

# Resonant Excitation of Planetary Eccentricity due to a Dispersing Eccentric Protoplanetary Disk

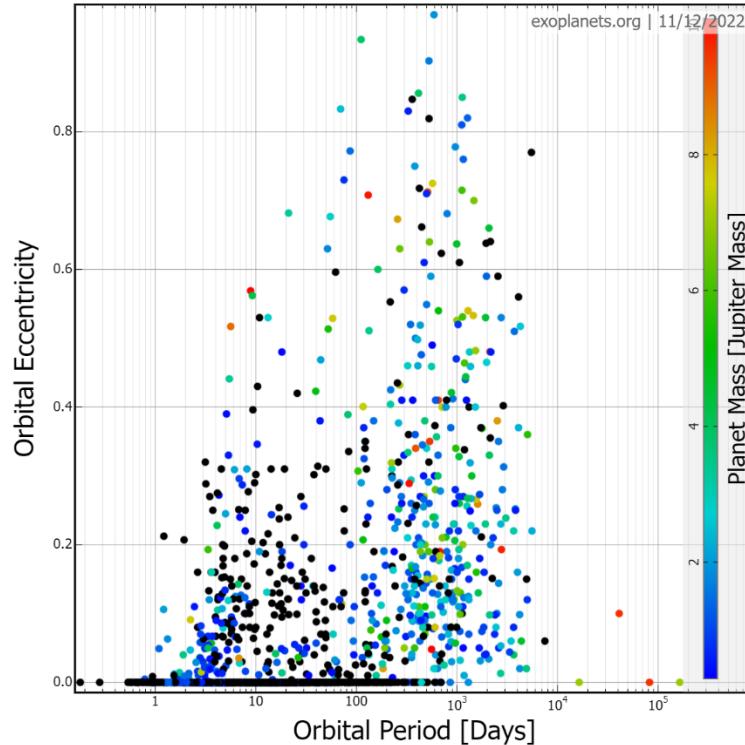
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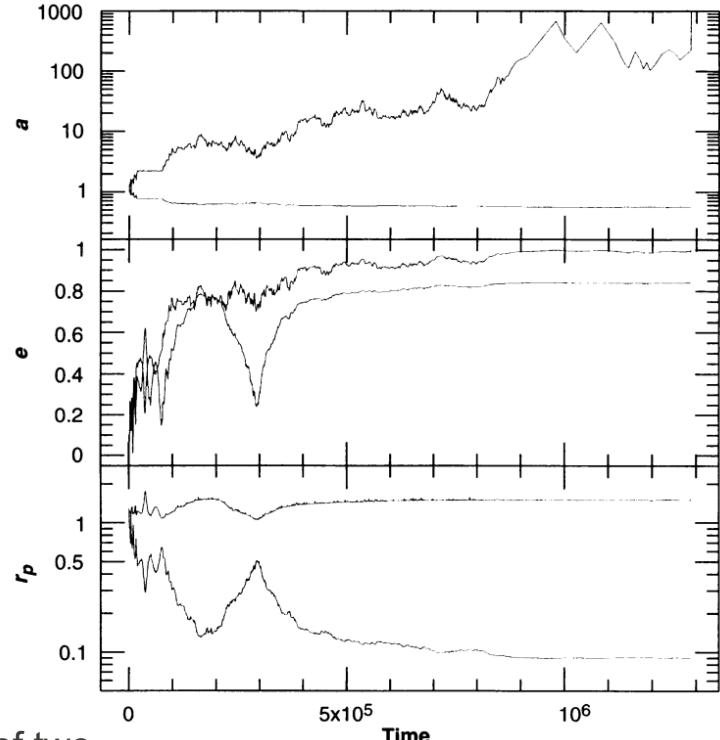
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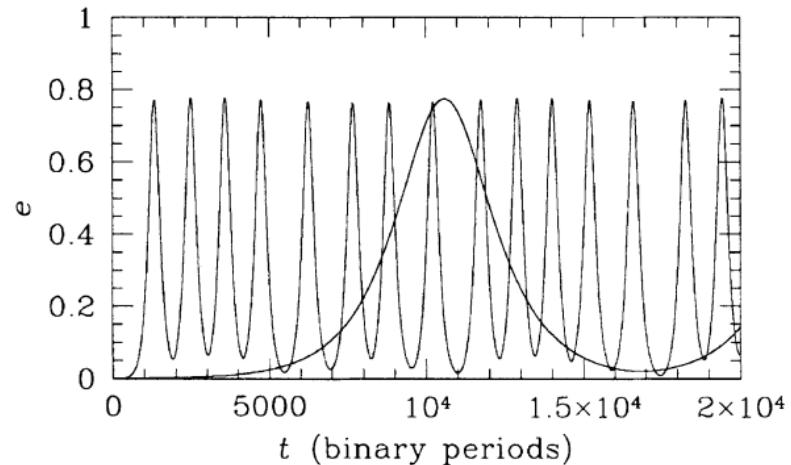


Time evolution of two planets undergoing scatterings ([Ratio & Ford 1996](#))

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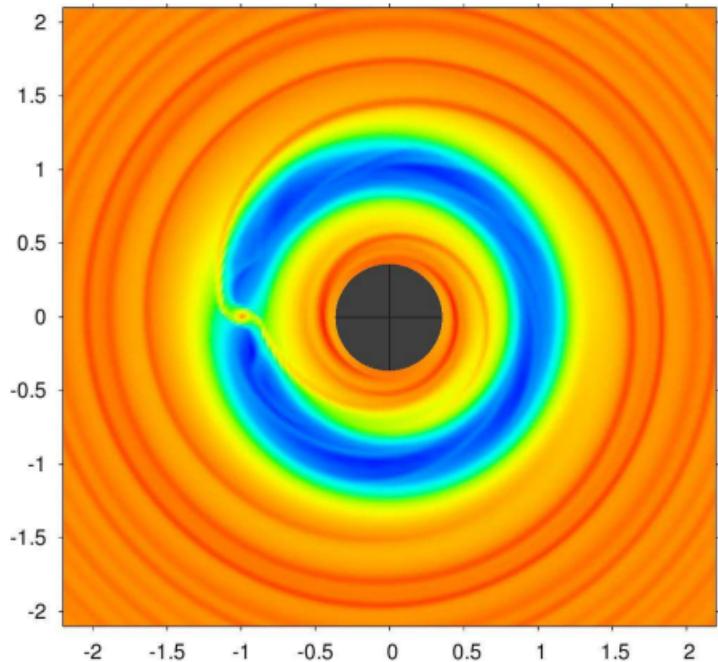


Eccentricity evolution of a planet undergoing Kozai oscillation ([Holmam+ 1996](#))

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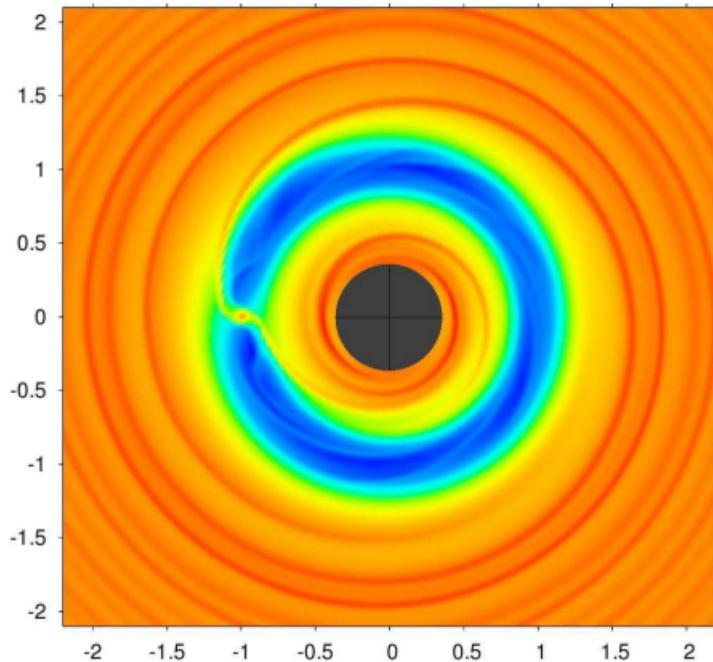


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- Planet-disk interactions
  - High mass planets: Lindblad torques (e.g., *Teyssandier & Ogilvie 2017, Ragusa et al. 2018*)
  - Low mass planets: thermal back-reactions (e.g., *Eklund & Masset 2017, Velasco Romero et al. 2022*)
  - However, in both cases,  $e_p < 0.1$



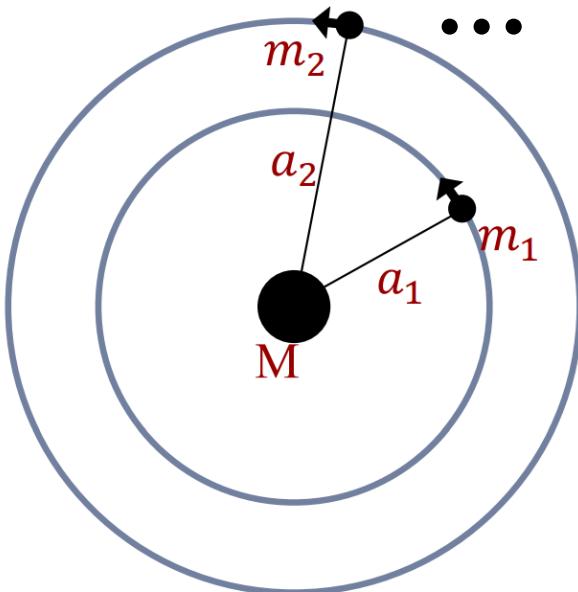
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# Agenda

