

Title: Jets with a Twist: Magnetized Spherical Accretion onto a Rapidly Spinning BH - VIRTUAL

Speakers: Aretaios Lalakos

Series: Strong Gravity

Date: January 11, 2024 - 1:00 PM

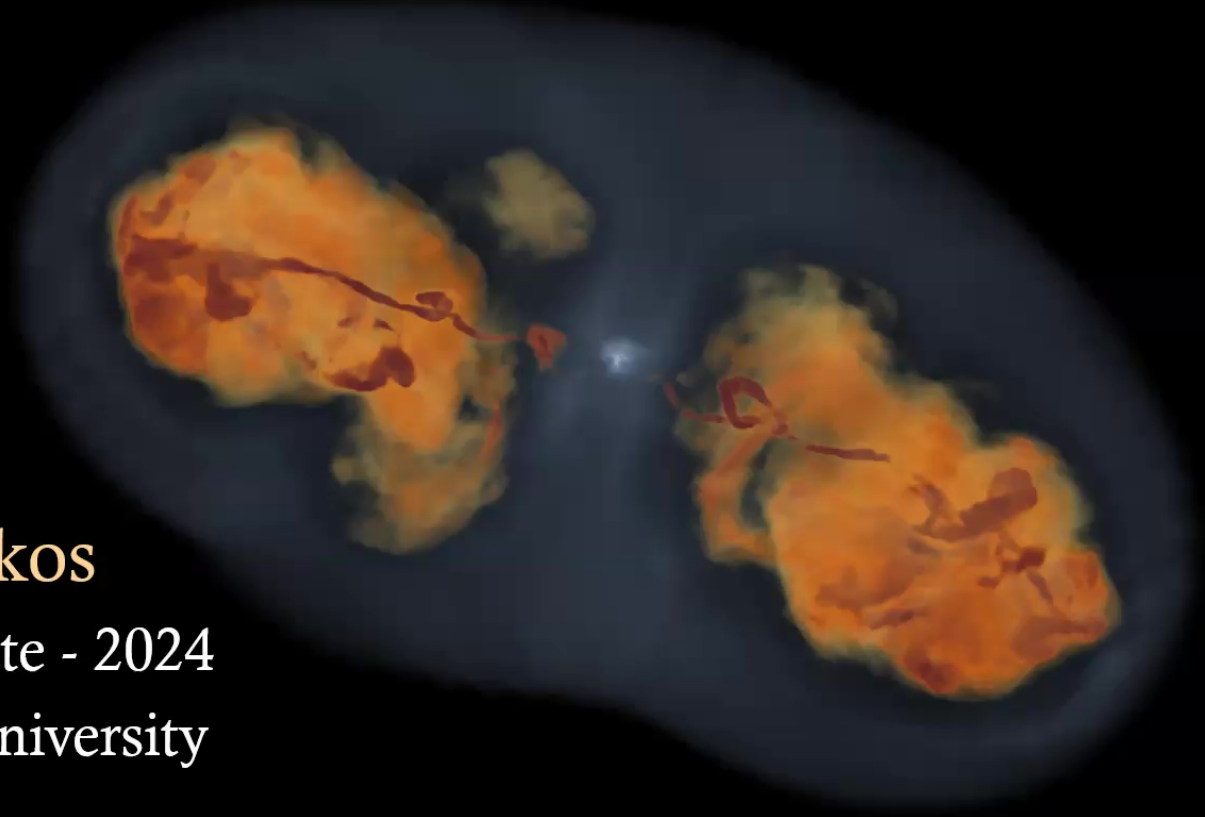
URL: <https://pirsa.org/24010071>

Abstract: Spinning supermassive black holes (BHs) in active galactic nuclei (AGN) can launch relativistic collimated outflows, or jets, by coiling up the magnetic field lines that cross the event horizon on the scale of BH gravitational radius, R_g . Sustained jet launching and propagation to kpc-scales are thought to require non-zero angular momentum to form an accretion disk, keep the magnetic field lines on the BH, and ensure stable jet propagation. Past 3D general relativistic magnetohydrodynamic (GRMHD) work predicted that absent gas angular momentum, magnetized jets are expected to become unstable to the kink instability already at $800 R_g$, i.e., orders of magnitudes smaller distances than the BH sphere of influence, or the Bondi radius, R_B (e.g., for Sgr A* and M87, $R_B \sim 10^{[5-6]} R_g$). This raises the question: Do the jets need gas angular momentum to survive the kink instability and make it out to large distances, outside of R_b ? I will present 3D GRMHD simulation results for a rapidly spinning BH immersed into uniform zero angular momentum gas threaded by a weak vertical magnetic field, with the largest simulated Bondi radius to date, $R_B = 1000 R_g$. I will show that the BH accumulates dynamically-important magnetic field, enters the magnetically-arrested disk state, and produces powerful jets that make it out of R_b . I will also show how the jets get twisted into knots and dissipate their energy after the MAD state ends.

Zoom link <https://pitp.zoom.us/j/99925612004?pwd=QkhIUmpKRkVKUURpclhPekJST2NIQT09>

Journey into the Galaxy

Closing the Feedback Loop by Bridging the Event Horizon and Galaxy Scales



Aris Lalakos

Perimeter Institute - 2024
Northwestern University



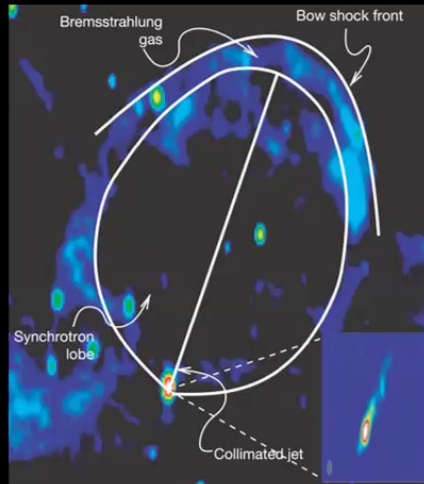
Jets as Cosmic Fountains

- Supermassive BHs ($10^6 - 10^{10} M_{\odot}$):
Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
- Stellar Mass BHs ($\sim 10 M_{\odot}$):
GRBs, X-ray Binaries
- Young stellar objects (YSO)/
White dwarf in Binaries

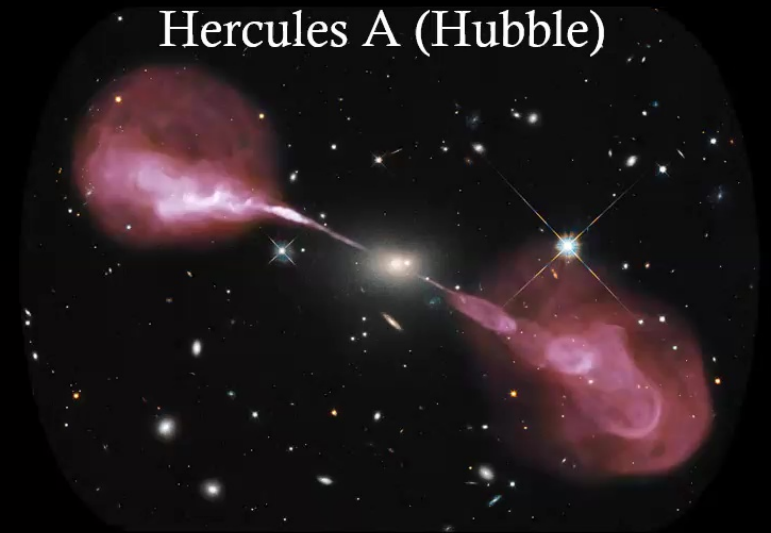
HH 211 (JWST)



1/11/2024



Cyg-X1 (Gallo et al. 2005)



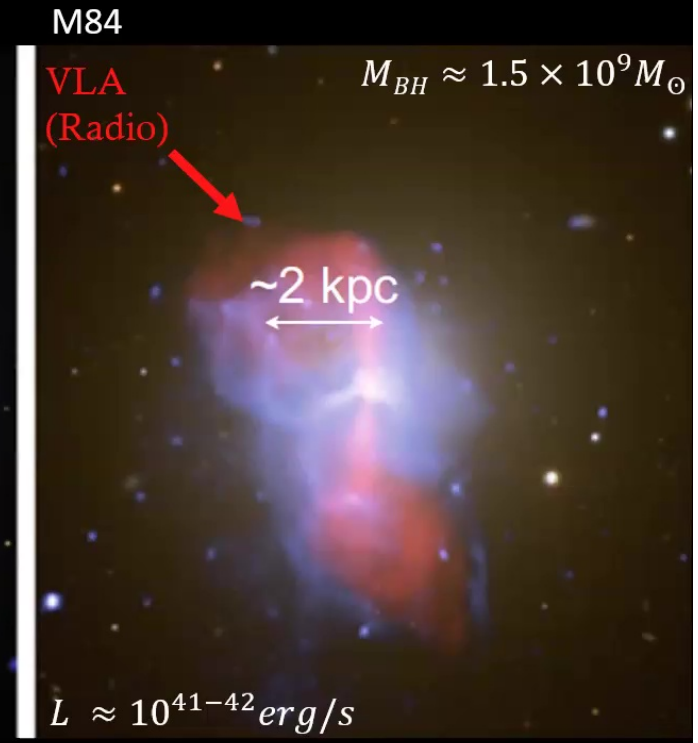
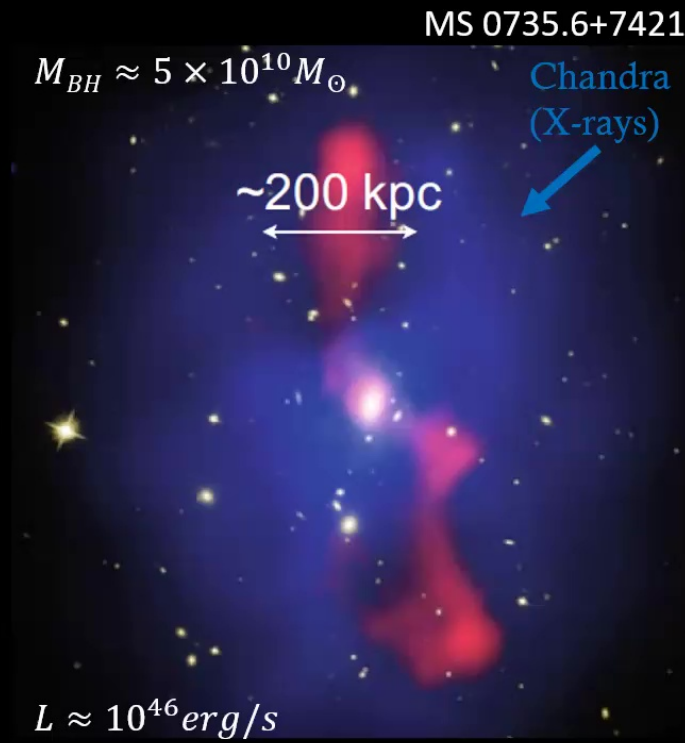
R Aquarii (ESO/Schmid et al.)

Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

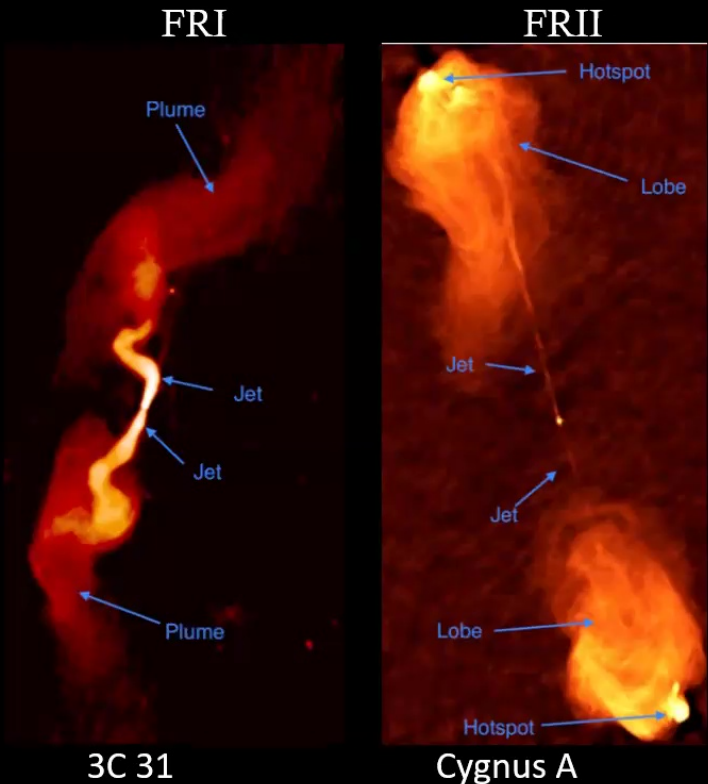
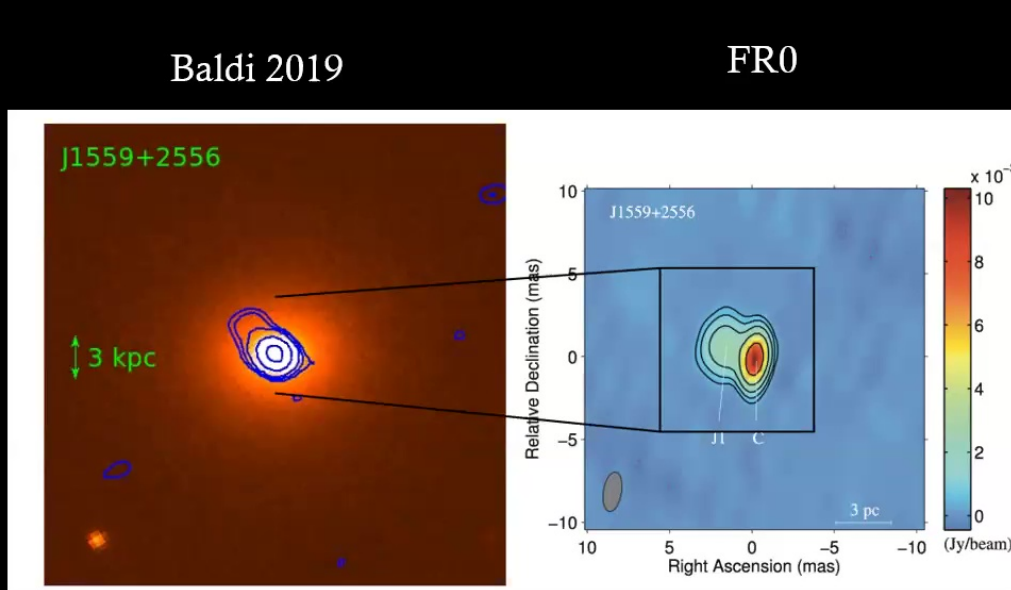
2

Feedback is *Crucial!*

Even 1% of the SMBH rest mass energy coupled to the galaxy can unbind its gas!



We still don't understand jet morphology



FR0 (Ghisellini 2011) - More numerous (5 x FRI) (Stecker 2019)

- 1) Evolution from FRI/II?
 - 2) Shorter, slower, strongly coupled to the galaxy
 - 3) Some known to be gamma-ray emitters
- (Paliya 2021) - Ideal laboratories to study dissipative processes

21 cm – 1.4 GHz

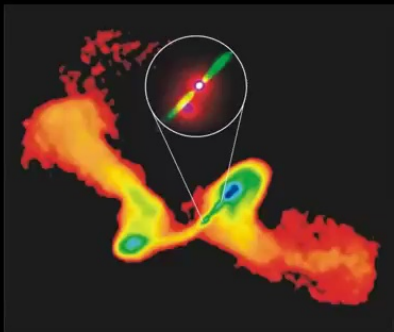
Fanaroff Riley (FR) 1974

Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

4

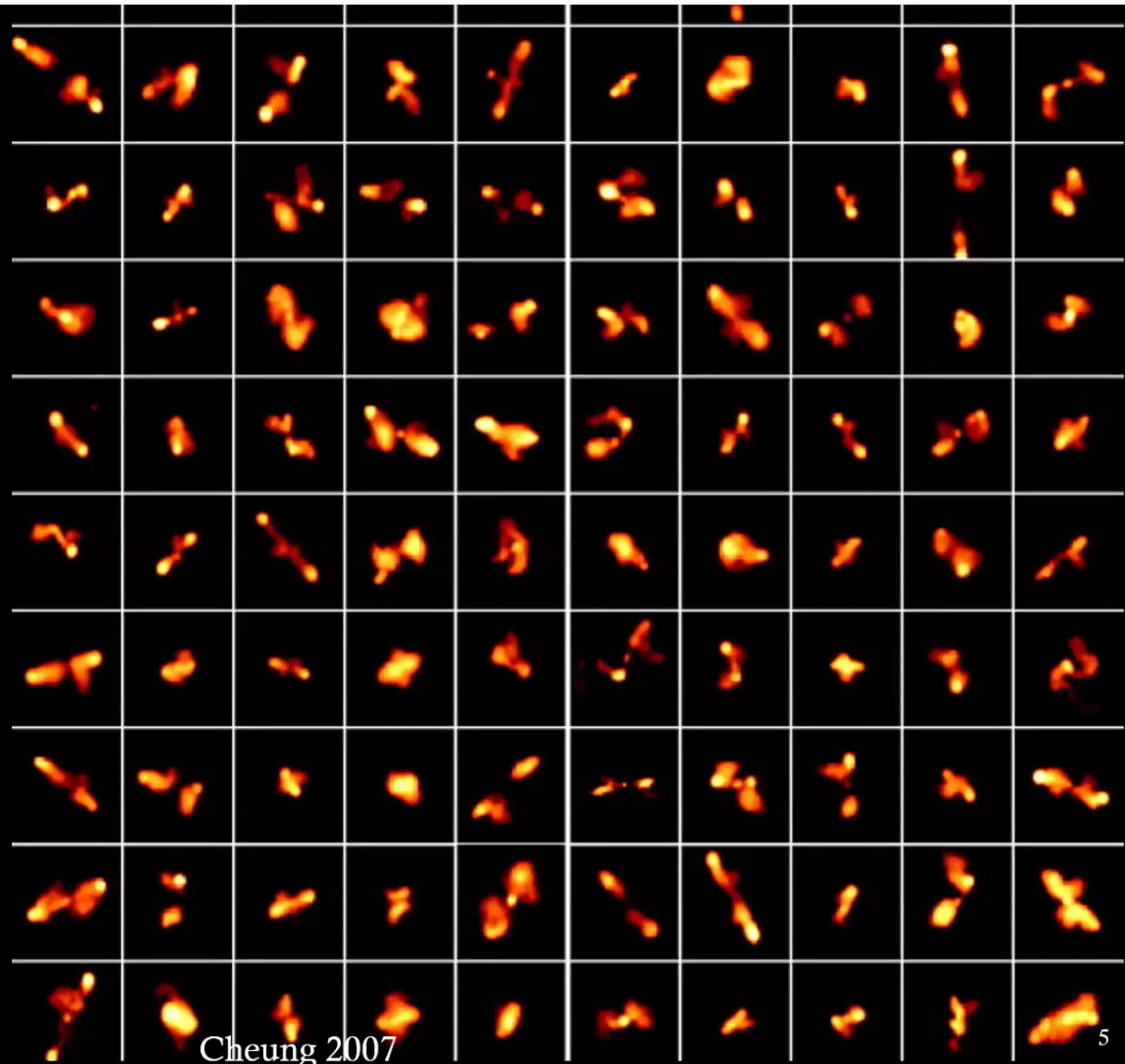
X-shaped Radio Galaxies (XRGs)

- ◇ Spin orientation change (Long-time accretion, SMBH Mergers)
- ◇ Asymmetries in backflows



HODGES-KLUCK &
REYNOLDS, 2011

Aris Lalakos



Cheung 2007

5

First time closing Feedback loop in GRMHD

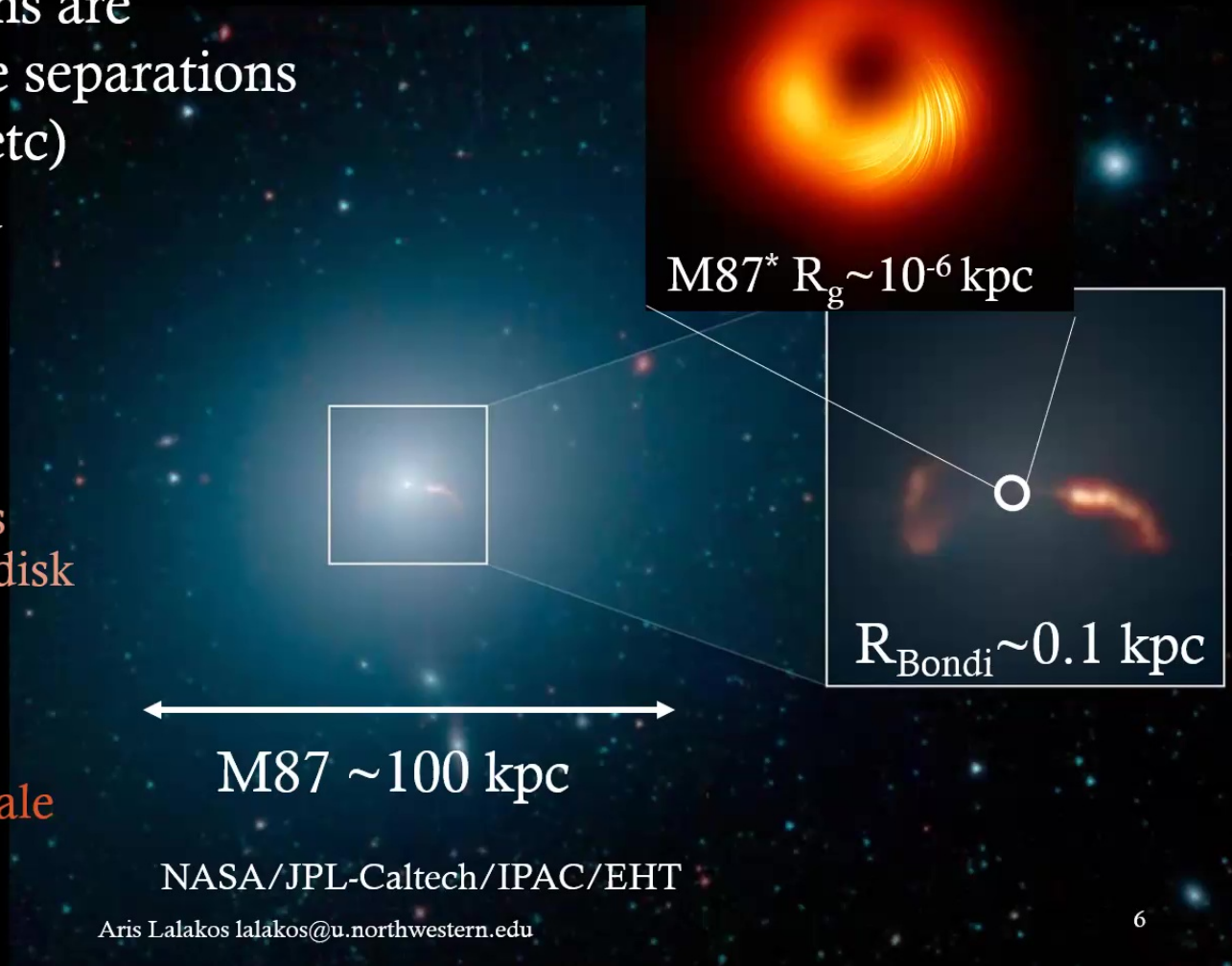
Many Astrophysical systems are riddled with immense scale separations (Collapsars, NSM, AGN, etc)

Magnetic fields are dynamically important EHT: M87* is MAD → need BHs to create jets.

