

# Line shapes and super-massive binary black holes

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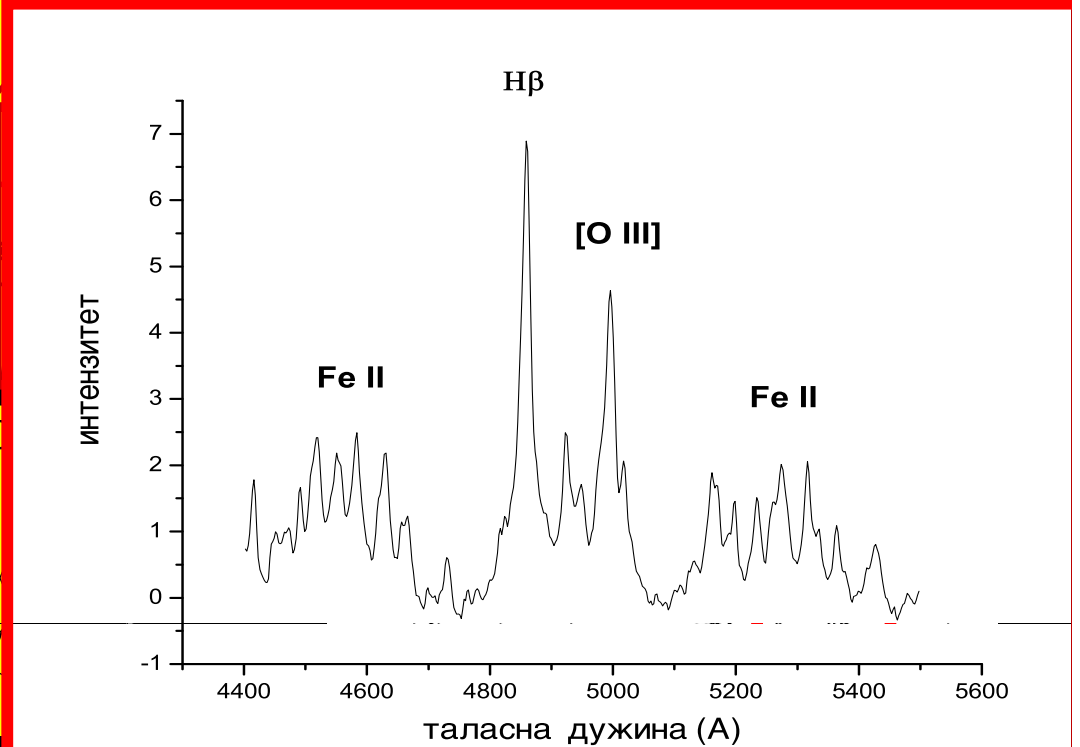
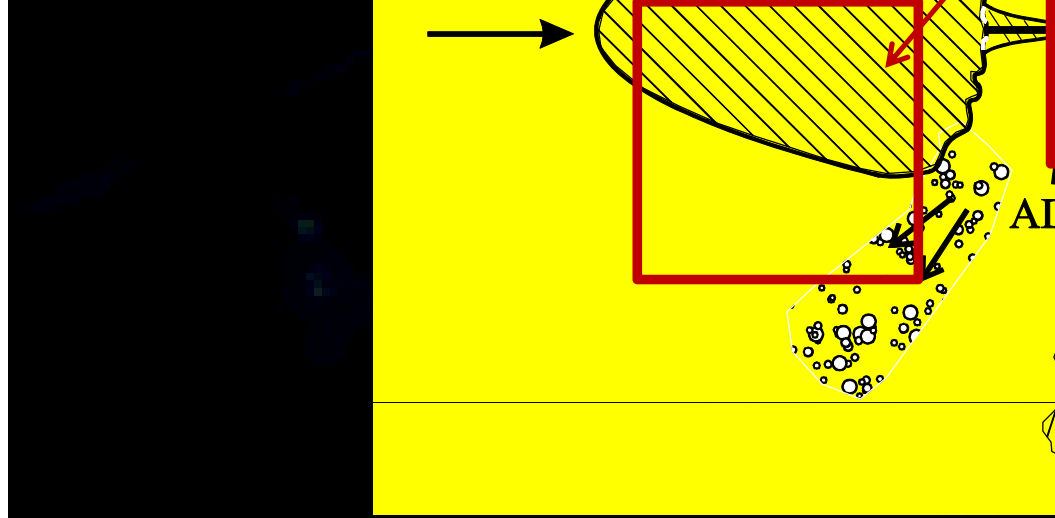
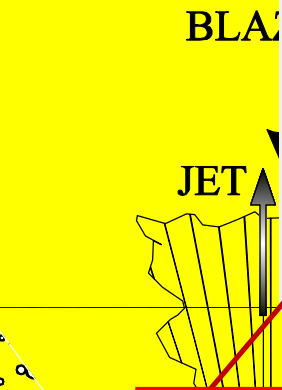
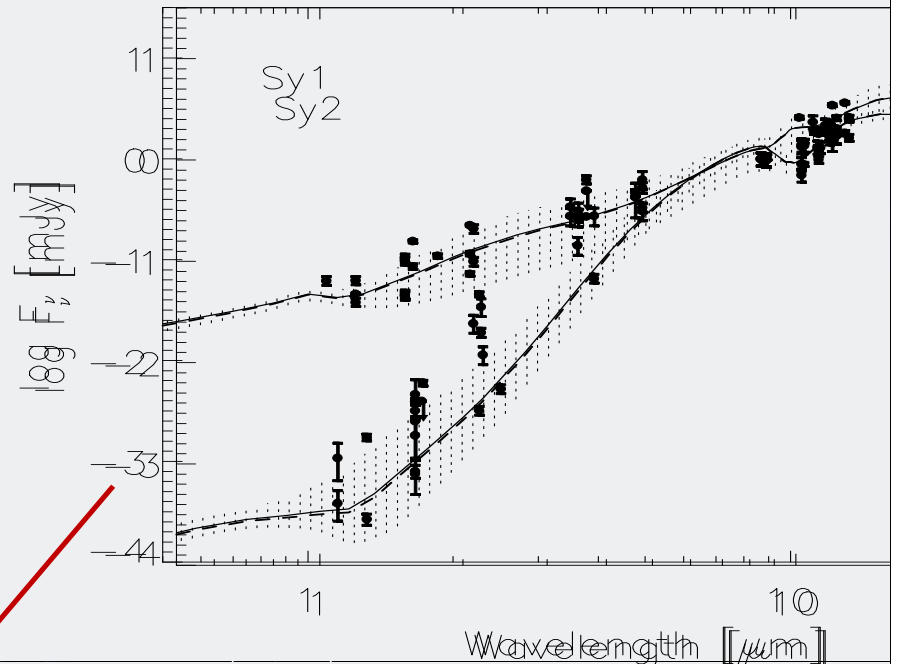
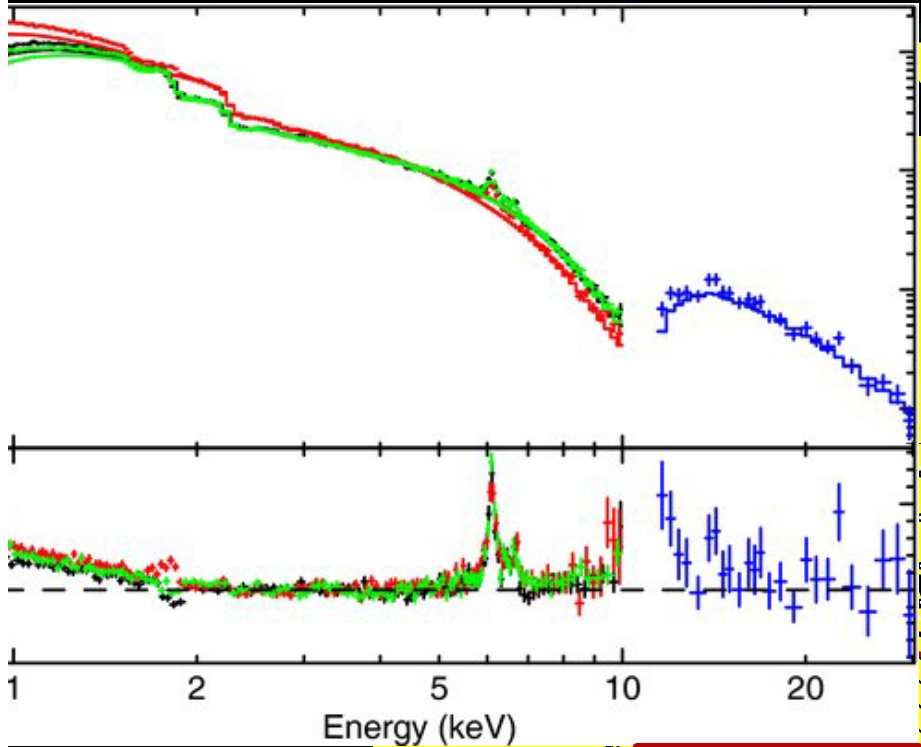
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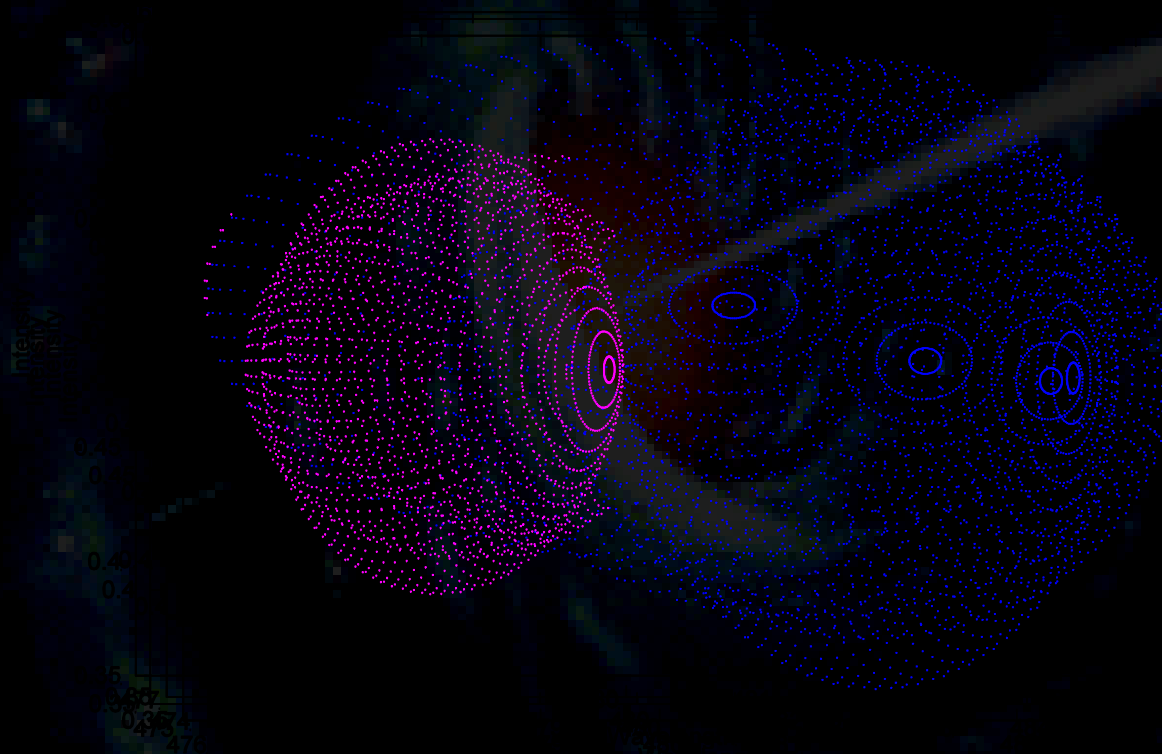
# The line emitting regions in AGN

