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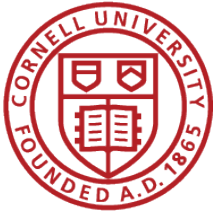
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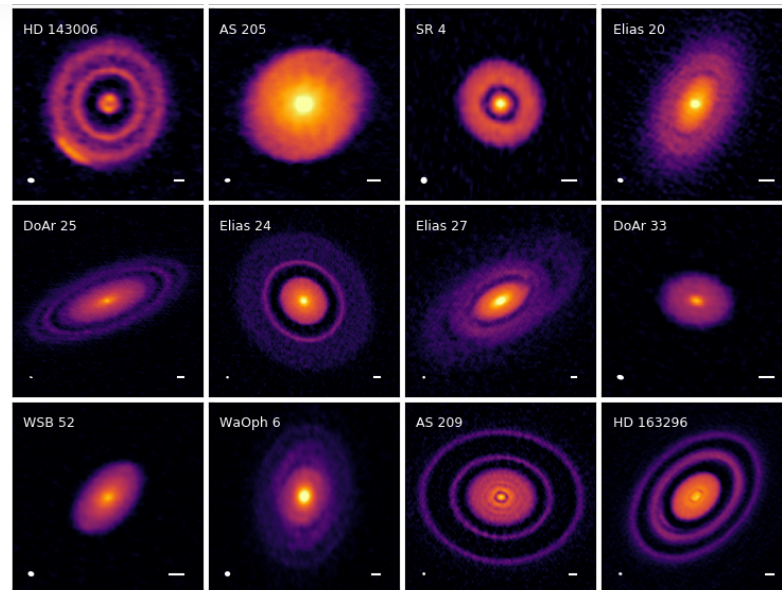
- Eccentric mode instability in protoplanetary disks
- Resonant excitation of planetary eccentricity by a dispersing eccentric disk
- Comparison to planet-planet scatterings

## Part I: eccentric mode instability (EMI) in protoplanetary disks

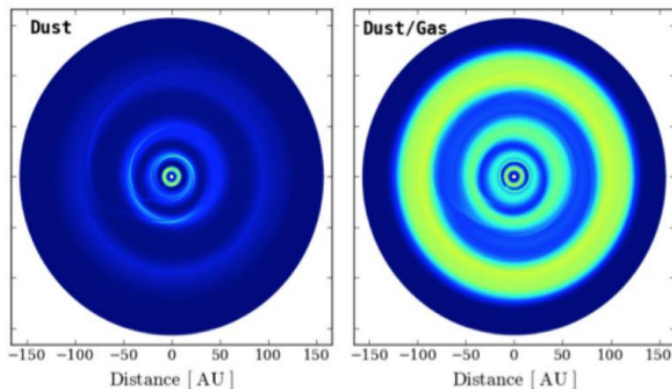
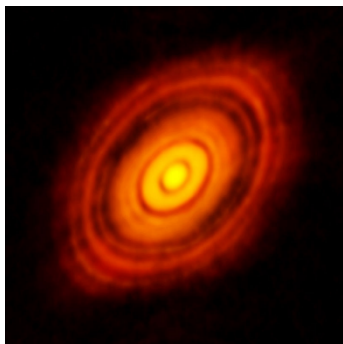
# Eccentric mode instability: background

Protoplanetary disks (PPDs):

- are the **birthplaces of planets**
- commonly exhibit **substructures** (e.g., **rings and gaps**, inner cavities, vortices, spirals)



a gallery of 1.25mm continuum image for disks in  
DSHARP sample  
([Andrews et al., 2018](#))



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Bottom: simulation ([Jin+ 2016 @ LANL](#))

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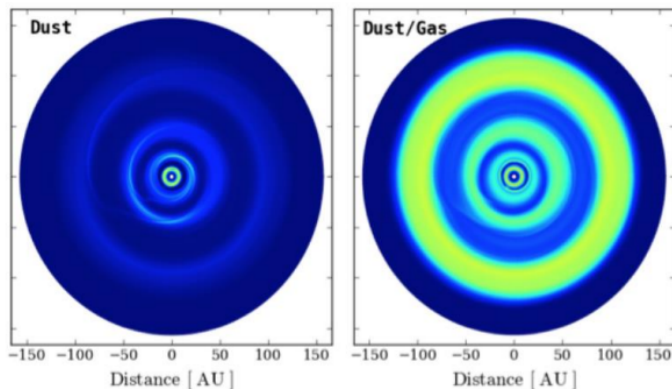
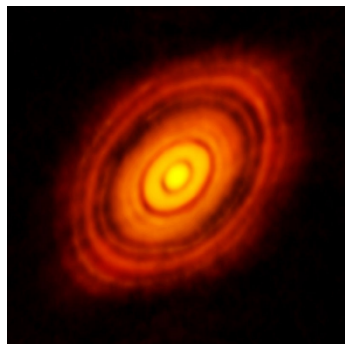
## Conventional wisdom: planets

Mechanism:

- Planets orbiting around the star while being **embedded** in the disk.
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Issues:

- Disk rings have very **large radii**.
- Rings are found in **young disks**, too.



