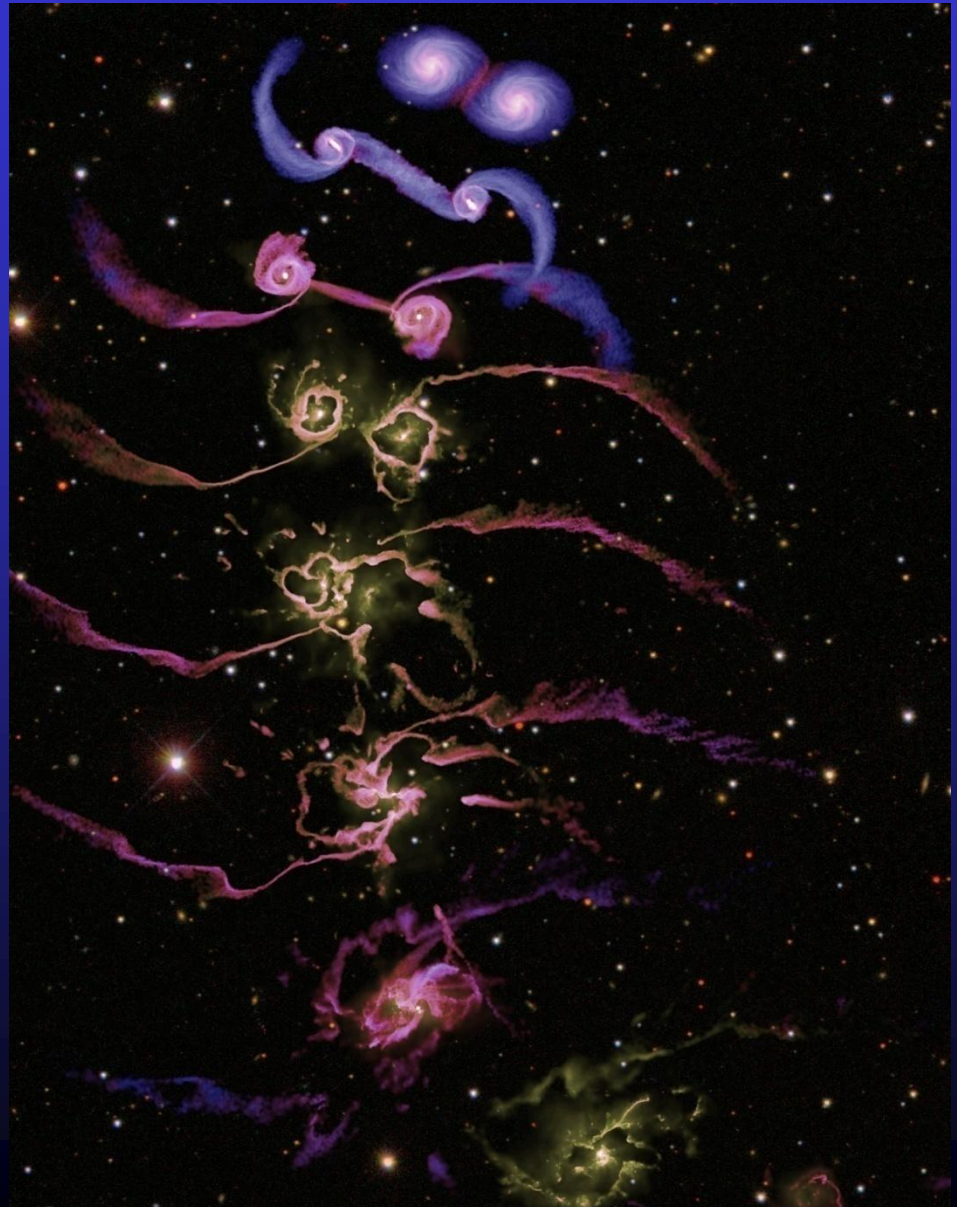


What do we learn about AGN from galactic black holes?

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Black holes in AGN grow by accretion

- Gas supply to nucleus
 - Galaxy disc instabilities
 - Major mergers
 - Minor mergers
 - Cooling flow of hot gas from halo
- Regulated by feedback
 - Supernovae
 - Kinetic energy from jet
 - Momentum from wind and/or radiation
- Need to understand accretion to understand feedback



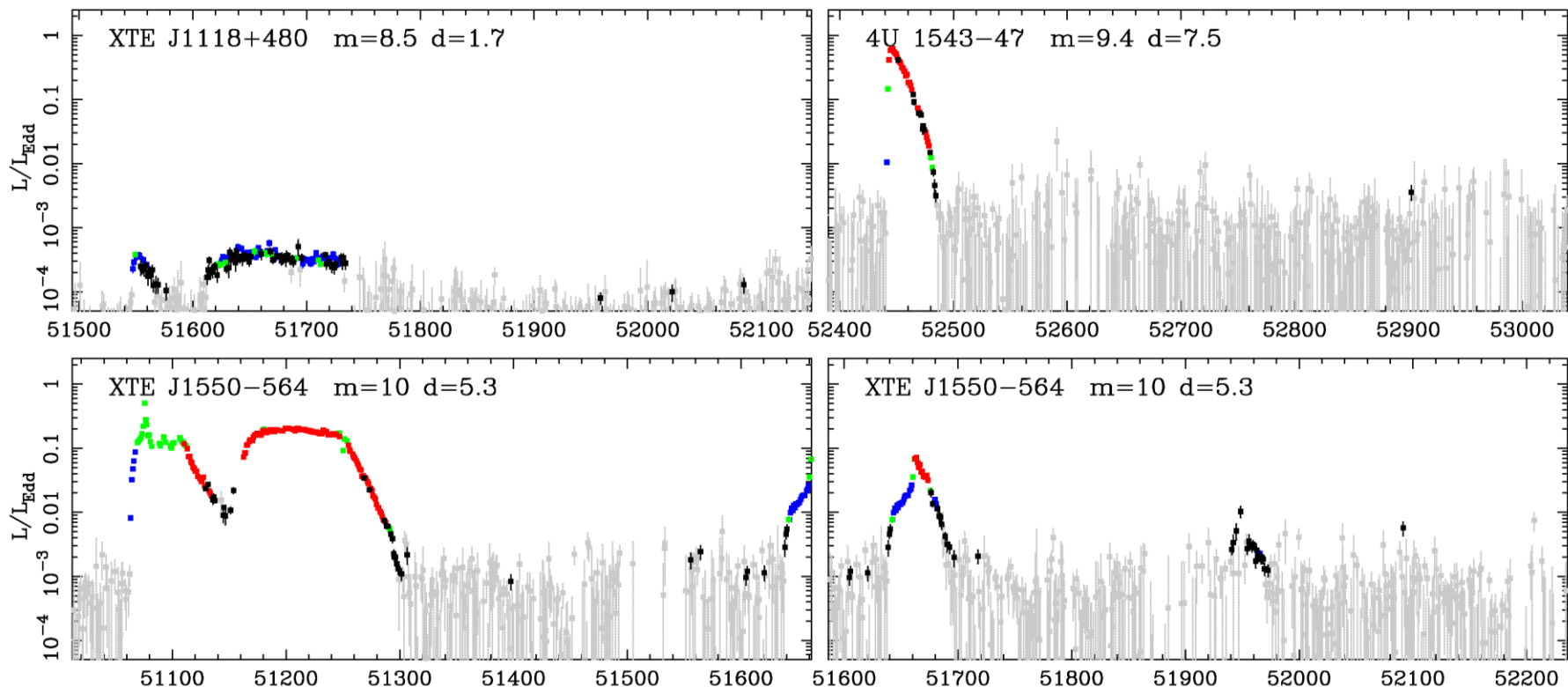
Accreting black holes

- Appearance of BH depends only on mass and spin (black holes have no hair!)
- Black hole binaries (BHB)
- $M \sim 3\text{--}20 M_{\odot}$ (stellar evolution)
 - very homogeneous in mass
- Form observational template of variation of flow with L/L_{Edd}
- Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
- $M \sim 10^5\text{--}10^{10} M_{\odot}$ (build through accretion and mergers) very inhomogeneous



Transients

- Huge amounts of data, long term variability (days – years) in mass accretion rate (due to H ionisation instability in disc)
- Observational template of accretion flow as a function of L/L_{Edd} onto $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$ BH



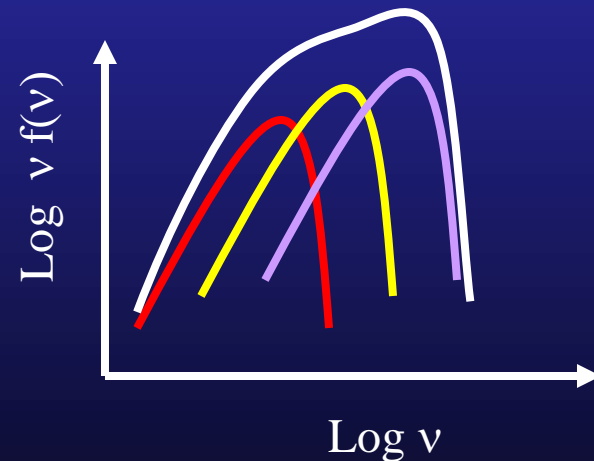
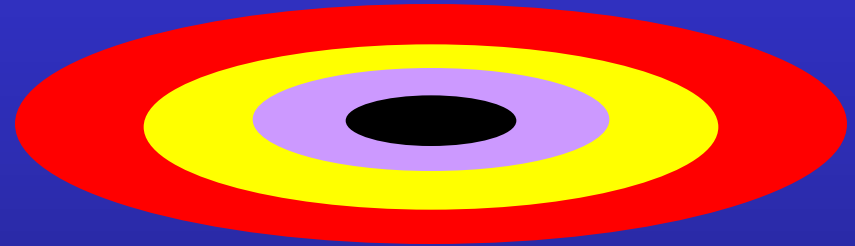
2 years

Spectra of accretion flow: disc

- Differential Keplerian rotation
- Viscosity B: gravity \rightarrow heat
- Thermal emission: $L = A\sigma T^4$
- Temperature increases inwards until minimum radius $R_{\text{iso}}(a_*)$

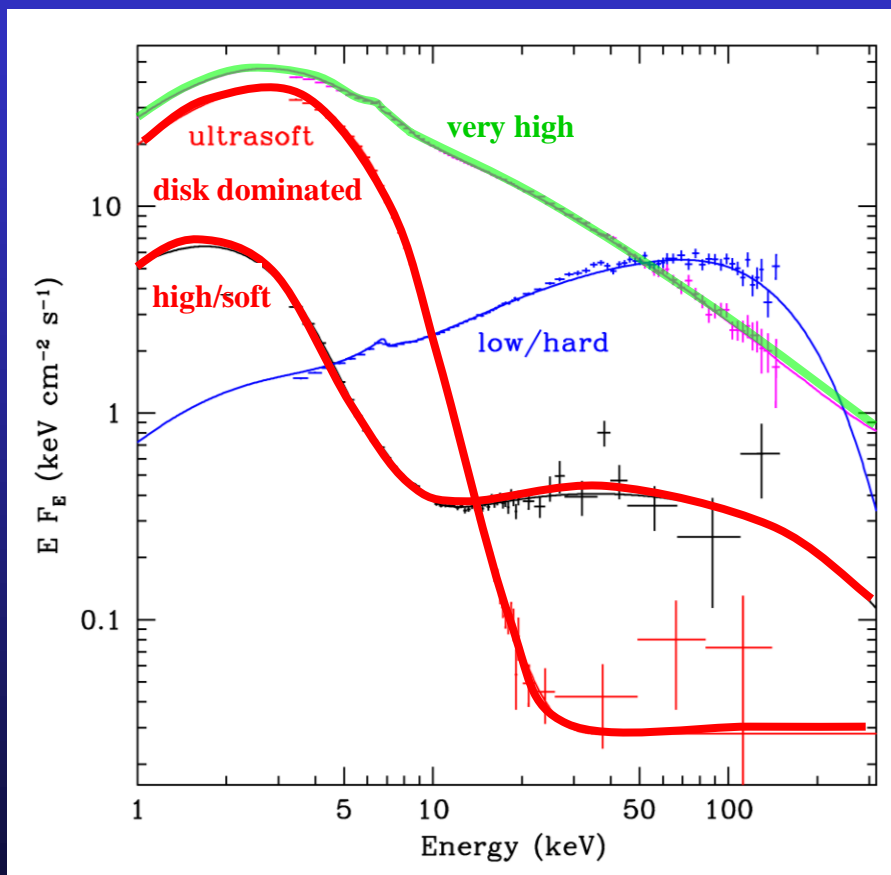
For $a_*=0$ and $L \sim L_{\text{Edd}}$ T_{max} is

