

Title: The Event Horizon Telescope: Imaging Black Hole Horizons

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Abstract: Black holes are associated with a variety of the most extreme and counter-intuitive phenomena in astronomy and physics. However, despite the passage of nearly 40 years since the discovery of the first strong black hole candidate, we have scant evidence that general relativity provides an accurate description of gravity in the immediate vicinity of astrophysical black holes. Over the next few years this will change dramatically.



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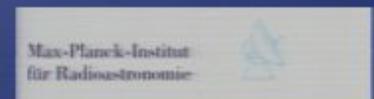
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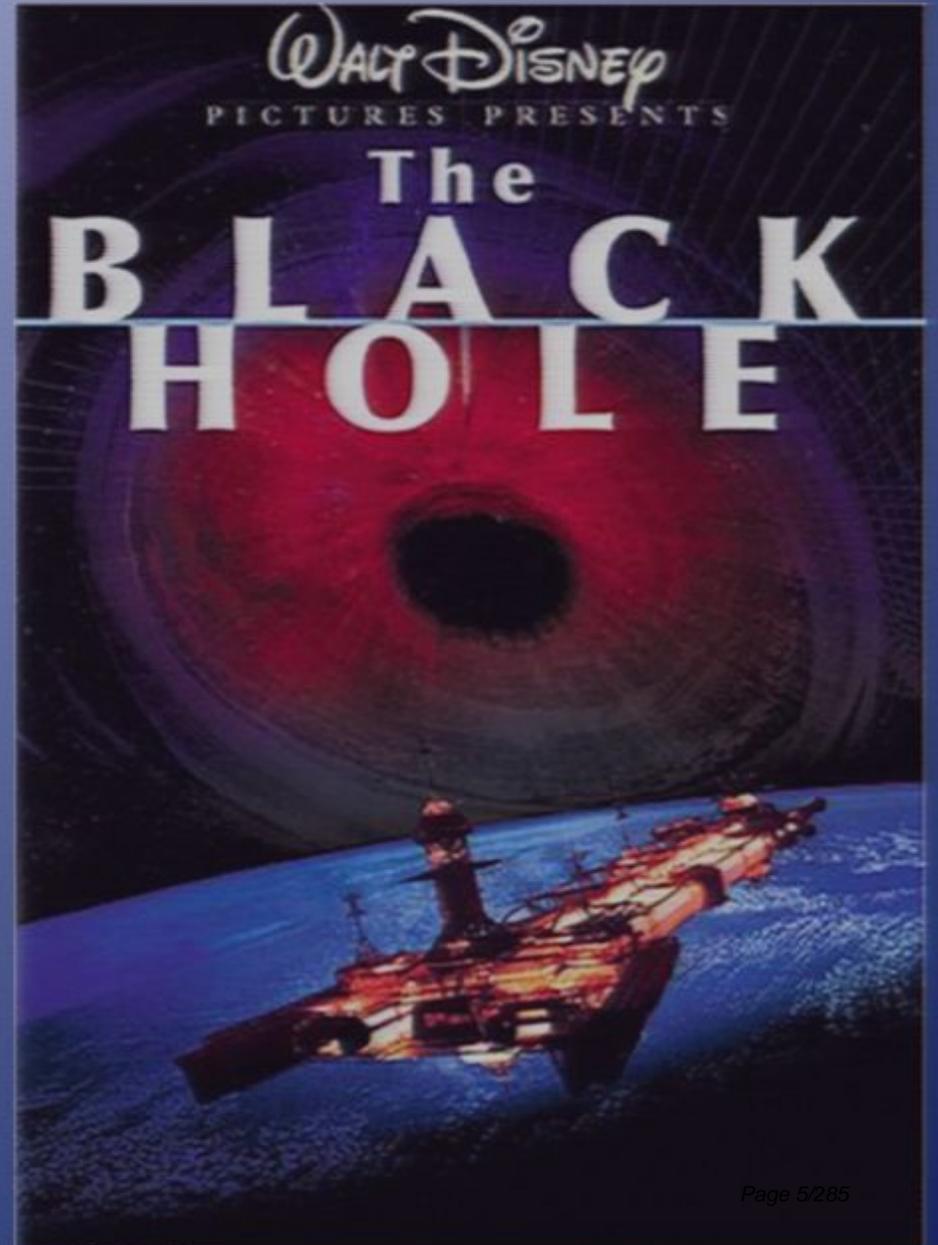


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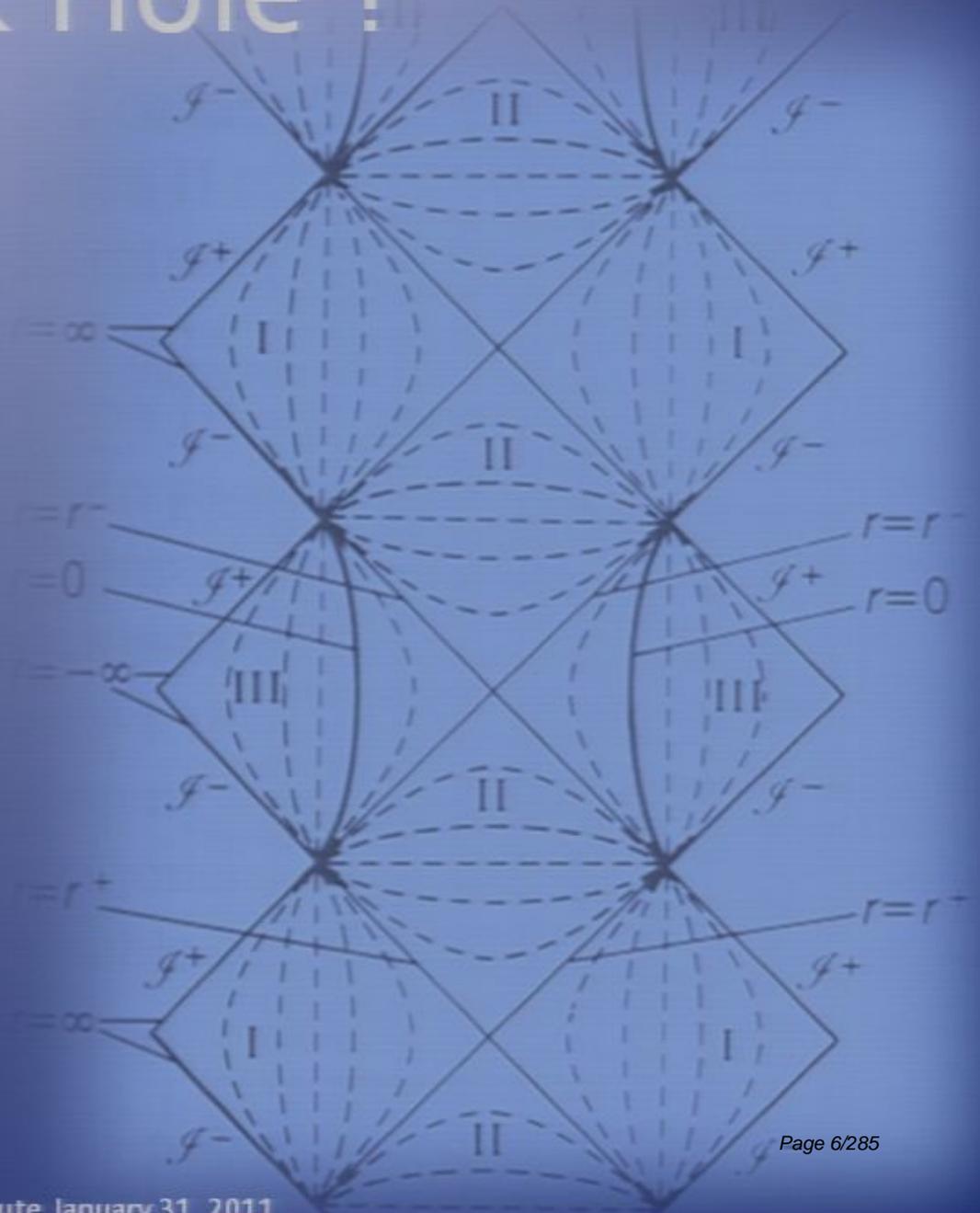
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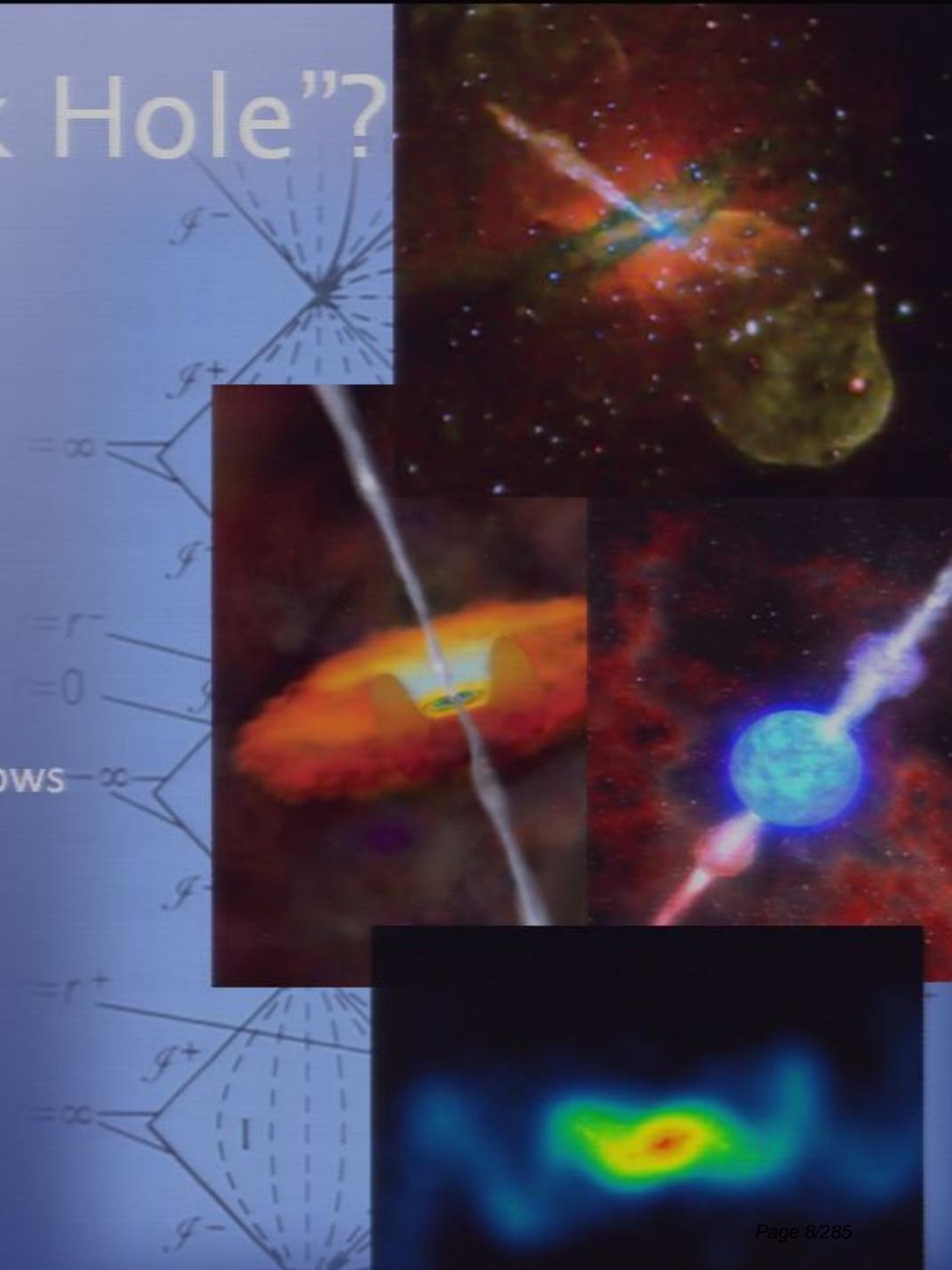
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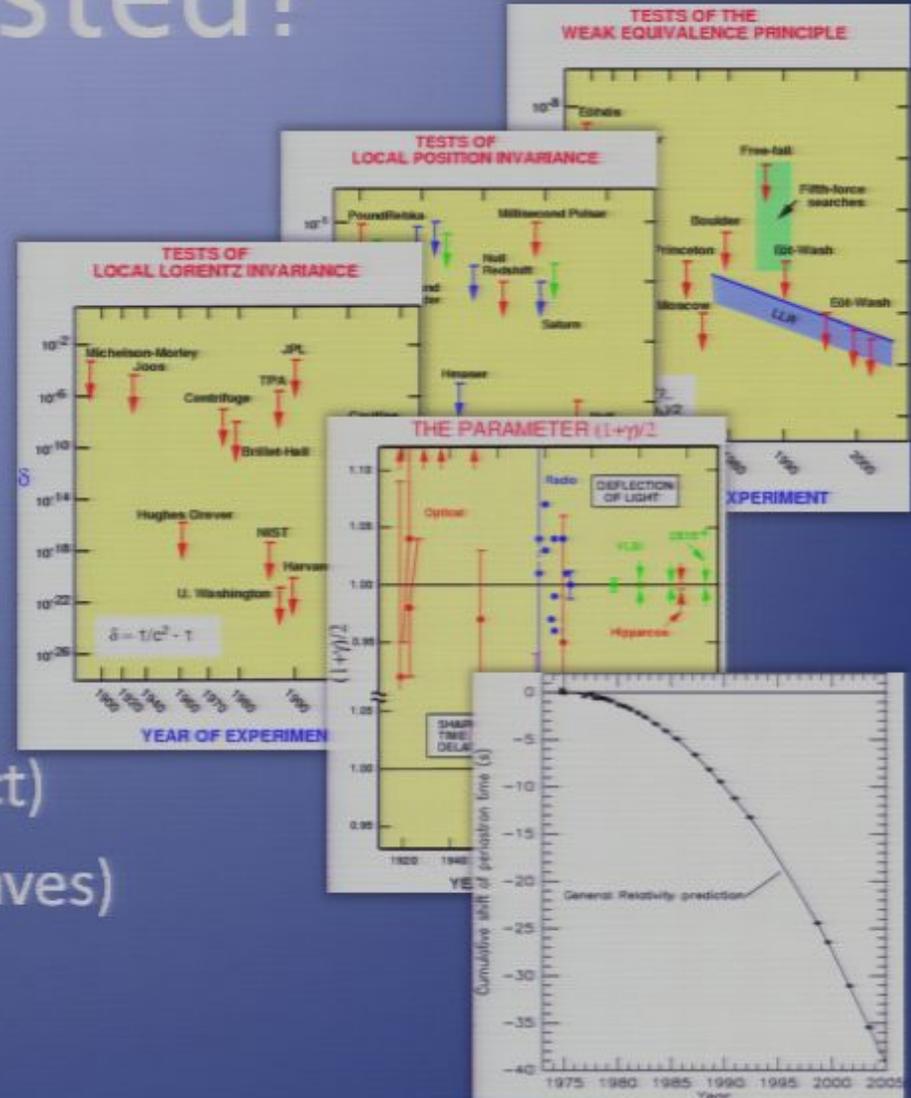


# Hasn't GR *been* tested?

- Perihelion shift of Mercury
- Gravitational lensing of stars
- Gravitational redshift
- Shapiro time delay
- Relativistic geodetic precession
- Lunar-laser ranging (Nordtvedt effect)
- Hulse-Taylor pulsar (gravitational waves)

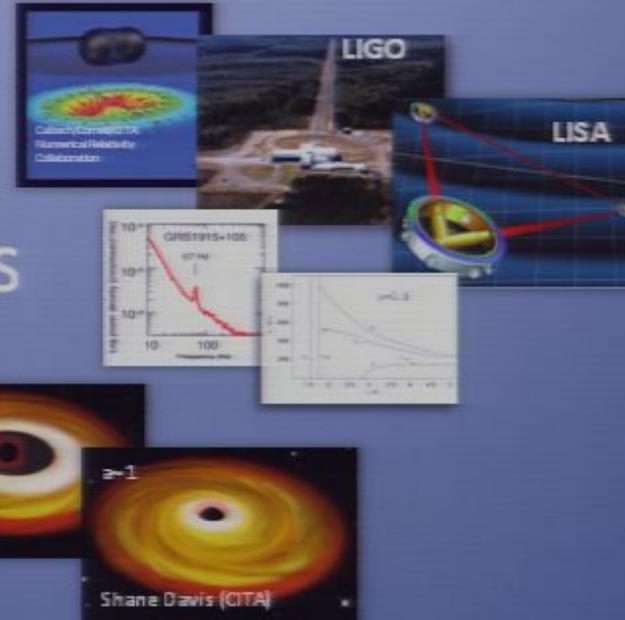
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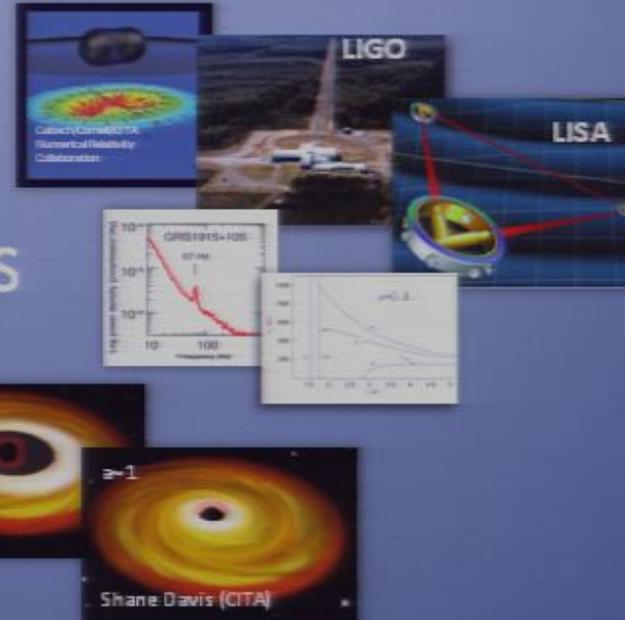
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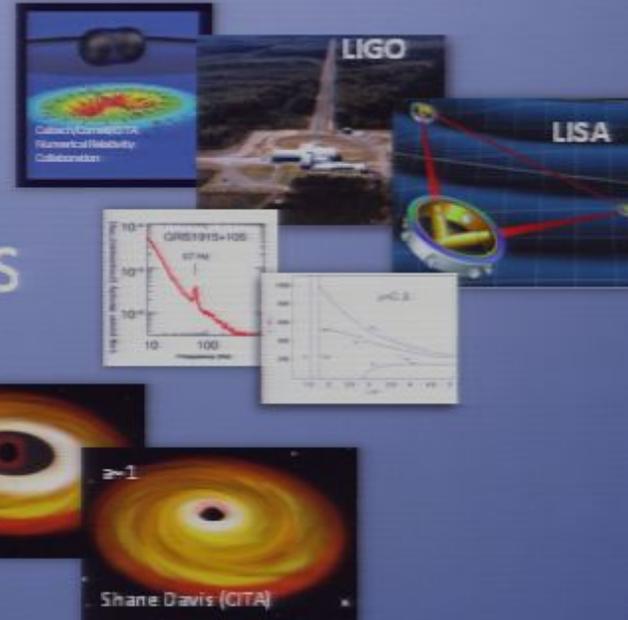
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  - What else could it be?

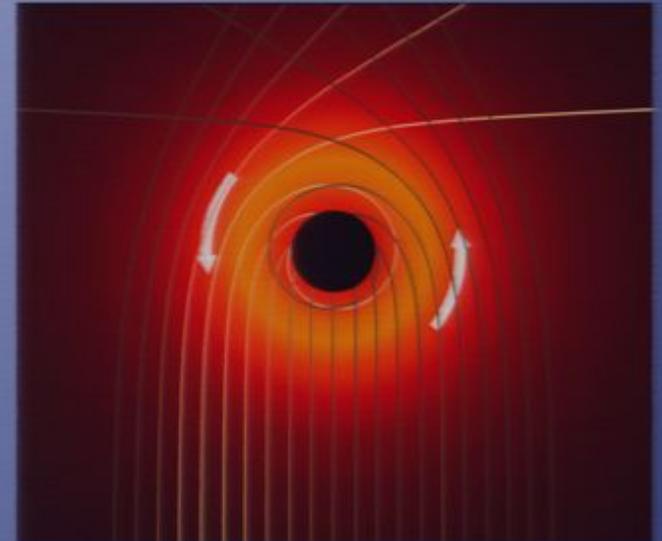
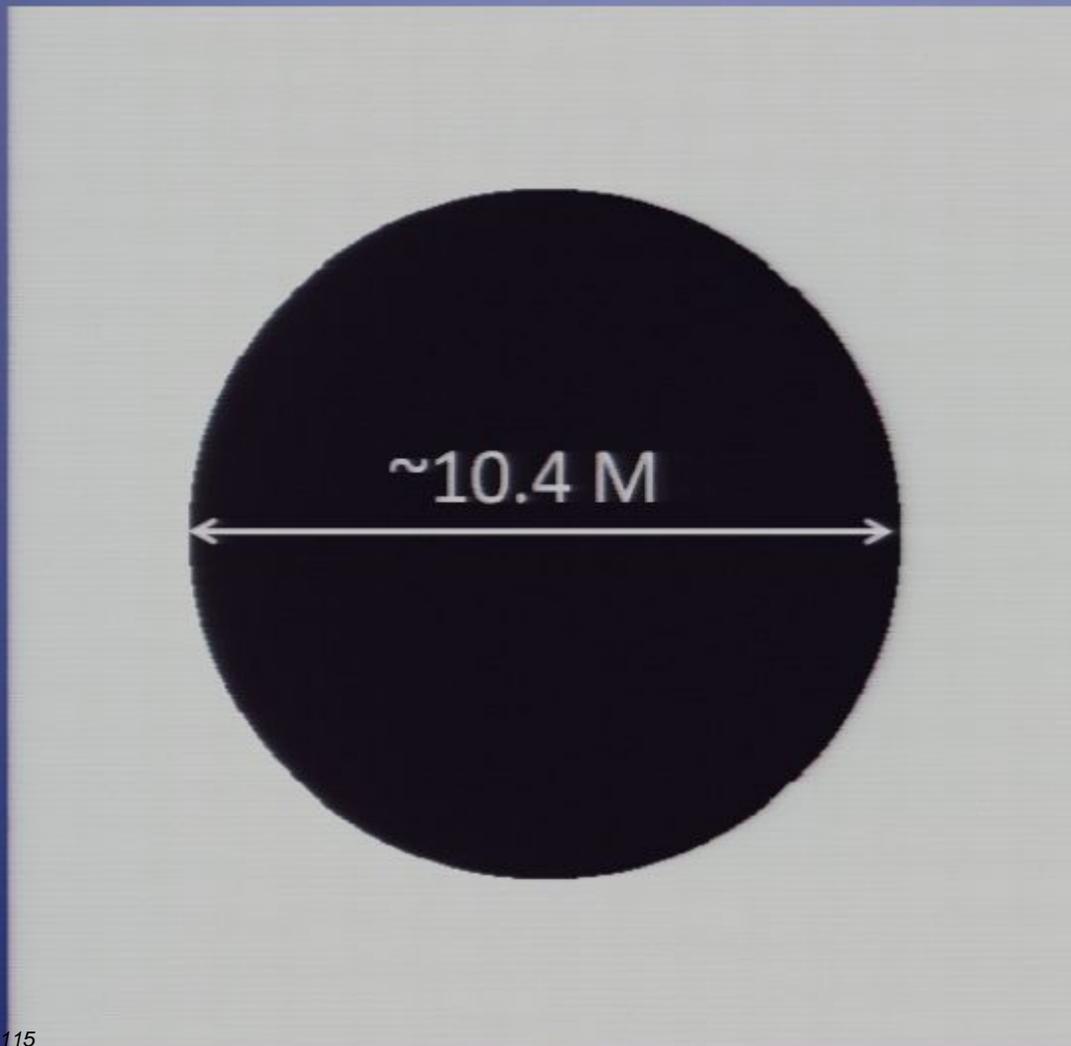


# Getting Some Answers!

- What and How
- Generating images and taking BH portraits
- Horizons do exist!
- Testing Kerr with spots
- The Black Hole's retinue
- Conclusions

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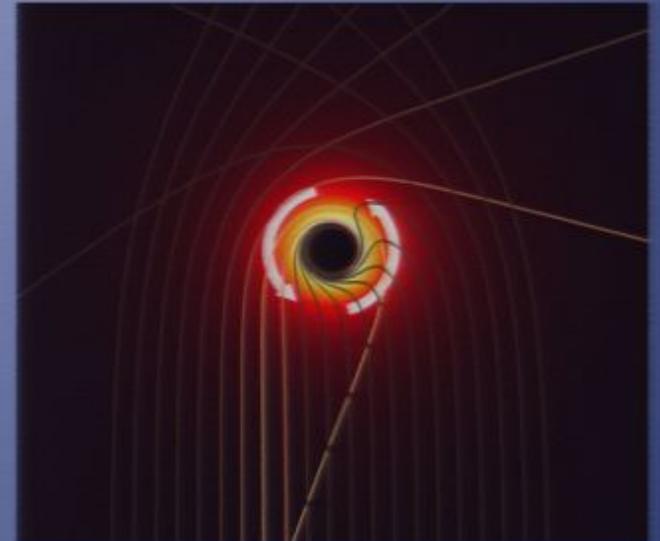
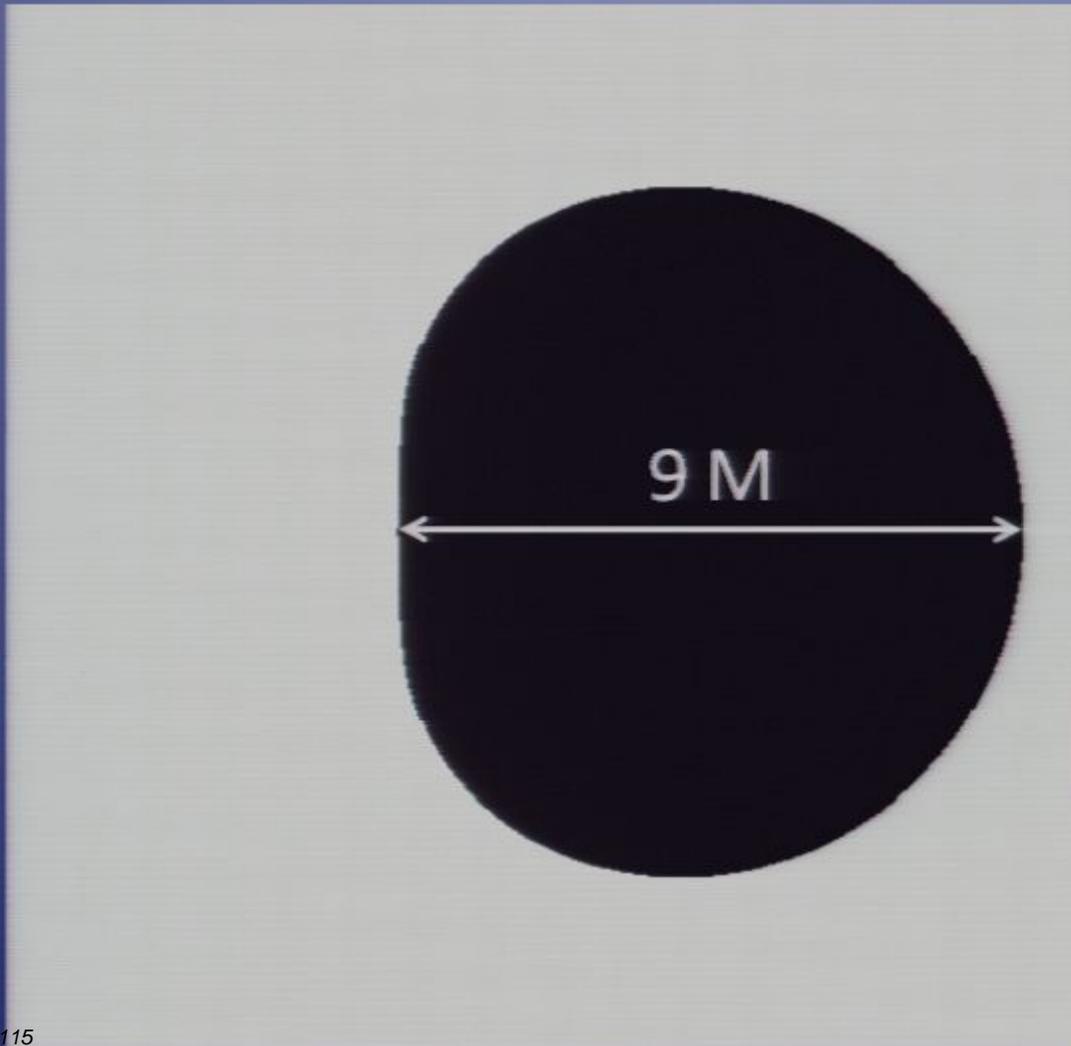


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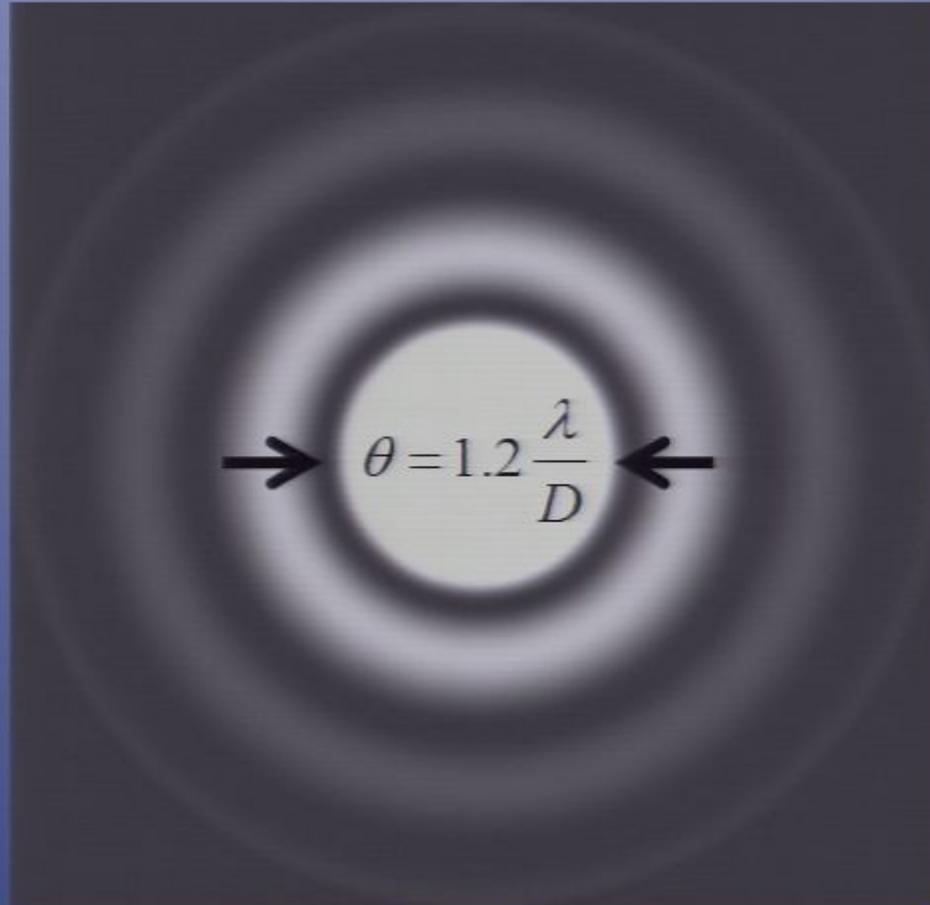
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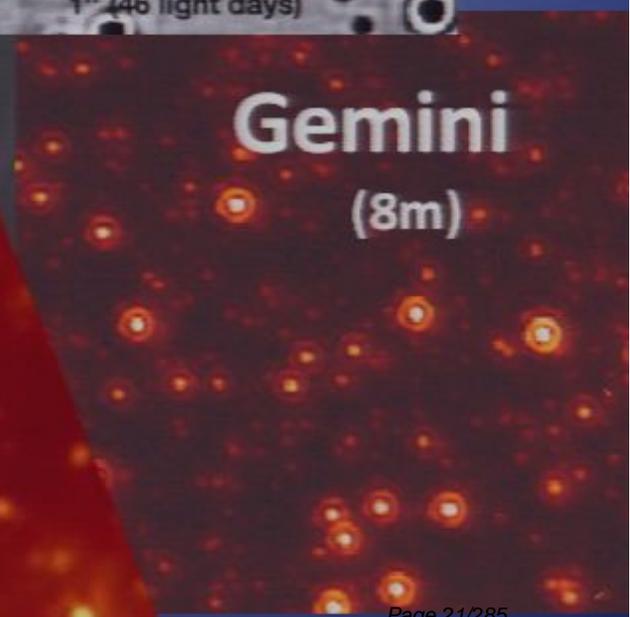
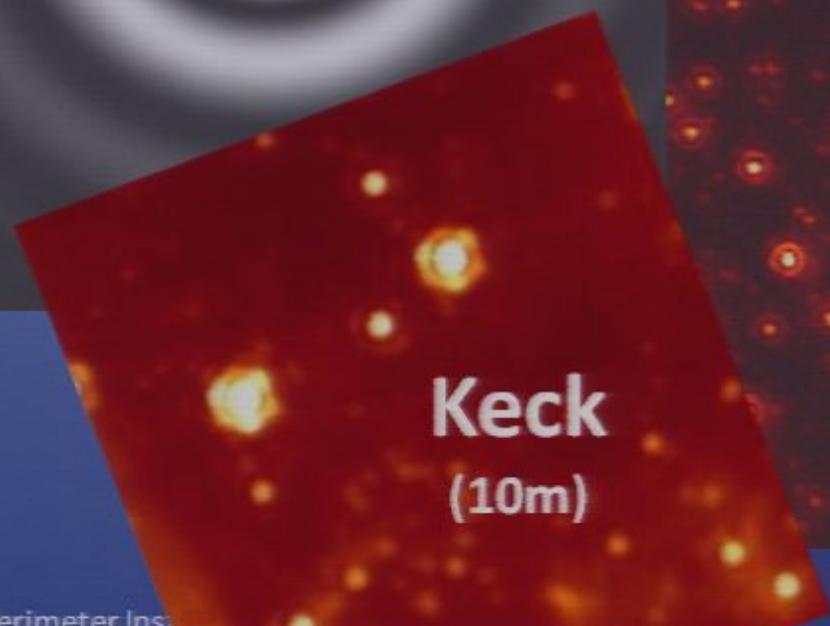
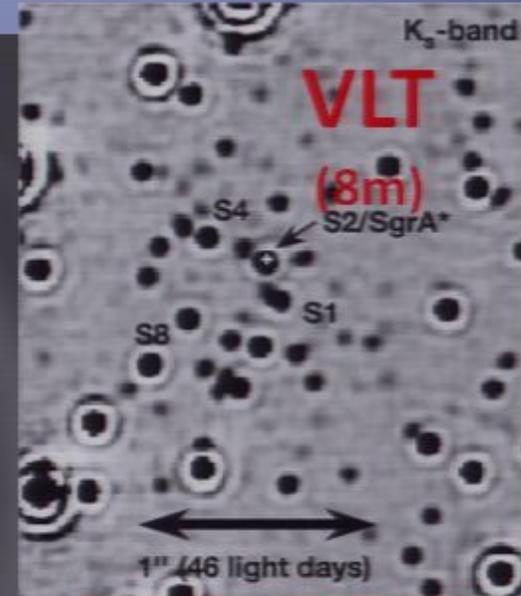
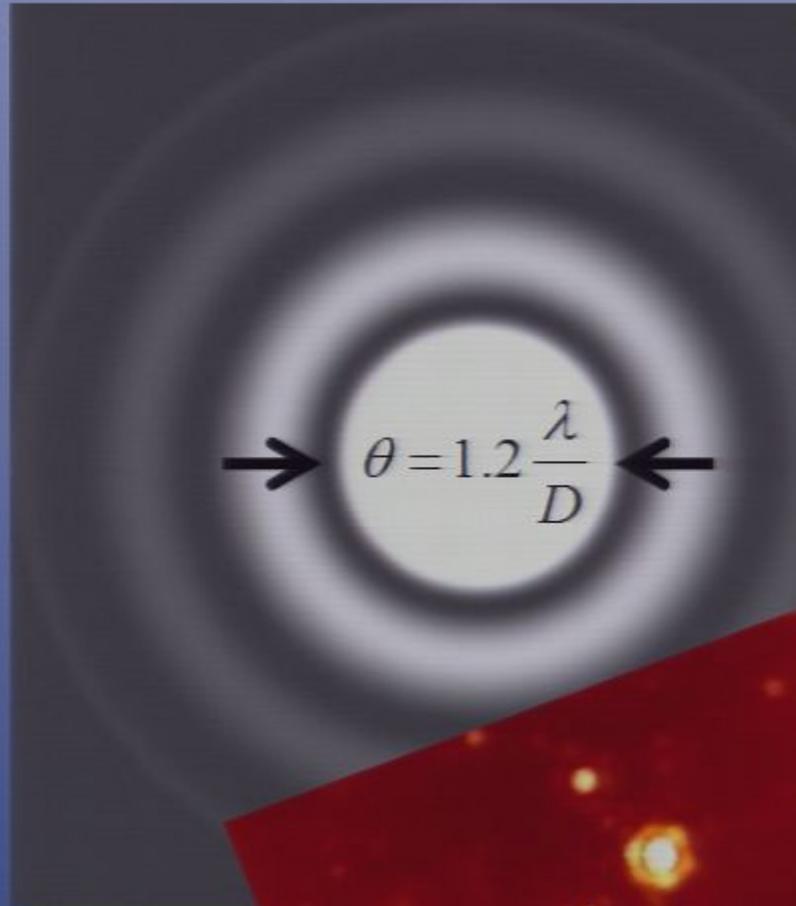
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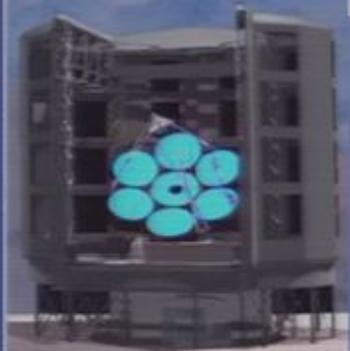


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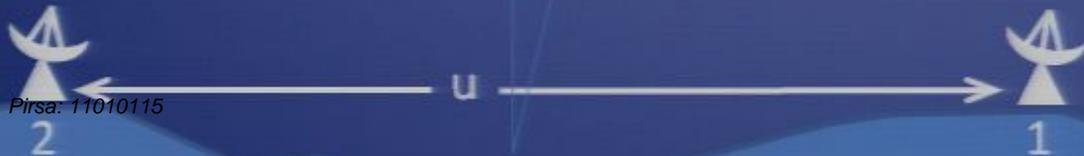
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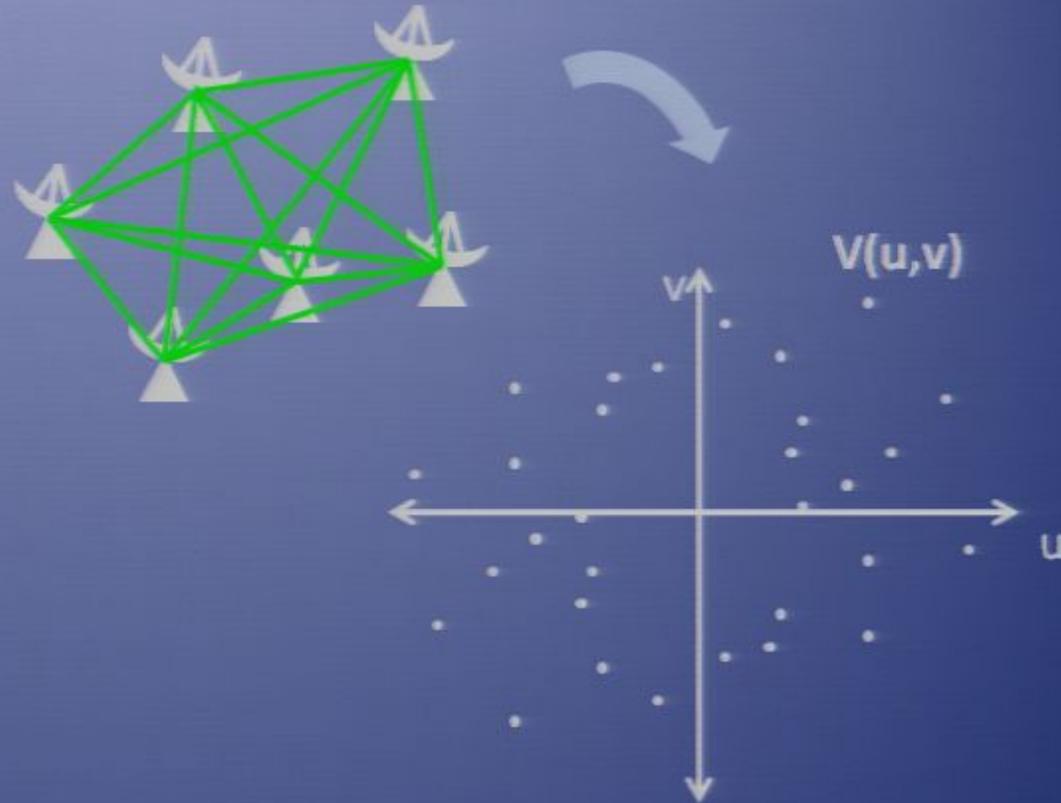
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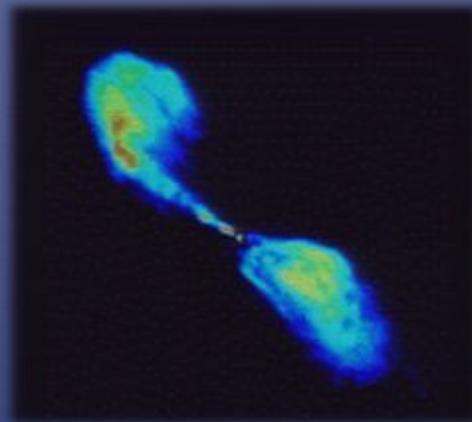
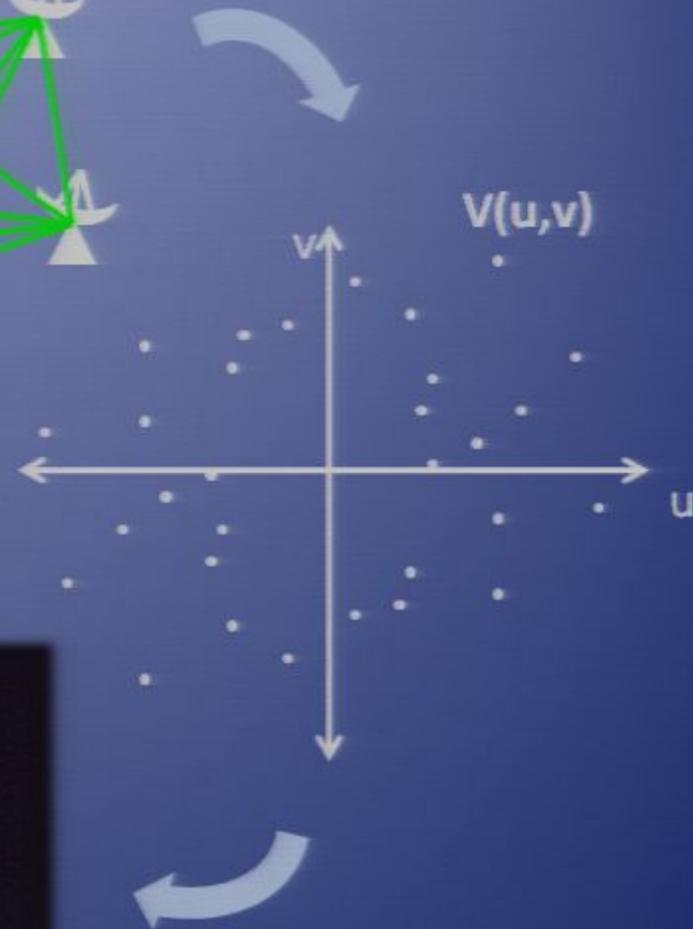
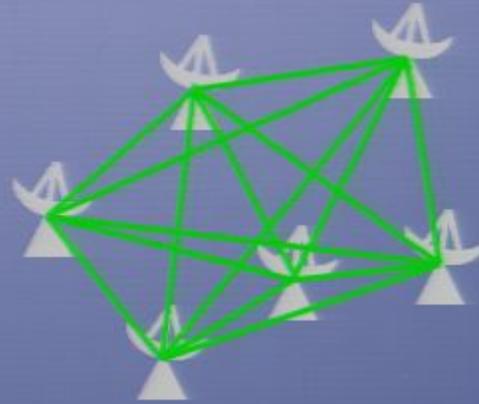
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# Very Long Baseline Interferometry

Very Long Baseline Array



Very Long Baseline Array  
has been doing this at 3mm  
and above for 2 decades!

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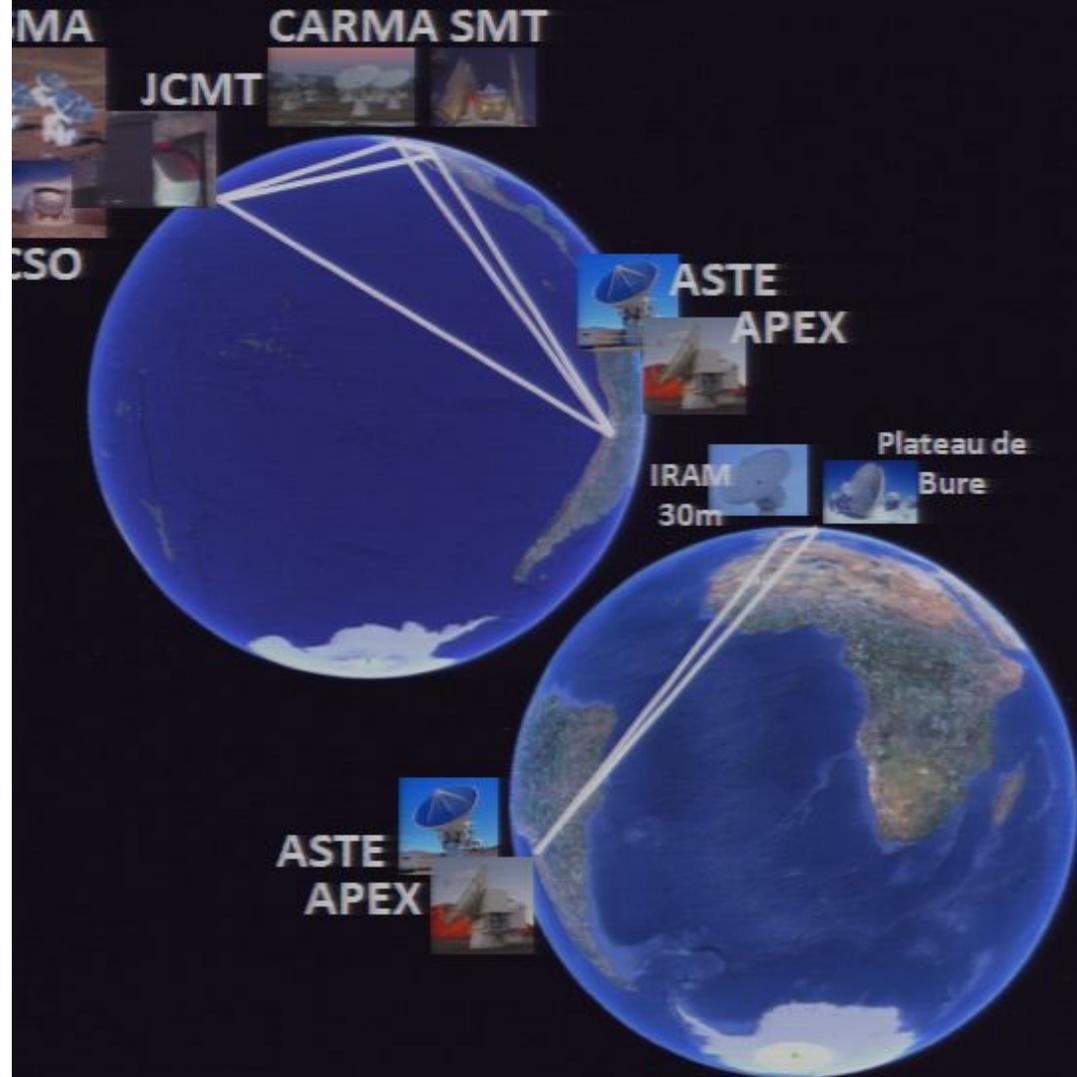
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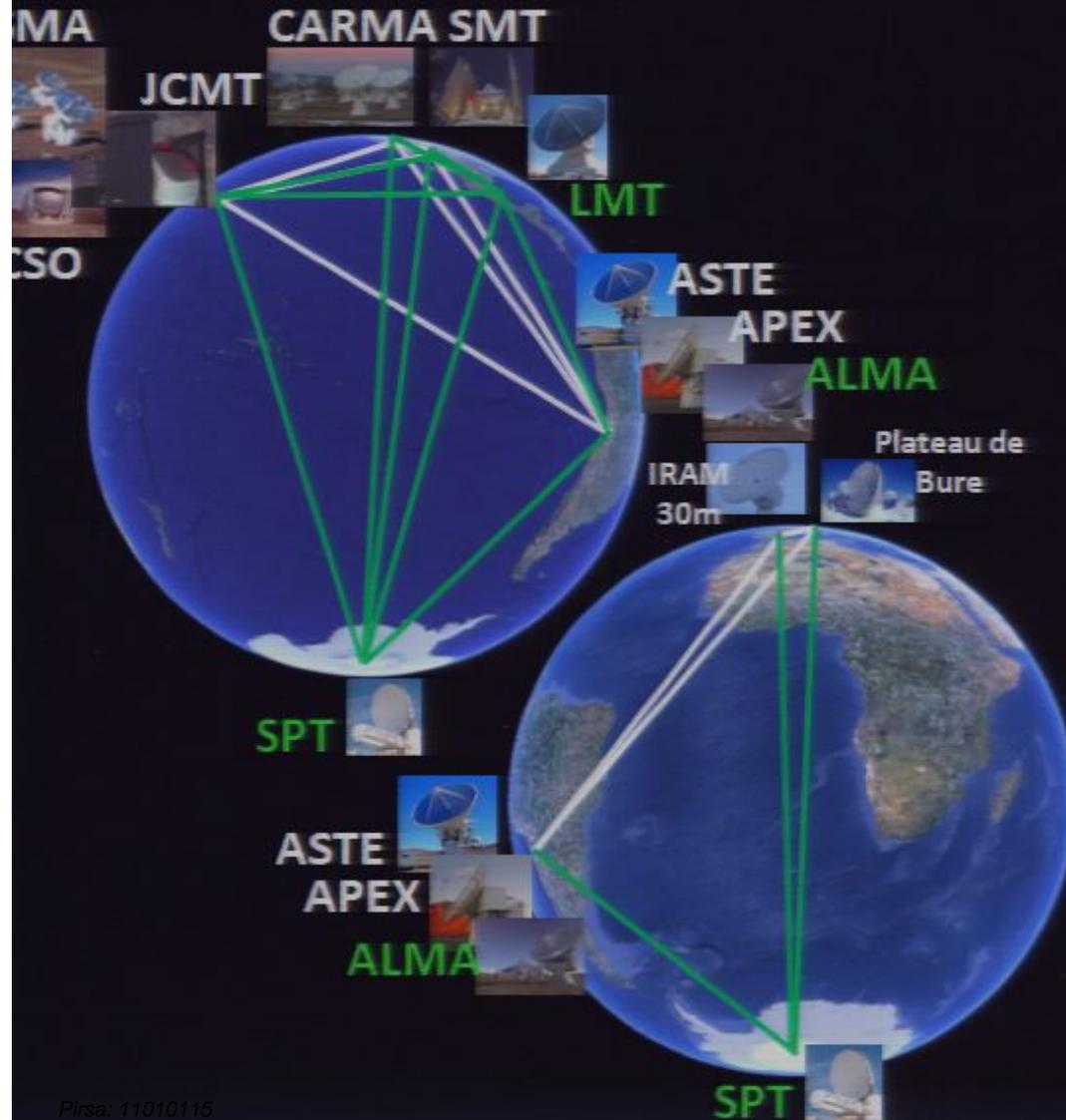
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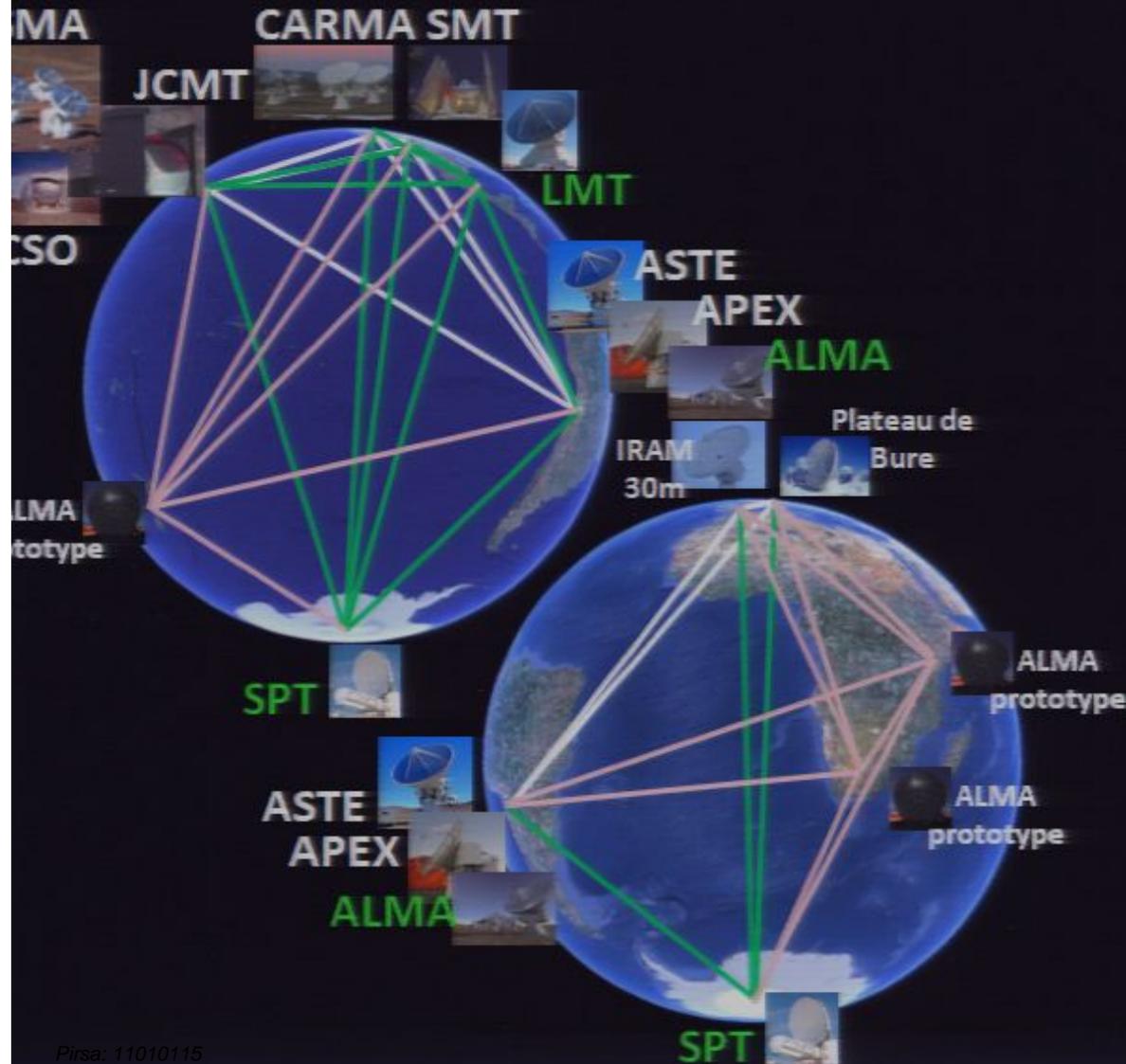
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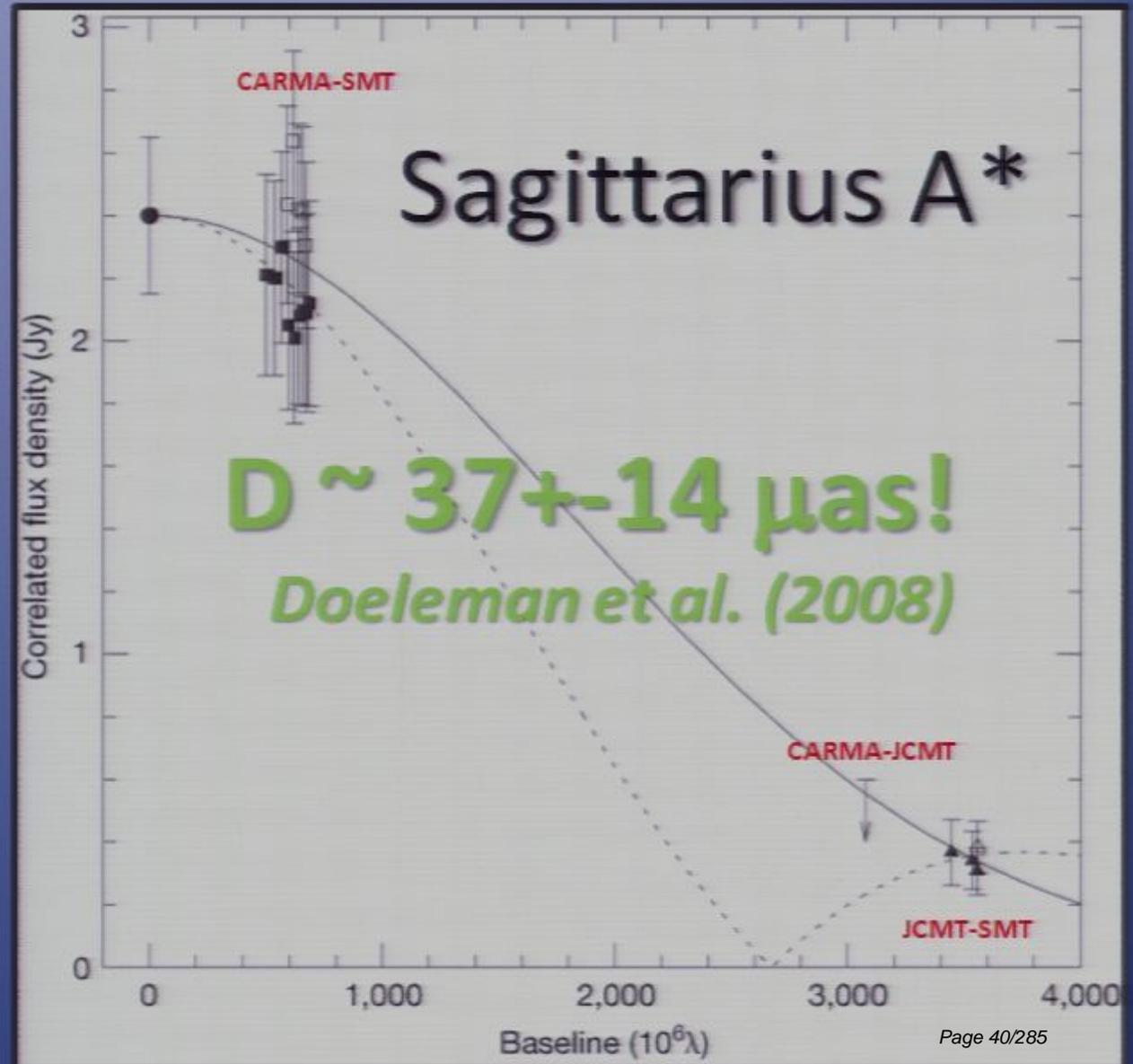
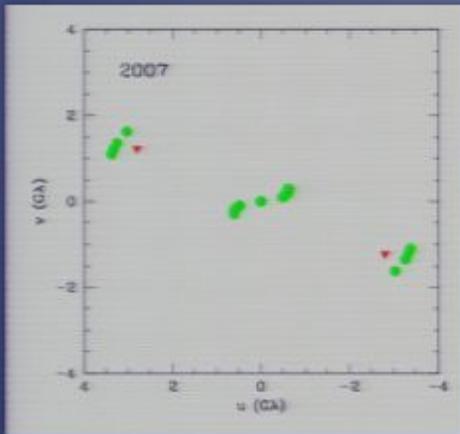
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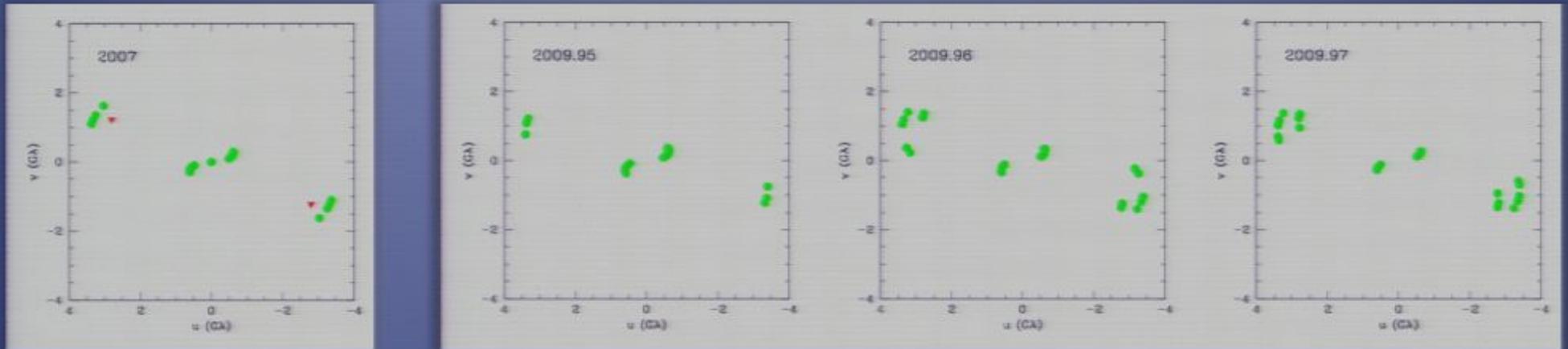
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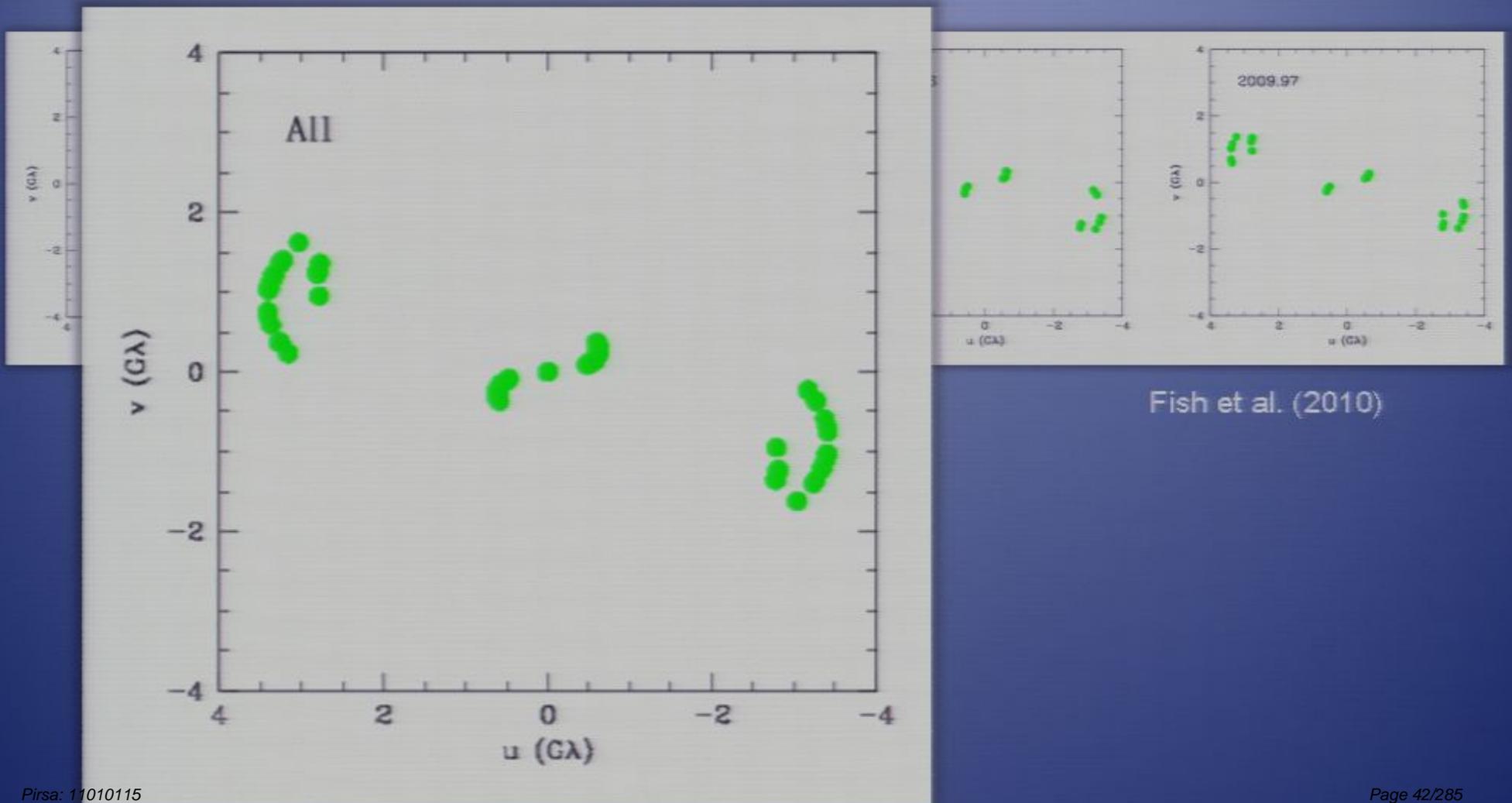
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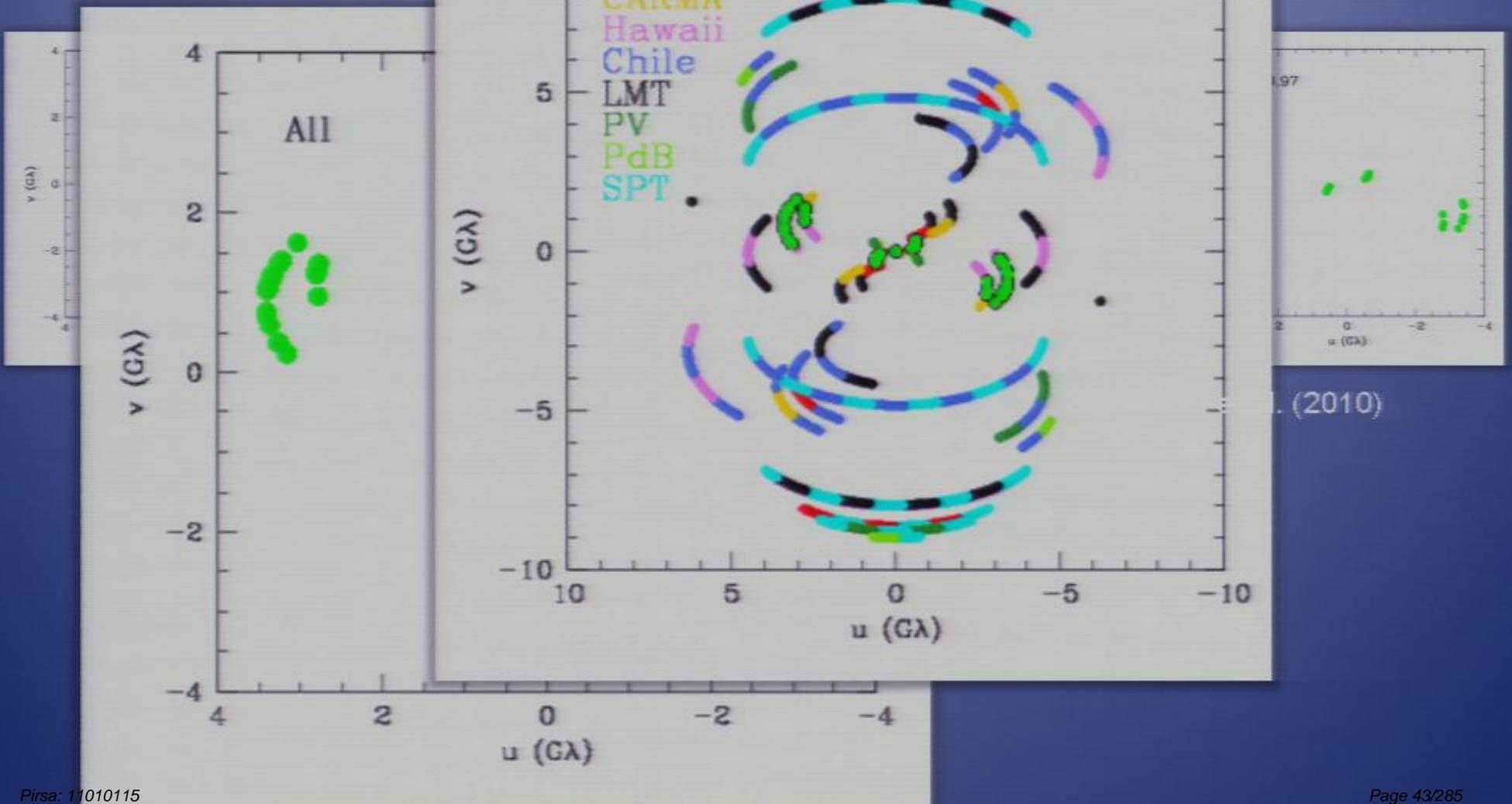
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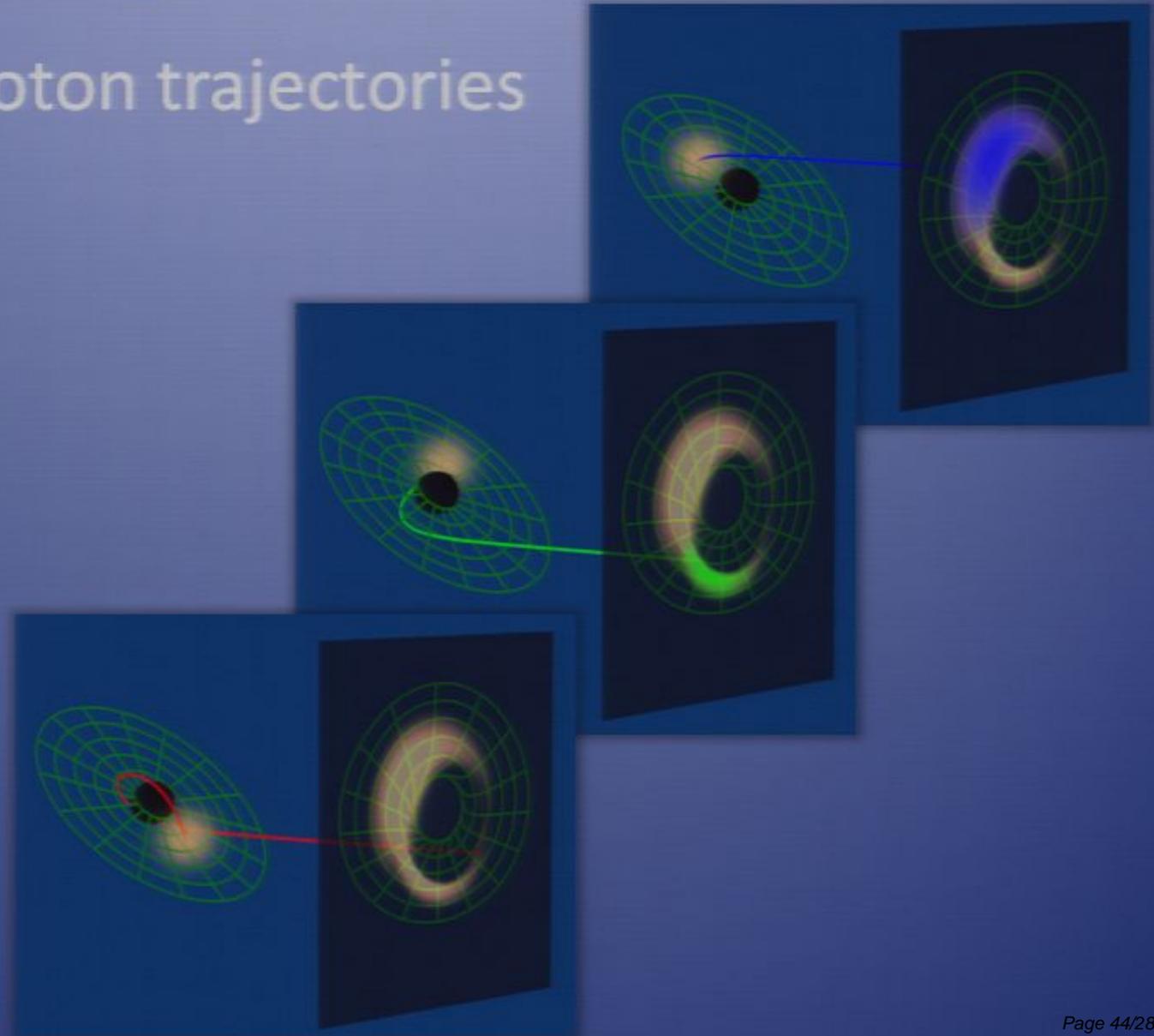
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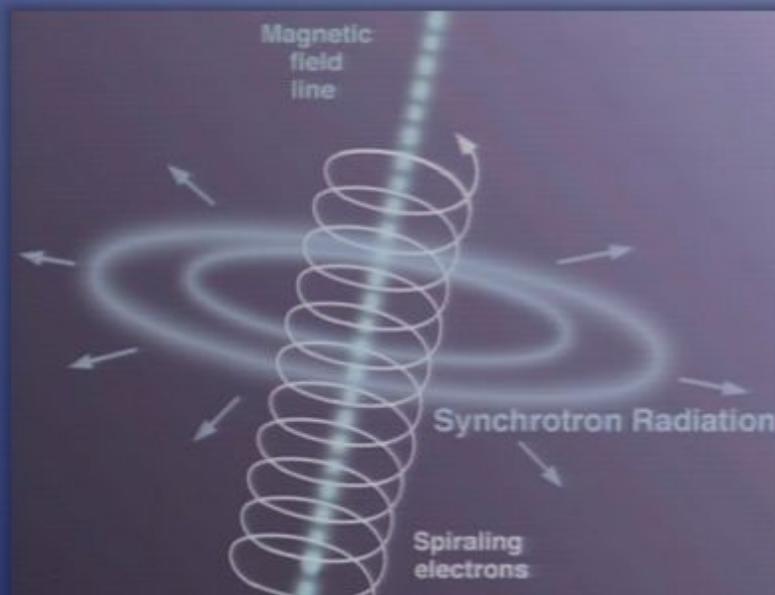
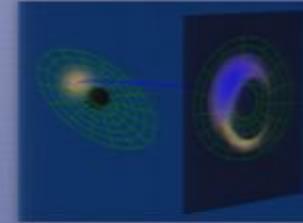
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(self-absorbed synchrotron)

