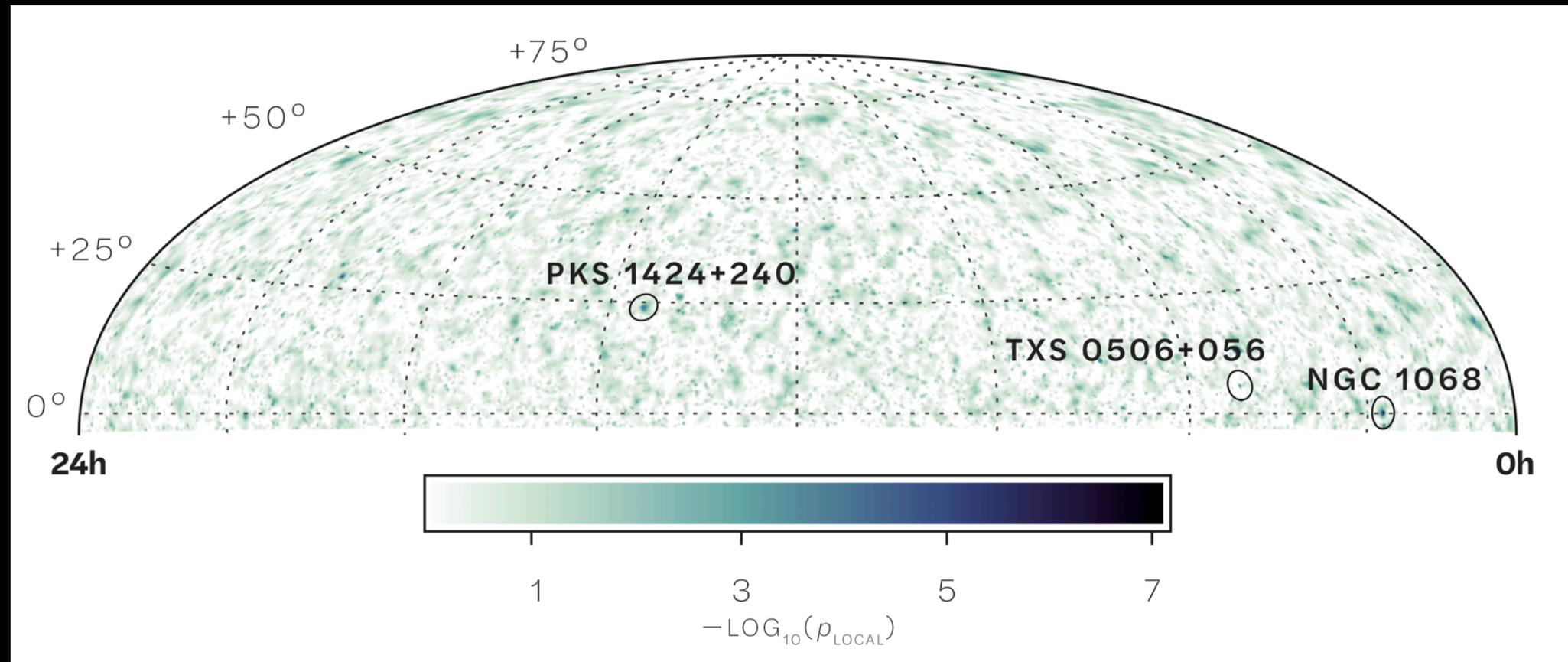
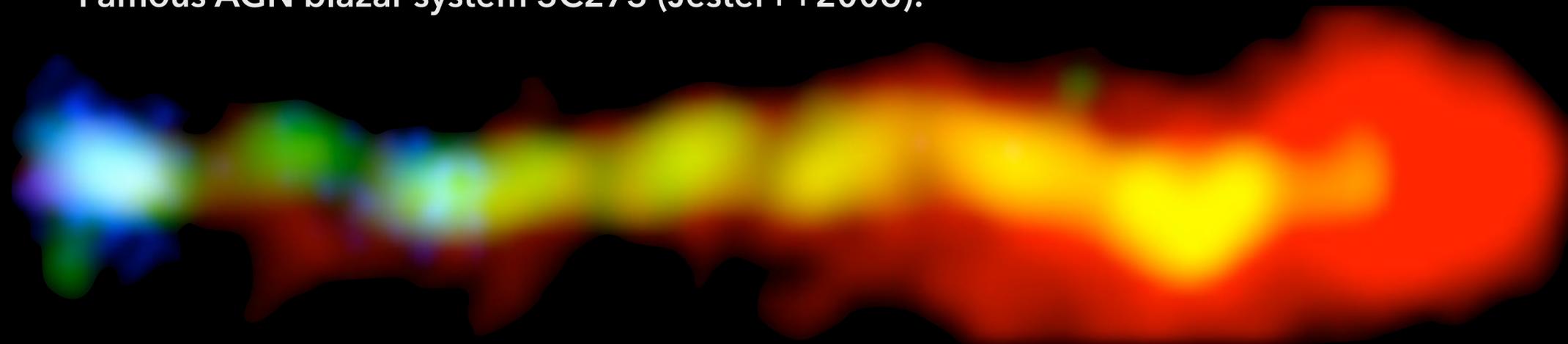


**NGC 1068 = Seyfert II...?!**

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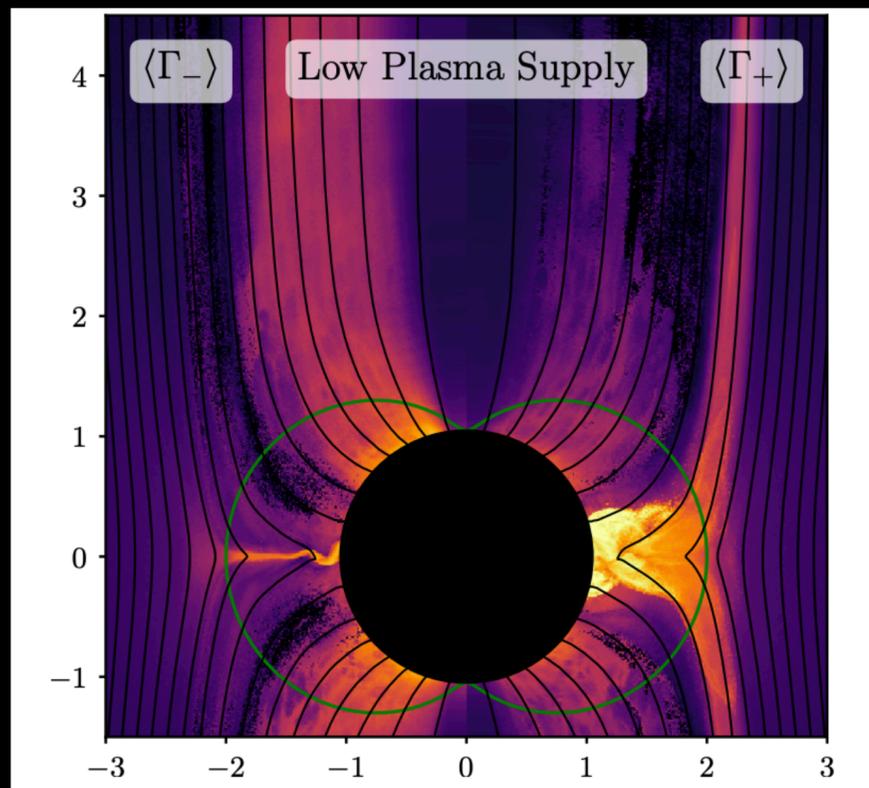


# Understanding = localising: particle acceleration and VHE $\gamma$ -rays

3C273 (Jester++2006), jet "colour" (wavelength) traces particle acceleration:

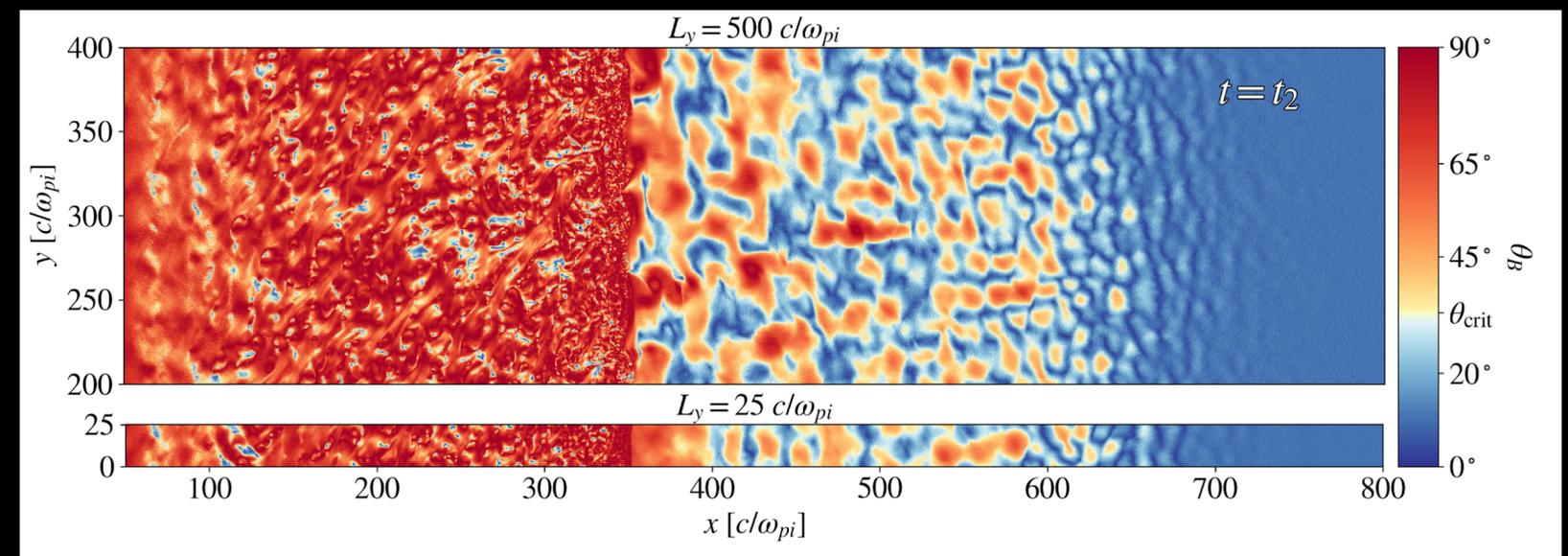
Blue: X-rays (Chandra), Green: Optical (HST), Yellow: Optical & Peak Radio, Red: Radio (VLA)

## Magnetospheres



e.g. Rieger & Mannheim 2000; Rieger & Aharonian 2008; ... Parfrey, Philippov & Cerutti 2019; Bransgrove, Ripperda & Philippov 2021; Hakobyan, Ripperda & Philippov 2023; + work by many others...

## Shocks/shear/turbulence (umbrella terms for many mechanisms)

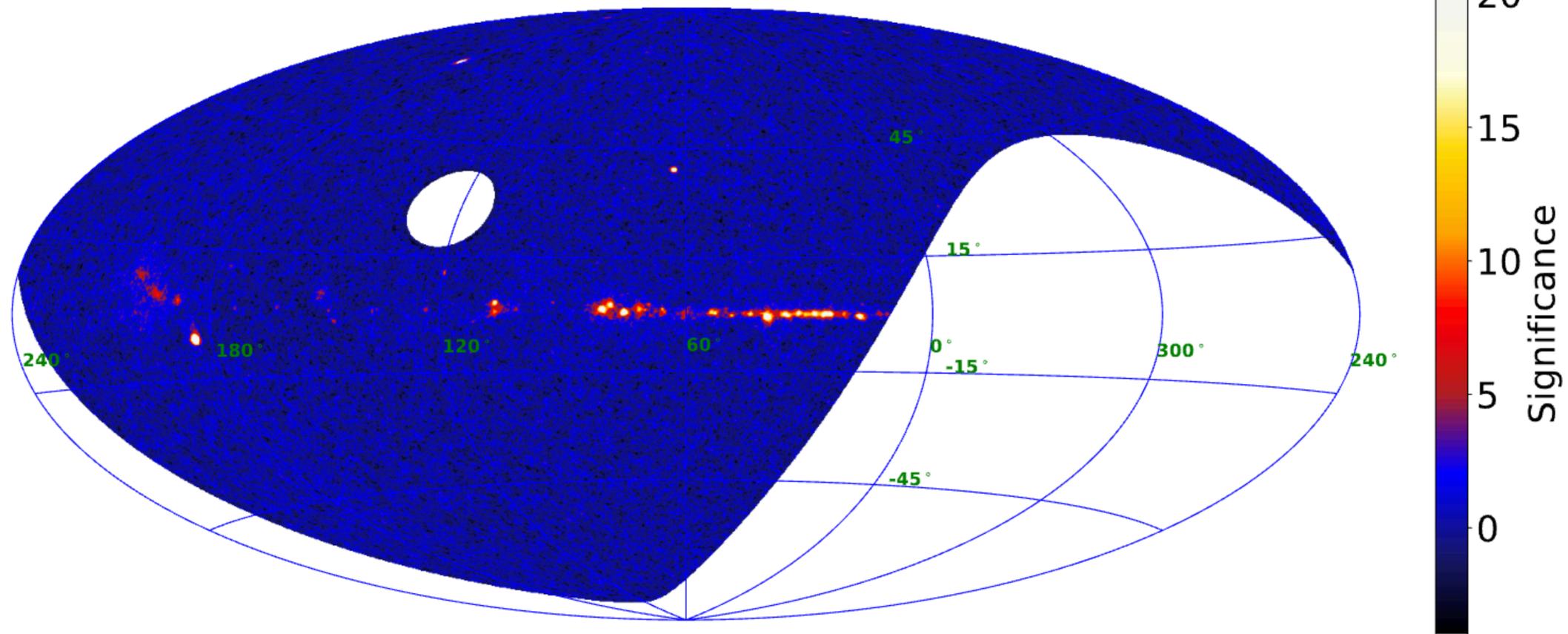


eg. Crumley++2019, Sironi++2021; and see numerical/semi-analytical work by eg, Aharonian; Bai; Bell; Böttcher; de Gouveia Dal Pino; Drury; Giannios; Jokipii; Kirk; Lazarian; Marscher; Oikonomou; Petropoulou; Reimer; Reville; Winter; ++ many many others...

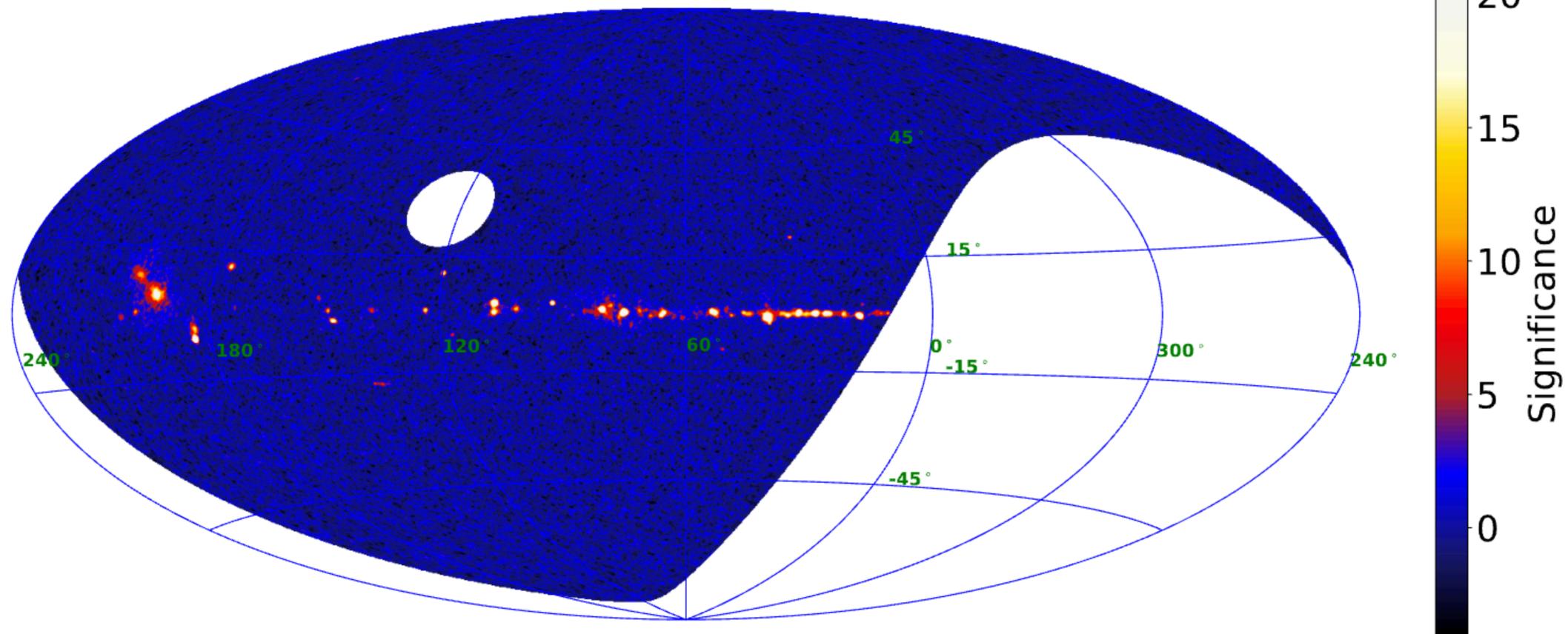
# LHAASO revolution!

- ▶ ~100 sources so far
- ▶ ~30% never seen by any other instrument!
- ▶ ~50% have  $E > 100$  TeV
- ▶ New class of  $>25$  TeV-only sources, weird bc of  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  opacity, you'd expect more at low energy!
- ▶ Milky Way is full of (non-ID'd) PeVatrons!

WCDA ( $1 \text{ TeV} < E < 25 \text{ TeV}$ ) Significance Map



KM2A ( $E > 25 \text{ TeV}$ ) Significance Map



0.8 - 2.5 TeV



2.5 - 10 TeV



> 10 TeV

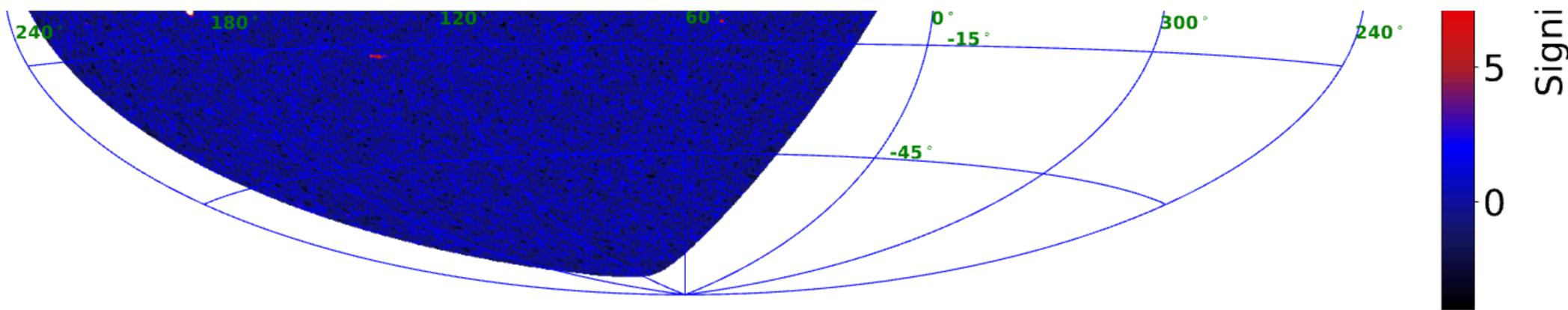


SS 433: Olivera-Nieto++ 2021, 2022;  
HESS Collaboration 2023

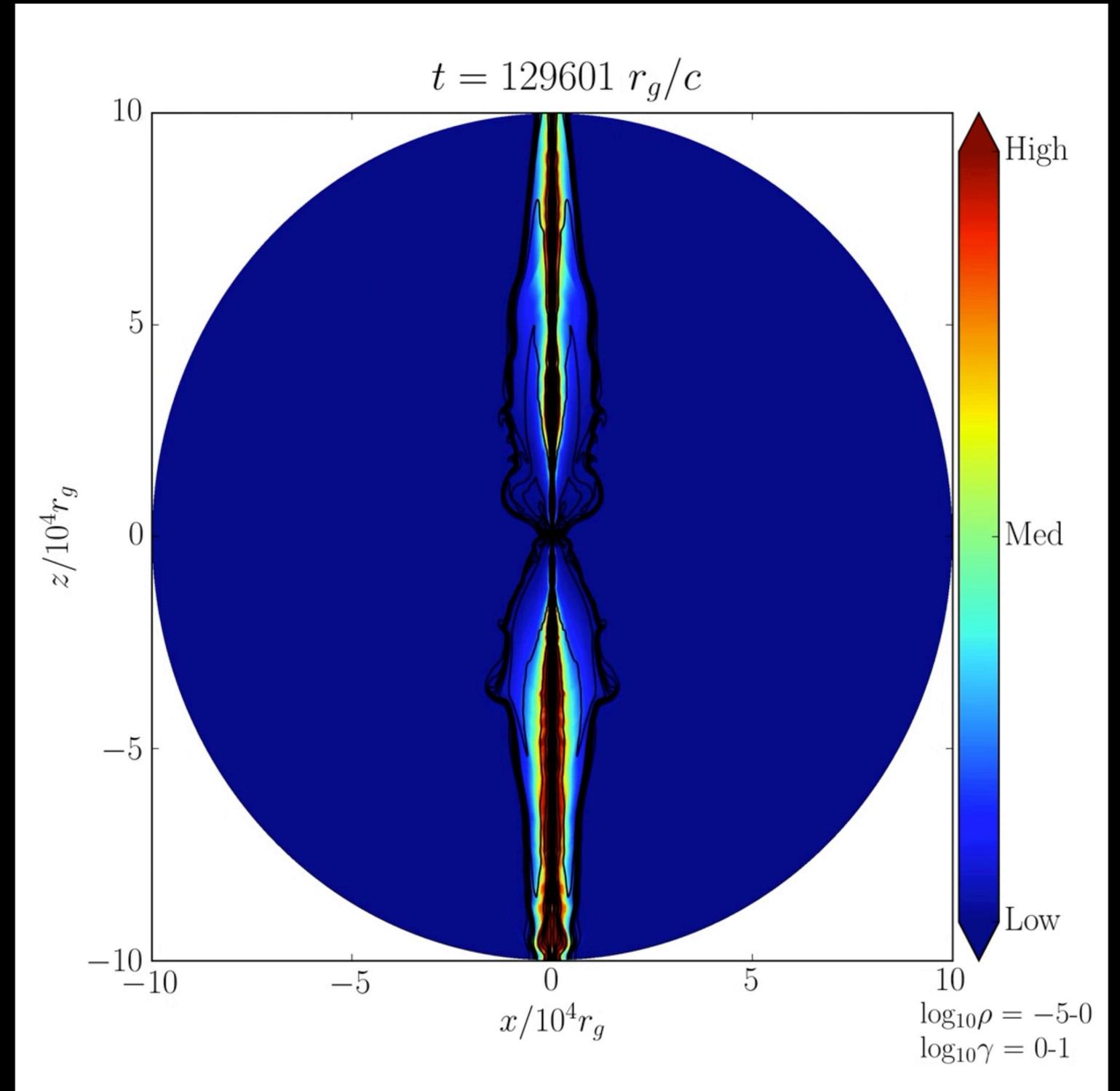
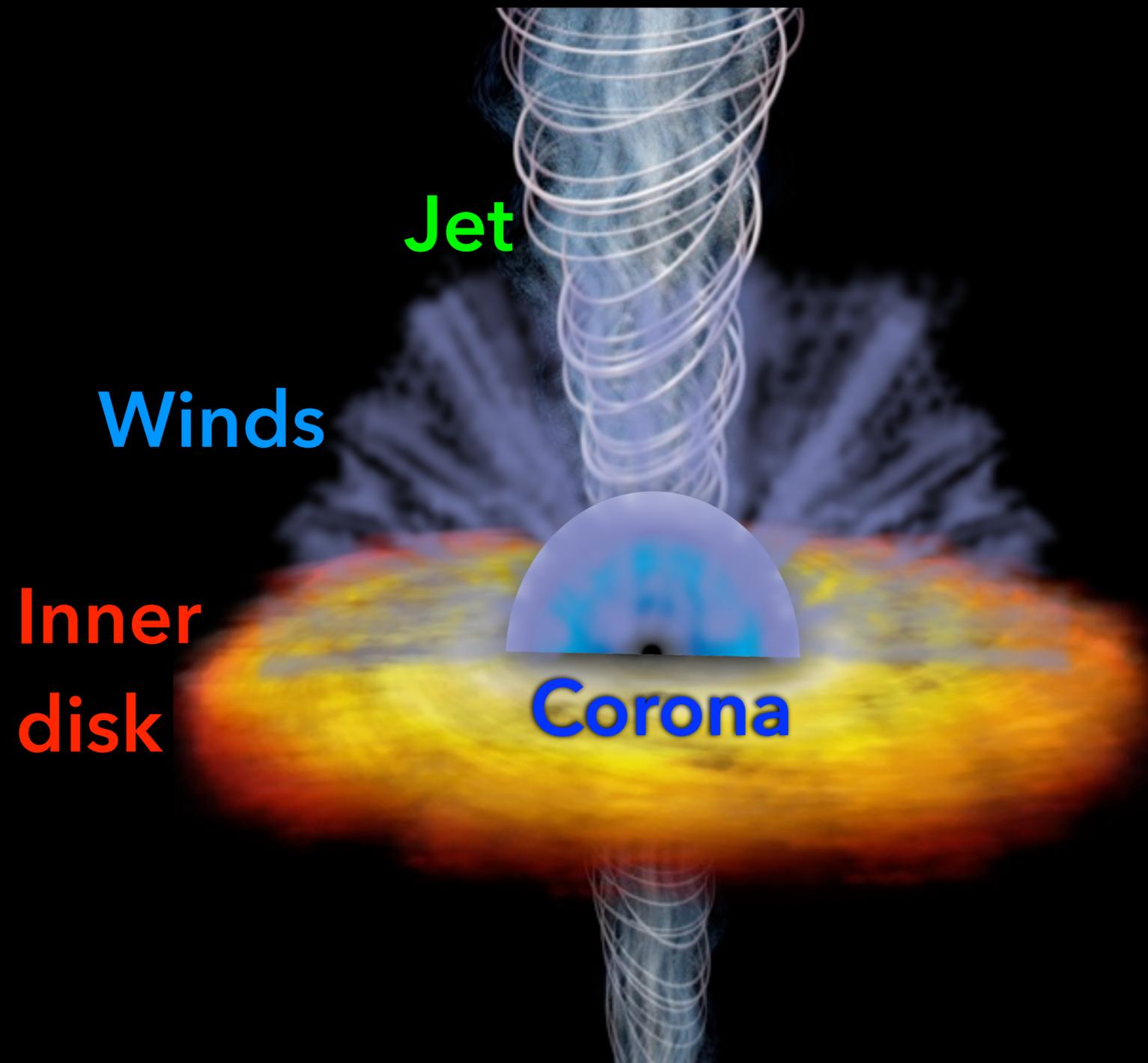
Are some of them XRBs??

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(LHAASO Collaboration; Cao++23)



# Does the older "cartoon" picture fit w/current theory?



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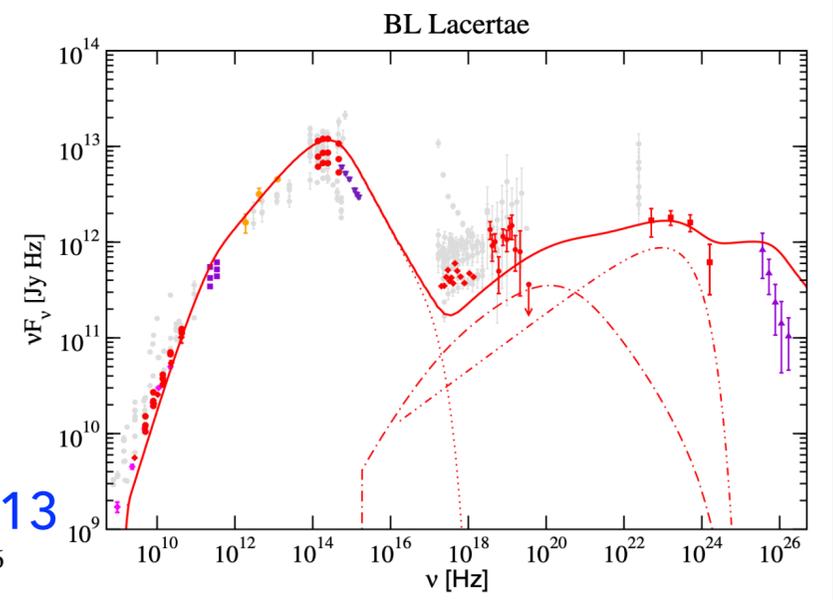
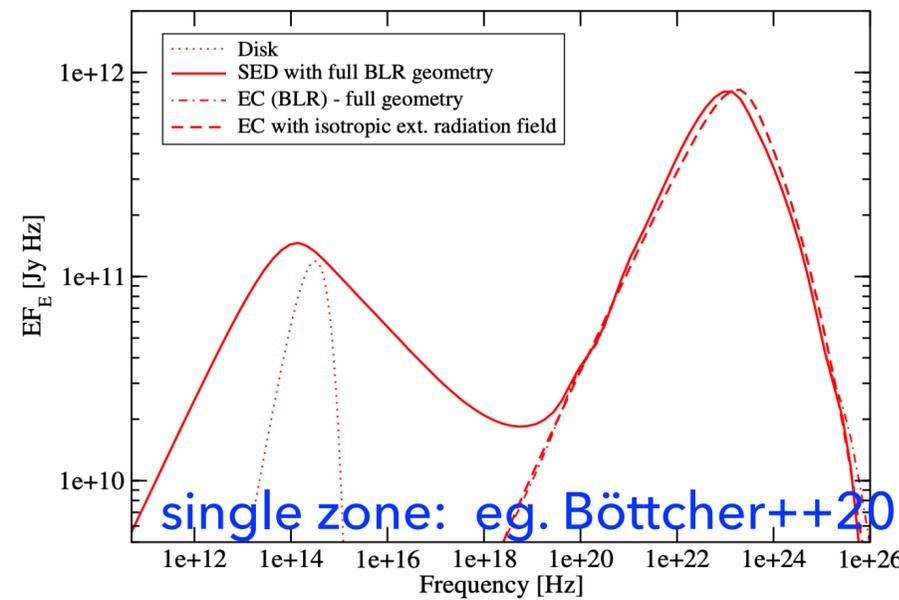
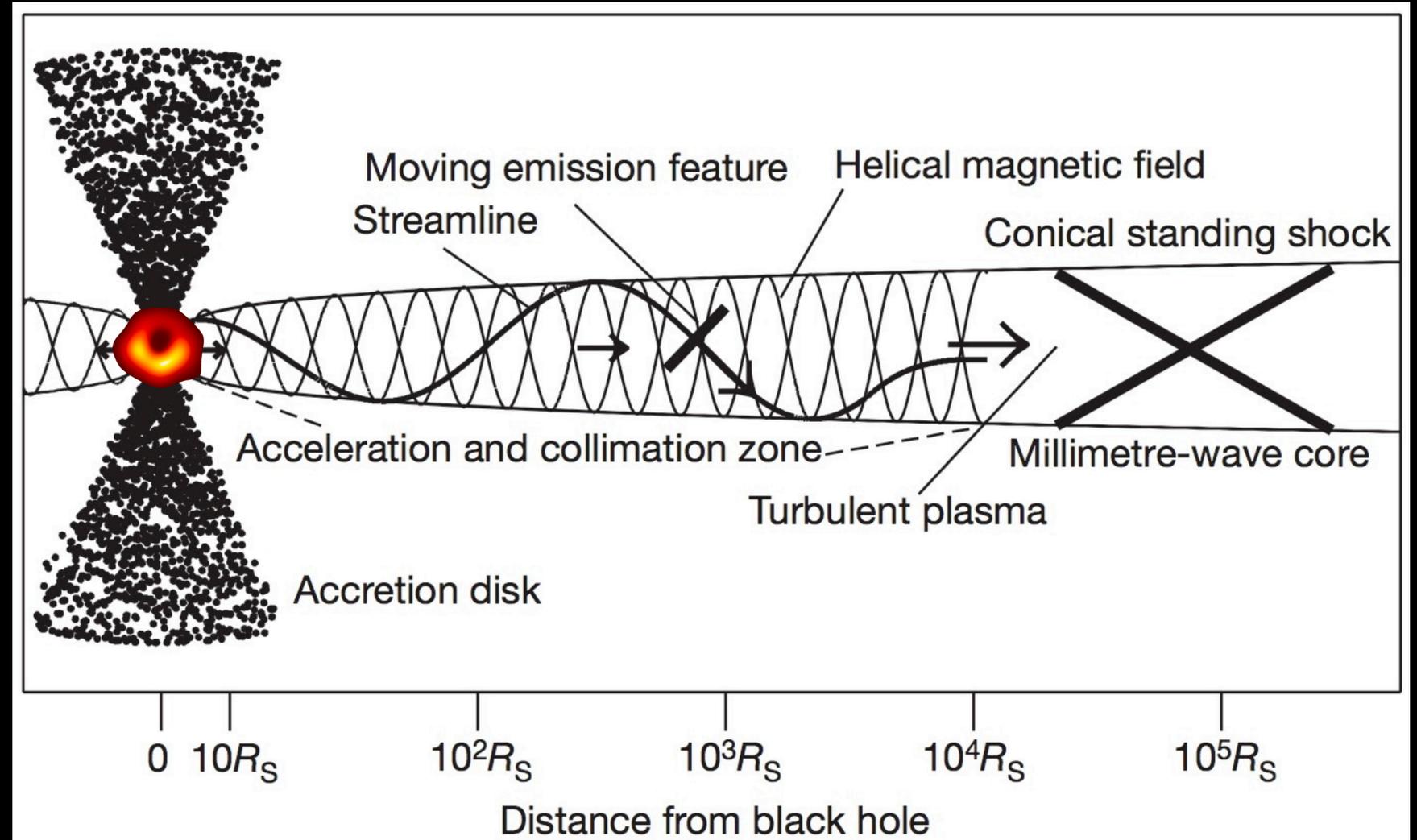
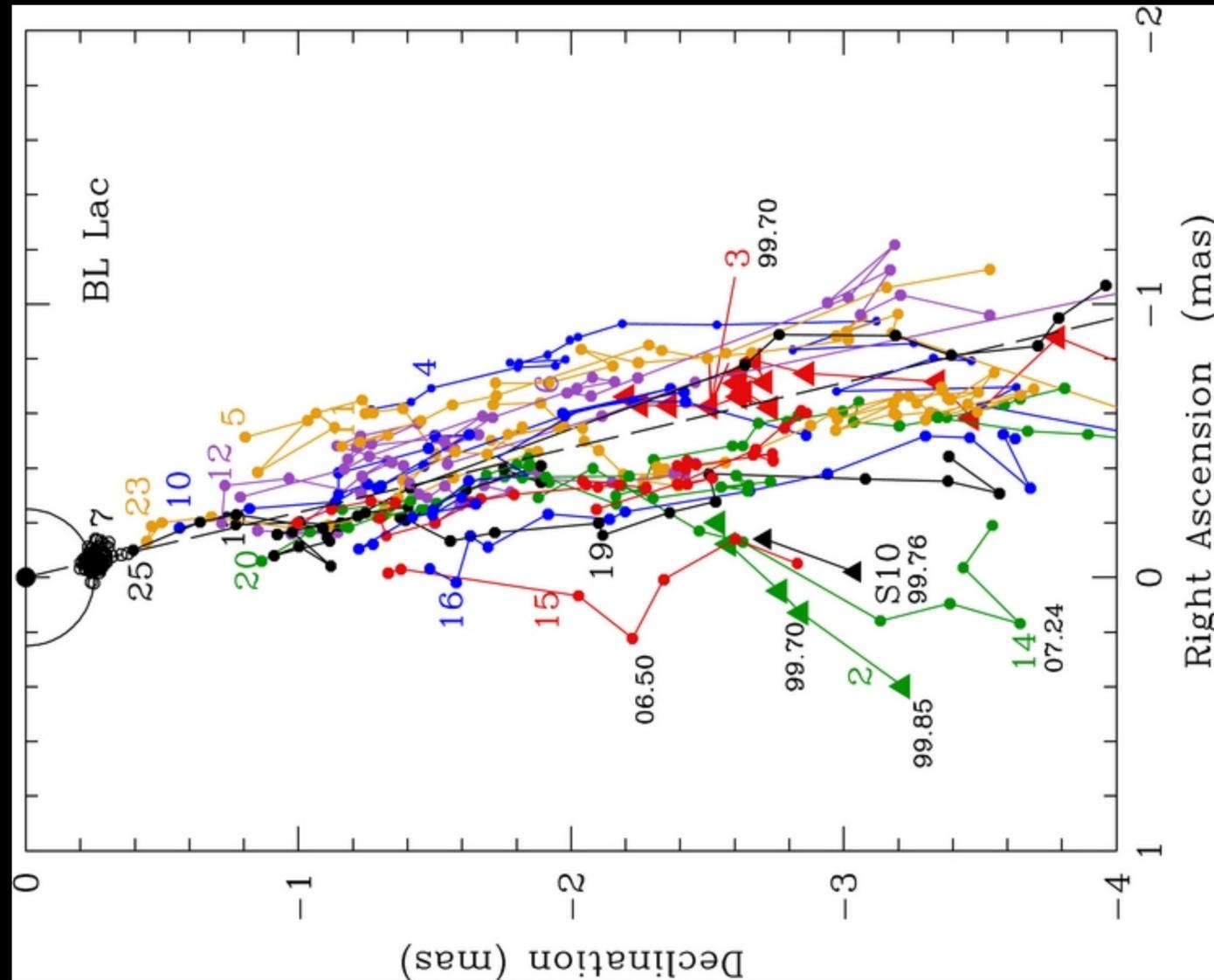
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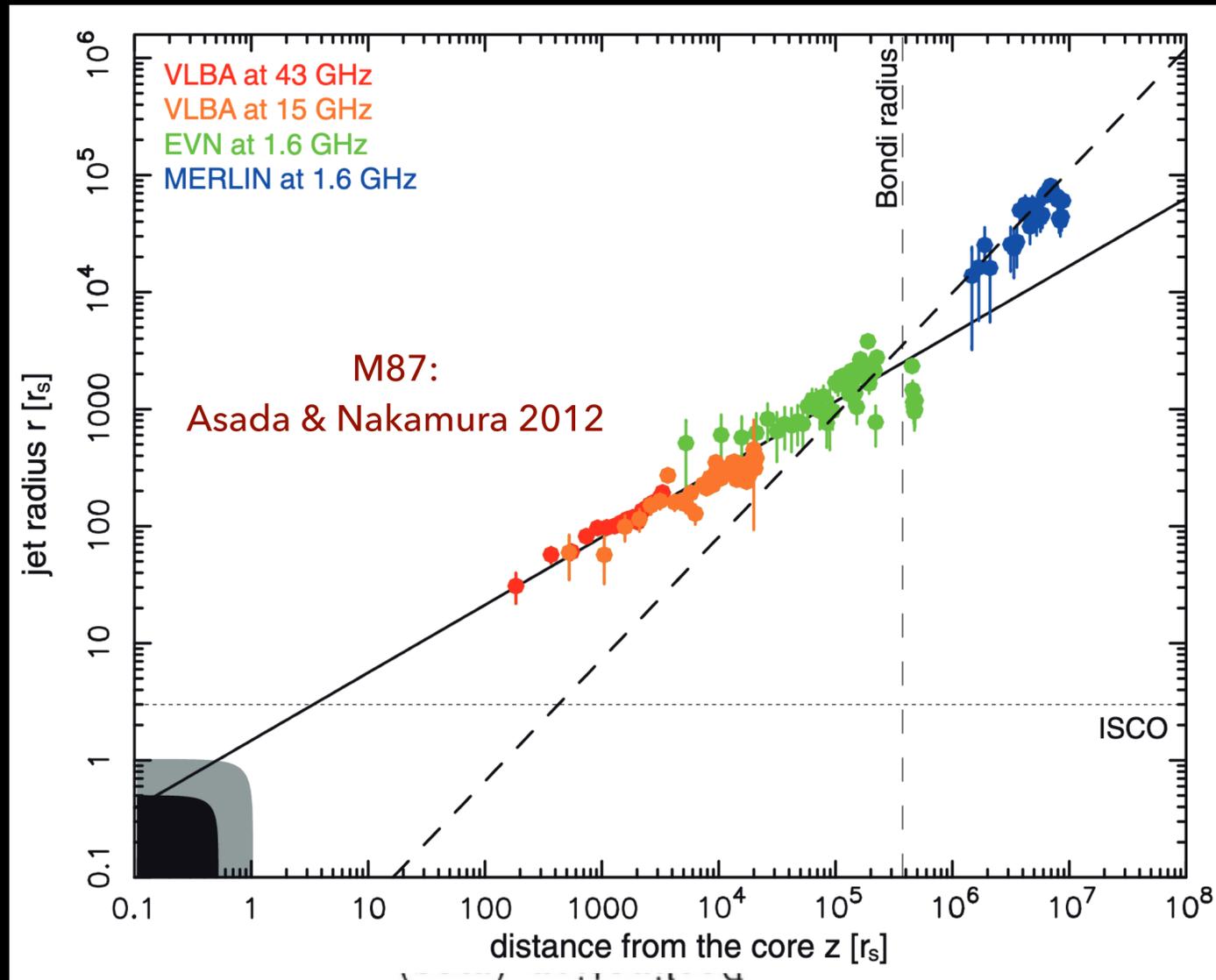
Marscher++2008, 2014; Cohen++  
2014 (MOJAVE/VLBI; Lister++2019):



