

# **Structured Distributions of Gas and Solids in Protoplanetary Disks: Theoretical Perspectives**

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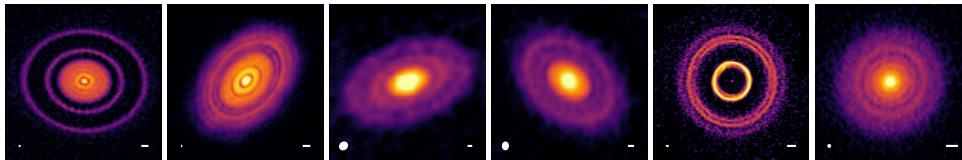
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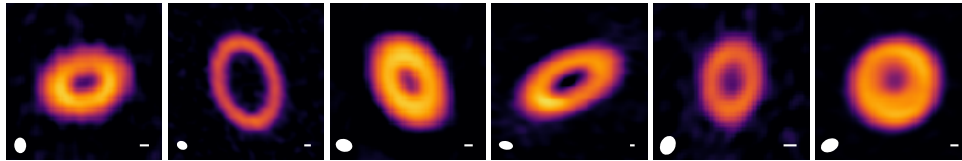
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# Disk substructure

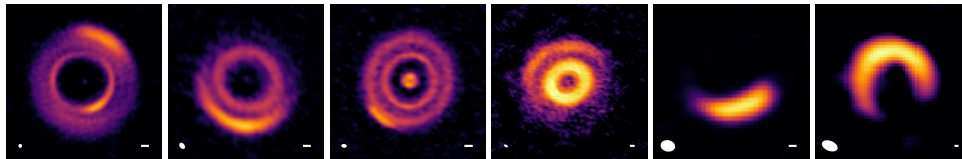
Rings/Gaps



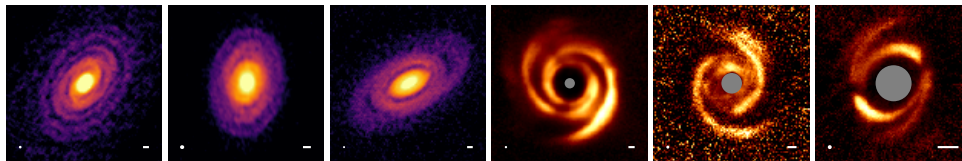
Ring/Cavity



Arcs



Spirals



Andrews (2020)

other examples:

velocity kinks, misalignments,  
shadows, streamers, clumps, ...

## In this talk, I will

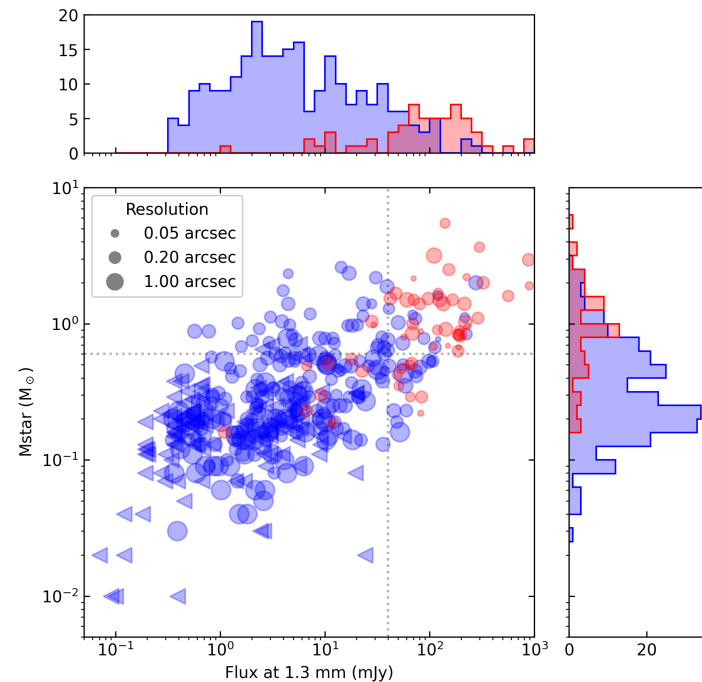
- focus on spirals and rings/gaps;
- present properties of the observed substructures from a statistical point of view;
- summarize proposed origins of substructures;
- NOT give you answers to what created substructures;
- discuss how we can possibly distinguish different possibilities in the future.

# The sample

- Total 423 disks, most of which are located in Taurus, Ophiuchus, Upper Scorpius, Lupus, and Chameleon I star-forming regions.
- Substructures are detected in about 80 disks.

disks with substructures  
disks without substructures  
◀: upper limit (116 disks)

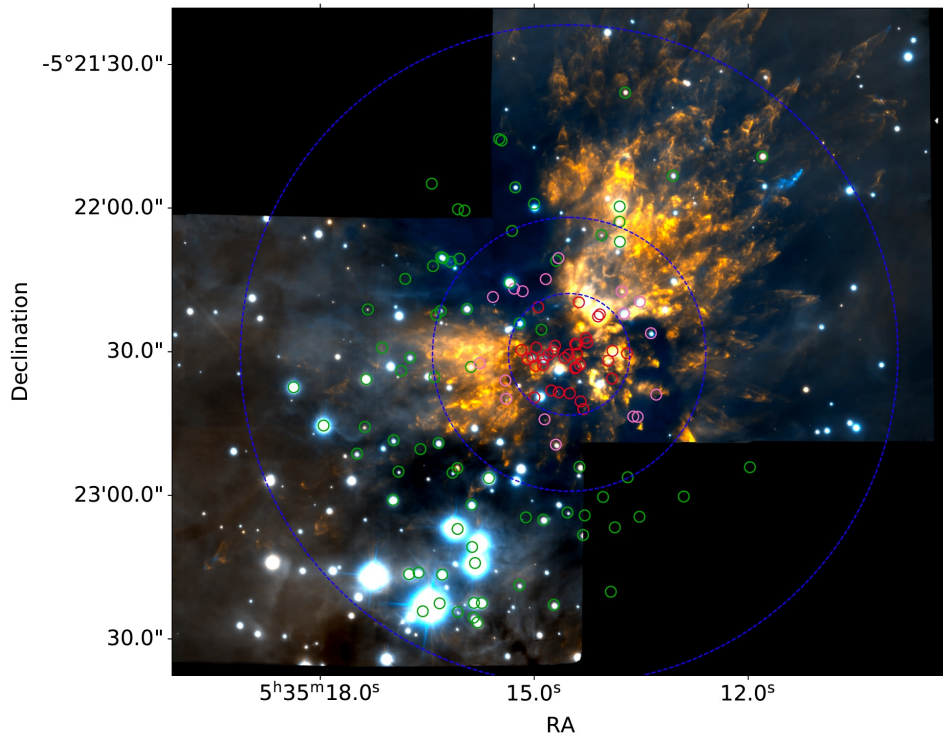
\*The figures show ALMA observations exclusively.



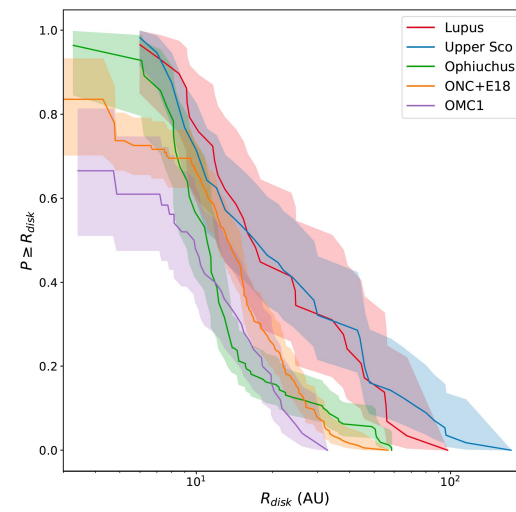
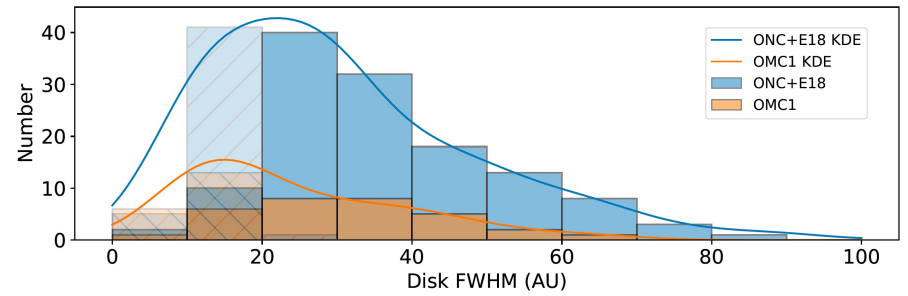
## Caveats of the current analysis

- Observational biases DO exist.
  - Brighter disks are observed at higher angular resolution.
- Uncertainties in the disk mass
  - 1.3 mm flux is used to infer the disk mass. For those without 1.3 mm continuum observations, we estimate 1.3 mm flux from 0.87 mm continuum observations.
- Methods to measure the properties of substructures (e.g., width of rings, pitch angle of spirals) differ among literature.
- Limited to nearby low-mass star forming regions.

# Caveats of the current analysis



Otter et al. (arXiv:2109.14592, accepted to ApJ)



# Spirals: potential origins

- companion
- stellar flyby
- gravitational instability
- magneto-hydrodynamic turbulence
- infall

	# of spirals	pitch angle	pattern speed	time variation
companion (Lindblad)				
companion (buoyancy)				
stellar flyby				
GI				
MHD turbulence				
infall				

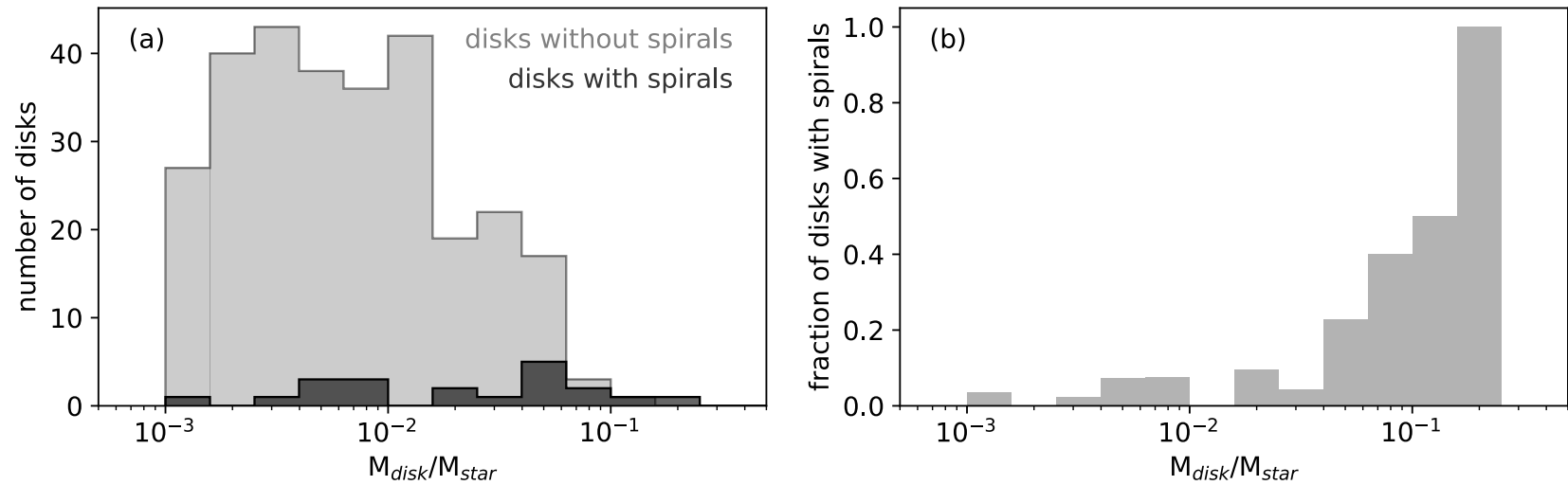


# Spirals: observational data

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SYSTEMS WITH SPIRALS

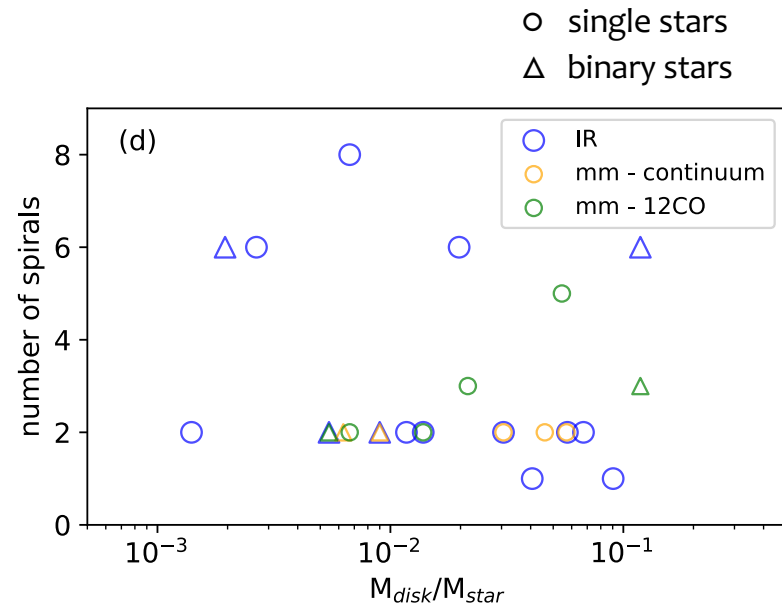
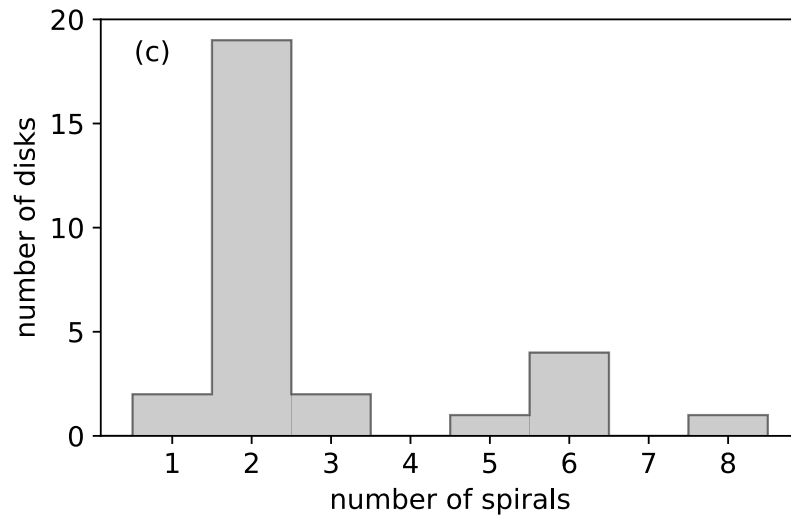
2MASS Name	Alt. Name	d (pc)	$M_{\star}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$L_{\star}$ ( $L_{\odot}$ )	Class	$M_d$ ( $0.01 M_{\odot}$ )	$\lambda$	m	$\psi$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	radial extent (au)	FWHM (au)	binary sep. ( $''$ )
J04554582+3033043	ABAur	163	3.17	123.03	II	2.12	mm	2	20	30-90	18	-
J05302753+2519571	MWC758/HD36112	156	1.5	10.96	II	1.16	ir	8	22	30-100	10	-
J05355845+2444542	CQTau	162	1.67	10	II	2.31	ir	2	19	30-80	4	-
J03454828+3224118	LkHa330	309	2.95	22.91	II	16.97	mm	2	20-40	30-65	19	-
J04555938+3034015	SUAur	158	2.18	14.45	II	0.58	ir	2	4, 34	30-60	16	-
J05380526-0115216	V1247Ori	398	1.9	15.81	PTD	7.72	ir	2	12-16	60-150	46	-
J04300399+1813493	UXTauA	140	1.67	3.24	TD	0.91	ir	6	-	-	11	-
J05194140+0538428	HD34700A	356	4.1	25.12	II	0.8	mm	1	6.5	96-119	16	-
J16264502-2423077	GSS39/Elias2-27	116	0.63	1.51	II	3.59	mm	2	20-30	140-280	18	2.7
J16484562-1416359	WaOph6	123	0.68	2.88	II	2.08	ir	2	-	-	18	2.7
-	SR21	138	2.5	12.59	II	2.93	mm	2	14-20	20-45	7	-
J11100010-7634578	WWCha	192	1.9	2.69	II	17.18	ir	2	2-14	25-40	7	-
J11332542-7011412	HD100546	110	2.2	25.12	TD	4.34	ir	1	-	-	13	-
J11493184-7851011	DZCha	110	0.5	1	-	0.07	ir	6	-	-	6	-
J11015191-3442170	TWHya	60	0.8	0.28	II	1.72	mm	2	27	5-25	6	-
J15560921-3756057	Sz82,IMLup	158	0.95	2.57	II	4.37	mm	3	3-9	70-210	1	-
J15564230-3749154	Sz83,RULup	160	0.67	1.48	II	3.65	ir	2	10-22	30-94	8	-
J15451286-3417305	Sz68,HTLup	154	2.15	5.37	II	1.35	mm	5	21-31	250-1200	4	-
J15564188-4219232	HD142527	157	2.1	16.22	II/TD	24.85	mm	2	17	13-39	4	2.8
J11330559-5419285	HD100453	103	1.5	10	-	1.35	mm	3	3-17	290-670	31	0.1
J15154844-3709160	SAO206462/HD135344B	135	1.6	9.77	TD	10.79	ir	6	-	80-130	31	0.1
J16113134-1838259	AS205N	128	0.99	2.19	-	12.65	mm	2	6	20-30	3	1.045
							ir	2	14-18	20-30	3	1.045
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							mm	2	14	19-68	6	1.3

## Spirals: statistics



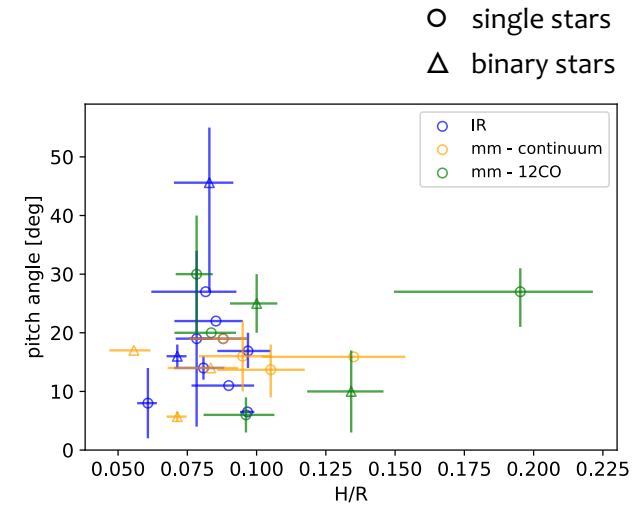
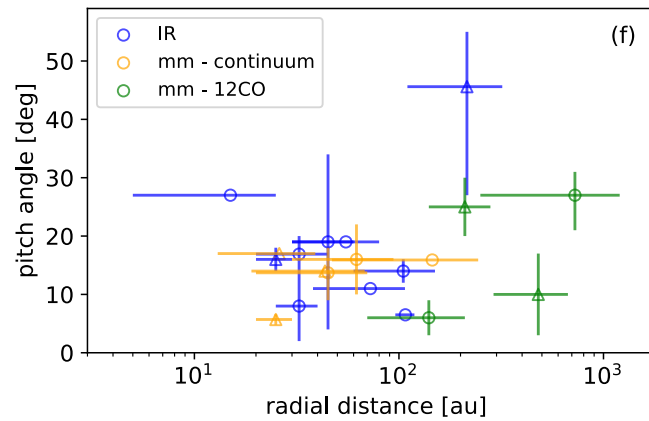
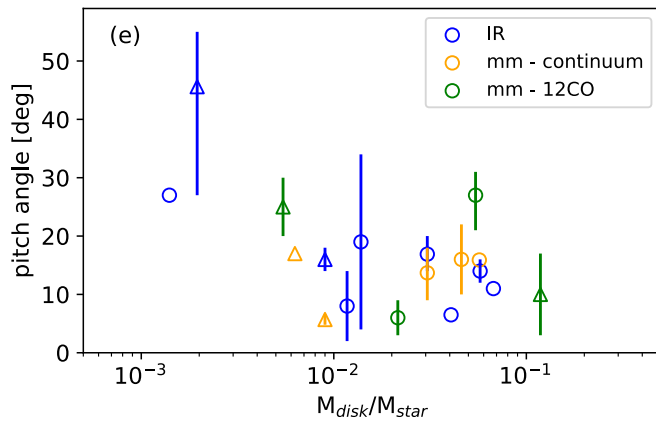
- Spirals are detected in a larger fraction of massive disks ( $M_{disk}/M_{star} \gtrsim 0.04$ ) compared with the low-mass counterpart.

