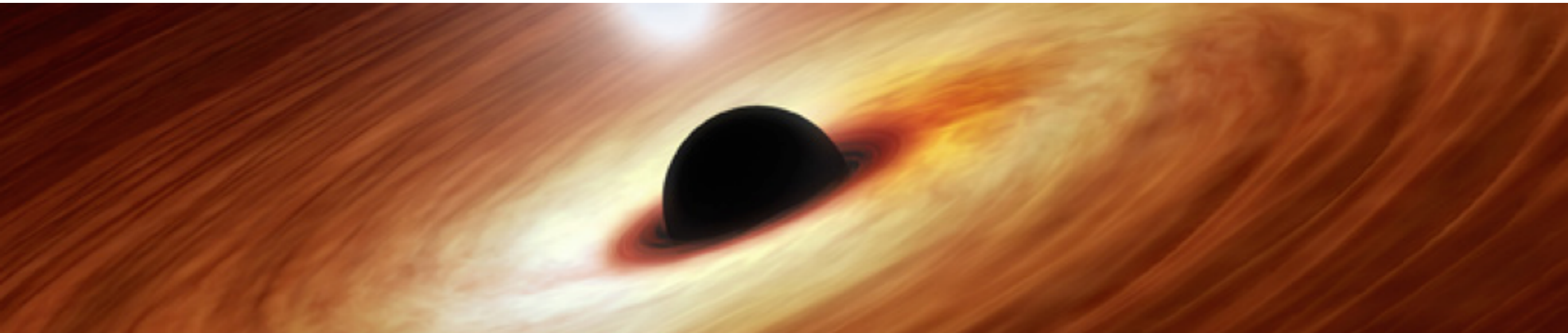


# Corona accretion in active galactic nuclei and the observational test



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The X-ray universe 2017, Rome,  
June 8, 2017

- **Motivation:**

Where is the X-ray emission from for active galactic nuclei? It is a very important question to be answered!

# AGNs

# BHXBs

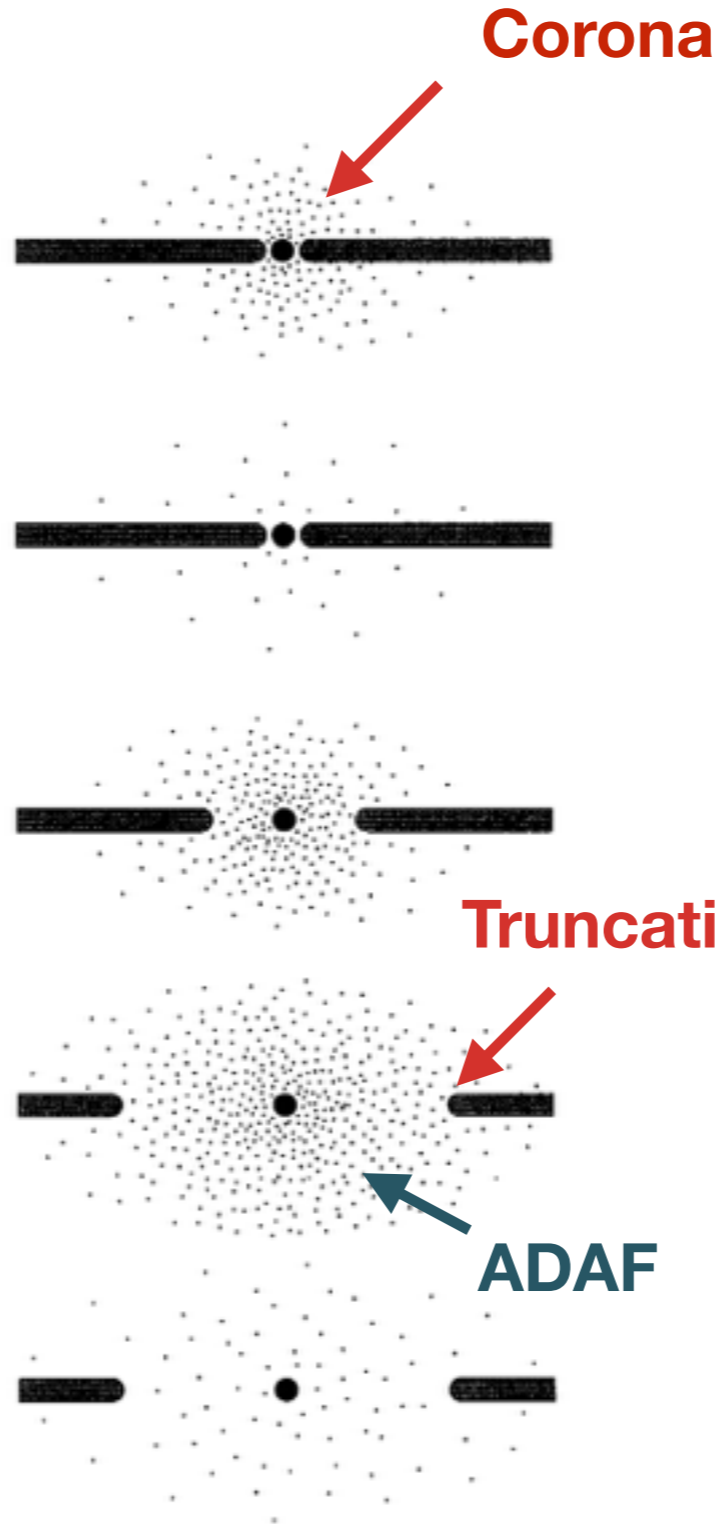
NLS1s  
Radio-loud QSOs

Classical Seyferts  
Radio-quiet QSOs

Low-Luminosity Seyferts

LINERs

Nearby galaxies, Sgr A\* et al.



