

GRMHD simulations meet Galaxy Evolution

Refined models for AGN feedback

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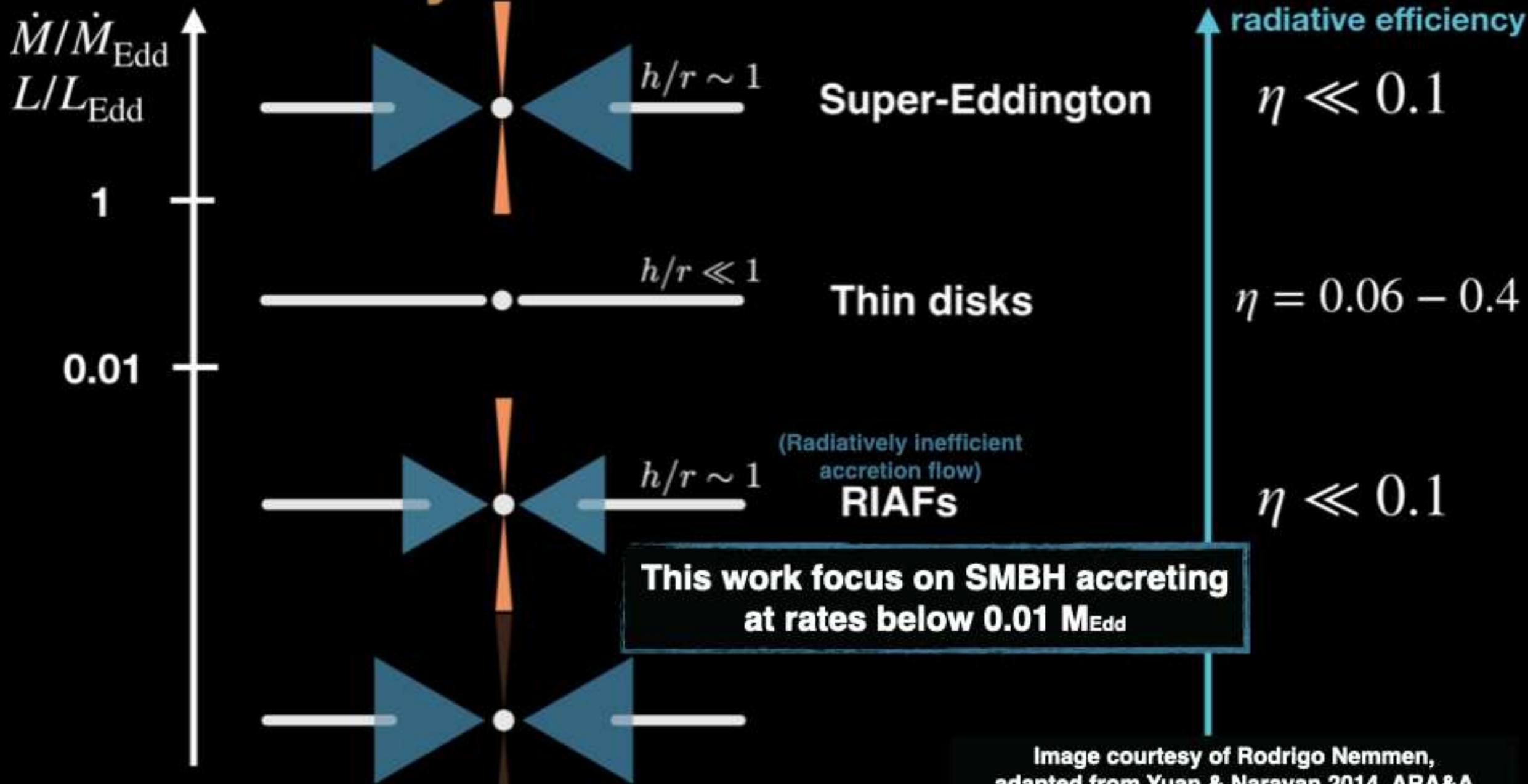
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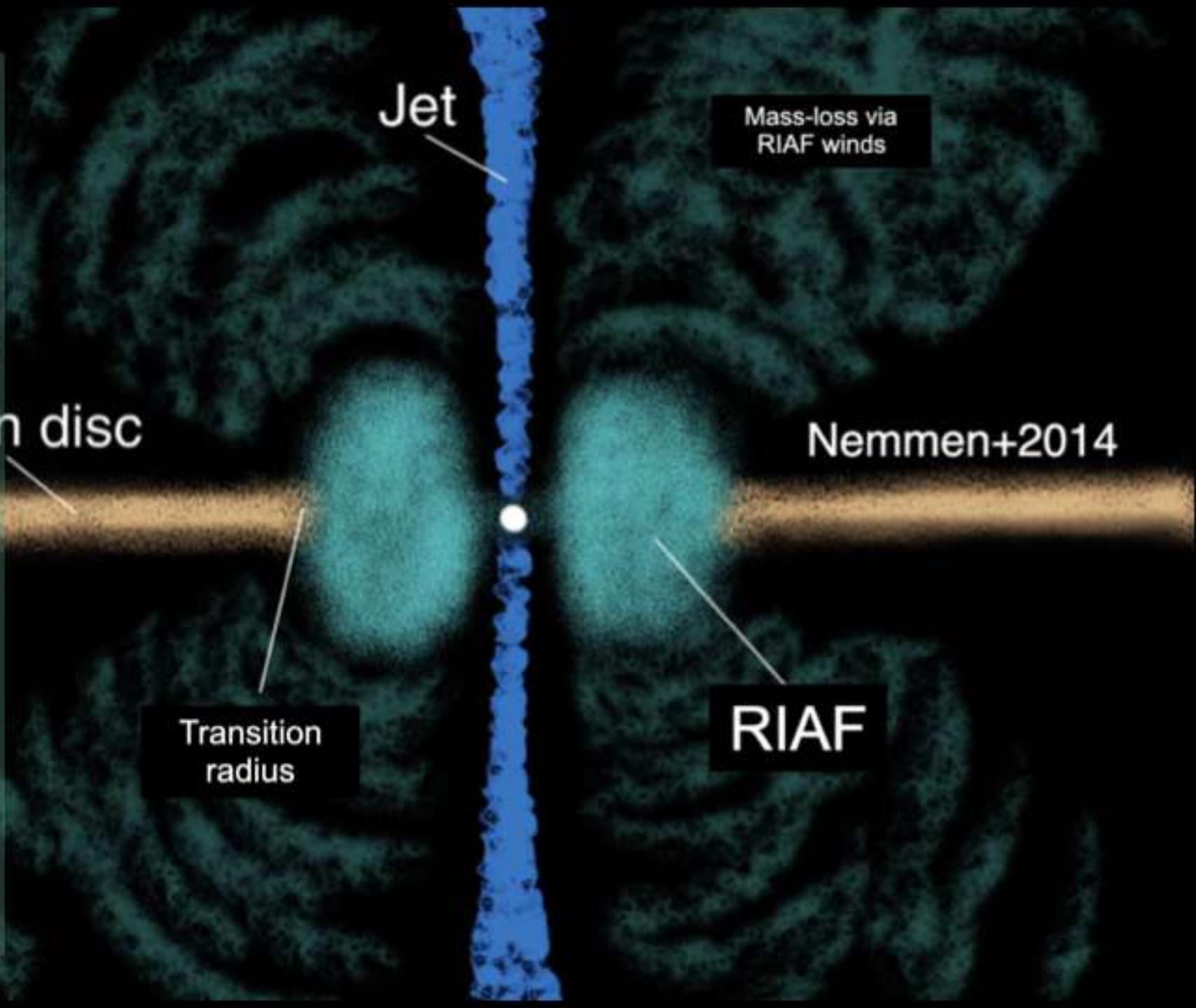
Unified theory of black hole accretion flows