- 1 keV (10^7 K) for $10 M_{\odot}$ (easy!)
- 10 eV (10^5 K) for $10^8 M_{\odot}$ (hard as ISM absorption)
- big black holes luminosity scales with mass but area scales with mass^2 so T goes down with mass



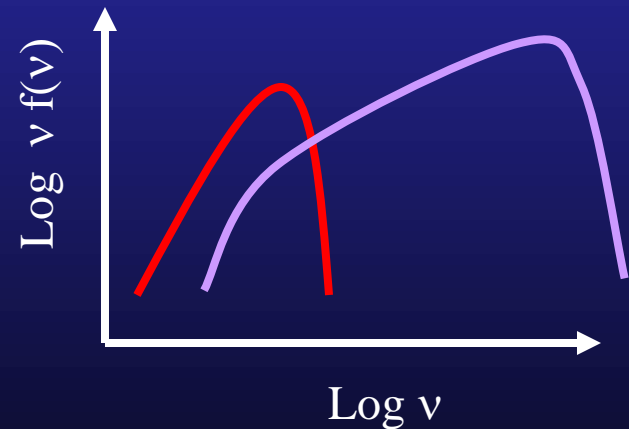
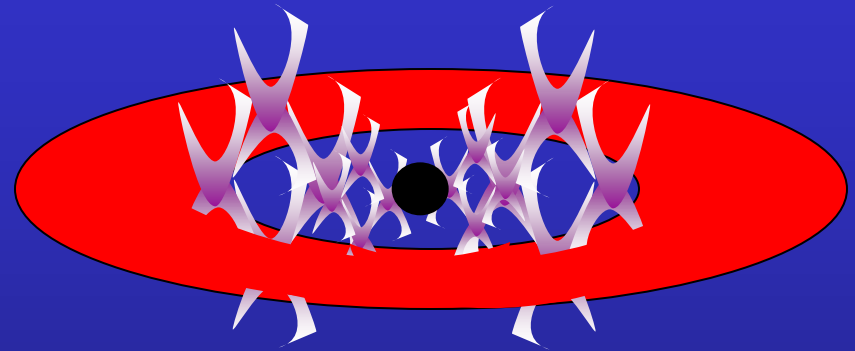
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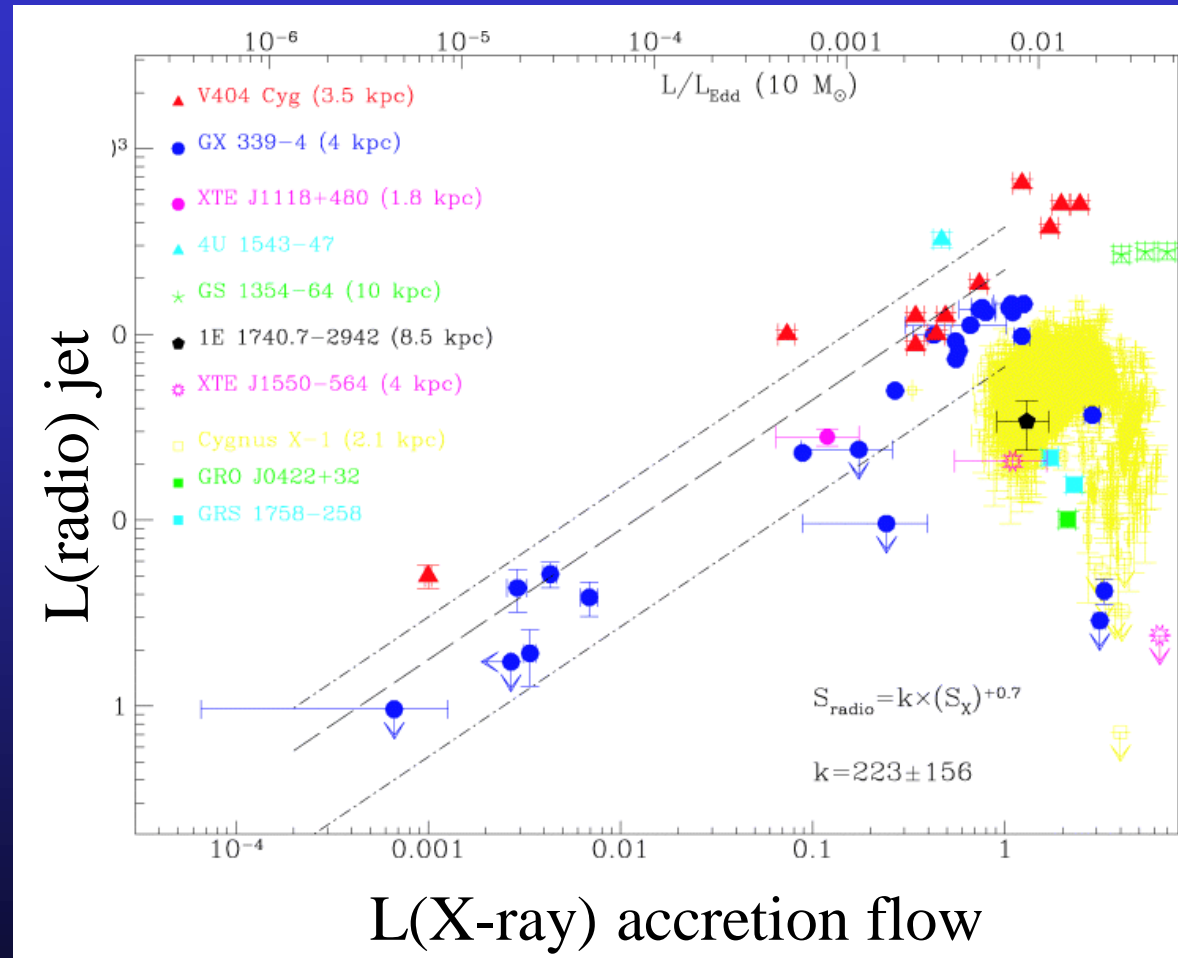
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- Instead: hot, optically thin, geometrically thick inner flow replacing the inner disc (Shapiro et al. 1976; Narayan & Yi 1995)
- Still somewhat controversial
- Hot electrons Compton upscatter photons from outer cool disc
- Few seed photons, so spectrum is hard



