

# On the physics of the most luminous gamma-ray emitting binaries

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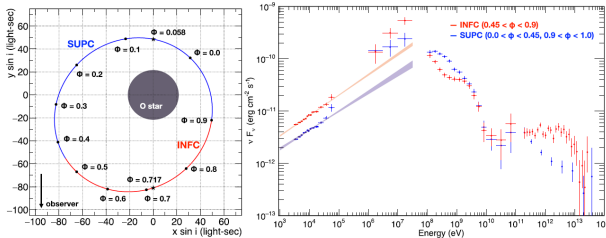
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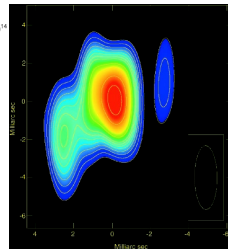
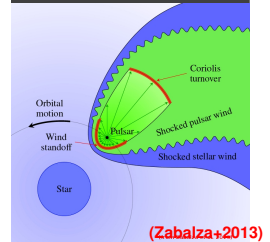
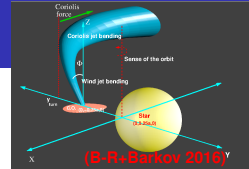
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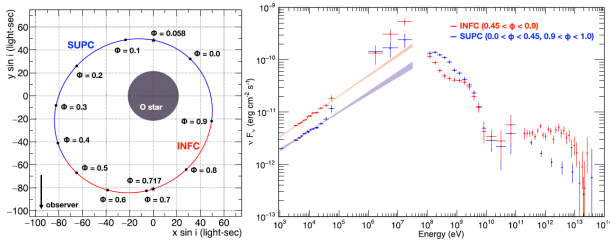
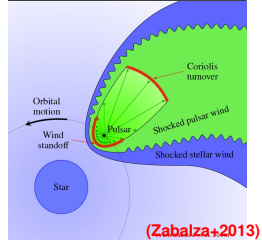
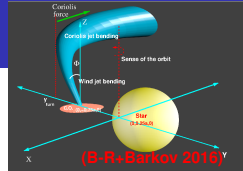
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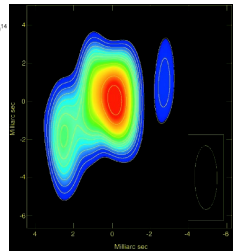
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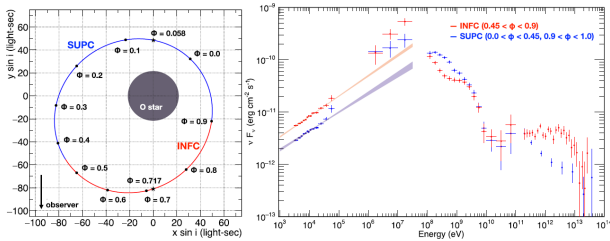
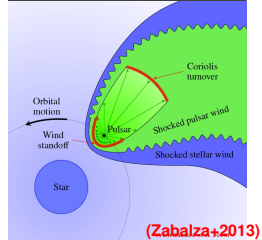
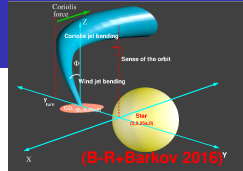
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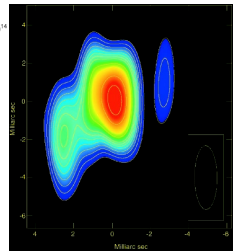
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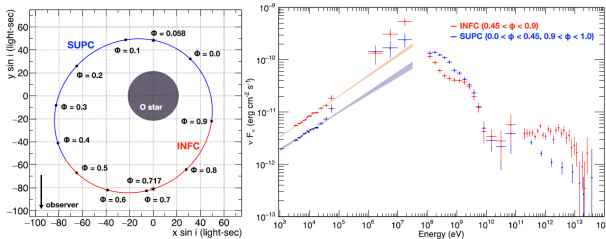
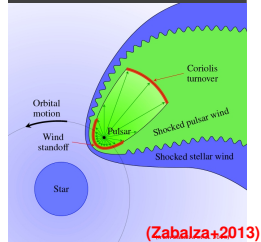
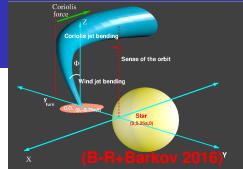
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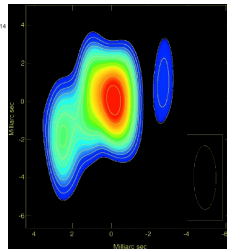
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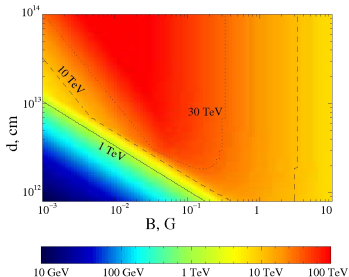
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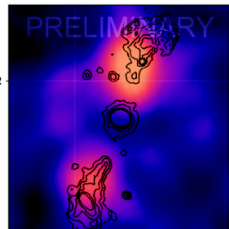
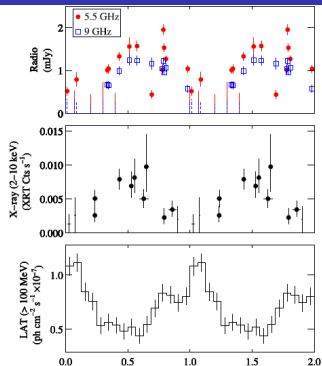
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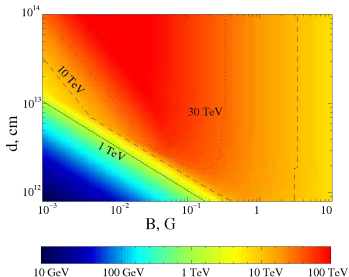


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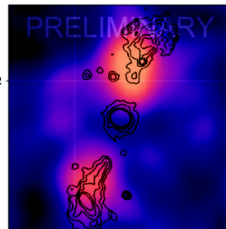
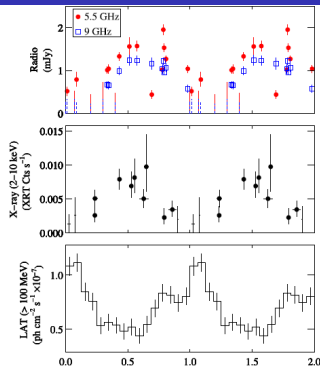
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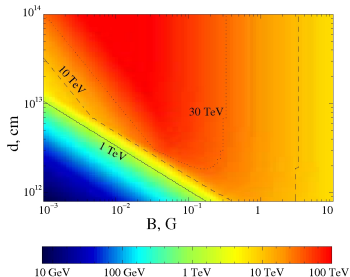


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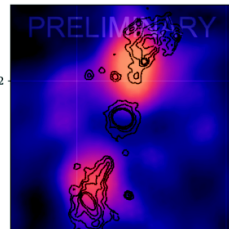
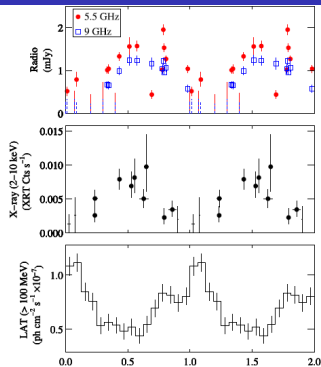
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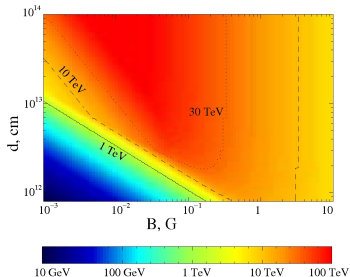
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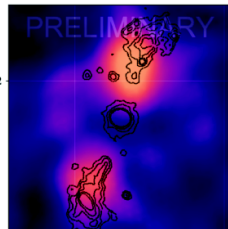
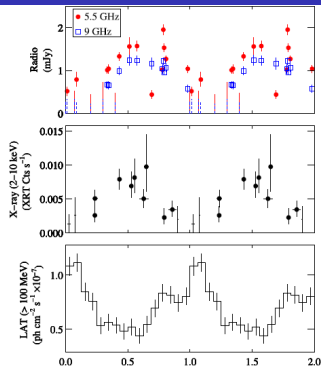
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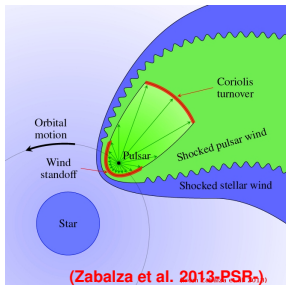
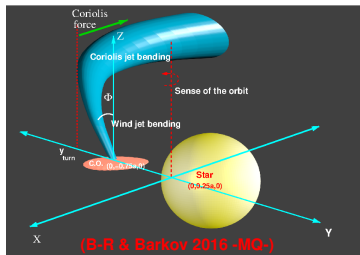