>98% of material not consumed! What physics causes this suppression? Is it the jet or disk winds?

• I was the first to close the feedback loop at the largest scale separation in GRMHD

Lalagos et al 2022, [ApJL 936 L5](#)



First time closing Feedback loop in GRMHD


Many Astrophysical systems are riddled with immense scale separations (Collapsars, NSM, AGN, etc)

Magnetic fields are dynamically important EHT: M87* is MAD
→ need BHs to create jets.

>98% of material not consumed! What physics causes this suppression? Is it the jet or disk winds?

• I was the first to close the feedback loop at the largest scale separation in GRMHD

Lalagos et al 2022, [ApJL 936 L5](#)



M87* $R_g \sim 10^{-6}$ kpc

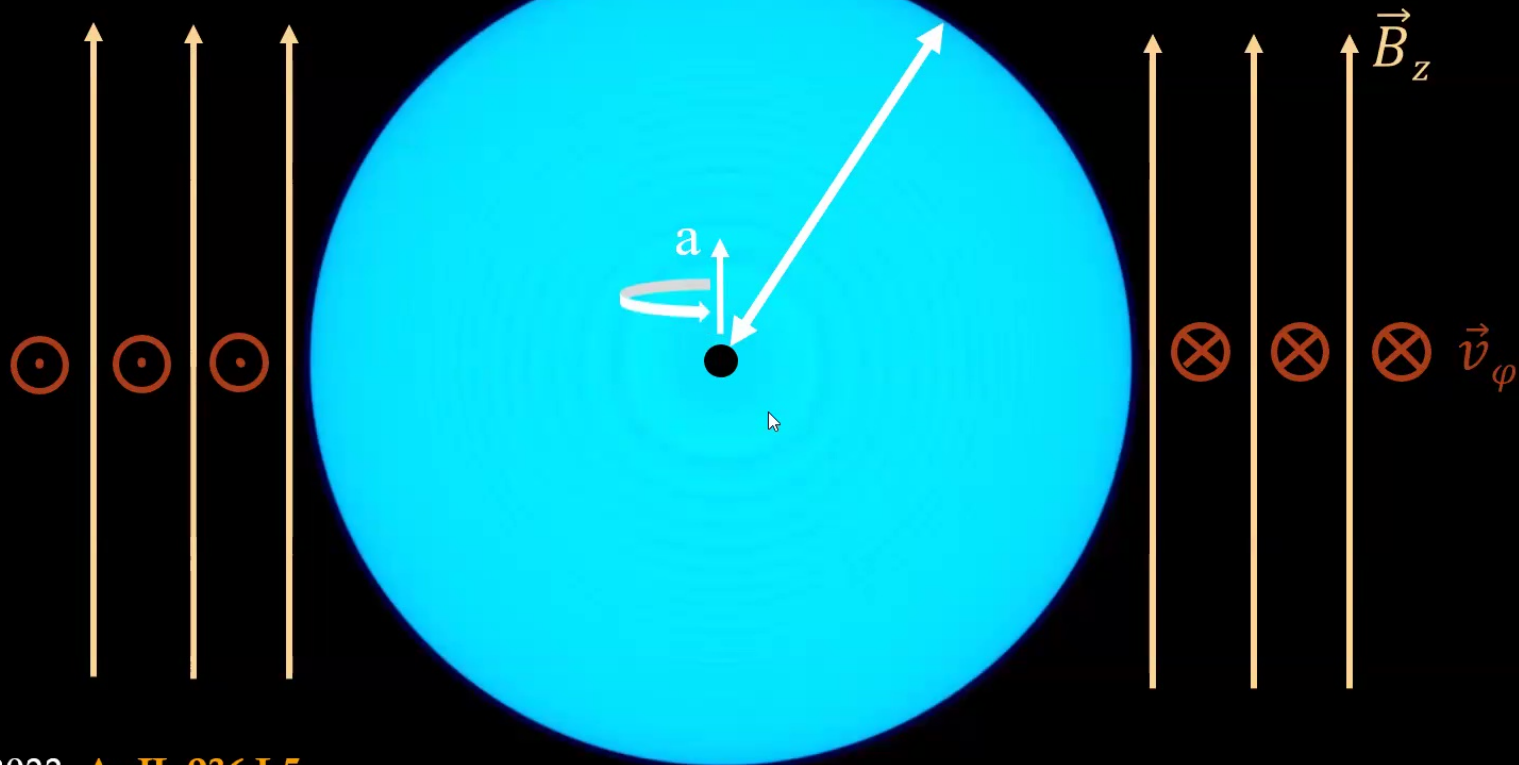
Extremely Timely for current and future missions:

- 1) ngEHT/ SKA: near-BH jet formation and jet propagation
- 2) XRISM/ATHENA: Large scale jets induced turbulence and feedback
- 3) JWST: early BH growth
- 4) LISA – LVK: GW
- 5) ICE-CUBE: Neutrino production

Cracking the basics – Simple and controlled IC conditions

Hot phase, $\rho = \text{const}$

$R_B = 1000 R_g$



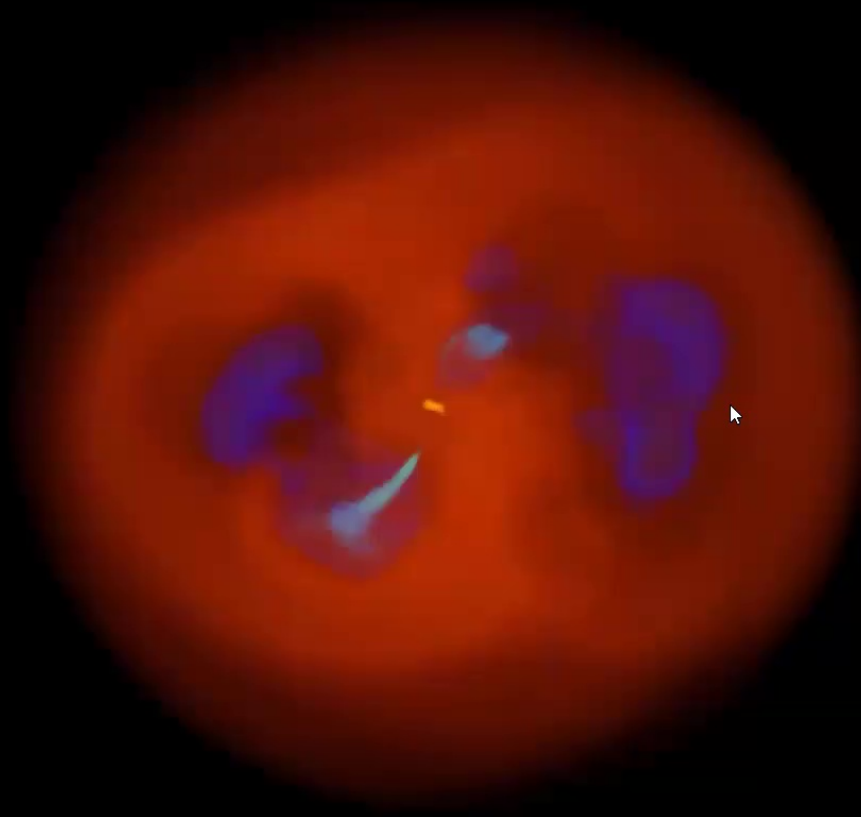
Lalagos et al 2022, [ApJL 936 L5](#)

H-AMR: In-house developed GRMHD code (Liska et al. 2022)

Aris Lalagos lalagos@u.northwestern.edu

7

Red: high-density
Blue: low-density



1/11/2024

Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

8

Unexpected X-shape Morphology

BH mass accretion saturates at
2% of the Bondi accretion rate

steady state=MAD

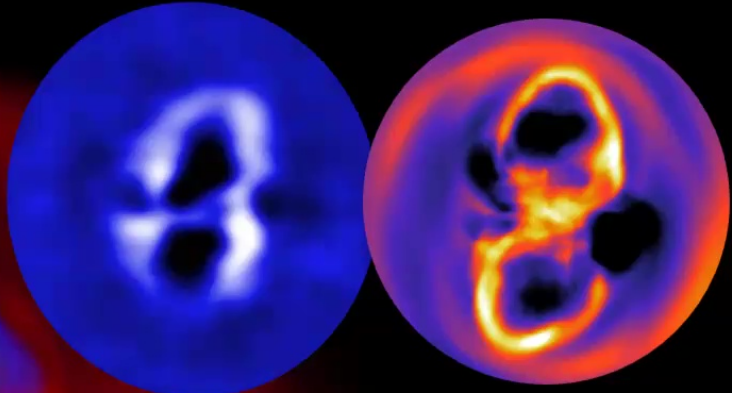
agreement with upper limit
EHT!

Outflows efficiency $\eta \sim 150\%$

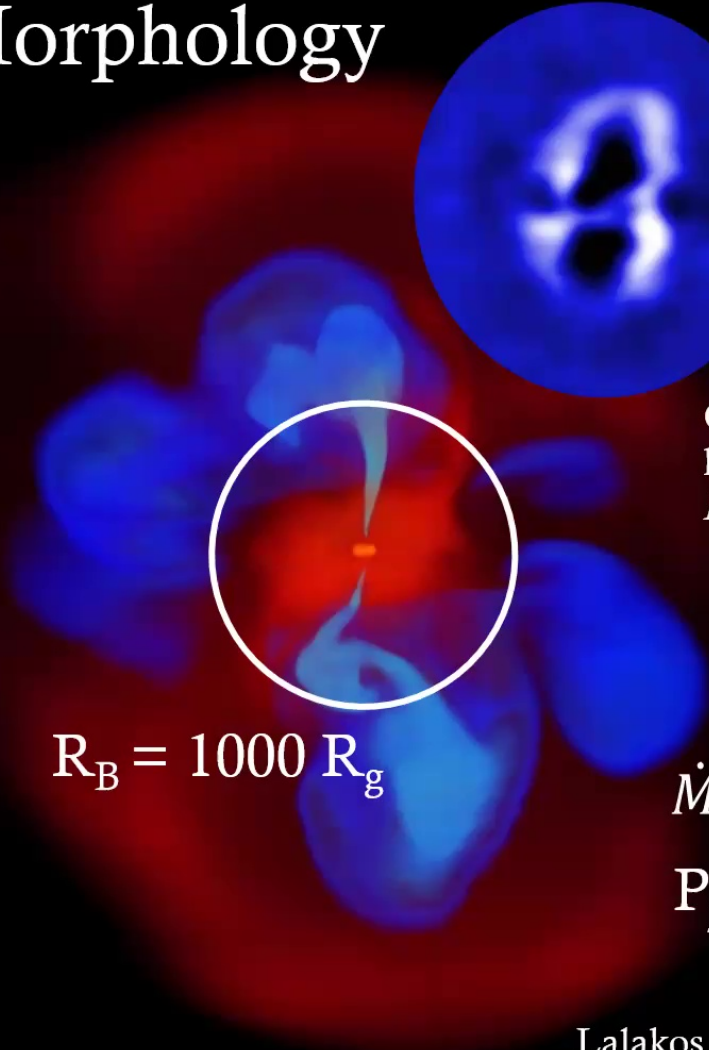
$$R_B = 1000 R_g$$

$$\dot{M}_{BH} \sim 2\% \dot{M}_{Bondi}$$

$$P_{jets} \sim 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$$



Chandra (galaxy cluster
known as RBS 797)
F. Ubertosi et al 2022



Lalakos et al 2022, [ApJL 936 L5](#)

Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

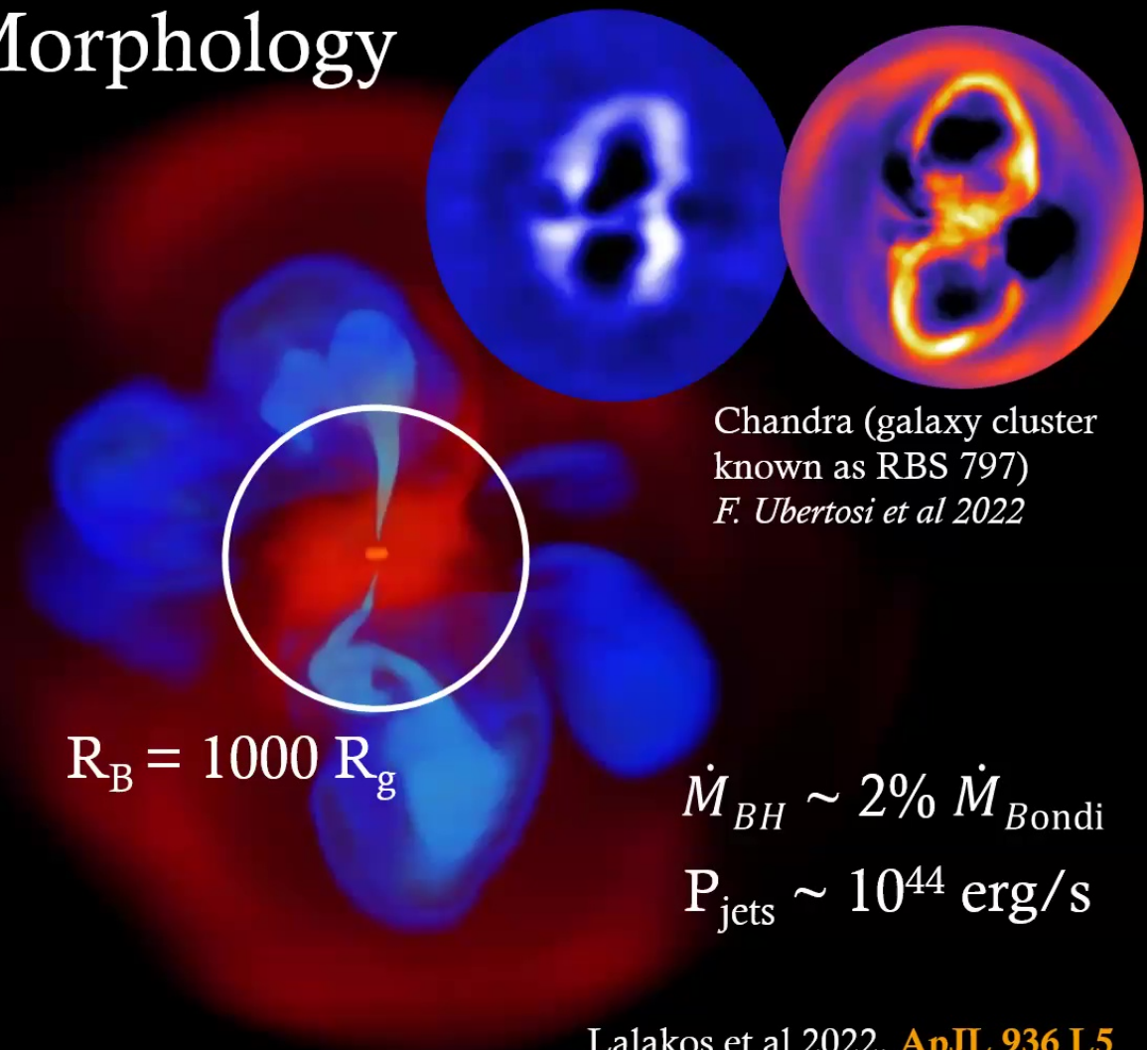
Unexpected X-shape Morphology

BH mass accretion saturates at
2% of the Bondi accretion rate

steady state=MAD

agreement with upper limit
EHT!

Outflows efficiency $\eta \sim 150\%$



Chandra (galaxy cluster
known as RBS 797)
F. Ubertosi et al 2022

$$R_B = 1000 R_g$$

$$\dot{M}_{BH} \sim 2\% \dot{M}_{Bondi}$$

$$P_{jets} \sim 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$$

Lalagos et al 2022, [ApJL 936 L5](#)

Aris Lalagos lalagos@u.northwestern.edu

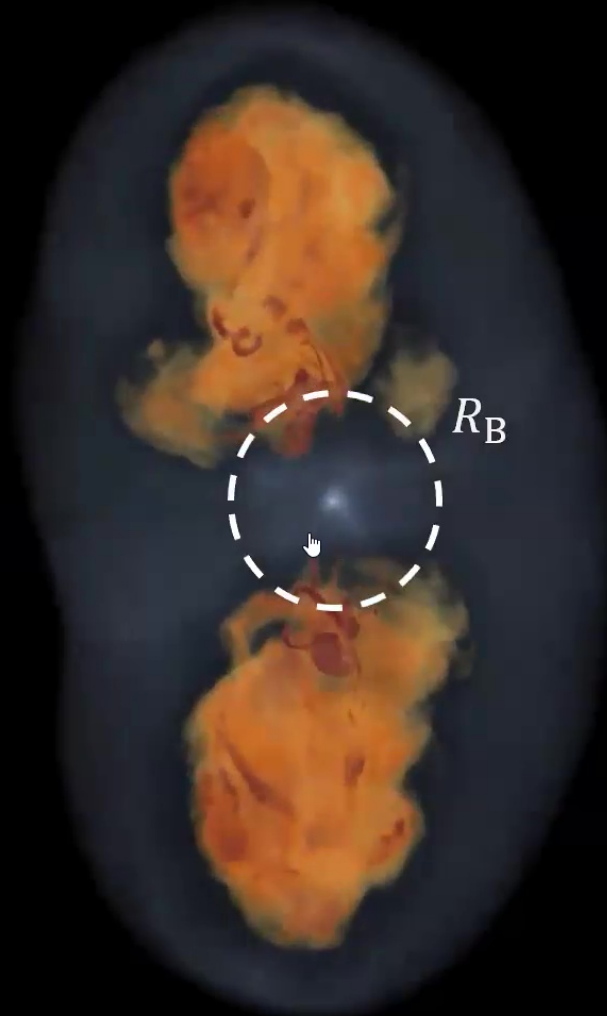
Red : low-density
Blue: high-density

Lalakos et al 2023 [arXiv:2310.11487](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.11487)

*Ressler et al. 2021 +
Kwan et al. 2022
showed that zero ang.
momentum:*

*1) Hard time
reaching MAD.*

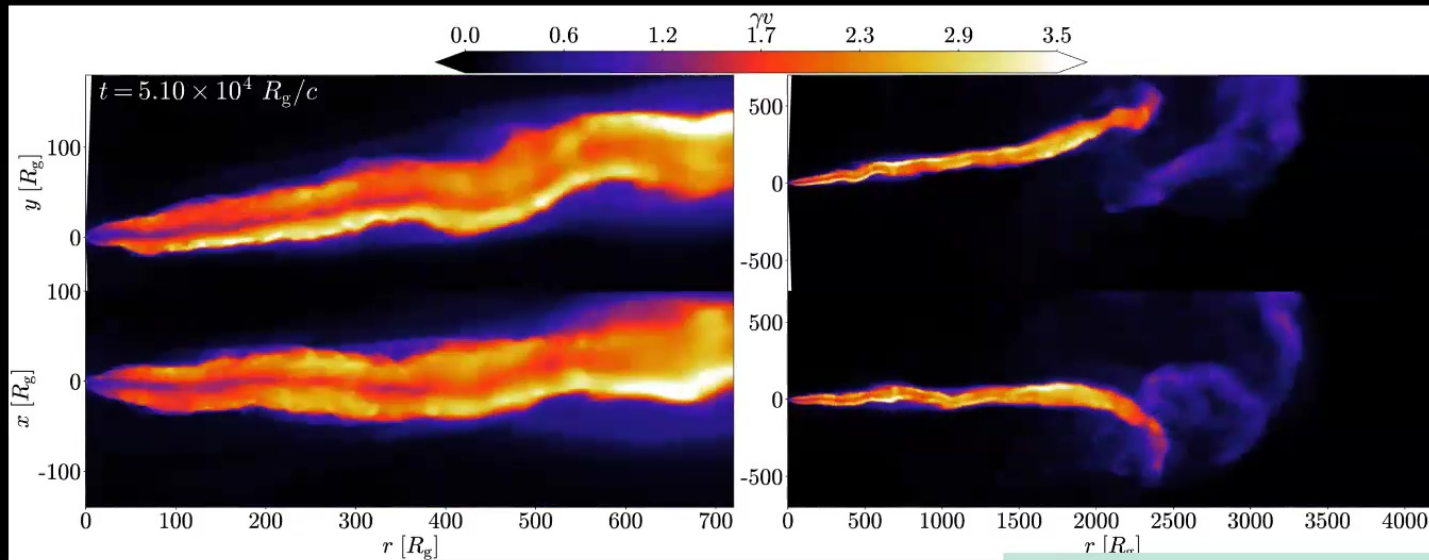
*2) Jets unstable when
 $r \geq 800 R_g$.*



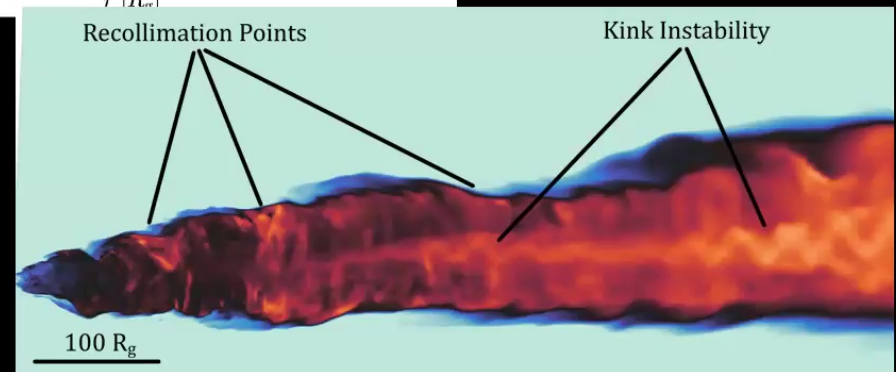
Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

10

Jets can survive out to larger distances than expected



1. Kink instability twists jets into a helical shape and dissipates magnetic energy.
2. Linear stability (Bromberg et al. 2016) fails to capture non-linear external kink.
3. Most of magnetic energy dissipated to heat!
Connection to non-thermal particle emission and multimessenger phenomena (UHECRs and neutrinos)



