

Circumbinary Accretion

From Supermassive Binary BHs to Circumbinary Planets

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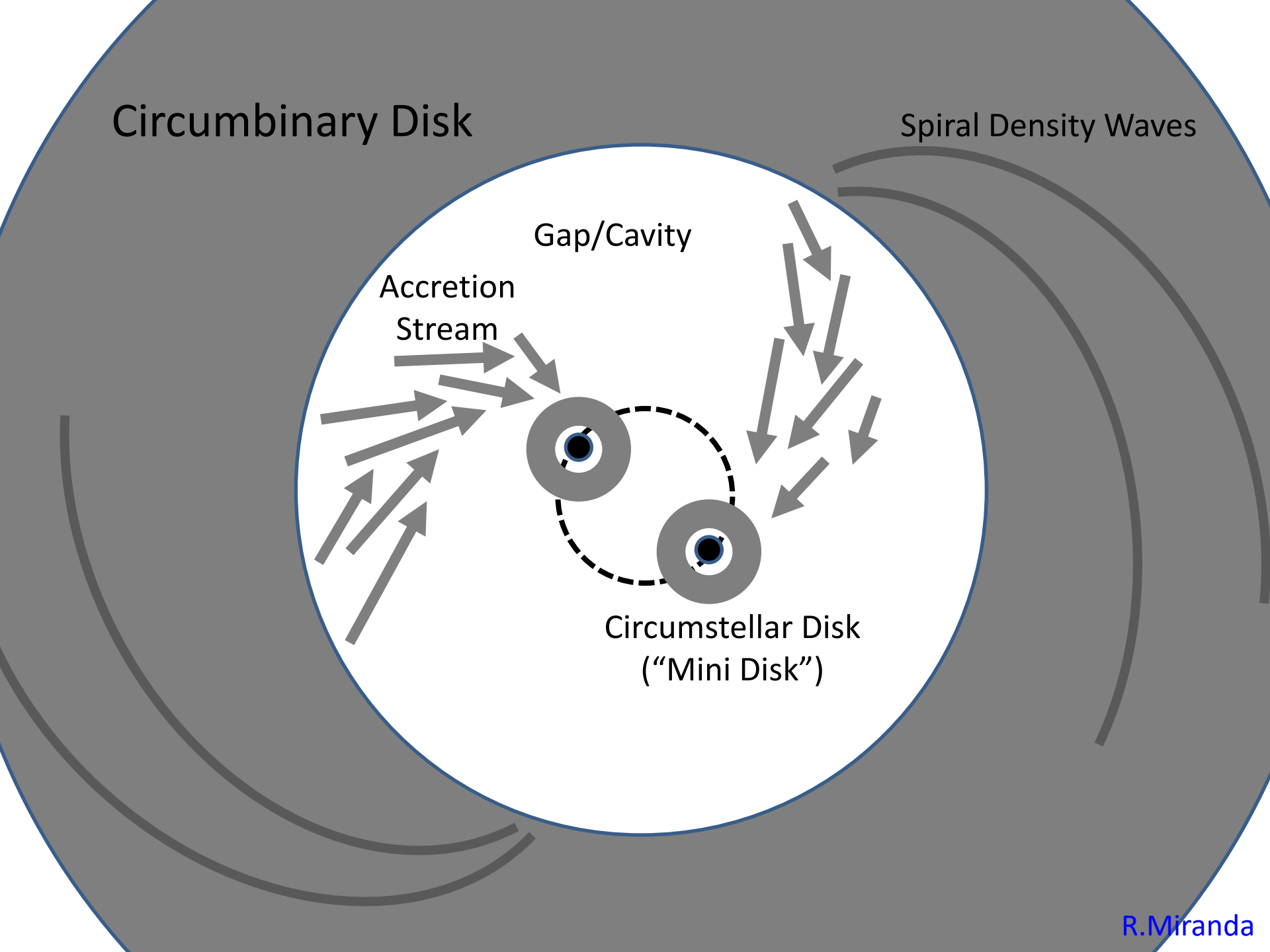
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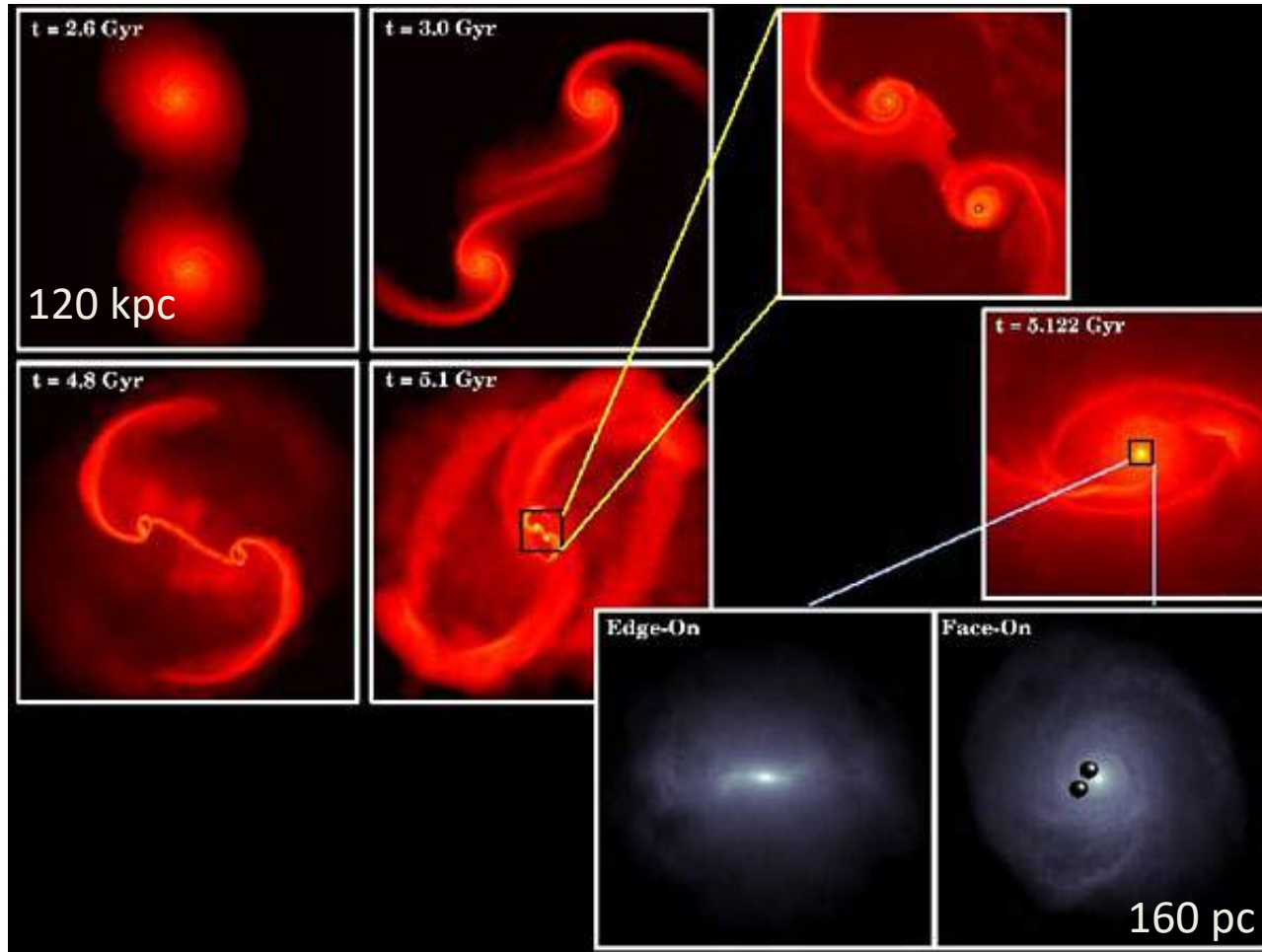
Gap/Cavity

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Stream

Circumstellar Disk
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Galaxy merger → SMBH binary in gas disk/torus



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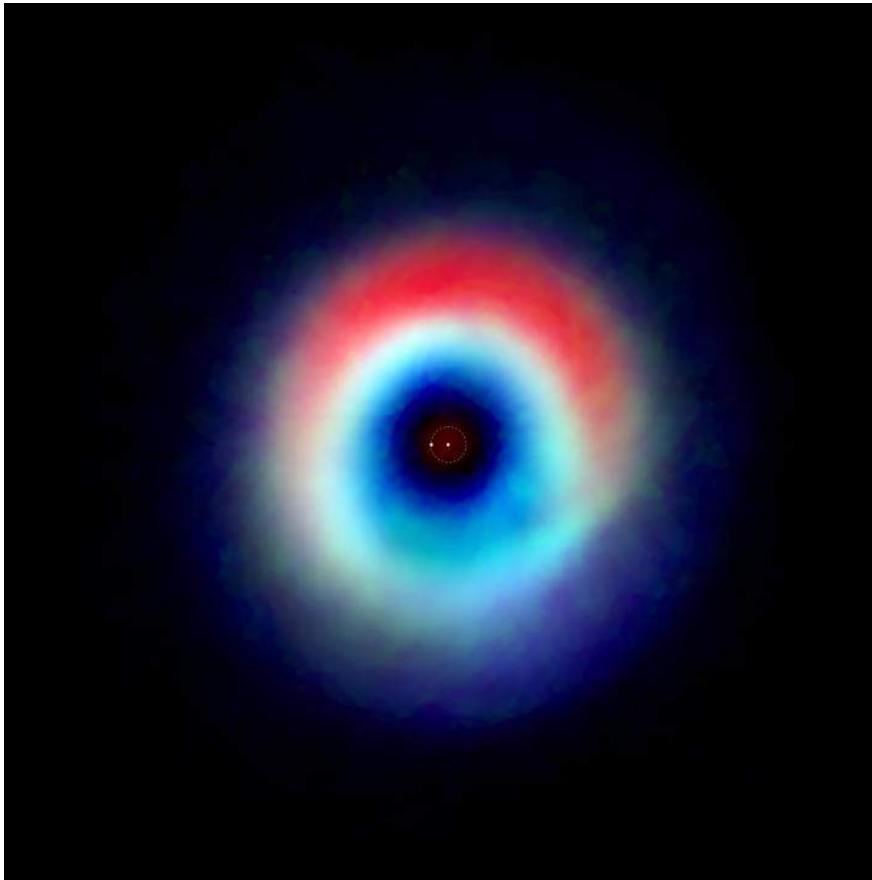
In addition to these stellar dynamical effects, infall of gas onto the binary can also lead to some orbital evolution. Gas may be flung out of the system, acquiring energy (and angular momentum) at the expense of the binary; alternatively, gas may accrete onto the larger hole, causing orbital contraction as the product Mr is adiabatically invariant. In either case, the evolution time scale is

$$t_{\text{gas}} \sim 10^8 M_8 (\dot{M}/1M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1})^{-1} \text{ yr} \quad (5)$$

Begelman, Blandford & Rees 1980 Nature

Disks around proto-stellar Binaries

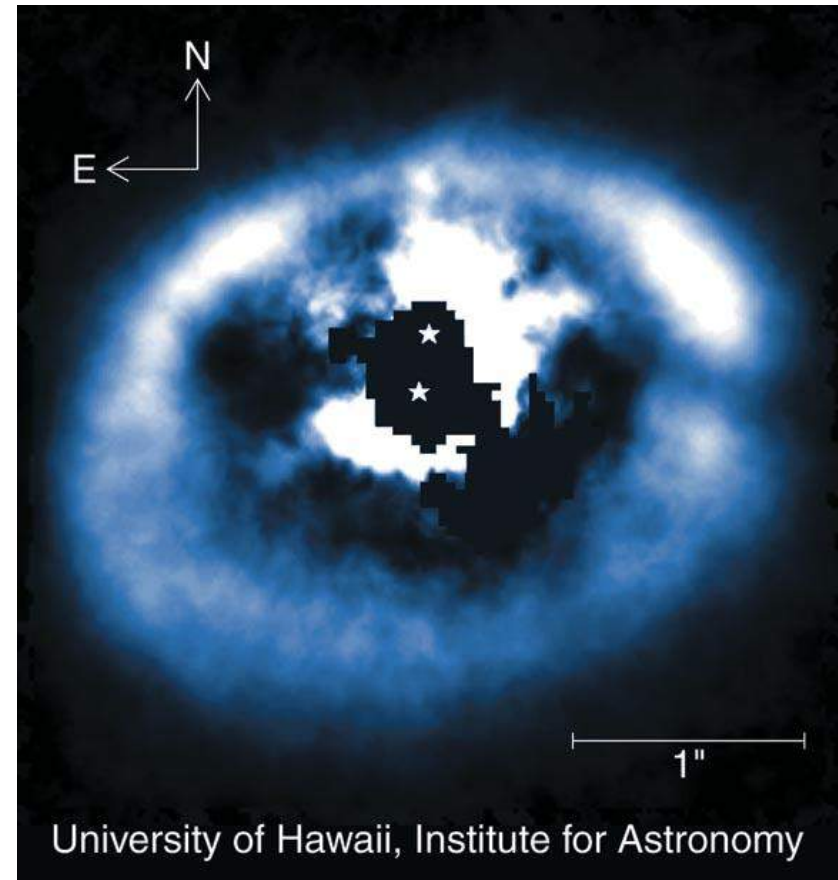
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Outer disk : >100 AU
Gap (cavity): 10-100 AU
Inner binary: ~20 AU

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GG Tau



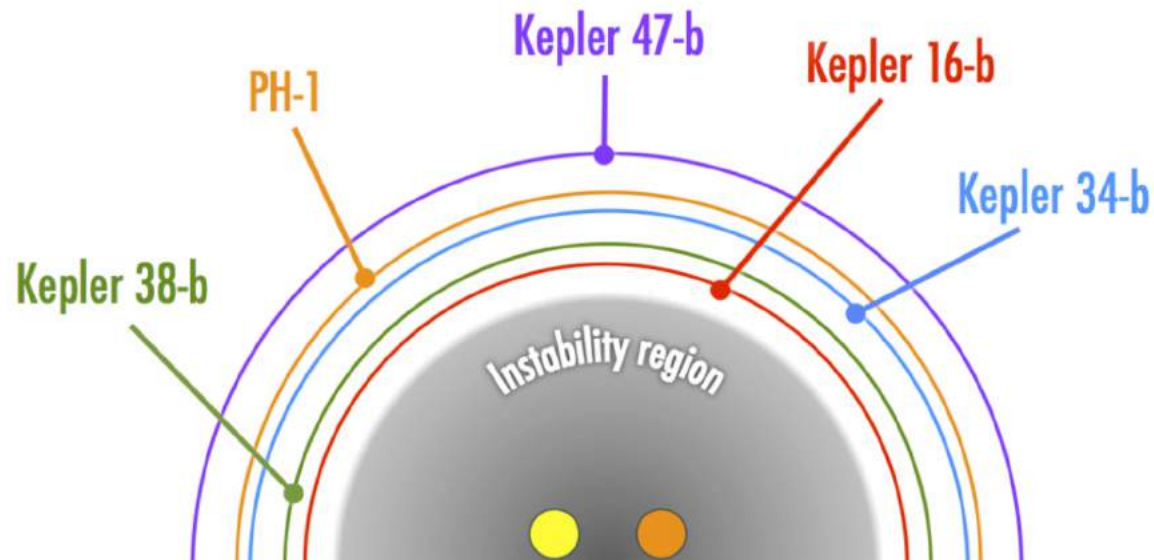
Binary: ~60 AU

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Planets Around Binaries

~12 systems found by transit method

Observed circumbinary planets (orbits normalized to the instability region)



Simulations of Circumbinary Accretion

Artymowicz & Lubow 1996; Günther & Kley 2002; MacFadyen & Milosavljević 2008; Cuadra et al. 2009; Hanawa et al. 2010; de Val-Borro et al. 2011; Roedig et al. 2012; Noble et al. 2012; Shi et al. 2012; D’Orazio et al. 2013; Pelupessy & Portegies-Zwart 2013; Farris et al. 2014; Shi & Krolik 2015; Lines et al. 2015; O’Ozario et al. 2016; Ragusa et al. 2016, [Munoz & Lai 2016](#); [Miranda, Munoz & Lai 2017](#); Tang et al. 2017; Bowen et al. 2017, 19; [Munoz, Miranda, Lai 2019](#); Moody, Shi & Stone 2019; [Munoz, Lai et al. 2020](#); Duffell et al. 2020;...

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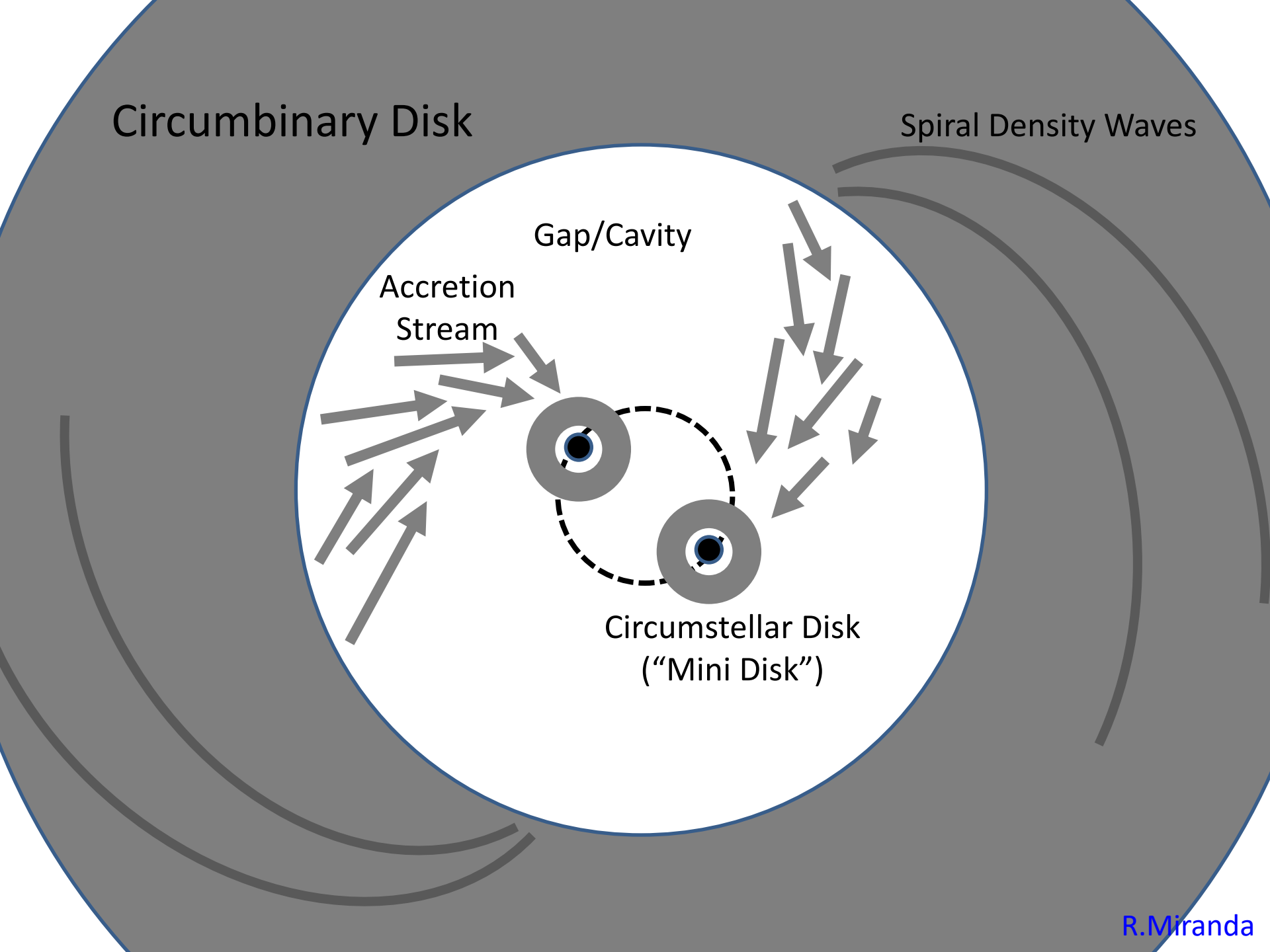
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A Challenging Problem...

