

Propagation of mass accretion rate fluctuations in X-ray binaries under influence of viscous diffusion

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$$\bar{M}(R_n, f) = \bar{M}(R_1) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \bar{A}_i(f) e^{2\pi i f \Delta t_{i,(i-1)}}$$

$$S_{\dot{m}}(R, f) = \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \frac{dR'}{(R')^2} \Delta R(R') |\bar{G}_{\dot{M}}(R, R', f)|^2 \times S_a(R', f) \otimes_f \left[\delta(f) + \frac{S_{\dot{m}}(R', f)}{\dot{M}_0^2} \right],$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \bar{m}_N &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{\Delta R_i}{R_i} \bar{G}_{N_i} \bar{a}_i \\ &+ \xi \sum_{j=1}^{N-2} \sum_{i=j+1}^{N-1} \frac{\Delta R_i}{R_i} \frac{\Delta R_j}{R_j} \bar{G}_{N_i} \bar{a}_i \otimes_f \bar{G}_{ij} \bar{a}_j \\ &+ \xi^2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-3} \sum_{i=j+1}^{N-2} \sum_{k=i+1}^{N-1} \frac{\Delta R_i}{R_i} \frac{\Delta R_j}{R_j} \frac{\Delta R_k}{R_k} \\ &\times \bar{G}_{N_k} \bar{a}_k \otimes_f \bar{G}_{ki} \bar{a}_i \otimes_f \bar{G}_{ij} \bar{a}_j + (\dots), \end{aligned}$$

$$G_F(x, x_1, t) = 2 x^l x_1^{1-l} x_{out}^{-2}$$

$$\times \sum_i \exp\left(-\frac{k_i^2}{8l^2} \frac{t}{t_v}\right) \frac{V(k_i x_1, k_i x_{in}) V(k_i x, k_i x_{in})}{V^2(k_i x_{out}, k_i x_{in})}$$

$$v_r \simeq \alpha v_\varphi \left(\frac{H}{R}\right)^2$$

$$C_{\dot{m}}(R_1, R_2 | f) = \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \frac{dR'}{R'} \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \frac{dR''}{R''} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\theta_1 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\theta_2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \times G_{\dot{M}}(R_1, R', \theta_1) G_{\dot{M}}(R_2, R'', \theta_2) \times \gamma_a(R_1, R_2 | z) e^{-2\pi i f(z + \theta_1 - \theta_2)} = 0$$

$$K_{\dot{m}}(R, \tau) = \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \frac{dR'}{R'} \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \frac{dR''}{R''} \times \left\langle \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\theta_1 G_{\dot{M}}(R, R', \theta_1) a(R', t + \tau - \theta_1) \right] \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\theta_2 G_{\dot{M}}(R, R'', \theta_2) a(R'', t - \theta_2) \right] \right\rangle_t$$

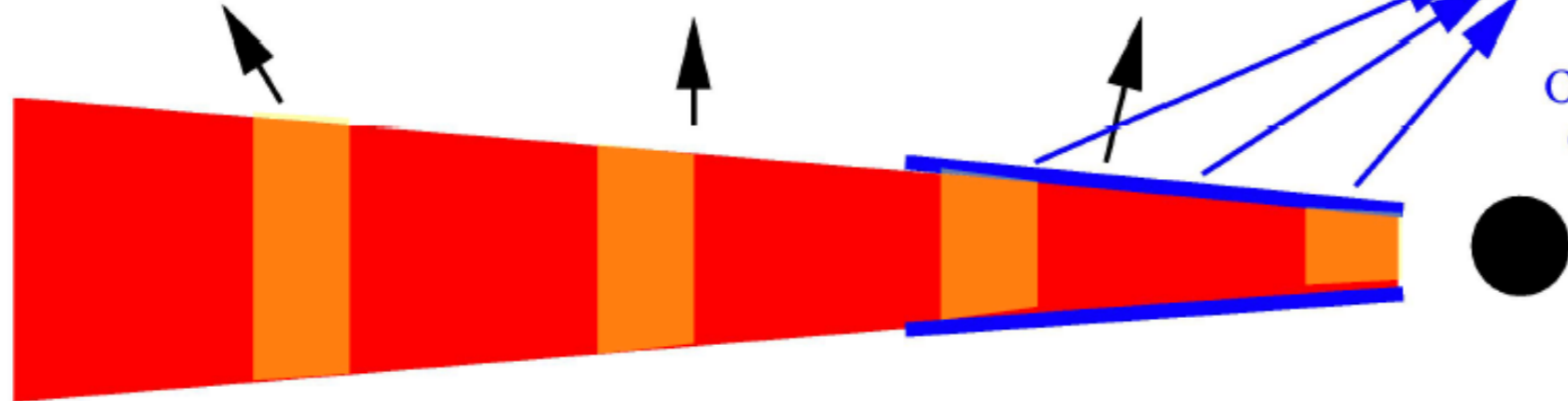
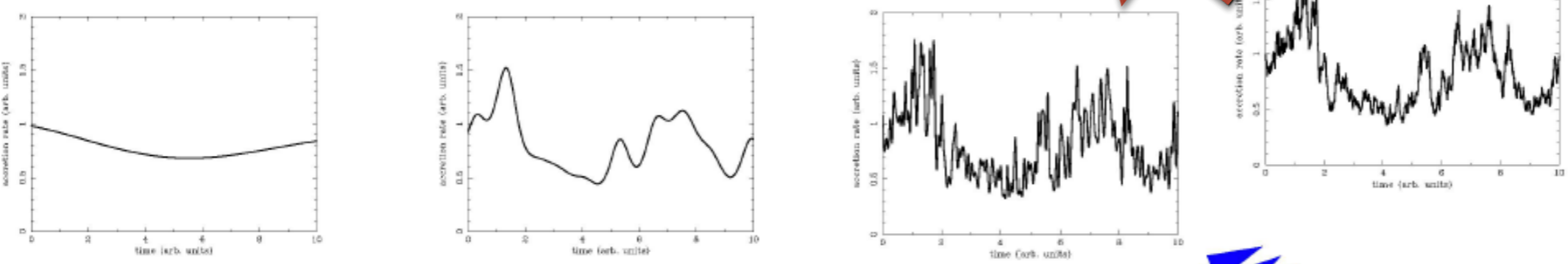
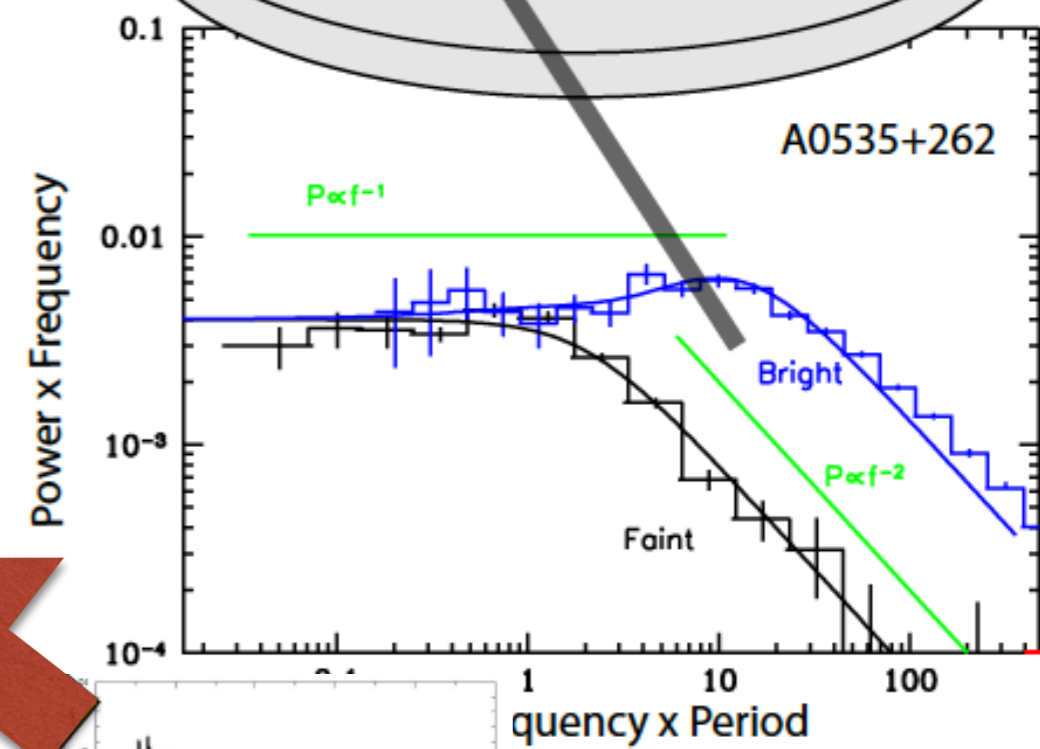
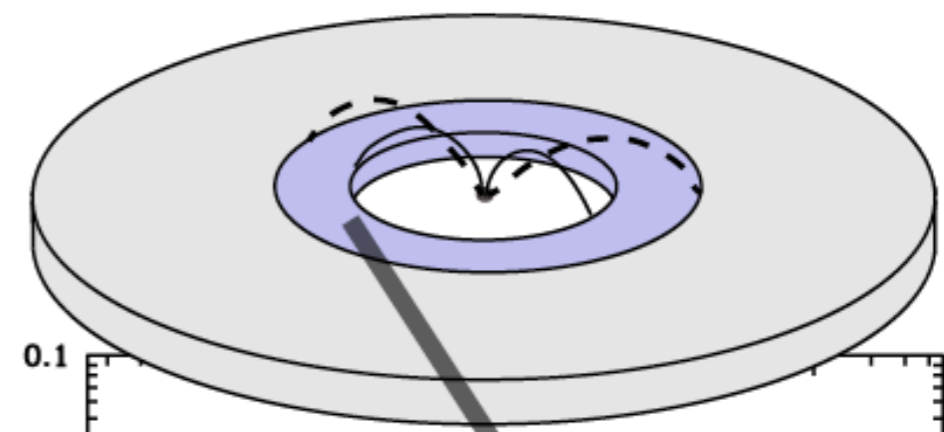
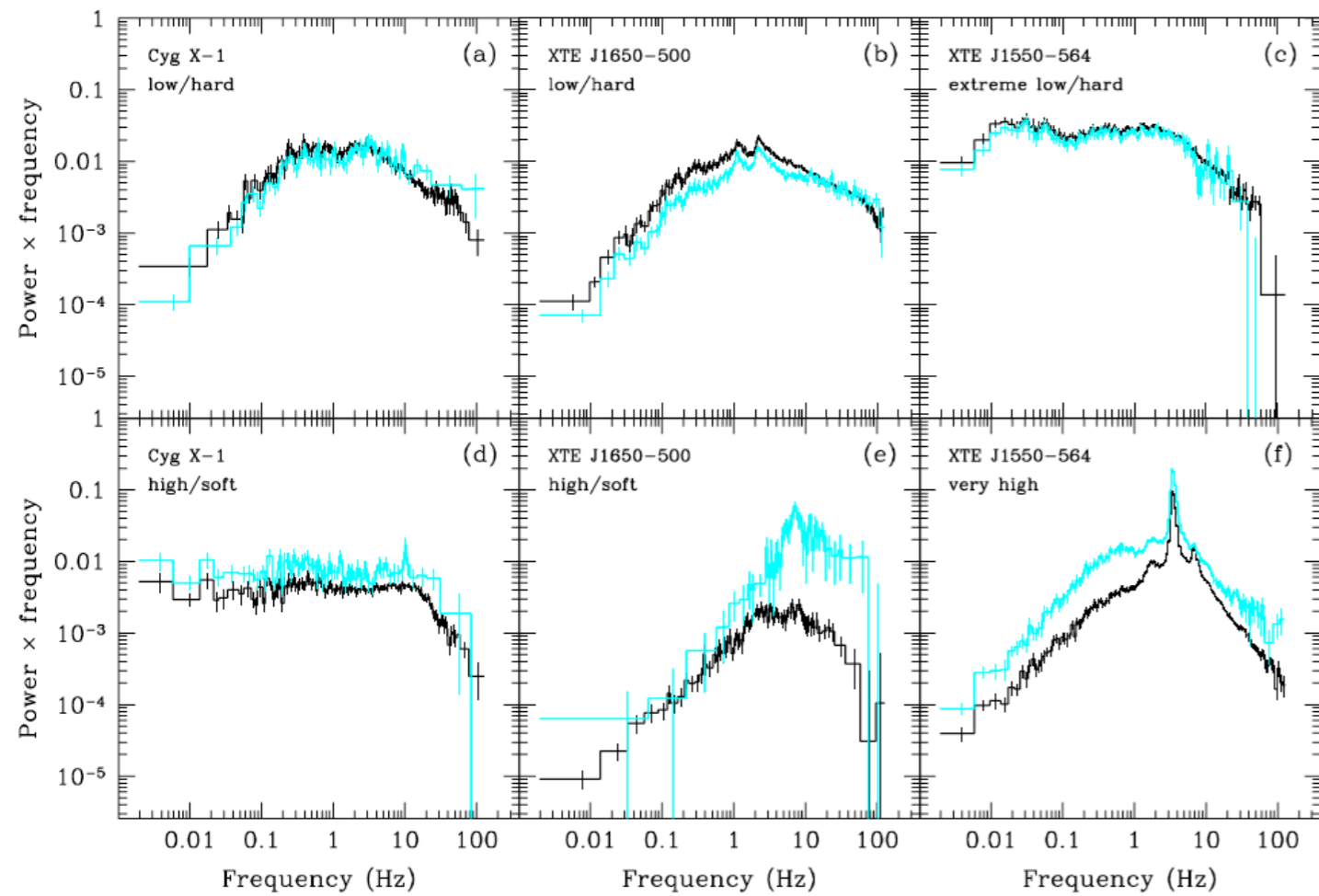
$$(k_i x_{out}) J_{-l}(k_i x_{in}) - J_{-l-1}(k_i x_{out}) - \frac{2l}{\dots}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{E^4}{\Phi} \frac{e^{\Phi E}}{e^{\Phi E - 1}} + \frac{24}{\Phi^5} \sum_{m=0}^3 \frac{(-\Phi E)^m}{m!} \text{Li}_{4-m}(e^{\Phi E}) \right) \Big|_{E_a^{(1)}}^{E_a^{(2)}}$$

$$S_F(f, \dot{M}) \propto D^{-4} m^5 \dot{M}_{17}^{-5/2} \sin^2 \psi_a \int_{r_{in}}^{r_{out}} dr_1 \int_{r_{in}}^{r_{out}} dr_2 g_1(r_1) g_1(r_2) C_{\dot{m}}(r_1, r_2, f) \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_1 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_2 g_2(r_1, \varphi_1) g_2(r_2, \varphi_2) e^{2\pi i f(\Delta t(r_1, \varphi_1) - \Delta t(r_2, \varphi_2))} \int_{E_a^{(1)}}^{E_a^{(2)}} dE_2 g_3(r_1, \varphi_1, E_1) g_3(r_2, \varphi_2, E_2)$$

Black holes

Neutron stars



Basic assumptions


Geometrically thin and **optically thick** accretion disc

Newtonian potential $\phi_N = -\frac{GM}{R}$ $\Omega_K = \left(\frac{GM}{R^3}\right)^{1/2} = 11.5 \left(\frac{m}{R_8^3}\right)^{1/2} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
 $h_K = (GMR)^{1/2}$

