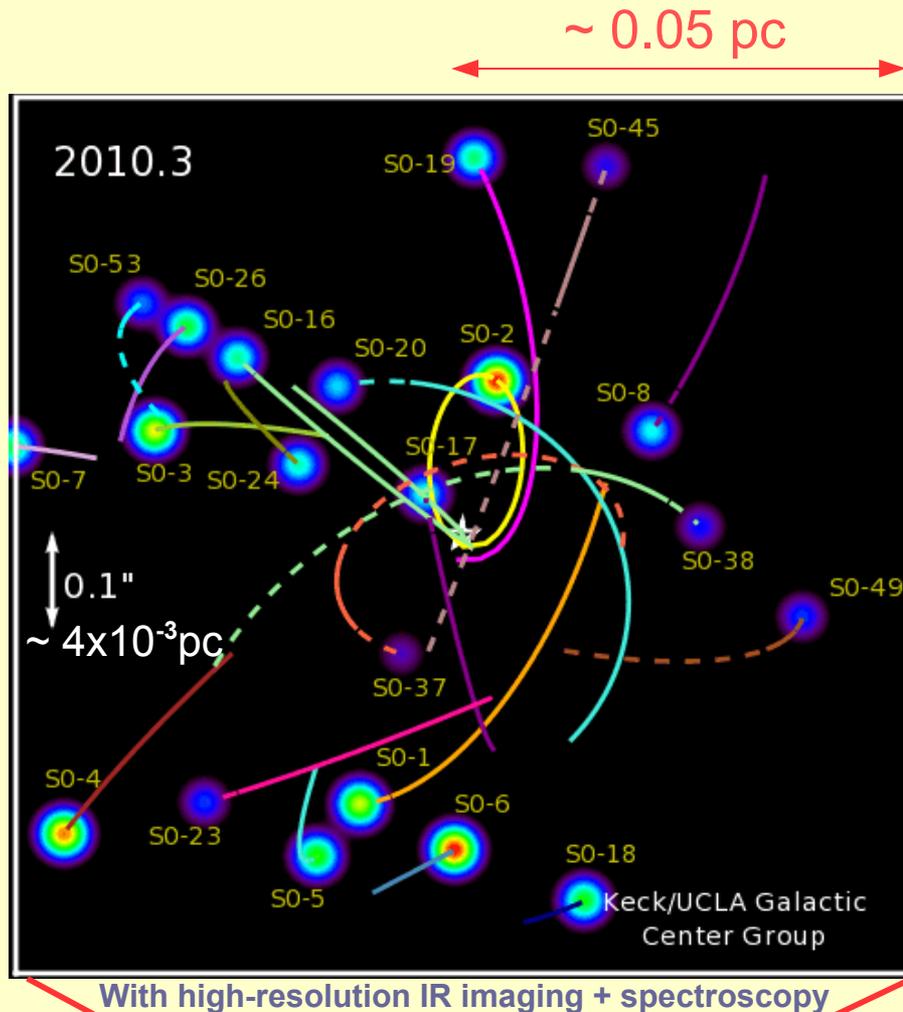


# Binaries migrating in a gaseous disk: Where are the Galactic center binaries?

Baruteau, Cuadra & Lin, 2011, ApJ

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# Puzzling stars near the Galactic Center



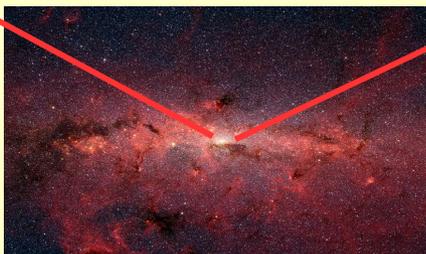
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- **S-stars cluster** ( $d < 0.1$  pc)