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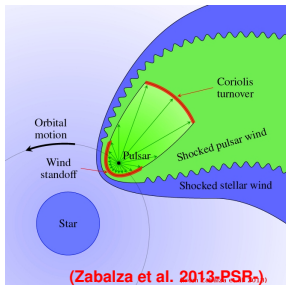
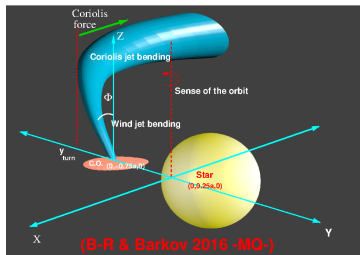




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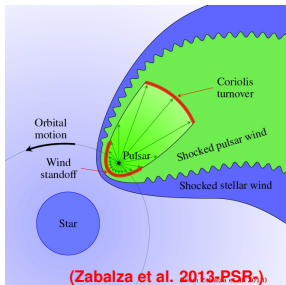
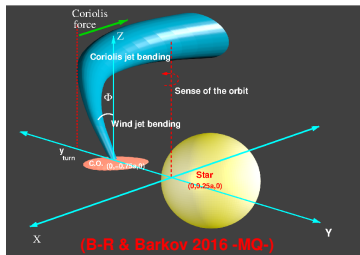
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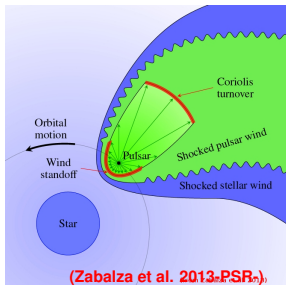
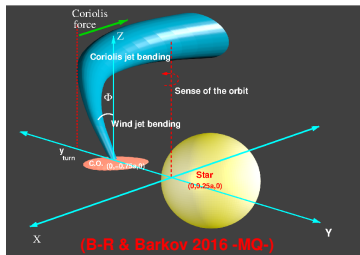
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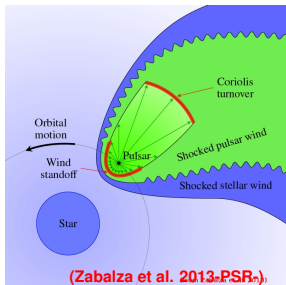
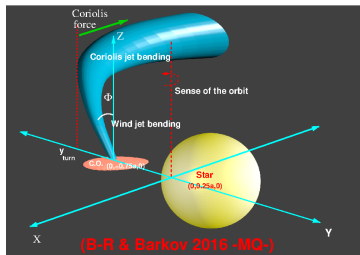
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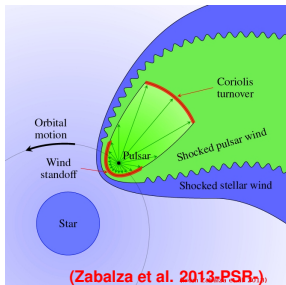
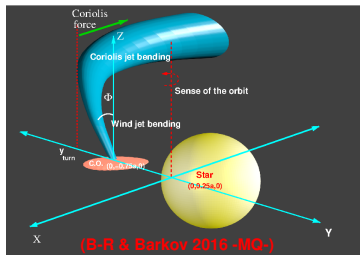
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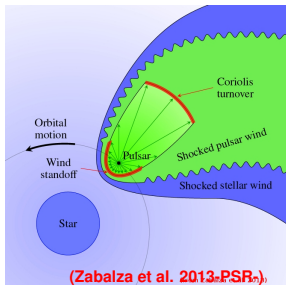
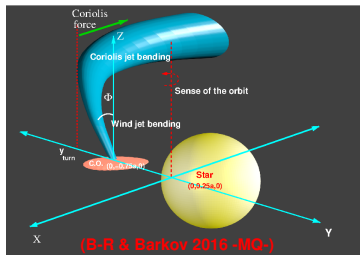
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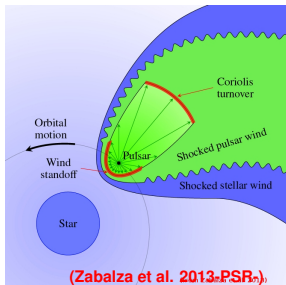
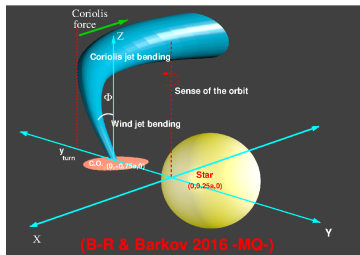
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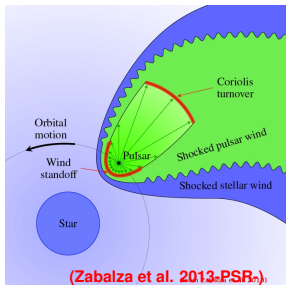
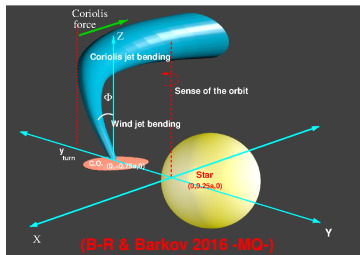
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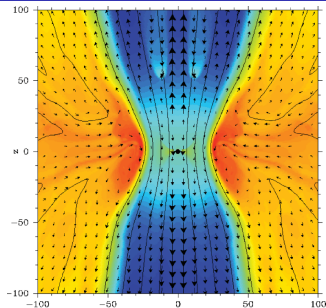
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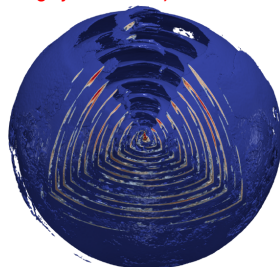
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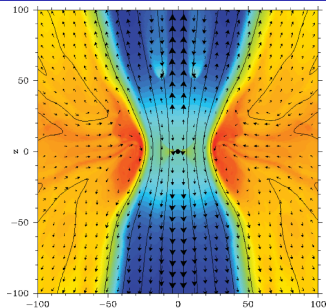
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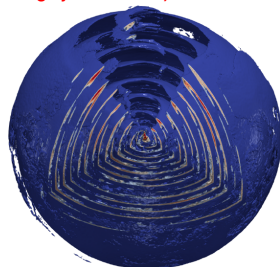
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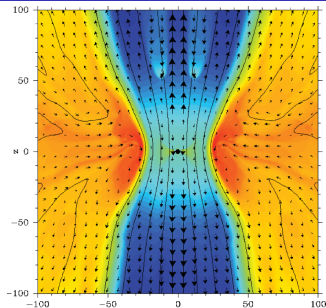


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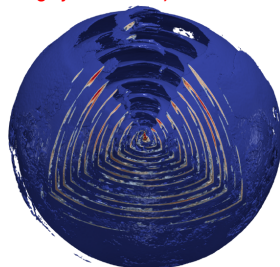
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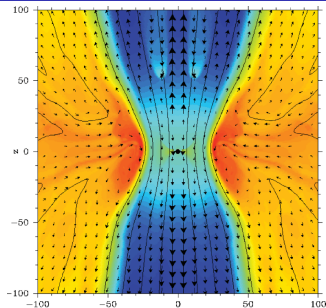
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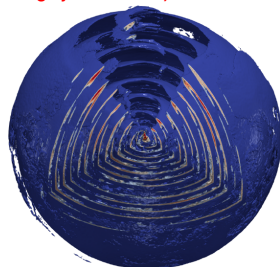
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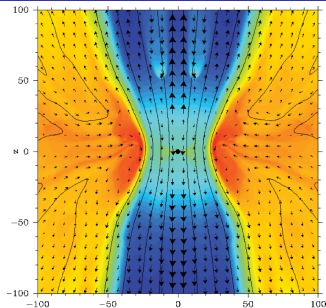
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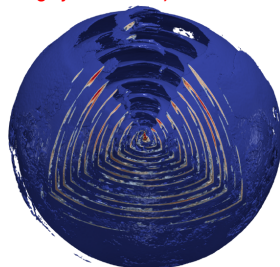
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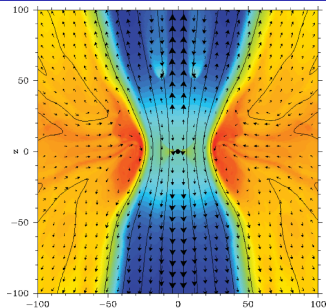


