

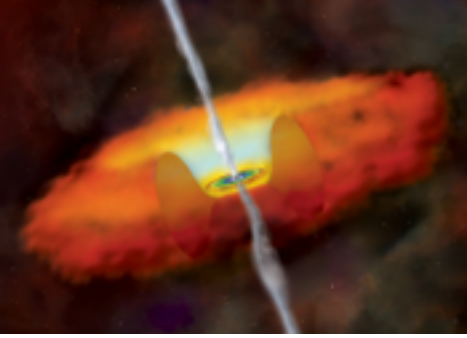
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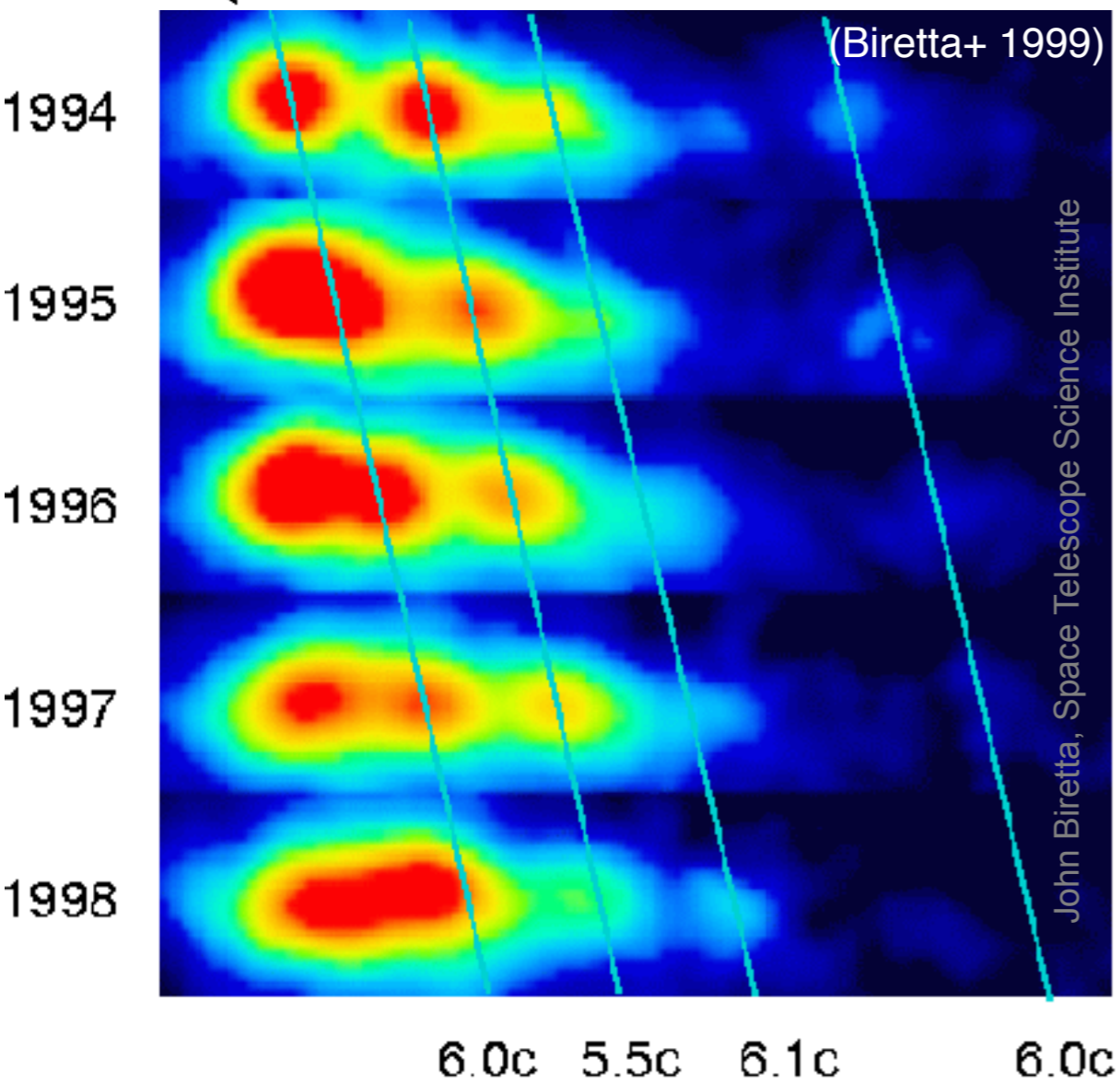
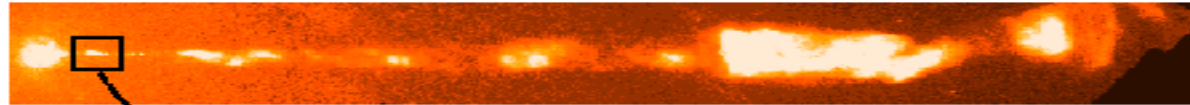
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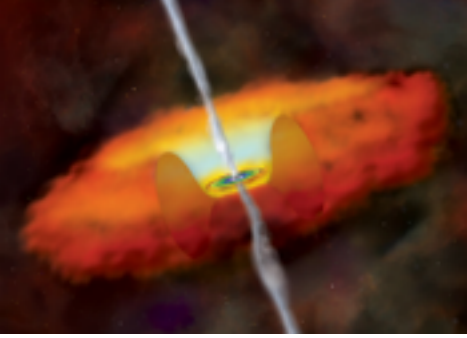


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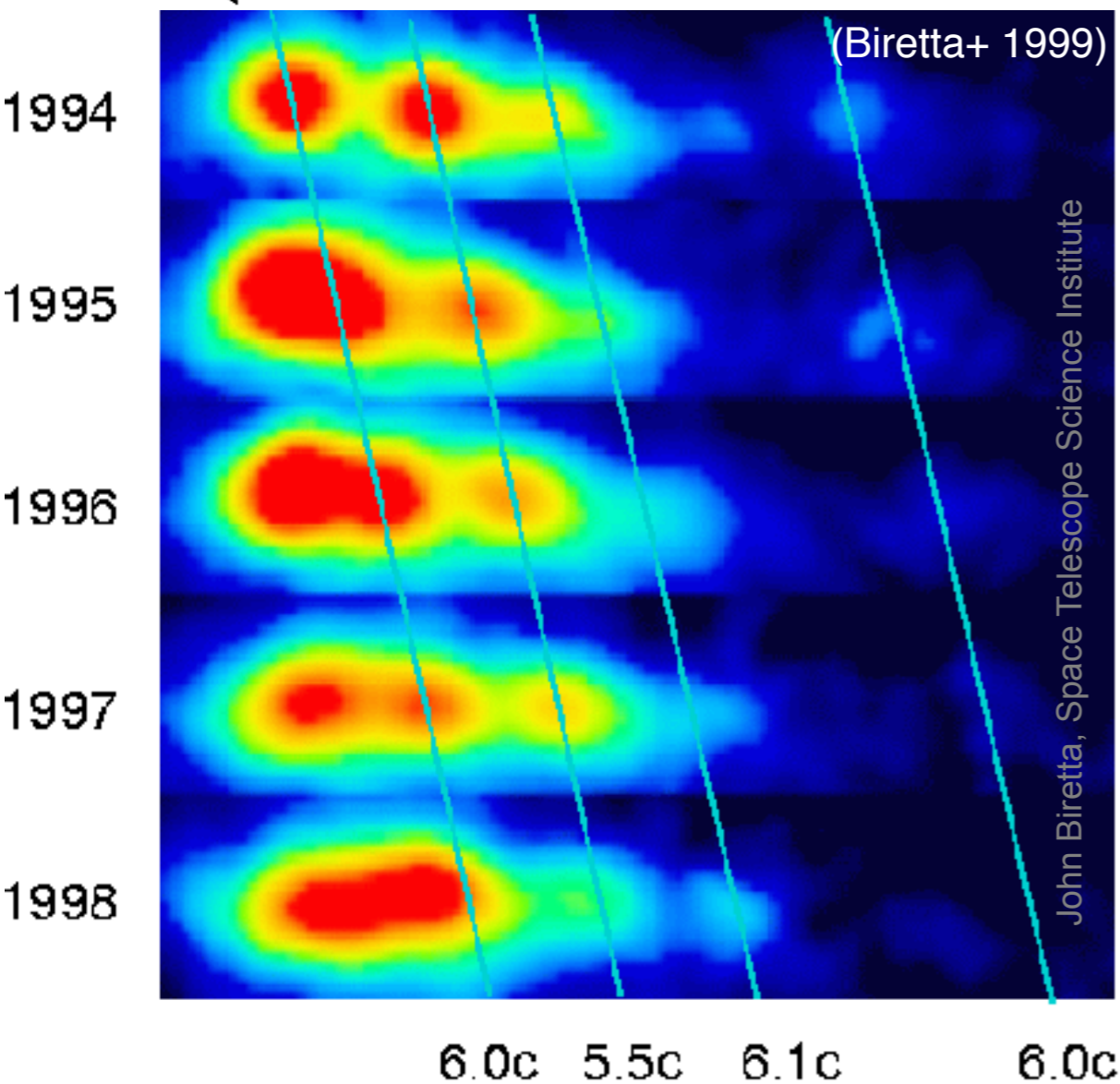
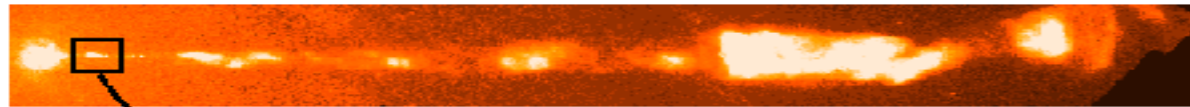




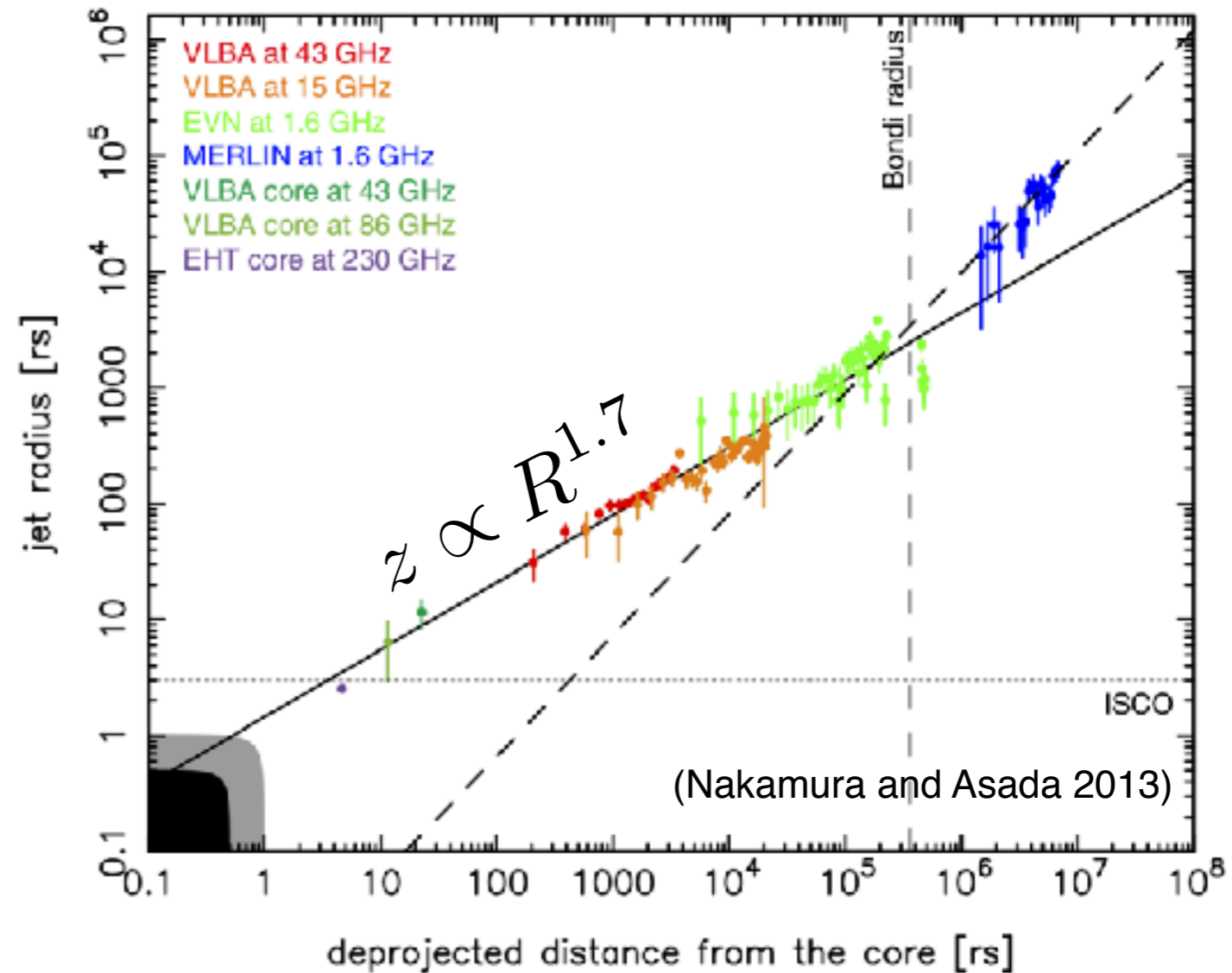
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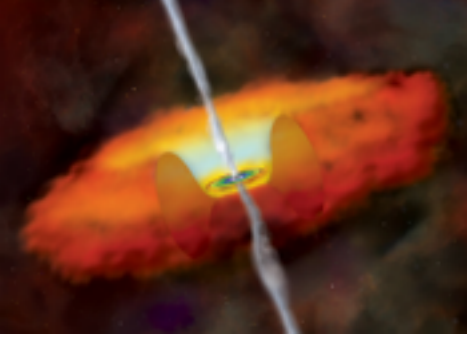
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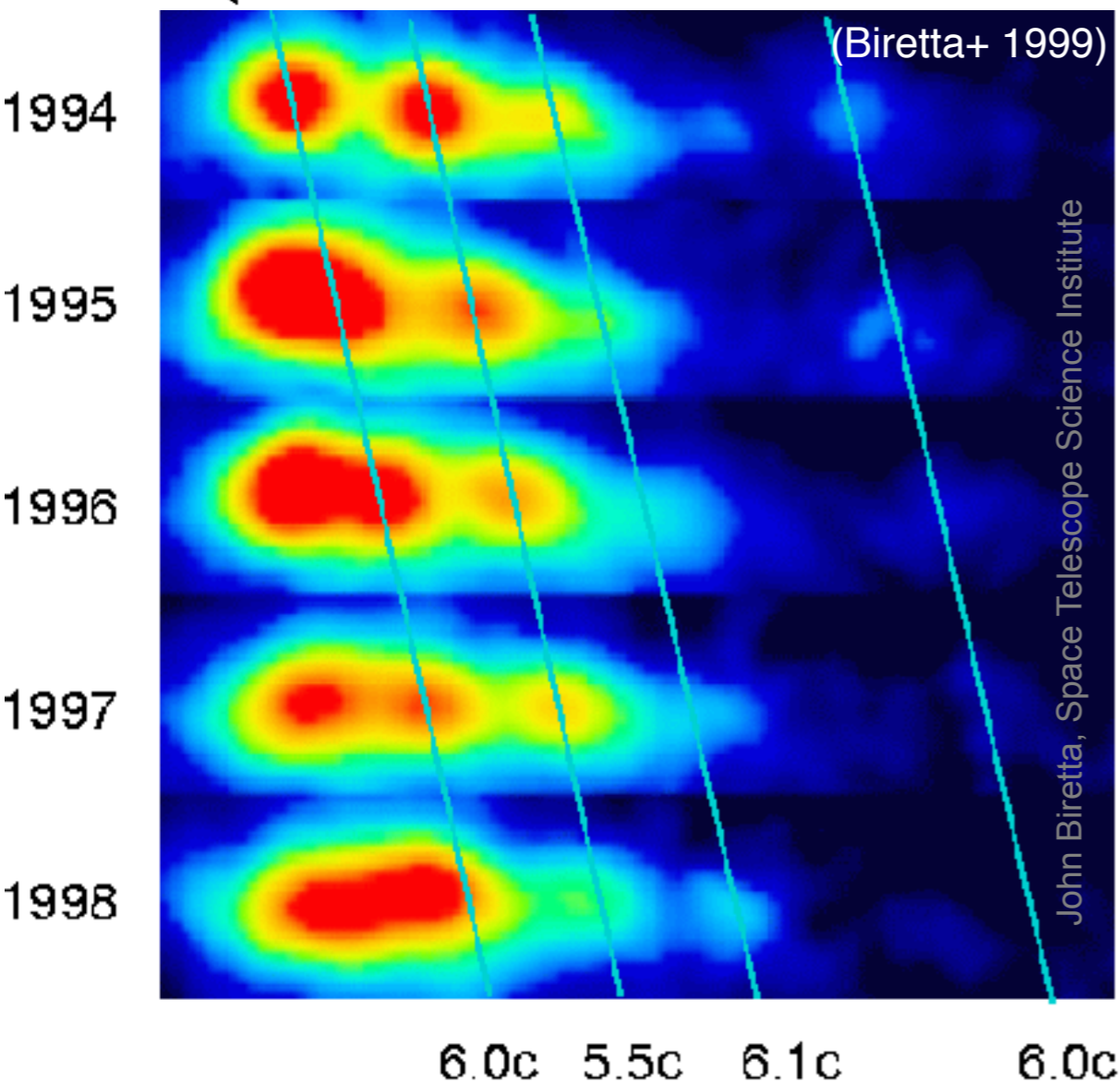
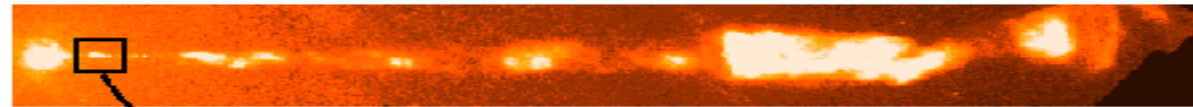




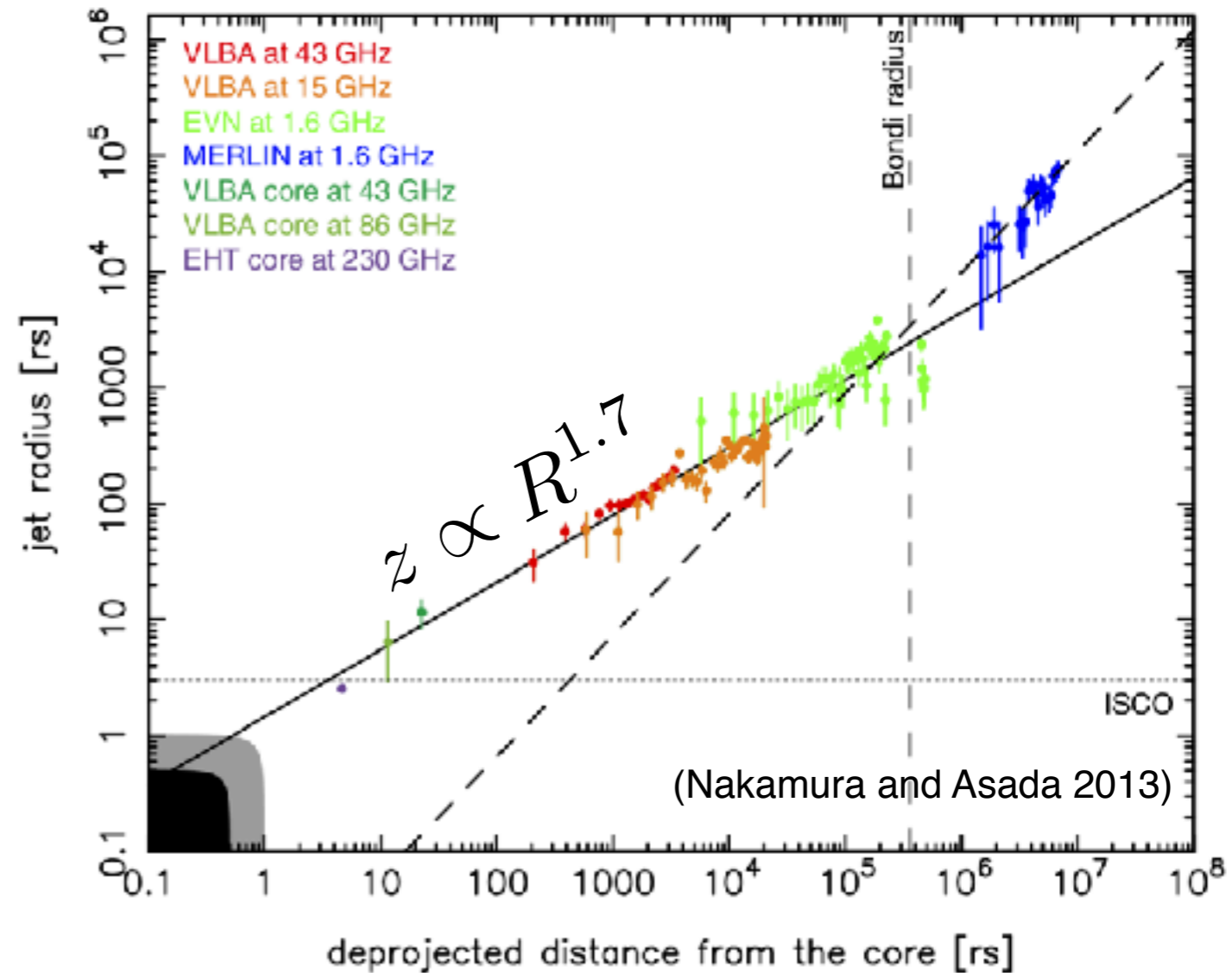
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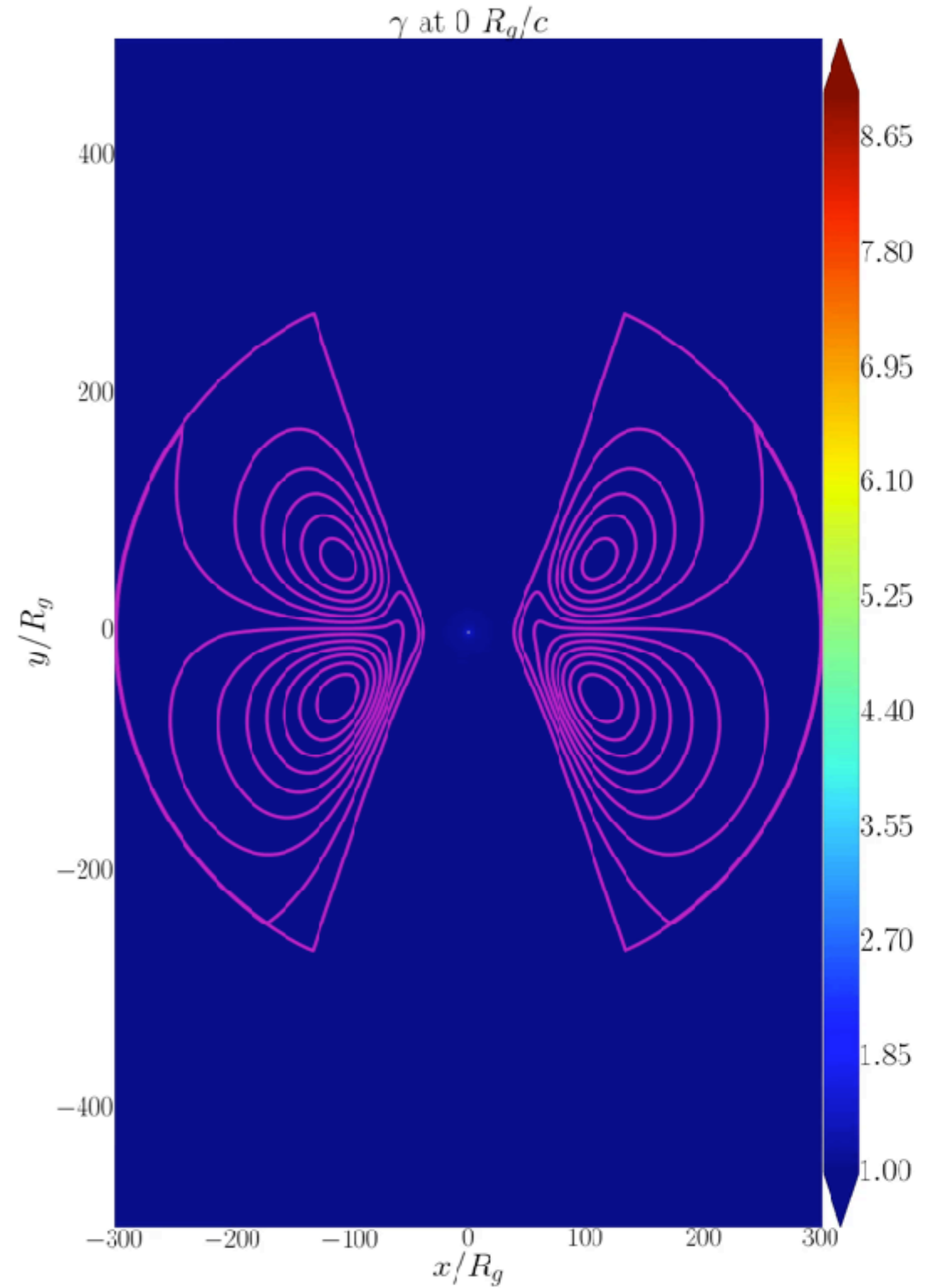
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How do such jets become relativistic?



