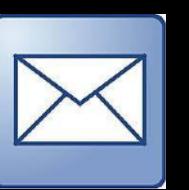


Dark Matter in Extreme Environments

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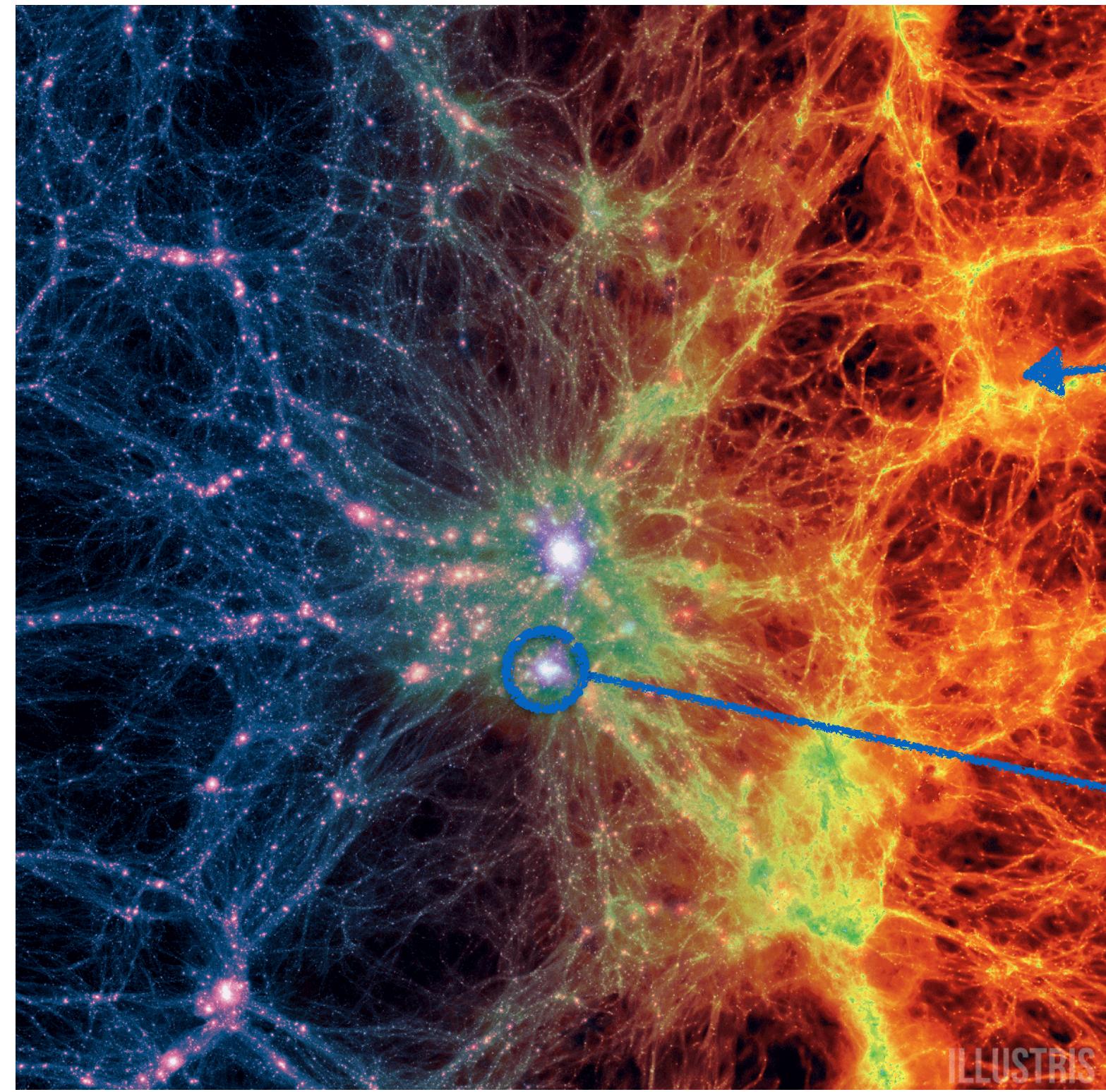
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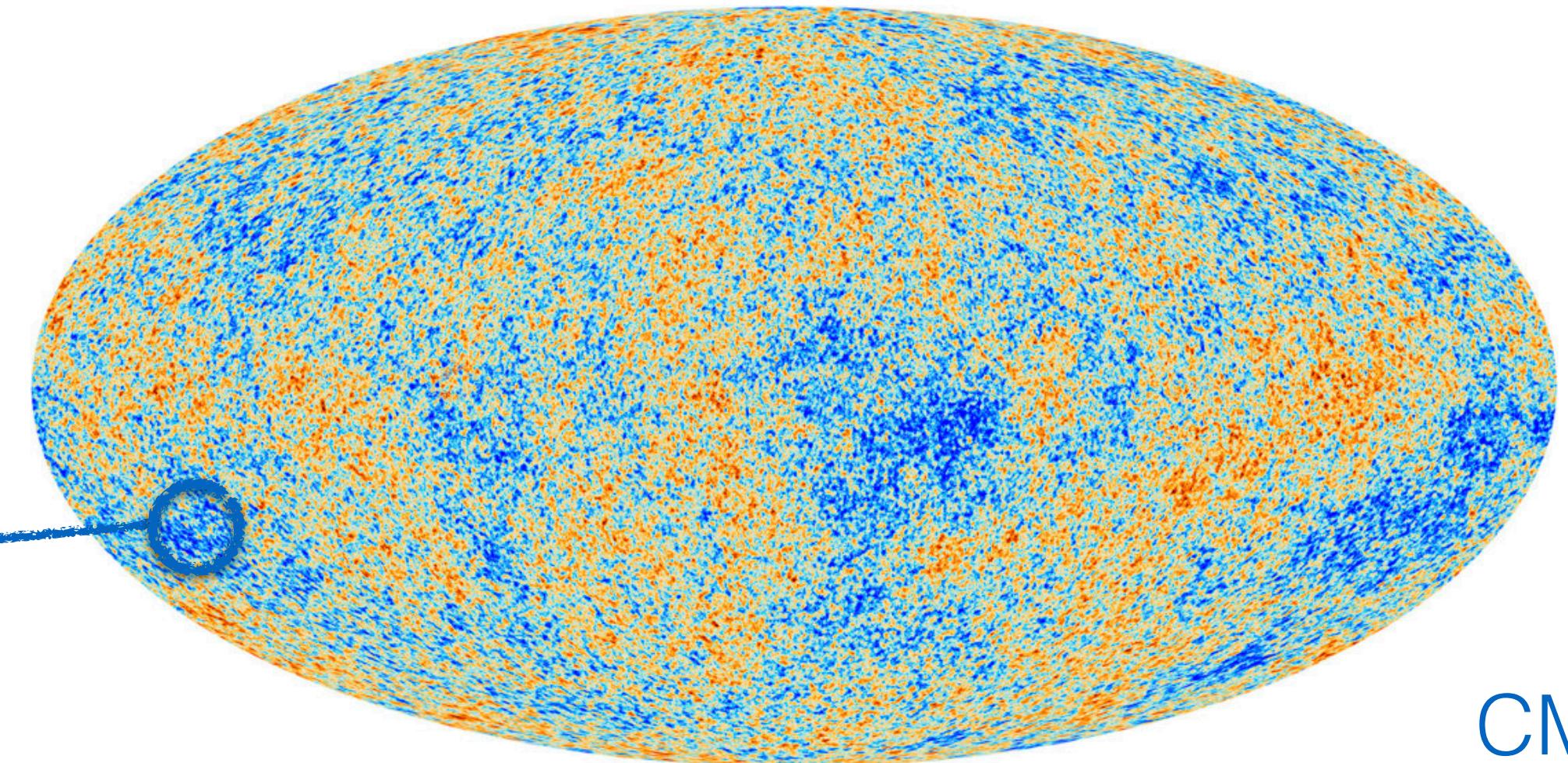
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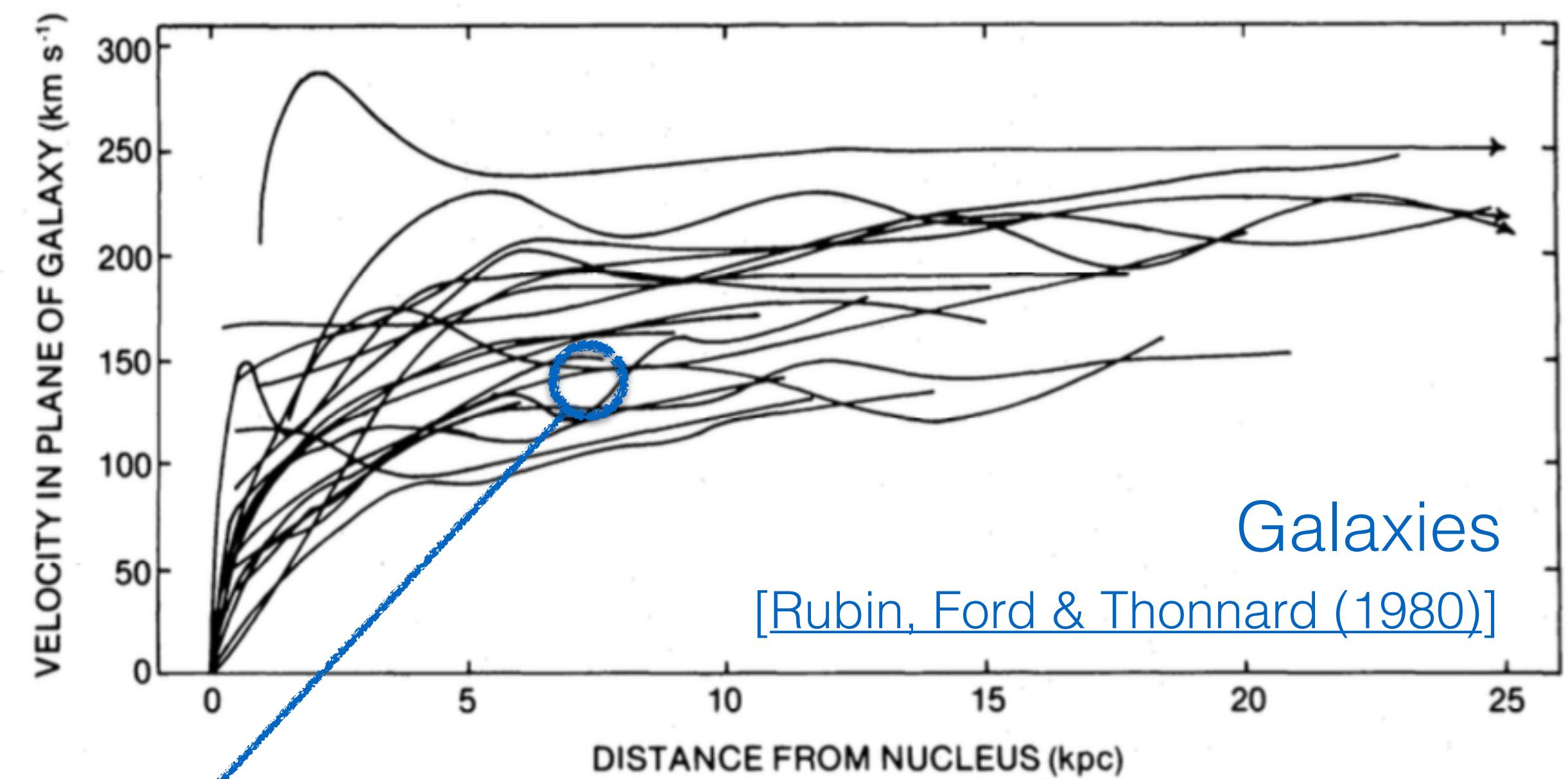
Evidence for Dark Matter



Galaxy clusters
[Illustris, [1405.2921](#)]
[[astro-ph/0006397](#)]



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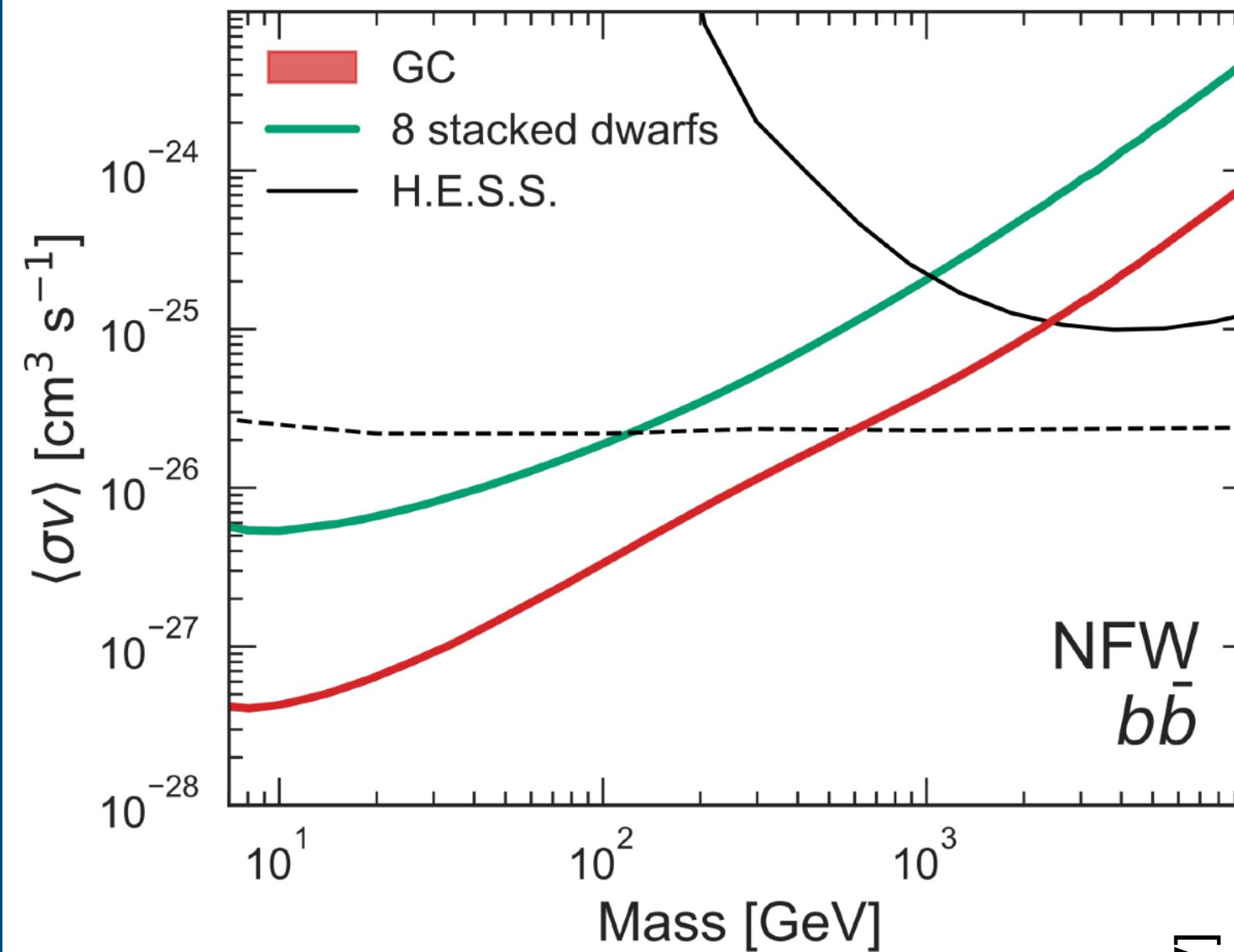


Galaxies
[Rubin, Ford & Thonnard (1980)]

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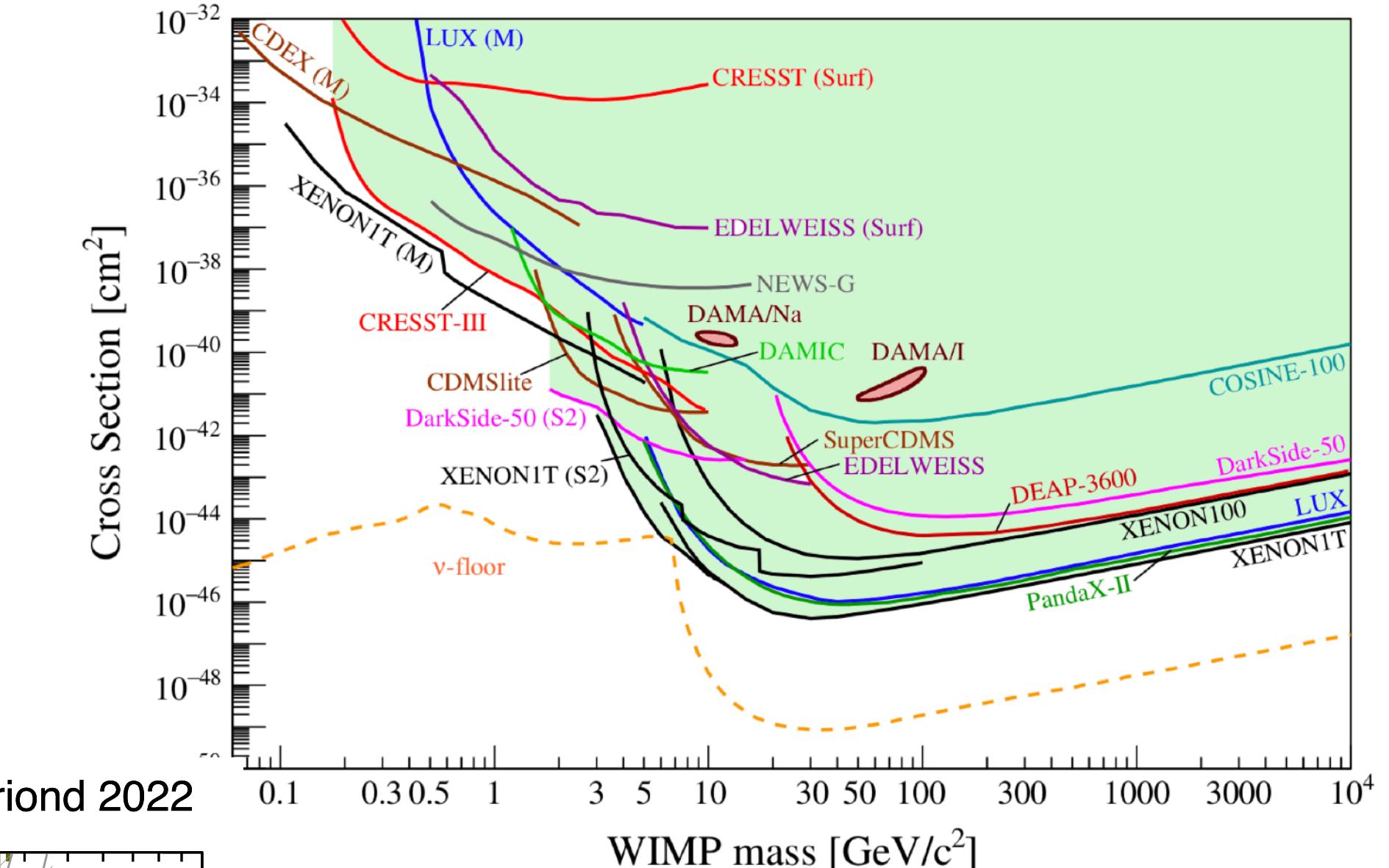
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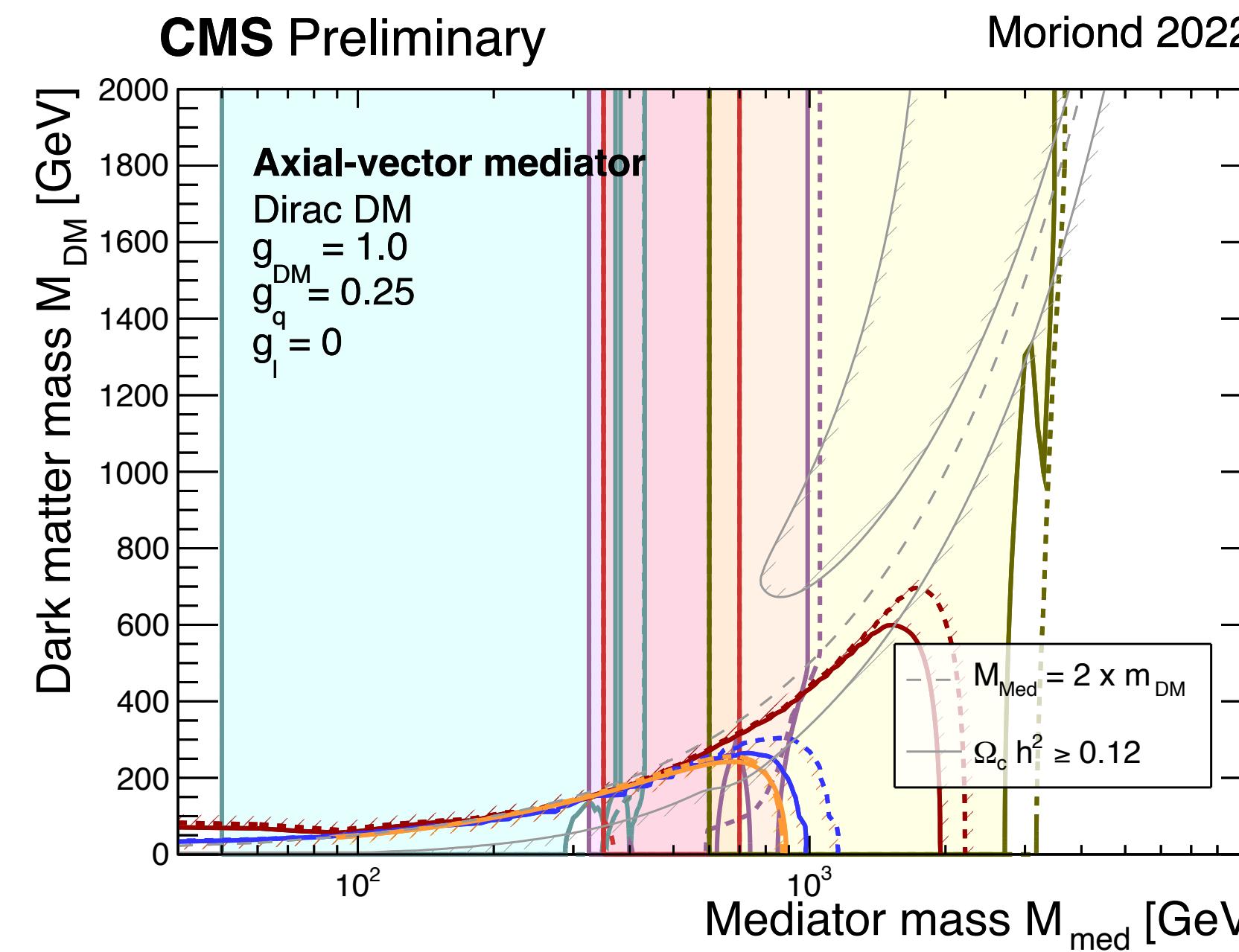
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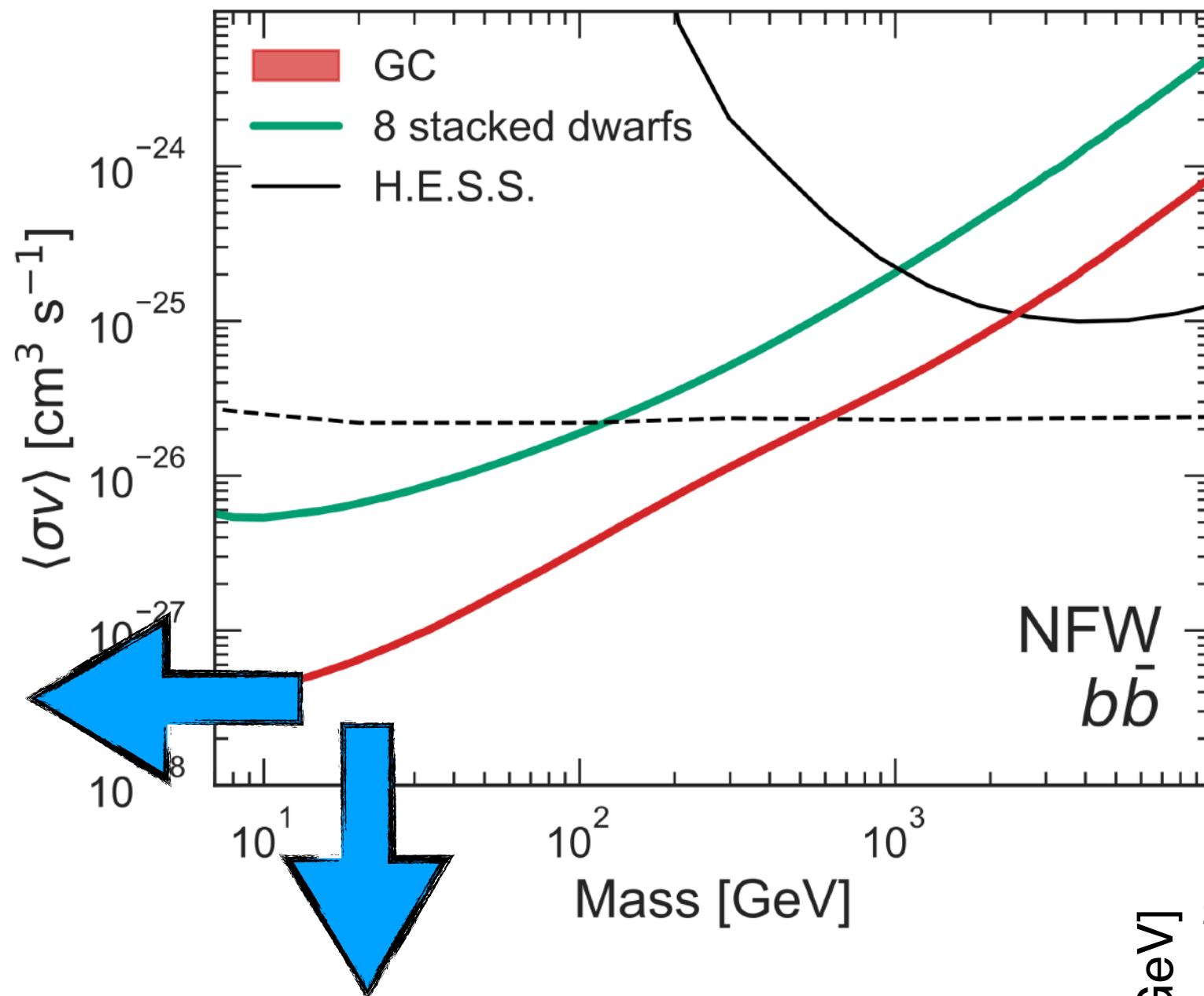