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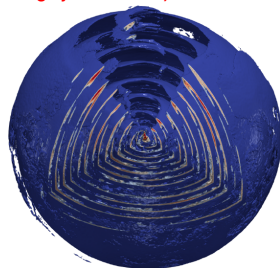
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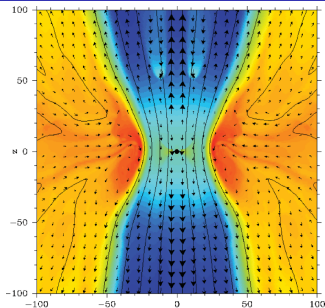


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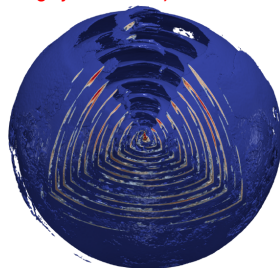
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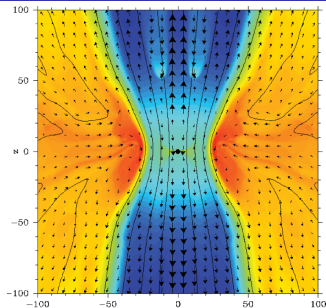
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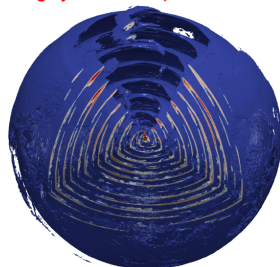
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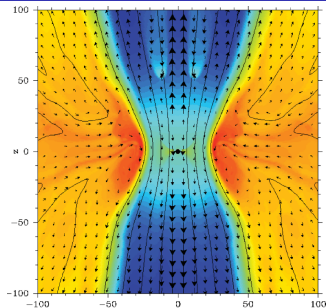


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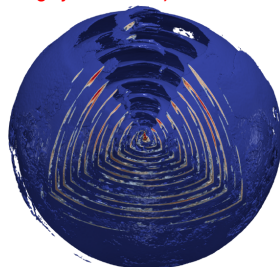
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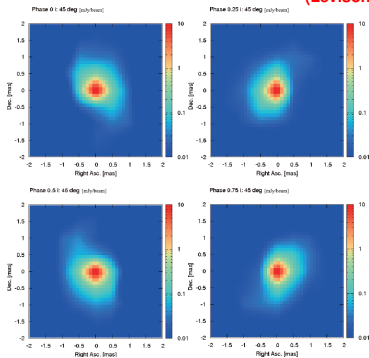


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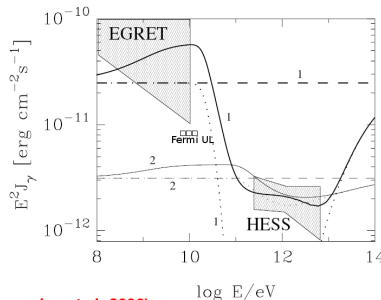
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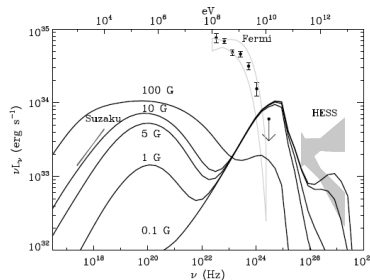
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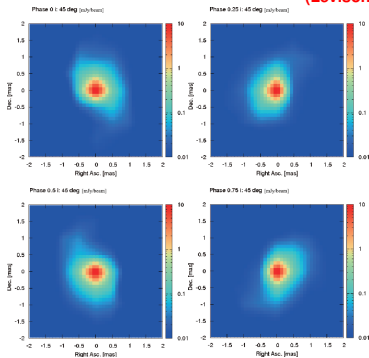
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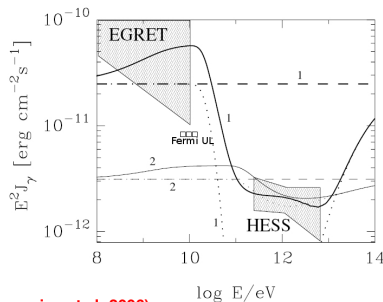
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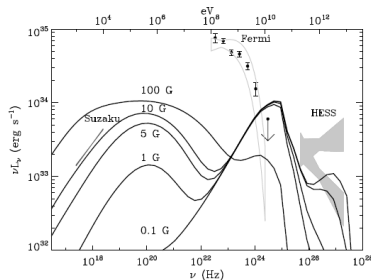
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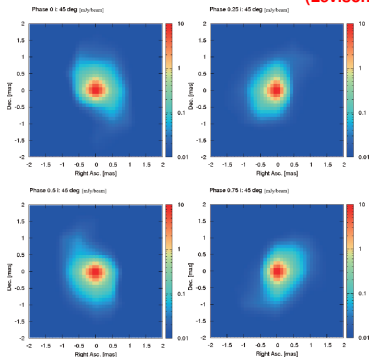


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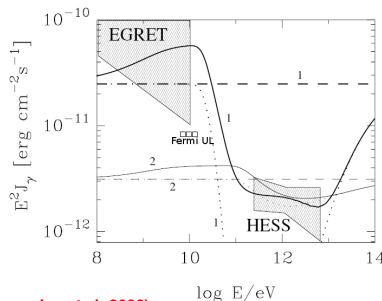
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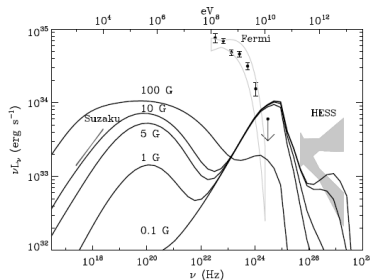
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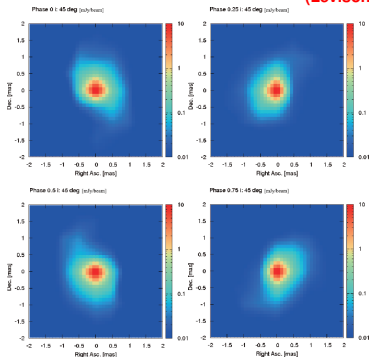