The equation of viscous diffusion: $\frac{\partial \Sigma(R, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(3\nu \Sigma R^{1/2} \right) \right]$

Kinematic viscosity: $\nu = \frac{2}{3} \alpha c_s H = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha c_s^2}{\Omega_K}$

generally non-linear equation



We are lucky if $\nu = \nu_0 (R/R_0)^n$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = D_N(h, M) \frac{\partial^2 (h\nu\Sigma)}{\partial h^2}, \quad D_N(h, M) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{(GM)^2}{h^3}$$

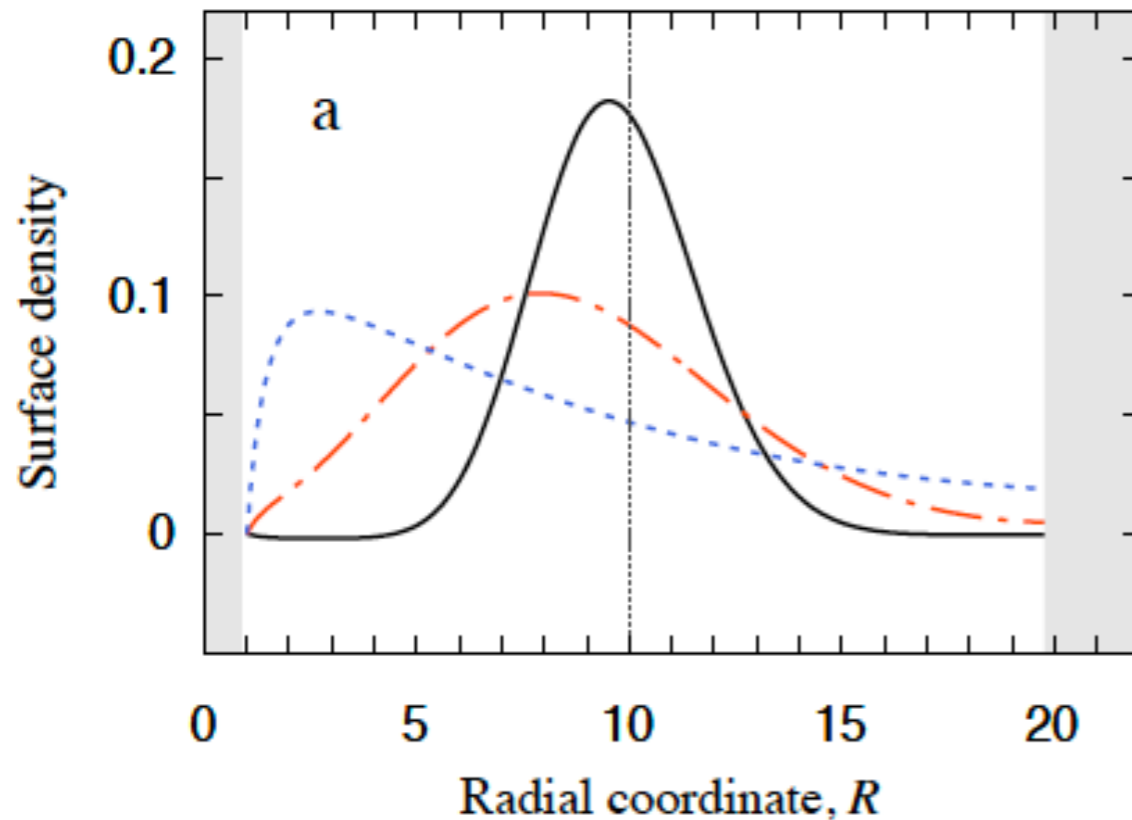
linear equation



Green's function

Any solution can be represented as

$$\Sigma(R, t) = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} G(R, R', t - t_0) \Sigma(R', t_0) dR'$$



$$t = 0.04t_{\text{in}}$$

$$t = 0.16t_{\text{in}}$$

$$t = 0.64t_{\text{in}}$$

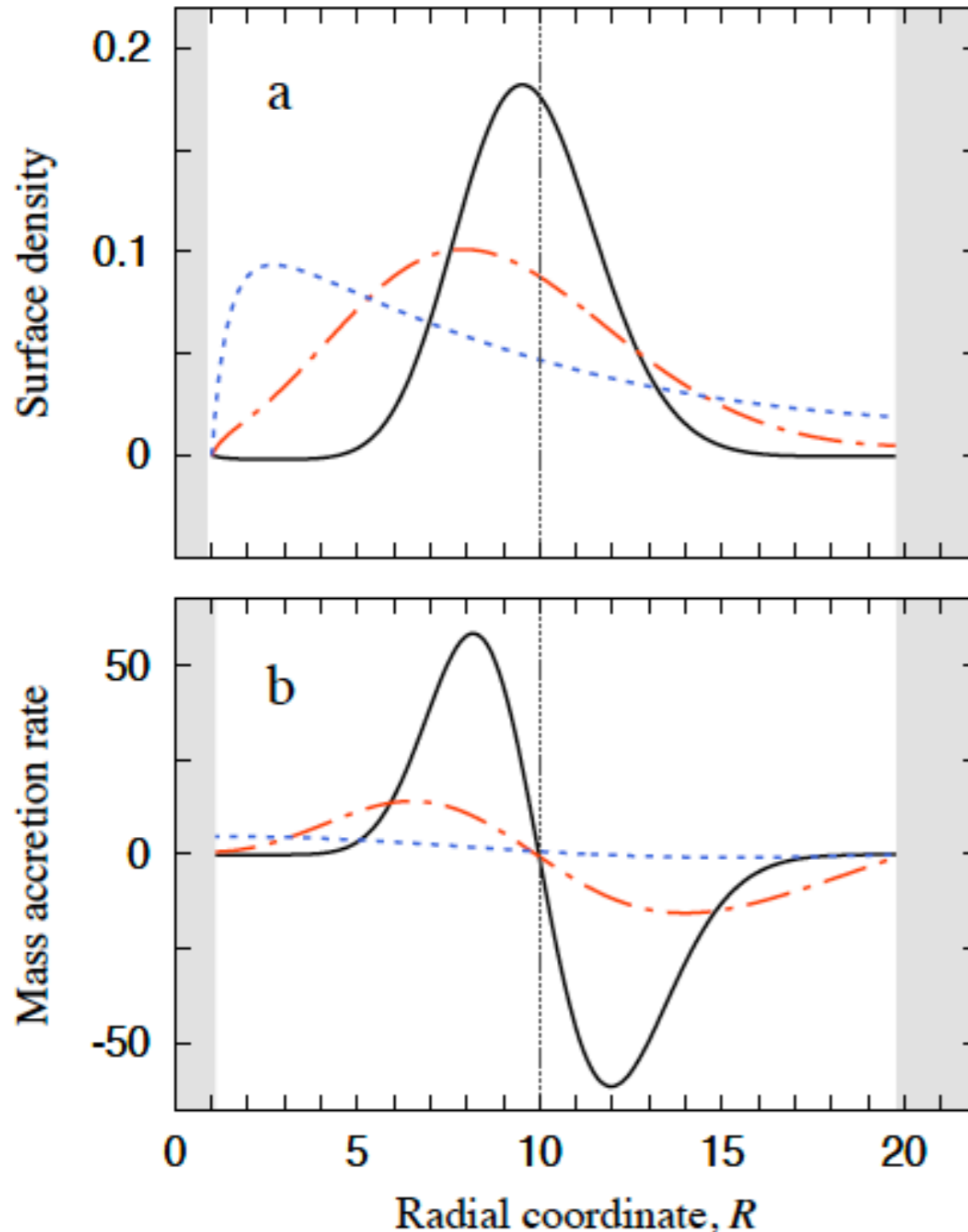
The exact Green's function is defined by viscosity (coefficient ν) and boundary conditions. The exact analytical solutions were found for a few particular cases:

- (a) $R_{\text{in}}=0, R_{\text{out}}=\infty$ (Lynden-Bell & Pringle, 1974)
- (b) $R_{\text{in}}>0, R_{\text{out}}=\infty$ (Tanaka, 2011)
- (c) $R_{\text{in}}=0, R_{\text{out}}<\infty$ (Lipunova, 2015)
- (d) $R_{\text{in}}>0, R_{\text{out}}<\infty$ (Mushtukov+, 2019)
- (e) $R_{\text{in}}=R_{\text{isco}}, R_{\text{out}}=\infty$, **GR Green functions** (Balbus, 2017)

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Corresponding mass accretion rate:

$$\dot{M}(R, t) = 6\pi R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(\nu \Sigma(R, t) R^{1/2} \right)$$

Green function for the mass accretion rate:

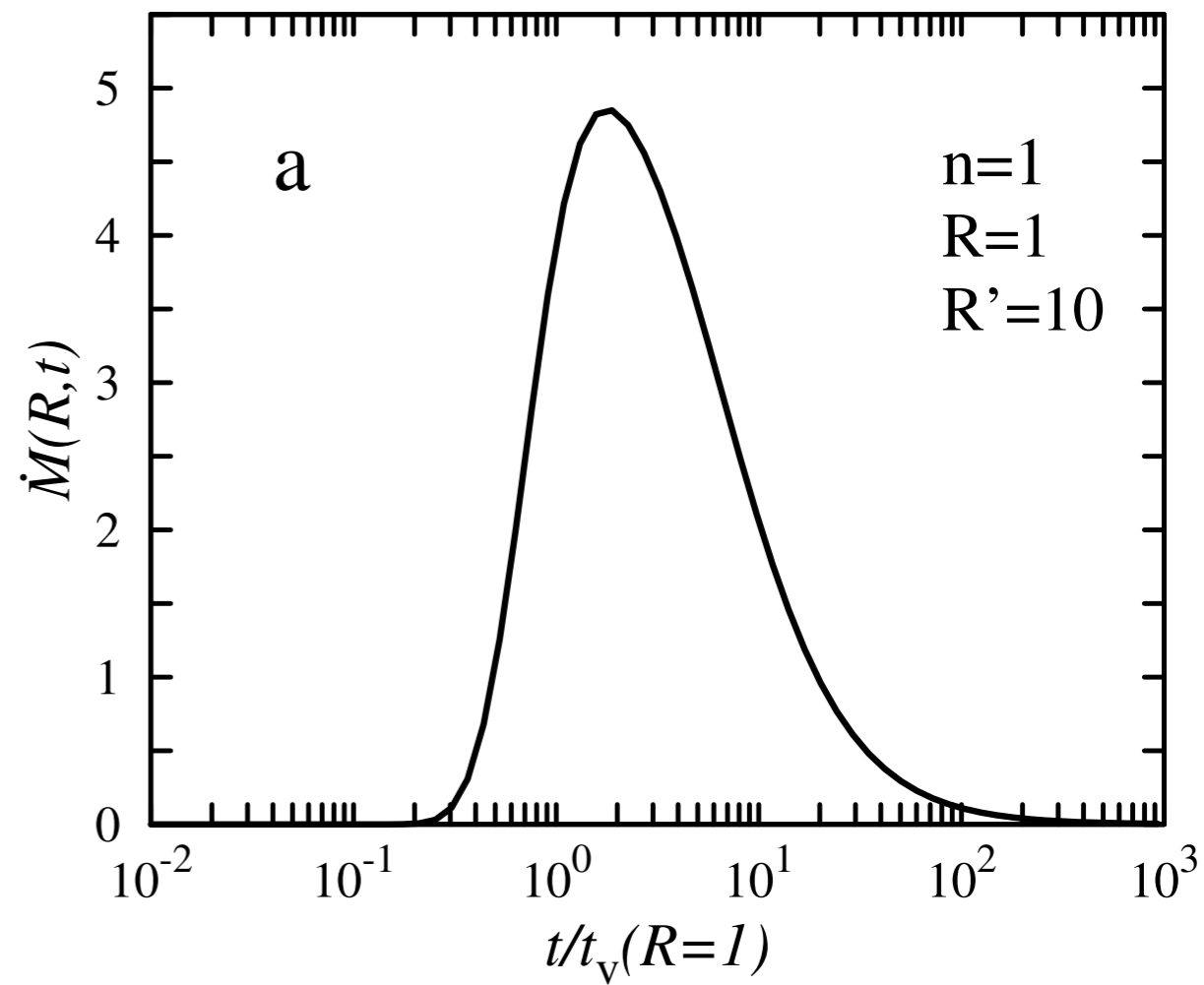
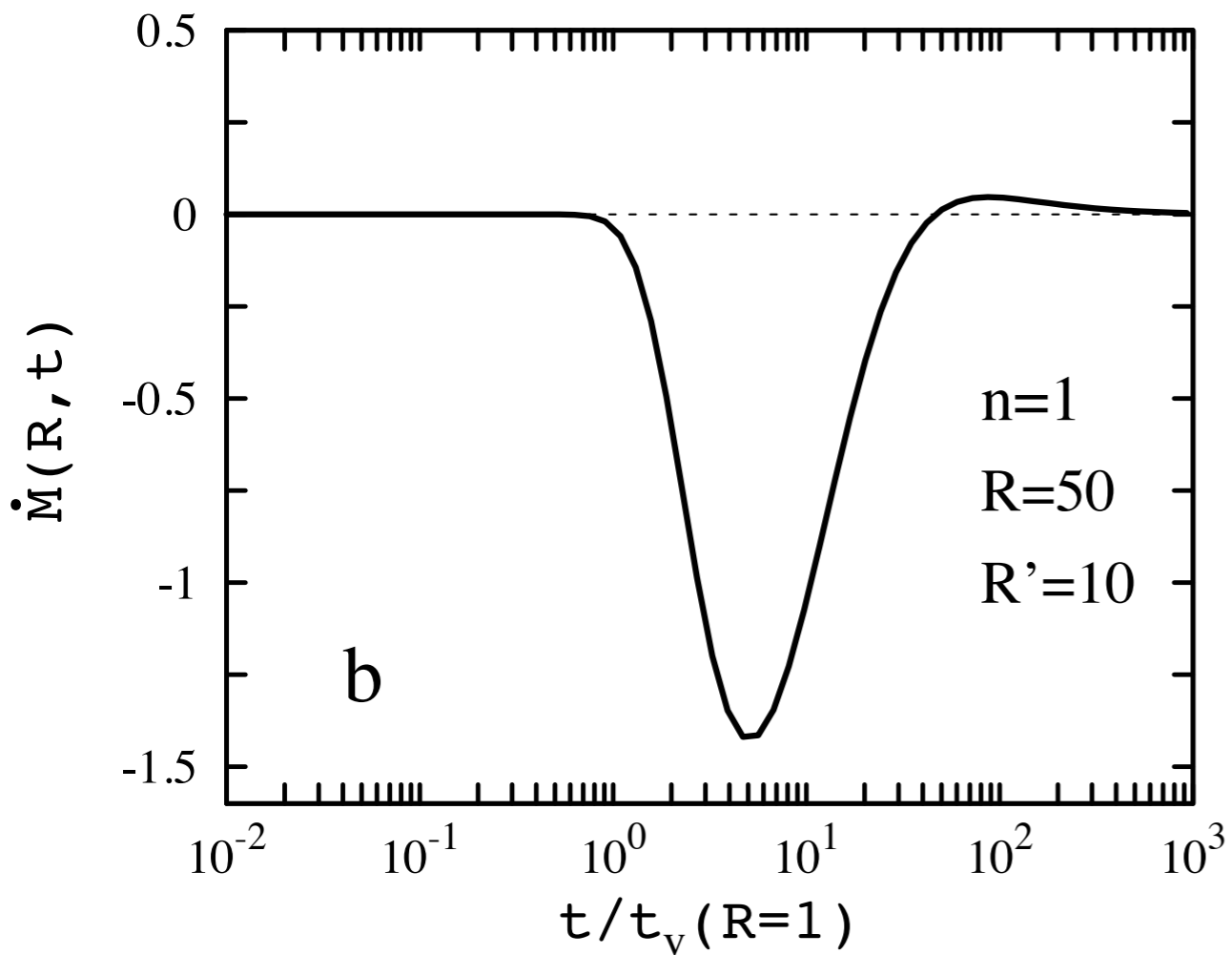
$$G_{\dot{M}}(R, R', t) = 6\pi R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(\nu G(R, R', t) R^{1/2} \right)$$