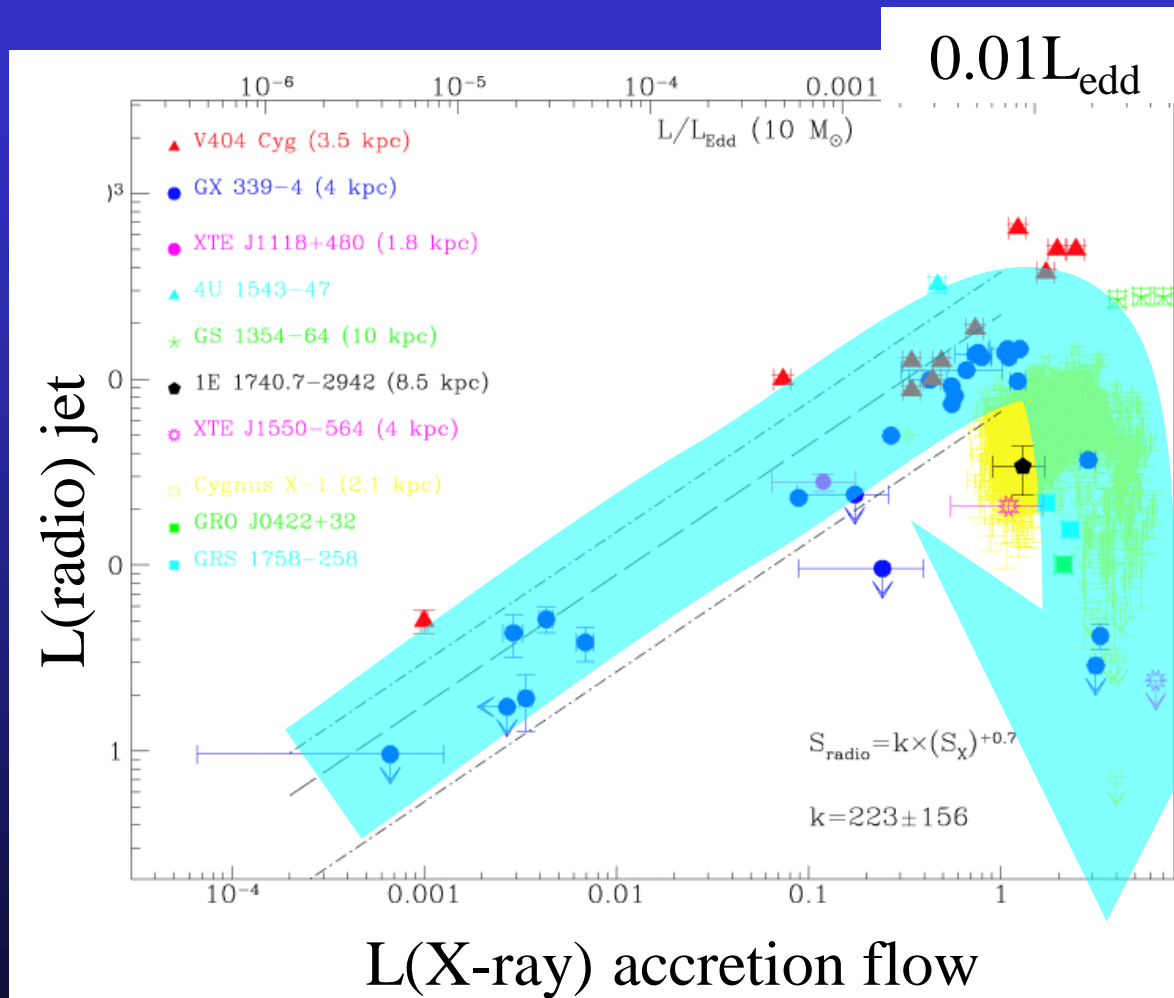
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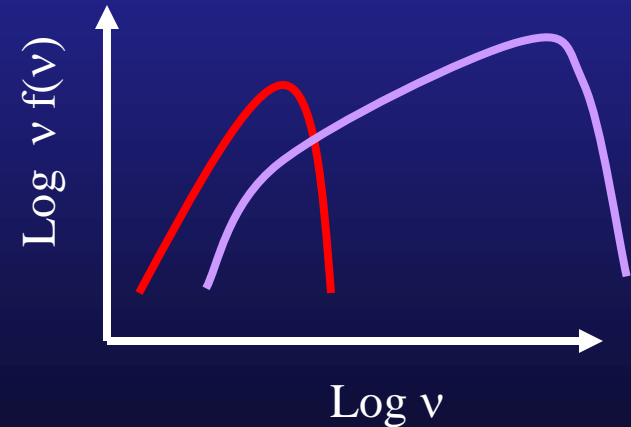
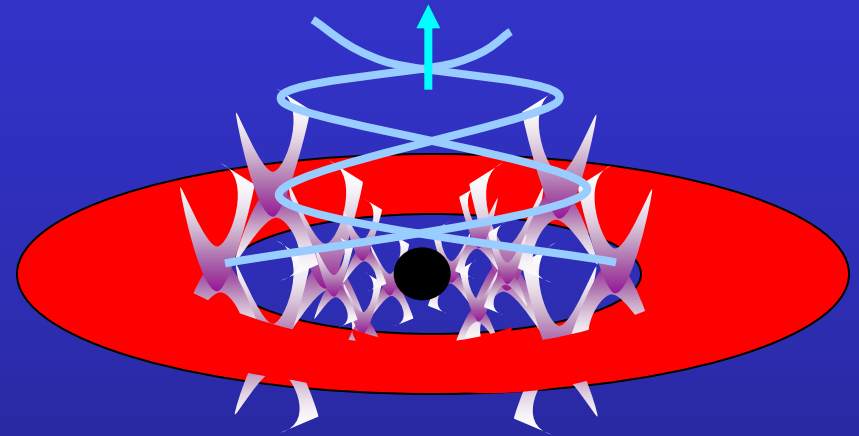
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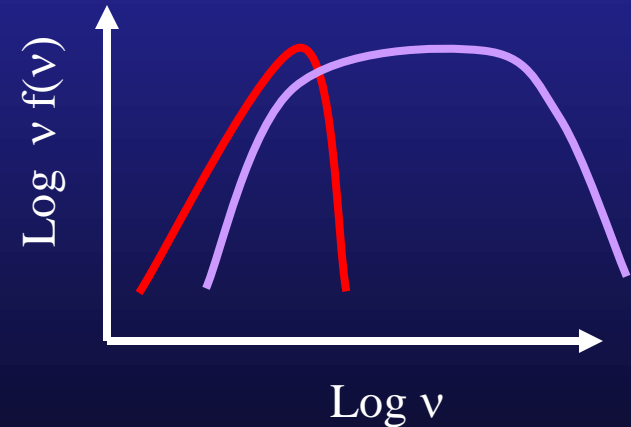
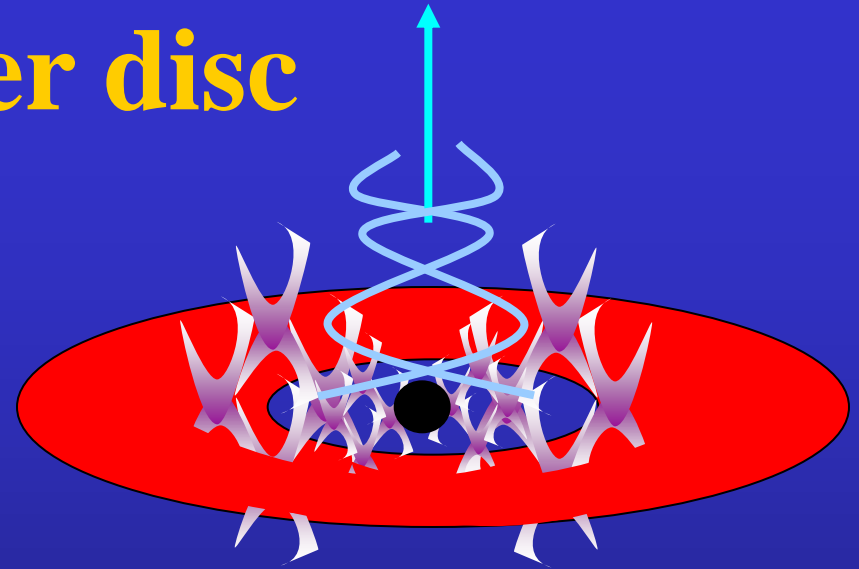
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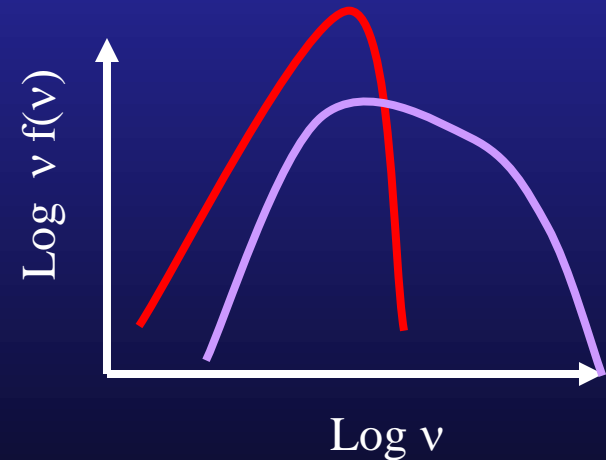
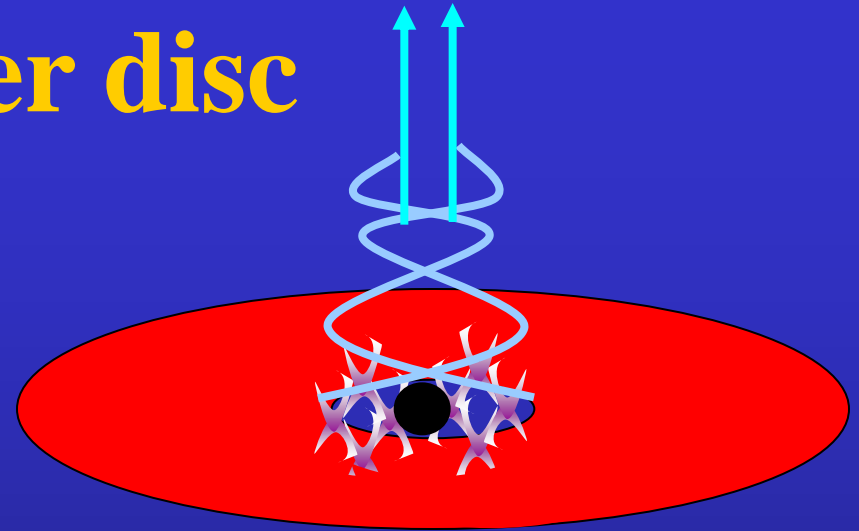
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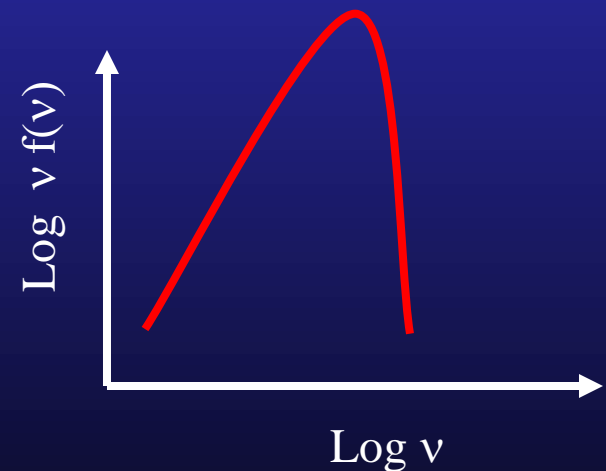
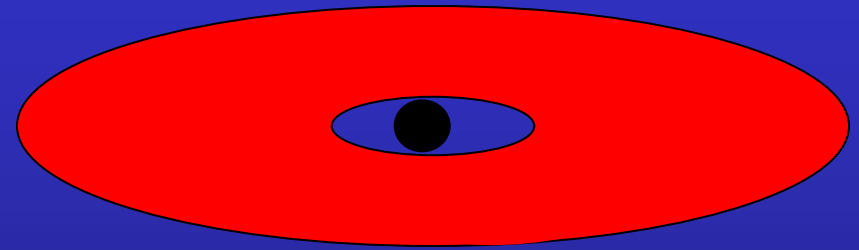
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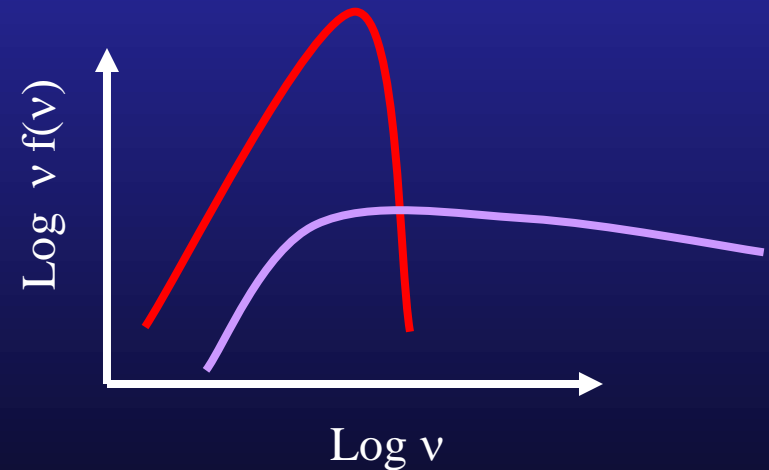
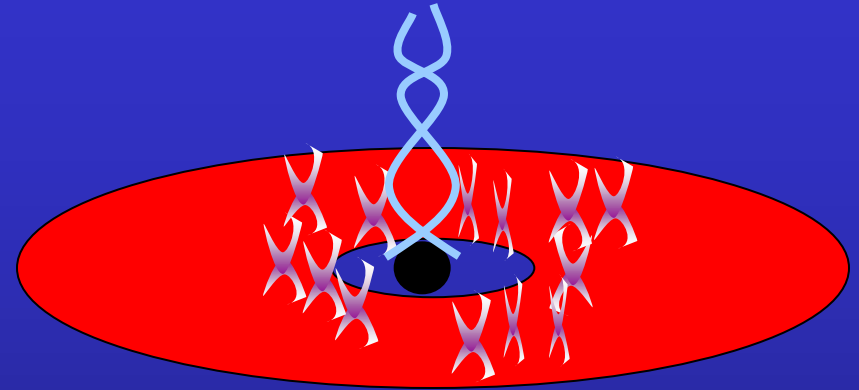
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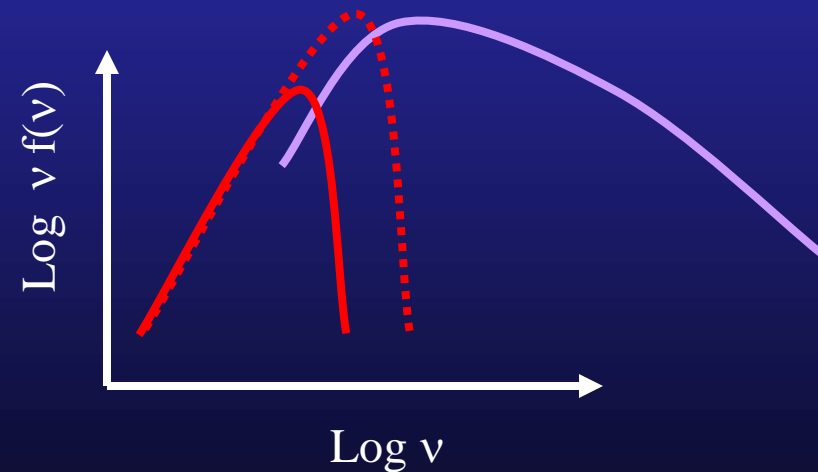
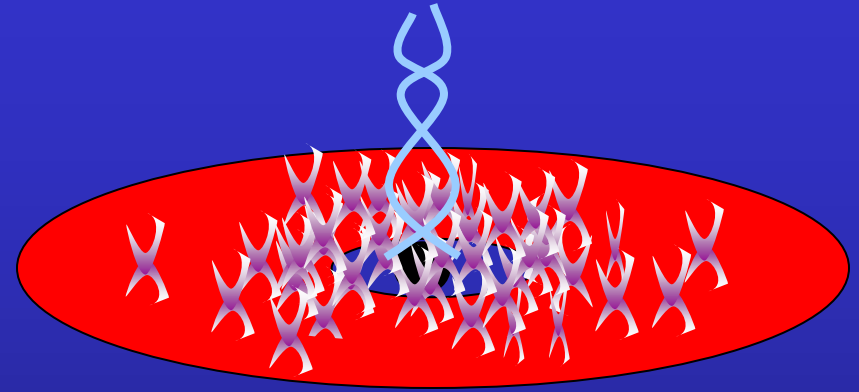
remnant hot flow over disc

- But always see some tail to high energies
- Some X-ray hot plasma over the disc, probably has large scale height so get small residual jet
- Speculate!!! Jet faster, with smaller opening angle