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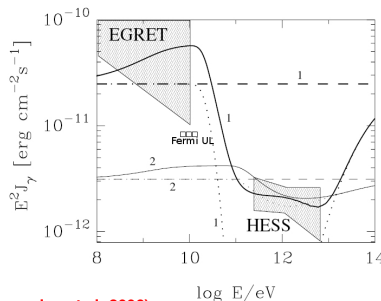
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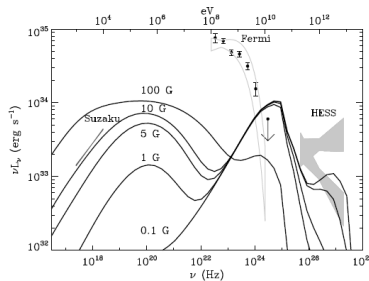
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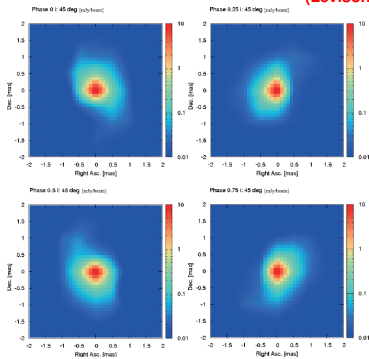
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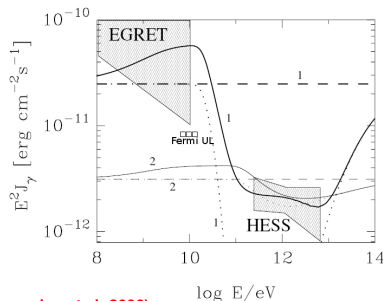
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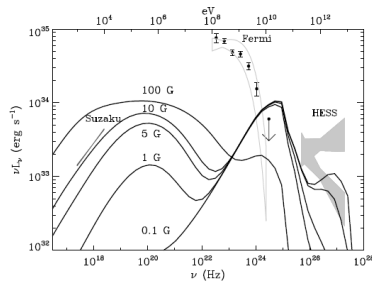
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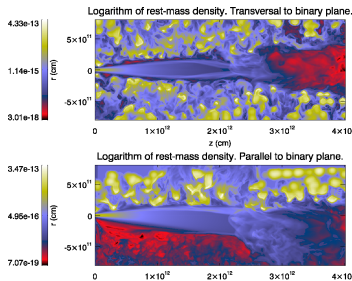
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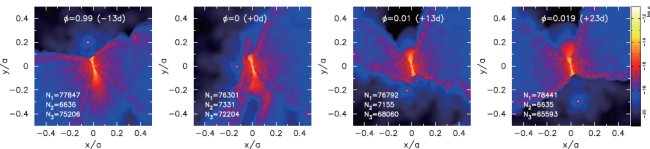
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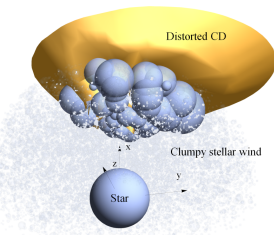
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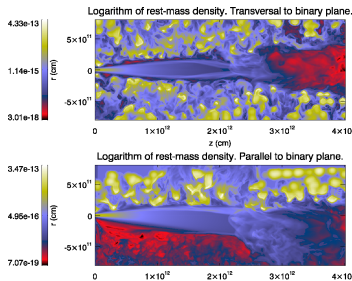
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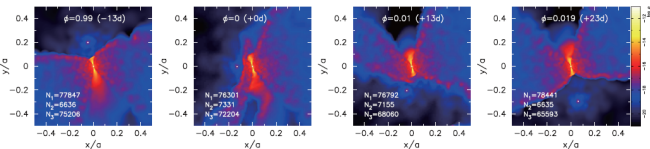
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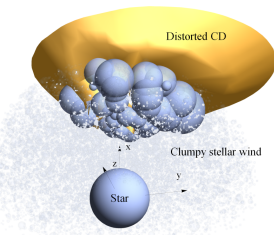
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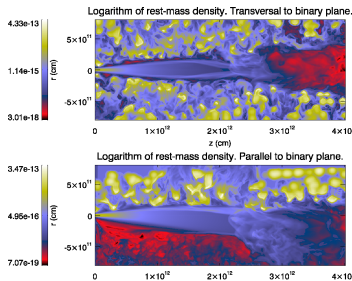
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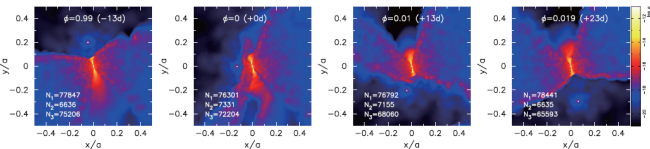
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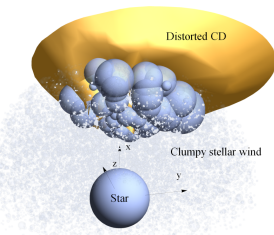
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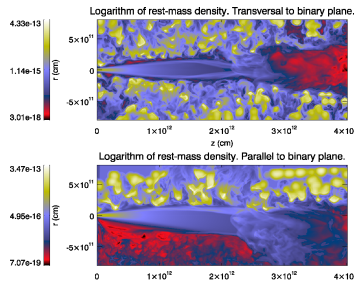
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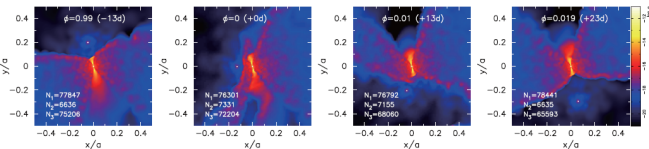
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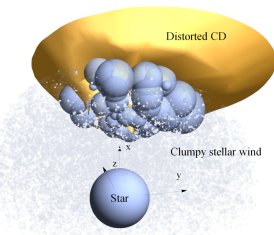
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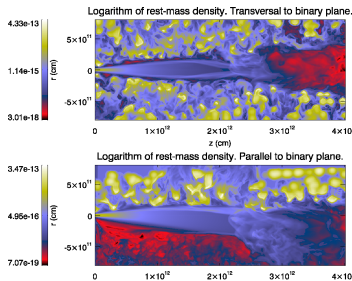
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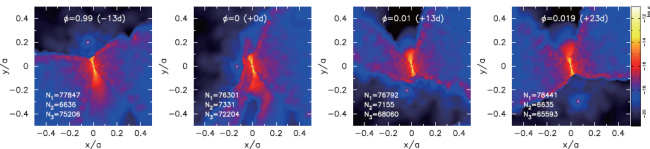
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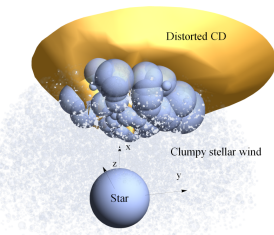
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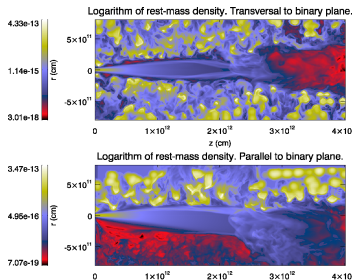
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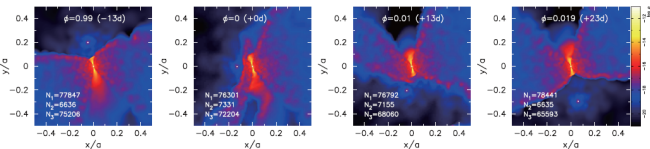
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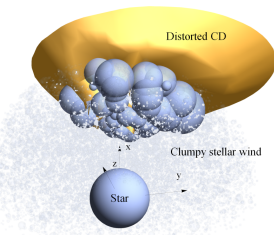
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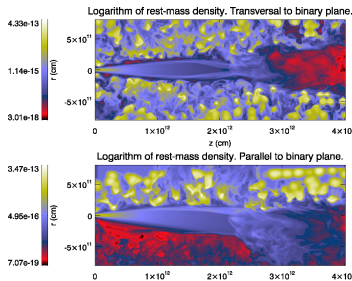
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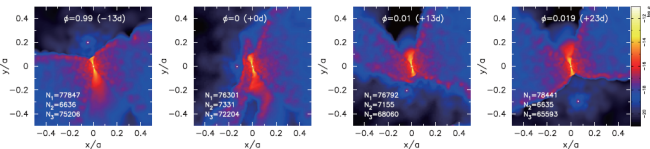
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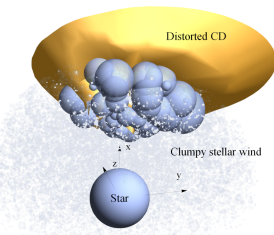
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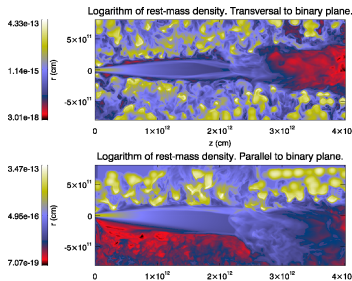
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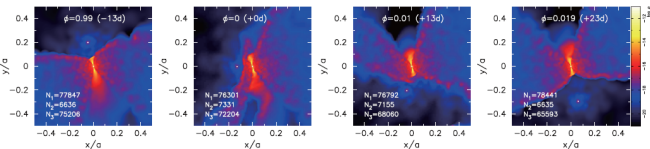
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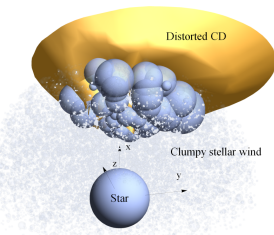
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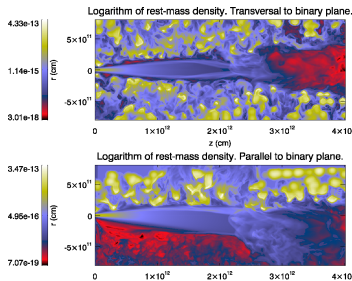
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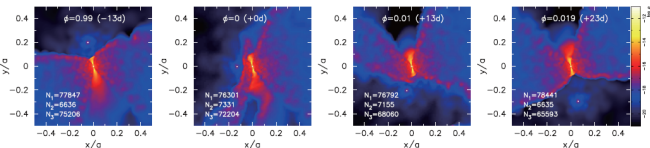
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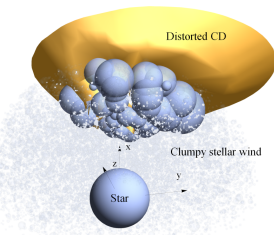
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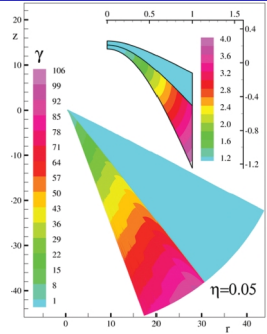


