

# The physics behind the non-thermal emission in $\gamma$ -ray emitting binaries\*

\* High-mass, relativistic

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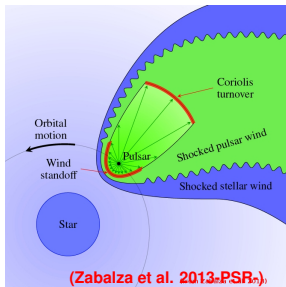
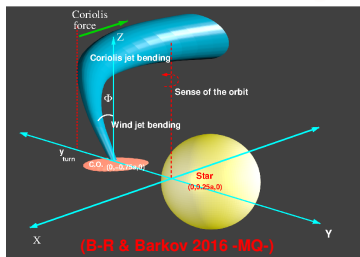
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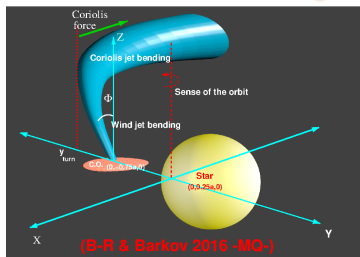
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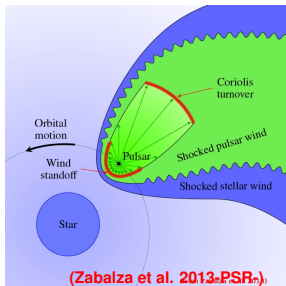


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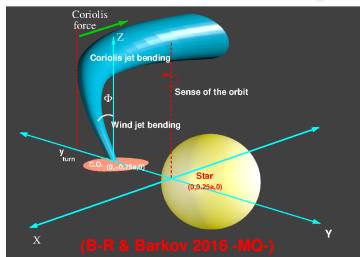


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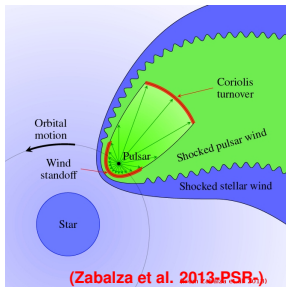


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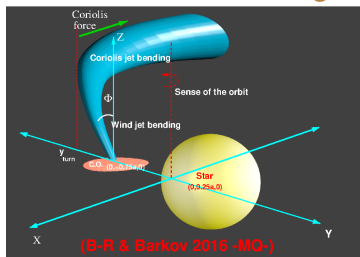


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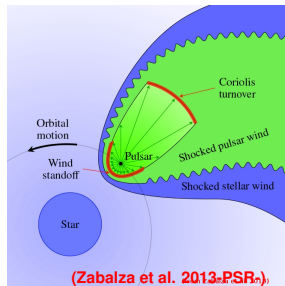


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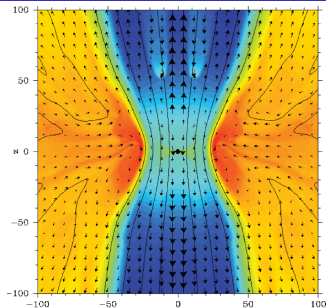
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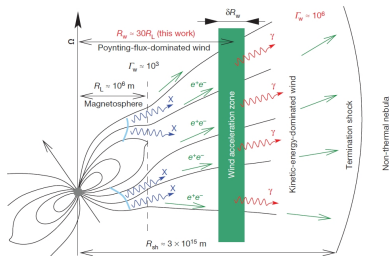
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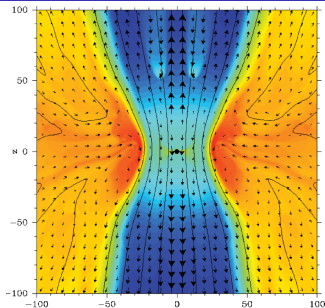
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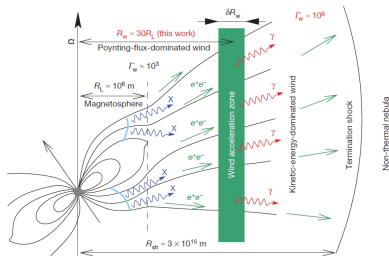
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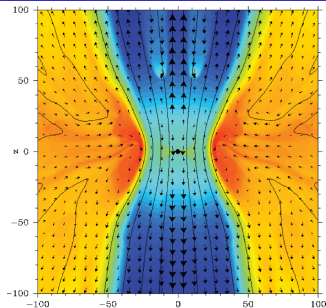
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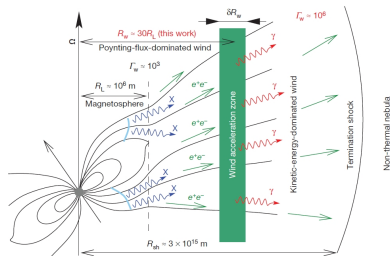
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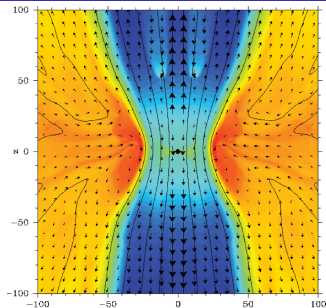
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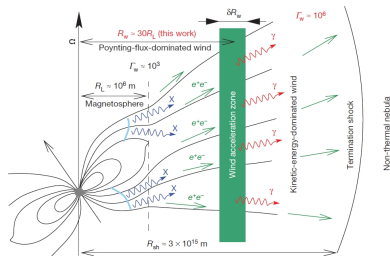
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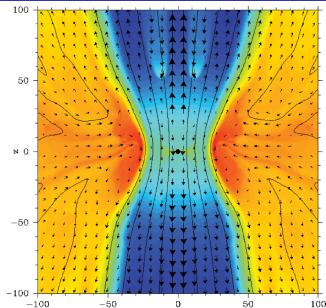
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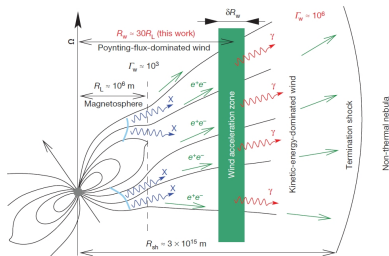
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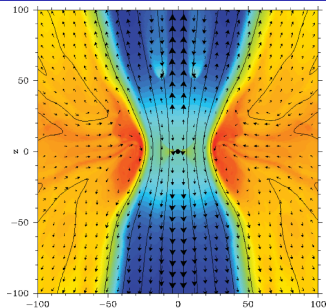
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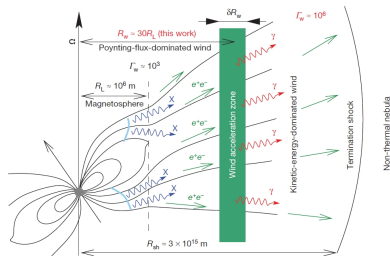
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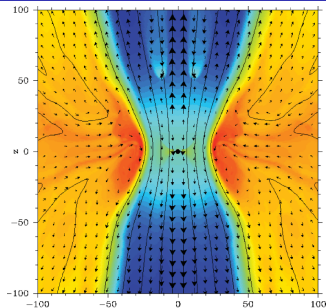
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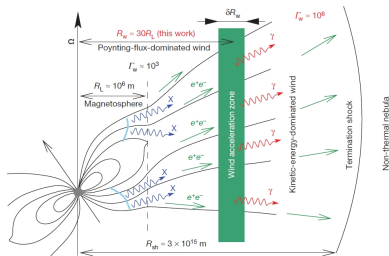
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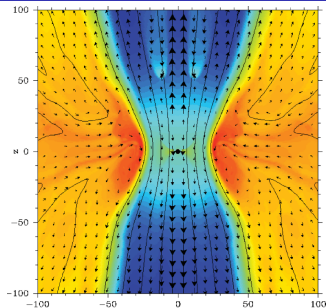
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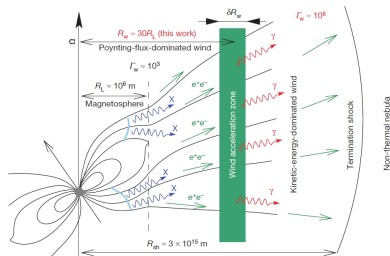
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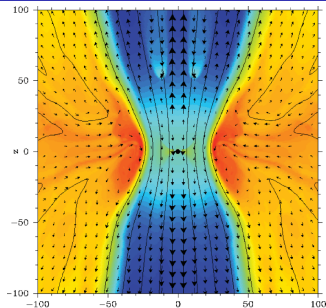


