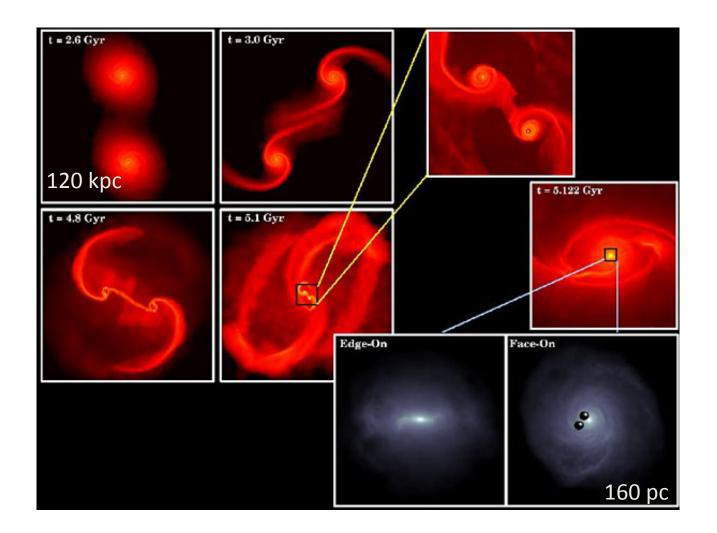
# **Circumbinary Accretion Disks**

**From Supermassive Binary BHs to Circumbinary Planets** 

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#### Galaxy merger -> SMBH binary in gas disk/torus



Mayer et al 2007

#### First discussion of the effect of gas accretion on binary BHs:

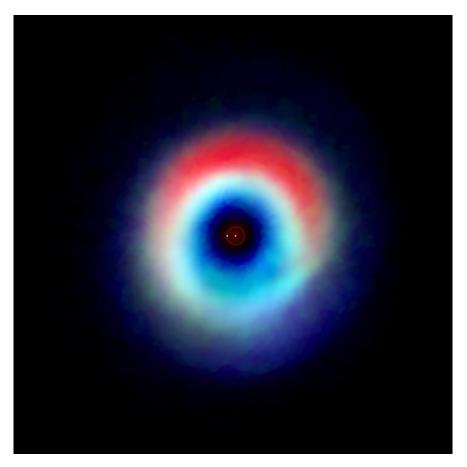
Begelman, Blandford & Rees 1980 Nature

In addition to these stellar dynamical effects, infall of gas onto the binary can also lead to some orbital evolution. Gas may be flung out of the system, acquiring energy (and angular momentum) at the expense of the binary; alternatively, gas may accrete onto the larger hole, causing orbital contraction as the product *Mr* is adiabatically invariant. In either case, the evolution time scale is

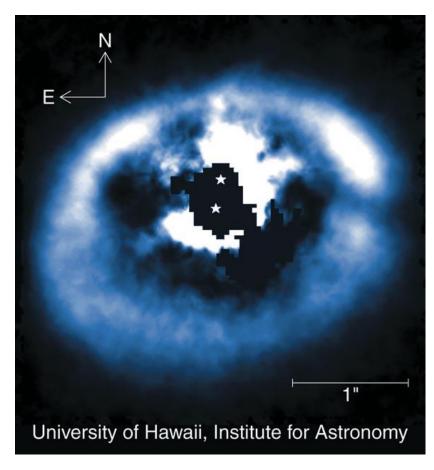
$$t_{\rm gas} \sim 10^8 M_8 (\dot{M}/1M_\odot\,{\rm yr}^{-1})^{-1} {\rm yr}$$
 (5)

#### **Disks around proto-stellar Binaries**

#### HD 142527



**GG** Tau

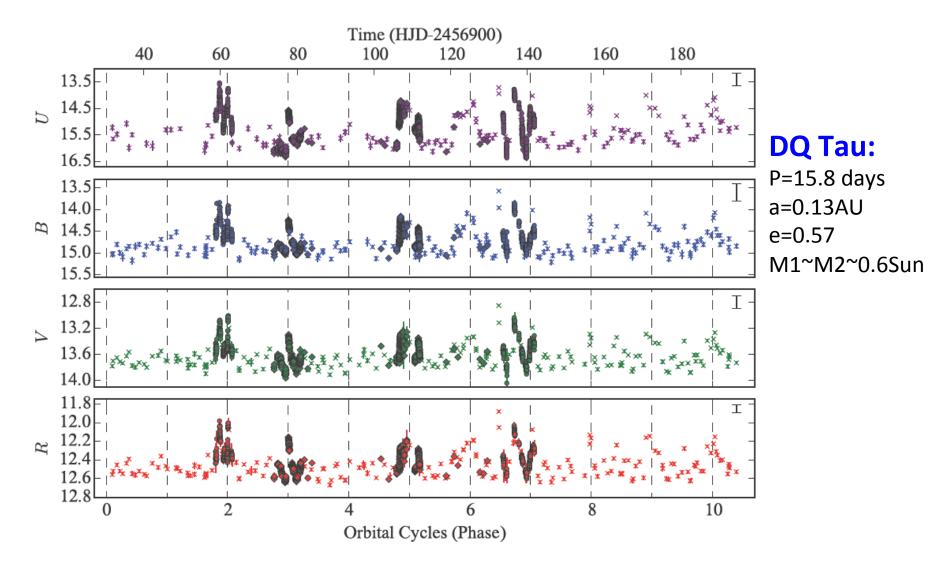


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A. Isella/ALMA

Binary: ~60 AU

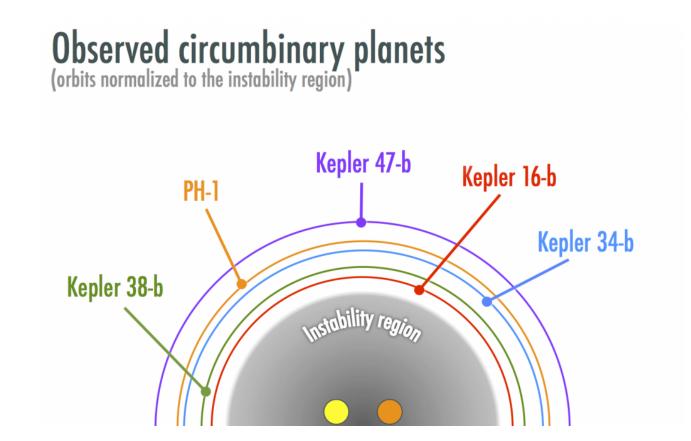
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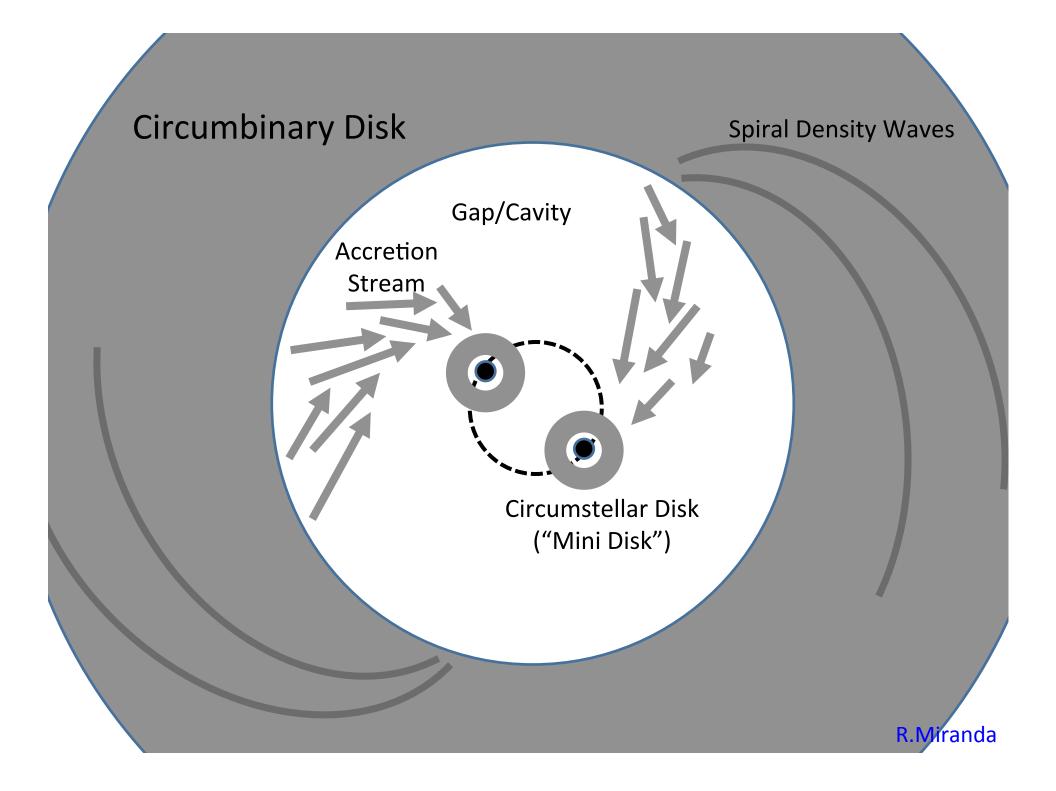


Tofflemire et al. 2016

# **Planets Around Binaries**

~12 systems found by transit method





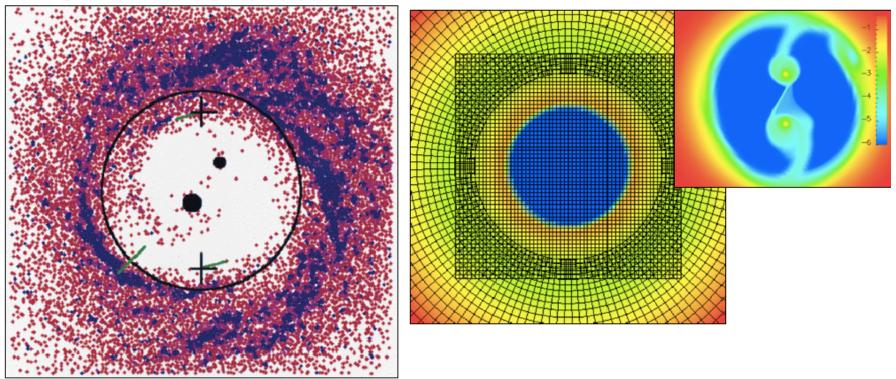
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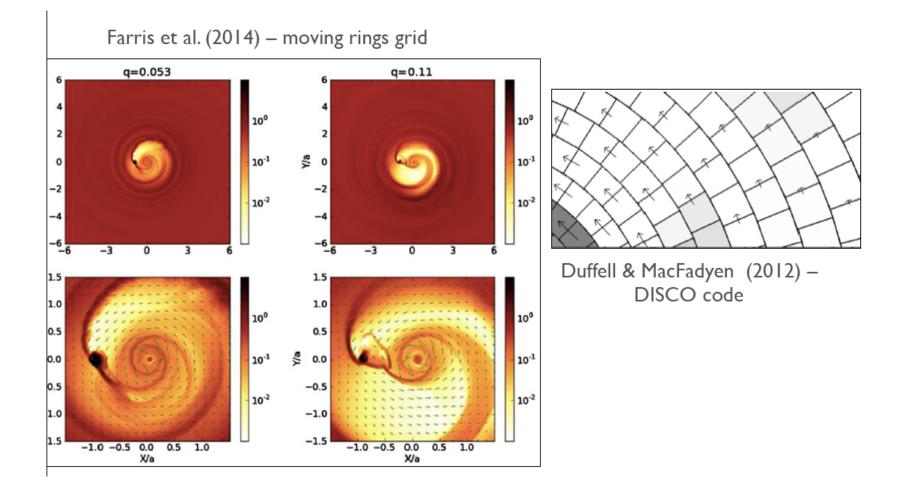
Günther & Kley (2002) - Hybrid grid



also:

de Val-borro et al. (2011) – cartesian grid Hanawa et al. (2010) – Nested cartesian

