

Probing the fast dynamics of disc-jet connection in GX 339-4 with the internal shock model

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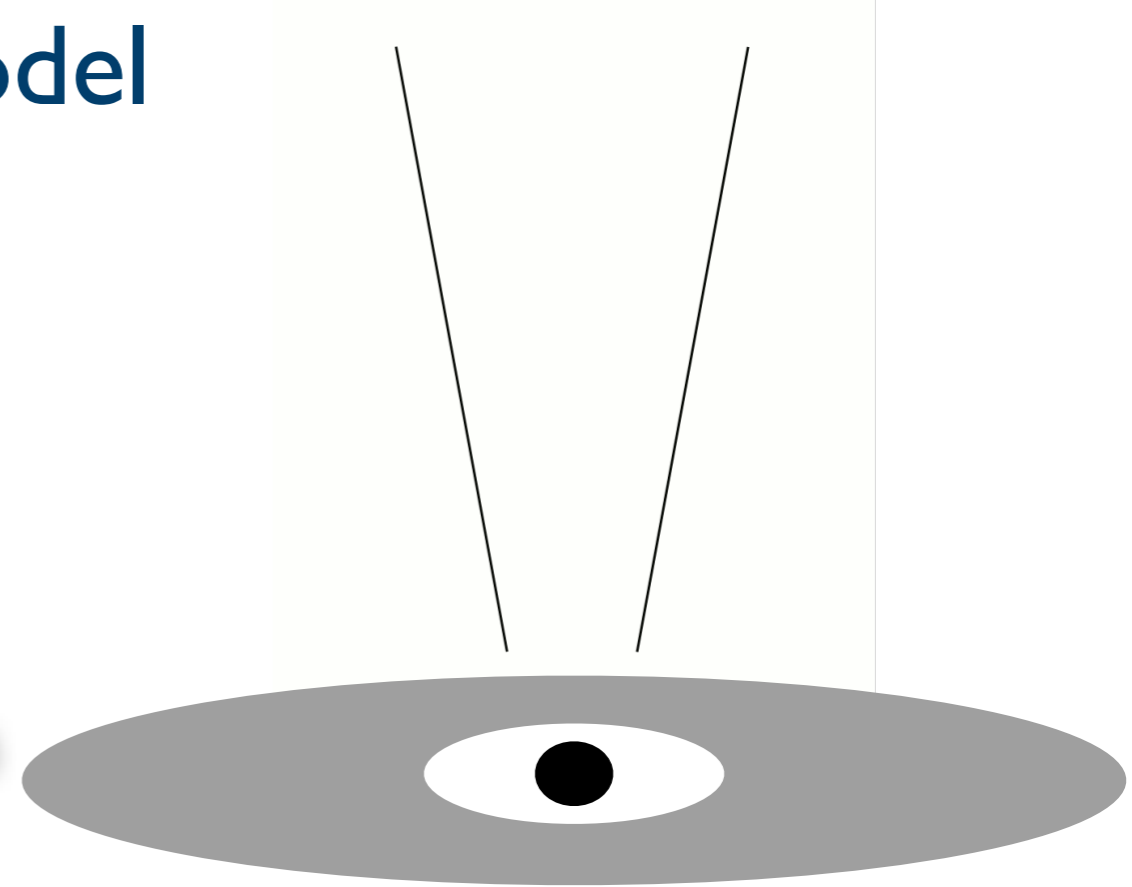
Internal shock model

- Dissipation through shocks driven by rapid fluctuations of jet ejection Lorentz Factor.

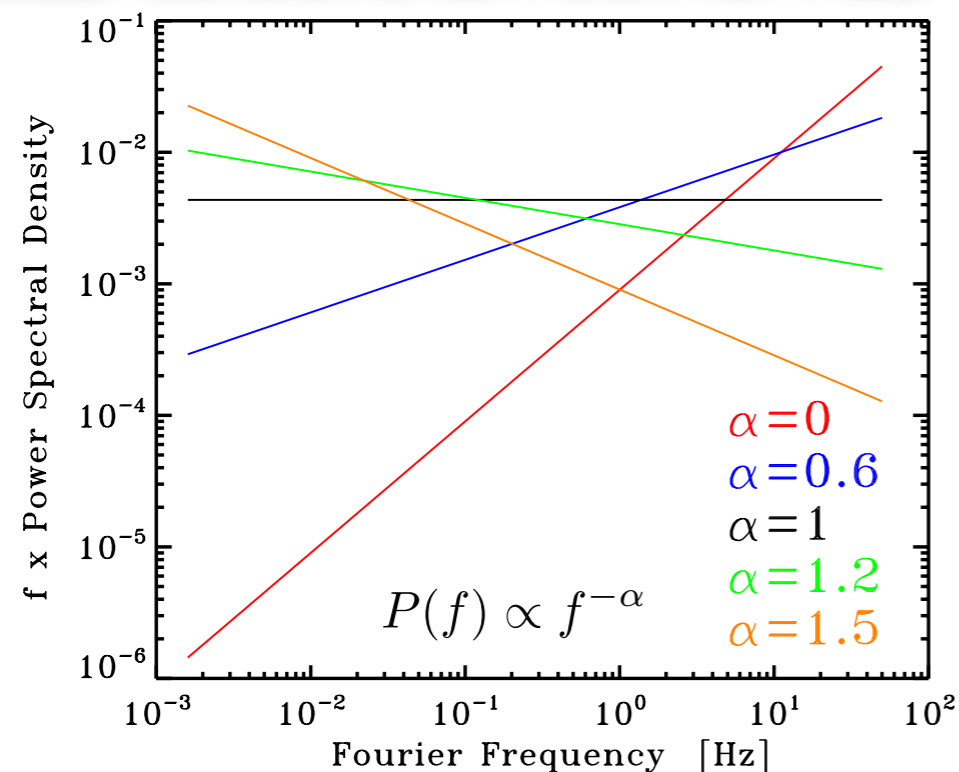
Jamil et al. 2010, Malzac 2013

- ISHEM code: simulate SEDs and light curves

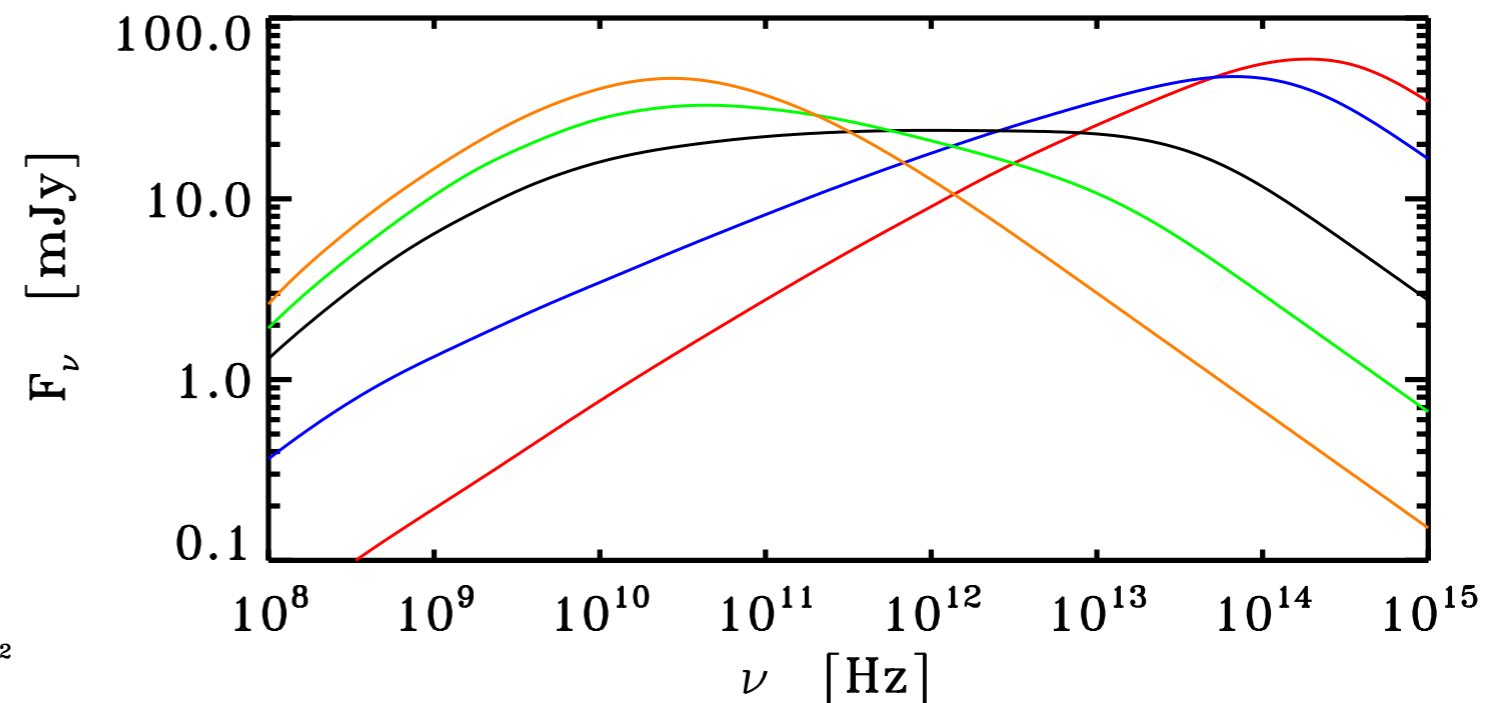
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- SED sensitive to Fourier PSD of input Lorentz factor fluctuations