Radiatively inefficient accretion flows (RIAFs)

- ❖ ***Geometrically thick***
- ❖ ***Optically thin***
- ❖ ***Extremely hot***
- ❖ ***Extremely low radiative efficiency***

Observations support that in the local universe the AGNs are in RIAF mode



**What are the mechanisms
behind this AGN feedback?**

**SMBH outflows are efficient
enough to suppress star
formation and change the
appearance of the galaxy?**



The state-of-art GRMHD
numerical code

Formation of Precessing Jets by Tilted Black Hole Discs in 3D General Relativistic MHD Simulations

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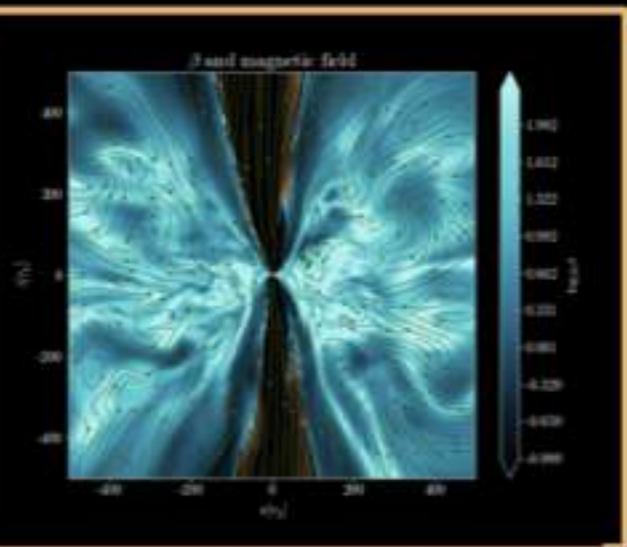
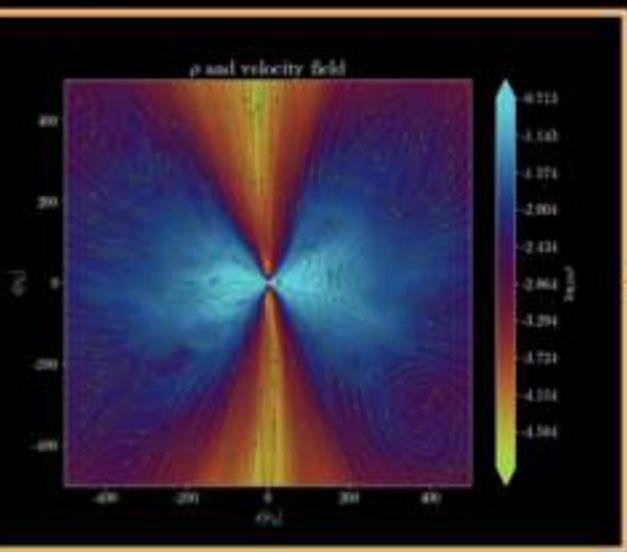
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Based on HARM Code and optimized to run on GPUs

**H-AMR is a massively scalable GPU-accelerated
general relativistic magnetohydrodynamics
(GRMHD) code**

Our GRMHD simulations



Following the same idea of Almeida & Nemmen 2020

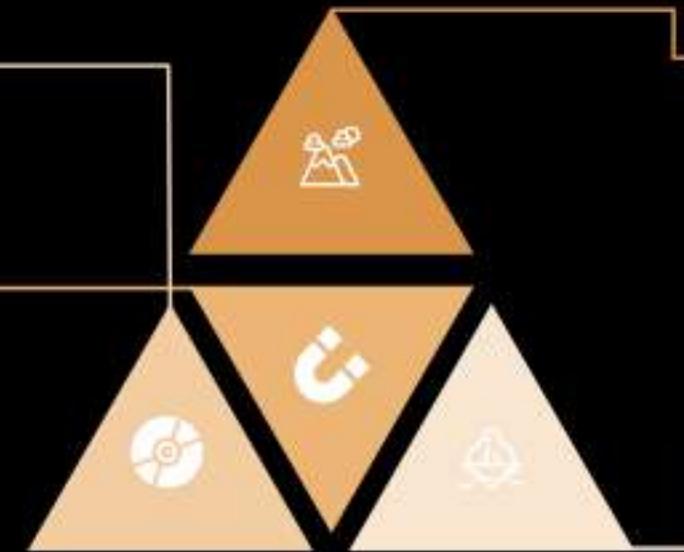
INITIAL TORUS

Density profile of the
geometrically thick RIAF
accretion disc

GENERAL RELATIVITY

The simulations solve fluid
equations under the influence of a
rotating black hole (Kerr metric)