- Broad band spectra emitted from AGNs (from gamma to the radio emission)
- X-ray emission, as e.g. Fe K line
- UV/optical emission (Ly alpha, CIV, Balmer series)
- Narrow Line Emission region

# Model (scheme from Jovanović et al. 2001)



# A binary system



# Binary black holes

- Orbits, period and distance
- Gravitational potential – motion of emitting clouds
- Possible interactions
- Etc.

# Gravitational potential of close binaries (Paczynski, B. 1971, *ARA&A* 9, 183)

$$\Phi = \frac{R}{r_1} + \frac{R \cdot q}{r_2} + \frac{1+q}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{x}{R} - \frac{q}{1+q} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y}{R} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{q^2}{2(1+q)}$$

# Mass ratio and distances between BBHs

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- If  $q \ll 1$ , small black hole orbiting the larger one, can smaller BH have emitting regions
- Gravitational potential – motions of clouds similar as in the case of an ordinary AGN (it depends on distances from smaller BH)
- Perturbation in the spectra is expected

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- If  $q \sim 1$ , masses and distances play very important role
- Distance in comparison with sizes of line emitting regions, and two parameters, period of orbiting and radial velocities of the components are important



Estimations these parameters using circular orbits  
(Yu & Lu 2001, A&A 377, 17)

$$P^{\text{orb}} = 210 \left( \frac{R}{0.1 \text{ pc}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{2 \times 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^{1/2} \text{ yr}$$

$$|v_i| = 1.5 \times 10^3 \left( \frac{0.1 \text{ pc}}{R} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2 \times 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_i (m_1 + m_2)} \right] \sin \theta_{\text{orb}}$$

- Only not semi-touched systems
- Sizes of regions: Fe K  $\sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-4}$
- BLR  $\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$
- NLR  $\sim$  several pc to several kpc

## Characteristic distances (taken as two order of magnitude larger than ELR)

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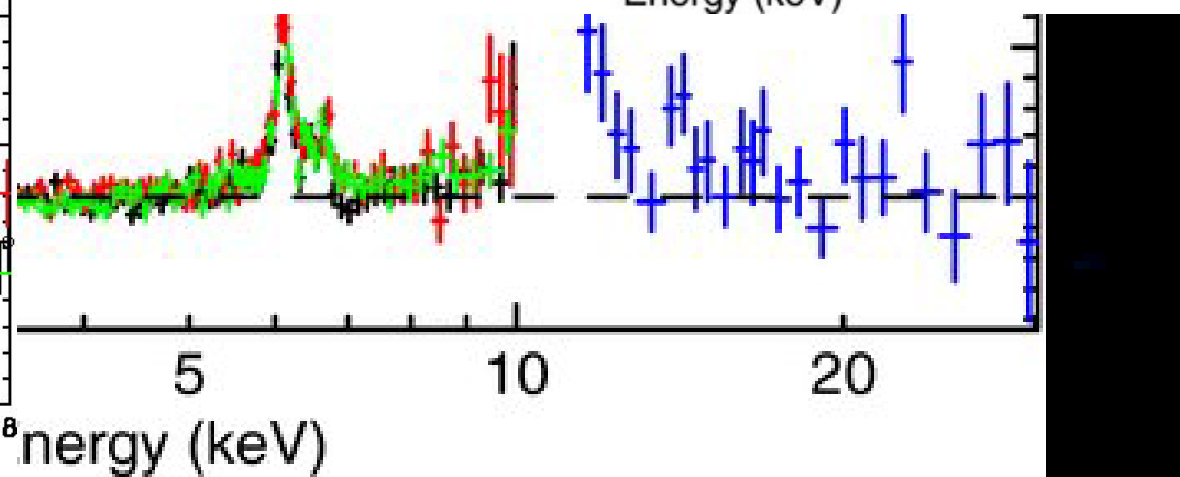
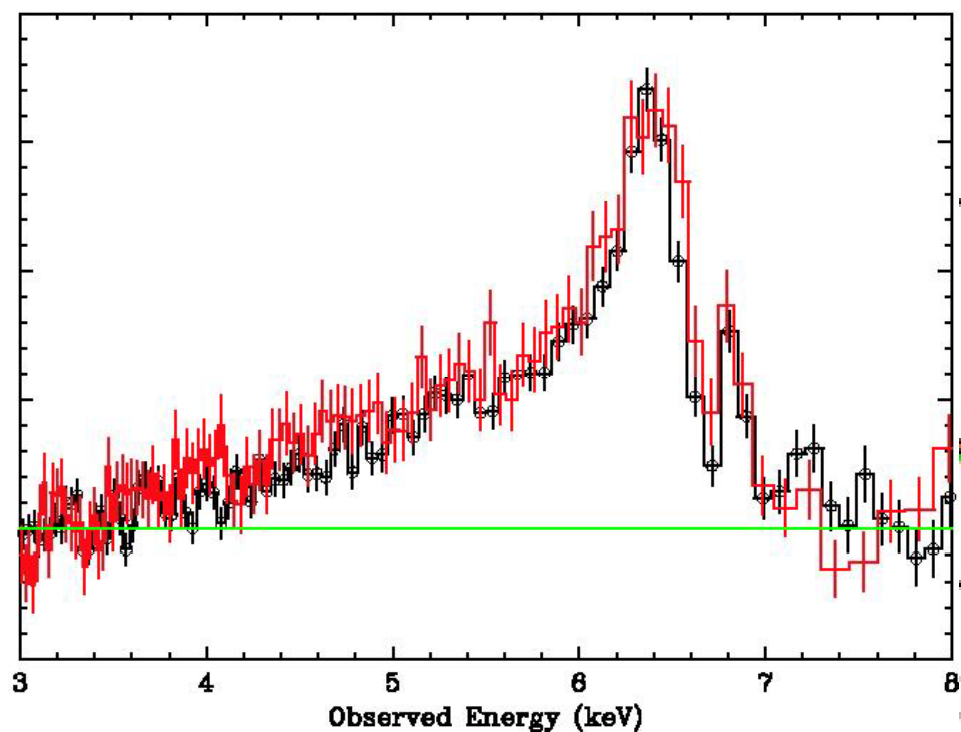
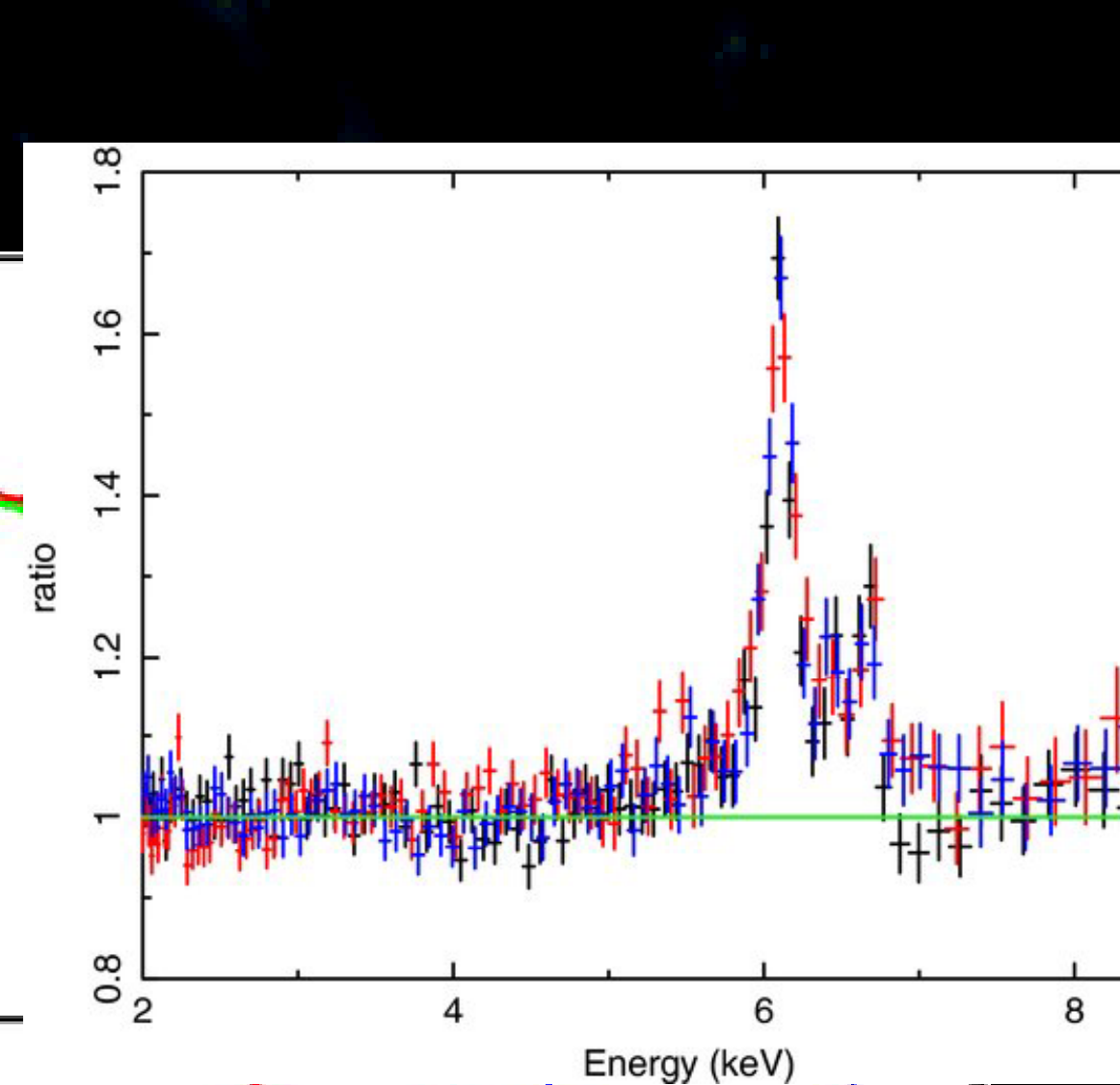
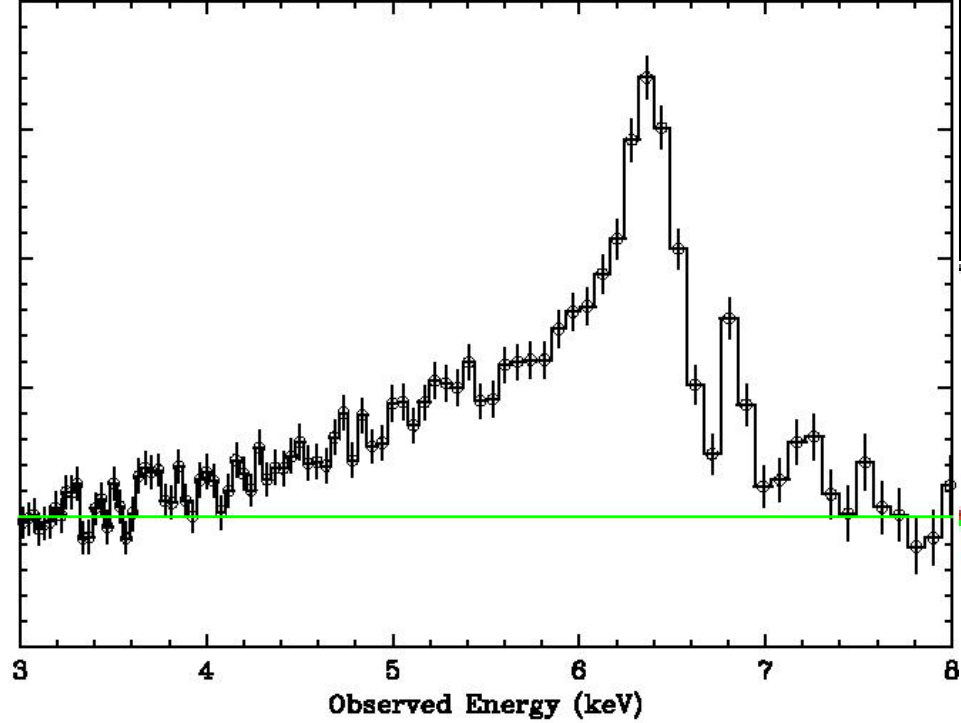
# Quasi-periodical oscillations in spectra