PSD of Lorentz factor



Spectral energy distribution

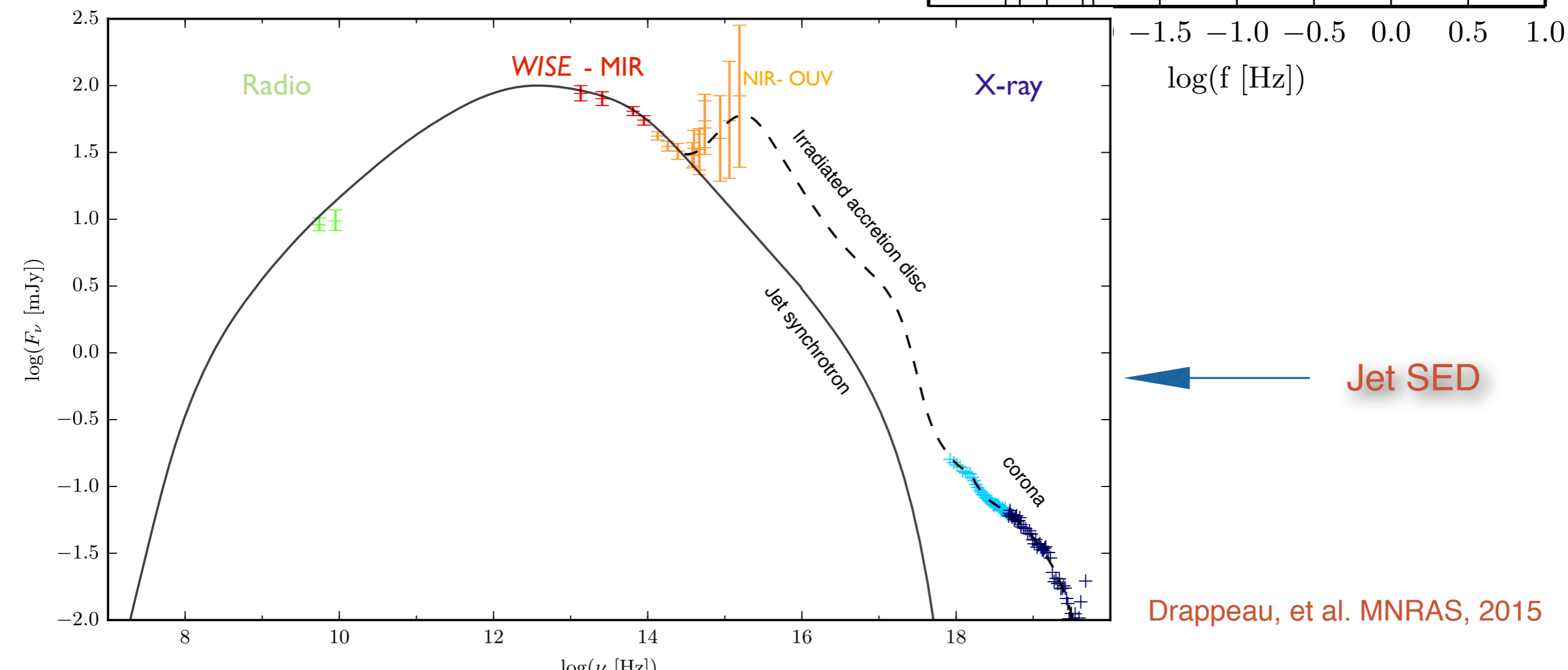
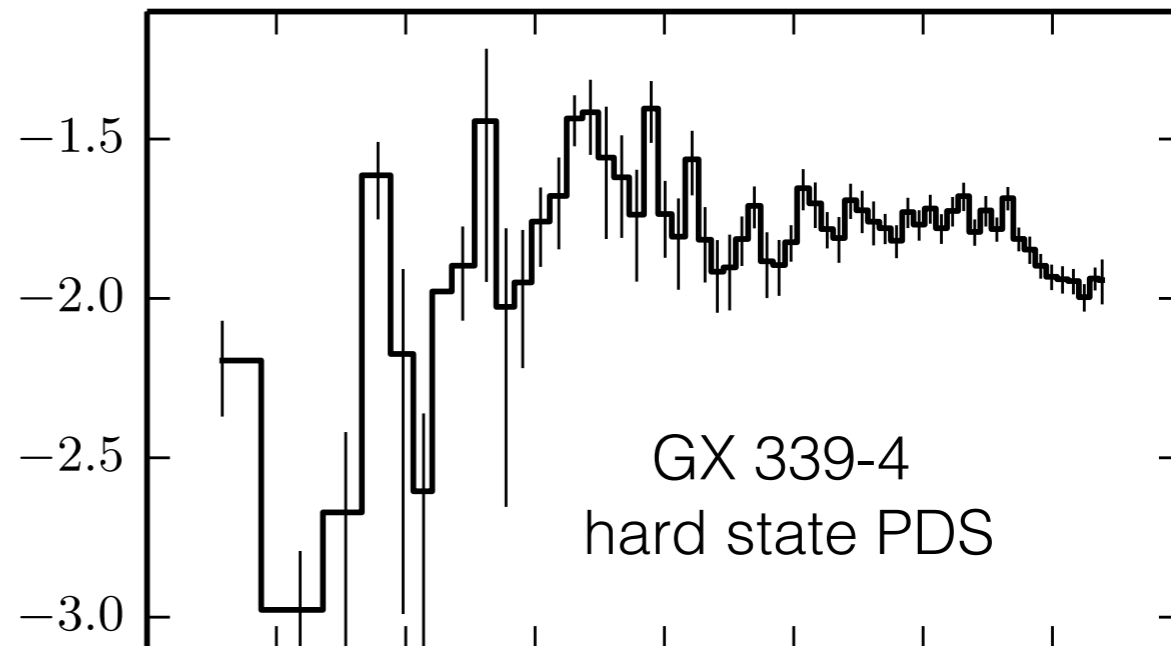


Jet Lorentz factor fluctuations driven by accretion flow variability which is best traced by X-ray light curves

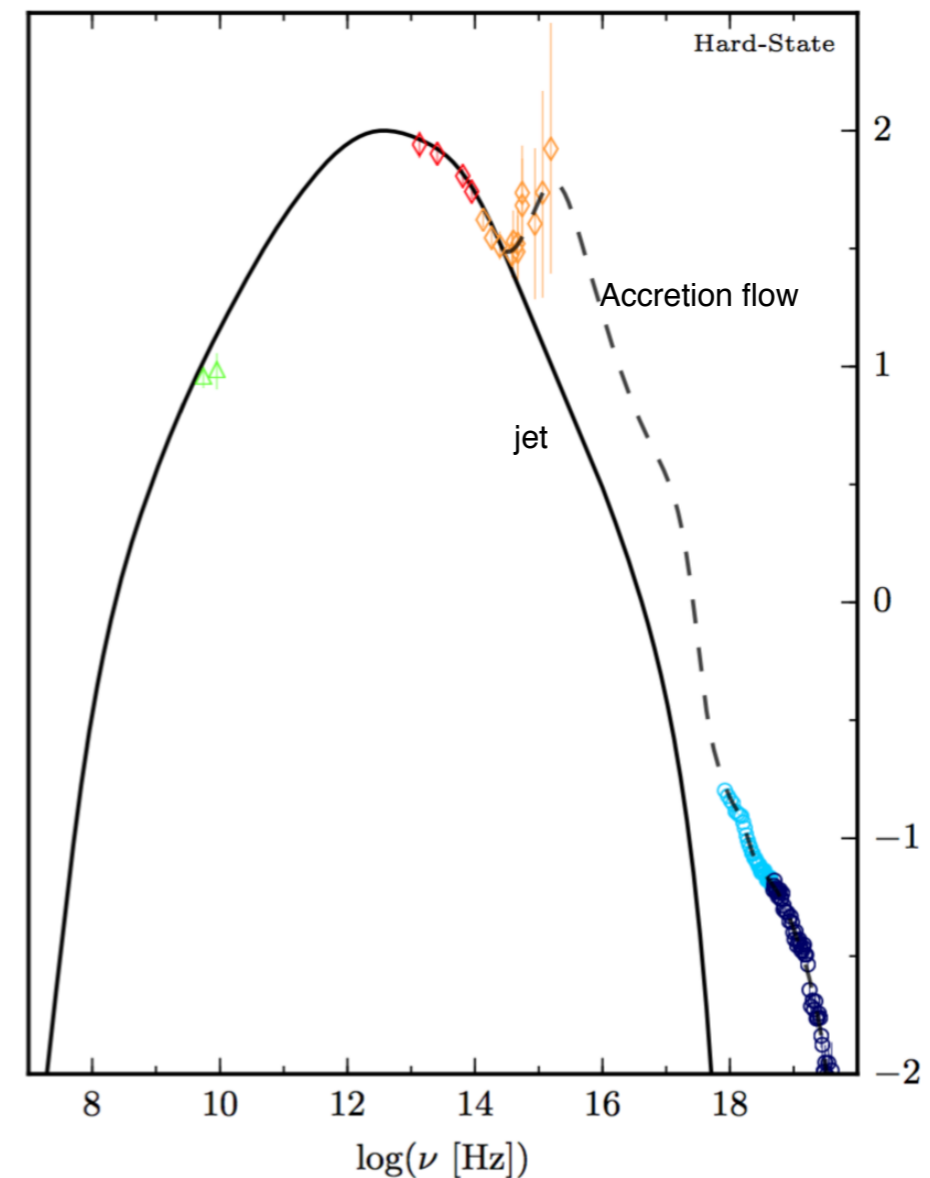
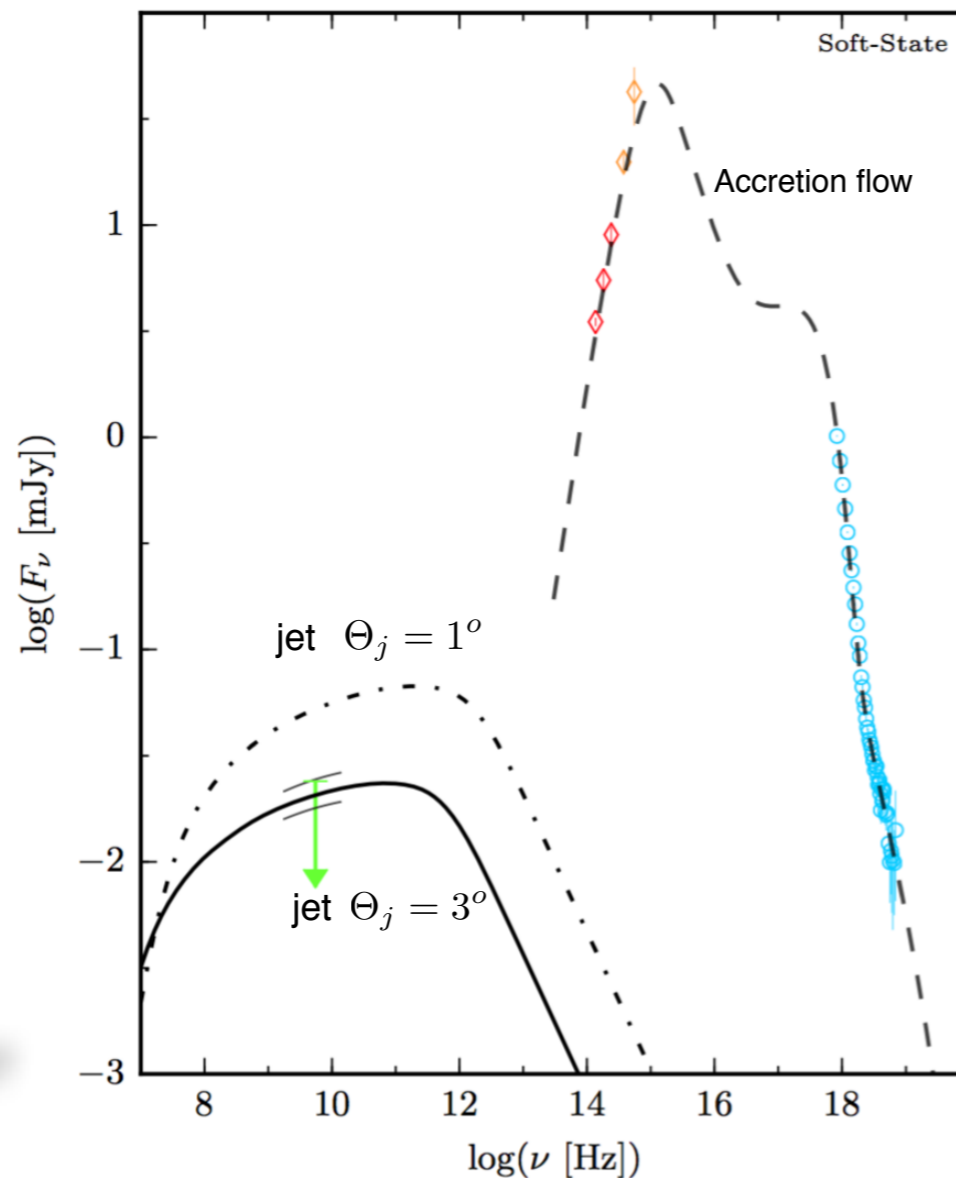
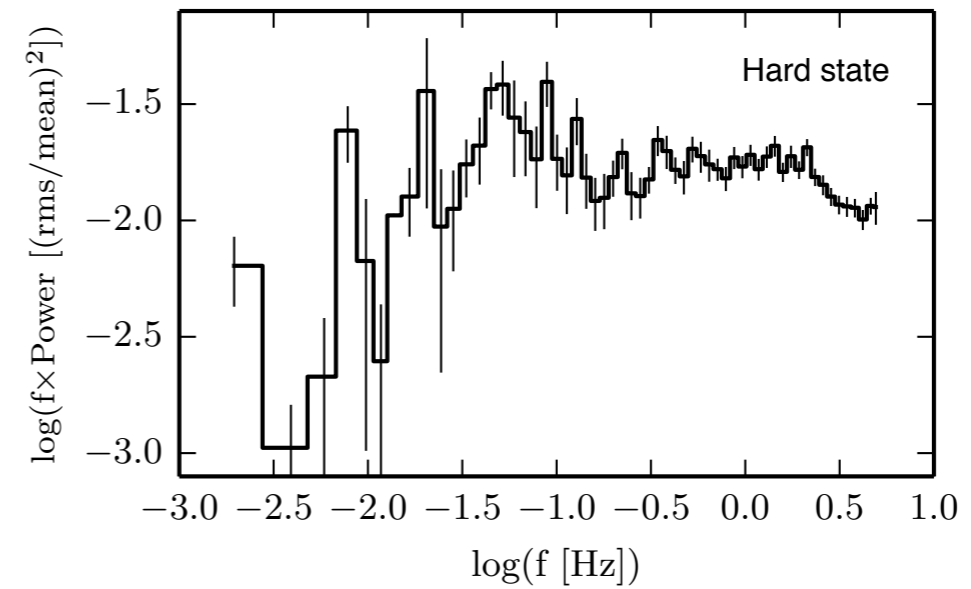
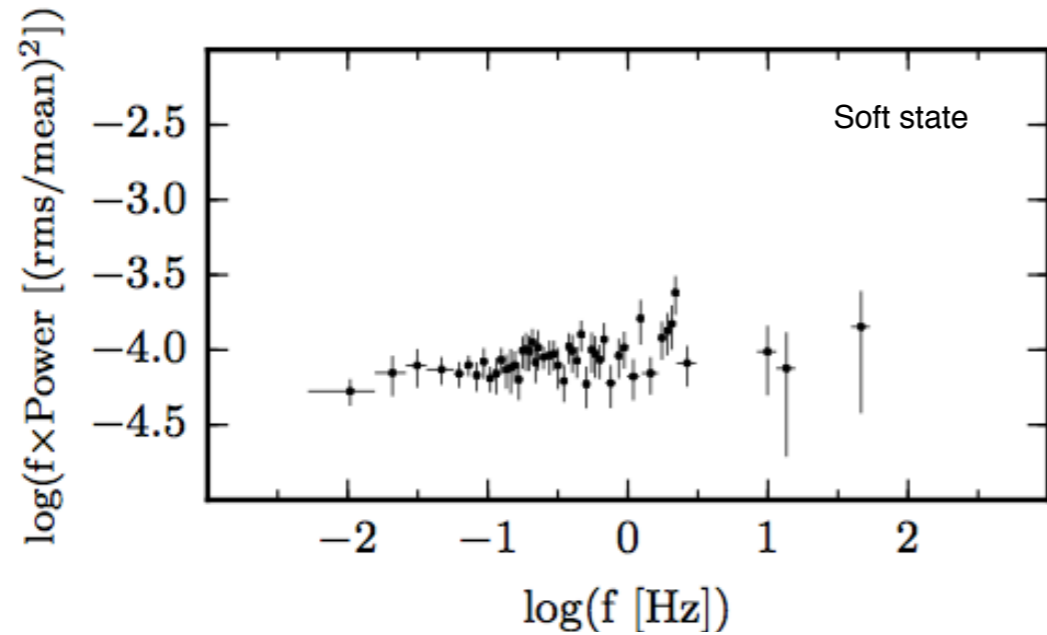
Fourier PDS of X-ray light curve
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Power spectrum of Lorentz factor fluctuations