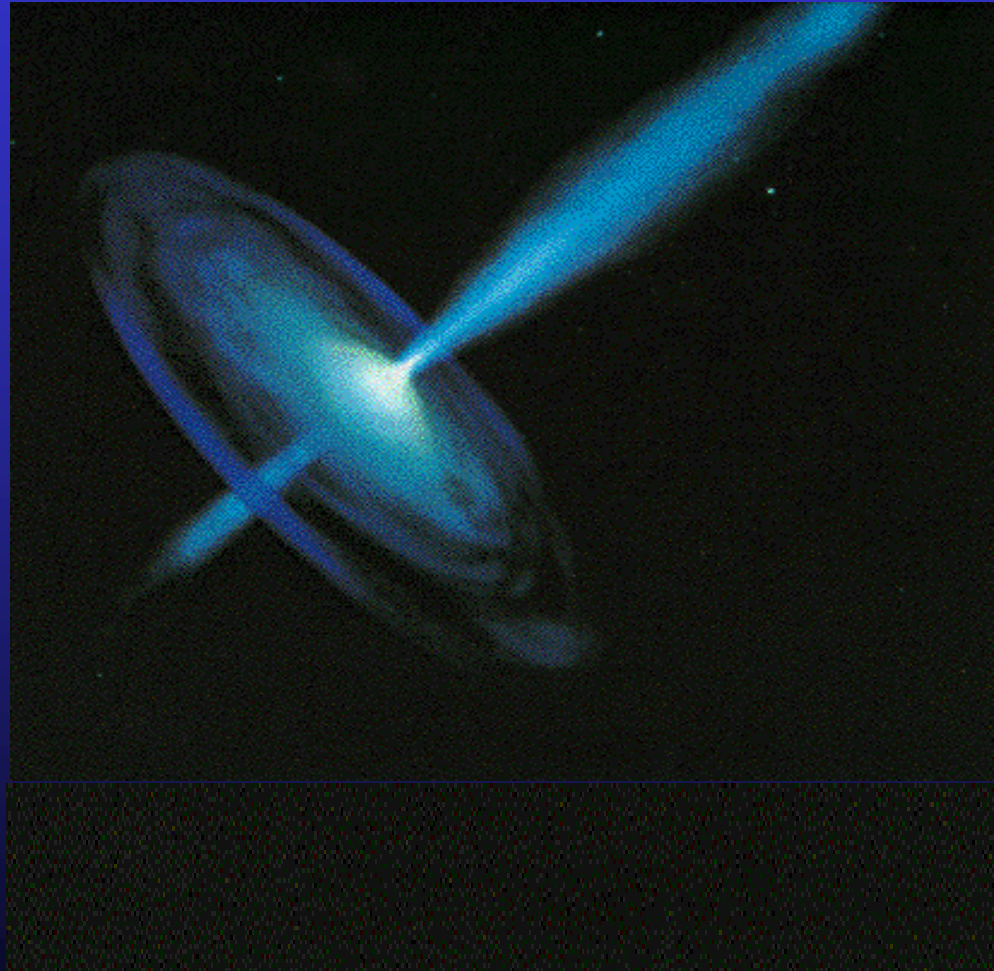
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- But always see some tail to high energies
- Magnetic reconnection over disc? Comptonising some of disc flux out into tail
- Tail can be quite large at high L/L_{Edd} , with $L_x > L_x(\text{max, ADAF})$ so THESE (strong disc plus strong tail) have brightest radio emission (GRS1915+104)
- but complicated in BHB as time variability



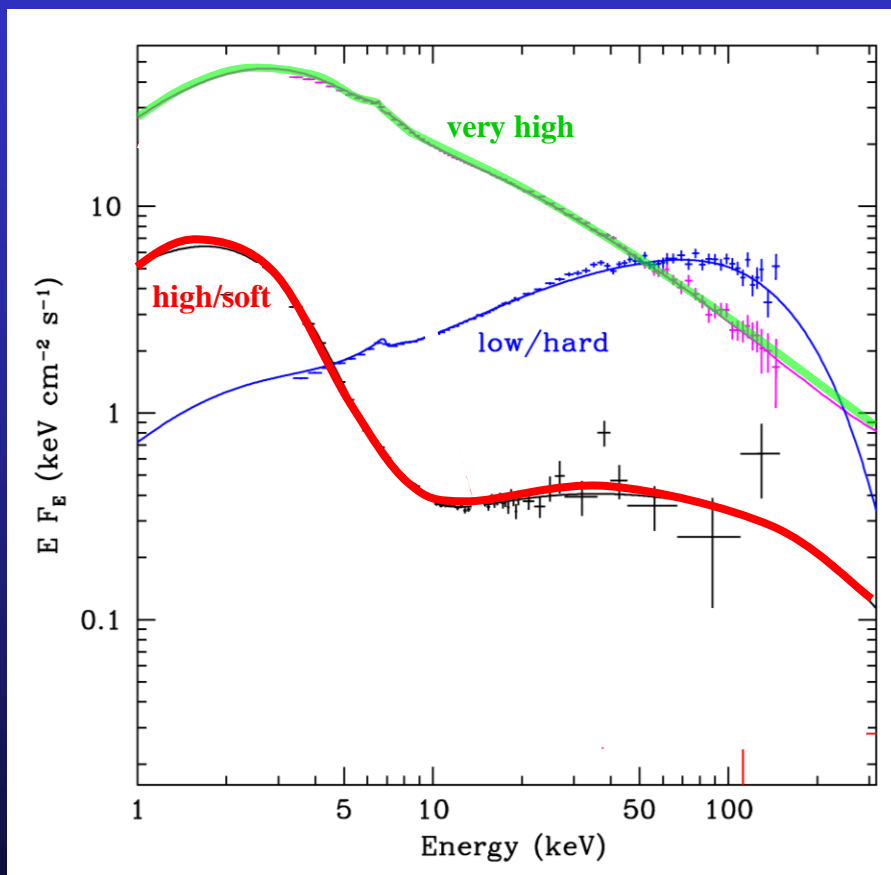
Scale up to AGN

- AGN – much more massive so disc in UV



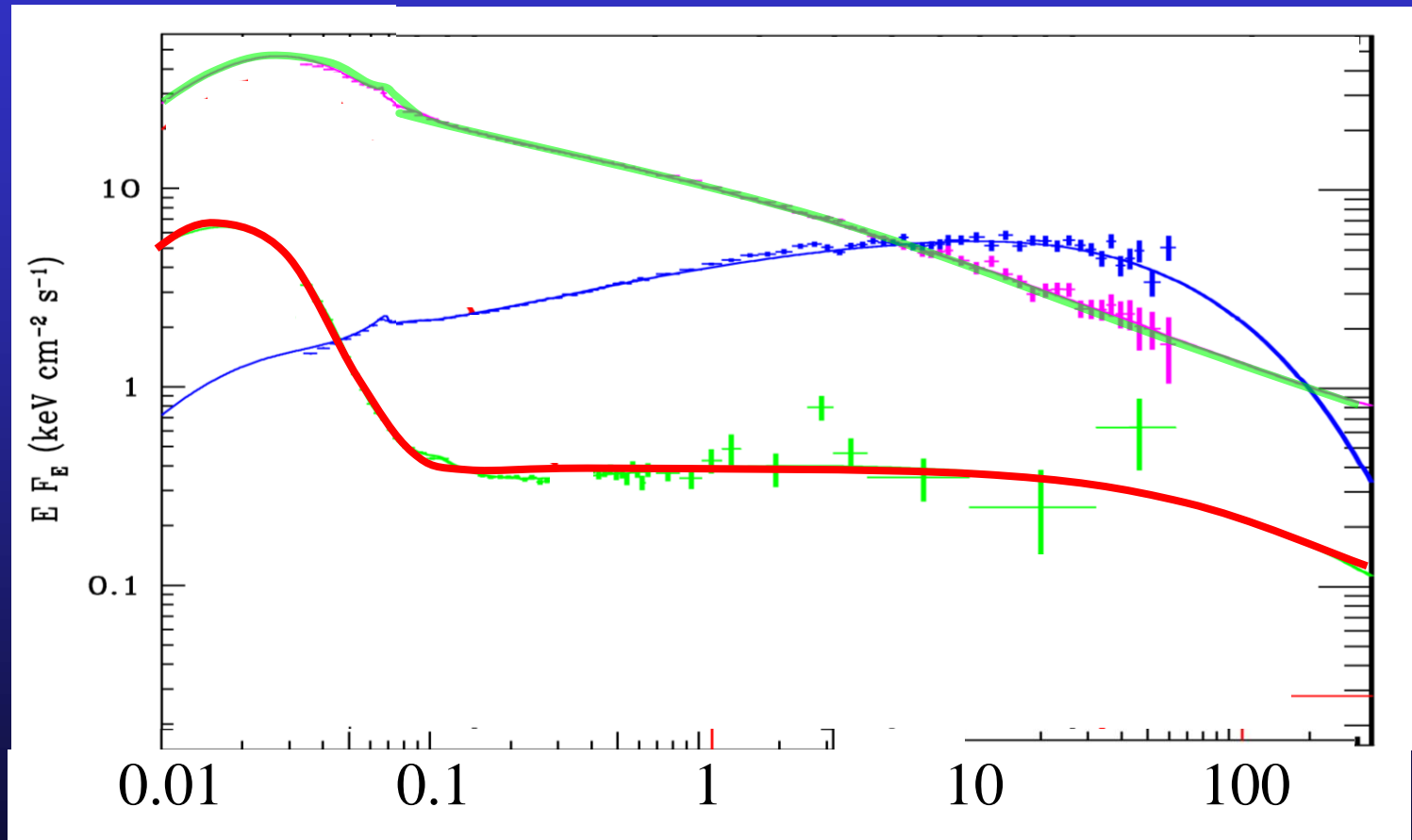
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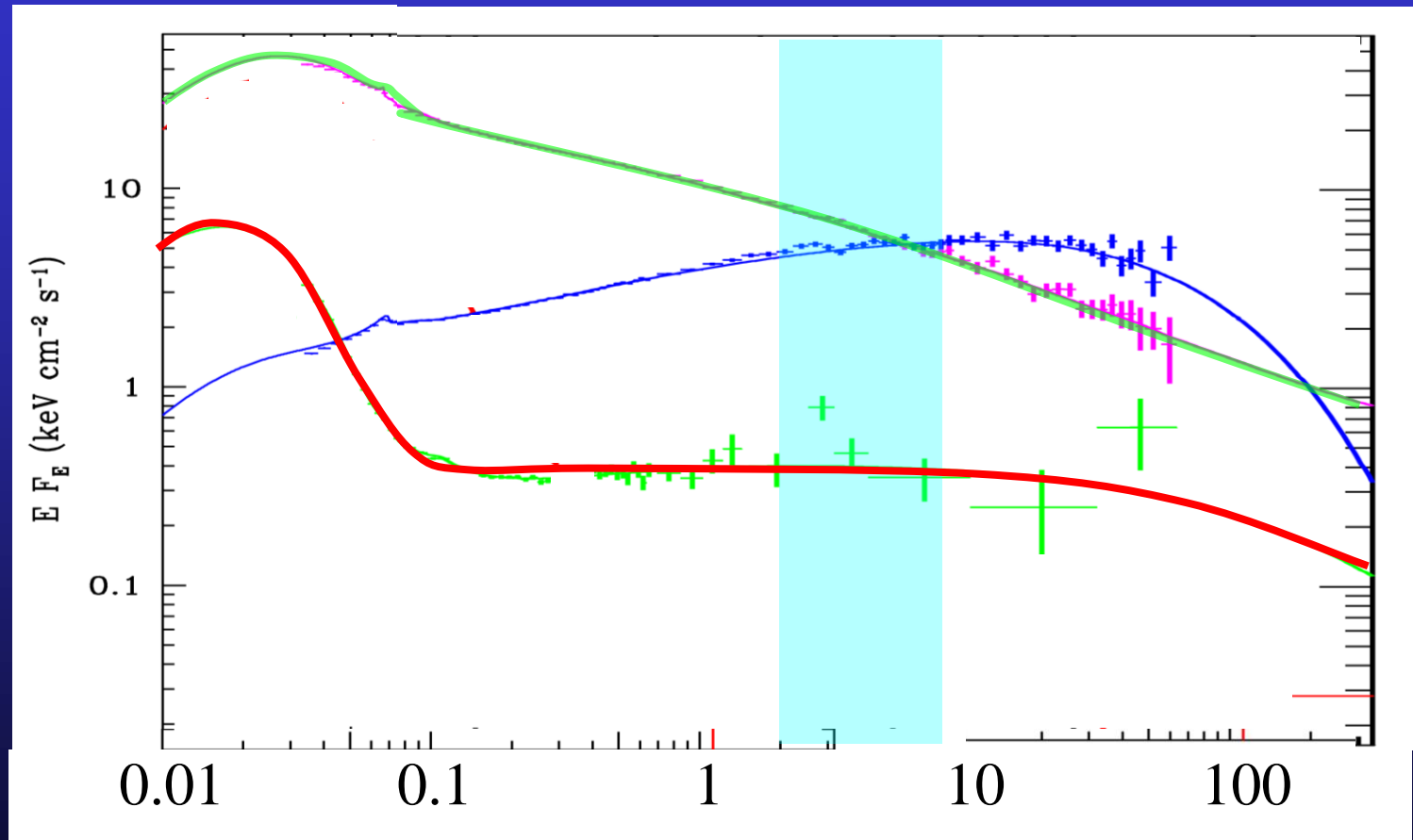
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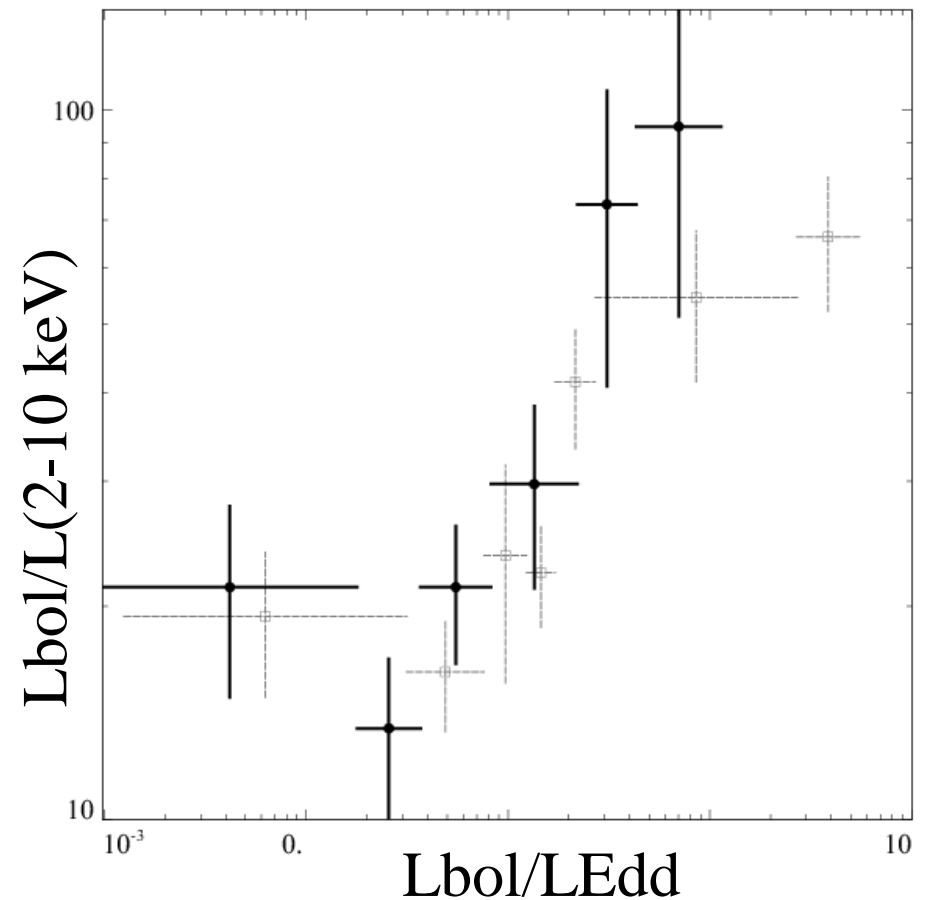