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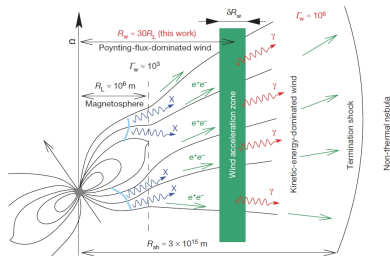


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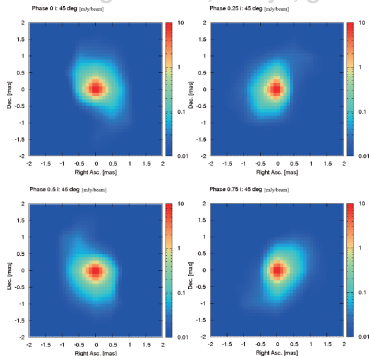
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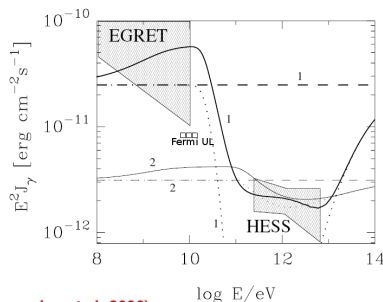
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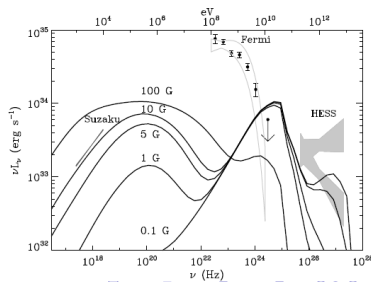
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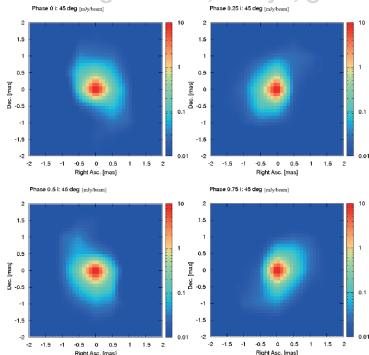
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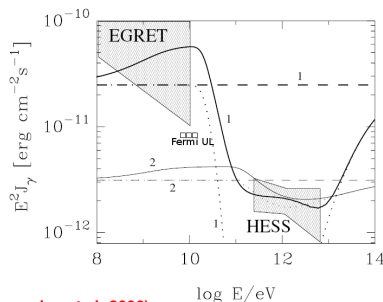
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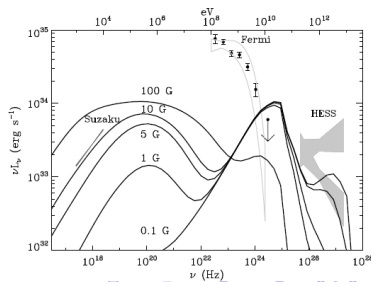
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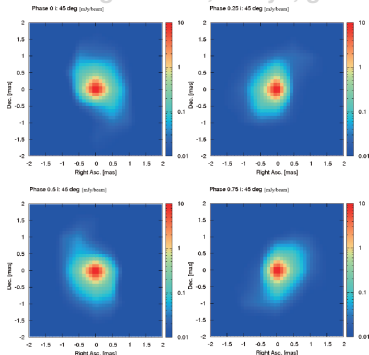
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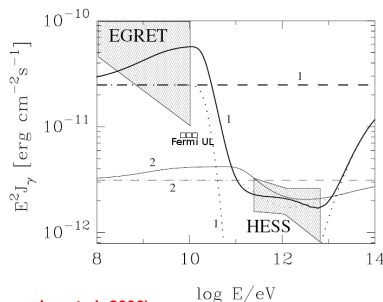
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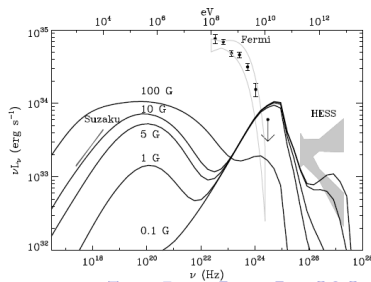
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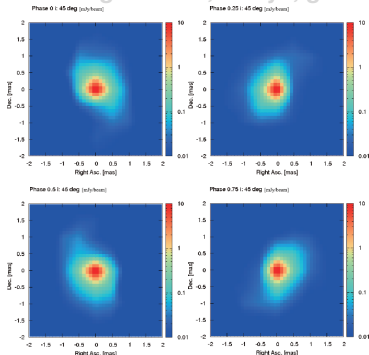
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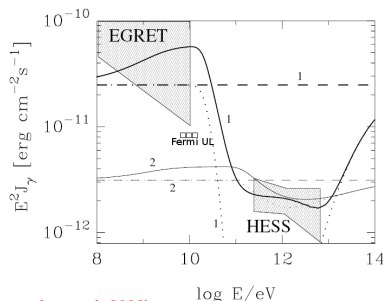
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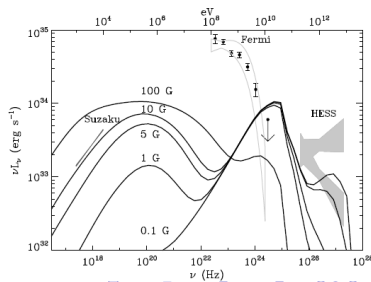
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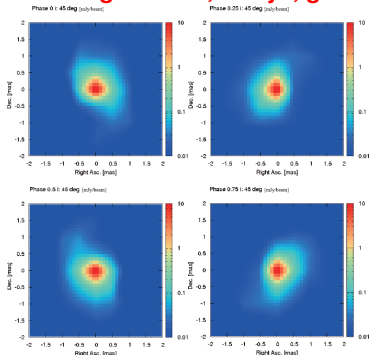
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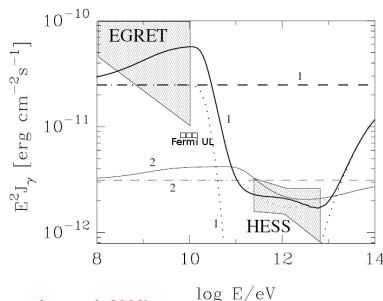
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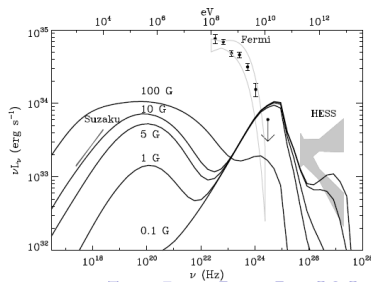
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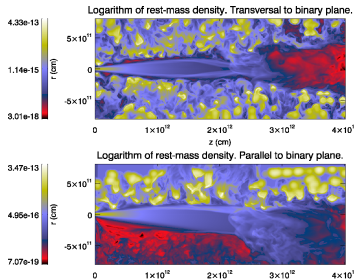
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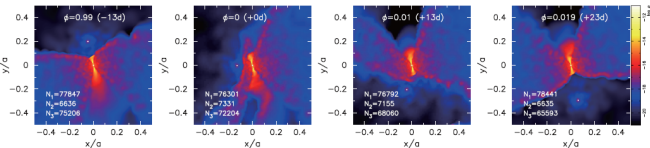
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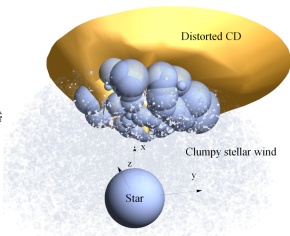
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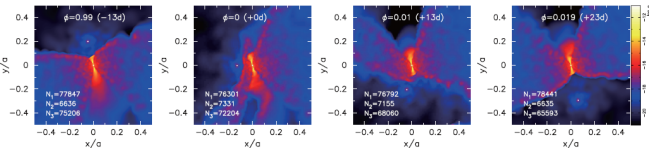
