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# BLACK HOLE CINEMA



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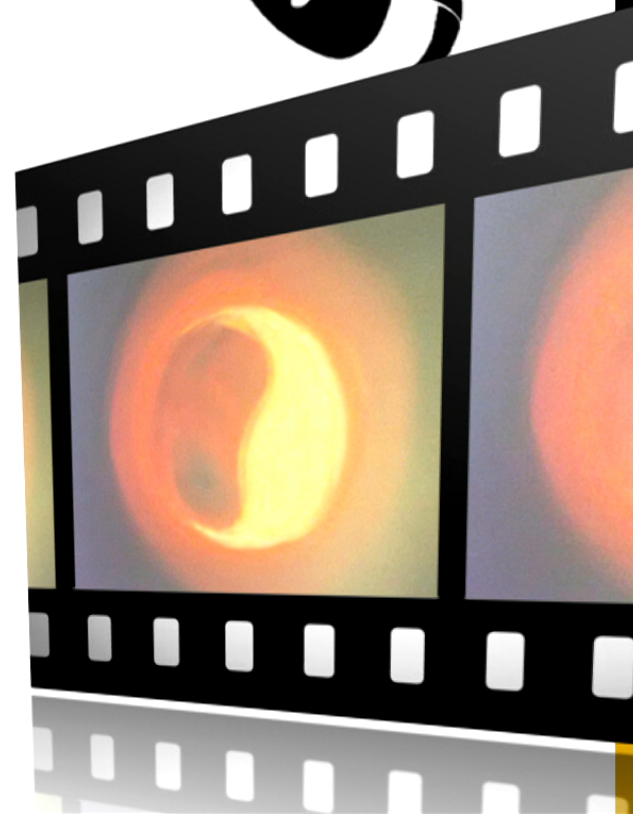
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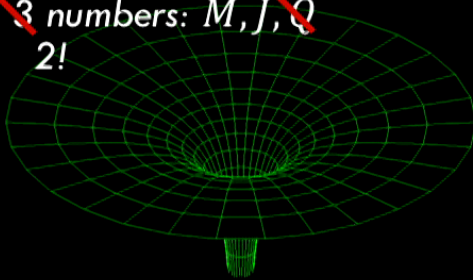




# WHAT ARE SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES, AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

Fully characterized by

~~3~~ numbers:  $M, J, Q$   
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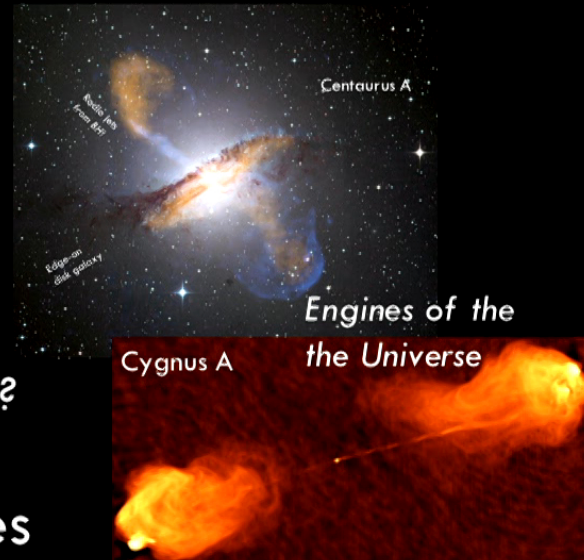


Physics:

- Do black holes exist?
- Are they well described by GR?

Astronomy:

- How do they grow?
- How are the enormous luminosities produced?
- How are outflows launched?

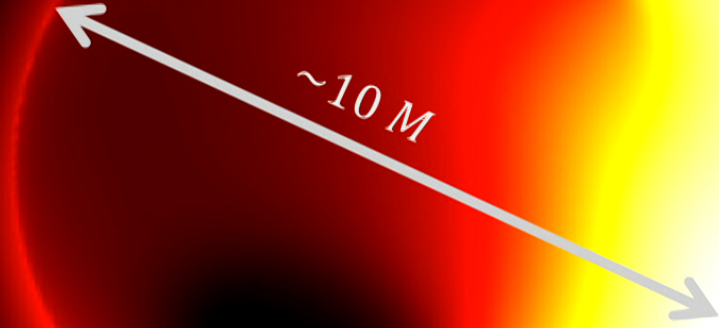


Answers found on horizon-scales

→ Direct imaging!

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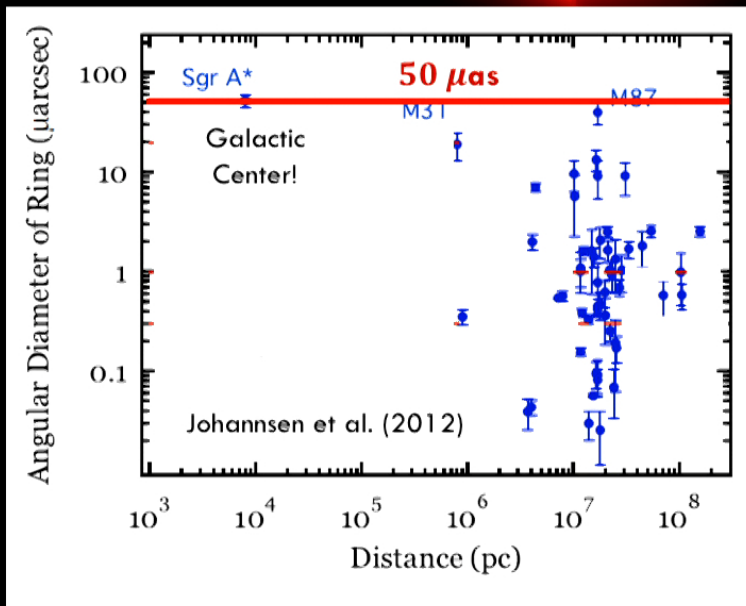
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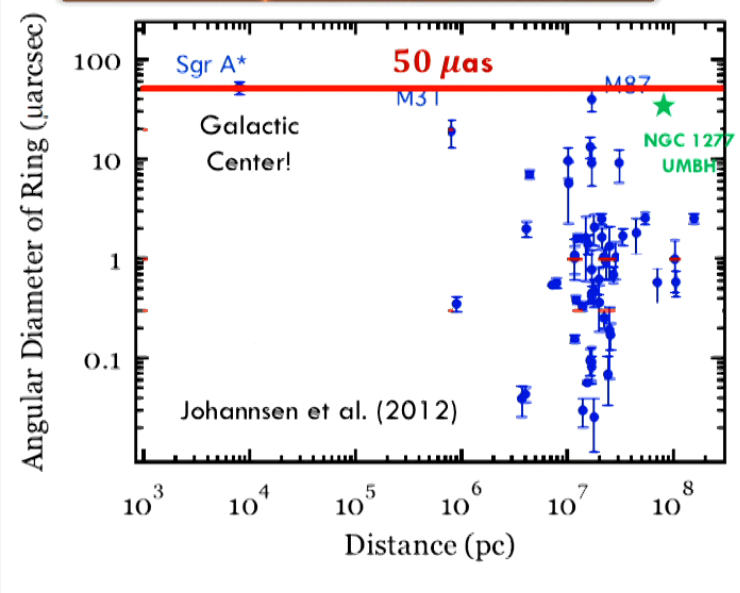
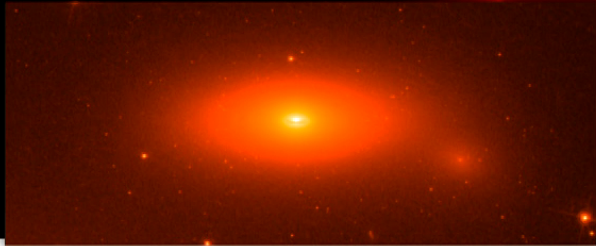
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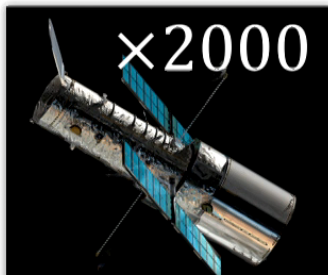


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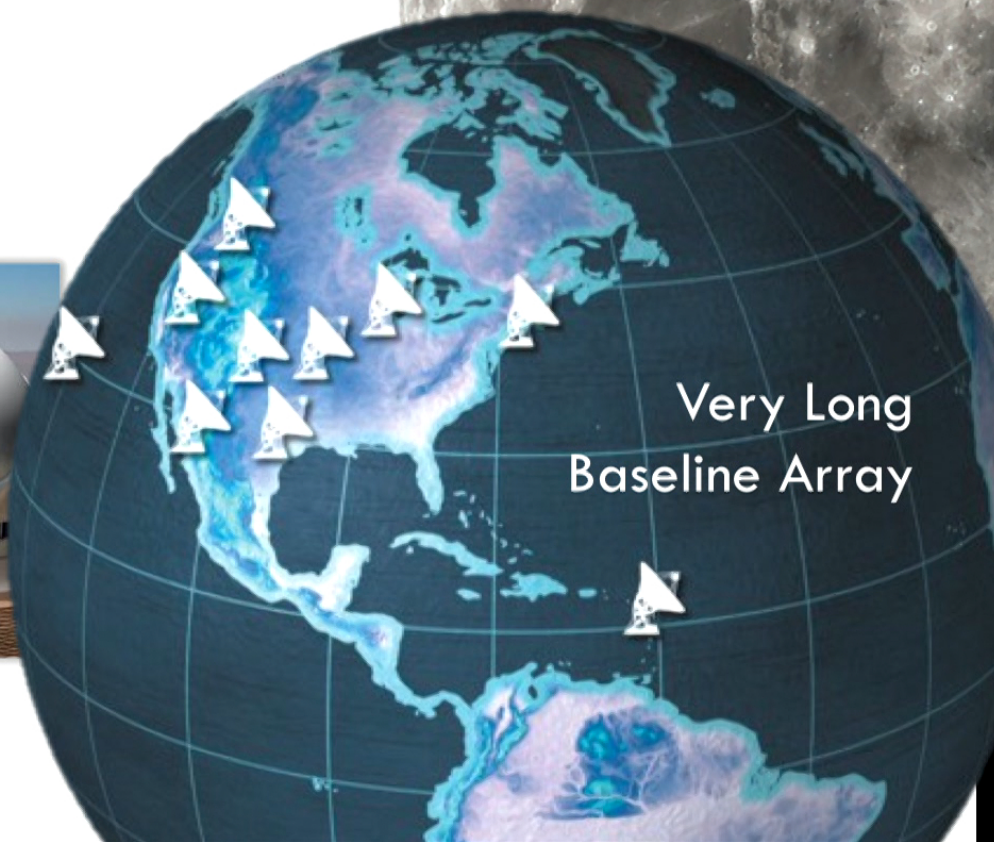
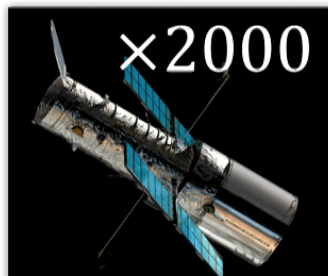
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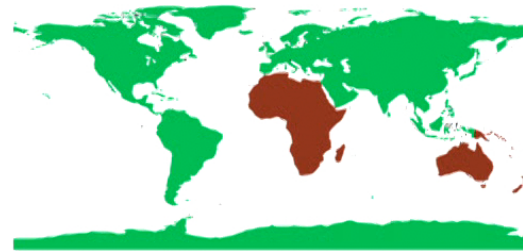
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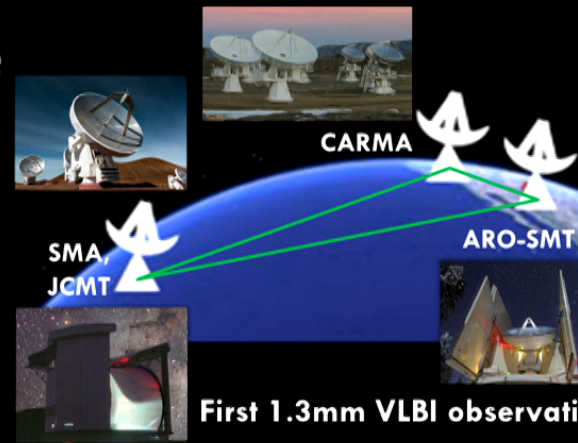
See Rusen LU's talk!





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**Johnson et al. 2015, Science, 350, 1242**

**Broderick et al. 2016, ApJ, 820, 137**

**First 1.3mm VLBI observation of Sgr A\***

**First physics-based modeling of EHT data**

**First detection of horizon-scale variability**

**First demonstration that physics-based models  
are preferred by EHT data**

**First 1.3mm VLBI observations of M87**

**First constraints on BH hair from EHT data**

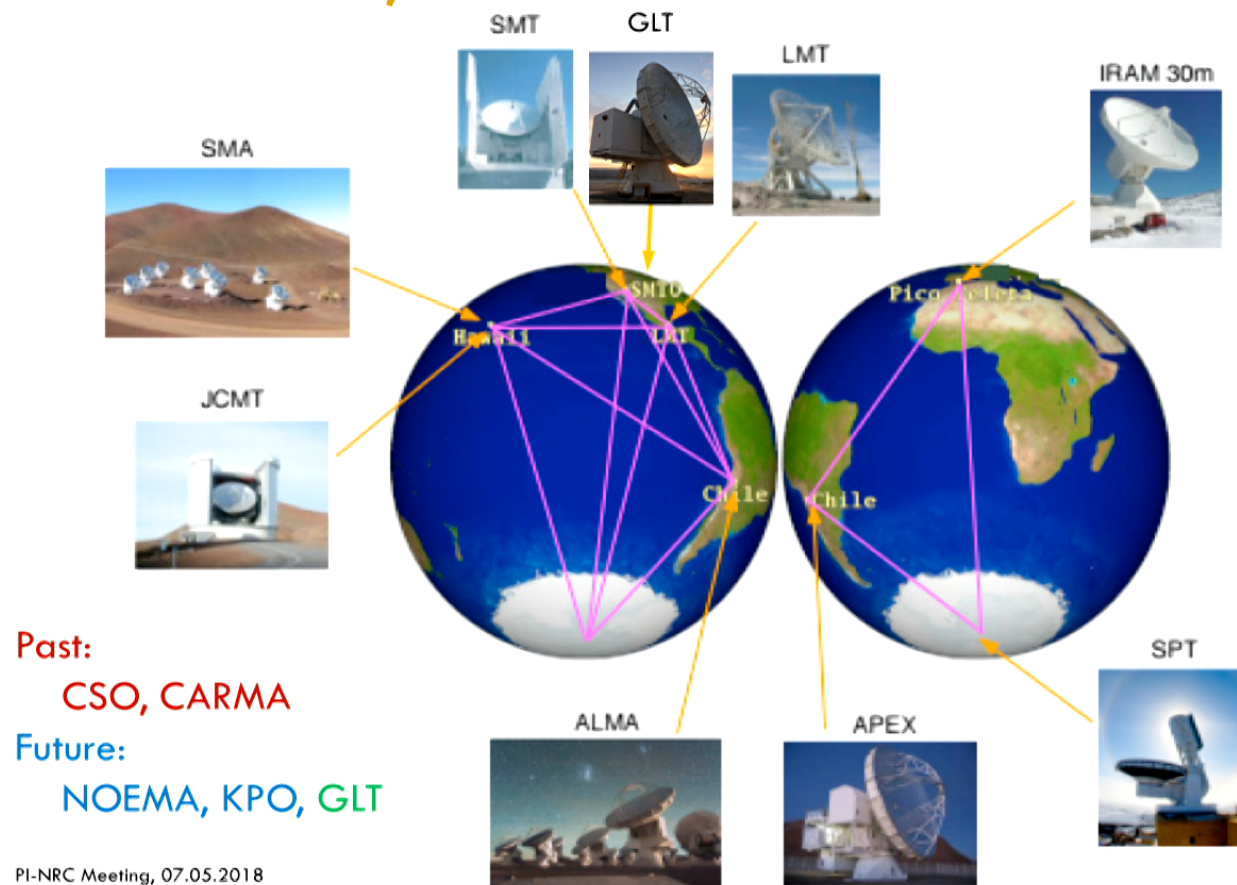
**First measurement of horizon-scale structure in  
M87 coincident with TeV flares**

**First detection of ordered, horizon scale  
polarization around a BH**

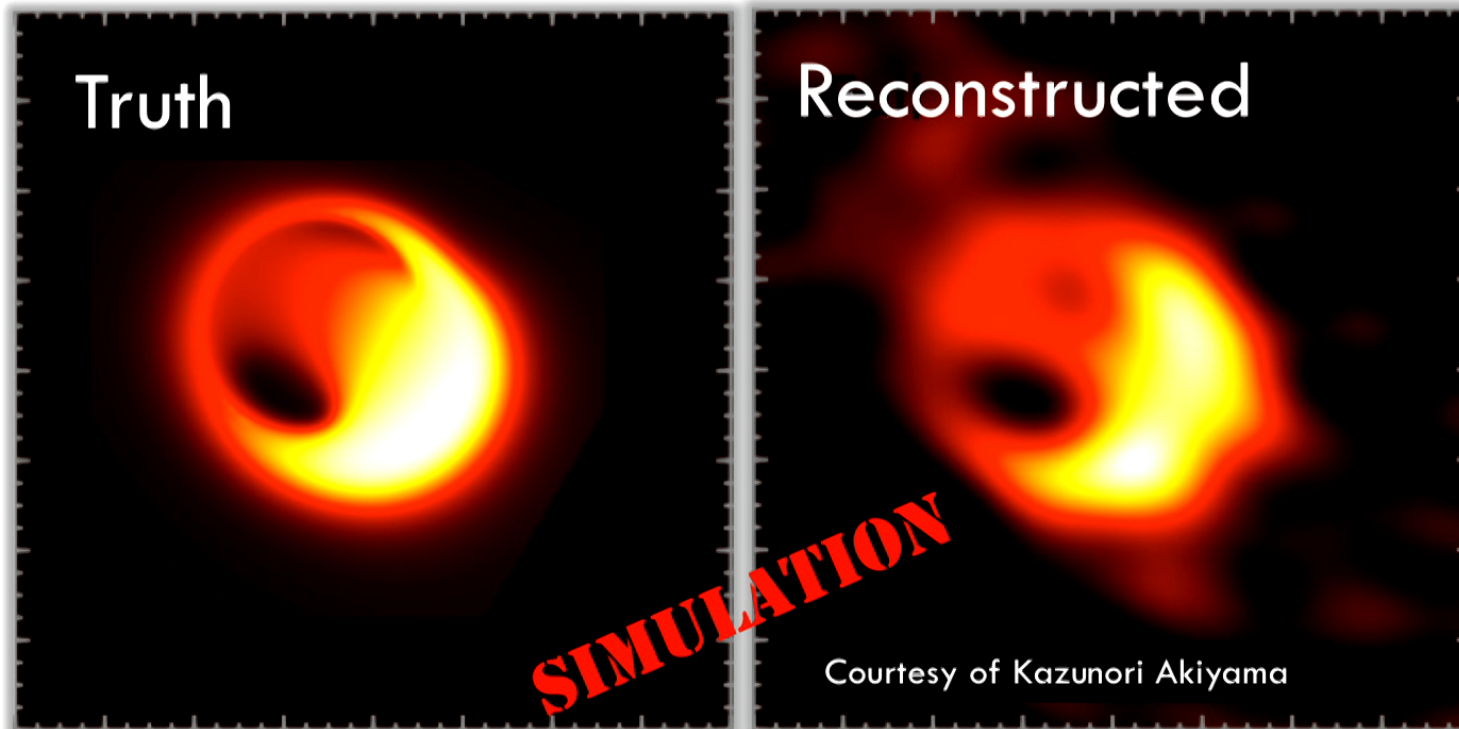
**First physics-based modeling of EHT data that  
included closure phases**

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# THE EVENT HORIZON TELESCOPE CIRCA APRIL, 2017 & 2018



# FIRST TELESCOPE CAPABLE OF “SEEING” BLACK HOLES



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## LATEST RESULTS?

- **April 2017 Observations went great!**
- **April 2018 Observed again!**
- **All things look good; data from the SPT arrived in Nov.**
- **Will have multiple (>4) epochs on the Galactic center and M87**
- **Have begun imaging/analysis of AGN**
- **Will begin imaging/analysis of M87 & Sgr A\* this summer**
- **Can't say anything publicly yet!**

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## KEY MESSAGE

The *first* image is great, but ...

EHT targets should exhibit *structural* variability over many time scales, each telling a story about the physics of black holes and their environments,  
... so, the next 100 images are even better!

