

# On the complementarity of time domain techniques for detecting close binary supermassive black hole candidates

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## Time domain surveys

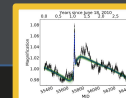
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Graham +15, Liu+19



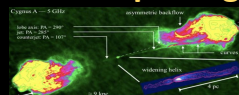
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Binary SMBH candidates

Periodic emission, lensing



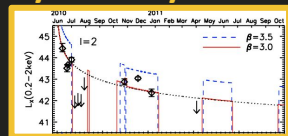
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Jet morphology



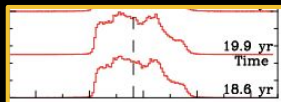
Gower +82, Krause +18

tidal disruptions by a binary



Liu, Li, Komossa+14  
Huang+21

Emission-line dynamics



Bogdanović +09, Shen & Loeb +10;

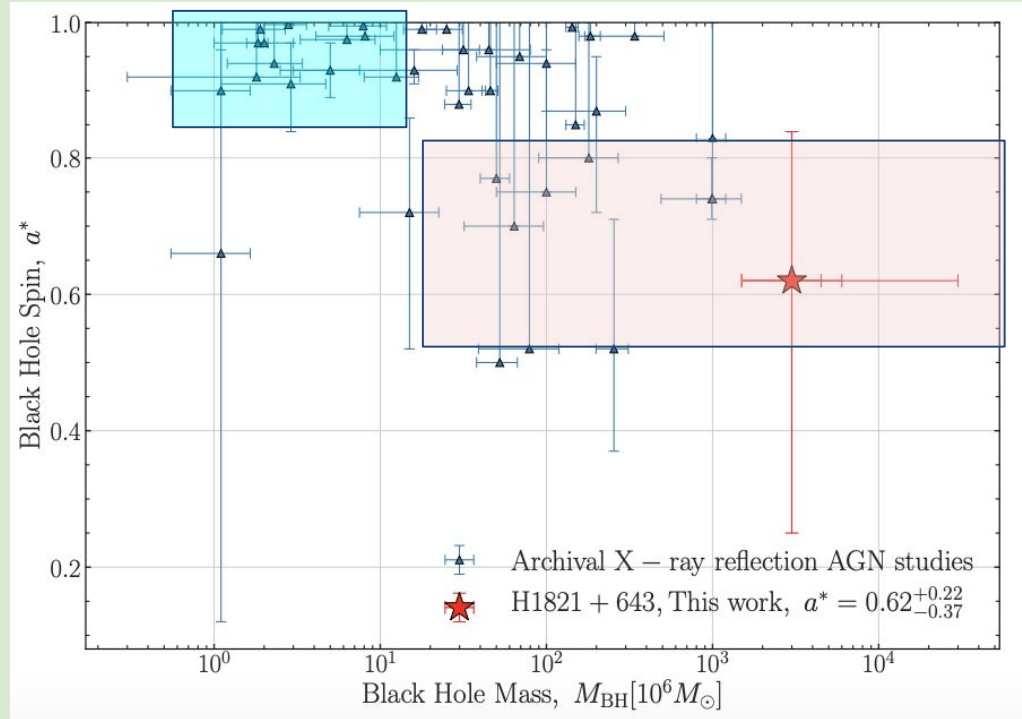


The spin conundrum  
Not clear if SMBH should have a 'lot' of spin:

Angular speed of BH is  
 $\sim [10^5/M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{sun}}] \{a/(1+\sqrt{1-a})\}$  radians/sec

If  $a=0.9$ , mass= $1e06M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $\sim 0.01$  revolutions/sec

Raynolds+21,  
[Sisk-Reynes+22](#)

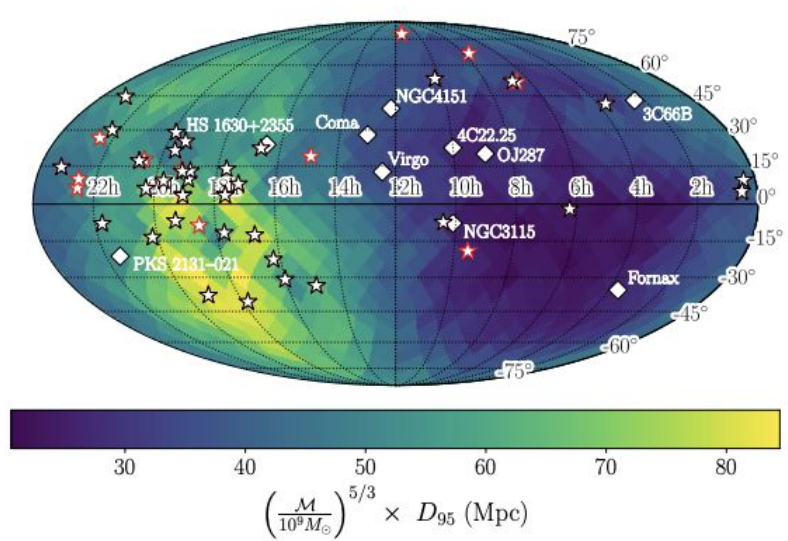
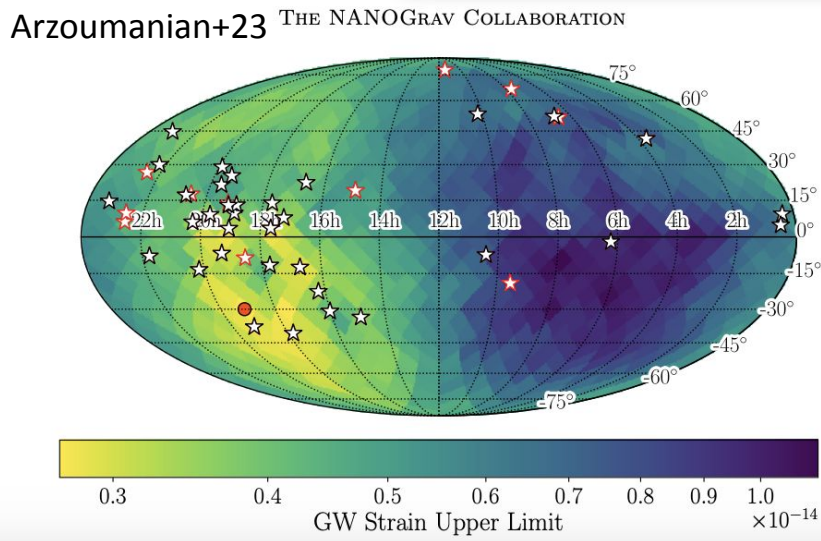


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# Gravitational waves from supermassive black hole binaries might be 'right around the corner'

Timescales: milliseconds      seconds      hours      years      billions of years

