



# Observing the Blandford-Znajek Effect

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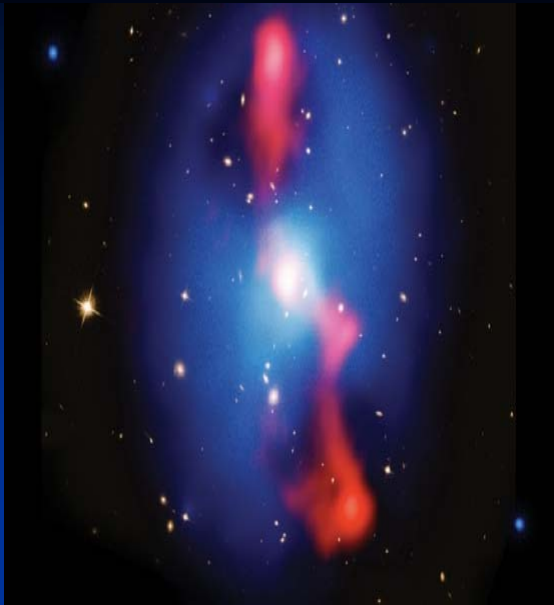
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# Outline

- Disks and Jets
- Horizon-Scale Observations vs. Theory

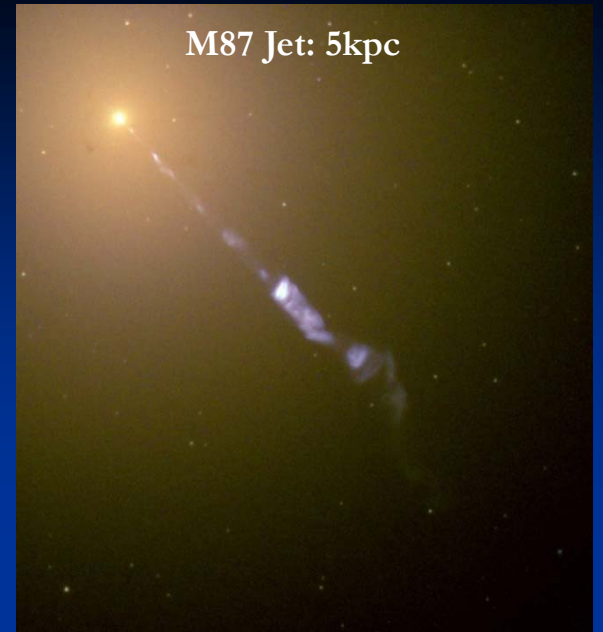
MS 0735+7421 Cluster Scale: 1Mpc



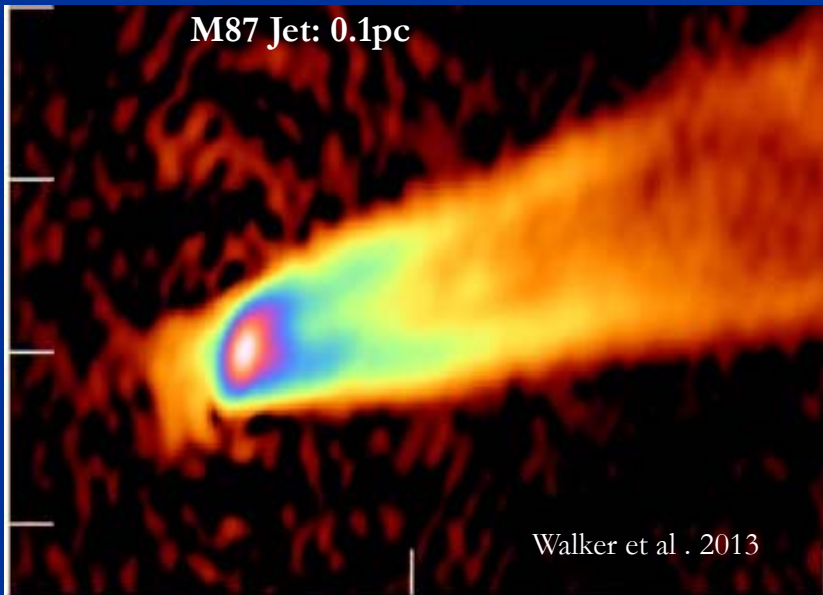
M87 Galaxy: 30-150kpc



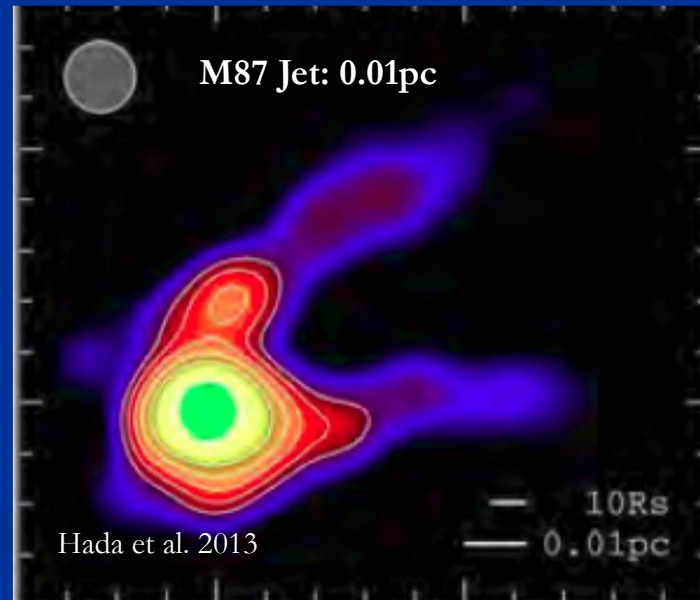
M87 Jet: 5kpc



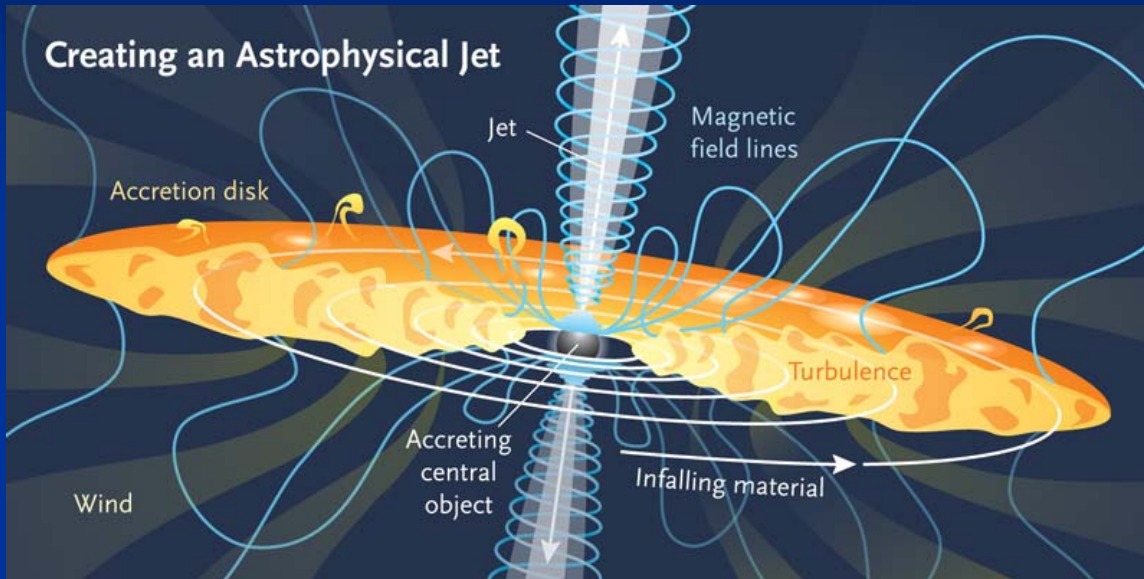
M87 Jet: 0.1pc



M87 Jet: 0.01pc



# Accreting Black Holes



Sky & Telescope (Apr 2010)

## Accreting BHs:

BH:  $M, |a|, \theta$

Magneto-Turbulent Disk

Relativistic Jet and Wind

## Plasma:

Thermal  $p, e$

Collisionless Effects on  $p, e$

Non-Thermal  $e$

Shocks (e.g. Fermi Acceleration)

Magnetic Reconnection

## Pair Creation Processes:

$$\gamma \gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

$$\gamma e \rightarrow e e^+ e^-$$

$$\gamma p \rightarrow p e^+ e^-$$

$$ee \rightarrow ee e^+ e^-$$

$$ep \rightarrow ep e^+ e^-$$

$$\text{BZ77: } E + e^+ e^- \rightarrow N e^+ e^- + M \gamma$$

$$\text{Schwinger: } E \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

## Photon Radiation Processes:

Cyclo-Synchrotron

Comptonization (Scattering)

Bremsstrahlung (free-free, etc.)