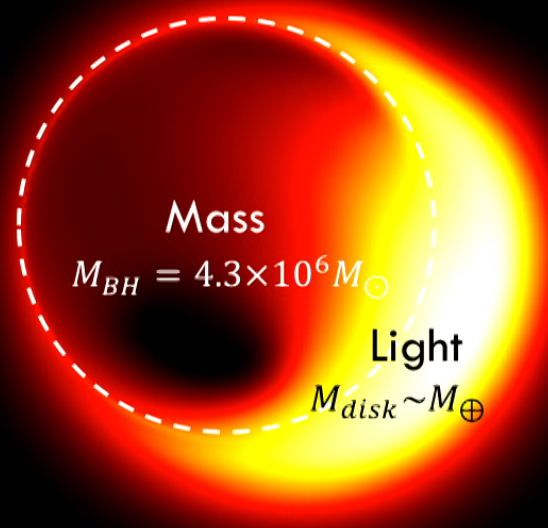
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# SMBH JITTER

# DECADES

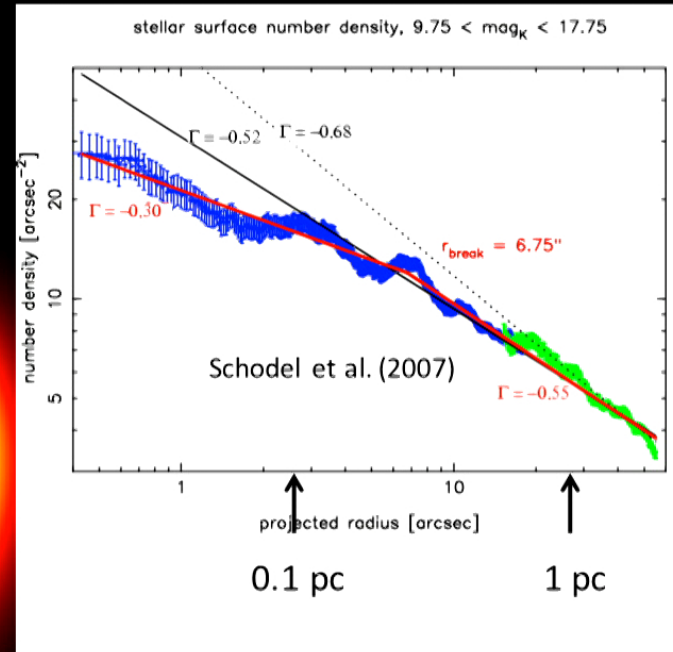
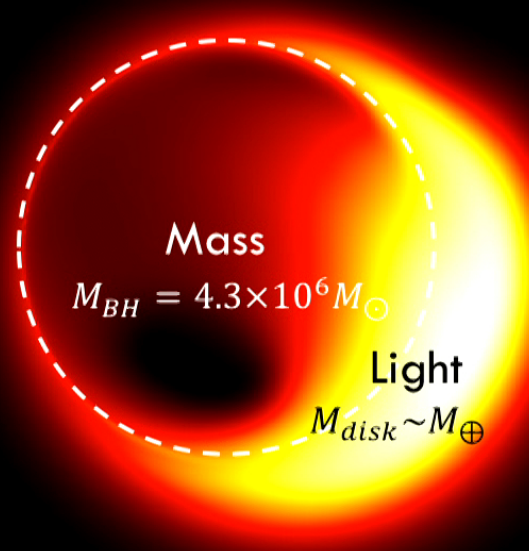
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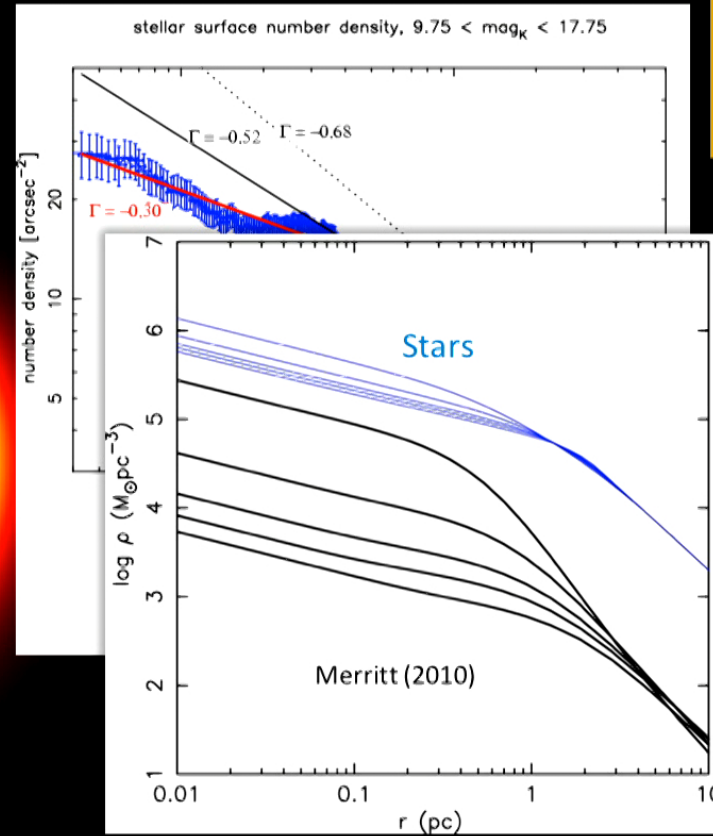
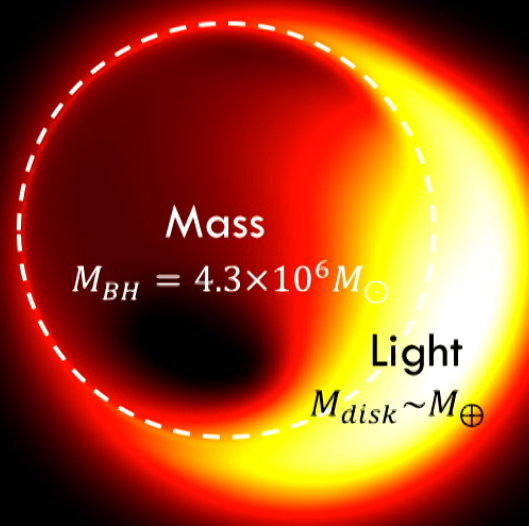
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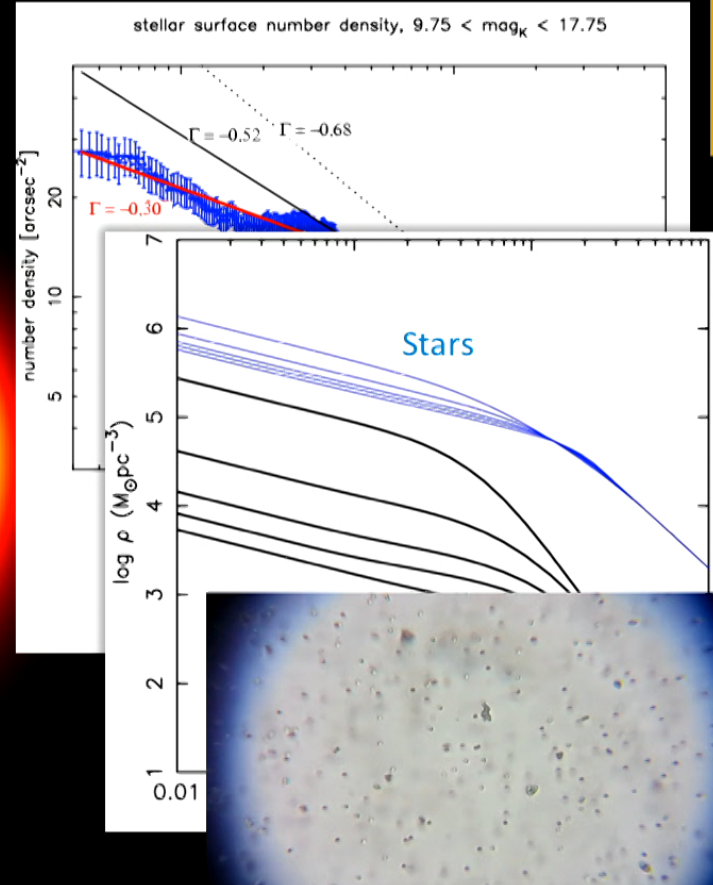
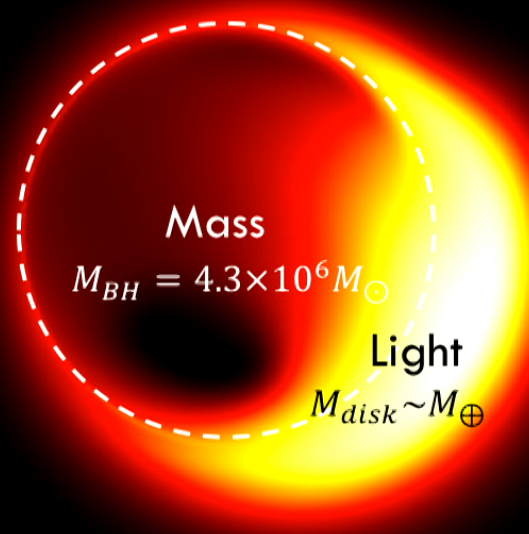




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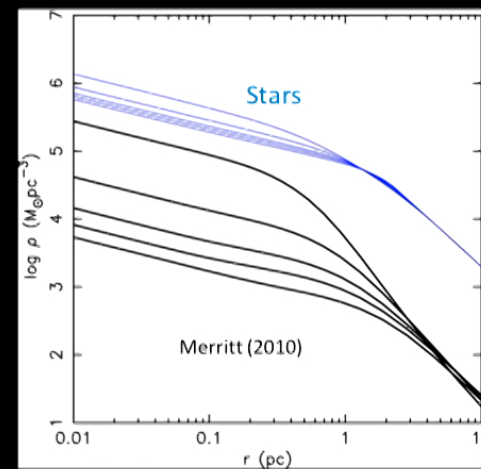
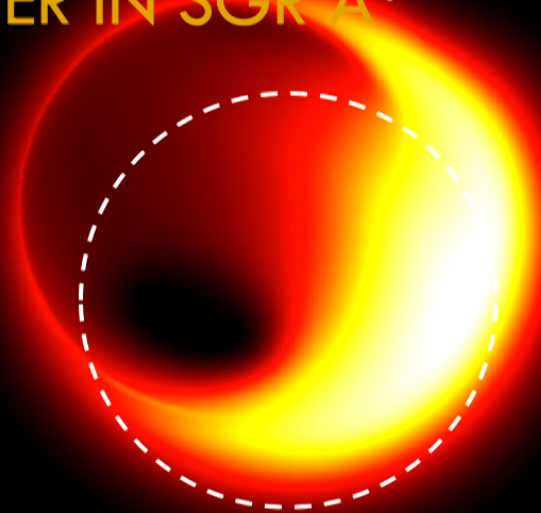


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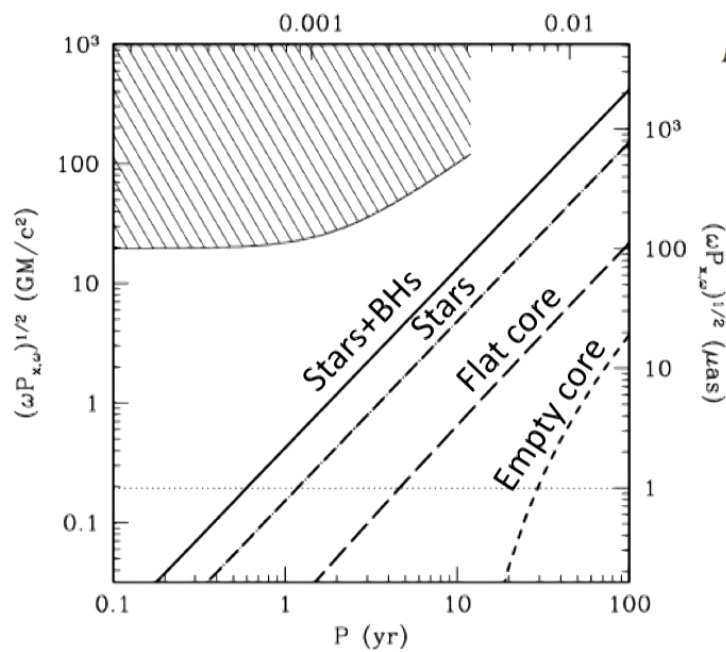
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- Absolute astrometry
  - Need references.
- 10s atm coherence time
  - Need sub-arrays.  
(ALMA, SMA, NOEMA)

# BEYOND THE SMBH: REMNANT CUSPS

AEB, Loeb & Reid (2011)  $r_k$  (pc)

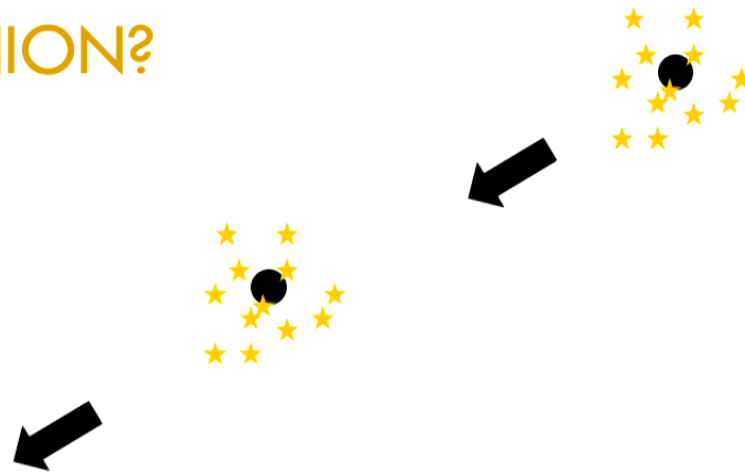
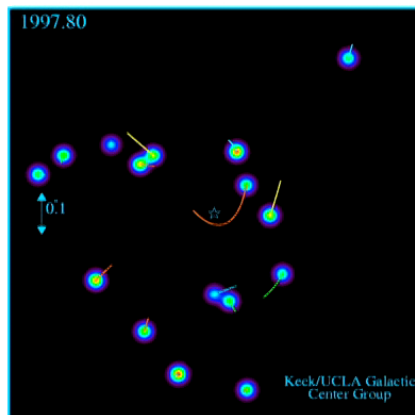


$$P_{x,\omega} \simeq \omega^{-4} \int_0^\infty dr \frac{2(2\pi)^{3/2} G^2 \mu^2 n}{3 r^2 \Omega_k} e^{-\omega^2/2\Omega_k^2}$$

- **Remnant cusp formation & evolution**
- **LIGO BH-BH rates?**
- **LISA EMRI rates?**

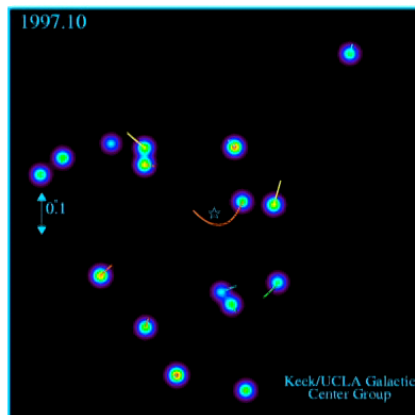
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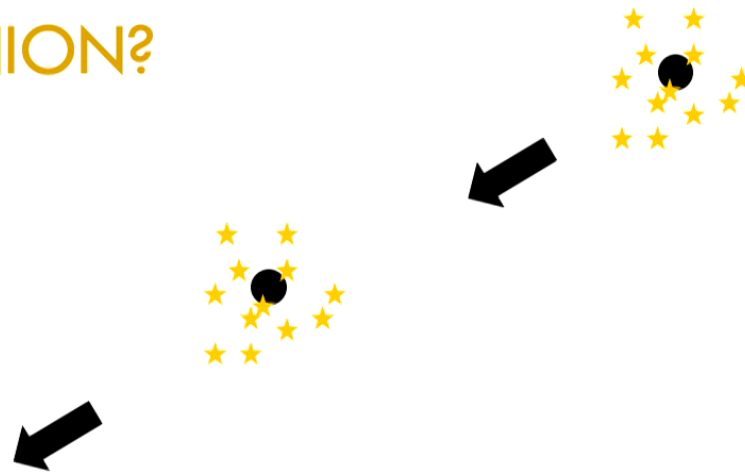


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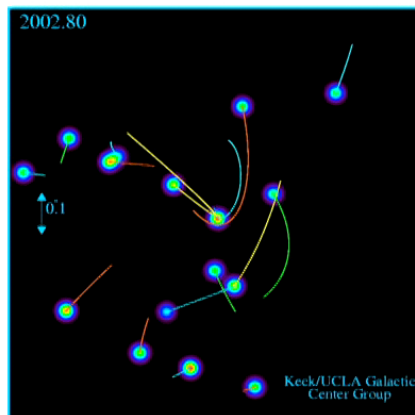
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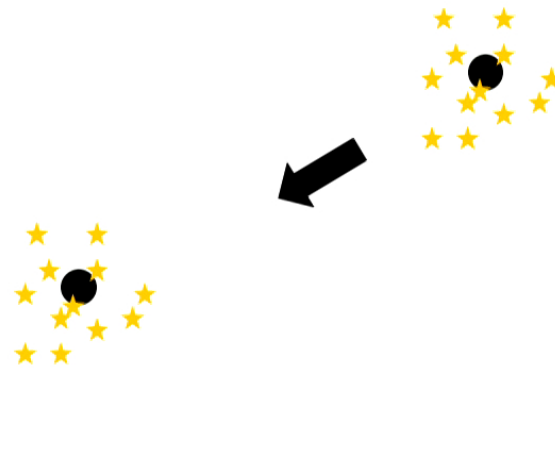
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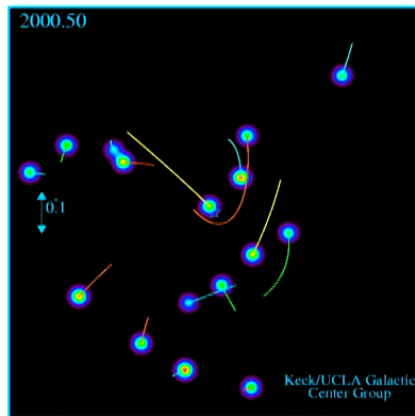


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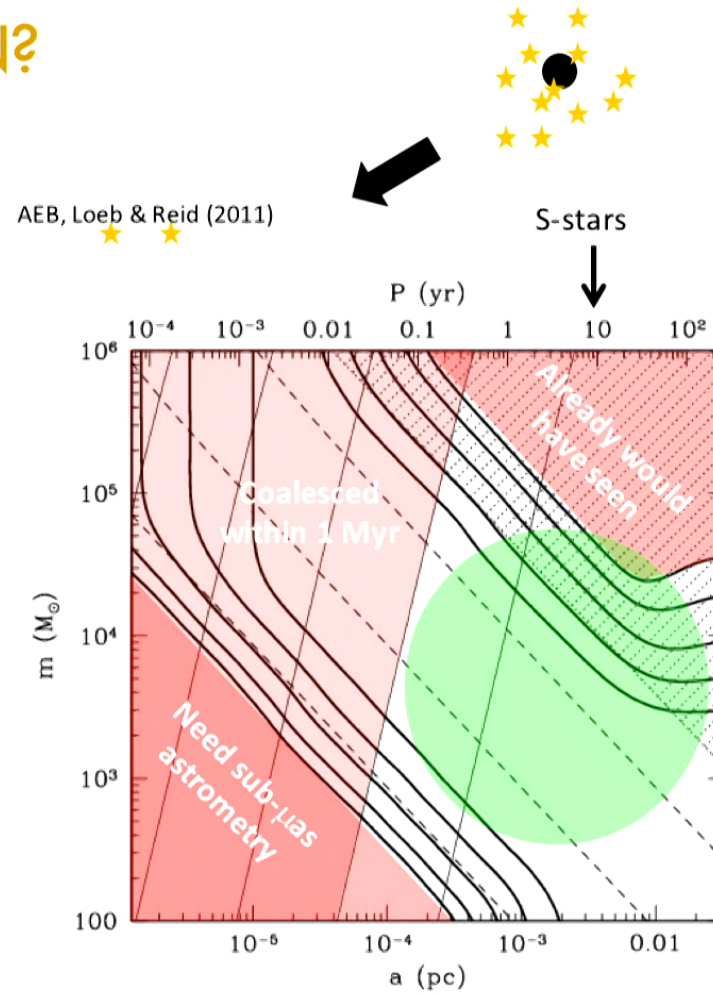


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Massive companion entered  
<0.01pc orbit with Sgr A\*  
within last  $10^6$  yr!