Spins 0 and 0.9375



MAGNETIC TOPOLOGY

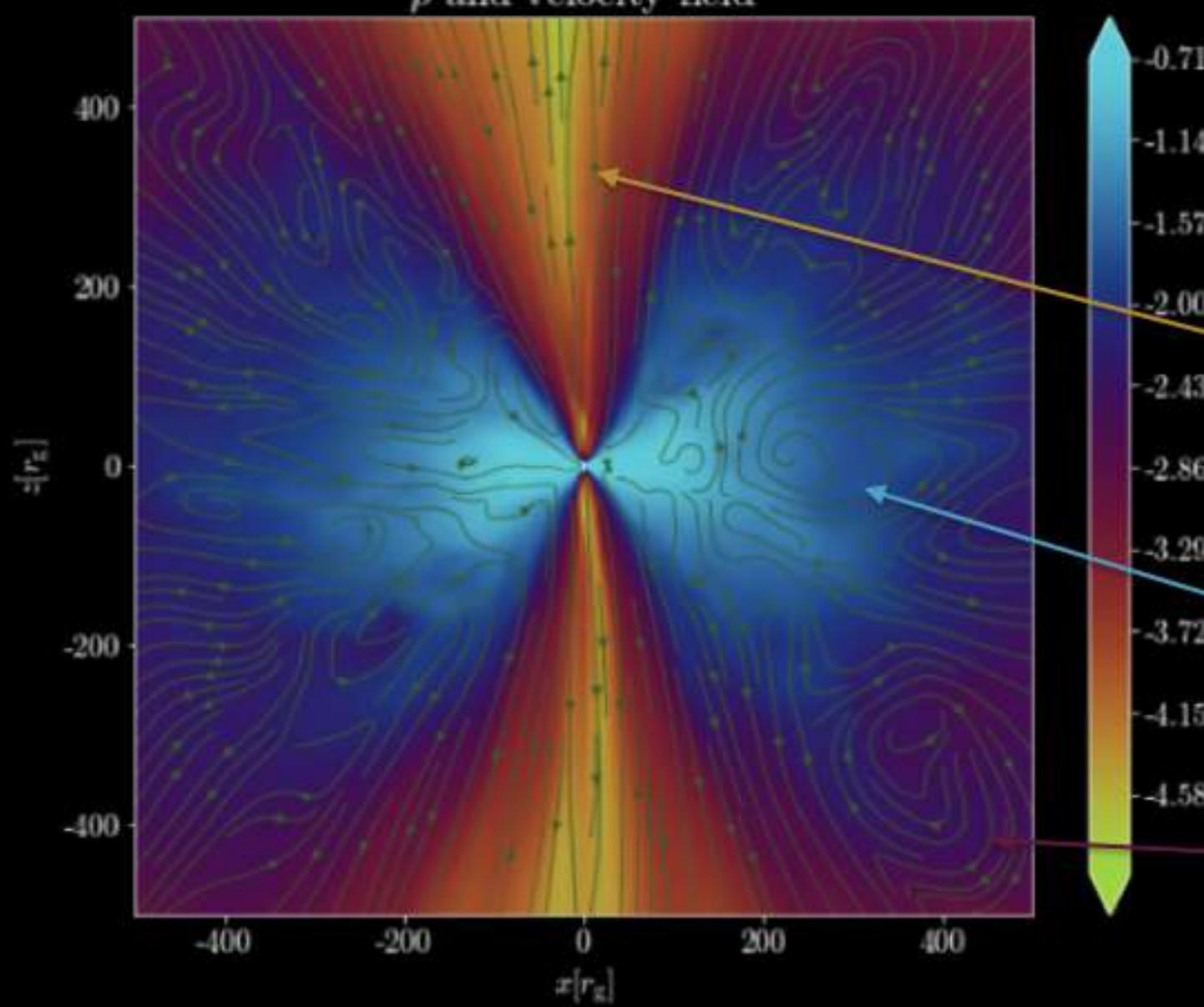
(Magnetic Potential Vector)

The topology of magnetic field
can have an important impact
over the accretion flow

MAGNETIZED DISC

The disc magnetization is
represented as the ratio
between the gas pressure
and magnetic pressure

$$\beta = \frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{P_{\text{mag}}}$$

ρ and velocity field

$$r_g = 5 \times 10^{-6} (\text{M}_\text{BH}/10^8 \text{ M}_\odot) \text{ pc}$$

Boxsize: $10000 r_g$
Resolution $\sim 0.1 r_g$ (near BH)
Running time $\sim 50000 r_g/c$
 $\sim 285 (\text{M}_\text{BH}/10^8 \text{ Sun})$ days

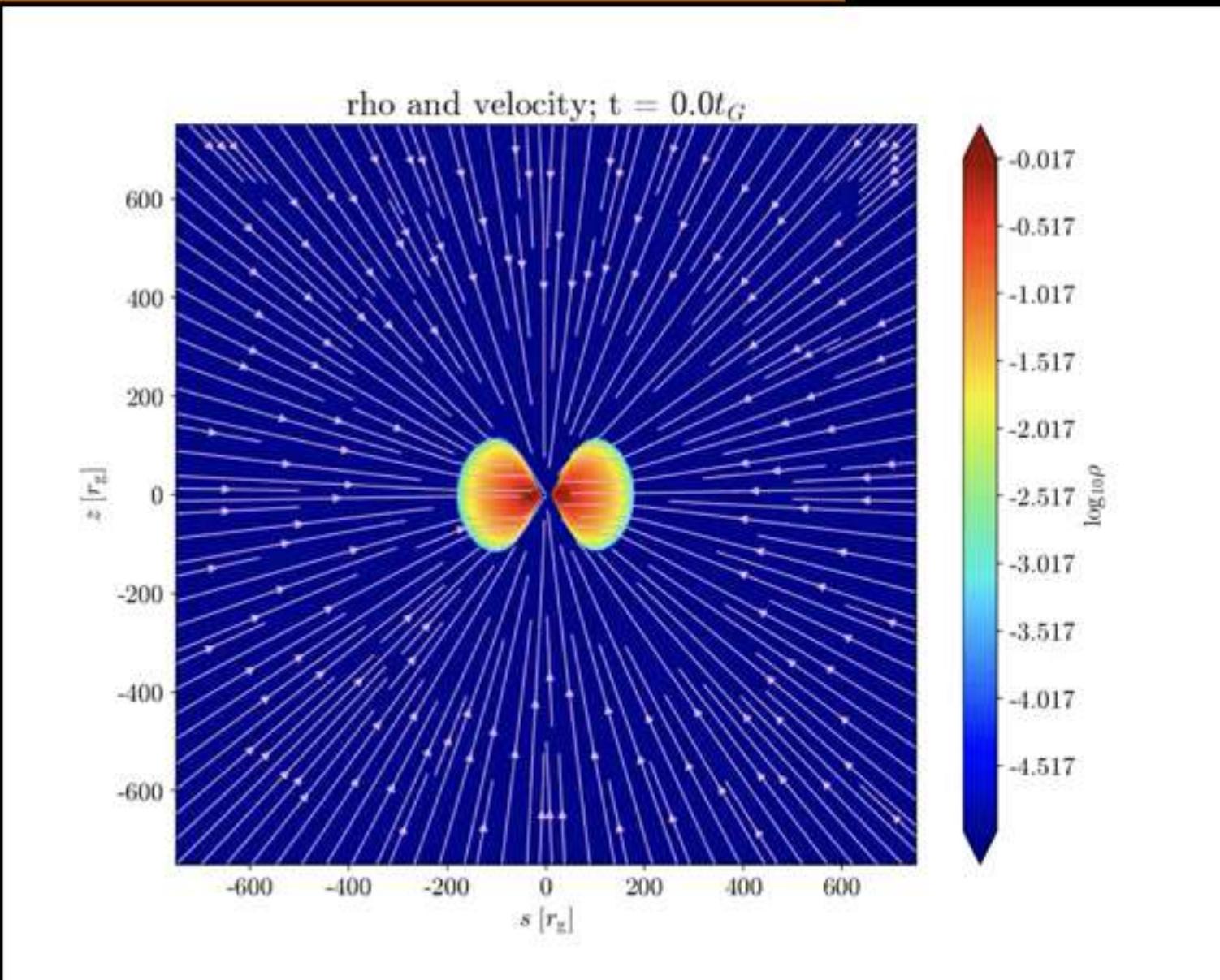
Jet
 $v_r > 10000 \text{ km/s}$

Accretion Disc

Hot Winds
 (Magnetically driven)