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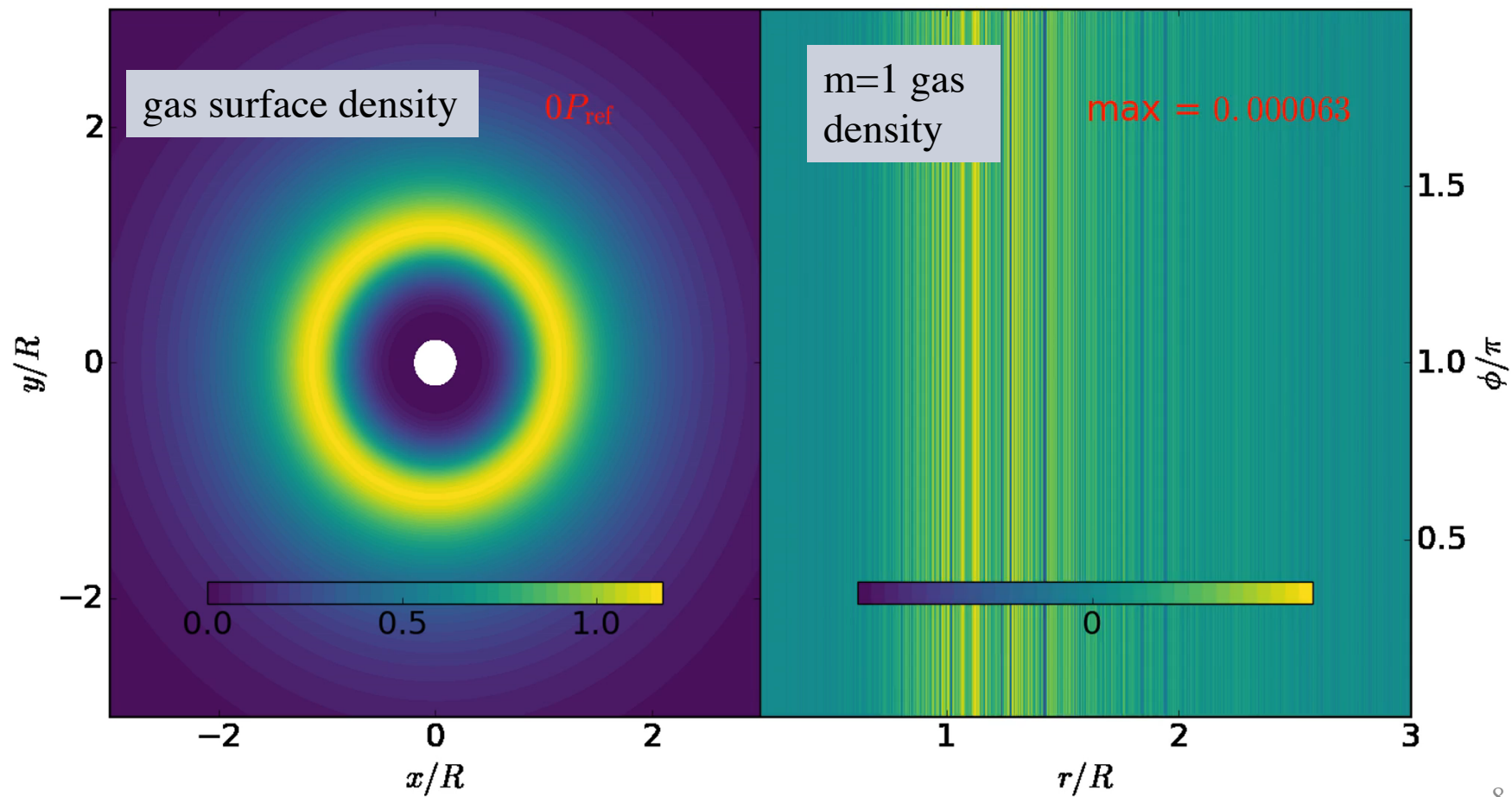
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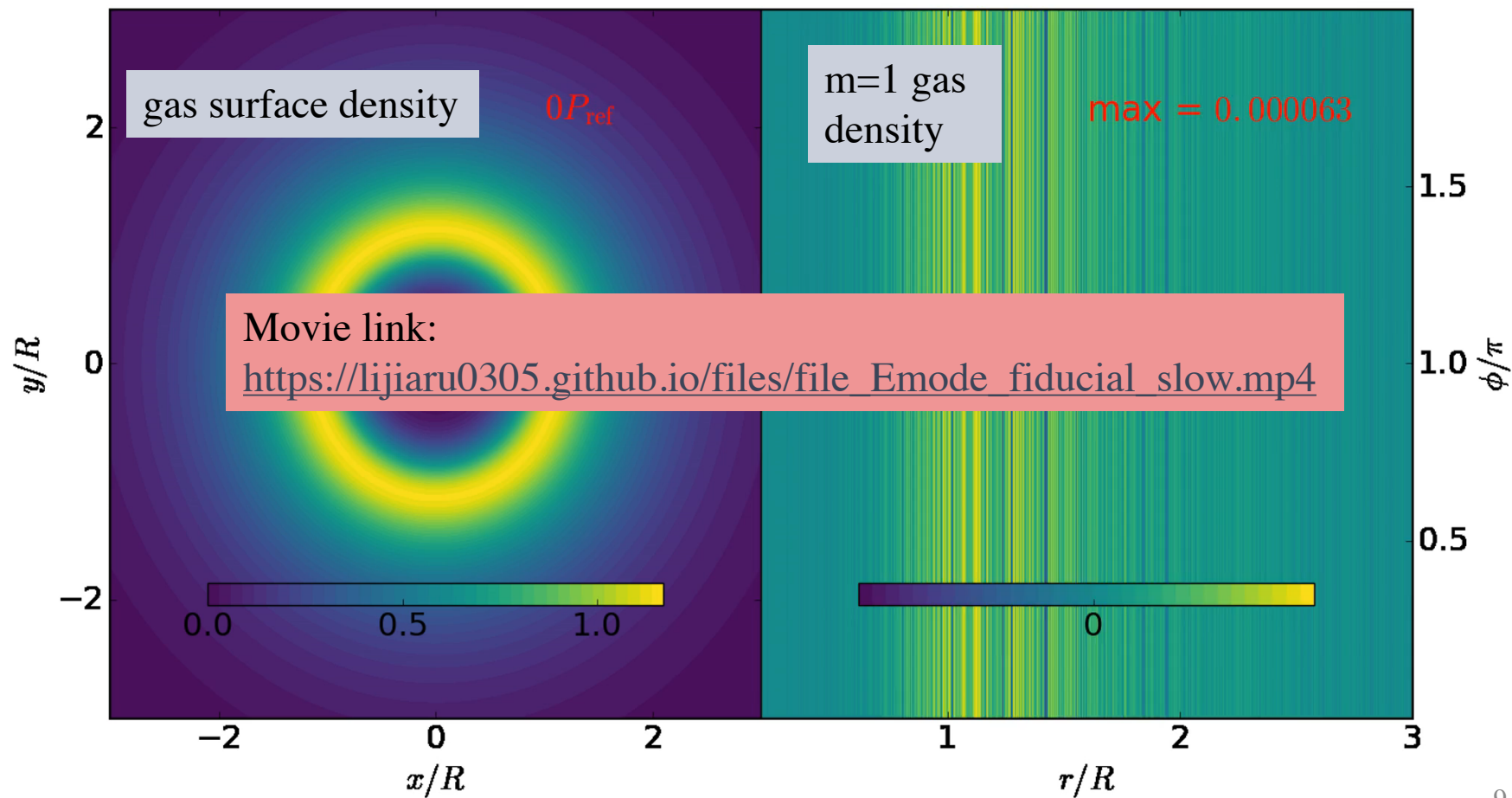
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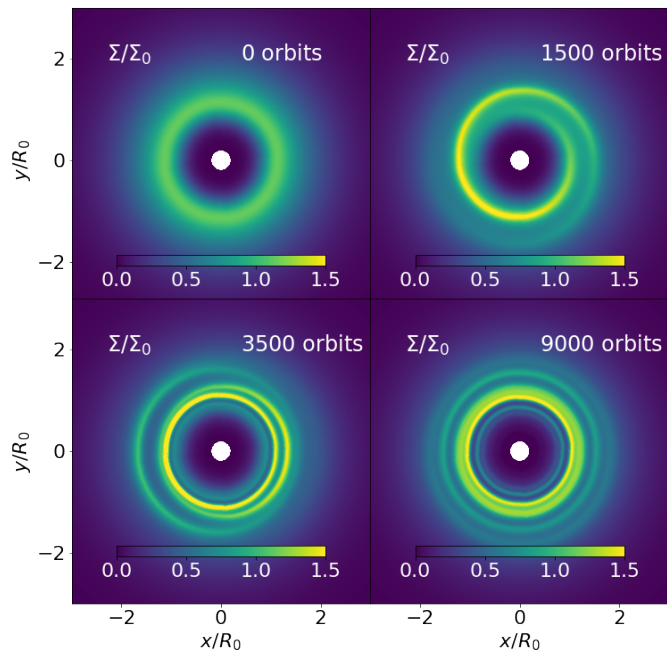
We show that an **eccentric mode instability (EMI)** can generate these **rings** without the help of planets



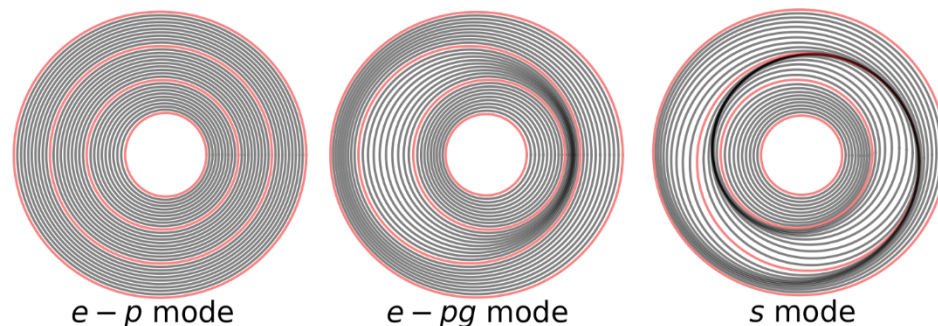




# A new mechanism: eccentric mode instability (EMI)



Ring and gap formations driven by the eccentric mode instability. ([Li+ 2021](#))



**Disk eccentric modes:** the complex eccentricity profiles that evolve coherently across their host disks.

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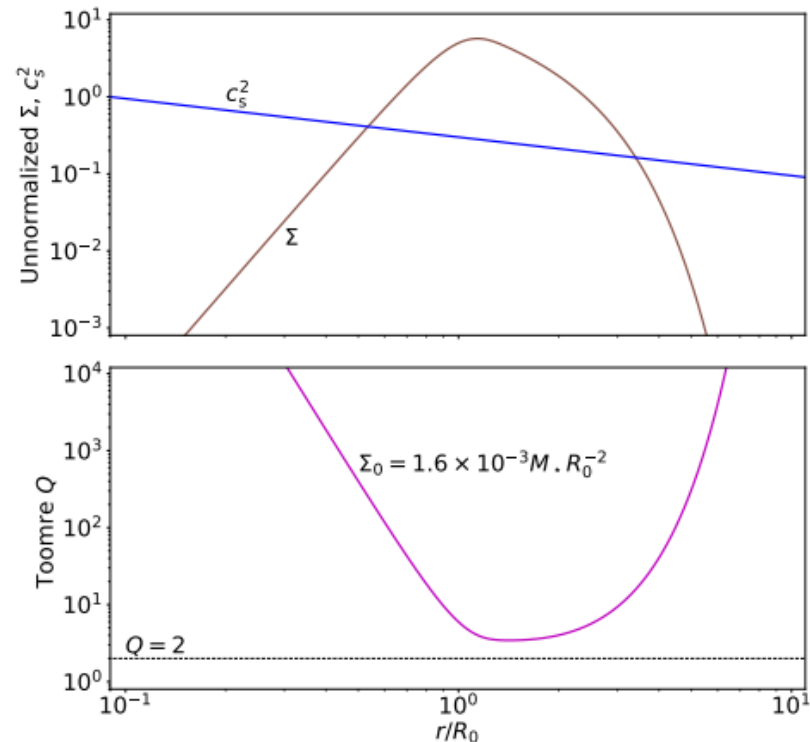
- Initial density:

$$\Sigma(r) = 2.03\Sigma_0 \underbrace{\left(1 - e^{-(r/R_0)^6}\right)}_{\text{inner hole}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{R_0}{r}\right)}_{\text{power-law}} \underbrace{e^{-(r/(2R_0))^2}}_{\text{outer taper}}$$

