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Recollimation Shocks in Blazar Jets

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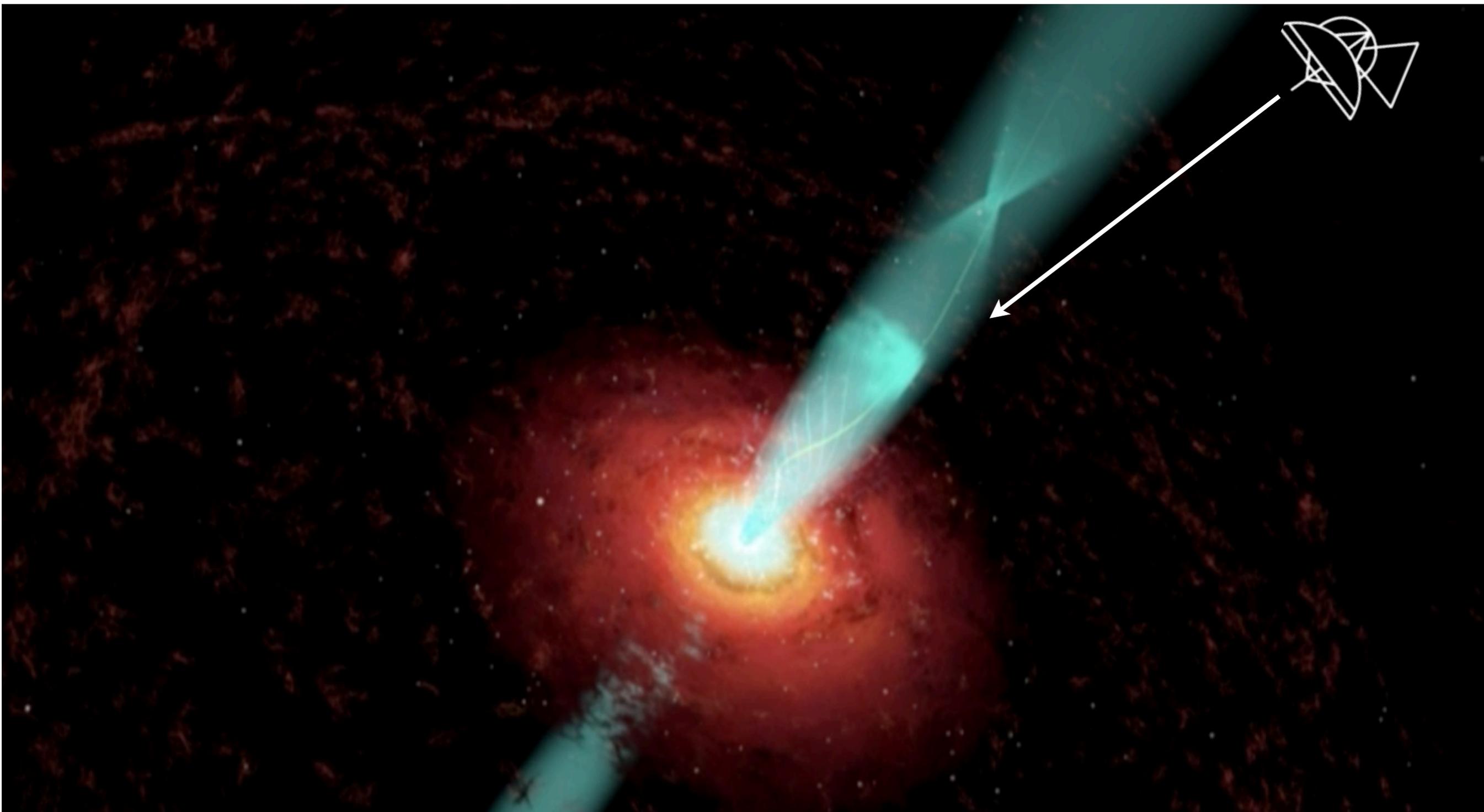
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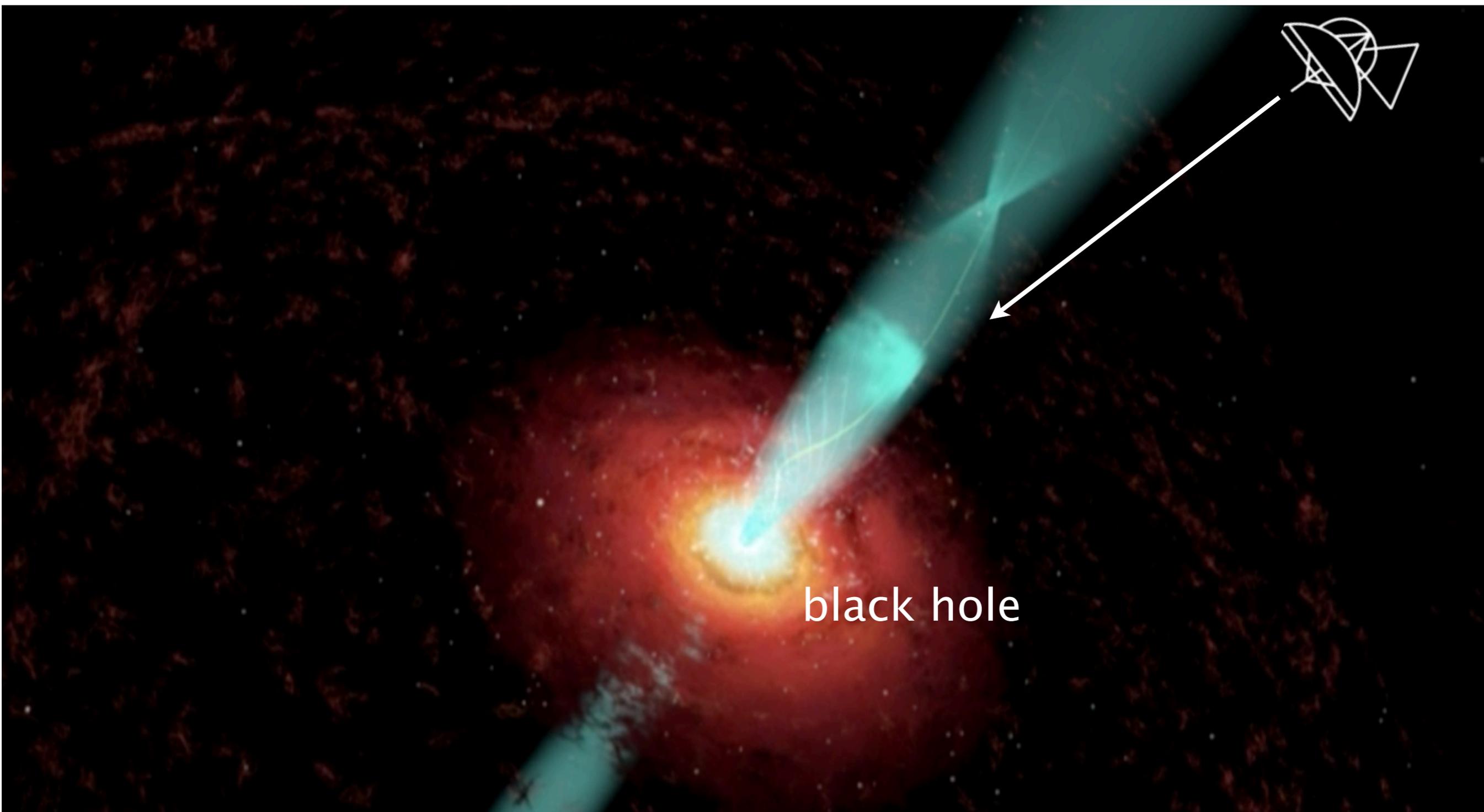
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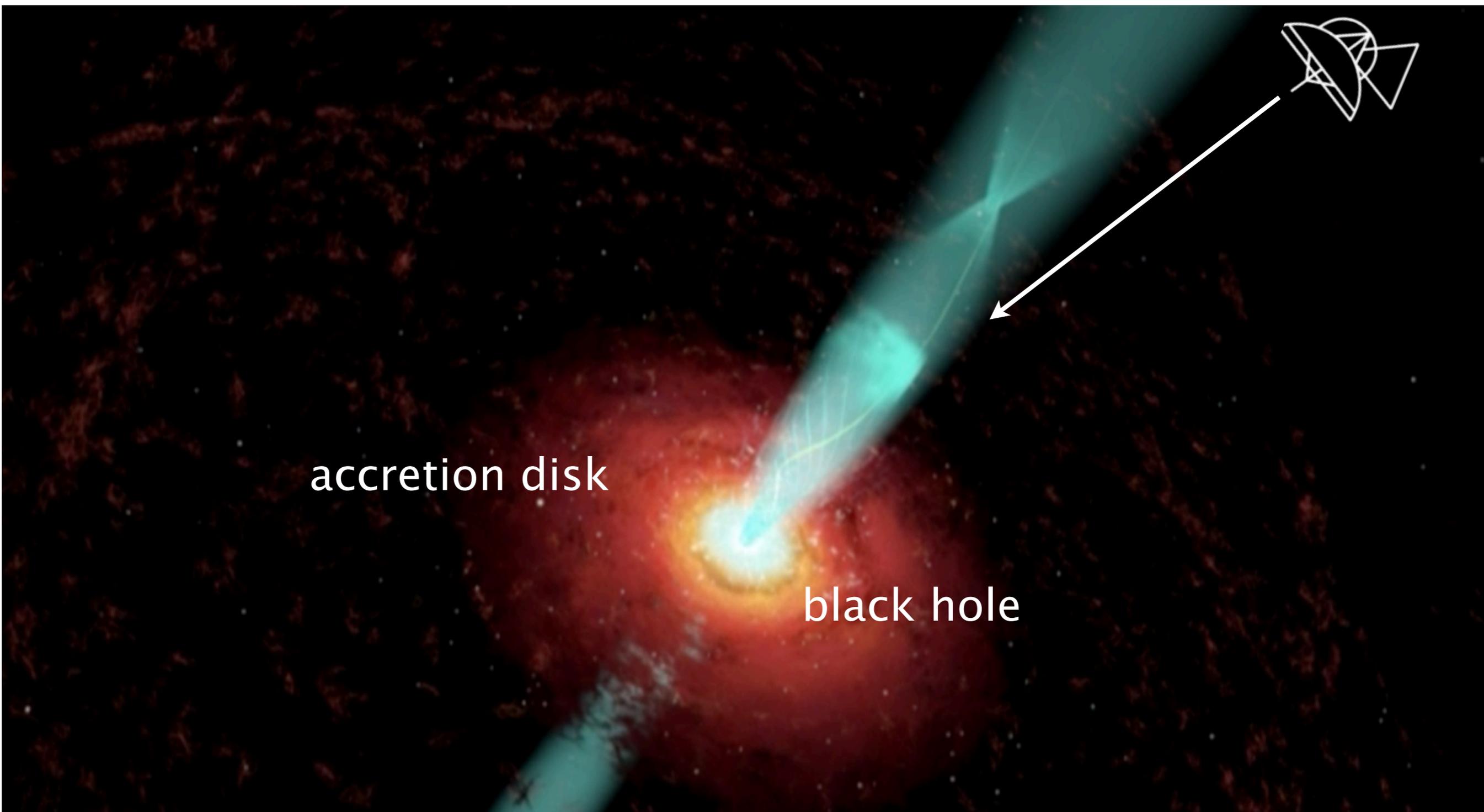
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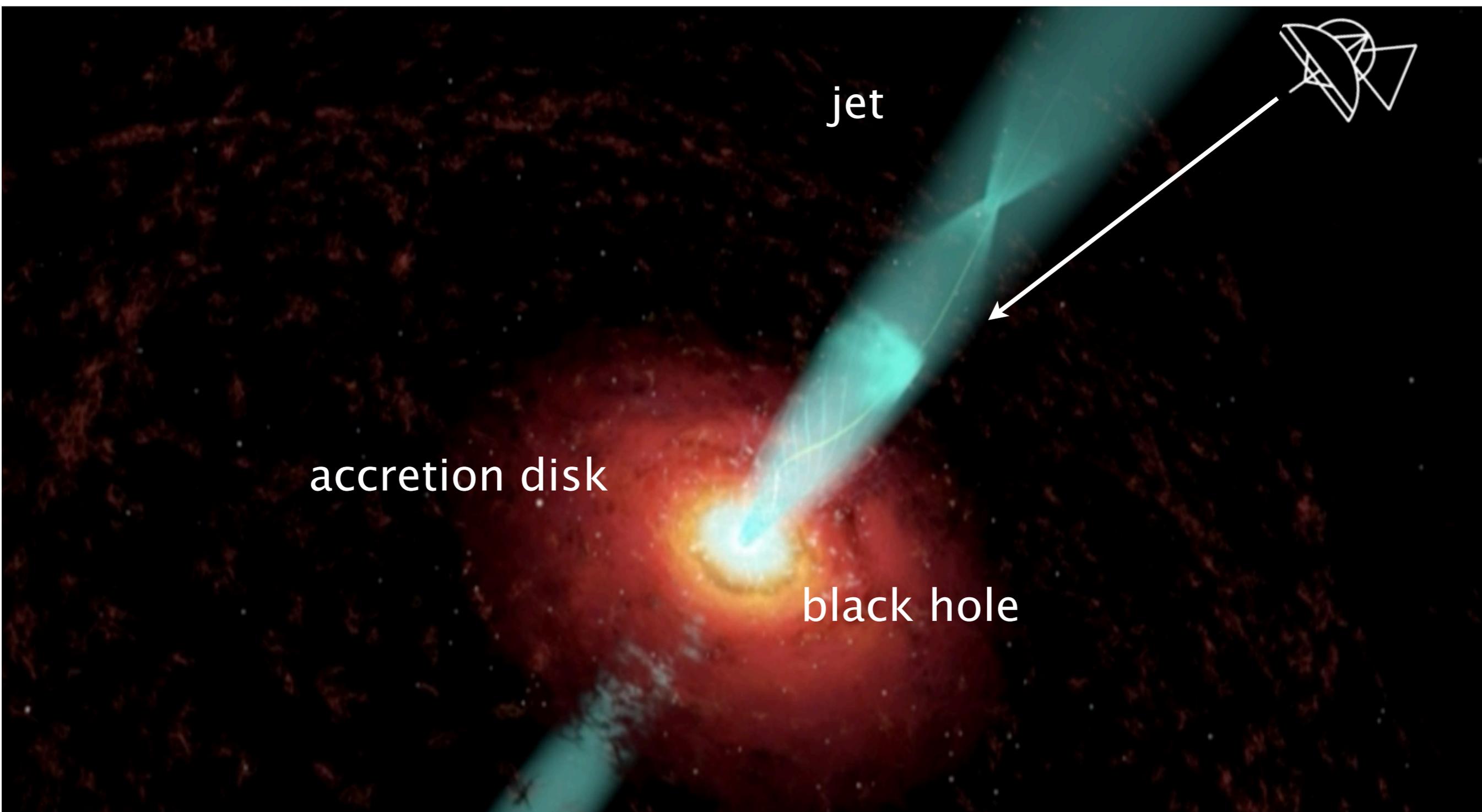
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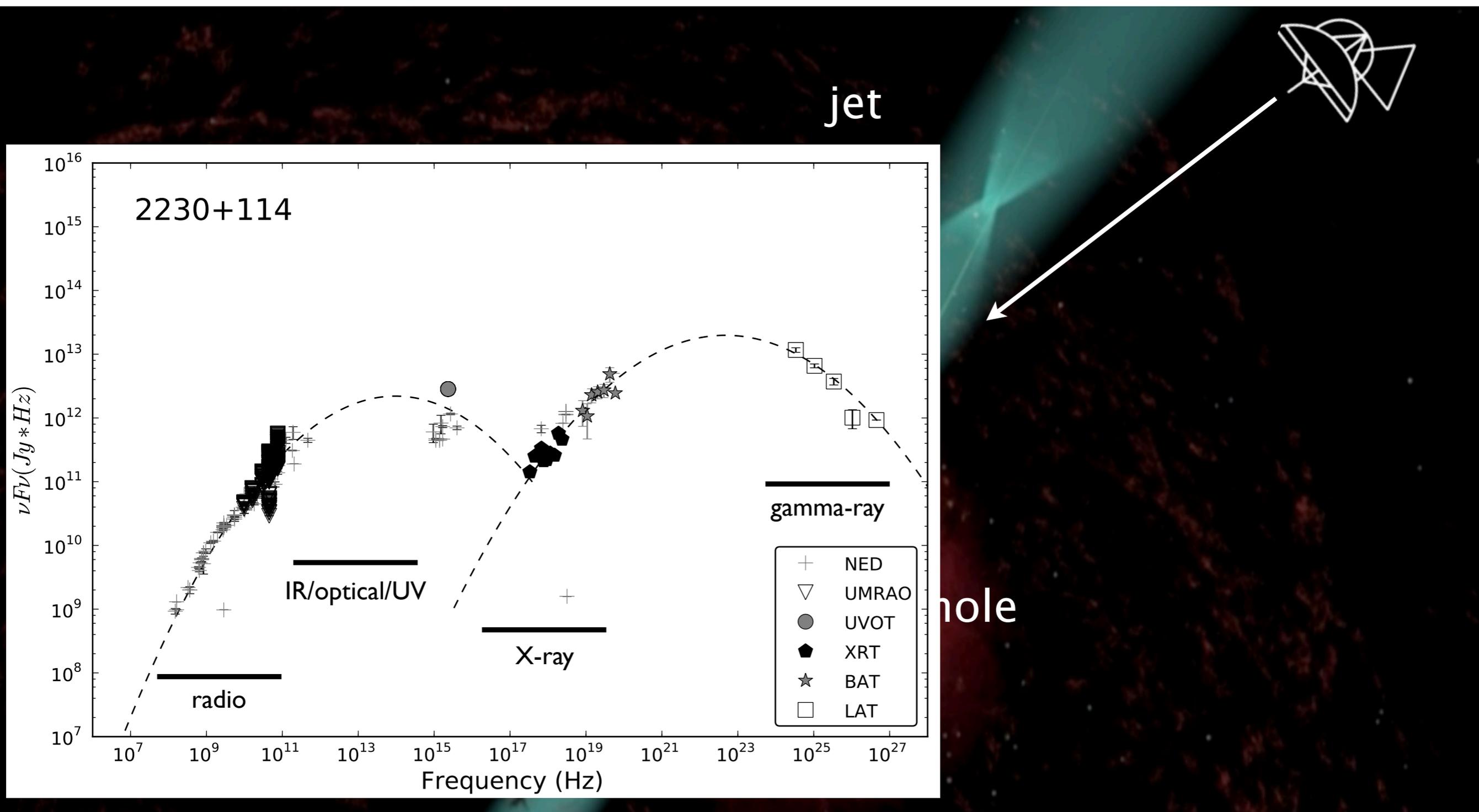
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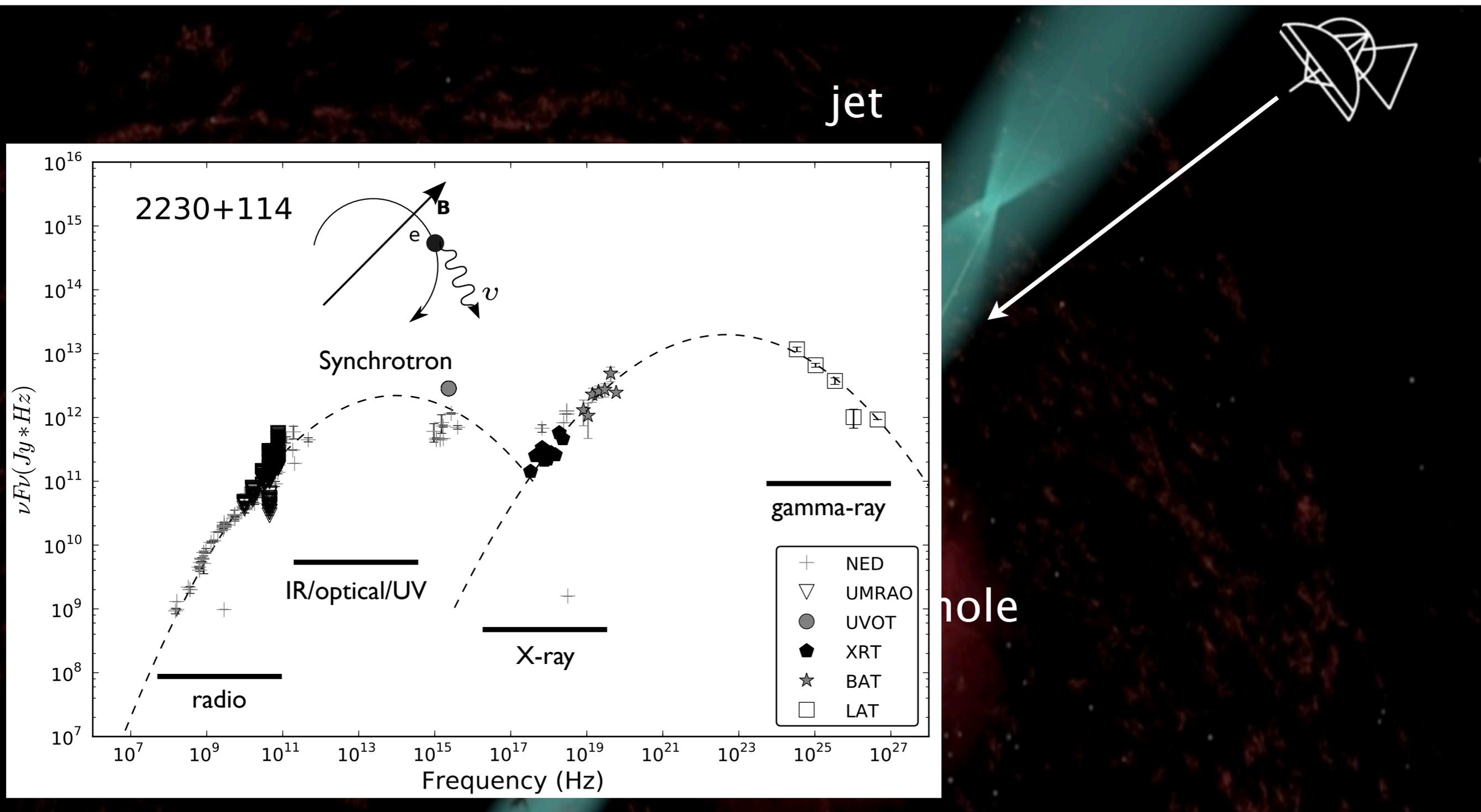