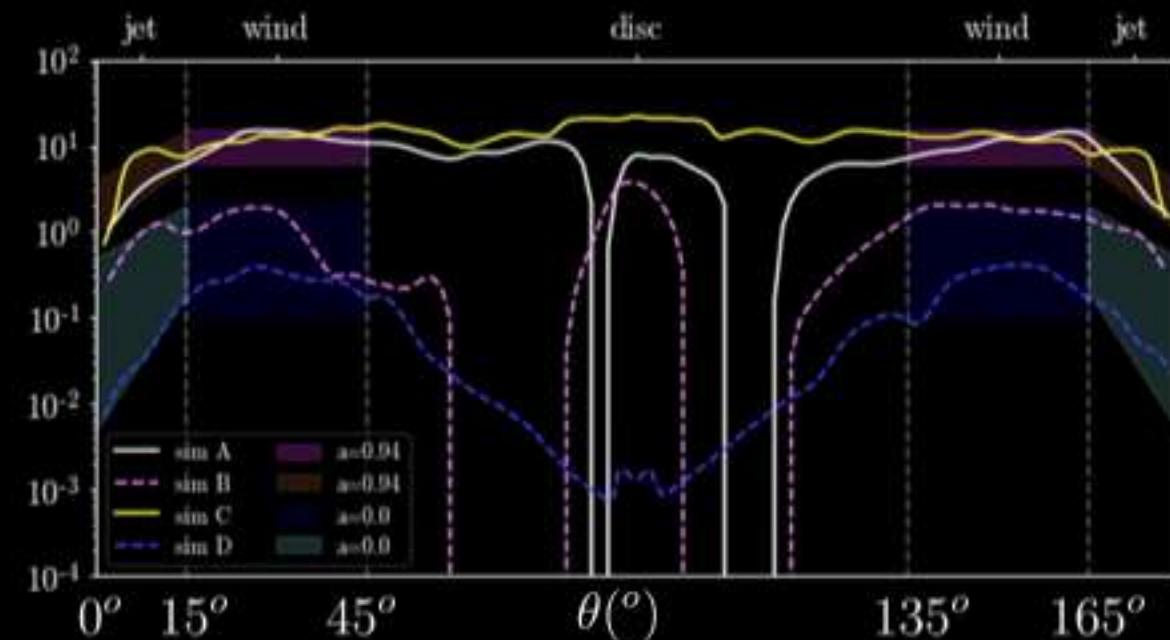
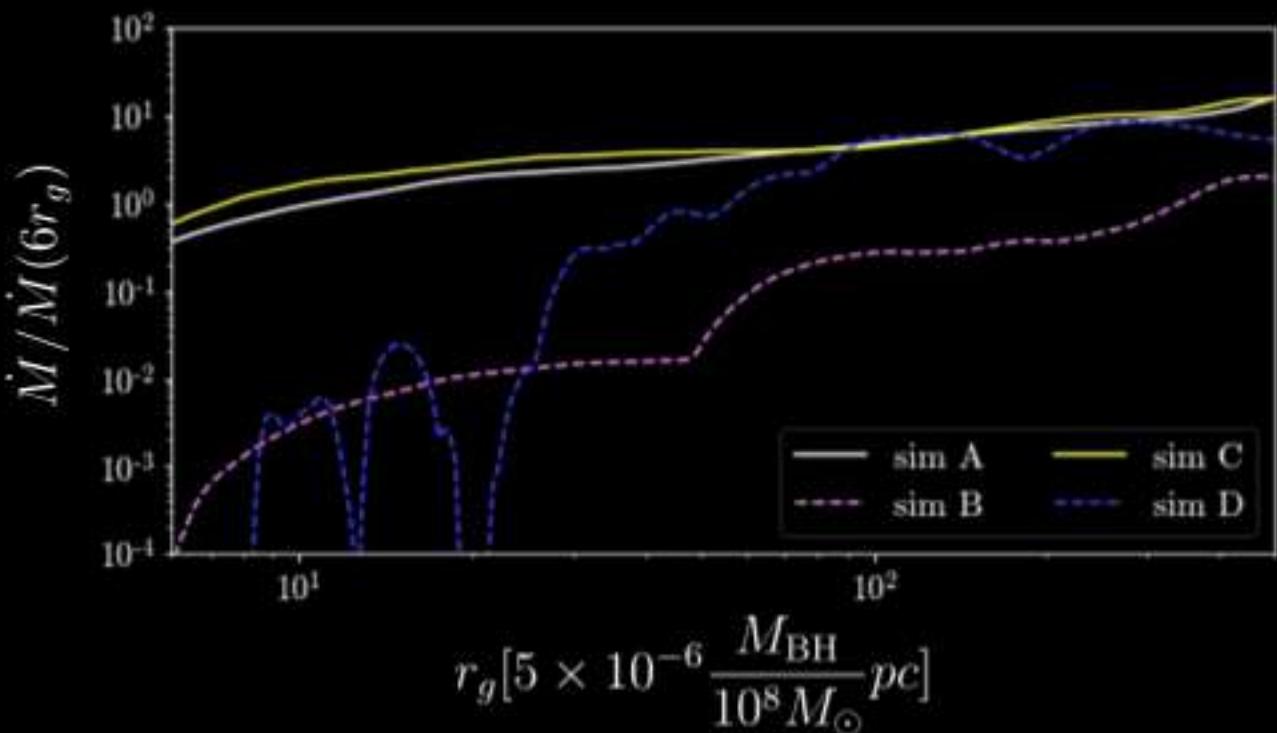
$v_r \sim 500 \text{ km/s}$