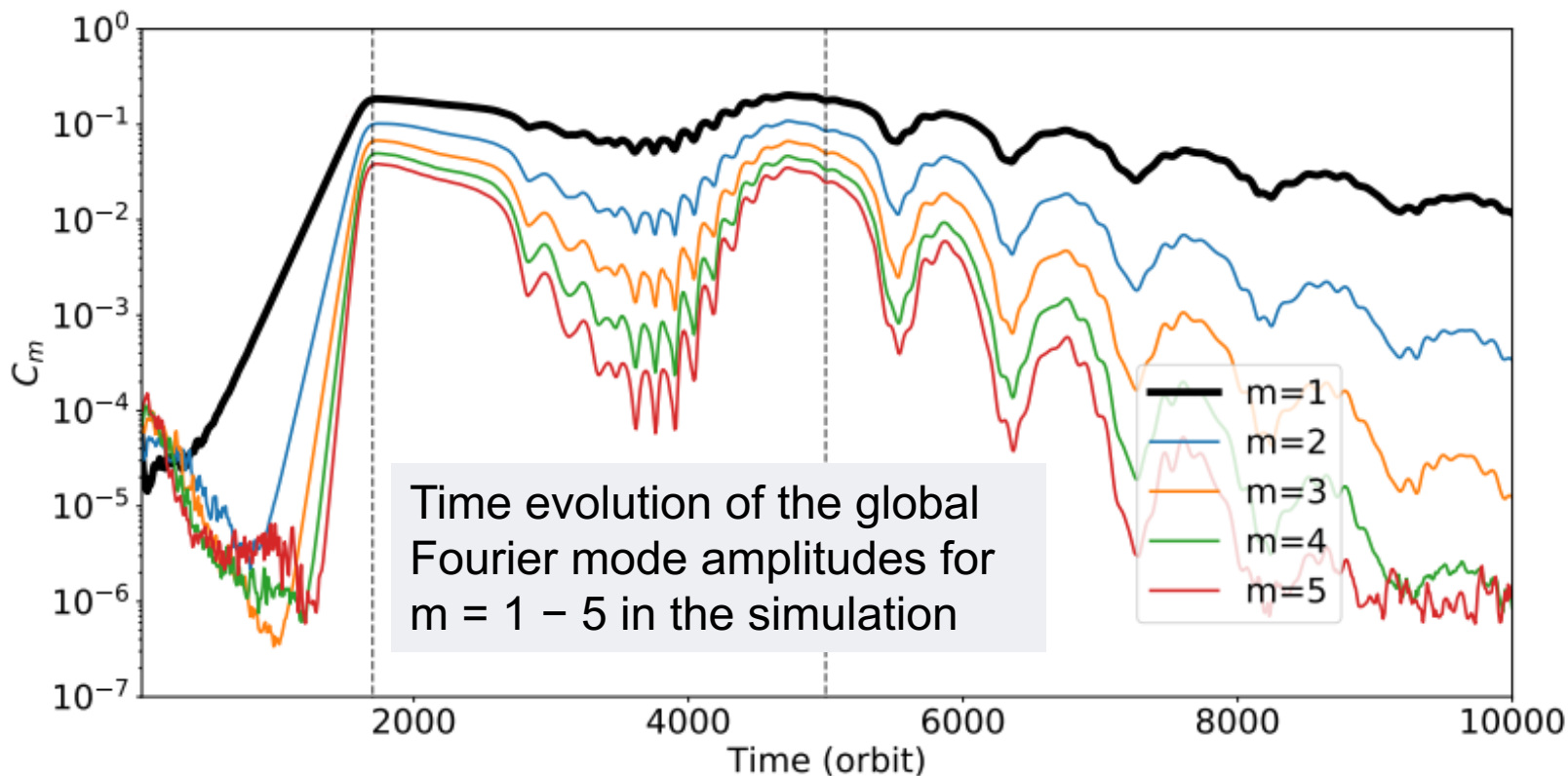
- Temperature:

$$c_s^2(r) = \gamma(k_b/\mu)T = c_0^2(r/R_0)^{-1/2}$$

with  $\gamma=1.5$ ,  $c_0=0.03$ , and a cooling rate  $\beta=1e-6$ .



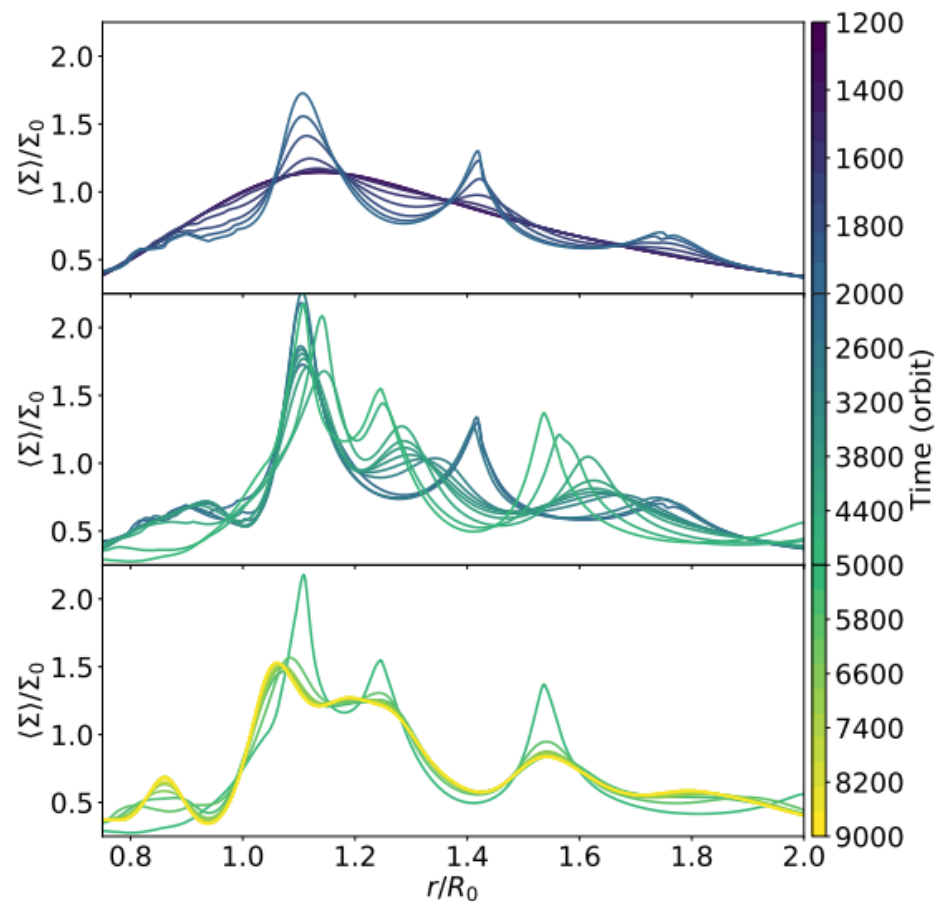
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Time evolution of the azimuthally averaged density profile:

- Multiple rings are formed during the EMI exponential growth stage (top panel).
- The follow-up evolution relax the position and amplitude of the rings (middle and lower panel).