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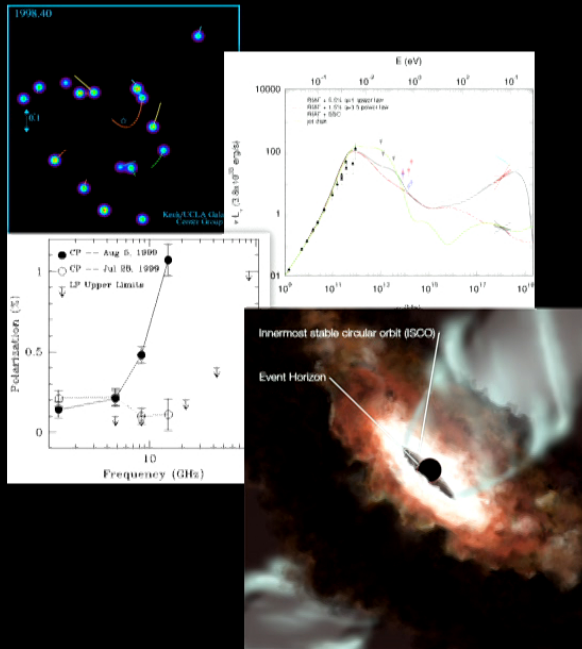




# DISK PRECESSION YEARS

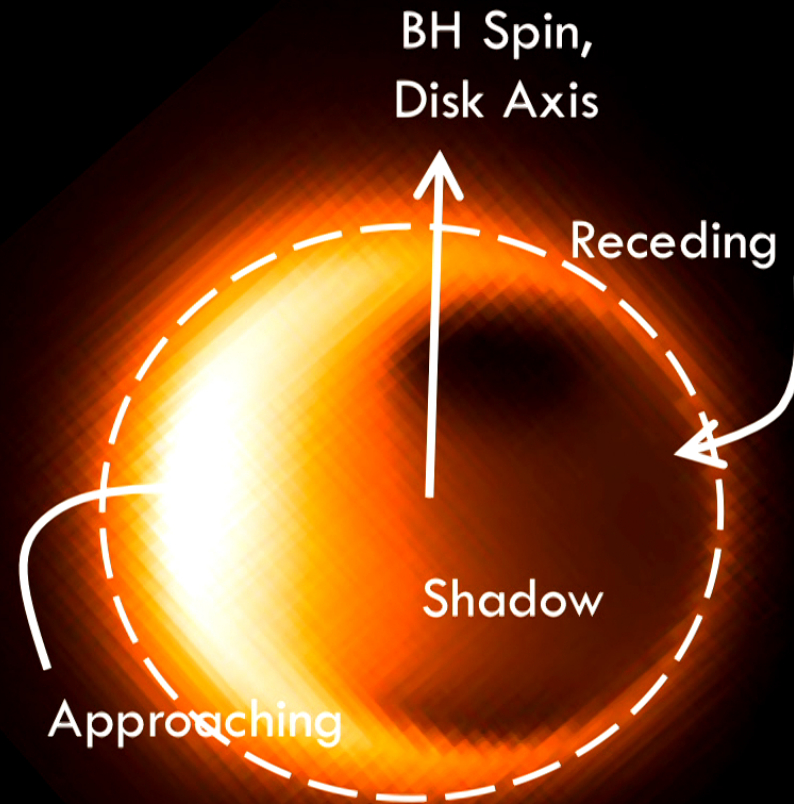
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# MODELING SGR A\*

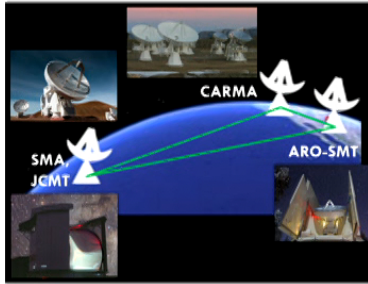


Geometrically thick, orbiting,  
synchrotron emitting disk.

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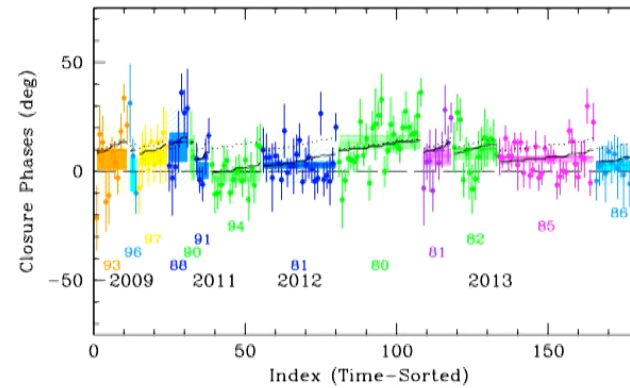
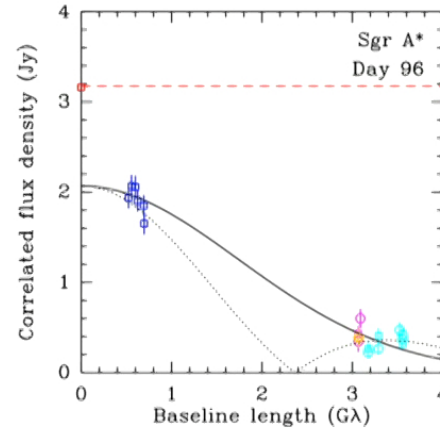


# SGR A\* EHT DATA

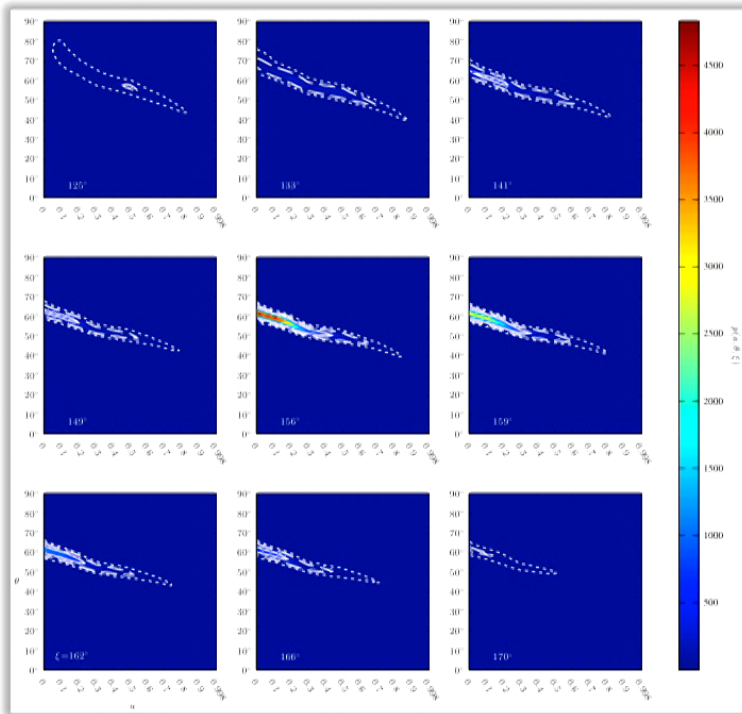
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	3	2009	96	11.50-15.56	19	VM	F11
	4	2009	97	11.50-15.67	20	VM	F11
	Totals	...	...	11.73 hrs	70		
Closure Phases	5	2009	93	11.54-13.87	11	CP	F15
	6	2009	96	12.46-12.79	3	CP	F15
	7	2009	97	11.96-14.38	10	CP	F15
	8	2011	88	12.37-13.52	7	CP	F15
	9	2011	90	13.67-14.02	2	CP	F15
	10	2011	91	11.93-13.53	7	CP	F15
	11 <sup>d</sup>	2011	94	12.55-15.43	25	CP	F15
	12	2012	81	12.97-15.27	10	CP	F15
	13	2013	80	12.55-15.43	28	CP	F15
	14	2013	81	12.97-15.27	10	CP	F15
	15	2013	82	12.97-14.88	15	CP	F15
	16	2013	85	12.15-15.17	32	CP	F15
	17	2013	86	12.55-13.95	16	CP	F15
Totals	...	...	25.58 hrs	181			

<sup>a</sup> Number of data points, including detections only  
<sup>b</sup> Data types are visibility magnitudes (VM) and closure phases (CP)  
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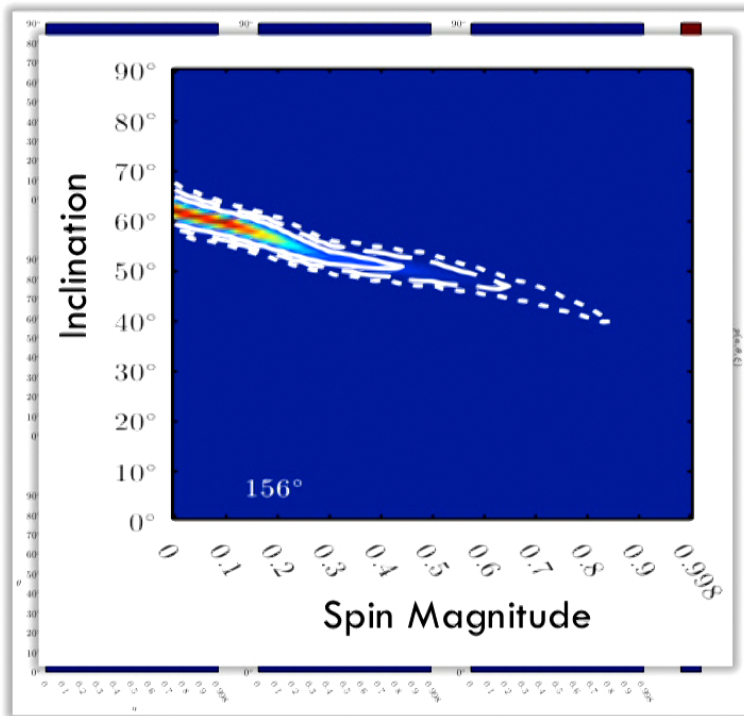


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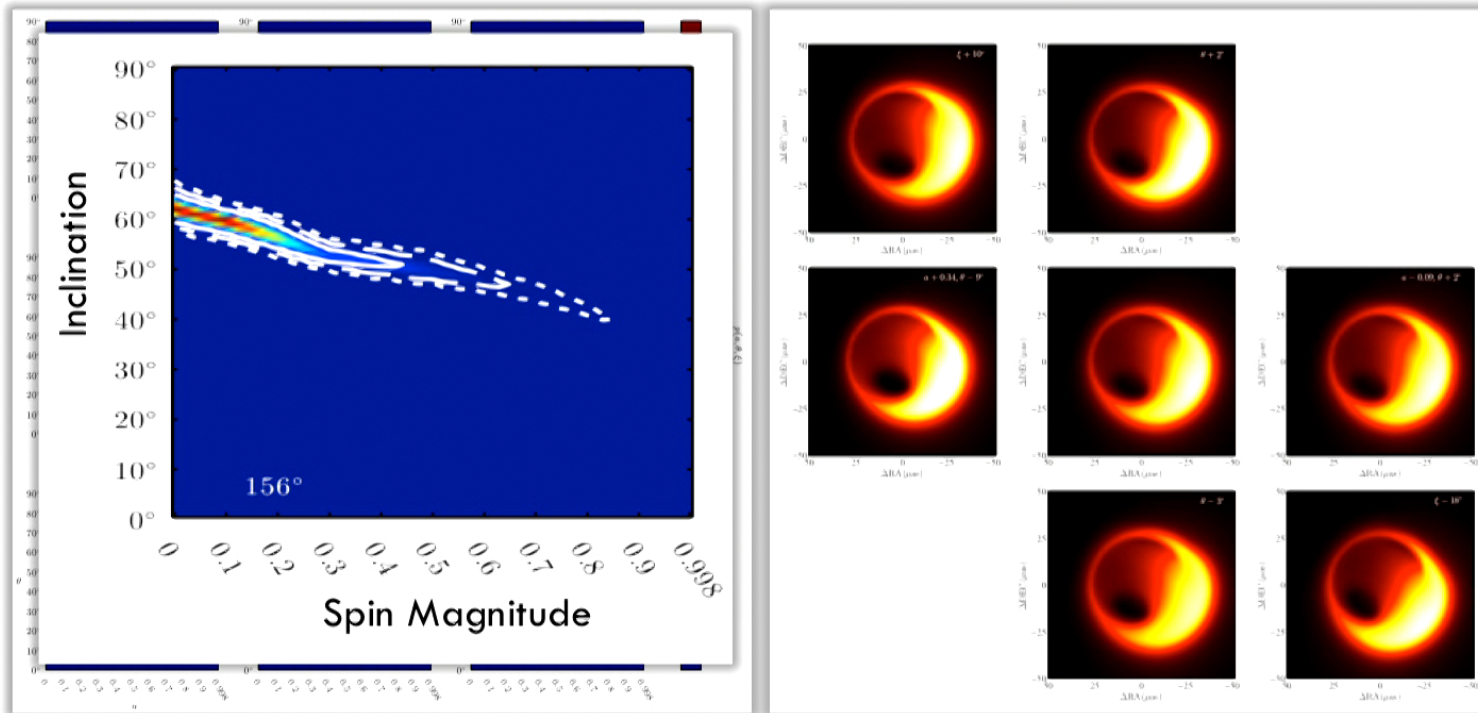
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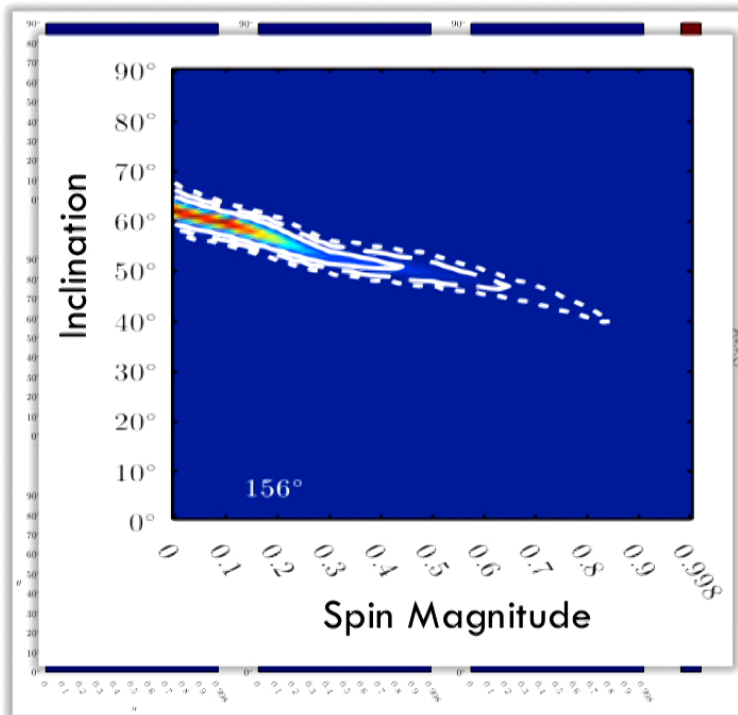
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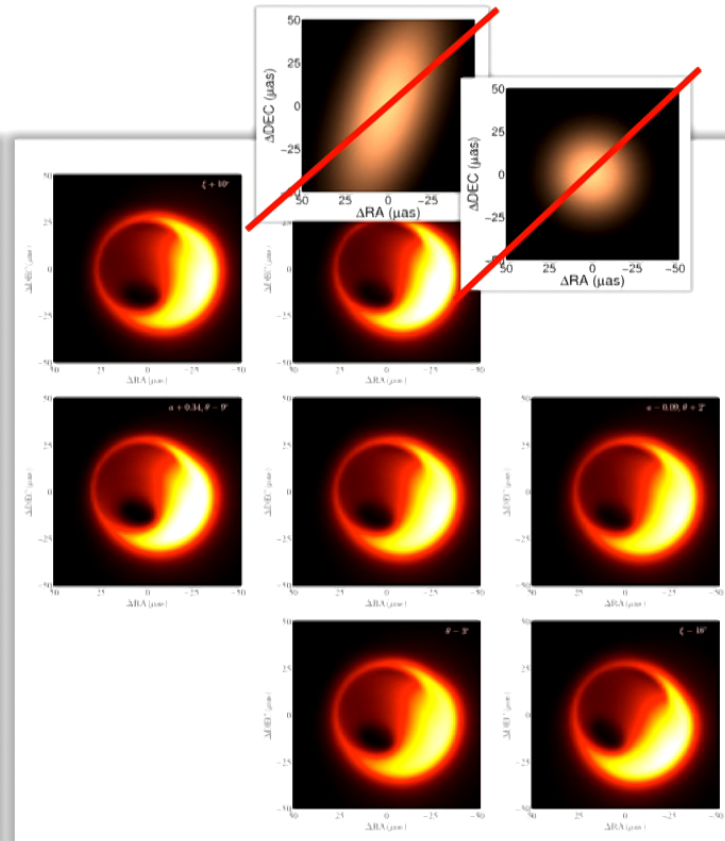
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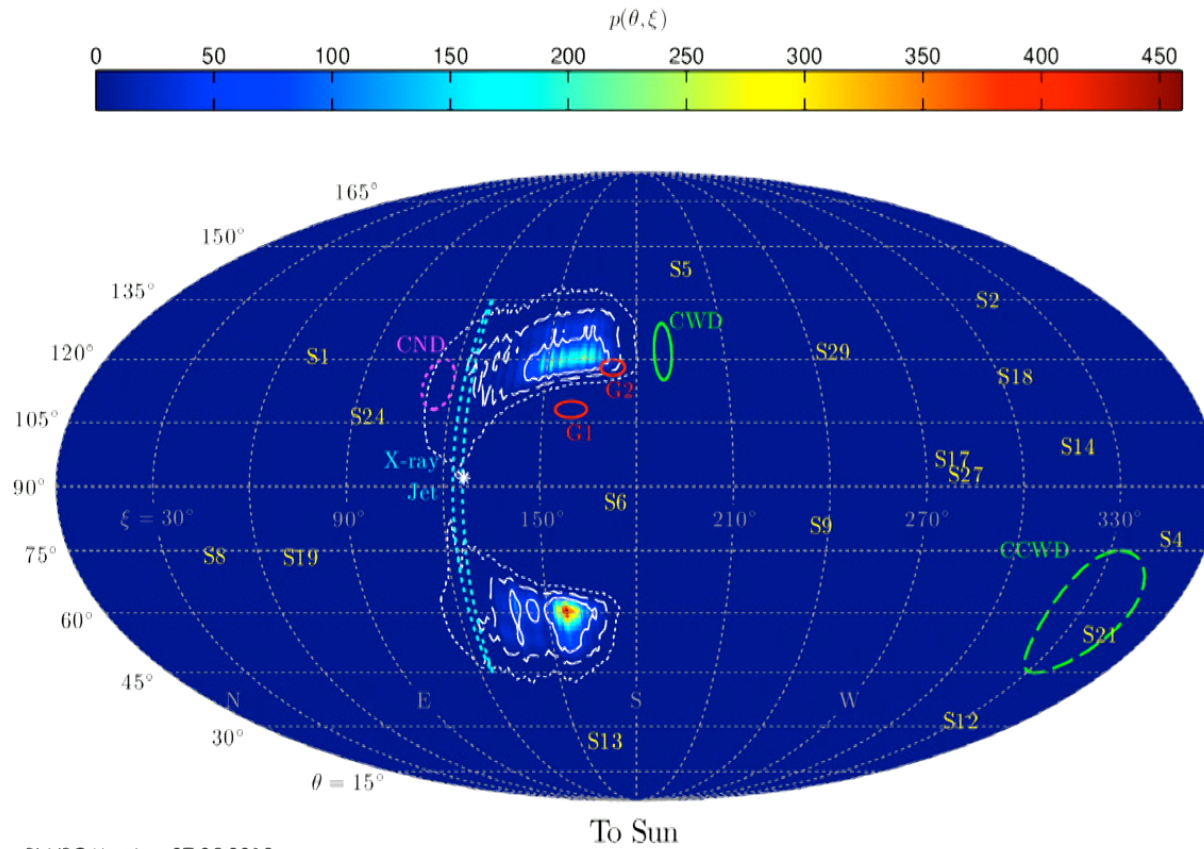


