

Accretion disc dynamos

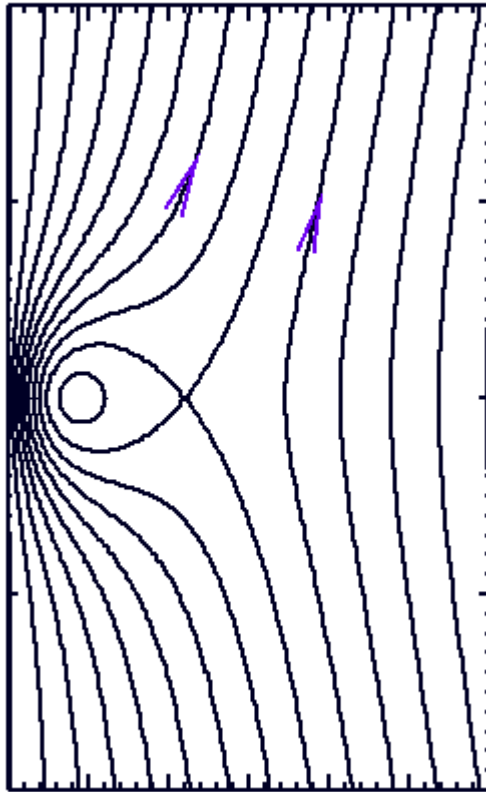


- (i) Relative field orientation
- (ii) Ambient field vs dynamo
- (iii) Spin-up vs spin-down

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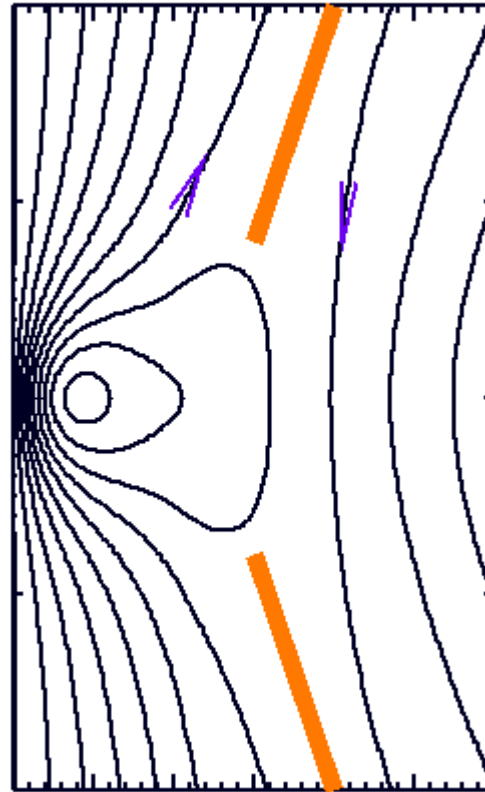
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(i) Which way around does it go?



Stellar field aligned with ambient field
→ formation of X-point

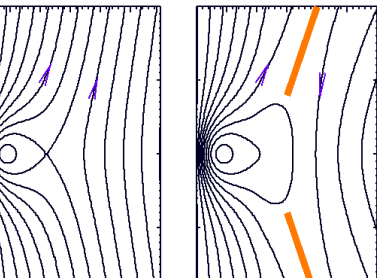
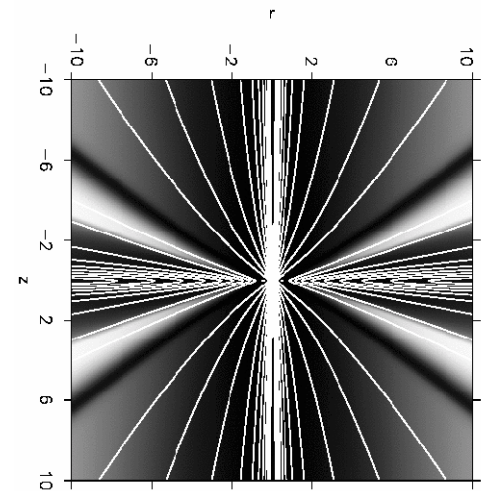
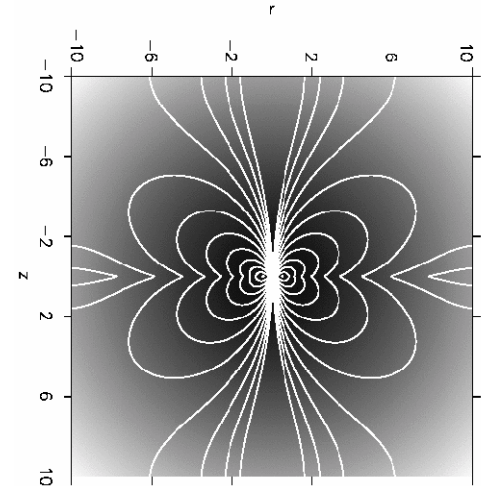
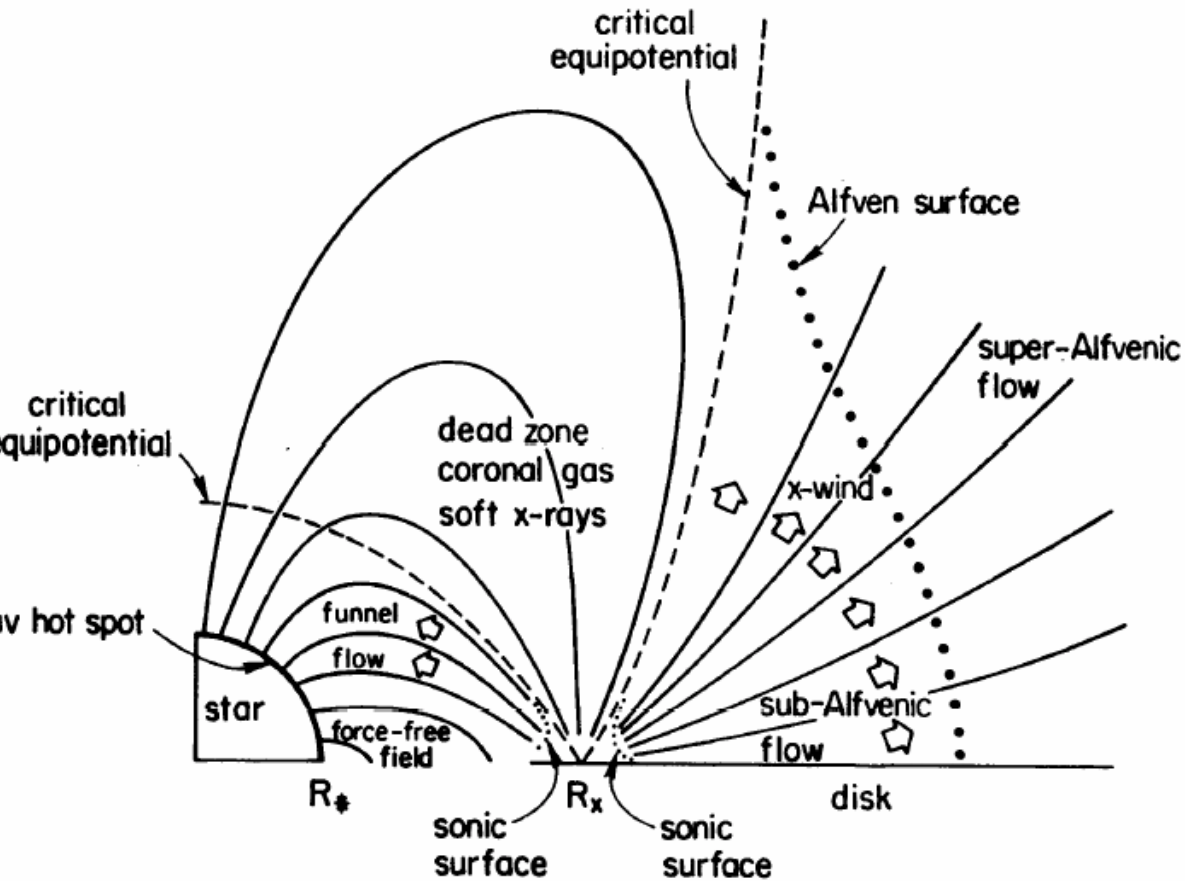
If external field is dragged in.
or if stellar field shows reversals



Stellar field anti-aligned
→ current sheet

If field is due to dynamo

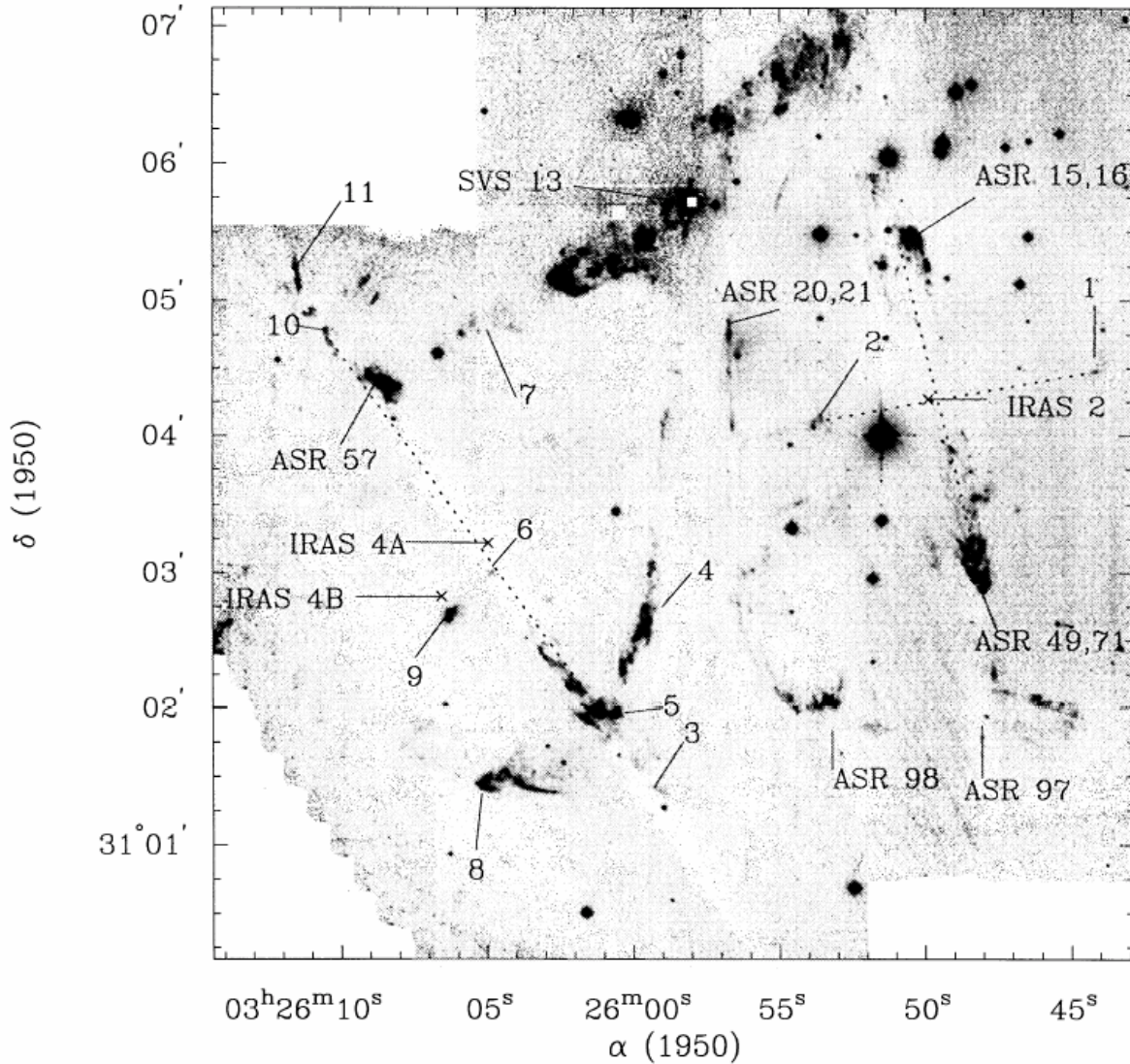
Wind and accretion



X-wind
(Shu et al. 1994)

Simulation
(Fendt & Elstner 2000)