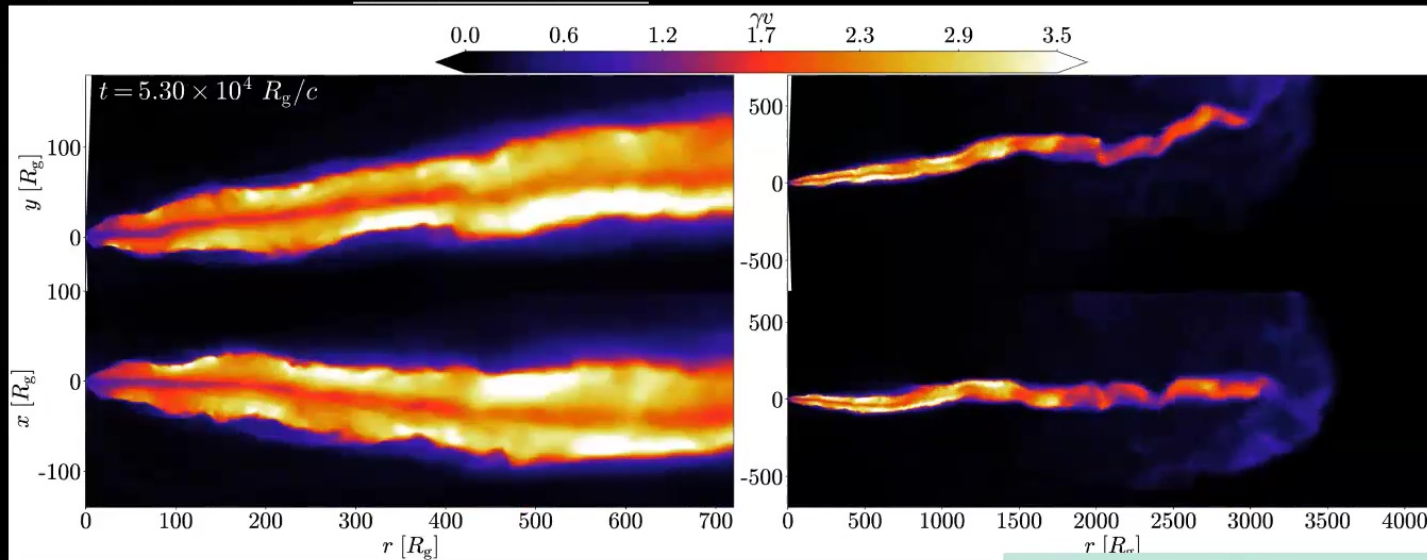
Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

11

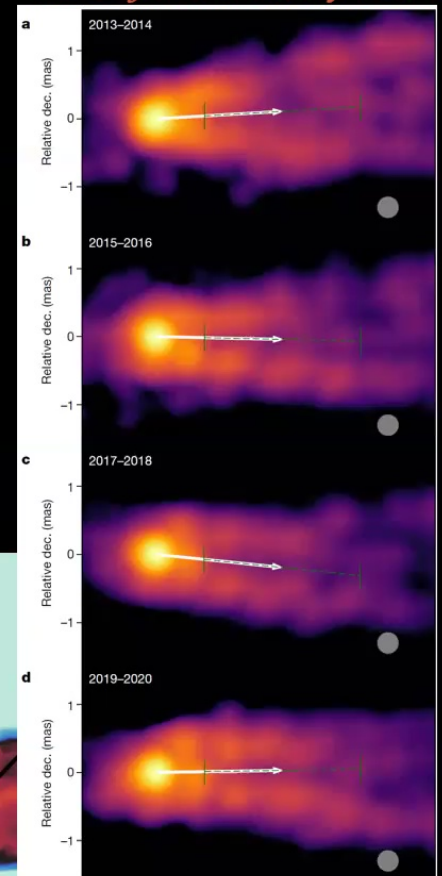
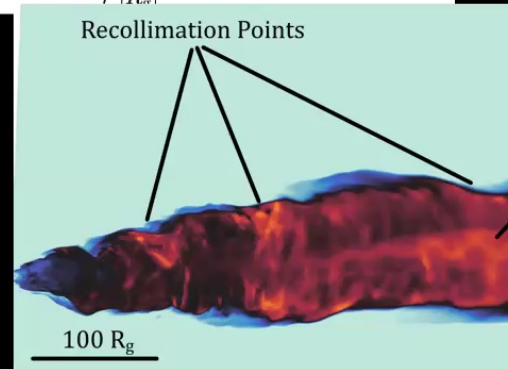
Jets can survive out to larger distances than expected

Lalakos et al 2023 arXiv:2310.11487

MAD jets inherently wobble



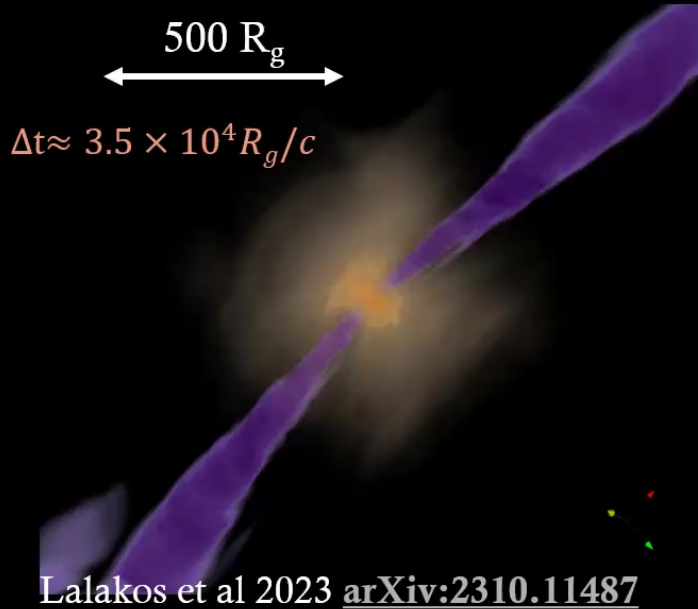
1. Kink instability twists jets into a helical shape and dissipates magnetic energy.
2. Linear stability (Bromberg et al. 2016) fails to capture non-linear external kink.
3. Most of magnetic energy dissipated to heat!
Connection to non-thermal particle emission and multimessenger phenomena (UHECRs and neutrinos)



Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

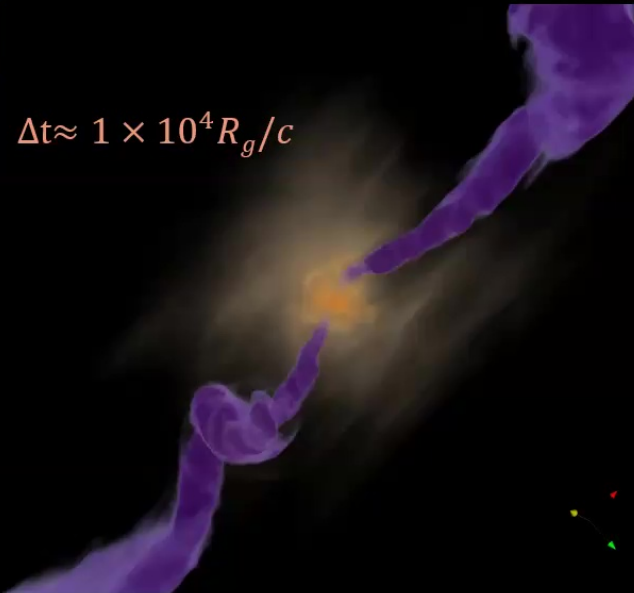
Cui 2023 (precession) 11

The MAD, the BAD, and the RAD

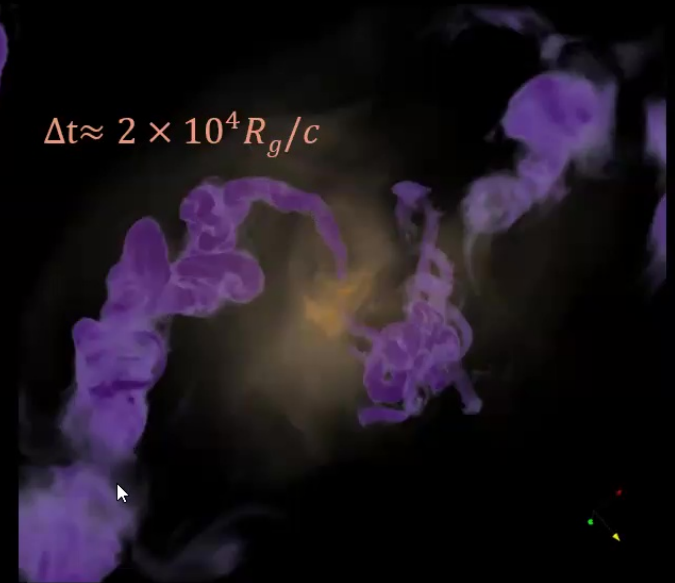


- Jets escape out of R_B
- $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$

MAD jets rather than disk winds do most feedback!

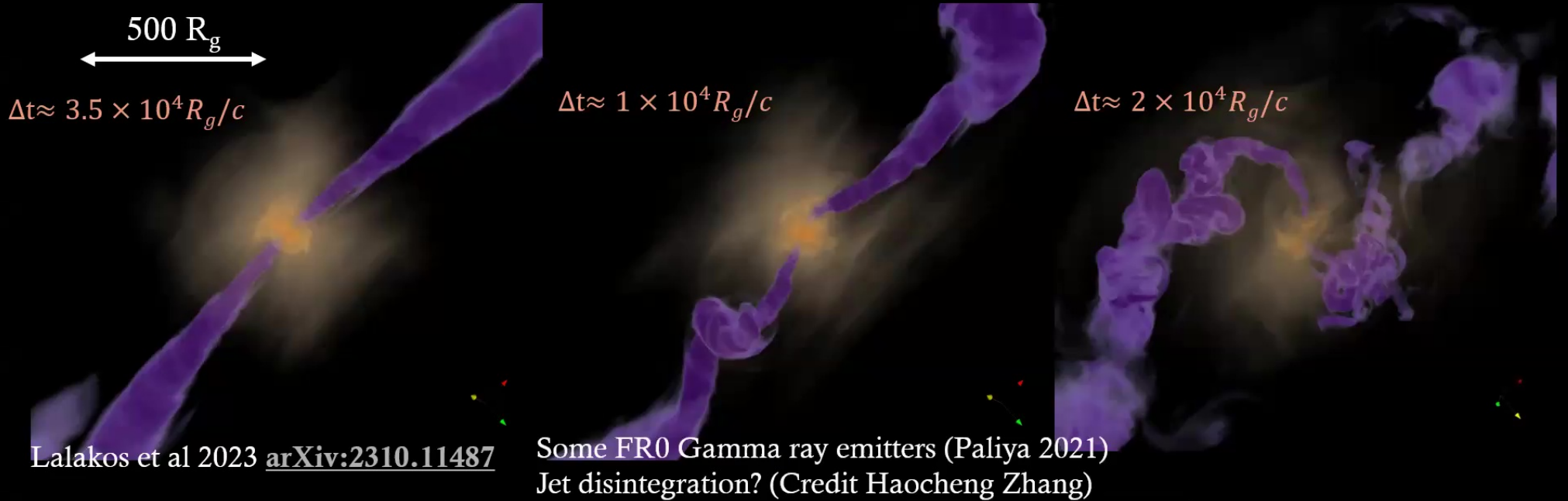


- (Barely A) Disk rapidly precesses jets fall apart
- $\dot{M}_{BH} = 5-10\% \dot{M}_B$