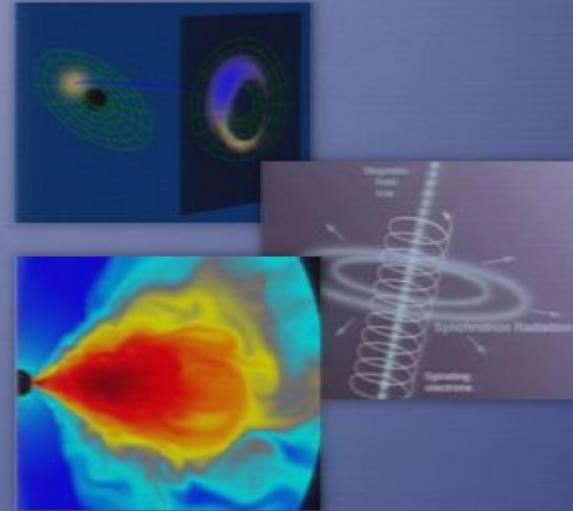


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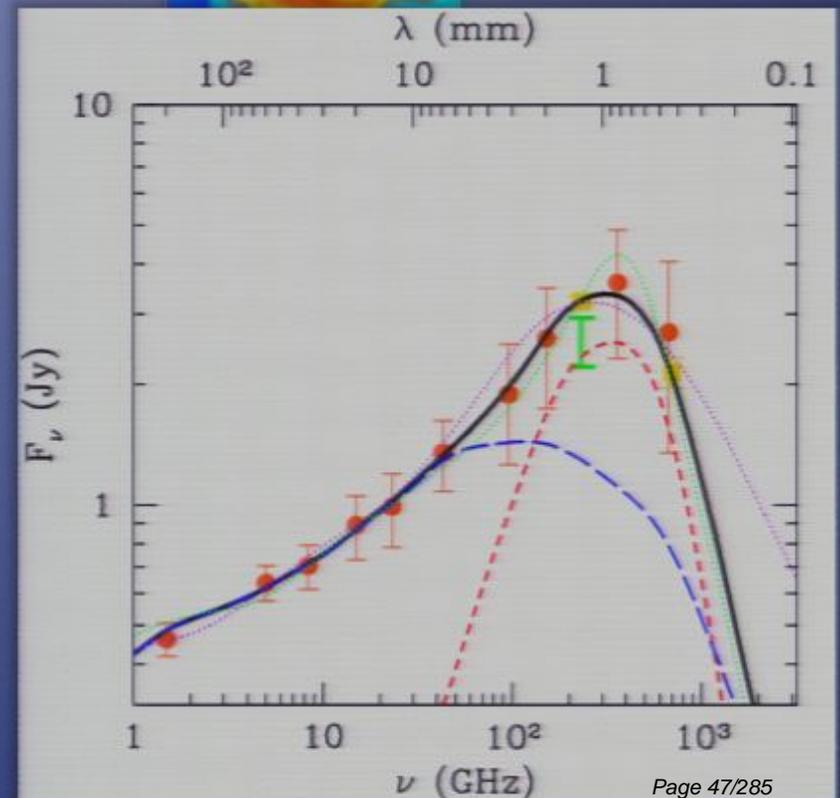
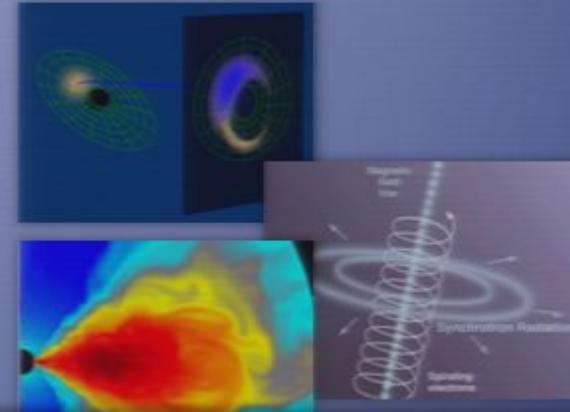
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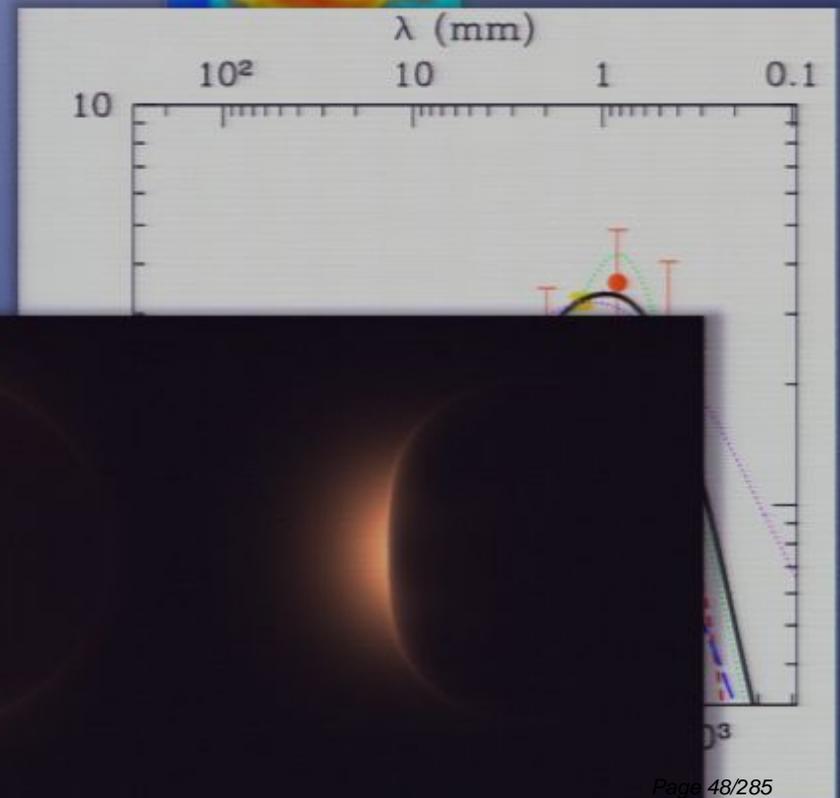
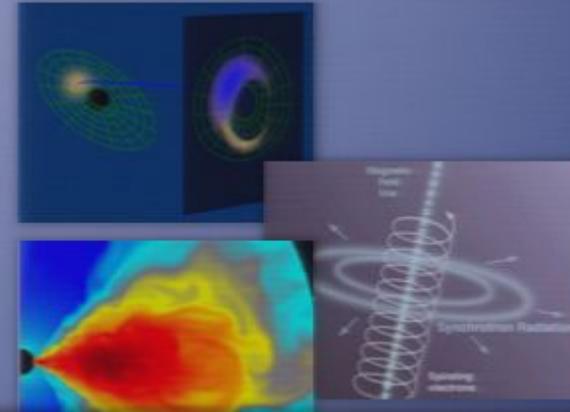
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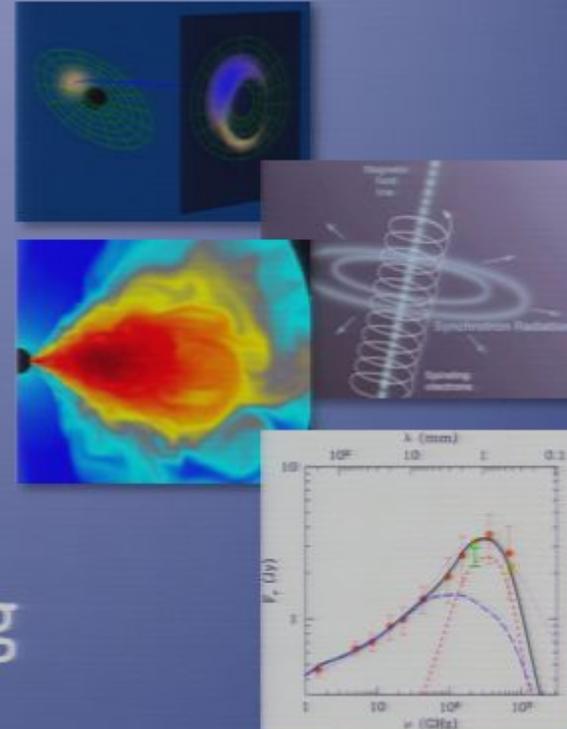
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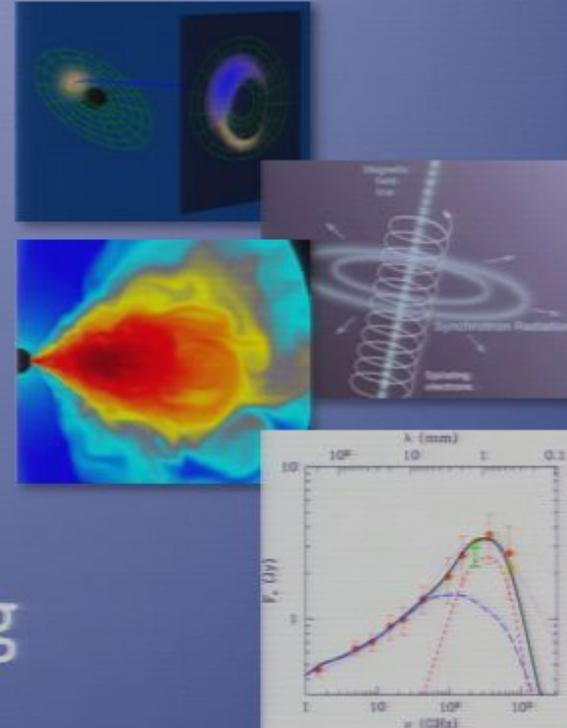
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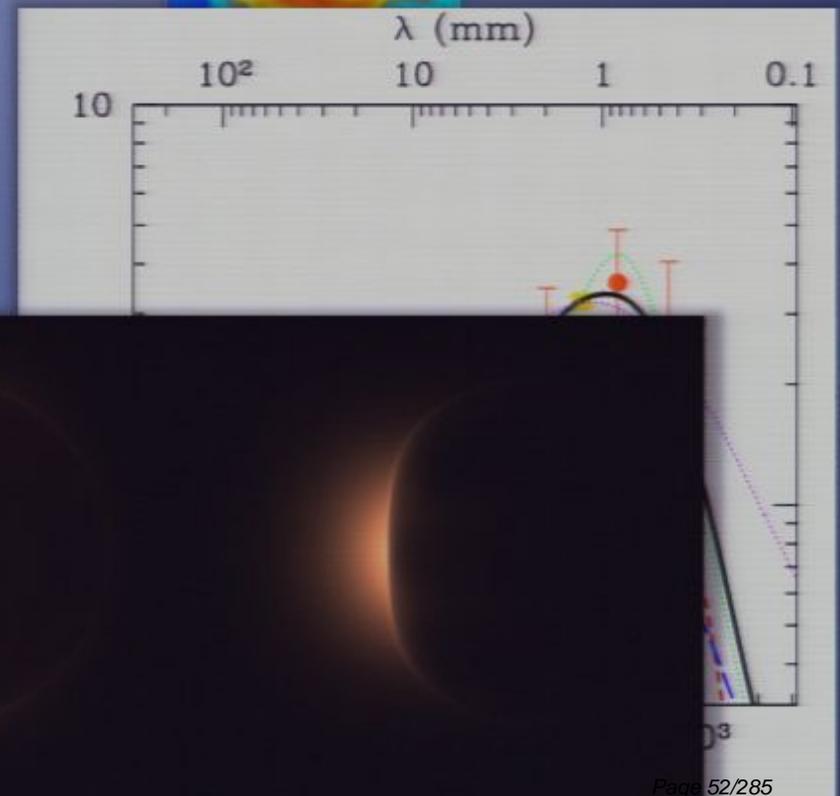
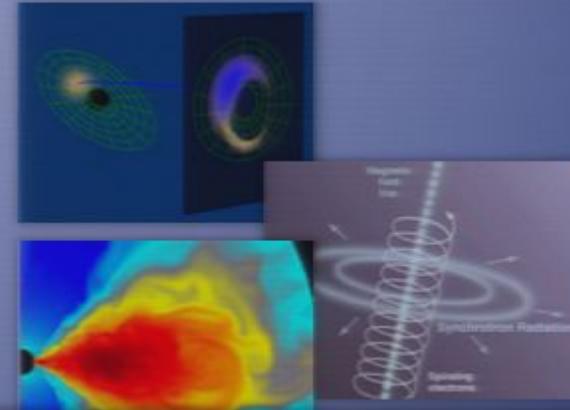
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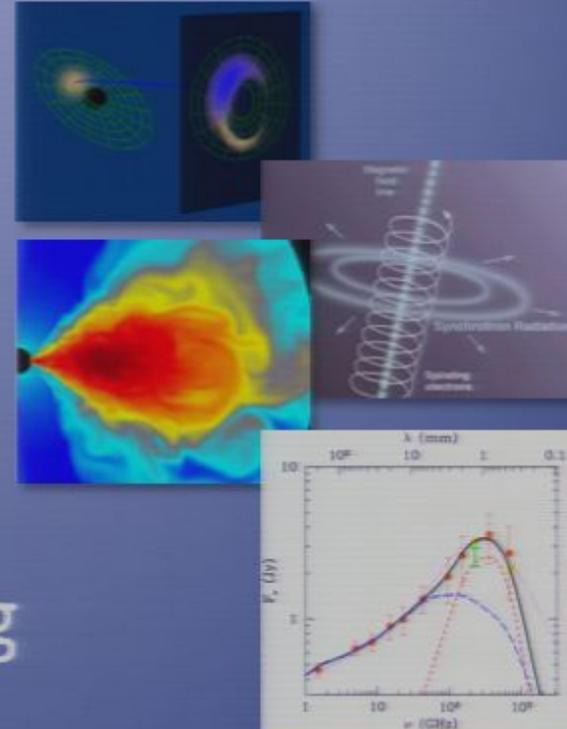
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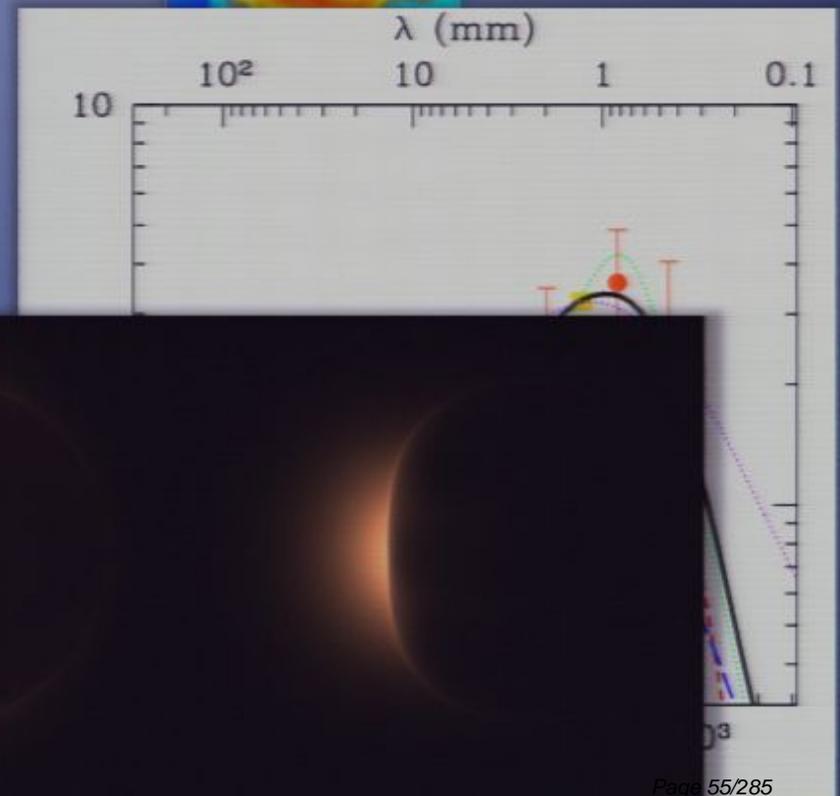
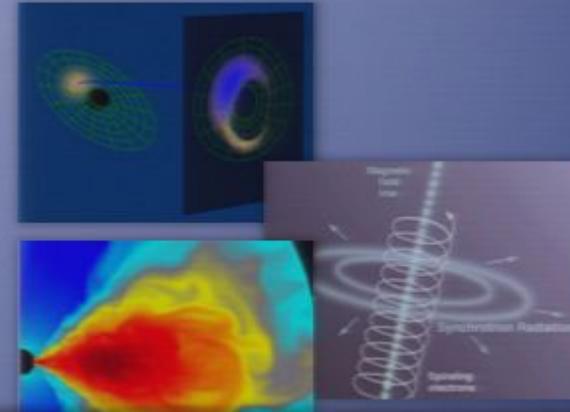
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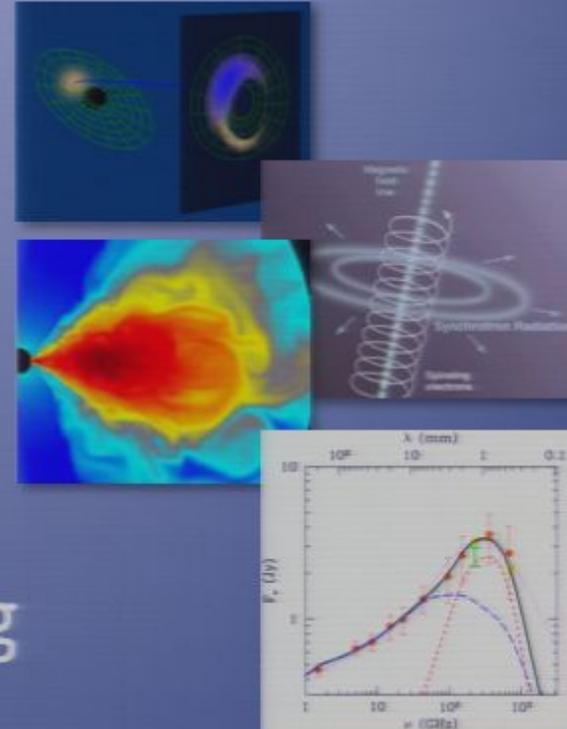
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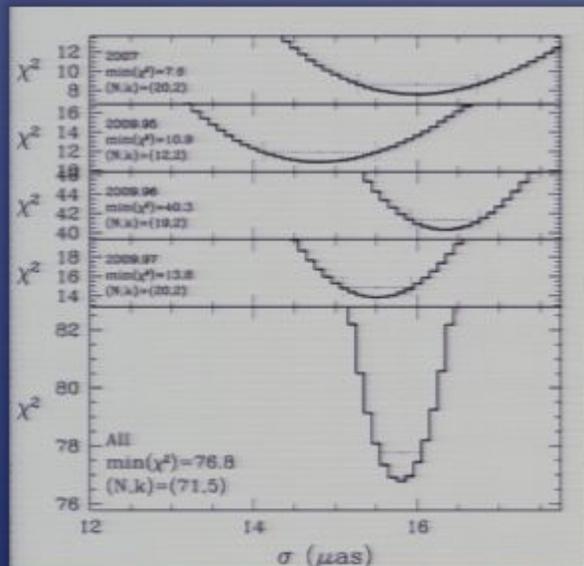
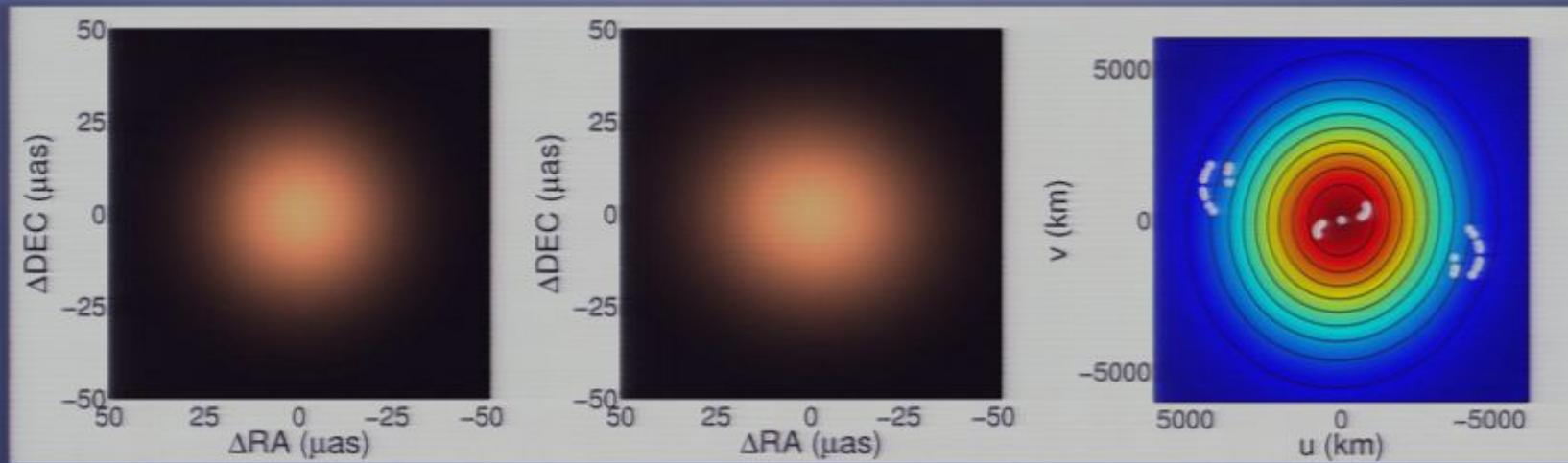
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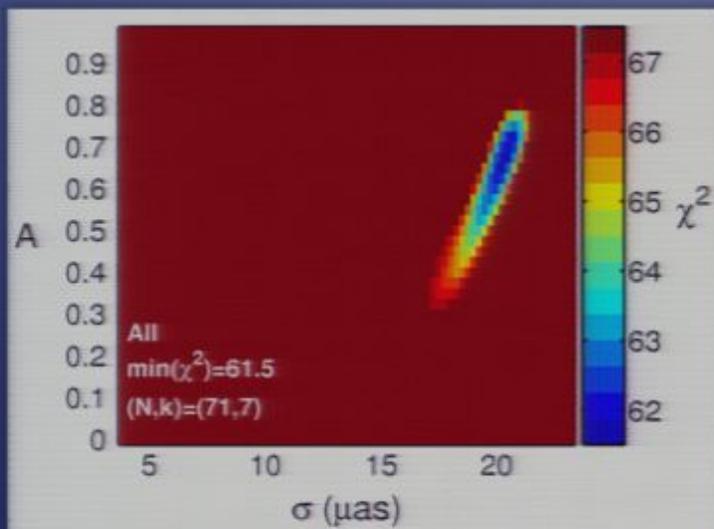
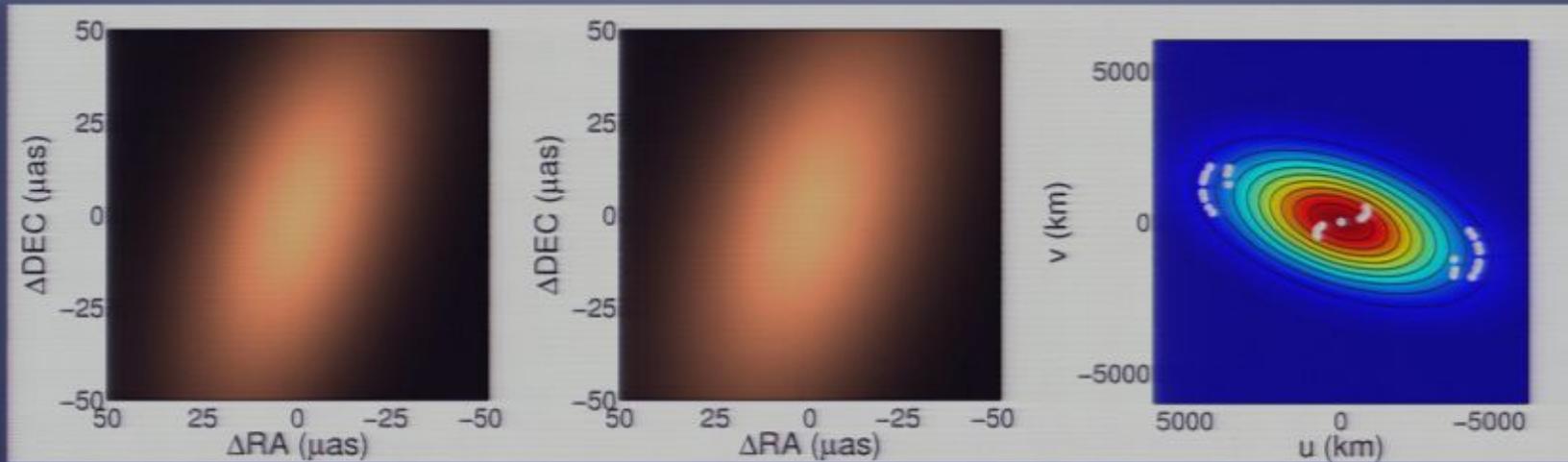
# Symmetric Gaussian



$$\sigma = 15.8 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{as}$$
$$\chi^2/\text{DoF} = 1.16$$
$$\text{BIC} = 98.1$$
$$\text{AIC} = 87.7$$

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# Asymmetric Gaussian



$$\sigma = \left[ \frac{1}{2\sigma_m^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_M^2} \right]^{-1/2} = 20.5^{+0.3+0.5}_{-0.8-1.3} \mu\text{as}$$

$$A = \left[ \frac{\sigma_M^2 - \sigma_m^2}{\sigma_M^2 + \sigma_m^2} \right]^{1/2} = 0.70^{+0.03+0.05}_{-0.1-0.18}$$

$$\xi = 19^{\circ+3^{\circ}+6^{\circ}}_{-1^{\circ}-2^{\circ}}$$

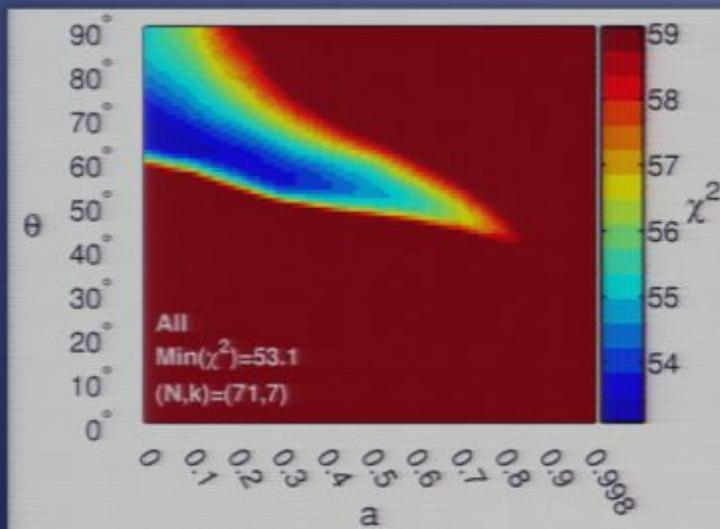
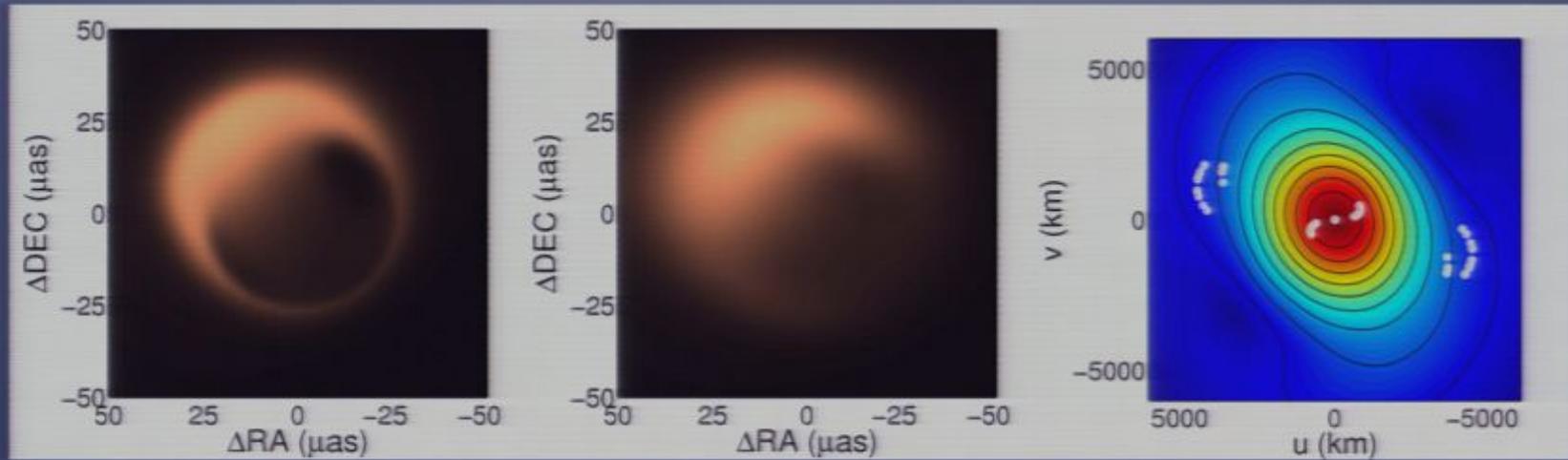
$$\chi^2/\text{DoF} = 0.961$$

$$\text{BIC} = 91.3 \quad (-6.9)$$

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# Radiatively inefficient accretion flow

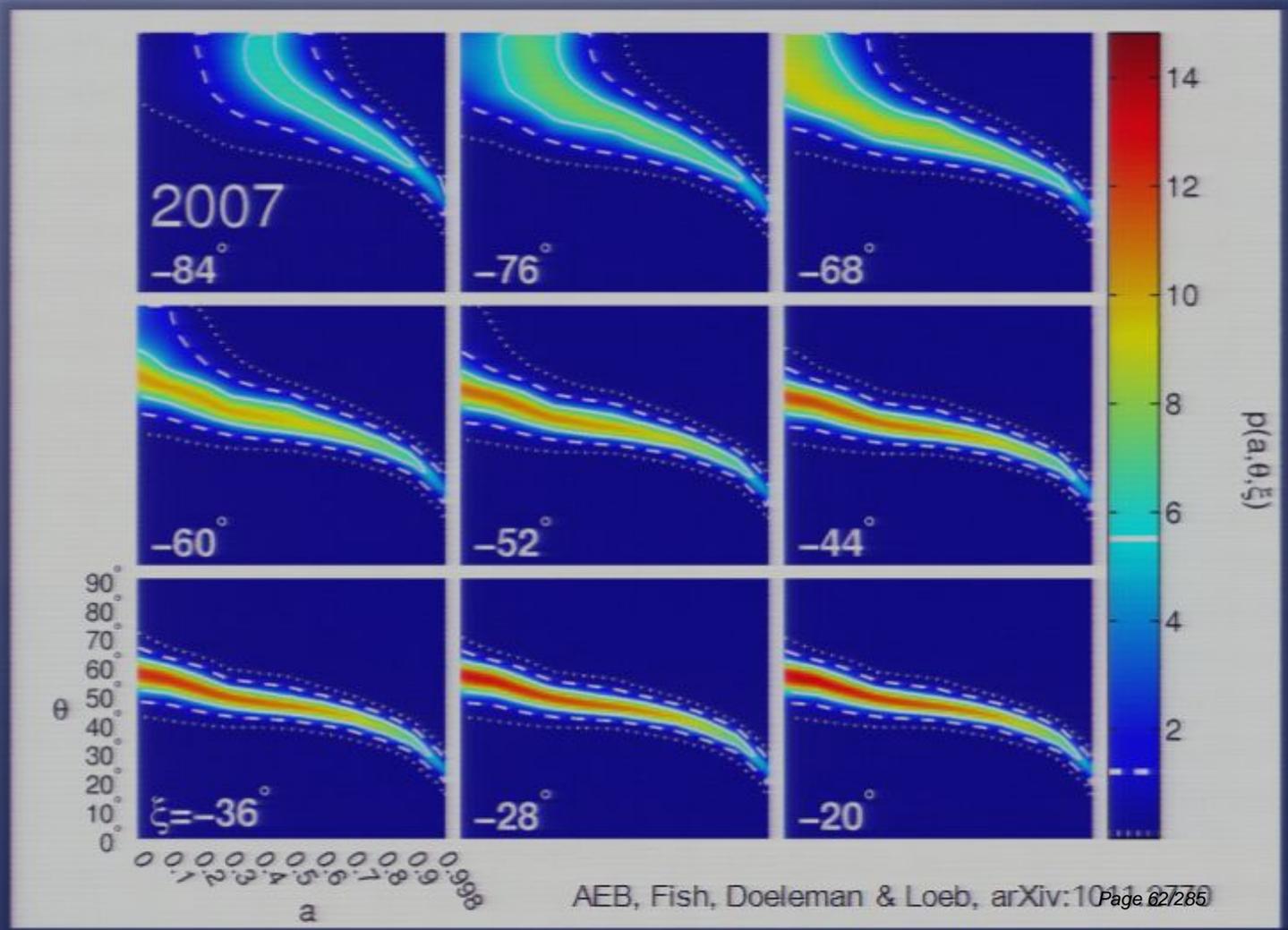
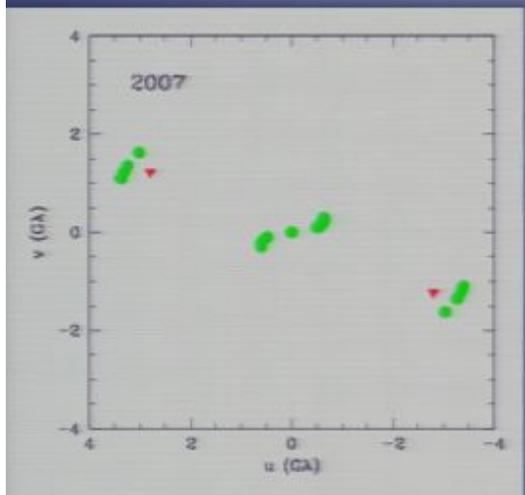


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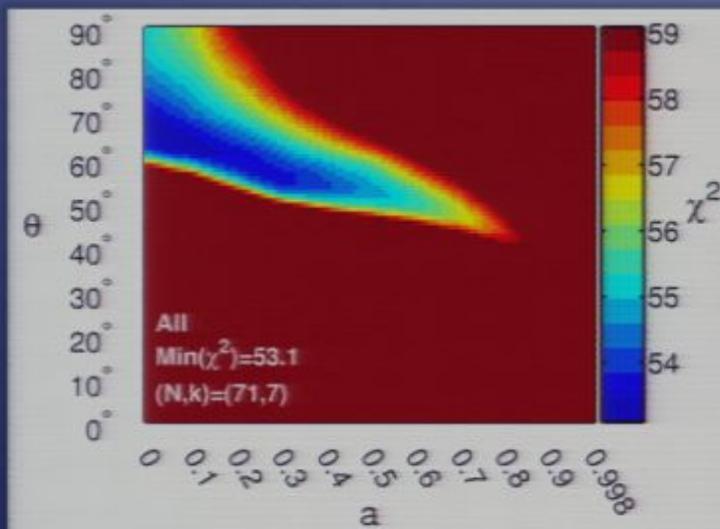
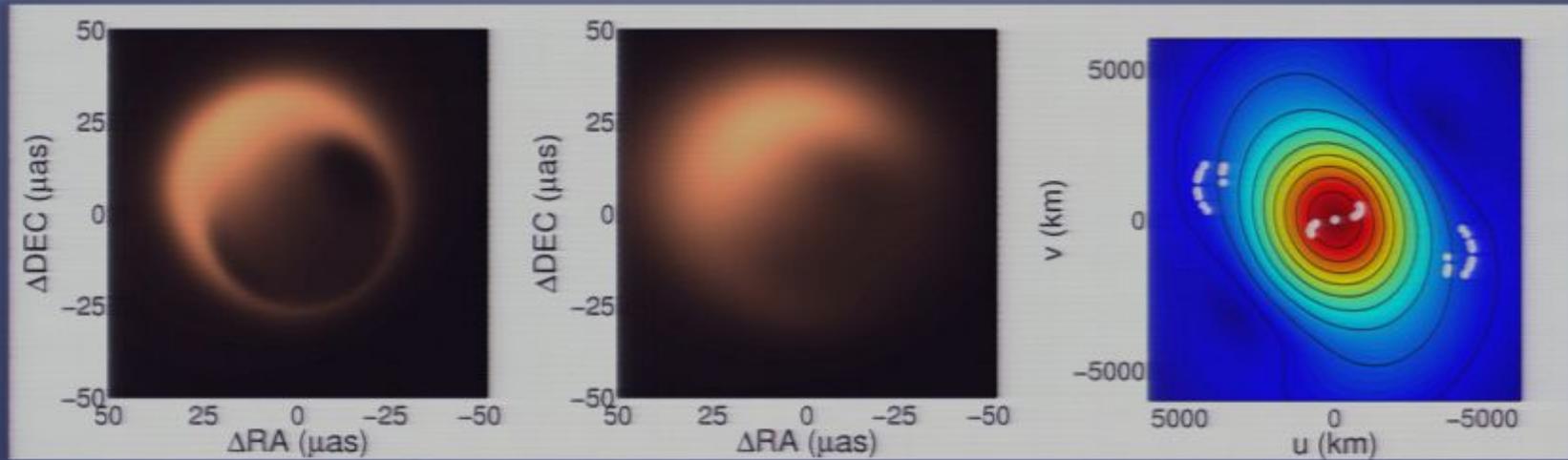
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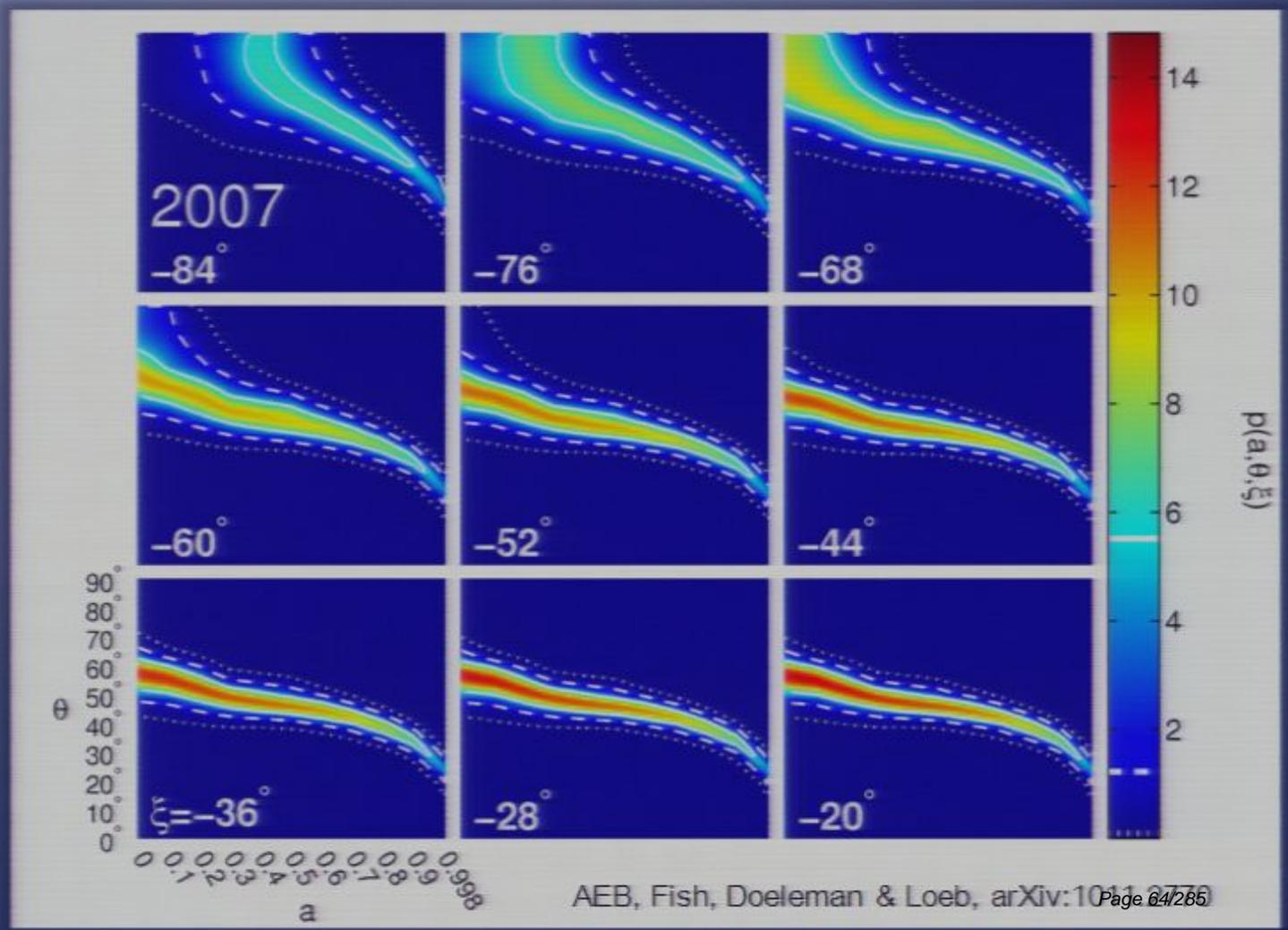
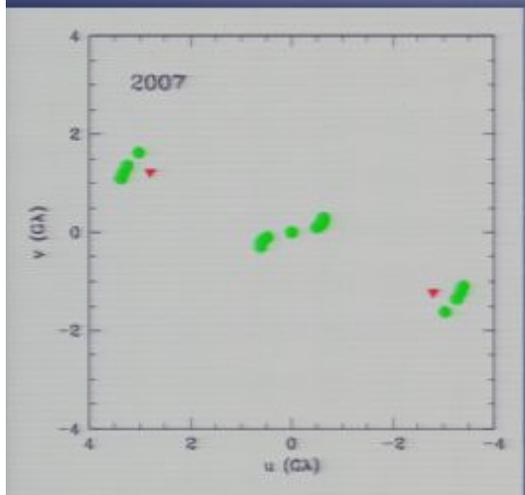


