

**Energy flow and
radiation luminosity in
the simulations of
neutron star
Ultraluminous X-ray
sources**

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Neutron star Ultraluminous X-ray Sources (NS-ULXs)

- **ULXs: Non-nuclear** extra-galactic sources that emit X-rays at luminosities exceeding $10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, above the **critical Eddington luminosity** for a compact object with a mass less than 10 solar mass.
 - Super-Eddington accretion onto stellar mass objects (neutron stars and black holes),
 - Super-Eddington radiation in the radii between magnetosphere and spherization radius,

$$L \simeq L_{\text{Edd}} [1 + \ln \dot{M} / \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}], \quad (\text{Shakura } \& \text{ Sunyaev, 1973}).$$

- Radiation pressure causes the **outflow** and resulting **beaming** (*King et al. 2001*).
- *King. et.al, 2001*: ULXs powered by **extremely high accretion rate** onto compact objects in high-mass X-ray binaries (**HMXBs**) in a transient stage.

Beaming emission

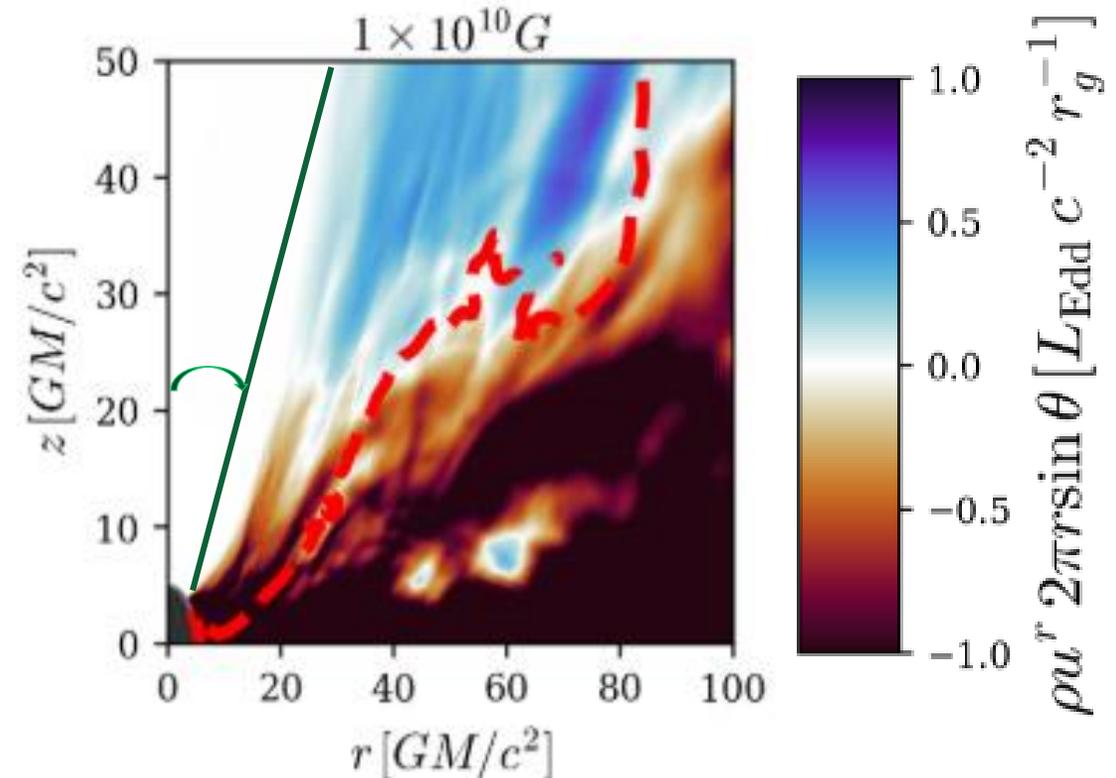
- **KLK model** (studied by King, Lasota & Kluźniak, 2017; King & Lasota, 2019, 2020):
 - ✓ The compact object emits its radiation within a **fraction b of the unit sphere**, causing the luminosity to be **overestimated** by a factor of $1/b$
 - ✓ when $b \ll 1$ then the inferred isotropic luminosity, $L_{\text{iso}} \sim L/b$