# Spirals: statistics



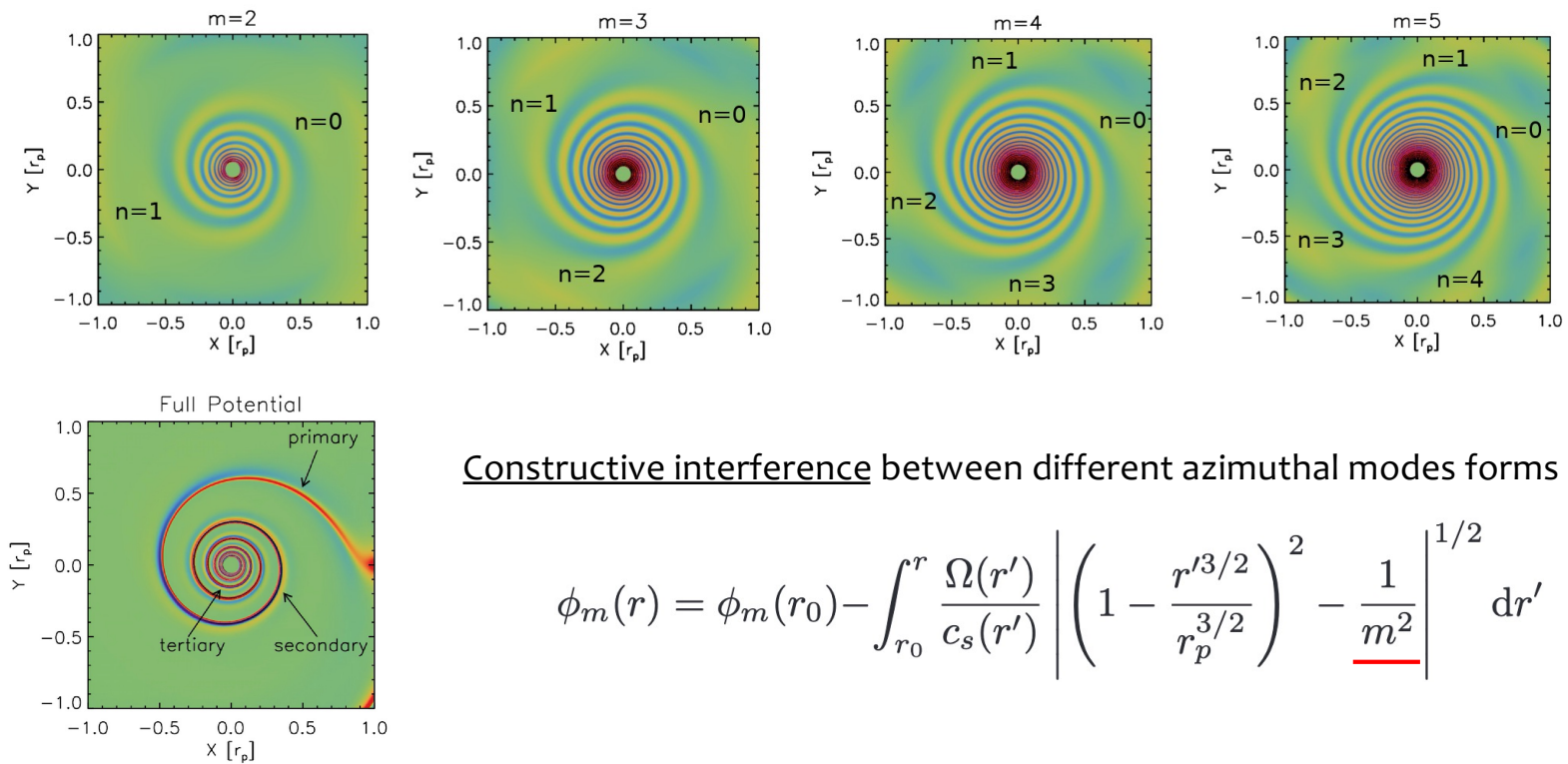
- $m=2$  spirals are dominant (19/29).
- No clear trend is found between the number of spirals and  $M_{\text{disk}}/M_{\text{star}}$ .
- In mm continuum, only two-armed spirals are found until now.

# Spirals: statistics



- Pitch angle might decrease as a function of  $M_{\text{disk}}/M_{\text{star}}$ .
- There is a weak trend that the pitch angle increases as a function of the radial location of the spirals, H/R, or sound speed.

# Spirals by a companion – Lindblad resonances



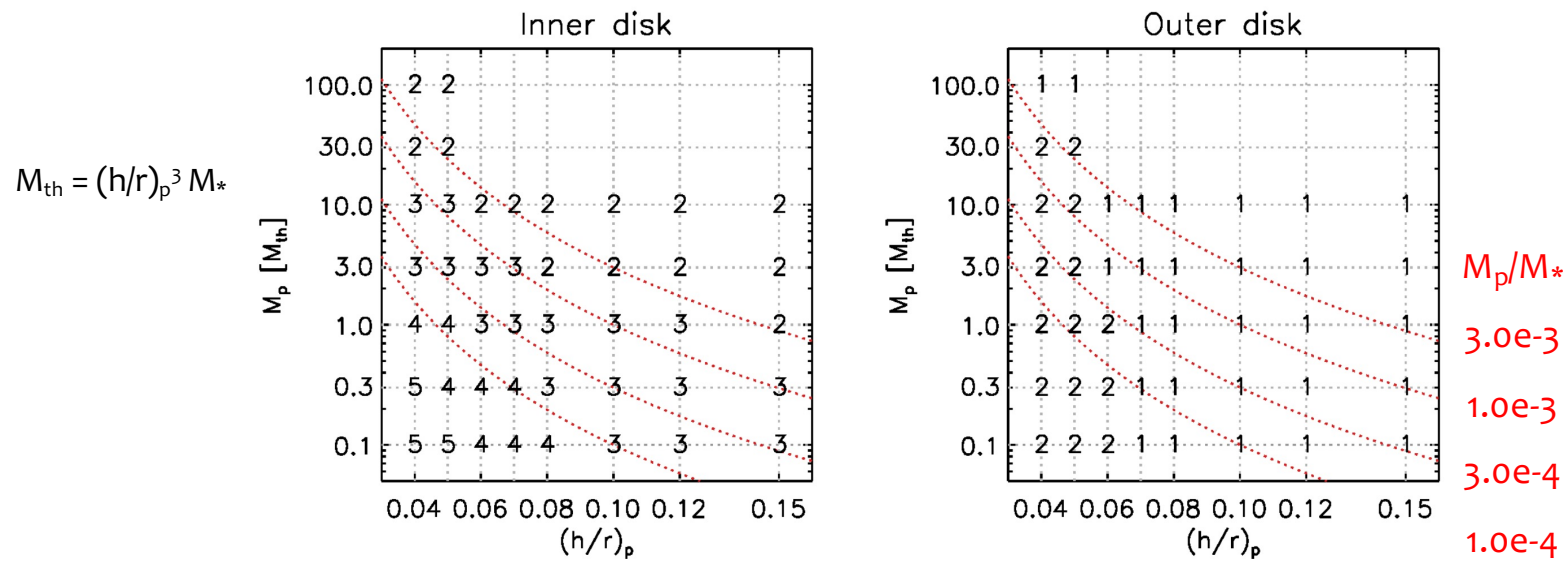
Constructive interference between different azimuthal modes forms spirals.

$$\phi_m(r) = \phi_m(r_0) - \int_{r_0}^r \frac{\Omega(r')}{c_s(r')} \left| \left( 1 - \frac{r'^{3/2}}{r_p^{3/2}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{m^2} \right|^{1/2} dr'$$

Bae & Zhu (2018a,b), see also Miranda & Rafikov 2019

# Spirals by a companion – Lindblad resonances

- A smaller number of spirals are excited for more massive companions.
  - Stronger waves propagate faster.



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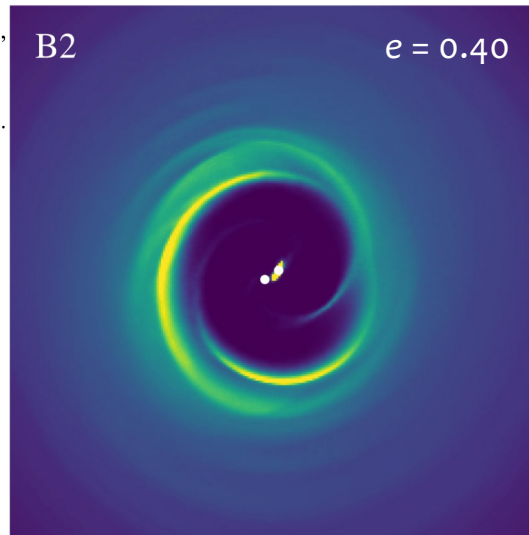
- Additional second-order spirals excite for companions having non-zero orbital eccentricity.

$$\phi_{m,m}^s = -\frac{GM_s}{2a} (2 - \delta_{m,0})(b_{1/2}^m - f\beta\delta_{m,1}),$$

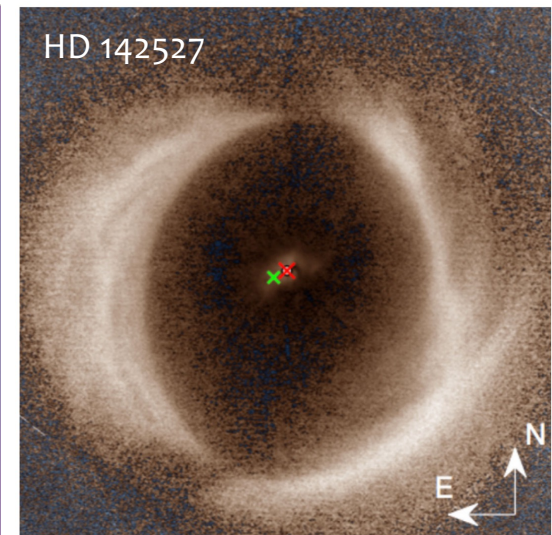
$$\phi_{m+1,m}^s = -\frac{GM_s}{2a} e(2 - \delta_{m,0}) \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{m\Omega_s}{\kappa_s} + \frac{\beta}{2} \frac{d}{d\beta} \right) b_{1/2}^m - f\beta \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{2B_s}{\Omega_s} + \frac{\Omega_s}{\kappa_s} \right) \delta_{m,1} \right],$$

$$\phi_{m-1,m}^s = -\frac{GM_s}{2a} e(2 - \delta_{m,0}) \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{m\Omega_s}{\kappa_s} + \frac{\beta}{2} \frac{d}{d\beta} \right) b_{1/2}^m - f\beta \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{2B_s}{\Omega_s} - \frac{\Omega_s}{\kappa_s} \right) \delta_{m,1} \right].$$

Goldreich & Tremaine (1980)



Price et al. (2018)

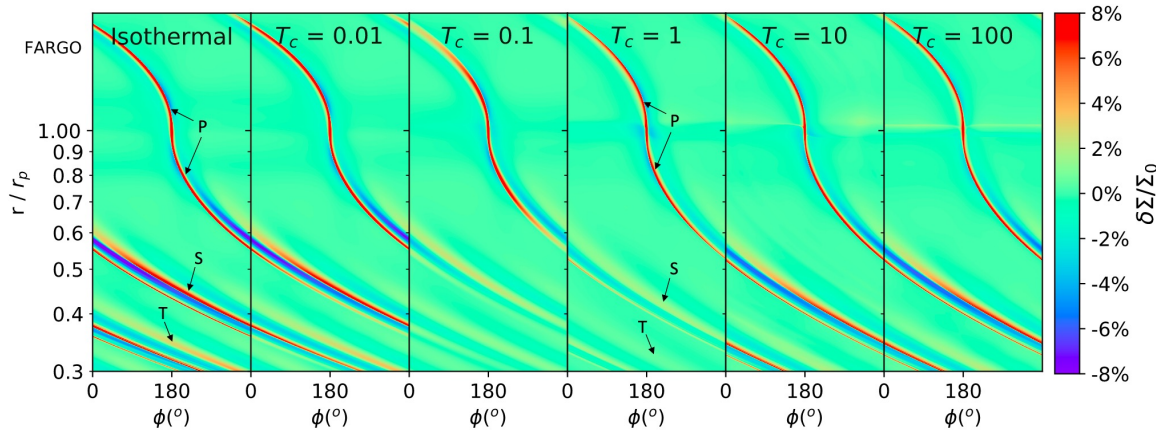


Avenhaus et al. (2017)

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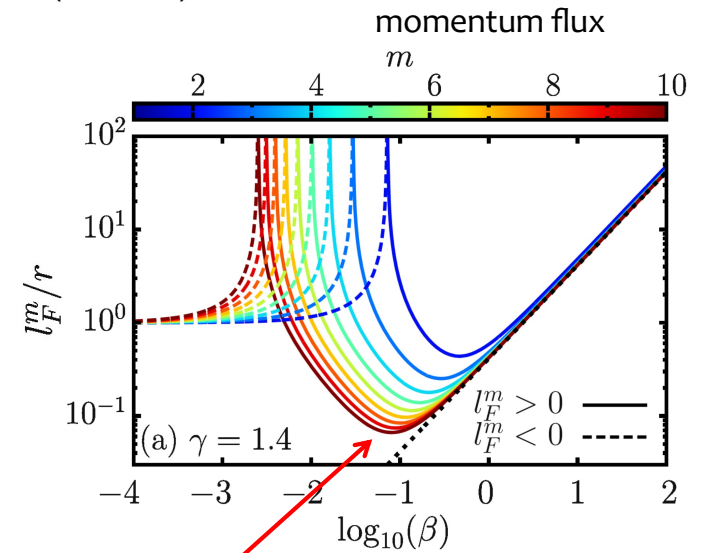
- Thermodynamics matters.

$T_c = \beta = \text{cooling timescale/dynamical timescale}$



$$l_F^m = \left( \frac{d \ln F_J^m}{dr} \right)^{-1}$$

the length scale of the radial variation of the angular momentum flux



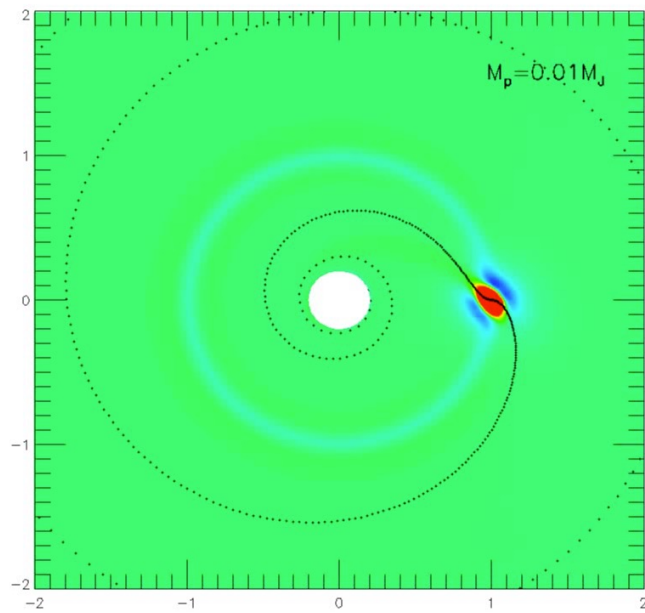
strong linear damping via cooling

left: Zhang & Zhu 2020, right: Miranda & Rafikov 2020

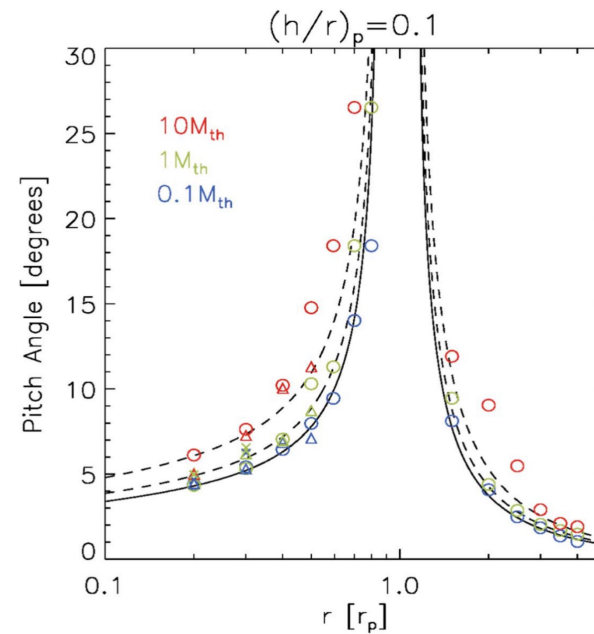


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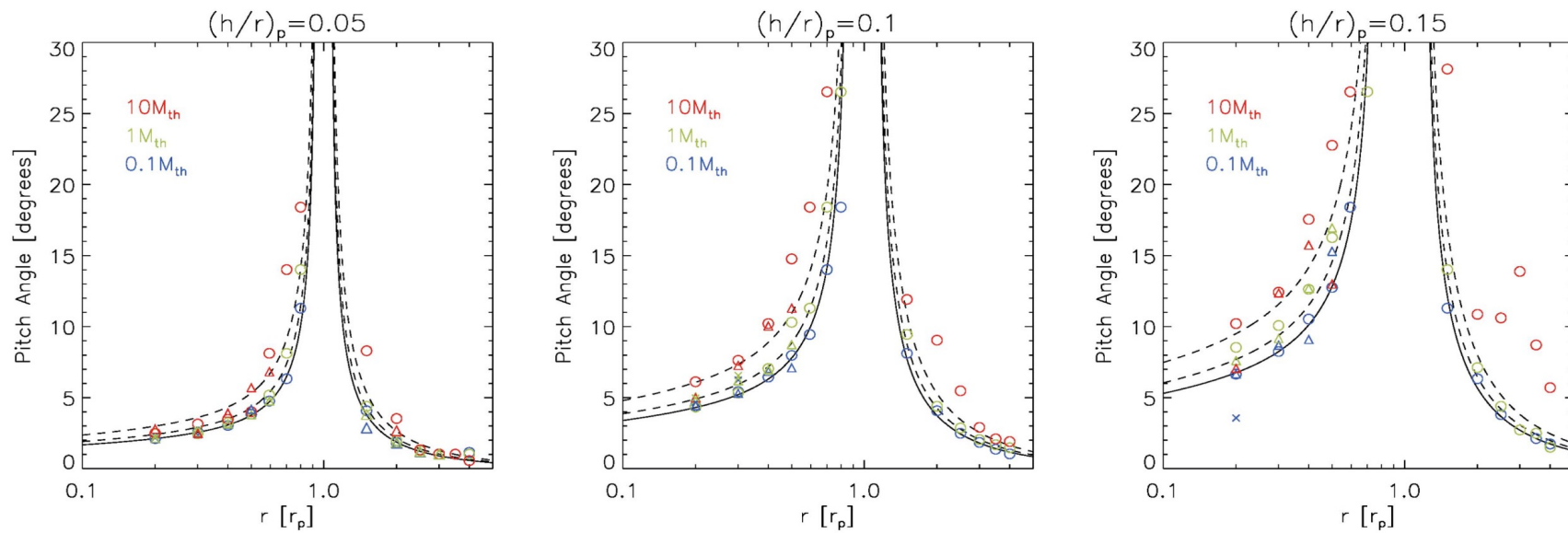
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Bae & Zhu (2018b)