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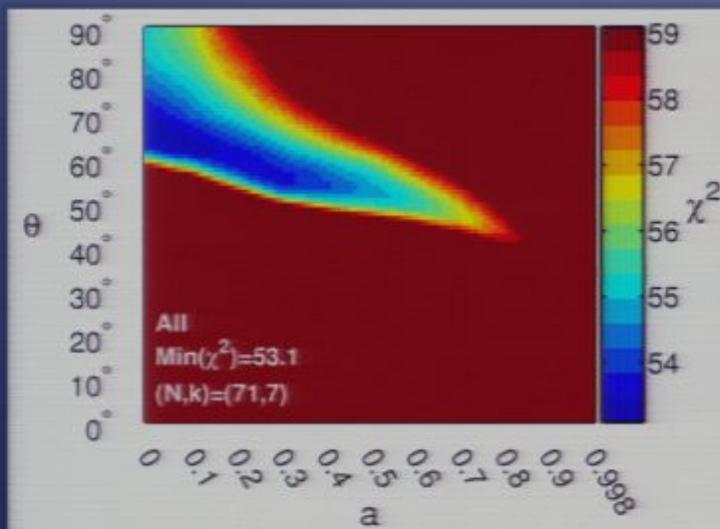
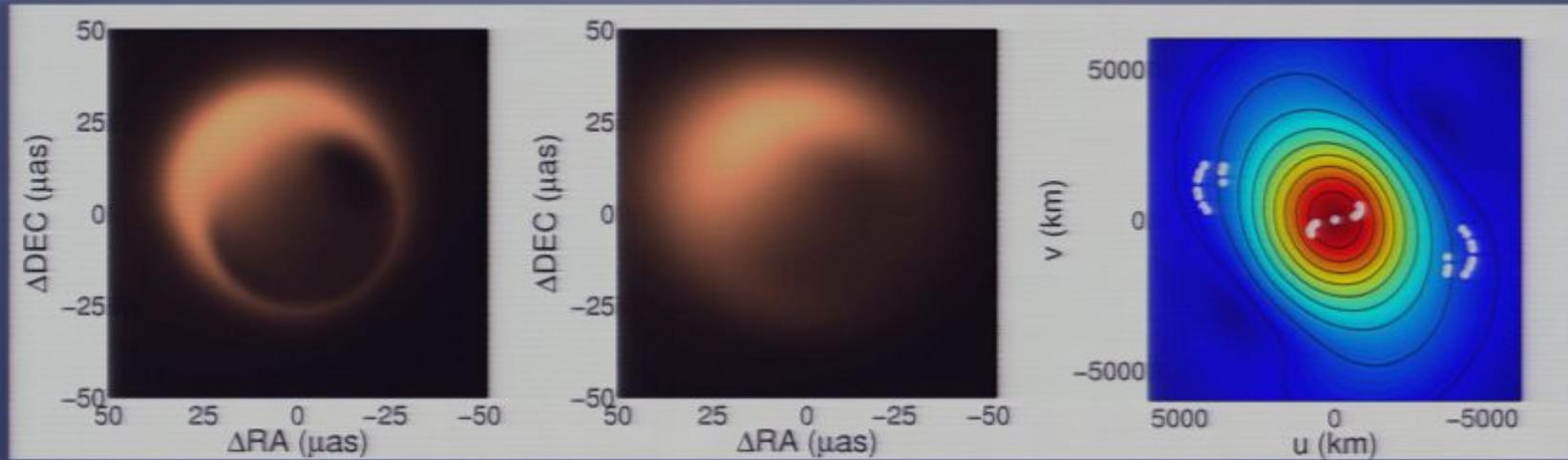
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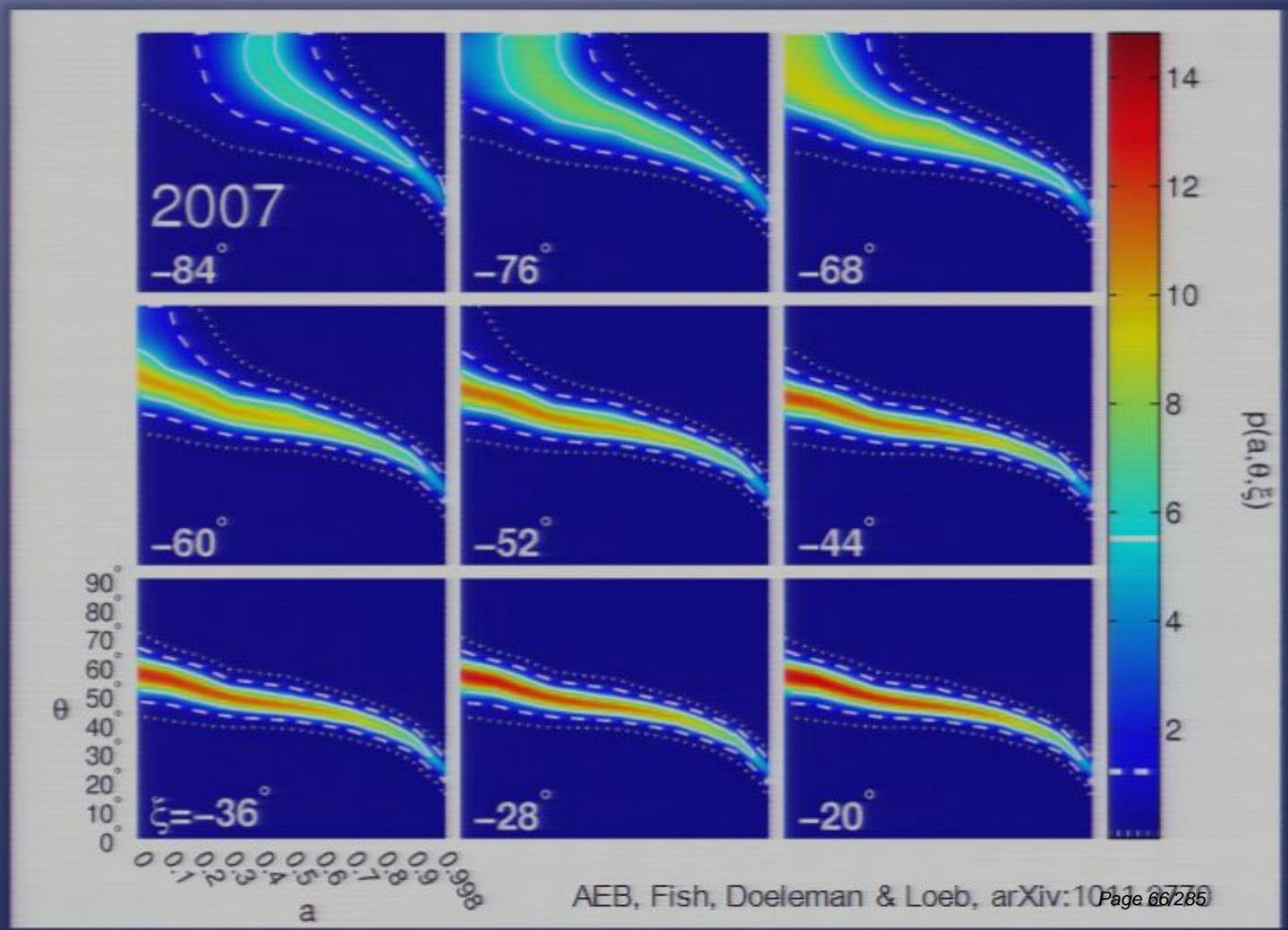
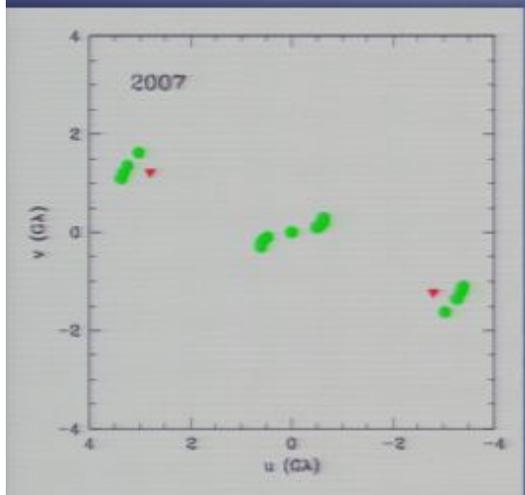


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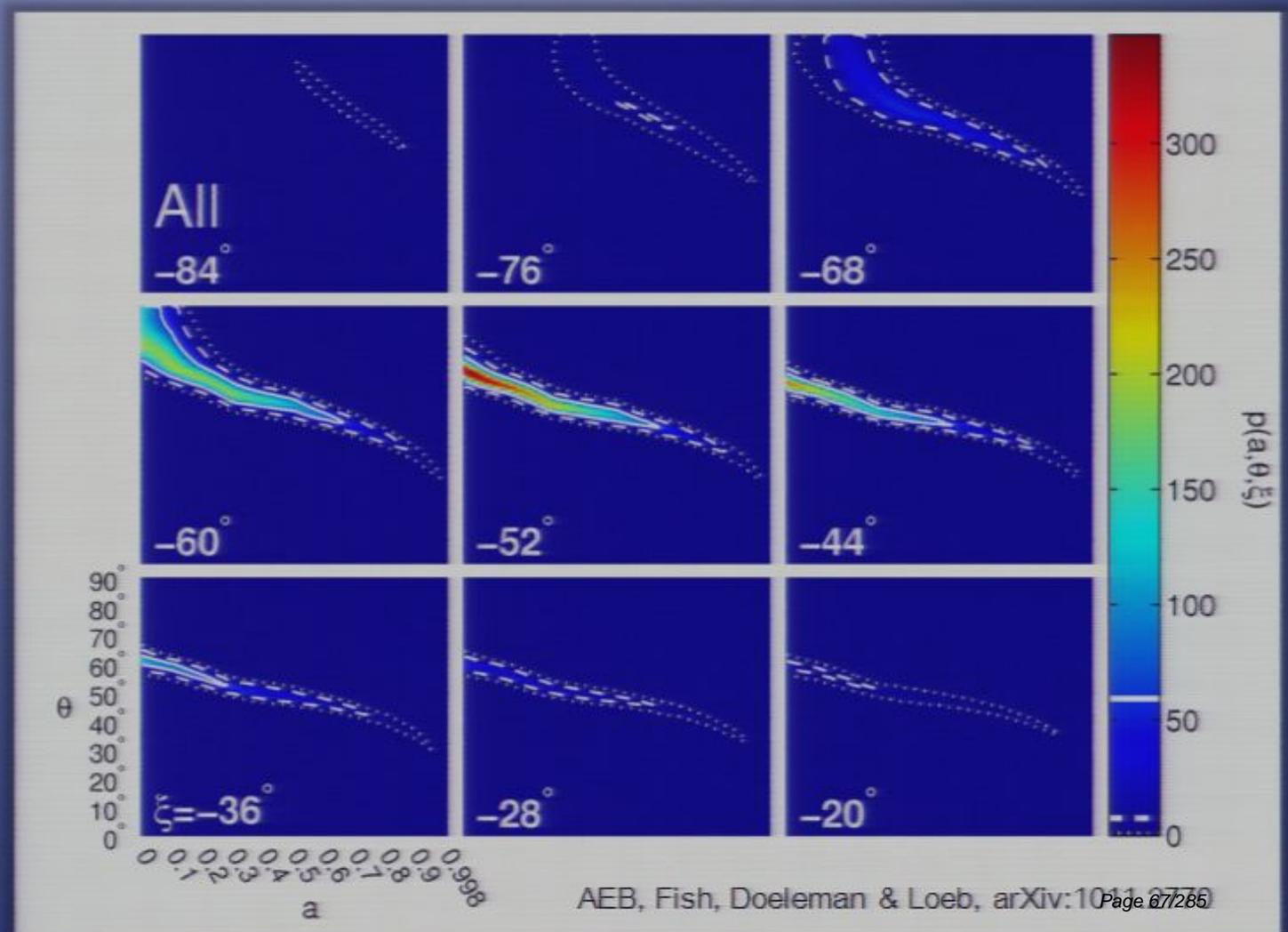
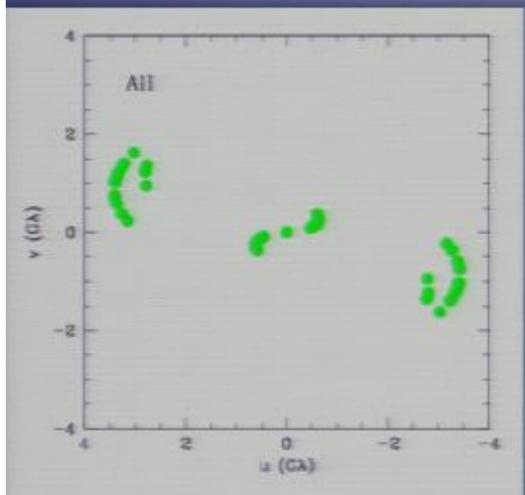
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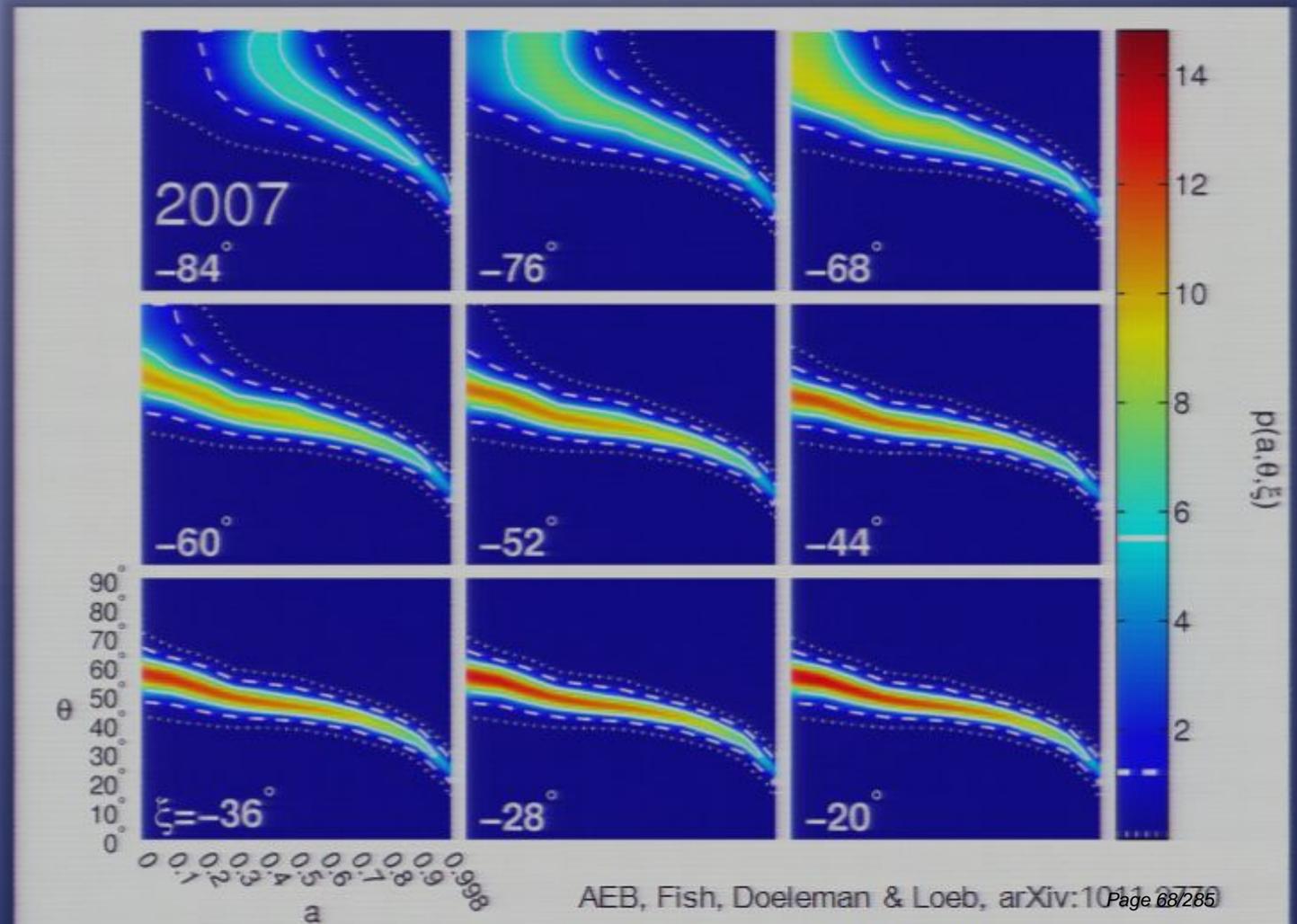
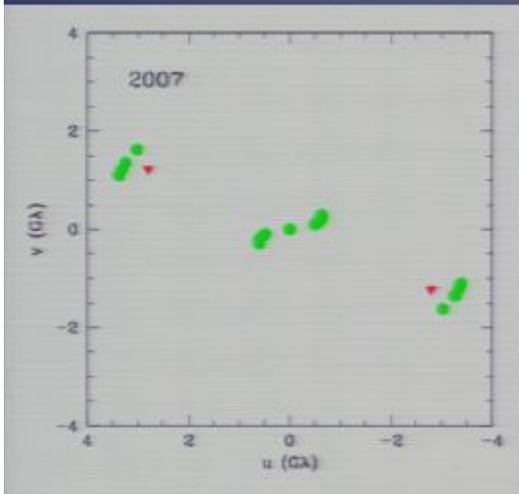
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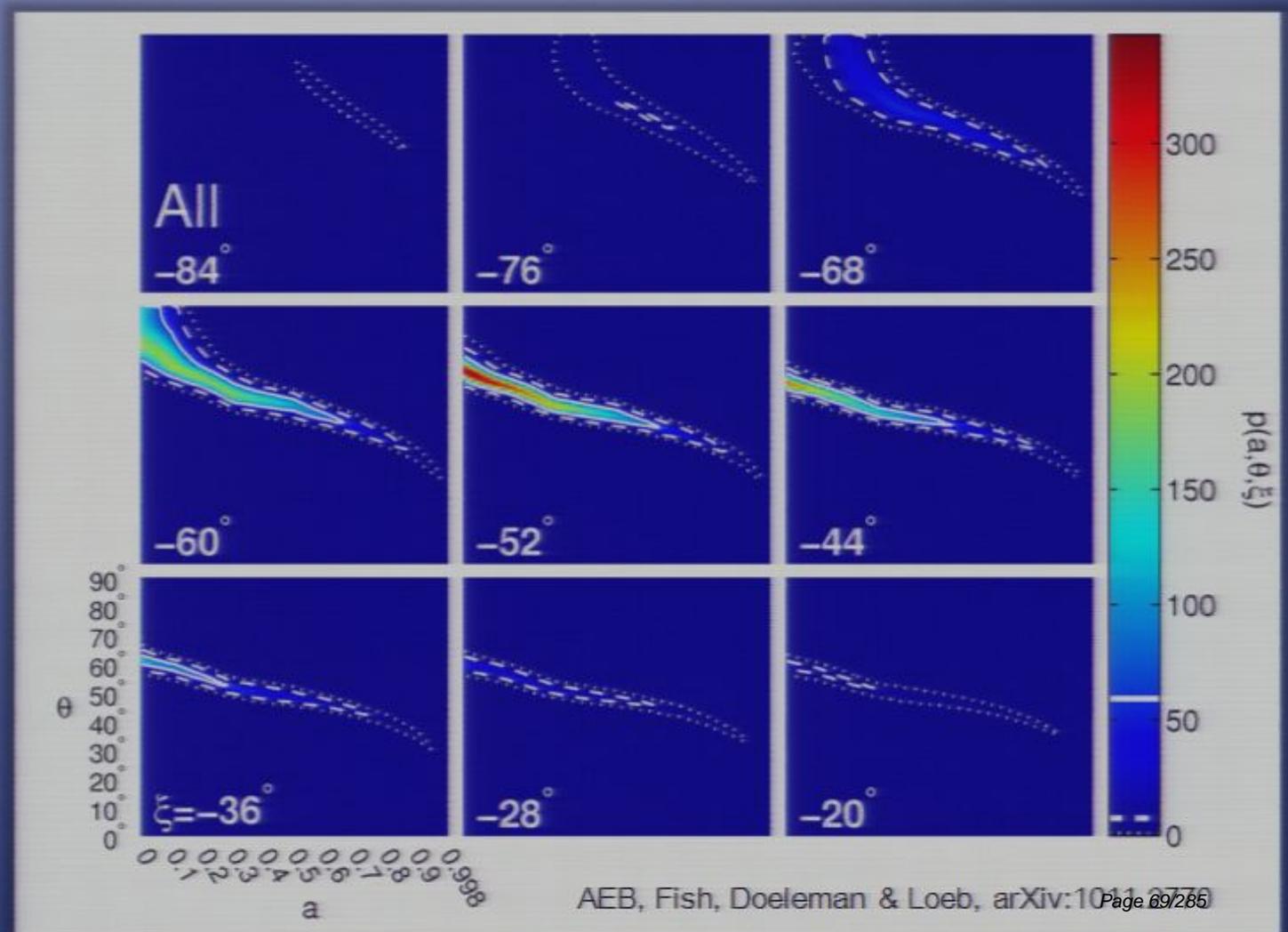
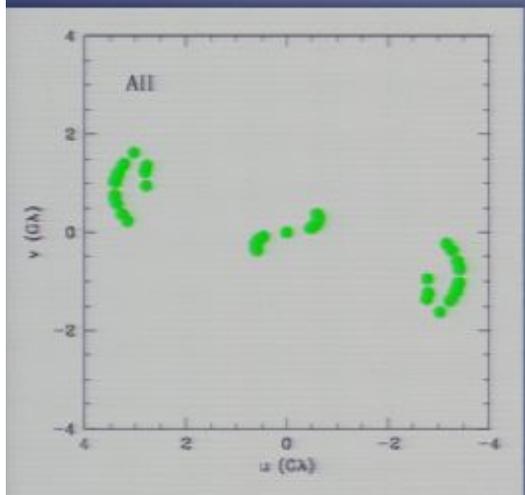
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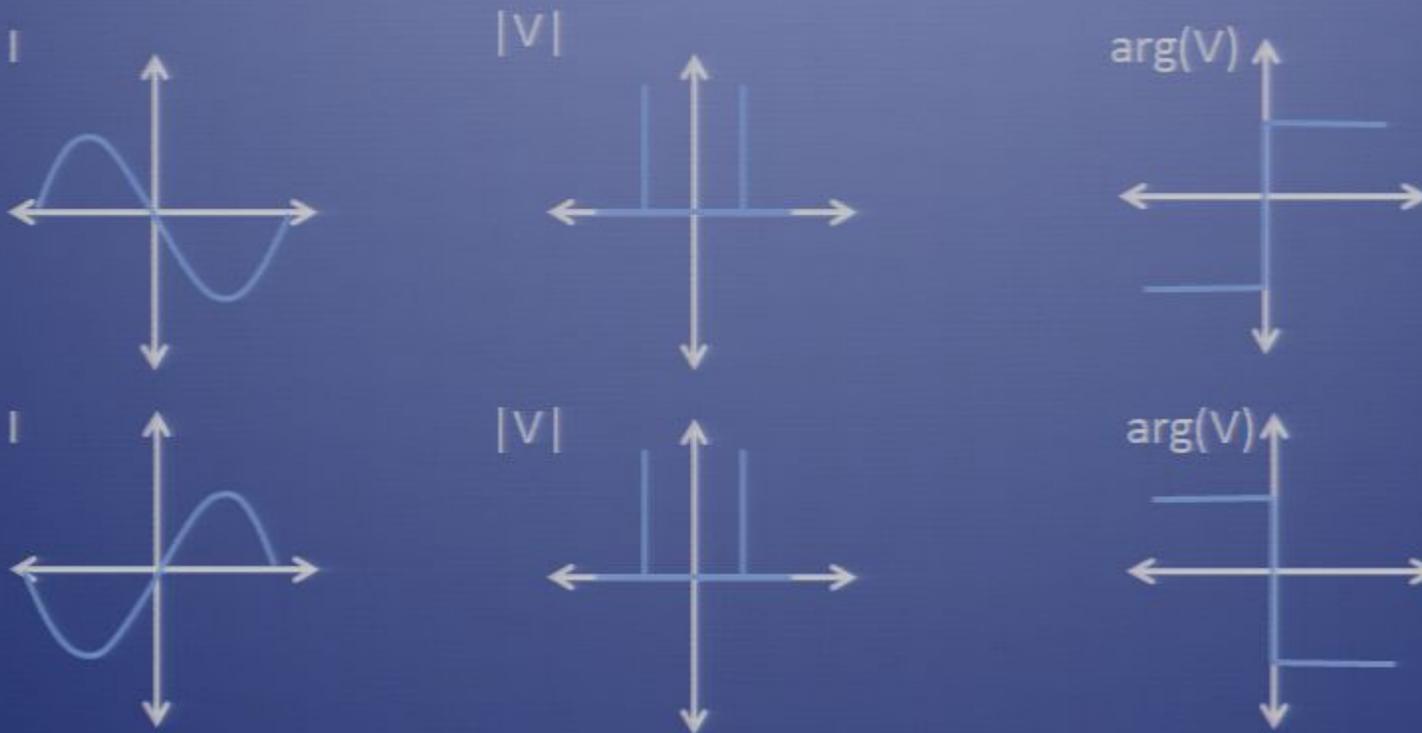
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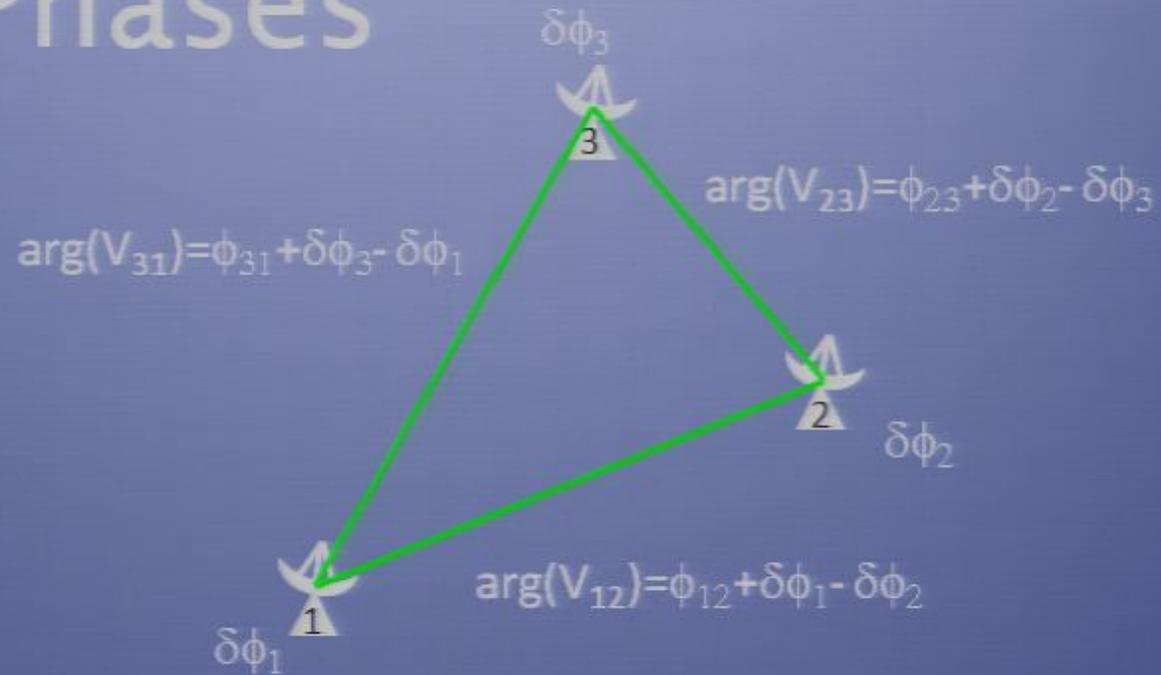
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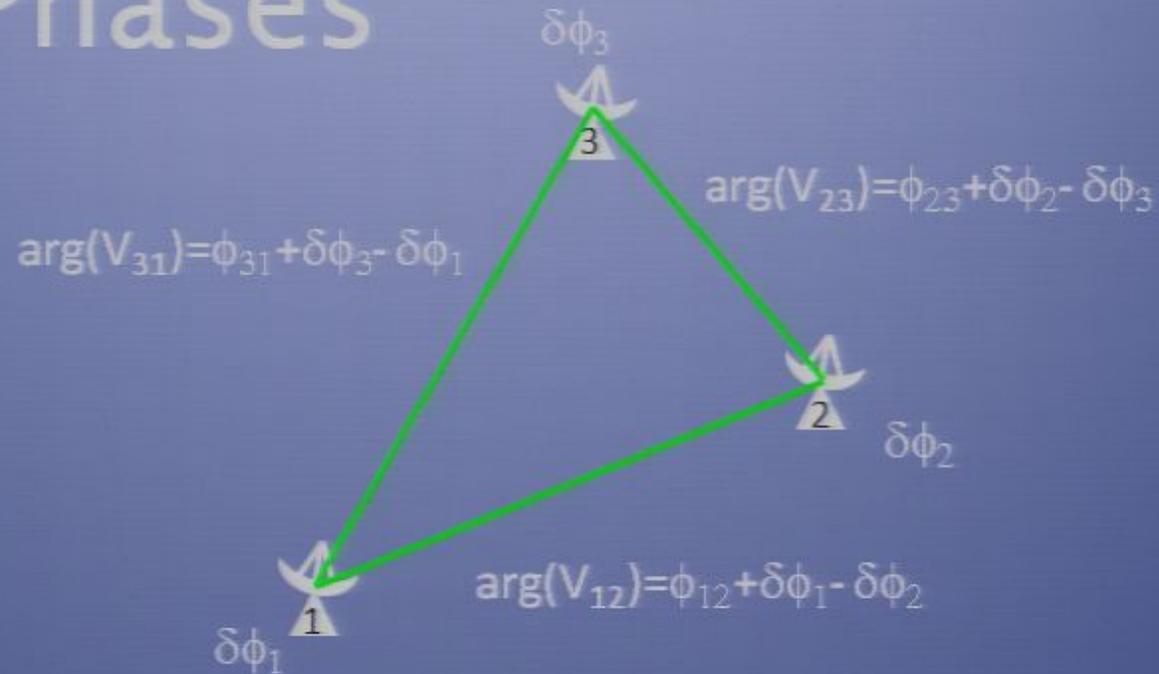
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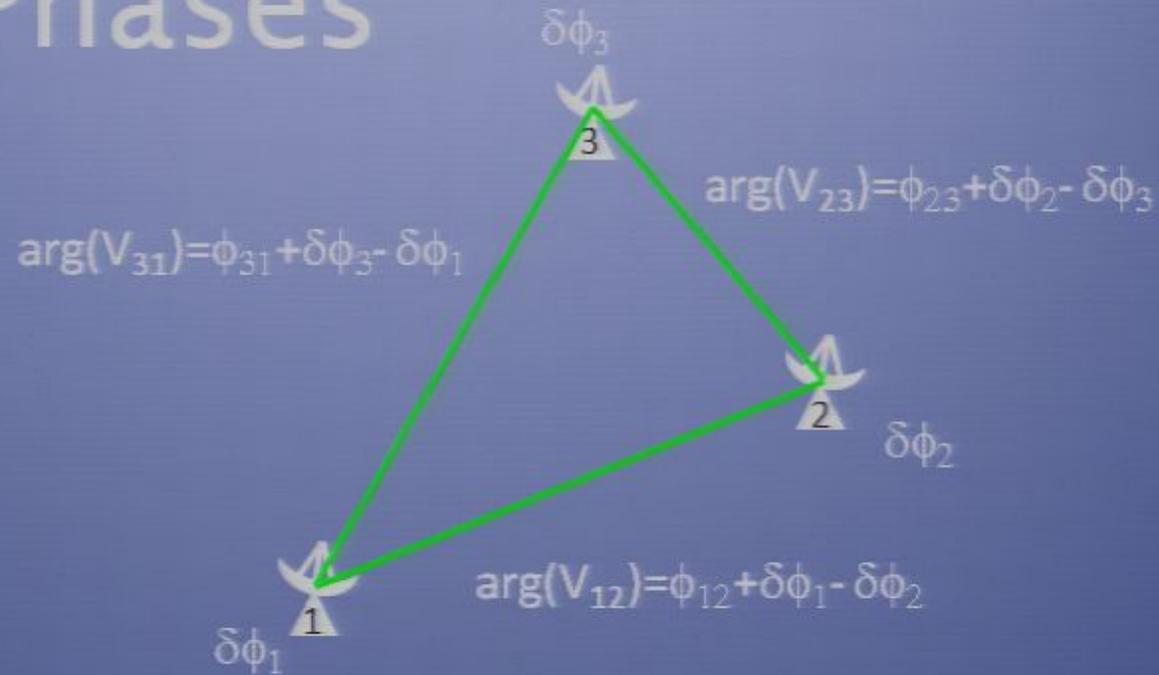
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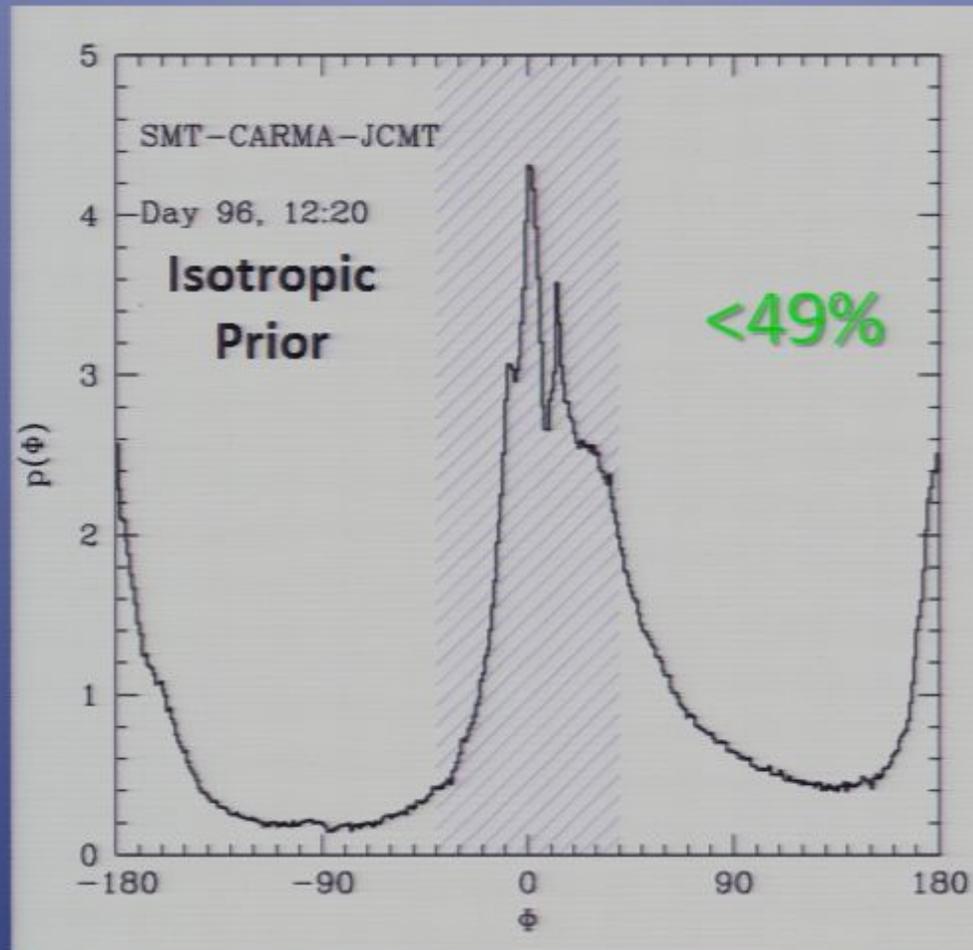


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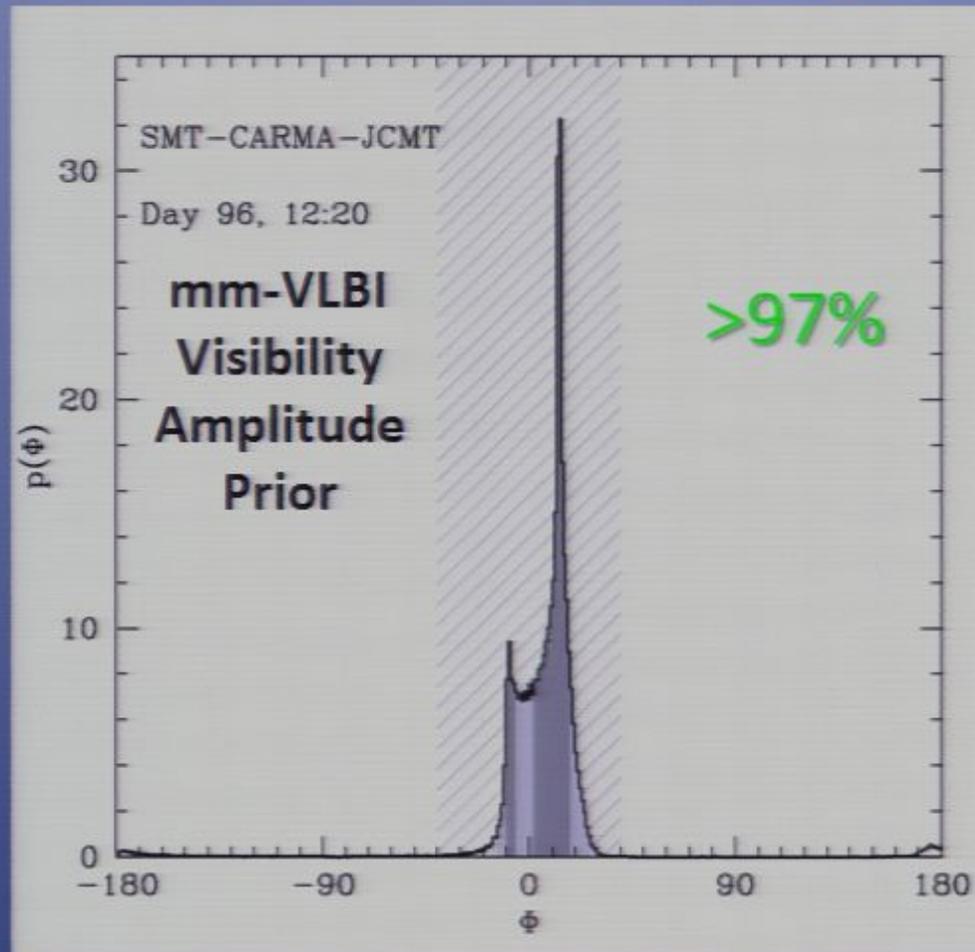
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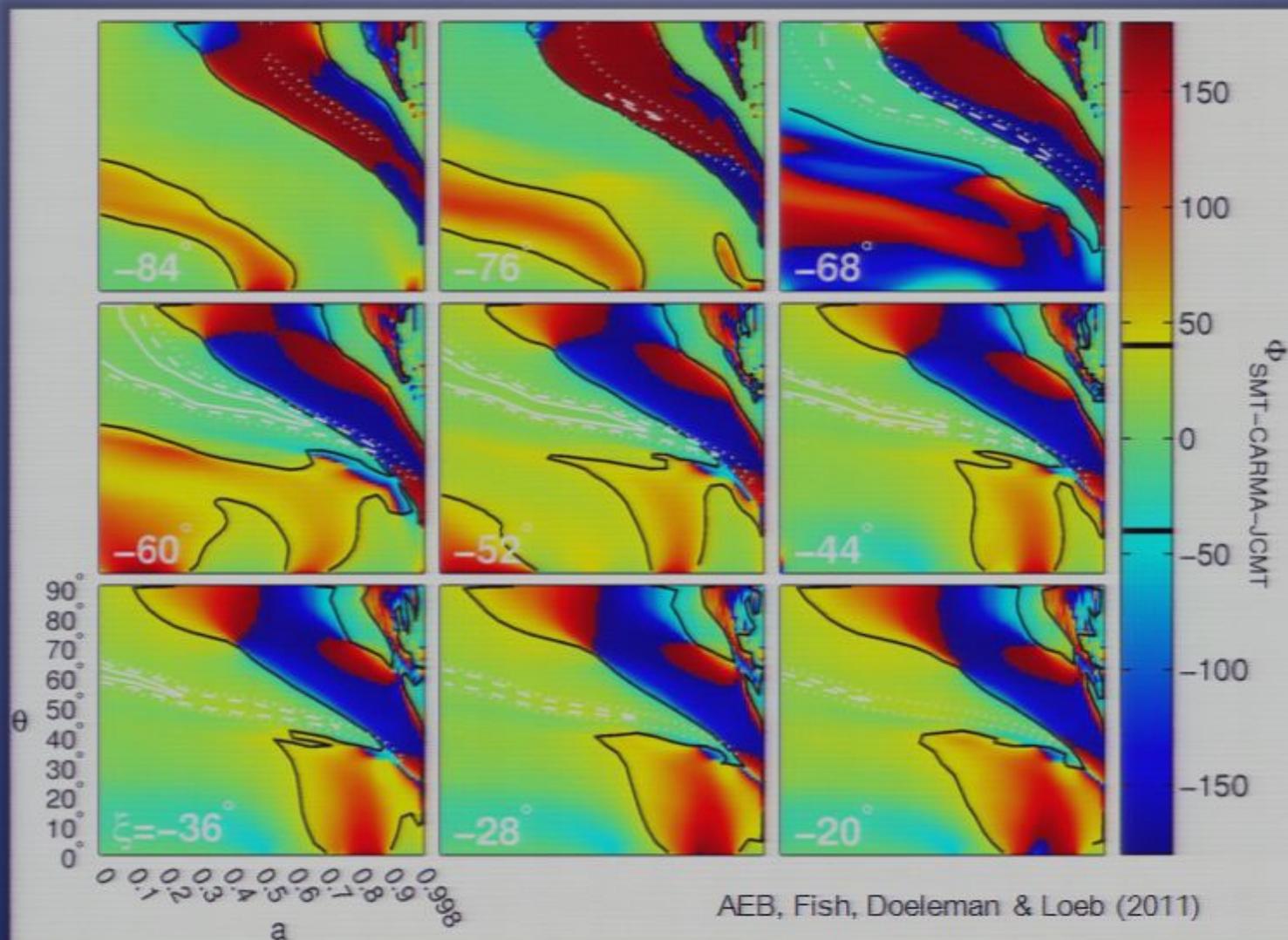
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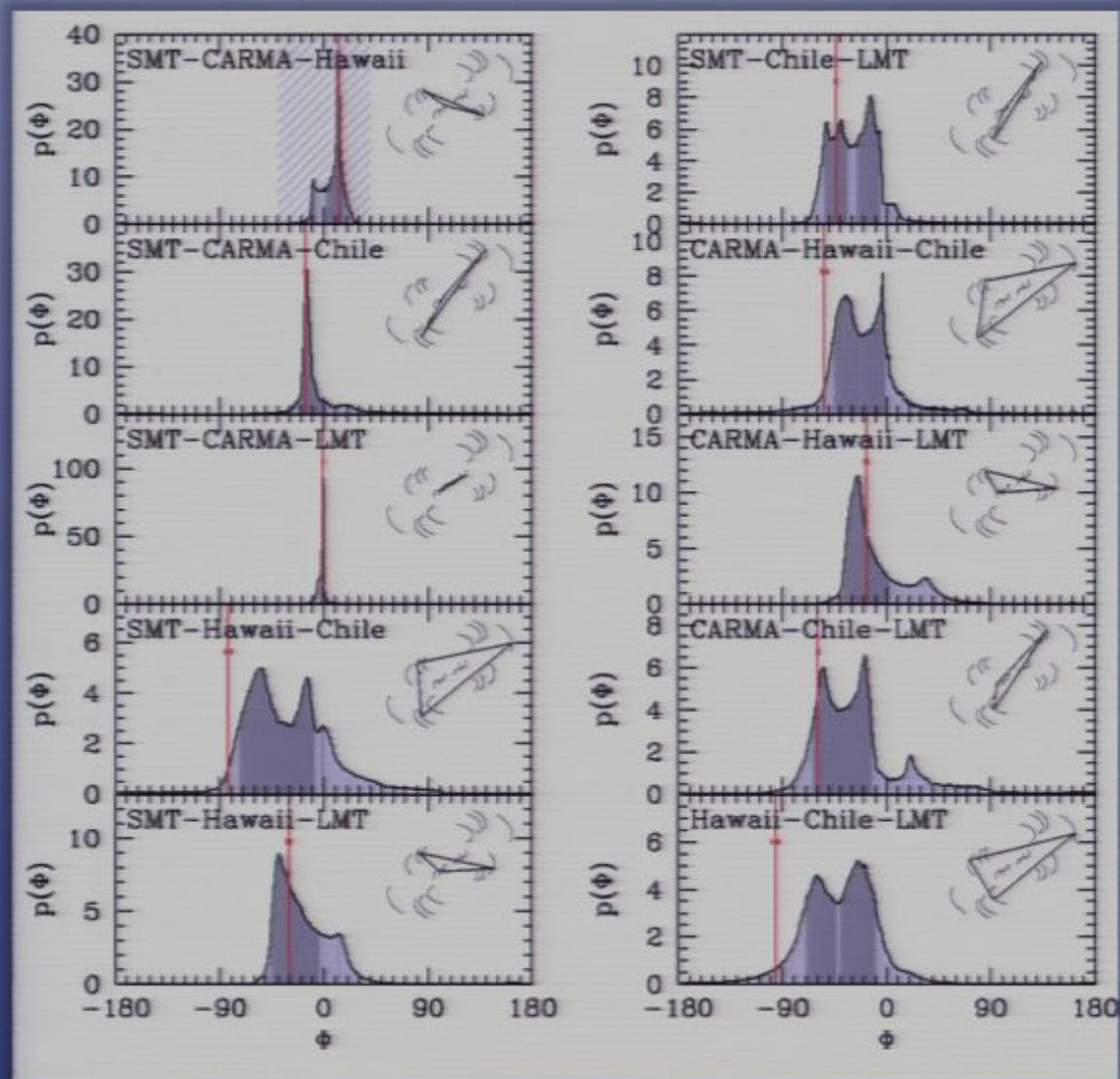
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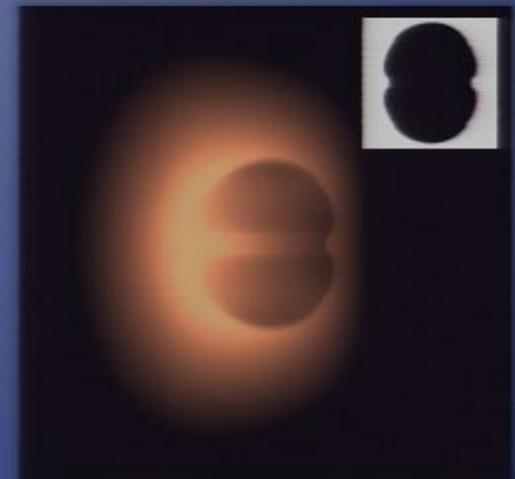
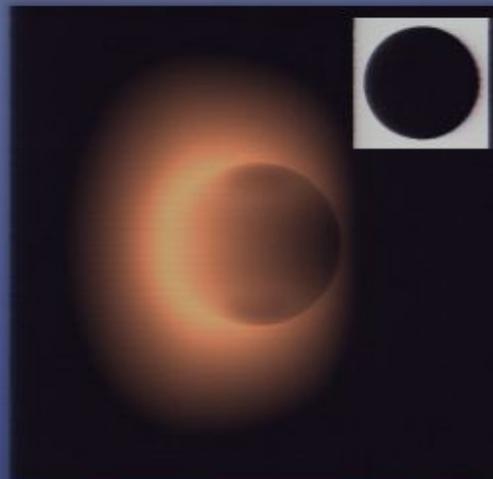
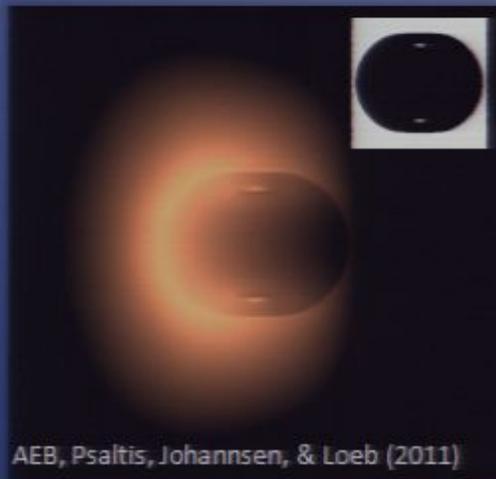


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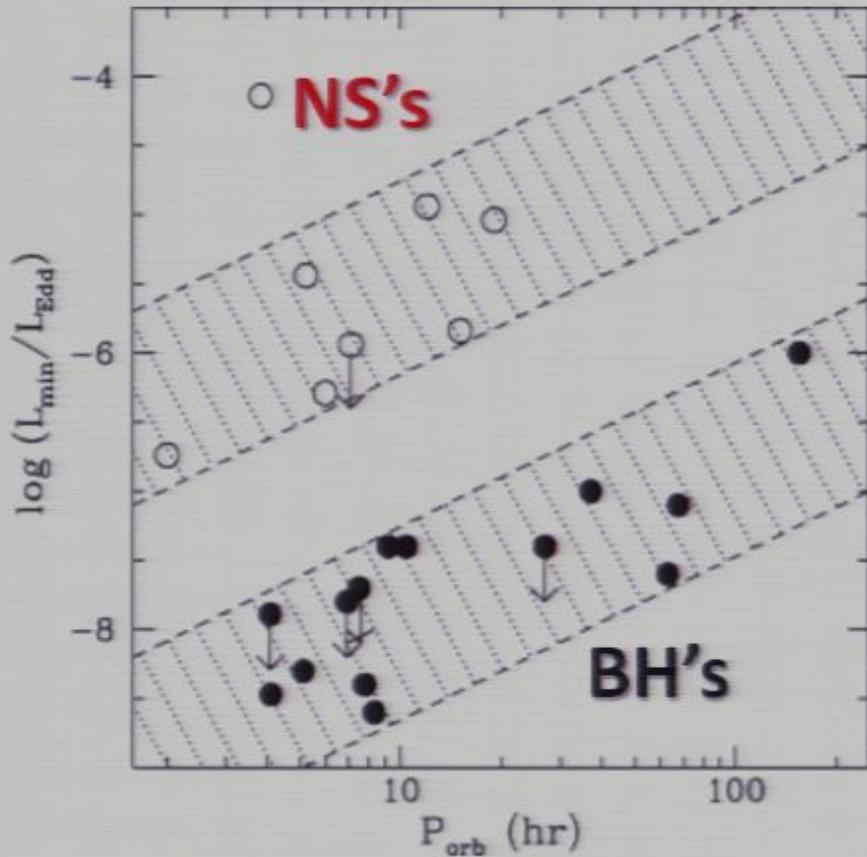
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 $\rightarrow$  “reasonable” set of perturbations!
- Strong Field  $\rightarrow$  complicated!
  - Add perturbations that satisfy the Einstein equations.
  - Hartle-Thorne gives some physical context far away

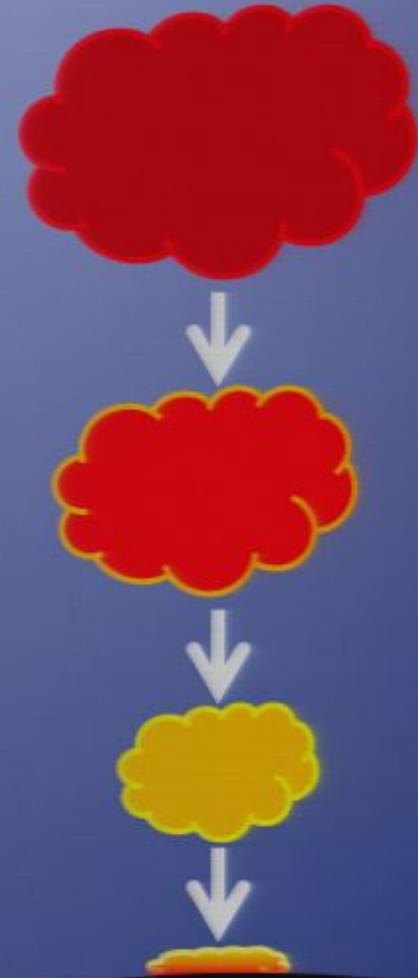


- Vigeland & Hughes (2010) gives many multipoles

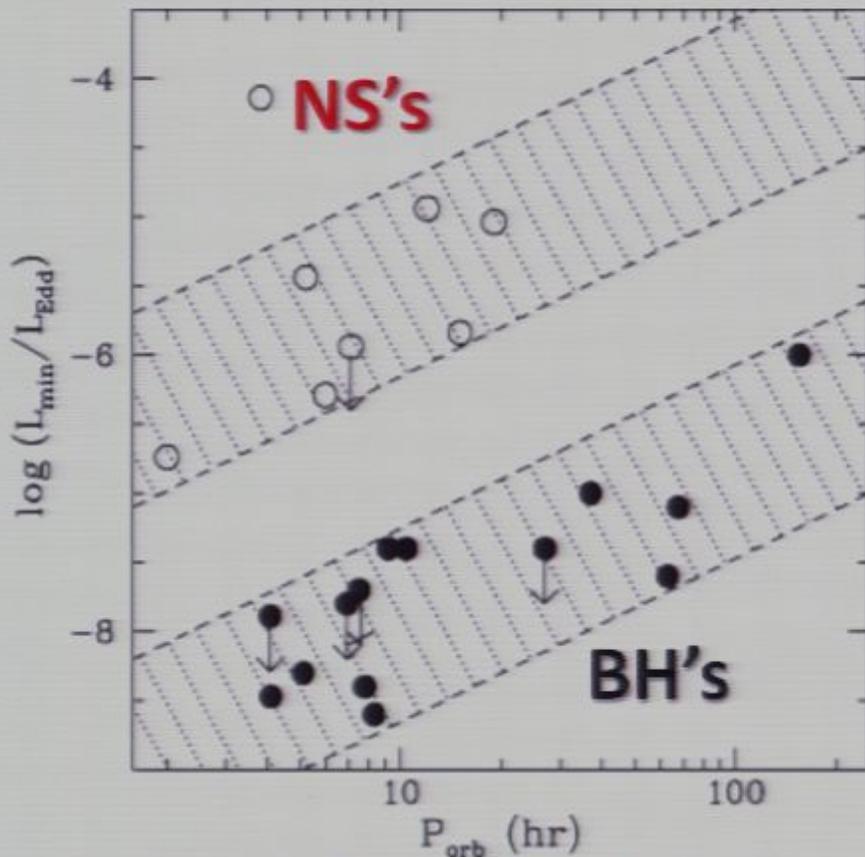
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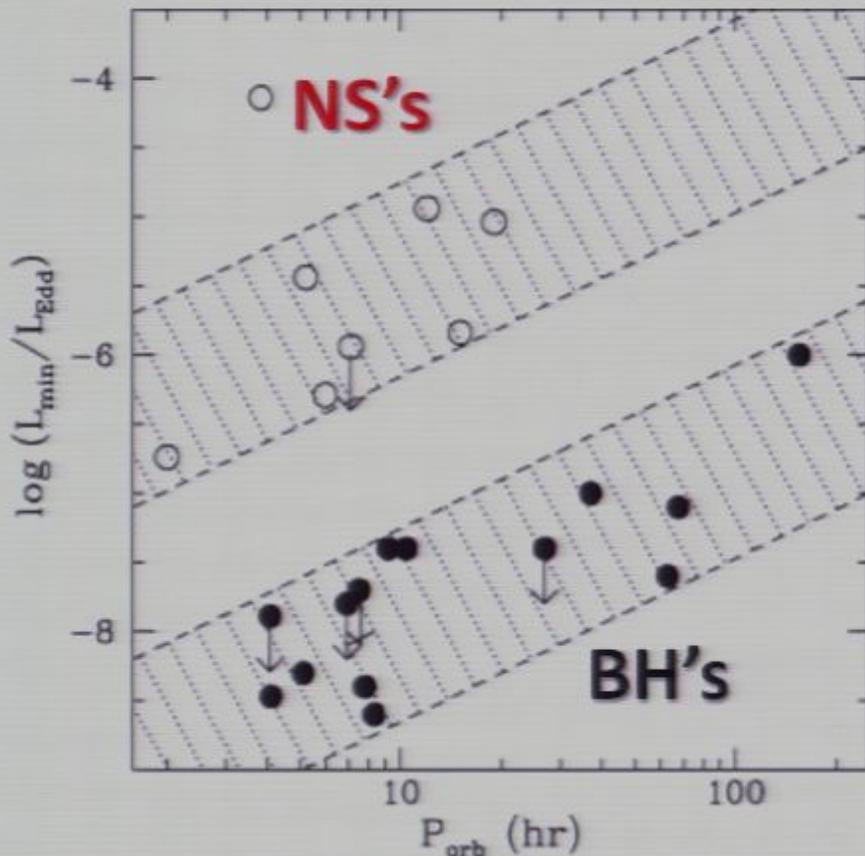
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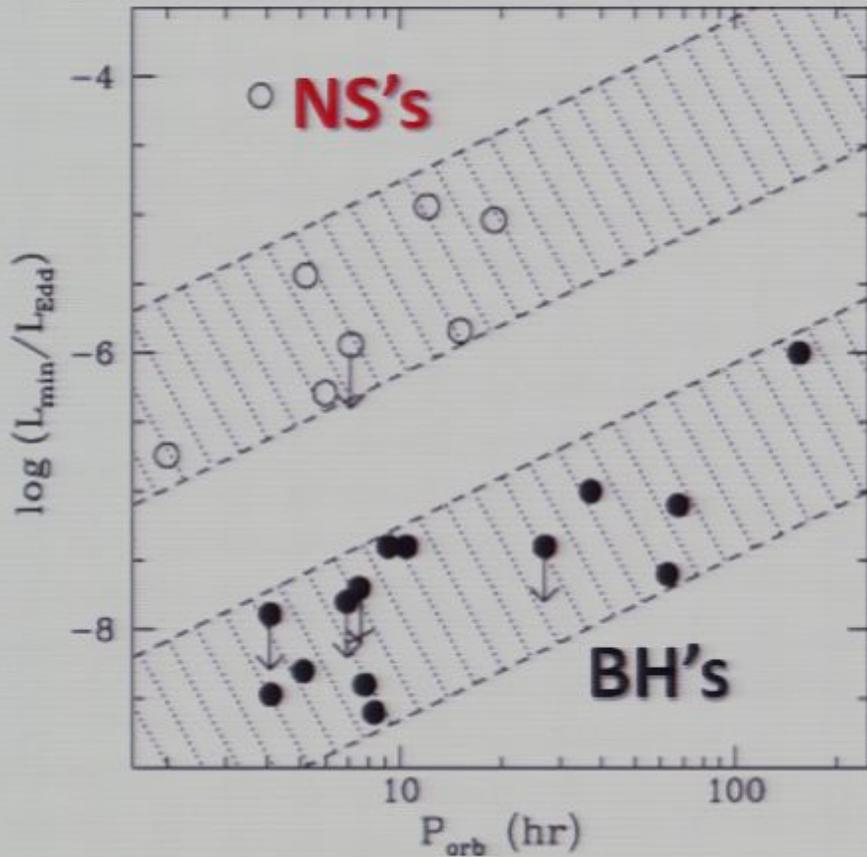


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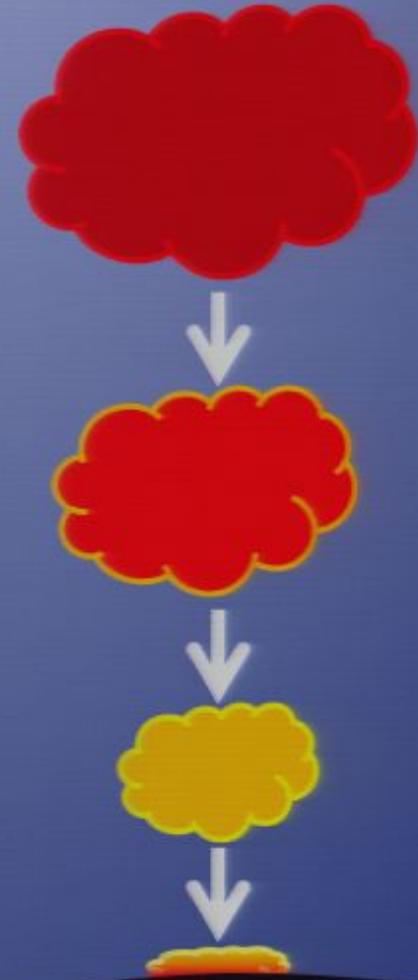
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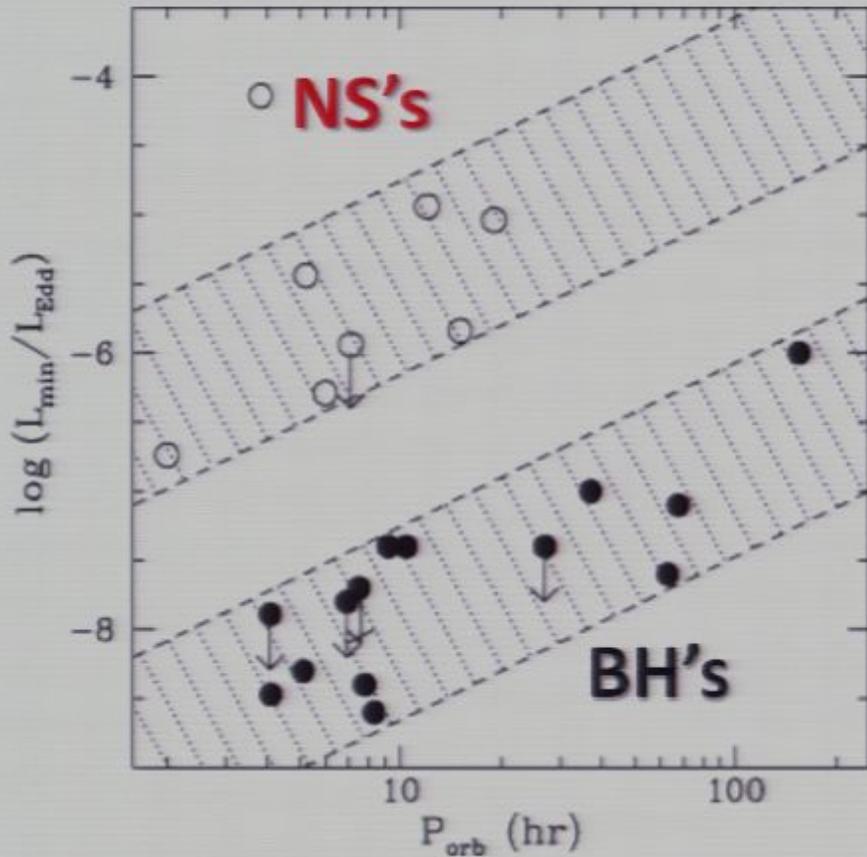


