

Interpreting H₂ and [OI] line emission of T Tauri disks with photo-evaporative disk wind models

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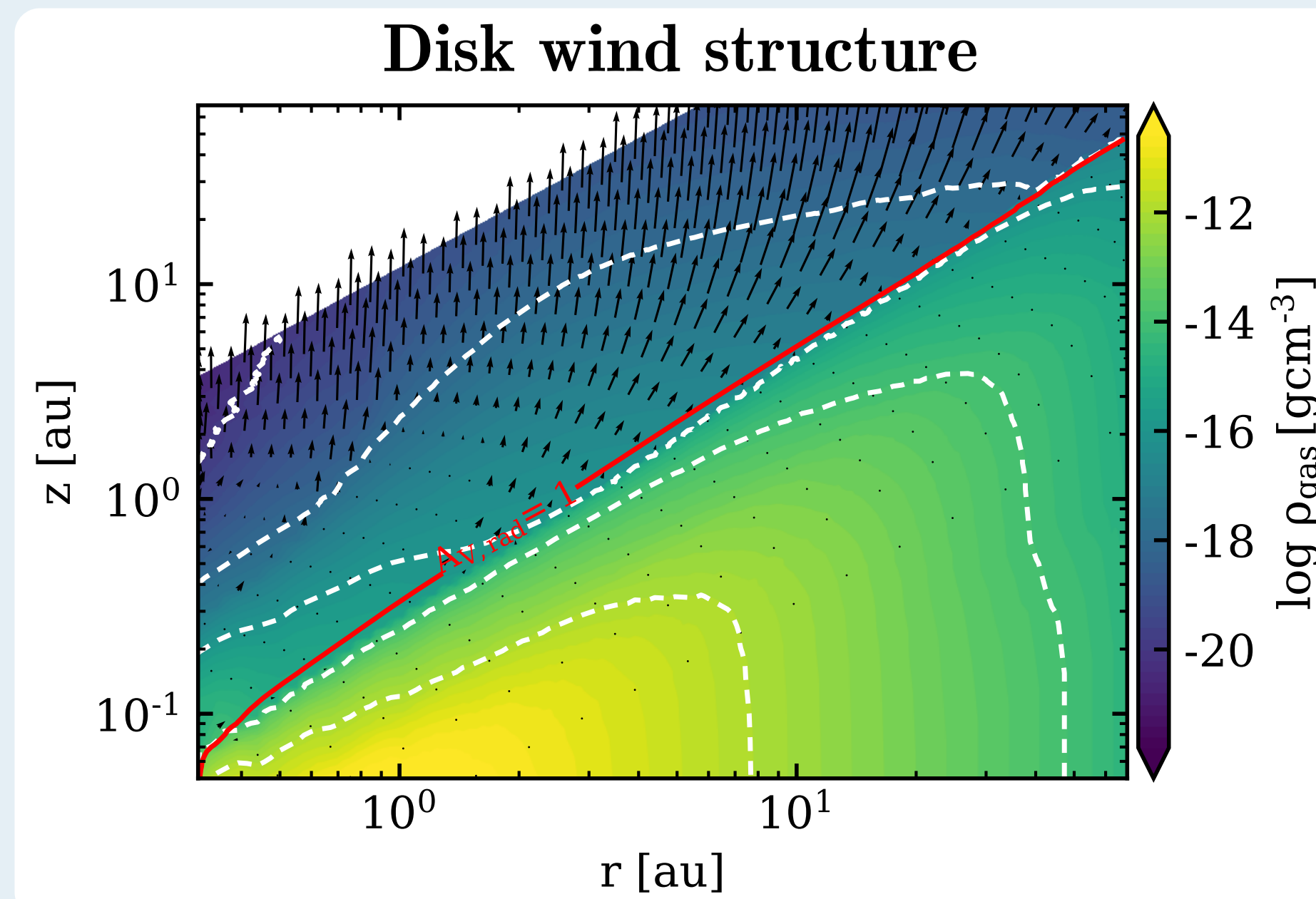