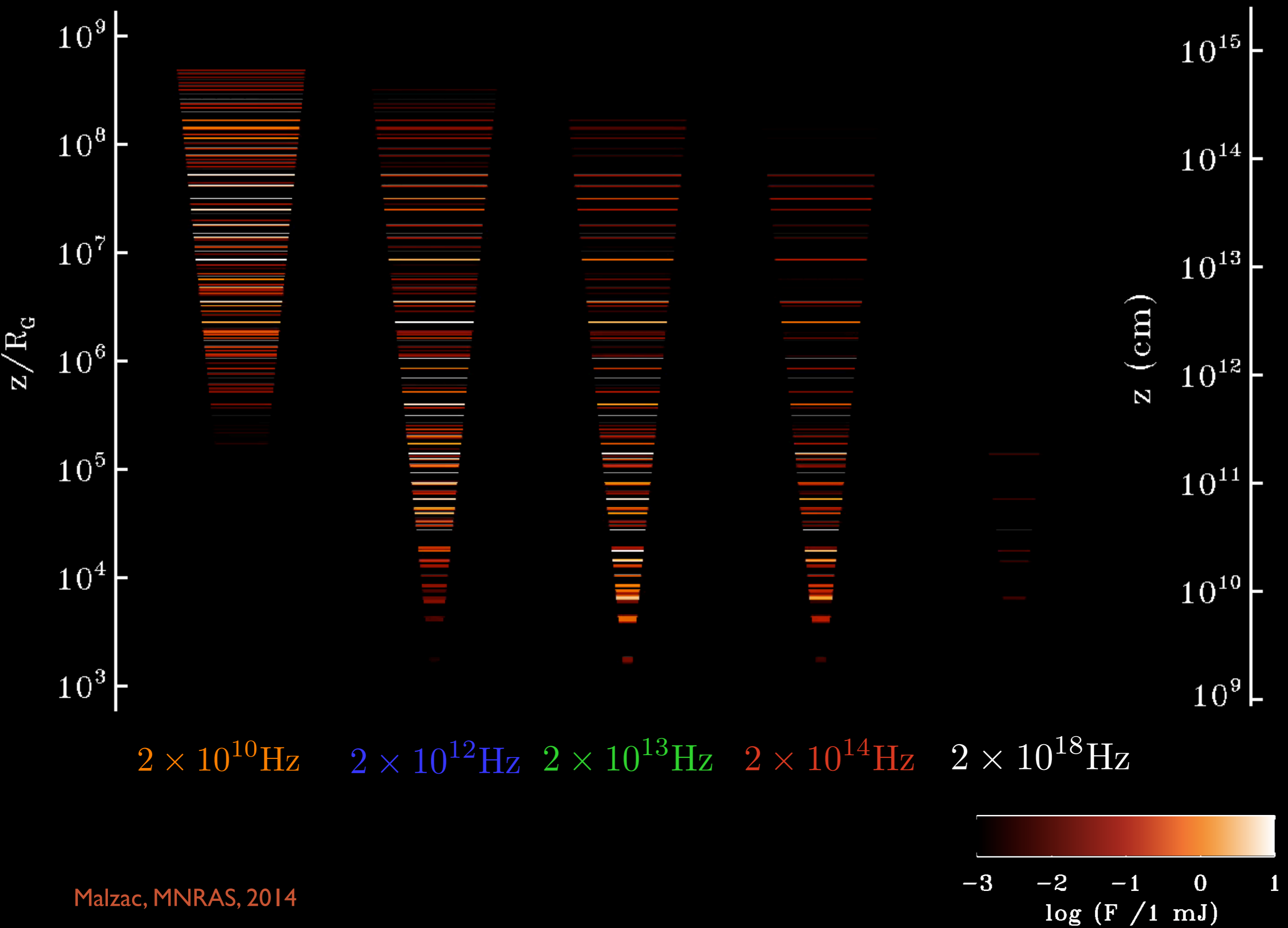


$\log(f \times \text{Power} [(\text{rms}/\text{mean})^2])$



A dark jet in the soft state ?