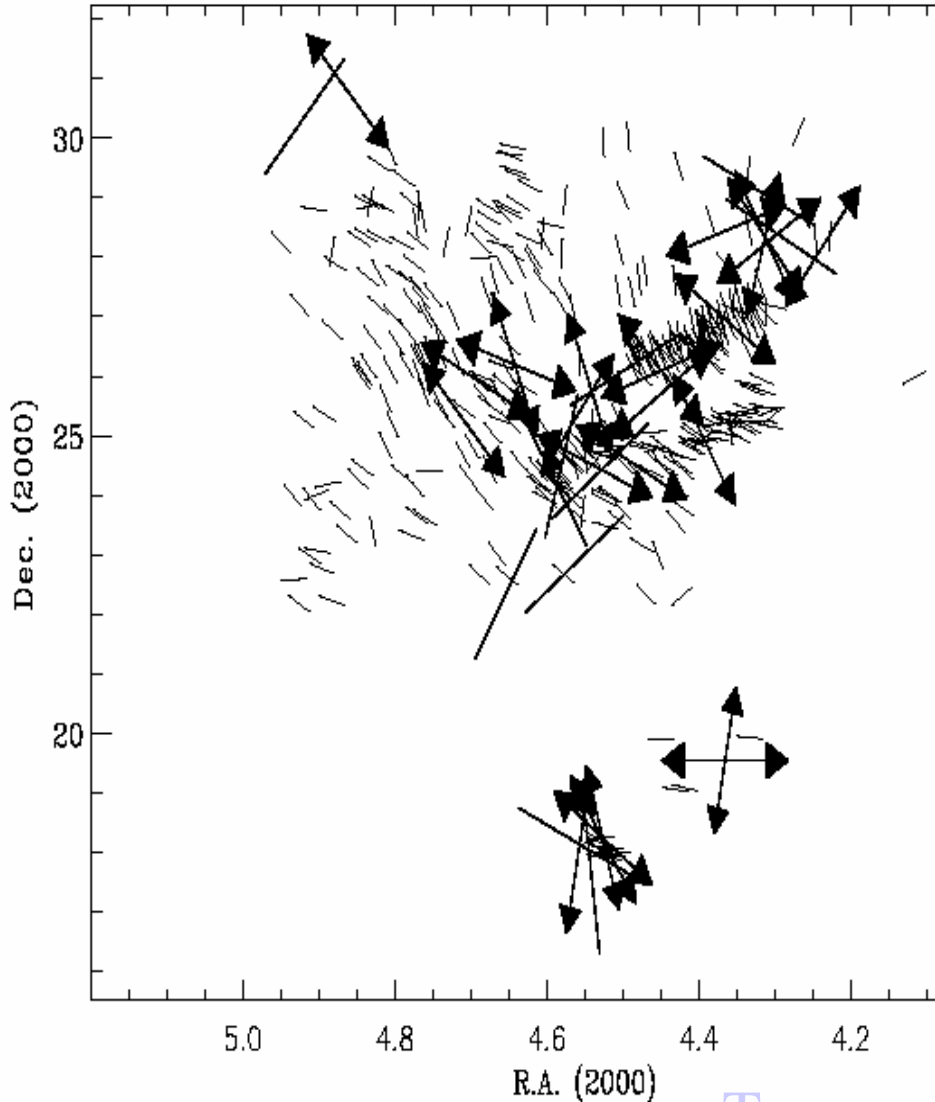
(ii) Ambient vs dynamo: different jet directions



Hodapp & Ladd (1995)

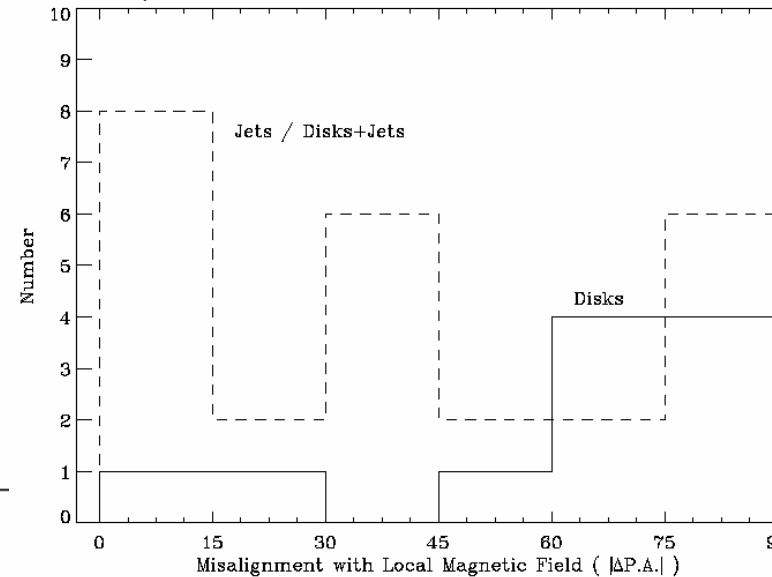
Correlation with ambient field

Menard & Duchene (2004)

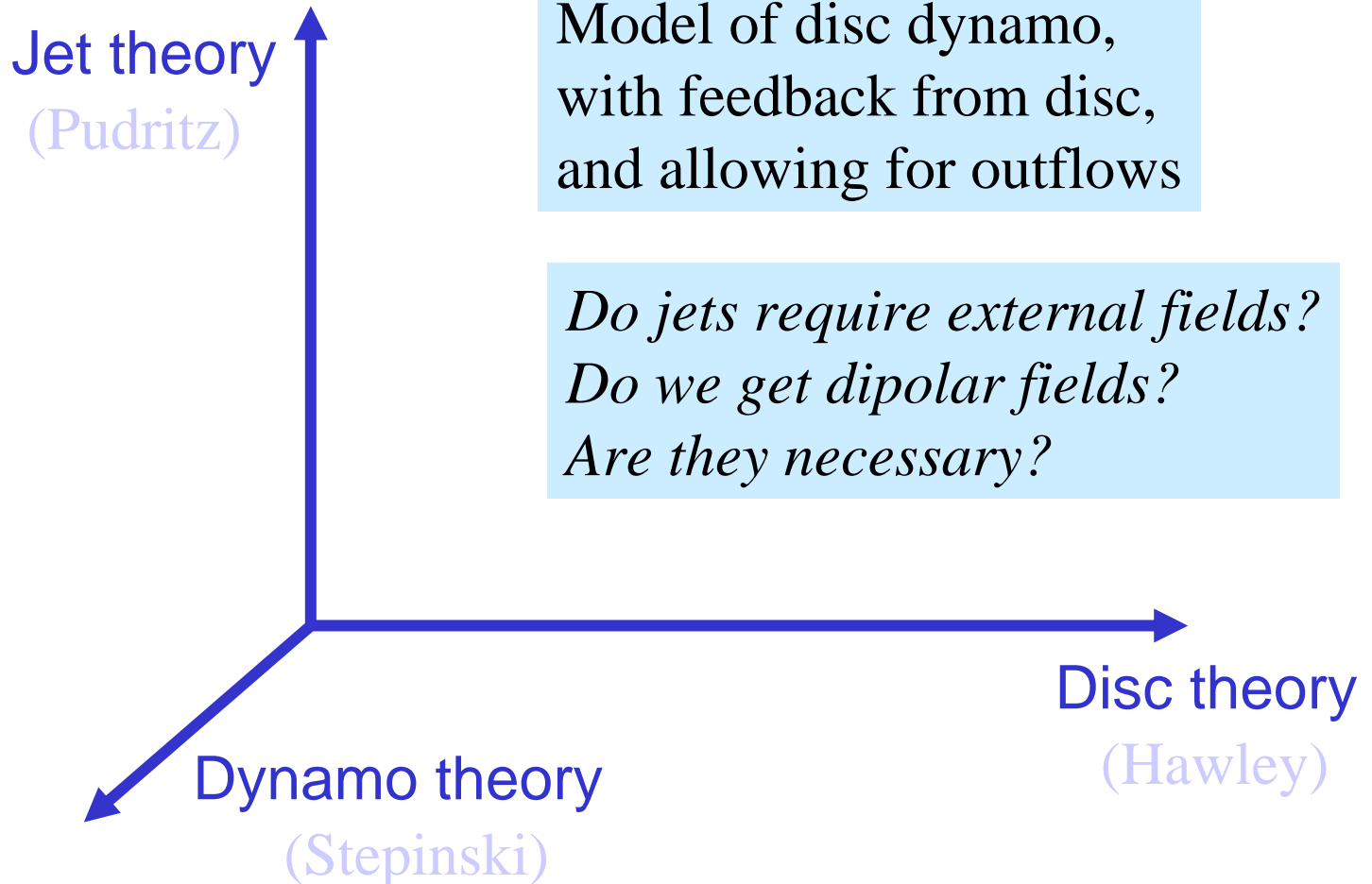


Taurus-Auriga

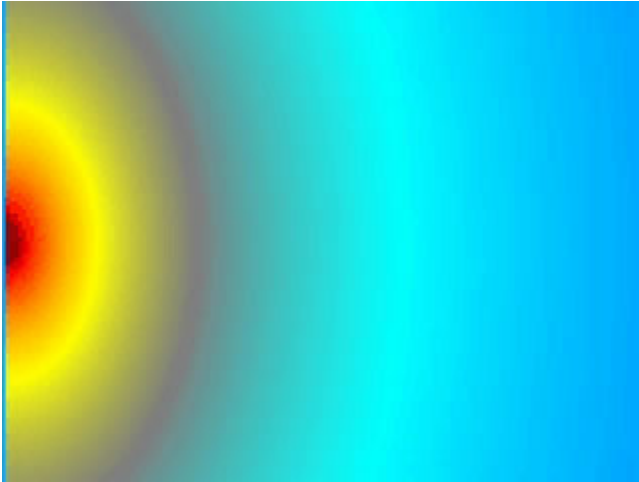
→ All objects have outflows
→ Jets more pronounced when aligned



Bridging the gaps: jet-disc-dynamo



Our inspiration



Ouyed & Pudritz (1997)

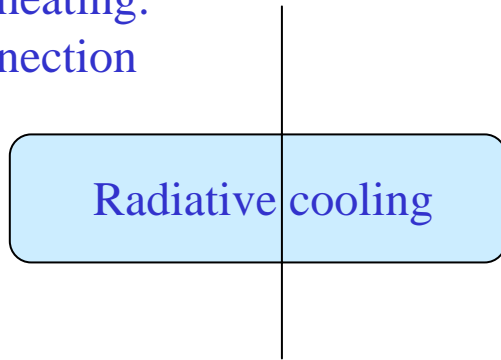
- Disc modeled as b.c.
- Adiabatic EOS
 - Virial temperature

$$c_p T = \frac{GM}{r}$$

- Need a cool disc
- Kepler rot. only for $T \approx 0$

Modeling a cool disc

Coronal heating:
by reconnection



Vertical cross-section
through the disc

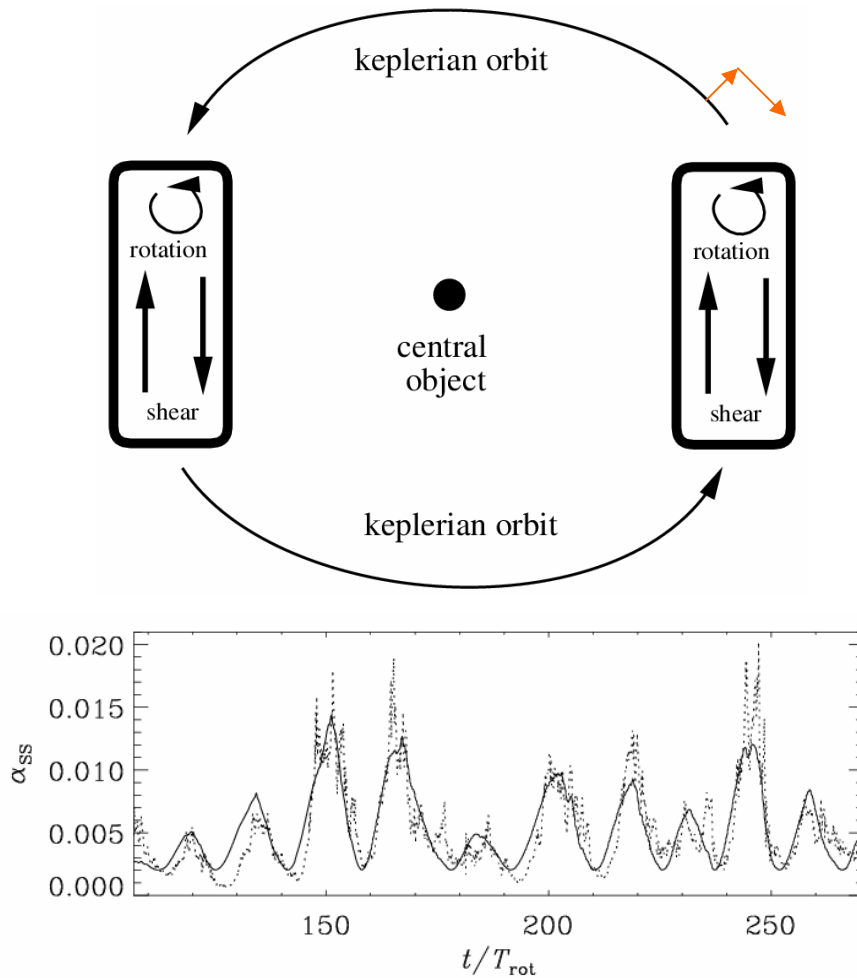
- vertical pressure eq.
- low $T \rightarrow$ high density
- Entropy lower in disc
 - bi-polytropic model

$$0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(h + \Phi) + T \frac{\partial s}{\partial z}$$

