The background image is a photograph of a winter landscape. It shows a valley with snow-covered trees and buildings, viewed through a dense forest of bare, snow-laden trees in the foreground. The sky is overcast and grey.

Magnetic Drag in Hot Jupiter Atmospheres and Observable Consequences

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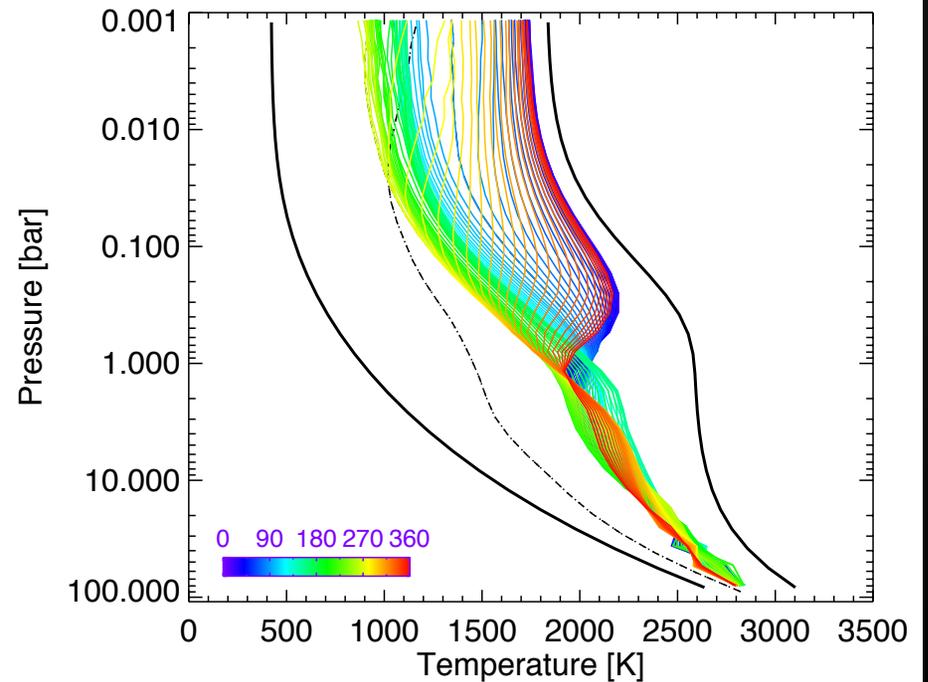
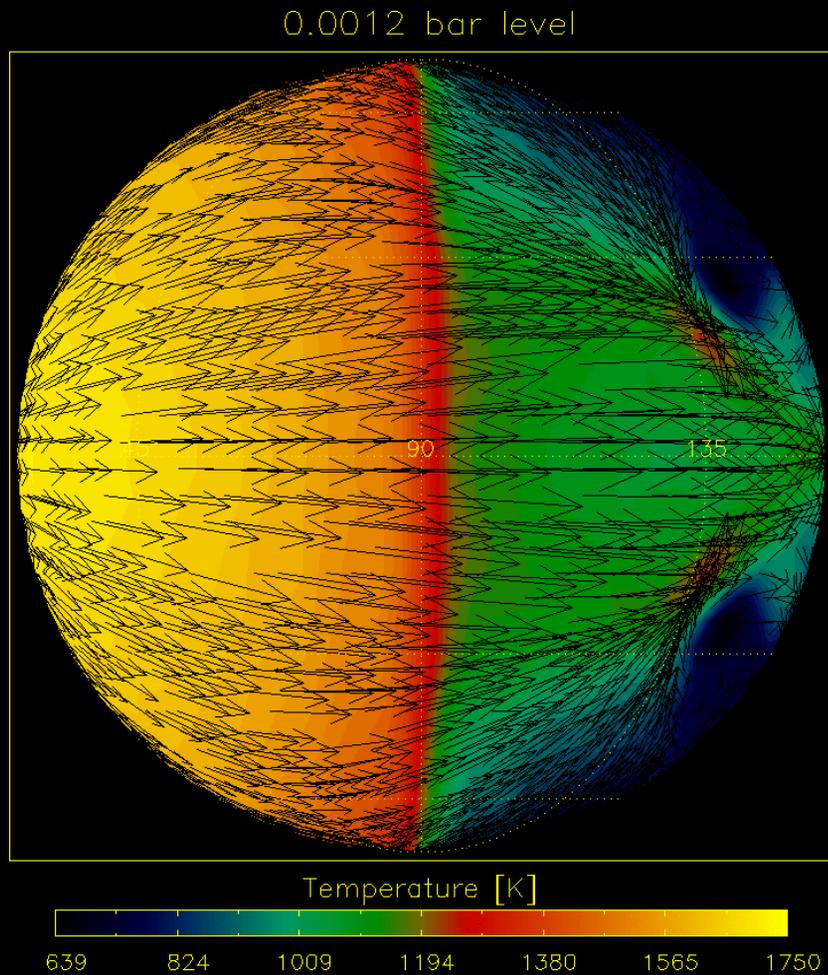
Atmospheric structure

Upper atmosphere:

day = hot night = cold

Lower atmosphere:

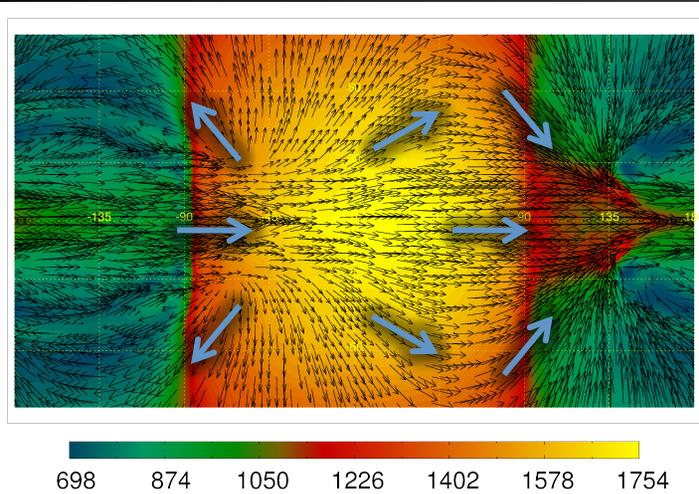
equator = hot poles = cold



Rauscher & Menou (2011)

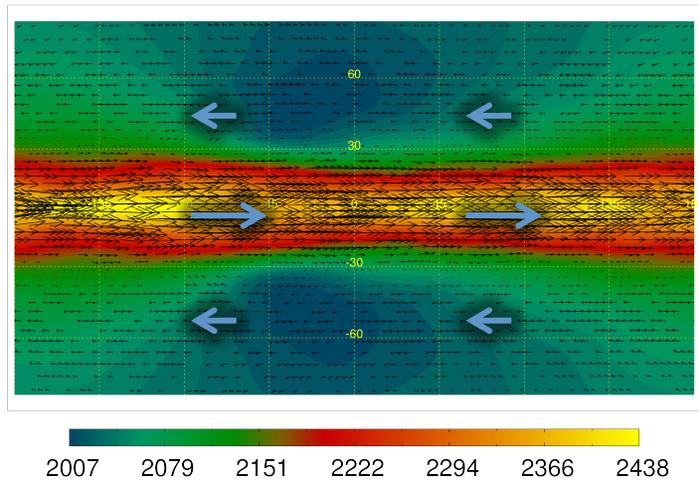
Thermal ionization + winds

Temperature [K]



