# G2 and Sgr A\*: A cosmic fizzle at the Galactic Center

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#### Questions

- Why didn't we see anything spectacular from G2?
- What is G2?

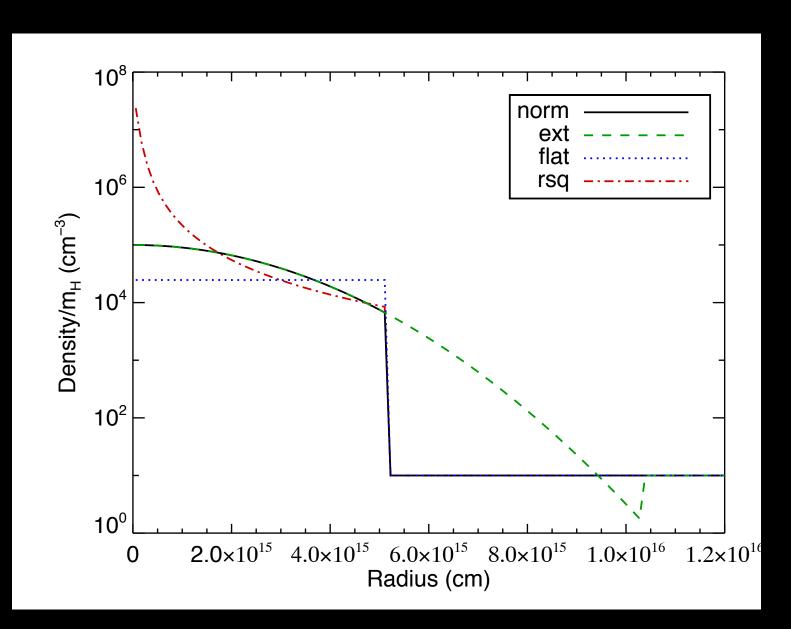
Simulate different cloud structures

• Morsony et al. submitted, arXiv:1508.00384

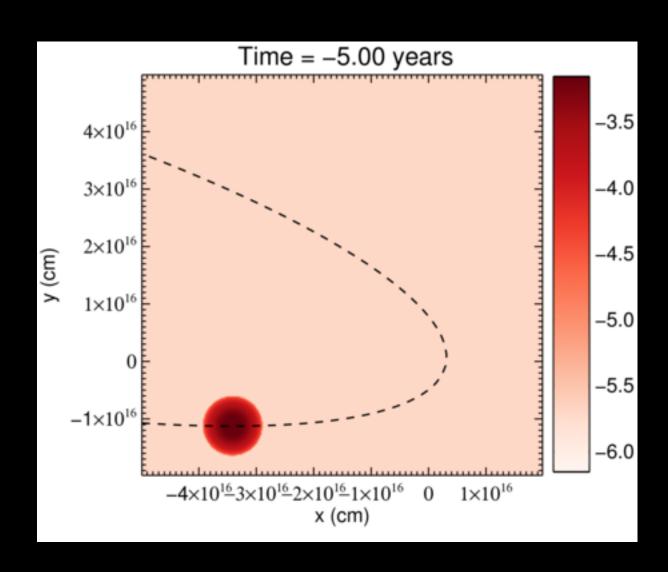
#### Simulations Setups

- Start with a cloud 5 years before periapsis
- Orbit from Gillessen et al. 2013
- Gravity from Sgr A\* only
- Background co-moving with cloud
- Include cooling
- Resolution of 1.2e14 cm ~ 1 mas ~ 8 AU
- Accretion radius of 1 pixel

