The flip-flop instability of the shock cone around the rotating black hole

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## Outline

# Intro. GRH equations Results from numerical simulations QPOs Final remarks







# Flip-flop instability?

**Can cause the variation of torque Explain erratic spin behaviour of the black** hole or neutron stars Wind fed X-ray binaries (Vela X-1,GX 301-2, 4U 1700-377 ...) and may be Sgr A\*? Galaxies in clusters Star formation







# What we know about flip-flop-1?

There are 2D numerical simulations which indicates flipflop oscillations(Blondin 2010, Foglizzo, 2005) They are all in Newtonian hydrodynamics. And the shock is mostly attached to the accreator.







## What we know about flip-flop-2?

Although some observational results (Sgr A\*) show the detached (bow) shock.

There is not clear evidence of the flip-flop oscilation in 3D.

It is never found in a relativistic region either in 2D or 3D.







## **GRH Equations-1**

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu}=0, \qquad \nabla_{\mu}J^{\mu}=0.$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \rho h u^{\mu} u^{\nu} + P g^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \text{ stress energy tensor}$$

$$J^{\mu}=
ho\!\mu^{\mu}\Longrightarrow~$$
 current density

 $h = 1 + \varepsilon + \frac{p}{\rho} \Longrightarrow \quad \text{ent}$ 

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# **GRH Equations-2**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}^{i}}{\partial x^{i}} &= \vec{S} \\ \vec{J} \implies \text{Conserved} \quad \vec{F}(\vec{U}) \implies \text{Flux} \quad \vec{S} \implies \text{Sources} \\ \text{Variables} \\ \vec{U} &= \begin{pmatrix} D \\ S_{j} \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\gamma} W \rho \\ \sqrt{\gamma} \rho h W^{2} v_{j} \\ \sqrt{\gamma} (\rho h W^{2} - P - W \rho) \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{F}^{i} &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha (v^{i} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^{i}) D \\ \alpha \{ (v^{i} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^{i}) S_{j} + \sqrt{\gamma} P \delta_{j}^{i} \} \\ \alpha \{ (v^{i} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^{i}) \tau + \sqrt{\gamma} v^{i} P \} \end{aligned}$$

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## **Initial Conditions**

#### $(r-\phi), 1.78M \le r \le 44M \text{ ve} 0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$











#### Mass accretion rate-1



#### Mass accretion rate-2





#### Shock opening angle



## Growth of instability



#### Shock opening angle







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## Final Remarks-1

Attached shock is created for  $\Gamma = 1.2, 4/3, 5/3$ Deattached shock is seen for  $\Gamma = 2.5$  and it is consistent with theoretical suggestion made by Foglizzo et al. (2005)

Mass accretion rate and shock openin angle are increasing function of  $V_{\infty}$ . After a certain value of  $V_{\infty}$  they decrease.

> Instability of shock cone depends of different parameters such as  $V_{\infty}$ ,  $C_s$ ,  $R_*$  /  $R_a$ , and M







# Final Remarks-2

The robust flip-flop instability can be achived by using supersonic flow with moderate Mach number. The shock opening angle increases with increasing sound speed

The flip-flop instability is not results of velocity or density gradient of the flow.

It is not due to numerical artifacts

> Needs to be confirmed in 3D in relativistic region.









#### $a = 0, \Gamma = 4/3, V_{\infty} = 0.4$

#### $a = 0.9, \Gamma = 4/3, V_{\infty} = 0.4$

 $a = 0.9, \Gamma = 2.5, V_{\infty} = 0.4$