

[Ne II] 12.81 μ m Line Emission:
What Does it Tell us About Protoplanetary Disk
Evolution and Mass Loss?

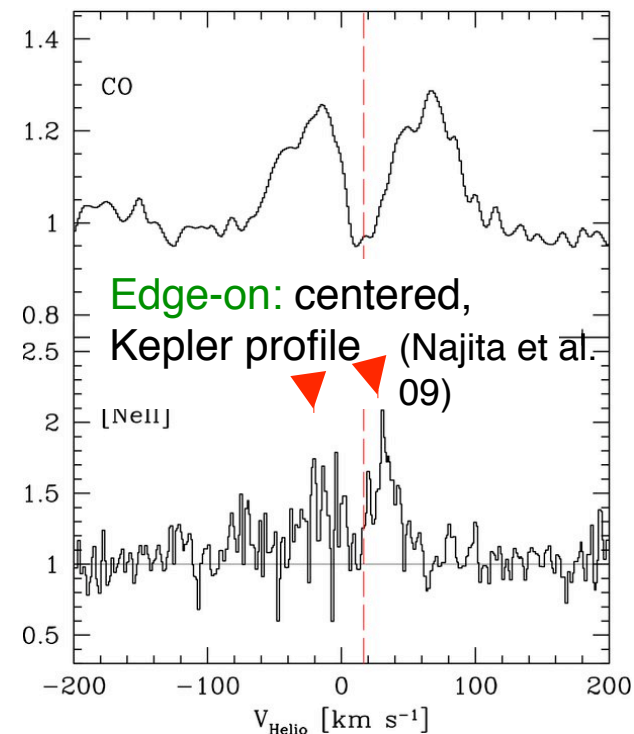
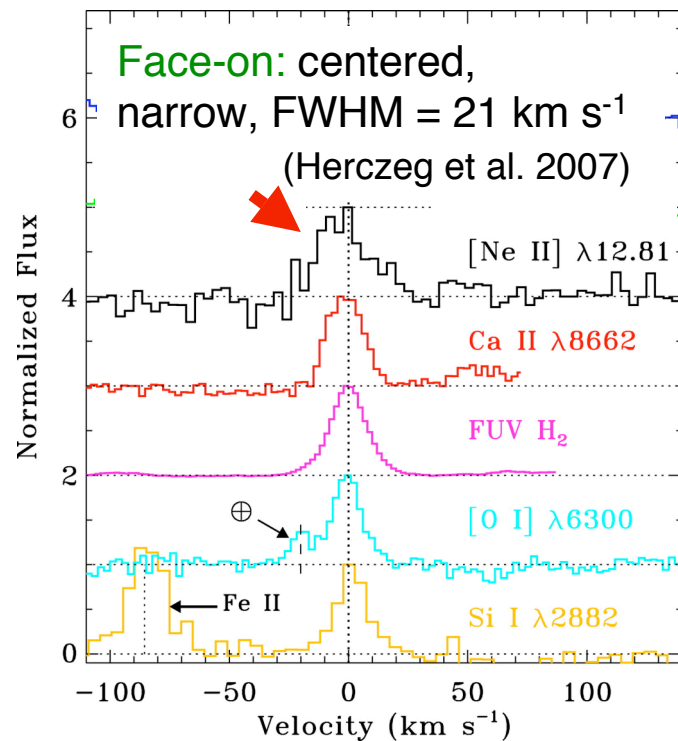
Or: What is Mass Loss Telling us about [NeII]?



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[Ne II] 12.81 μm from X-ray Irradiated Disk?

- Tracer for **hot**, X-ray/EUV ionized gas in the **inner** disk
- Should scale linearly with L_x for constant disk (Glassgold et al. 2007, Meijerink et al. 2008)



(alternative view: photoevaporative flows, \rightarrow [Ilaria Pascucci's talk](#), poster by Owen et al. **B21**; Pascucci & Sterzik 2009; calculations: Alexander 2008)

Statistical Study: Characterization of [Ne II] Sample

[NeII] emission survey of 92 CTTS (Spitzer c2d, etc):