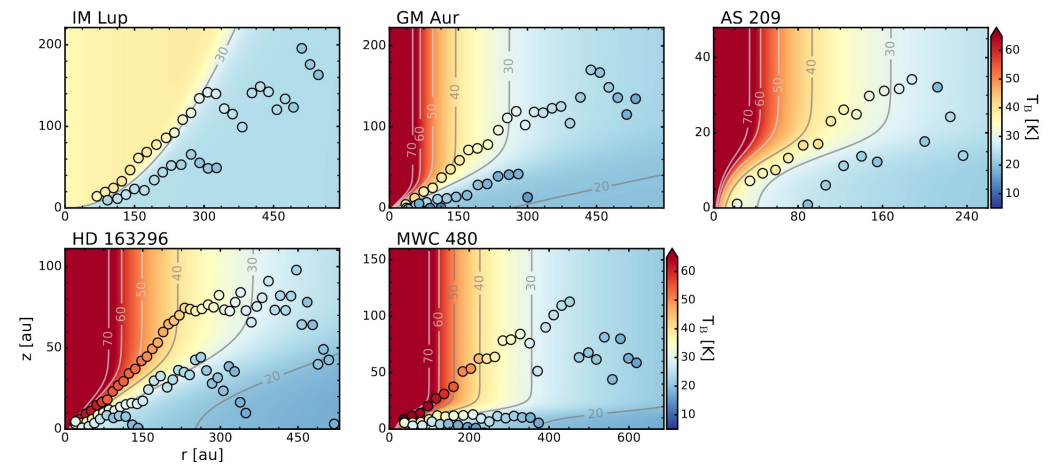
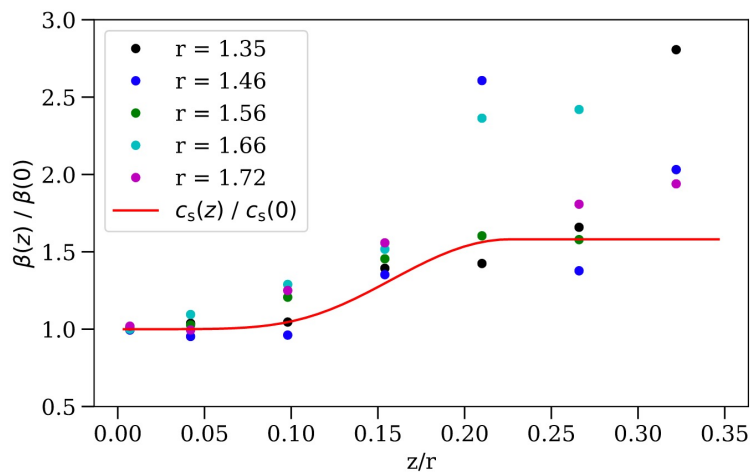
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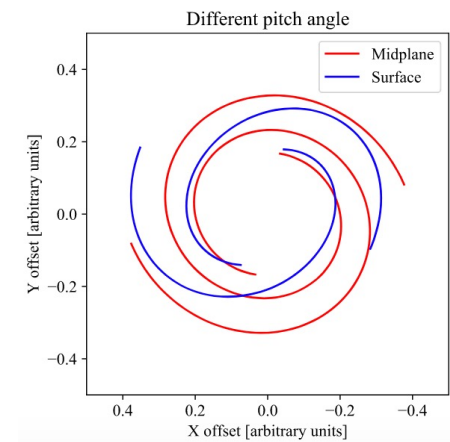
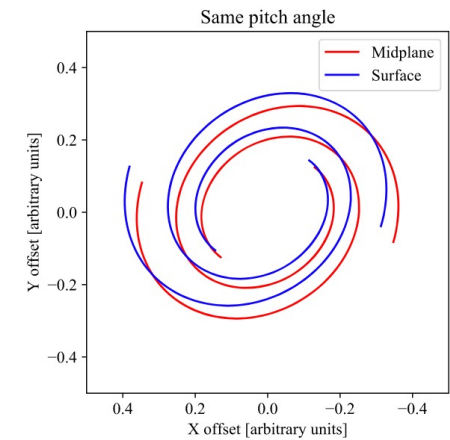
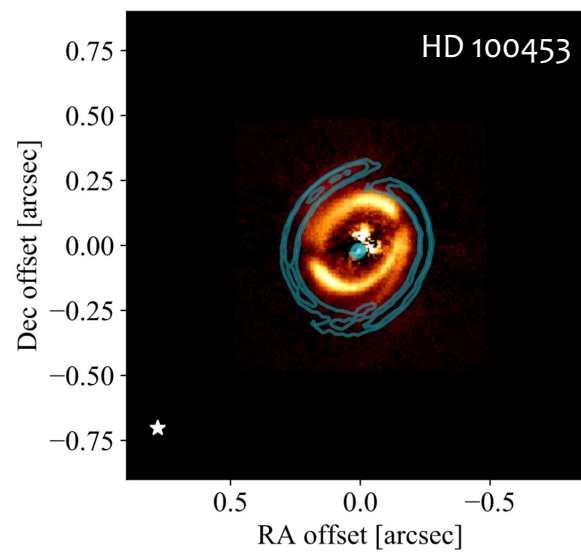
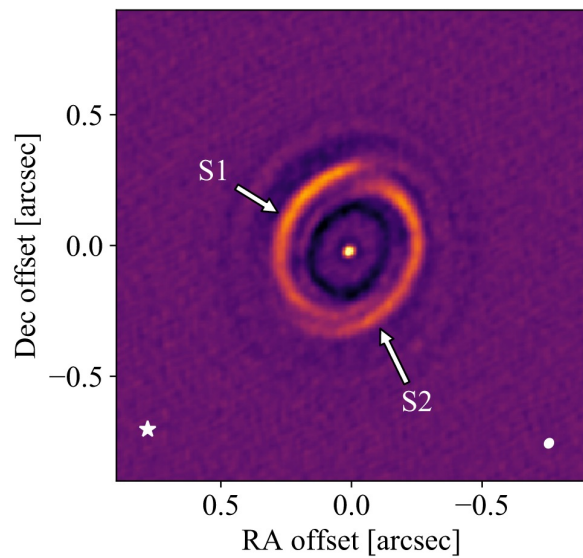
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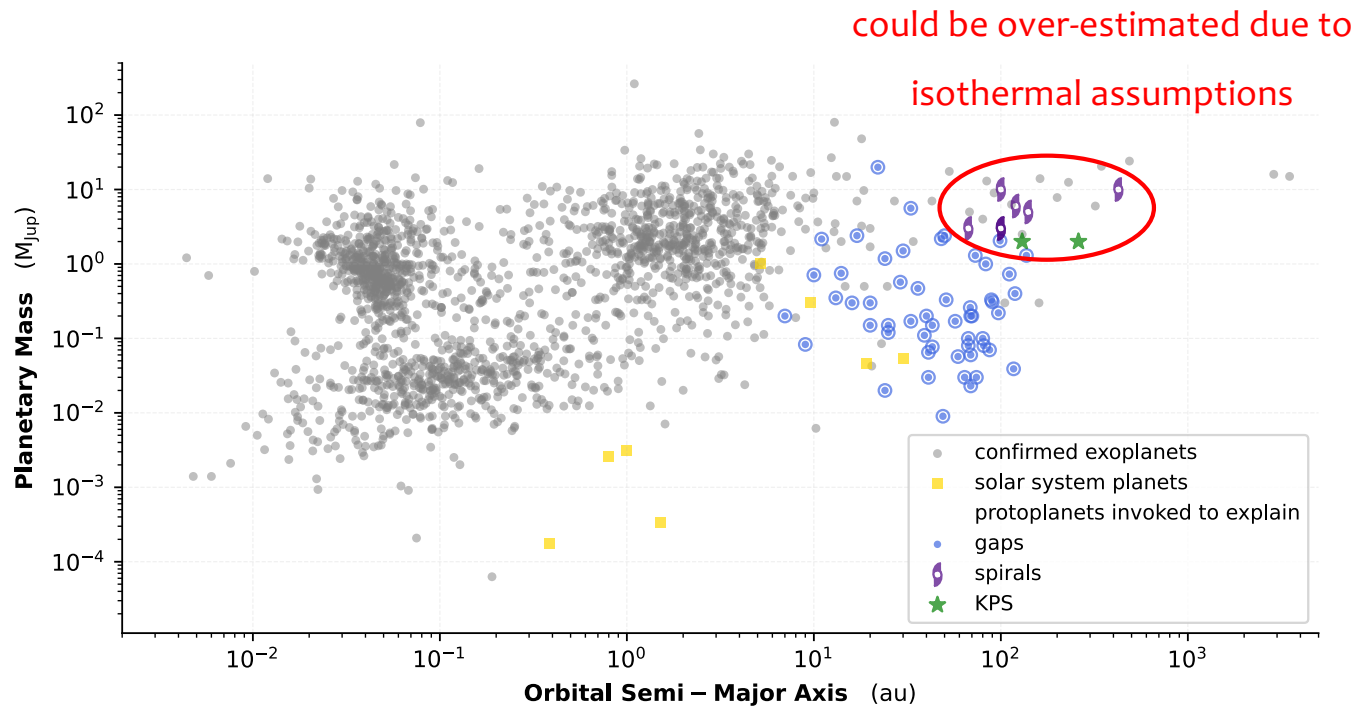


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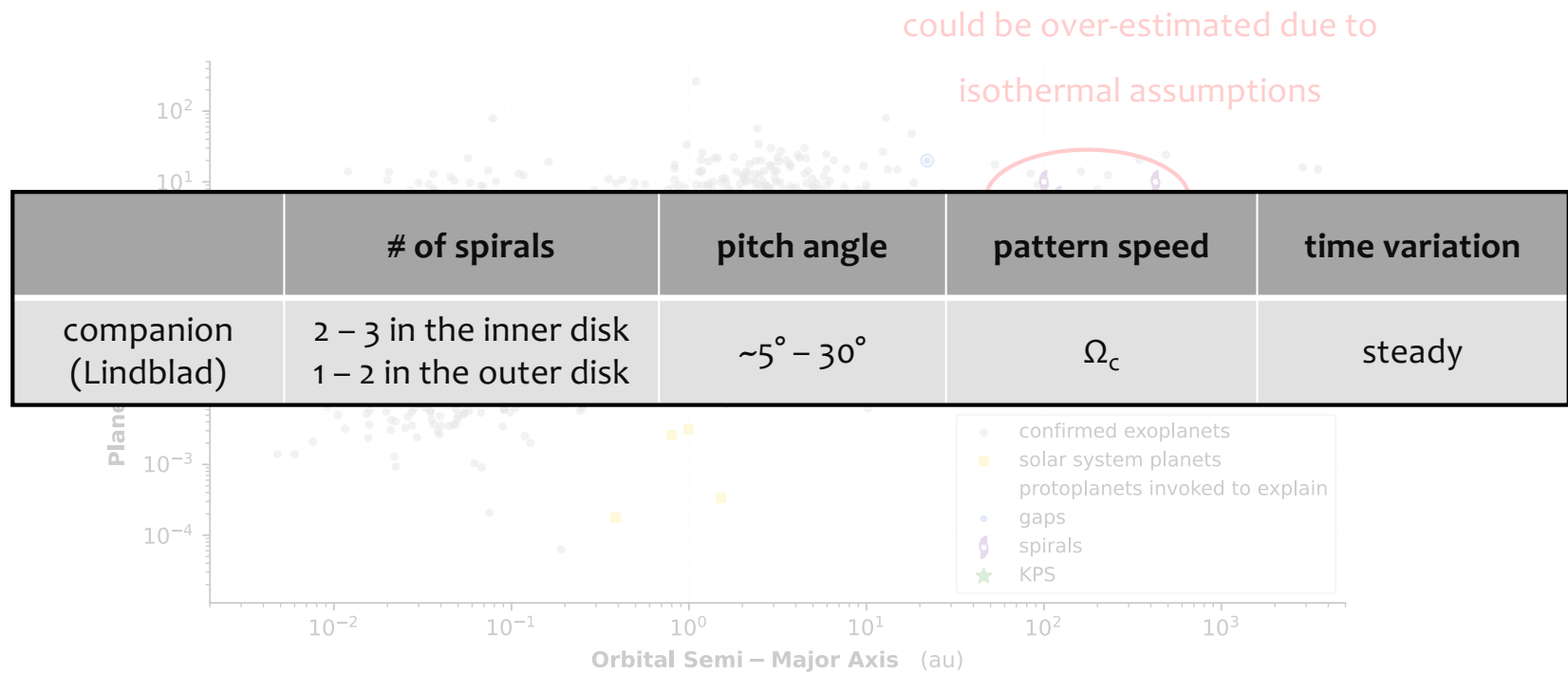


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Updated from Bae et al. (2018), Disk Dynamics et al. (2020)

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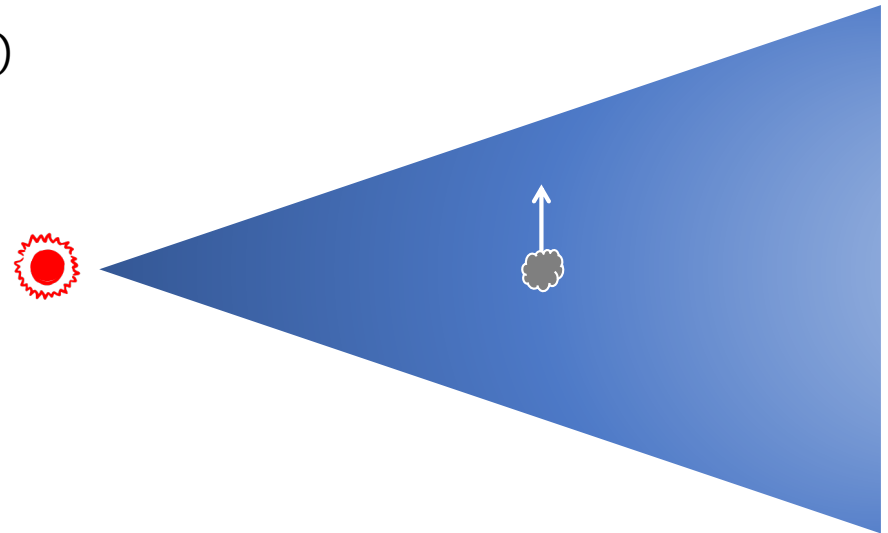


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# Spirals by a companion – buoyancy resonances

$N$ : buoyancy frequency (a.k.a. Brunt-Väisälä frequency)

$$N^2 = \frac{g}{\gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{P}{\rho^\gamma} \right) \right]$$



When a gas parcel is vertically displaced,

- if  $N^2 > 0$ , the gas parcel will vertically oscillate;
- if  $N^2 = 0$ , the gas parcel won't move any further;
- if  $N^2 < 0$ , the gas parcel will further rise.

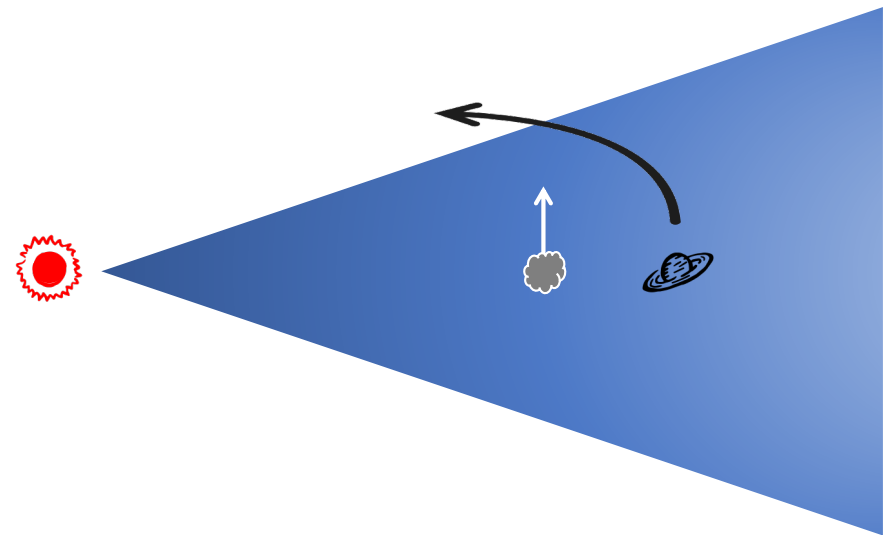
For a vertically isothermal disk with an isothermal EOS,  $P = \rho c_s^2$  and  $\gamma = 1$ .  $\rightarrow N^2 = 0$

For a vertically stratified disk (hotter surface) with an adiabatic EOS,  $N^2 > 0$

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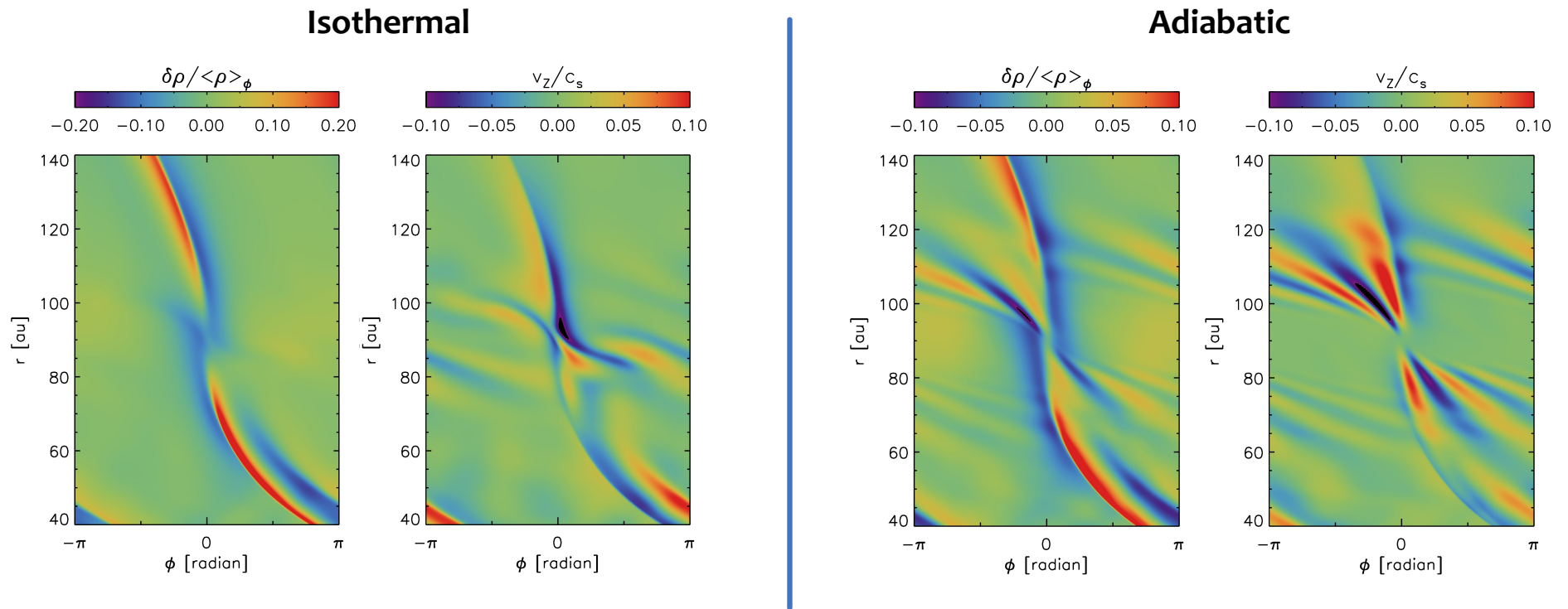
When planet's orbital frequency matches to the buoyancy frequency, the oscillatory motion can amplify through the resonance: buoyancy resonance.

Zhu et al. (2012), Lubow & Zhu (2014)



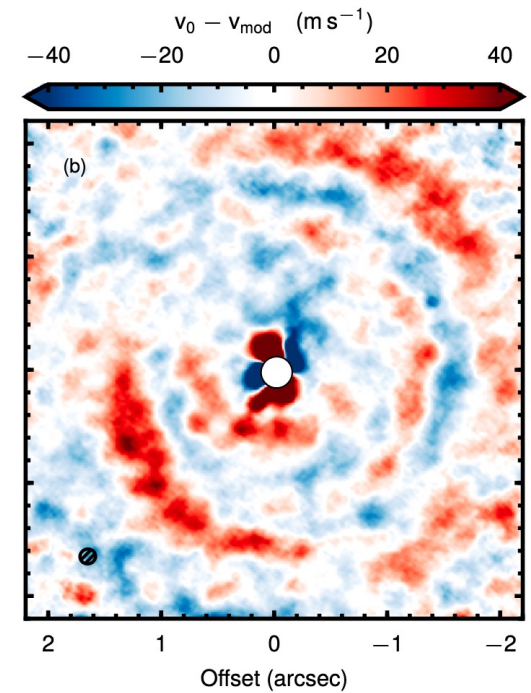
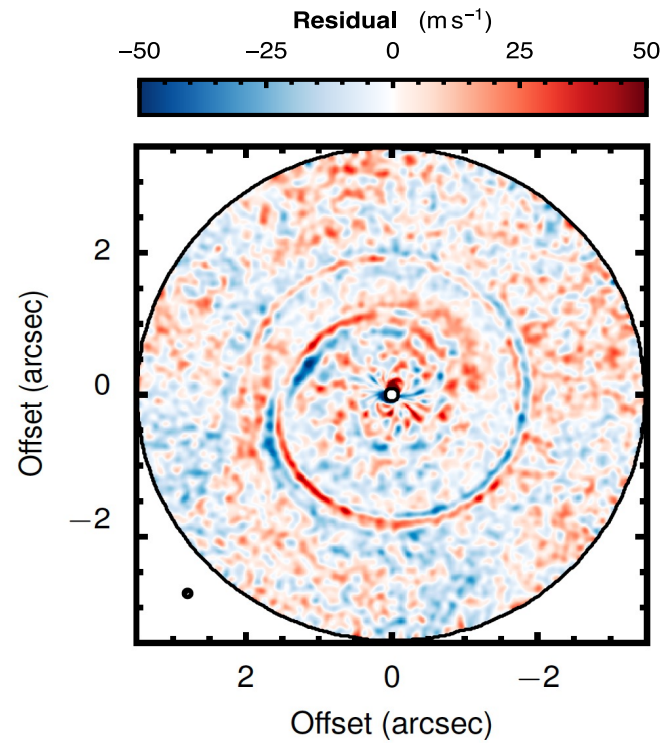
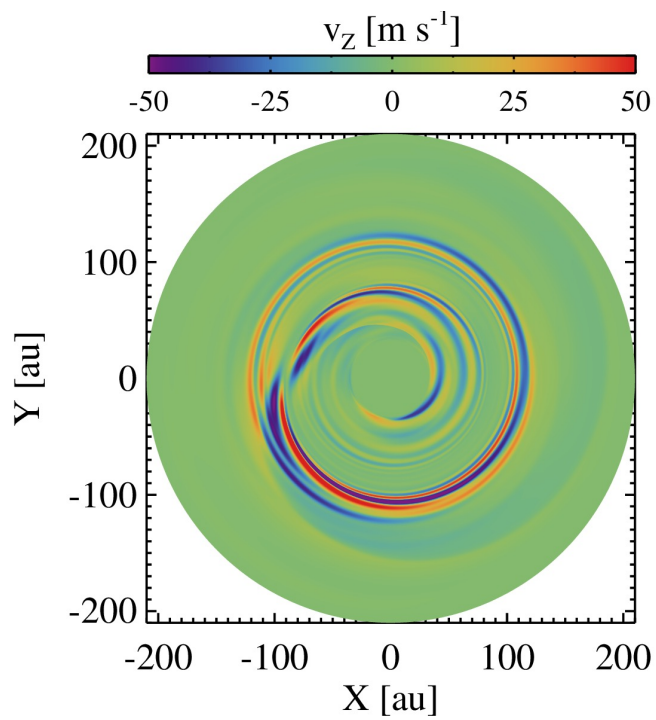