#### **Simulations of Circumbinary Accretion**



### What we do:

Munoz & DL 2016, ApJ Miranda, Munoz & DL 2017, MNRAS Munoz, Miranda & DL, in prep



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# **Goals:**

- -- Accretion onto circular/eccentric binaries: circumbinary->circumstellar disks
- -- Short-term & long-term accretion variabilities
- -- Disk structure and dynamics (eccentricity, precession)
- -- Angular momentum transfer between binary and disk
- -- Key feature: Disk reaches quasi-steady state

$$\left\langle \dot{M}(r,t) \right\rangle \simeq \text{const}$$

# **Numerical Tools**

-- Solve viscous hydrodynamic equations in 2D

-- alpha viscosity, (locally) isothermal sound speed

#### -- Numerical codes:

**PLUTO:** finite-volume, polar grid (Mignone et al. 07) domain:  $a_b(1+e_b) < r < 70a_b$ **AREPO:** finite-volume, moving mesh (Springel 2010)

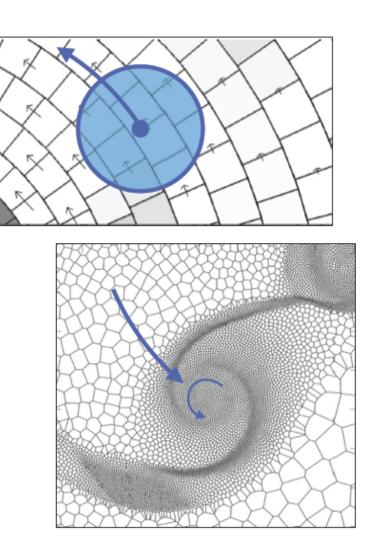
resolve accretion onto individual body to 0.02a<sub>b</sub>

**AREPO** (Springel, 2010) Quasi-Lagrangian, moving-mesh code

## Main features

- Shock-capturing, finite-volume method
- Unstructured moving grid
- Equations solved in the moving-frame
- Quasi-Lagrangian, adaptive resolution

Applied to disks by Muñoz et al 2013,2014,2015 (see also Pakmor et al. 2015)

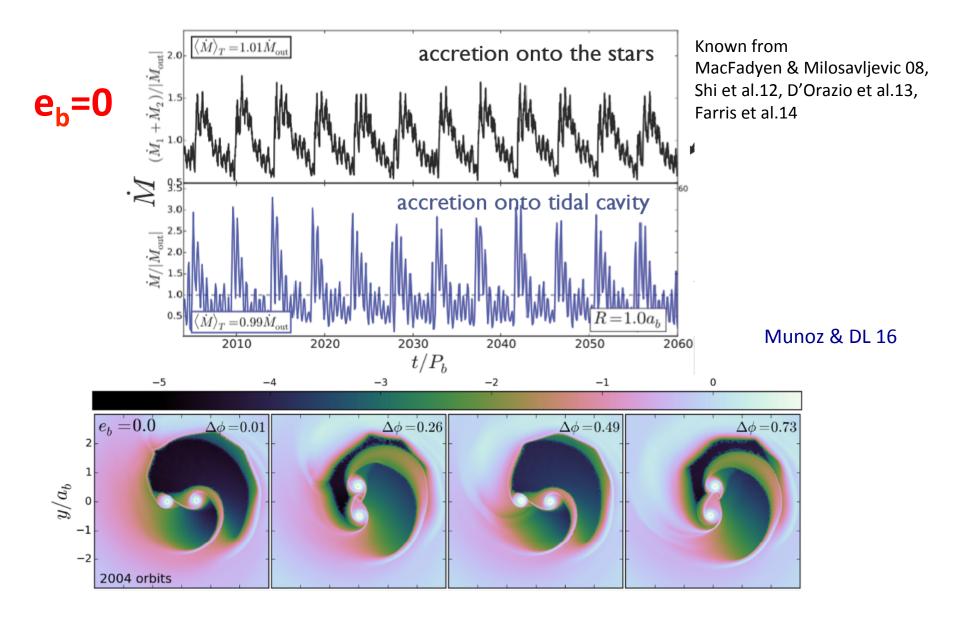


# **Summary of Key Results**

Binary mass ratio  $q \sim 1 ~(\gtrsim 0.2)$ Disk  $H/r \sim 0.1, ~\alpha = 0.05 - 0.1$ 

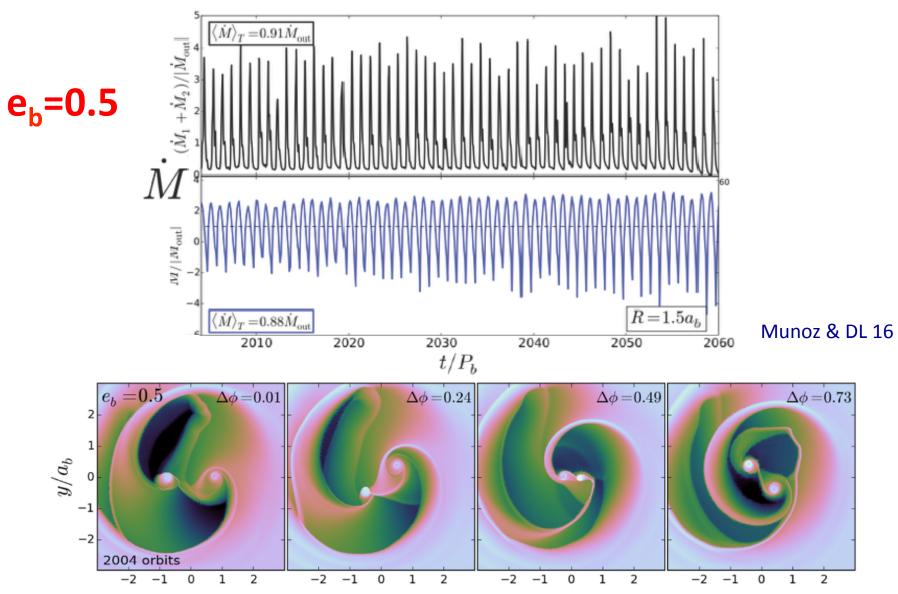
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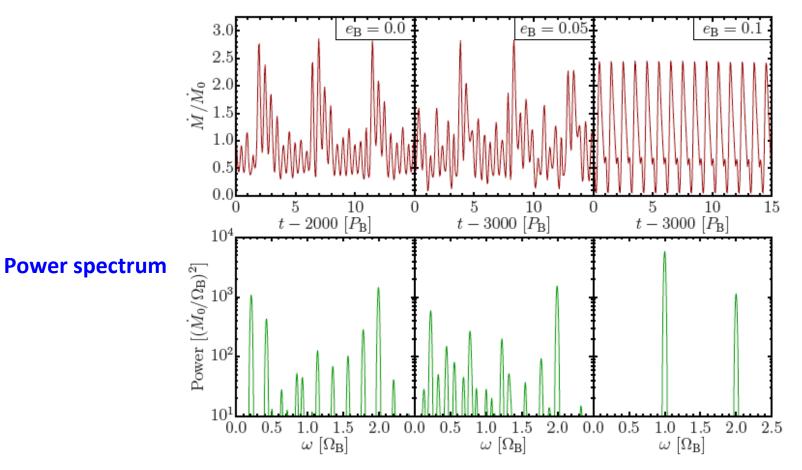
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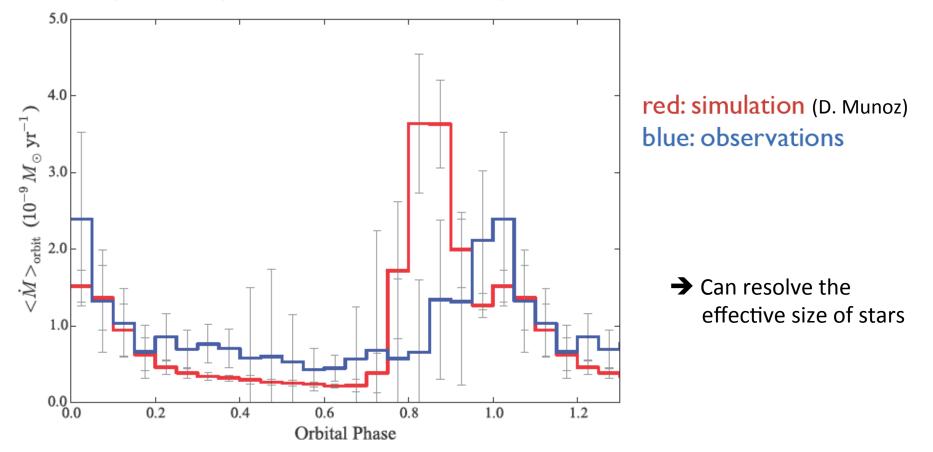
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Miranda, Munoz & DL 17