58 [Ne II] detections, 34 UL

64 X-ray detections, 3 UL (XMM or Chandra)

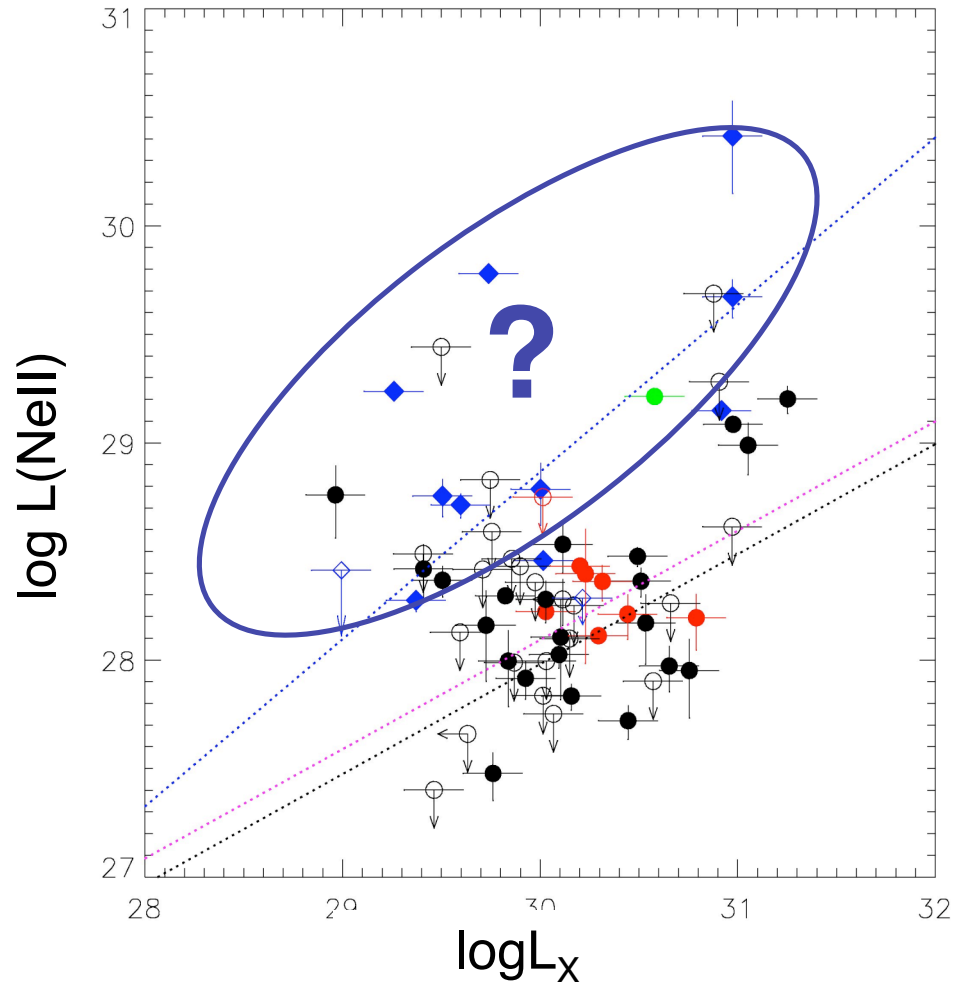
40 [Ne II] & X-ray detections

14 *jet-driving CTTS*

13 *transition disks*

(See also Flaccomio et al. 2009 for Class I)

Does [Ne II] Correlate with L_x ?