very high state

high/soft state

Intermediate state

low/hard state

quiescent state

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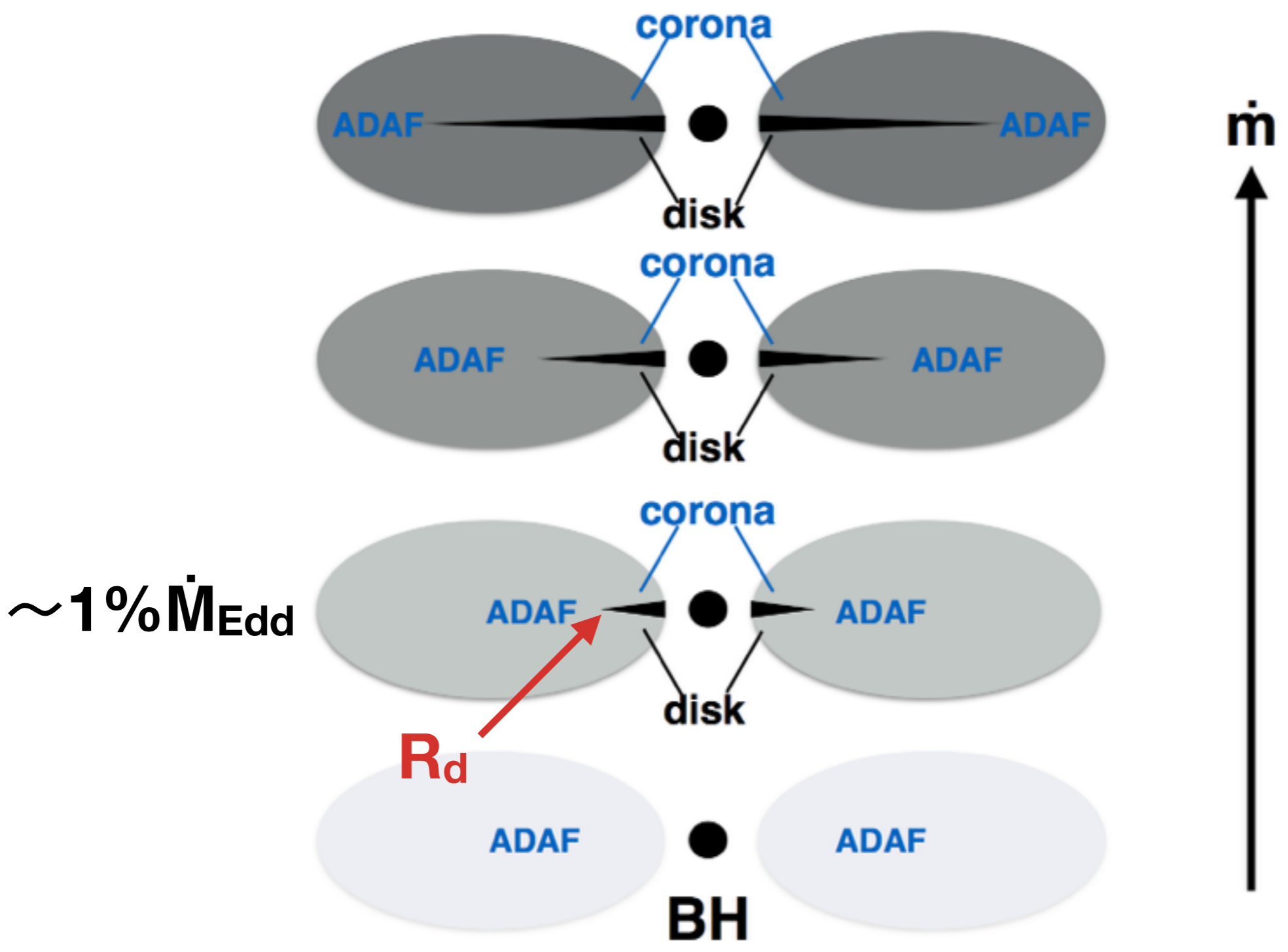


Meyer, Liu, Meyer-Hofmeister et al. 2000a,b; Liu et al. 2002...  
Liu et al. 2002,2003; Qiao & Liu 2015...

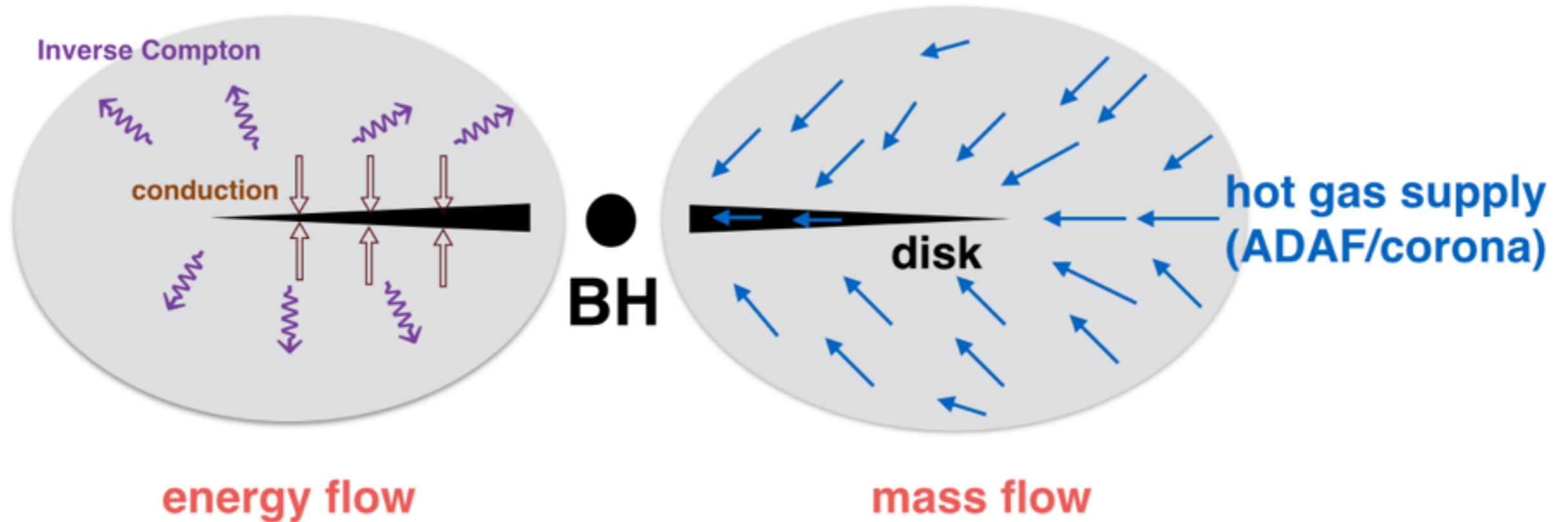
Esin et al. 1997  
(Black hole X-ray binaries)