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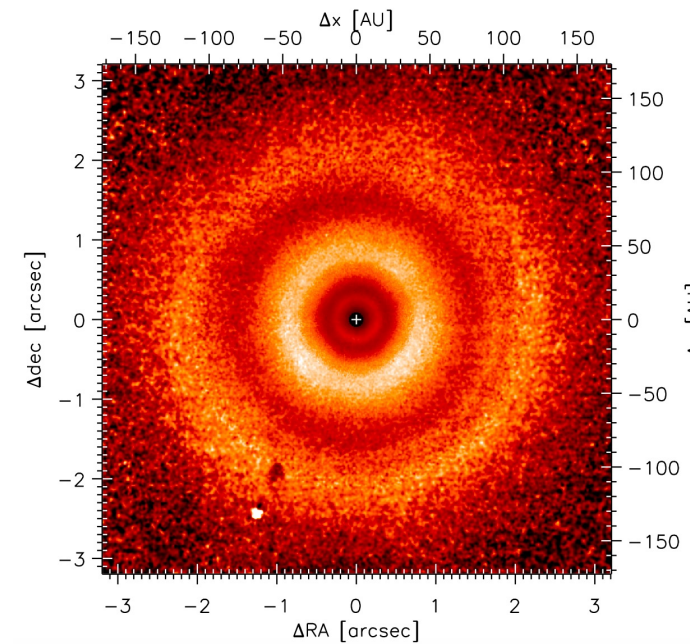
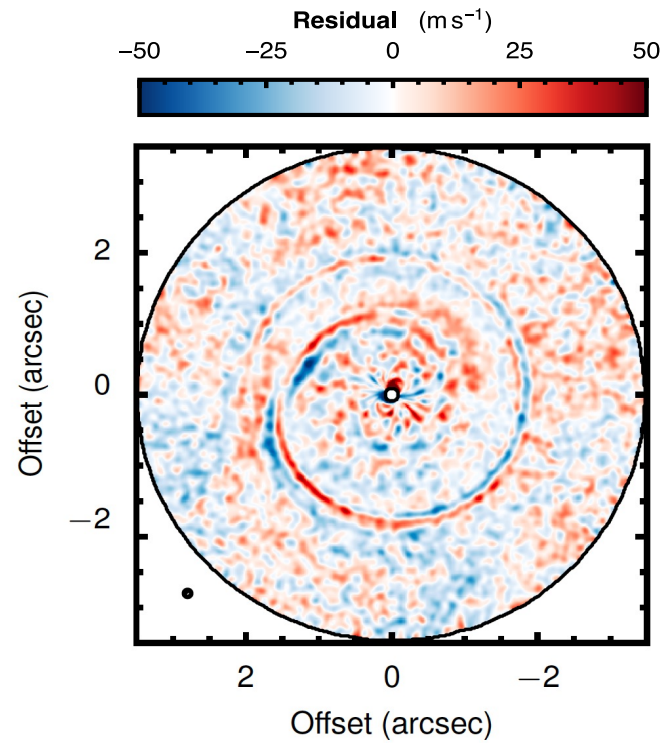
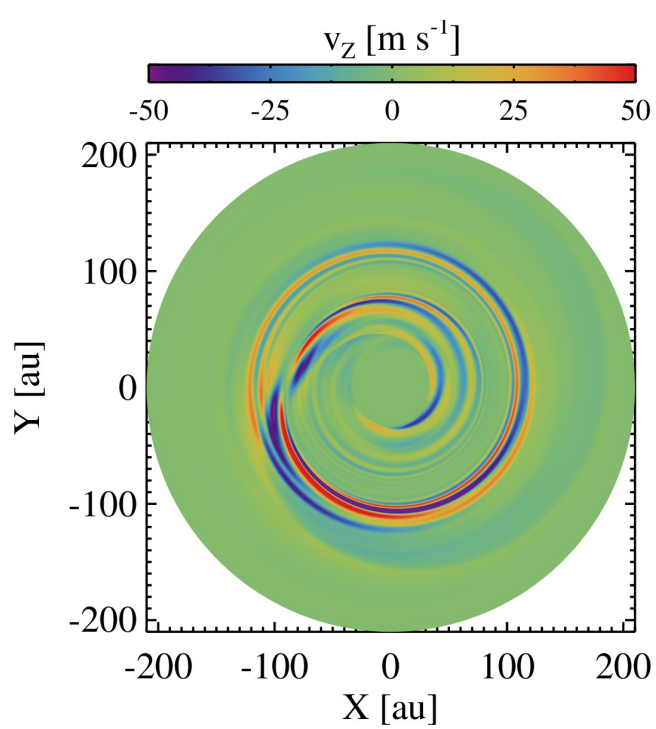
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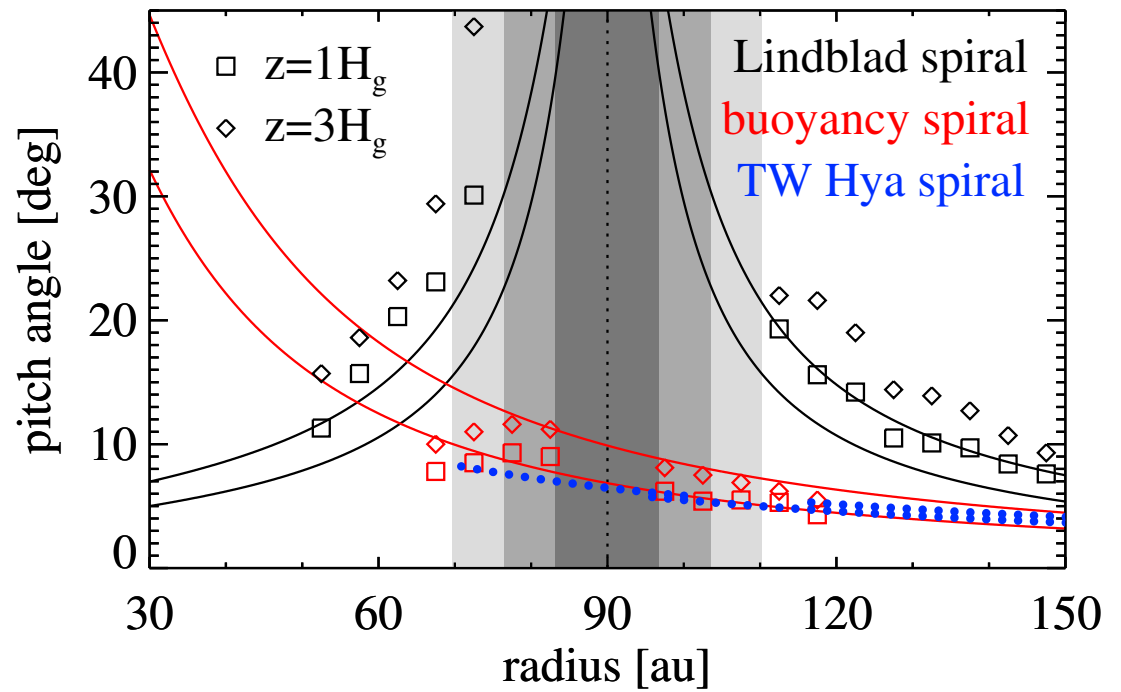
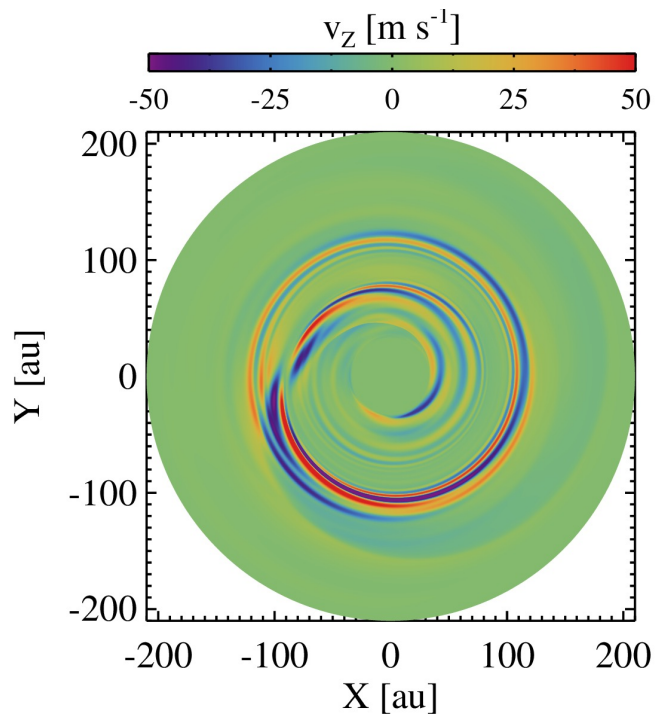
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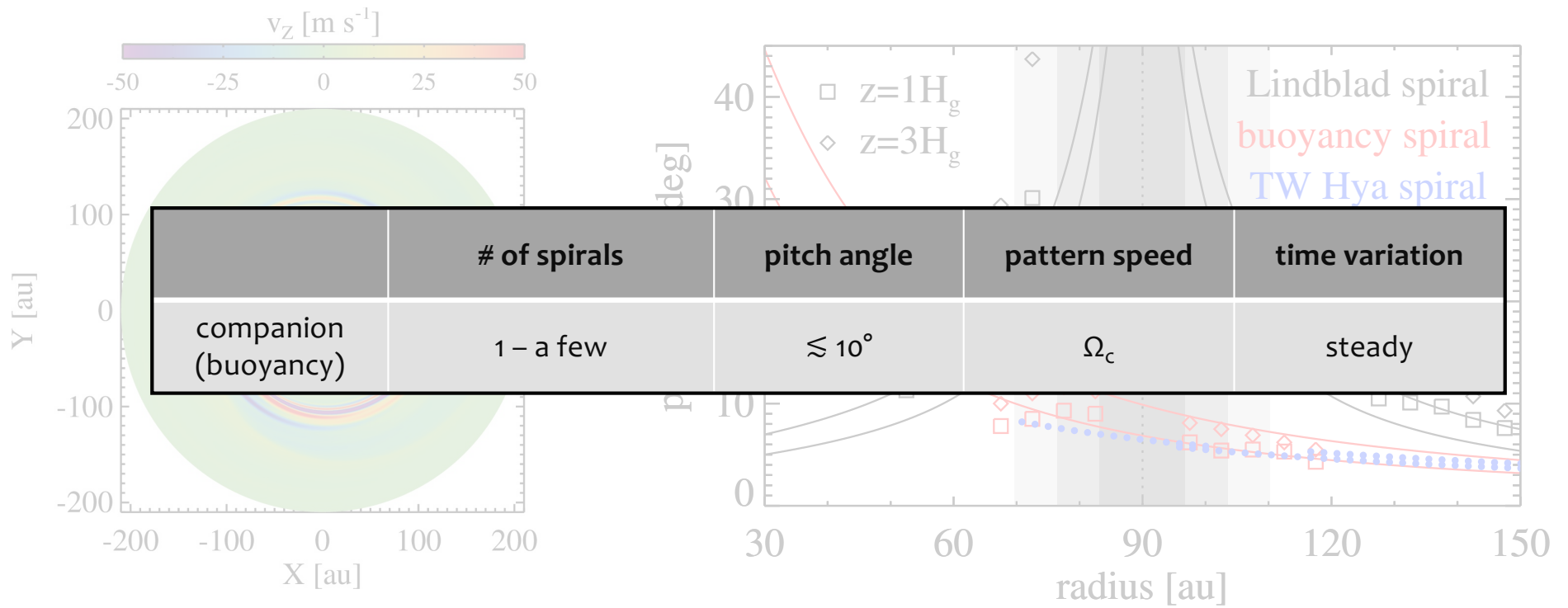
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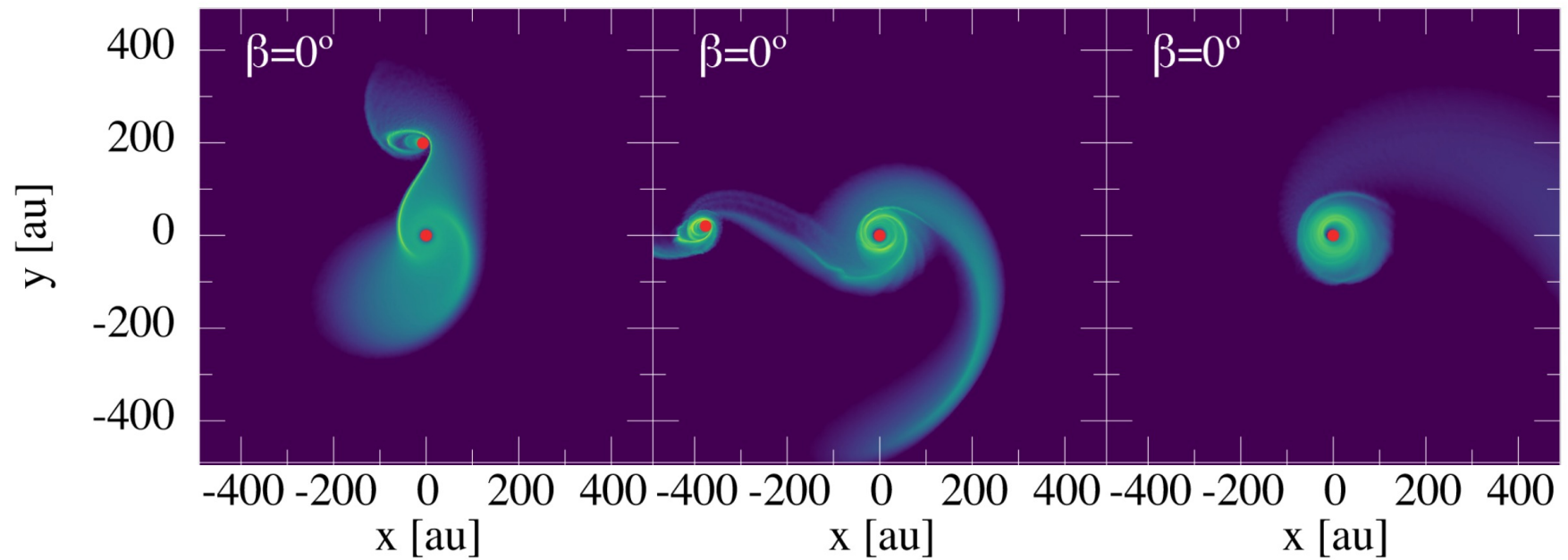
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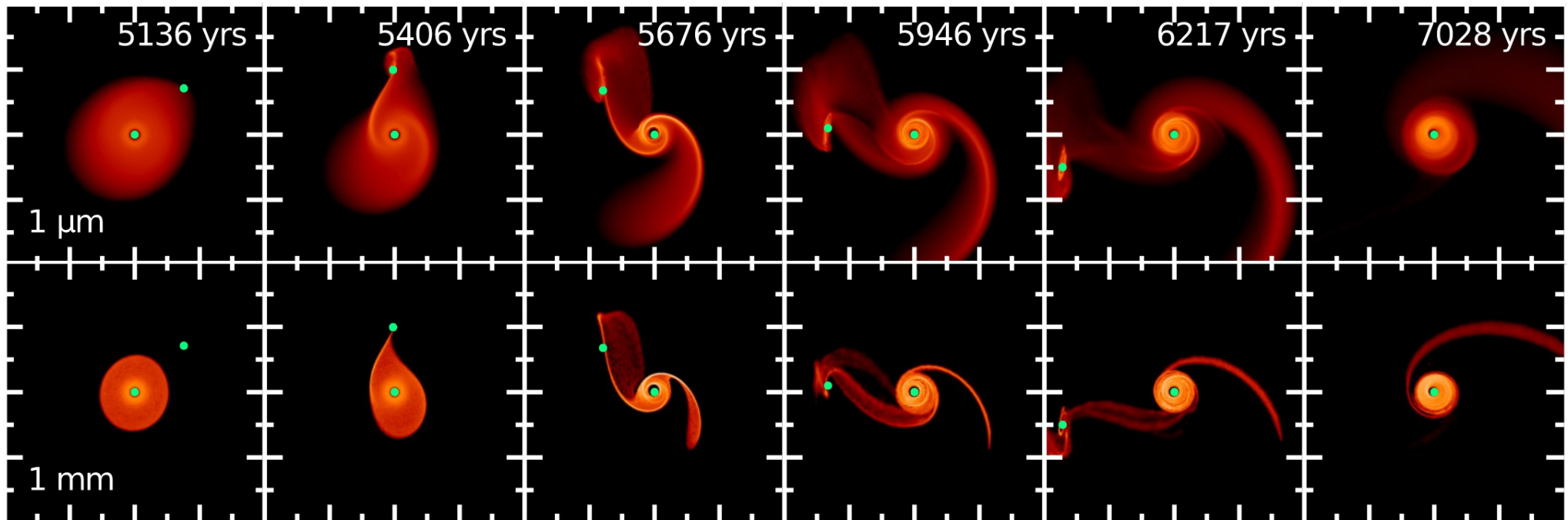
## Spirals by stellar flyby