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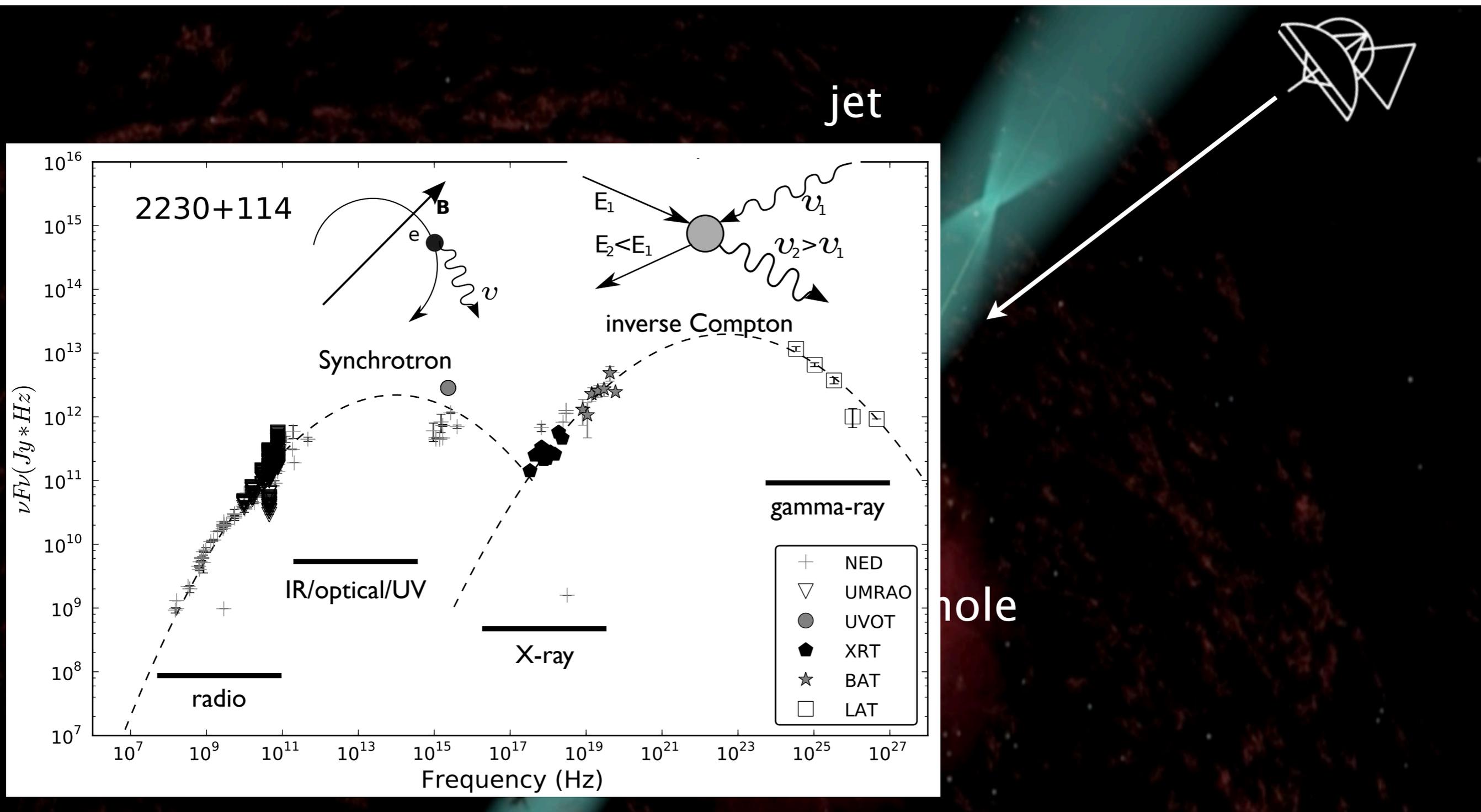
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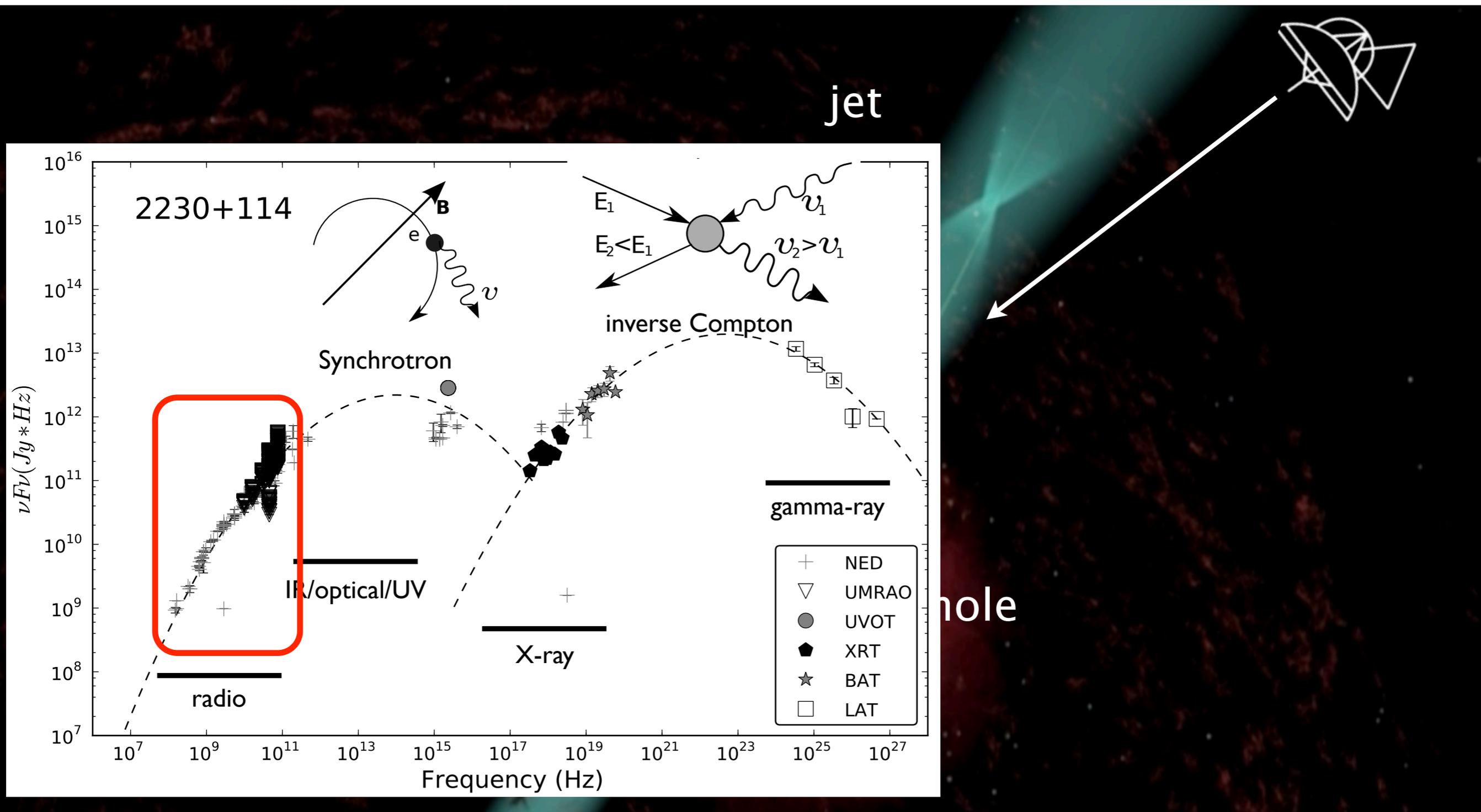
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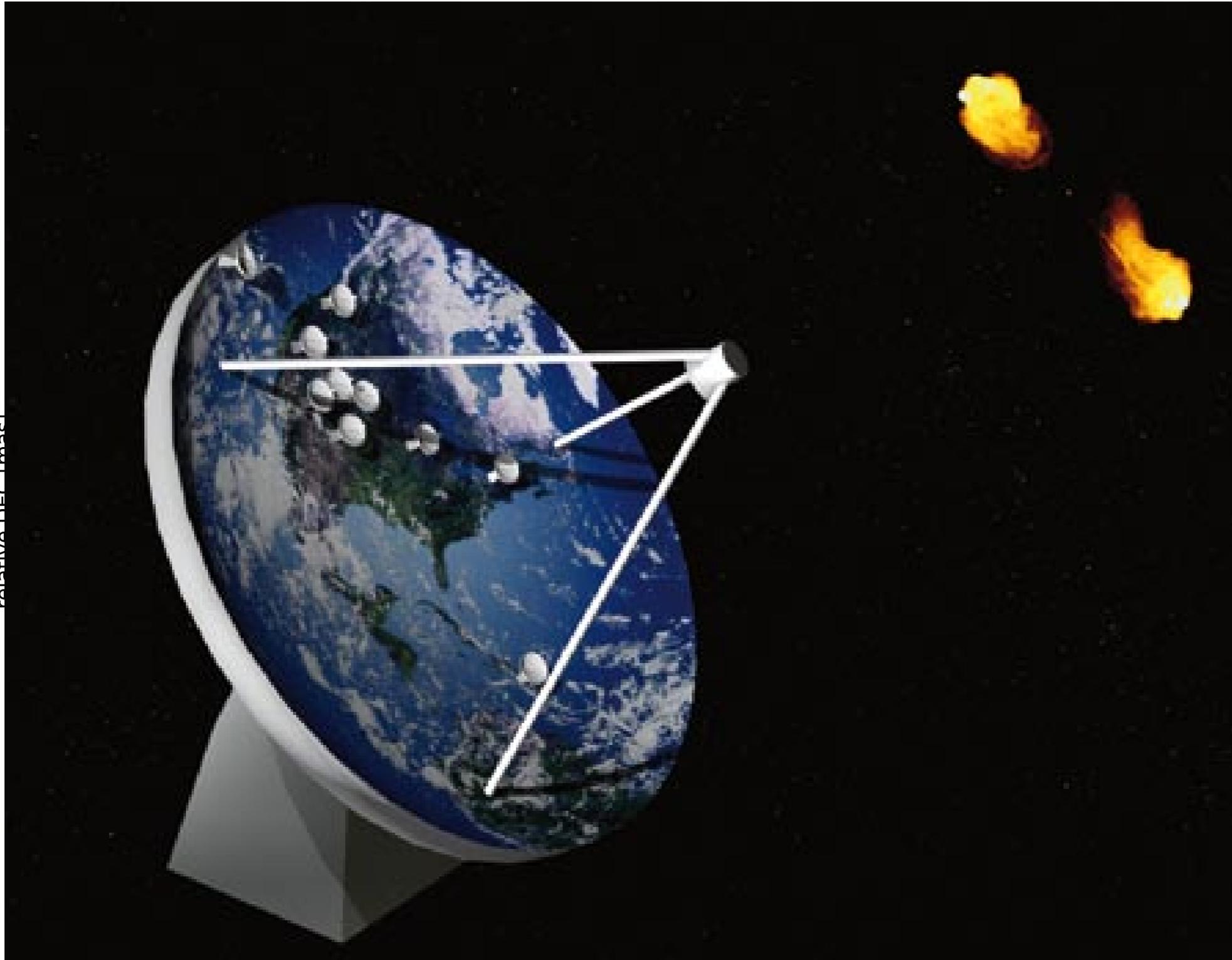
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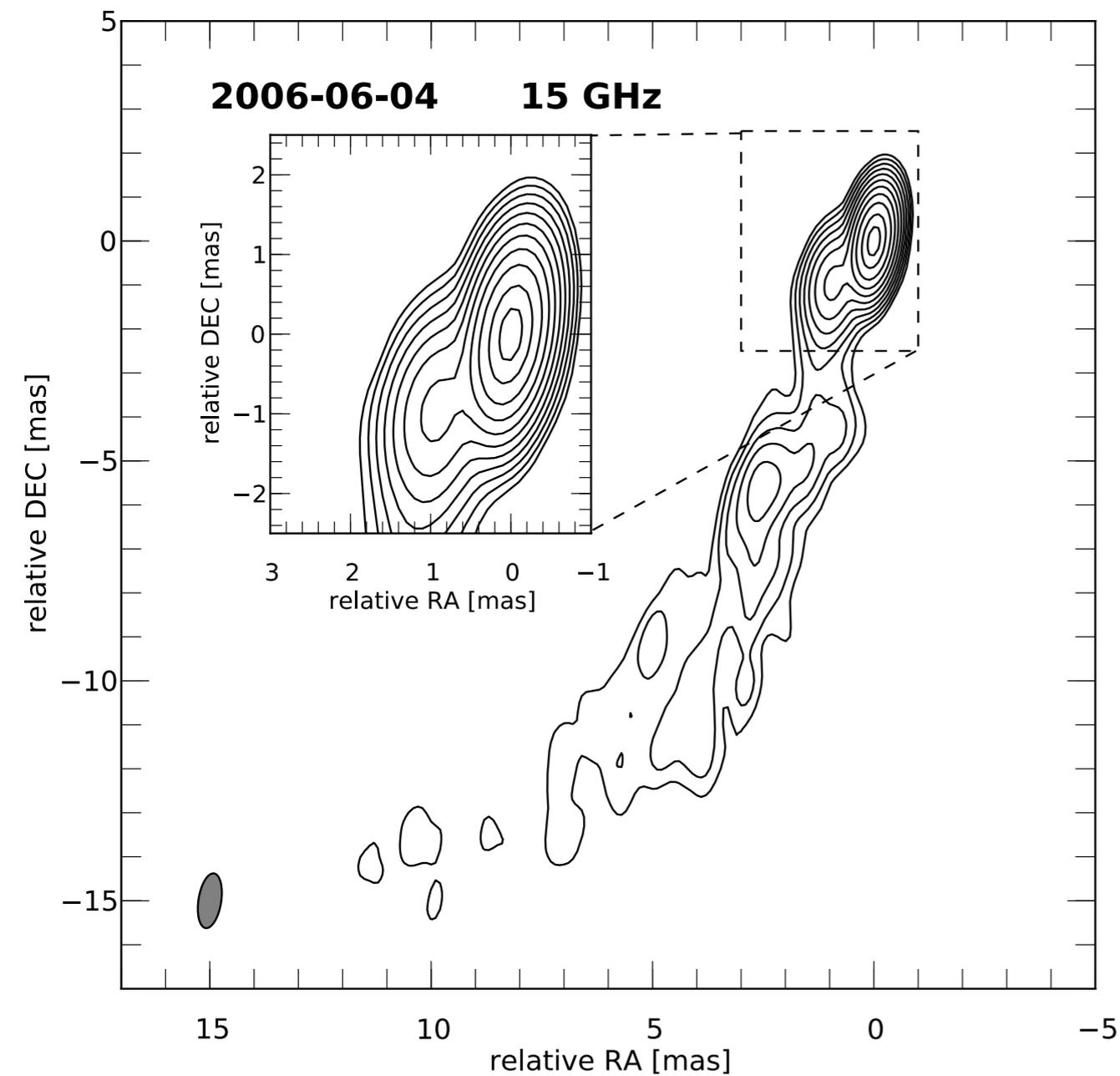
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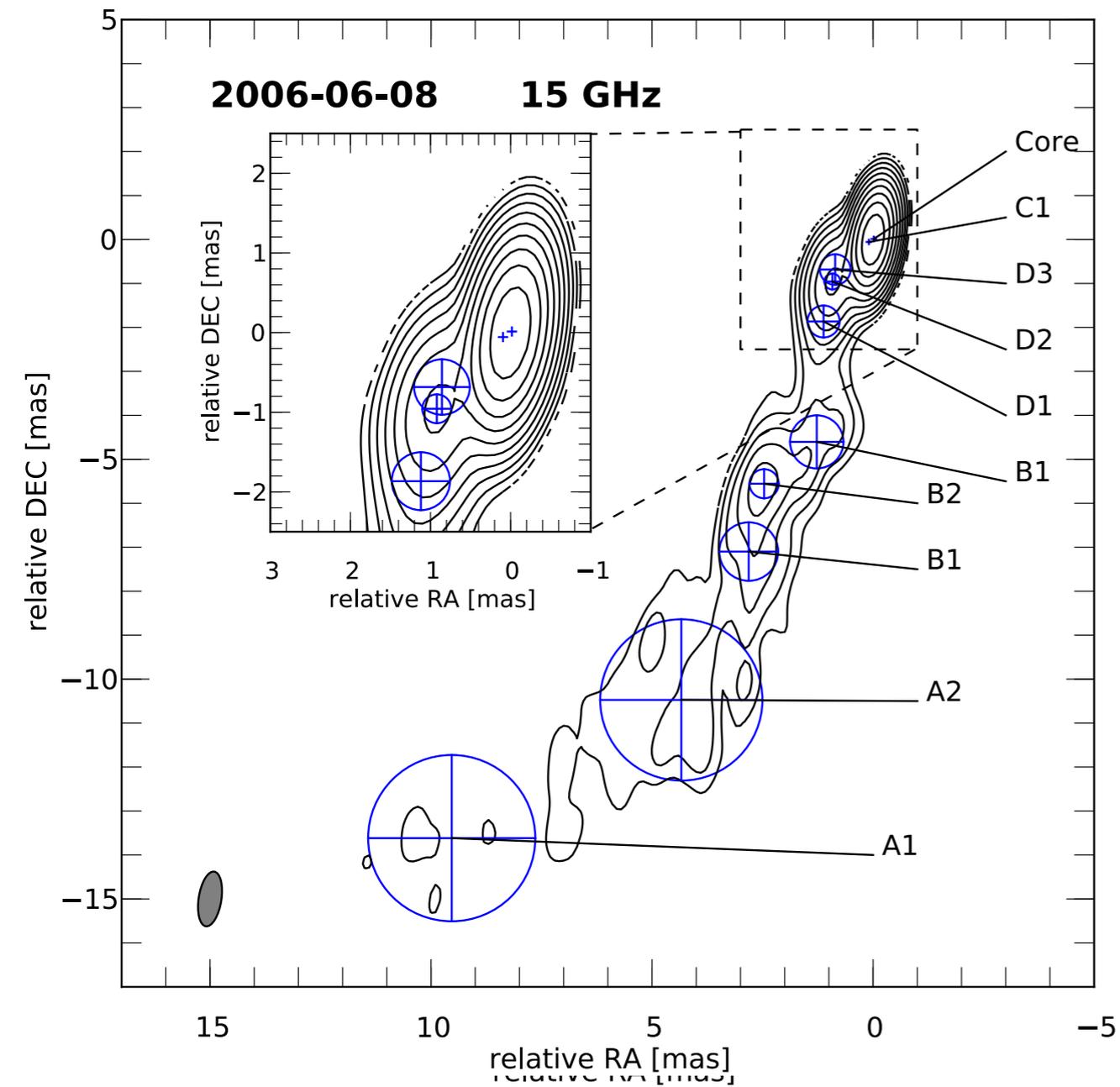
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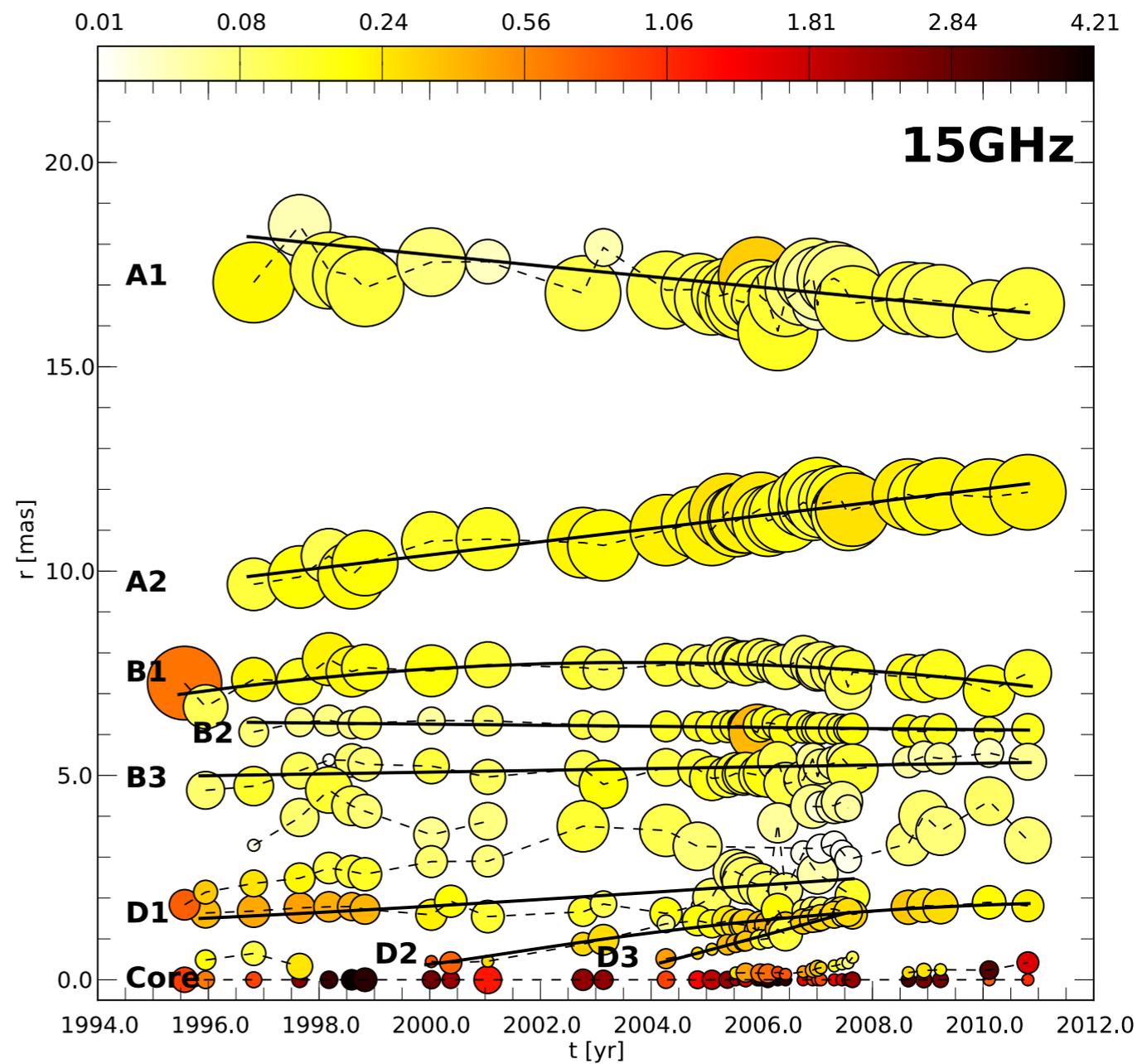