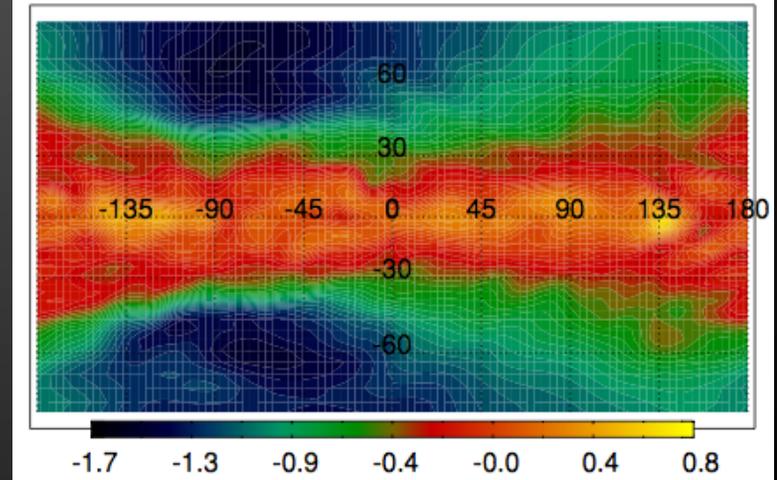
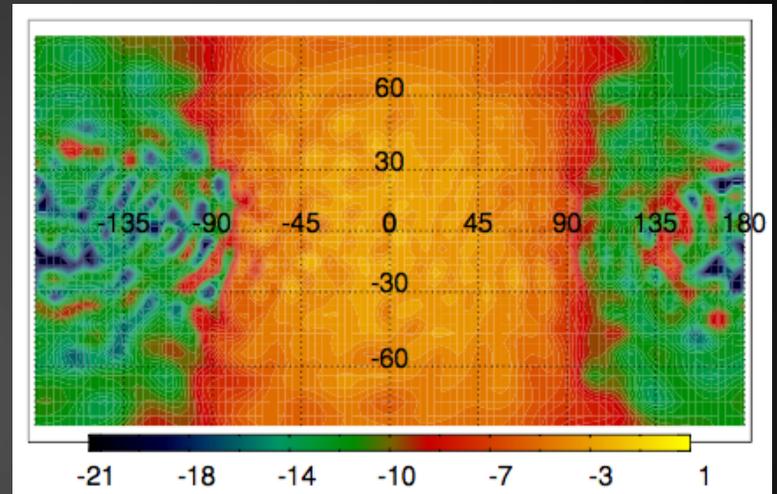
1 mbar

$$V \approx C_s$$



10 bar

\log_{10} (magnetic Reynolds number)



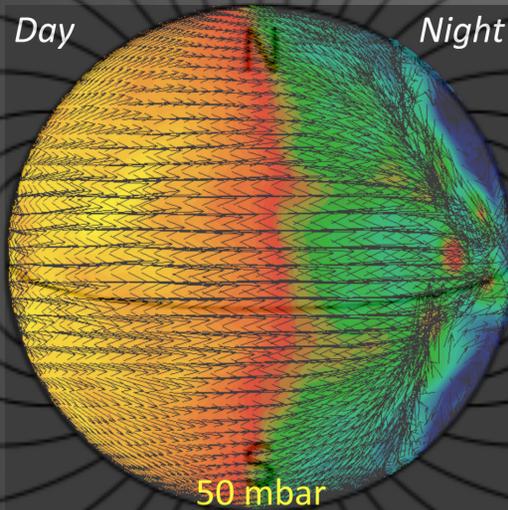
Perna, Menou, & Rauscher (2010a)

Magnetic Drag

The latitudinal component of the induced current, which depends on v , B , and the local resistivity:

$$j_{\theta}(r, \theta, \phi) = -\frac{c \sin \theta}{4\pi r \eta(r, \theta, \phi)} \int_r^R dr' r'^2 \left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial r'} B_r + \frac{1}{r'} \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} B_{\theta} \right)$$

where $\Omega = v_{\phi} r^{-1} \sin^{-1} \theta$ in spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) .



The momentum equation for the (mostly neutral) flow now includes an ion drag term:

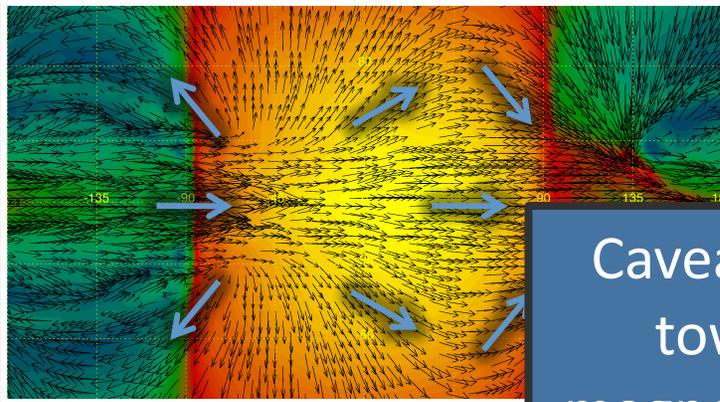
$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}$$

from which we can calculate a drag timescale:

$$\tau_{\text{drag}} \sim \frac{\rho |v_{\phi}| c}{|\mathbf{j}_{\theta} \times \mathbf{B}|}$$

Complex drag structure

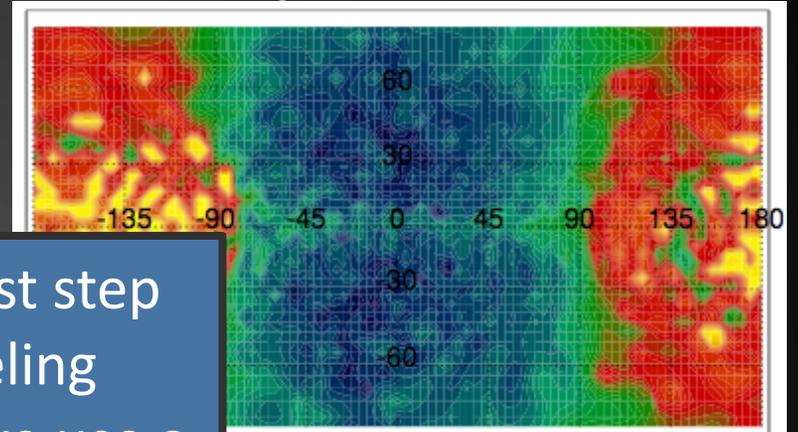
Temperature [K]



1 mbar

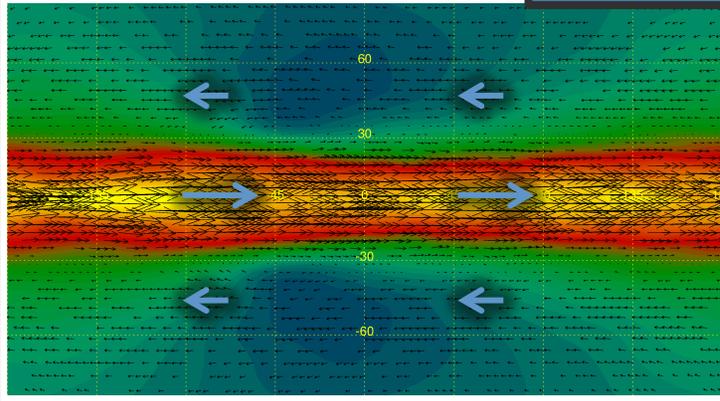
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$\text{Log}_{10}(\tau_{\text{drag}})$: blue = strong drag



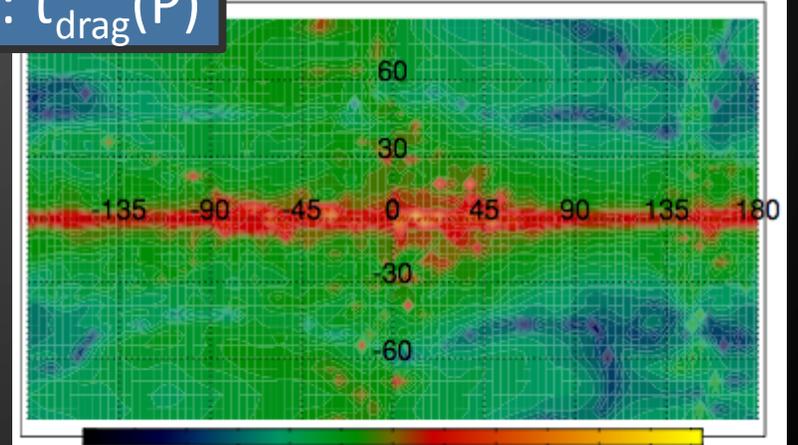
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Caveat! As a first step toward modeling magnetic drag, we use a simple treatment: $\tau_{\text{drag}}(P)$