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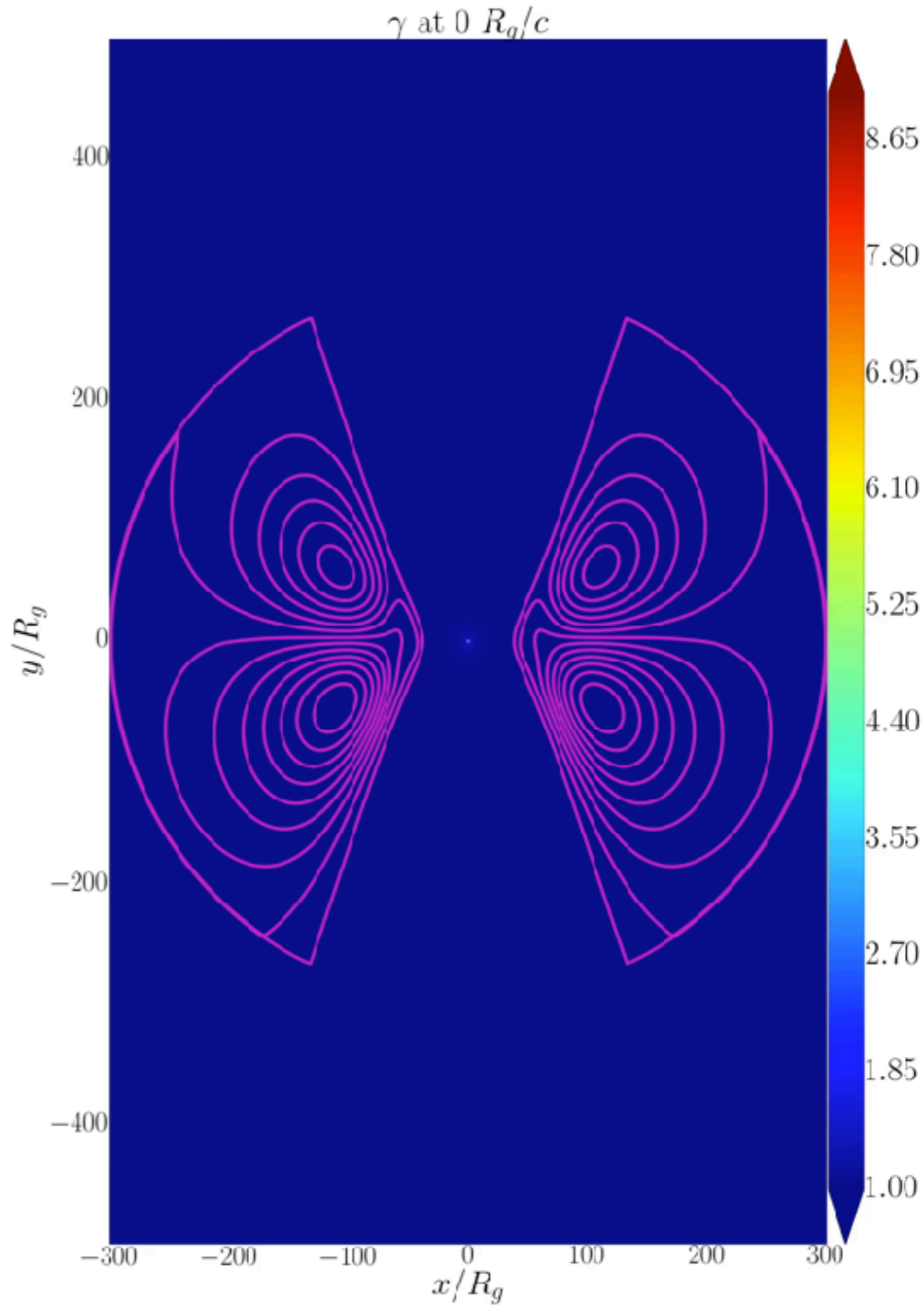
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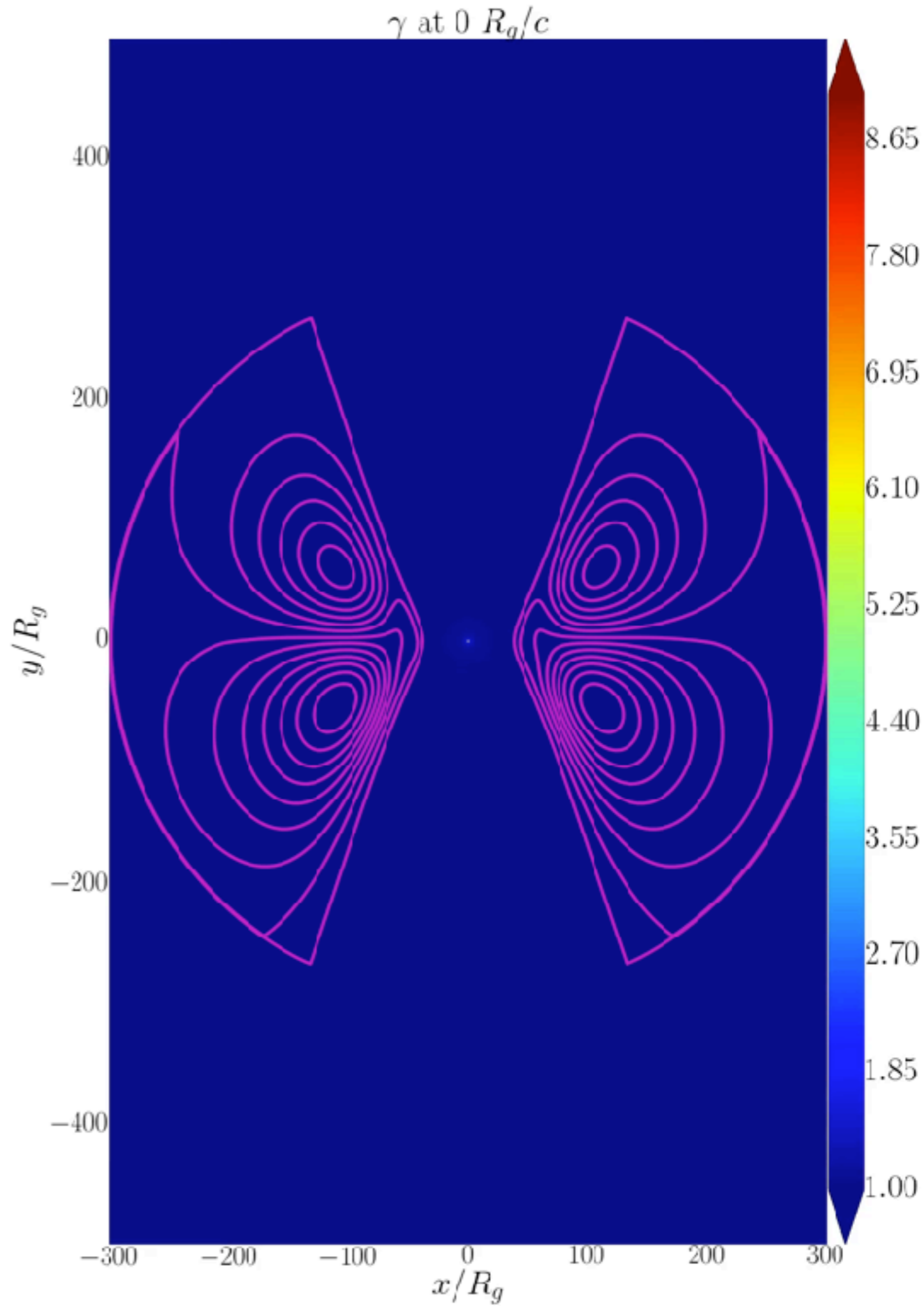
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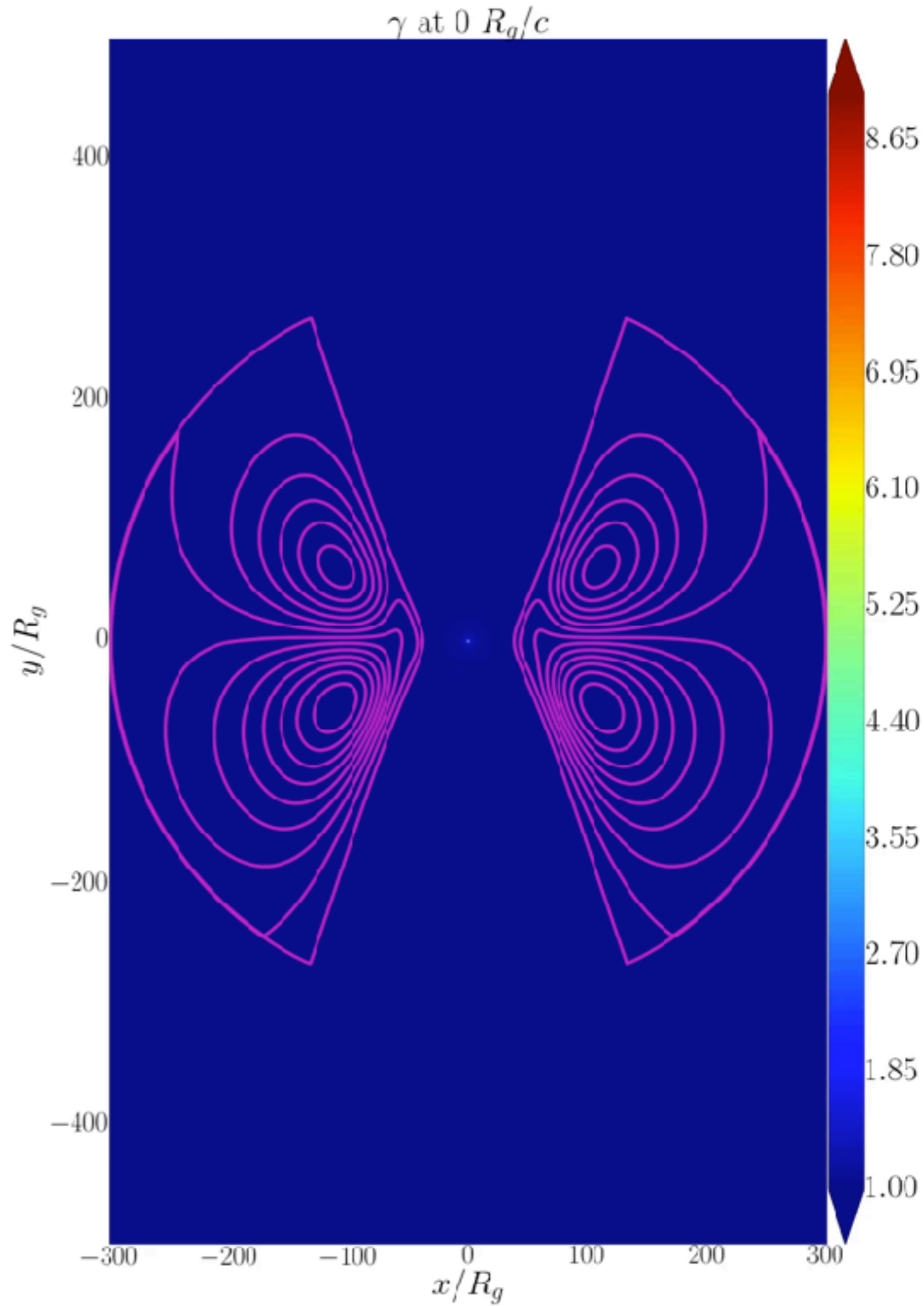
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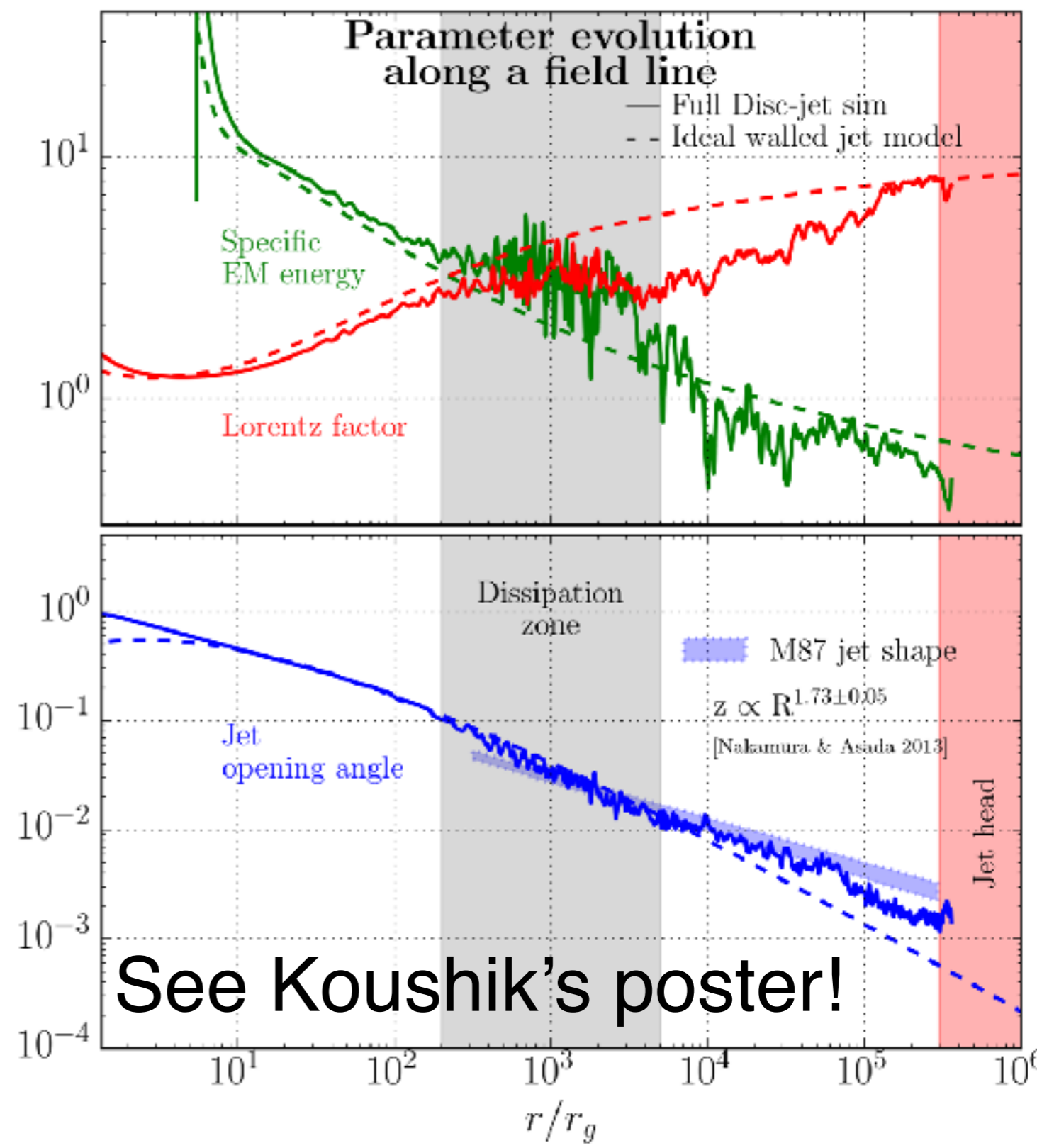