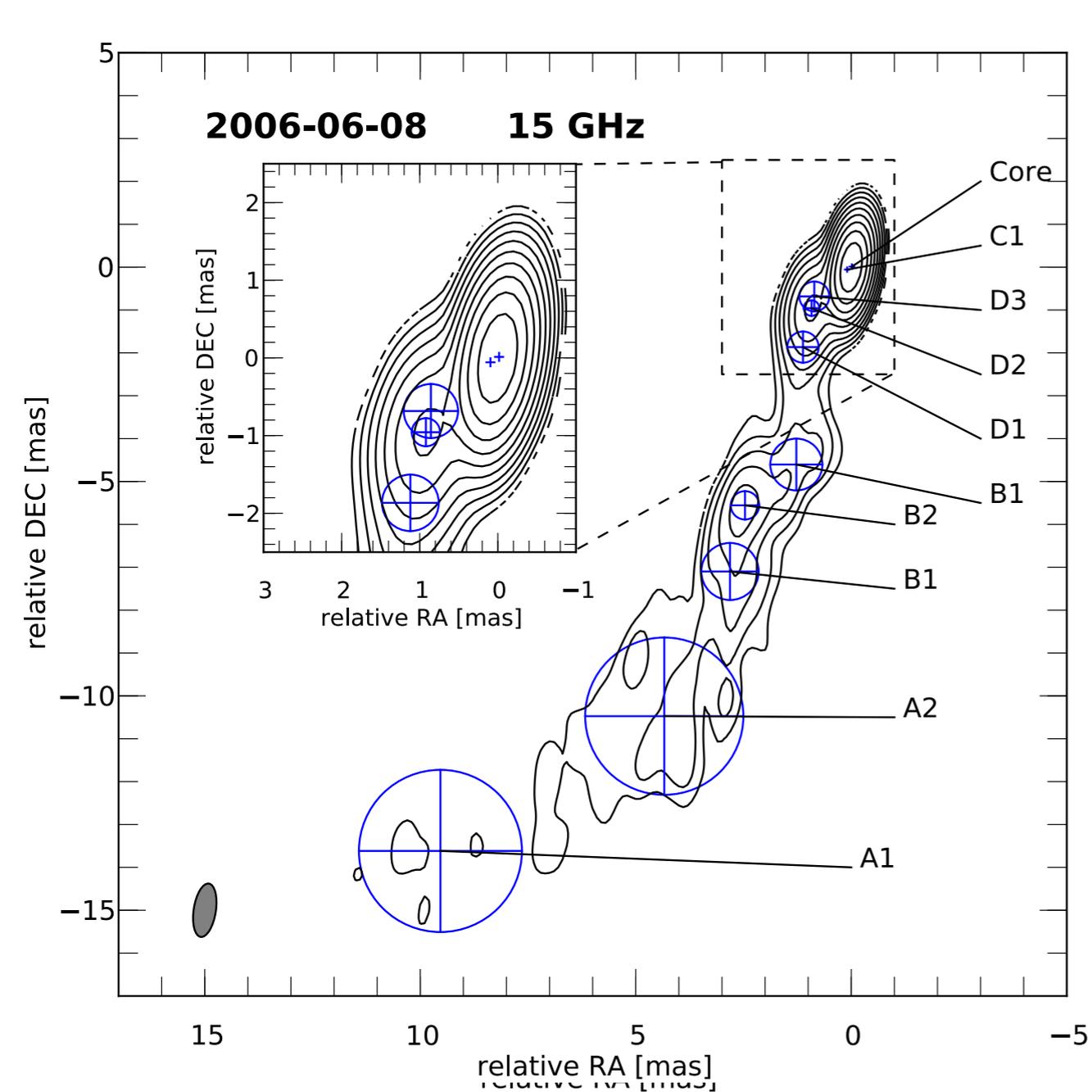
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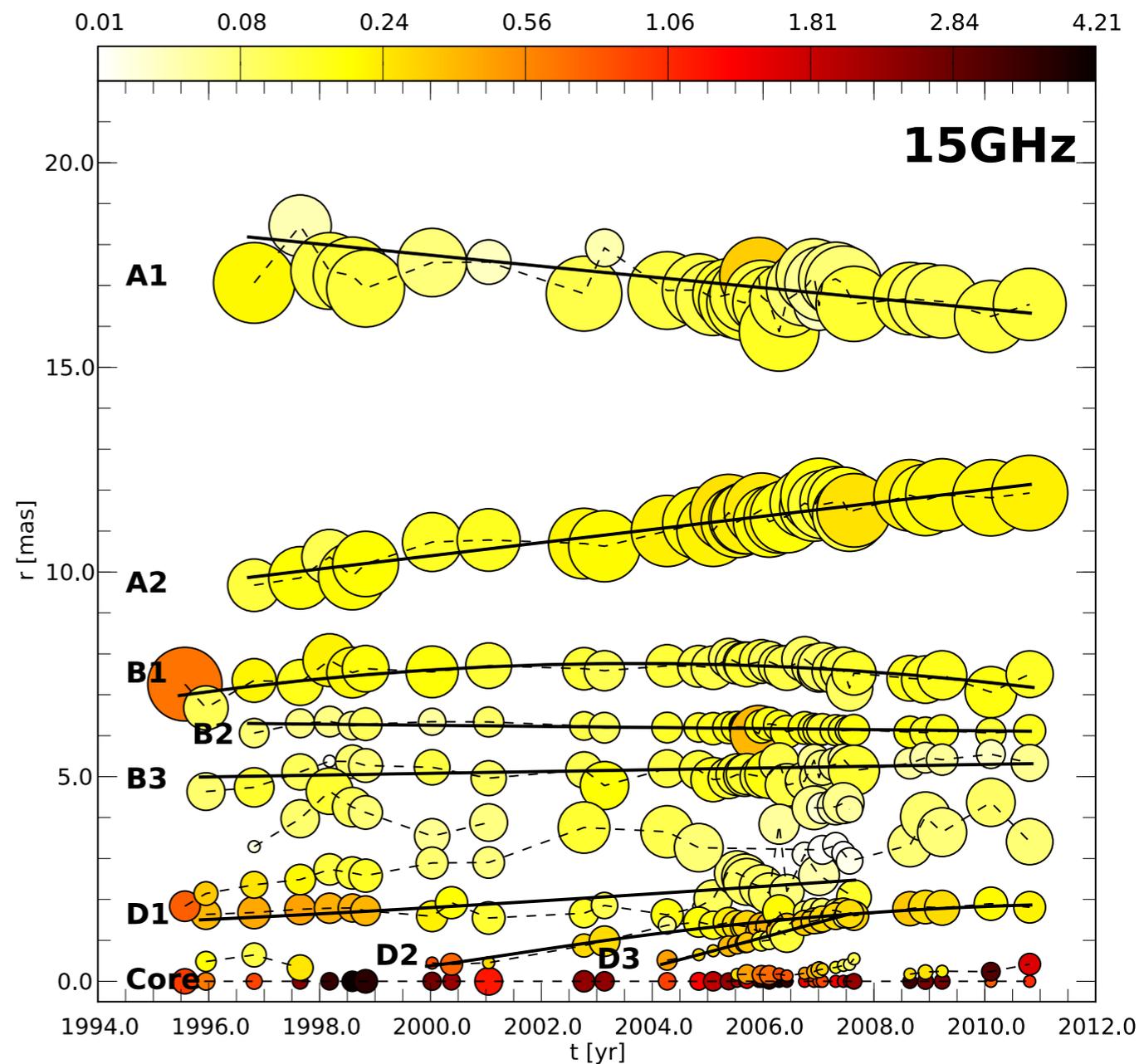
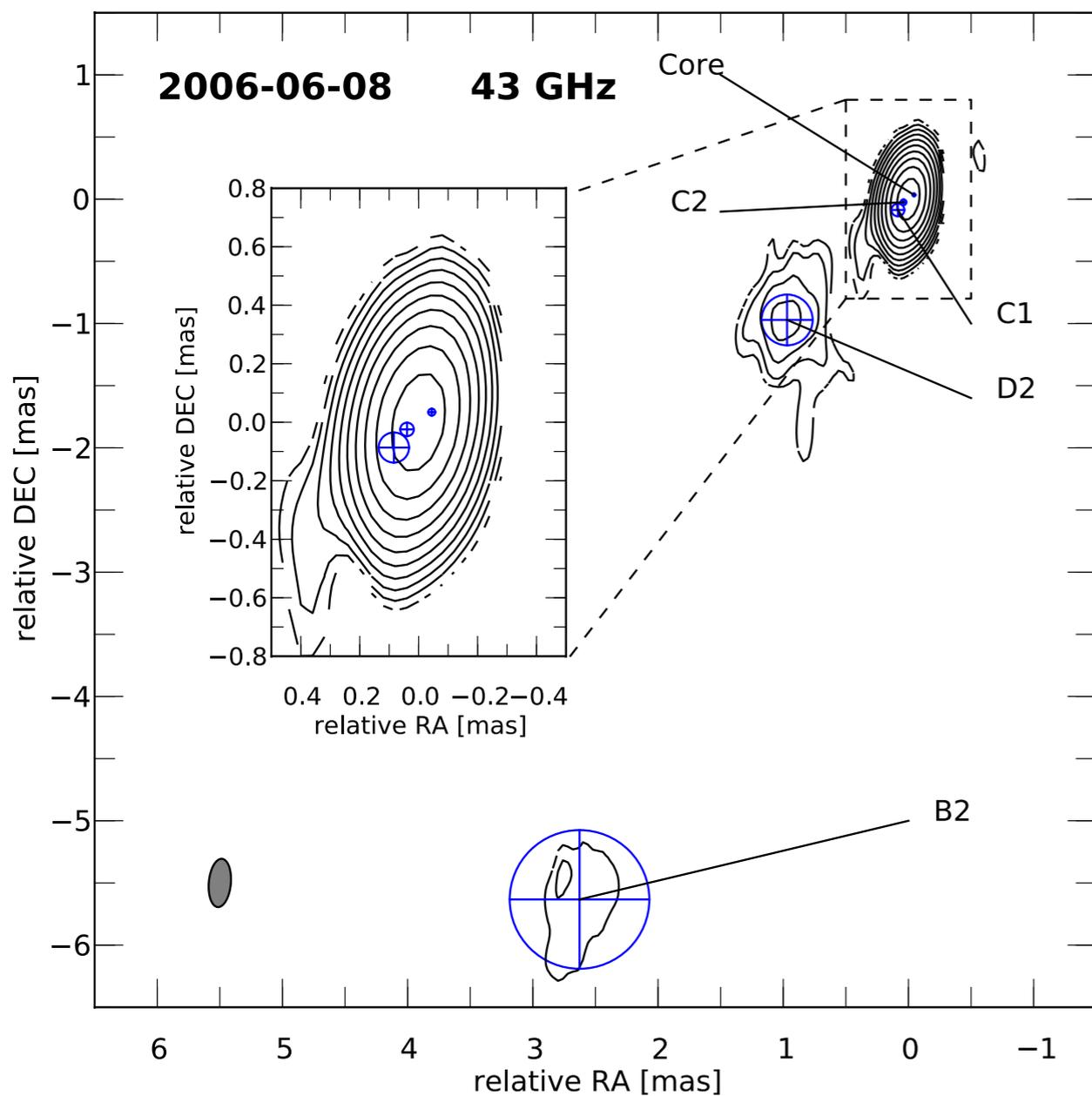
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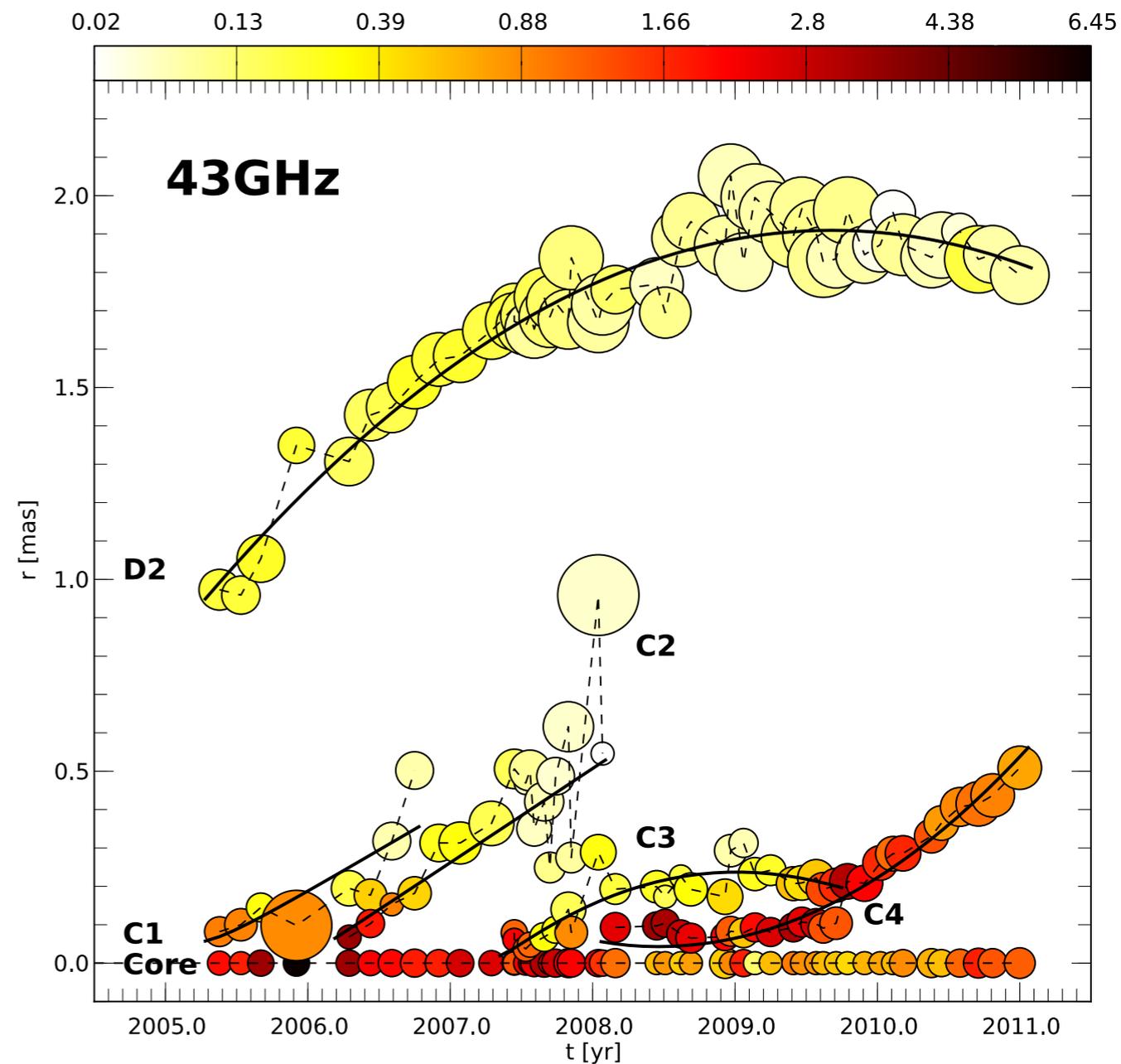
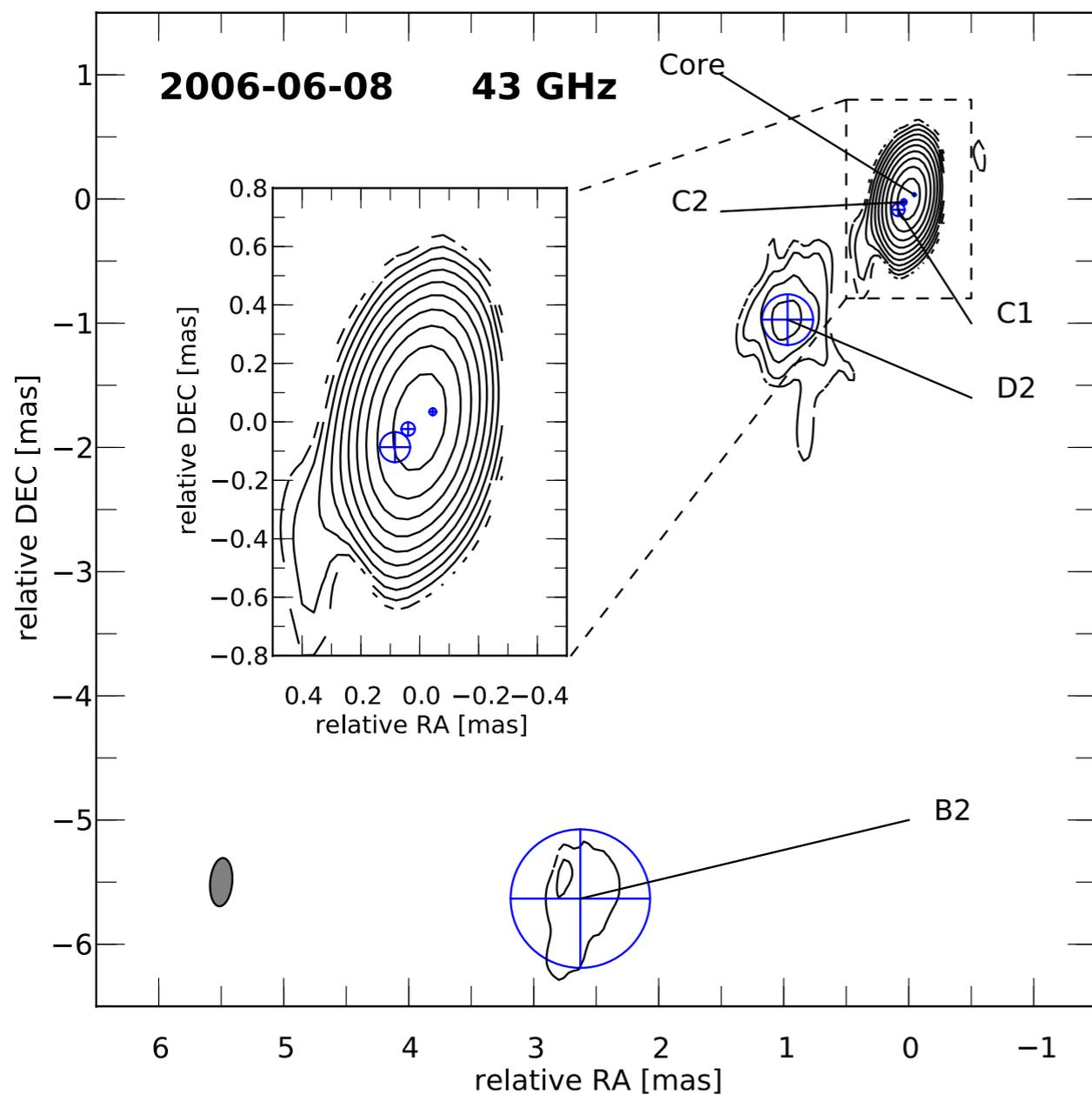
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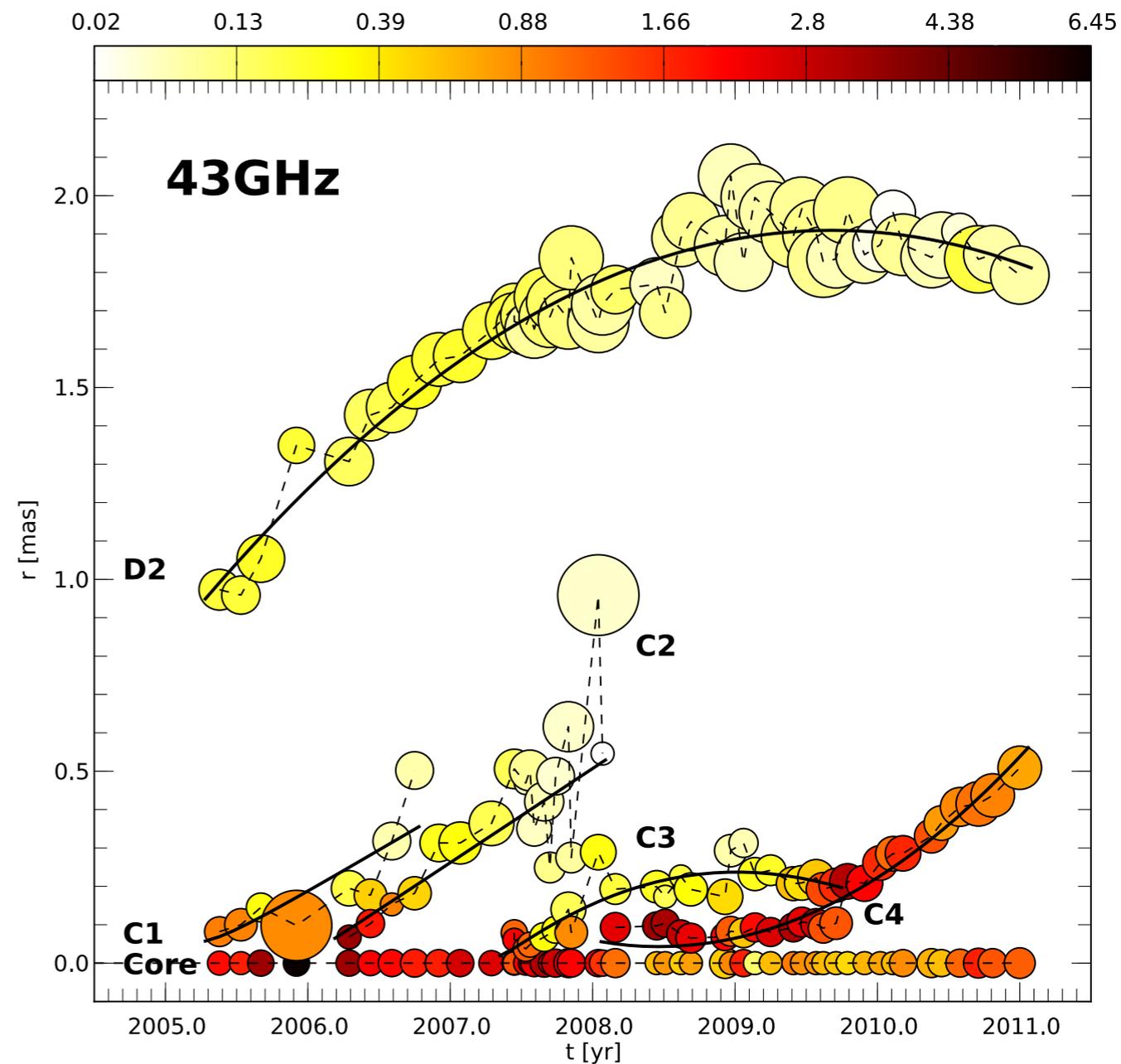
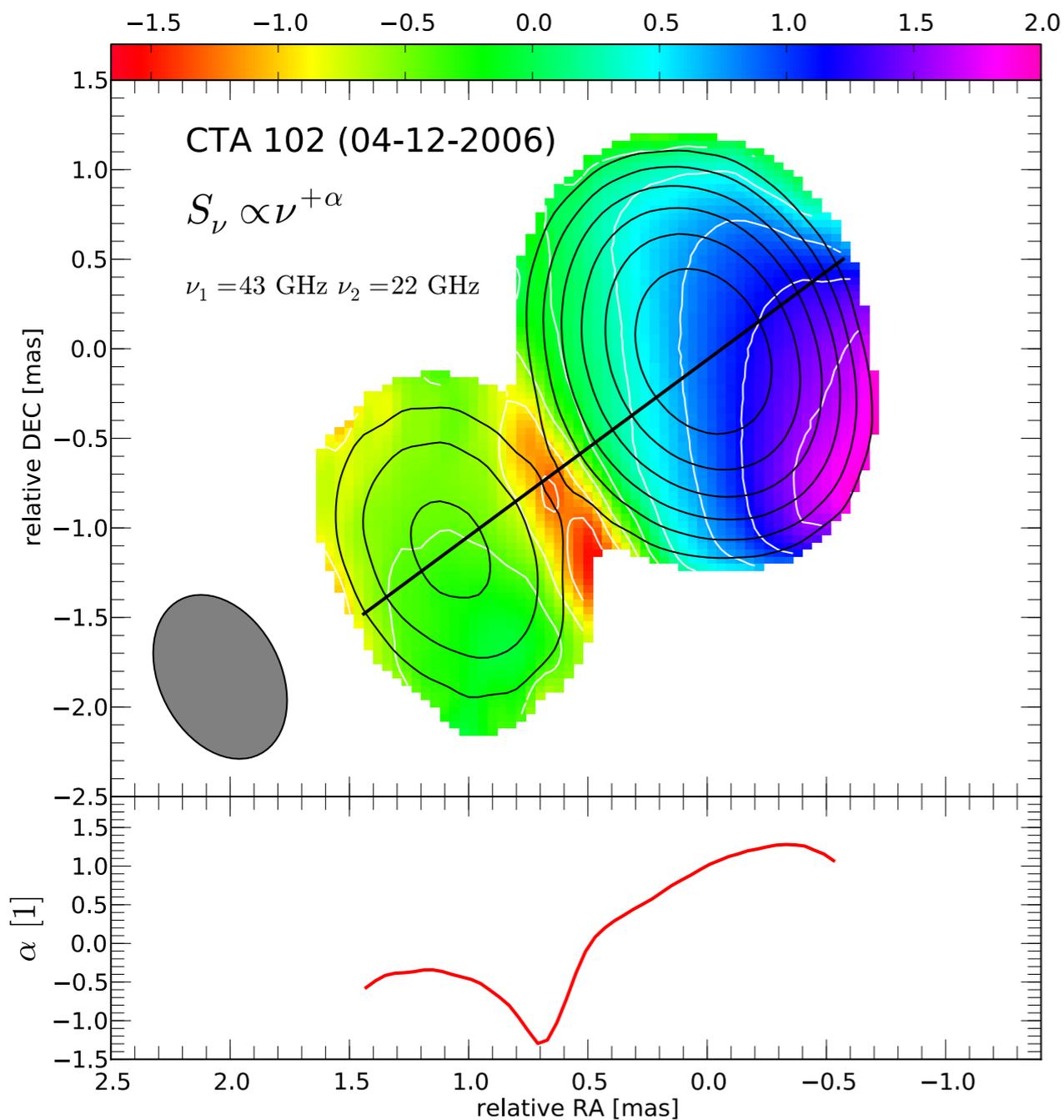
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Physical parameters from observations

