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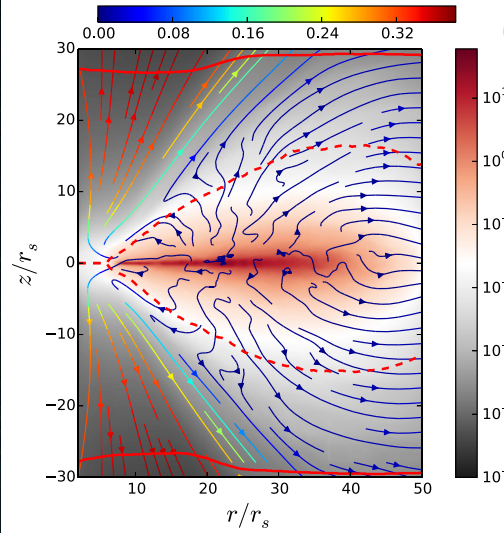
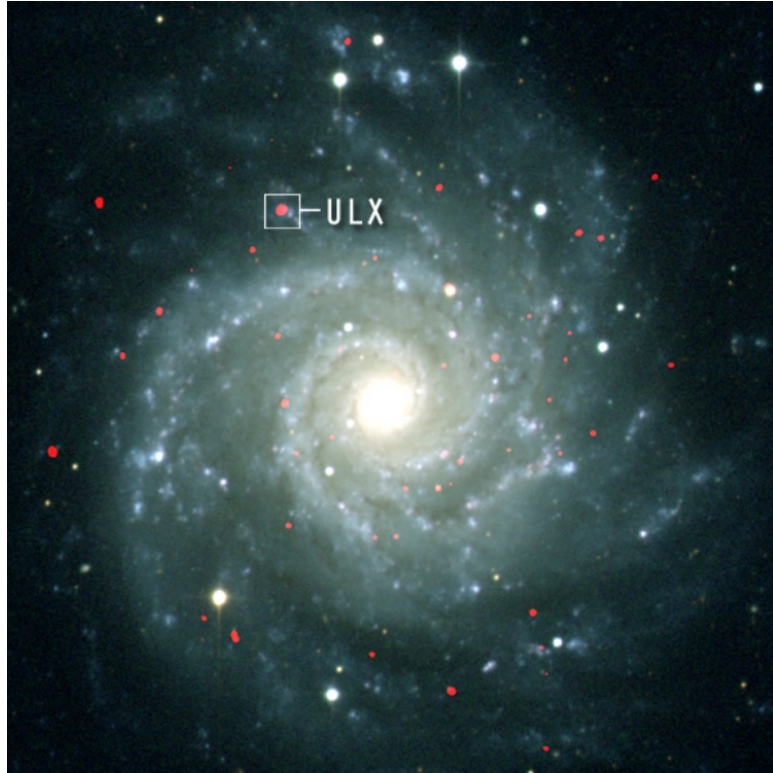


# Supercritical Accretion onto Compact Objects and Massive Disk Winds

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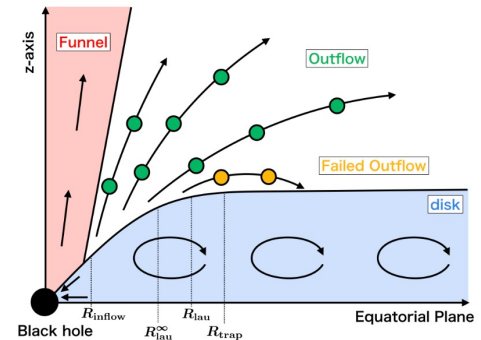
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# ULXs and supercritical accretion



(Jiang et al. 2014)

(Kitaki et al. 2021)