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- Theories of eccentric protoplanetary disks
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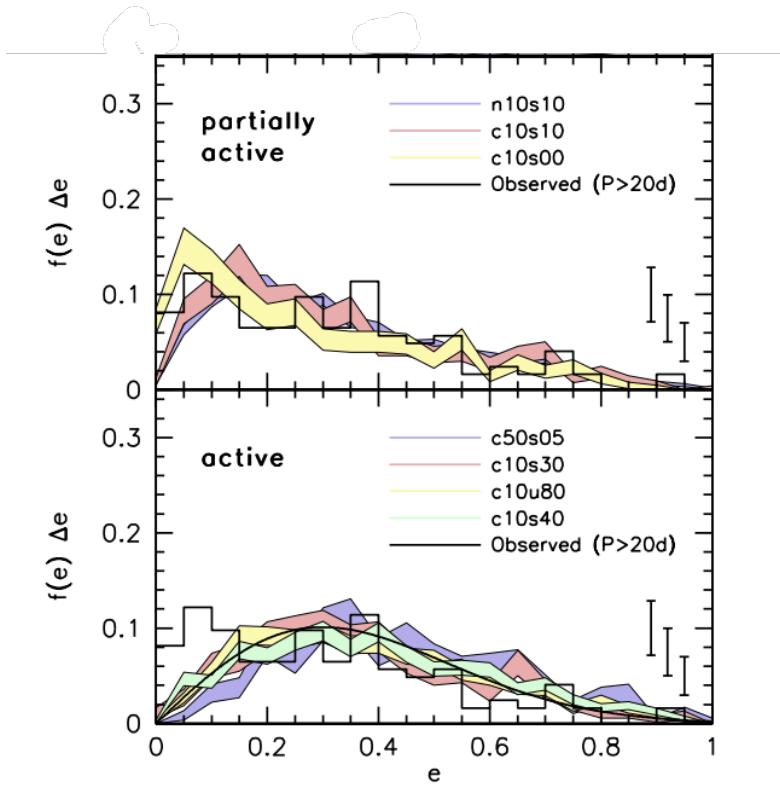
# Part I: Planet-planet scatterings and tidal effects

# Planet-planet scatterings



- Initial condition:  
$$a_{i+1} - a_i \sim R_H \text{ where } R_H = \frac{a_i + a_{i+1}}{2} \left( \frac{m_i + m_{i+1}}{3M} \right)^{1/3}$$
**(Dynamical instability will occur!)**
- Reasons for such closely-packed orbits:
  - Planet formations in protoplanetary disks
  - Migration of planets
- One can N-body simulations to study the long-term outcomes.

# Planetary eccentricity due to scatterings

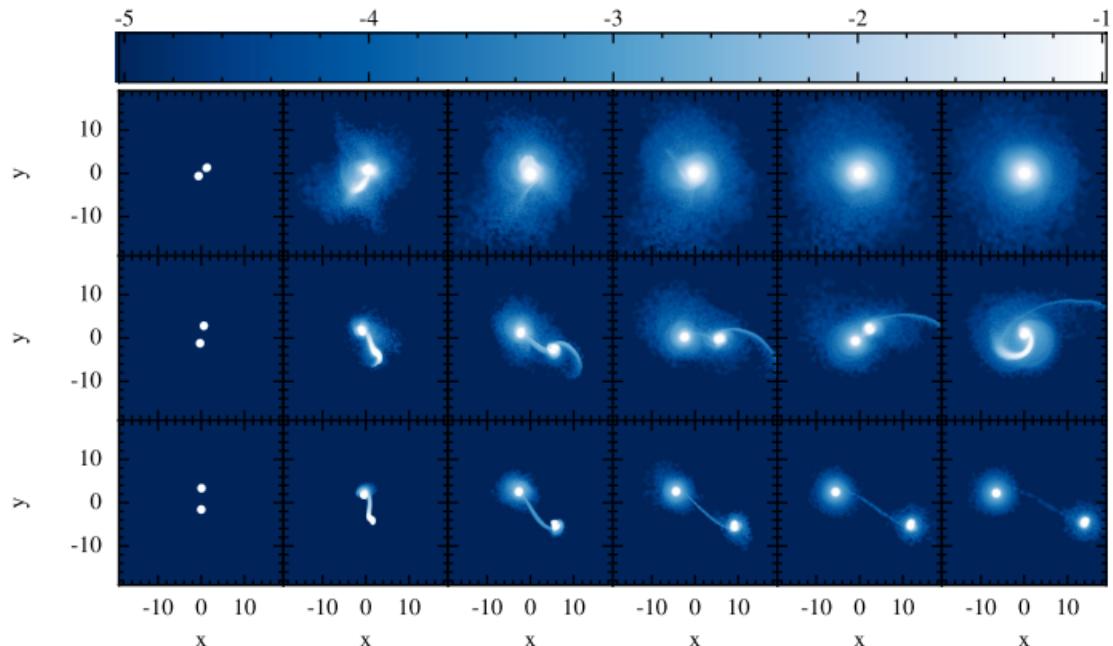


Eccentricity distribution induced  
by planet-planet scatterings  
(*Jurić & Tremaine 2008*)

# Tidal effects in planet-planet scatterings

SPH simulation of close encounters between two gas giants ([JL+ 2021](#)):

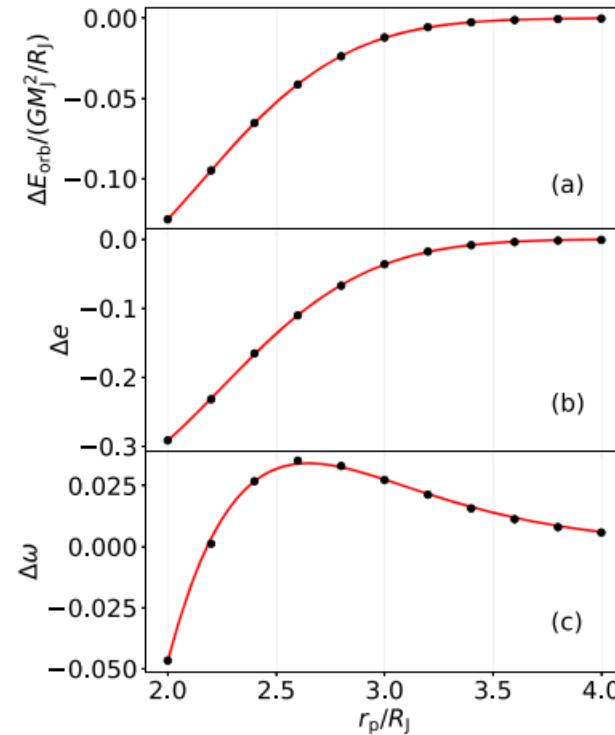
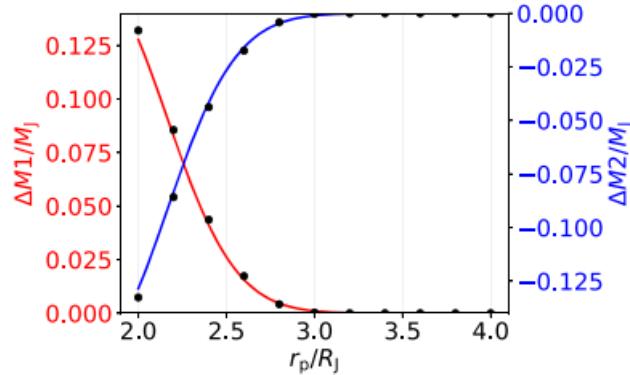
- colormap: log column density of gas
- column: snapshots at different times
- row: three different simulations



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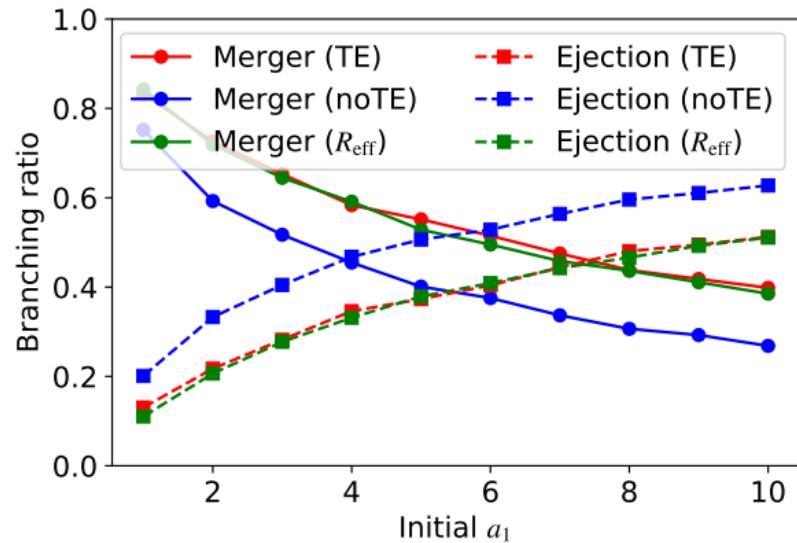
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- mass transfer
- energy dissipation, circularization, and precenter shift of the relative orbits



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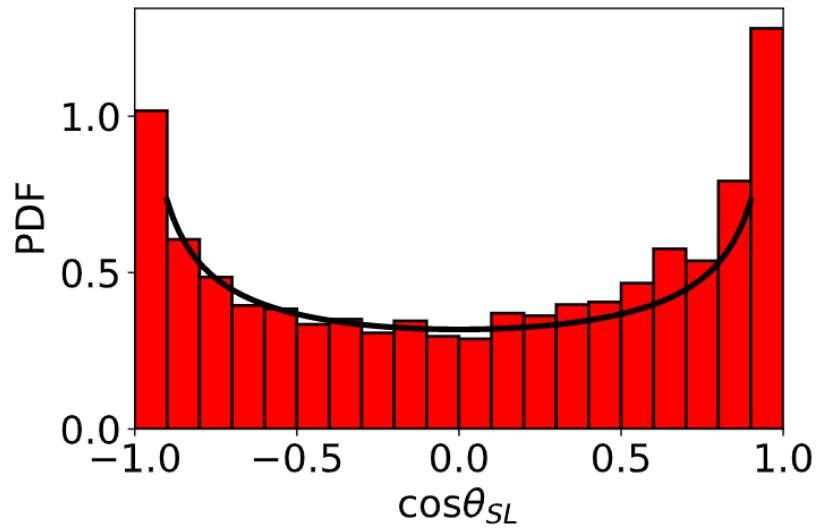
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## Part I Summary:

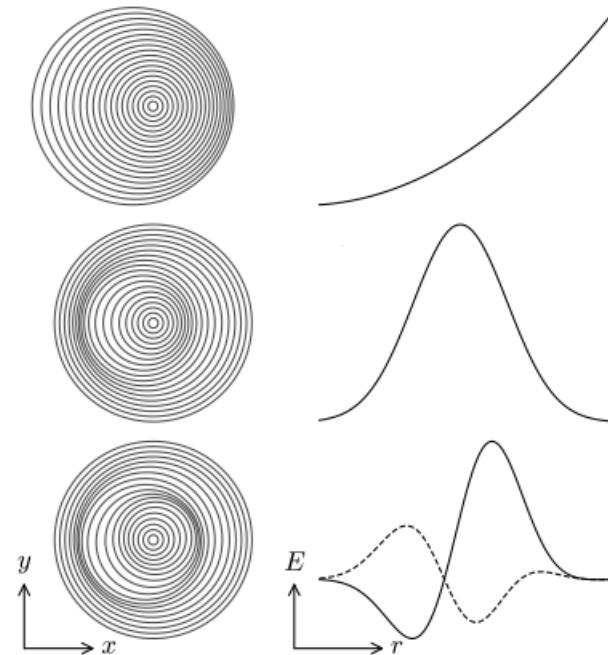
- Planet-planet scatterings is an important mechanism for producing high-eccentricity planets.
- Tidal effects can affect the efficiency of eccentricity excitation.
- Mergers of planets produce a unique distribution of planetary obliquity.