single zone: eg. Böttcher++2013

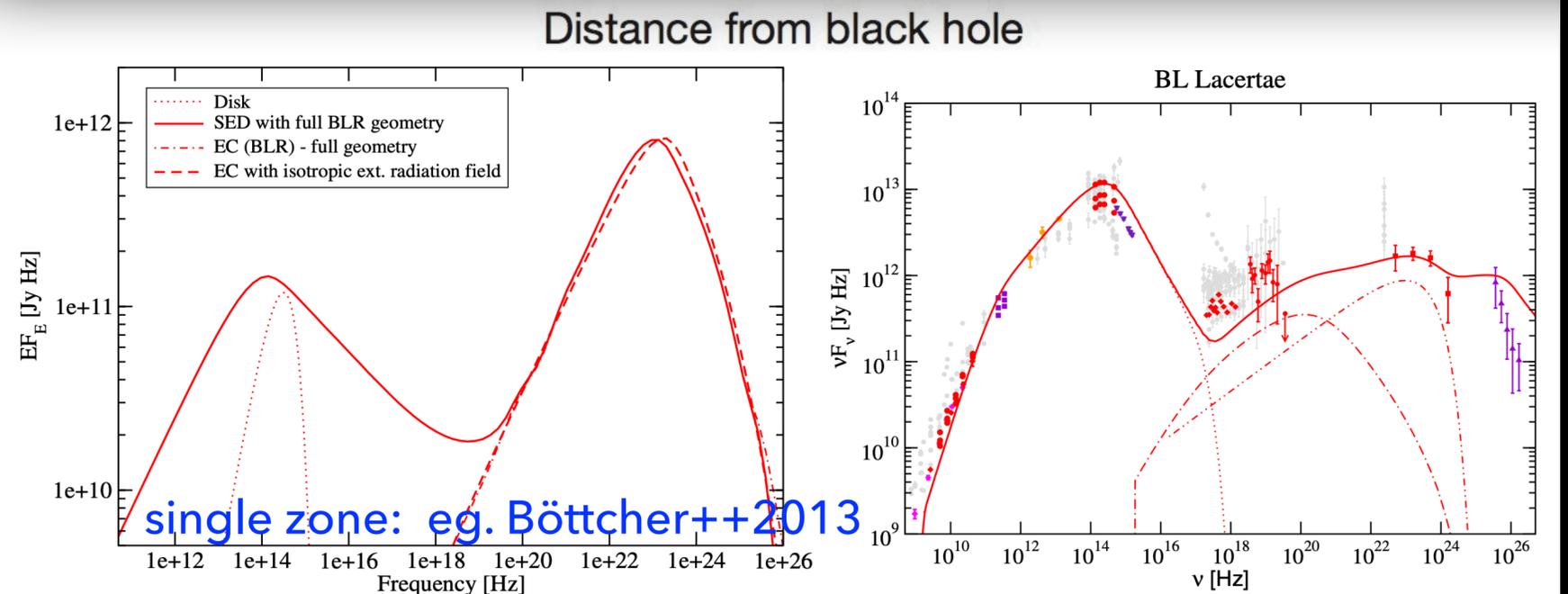
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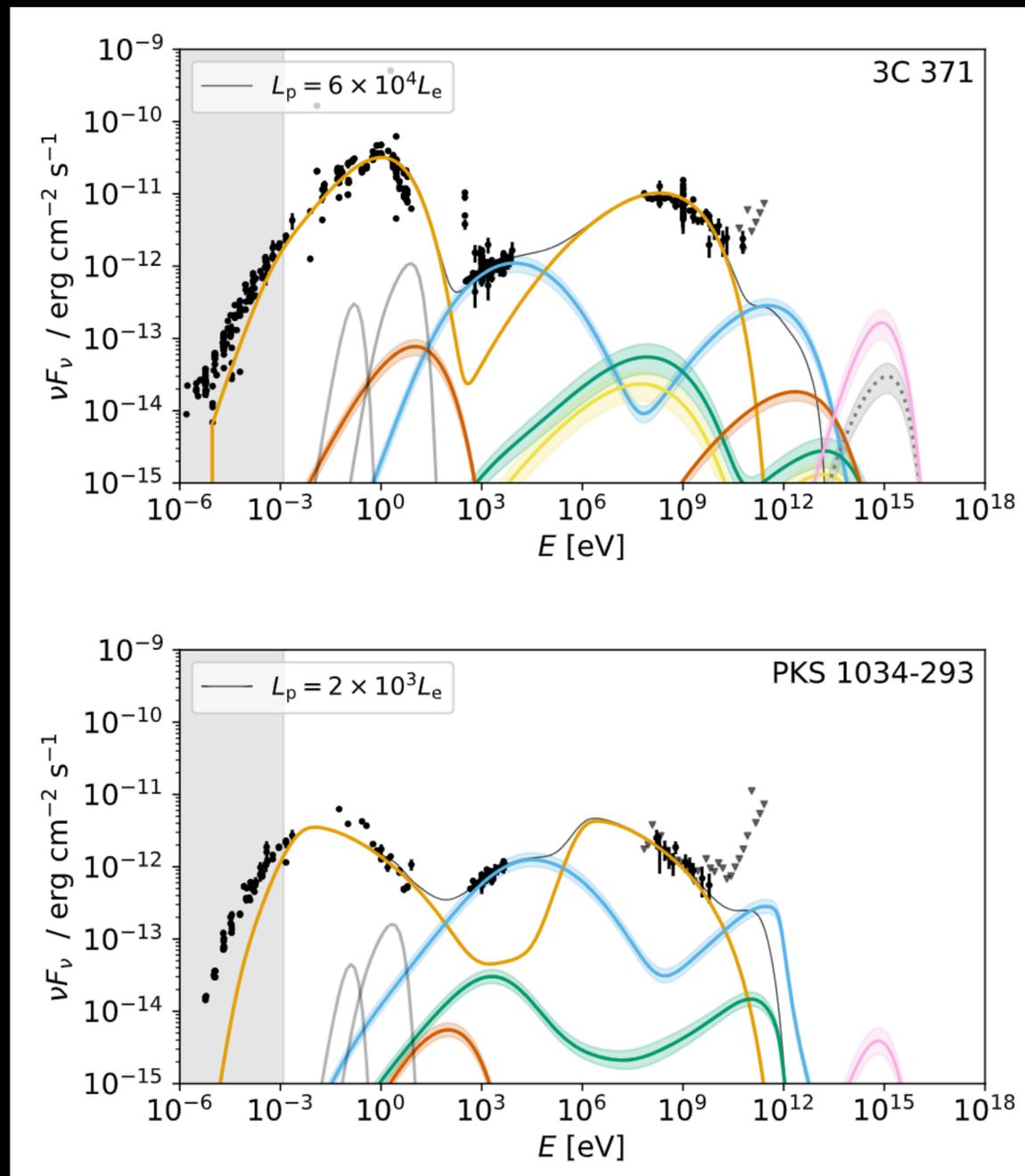
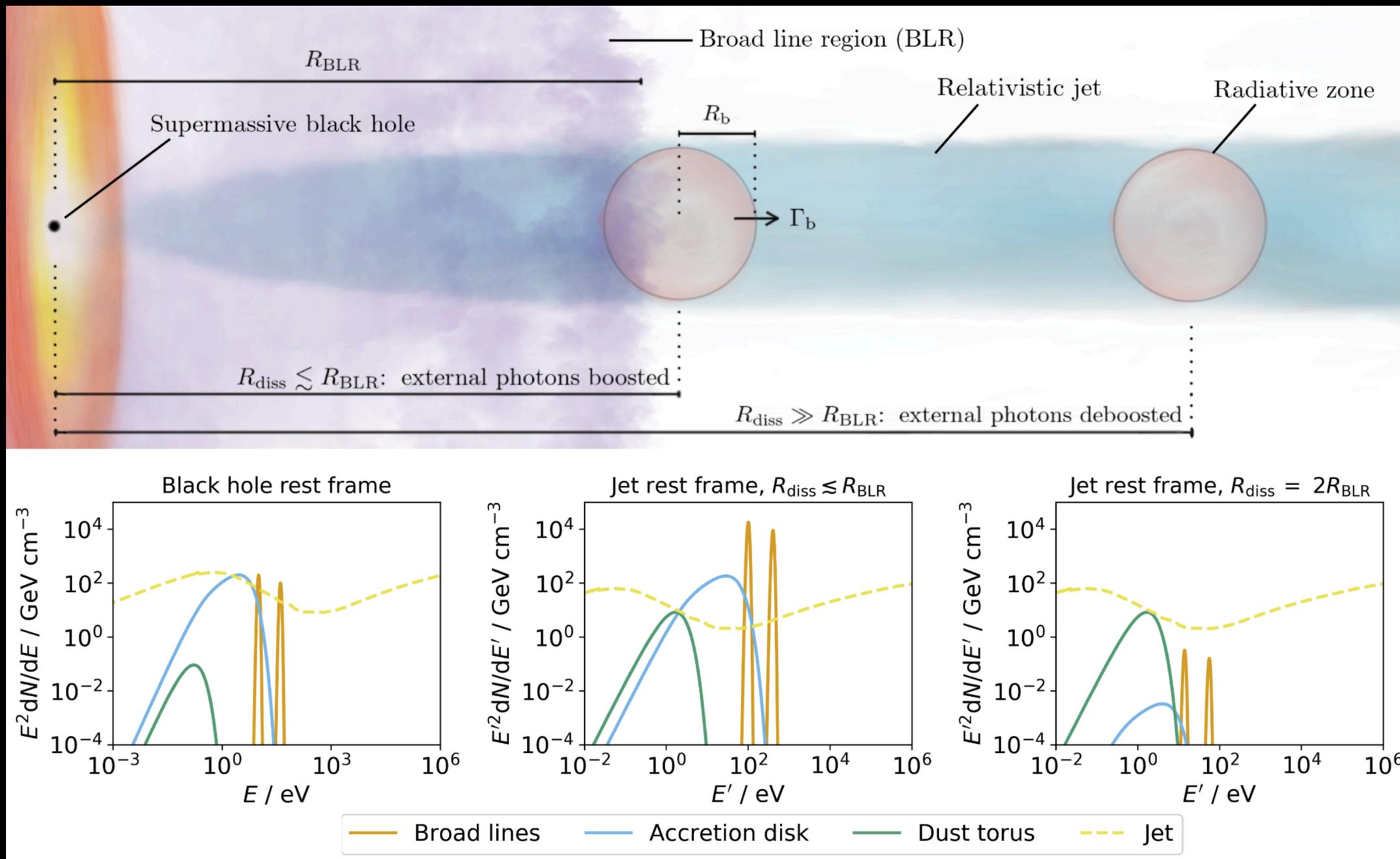


Distance to Recollimation Shock

Name	$z$	Class	pc/mas	theta	Dist to Shock	$\log M_{\text{BH}}$	$\log R$	Ref.
BL Lac	0.0686	BLL	1.29	6	0.26	8.2	5.6	1, 2
M87	0.00436	FR I	0.08	13	860	9.5	6.0	1, 3, 4
3C 120 S1	0.033	FR I	0.65	16	0.7	7.8	5.7	5, 6
3C 120 C80	...	...	...	...	80	...	7.8	6, 7
3C 273	0.158	FSRQ	2.70	6	0.15	9.8	4.1	8, 9
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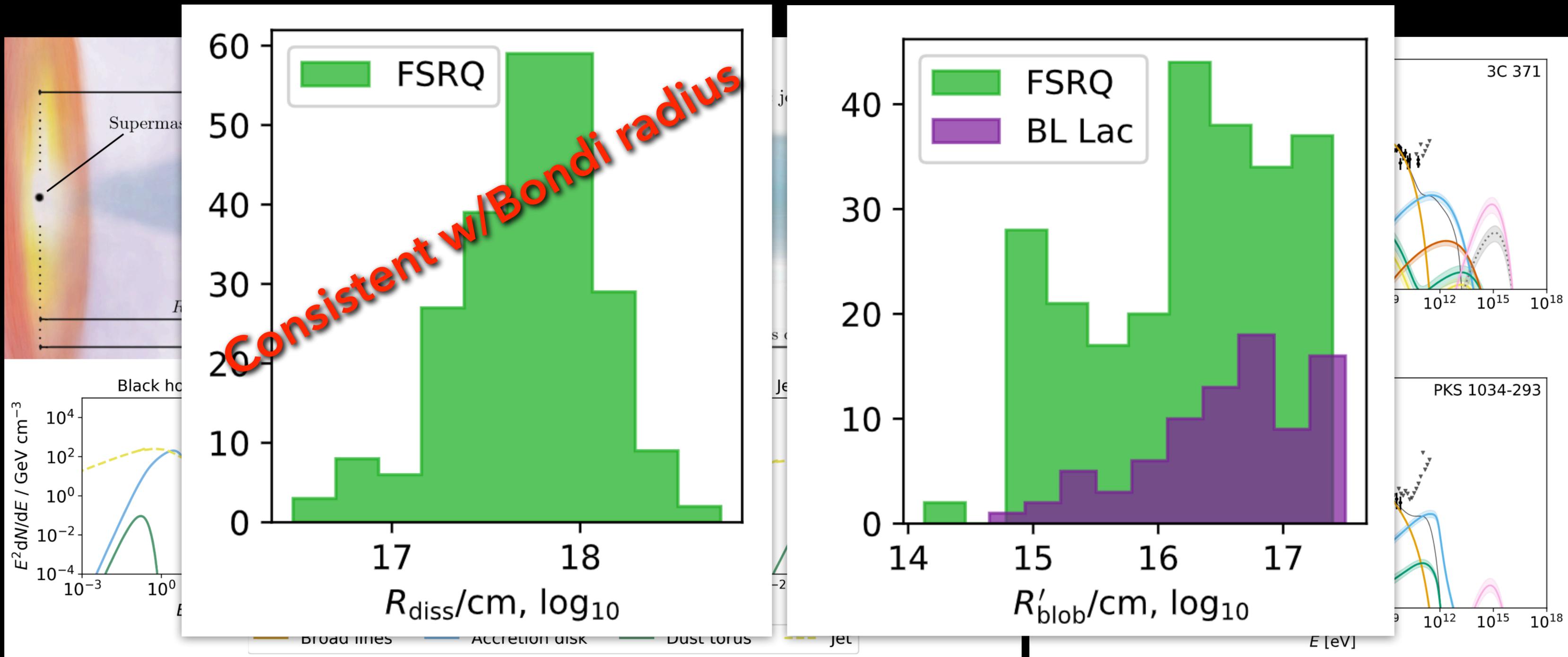


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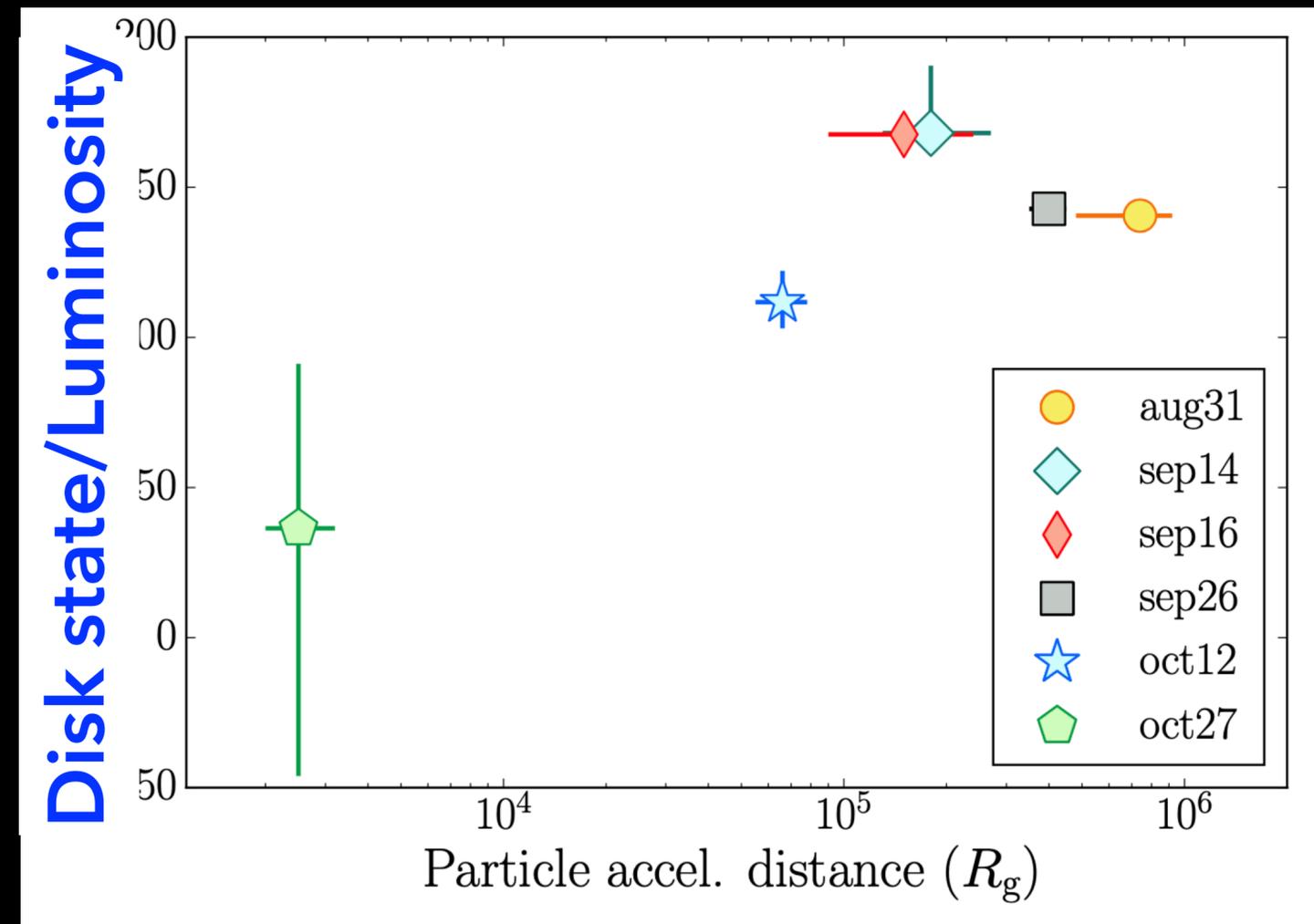
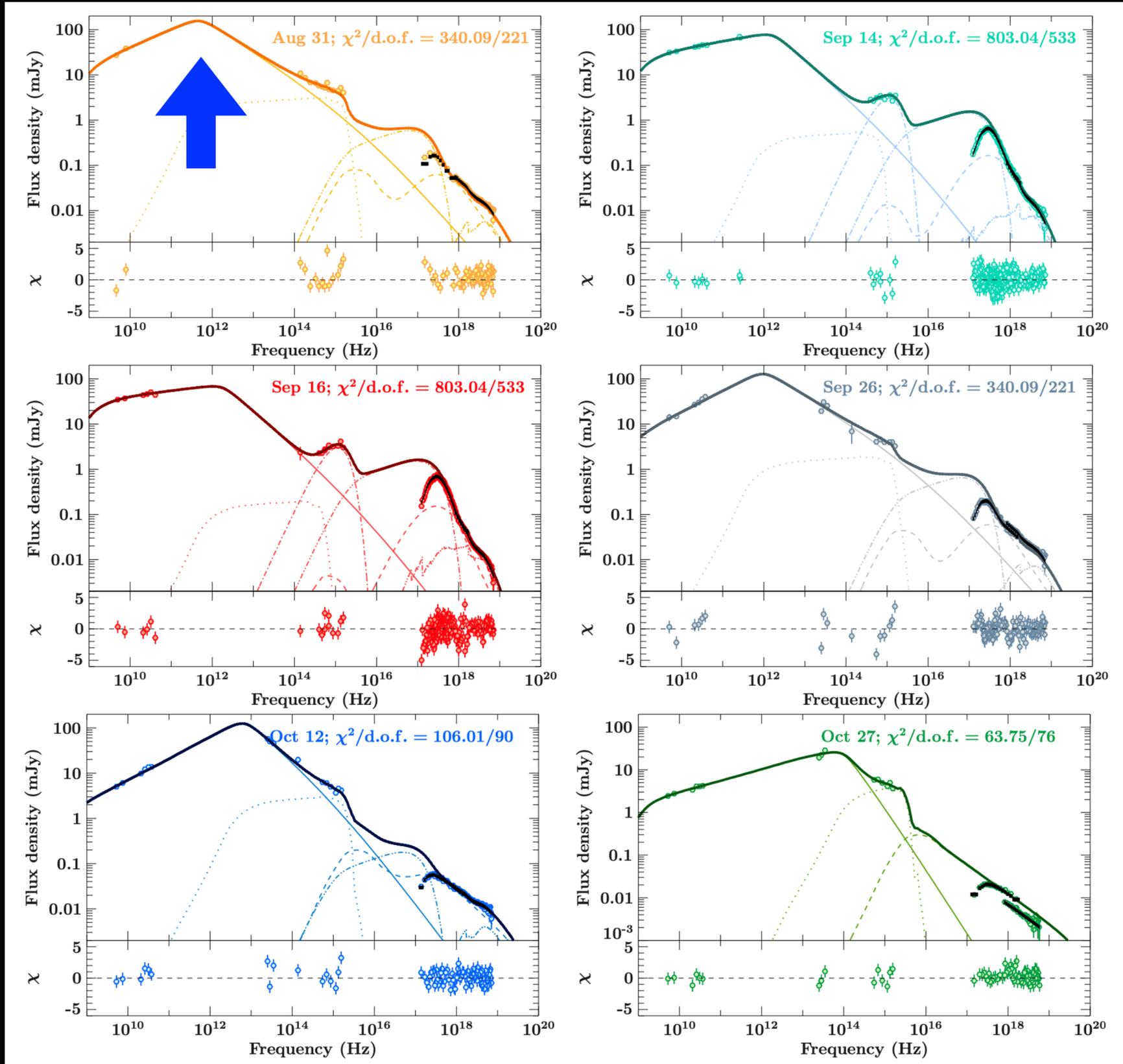
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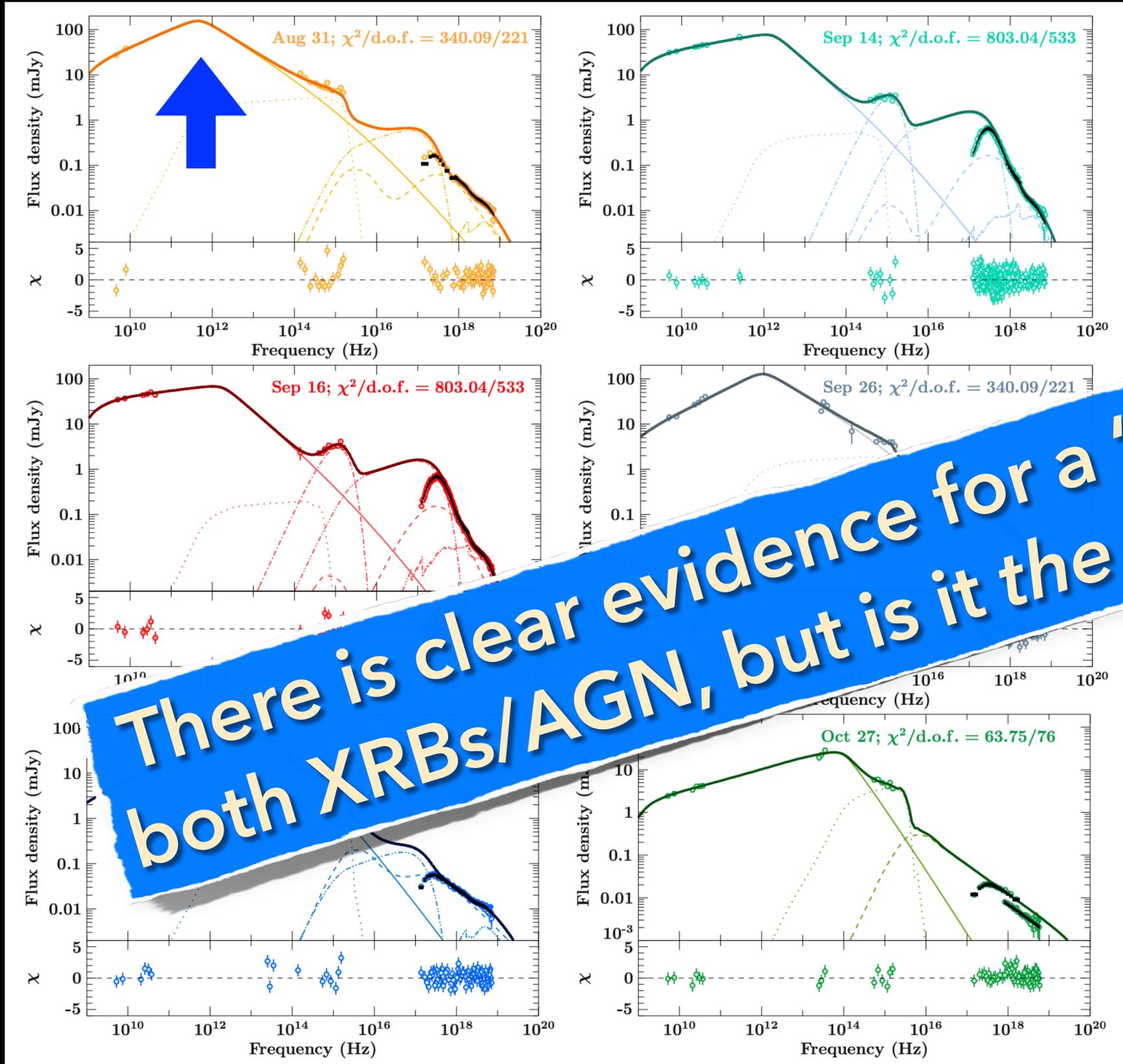
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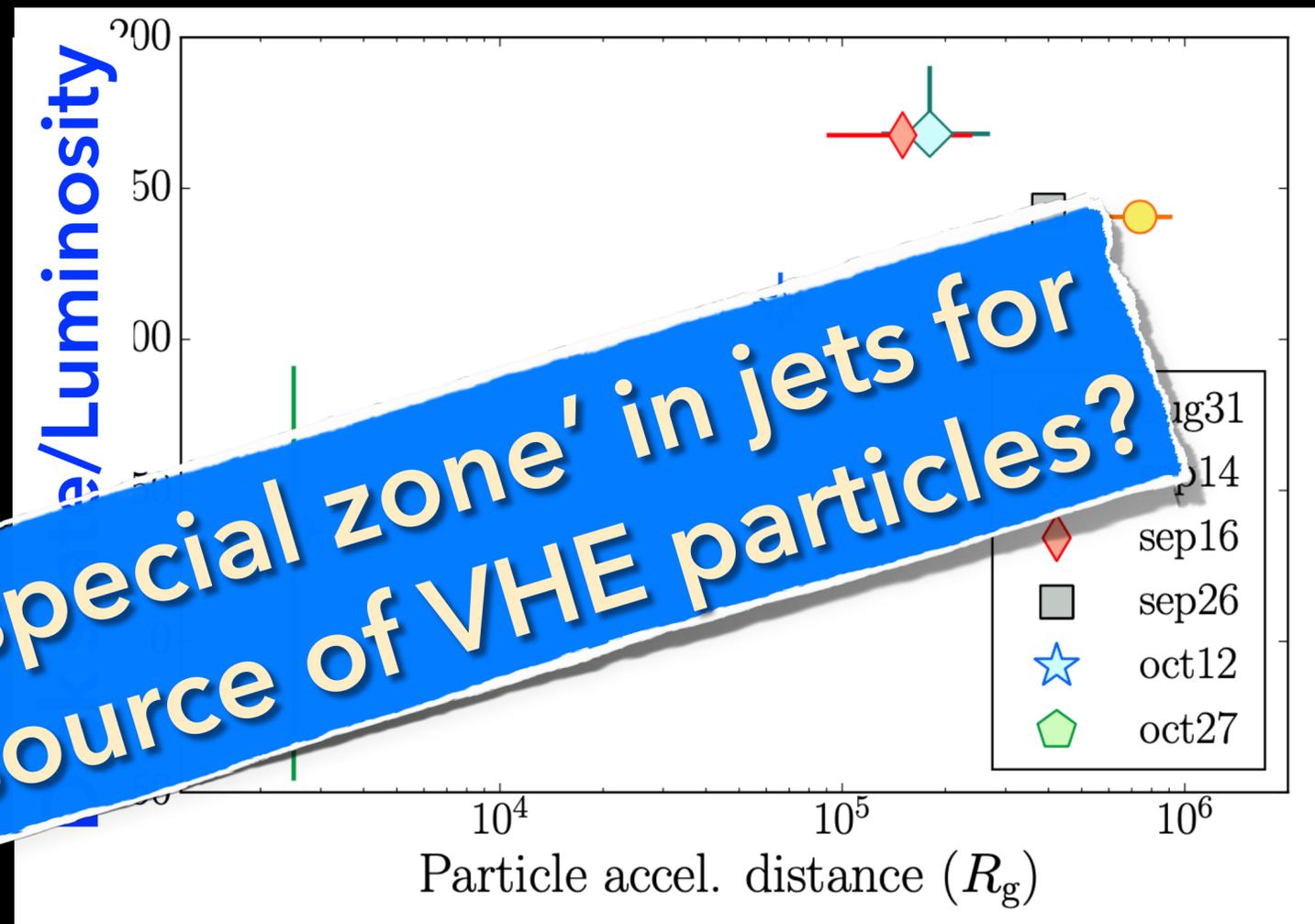
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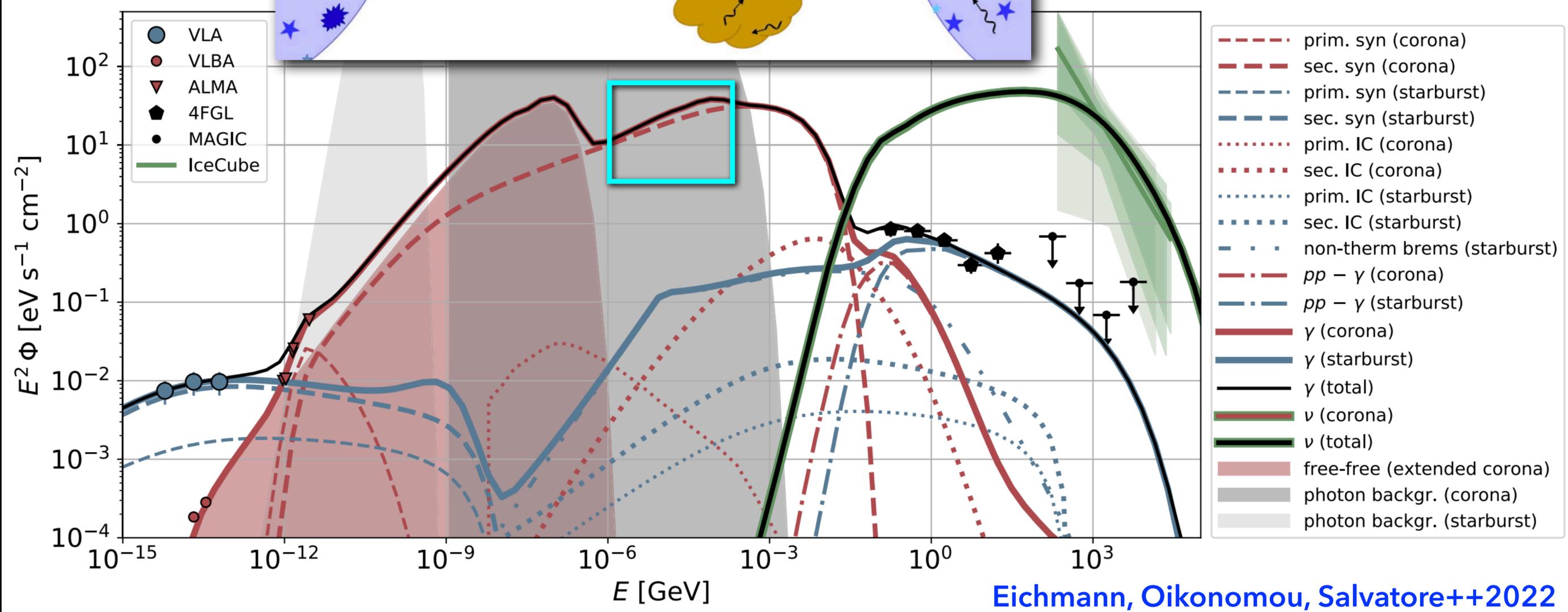
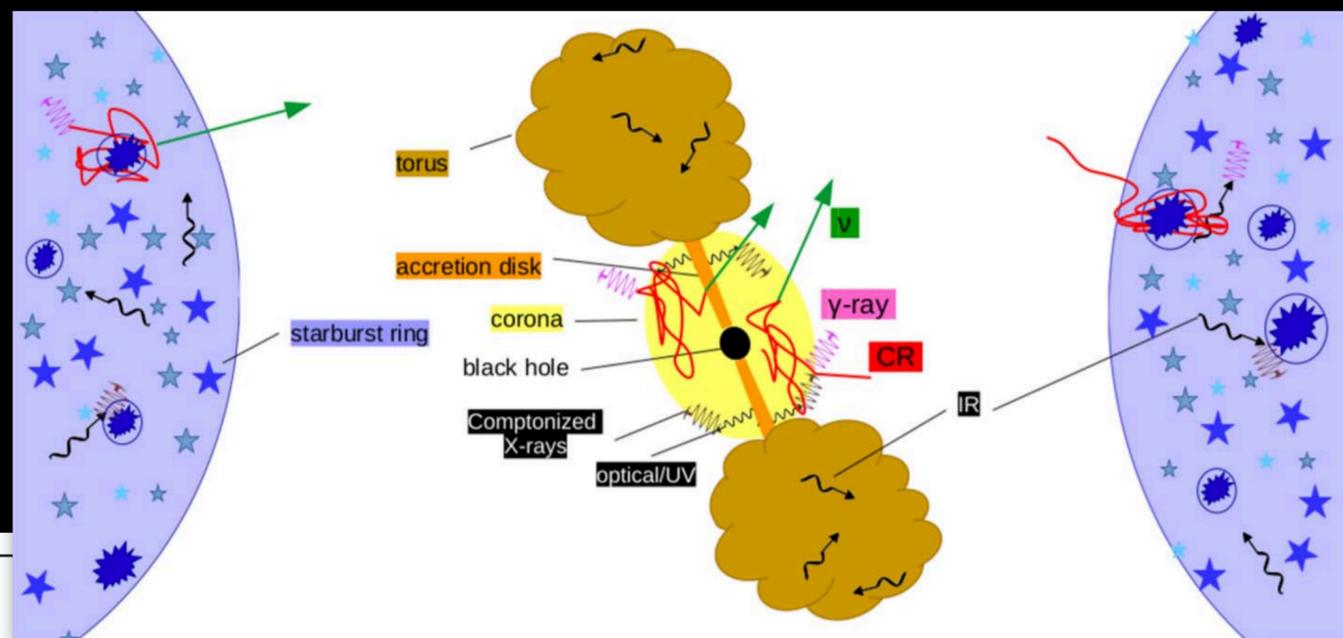
There is clear evidence for a 'special zone' in jets for both XRBs/AGN, but is it the source of VHE particles?