# Supercritical accretion

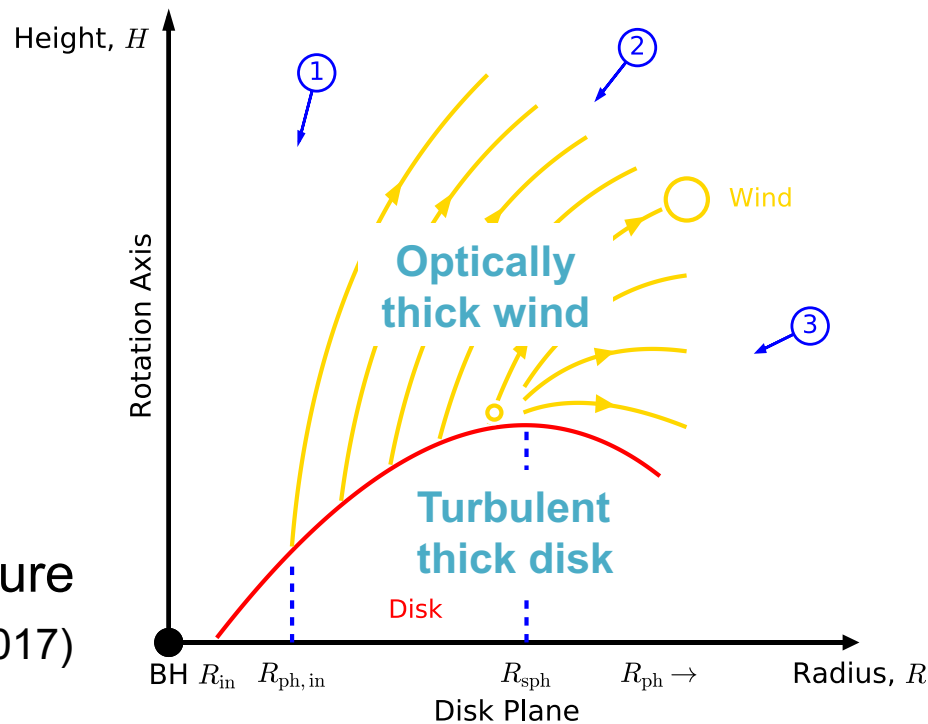
Disk spherization and winds (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973)

$$r_{\text{sp}} \approx \frac{9}{4} \dot{m} \quad (7.1)$$

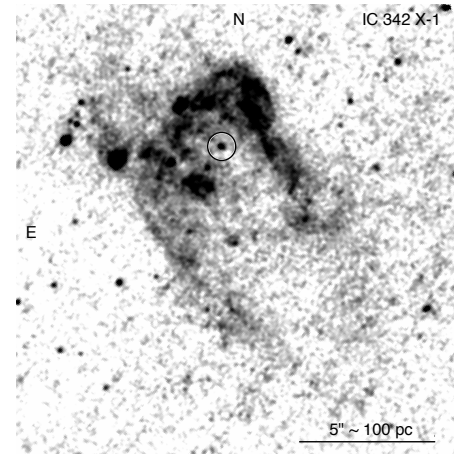
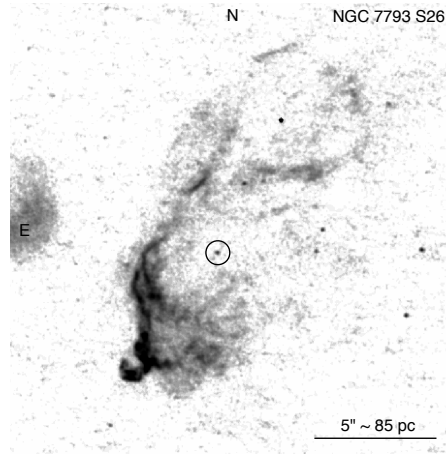
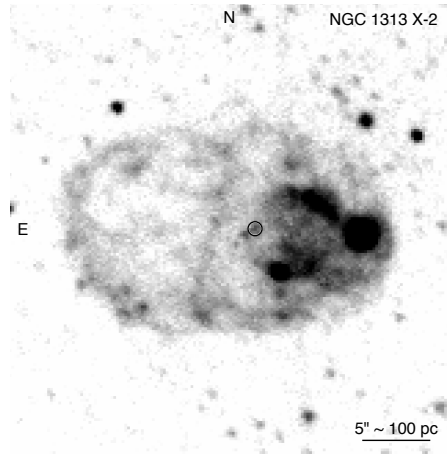
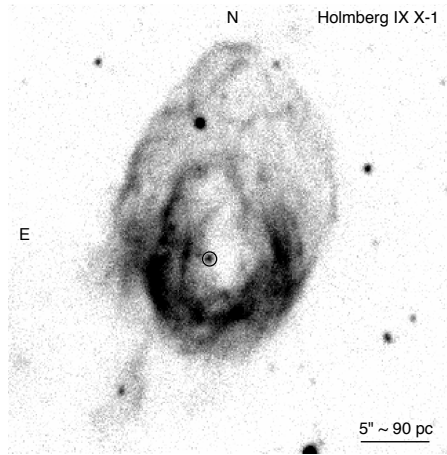
Massive, optically thick winds