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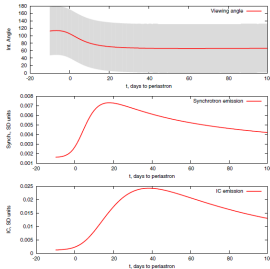
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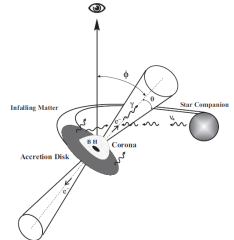
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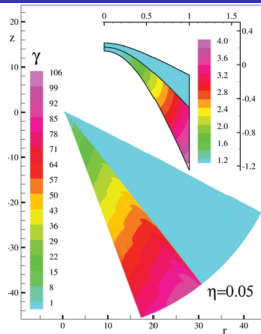
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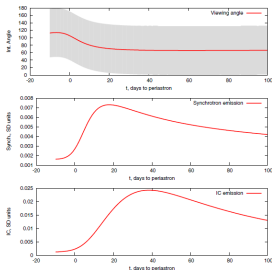
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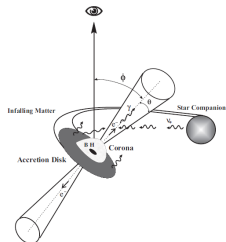
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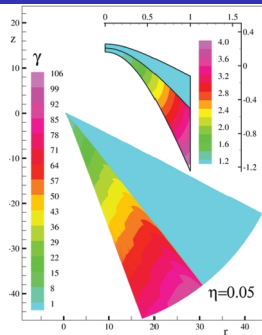
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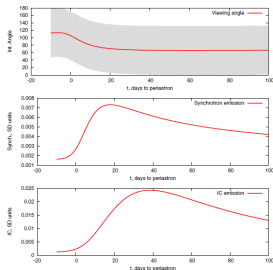
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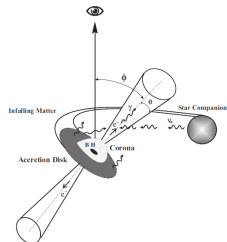
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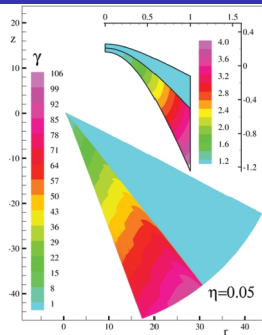
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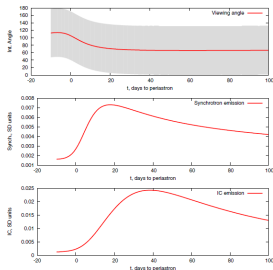
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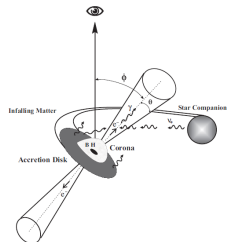
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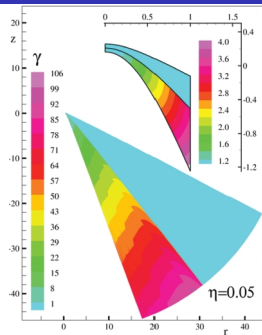
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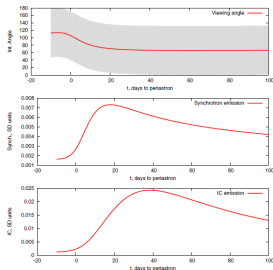
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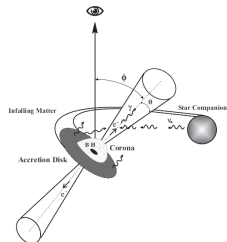
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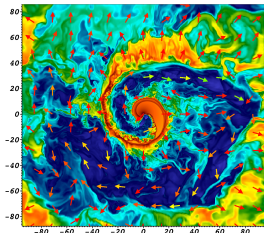
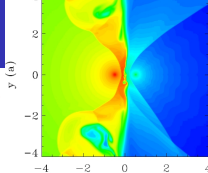
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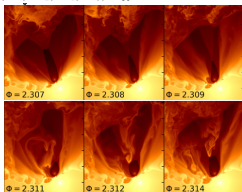
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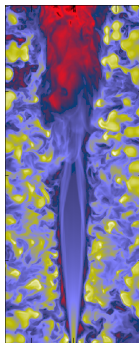
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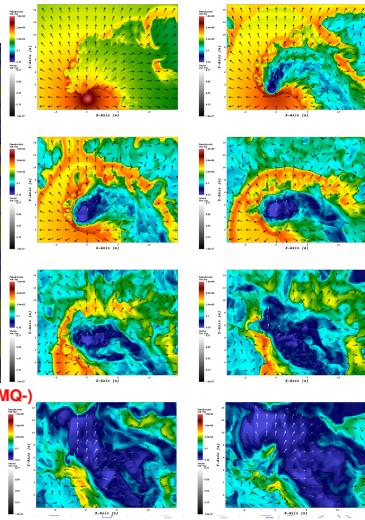
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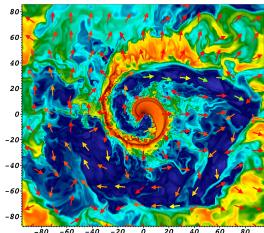
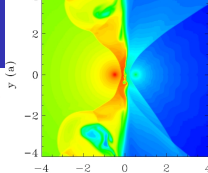


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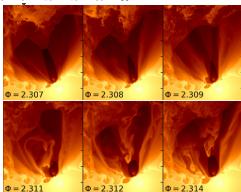
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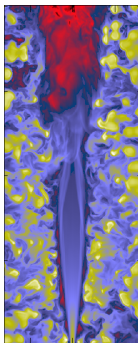
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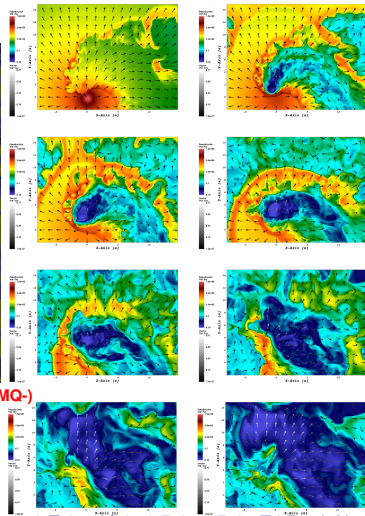
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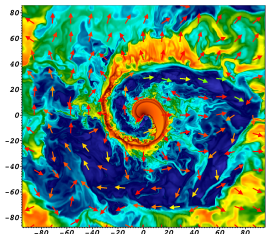
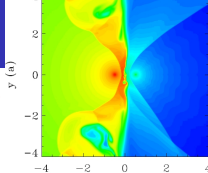


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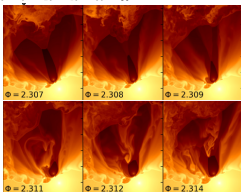
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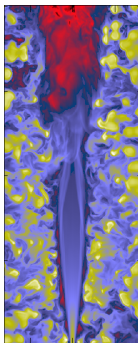
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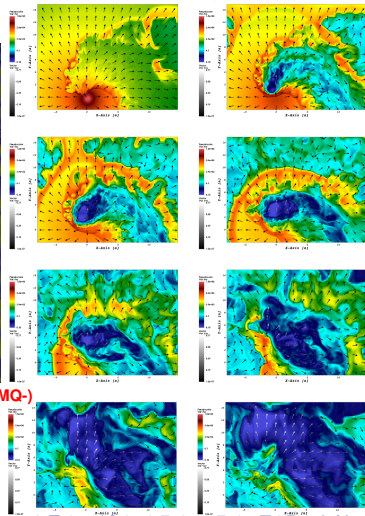
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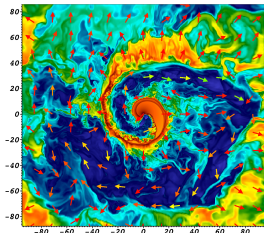
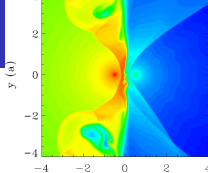


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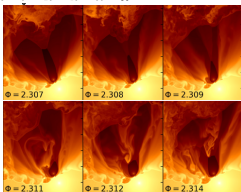
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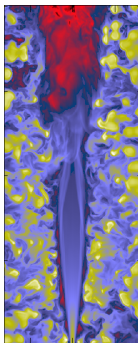
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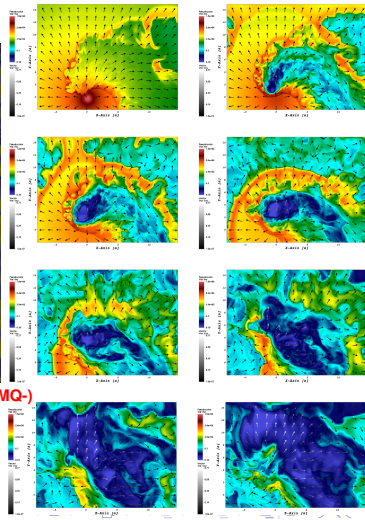
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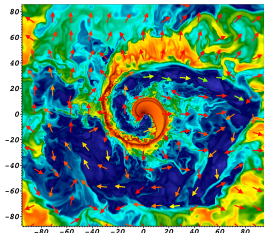
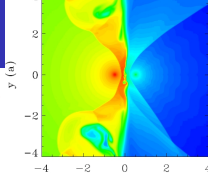