### **Compared to Observations: Pulsed Accretion onto DQ Tau** (*P*<sub>b</sub>=15.8 d, *e*<sub>b</sub>=0.56)

U-band photometry of DQ Tau for >10 orbital periods

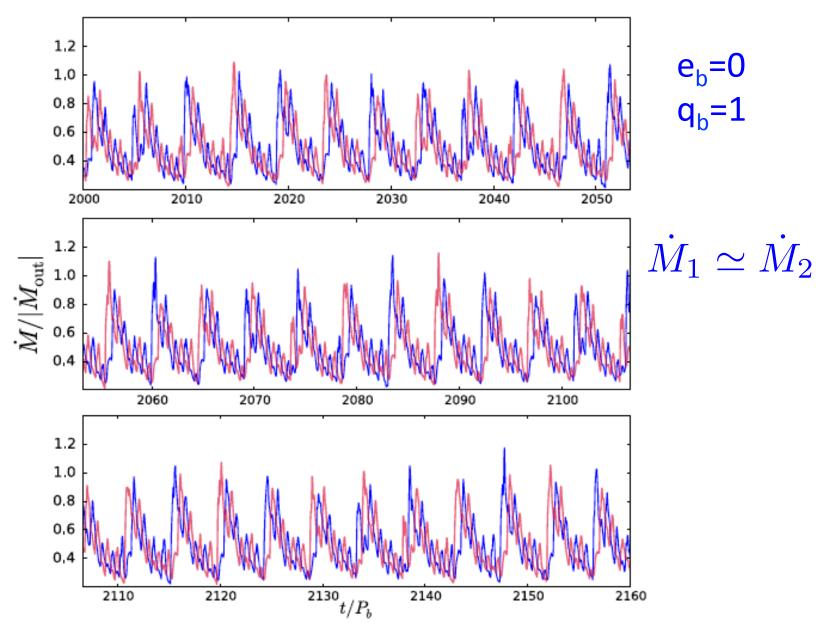


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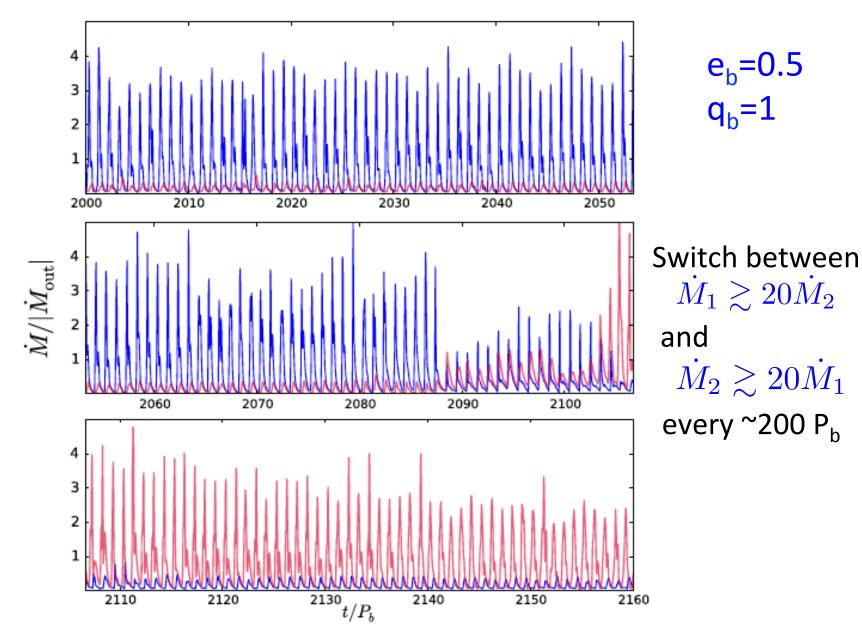




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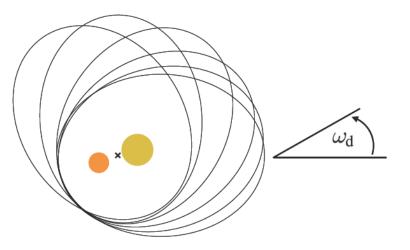
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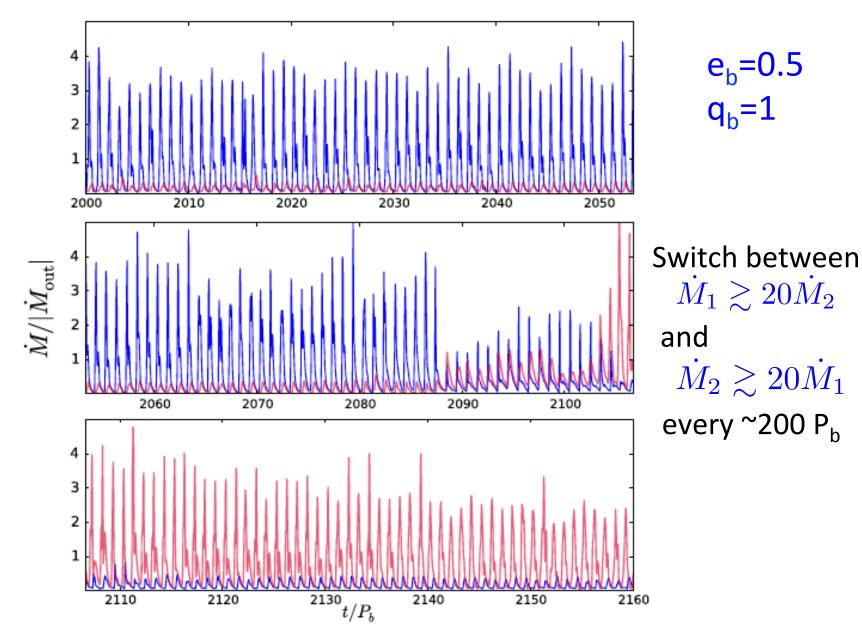
#### **Apsidal precession of eccentric disk around the binary**

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Precession period 200-300  $P_b$ 

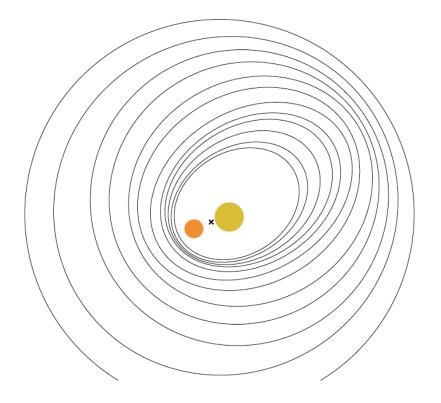


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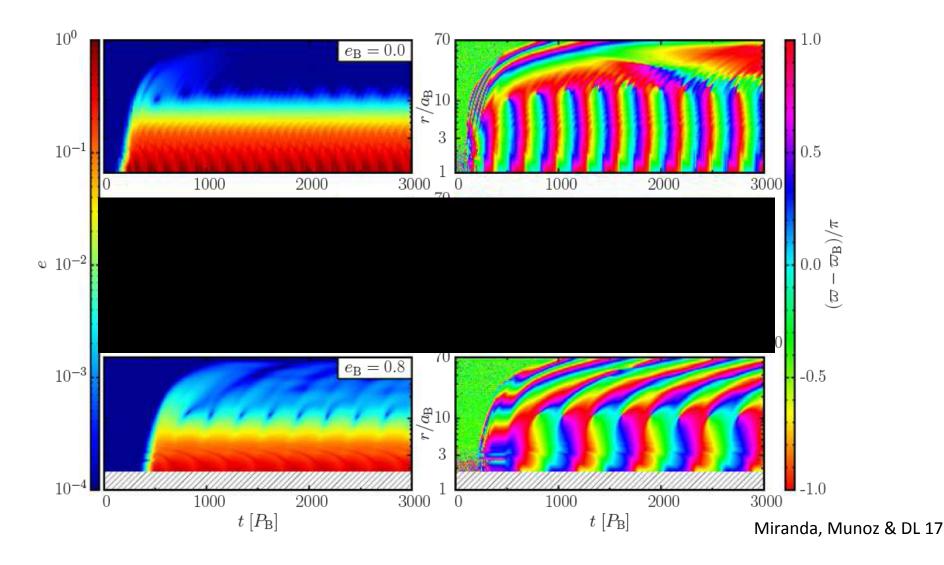
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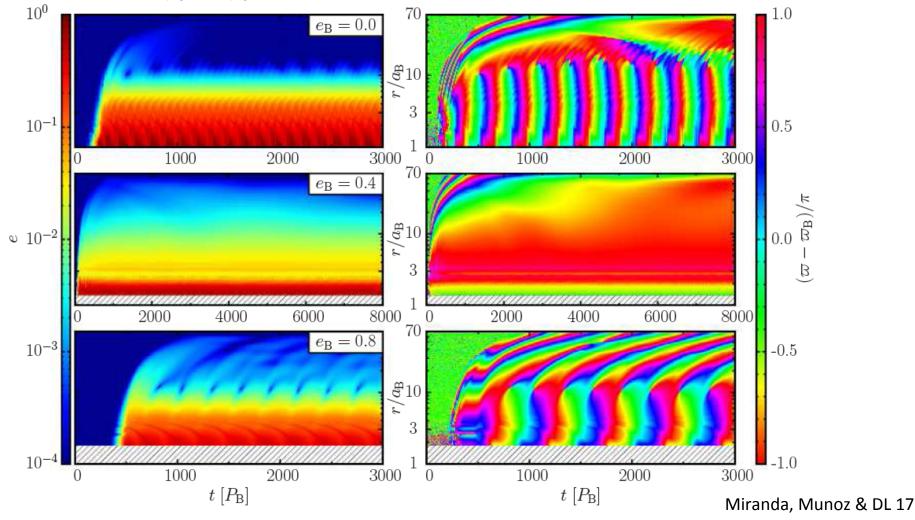
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#### **Theory of Eccentric Disks: Driving and Dynamics**

Tidal potential from inner binary on disk:

$$\Phi(r,\phi,t) = \sum_{m,N} \Phi_{mN} \cos(m\phi - N\Omega_b t) = \sum_{m,N} \Phi_{mN} \cos[m(\phi - \omega_p t)]$$
$$m = 2, 3, \cdots, \ N = 1, 2, \cdots \quad \text{(for } q_b = 1\text{)}$$
Pattern frquency :  $\omega_p = \frac{N\Omega_b}{m}$ 

cf. Lubow 91 Goodchild & Ogilvie 2006 Miranda, Munoz & DL 2017

#### Eccentricity excitation by rotating potential

Epicyclic motion of test mass in disk

$$\frac{d^2 \Delta r}{dt^2} + \kappa^2 \Delta r = 0 \qquad (\kappa \simeq \Omega)$$

In the presence of the potential  $\Phi_{mN} \cos[m(\phi - \omega_p t)]$ :

$$\frac{d^2\Delta r}{dt^2} + \kappa^2 \left[1 + \epsilon \cos m(\omega_p - \Omega)t\right] \Delta r = 0 \qquad (\epsilon \propto \Phi_{mN})$$

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#### Theory of Eccentric Disks: Driving and Dynamics (continued)

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The most important tidal components are

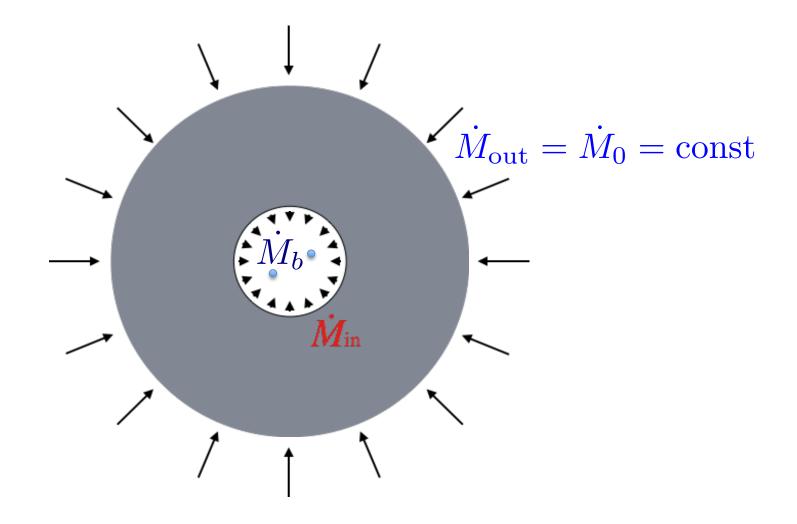
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: Resonance at  $\Omega = \frac{\Omega_b}{4}, \Phi_{21} \propto e_b$   
 $m = 2, N = 2$ : Resonance at  $\Omega = \frac{\Omega_b}{2}, \Phi_{21} \propto \left(1 - \frac{5}{2}e_b^2\right)$  and  $\rightarrow 0$  for large  $e_b$ 