Many simulations excised the inner “cavity”

Some cover the whole domain: Circumbinary disk → stream → circumsingle disks:

Using finite-volume moving mesh codes:

[DISCO](#): Farris, Duffell, MacFadyen, Haiman 2014,15; Tang, MacFadyen, Haiman 2017

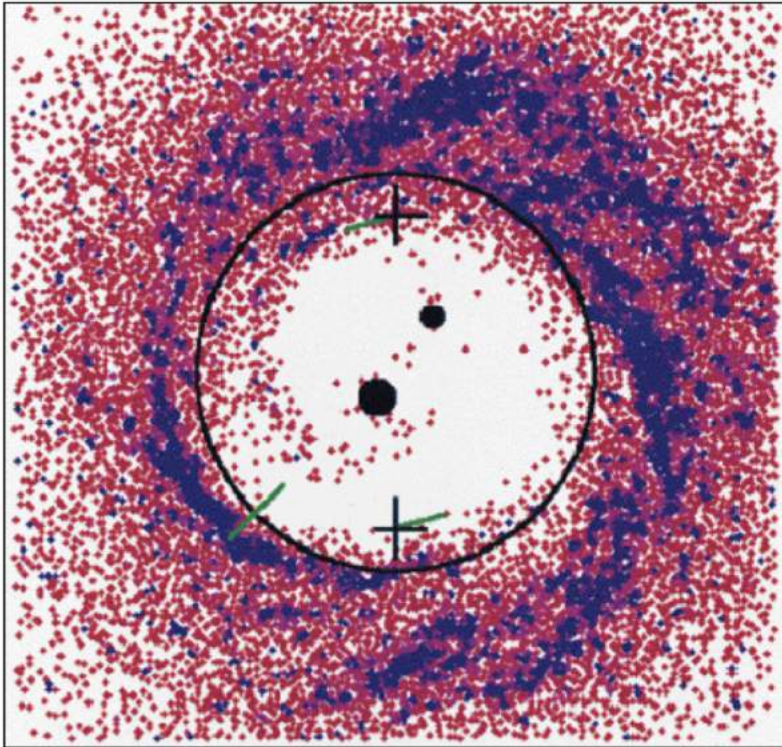
[AREPO](#): resolve accretion onto individual body to $0.02a_b$

(Munoz & Lai 2016; Munoz, Miranda & Lai 2019; Munoz, Lai et al 2020)

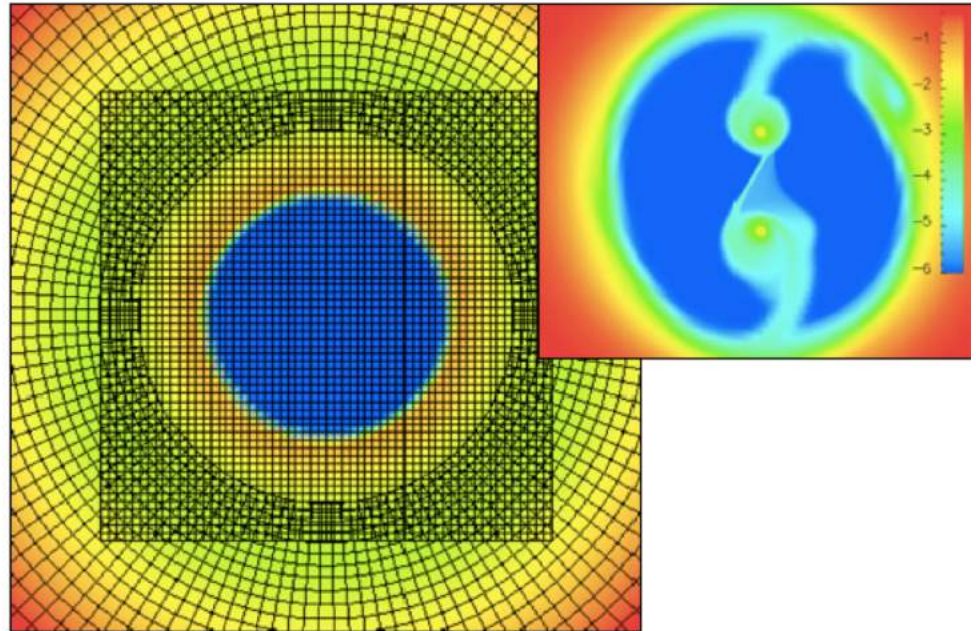
[ATHENA++](#) (Moody, Shi & Stone 2019)

Simulations of Circumbinary Accretion

Artymowicz & Lubow (1996) – SPH



Günther & Kley (2002) – Hybrid grid



also:

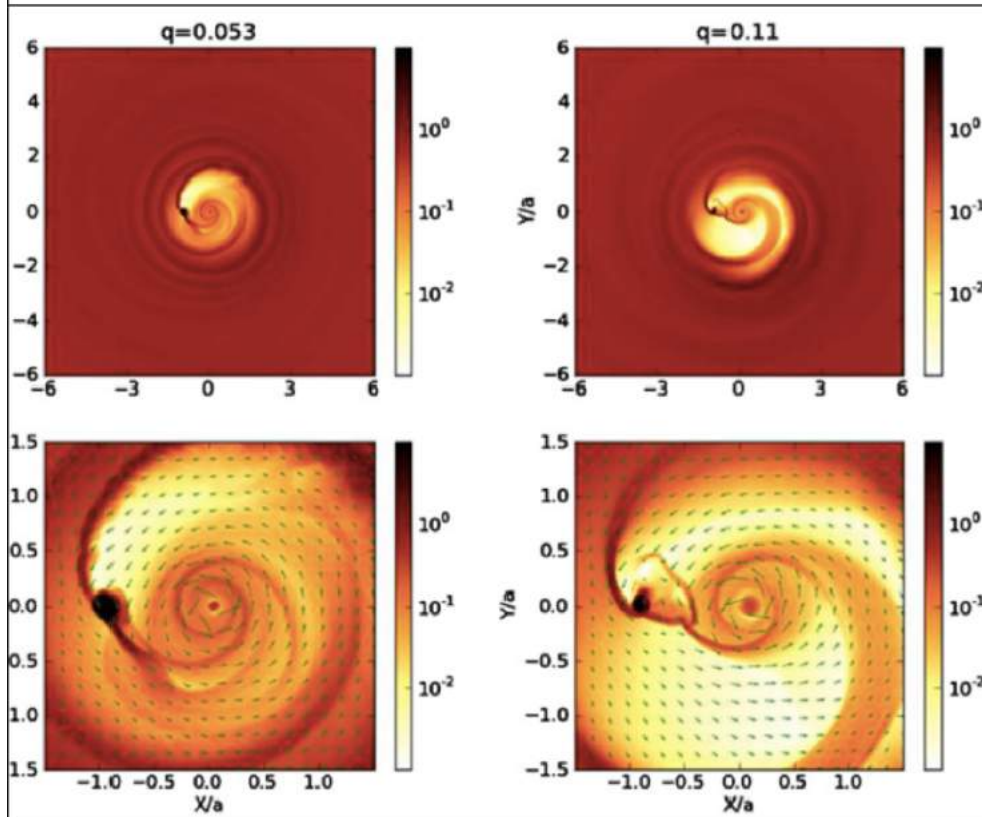
de Val-borro et al. (2011) – cartesian grid

Hanawa et al. (2010) – Nested cartesian

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Finite-volume moving mesh code

Farris et al. (2014) – moving rings grid



Duffell & MacFadyen (2012) –
DISCO code

What we do:

Munoz & DL 2016, ApJ
Miranda, Munoz & DL 2017, MNRAS
Munoz, Miranda & DL 2019
Munoz, DL et al 2020



Diego Munoz
(Harvard PhD'13->Cornell
-> Northwestern)



Ryan Miranda
(Cornell PhD'17->IAS)

Goals:

- Accretion onto circular/eccentric binaries: circumbinary->circumstellar disks
resolve accretion onto individual body to $0.02a_b$
- Short-term & long-term accretion variabilities
- Disk structure and dynamics (eccentricity, precession)
- **Angular momentum transfer between binary and disk**

Method:

- Solve viscous hydrodynamic equations in 2D
- alpha viscosity, (locally) isothermal sound speed

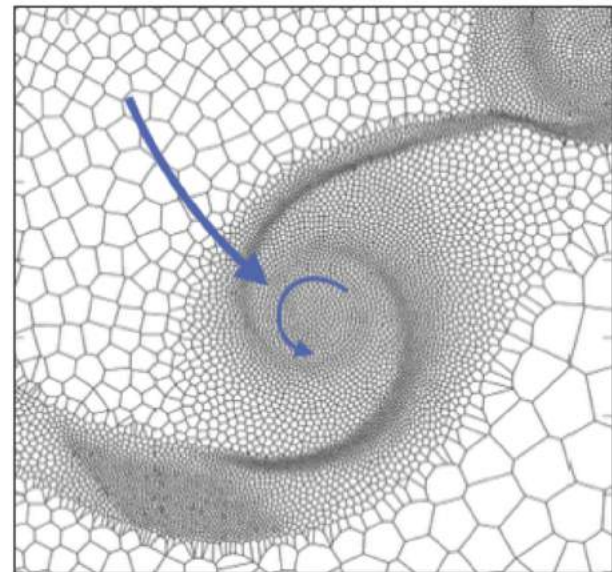
AREPO (Springel, 2010)

Quasi-Lagrangian, moving-mesh code

Main features

- Shock-capturing, finite-volume method
- Unstructured moving grid
- Equations solved in the moving-frame
- Quasi-Lagrangian, adaptive resolution

Applied to disks by
Muñoz et al 2013,2014,2015
(see also Pakmor et al. 2015)



Summary of Key Results

- Short-term variabilities
- Long-term variabilities
- Angular momentum transfer and binary evolution

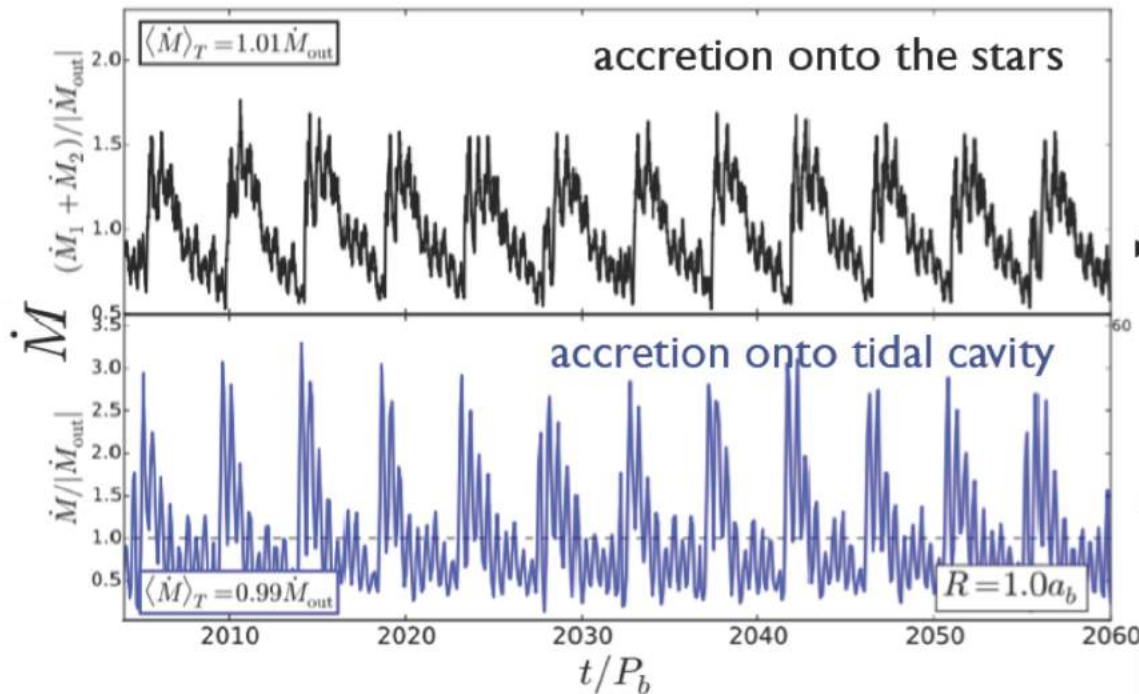
Binary mass ratio $q \sim 1$

Disk $H/r \sim 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.05 - 0.1$ (down to 0.01)

Short-term ($\sim P_b$) Accretion Variabilities

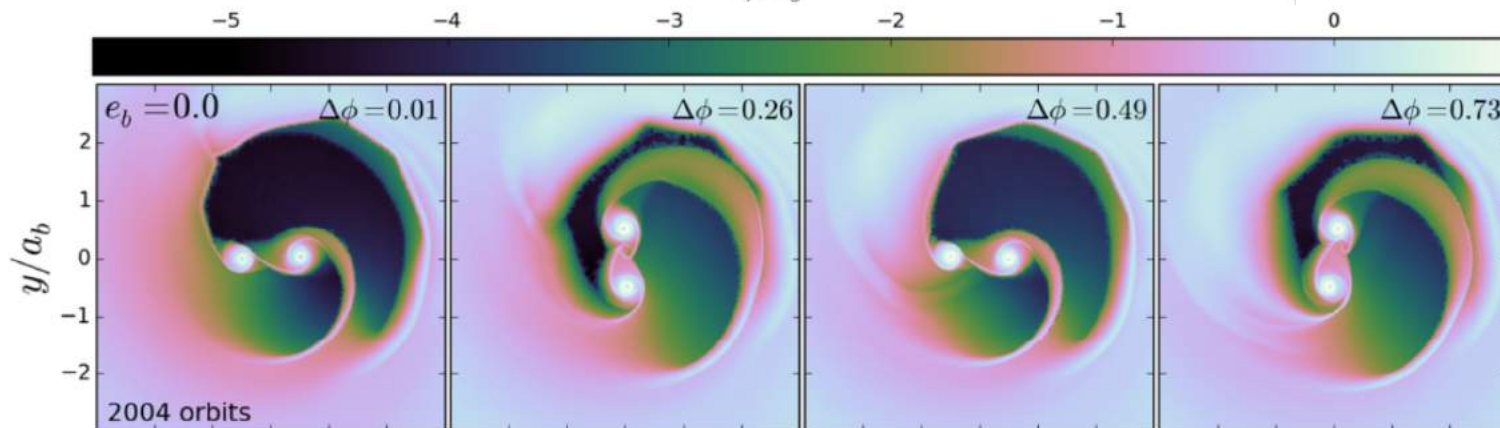
For $e_b \lesssim 0.05$: $\dot{M}(= \dot{M}_1 + \dot{M}_2)$ varies at $\sim 5P_b$ (Kepler period at $r_{\text{in}} \sim 3a_b$)

$e_b=0$



Known from
MacFadyen & Milosavljevic 08,
Shi et al.12, D'Orazio et al.13,
Farris et al.14

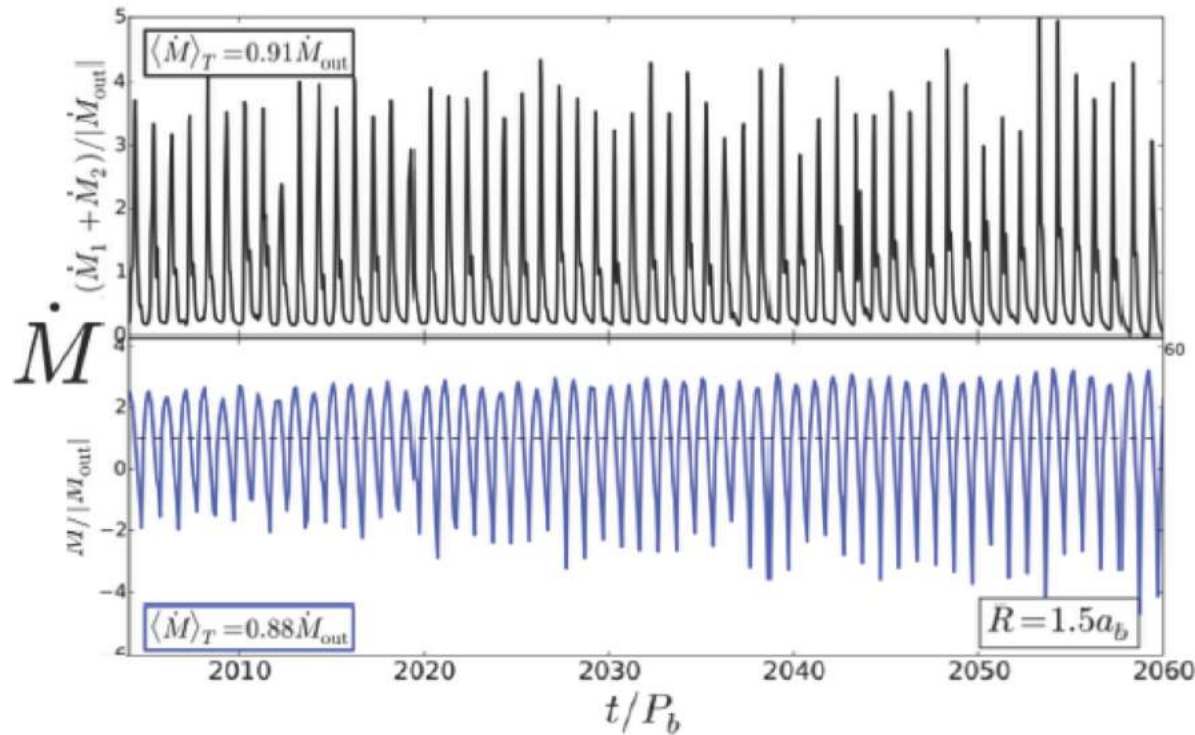
Munoz & DL 16



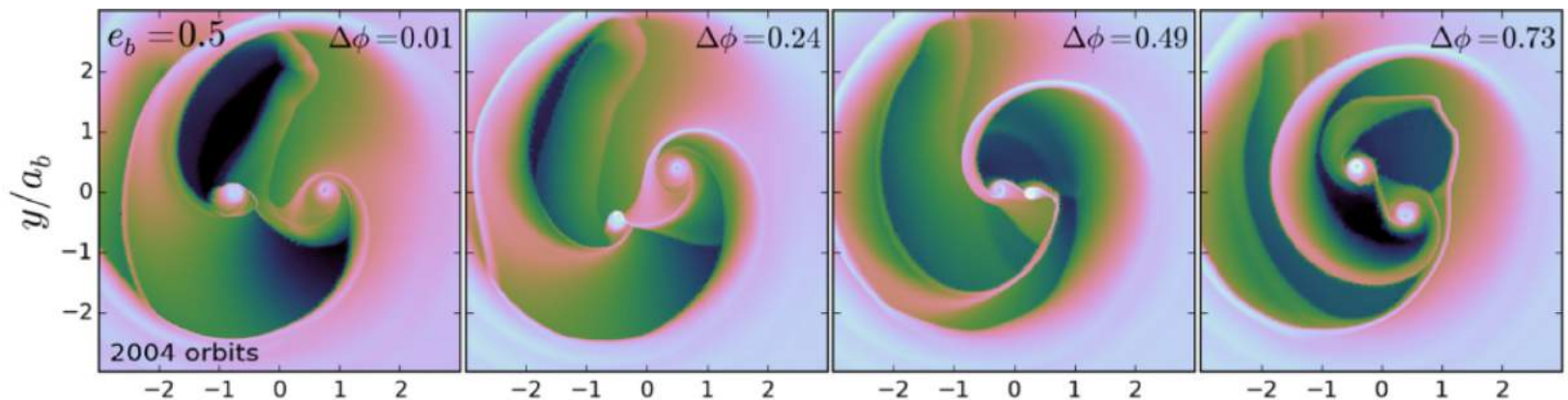
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$e_b = 0.5$



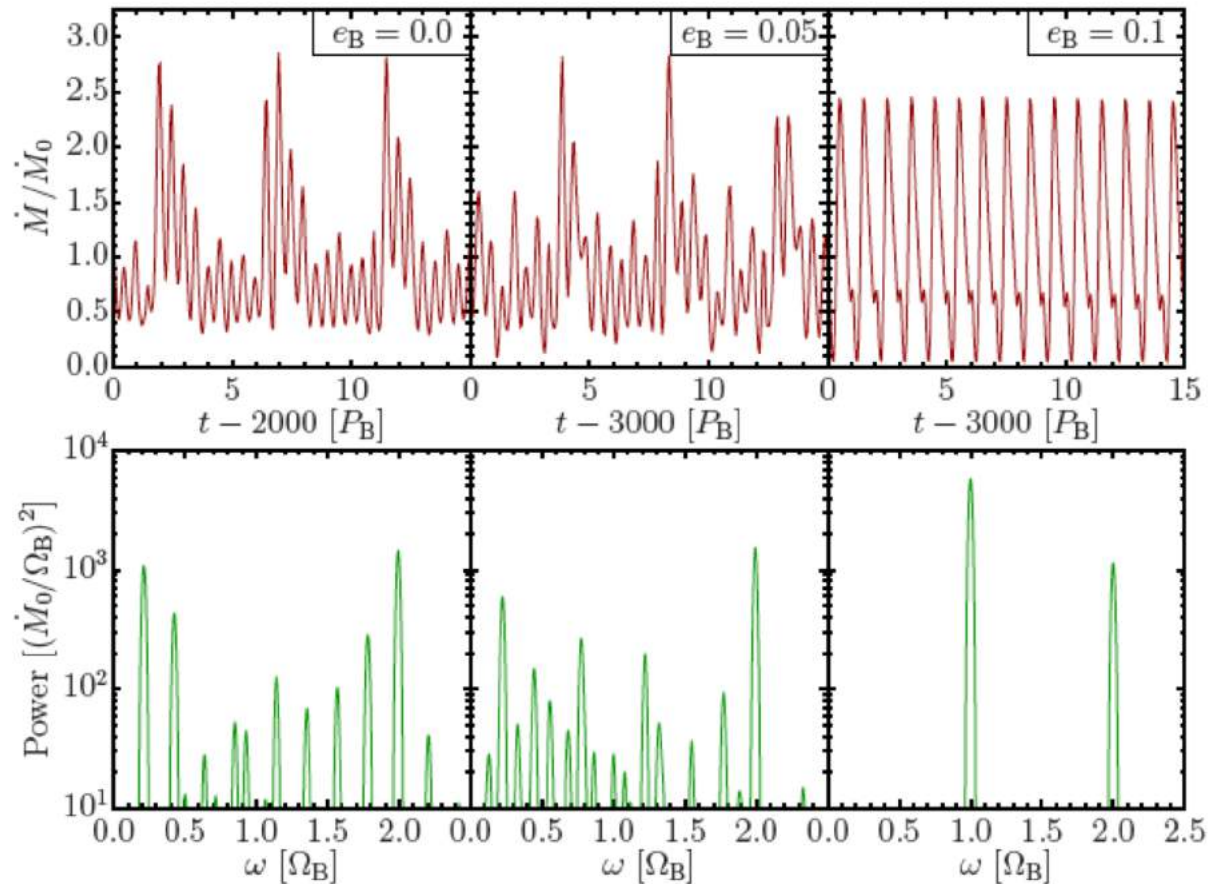
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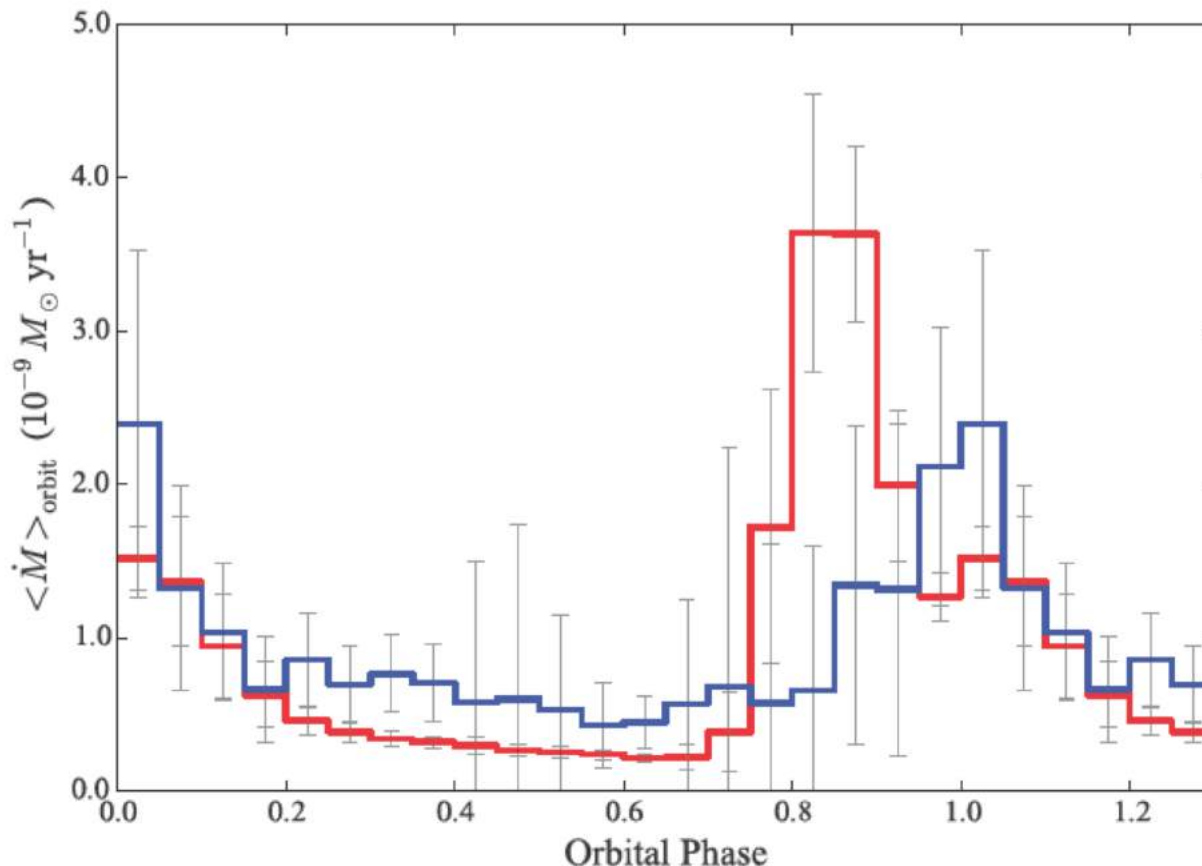
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Power spectrum

