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Corona accretion in active galactic nuclei and the observational test



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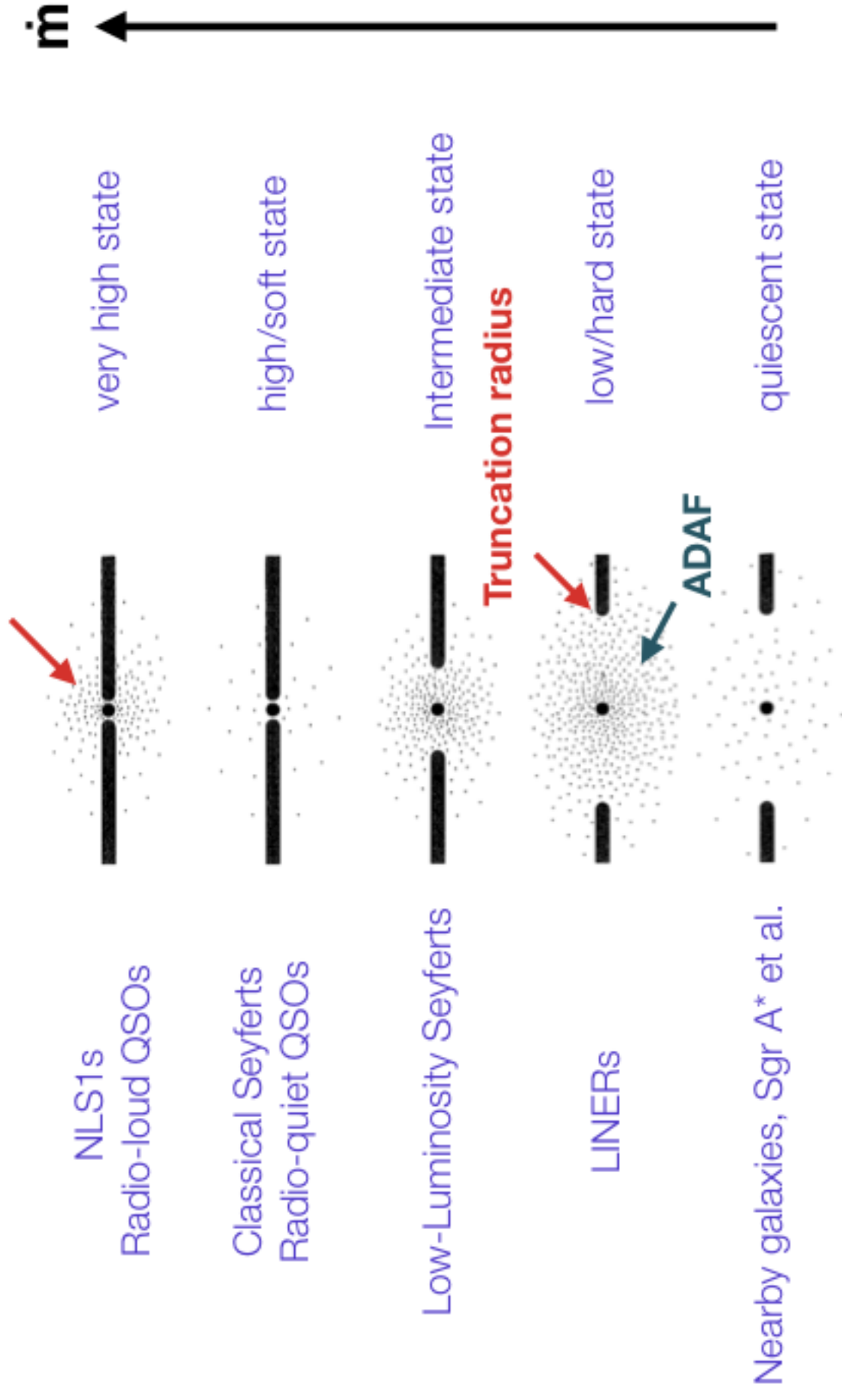
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- **Motivation:**