GRMHD simulations – Results



Results: Mass outflow rate

At $r = 500r_g$

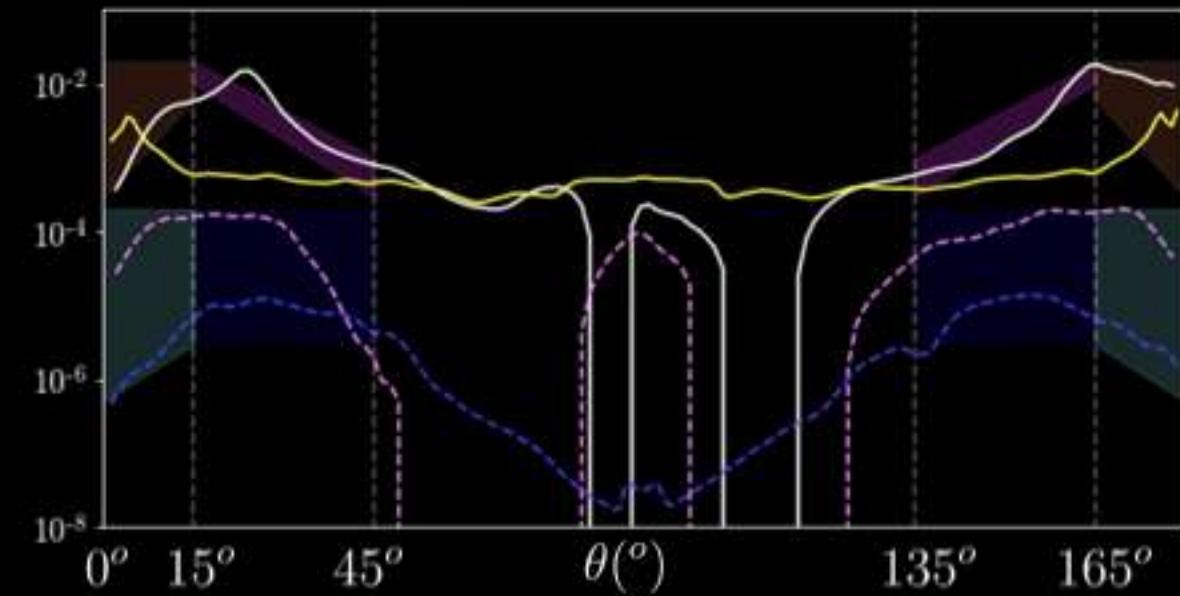
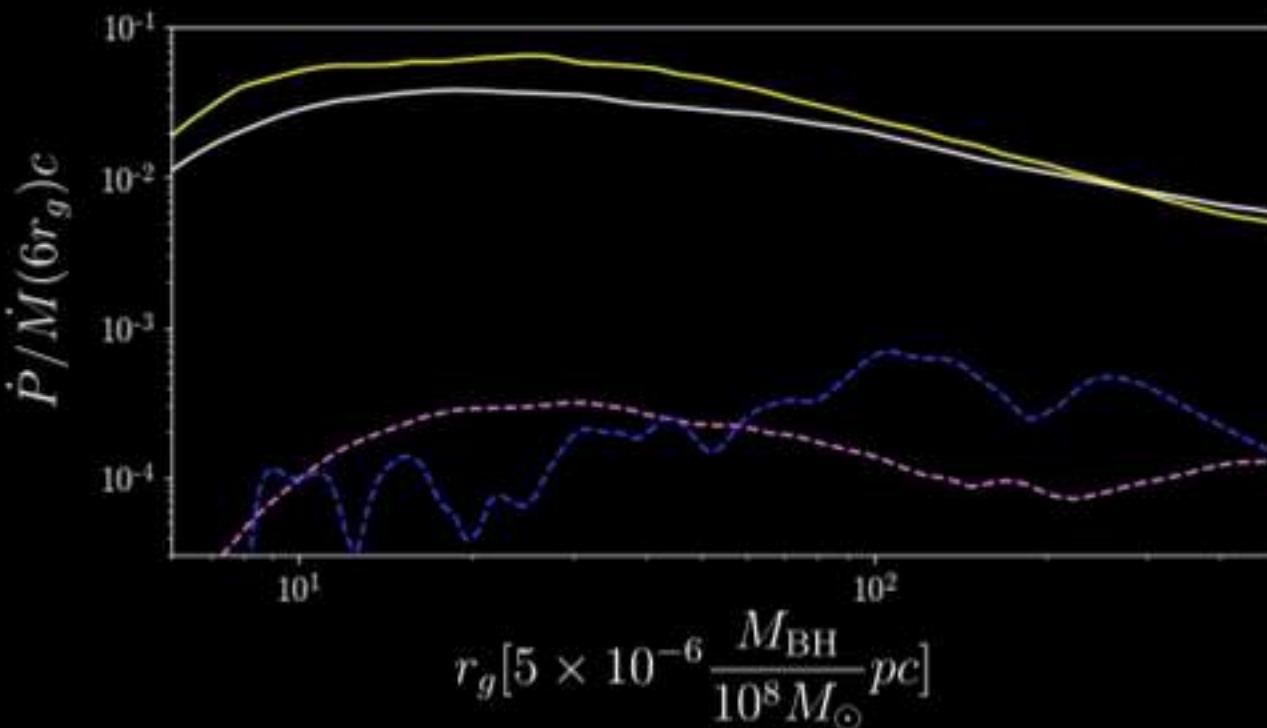


- The hot wind carries away more mass than the jet
- Mass outflow rate increases with radius

Sim ID	a	β	A_ϕ
A	0.9375	20	$A_\phi \propto \rho R^3 \sin^3 \theta$
B	0.0	20	$A_\phi \propto \rho R^3 \sin^3 \theta$
C	0.9375	20	$A_\phi \propto \rho^2 R^5$
D	0.0	20	$A_\phi \propto \rho$

Results: Momentum outflow rate

At $r = 500r_g$

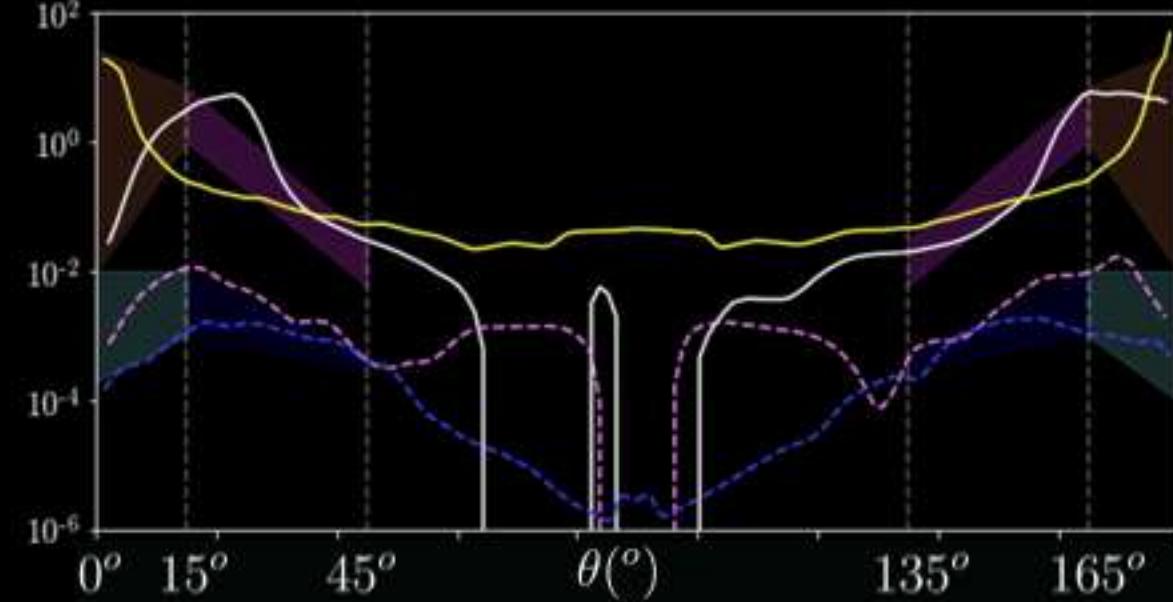
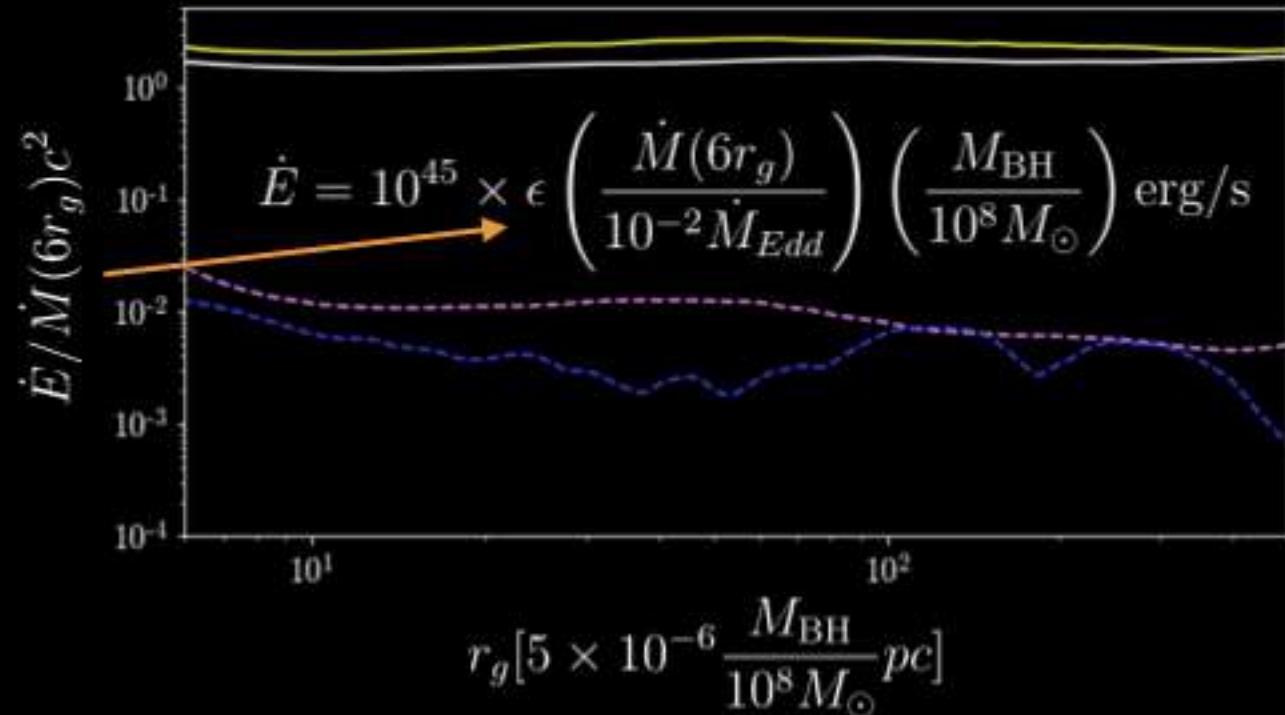