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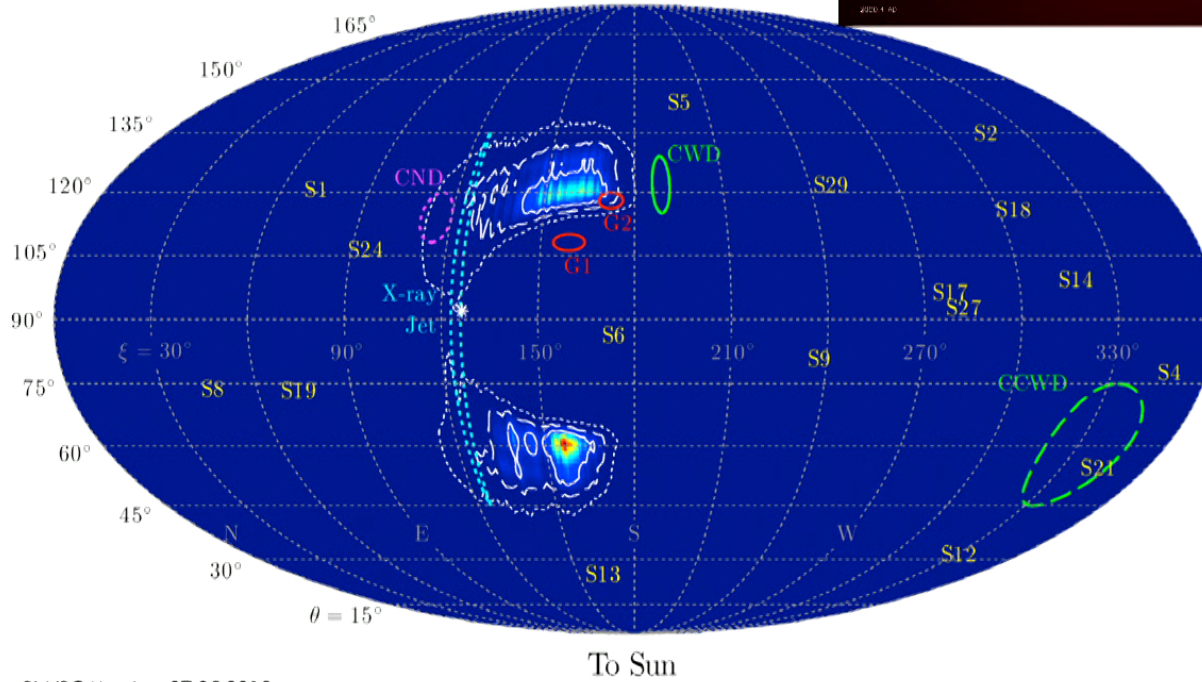
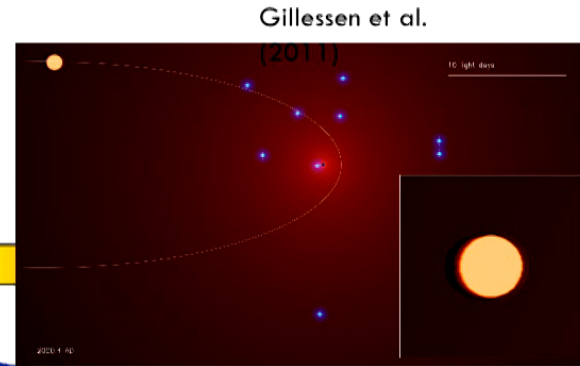
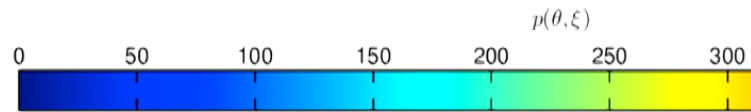
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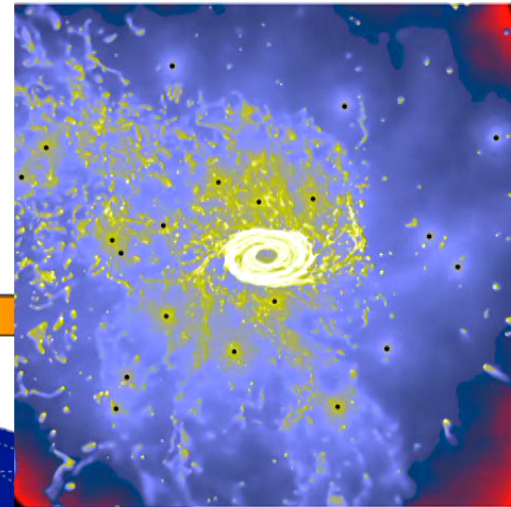
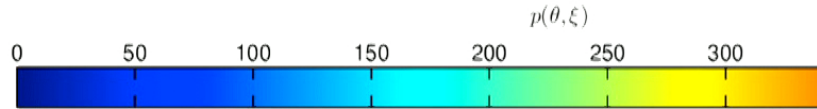


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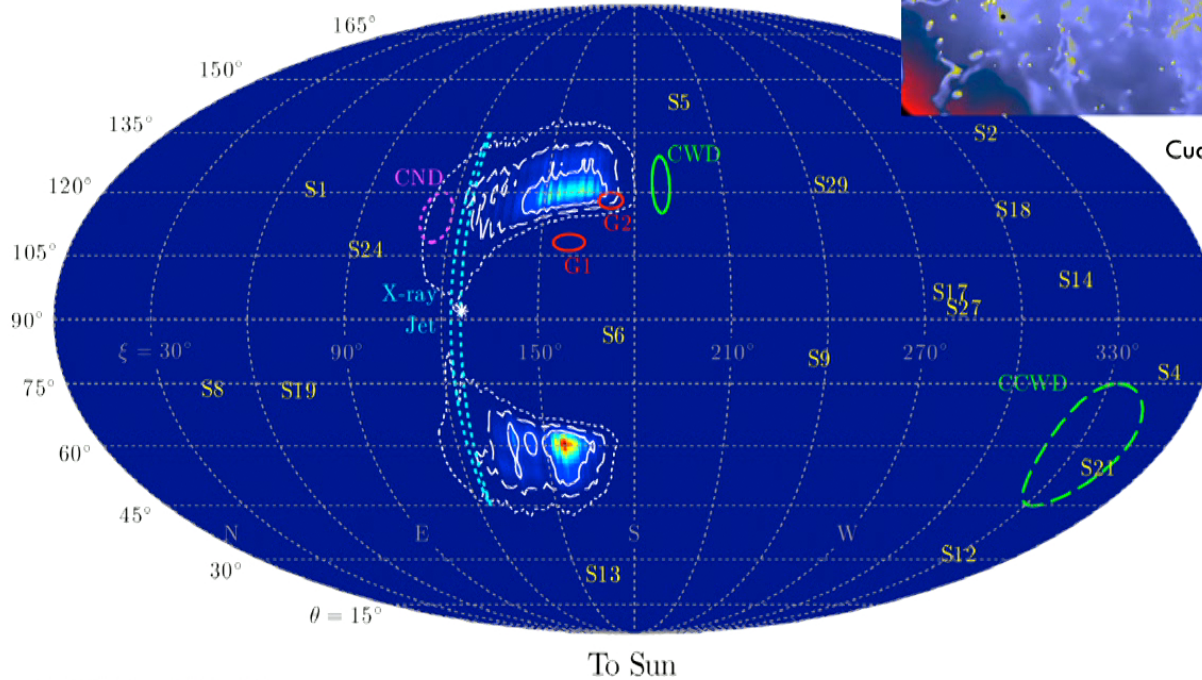


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Cuadra et al. (2005)



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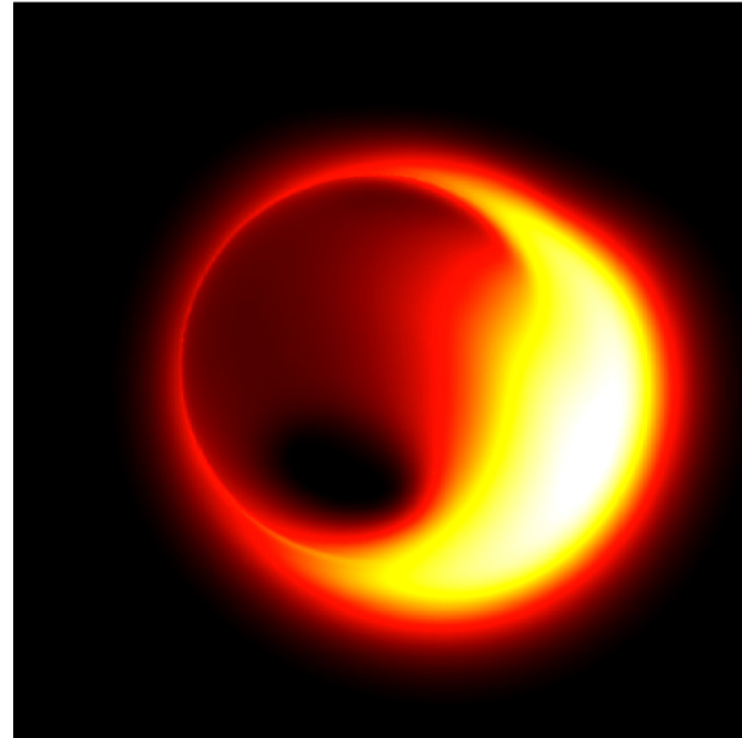
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# 1 MODEL – 7 YEARS

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Data Epochs

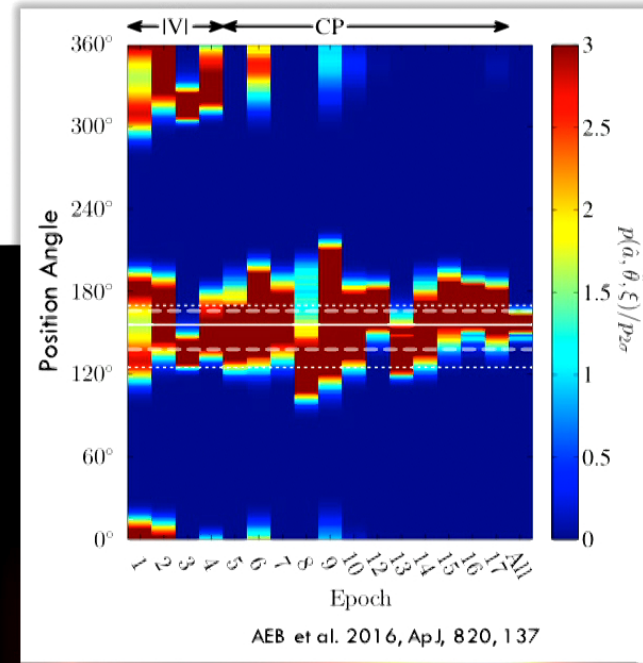
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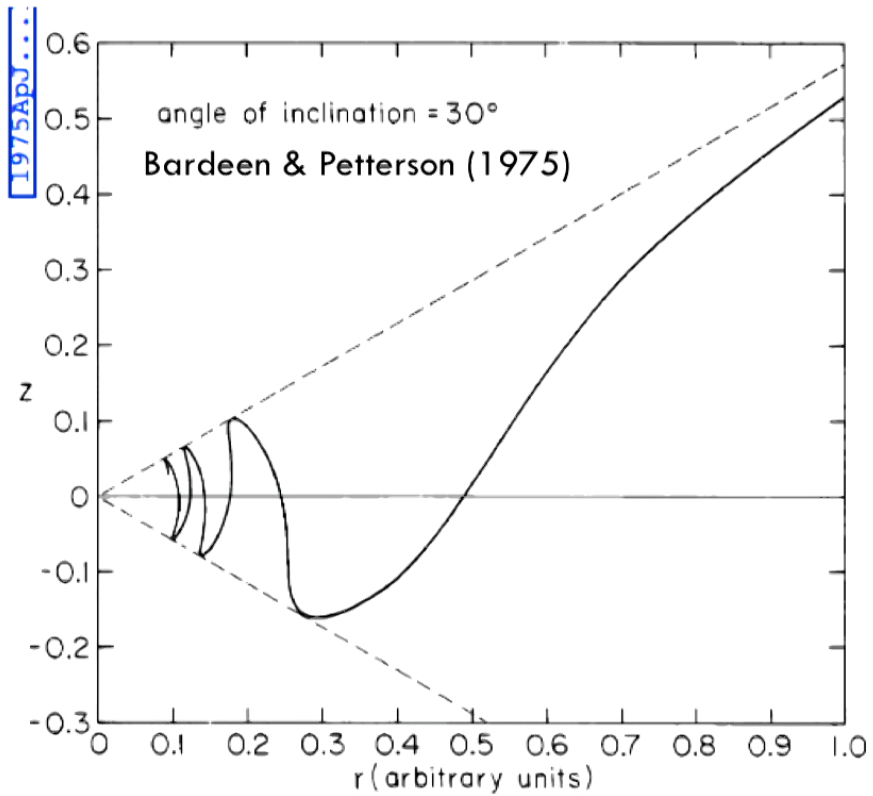
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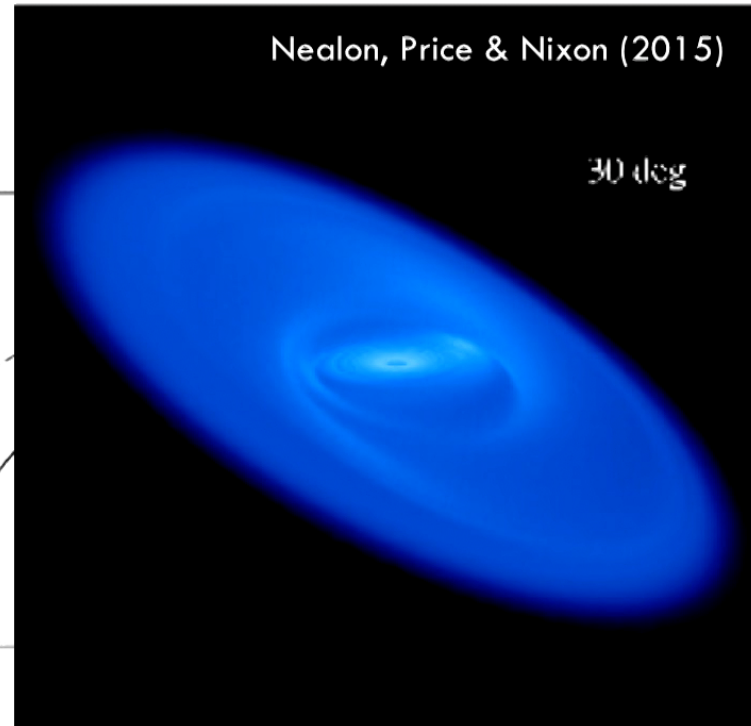
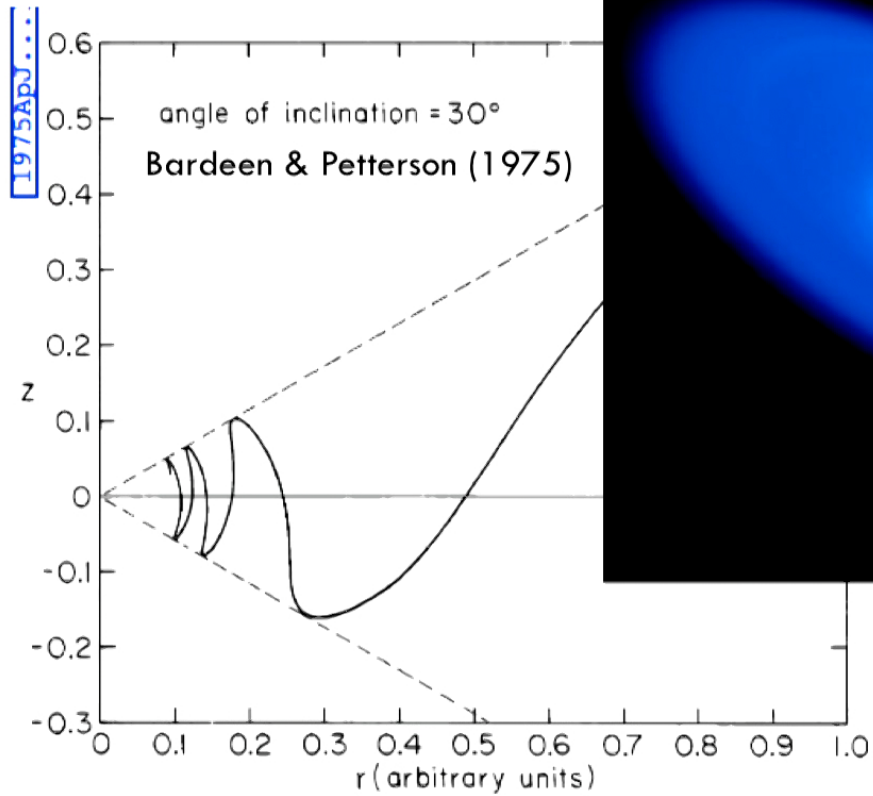
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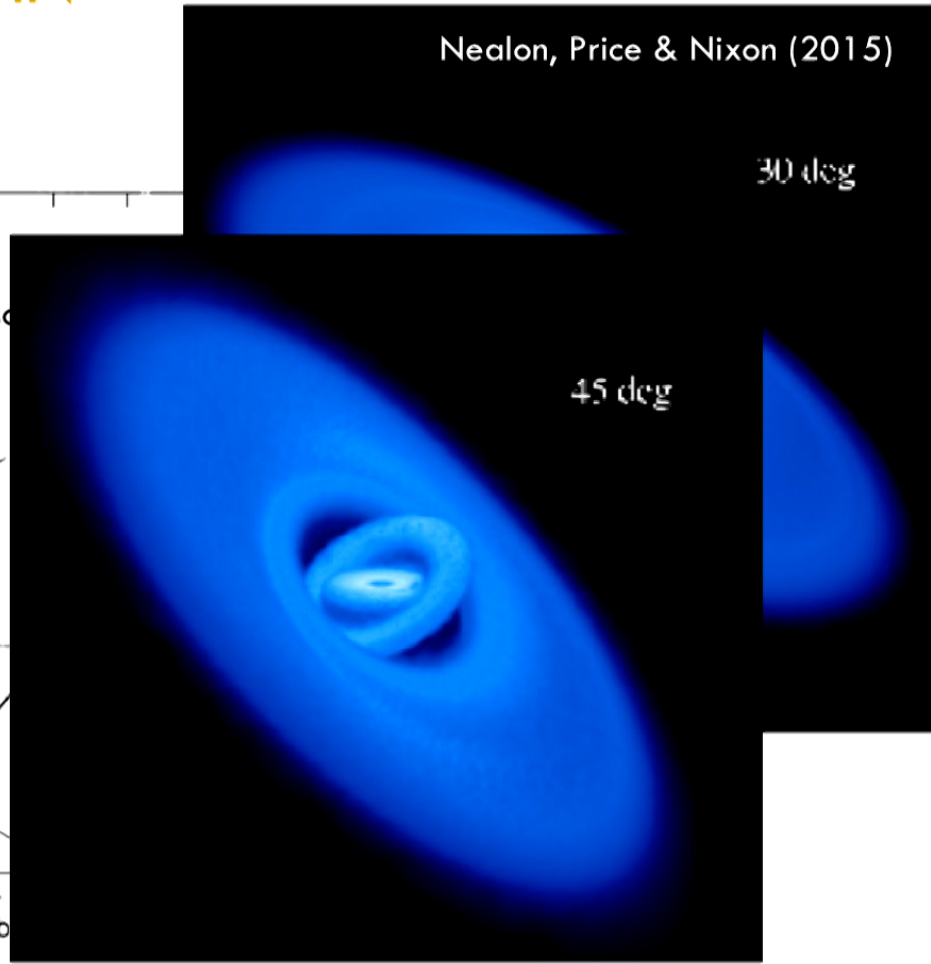
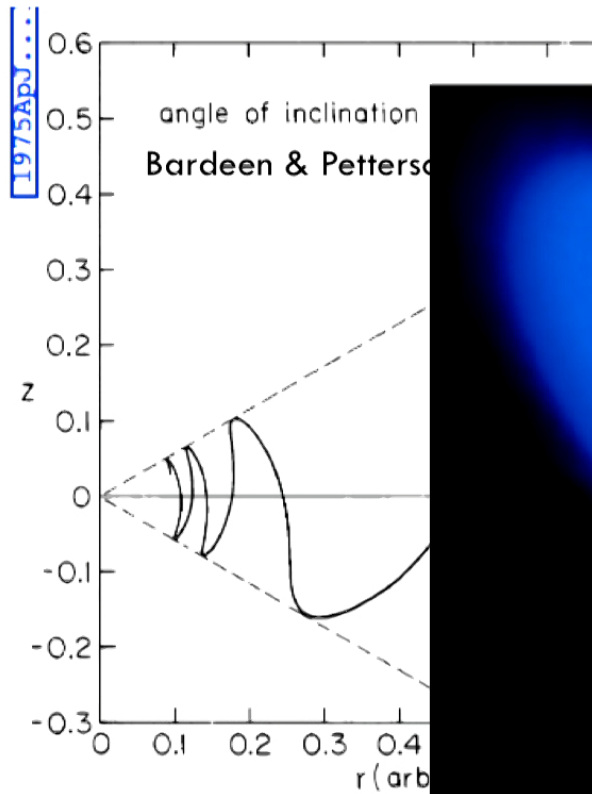


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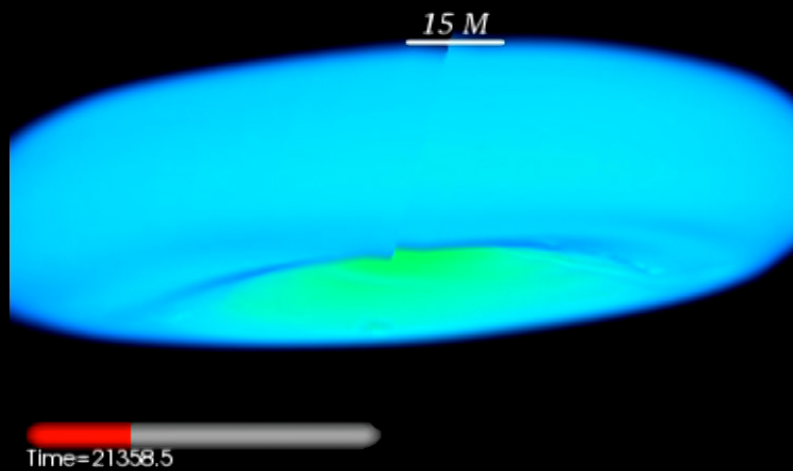
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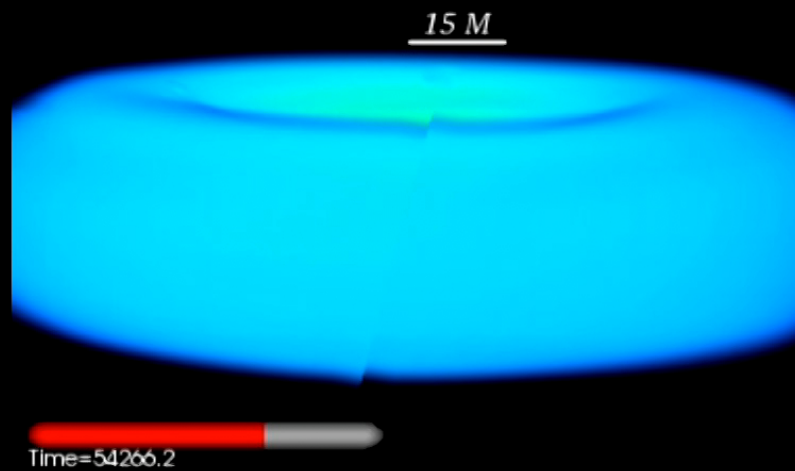