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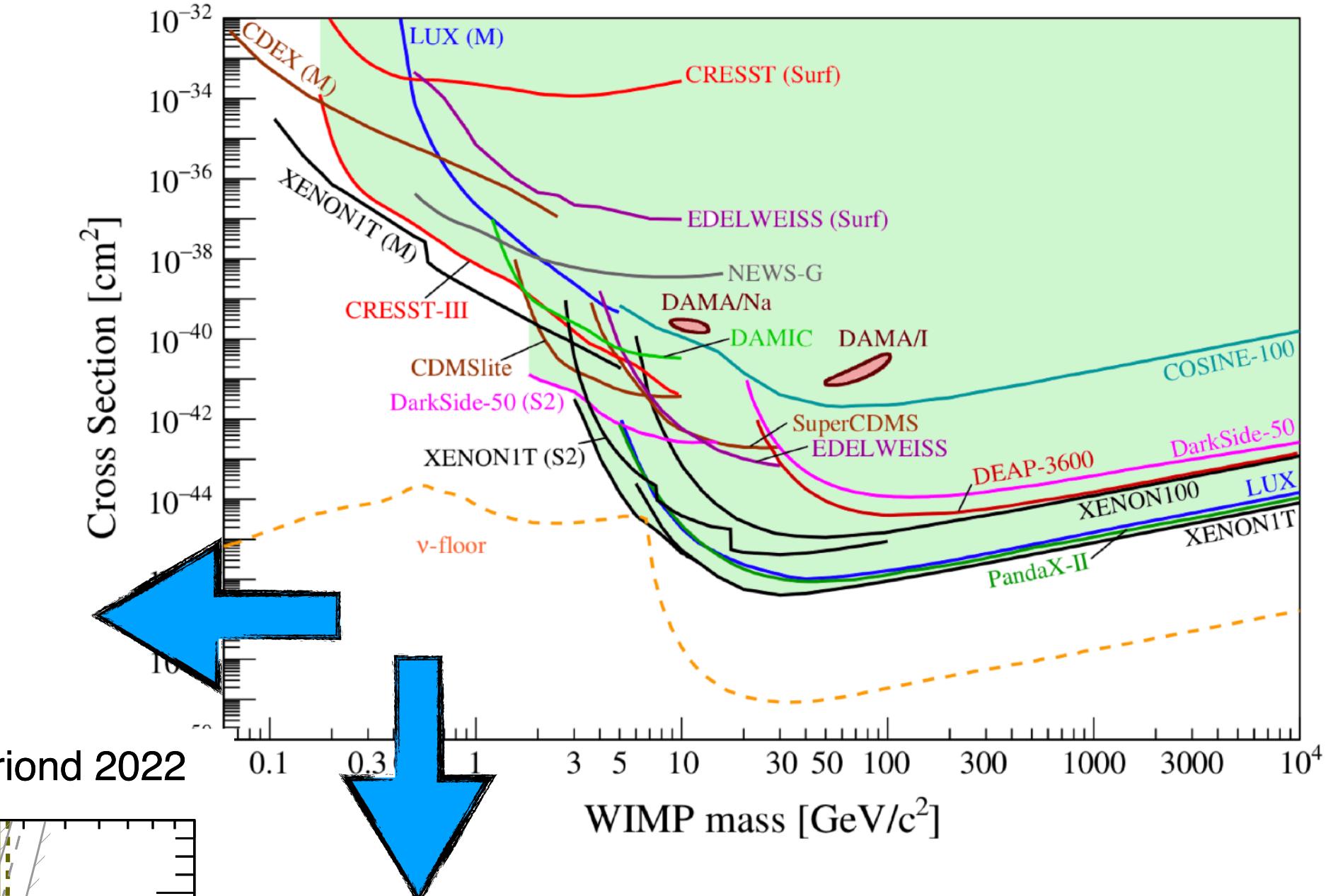
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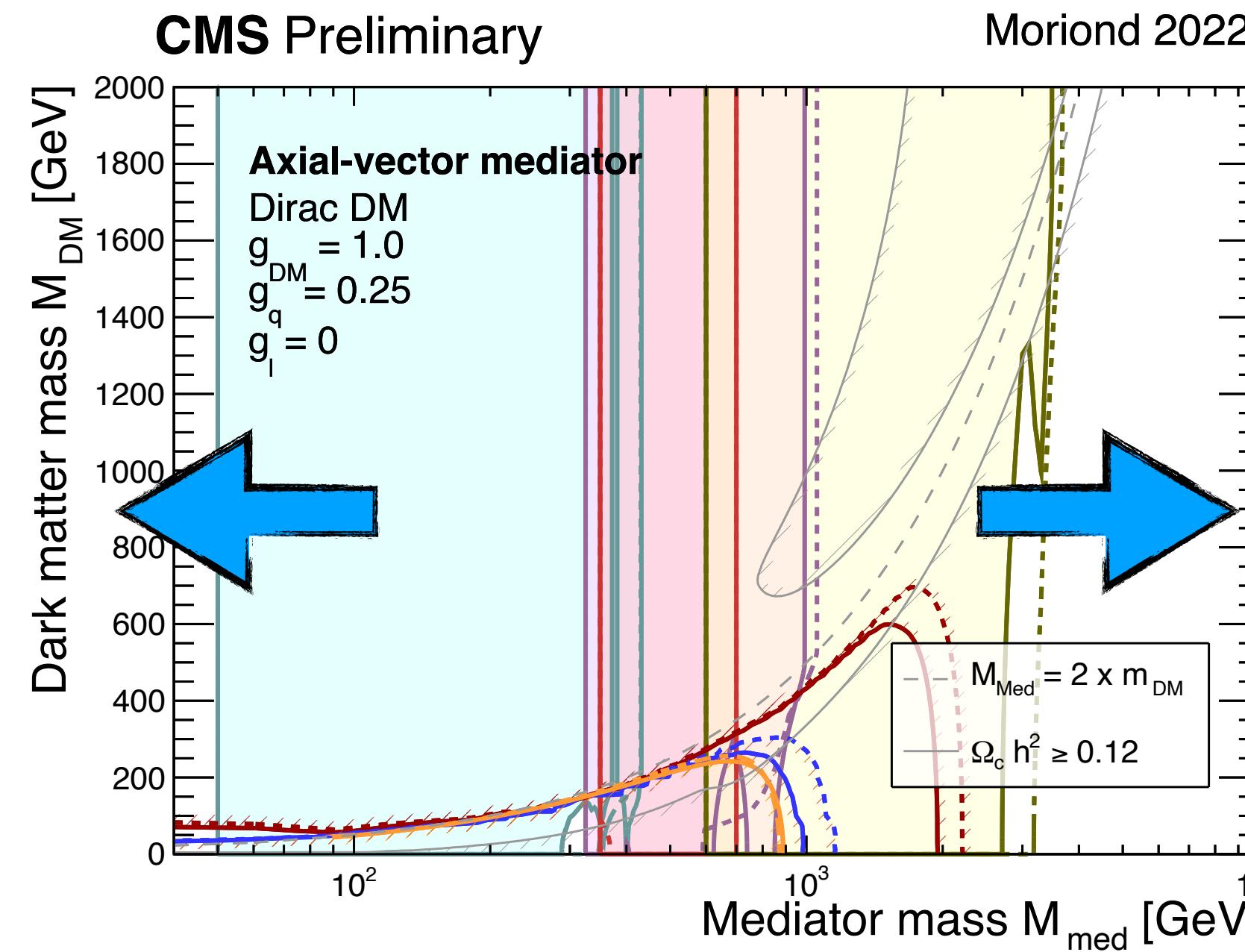
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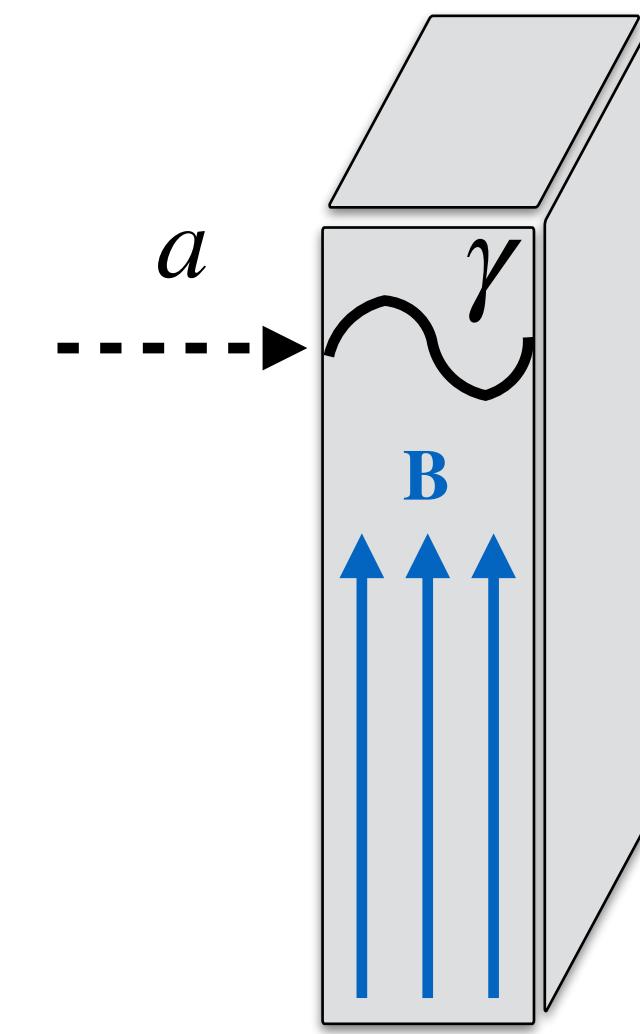
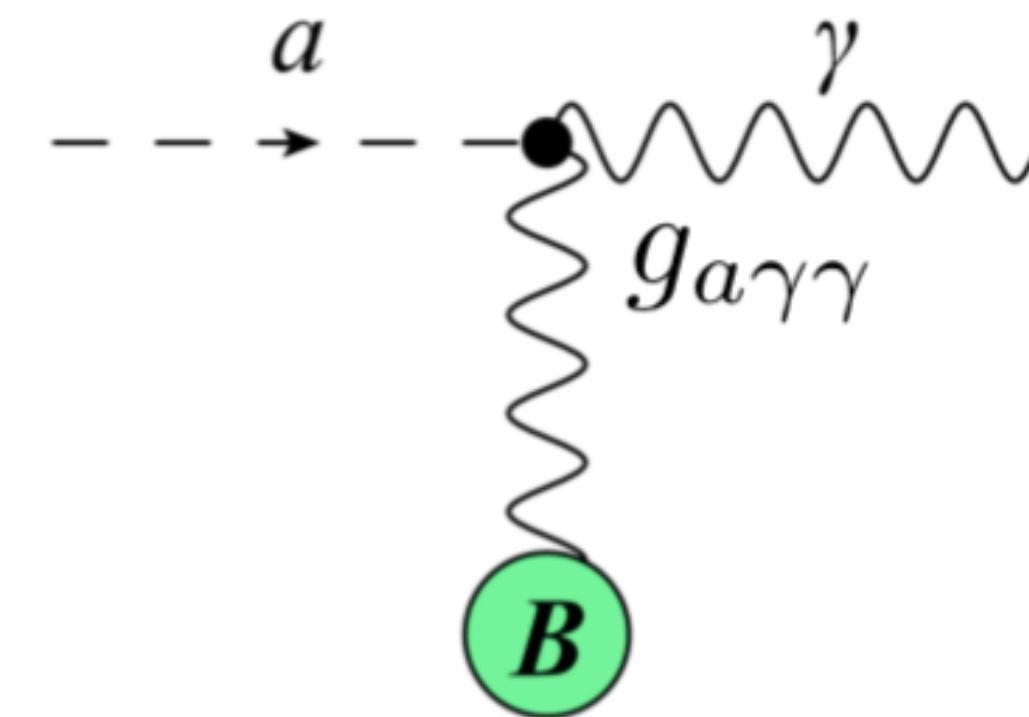
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$$\omega = m_a$$