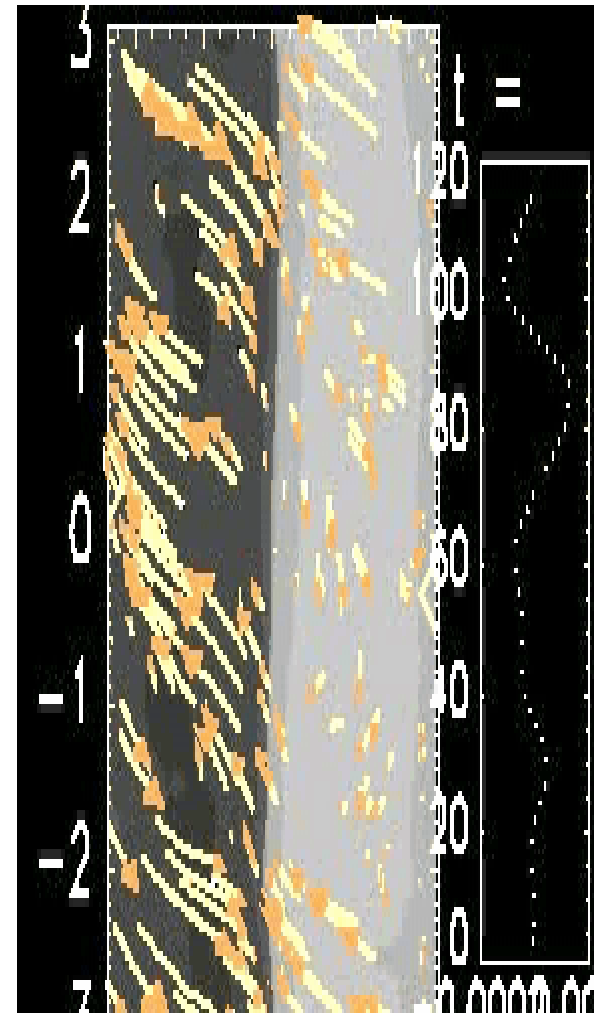
$$-\frac{u_\phi^2}{\varpi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \varpi}(h + \Phi) + T \frac{\partial s}{\partial \varpi}$$

Dynamo input: shearing sheet simulations

oscillatory mean fields

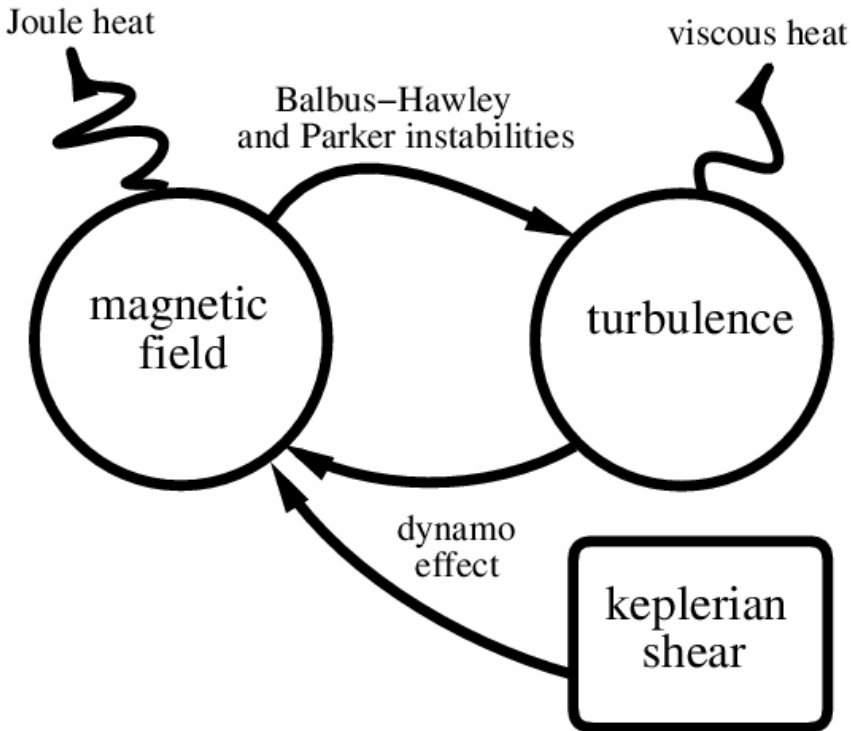


Dynamo cycle period: 30 orbits
(=turbulent diffusion time)

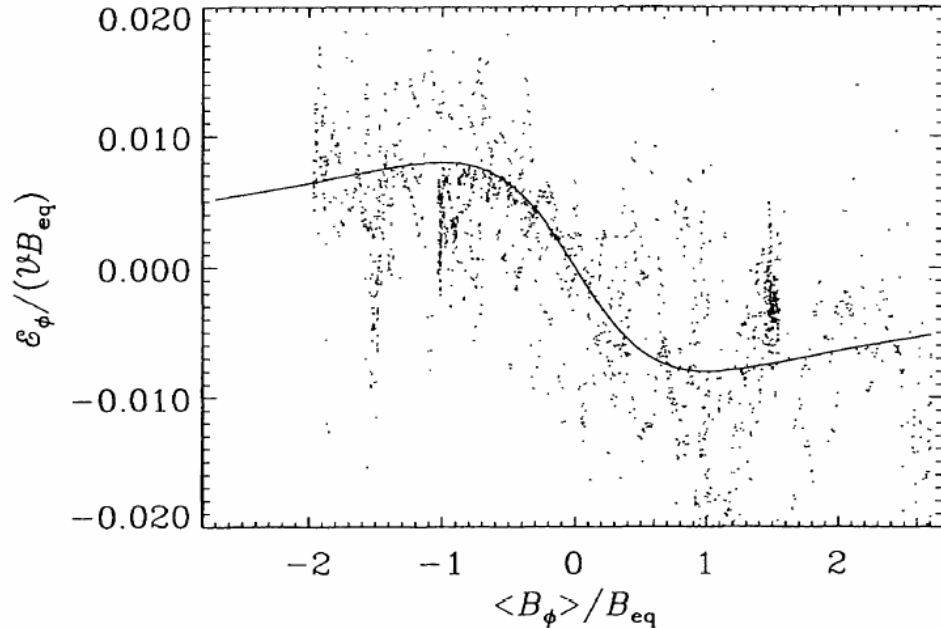


B-vectors in midplane: reversals

New dynamo aspects



Magnetic field as catalyst

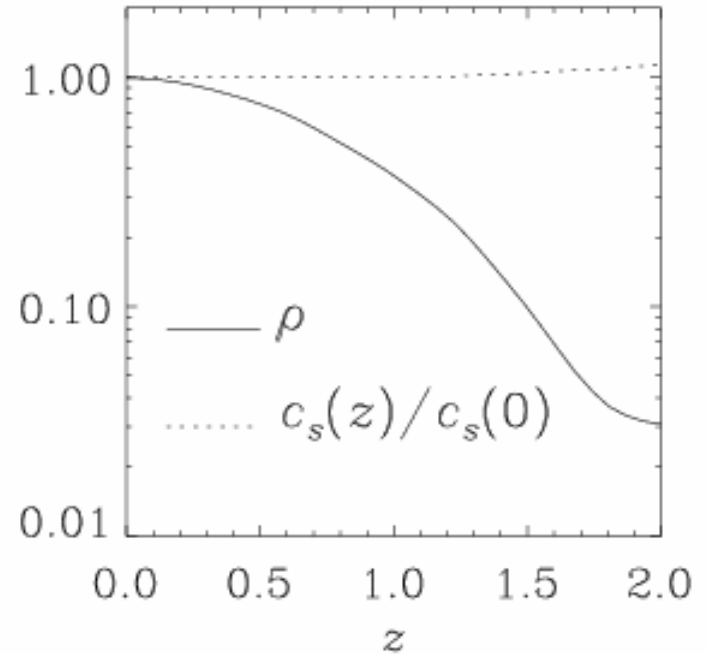
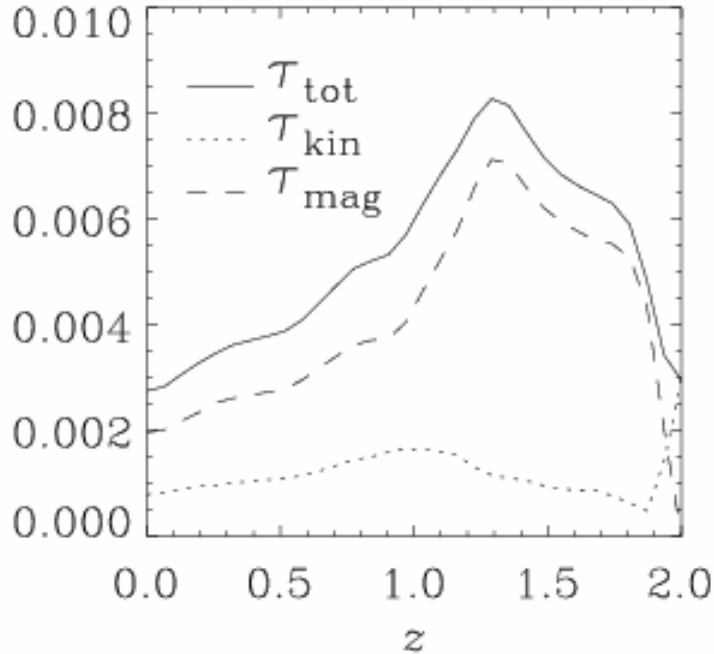


Negative alpha effect

Dynamo input (summary)

- Local disc simulations: cyclic fields
 - Quadrupolar for vacuum condition
 - Steady dipolar field for perfect conductor b.c.
- Dynamo alpha negative
 - Local mean-field models: similar results
- Global mean field models: always dipolar
 - Bardou et al. (2001), Campbell (2001)

Vertical stratification



Brandenburg et al. (1996)

z -dependence of $\mathbf{v}_{\text{turb}} = \alpha c_s H = \alpha(z) c_s H$

$$\rho \mathbf{v}_{\text{turb}} = \rho \alpha c_s H = \alpha c_s \Sigma \approx \text{const}$$

Heating near disc boundary

$$c_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \dots + \nu (\nabla \mathbf{u})^2 + \frac{\mathbf{J}^2}{\rho \sigma}$$