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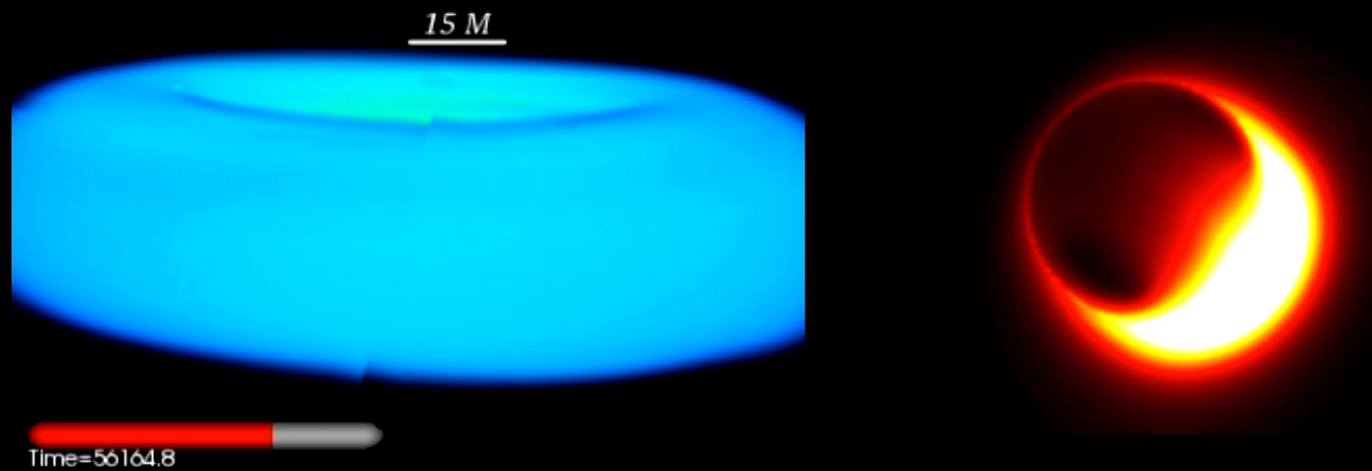
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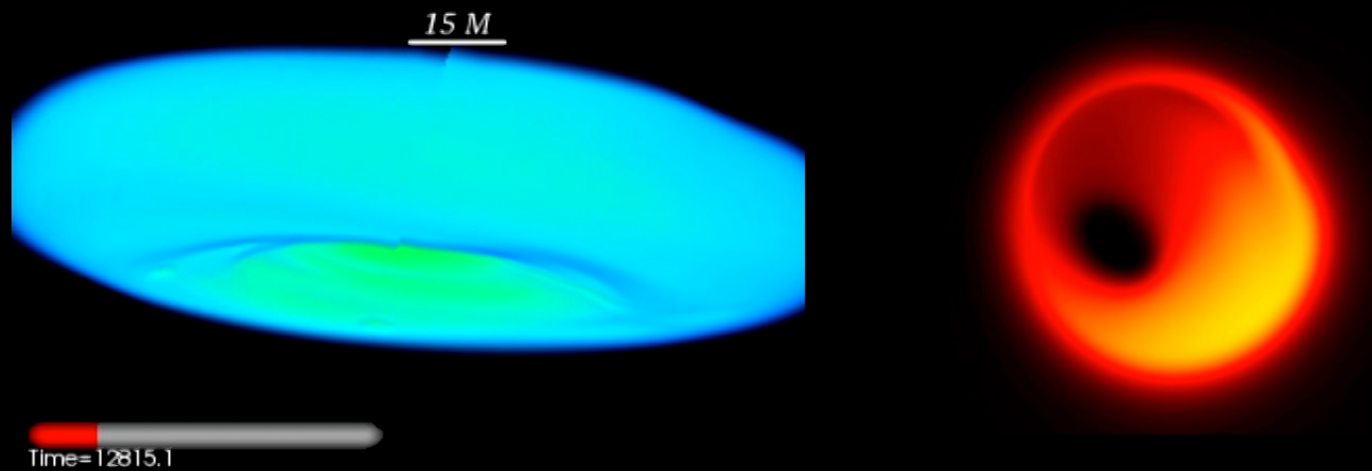
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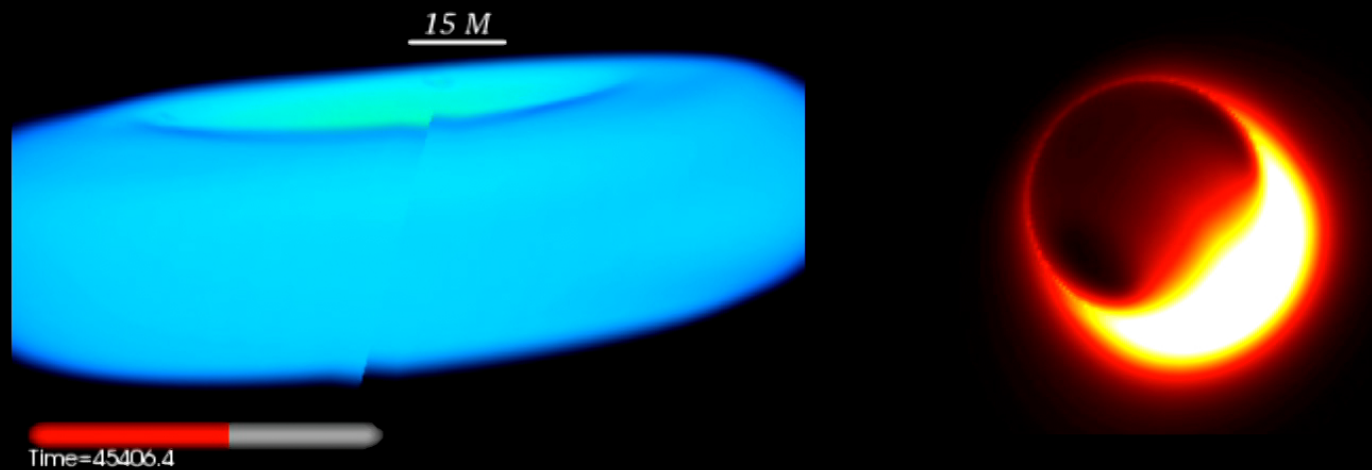
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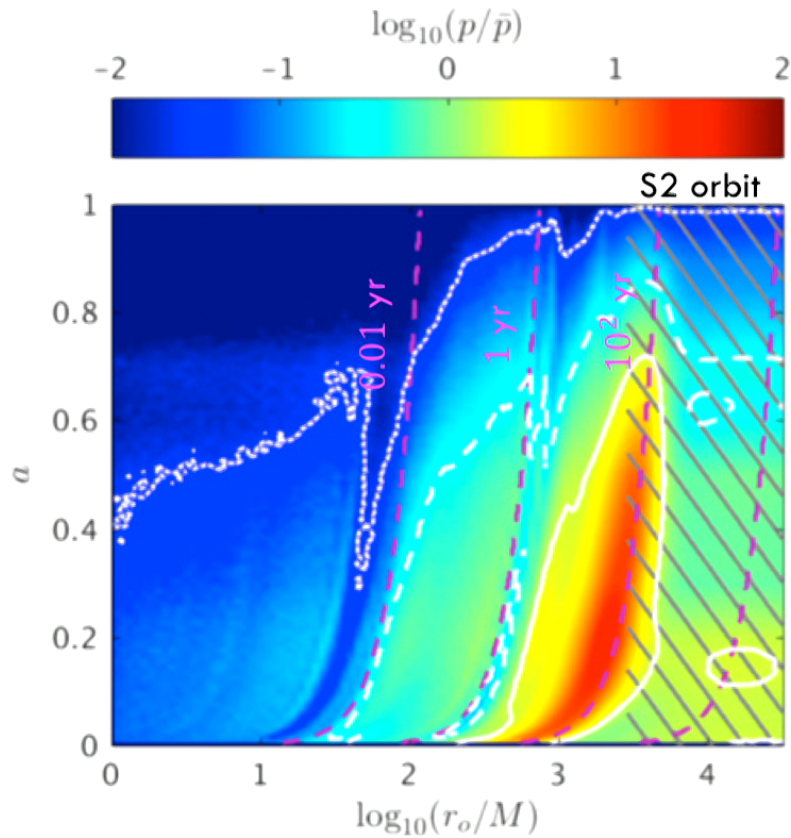
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$$T_{prec} \sim \frac{L_{disk}}{\tau_{LT}} \sim \frac{2}{a \sin \theta} \left( \frac{r_o}{10^3} \right)^{5/2} \text{ yr}$$

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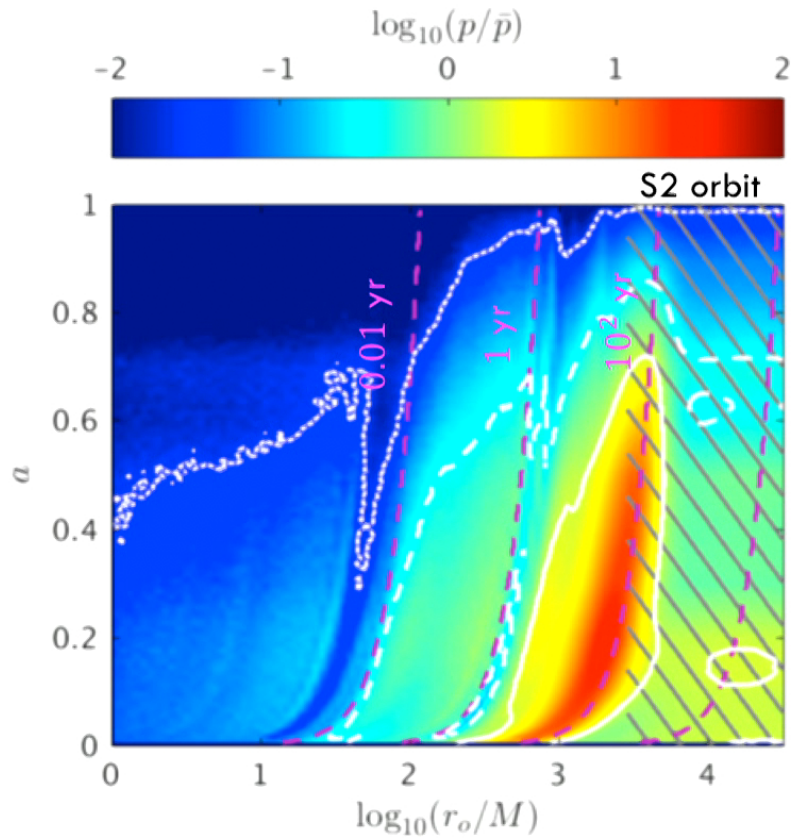
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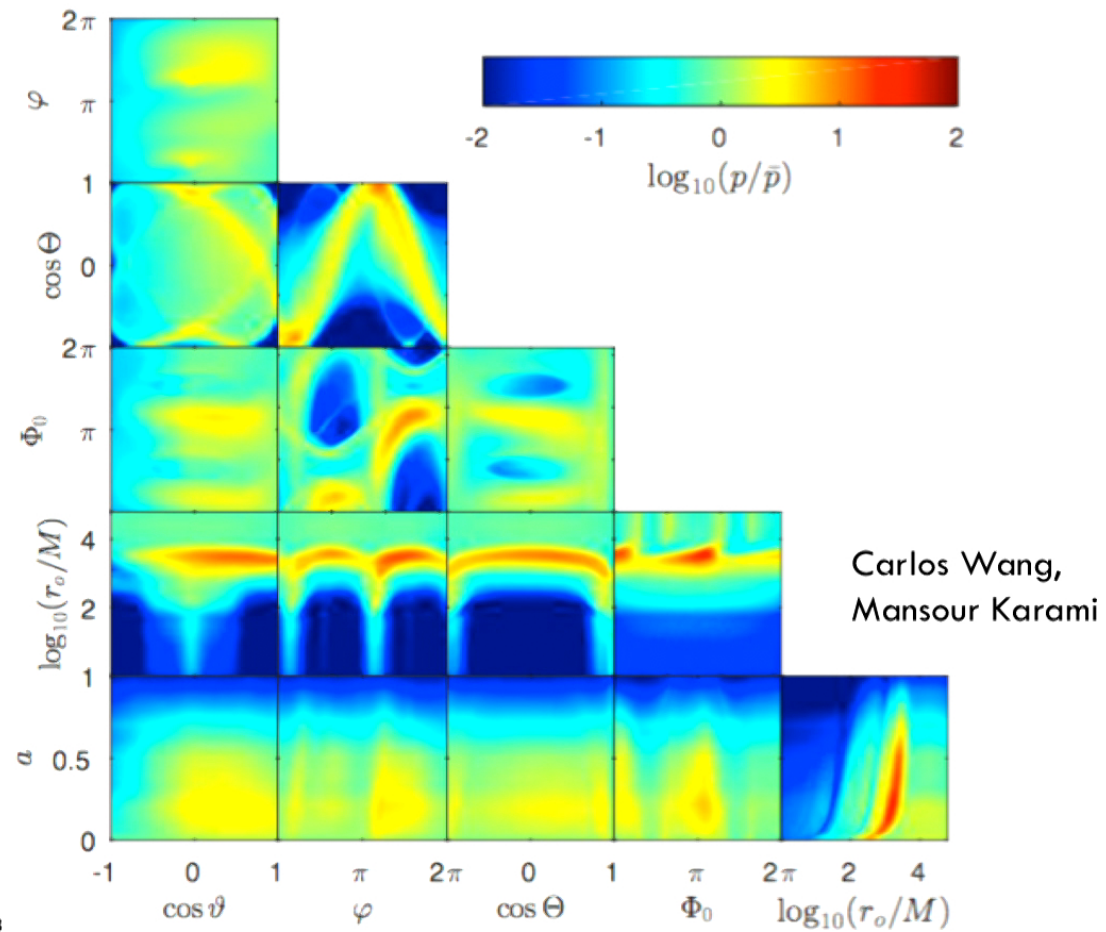


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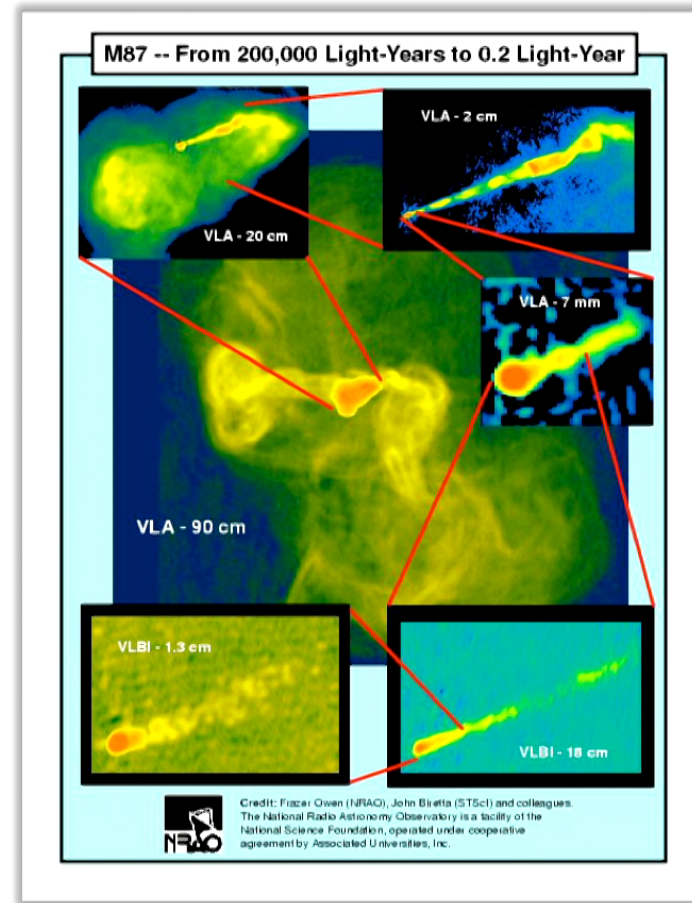
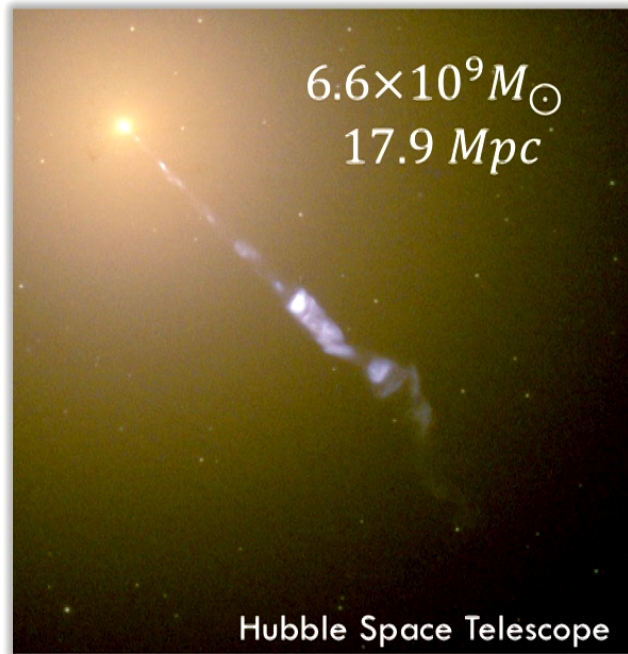
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# JET ORIGINS

# DAYS

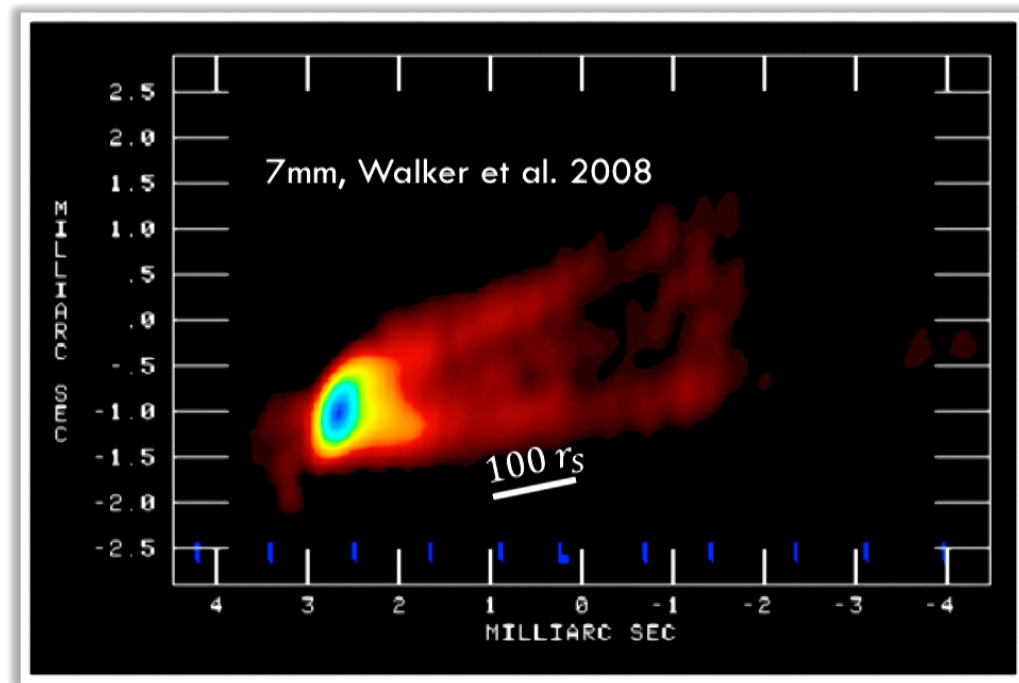
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# M87 – PROTOTYPICAL BLACK HOLE JET



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# FLARES IN M87?

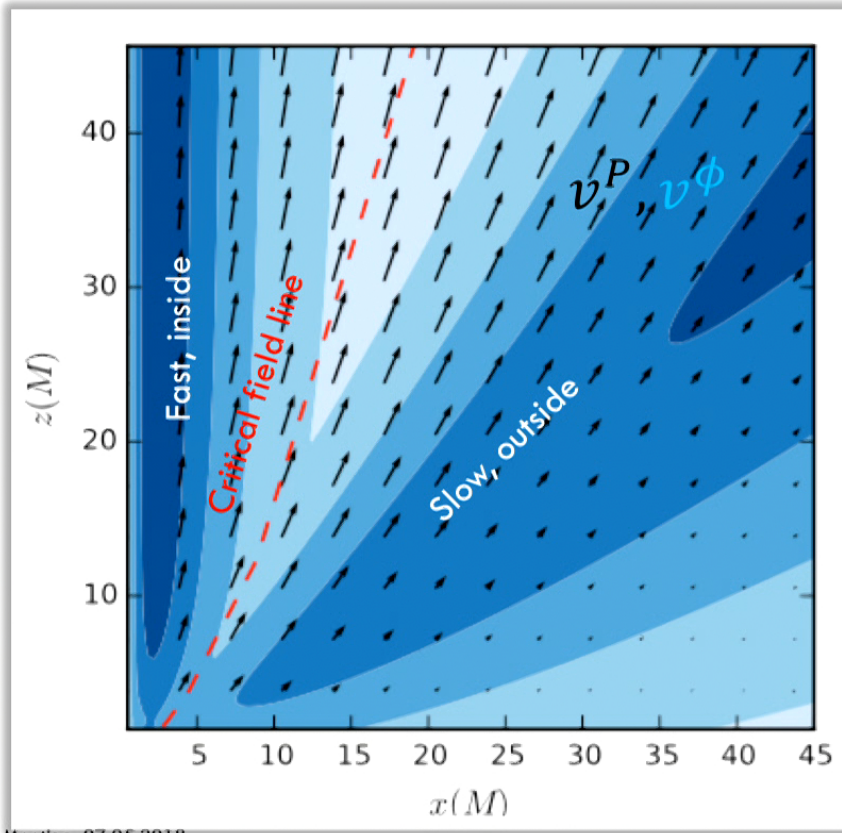


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# JET STRUCTURES

Spin driven, Poynting  
Blandford-Znajek?