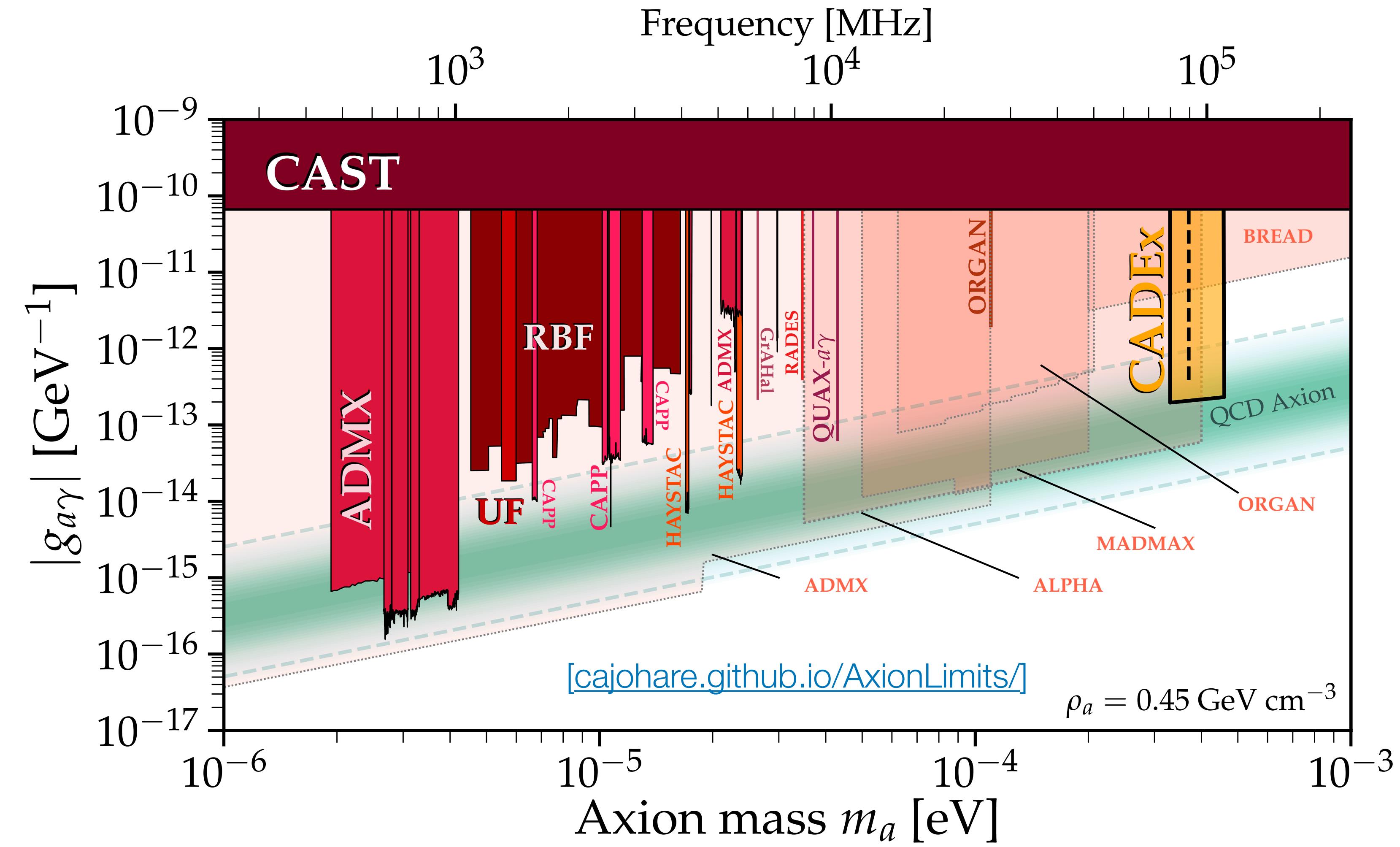
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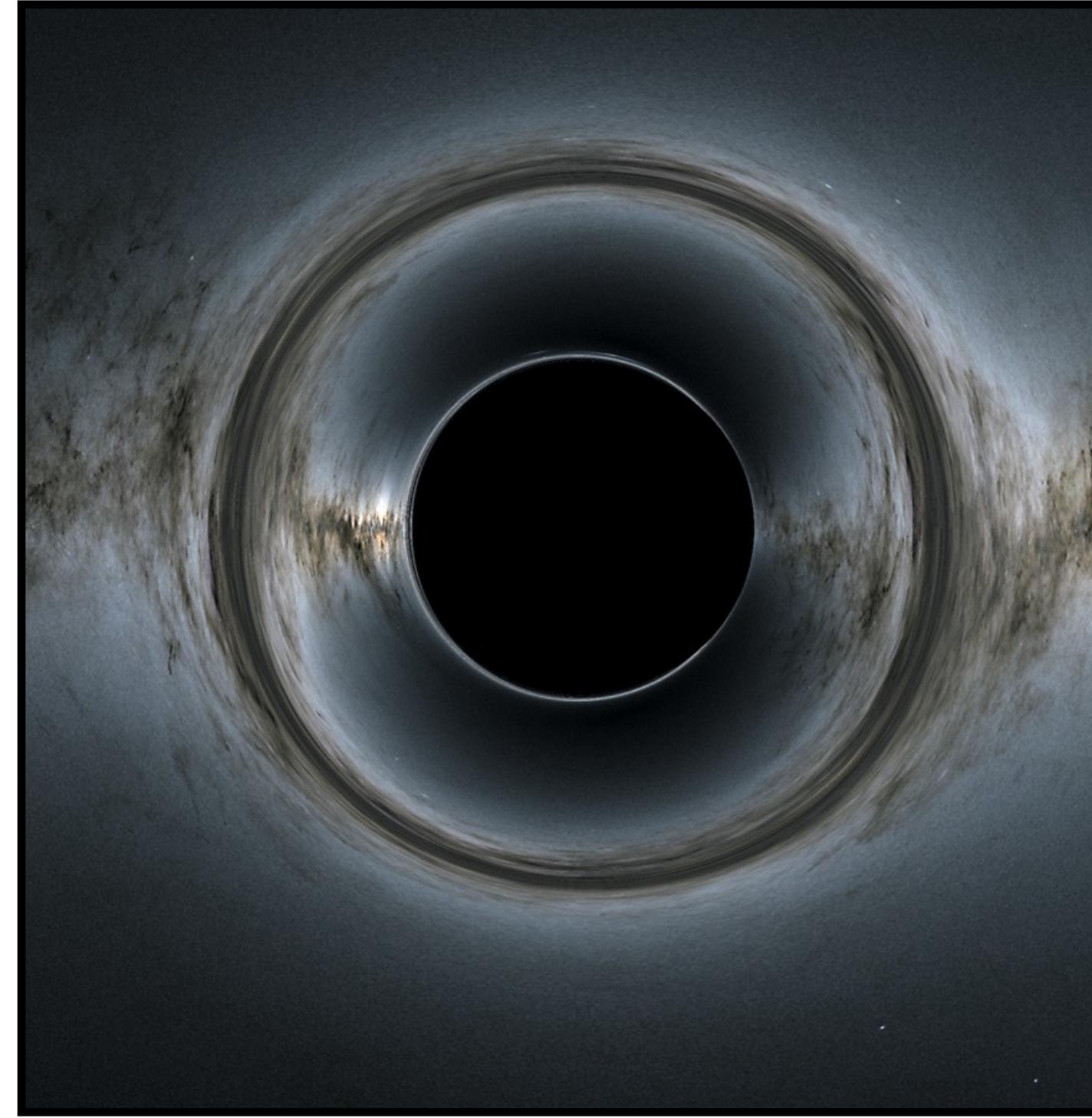
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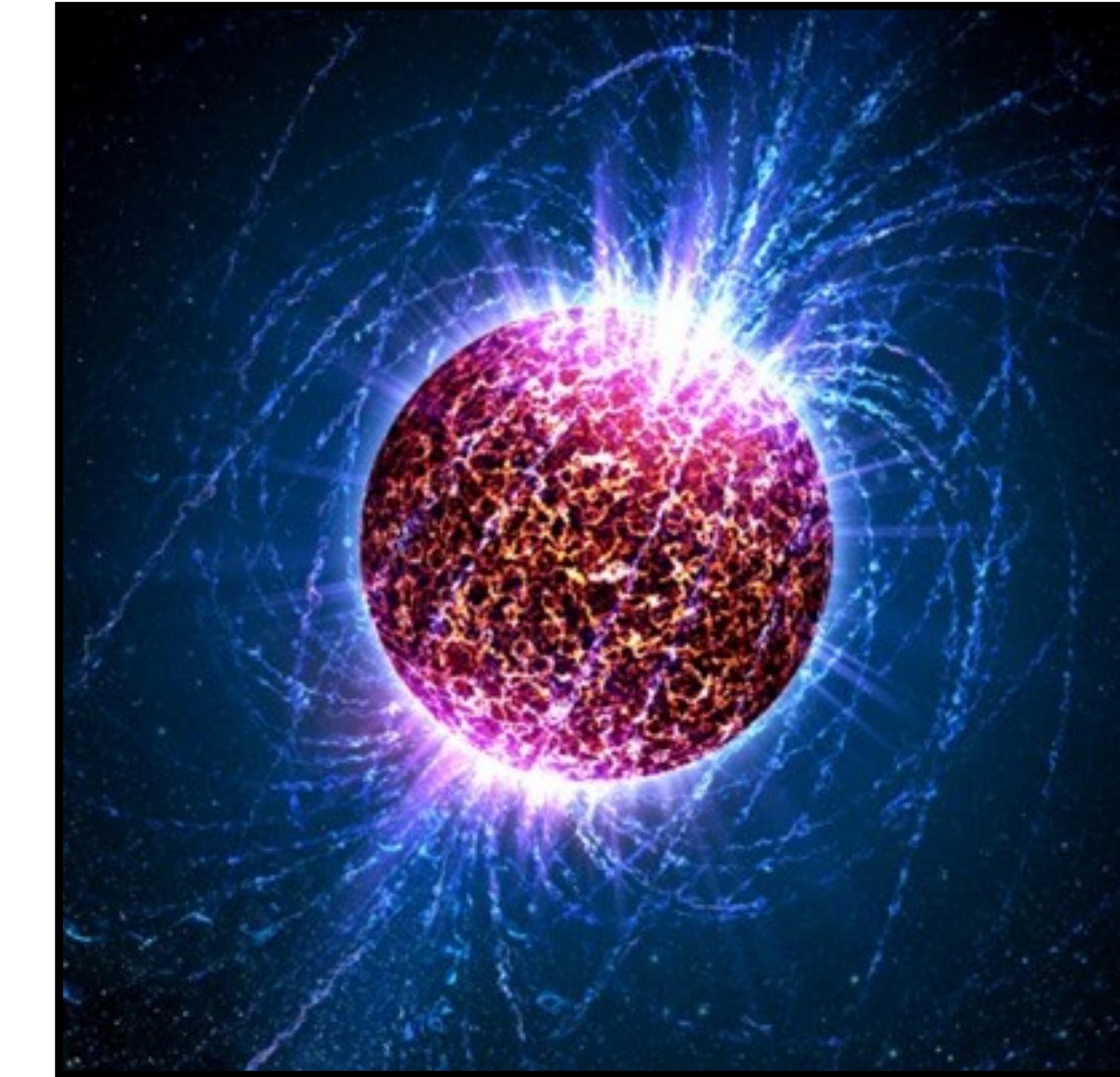


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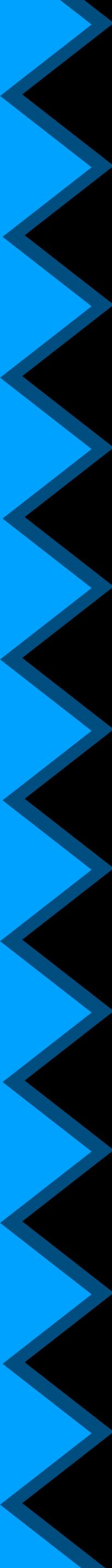
[Credit: NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center;
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Neutron Stars



[Credit: Casey Reed (Penn State University),
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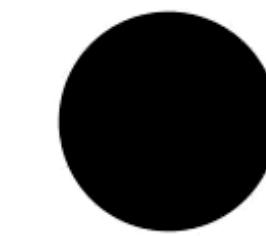
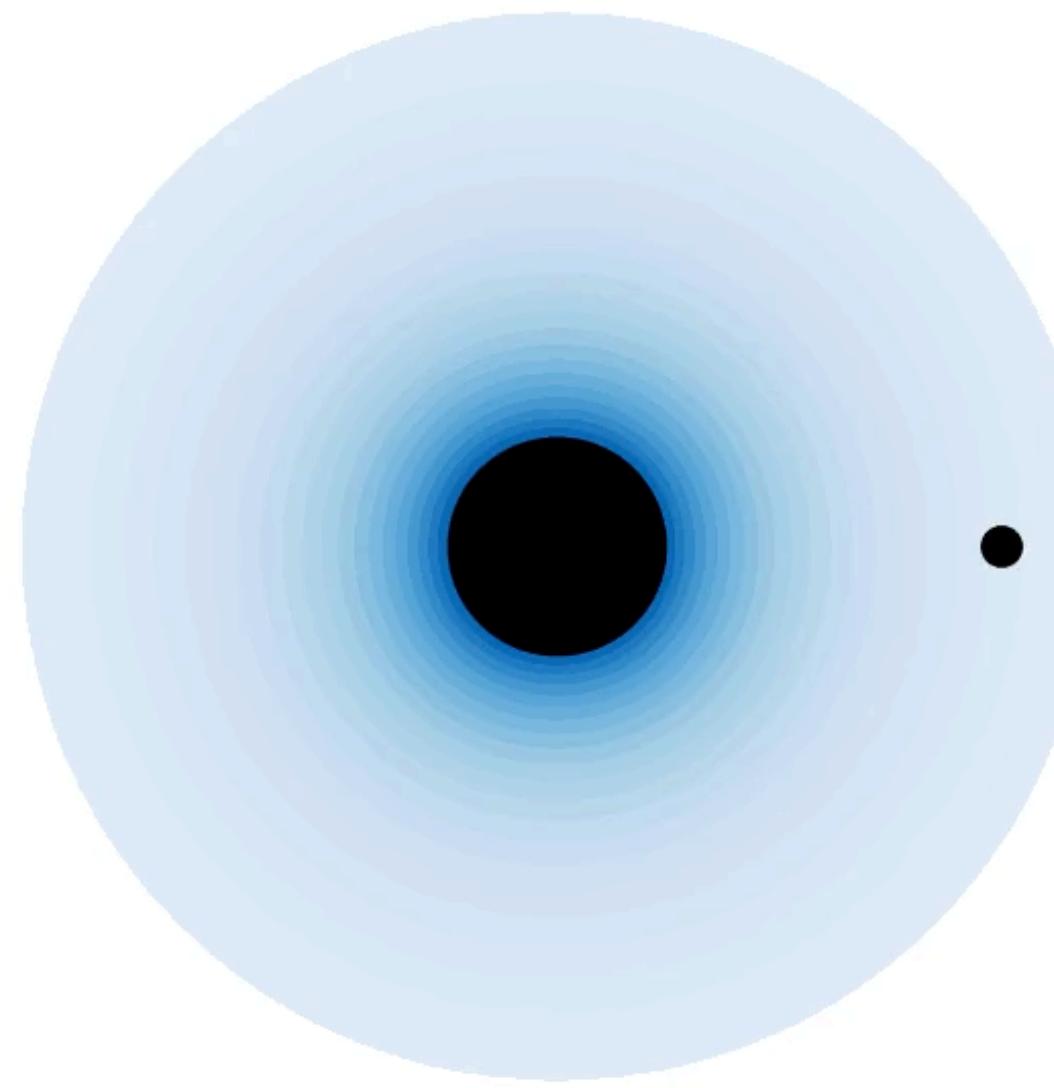
Higher densities, larger magnetic fields, longer timescales...