#### Combine eccentricity driving by at resonances with pressure and viscosity

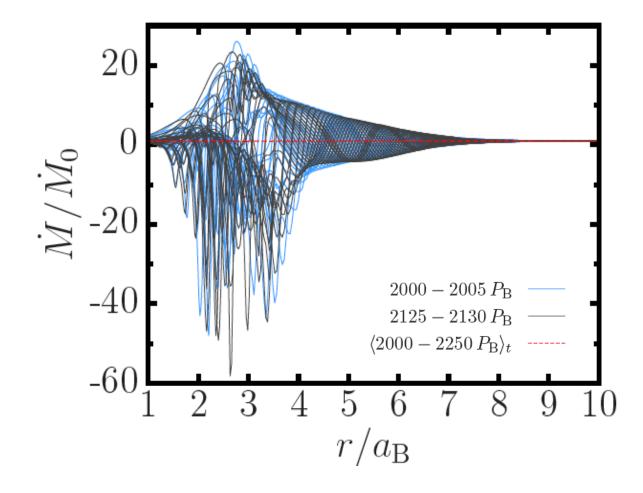
$$2r\Omega \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -\frac{\mathrm{i}E}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\mathrm{i}E}{\Sigma} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \qquad E = e \exp(\mathrm{i}\varpi)$$
$$+ \frac{\mathrm{i}}{r^2 \Sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ (1 - \mathrm{i}\alpha_{\mathrm{b}}) P r^3 \frac{\partial E}{\partial r} \right]$$
$$+ \sum_i 2a_{\mathrm{B}} \gamma_i r \Omega E \delta(r - r_{\mathrm{res},i}),$$

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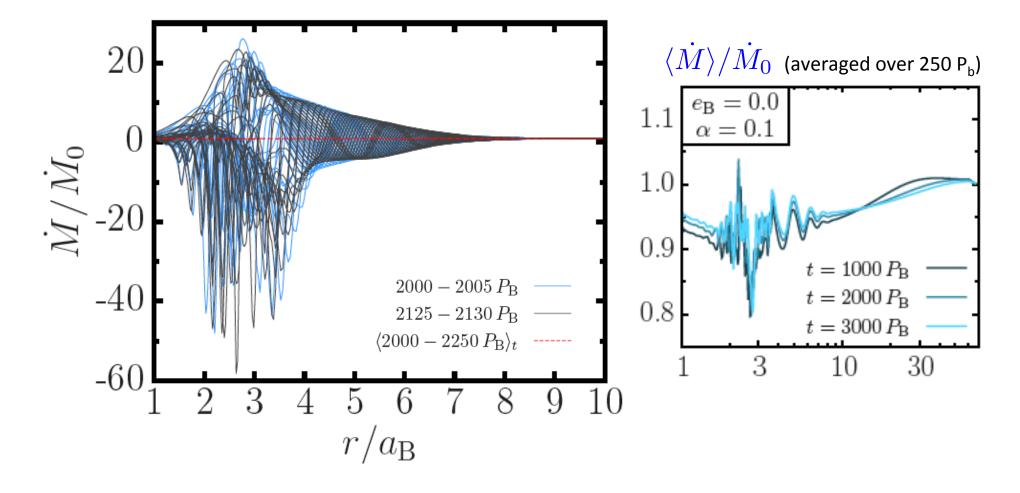
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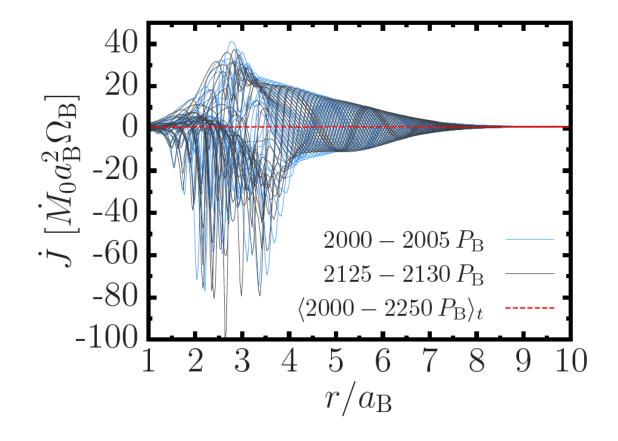


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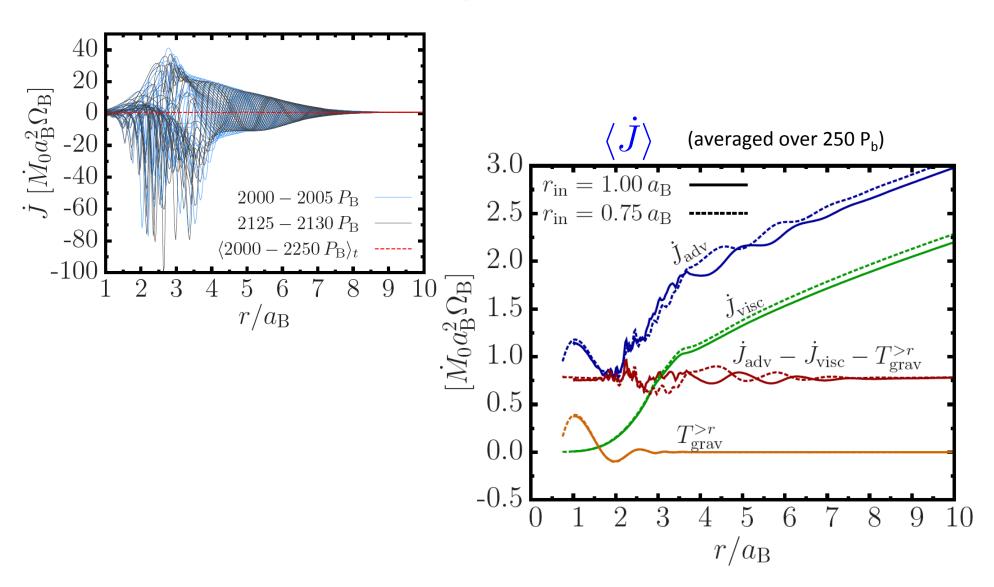


$$\begin{split} \dot{J}(r,t) &= \dot{J}_{adv} - \dot{J}_{visc} - T_{grav}^{>r} \\ \dot{J}_{adv} &= -\oint r^2 \Sigma u_r u_\phi d\phi \\ \dot{J}_{visc} &= -\oint r^3 \nu \Sigma \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{u_\phi}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} \right] d\phi \\ T_{grav}^{>r} &= \int_r^{r_{out}} \frac{dT_{grav}}{dr} dr, \qquad \frac{dT_{grav}}{dr} = -\oint r \Sigma \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi} d\phi \end{split}$$

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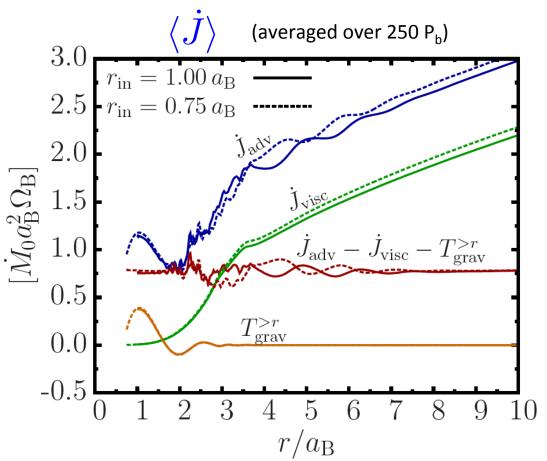


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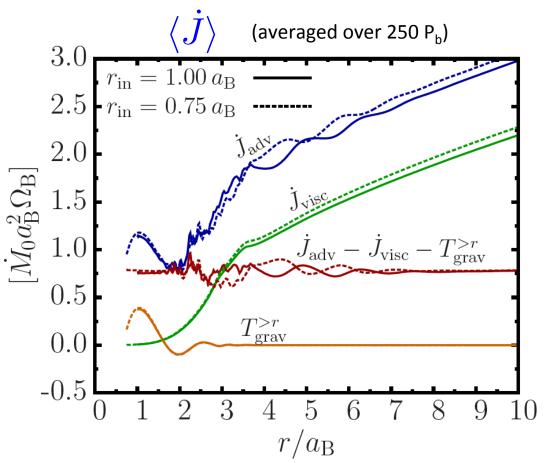
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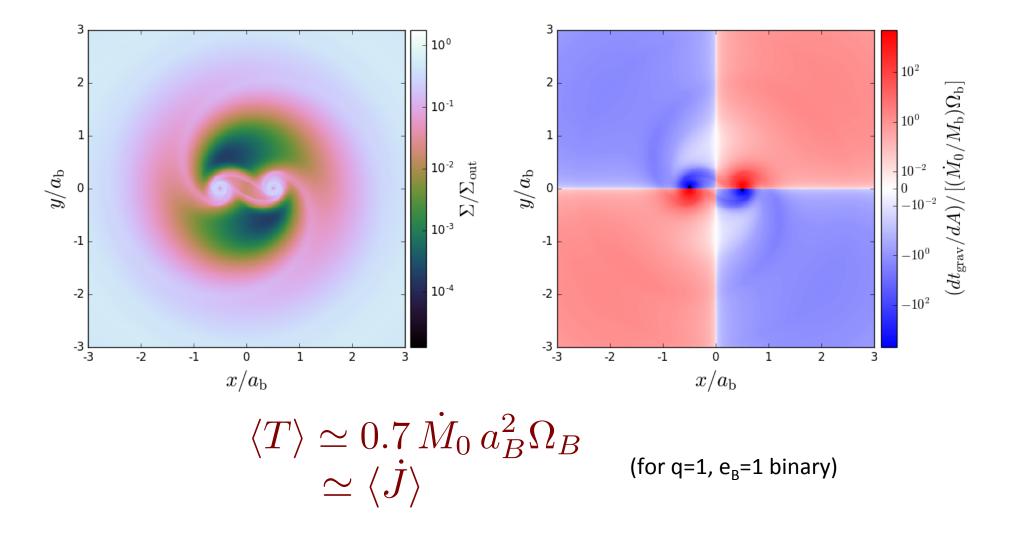
$$l_0 \simeq 0.75 \, a_B^2 \Omega_B$$



#### **Direct computation of torque on the binary**

Gravitational torque from all gas

+ Accretion torque (due momentum of accreting gas onto each star)



# Implication of $\dot{J}_B > 0$ :

For q = 1,  $e_B = 0$  binary:  $\dot{J}_B = \dot{M}_B l_0$   $l_0 \simeq 0.7 \, l_B$  where  $l_B = a_B^2 \Omega_B$  $\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{a}_B}{a_B} = 8 \left(\frac{l_0}{l_B} - \frac{3}{8}\right) \frac{\dot{M}_B}{M_B}$ 