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Context

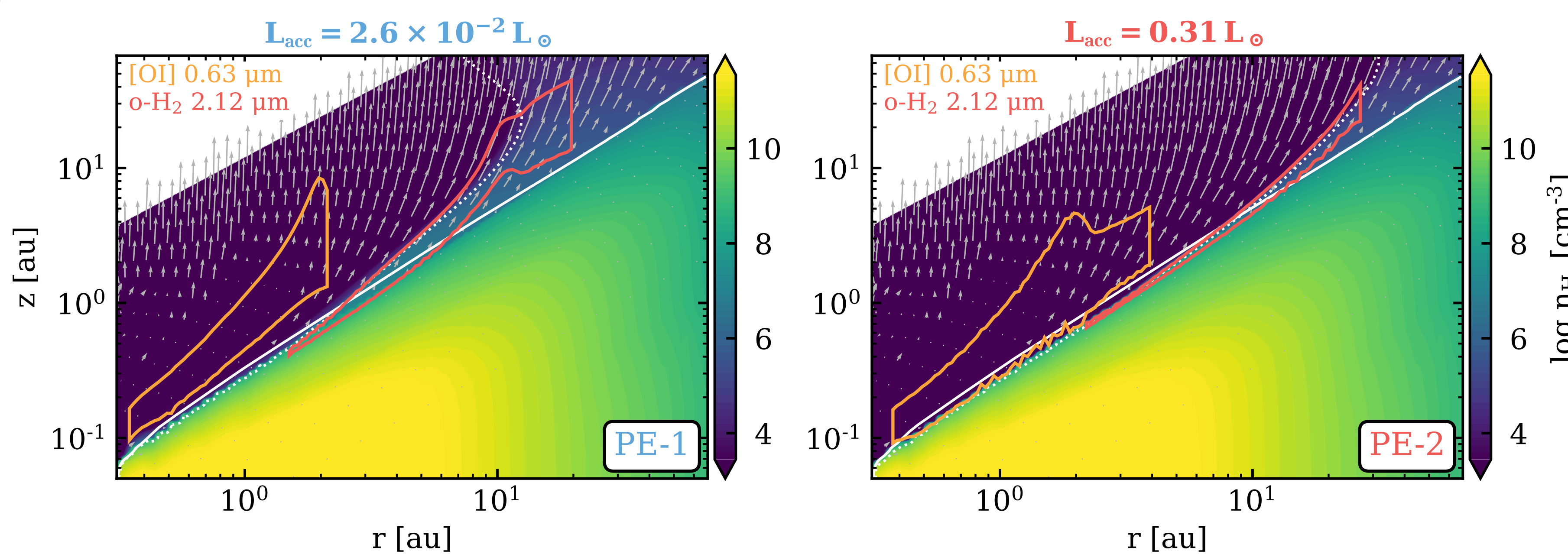
- recent observational data show signatures of disk winds in both atomic & molecular species (Gangi et al. 2020)
- many theoretical models for both thermally or magnetically driven winds exist, but a direct comparison of those models to observations is challenging (e.g. computationally expensive, thermo-chemistry, ...)
- here we present an efficient approach that allows for a direct comparison of photo-evaporative disk wind models to observations of the atomic ([OI] 0.63 μm) and molecular tracers (H₂ 2.12 μm)