Frequ

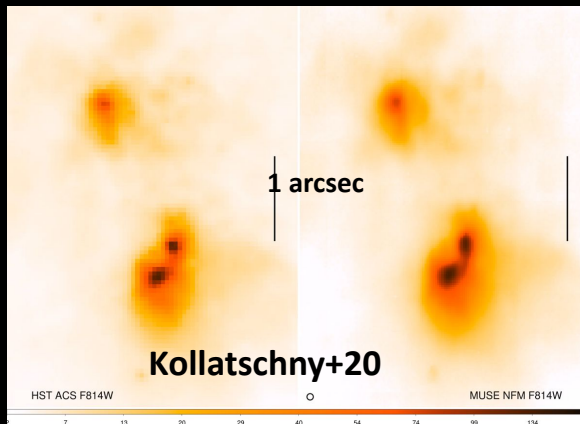
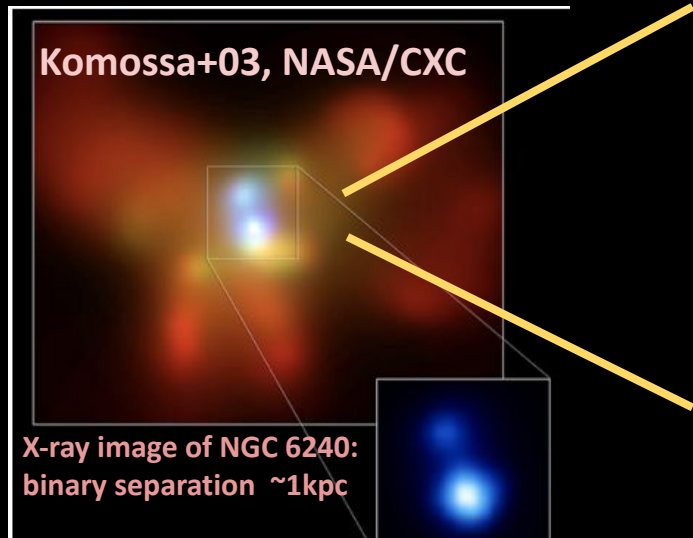


Cosmic sources

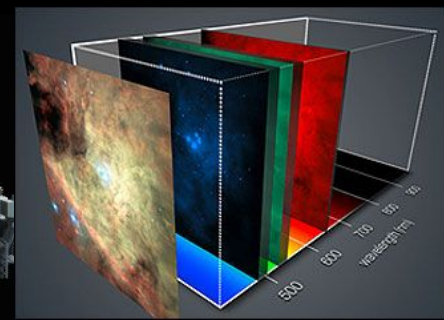
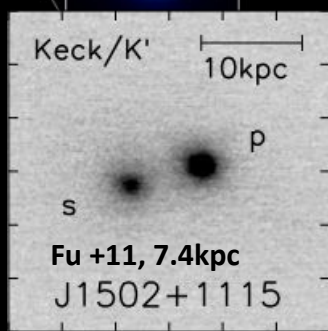
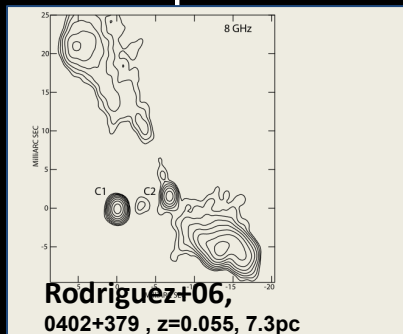
Merging neutron stars in other galaxies      Merging stellar mass black holes in other galaxies      Merging white dwarfs in our Galaxy



# Astronomy images of the ~~day year~~ decade



MUSE image of NGC 6240: A triple nucleus system in the advanced or final state of merging





CORPORATION



# Binary SMBH parameters hyperspace and imaging

# IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION MODEL

Fredholm integral of the first kind

$$Y(r) = \int_{\Omega} h(r; r') X(r') dr',$$

observation

Response function Image to reconstruct

Approximation

$$y = Hx + w.$$

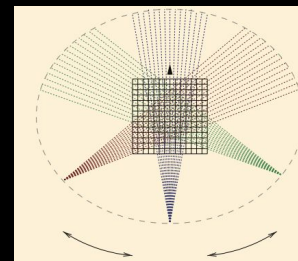
$$(H)_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} h_i(r') \phi_j(r') dr', \quad 1 \leq i \leq M, \quad 1 \leq j \leq N,$$

Discretization over pixels

$$X(r) = \sum_{j=1}^N x_j \phi_j(r).$$

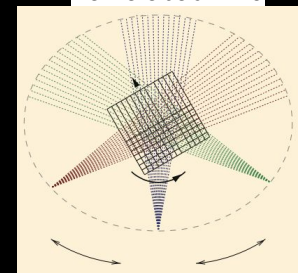


Stationary Scenery



Kamalabadi +10

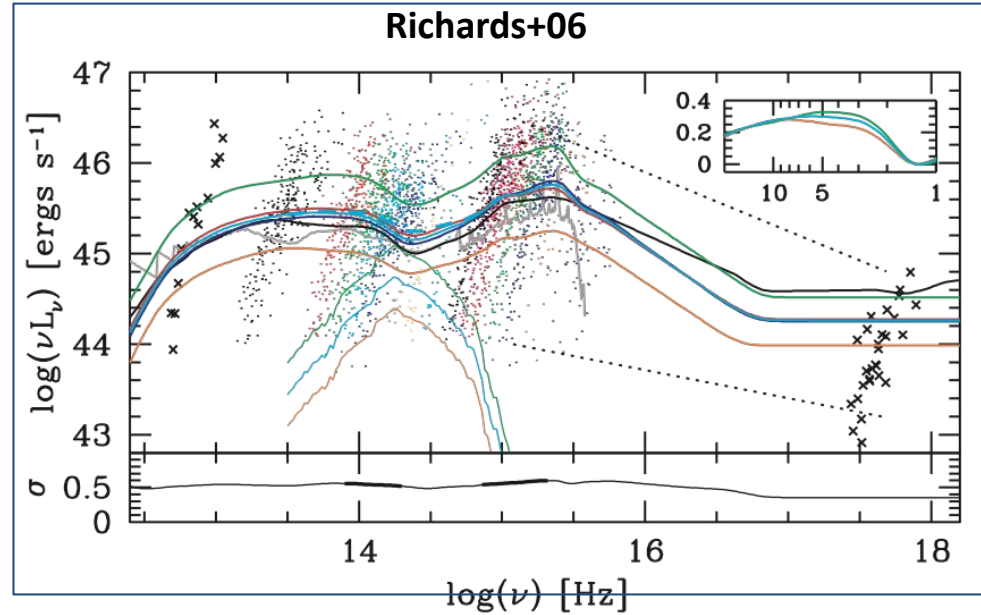
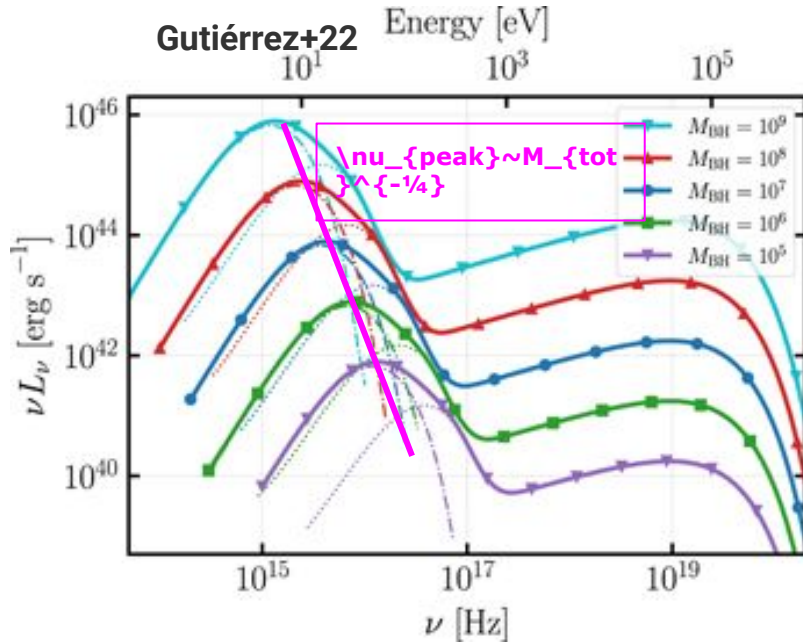
Non stationary Scenery