## Part II: Theories of eccentric protoplanetary disks

# Definition of disk eccentricity

$E(r)$ : complex eccentricity of a disk at each radius:

- $|E(r)|$  : “orbital” eccentricity
- $\arg[E(r)]$ : longitude of pericenter



an illustration of disk eccentricity  
(Lee+ 2019)

# Evolution equation and normal modes

- Evolution equation of disk eccentricity ([JL+ 2021](#)) :

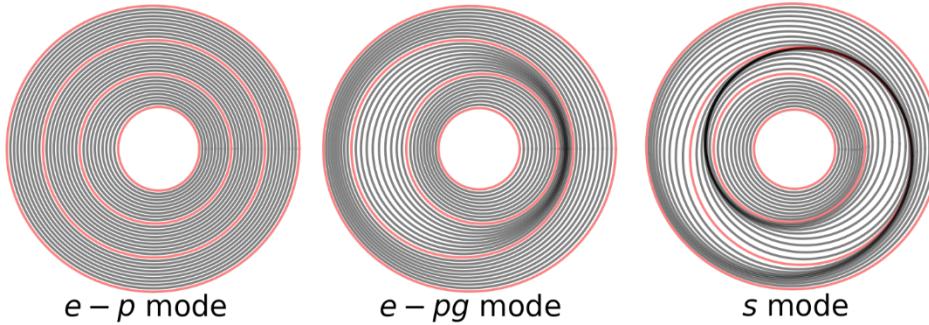
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**Disk eccentric modes:** the complex eccentricity profiles that evolve coherently across their host disks. ([Lee+ 2019](#))

disk eccentric modes:

- e-p mode: real and monotonic, pressure-dominated;
- e-pg mode: real, dominated by both pressure and disk self-gravity
- s mode: complex, self-gravity-dominated

# A fiducial hydrosimulation

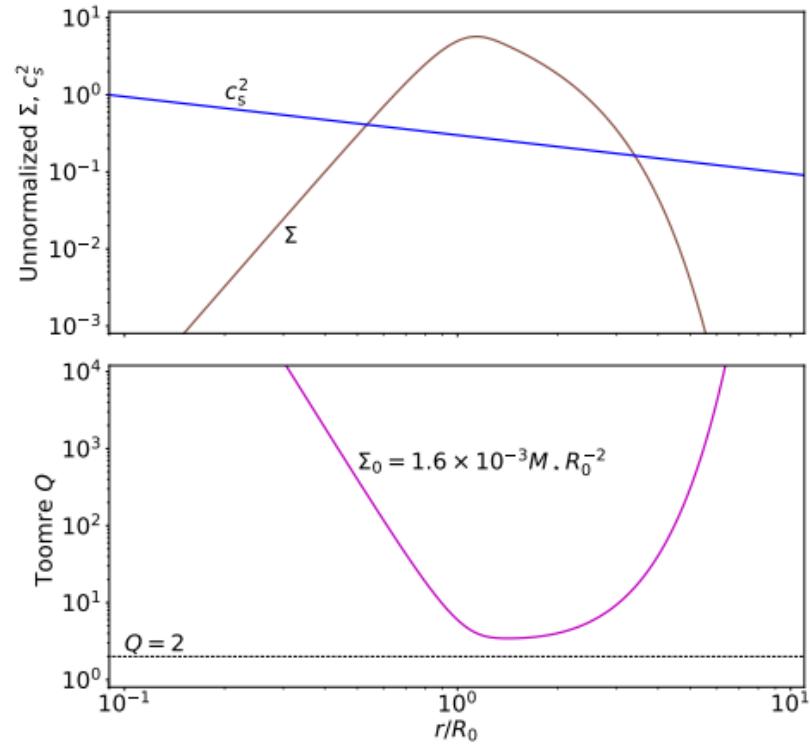
- Initial density:

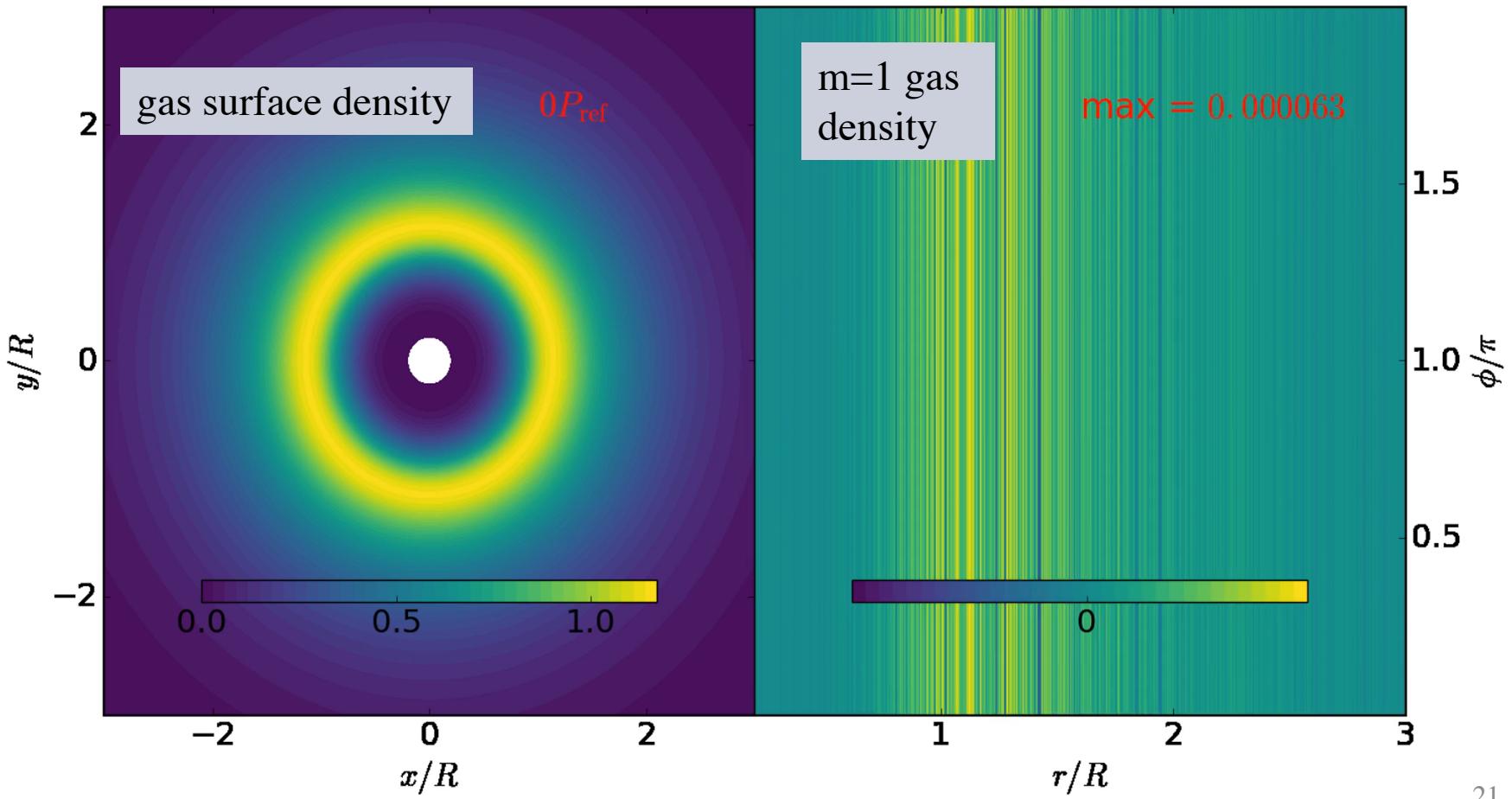
$$\Sigma(r) = 2.03\Sigma_0 \underbrace{\left(1 - e^{-(r/R_0)^6}\right)}_{\text{inner hole}} \overbrace{\left(\frac{R_0}{r}\right)}^{\text{power-law}} \underbrace{e^{-(r/(2R_0))^2}}_{\text{outer taper}}$$