10 bar

2007 2079 2151 2222 2294 2366 2438

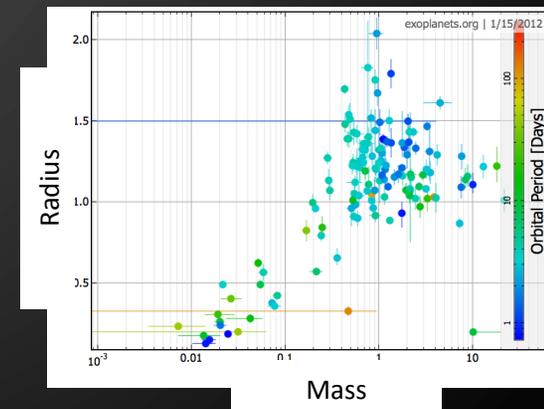
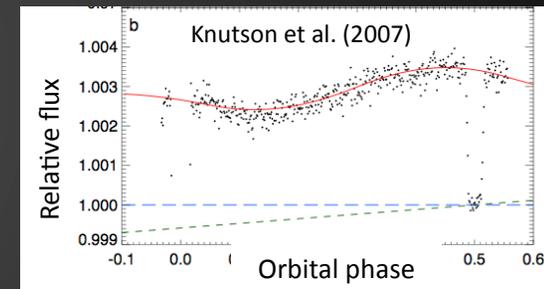
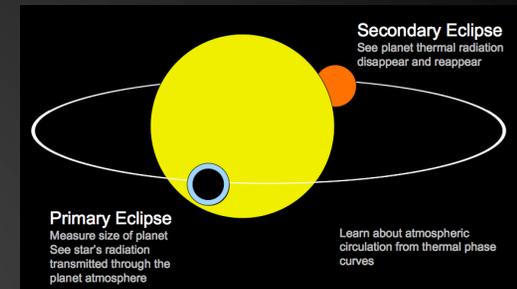


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Perna, Menou, & Rauscher (2010a)

Observable Consequences

- Slower winds
 - direct measurement of wind speeds?
- Altered temperature structure
 - phase offset of flux maximum
- Ohmic dissipation and extra heating
 - amount of radius inflation