Compared to Observations: Pulsed Accretion onto DQ Tau ($P_b=15.8$ d, $e_b=0.56$)

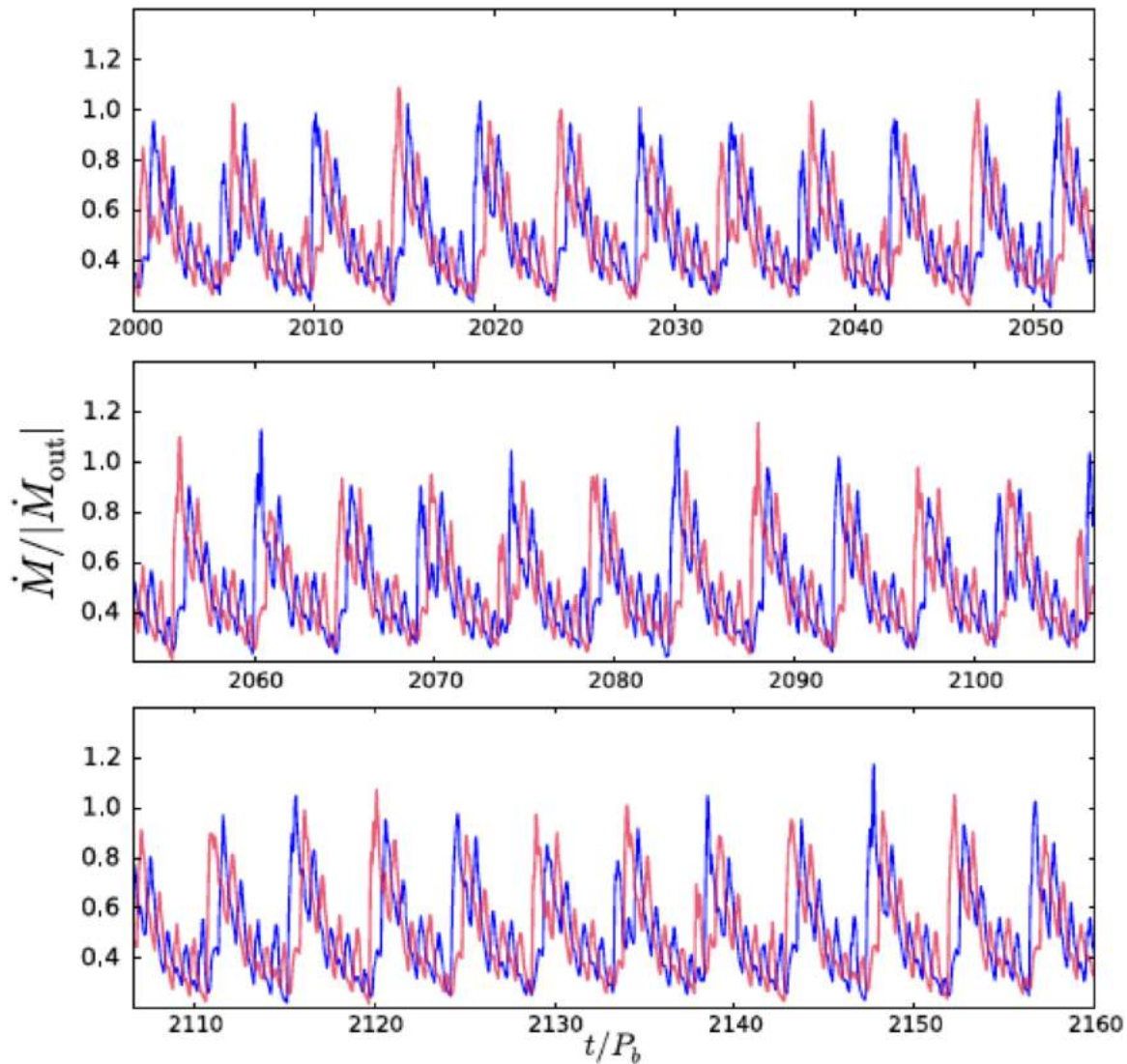
U-band photometry of DQ Tau for >10 orbital periods



red: simulation (D. Munoz)
blue: observations

→ Can resolve the effective size of stars

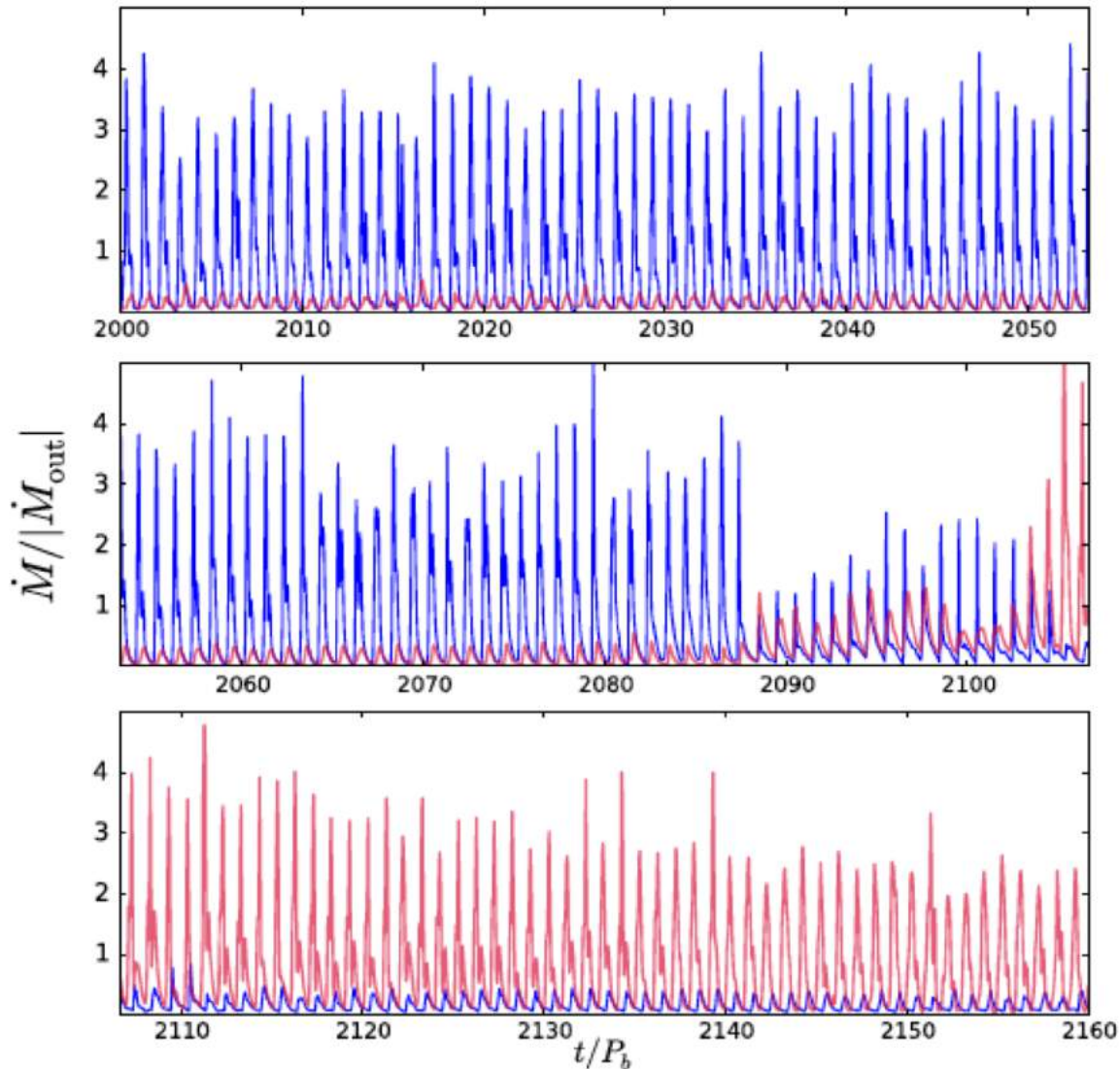
Long-Term Variability:



$$e_b=0$$
$$q_b=1$$

$$\dot{M}_1 \simeq \dot{M}_2$$

Long-Term Variability: Symmetry Breaking



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Switch between

$$\dot{M}_1 \gtrsim 20\dot{M}_2$$

and

$$\dot{M}_2 \gtrsim 20\dot{M}_1$$

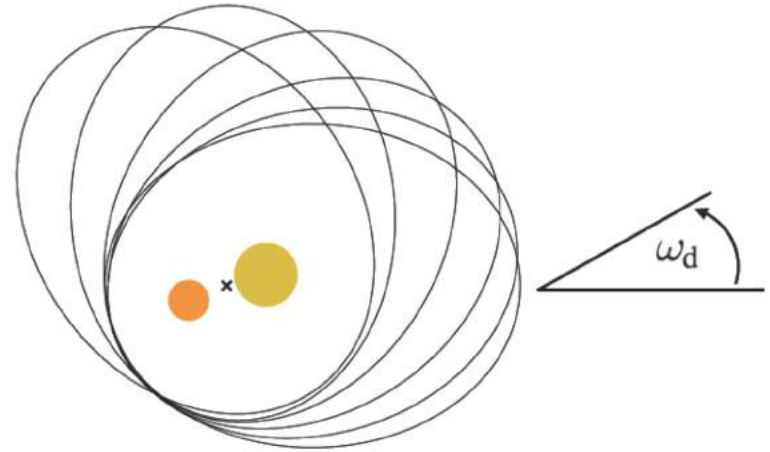
every $\sim 200 P_b$

Single AGN with binary BHs ?

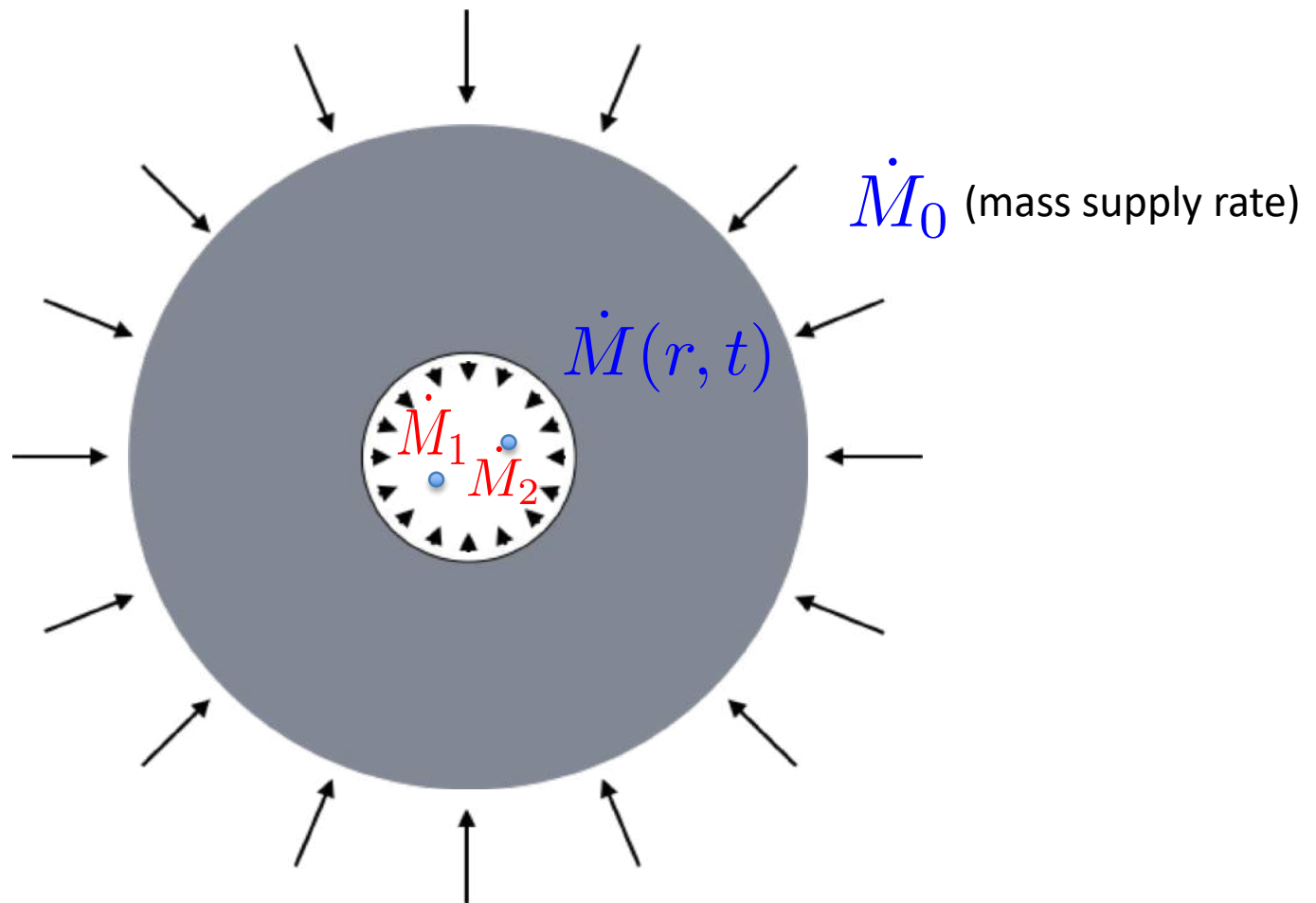
Apsidal precession of eccentric disk around the binary

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_d &\simeq \frac{3\Omega_b}{4} \frac{q_b}{(1+q_b)^2} \left(1 + \frac{3}{2}e_b^2\right) \left(\frac{a_b}{R}\right)^{7/2} \\ &\sim 0.006 \Omega_b \left(\frac{3a_b}{R}\right)^{7/2},\end{aligned}$$

Precession period 200-300 P_b



Angular Momentum Transfer to Binary and Long-term Orbital Evolution



$\dot{M}(r, t)$, \dot{M}_1 , \dot{M}_2 are highly variable

Quasi-Steady State: $\langle \dot{M}(r, t) \rangle = \langle \dot{M}_1 \rangle + \langle \dot{M}_2 \rangle = \dot{M}_0$

Direct computation of torque on the binary

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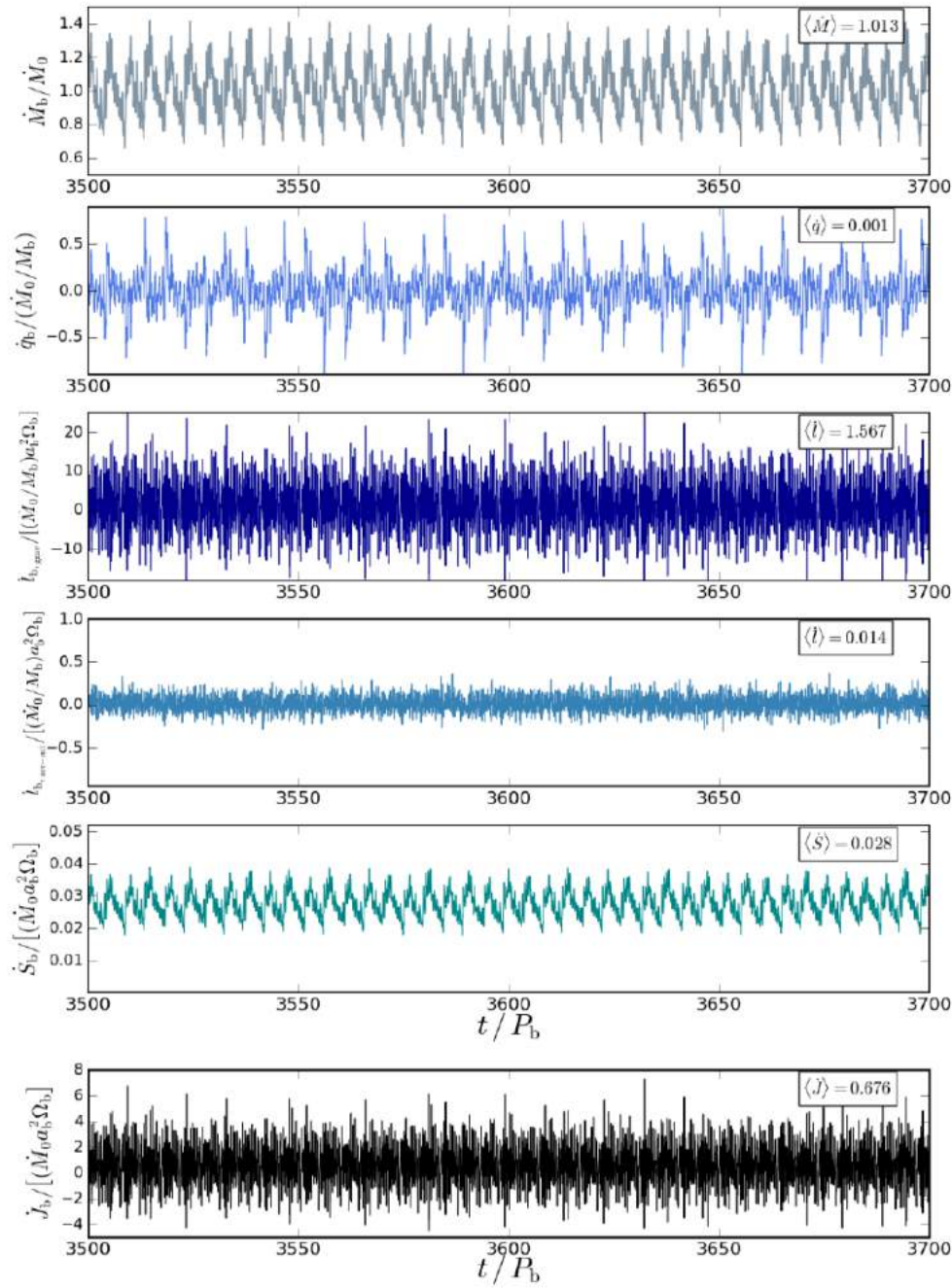



Figure 2. The five different contributions to angular momentum change and its combined effect \dot{J}_b . From top to bottom \dot{M}_b , \dot{q}_b , $\dot{l}_{b,\text{grav}}$, $\dot{l}_{b,\text{acc}}$ and \dot{S}_b (see Section 2.2.1); and their combined effect \dot{J}_b (bottom panel). In steady state, $\langle \dot{M}_b \rangle \approx \dot{M}_0$ and $\langle J_b \rangle \approx 0.676 \dot{M}_0 \Omega_b a_b^2$. Each time series is approximately stationary, and only ~ 30 binary orbits are needed to capture their behavior. The time sampling interval in each panel is $\approx 0.02 P_b$. The accretion eigenvalue in this case is $l_0 \equiv \langle \dot{M}_b \rangle / \langle J_b \rangle \approx 0.67 \Omega_b a_b^2$.