- **Strong influence of spin**
- **Momentum outflow rate decreases with radius**

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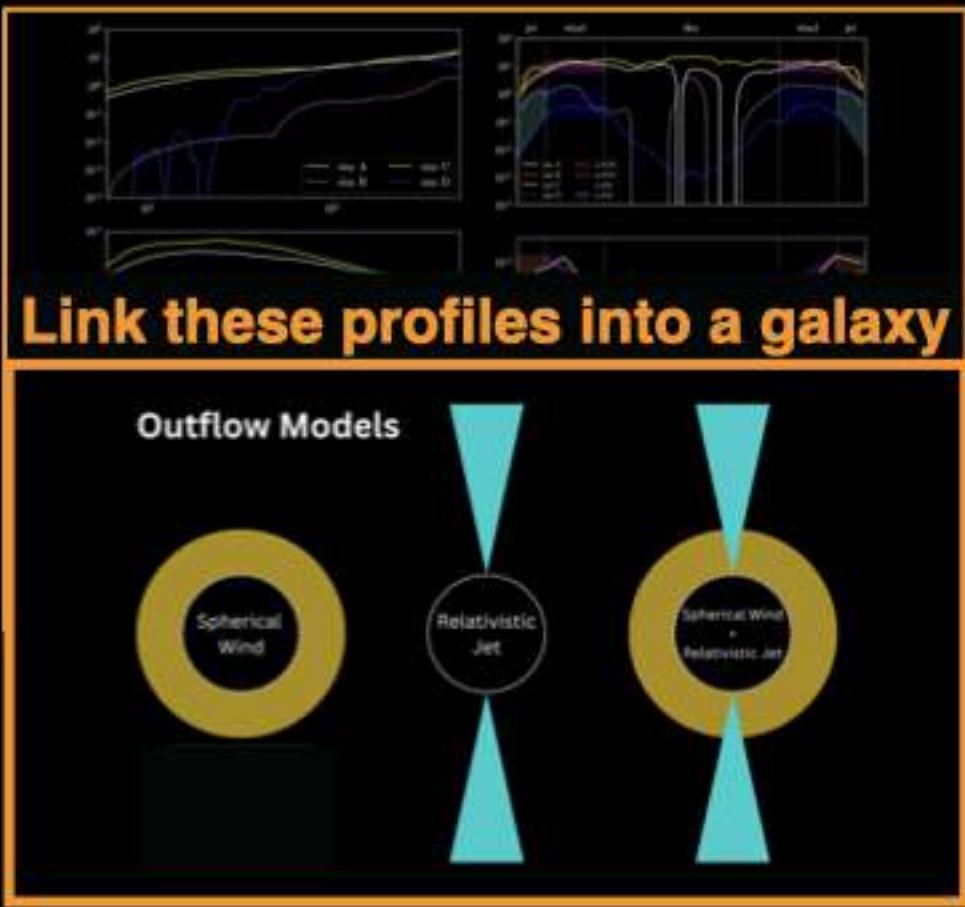
Results: Energy outflow rate

At $r = 500r_g$



- Jet efficiency ~200%
- Wind efficiency 0.1-2% ($a=0$) and 2-8% ($a=0.9375$)
- Energy outflow rate is almost constant with radius