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

AGNs

BHXBS

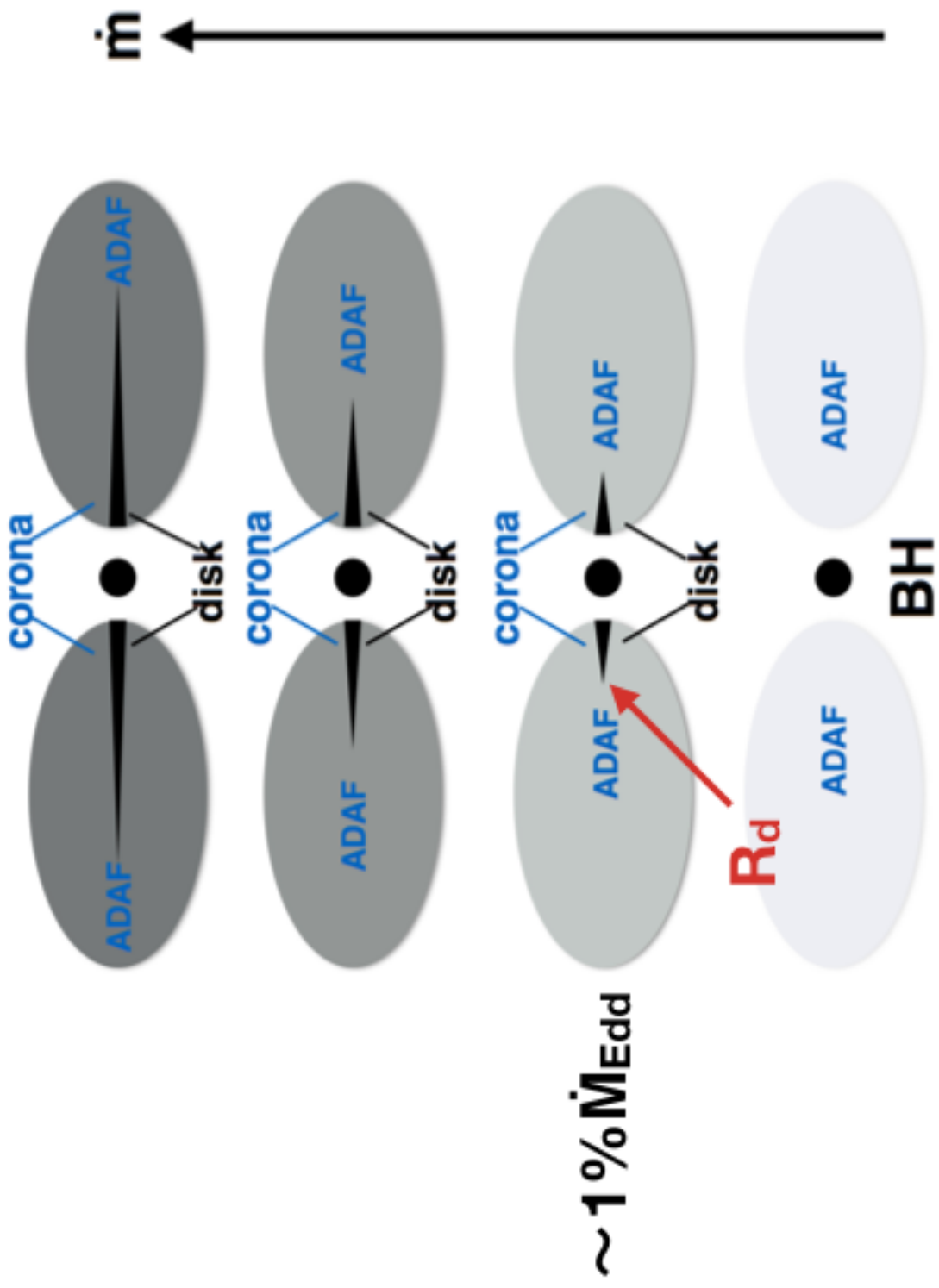


Meyer, Liu, Meyer-Hofmeister et al. 2000a,b; Liu et al. 2002...
Liu et al. 2002,2003; Qiao & Liu 2015...

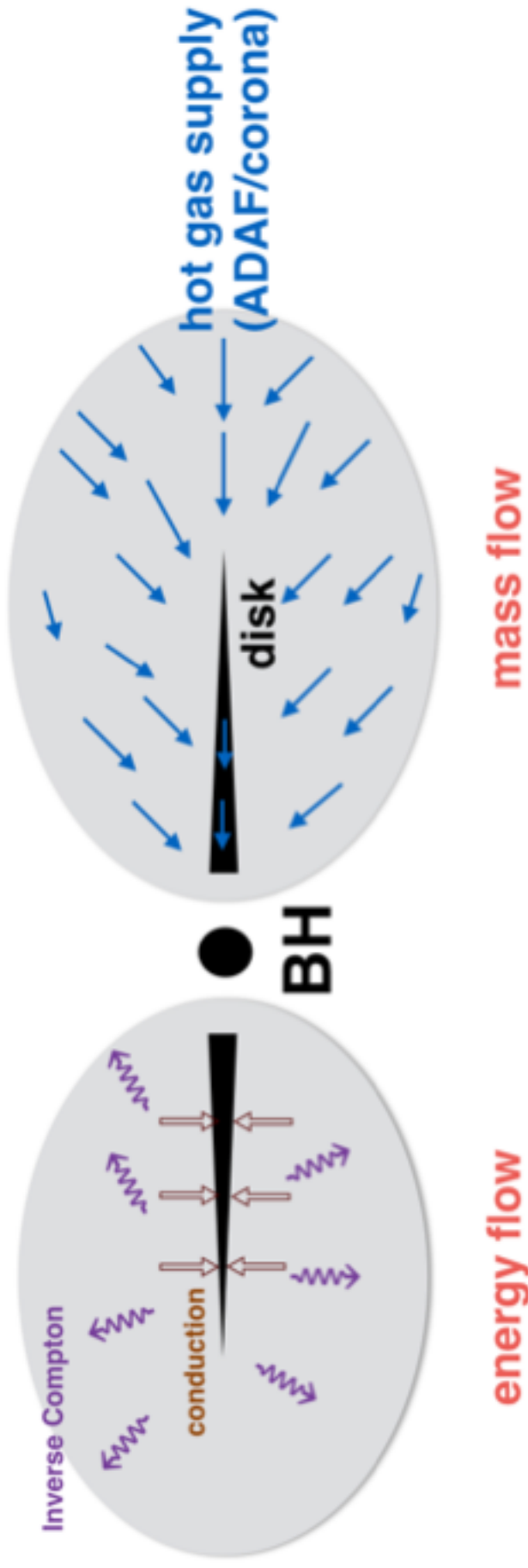
Esin et al. 1997
(Black hole X-ray binaries)