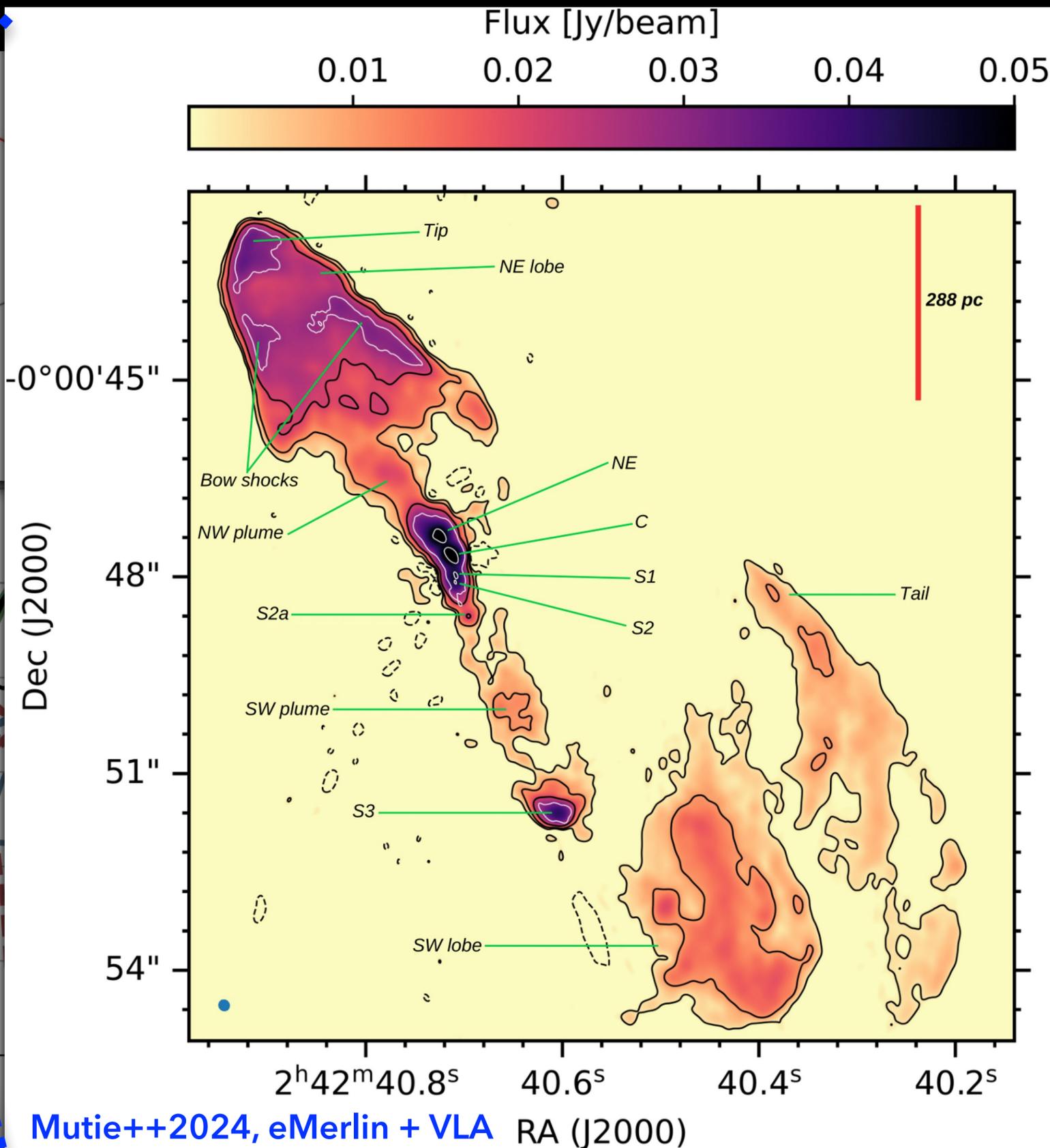
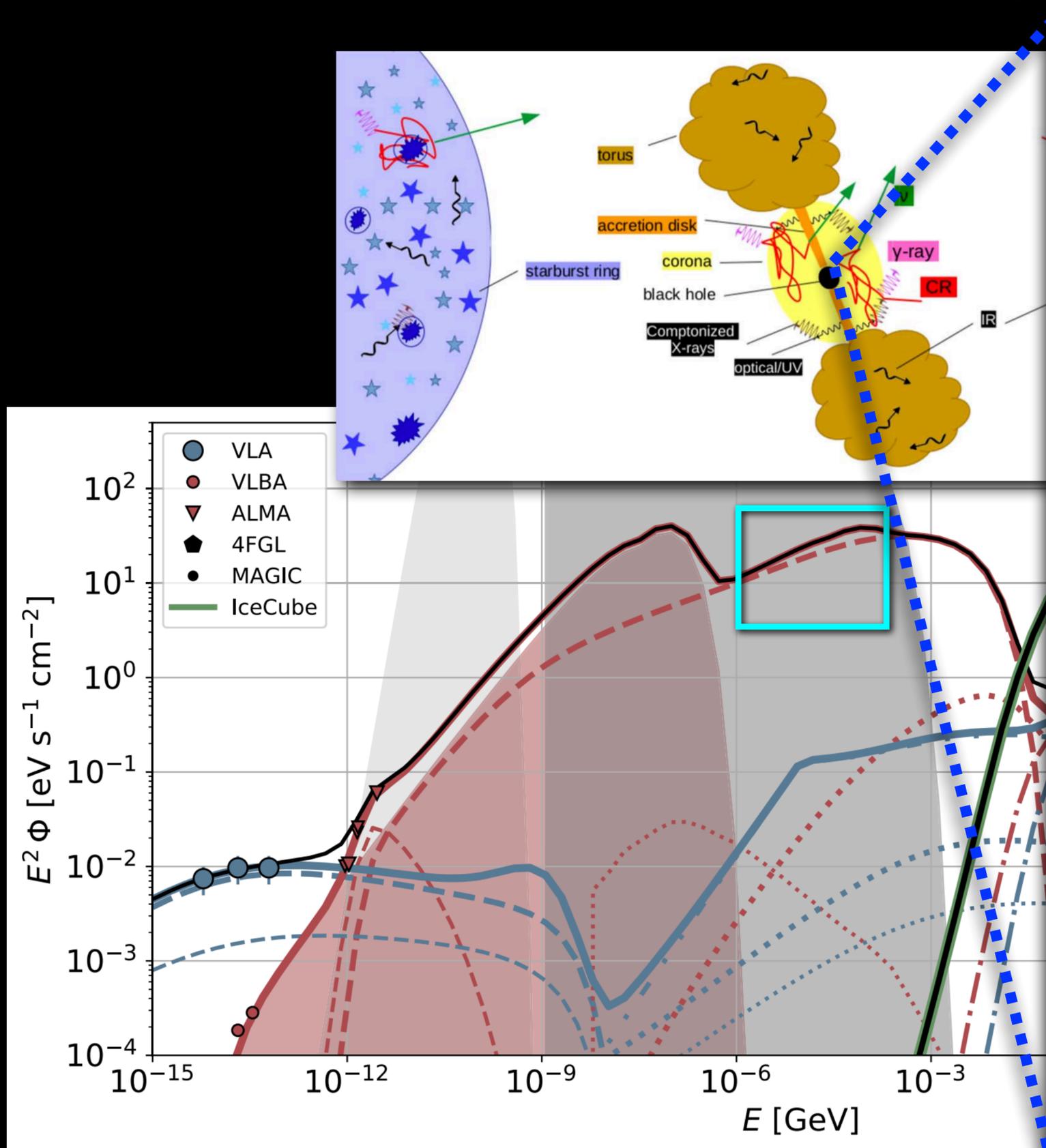
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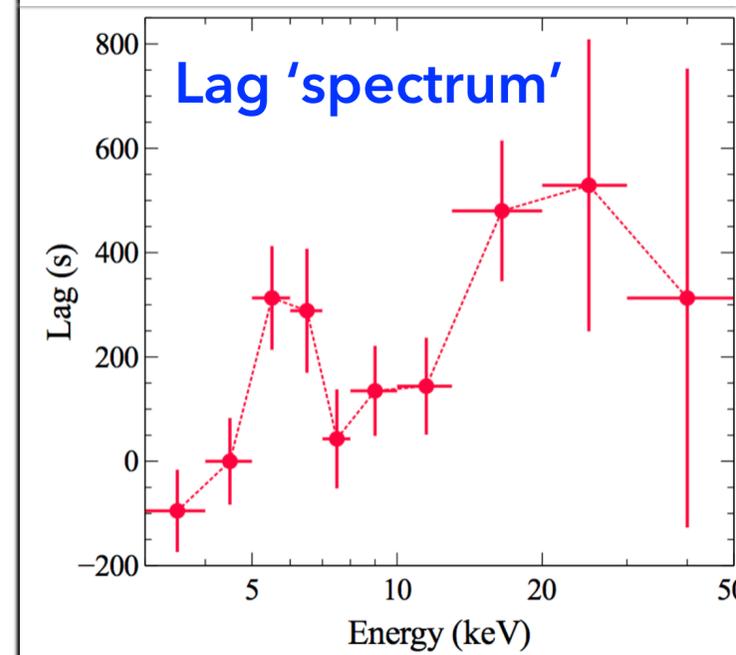
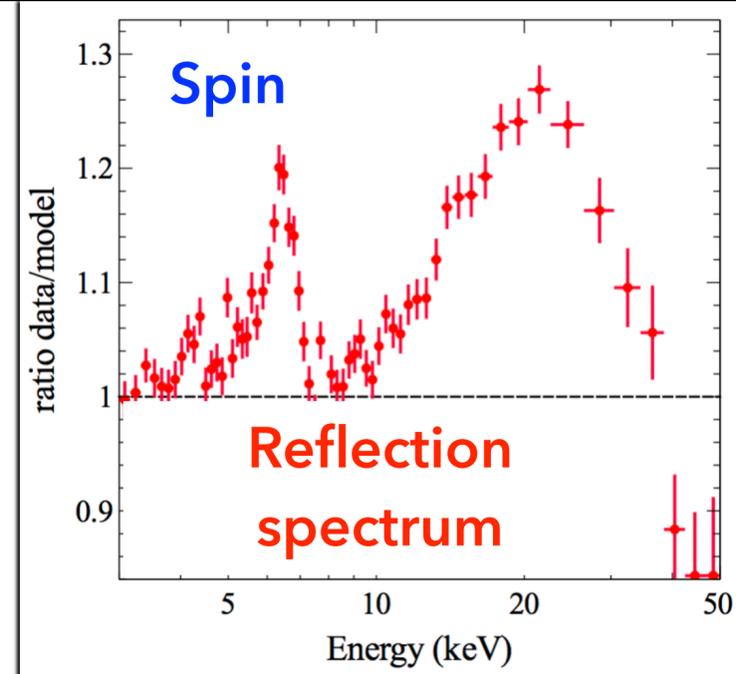
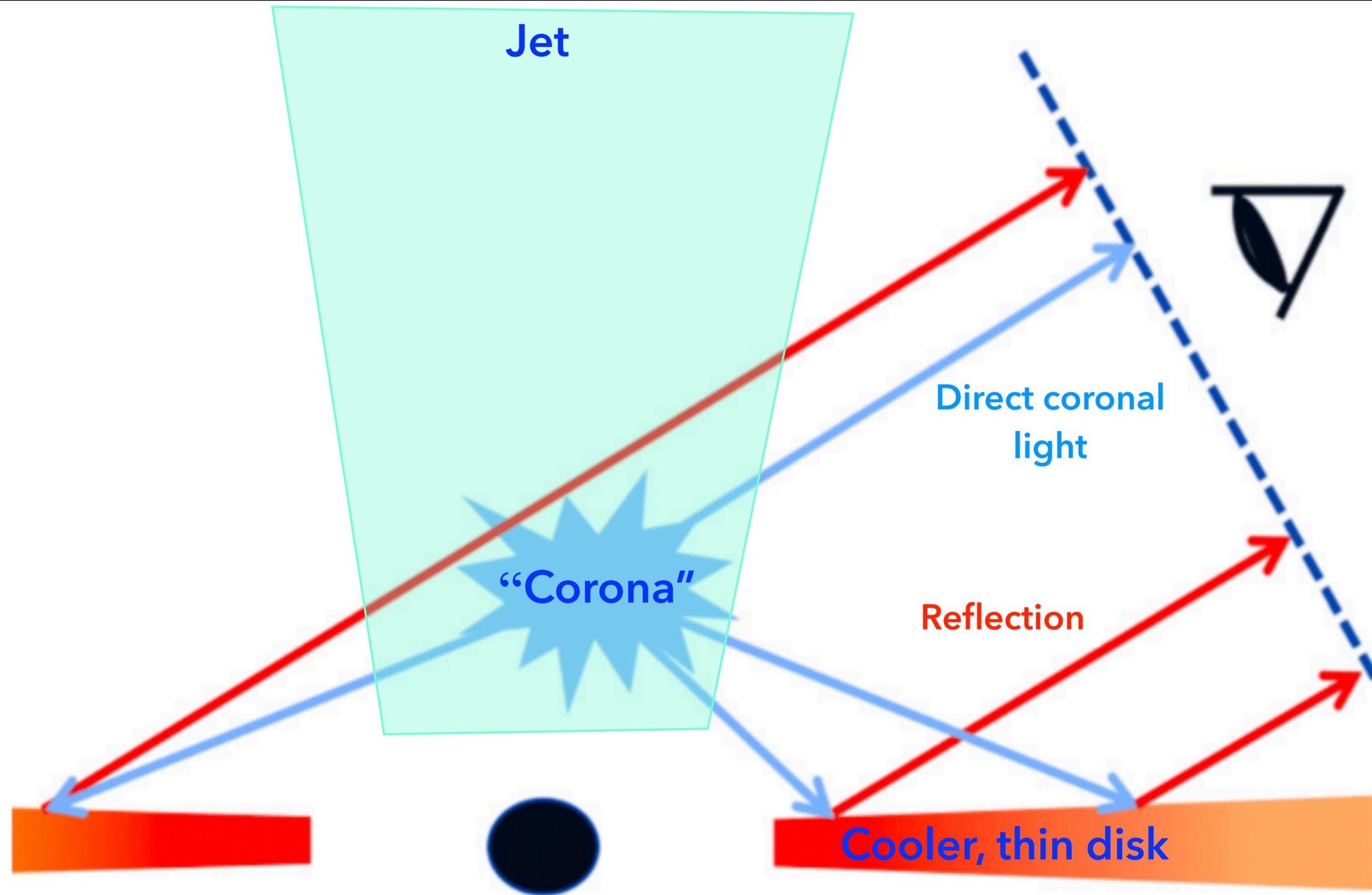
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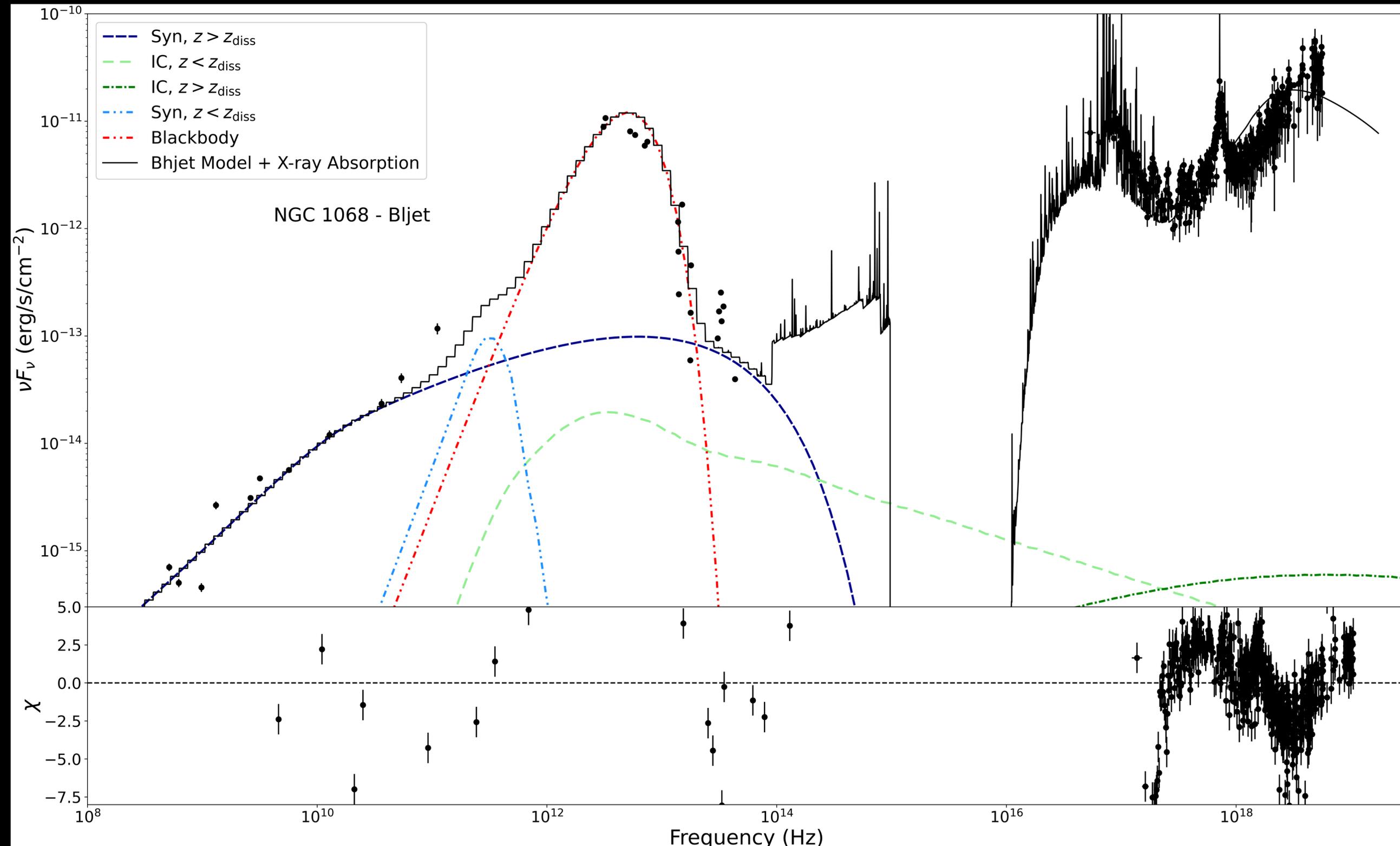


# Swap spatial $\Rightarrow$ time resolution: X-ray spectral reflection & lags

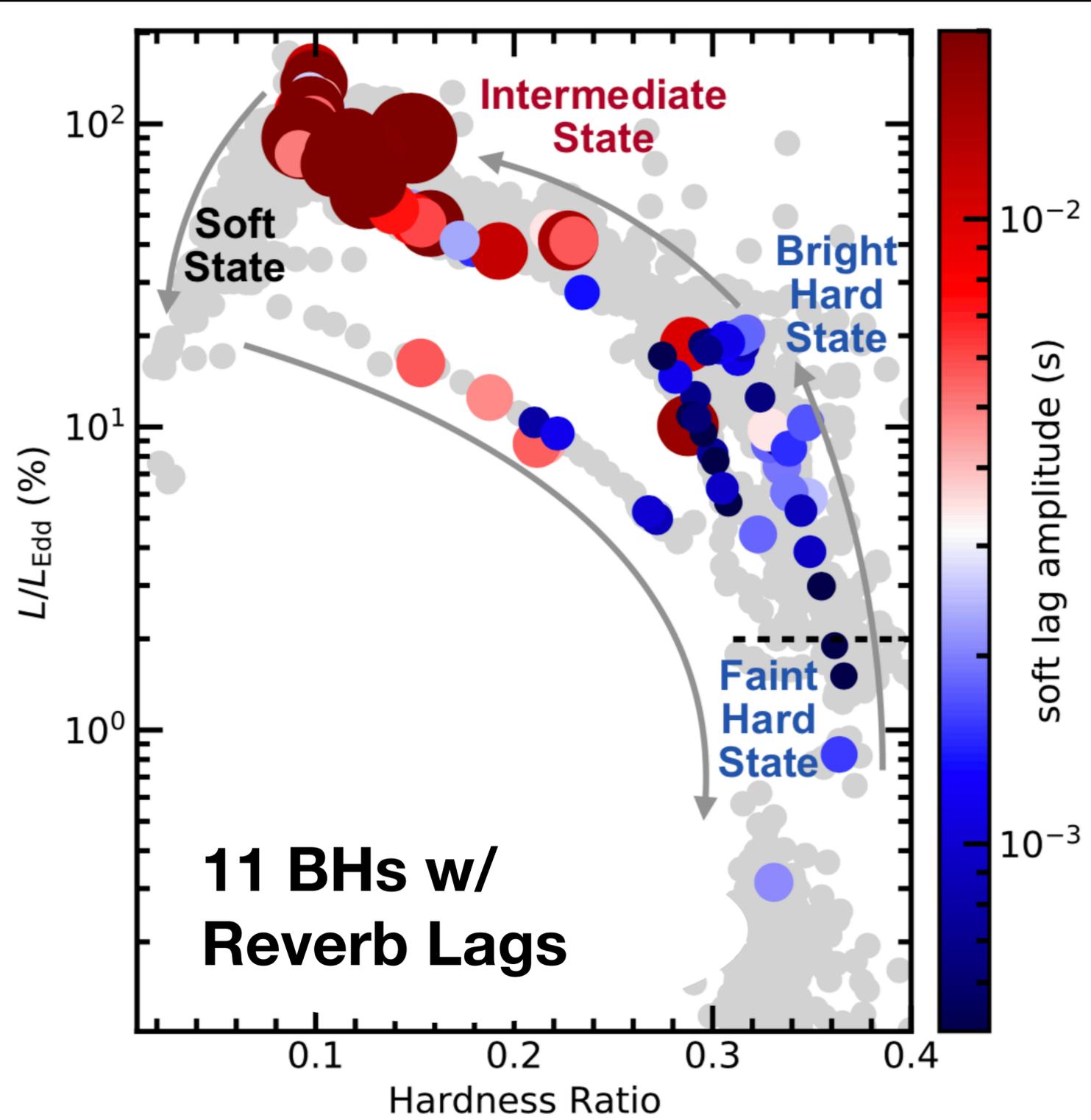


Kara++2015

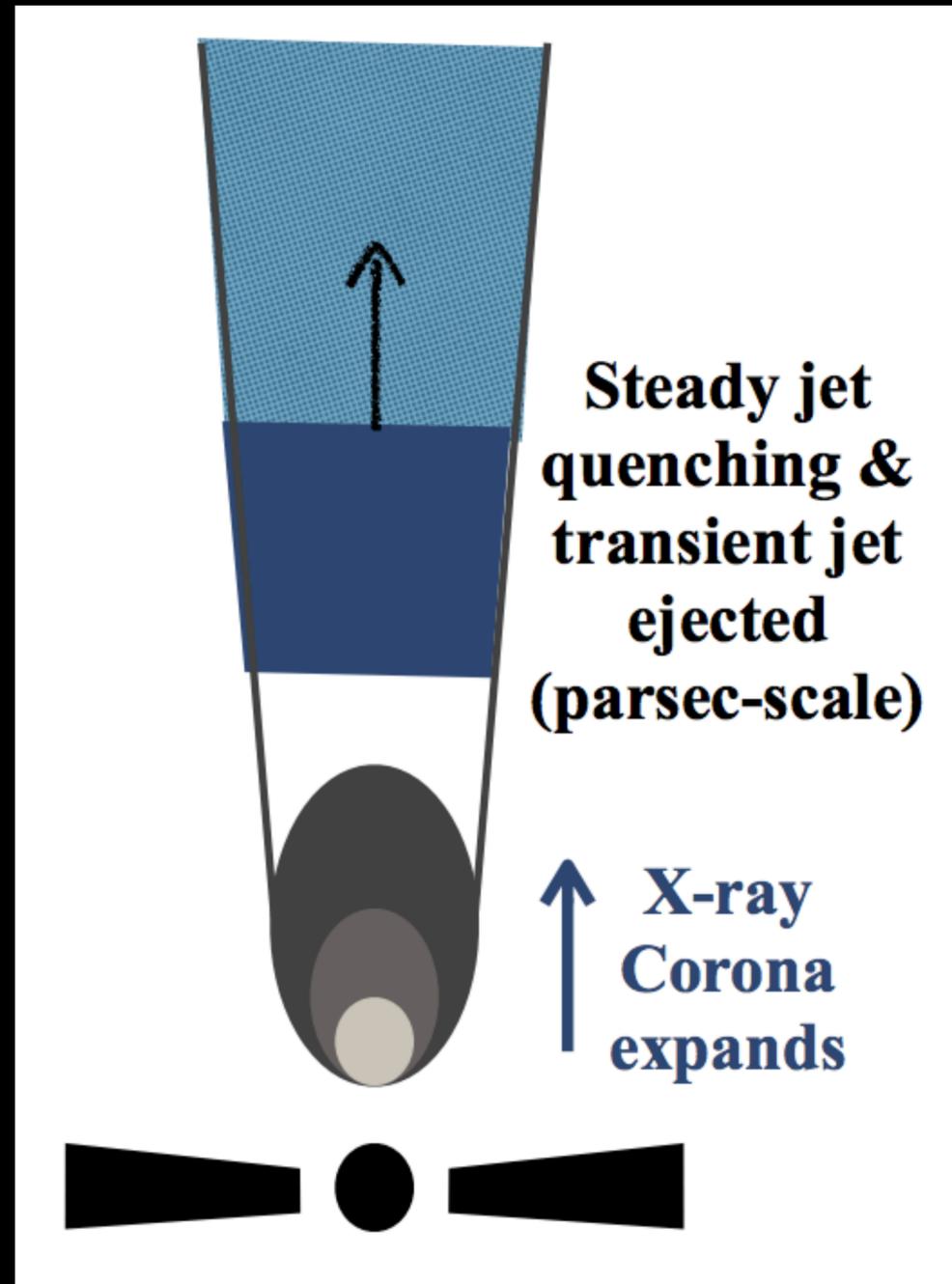
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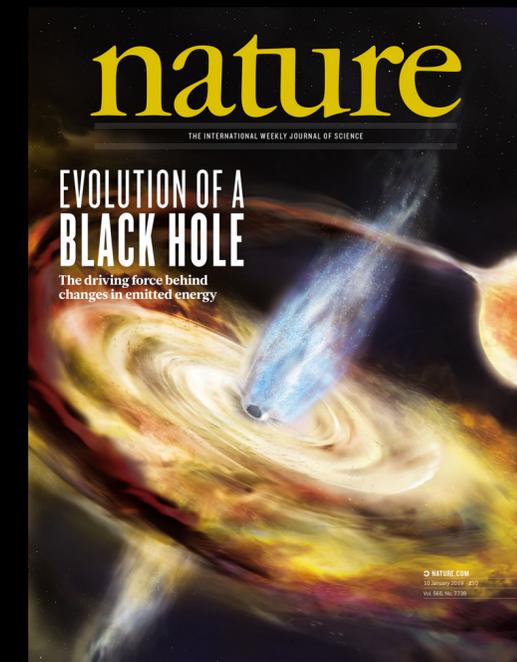
# NICER: Reverberation mapping "machine"



Wang, Kara++2022

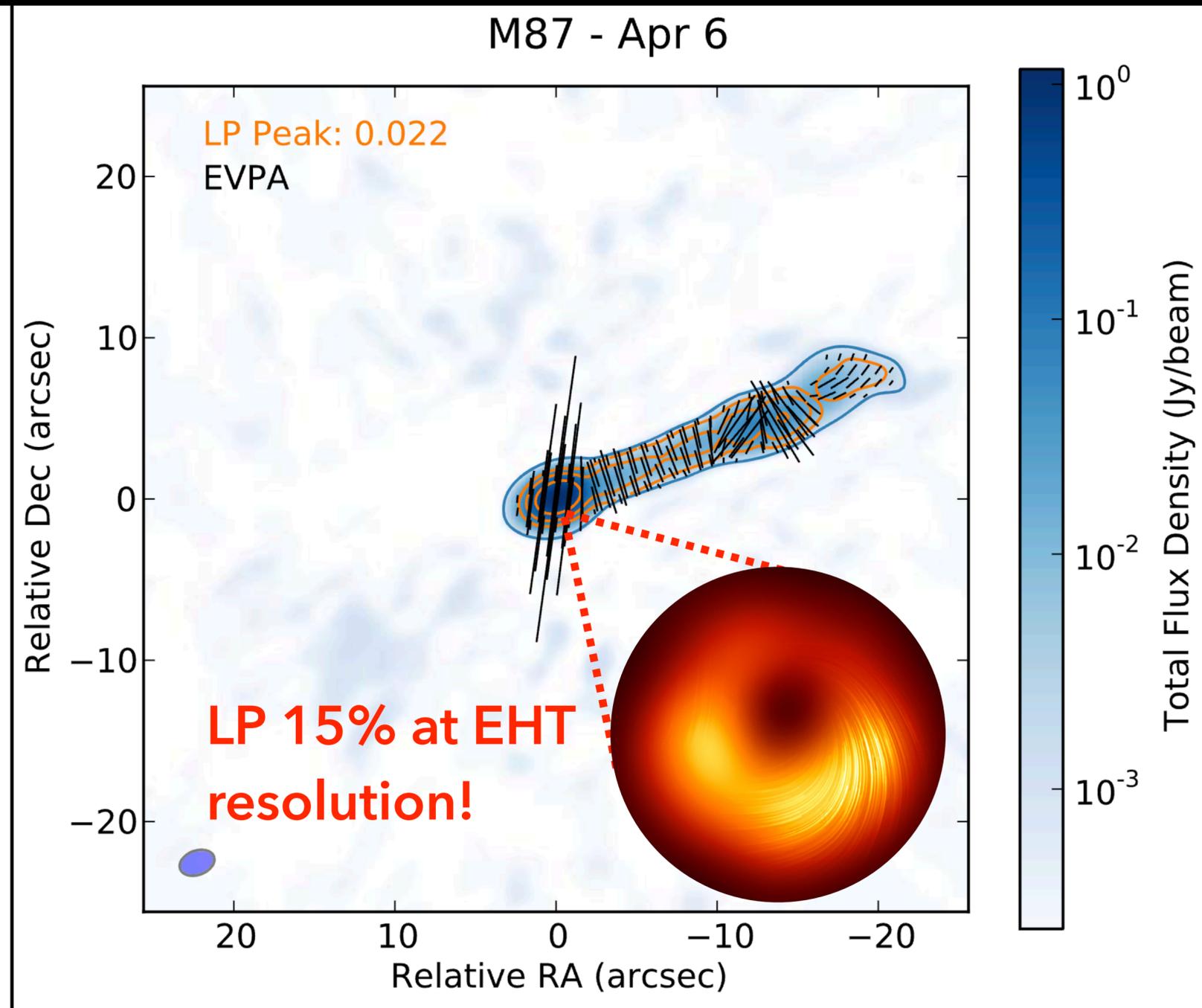
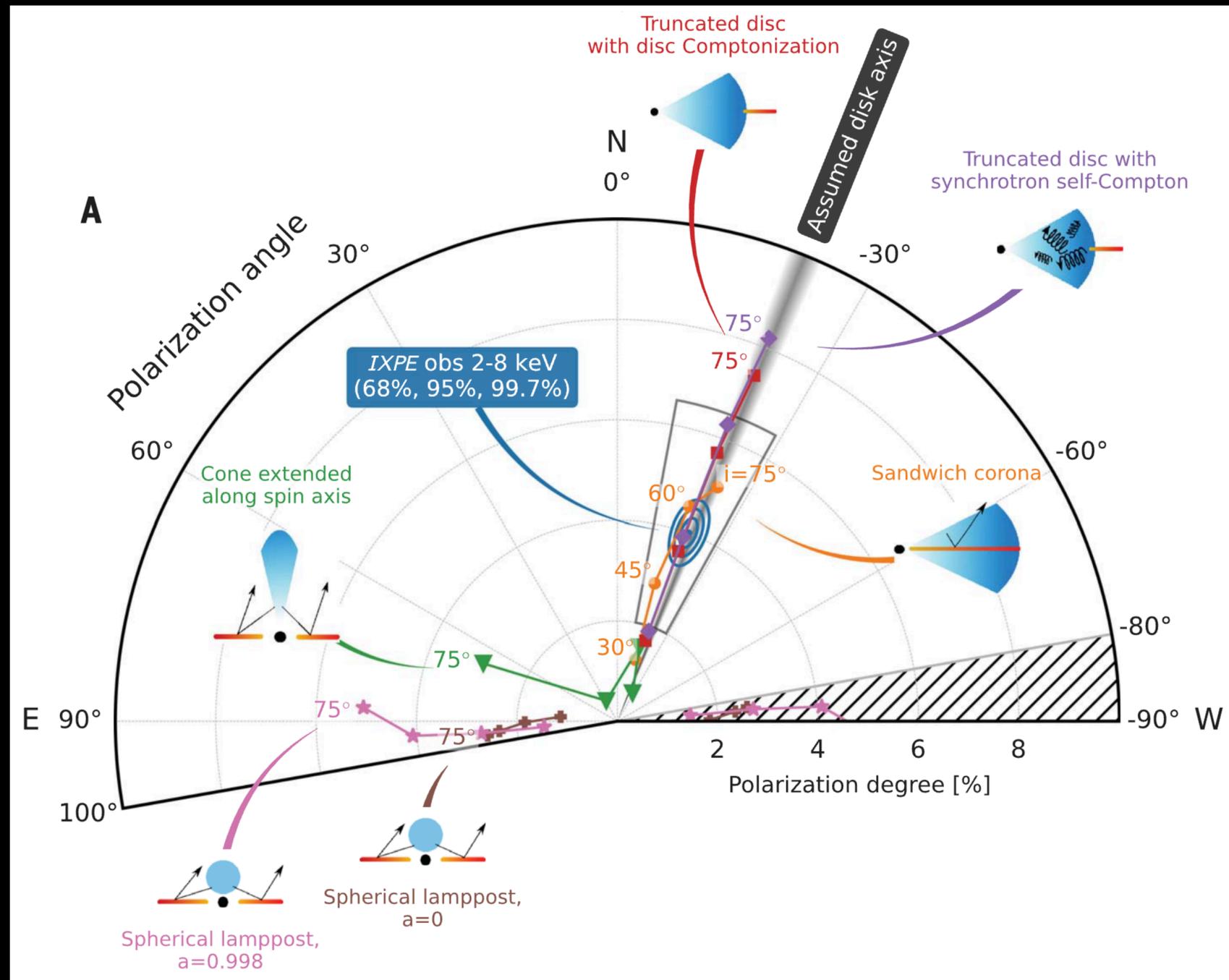


Kara+19



And see recent work by: Lucchini, Russell, SM++ 2021; Cao, Lucchini, SM++ 2021

# Polarisation is a key new constraint with IXPE, but beware resolution!

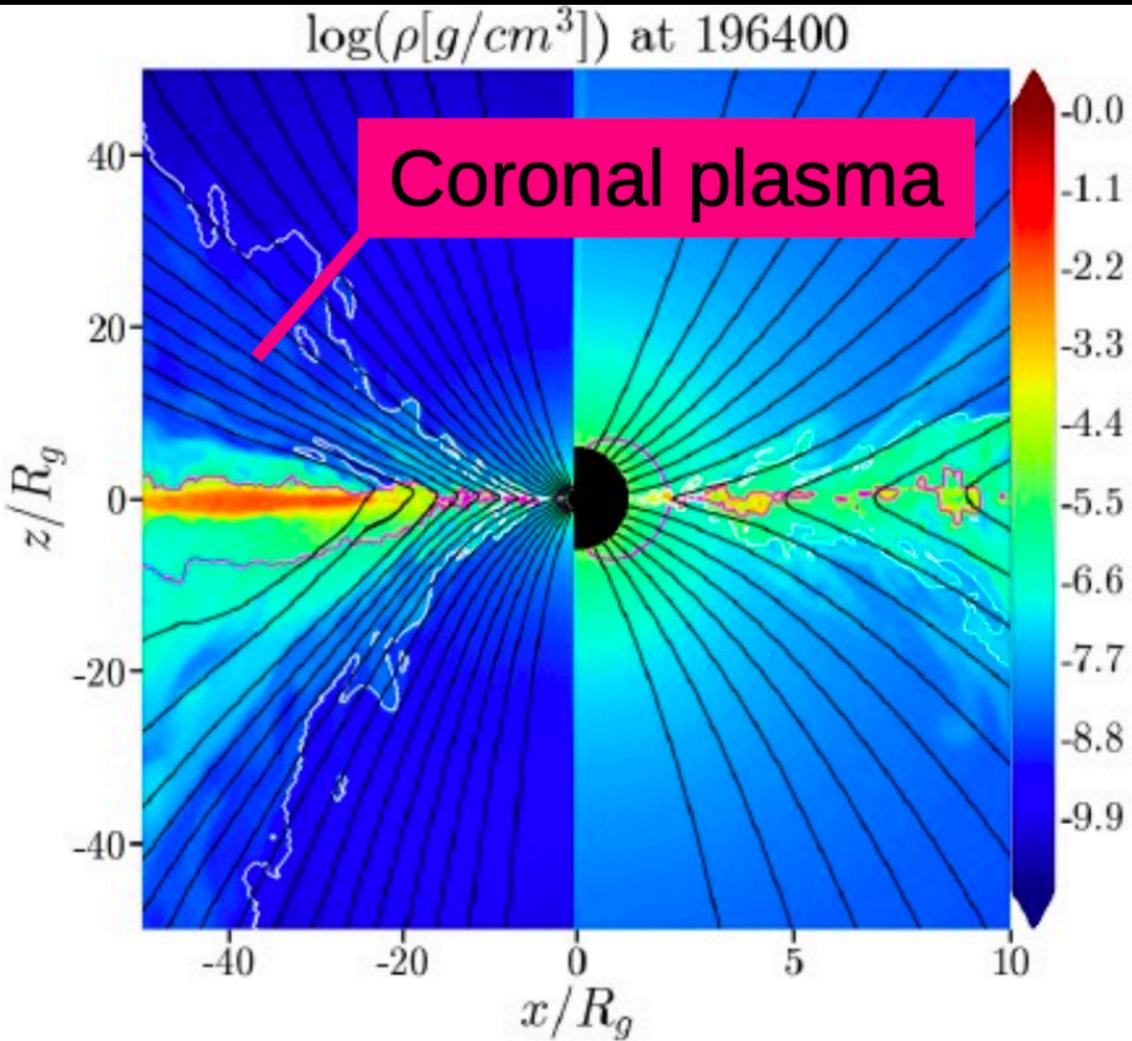


Krawczynski++2022: Cyg X-1 constraints from IXPE

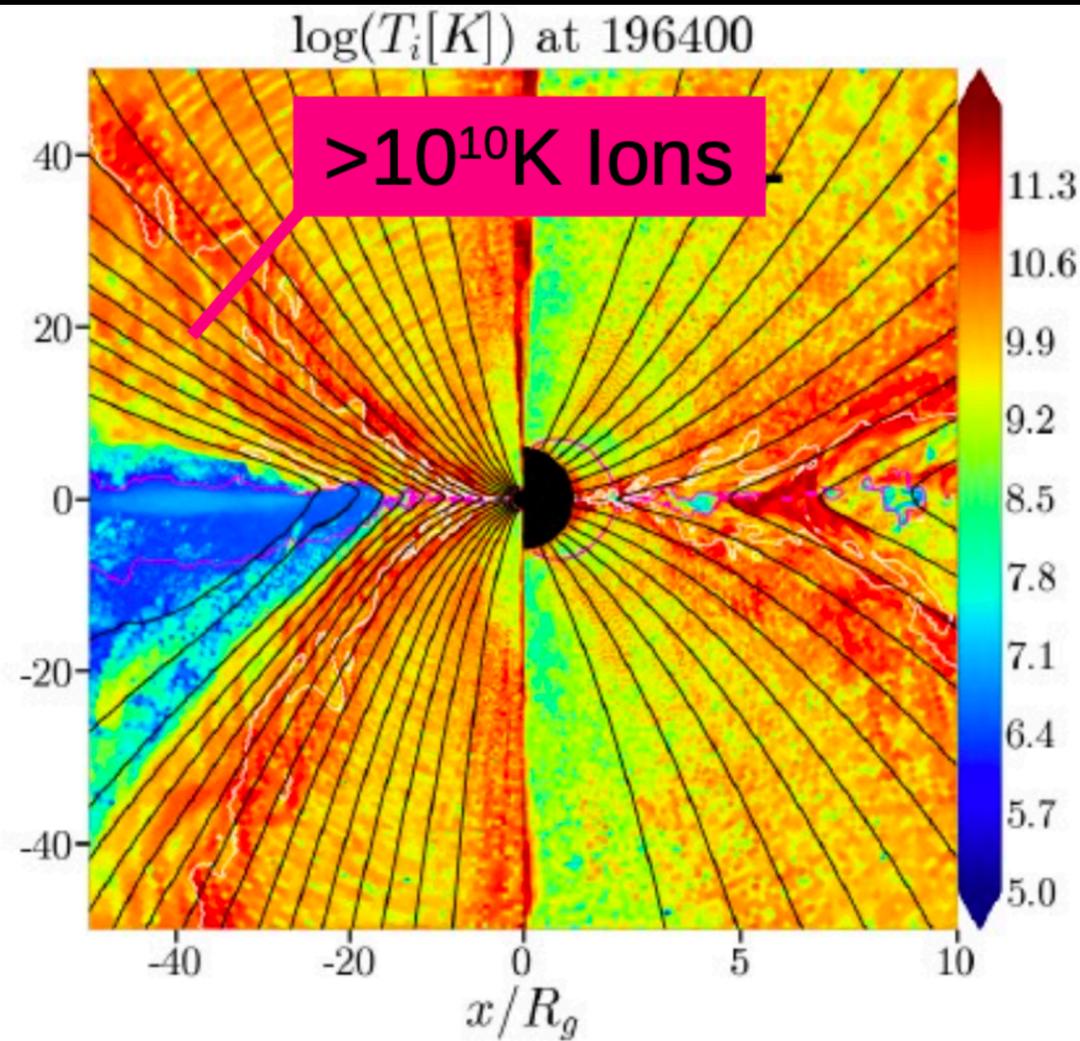
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# Radiative 2T-3D-GRMHD simulations: corona as disk/jet interface layer?

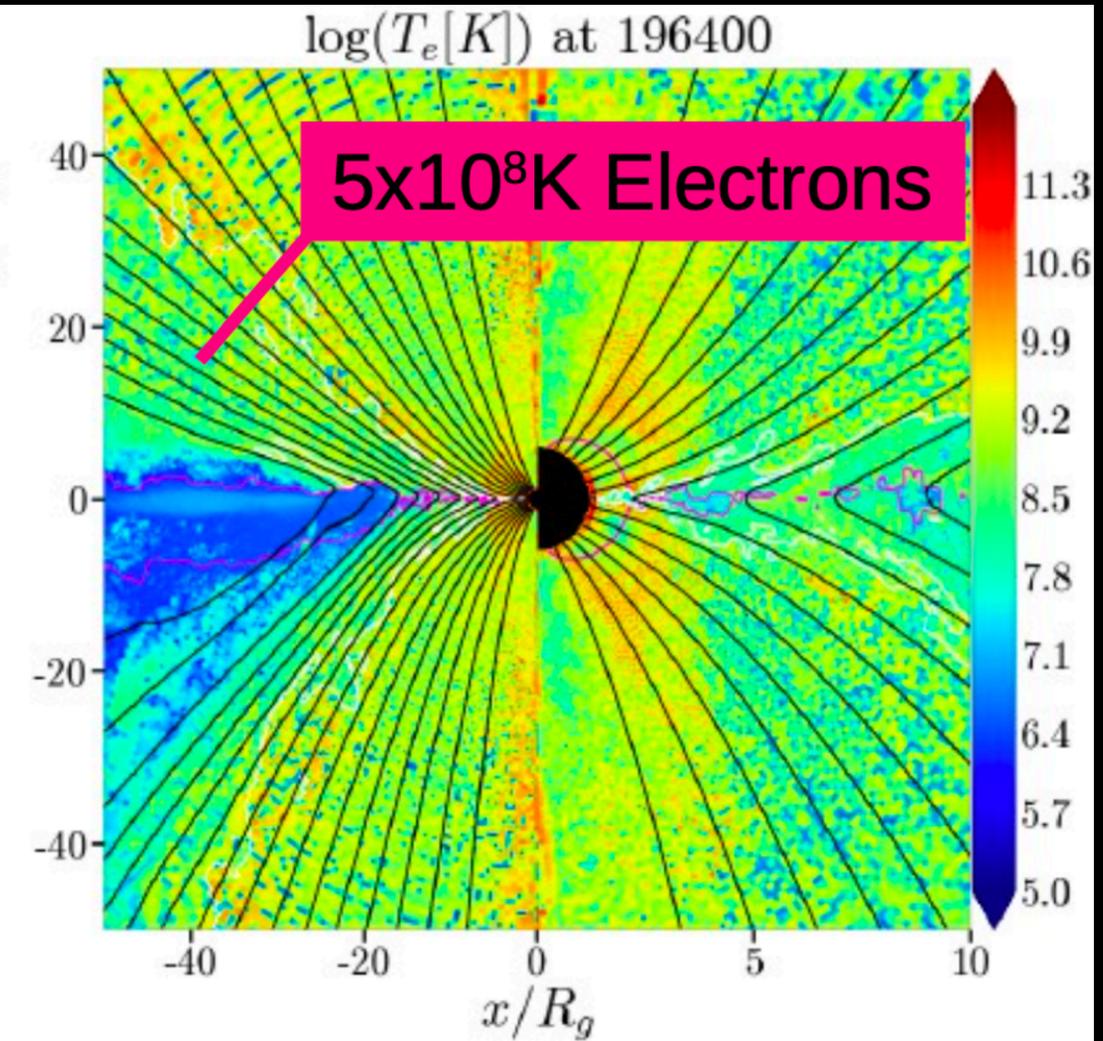
Density



Ion Temperature



Electron Temperature



Disk threaded by large scale poloidal flux promotes 2T regions and truncation

Develop low density, thick hot corona with  $T_i > T_e$ .