#### 4 Cloud Profiles



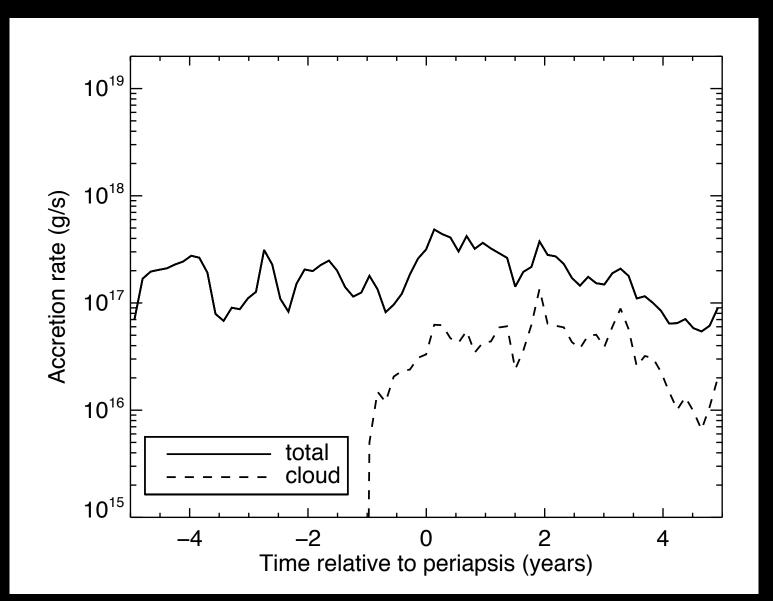
## Norm Density



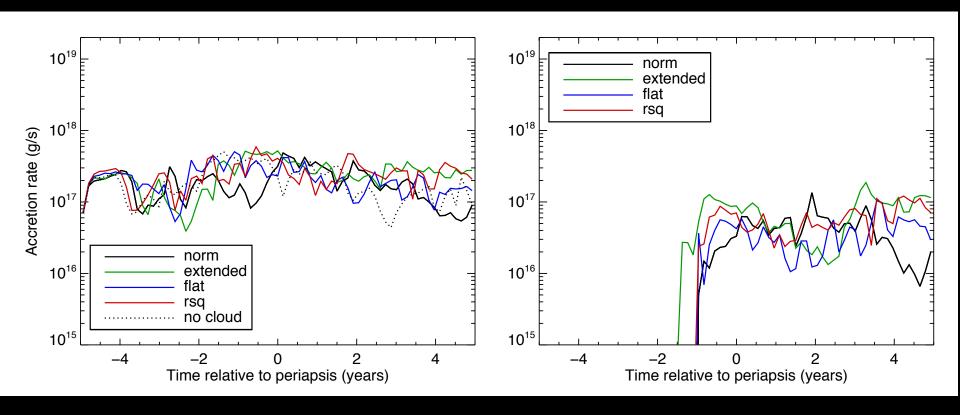
# Why didn't we see anything spectacular?