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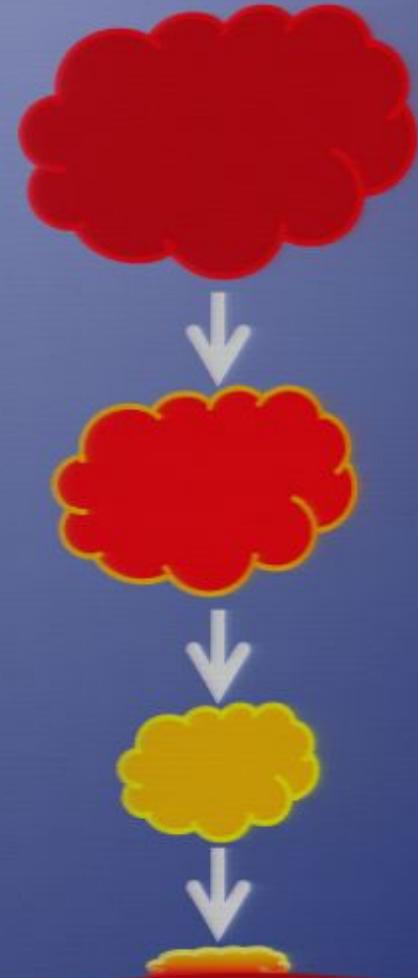
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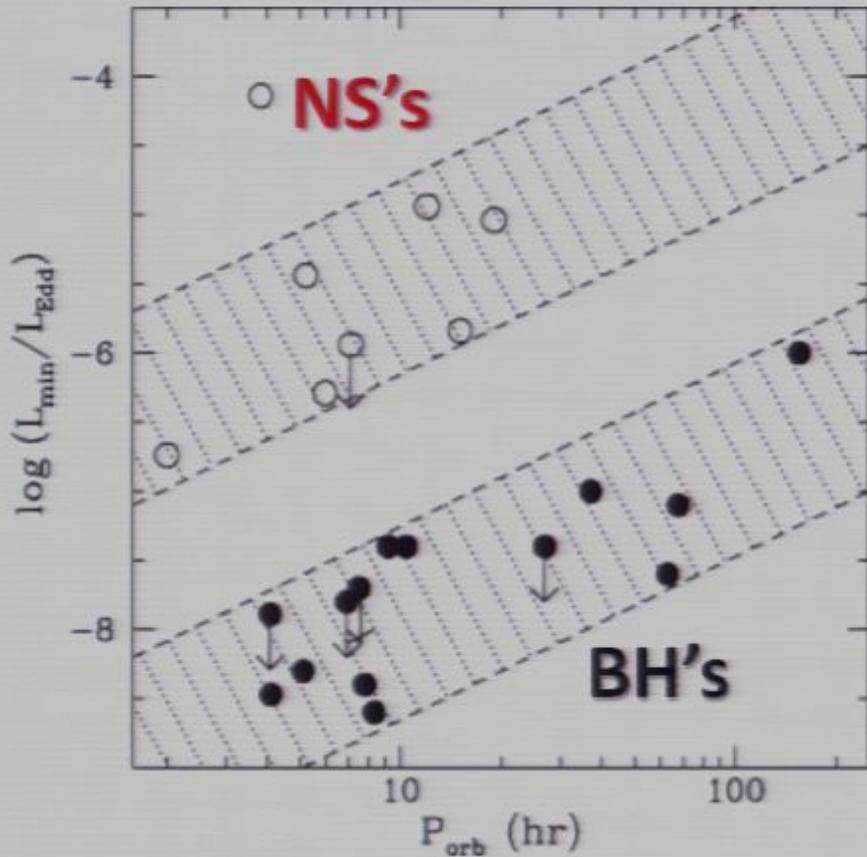
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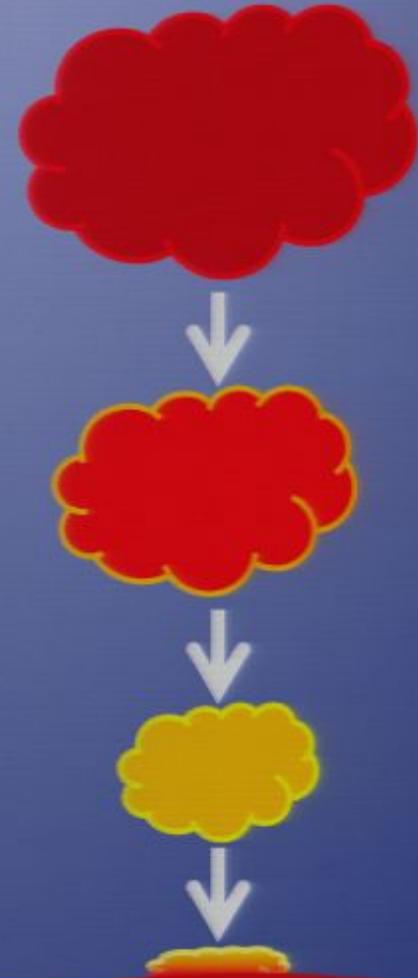
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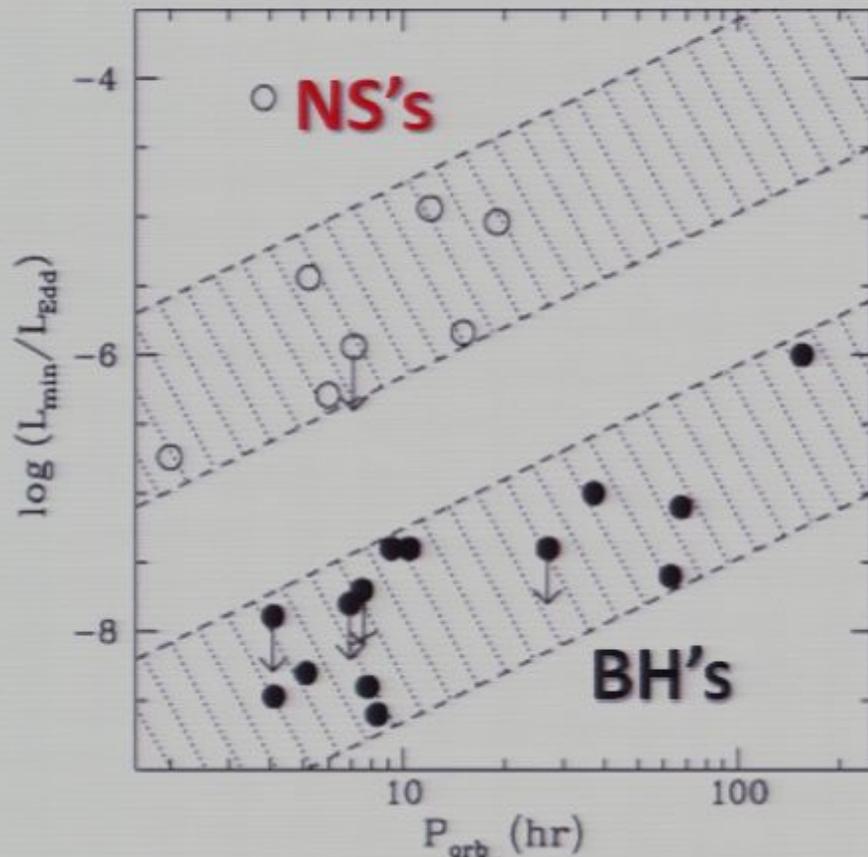
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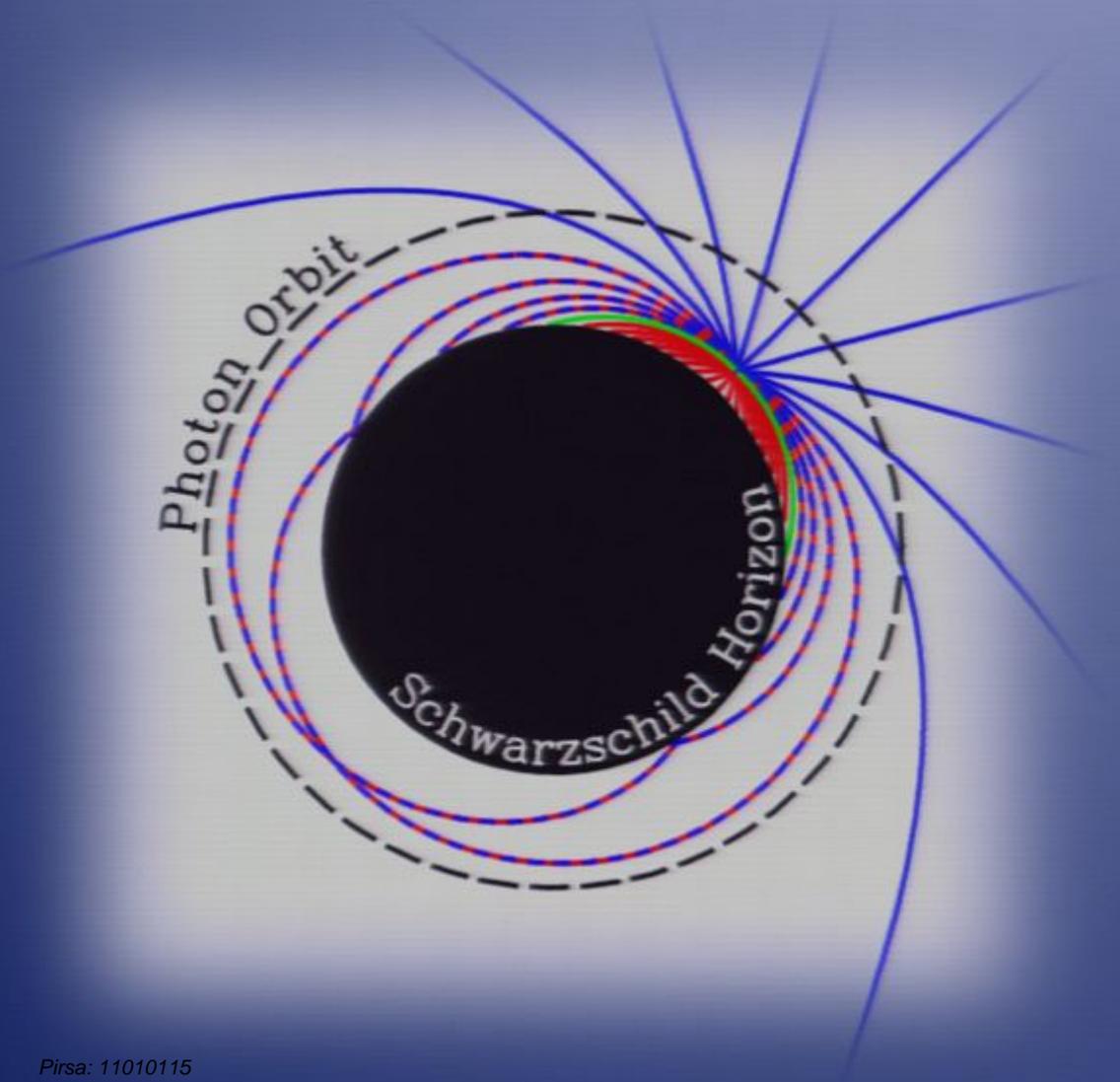
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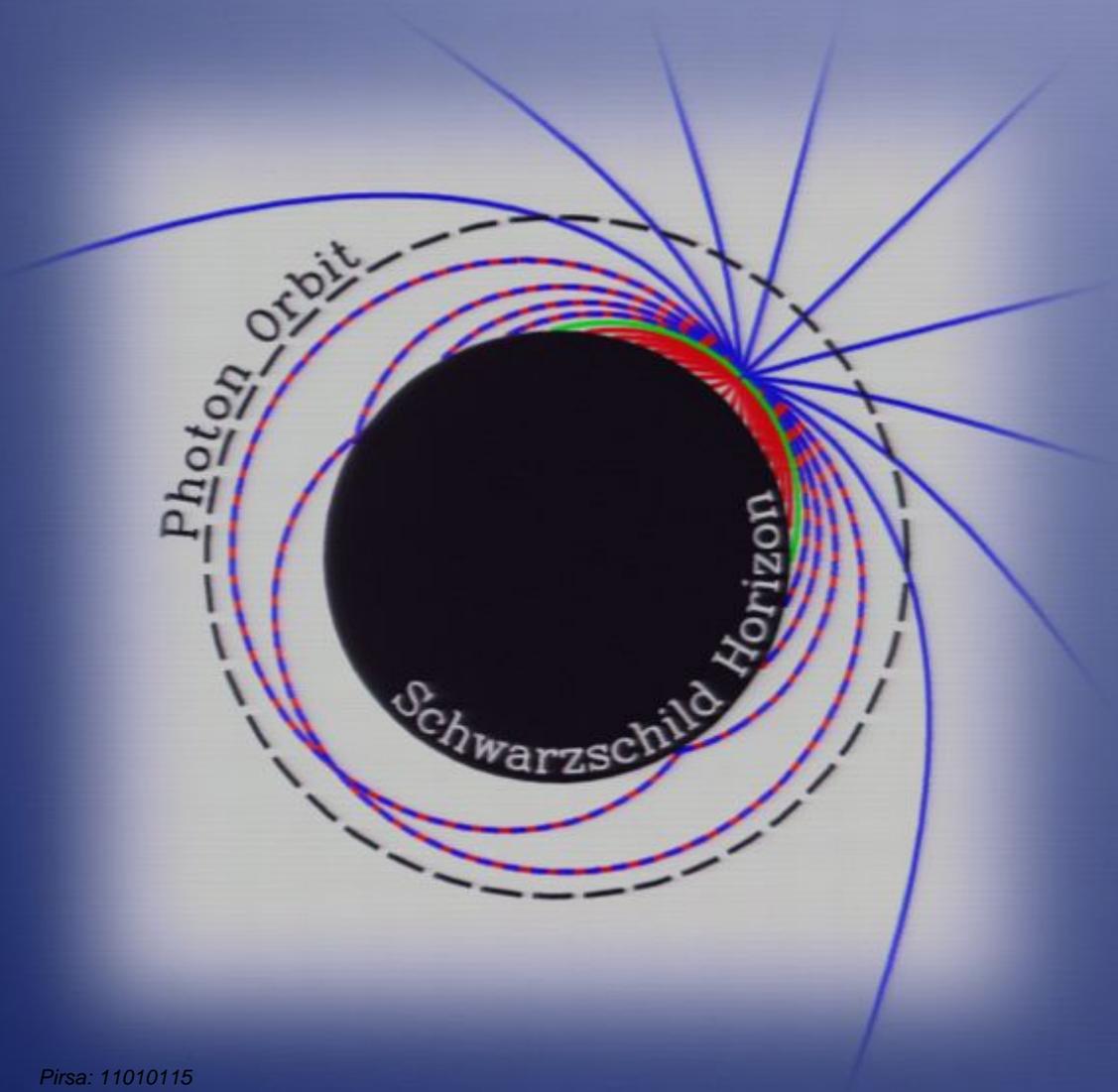
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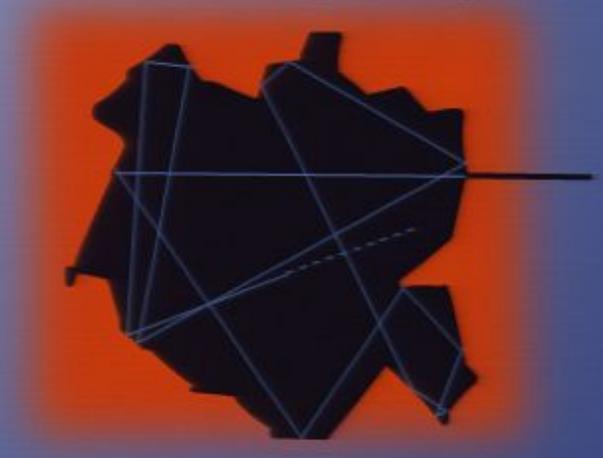
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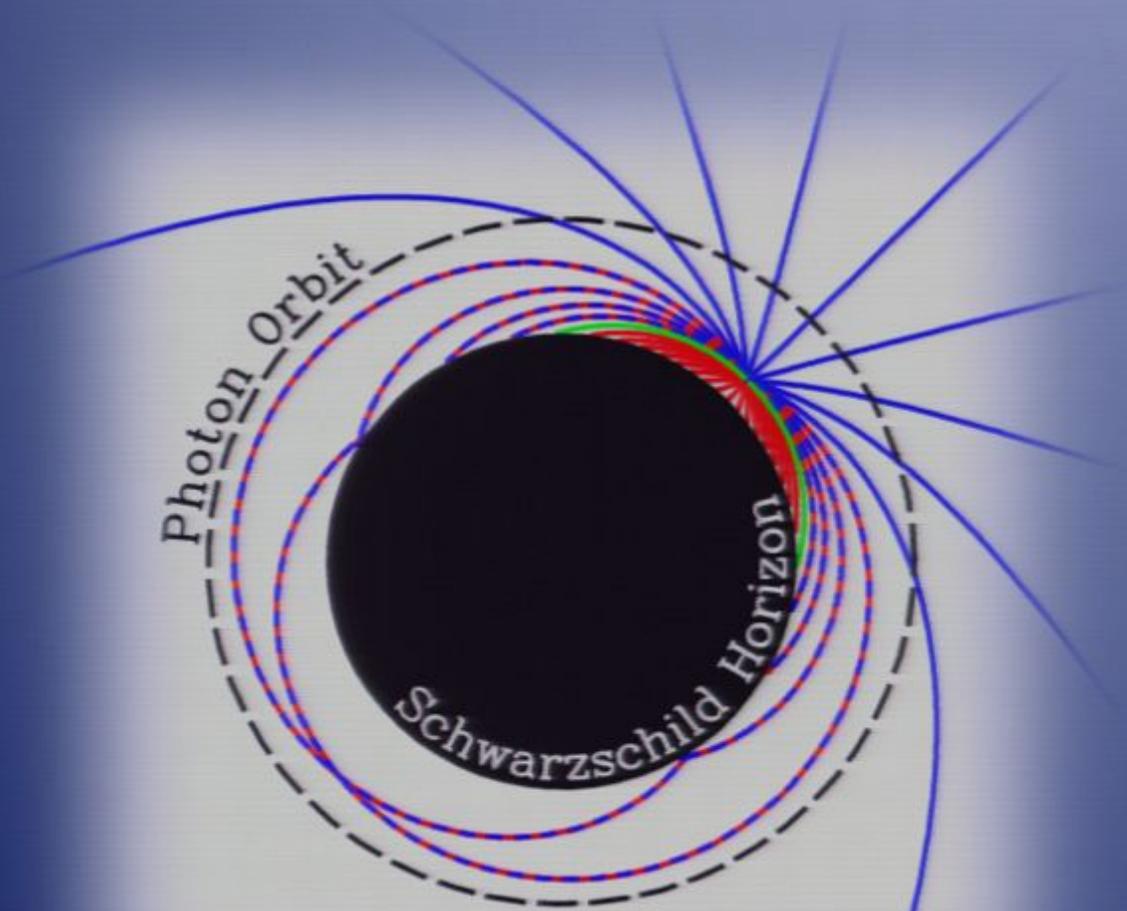
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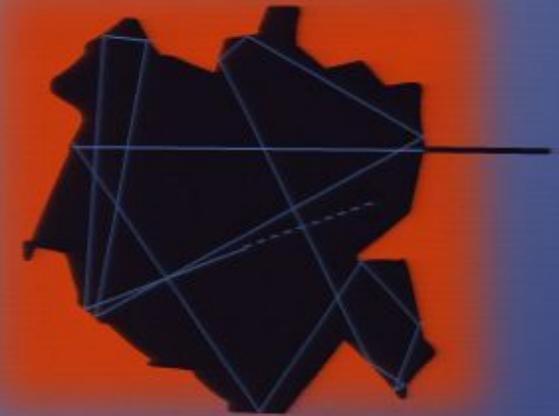
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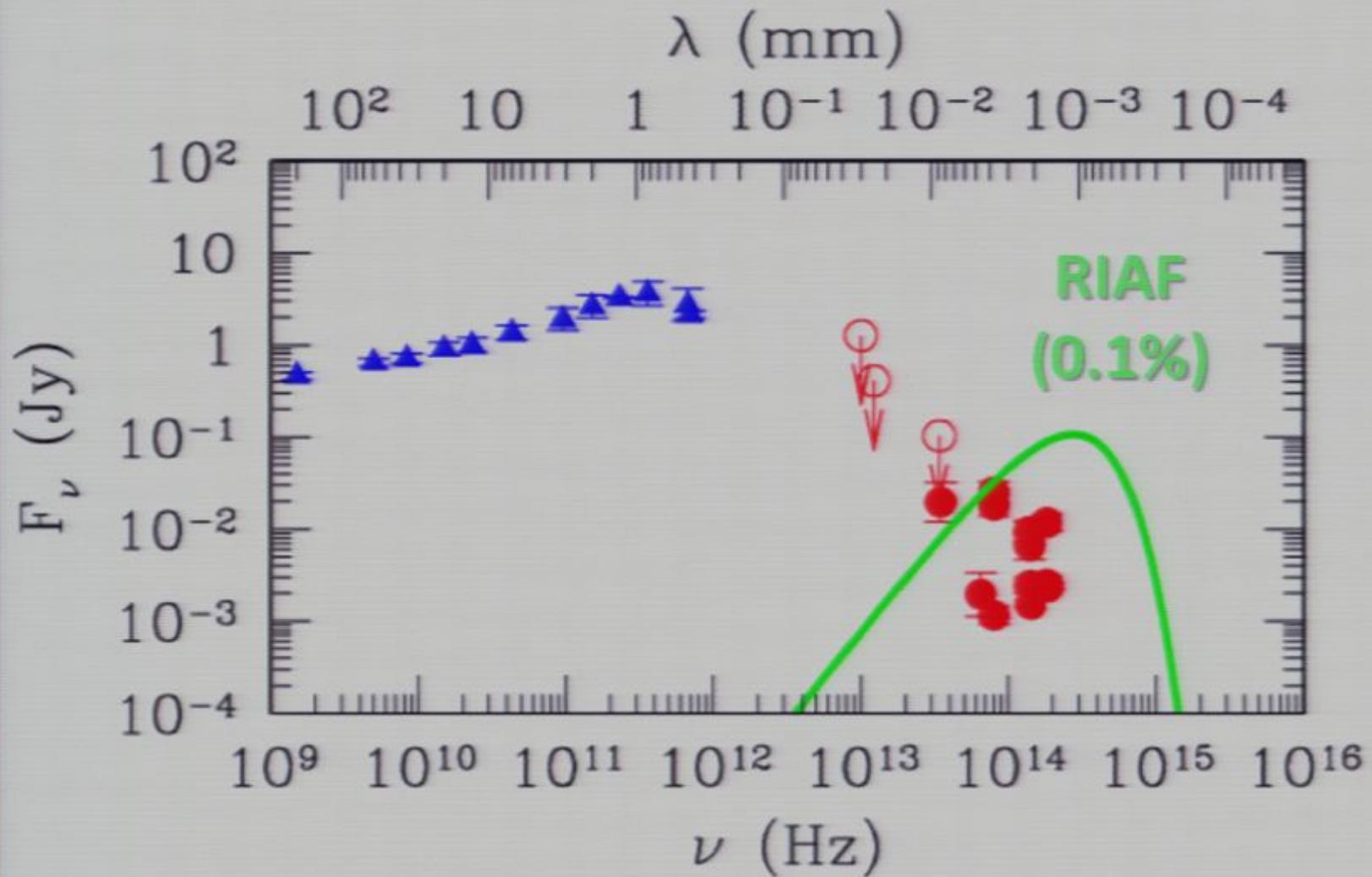
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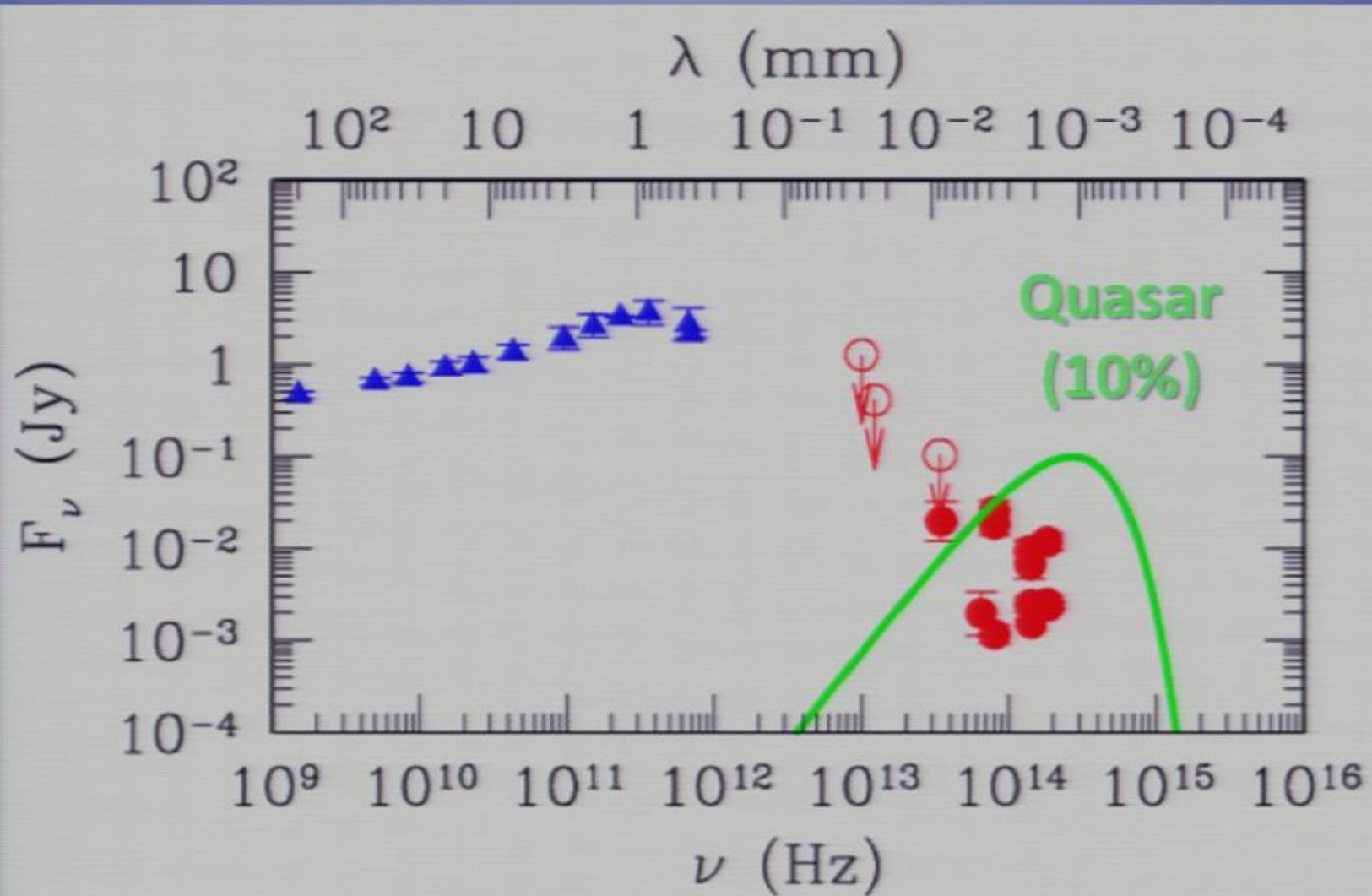
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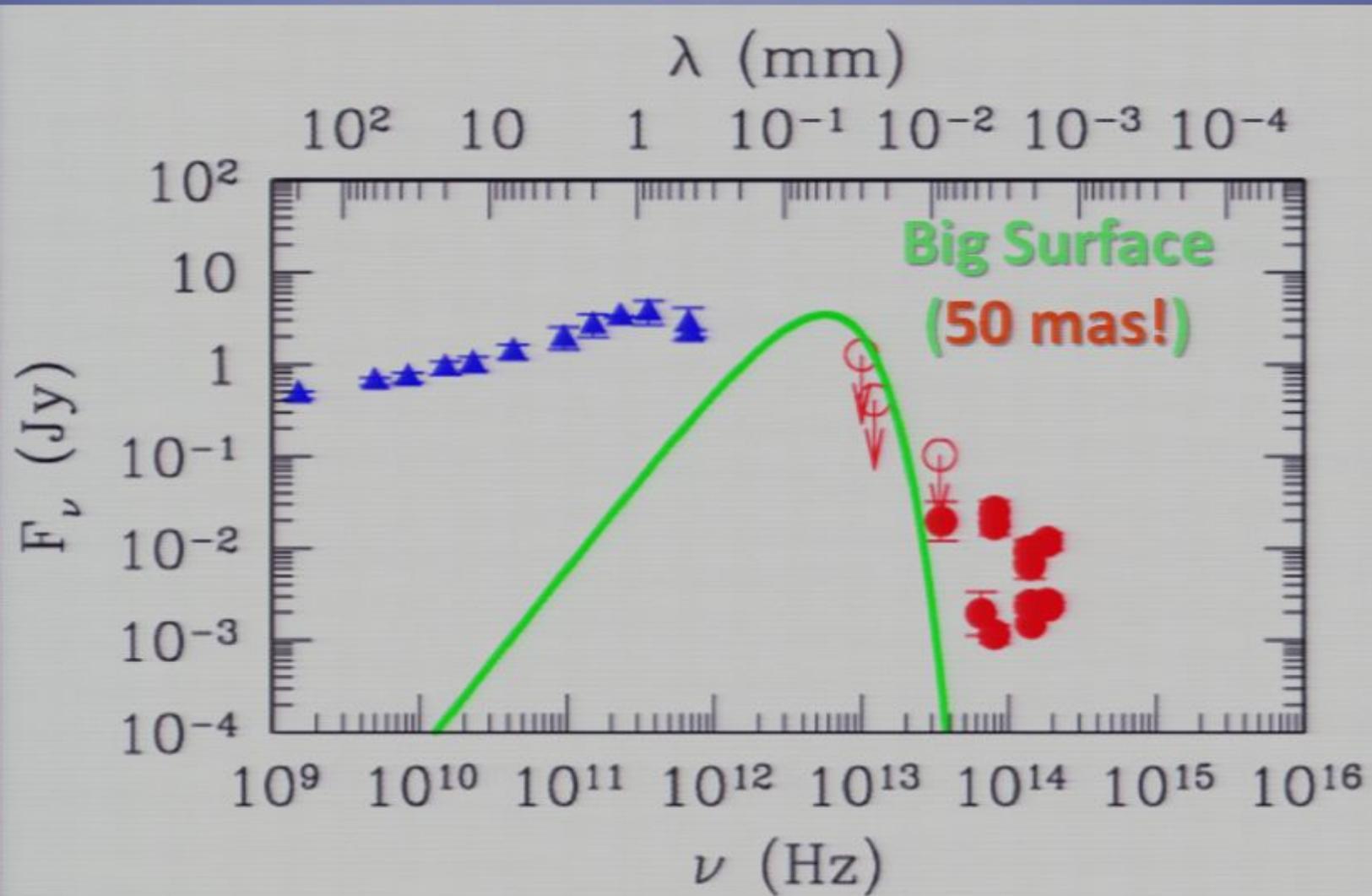
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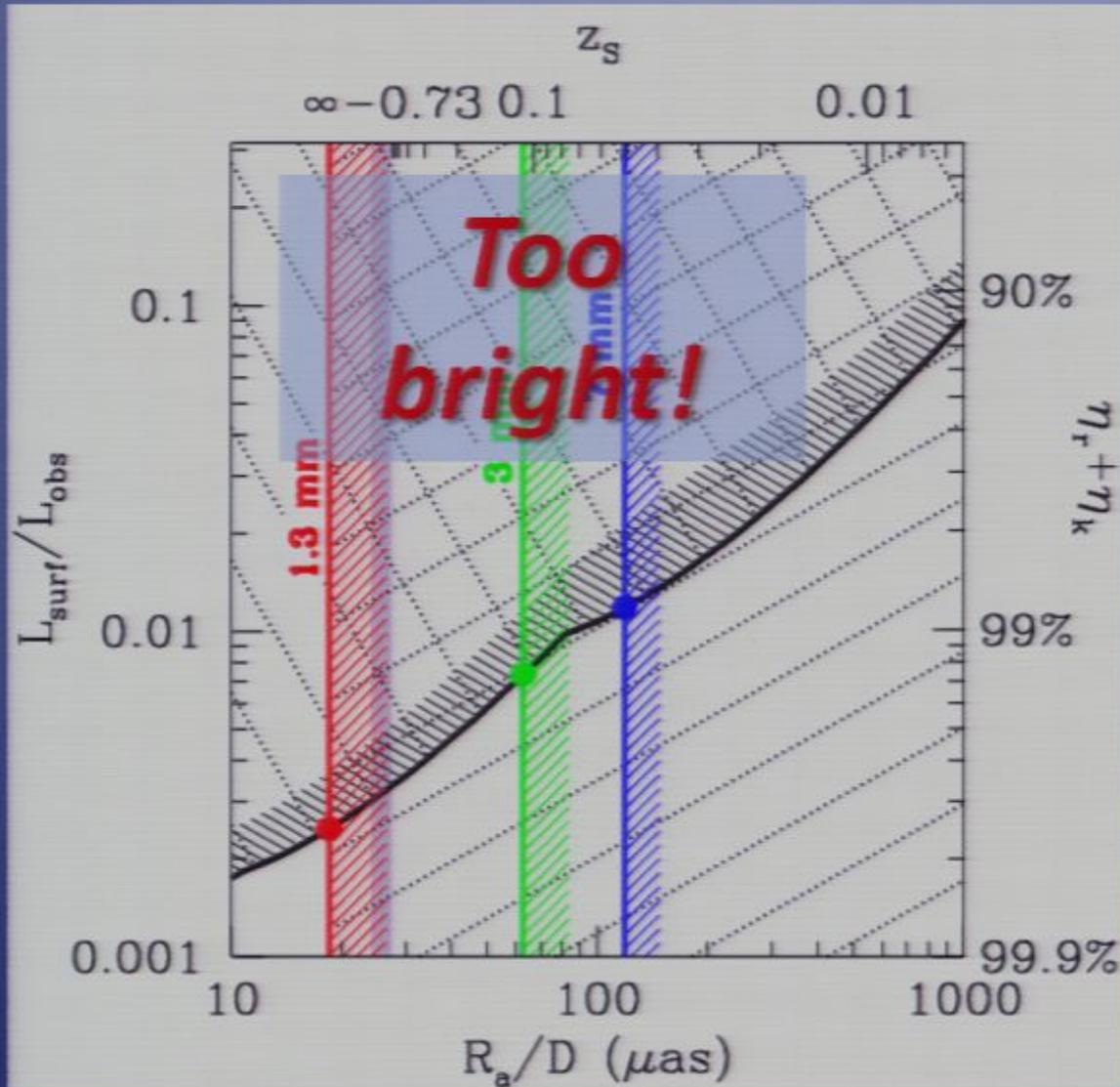


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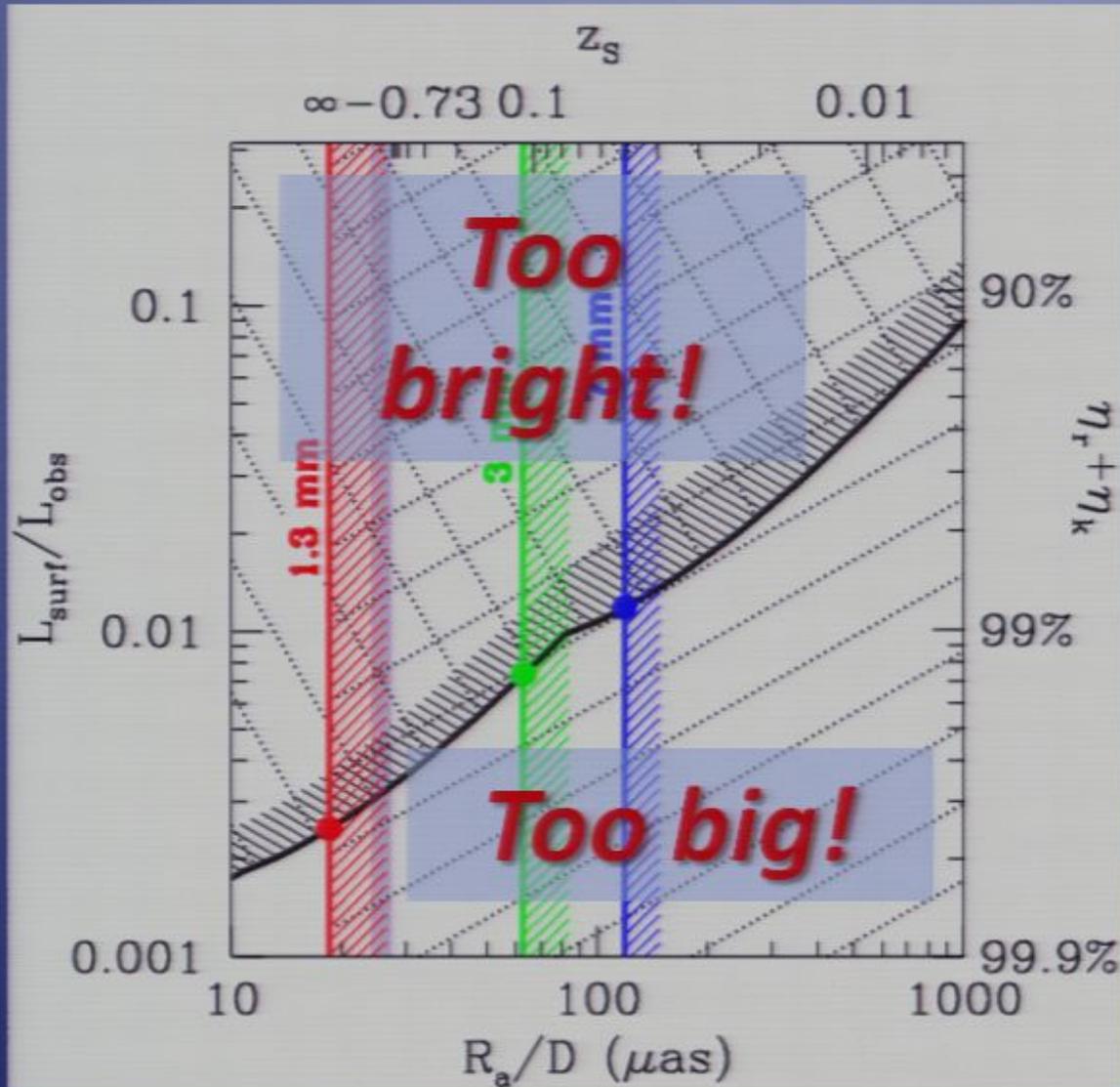
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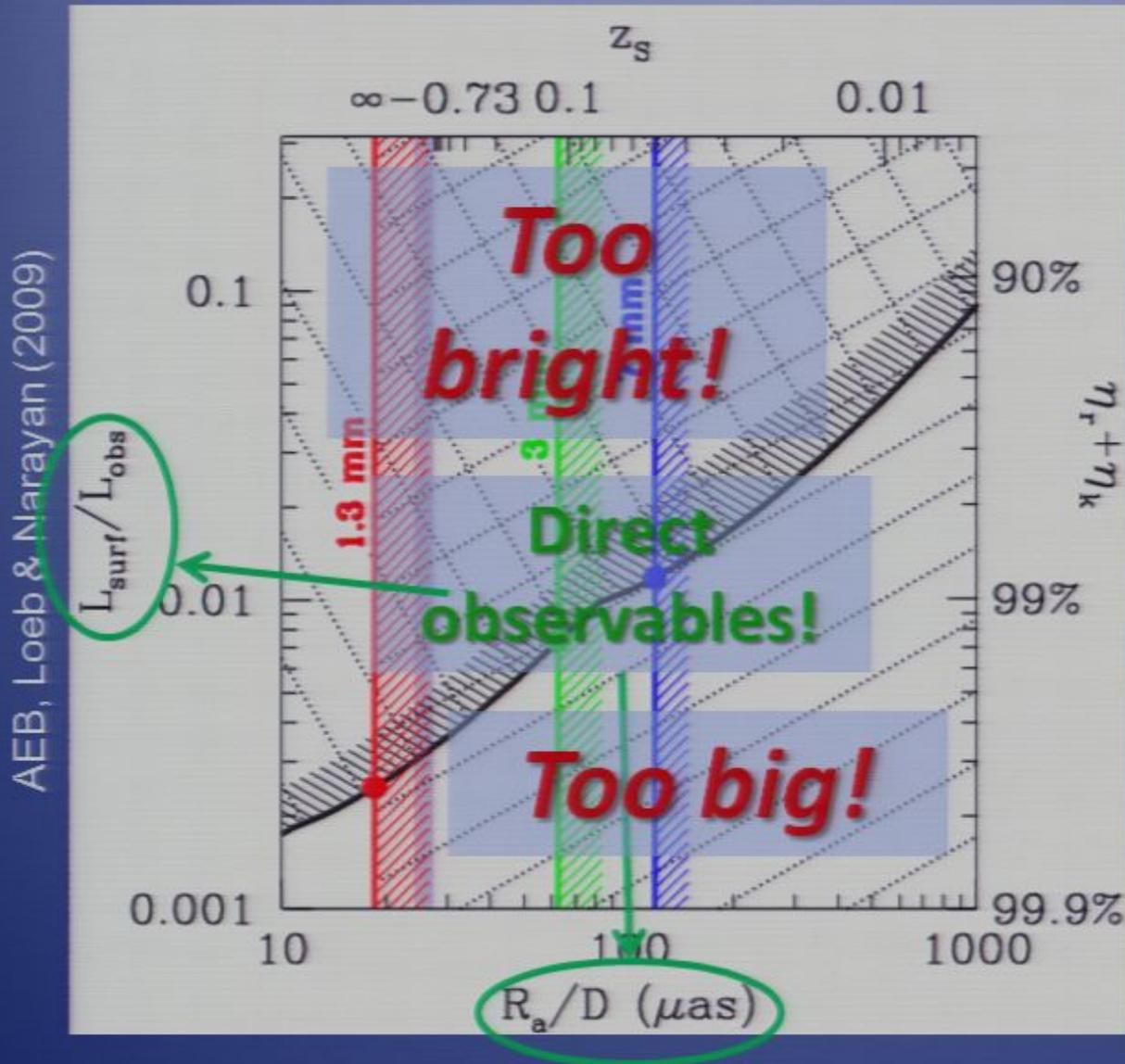
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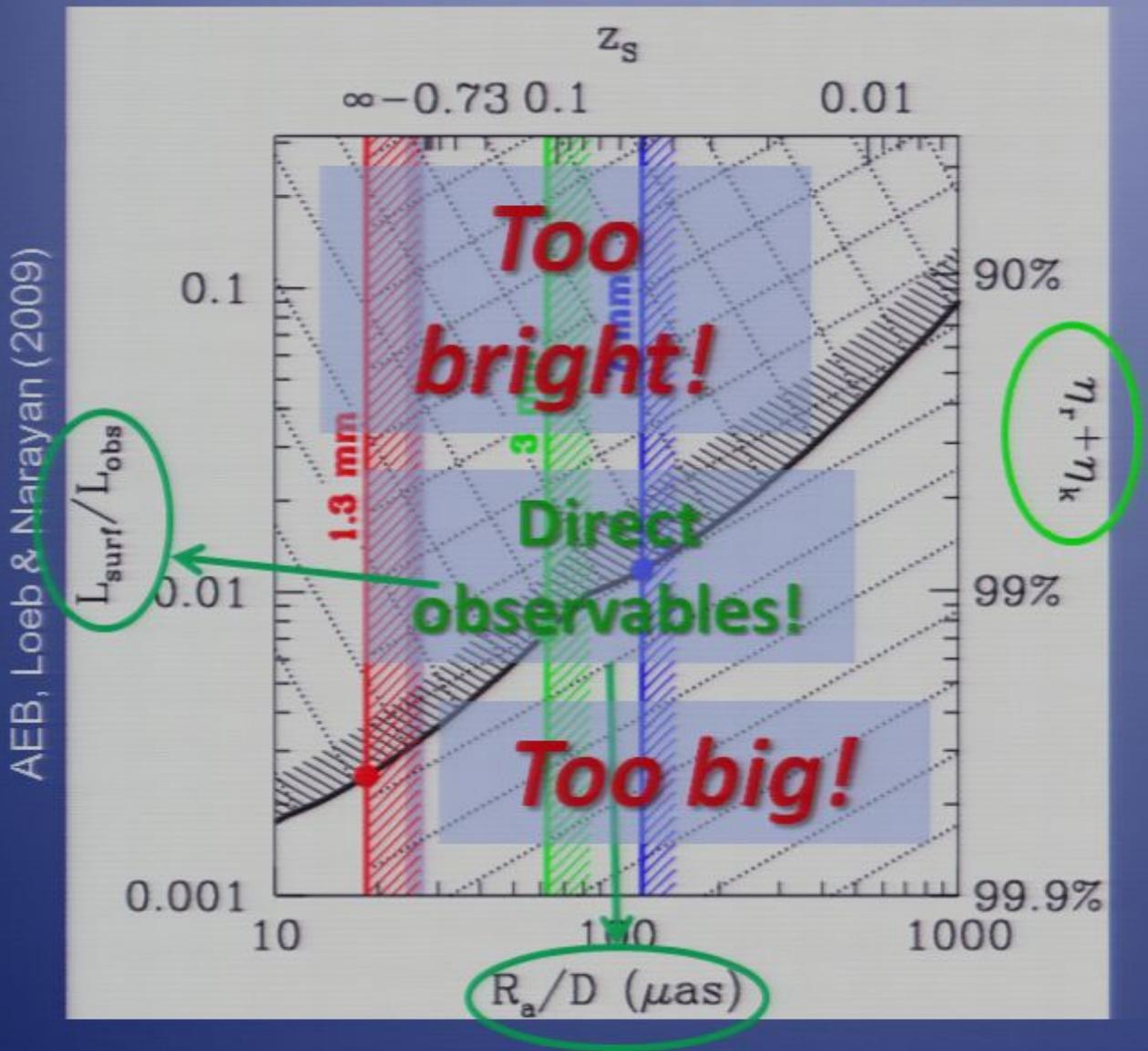
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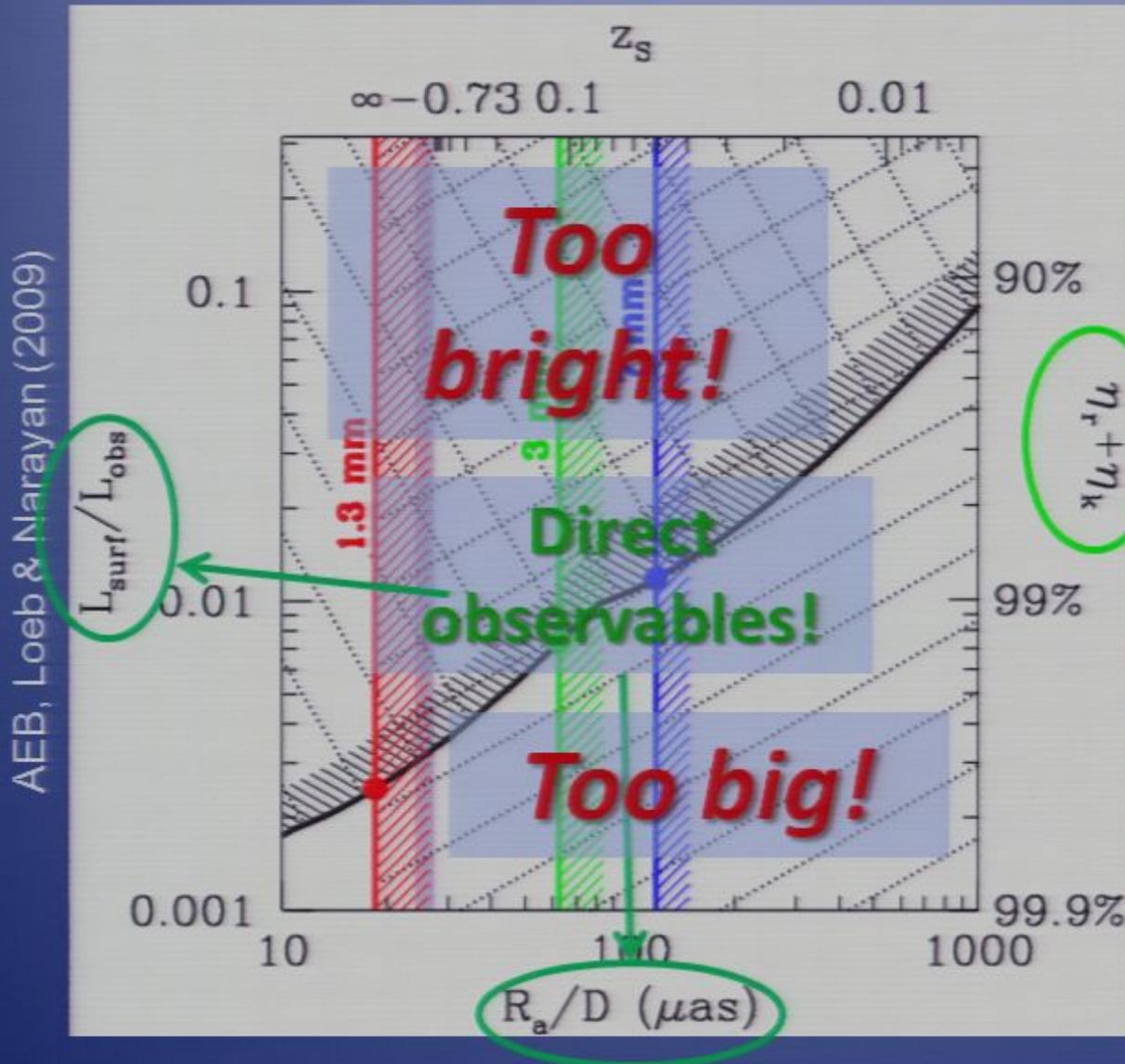
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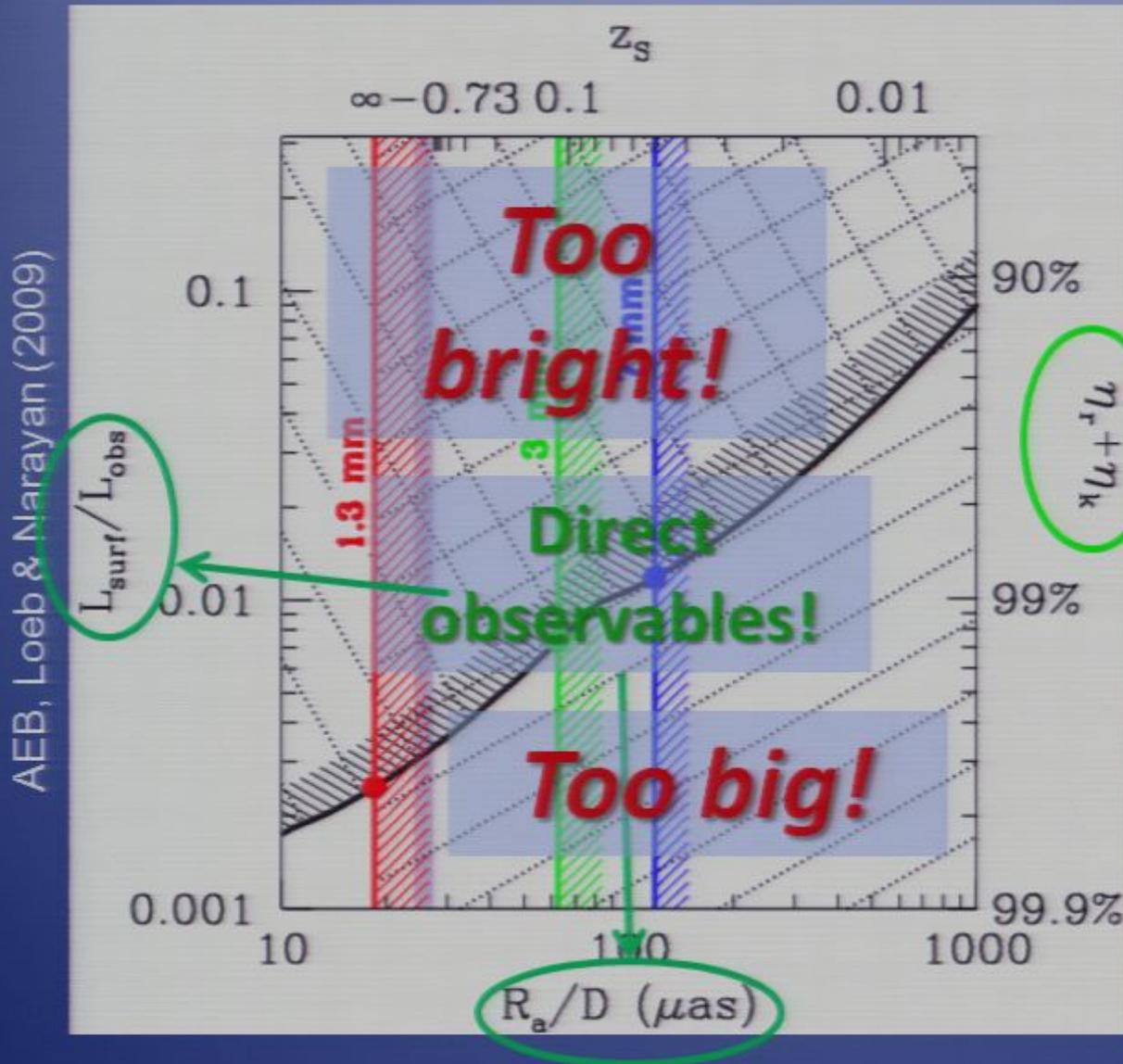
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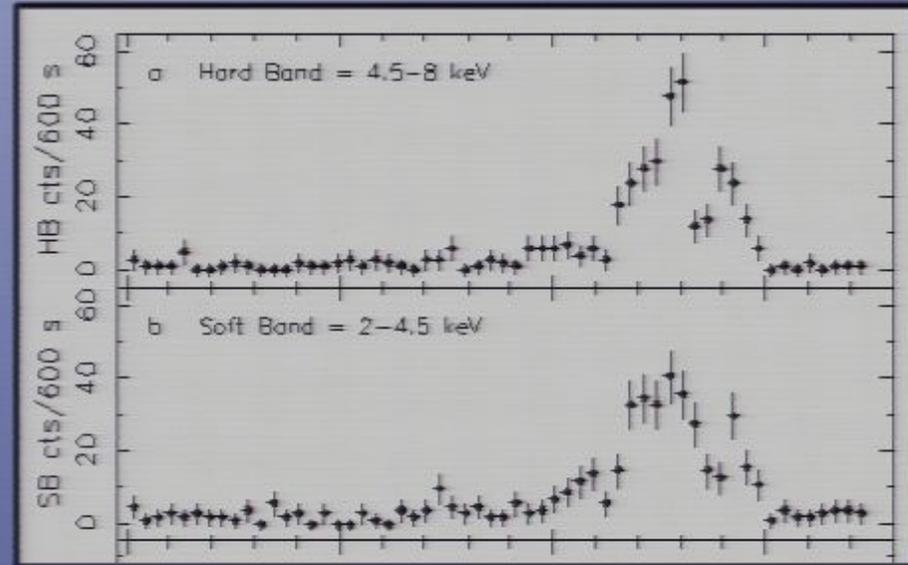
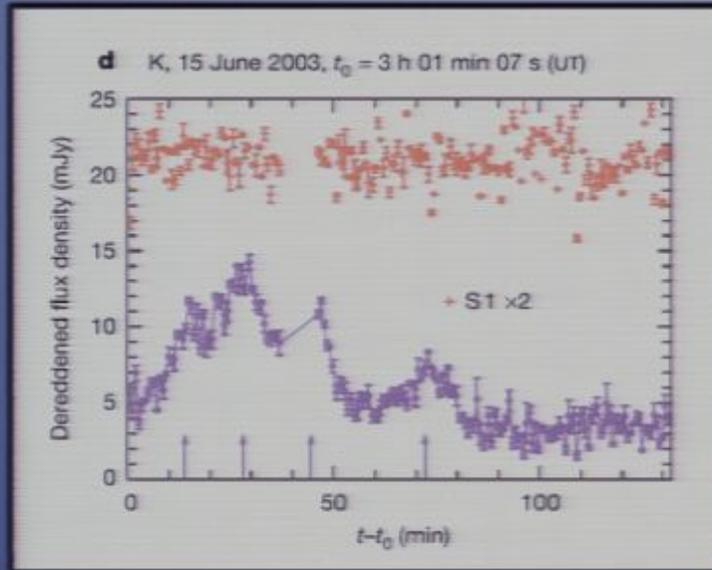
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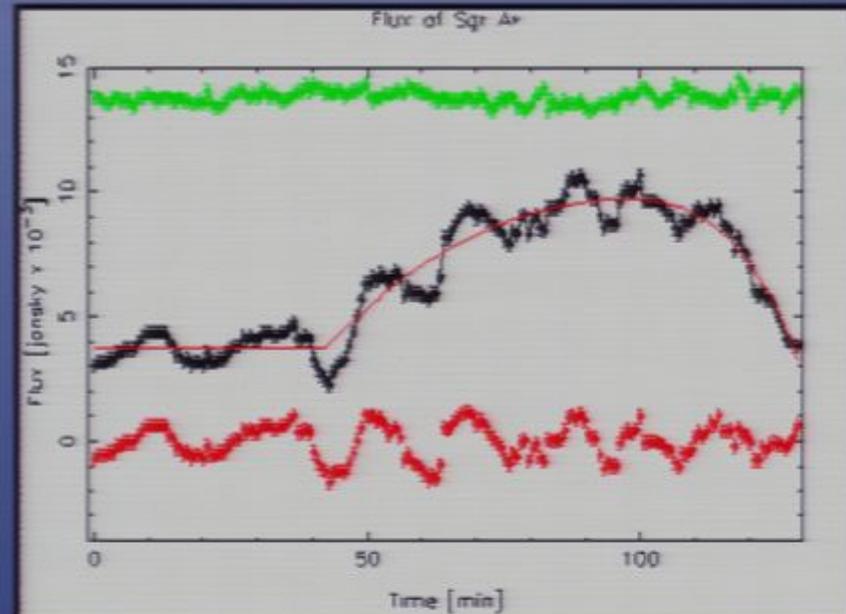
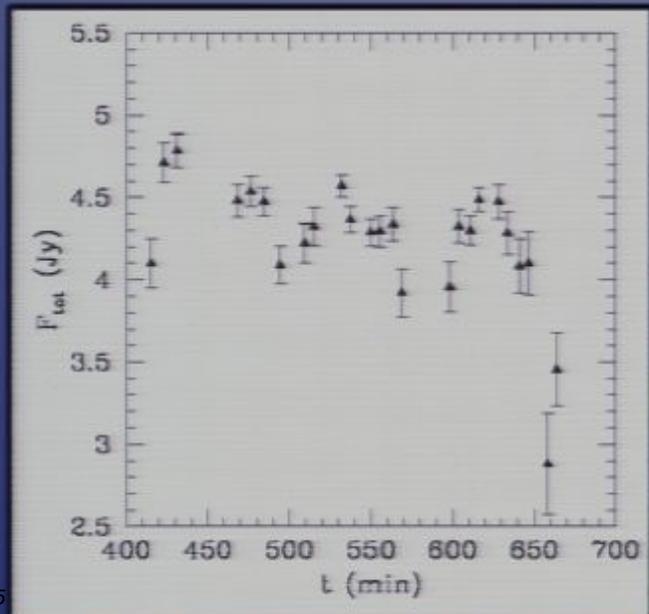
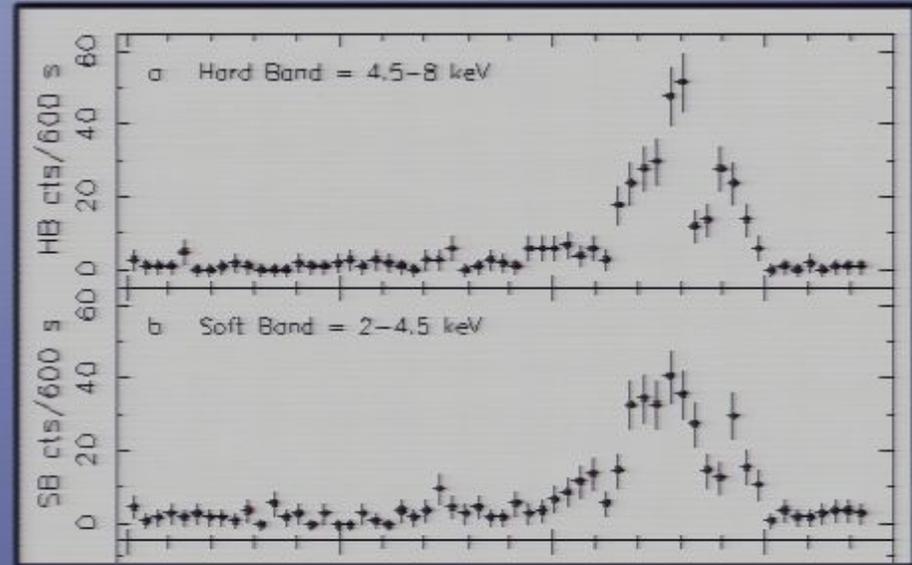
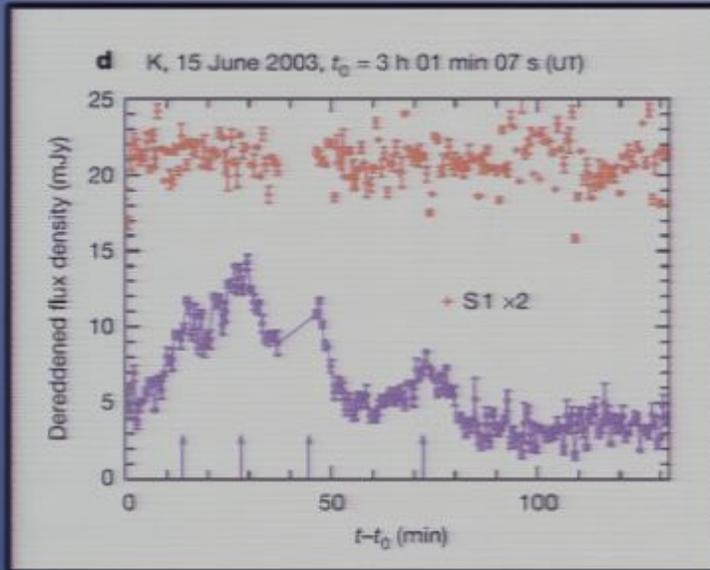
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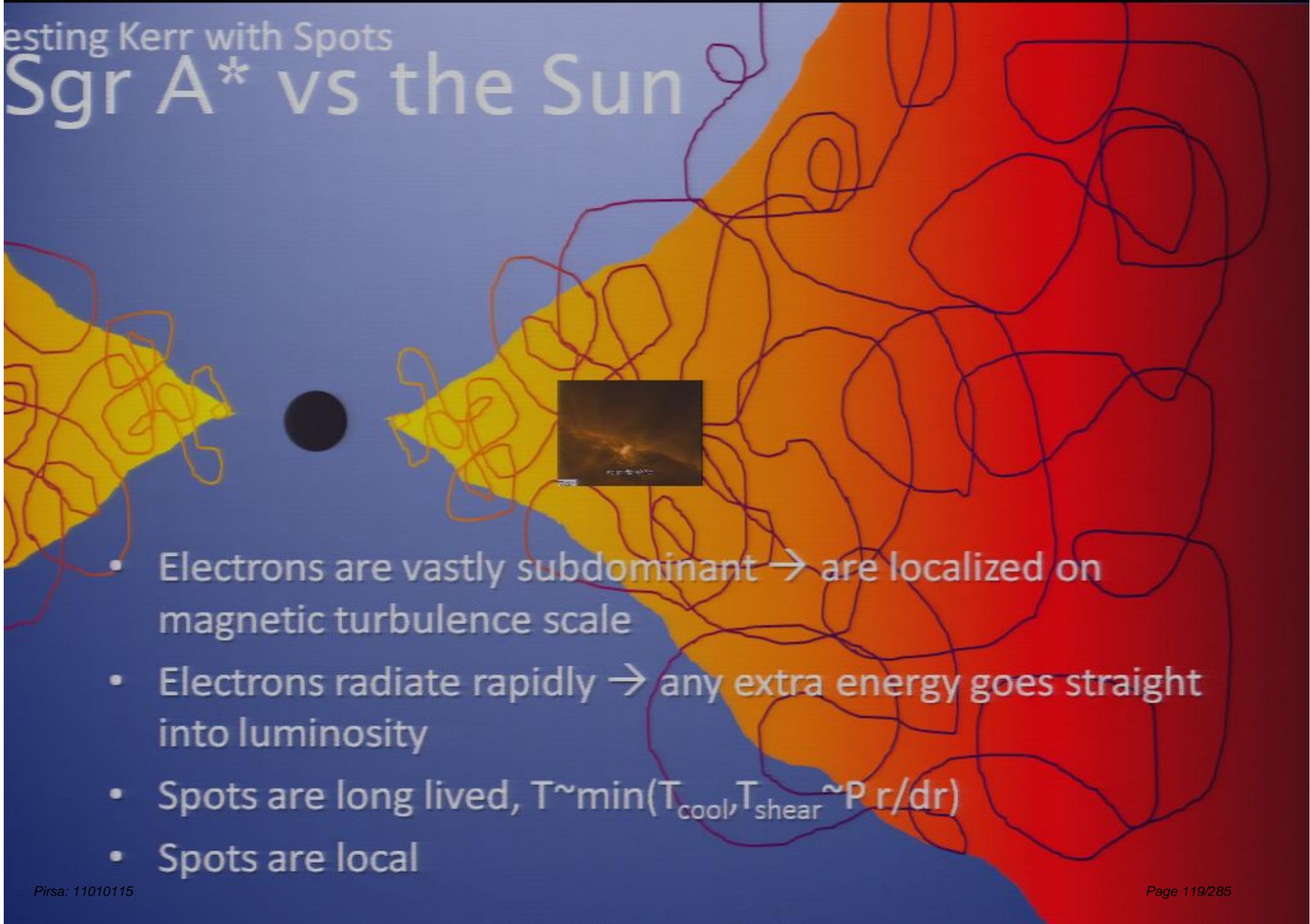
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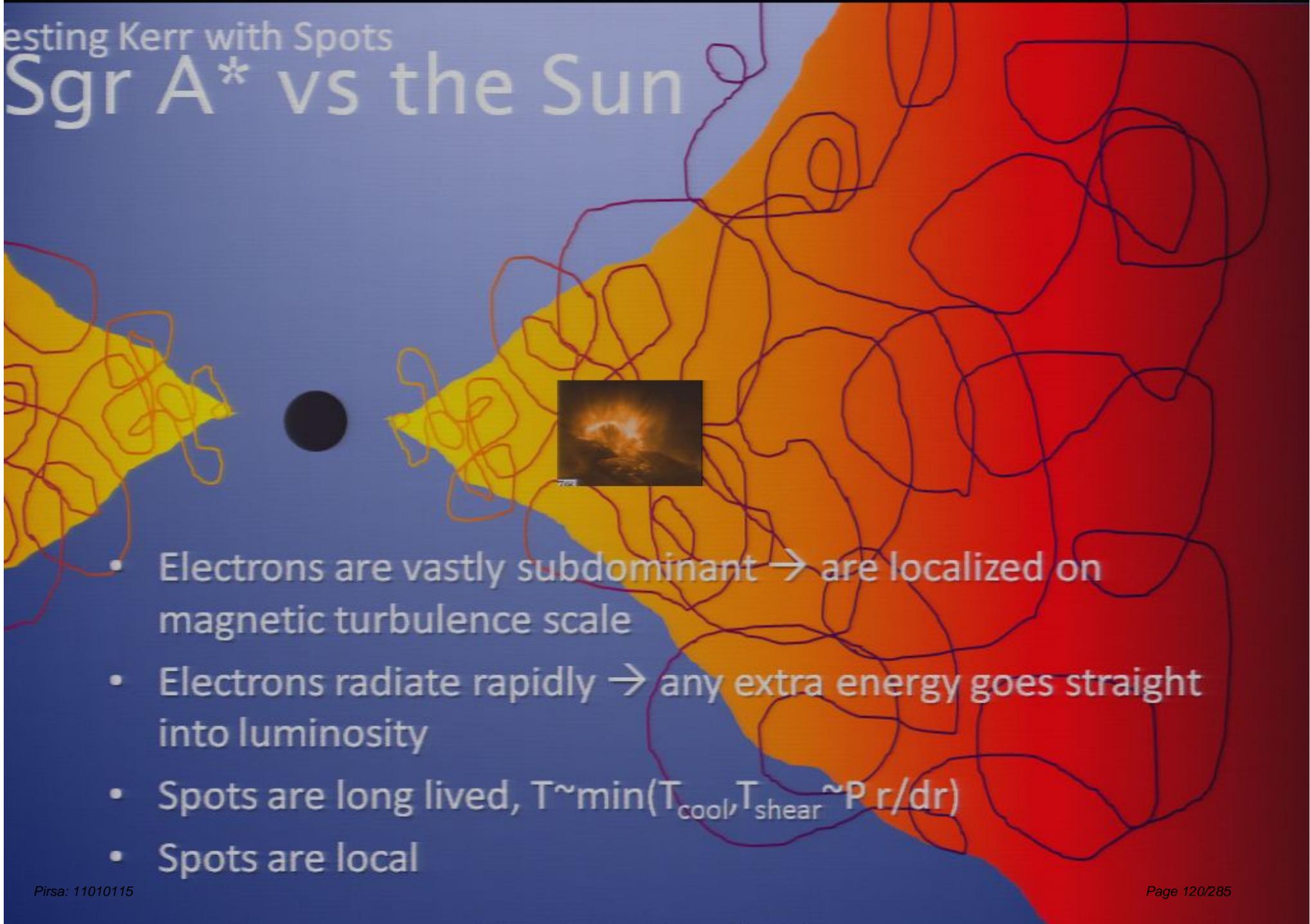
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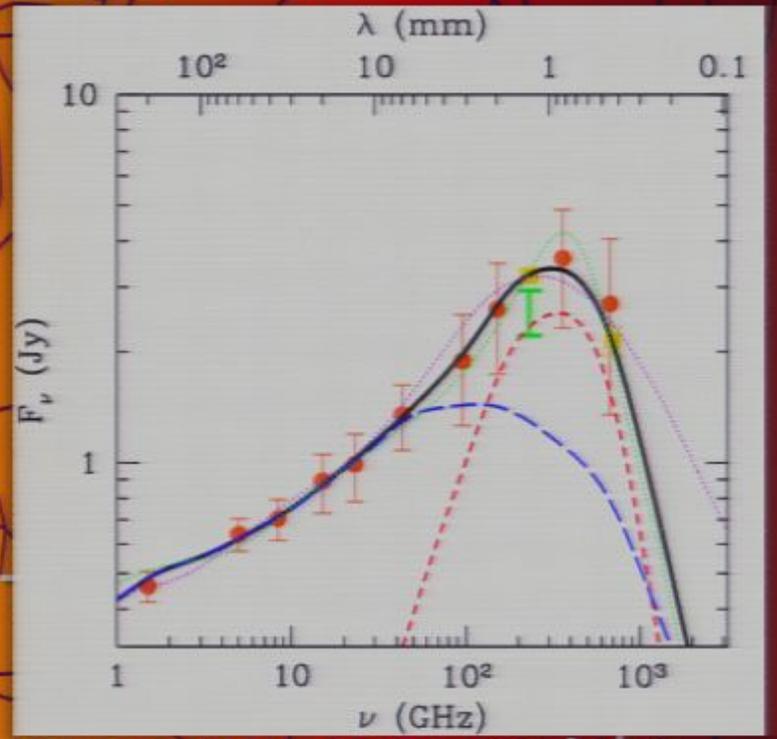
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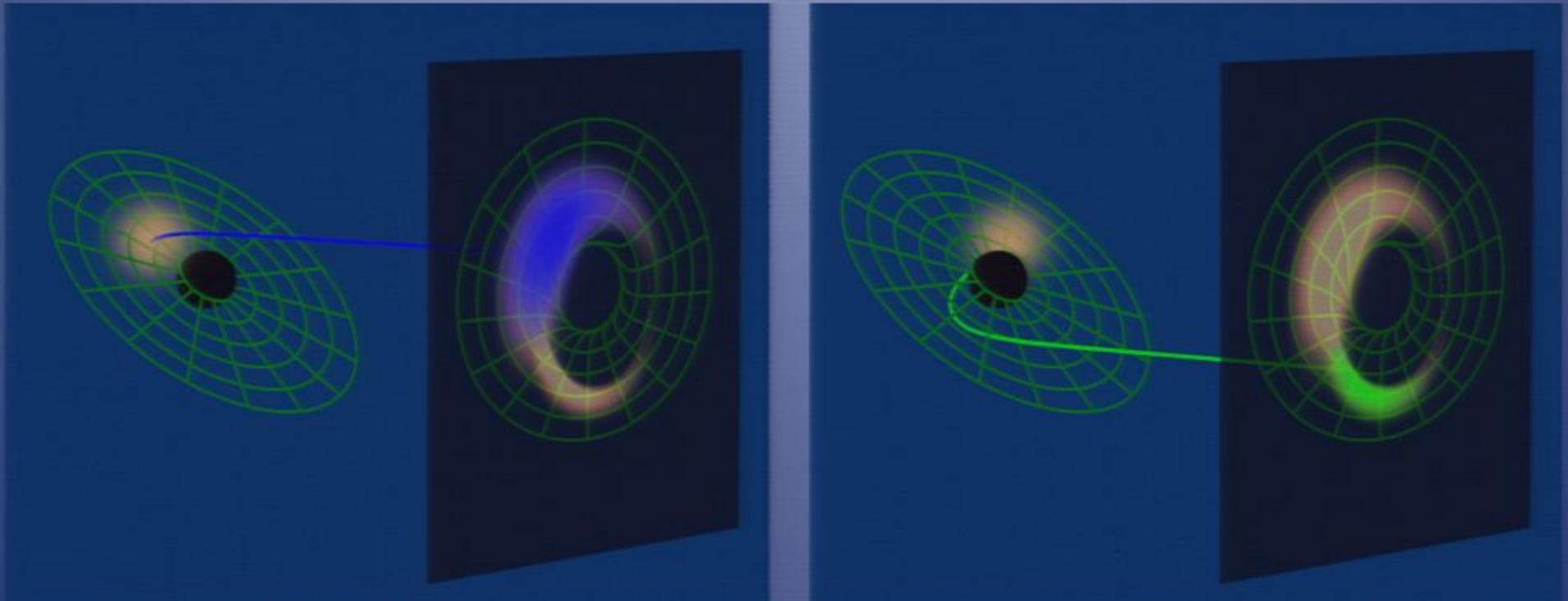