# Linear theory: disk eccentricities and modes

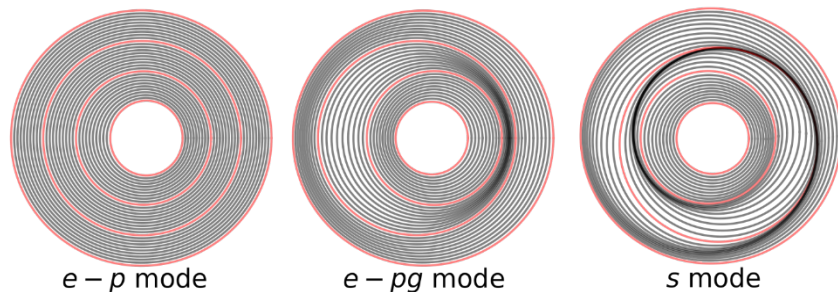
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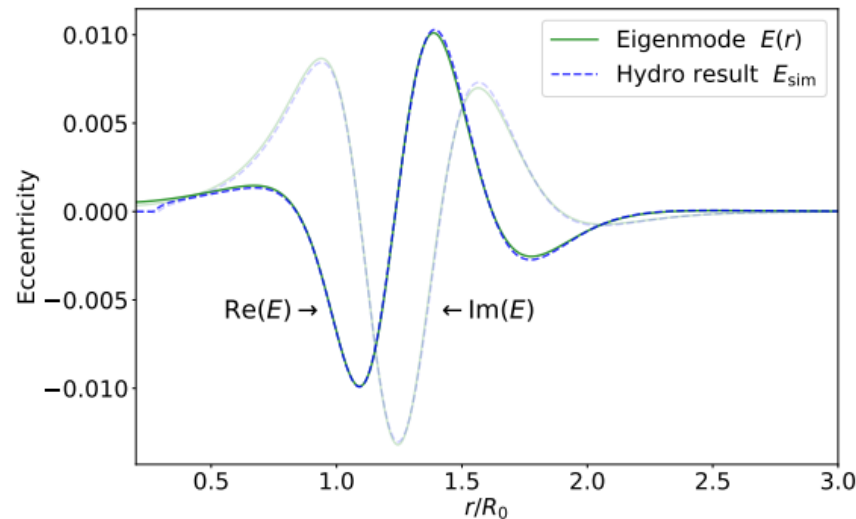
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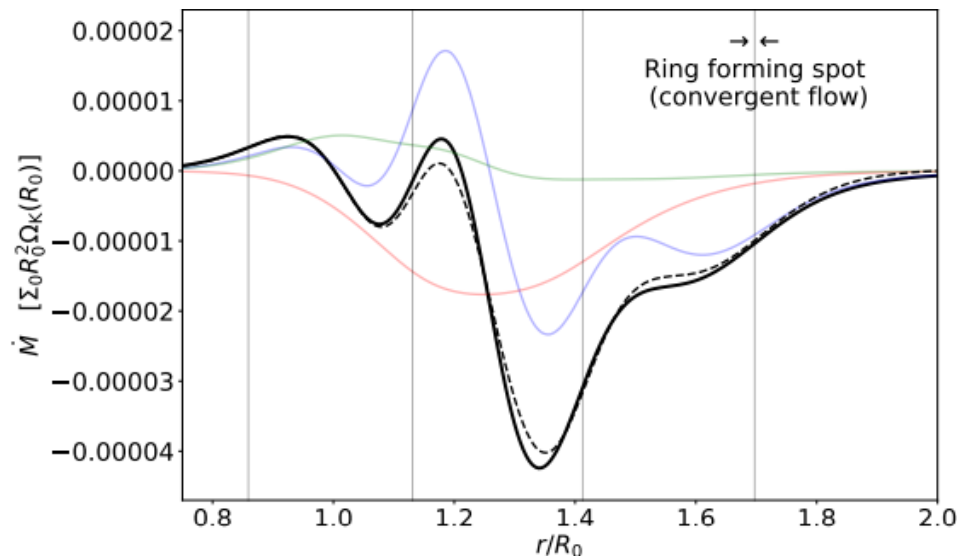
disk eccentric modes ([Lee+2019](#)):

- e-p mode: real and monotonic
- e-pg mode: real
- s mode: complex (cause EMI)



The linear mode matches the simulation result precisely.

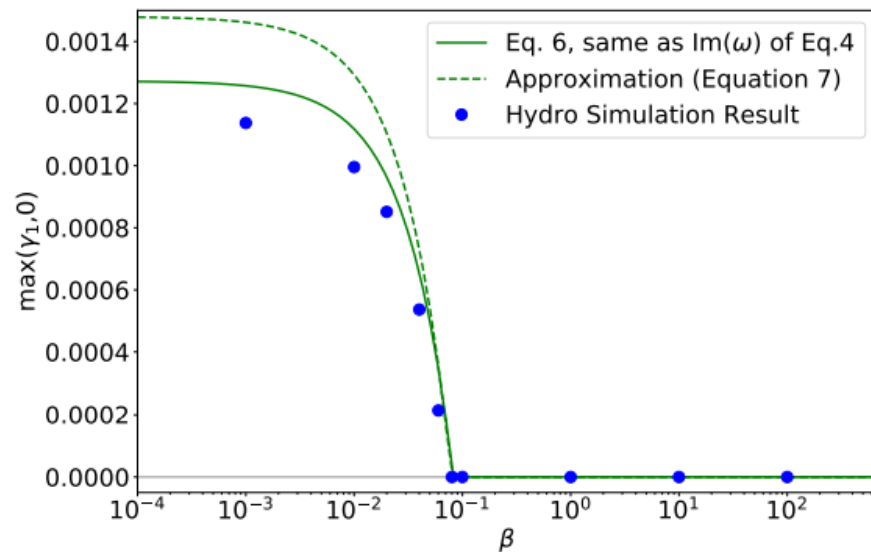
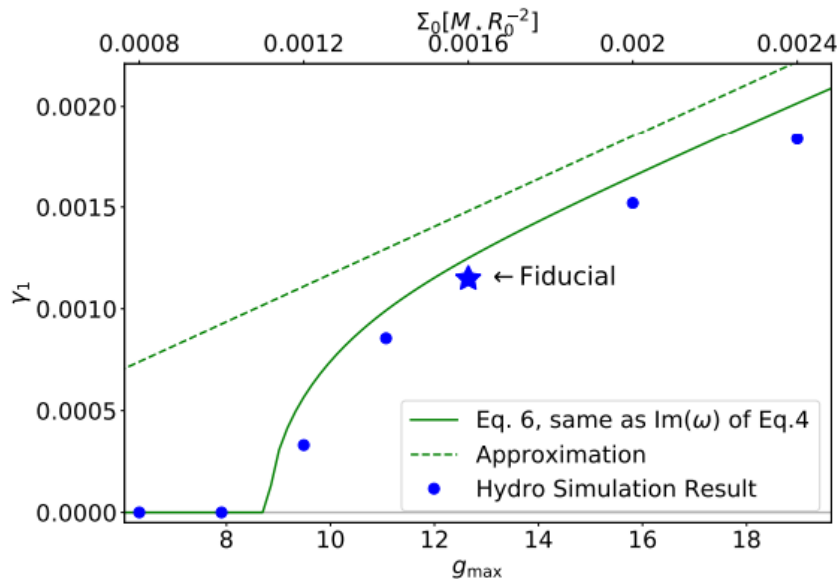
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We can also use first order non-linear coupling to predict the location of the rings (black solid: theory, black dashed: simulation)

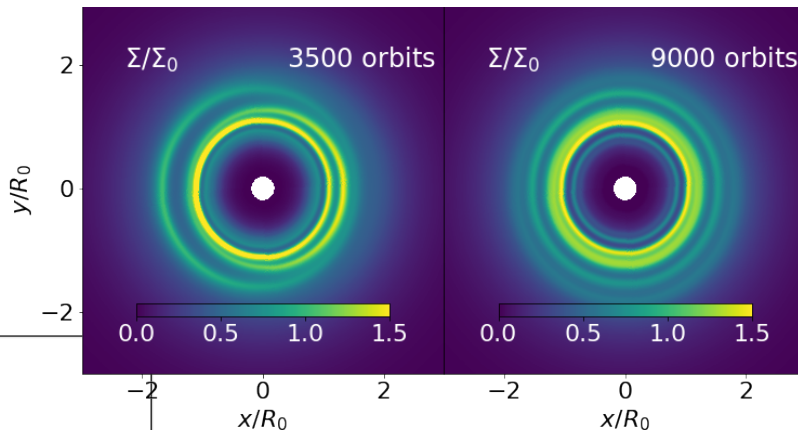
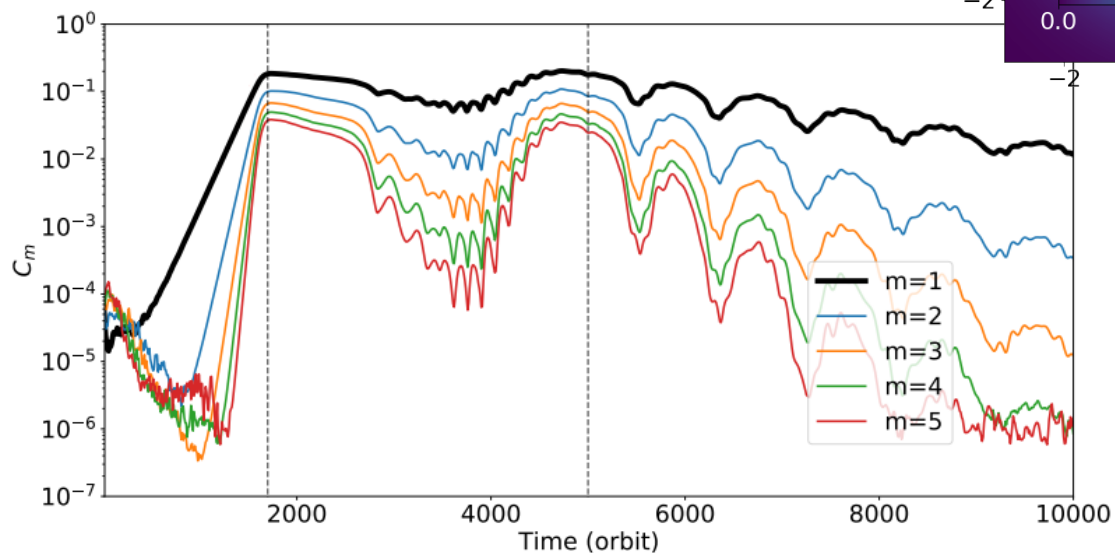