Any evidence for this? $L(2-10 \text{ keV}) / L_{\text{bol}}$ bigger at low L/L_{Edd}

AGN spectral states

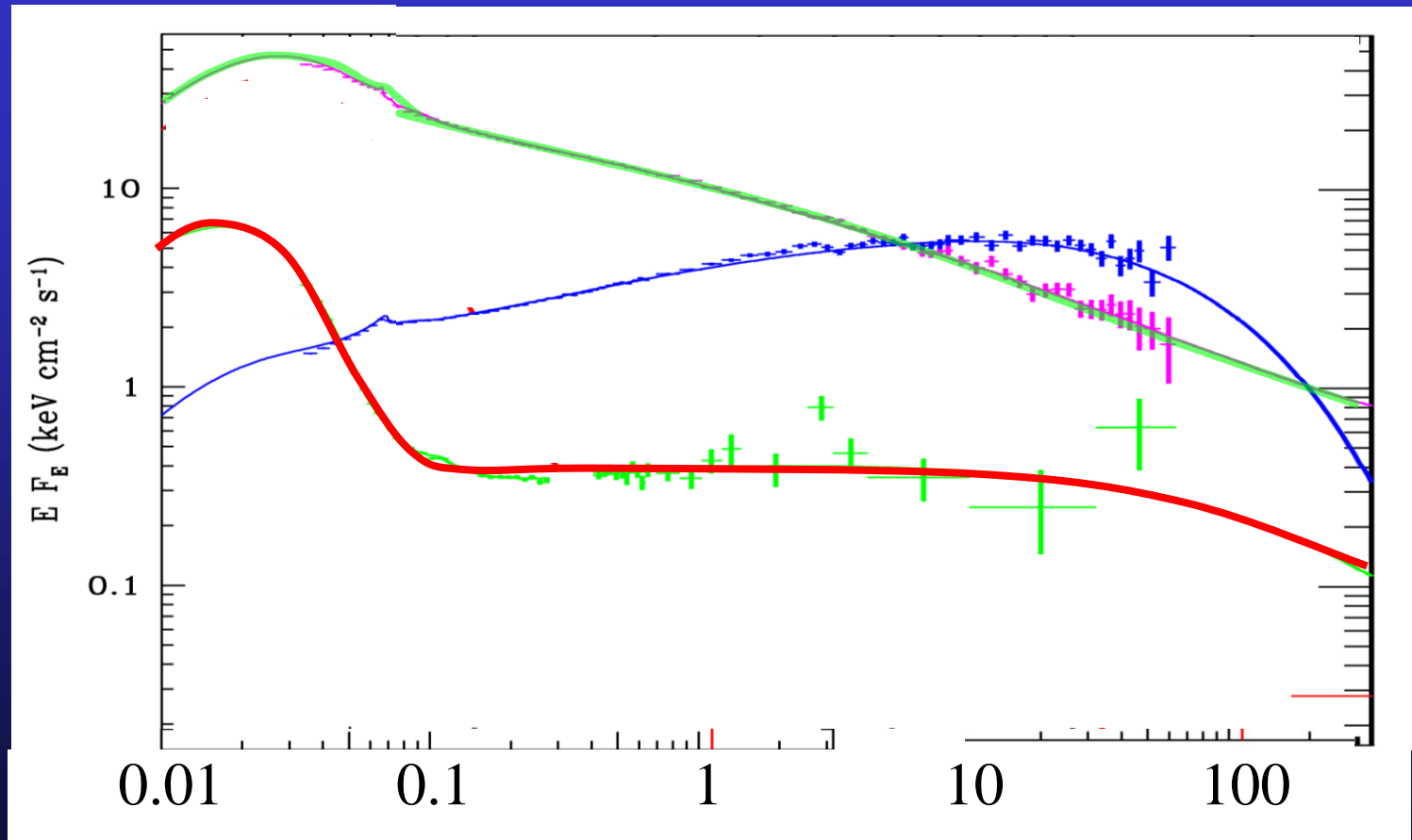
Vasuvaden & Fabian 2008

- Big change in ratio of $L_{\text{bol}}/L(2-10 \text{ keV})$ with Eddington ratio L/L_{Edd}
- Same as the BHB – whatever the stellar mass black holes are doing, AGN do as well!



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Intrinsic differences in ionising spectrum (same M , different L/L_{Edd})

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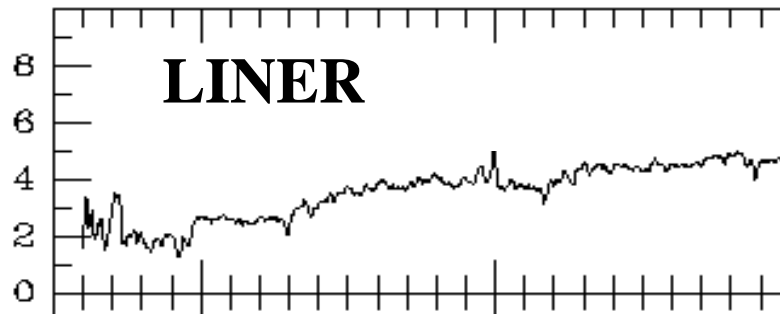
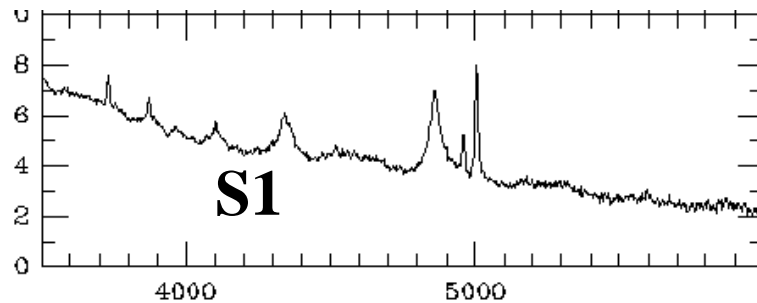
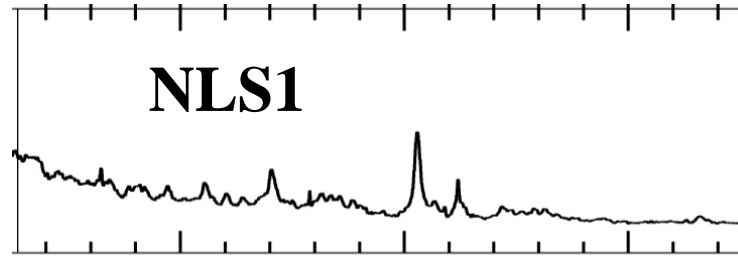
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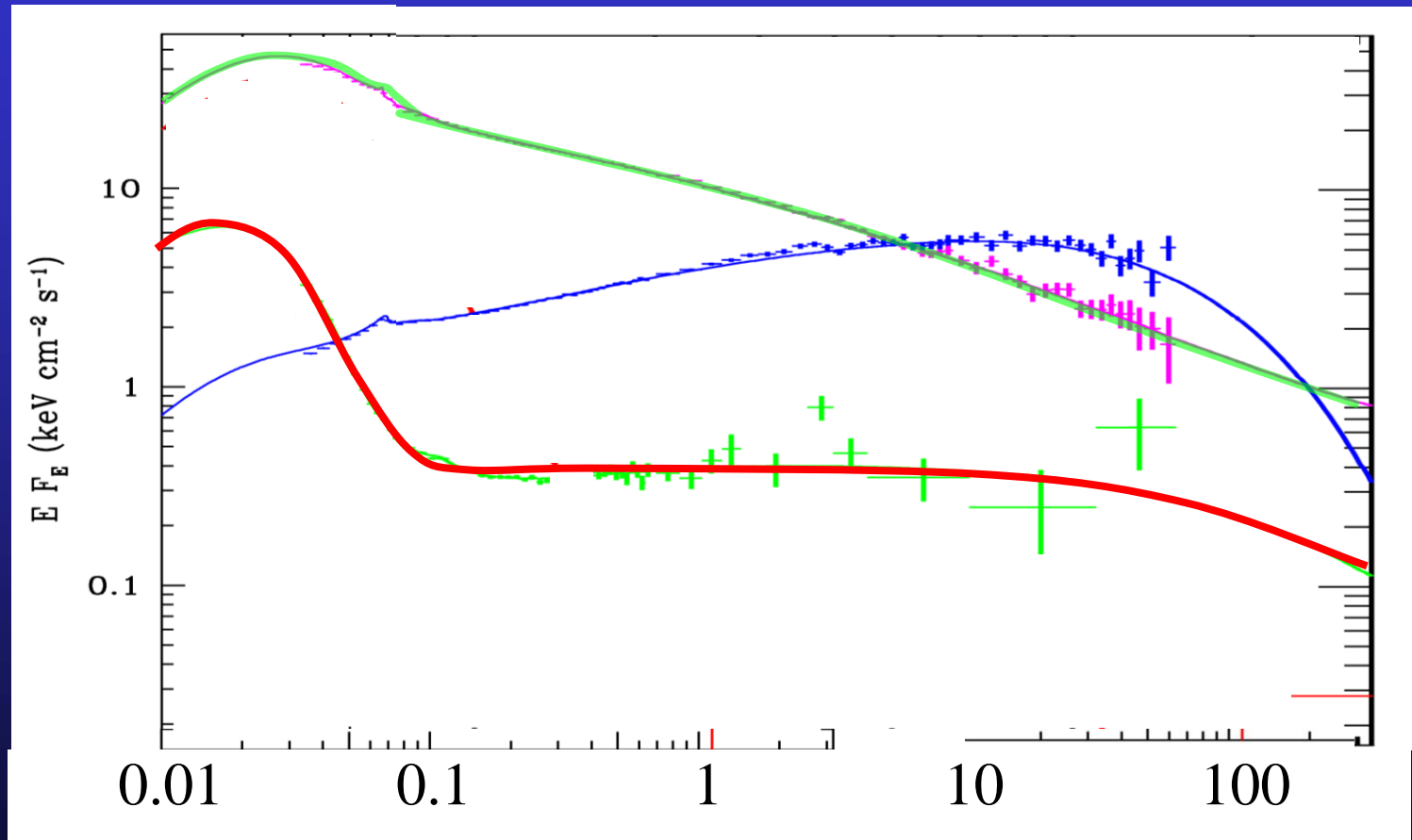
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flow, no UV
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Should also correlate with jet!