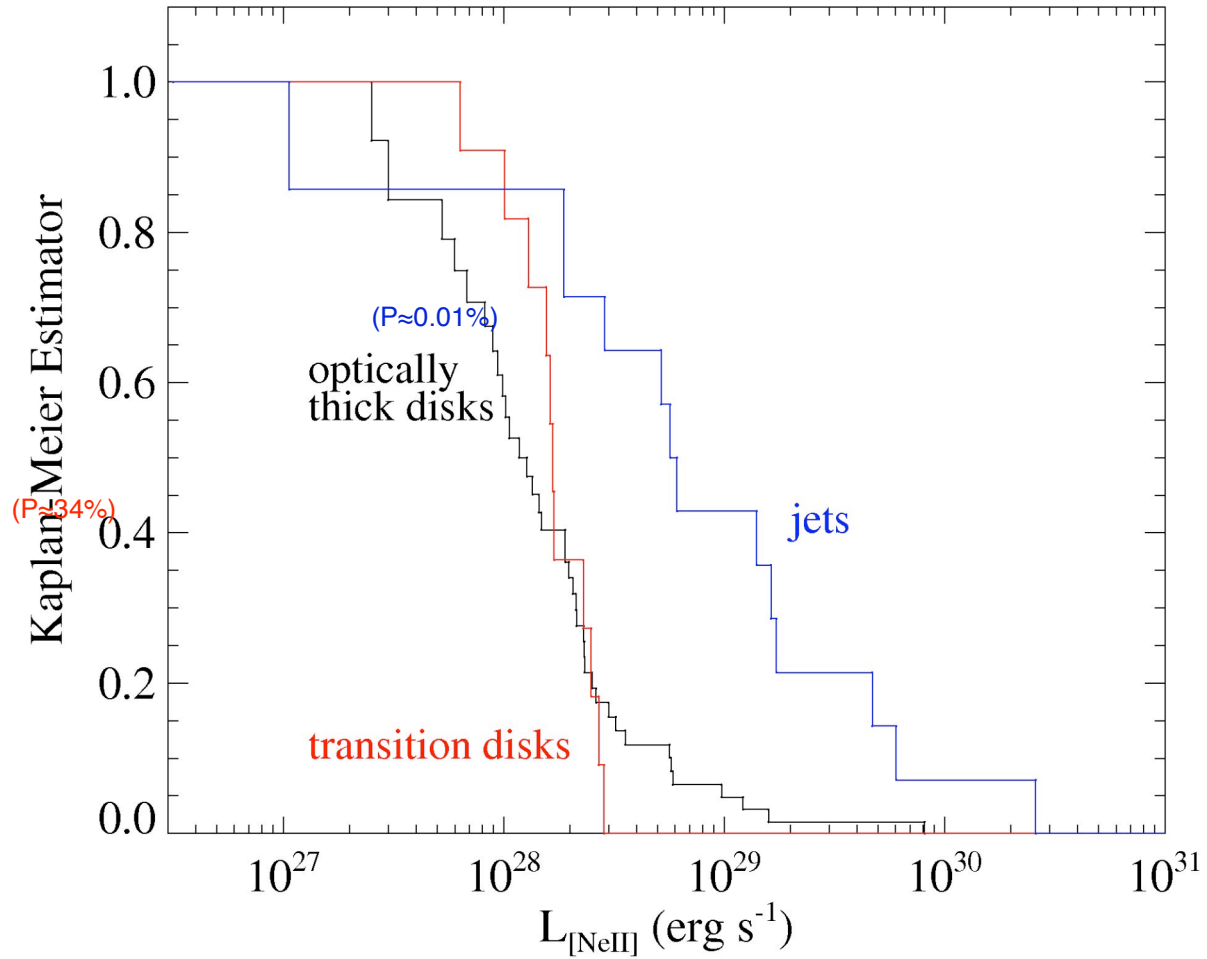


- Optically thick disks
- Transitional disks
- Disks with jets

Trend $L(\text{NeII}) \propto L_x^{0.5}$

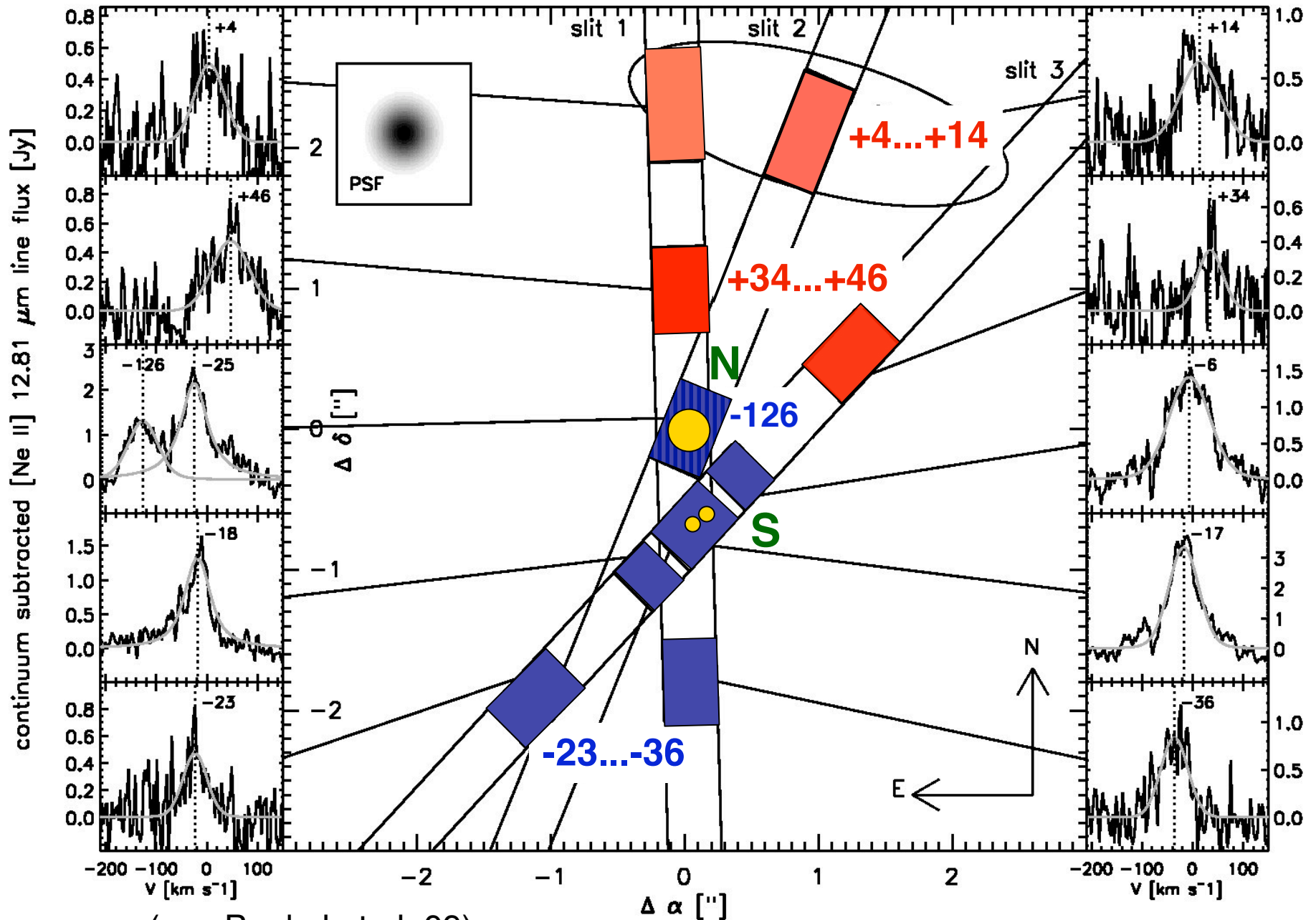