- ◆ **low-luminosity case**, the X-ray emission is dominated by the advection-dominated accretion flow (ADAF) and its variants (e.g., Yuan & Narayan 2014, ARA&A, 52, 529)
- ◆ **High-luminosity case**, the X-ray emission is produced by the so-called corona above a accretion disk, e.g.,
  - Assumed a fraction of the accretion energy dissipated in the hot corona (Haardt & Maraschi 1991, 1993; Svensson & Zdziarski 1994; Stern et al. 1995)

- Due to Parker instability, Magnetic reconnection is invoked (e.g., Galeev et al. 1979; Liu et al. 2002, 2003; Goodman & Uzdensky 2008)
- Some Numerical simulations have been done for the formation of the corona, However, it still too weak to match the observations very well (e.g., Uzdensky et al. 2013; Jiang et al. 2014; Vasudevan & Fabian 2007, 2009).
- We suggested that the **initial condition** of the fuel gas is important for the X-ray emission for the luminous AGNs (**Liu, Taam, Qiao & Yuan 2015, ApJ, 806, 223**).
- **So our picture is as follows,**



# Condensation of ADAF/corona in AGNs

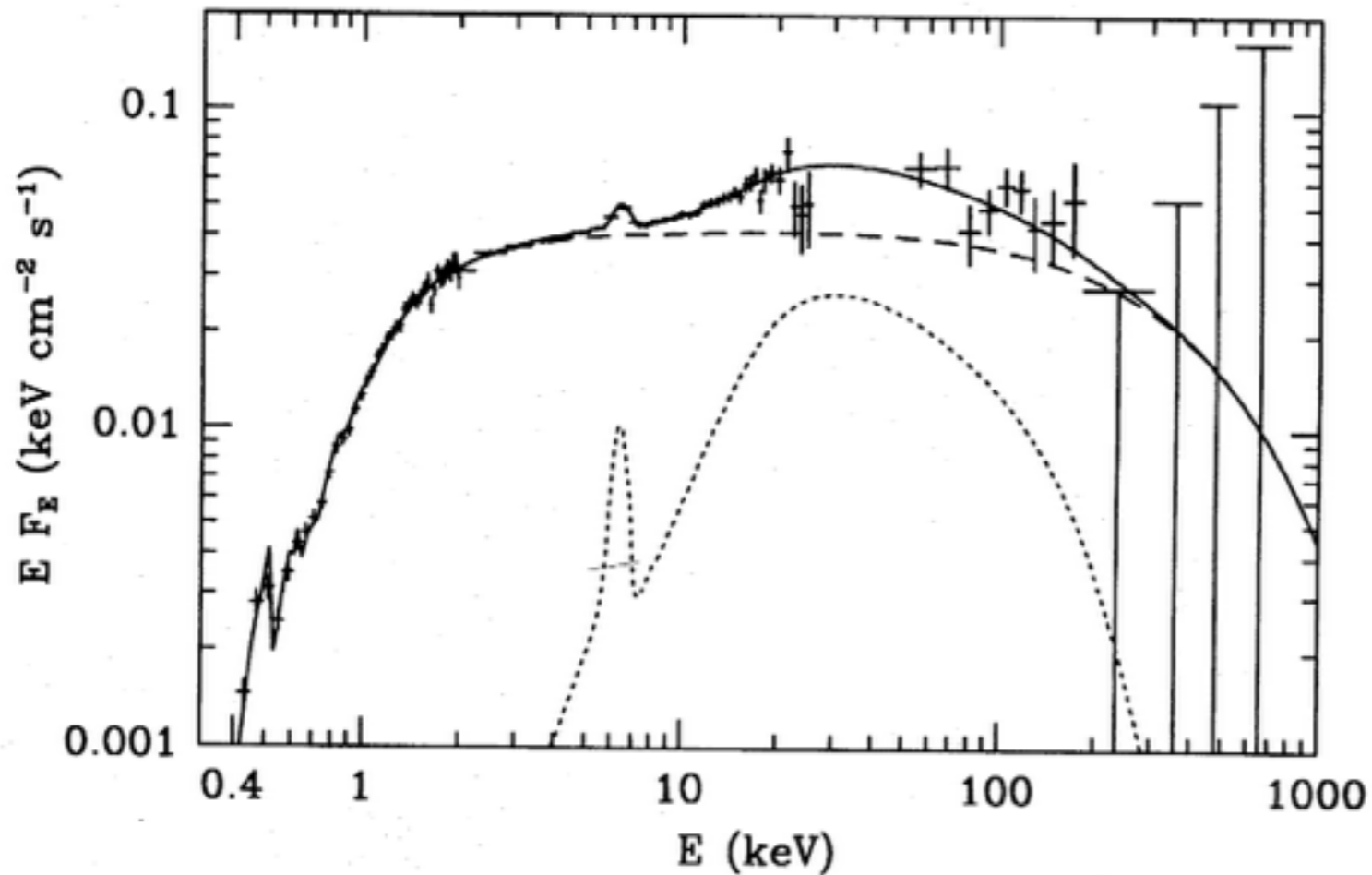


Qiao & Liu 2013, ApJ, 764, 2 (BHXBs)