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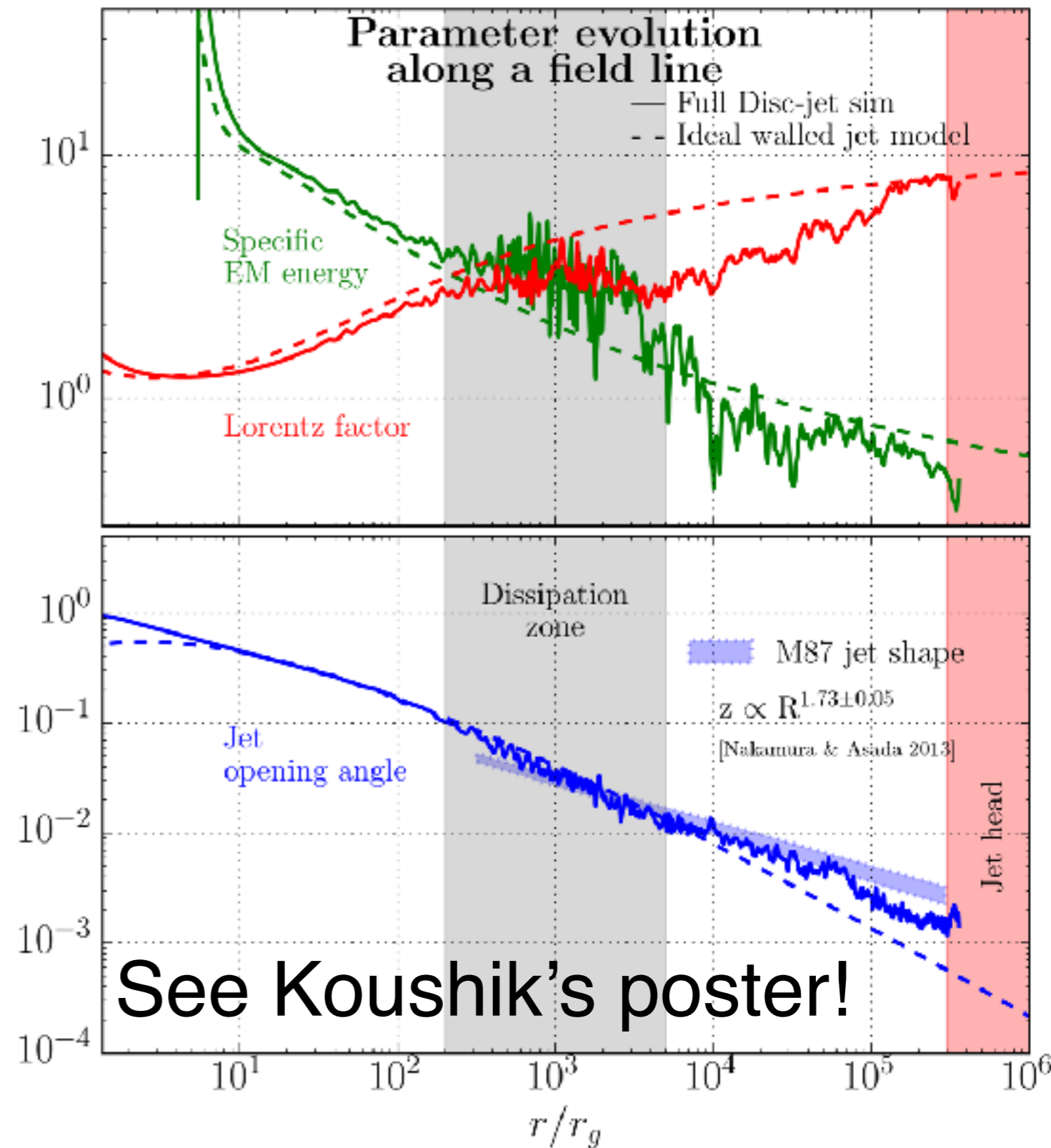
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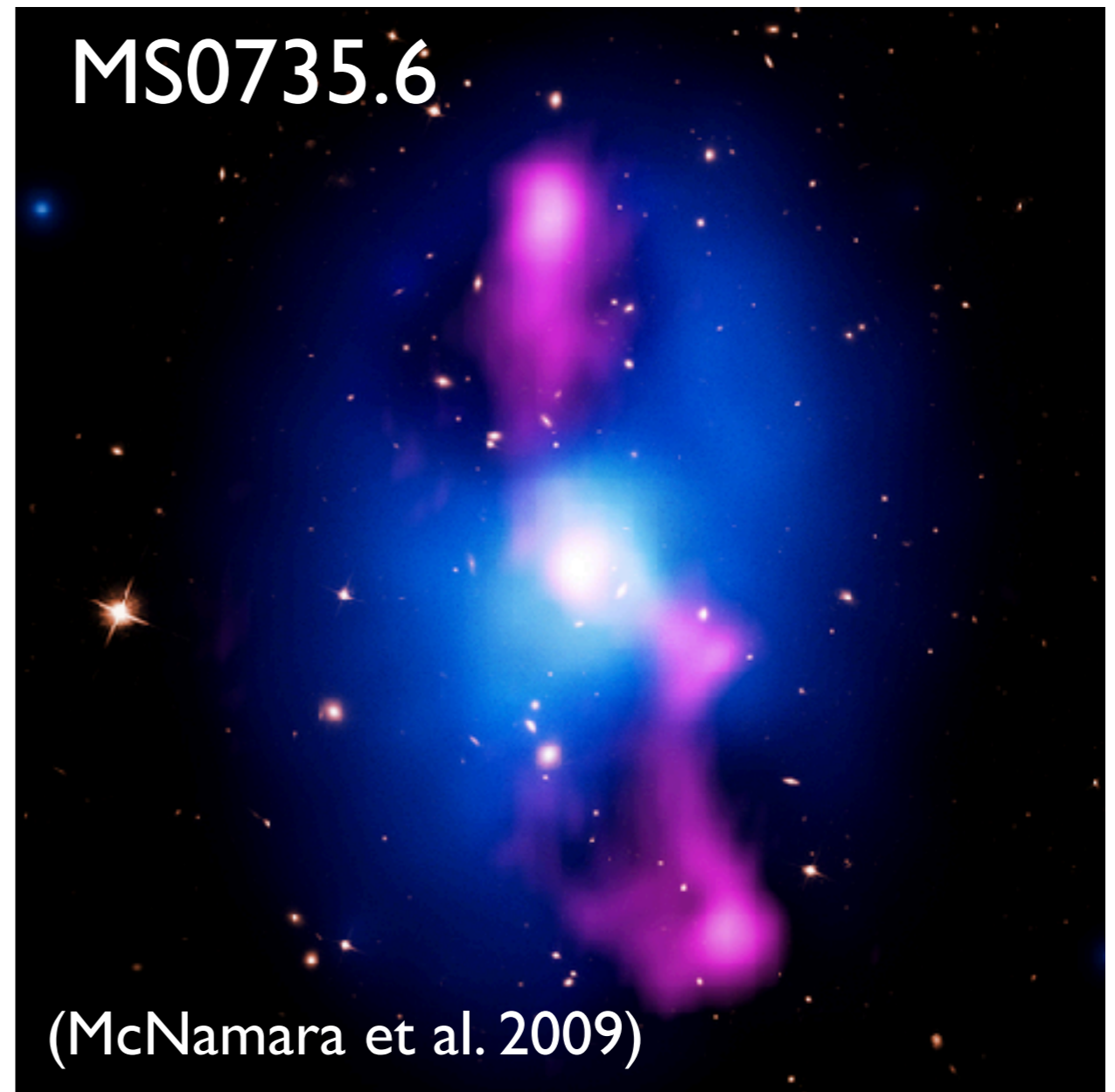
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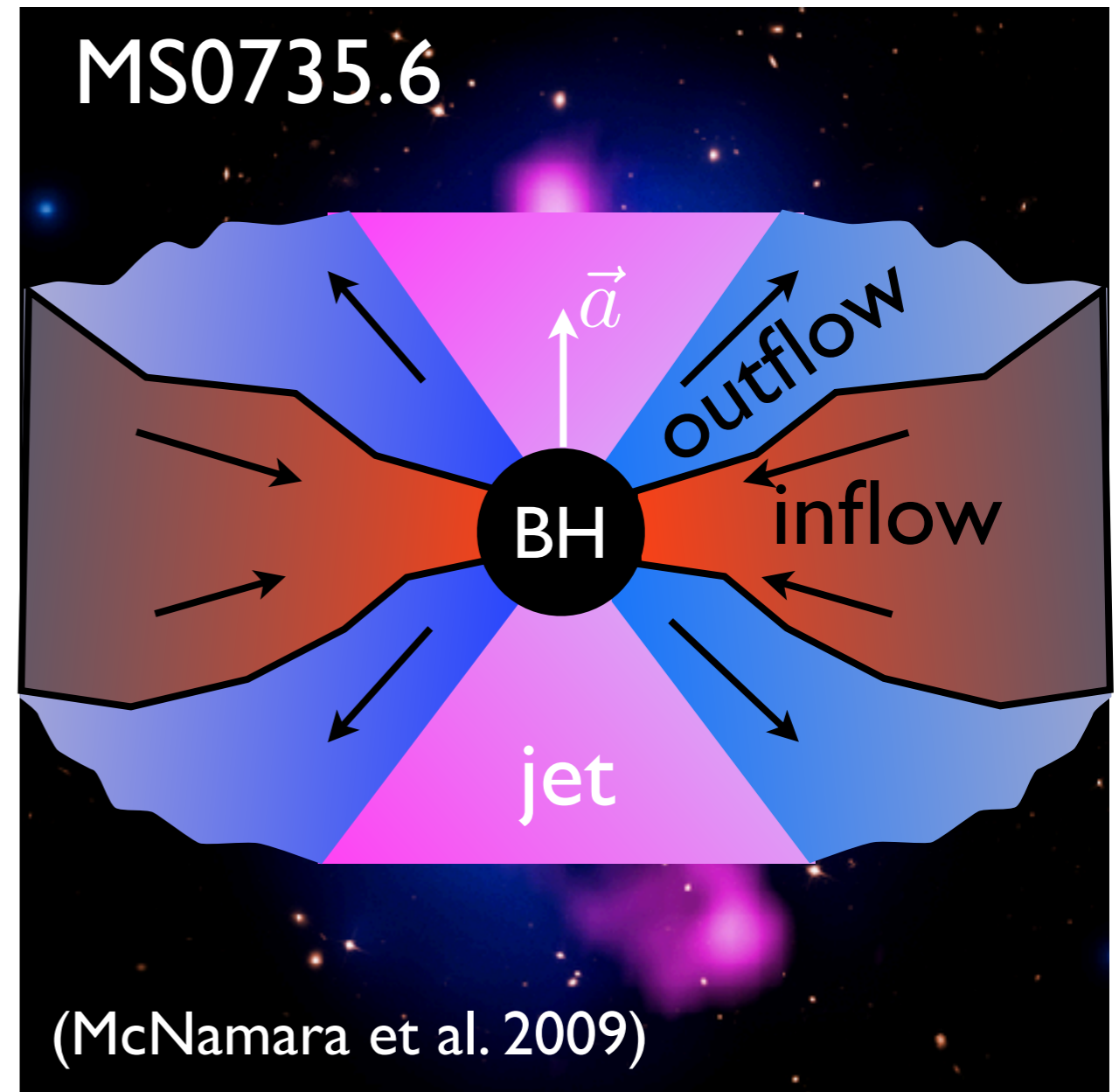
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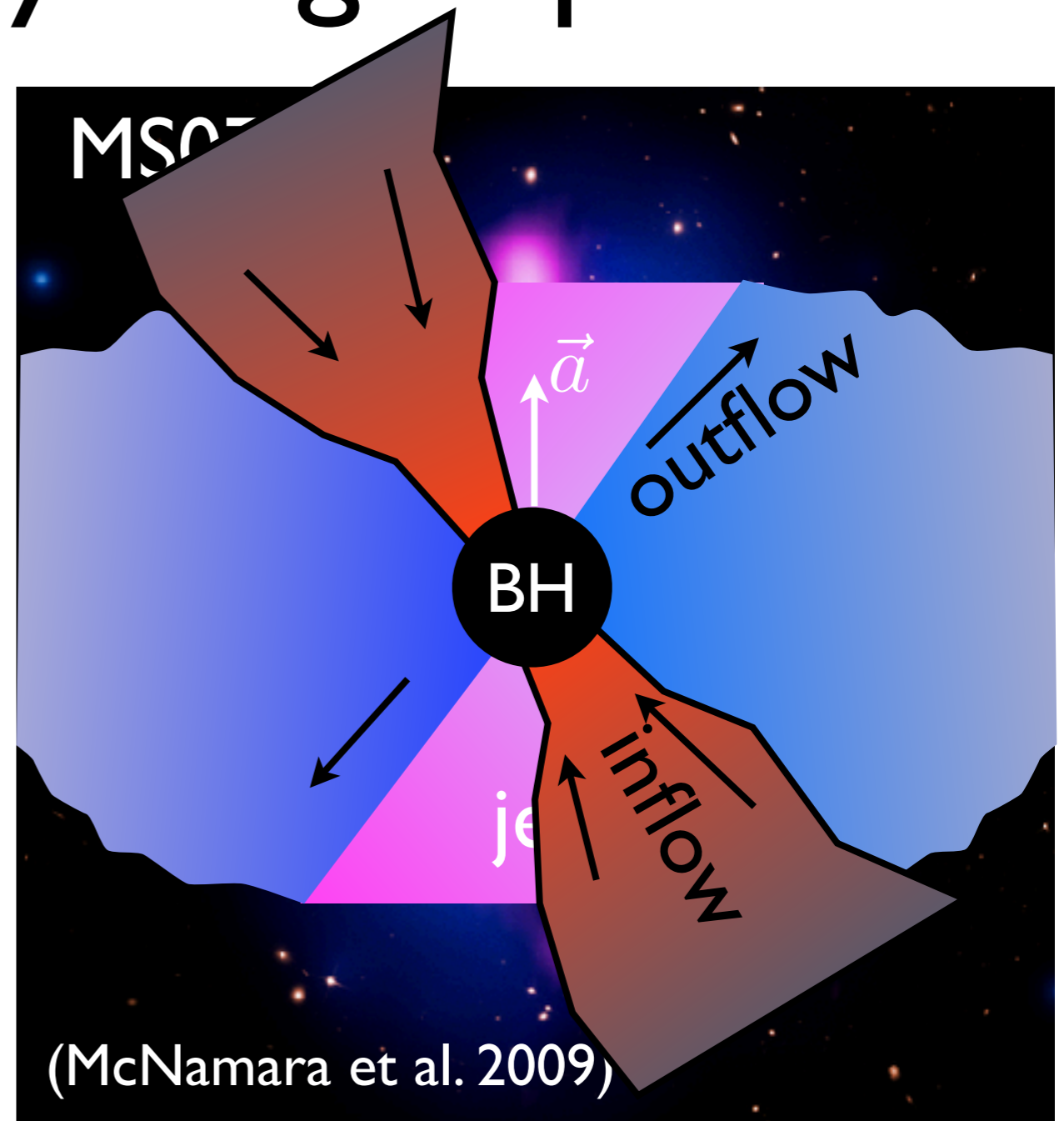
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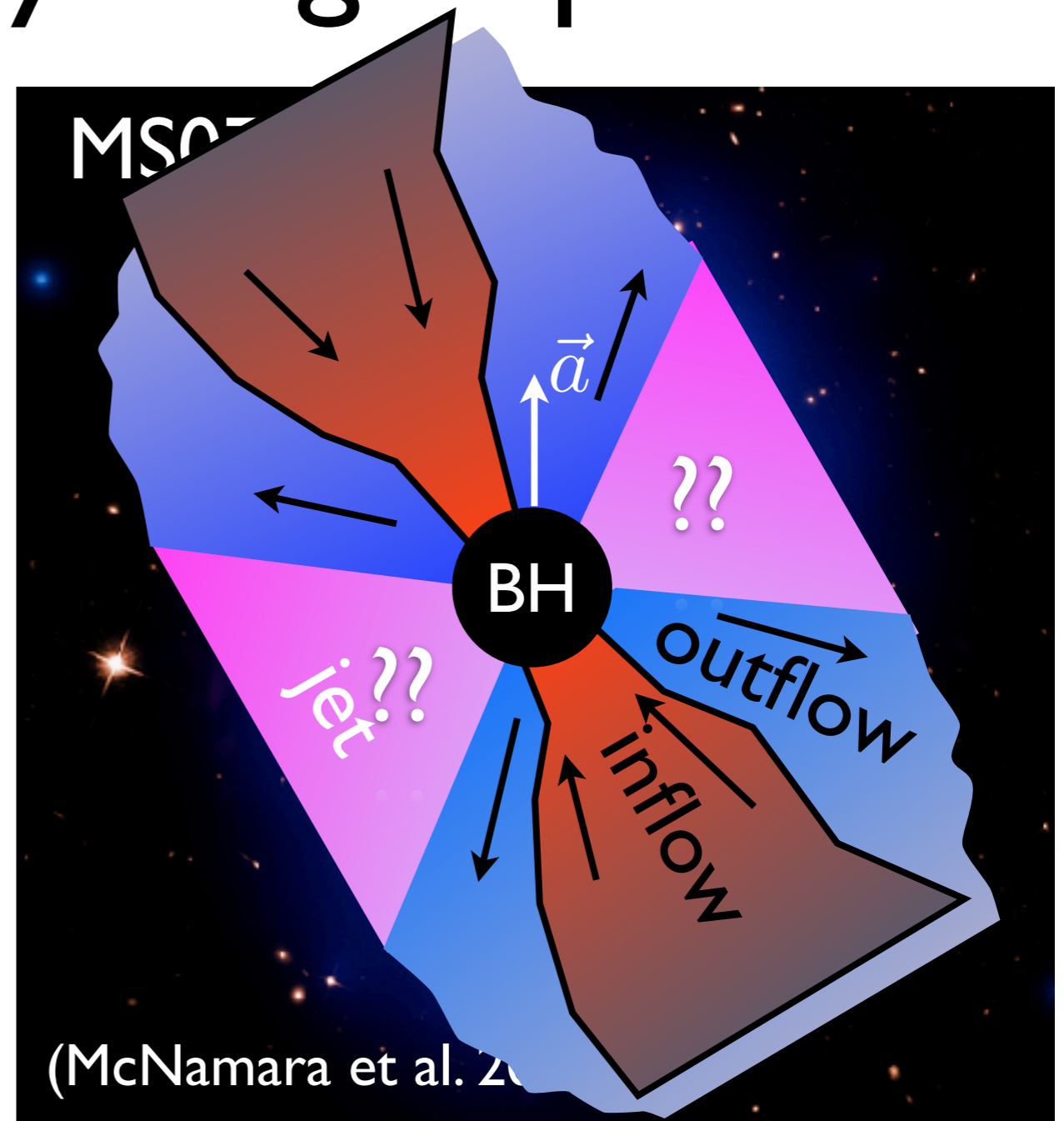
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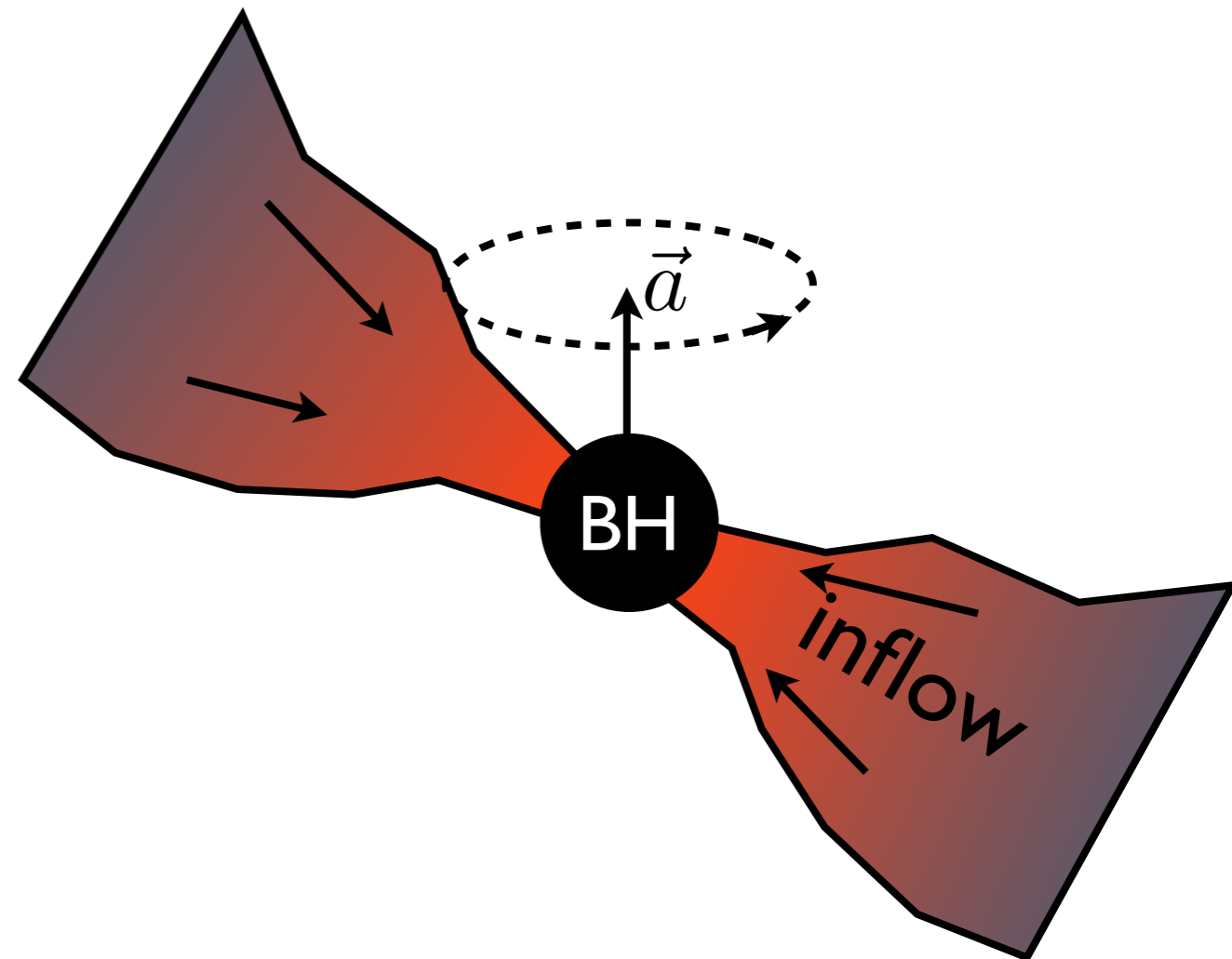


YES: disks are tilted

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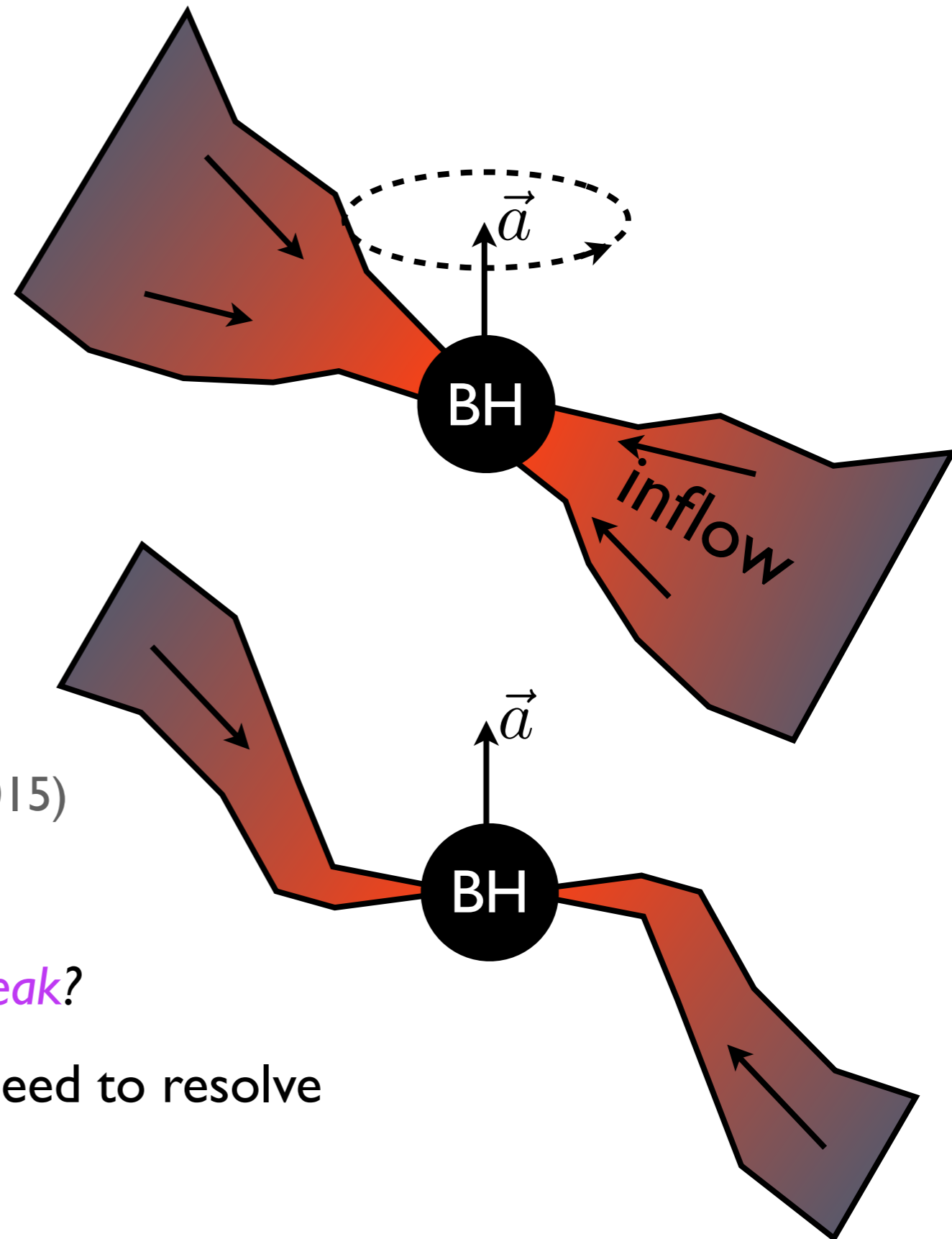
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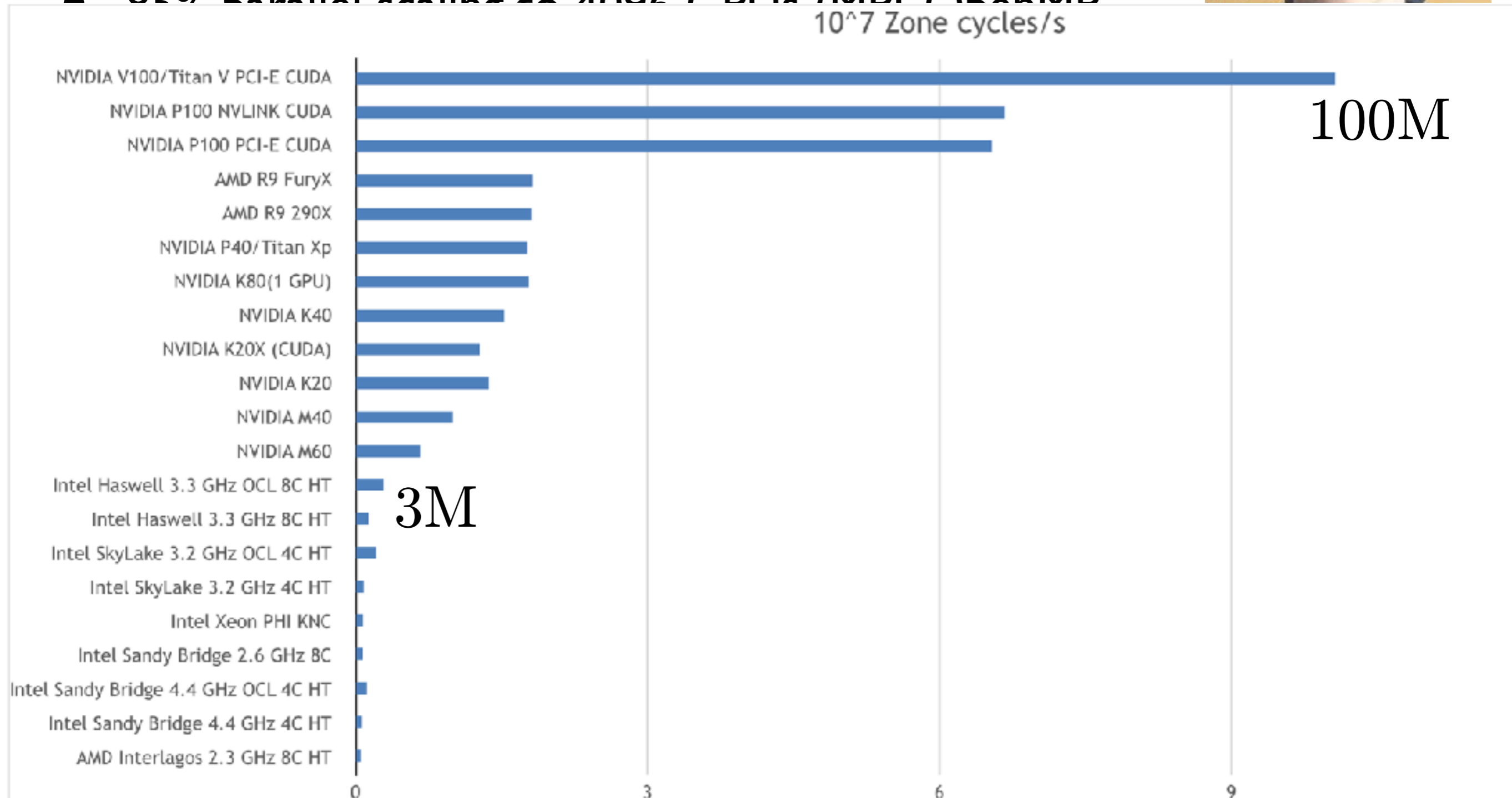


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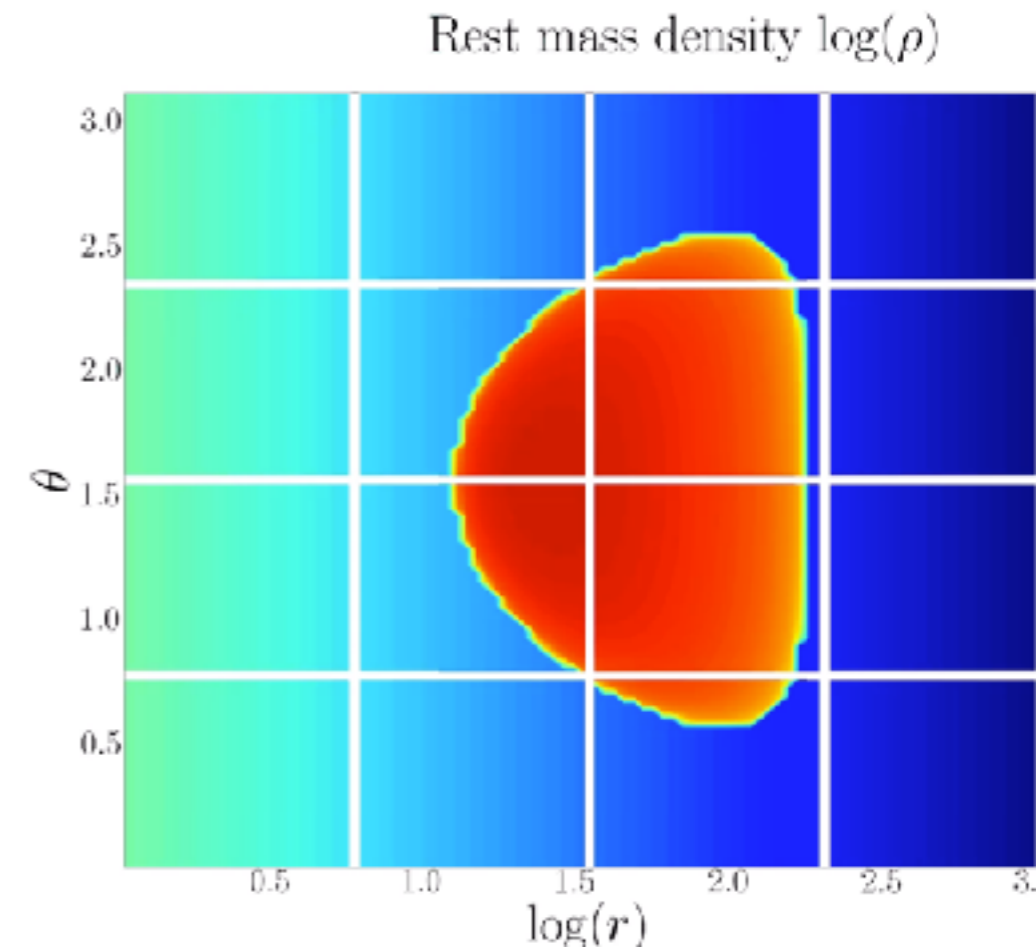
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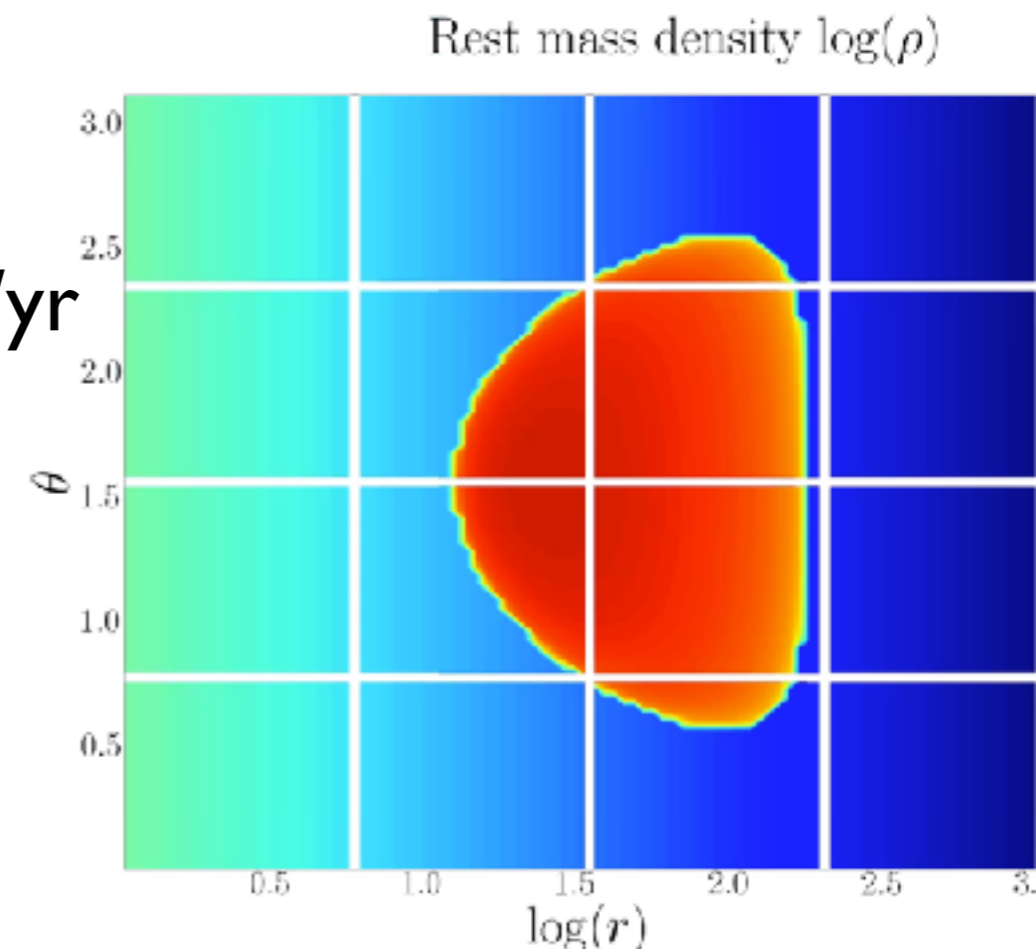