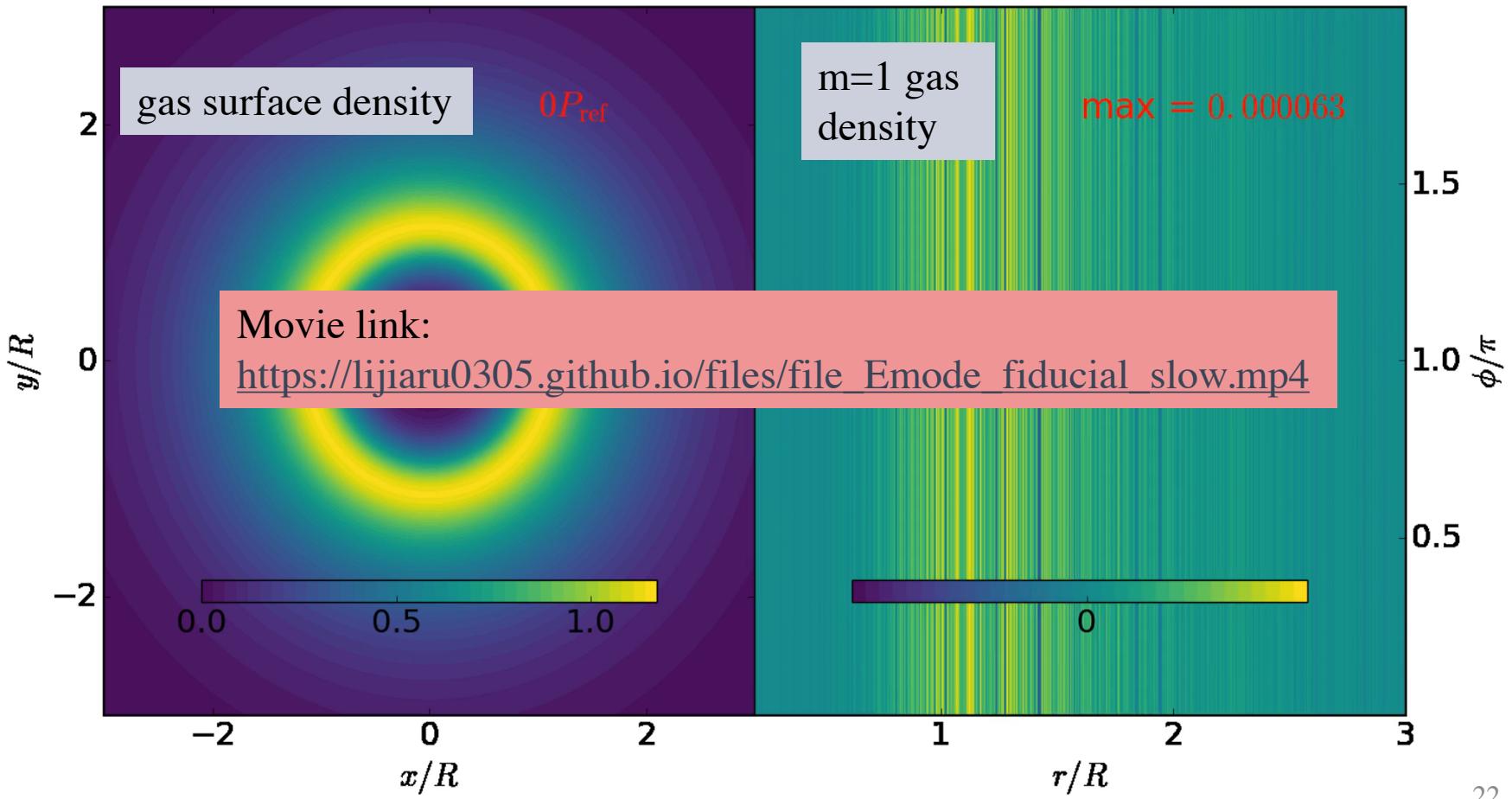
- Temperature:

$$c_s^2(r) = \gamma(k_b/\mu)T = c_0^2(r/R_0)^{-1/2}$$

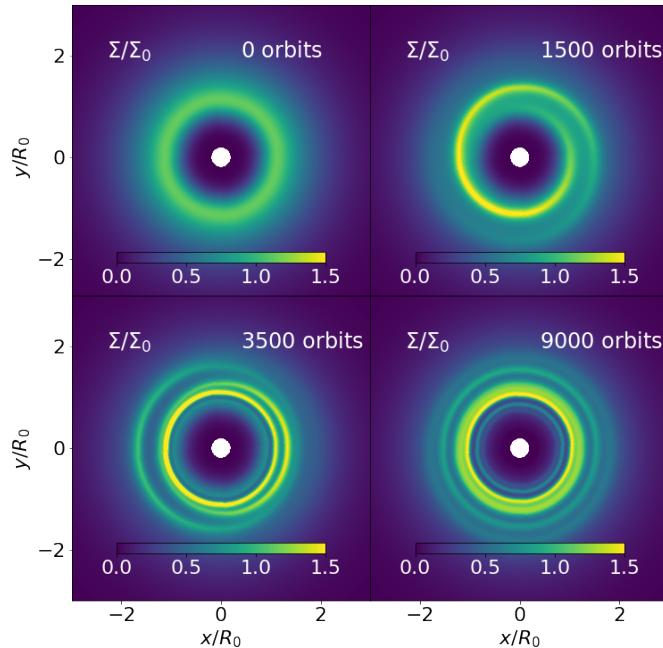
with  $\gamma=1.5$ ,  $c_0=0.03$ , and a cooling rate  $\beta=1\text{e-}6$ .



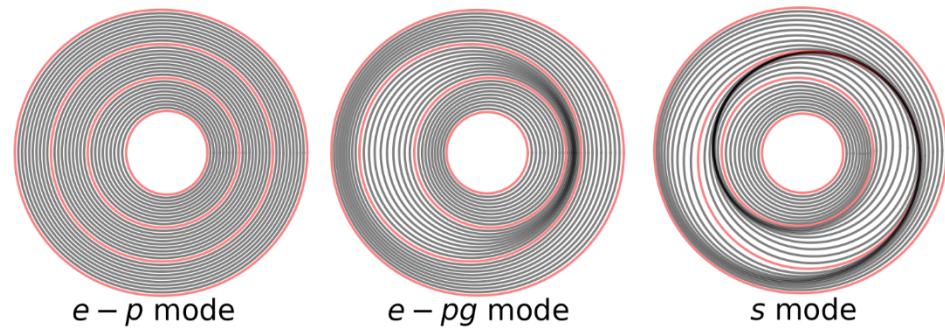




# Spontaneous emergence of eccentric mode



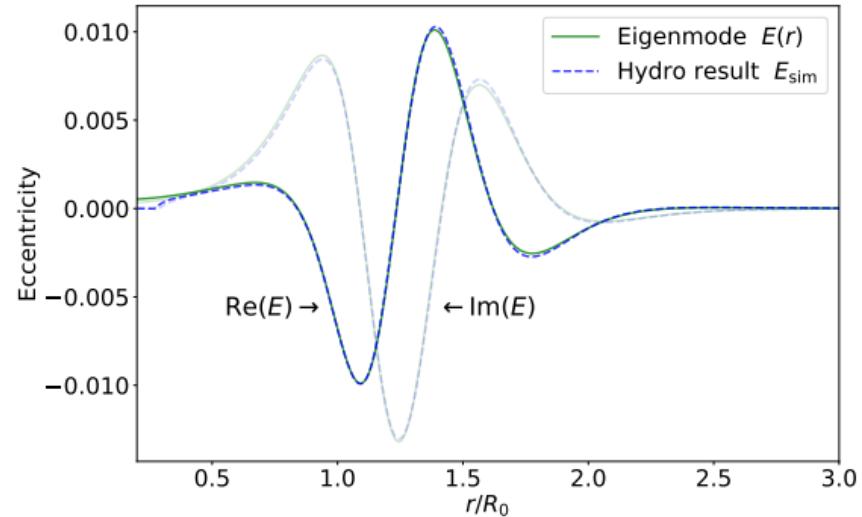
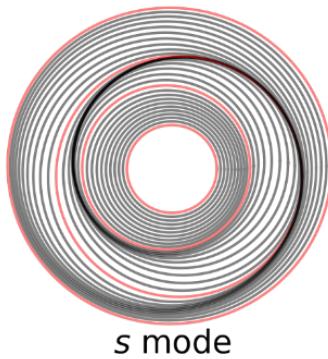
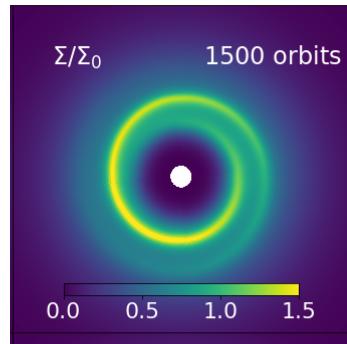
Ring and gap formations driven by the eccentric mode instability. ([JL+ 2021](#))



## Eccentric mode instability (EMI):

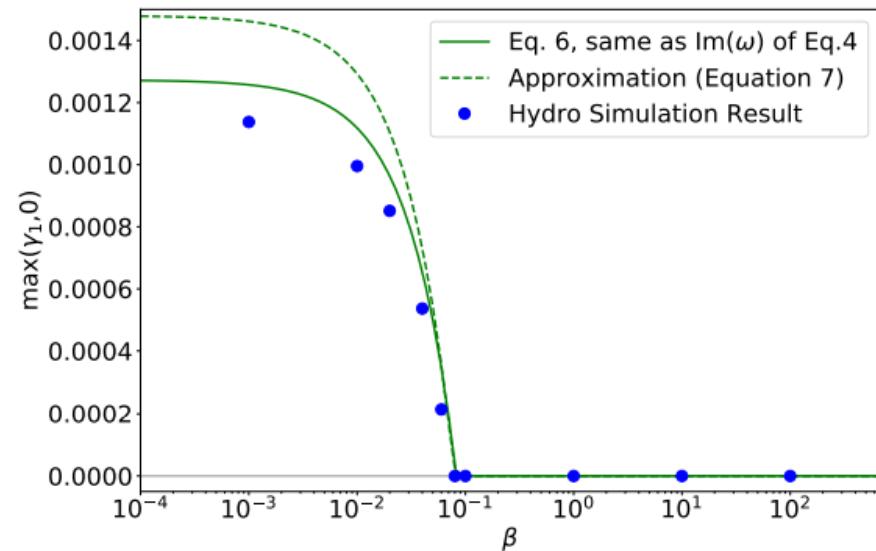
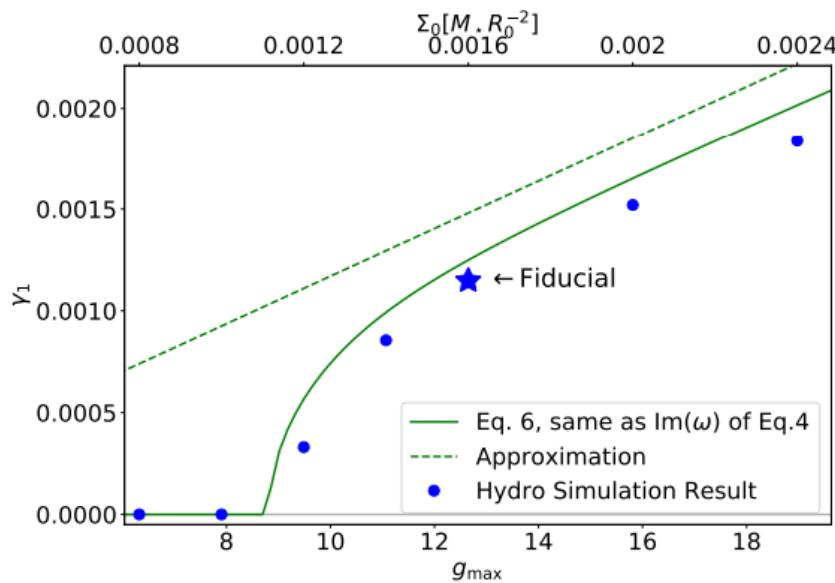
- the s mode grows exponentially by itself ([Lin 2015](#));
- the disk transform into other e modes after saturation ([JL+ 2021](#)).