- ◆ **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 is 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

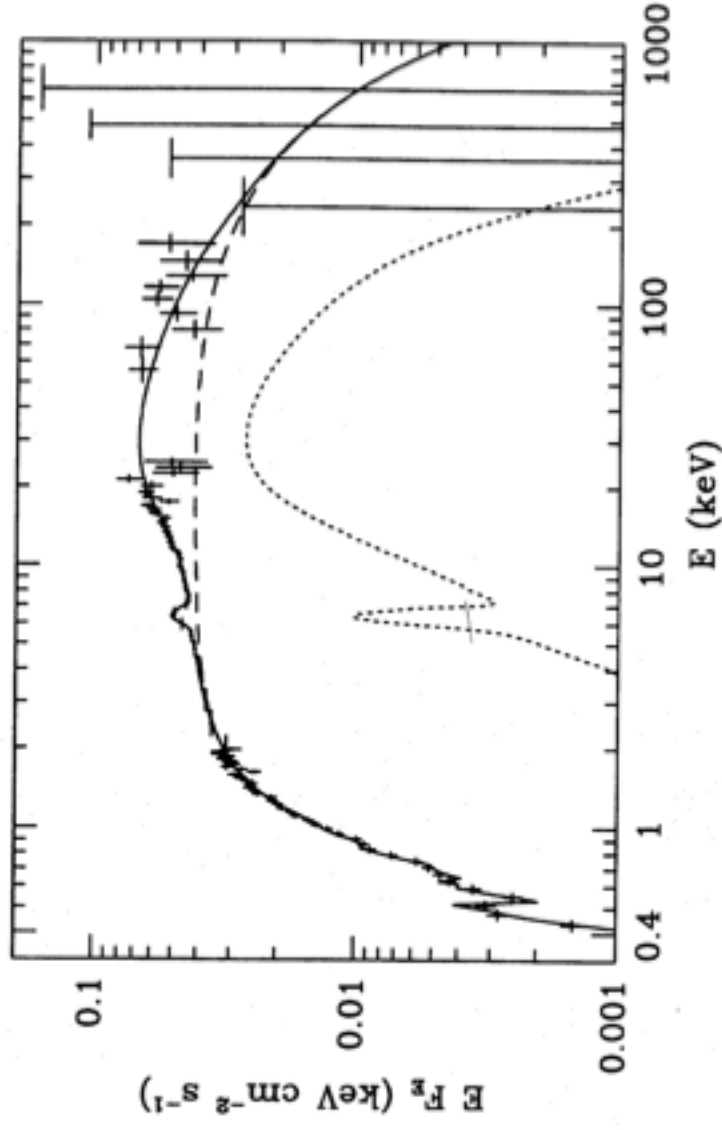


Qiao & Liu 2013, ApJ, 764, 2 (BHXBs)

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

Observational test in AGNs:

X-ray spectrum of Seyfert I, IC 4329A



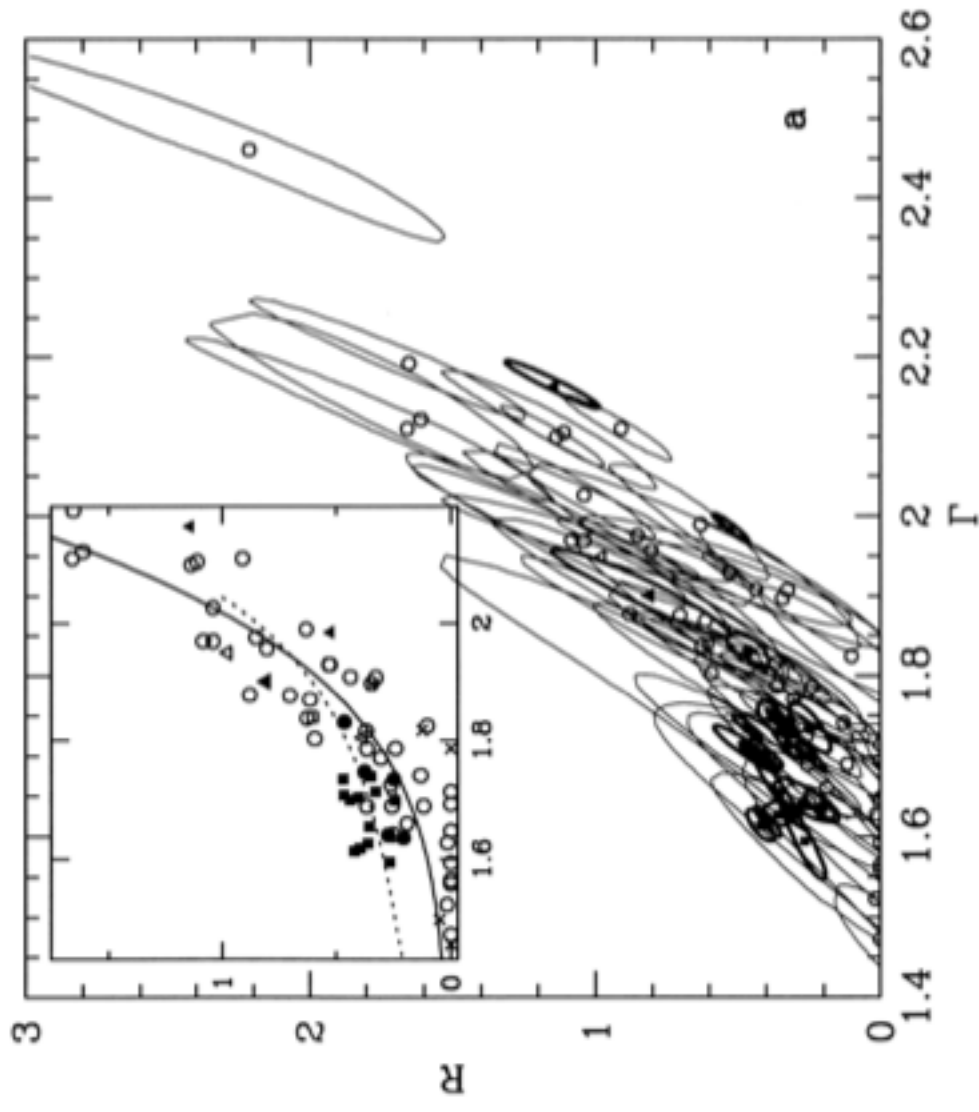
ROSAT, Ginga, OSSE

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

