



THE GEOMETRY OF THE BROAD LINE REGION OF ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI

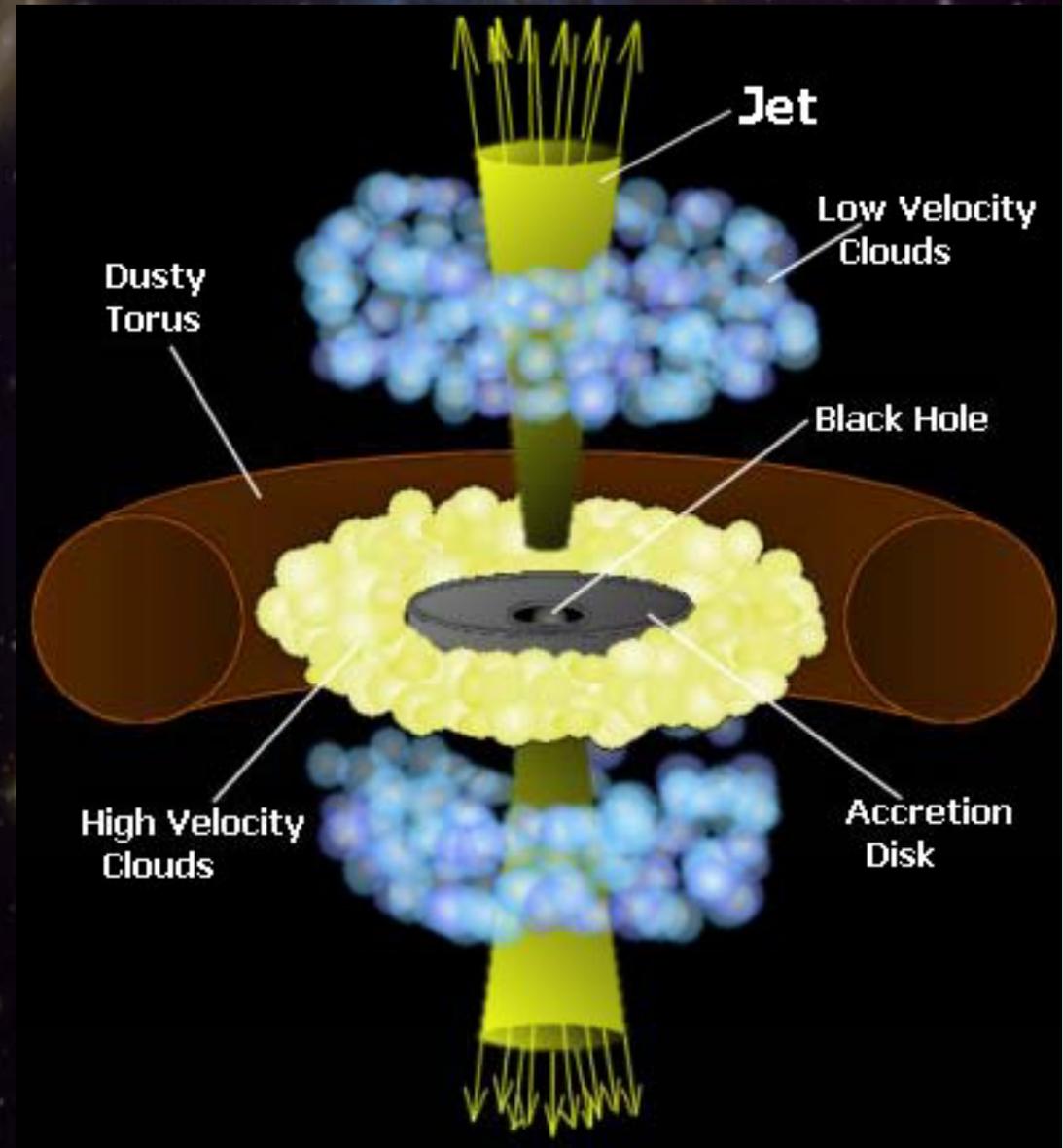
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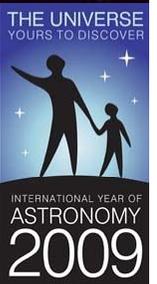
Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)