# EMI: linear theory vs hydro simulation



The linear mode matches the simulation result precisely.

# EMI: growth rates and conditions.



Two conditions for EMI: - strong disk self-gravity    - fast gas cooling

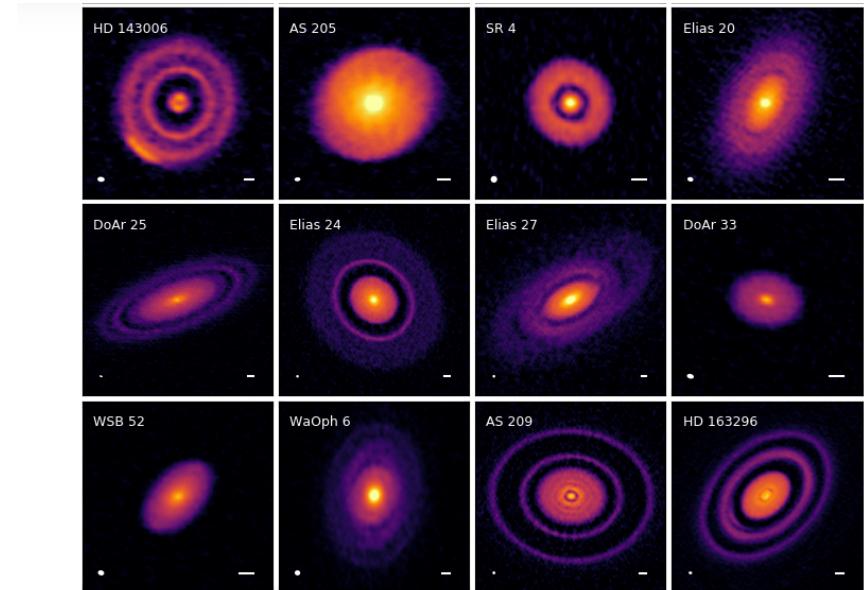
## Part II Summary:

- Like planets, protoplanetary disks can also “store” eccentricities.
- Disks can have eccentric normal modes that allows disk eccentricities to precess/grow coherently.
- Under certain conditions, EMI allows a disk to become eccentric by itself.

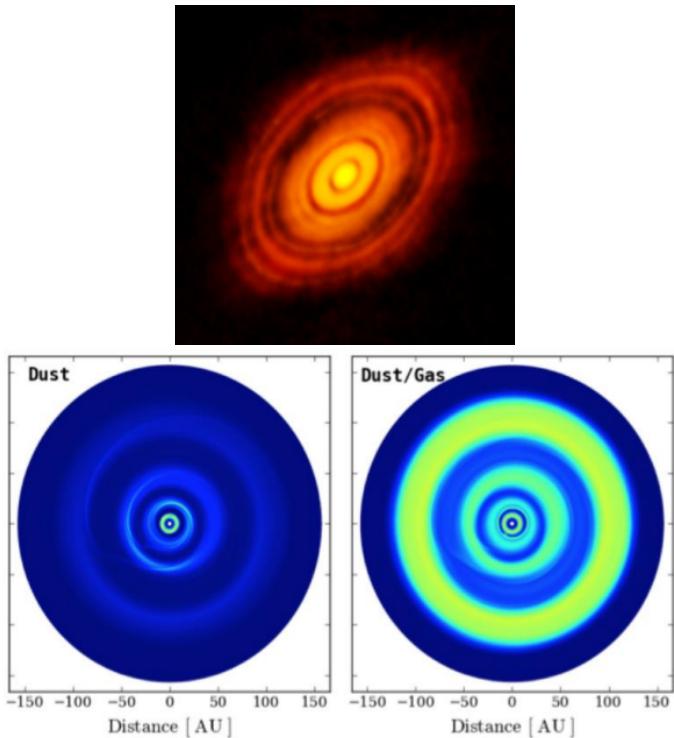
## Bonus: Rings in disks

Protoplanetary disks:

- commonly exhibit **substructures** (e.g., **rings and gaps**, inner cavities, vertices, spirals)



a gallery of 1.25mm continuum image for disks in  
DSHARP sample  
(*Andrews et al., 2018*)



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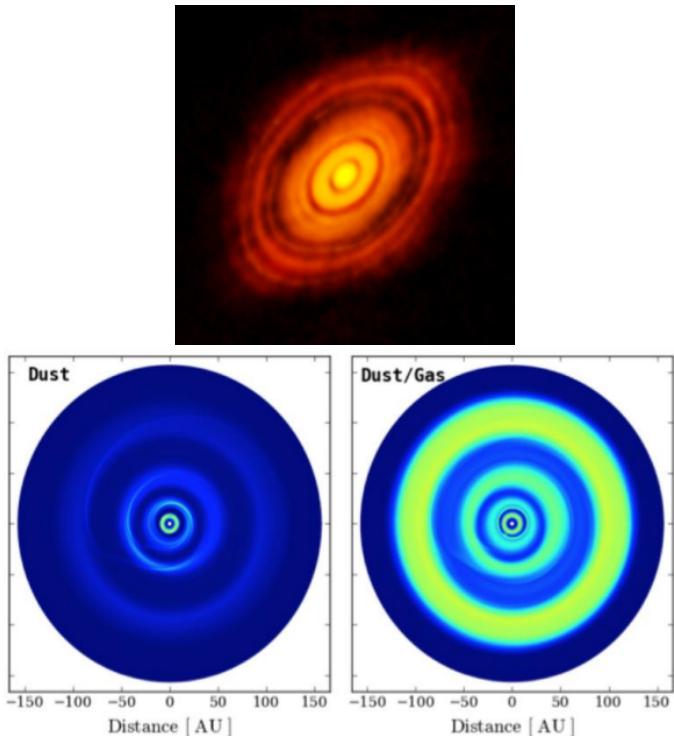
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### Mechanism:

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### Issues:

- Disk rings have very **large radii**.
- Rings are found in **young disks**, too.



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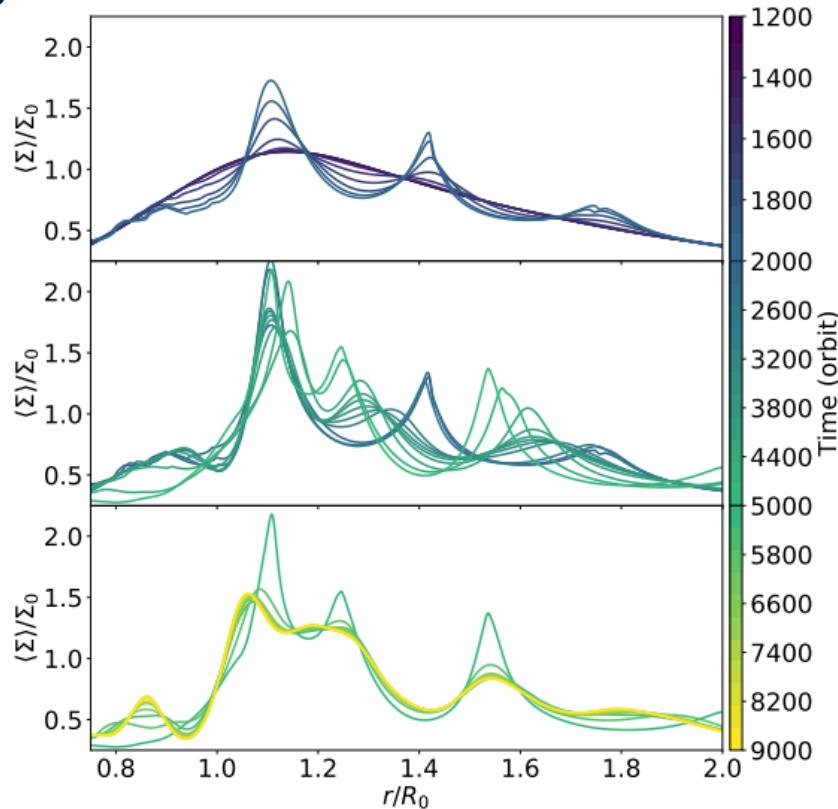
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We have showed that **eccentric mode instability (EMI)** can generate these **rings** without the help of planets

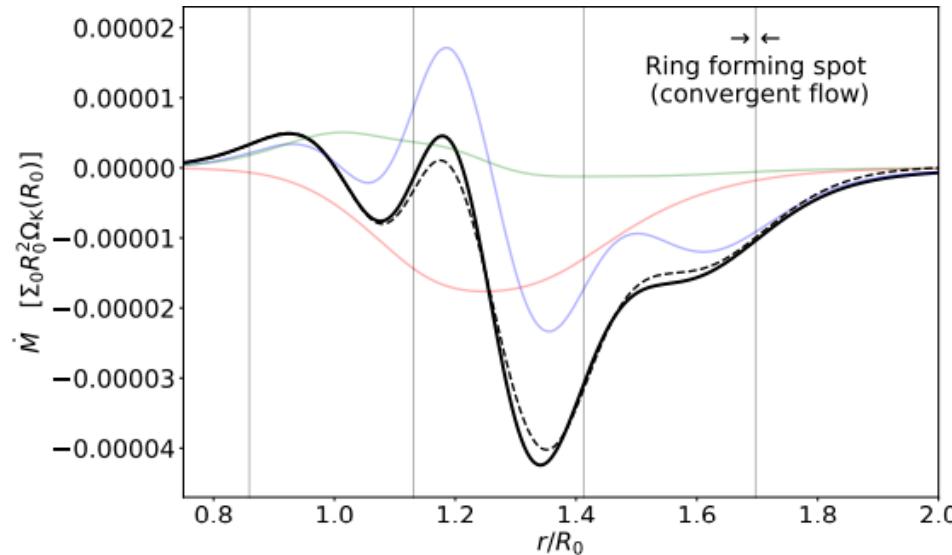
# Ring formation via EMI: hydro simulation

Time evolution of the azimuthally averaged density profile:

- Multiple rings are formed during the EMI exponential growth stage (top panel).
- The follow-up evolution relax the position and amplitude of the rings (middle and lower panel).