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

Magdziarz & Zdziarski 1995

Γ -R correlation in AGNs

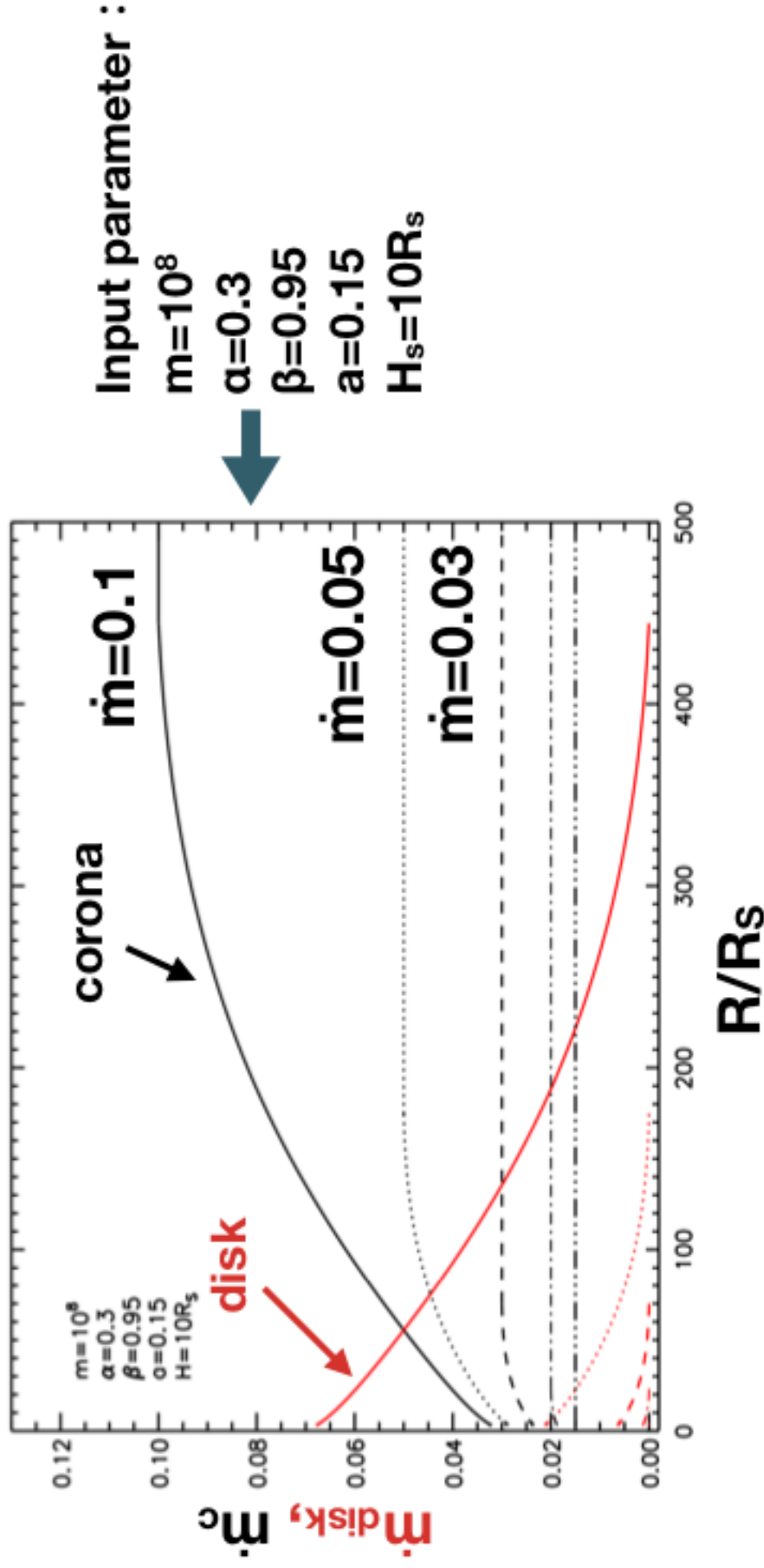


47 data sets for
23 RQ AGNs