Accretion rates

# Sgr A\* accretion rate - Norm



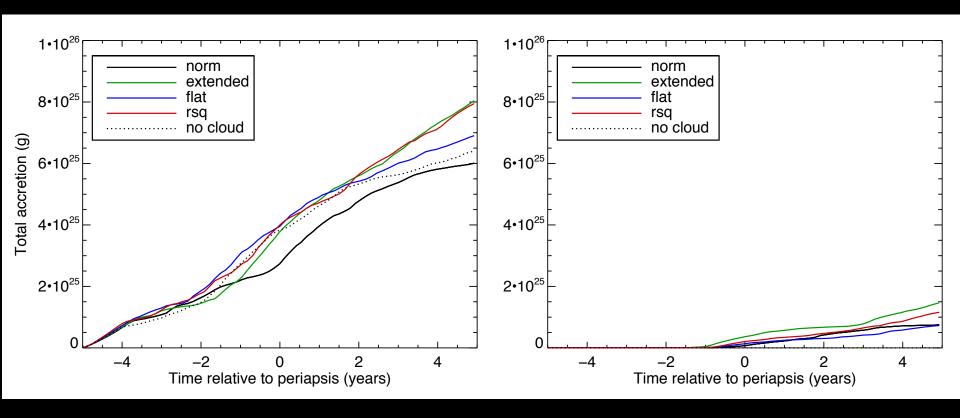
## Sgr A\* accretion rate



Total

Cloud only

## Sgr A\* cumulative accretion



Total

Cloud only

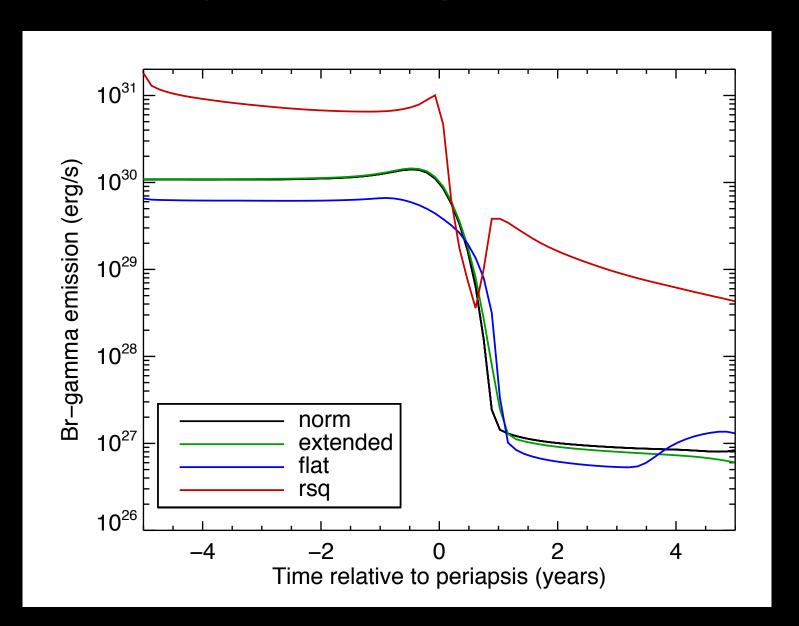
# Why didn't we see anything spectacular?

- Not much change in accretion rate
- True for different background density/ velocity, accretion radius, cooling
- Cloud accounts for ~ 20% of material accreted after periapsis
- More extended cloud leads to more accretion, but still a small change overall

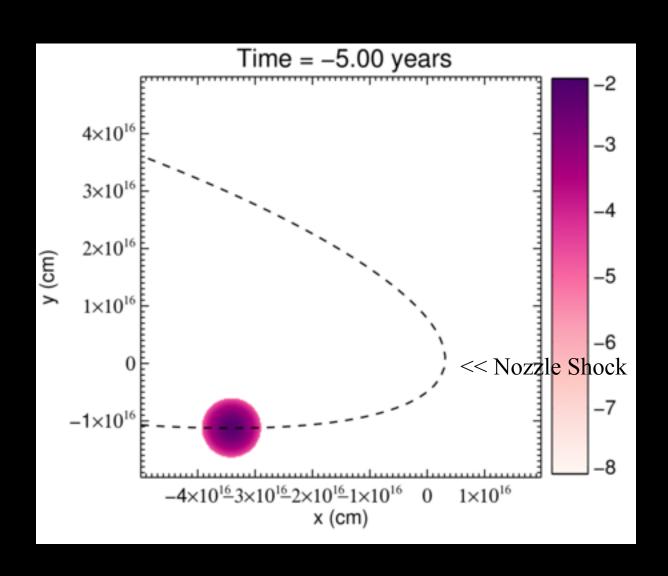
#### What is G2?