(King+2003, Poutanen+2007, Shen+2016)

A standard picture  
(Kaaret, Feng, Roberts 2017)



# Wind interaction with environment



## Shock-ionized bubble nebulae surrounding ULXs

(Pakull & Mirioni 2002, 2003; Pakull et al. 2006; Pakull & Grisé 2008; Ramsey et al. 2006; Abolmasov et al. 2007; Abolmasov & Moiseev 2008; Russell et al. 2011; Cseh et al. 2012; Urquhart et al. 2018; Soria et al. 2021; Gúrpide et al. 2022; Zhou et al. 2022; Guo et al. 2023).

# Targets with VLT MUSE

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NGC 1313 X-2

A canonical ULX with a typical bubble nebula

(Zhou, Bian, Feng, et al. 2022, ApJ, 935, 38)

NGC 247 ULX-1

A supersoft/soft ULX

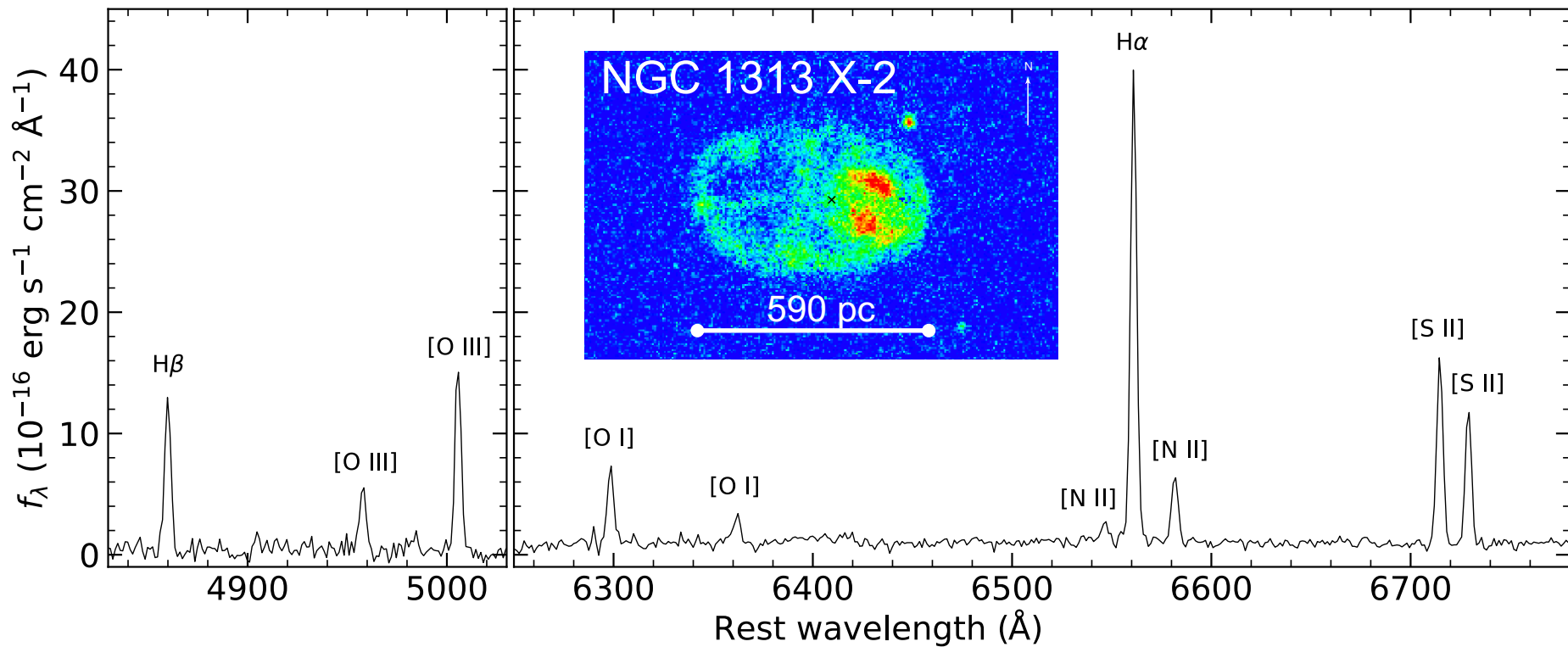
(Zhou, Feng, Bian, 2023, ApJ, 947, 52)