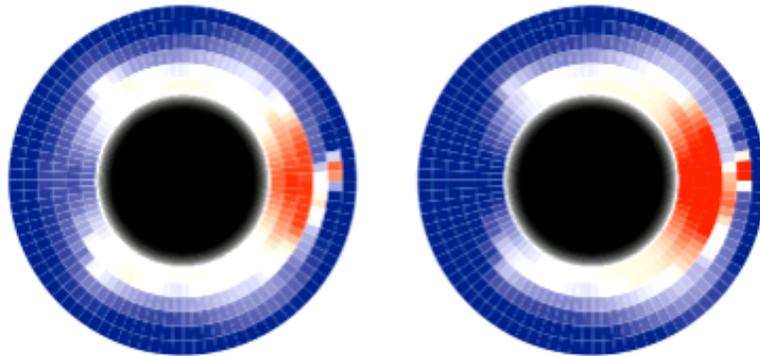
Wind speeds

1 bar to 10 μ bar

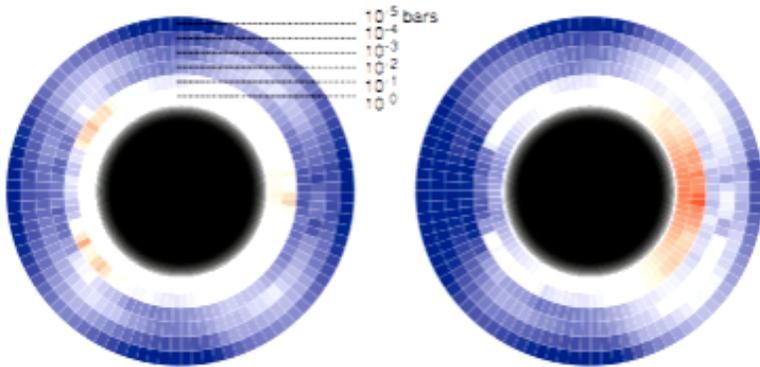
≤ -5 km/s

≥ 5 km/s

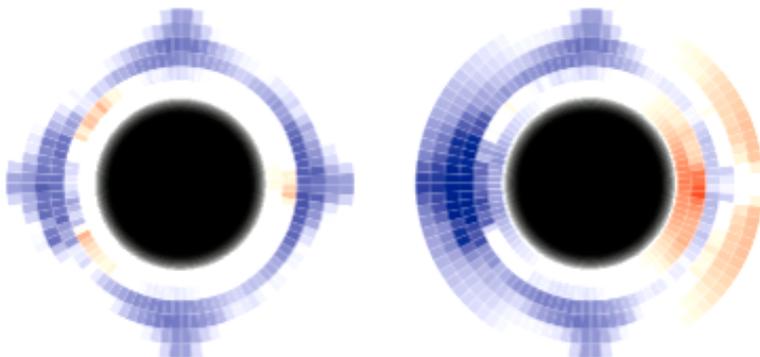
drag-free



with magnetic drag, version 1

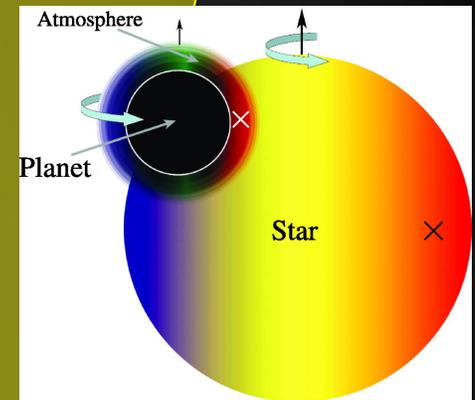


with magnetic drag, version 2



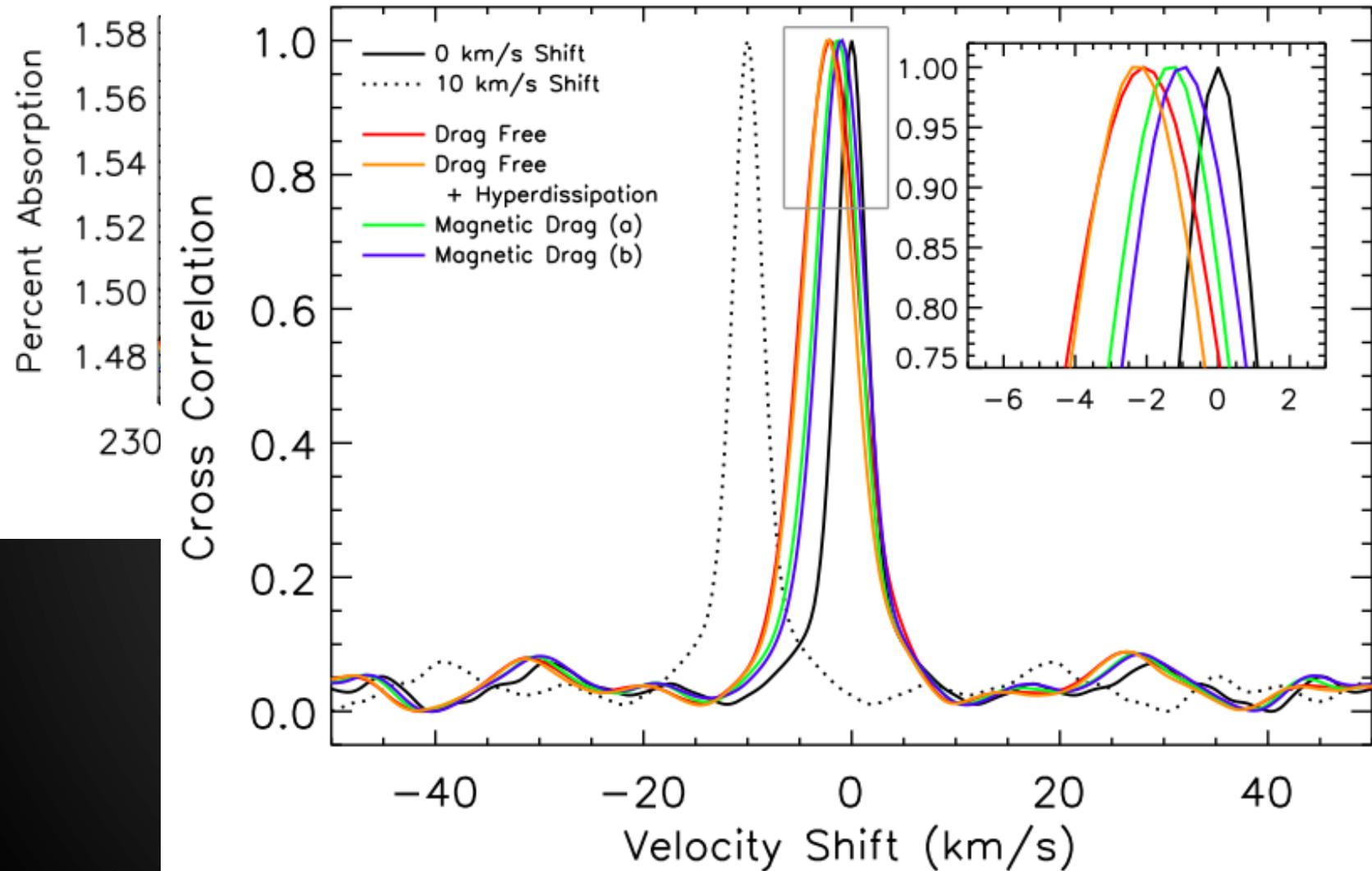
Kempton &
Rauscher (2011)

Spiegel et al. (2007)