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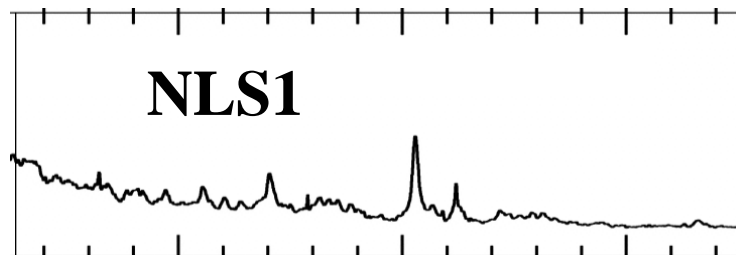
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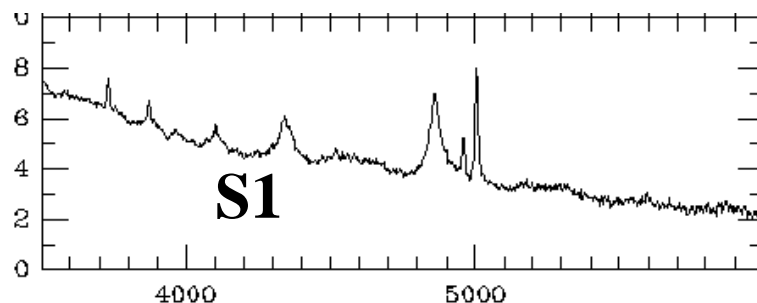


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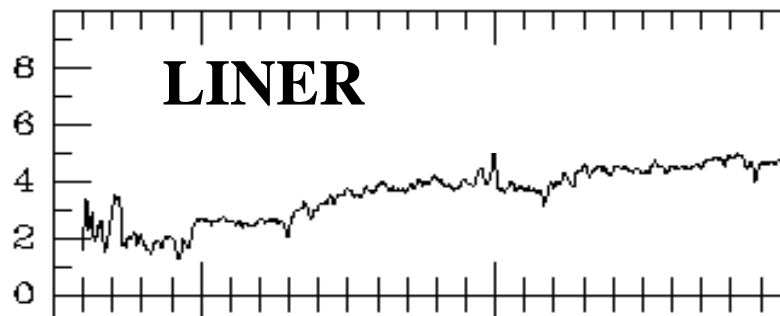
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Radio quiet

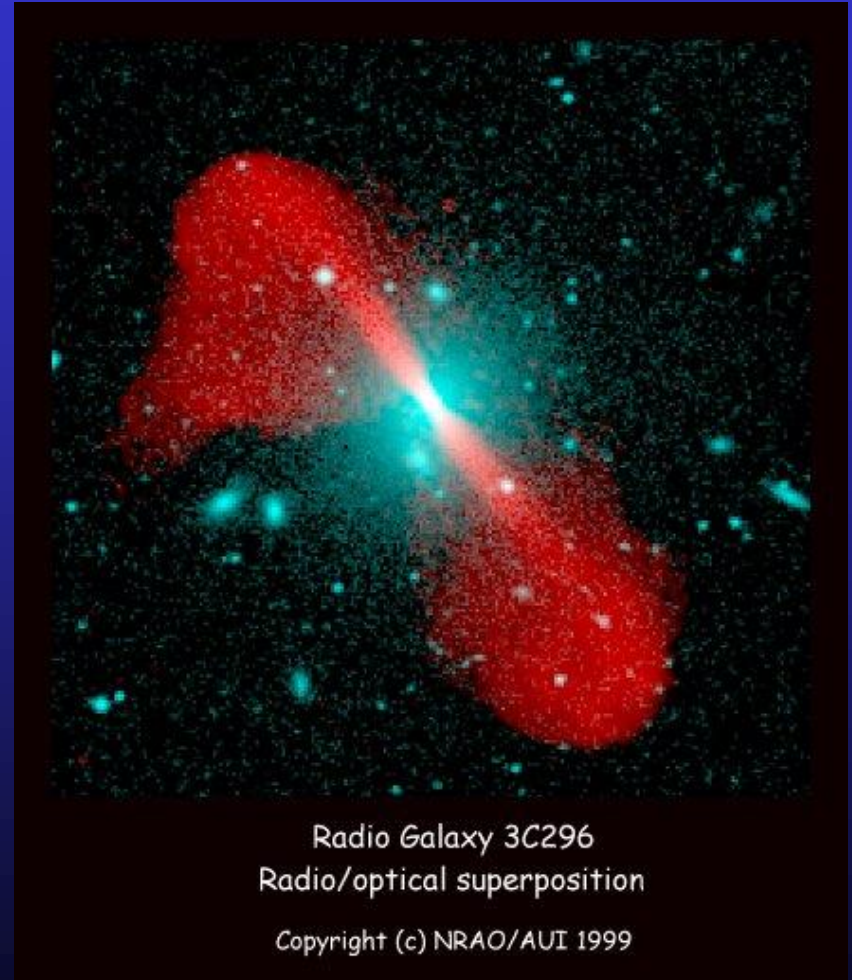


Radio
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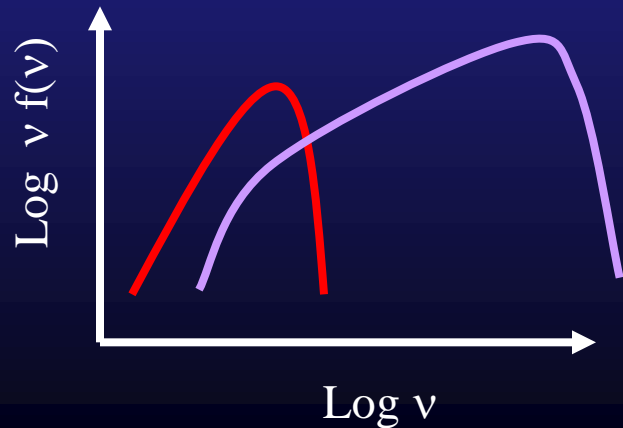
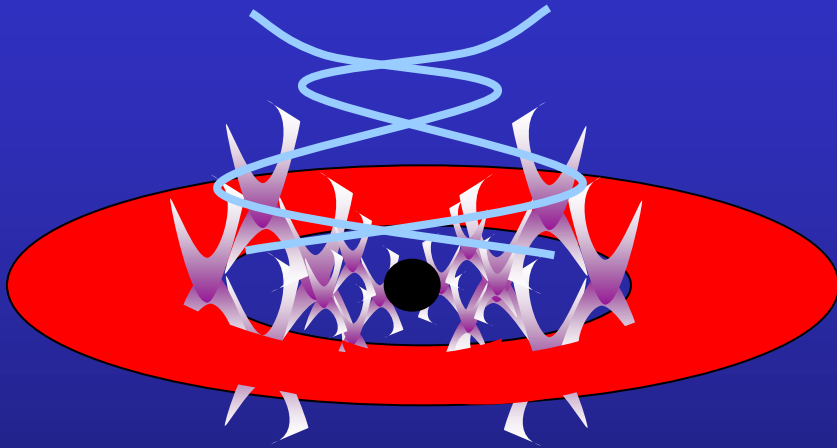


But what about spin?

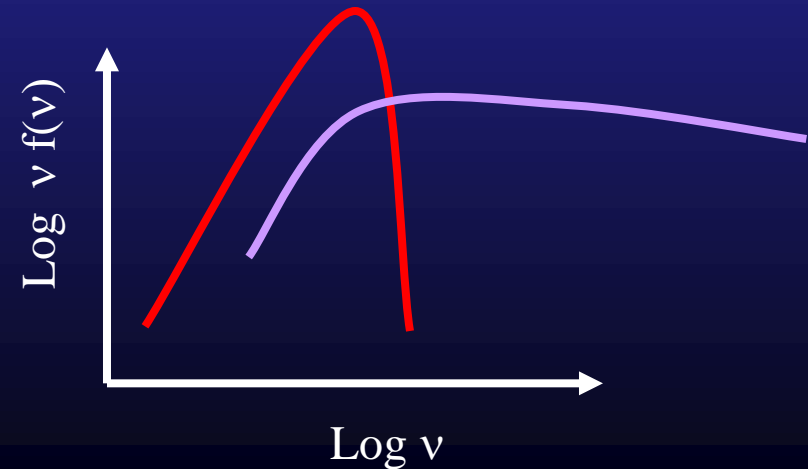
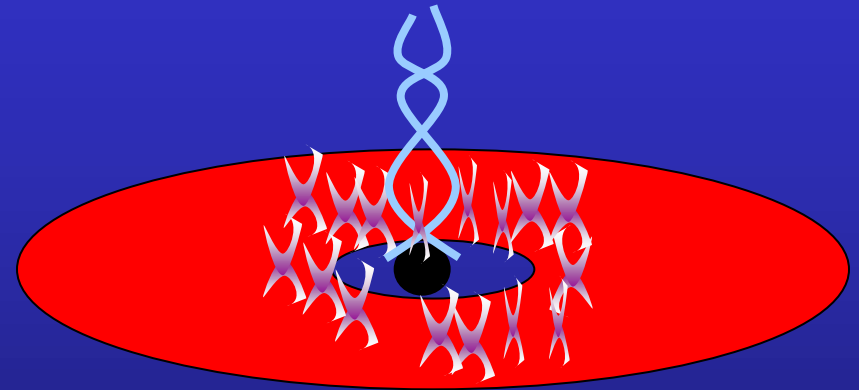
- Is this really enough to explain range in behaviour of radio jets?



$L/L_{\text{edd}} < 0.01$ ADAF,
weak disk, low excitation
broader, slower jet, FRI