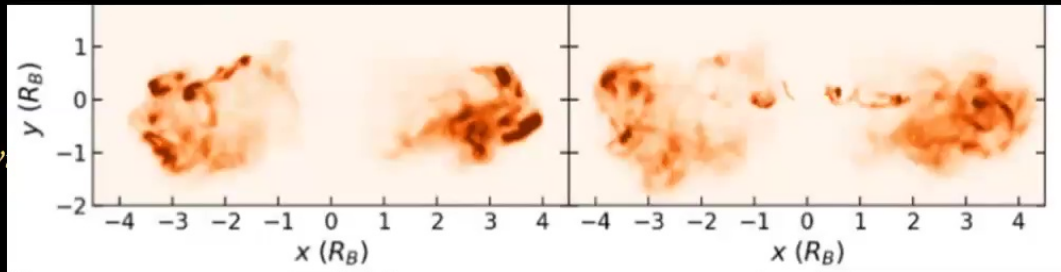


- Rocking Accretion Disk flips 90-180°
- Jets 15 x weaker
- can reach $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$

The MAD, the BAD, and the RAD

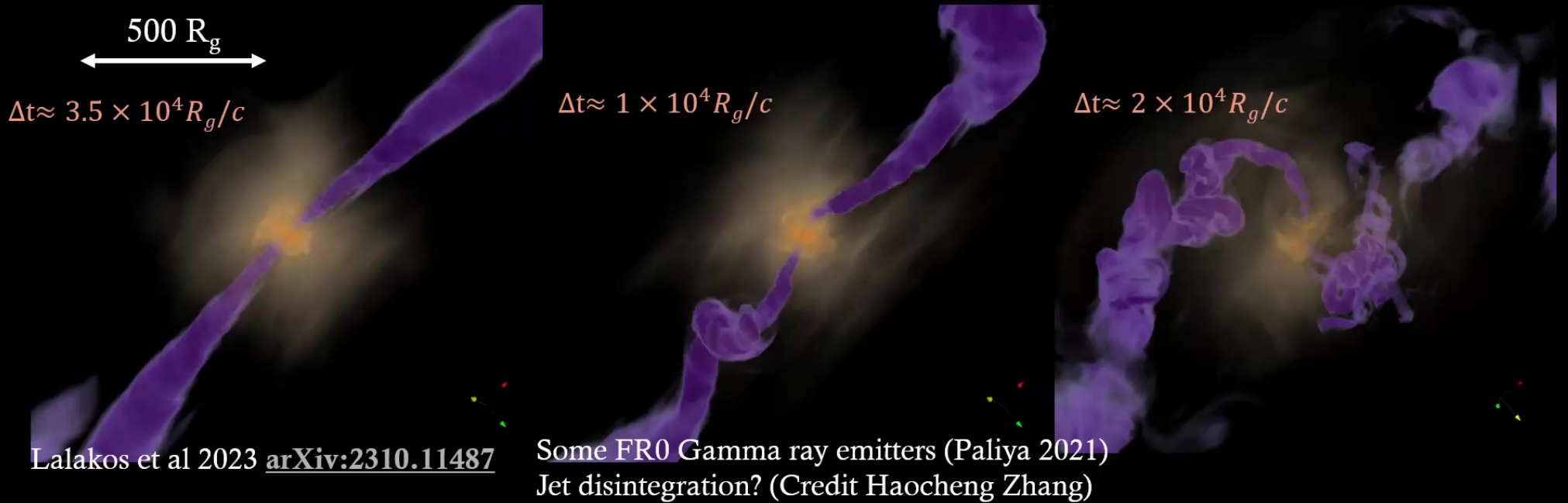


- Jets escape out of R_B
 - $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$
- MAD jets rather than disk with most feedback!*



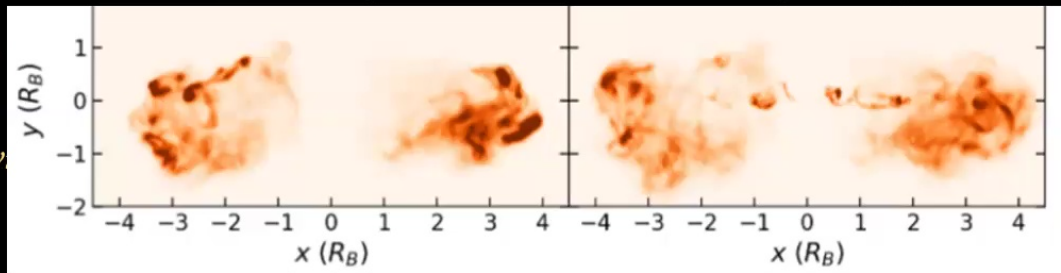
Accretion Disk flips 90-180°
 Jets 15 x weaker
 can reach $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$

The MAD, the BAD, and the RAD



- Jets escape out of R_B
- $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$

MAD jets rather than disk w most feedback!

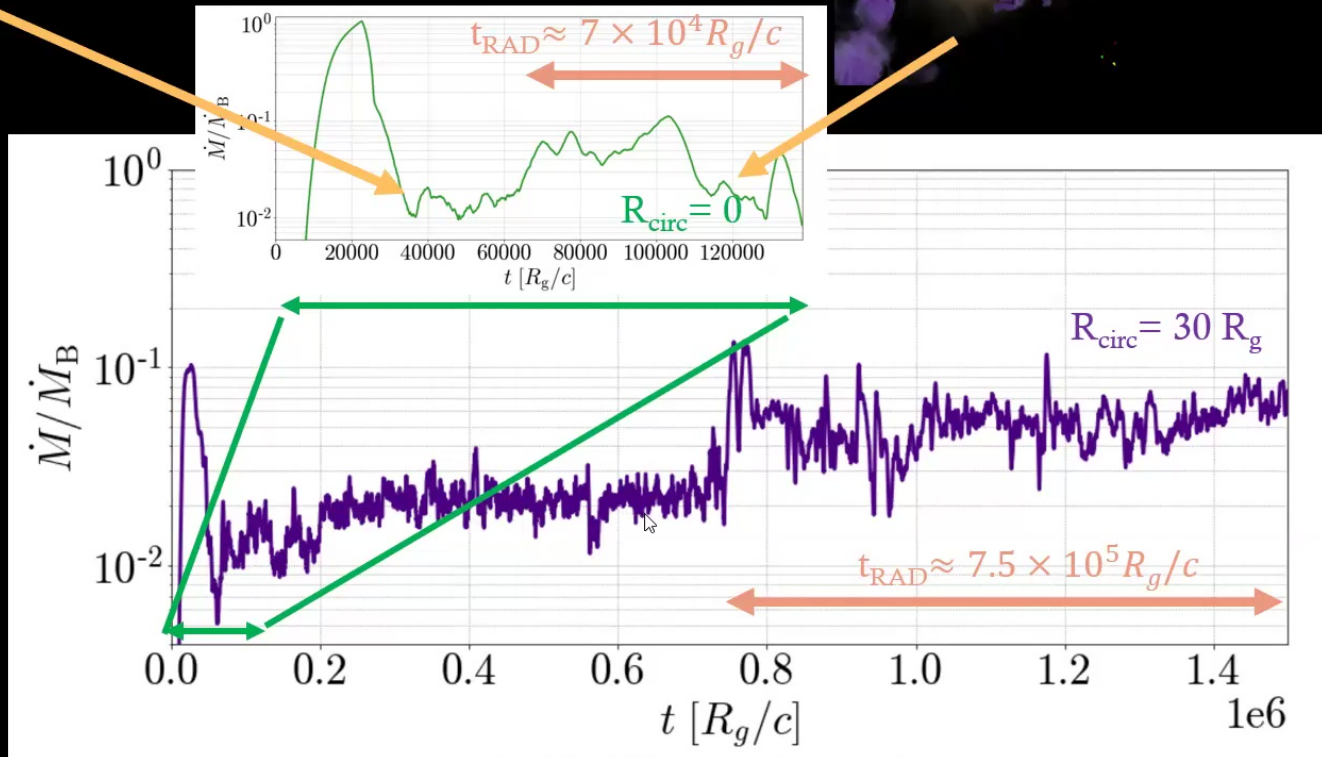
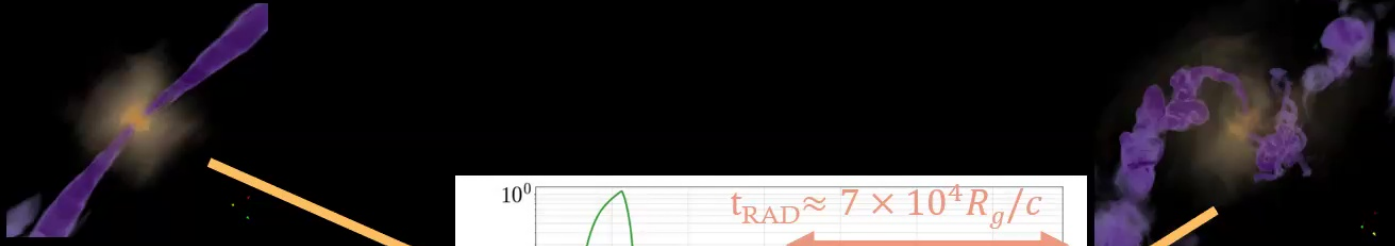


Accretion Disk flips 90-180°
 Jets 15 x weaker
 can reach $\dot{M}_{BH} = 2\% \dot{M}_B$

Is this caused by the lack of Gas Angular Momentum?

RADs angular momentum starved?

Lalakos et al 2023 (in prep)

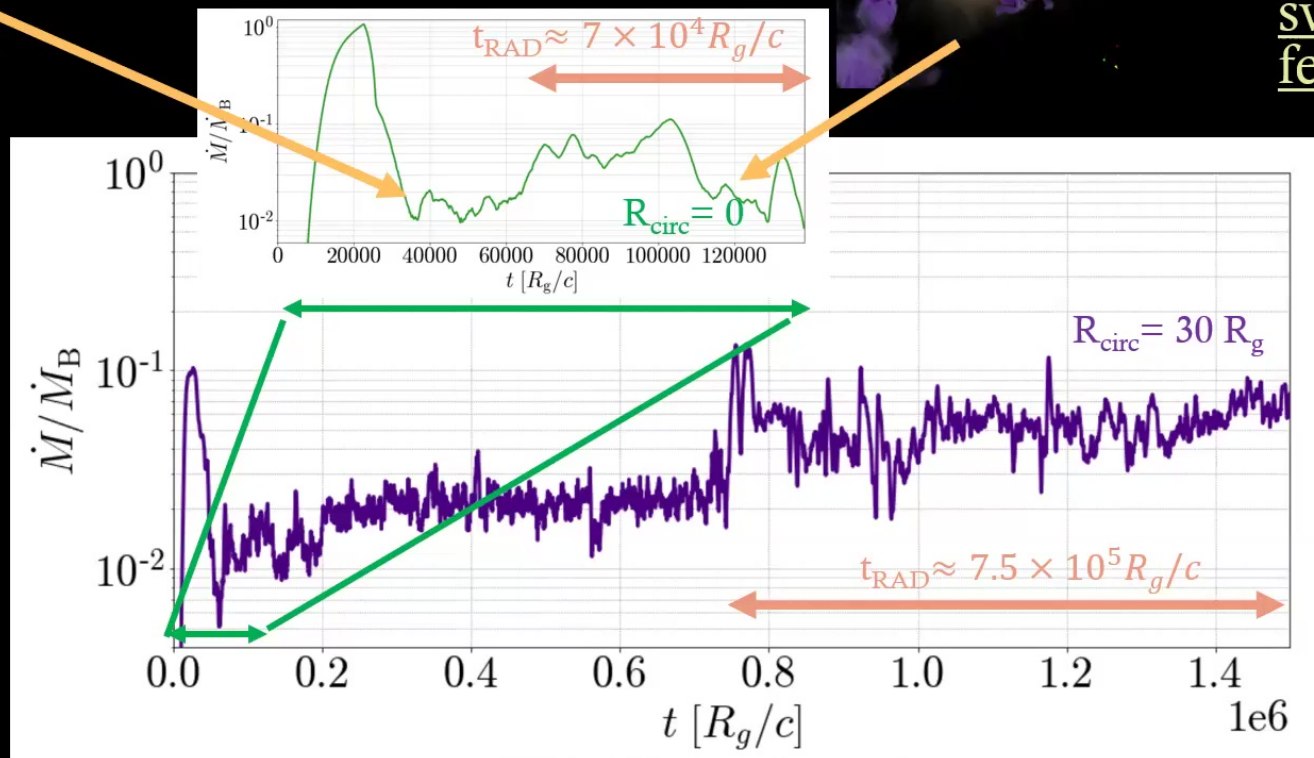


Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

RADs angular momentum starved?