Pair Annihilation

# Tools

- **HARMRAD:** Brem + Synch + Compt + Photon chem. pot. = Opacity. BUT: Grey M1, Thermal ele. (no pairs)
- **ASTRORAY:** Thermal + Non-Thermal e's in all Stokes Params. BUT: No Compt, Doesn't solve for Te.
- **GRMONTY:** Comptonized Spectra (Thermal e, soon non-th ele). BUT: No Polarization, Thermal ele.
- **Kinetic Codes:** Kinetic Sims. for Te and non-th ele. BUT: Many conditions, including irregular conditions

# Disk States ( $\dot{M}$ , $M$ , $B$ ?)

Super-Eddington state

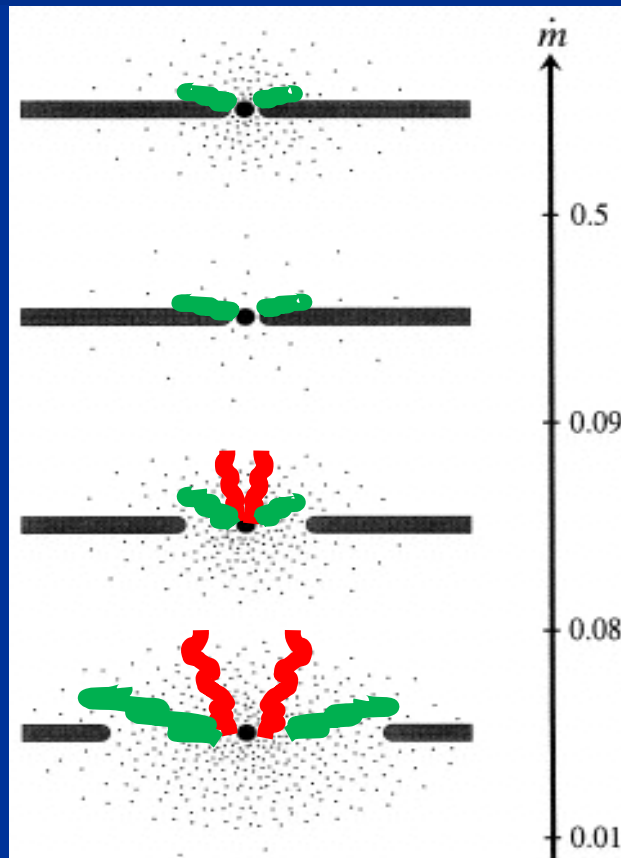


Very high state  
(standard disk+corona)

High/soft state  
(standard disk)

Intermediate state

Low/hard state  
(RIAF/ADAF/ADIOS)



Esin et al. (1997)

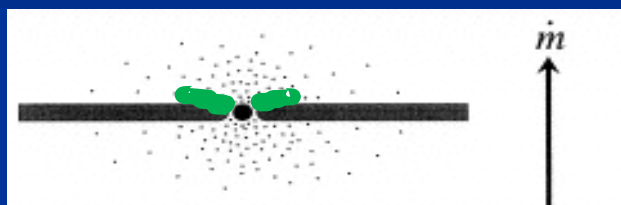
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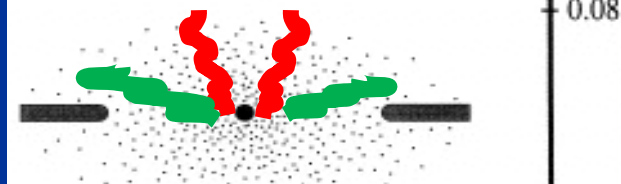
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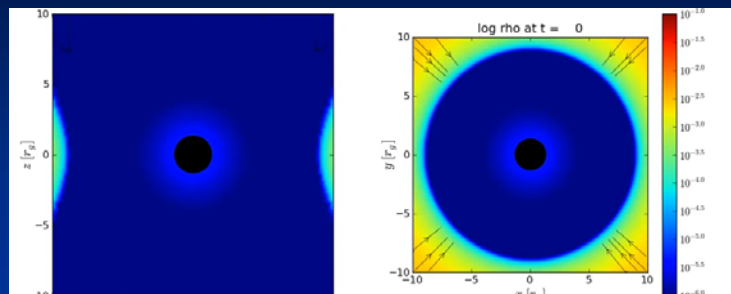


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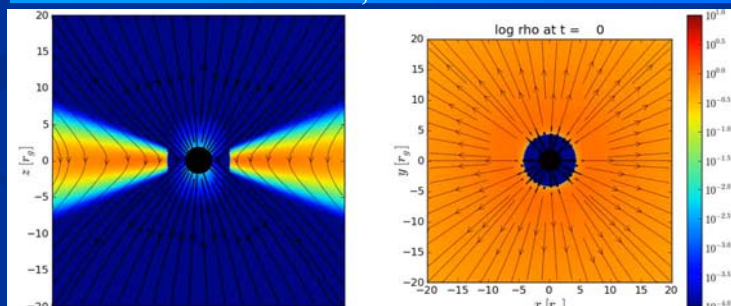


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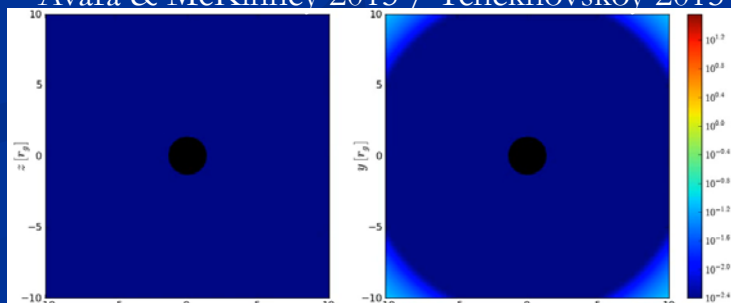
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McKinney et al. 2014 ; Sadowski et al. 2014

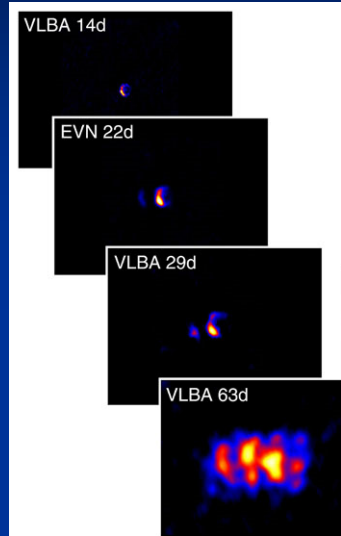


Avara & McKinney 2015 / Tchekhovskov 2015

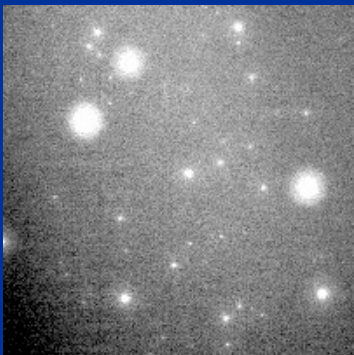


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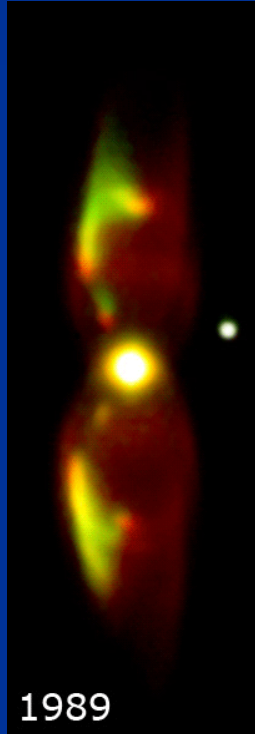
# Jets (Collimated Outflows)