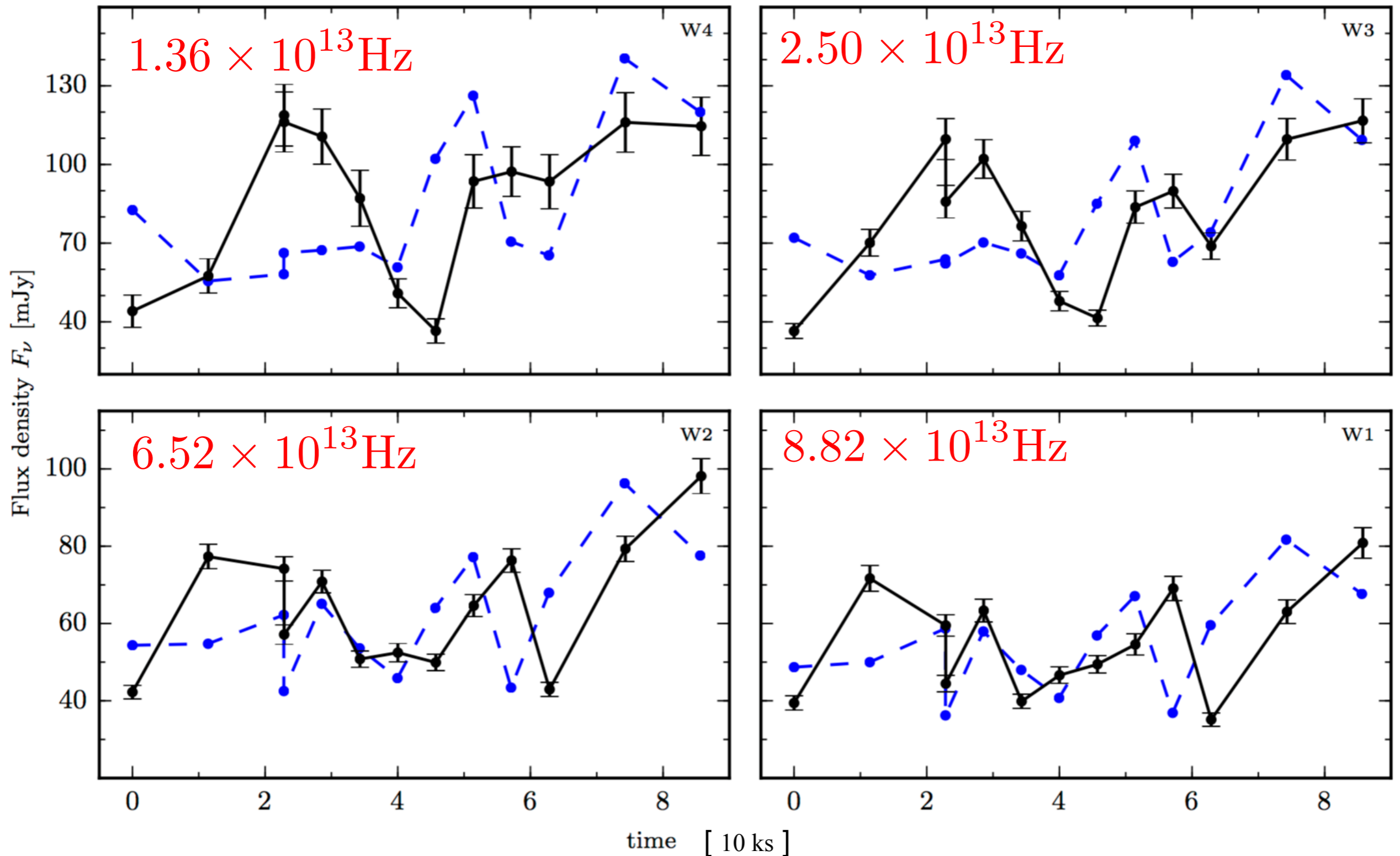




NIR Variability in Hard state

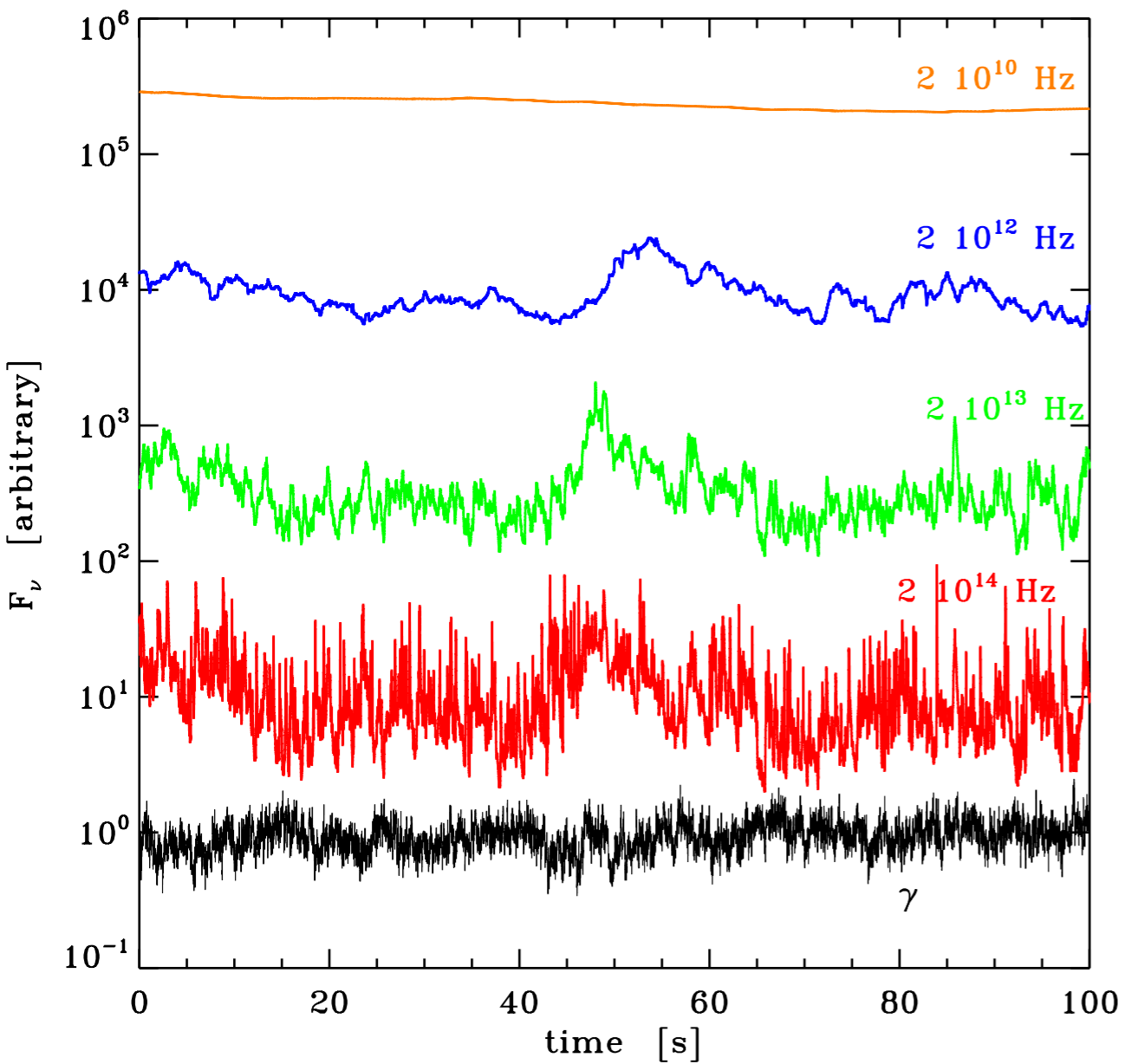
●—● WISE light curves of GX339-4 (Gandhi et al. 2011)