Lalakos et al 2023 (in prep)

RAD: $\Delta t \sim 10 \times$
longer with ang.
mom. On-off
switch from
feedback!



Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

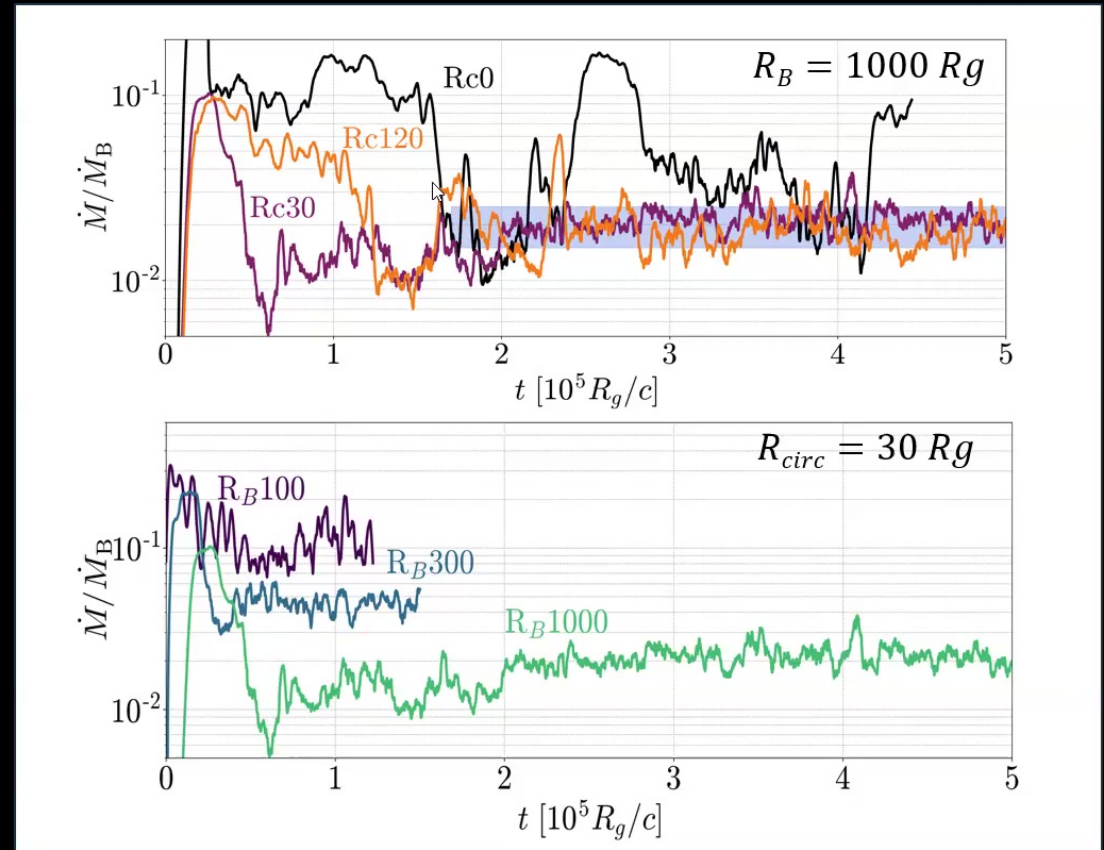
13

Rotation does not affect what BH consumes when MAD

Lalagos et al 2023 (in prep)

- Angular momentum (size of the disk) does not affect the suppression of mass accretion when MAD – jets do!

- The mass accretion scaling:
 $\langle \dot{M} \rangle / \dot{M}_B \sim (R_B / R_g)^{-(0.5-0.7)}$

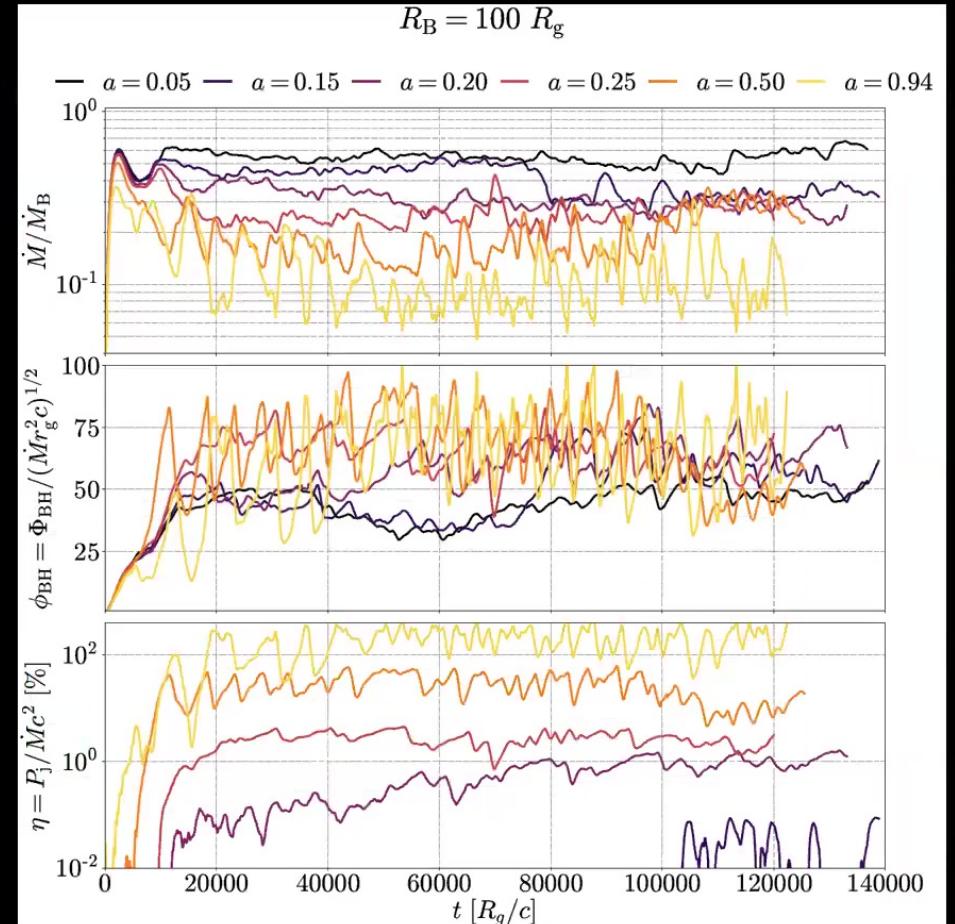
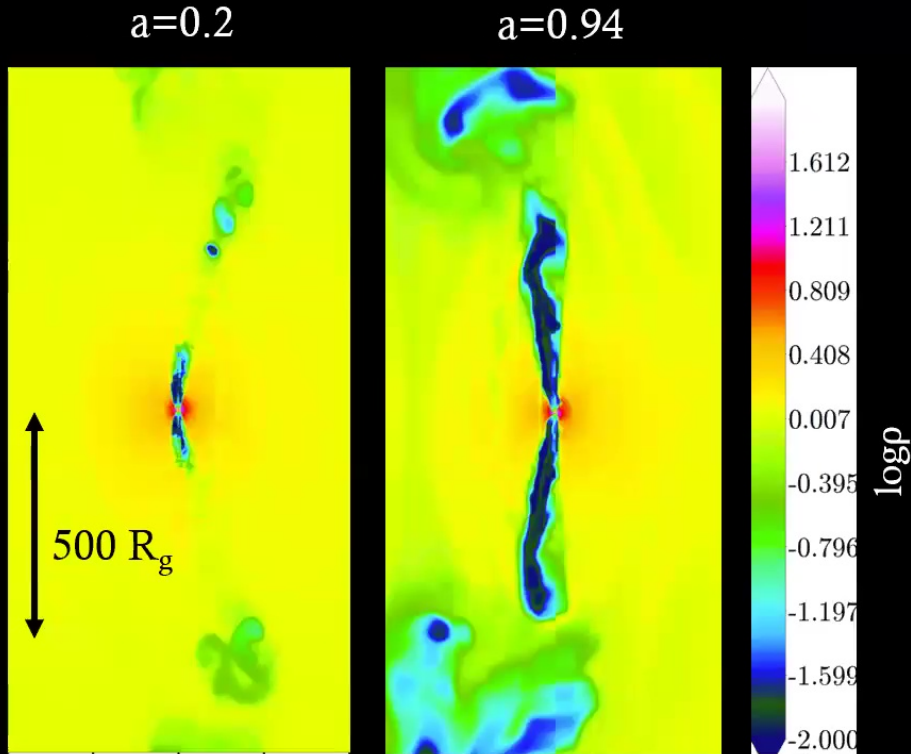


Aris Lalagos lalagos@u.northwestern.edu

14

Critical spin - quenched jets

Lalagos et al 2023 (in prep)



Aris Lalagos lalagos@u.northwestern.edu

15

Mystery of 3C 84 – Cylindrical jets near BH?

Valeriia Rohoza



Rohoza, Lalakos
et al 2023

[arXiv:2311.00018](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00018)

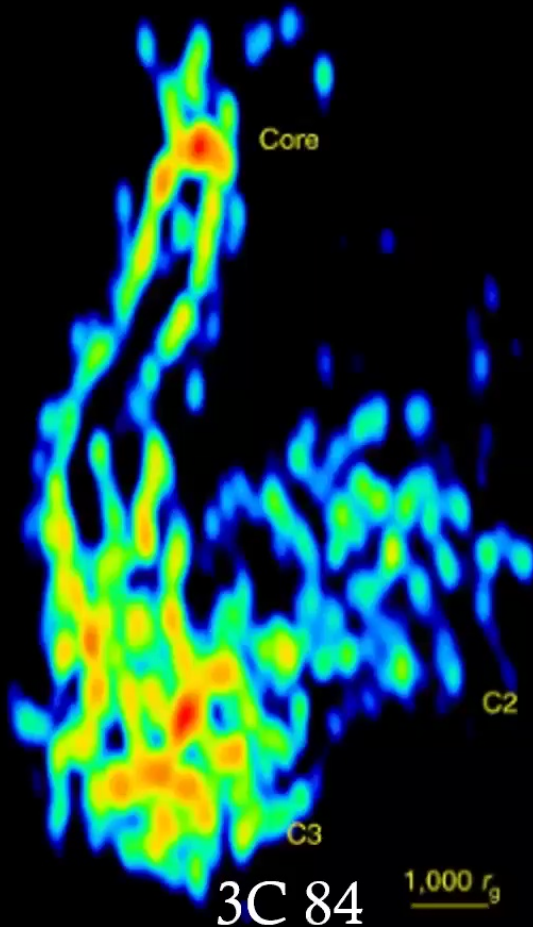
3C 84 Restarted (2003) activity shows cylindrical shaped jets (year 2017) of width $\sim 100-200 R_g$ within a distance of $\sim 350 R_g$

What makes the jets so wide?