# Predict the growth rate of EMI



Two conditions for EMI: - strong disk self-gravity - fast gas cooling

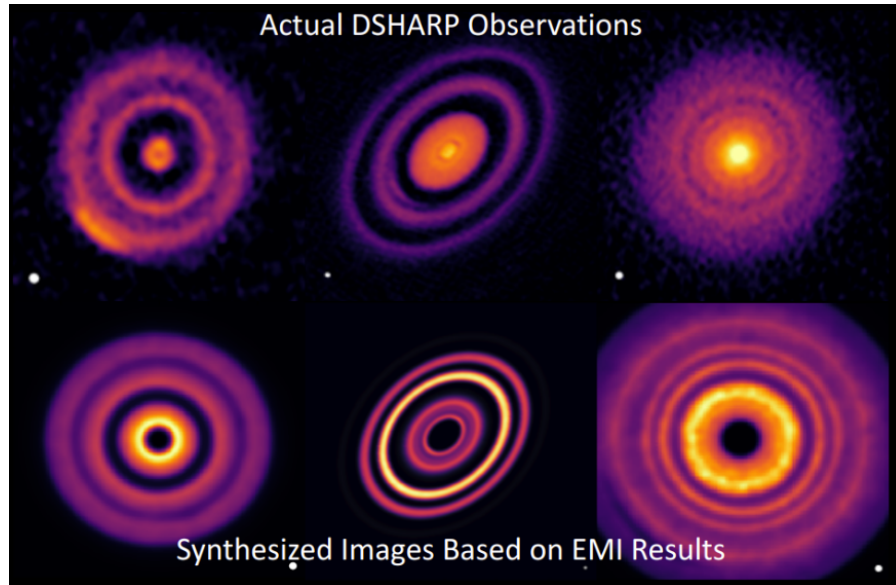
# Final disk morphology



Long-term evolution steps:

1. EMI (s mode) saturates.
2. Disk maintains its eccentricity in a long-lived e mode.
3. If there is damping, rings become circular.

# EMI rings vs DSHARP rings



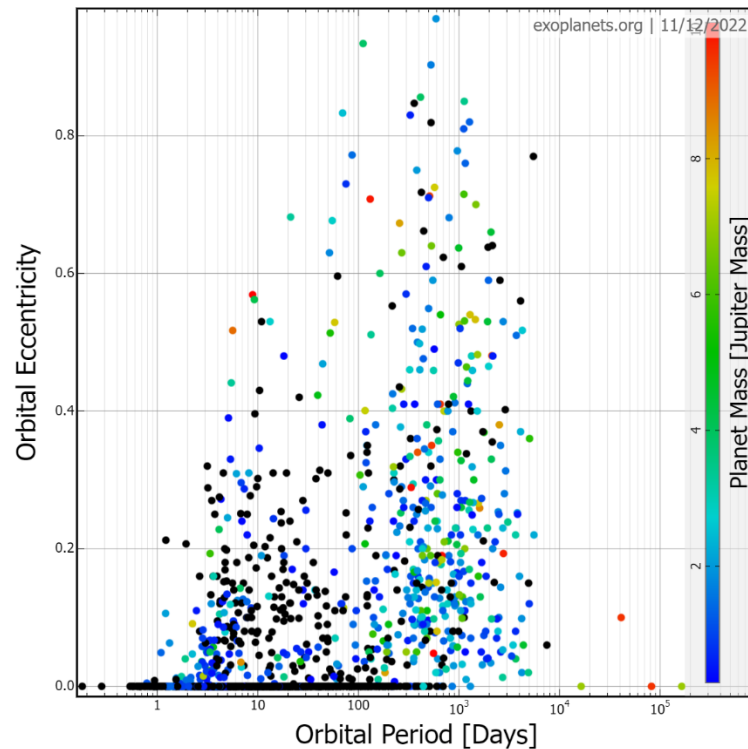
- Start with a ringless density profile.
- Evolve the disks with hydro simulations
- **Add dust** at different stages and continue evolving with the hydro code.
- Run the **Monte-Carlo radiative transfer simulation RADMC-3D** to get **synthetic images**.

## Part II: resonant excitation of planetary eccentricity by a dispersing eccentric disk

# Orbital eccentricity of exoplanet

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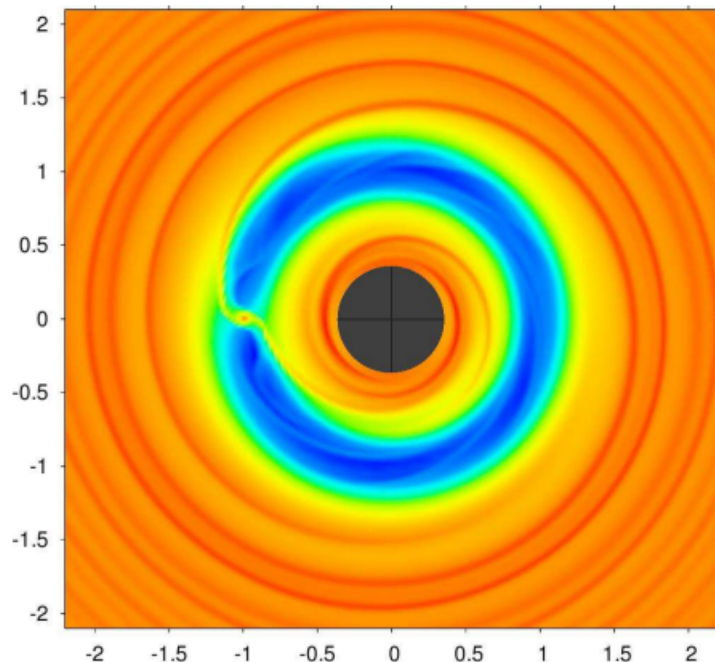
- Planet-planet scatterings
- Secular interactions with exterior companions
- Planet-disk interactions



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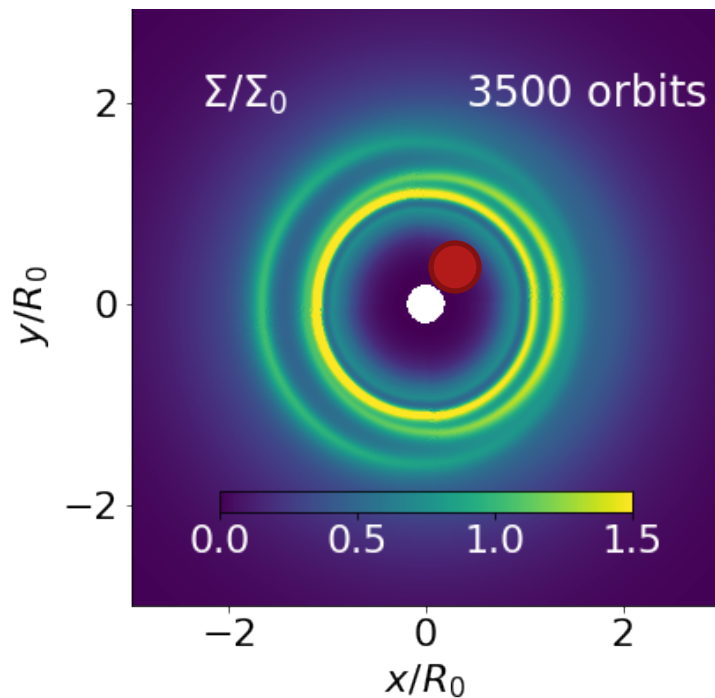
Possible origin:

- Planet-disk interactions
  - High mass planets: Lindblad torques (e.g., *Teyssandier & Ogilvie 2017*, *Ragusa et al. 2018*)
  - Low mass planets: thermal back-reactions (e.g., *Eklund & Masset 2017*, *Velasco Romero et al. 2022*)
  - However, in both cases,  $e_p < 0.1$



a disk and an embedded planet  
(*Kley & Dirksen, 2006*)

# Our new mechanism..



- Planet inside the inner cavity of the disk.
- Disk has a small initial eccentricity. (In some hydro simulations, the disk eccentricity is not damped.)
- The disk loses mass with time.