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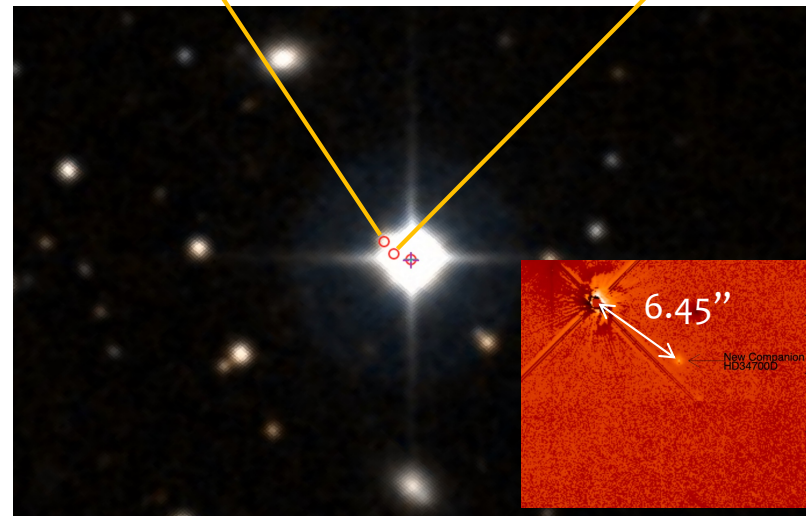
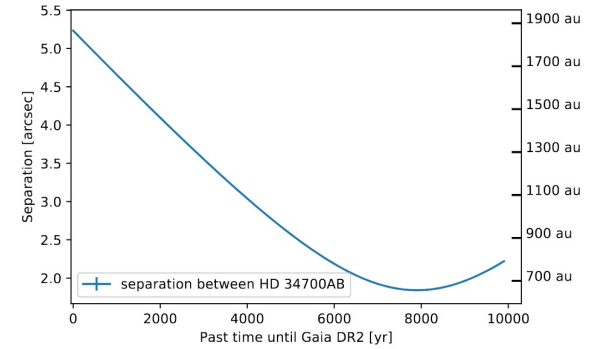
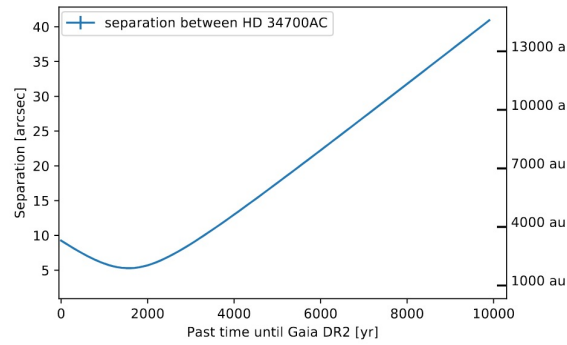
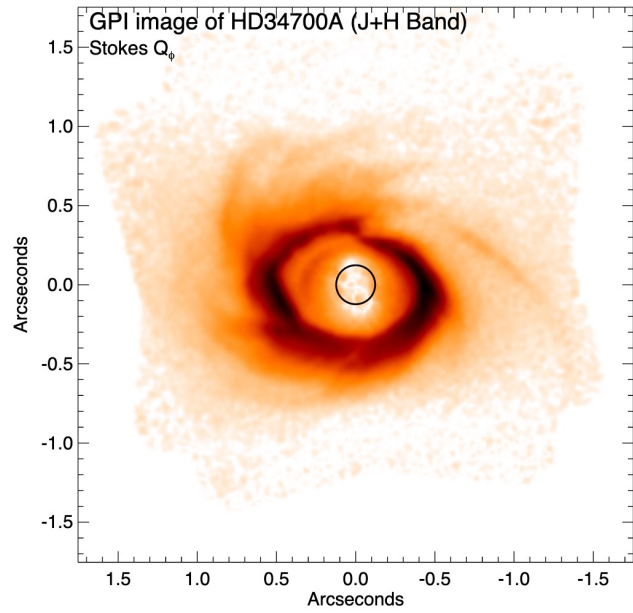
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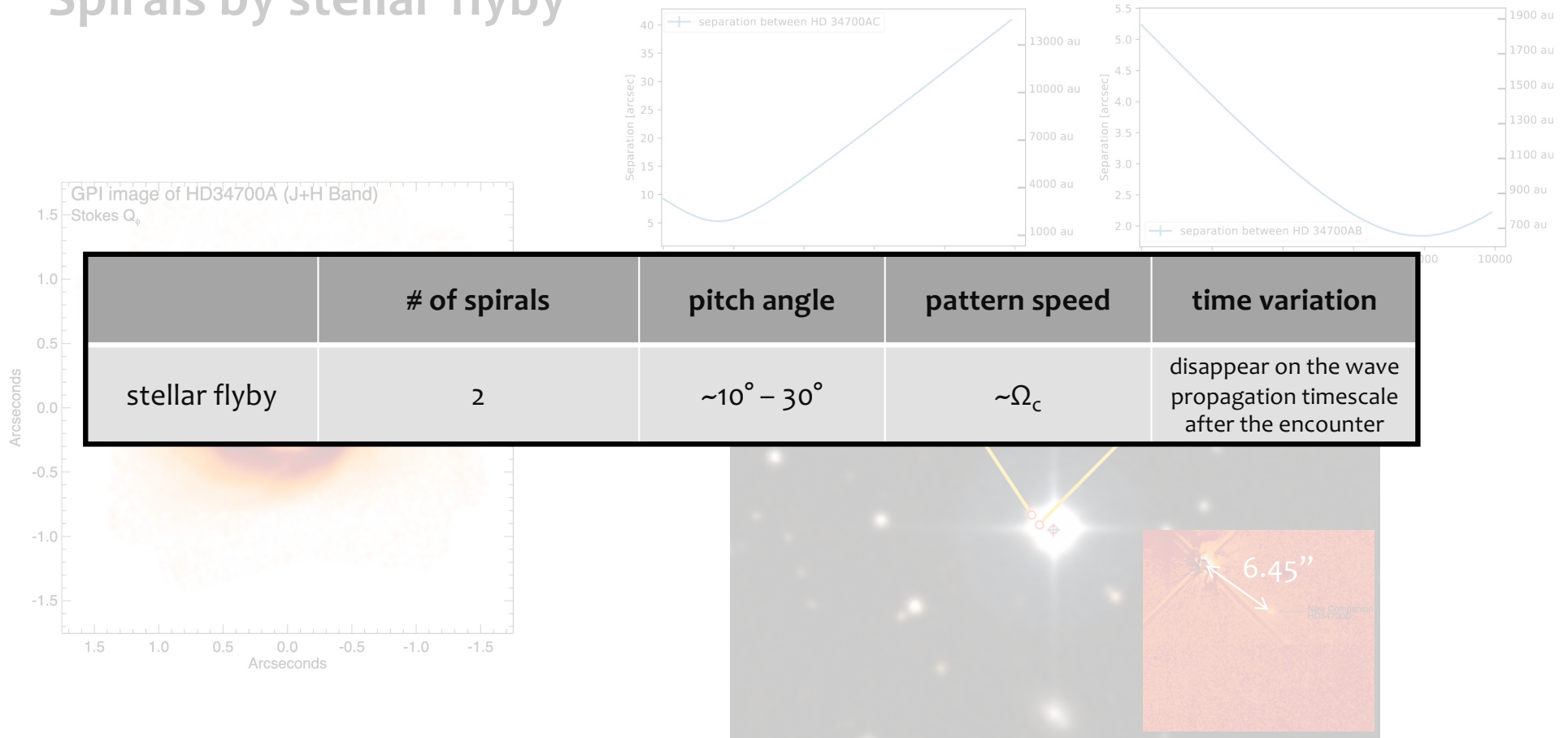
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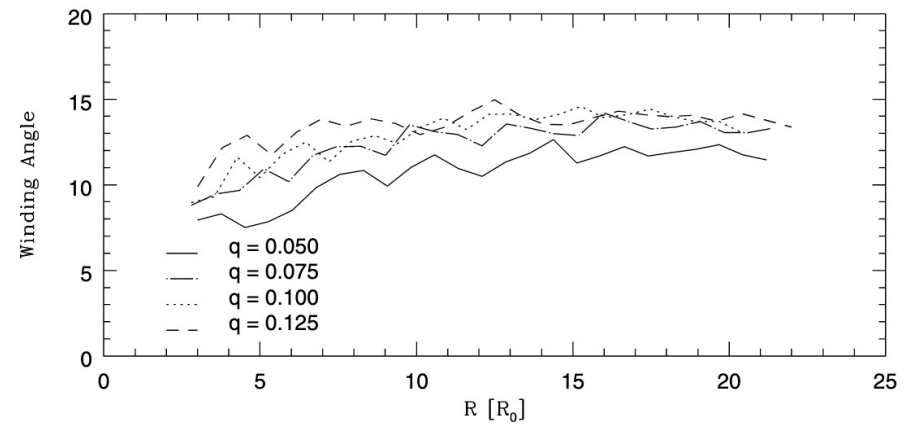
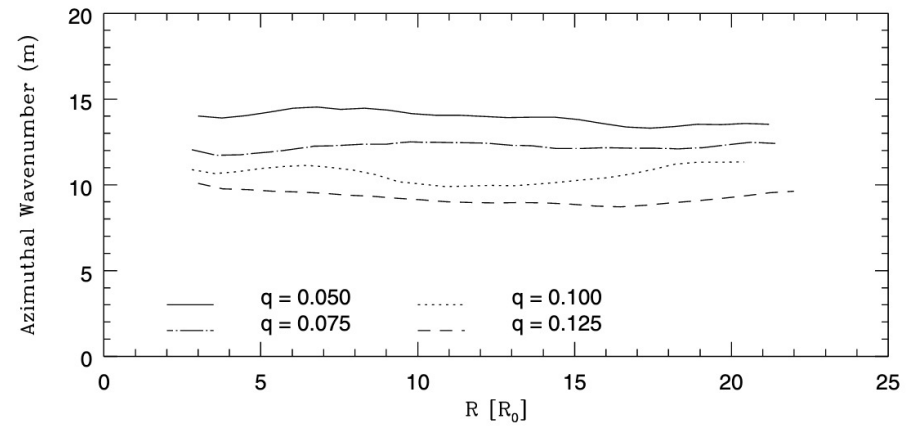
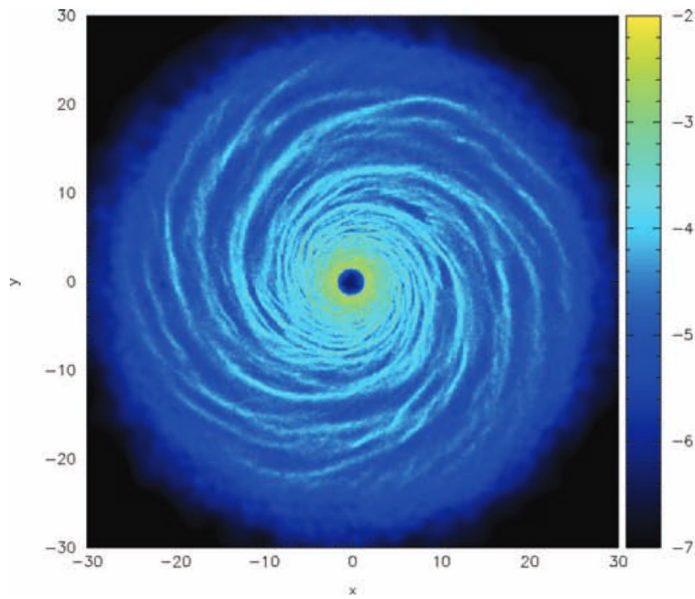


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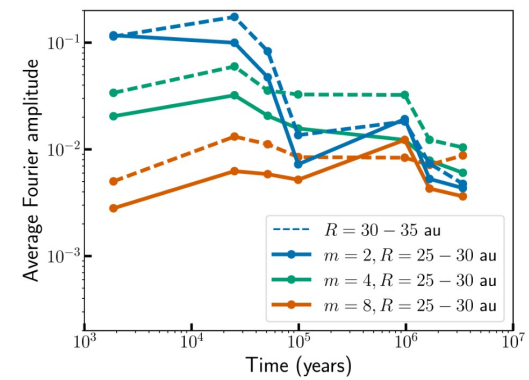
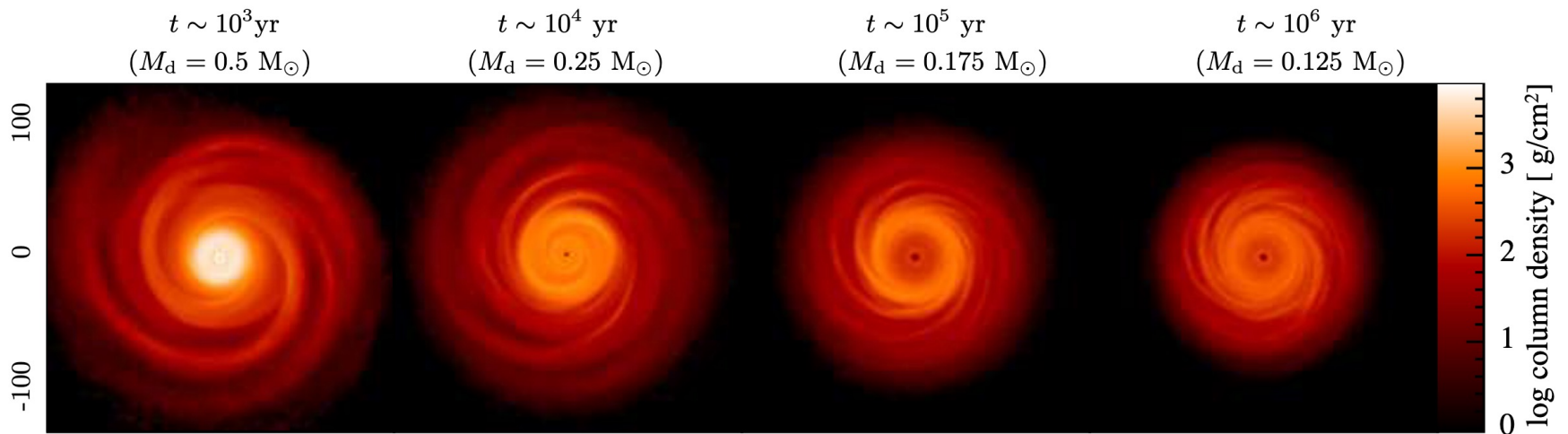
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# Spirals by GI



Cossins et al. (2009)

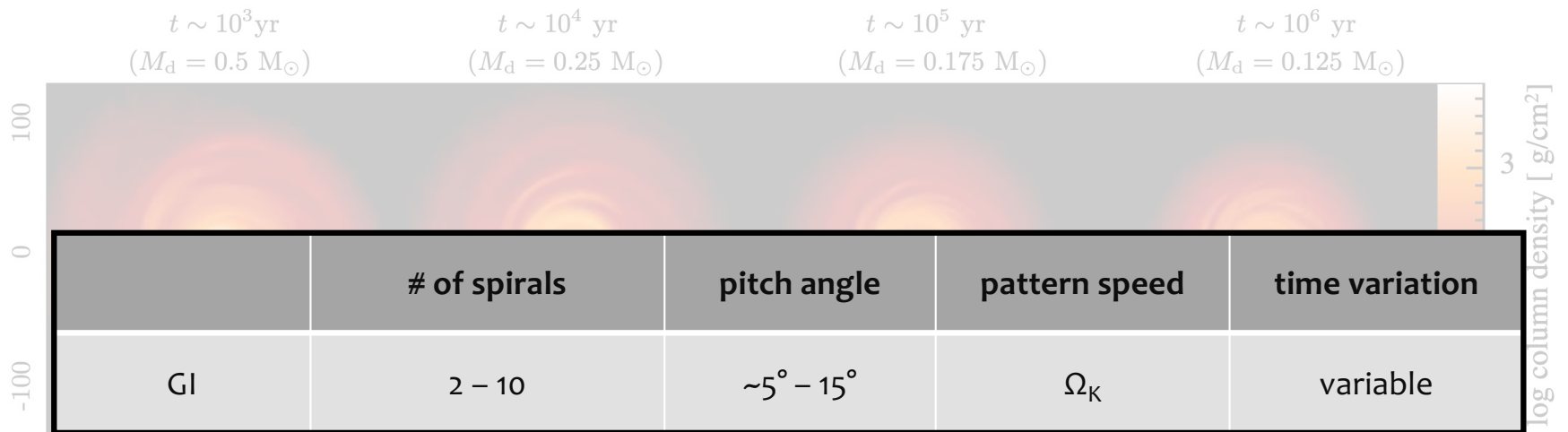
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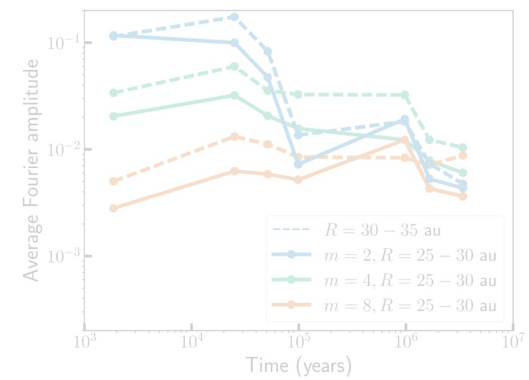
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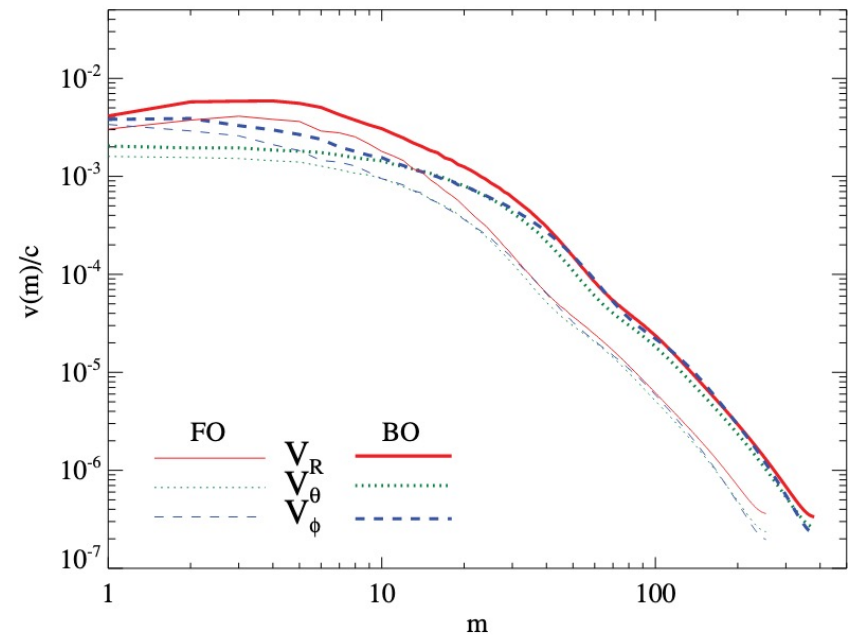
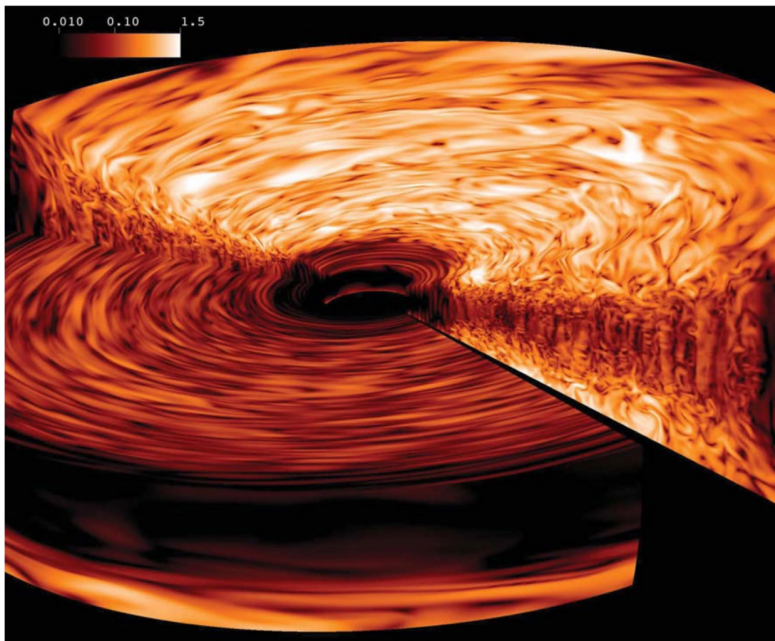


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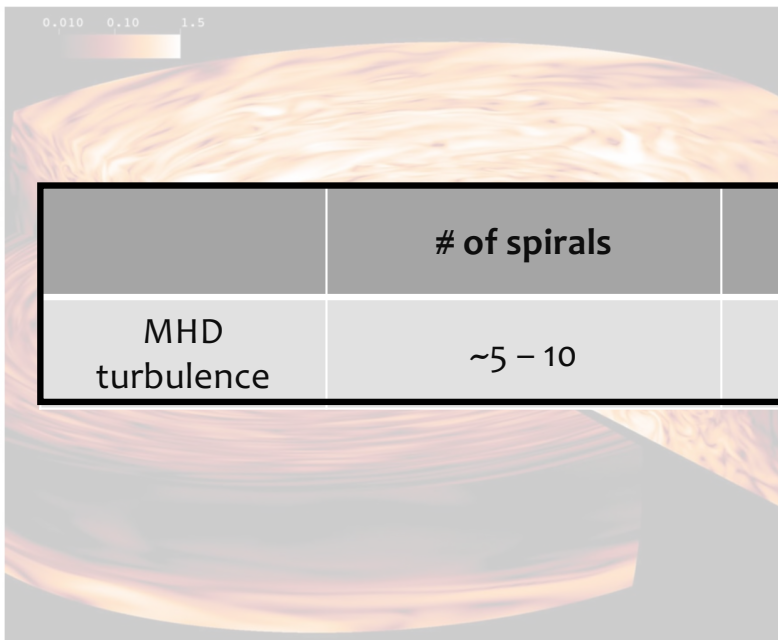
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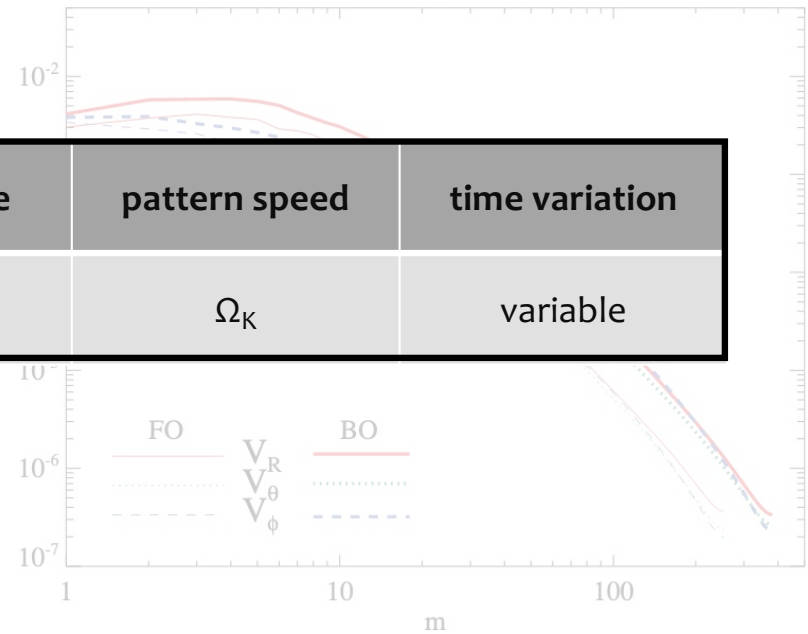
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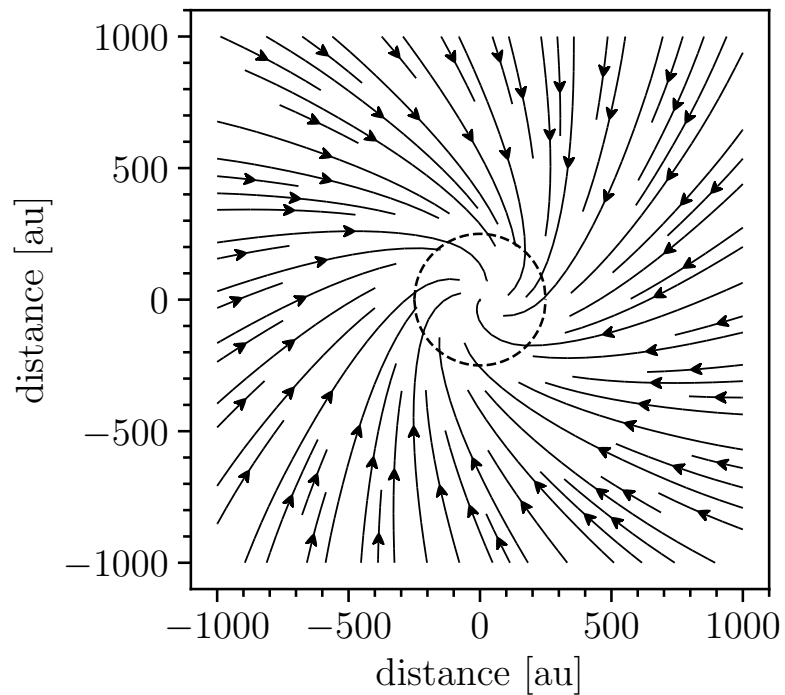
	# of spirals	pitch angle	pattern speed	time variation
MHD turbulence	~5 – 10	$\lesssim 10^\circ$	$\Omega_K$	variable