●—● Sample simulated light curve



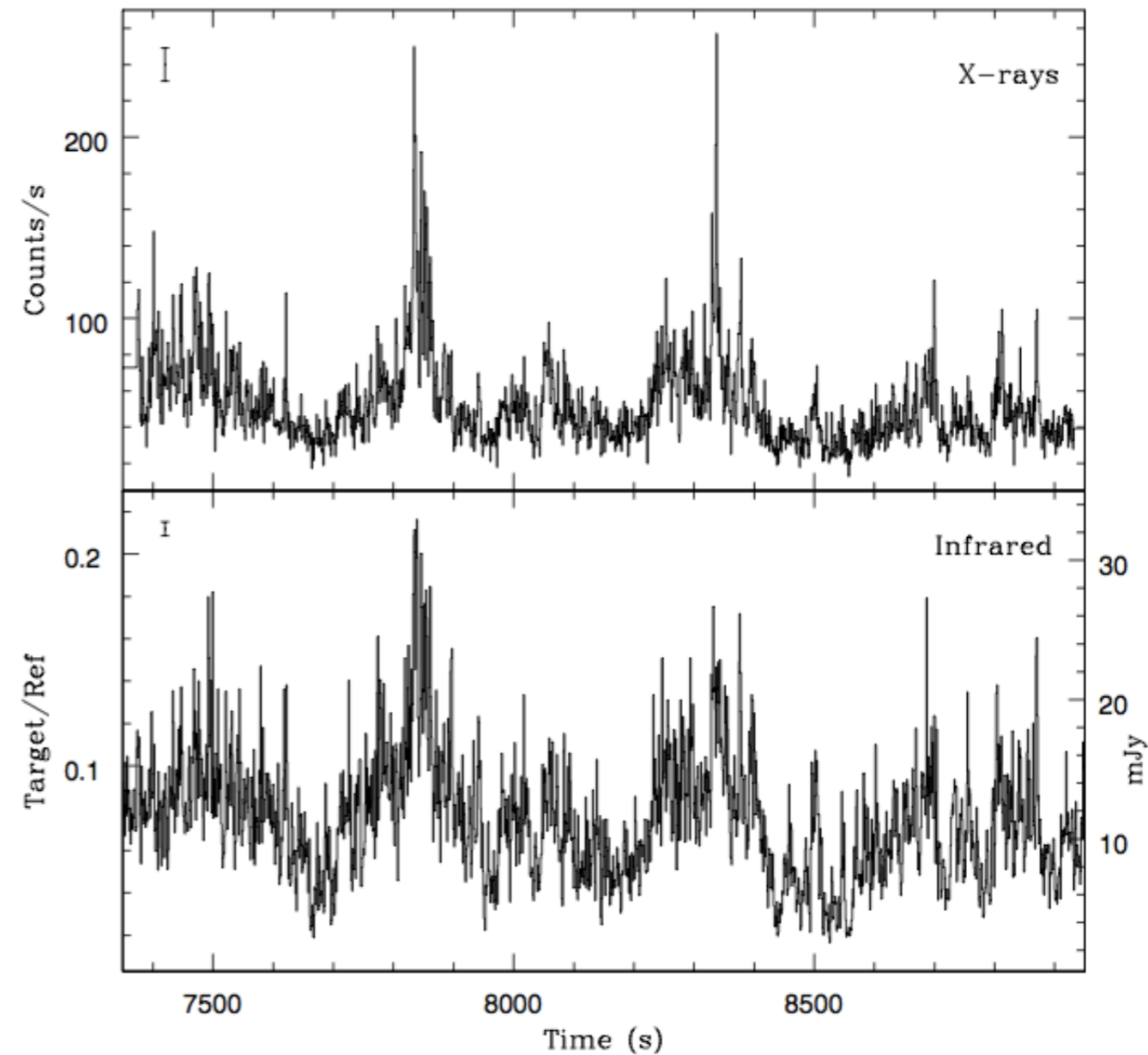
Fast variability from jets

Simulation



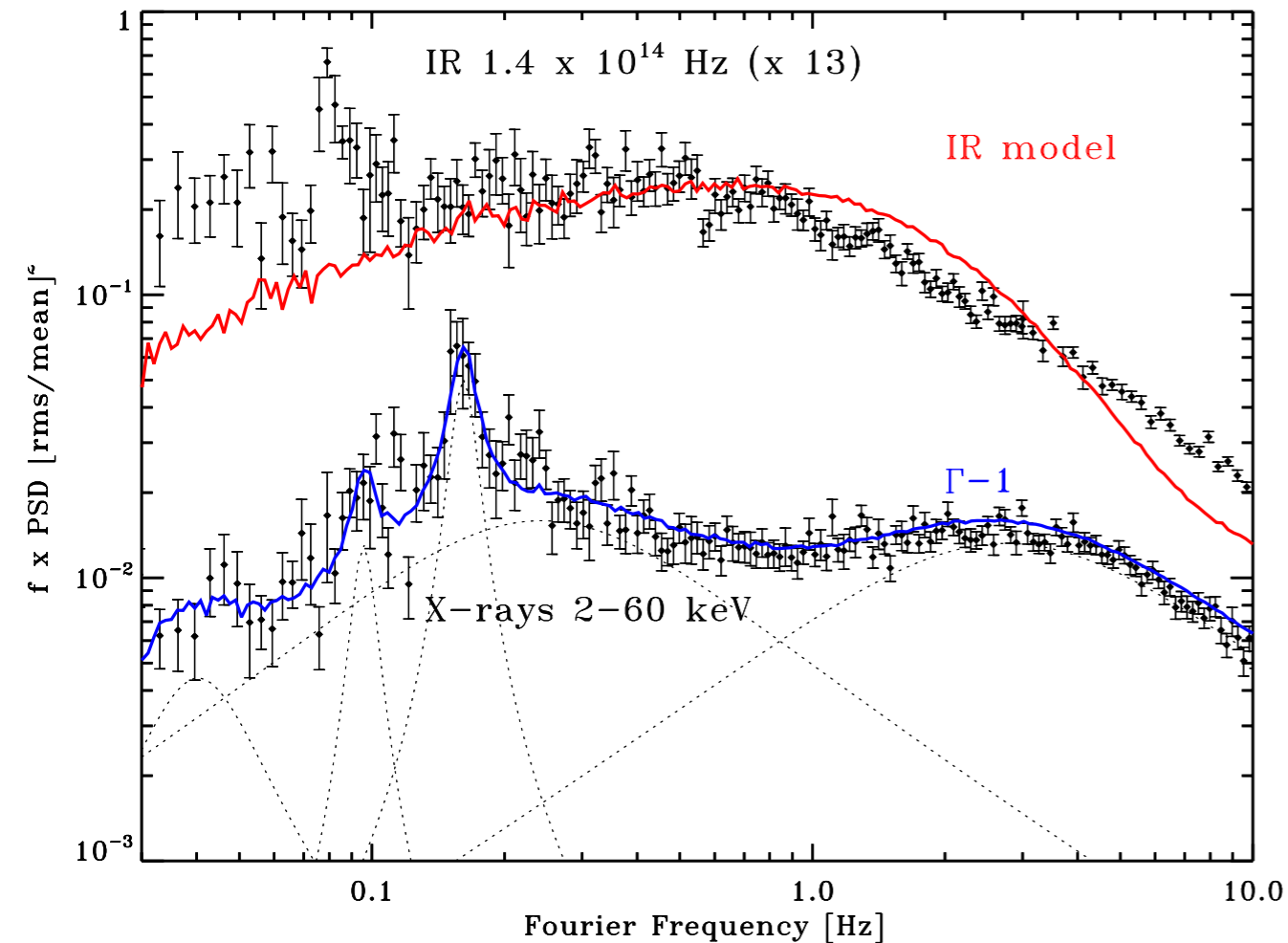
Malzac, MNRAS, 2014

Observation



Casella et al. 2010

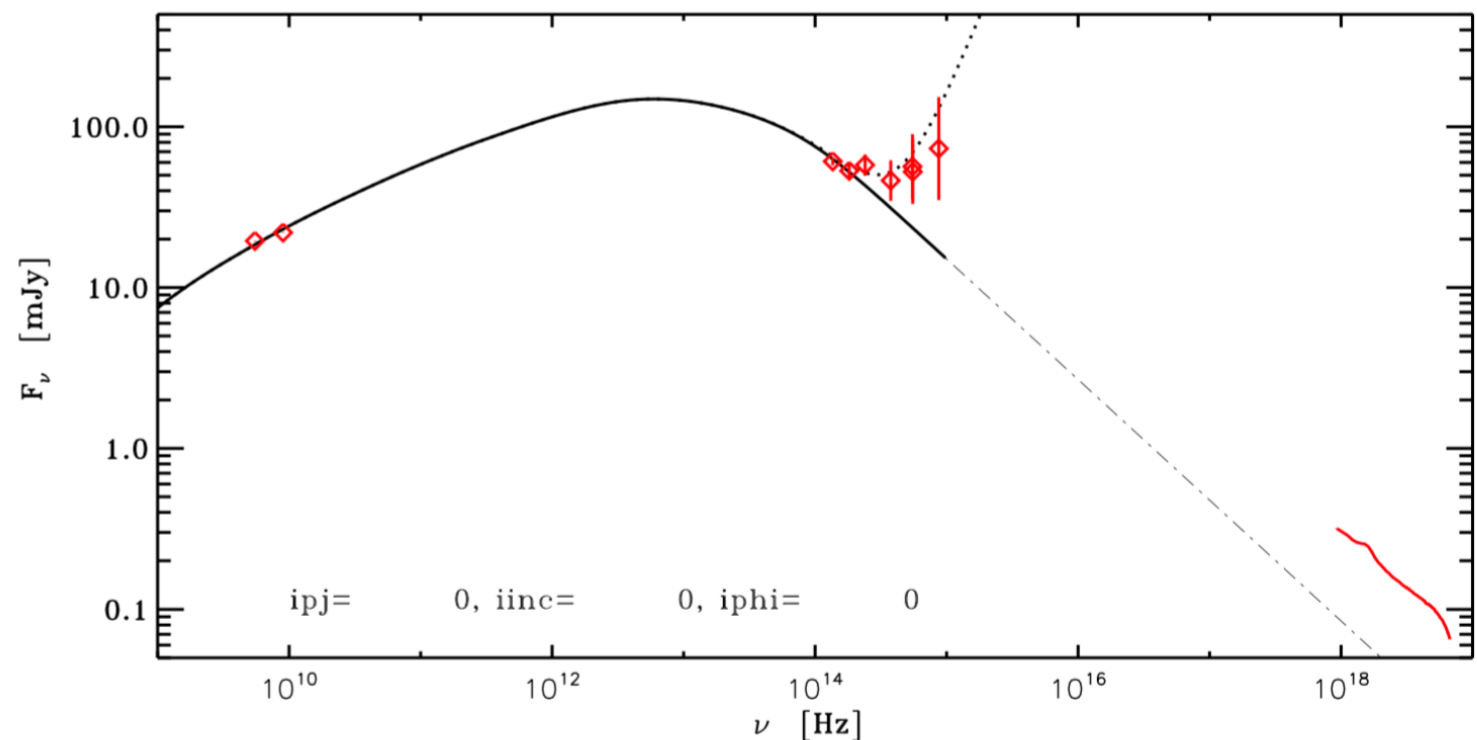
IR timing data of GX 339-4: First QPO detected in Infrared



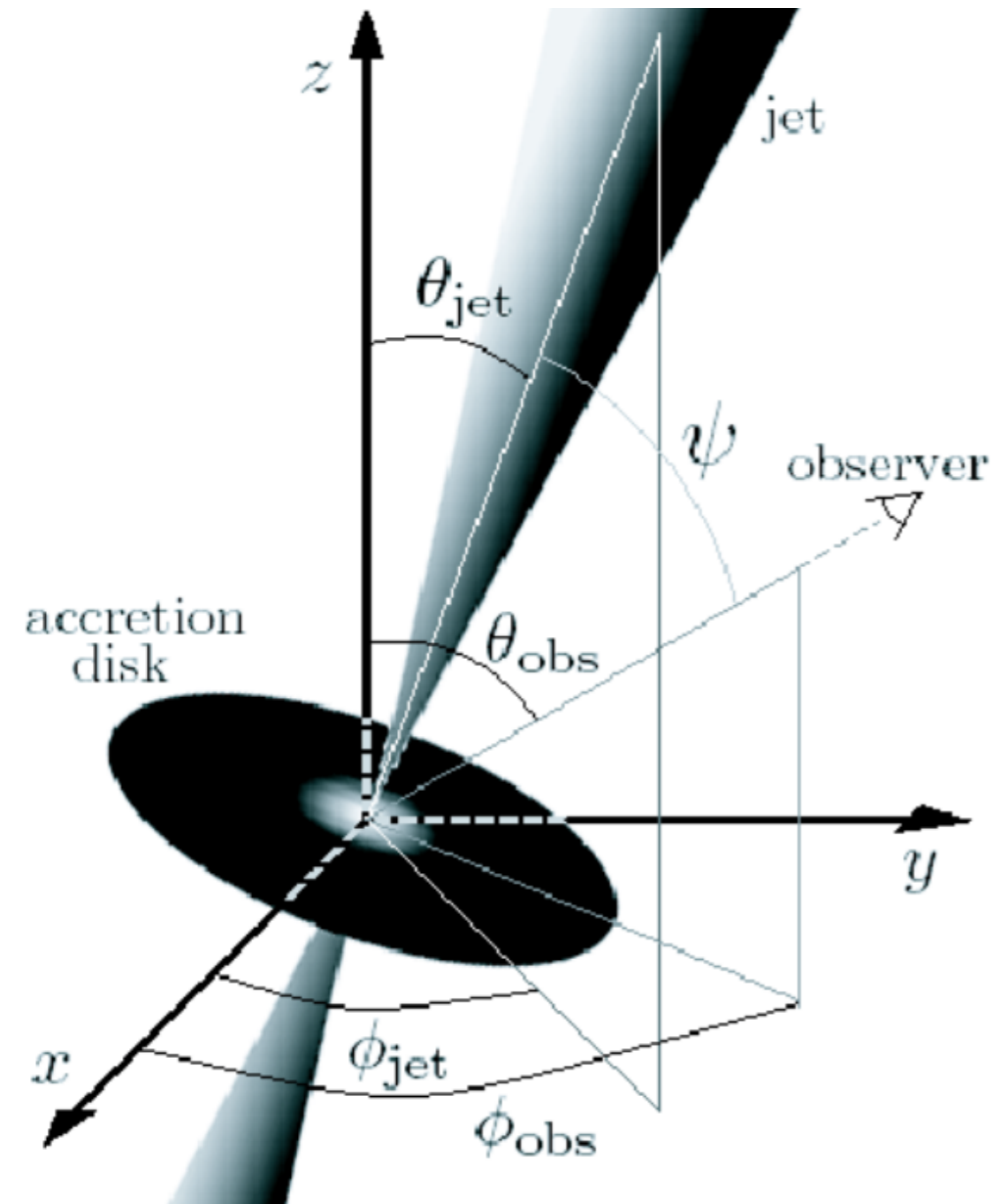
- Simultaneous IR / X timing data with VLT/ISAAC and RXTE (Kalamkar et al. 2016)
- IR rms \sim X-ray rms \sim 20 %
- IR QPO @ \sim 0.08 Hz
X-ray QPO @ \sim 0.16 Hz

Internal shock model predicts similar shape of IR PSD but model rms amplitude larger by factor of \sim 4. Additional constant component from disc or jet ?

Model lacks IR QPO.



IR QPO from jet precession



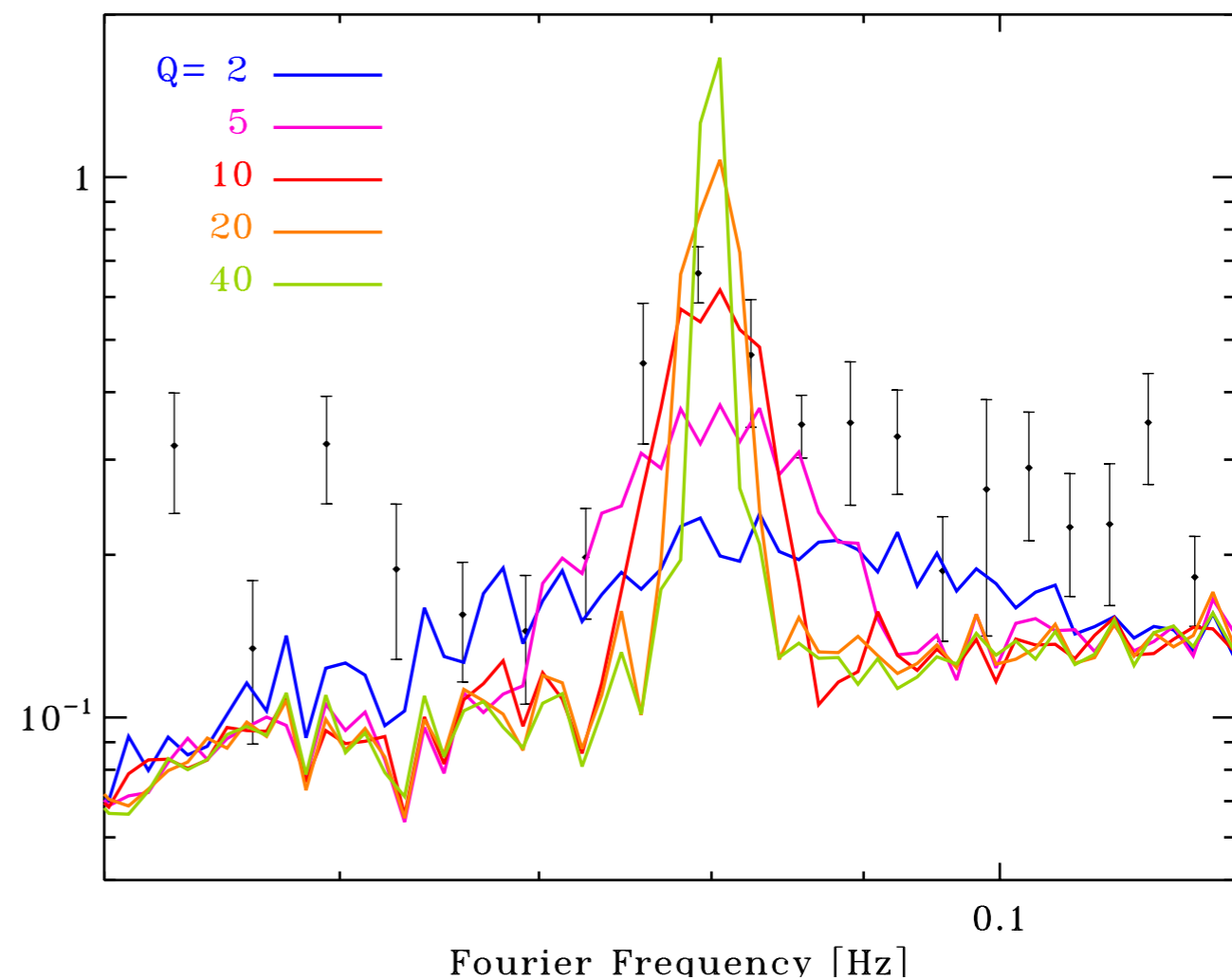
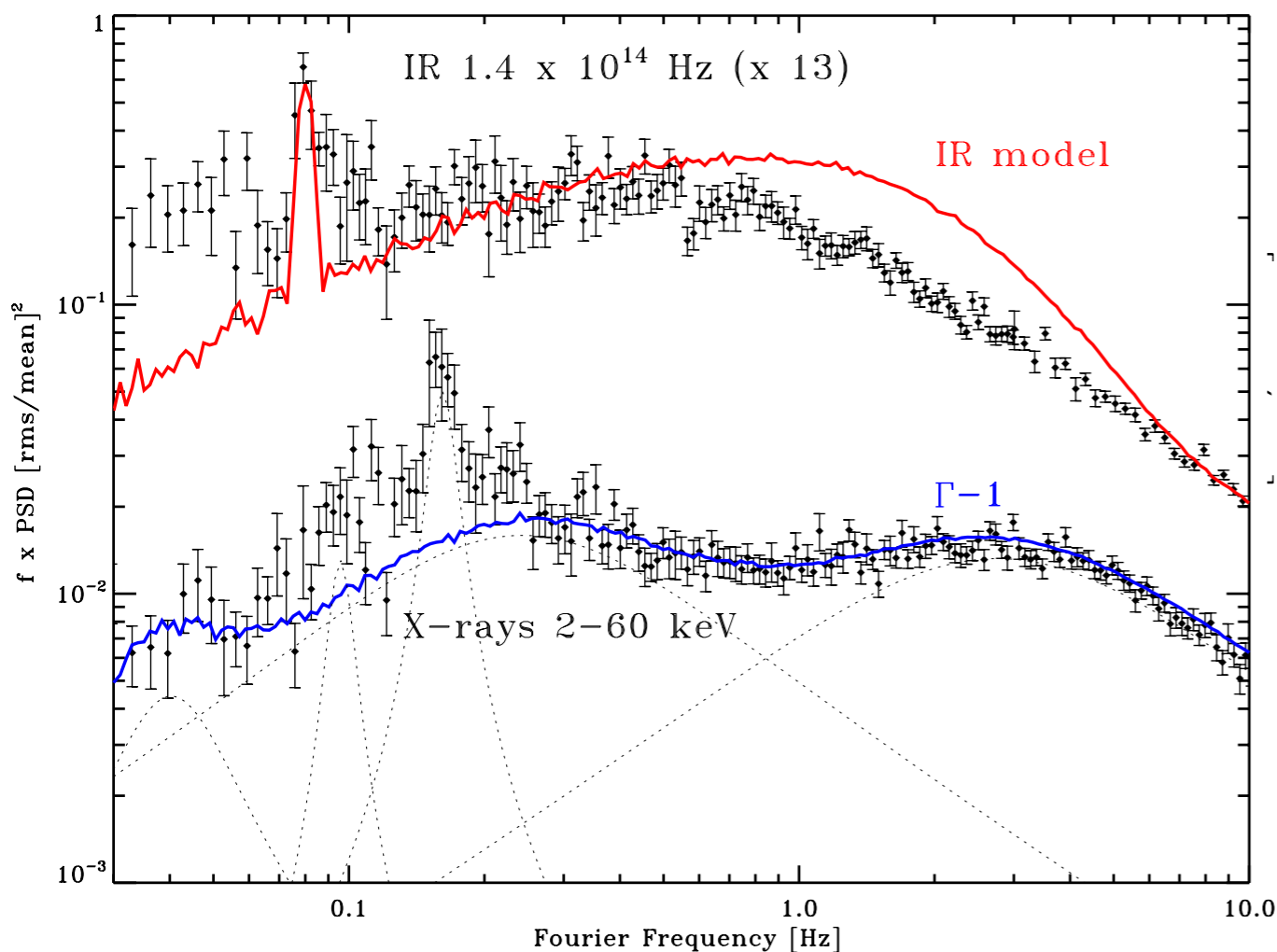
- X-ray low frequency QPO caused by Lense-Thirring precession of the hot accretion flow ?