NGC 55 ULX-1

A supersoft/soft ULX

(Zhou, Feng, Bian 2023, ApJ, 955, 61)

# A typical bubble nebula



# Ultraluminous mechanical output

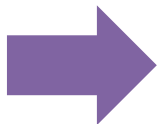
- Comparison with MAPPINGS V simulations

- An additional photoionization component

**Table 3**  
Observed and Simulated Line Flux Ratios

Line Flux Ratio	Observed	Model A	Model B
[O III] $\lambda 5007/\text{H}\beta$	$1.269 \pm 0.079$	0.004	1.092
[O I] $\lambda 6300/\text{H}\alpha$	$0.171 \pm 0.005$	0.018	0.201
$\text{H}\alpha/\text{H}\beta$	$2.868 \pm 0.138^a$	3.395	2.955
[N II] $\lambda 6583/\text{H}\alpha$	$0.154 \pm 0.004$	0.071	0.378
[S II] $\lambda 6716/\text{H}\alpha$	$0.400 \pm 0.009$	0.106	0.418

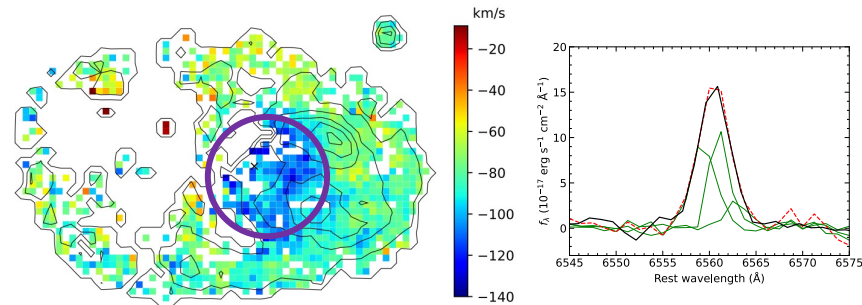
$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_B &\approx 0.76 t^{\frac{3}{5}} \left( \frac{P}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}, \\ t &= \frac{3R_B}{5v_s}, \\ v_s &\approx 0.38 \left( \frac{P}{R_B^2 \rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \end{aligned} \right\}$$