Mass accretion rate fluctuations in the time domain

initial fluctuations



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Mass accretion rate fluctuations in the time domain

$$\dot{m}(R, t) = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} dR' G_{\dot{M}}(R, R', t) \otimes_t \frac{a(R', t)}{R'}$$

Fourier transform

$$\overline{\dot{m}}(R, f) = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} dR' \overline{G}_{\dot{M}}(R, R', f) \overline{A}(R', f)$$

We need to construct **Green's functions in the frequency domain**

Mass accretion rate fluctuations in the time domain

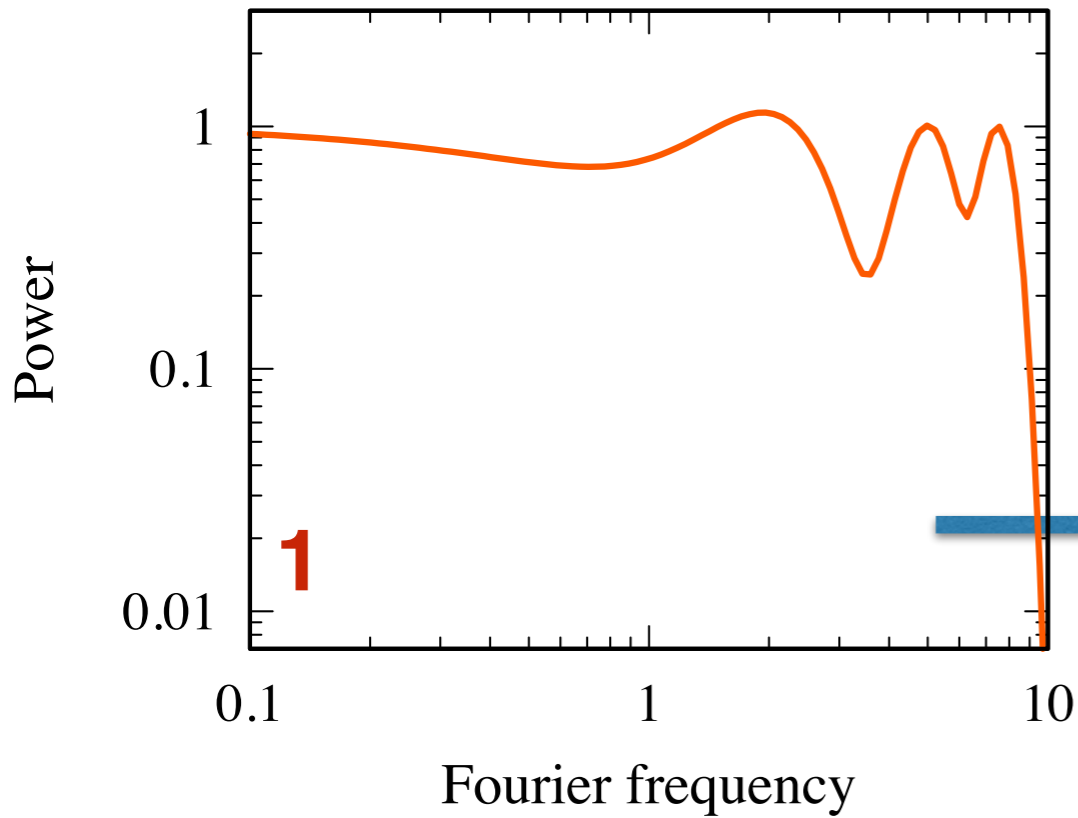
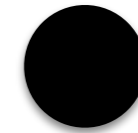
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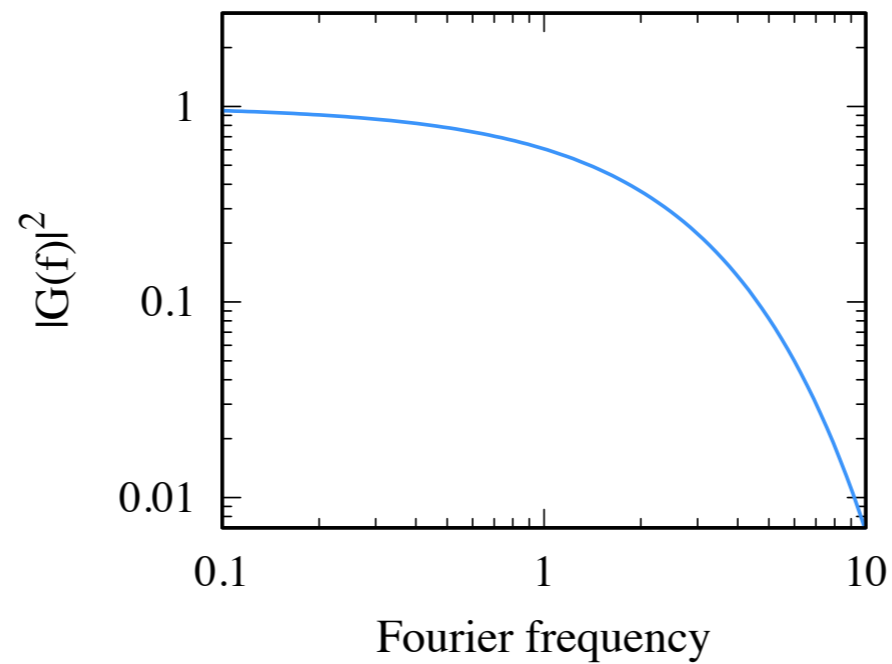
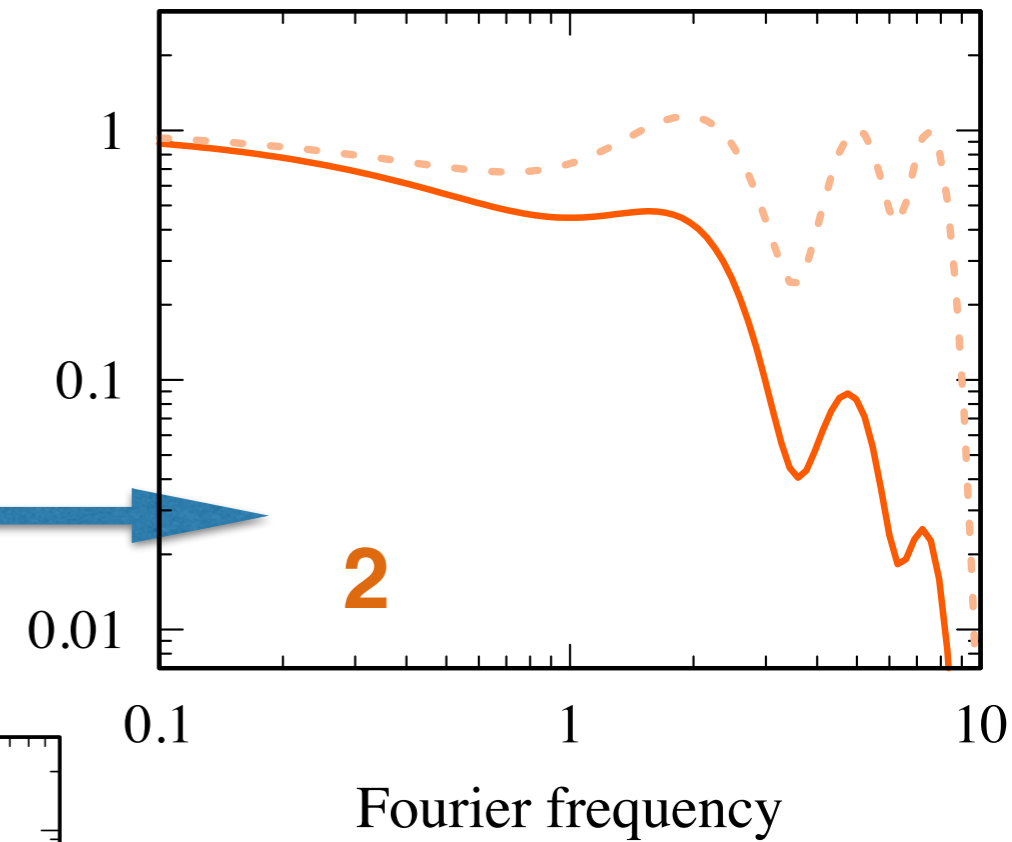
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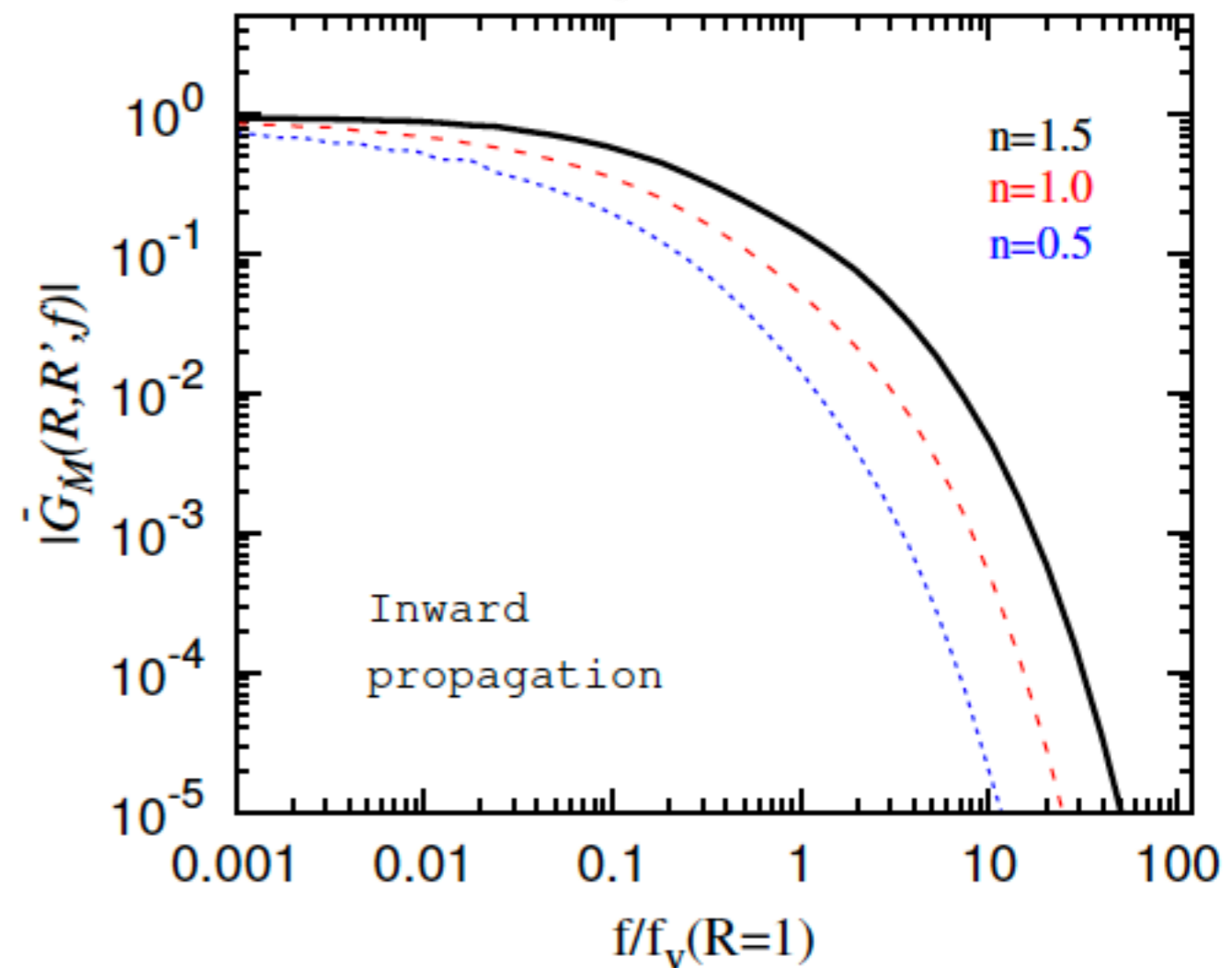
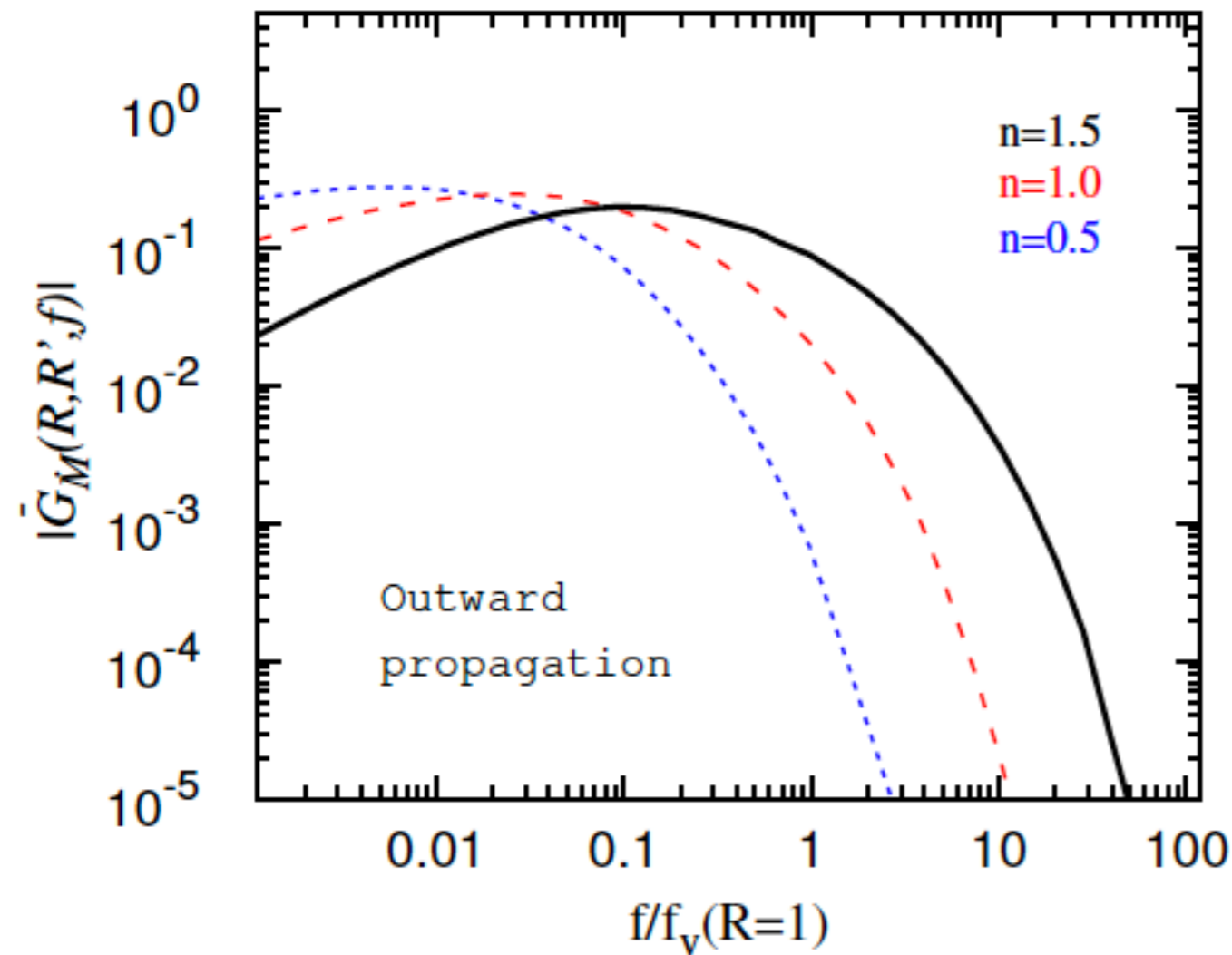
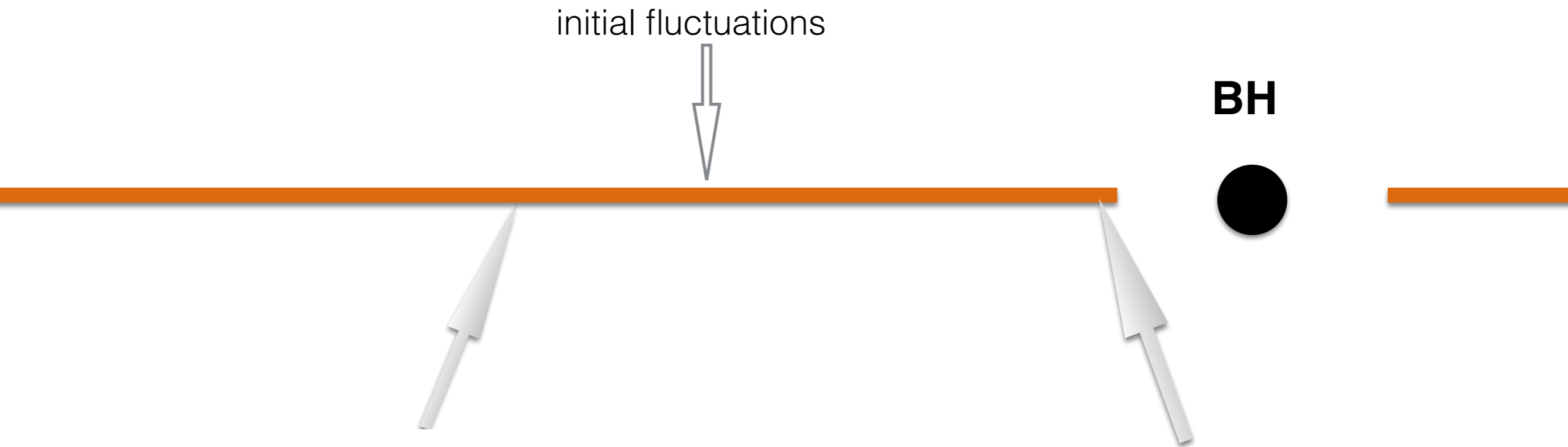
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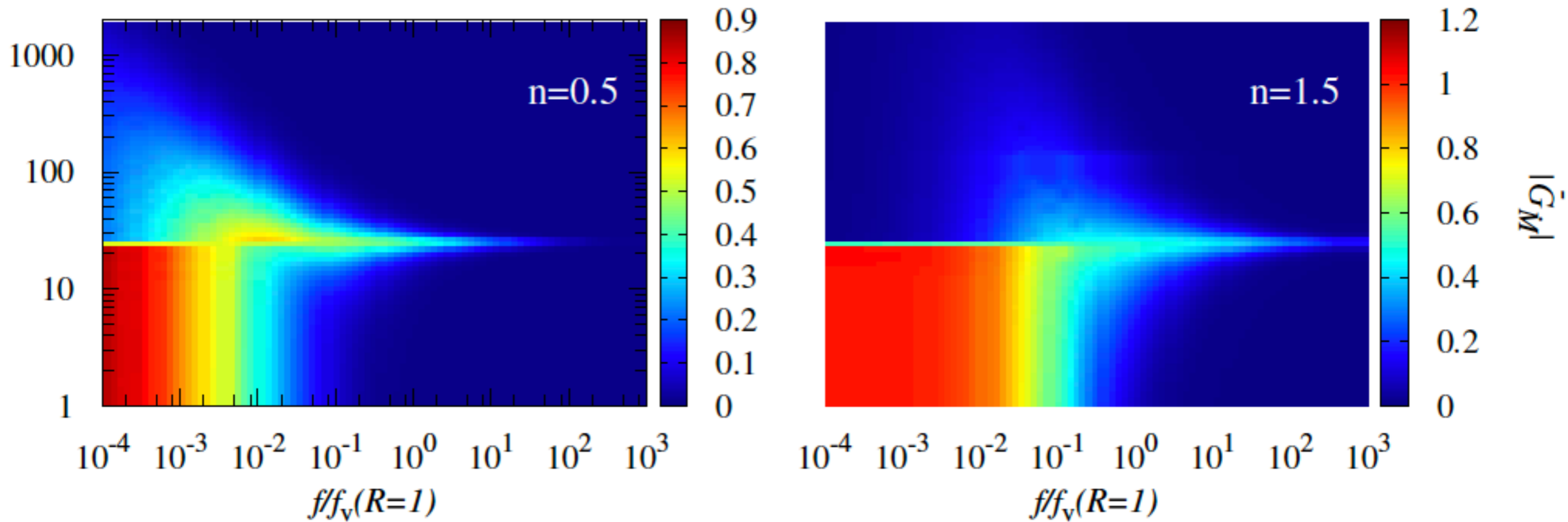
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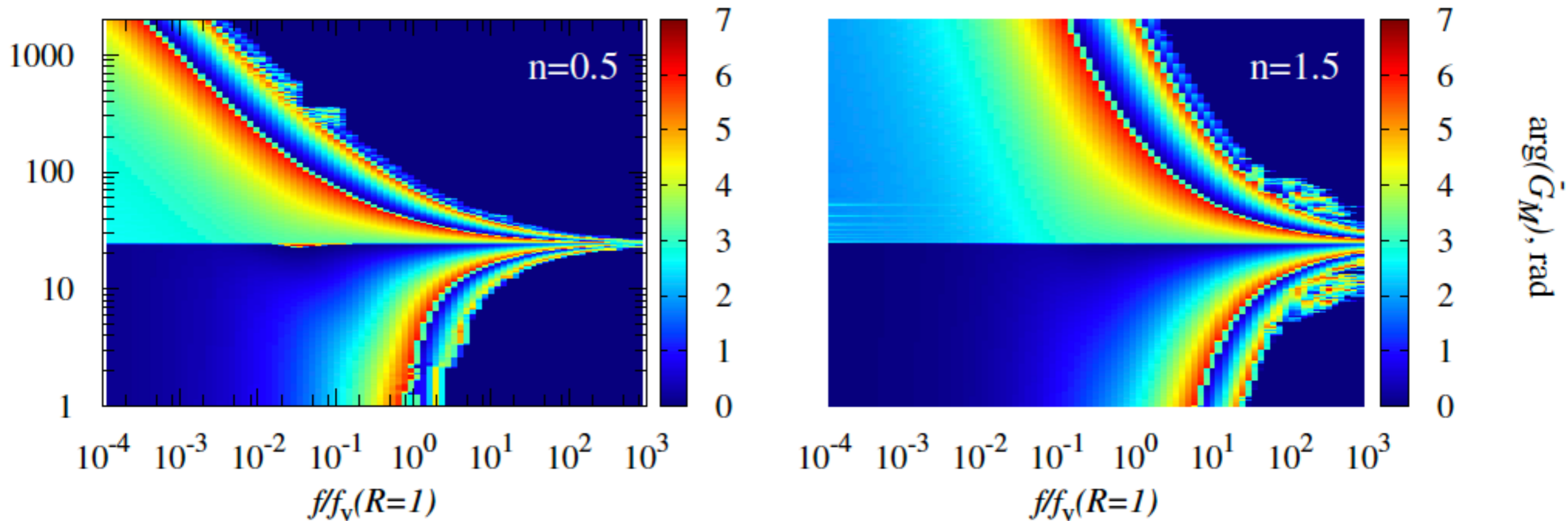
Mass accretion rate fluctuations in the frequency domain