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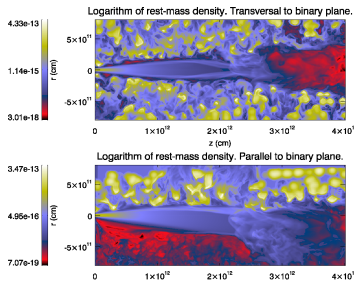
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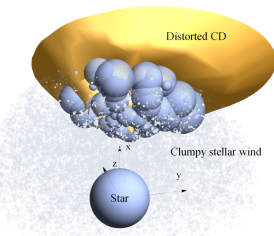
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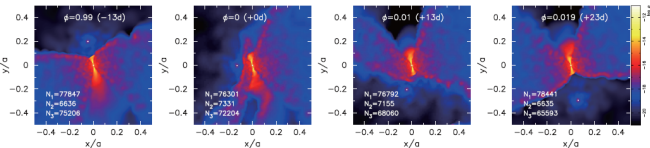
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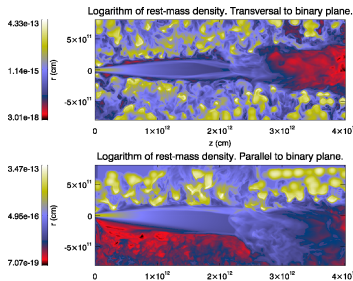
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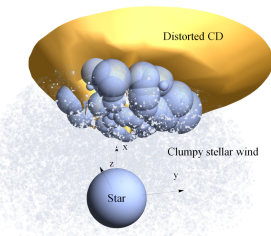
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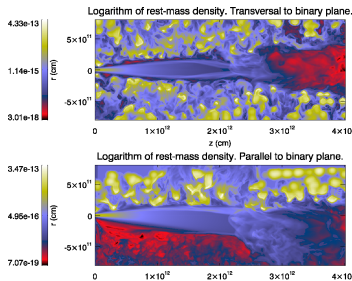
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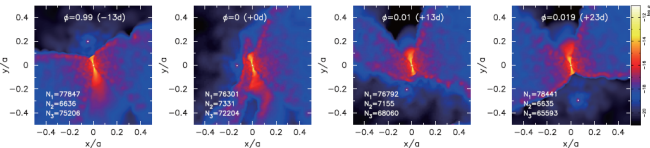
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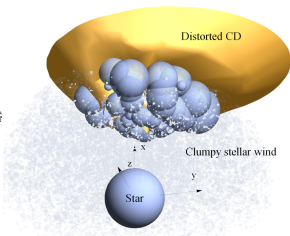
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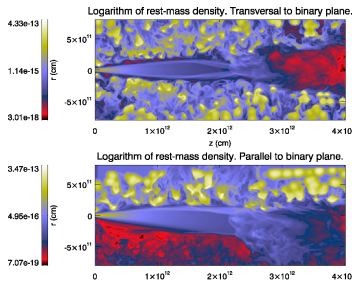
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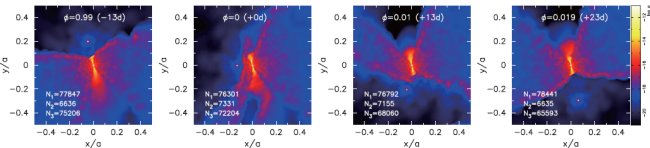
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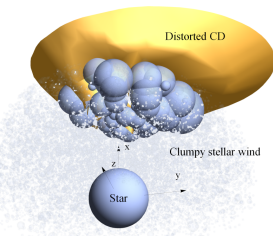
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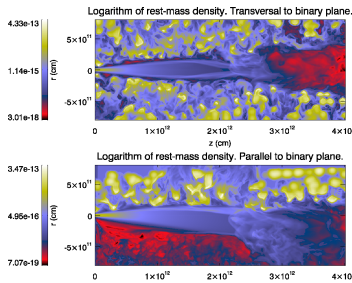
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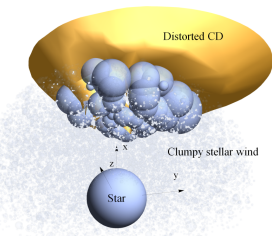
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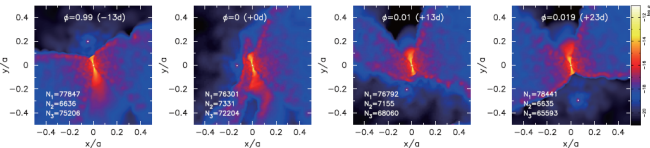
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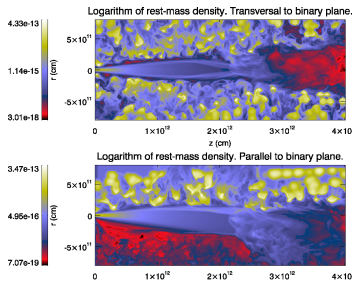
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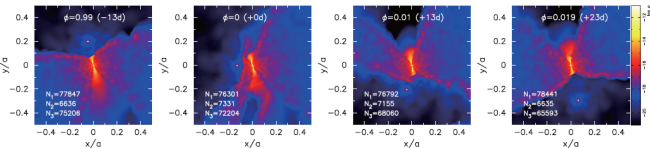
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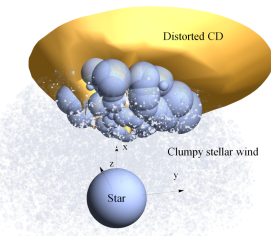
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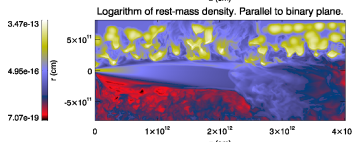
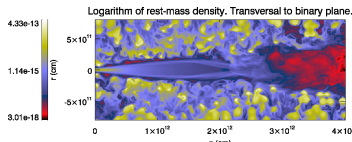
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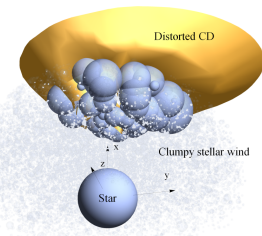