Ingram, Done & Fragile 2009; Ingram et al. 2015

- If jet launched by accretion flow, jet precesses with the hot flow
➡ modulation of synchrotron emission

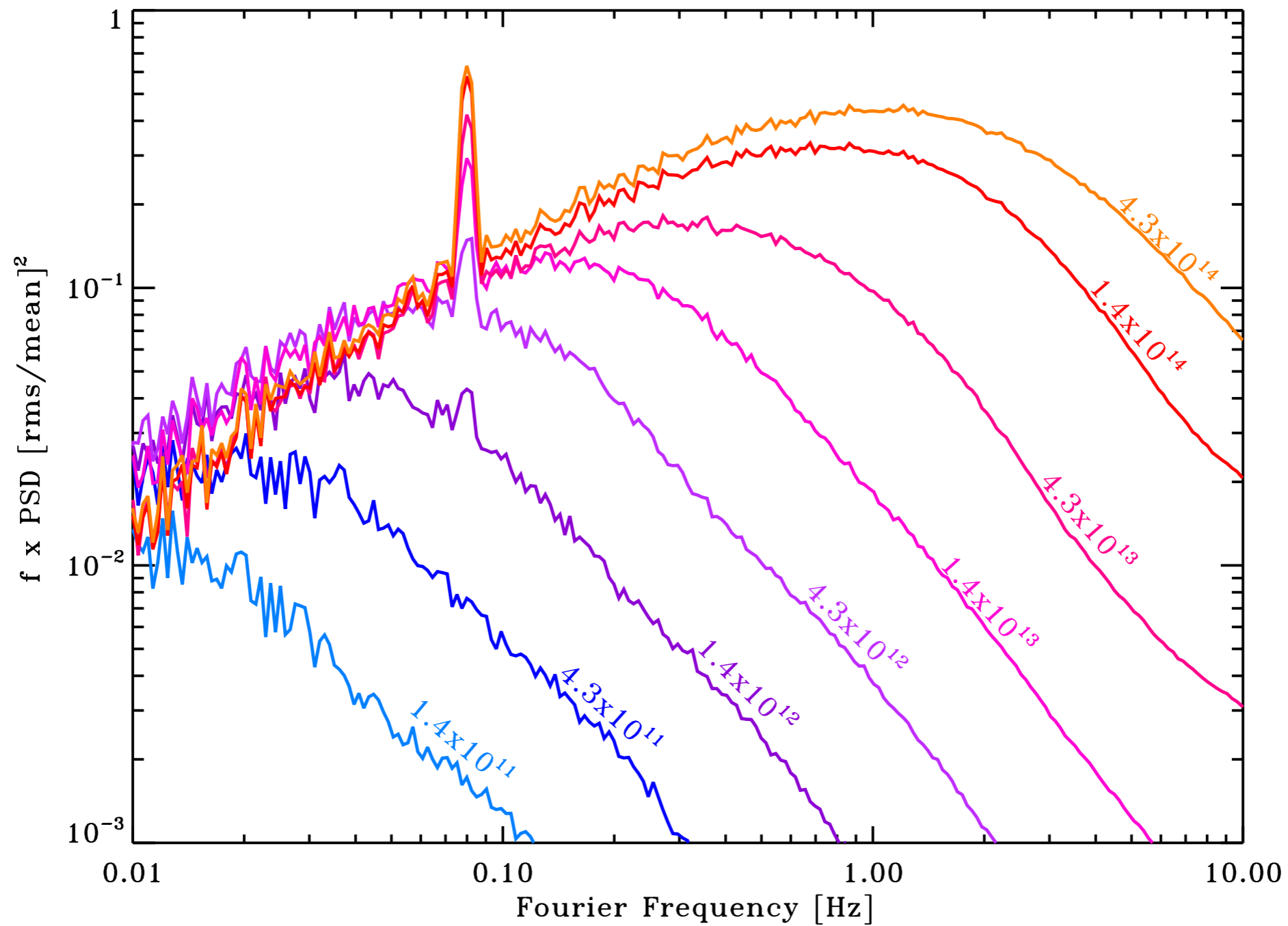
ISHEM simulation with jet precession

- Jet precession at observed IR QPO frequency, precession angle: 5 deg.
- X-ray QPO subtracted from input jet Lorentz factor fluctuations
- QPO width: precession phase randomised every $Q \sim 10$ cycles.

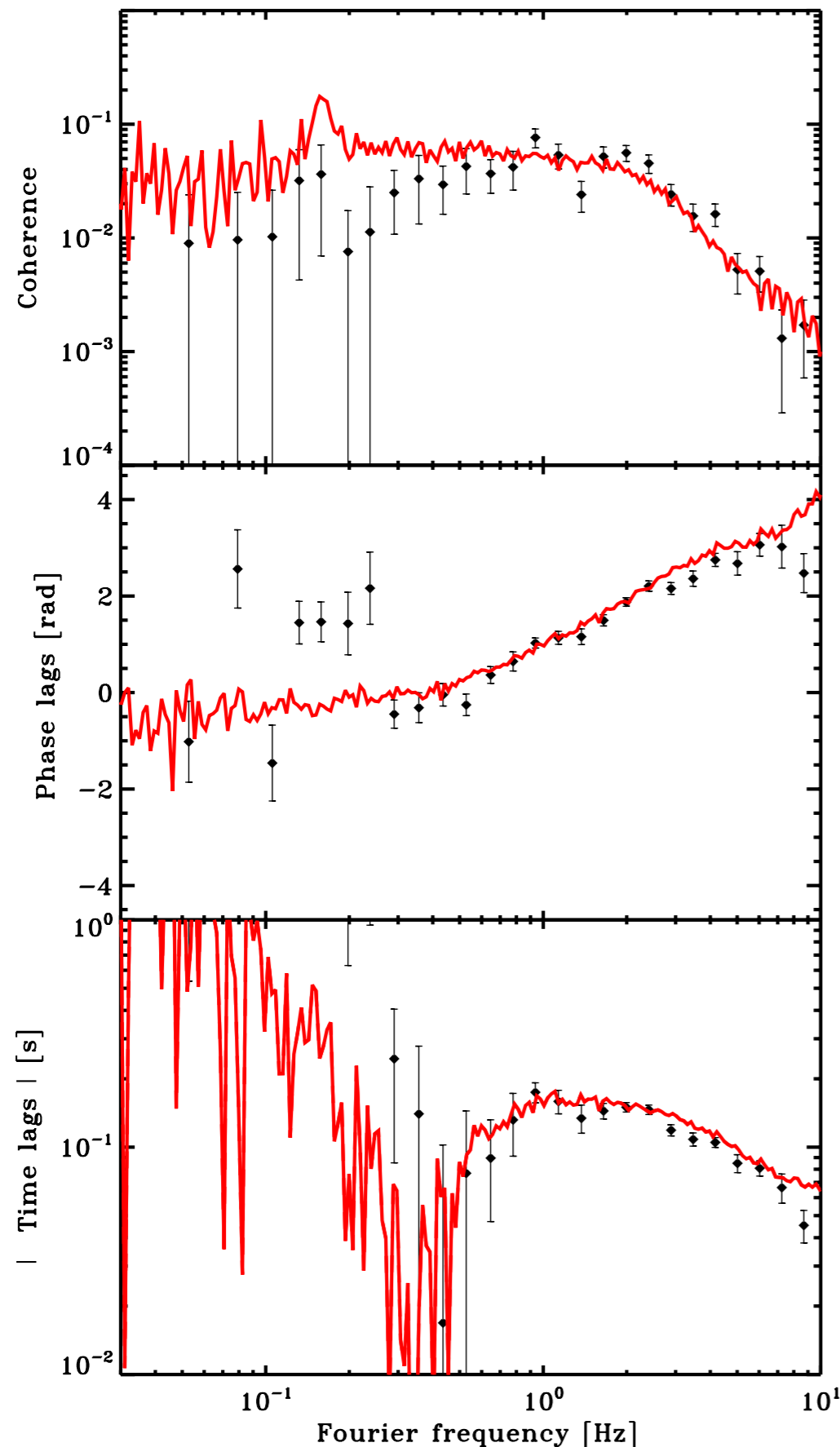


- Depending on hot flow geometry and inclination and precession angle, X-ray QPO can be dominated by first harmonic (see Veledina et al. 2013).