The Green's function absolute value



The Green's function phase angle



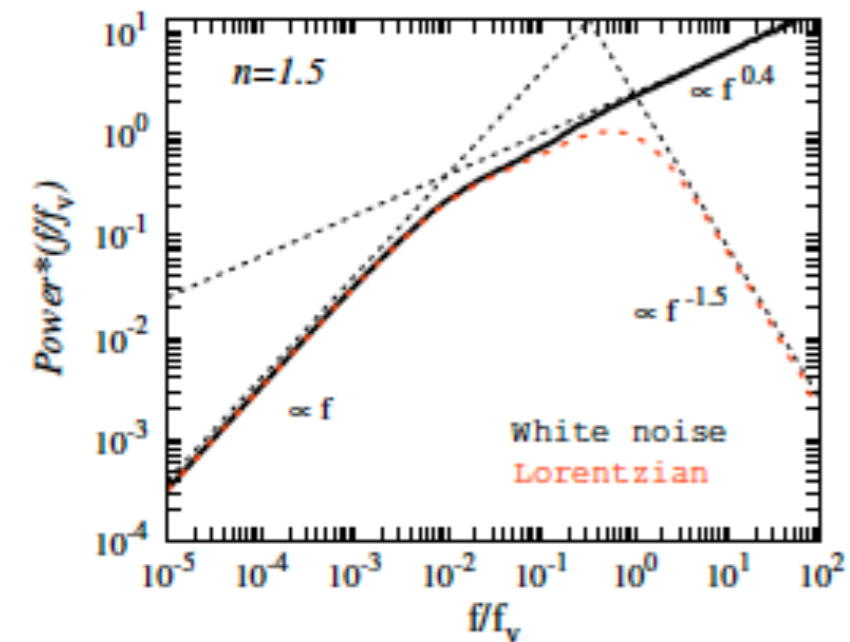
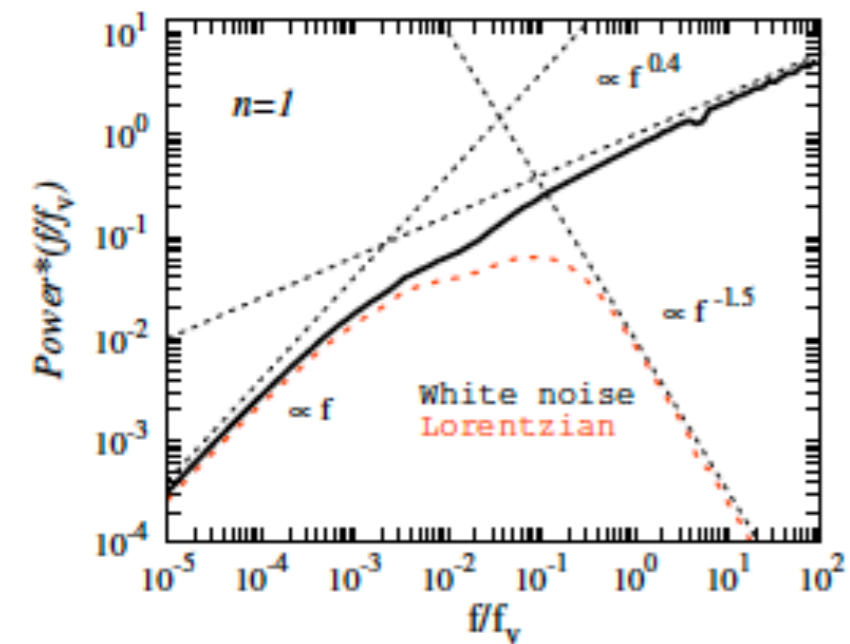
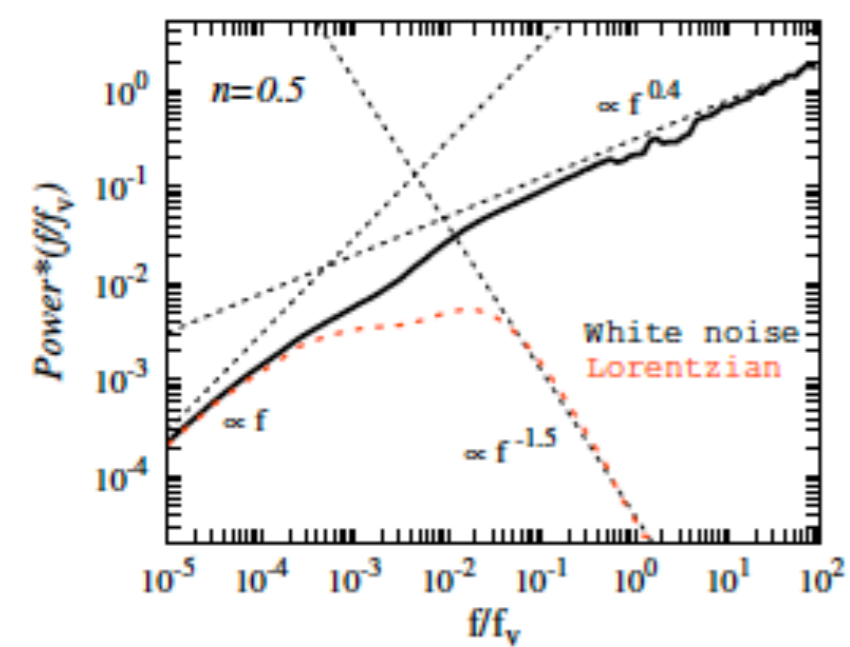
Power spectrum of the mass accretion rate

$$S_{\dot{m}}(R, f) = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} \frac{dR'}{(R')^2} \Delta R(R') |\bar{G}(R, R', f)|^2 S_a(R', f)$$

The power of mass accretion rate **at R=50**.
Accretion disc is extended up to R=200.

The power imprints the inner and outer radii
and
strongly depends on the power spectrum of initial
fluctuations.