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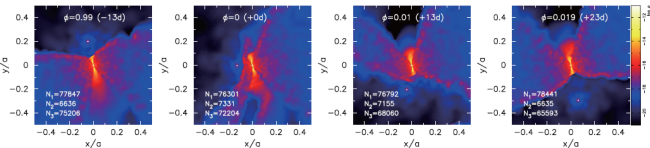
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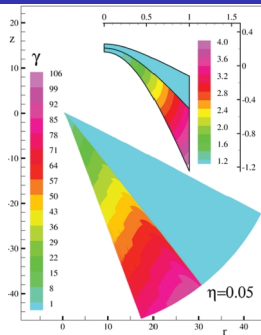
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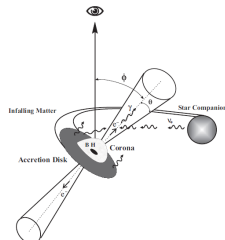
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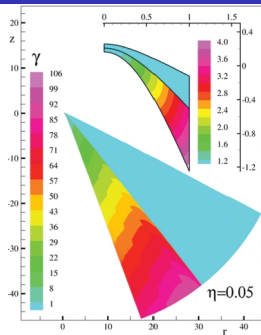
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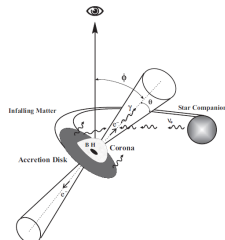
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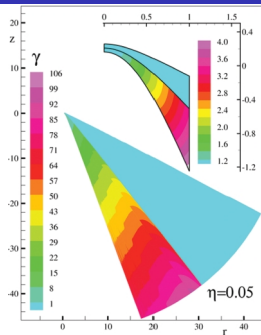
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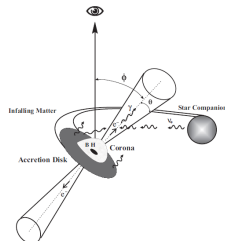
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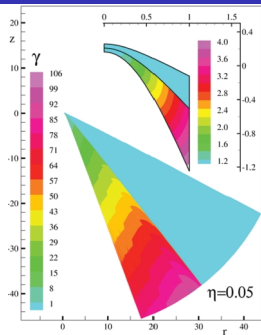
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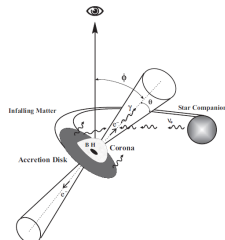
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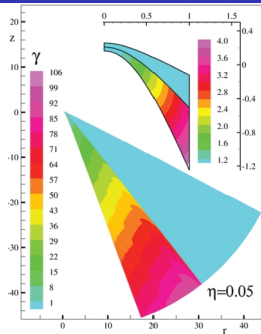
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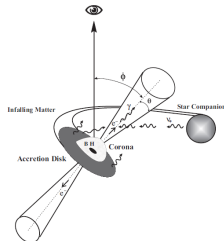
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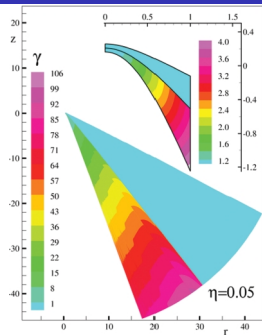
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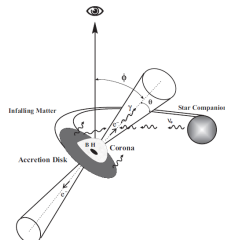
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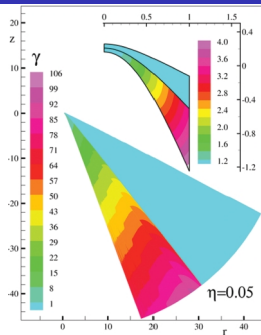
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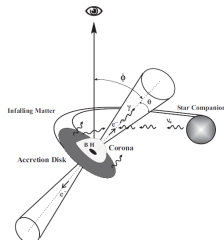
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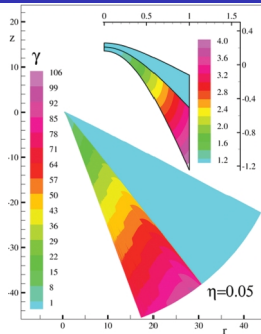
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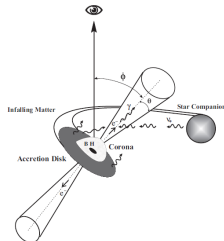
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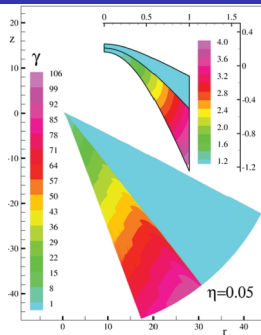
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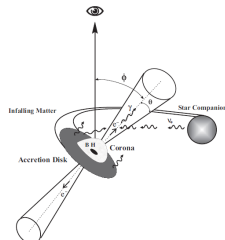
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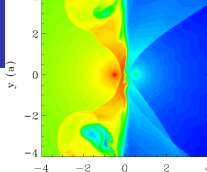