- *but largely dominated by scatter.*

See also poster by Carla
Baldovin Saavedra et al., B50



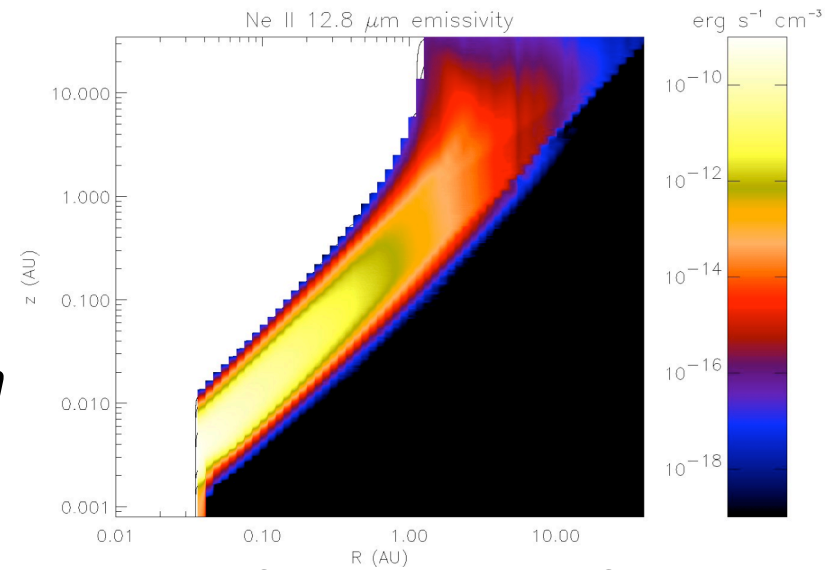
*Presence of jet increases
L(NeII) by ≈10x*

(Güdel et al. 2009)