• Model emission from our simulations

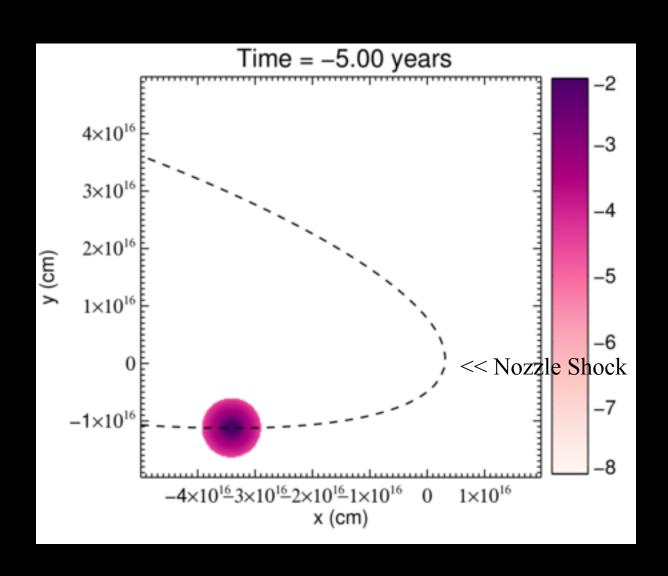
### Cloud Br-Gamma



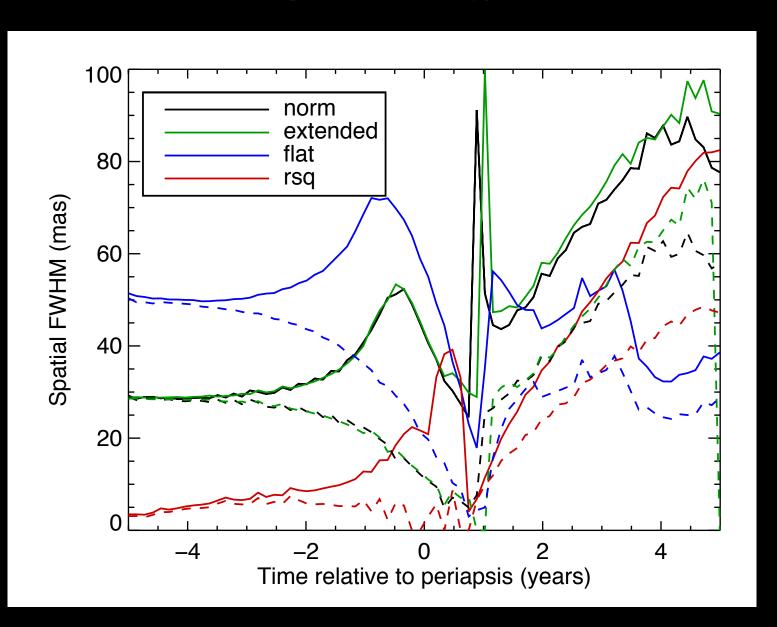
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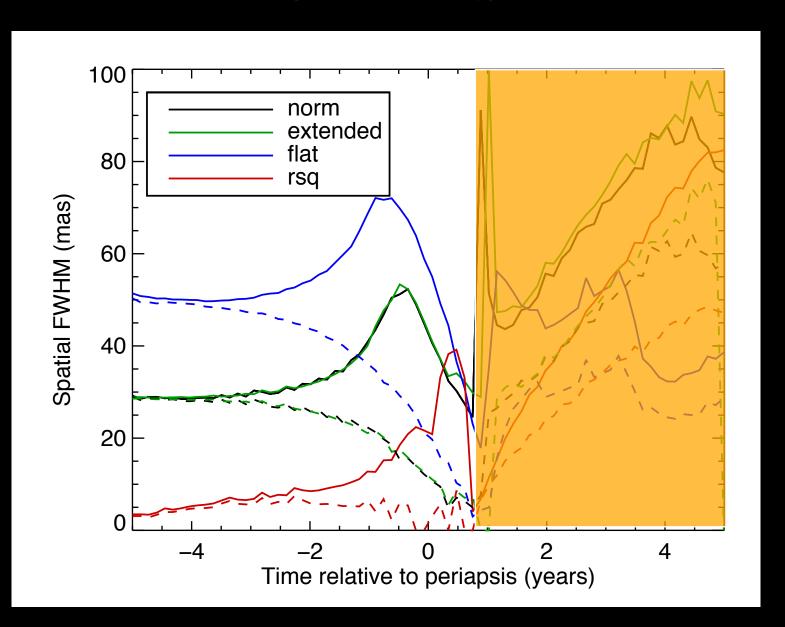
#### R2 Br-Gamma