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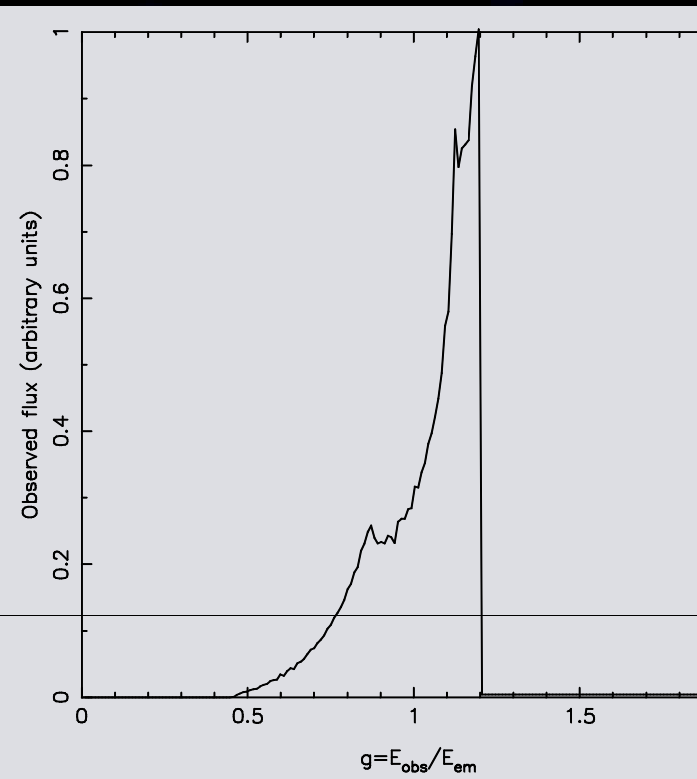
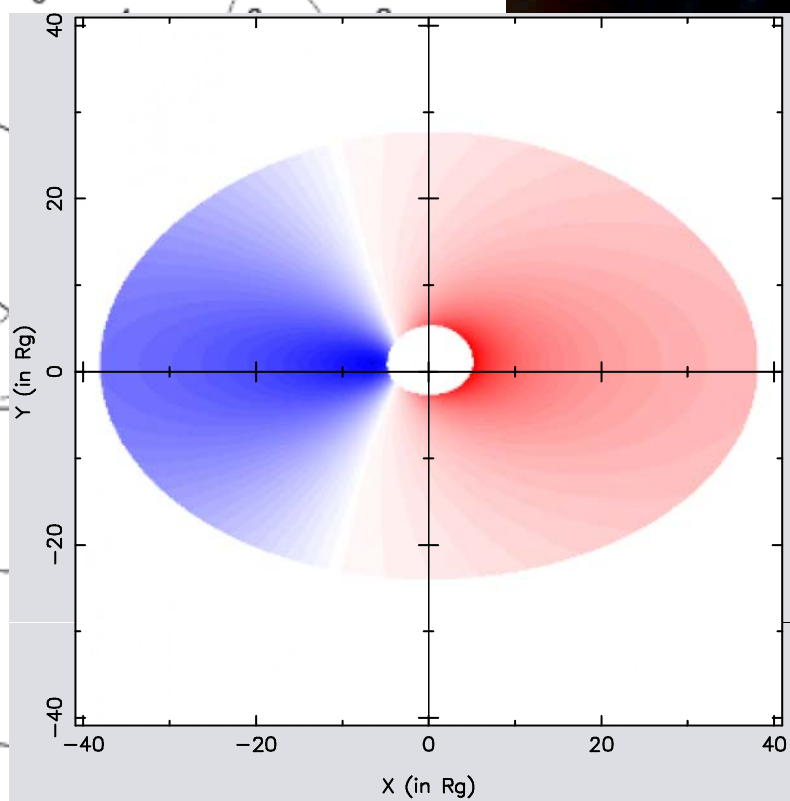
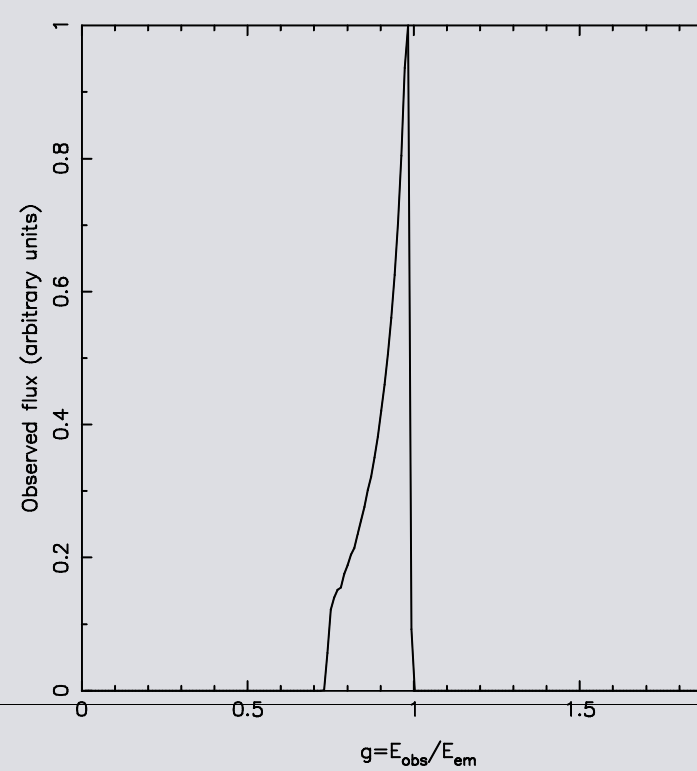
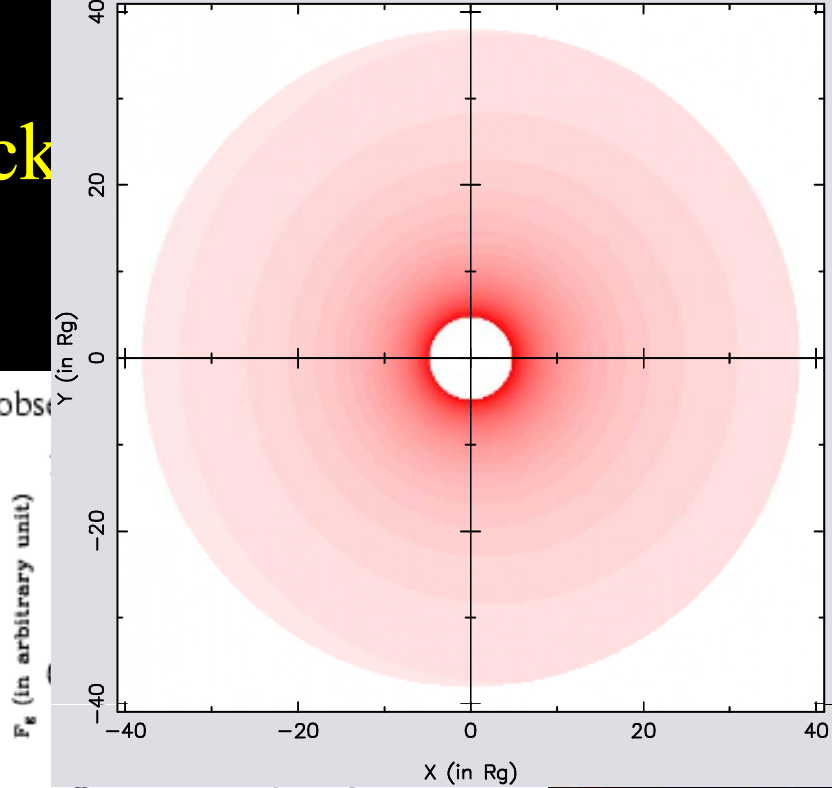
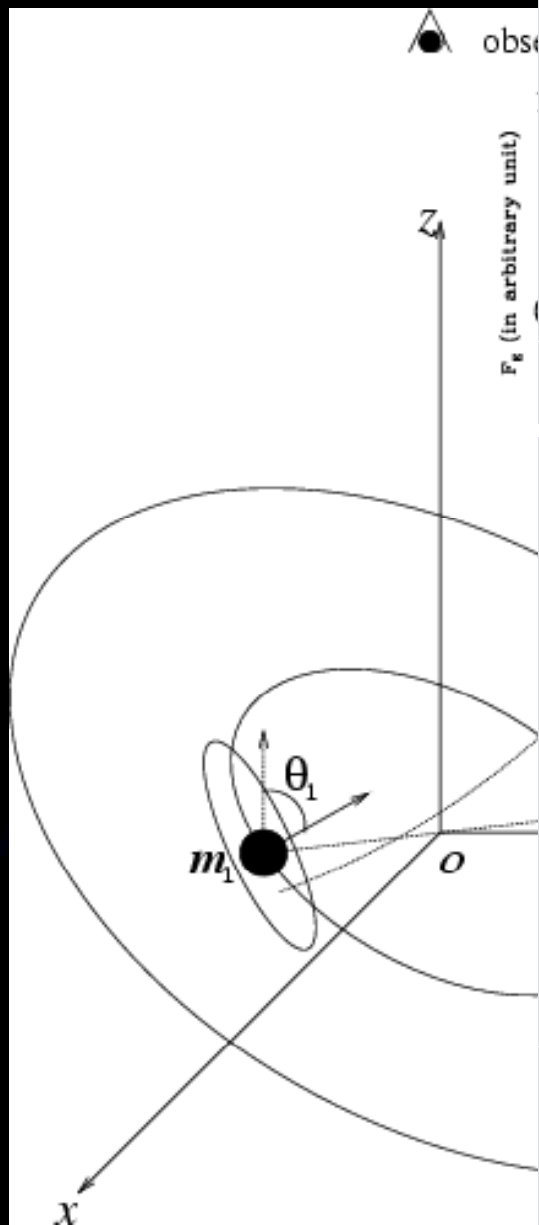
- Line shapes (variability in the line shapes)
- Shift of line
- Width of line (very broad lines?)
- Quasi-periodical oscillations (in Fe K and broad lines)