RS Ophiuchi/CV  
(radio)



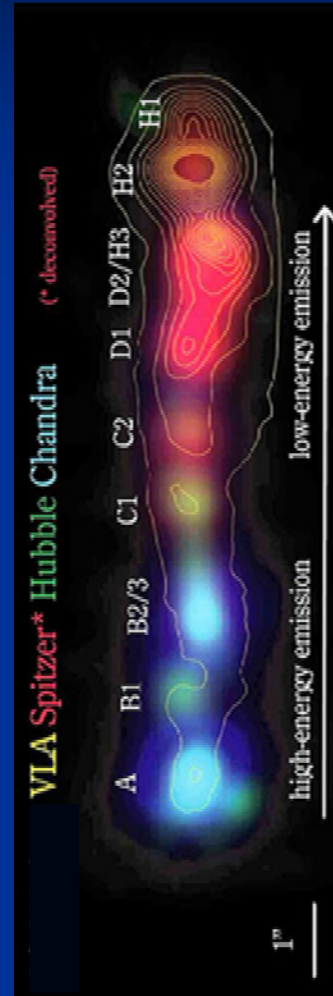
GRB080319B  
(optical afterglow)



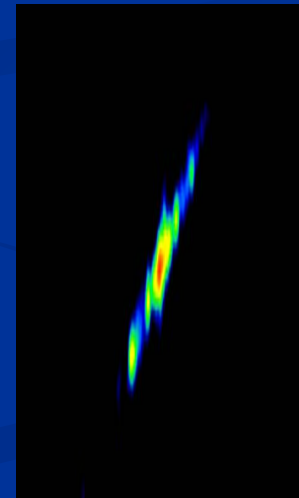
Post-AGB Star  
*(The "Butterfly" or "Twin Jet" Nebula M 2-9). Green is [OIII], red is [NII]*



Protostellar jet  
HH34  
(optical)



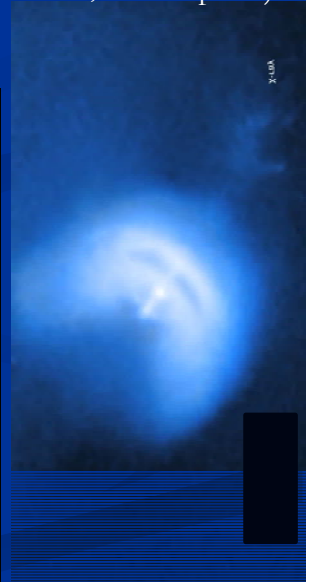
3C273  
Spitzer: Red ; HST: Green ; Chandra: Blue ; VLA (2cm): Contours



X-ray Binary  
SS433  
(Radio 1-5Ghz)



Circinus X-1  
(X-ray: Blue ; Radio: Pink ; Rest: Optical)



Vela Pulsar  
(X-ray)



# Jets (Power/Velocity)

Blandford-Payne / Blandford-Znajek Wind/Jet:

$$P_{\text{jet}} \propto B^2 v^2 \quad v_{\text{jet}} \sim v_{\text{esc}}$$

Magnetic Dissipation Wind/Jet:  $P_{\text{jet}} \propto B^2 v_r$

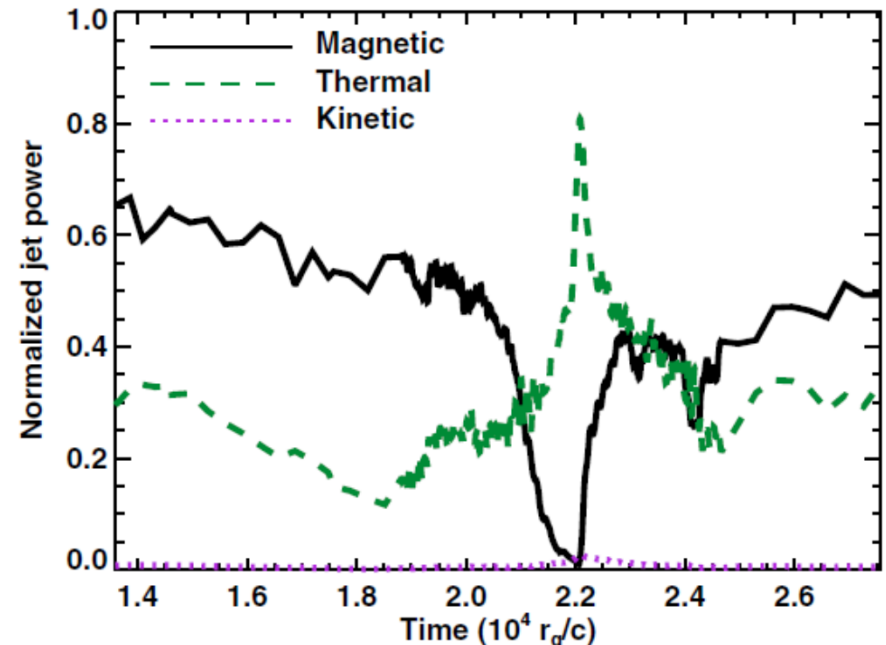
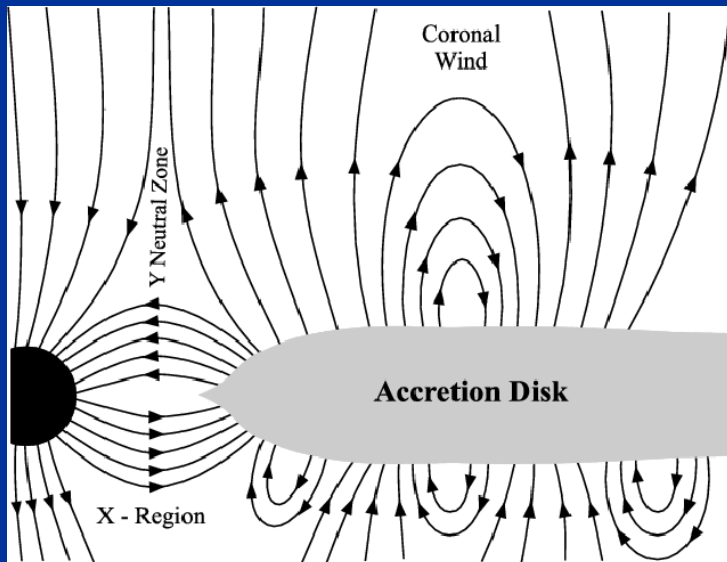
(Dexter, McKinney, Markoff, Tchekhovskoy 2014)

Lovelace, Newman, Romanova (1997)

de Gouveia dal Pino, Lazarian (2005,2010), Igumenshchev (2009)

Tagger & Pellat (99), Livio et al. (03), King et al. (04),

Begelman & Armitage (14)