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# Spirals by infall



streamlines from the rotating isothermal  
cloud collapse model  
Ulrich (1976), Cassen & Moosman (1981),  
Terebey et al. (1984)



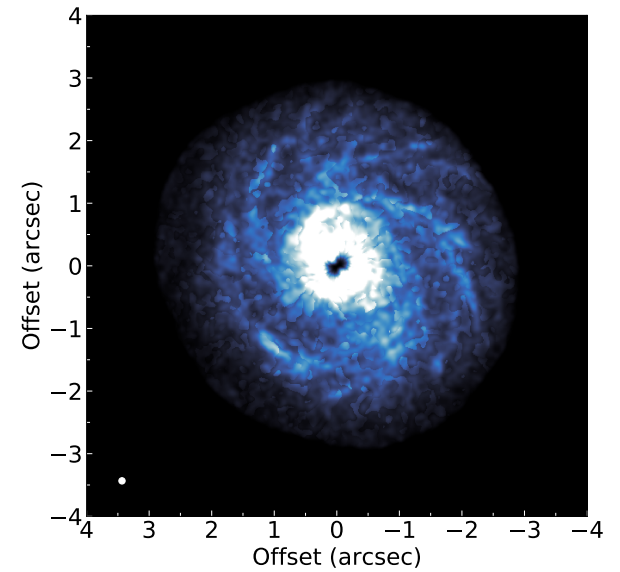
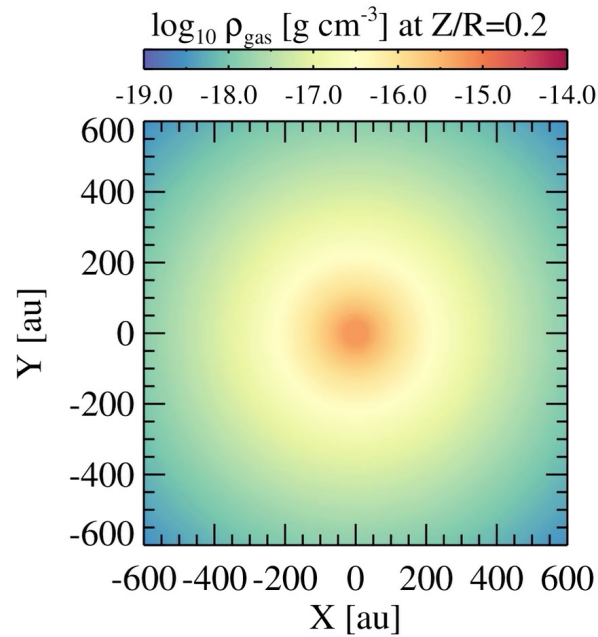
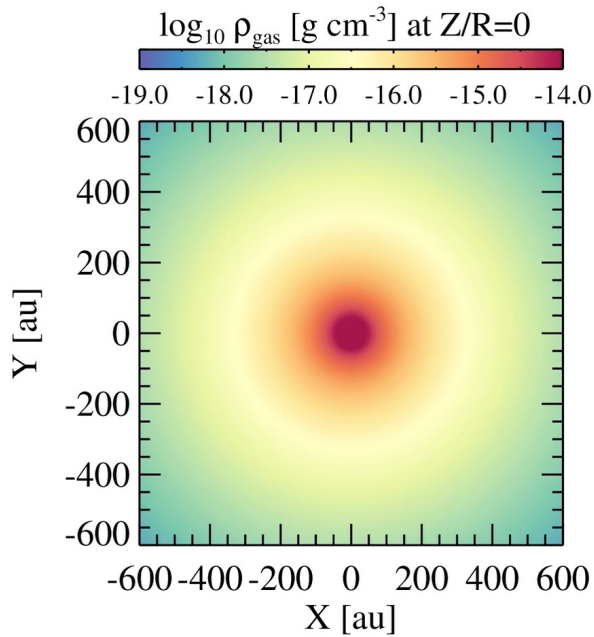
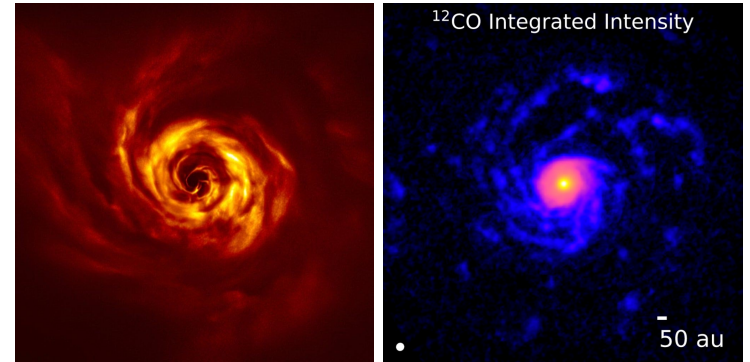
centrifugal radius

The shear between the infalling materials and the disk gas  
triggers a Kelvin-Helmholtz-type instability, generating spirals.

# Spirals by infall

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(Boccaletti et al. 2020)

right: RU Lup  
(Huang et al. 2020)



Bae et al. (in prep.)

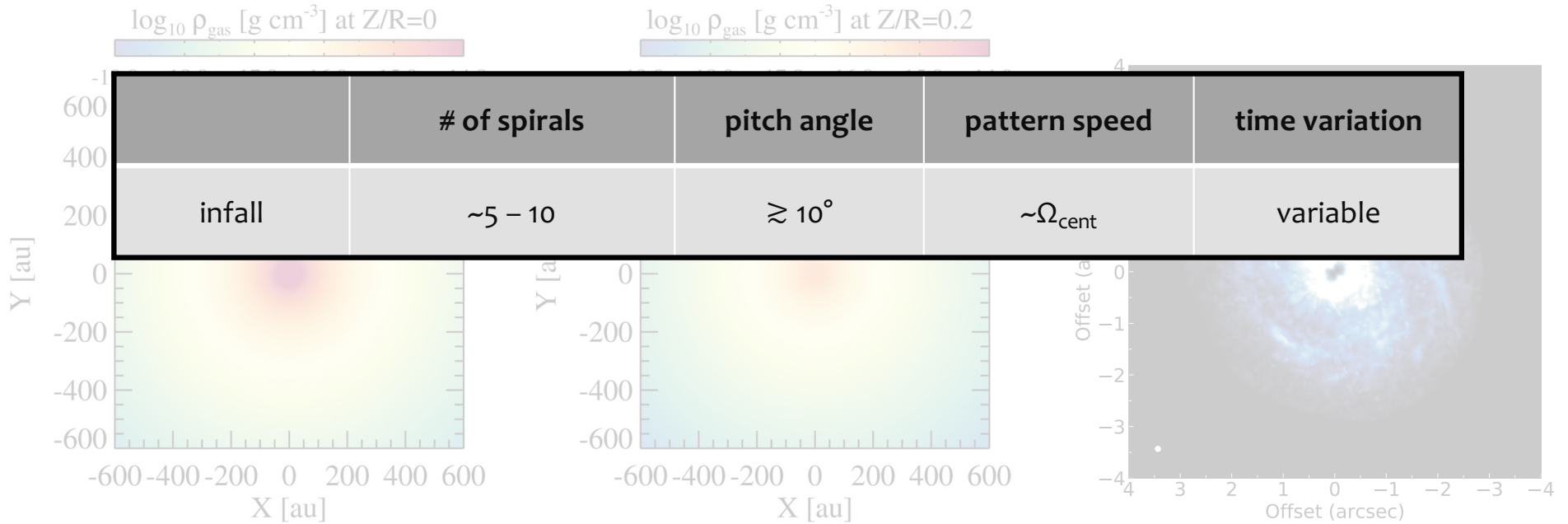
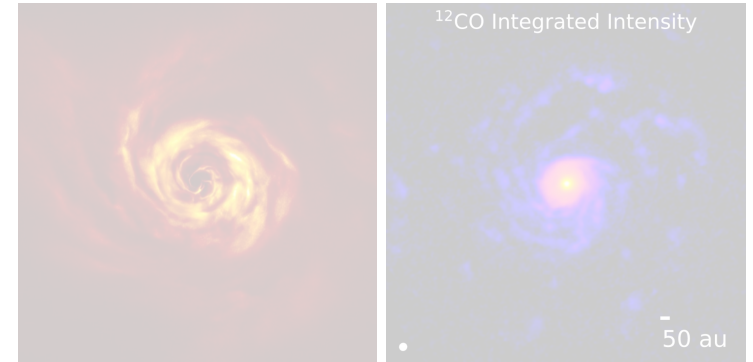
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	# of spirals	pitch angle	pattern speed	time variation
companion (Lindblad)	2 – 3 in the inner disk 1 – 2 in the outer disk	$\sim 5^\circ - 30^\circ$	$\Omega_c$	steady
companion (buoyancy)	1 – a few	$\lesssim 10^\circ$	$\Omega_c$	steady
stellar flyby	2	$\sim 10^\circ - 30^\circ$	$\sim \Omega_c$	disappear on the wave propagation timescale after the encounter
GI	2 – 10	$\sim 5^\circ - 15^\circ$	$\Omega_K$	variable
MHD turbulence	$\sim 5 - 10$	$\lesssim 10^\circ$	$\Omega_K$	variable
infall	$\sim 5 - 10$	$\gtrsim 10^\circ$	$\sim \Omega_{\text{cent}}$	variable

## Rings: potential origins

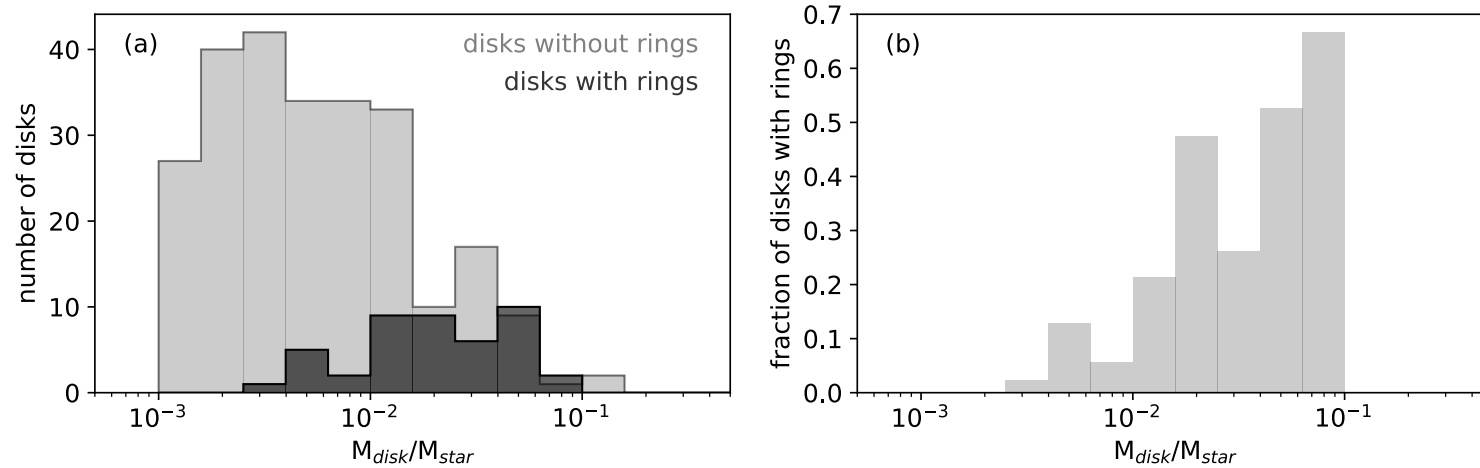
- companion
- zonal flows
- inhomogeneous accretion
- icelines

	# of rings	ring location	ring width*	time variation
companion				
zonal flows				
inhomogeneous accretion				
icelines				

\*The dust ring width can be much smaller than the gas ring width.

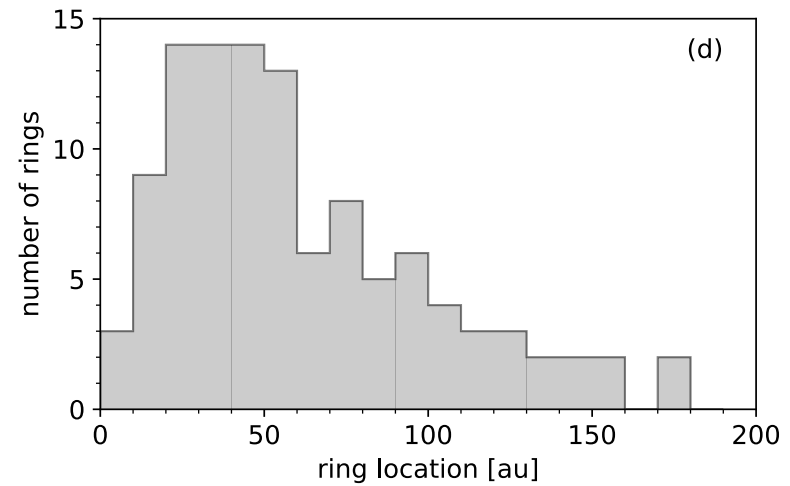
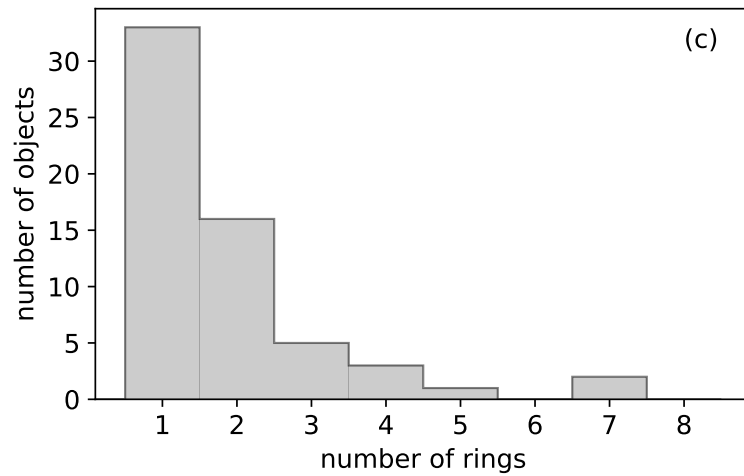
$$w_d \approx \left(\frac{\alpha}{St}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} w_g, \text{ where } St = \pi\rho_s s / 2\Sigma_g$$

## Rings: statistics



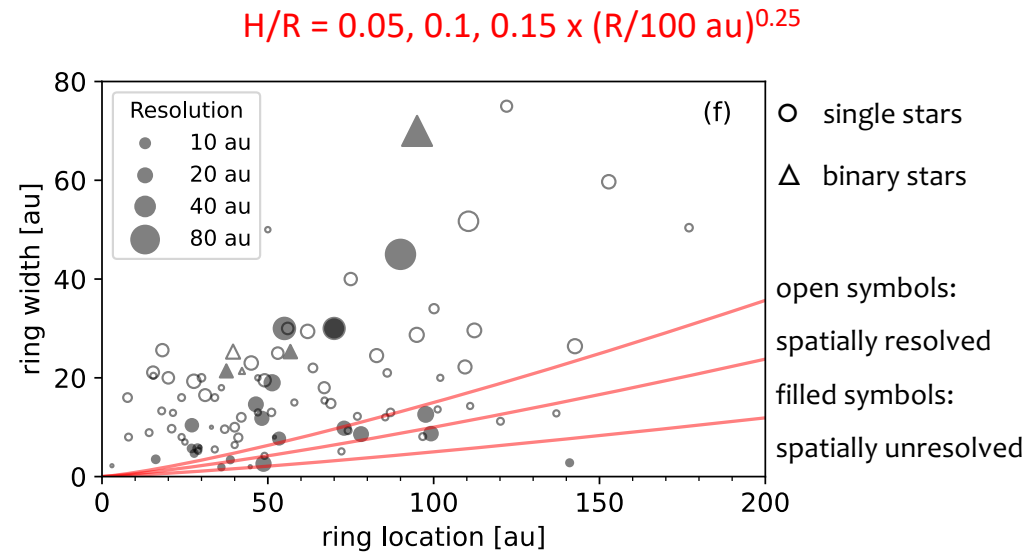
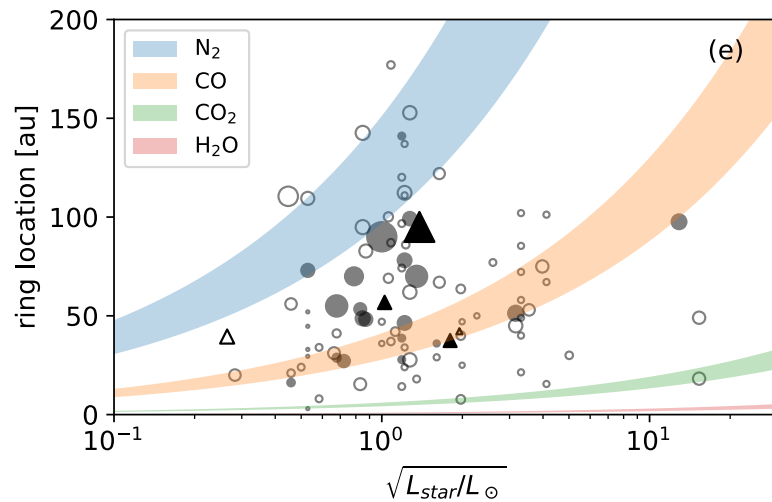
- Rings are detected in a larger fraction of massive disks ( $M_{\text{disk}}/M_{\text{star}} \gtrsim 0.01$ ) compared with the low-mass counterpart.

# Rings: statistics



- Single- and double-ring systems are dominant (49/60).
- The number of rings decreases as a function of radial location.

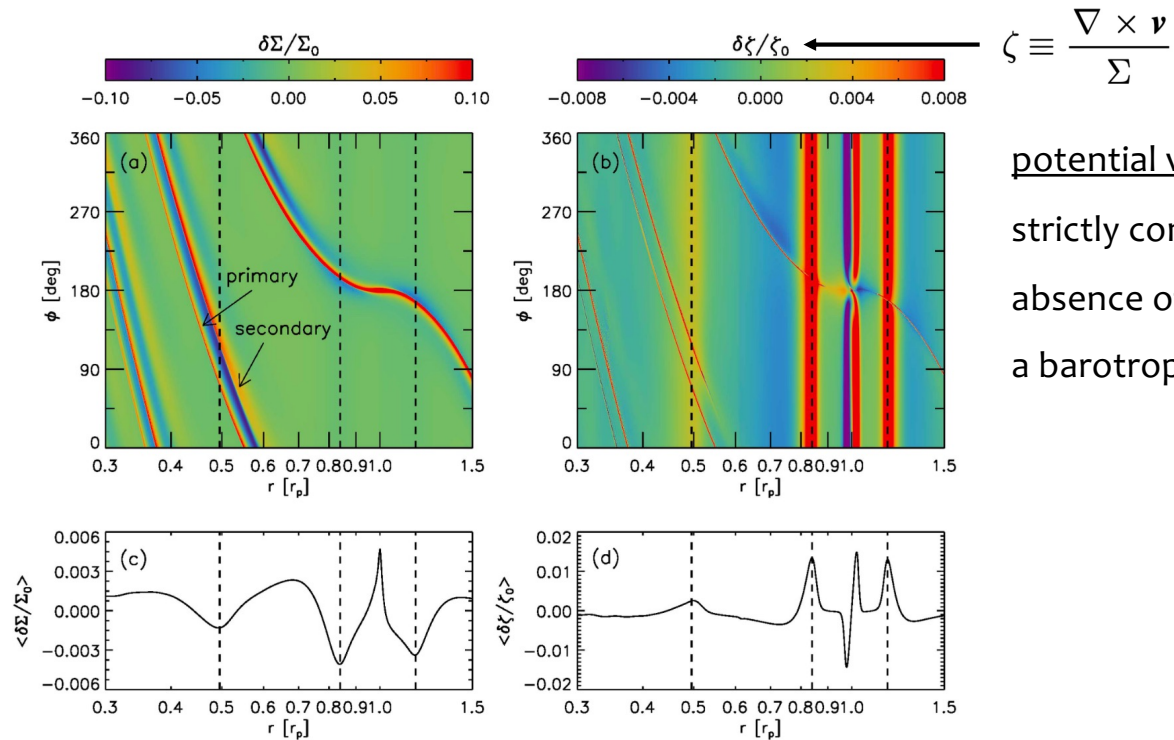
# Rings: statistics



- No clear correlation is seen between the radial locations of the rings and the expected locations of icelines (see also Huang et al. 2018, Long et al. 2018, van der Marel et al. 2019).
- The width of most rings is greater than a gas scale height.