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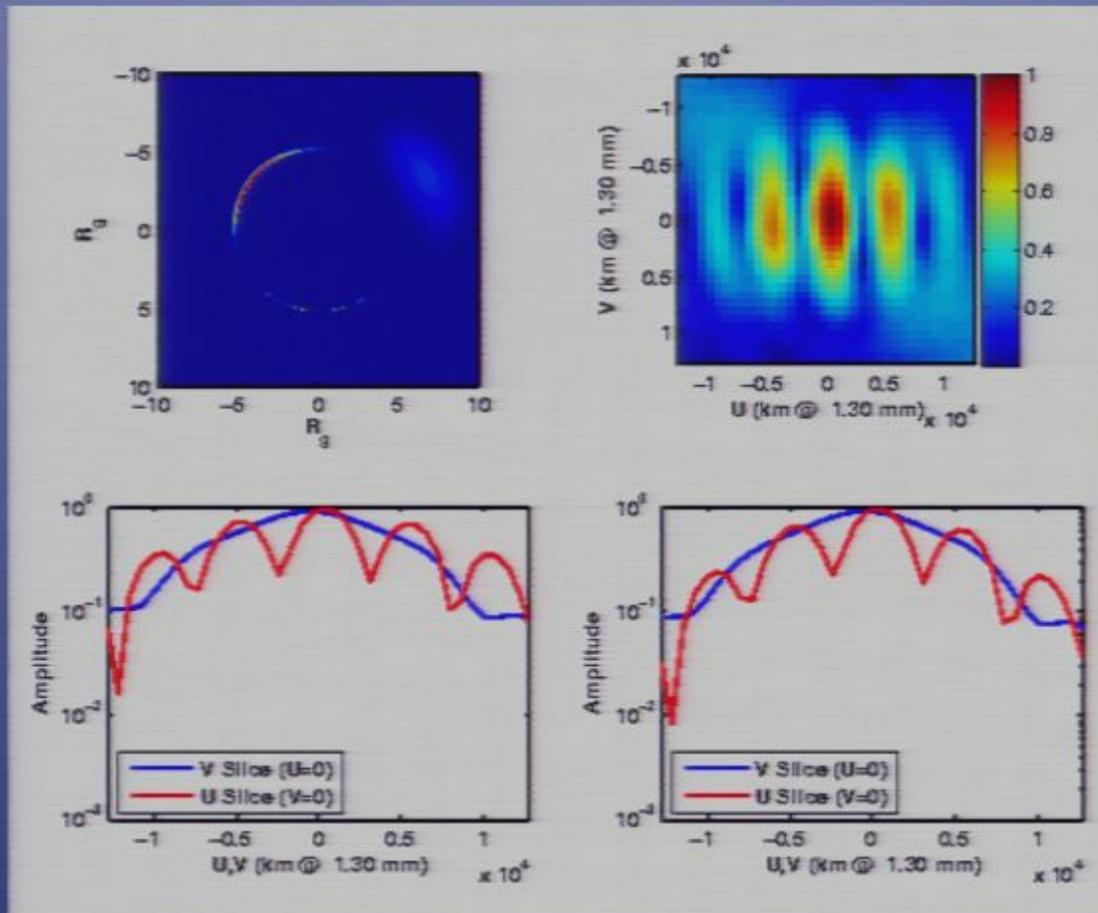
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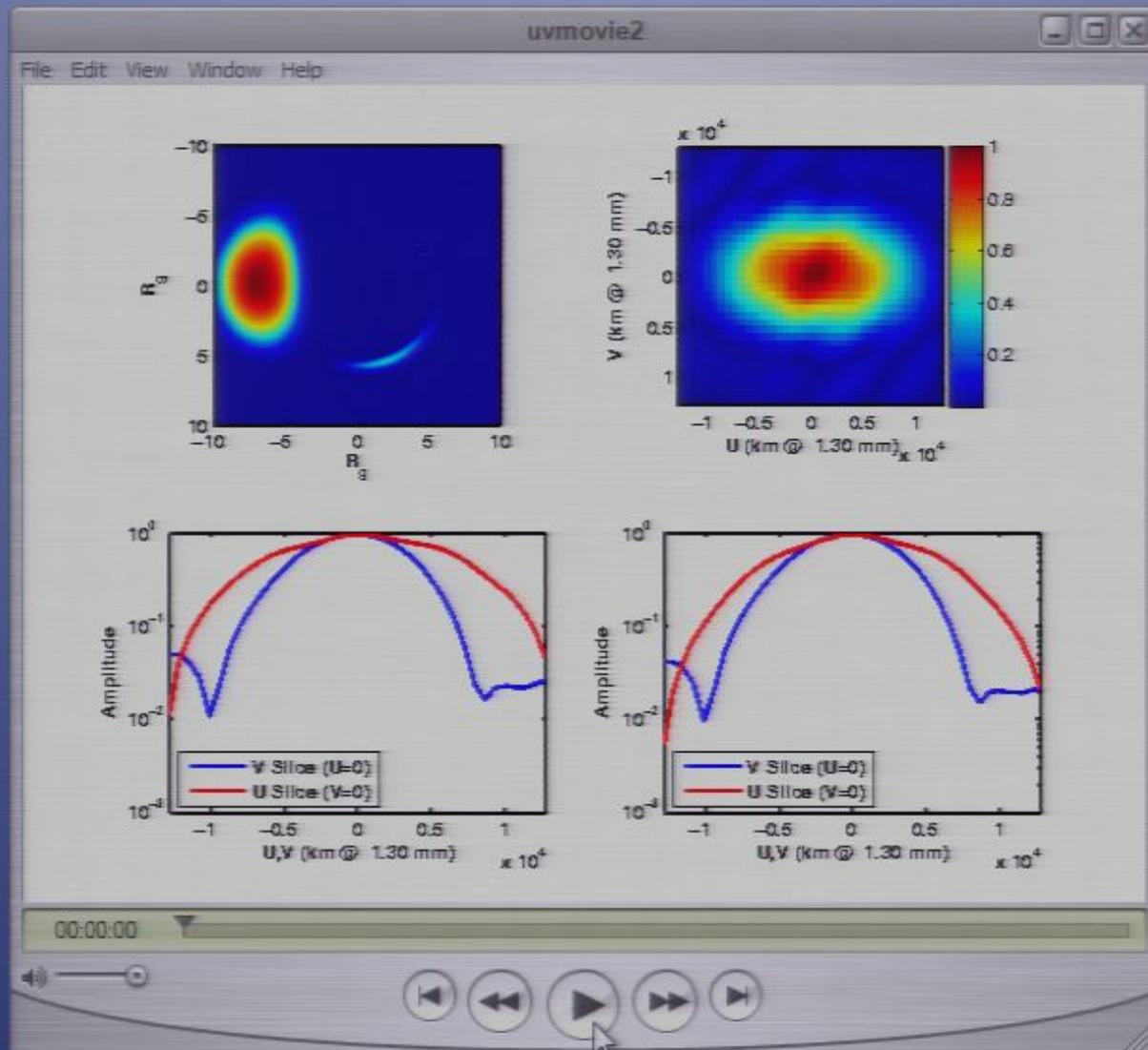
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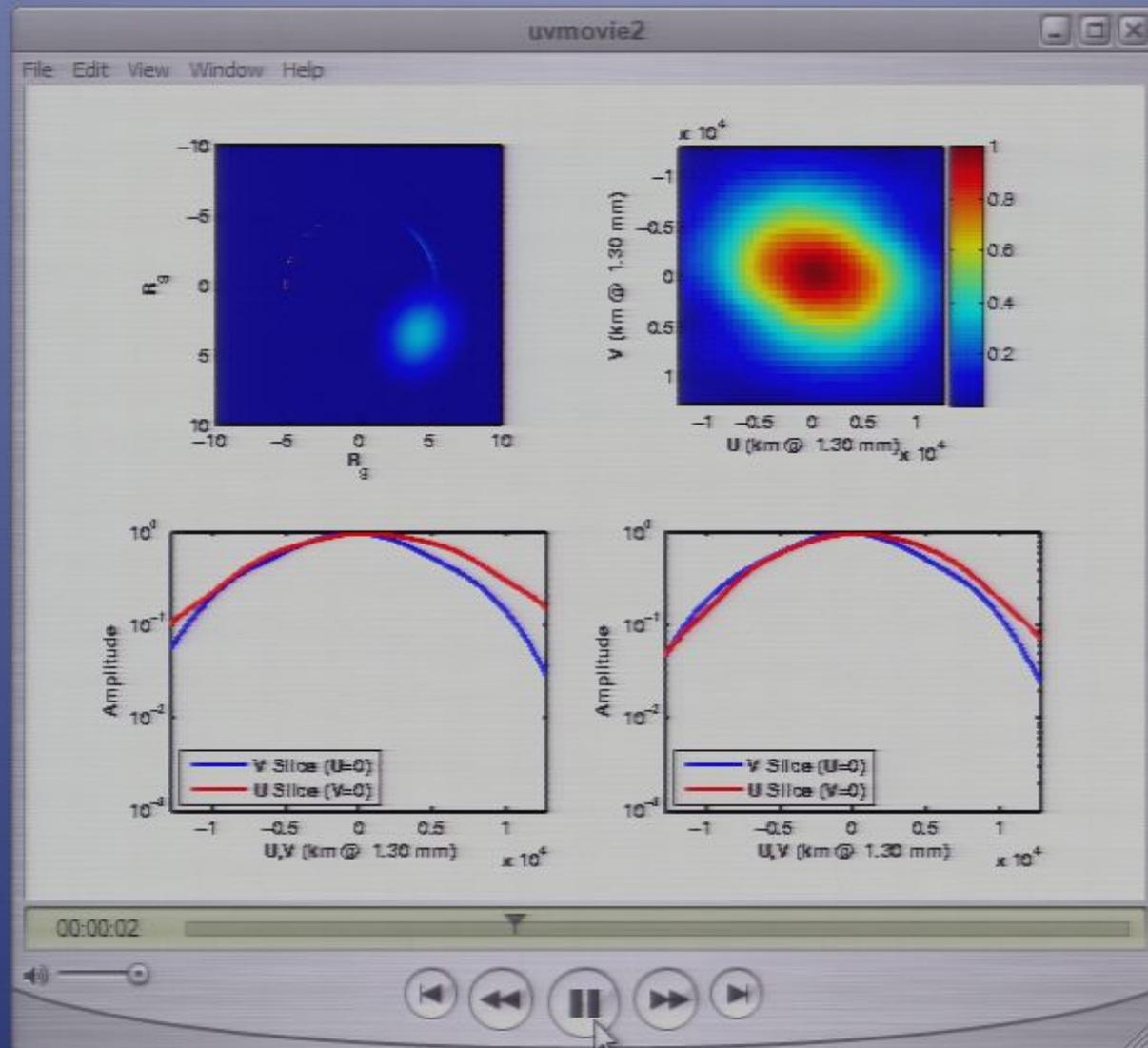
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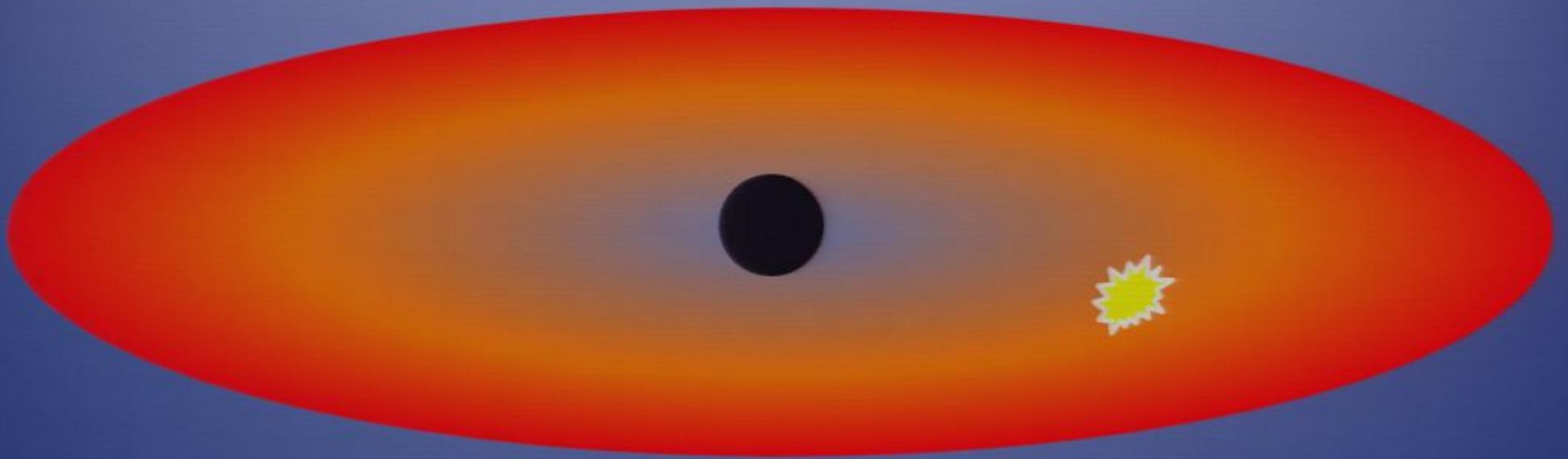


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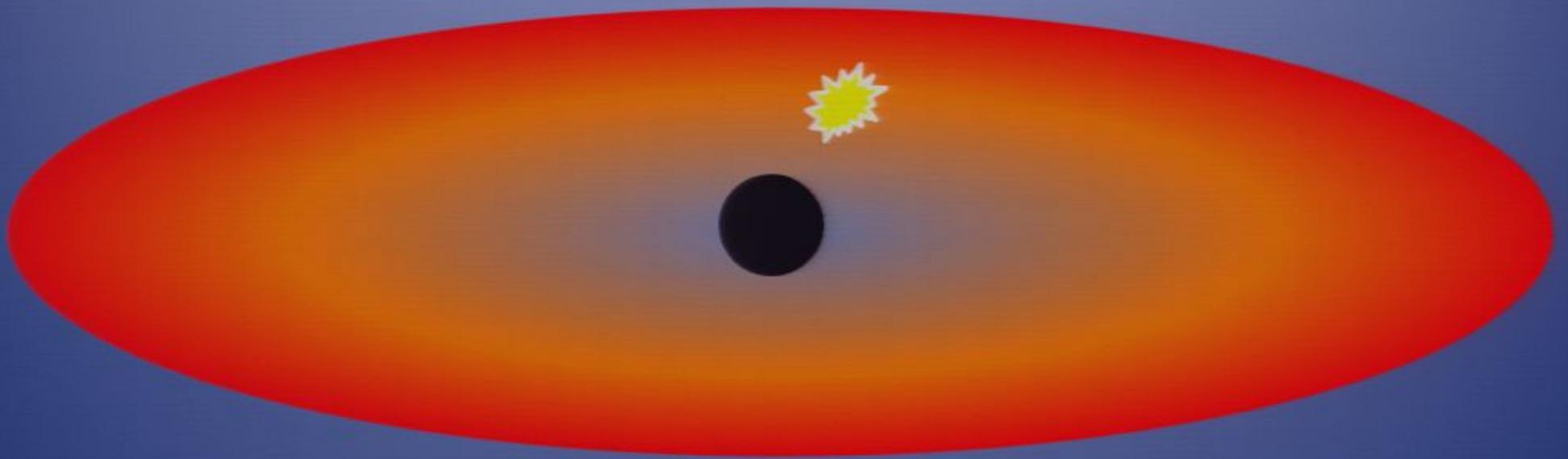
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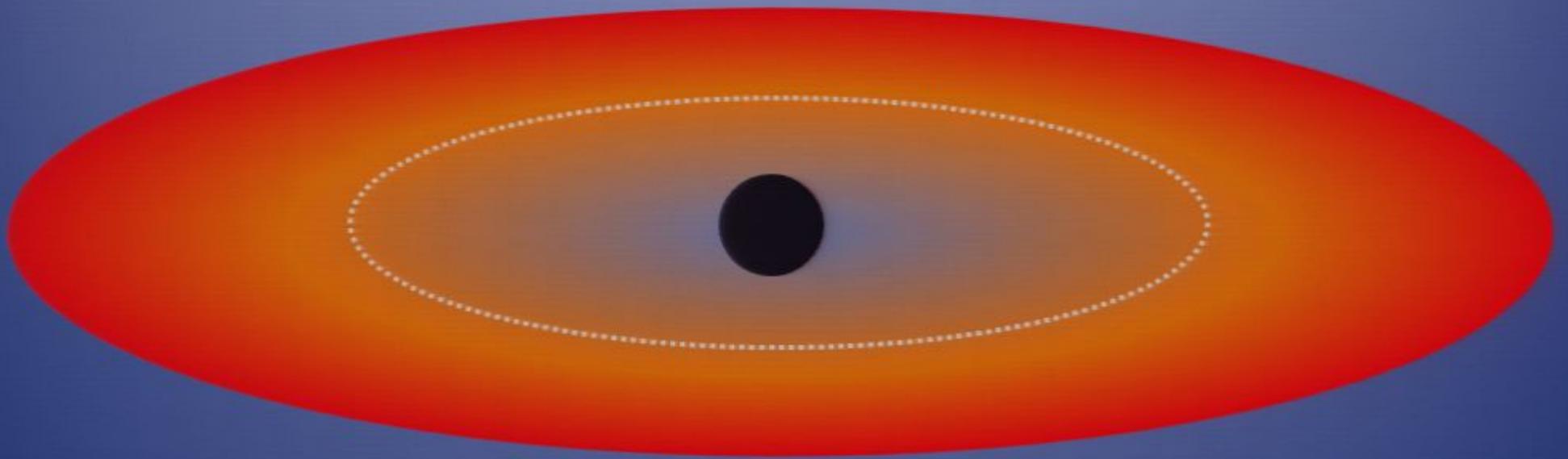
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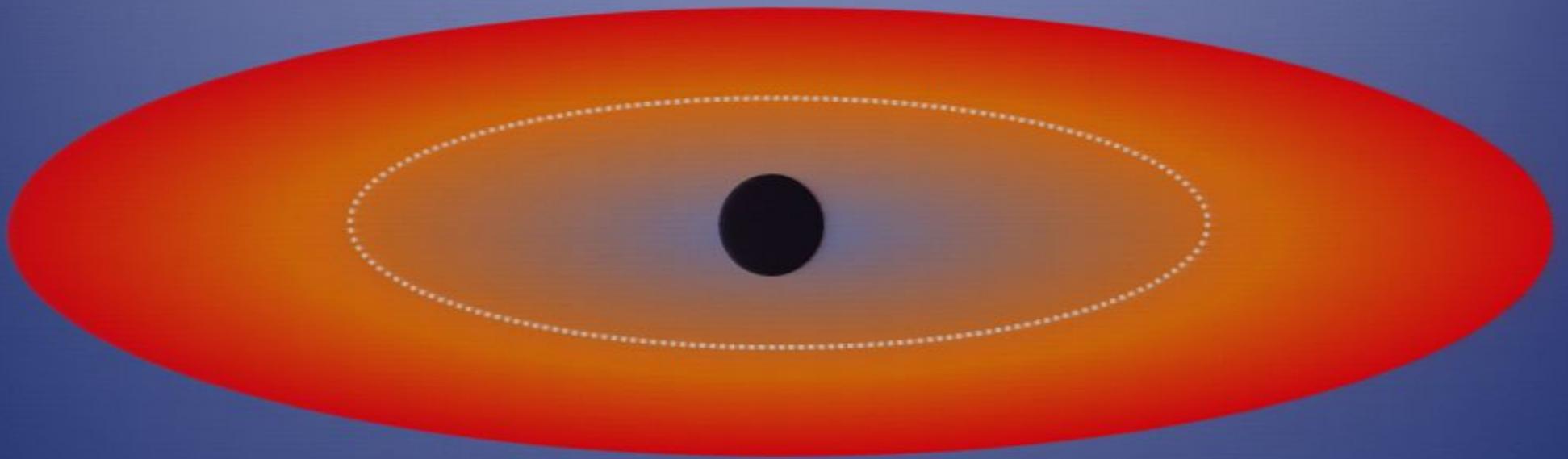
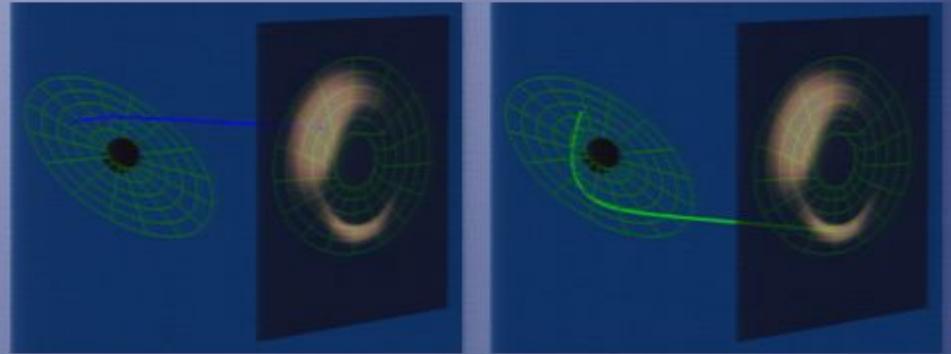


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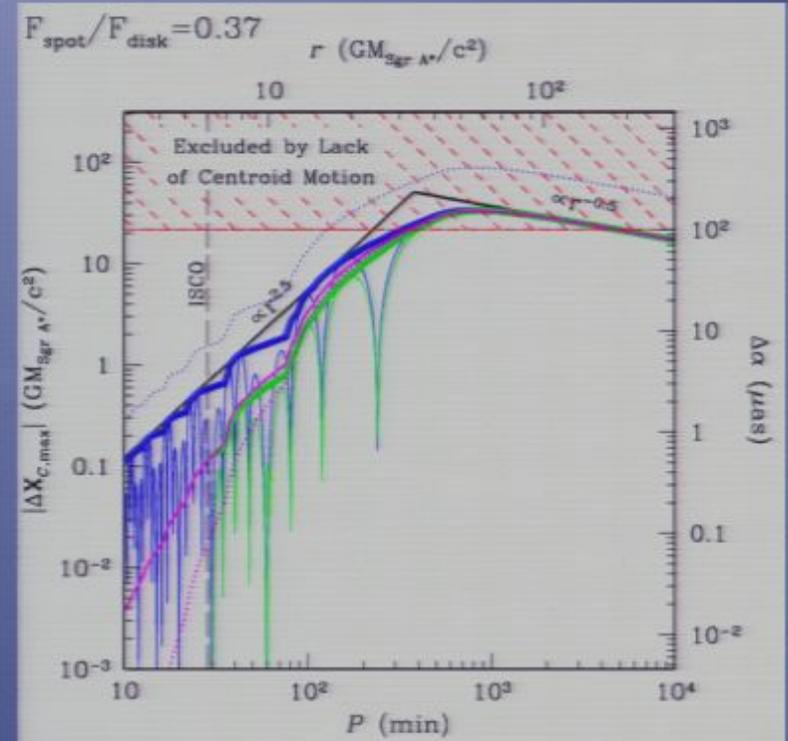
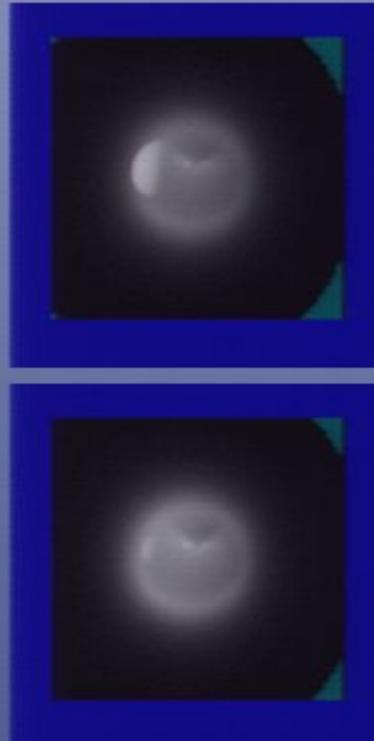
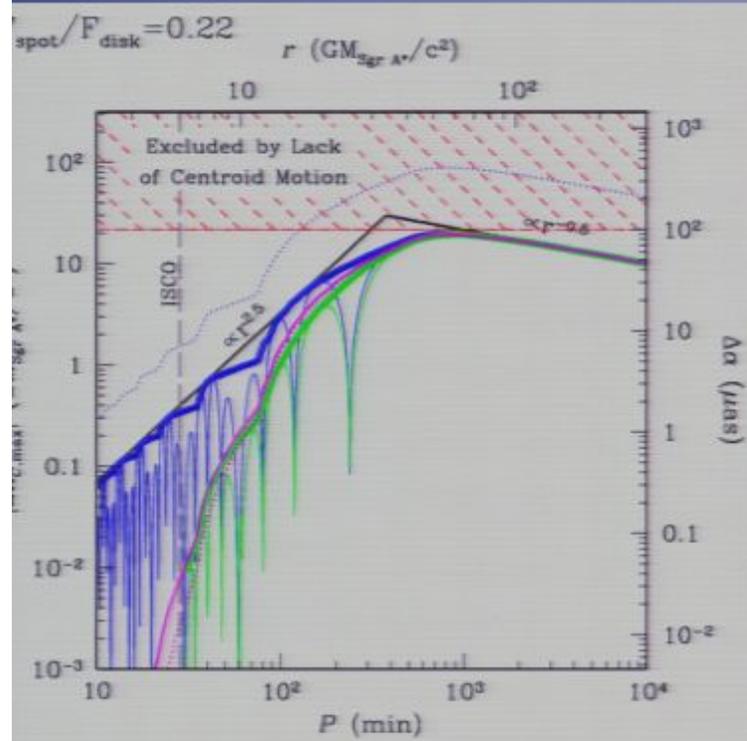


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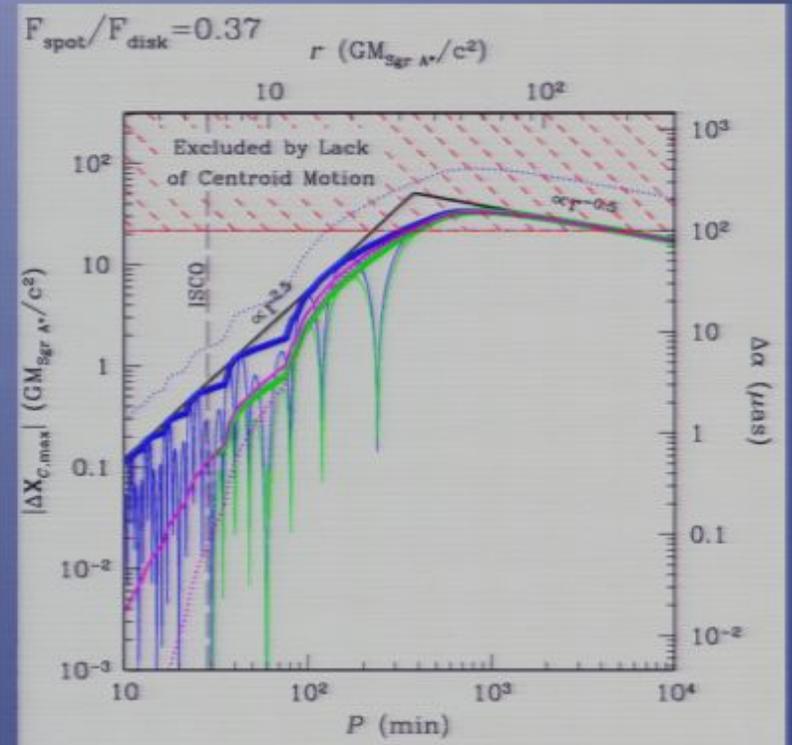
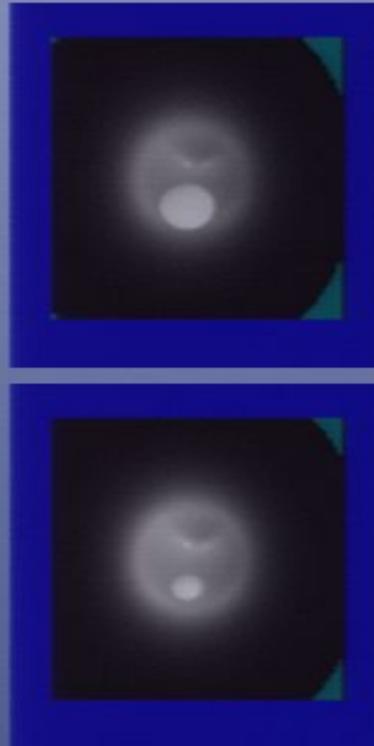
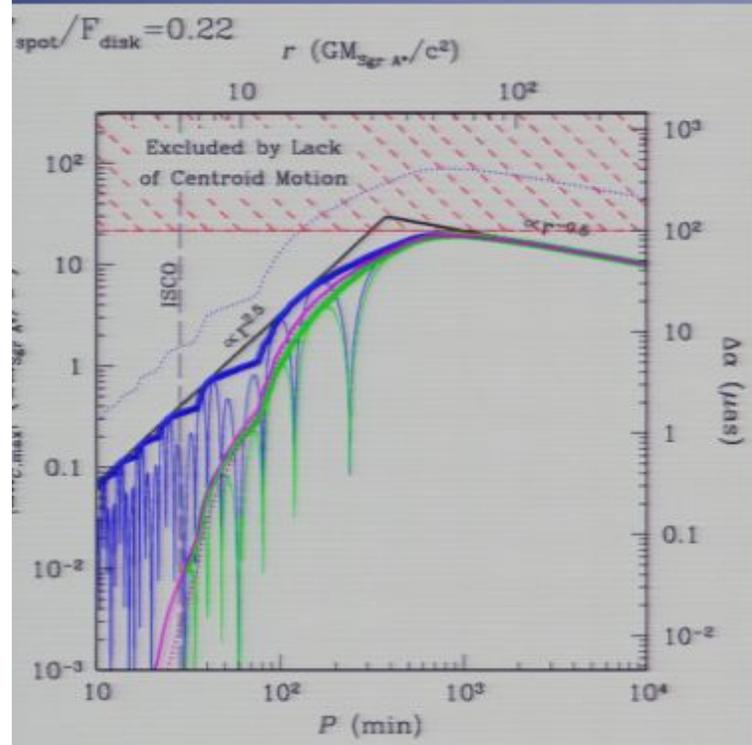


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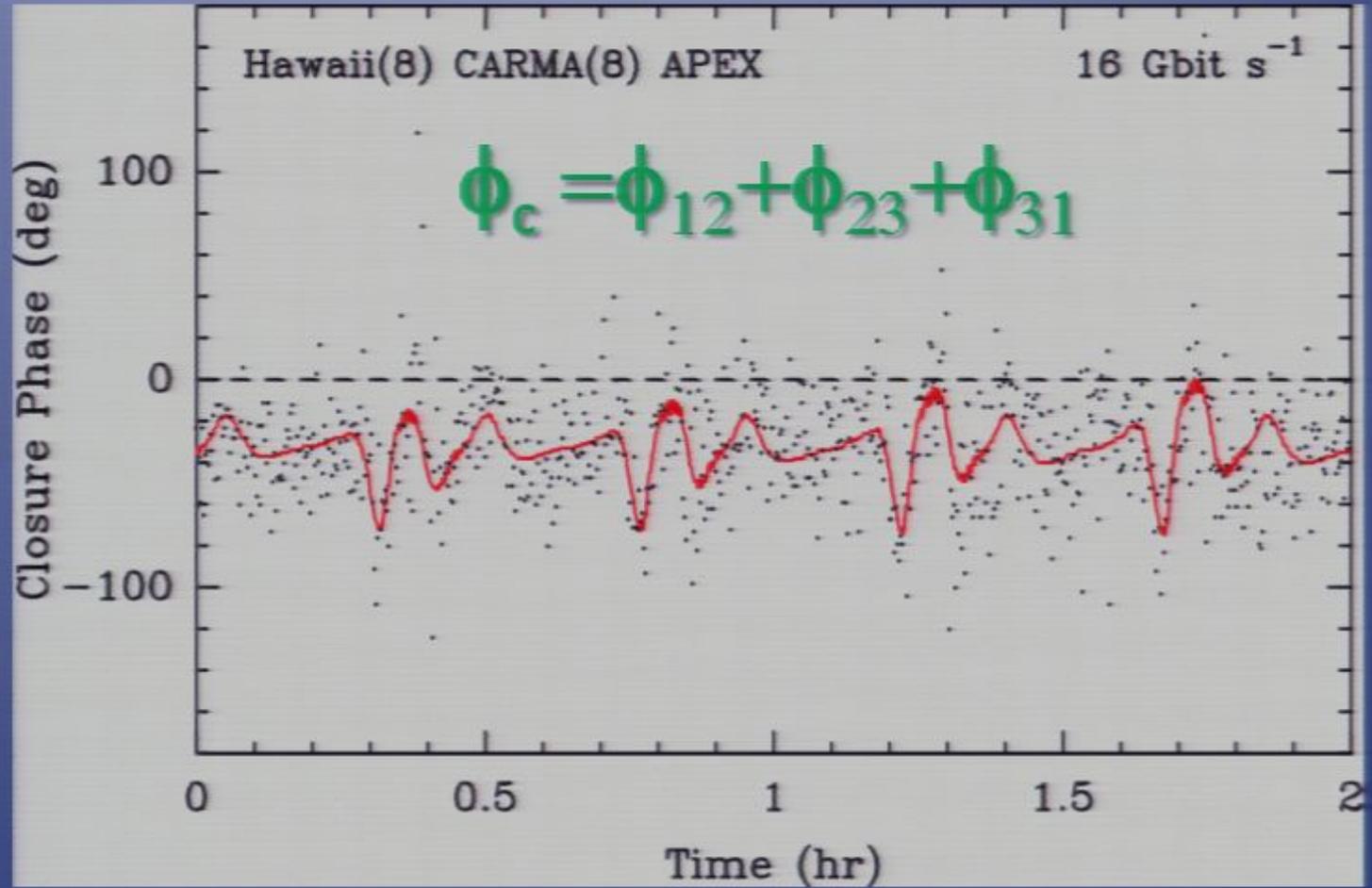


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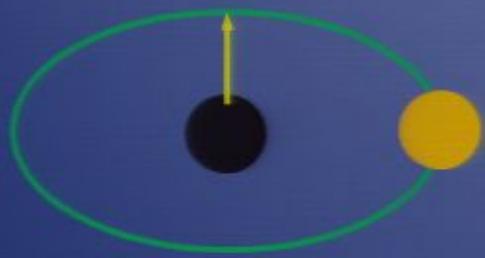
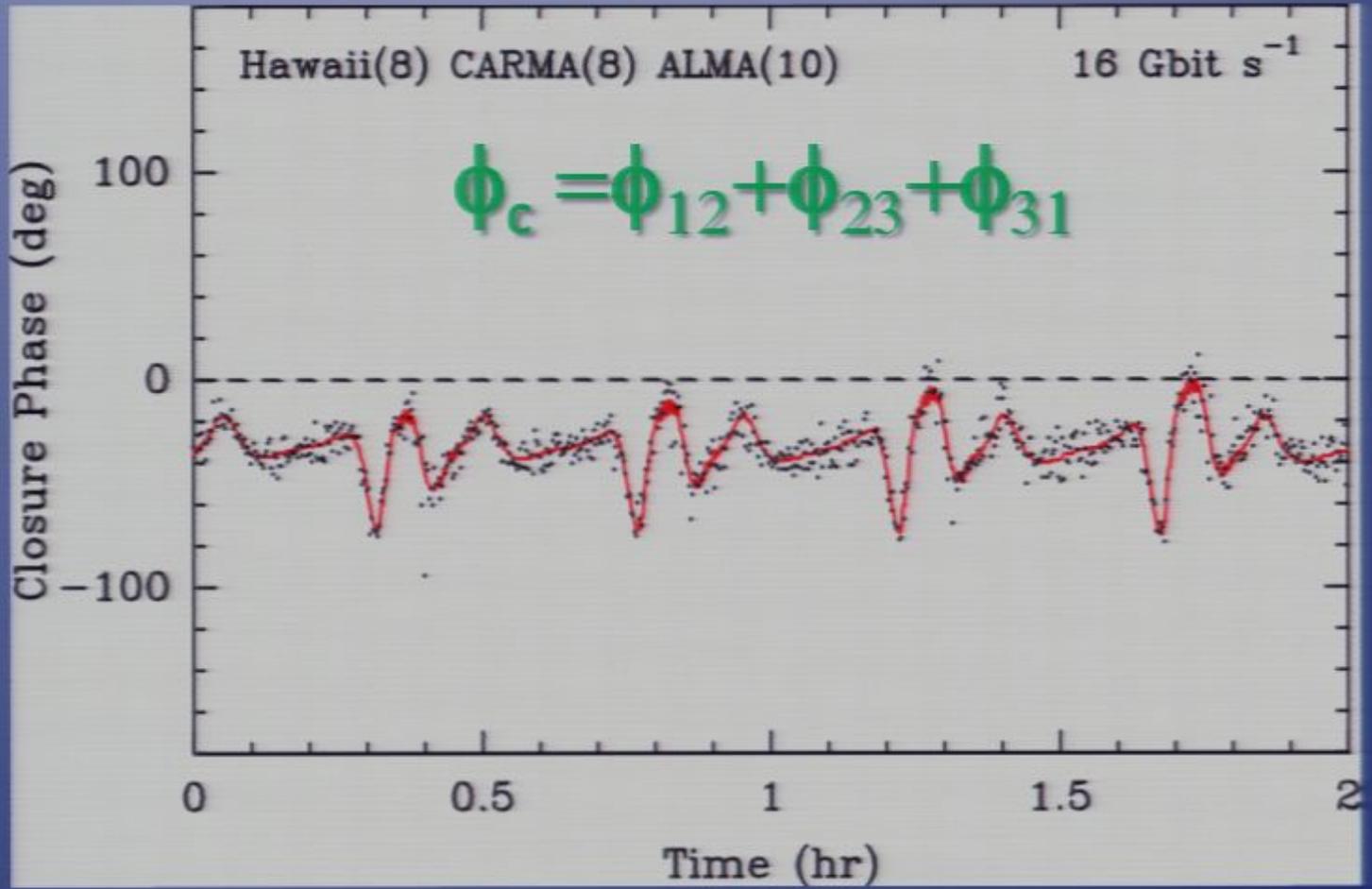


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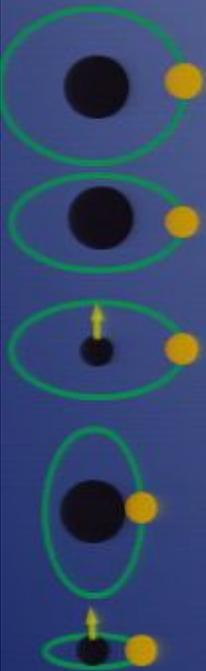
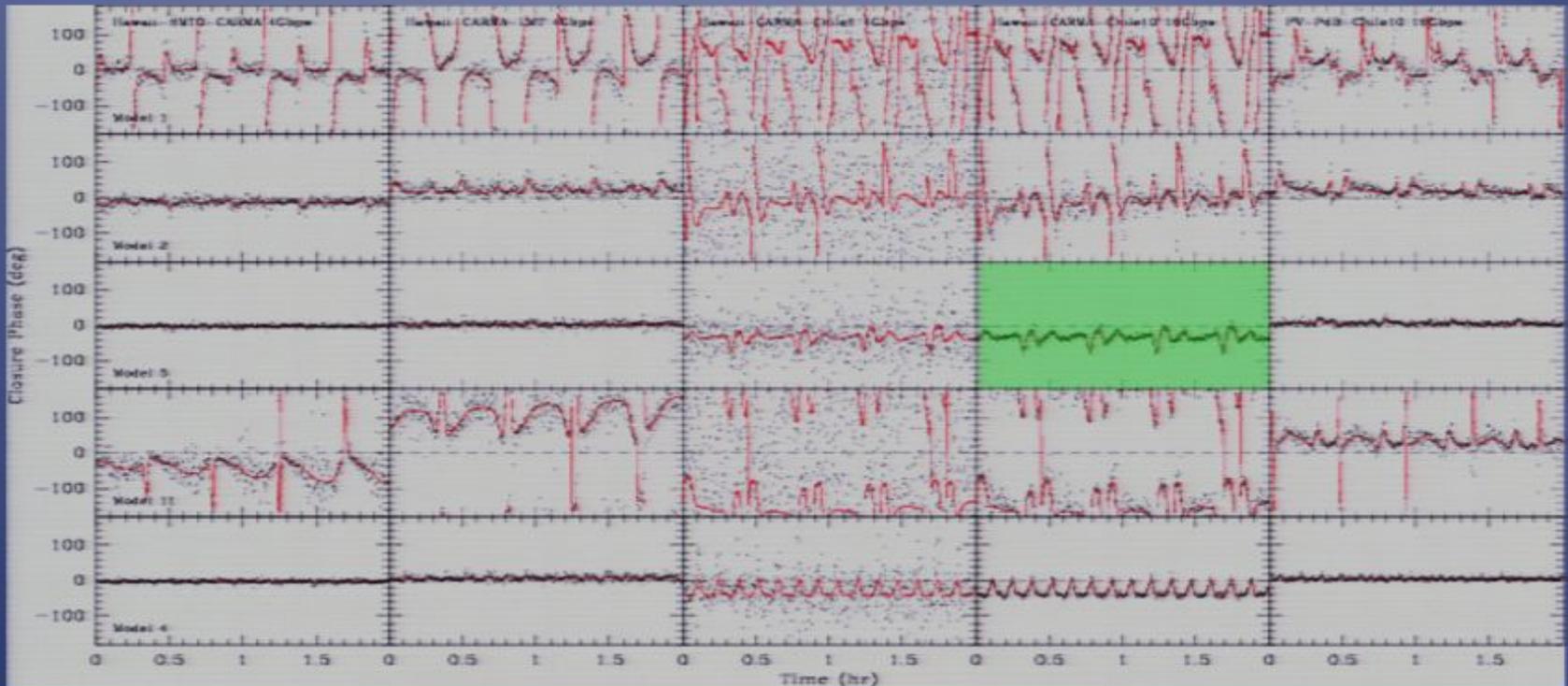