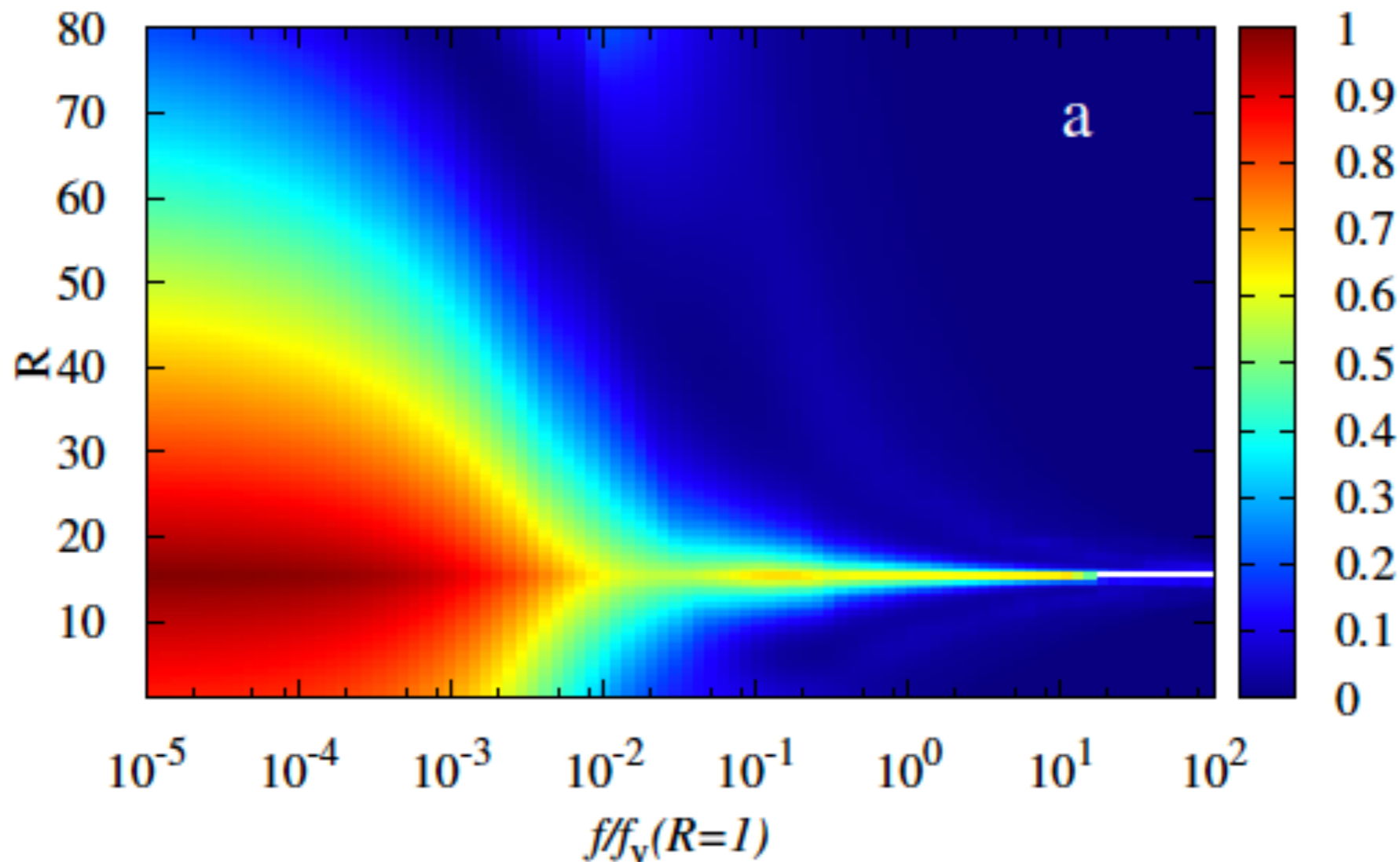
Zero-centred Lorentzian: $|a(f)|^2 \propto \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\Delta f_R}{(\Delta f_R)^2 + f^2}$



Cross-correlation function of the mass accretion rate

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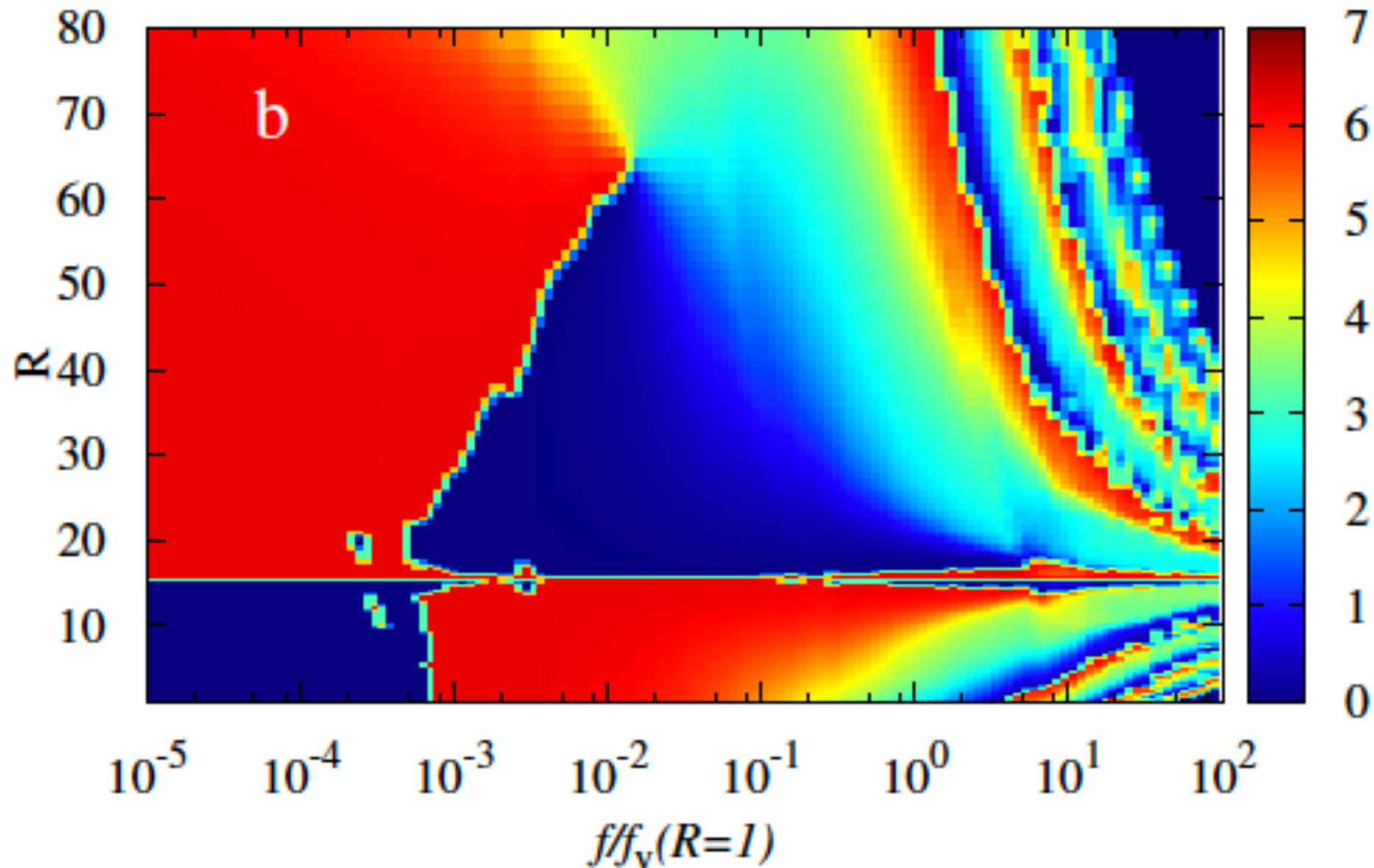
Coherence function: $\text{Coh}(R_1, R_2 | f) \equiv \frac{|C_{\dot{m}}(R_1, R_2 | f)|^2}{S_{\dot{m}}(R_1, f) S_{\dot{m}}(R_2, f)}$



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The phase angle of cross-correlation function



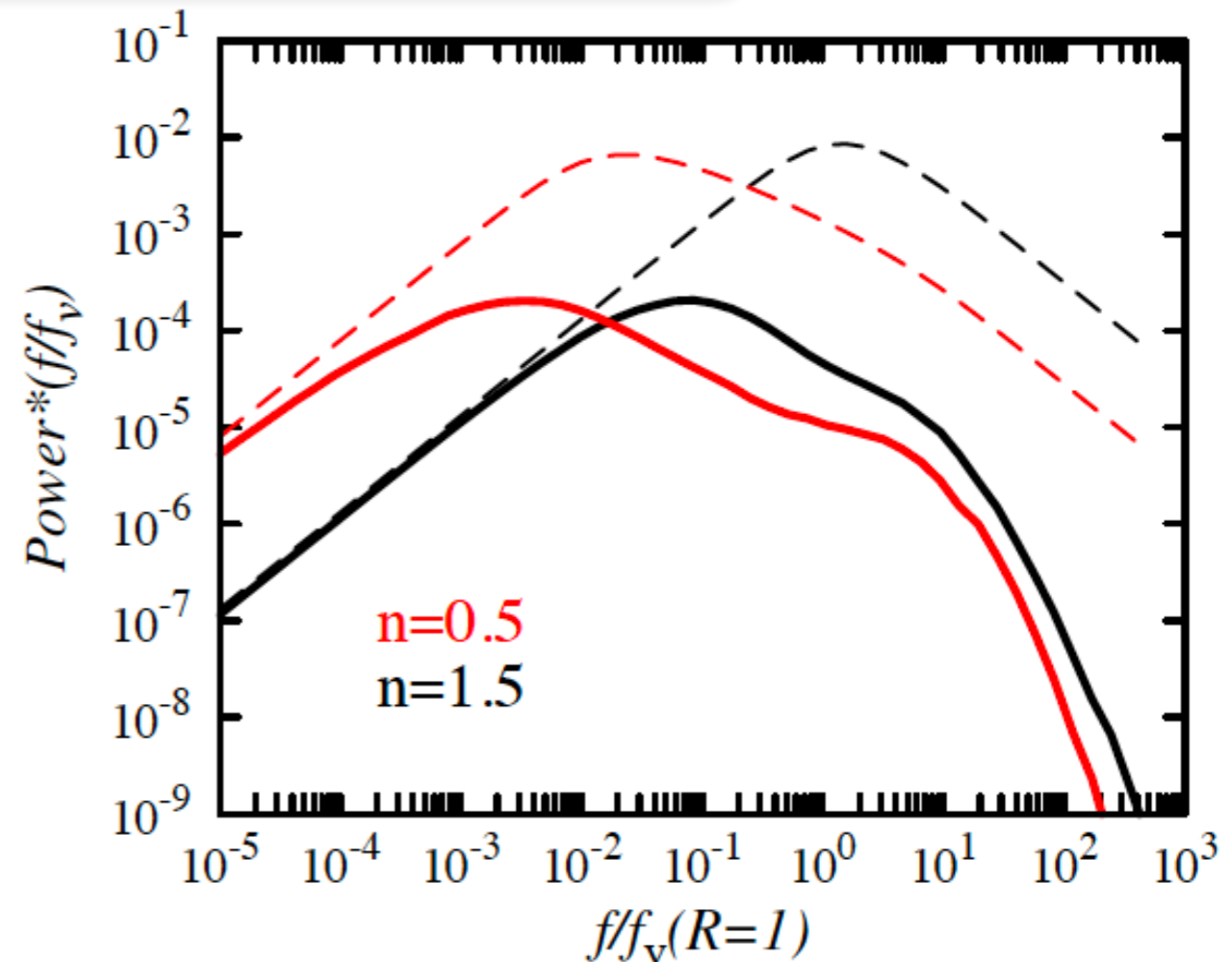
Power spectra of X-ray flux variability

$$F_{\text{sur}} \propto R^{-3}$$

Flux at given energy band: $f_{\text{h}}(t) \simeq \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} dR' \frac{h(R')}{R'^2} \dot{m}(R', t)$

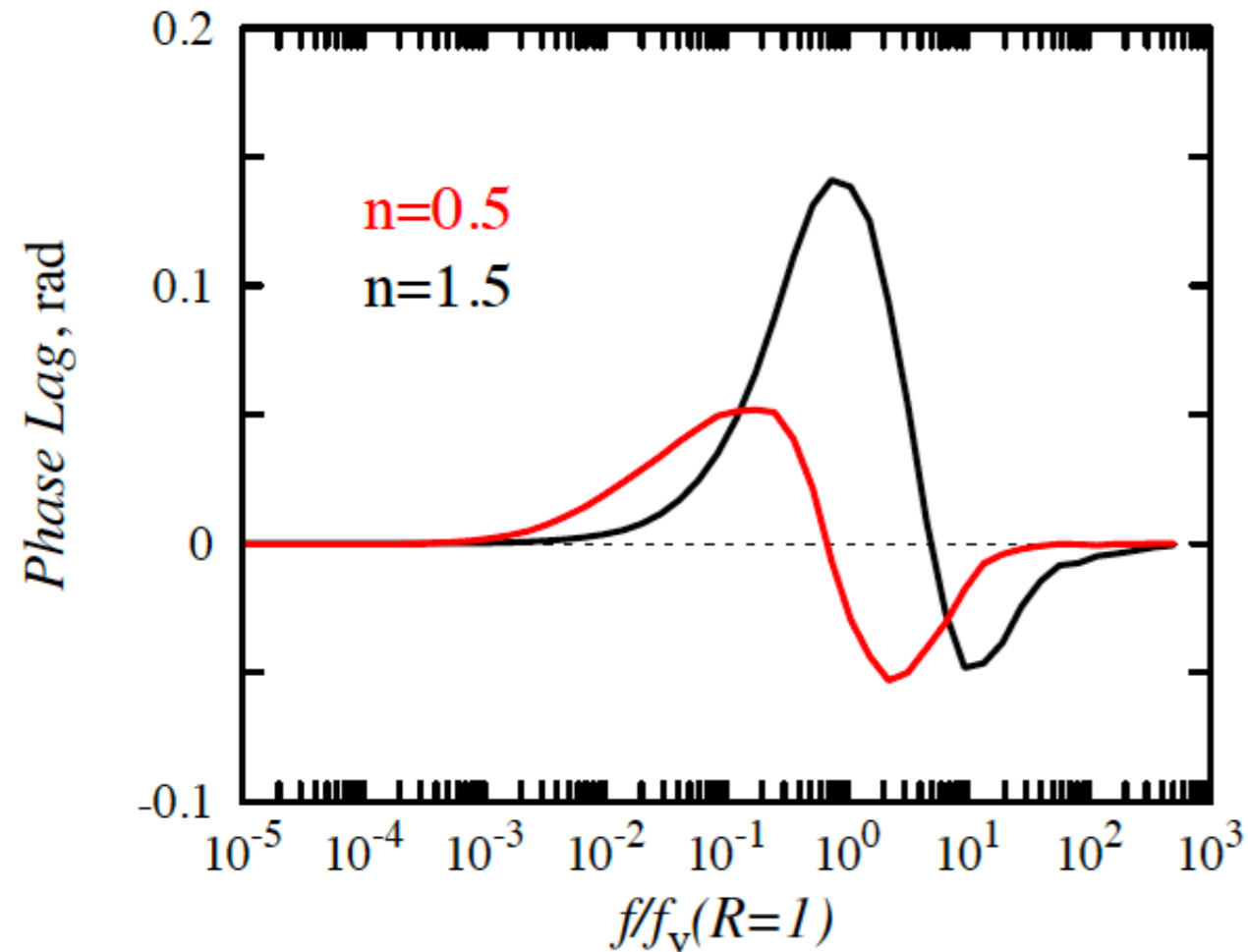
$$S_{f_{\text{h}}}(f) = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} dR_1 \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} dR_2 \frac{h(R_1)}{R_1^2} \frac{h(R_2)}{R_2^2} C_{\dot{m}}(R_1, R_2 | f)$$

$$h(R) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } R < 3R_{\text{in}} \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{for } R \geq 3R_{\text{in}} \end{cases}$$