# Rings by a companion

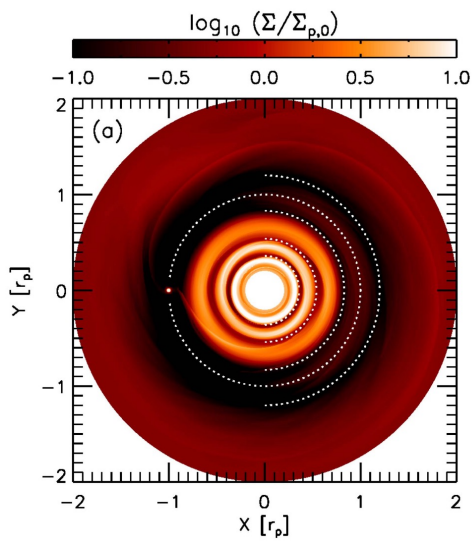
- Spiral arms transport angular momentum as they shock the disk gas, **opening gaps** (Goodman & Rafikov 2001, Rafikov 2002).



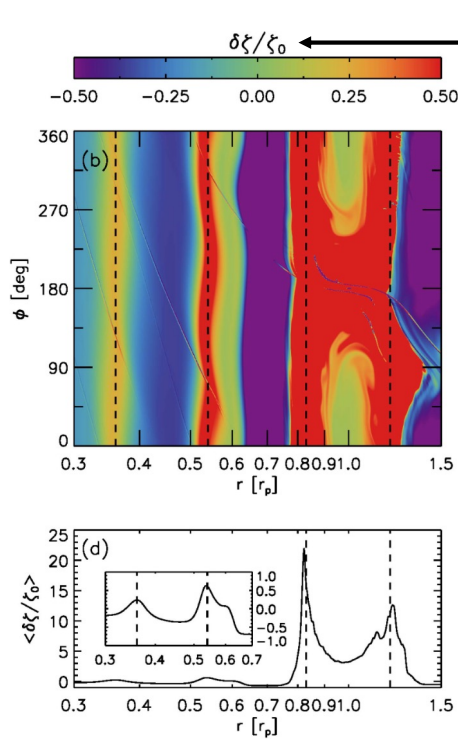
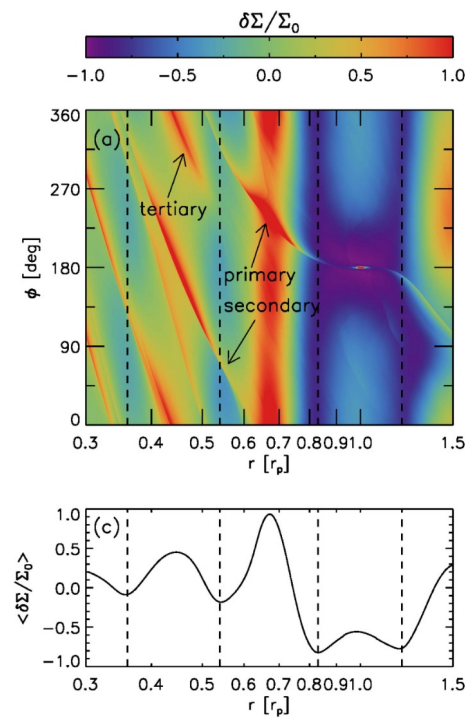
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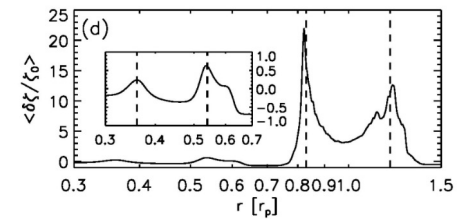
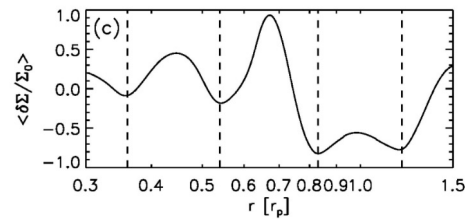
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$$\zeta \equiv \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{v}}{\Sigma}$$

potential vorticity:

strictly conserved in the absence of shocks under a barotropic setup.

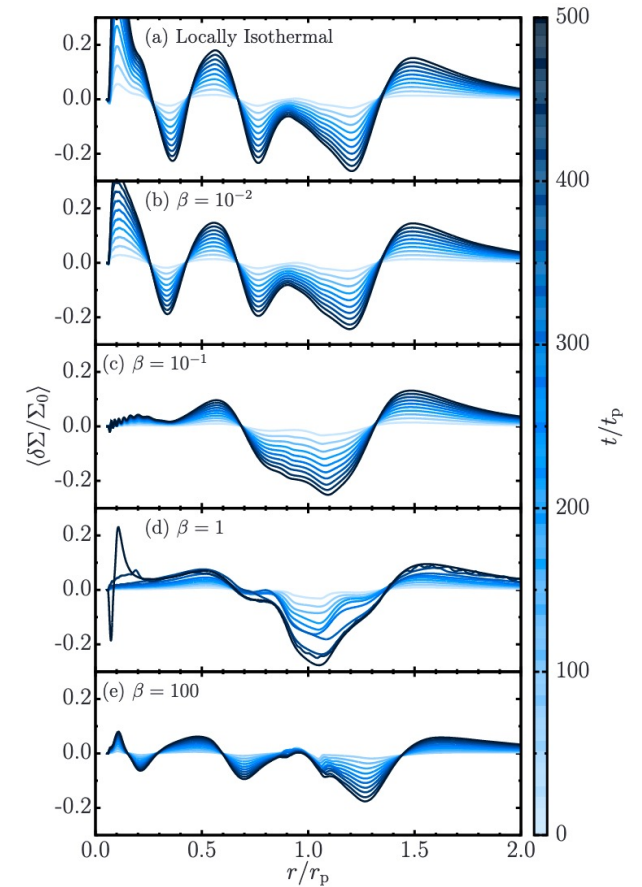
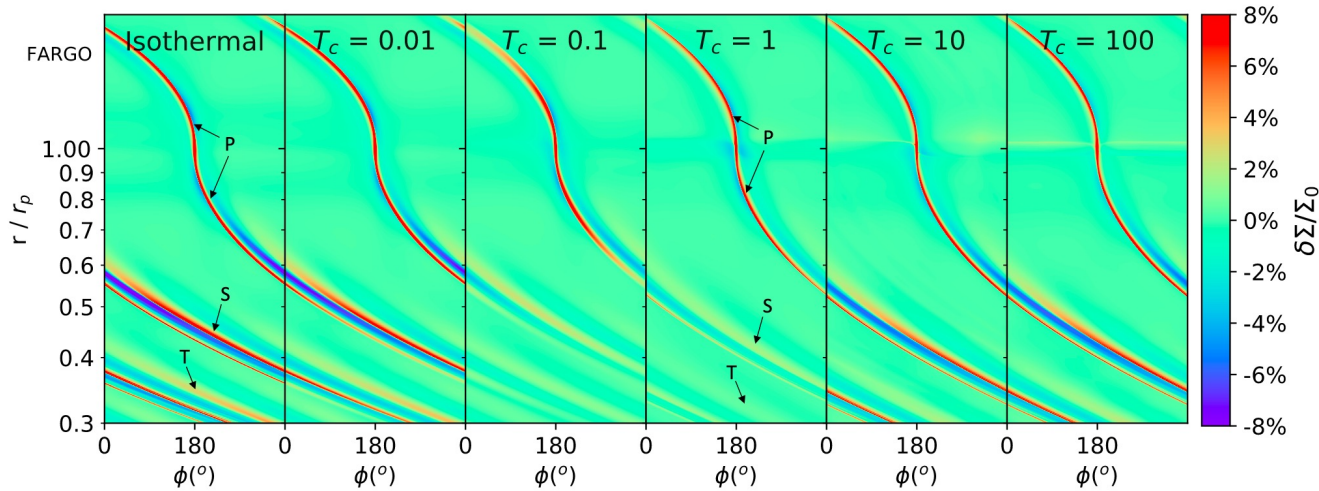




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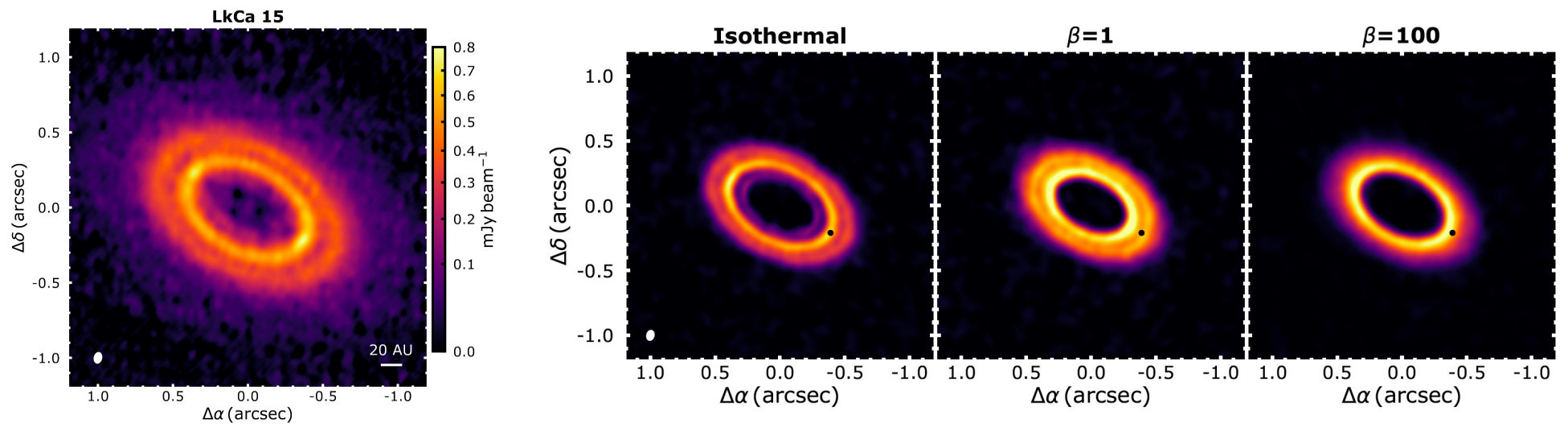
$T_c = \beta = \text{cooling timescale/dynamical timescale}$



Left: Zhang & Zhu 2020, Right: Miranda & Rafikov 2020

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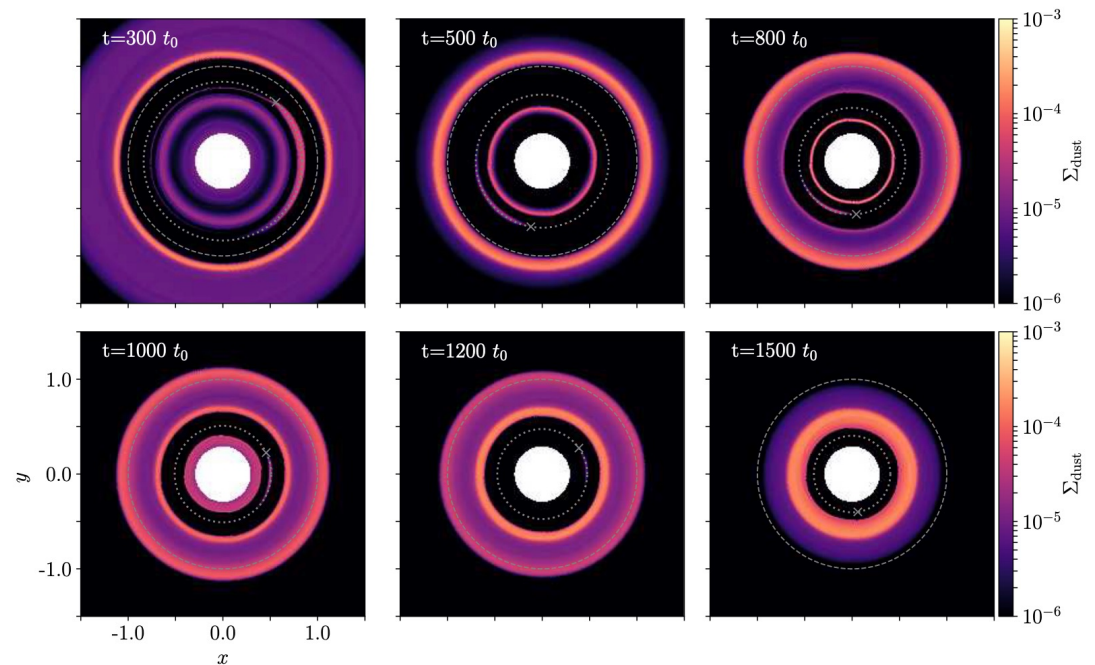
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Facchini et al. (2020), see also Ziampras et al. (2020)

# Rings by a companion

- Orbital migration can complicate things.

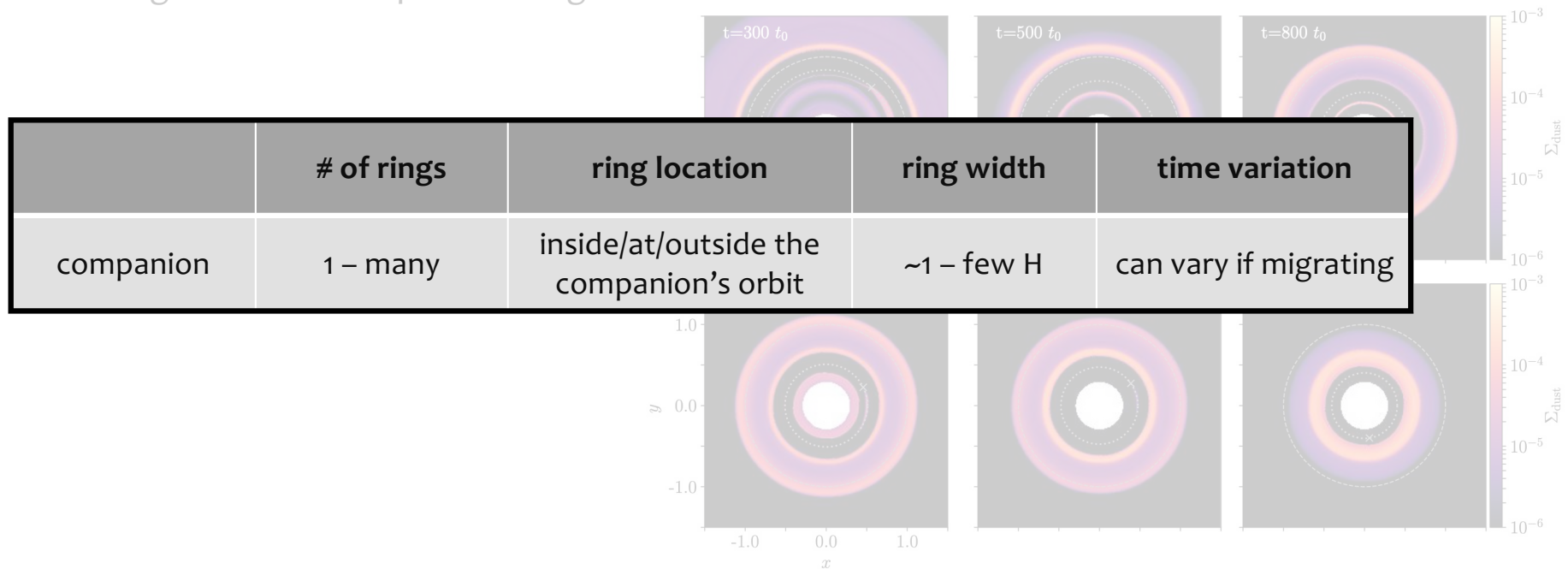


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# Rings by zonal flows – vertical shear instability

Pfeil & Klahr (2019)

- Driven by the vertical “shear” in the rotational velocity.

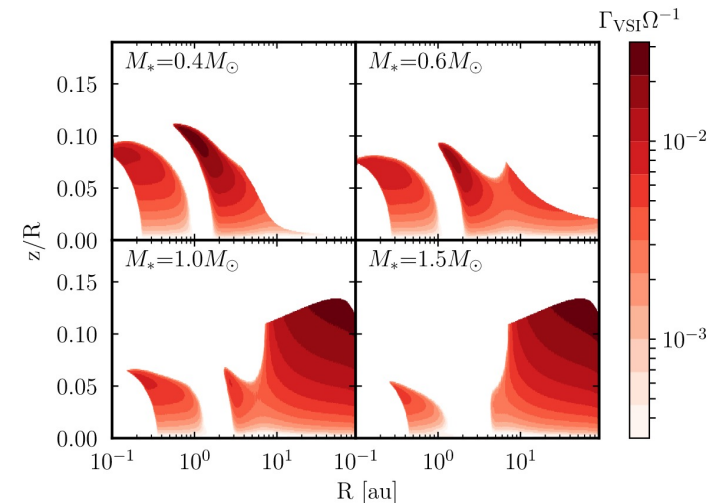
$$\rho(R, Z) = \rho_0 \left( \frac{R}{R_0} \right)^p \exp \left( \frac{GM}{c_s^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + Z^2}} - \frac{1}{R} \right] \right),$$

$$\Omega(R, Z) = \Omega_K \left[ (p + q) \left( \frac{H}{R} \right)^2 + (1 + q) - \frac{qR}{\sqrt{R^2 + Z^2}} \right]^{1/2}$$

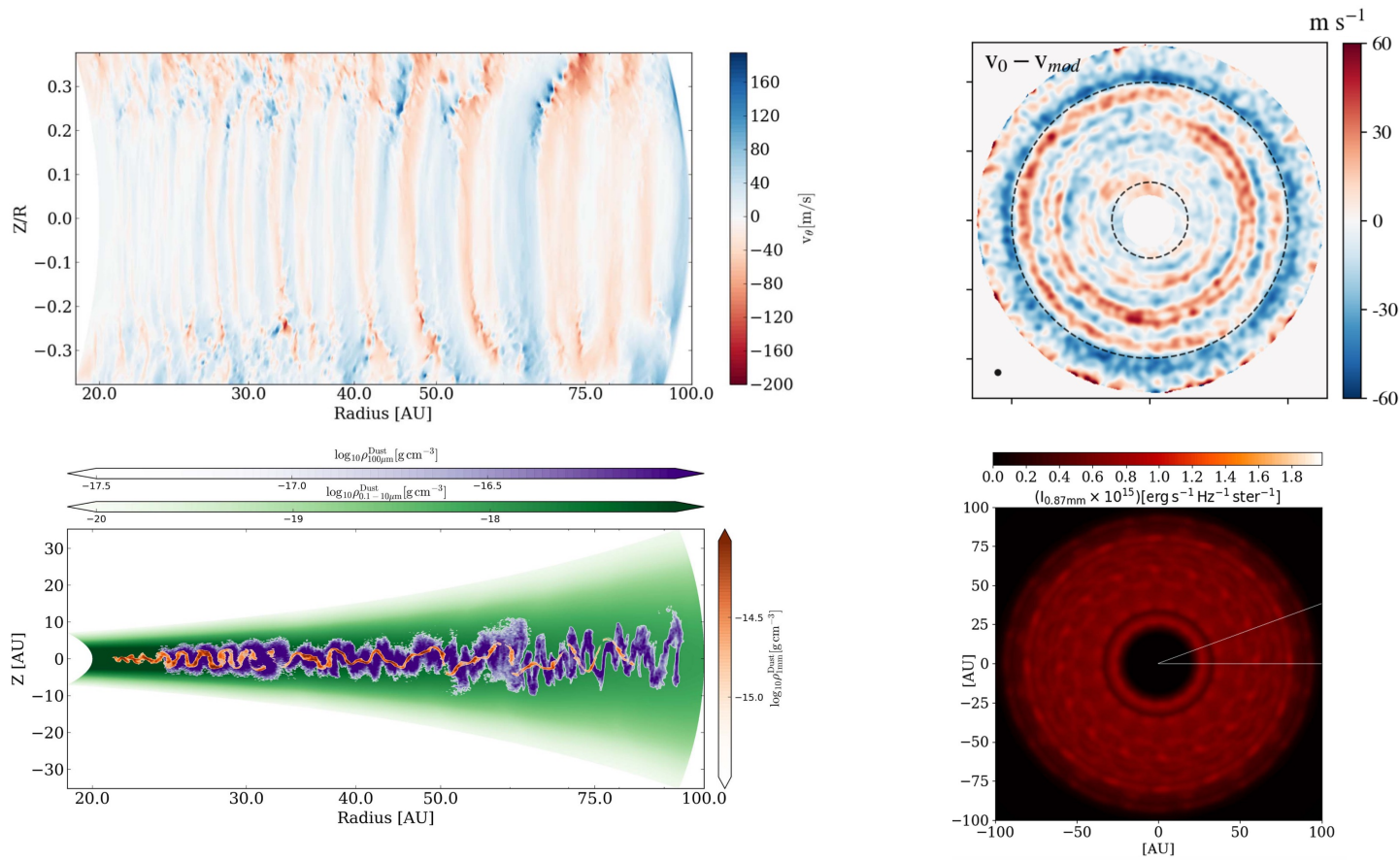
- Cooling requirement

- Vertical shear is generally weak and can be stabilized by buoyancy if cooling is not efficient (Lin & Youdin 2015).