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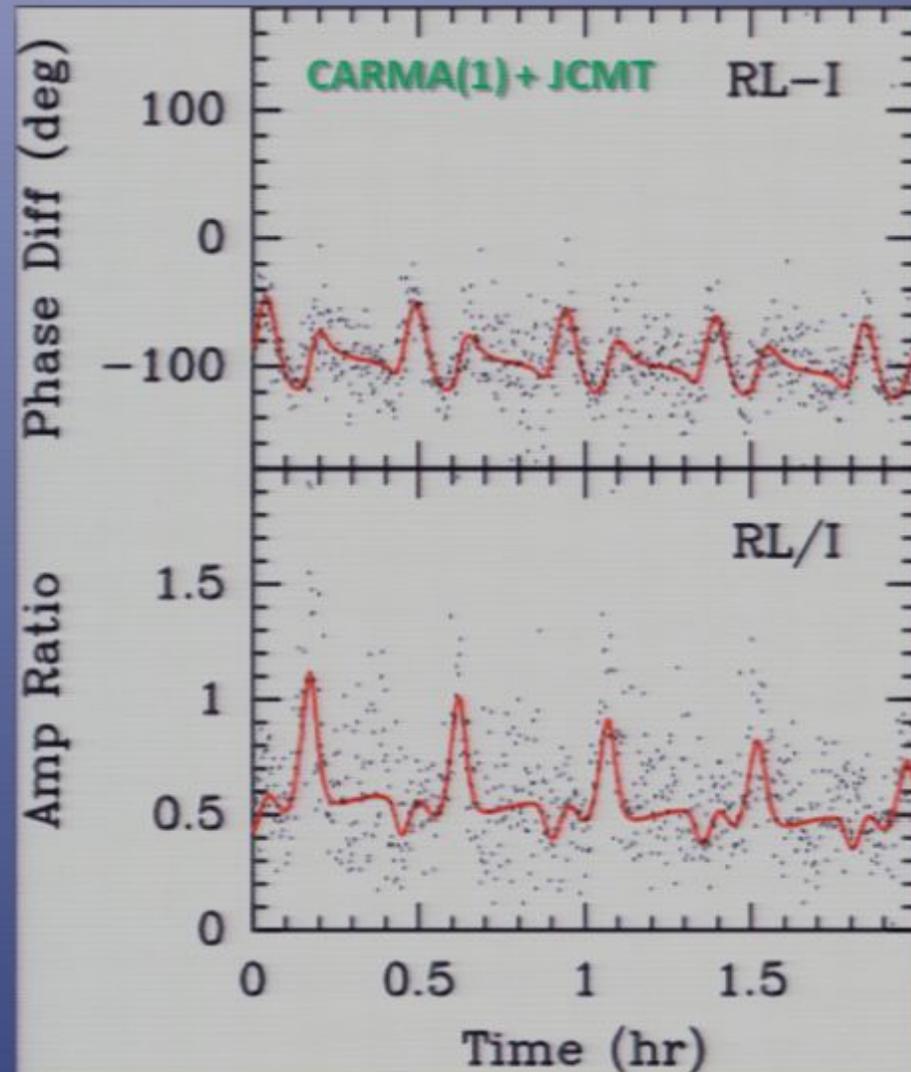
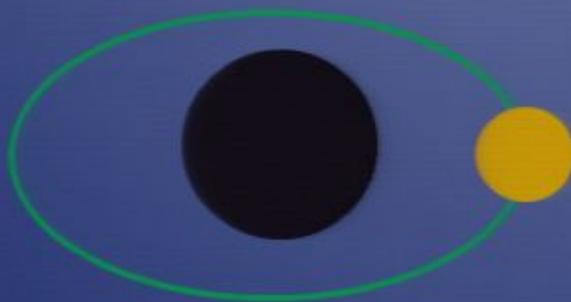
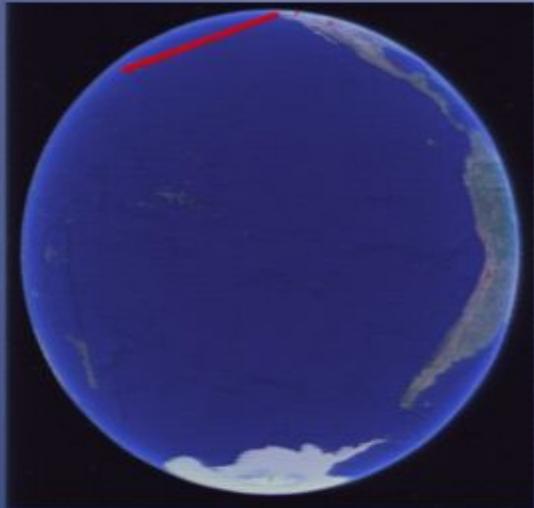
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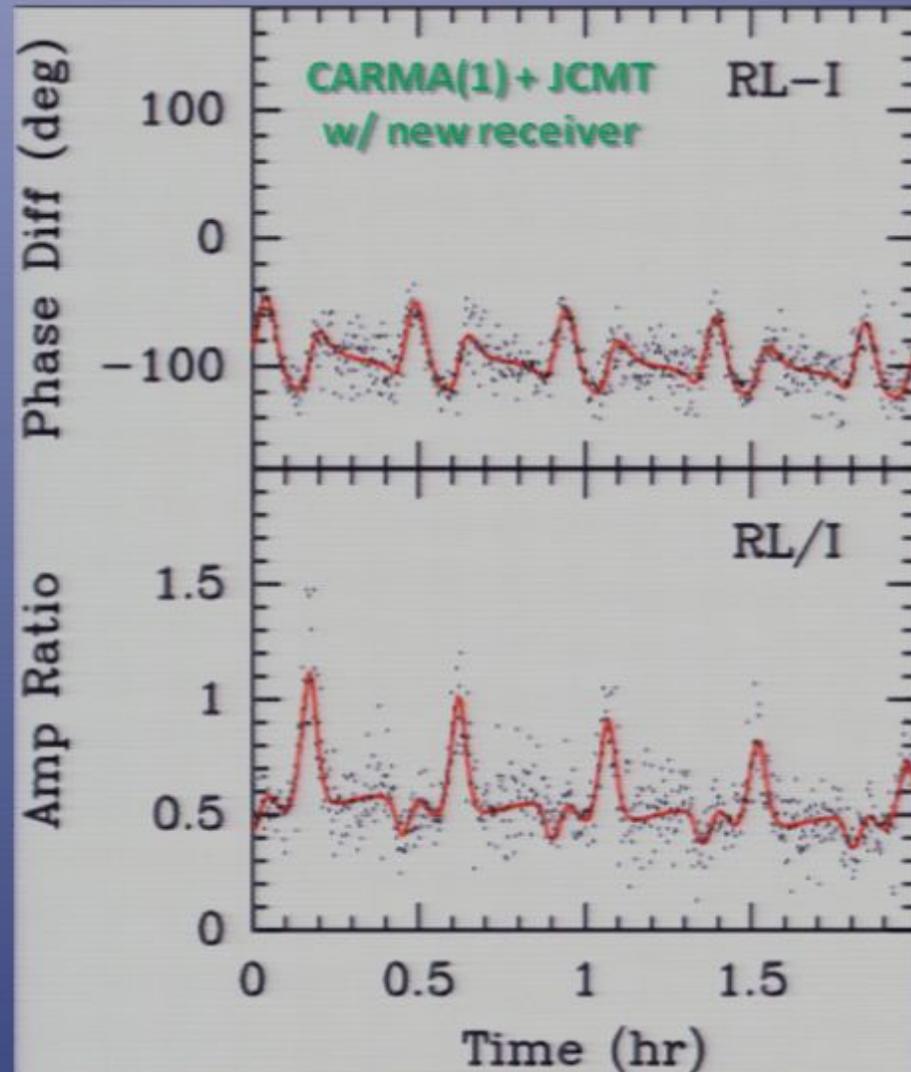
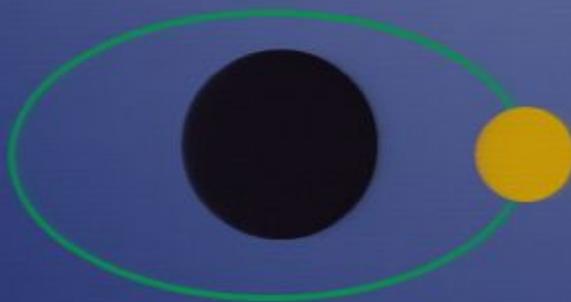
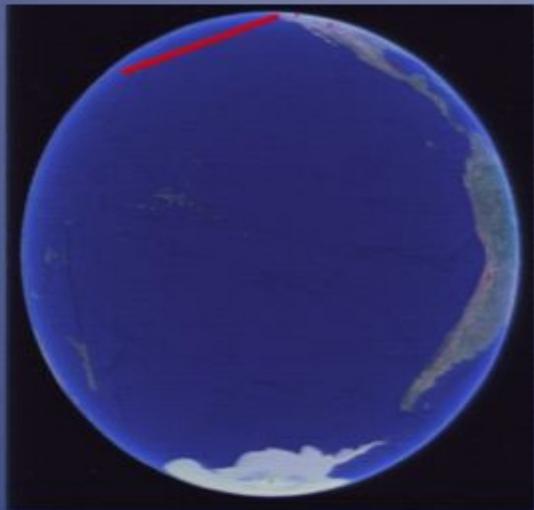
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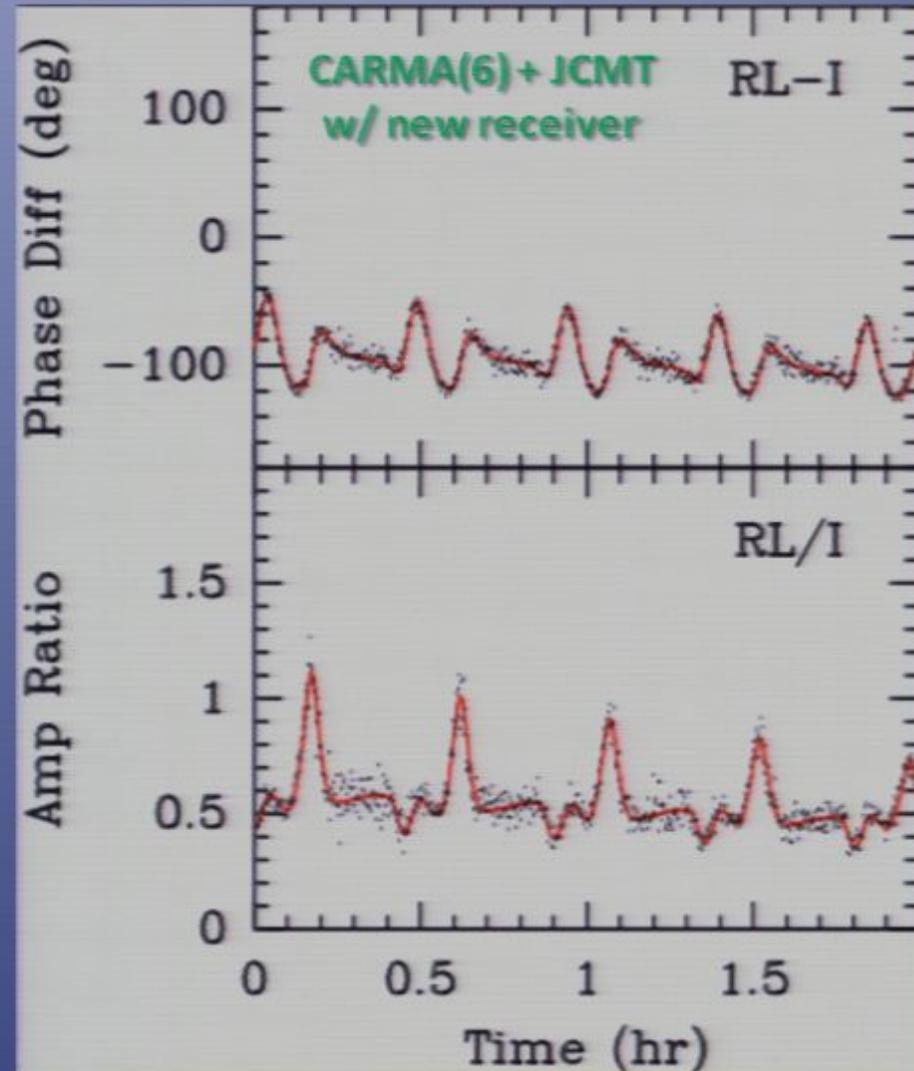
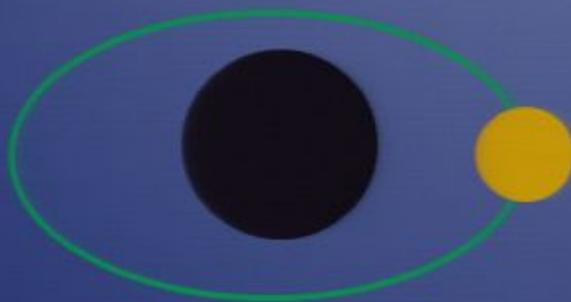
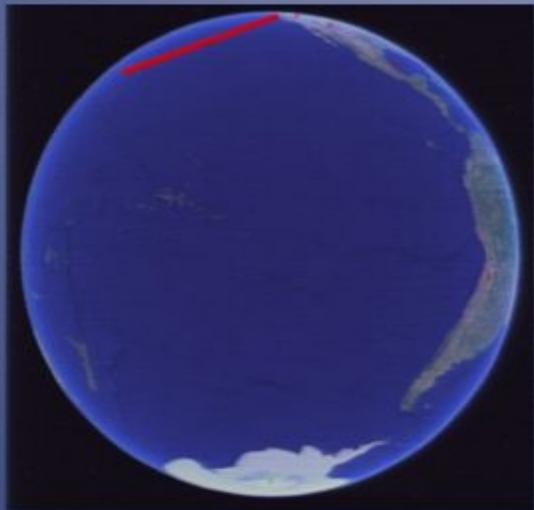
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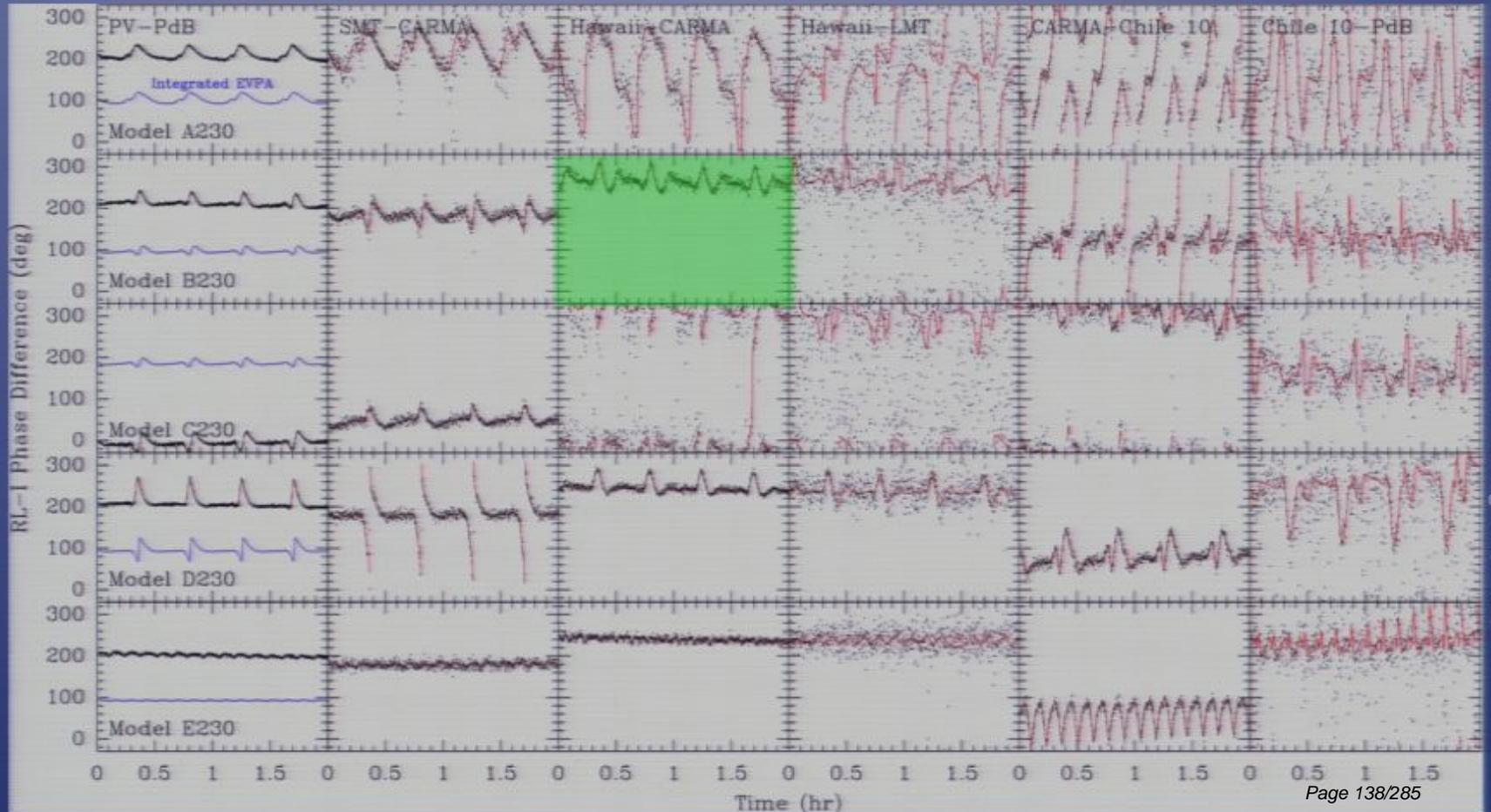
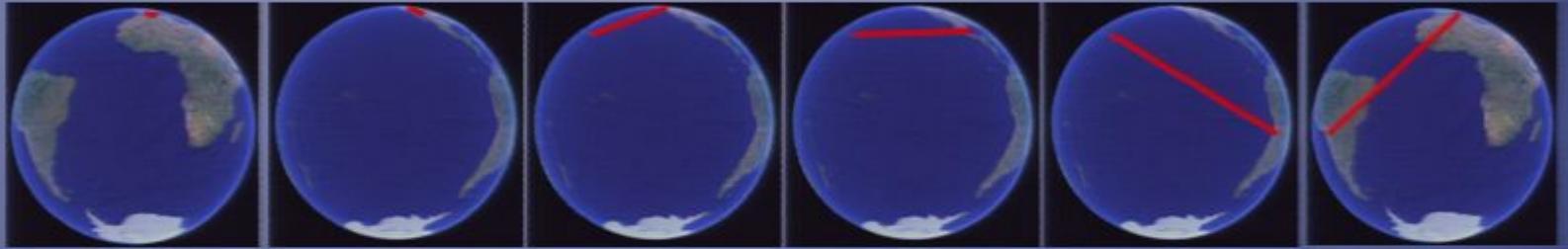
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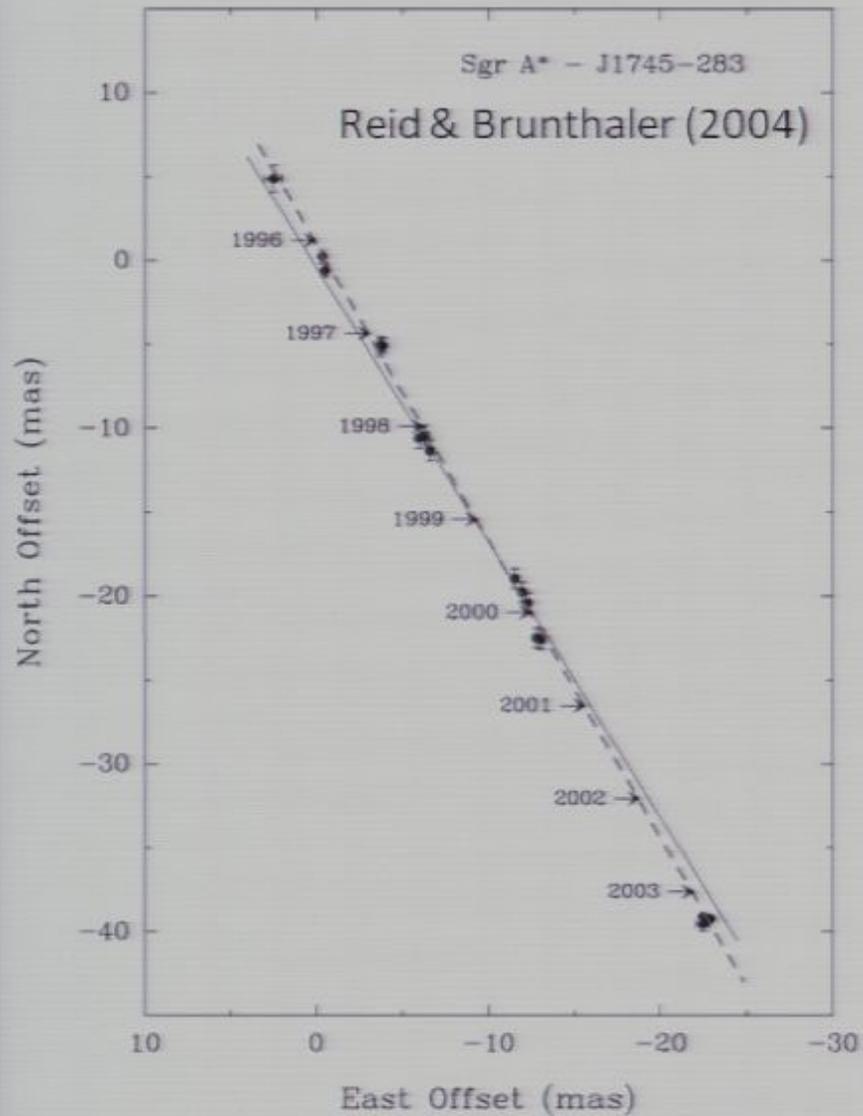
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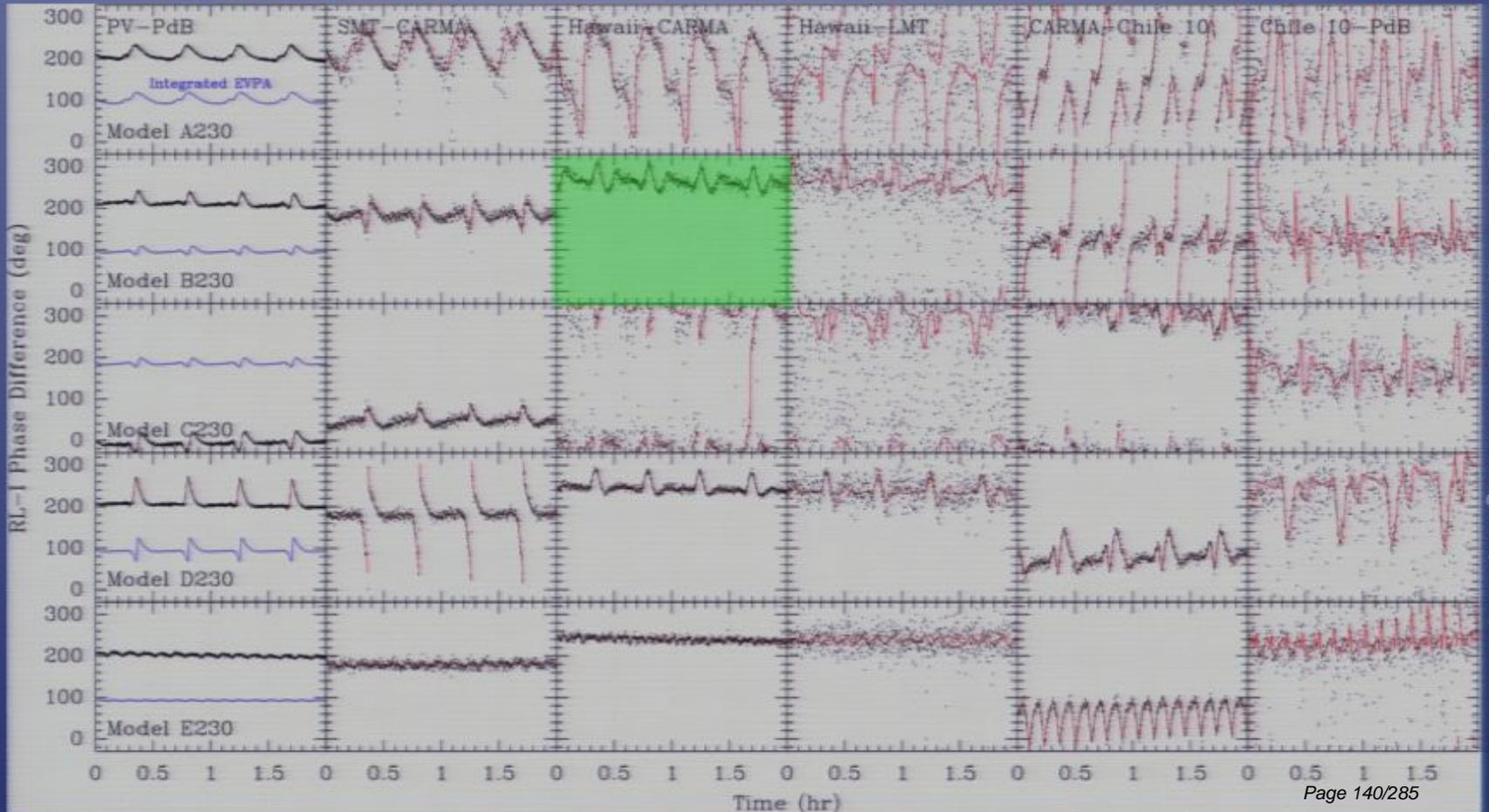
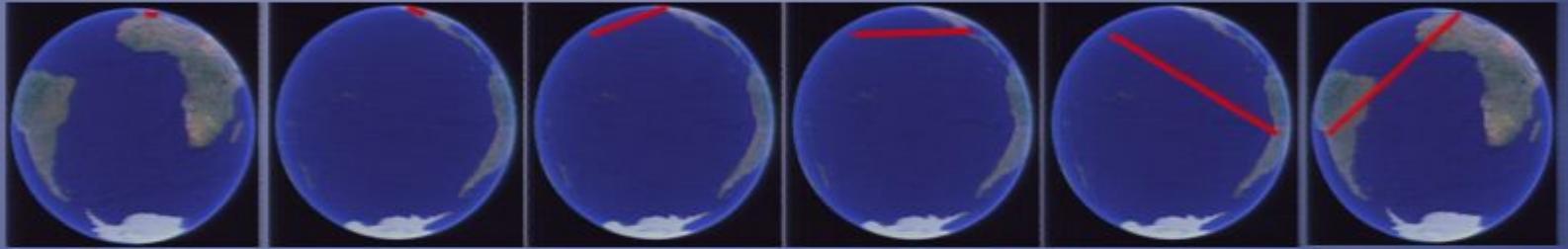
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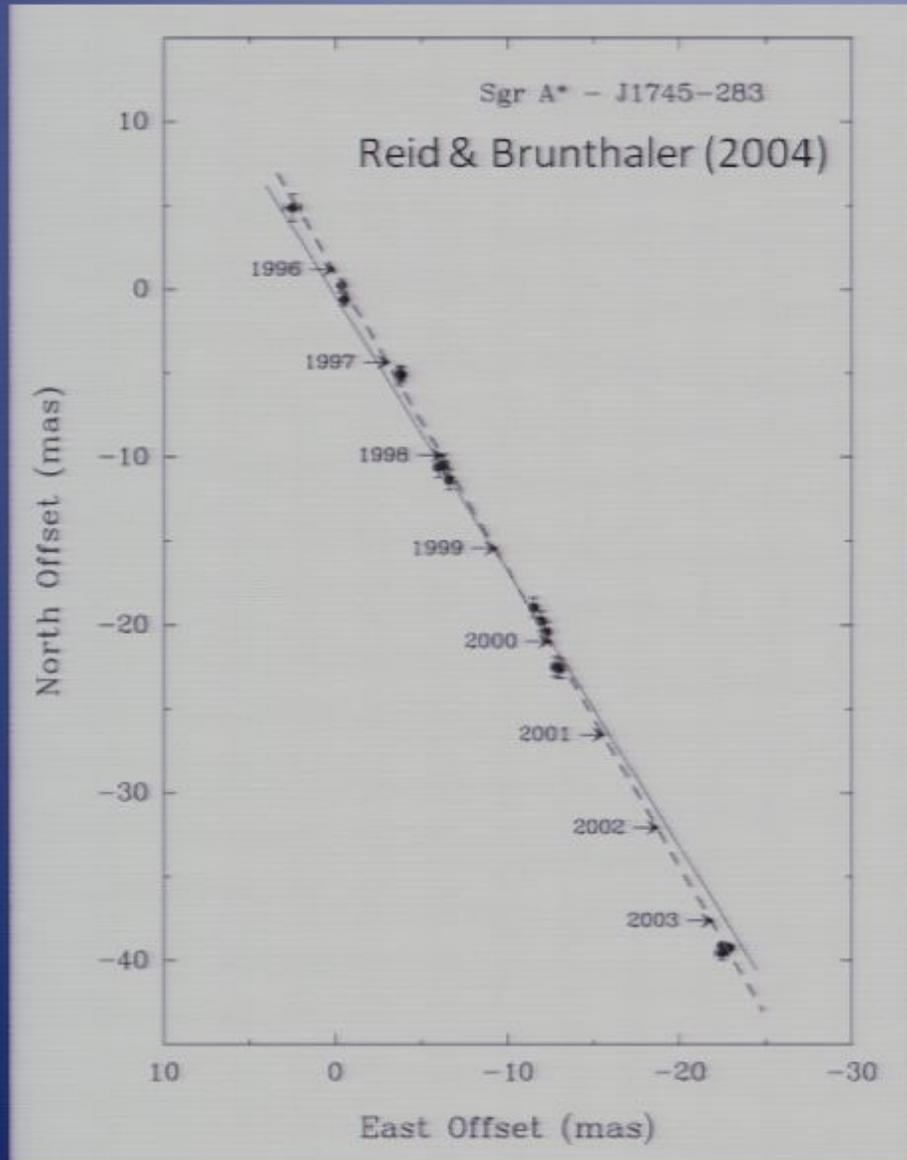
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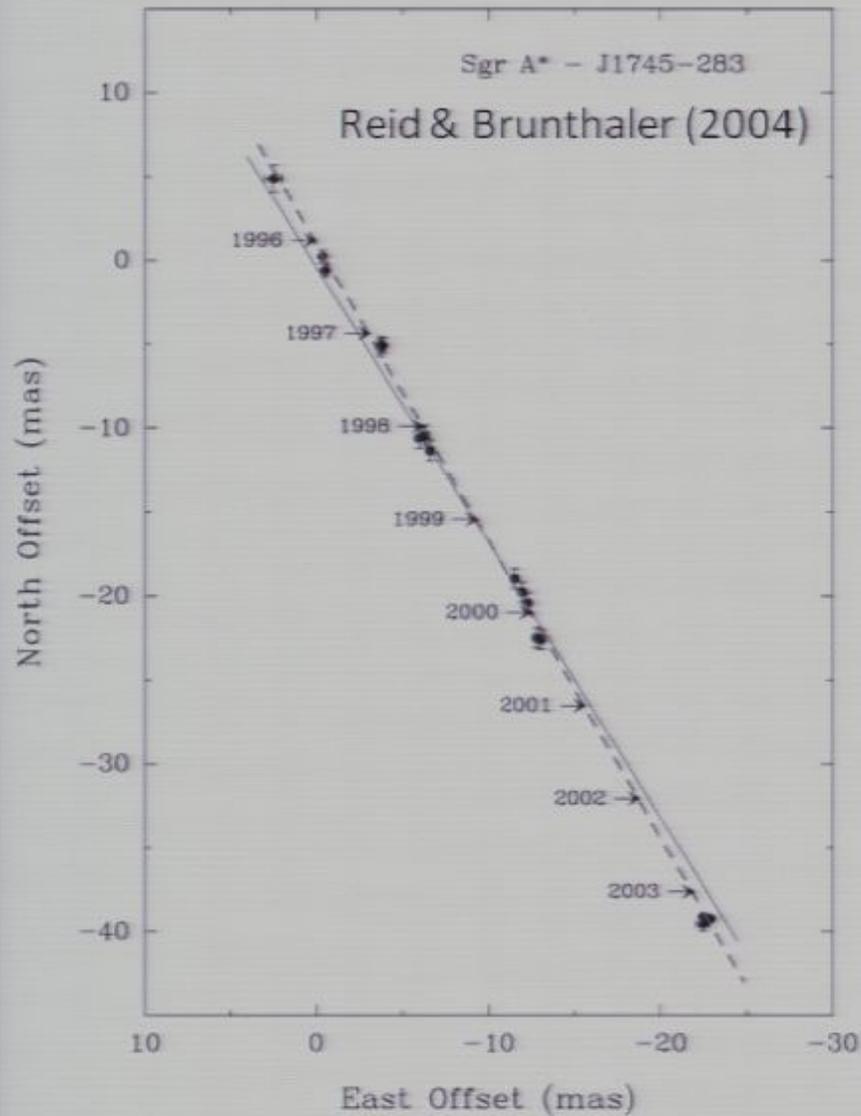
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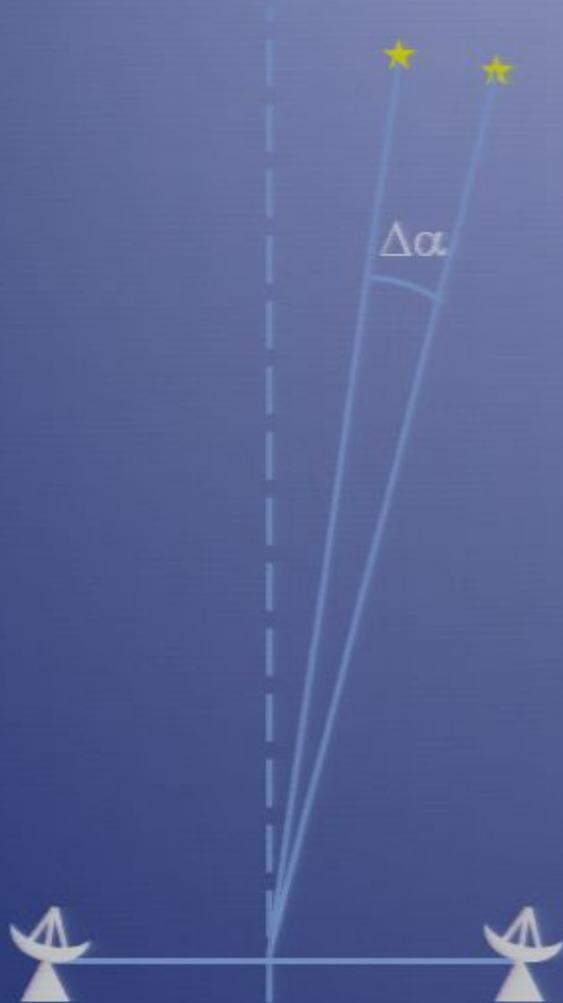
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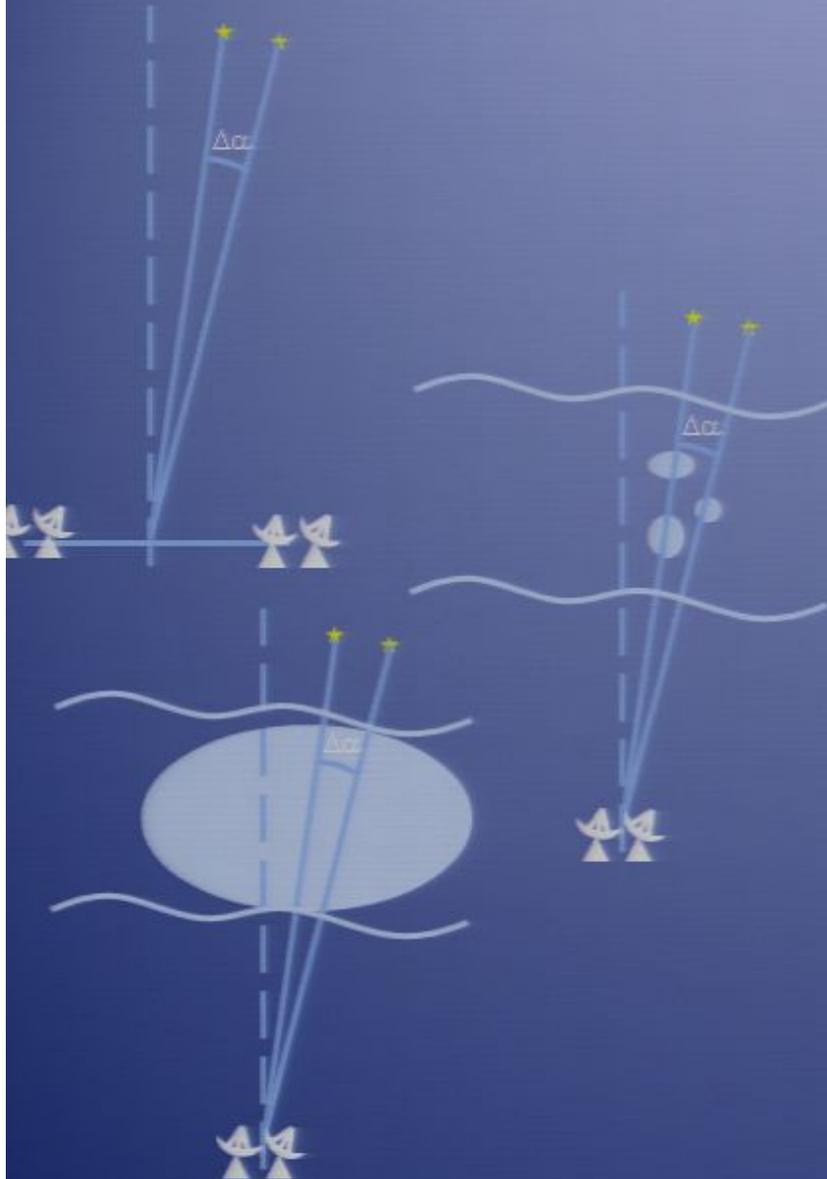
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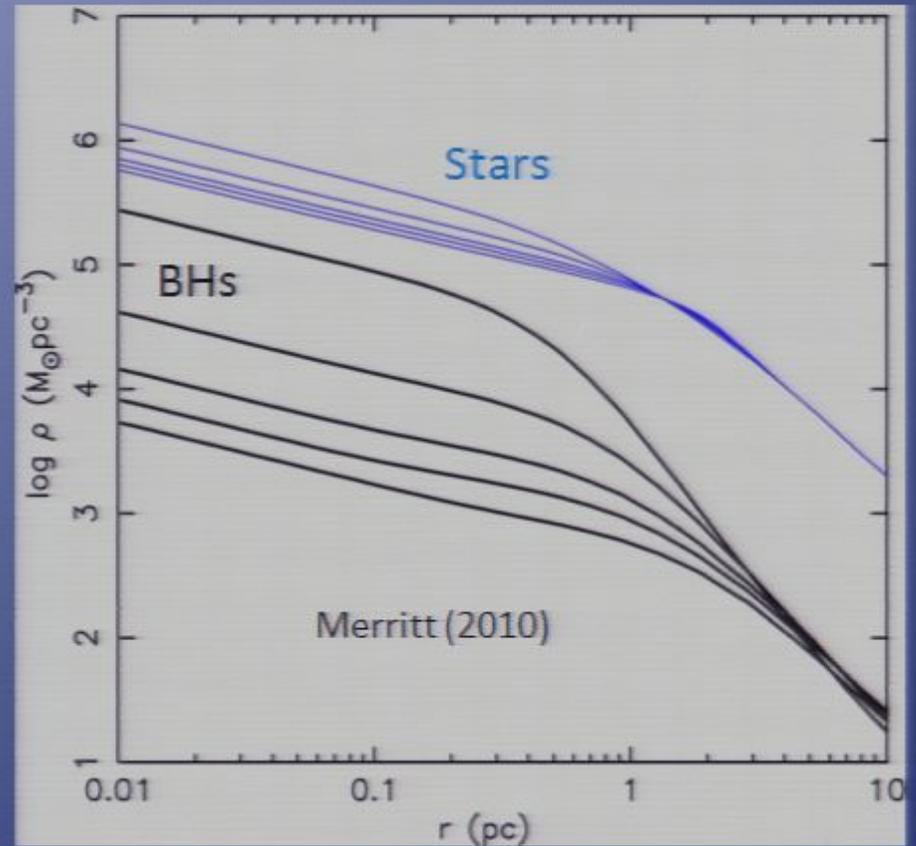
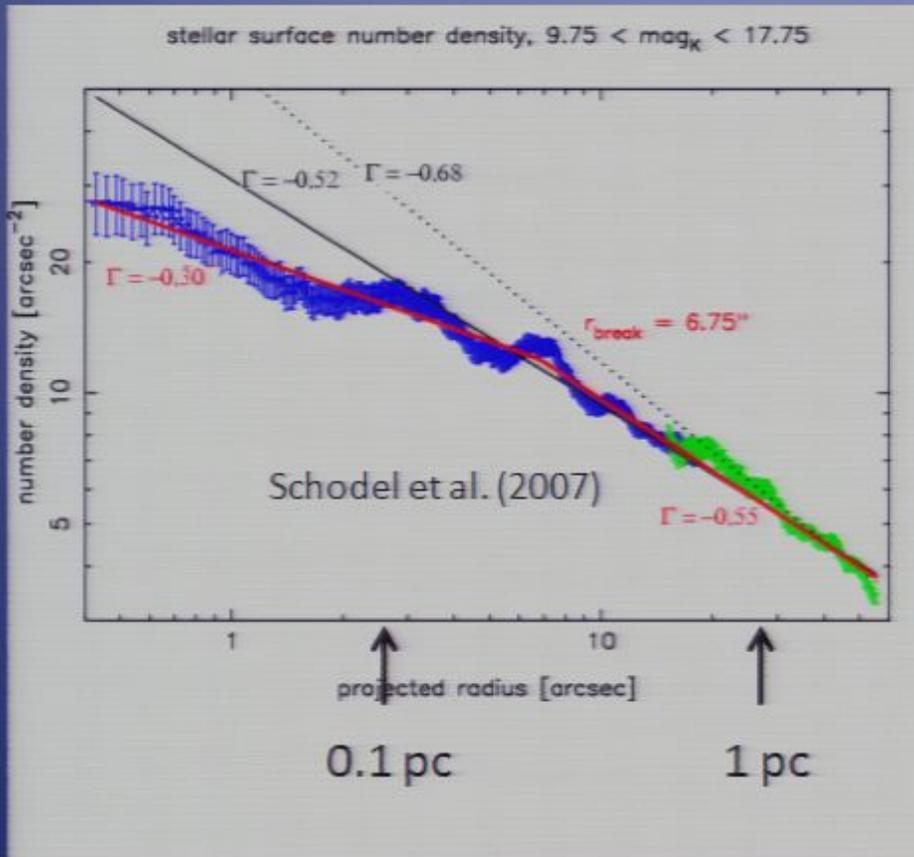
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- Short coherence time  
→ use sub-arrays
- Short-time scale atmospheric phase errors average out
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  - Geodetic blocks
  - GPS
  - Multiple references
  - Time!

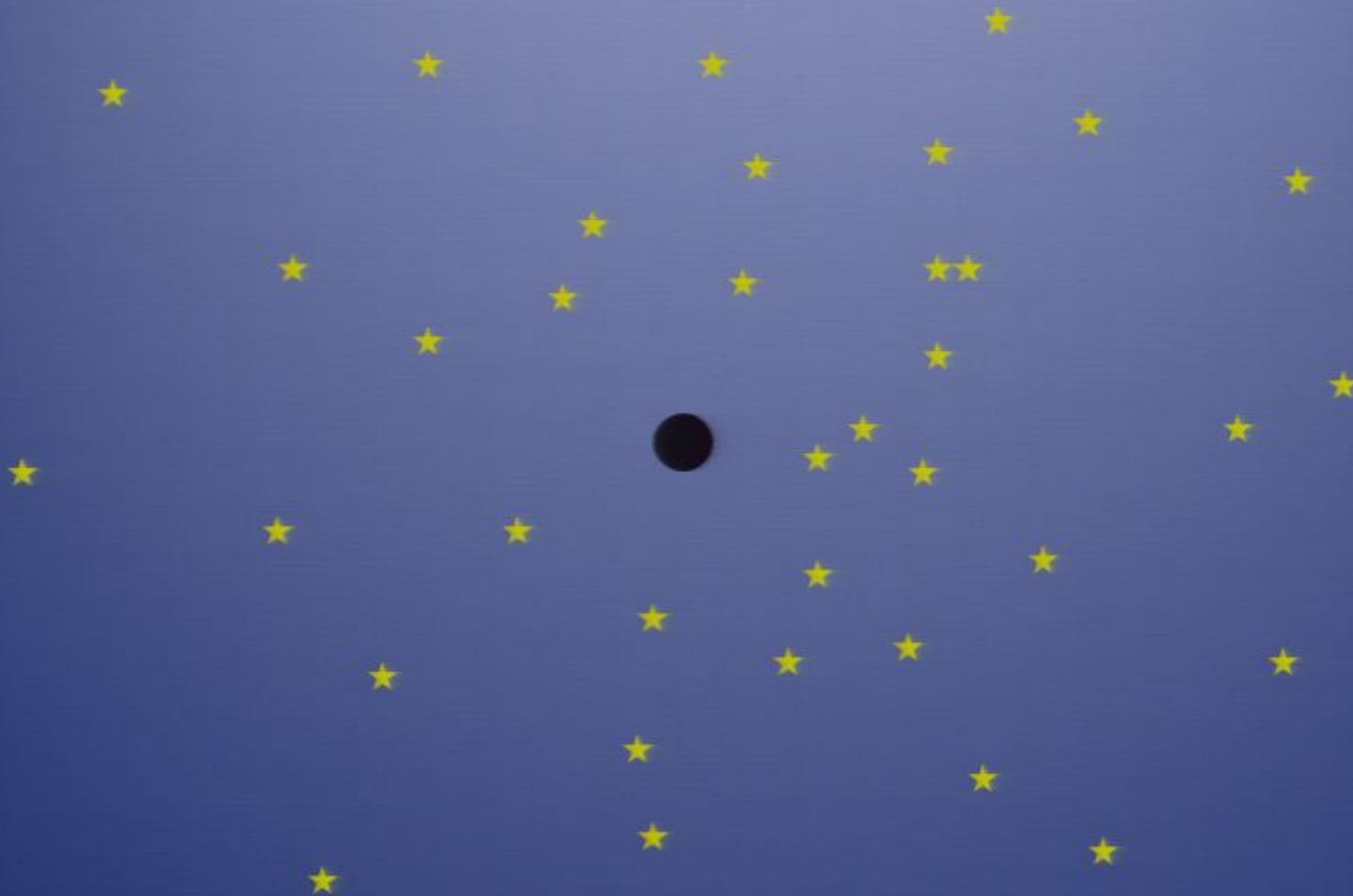
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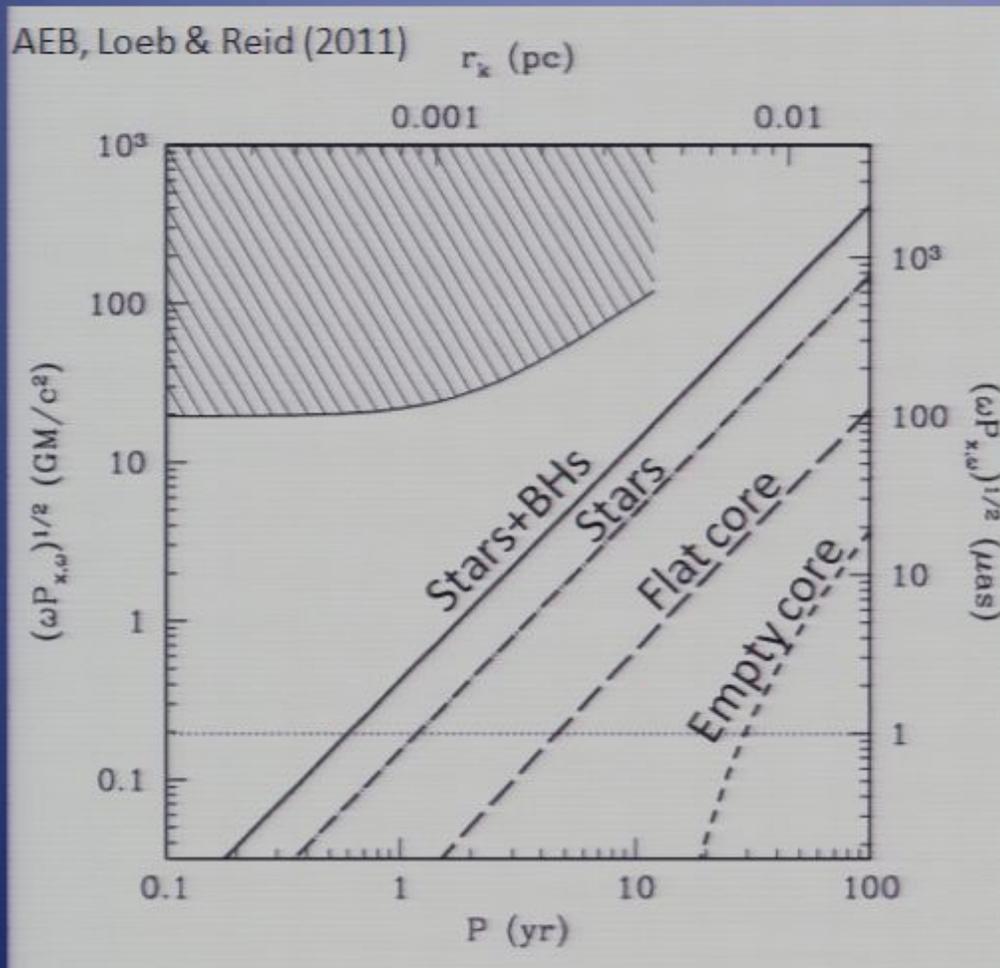
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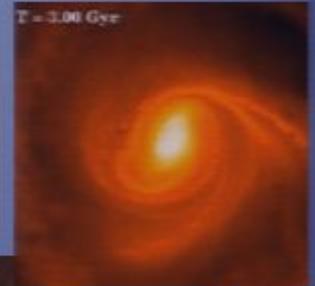


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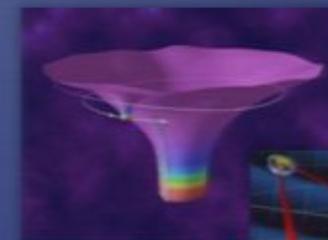
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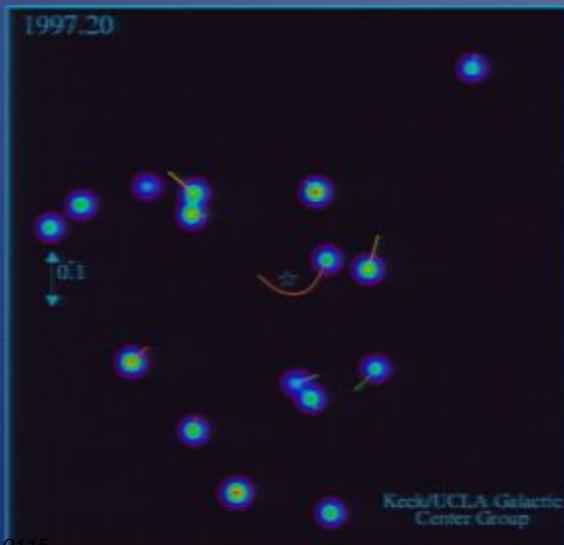
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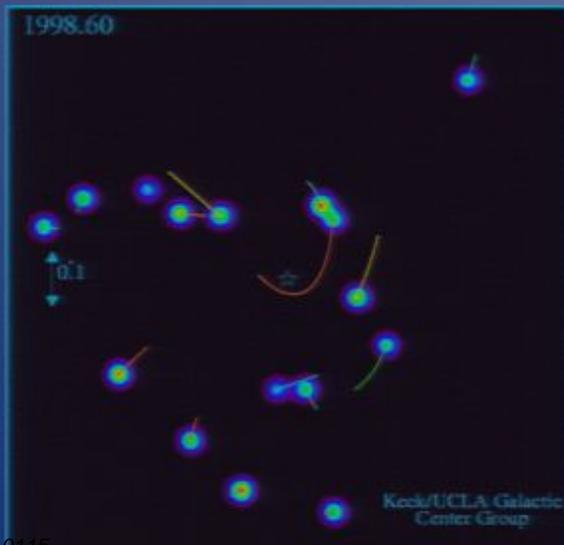


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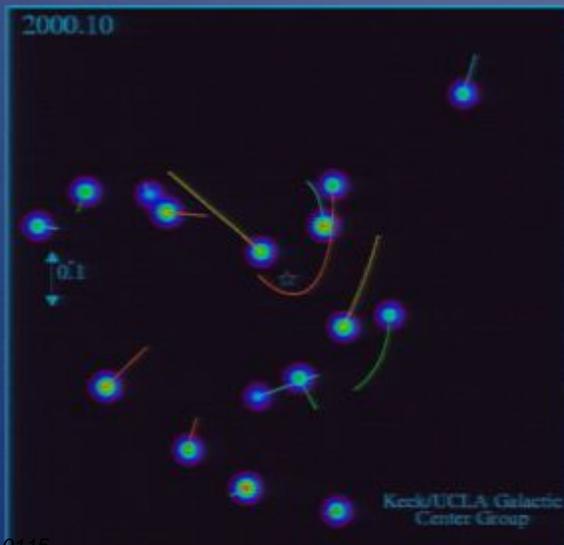
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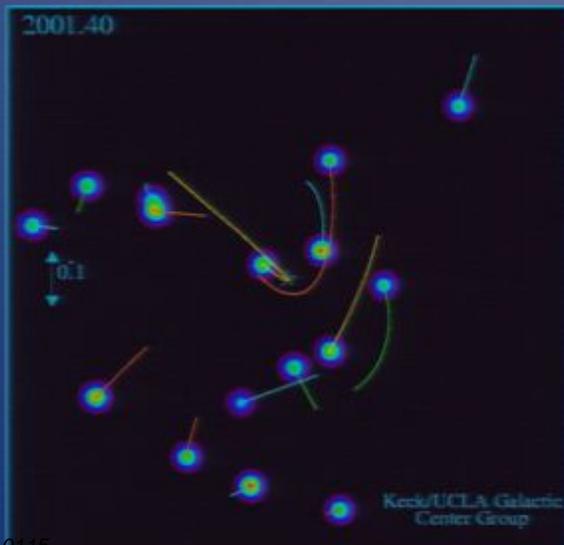


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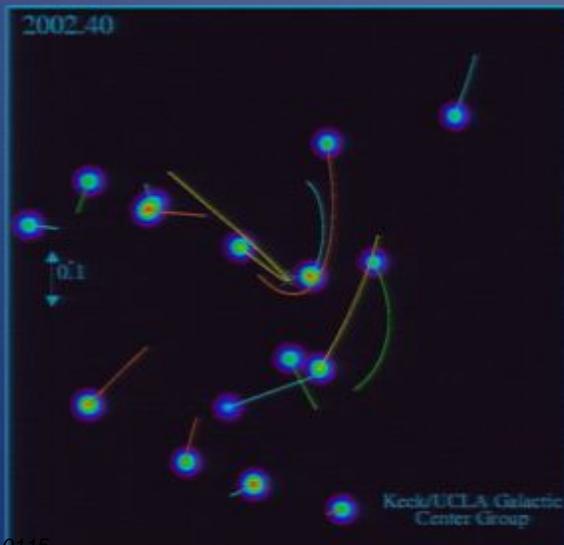


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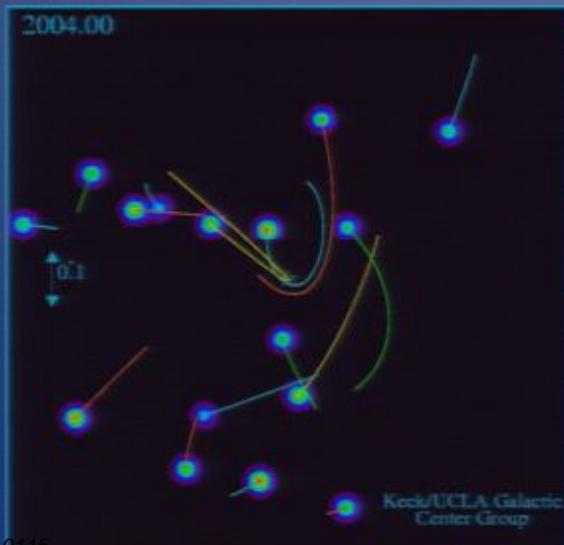
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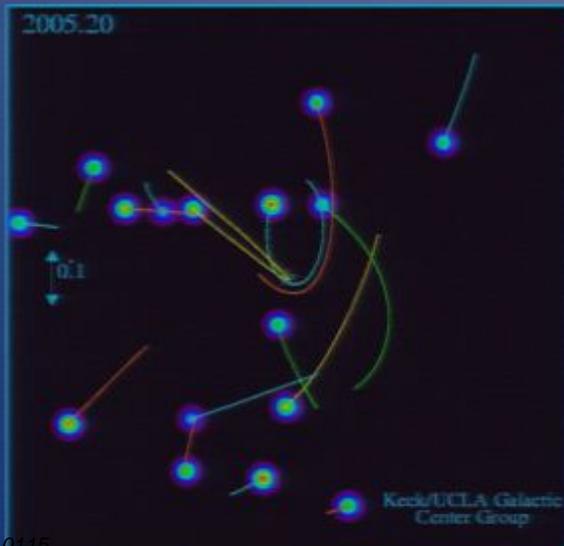
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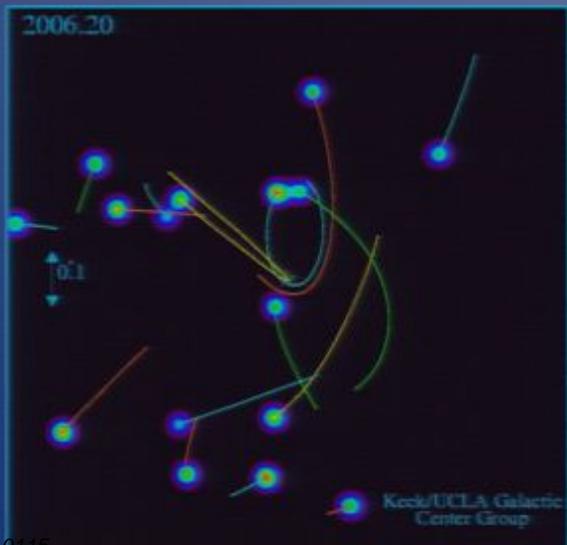


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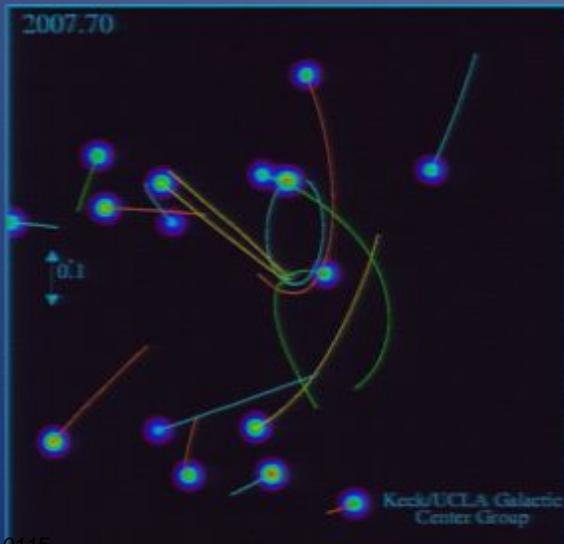


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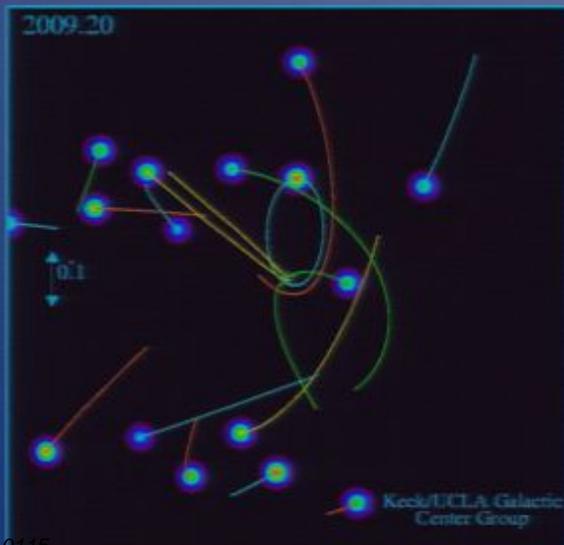


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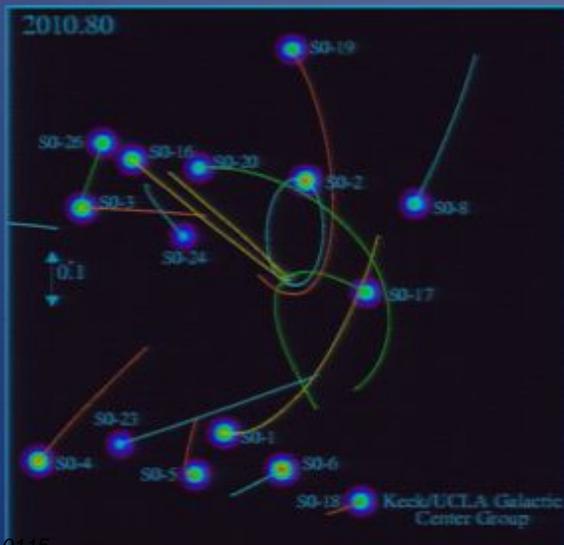
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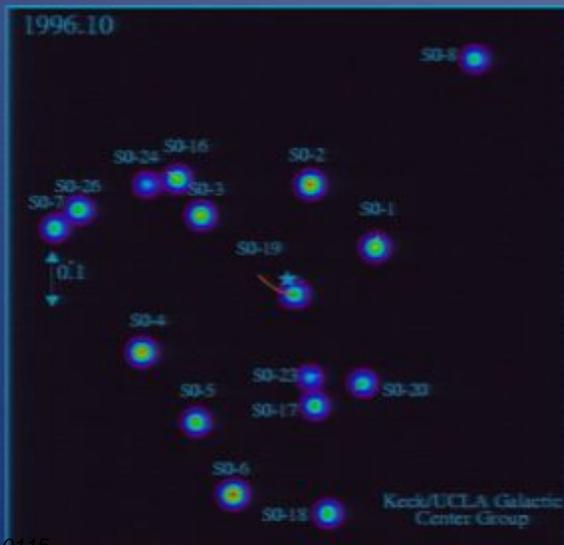


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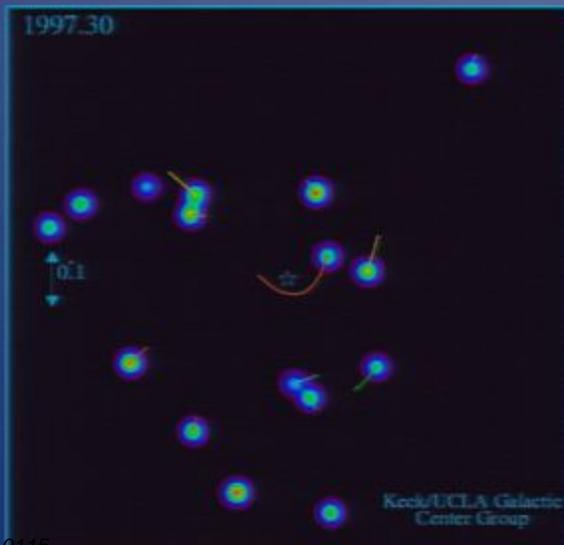


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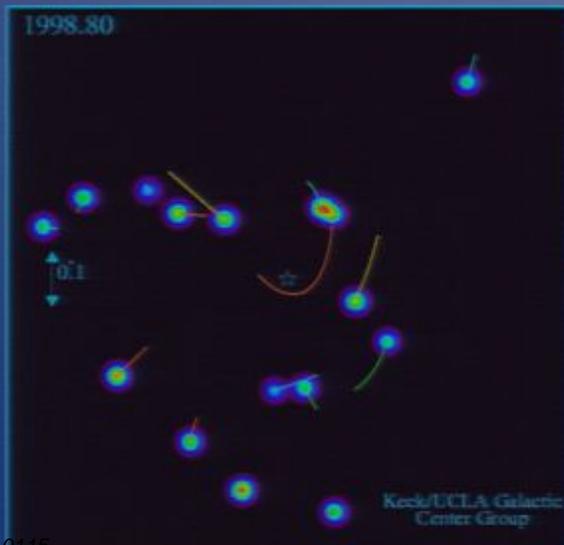


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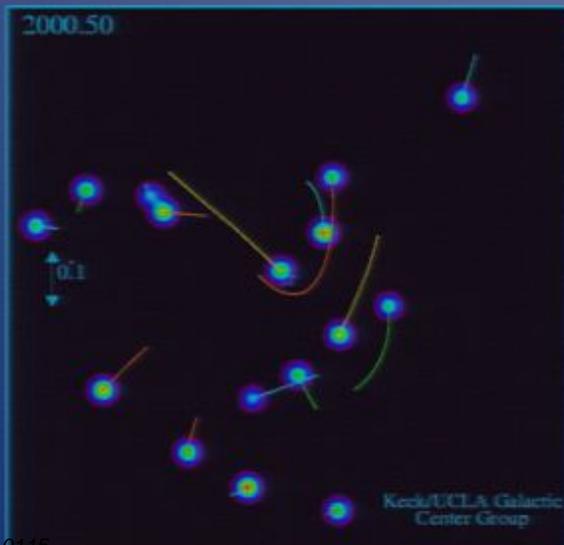


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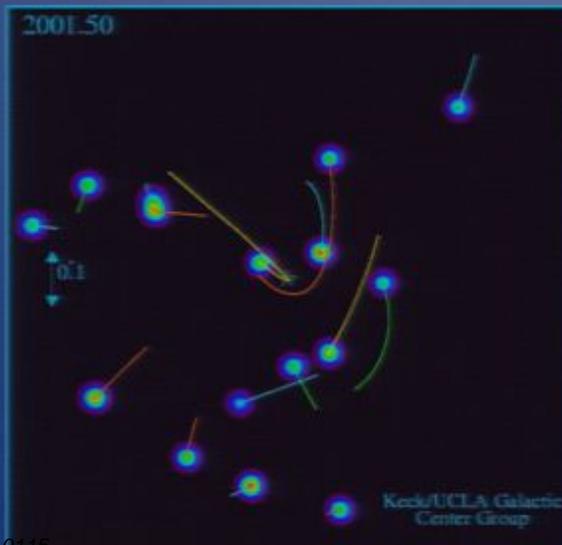