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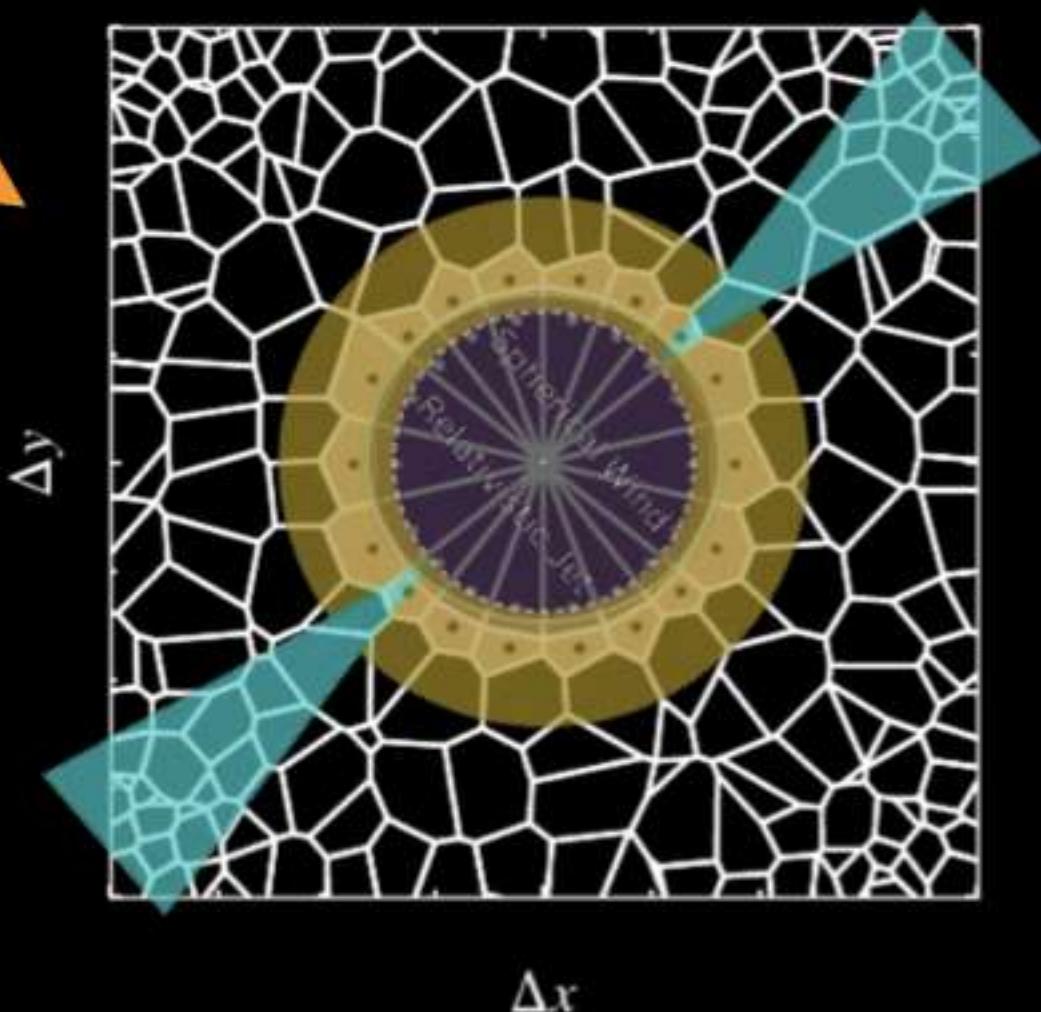
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where we can inject the fluxes (outflow
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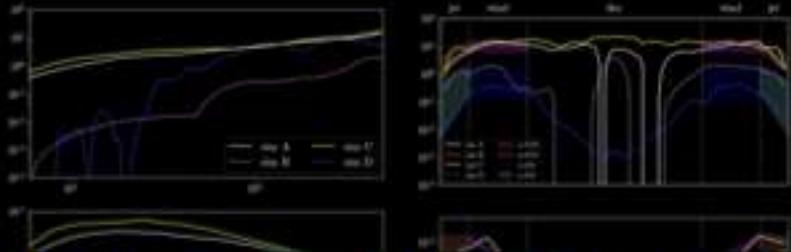
Details: https://www.mas.ncl.ac.uk/tiago.costa/BOLA_documentation.pdf

AREPO + BOLA

(Springel 10)

(Costa+ 20)





Link these profiles into a galaxy

BOLA

Add a boundary surface & model a wind/jet through appropriate boundary conditions.

Winds: Costa, Pakmor & Springel (2020), Accretion: Costa, Pakmor & Springel (in prep.)

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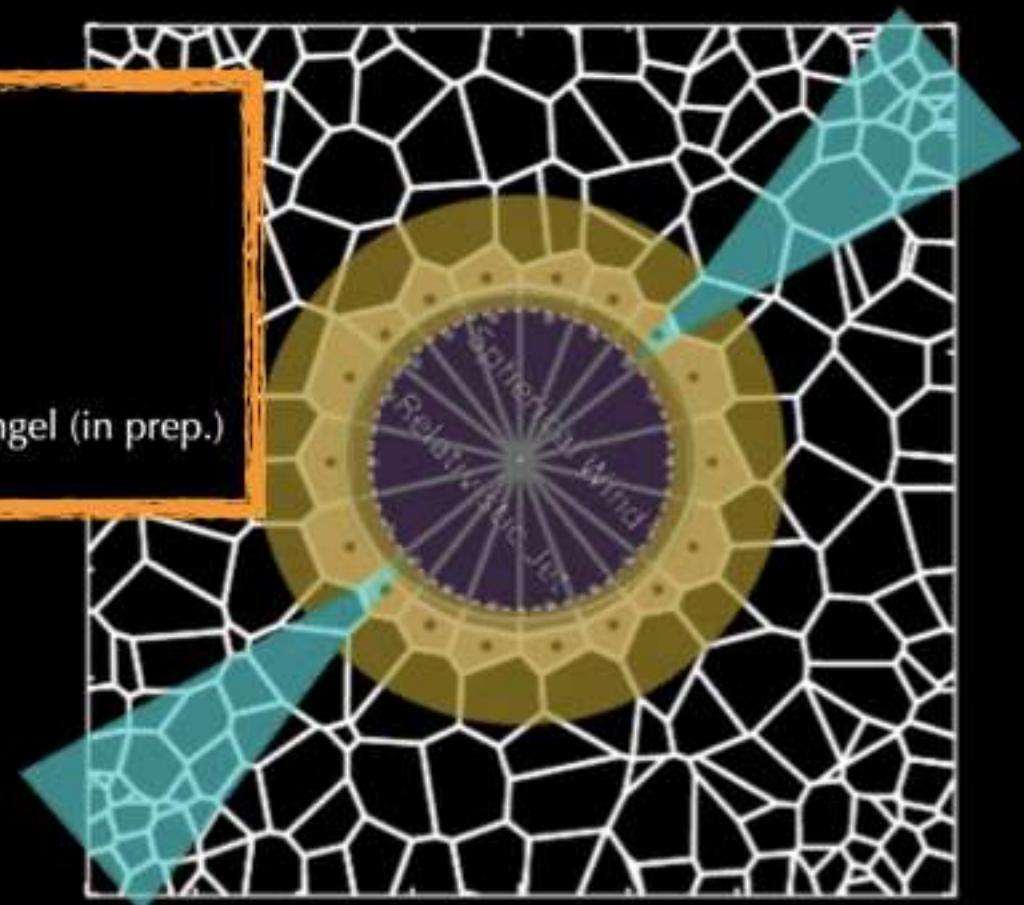
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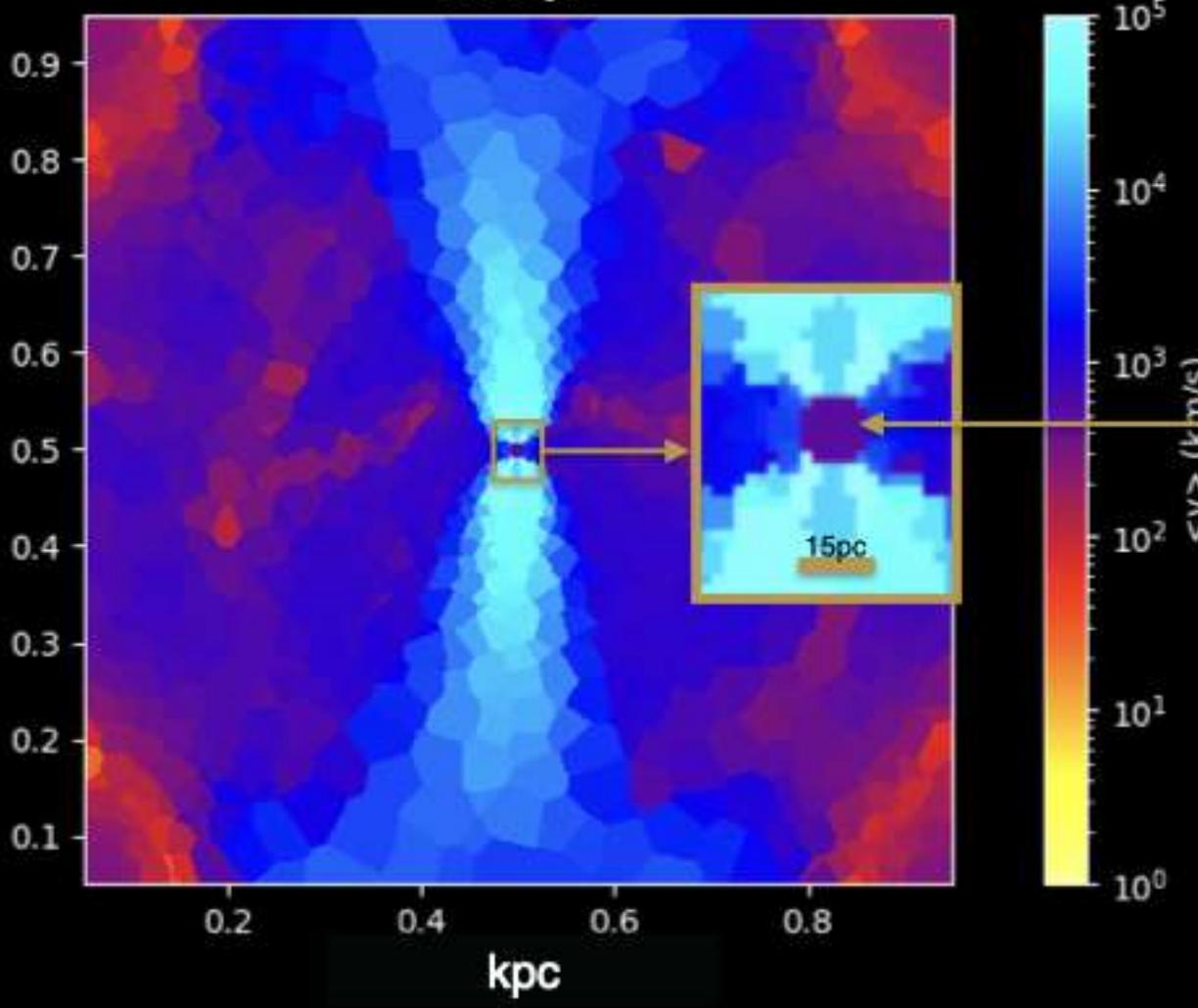
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Δx