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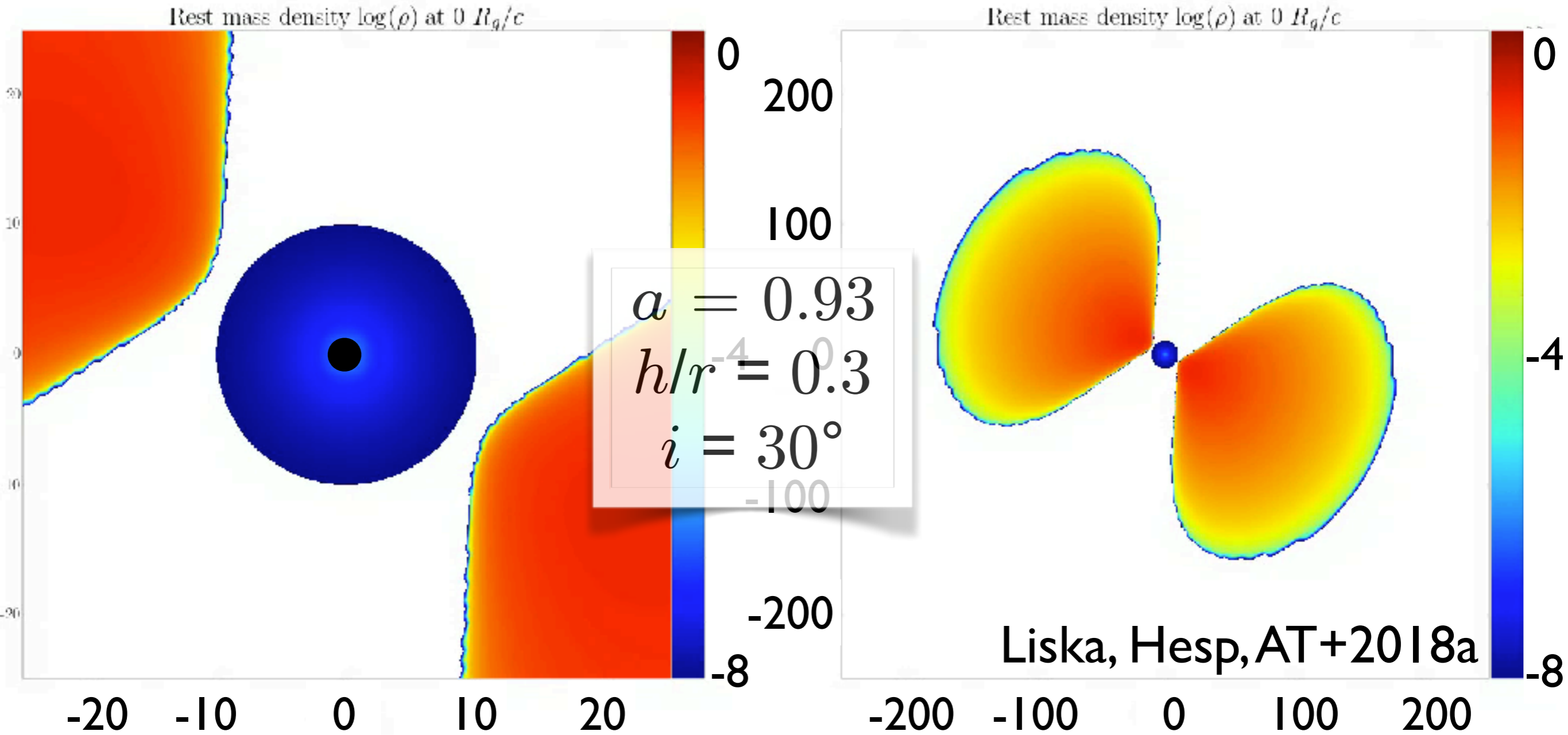
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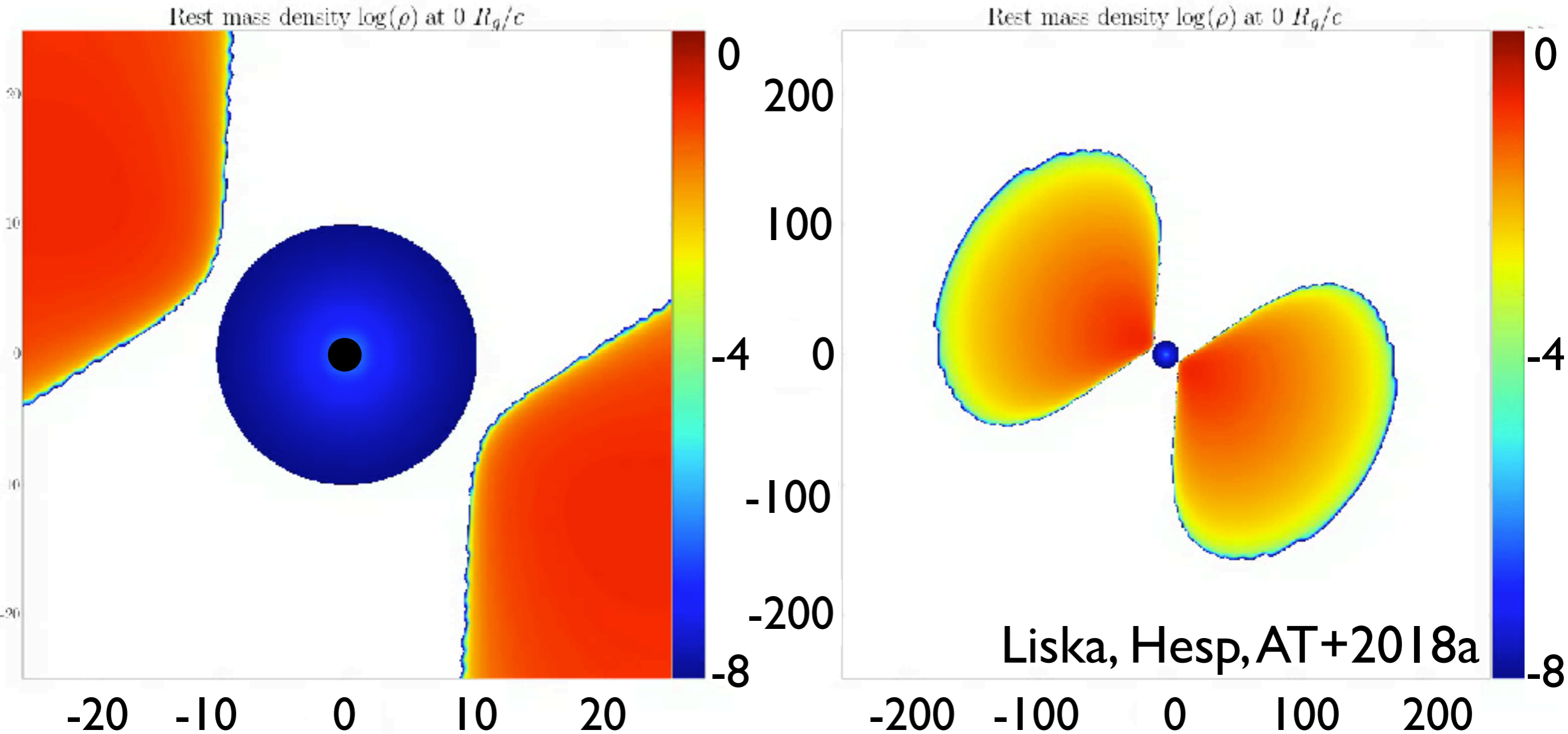


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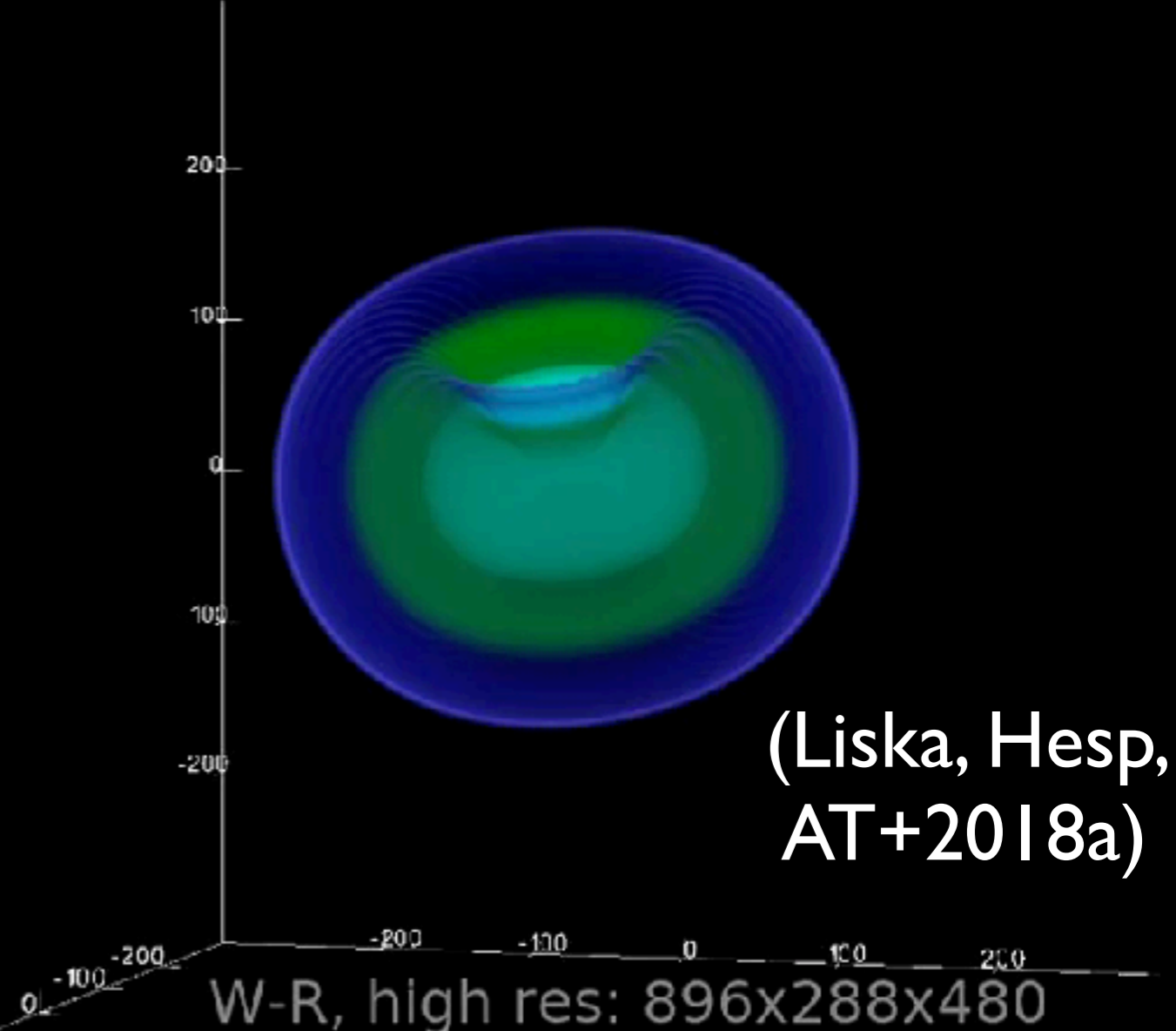
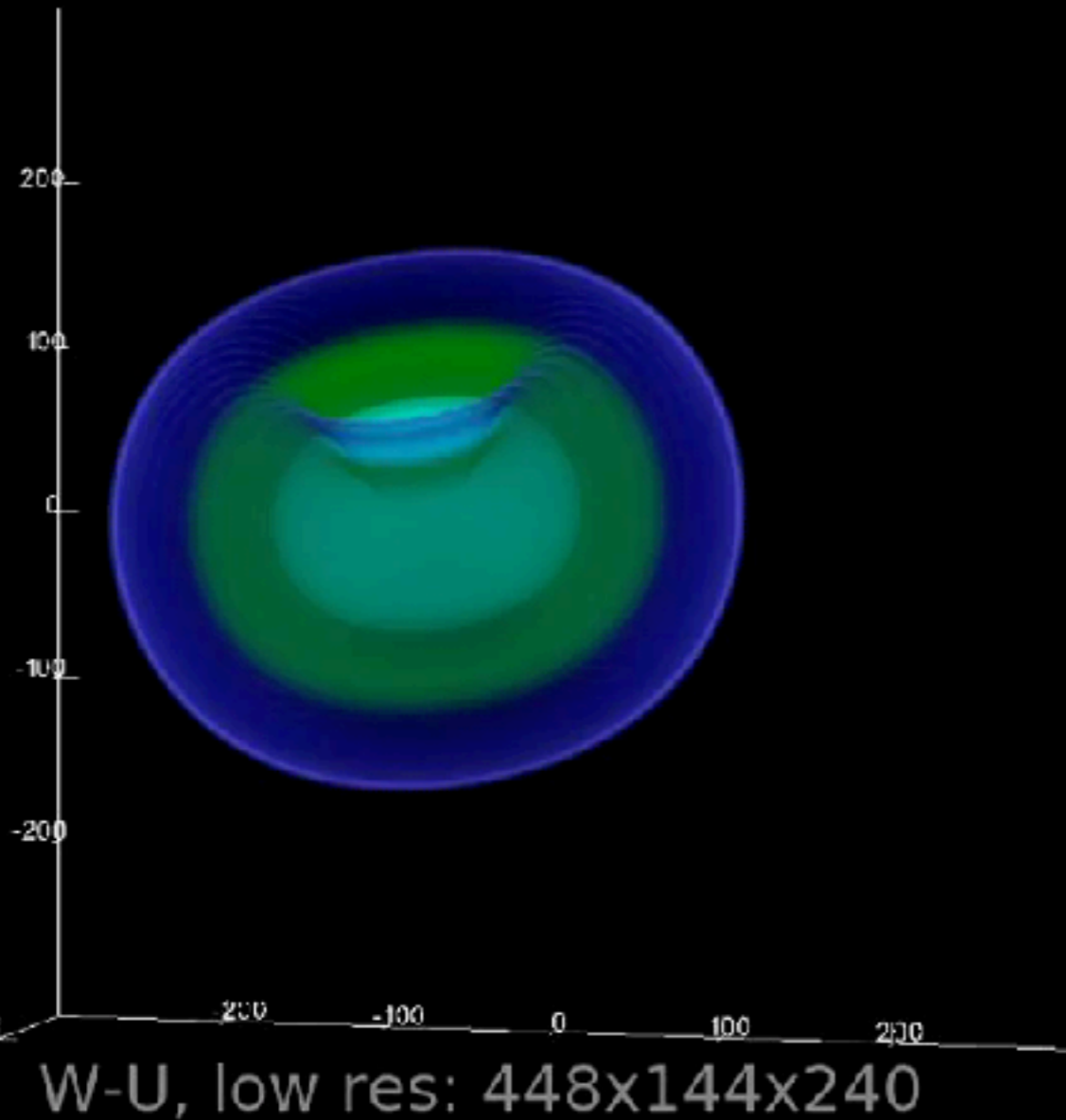