steady state

speed of the components

Doppler factor

viewing angle

size of the jet/emission region

magnetic field and its evolution

particle density and its evolution

magnetization

$$\beta_{\text{app}} = 4 - 16$$

$$\delta_{\text{max}} = 8 - 21$$

$$\vartheta_{\text{max}} = 2.6^\circ - 3.6^\circ$$

$$R = 0.4 - 40 \text{ pc}$$

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during 2006 flare

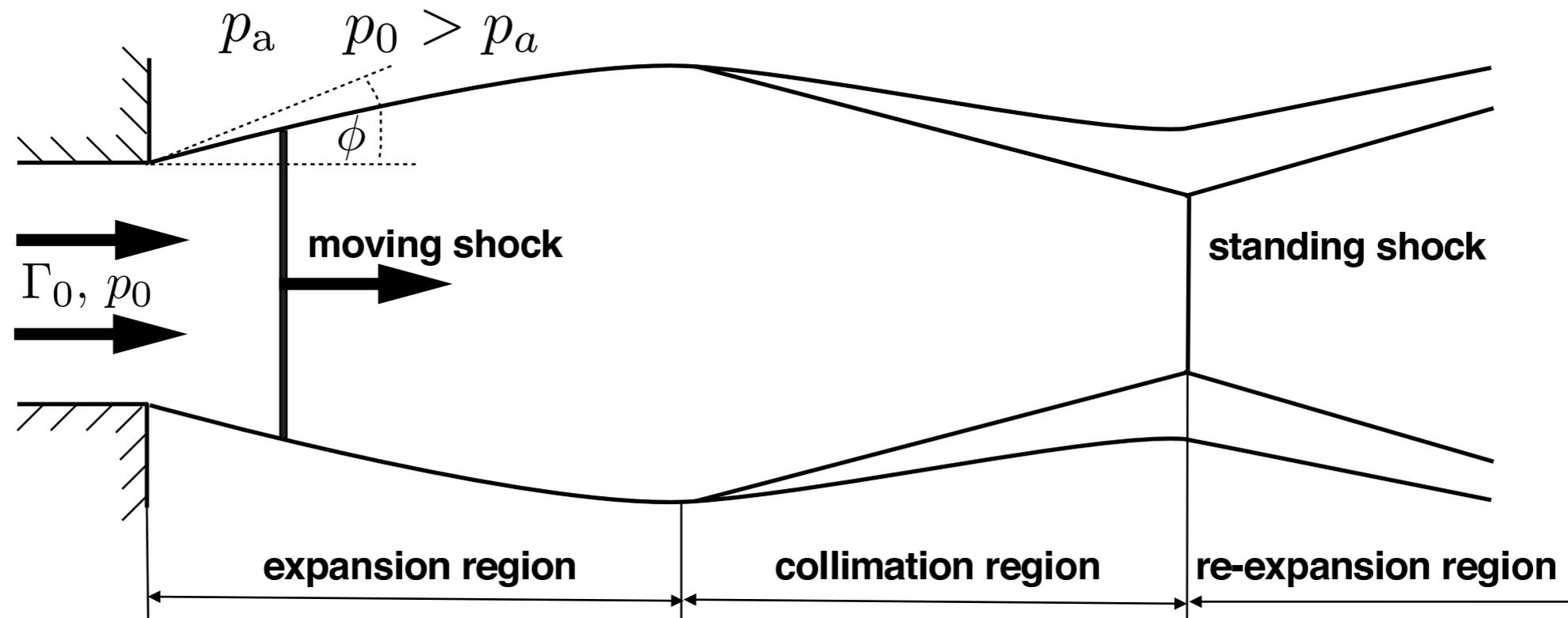
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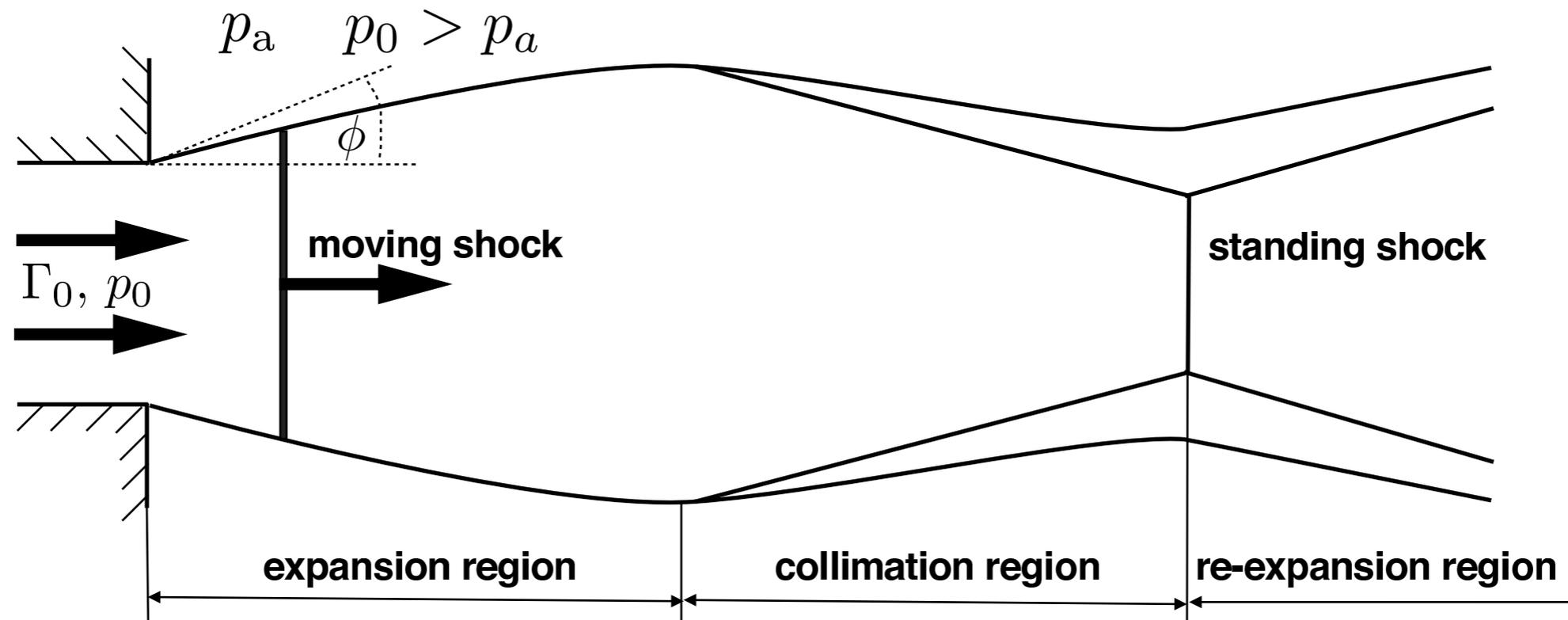
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Emission code LUXS (Fromm et al. 2012)

$$n(\gamma) = n_0(\gamma_{\min}) \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{\min}} \right)^{-p} \quad \gamma_{\min} < \gamma < \gamma_{\max}$$

including adiabatic and radiative losses

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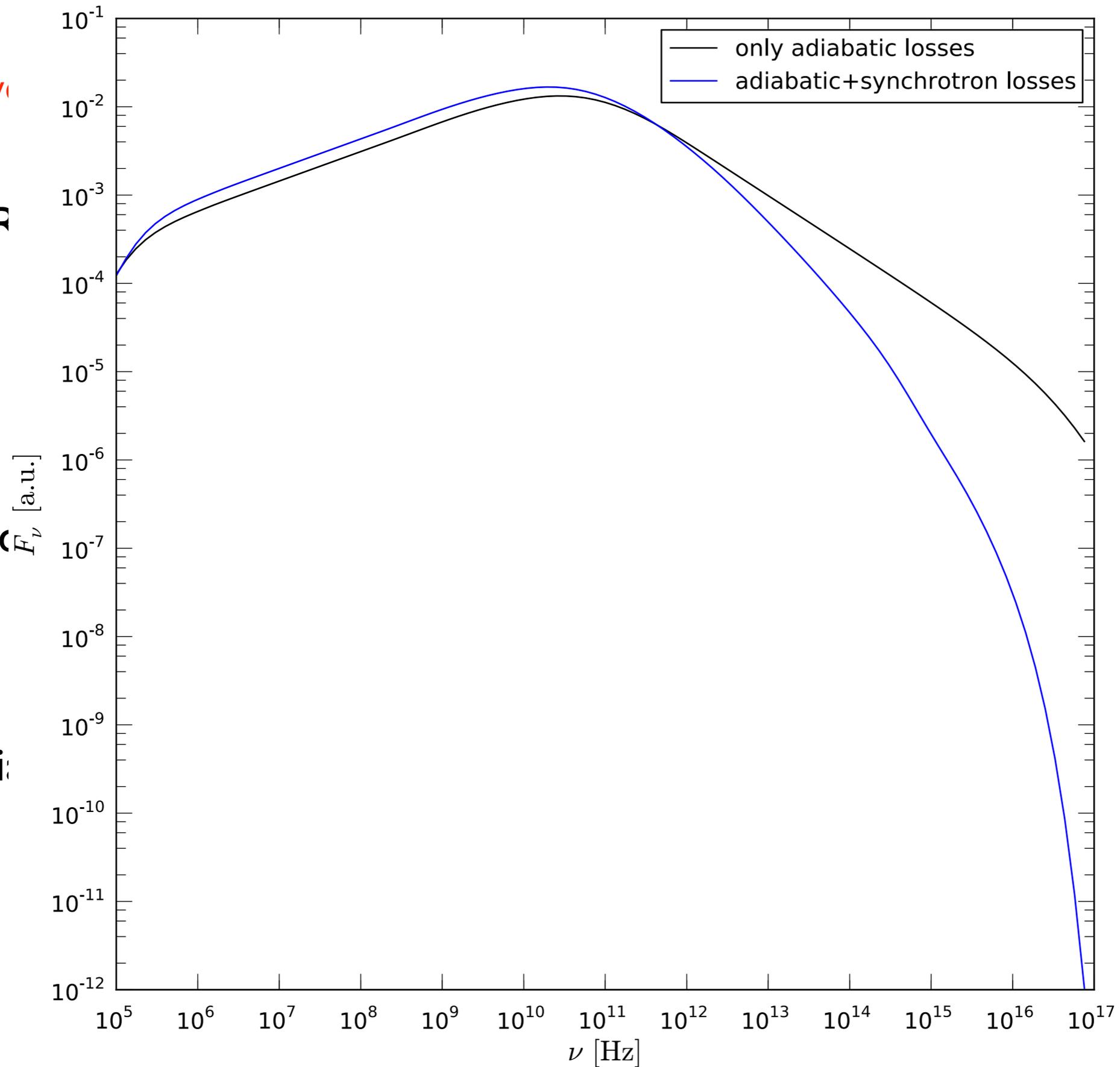
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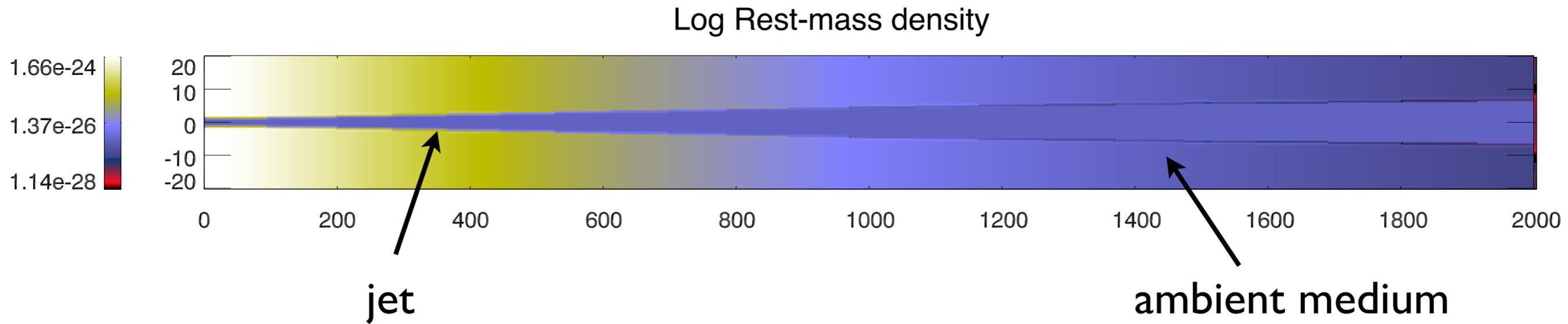
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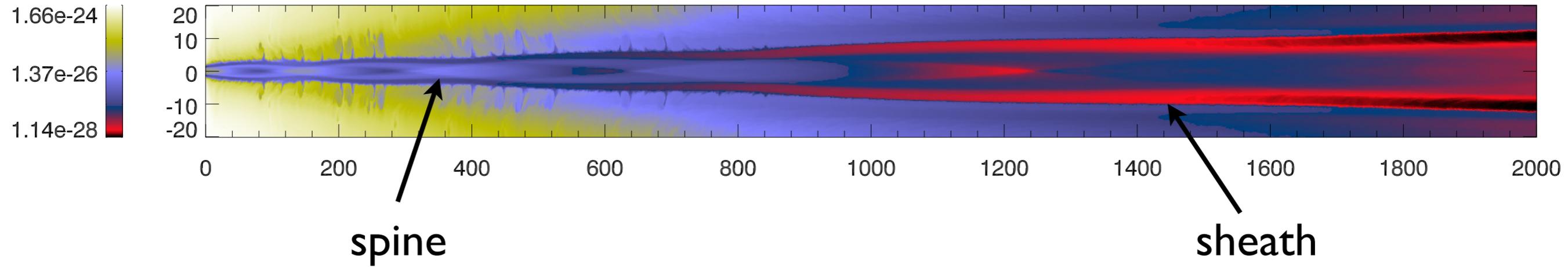
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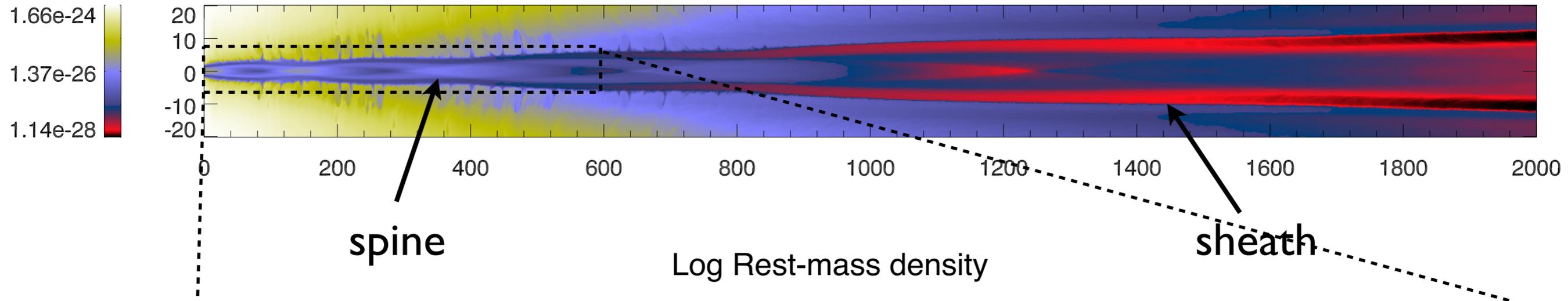
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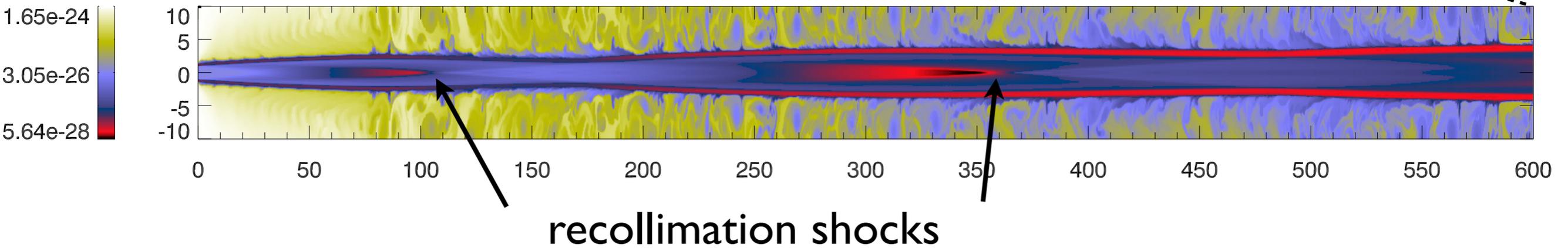


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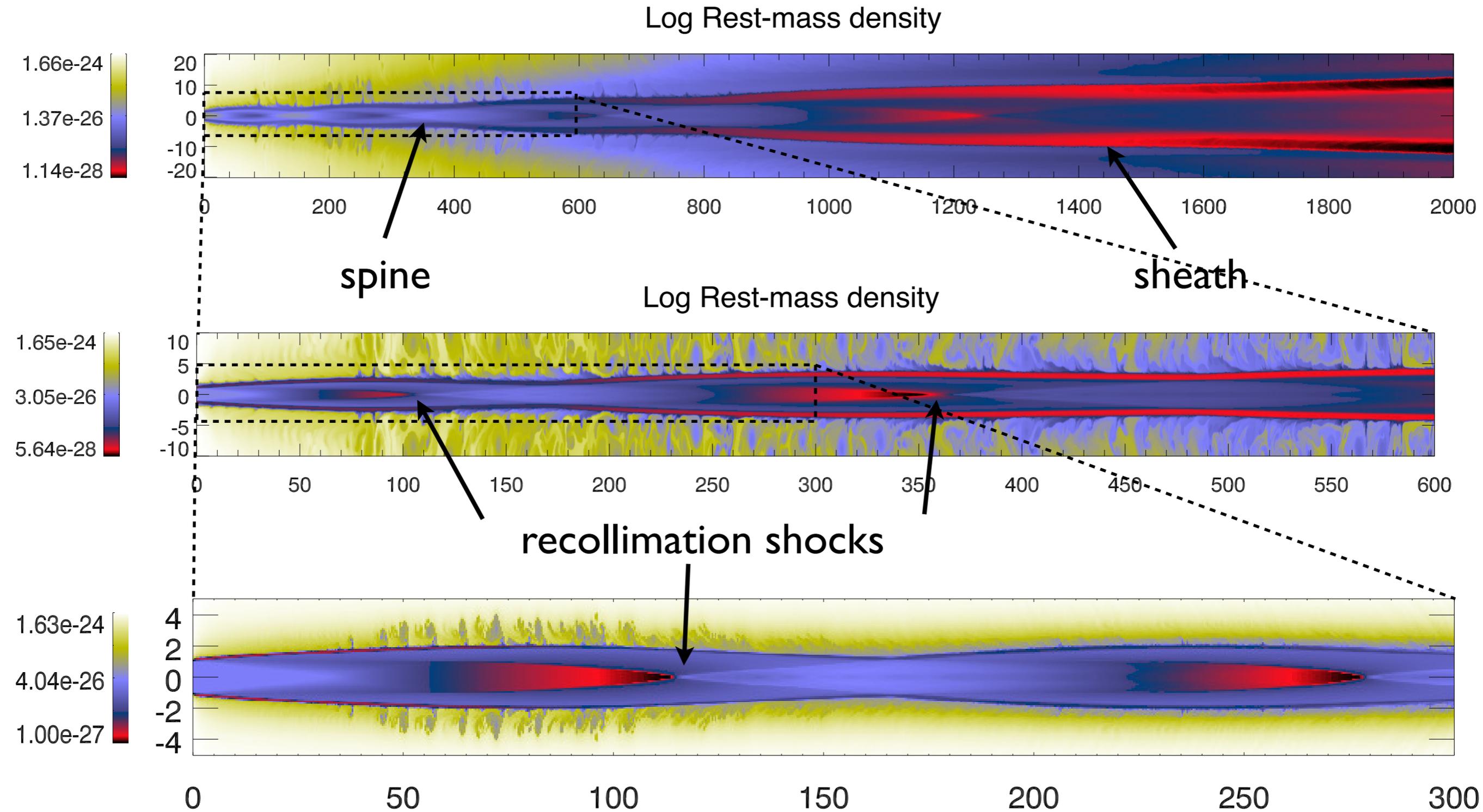
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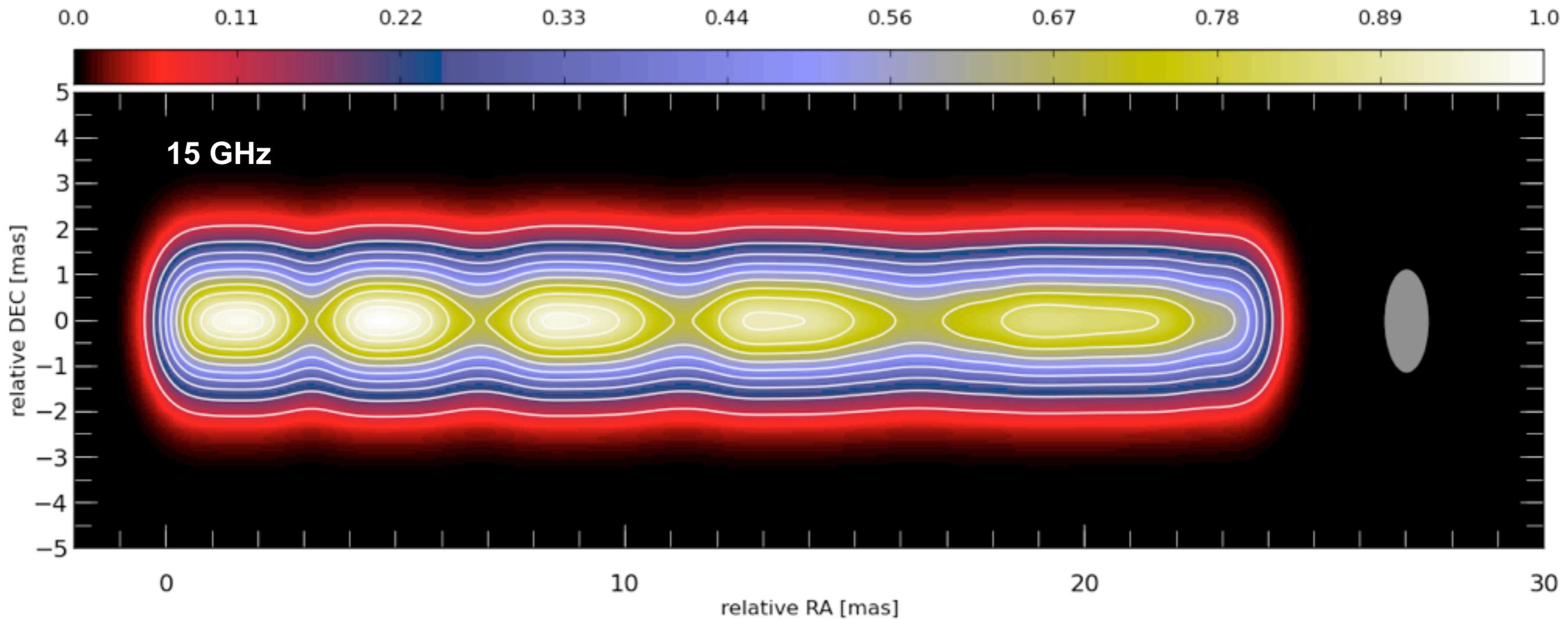


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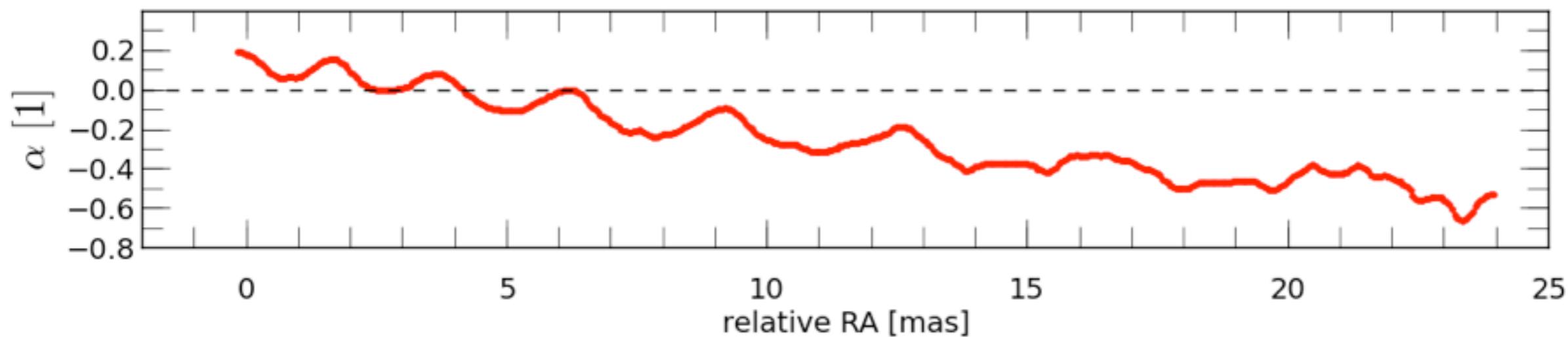
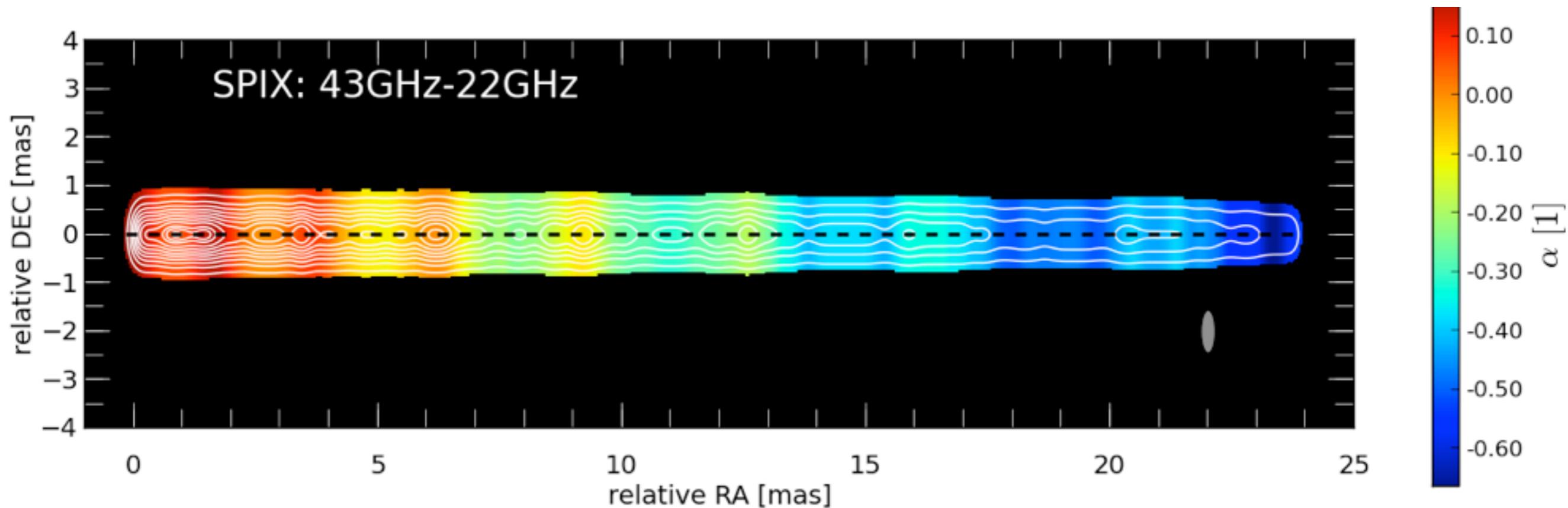
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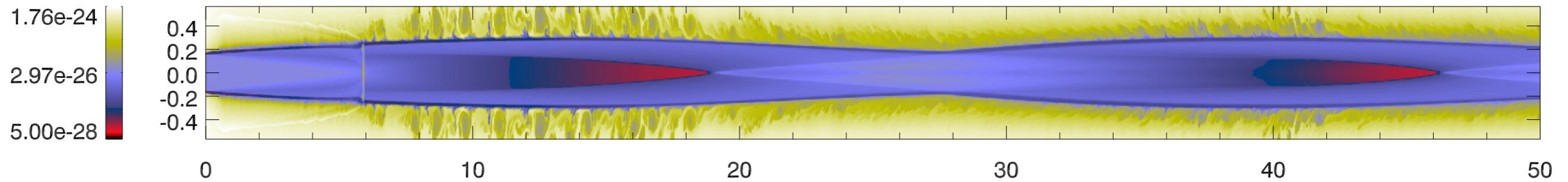
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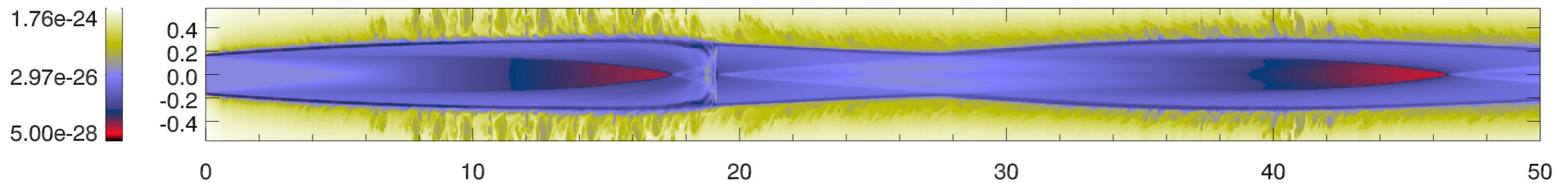