$$t_{cool} \lesssim \frac{|r \partial \Omega / \partial z|}{N_z^2} \simeq \frac{h|q|}{\gamma - 1} \Omega_K^{-1}$$



# Rings by zonal flows – vertical shear instability



$$k_r \approx 5 - 20 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

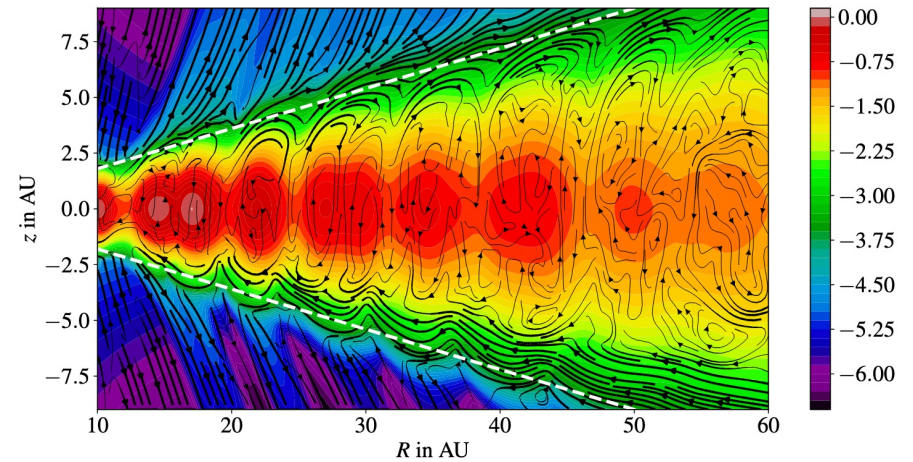
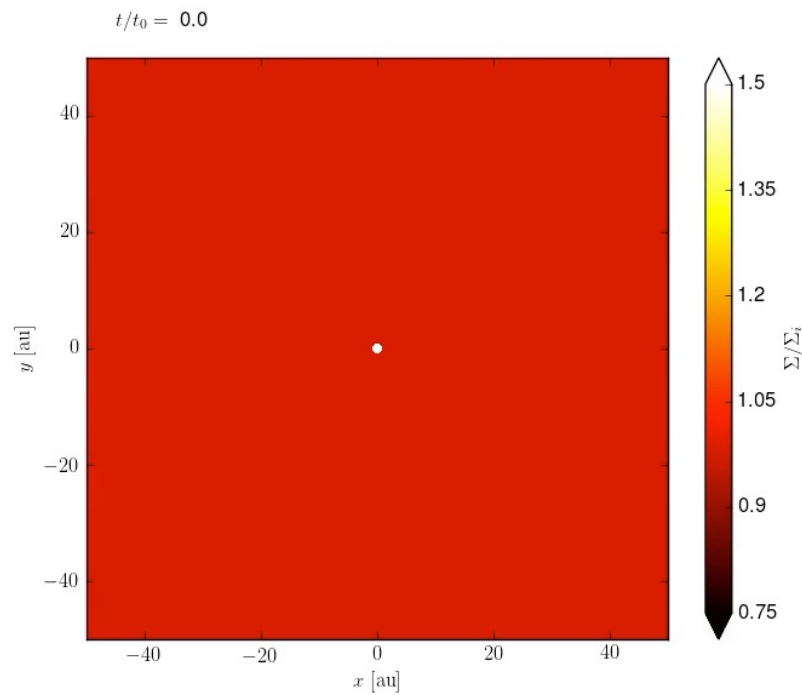
$$\rightarrow \lambda_r \approx 0.3 - 1.2 \text{ H}$$

(Lin & Youdin 2015,  
Pfeil & Klahr 2019)

Flock et al. (2017)  
Barraza-Alfaro et al. (2021)

# Rings by zonal flows – MHD

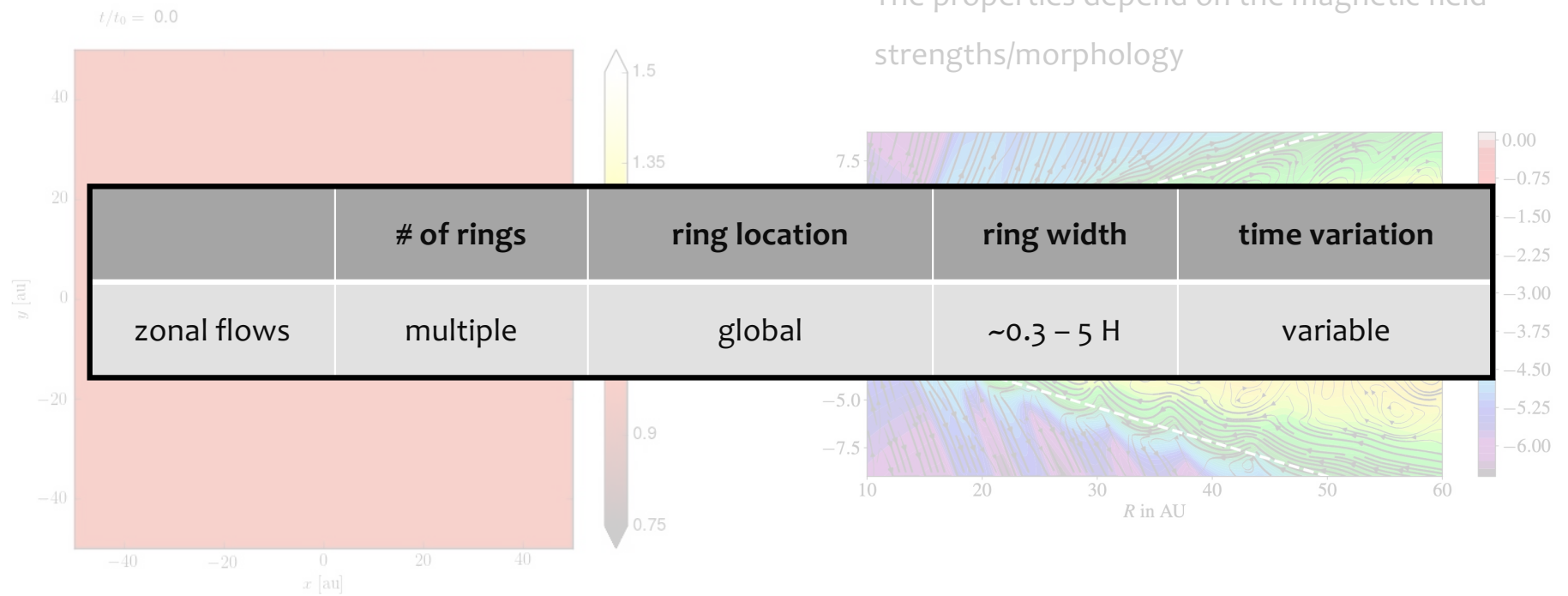
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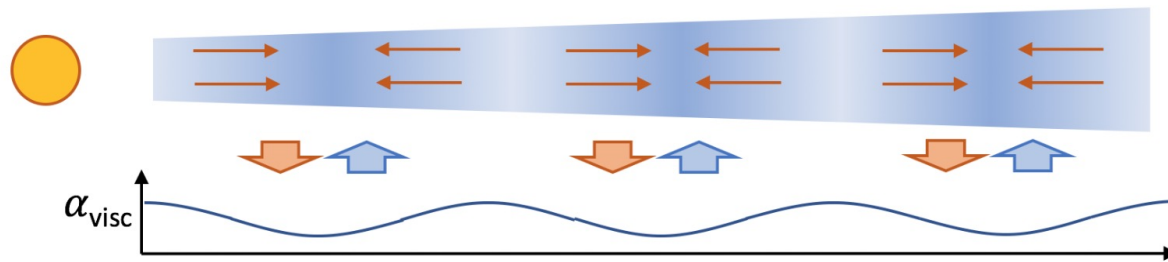
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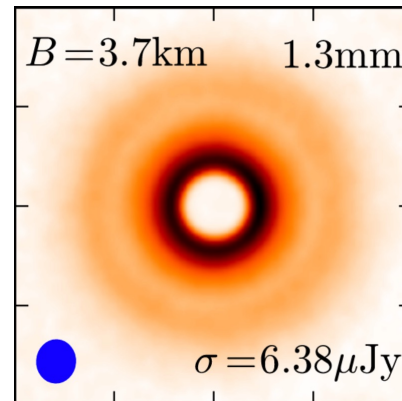
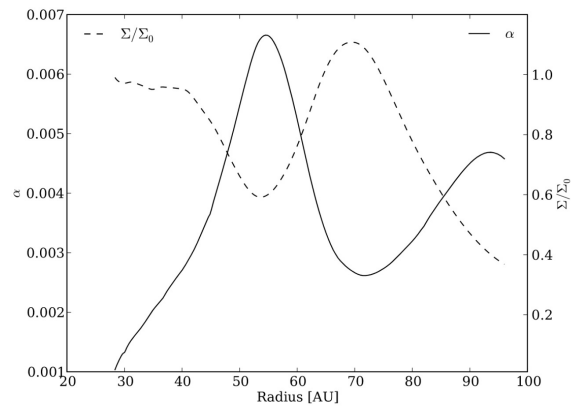
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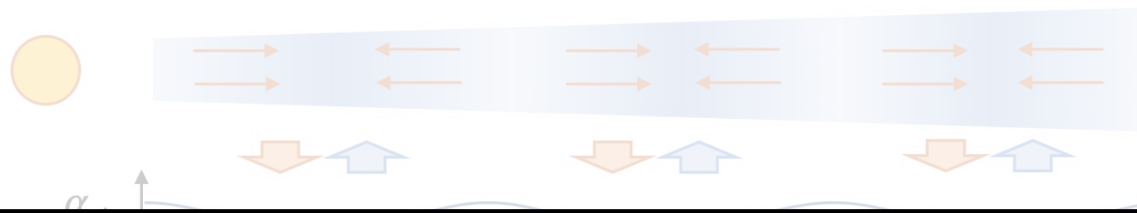
Perturbation in the gas (blue).  
 Dust (brown) drifts toward peaks of the perturbations.  
 This reduces the viscosity at those locations (brown arrow).  
 Thereby the gas perturbation is amplified (blue arrow).



top: Dullemond & Penzlin (2018)

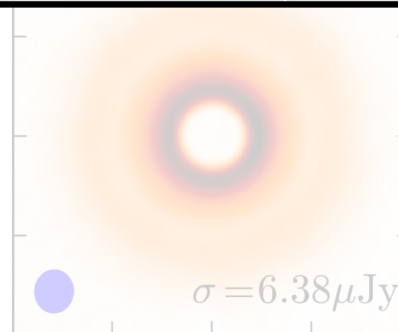
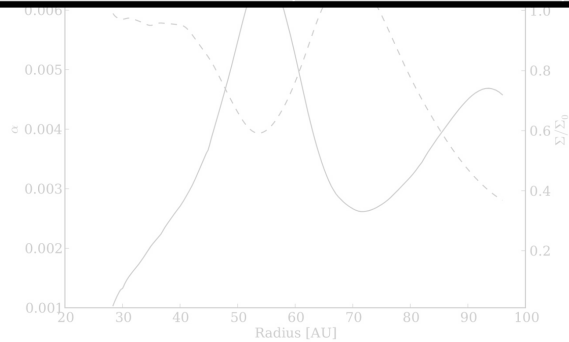
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inhomogeneous accretion	1 - many	low accretion	$\approx H$	variable



top: Dullemond & Penzlin (2018)

bottom: Flock et al. (2015)

# Rings by icelines

- grain size changes
- opacity changes across icelines
- radial drift speed changes
  - dust surface density changes
  - collisional growth/fragmentation rate changes
- sintering can enhance dust surface density
- ice “surfaces” instead of ice “lines”
- icelines can be thermally unstable

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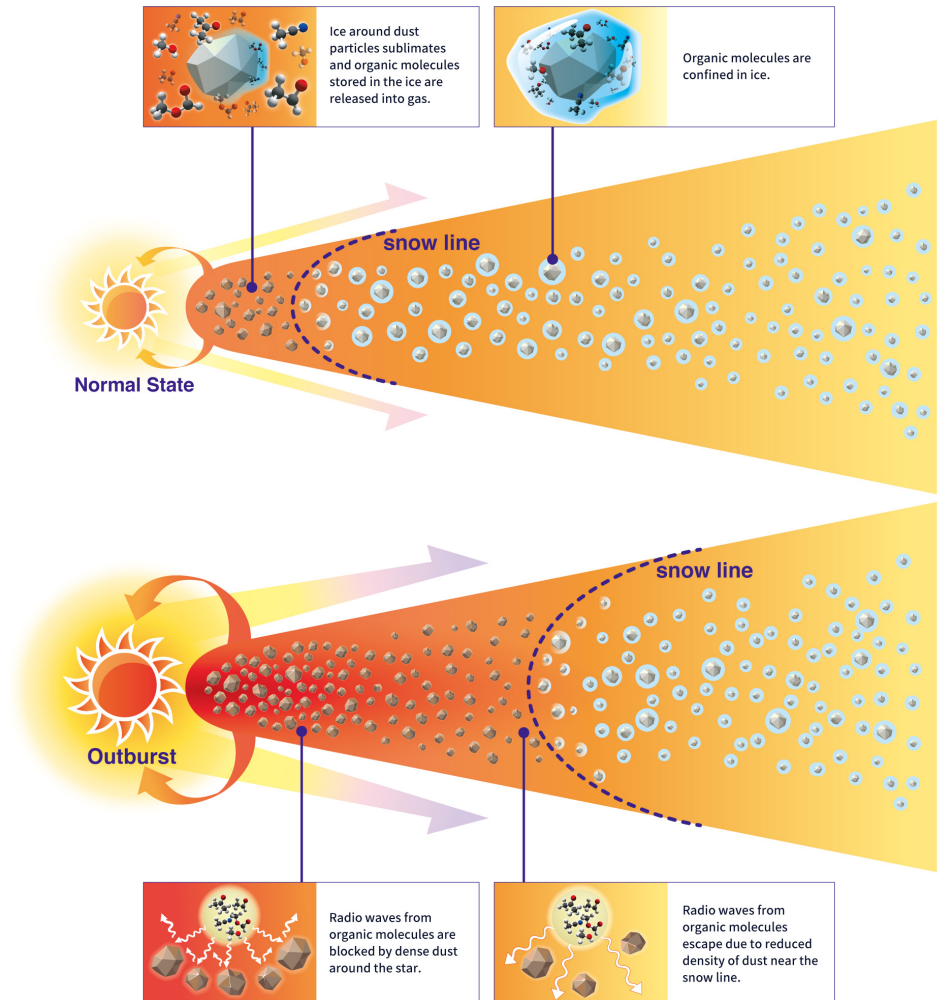


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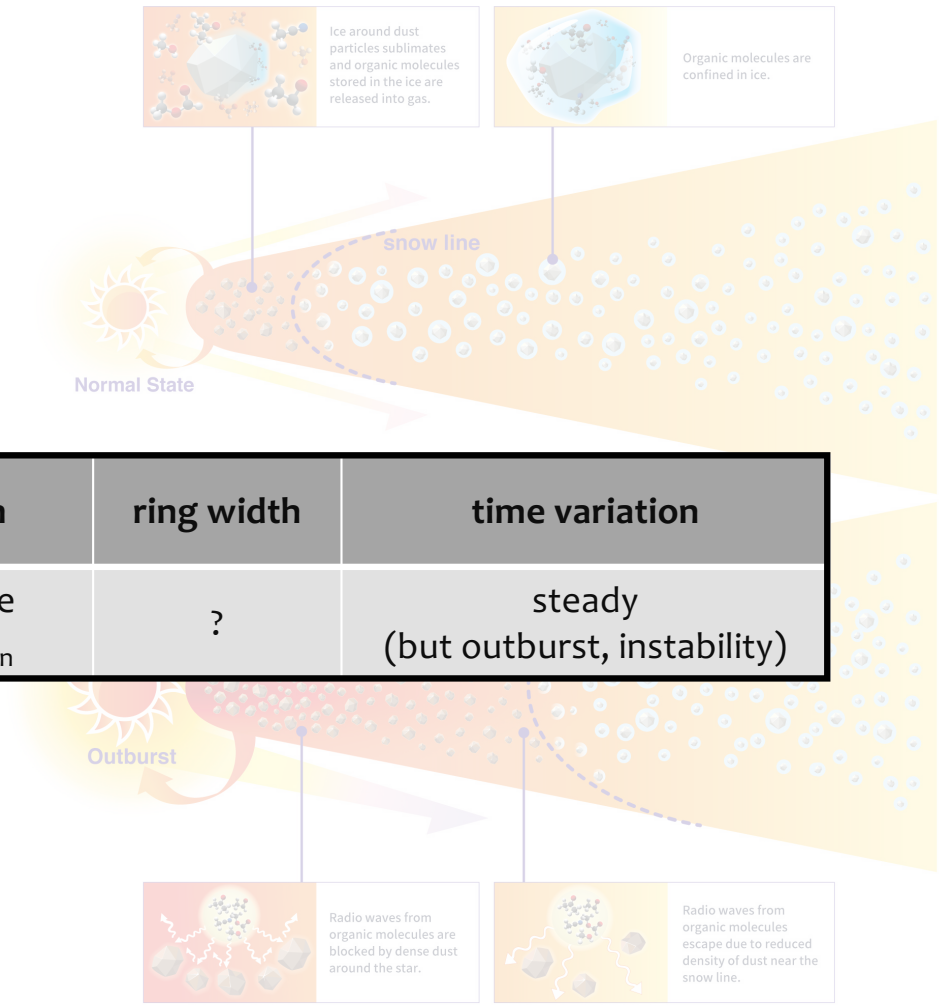


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## Rings: summary

	# of rings	ring location	ring width	time variation
companion	1 – many	inside/at/outside the companion's orbit	$\sim 1 - \text{few } H$	can vary if migrating
zonal flows	multiple	global	$\sim 0.3 - 5 H$	variable
inhomogeneous accretion	1 - many	low accretion	$\gtrsim H$	variable
icelines	$\sim 1$ for species	inside/outside $T = T_{\text{condensation}}$	?	steady (but outburst, instability)

# Summary

- Disk substructures appear to be ubiquitous.
- Proper statistical studies would require homogeneous data sets and data analysis.
- Linking dust substructures to the underlying gas (sub)structure is often challenging.
- Numerical simulations do not always include both gas and dust.
- There are probably as many mechanisms as the number of disks with substructures.
- How can we possibly distinguish different possibilities?
  - I'd argue that we need to find the cause of substructures more directly.

<b>Origin</b>	<b>Observable signatures, diagnostics</b>	<b>Required observations (aka theorists' wish list)</b>
<b>companion</b>	direct detection (IR, H $\alpha$ , CPD)	high angular resolution imaging
	kinematic planetary signatures	high angular + velocity resolution line observations
<b>stellar flyby</b>	detection of flyby stars	large FOV imaging, proper motion with Gaia
<b>MHD</b>	direct detection of magnetic fields	continuum/line polarization observations
<b>zonal flows</b>	coherent vertical motions for upper & lower surfaces	high angular + velocity resolution line observations
<b>GI</b>	large disk mass	measure surface density (how?) & temperature
	spiral pattern speed & pitch angle	long-term monitoring, high angular resolution imaging
<b>infall</b>	large-scale envelope, streamers	medium/low-resolution mosaic line observations
	shocks	shock tracers (e.g., SO), chemical tracers
<b>inhomogeneous accretion</b>	variable accretion rates inside/outside a ring	turbulence measurement using line observations (but what if accretion is not arising from turbulence?)
<b>iceline</b>	condensation temperature	temperature measurements for a large sample
	grain size changes across icelines	multi-wavelength continuum observations
<b>dust backreaction</b>	high dust-to-gas mass ratio	measure both gas and dust surface density (how?)