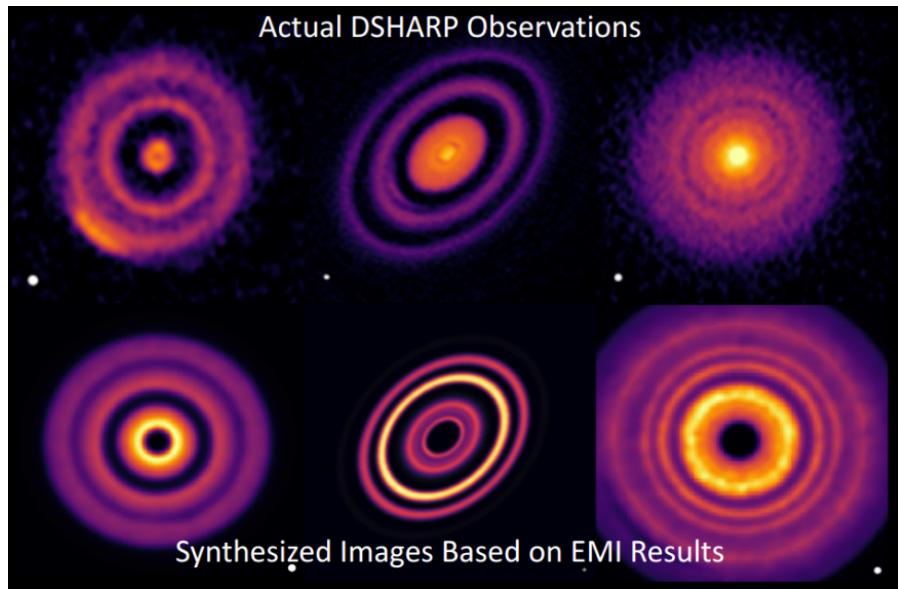


# Ring formation via EMI: linear theory prediction



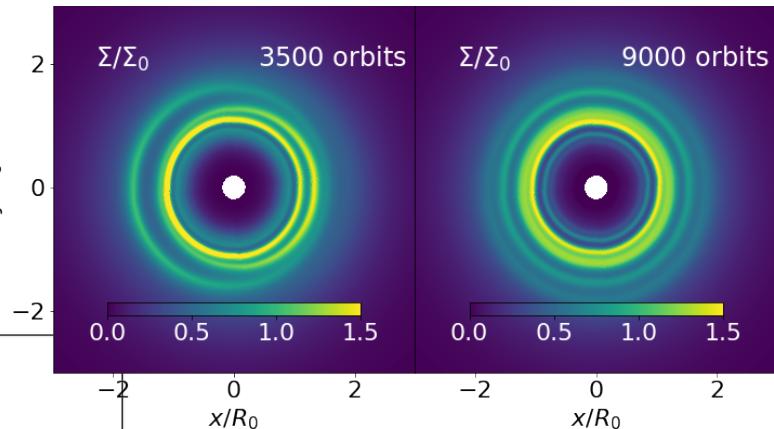
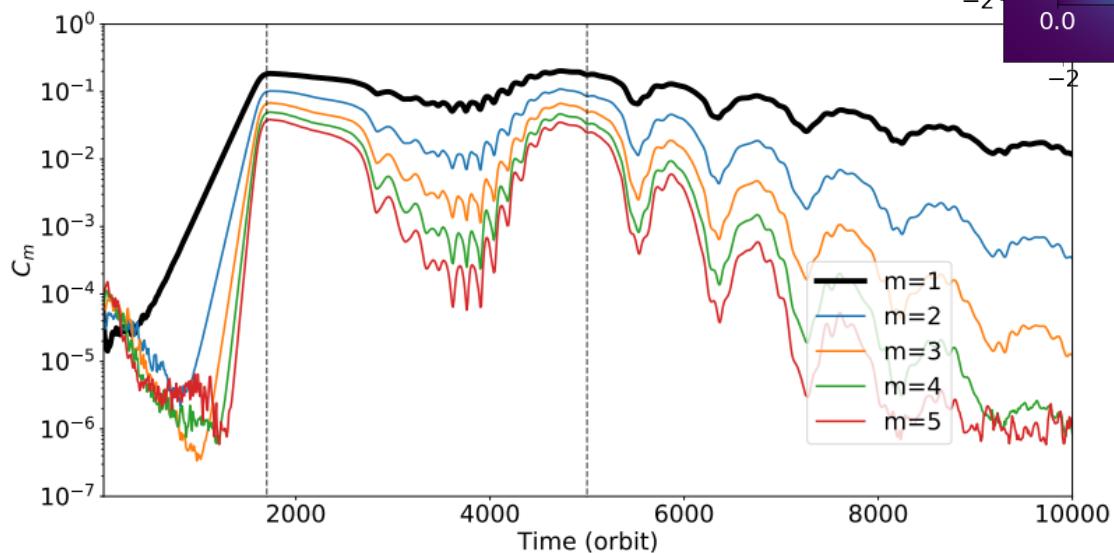
We can also use first order non-linear coupling to predict the location of the rings (black solid: theory, black dashed: simulation)

# EMI rings vs DSHARP rings *(JL+, in prep)*



- Start with a ringless density profile.
- Evolve the disks with hydro simulations
- **Add dust** at different stages and continue evolving with the hydro code.
- Run the **Monte-Carlo radiative transfer simulation RADMC-3D** to get **synthetic images**.

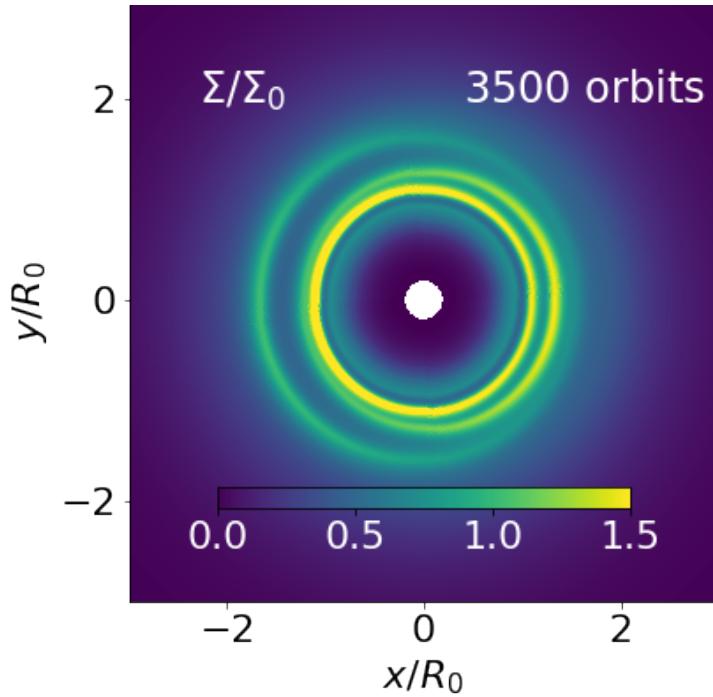
# Final disk morphology



- Long-term evolution steps:
1. EMI (s mode) saturates.
  2. Disk maintains its eccentricity in a long-lived e mode.
  3. If there is damping, rings because circular.