Inclusion of motion of object

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= F_i x_i + q_i \\ y_i &= H_i x_i + w_i \end{aligned}$$

discernible spectral binary SMBH signatures



$L_{\text{tot}} \sim M_{\text{tot}}$ ,

$P \sim M_{\text{tot}} \Rightarrow$  [ $< 2$  days, few years]

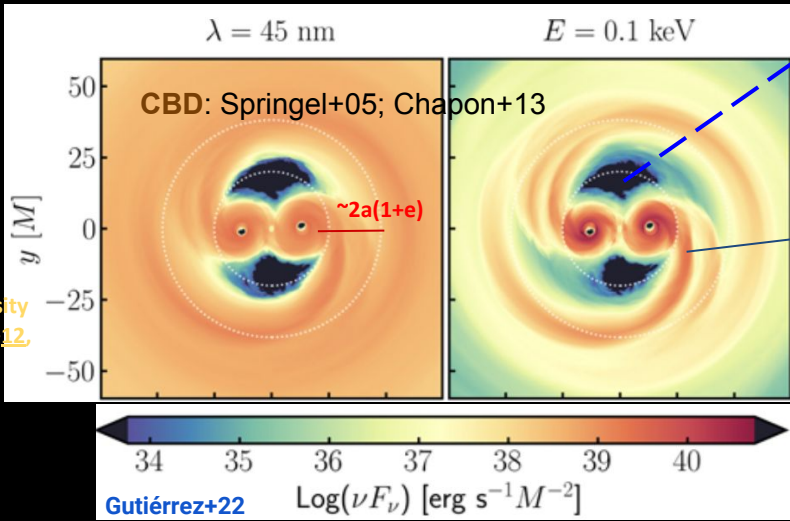
# **ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSION AND INFORMATION LOSS**



# SCHEME OF BINARY SMBH EM

**MINIDISC**  $\sim f(r_{\text{ISCO}}/r_{\text{trunc}})$   
 $r_{\text{trunc}} \sim 0.35 - 0.4 r_{\text{12}}$   
 (Bowen+17);

**LUMP**:  $q > 0.1$ ,  $m = 1$  density mode, the lump, (Noble +12, Shi +12, Farris +14, Noble+21)



**CAVITY**: MacFadyen & Milosavljević 08, D'Orazio+13, Farris+14, D'Orazio+16, Miranda+17, Muñoz+19, +20, Tiede+20, Derdzinski+21, Newtonian3D-MHD Shi+12, 3D-GRMHD Noble+12, +21, Bowen+18, +19 Farris +19, Paschalidis +21, Cattorini +21

thin ballistic stream Shi & Krolik 15

$$\Omega_{\text{beat}} = \Omega_{\text{B}} - (\Omega_{\text{lump}}) \sim 0.72 \Omega_{\text{B}}$$

$$(\Omega_{\text{lump}}) = 0.28 \Omega_{\text{B}} \text{ Lopez Armengol+21; Noble+21}$$

minidisc masses modulation freq  $\sim \Omega_{\text{beat}}$

minidisc masses + lump ang. vel.  $\Omega_{\text{lump}}$  modulation freq  $\sim (0.2 - 0.4)\Omega_{\text{binary}}$  and  $2\Omega_{\text{beat}}$

binary torques do not completely halt mass accretion (MacFadyen & Milosavljević 08; Shi +12; Farris +14; Shi & Krolik 15).

Hydro variab < Doppler,  
 $q < \sim 0.05$  Farris+14,  
 D'Orazio+15,+16

$$L_{\text{tot}}^{\text{obs}}(t) = \langle L_{\text{tot}} \rangle (1 + \delta_{\text{Doppler}}(t) + \delta_{\text{hydro}}(t))$$

Doppler < hydro variab. In  $q=1$ , orbital Mach  $v_{\text{kep}}/c < \sim 20$   
 Tang+18

ordered **spikey/noisy**  
 Non-face-on **Face-on**  
 ↑ with  $\sin i$

Parity of Doppler and hydro when:

$$v/c \simeq \frac{1.5}{3.44b} \left( \frac{1+f}{1-f} \right) \max\{b\bar{A}_{\text{MD}}, (1-b)\bar{A}_{\text{CBD}}\}$$



very high orbital velocities,  
 $v/c \sim 0.12 - 0.16$

Gutiérrez+22

# Red Noise: Mimicking ordered information

Burst model  
(Farris+14)

Periodicity signal immersed in red noise

Red Noise mimics periodicity (Vaughan+16)