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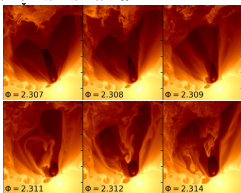
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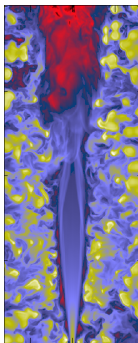
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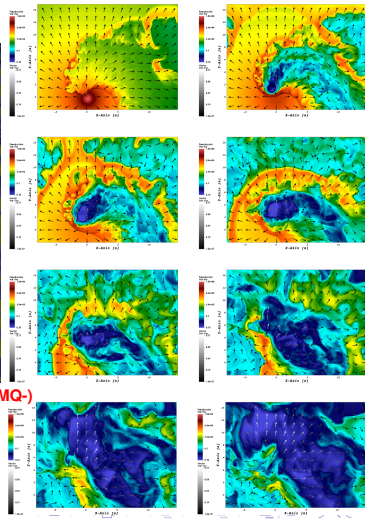
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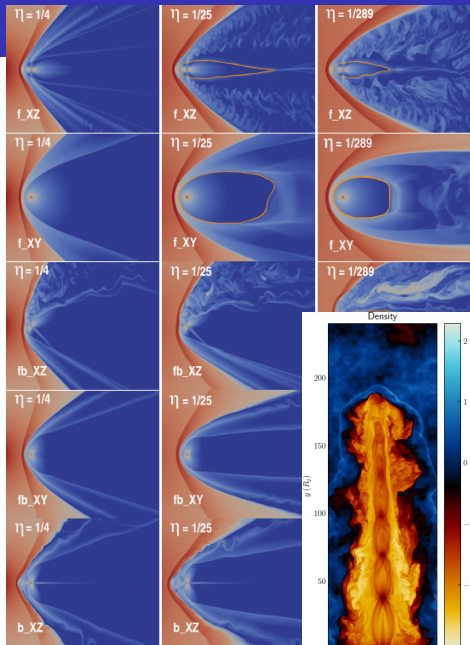


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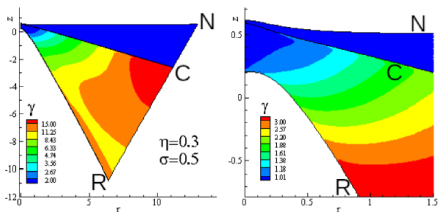


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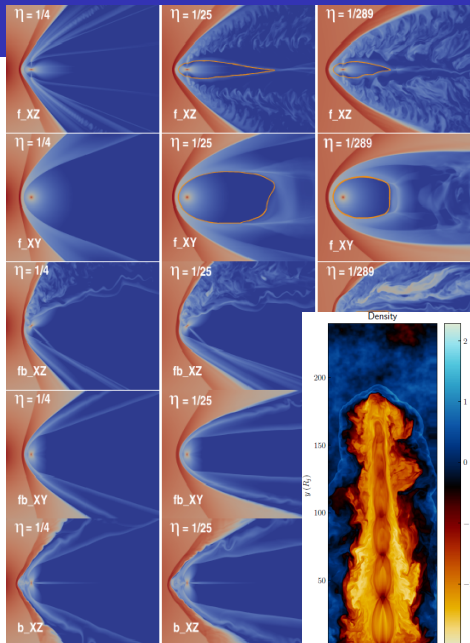
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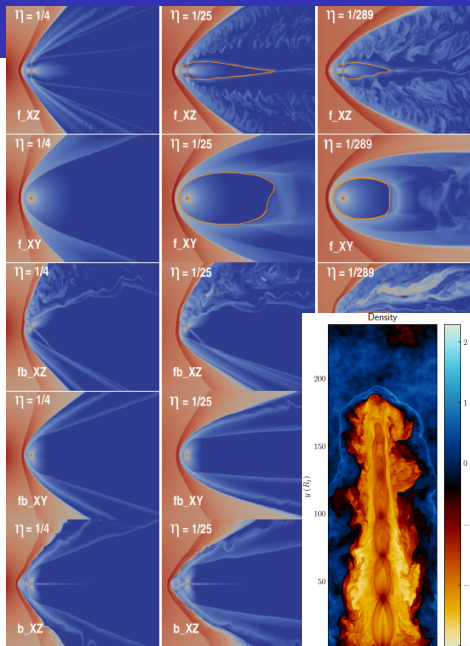
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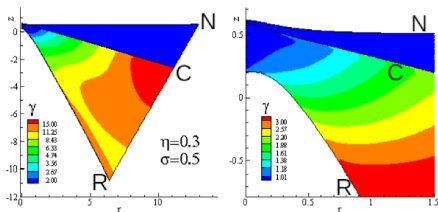
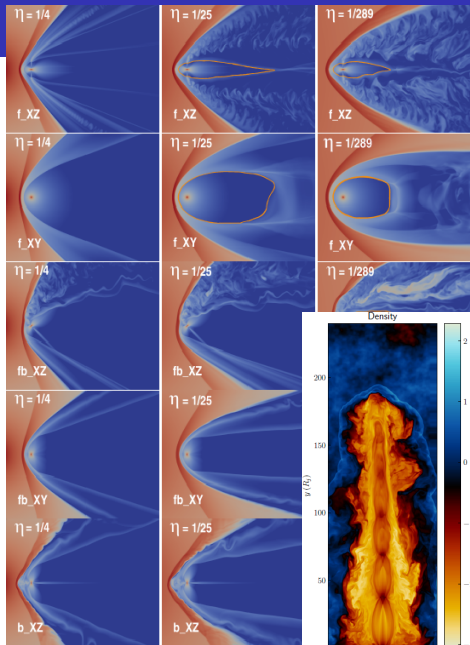


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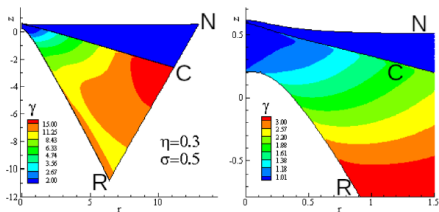
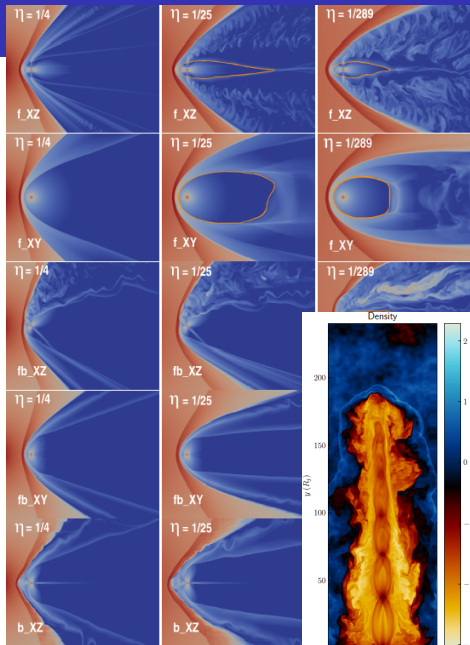


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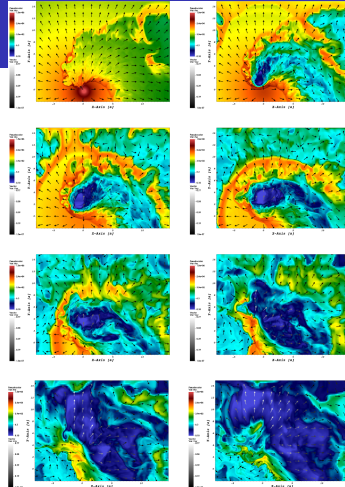
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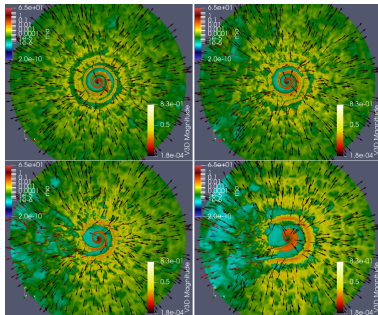
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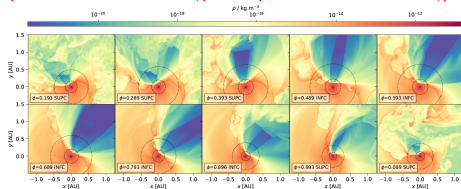