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Jet Launching Needs:

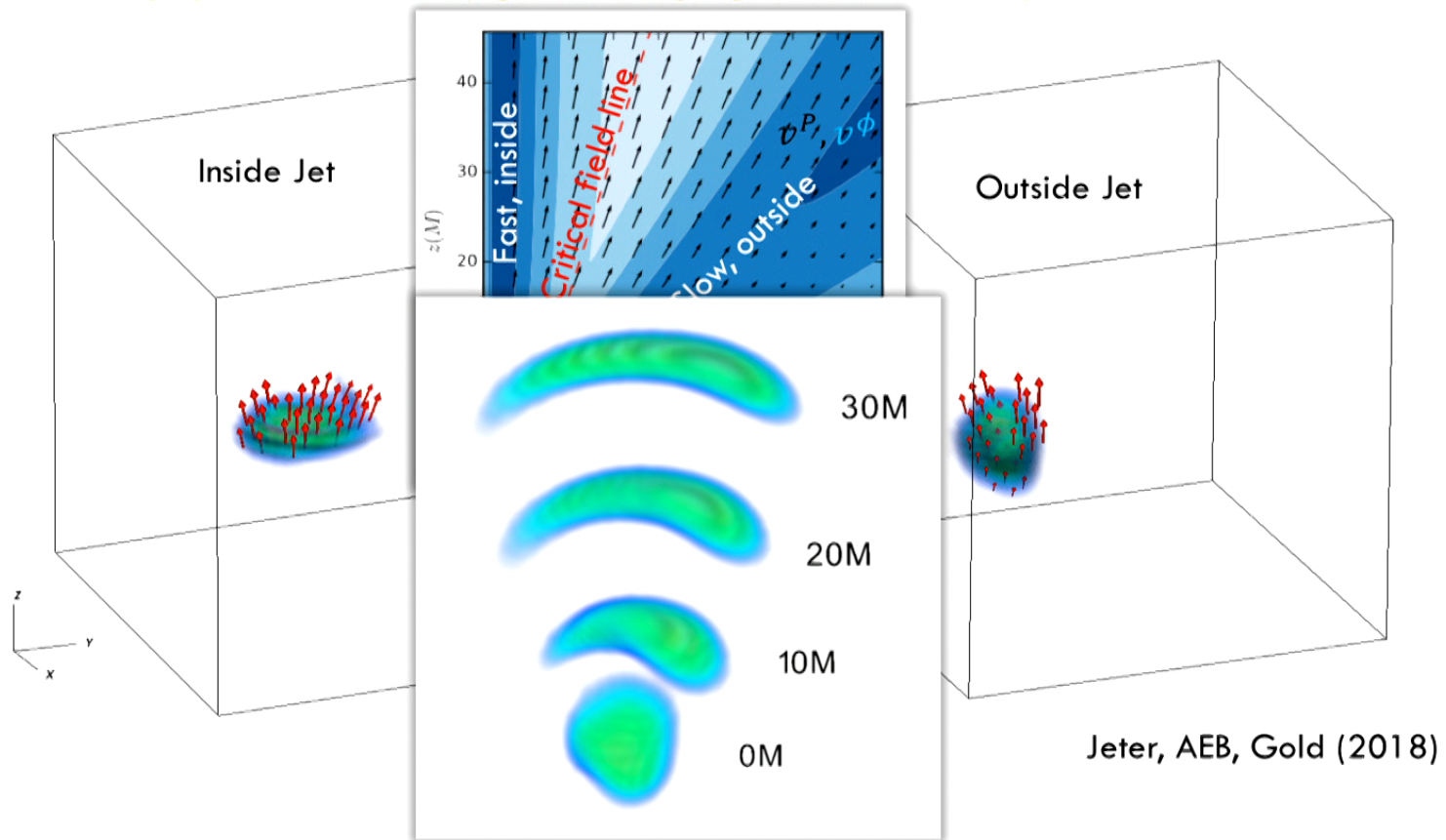
- Angular momentum
- Magnetic fields
- Roger Blandford

But ...

Winds  
Blandford-Payne?

Jeter, AEB, Gold (2018)

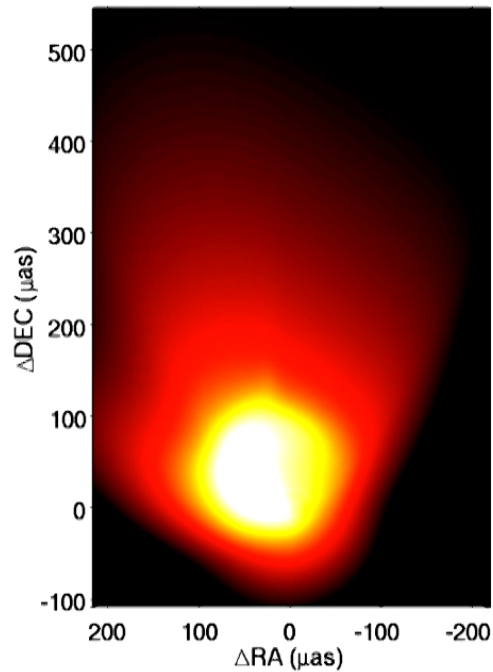
# SHEARING SPOTS AND ACCELERATING VELOCITY FIELDS



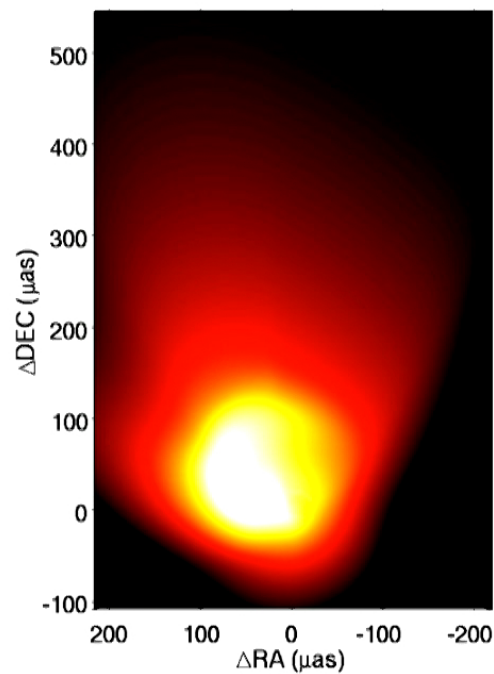
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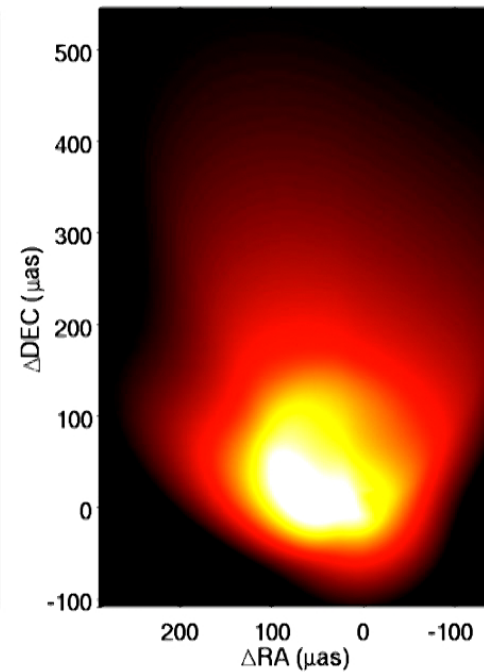
Inside Jet



Critical Field Line



Outside Jet

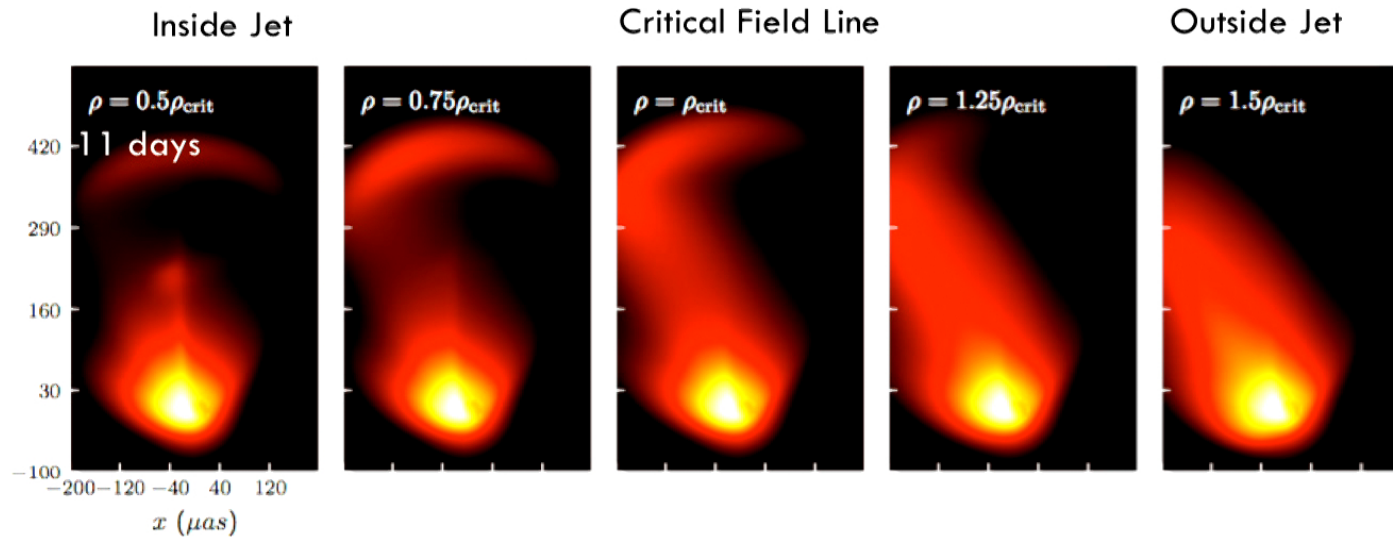


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Note: Different angular scale,  
Different intensity scale!

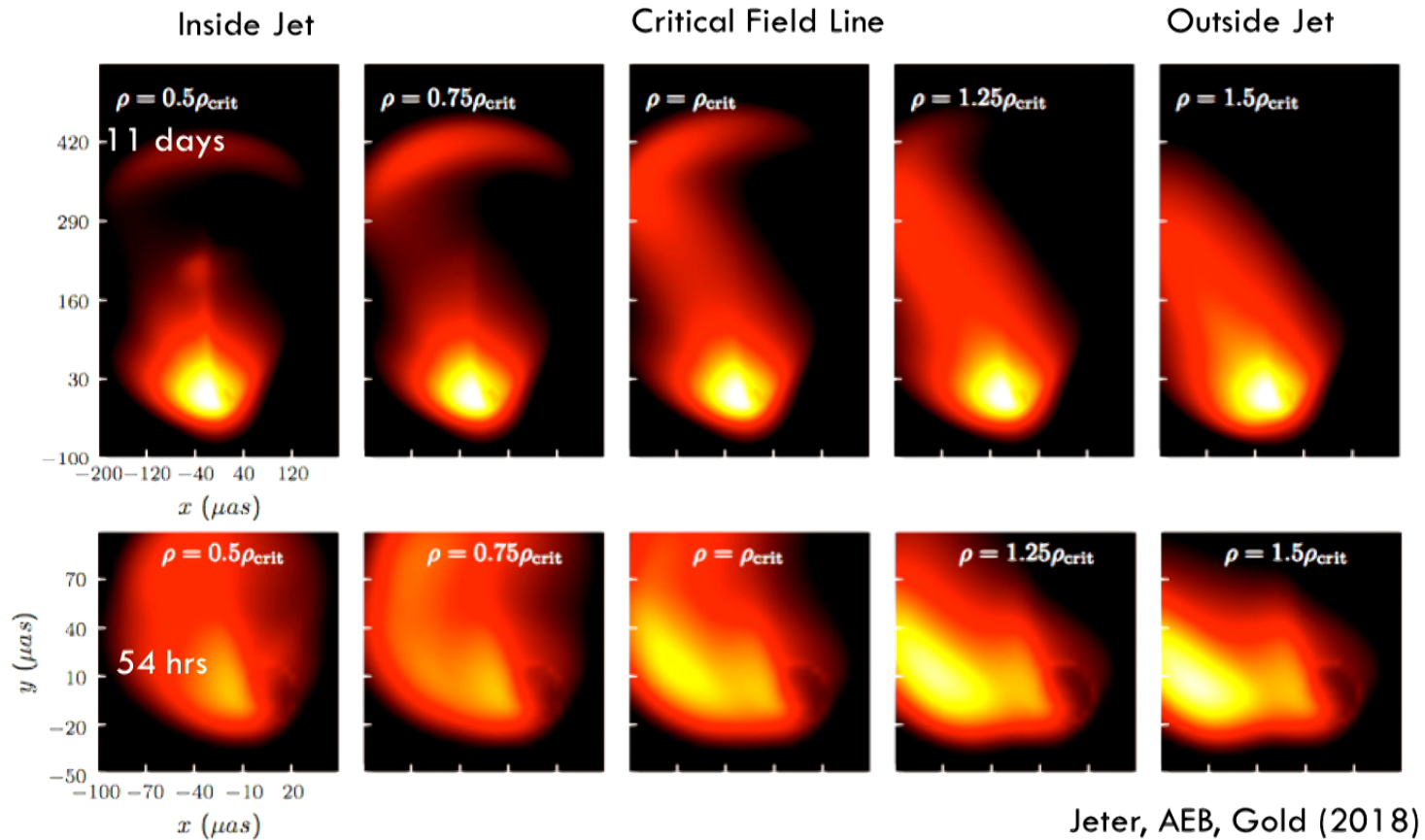
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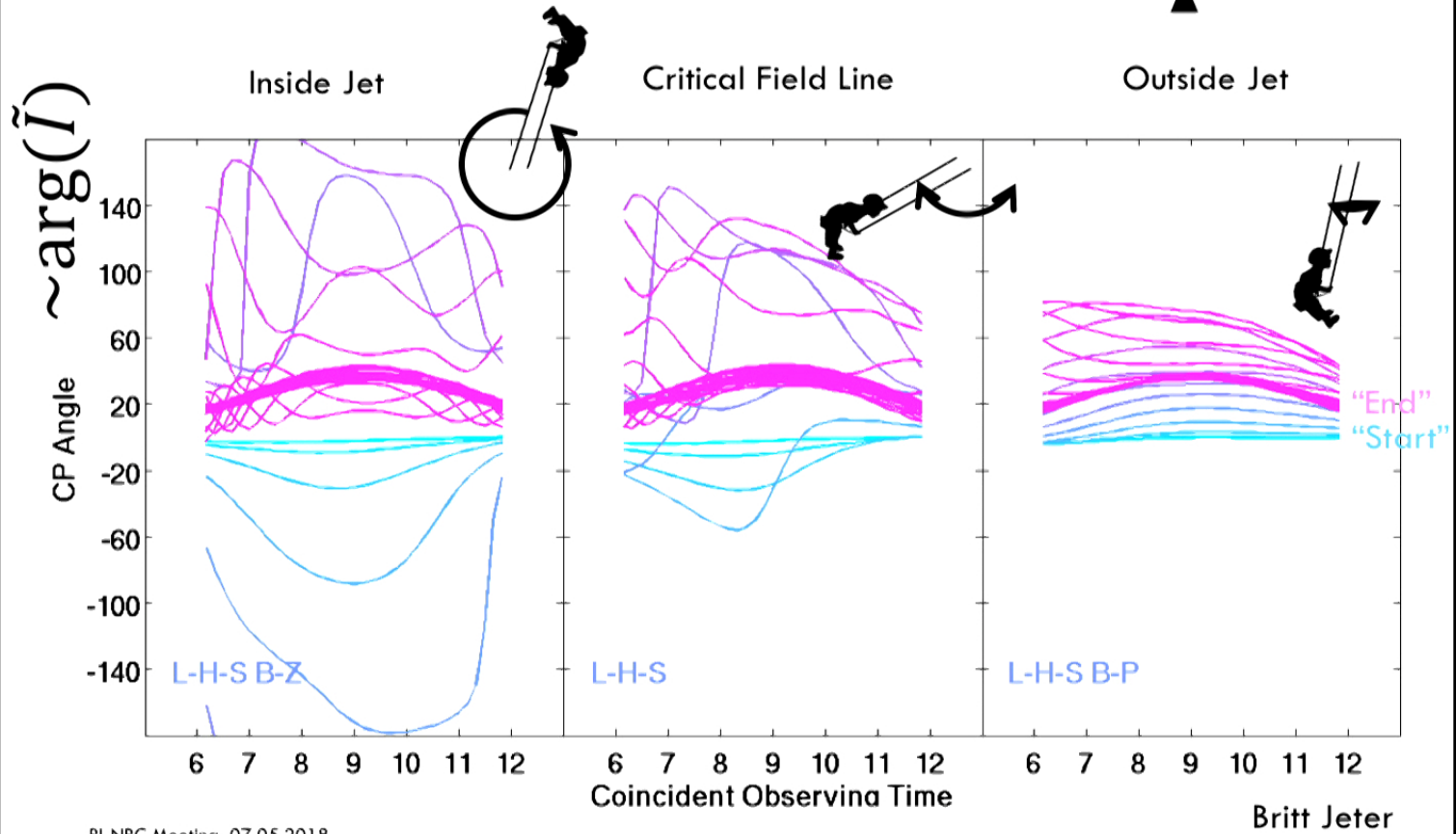
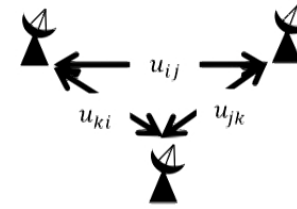
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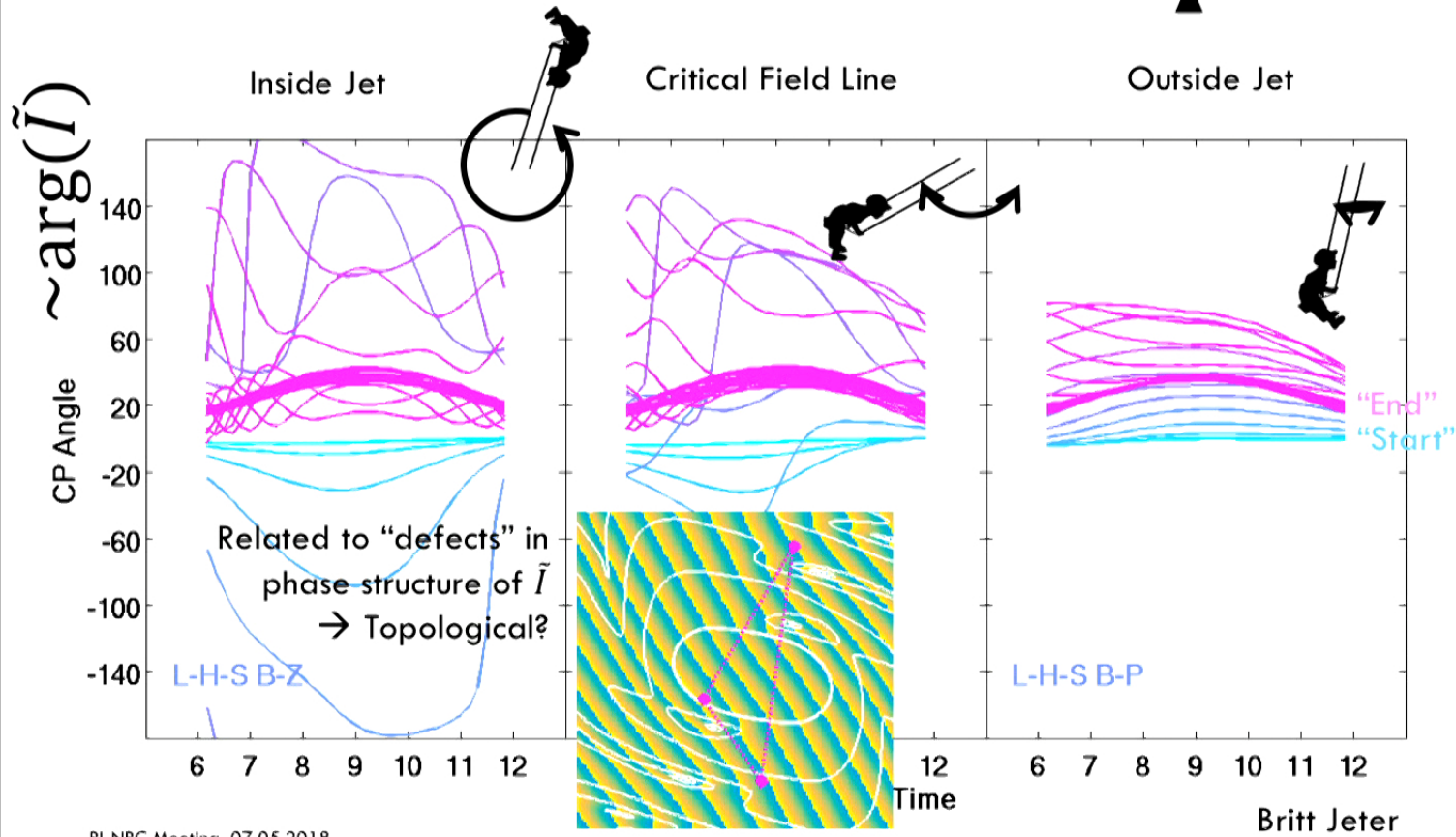
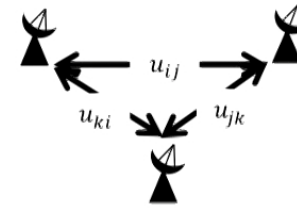
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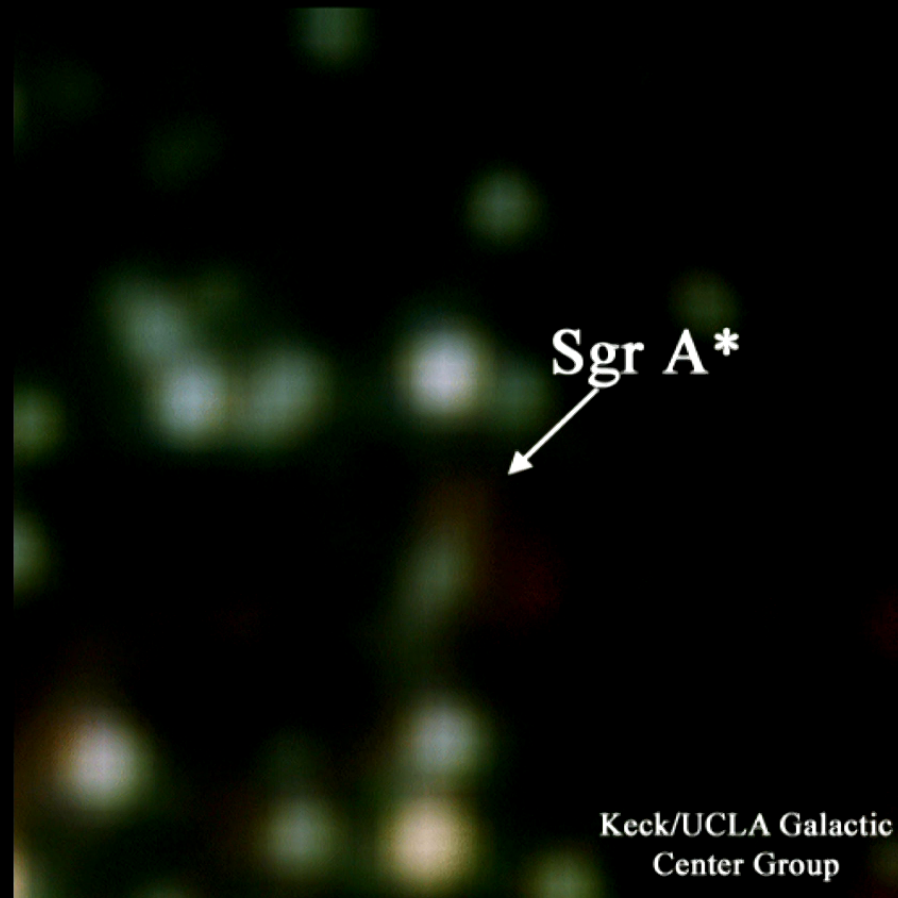