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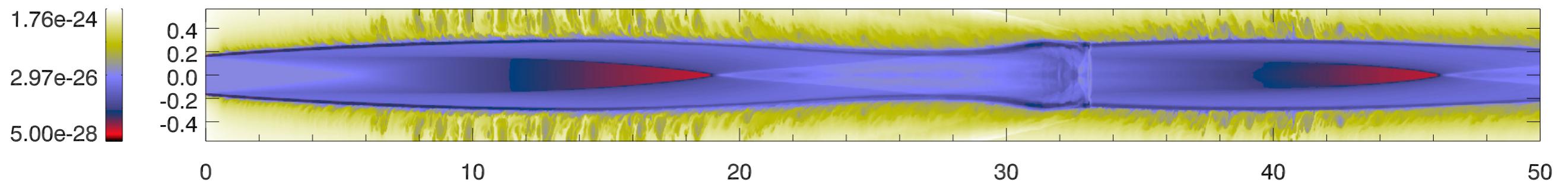
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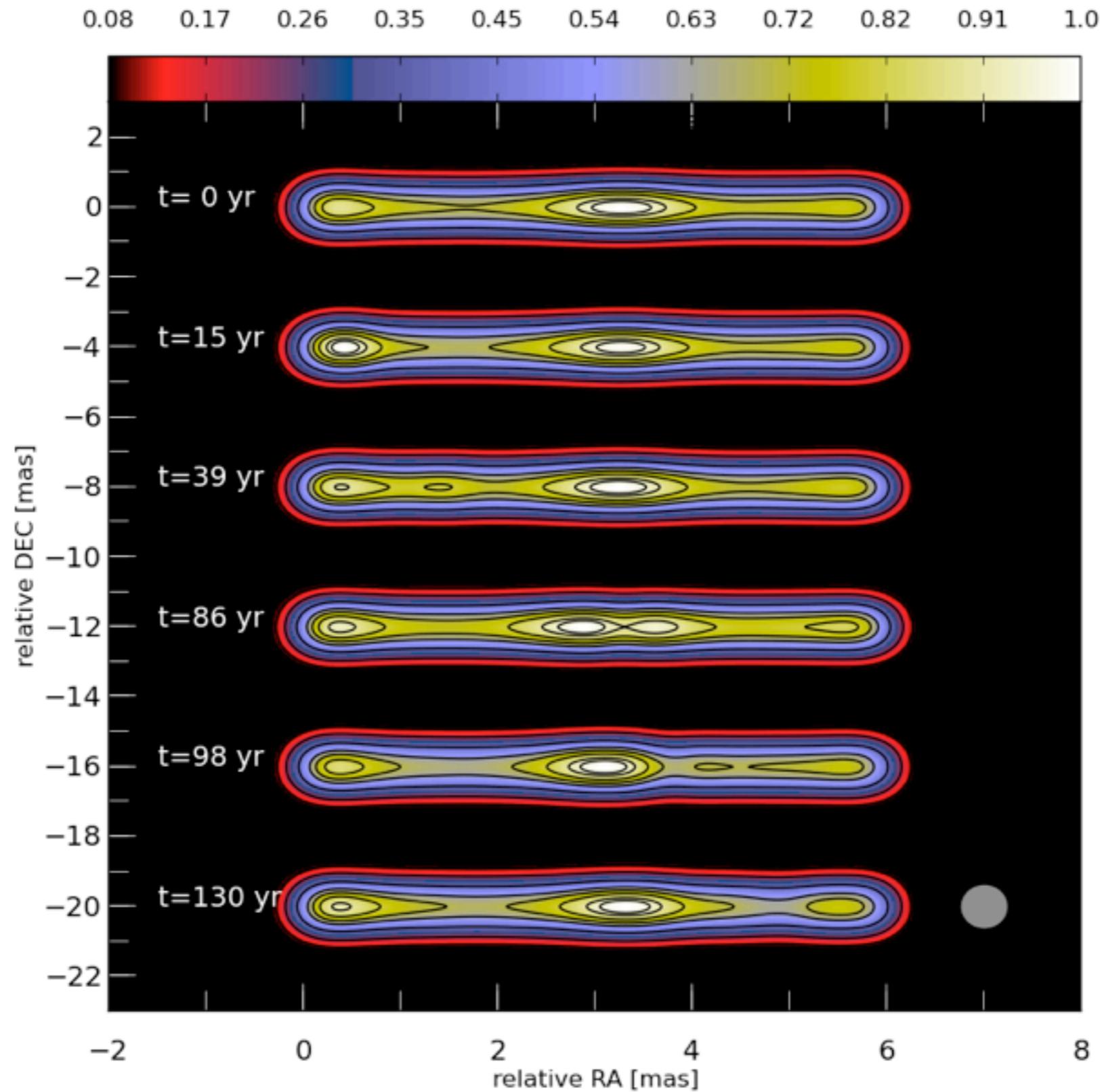


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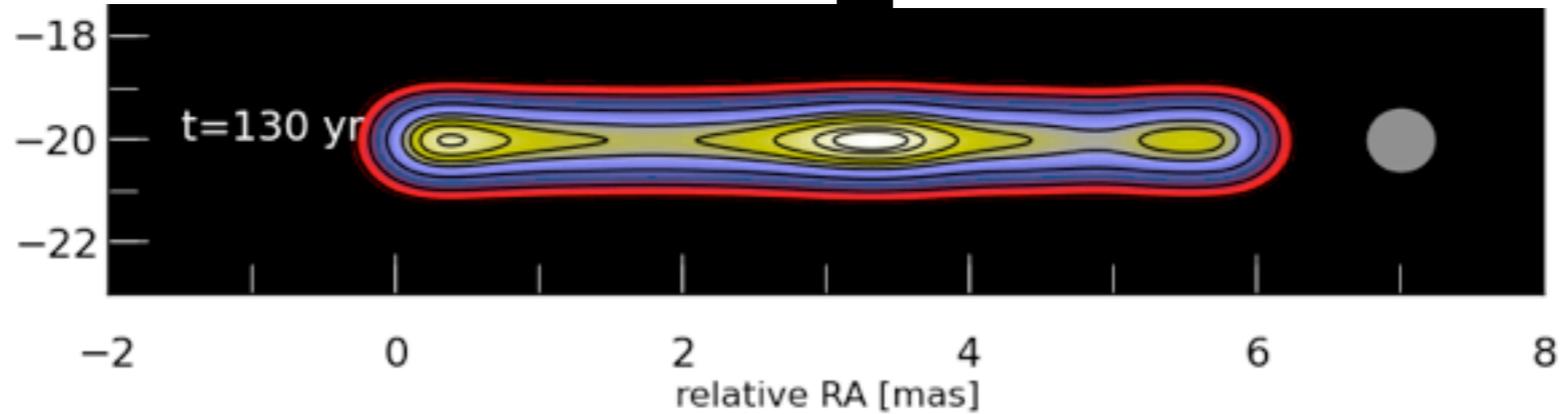
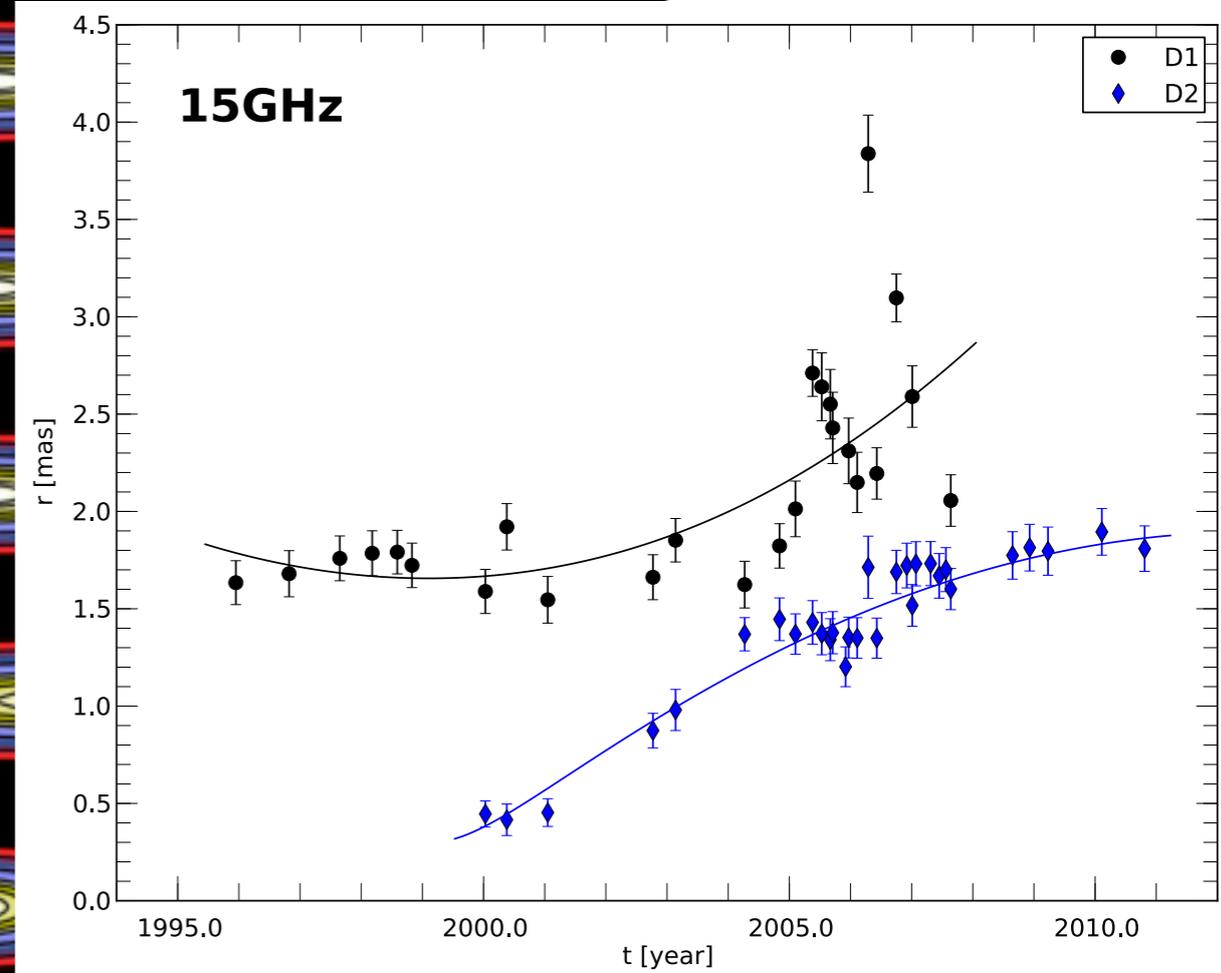
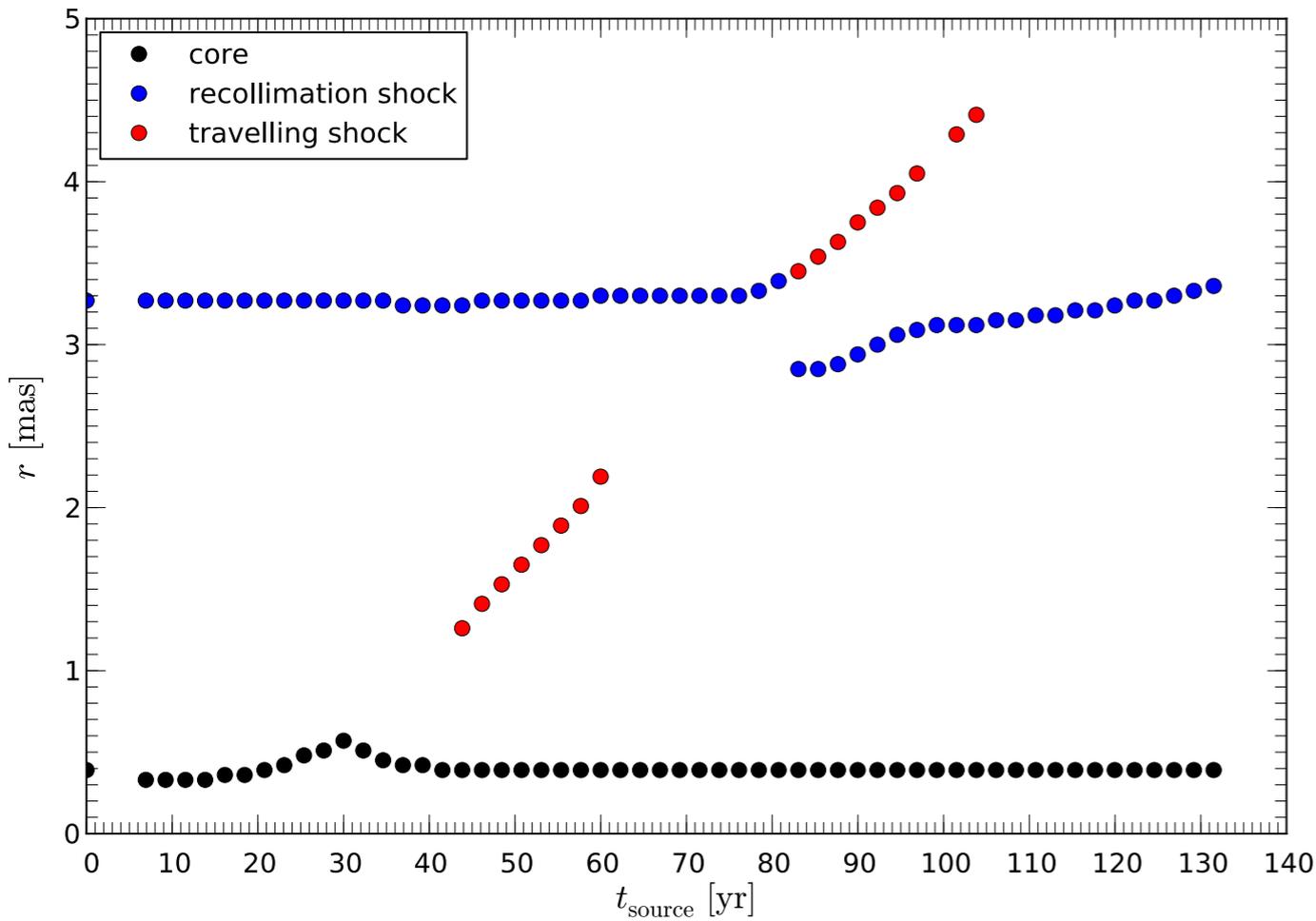
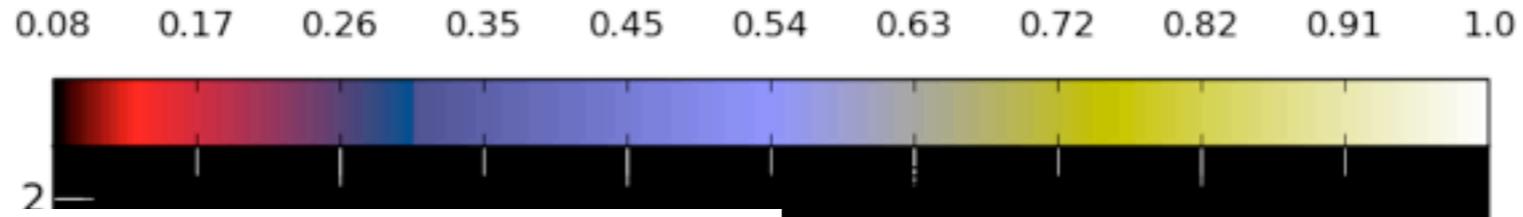


see also Gomez et al. (1997), Mimica et al. (2009)

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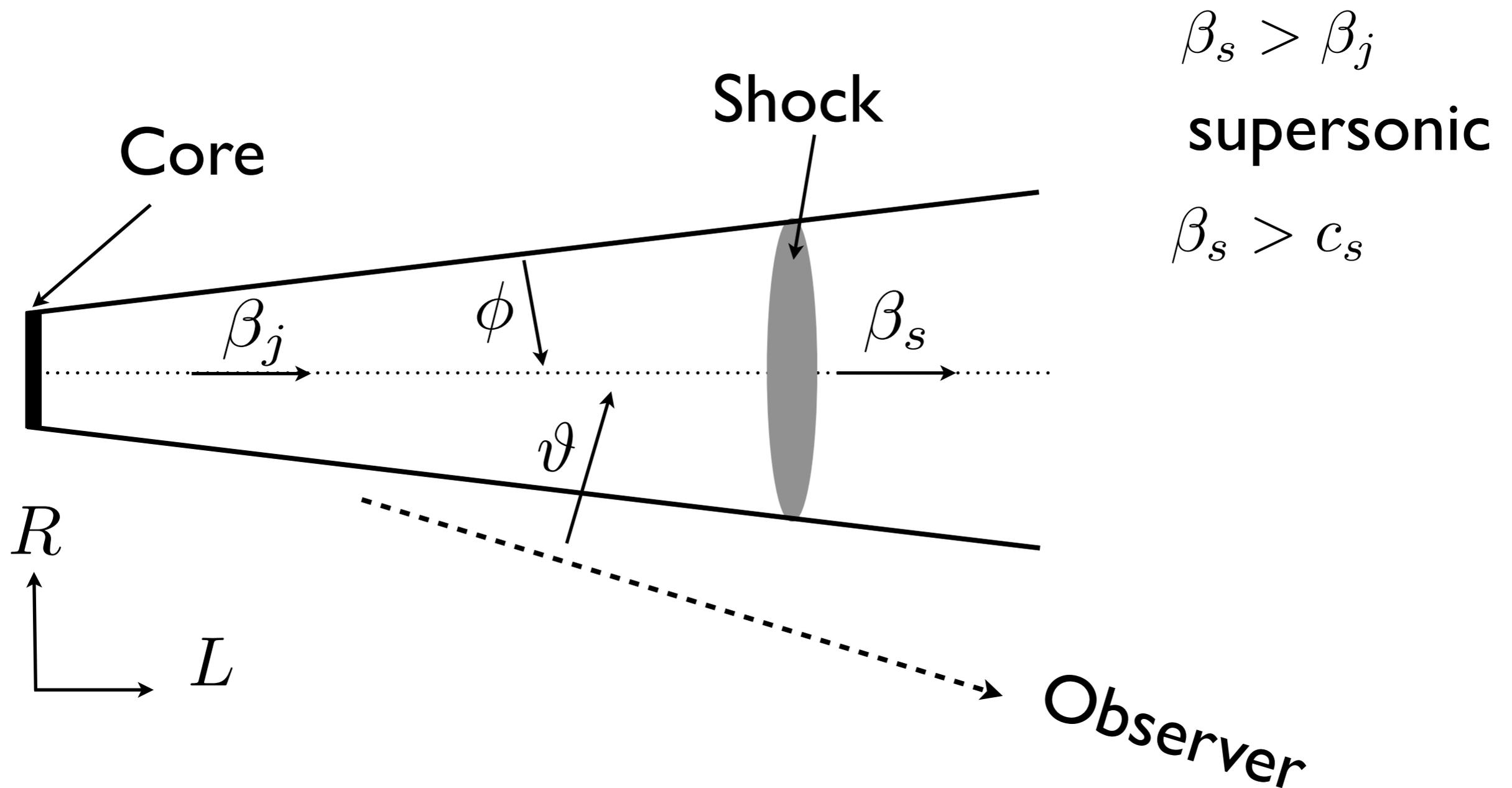
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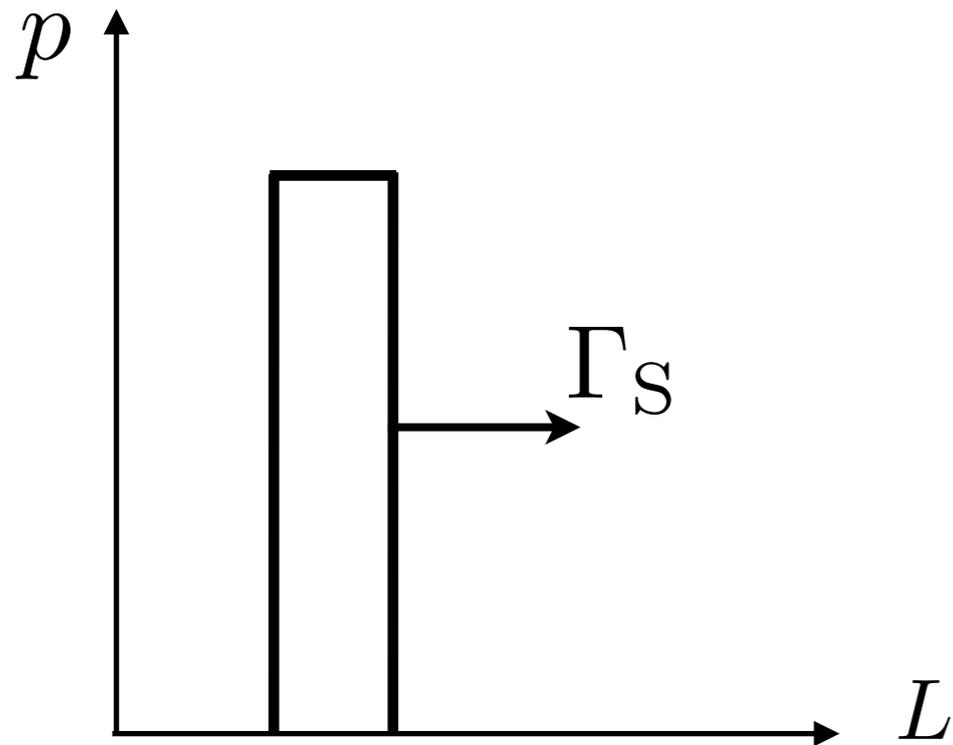
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Shock-in-Jet Model