$$t \approx 2.1 \text{ Myr},$$

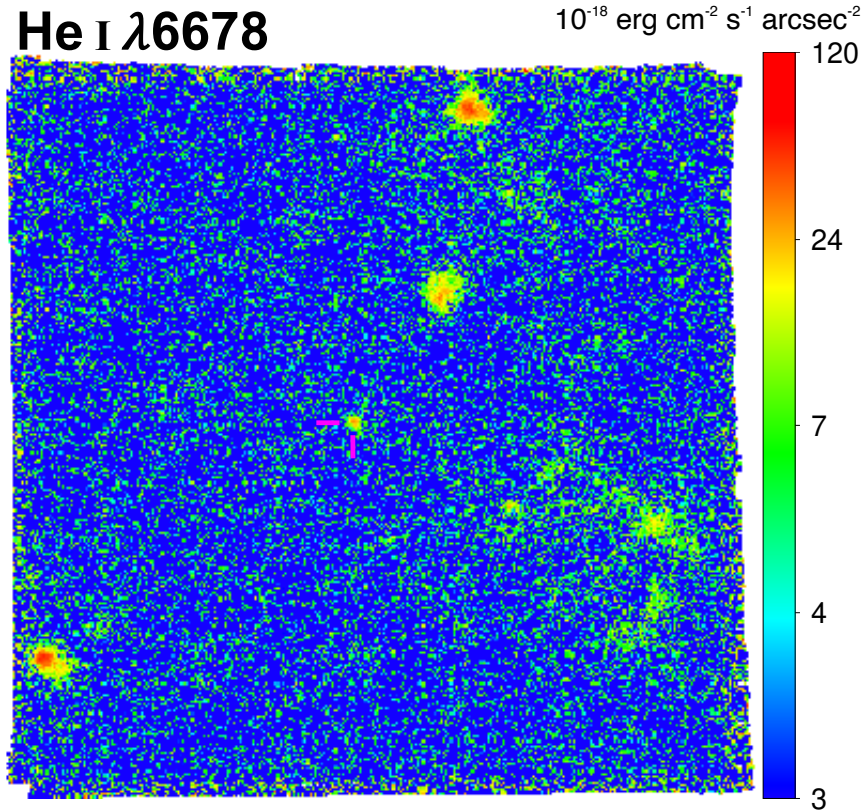
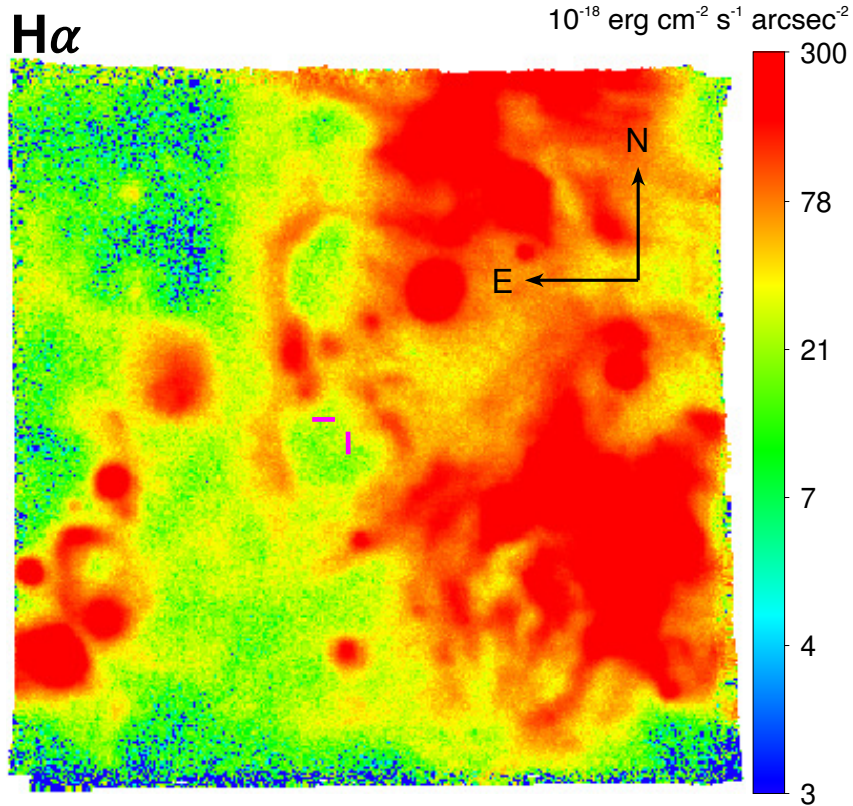
$$P = (6.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}.$$