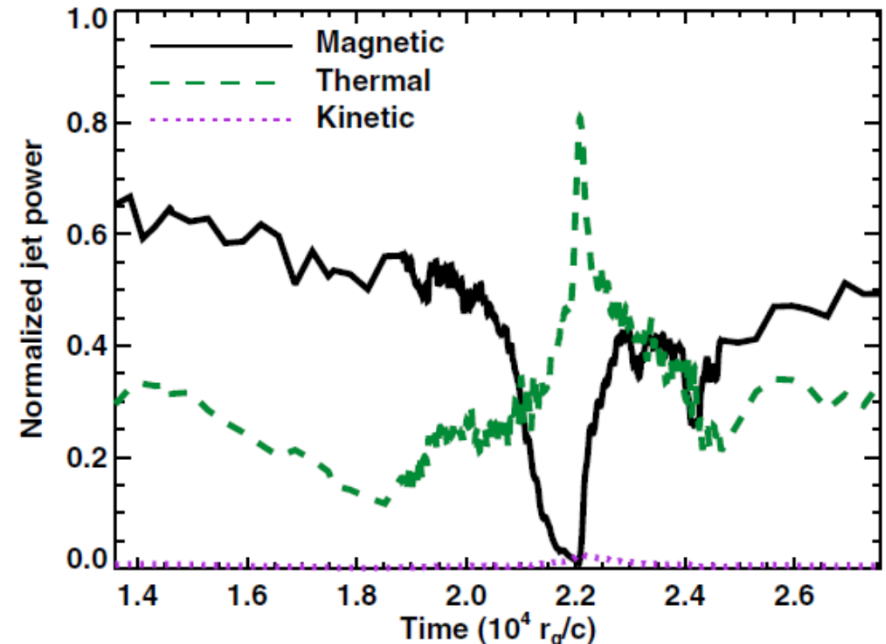
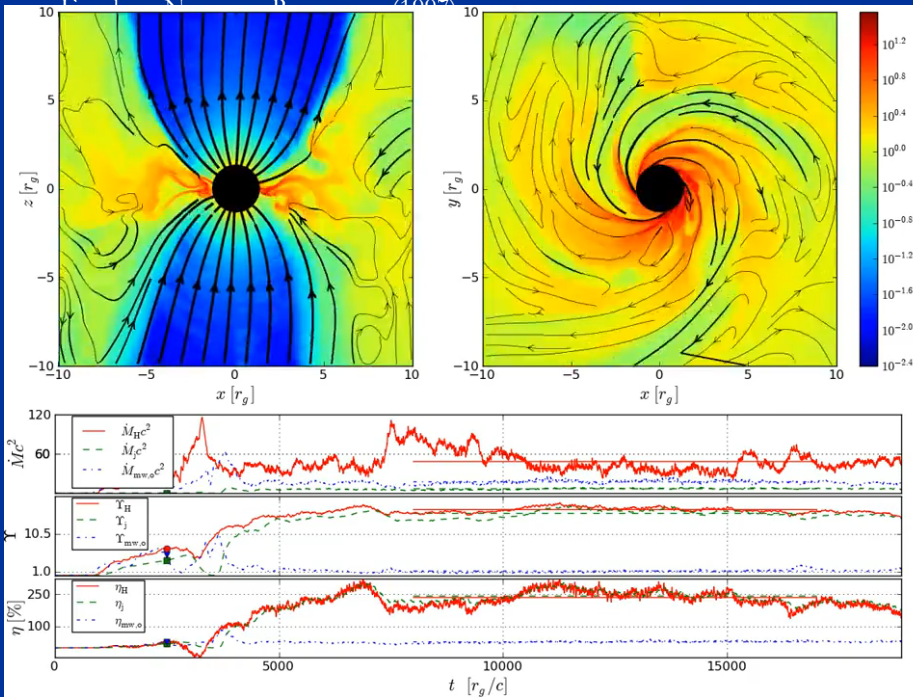
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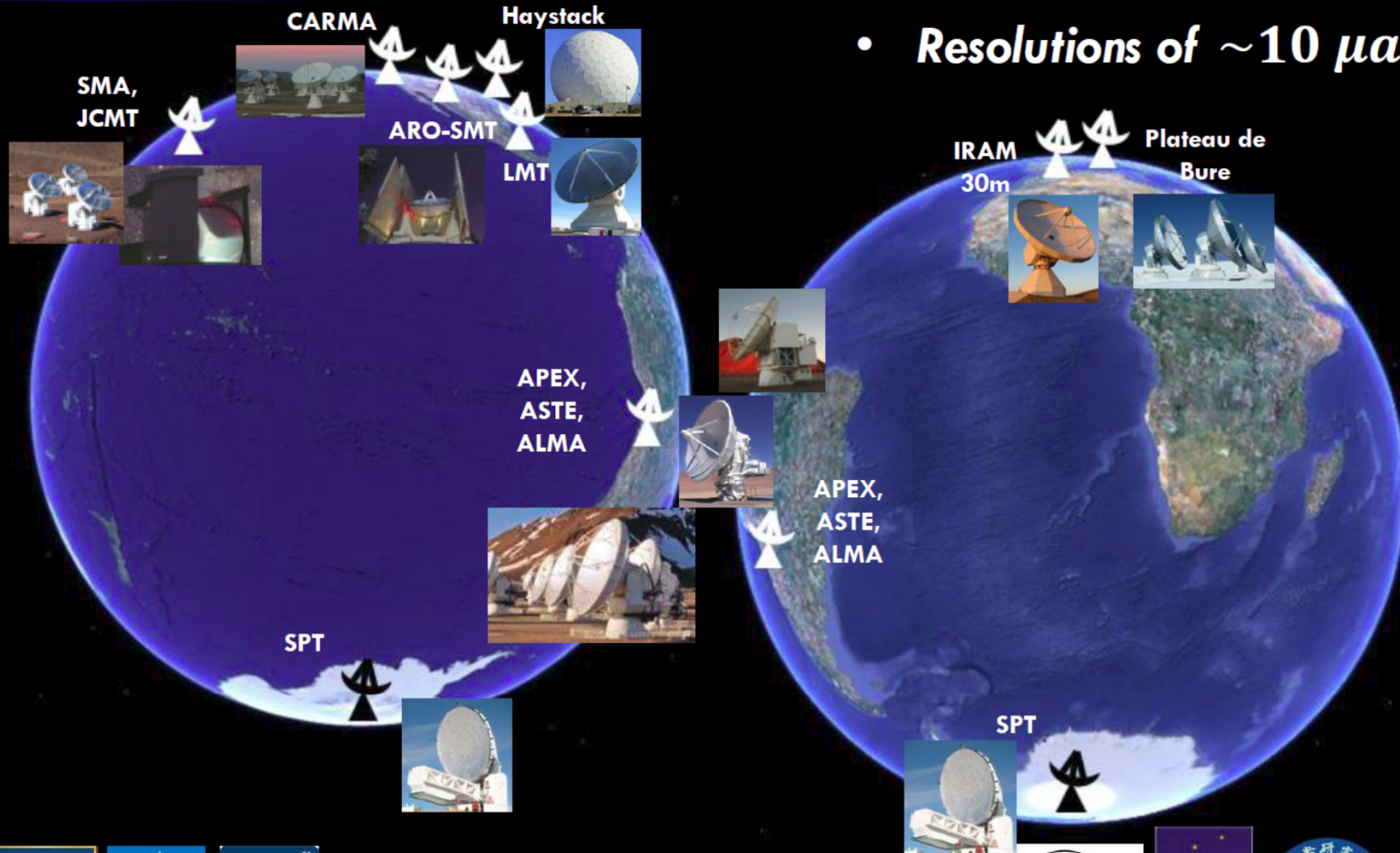
# Testing BZ Effect

- $< \sim 45^\circ$  pitch angle (wind much more toroidal)
- Relativistic Jet (but NS Circ X-1)
- Power vs. spin dependence (Narayan & McClintock (2012-2015) But see Russell & Fender (2013-2014))
- Power magnitude or MADs
- Two ang. mom. axes near BH / Twisted jet (Polarization?)