- massive black hole
- accretion disk
- **Broad Line Region = BLR**
- **Narrow Line Region = NLR**
- torus
- jets





Broad Line Region (BLR)



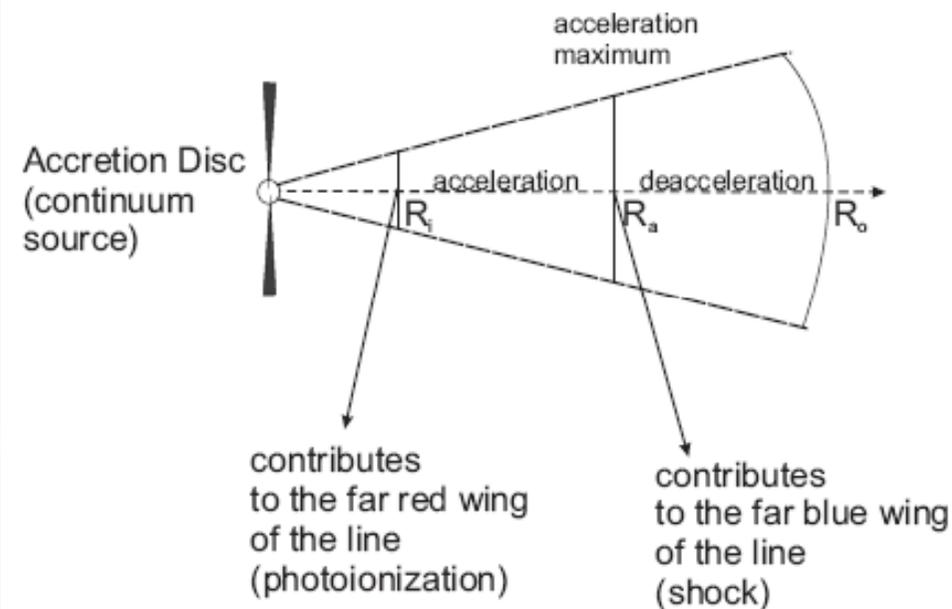
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- FWHM \sim up to 10,000 km/s;
- Dimensions \sim lt-days up to lt-month
- complex line shapes (large widths; double-peak lines; asymmetry) \Rightarrow complex and stratified region (at least 2 subregions)
- geometry not known: more than one proposed model (eg. Biconical ejection, two-component model, the rotational accretion disk model...)



OUTFLOW MODEL

- accelerating outflow in emission region - starts very close to the massive black
- take into account the gravitational redshift
- random velocity component



Line Profile:

$$I(\lambda) = \frac{1}{R_0 - R_i} \int_{R_i}^{R_0} \varepsilon(r) \cdot \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\lambda - \lambda_0 - \Delta\lambda_r(r) - \Delta\lambda_g(r)}{w(r)}\right)^2\right) dr$$

Radial velocity:

$$\Delta\lambda(r) = \frac{Vr}{c} \lambda_0$$

Gravitational redshift:

$$\Delta\lambda_g(r) = \frac{Vg}{c} \cdot \lambda_0 = \left(-1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{r}}\right) \cdot \lambda_0$$

Random velocity:

$$w(r) = \frac{V_{ran}(r)}{c} \lambda_0$$



Model vs. observations

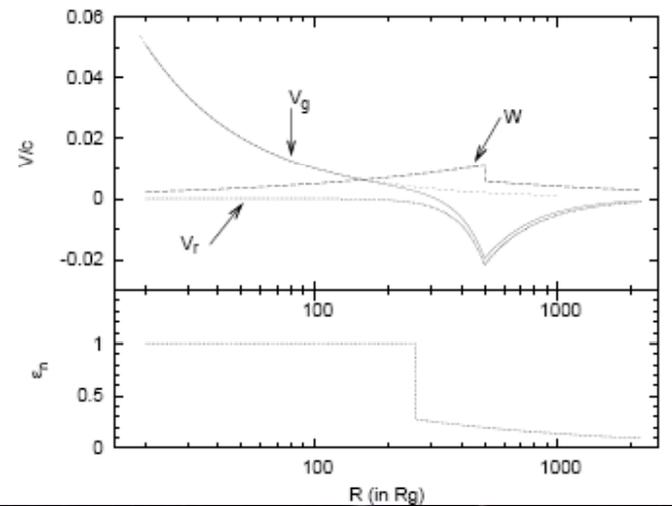
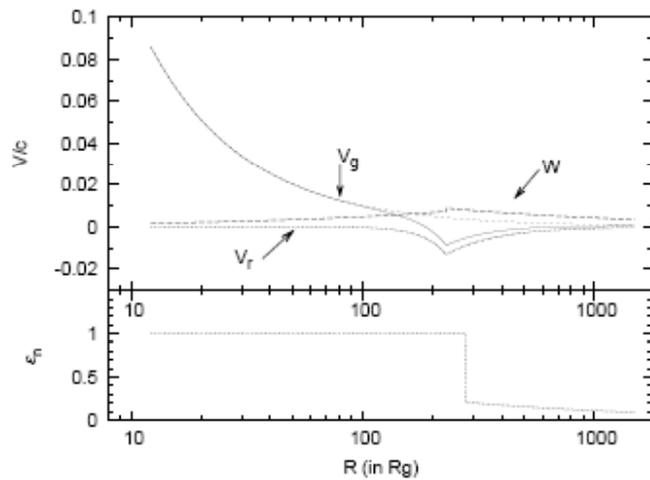
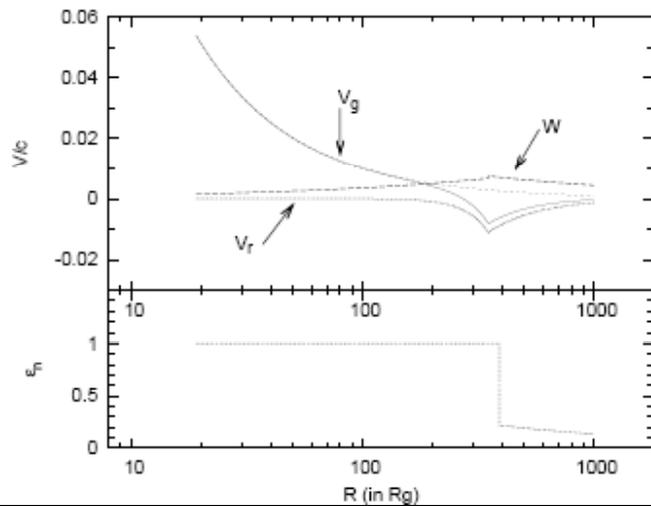
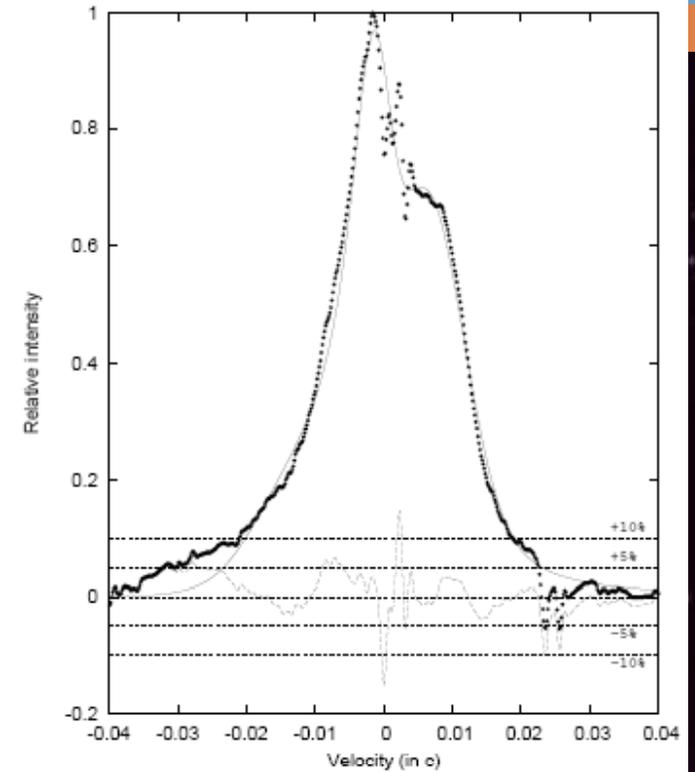
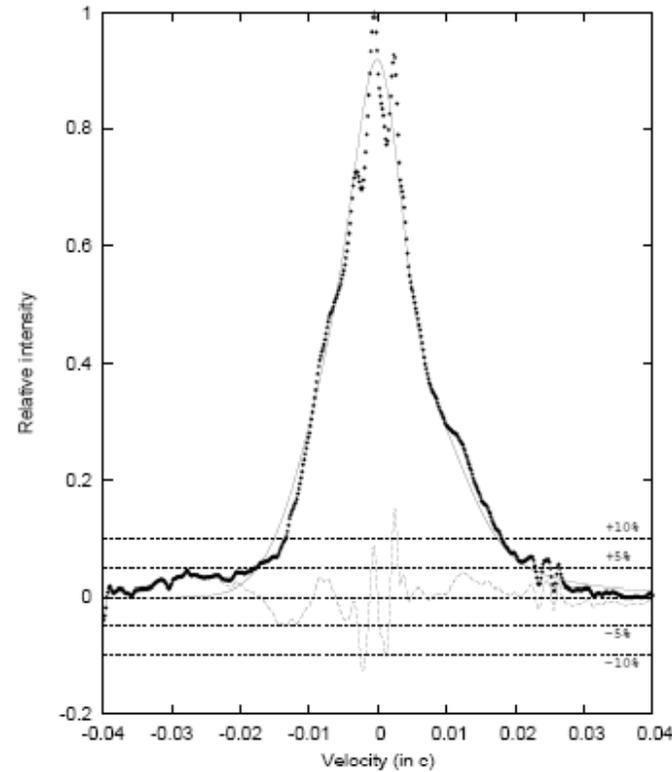
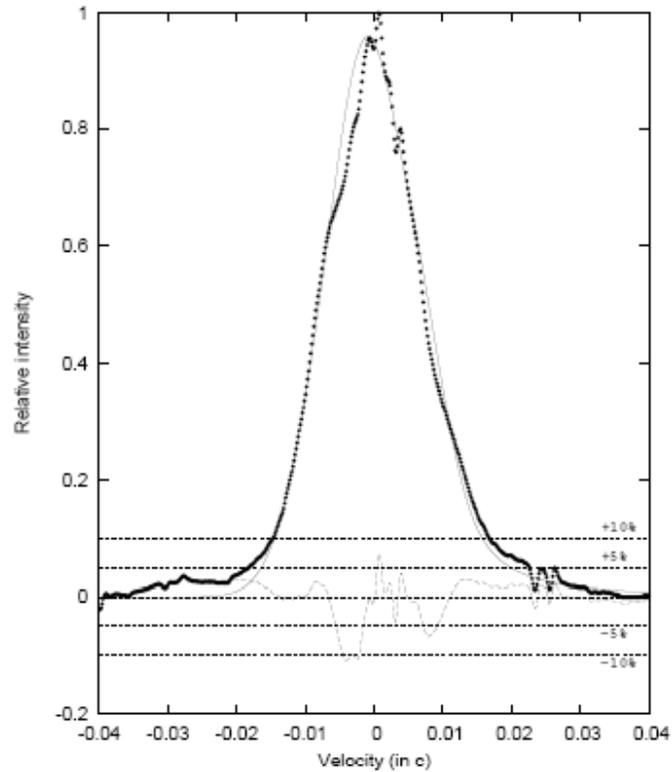


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- applied to the average $H\alpha$ of NGC 4151 from three characteristic periods (for data see Shapovalova et al. 2008)
- the model can describe well the observed emission line profiles from all three periods
- the predicted radius of acceleration is in good agreement with theoretical model of radio-jet formation: the acceleration of radio-jet is in the same range of R_g (Marscher 2005, Lobanov 2007).



NGC 4151 (Ilić et al, in prep)



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