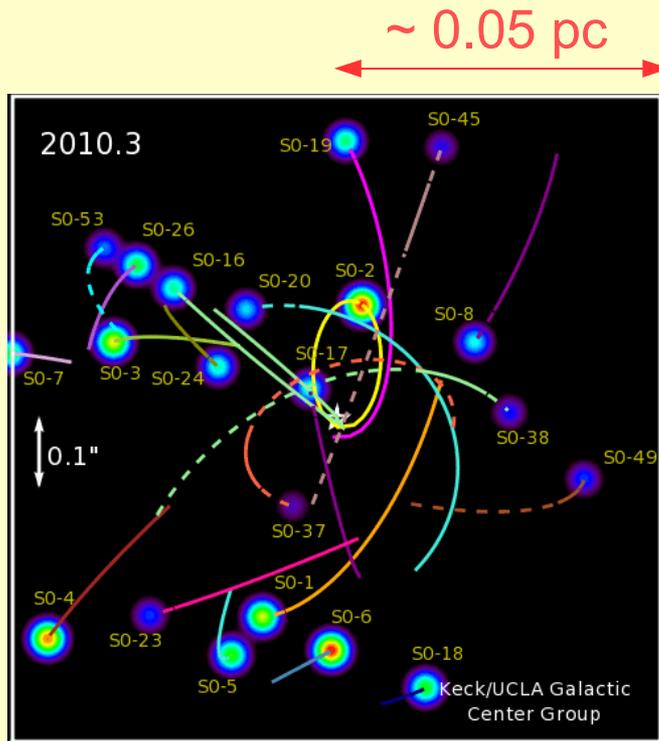
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- . typical eccentricity  $> 0.8$
- . random inclination

- **Young stellar disk(s)** ( $0.1 \text{ pc} < d < 0.5 \text{ pc}$ )

- .  $\sim 100$  OB type stars
- .  $M > 10 M_{\text{sun}}$  age  $\sim \times 10^6$  yrs
- . typical eccentricity  $\sim 0.4$  (up to 0.8)
- . moderately thin disk (aspect ratio  $\sim 0.1$ ), evidence for a second one



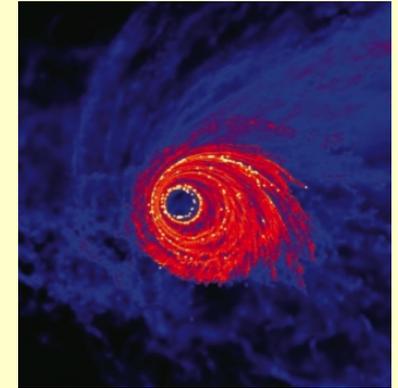
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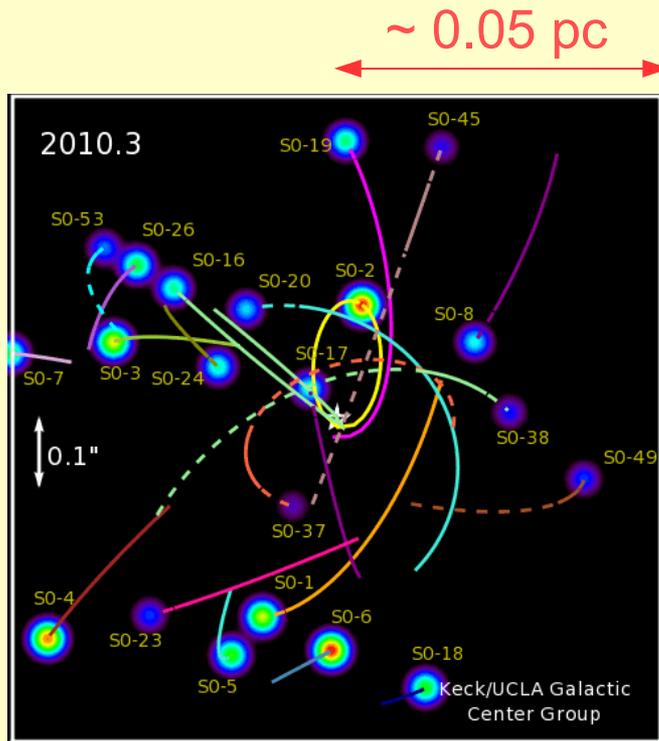
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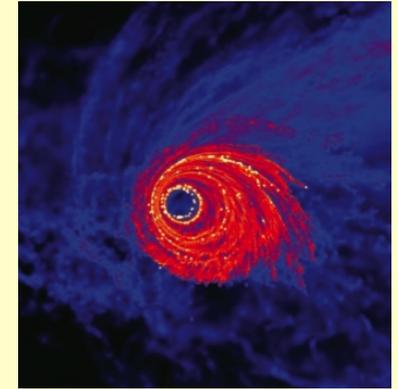