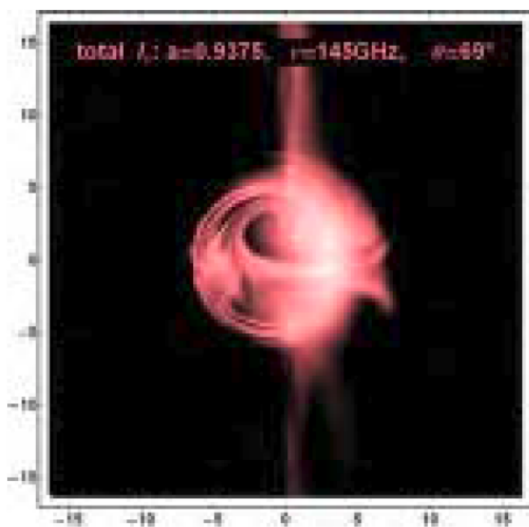
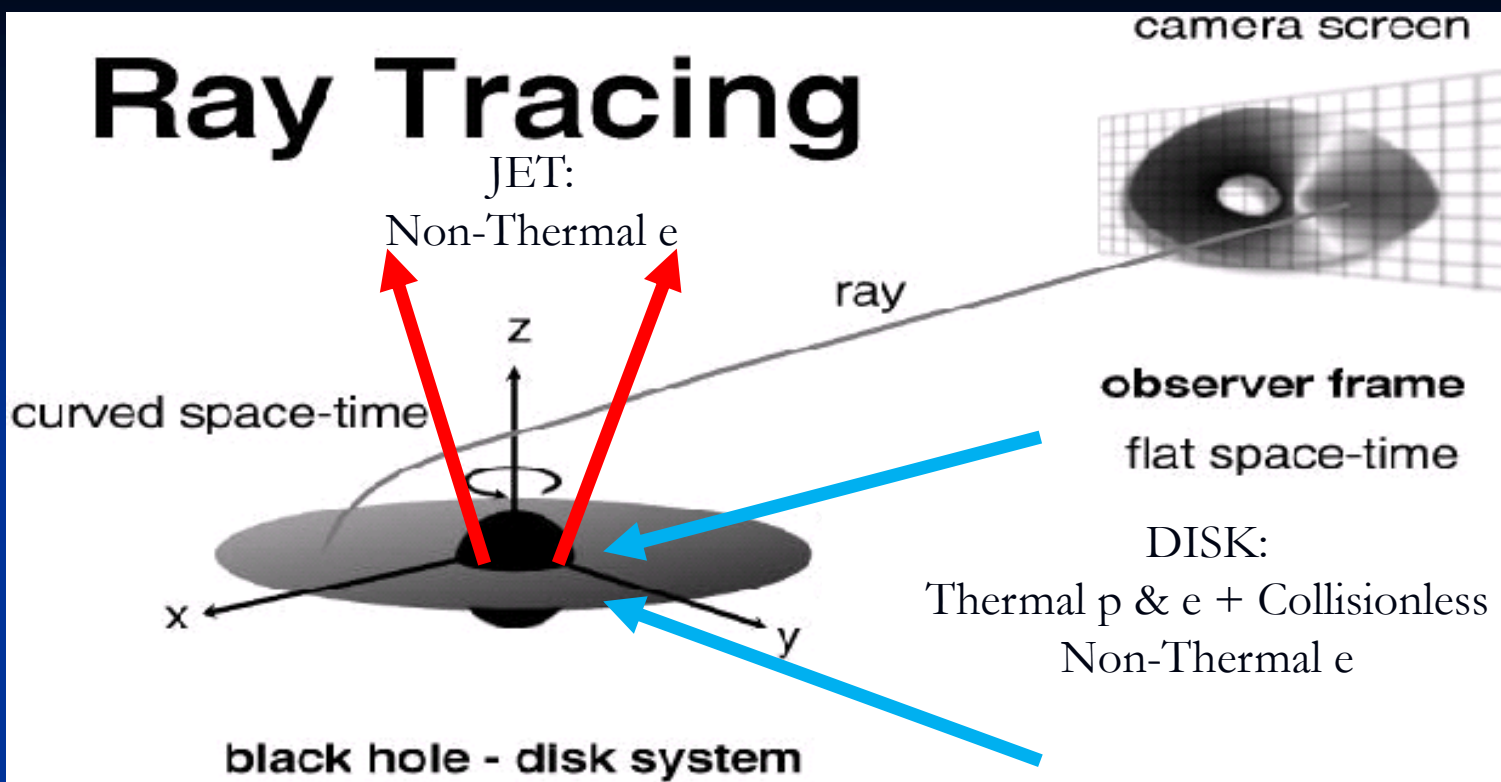
# EventHorizonTelescope

<http://www.eventhorizontelescope.org/>

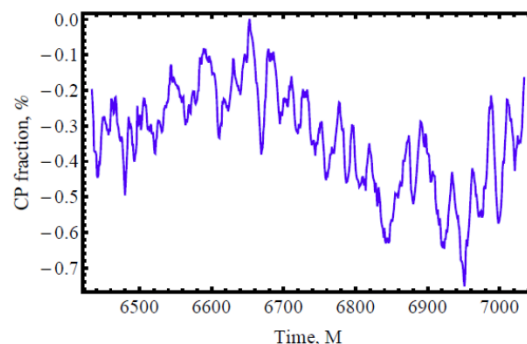
- *Earth-sized mm VLBI array*
- *Existing telescopes.*
- *Resolutions of  $\sim 10 \mu\text{as}$*