The power spectral density (PSD) for the DRW is (Kelly+09)

$$dX(t) = -\frac{1}{\tau}X(t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{dt}\epsilon(t) + b dt, \quad \tau, \sigma, t > 0. \quad (1)$$

$$\text{PSD}(f) = \frac{\tau^2 SF_\infty^2}{1 + (2\pi f\tau)^2}.$$

$\text{PSD} \propto f^{-2}$ , for  $f > 1/(2\pi\tau)$  red noise

$\text{PSD} \propto \text{const}$  (i.e.  $\text{const} \times SF_\infty^2$ ), for  $f < 1/(2\pi\tau)$  white noise

light crossing  
time scale

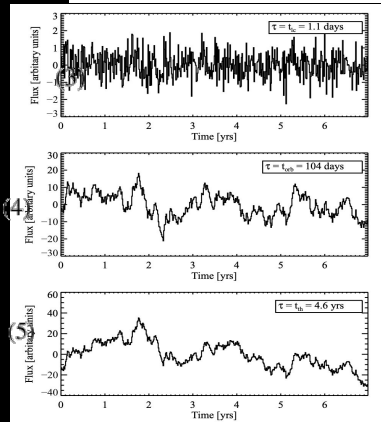
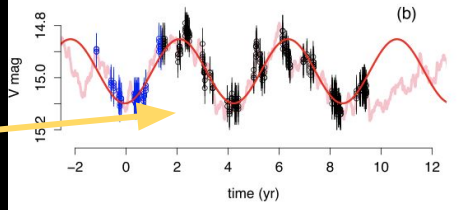
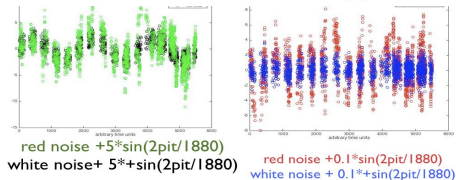
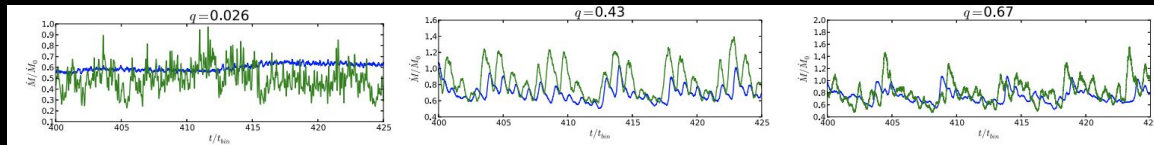
$$t_{lc} = 1.1 \times \left( \frac{M_{BH}}{10^8 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{R}{100 R_S} \right) \text{ days},$$

the gas orbital  
timescale

$$t_{orb} = 104 \times \left( \frac{M_{BH}}{10^8 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{R}{100 R_S} \right)^{3/2} \text{ days},$$

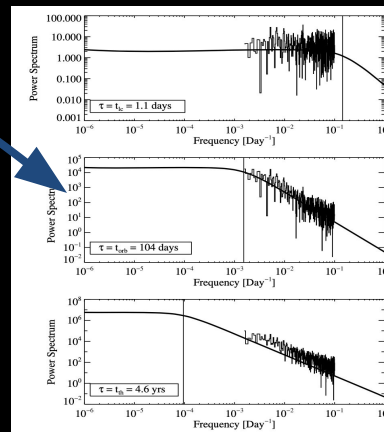
accretion disk  
thermal timescale

$$t_{th} = 4.6 \times \left( \frac{\alpha}{0.01} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{M_{BH}}{10^8 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{R}{100 R_S} \right)^{3/2} \text{ yr},$$

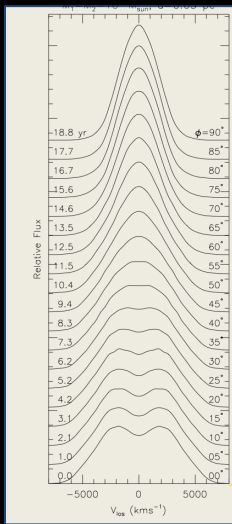


Fourier transform

Kelly+09

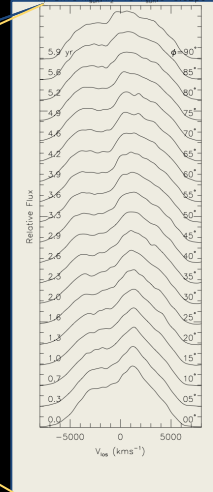
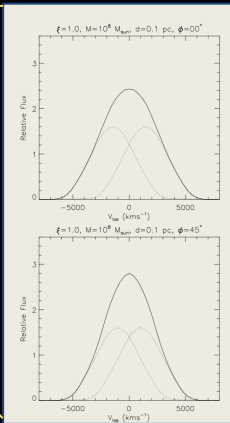
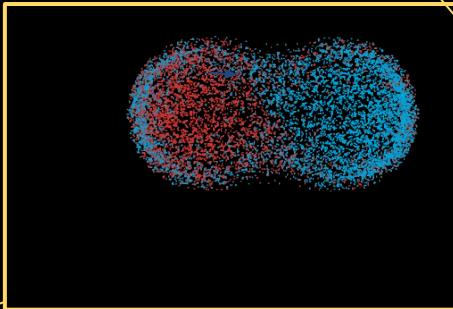