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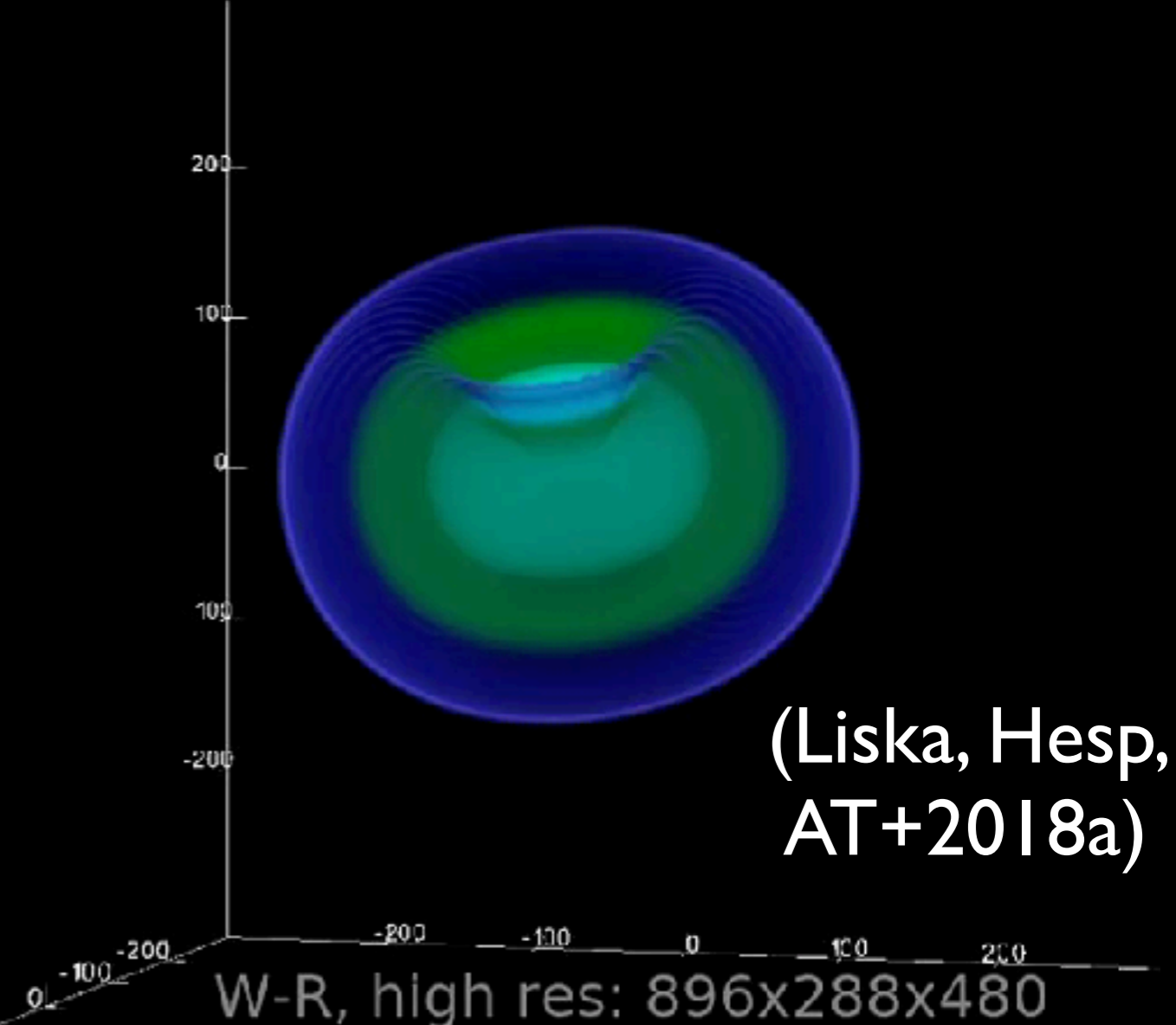
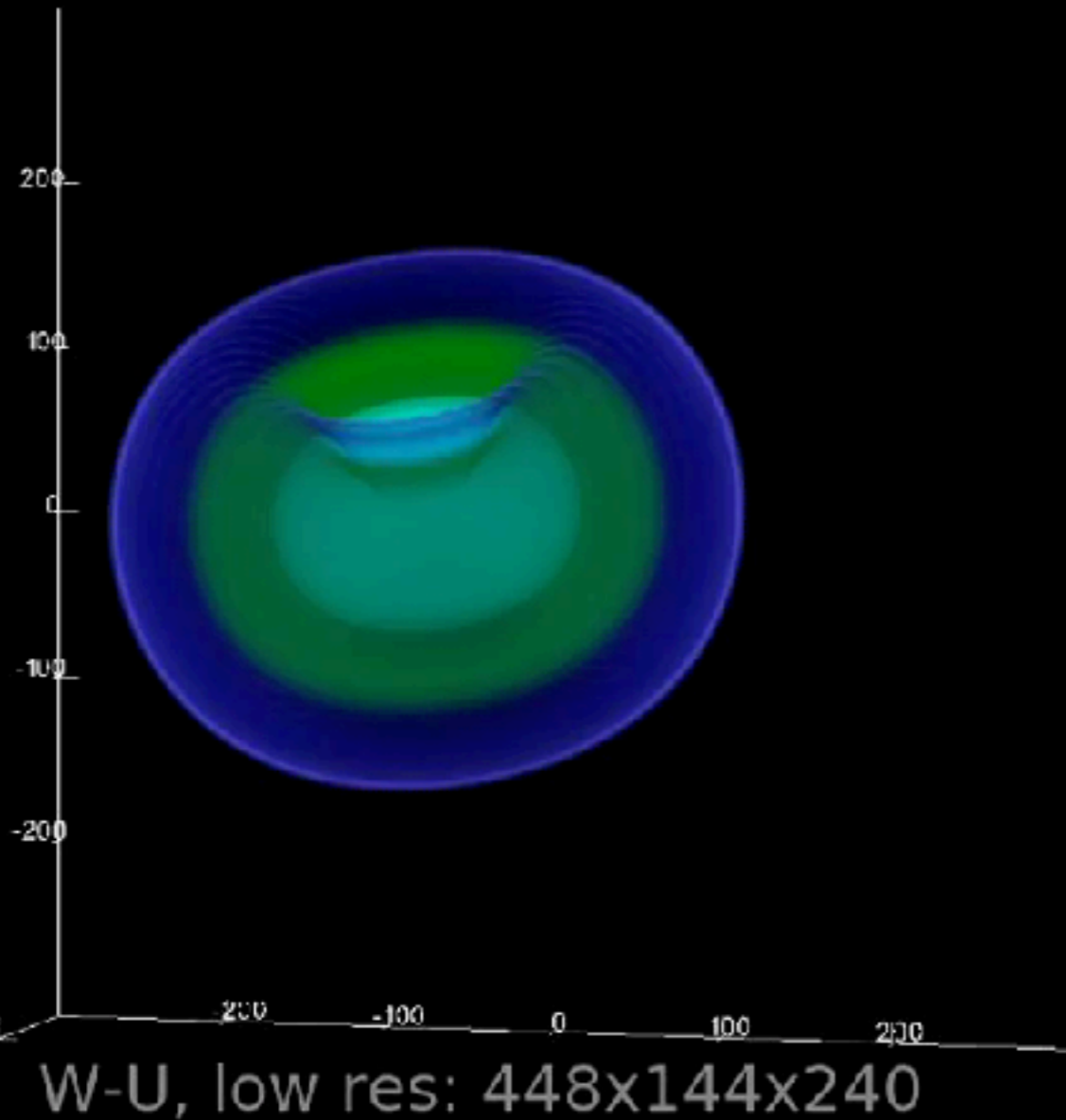
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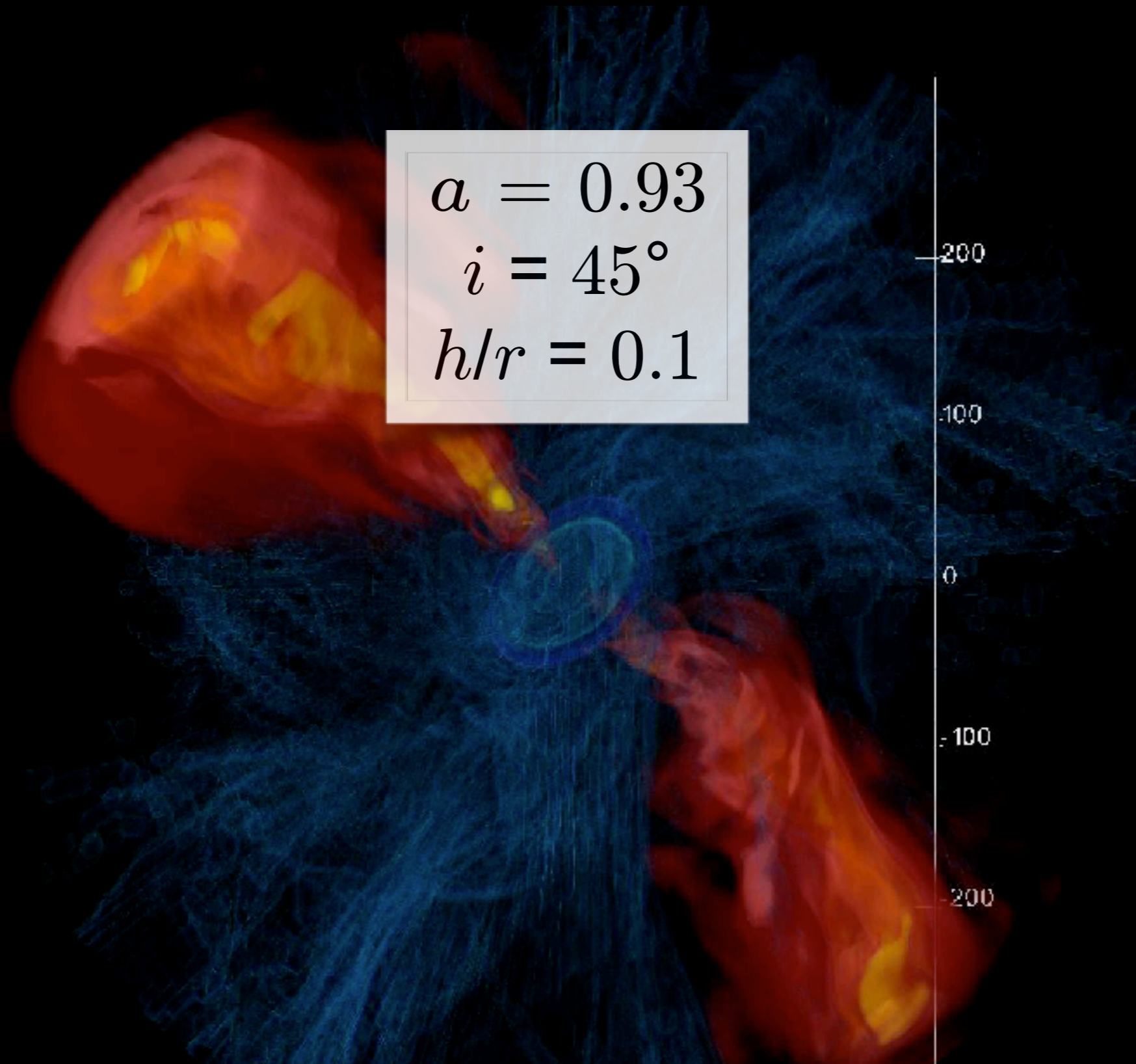
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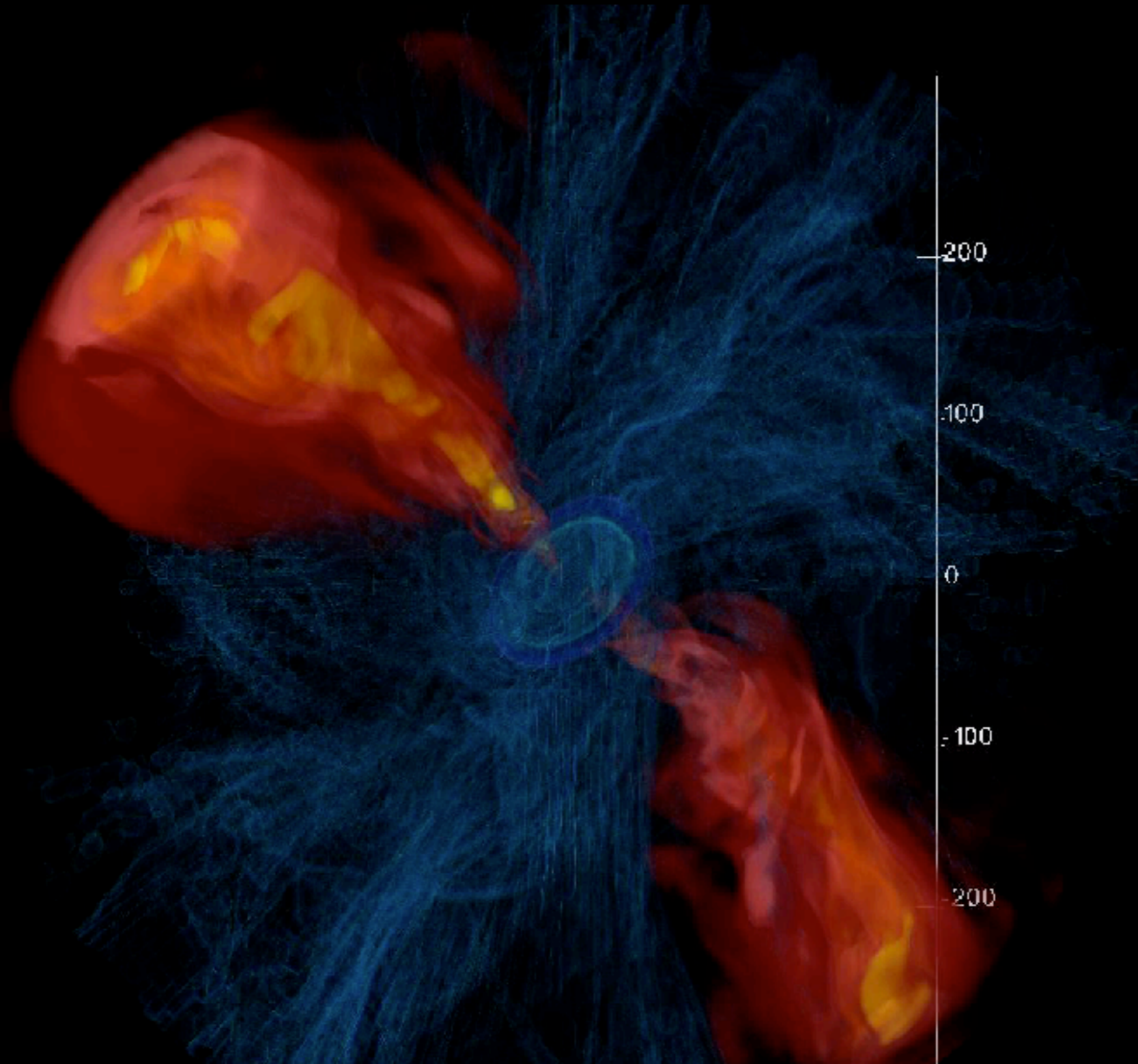
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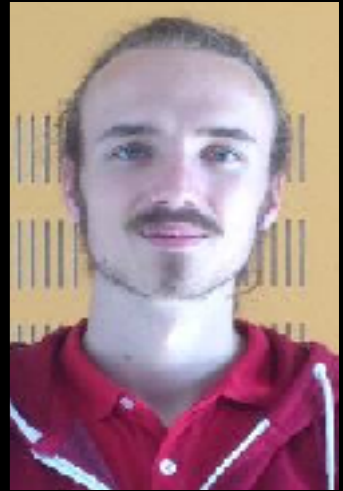
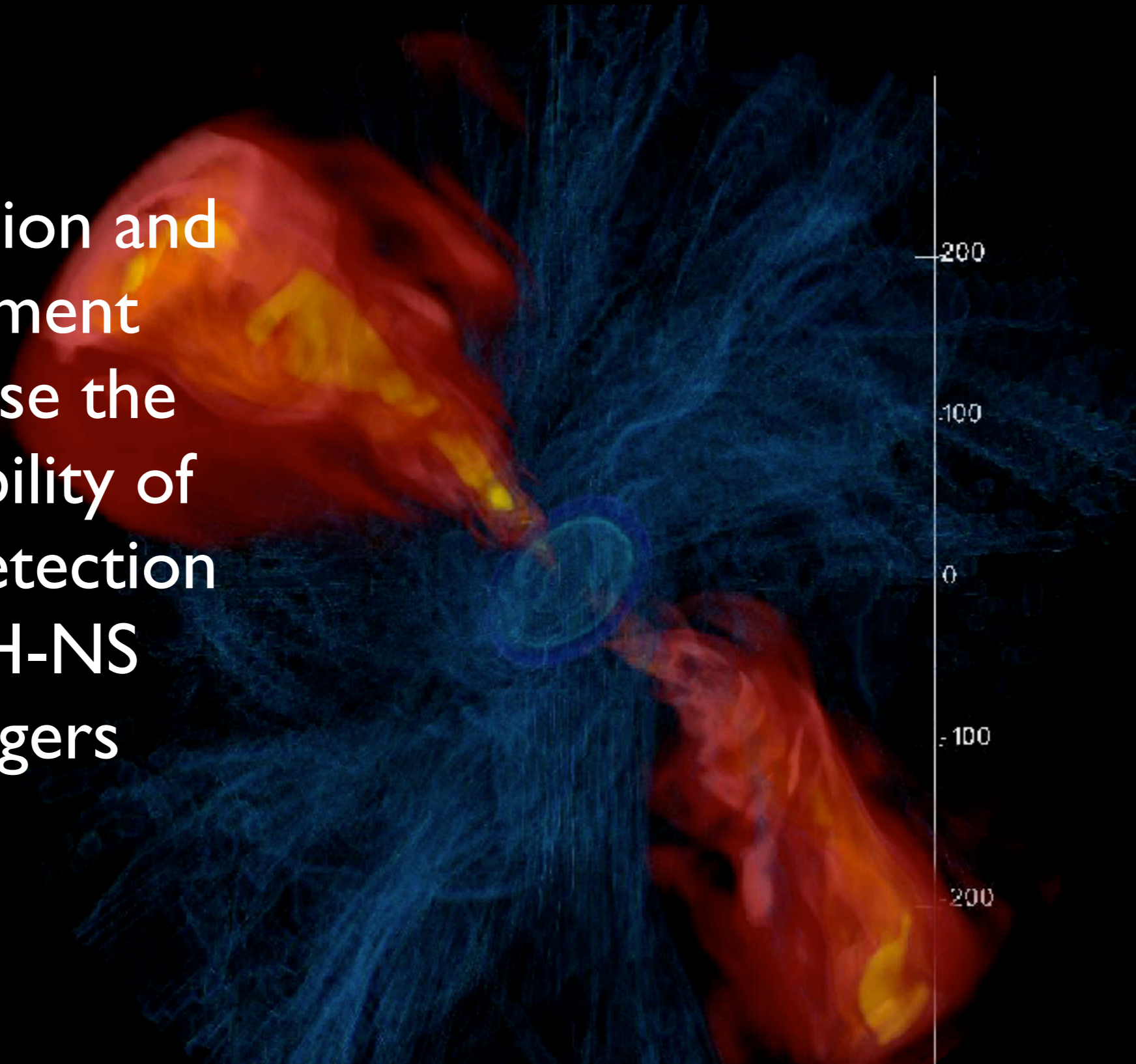
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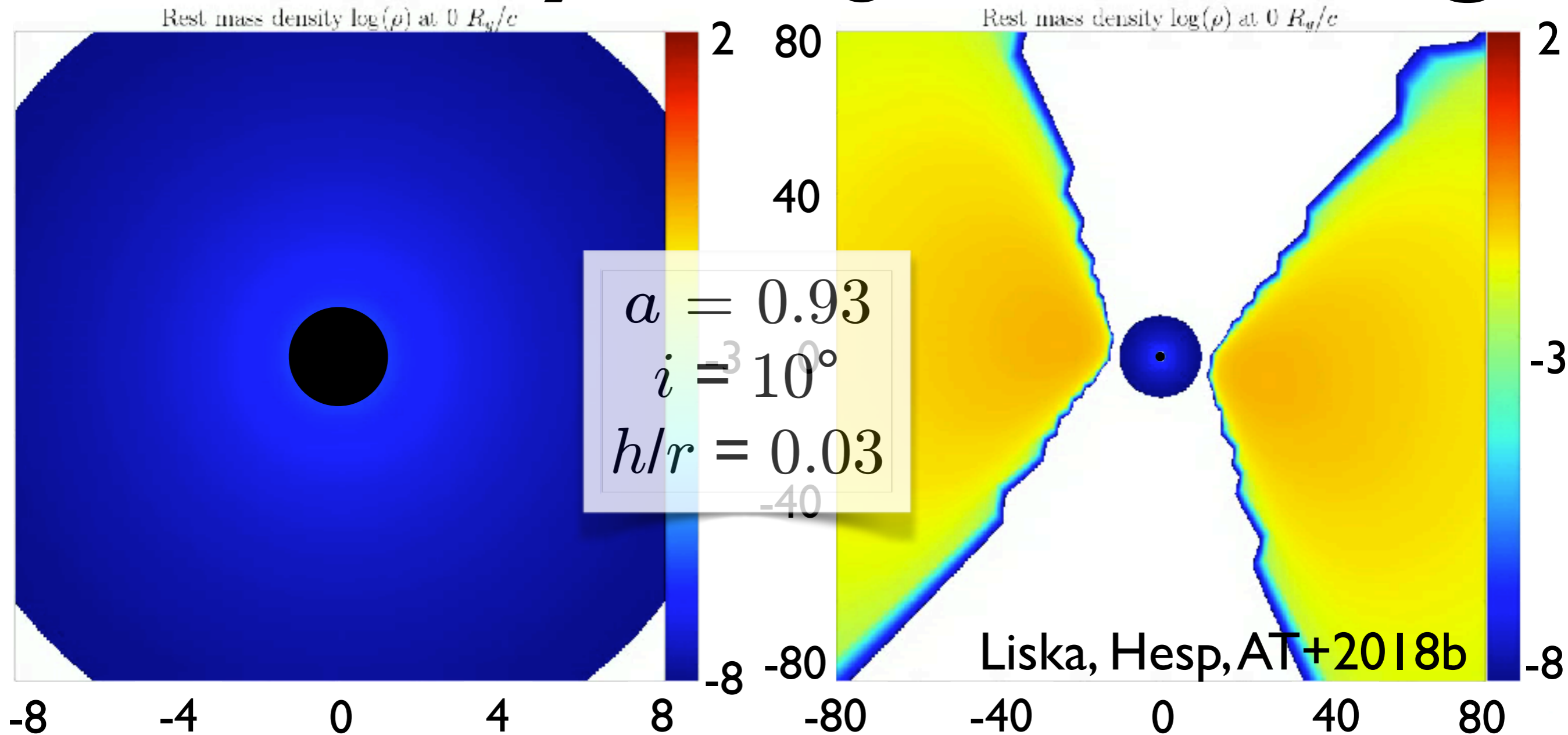
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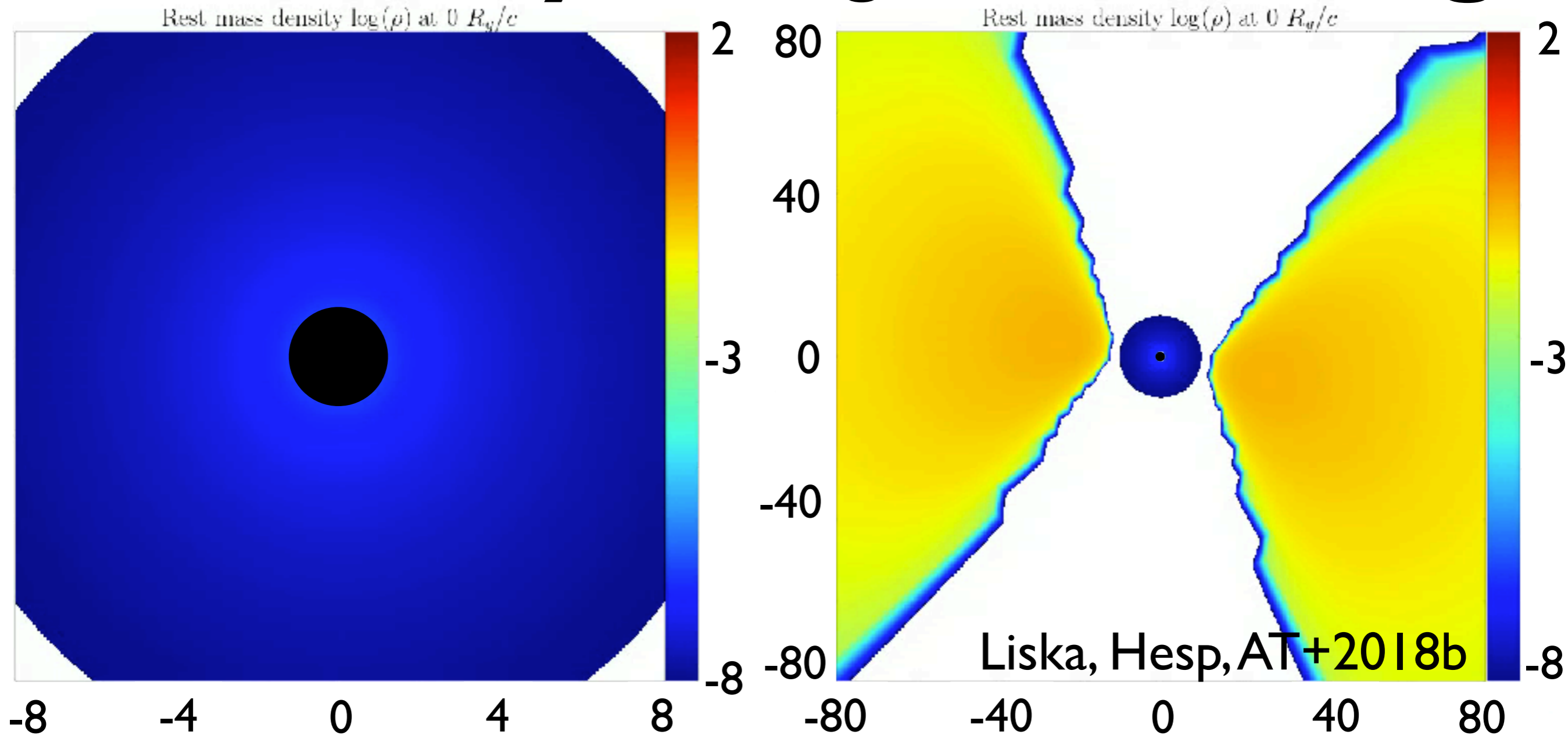
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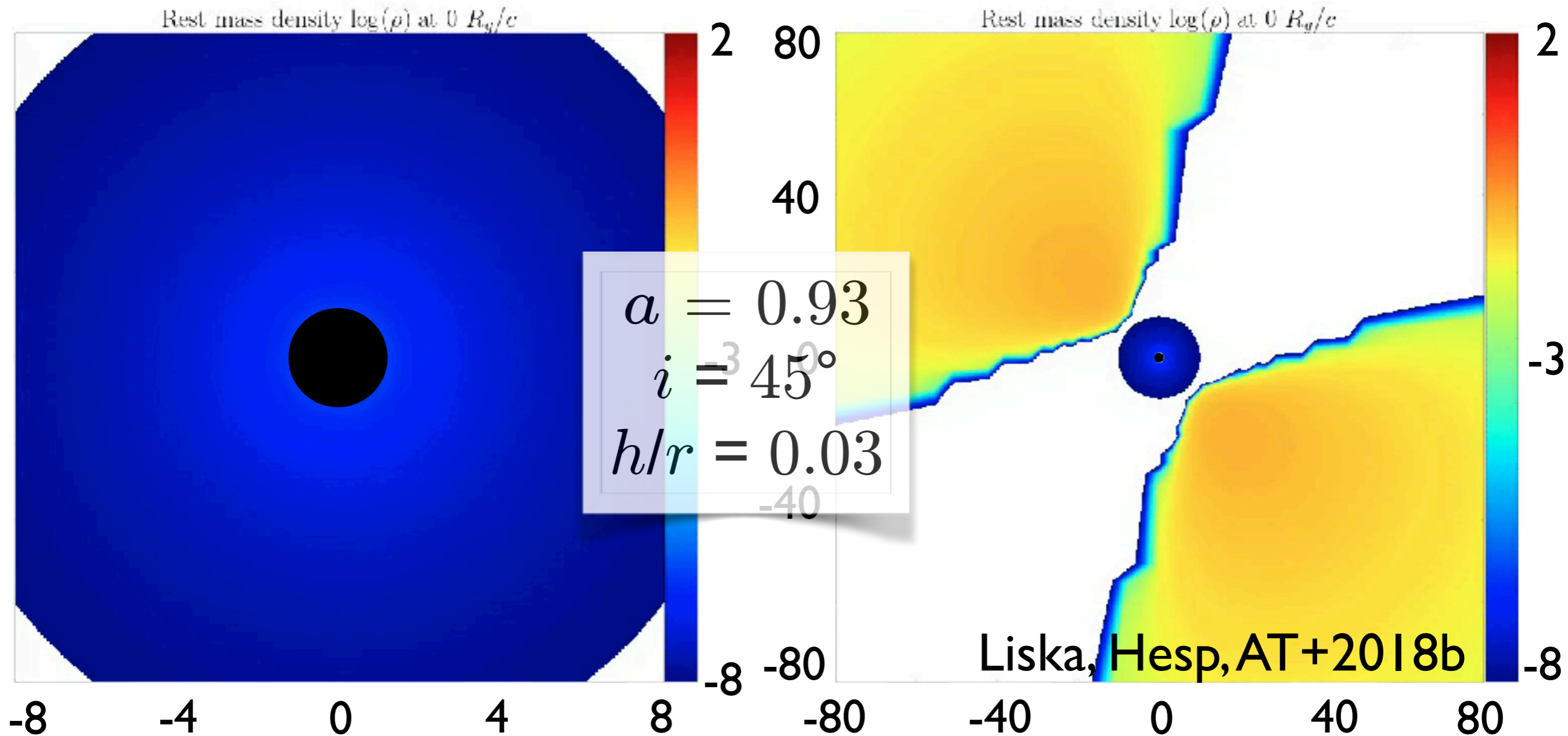
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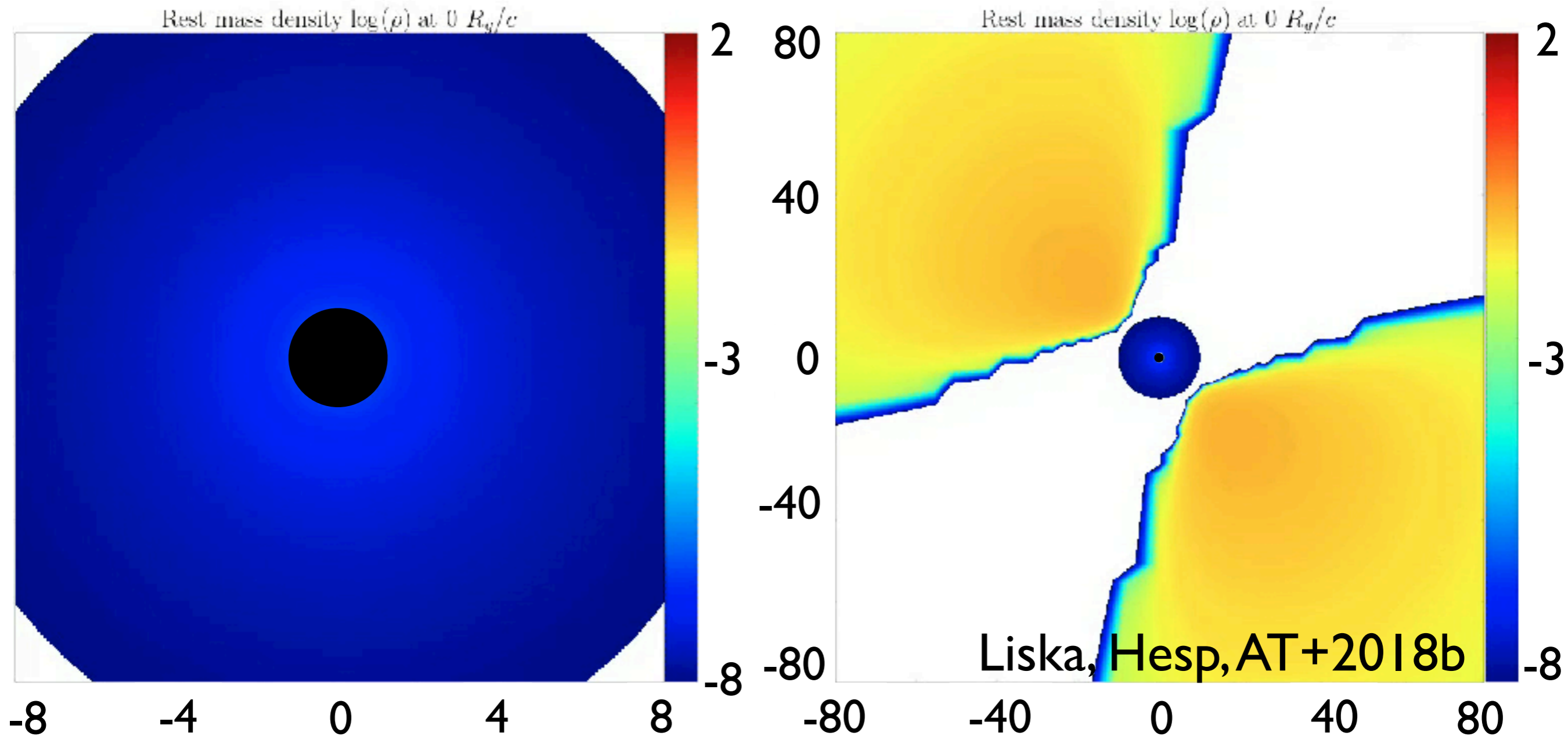
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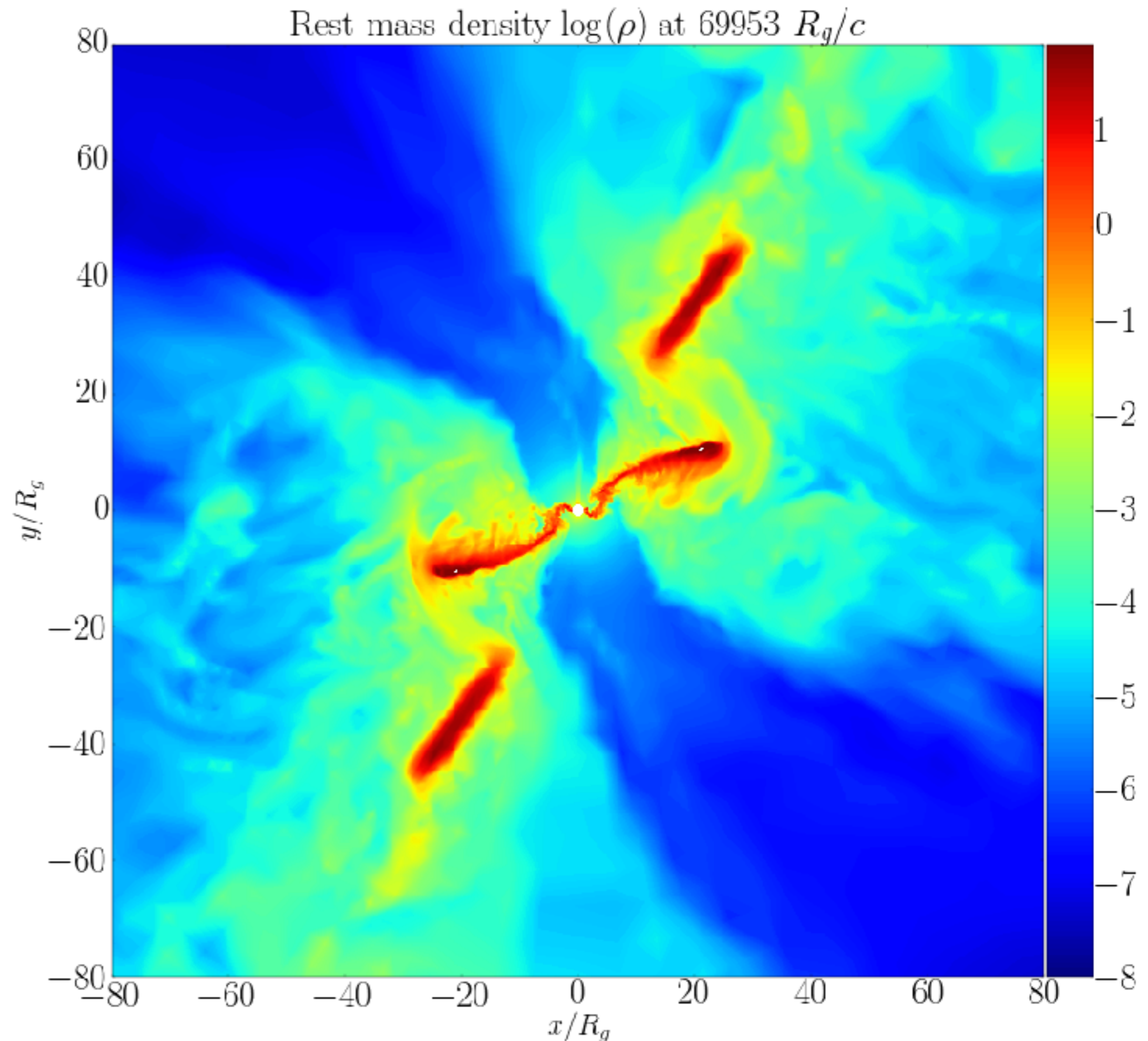