#### Binaries can expand due to circumbinary accretion !

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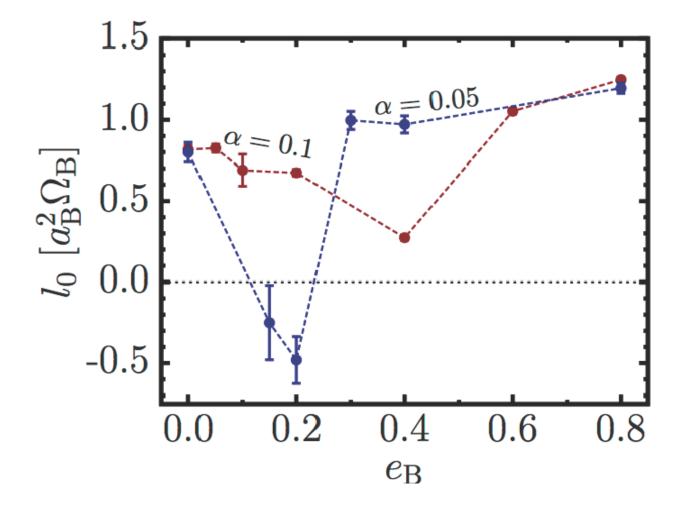
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#### -- Is binary decay possible? (e.g. Supermassive BH Binaries, final pc)

Yes...

e.g. M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>2</sub>>>1, large (locally) massive disk:  $\Sigma \pi a_h^2 \gtrsim M_2$ 

# **Preliminary: Eccentric Binaries:** $\langle \dot{J} \rangle = \langle \dot{M} \rangle l_0$

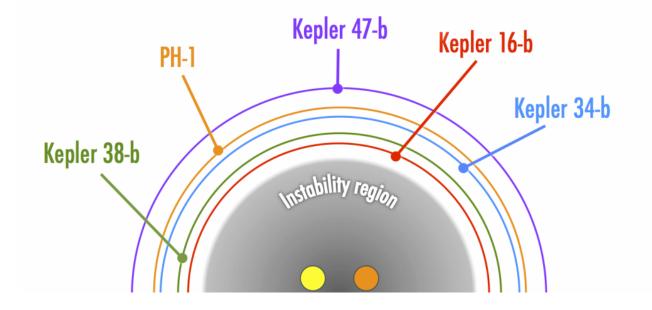


--  $I_0 > 0$  in most cases (i.e. binary receives angular momentum) -- "dip" in  $I_0$  at intermediate  $e_b$  (corresponding to inner eccentric disk apsidally aligned with binary)

## **Implications for Planet Formation Around Binaries**

Many observed circumbinary planets are close to instability limit (consistent with uniform distribution in log a; Li, Holman & Tao 16)

# Observed circumbinary planets (orbits normalized to the instability region)



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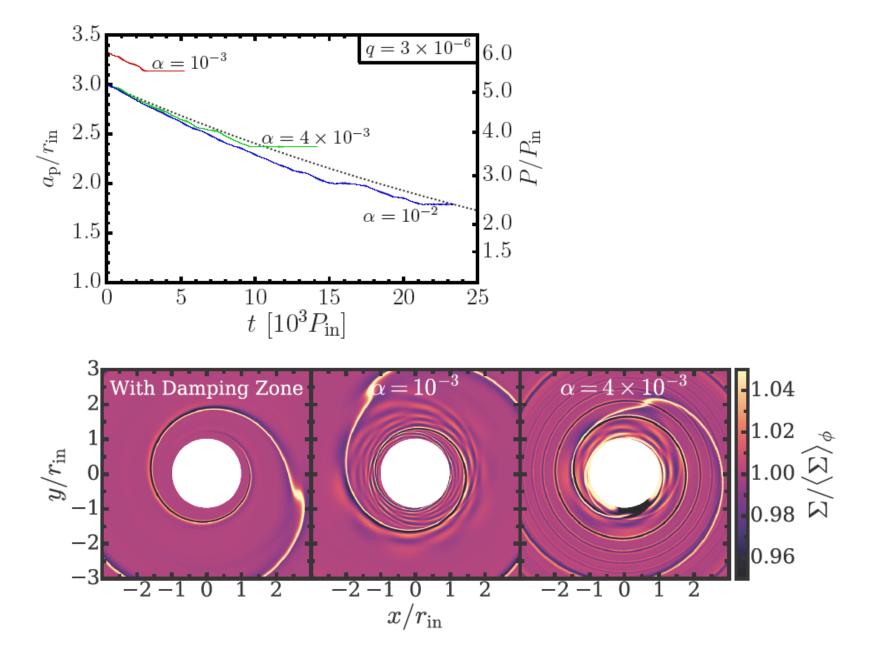
#### -- Planetesimal growth is likely suppressed

At r ~3-4  $a_b$ , disk e ~ 0.05-0.2  $\rightarrow$ relative velocity of planetesimals ~  $eV_k$  ~ 5 km/s (at 0.2AU) >>  $v_{esc}$  ~10 m/s (10 km body)

#### -- Planet migration is strongly affected by disk structure

(e.g. mean-motion resonance with binary, disk truncation)





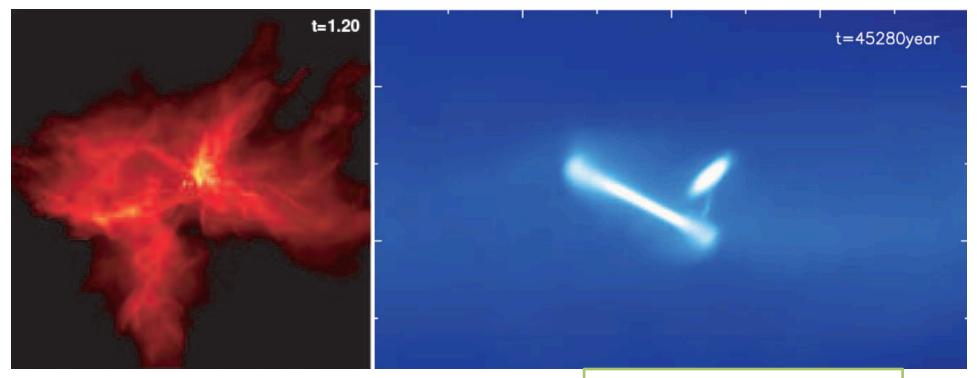
# So far: Co-planar disks

What about misaligned disks ?

## Misaligned Disks are "Naturally" Expected

Star Formation in Turbulent Molecular Clouds

- -- Supersonic turbulence --> clumps --> stars
- -- Clumps can accrete gas with different rotation axes at different times

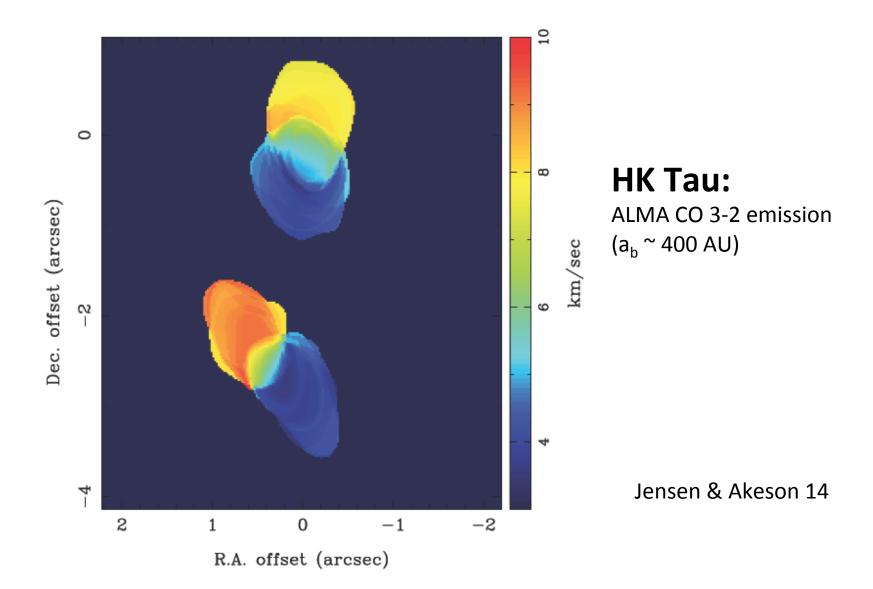


Bate et al. 2003

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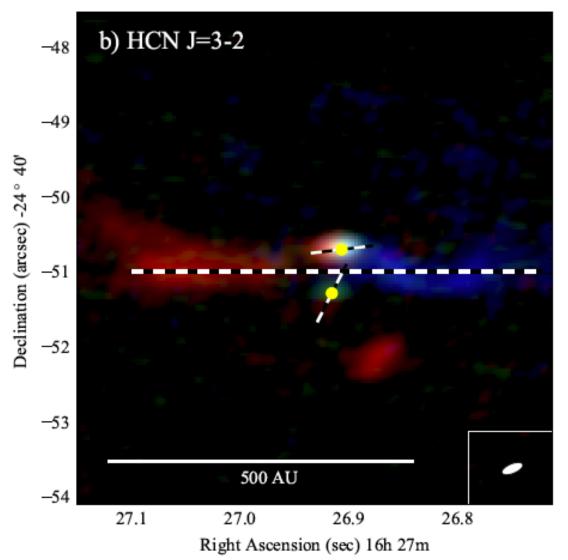
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#### Circumstellar disks within wider binaries are generally misaligned



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#### Misaligned circumbinary disks



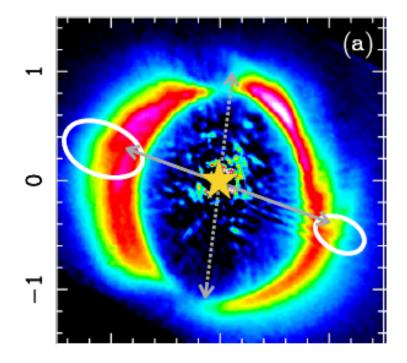
**IRS 43** ALMA  $a_b \sim 74$  au, three disks

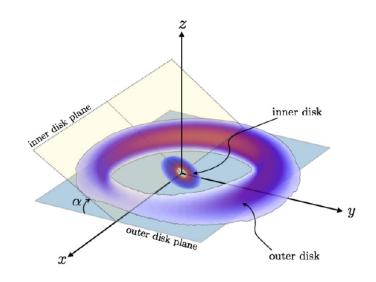
Brinch et al. 2016

# Other Misaligned circumbinary debris disks:

KH 15D (Winn+04; Capelo+12) 99 Herculis (Kennedy+12)