# LOSS OF BINARY INFORMATION



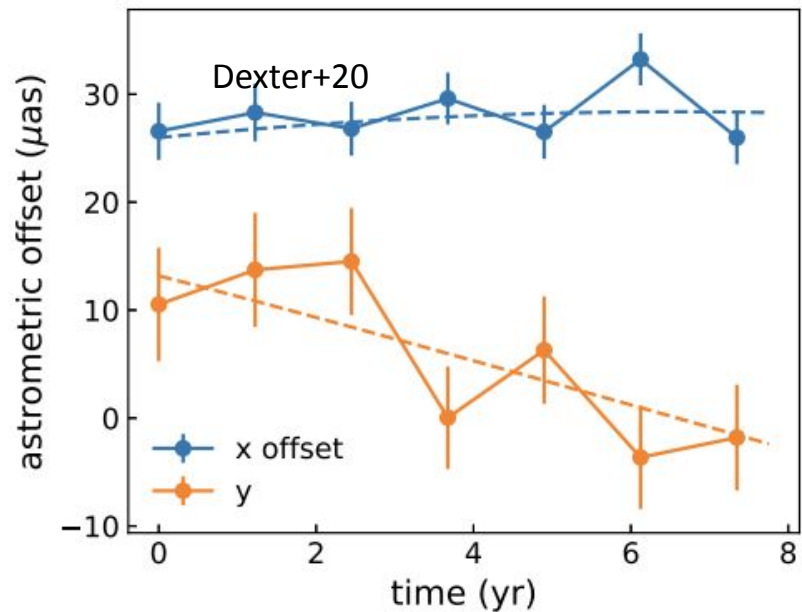
optimal

Shen & Loeb+10

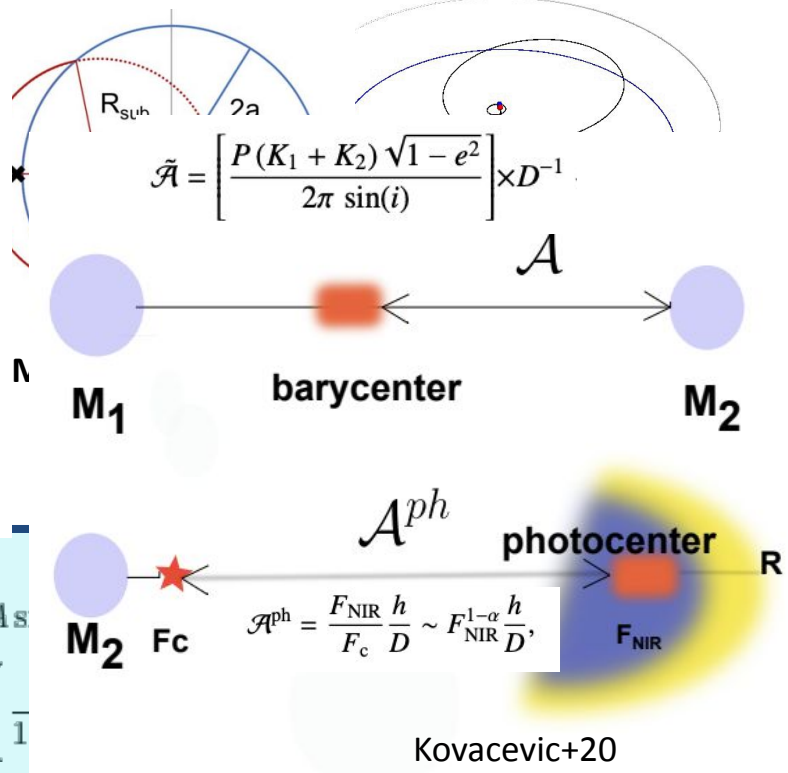


Early works: Popovic+00, Comerford +09;  
Bogdanovic+09a,b; Boroson & Lauer+09;  
Xu & Komossa+09; Wang+09; Smith+10;  
Liu+10, Chornock+10; Gaskell+10 Koss+11;  
Eracleous+11

## **NEW TECHNIQUES FOR FURTHER VETTING OF BINARY CANDIDATES**



DYNAMICAL+BRIGHTNESS ASTROMETRY  
GRAVITY+



Circular SMBBH

$$tech \sim \Delta t_p = \frac{P}{T_{obse\_base\_line}}$$

$$O(t) \sim As$$

$$A \in \left\{ \bar{1} \right.$$

# Astrometry with ngEHT, ng VLA

M87 EHT Collaboration

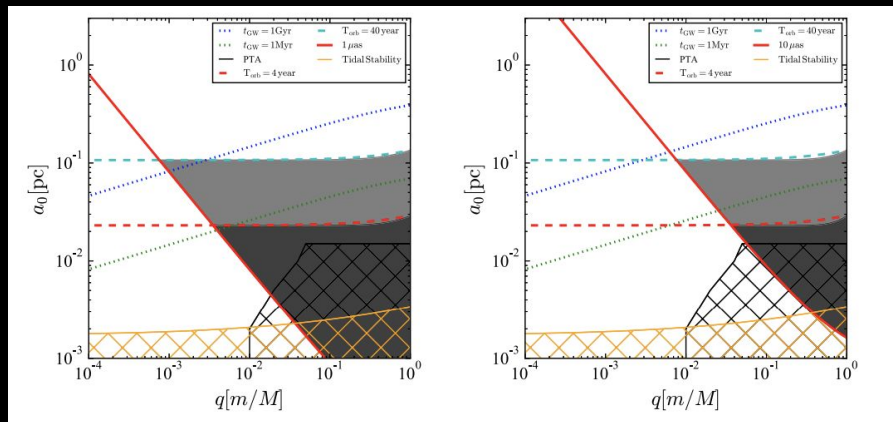


Brighter Jy levels  
230 GHz (1.3 mm)

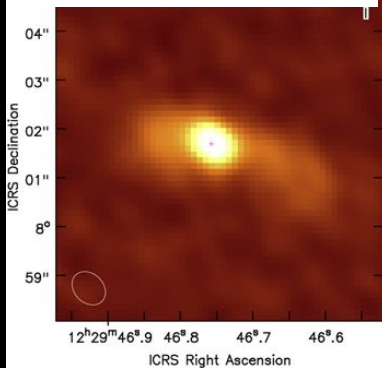
Safarzadeh+19

$$a = \frac{q}{1+q} \times a_0$$

$$a_t = r(1+q^{1/3})$$

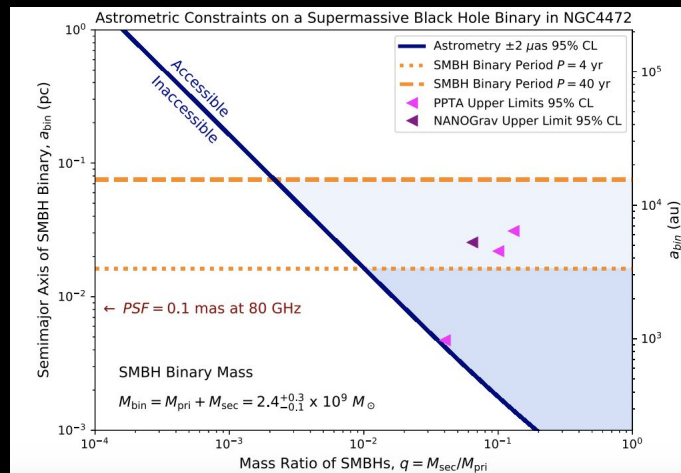


NGC 4472 ALMA 98 GHz



Fainter mJy level  
80 GHz (3.7 mm)