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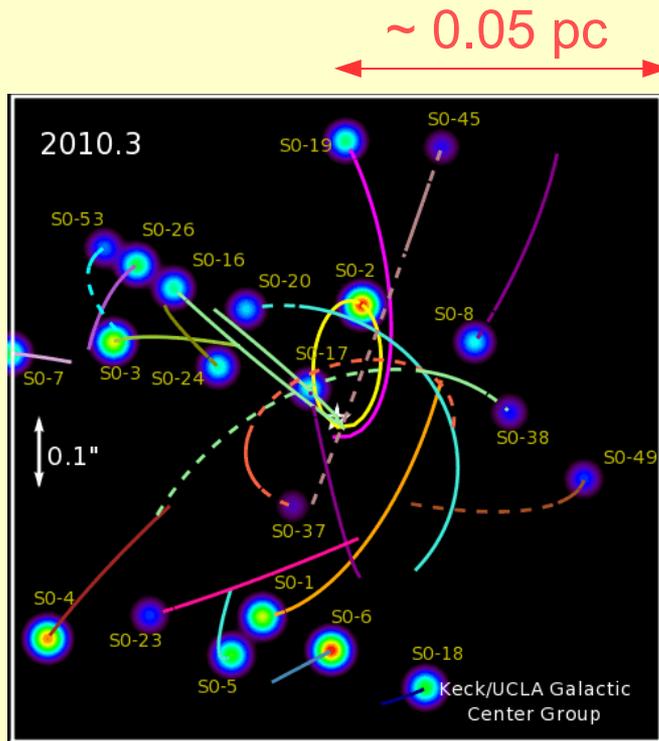
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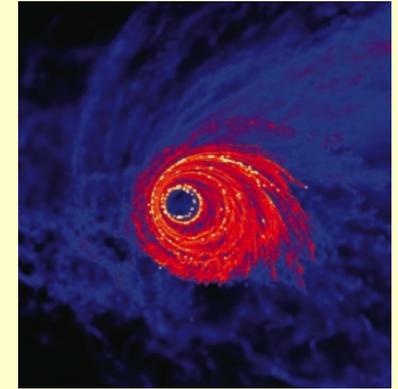


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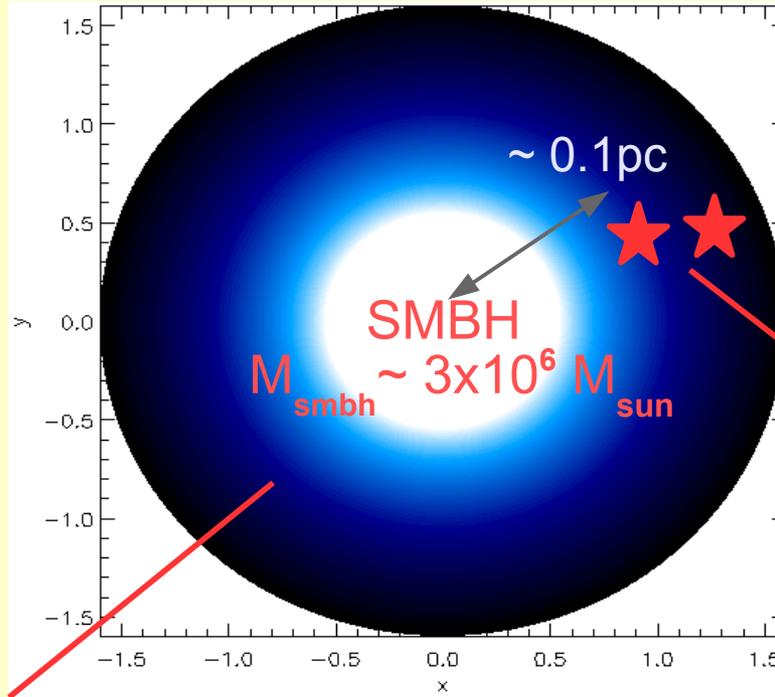
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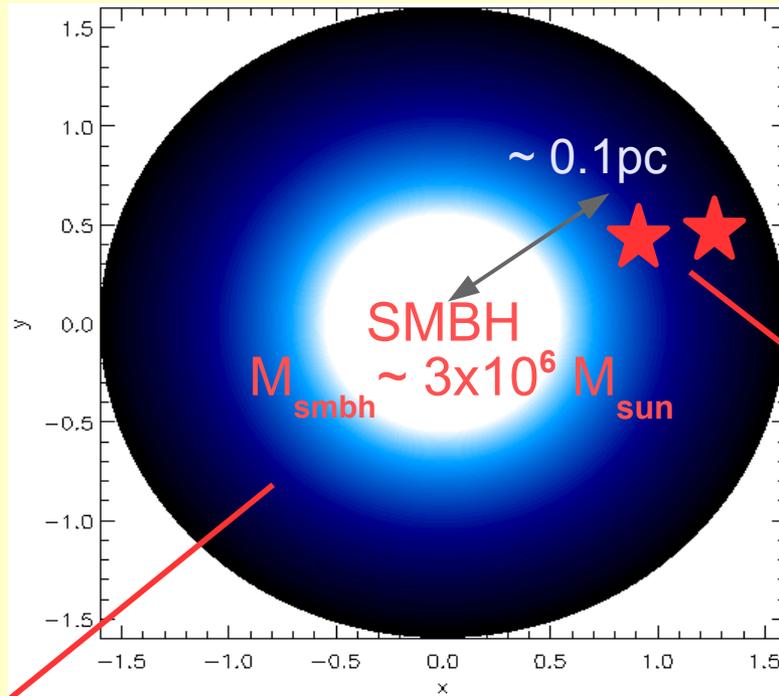