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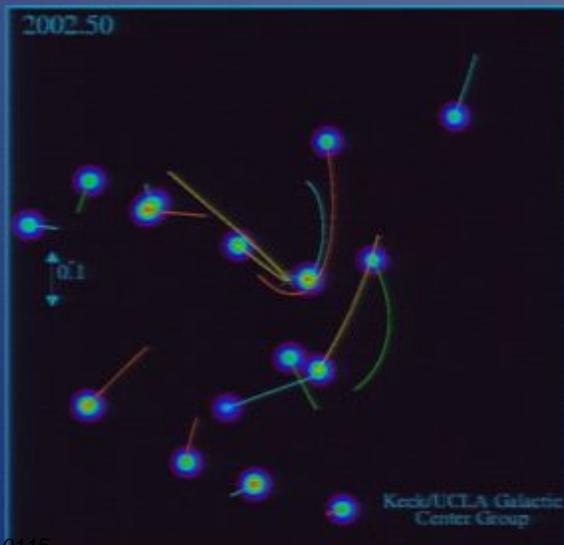


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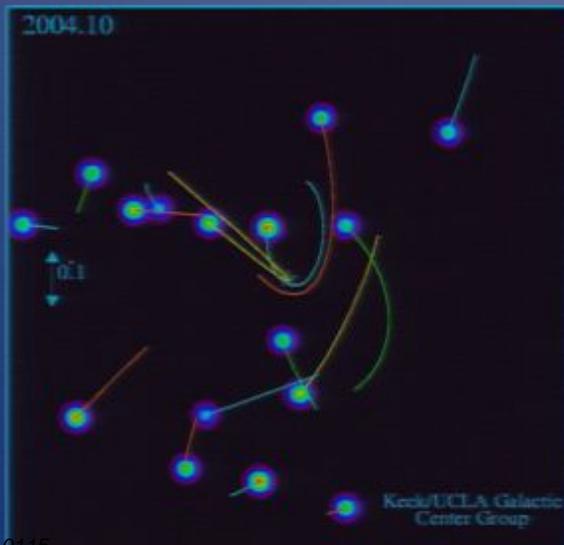
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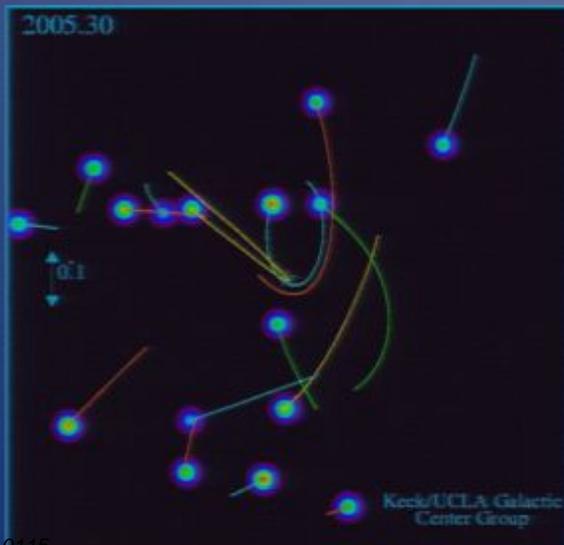
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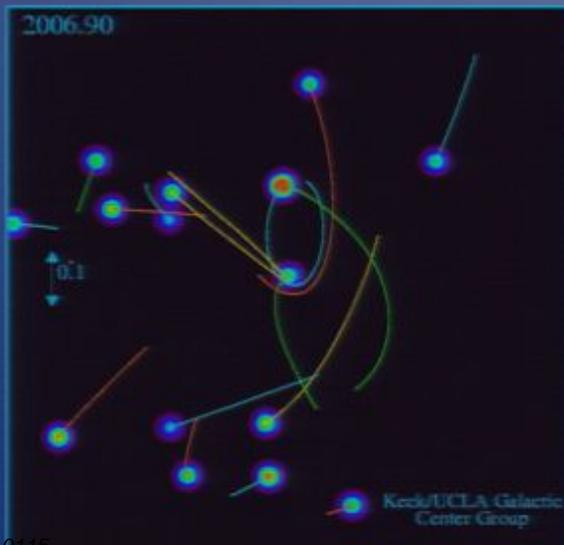


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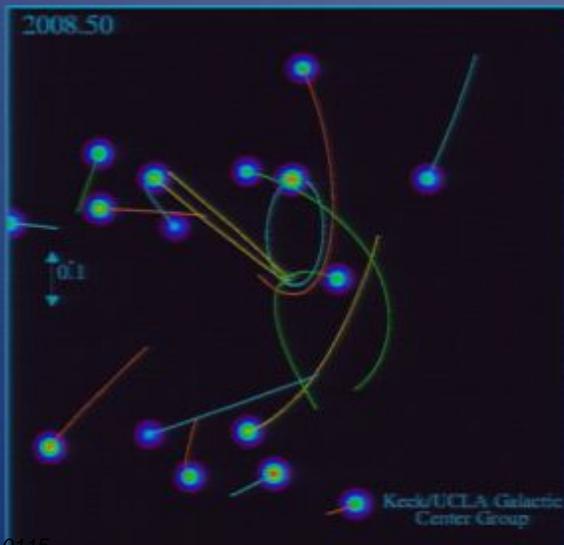
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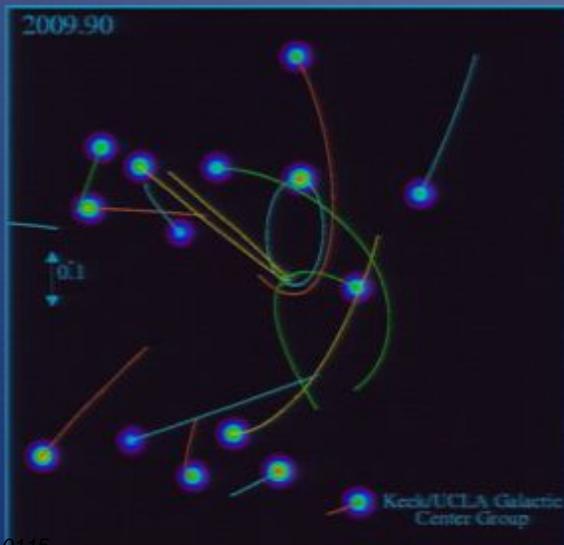


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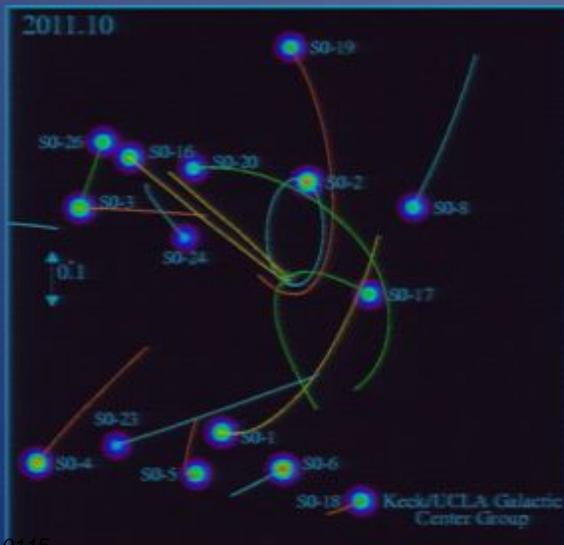
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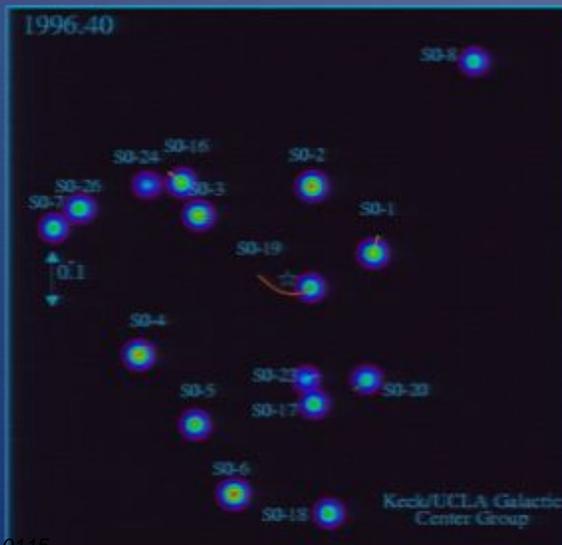


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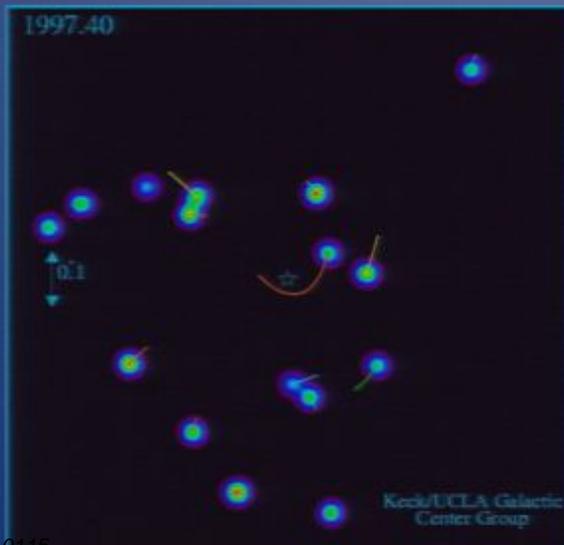


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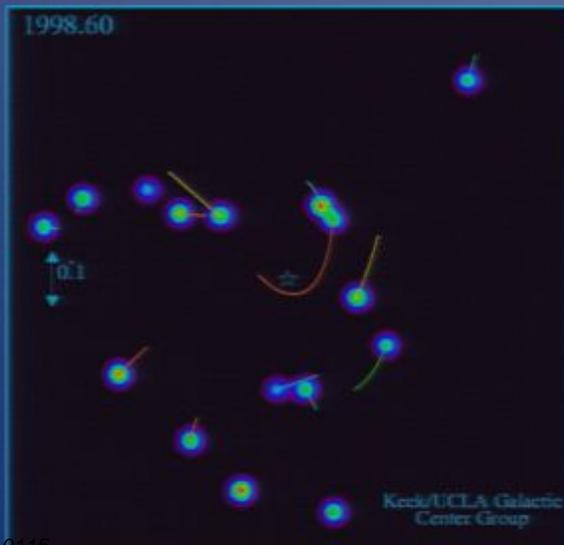
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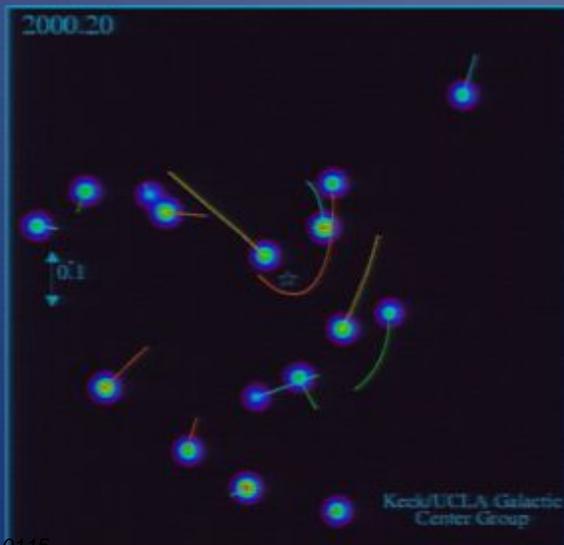
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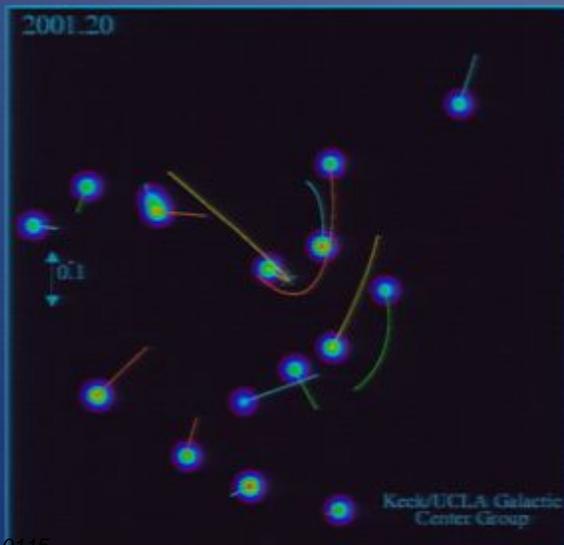
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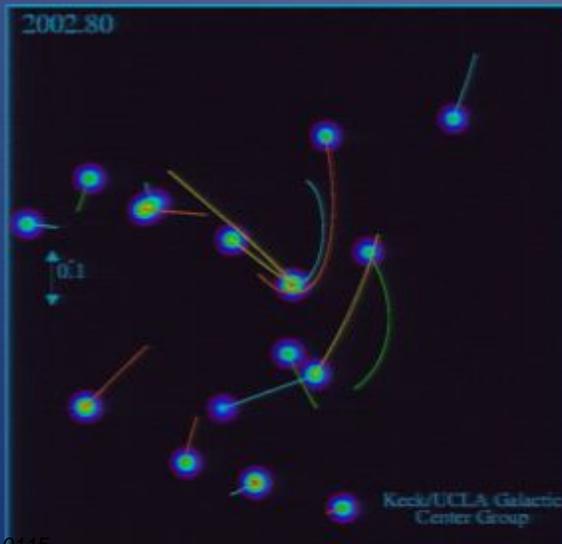


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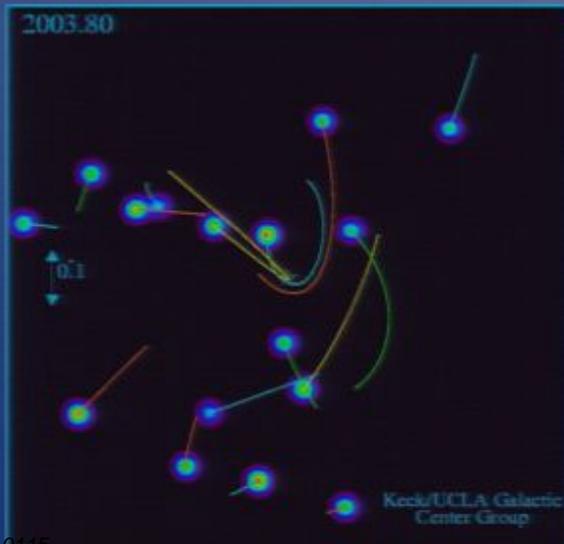


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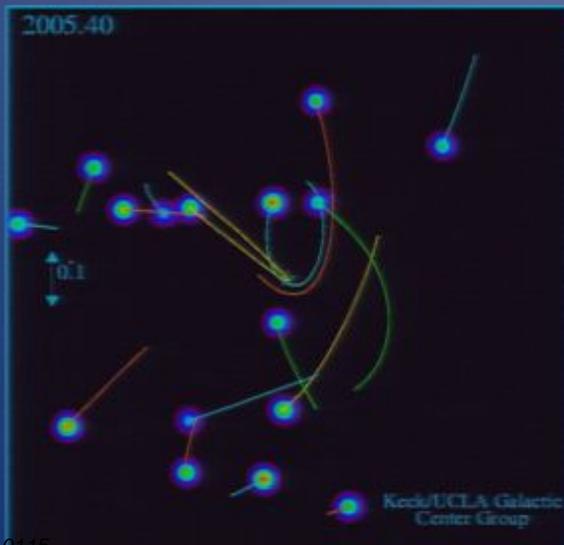
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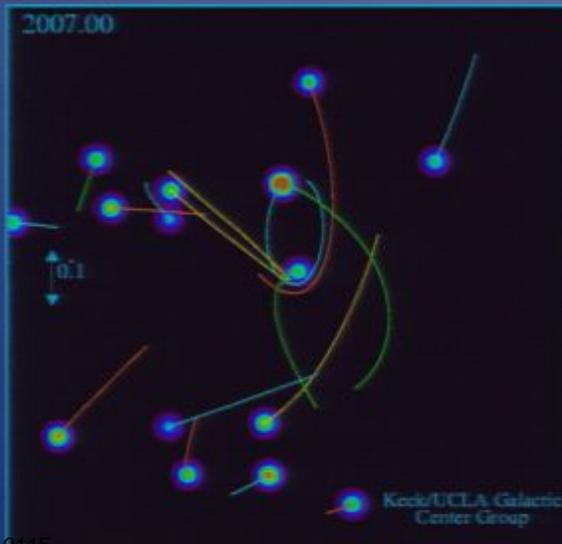
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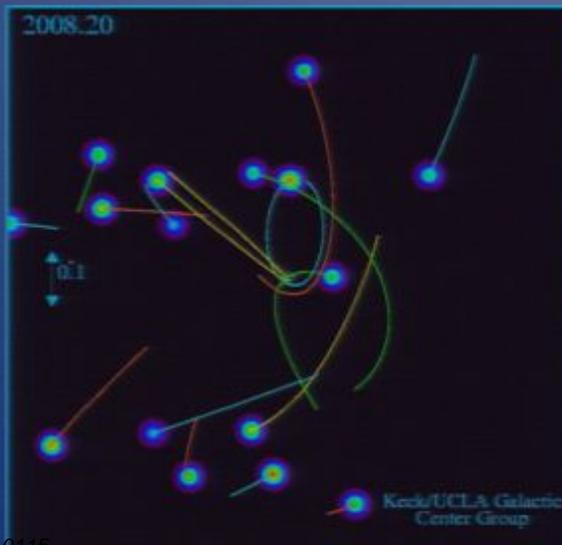
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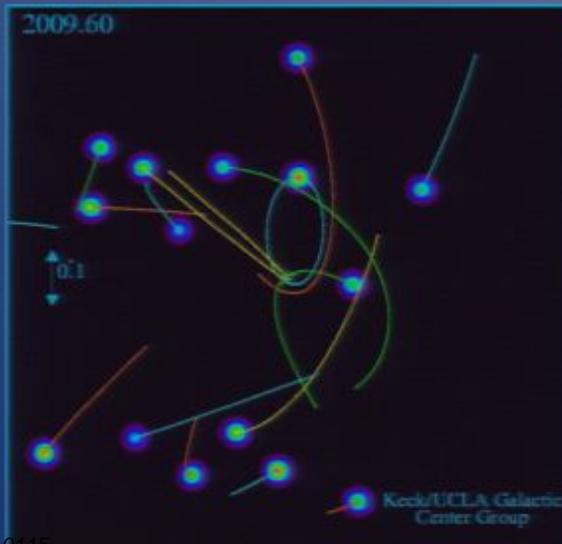


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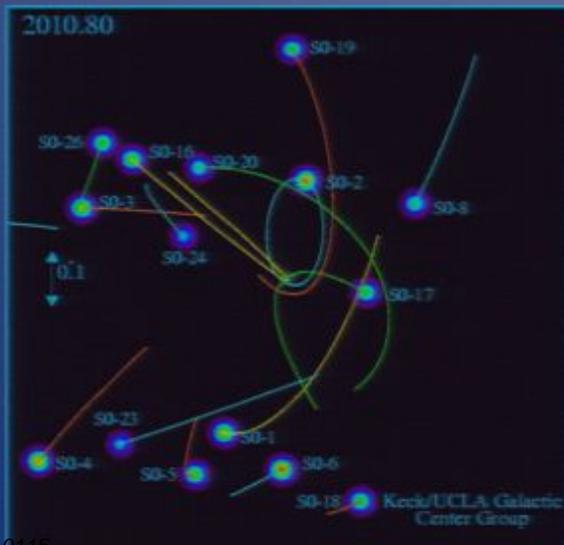


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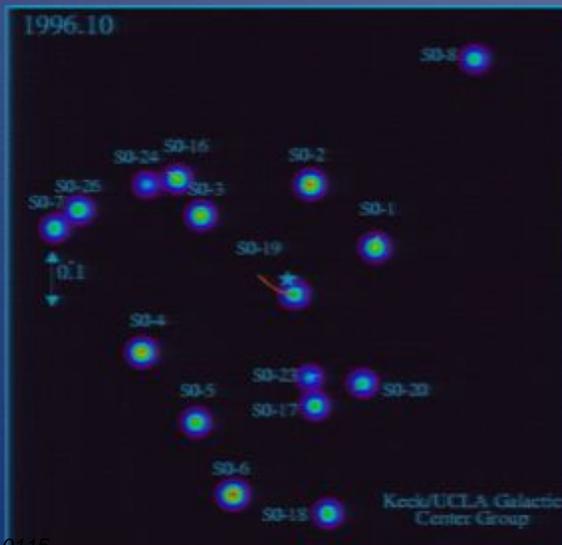


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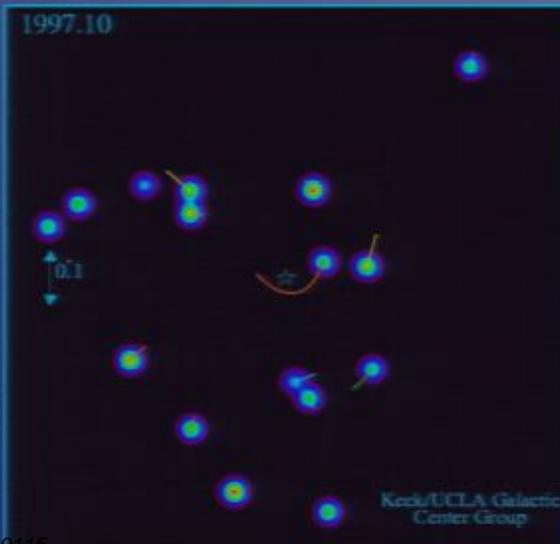
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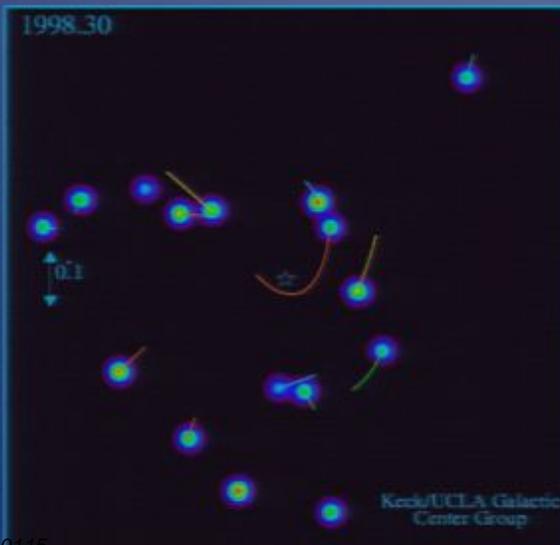
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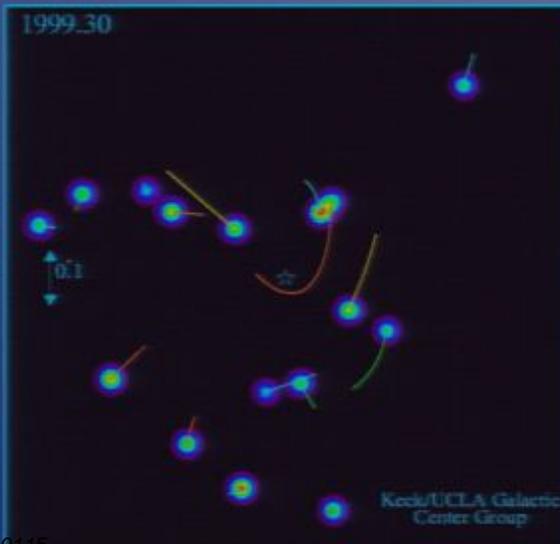
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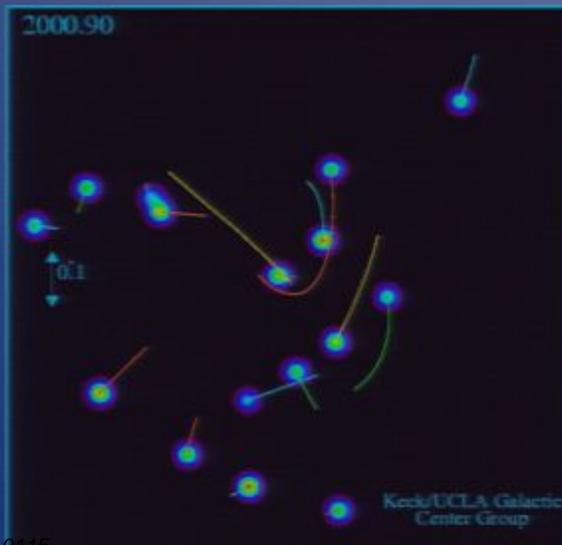
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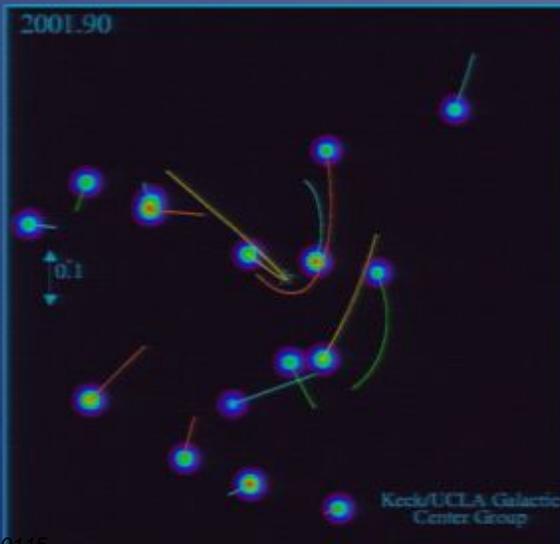
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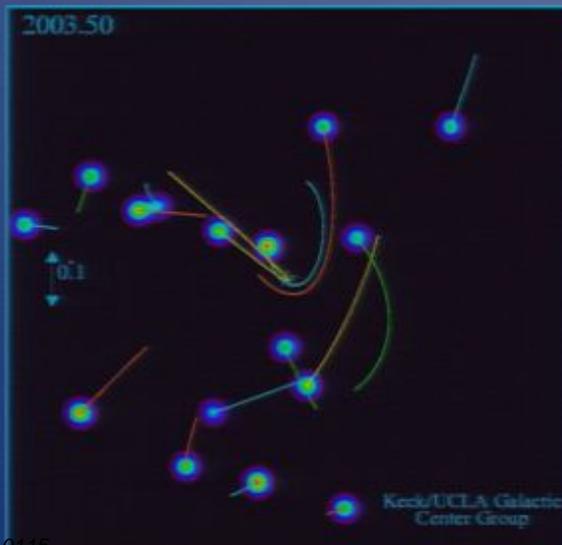
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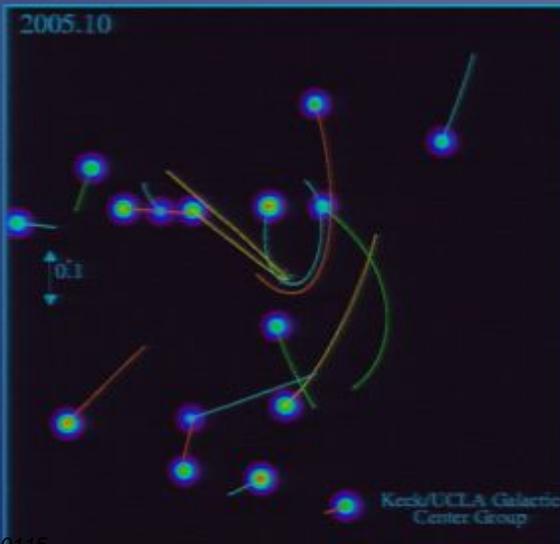
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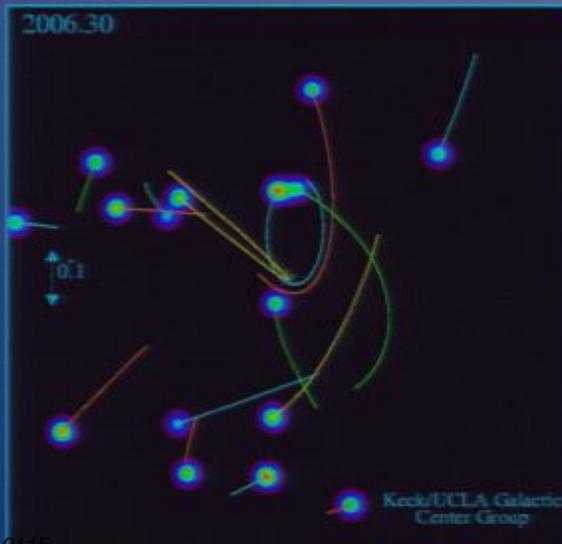
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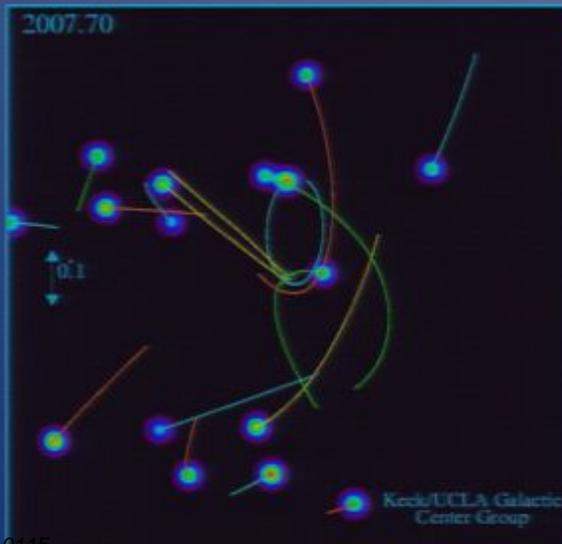
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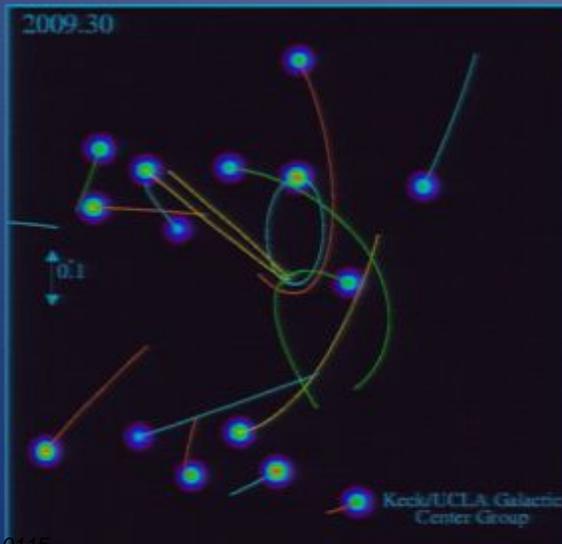
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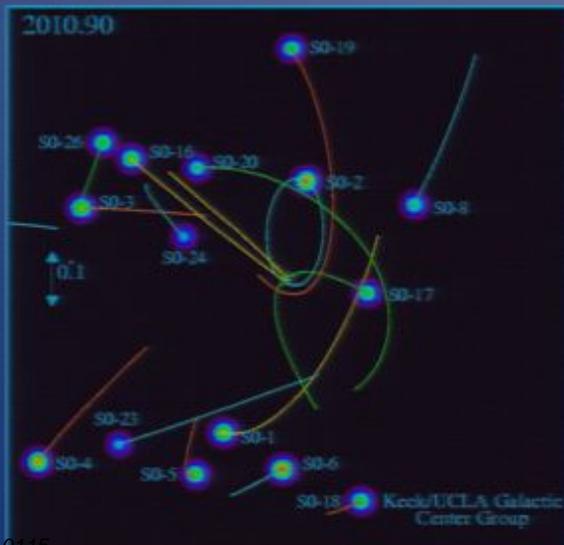
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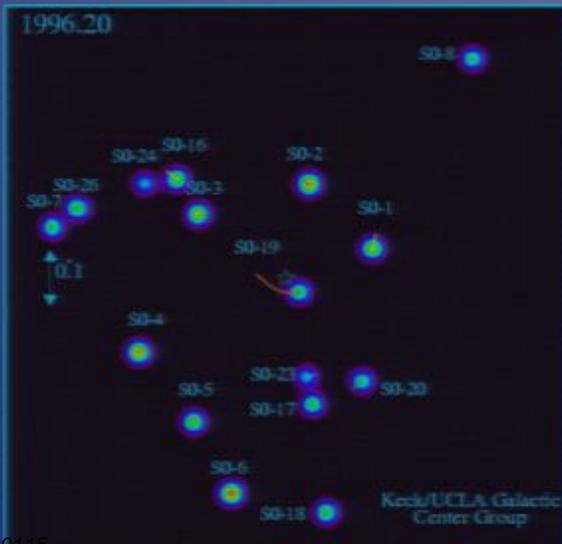
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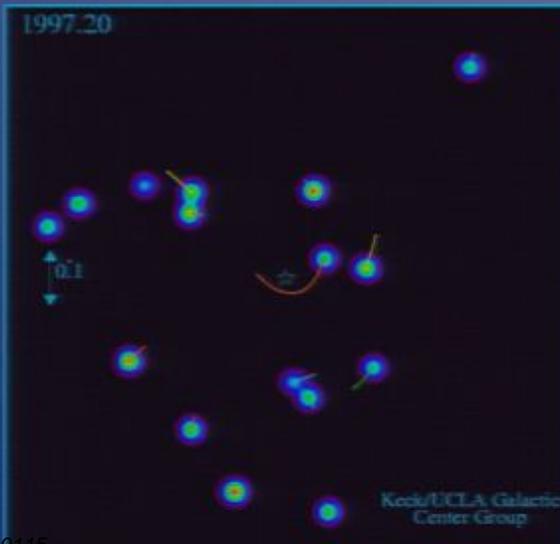
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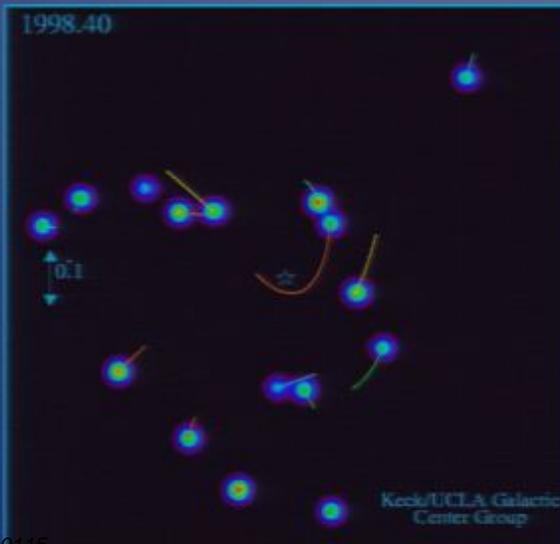
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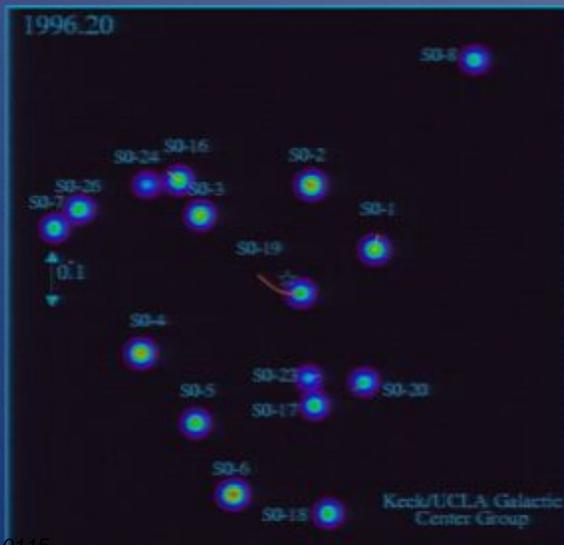
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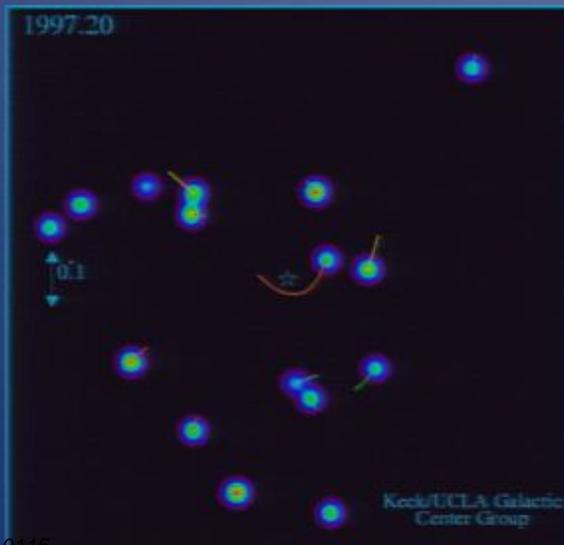


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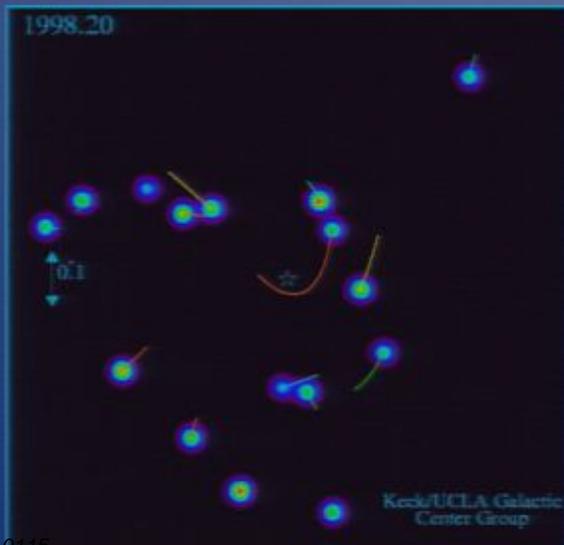
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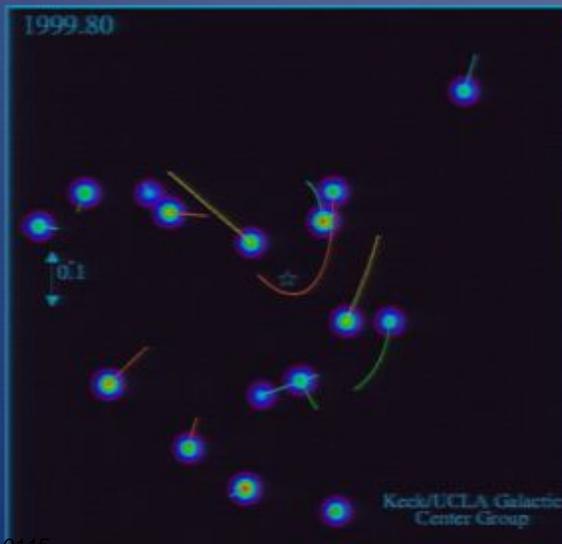
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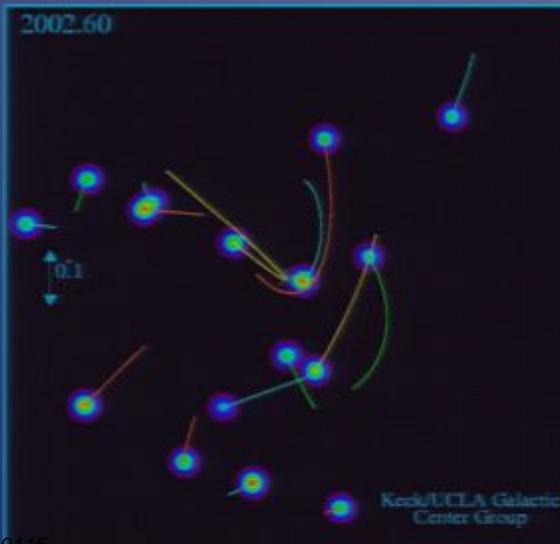


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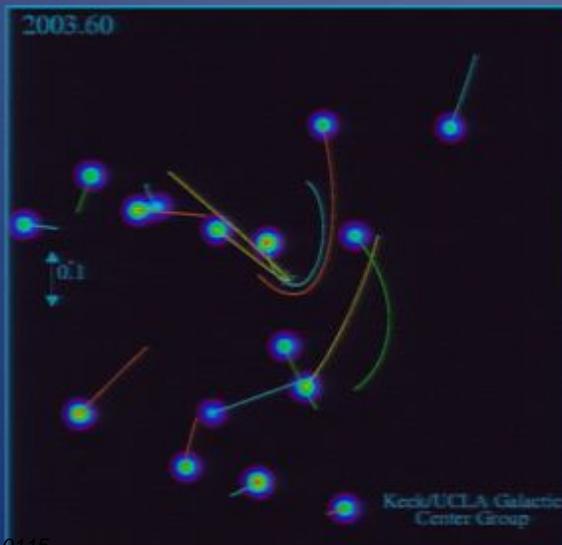


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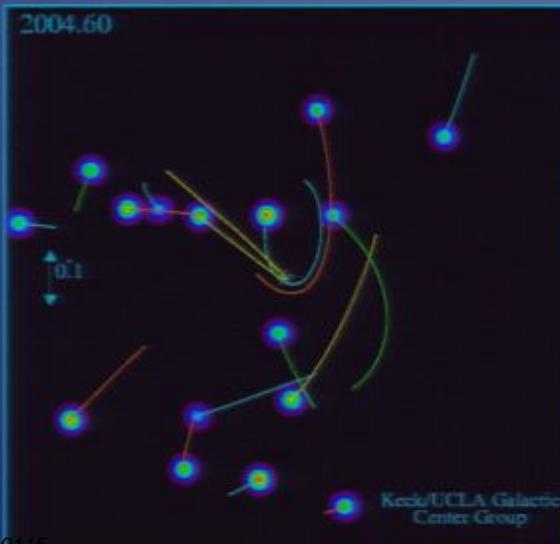
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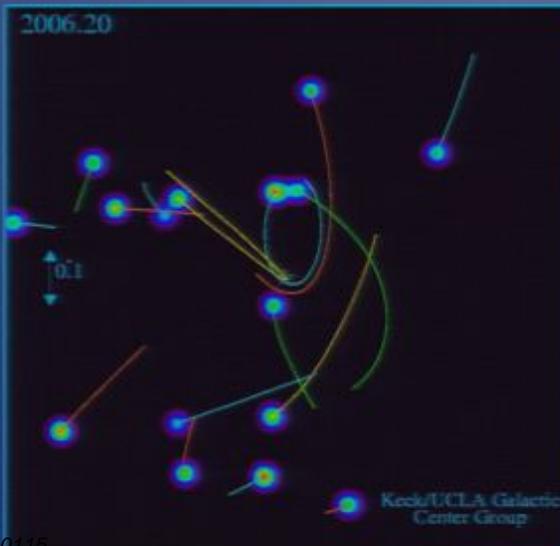
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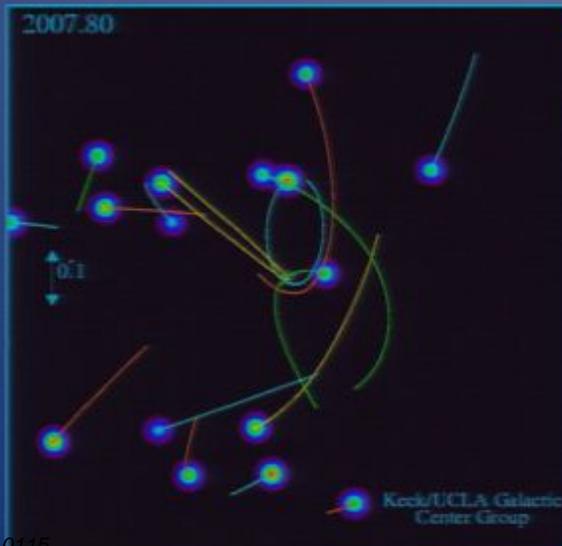


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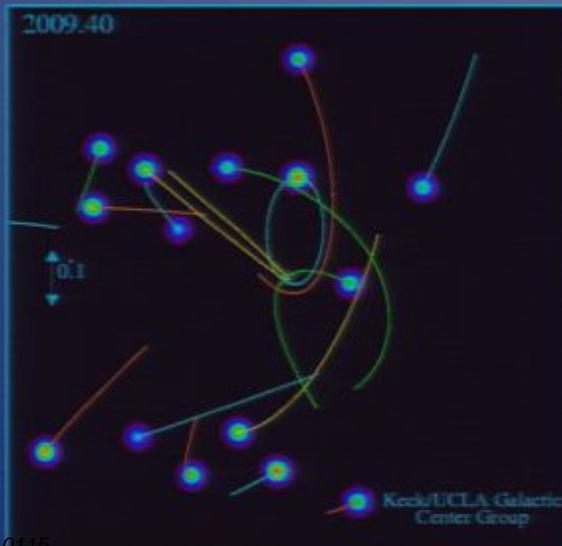
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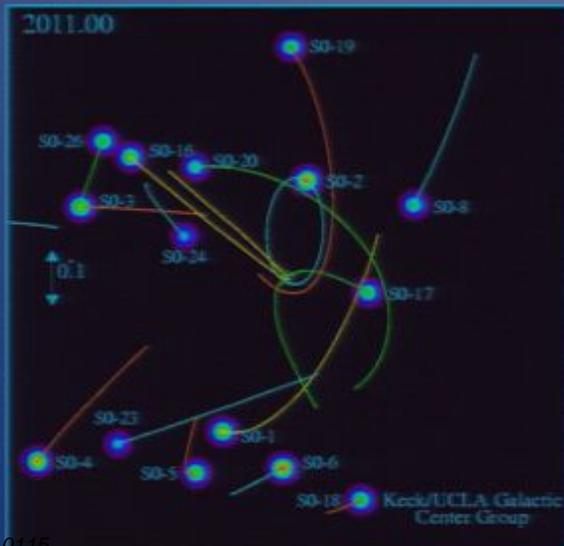


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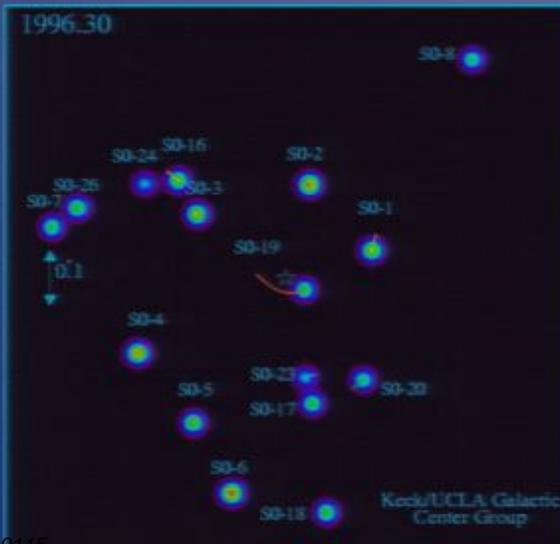