Very preliminary results

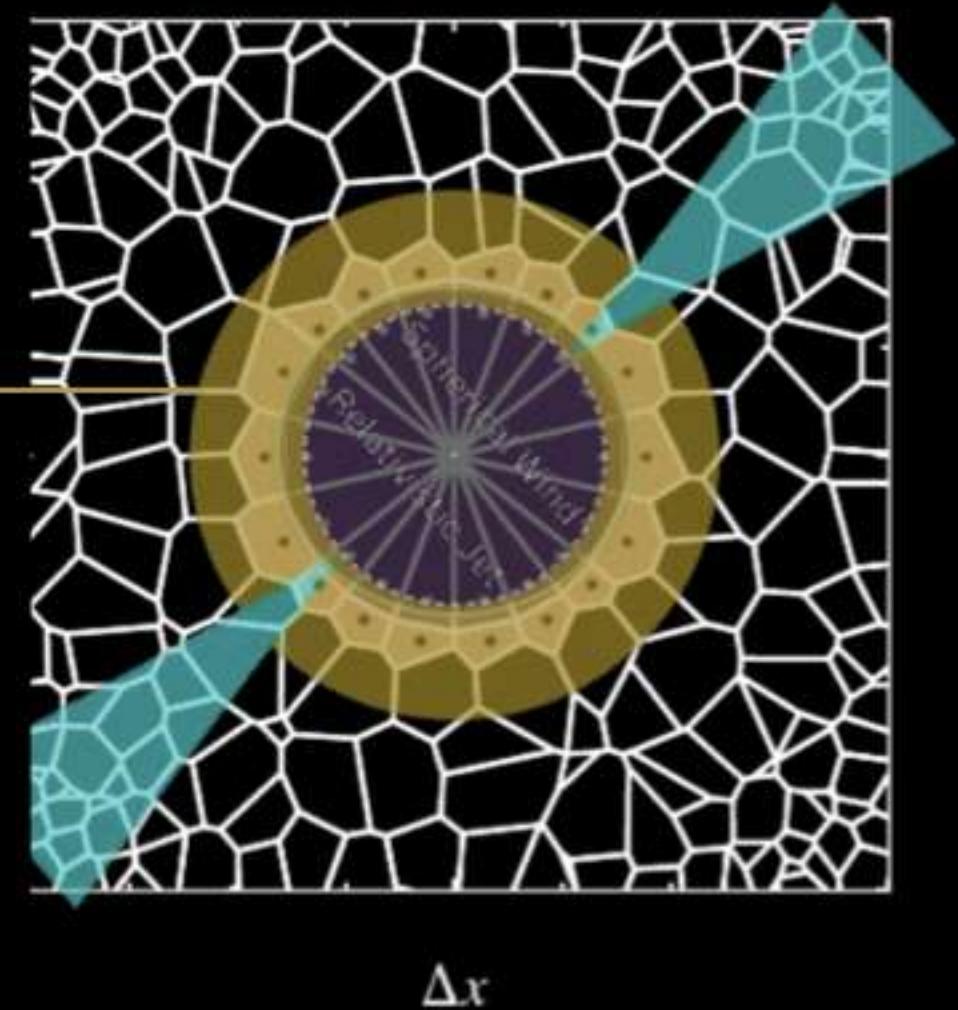
7.0 Myrs



AREPO + BOLA

(Springel 10,
Weinberger+ 19)

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Take-Home Message

- AGN feedback spans over 10 orders of magnitude, making it impossible to capture all the scales simultaneously.
- Our GRMHD simulations predicted jets (hot winds) with energetic efficiencies >200% (2-8% for $a = 0.9375$; 0.1-2% for $a = 0$).
- From the energetics of GRMHD simulations, we expect that even spinless AGN hot winds could impact the inner kiloparsec of the host galaxy; however, a more detailed study is necessary.
- Our goal is to create a more physically motivated model for AGN feedback from GRMHD simulations, following the measured profiles.