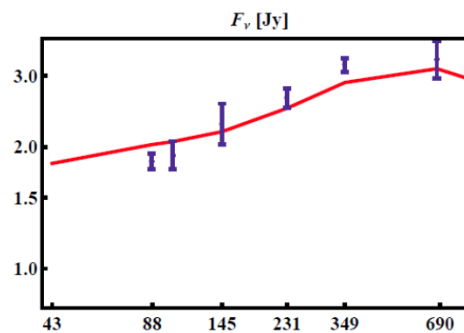
# Ray Tracing



(Polarized) Resolved Images



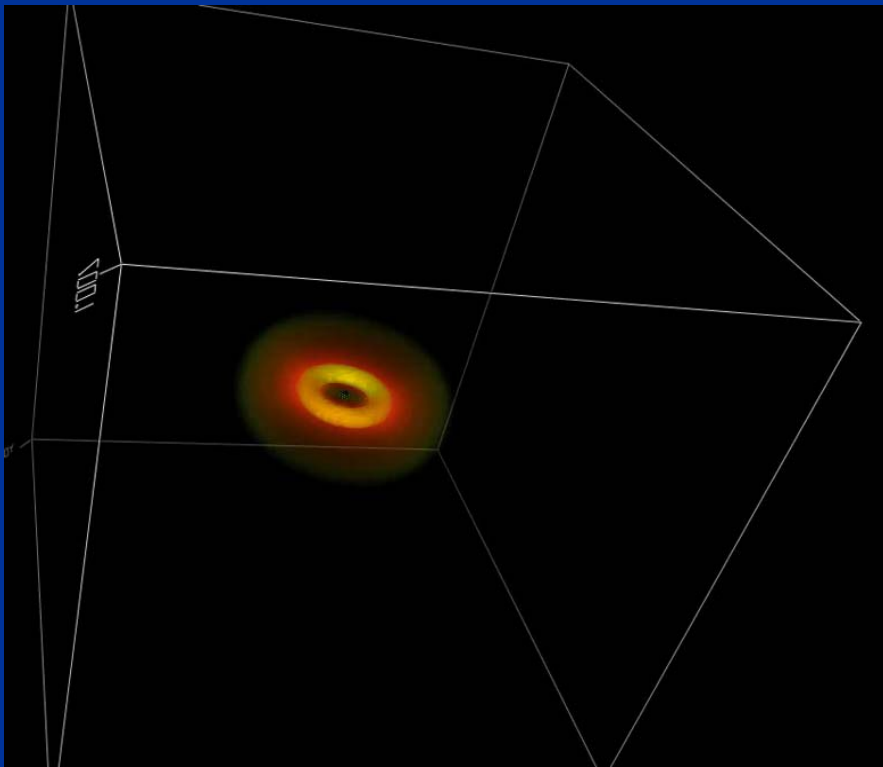
(Polarized) Timing



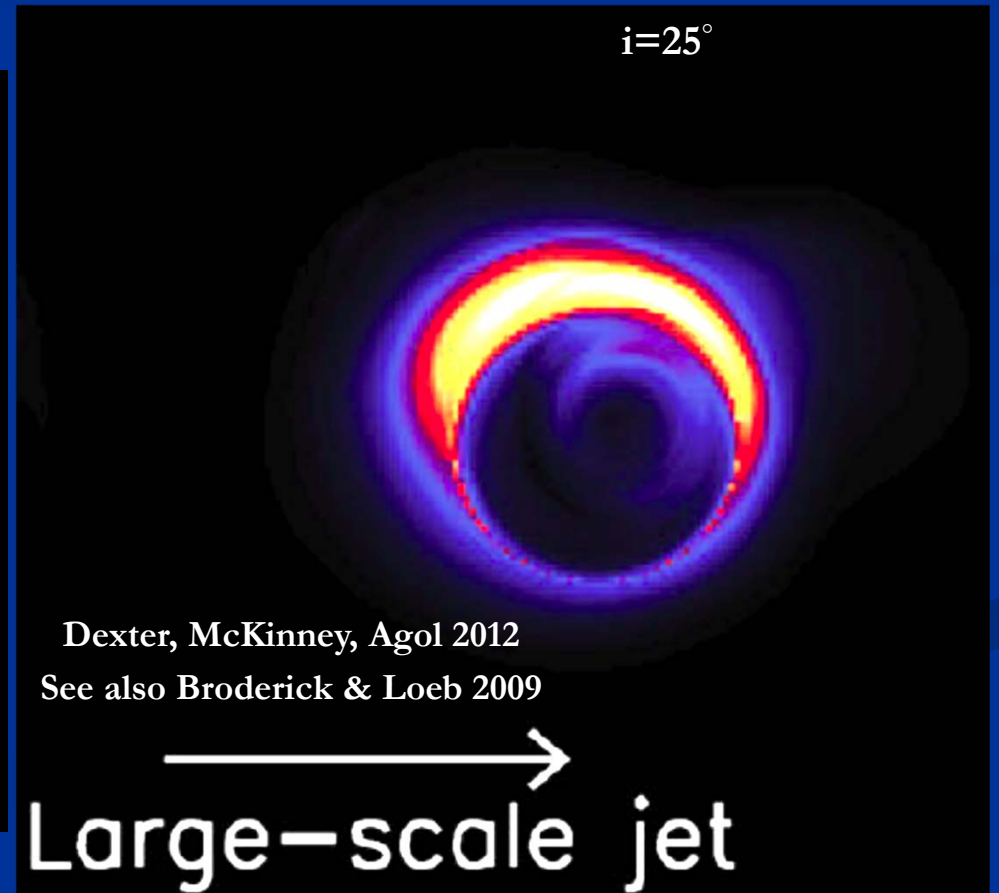
(Polarized) Spectra

Shcherbakov & McKinney 2012,2013

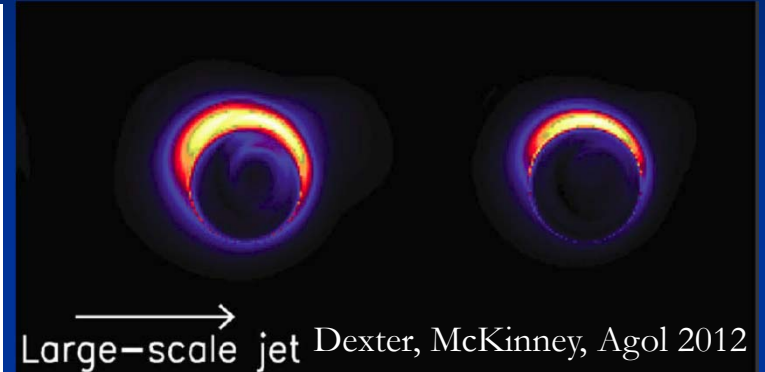
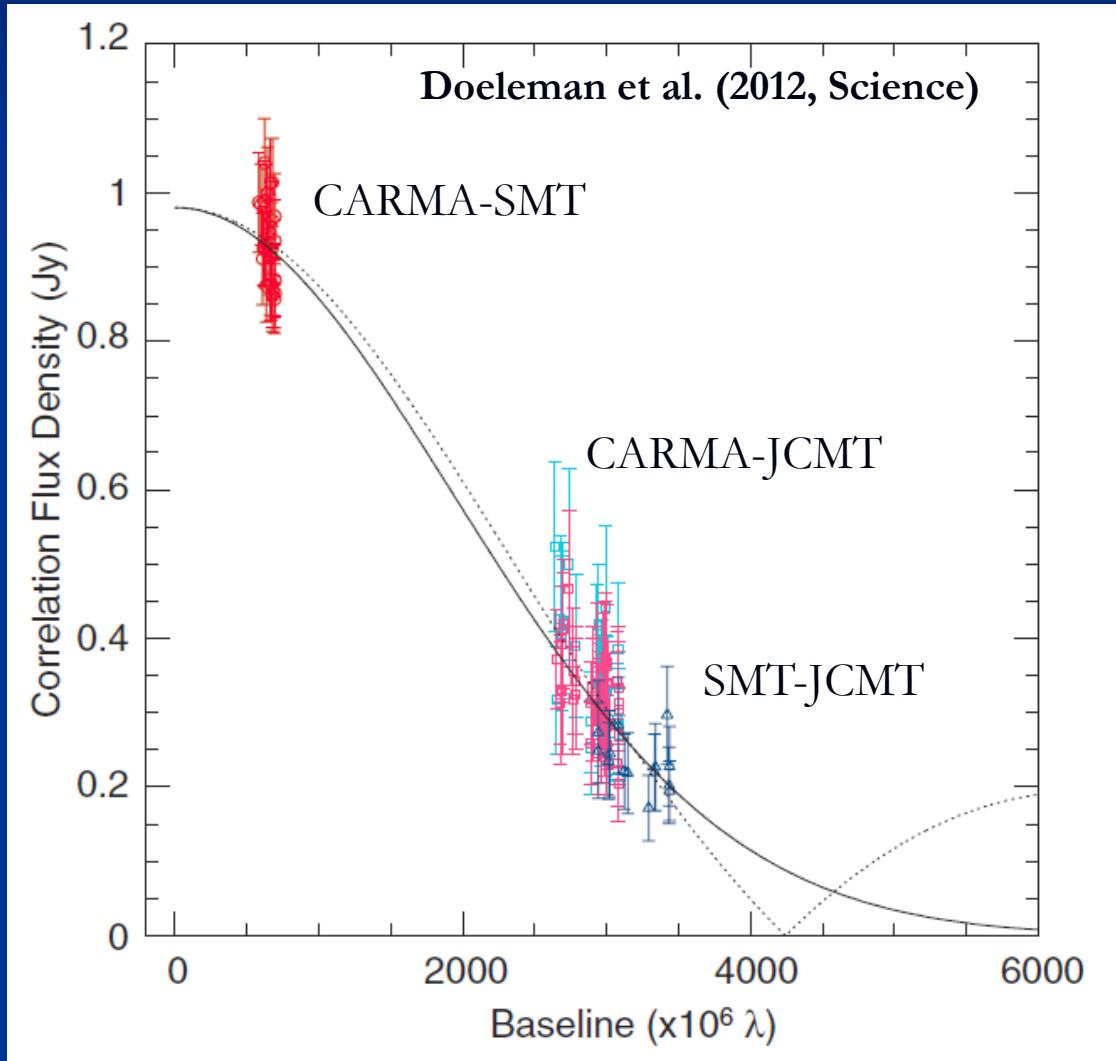
# GR Radiative Transfer Sims. Predict M87 Jet Base of size $\sim 5r_s$



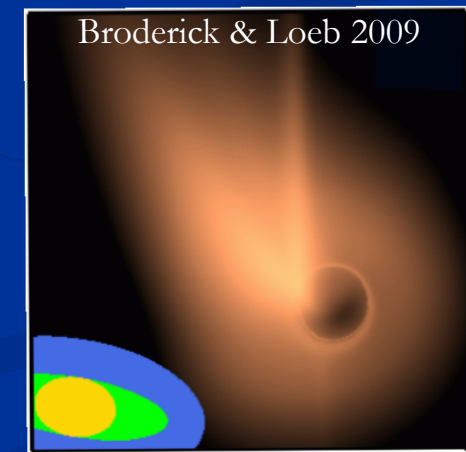
McKinney & Blandford (2009)