Liu, Taam, Qiao & Yuan 2015, ApJ, 806, 223 (AGNs)

# Observational test in AGNs:

## X-ray spectrum of Seyfert I, IC 4329A



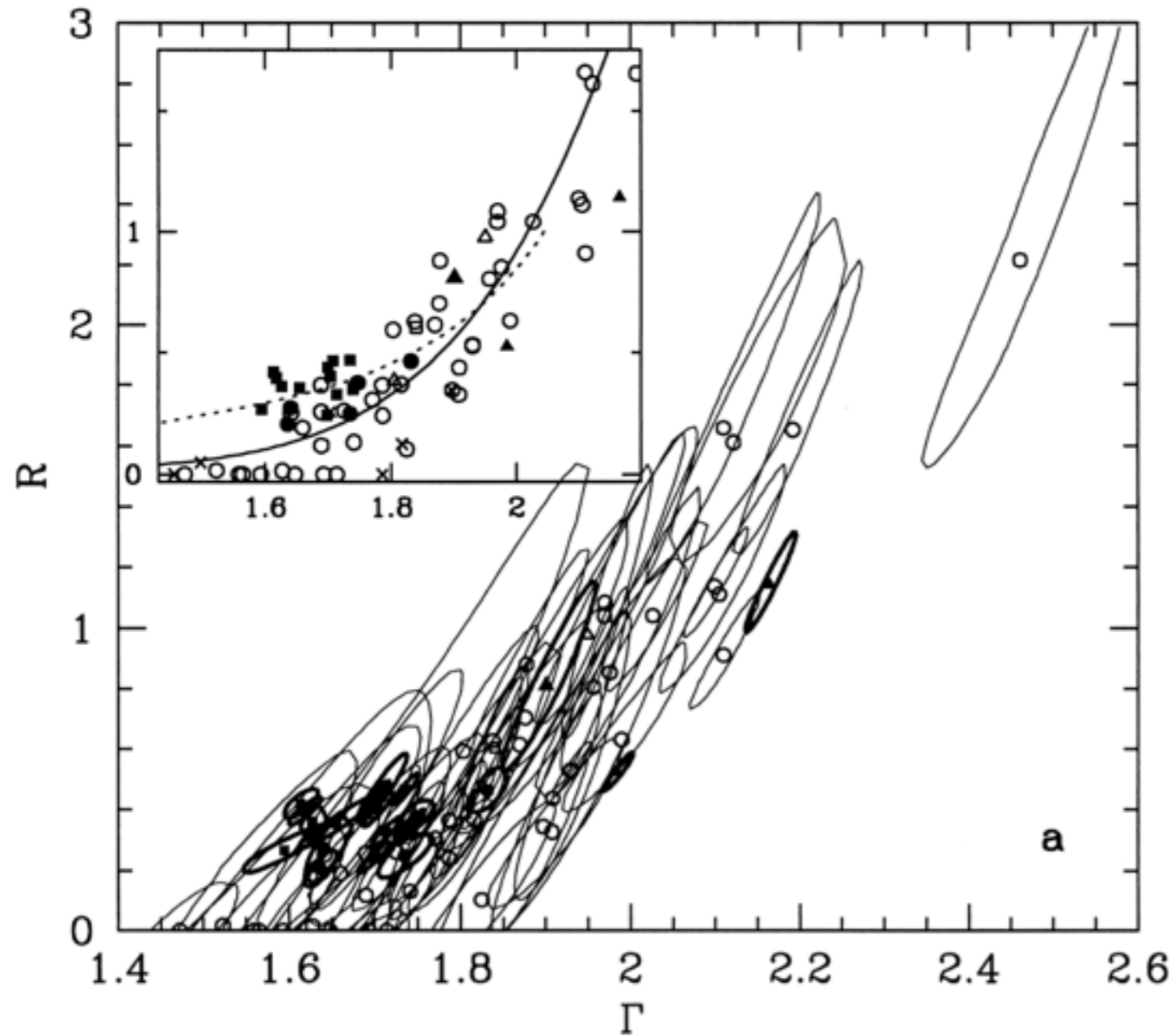
ROSAT, Ginga, OSSE

- Hard X-ray photon index  $\Gamma$
- $R = \Omega/2\pi$

$$\theta=30^\circ \quad R = 0.68^{+0.16}_{-0.14}, \quad \alpha = 0.96^{+0.03}_{-0.03}, \quad \text{and} \quad E_c = 410^{+270}_{-120} \text{ keV.}$$