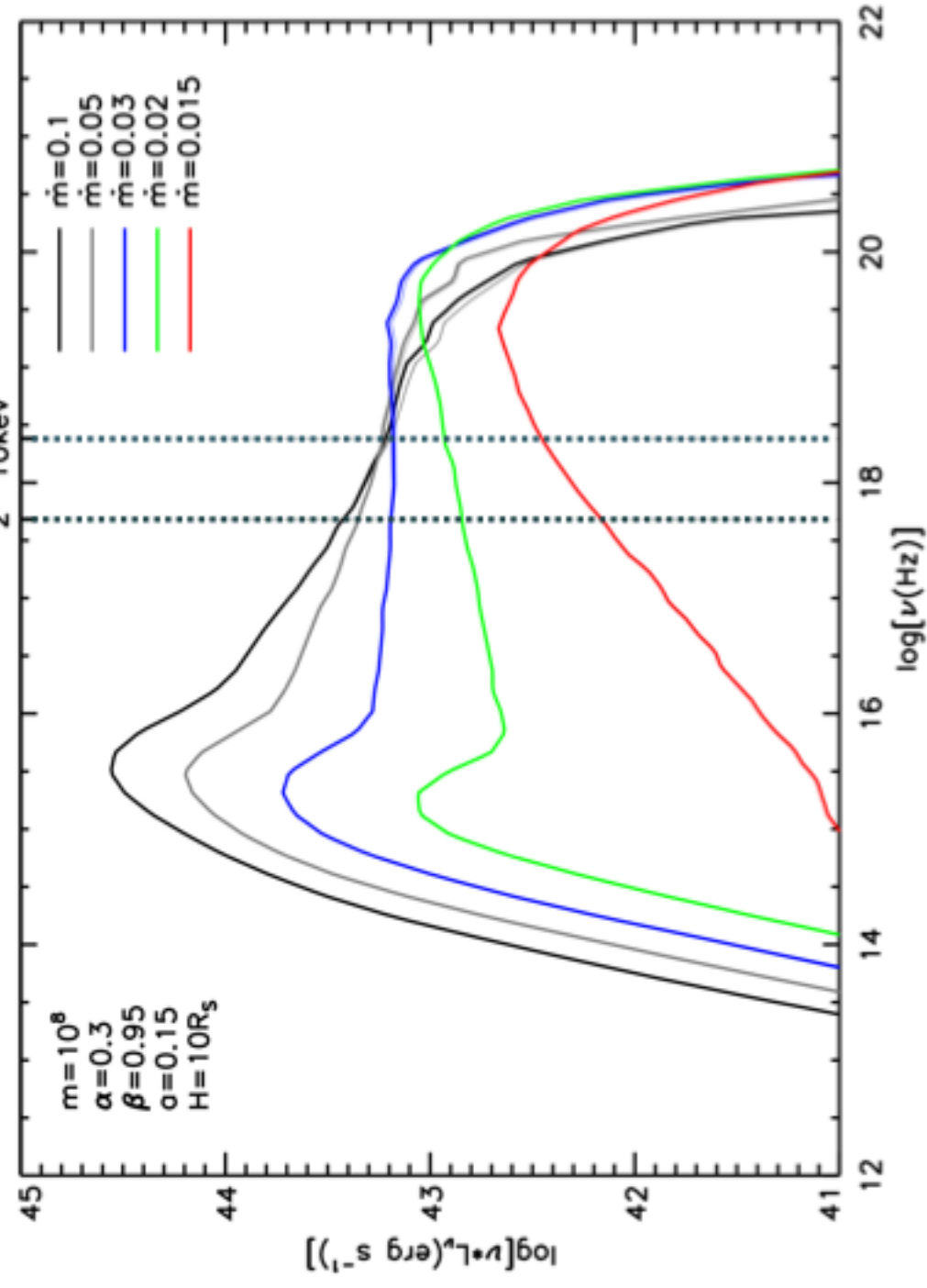
Zdziarski et al. 1999

- **Theoretical Results:**

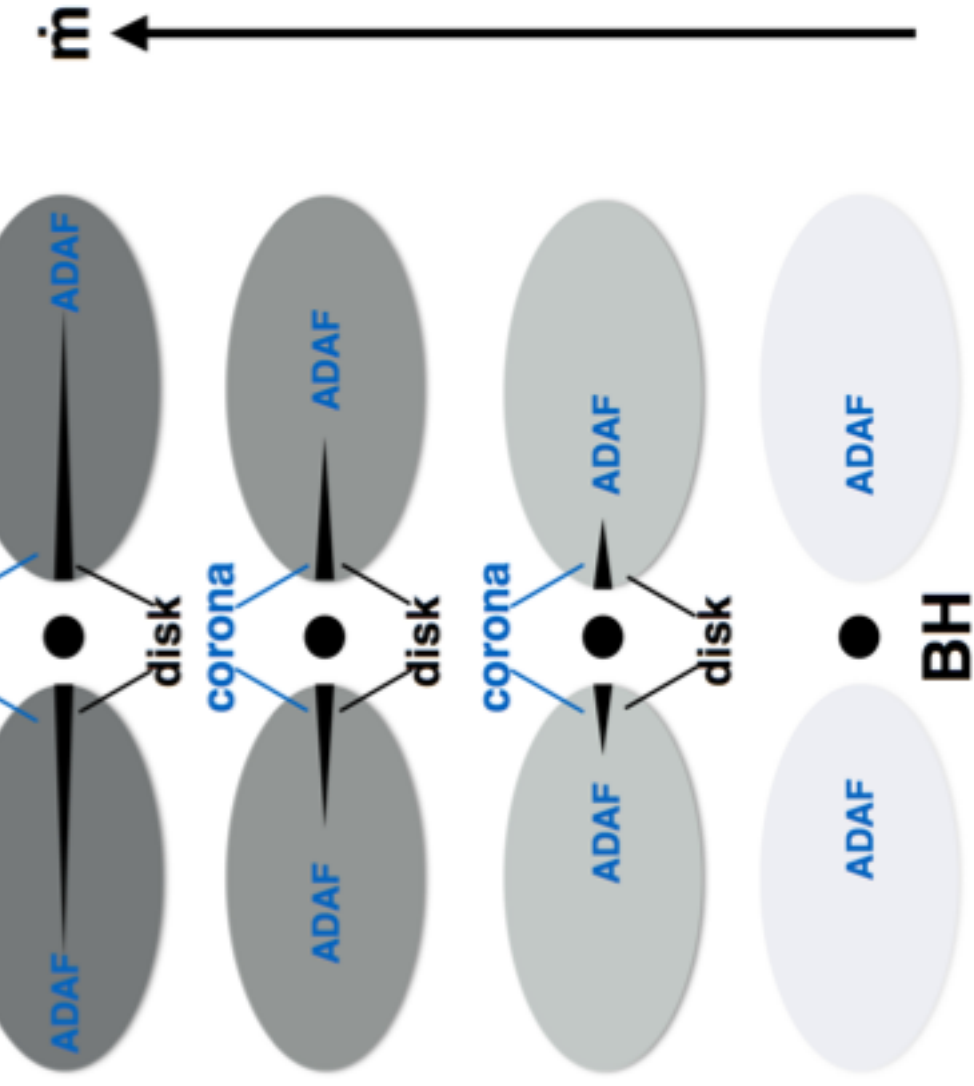
The distribution of accretion rate in **disk** and corona