$$L_X = 10^{39} - 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

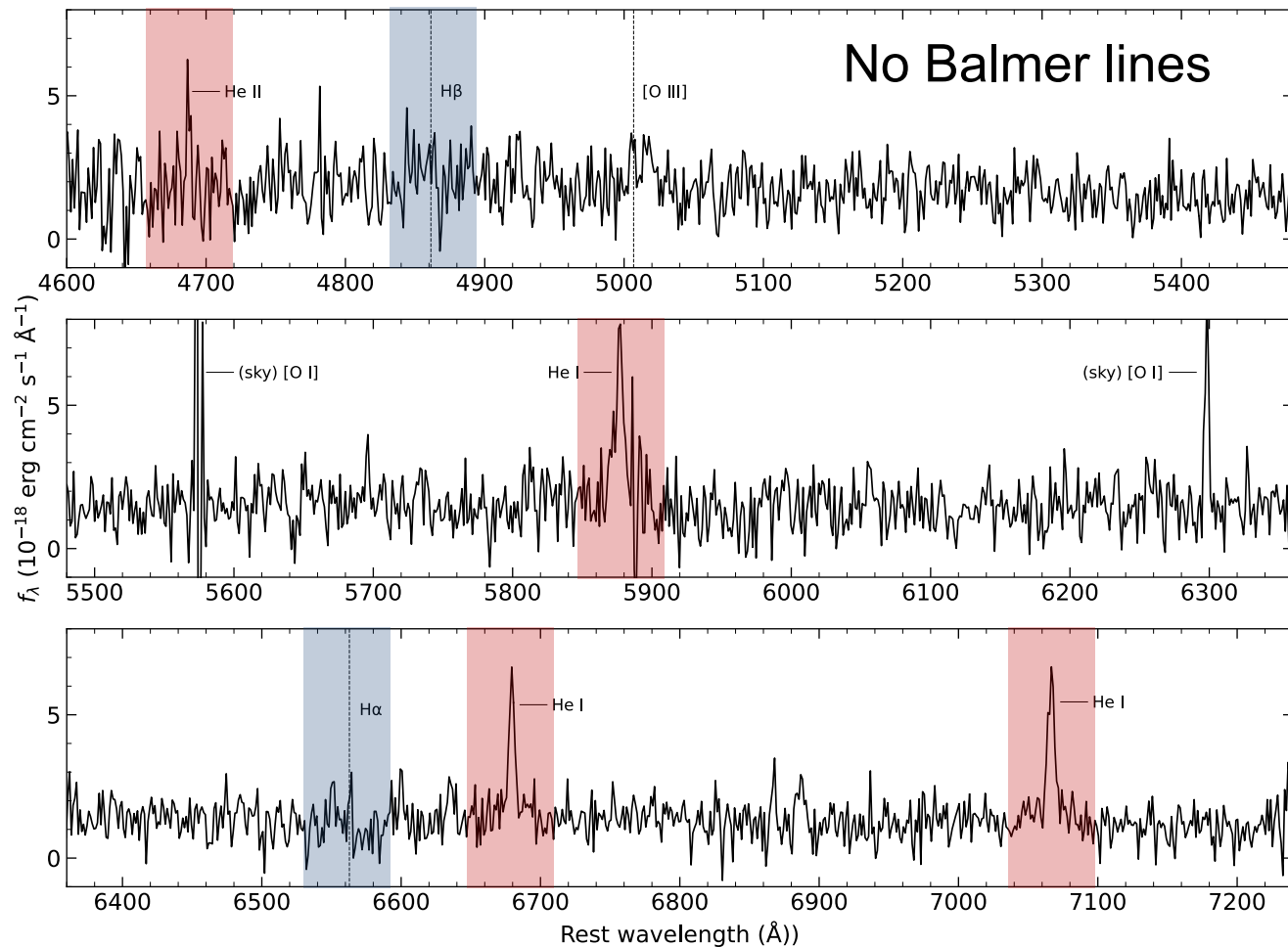




# Optical counterpart of NGC 247 ULX-1







**Donor:**  
**A helium star**

# First identification of a helium donor star



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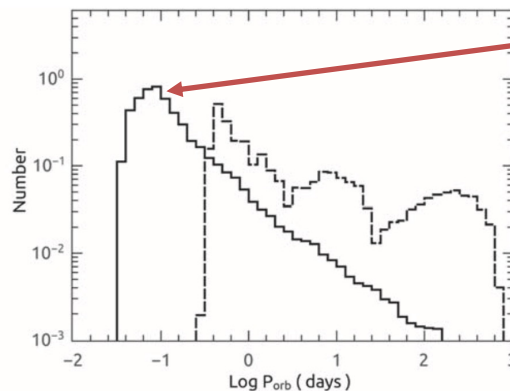