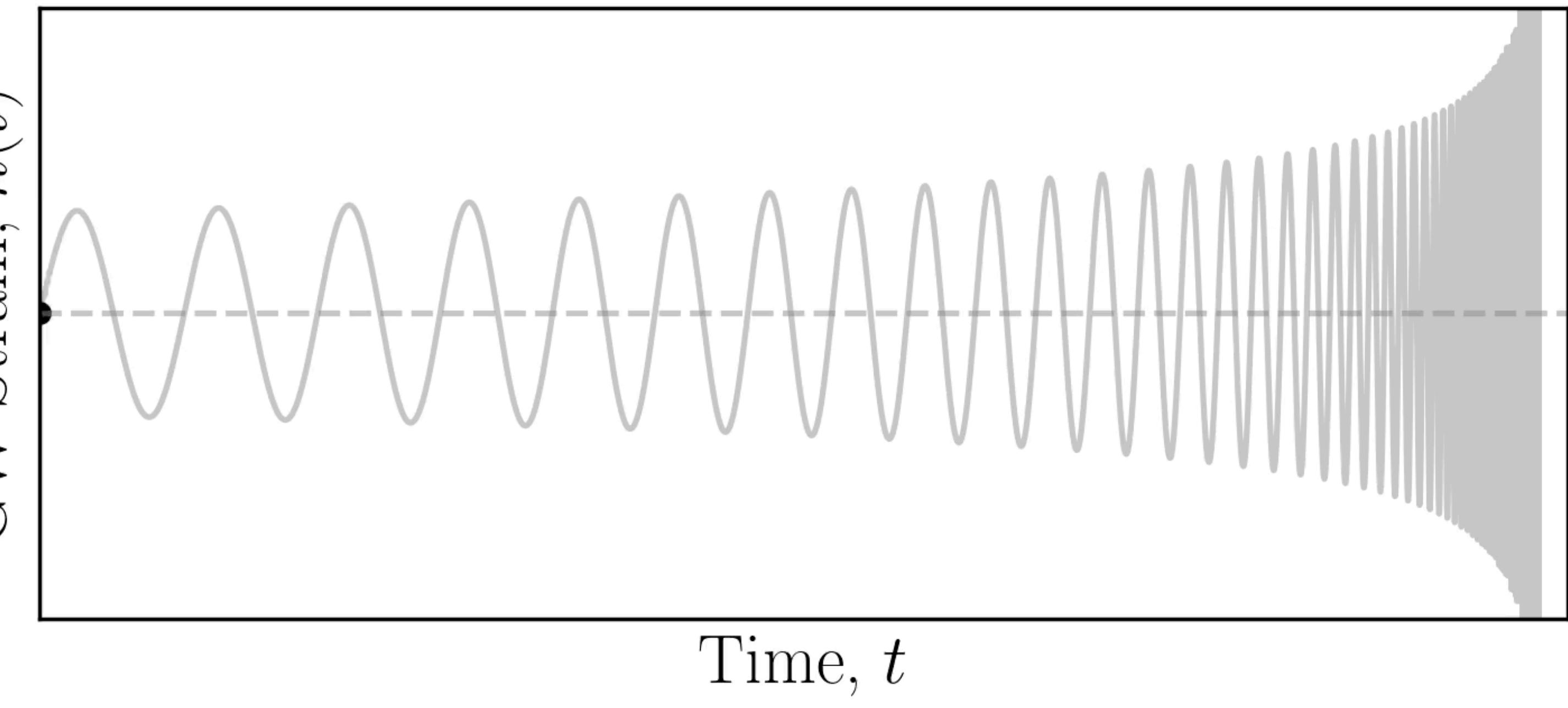
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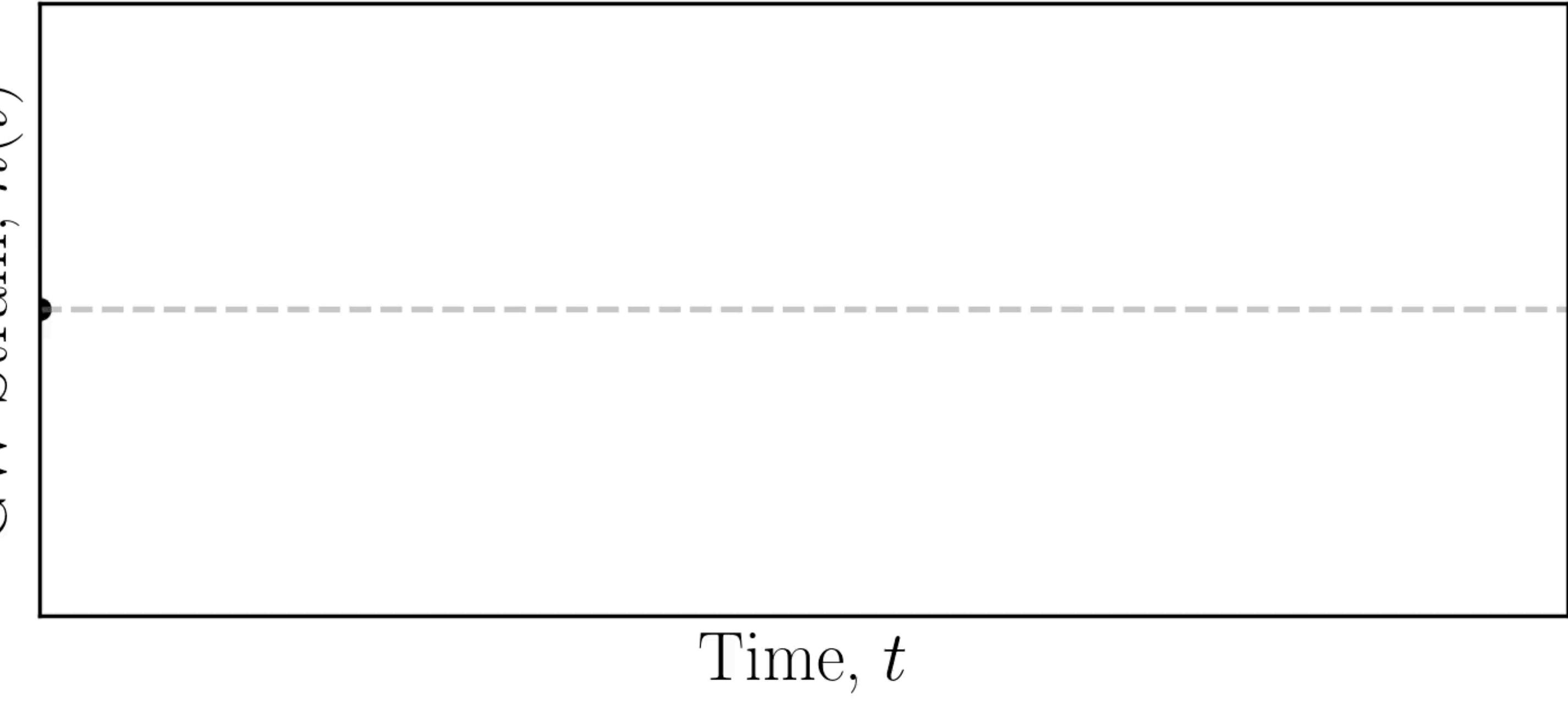
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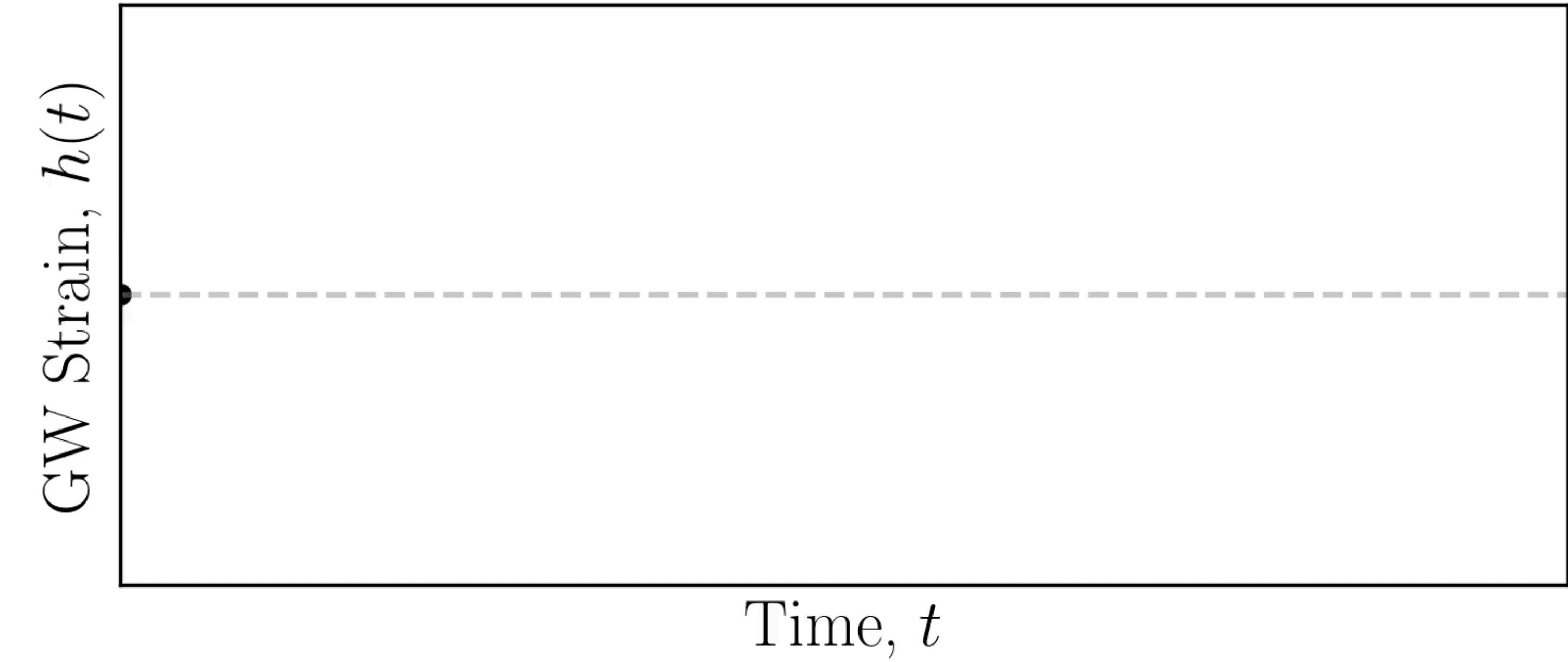
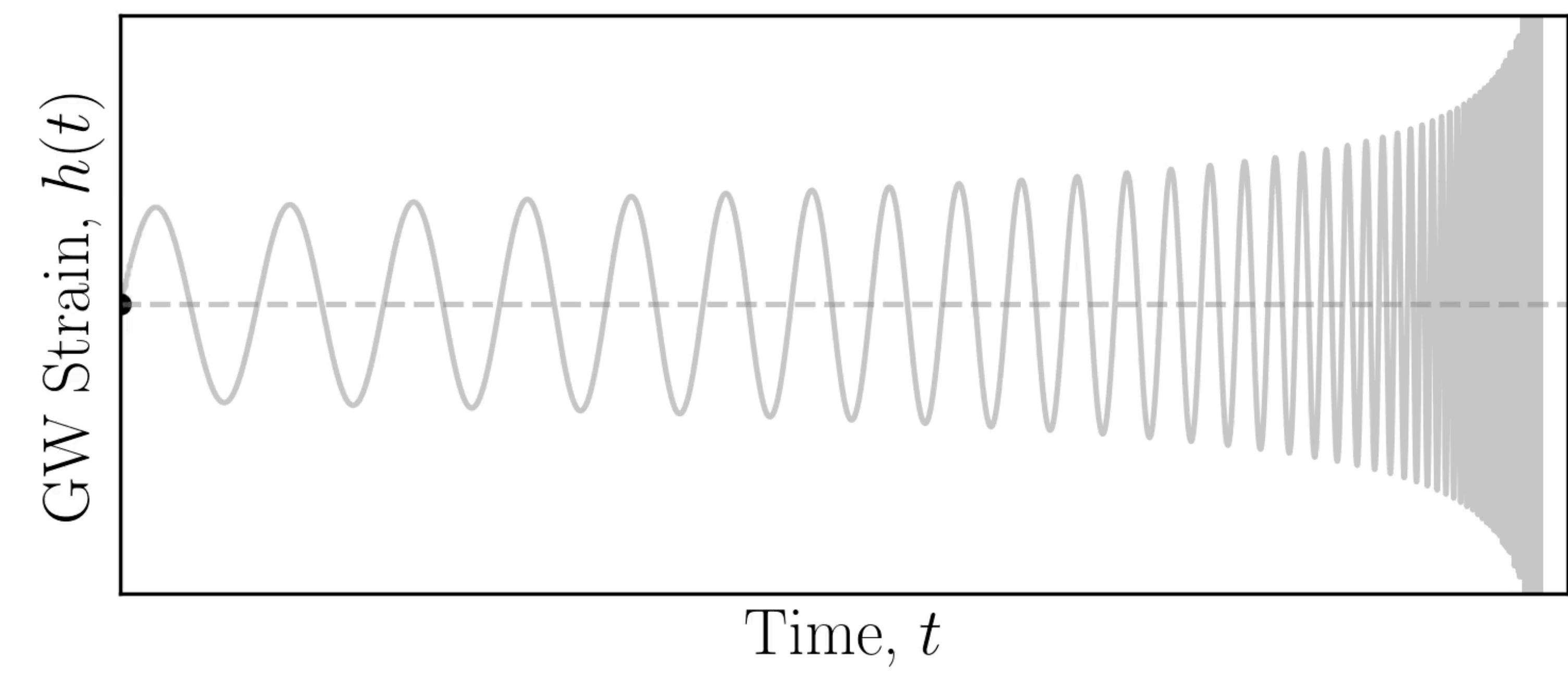
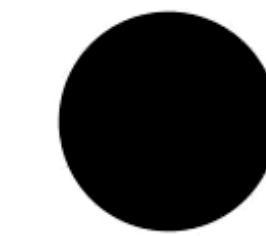
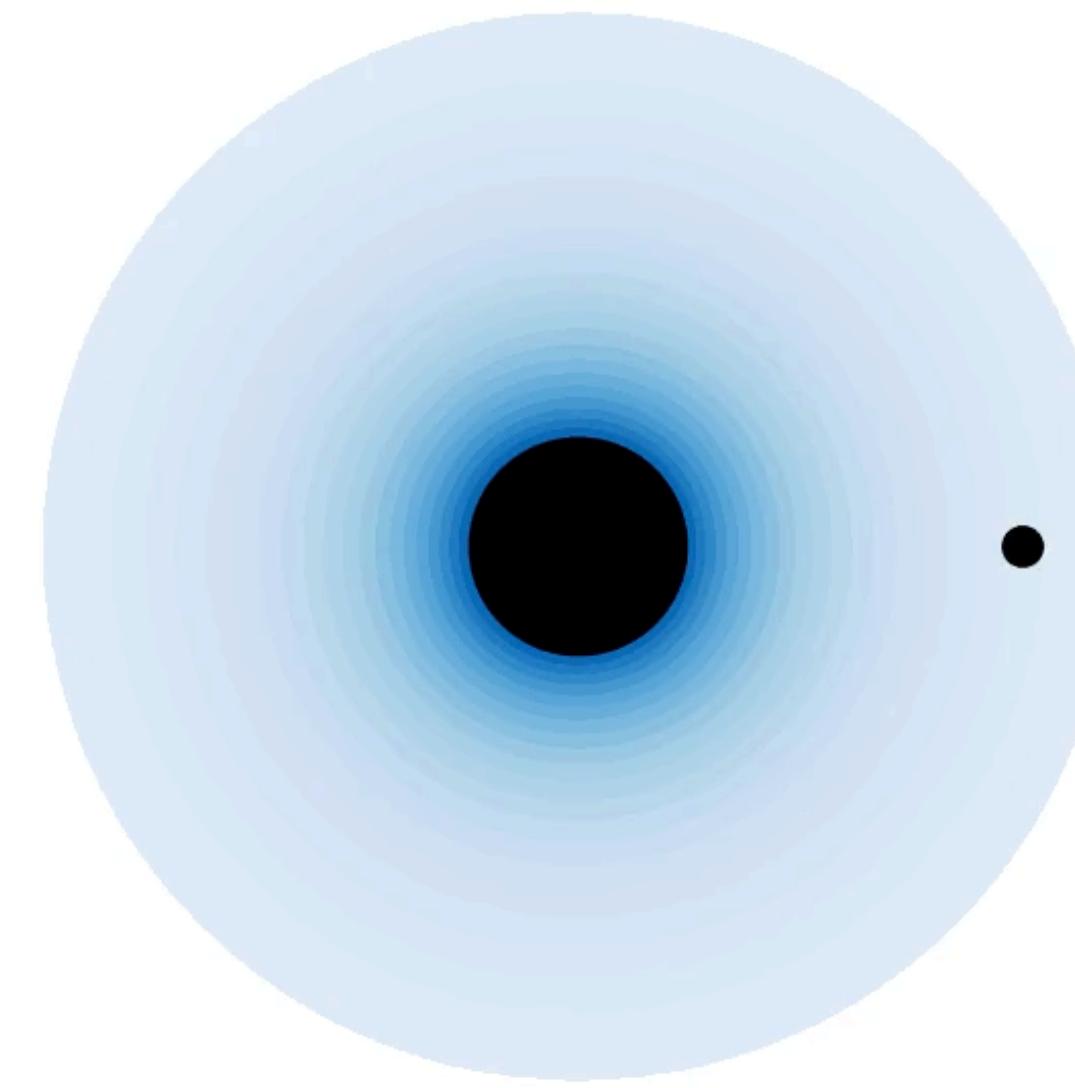
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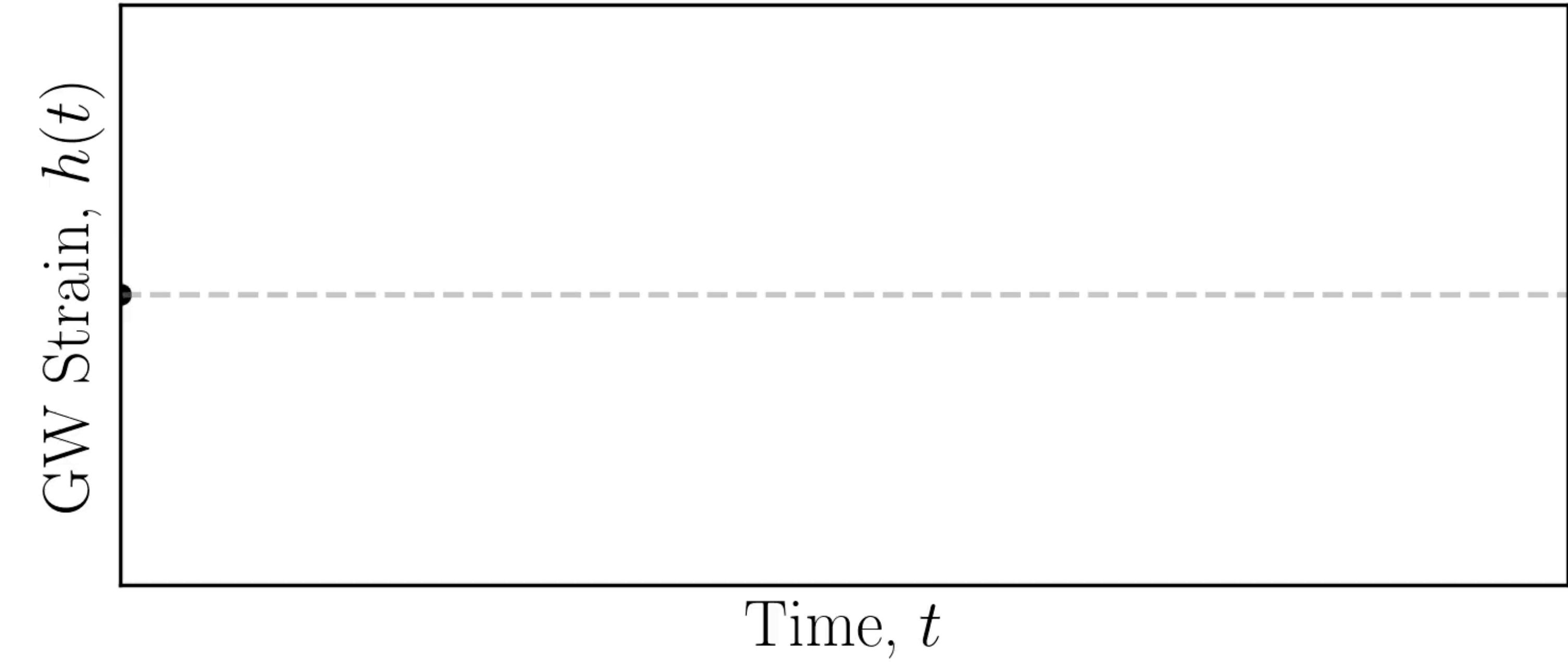
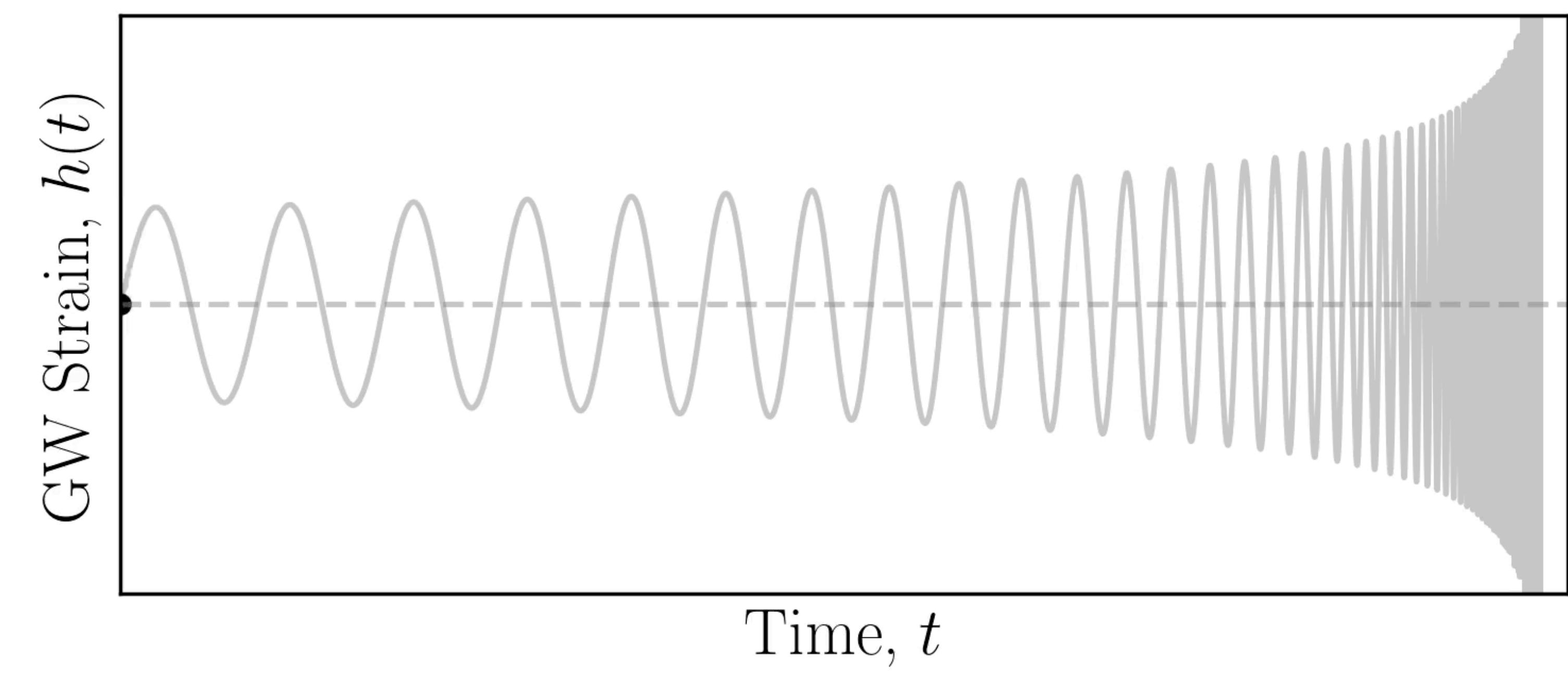
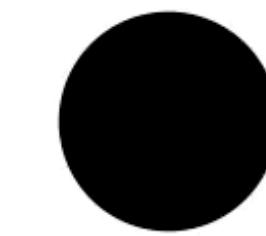
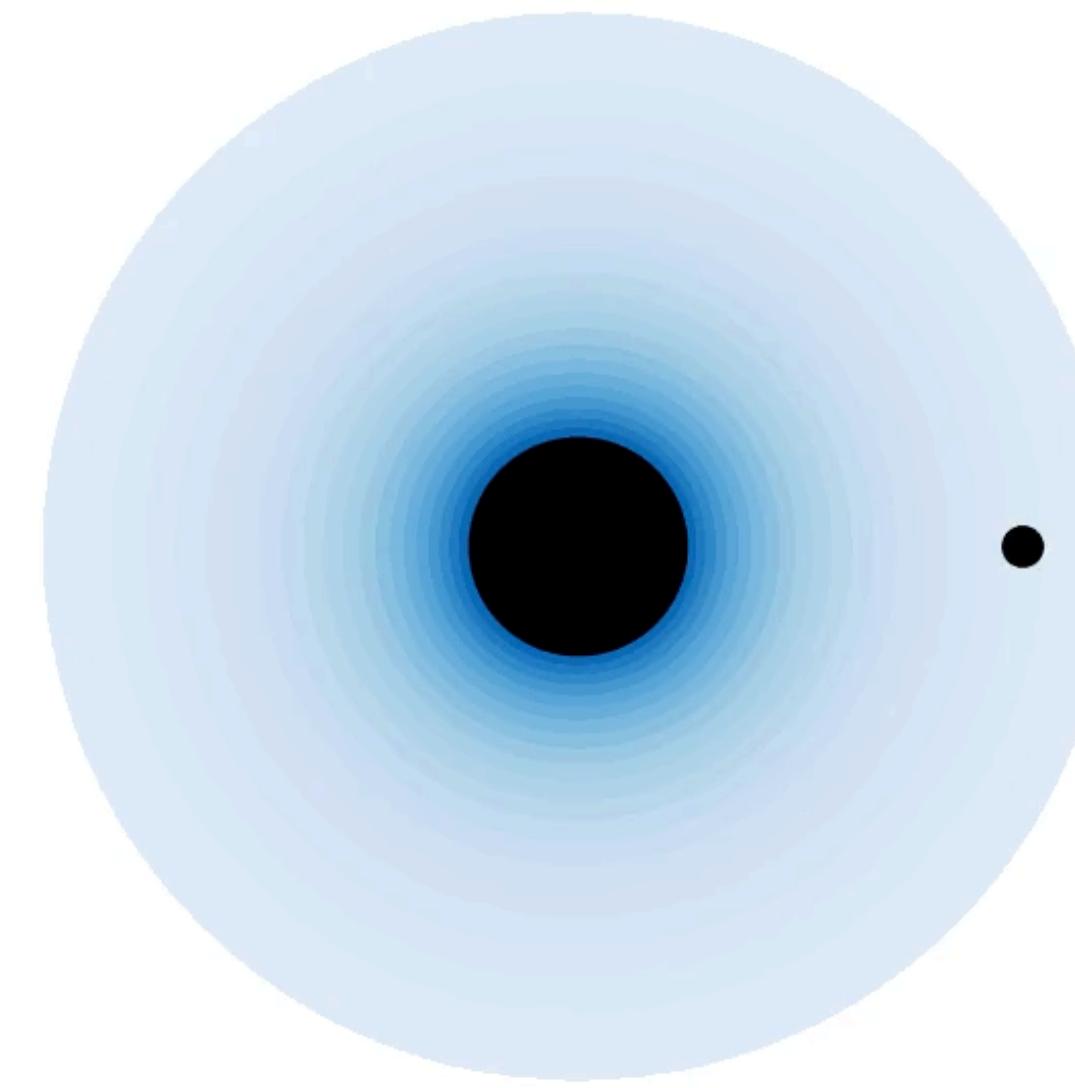
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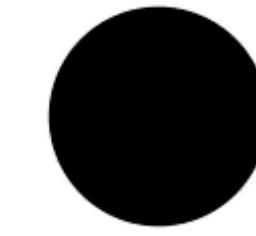
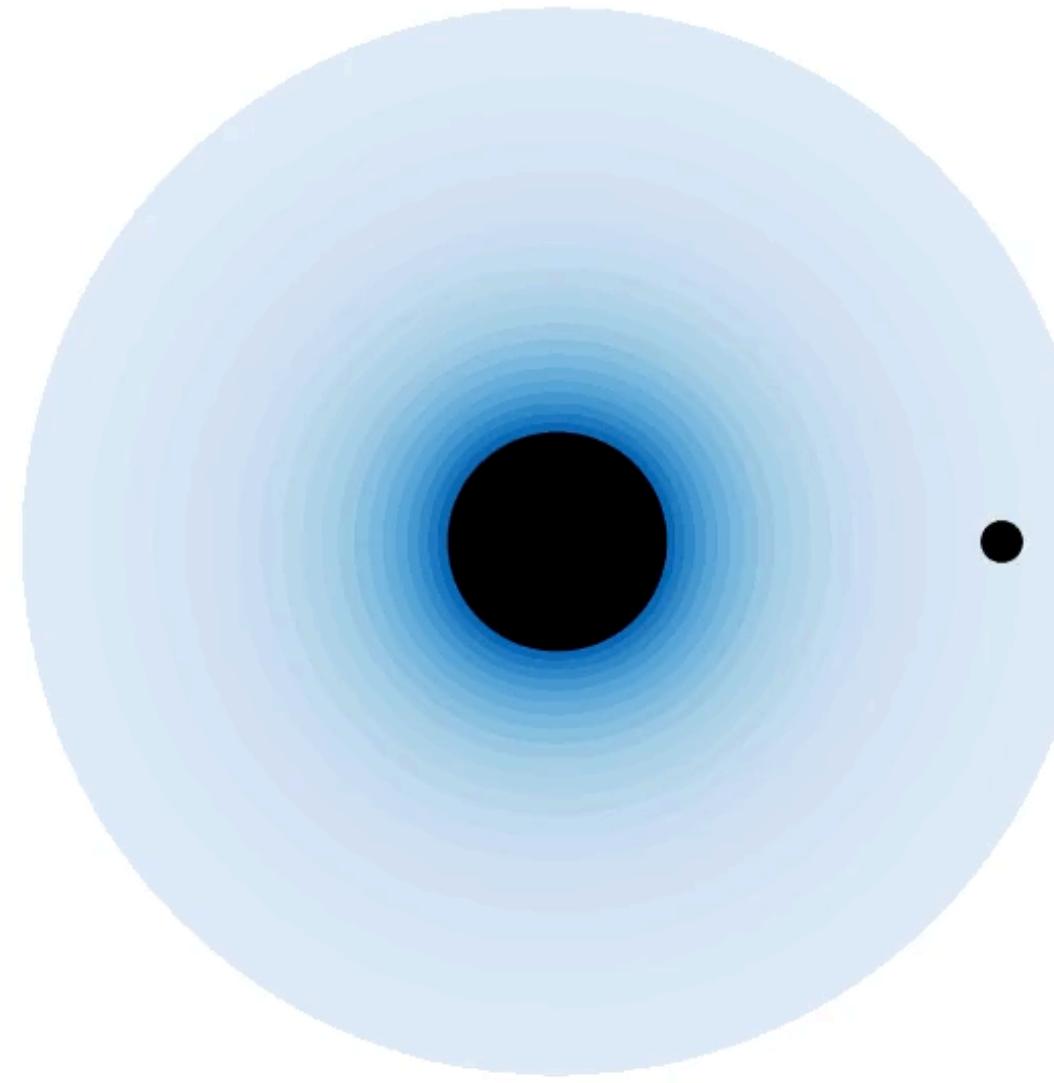
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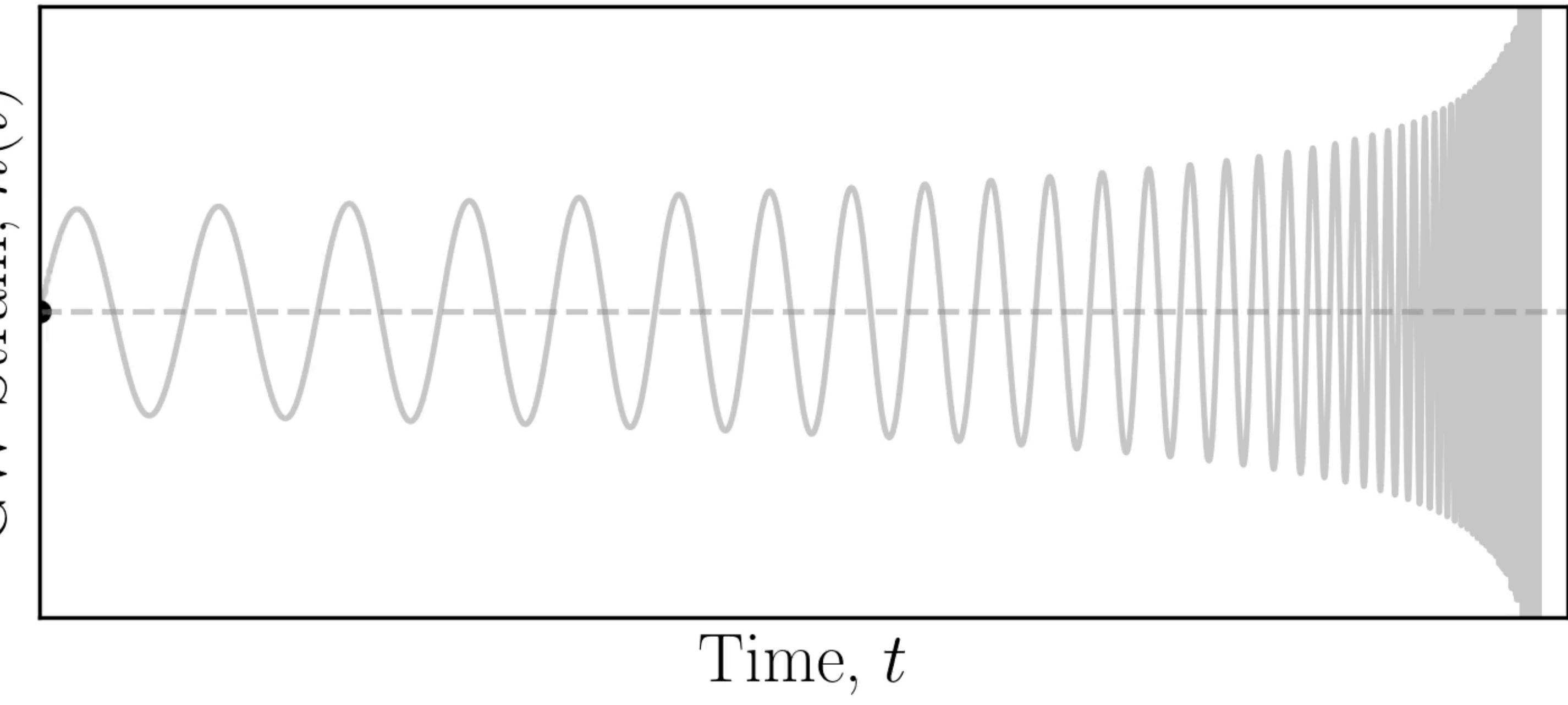
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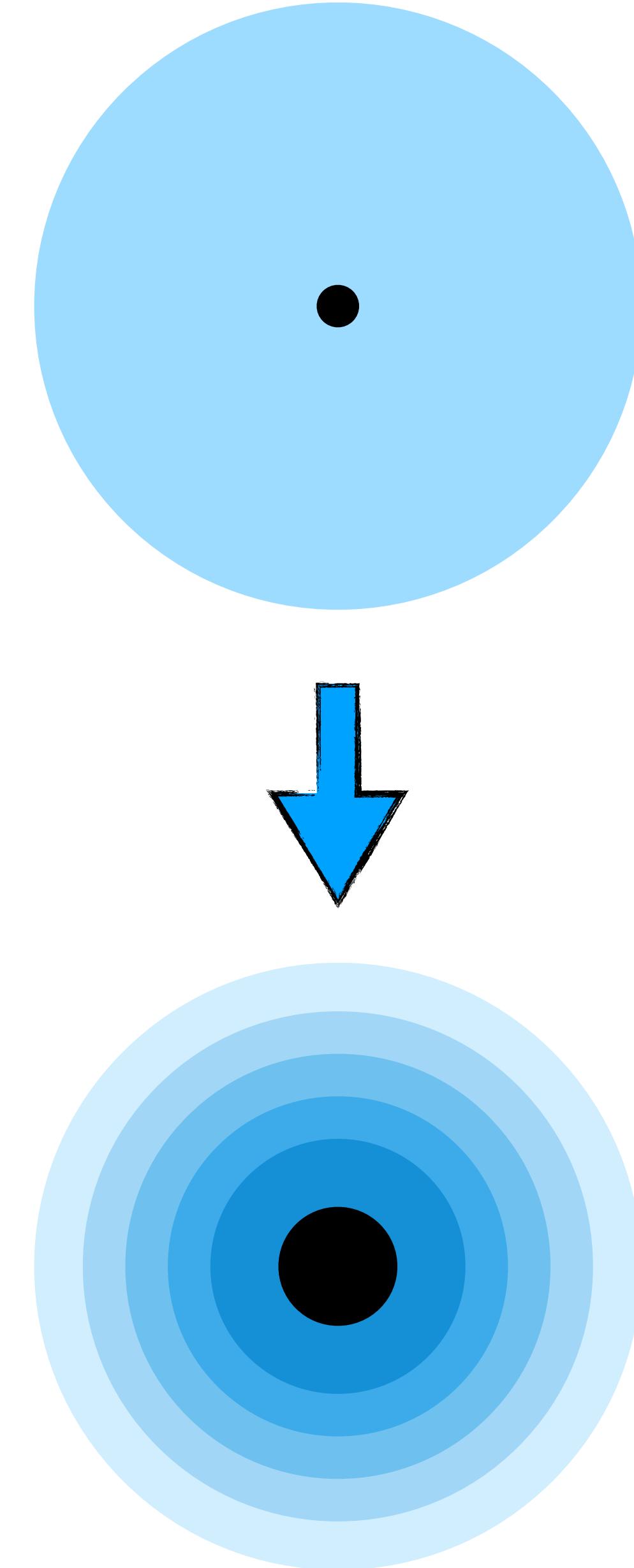