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Munoz, Miranda & Lai 2019

Angular momentum transfer to the binary per unit accreted mass

Angular Momentum Current (Transfer Rate) in CBD

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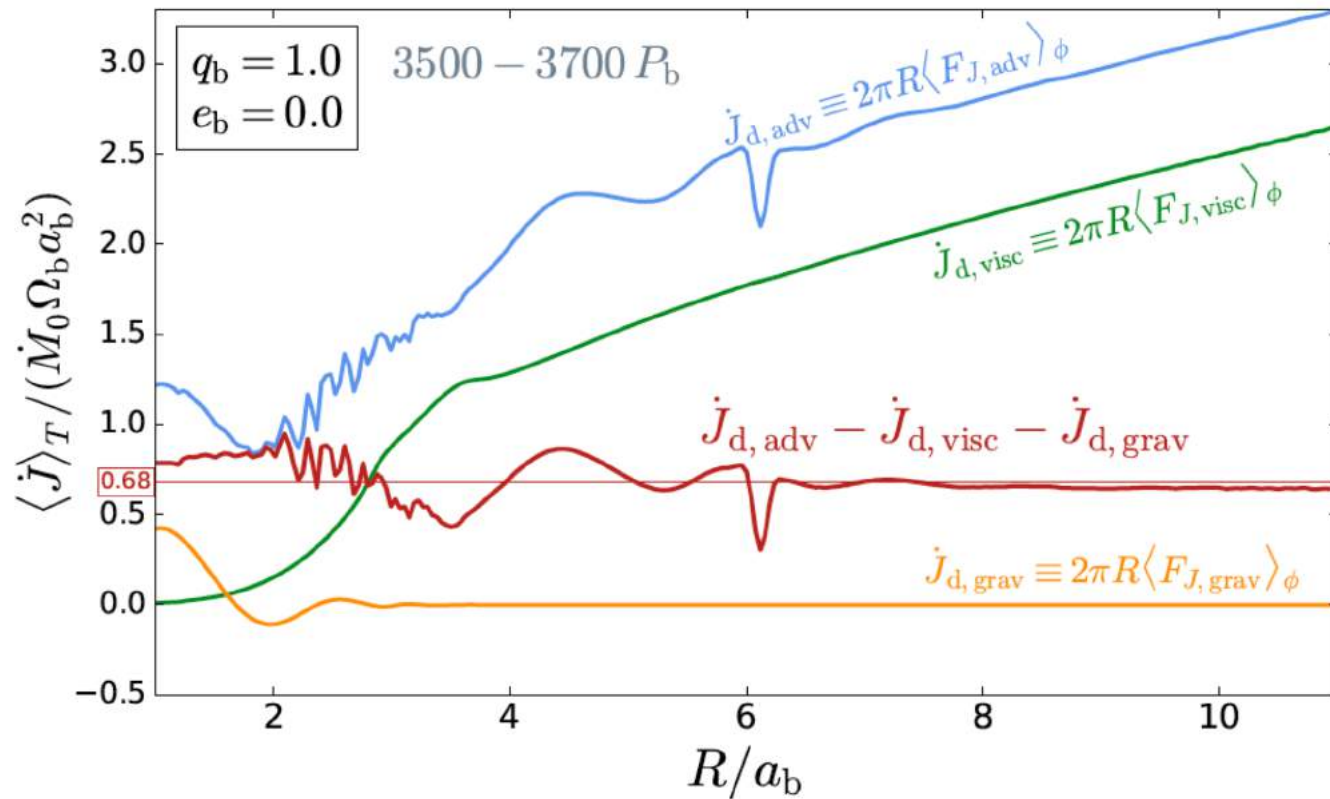
$$\dot{J}_{\text{adv}} = - \oint r^2 \Sigma u_r u_\phi d\phi$$

$$\dot{J}_{\text{visc}} = - \oint r^3 \nu \Sigma \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{u_\phi}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} \right] d\phi$$

$$T_{\text{grav}}^{>r} = \int_r^{r_{\text{out}}} \frac{dT_{\text{grav}}}{dr} dr, \quad \frac{dT_{\text{grav}}}{dr} = - \oint r \Sigma \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi} d\phi$$

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Recap: Although the accretion flow is highly dynamical, the system reaches quasi-steady state:

$$\langle \dot{M}(r, t) \rangle = \langle \dot{M}_1 \rangle + \langle \dot{M}_2 \rangle = \dot{M}_0$$

$$\langle \dot{J}_b \rangle \simeq \langle \dot{J}_{\text{disk}}(r, t) \rangle = \text{const}$$

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For $e_B=0.6$: directly compute $\langle \dot{E}_B \rangle$ and $\langle \dot{J}_B \rangle$ from simulation

$$\frac{\dot{a}_B}{a_B} \simeq 0.38 \frac{\dot{M}_B}{M_B} \quad \dot{e}_B \simeq -2.34 \frac{\dot{M}_B}{M_B}$$

Unequal-mass binaries

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Munoz, DL +2020

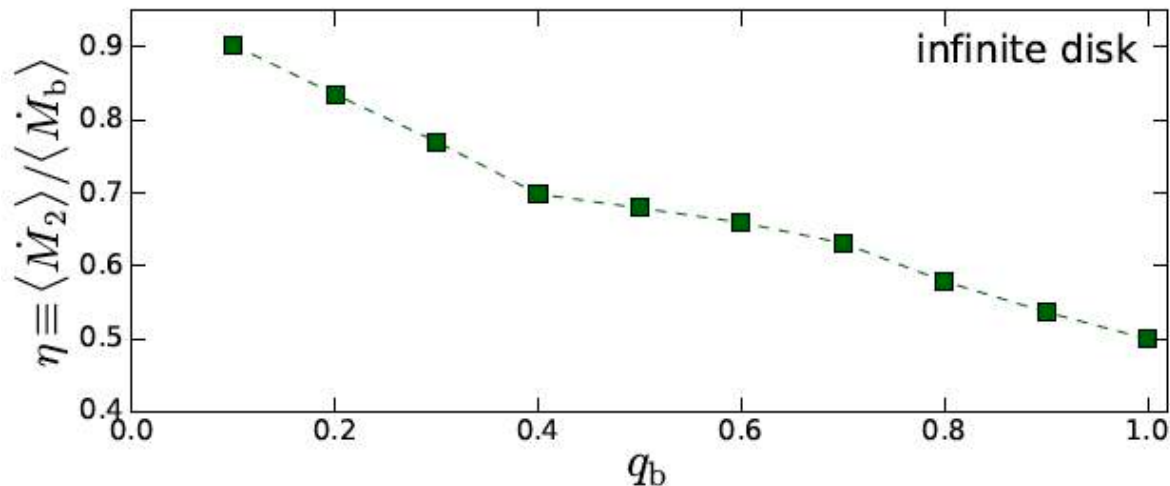
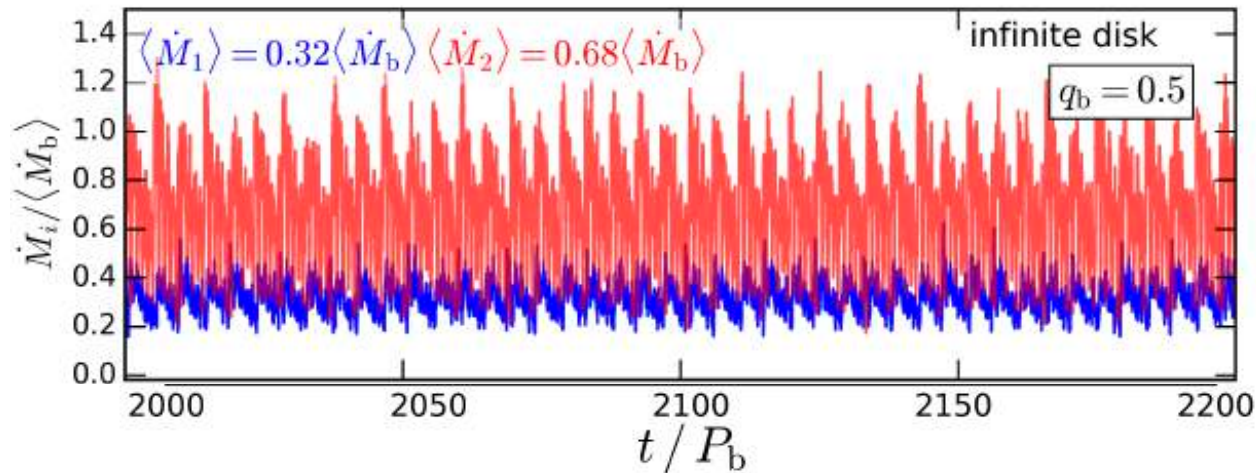
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-- Low-mass component accretes more

See also Bate+2000; Farris+2014



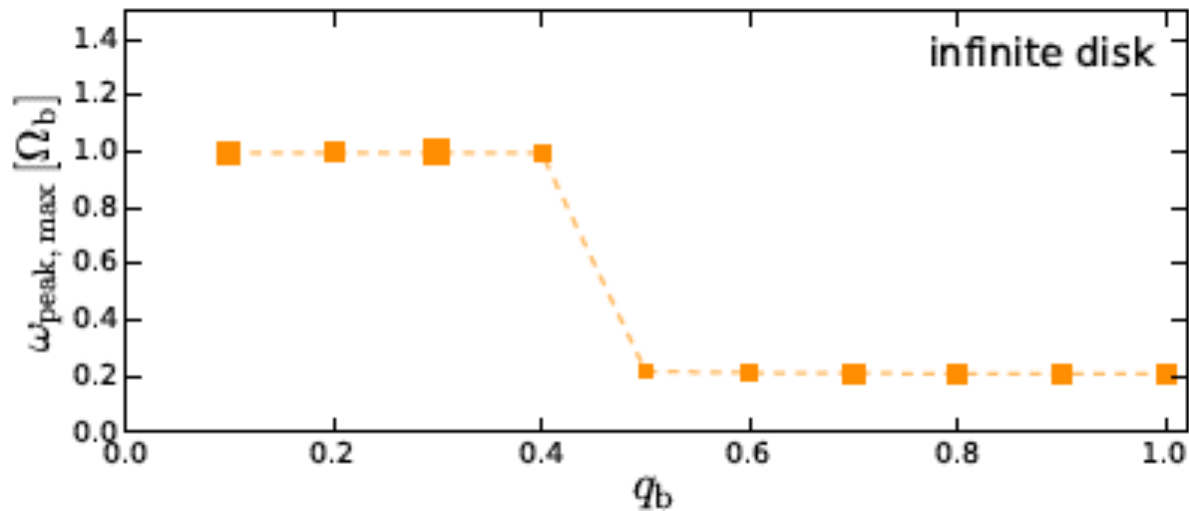
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-- Dominant variability frequency



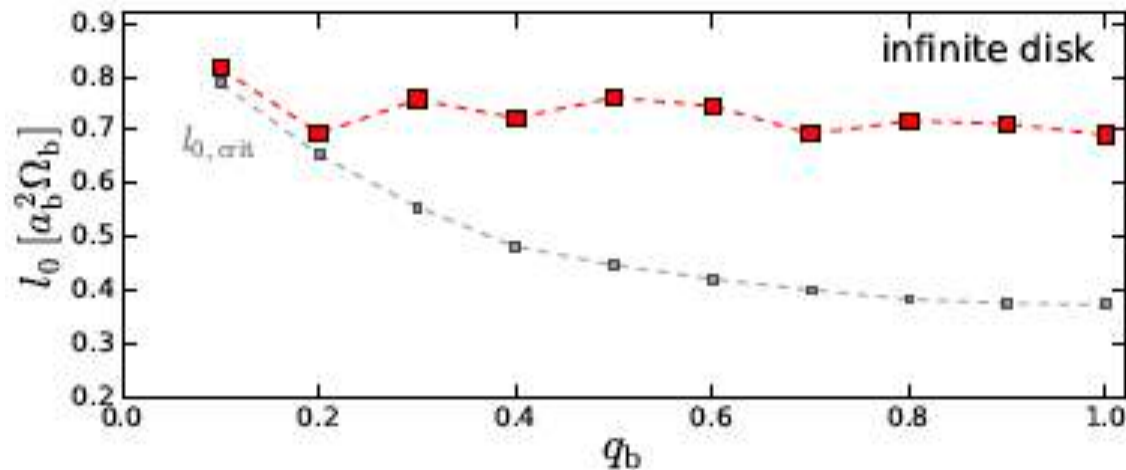
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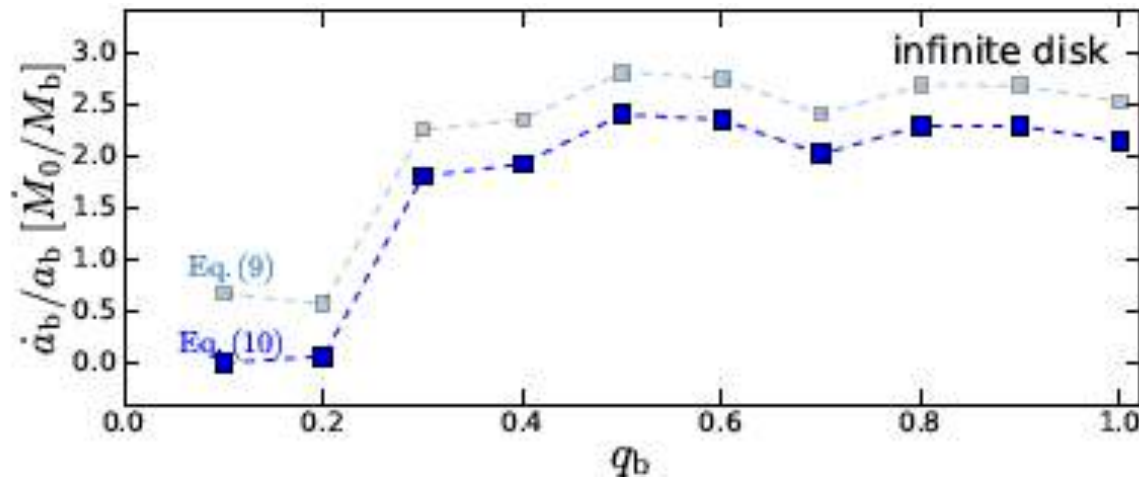
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-- Angular momentum transfer



$$\frac{\dot{L}_b}{L_b} = \frac{\dot{M}_1}{M_1} + \frac{\dot{M}_2}{M_2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{M}_b}{M_b} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{a}_b}{a_b}$$



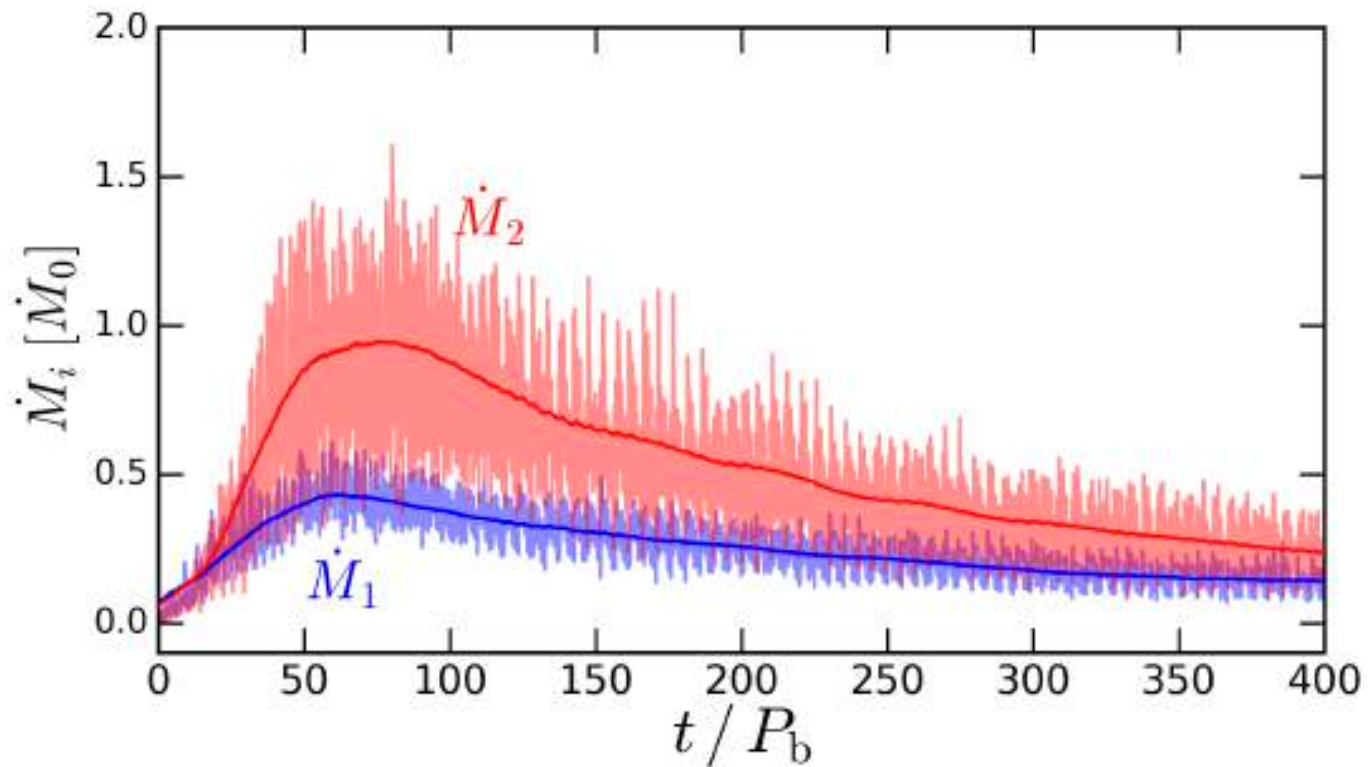
Previous claims of binary decay due to circumbinary disk ?

-- Numerical simulations:

Mass conservation ? (e.g., the claim of mass pile-up)

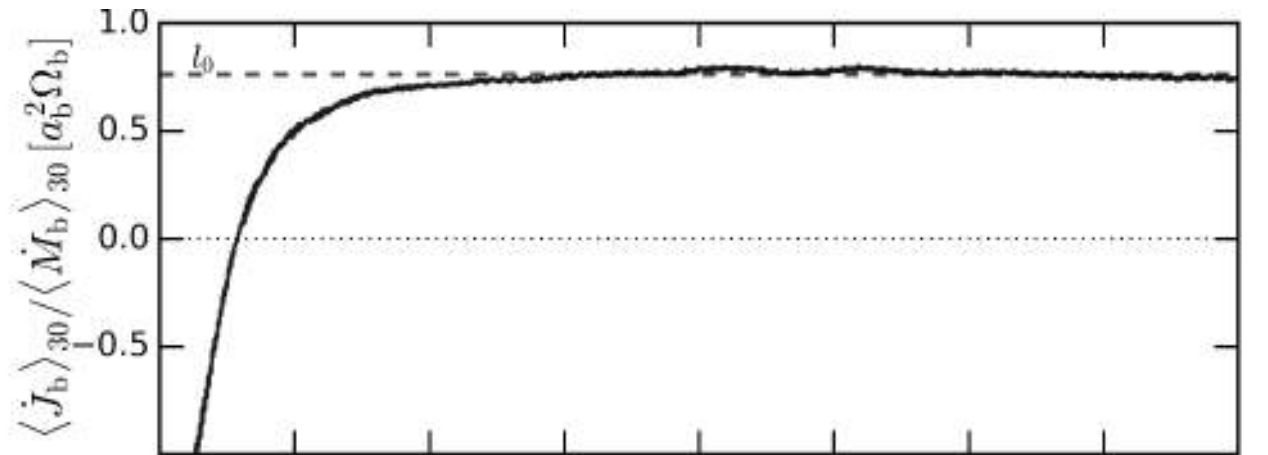
Transient vs quasi-steady state?

Binary accretion from a finite disk/torus

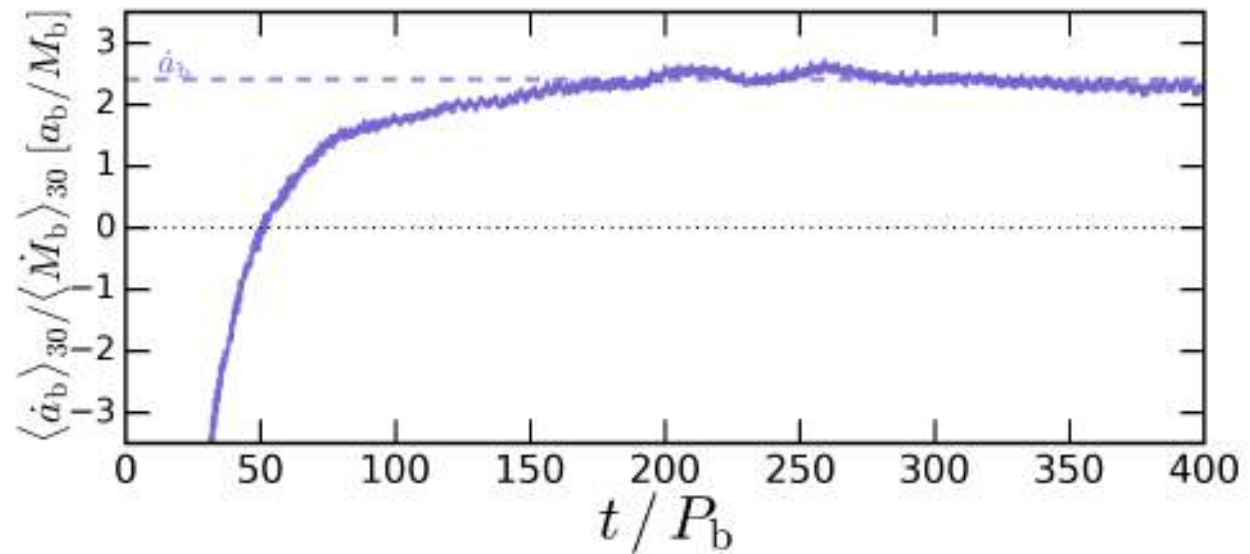


Binary accretion from a finite disk/torus

Angular momentum
transfer per unit
(accreted) mass



Orbital expansion
rate



Is binary decay possible?