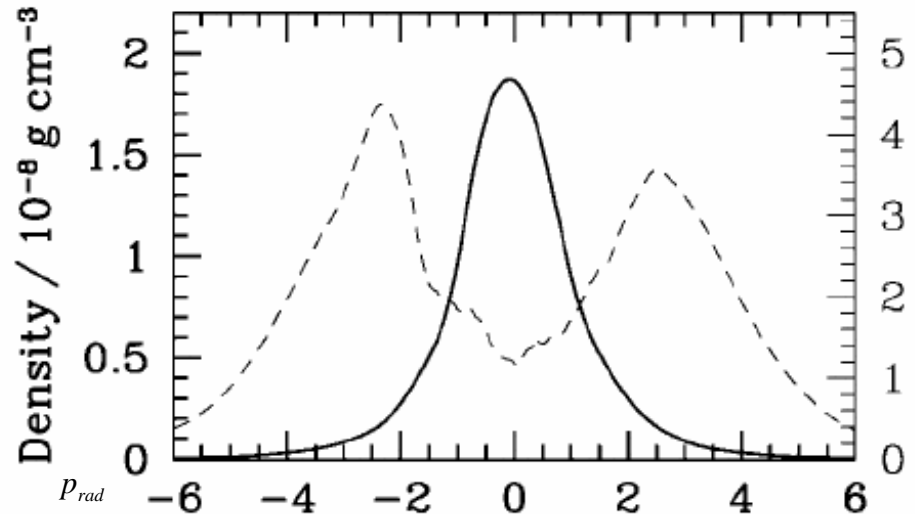
weak z-dependence of energy density

$$\rho \mathbf{u}^2 \approx \mathbf{B}^2 / \mu_0$$

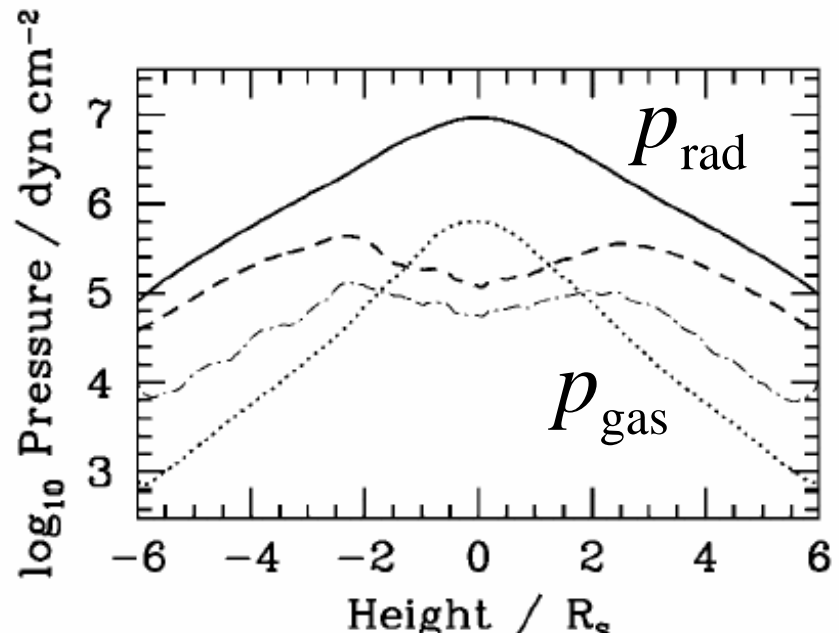
where

$$\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B} / \mu_0$$

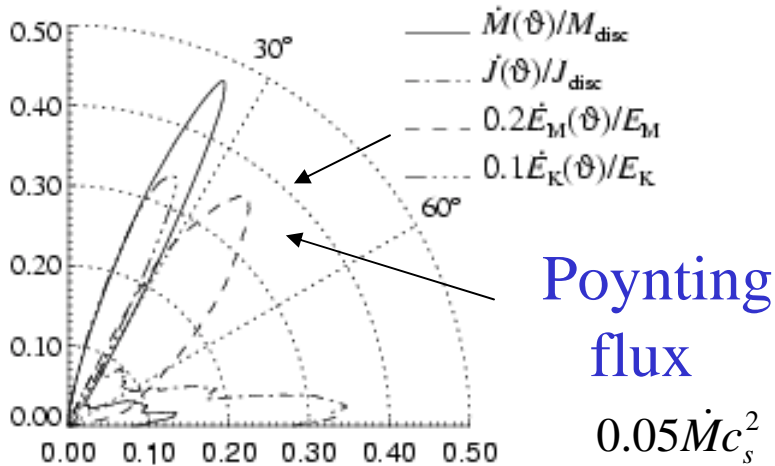
Turner (2004)



$B^2 / 8\pi / 10^5 \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$



Alternative: Magnetisation from YSOs?

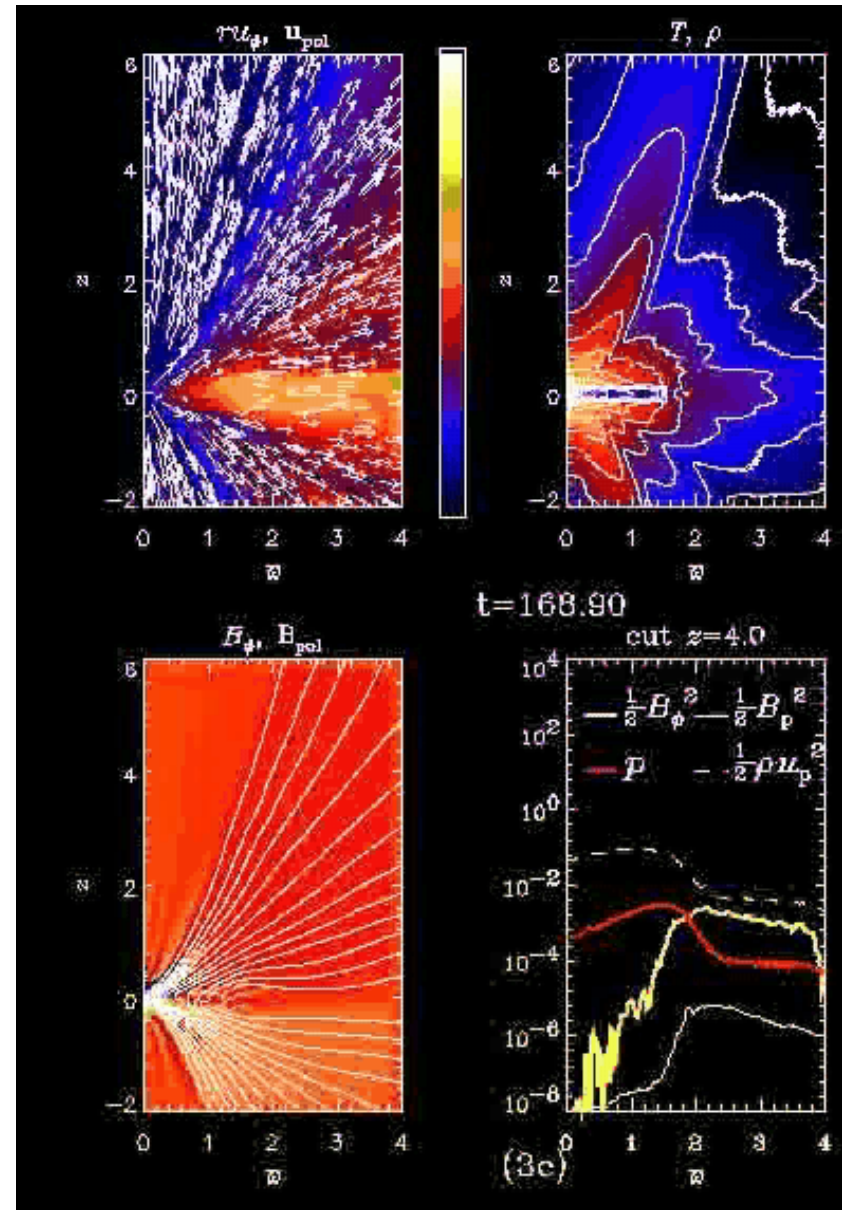


$$B_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{8\pi \frac{F_{\text{poynt}}}{F_{\text{kin}}} \frac{N \dot{M}_w c_s^2}{V} \Delta t} \approx 1 \mu\text{G}$$

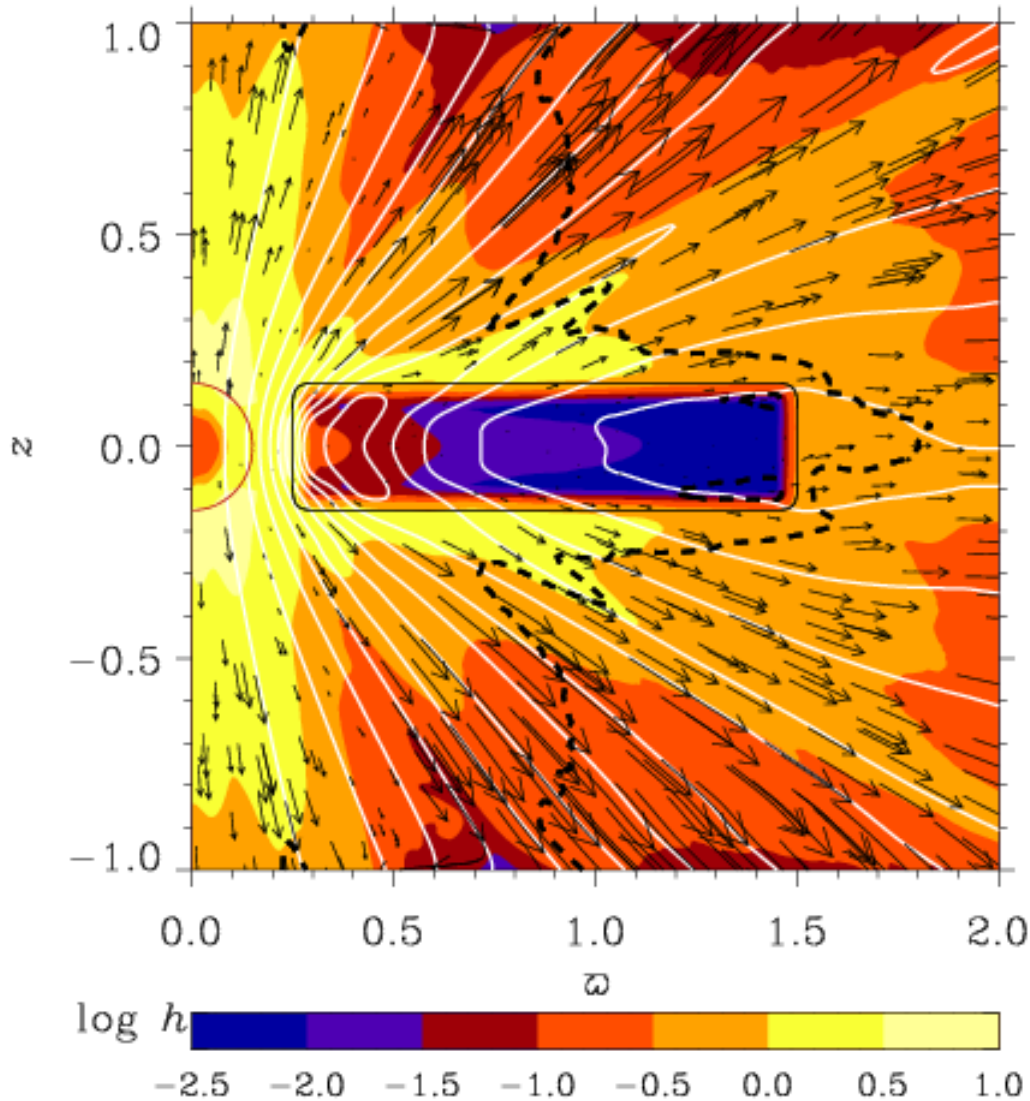
10^{11} YSOs for 1 Gyr, 10^{44} erg/s each

Similar figure also for outflows from protostellar disc

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Structured outflow

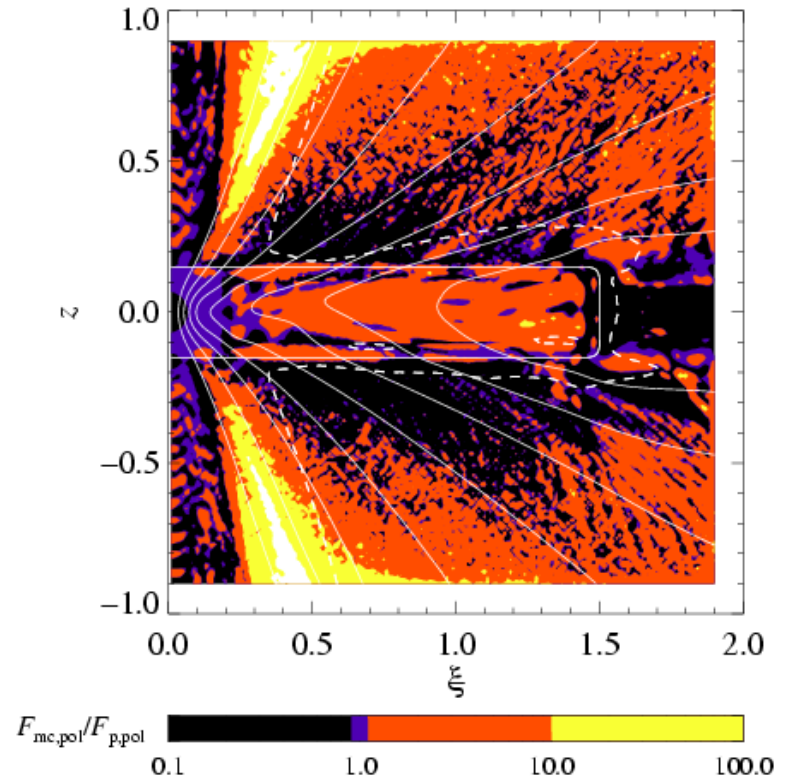
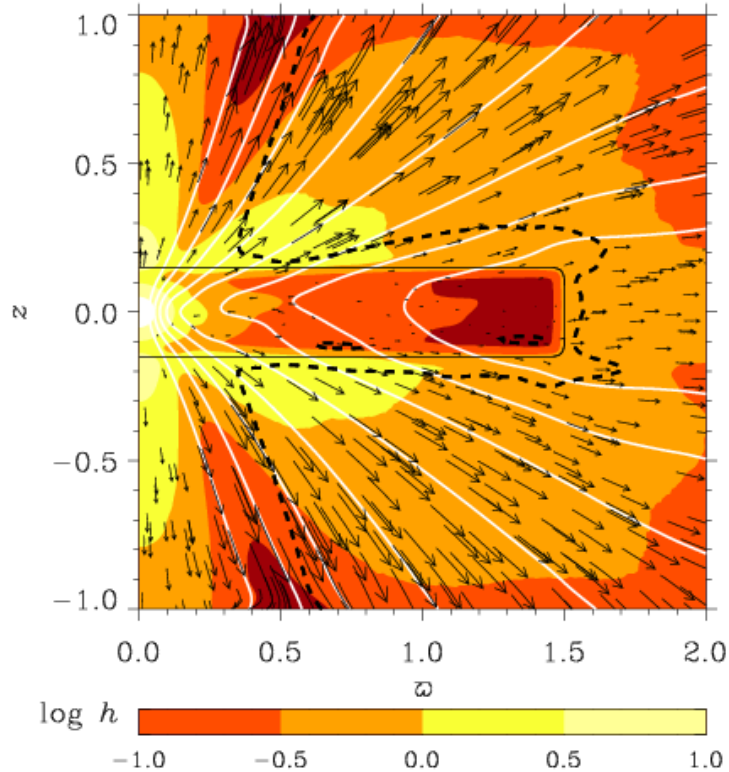