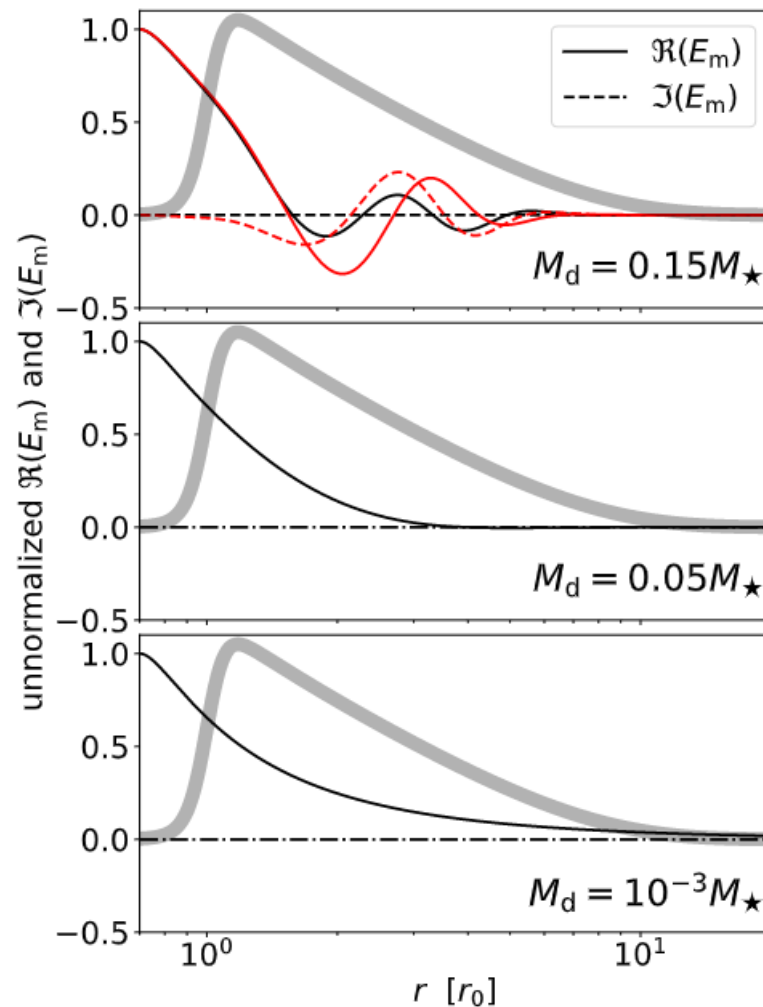
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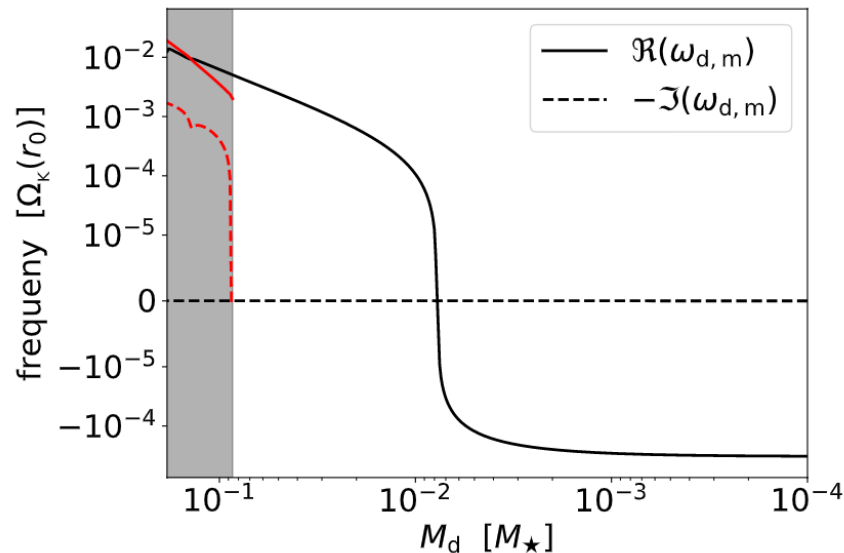
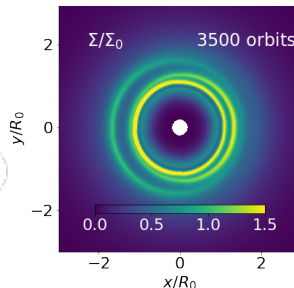
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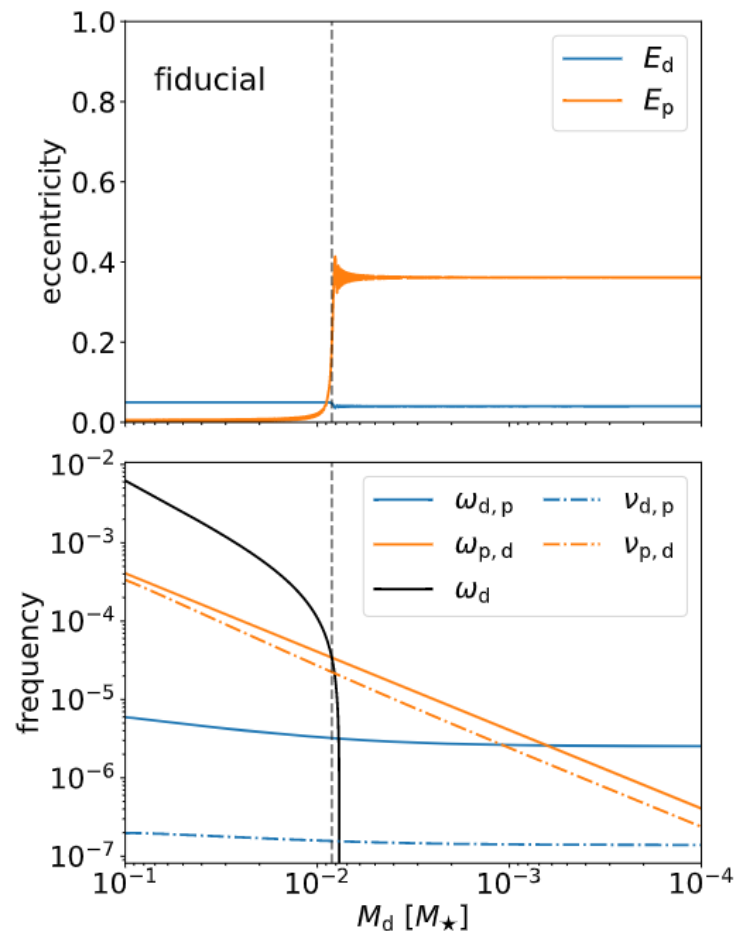
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$$a_p = 0.2r_0, \quad M_p = 3 \times 10^{-4} M_\odot$$

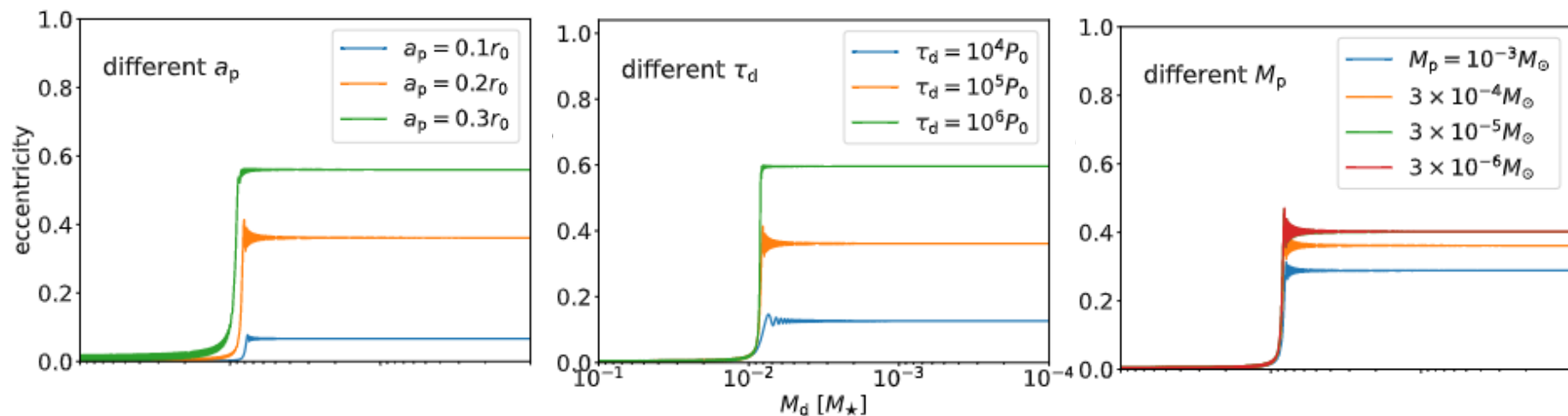
- Disk

$$M_d(t) = \frac{M_{d,0}}{1 + t/\tau_d}, \quad \tau_d = 10^5 P_0$$

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# Numerical examples: parameter study