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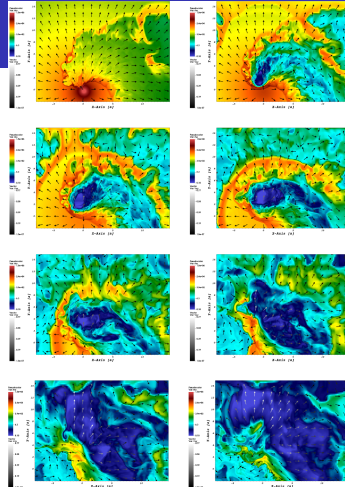


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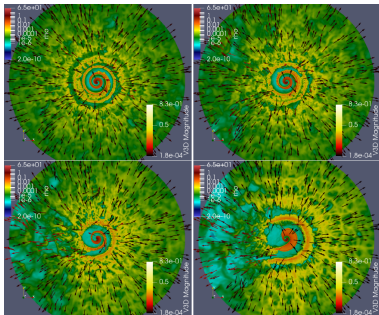
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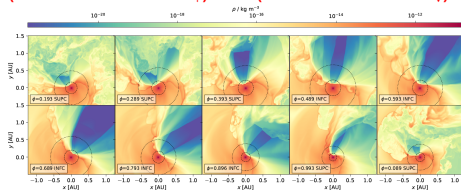


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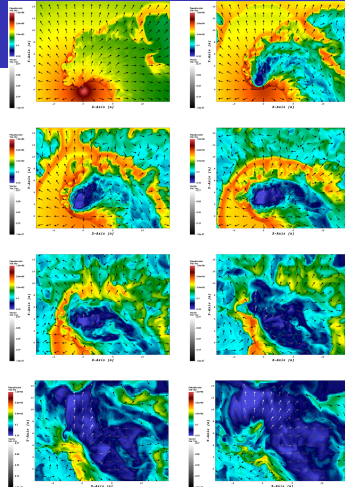


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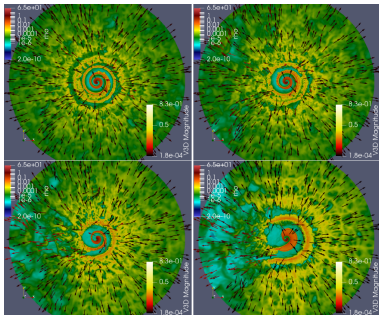
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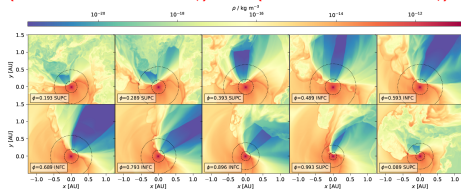


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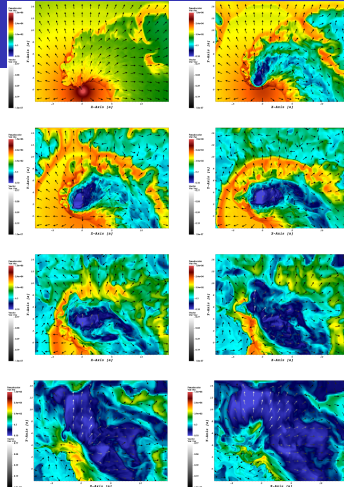


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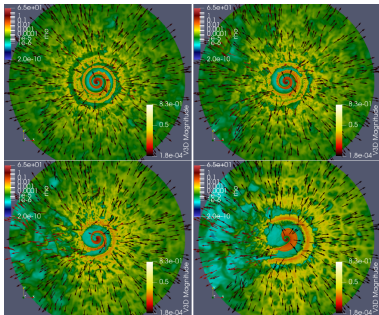
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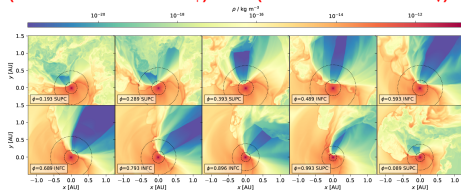


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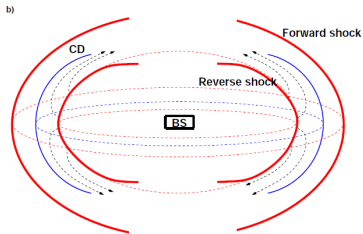
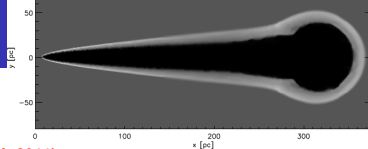
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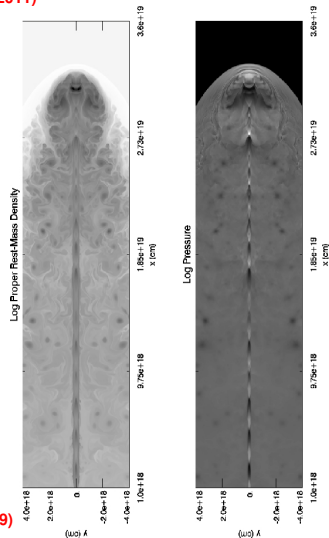
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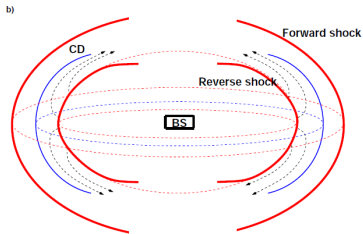
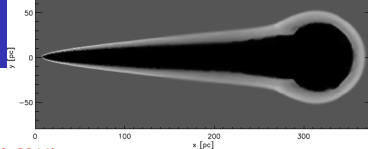


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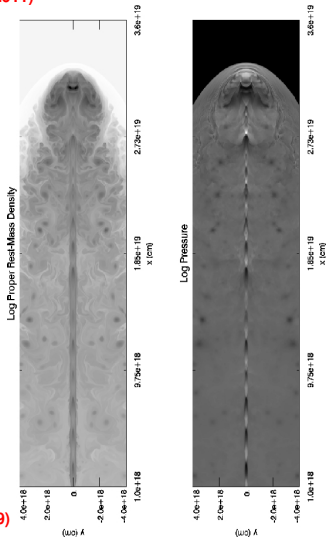
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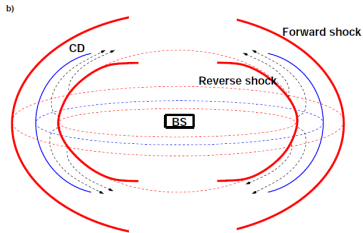
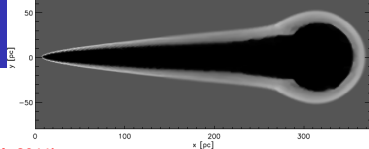
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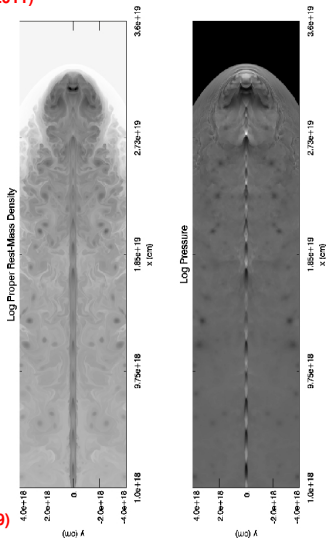
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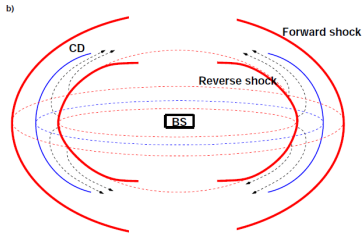
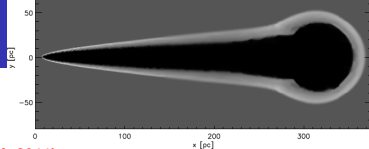
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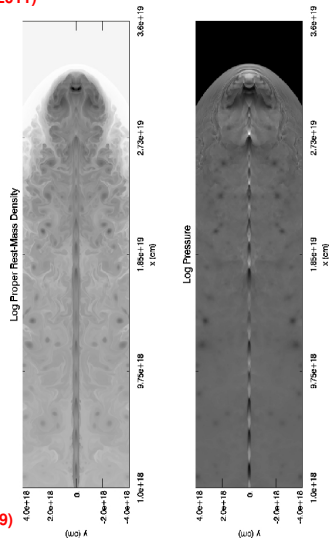
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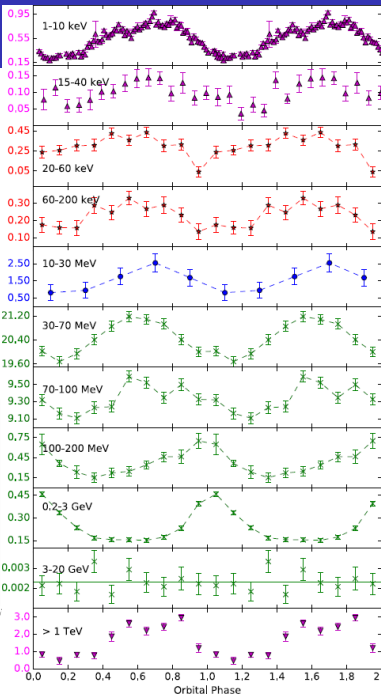
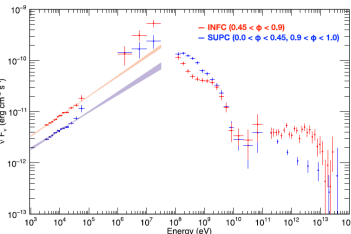
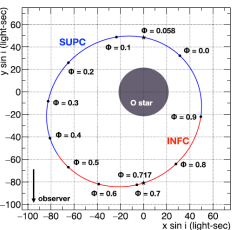
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- **O6.5V(f) + a possible neutron star at  $\approx 2$  kpc**
- **$P \approx 3.9$  days and  $e \approx 0.35$**
- **Reaching  $\approx 2 \times 10^{35}$  (GeV) and  $5 \times 10^{33}$  erg s $^{-1}$  (TeV).**
- **MeV detection (consistent variability and SED) reaching  $\approx 5 \times 10^{35}$  erg s $^{-1}$ .**