# Why is the Fe K alpha important?

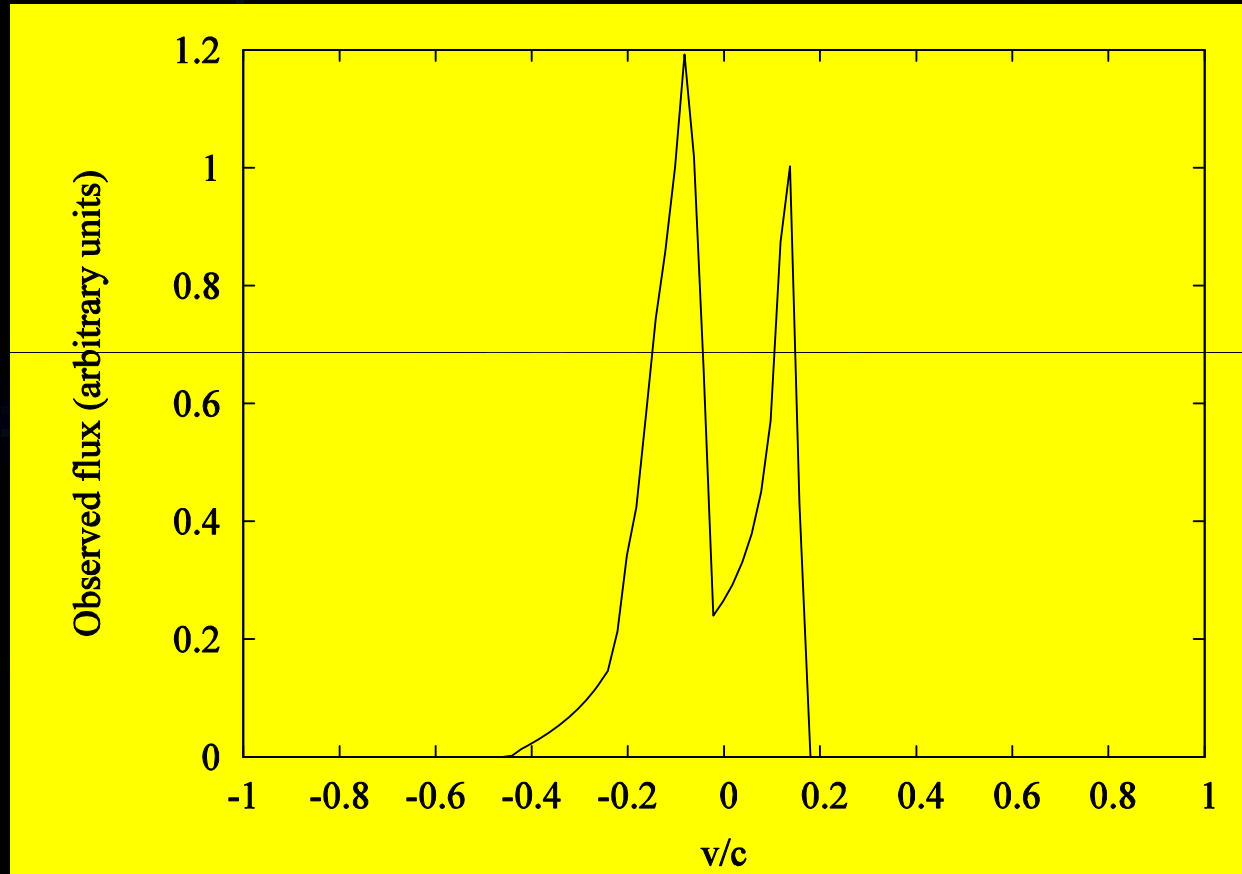
- Fe K alpha – can be originated very close to the black hole (first rms)
- => physics of the plasma close to black hole (in a strong gravitational fields)
- => Accretion disk geometry
- => spin of the black hole
- A high number of papers
- BBHs detection using by Fe K?