From the spectra, we can get Γ

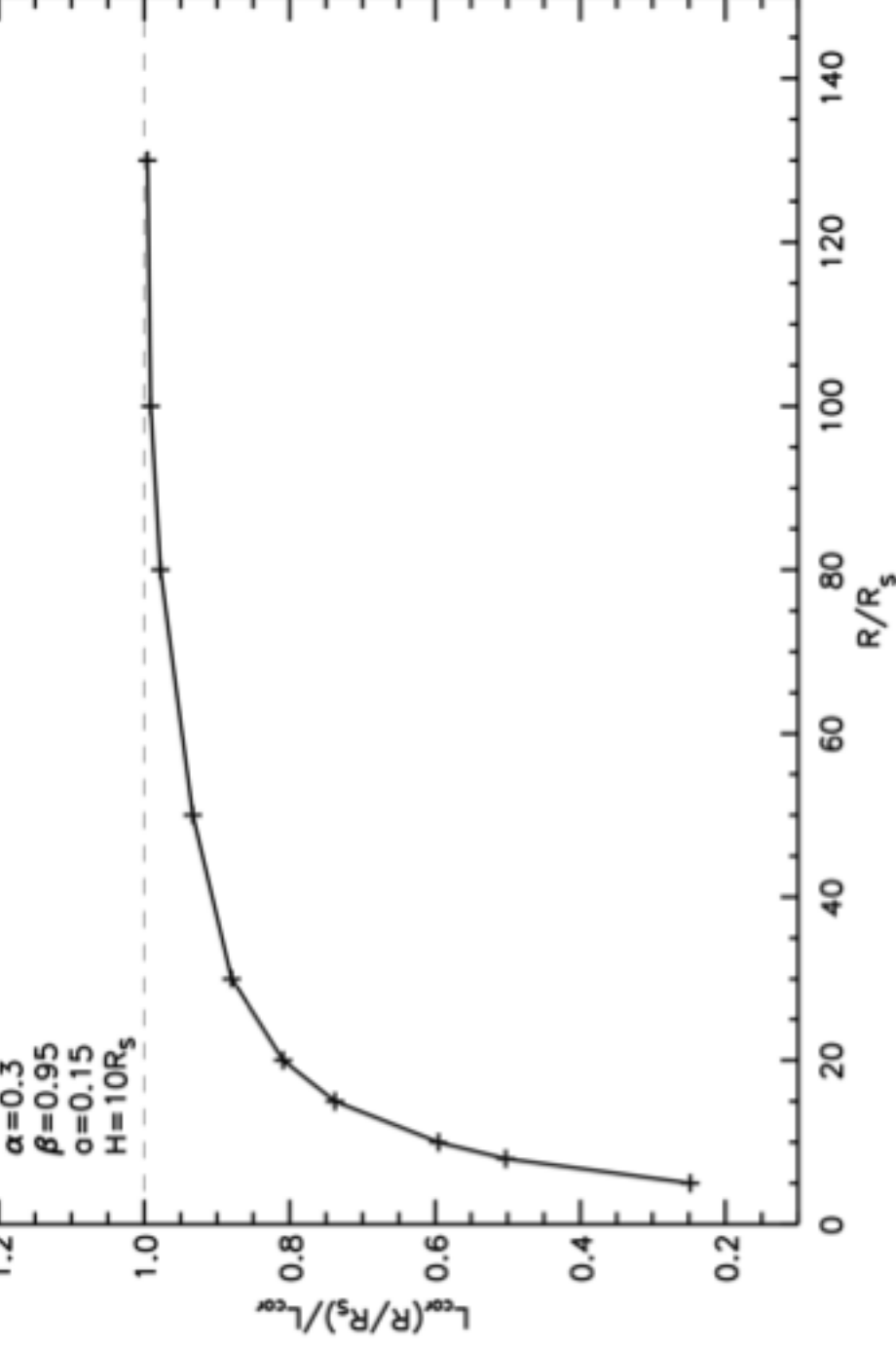


From the geometry, we can get R ($R = \Omega / 2\pi$)