# $\Gamma$ -R correlation in AGNs

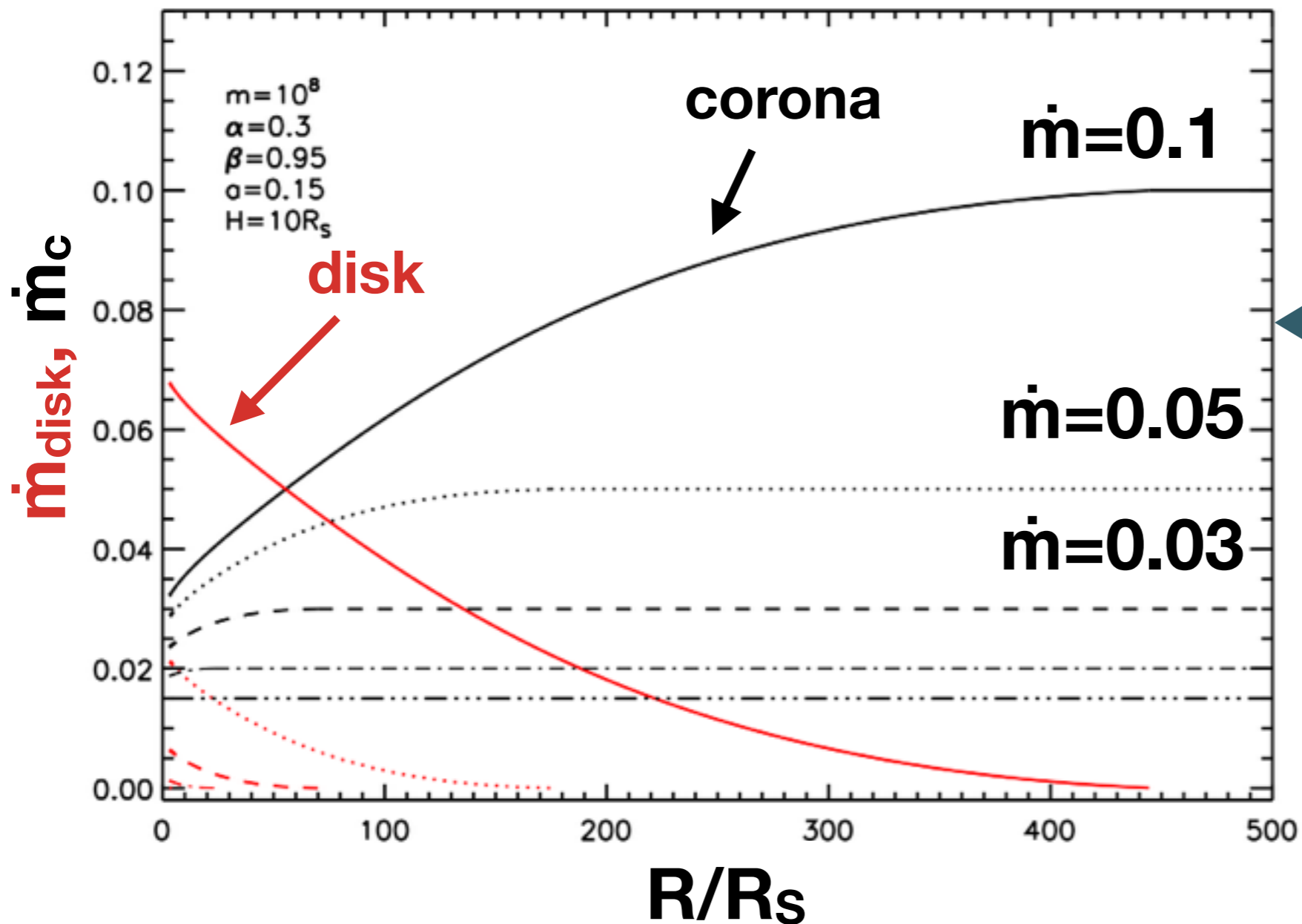


47 data sets for  
23 RQ AGNs

Zdziarski et al. 1999

- Theoretical Results:**

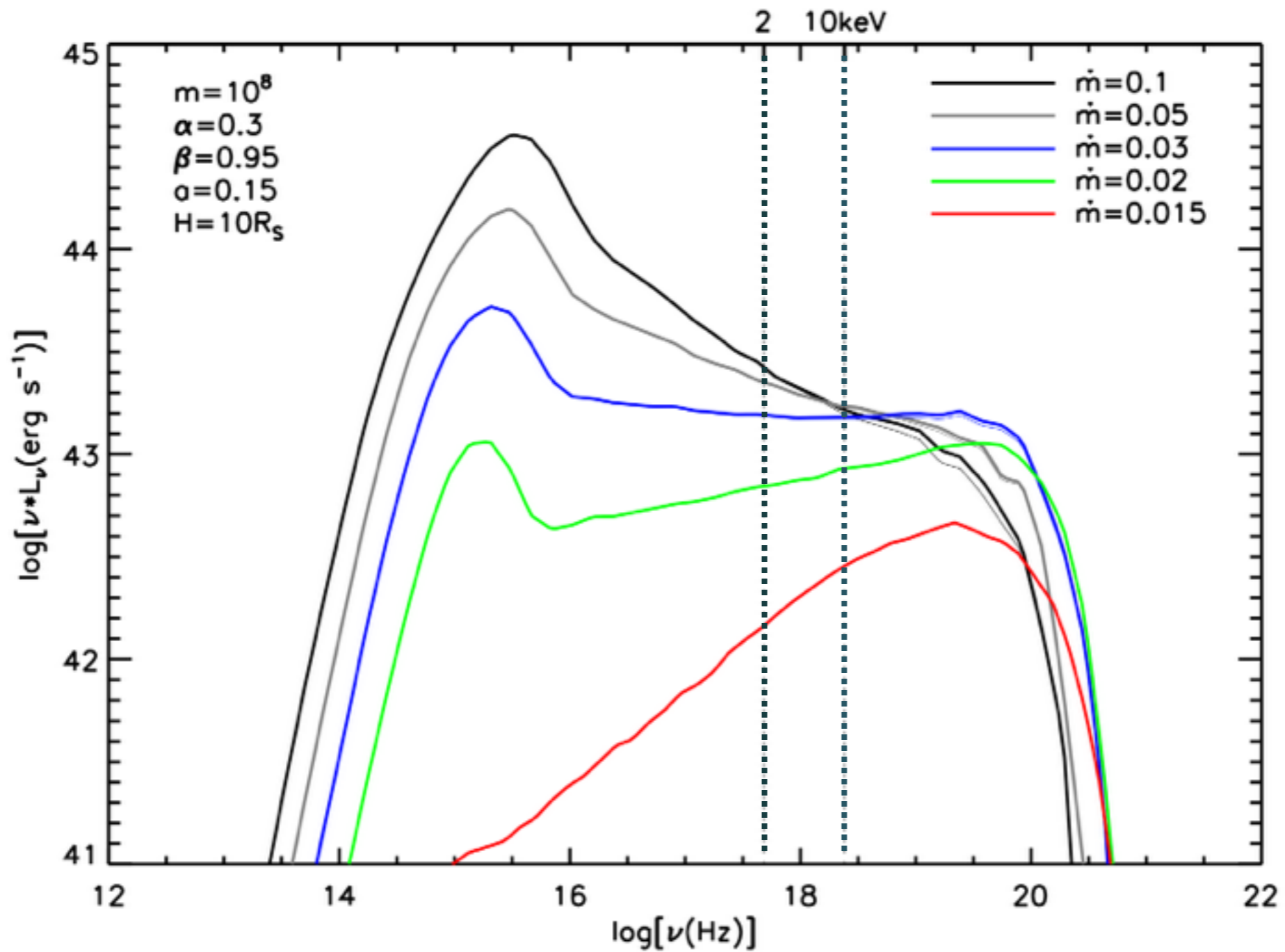
The distribution of accretion rate in **disk** and corona