- A rapid jet width expansion within $100 R_g$?

- Is it Disk winds?

And why does the jet collimate into a cylinder?



Giovannini et al. 2018

Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

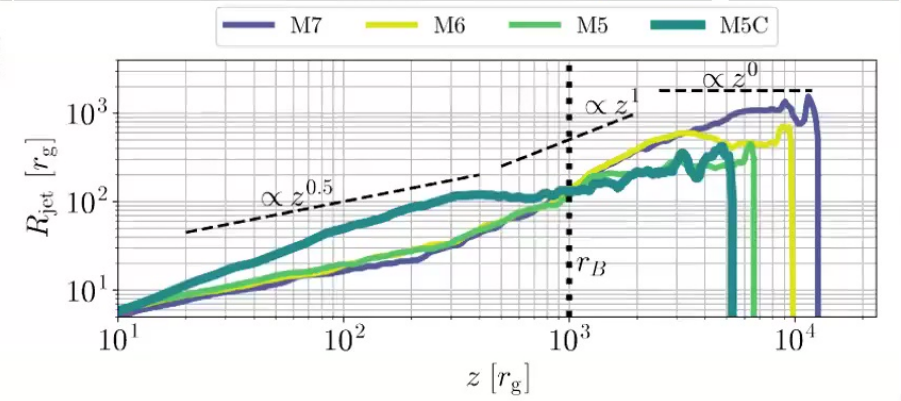
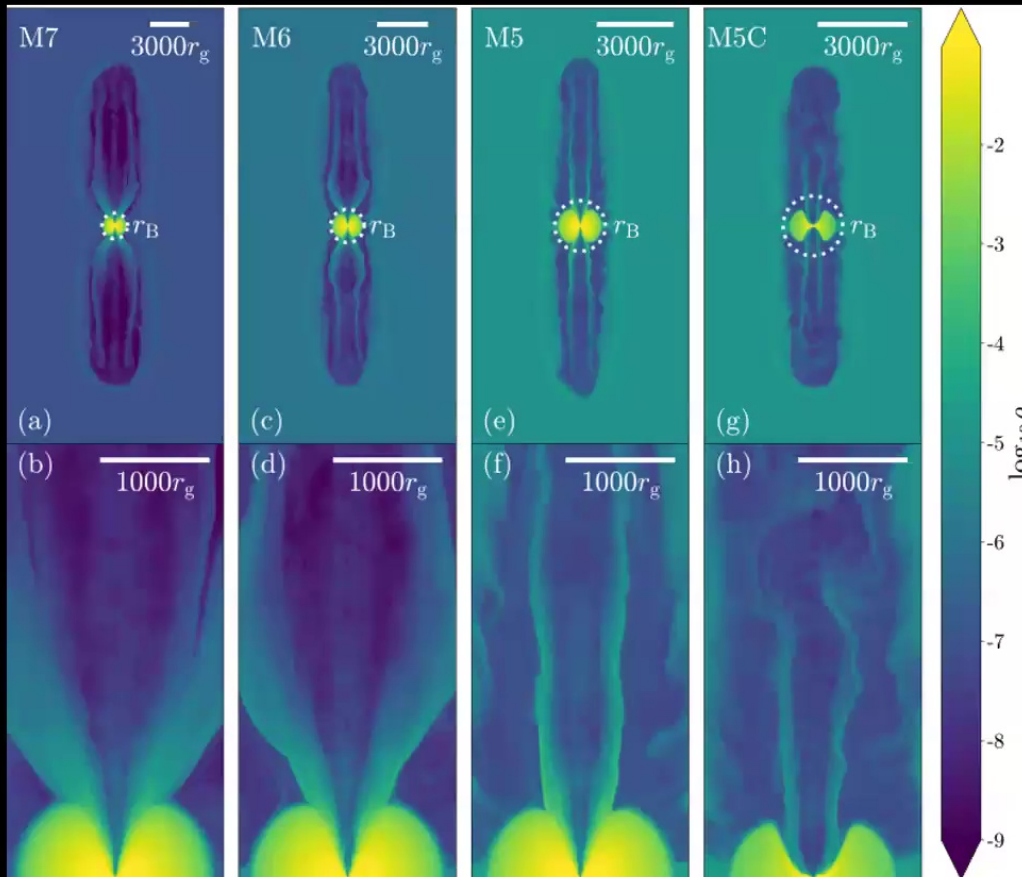
16

Does disk cooling affect the jets?

Valeriia Rohoza



Rohoza et al 2023
[arXiv:2311.00018](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00018)

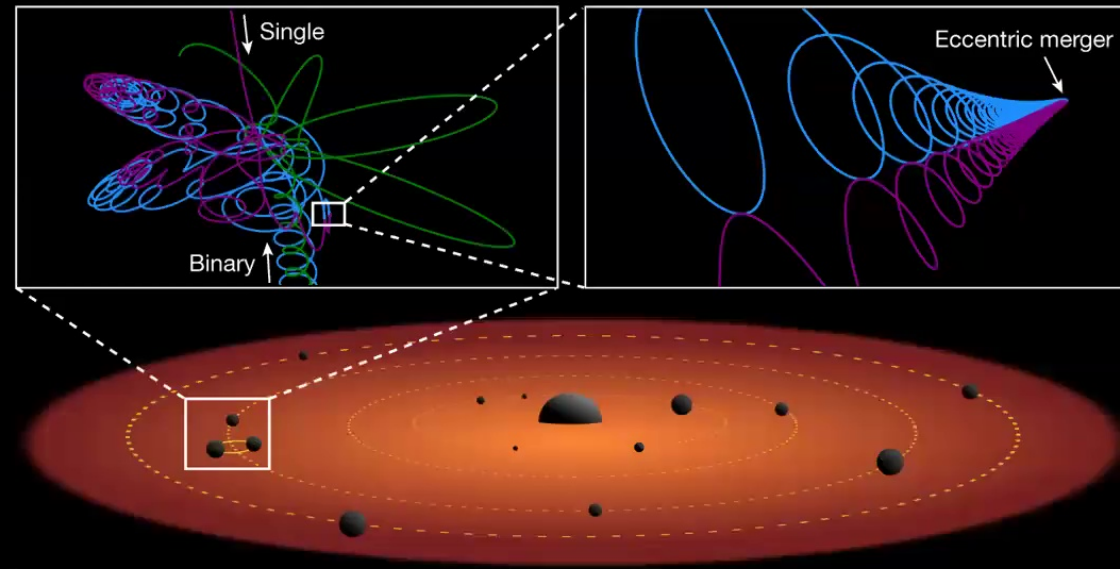


Aris Lalakos lalakos@u.northwestern.edu

17

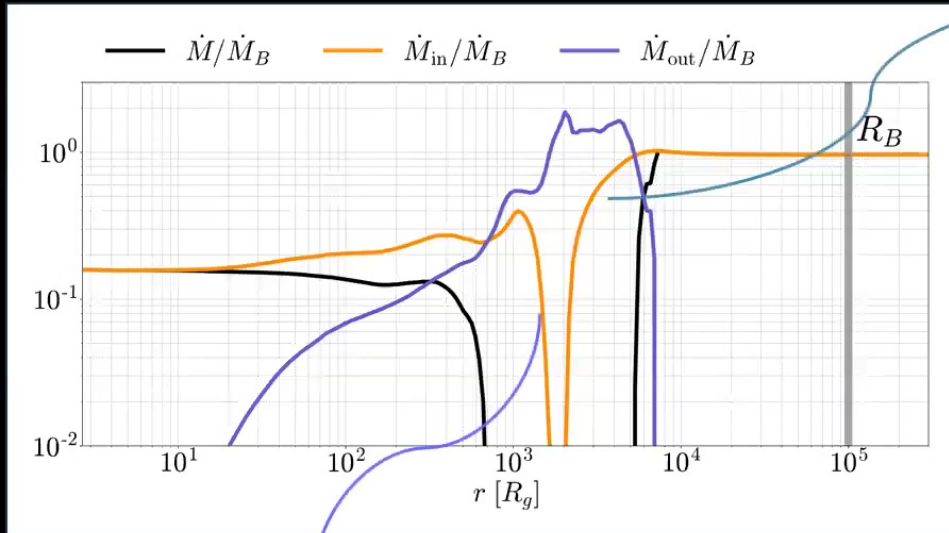
Super Eddington accretion on stellar mass BHs in AGN disks and first BHs

- Massive stars forming in AGN disk (rich environment) → possible merger (LVK detection?) (Tagawa et al. 2022)
- Can jets breakout of dense AGN disk? Transient emission?
- Estimates: $\dot{M}_{BH} \geq 10^6 \dot{M}_{Edd}$!
- Important for Early MBHs
- Mechanical feedback crucial but what about radiation ?



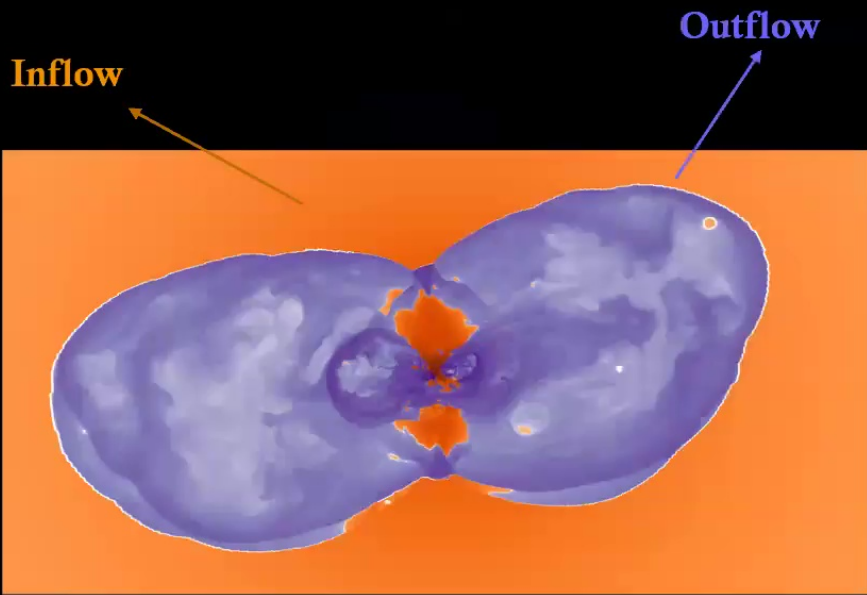
Samsing et al. 2022 (Nature)

Net accretion even with feedback



Bow shocks stop inflow

Outflows remove more mass than accreted!



AL + Hui Li (in prep)

Summary

- Largest scale separation $R_B = 1000 R_g$ and longest durations
Necessary to CLOSE the feedback loop!
- **RADs are Persistent and as dynamically important as MADs with unstable and weak jets – FR0s !**

Next goals :

- 1) Realistic scales $R_B = 10^{5-6} R_g$ w/ radiation on-the-fly
- 2) Super Eddington?
 - Growth of early BHs (JWST),
 - Quasars and TDEs,
 - sBHs in AGN disks (LVK) / jet breakout and EM emission.