## HD 142527: a well-known gapped disk system

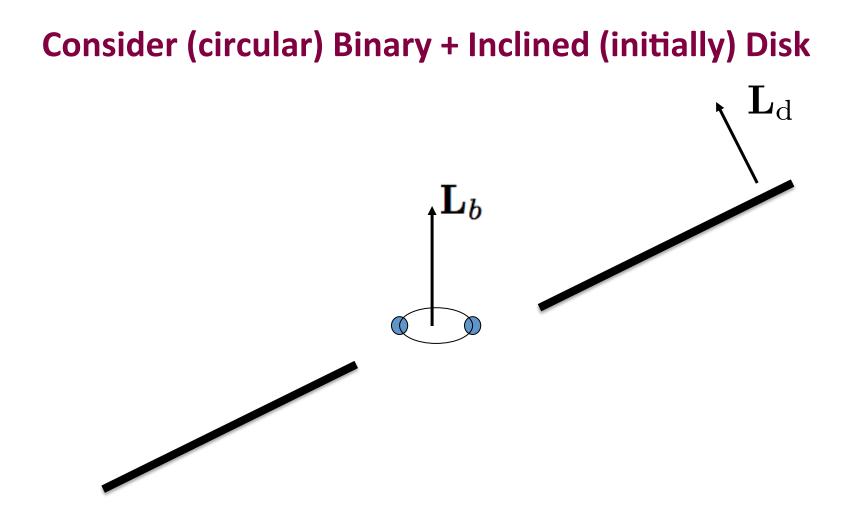




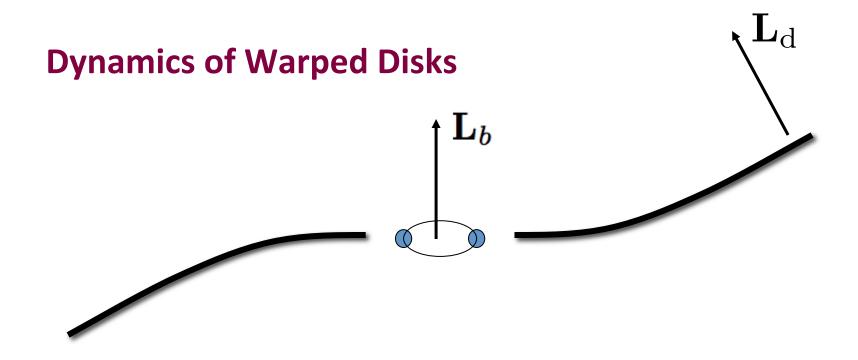
Inner (circumstellar) and outer (circumbinary) disks misaligned by 70 degrees (Marino et al. 15)

Outer disk : >100 AU Gap (cavity): 10-100 AU Binary: ~20 AU (2 Sun + M dwarf)

see Owen & DL 2017



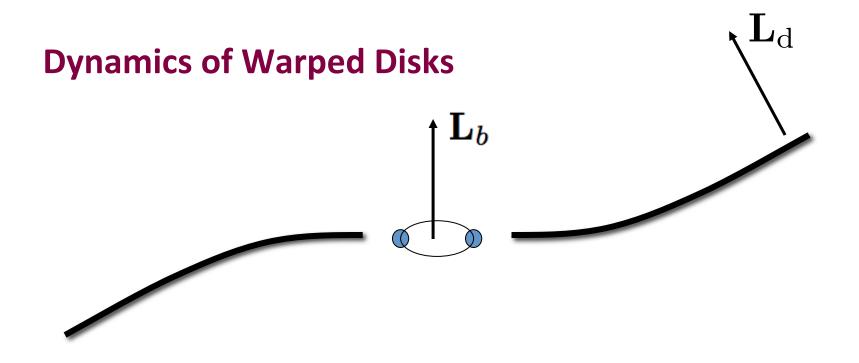
Questions: What is the shape of the disk? How does the mutual inclination evolve?



Torque from binary on disk => disk (ring) nodal precession

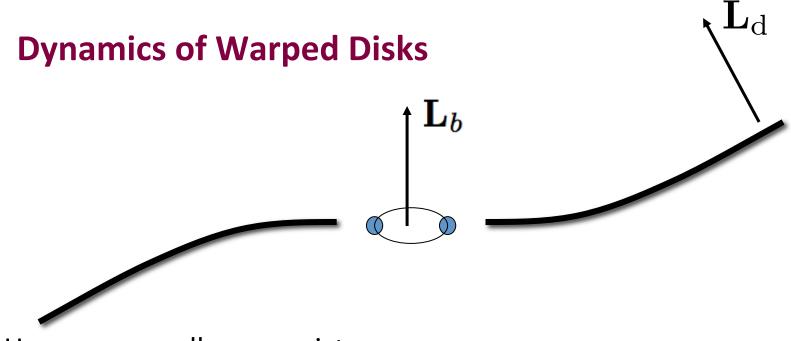
$$\Omega_p(r) \simeq \frac{3\mu}{4M_t} \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2 \Omega(r)$$

Differential precession + internal fluid stress ==> warped/twisted disk



For protoplanetary disks, warp/twist smoothed by bending waves, which propagate at  $c_s/2$  (Lubow & Ogilvie 2000).

Since  $r/c_s <<$  precession period  $\rightarrow$  disk is close to flat



However, small warp exists.

Warp + Viscosity  $\rightarrow$  Dissipation  $\rightarrow$  Align  $L_b$  and  $L_d$ 

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{l}}}{\partial \ln r} \sim \frac{\alpha}{c_{\rm s}^2} \mathbf{T}_{\rm ext} \qquad |\mathbf{T}_{\rm ext}| \sim r^2 \Omega \,\omega_{\rm ext}, \quad \omega_{\rm ext} = \Omega_{\rm prec}$$
$$\left| \frac{\mathrm{d} \hat{\mathbf{l}}}{\mathrm{d} t} \right|_{\rm visc} \sim \left\langle \left( \frac{\alpha}{c_{\rm s}^2} \right) \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\rm ext}^2}{r^2 \Omega} \right\rangle \sim \left\langle \frac{\alpha}{c_{\rm s}^2} (r^2 \Omega) \omega_{\rm ext}^2 \right\rangle$$

**Typical alignment time ~ precession period** 

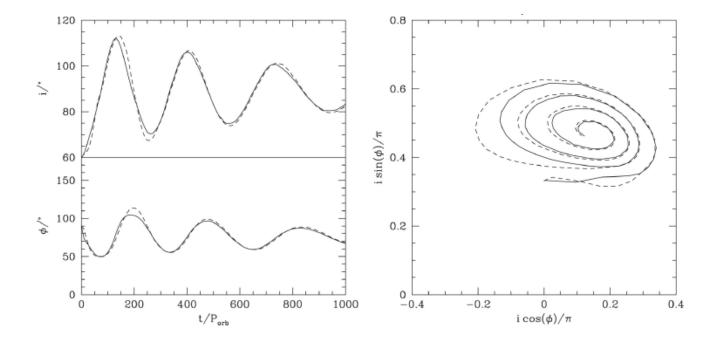
Foucart & DL 2014 Zanazzi & DL 2018

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Martin & Lubow (2017): viscous hydro simulation using SPH

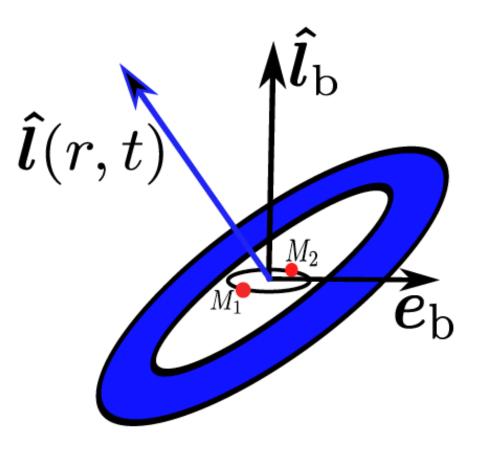
Initial disk-binary inclination  $I(0) = 60^{\circ}$ Binary eccentricity  $e_b = 0.5$ .



## **Theoretical Analysis:**

## **Inclination Evolution of Disks Around Eccentric Binaries**

With J.J. Zanazzi (Cornell Ph.D.18→CITA)



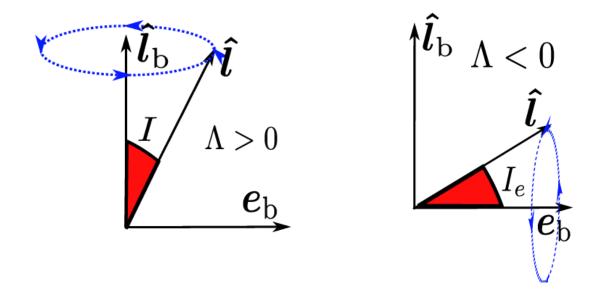


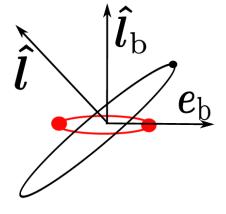
#### Test particle (in circular orbit) around an eccentric binary

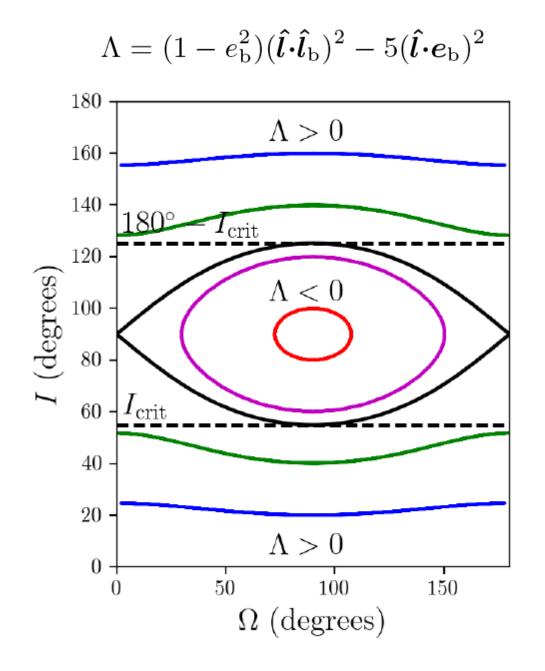
(see also Farago & Laskar 2010; Li, Zhou + 2014; Naoz + 2017)

**Test particle has two "masters" (by symmetry)** If  $\hat{l}$  initially close to  $\hat{l}_b$ :  $\hat{l}$  precesses around  $\hat{l}_b$ If  $\hat{l}$  initially close to  $\hat{e}_b$ :  $\hat{l}$  precesses around  $\hat{e}_b$ 

$$\Lambda = (1 - e_{\rm b}^2)(\hat{\boldsymbol{l}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{l}}_{\rm b})^2 - 5(\hat{\boldsymbol{l}} \cdot \boldsymbol{e}_{\rm b})^2$$







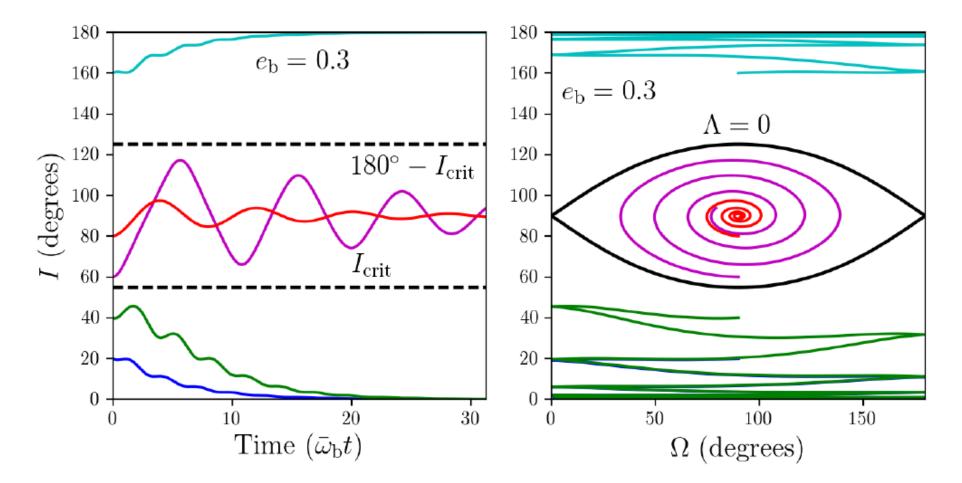
For  $\hat{l}$  to precess around  $\hat{e}_b$ , require  $\sin I > \sin I_{\rm crib}$ 

$$I_{\rm crit} = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{5e_{\rm b}^2}{1 + 4e_{\rm b}^2}}$$