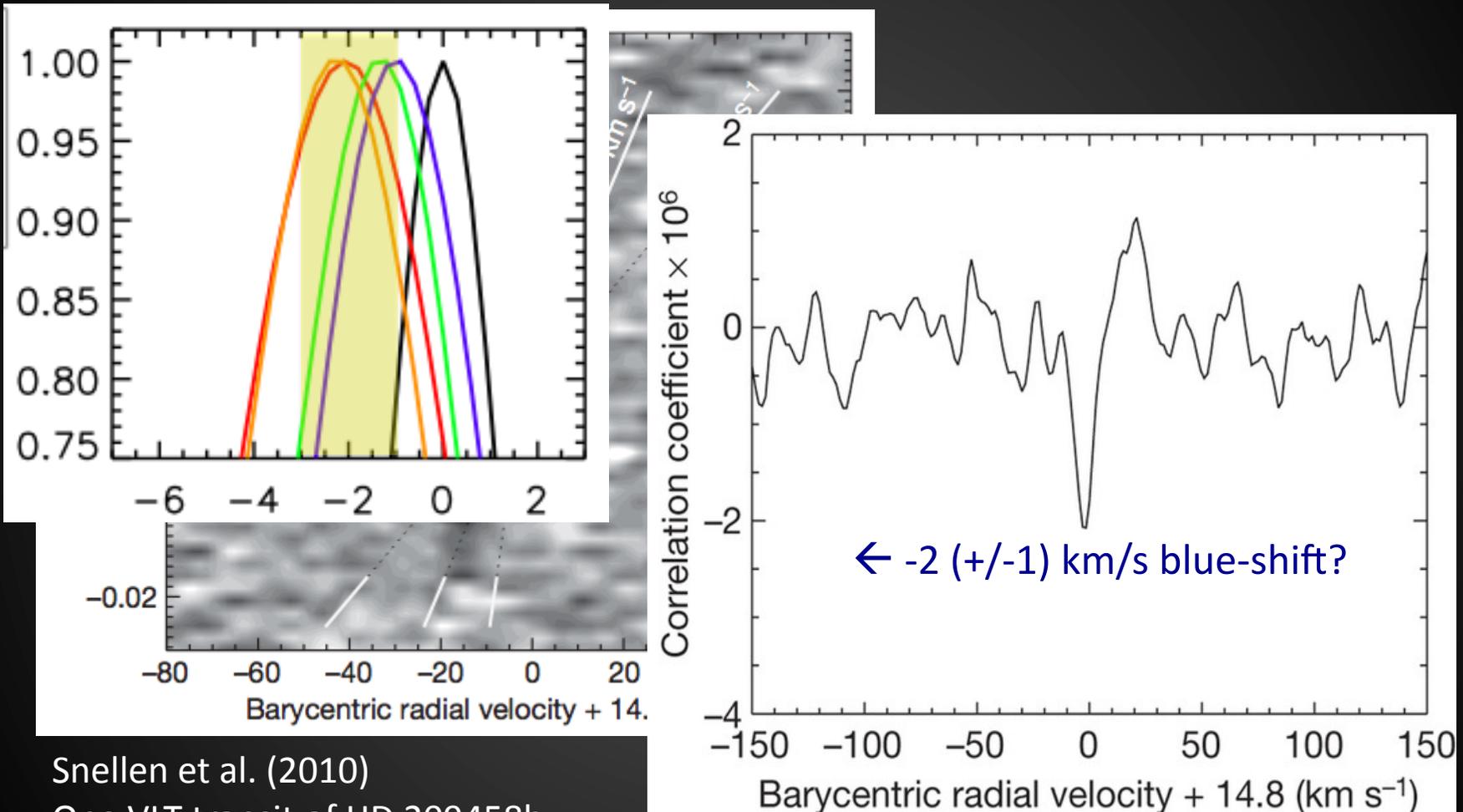


including rotation

Transmission spectra



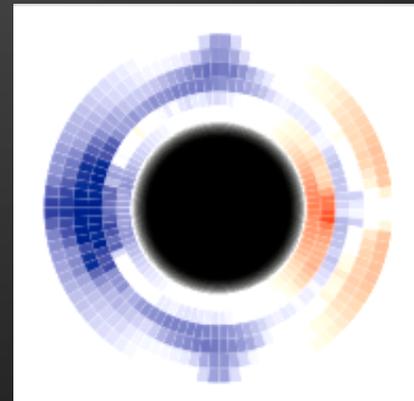
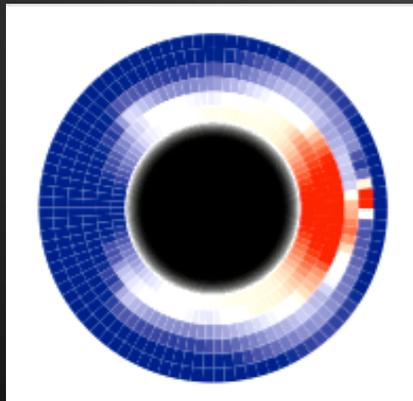
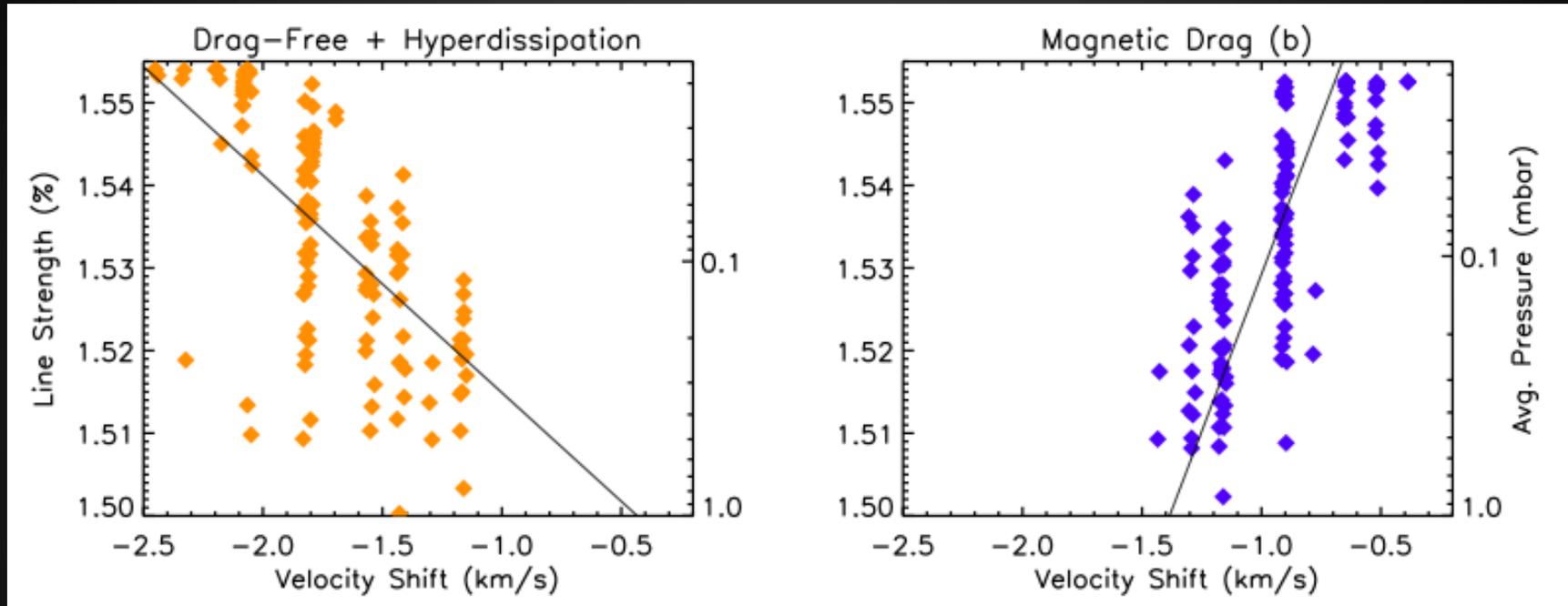
Direct measurement of wind speed (?)



Snellen et al. (2010)
One VLT transit of HD 209458b,
from 2291 to 2349 nm, with $R = 10^5$.

(see also Redfield et al. 2008, Jensen et al. 2011)

In the more distant future ... vertical wind shear

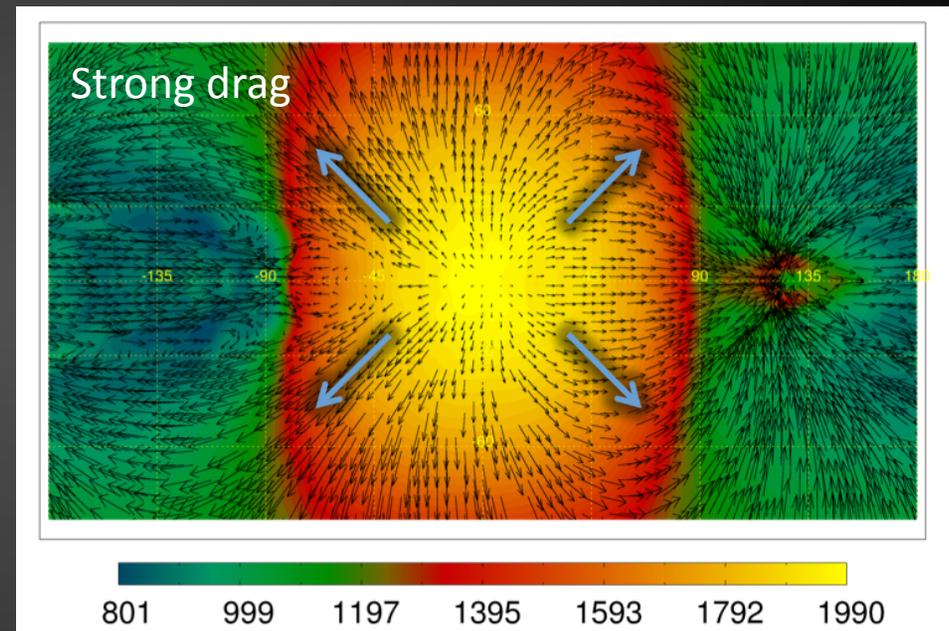
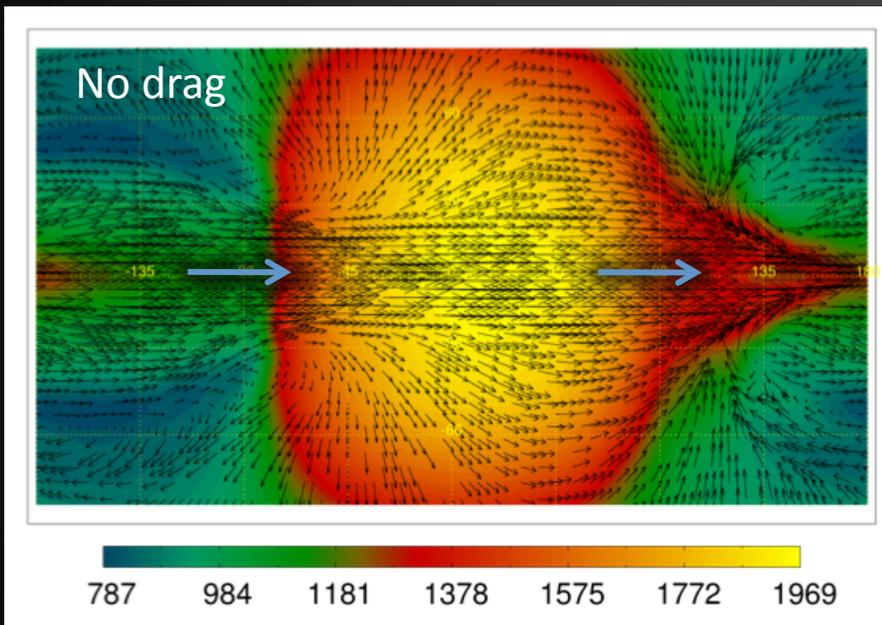


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Magnetic drag \rightarrow less efficient advection