Disc temperature
relative to halo is
free parameter:
Here about 3000K

Cooler disc:
more vigorous
evolution

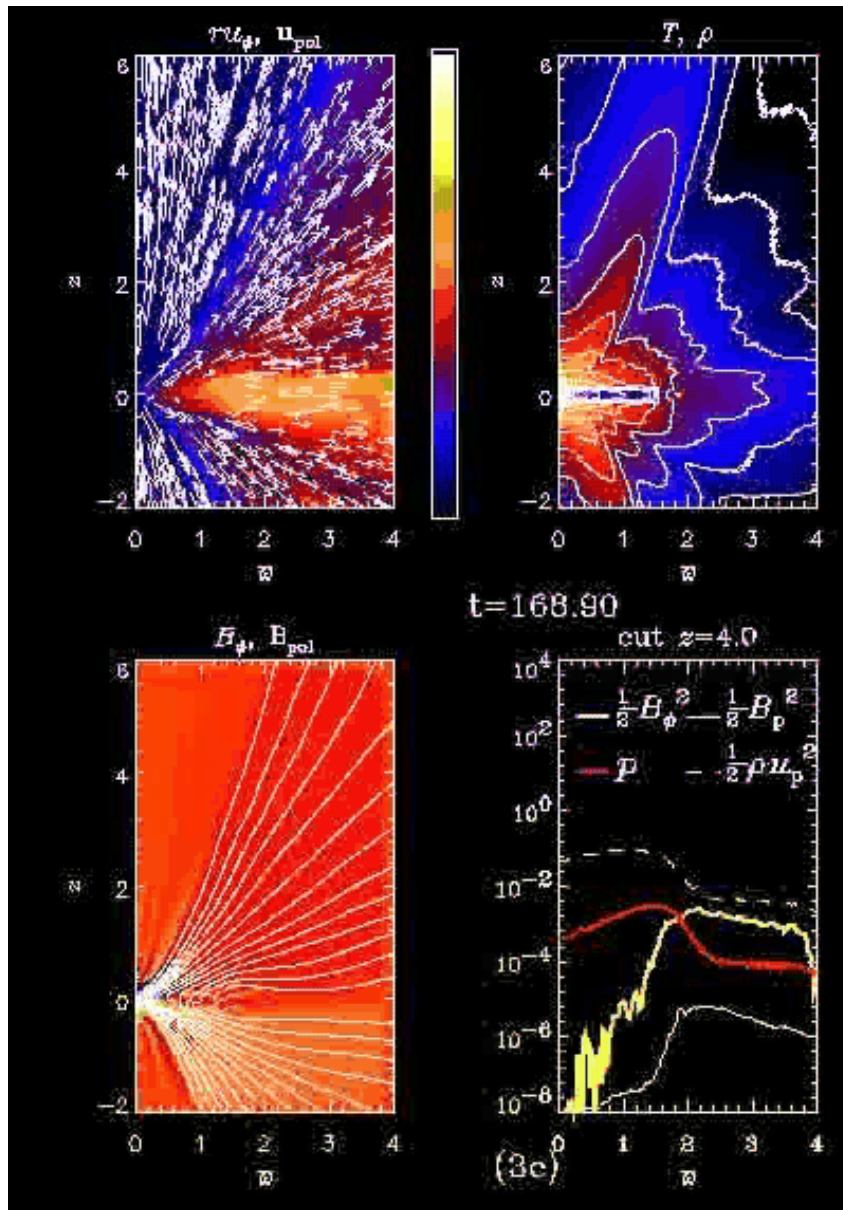
Acceleration mechanism

Disc
temperature
about 3000 K



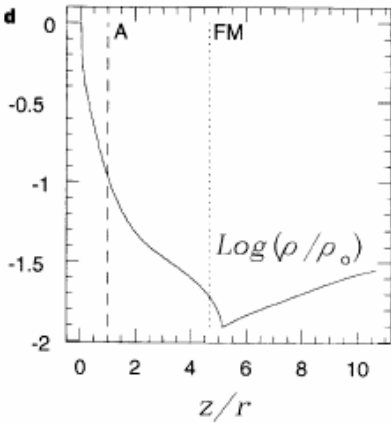
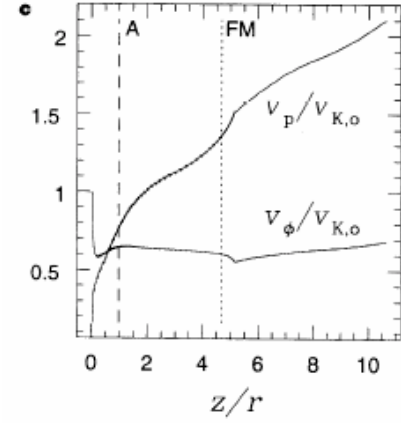
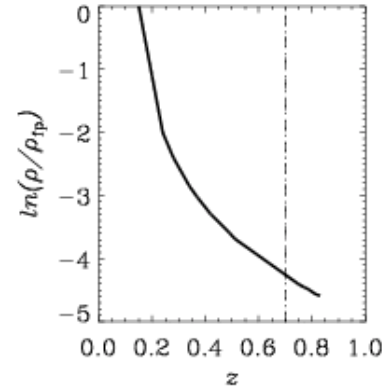
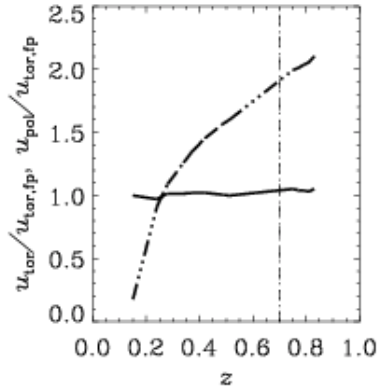
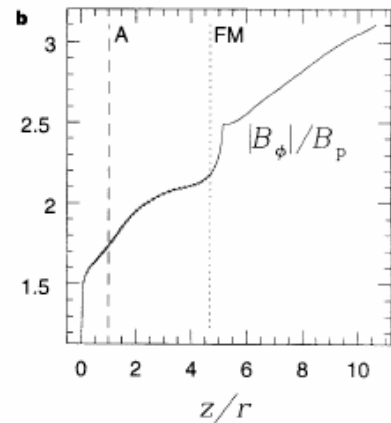
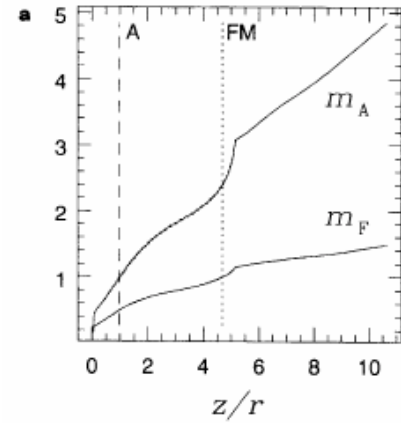
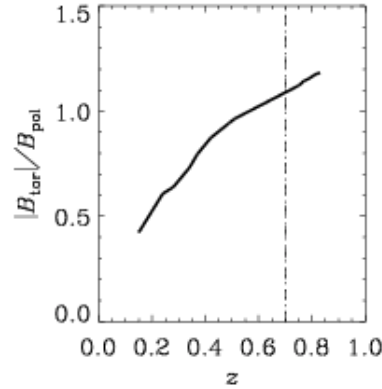
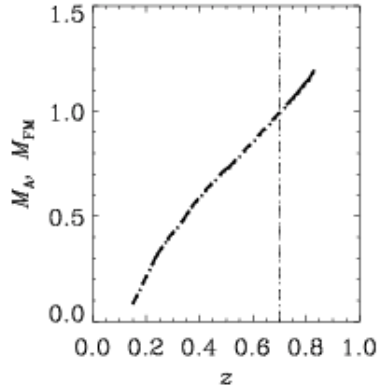
Ratio of magneto-centrifugal force
to pressure force

Unsteady outflow is the rule



Momentum transport from the disc into the wind

Comparison with Ouyed & Pudritz (1997)



Very similar: Alfvén Mach > 1
 Toroidal/poloidal field ratio increases

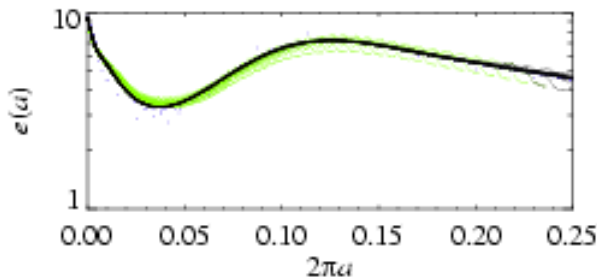
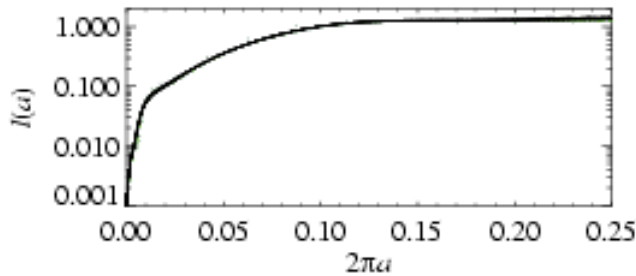
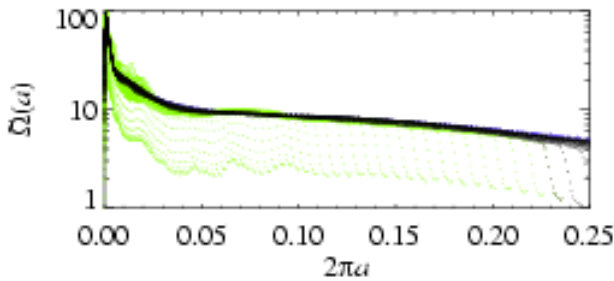
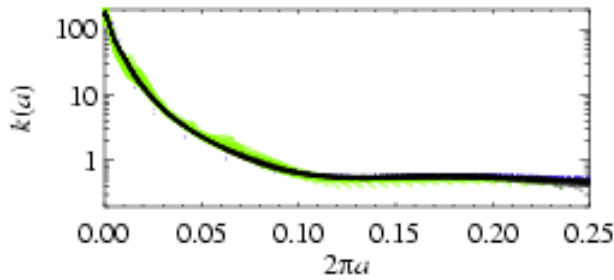
Lagrangian invariants