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Time, t

“Dephasing”

Dark Matter Spikes



‘**Spikes**’ or ‘**dresses**’ of cold, particle-like DM may form around BHs:

From the slow (‘adiabatic’) growth of a BH at the centre of a DM halo

“Astrophysical scenario”

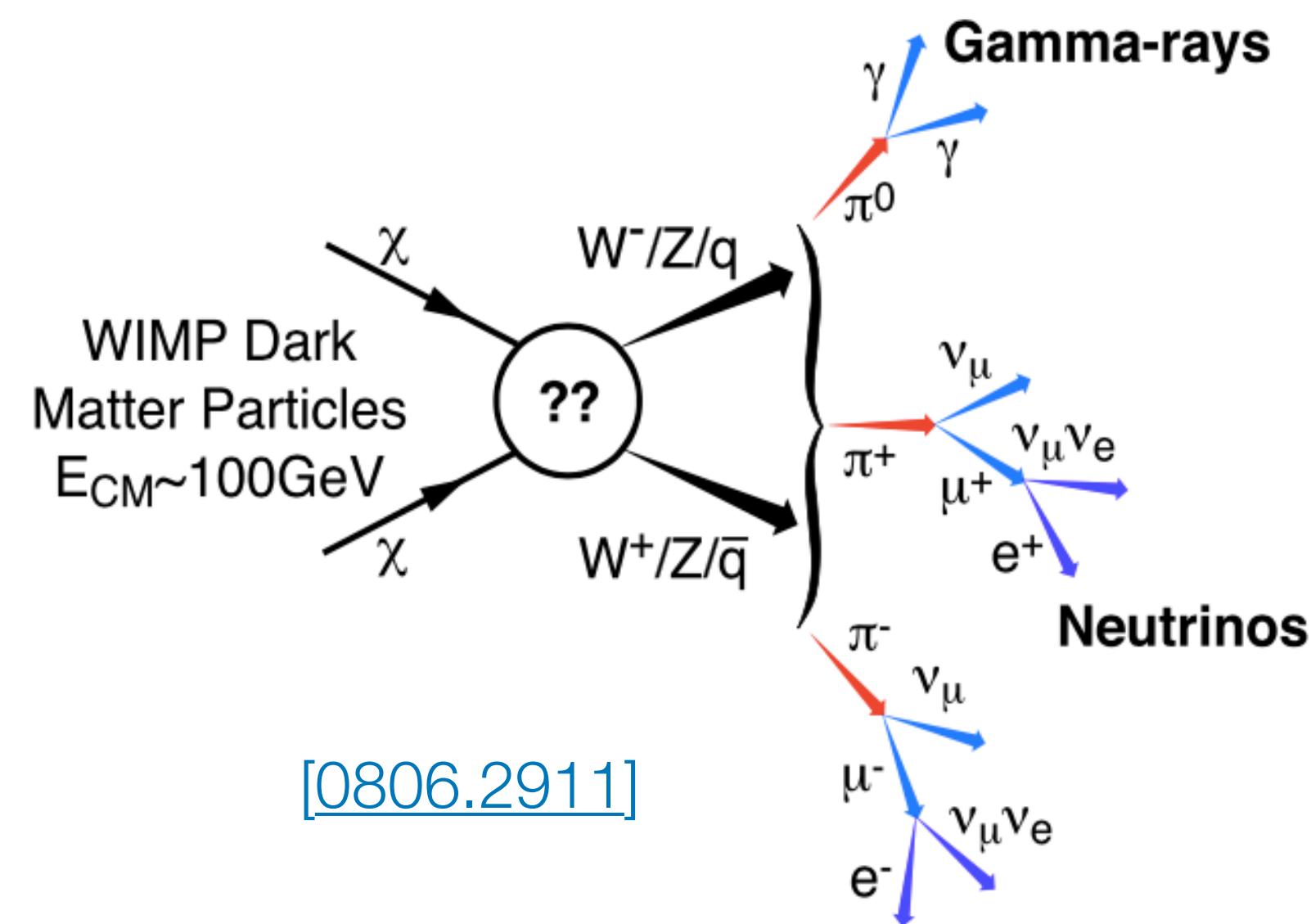
[[astro-ph/9906391](#), [astro-ph/0509565](#), [1305.2619](#), ...]

Around BHs which form from large density fluctuations in the early Universe (i.e. Primordial Black Holes)

“PBH scenario”

[[Bertschinger \(1985\)](#), [astro-ph/0608642](#), [1901.08528](#), ...]

DM annihilation?

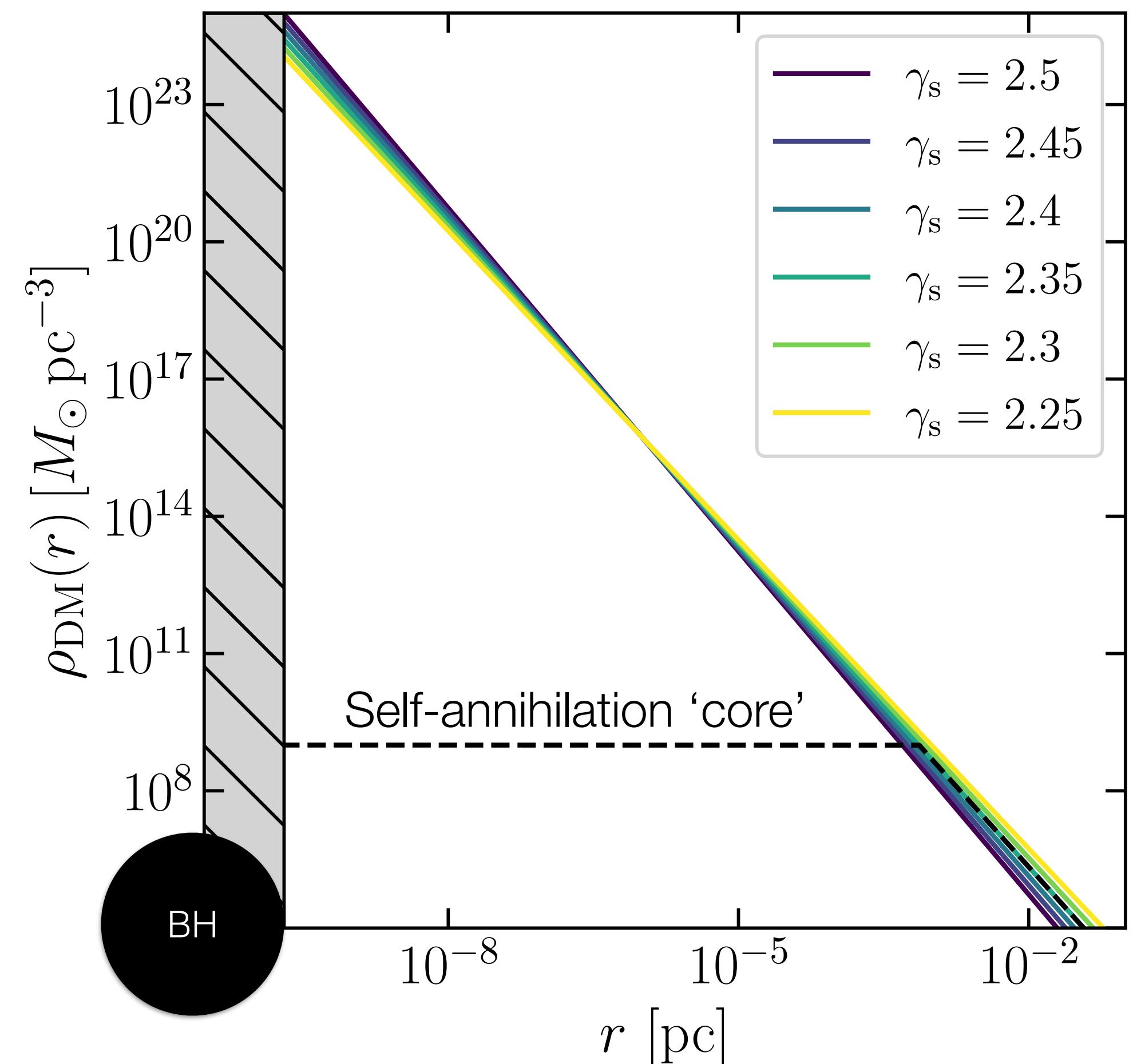


DM self-annihilation can suppress the spike density, but can still lead to large (diffuse and point source) fluxes of gamma-rays and neutrinos

[E.g. Lacroix & Silk, [1712.00452](#), Bertone et al., [1905.01238](#), Freese et al., [2202.01126](#)]

What about **non-annihilating DM**?

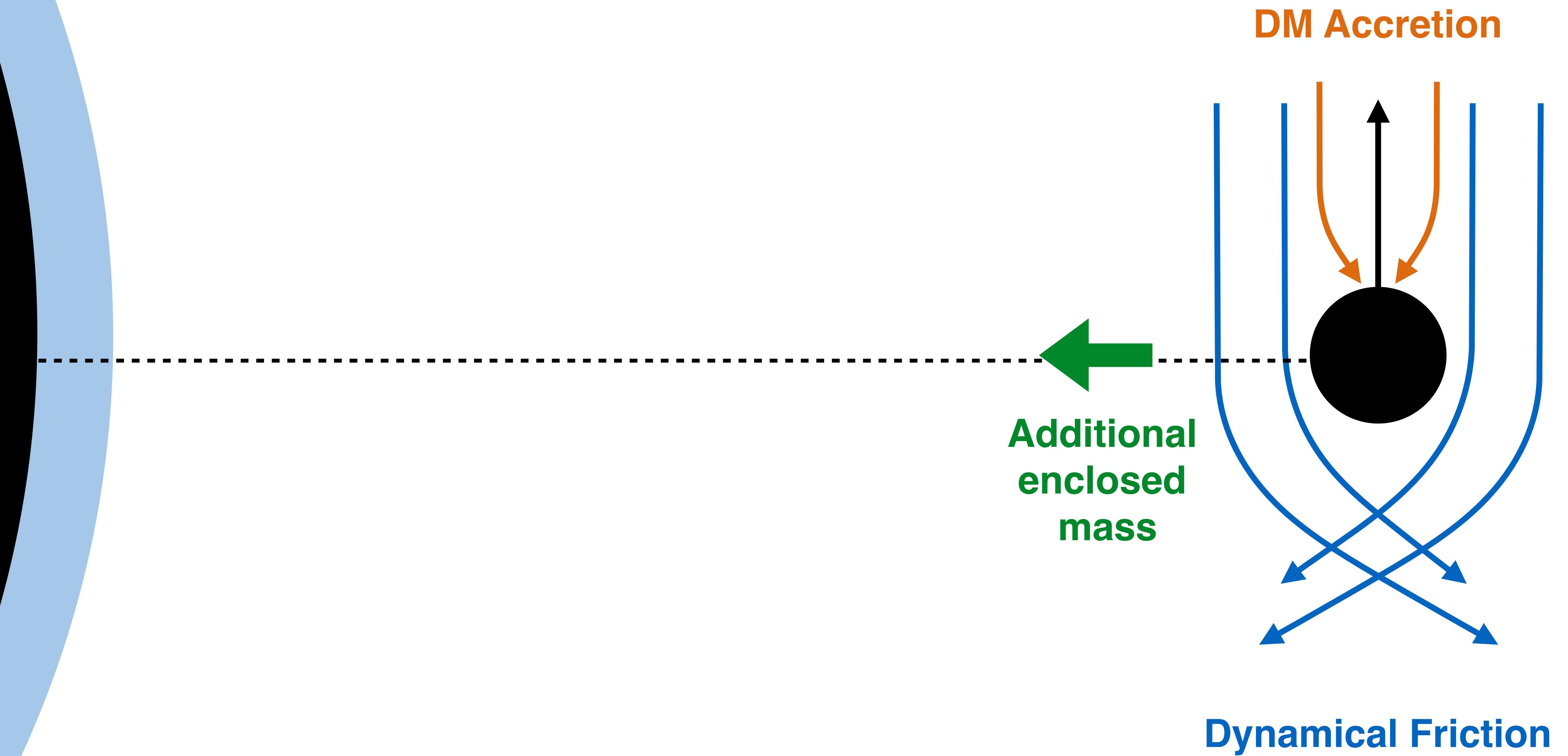
$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = \rho_6 \left(\frac{10^{-6} \text{ pc}}{r} \right)^{\gamma_{\text{sp}}}$$



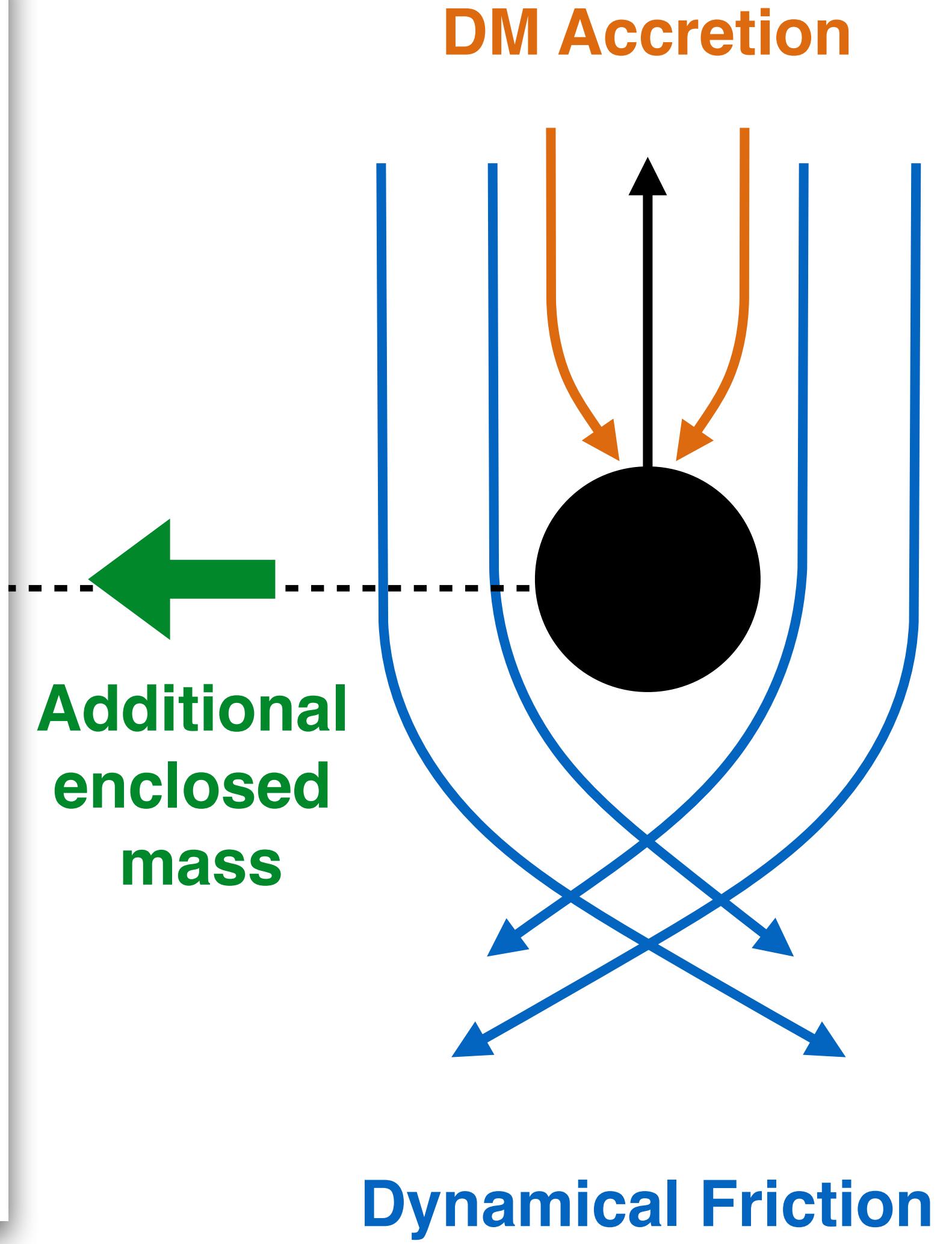
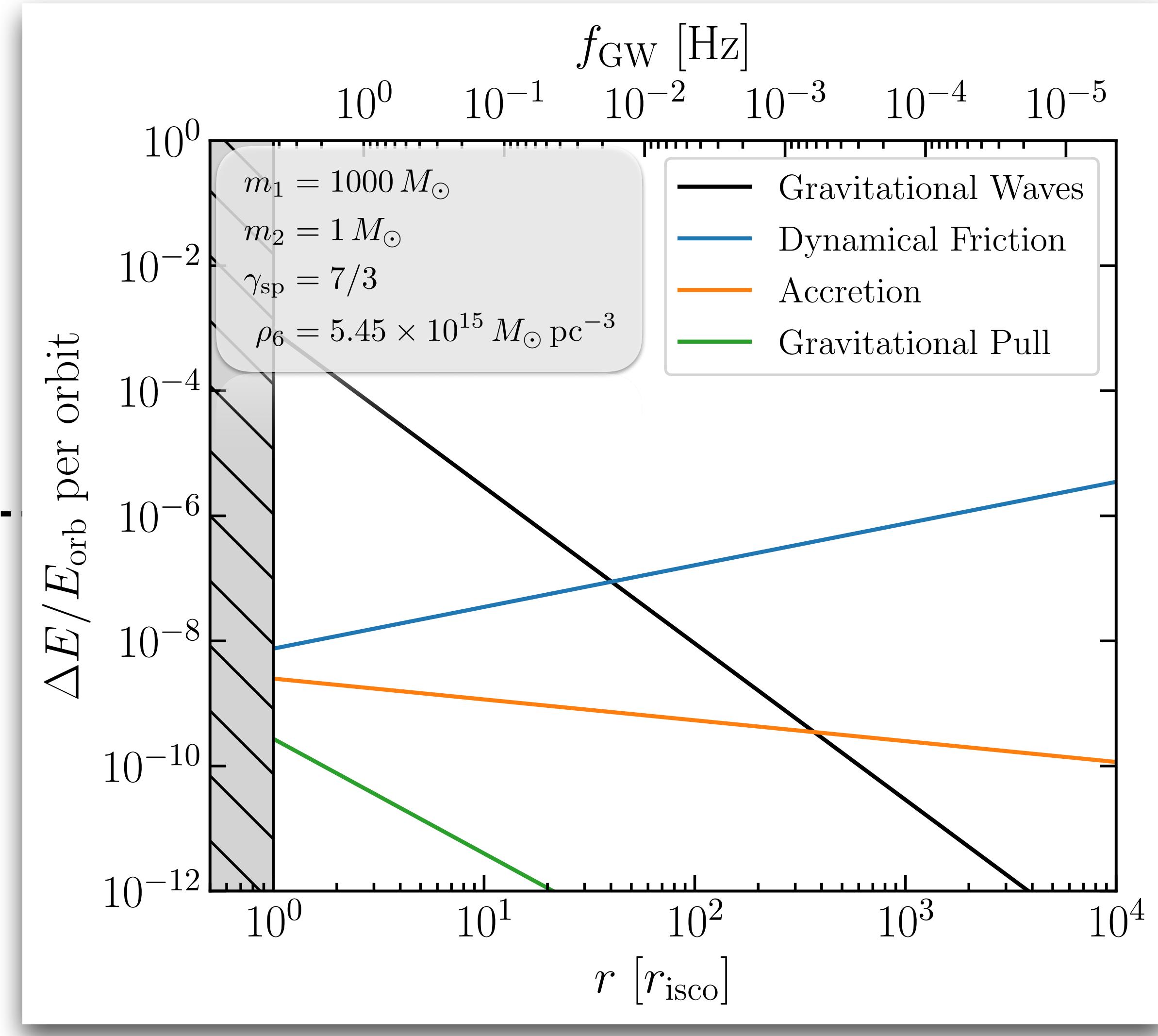
$$\rho_{\text{DM, local}} \sim 10^{-2} M_\odot / \text{pc}^3$$