Method



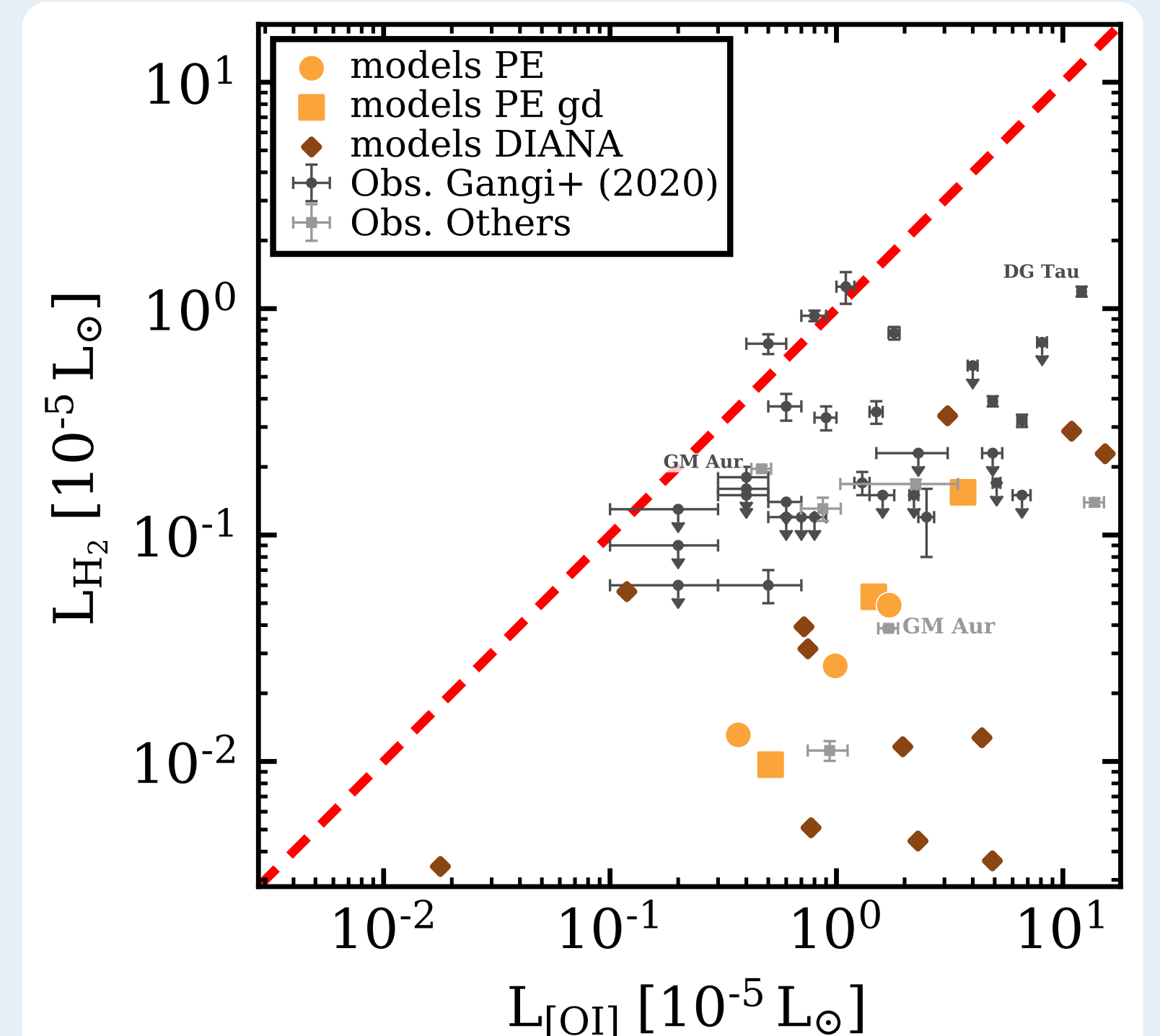
- physical disk/wind density structure and velocity field from 2D EUV/X-ray photo-evaporative disk wind models (Picogna et al. 2019; Weber et al. 2020)
- post-process models with the radiation thermo-chemical disk code PRODIMO (e.g. Woitke et al. 2009; Kamp et al. 2010; Thi et al. 2011) to self-consistently calculate the thermal/chemical structure and spectral line profiles