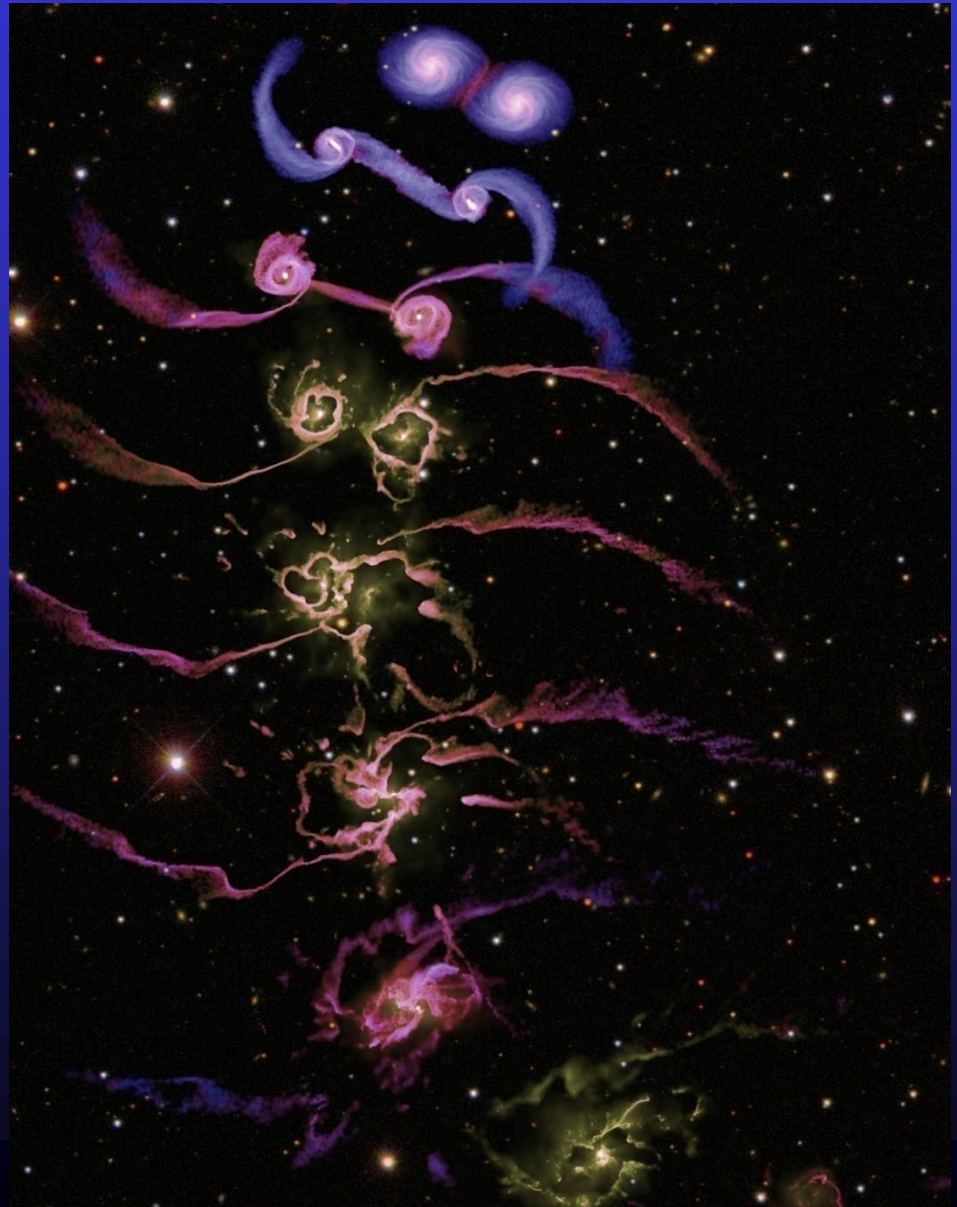


$L/L_{\text{edd}} \sim 1$ Disc+tail
strong disk, high excitation
Narrower, faster jet, FR II



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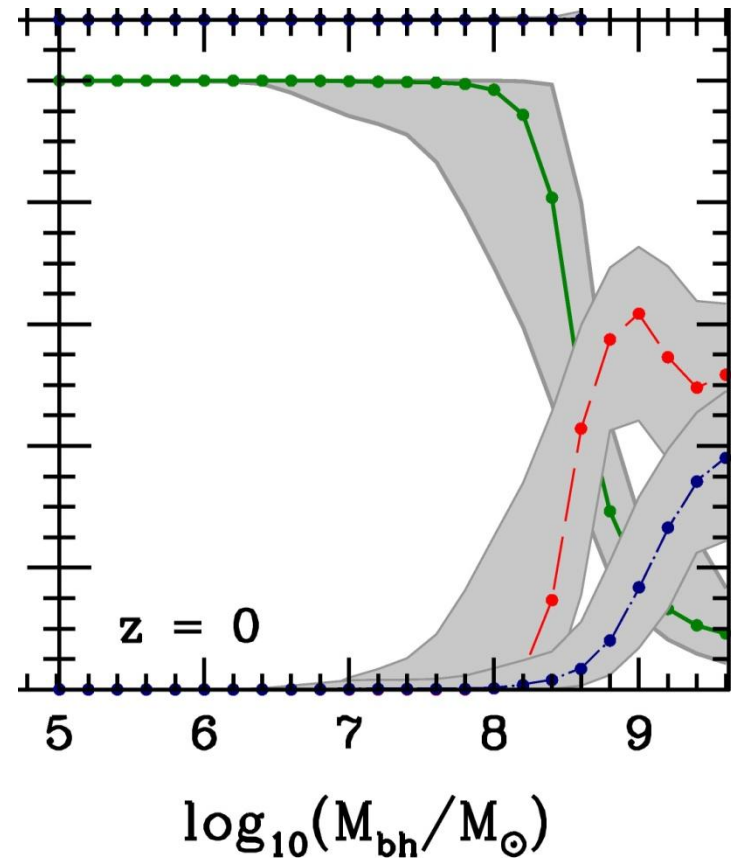
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Black hole mass

Fanidakis et al 2010

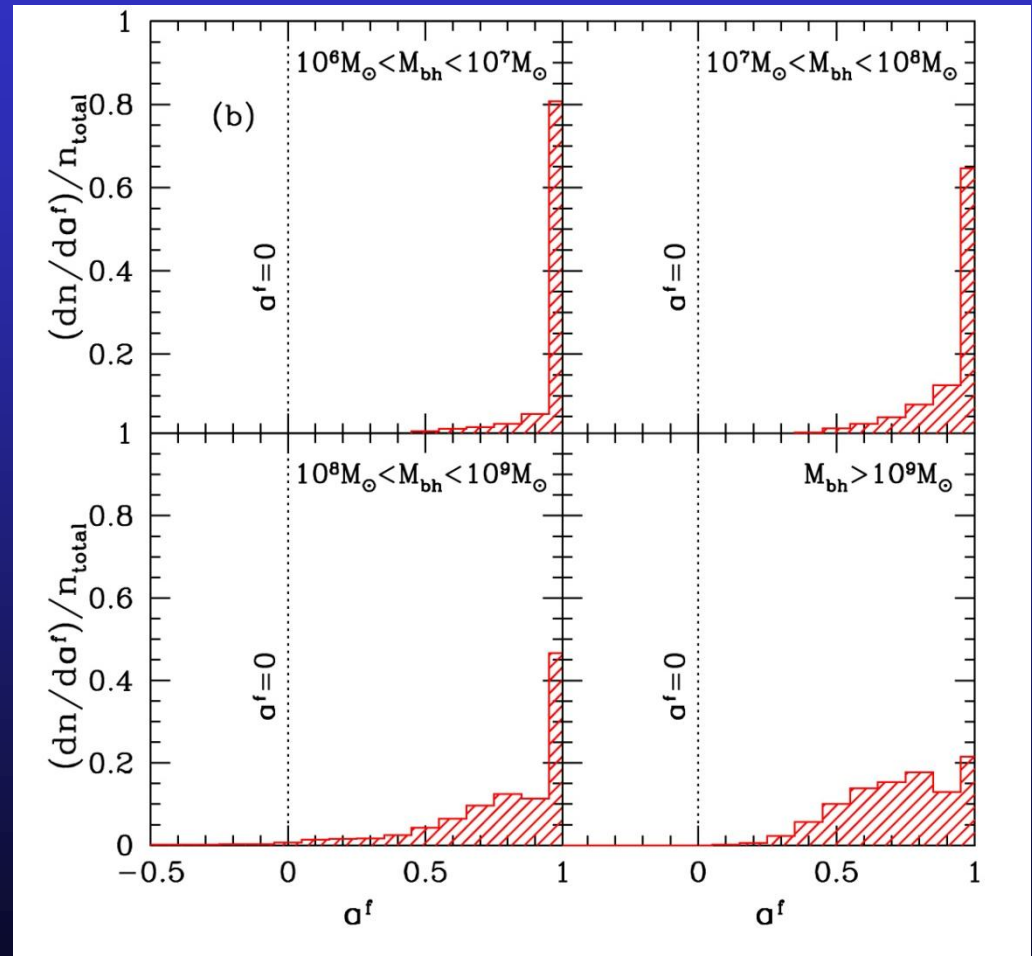
- SMBH grow by gas accretion and BH-BH mergers
- **Mergers** dominate only highest BH mass ($> 10^9 M$) . Spin of 0.7-0.8
- **Accretion (thin disk)** dominates for lower mass ($< 10^8 M$)
- **Accretion (hot flow)** never really dominates



Black hole mass and spin

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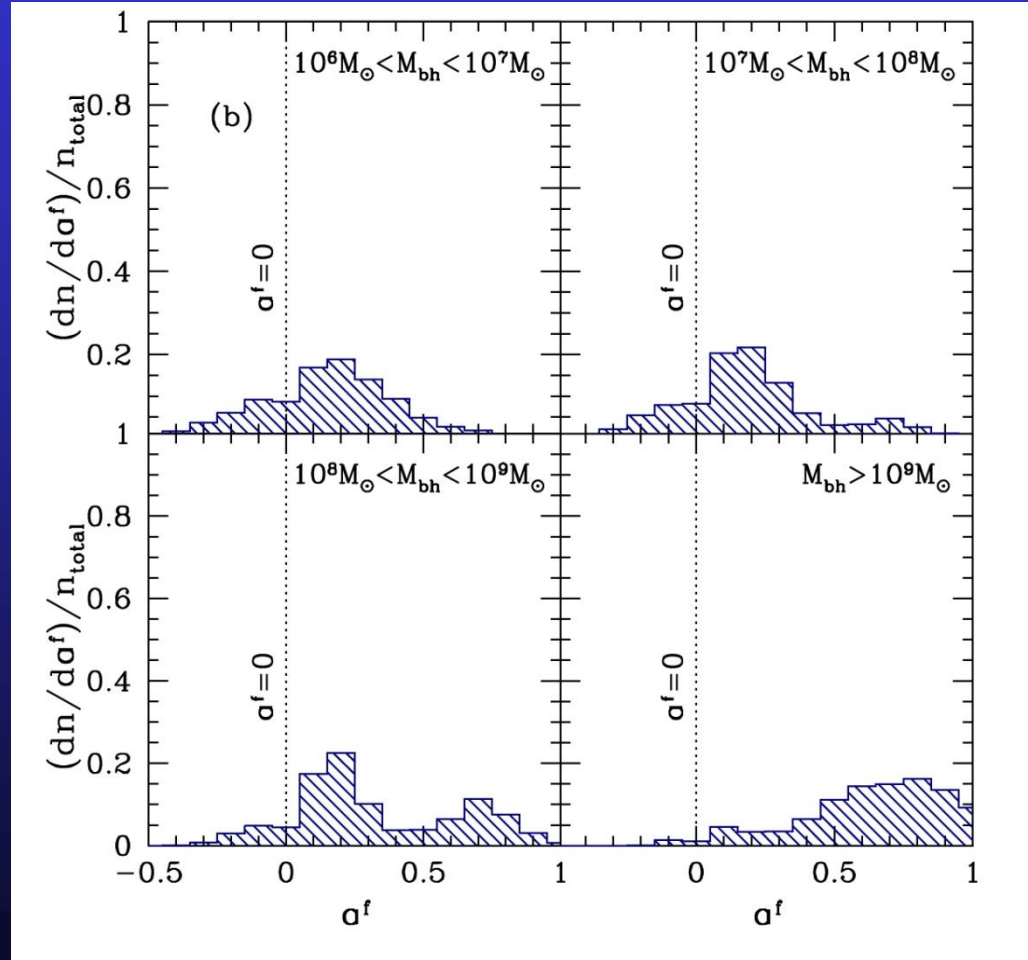
- Prolonged accretion?
- Typical mass available in each accretion episode is $> M_{\text{BH}}$ so spin BH up to maximal $a \sim 1$
- BH – BH mergers spin DOWN the most massive BH to 0.7