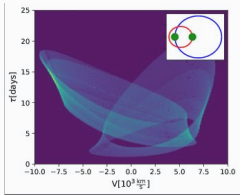
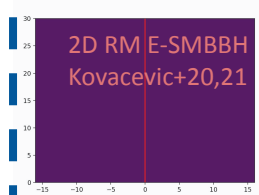
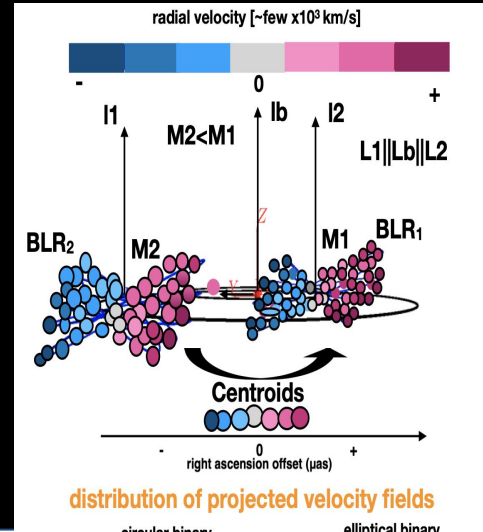
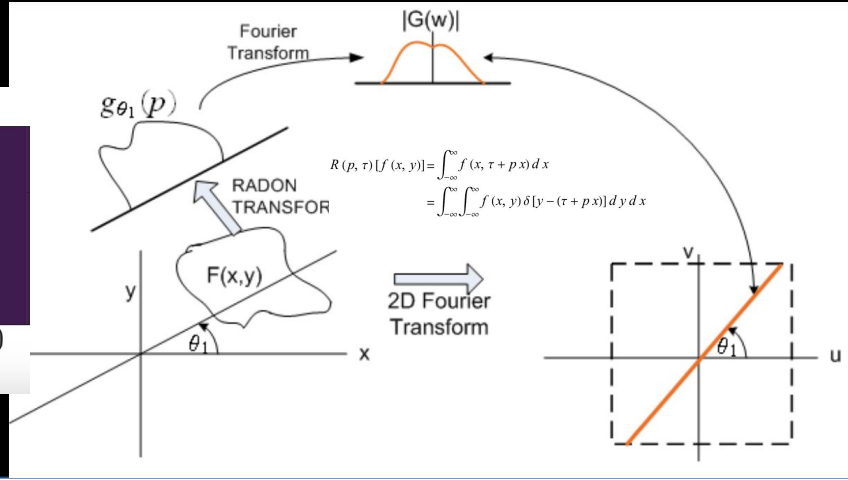
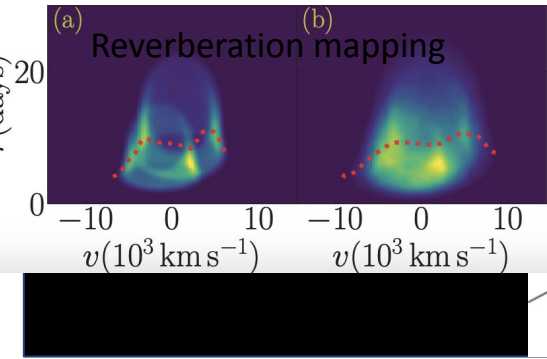
Wrobel & Lazio+22



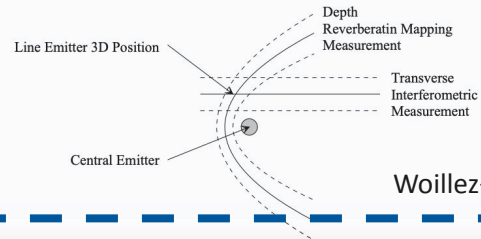
ng VLA

# 2D REVERBERATION MAPPING ∟ INTERFEROMETRY OF BINARY SMBH

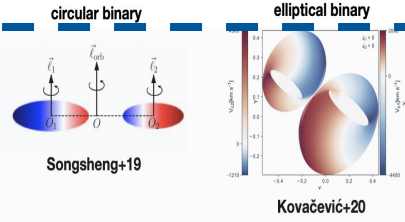
2D RM Circular SMBBH  
Wang+18



## RM+OI



Woillez+03

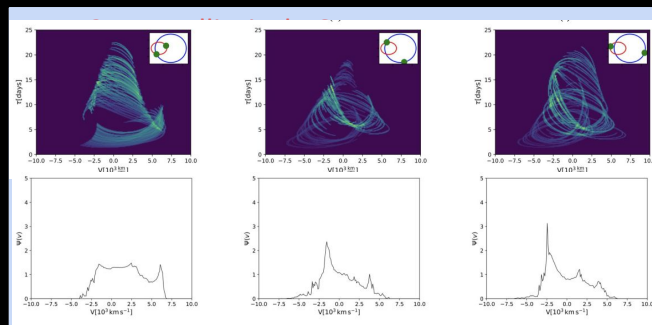
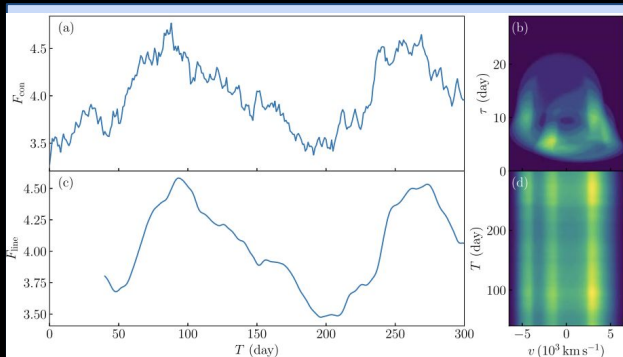
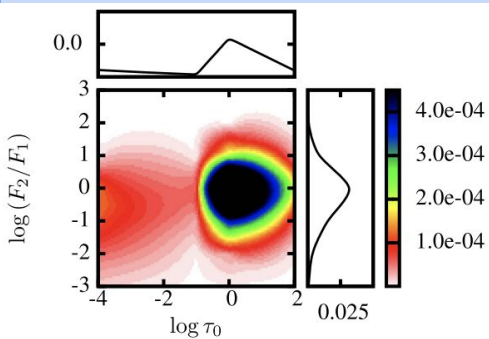


# Reverberation mapping-taking into account motion of binary SMBH

## First Atlases of kinematic signatures

### PCA of 1D RM data Nguyen+20

### Circular SMBBH Songsheng +20



$$w(\mathbf{F}^s, \mathbf{F}^o) = \begin{cases} e^{-5d/d_c}, & \{a, q, e, i\} \text{ repeat} \\ 0, & \{a, q, e, i\} \text{ do not repeat} \end{cases}$$

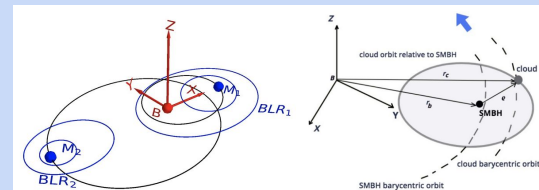
$$\Pr(x = x') = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^N w(\mathbf{F}^s, \mathbf{F}^o): x(\mathbf{F}^s) = x'}{\sum_{s=1}^N w(\mathbf{F}^s, \mathbf{F}^o)}$$

$$\Psi_{1,2}(v, t) = \int d\mathbf{R}_{1,2} \mathcal{H}_{1,2}(v, \mathbf{R}_{1,2}) \delta(t_{1,2}),$$

$$\Psi_{\text{tot}}(v, t) = \frac{\Psi_1(v, t)}{1 + \Gamma_0} + \frac{\Psi_2(v, t)}{1 + \Gamma_0^{-1}},$$

$$\tau = \frac{\int t \Psi_{\text{tot}}(v, t) dt}{\int \Psi_{\text{tot}} dt}$$

$$\Psi(v, \tau) = \epsilon_0 \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} \varrho^{-q} d\varrho \int_0^{2\pi} d\Omega \int_{-i_{\text{min}}}^{i_{\text{max}}} \sin i di \int_0^{2\pi} \delta(X_1) \delta(X_2) dE,$$





$$Q(u, \lambda) = \iint I(\sigma, \lambda) e^{-2\pi i \sigma \cdot u} d\alpha d\beta,$$

moments of intensity distribution

$$\mu_{lm} = \iint I \delta\lambda(\sigma, \lambda) \alpha^l \beta^m d\alpha d\beta.$$

centroids

$$p_\alpha(\lambda) = \frac{\mu_{10}}{\mu_{00}} = \frac{\iint \alpha I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}{\iint I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}$$

$$p_\beta(\lambda) = \frac{\mu_{01}}{\mu_{00}} = \frac{\iint \beta I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}{\iint I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}.$$