$$L_{\text{iso}} = 4\pi d^2 F_{\text{rad}}^r$$

F_{rad}^r : radiation flux in optically thin

cone-like region

d : distance between source and detector



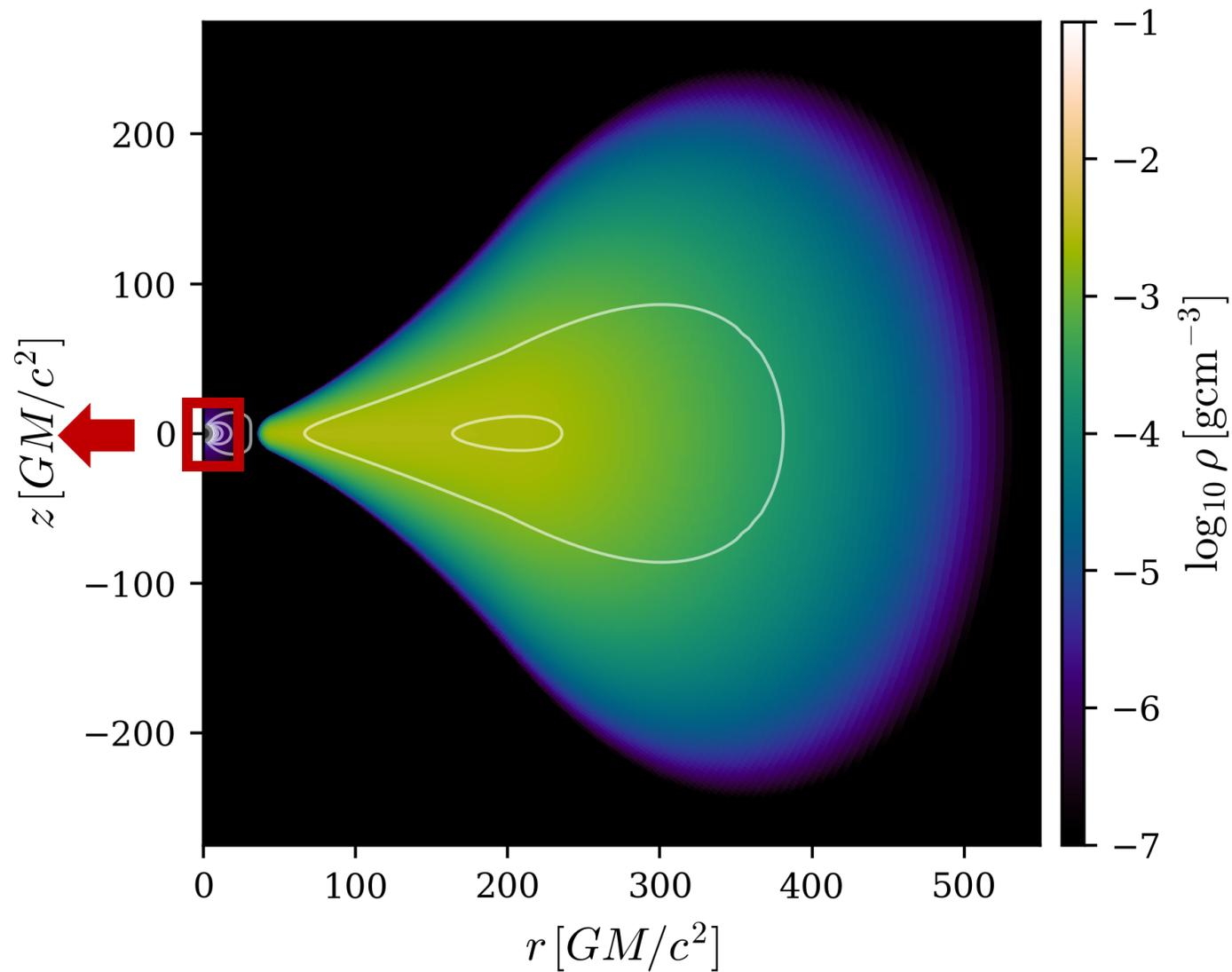
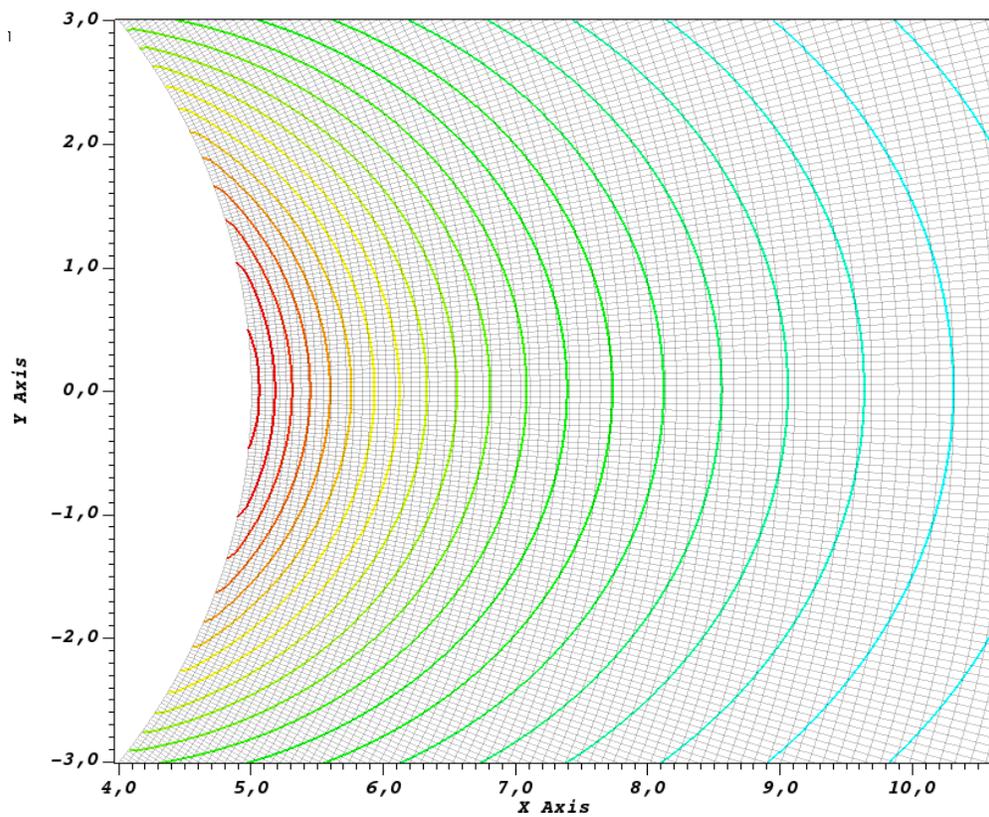
Simulation details