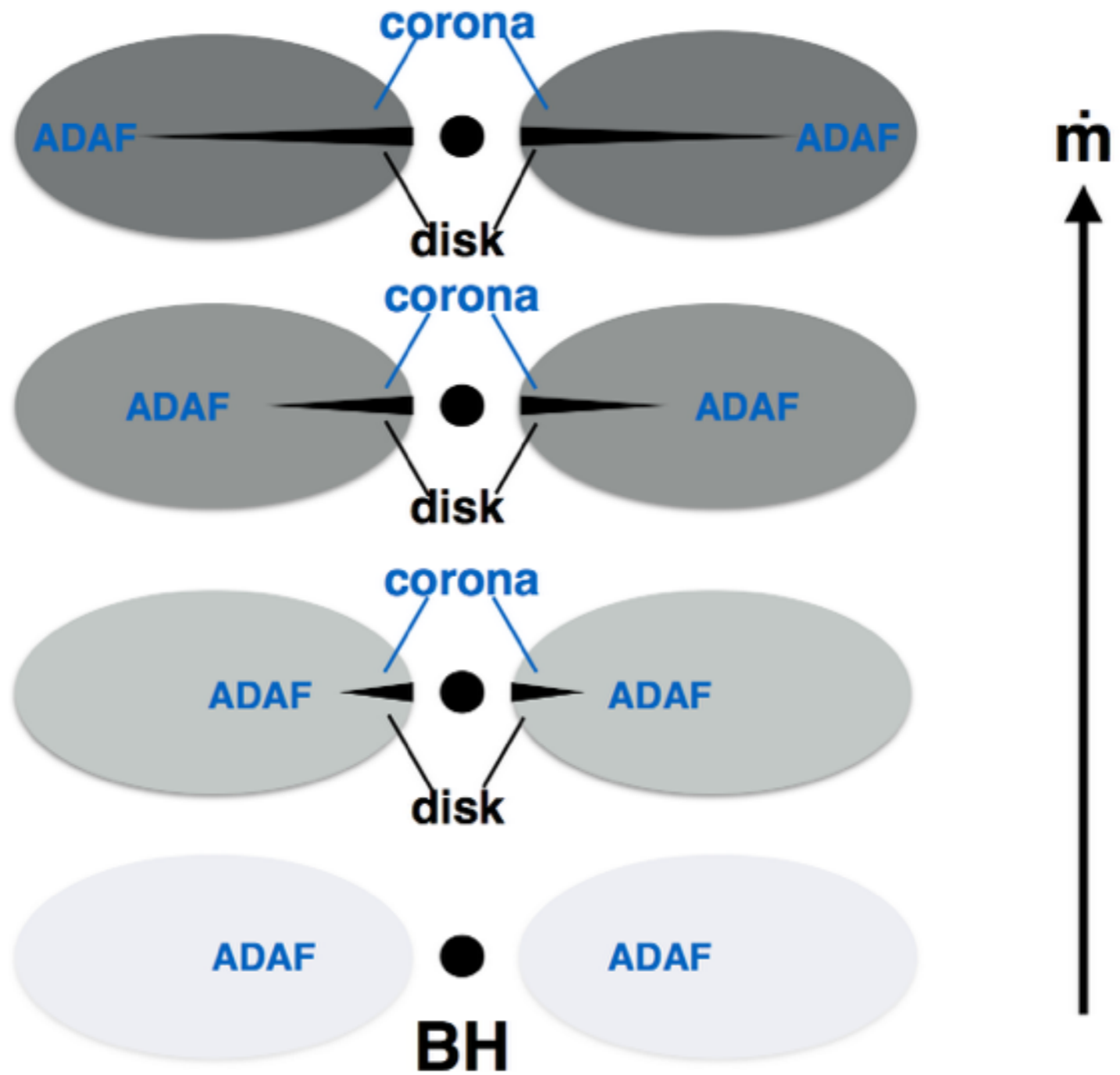
**Input parameter:**

$m = 10^8$   
 $\alpha = 0.3$   
 $\beta = 0.95$   
 $a = 0.15$   
 $H_s = 10R_s$