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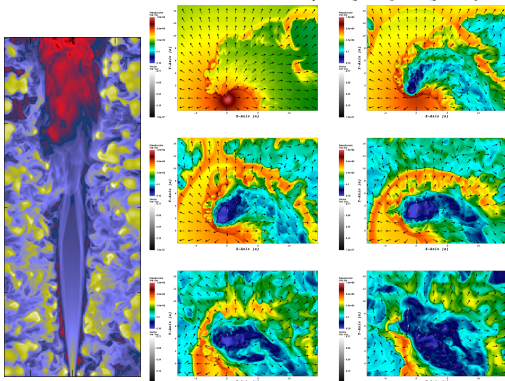
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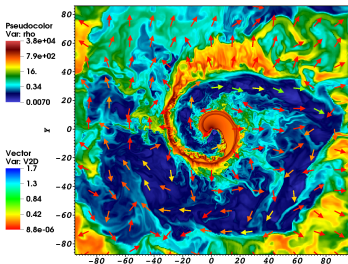
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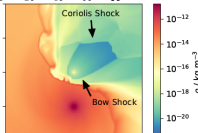


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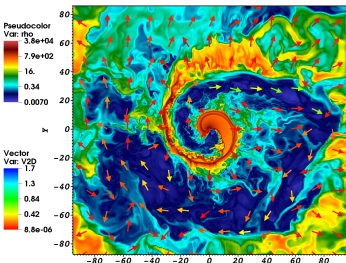
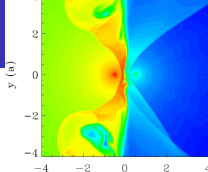