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Yes...

e.g. $M_1/M_2 > 1$, large (locally) massive disk:

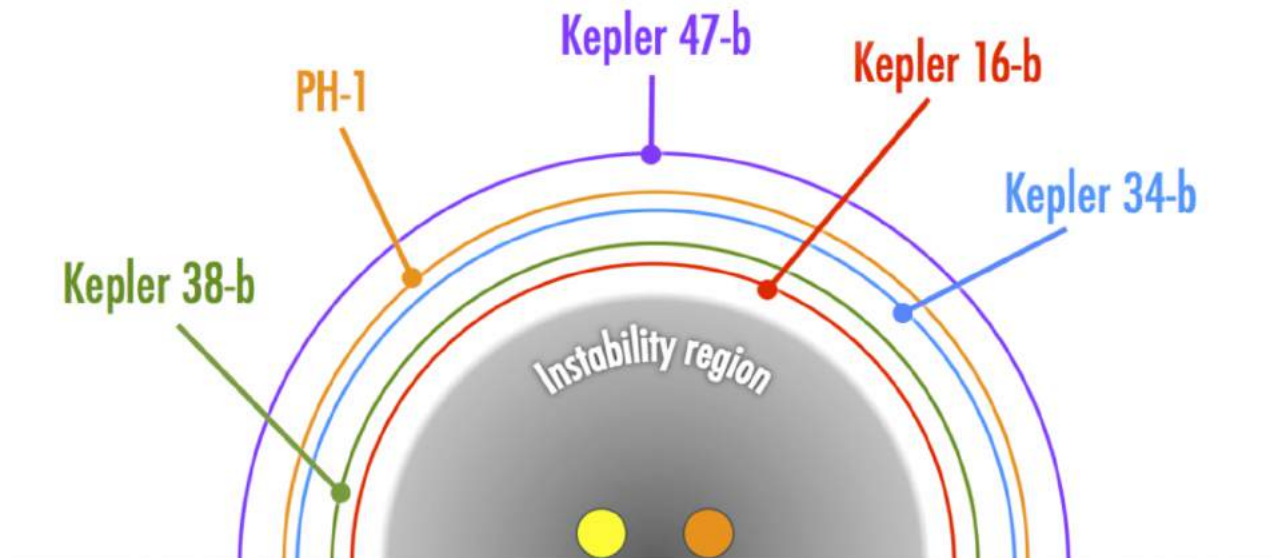
$$\Sigma \pi a_b^2 \gtrsim M_2$$

e.g. Gas gets ejected in outflow...

Implications for Planet Formation Around Binaries

Many observed circumbinary planets are close to instability limit

Observed circumbinary planets (orbits normalized to the instability region)



Implications for Planet Formation Around Binaries

-- Planetesimal growth is likely suppressed

At $r \sim 3-4 a_b$, disk $e \sim 0.05-0.2 \rightarrow$

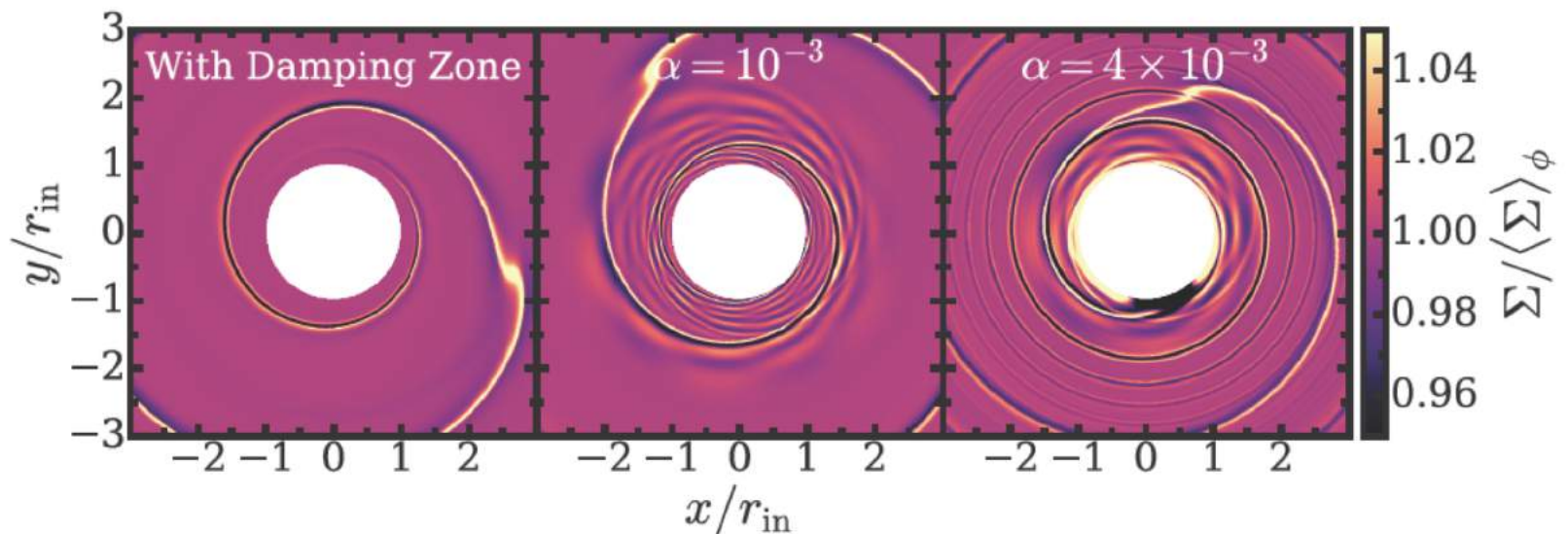
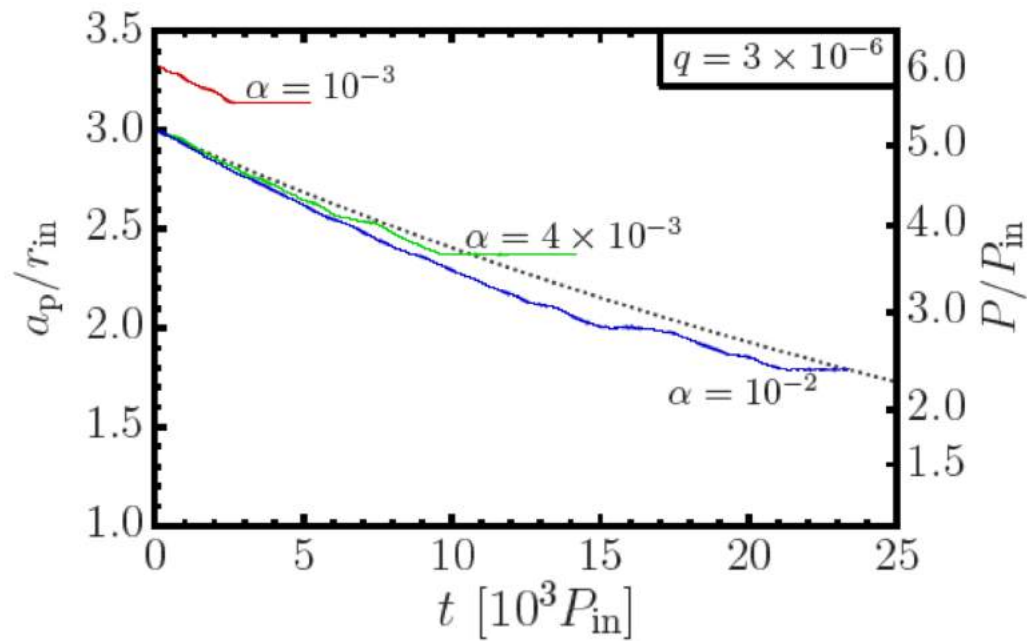
relative velocity of planetesimals $\sim eV_k \sim 5 \text{ km/s}$ (at 0.2AU) $\gg v_{\text{esc}} \sim 10 \text{ m/s}$ (10 km body)

-- Planet migration is strongly affected by disk structure

(e.g. mean-motion resonance with binary, disk truncation)

Planet Migration in Truncated Disks

Miranda & DL 2018



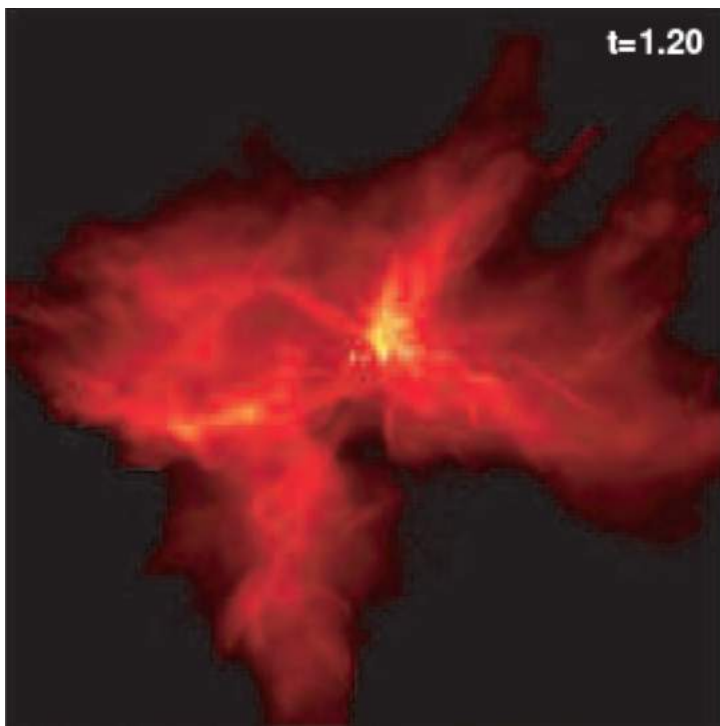
So far: Co-planar disks

What about misaligned disks ?

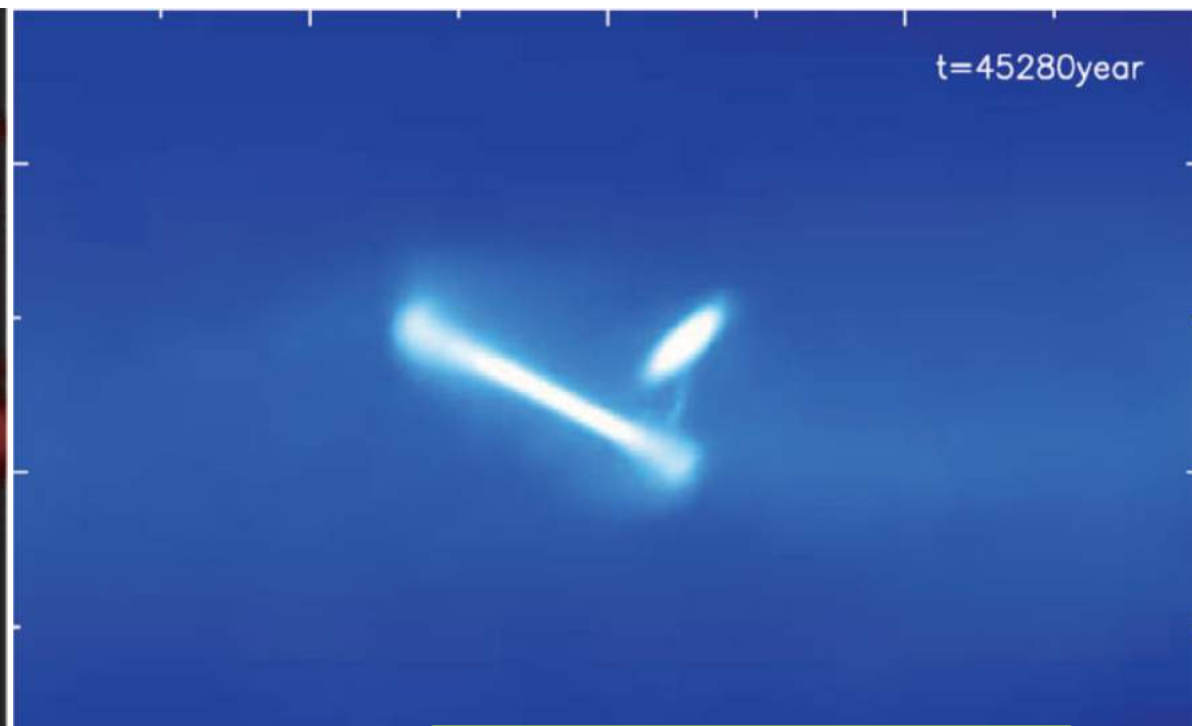
Misaligned Disks are “Naturally” Expected

Star Formation in Turbulent Molecular Clouds

- Supersonic turbulence --> clumps --> stars
- Clumps can accrete gas with different rotation axes at different times



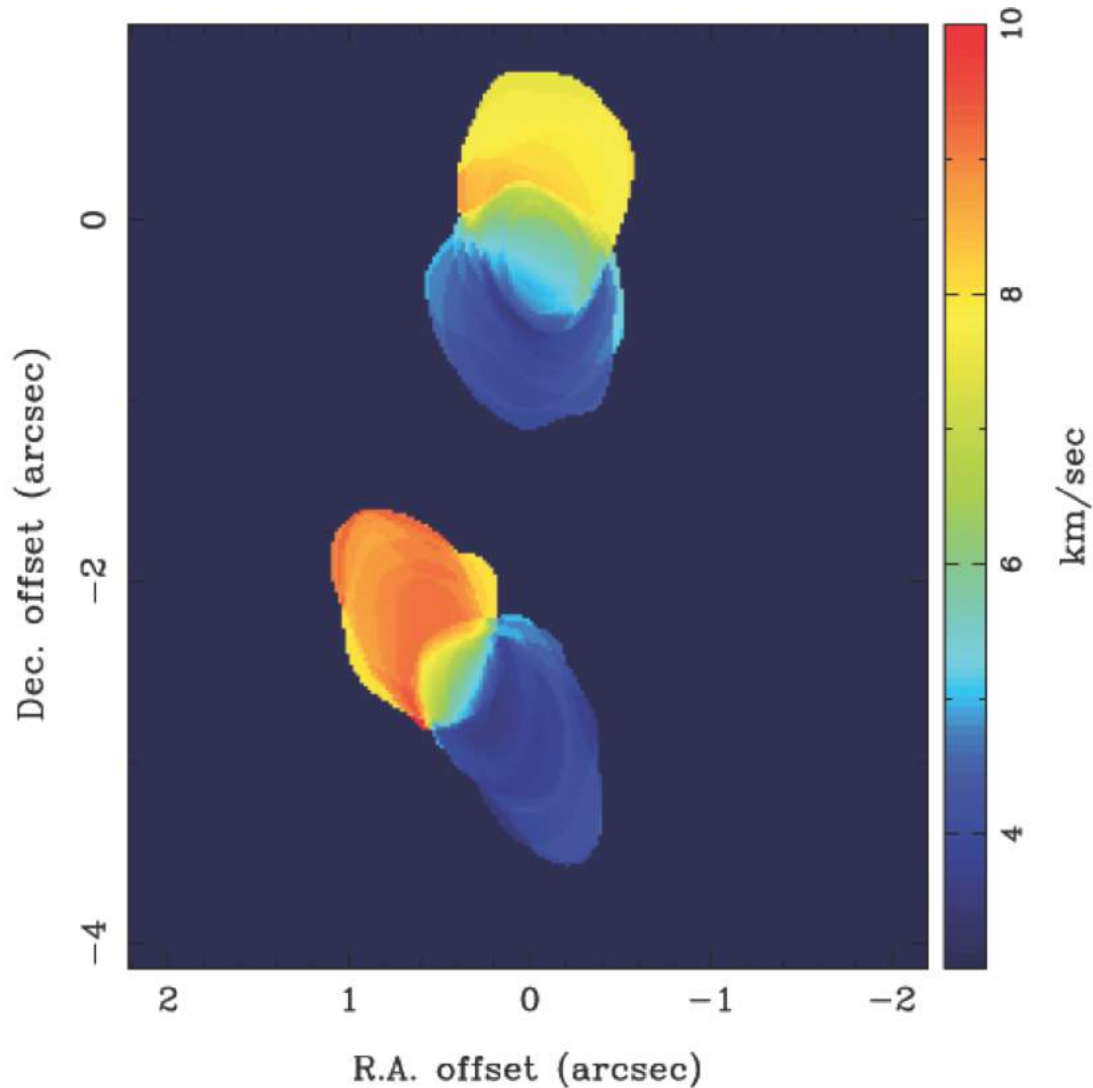
Bate et al. 2003



Tsukamoto & Machida 2013

Observations

Circumstellar disks within wider binaries are generally misaligned



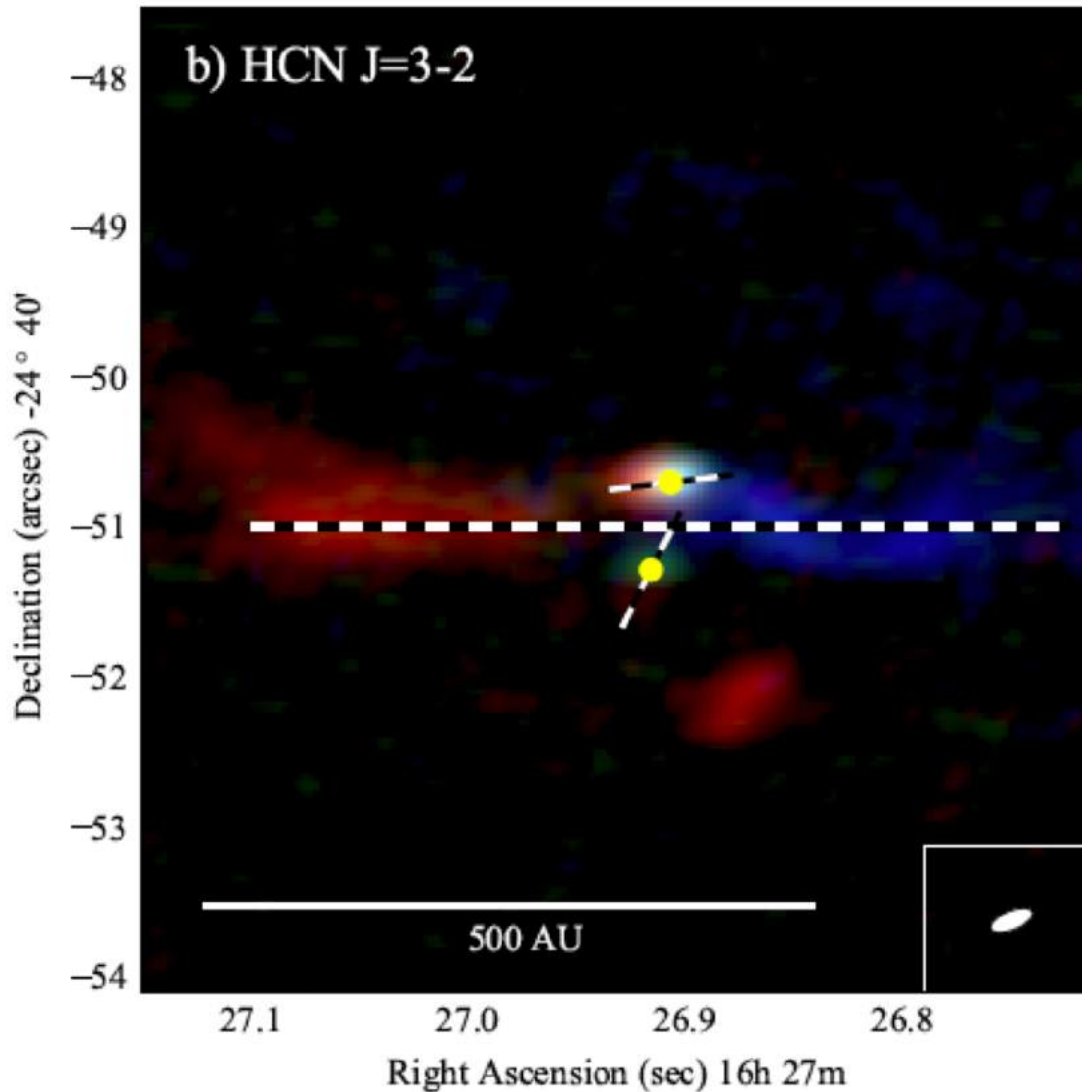
HK Tau:

ALMA CO 3-2 emission
($a_b \sim 400$ AU)