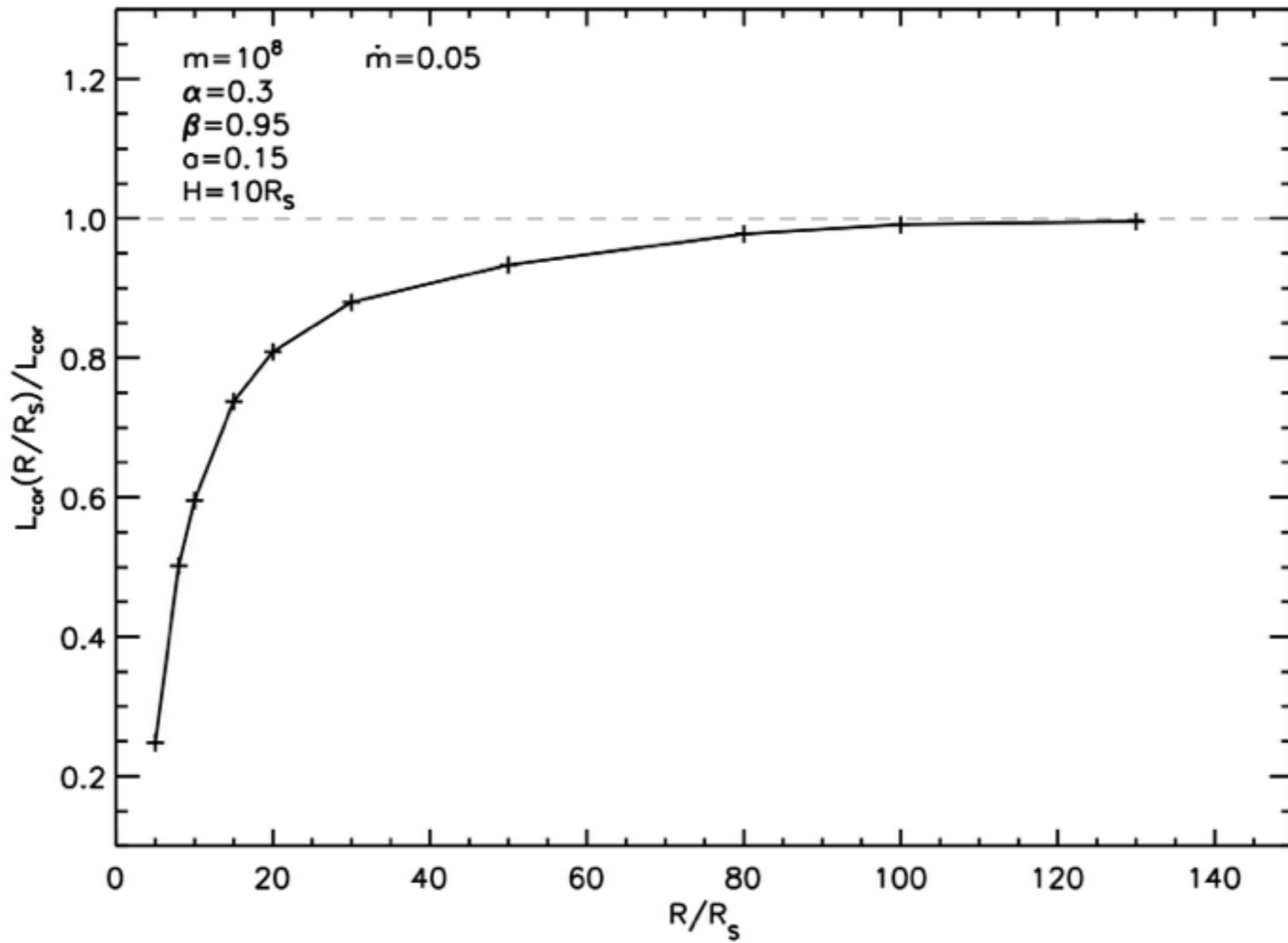
From the spectra, we can get  $\Gamma$



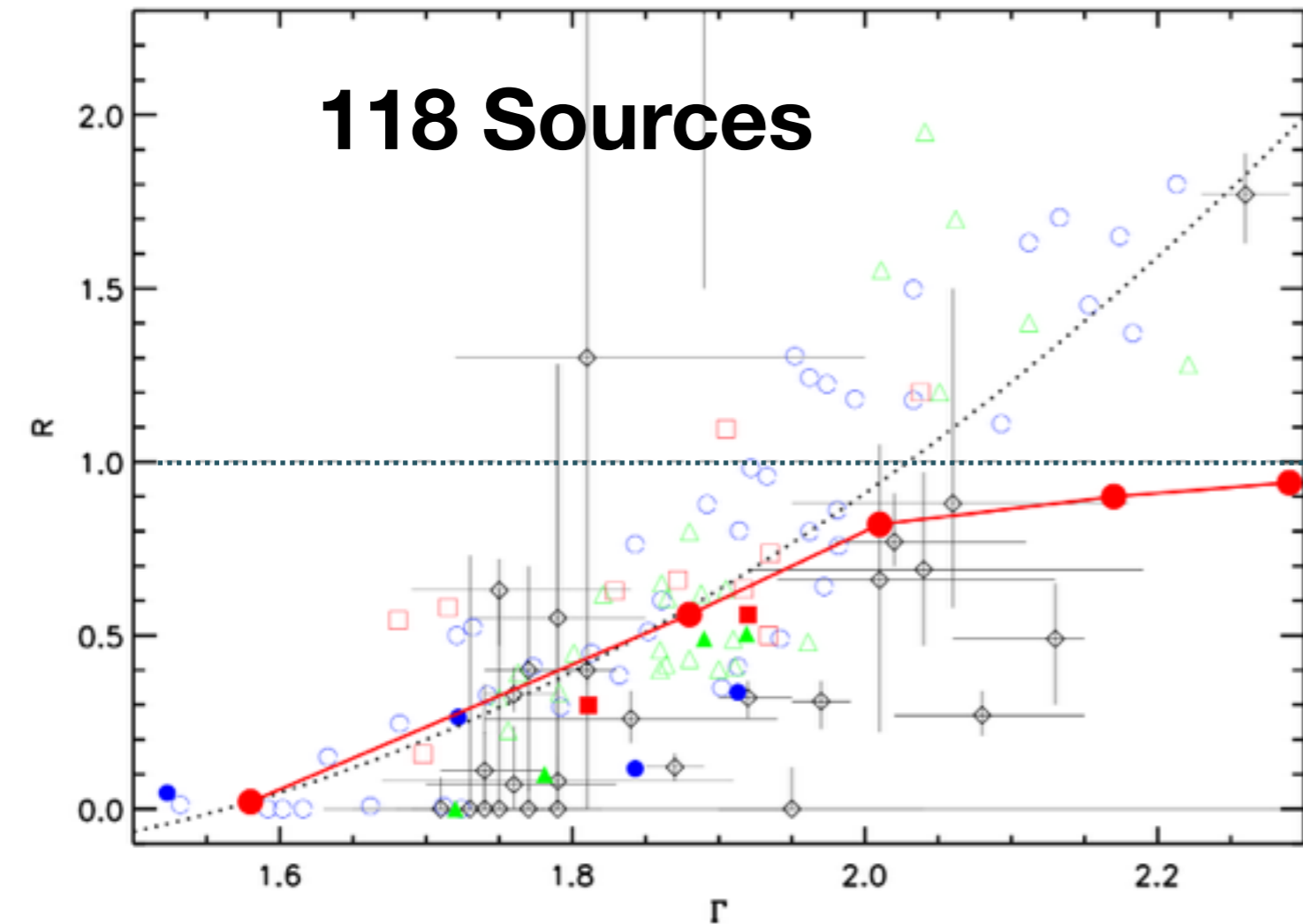
From the geometry, we can get  $R$  ( $R=\Omega/2\pi$ )