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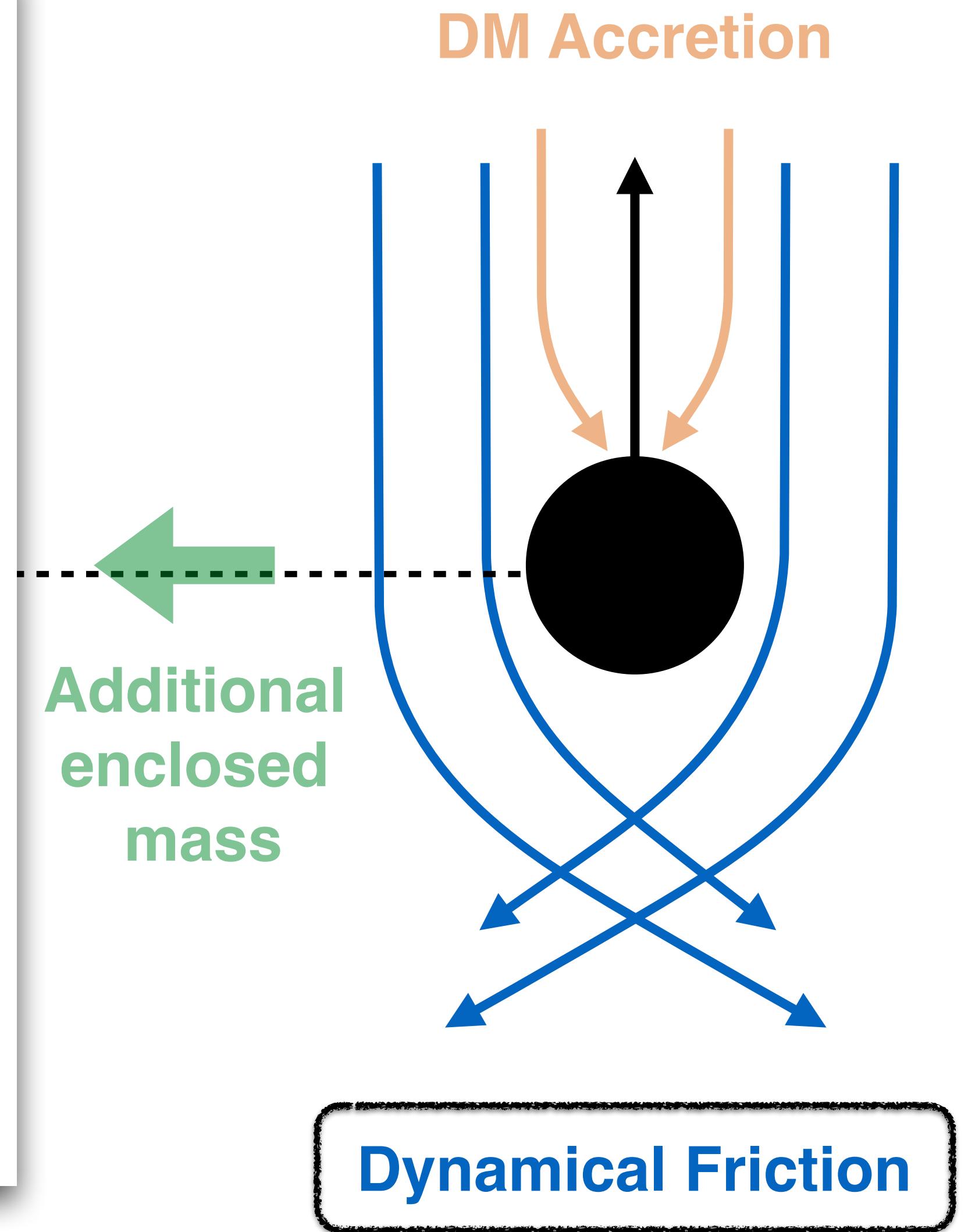
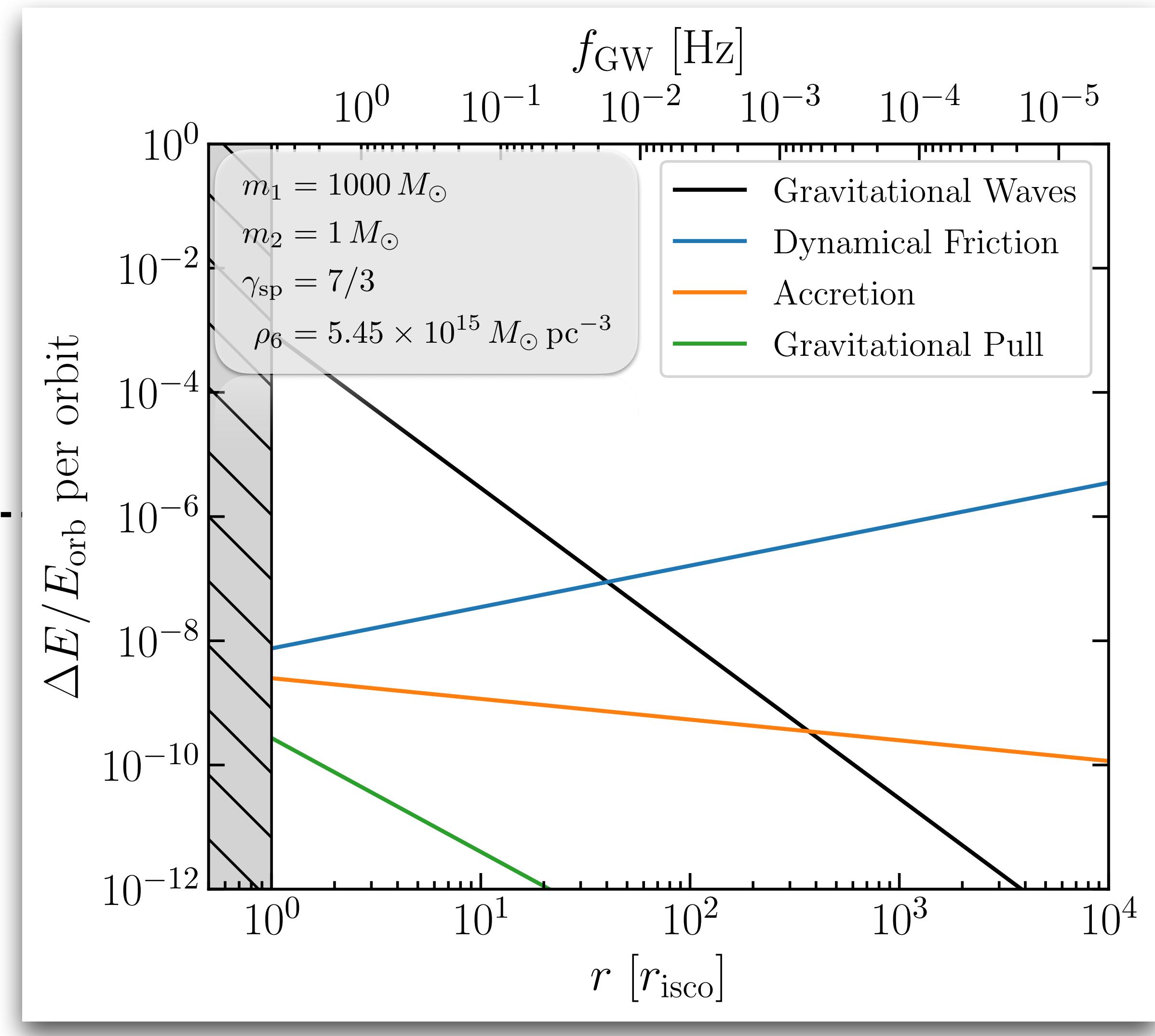


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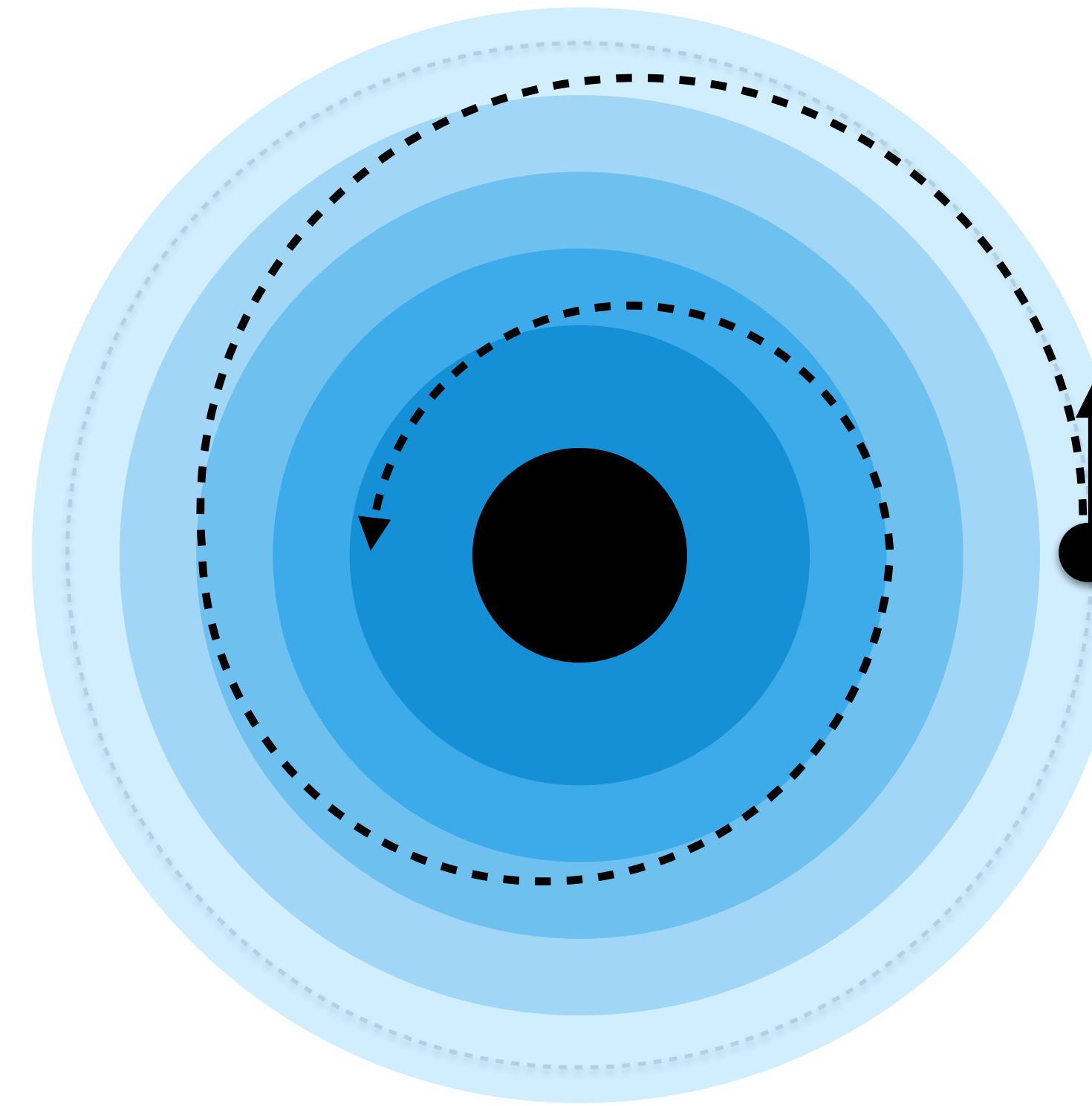
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$$\dot{E}_{\text{DF}} \sim \frac{4\pi G^2 m_2^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) \xi(v)}{v} \ln \Lambda$$

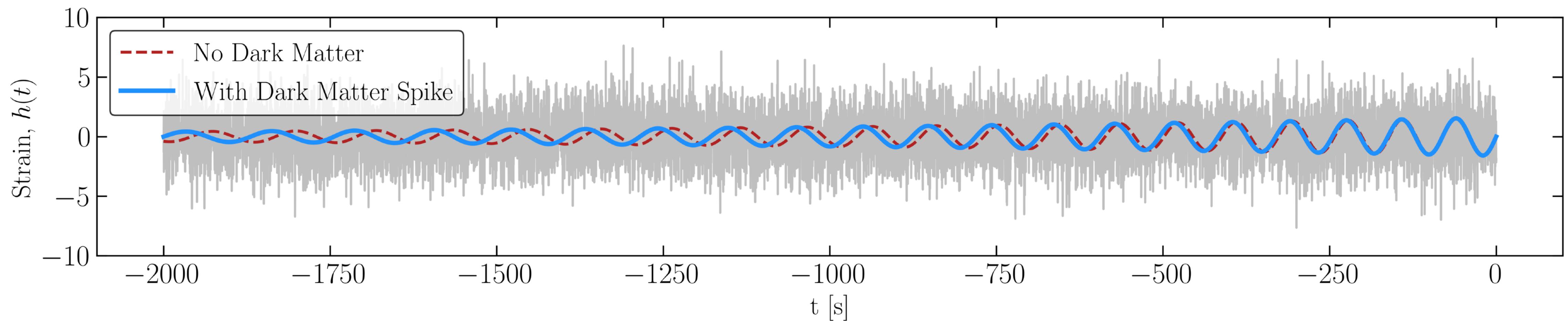
Dephasing of 'Dressed' IMRIs



$$-\dot{E}_{\text{orb}} = \dot{E}_{\text{GW}} + \dot{E}_{\text{DF}}$$

Solve for Newtonian motion of the binary, taking into account:

- GW emission
- Dynamical Friction
- **DM Halo Feedback**



[See e.g. Eda et al. [1301.5971](#), [1408.3534](#), Macedo et al., [1302.2646](#); Cardoso & Maselli, [1909.05870](#)]

Follow semi-analytically the phase space distribution of DM:

$$f = \frac{dN}{d^3\mathbf{r} d^3\mathbf{v}} \equiv f(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \Psi(r) - \frac{1}{2}v^2$$

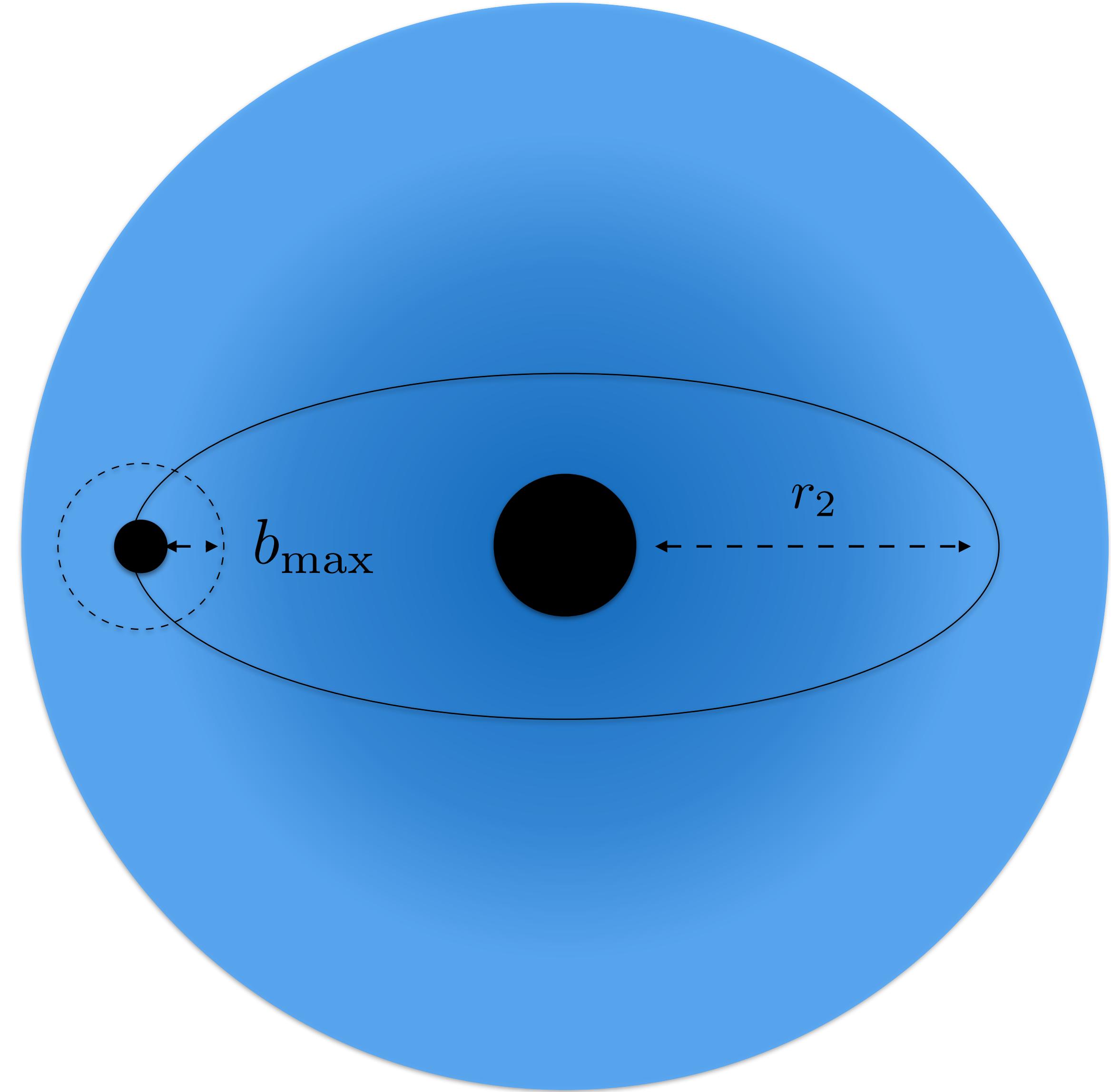
Each particle receives a ‘kick’ through gravitational scattering

$$\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} + \Delta\mathcal{E}$$

Reconstruct density from distribution function:

$$\rho(r) = \int d^3\mathbf{v} f(\mathcal{E})$$

[BJK, Nichols, Gaggero, Bertone, 2002.12811]



Compact object scatters with all DM particles within ‘torus’ of influence over one orbit

[Code available online: github.com/bradkav/HaloFeedback]

Assuming everything evolves slowly compared to the orbital period:

$$T_{\text{orb}} \frac{df(\mathcal{E})}{dt} = -p_{\mathcal{E}} f(\mathcal{E}) + \int \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{E} - \Delta\mathcal{E}} \right)^{5/2} f(\mathcal{E} - \Delta\mathcal{E}) P_{\mathcal{E}-\Delta\mathcal{E}}(\Delta\mathcal{E}) d\Delta\mathcal{E}$$