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#### Warped viscous disk around eccentric binary

Evolve towards either align (anti-align) or polar align with the binary



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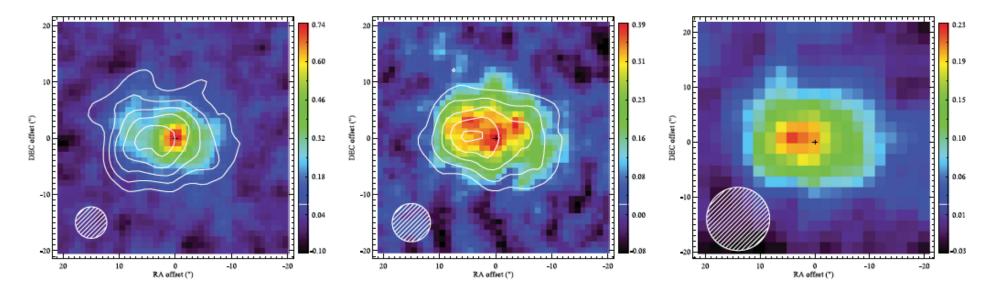
#### 99 Herculis: host to a circumbinary polar-ring debris disc

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 $e_{\rm b}$ =0.77,  $P_{\rm b}$ =56 yrs

#### Are there misaligned circumbinary planets?

## Kepler mission:

~12 transiting circumbinary planets

3 non-transiting planets (candidates) around eclipsing binaries (detected using eclipse timing variation) (Bill Welsh, 2017)

# **SUMMARY**

#### Understanding circumbinary accretion is

Important: connect to SMBH binaries, protoplanetary disks and planets Challenging: long-term secular effect in the presence of highly dynamical flows

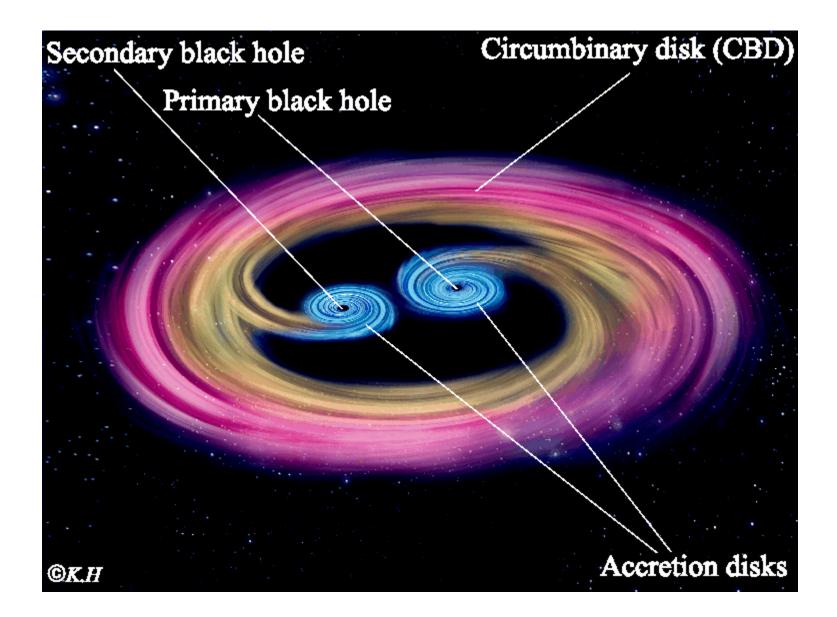
### Key Recent Results:

- -- Quasi-steady state can be achieved
- -- short-term variabilities: ~ 5  $P_b$  (for  $e_b$ ~0) vs  $P_b$  (high  $e_b$ )
- -- Symmetry breaking in accretion (q=1, e<sub>b</sub>>0)
- -- Inner disk is eccentric: precess coherently vs apsidal locking
- -- Binary can gain angular momentum and can expand

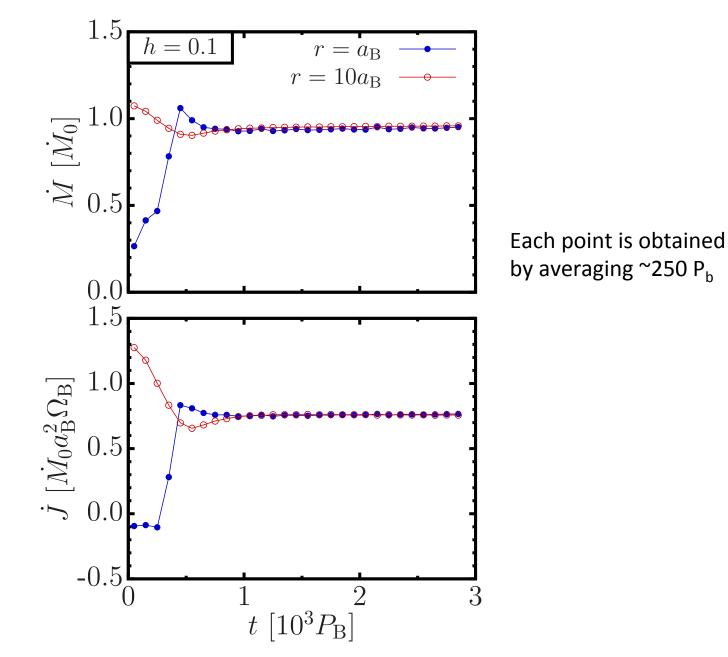
#### Misaligned disks

- -- Observed around young stars
- -- Quasi-rigid precession with small warp
- -- Dissipation leads to either alignment of polar alignment with binary

# Thanks.



#### **Approaching Quasi-Steady State:**



#### **Spreading Circumbinary Disk (Torus)**

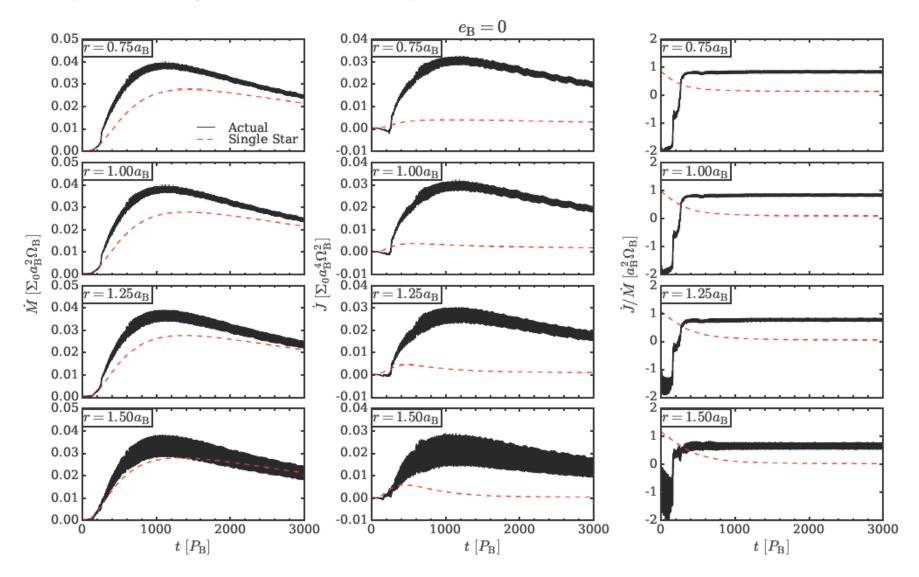


Figure 1. Mass accretion rate (left), angular momentum transfer rate (middle), and their ratio (right), smoothed over 10 orbits, at different radii for a spreading circumbinary disk. The initial bump of material starts at  $20a_{\rm B}$ , and the disk has H/r = 0.1 and  $\alpha = 0.1$ . The binary is equal-mass and has  $e_{\rm B} = 0$ . The dashed red lines show the analytic behavior for a disk around a single star of equivalent mass. In this run, the inner boundayr has been placed at a very small separation from the binary.

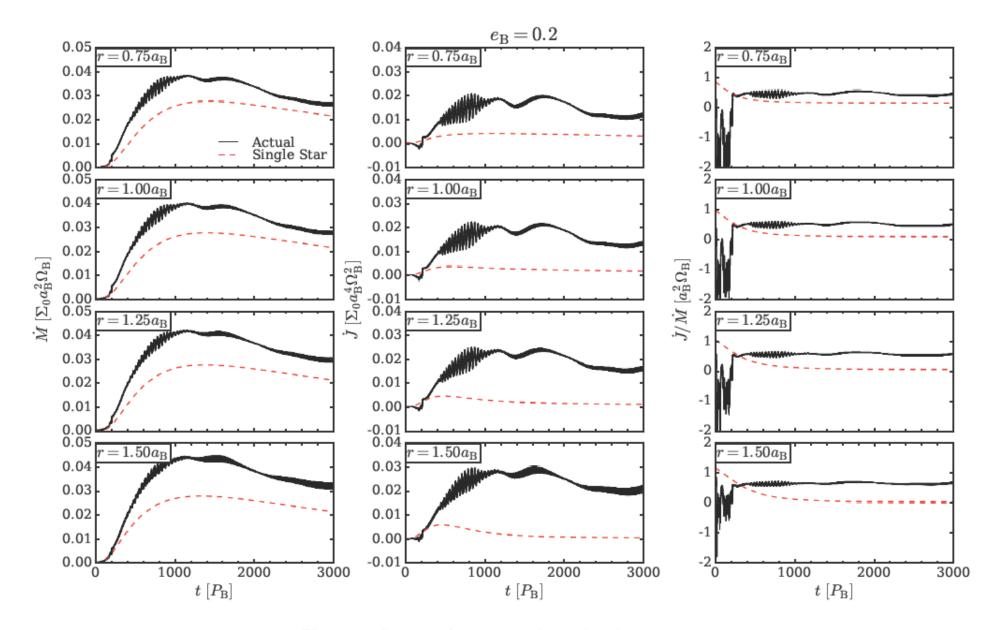


Figure 2. Same as the previous figure, but for  $e_{\rm B} = 0.2$ .