Jensen & Akeson 14

Observations

Misaligned circumbinary disks



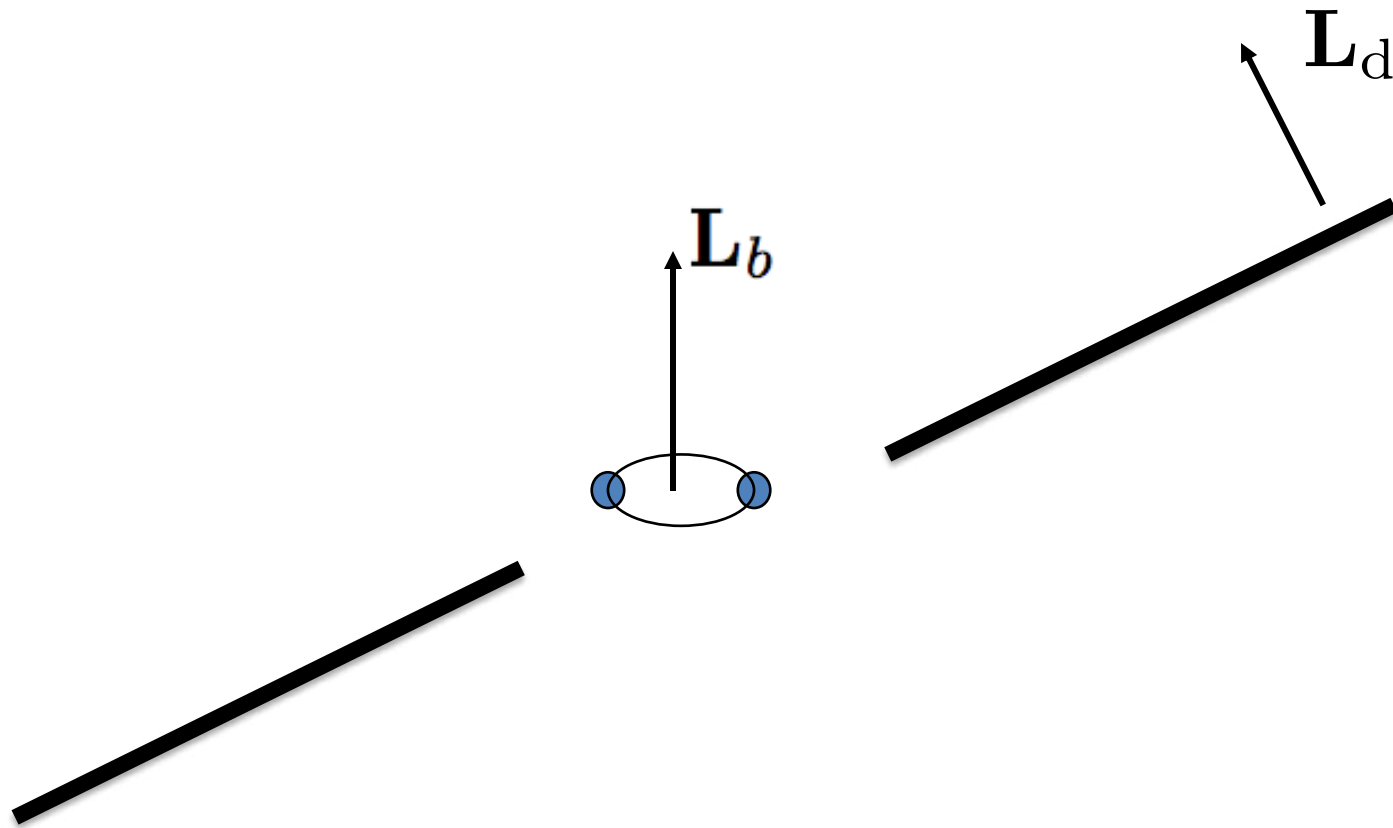
IRS 43

ALMA

$a_b \sim 74$ au, three disks

Brinch et al. 2016

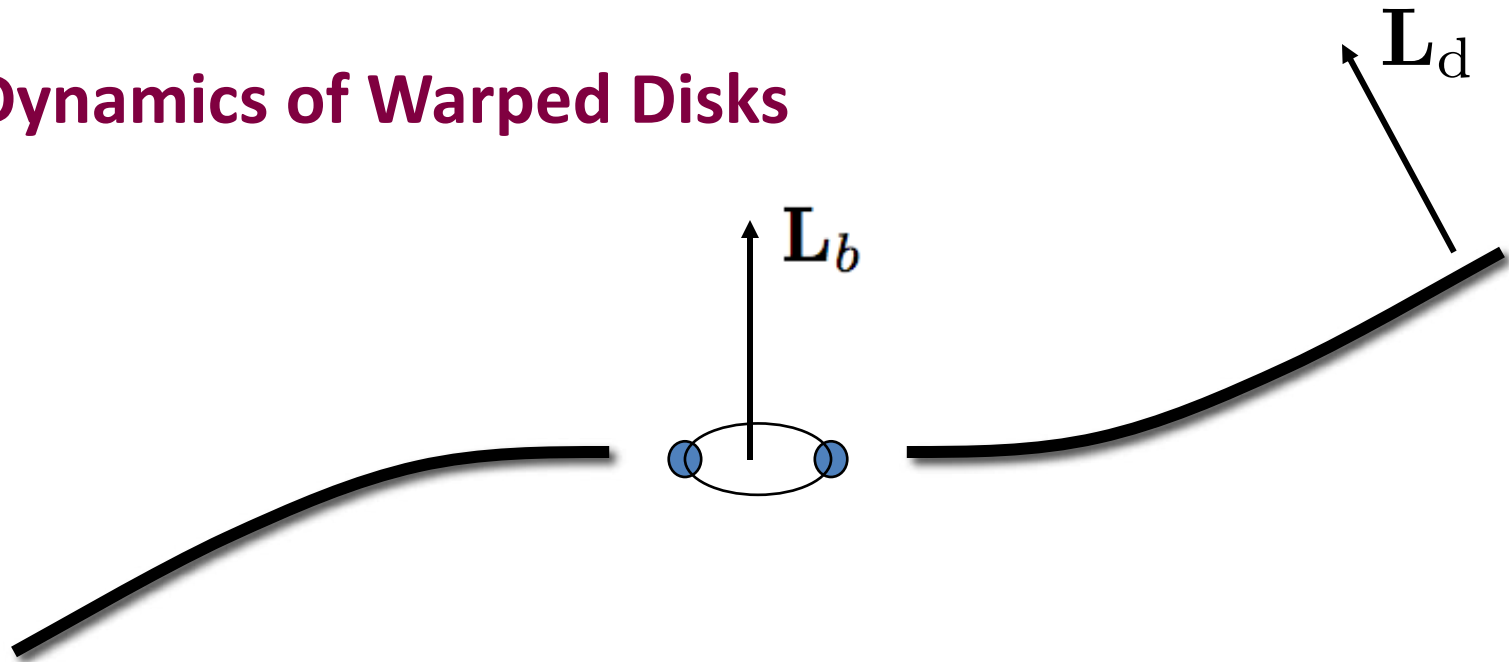
Consider (circular) Binary + Inclined (initially) Disk



Questions: What is the shape of the disk?

How does the mutual inclination evolve?

Dynamics of Warped Disks

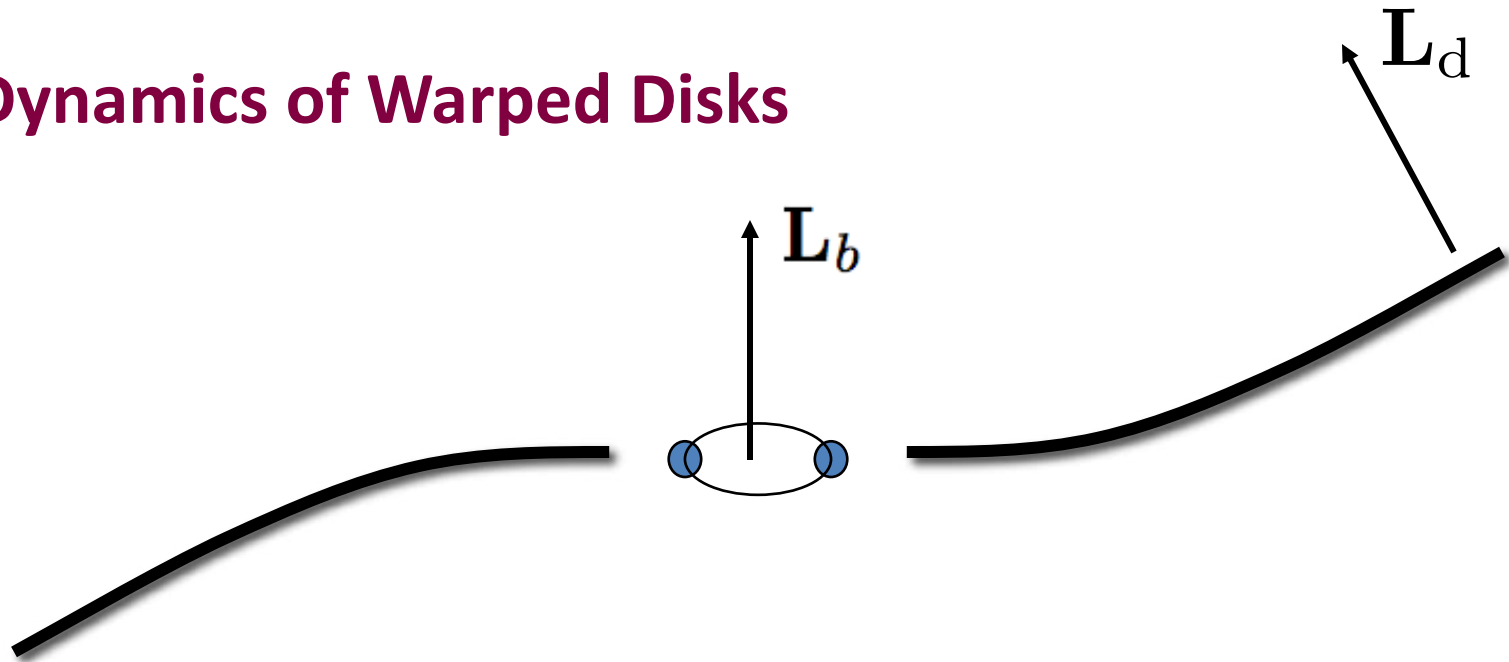


Torque from binary on disk => disk (ring) nodal precession

$$\Omega_p(r) \simeq \frac{3\mu}{4M_t} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 \Omega(r)$$

Differential precession + internal fluid stress ==> warped/twisted disk

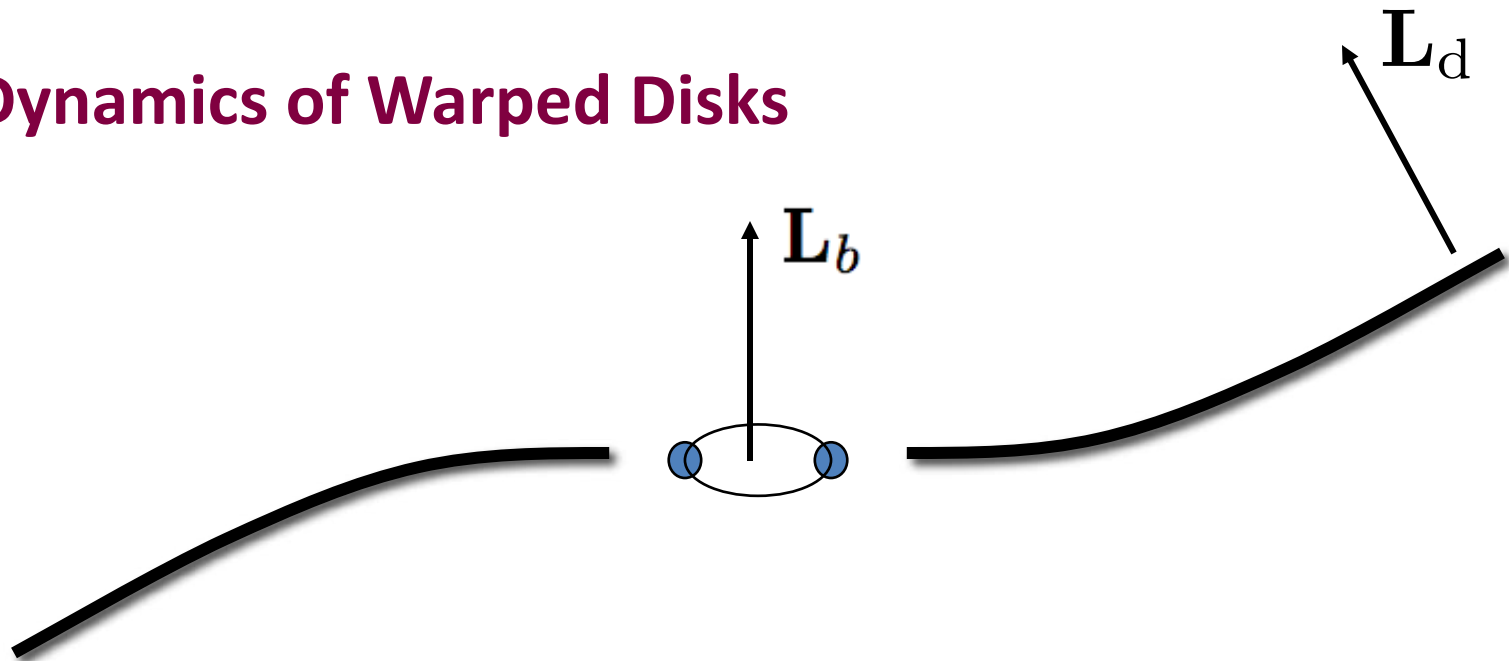
Dynamics of Warped Disks



For protoplanetary disks, warp/twist smoothed by bending waves, which propagate at $c_s/2$ (Lubow & Ogilvie 2000).

Since $r/c_s \ll$ precession period \rightarrow disk is close to flat

Dynamics of Warped Disks



However, small warp exists.

Warp + Viscosity \rightarrow Dissipation \rightarrow Align \mathbf{L}_b and \mathbf{L}_d

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{l}}}{\partial \ln r} \sim \frac{\alpha}{c_s^2} \mathbf{T}_{\text{ext}} \quad |\mathbf{T}_{\text{ext}}| \sim r^2 \Omega \omega_{\text{ext}}, \quad \omega_{\text{ext}} = \Omega_{\text{prec}}$$

$$\left| \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{l}}}{dt} \right|_{\text{visc}} \sim \left\langle \left(\frac{\alpha}{c_s^2} \right) \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\text{ext}}^2}{r^2 \Omega} \right\rangle \sim \left\langle \frac{\alpha}{c_s^2} (r^2 \Omega) \omega_{\text{ext}}^2 \right\rangle$$

Typical alignment time \sim precession period

Foucart & DL 2014
Zanazzi & DL 2018

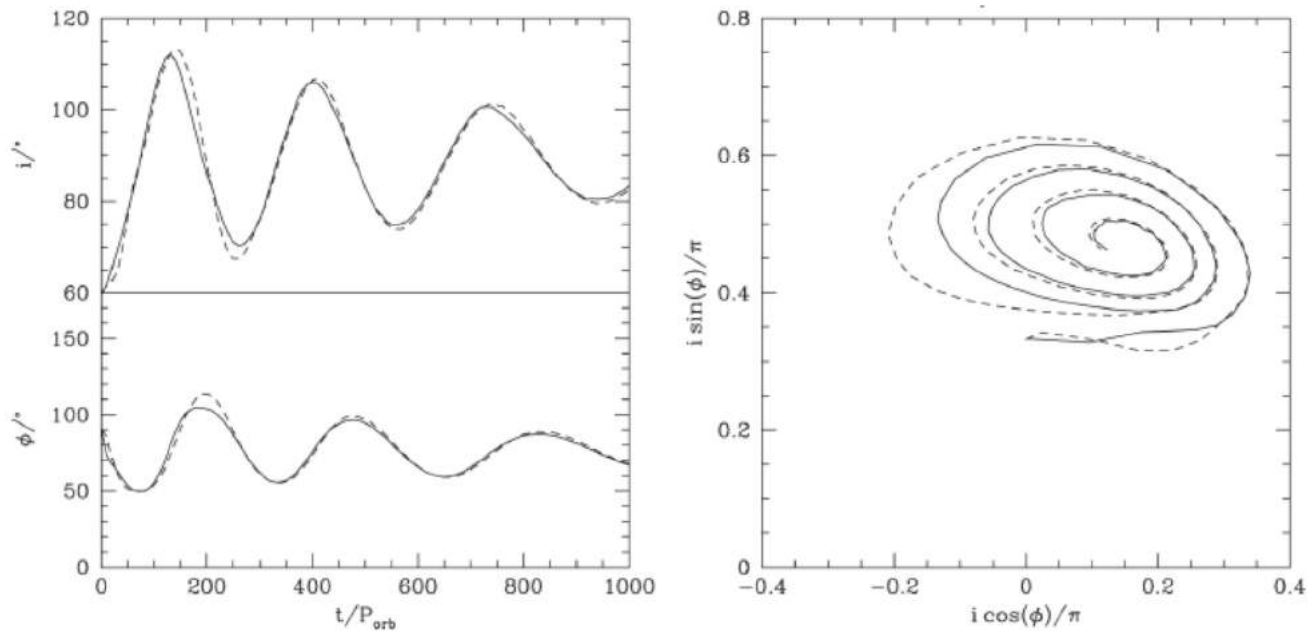
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Martin & Lubow (2017): viscous hydro simulation using SPH

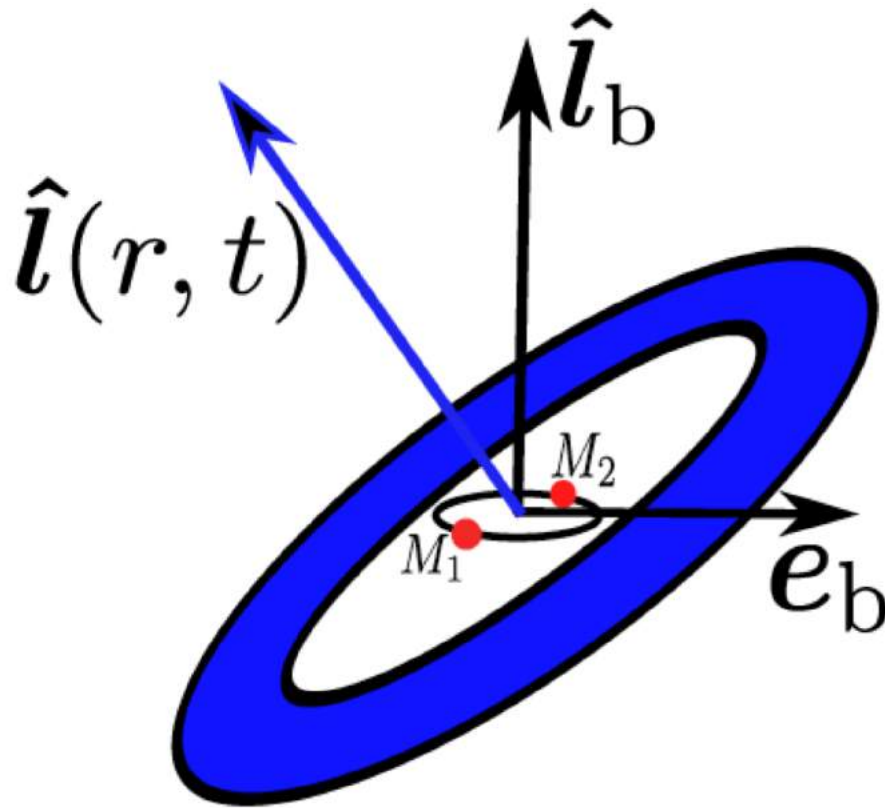
Initial disk-binary inclination $I(0) = 60^\circ$

Binary eccentricity $e_b = 0.5$.



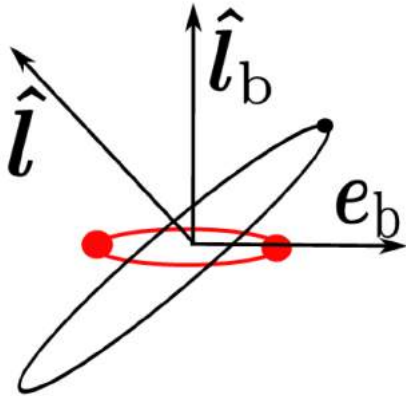
Theoretical Understanding: Inclination Evolution of Disks Around Eccentric Binaries

With J.J. Zanazzi
(Cornell Ph.D.18 → CITA)



Test particle (in circular orbit) around an eccentric binary

(see also Farago & Laskar 2010; Li, Zhou + 2014)

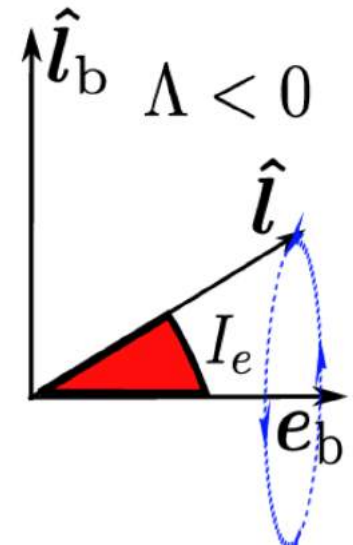
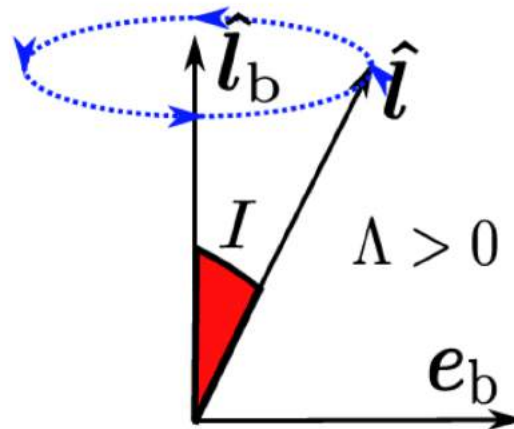


Test particle has two “masters” (by symmetry)

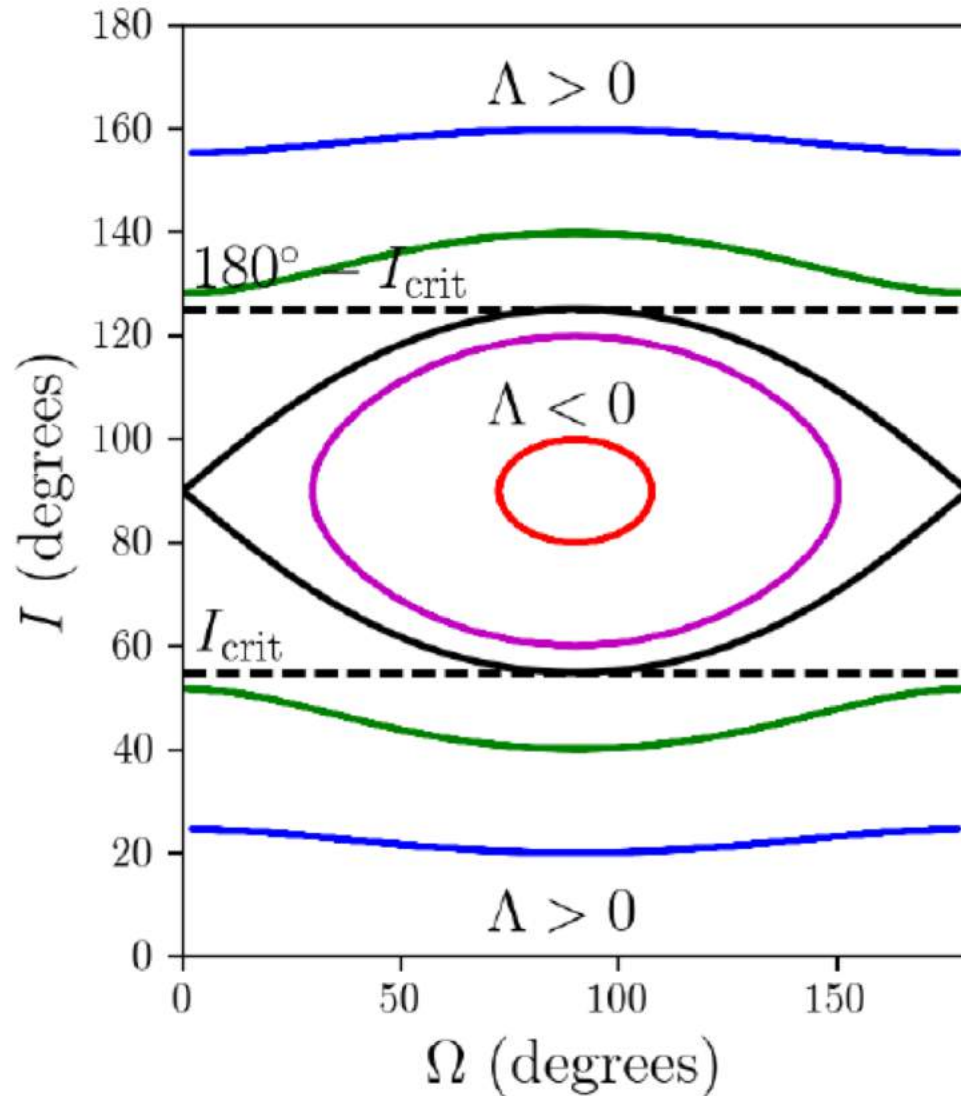
If \hat{l} initially close to \hat{l}_b : \hat{l} precesses around \hat{l}_b