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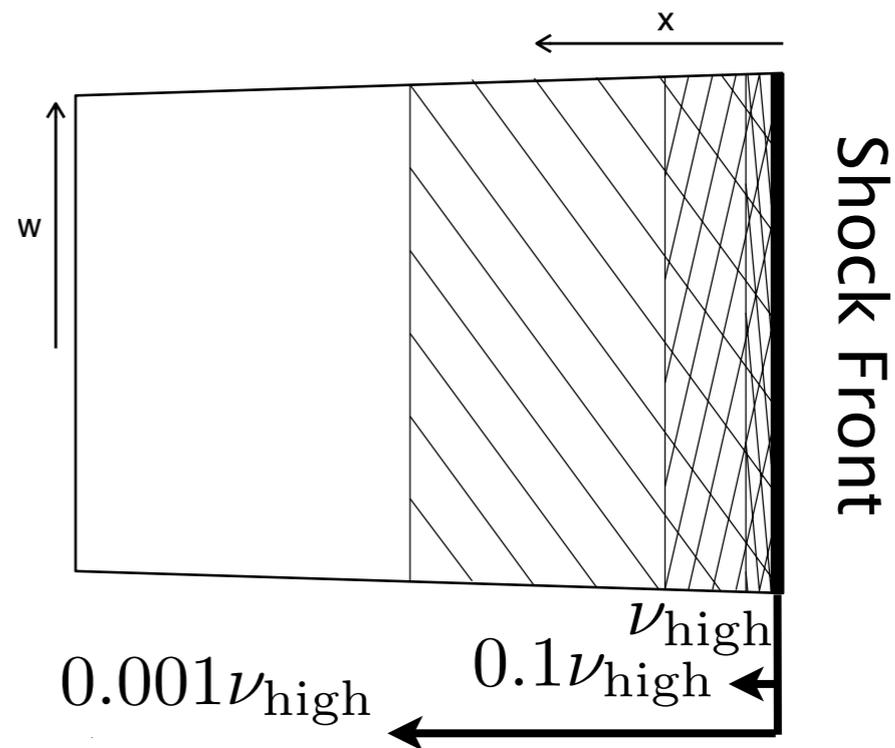
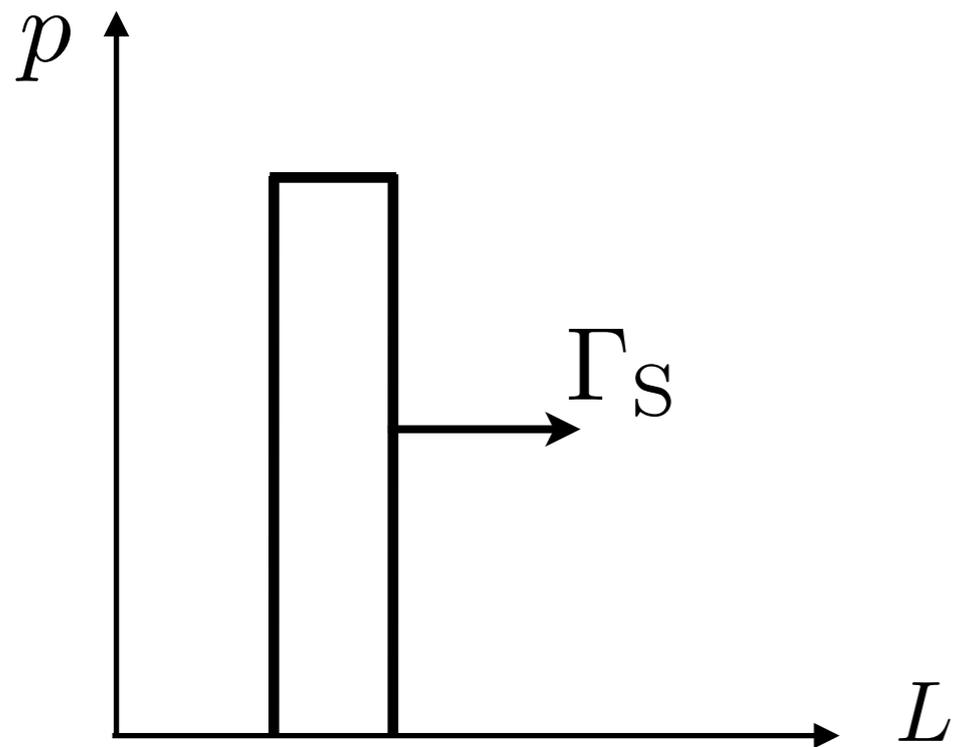
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 $t_{\text{cool,synch}} \propto U_{\text{B}}^{-1}$

Adiabatic: $x \sim R$

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Assumptio $N(\gamma) = K\gamma^{-s} \quad \gamma_{\min} < \gamma < \gamma_{\max}$

$$K \propto R^{-k} \quad B \propto R^{-b} \quad D \propto R^{-d}$$

$$n_1 = -(b+1)/4 - d(s+3)/(s+5)$$

$$n_2 = -[2k + b(s-1) + d(s+3)]/(s+5)$$

$$n_3 = -[2(k-1) + (b+d)(s+2)]/(s+4)$$

$$f_1 = (11-b)/8 - d(3s+10)/(s+5)$$

$$f_2 = 2 - [5k + b(2s-5) + d(3s+10)]/(s+5)$$

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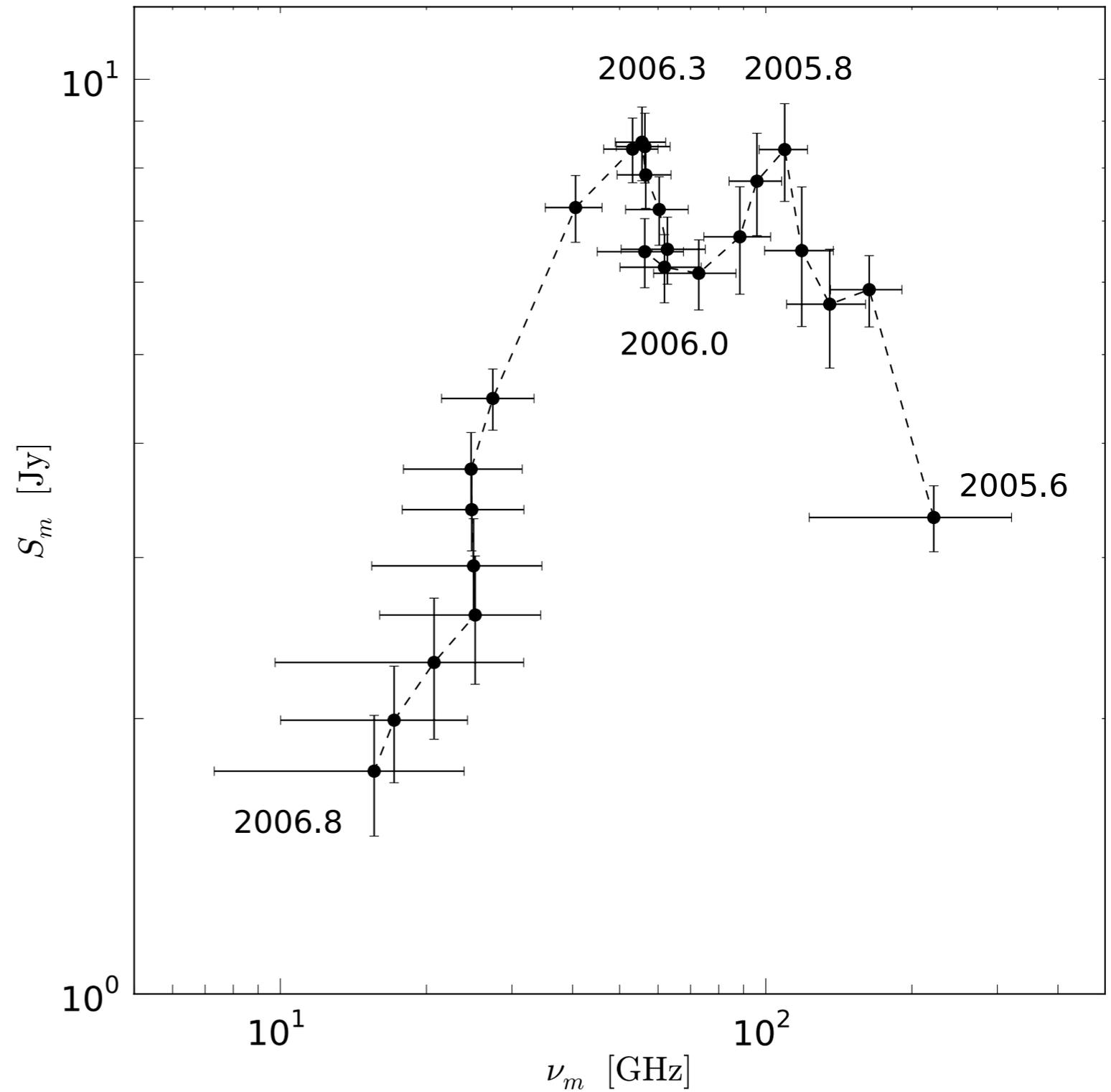
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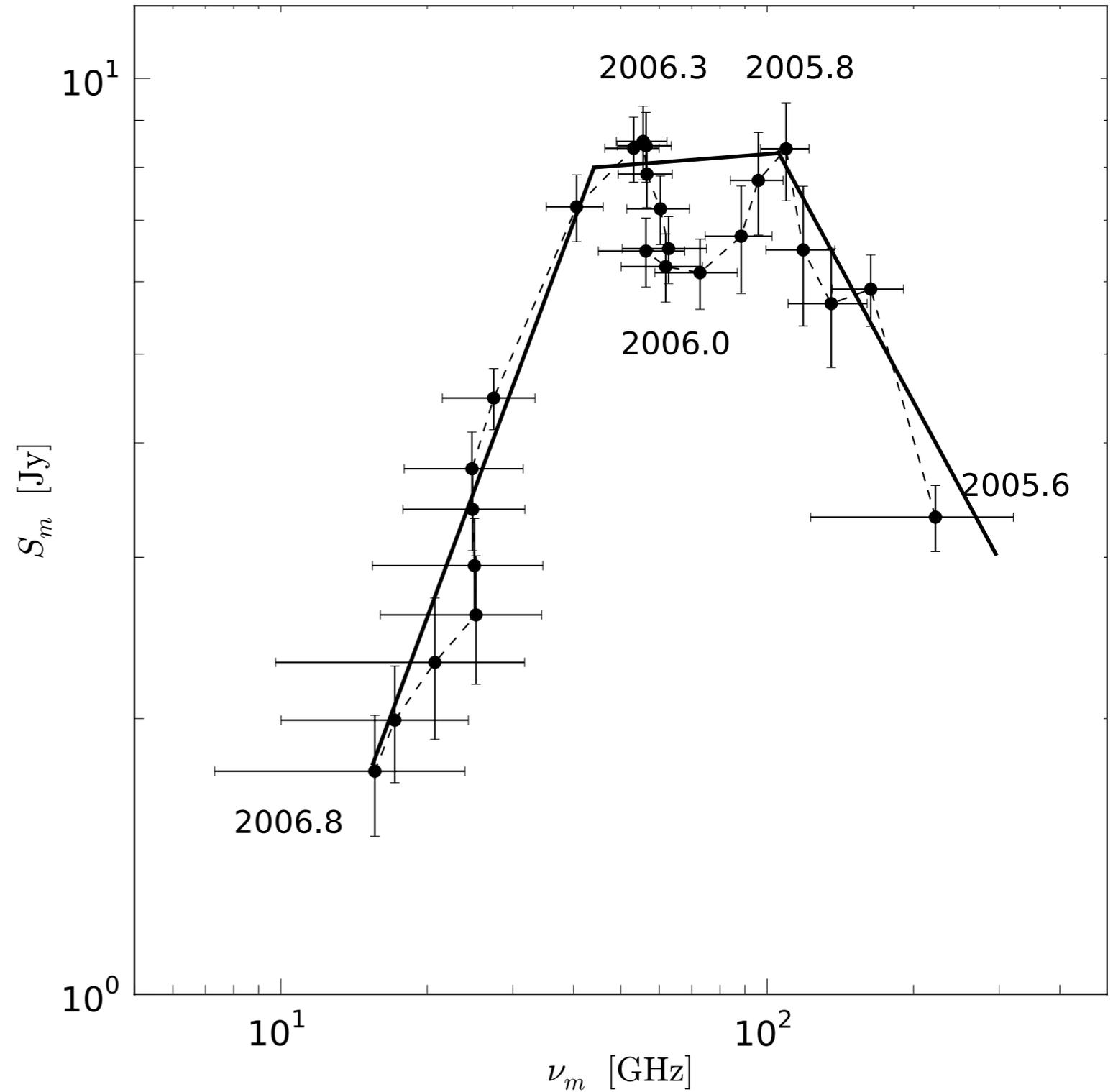
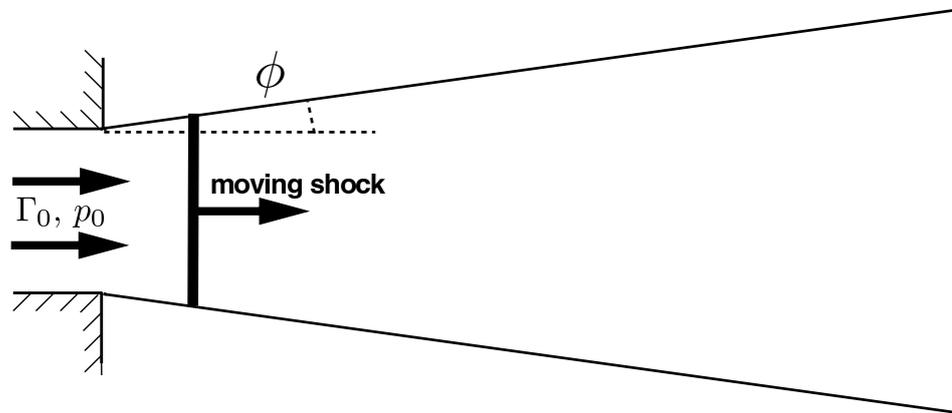
$$S_m \propto \nu_m^{f_i/n_i}$$

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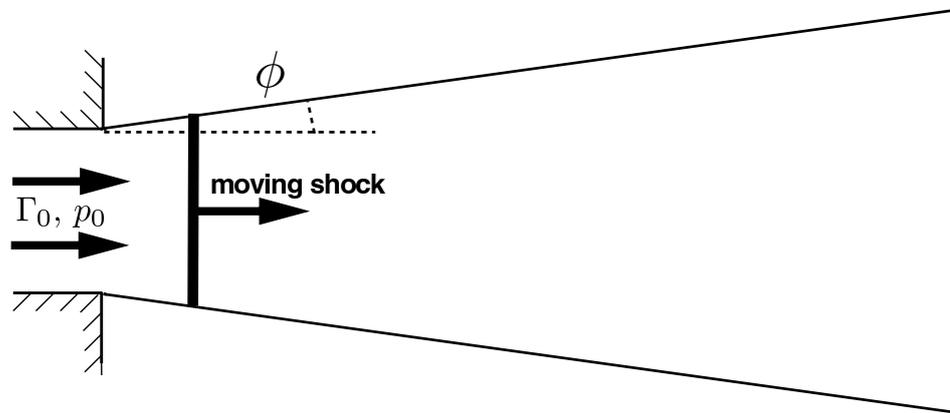
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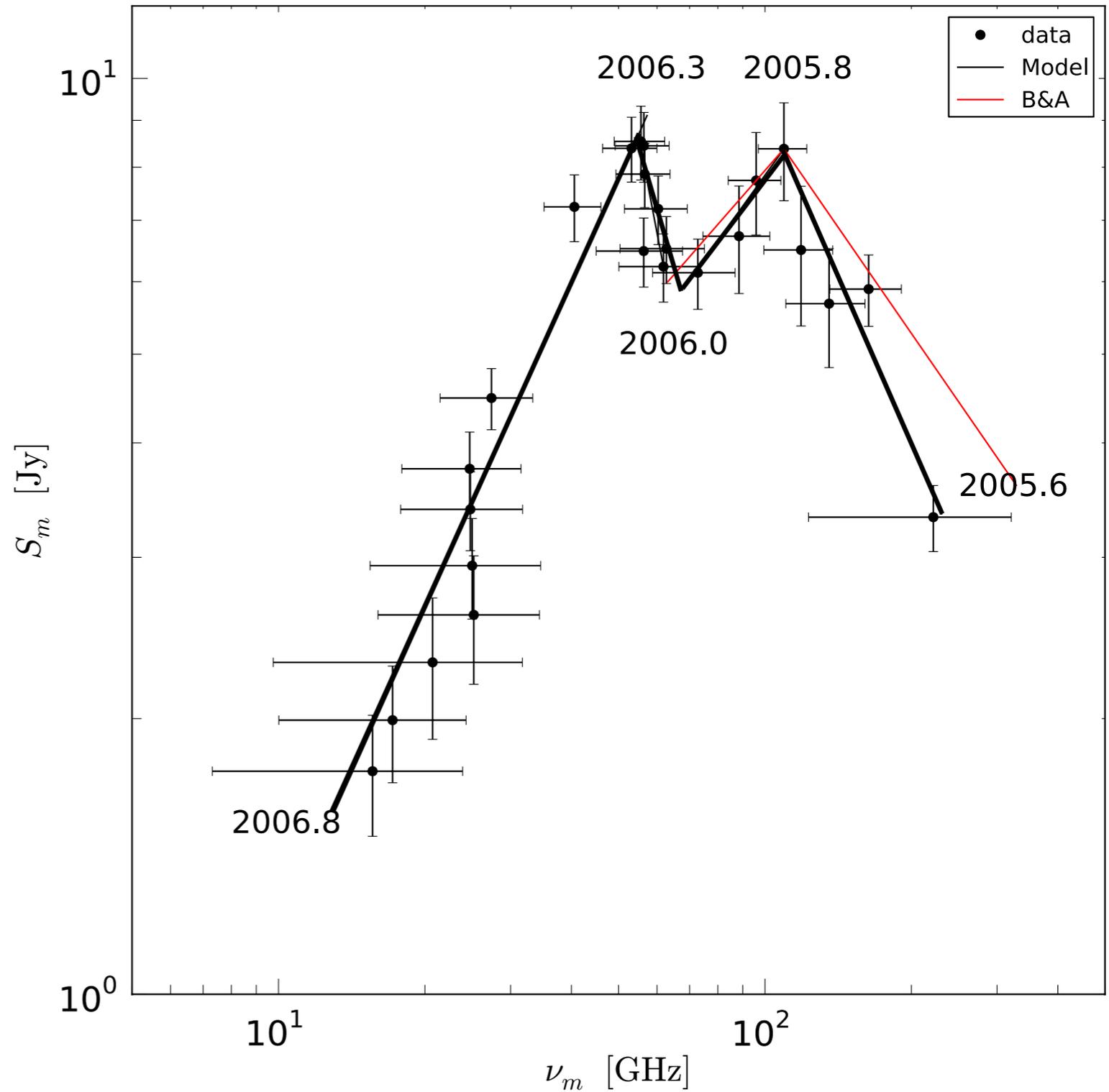
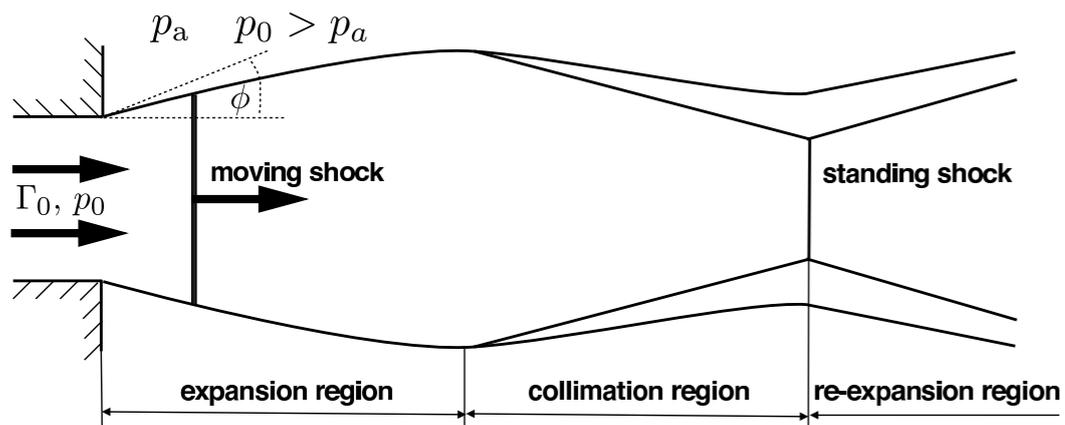


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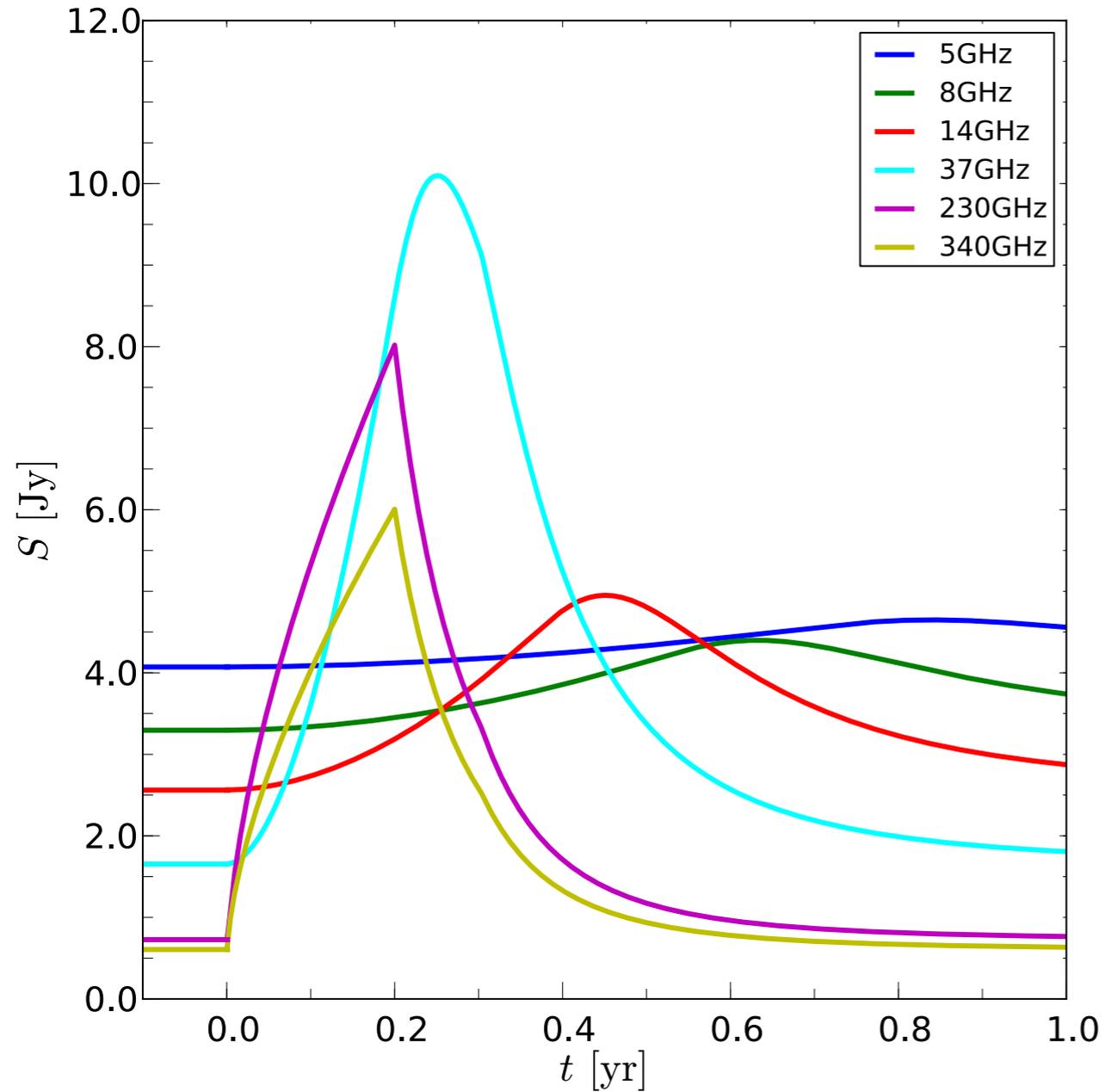