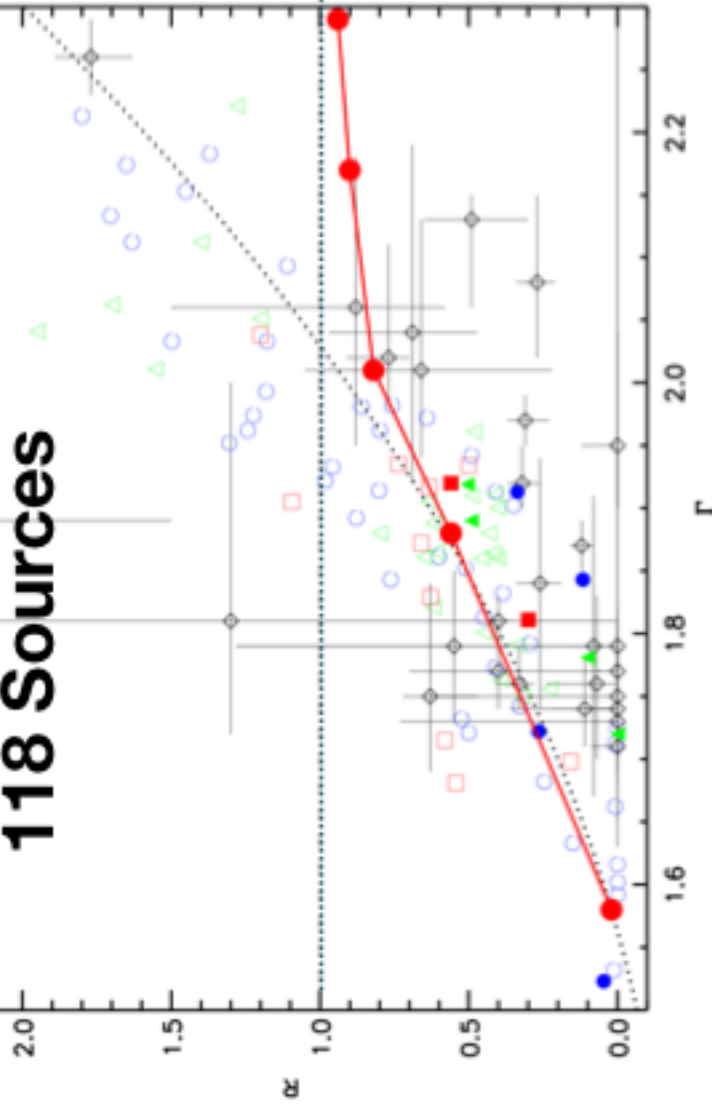
The corona is very compact!





- Comparing with observations:

118 Sources



Qiao & Liu 2017, MNRAS, 467, 898

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

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

Zdziarski et al. 2003

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

Lubinski et al. 2016

- **Red dots are theoretical results**

• Discussions

- The disk-spheroid model (Zdziarski et al. 1999); Plasma ejection model (Beloborodov 1999) for the Γ -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, Te, compactness, variability etc) to support our model (Fabian et al. 2015; Liu, Taam, Qiao & Yuan ApJ 2017 submitted)
- Applying our model to high mass X-ray binaries (wind accretion) ?

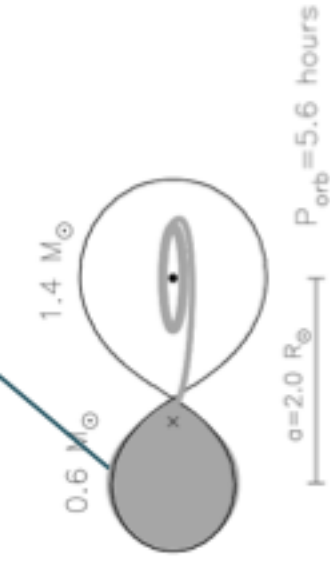
Cyg X-1, LMC X-1, LMC X-3

Roche lobe

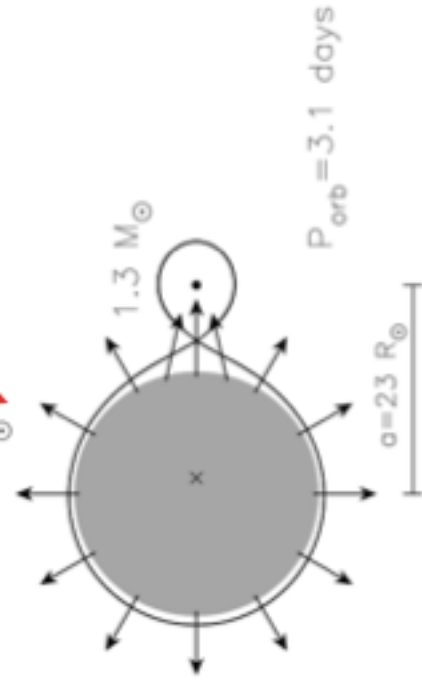
HMXB

16 M_⊙

LMXB



low mass X-ray binaries
via Roche lobe



high mass X-ray binaries
via stellar wind

Thanks !