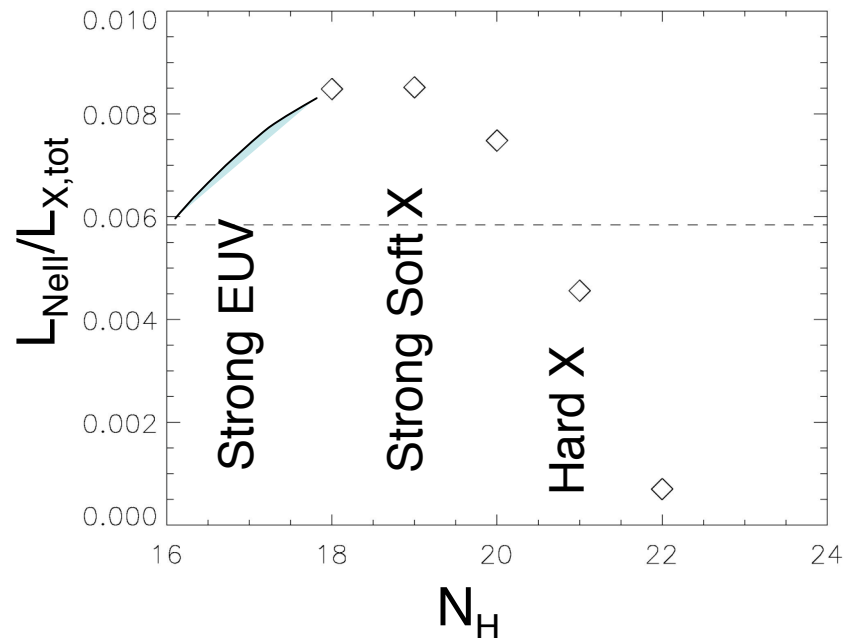


No Jets: Are Disks Doing the Job? – But Why the Scatter?

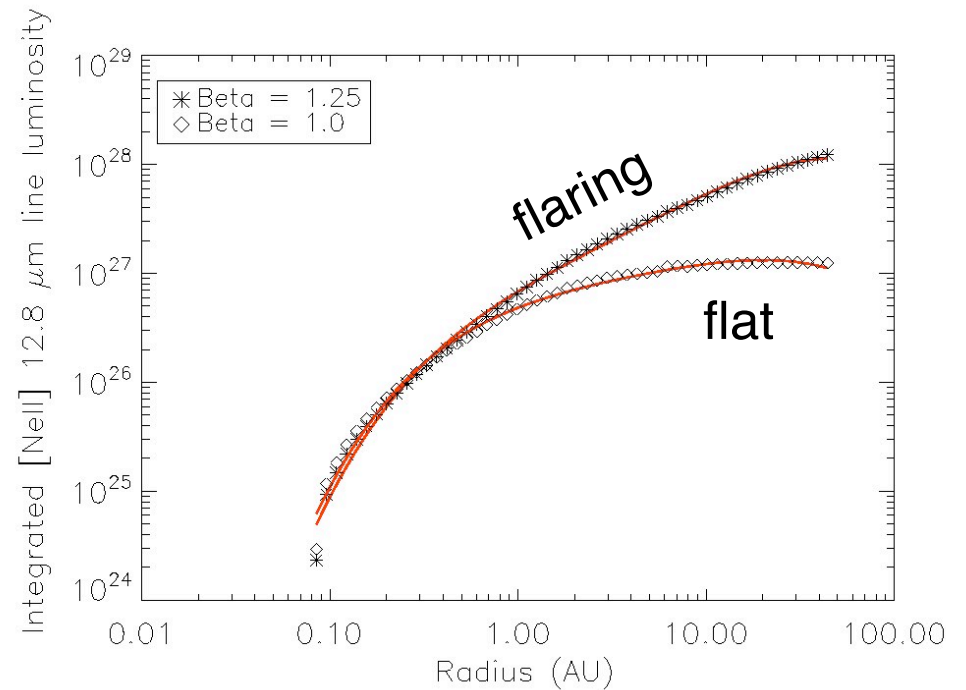
- MC rad. transfer MOCASSIN (Ercolano et al. 03)
- self-consistent hydrostatic disk
or
- analytical flared-disk model, $\beta = 1$ or 1.25
- X-ray + EUV irradiated, + *absorbing screen*
- 2×10^{30} erg s⁻¹ (0.1-10 keV) *transmitted*