# Binary black

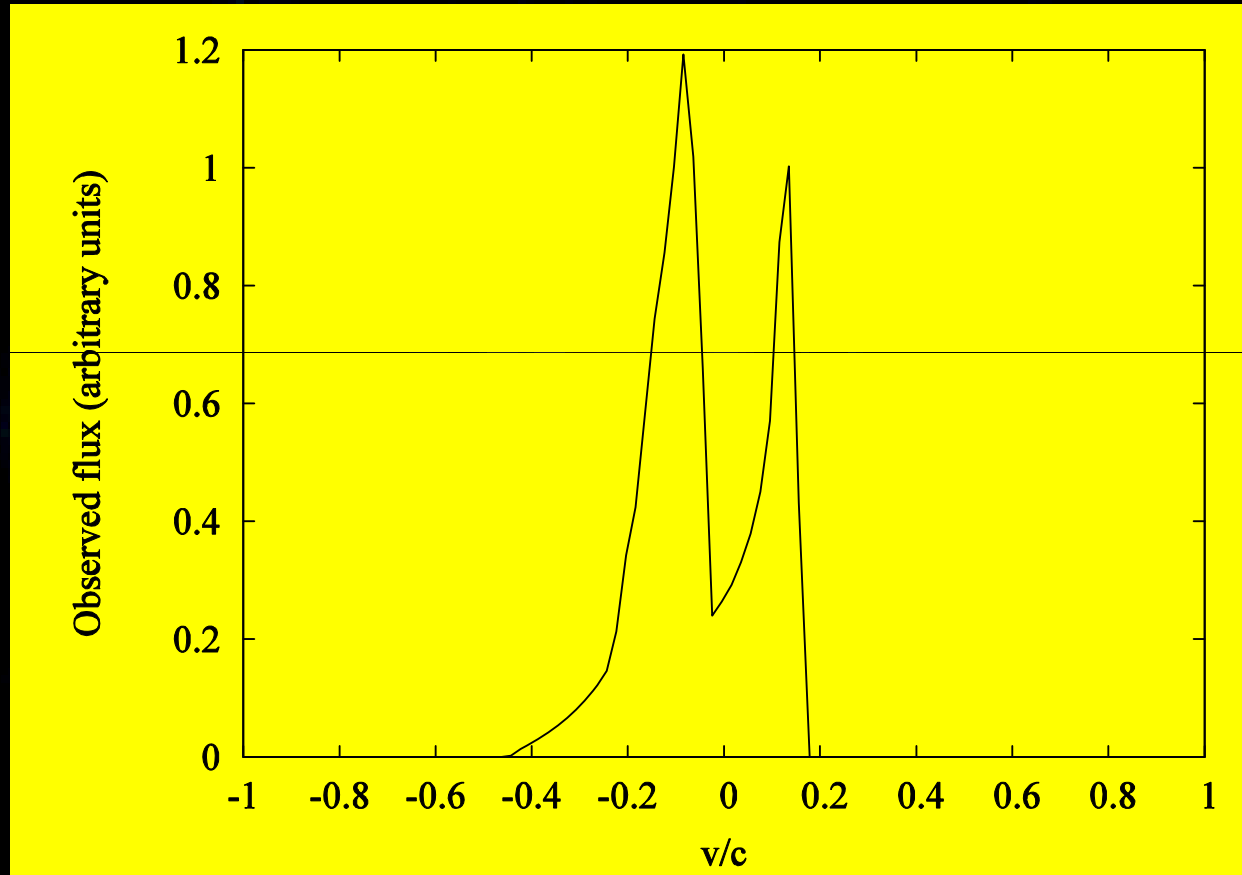




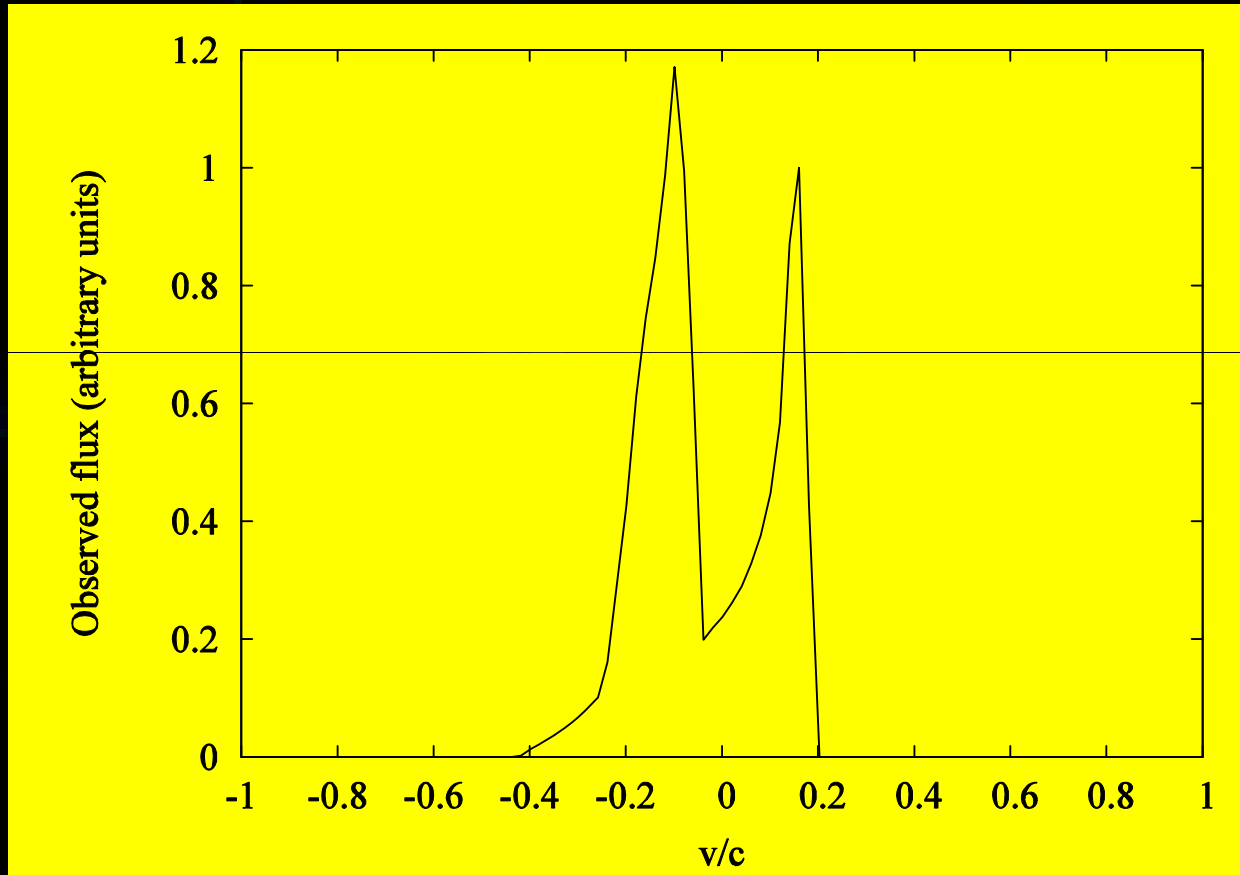
# $V_{\text{rad}}=0 \text{ km/s}$



$V_{\text{rad}}=500 \text{ km/s}$



$V_{\text{rad}}=5000 \text{ km/s}$



# Some indications

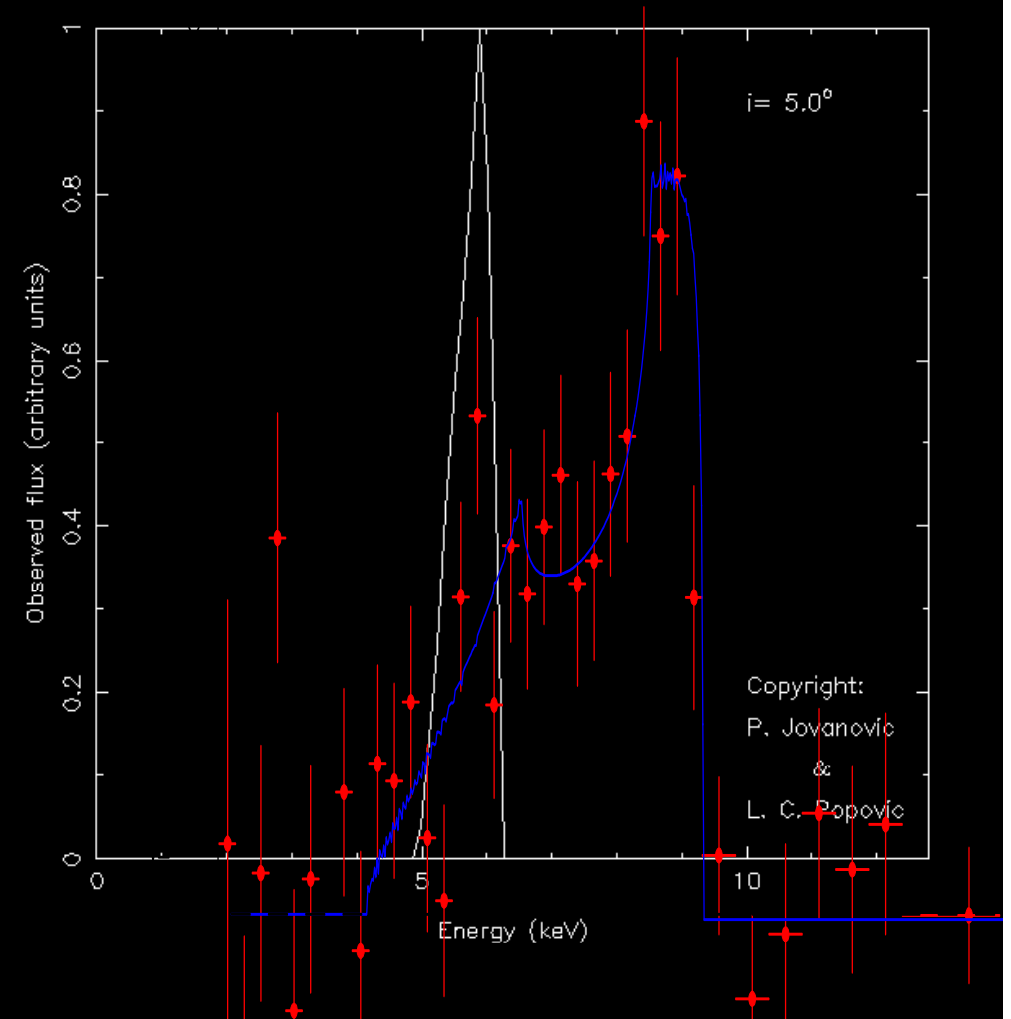
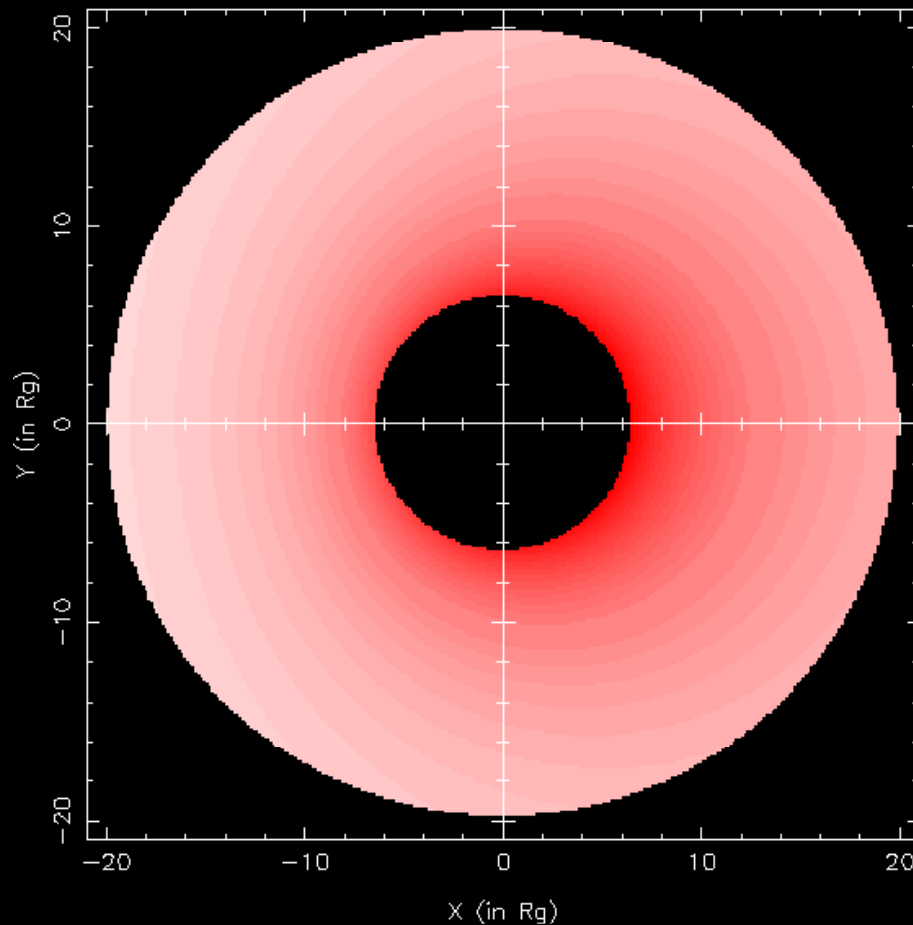
- as e.g. NGC 4151 and NGC 3516, it was found that two disks with different inclinations better fit the Fe K line profile (see e.g. Wang et al., 1999; Pariev. Et al. 2001)

# What can we expect?

- Complex Fe K line profiles & rapid variation (a couple of hours, see Yu & Lu)
- Example of three AGNs (pointed out by De Paolis et al. 2003, A&A 410, 741)