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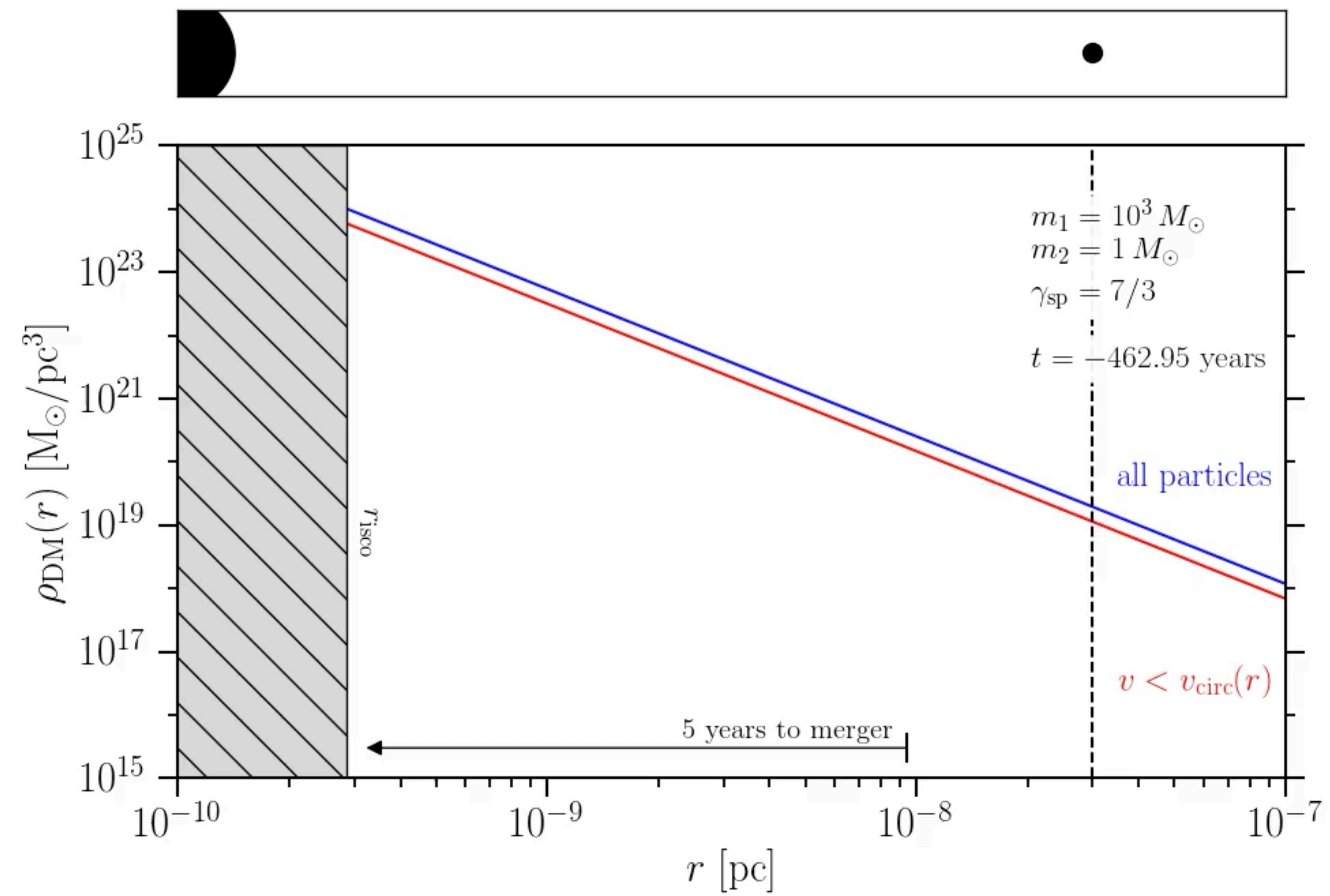
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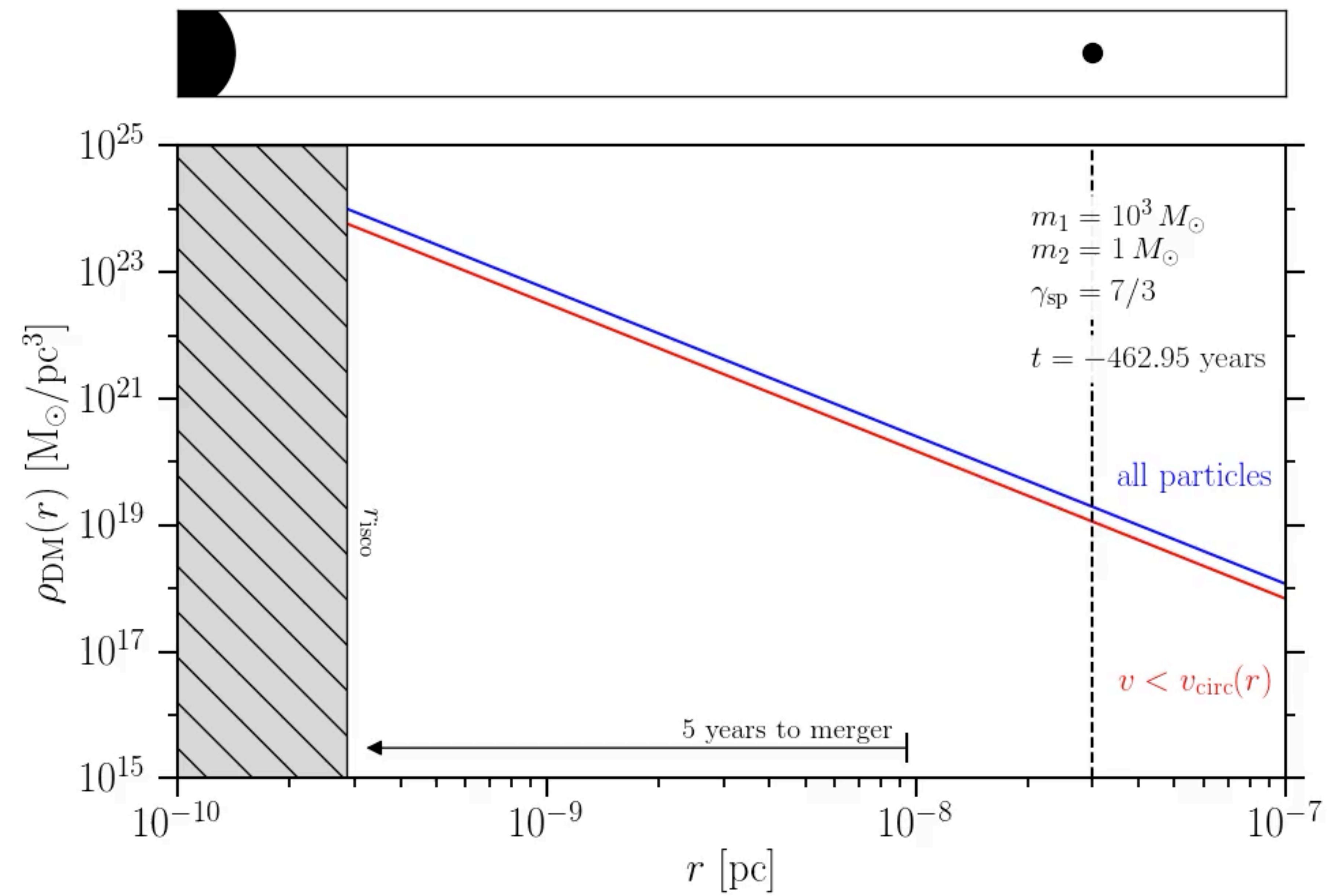
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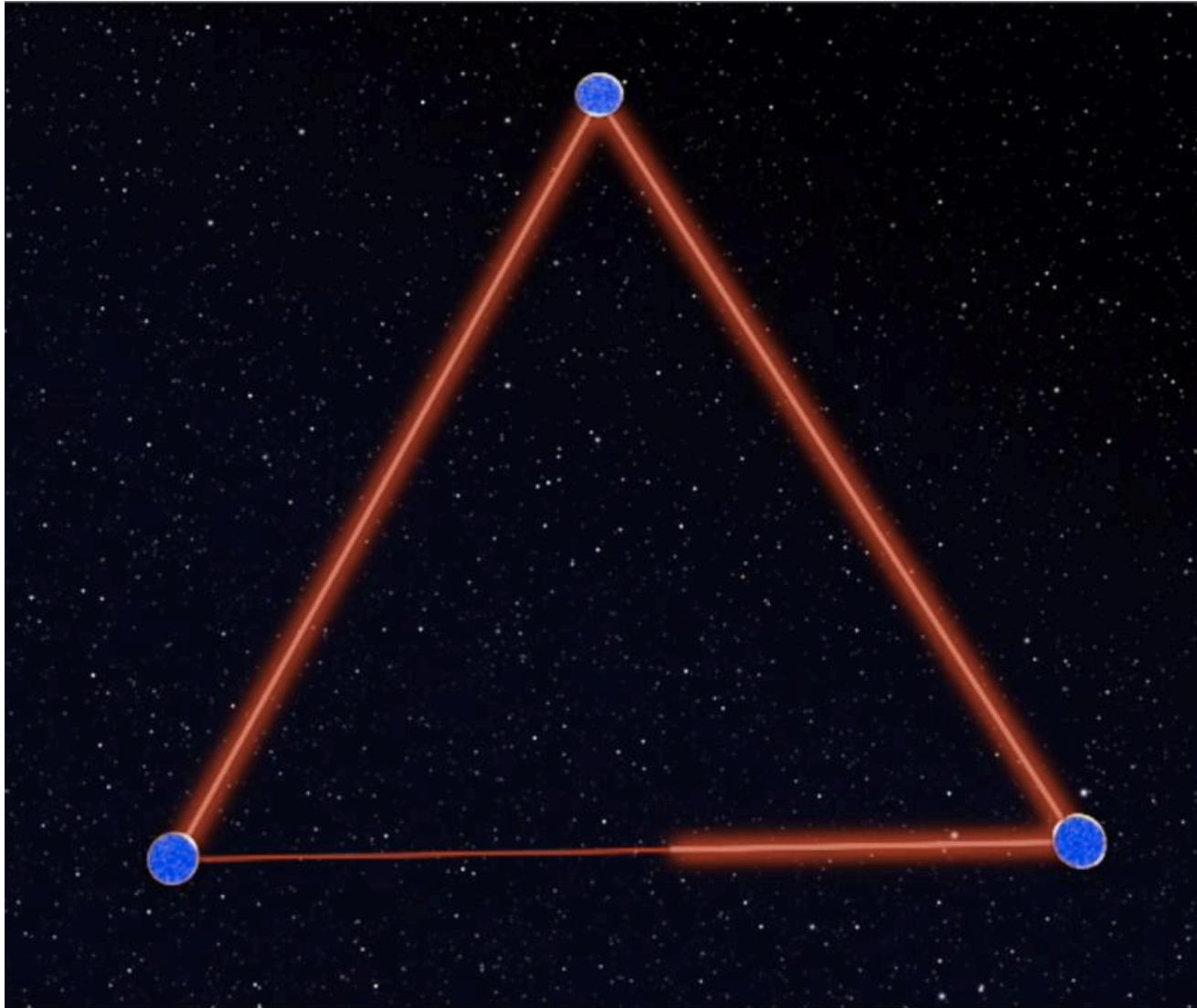
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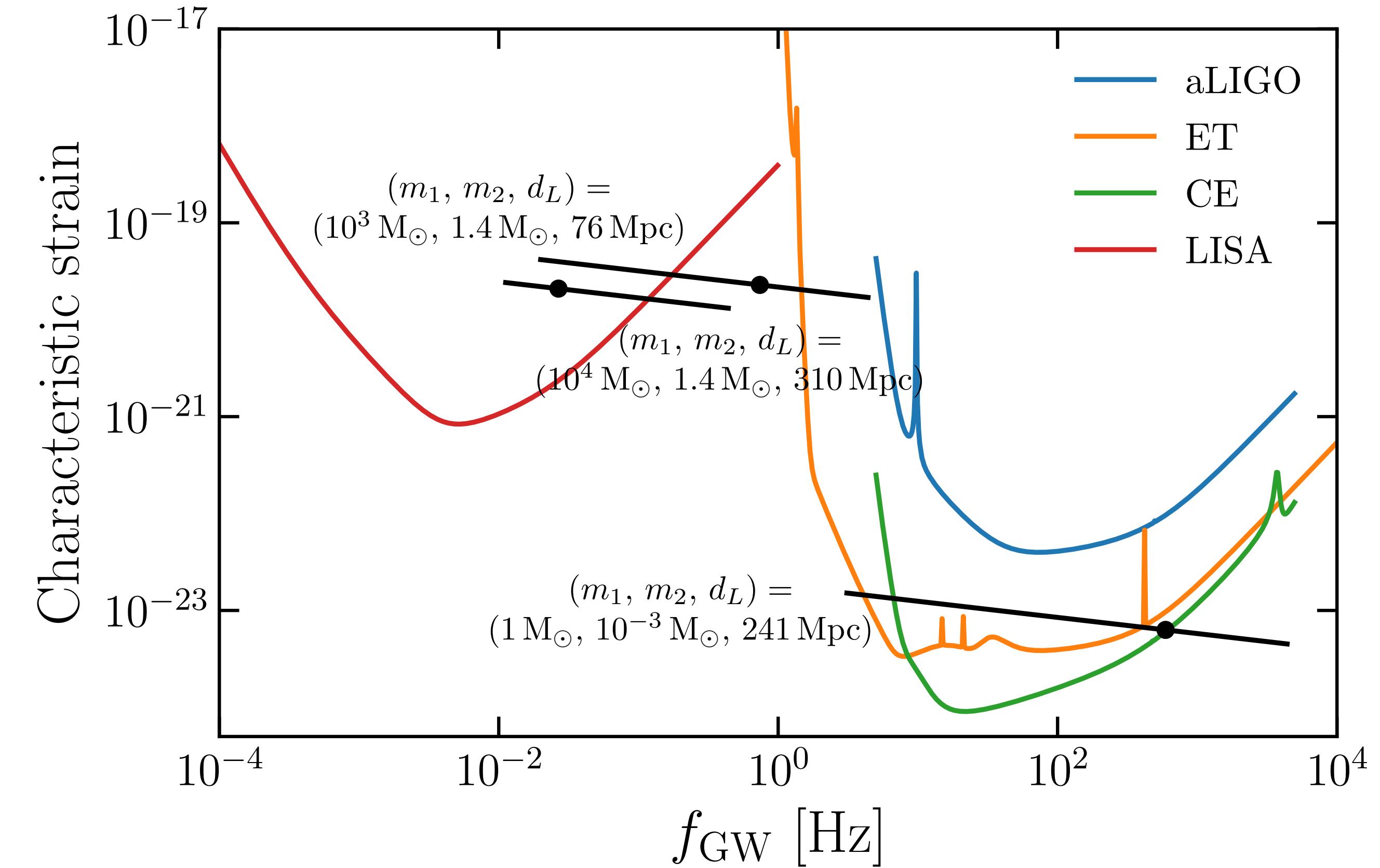
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GW Sensitivity

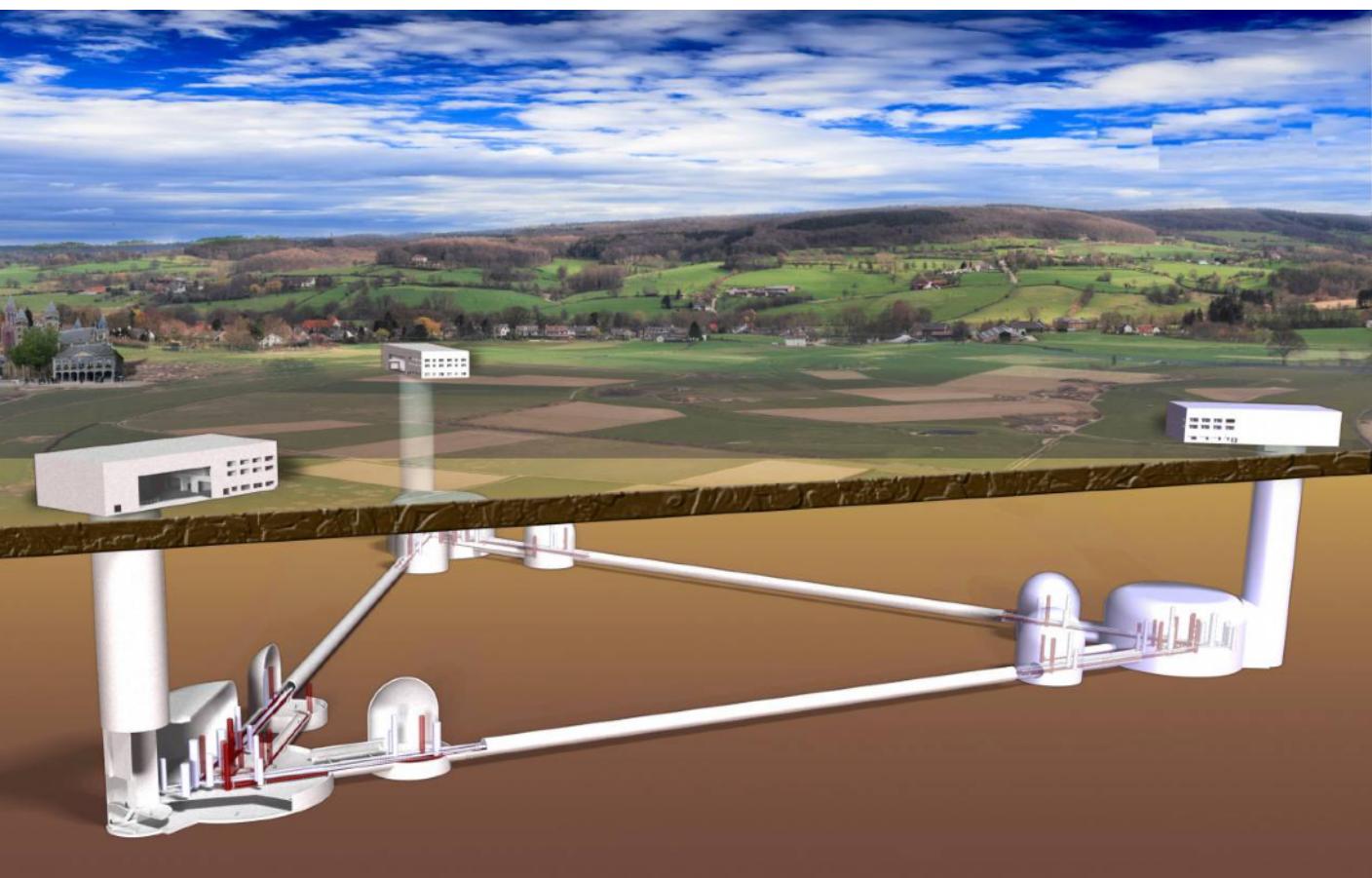
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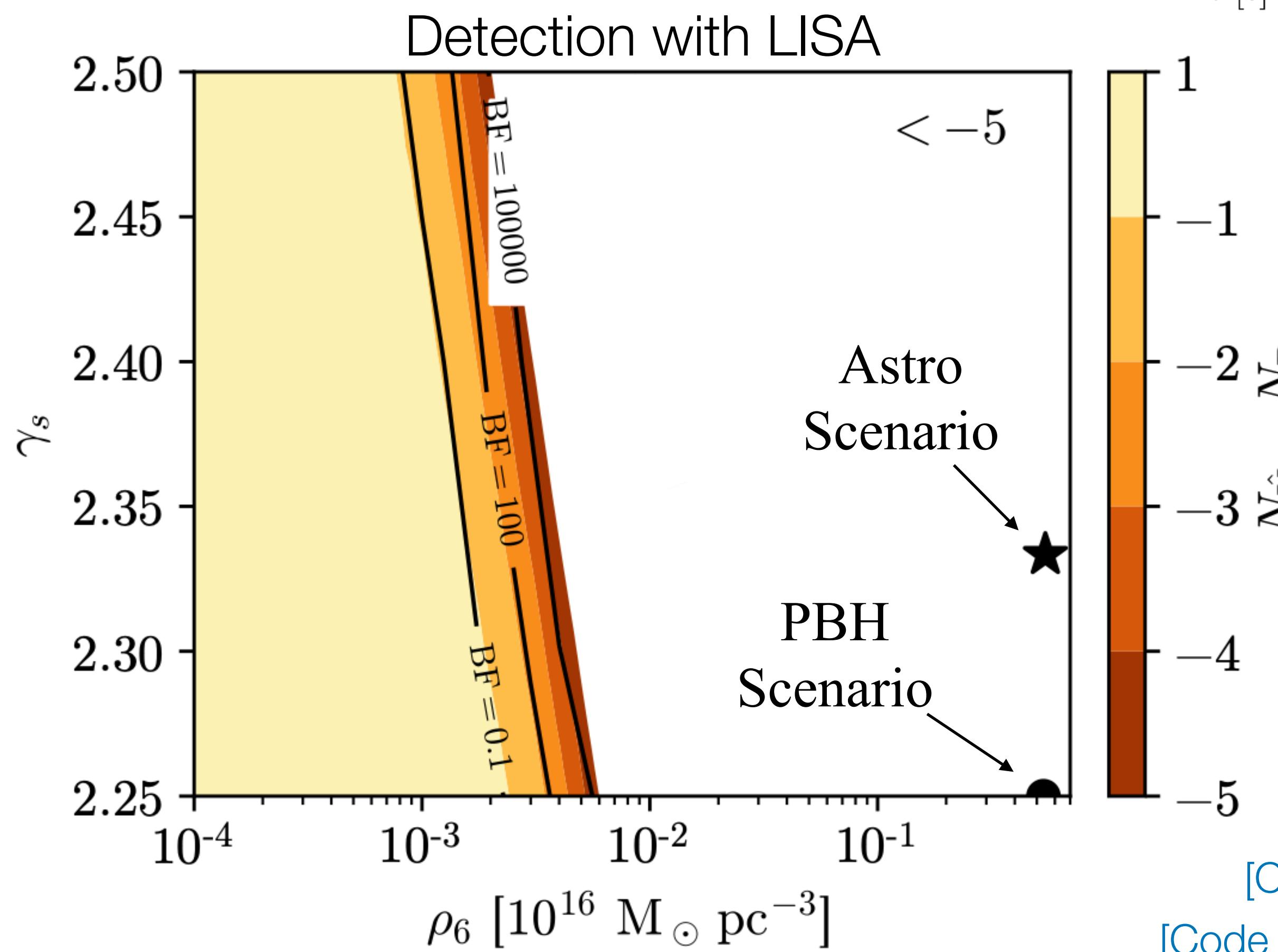
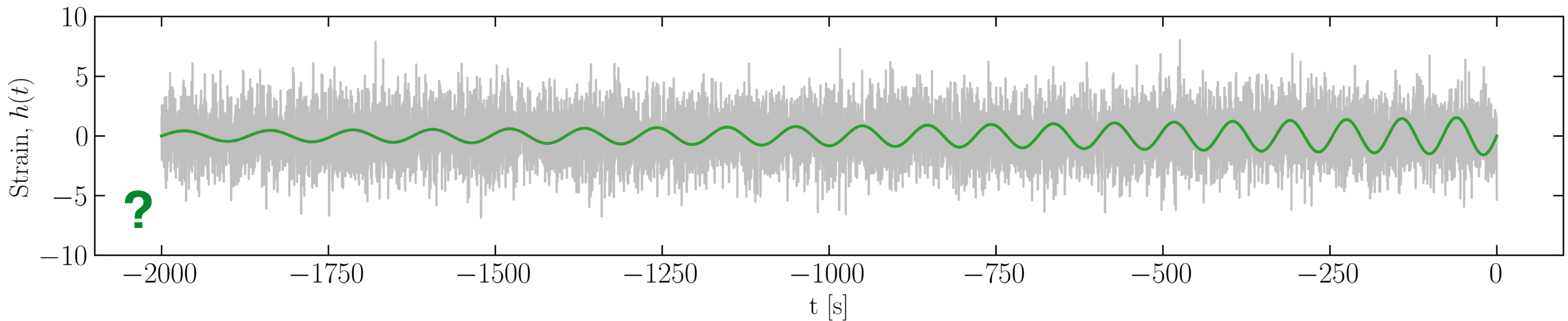
Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
(planned for the 2030s)
[\[1907.06482\]](#)