over-pressured jet



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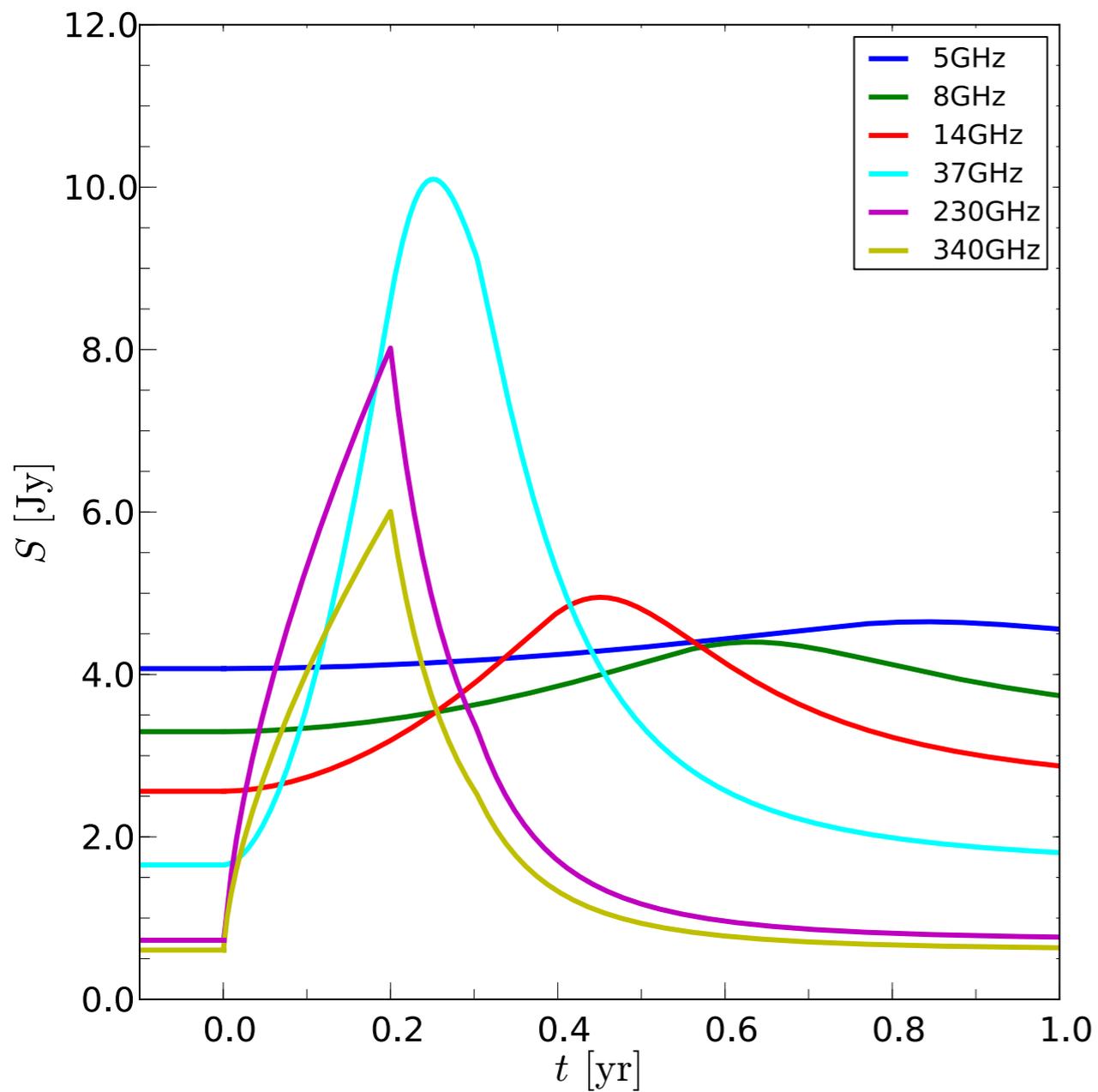
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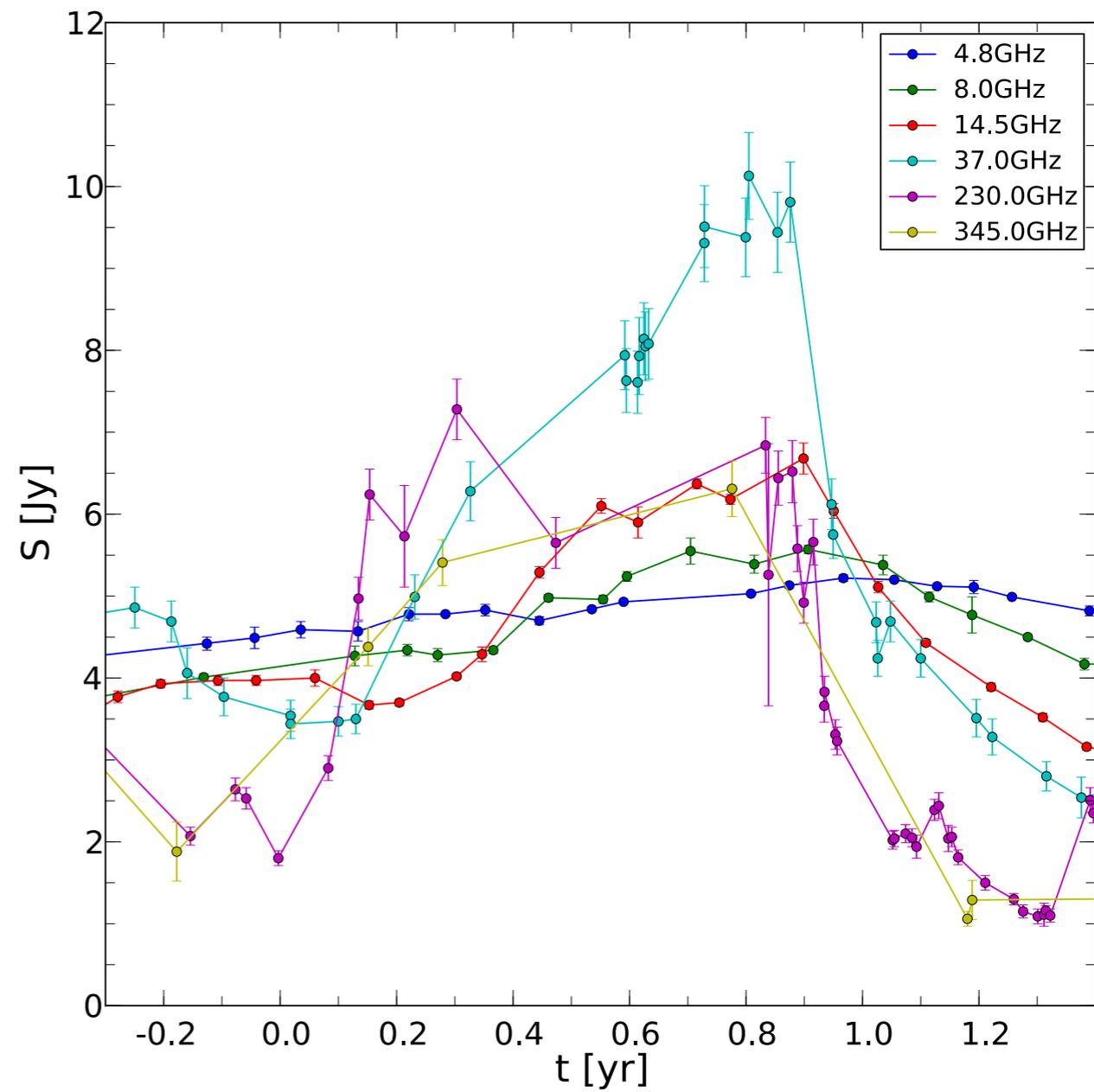
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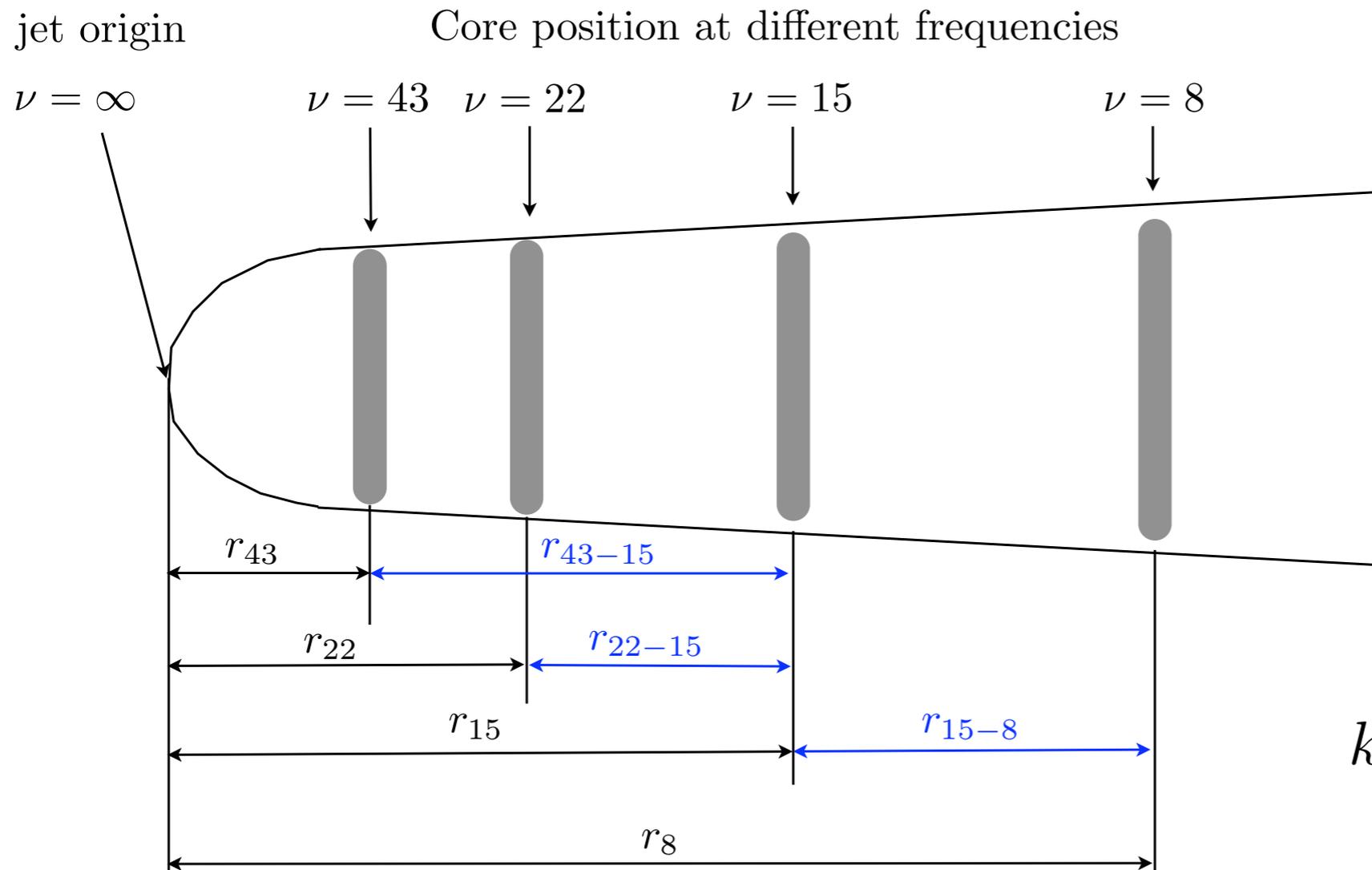
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Opacity variation in the core



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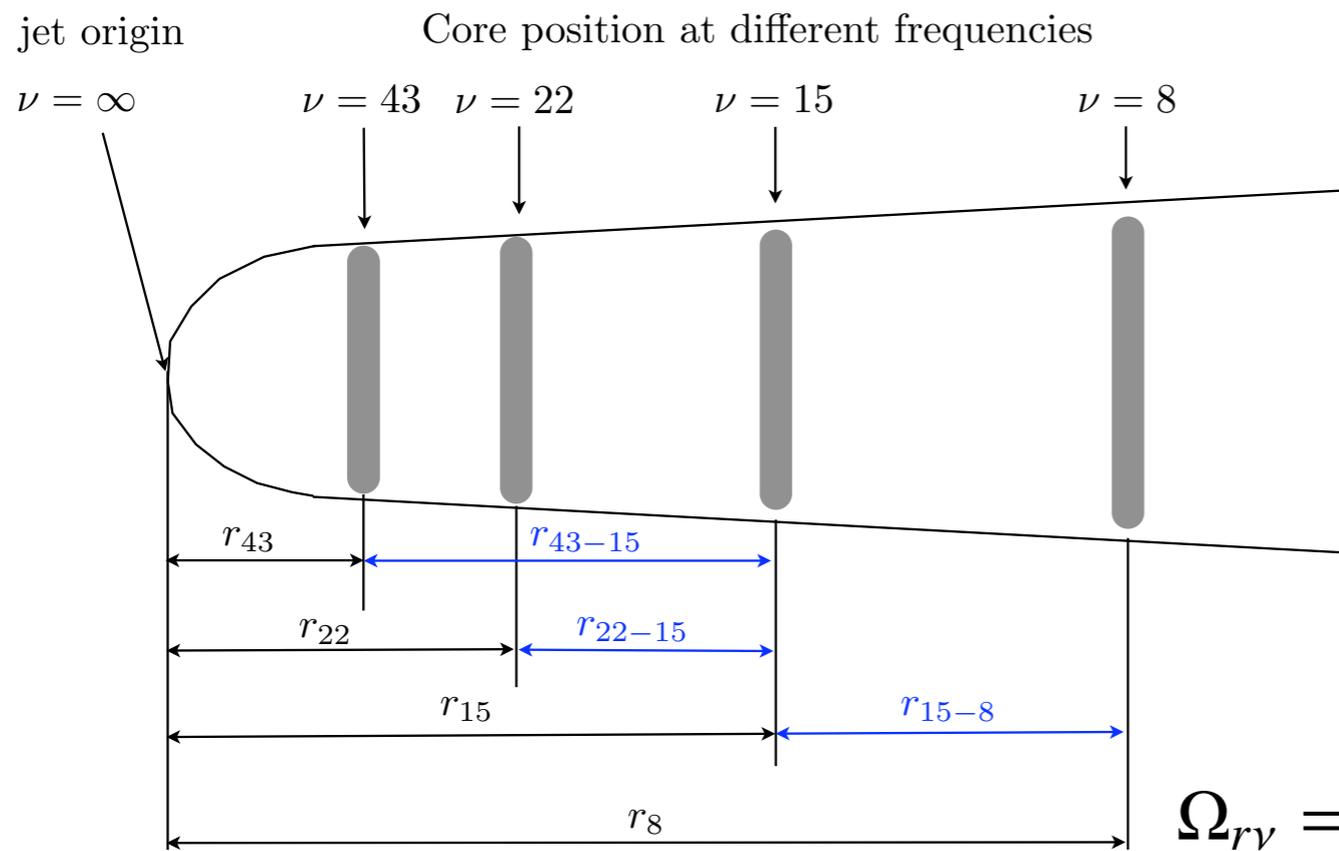
$$\alpha = -(s - 1)/2$$

$$\Delta r \propto \nu^{-1/k_r}$$

$$k_r = \frac{(3 - 2\alpha)b + 2n - 2}{5 - 2\alpha}$$

➔ 2D cross-correlation of VLBI maps

Opacity variation in the core



$$r_{\text{core}}(\nu) \approx \Omega_{r\nu} \left(1 + \beta_{\text{app}}^2\right)^{1/2} \nu^{-1} [\text{pc}]$$

$$B_{\text{core}} = B_1 r_{\text{core}}^{-1}$$

$$\tau'_{\nu'} = c_{\kappa}(s) c_{\kappa,b}(s) (1+z)^{-\frac{s-4}{2}} R \delta^{\frac{s+4}{2}} K B^{\frac{s+2}{2}} \nu'^{-\frac{s+4}{2}}$$

$$\Omega_{r\nu} = 4.85 \cdot 10^{-9} \frac{\Delta r_{\nu_1, \nu_2} D_L \nu_1^{1/k_r} \nu_2^{1/k_r}}{(1+z)^2 \left(\nu_2^{1/k_r} - \nu_1^{1/k_r}\right)} [\text{pc} \cdot \text{GHz}]$$

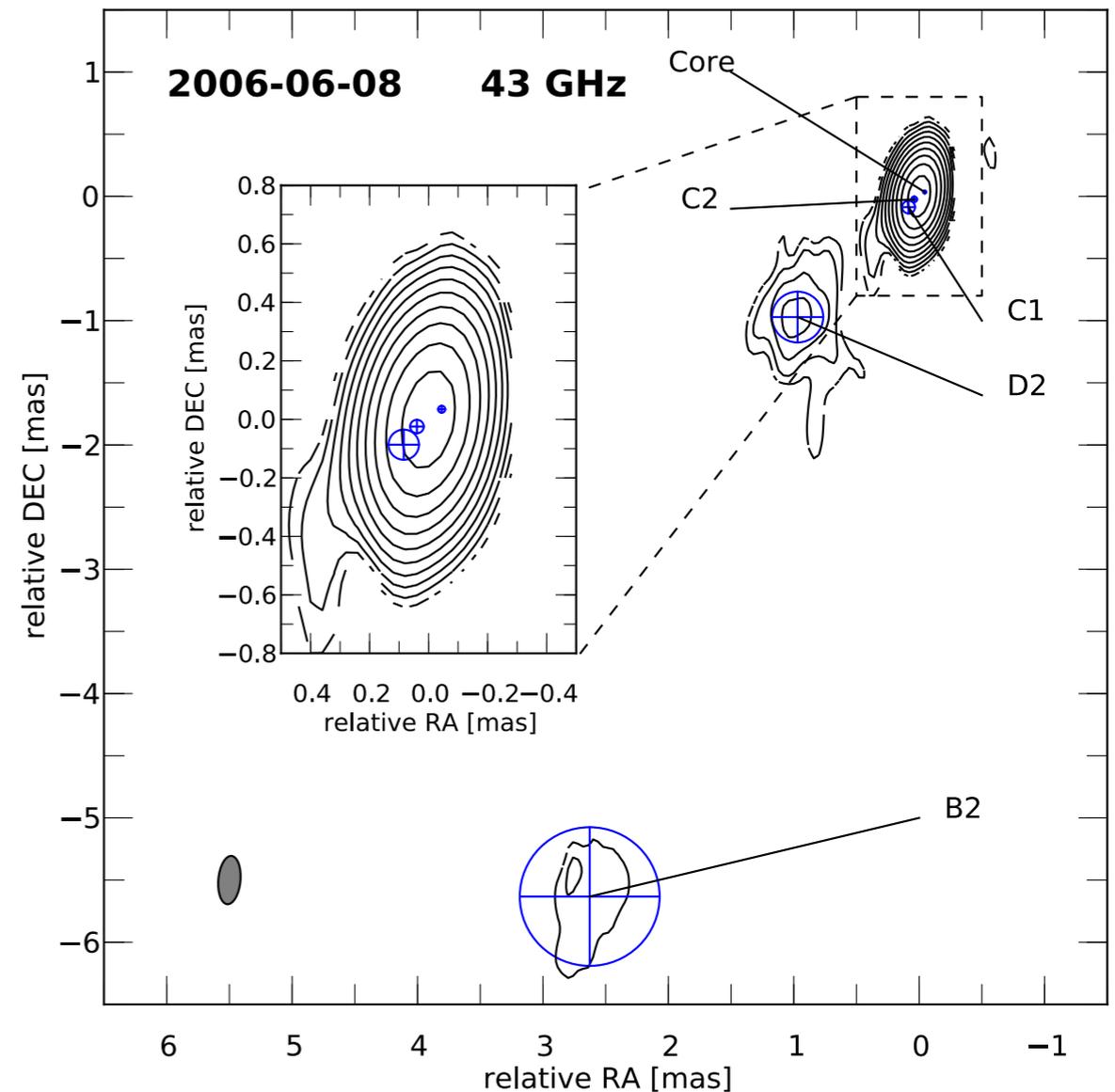
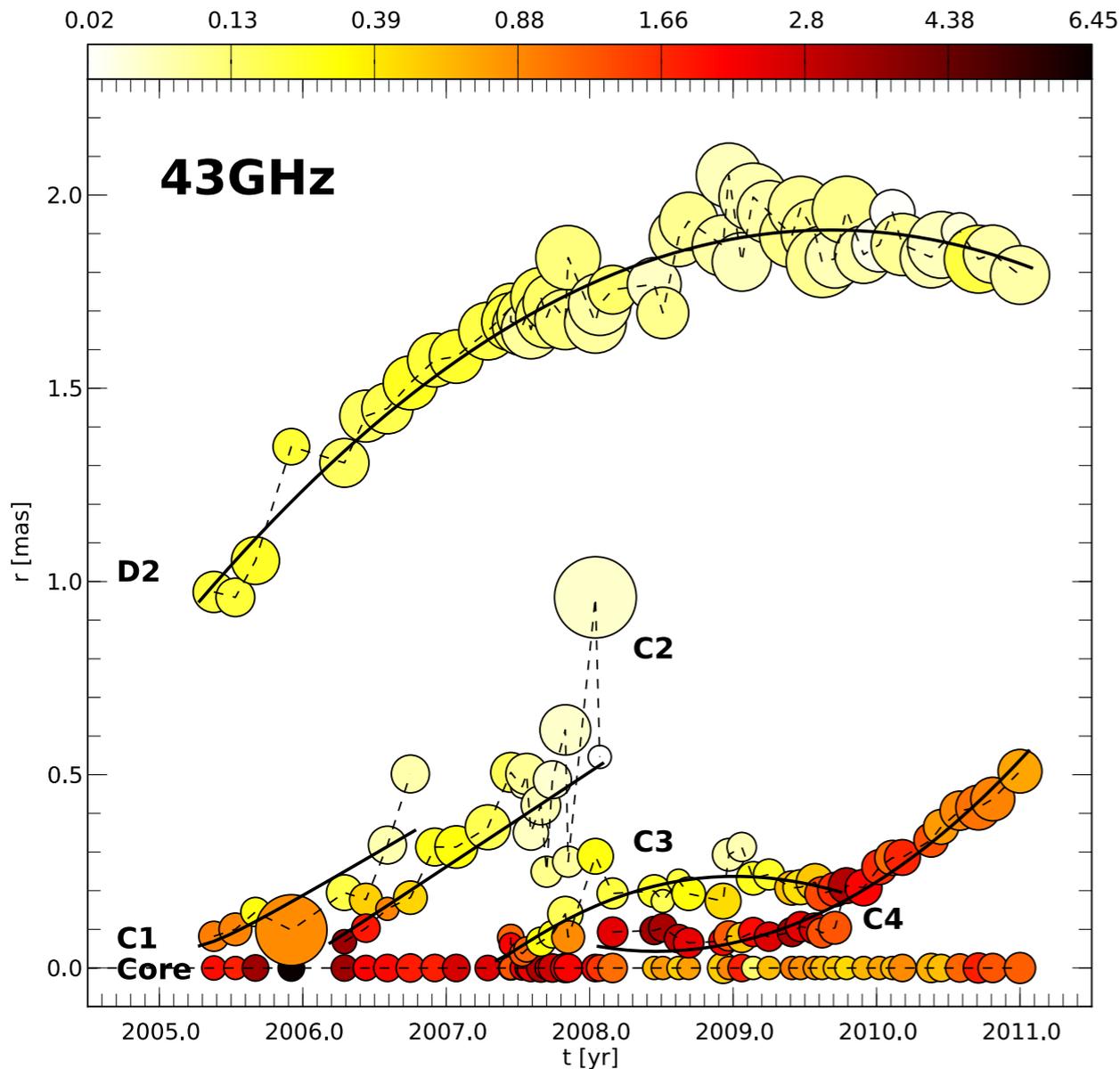
$$B_1 \approx 0.042 \Omega_{r\nu}^{3/4} (1+z)^{1/2} \frac{\left(1 + \beta_{\text{app}}^2\right)^{3/8}}{\beta_{\text{app}}^{1/2}} [\text{G}]$$

$$N_1 = 0.47 \cdot 10^6 \gamma_{\text{min}}^{-1} B_1^2$$

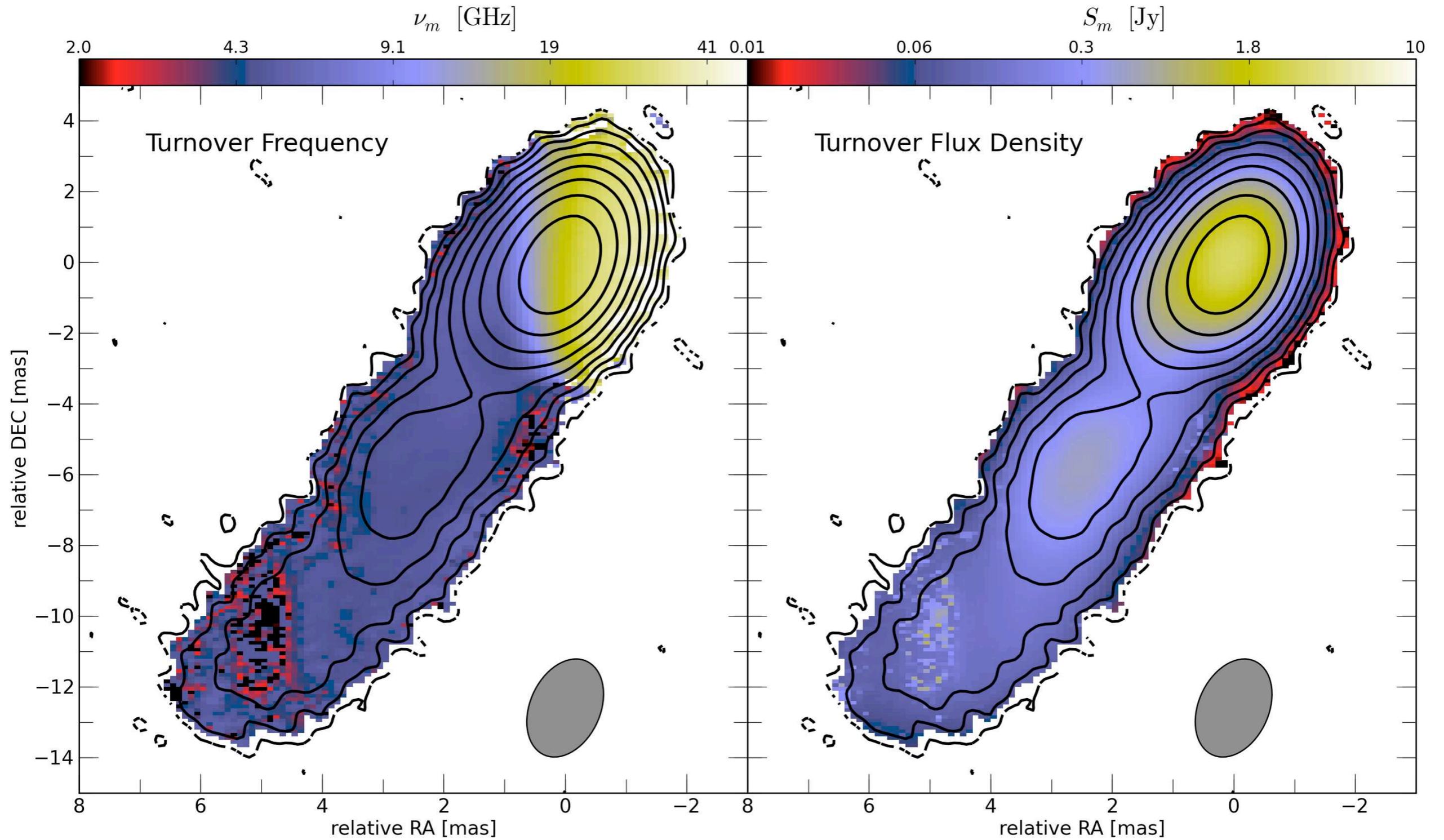
VLBI Kinematics

2D Gaussian Modeling: Position (x,y), Flux Density, (S) and Size (FWHM)