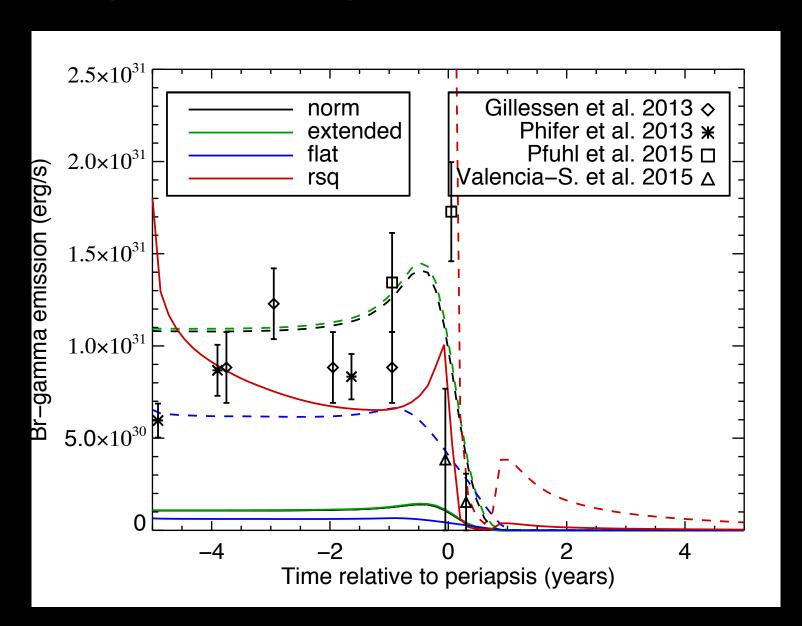
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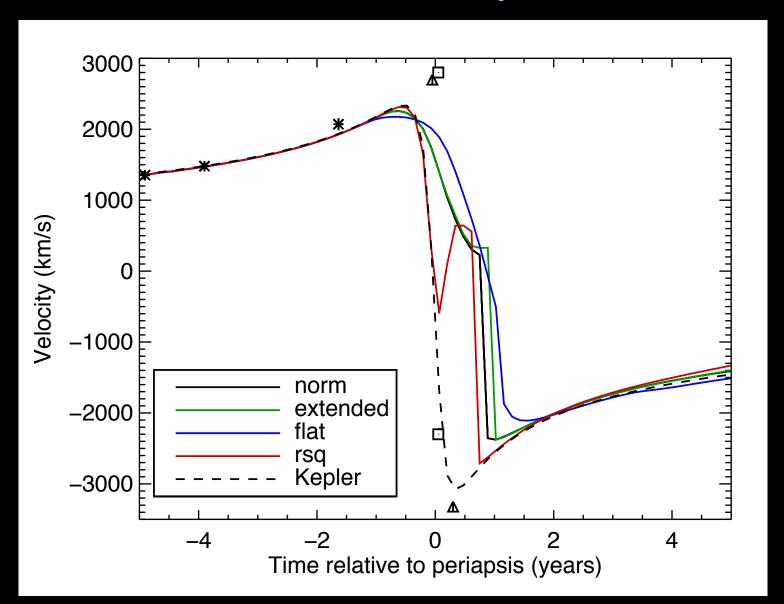
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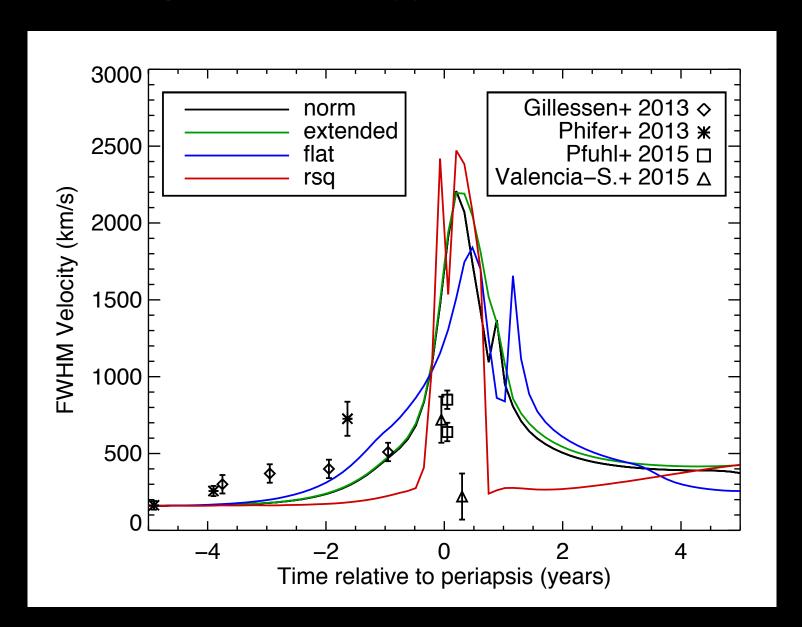
#### Cloud Br-Gamma vs. Data