- General relativistic radiative magnetohydrodynamic (GRRMHD) code, **KORAL**.
- Conservation of mass and energy-momentum tensor:

$$\nabla_{\mu}(\rho u^{\mu}) = 0 \quad \& \quad \nabla_{\mu}(T^{\mu}_{\nu} + R^{\mu}_{\nu}) = 0$$

- **Neutron star:** mass $1.4 M_{\odot}$ and radius $5r_g$ ($r_g = GM/c^2$) with dipole magnetic field
- **Torus:** Equilibrium torus with loop magnetic field with $\beta = (P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{rad}})/P_{\text{mag}} = 10$
- **Resolution:** $N_r \times N_{\theta} \times N_{\phi} = 512 \times 510 \times 1$ with **logarithmic spacing** in r direction
- Schwarzschild metric
- **Boundary condition:** energy reflective surface for the neutron star with albedo 0.75

Initial setup

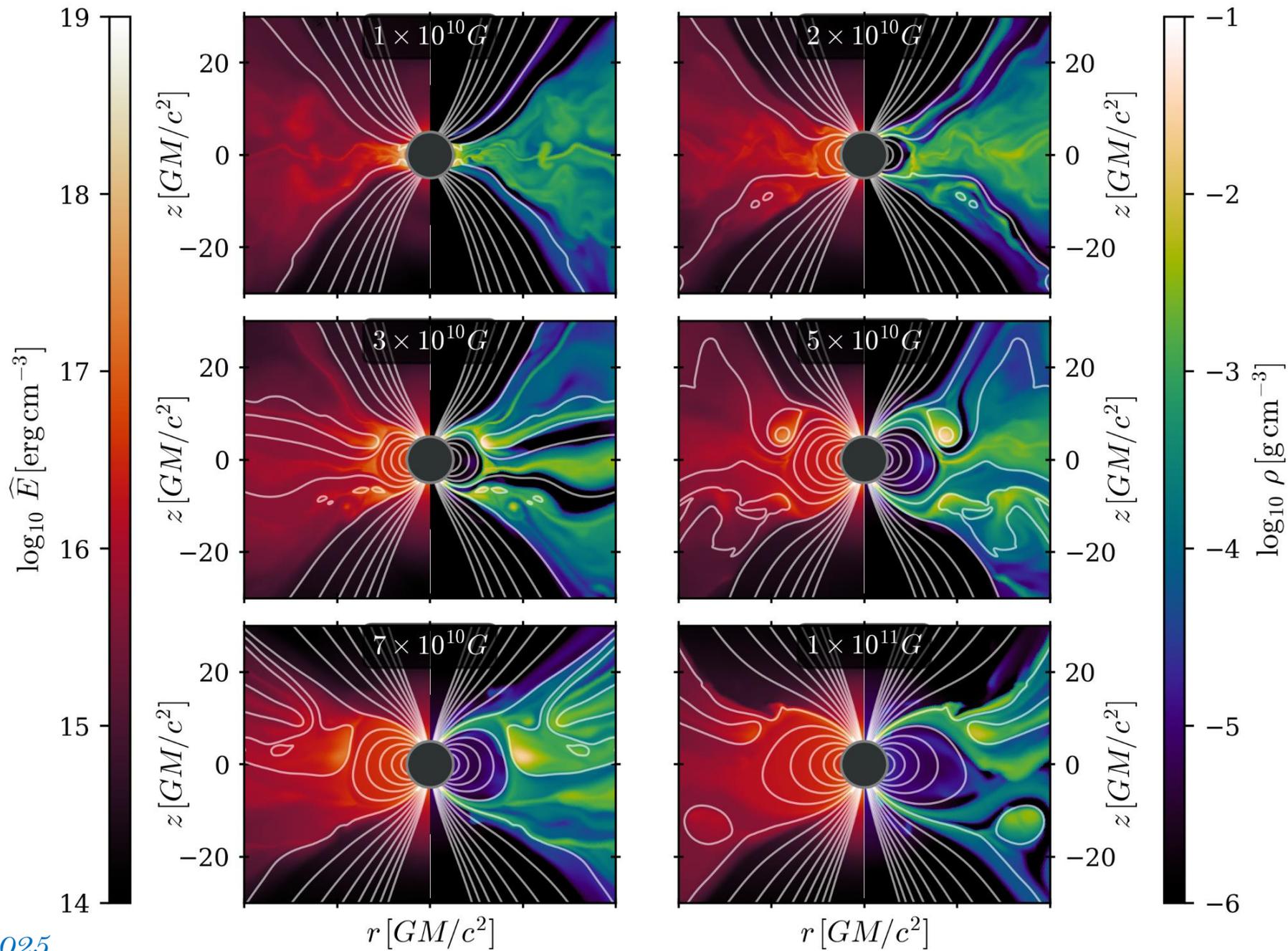


Models

B [G]	\dot{M} [$L_{\text{Edd}} c^{-2}$]	\dot{M}_{out} [$L_{\text{Edd}} c^{-2}$]	L/L_{Edd}	b_{min}	$L_{\text{iso}}/L_{\text{Edd}}$	R_A/r_g
1×10^{10}	257	325	2.10	0.016	115	5.25
2×10^{10}	320	317	1.97	0.020	100	6.85
3×10^{10}	345	250	1.90	0.023	90	10.15
5×10^{10}	355	150	1.55	0.026	68	13.30
7×10^{10}	430	190	1.50	0.045	45	15.85
1×10^{11}	490	80	1.49	0.083	39	17.39

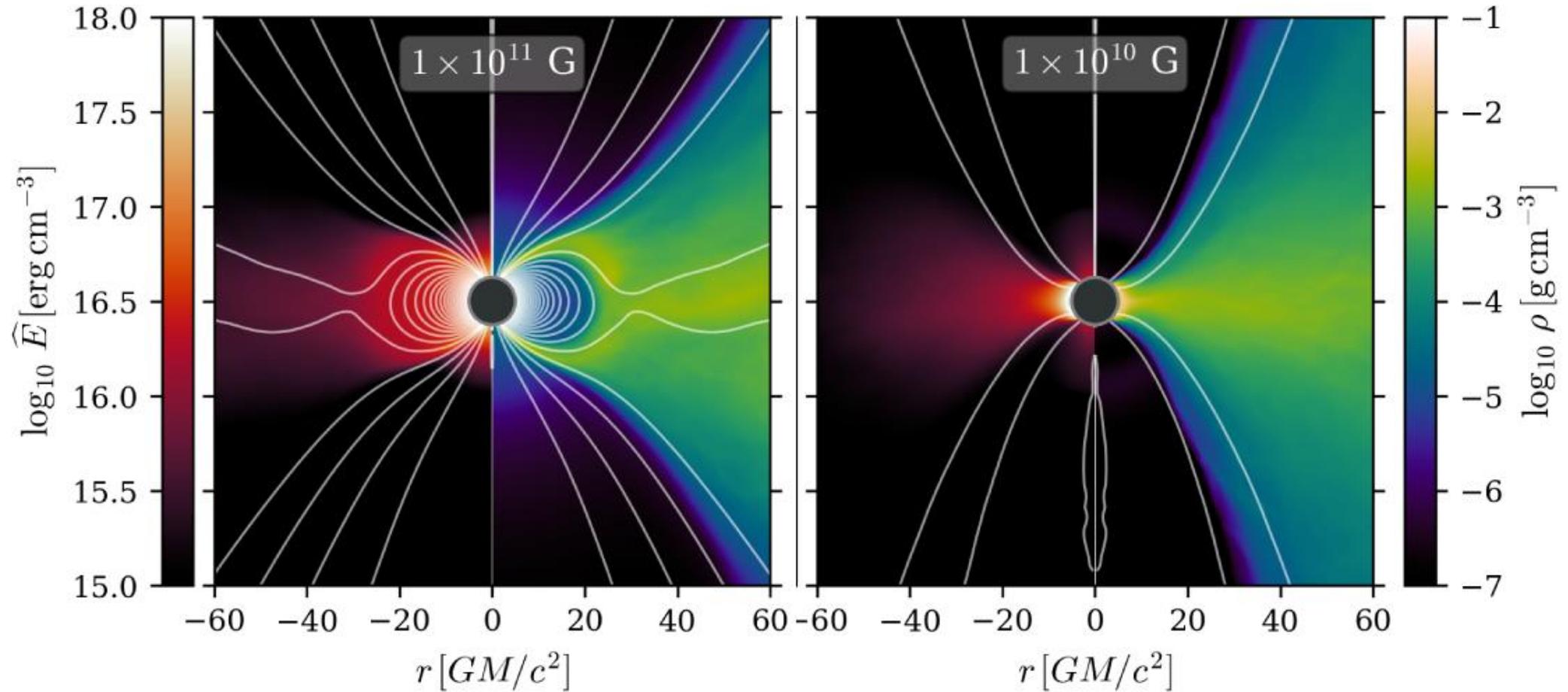
3×10^{10}	144	30	1.14	0.050	40	11.85
3×10^{10}	1000	3600	2.5	0.010	185	8.10