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# SPACETIME TOMOGRAPHY MINUTES

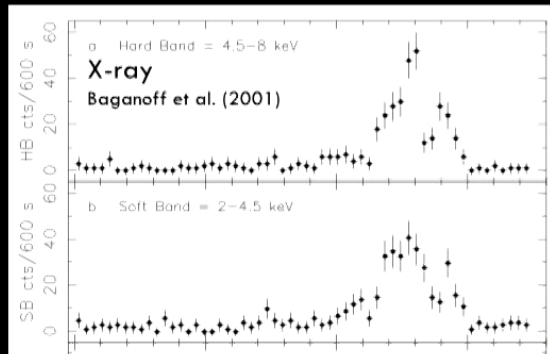
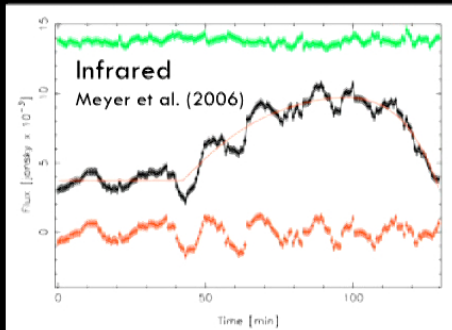
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# FLARES IN THE GALACTIC CENTER



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Sgr A\*



Keck/UCLA Galactic  
Center Group

SOMETIMES  
BY A LOT

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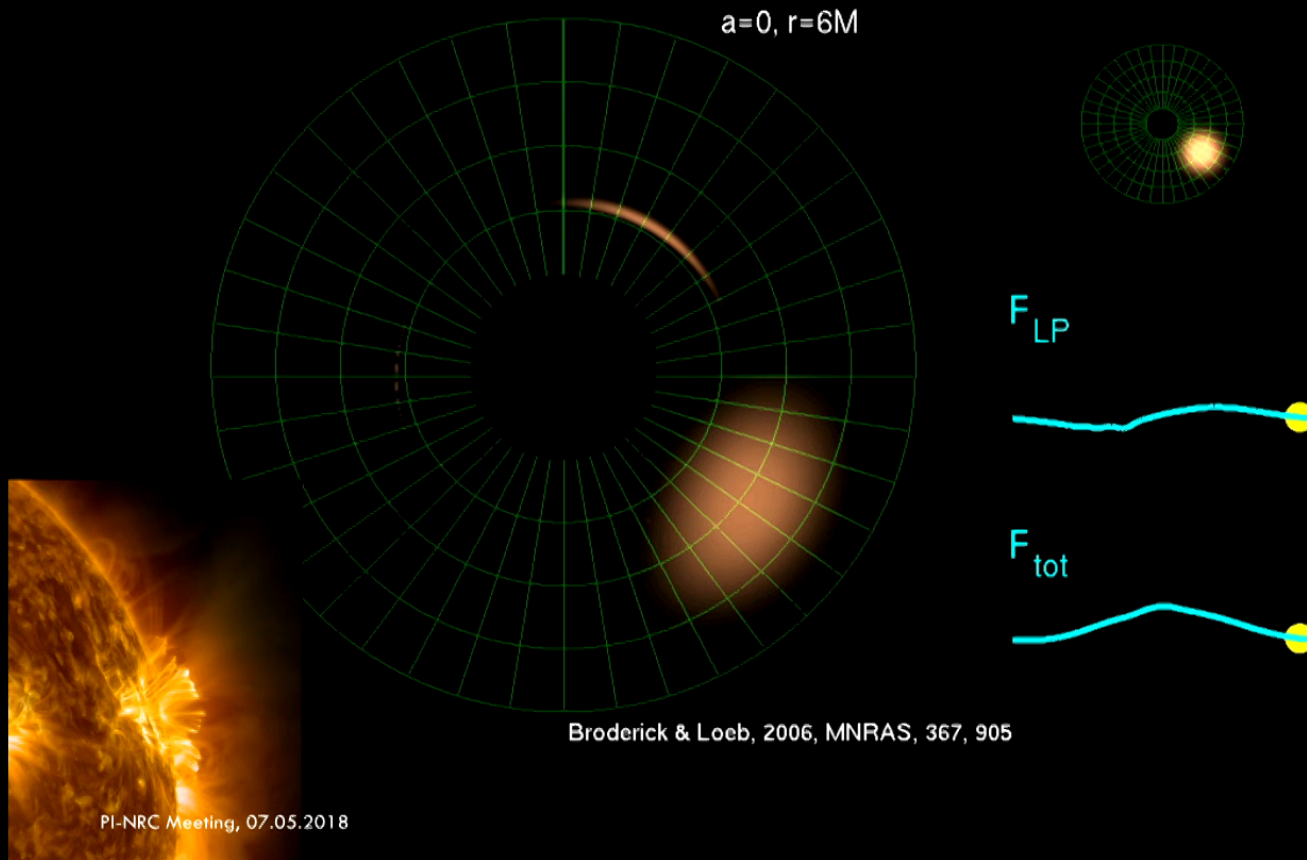
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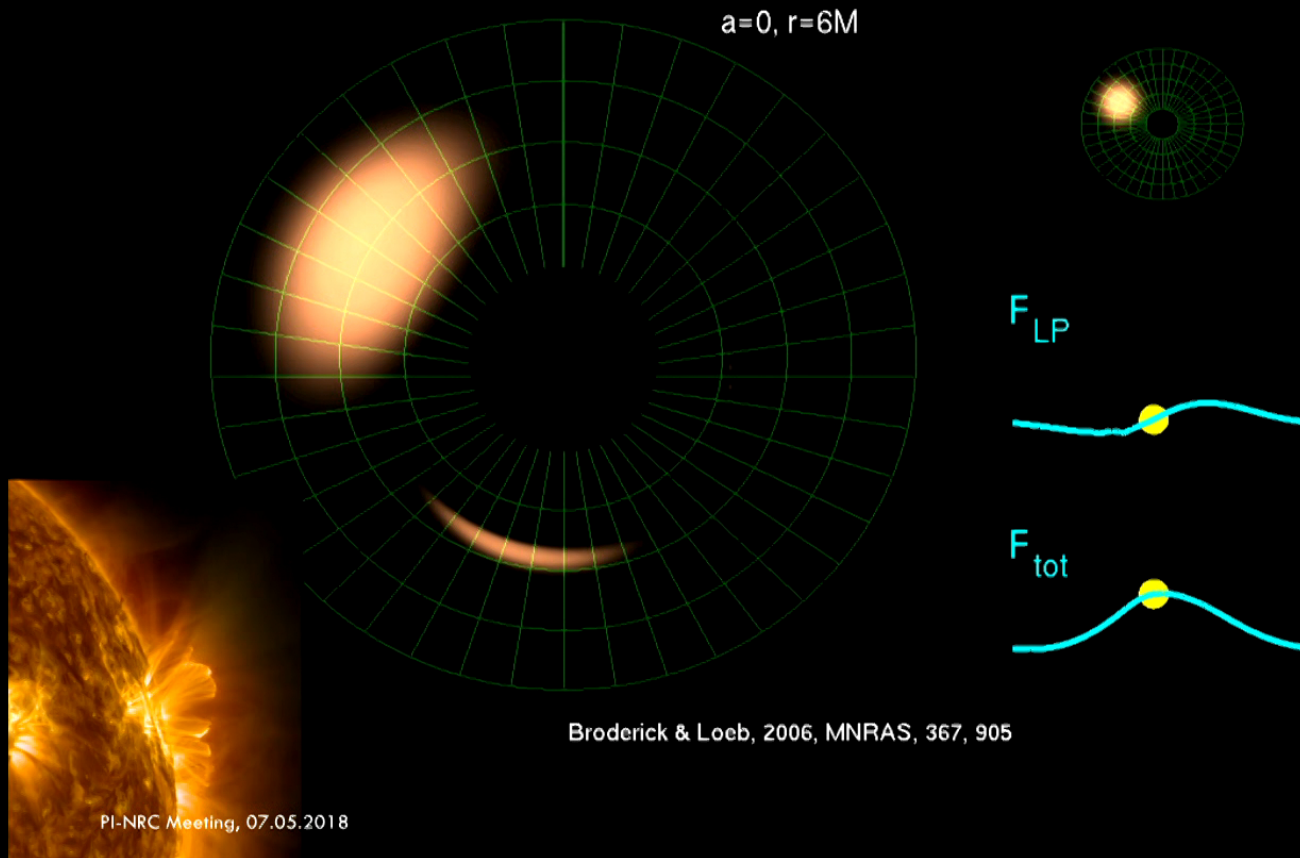
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# FLARES IN SGR A\*: NONTHERMAL CATASTROPHES

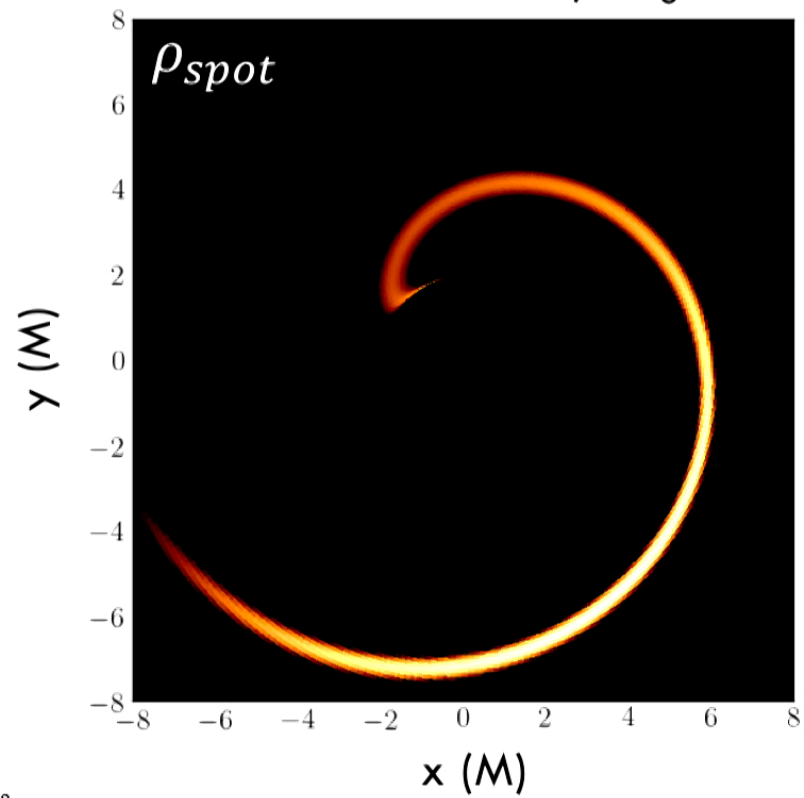


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# SHEARING VS. STATIC SPOTS

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# TURBULENCE: ANGULAR MOMENTUM TRANSPORT



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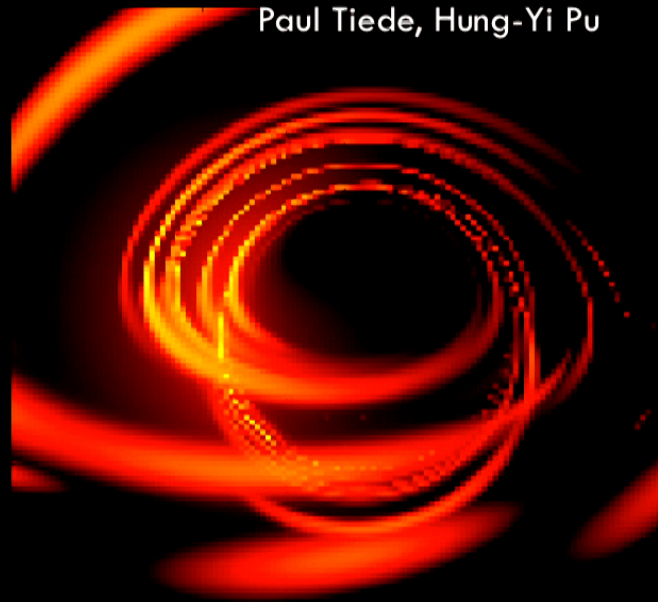
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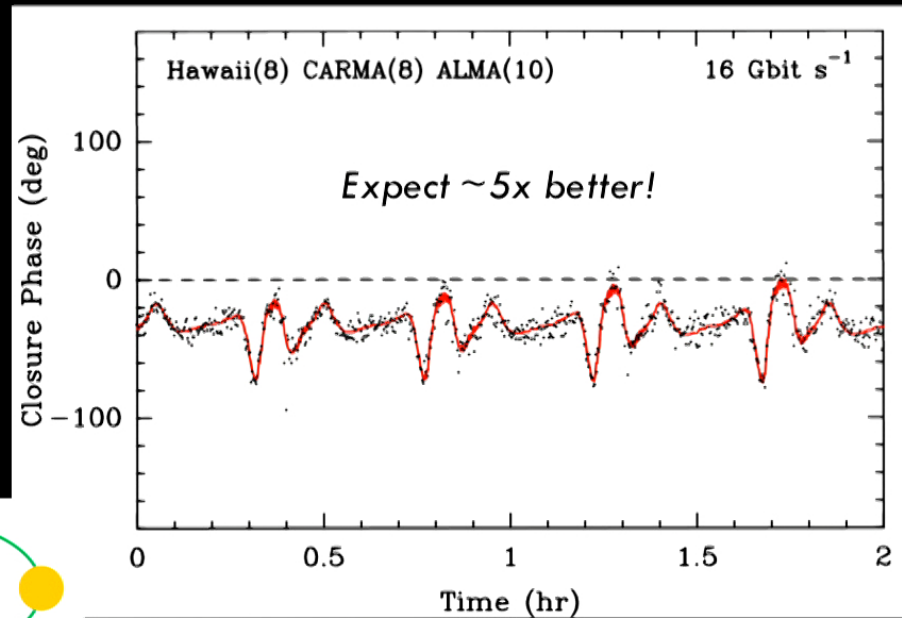
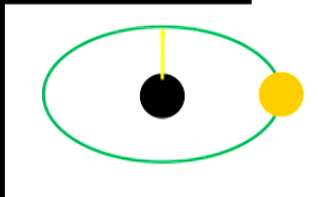


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# THE SHAPE OF SPACETIME II: SPACETIME TOMOGRAPHY



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Hot-spot at  $\sim 6M$   
Period = 27 min.