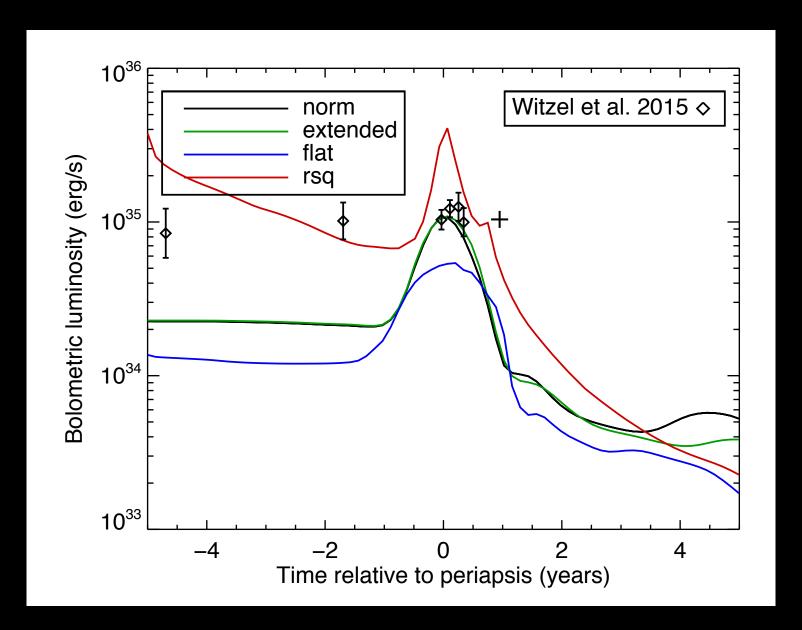
### Br-Gamma Velocity vs. Data



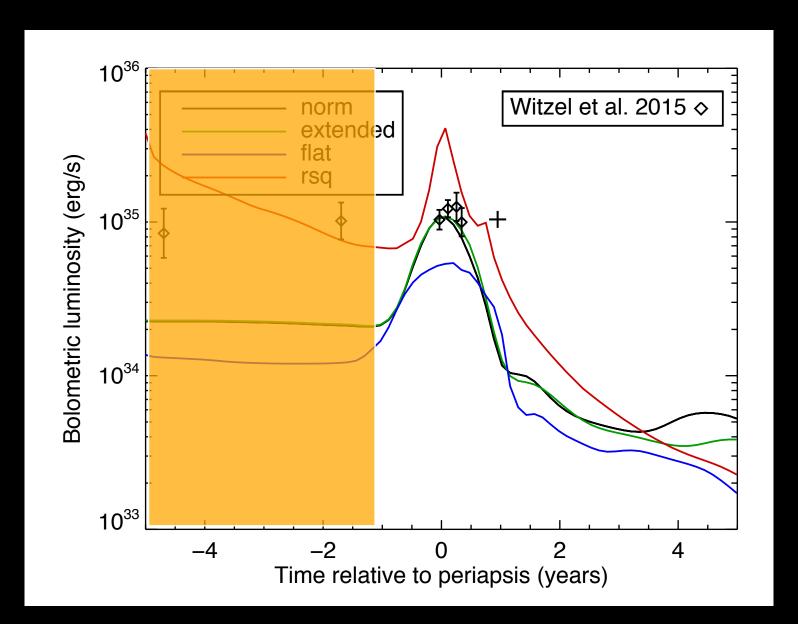
#### Br-Gamma FWHM vs. Data



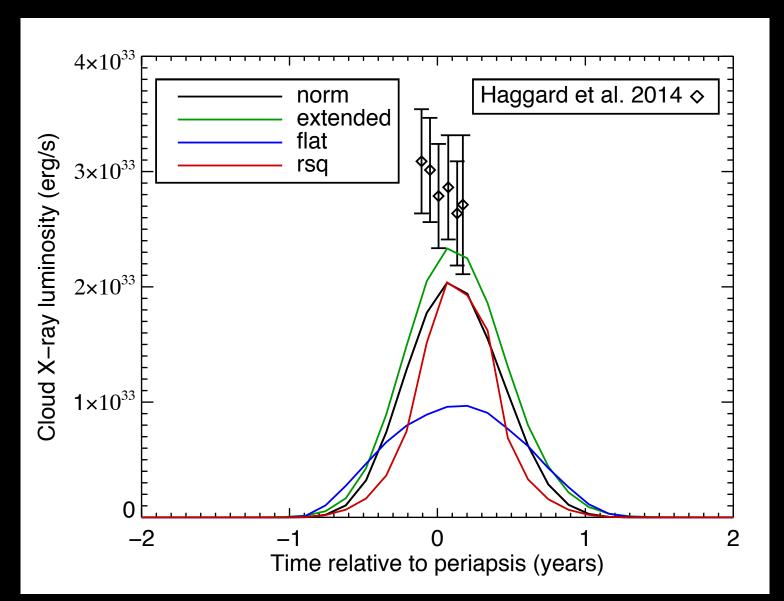
#### Cloud Bolometric vs. Data



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## Cloud X-ray vs. Data



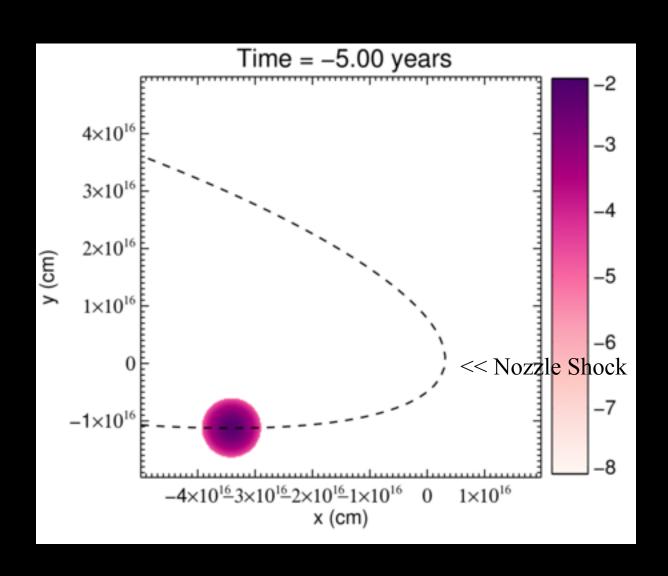
#### What is G2?

- Can't explain all observations with one simple model