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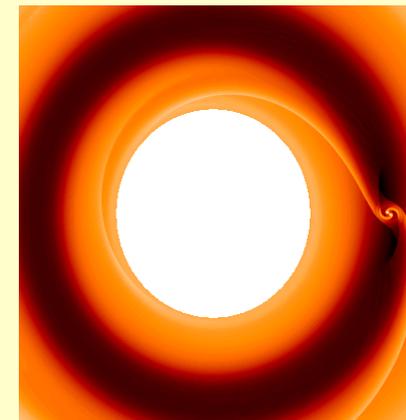
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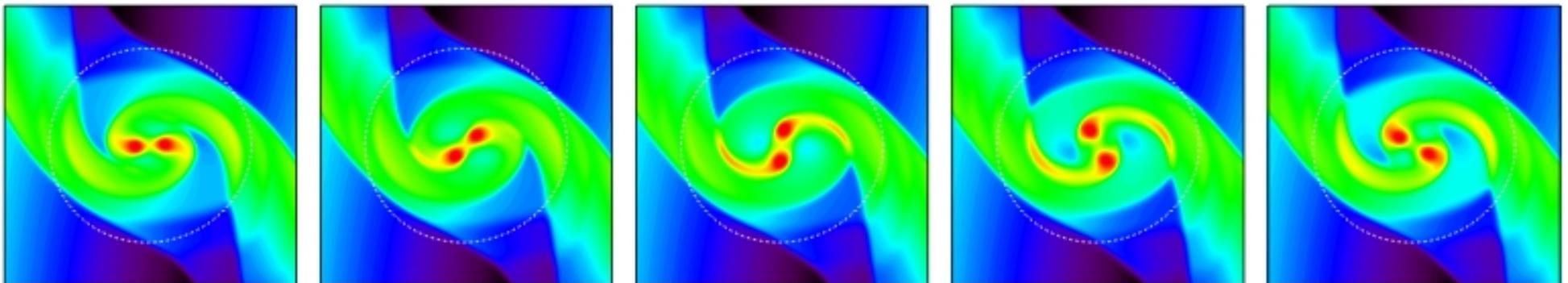
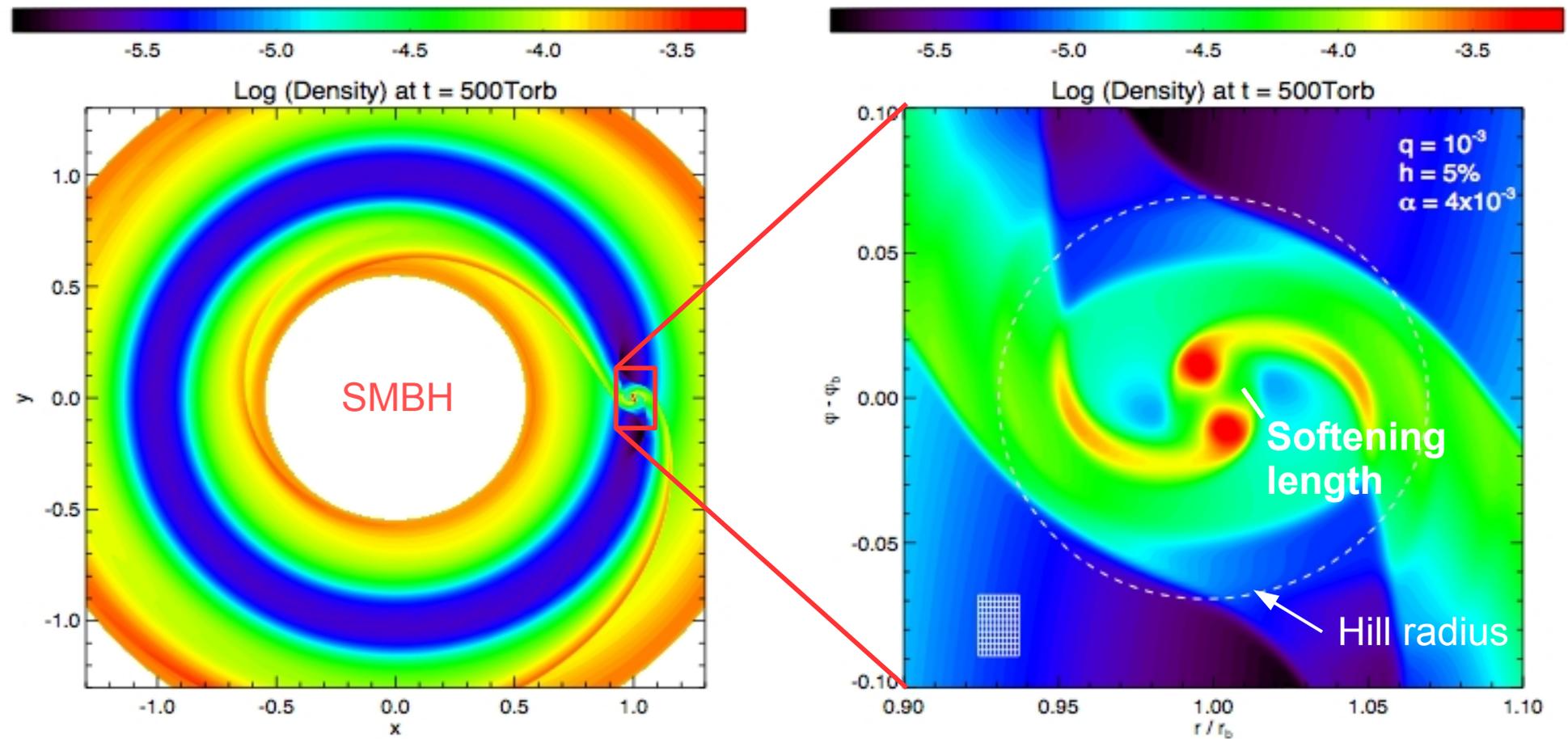
- disk assumed to remain **thin** (aspect ratio  $\sim 1\%$  at  $\sim 0.1$  pc), and locally isothermal
- gas density ranges from 40 to 200  $\text{g cm}^{-2}$  at 0.1 pc (Toomre  $Q \sim 2$  to 10, self-gravity discarded), no accretion onto the stars
- viscosity? →  $\alpha \sim 10^{-3}$