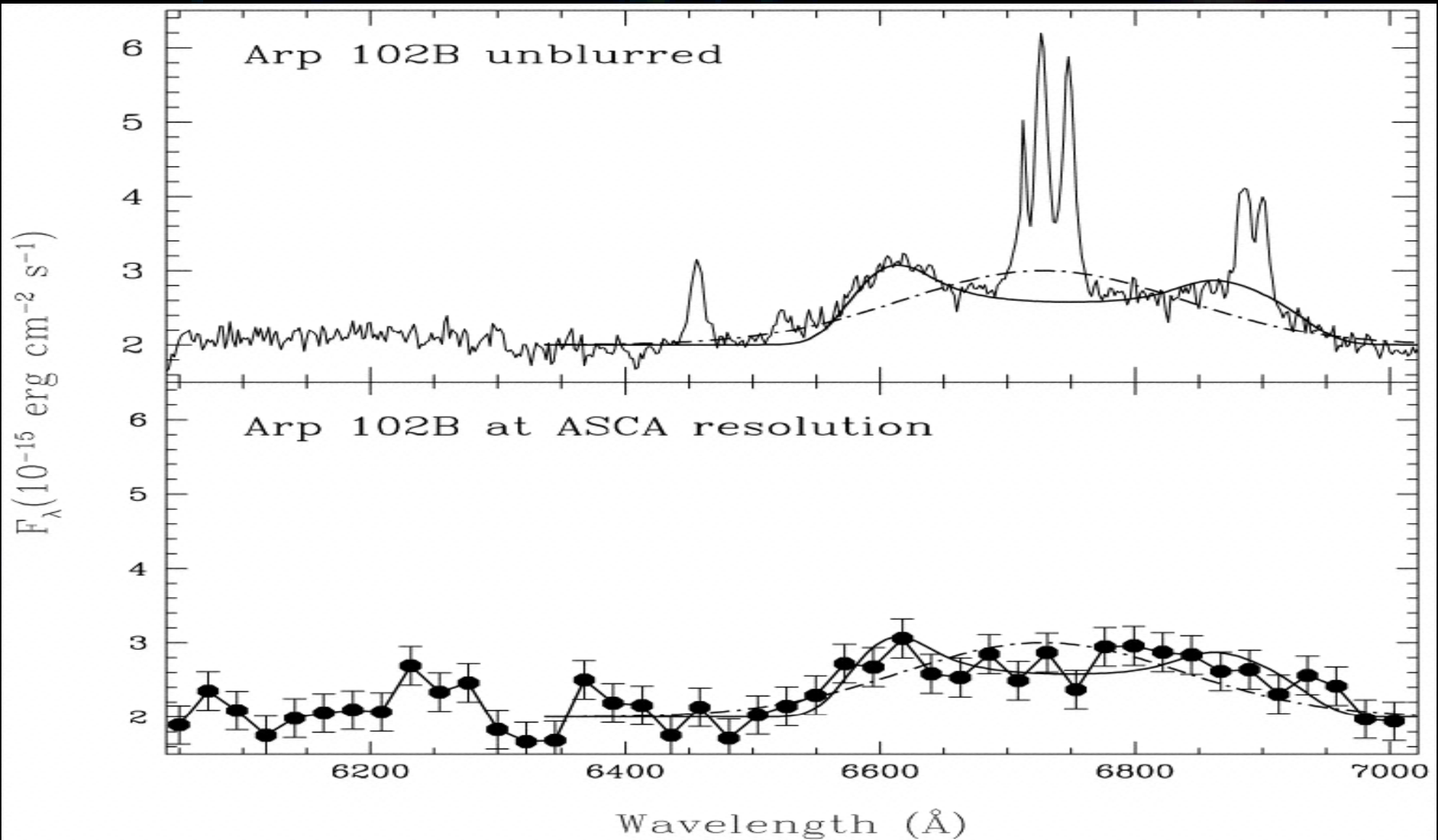
Mrk 501, Mrk 421 and Mrk 766

# Jovanovic & Popovic 2008, 2009



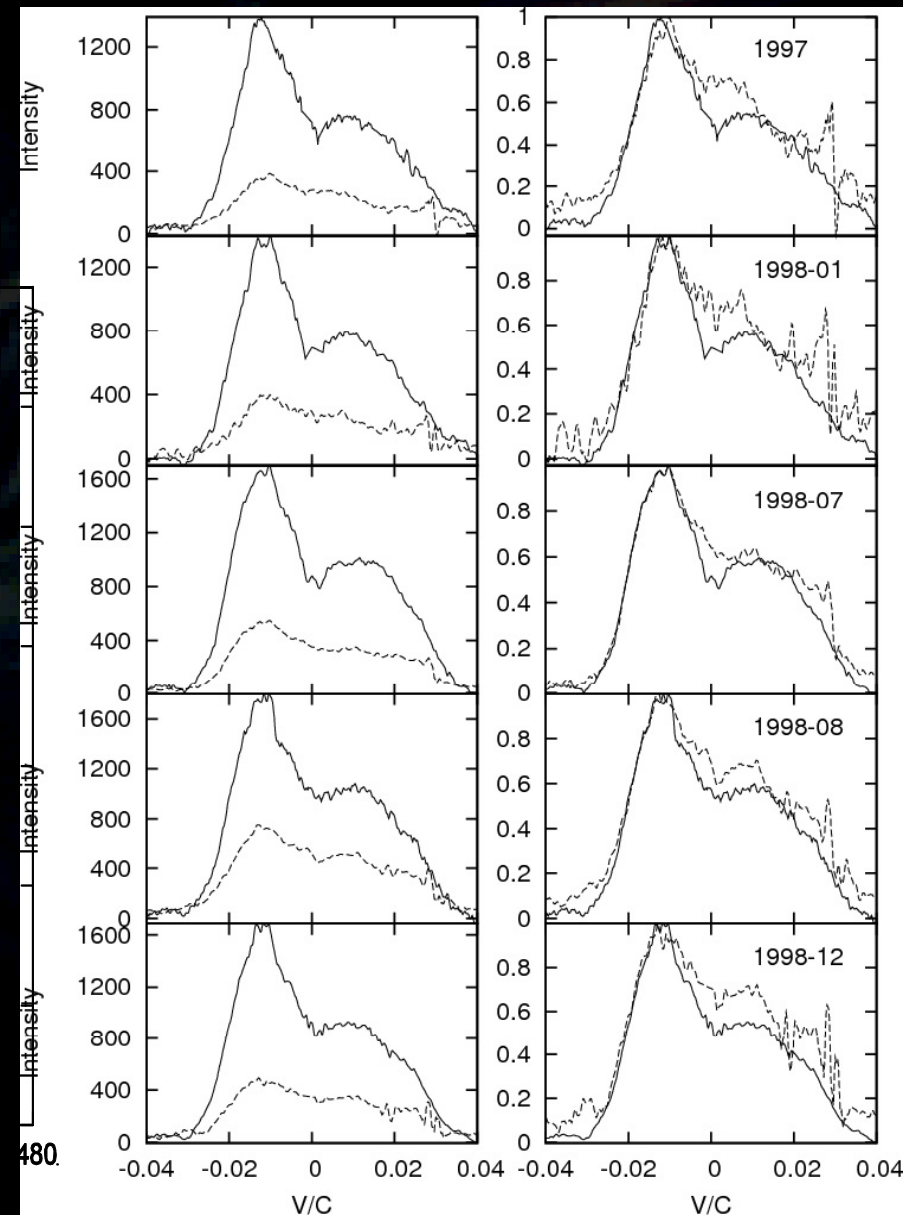
The X-ray accretion disk – Popović et al.  
2003, A&A, 398, 975; Popović et al 2006,  
ApJ 637 620

# Problem to use the Fe K line: Low resolution in the X-ray (Sulentic et al. 1998, ApJ)



# The Broad Line Emission Region

- Gaskell 1983
- Double peaked lines
- E.g. 3c390.3; Very broad
- Radio loud AGN
- Variability in line intensities and line shapes (Shapovalova, Popovic et al. 2010, Popovic et al. 2011)





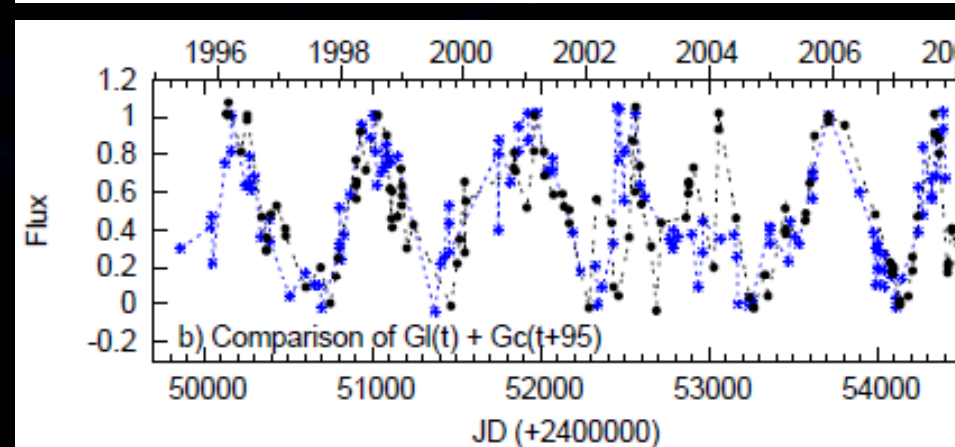
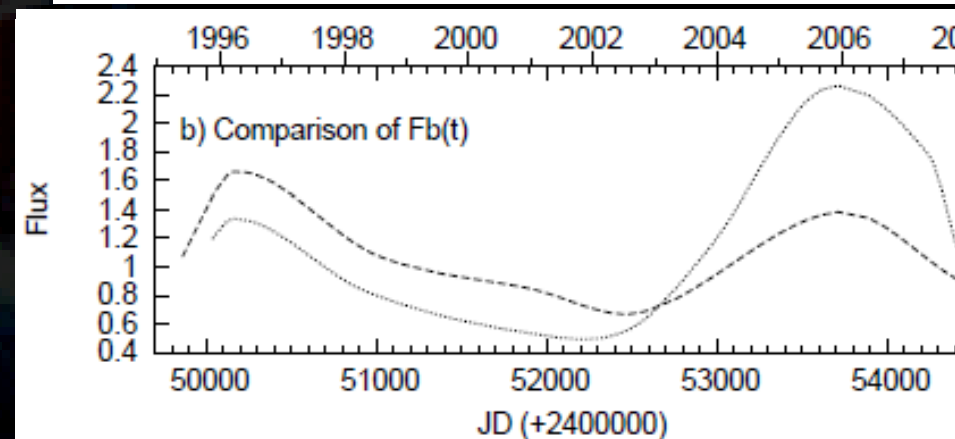
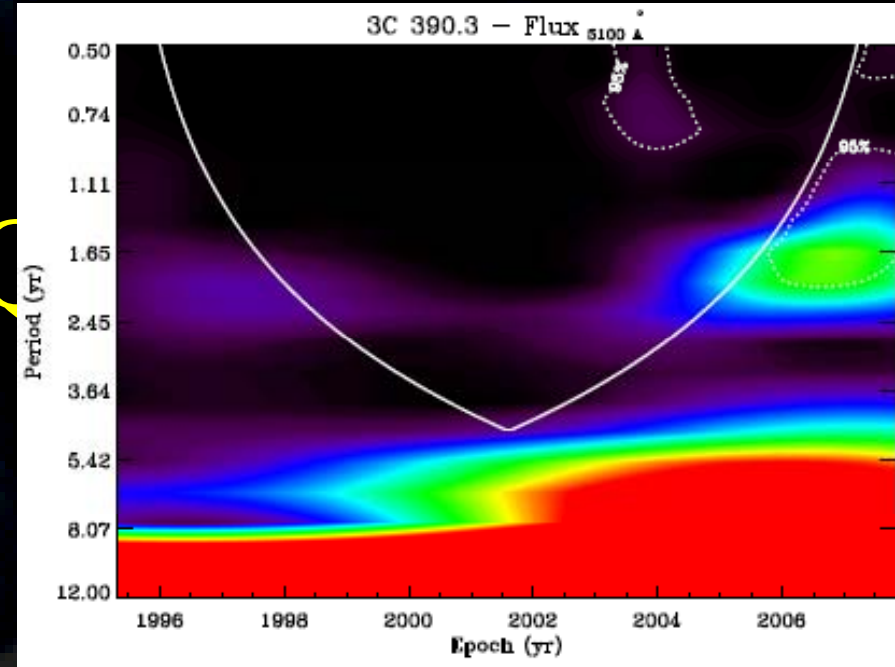
- quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs) **3c390.3** - C