Maximum wind speed: 8 km/s

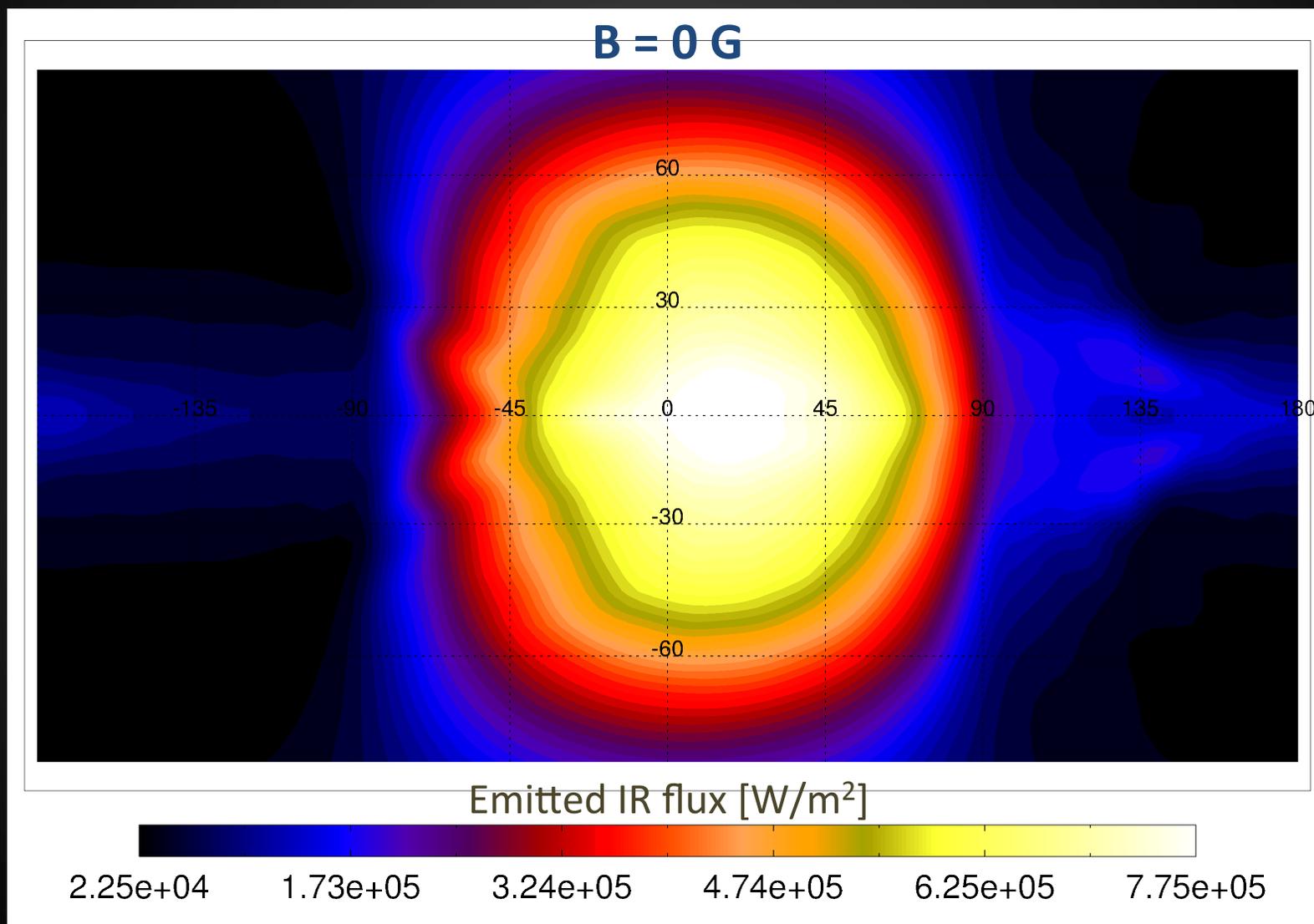
Maximum wind speed: 6 km/s



Temperature [in K]
at photosphere, $P = 50$ mbar

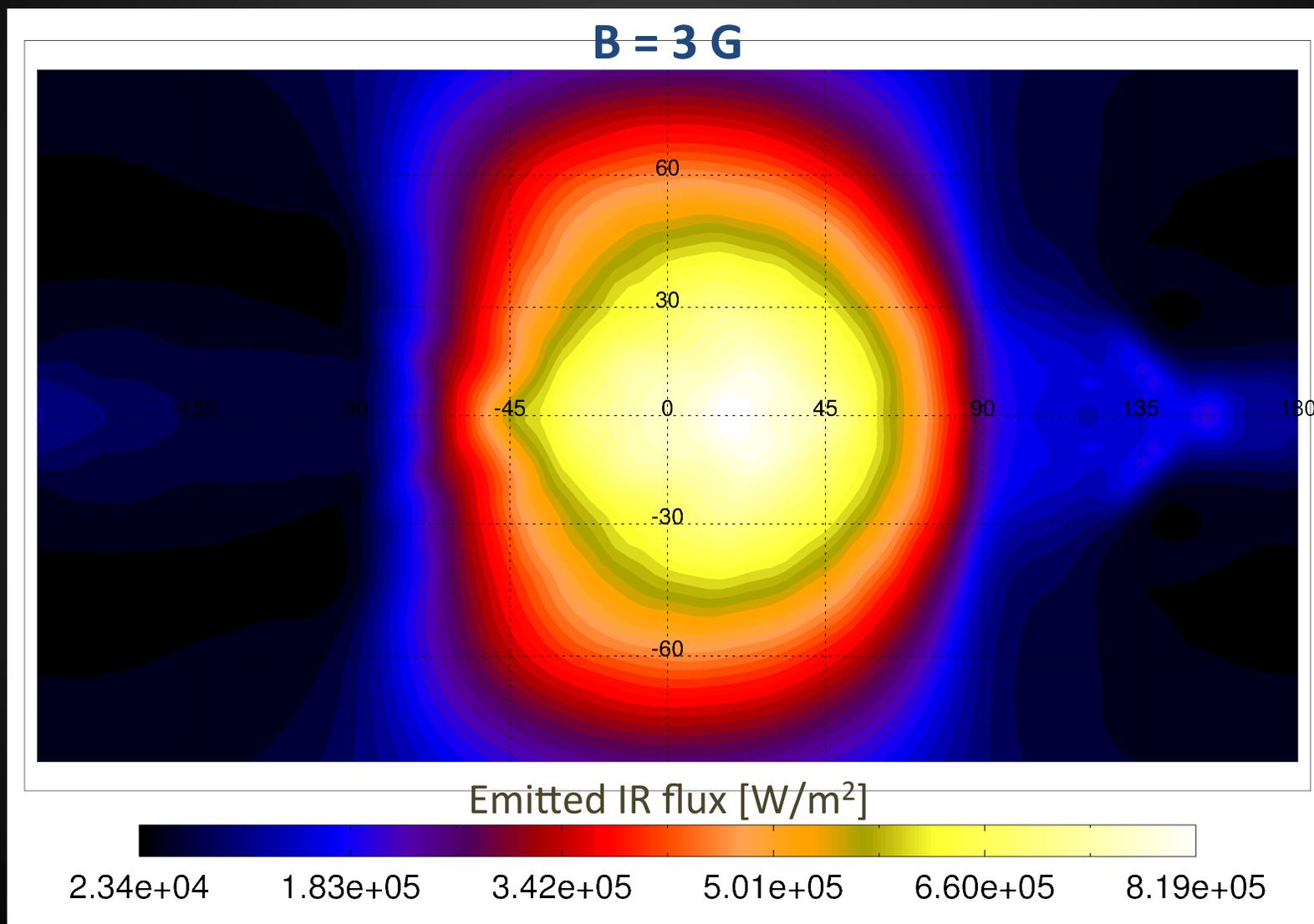
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Changes in longitude of hotspot