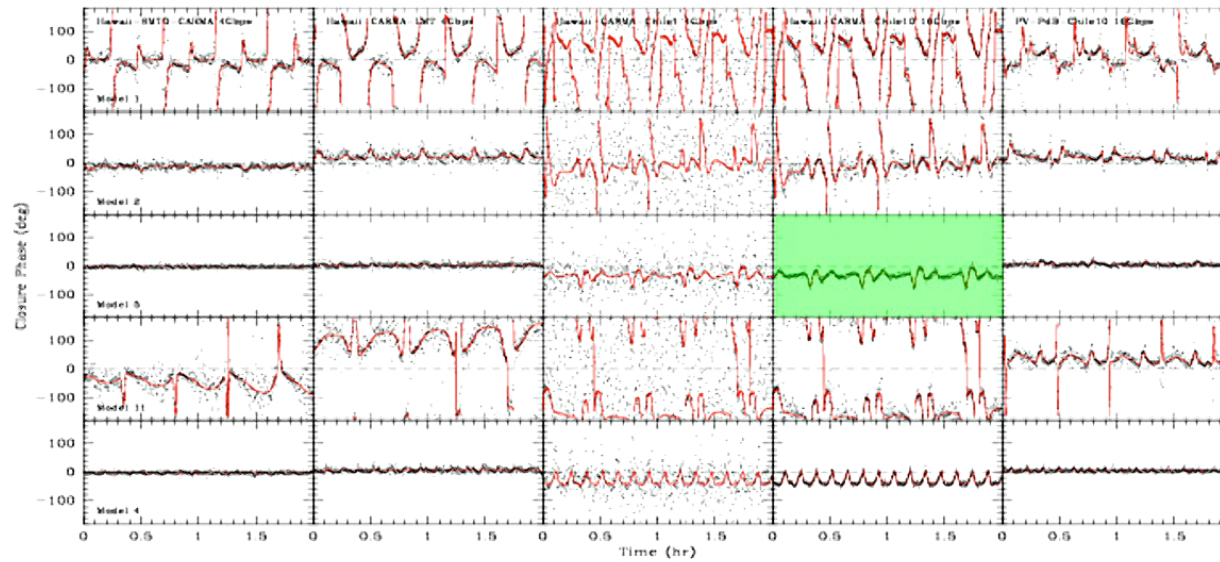
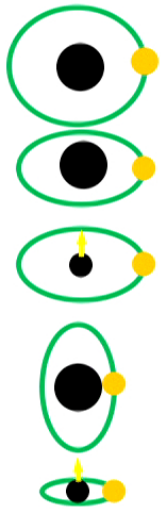
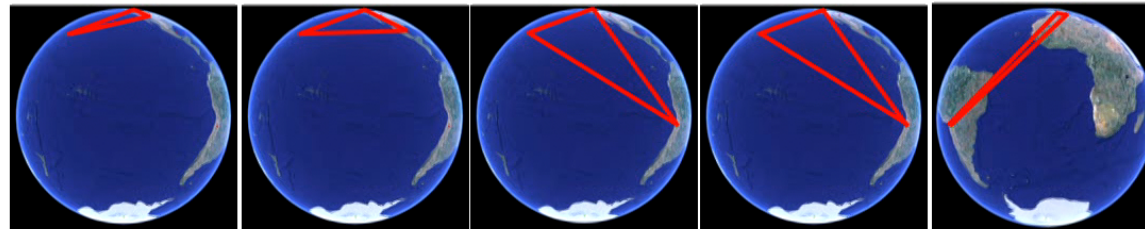


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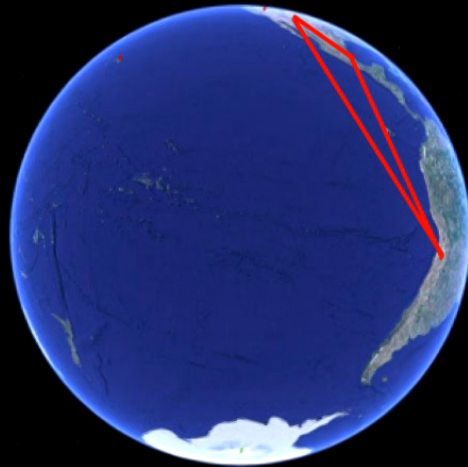


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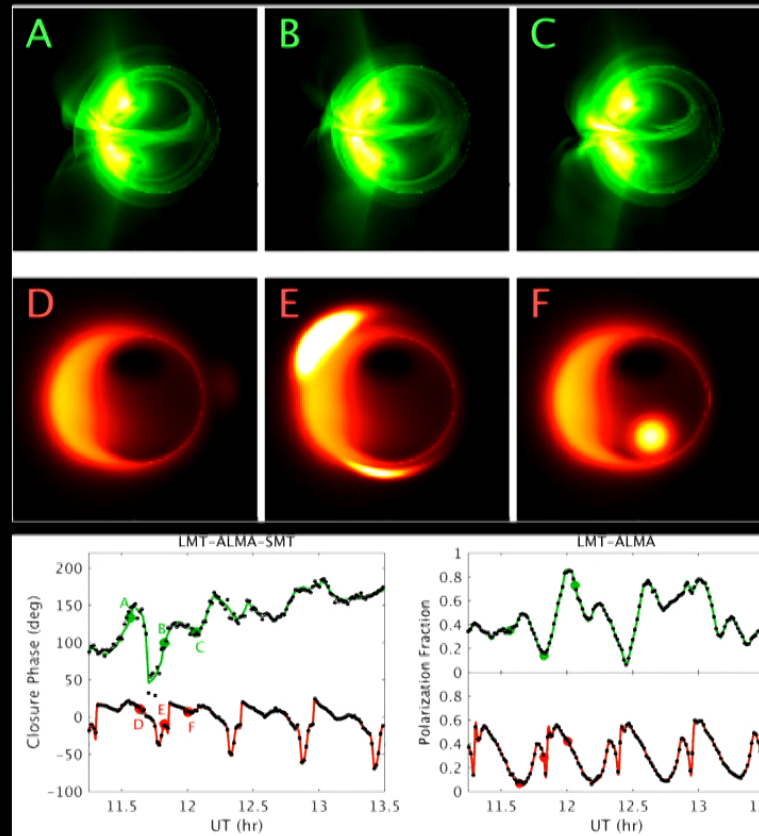
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# THE SHAPE OF SPACETIME: SPACETIME TOMOGRAPHY

Roman Gold & AEB



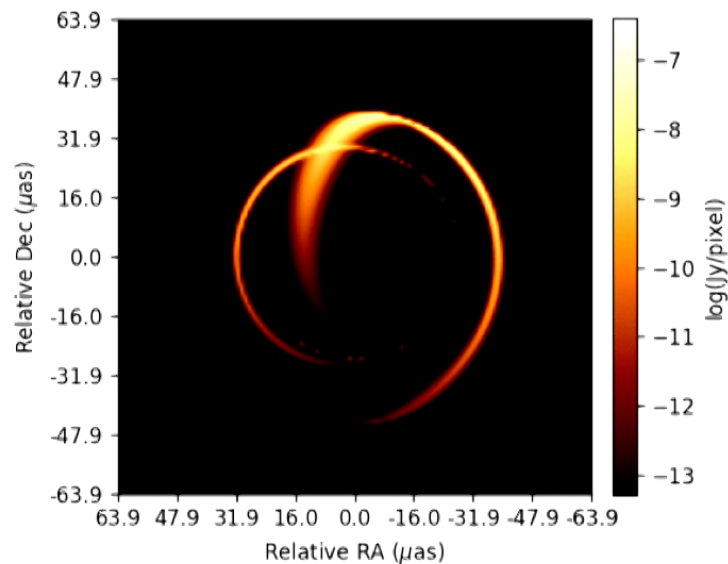
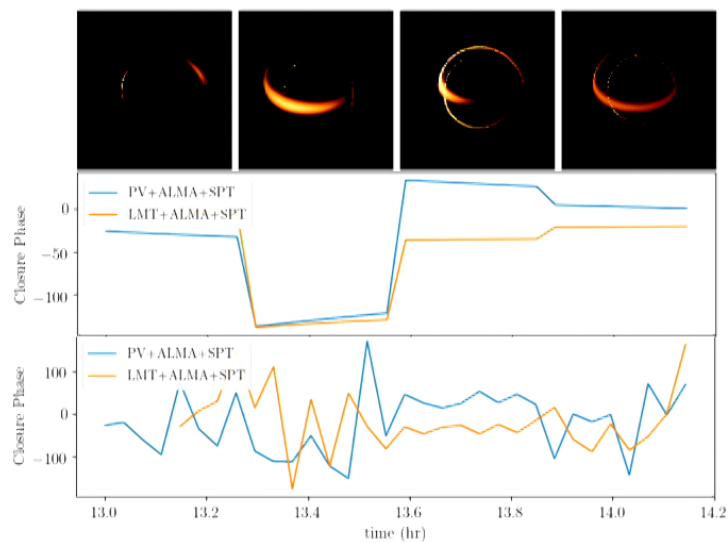
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# MAPPING SPACETIME?

4-frame "movie"



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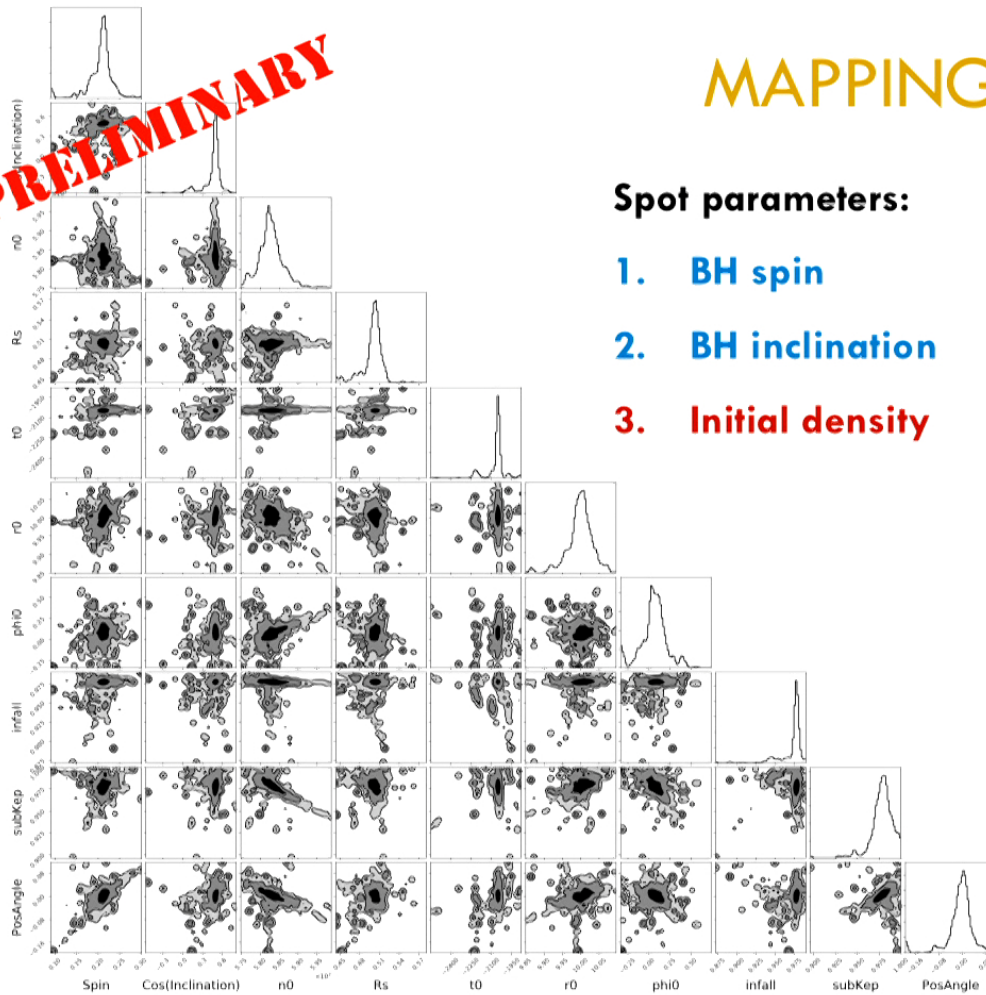
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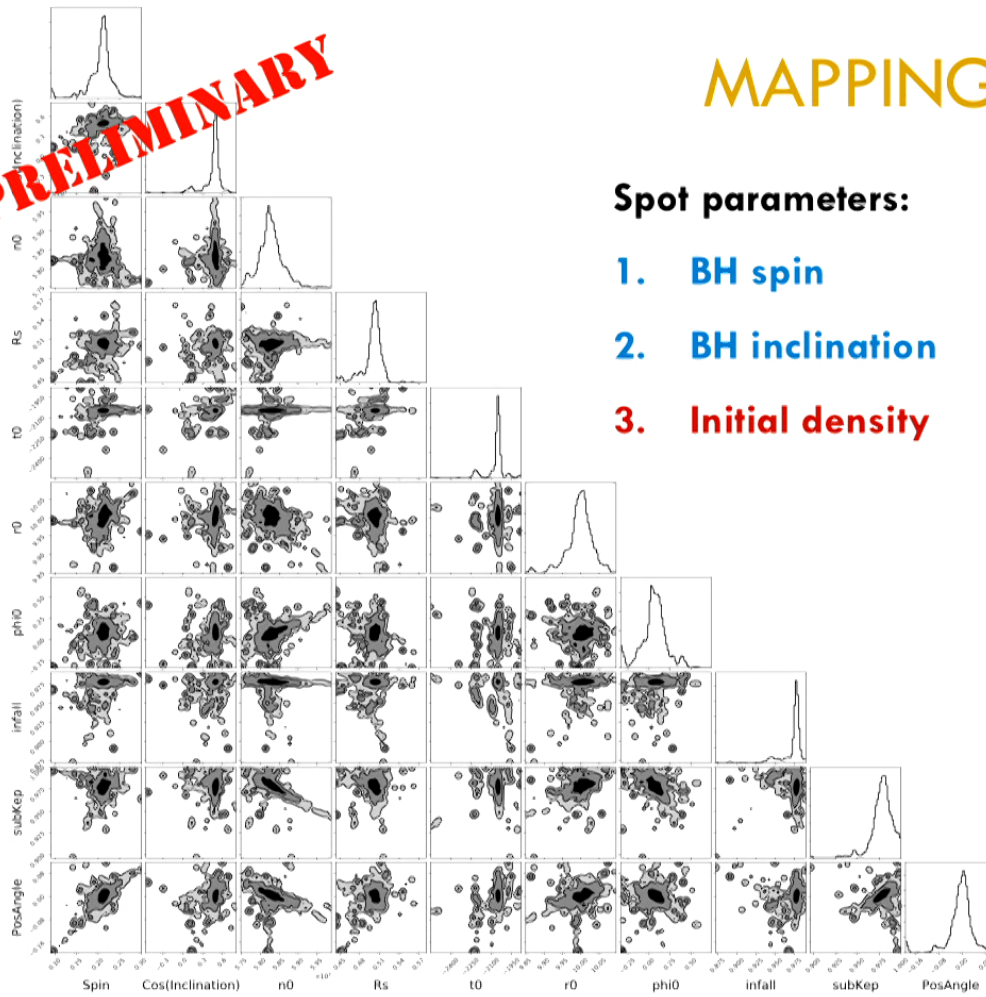
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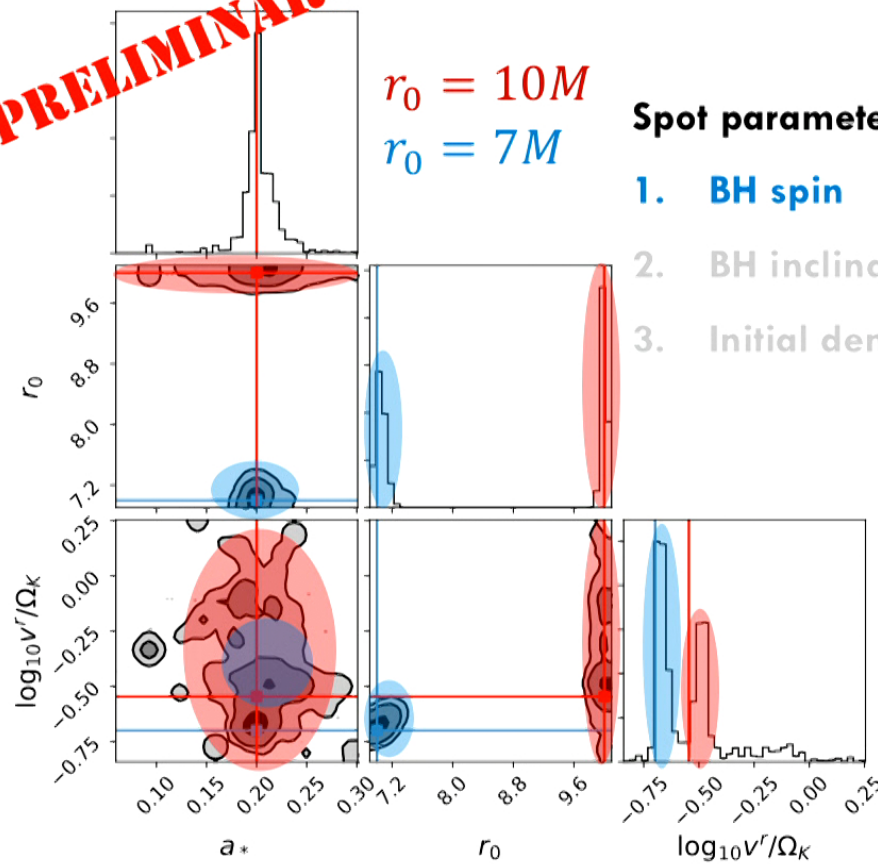
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**Mostly  
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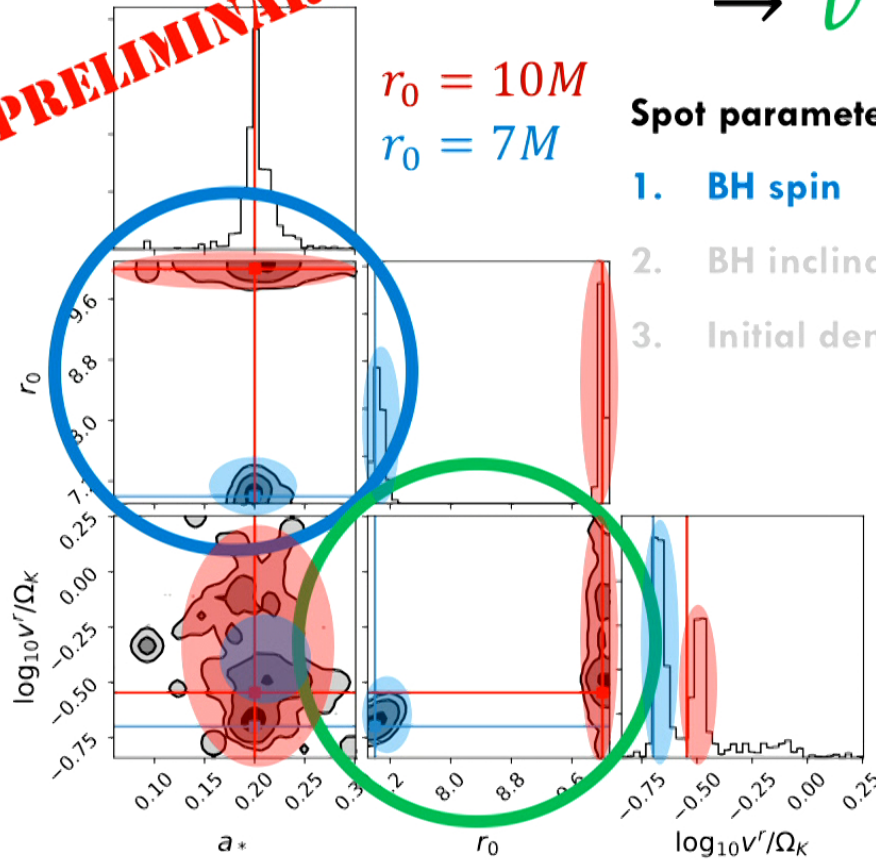
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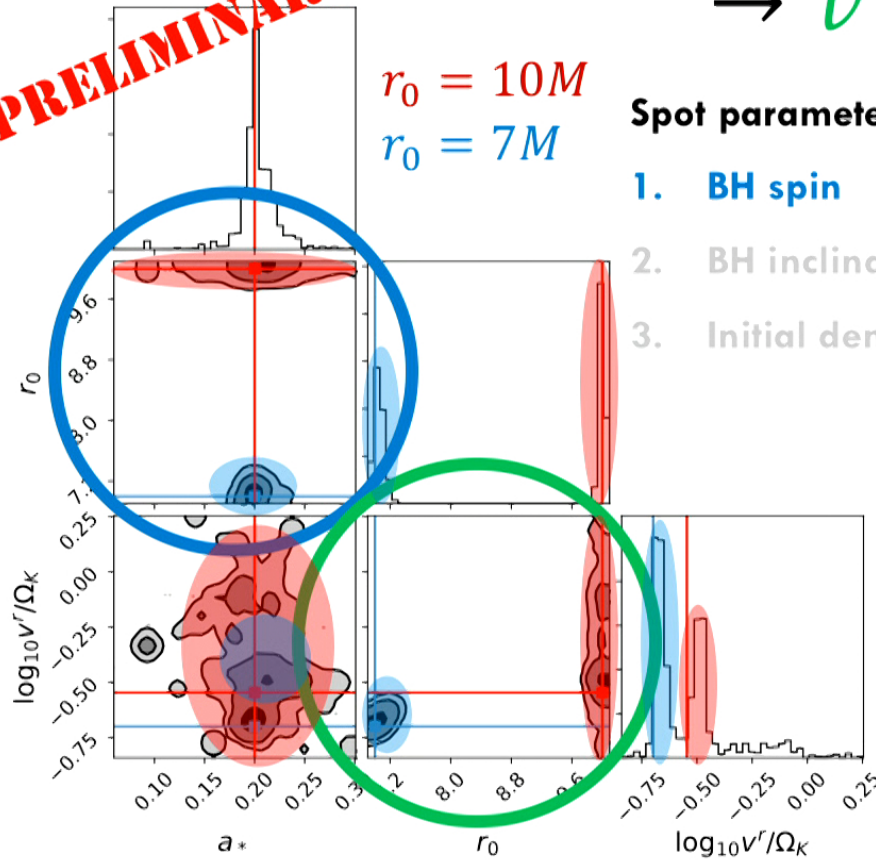
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**Much left to do!**

# WHAT I DIDN'T TALK ABOUT

- **Imaging – sparse coverage + Earth aperture synthesis for intrinsically variable systems!**
- **Mitigation of observational systematics (station calibration, interstellar scattering, etc.)**
- **Timescales less than minutes – MHD turbulence on very short timescales, can access statistically**
- **Non-parametric analyses (power spectra, phenomenological models, photon rings, etc.)**
- **Polarization (Q,U and V!) – Magnetic fields morphologies**
- **Accretion flow modeling in extensio**
- **Modification of the underlying spacetime**
- **Multi-wavelength studies – modeling from radio to gamma-rays *with* horizon-scale structure!**
- **Non-horizon science targets (e.g., OJ 287, 3C 239, pulsars, etc.)**
- **Analysis tool development (THEMIS – a flexible framework for EHT and beyond)**

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## SUMMARY: VARIABILITY ACROSS SCALE

**Exciting times – images expected soon!**

**EHT targets should exhibit *structural* variability over many time scales, each telling a story about the physics of black holes and their environments.**

**Minutes, 1 – 10M** Flares in disks → Gravity

**Days, 10 – 100M** Flares in jets → Jet launching mechanism (BZ vs. BP)

**Years, 100 – 10,000M** Lense-Thirring precession → Accretion source

**Decades, 10,000 – 10<sup>6</sup>M** Black hole jitter → Nuclear remnant population

**... so, the next 100 images are even better!**