(Casares et al. 2005a; Aharonian et al. 2006; Takahashi et al. 2009; Chang et al. 2016; Yoneda et al. 2021)

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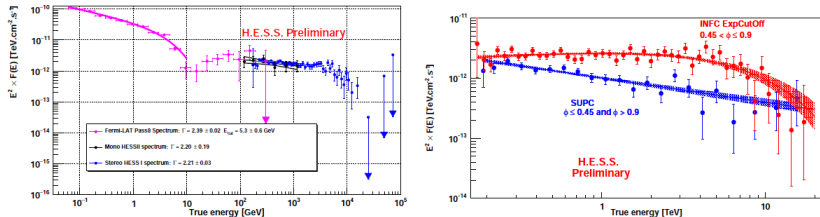


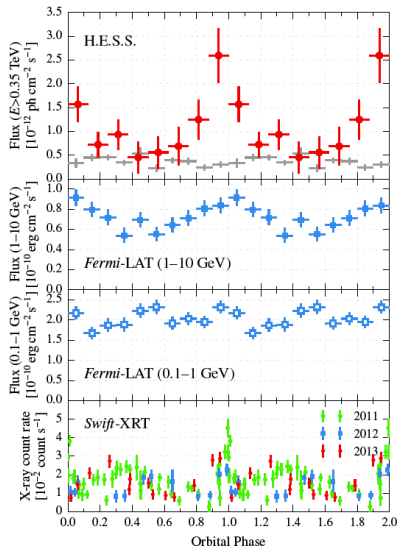
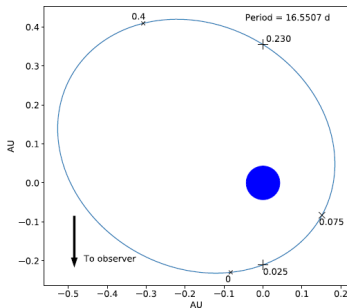
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## Detected by HAWC up to $\sim 100$ TeV.

(HESS: Bordas et al. 2015; Goodman, Gamma2022)

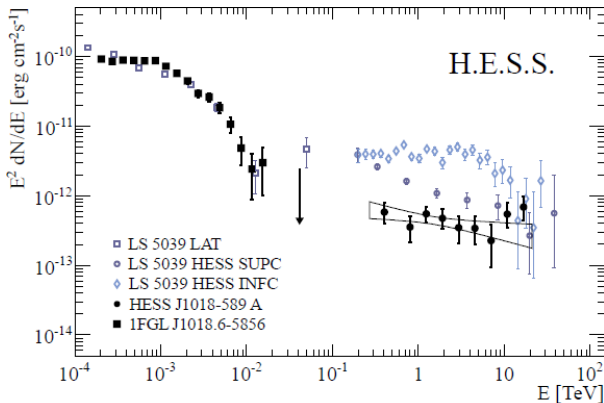
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- **Possibly detected in MeV**



(Ackermann et al. 2012; HESS 2015; Collmar, VGRS 2017; van Soelen et al. 2022)

## Moderately eccentric?, relatively compact, O+CO? binary (10s)



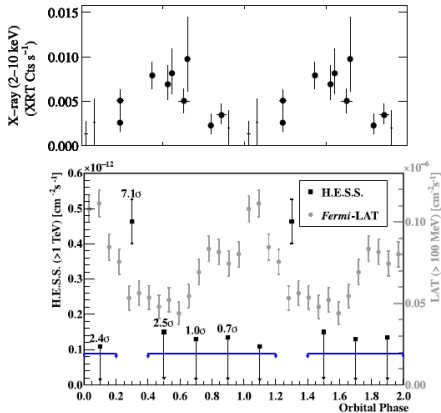
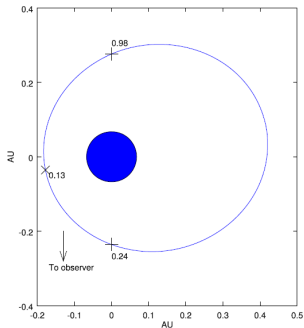
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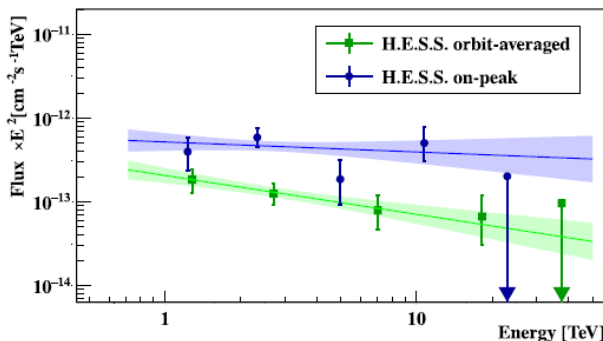
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- **O5III(f) + a possible neutron star at  $\approx 50$  kpc**
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(Corbet et al. 2016; HESS 2018; van Soelen et al. 2019)

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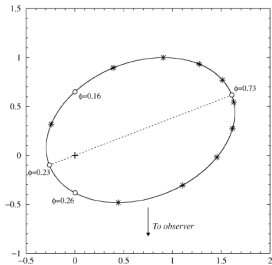


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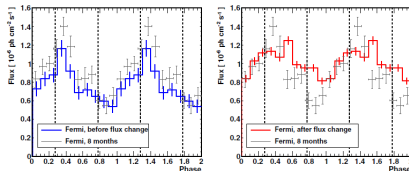
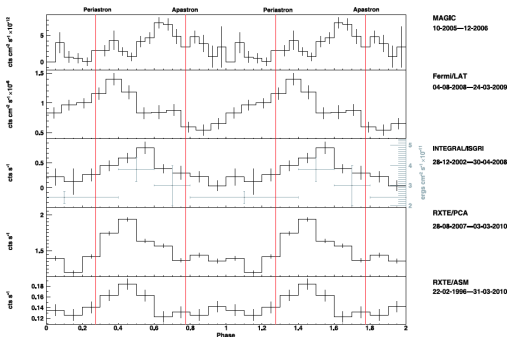
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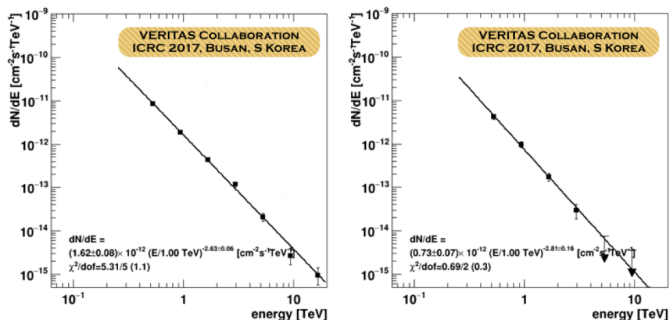


(Casares+2005b; Albert+2006; Zhang+2010; Hadasch+2012; Collmar, VGRS 2017; Weng+22)



**Messy behavior due to superorbital modulation.**

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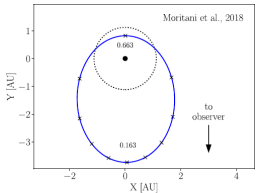
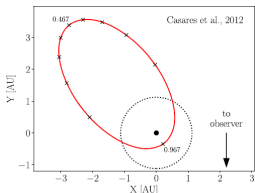


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(VERITAS: Kar et al. 2017)

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(Casares et al. 2012; Li et al. 2017; Moritani et al. 2018; Adams et al. 2021)