Wavelength dependence of synthetic IR Fourier power spectrum



Fast IR /X-ray correlations in GX339-4

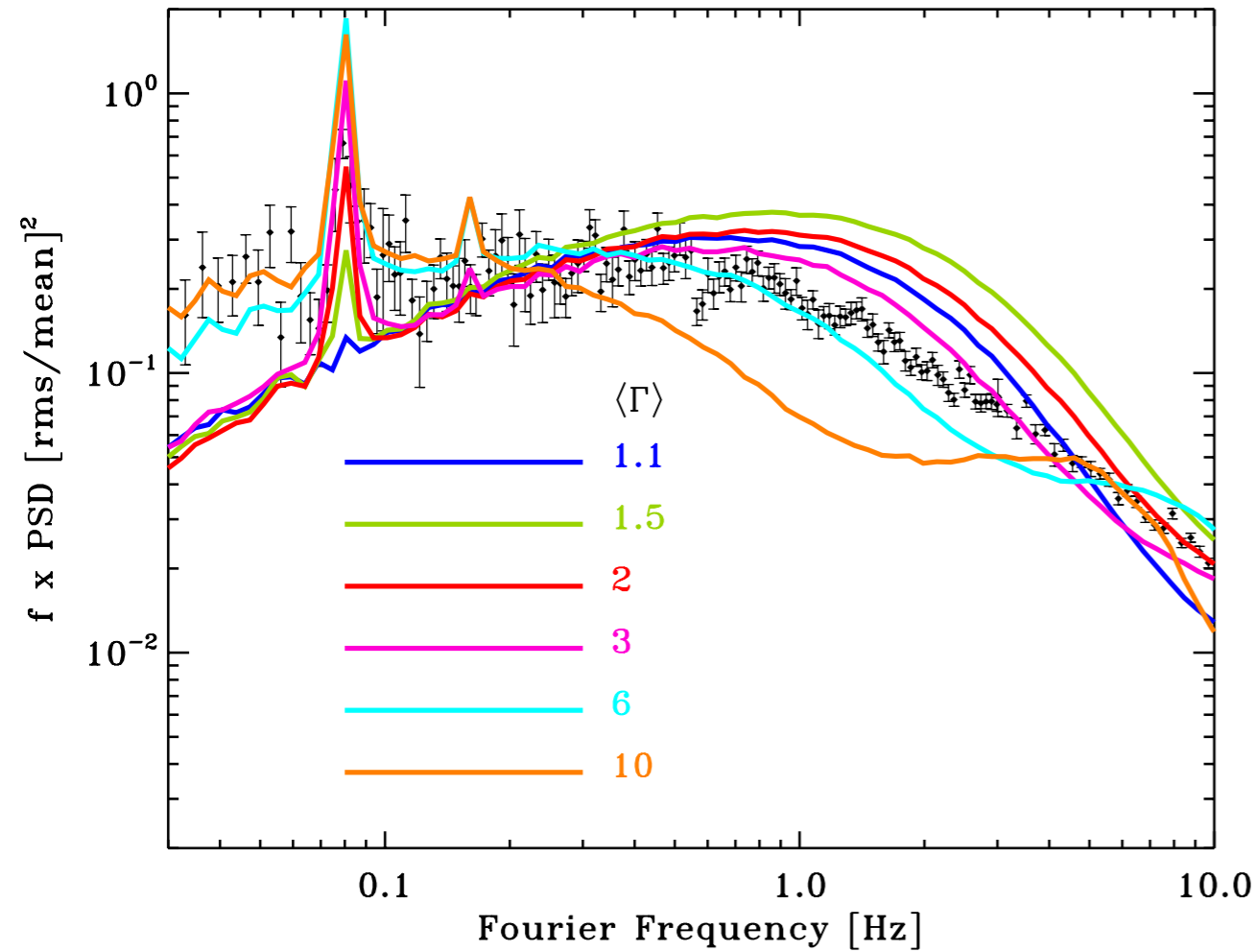


IR vs X-ray Fourier coherence, and lags from Kalamkar et al. (2016) data

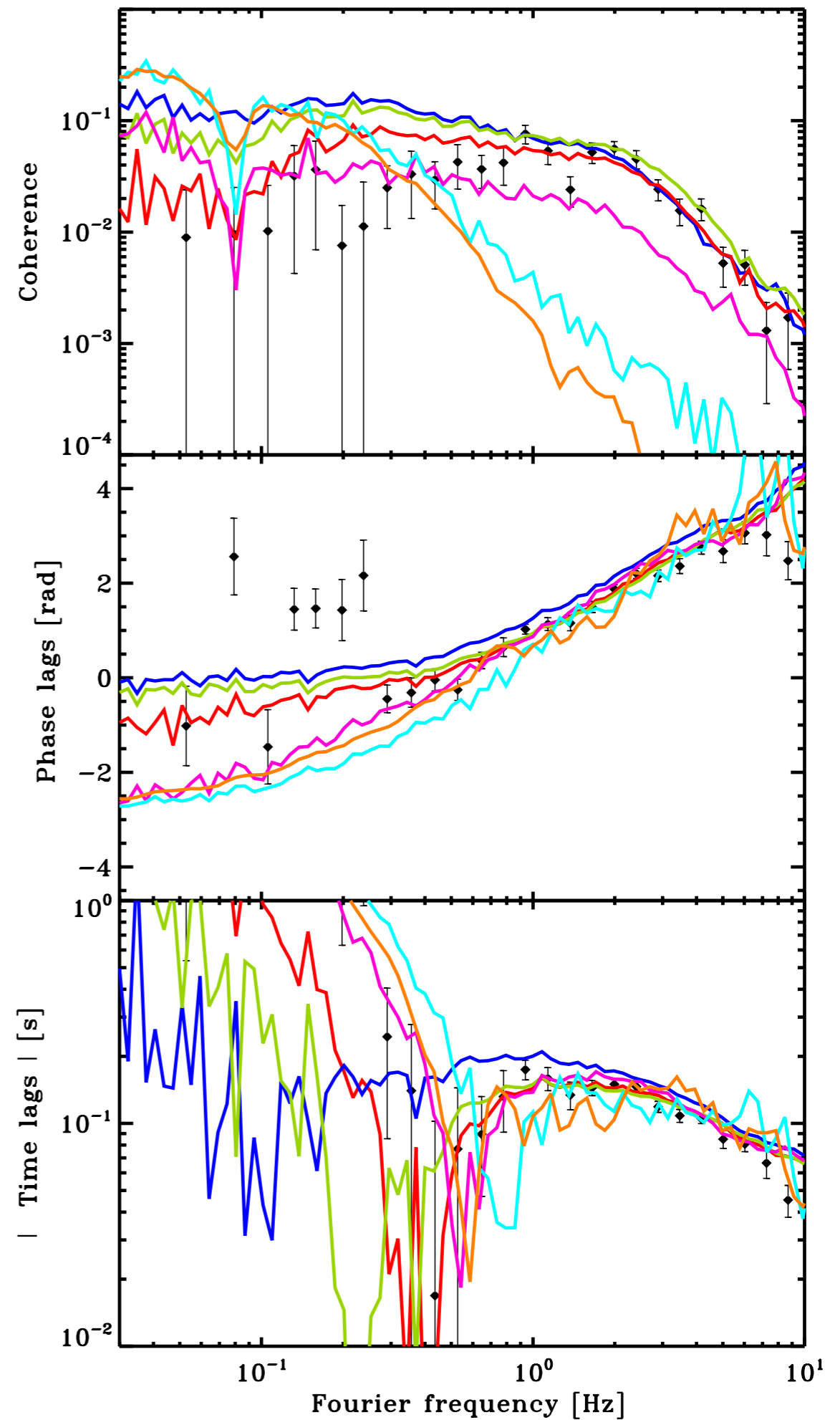
Model:

- IR light curve from same model used for SED and IR PSD.
- X-ray light curve: $L_X(t) \propto \Gamma(t) - 1$

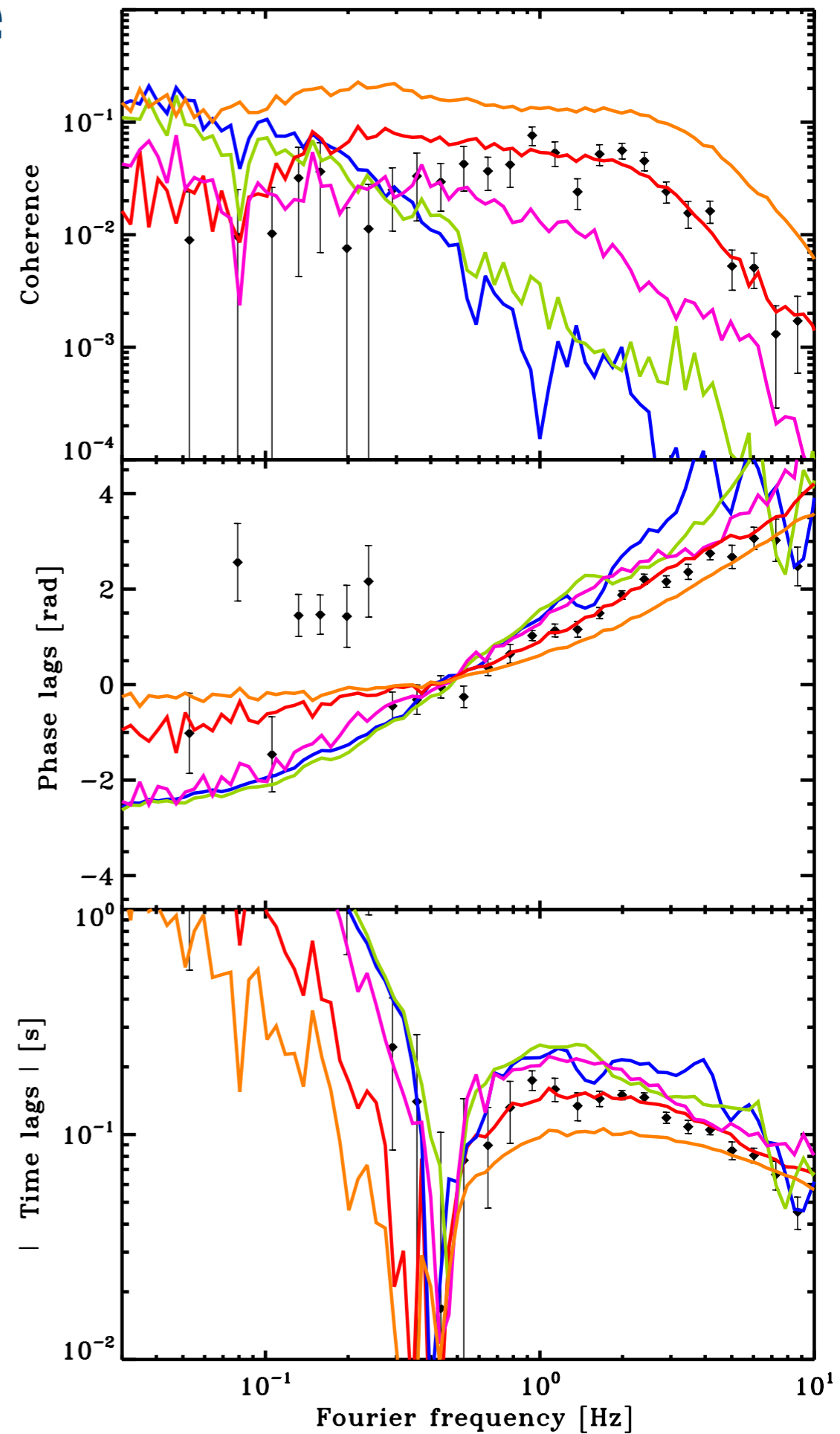
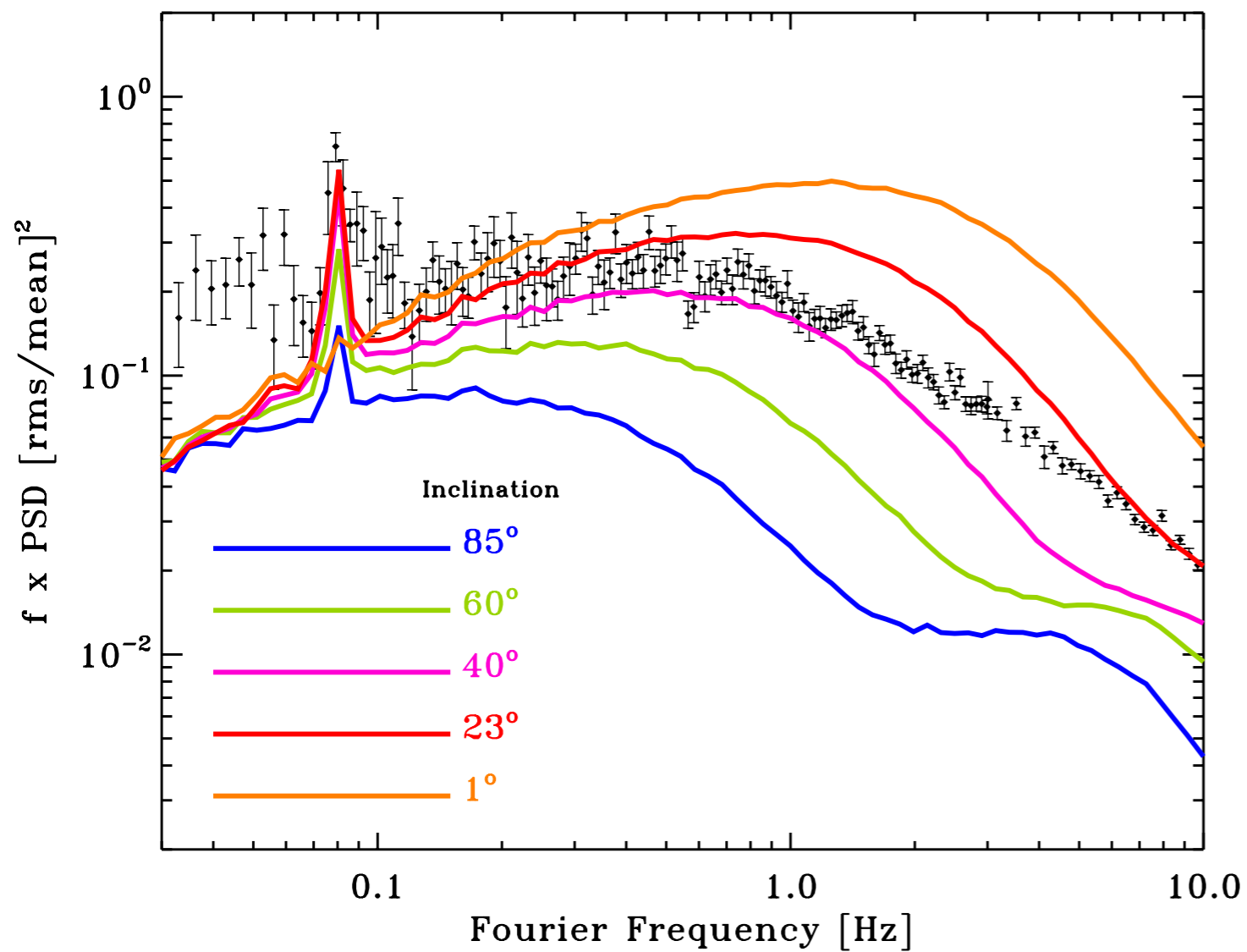
Effect of jet Lorentz factor