- Need extended gas for Br-gamma FWHM increase, spatial extent
- Need compact source for narrow postperiapsis emission, constant L' band luminosity
- Can be dense core, DSO, star

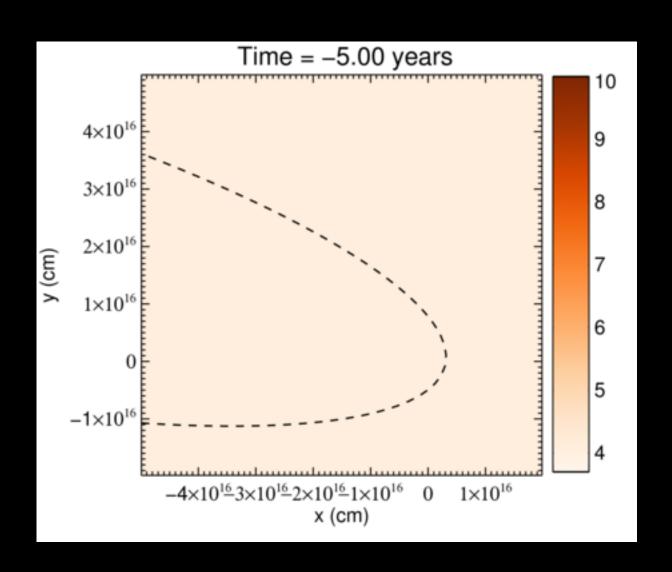
#### Conclusions

- Why didn't we see anything spectacular?
  - Cloud is not massive enough, doesn't get close enough to significantly change accretion
- What is G2?
  - Seems to need an extended gas component and a compact component