$$k(a) = \rho u_i / B_i$$

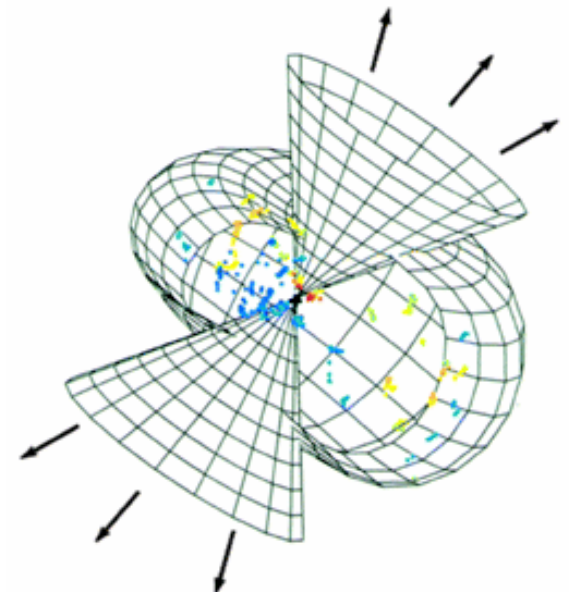
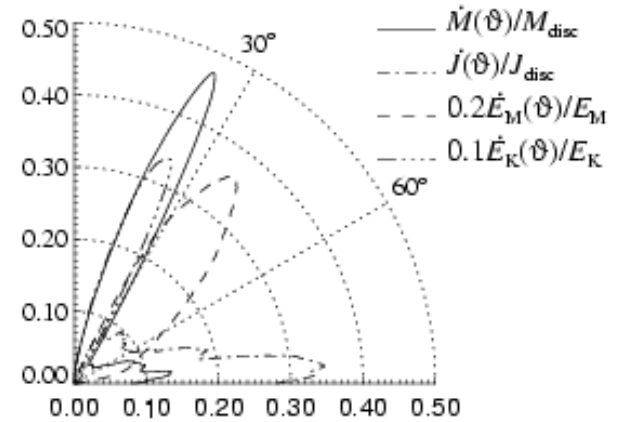
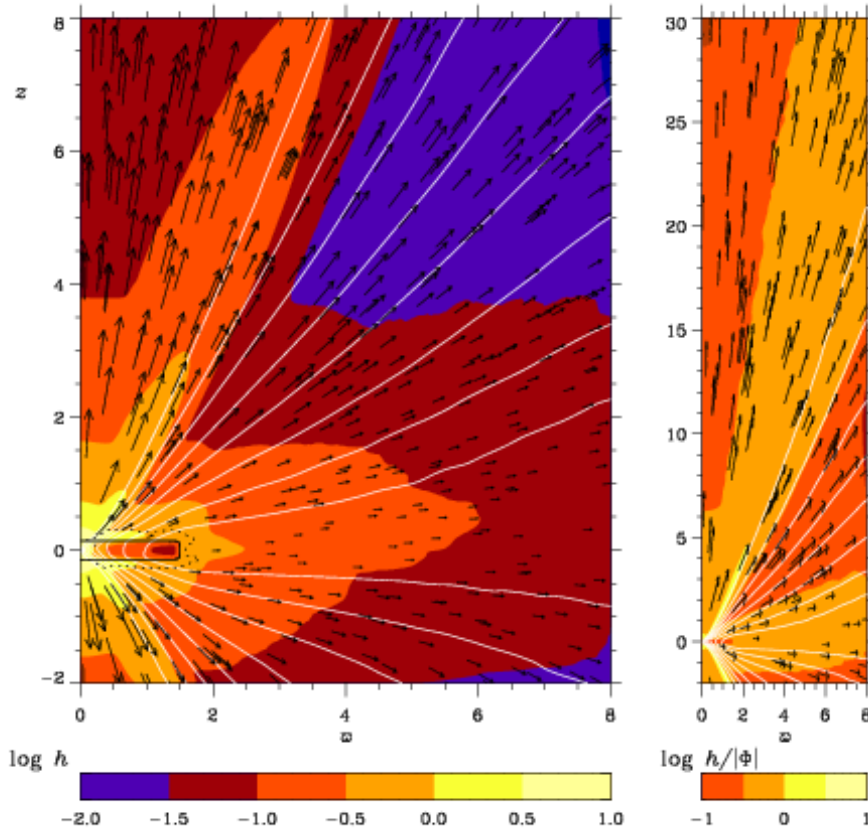
$$\tilde{\Omega}(a) = \varpi^{-1} (u_\phi - B_\phi / \rho)$$

$$l(a) = \varpi u_\phi - \varpi B_\phi / (\mu k)$$

$$e(a) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^2 + h + \Phi - \varpi \tilde{\Omega} B_\phi / (\mu k)$$

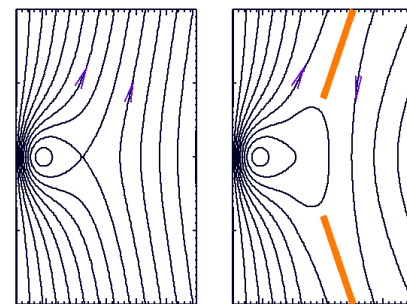
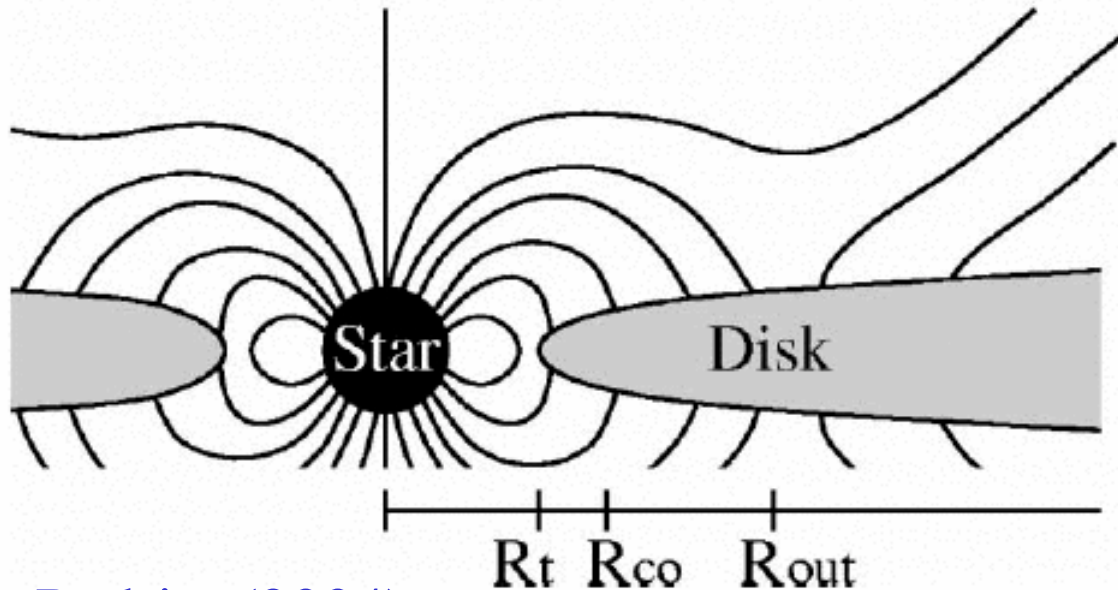


Conical outflows (similar to BN/KL)

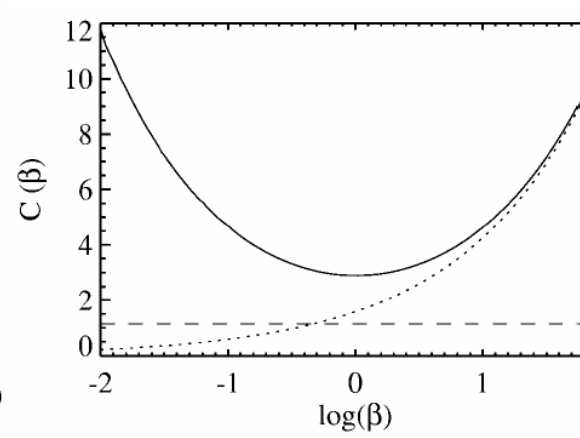
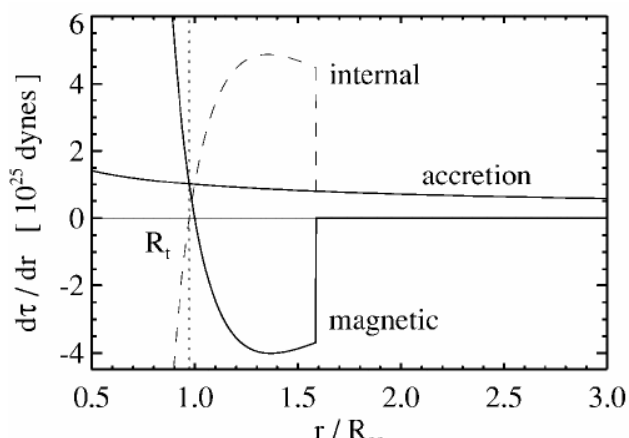
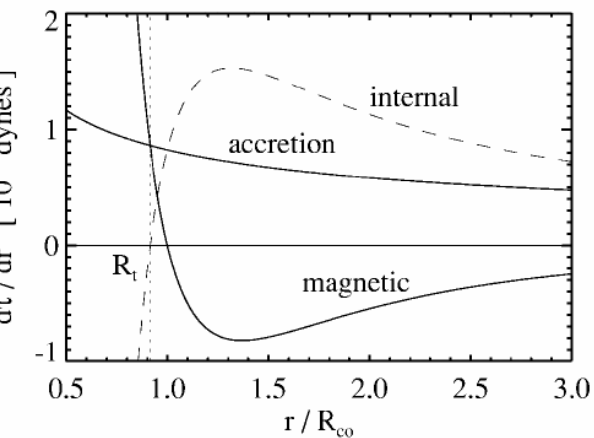


Greenhill et al (1998)

(iii) Stellar spin-up or spin-down?

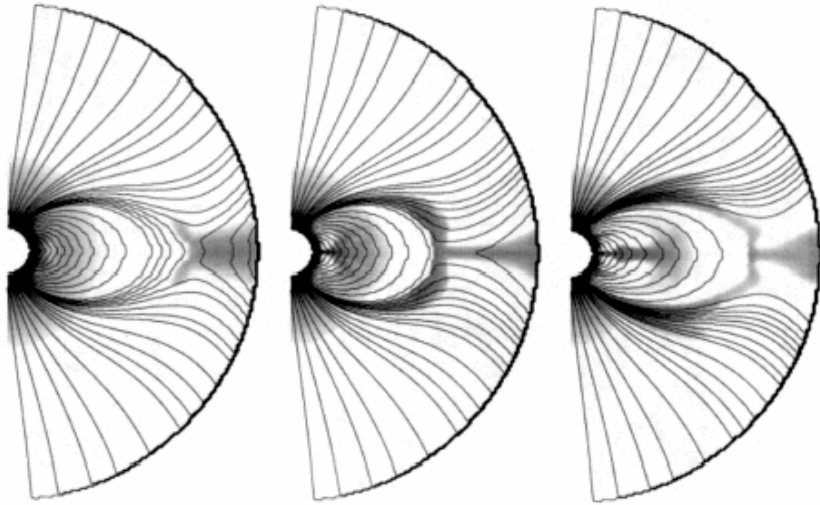


Matt & Pudritz (2004)

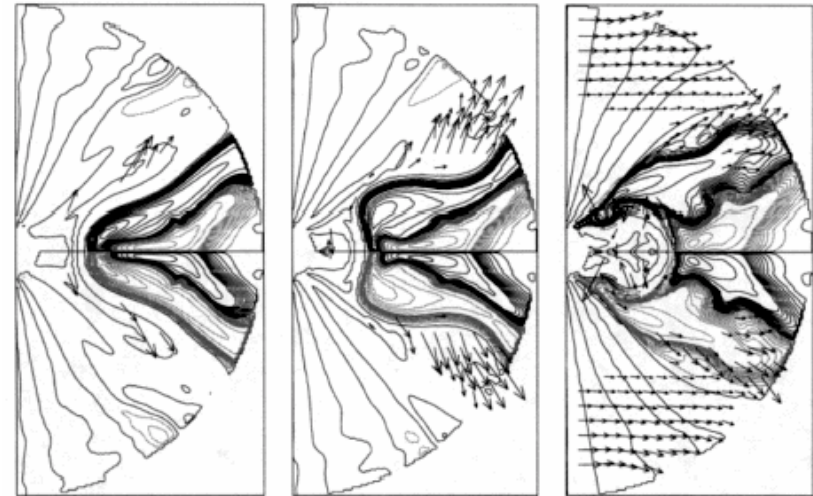
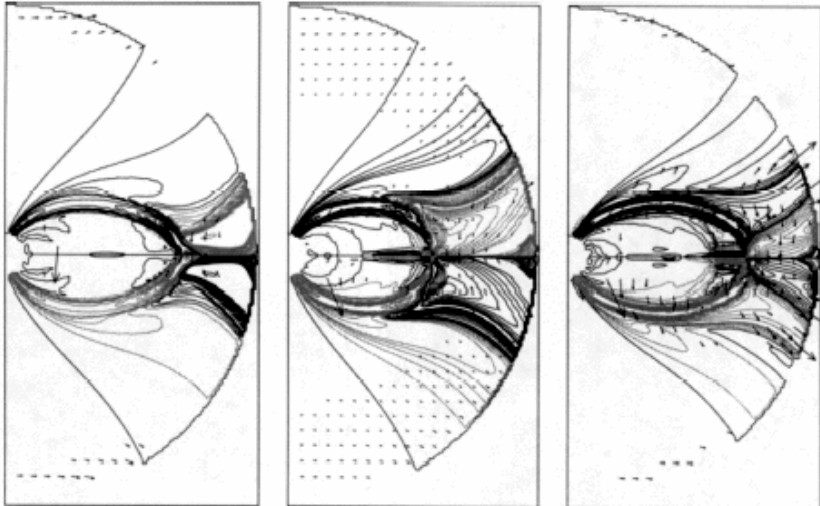
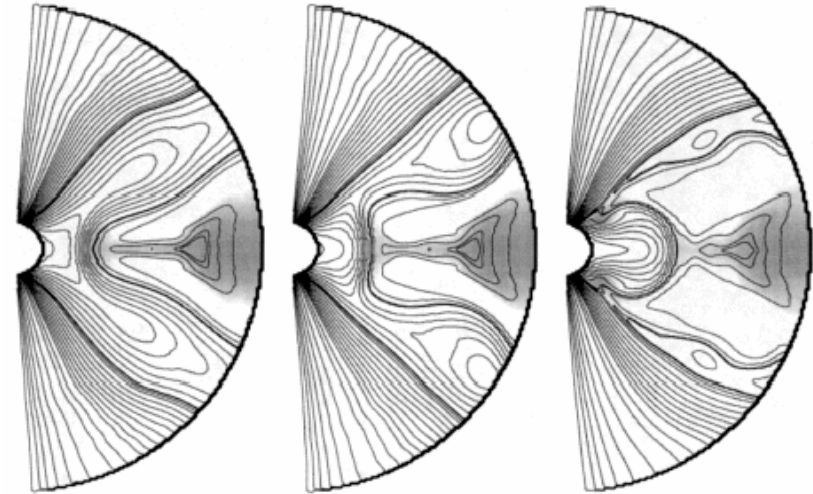