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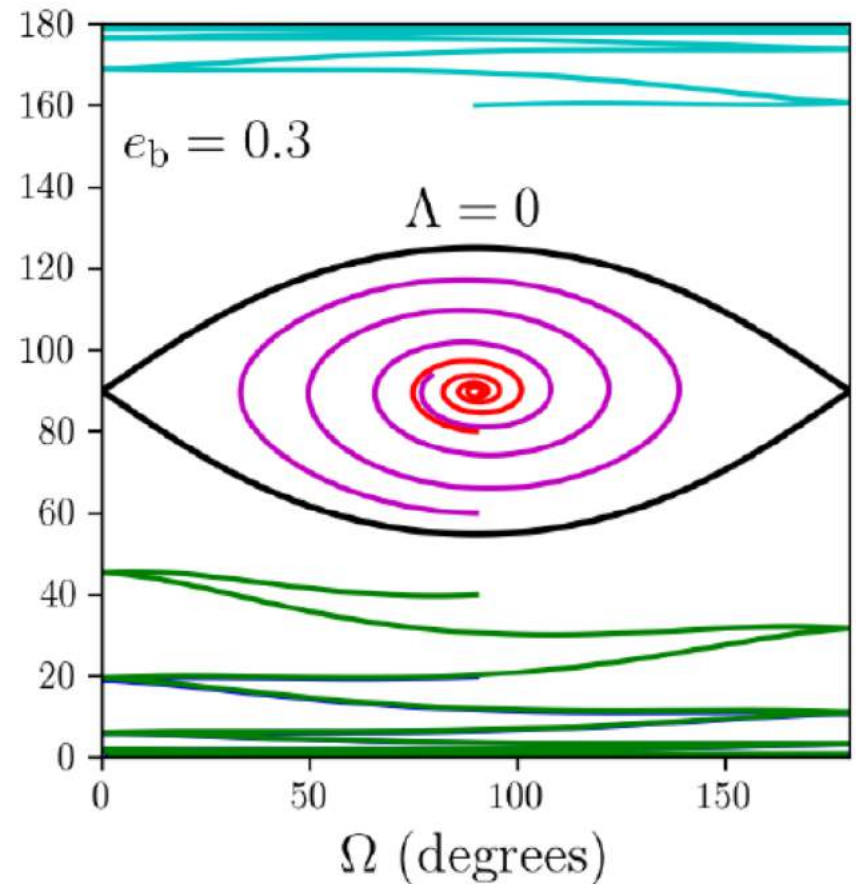
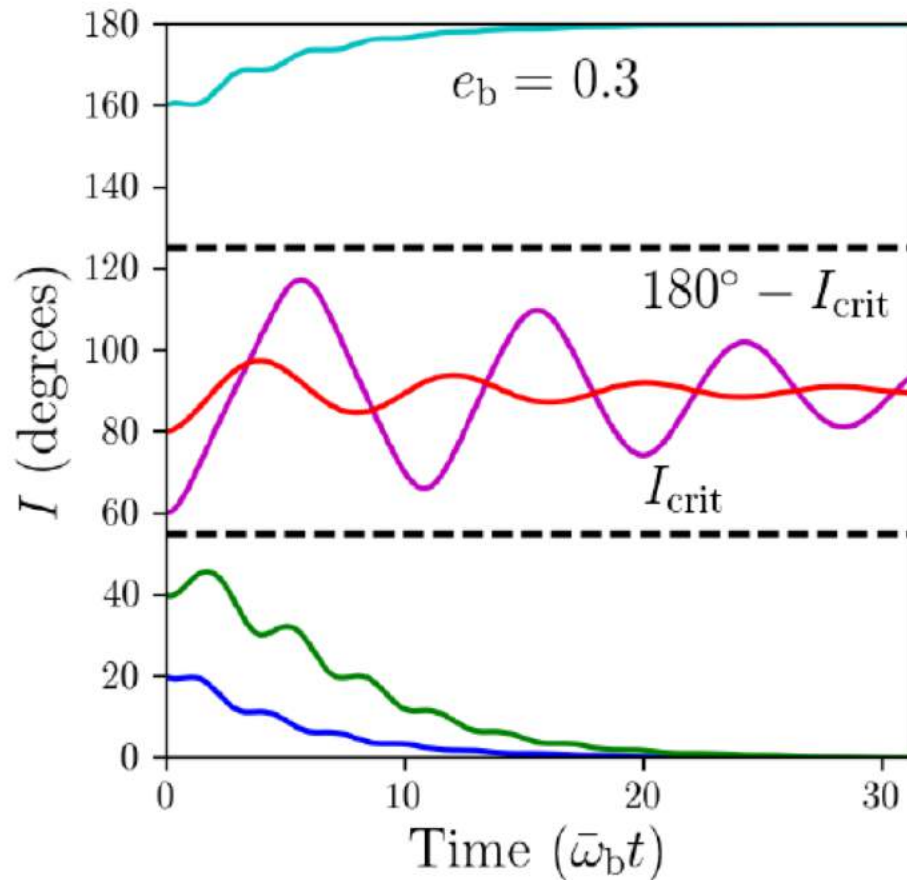


For \hat{l} to precess around \hat{e}_b ,
require $\sin I > \sin I_{\text{crit}}$

$$I_{\text{crit}} = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{5e_b^2}{1 + 4e_b^2}}$$

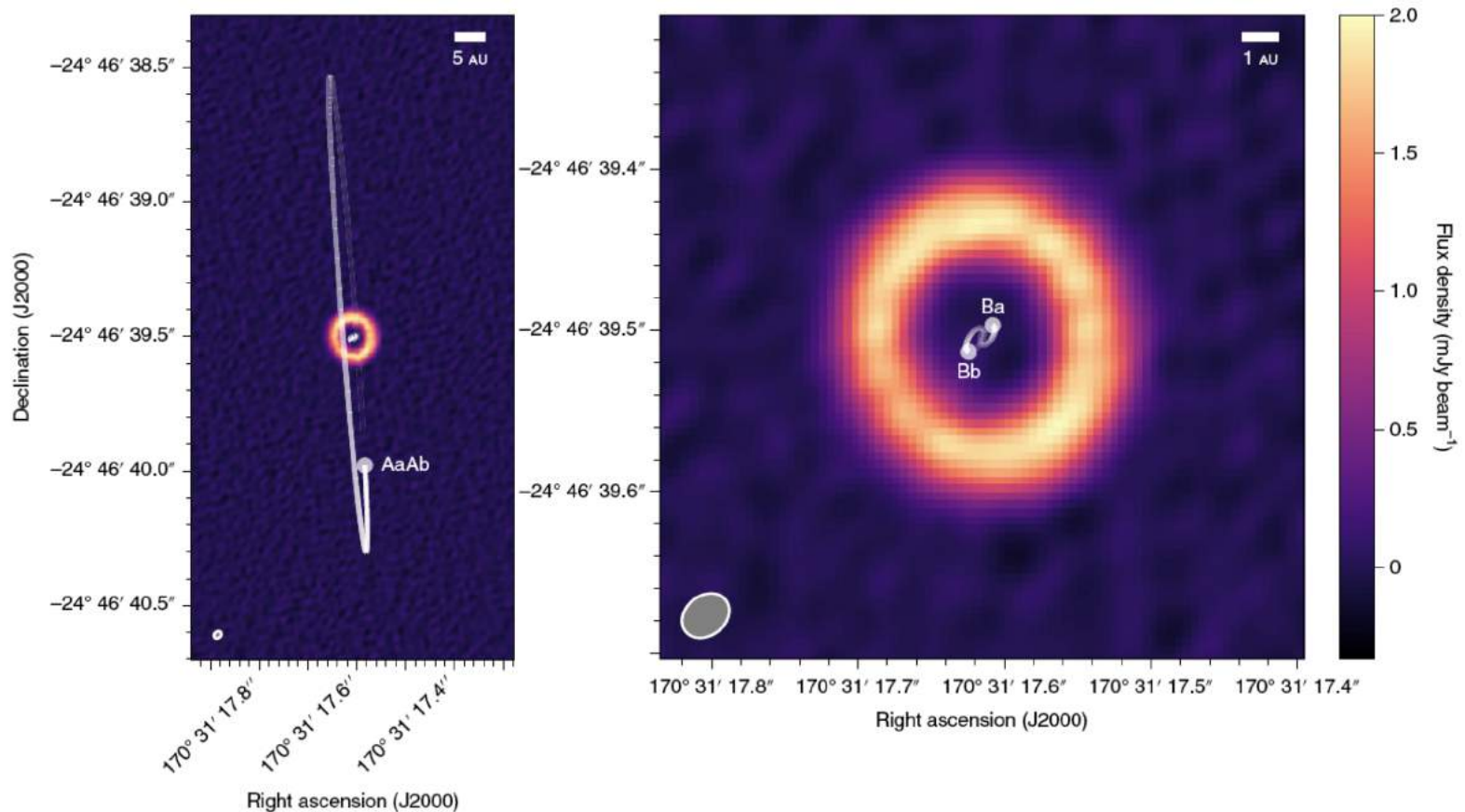
Warped viscous disk around eccentric binary

Evolve towards either align (anti-align) or polar align with the binary



A circumbinary protoplanetary disk in a polar configuration

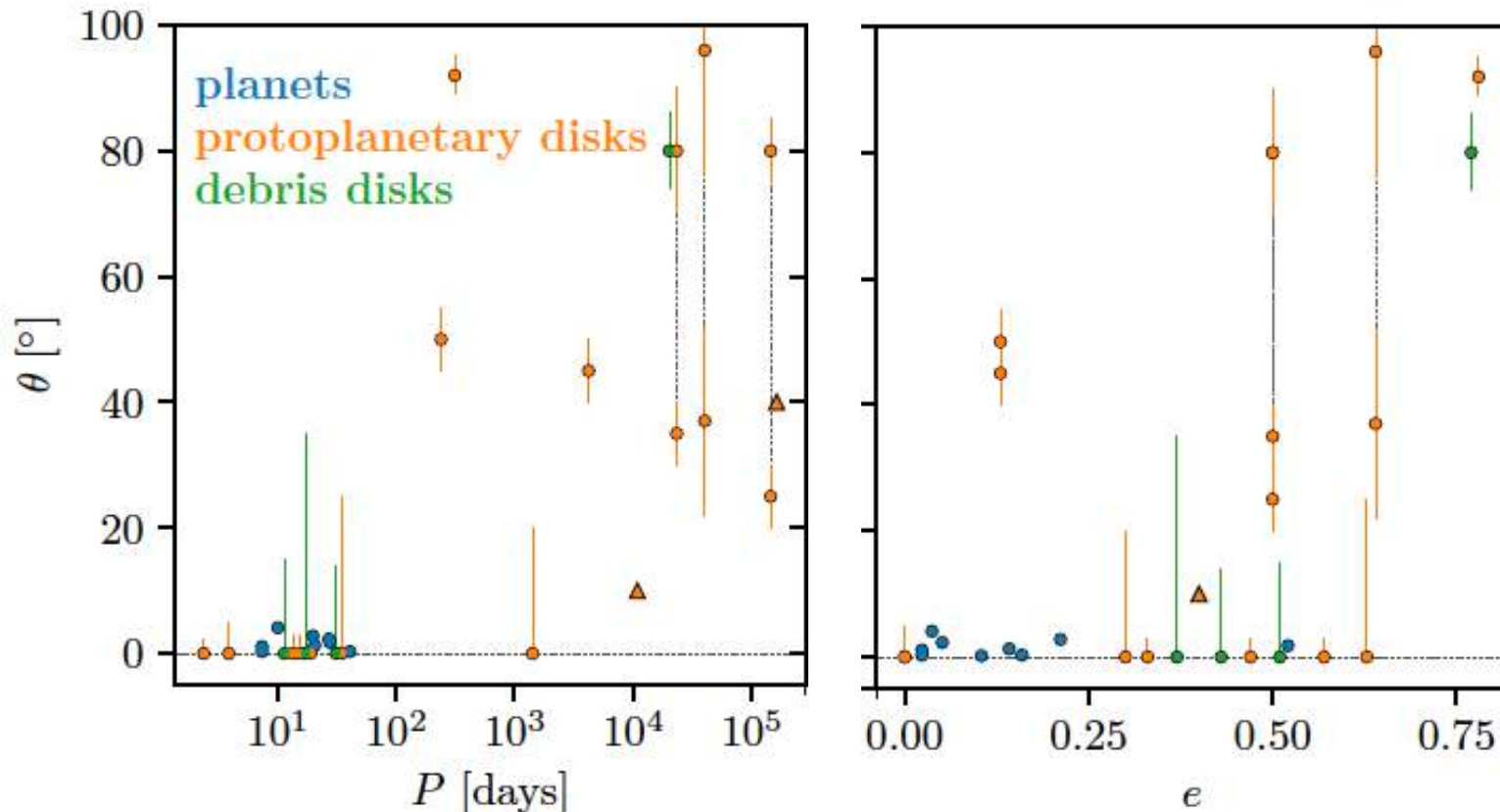
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The Degree of Alignment between Circumbinary Disks and Their Binary Hosts

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Are there misaligned circumbinary planets?

~12 transiting circumbinary planets

3 non-transiting planets (candidates) around eclipsing binaries
(detected using eclipse timing variation) (Bill Welsh, 2018)

Take-Home Messages

◆ Understanding circumbinary accretion is

Important: connect to SMBH binaries, protoplanetary disks and planets

Challenging: long-term secular effect in the presence of highly dynamical flows

◆ Key Recent Results:

- short-term variabilities: $\sim 5 P_b$ (for $e_b \sim 0$) vs P_b (finite e_b , or $q < 0.4$)
- Small-mass accretes more; symmetry breaking in accretion ($q=1$, $e_b > 0$)
- Inner disk is eccentric: precess coherently...
- Binary can gain angular momentum and can expand

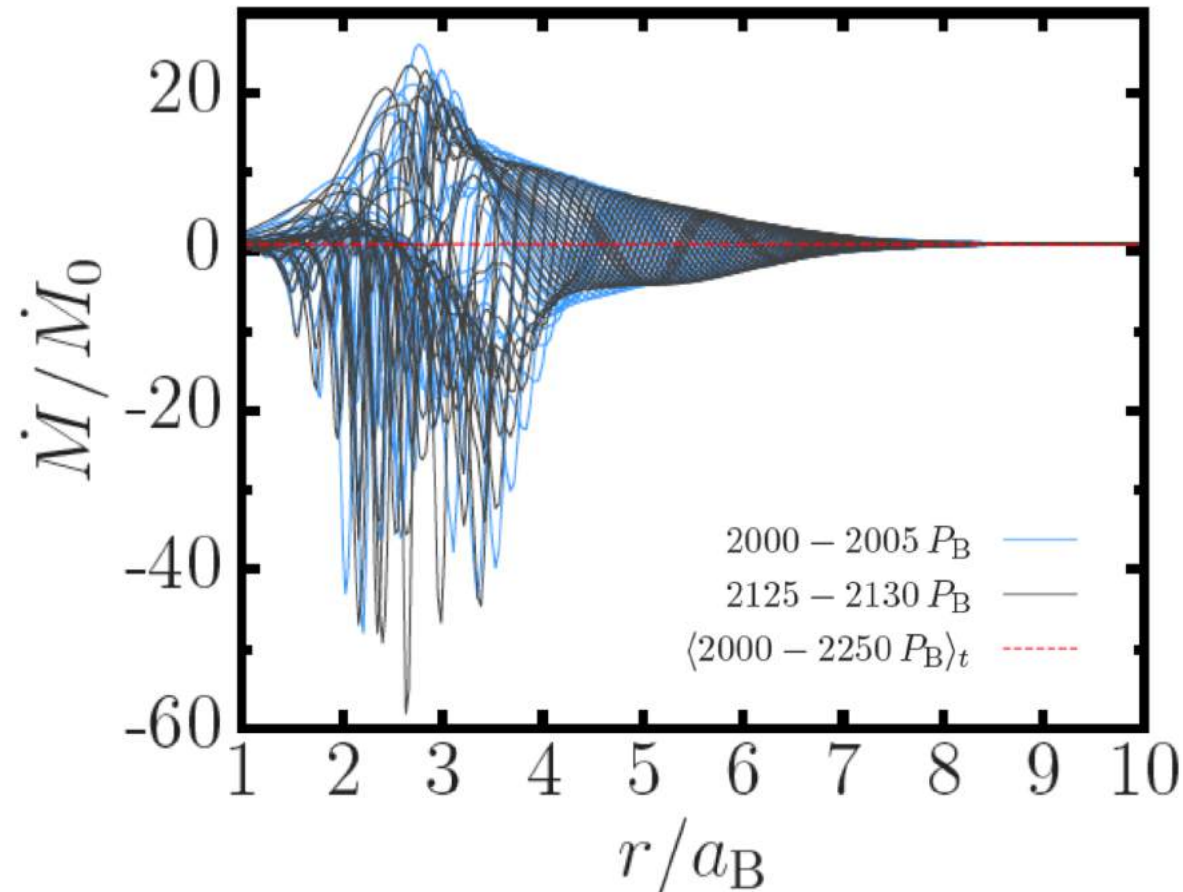
◆ Misaligned disks

- In PPDs, hydro effects efficient → Quasi-rigid precession with small warp
- Dissipation leads to either alignment or polar alignment with binary

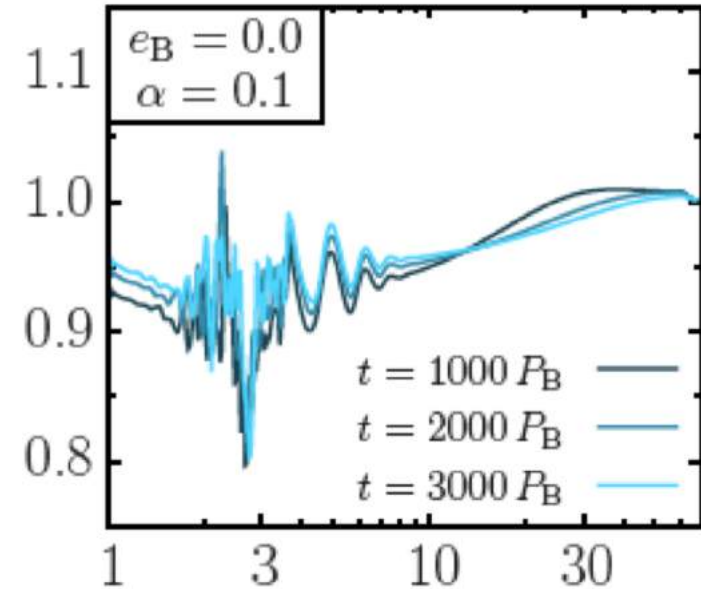


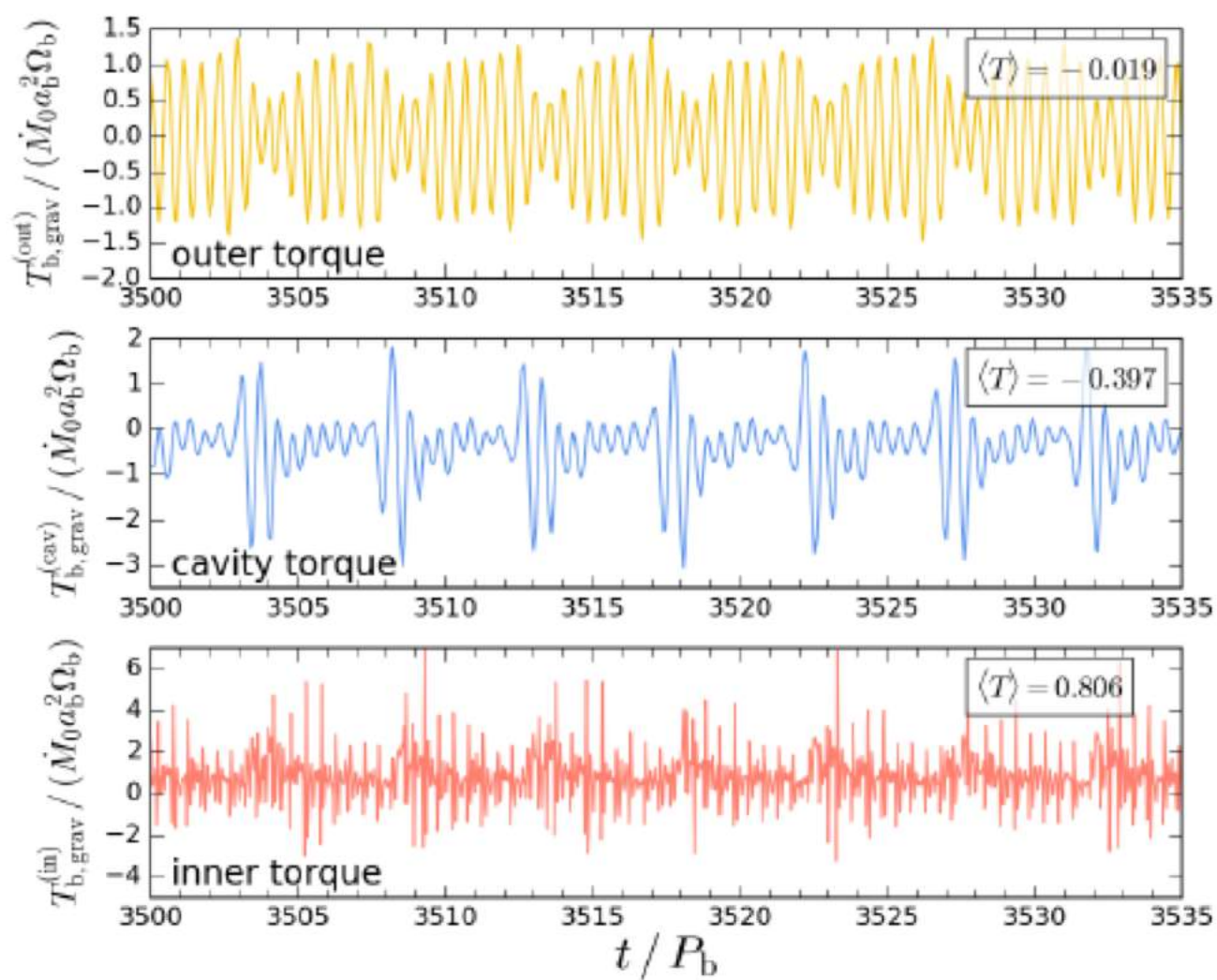
$\dot{M}(r, t)$ is highly variable (in r and t)

$$\dot{M}(r, t) = - \oint r \Sigma u_r d\phi$$



$\langle \dot{M} \rangle / \dot{M}_0$ (averaged over 250 P_b)