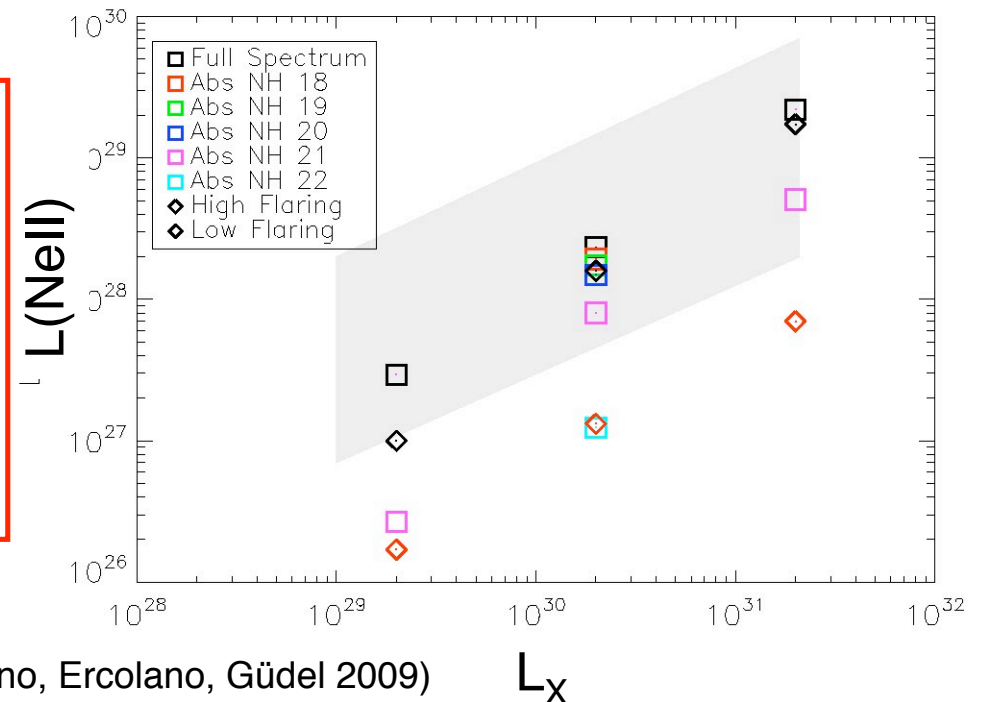
(Schisano, Ercolano, Güdel 2009)



- flaring: larger solid angle of disk
 - more [NeII] emission
 - at larger average distance



- Fainter [NeII] sources match predictions
- Scatter introduced from variation in
 - spectral hardness/ N_{H} (soft X best)
 - disk flaring (strong best)



(Schisano, Ercolano, Güdel 2009)

L_X

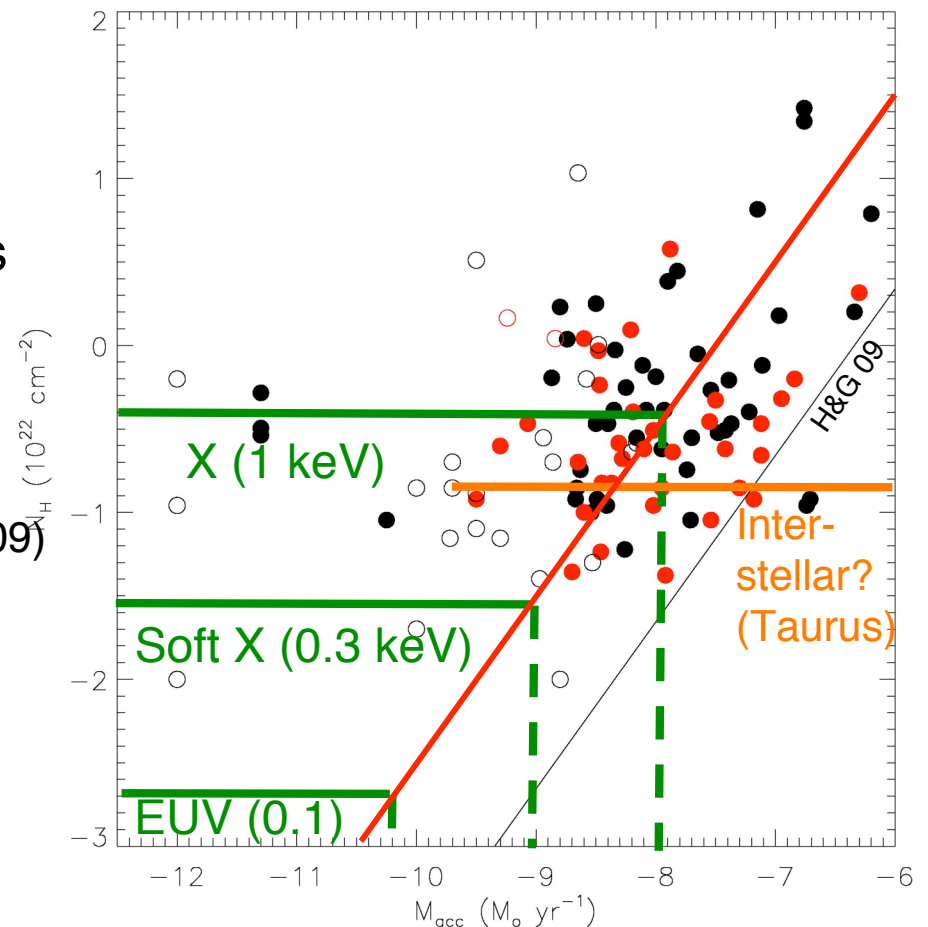
Disk Irradiation: What High-Energy Radiation?