Simulations by Miller & Stone (1997)

MILLER & STONE



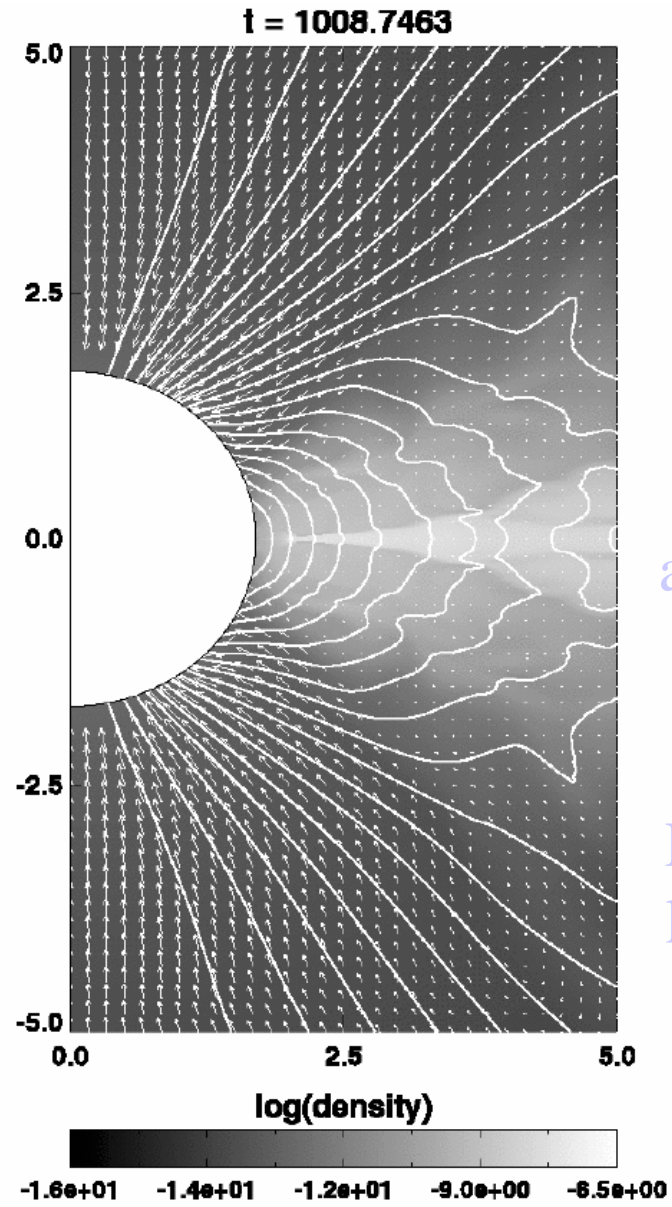
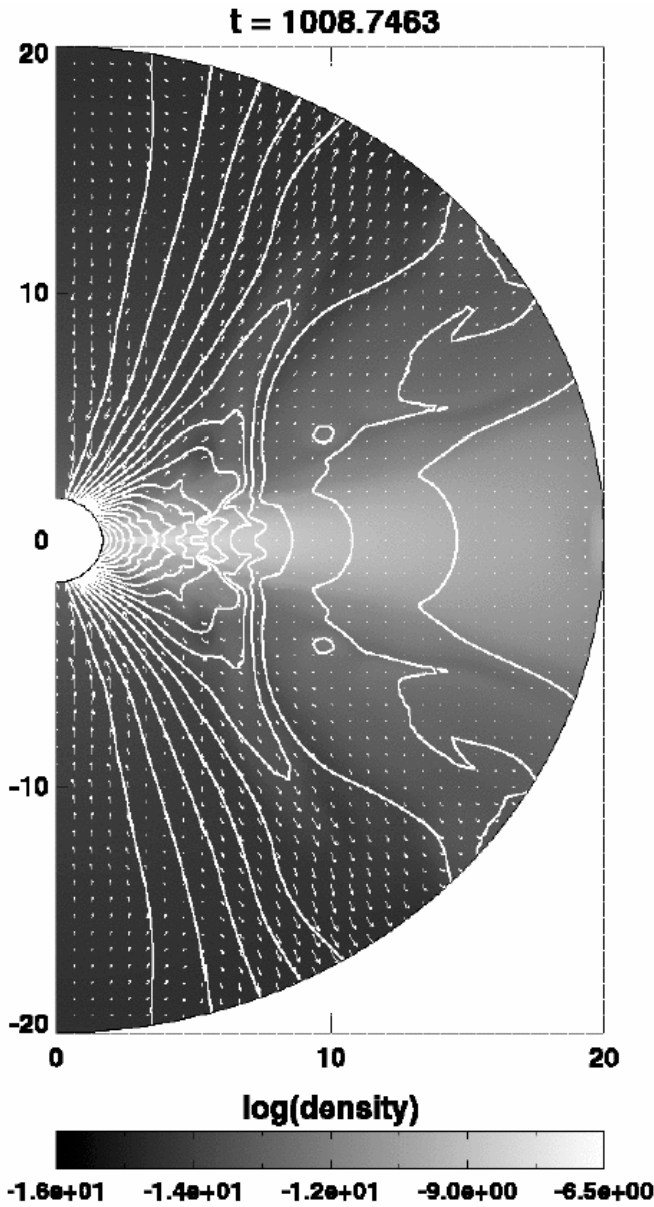
MILLER & STONE



Simulation time: several days

Stellar spin-up or spin-down?

Küker, Henning, & Rüdiger (2003)

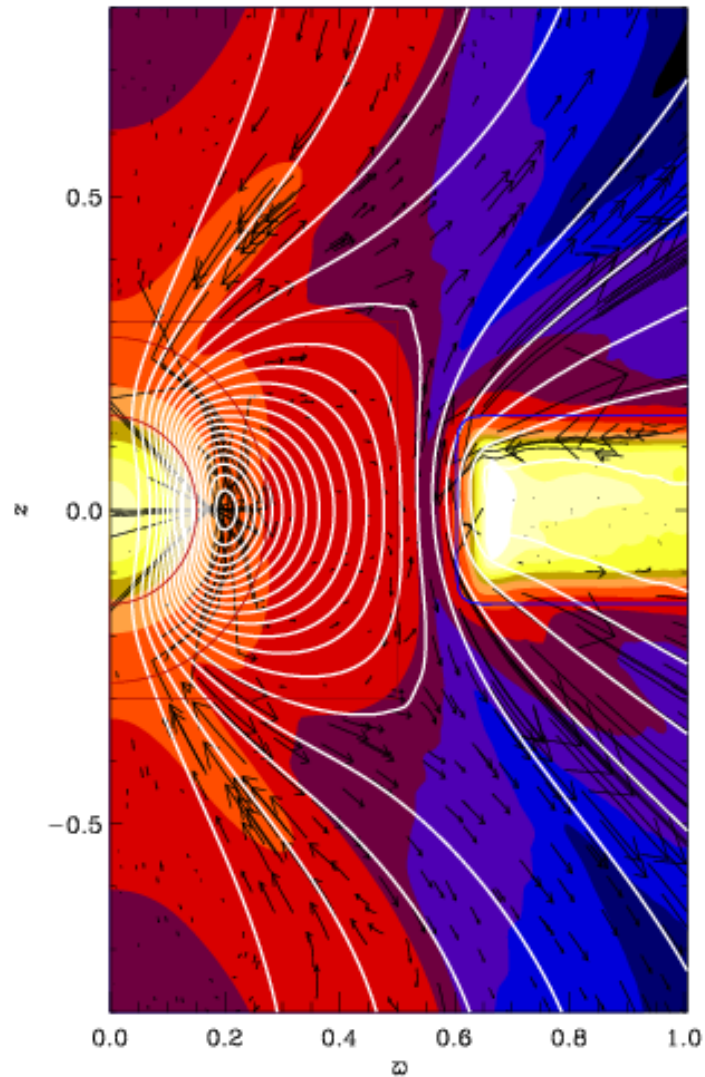
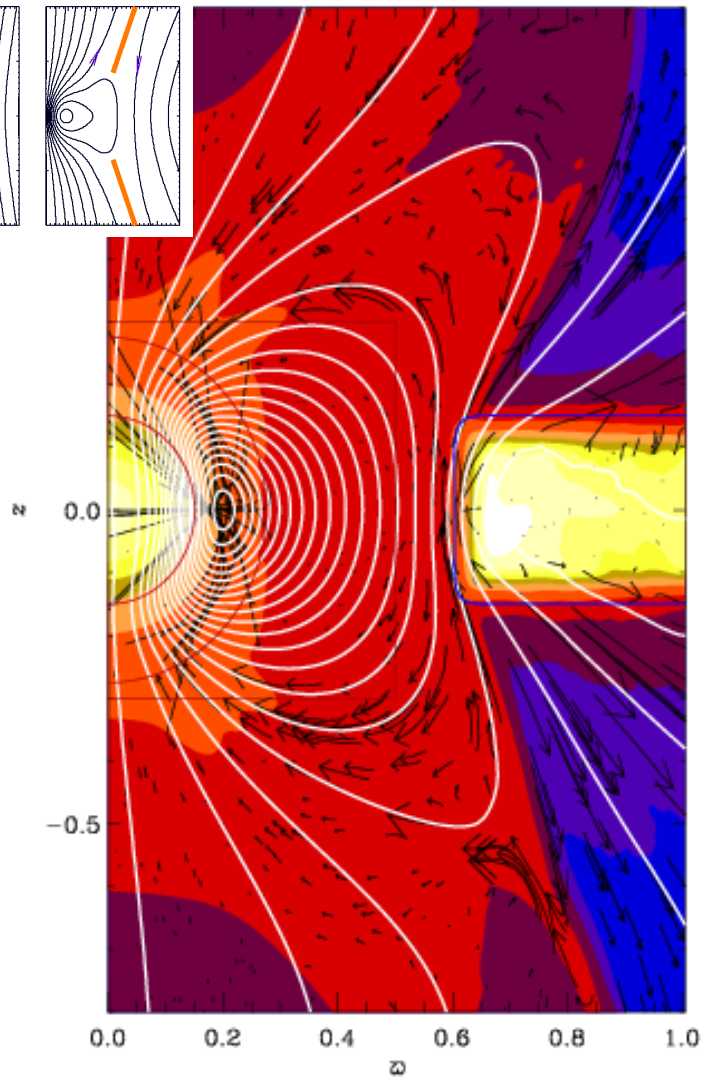
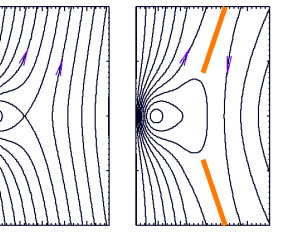


Strong accretion flow

Fieldline loading?