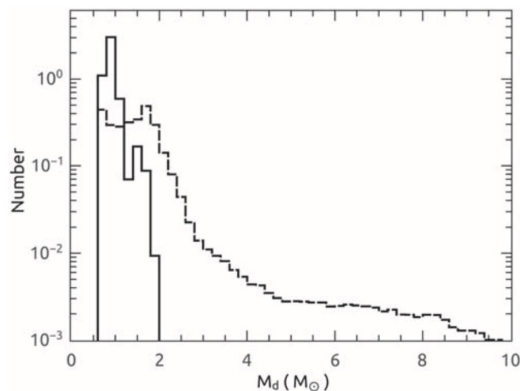
## A Population of Neutron Star Ultraluminous X-Ray Sources with a Helium Star Companion

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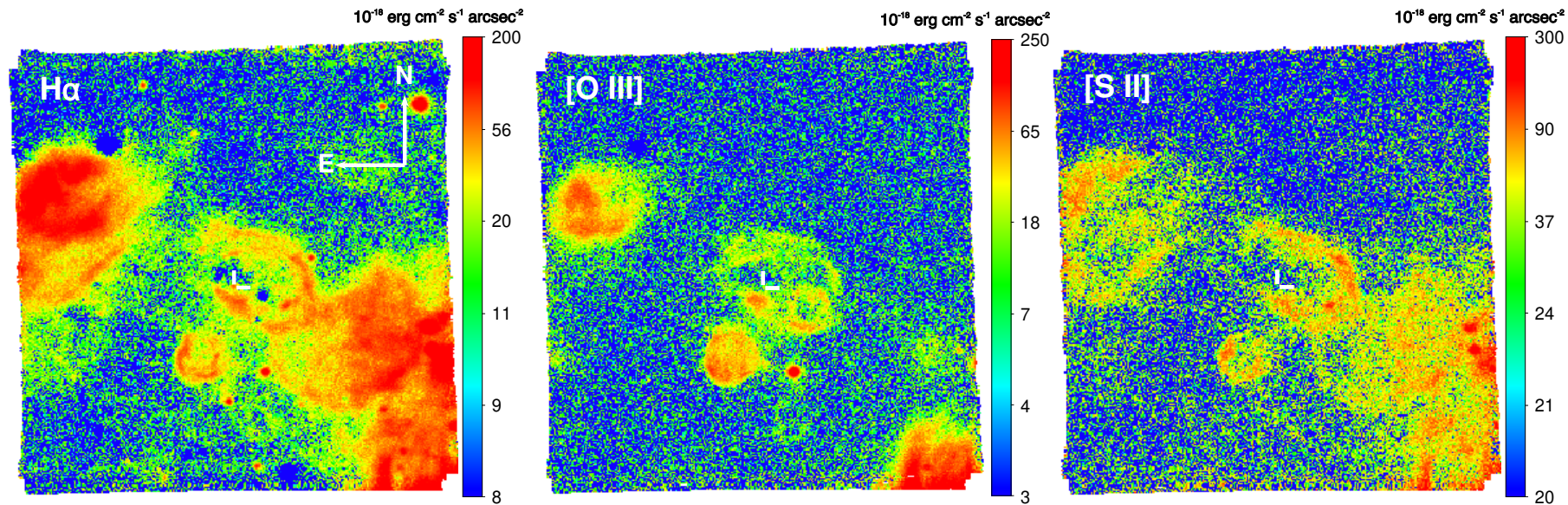
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NS ULX with a helium donor