Fringe phase

$$-\text{Arg} \left( \frac{Q(u, \lambda)}{\mu_{00}} \right) \sim \frac{\int \sin(2\pi \sigma \cdot u) I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}{\int \cos(2\pi \sigma \cdot u) I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta}$$

$$\sim 2\pi \frac{\int I(\sigma, \lambda) \sigma d\alpha d\beta}{\int I(\sigma, \lambda) d\alpha d\beta} \cdot u$$

$$\sim 2\pi u \cdot \xi(\lambda)$$

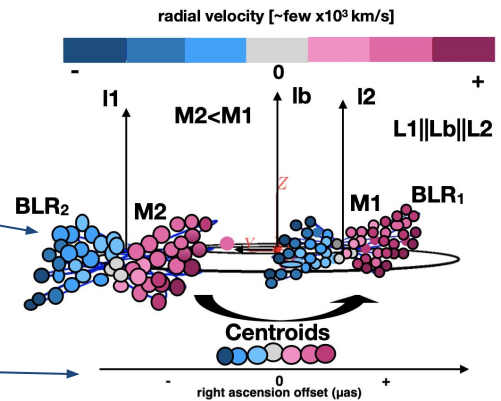
$$= 2\pi u \xi_\alpha(\lambda) + 2\pi v \xi_\beta(\lambda).$$

centroids vs fringe phase

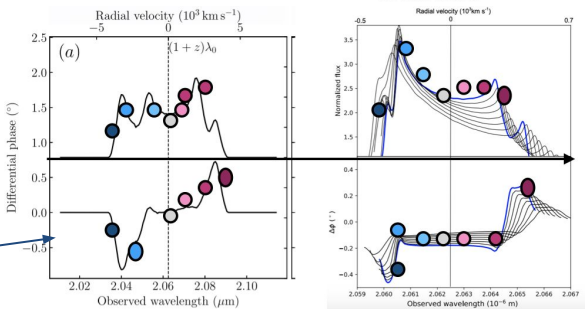
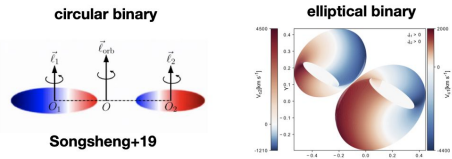
$$\xi_\alpha(\lambda) = \frac{\mu_{10}}{\mu_{00}} = p_\alpha(\lambda) \quad \xi_\beta(\lambda) = \frac{\mu_{01}}{\mu_{00}} = p_\beta(\lambda).$$

Differential phase

$$\Delta\phi = -2\pi u \cdot (\xi(\lambda) - \xi(\lambda_r)).$$



distribution of projected velocity fields



Songsheng+19 Kovačević+20

Generalized binary signal

$$I(\sigma, \lambda) = I_1(\sigma_1, \lambda) + I_2(\sigma_2, \lambda).$$

$$Q(u, \lambda) = Q_1(u, \lambda) + Q_2(u, \lambda) = F_1 e^{-2\pi i \sigma_1 \cdot u} + F_2 e^{-2\pi i \sigma_2 \cdot u},$$

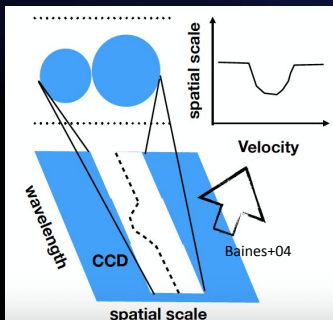
$$Q_n(u, \lambda) = \frac{F_1 e^{-2\pi i \sigma_1 \cdot u} + F_2 e^{-2\pi i \sigma_2 \cdot u}}{F_1 + F_2}$$

$$\text{Arg}(Q_n(u, \lambda)) \sim \arctan \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Q_n(u, \lambda))}{\text{Re}(Q_n(u, \lambda))} \right)$$

$$\text{Kovacevic+20} \sim 2\pi u \cdot \frac{F_1 \sigma_1 - F_2 \sigma_2}{F_1 + F_2}.$$

# SA+RM

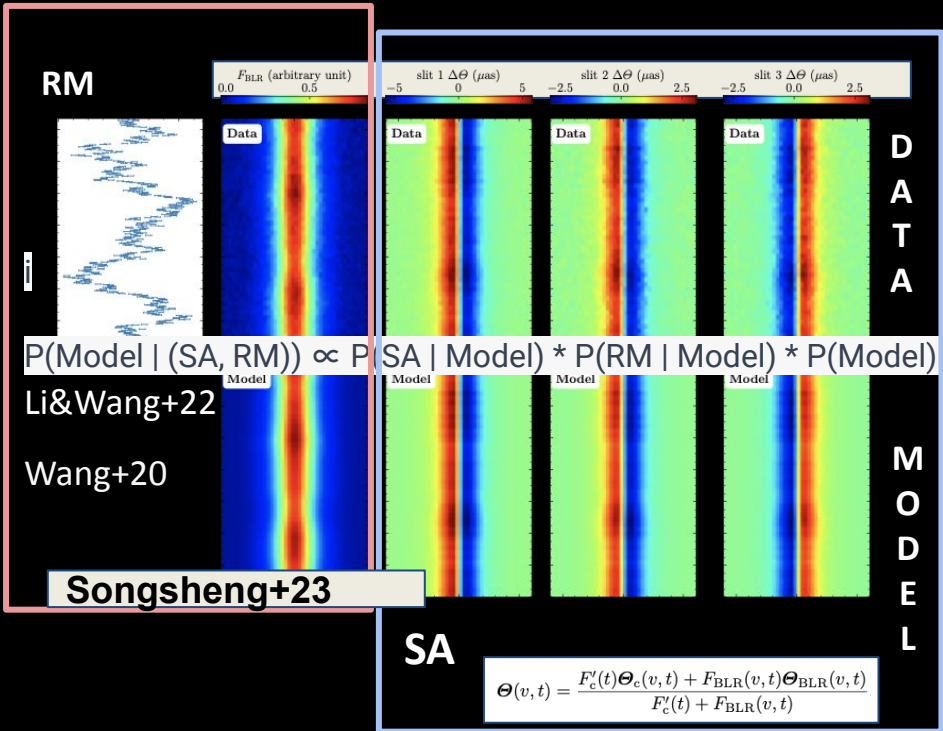
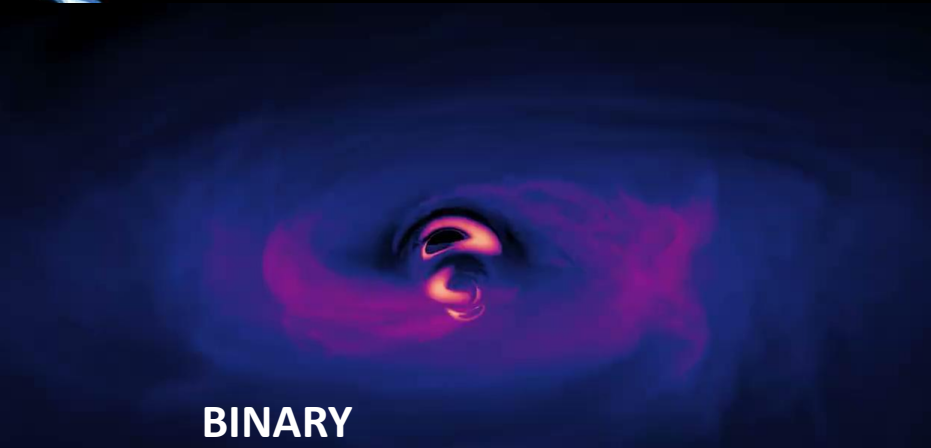
## BINARY