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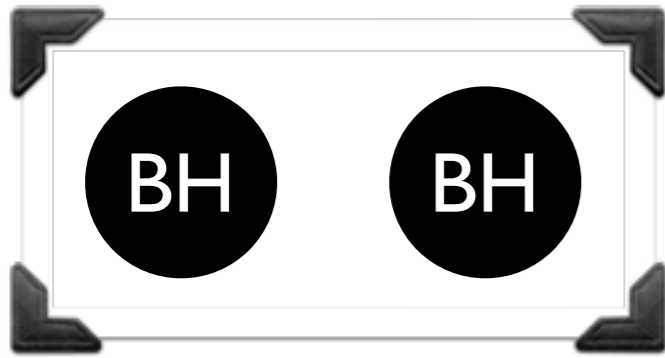


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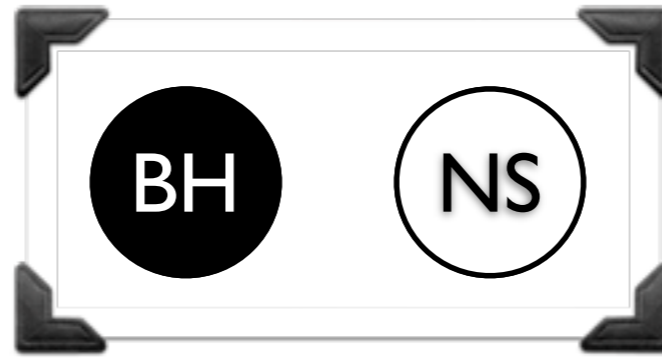
- Disks can tear up into individual segments
- Extra dissipation and luminosity
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- Larger observed disk size than expected?  
(Blackburn+2011)



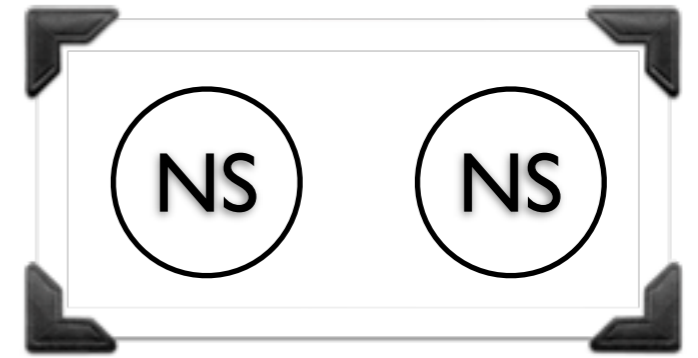
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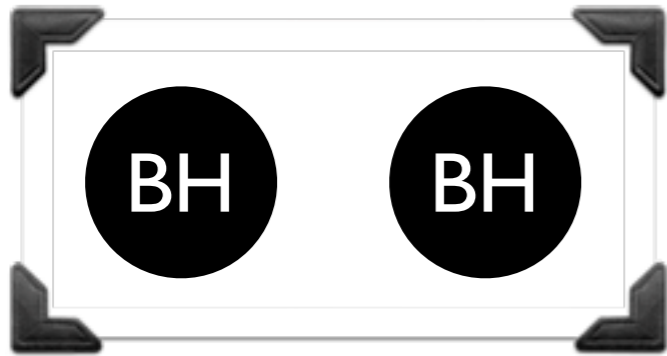
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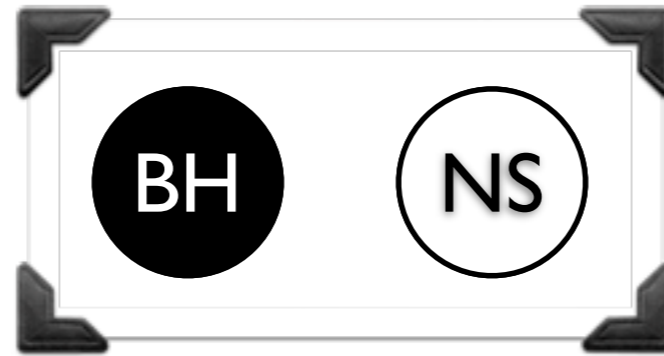
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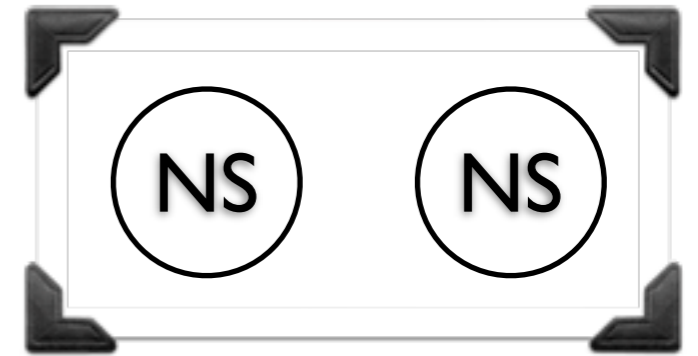
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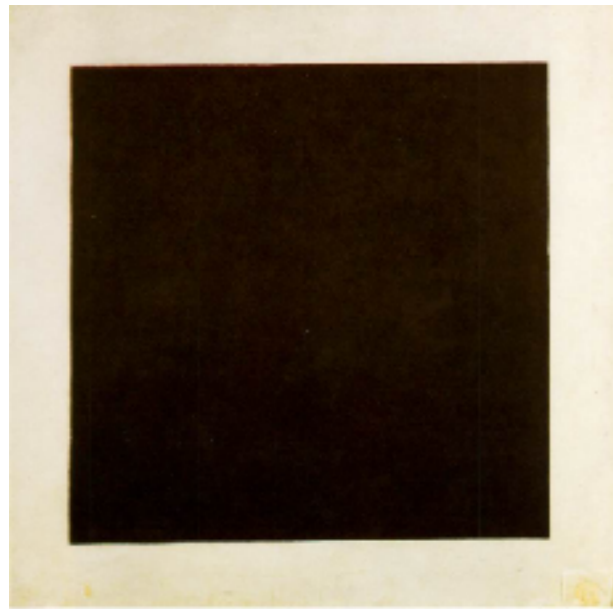
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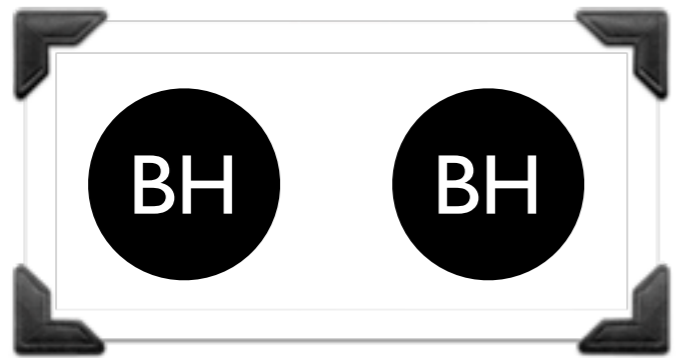
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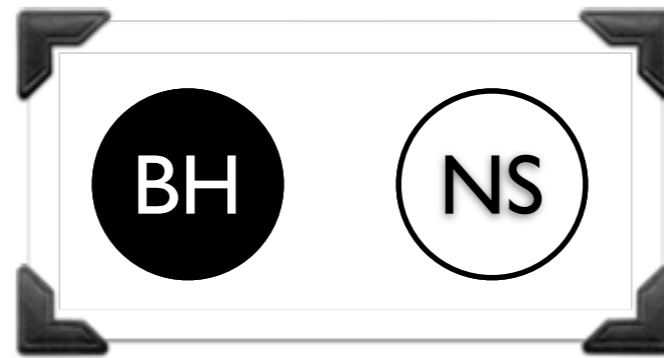
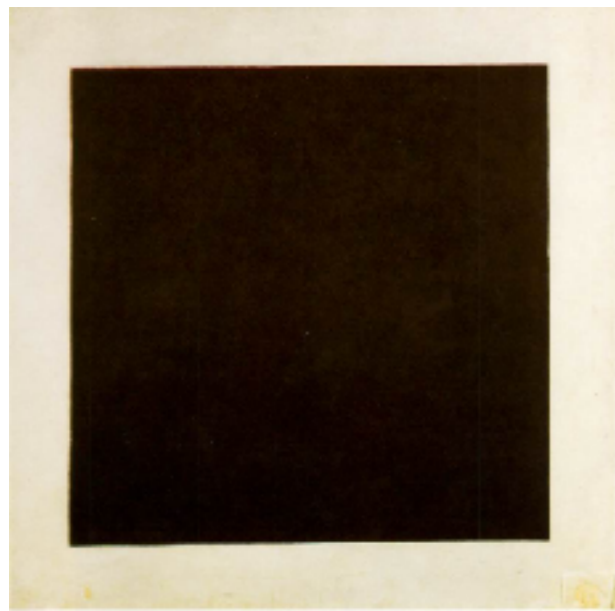


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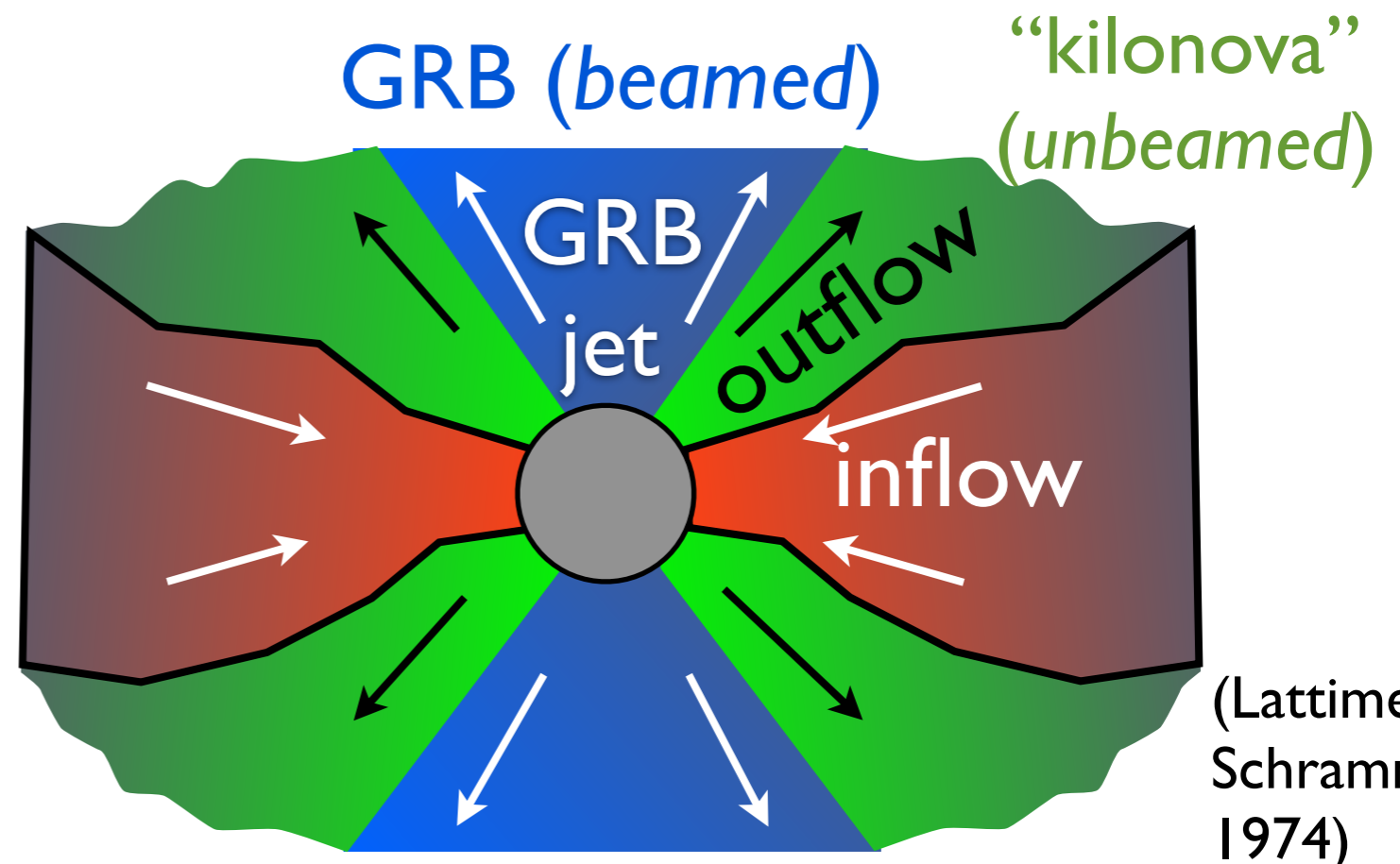
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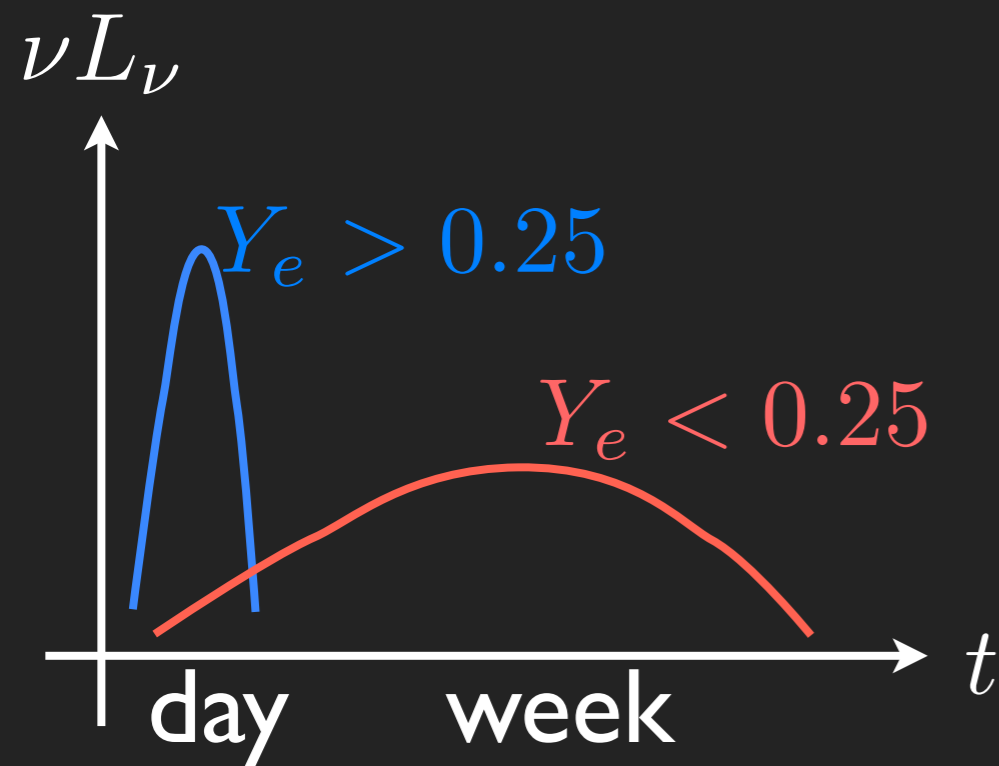


(Lattimer & Schramm 1974)

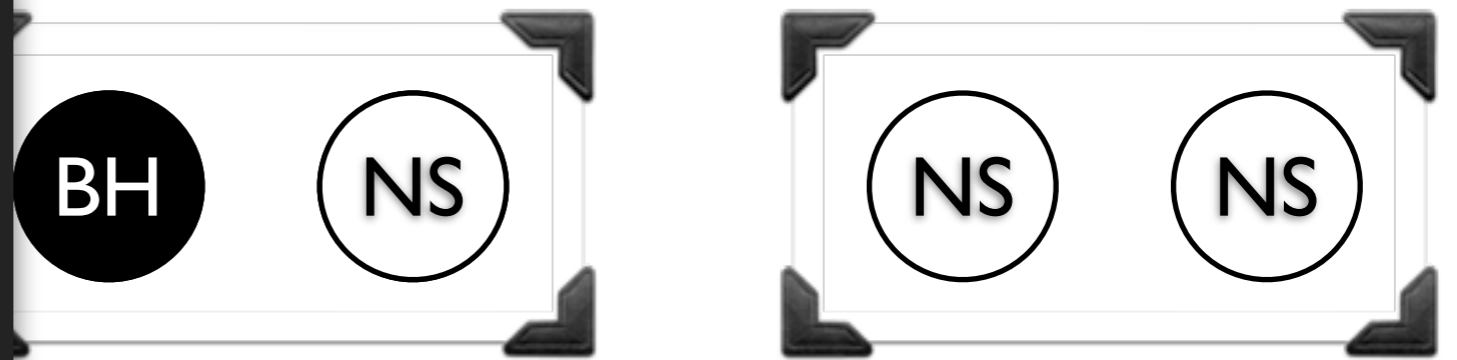
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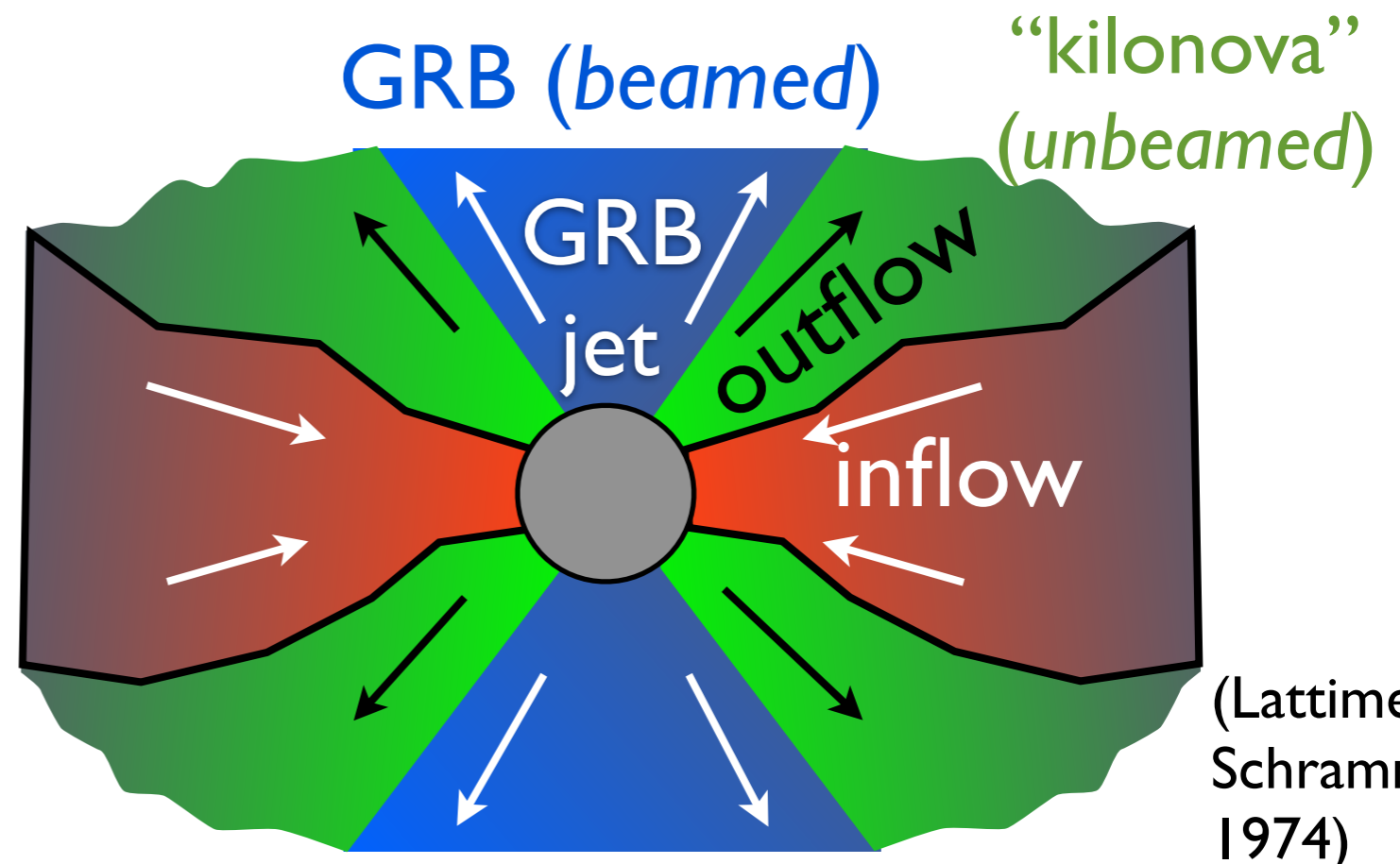


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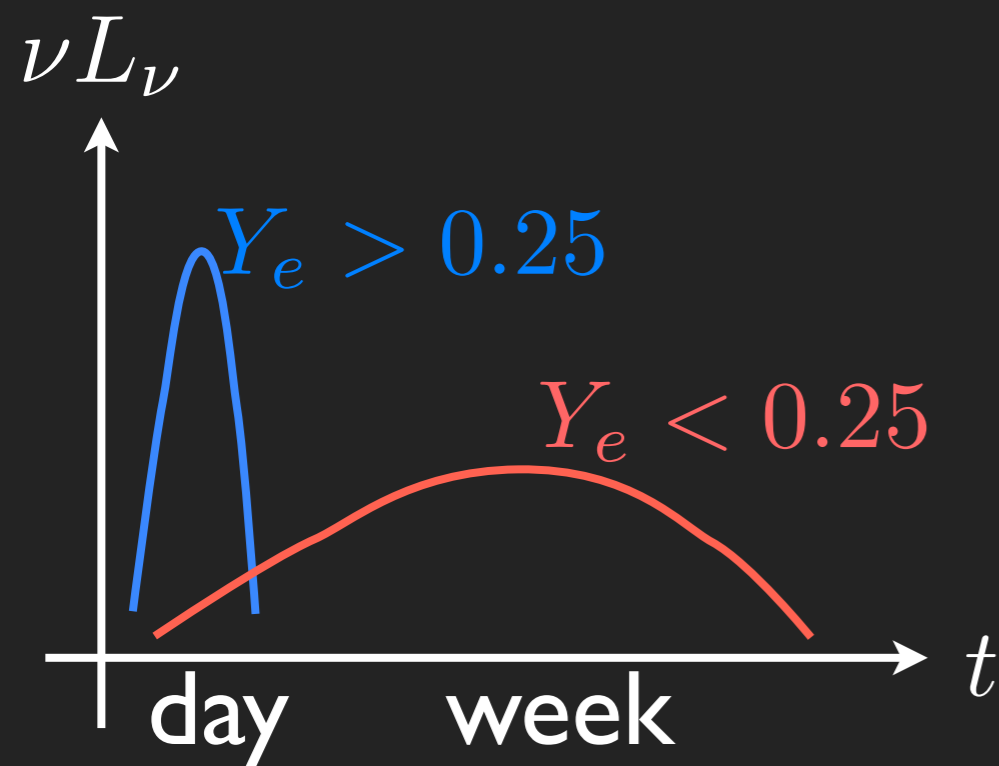
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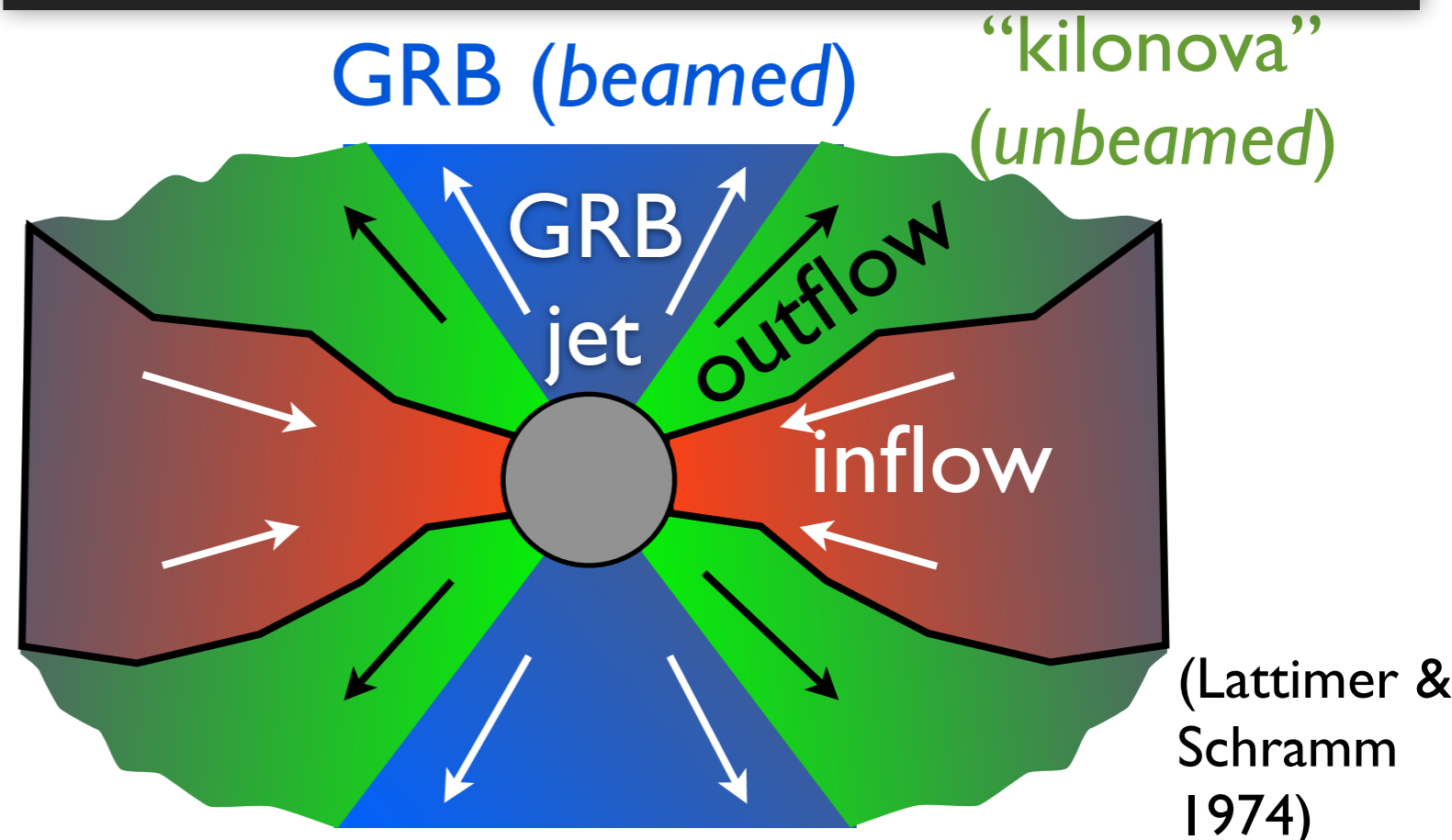
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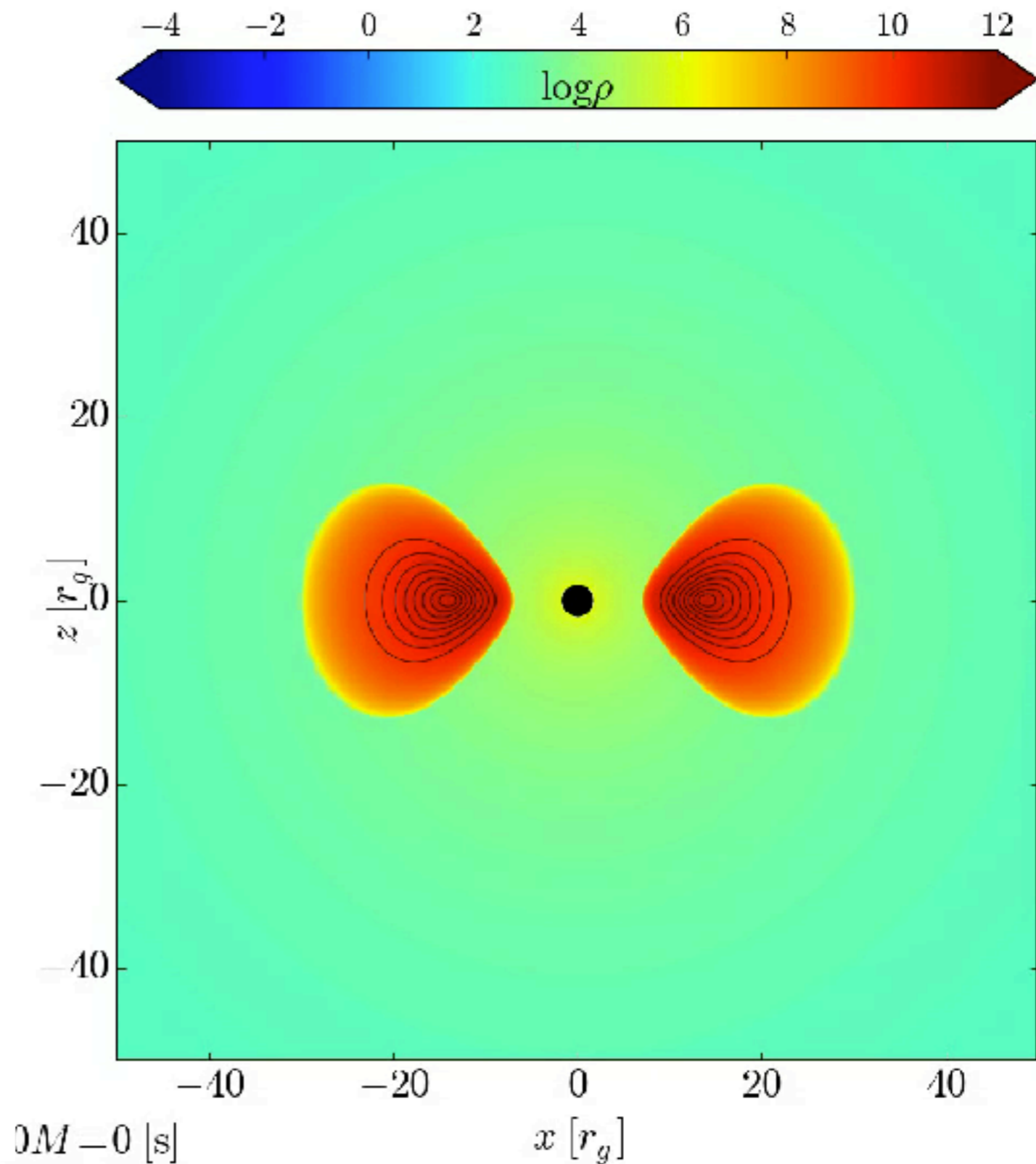