Corona best described by radiative analog of a MAD

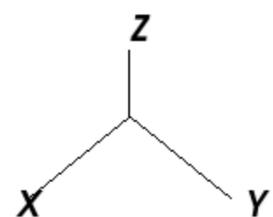
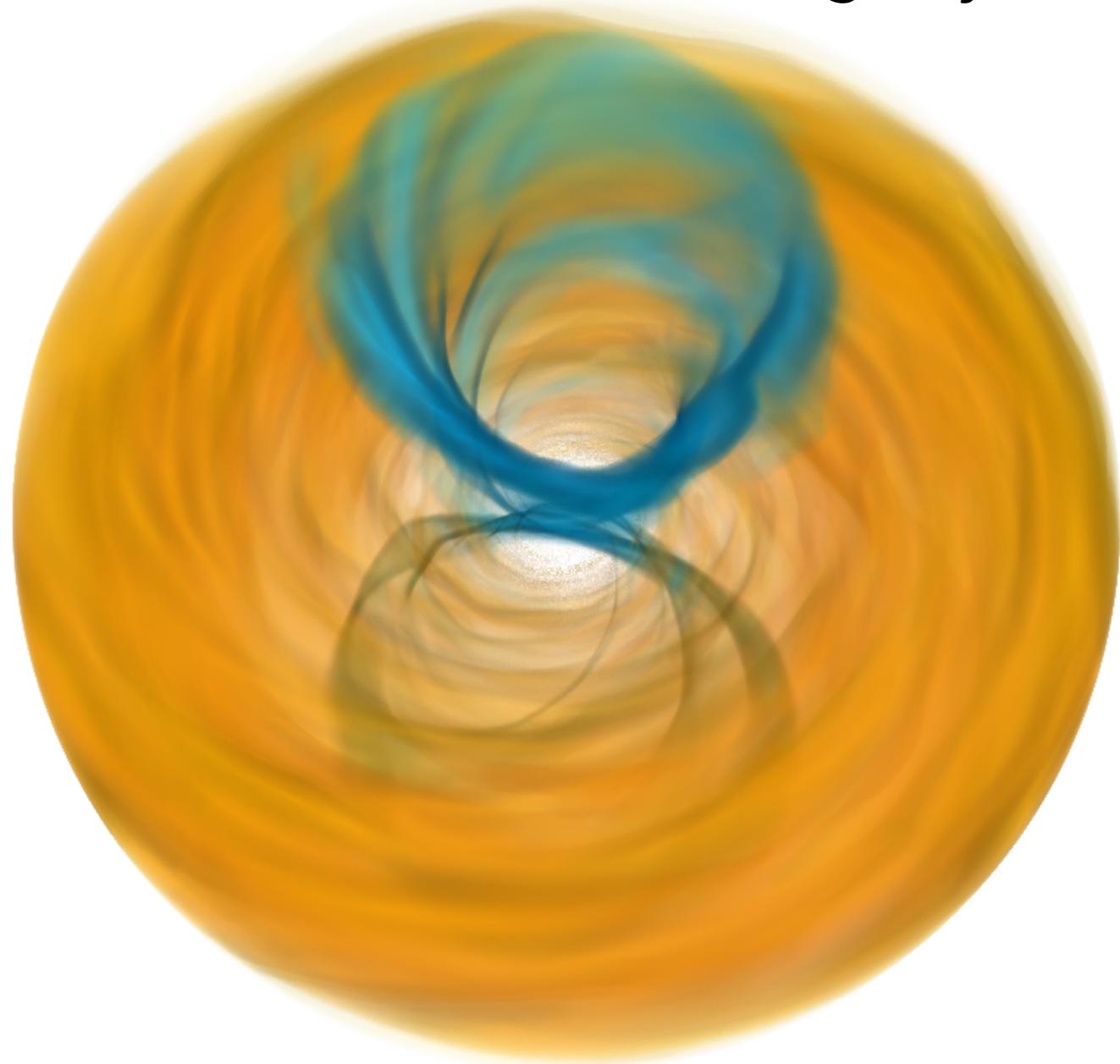
Corona flow has patches of cool gas floating through it.

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# Model degeneracy introduced via particle "subgrid" models

GRMHD simulation: disk (orange), jets (blue)



Single particle fluid  $\Rightarrow$  protons

Assume 100% H ( $n_e=n_p$ ), thermal distributions

Heat electrons, example: from EHT/Moscibrodzka++2016 (motivated by Alfvénic turbulent heating, eg. Howes 2010; Kawazura++2018 )

$$T_p/T_e = \frac{R_{\text{low}} + R_{\text{high}}\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2}$$

Where  $\beta = P_{\text{gas}}/P_{\text{mag}}$

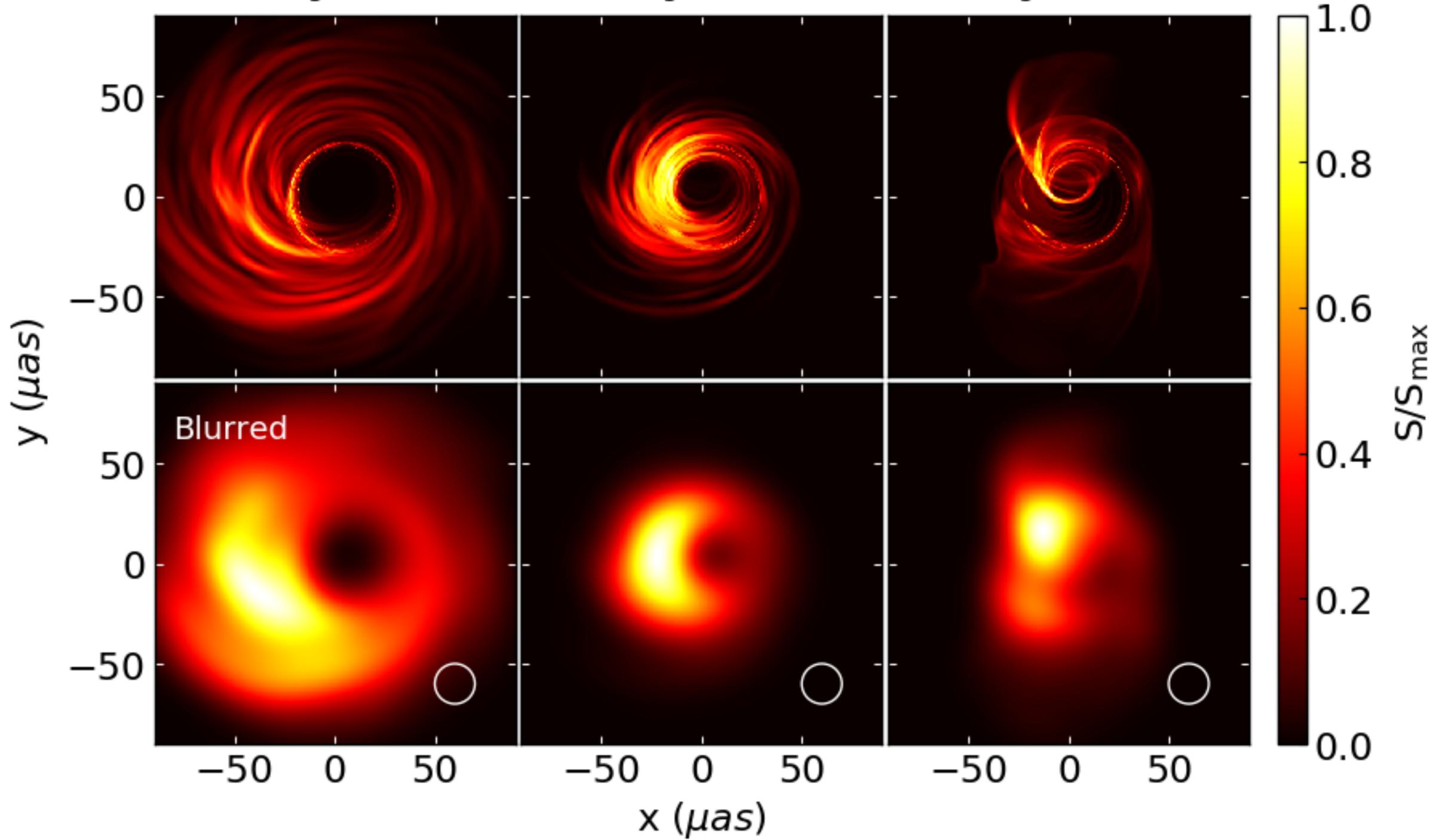
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GRMHD  $\epsilon$

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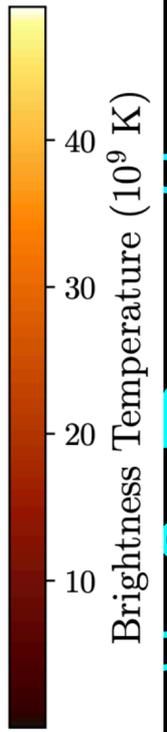
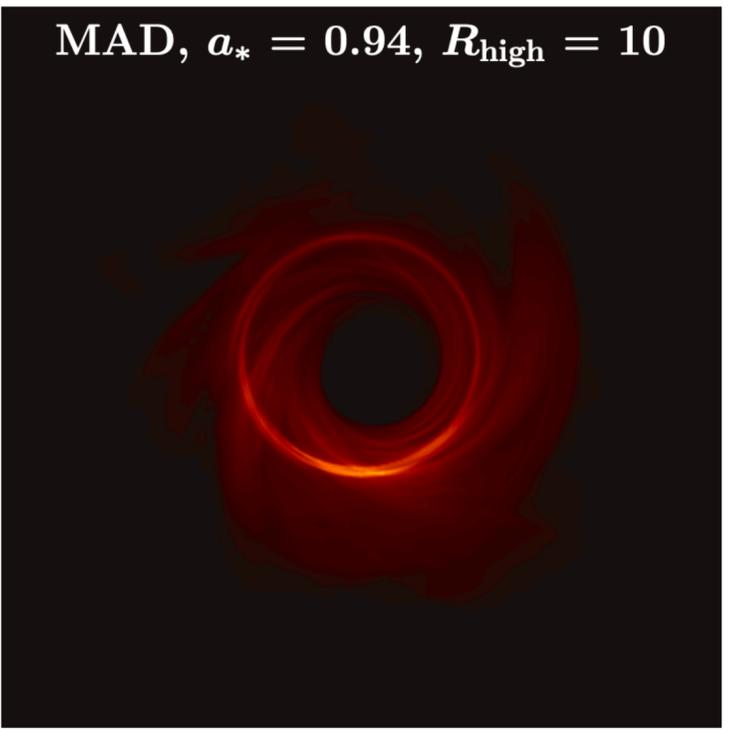
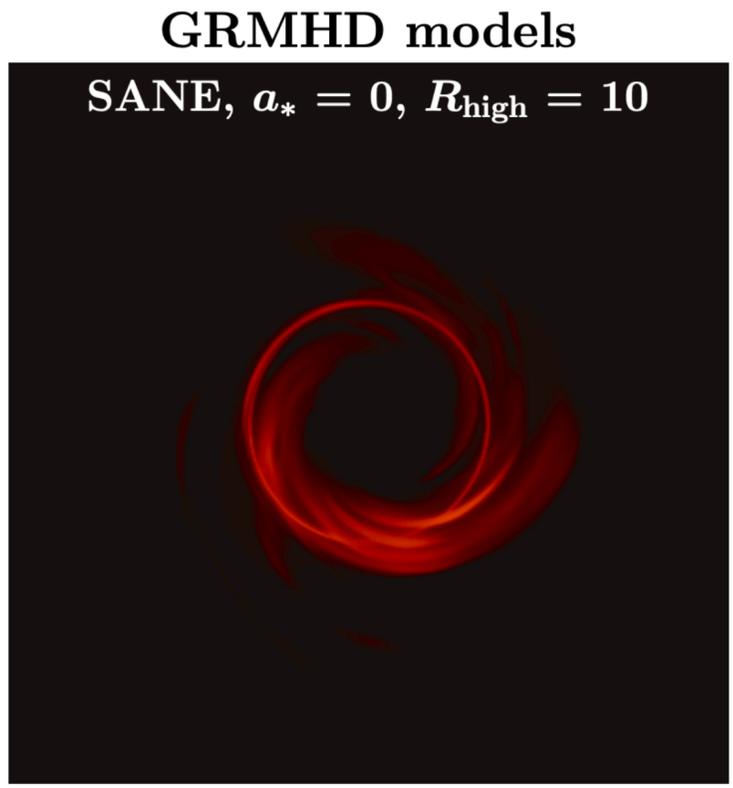
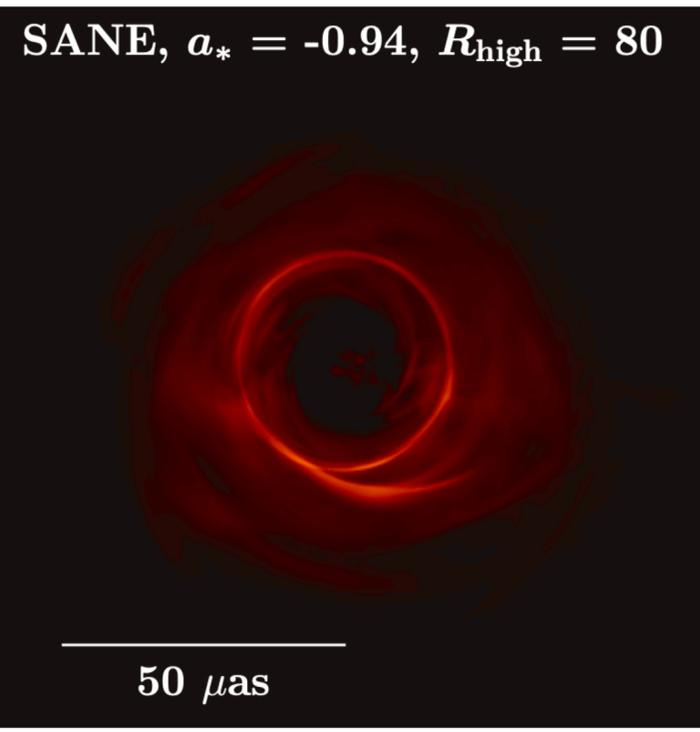
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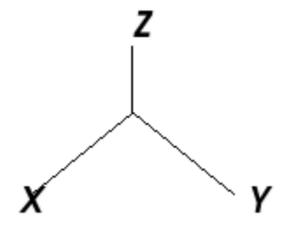
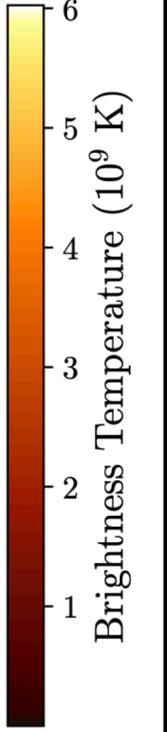
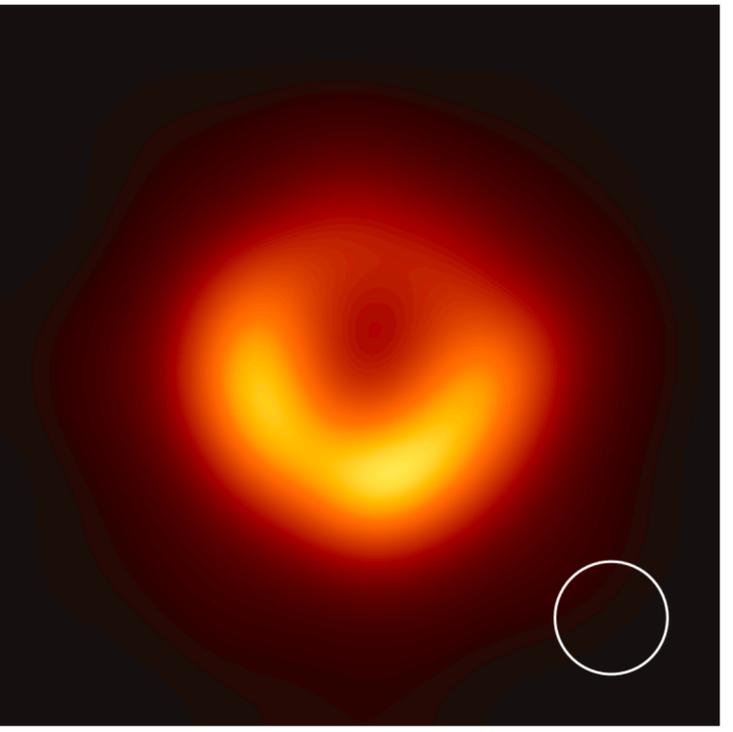
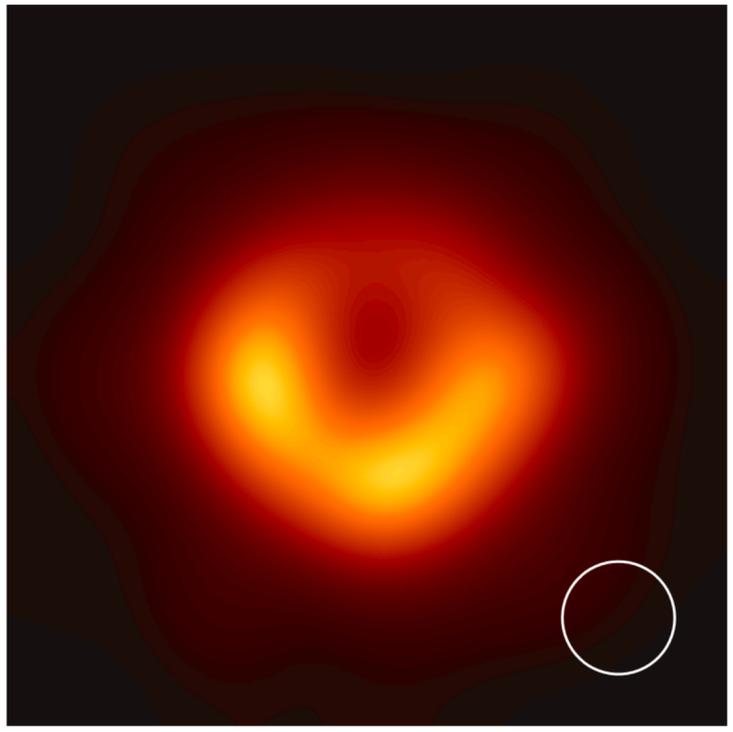
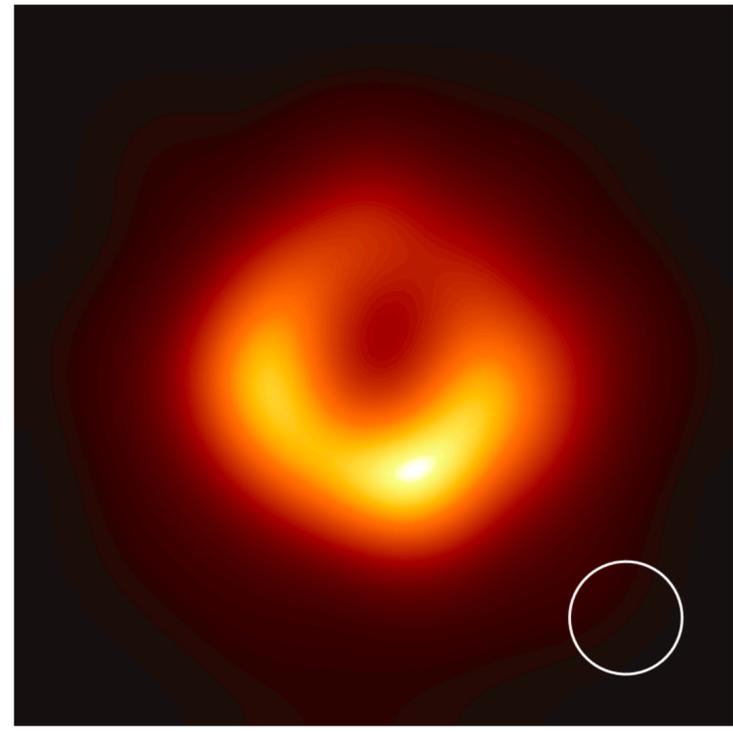
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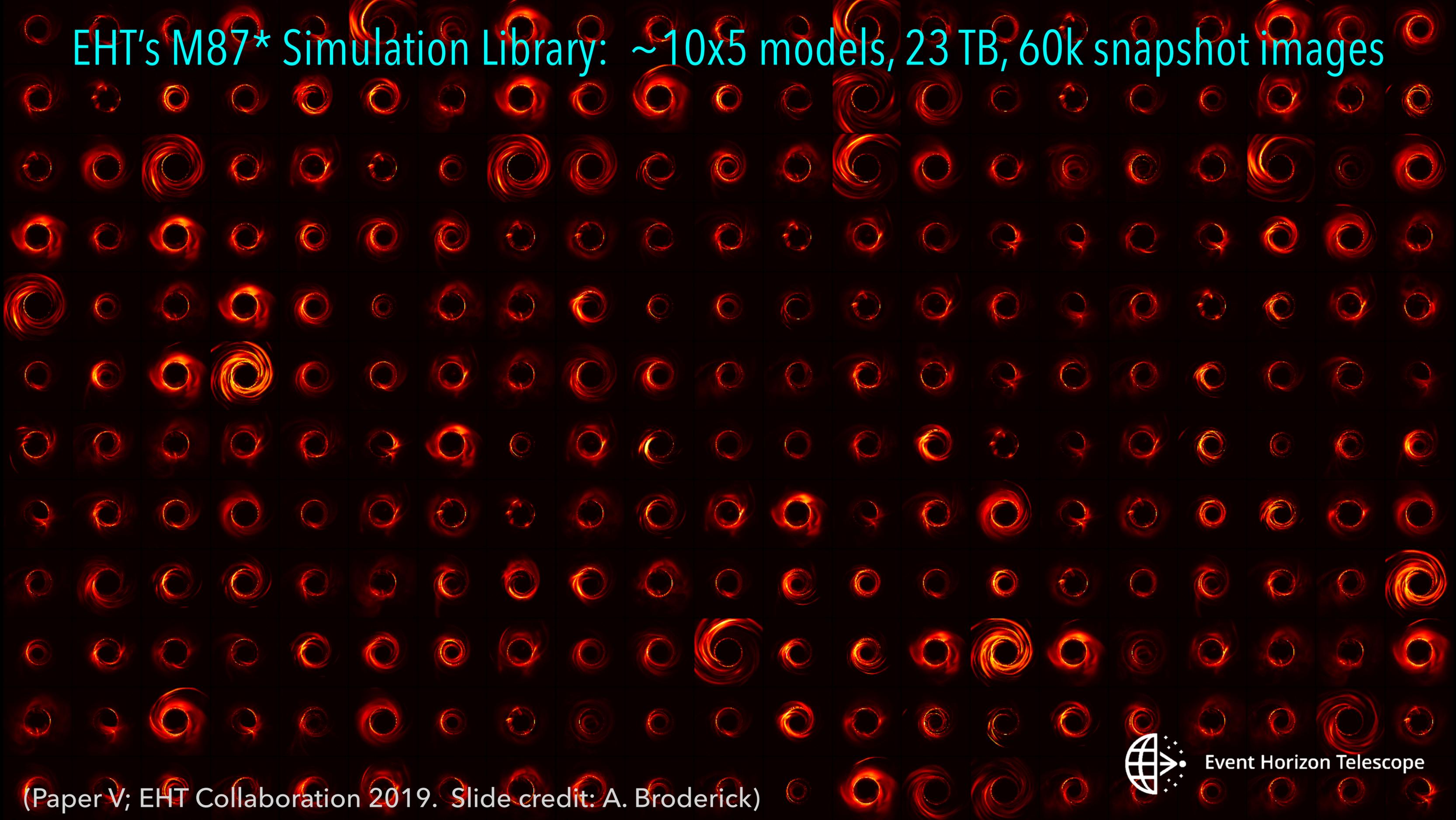


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Simulated EHT observations



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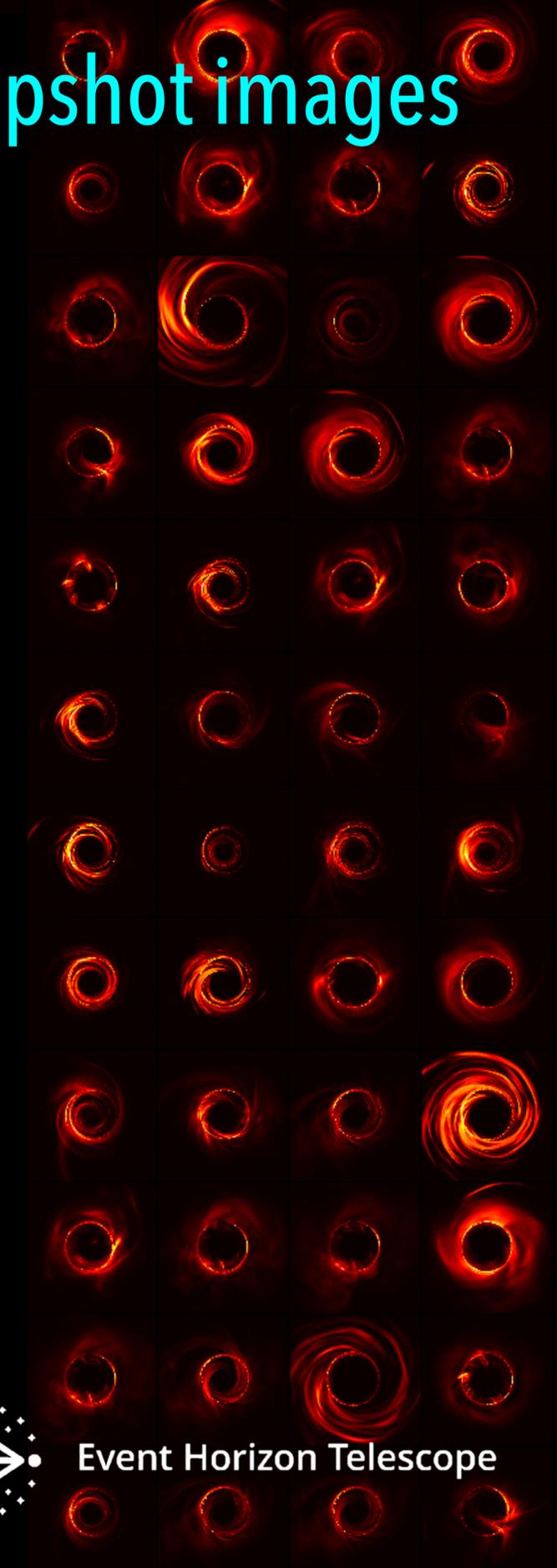
(Paper V; EHT Collaboration 2019. Slide credit: A. Broderick)

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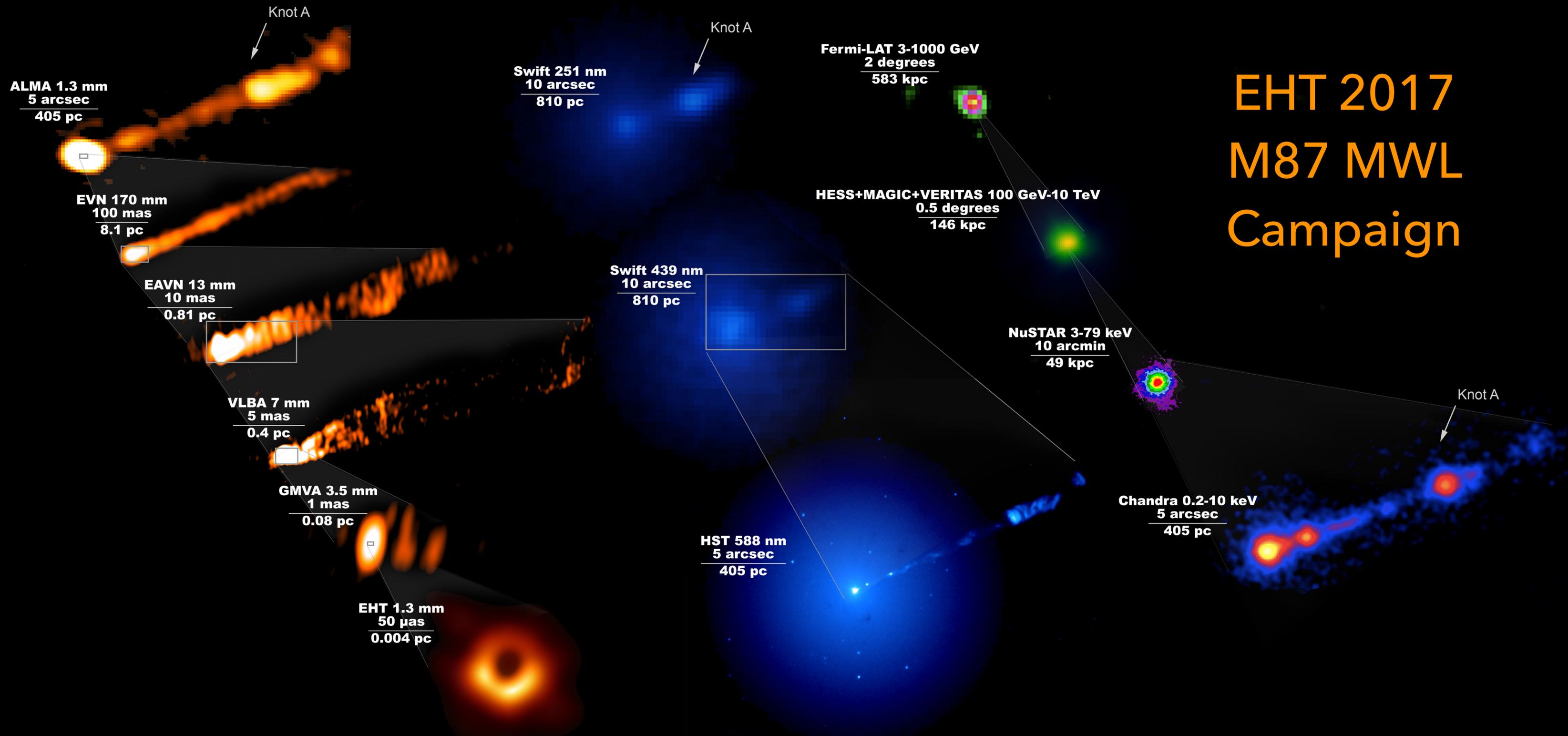
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**Now: breaking degeneracy requires incorporating information beyond EHT single-frequency images!**

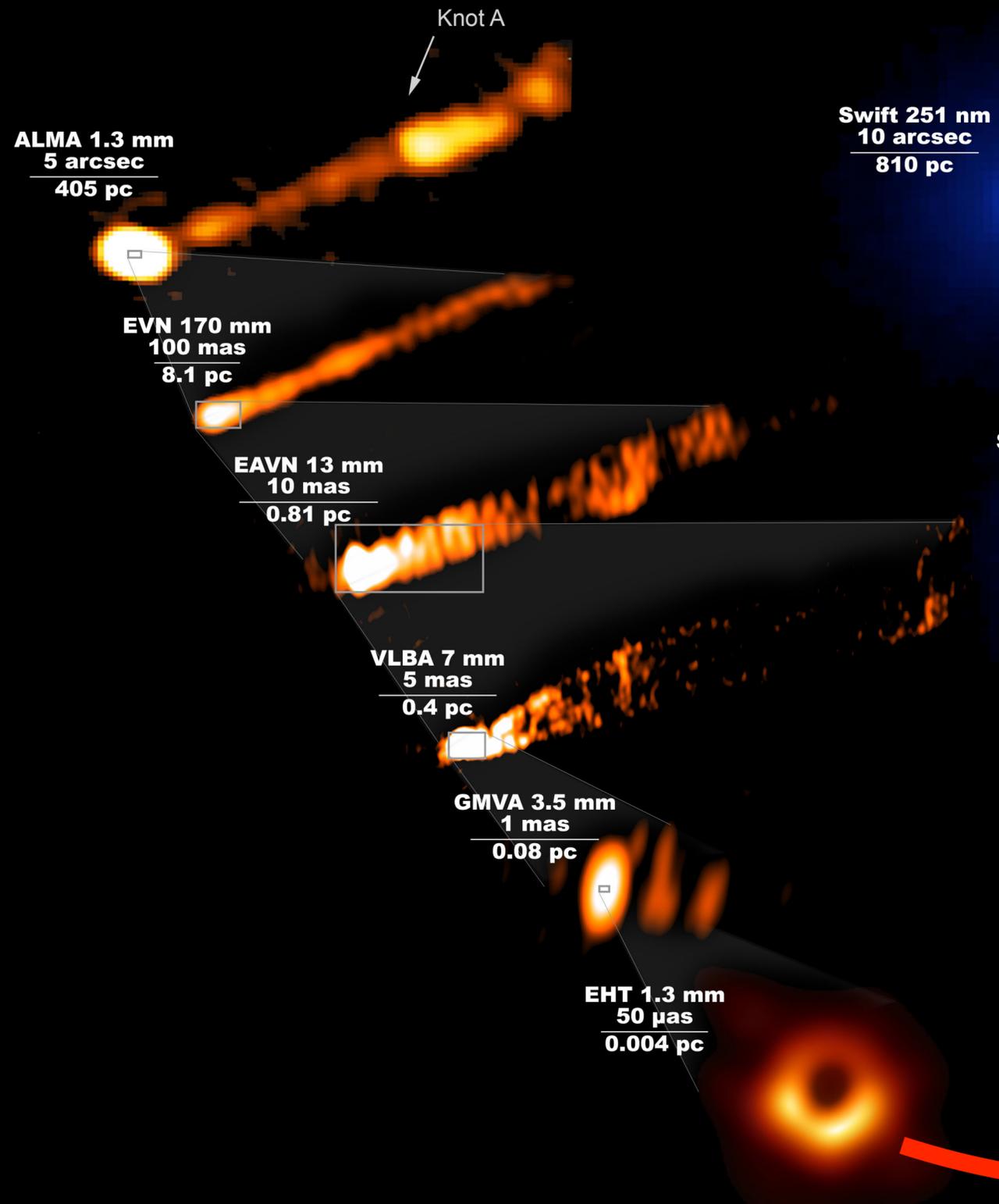
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particle acceleration regions/  
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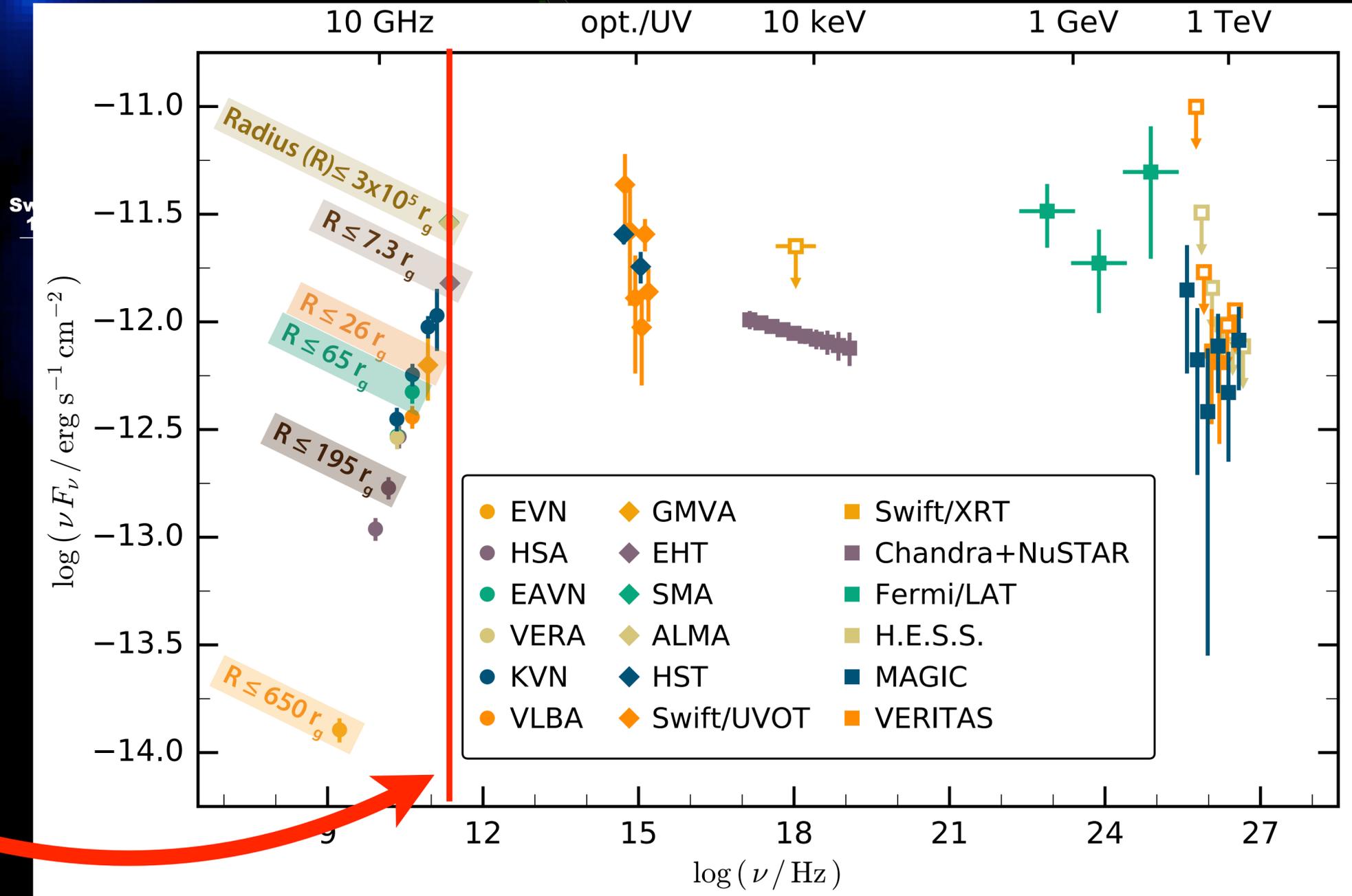
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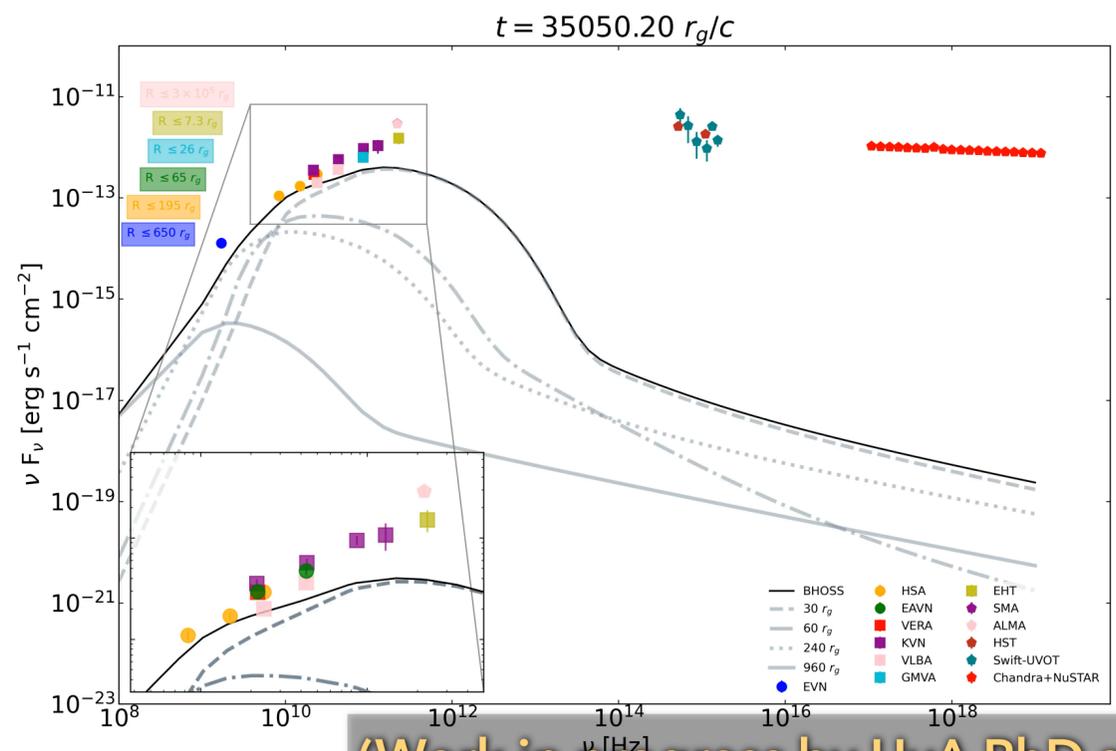
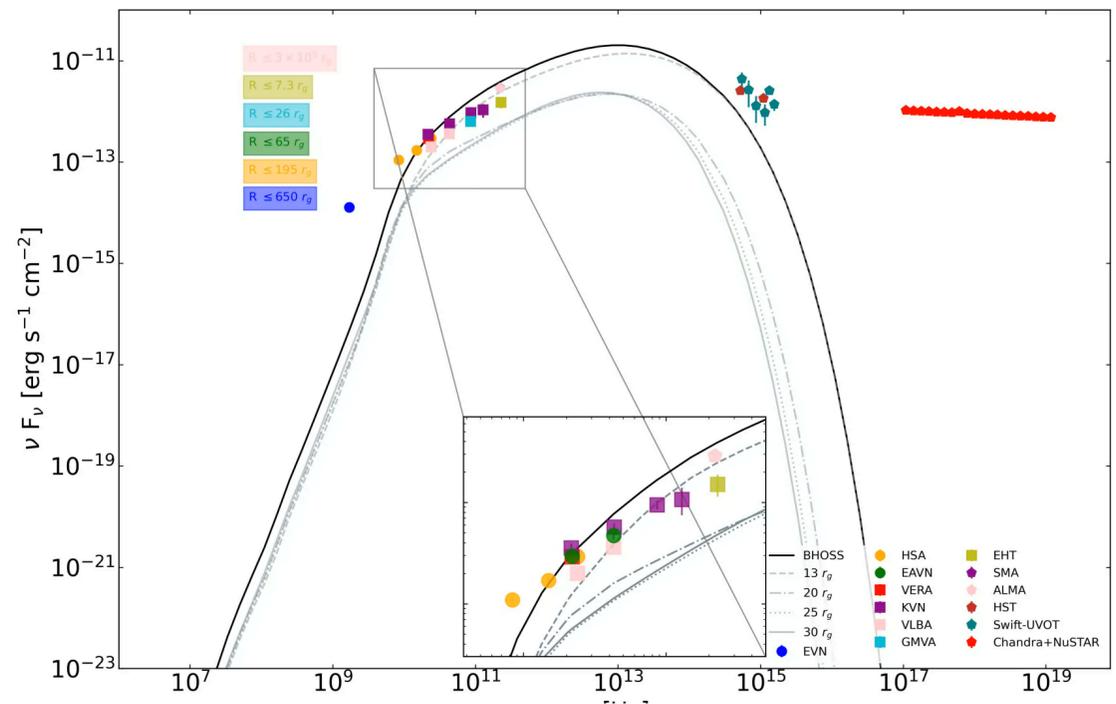
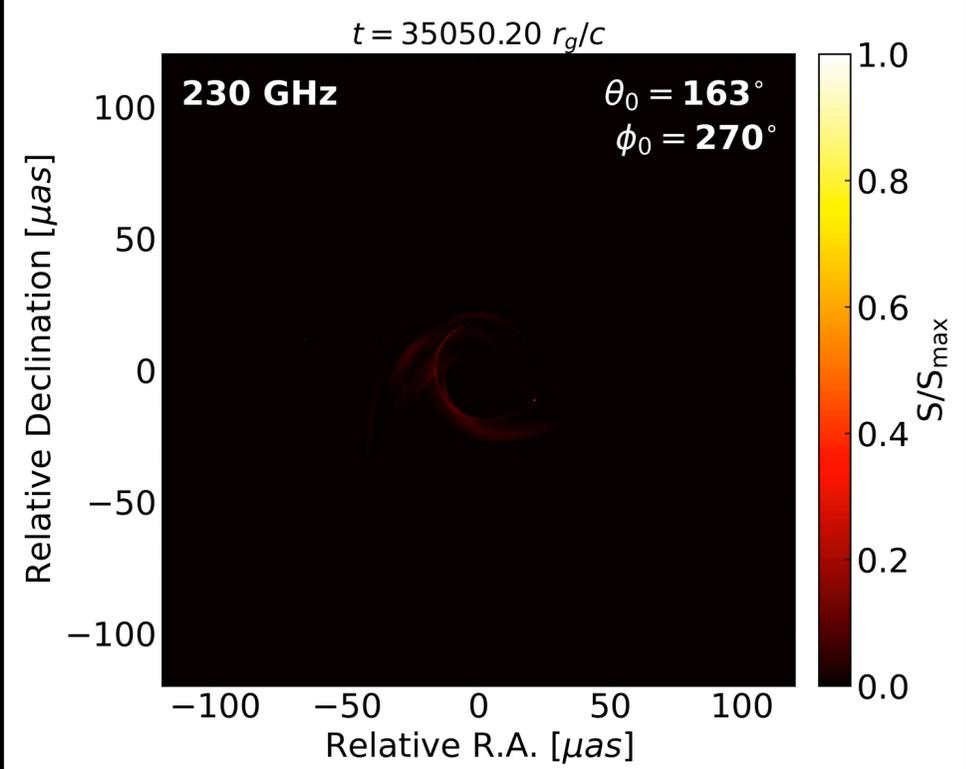
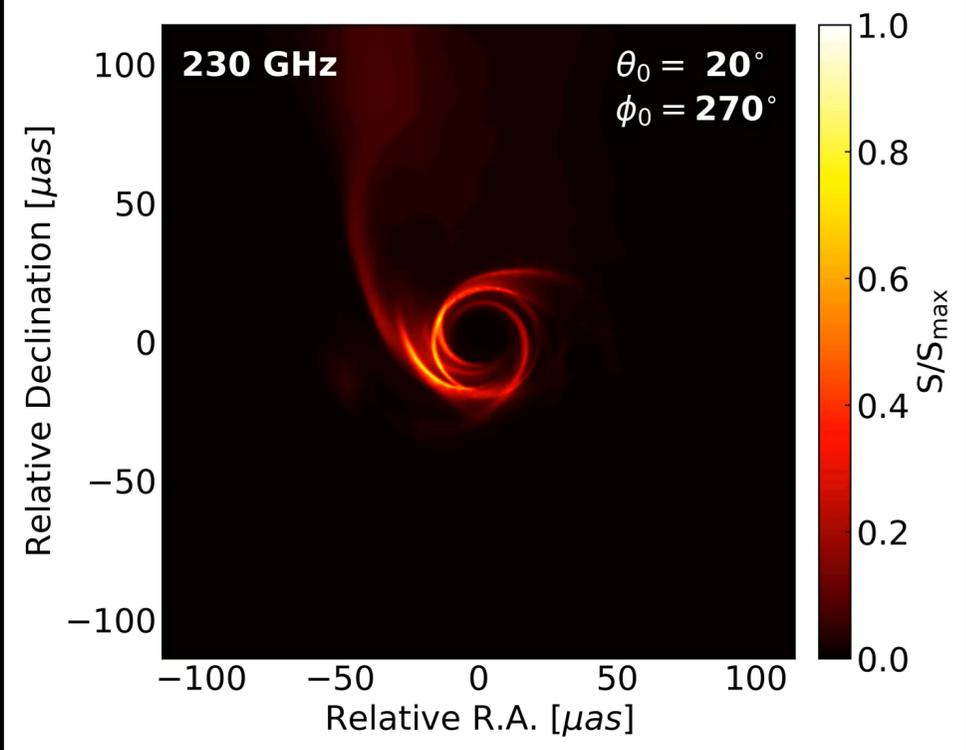
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EHT 2017