- Wind mass loss rate $\approx 0.1 \times$ mass accretion rate (White & Hillenbrand 2004)

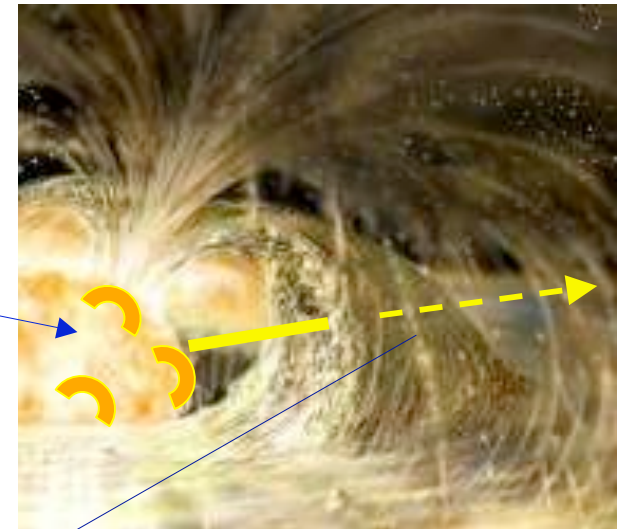
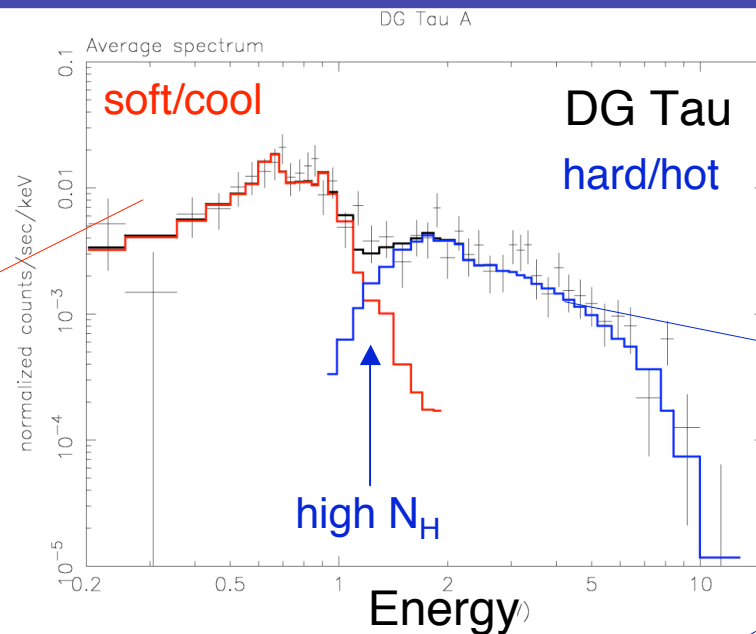
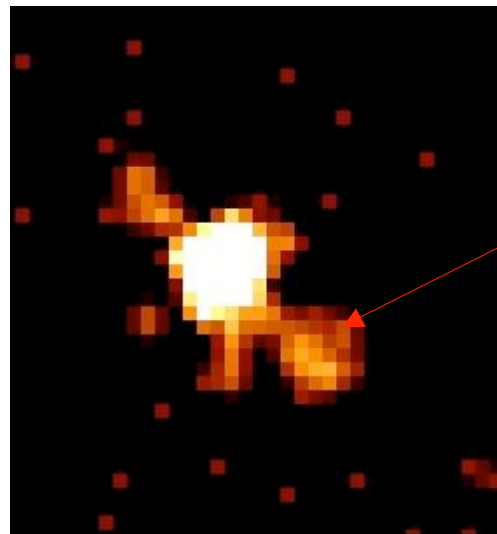
$$N_H \propto \dot{M}_{loss} = 0.1 \dot{M}_{acc} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{absorption} \quad (\text{Hollenbach \& Gorti 2009})$$

- Only X-rays reach CTTS disks
- EUV only relevant for transition disks
- \rightarrow some [NeII] closer to star:
accretion columns?
photoevap. flows? (\rightarrow Owen et al. 2009)

Caveat: N_H is toward observer, not disk



Strong Accretion: Other Sites of [NeII] Emission?