# The corona is very compact!



- **Comparing with observations:**



**Qiao & Liu 2017, MNRAS, 467, 898**

- Including Ginga, RXTE, BeppoSAX observations RQ 和 RL 90 AGNs!

**Zdziarski et al. 2003**

- Including 28 bright Seyfert galaxies (INTTEGRAL, XMM, Suzaku, RXTE)

**Lubinski et al. 2016**

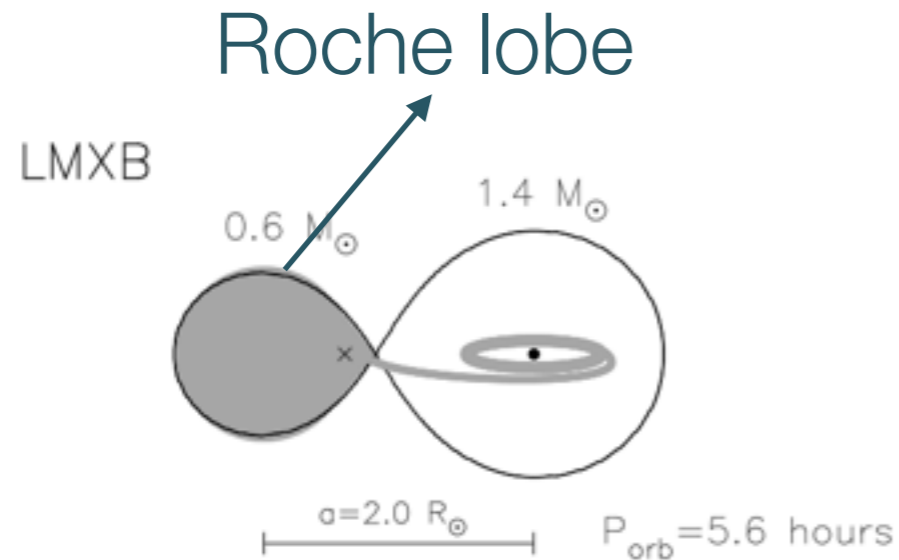
- **Red dots are theoretical results**

**Can explain  $R < 1$ ,  
Can not explain  $R > 1$**

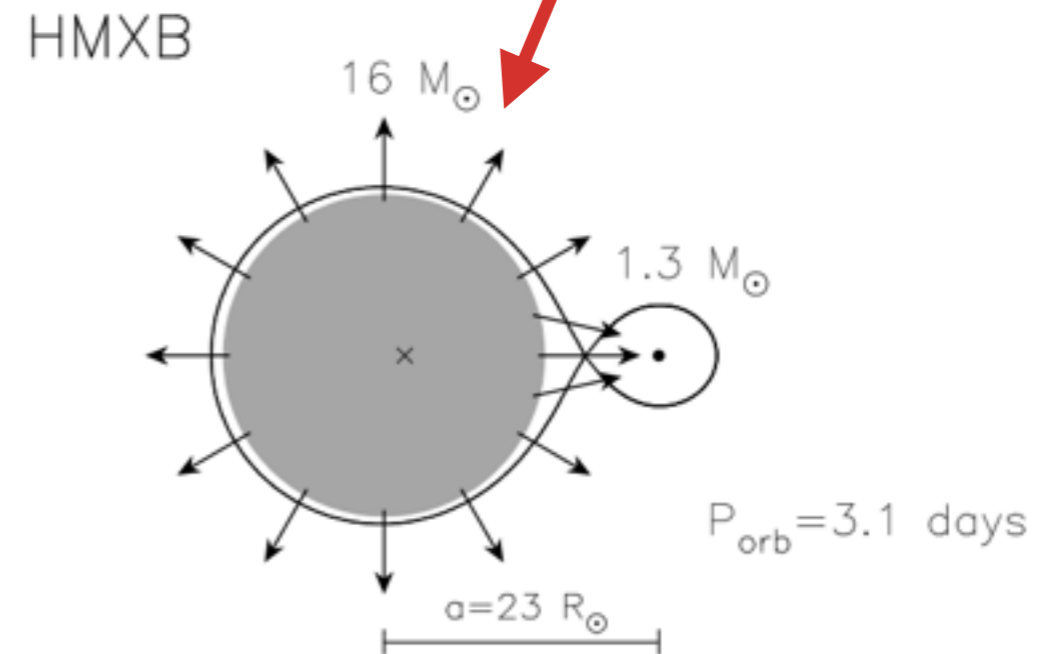
# • Discussions

- The disk-spheroid model (Zdziarski et al. 1999); Plasma ejection model (Beloborodov 1999) for the  $\Gamma$ -R correlation
- The GR effect (e.g., light bending) has not been included in the model
- **More generally, initially, the matter should be clumpy, including both cold and hot components (In progress...)**
- **Future numerical simulations are needed to confirm such a accretion geometry**
- **We need collect further observational evidence (like,  $T_e$ , compactness, variability etc) to support our model (Fabian et al. 2015; Liu, Taam & Qiao ApJ 2017, submitted)**
- **Applying our model to high mass X-ray binaries (wind accretion)?**

# Cyg X-1, LMC X-1, LMC X-3



low mass X-ray binaries  
via Roche lobe



high mass X-ray binaries  
via stellar wind

# Thanks!