# The new horizon: combined image + SED modelling



Thermal, inner  $30r_g$

Non-thermal parameterised power-law,  $<960r_g$

(Work in progress by UvA PhD students Wanga Mulaudzi & Rittick Roy)

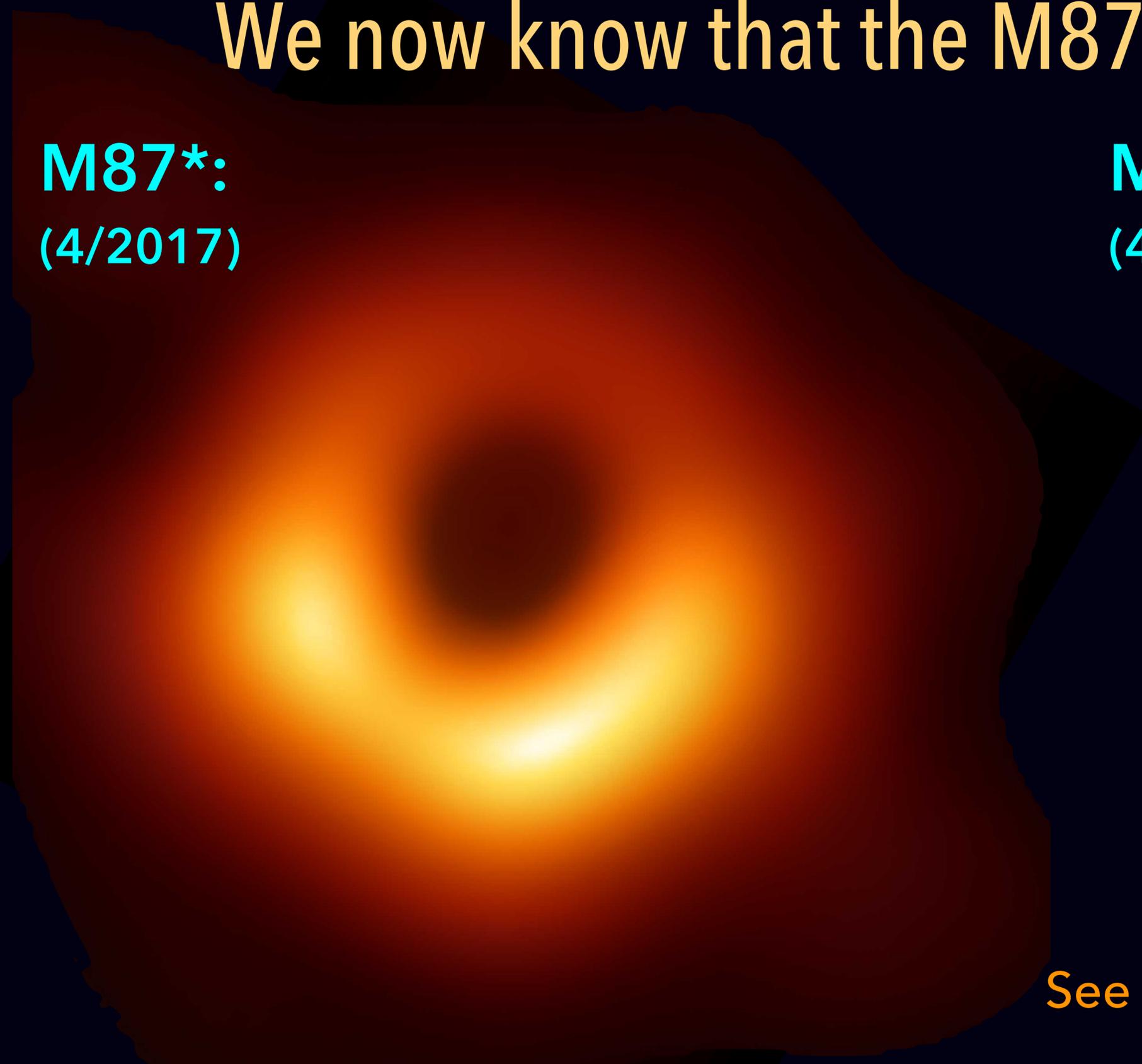
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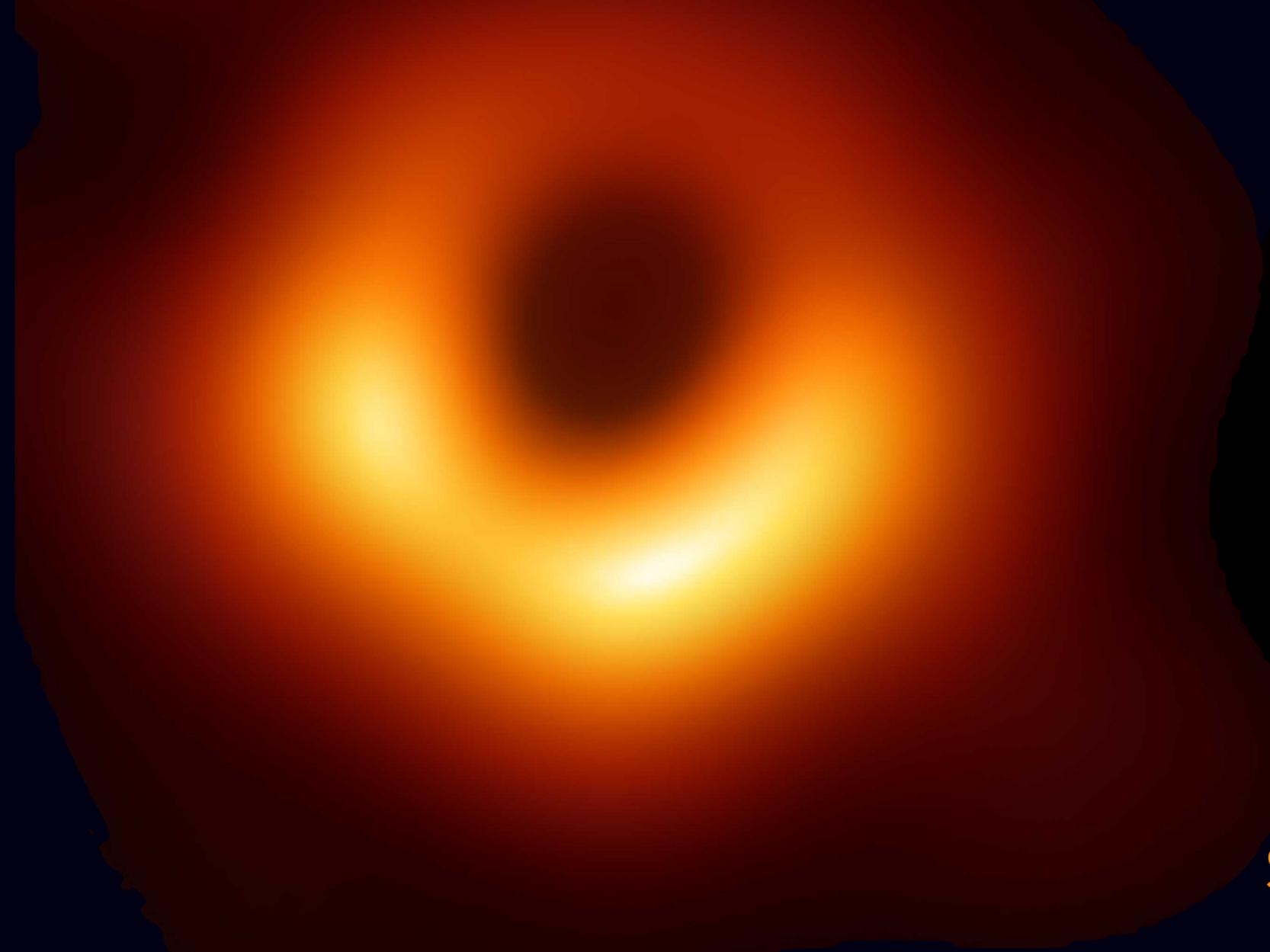
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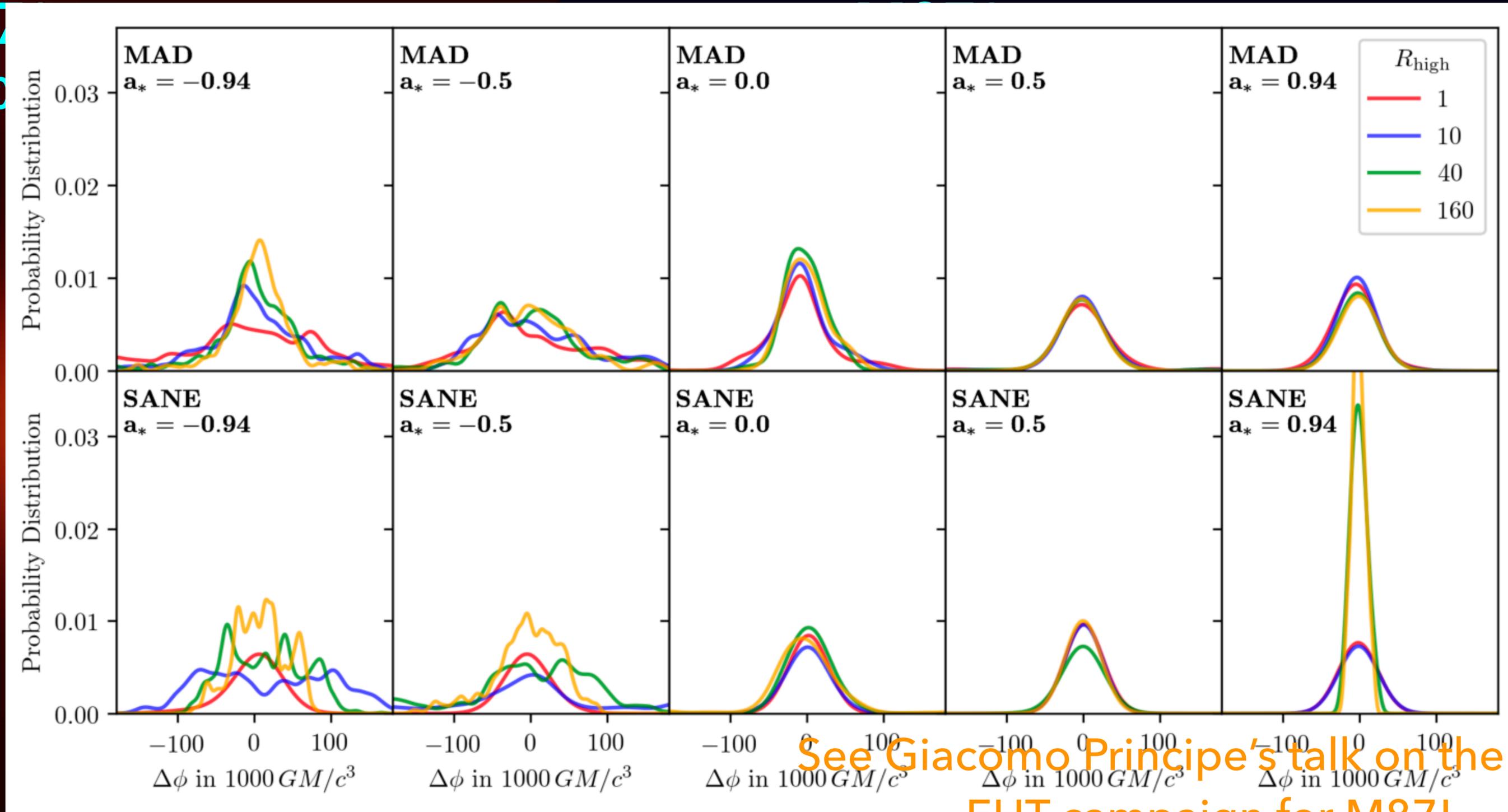
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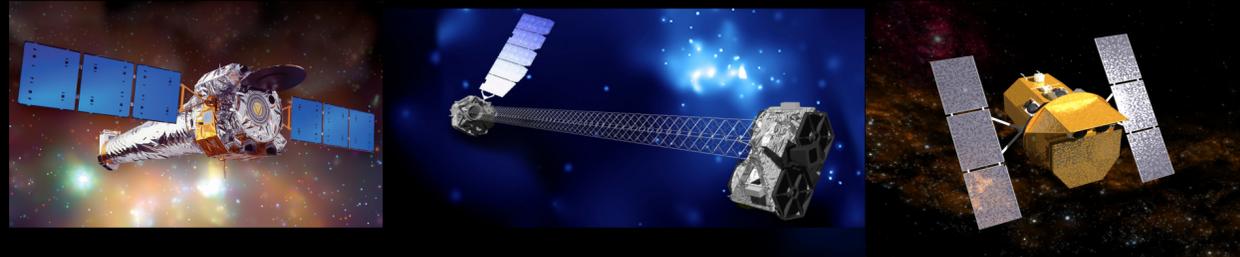
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(4/2024)



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# Sgr A\* gives us a direct view of coronal-like activity

X-ray flare from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, + NuSTAR & Swift (space)



Infrared flare from the Keck Observatory + VLT/GRAVITY (ground)

10:38:57.11 UT

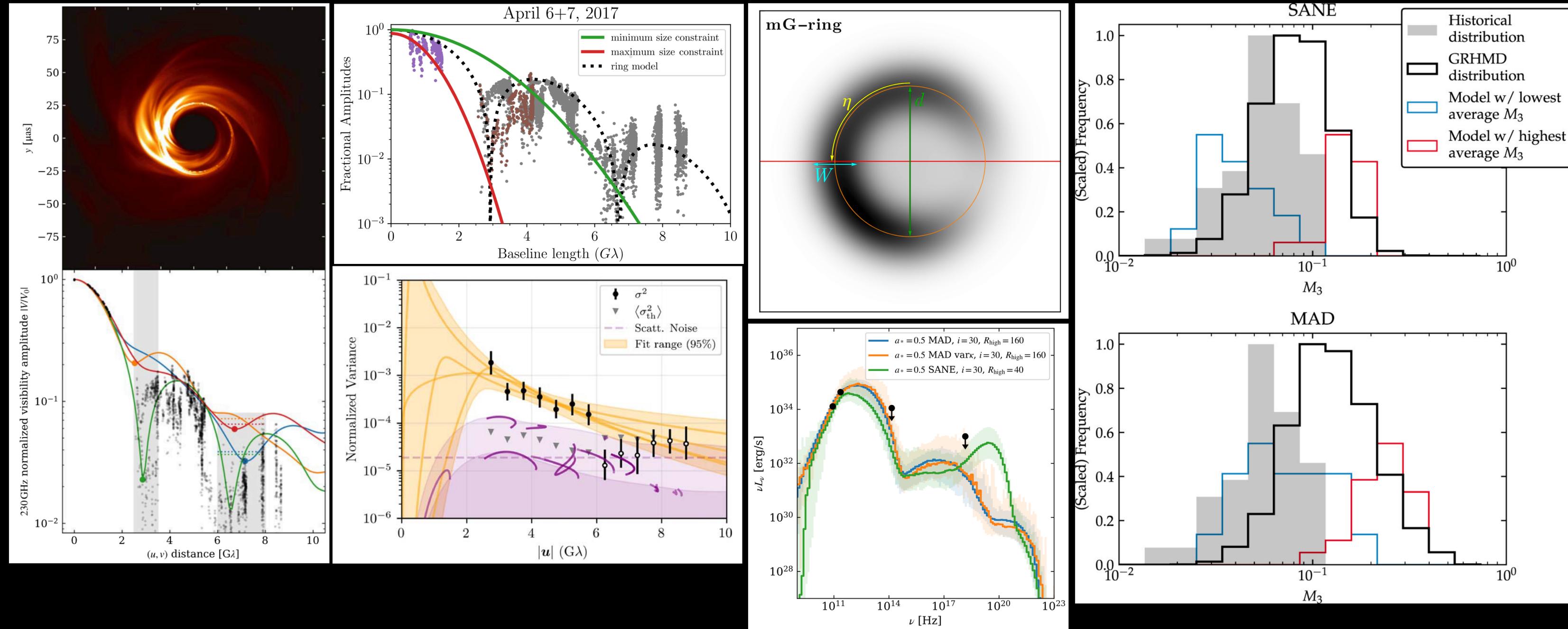


Credit: NASA/CXC/Amherst College/D.Haggard et al.

T. Do, Keck/UCLA Galactic Center Group

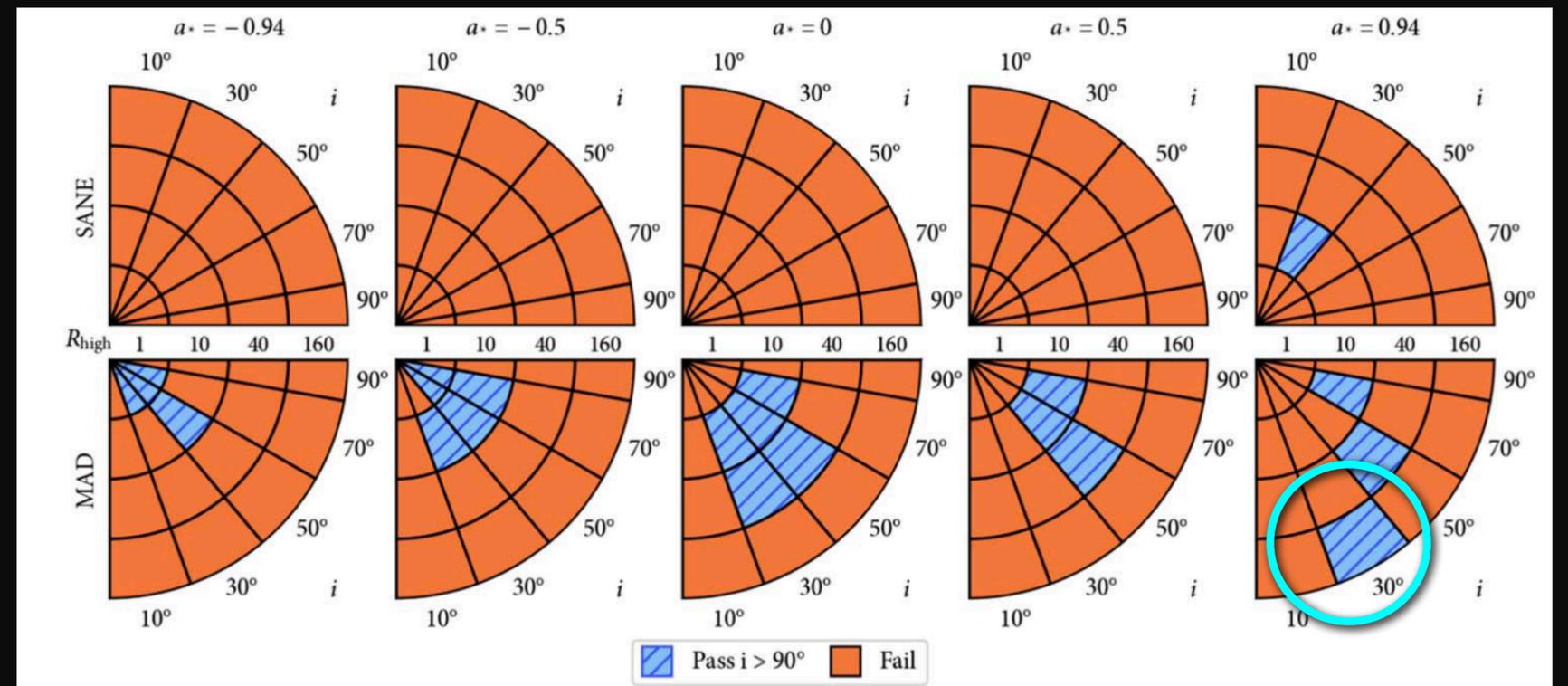
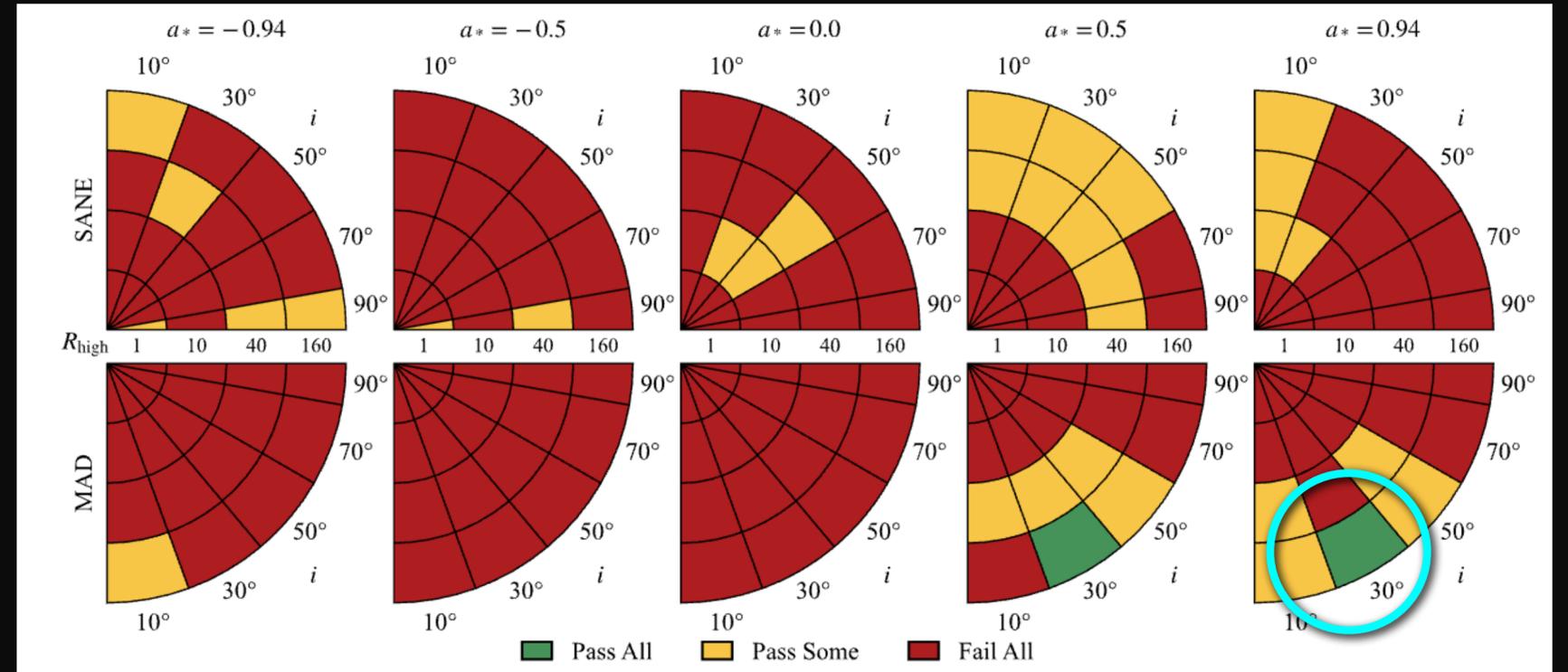
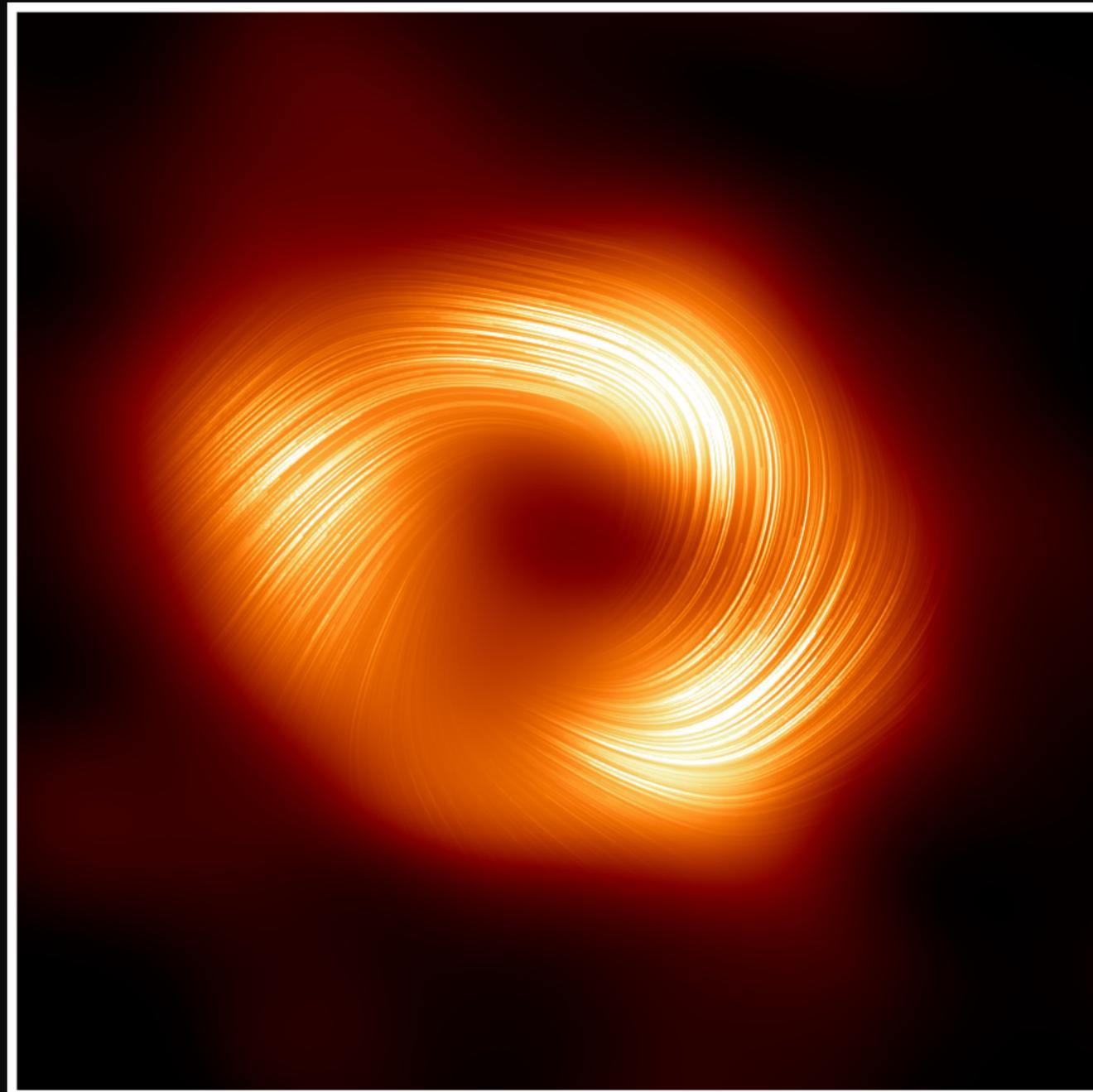
# We applied a much greater set of constraints (11!) to Sgr A\*

“Variability Crisis”??

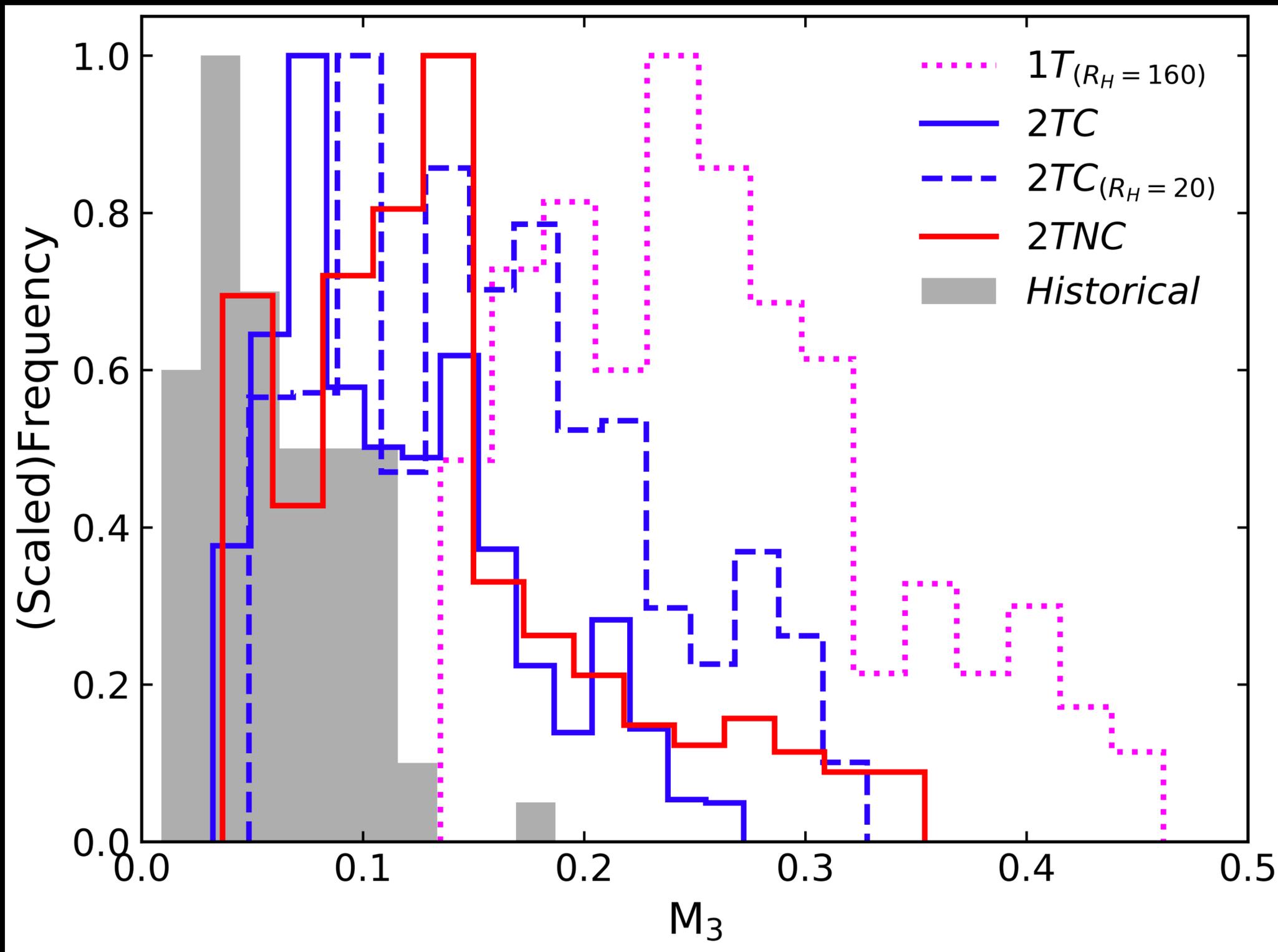
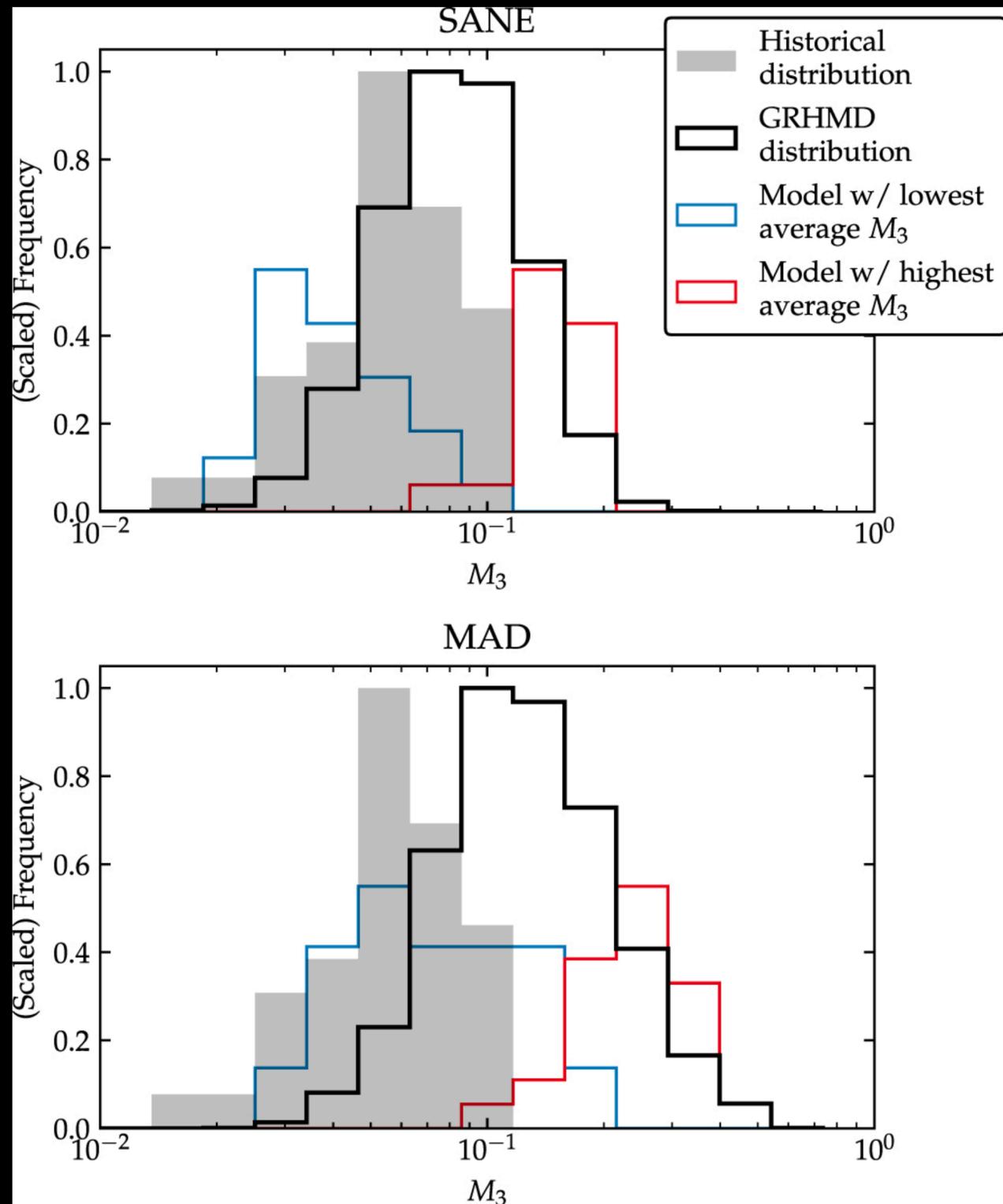