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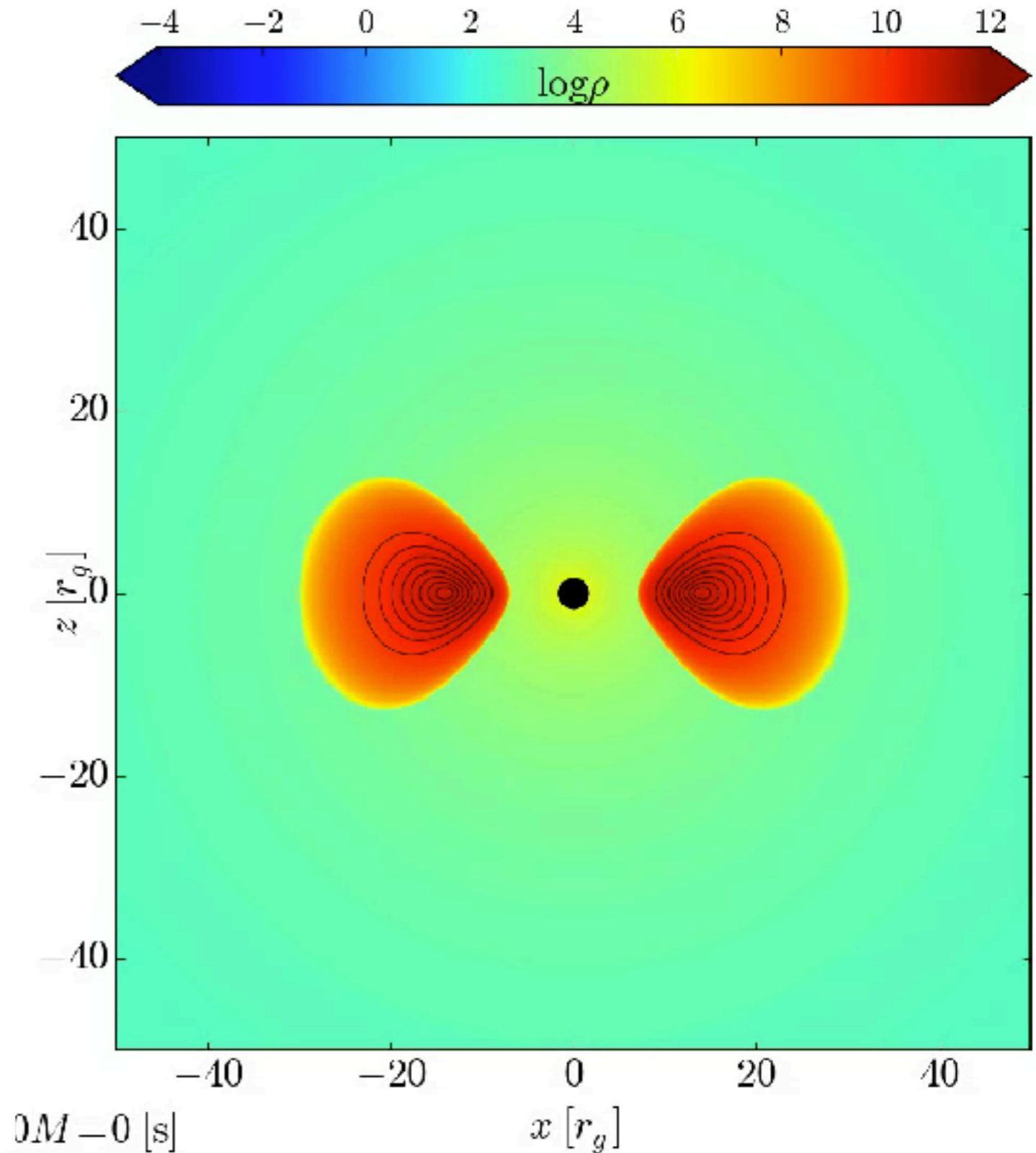
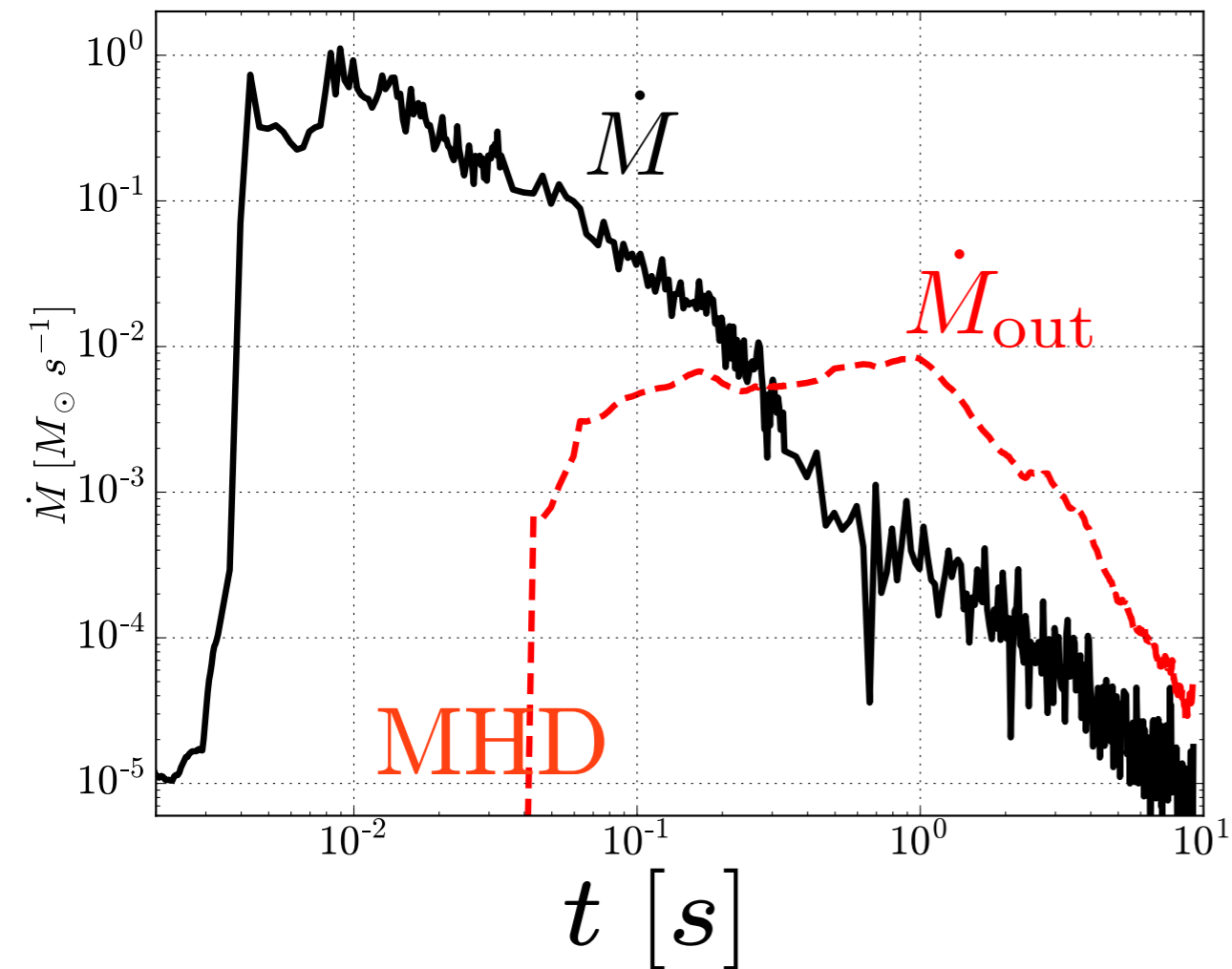
$$M_{\text{BH}} = 3 M_{\text{sun}}$$
$$M_{\text{disk}} = 0.03 M_{\text{sun}}$$
$$a = 0.8$$
$$B_p = 10^{15} \text{ G}$$

- Implemented into HARMPI:
  - neutrino emission
  - nuclear recombination



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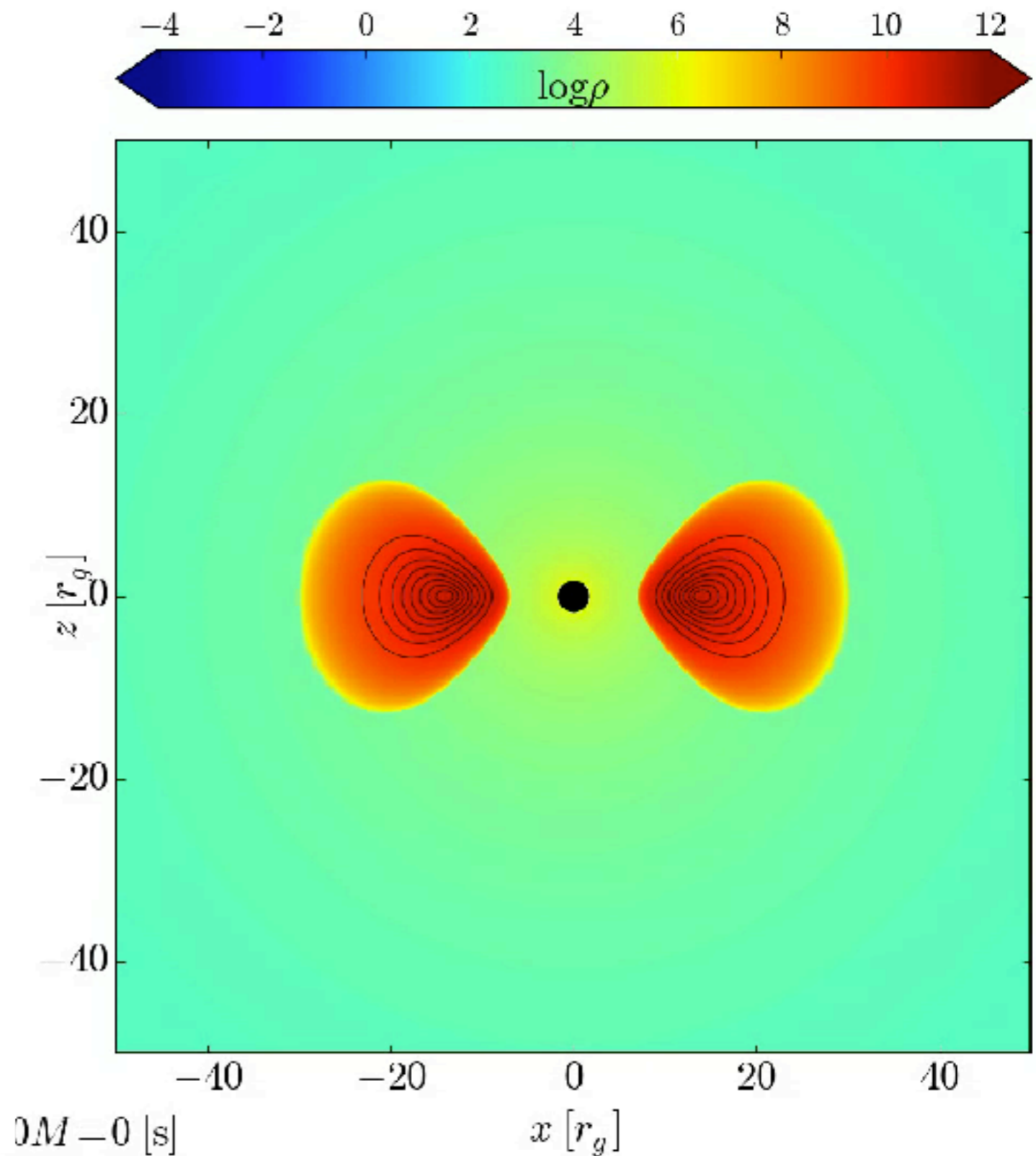
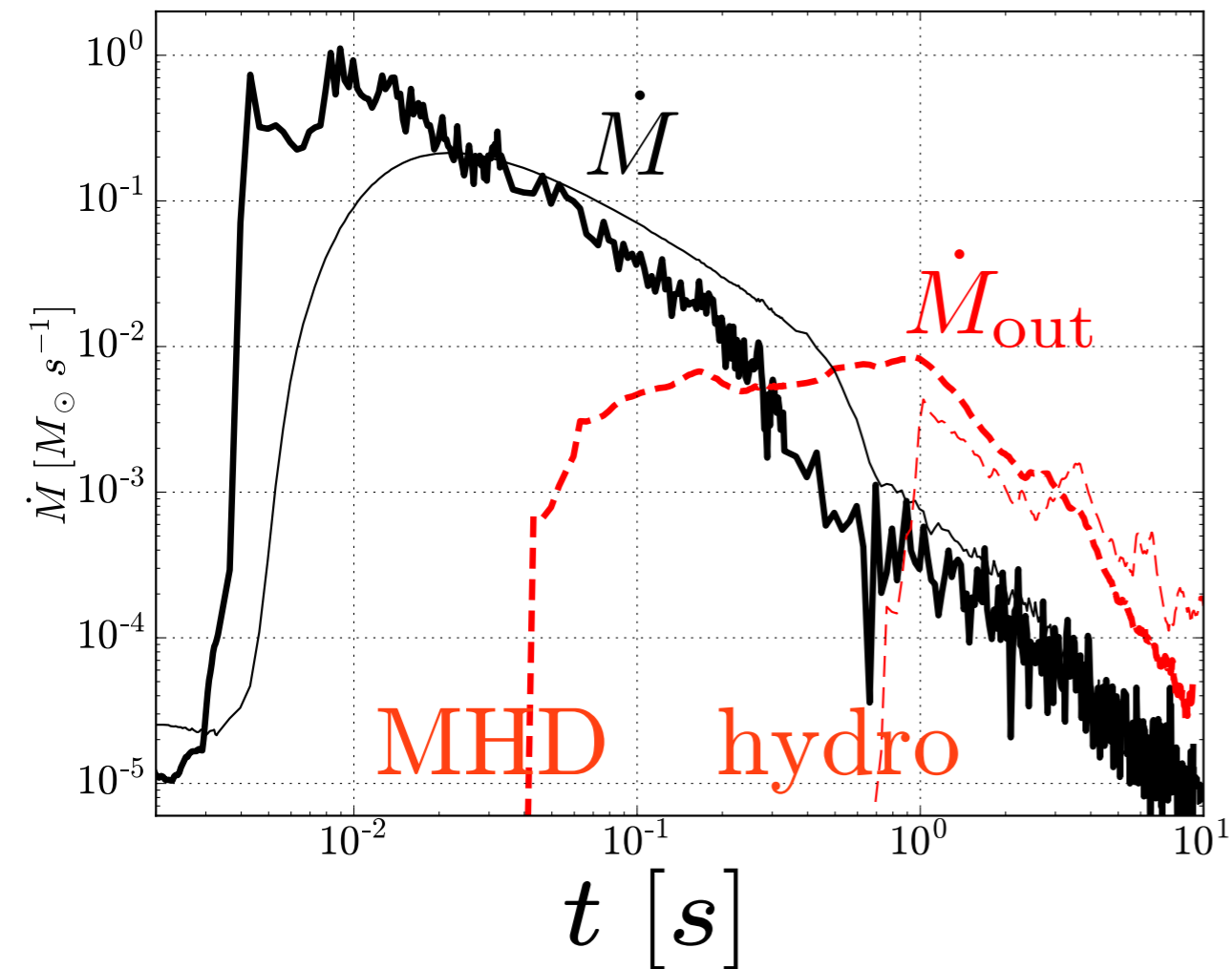
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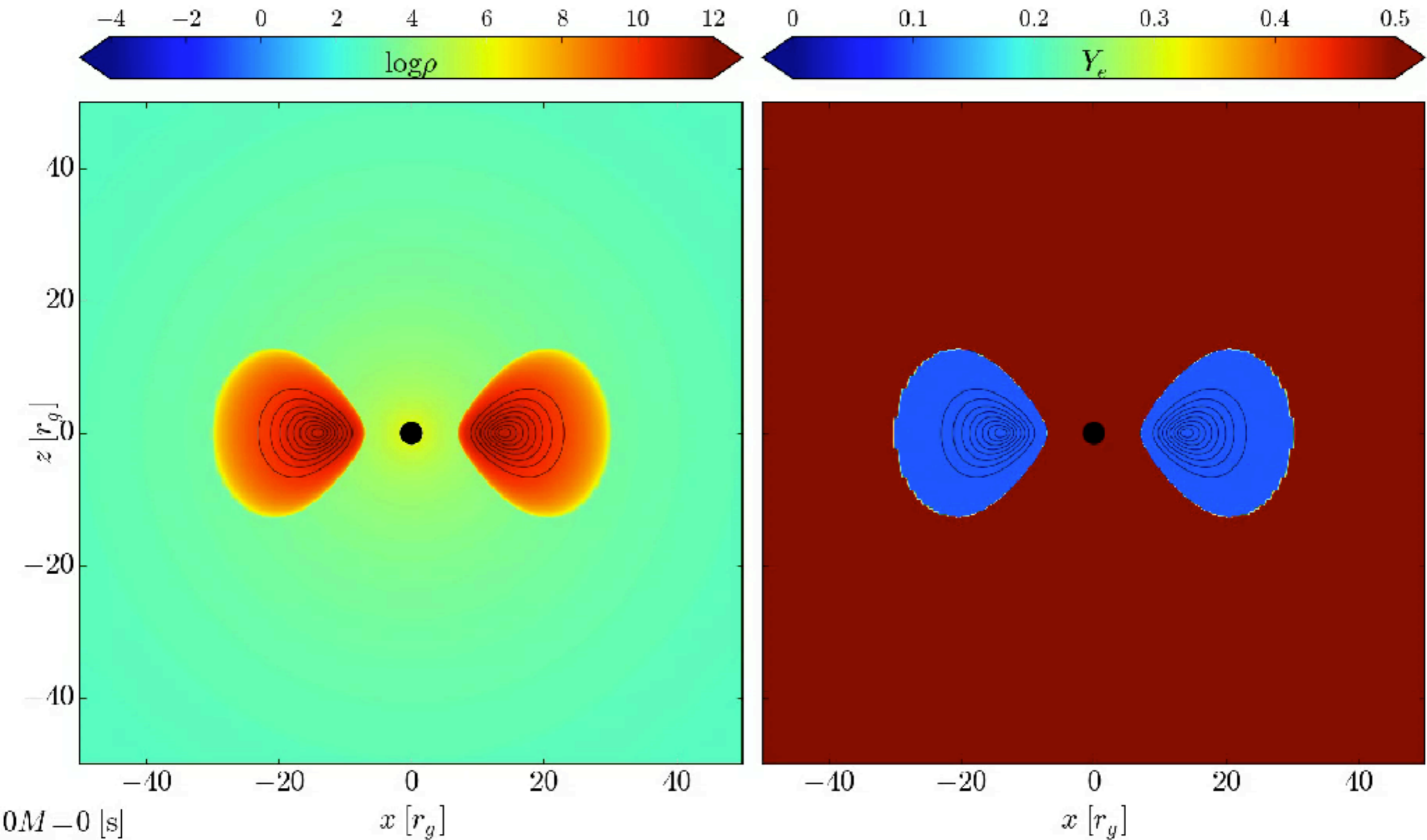


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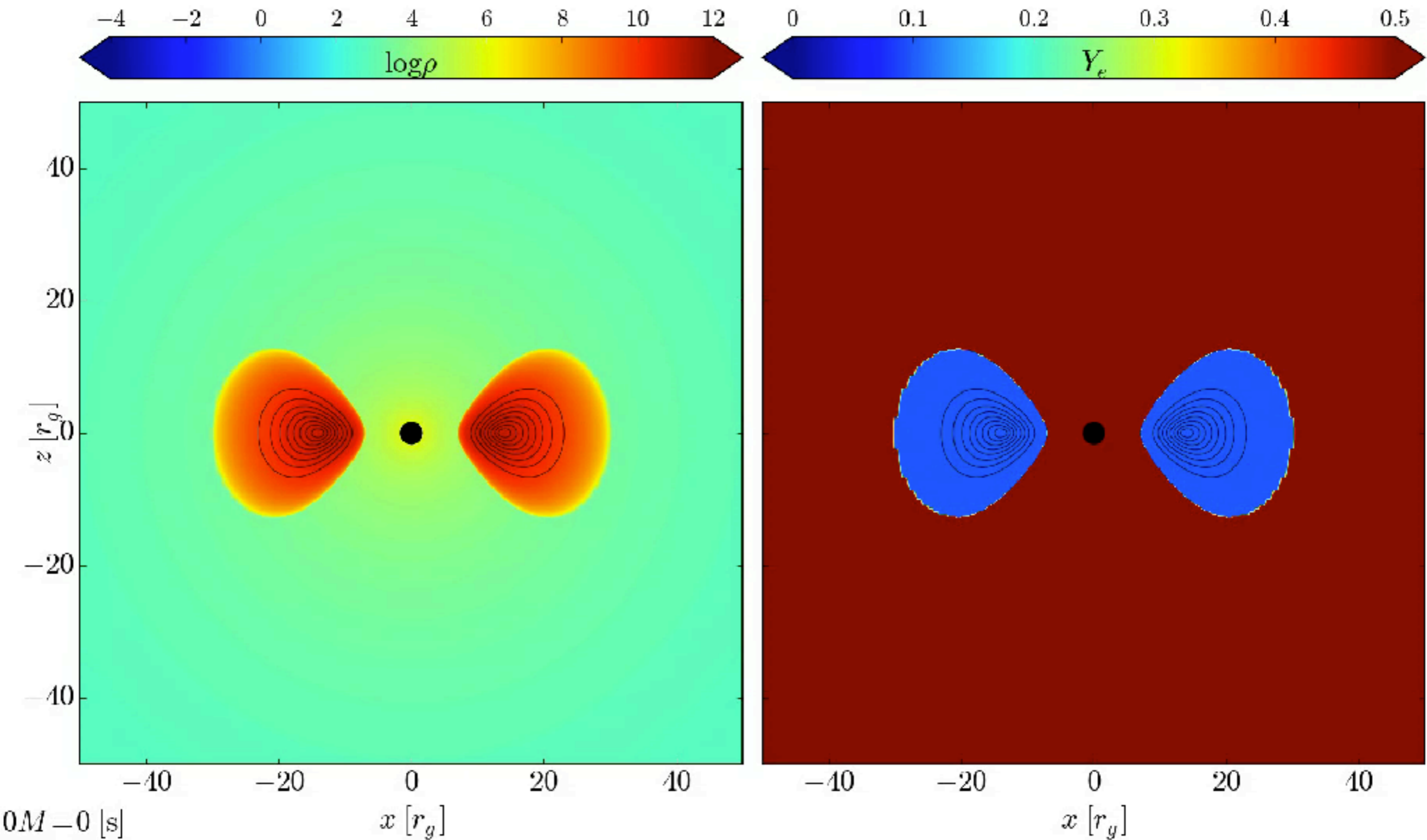