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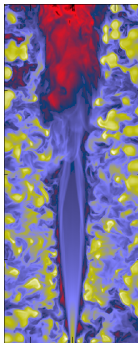
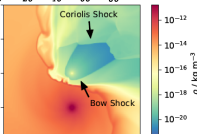
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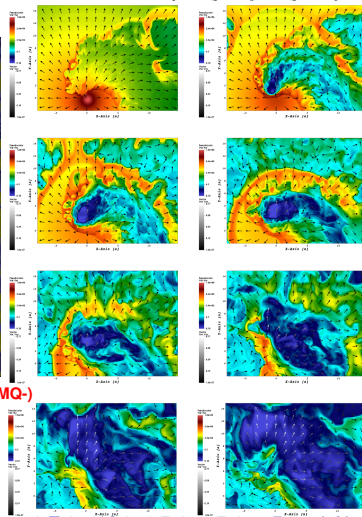


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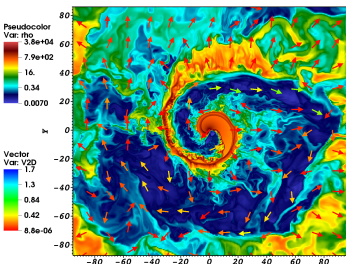
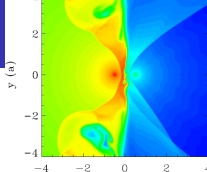


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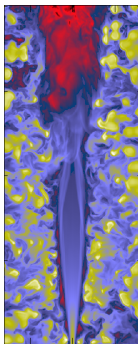
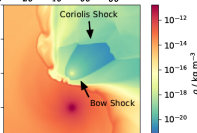
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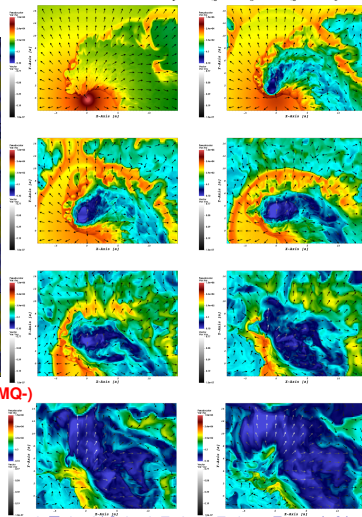


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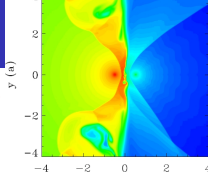
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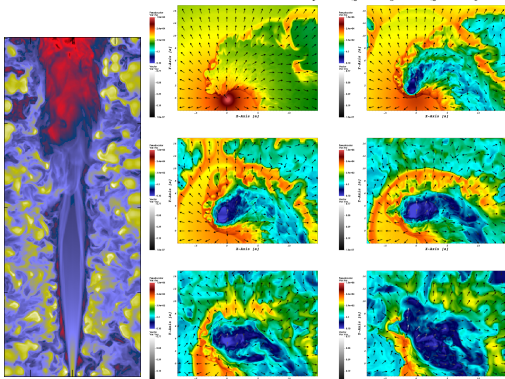
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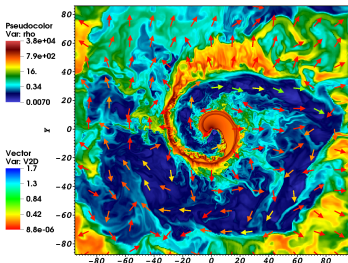
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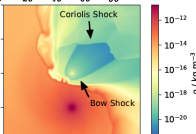


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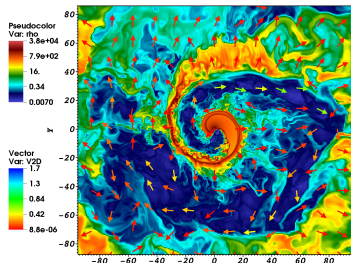
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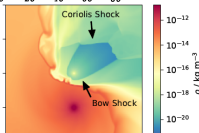
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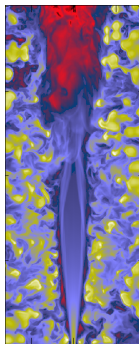
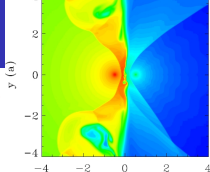
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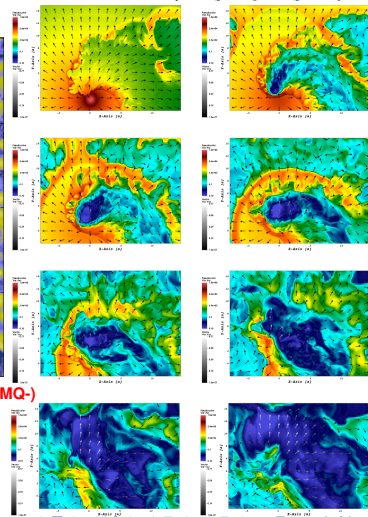


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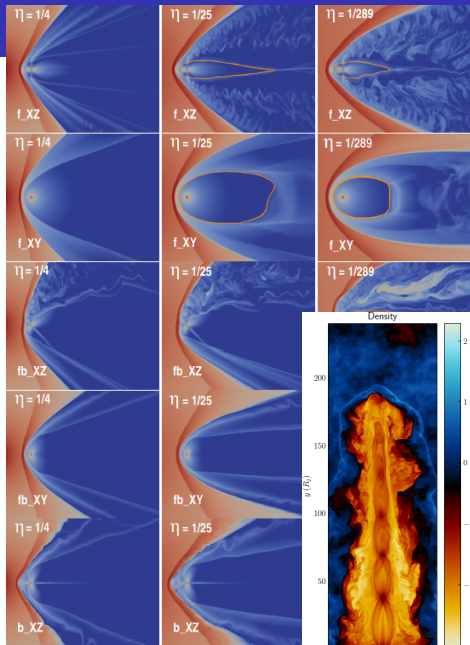


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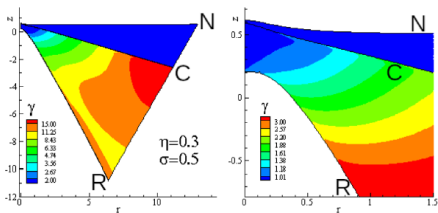