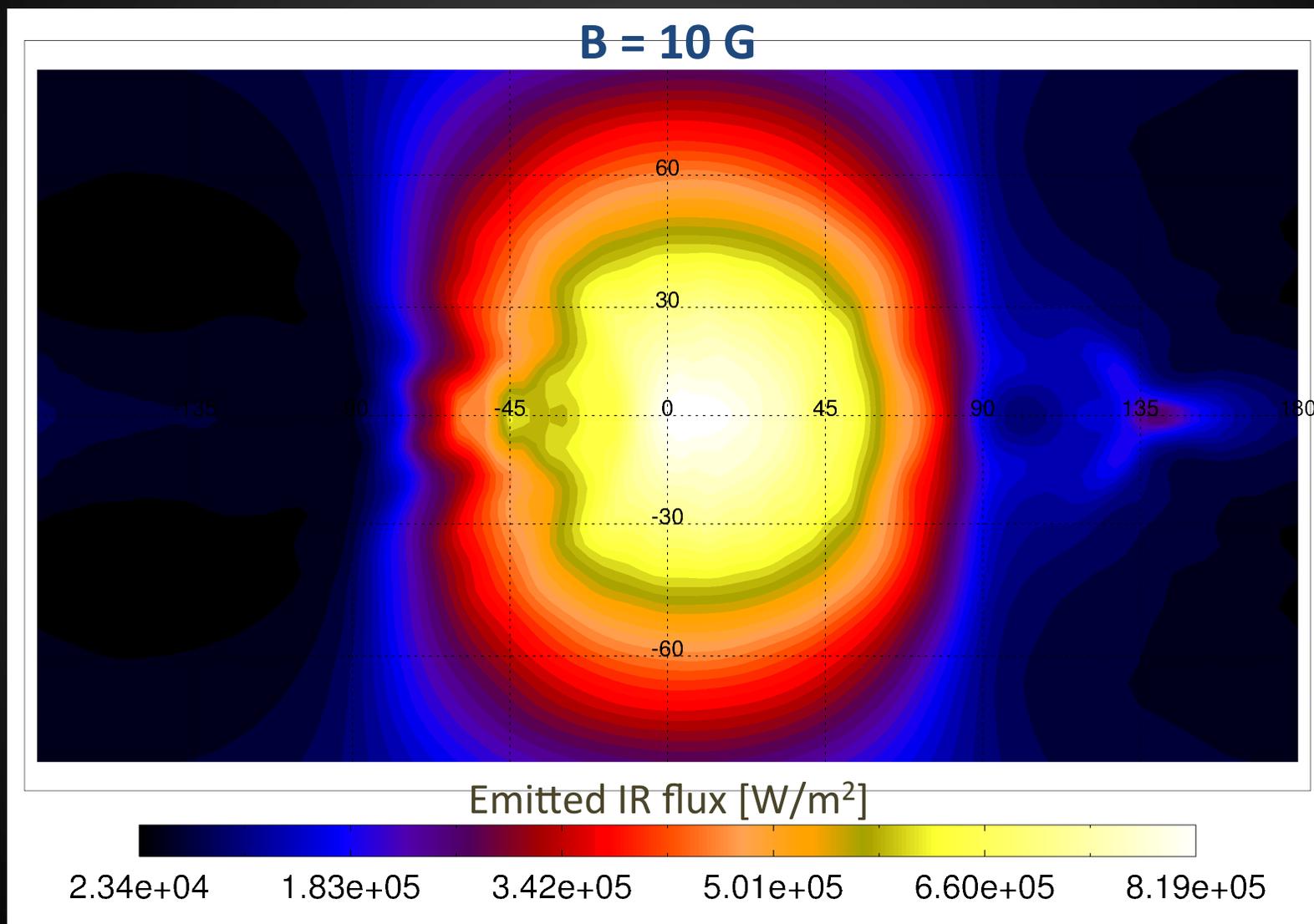


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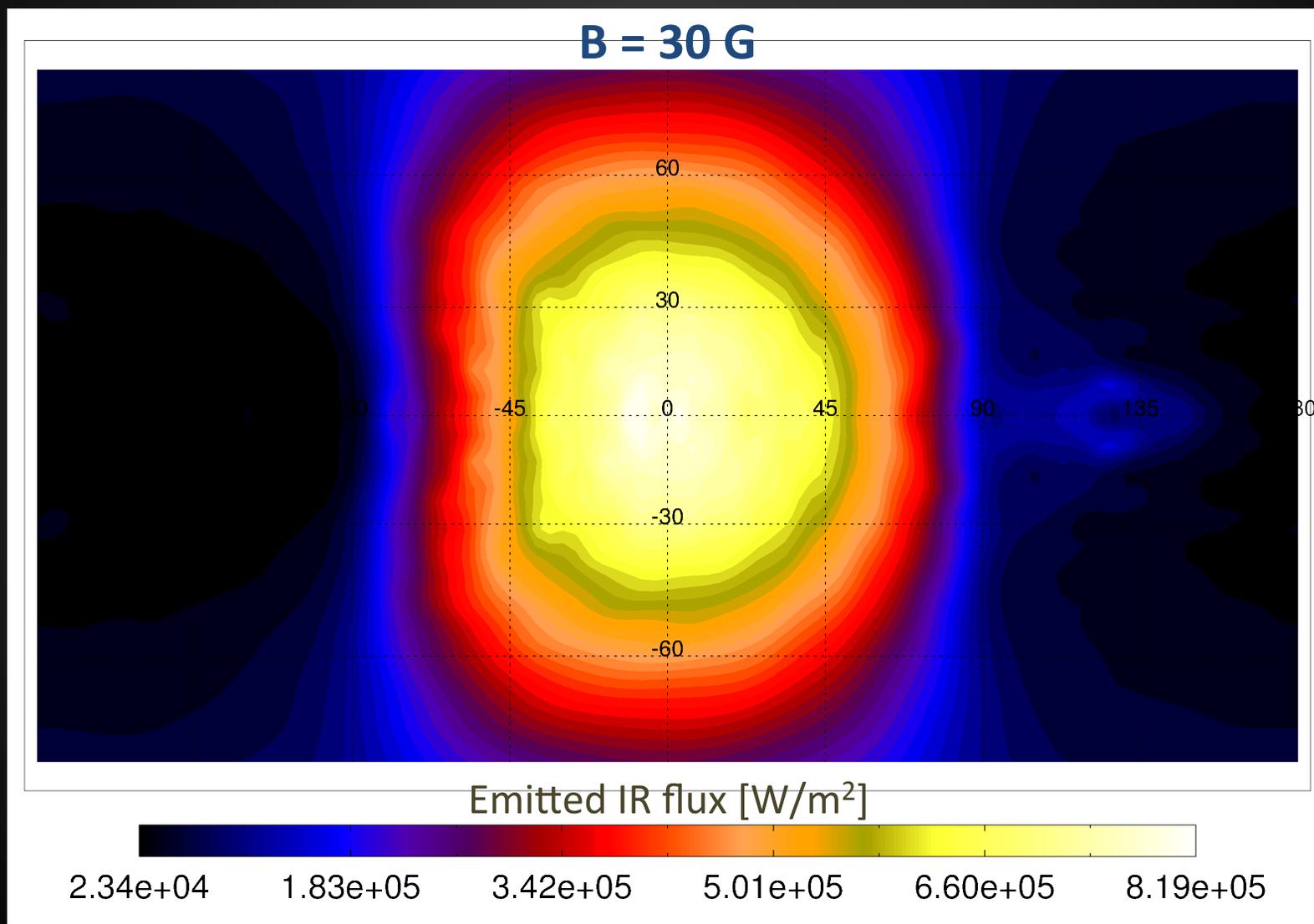
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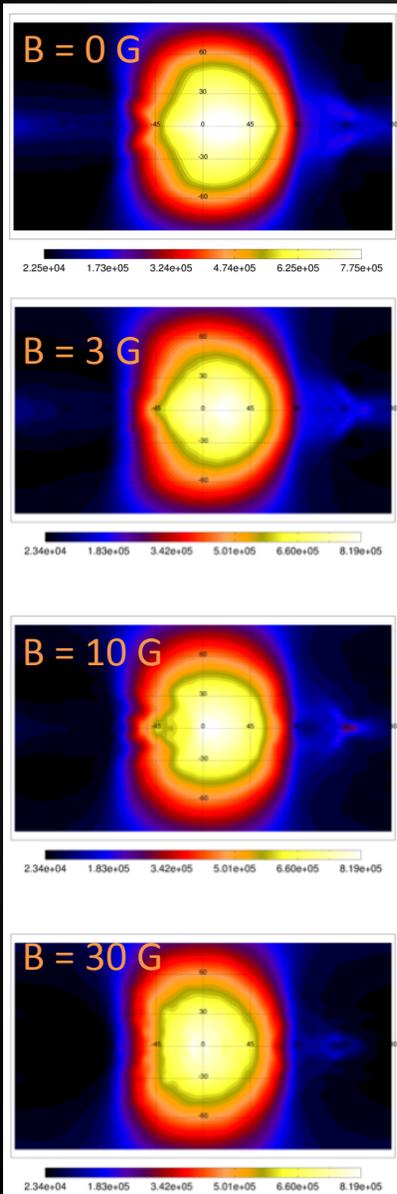
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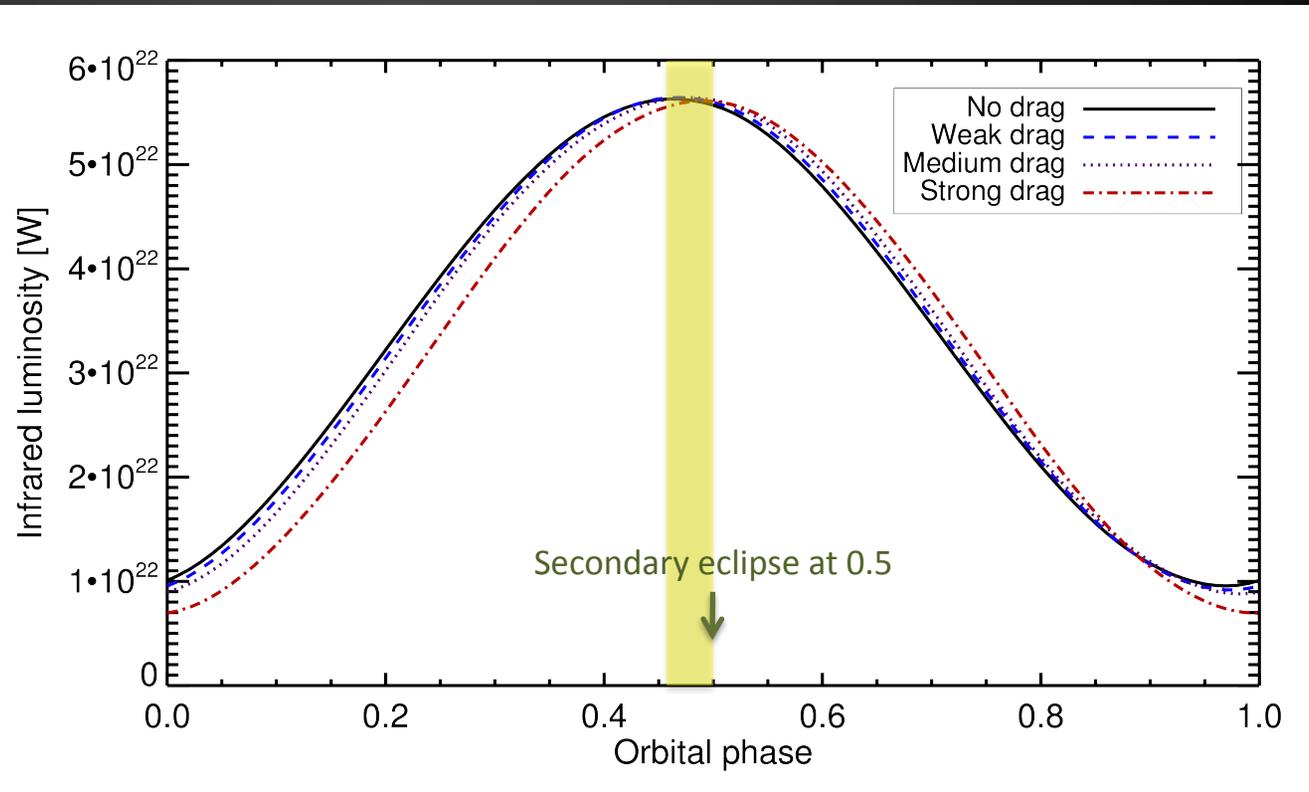
Changes in longitude of hotspot