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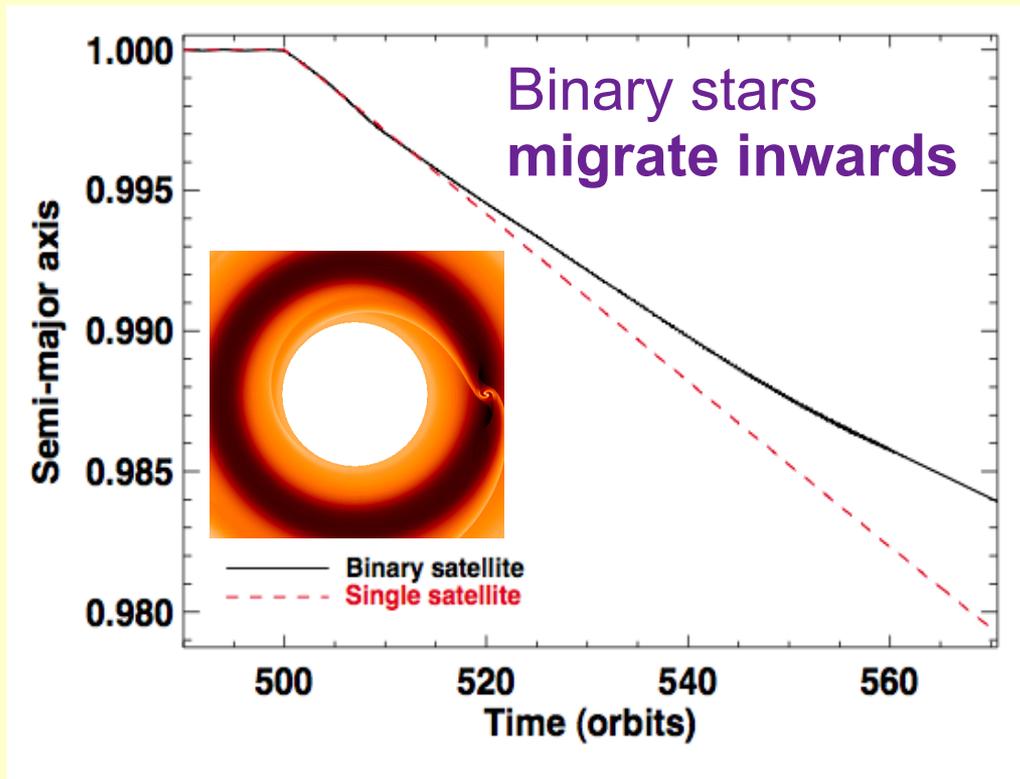
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# So you want binary stars to migrate in a gas disk...