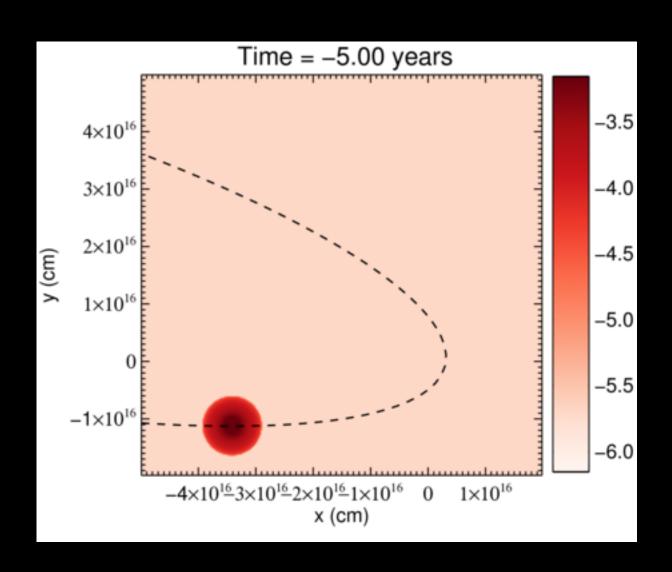
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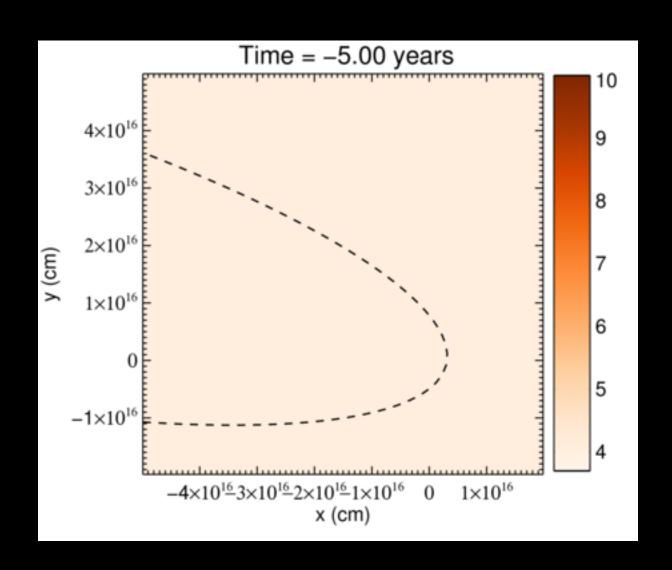
# Norm Temperature



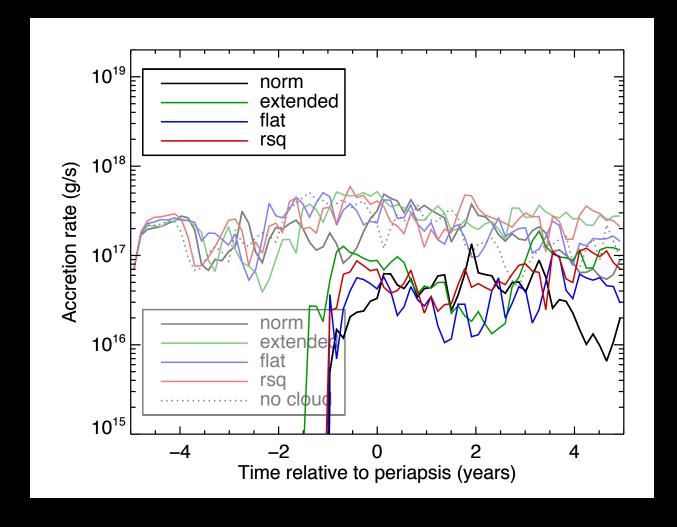
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