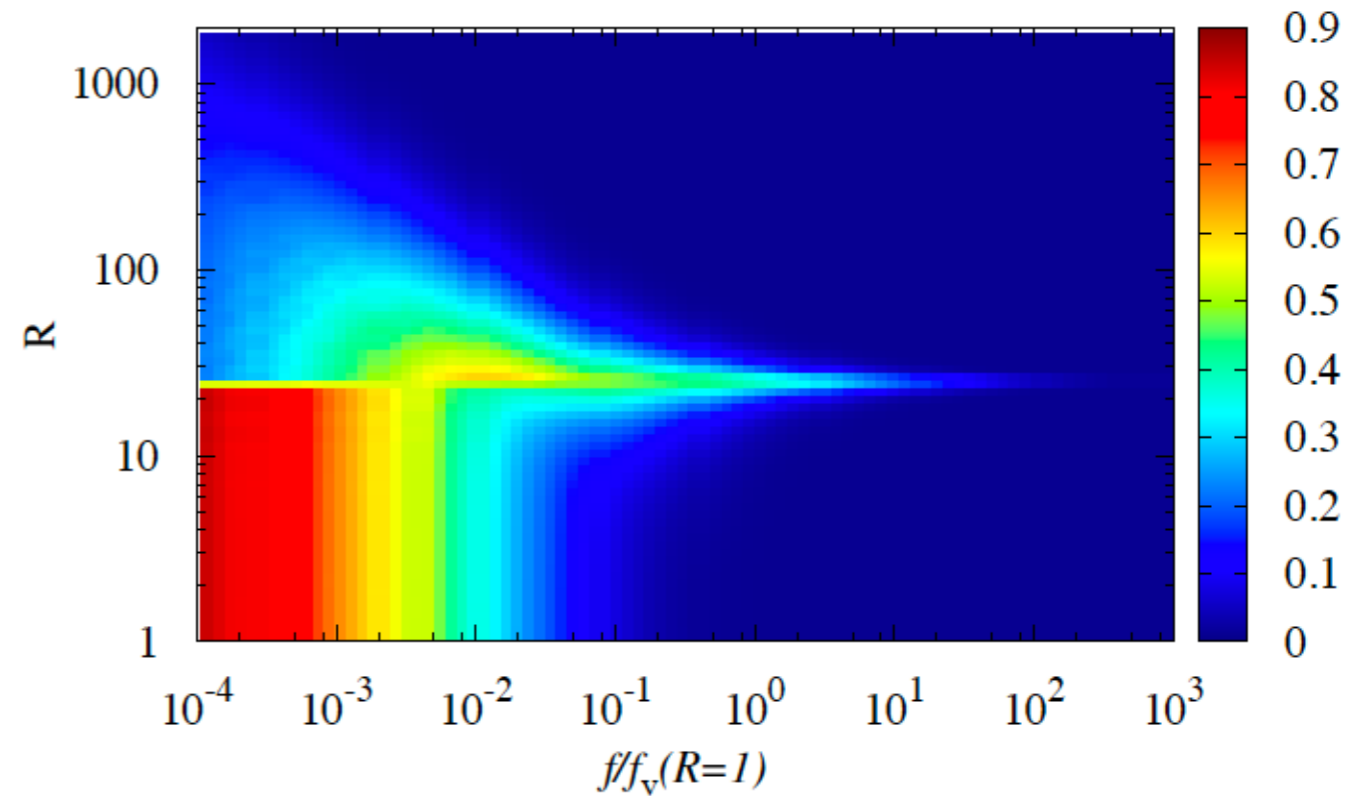


Cross-spectrum of X-ray flux variability

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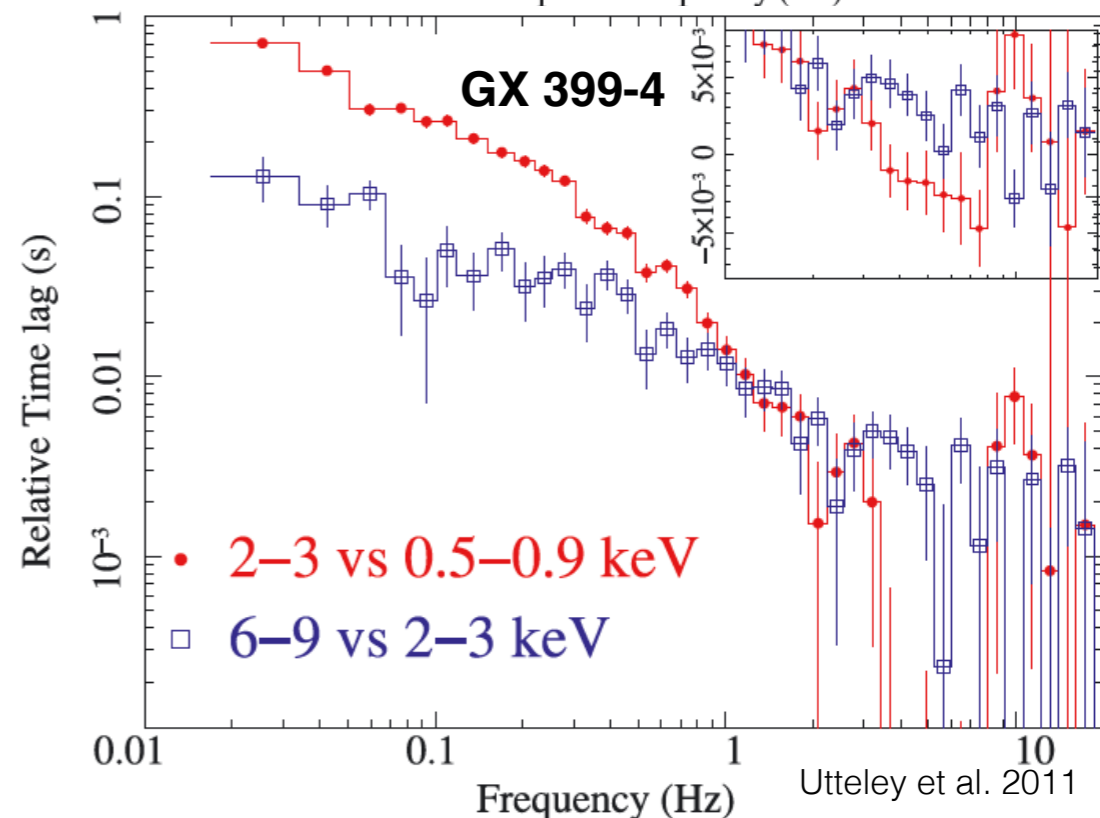
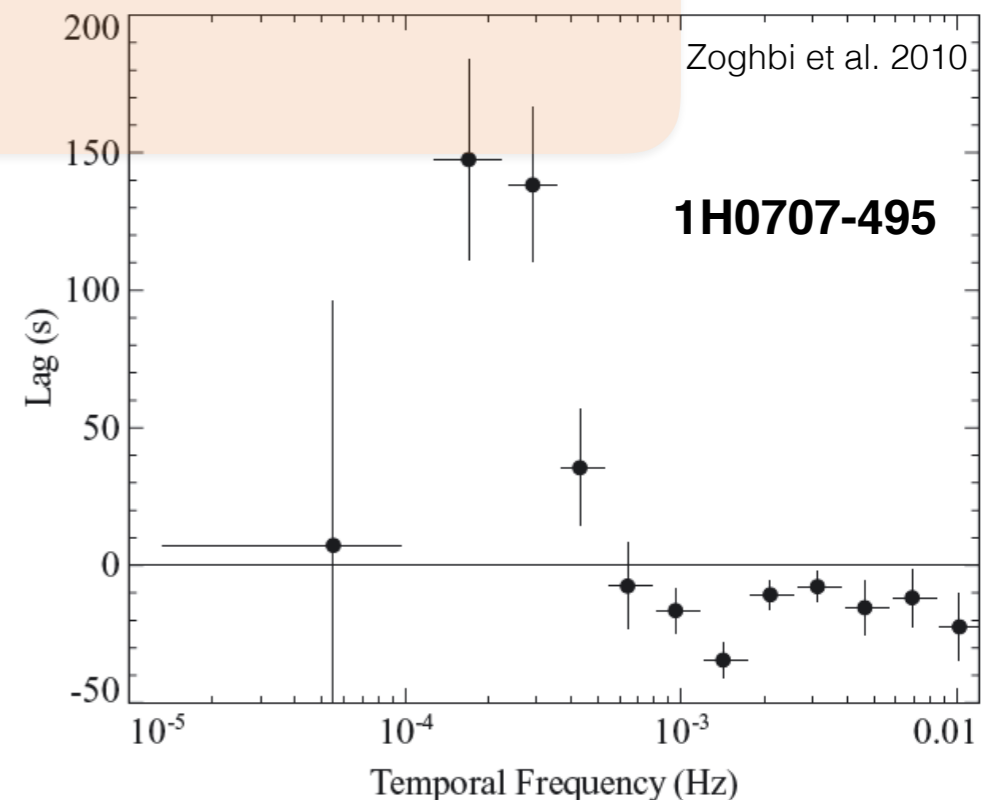
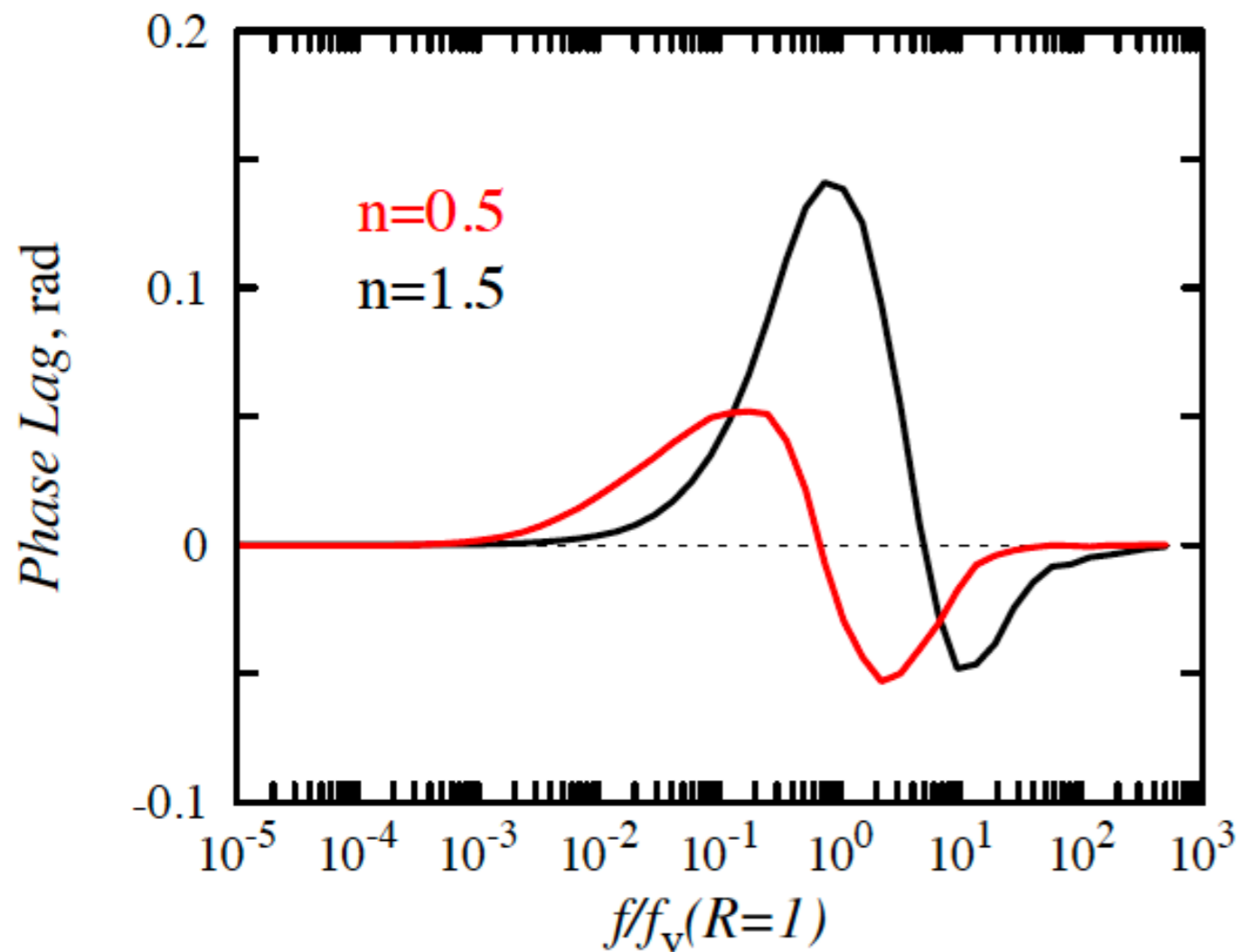


an example of Green's function
in the frequency domain

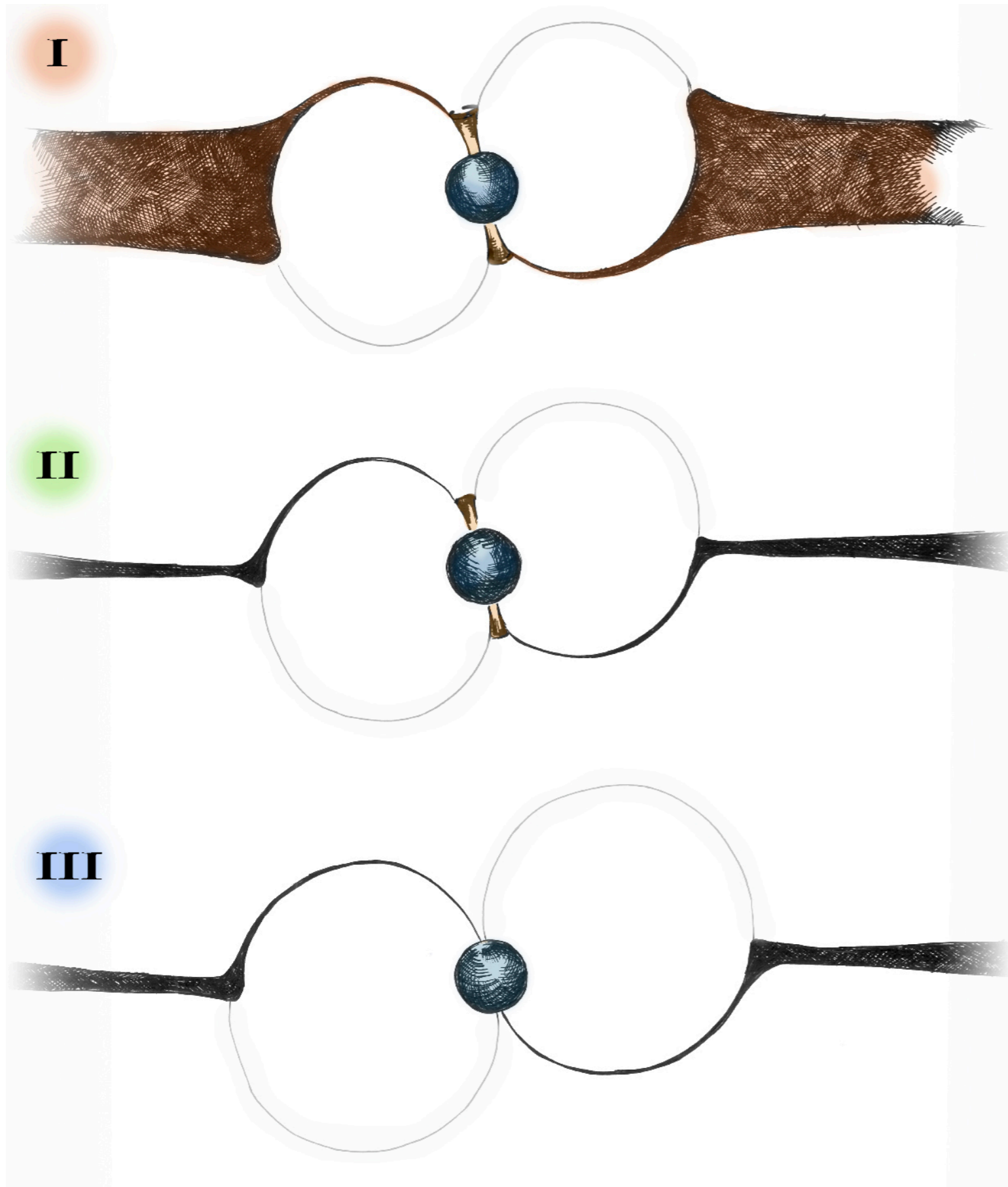


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Aperiodic variability in X-ray Pulsars