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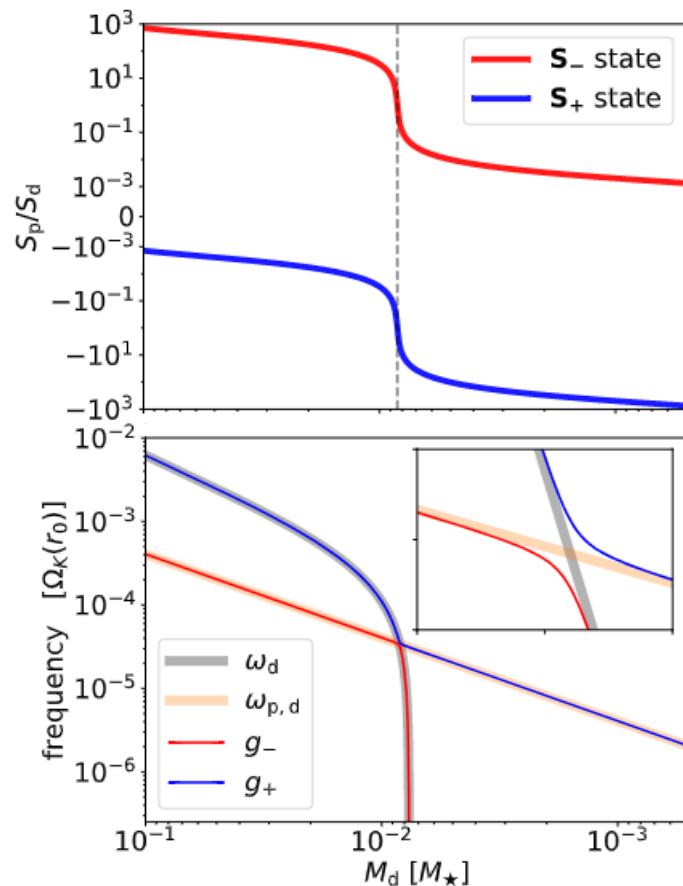
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- We can find their eigenstates:

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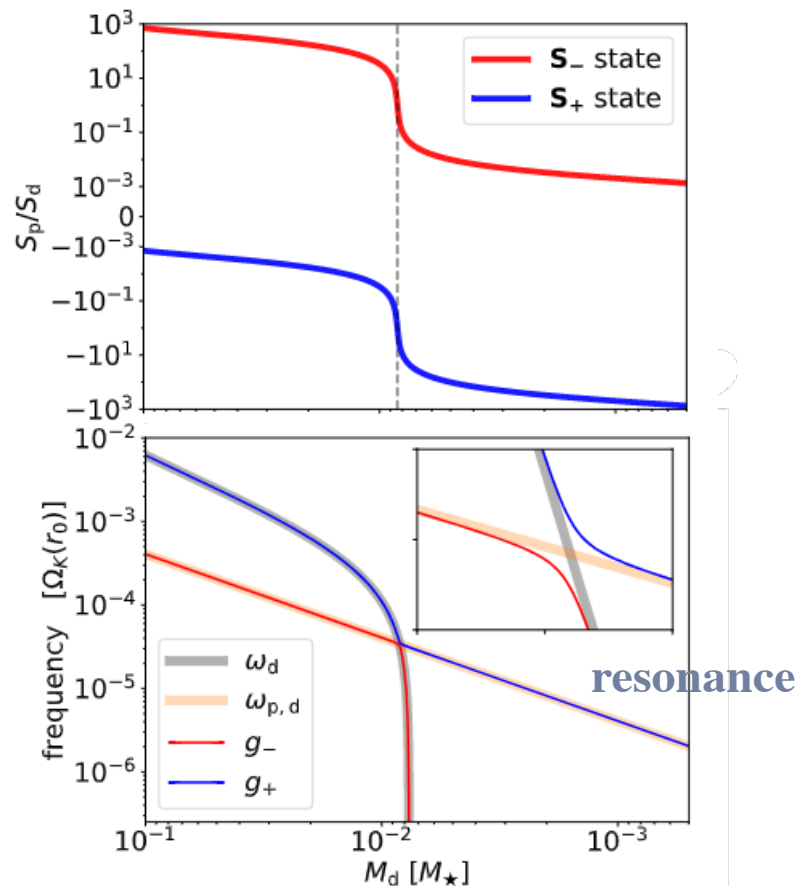
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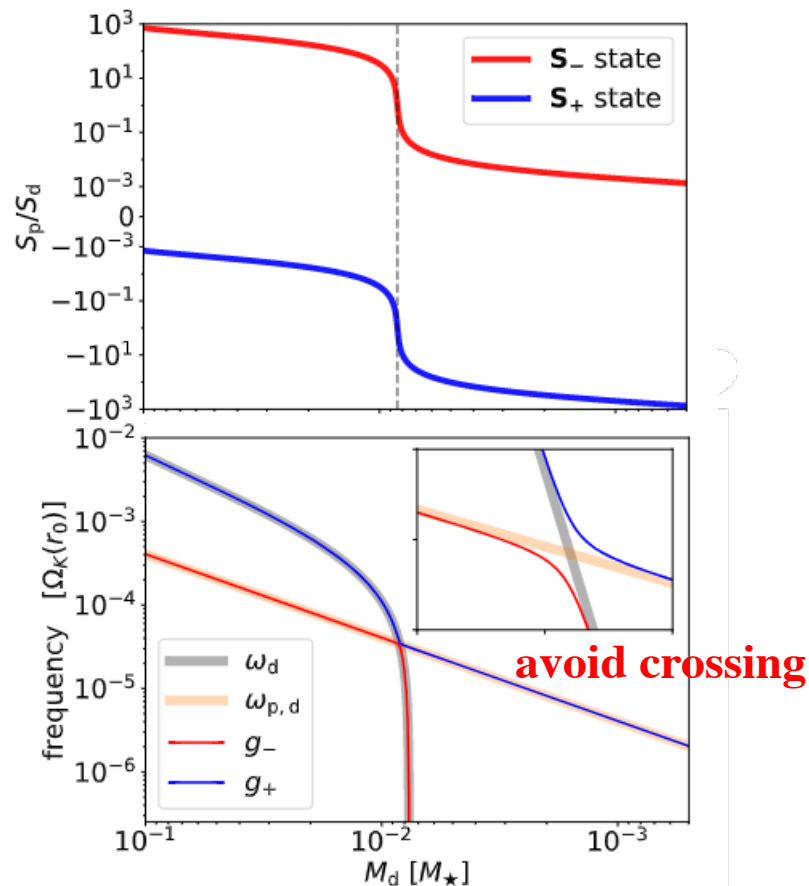
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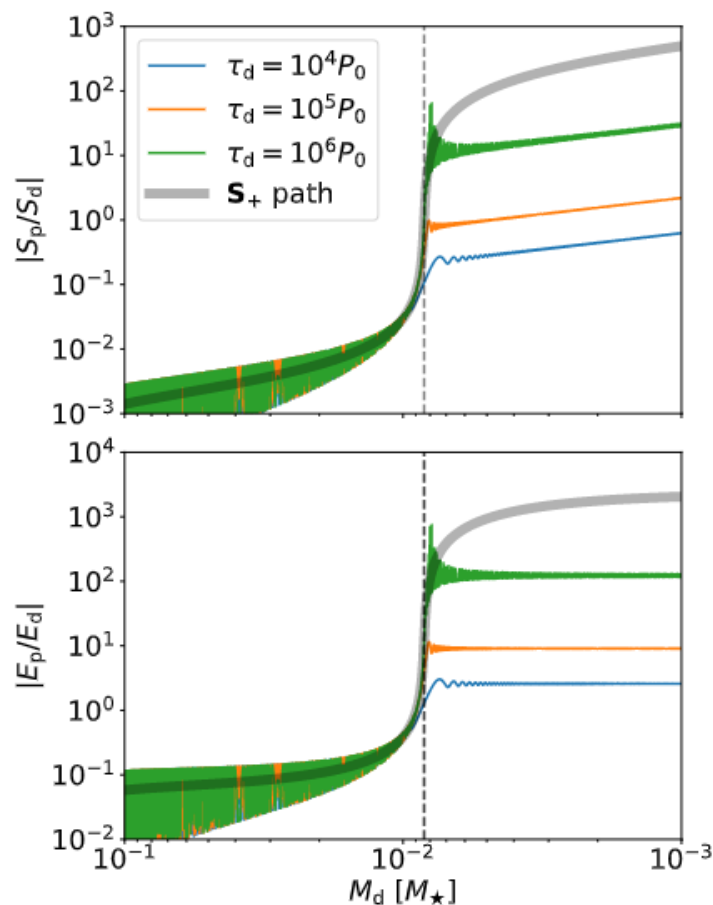
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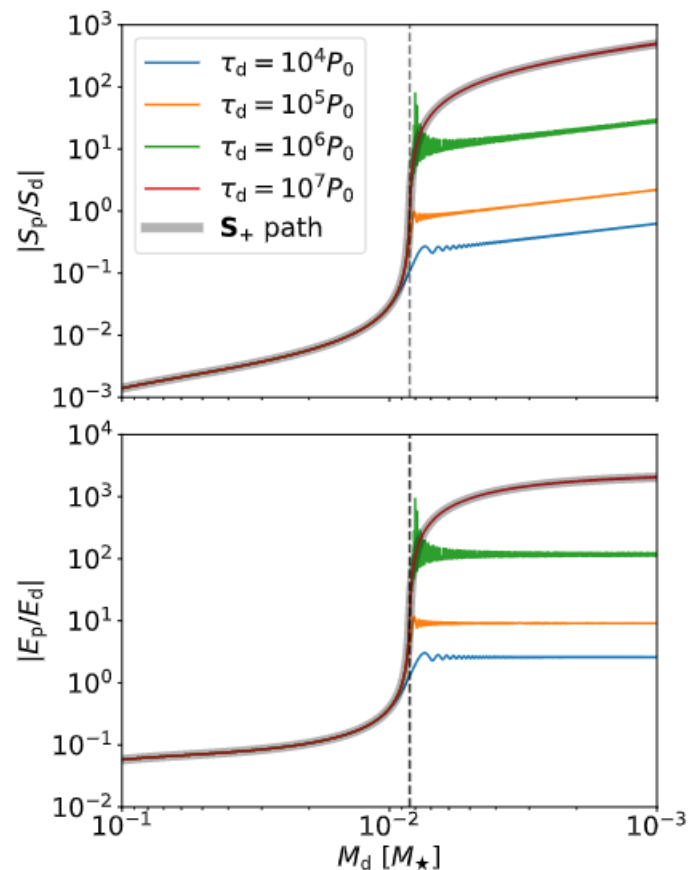
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- The time integrations start nearly in the  $S_+$  state.
- If the disk loses mass with time slowly, the eigenstate also evolves slowly.
- By adiabatic theorem, the eccentricities of the planet and the disk evolves accordingly to remain in the eigenstate.
- The eigenstate path naturally guide the system to a high-planet-eccentricity configuration.