Consider the specific angular momentum $\mathbf{l}_b = \mathbf{r}_b \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}_b$ and specific energy $\mathcal{E}_b = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\mathbf{r}}_b^2 - \mathcal{G}M_b/r_b$ of the binary. The changes in \mathbf{l}_b and \mathcal{E}_b due to an external force \mathbf{f}_{ext} (other than the mutual Keplerian force) are

$$\frac{d\mathbf{l}_b}{dt} = \mathbf{r}_b \times \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}} \quad (32)$$

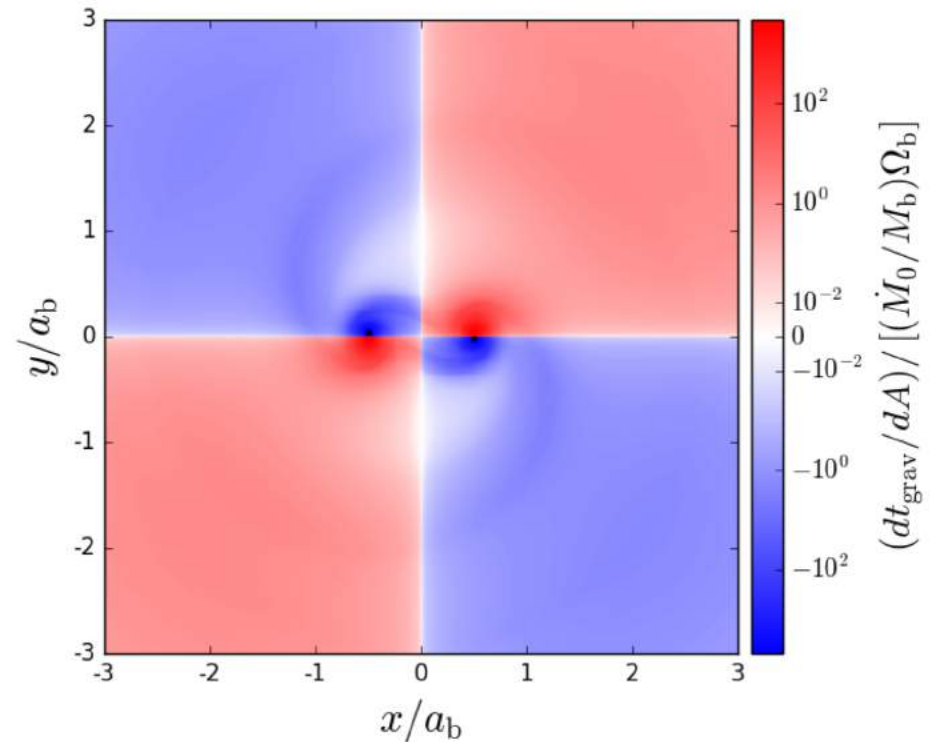
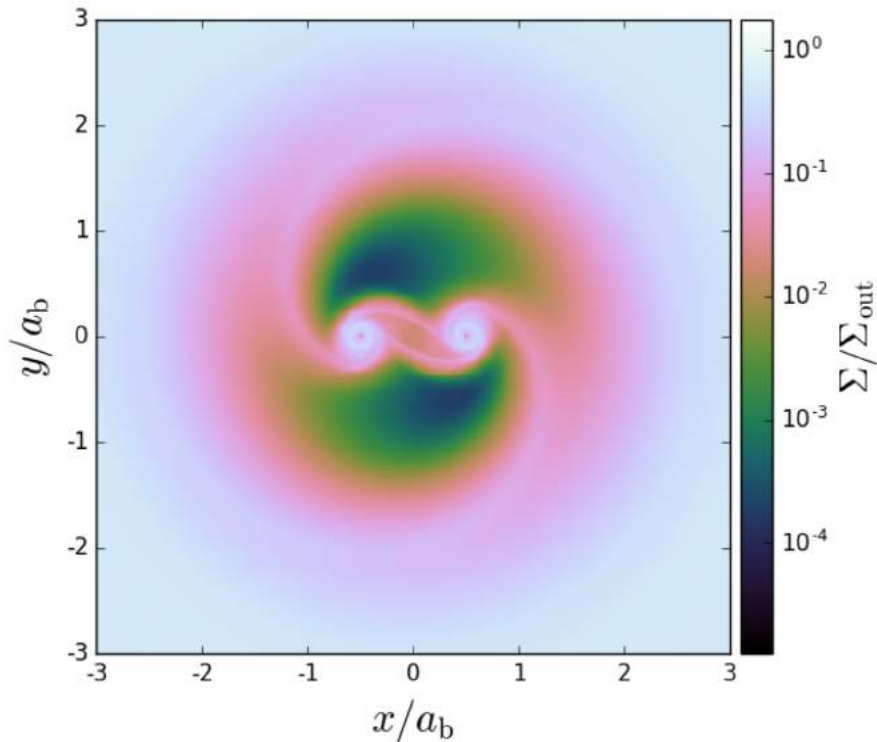
and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{E}_b}{dt} &= -\frac{\mathcal{G}\dot{M}_b}{r_b} + \frac{\mathcal{G}\dot{M}_b}{r_b^3} \mathbf{r}_b \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_b + \dot{\mathbf{r}}_b \cdot \frac{d\dot{\mathbf{r}}_b}{dt} \\ &= -\frac{\mathcal{G}\dot{M}_b}{r_b} + \dot{\mathbf{r}}_b \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}} , \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where, $d\dot{\mathbf{r}}_b/dt = -(\mathcal{G}\dot{M}_b/r_b^3)\mathbf{r}_b + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}$ and \mathbf{f}_{ext} is a general (reduced) external force per unit mass affecting both members of the binary: $\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}} \equiv \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext},1} - \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext},2}$. In this case, $\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext},i} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{grav},i} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{acc},i}$ (defined in Section 2.2.1 above). Since $e_b^2 = 1 + 2l_b^2\mathcal{E}_b/(\mathcal{G}M_b)^2$

Direct computation of torque on the binary

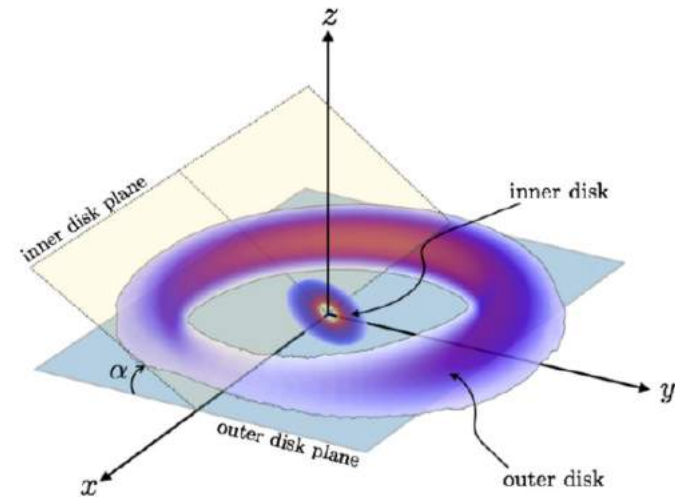
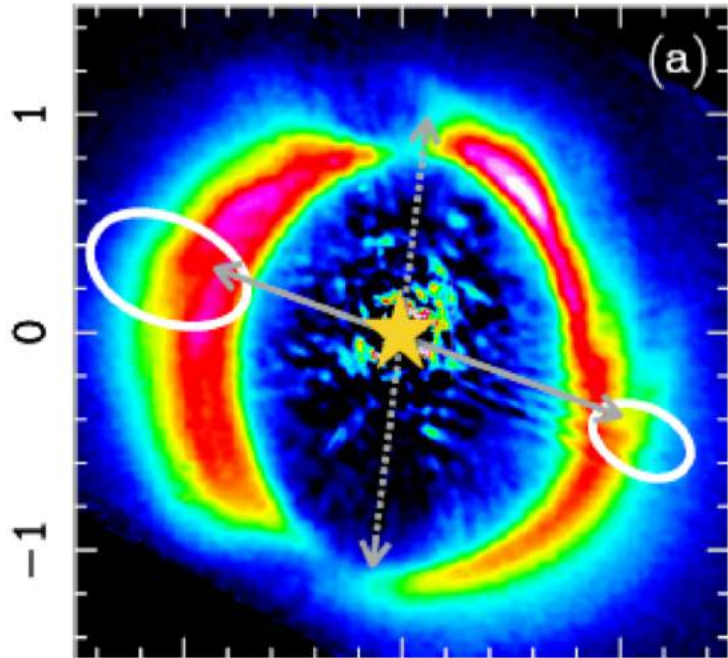
Gravitational torque from all gas
+ Accretion torque (due momentum of accreting gas onto each star)



$$\begin{aligned}\langle T \rangle &\simeq 0.7 \dot{M}_0 a_B^2 \Omega_B \\ &\simeq \langle \dot{J} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

(for $q=1$, $e_B=1$ binary)

HD 142527: a well-known gapped disk system



Inner (circumstellar) and outer (circumbinary) disks misaligned by 70 degrees (Marino et al. 15)

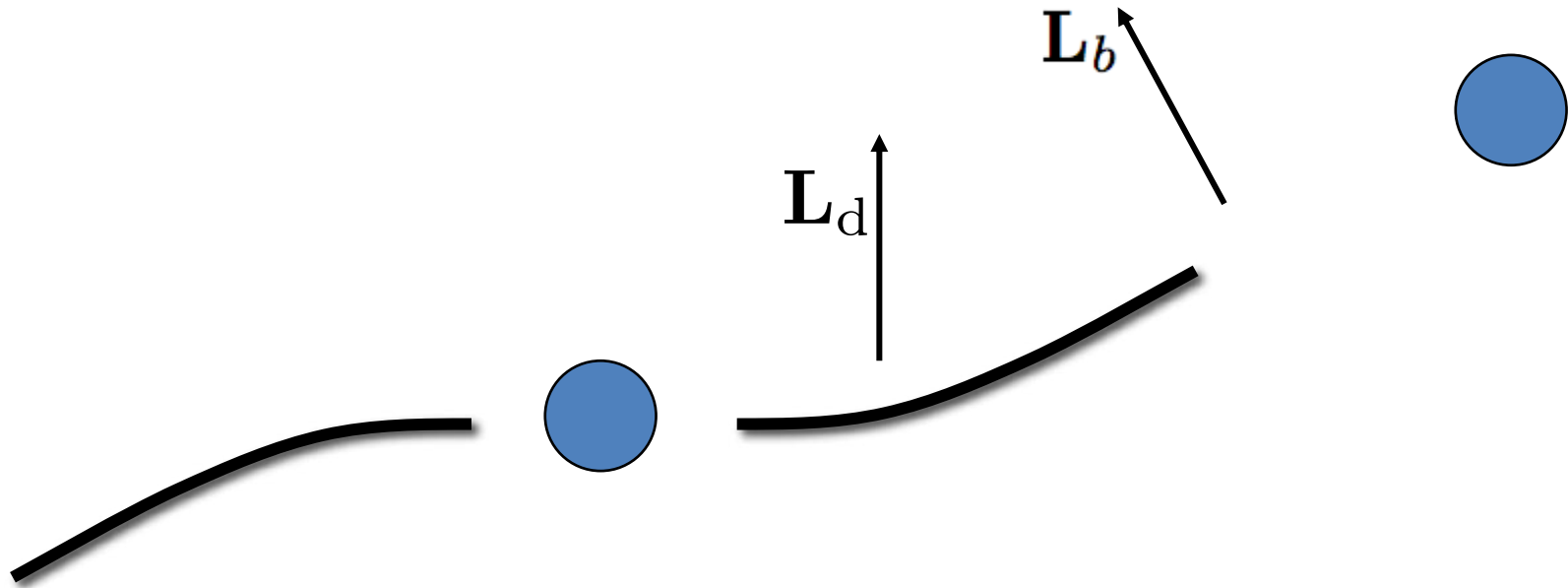
Outer disk : >100 AU

Gap (cavity): 10-100 AU

Binary: ~ 20 AU (2 Sun + M dwarf)

see Owen & DL 2017

Circumstellar Disk within Binary



Disk is warped at outer region

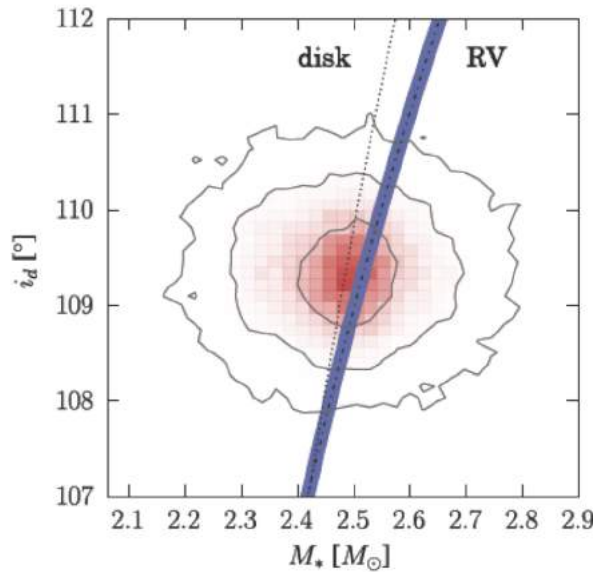
➔ Smaller warp

Typical alignment time \gg precession period

➔ Misalignment can persist

Observations

Circumbinary disks around binaries ??

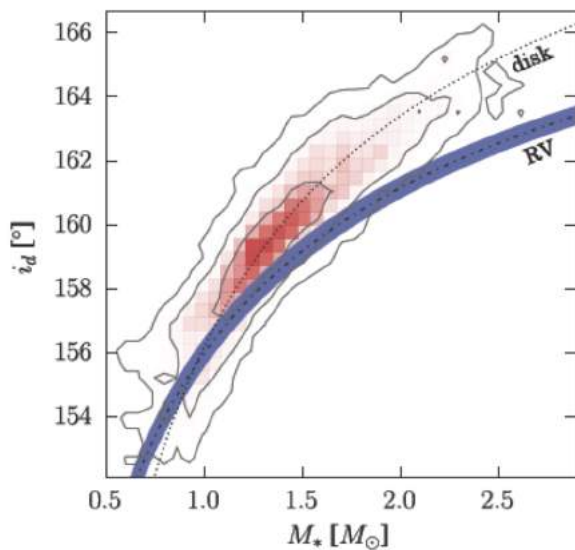


AK Sco
Czekala+15

**Misaligned circumbinary
debris disk systems:**

KH 15D (Winn+04; Capelo+12)

99 Herculis (Kennedy+12)



DQ Tau
Czekala+15

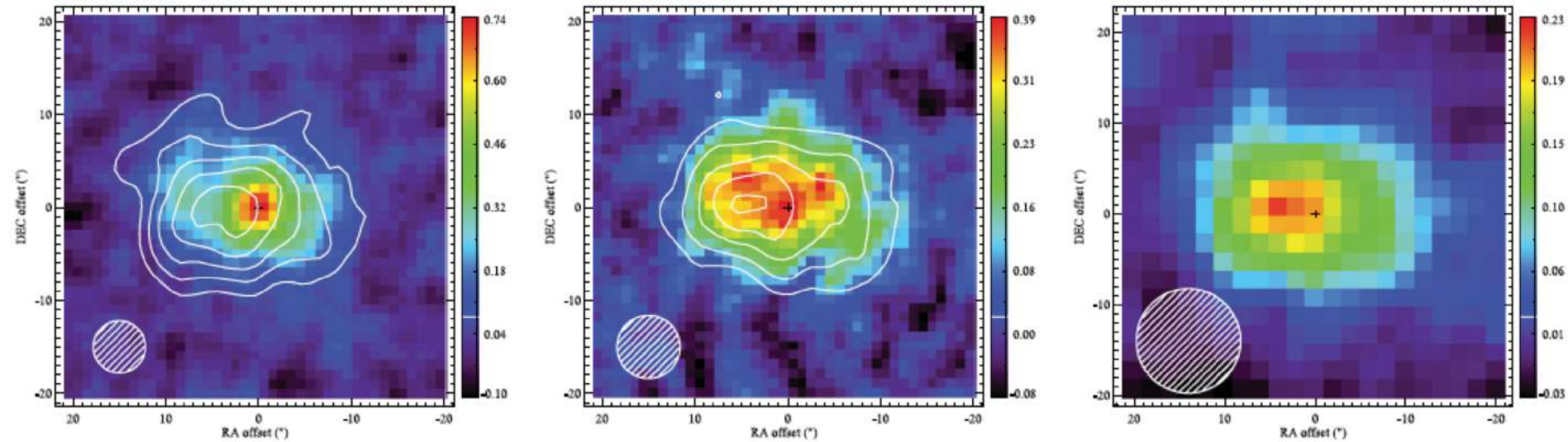
99 Herculis: host to a circumbinary polar-ring debris disc

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$e_b=0.77$, $P_b=56$ yrs

Numerical Tools

- Solve viscous hydrodynamic equations in 2D
- alpha viscosity, (locally) isothermal sound speed

-- Numerical codes:

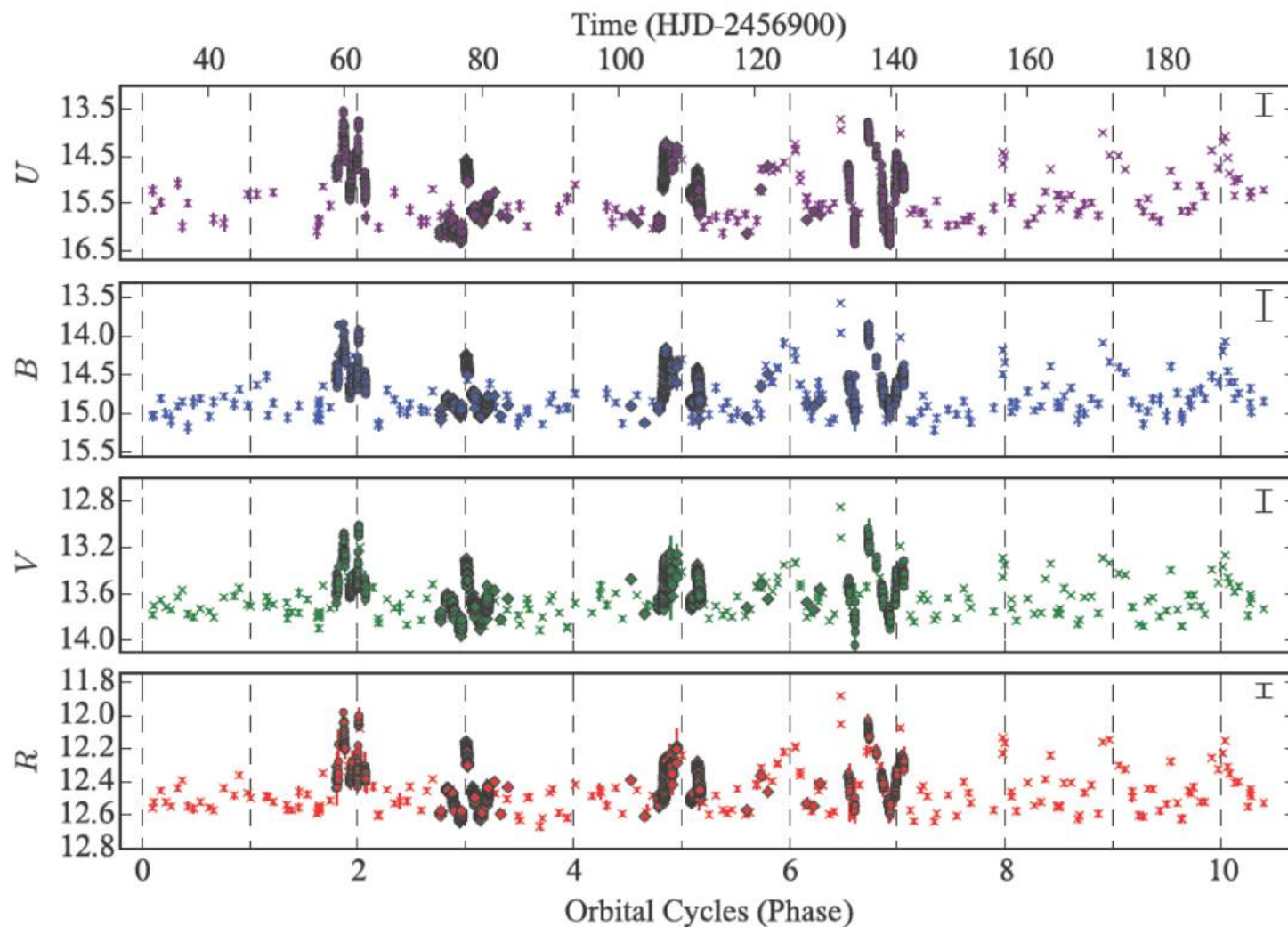
PLUTO: finite-volume, polar grid (Mignone et al. 07)

domain: $a_b(1+e_b) < r < 70a_b$

AREPO: finite-volume, moving mesh (Springel 2010)

resolve accretion onto individual body to $0.02a_b$

Pulsed Accretion Observed in T Tauri Binaries



DQ Tau:

$P=15.8$ days

$a=0.13$ AU

$e=0.57$

$M_1 \sim M_2 \sim 0.6 M_{\odot}$