Models



Time-averaged data

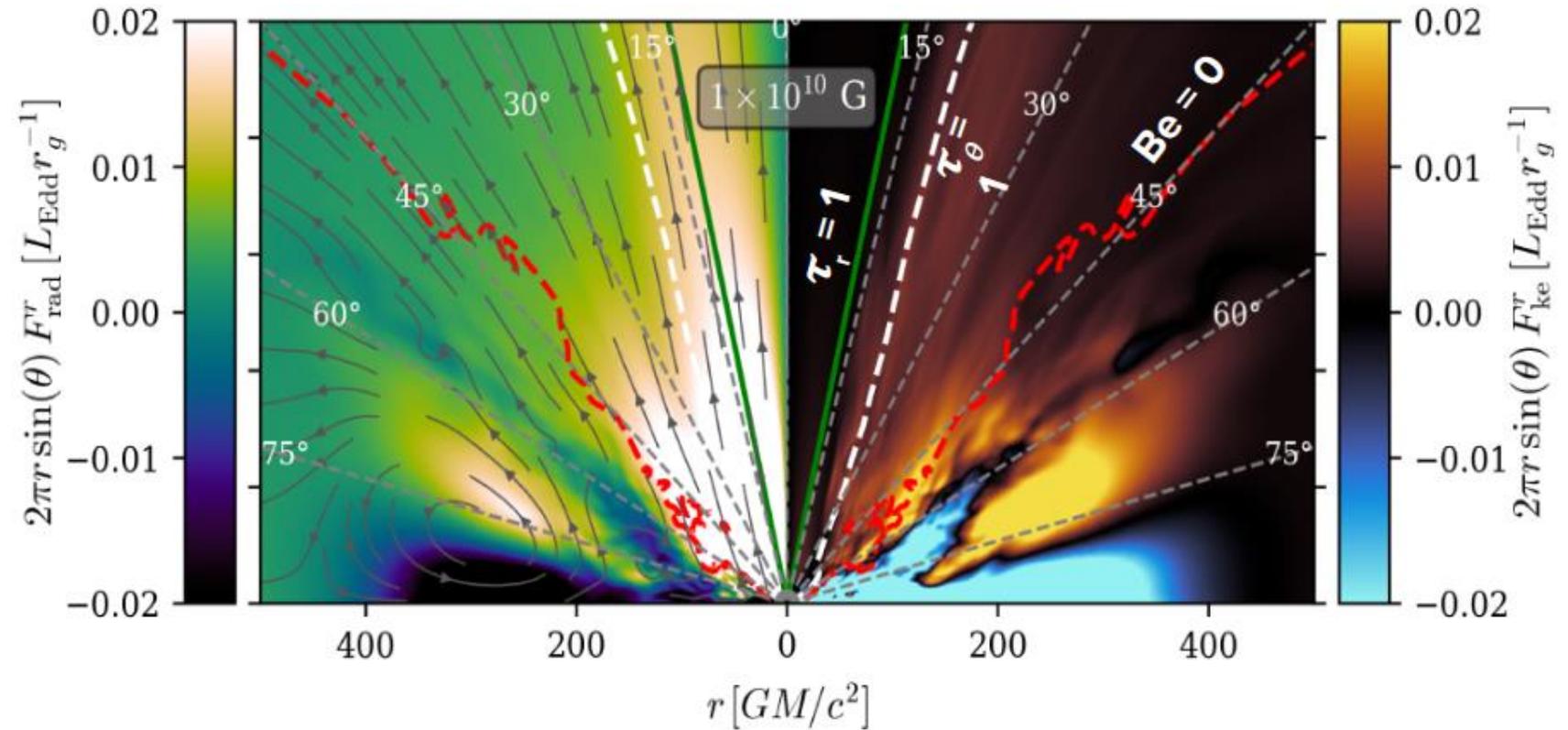
Time averaged data over the periods from $t = 15\,000 t_g$ to $50\,000 t_g$