- Morlet wavelet transformation
- analysis of the minima and maxima of H $\beta$  and continuum

- QPOs with periods:
  - $\sim 10$  years (Veilleux & Zheng 1991)
  - $\sim 2-4$  years

- shock waves near the SMBH spreading in the outer part of the disc OR contribution of either ejection or jets to QPOs

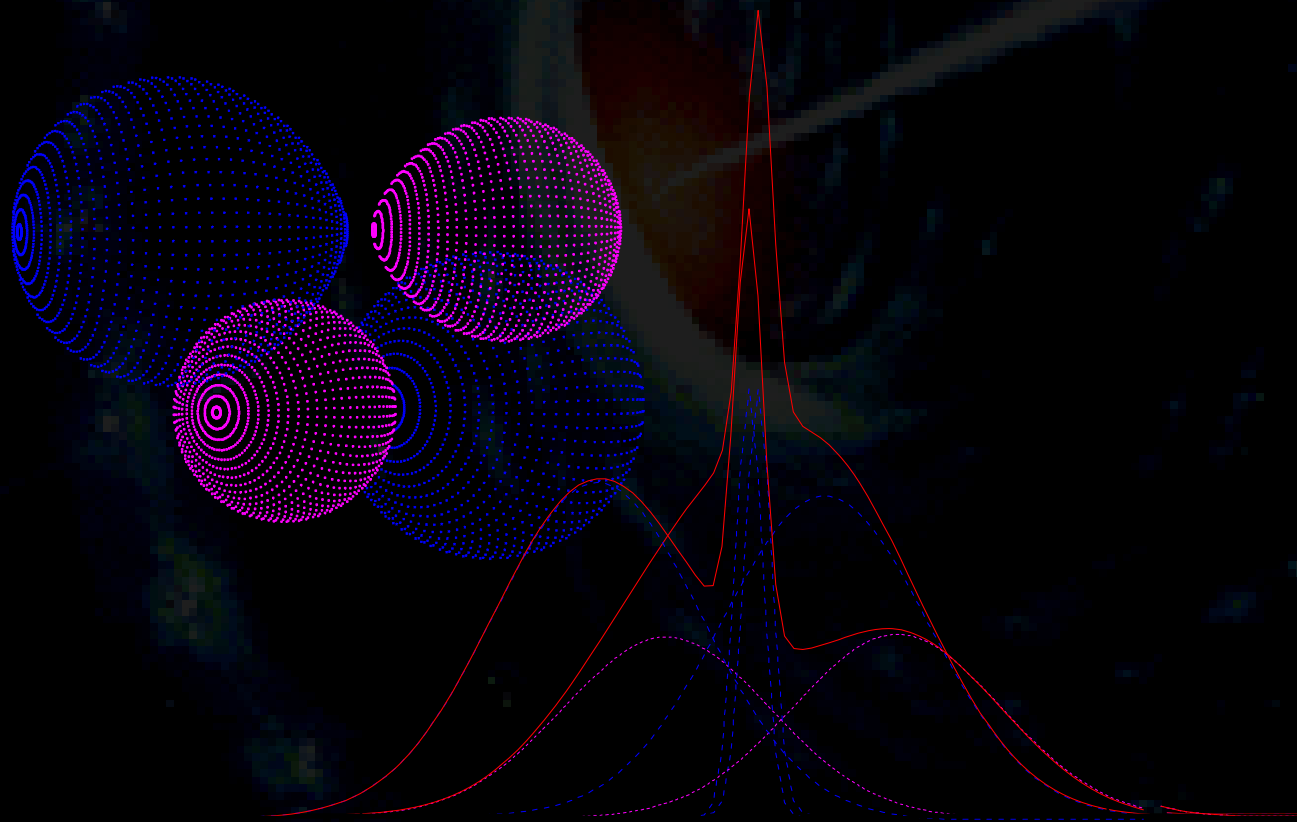
- Shapovalova et al. 2010



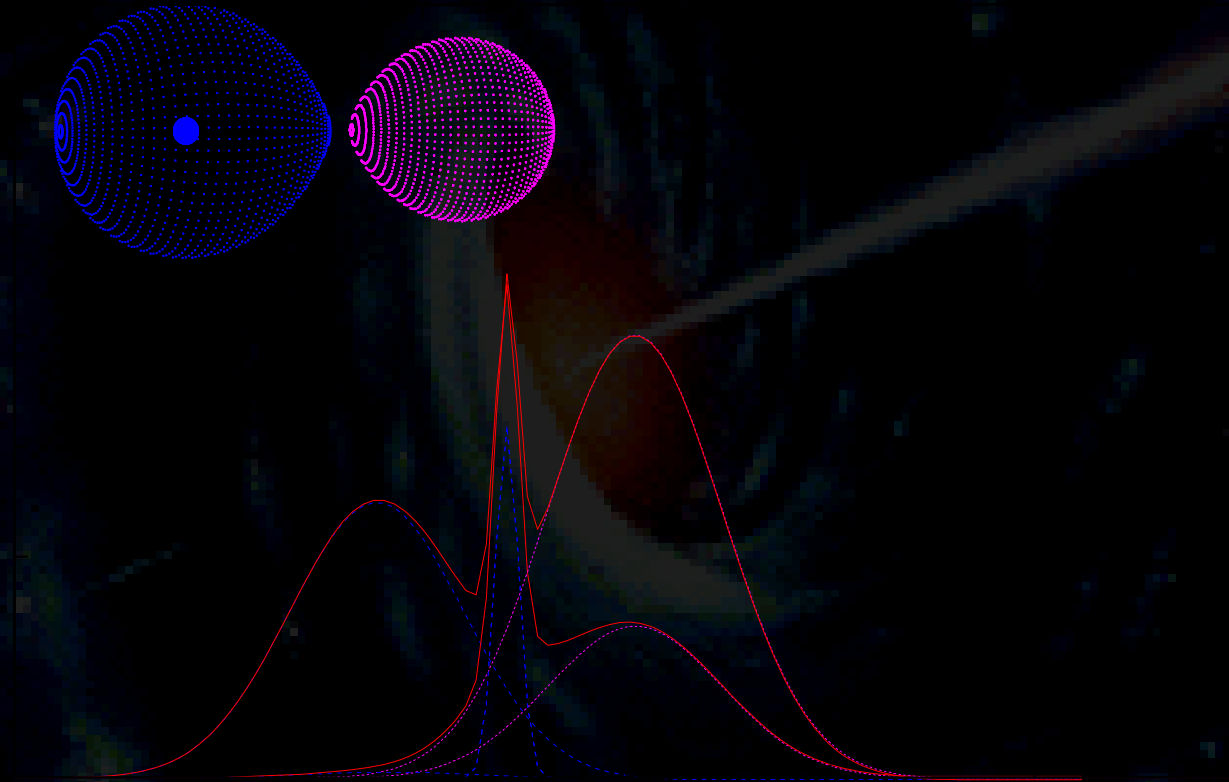
# Disk emission in the optical broad lines – geometry of the BLR – e.g. 3C390.3

- Eracleous & Halpern  
1994, 2003, ApJ
- Shapovalova, et al.  
2010, A&A
- Popovic, et al. 2011,  
A&A