Further experiments: interaction with magnetosphere

Alternating fieldline uploading and downloading

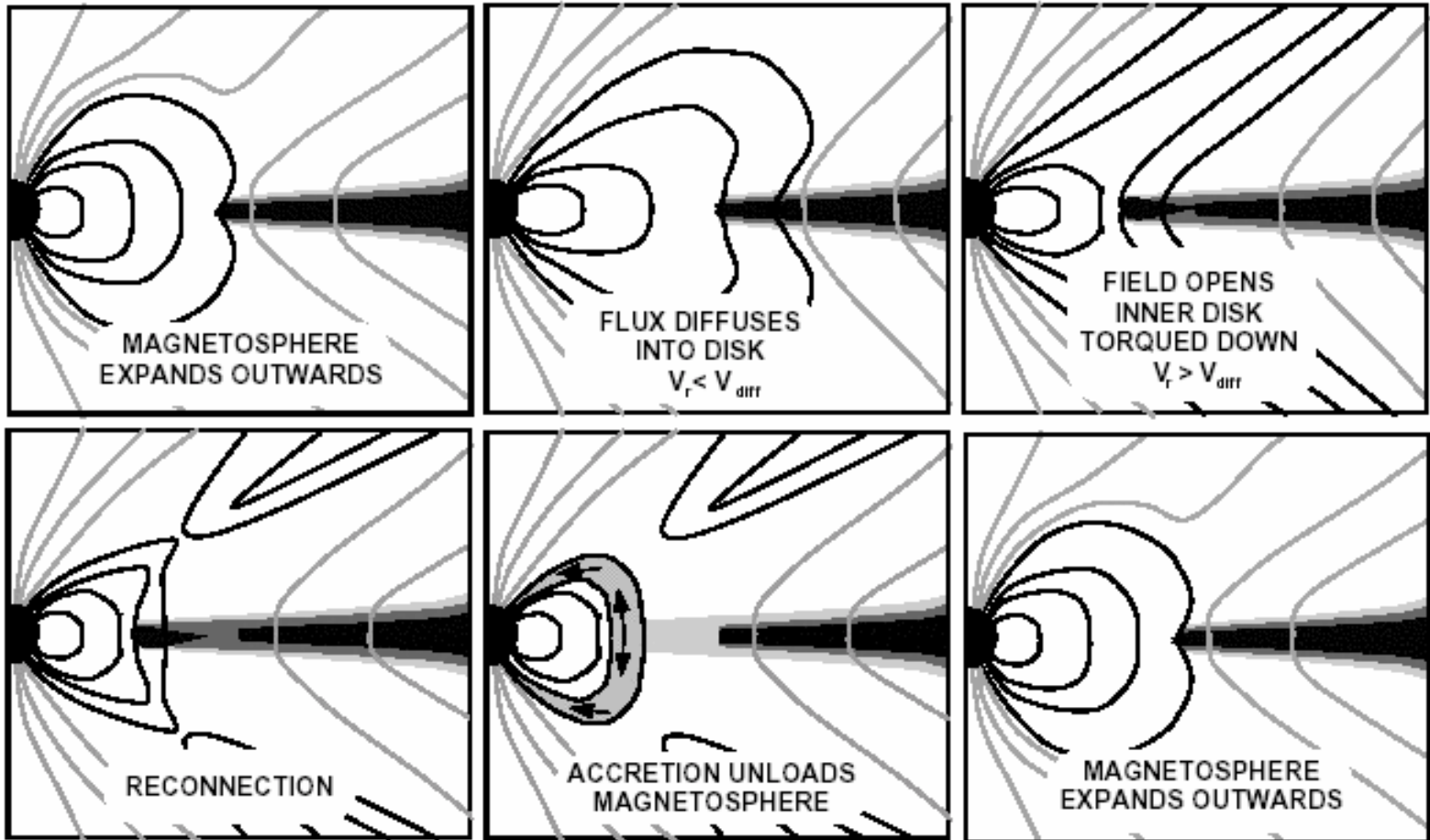


Similar behavior found by Goodson & Winglee (1999)

Star connected with the disc

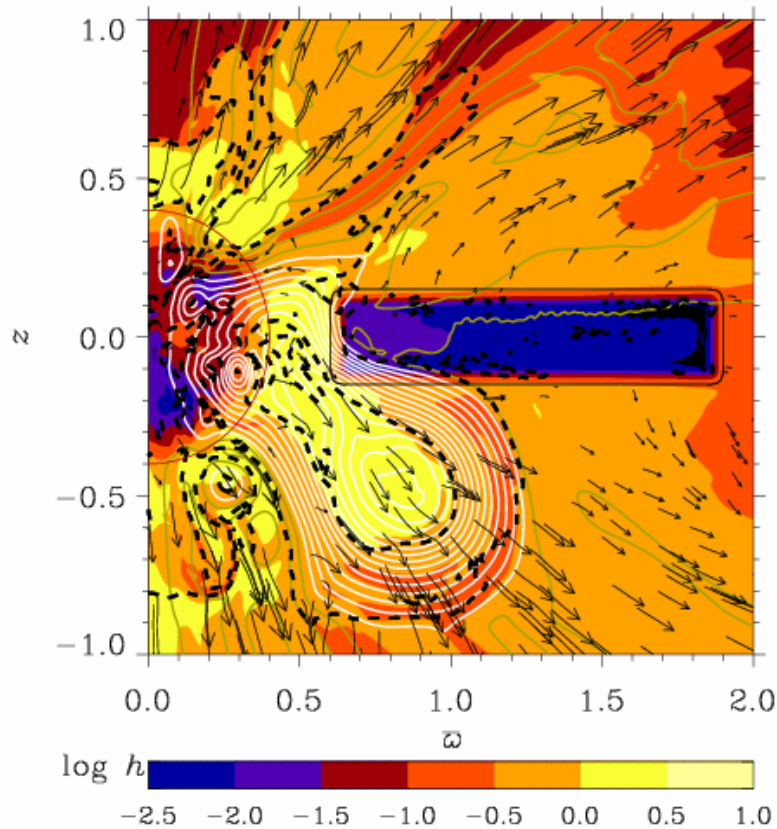
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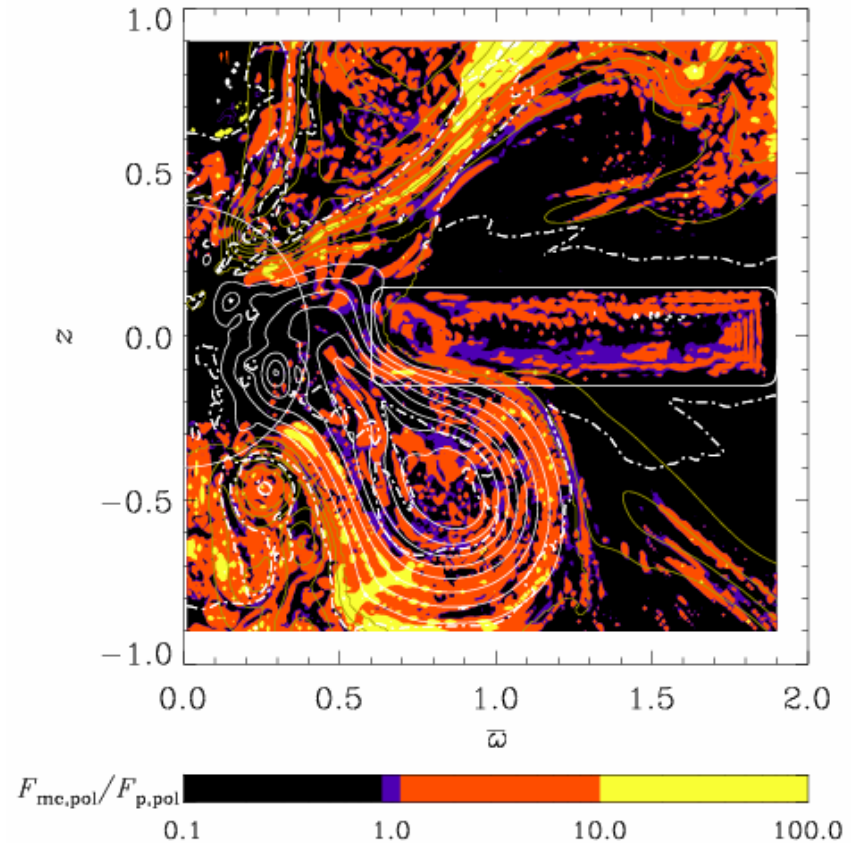


cf. field line opening: Uzdensky (2002), Pudritz & Matt (2004)

Stellar breaking: winds from stellar dynamo

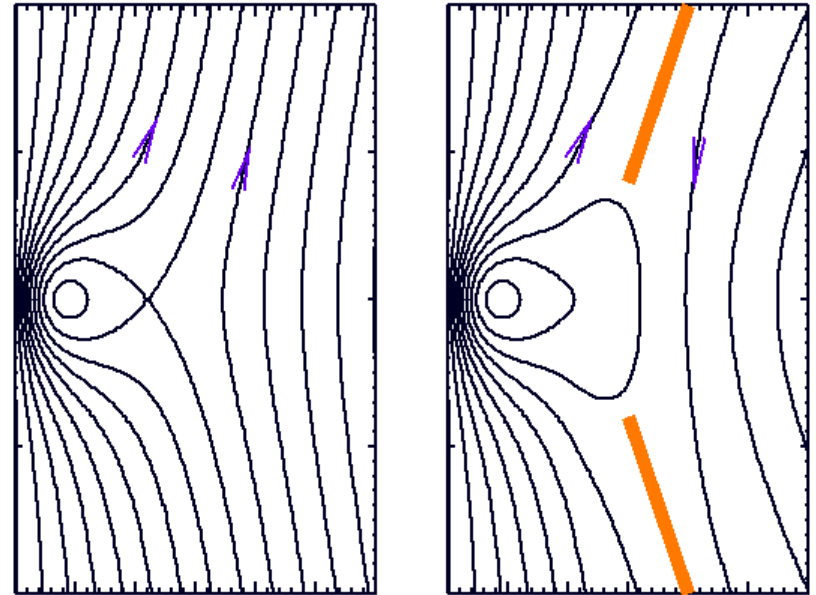
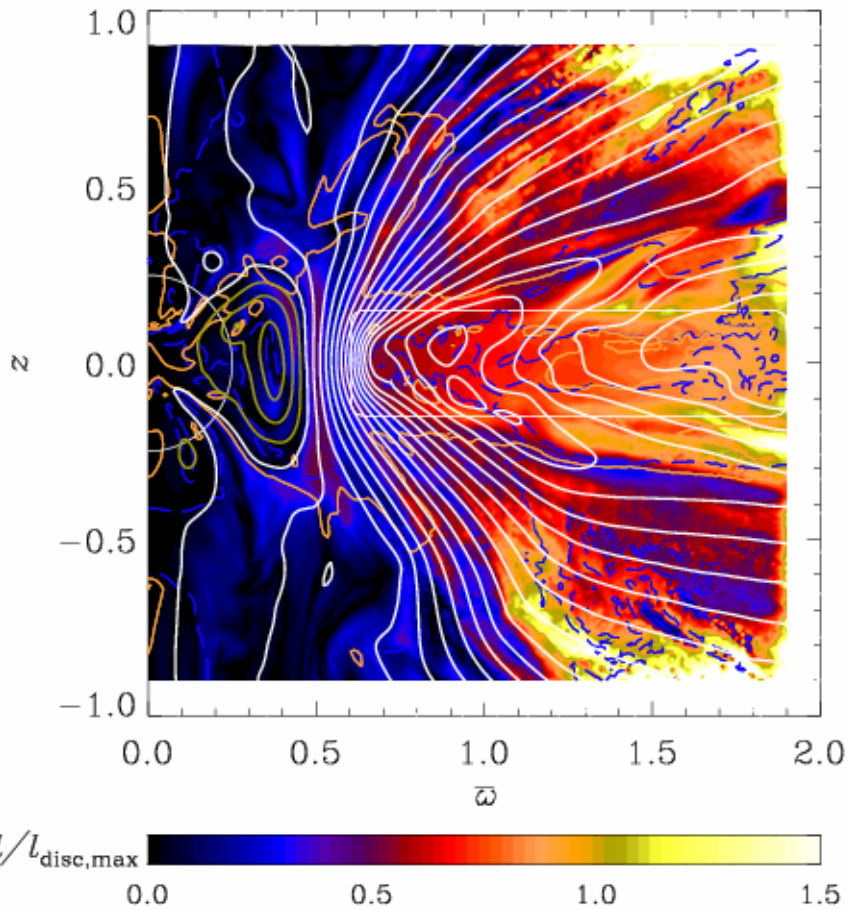


Speed: 300 km/s
Highly time-dependent;
Switch dipole/quadrupole

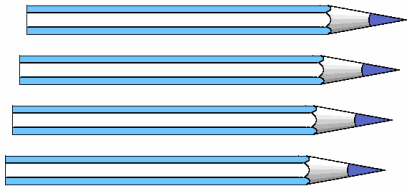


Magneto-centrifugal acceleration

Winds from stellar dynamo



Current sheet configuration
as a result of the simulations



Pencil Code

- Started in Sept. 2001 with Wolfgang Dobler
- High order (6th order in space, 3rd order in time)
- Cache & memory efficient
- MPI, can run PacxMPI (across countries!)
- Maintained/developed by many people (CVS!)
- Automatic validation (over night or any time)
- Max resolution so far 1024^3

Conclusions

(i) Stellar field anti-aligned against exterior

- Current sheet, not X-point configuration

(ii) Conical outflow

- Collimation: external field required
- Larger distances? Mass loading?

(iii) Disc field opens up: magnetic spin-up

- Spin-down by stellar wind (depends on strength)

Future work: entropy gradient self-maintained

- Requires radiative cooling of disc surface
- See poster by Ramsey & Clarke for non-polytropic models