Different regions

$$Be = -\frac{T_t^t + R_t^t + \rho u^t}{\rho u^t},$$

T_t^t and R_t^t are MHD and radiation energy densities, ρ is the mass-density and u^t is time component of 4-velocity



$$\tau_r(r) = \int_r^{r_{\text{out}}} \rho \kappa_{\text{es}} \sqrt{g_{rr}} dr,$$

whit r_{out} the outer boundary of simulations,
 $\kappa_{\text{es}} = 0.34 \text{ cm g}^{-1}$, the electron scattering opacity for solar composition

Radiation and kinatic efficiency

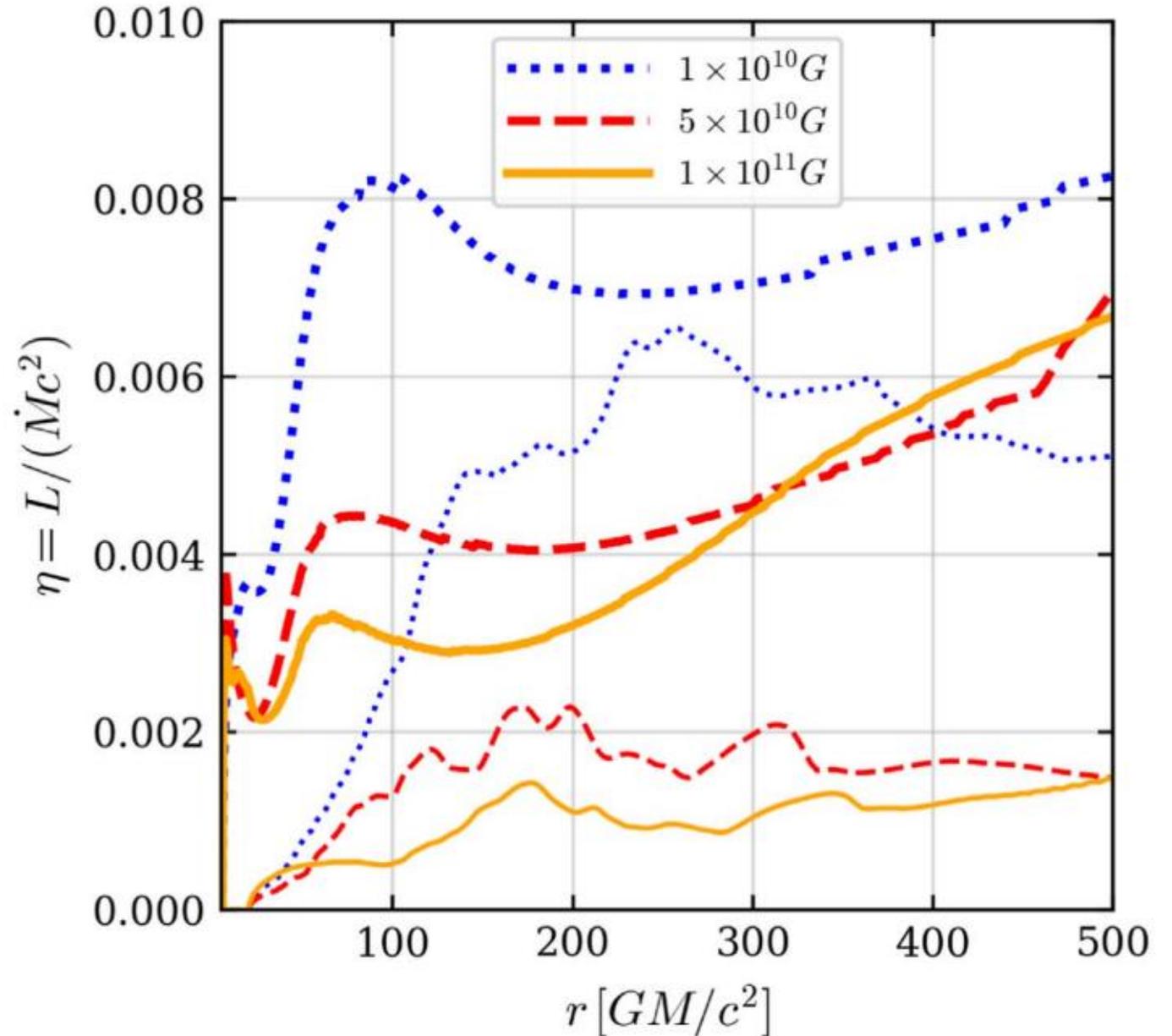
$$L_r = -2\pi \int R^r_t \sqrt{-g} d\theta \Big|_{\tau_r < 1}.$$