# EHT: M87 correlated flux at 1.3mm Size $\sim 5r_s$ !

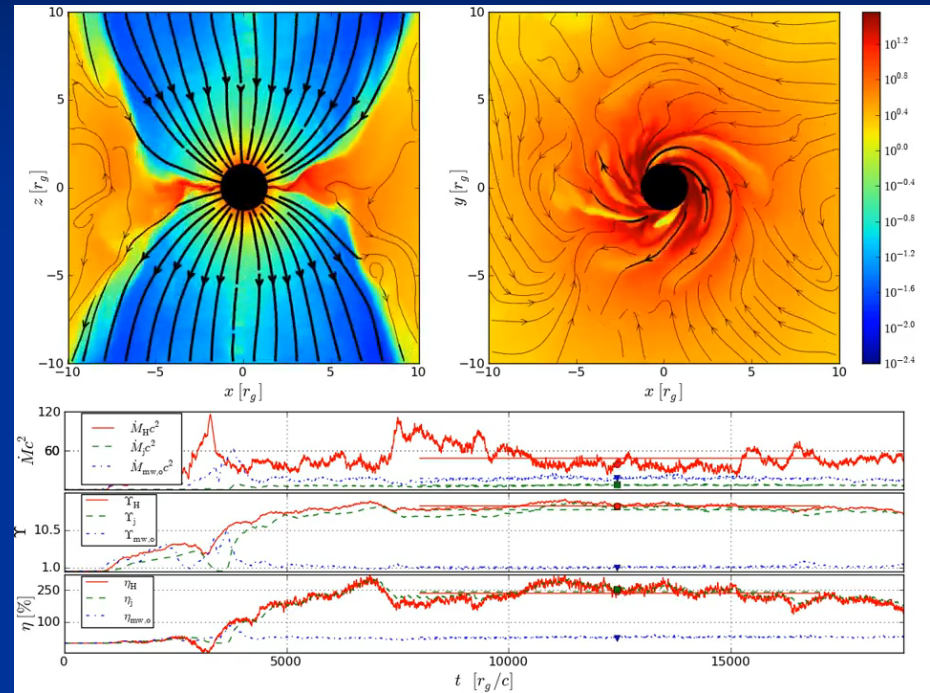
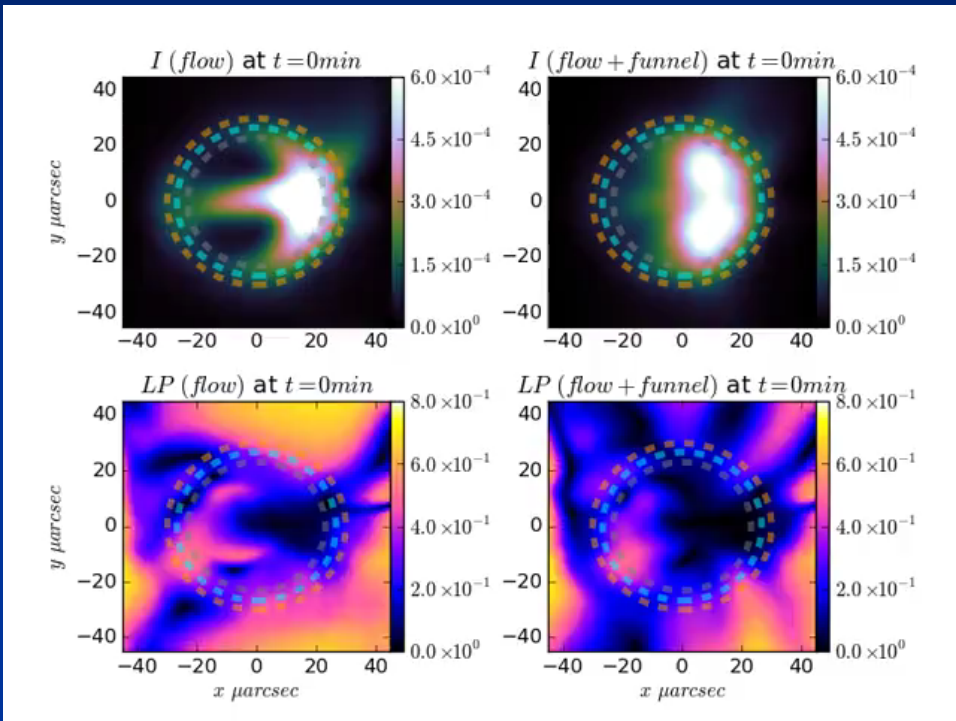


As we predicted!