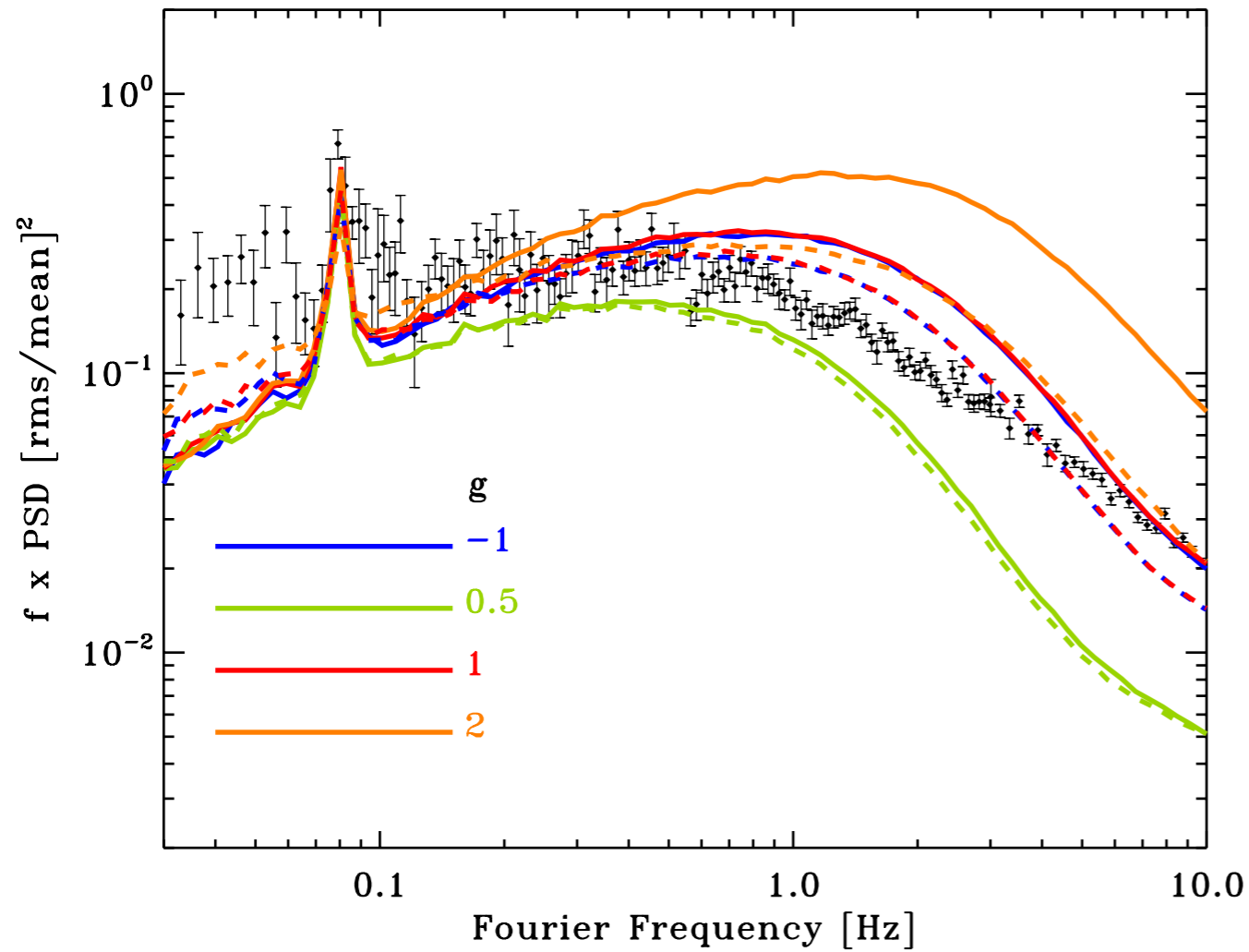
$\langle \Gamma \rangle < 3$ favoured



Effect of viewing angle

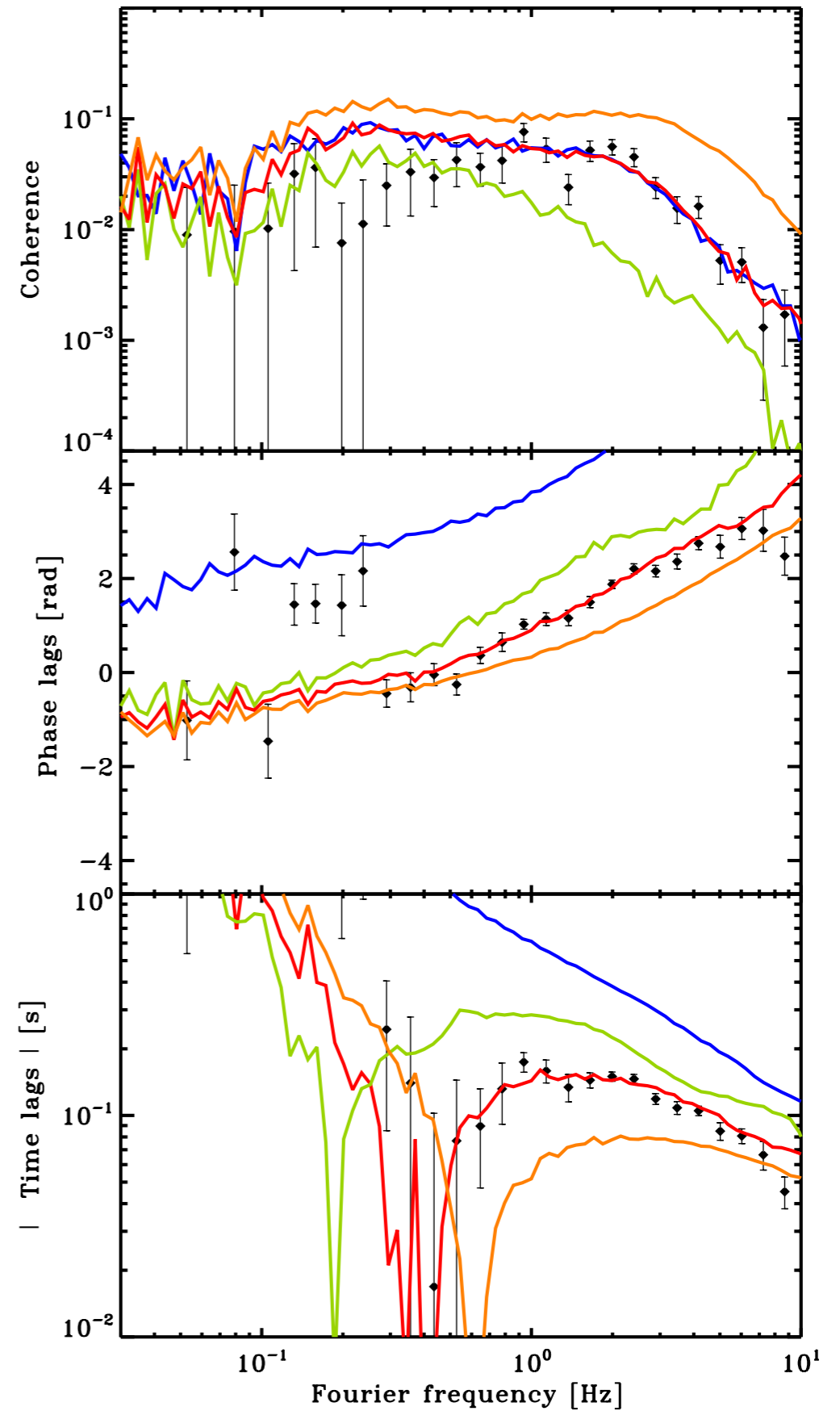


Jet disc coupling








$$\Gamma(t) - 1 \propto L_X^g(t)$$

$g=1$ favoured



Summary

-  There might be powerful radiatively inefficient jets in soft states.
-  Internal shock model predicts strong variability and IR/X-ray correlations similar to that observed in GX339-4.
-  IR QPO may be caused by jet precession.
-  Opt/IR/X-ray correlations could be used to constrain the jet parameters, unveil the dynamics of accretion and ejection physics, and also constrain the hot flow geometry (X-ray vs IR QPOs).
-  Need to combine accretion flow and jet models.