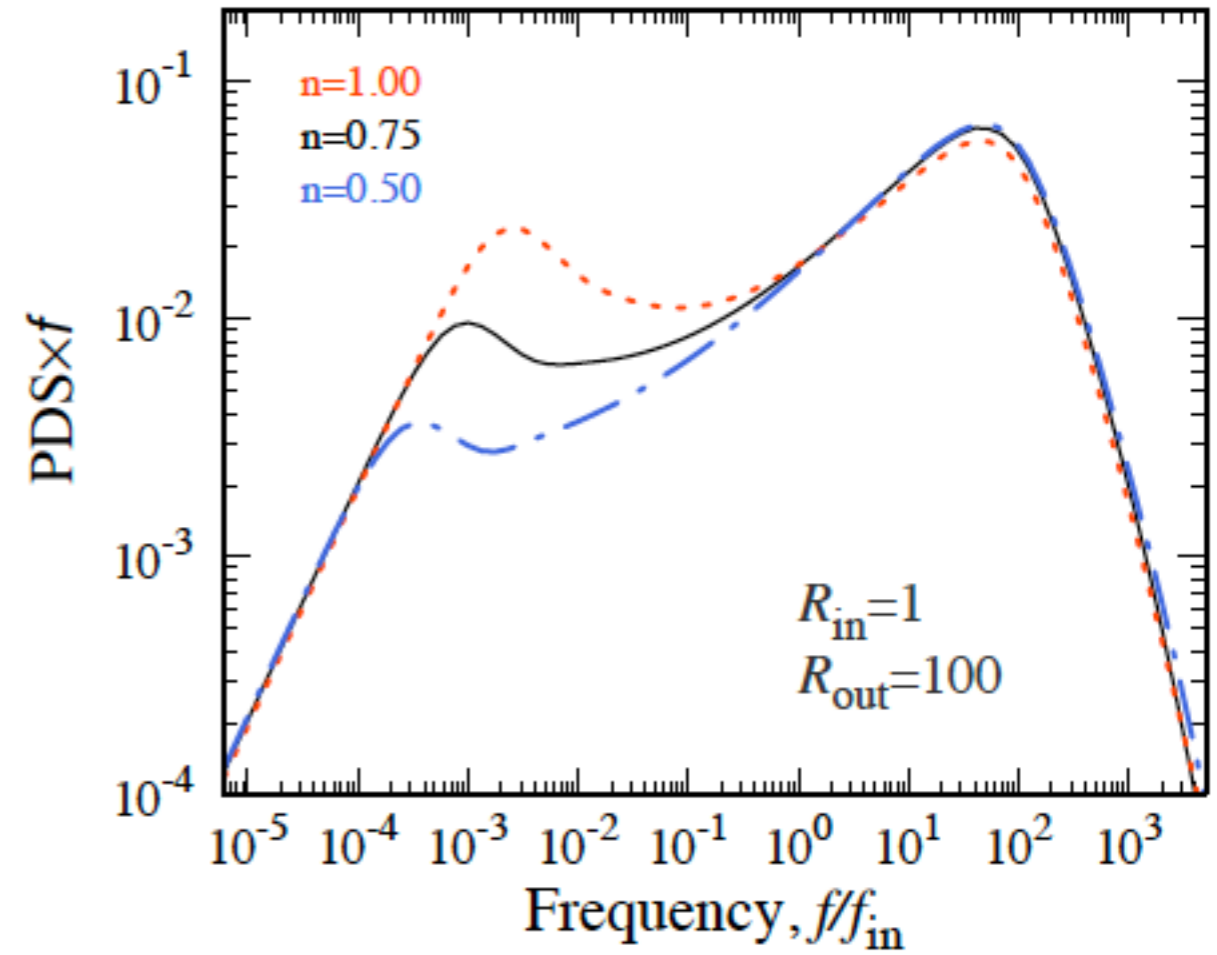
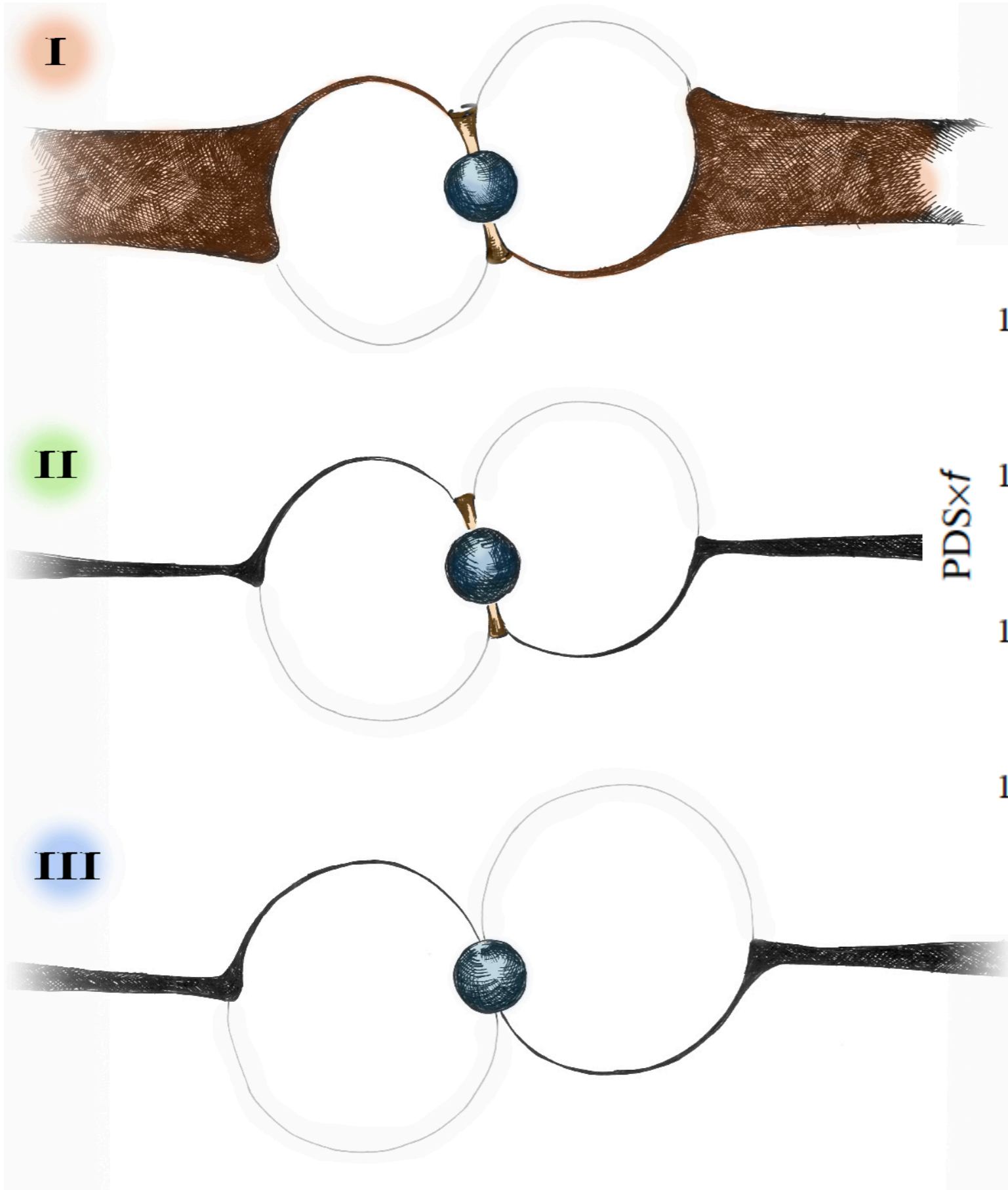


Accretion disc does not contribute significantly to X-ray energy flux

Mass accretion rate fluctuations at the NS surface replicate the fluctuations at the inner disc radius

Observed fluctuations of X-ray energy flux can be affected by variability in geometry of the emitting region

Aperiodic variability in X-ray Pulsars



X-ray pulsar A0535+26

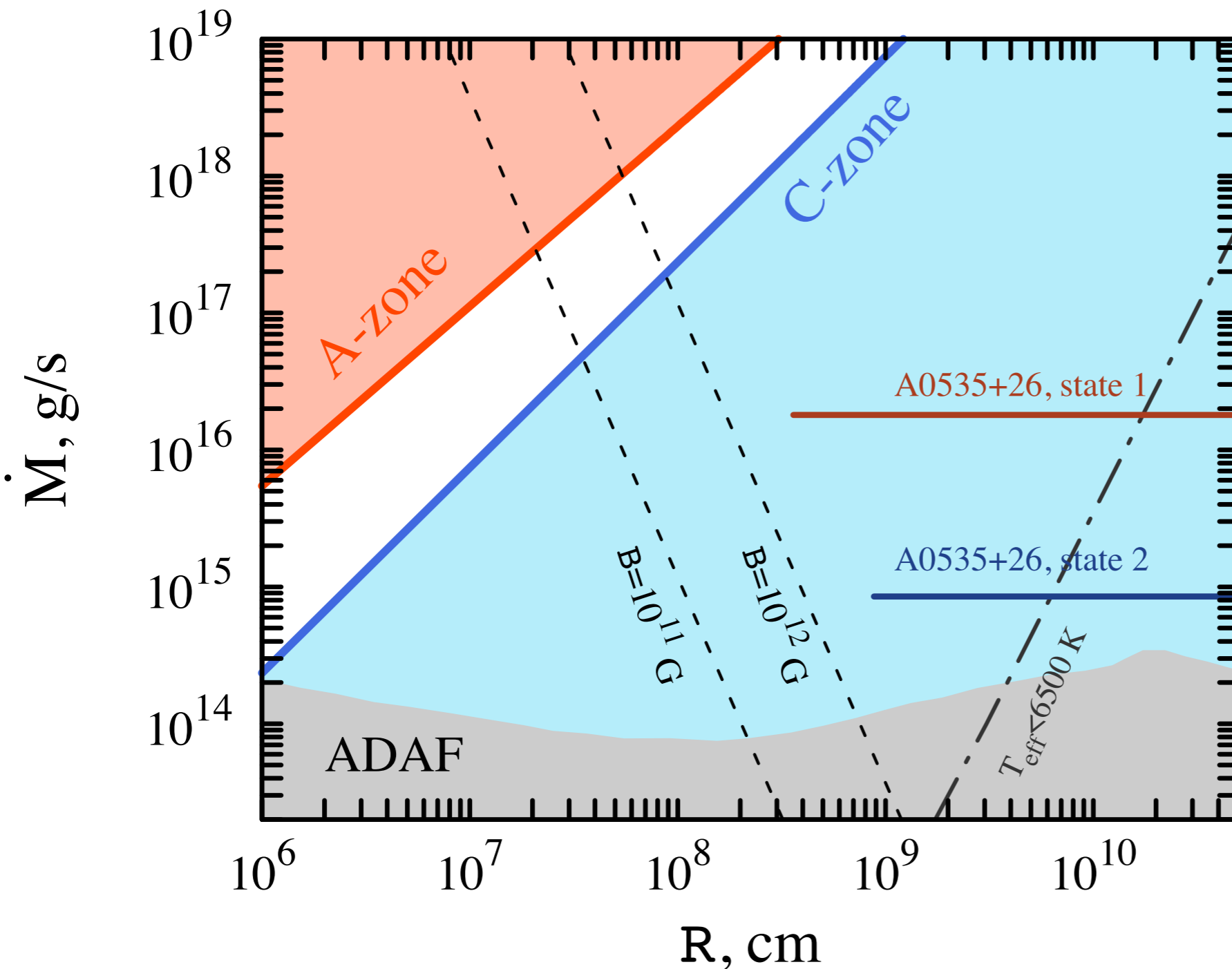
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$E_{\text{cyc},1}\sim 100 \text{ keV}$

$P_{\text{spin}}\sim 100 \text{ sec}$

Two luminosity states: $L_1=1.7\cdot 10^{35} \text{ erg/s}$

$L_2=3.8\cdot 10^{36} \text{ erg/s}$



Gas pressure dominated disc

The inner disc is still ionized

Hot spots on the surface ($L_{\text{crit}} > 10^{37} \text{ erg/s}$)

