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OUTLINE

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- 2. Multidimensional, time-dependent simulations of disk winds driven by:
- radiation pressure

and

- radiation pressure with thermal expansion
- 3. Conclusions

What can drive an outflow?

- Thermal expansion (e.g., evaporation and hydrodynamical escape)
- Radiation pressure (gas, dust)
- Magnetic fields
 - In most cases, rotation plays a key role (directly or indirectly) especially in AD.

BHBs



Miller et al. (2006, 2008), Neilsen & Lee (2009) and others

(fig. from DP's 2009)

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HD simulations and observations







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$$P = (\gamma - 1)e$$







Conclusions

- Simulations of accretion flows and their outflows provide important insights into the dynamics and geometry of the material that produces radiation. In particular, we can use the simulations to assess the effects of radiation on the flow properties. We can also explore coupling between accretion flows and they outflows as well as mass supply (e.g., various forms of feedback).
- The simulations can be and are used to compute synthetic spectra for direct comparison with the observations. As such, the simulations are useful in explaining specific spectral features as well as overall shape of the SED.