Coronal (hard) emission absorbed by dust-depleted accretion flows with $N_H > 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$:

all EUV + soft X < 1.2 keV absorbed.

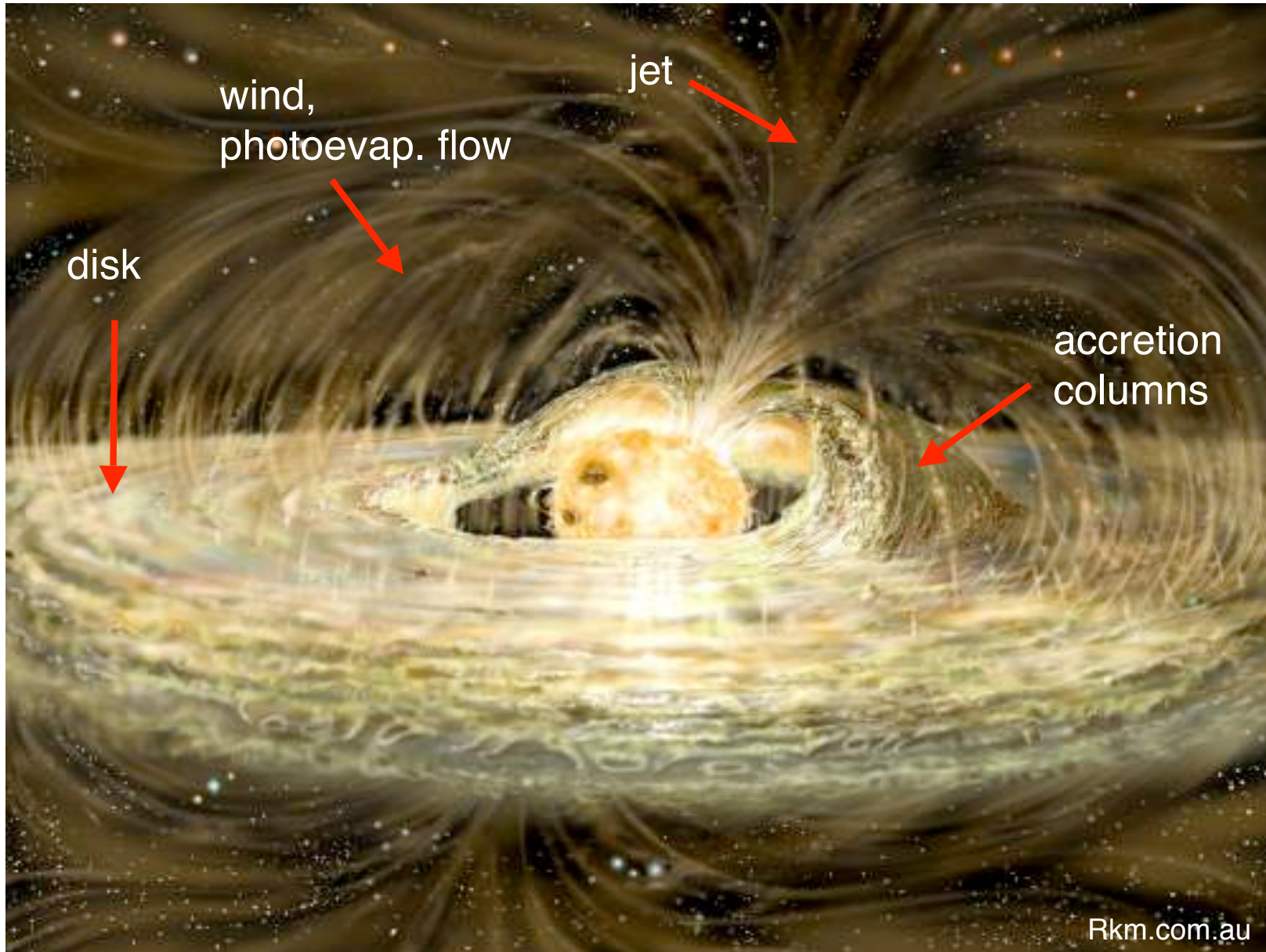
But DG Tau is a very strong [NeII] source!

→ Ionisation + [NeII] emission in accretion columns

Ercolano et al. (2009):

dominates for $N_H > 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in a 4π “screen”

Conclusion:
Evolutionary Trends? – [NeII] Diagnoses Different Regions



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