$$L_{KE} = -2\pi \int (u_t + \sqrt{-g_{tt}}) \rho u^r \sqrt{-g} d\theta \Big|_{Be > 0, u^r > 0}$$

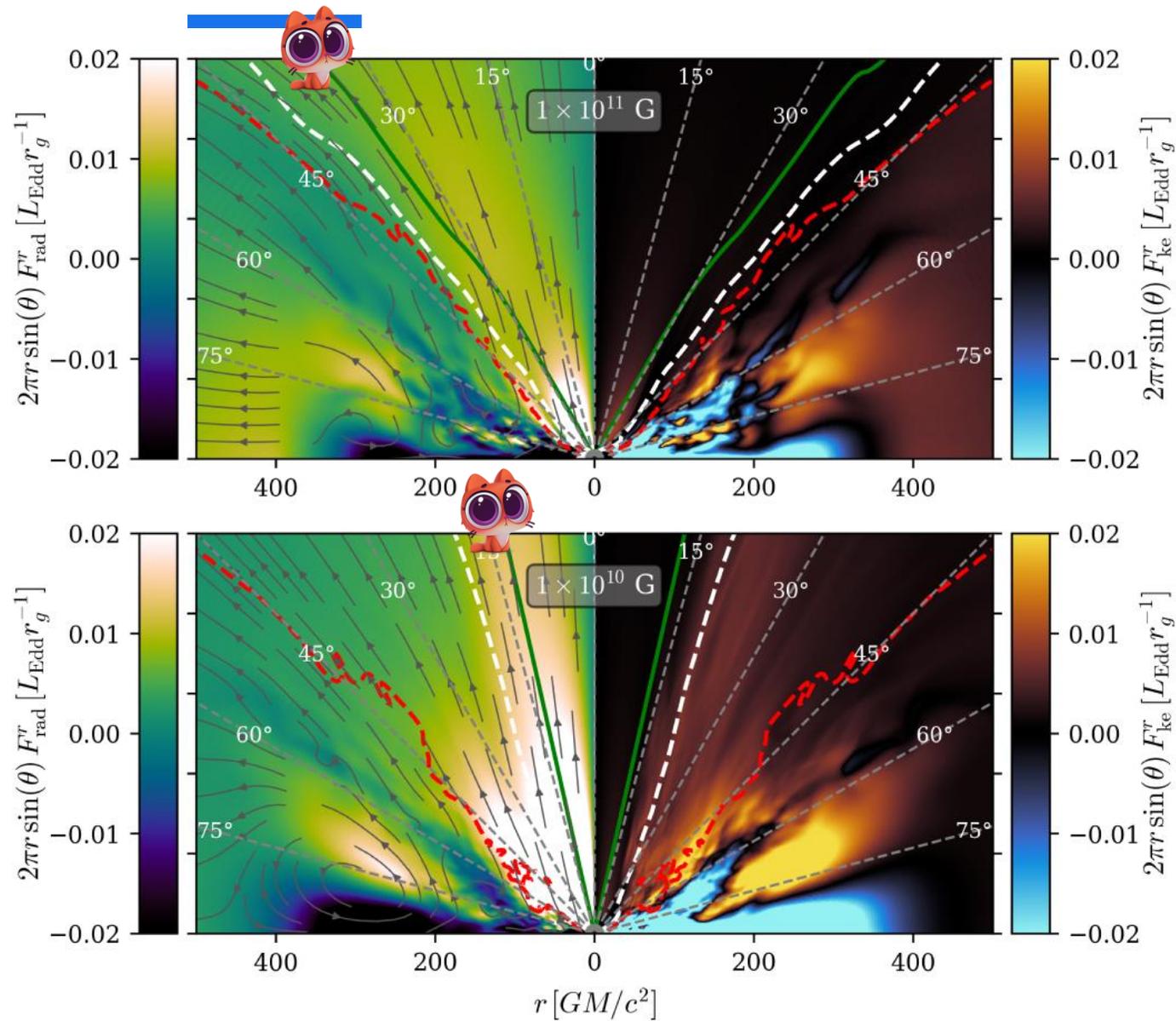
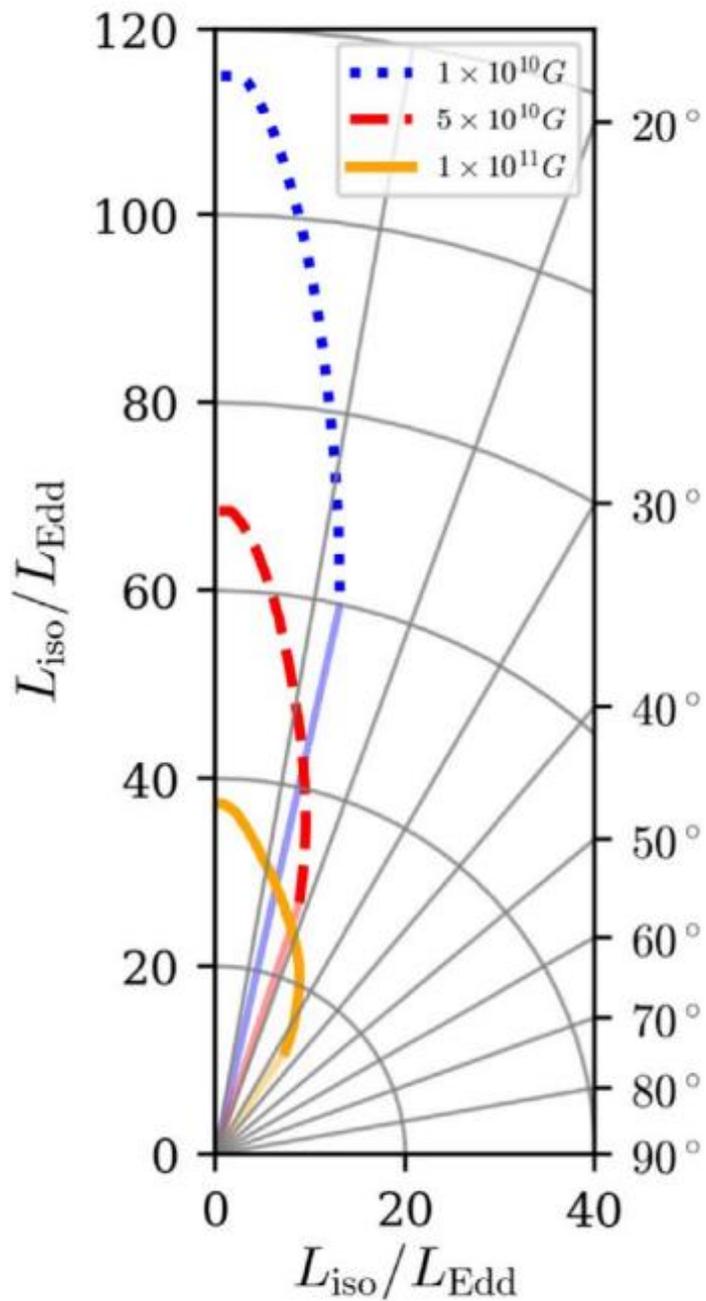
$$\eta = L / (\dot{M} c^2)$$

Weaker magnetic field

- more powerful outflows
- higher radiation efficiency



Beaming and apparent luminosity



Conclusions

- The simulation with a **weak dipole** (10^{10} G) compared to strong dipole (10^{11} G):
 - ✓ **More powerful outflow**
 - **Higher radiation efficiency**
 - **Higher apparent luminosity**
- 10^{10} G \Rightarrow the apparent luminosity about **120 Eddington luminosity**.
- 10^{11} G \Rightarrow the apparent luminosity about **40 Eddington luminosity**.
- Increasing **accretion rate** in simulation with a fixed magnetic dipole strength:
 - **More powerful outflow**
 - **lower radiation efficiency**
 - **Higher apparent luminosity**

The simulation with dipole strength 10^{10} G and accretion rate of **1000 Eddington units** gives the apparent luminosity of **250 Eddington luminosity**.