# Sgr A\*: Over 200 models, 1.8 Million images, ~PByte of data!

11 Constraints of 3 types : EHT images + Multi-wavelength + Variability + Polarisation

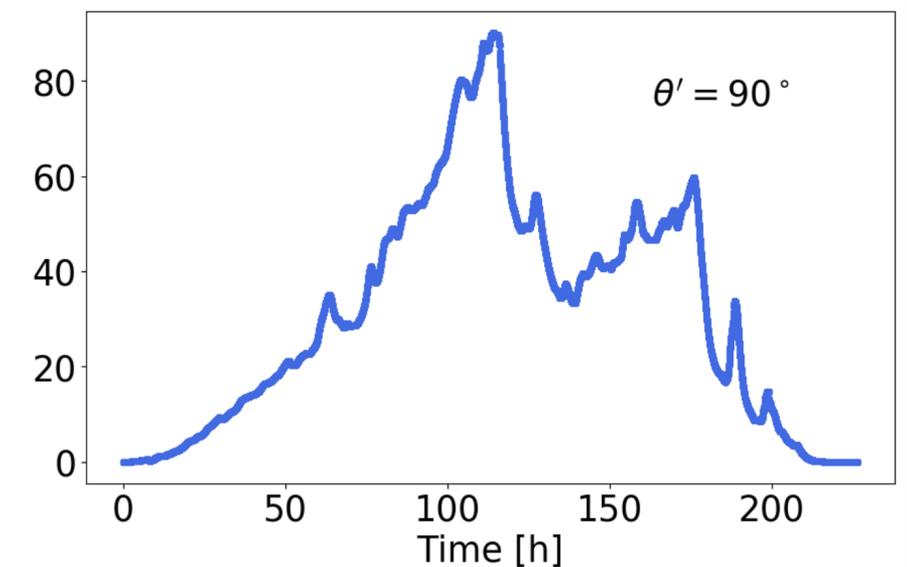
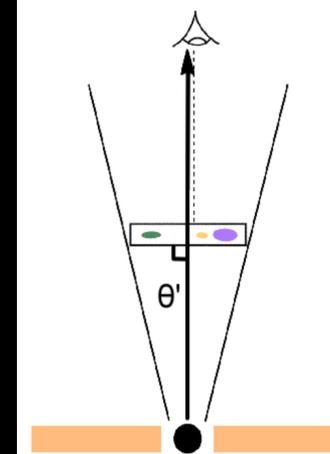
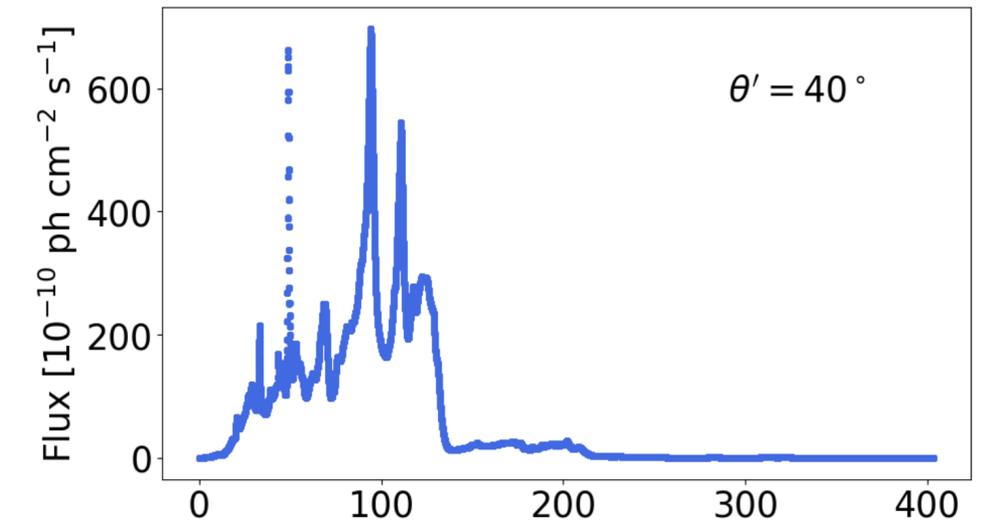
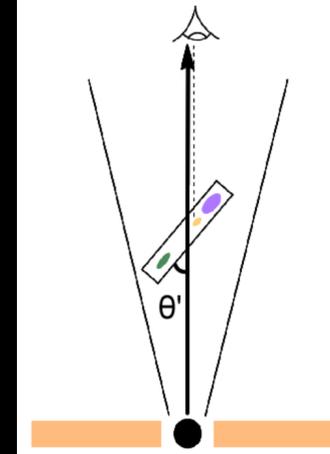
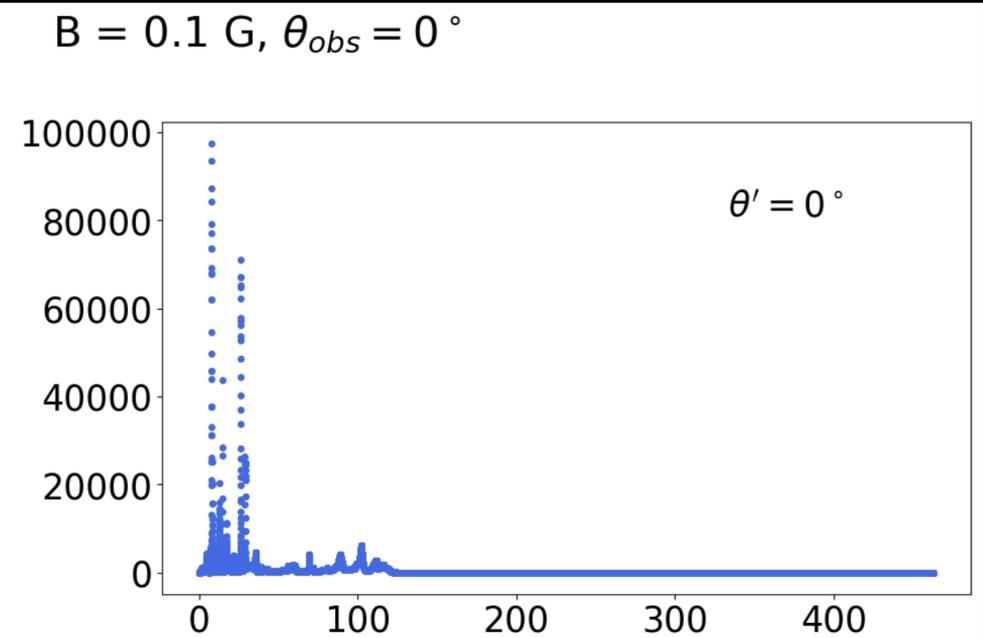
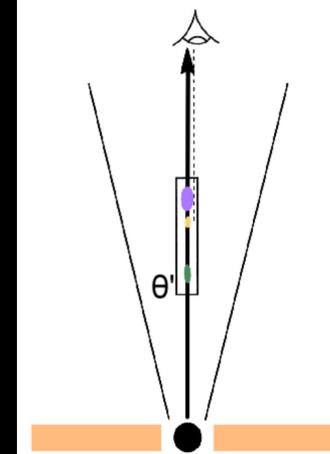


# Variability one of the biggest modelling challenges



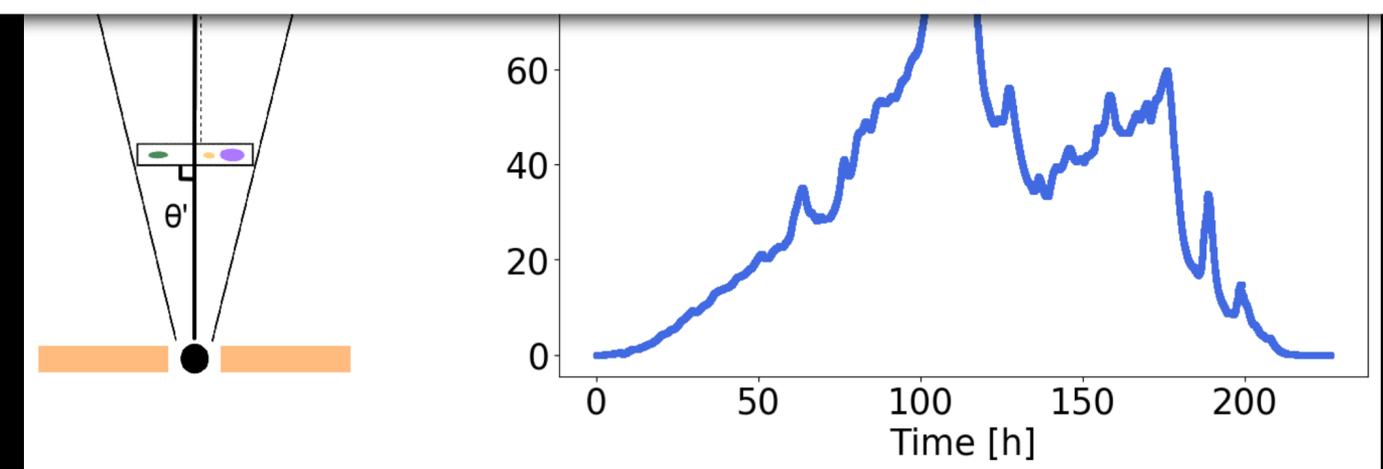
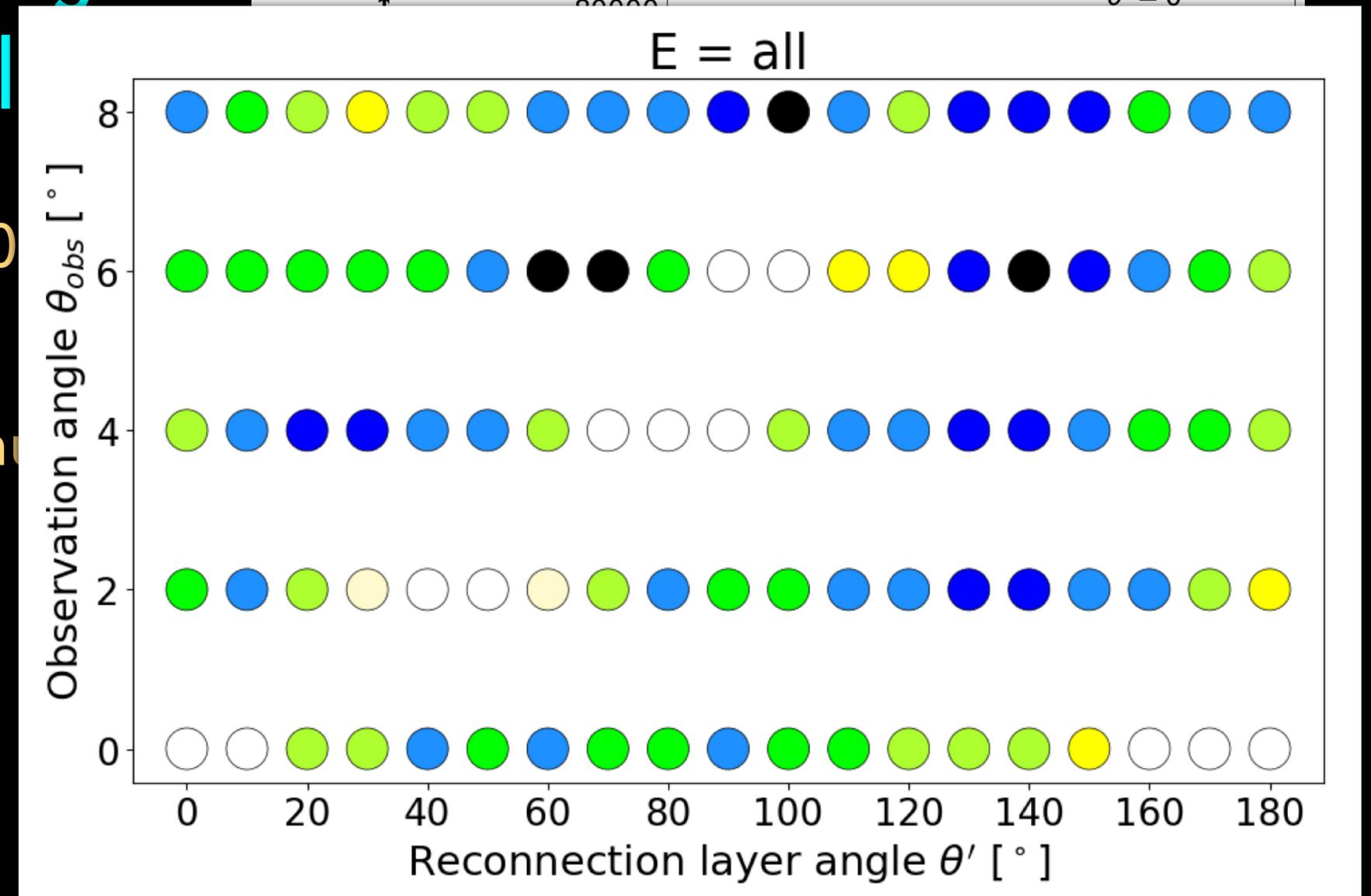
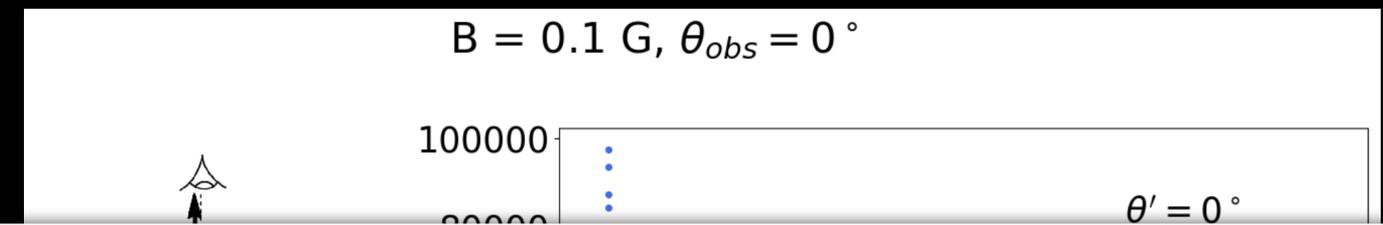
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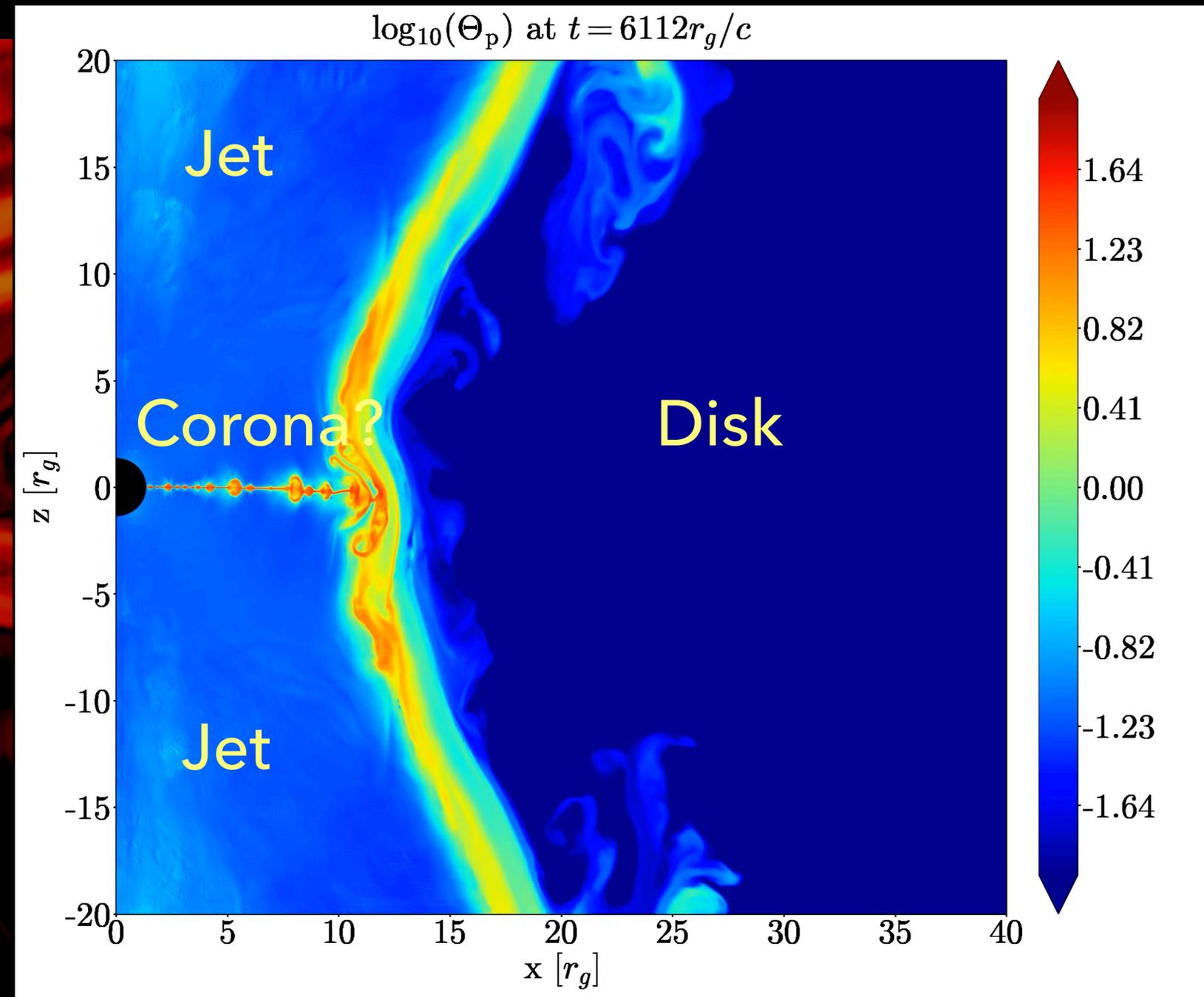
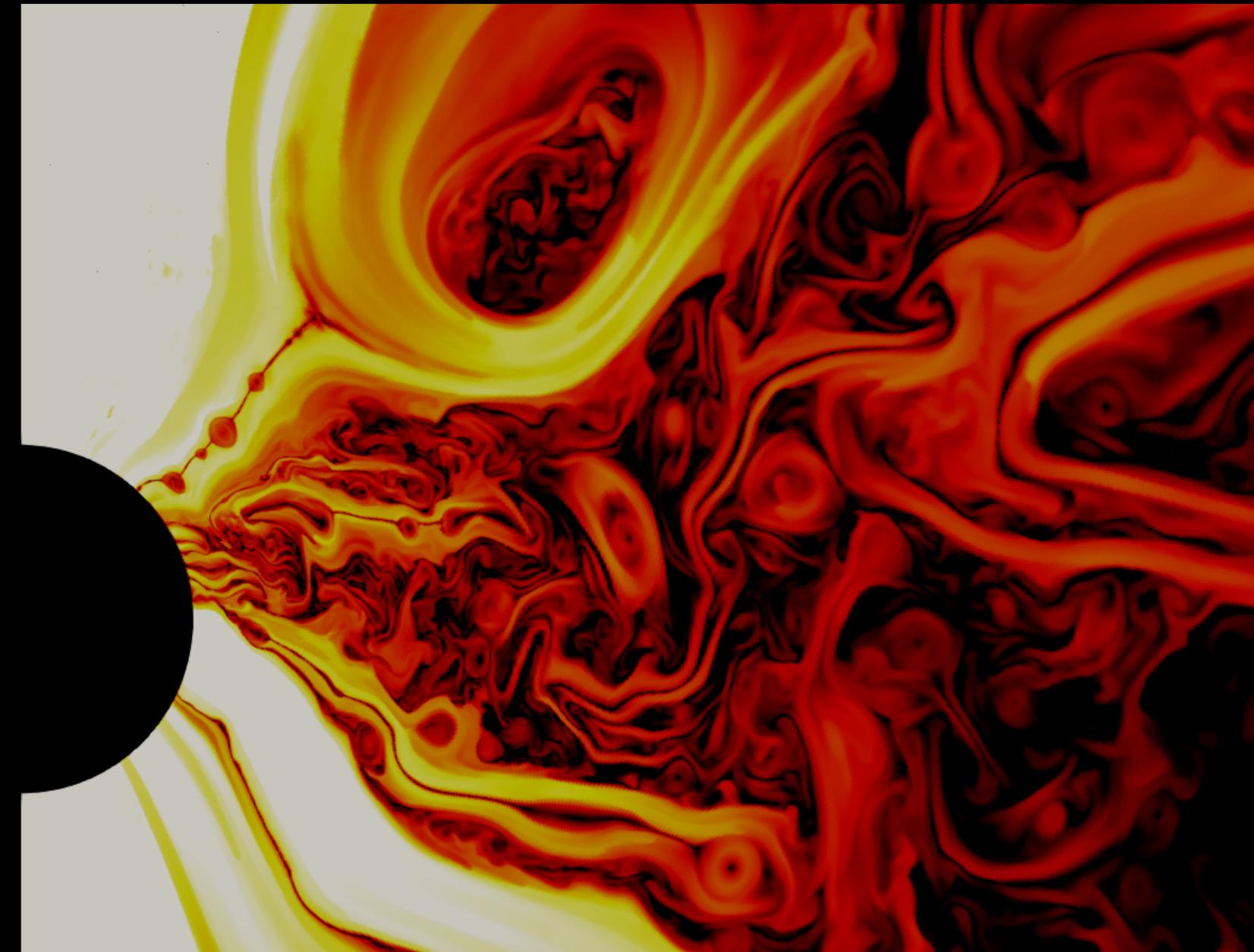
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# The newest generation high-res simulations will be put to the test



Ripperda, Bacchini & Philippov 2020, resistive 2D GRMHD w/  
effective resolution of 12288x6144

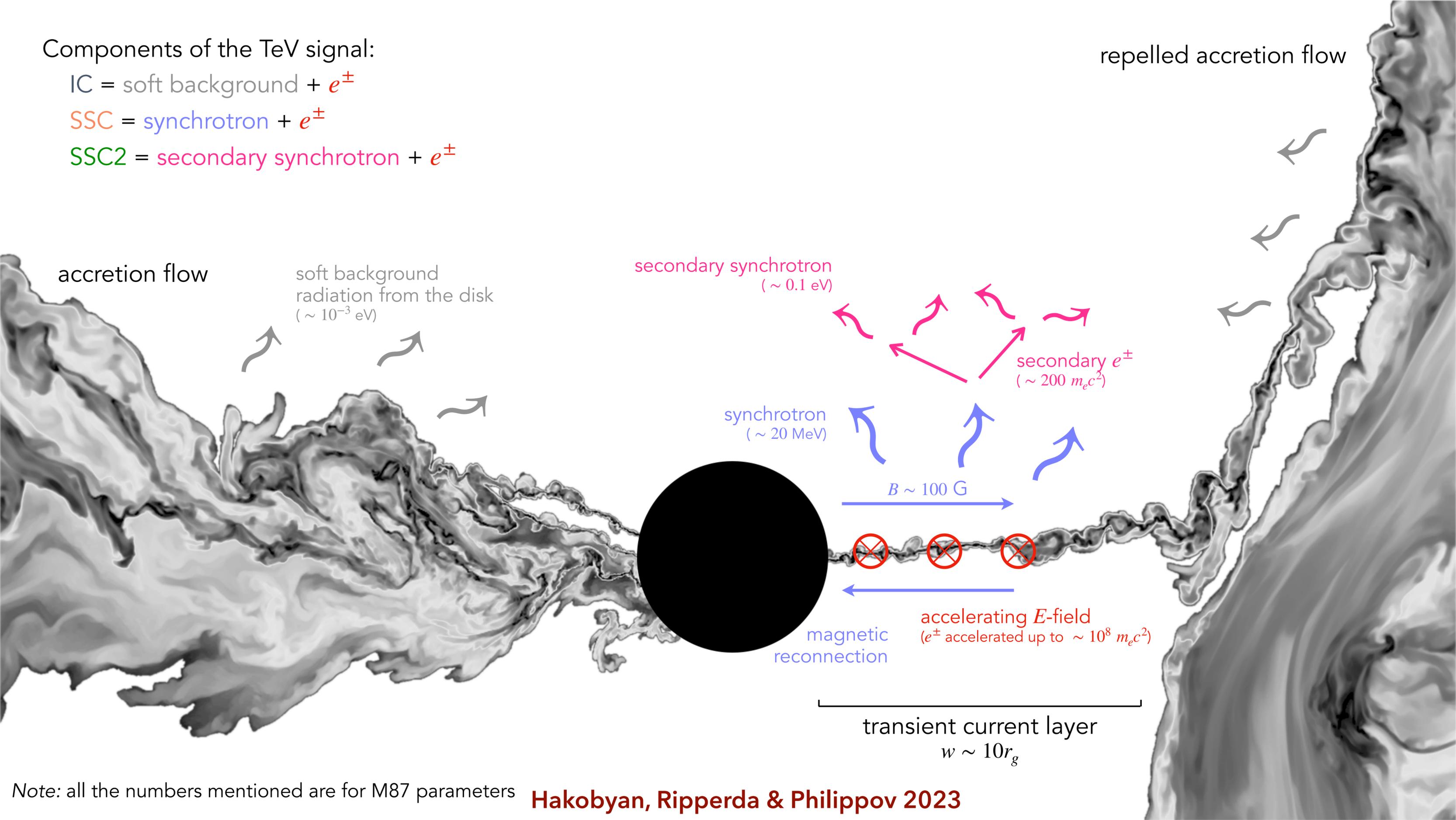
(5400x2300x2300) with H-AMR (Liska++ 2019) yields similar results:  
Ripperda, Liska, Chatterjee, Musoke, Philippov, SM++ 2022

Components of the TeV signal:

IC = soft background +  $e^\pm$

SSC = synchrotron +  $e^\pm$

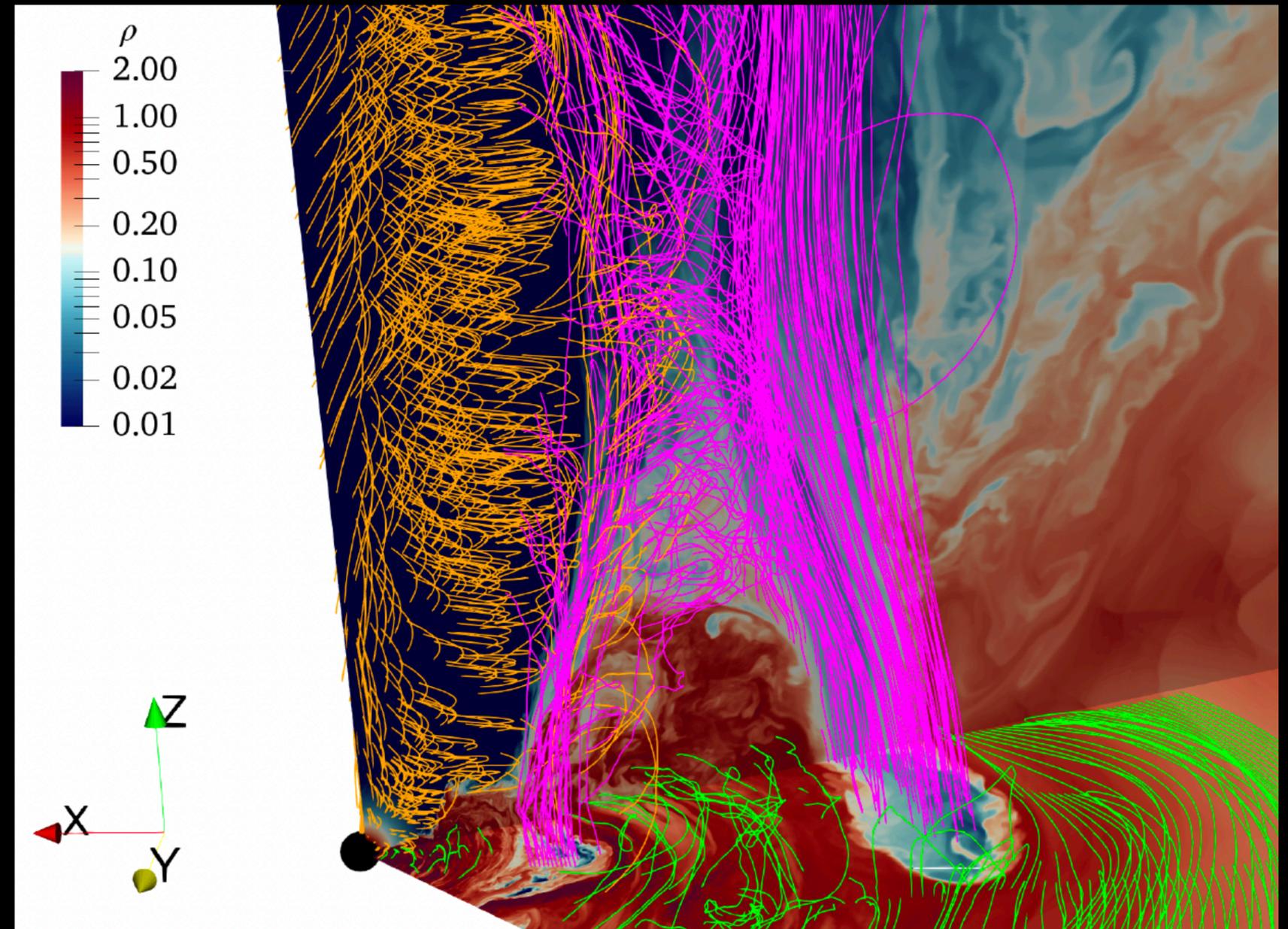
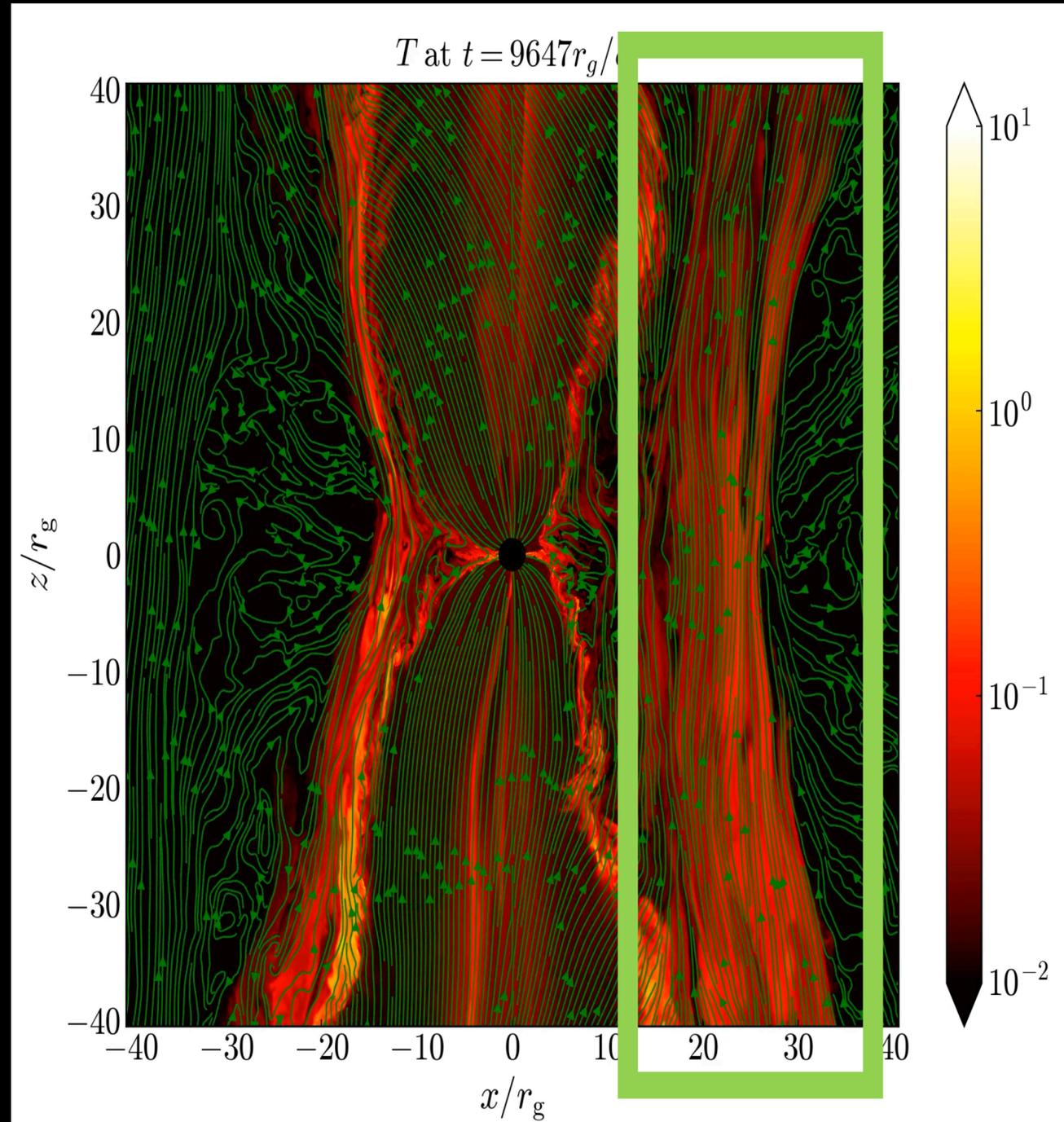
SSC2 = secondary synchrotron +  $e^\pm$



Note: all the numbers mentioned are for M87 parameters

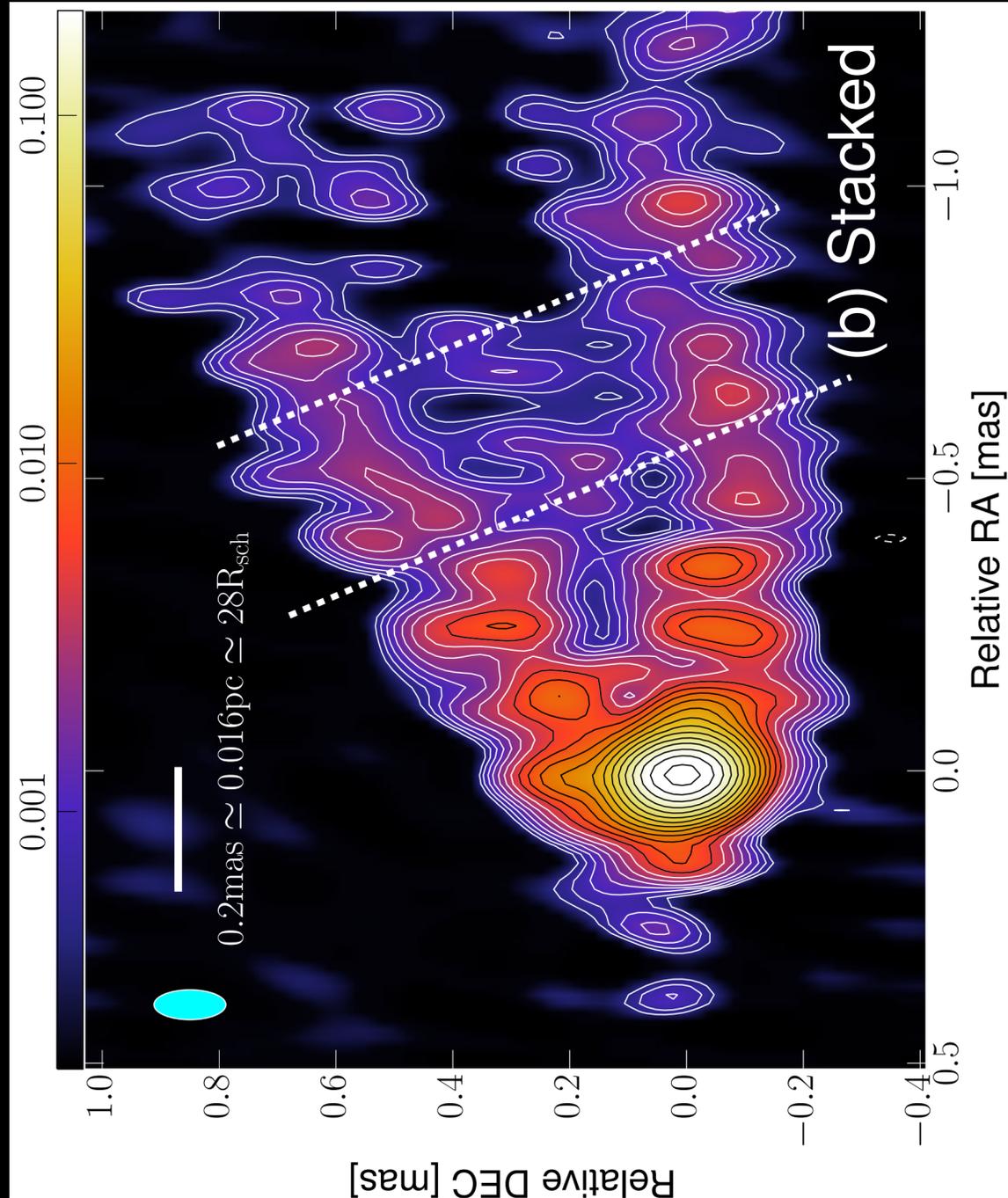
**Hakobyan, Ripperda & Philippov 2023**

# Very high resolution 3D GRMHD gives insights into flares/dissipation

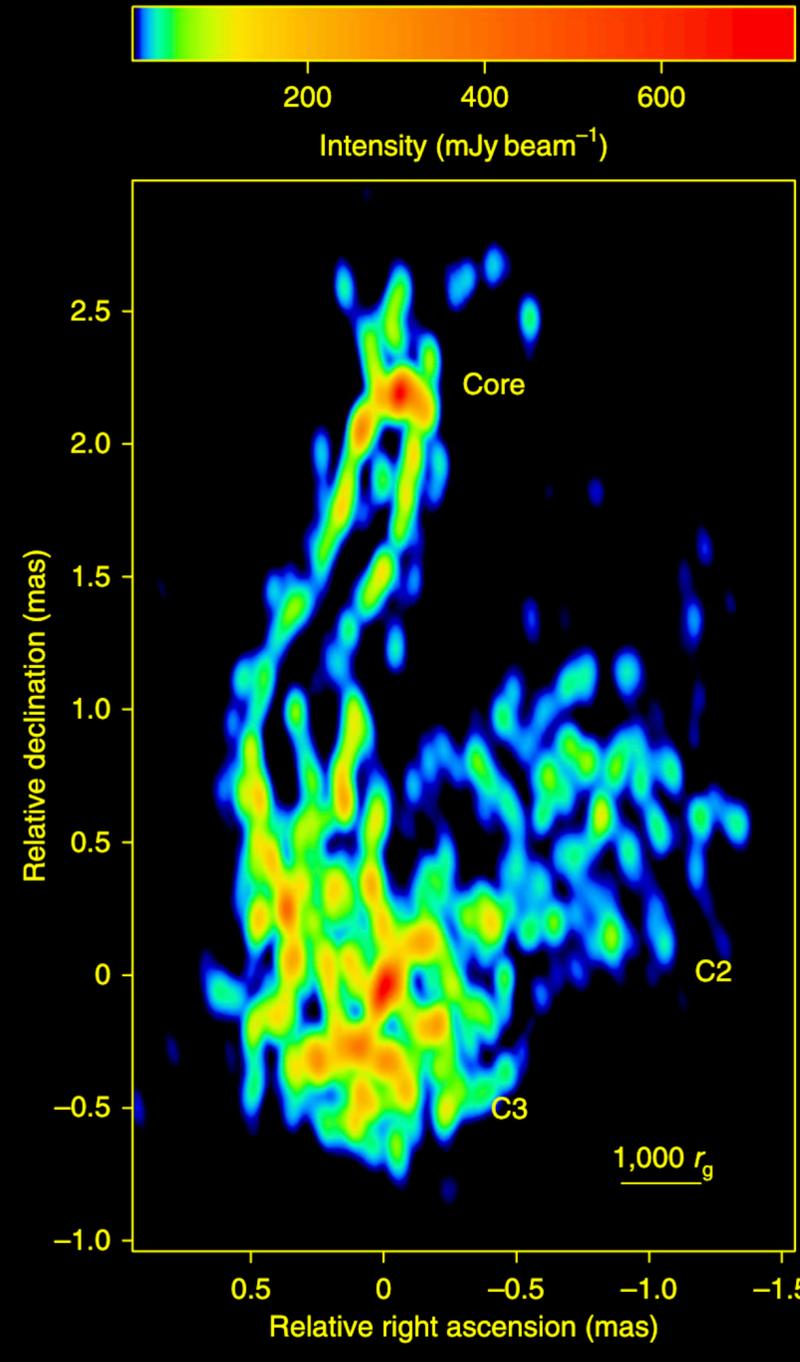


- ▶ Reconnection expels flux tubes with vertical field, consistent with IR/mm polarisation
- ▶ Can drive turbulence/instabilities leading to particle acceleration  $\Rightarrow$  flares?