# The Binary Broad Line Region (model Popovic et al. 2000, SerAJ)



# BBHs: one or two BLRs

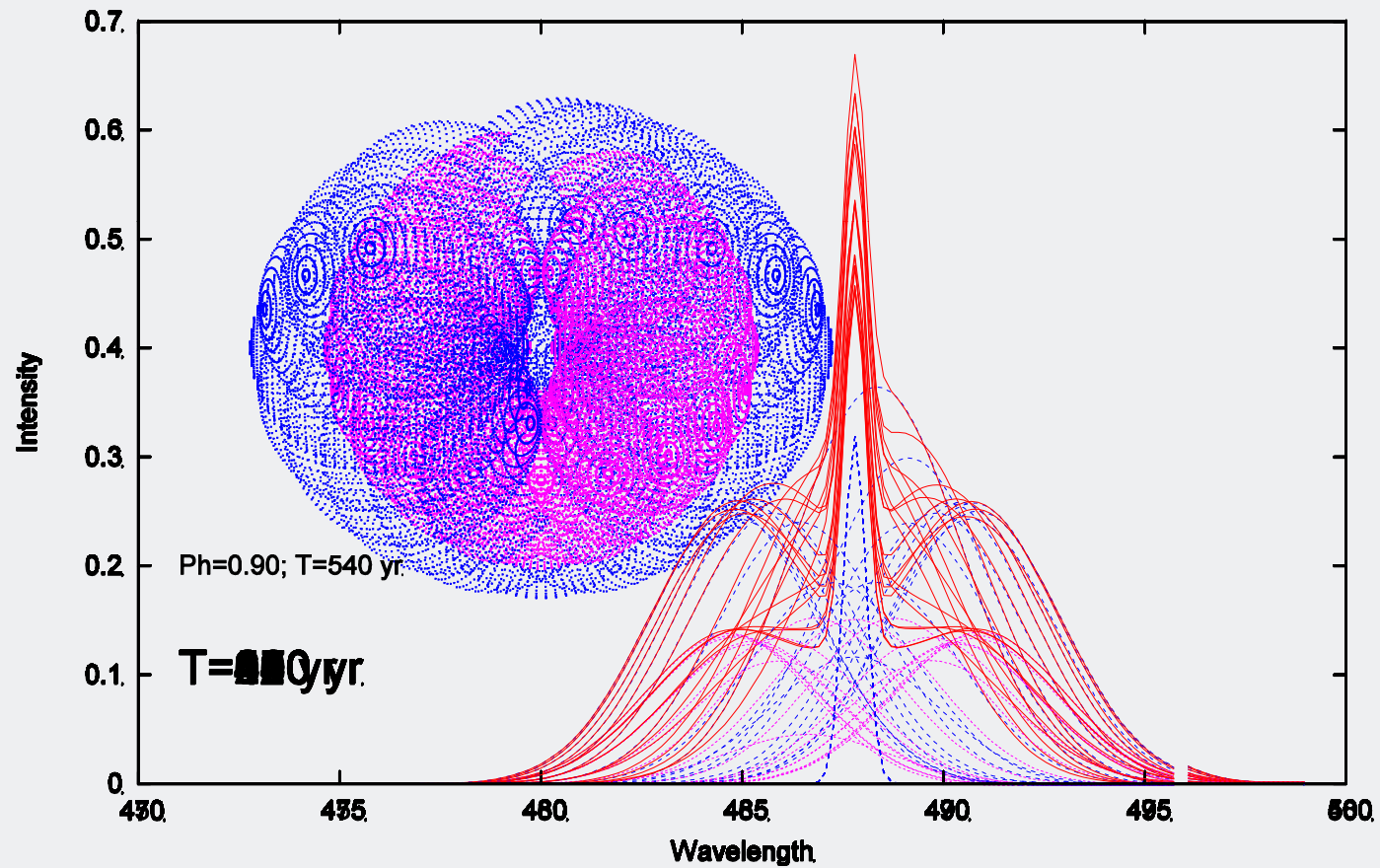


See Boroson & Lauer 2009,  
Gaskell 2010

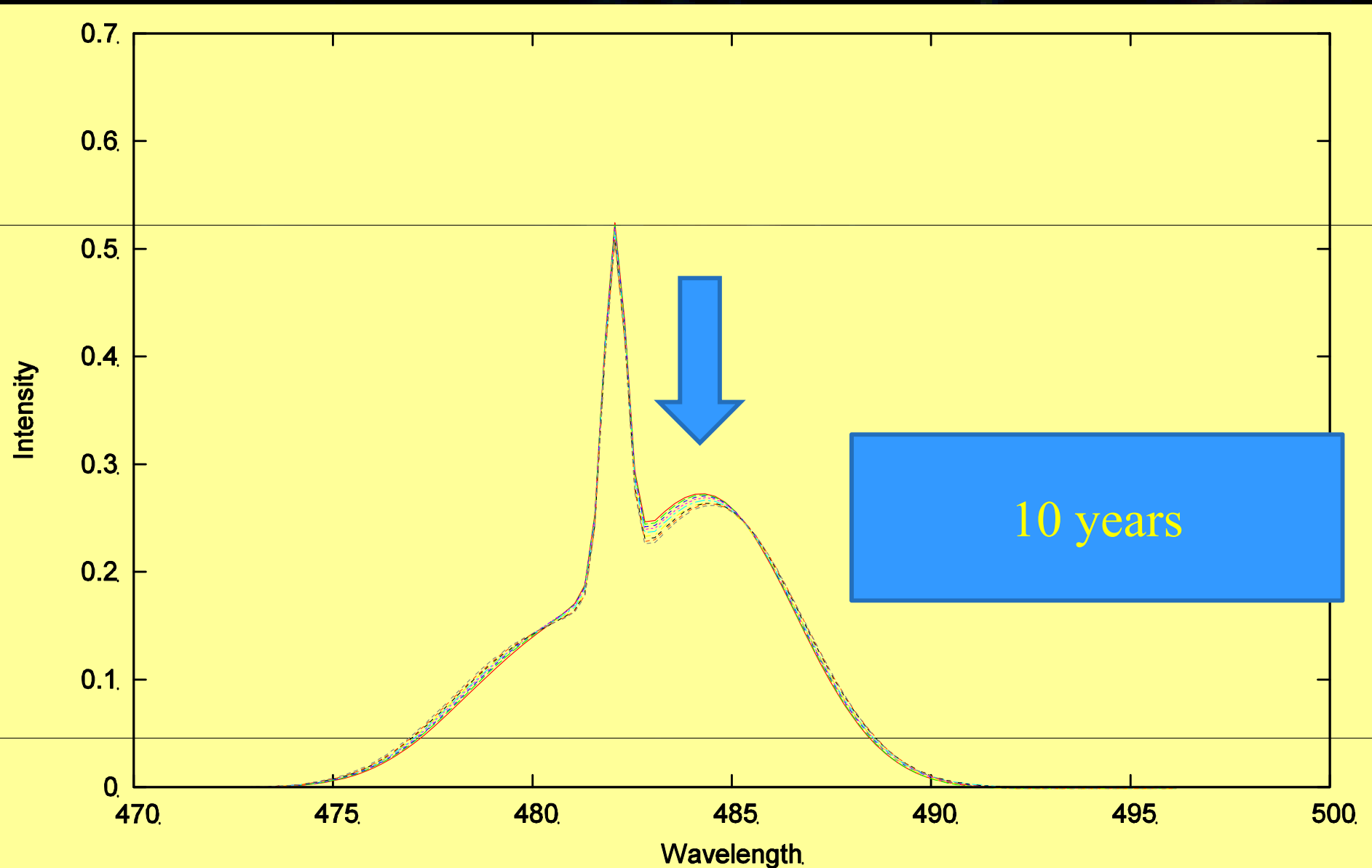
# Broad line profiles

- Popovic et al. 2000
- Shen & Loeb, 2010
- Line profiles can be very different (not only double – peaked)

# Some interesting profiles



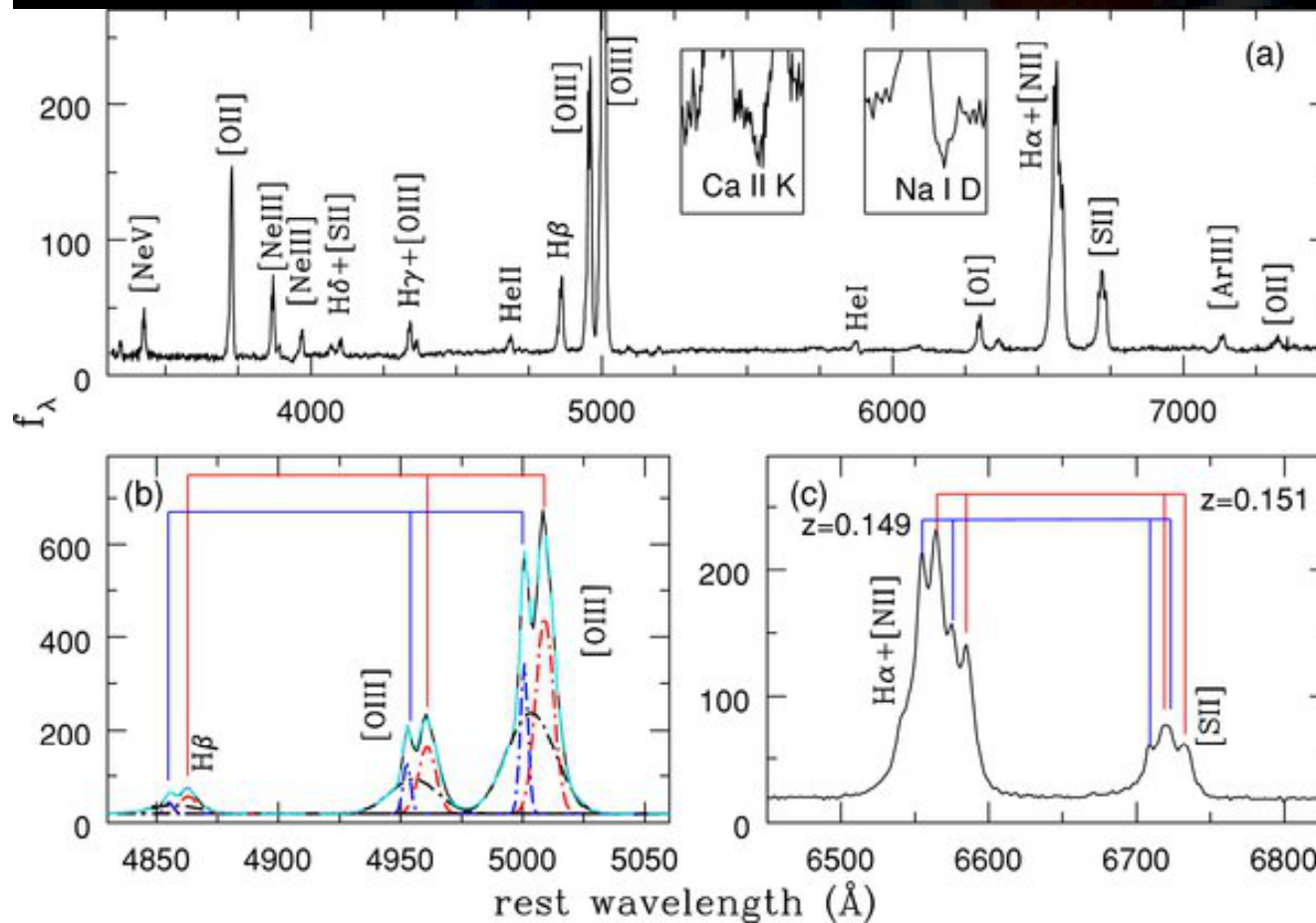
# Variability due to the binary BLR



# Narrow lines – double peaked (Xu & Komosa 2009)

- SDSS J131642.90+175332.5

- $V_{\text{rad}} \sim 600$  km/s
- Taking the same masses,  $R \sim 2.5$  pc?
- Very compact object





# A number of papers about DPNLRs

- Xu & Komossa, 2009; Wang et al., 2009; Smith et al., 2010; Liu et al., 2010a,b; Chornock et al., 2010
- There are some cases that may be BBH,
- but mostly of the DPNLRs are caused by complex NLR geometry

# Emission lines and Super-massive BBHs

- Variability (caused by interaction, unlikely by motion of the components)
- Quasi-periodical oscillations
- Very hard to detect BBHs using only emission lines
- Double-peaked narrow lines are probably from complex kinematics ...

# Popovic & Gaskell (NAC)

- Aims:
- To give an critical overview about candidates
- BBH
- Any suggestion is welcome
- Broad
- Arrow LER

Thank you for your attention