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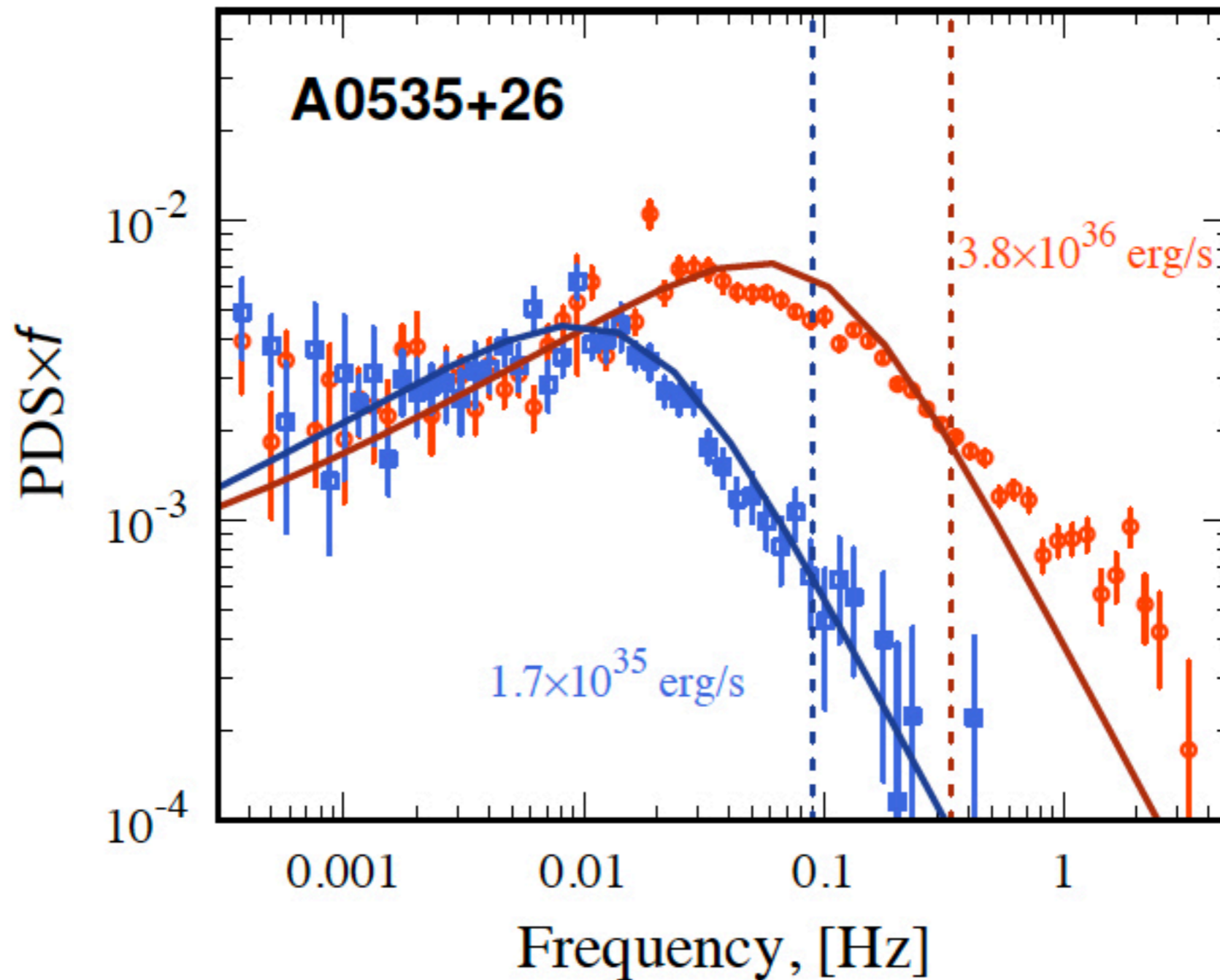
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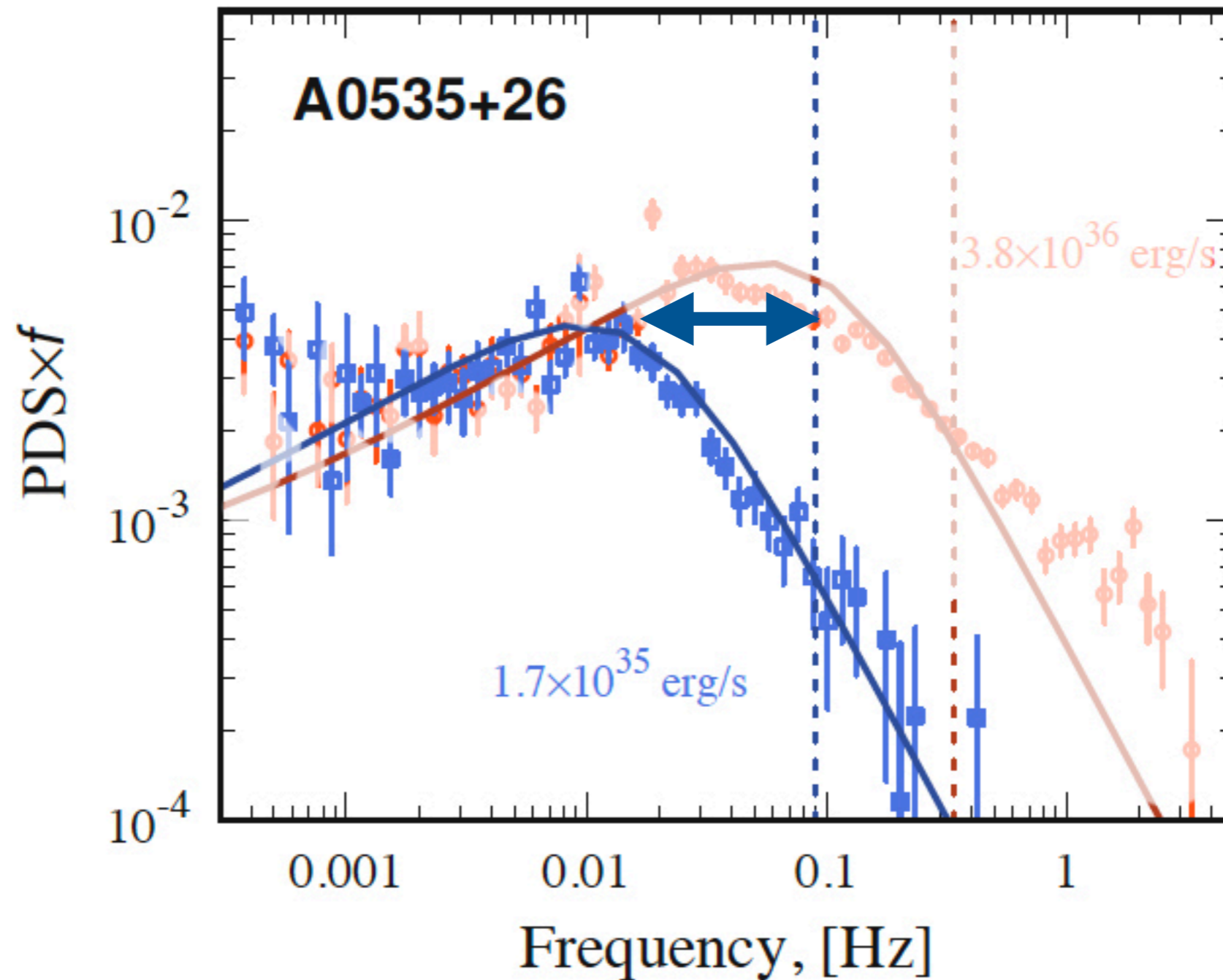
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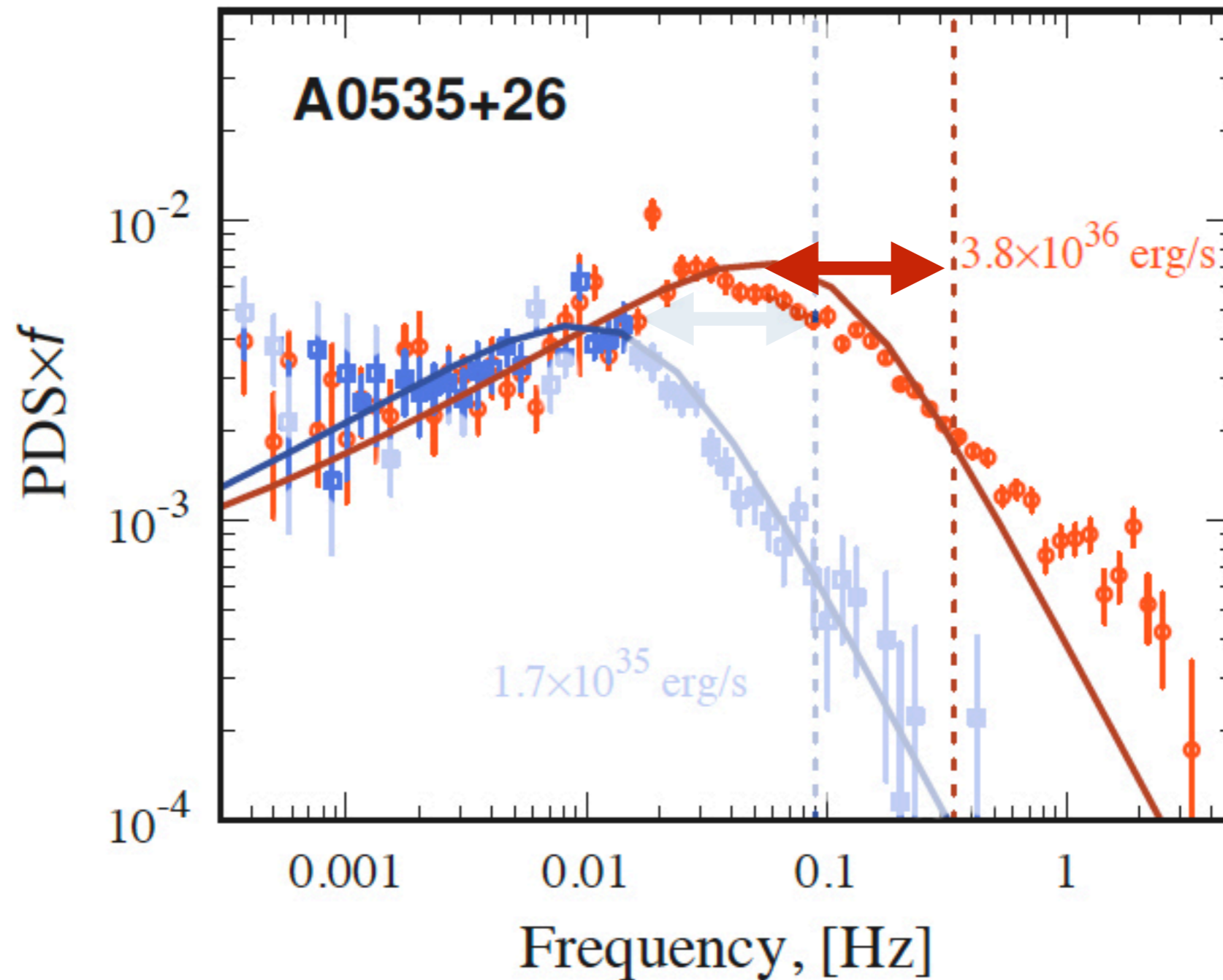
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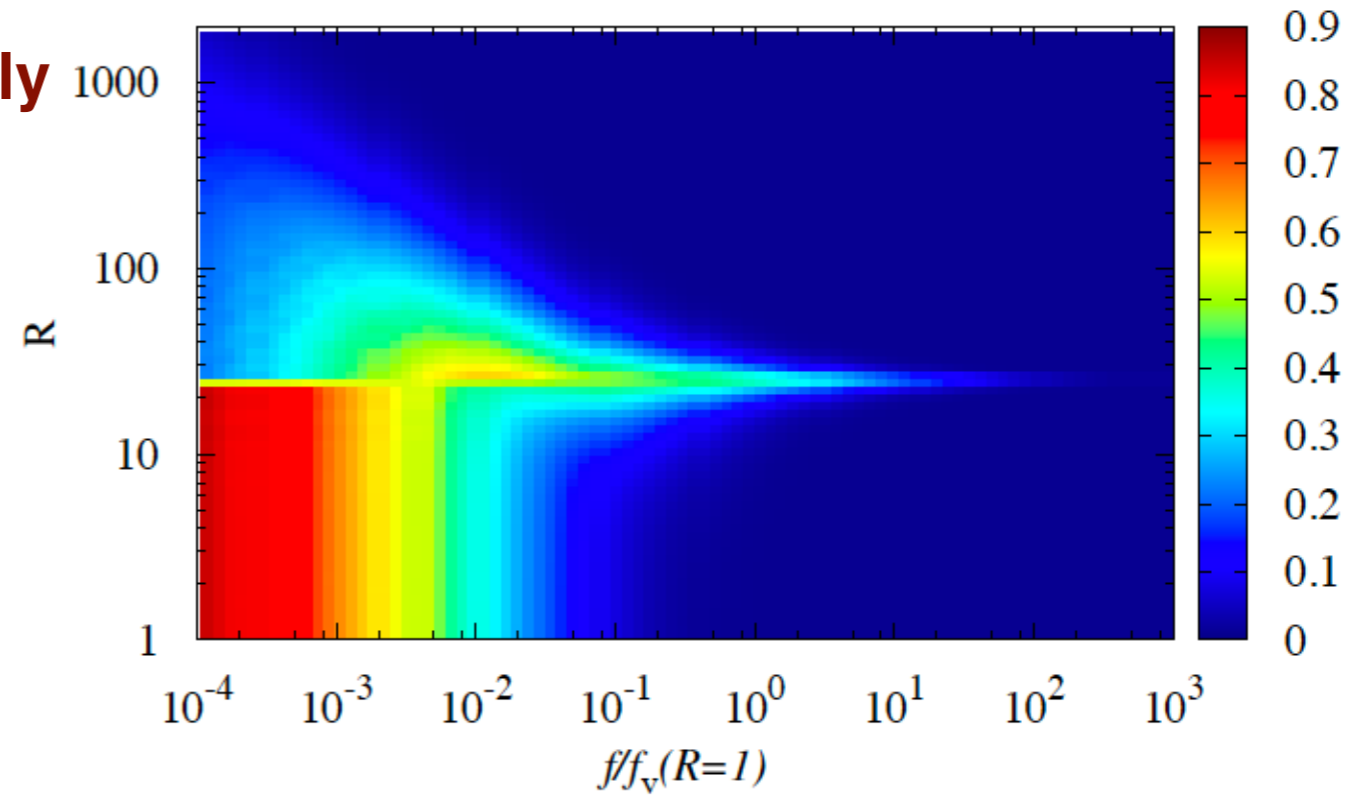
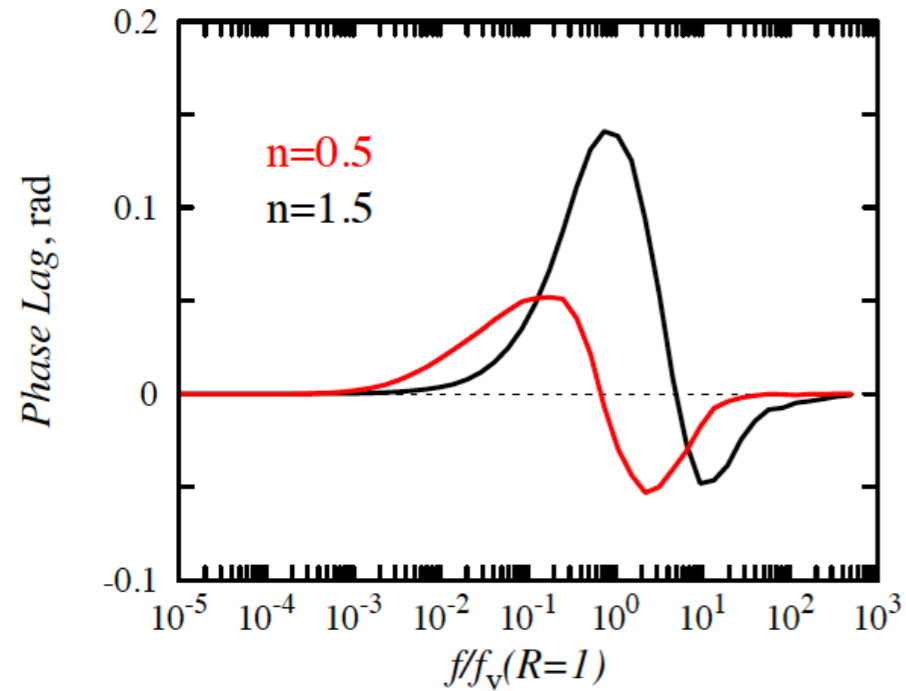
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Conclusions

- (a) viscous diffusion **suppresses effectively variability at time scales smaller than local viscous time;**
- (b) the fluctuations of the mass accretion rate **propagate both inwards and outwards;**



- (c) as a result, propagating fluctuations give rise not only to hard time lags as previously shown, but also **produce soft lags at high frequency similar to those attributed to reflection reprocessing;**

- (d) **The break observed at high frequencies in the PDS of XRP corresponds to the minimal time scale of the dynamo process in a disc. As a result PDS of XRP can be used as a method of independent measurements of magnetic field strength and structure in XRP.**