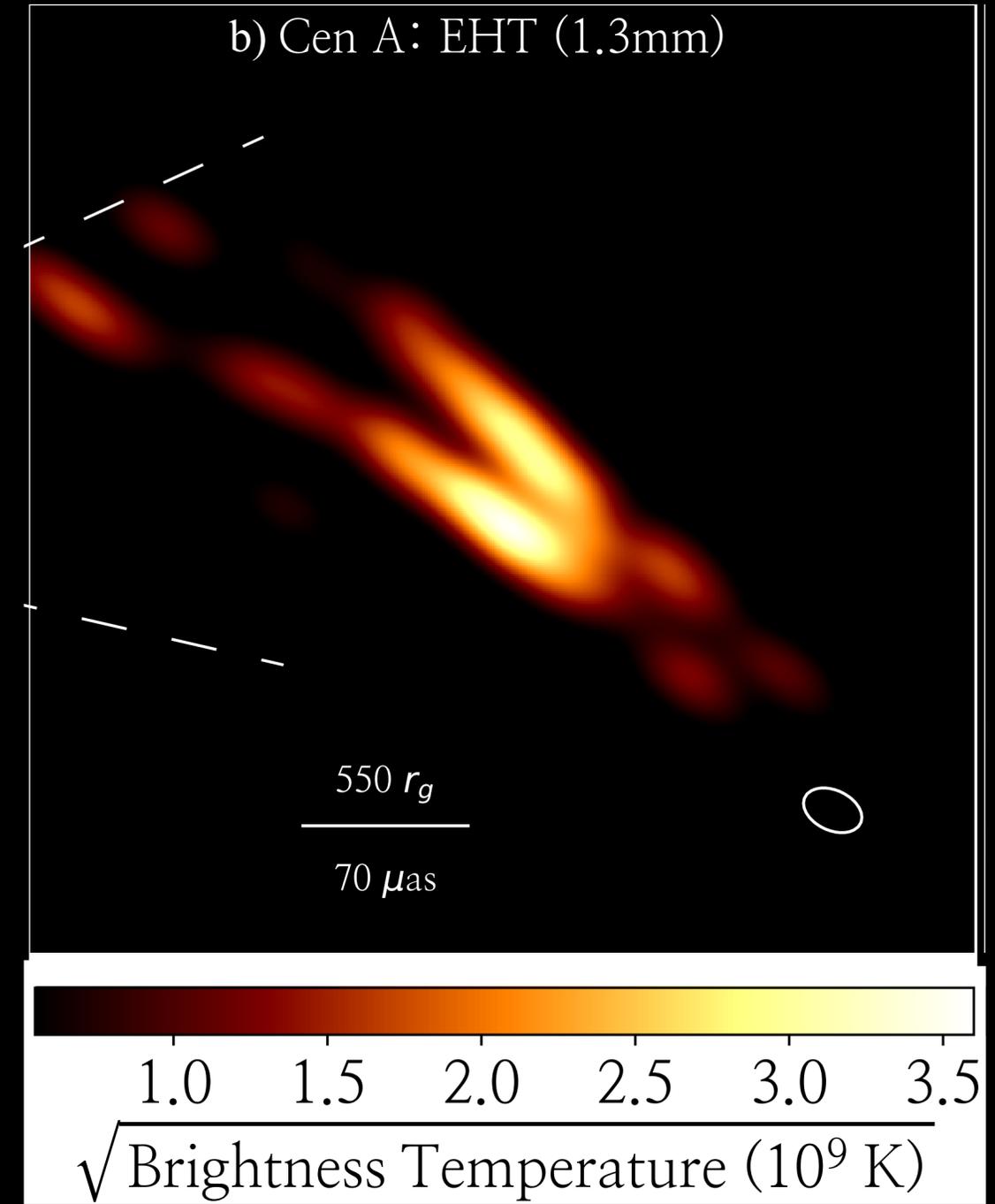
# Interface region seems to be what shines for jets/corona



M87 (VLBA/VLBI): Kim++2018; Walker++2018; Hada++14,16,18

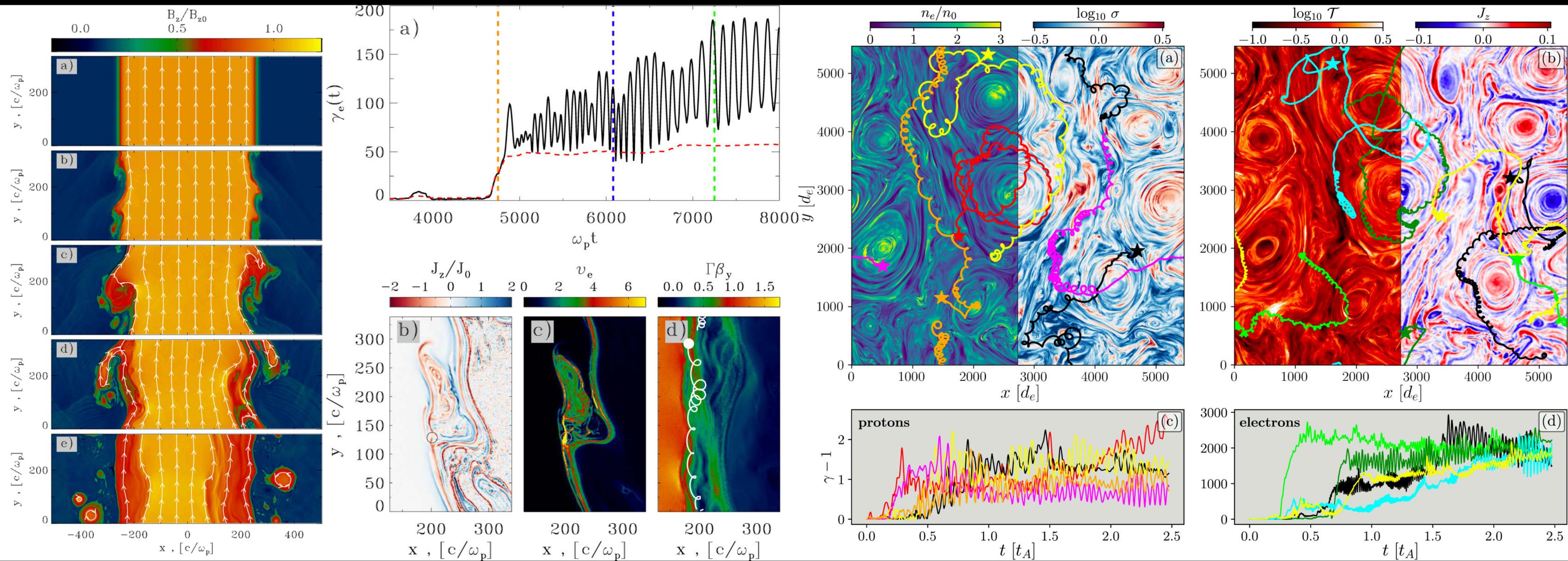


3C84 (VLBI+RadioAstron):  
Giovannini++2018, Nat.Astro



Cen A (EHT): Janssen++2021,  
Nat.Astro

# Bridging the gap between particle and dynamical flows



Two recent examples: (left) Sironi++2021, (right) Meringolo++2023; for new results with PIC+turbulence/comptonisation see Grošelj++2024

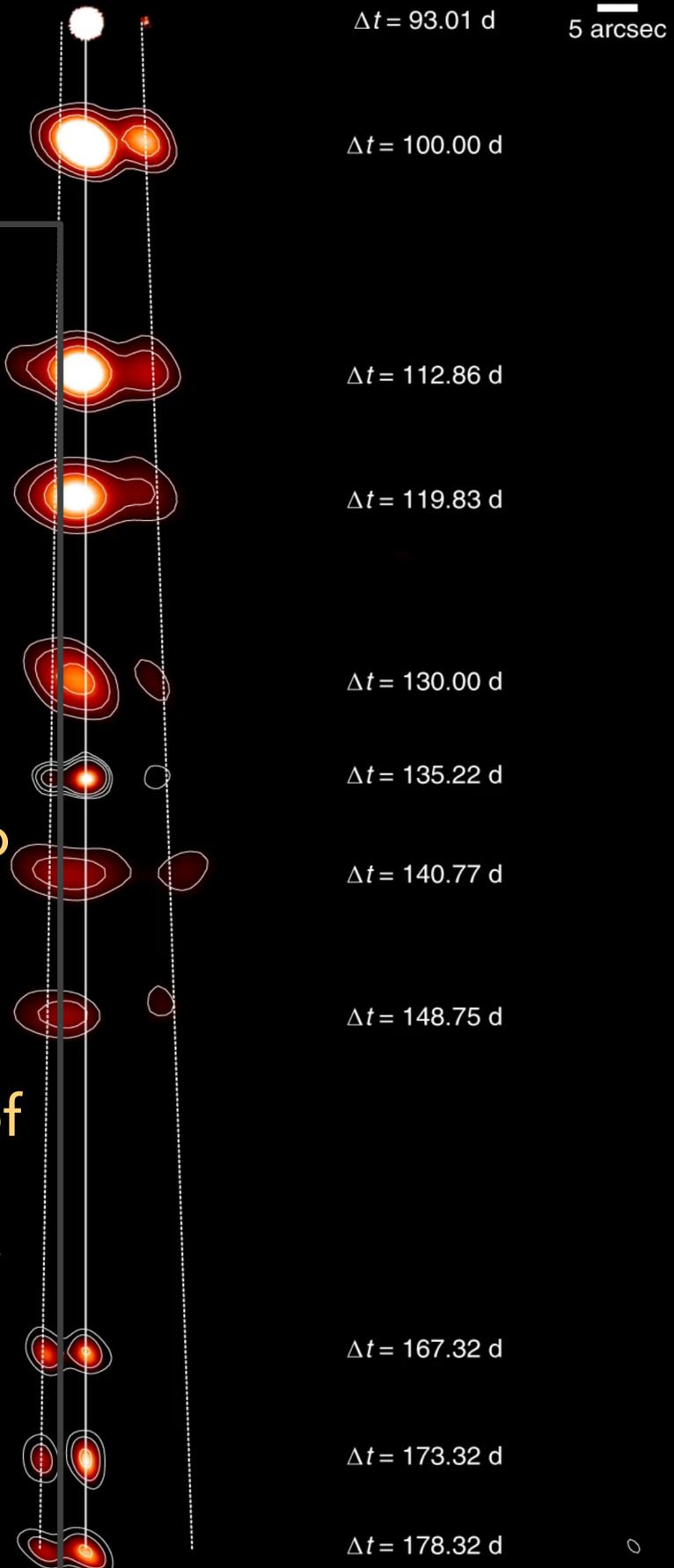
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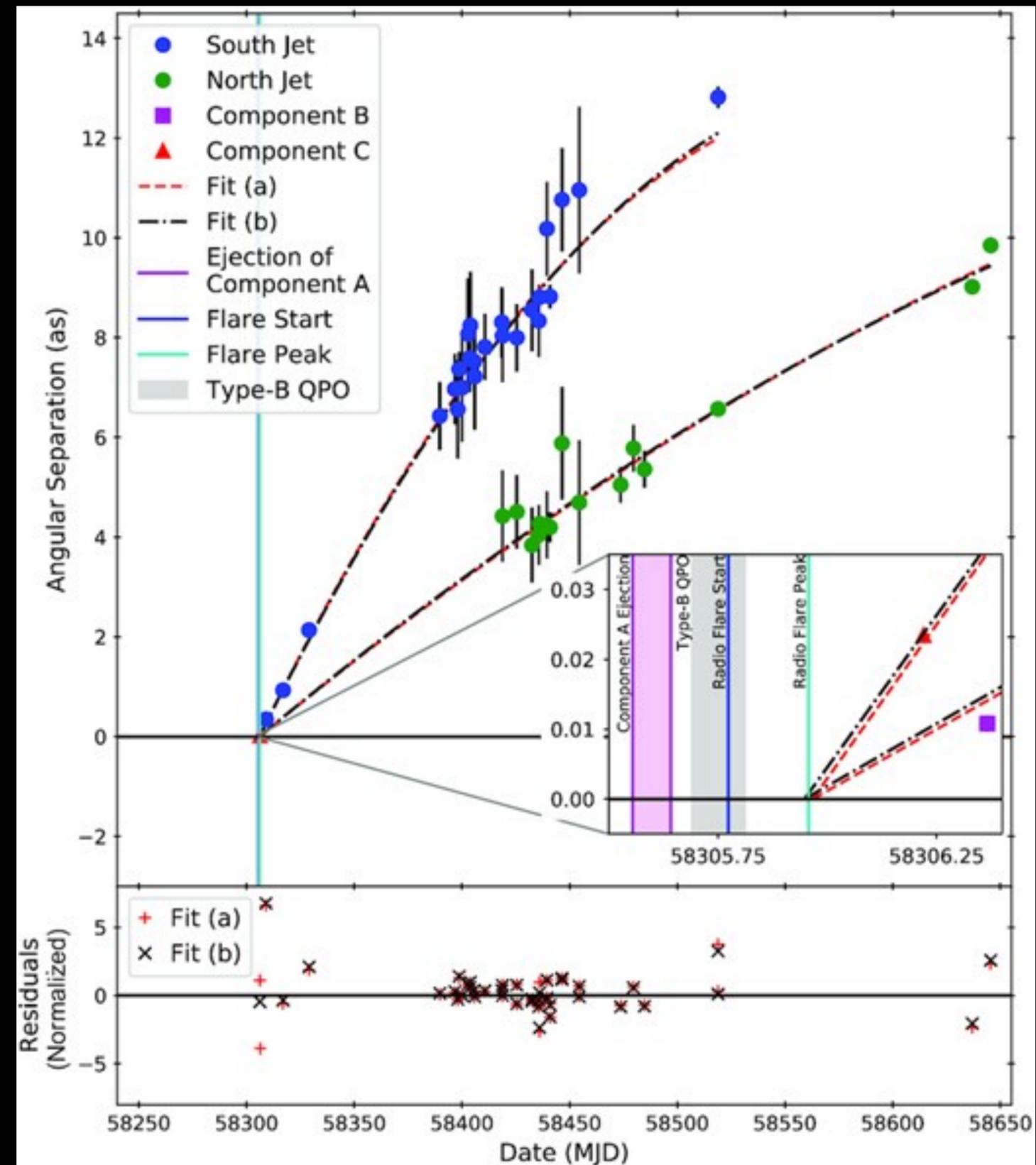
# XRB dynamics

## MAXI J1820+070:

- ▶ Large scale bipolar jets detected/tracked for entire year w/VLBA + DPCT, eMERLIN, VLA, MeerKAT, Chandra
- ▶ Direct measurement of radio source size at  $t \gtrsim 90$  days  $\implies$  internal energy
- ▶ Very precise measurement of launch conditions: 3000s duration of the 'type B QPO' implies  $L_{\text{jet}} > L_{\text{Edd}}$  (whereas  $L_X \sim 0.1 L_{\text{Edd}}$ )  $\implies$  solves power problem?



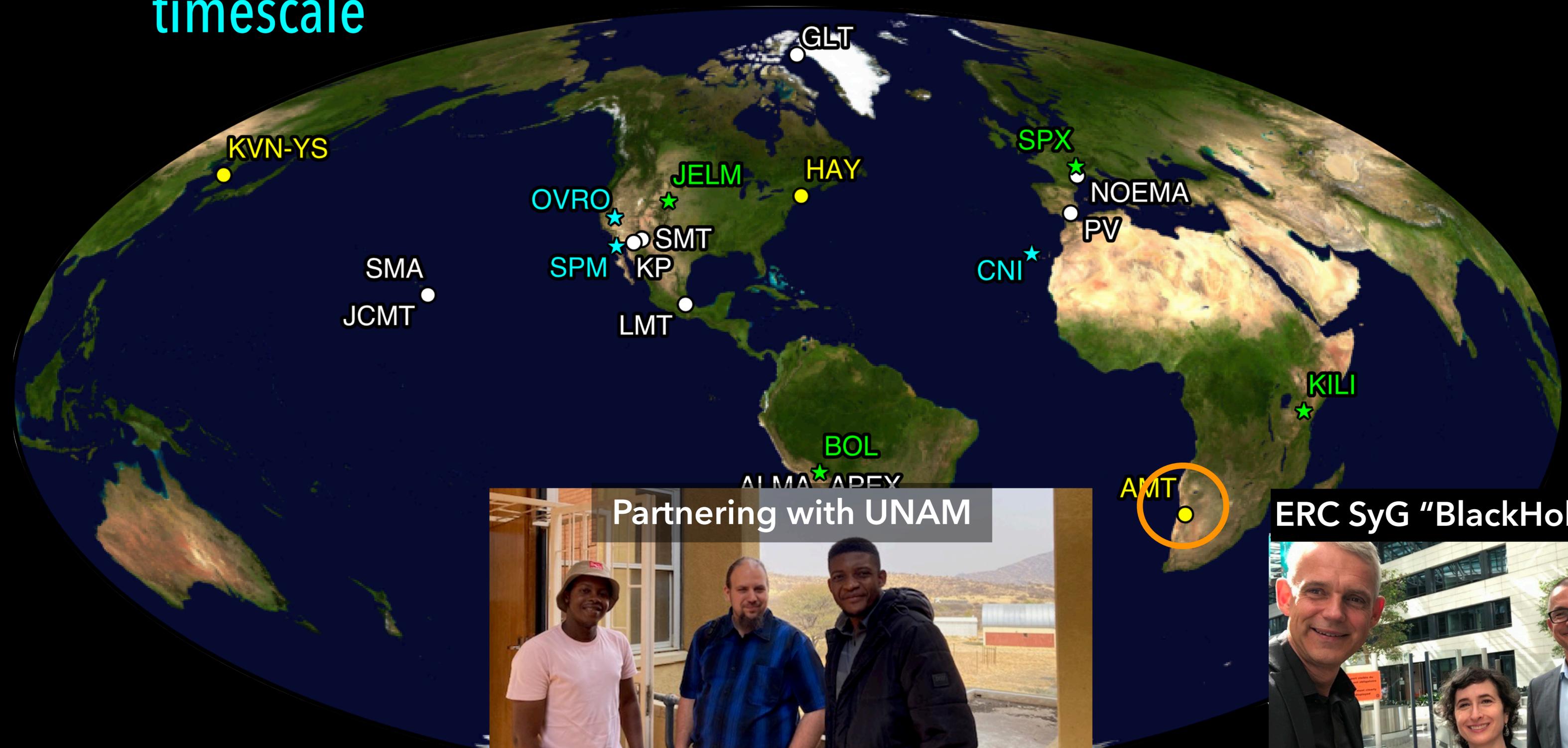
Bright++2020



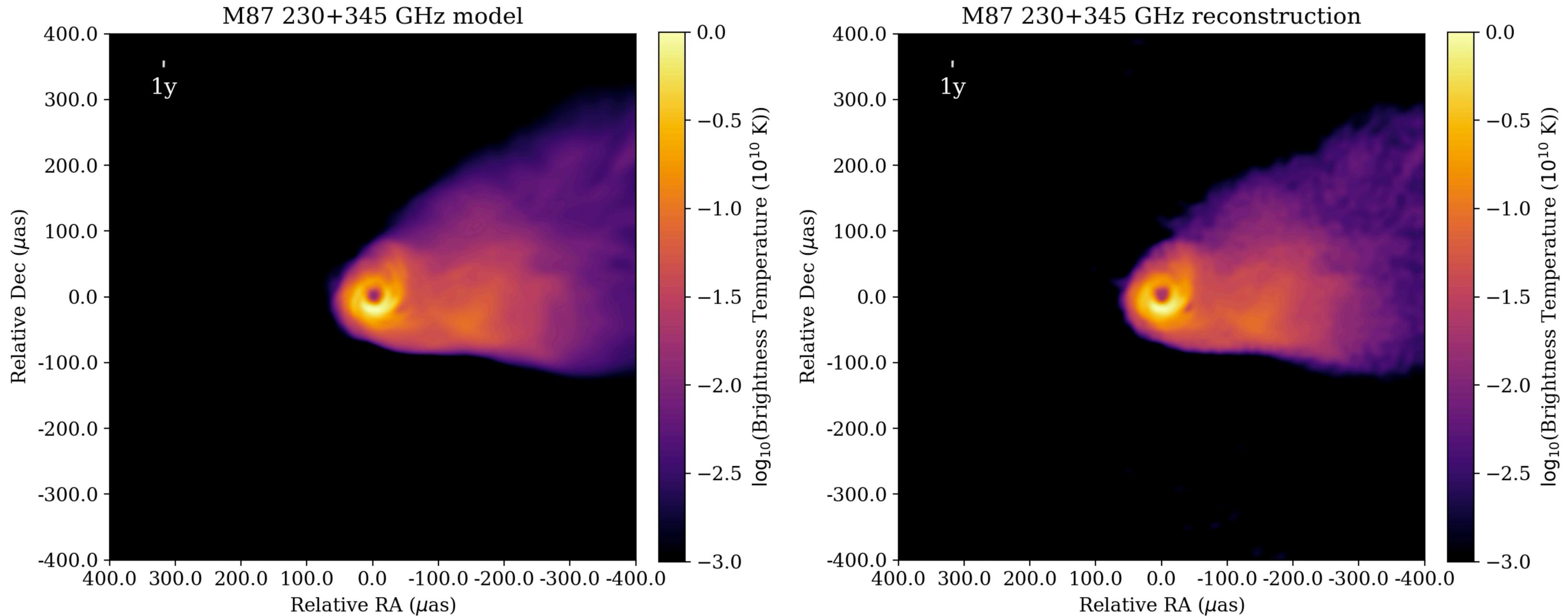
Wood++2021, see also Espinasse++2020; Tremou++2022; and Carotenuto++2021 for extreme deceleration in MAXI J1348



# Next-gen EHT expansions in the planning/design phase on CTA timescale

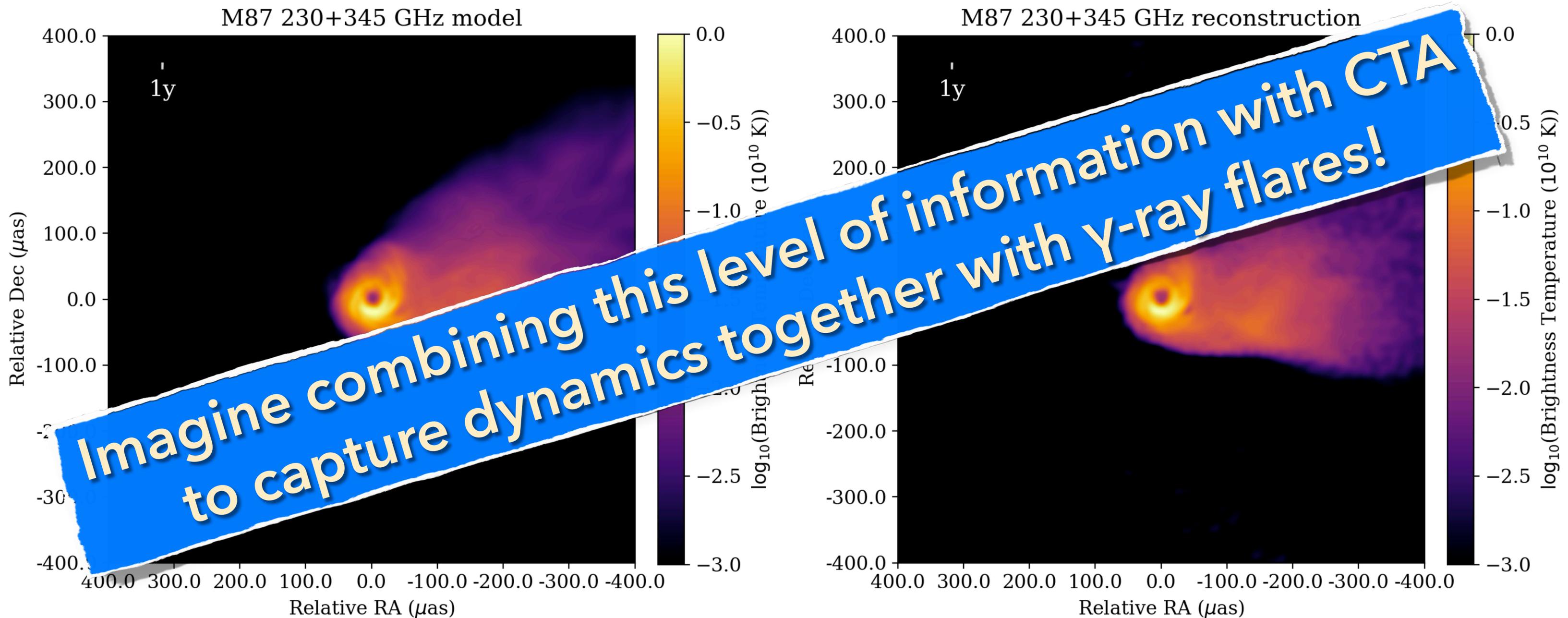


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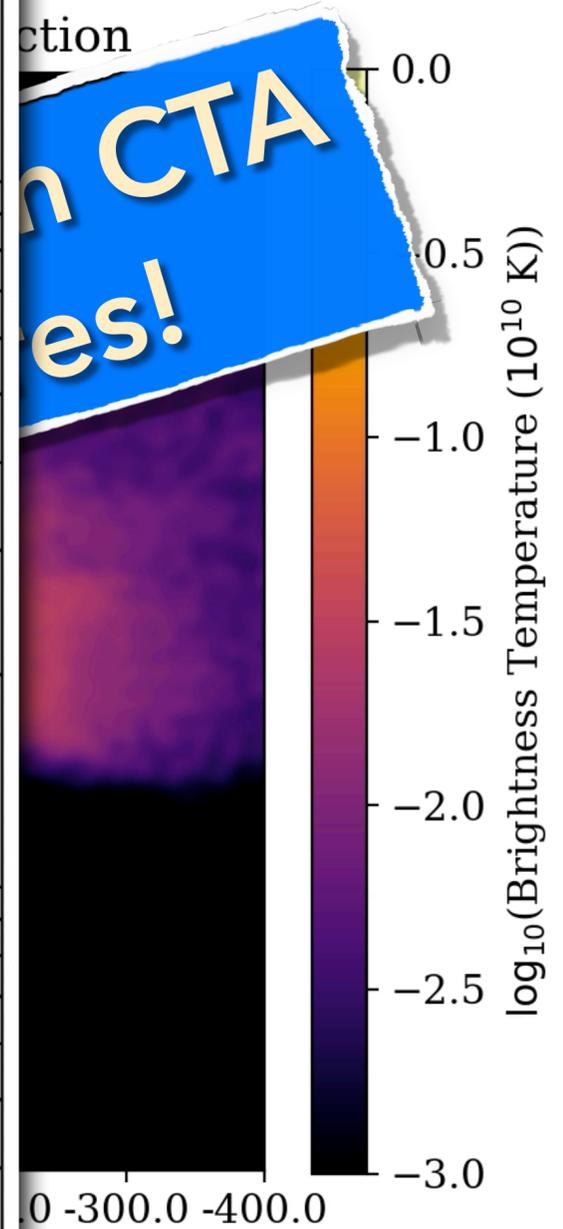
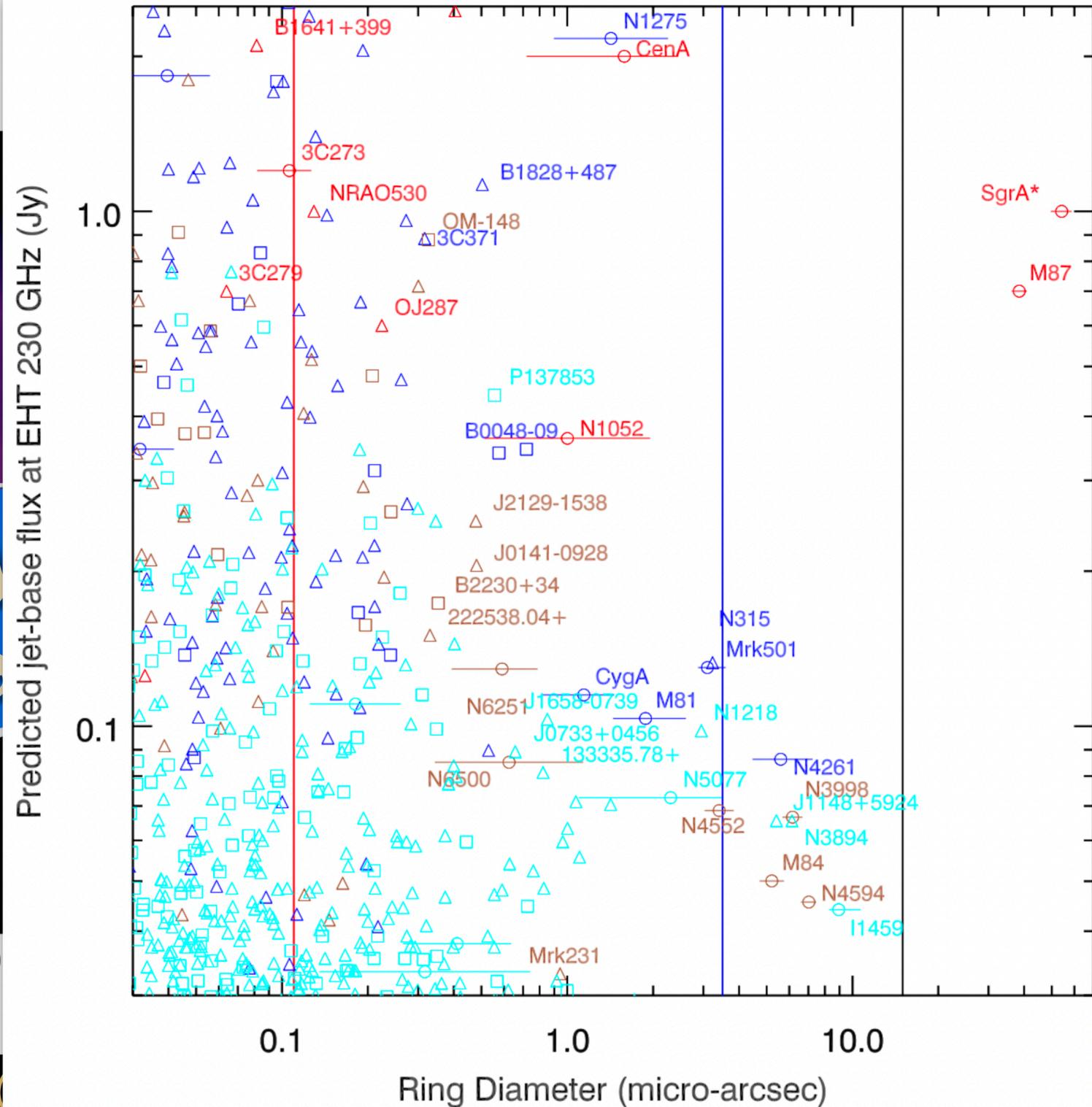
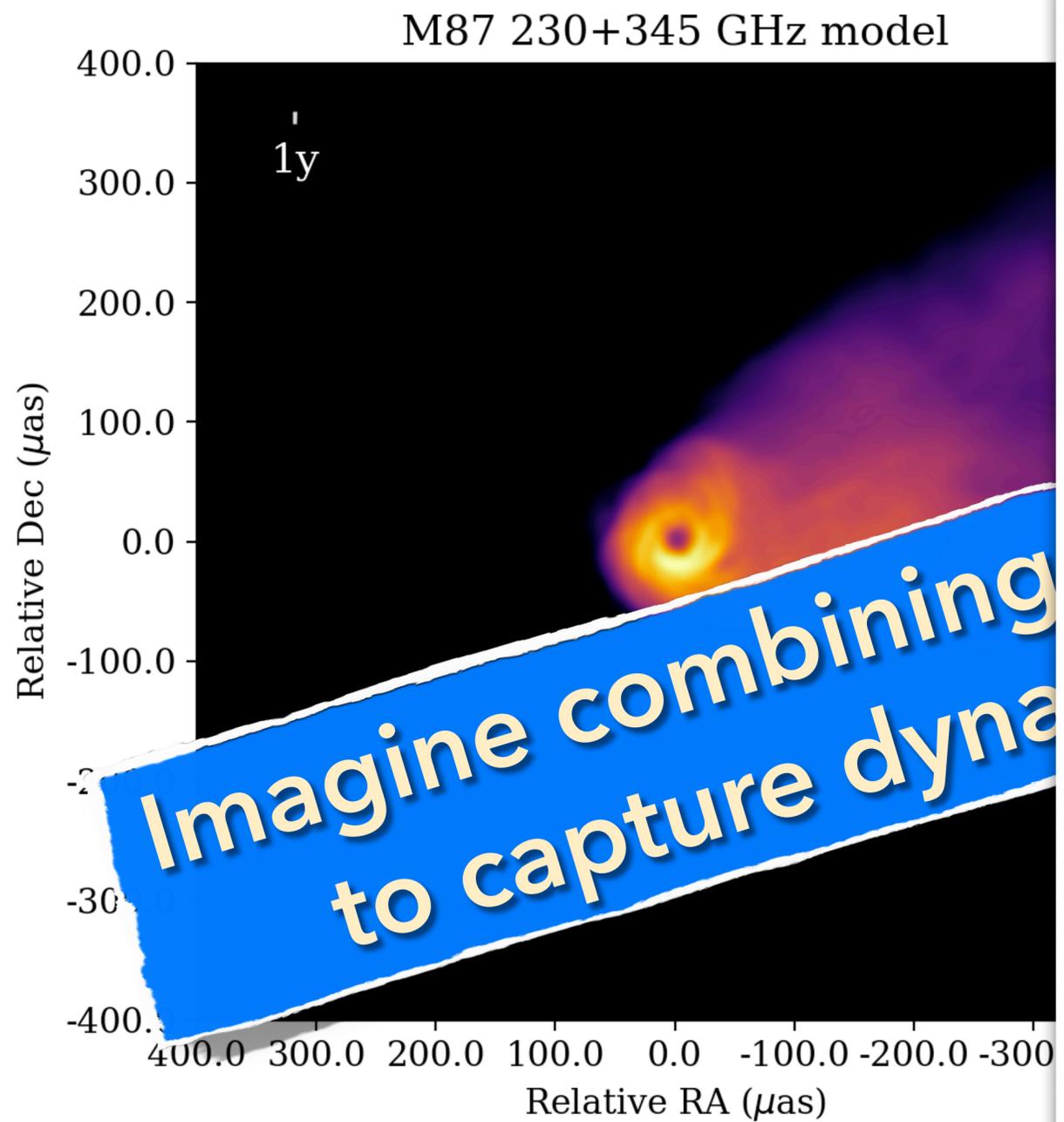
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(Event Horizon and EnviRons=ETHER sample; Ramakrishnan, Nagar++2023)

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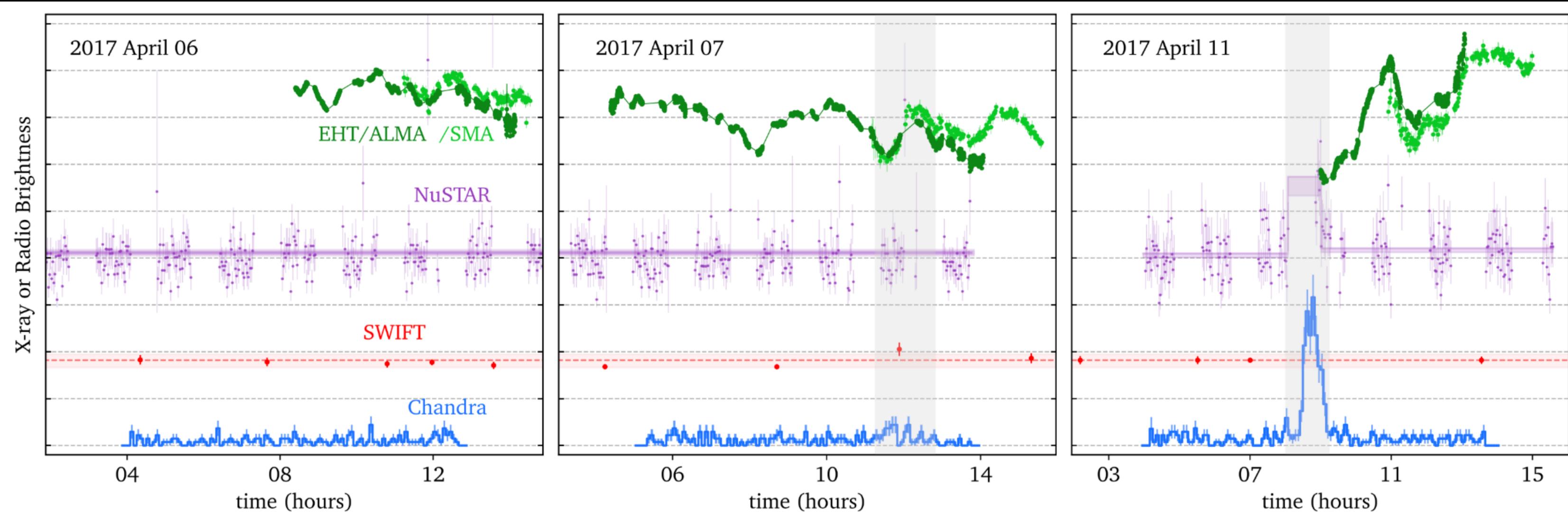
# Summary

- ★ State-of-the-art data continue to support the paradigm that AGN and XRBs share similar central engine physics/geometry
- ★ XRB timing, MWL correlations and EHT imaging all point towards a complex, magnetised, dynamical corona connected to the jets
- ★ The challenge now is to incorporate/interpret the 'single-zone' picture within this complex phenomenology
- ★ Future: combining EHT/imaging with MWL/MM monitoring will resolve the links between global dynamics and particle acceleration
- ★ Extending these studies w/CTA to populations of black holes, lays a path towards the first *predictive models of black hole behaviour*

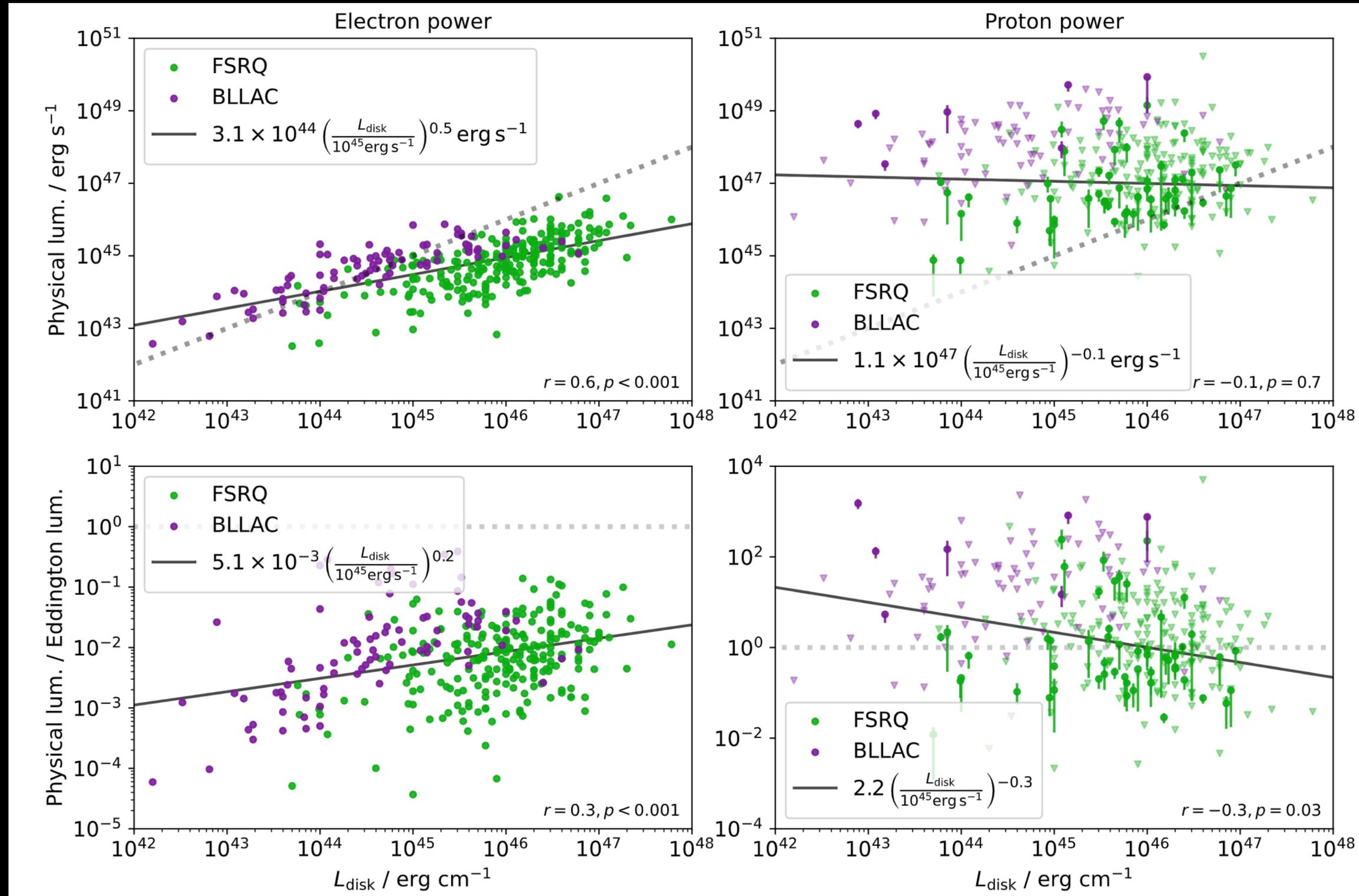
**Extra slides**

# Variability encodes dynamics and particle acceleration properties

2017 campaign shows clear change in mm-radio variability after an X-ray flare (lucky!!):