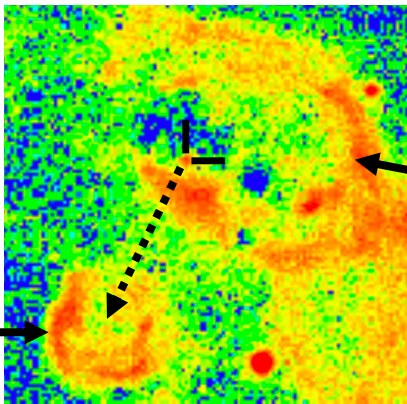
# Multiple bubbles around NGC 55 ULX-1



# Winds vs. jets?

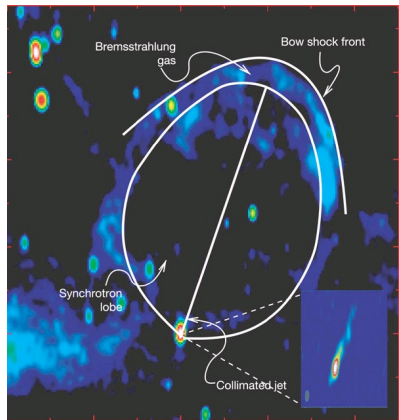
A hidden jet?

$$P = 3 \times 10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

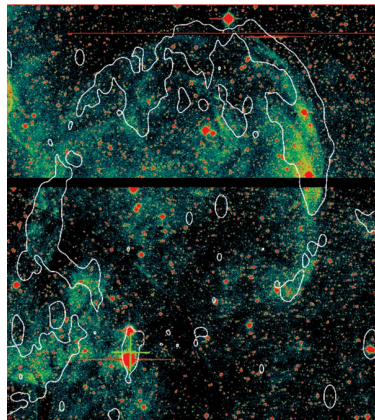


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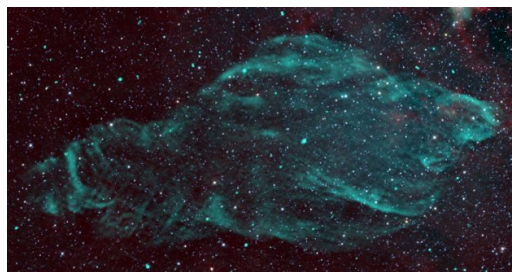
Cygnus X-1



$$10^{36} - 10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

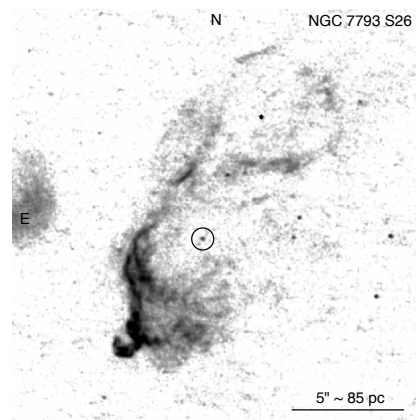


SS433/W50



$$\sim 10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

NGC 7793 S26



$$\sim 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}_{12}$$

# Questions regarding supercritical accretion

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- **Accretion & outflow**: distribution of accretion power
- **History of binary evolution**: how to maintain the high accretion rate in a binary
- **Feedback into ISM**: photoionization & shock-ionization, winds vs. jets



# Discussion

- **XRB Feedback**

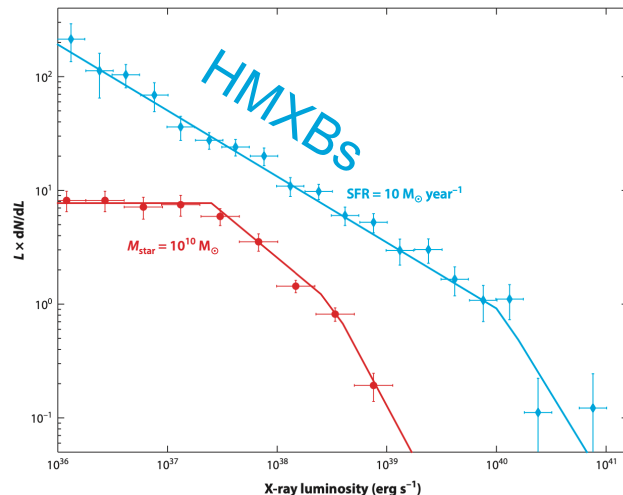
- **Reionization epoch**

- Heating source
- Lyman escape

- **Galaxy evolution?**

- Mechanical output  $10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ ,  $10^7 \text{ yr}$   
→  **$10^{53} \sim 10^{54} \text{ erg}$**  in total
- vs. supernova & stellar wind

- Supercritical accretion + binary population synthesis + wind/radiative feedback



**THANK YOU!**