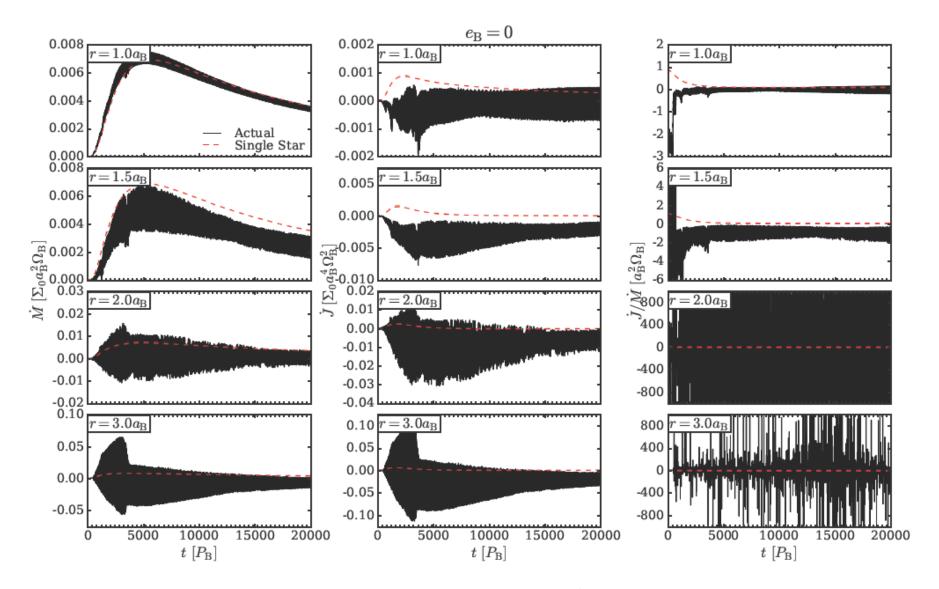
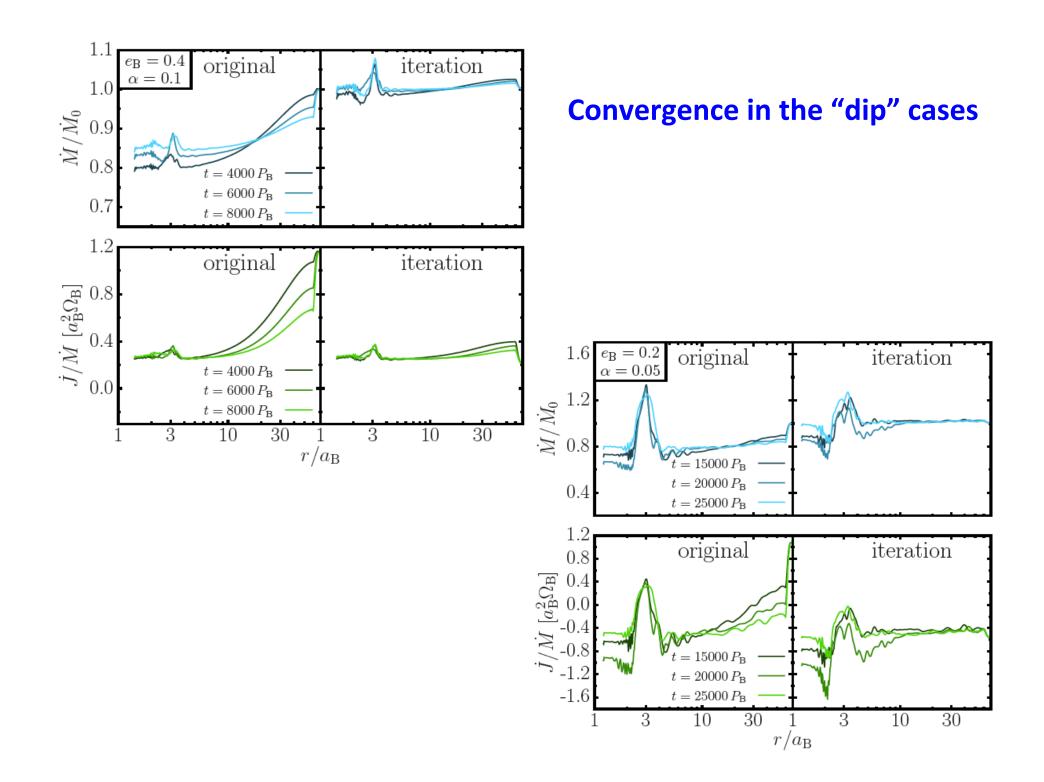


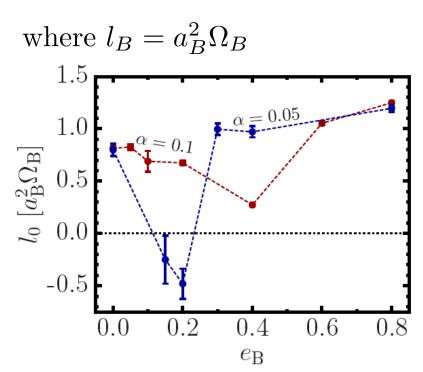
Figure 3. Same as Figure 1, but with H/r = 0.05.



# **Implication of** $l_0 > 0$

For 
$$q = 1$$
,  $e_B = 0$  binary:  
 $\dot{J}_B = \dot{M}_B l_0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{a}_B}{a_B} = 8 \left(\frac{l_0}{l_B} - \frac{3}{8}\right) \frac{\dot{M}_B}{M_B}$ 

Binaries can expand due to circumbinary accretion !



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**Note:** For  $q \neq 1$  and  $e_B > 0$  binaries:

$$\frac{J_{\rm B}}{J_{\rm B}} = \frac{M_1}{M_1} + \frac{M_2}{M_2} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{M_{\rm B}}{M_{\rm B}} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\dot{a}_{\rm B}}{a_{\rm B}} - \left(\frac{e_{\rm B}}{1 - e_{\rm B}^2}\right)\dot{e}_{\rm B}$$

#### **Caveats/Issues??**

 $\dot{M}/\dot{M}_0$ 1 0.5 R=0.12 I/R=0.10 1/R=0.08 H/R=0.06 H/R=0.04 H/R=0.02 0 0 0.1 0.15 0.05 0.2  $t/t_{\nu}$ 

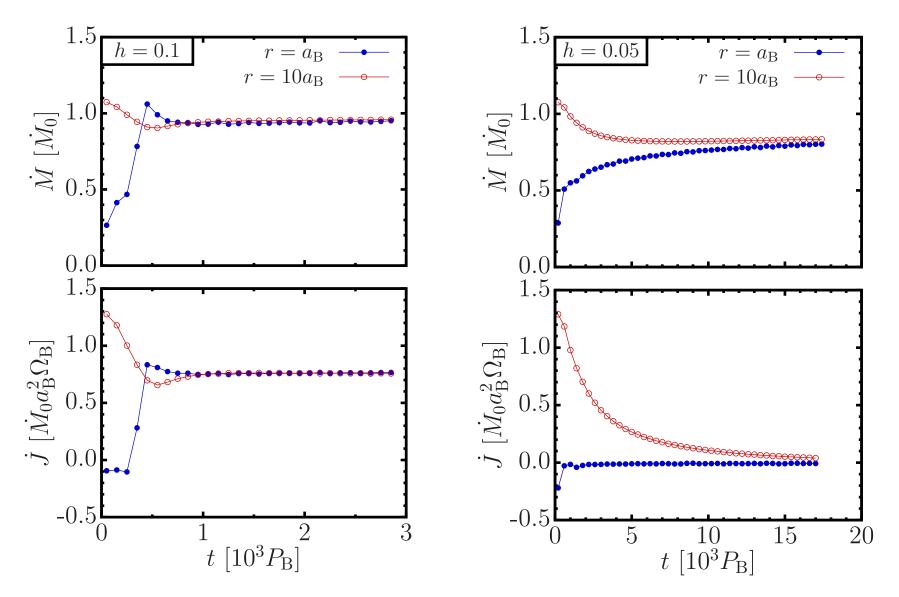
Accretion onto binary is suppressed for H/r < 0.1

Ragusa, Lodato & Price 16

SPH simulations of spreading layer initially at  $2.3-5 a_b$ 

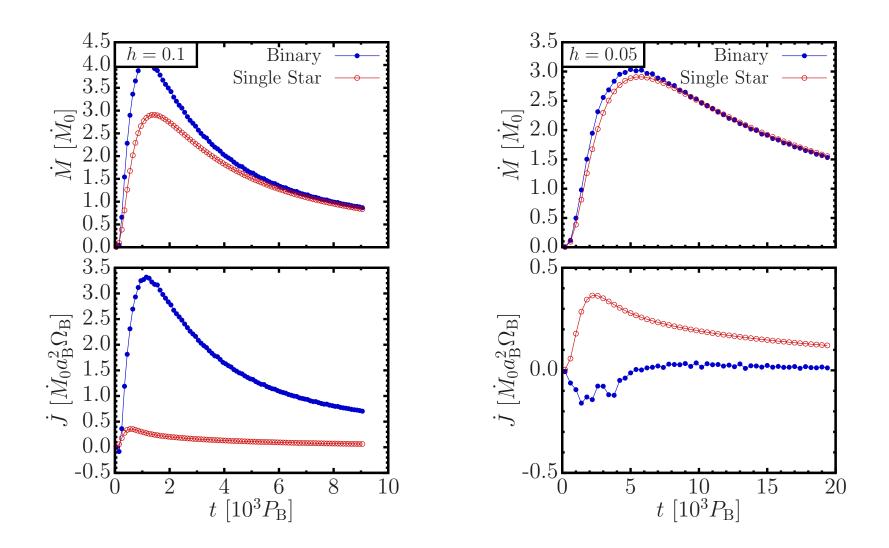
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Disk with constant mass supply (Preliminary run by R. Miranda)

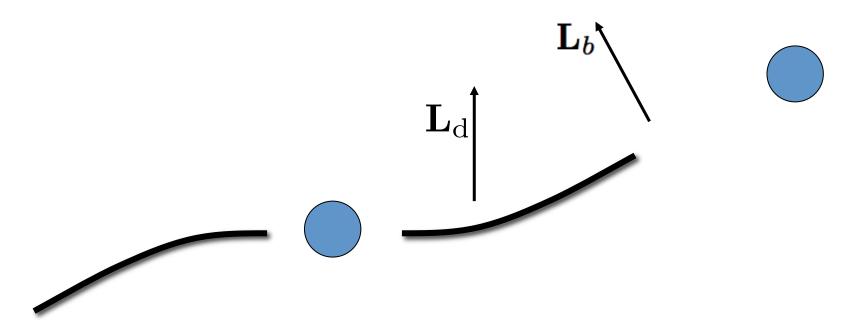


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### **Circumstellar Disk within Binary**

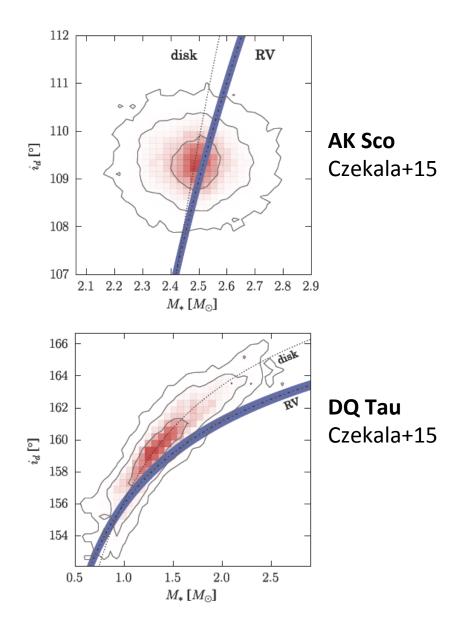


Disk is warped at outer region → Smaller warp

Typical alignment time >> precession period
→ Misalignment can persist

# **Observations**

#### Circumbinary disks around binaries ??



# Misaligned circumbinary debris disk systems:

KH 15D (Winn+04; Capelo+12) 99 Herculis (Kennedy+12)