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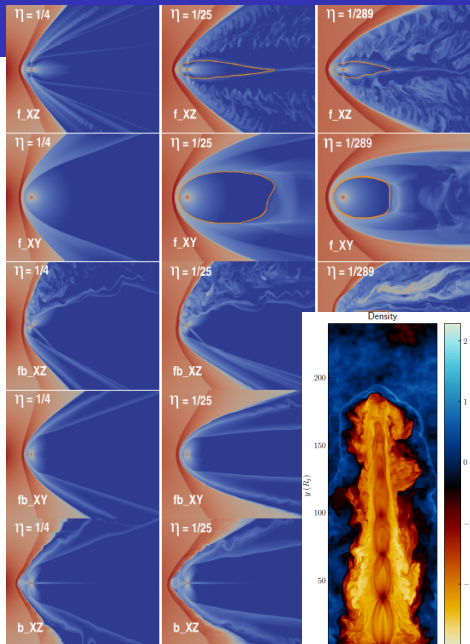
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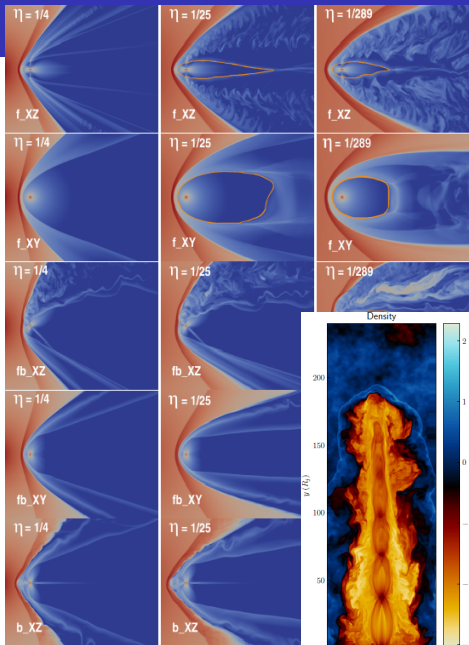
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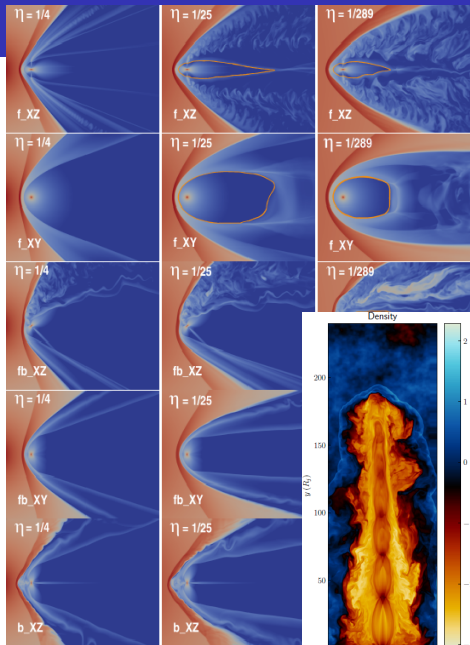


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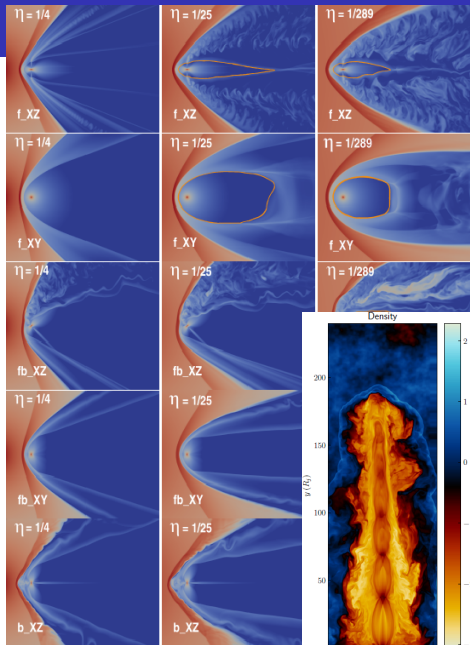
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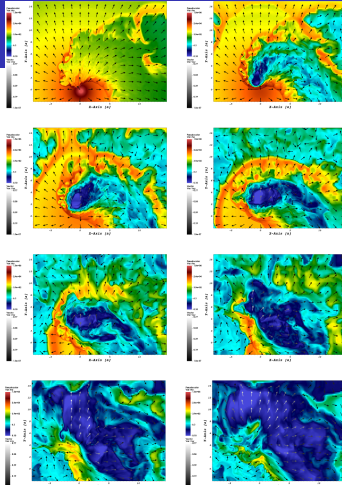
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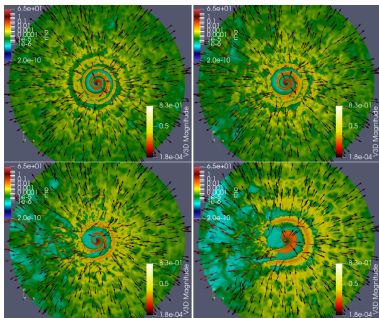
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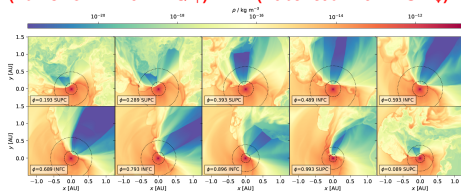


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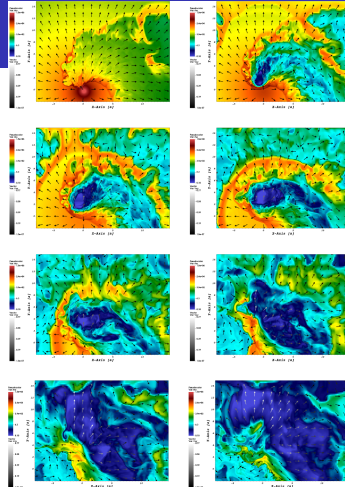