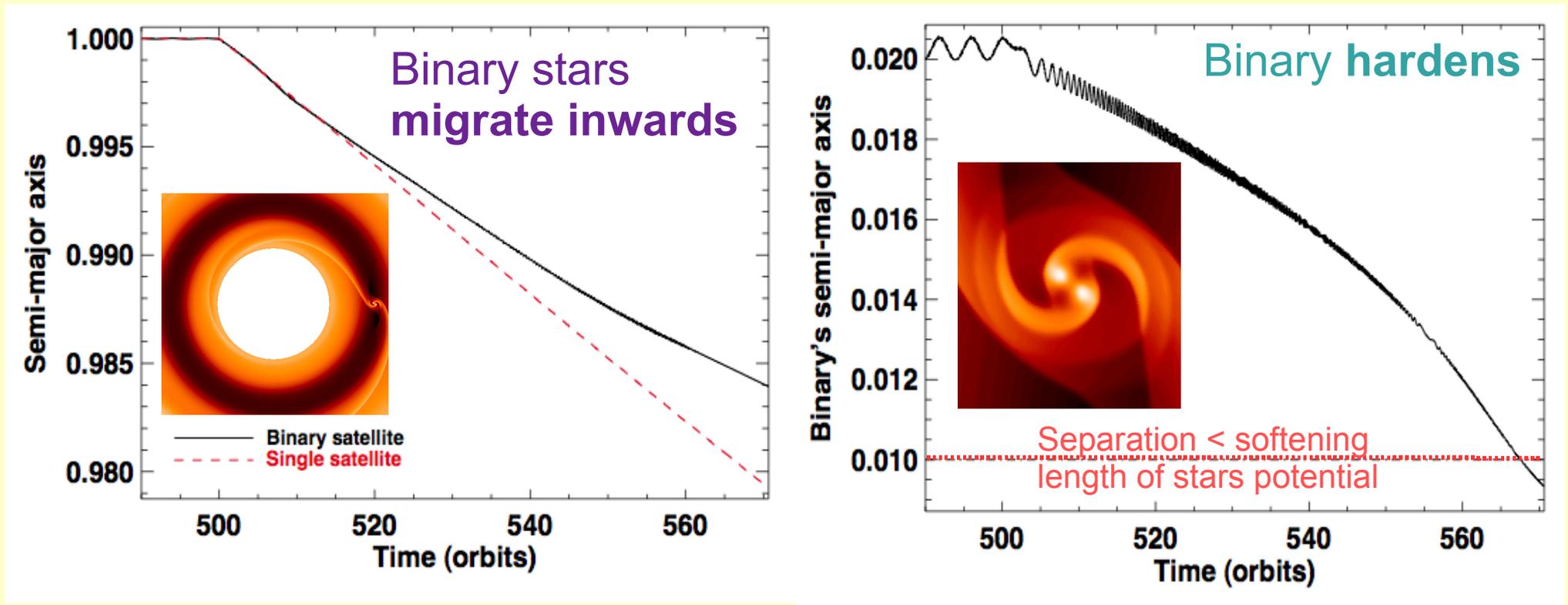


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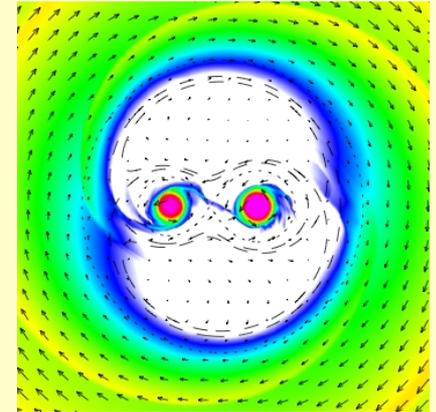
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- Hardening rate mostly controlled by the gas inside of the binary's Hill radius. **Hardening timescale** much shorter than migration timescale.

Back to the original problem, it is only a few  $10^4$  yrs at 0.1pc

# Outcomes of the binary's hardening?

Hanawa+ 10



No: stars may merge

Opening of a cavity?

Yes: formation of a circumbinary disk

hardening timescale ~ a few  $10^6$  yrs at 0.1pc, comparable to the stars lifetime

Ivanov+ 99, Baruteau+ 11

Binary mass

$> \sim 10M_{\text{sun}}$



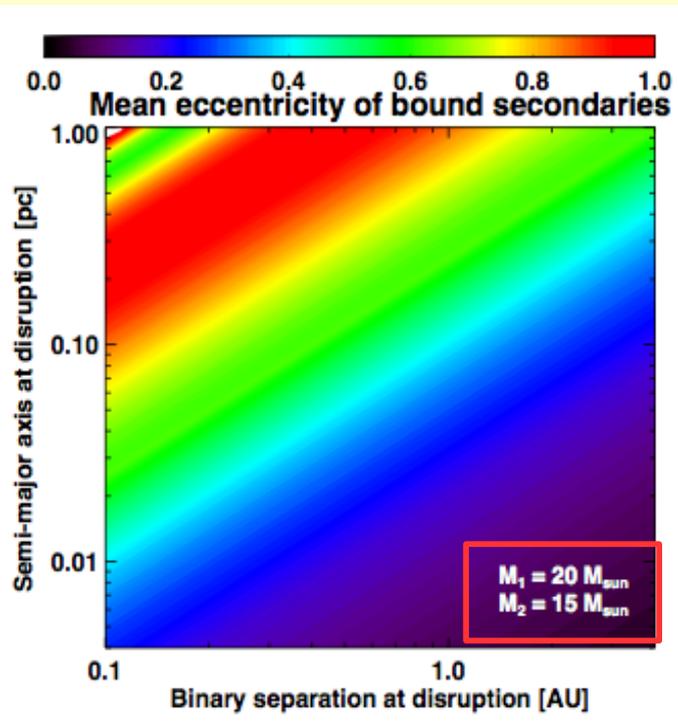
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Analytic prediction by [Stahler 10](#): short hardening timescale ( $\sim 10^3$  yrs)