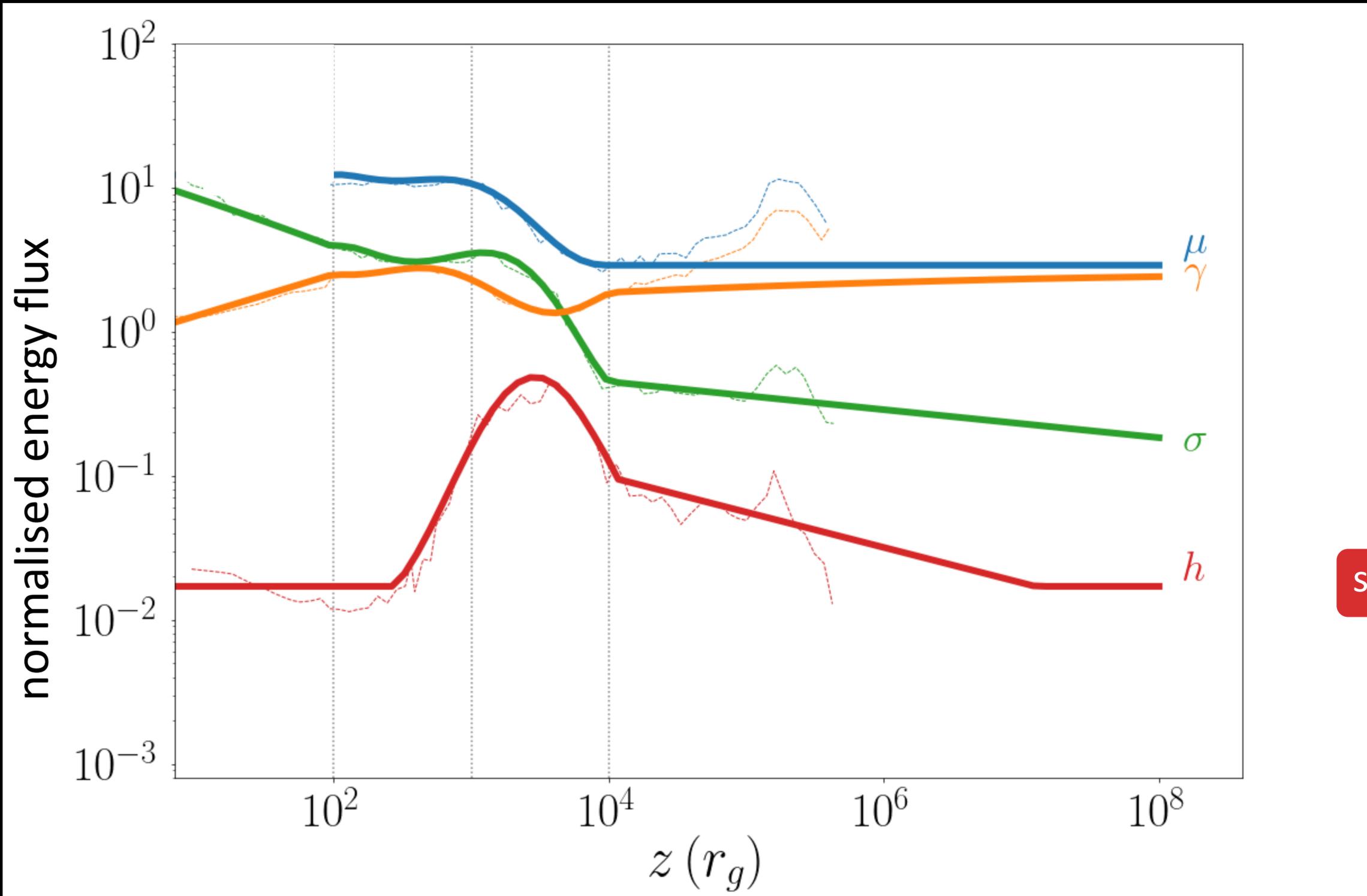


# The "power problem" of lepto-hadronic models



(from Rodrigues++2024; using AM<sup>3</sup>: Gao++2017  $\Rightarrow$  modelled 324 gamma-ray emitting blazars)

# Mass loading can mitigate the hadronic power "crisis"



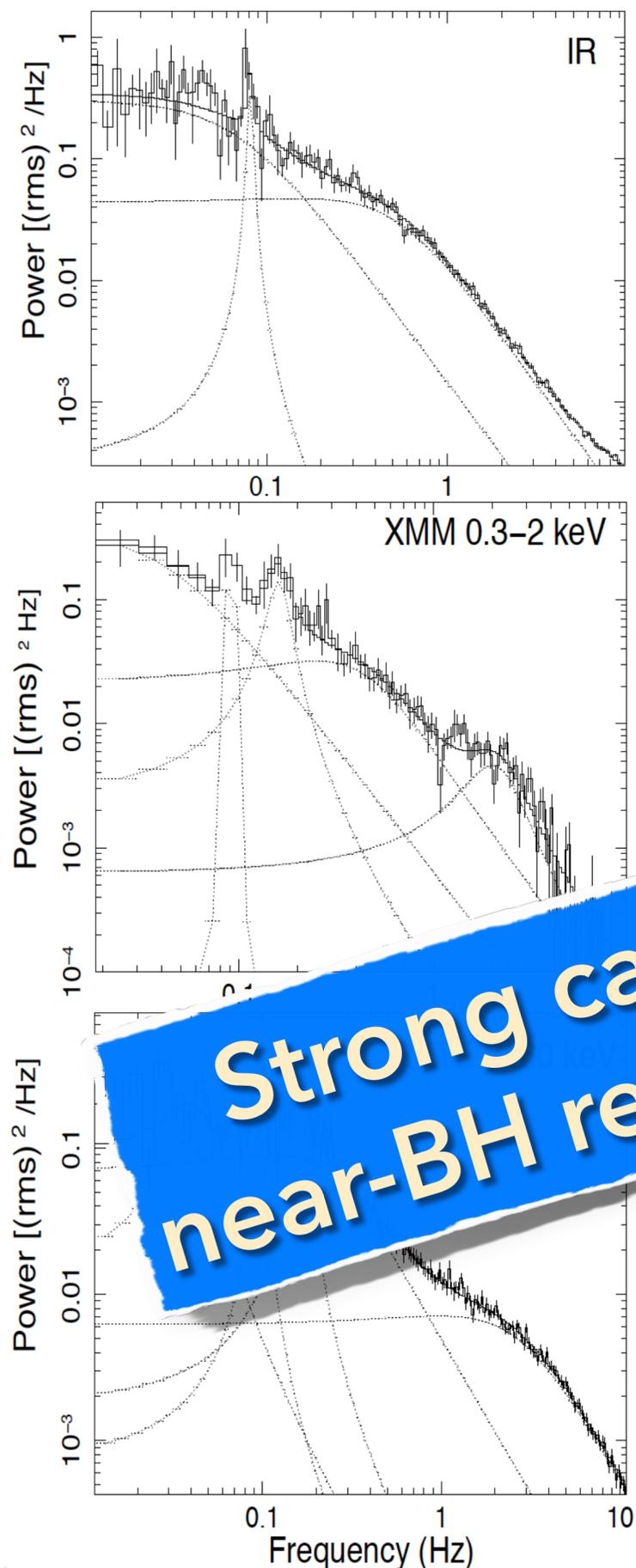
total energy flux/rest mass flux:  
 $\mu = \gamma (\sigma + h + 1)$

bulk Lorentz factor:  $\gamma$

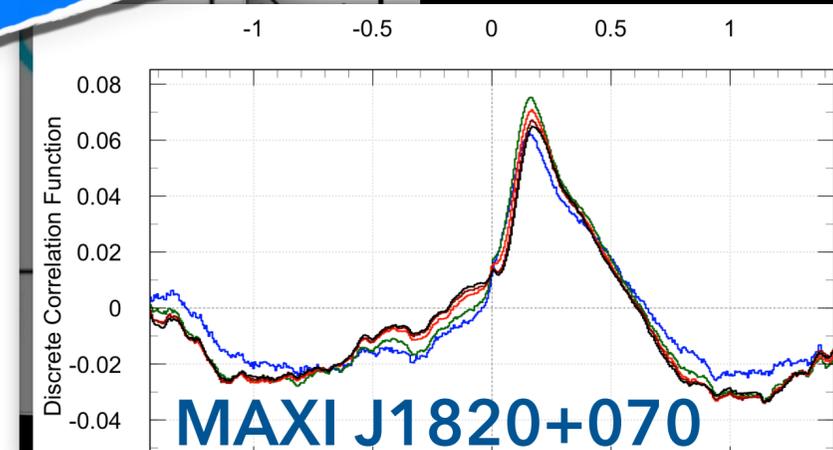
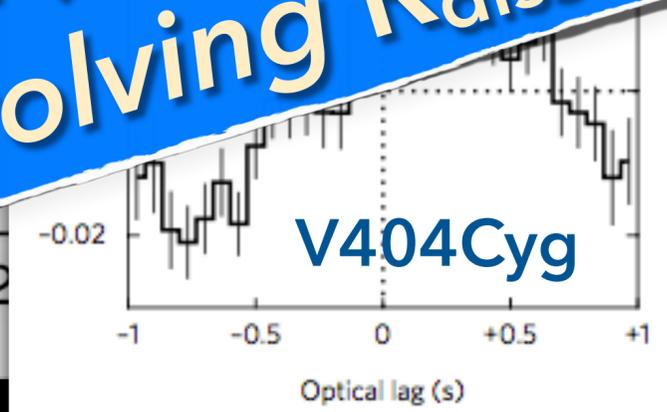
magnetisation:  $\sigma = B^2 / 4\pi\rho c^2$

specific enthalpy:  $h = (U_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{gas}}) / \rho c^2$

# Confirmation of geometry/distance for $R_{\text{diss}}$



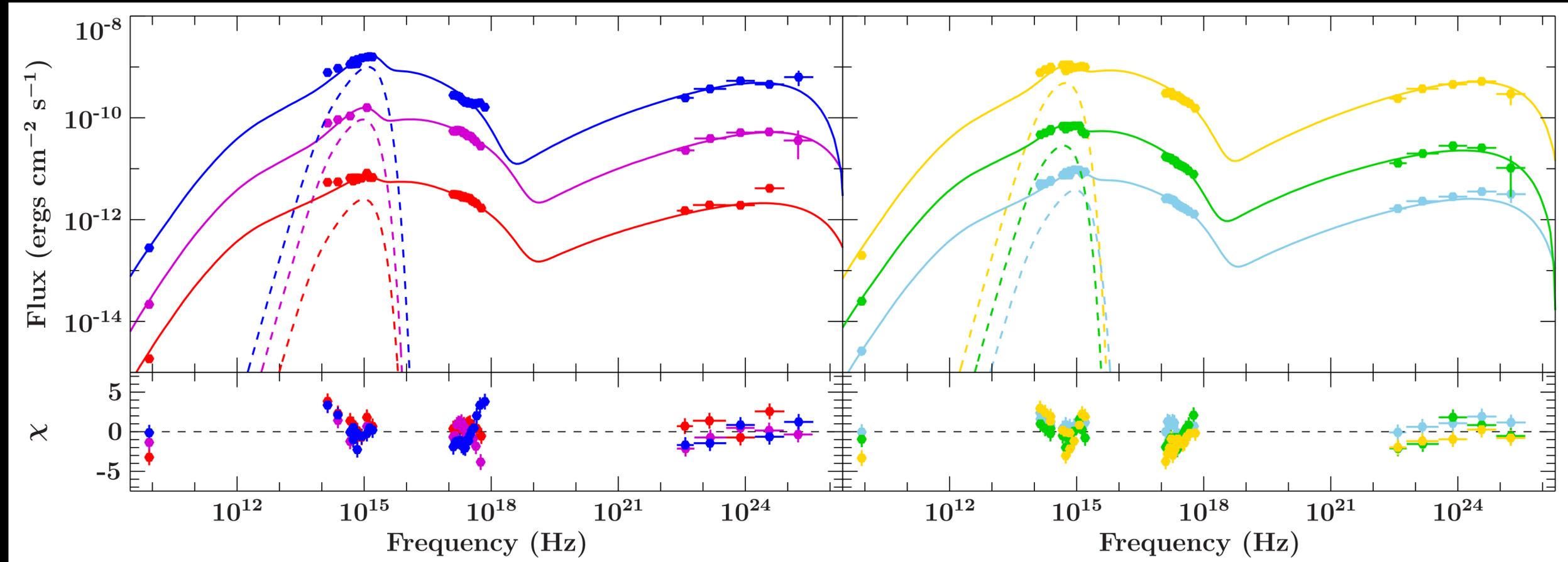
**Strong causal connection (MHD driven?) between near-BH regions and an evolving  $R_{\text{diss}}$ ! Same for AGN?**



- ▶ Variability carried long distances along the jets from disk: IR jet synchrotron lags X-ray (corona) by  $\sim 100\text{-}300\text{ms}$   $\Rightarrow (10^3 - 10^4 r_g)$
- ▶ Now found in three XRBs: robust feature  $\Rightarrow$  month to yrs in AGN?
- ▶ First IR low frequency QPO's! Harmonic (1:2) of Xray frequency

(Kalamkar++2016; Gandhi++ 2017; Paice, Gandhi++2019; Thomas++2022)

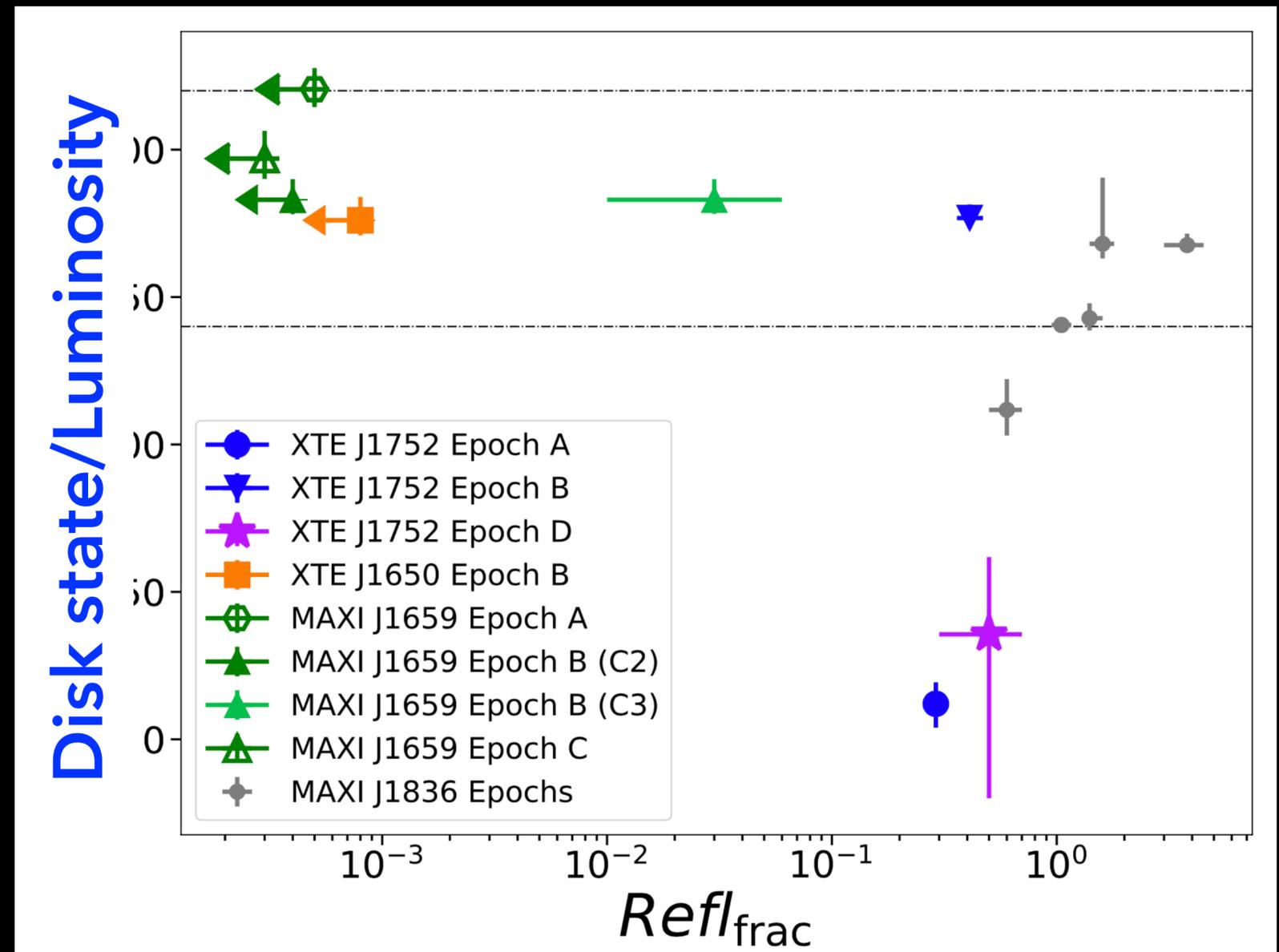
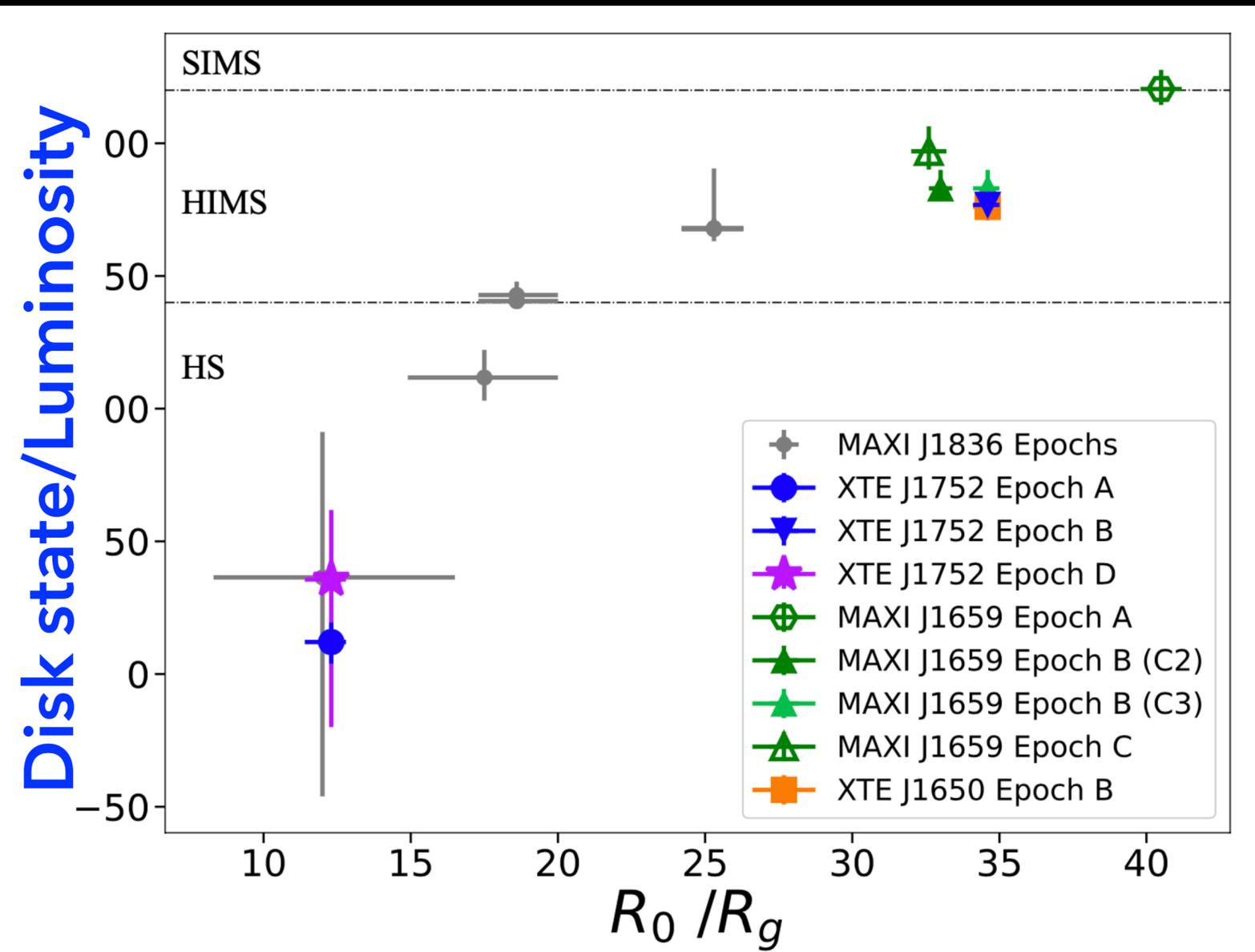
# Full jet model + joint fitting: blazar PKS 2155-304, $R_{\text{diss}} < R_{\text{Bondi}}$ ?



	$\dot{M}_{\text{disc}}$ [ $\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}$ ] $10^{-2}$	$R_{\text{in}}$ [ $R_g$ ]	$N_j$ [ $L_{\text{Edd}}$ ] $10^{-2}$	$r_0$ [ $R_g$ ]	$z_{\text{diss}}$ [ $R_g$ ]	$p$	$f_{\text{heat}}$	$f_b$	$f_{\text{sc}}$ $10^{-6}$	$\sigma_{\text{diss}}$ $10^{-2}$	$B$ [G]	$n(e)$ [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	$\gamma_{\text{min}}$	$\gamma_{\text{brk}}$ $10^2$	$\gamma_{\text{max}}$ $10^5$	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$
$\alpha$	2.9	22	1.0	29	510	1.9	20	40	2.7	2.0	0.24	52.6	133	11	3.2	59.33/22
$\beta$	1.6	30	1.0	75	1360	1.8	10	22	2.5	3.2	0.30	17.3	63	7.1	2.7	38.51/15
$\gamma$	/	/	0.9	23	1700	1.9	11	30	2.0	5.6	0.37	56.6	72	7.1	2.4	58.3/21
$\delta$	1.4	100	0.9	10	1170	1.6	8	86	1.2	2.0	0.23	97.3	51	7.3	1.8	66.05/24
$\epsilon$	0.7	79	1.5	15	960	1.8	6	50	1.2	1.4	0.23	130	43	8.2	1.8	29.87/24
$\zeta$	0.9	18	1.6	26	1720	1.9	8	43	1.6	1.6	0.28	90.1	55	8.1	2.3	33.72/25

# Geometrical trends in XTE J1752-223, MAXI J1659-152, and XTE J1650-500

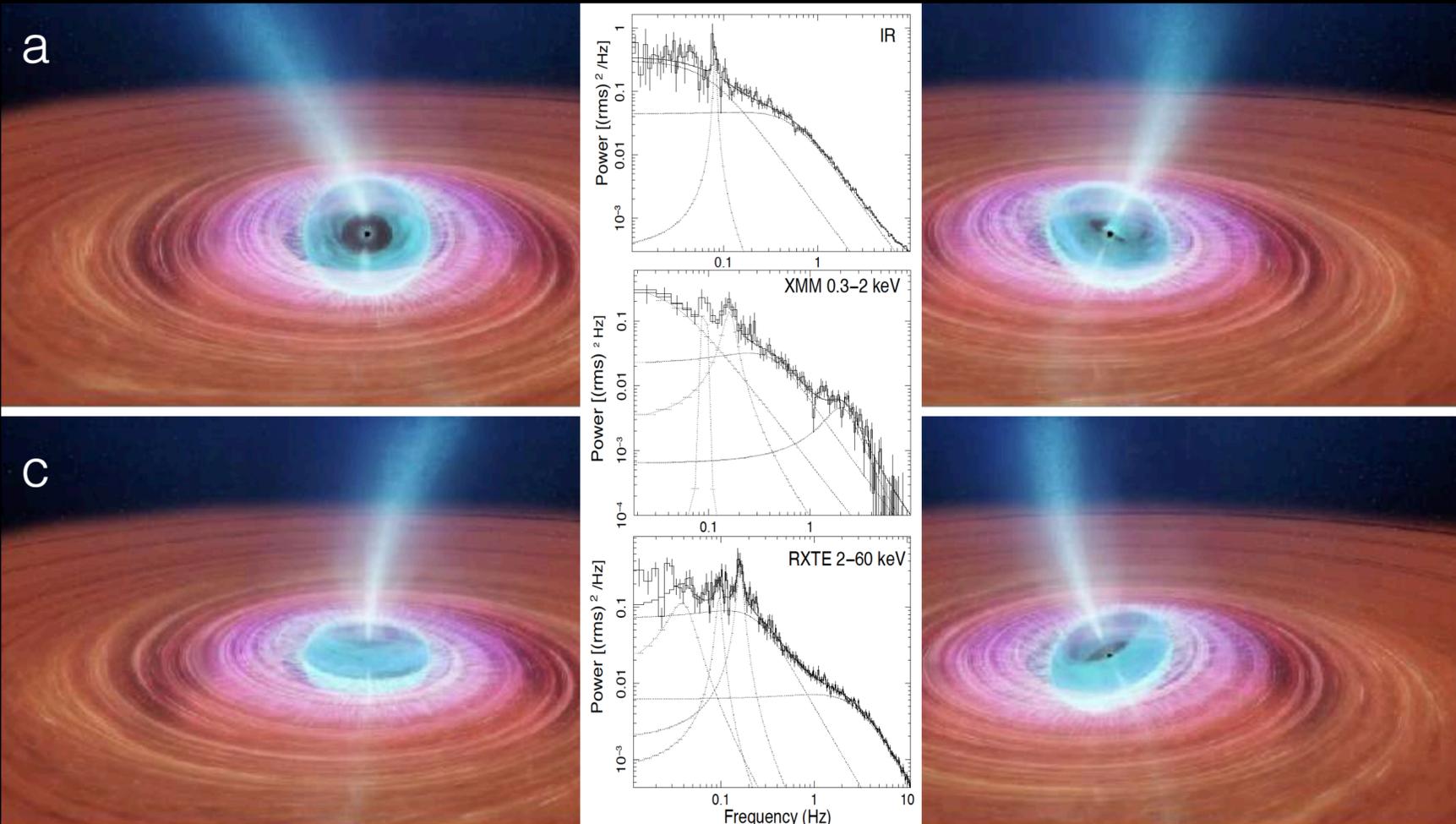
- ▶ 'Corona' expands as inner disk cools? Corona contracts along jet and/or is more beamed nearing state transition  $\Rightarrow$  supports corona-only = failed jet?



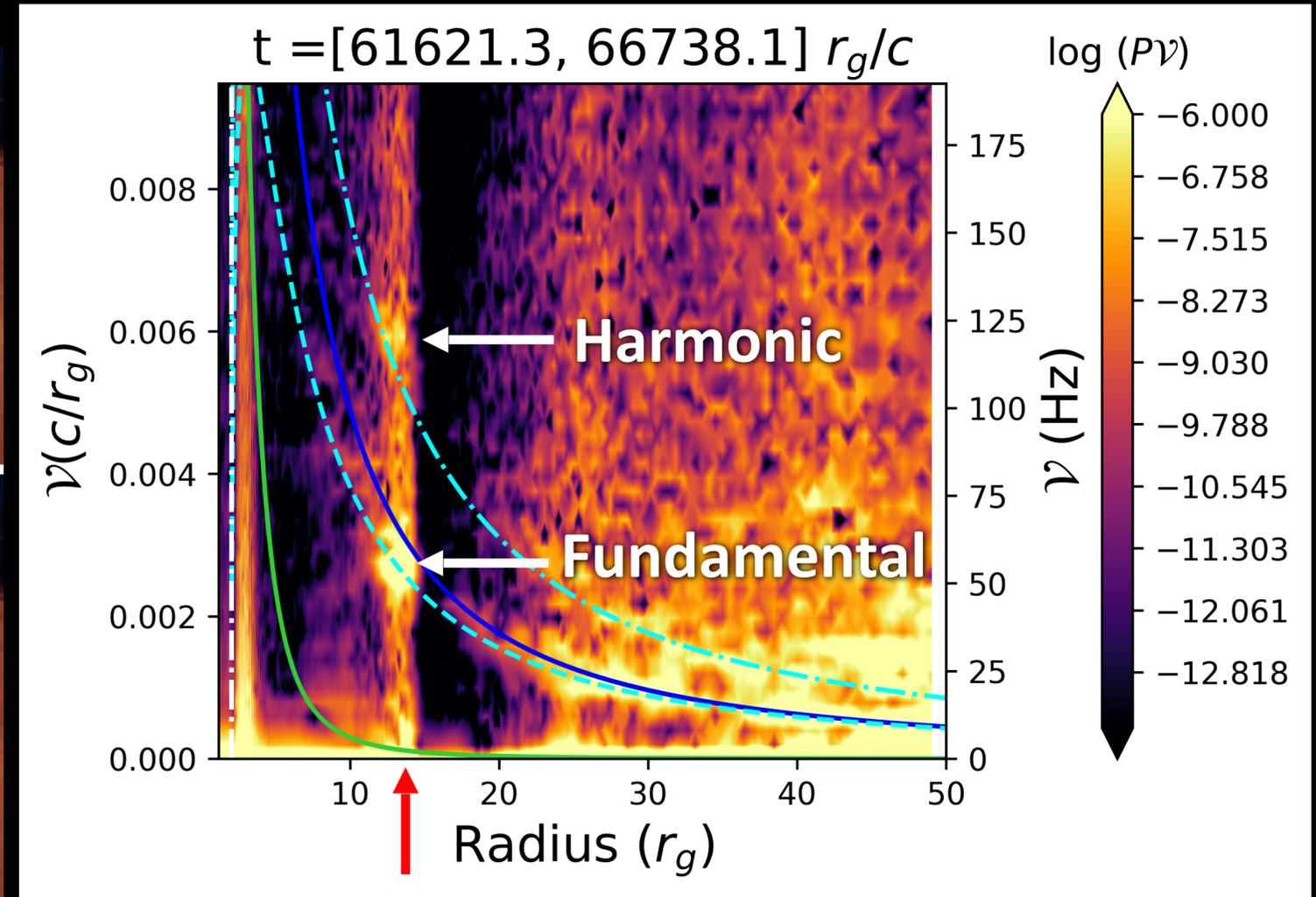
# Tilted black holes may explain a variety of observed phenomena

Precessing jets and low frequency QPOs

Radiation GRMHD: low & high frequency QPOs

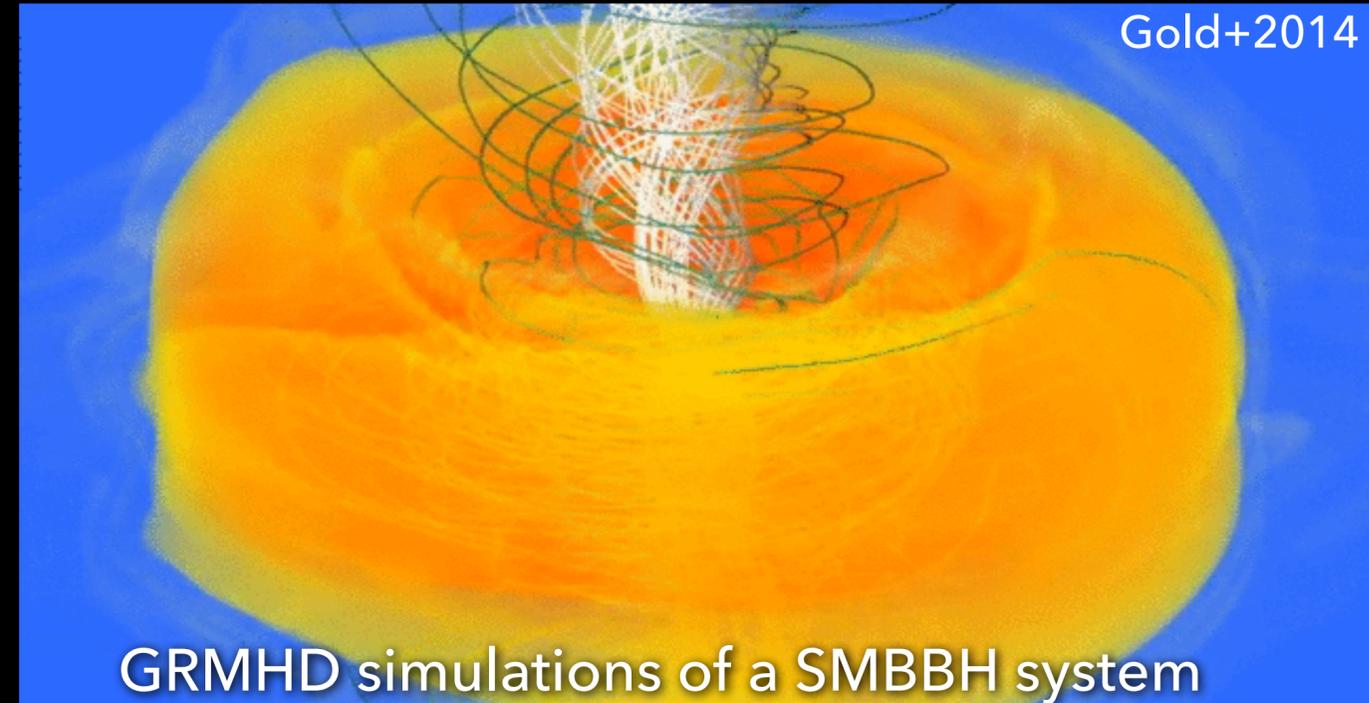
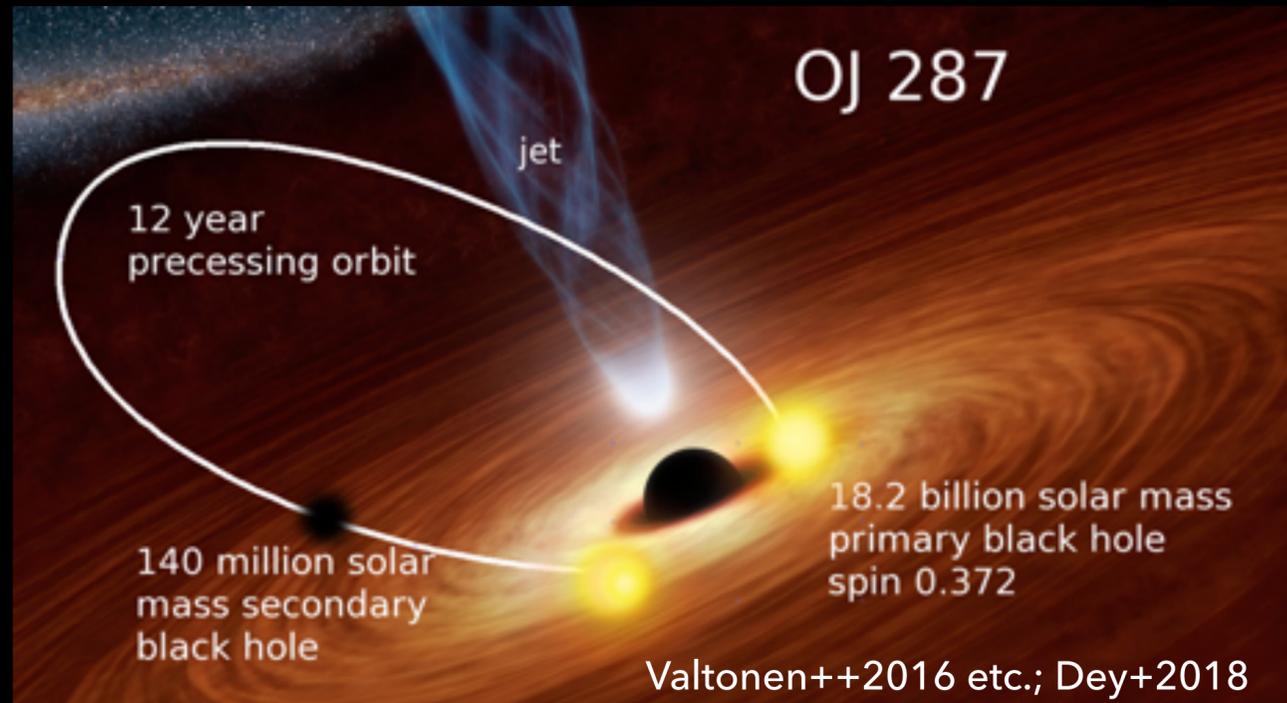


Kalamkar++2016:



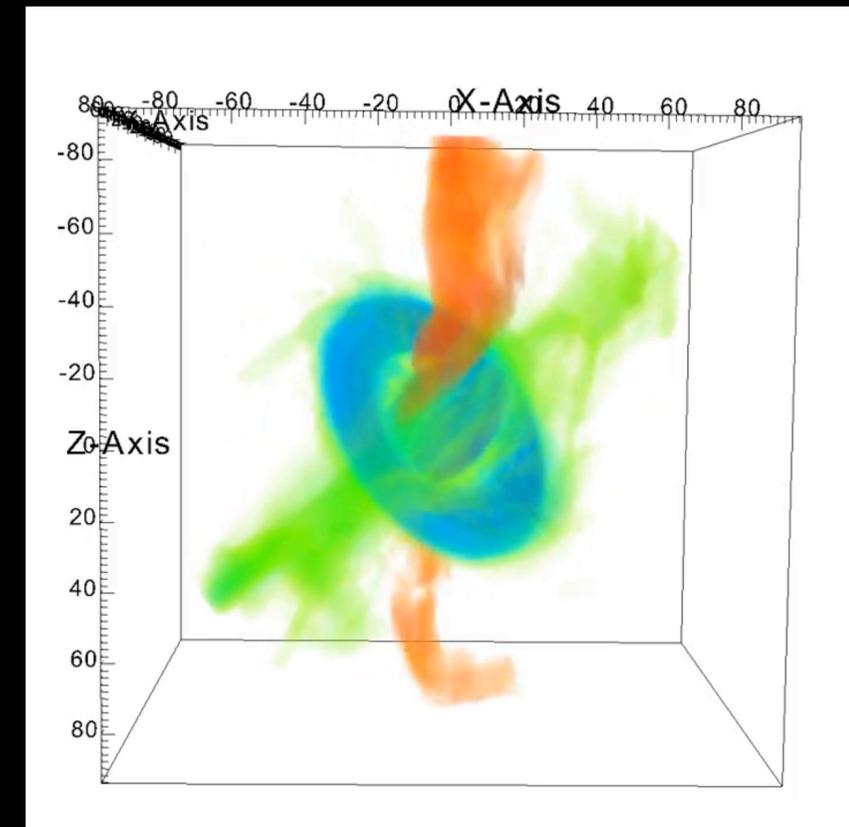
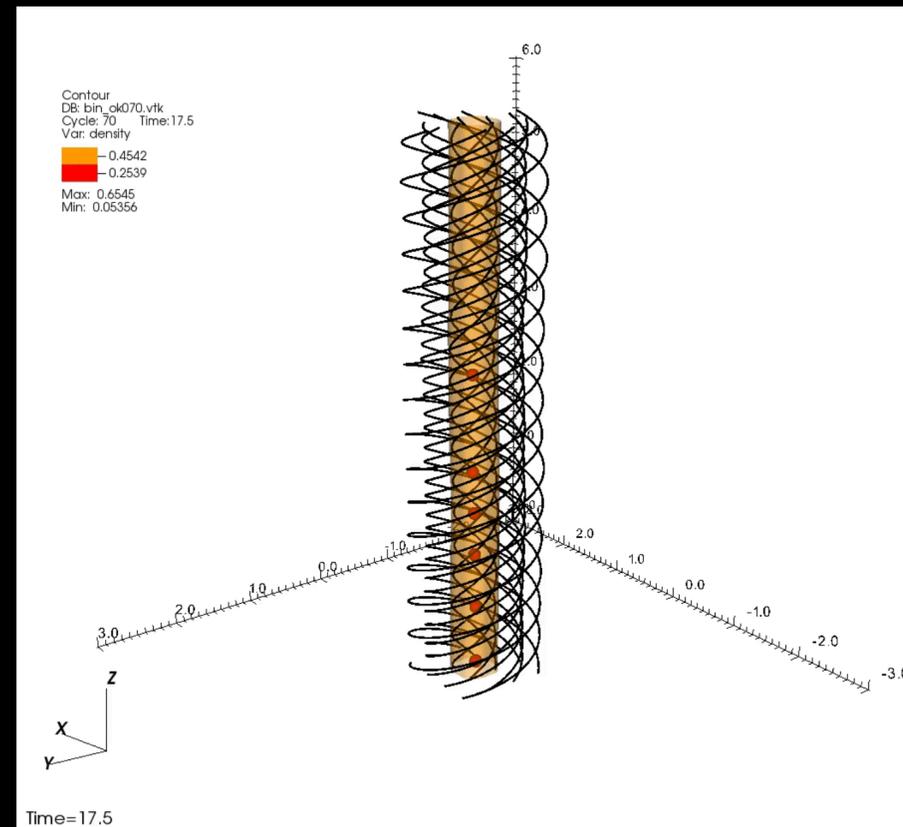
$r = 13 r_g$  (disk tearing radius)

# OJ 287: Is it really a binary black hole??



But other options do exist!

- ▶ Kink instabilities? (Y.Mizuno++2014; Singh, YM++2015, Kadowaki, YM++2020)
- ▶ Tilted accretion disk (Liska, Hesp, Tchekhovskoy, Ingram, vd Klis & SM 2018; Liska, Chatterjee++2019, 2022)



# The new horizon: combined image + SED modelling