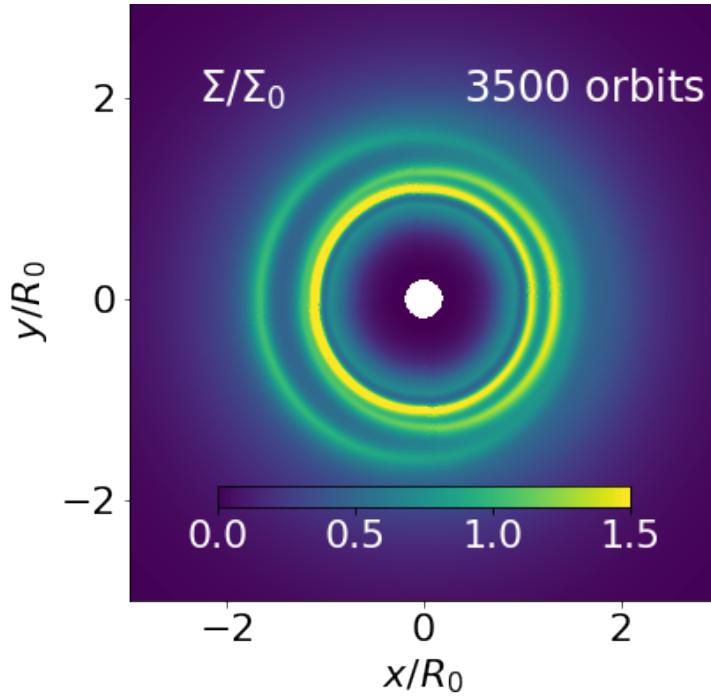
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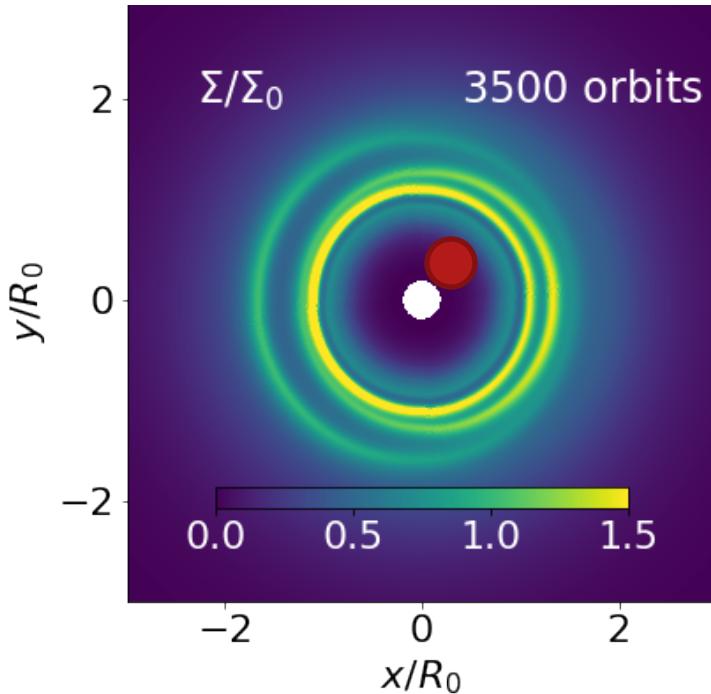
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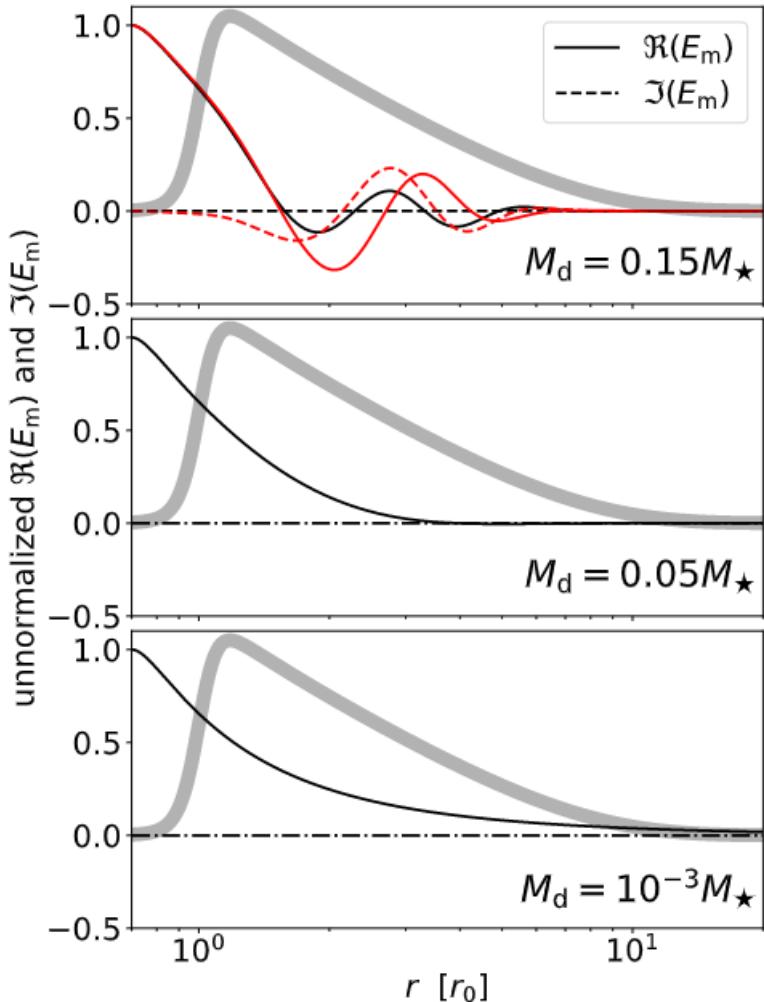
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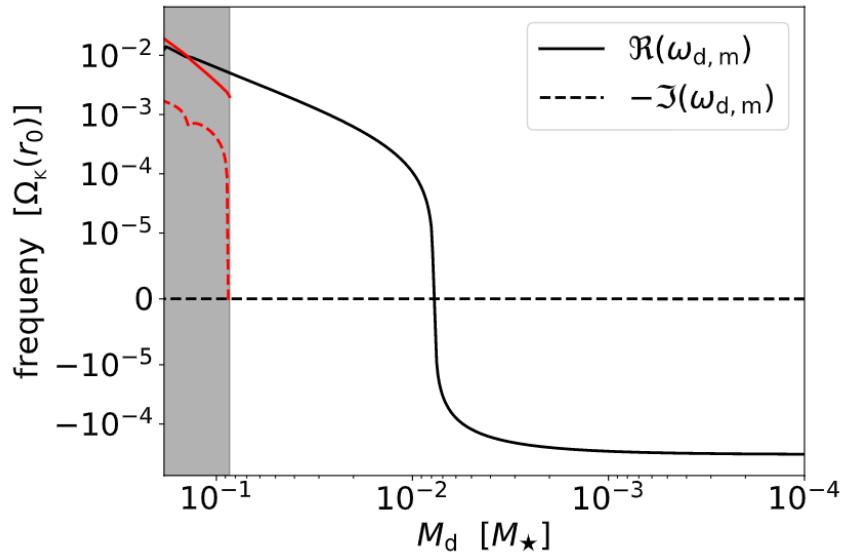
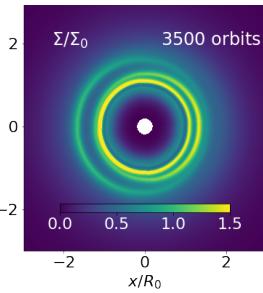
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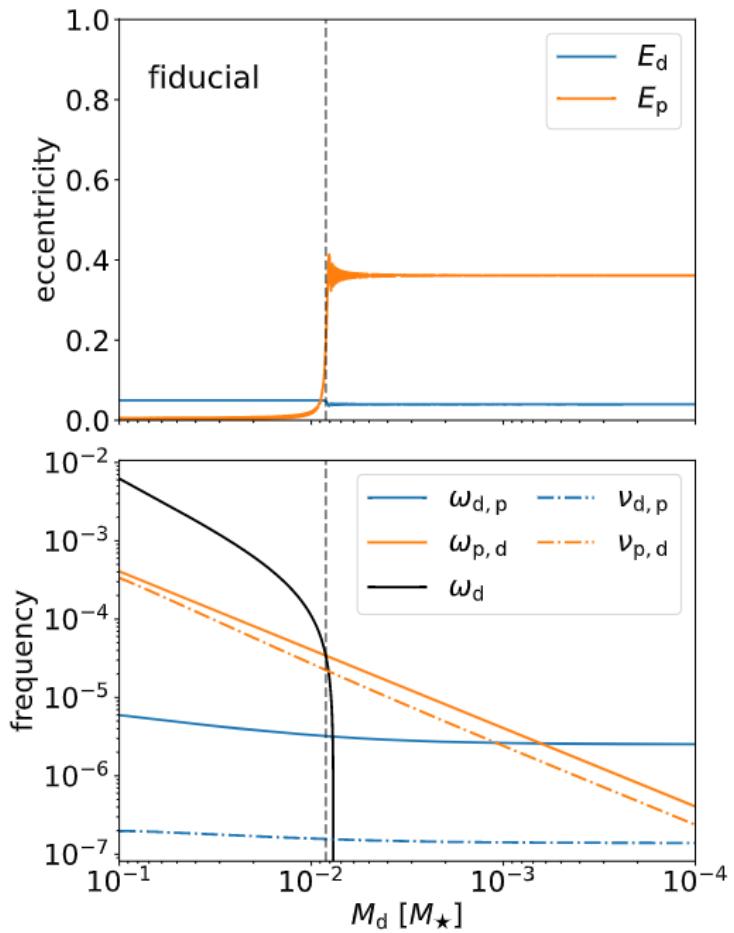
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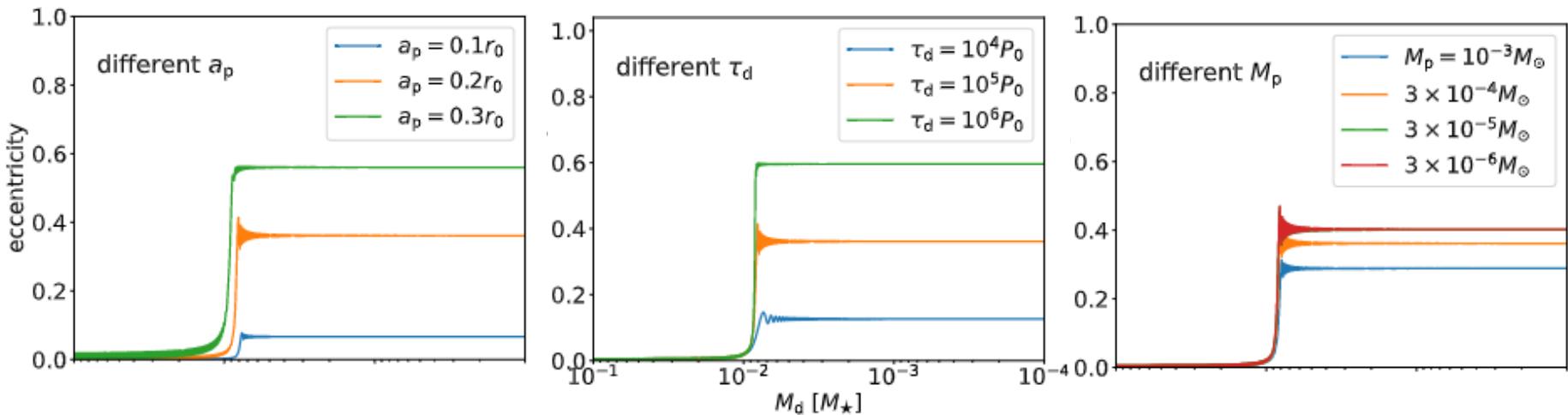
Result of the long-term time evolution in the fiducial system:

- Planet
  - $a_p = 0.2r_0, M_p = 3 \times 10^{-4} M_\odot$
- Disk
 
$$M_d(t) = \frac{M_{d,0}}{1 + t/\tau_d}, \tau_d = 10^5 P_0$$

$$M_{d,0} = 0.1 M_\star = 0.1 M_\odot$$



# Numerical examples: parameter study



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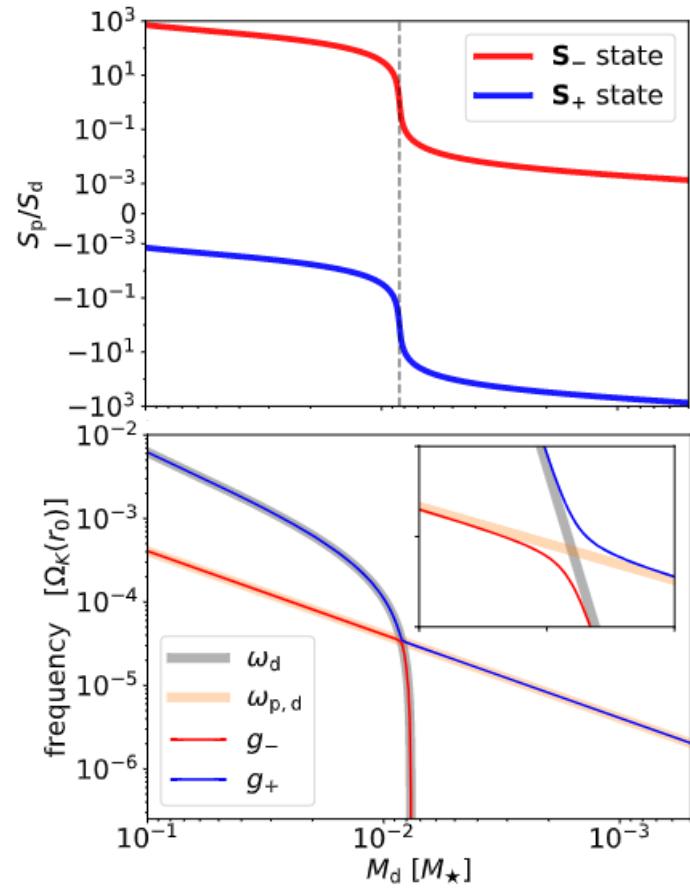
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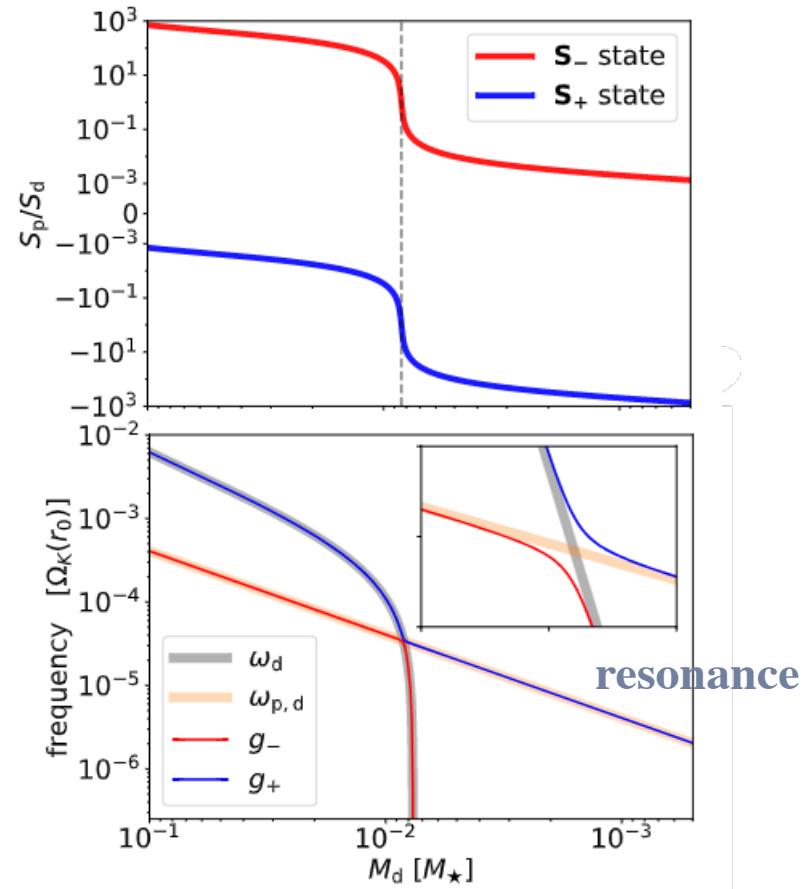
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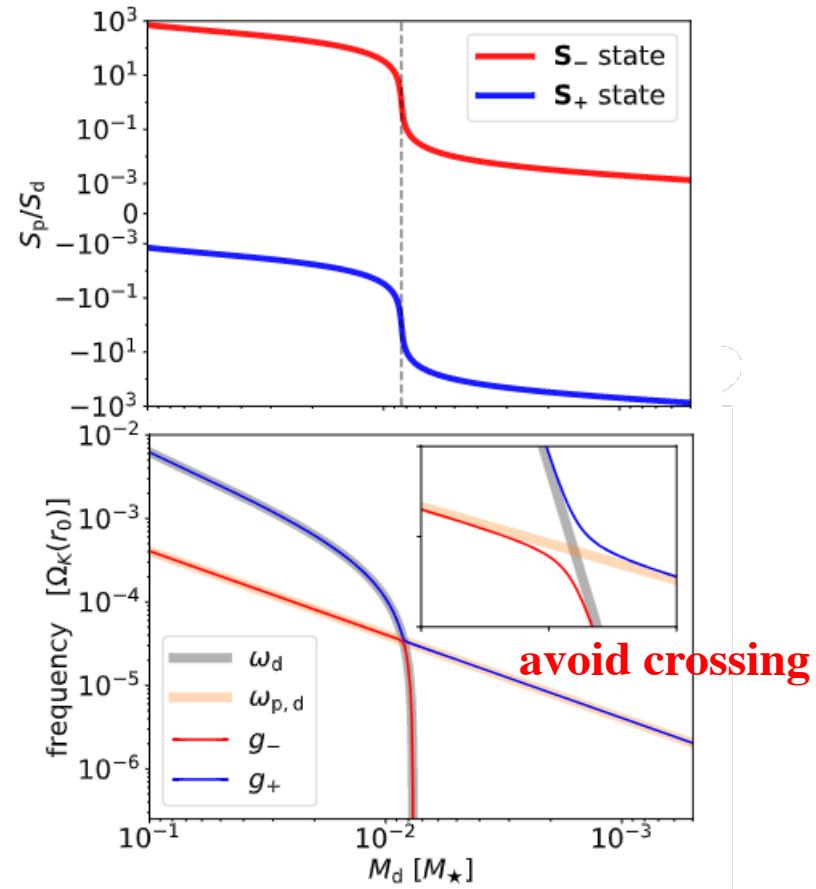
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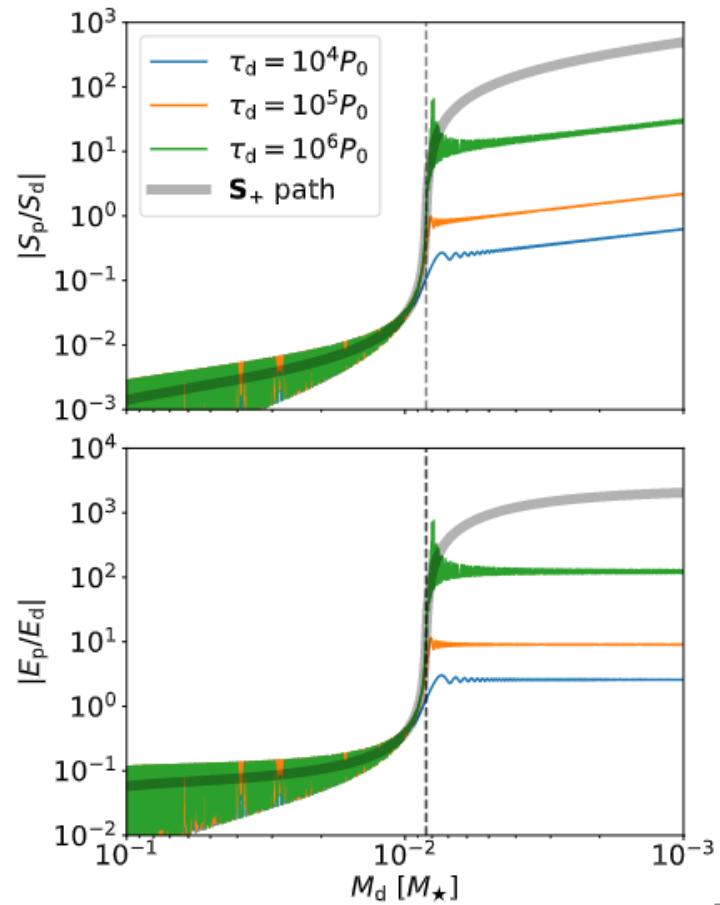
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} S_d \\ S_p \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} \omega + \Delta\omega + i \frac{1}{2\tau_J} & -\nu \\ -\nu & \omega - \Delta\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S_d \\ S_p \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can find their eigenstates.



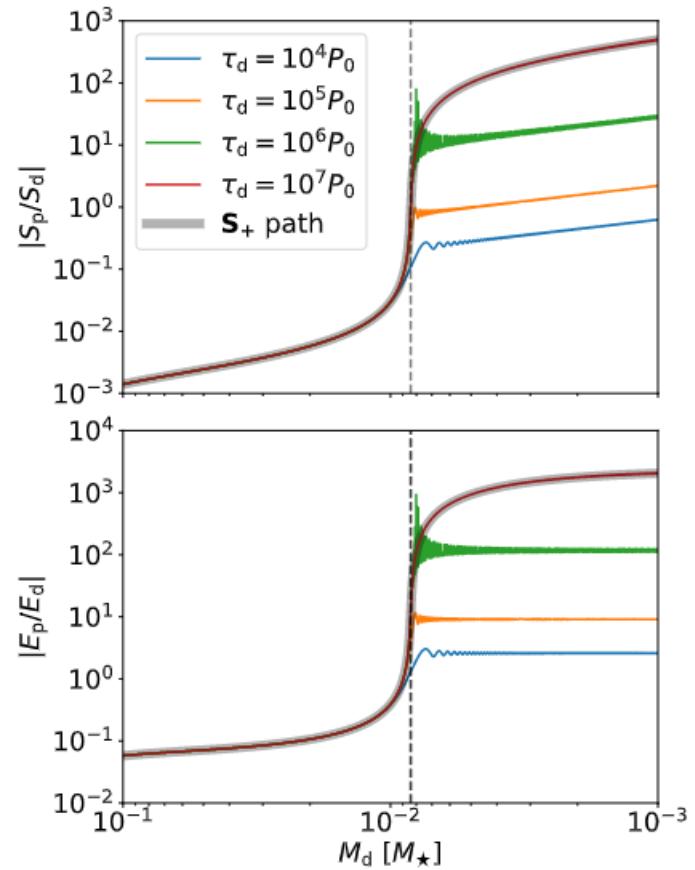
# Analysis

- The time integrations start nearly in the  $S_+$  state.
- If the disk loses mass with time slowly, the eigenstate also evolves slowly.
- By adiabatic theorem, the eccentricities of the planet and the disk evolves accordingly to remain in the eigenstate.
- The eigenstate path naturally guide the system to a high-planet-eccentricity configuration.



# Analysis

- We can also start exactly on the eigen-path and try larger disk dispersal timescale...



# Summary of the new mechanism

- EMI allows massive disks to rapidly becomes eccentric.
- The long-term outcome of EMI is a disk with either multiple rings or long-lived eccentricity.
- A disk gradually loses mass while preserving a long-lived, precessing eccentricity can excite the eccentricity of a planet (up to 0.6).
- The resonant excitation of planetary eccentricity by an eigenmode analysis.