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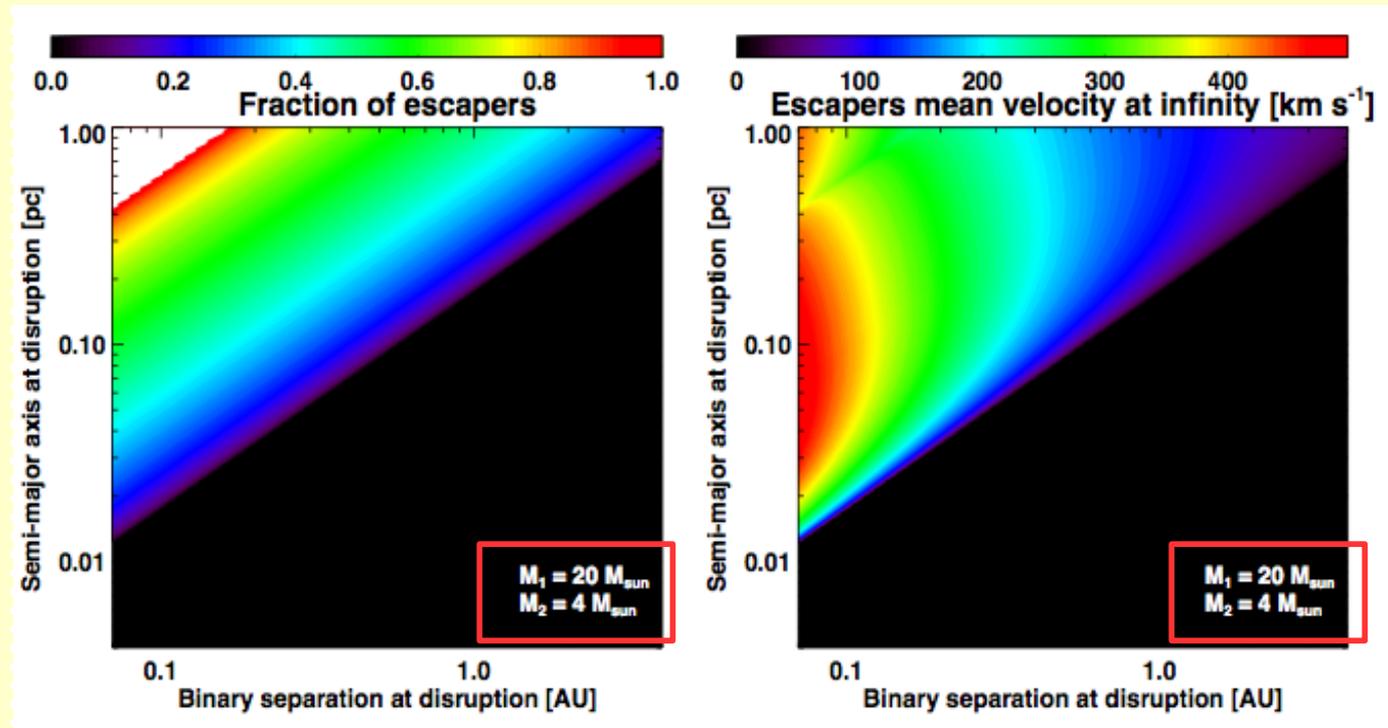
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→ possible to get velocities at infinity comparable to those of the hypervelocity stars, but ~ maximally hard binaries are required before disruption

# Summary

Tidal interaction between binary stars and their natal gas disk leads to both inward migration and hardening of binaries



Massive binary ( $M_{\text{bin}} \sim 30M_{\text{sun}}$ ) embedded in a thin ( $h \sim 1\%$ ) gas disk, with  $\alpha \sim 10^{-3}$ , Toomre  $Q \sim 10$ :

- hardening timescale  $\sim$  a few  $10^4$  yrs at 0.1pc
- migration timescale  $\sim 10^7$  yrs at 0.1pc

- Caveats:
- gas accretion? disk depletion timescale?
  - star-star interactions?
  - what happens before (low-mass binaries)?
  - what happens next (merge, cavity opening)?

## Supernova disruption scenario:

- . may account for both the S-stars and the hypervelocity stars
- . probability distribution?  $\rightarrow$  need for population synthesis models including the migration and the hardening of binaries