Origin of line emission



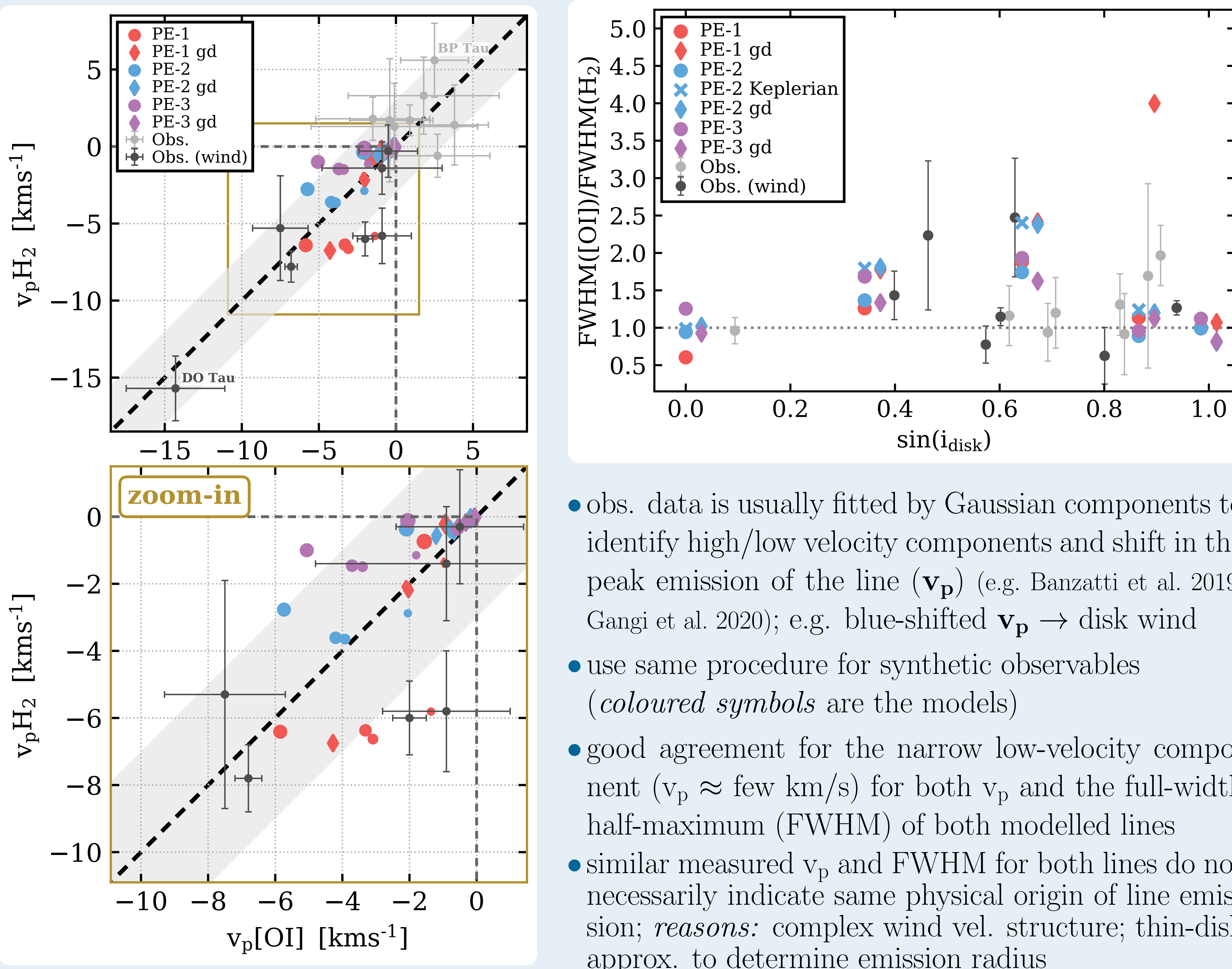
- line emitting regions for the H₂ (red box) and [OI] (orange box) spectral lines
- H₂ can survive in the wind region; depends on the far-UV flux (i.e. lower acc. lum. more H₂)
- H₂ is emitted closer to the disk surface and from larger disk radii compared to [OI]

Line luminosities



- line lums. are in good agreement with obs.;
- orange: wind models; brown: no wind models
- tendency to underestimate H₂ line luminosities

Line kinematics (wind signatures)



- obs. data is usually fitted by Gaussian components to identify high/low velocity components and shift in the peak emission of the line (v_p) (e.g. Banzatti et al. 2019; Gangi et al. 2020); e.g. blue-shifted v_p → disk wind
- use same procedure for synthetic observables (coloured symbols are the models)
- good agreement for the narrow low-velocity component ($v_p \approx$ few km/s) for both v_p and the full-width half-maximum (FWHM) of both modelled lines
- similar measured v_p and FWHM for both lines do not necessarily indicate same physical origin of line emission; reasons: complex wind vel. structure; thin-disk approx. to determine emission radius

Summary & Outlook

- efficient modelling approach to directly confront (magneto) hydrodynamic disk wind models to observations of molecular and atomic wind tracers
- photo-evaporative disk wind models are consistent with the observed line kinematics for the [OI] 0.63 μm & H₂ 2.12 μm narrow low-velocity line components
- determination of physical line origins from observations requires modelling due to complex disk/wind structure and limited spatial & spectral resolution of observations

Outlook

- apply procedure to MHD disk wind models
- other molecular wind tracers (CO ro-vib)
- prediction for future instruments with higher spatial & spectral resolution (e.g. METIS/ELT)

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