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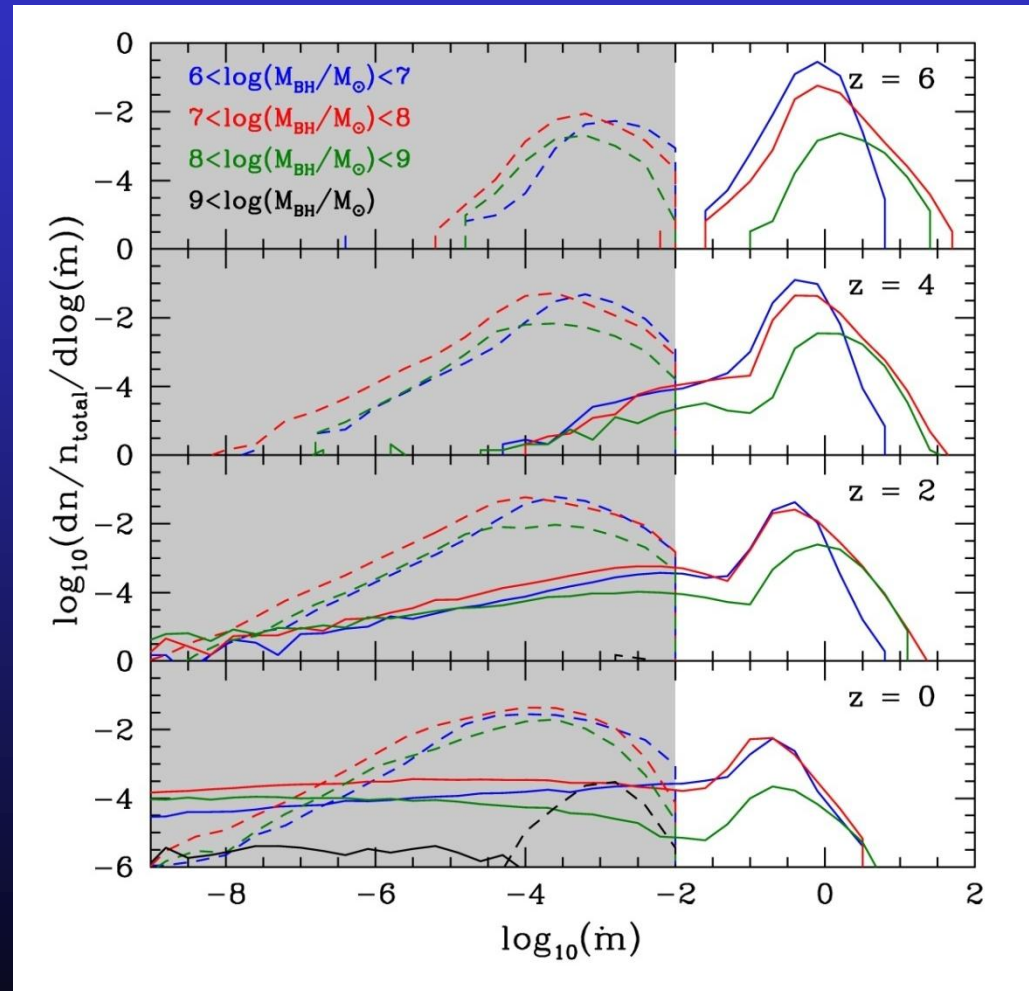
- Chaotic accretion?
- Mass of thin disc limited by self gravity to $\sim (H/R) M_{\text{BH}}$ (King et al 2008)
- Each accretion episode splits up into multiple events with randomised direction
- Low spin except for most massive BH where mergers spin UP



Black hole mass accretion rate

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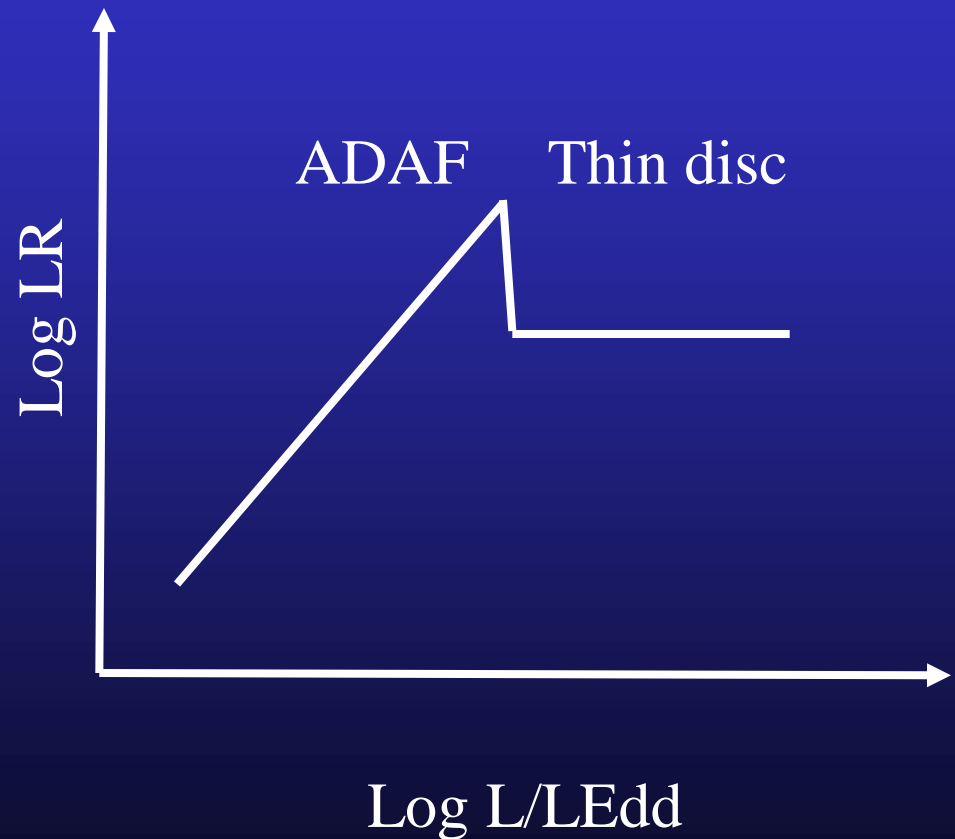
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Black hole radio emission??

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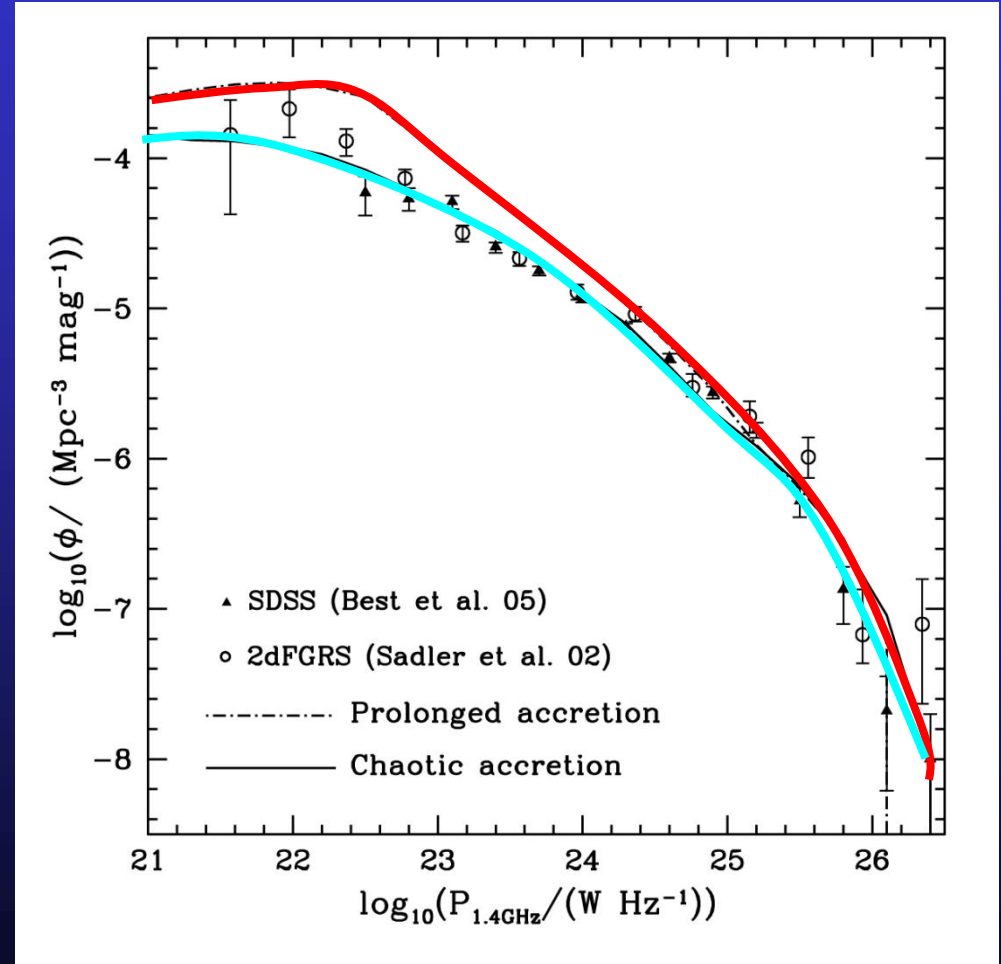
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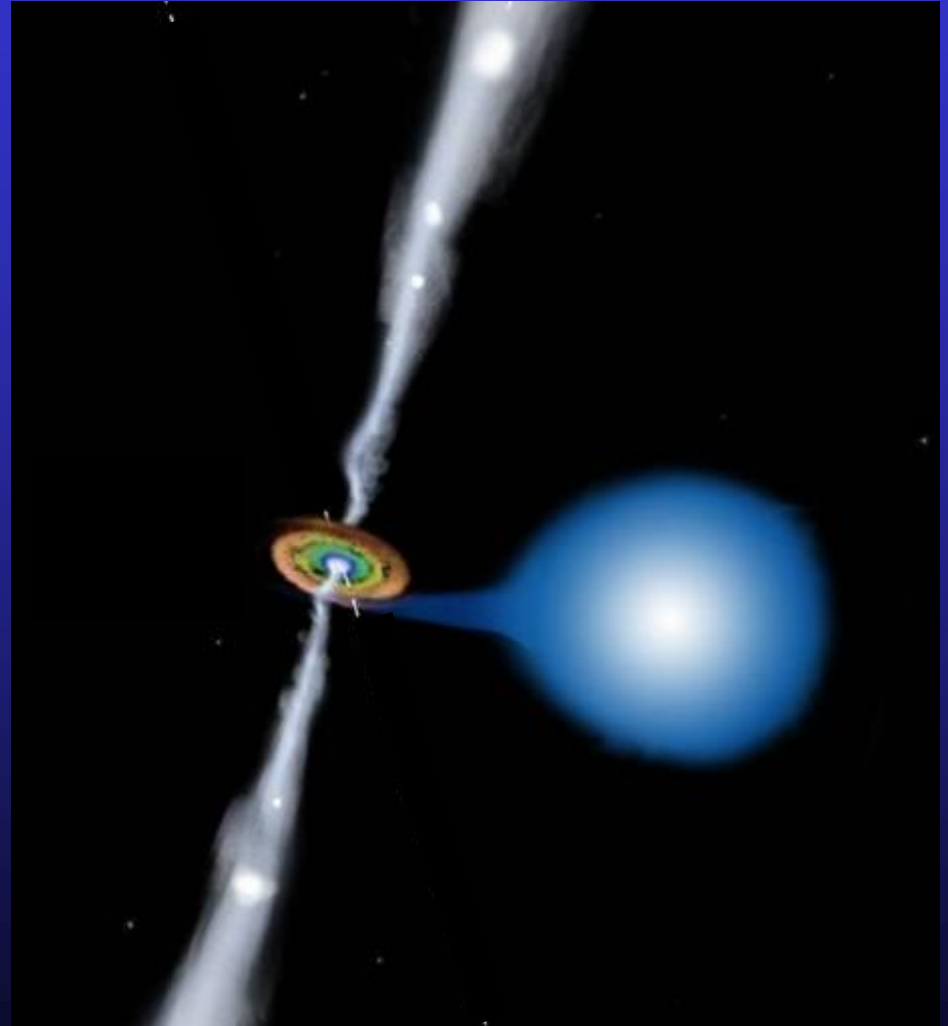
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- BZ power $\propto a^2$
- **Prolonged** model, almost everything has same spin so BZ makes little difference – too many objects at low radio power
- Similar to models with NO dependence of jet power on spin!!
- **Chaotic** model, low mass BH have lower spin so lower radio compared to higher mass, higher spin



Environment ??

- Brightest radio jet in BHB is Cyg X-3
- High mass companion star – strong stellar wind
- Jet emerging in much denser environment than in standard low mass x-ray binaries so radiates a bigger fraction of its kinetic energy



Environment ??

- Brightest radio jets in AGN are in most massive galaxies (McLure & Dunlop 2005)
- These live in most massive dark matter halos, have the biggest hot gas halos
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Conclusions: BHB-AGN

- Use BHB to understand (characterize) accretion
- See disc at high L/L_{Edd} – but always accompanied by tail (high/soft and very high states). Disc probably progressively recedes at $L/L_{\text{Edd}} < 0.01$ (low/hard state)
- Scale to AGN and should have different ionising spectra for same M at different L/L_{Edd} – LINERS - S1 - NLS1 as well as standard obscuration dependence S1-S2, and mass dependence S1-QSO
- Should also link to radio jet properties! ADAF jet brightest just before collapse of hot flow (broad – FRI)
- Also when strong disc plus strong tail at close to Eddington (narrow, faster – FR II)
- Environment also determines radio/kinetic!!!