Changes in phase offset of max flux



| | $B = 0\text{ G}$ | $B = 3\text{ G}$ | $B = 10\text{ G}$ | $B = 30\text{ G}$ |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Phase of max flux | 0.467 | 0.469 | 0.481 | 0.494 |

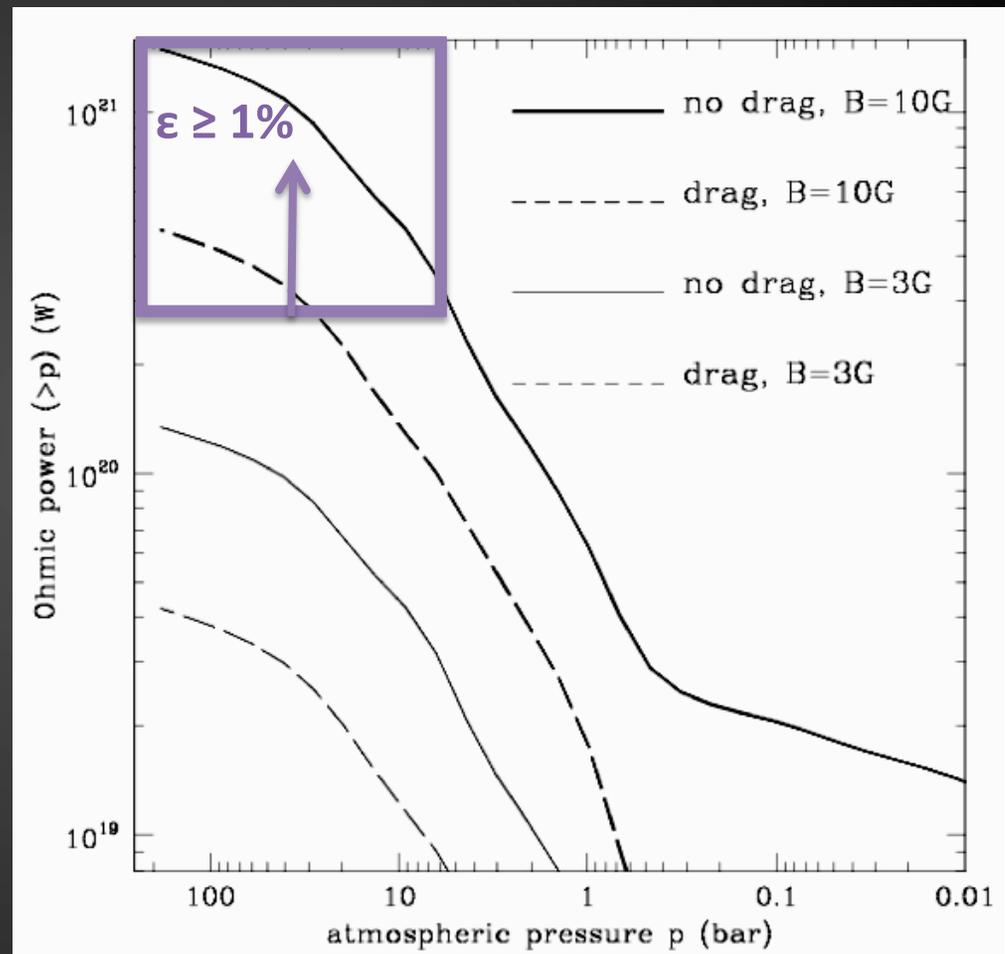


Ohmic dissipation and heating

$$Q_J(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{[j_\theta(r, \theta, \phi)]^2}{\sigma_e(r, \theta, \phi)}$$

Efficiency: $\epsilon = \frac{\text{ohmic heating}}{\text{stellar heating}}$

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{KE lost through drag}}{\text{stellar heating}}$$



Perna, Menou, & Rauscher (2010b)

see also Batygin & Stevenson (2010), Batygin et al. (2011), Laughlin et al. (2011), Menou (2011)

Summary: set of related observables

| | B = 0 G | B = 3 G | B = 10 G | B = 30 G |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Ohmic heating efficiency, ϵ | 0% | 0.6% | 3% | 60% |
| Longitude of hotspot | 12° | 11° | 7° | 2° |
| Blueshift of transmission lines | 2 km/s | | | 1 km/s |

caveat: these numbers will change for more complex (complete) models

As the strength of the magnetic field \uparrow :

\uparrow the amount of **ohmic heating** and **radius inflation**

\downarrow the **longitude of the hotspot** and **offset in the phase curve**

\downarrow the **wind speeds** (constrained by **transmission spectra**?)

... but not without limit.