➔ identify and trace features with time and frequency



VLBI Modeling



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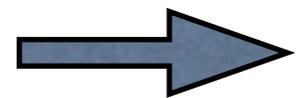
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Relativistic Hydrodynamics + emission calculations

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (D v^j) = 0$$

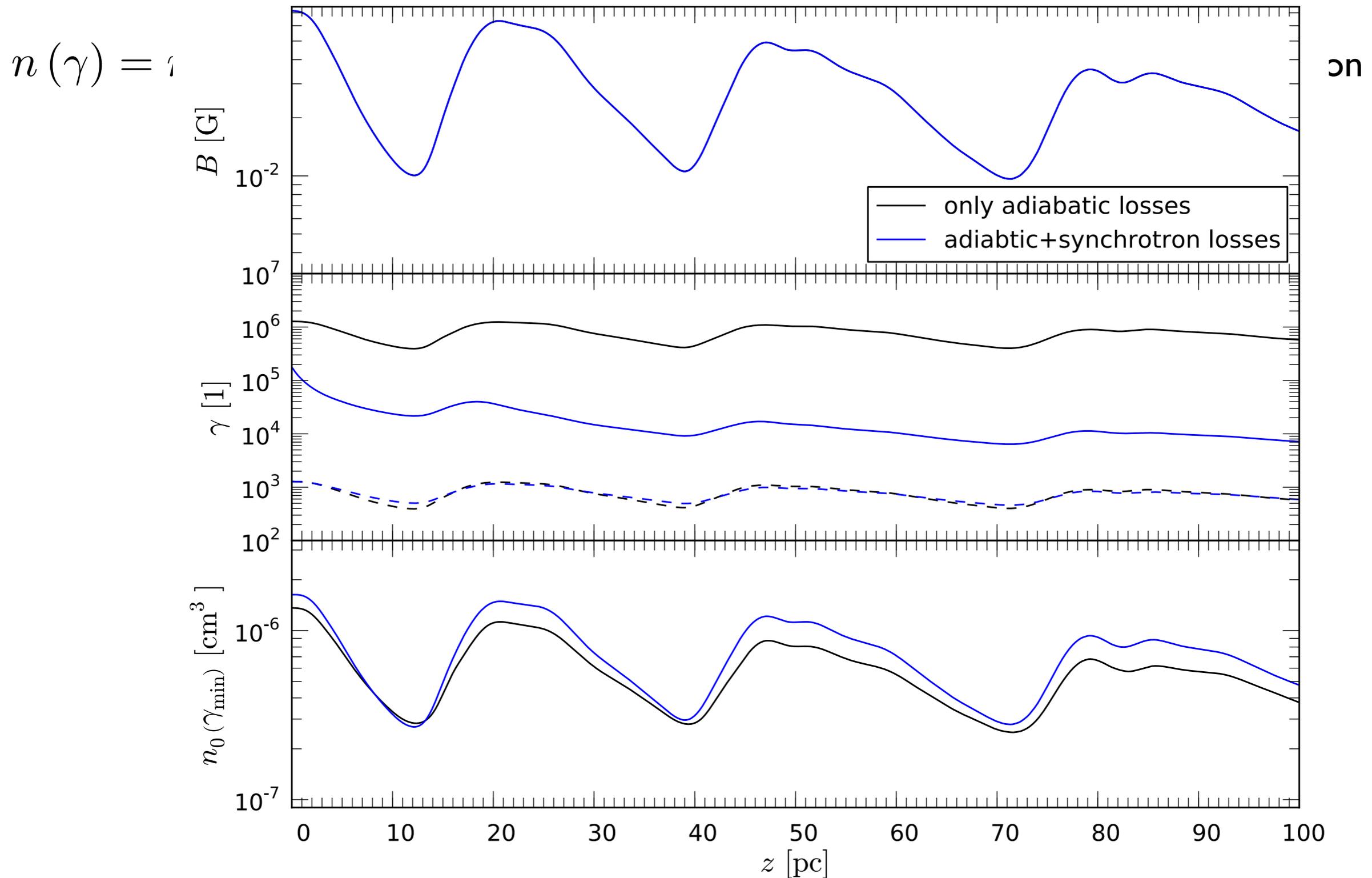
$$\frac{\partial S^i}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (S^i v^j + \delta^{ij} p) = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (S^j - D v^j) = 0$$

$$p = (\hat{\gamma} - 1) \varepsilon \rho$$

$$D = \rho W \quad \mathbf{S} = \rho h W^2 \mathbf{v} \quad \tau = \rho h W^2 - p - \rho W \quad W = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}$$

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(Mimica et al. 2010, Dermer & Boettcher 2010)

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$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \epsilon_e < 1 \\ 0 < \epsilon_b < 1 \\ 1e3 < \epsilon_a < 1e6 \end{aligned}$$

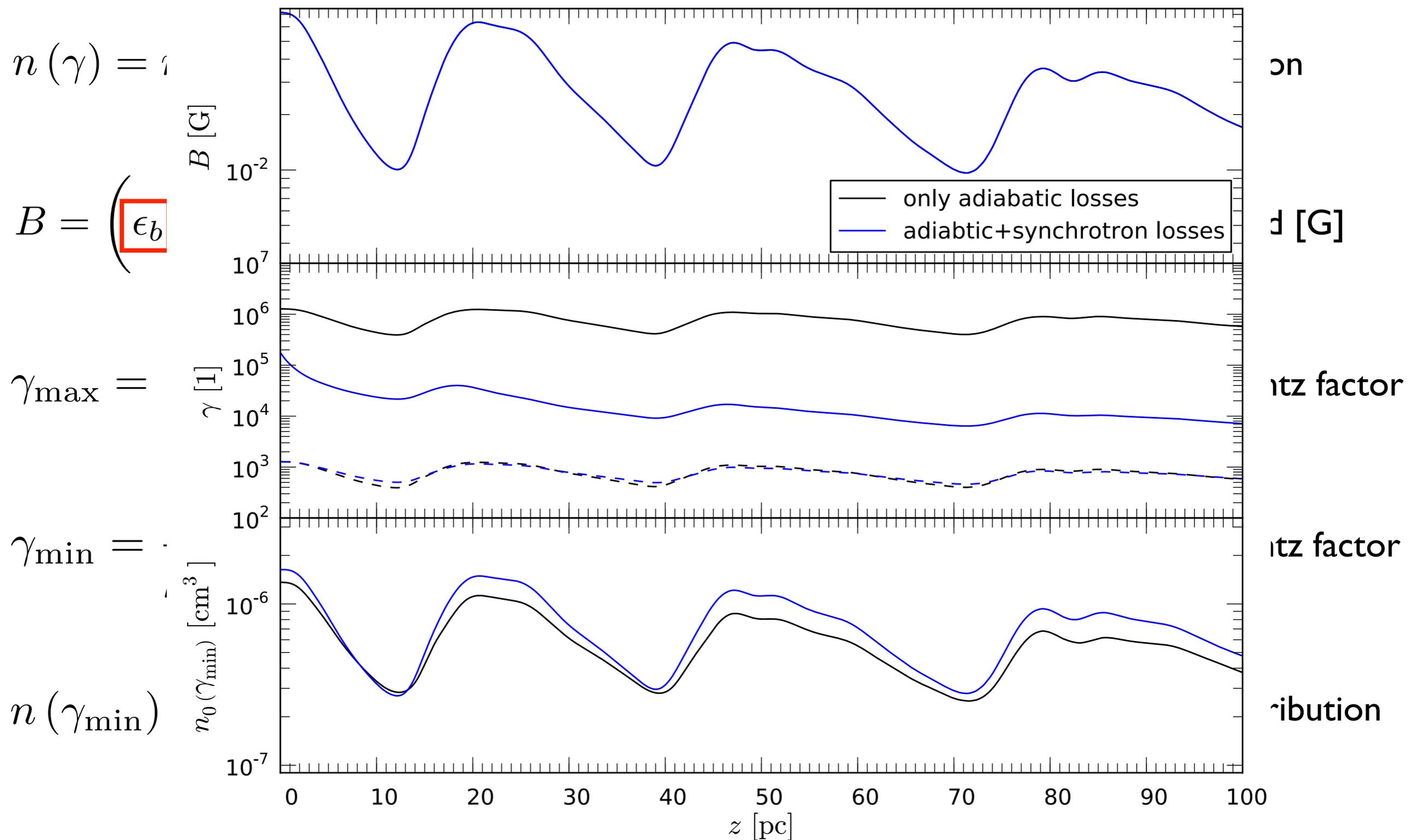
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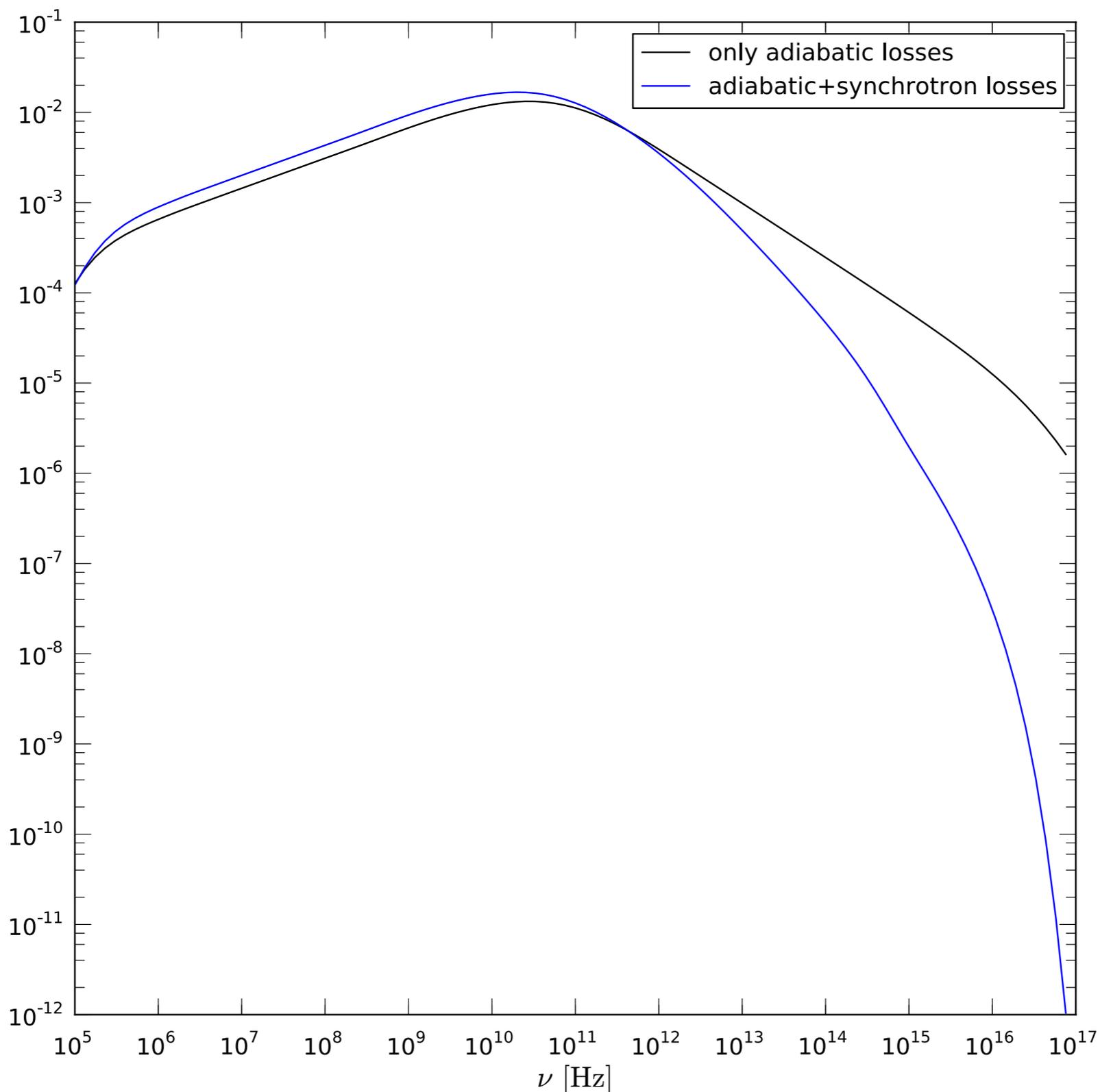
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$$\gamma_{\min} = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho_{th}(\dot{\gamma})}$$

$$n(\gamma_{\min}) = \frac{1}{\dot{\gamma}}$$



spectrum

magnetic field [G]

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Synchrotron Emission

$$n(\gamma) = n(\gamma_{\min}) \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma_{\min}} \right)^{-p} \quad \text{e- distribution}$$

$$j_{\text{syn}}(\nu) = \frac{\sqrt{3}q^3 B \sin(\theta)}{4\pi m c^2} n(\gamma_{\min}) \gamma_{\min} H \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0 \gamma_{\min}^2}, p, \eta \right), \quad \text{emission coeff}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{syn}}(\nu) = \frac{\sqrt{3}q^3 B \sin(\theta)}{8\pi m^2 c^2} n(\gamma_{\min}) \frac{p+2}{\nu^2} H \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0 \gamma_{\min}^2}, p+1, \eta \right) \quad \text{absorption coeff}$$

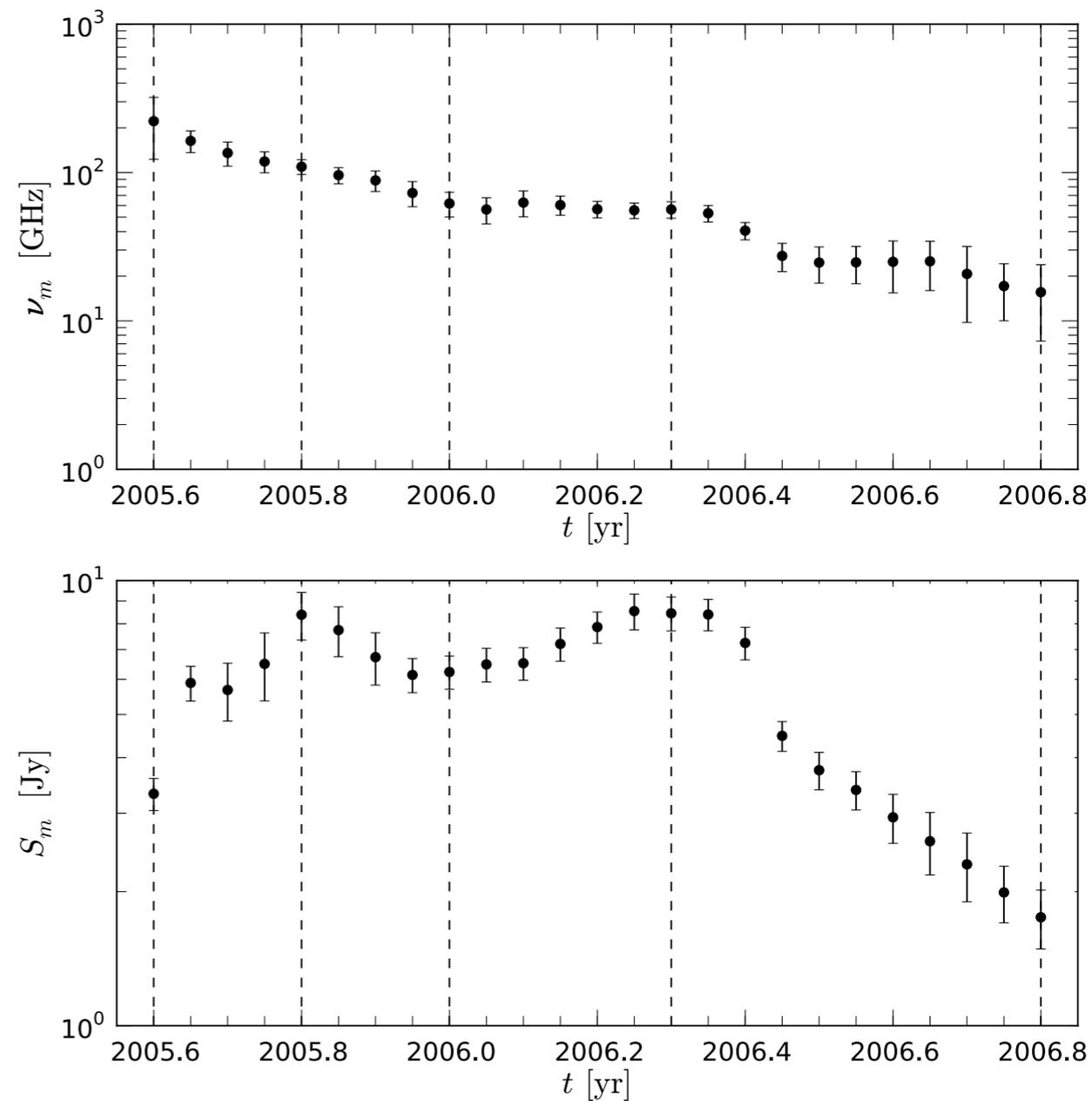
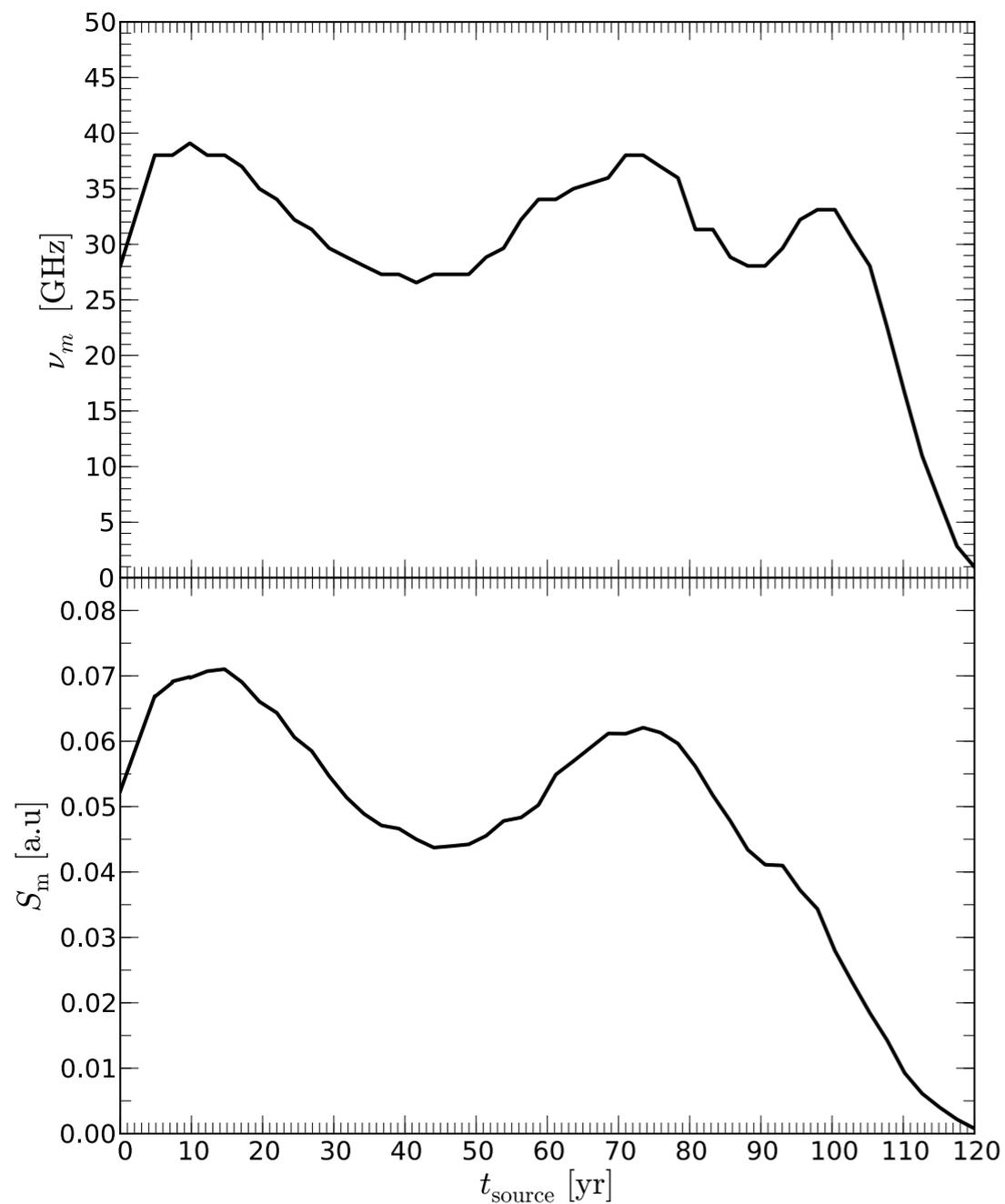
$$H(x, p, \eta) = \frac{1}{2} x^{(1-p)/2} \int_{x/\eta^2}^x d\xi \xi^{(p-3)/2} F(\xi)$$

$$F(x) = x \int_x^\infty d\xi K_{5/3}(\xi) \quad \text{ordered mag. field:}$$

$$R(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi d\alpha \sin^2 \alpha F \left(\frac{x}{\sin \alpha} \right) \quad \text{random mag. field:}$$

Shock-Shock interaction

Single Dish spectral evolution



Kelvin-Helmholtz Instabilities