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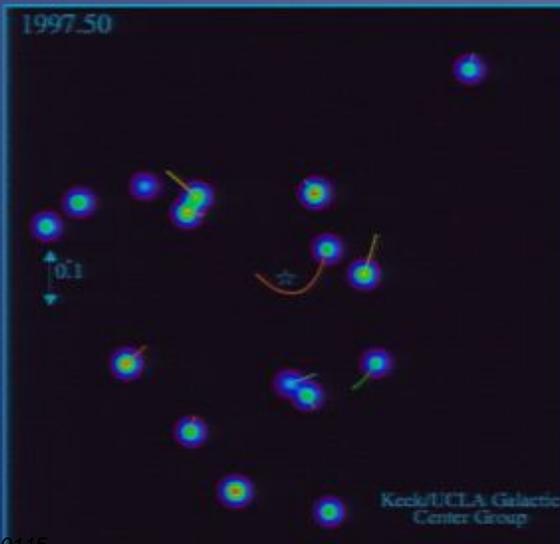
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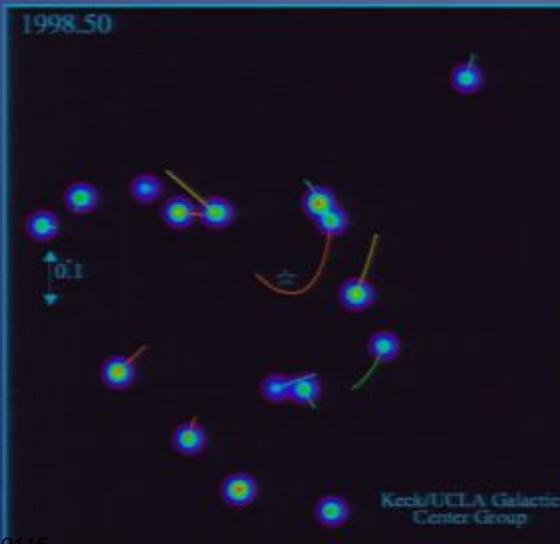
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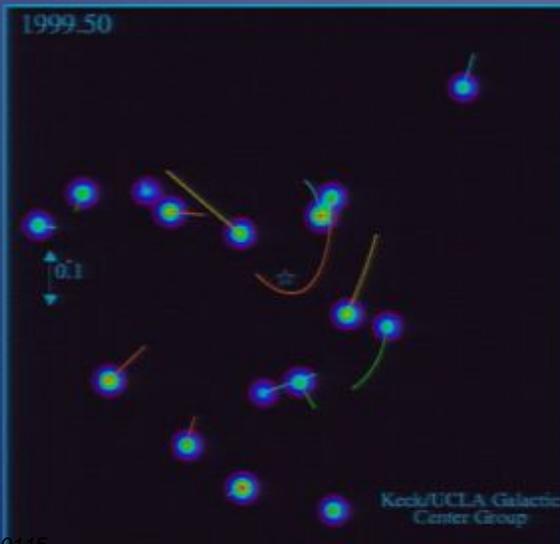
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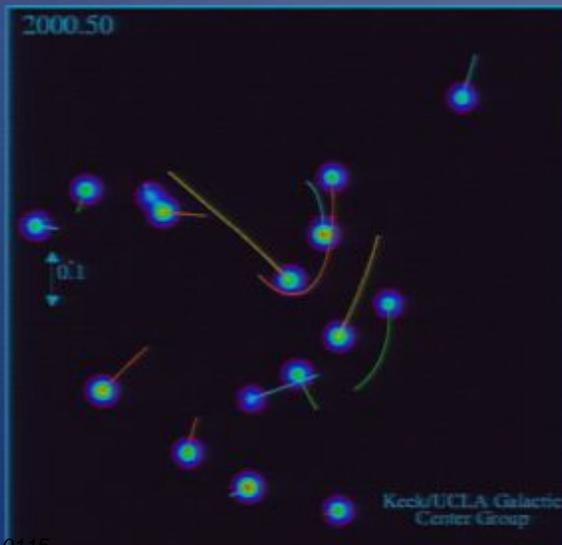
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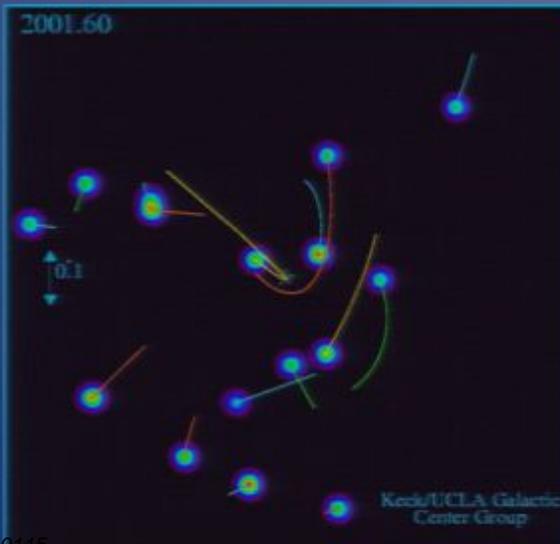
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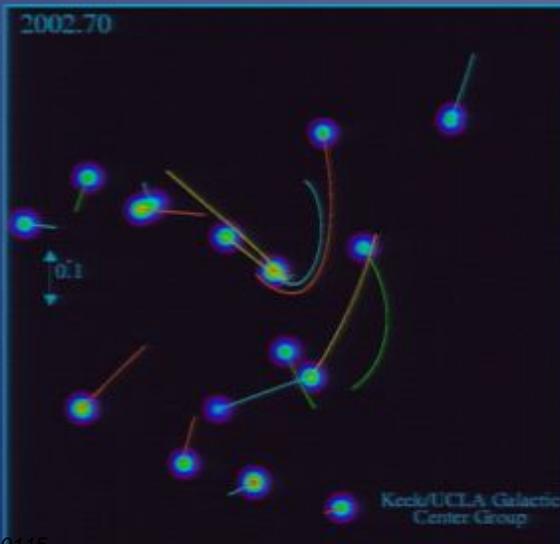
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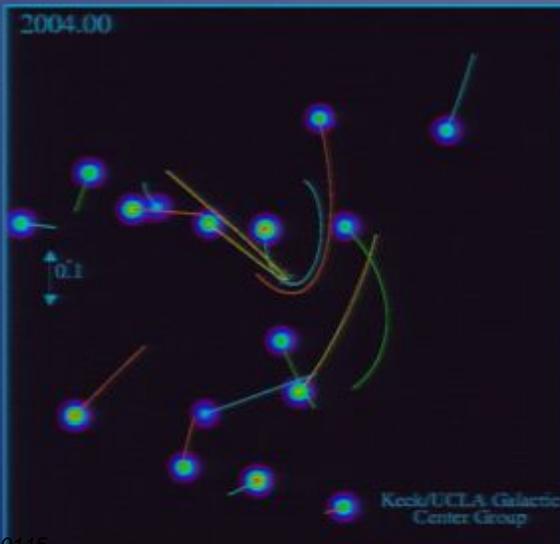
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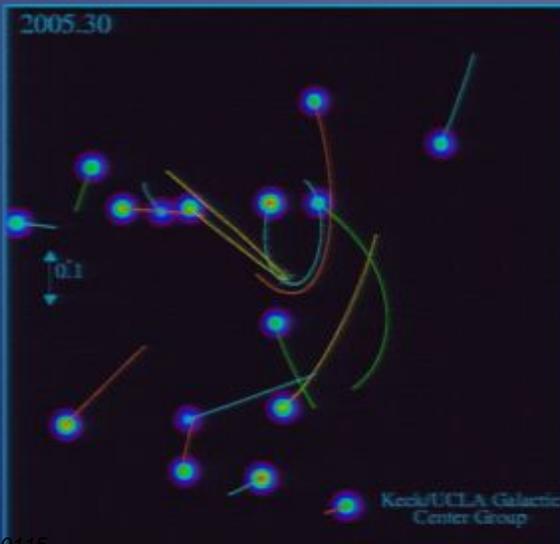
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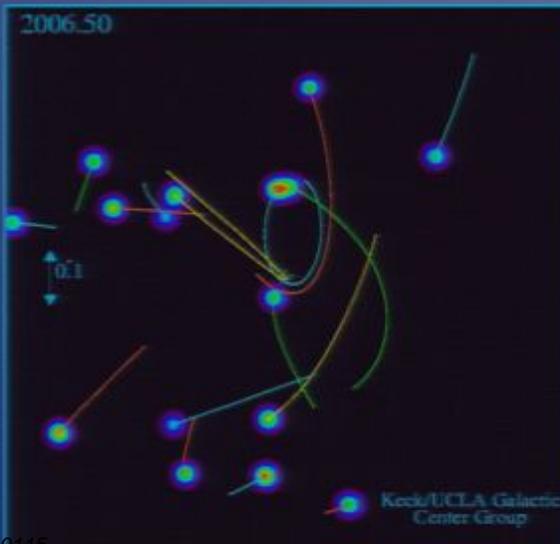
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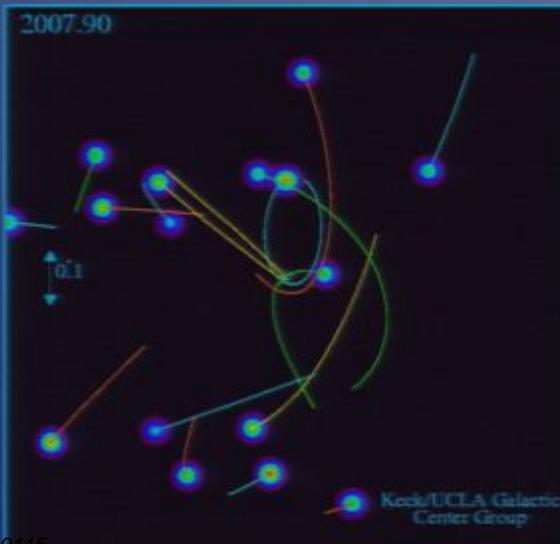
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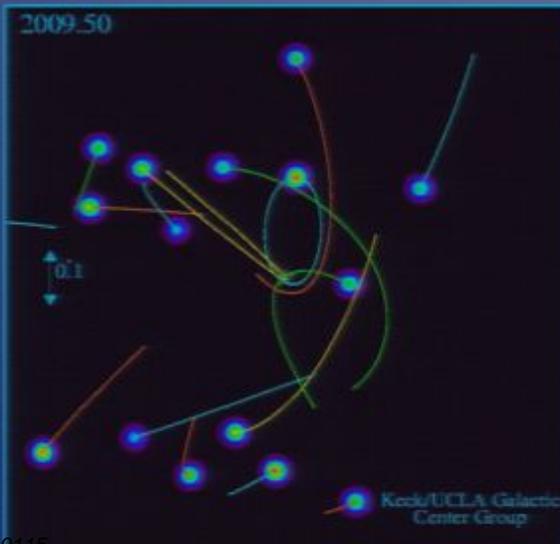
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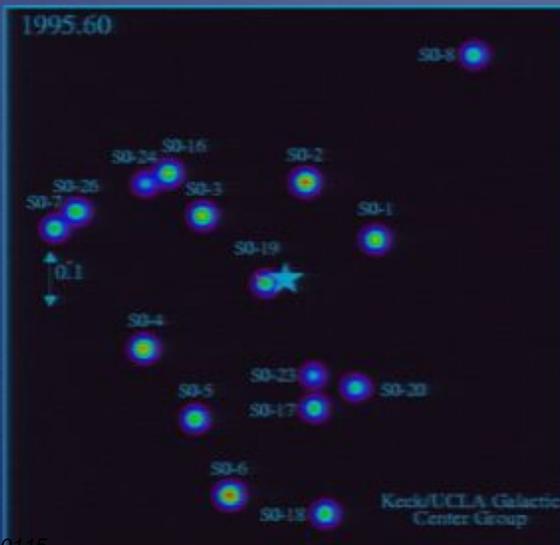
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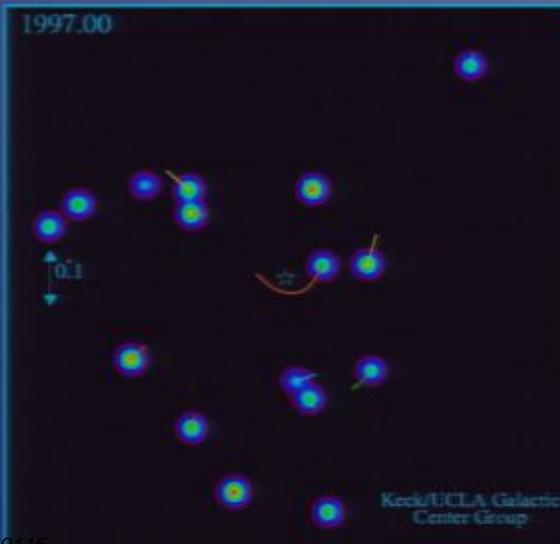
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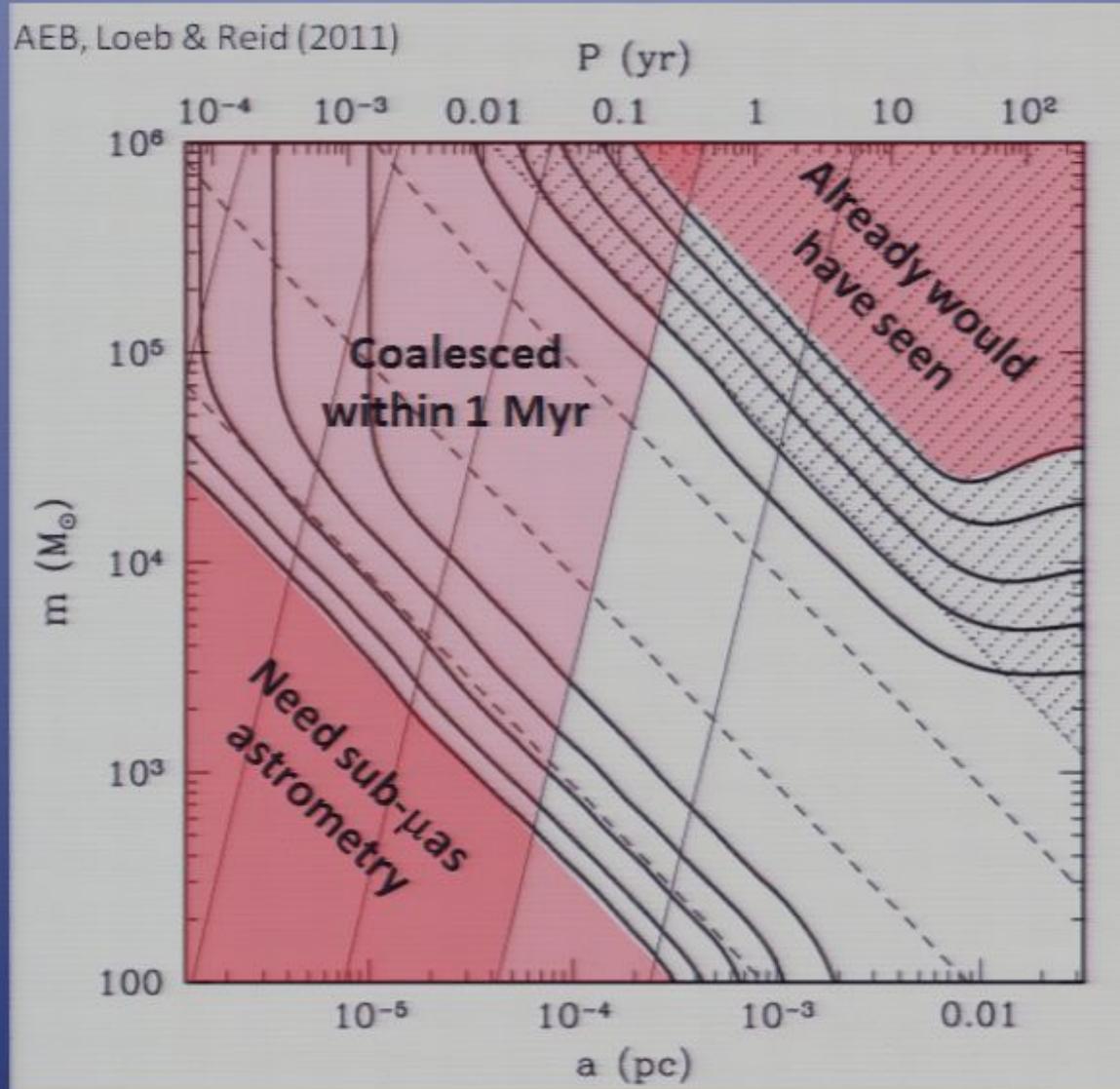
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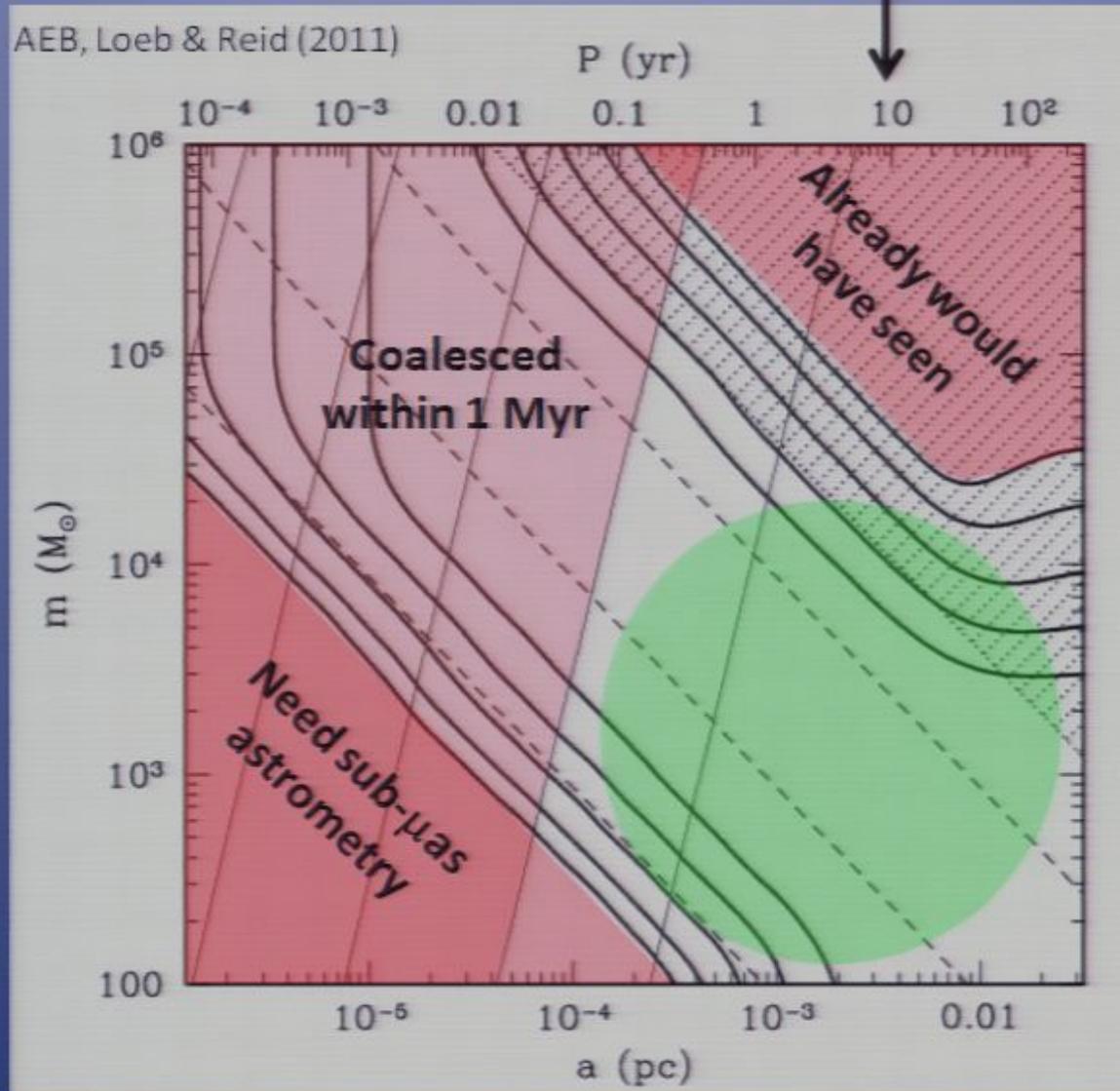
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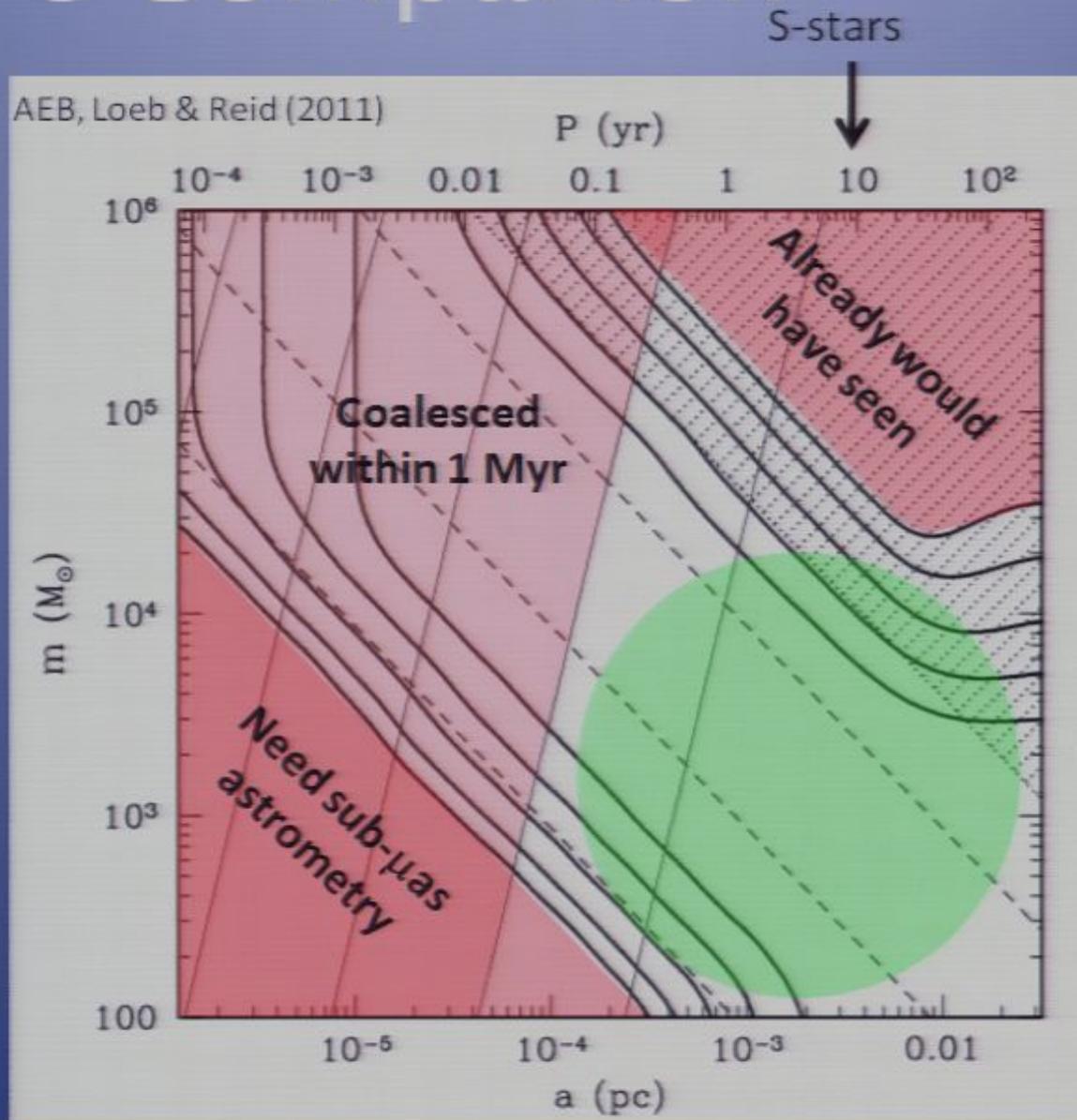
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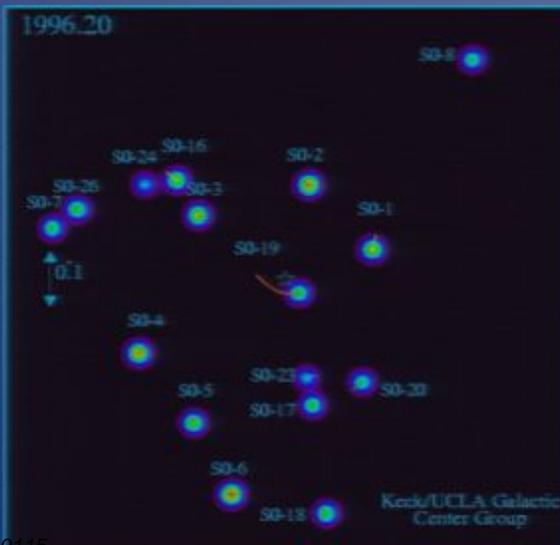
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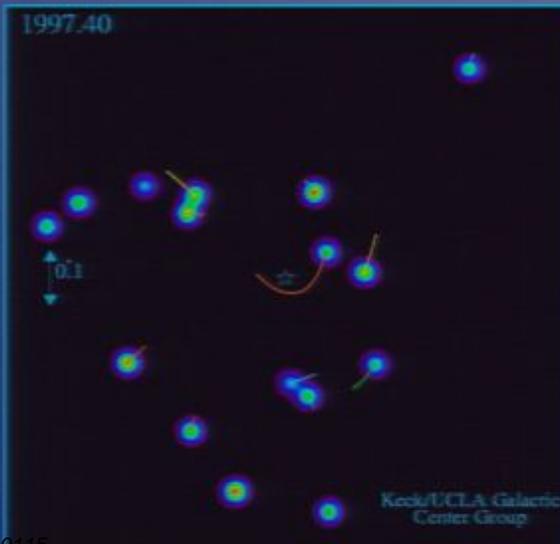
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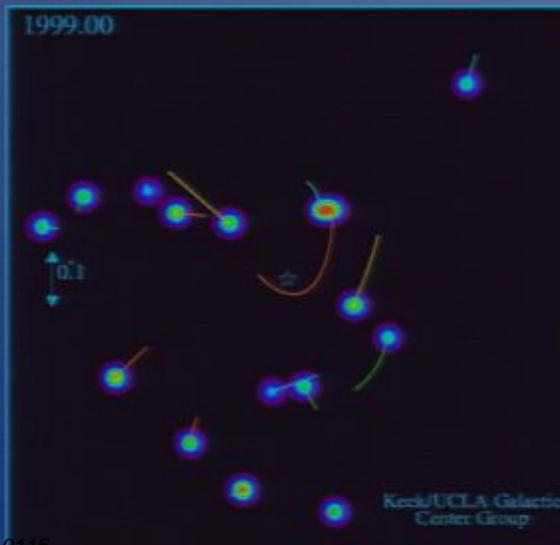
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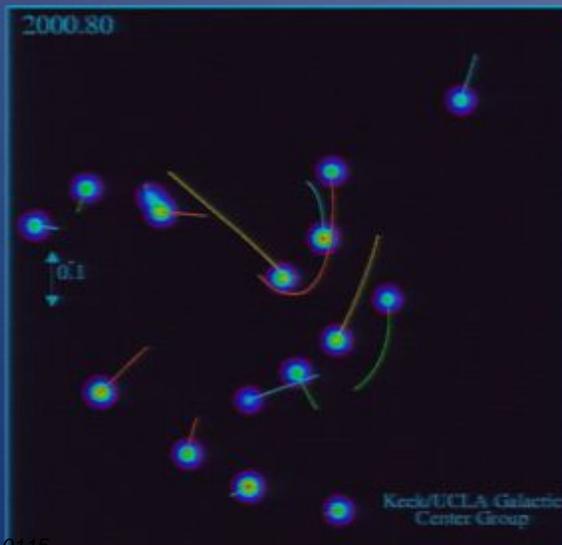
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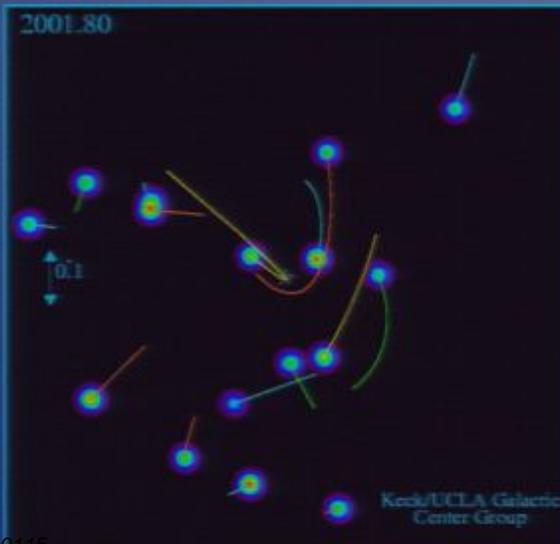
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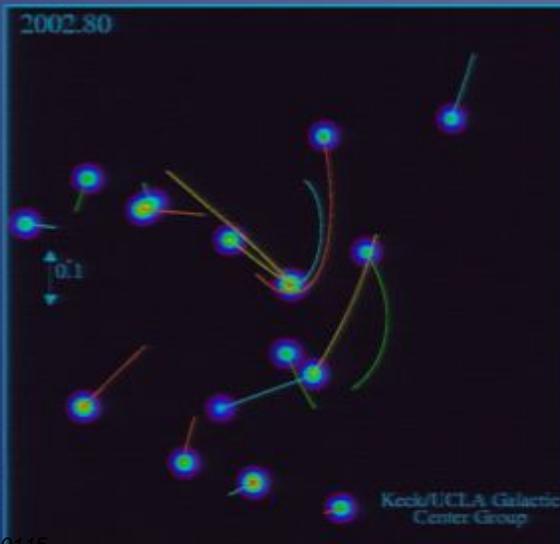
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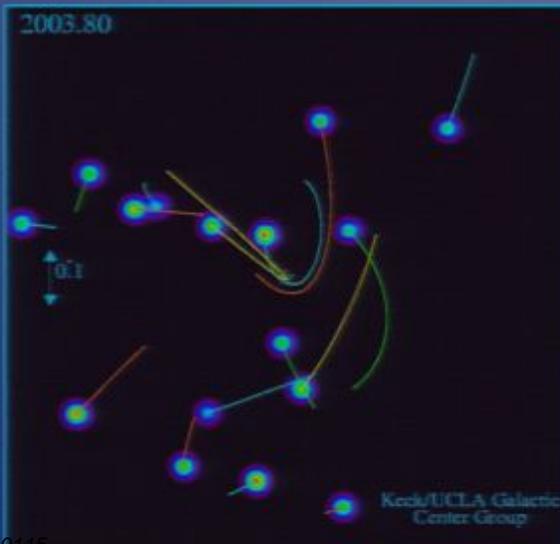
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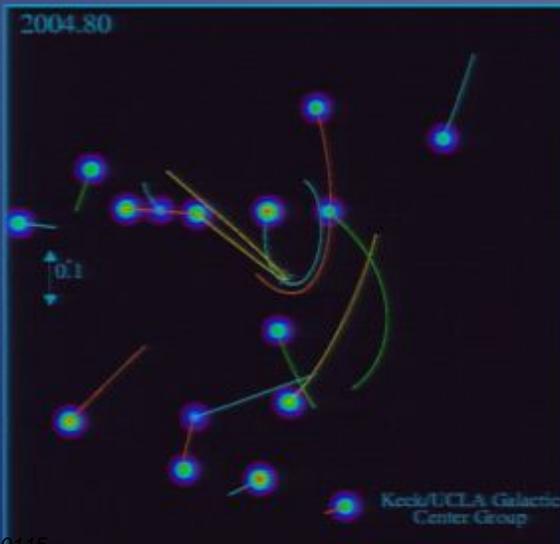
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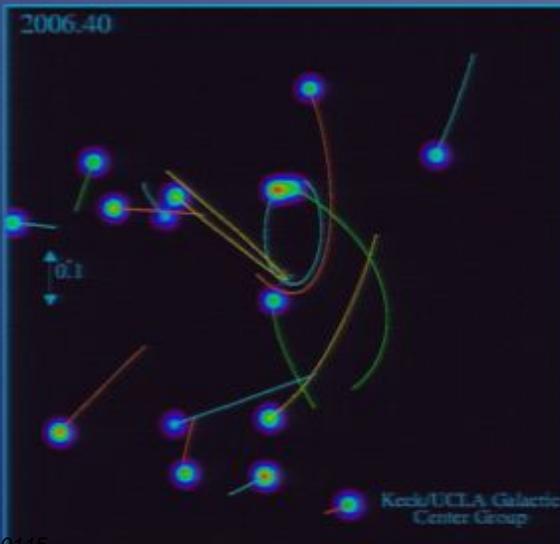
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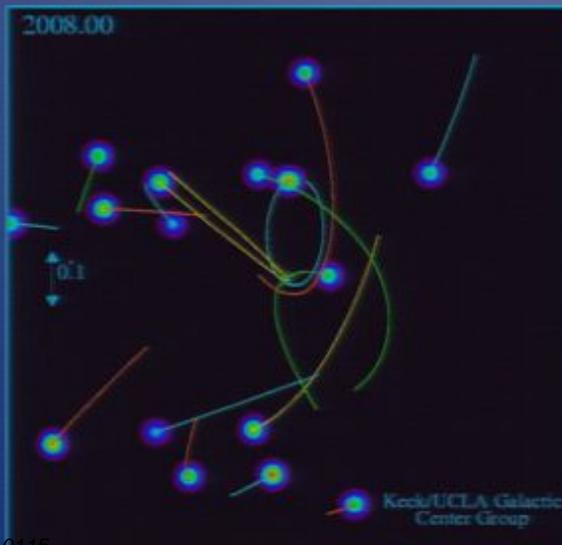
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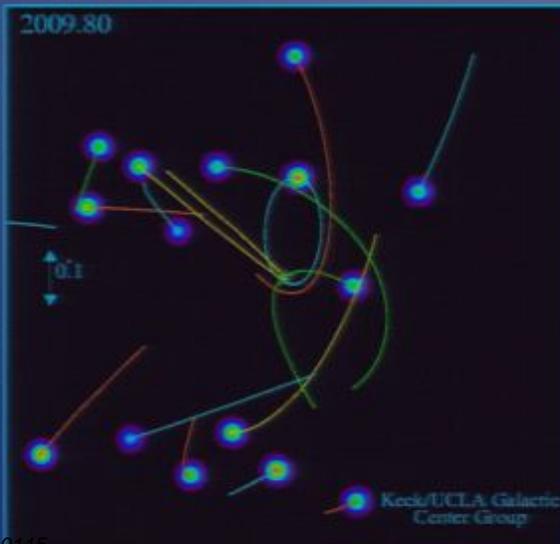
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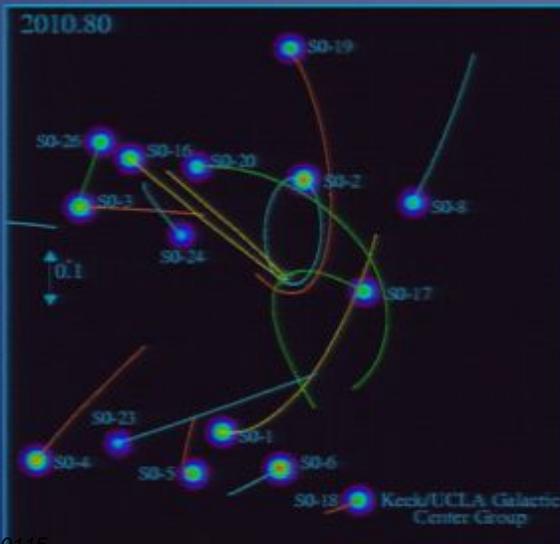
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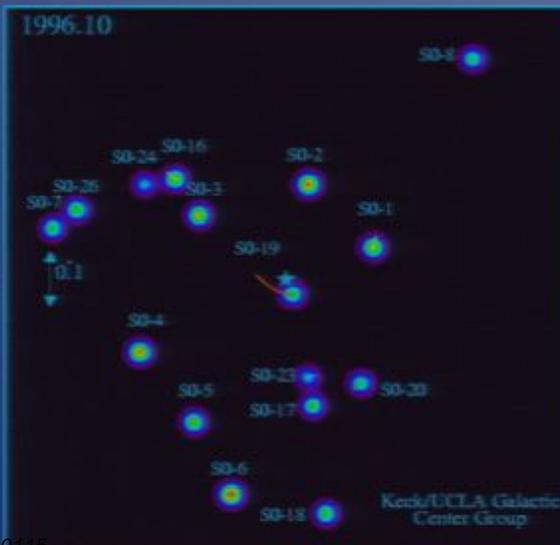
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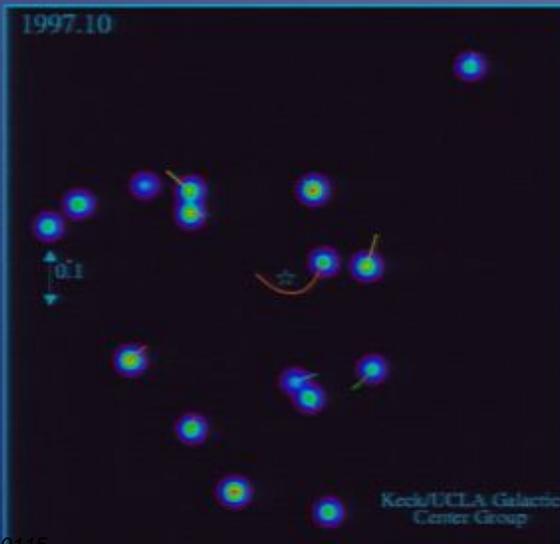
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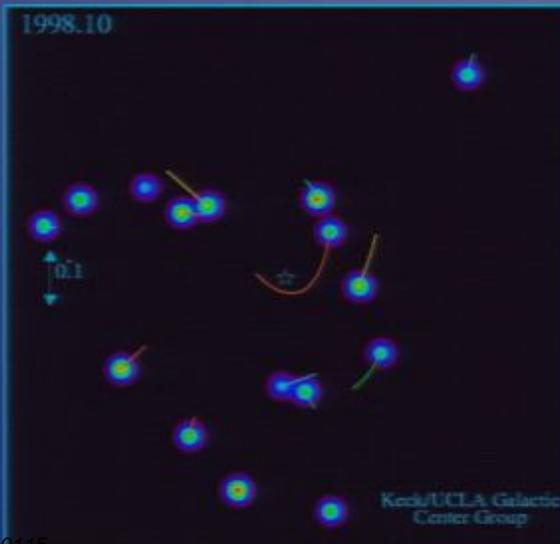
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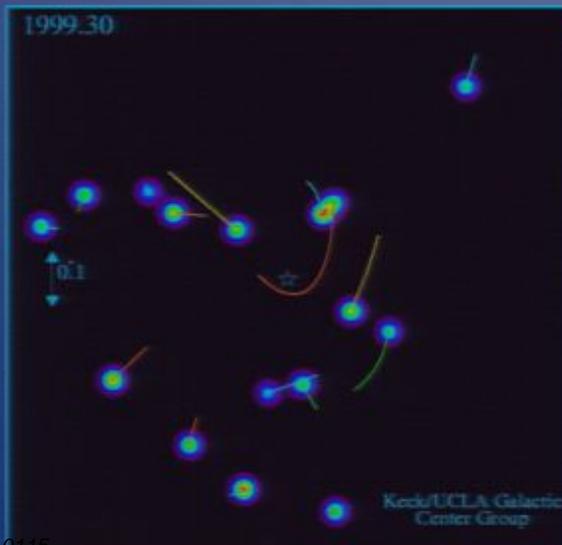
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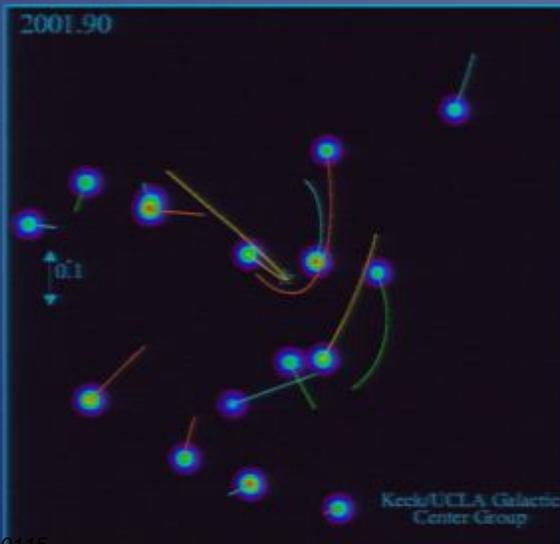
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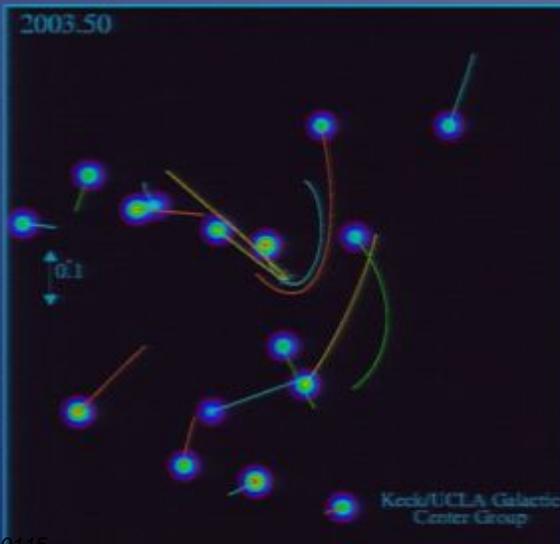
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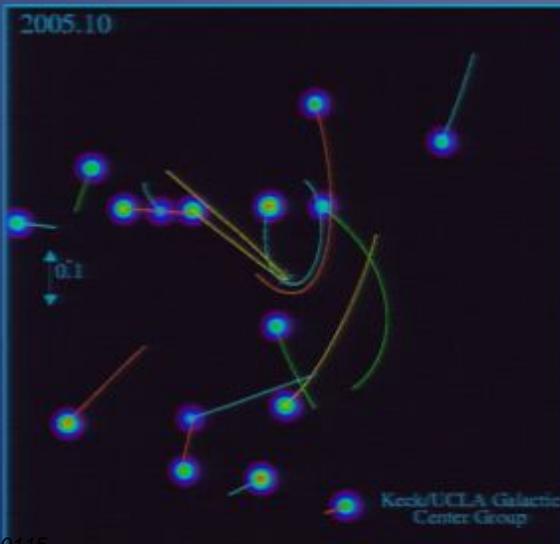
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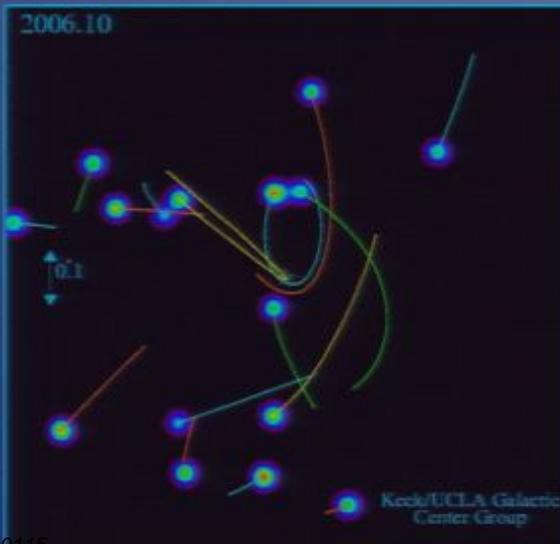
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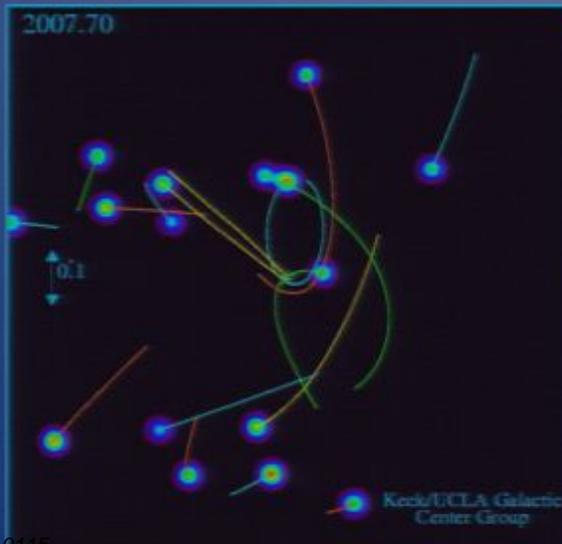
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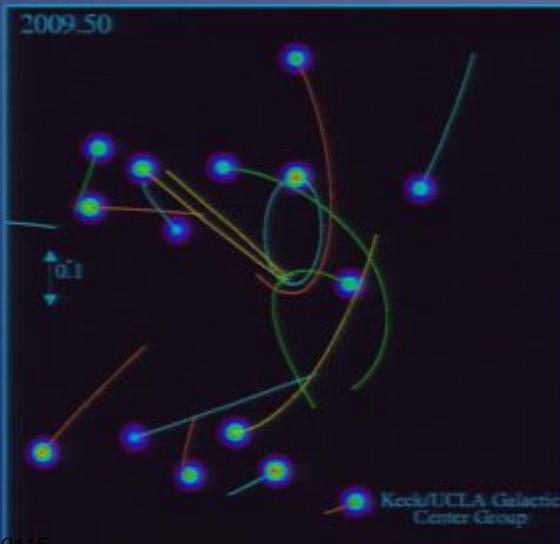
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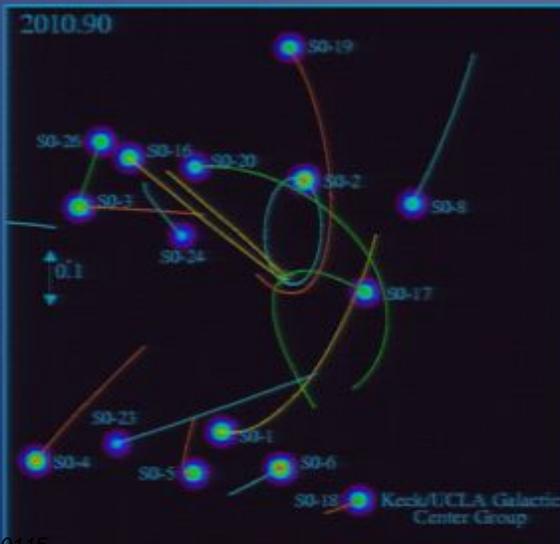
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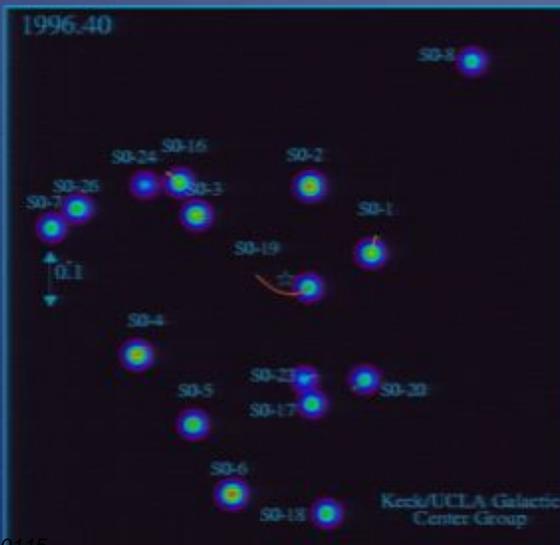
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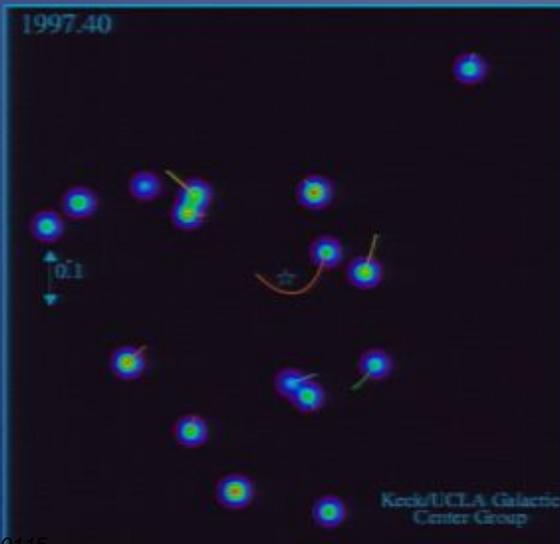
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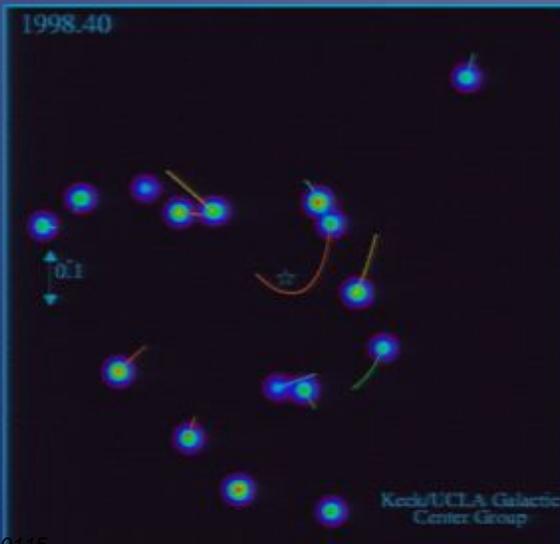
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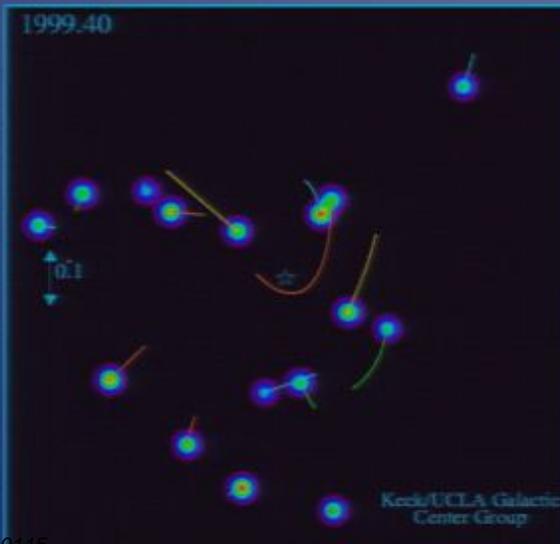
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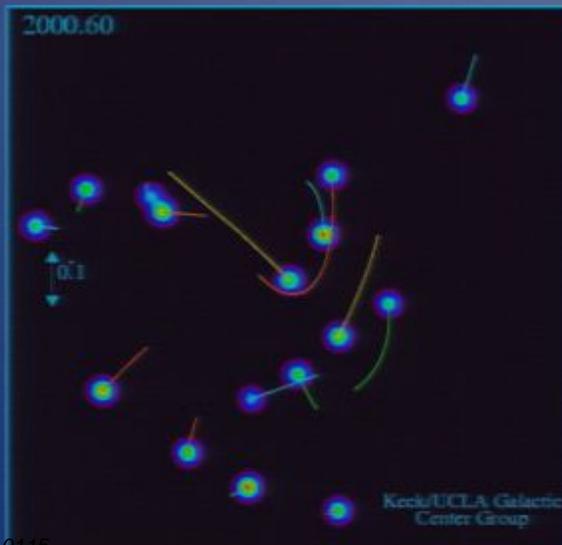
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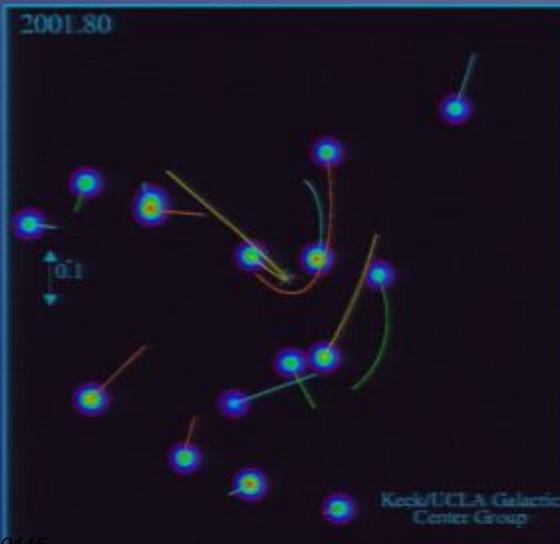
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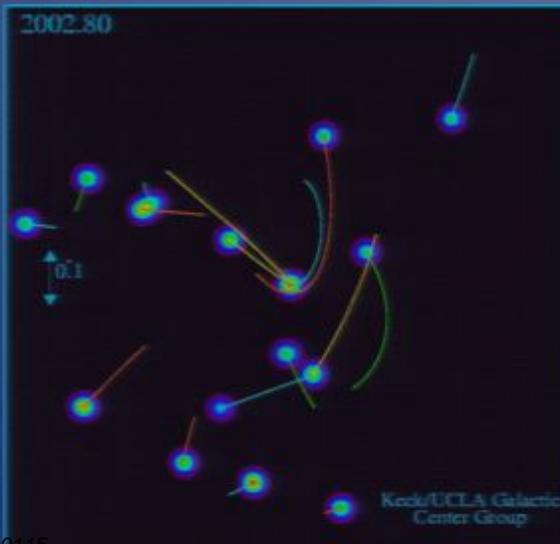
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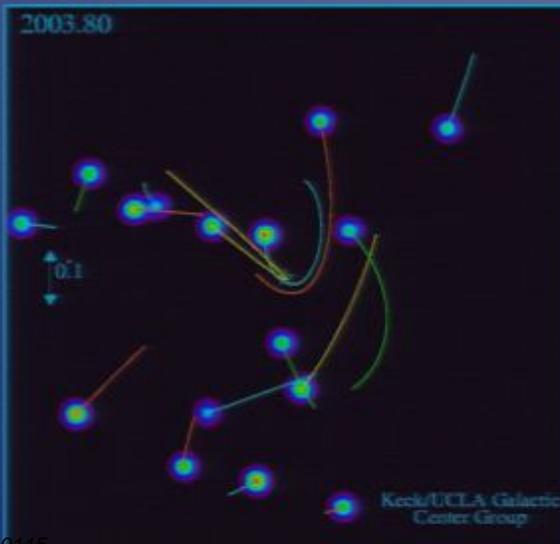
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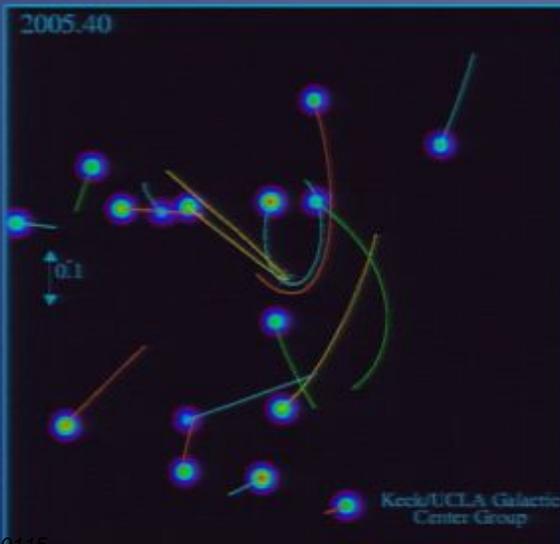
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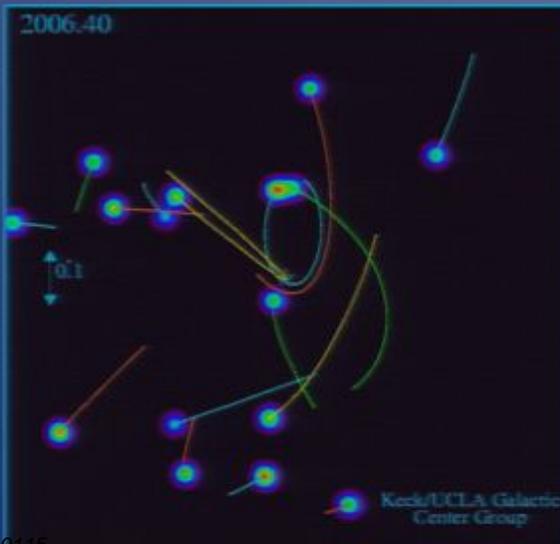
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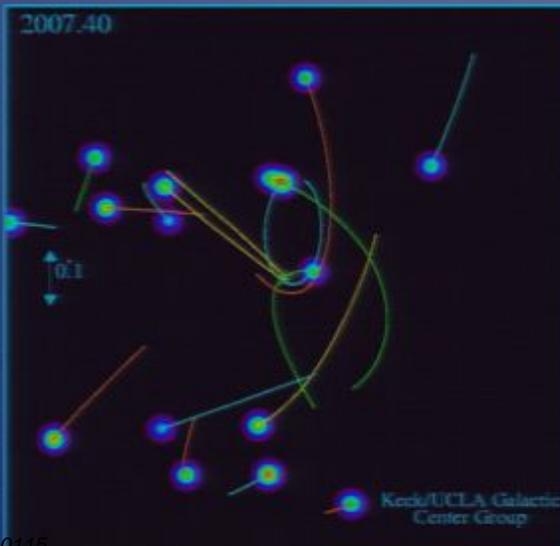
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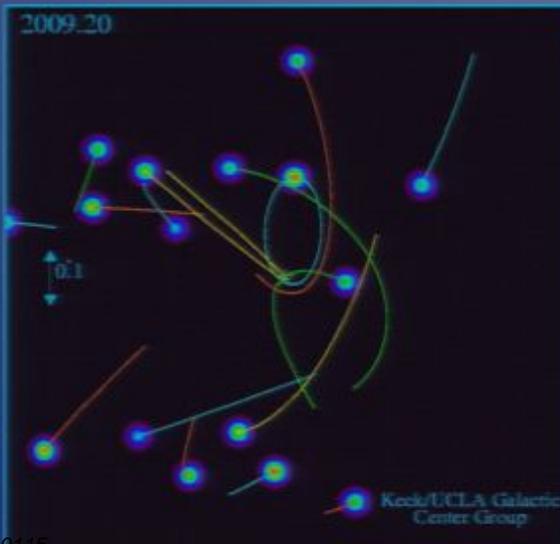
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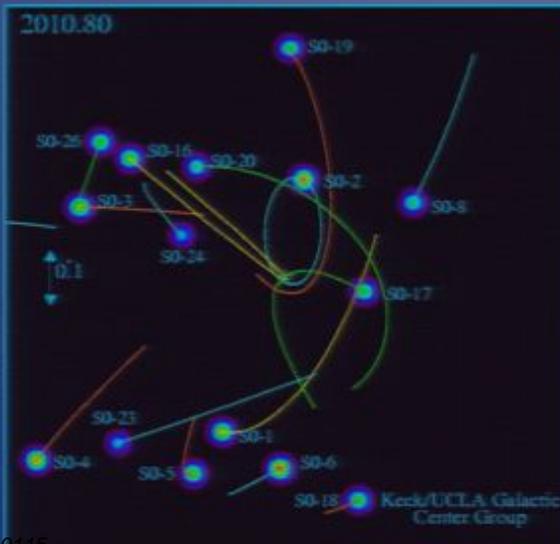
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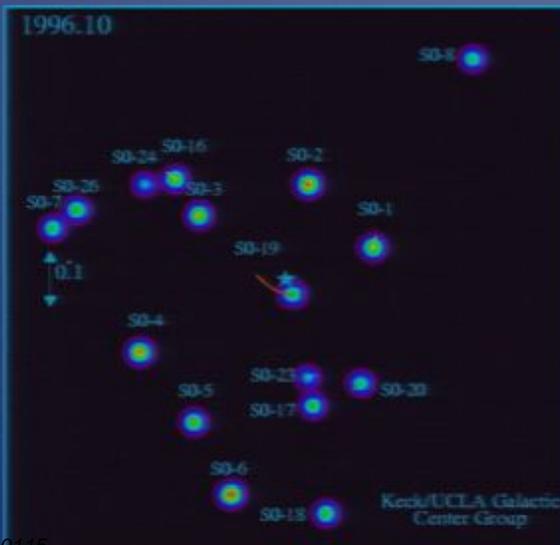
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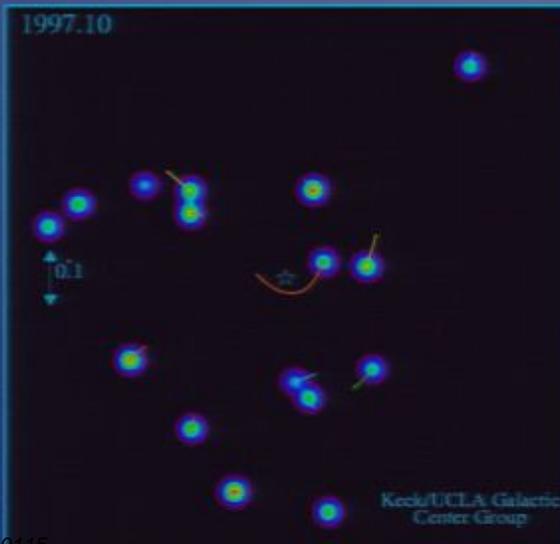
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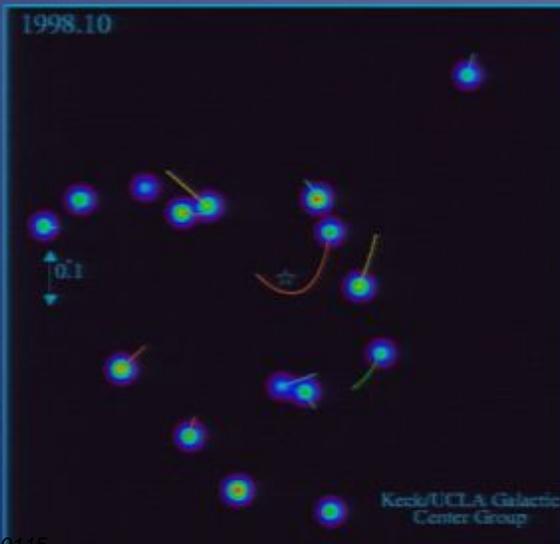
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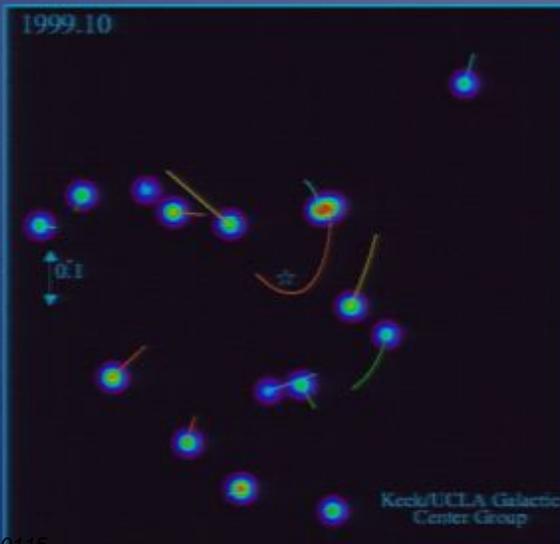
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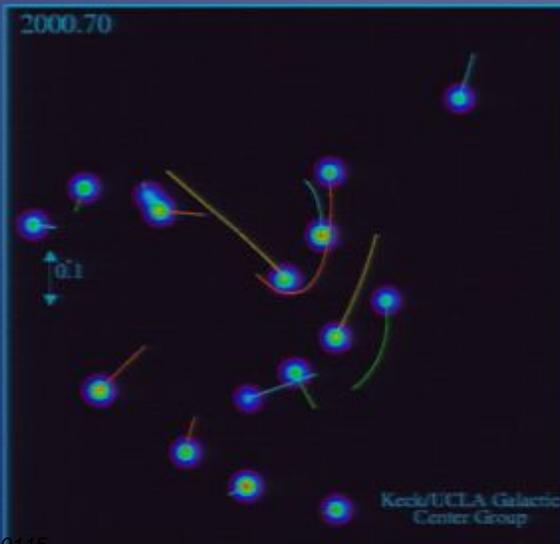
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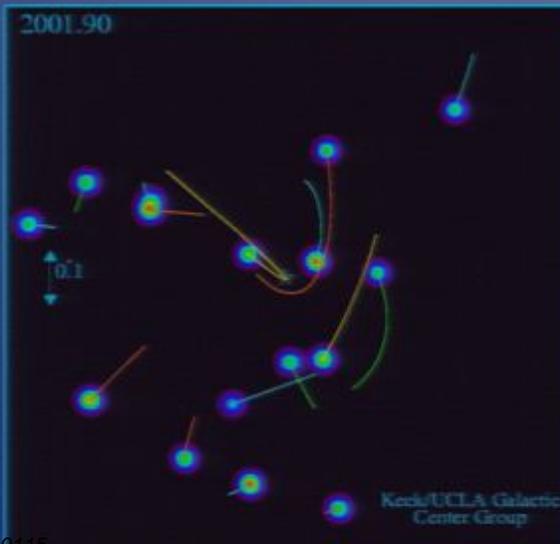
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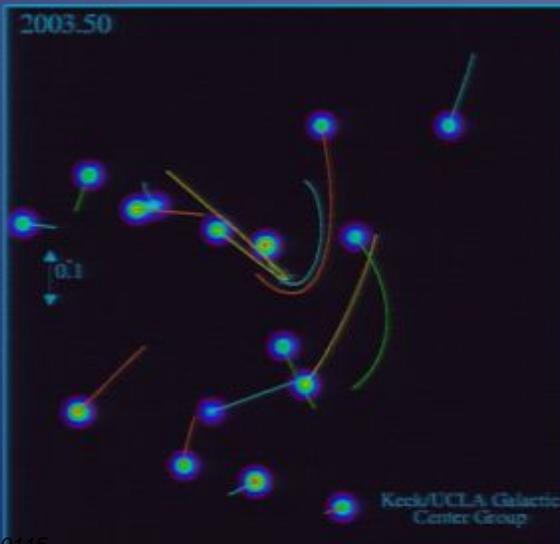
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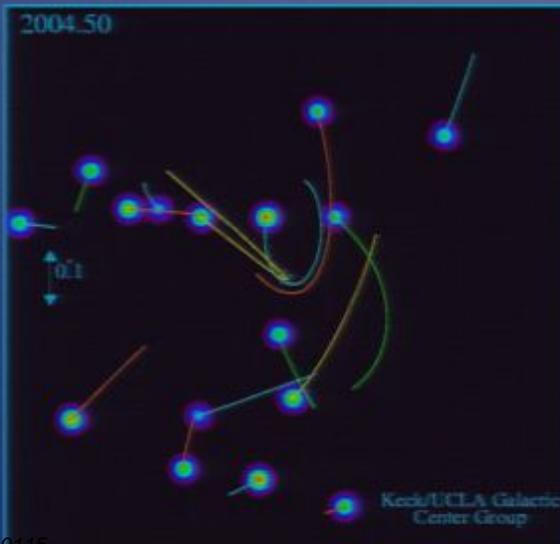
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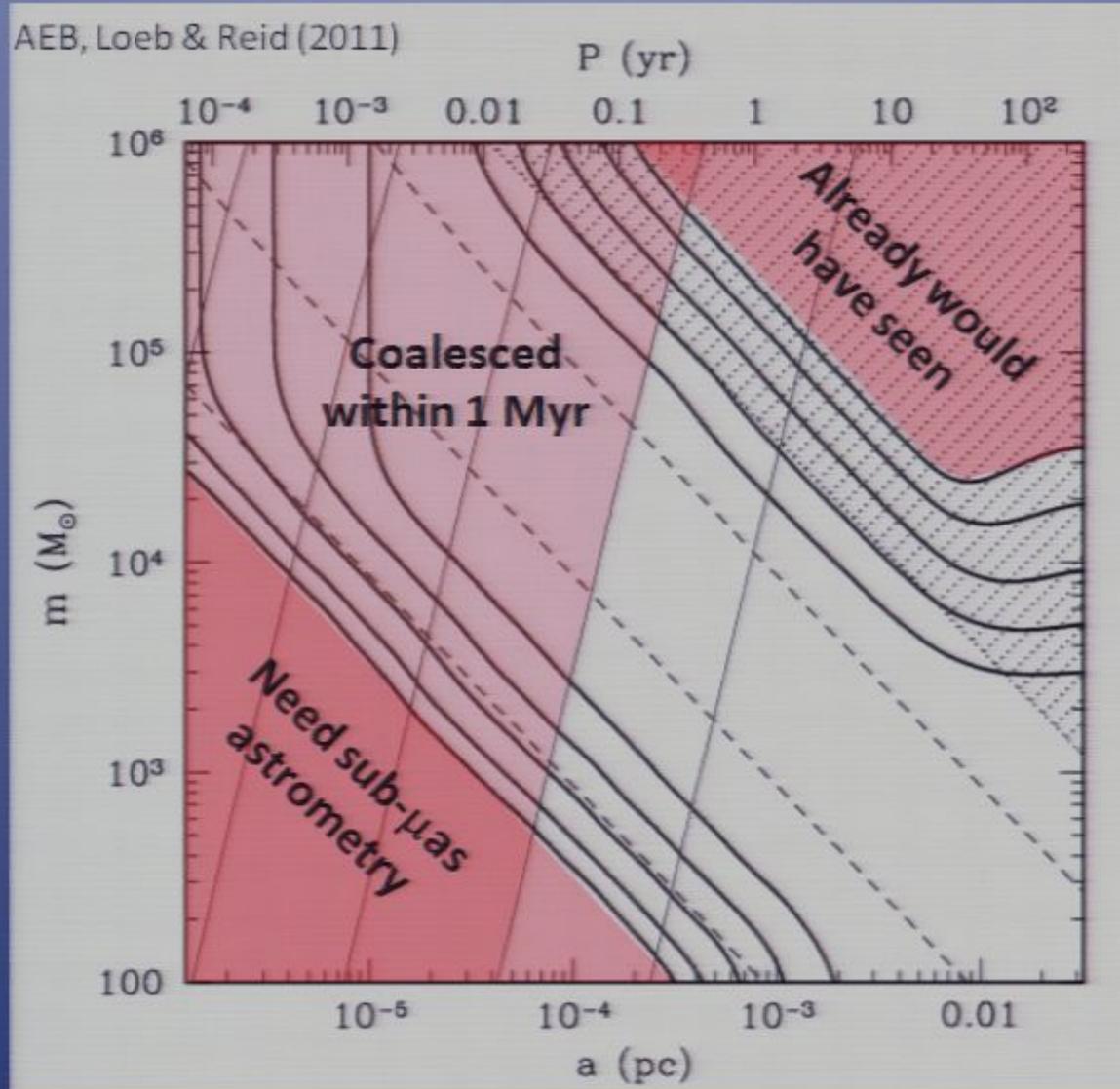
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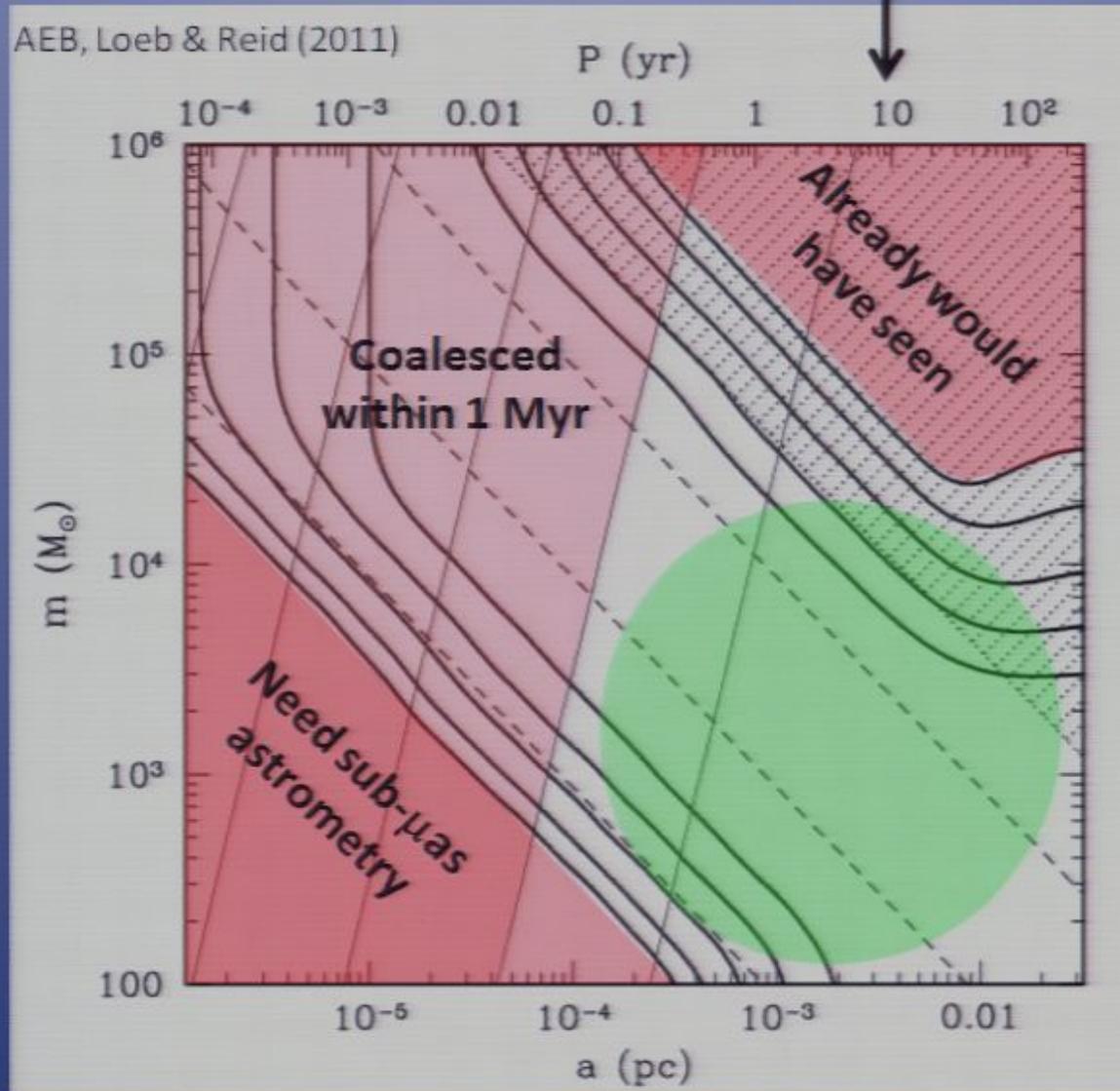
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S-stars



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