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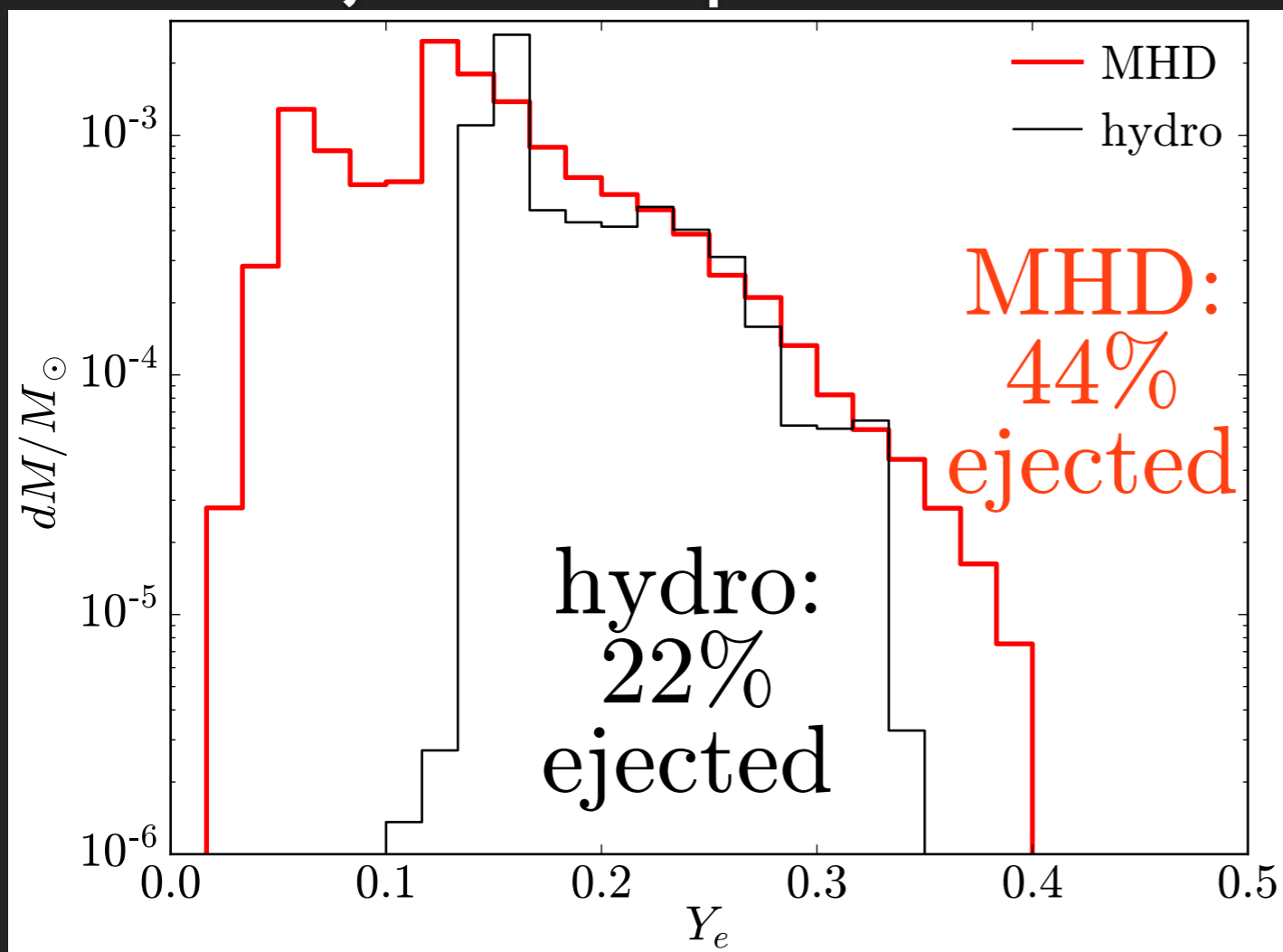
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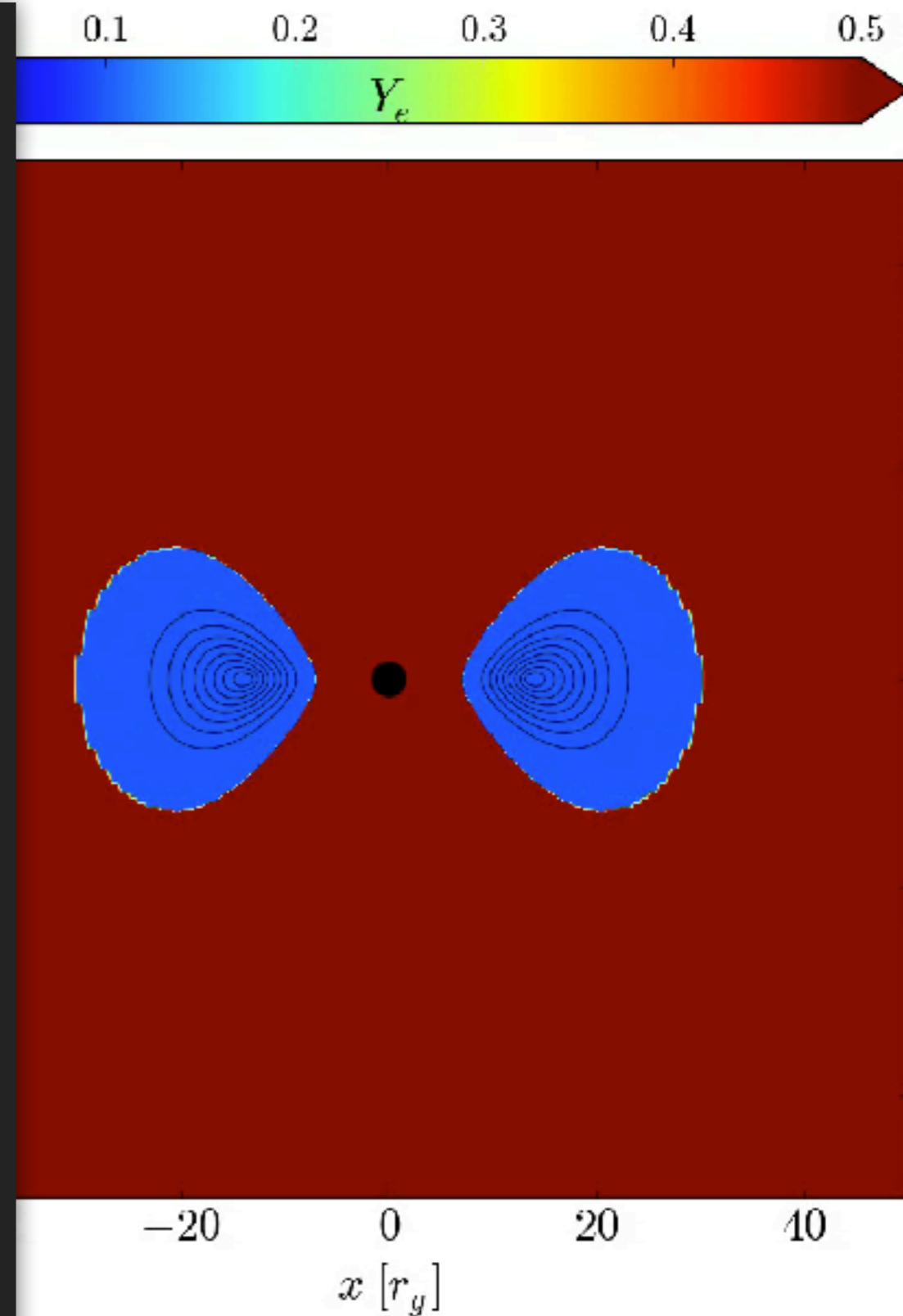
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Magnetic effects lead to:

- 2x increase in ejecta mass
  - *brighter kilonova*
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  - *more heavy element enrichment*

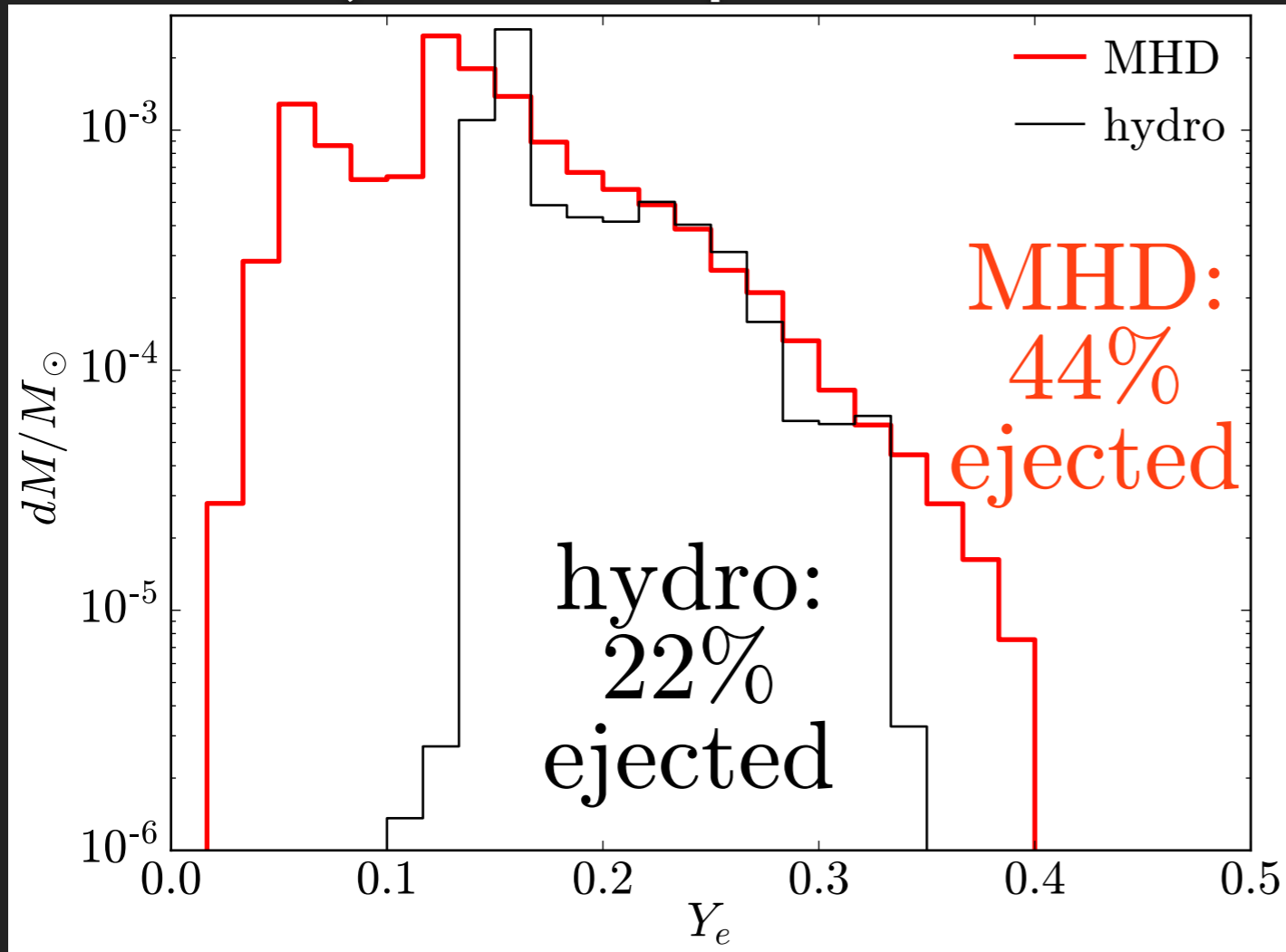
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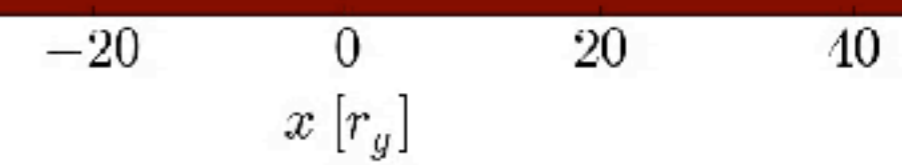
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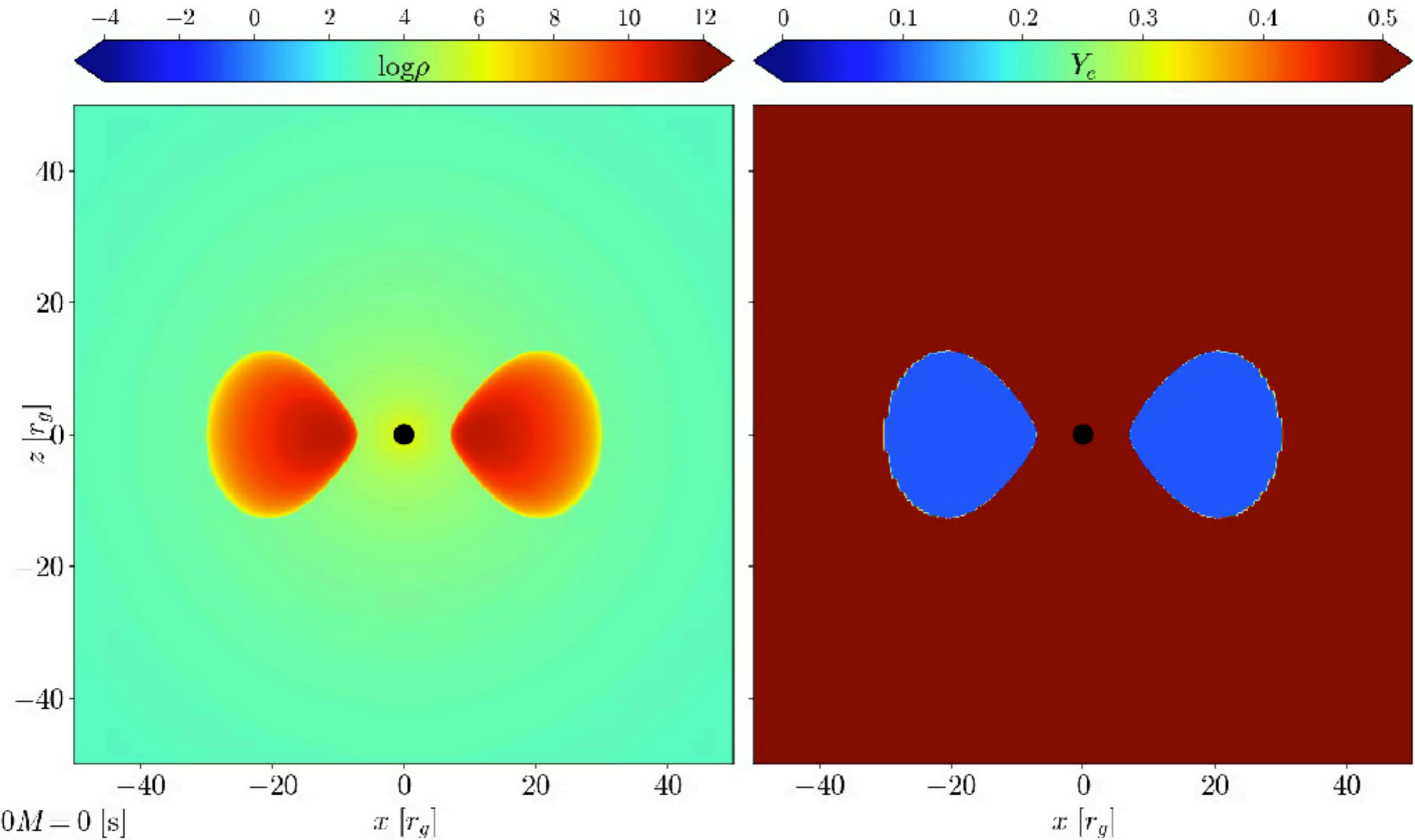
Long-term goal:  
 Compute kilonova  
 light curves from  
*first principles.*

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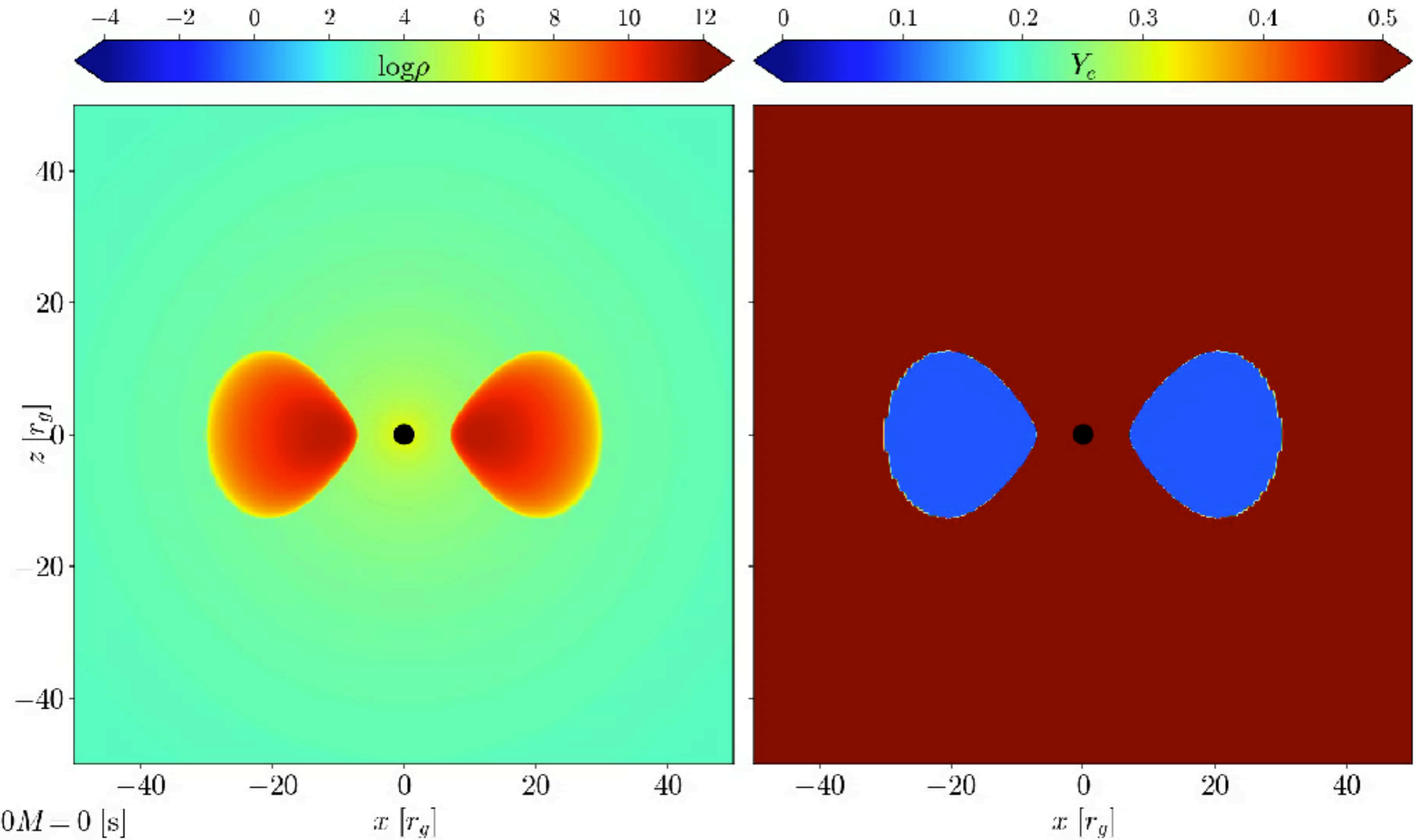


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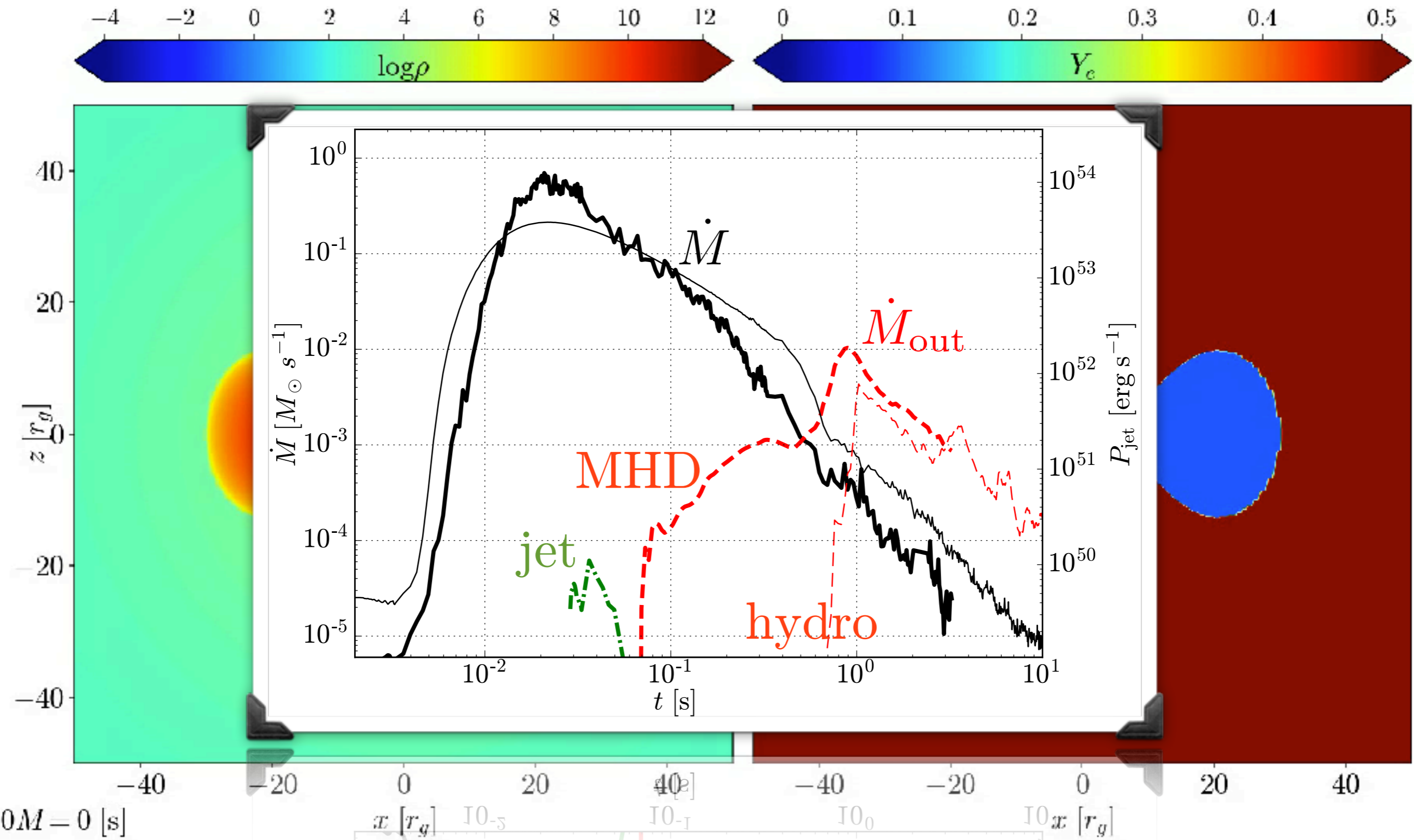
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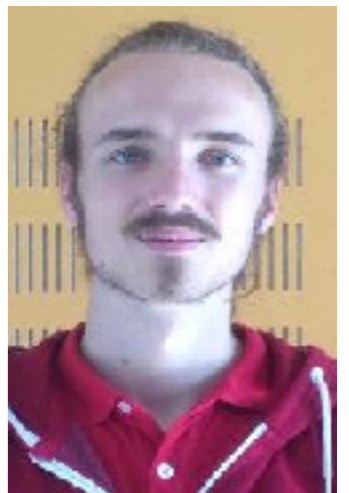
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# Black Hole Disk Wrap-up

- **Jets precess** together with tilted disks → higher likelihood of GRB detection from a nearby BH-NS merger
- Bardeen-Petterson-like **alignment** and **breaking** of thin disks first seen in GRMHD → essentially unexplored observational manifestations
- **Longest** simulations of **binary merger remnant** disks: universe enrichment w/heavy elements



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