Other models can work,  
but require very high spin

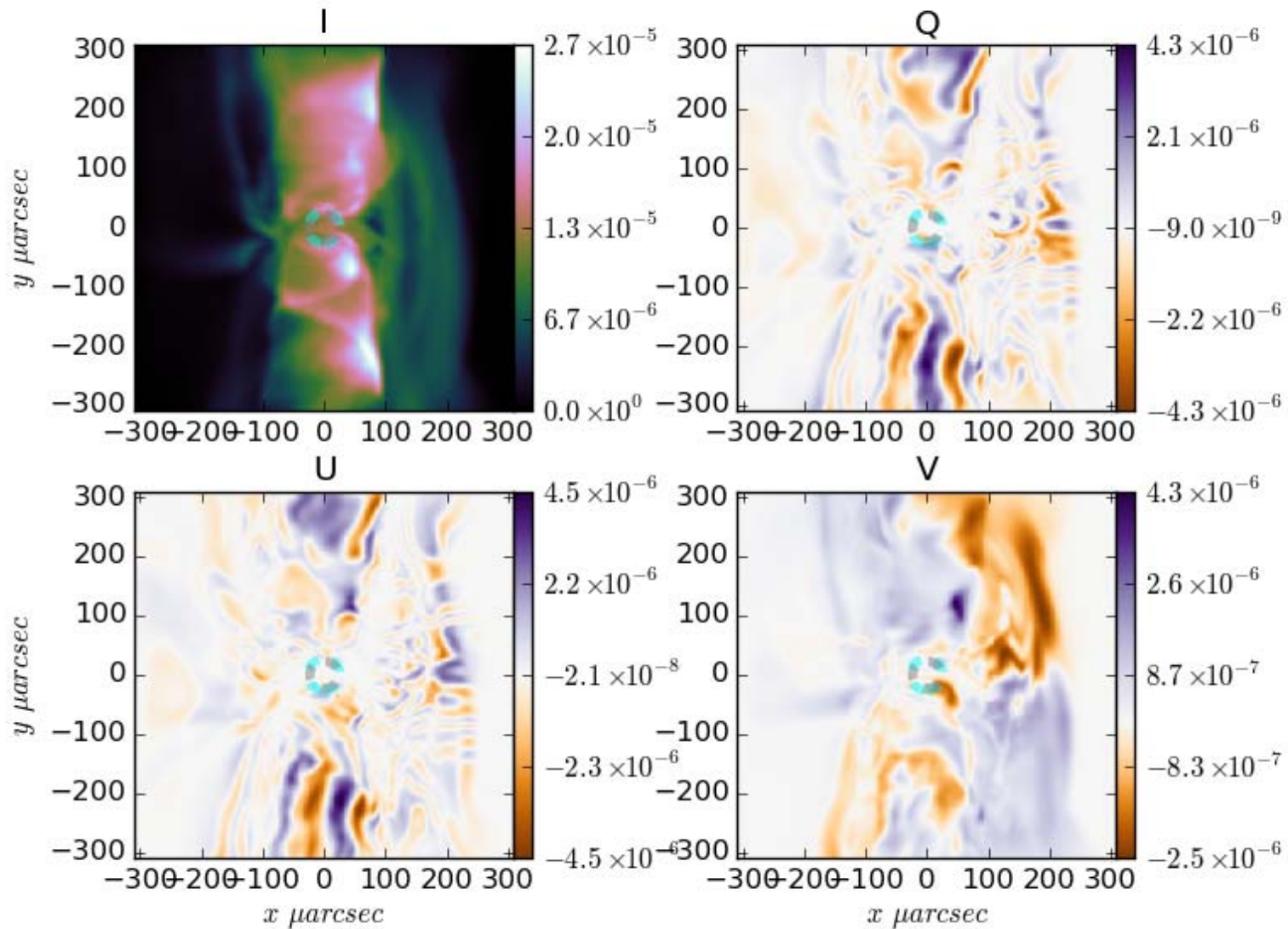
# 230 GHz

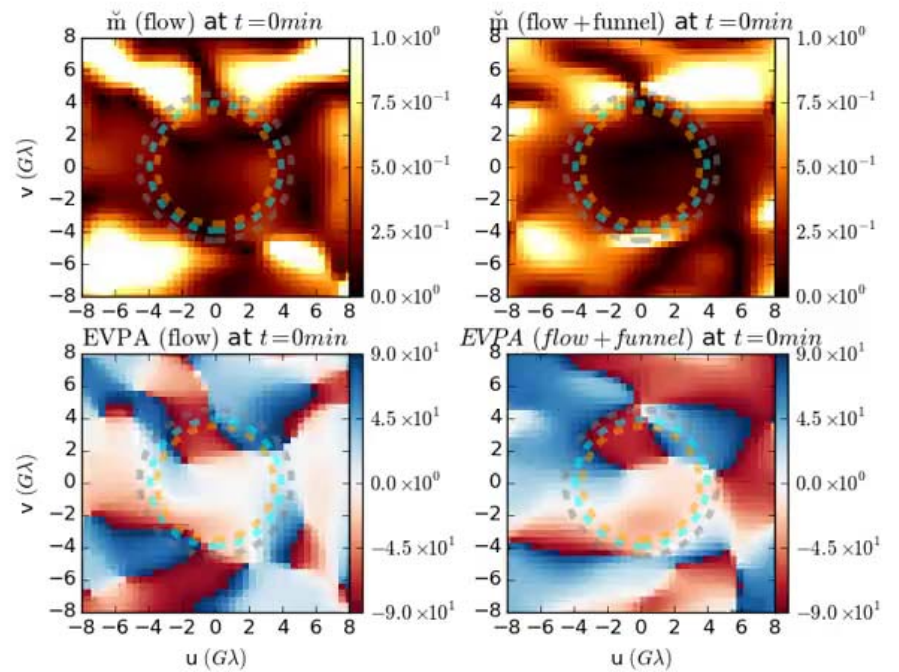
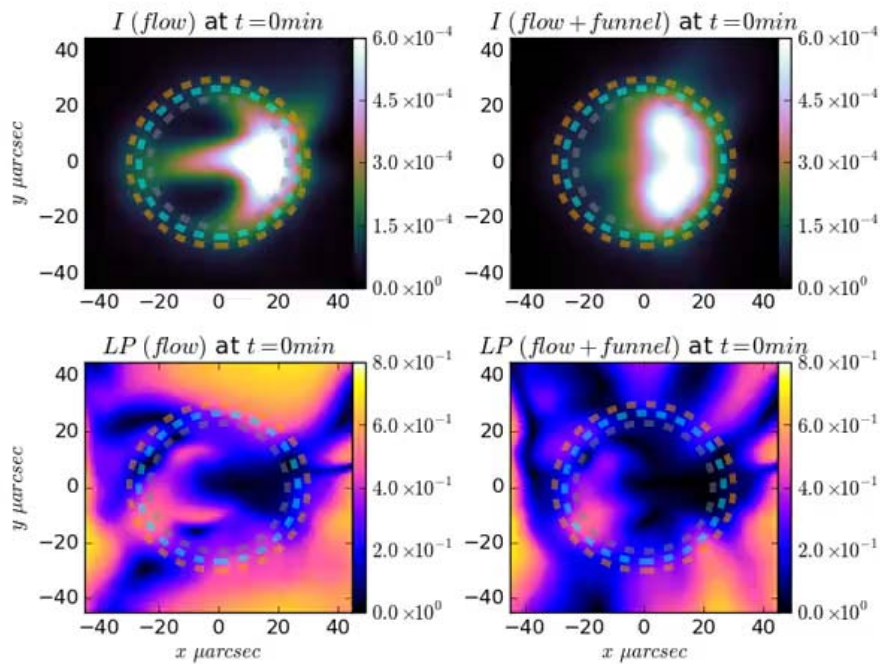


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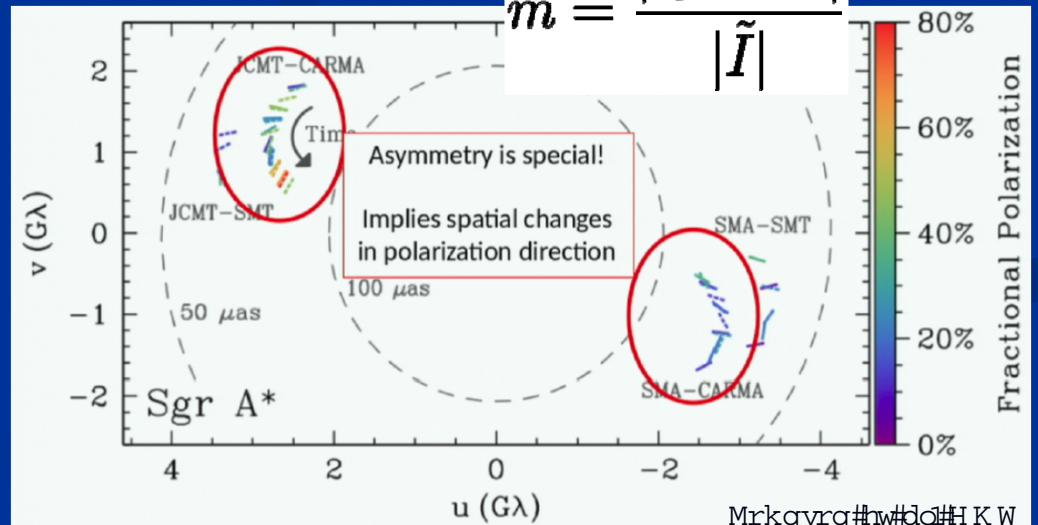
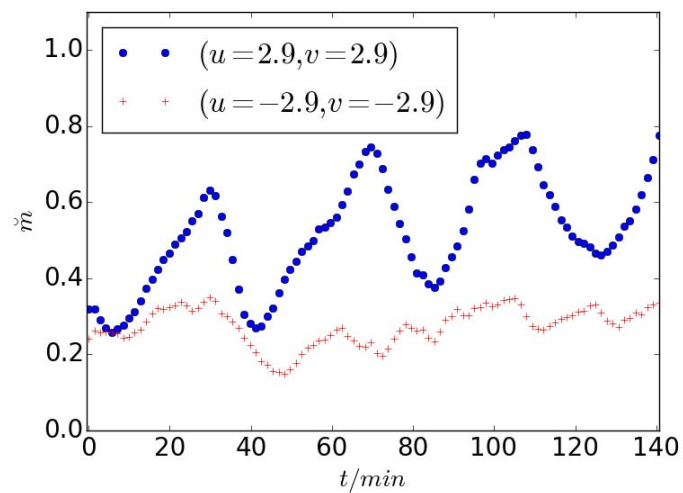
# 43 Ghz





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$$\tilde{m} = \frac{|\tilde{Q} + i\tilde{U}|}{|\tilde{I}|}$$



Mrkqvrq#hw#d#IKW

# Summary

- Powerful combo: Harmrad + Astroray + Grmonty
  - HARMRAD: Compt + Synch + Photon chem. pot. + Opacity
  - ASTRORAY: Thermal + Non-Thermal e's in all Stokes Params.
  - GRMONTY: Comptonized Spectra (Thermal e, soon non-th-e)
- Probe strong Gravity (e.g. shadow, jet)
  - Concordance Models (spectra, temporal, resolved imaging, etc.)
- Polarization adds 3 indep. Constraints
  - SgrA\* Horizon-Scale Emission Polarized
  - MAD vs. MRI disk / Toroidal vs. Poloidal
  - BZ : Twisted Jet or 2 Ang. Mom. axes?