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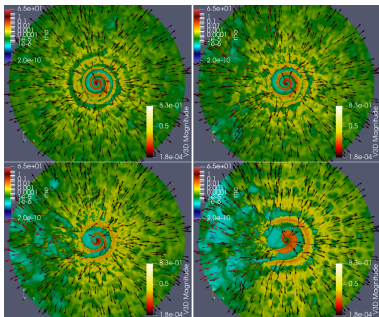
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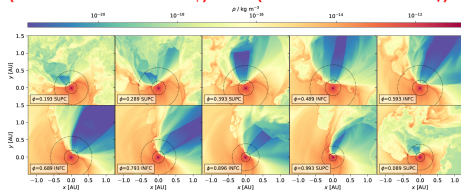


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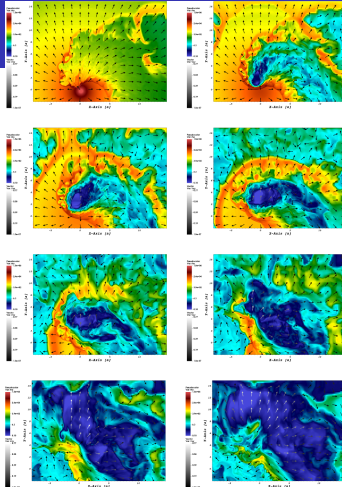


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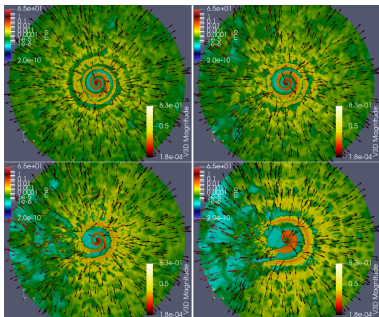
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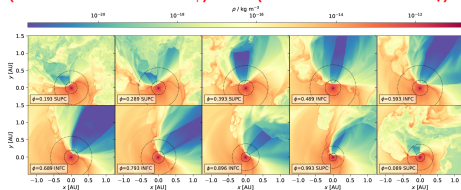


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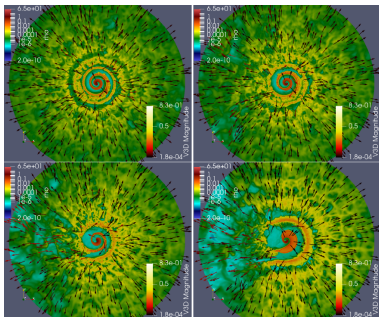
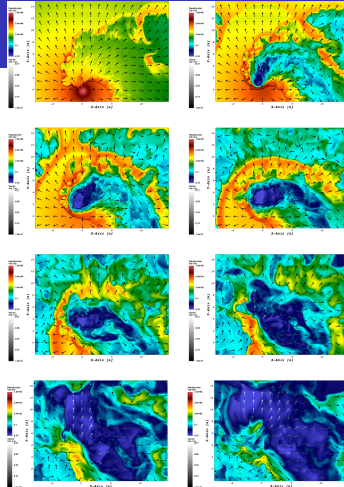


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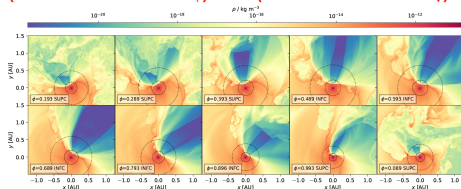
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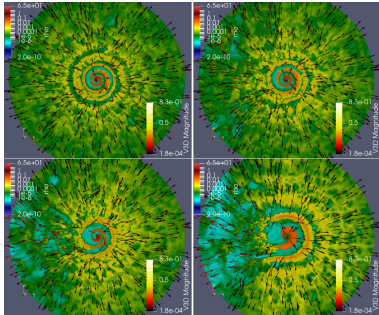
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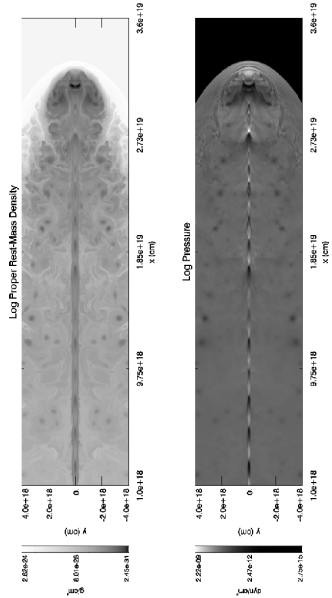
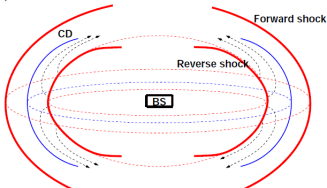
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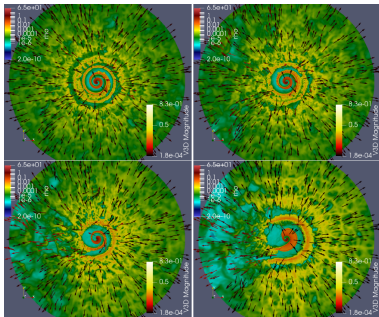
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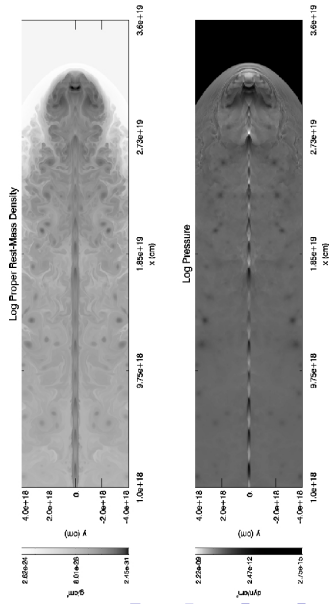
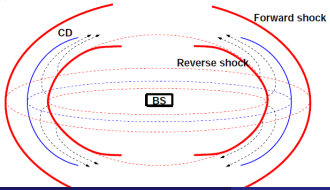
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