# Analysis

- We can also start exactly on the eigen-path and try larger disk dispersal timescale...



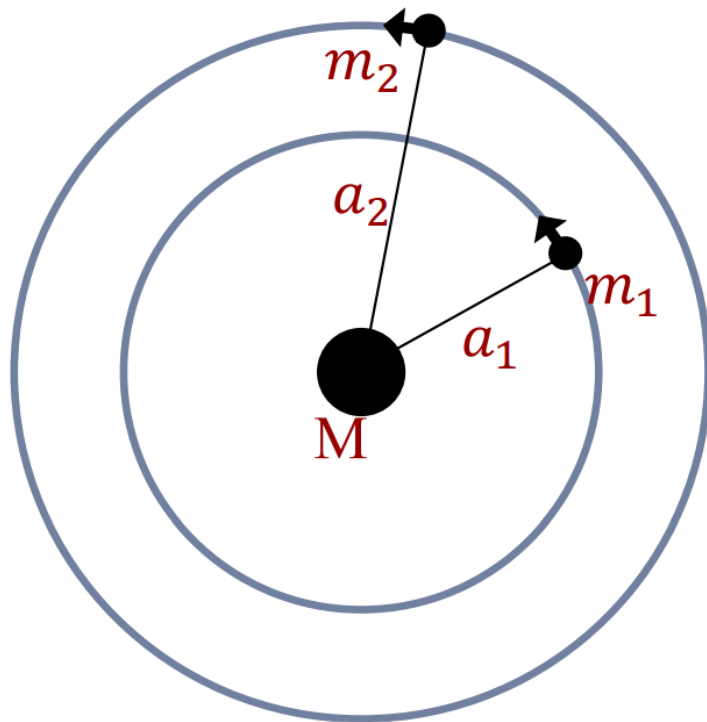
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- EMI allows massive disks to rapidly becomes eccentric.
- The long-term outcome of EMI is a disk with either multiple rings or long-lived eccentricity.
- A disk gradually loses mass while preserving a long-lived, precessing eccentricity can excite the eccentricity of a planet (up to 0.6).
- The resonant excitation of planetary eccentricity can be explained by an eigenmode analysis.

## Part III: planet-planet scatterings (bonus)

# Dynamical instability in planetary systems

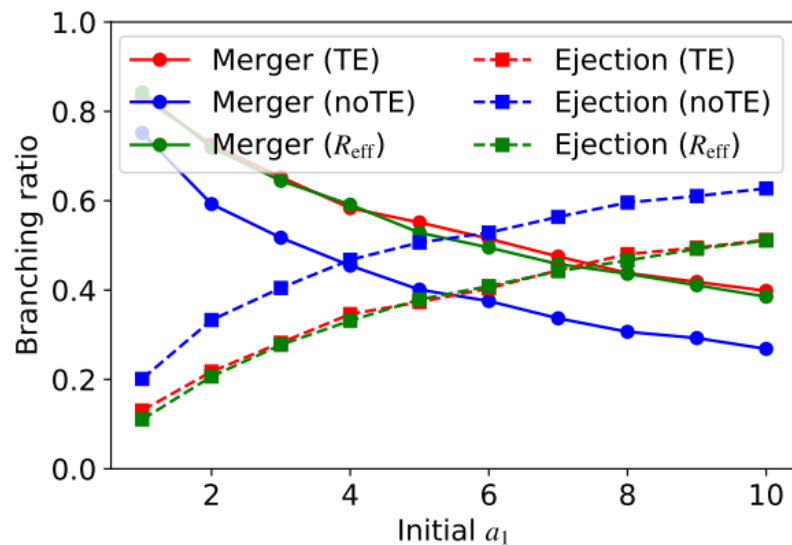
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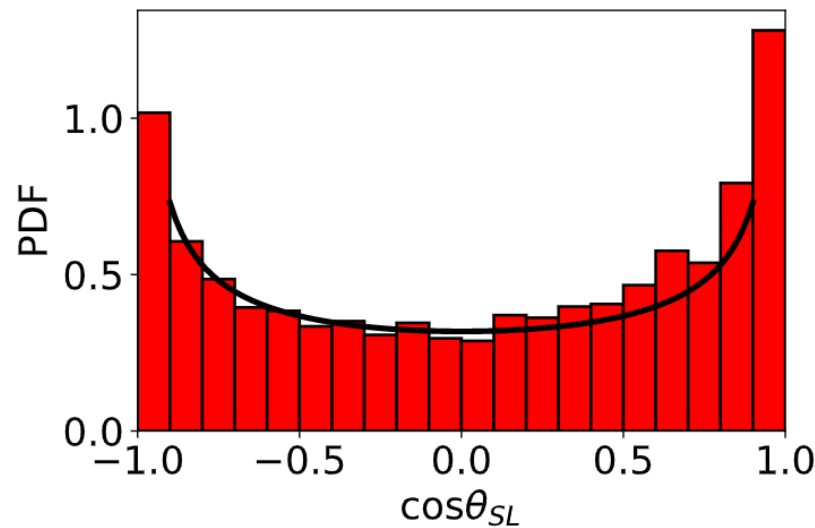
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(*Li & Lai 2020*)