$$\mathbf{F} = (F1, F2) \text{ and}$$

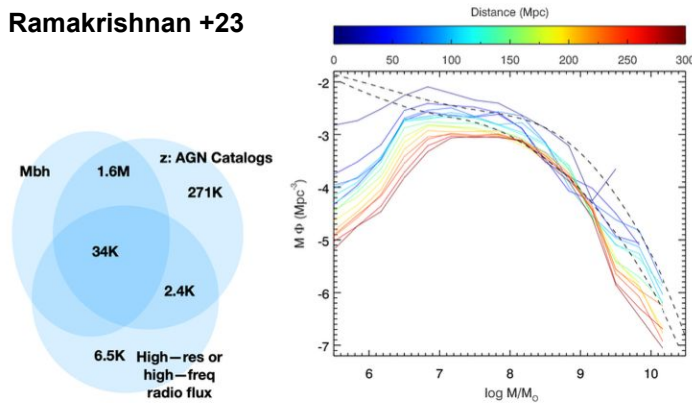
$$\mathbf{E} = \left( \exp \left( i \cdot \frac{2\pi S}{\lambda} \right), \exp \left( i \cdot \frac{2\pi(S-a \sin(i))}{\lambda} \right) \right)$$

$$T \propto \langle \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E} \rangle$$

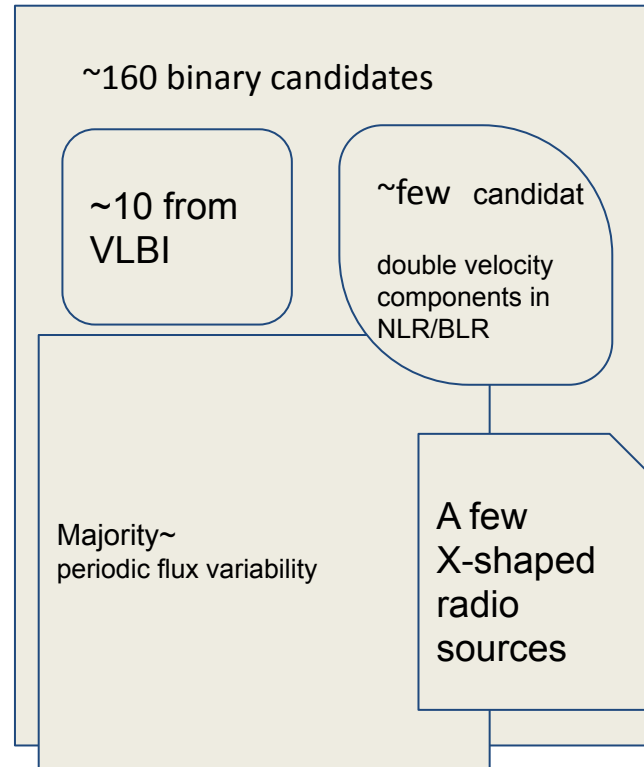


# Event Horizon and Environs (ETHER): A Curated Database for EHT and ngEHT Targets and Science

Ramakrishnan +23



The Vera C. Rubin Observatory will enable extensive studies of periodic flux variability, and is thus expected to significantly enlarge the sample of binary black hole candidates



Move forward **instead of looking** back.

**ALERTS**

**Large present/ future facilities which will observe AGN**

- **Radio:** LOFAR, ASKAP (Australia)- $3 \times 10^7$  AGN, MeerKAT (South Africa), e-MERLIN (UK), APERTIF (The Netherlands), SKA
- **IR:** JWST (NASA/ESA), Tokyo Atacama Observatory (Japan), Euclid (ESA/NASA)- $10^6$  AGN, WFIRST (NASA), SPICA;
- **Optical/NIR:** Zwicky Transient Facility (USA), LSST-  $10^6$  AGN, and the giant telescopes namely GMT, TMT, ELT, MSE;
- **X-ray:** eROSITA, XIPE, and Athena;
- **γ-ray:** Cherenkov Telescope Array and the Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (China).

Layer of large scale algorithms: ANN, pipelines

Statistical inference from big data

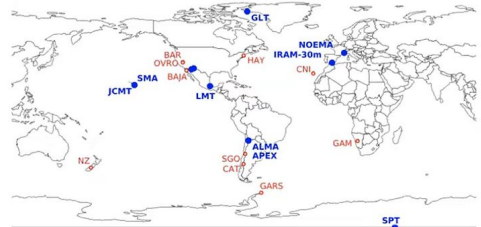
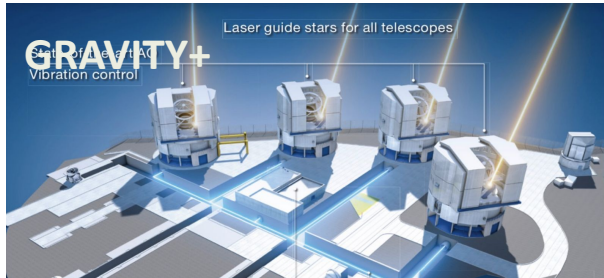
Big data of individual source Information: Spectra, light curves, derived features -periodic components, Photo-z, luminosities

tools capable of scanning individual objects:

- spectroscopy, optical (standard telescopes)
- astrometry/interferometry: VLA, GRAVITY, GRAVITY+

Feedback for statistical premises of cadences, observational priorities

# PILLARS OF MULTIMESSINGER ASTRONOMY



ngEHT Telescope Array Example 1