Einstein Telescope
[\[1912.02622\]](#)



Discoverability



Compare **Bayes factor (BF)** for the vacuum case (V) and the DM dressed case (D)

$$\theta_V = \{\mathcal{M}\}$$

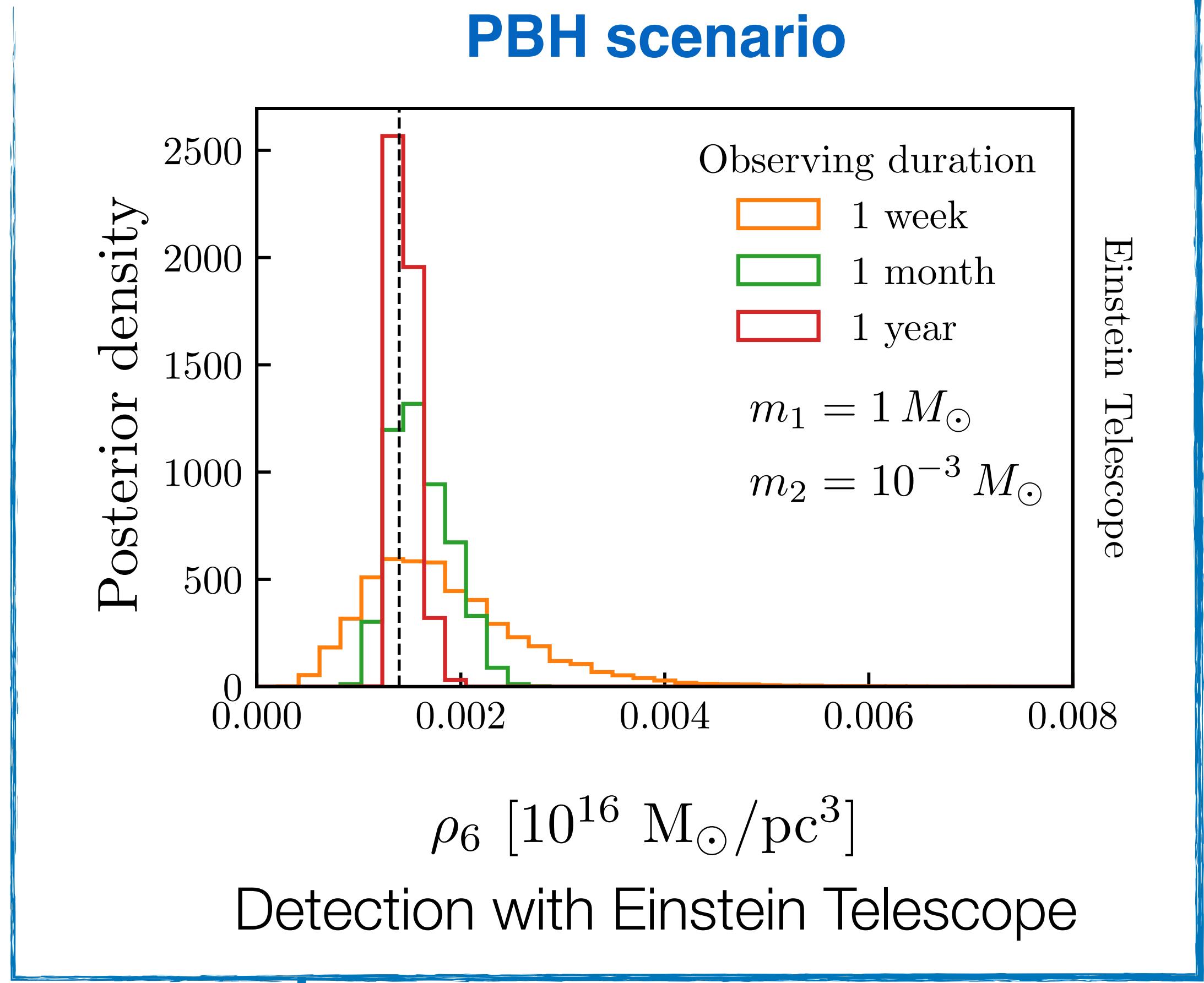
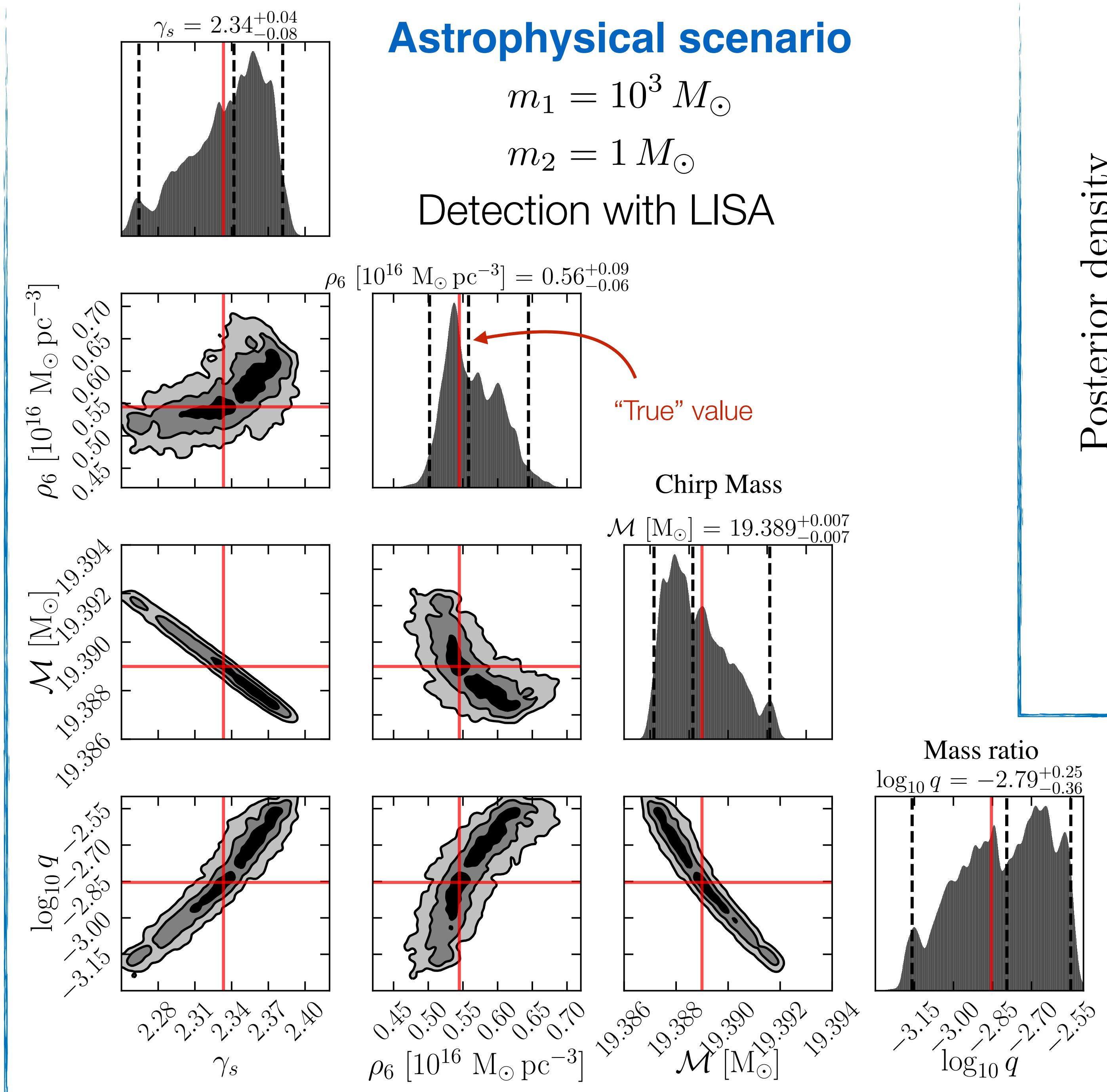
vs.

$$\theta_D = \{\gamma_{\text{sp}}, \rho_6, \mathcal{M}, \log_{10} q\}$$

Number of GW cycles of dephasing

[Coogan, Bertone, Gaggero, **BJK** & Nichols, [2108.04154](#)]
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Measurability



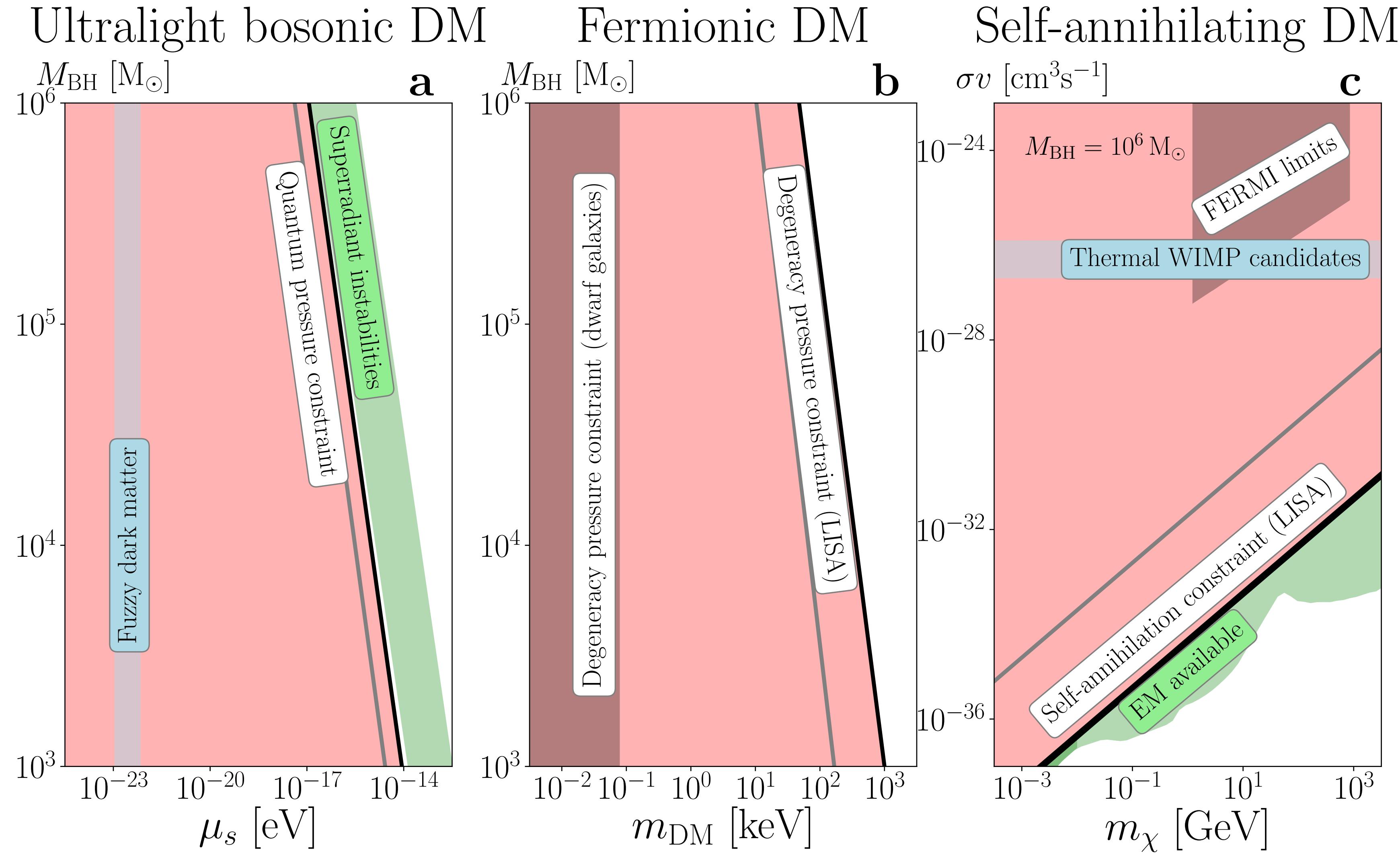
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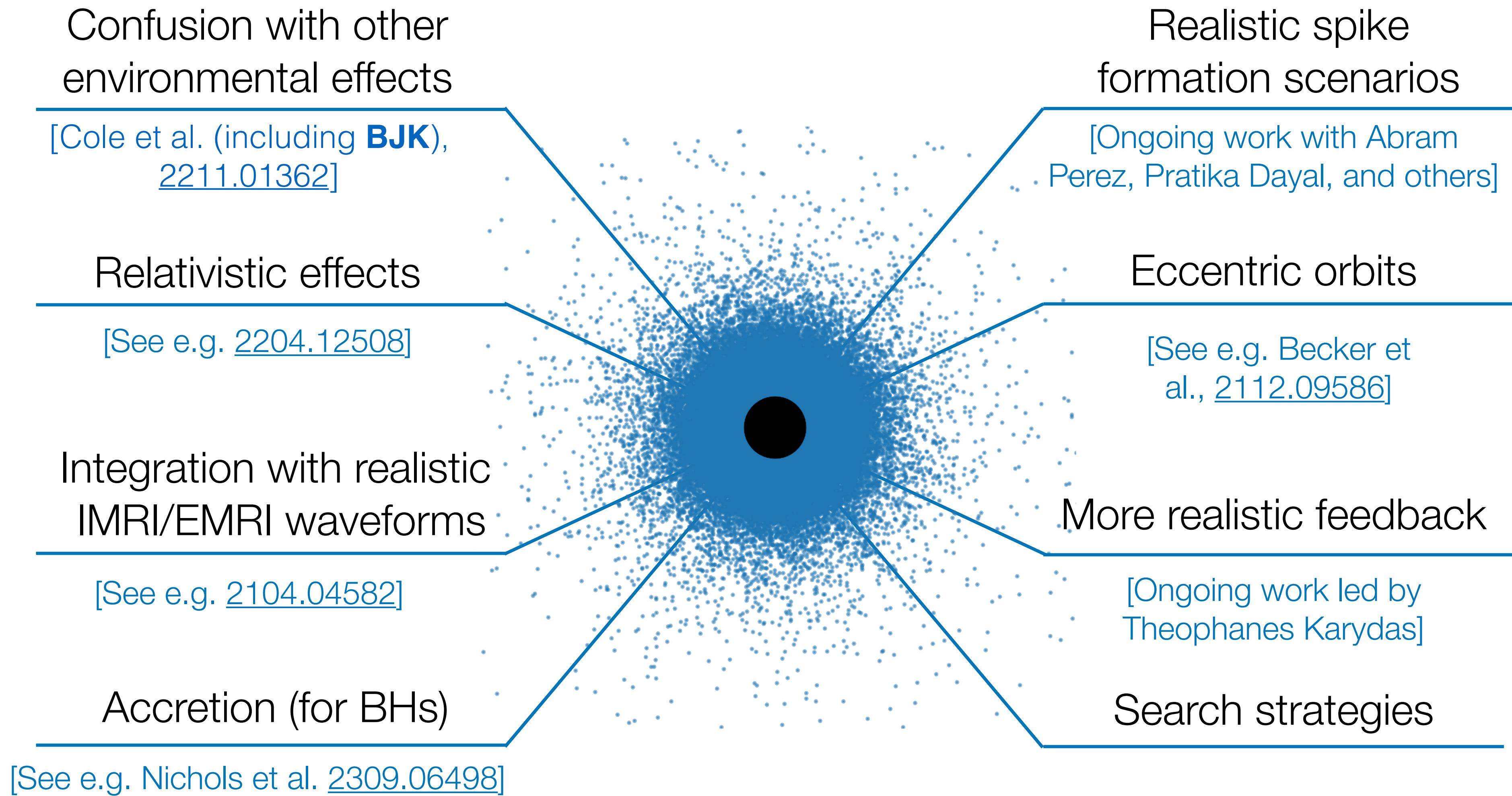
Red regions would be ruled out by observation of a DM spike!

[1906.11845]

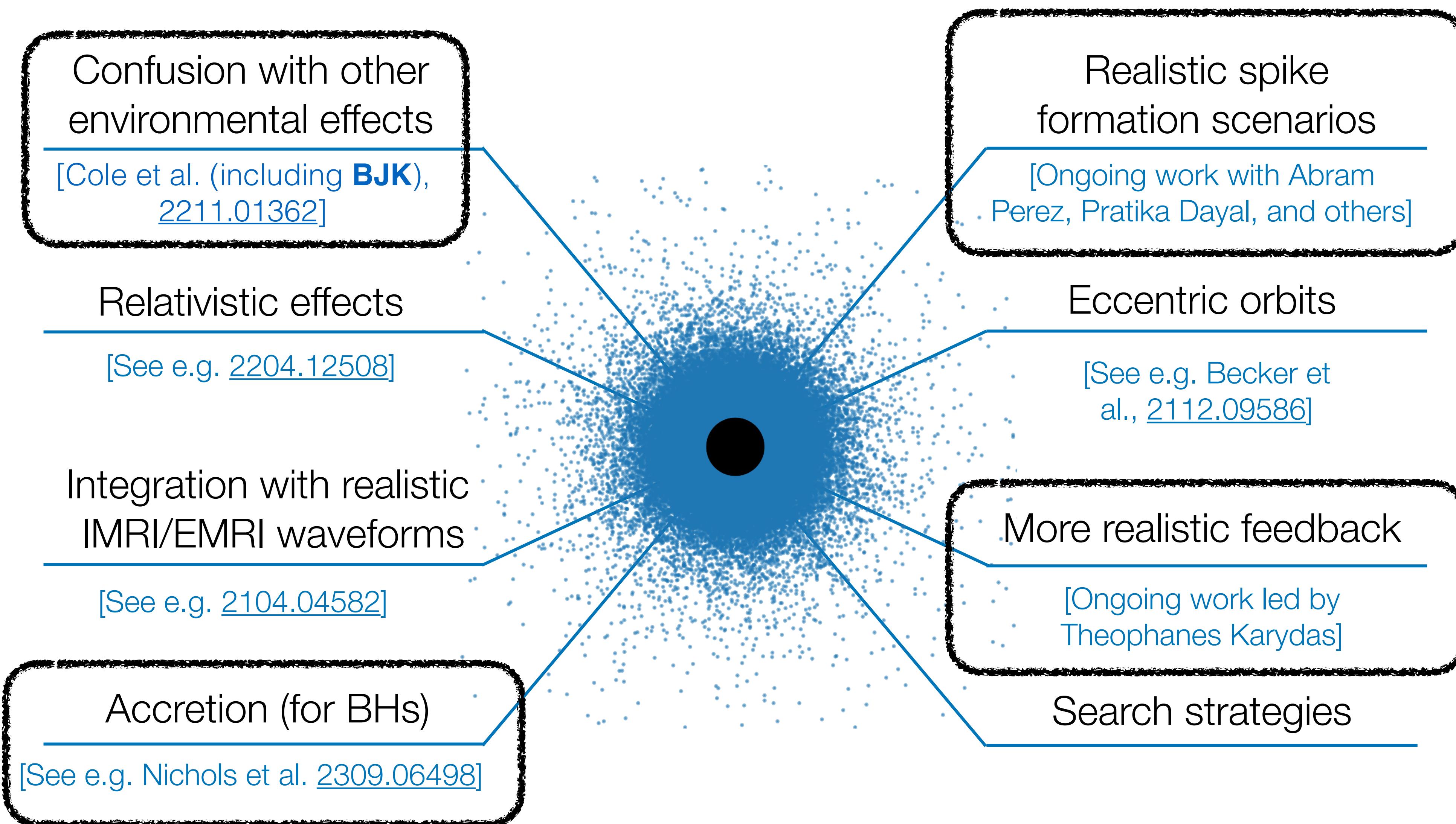


[See also Bertone, Coogan, Gaggero, **BJK** & Weniger, 1905.01238]

Towards better DM spikes

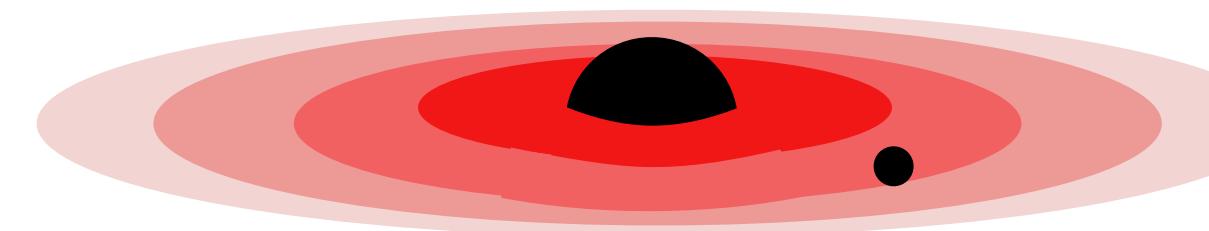


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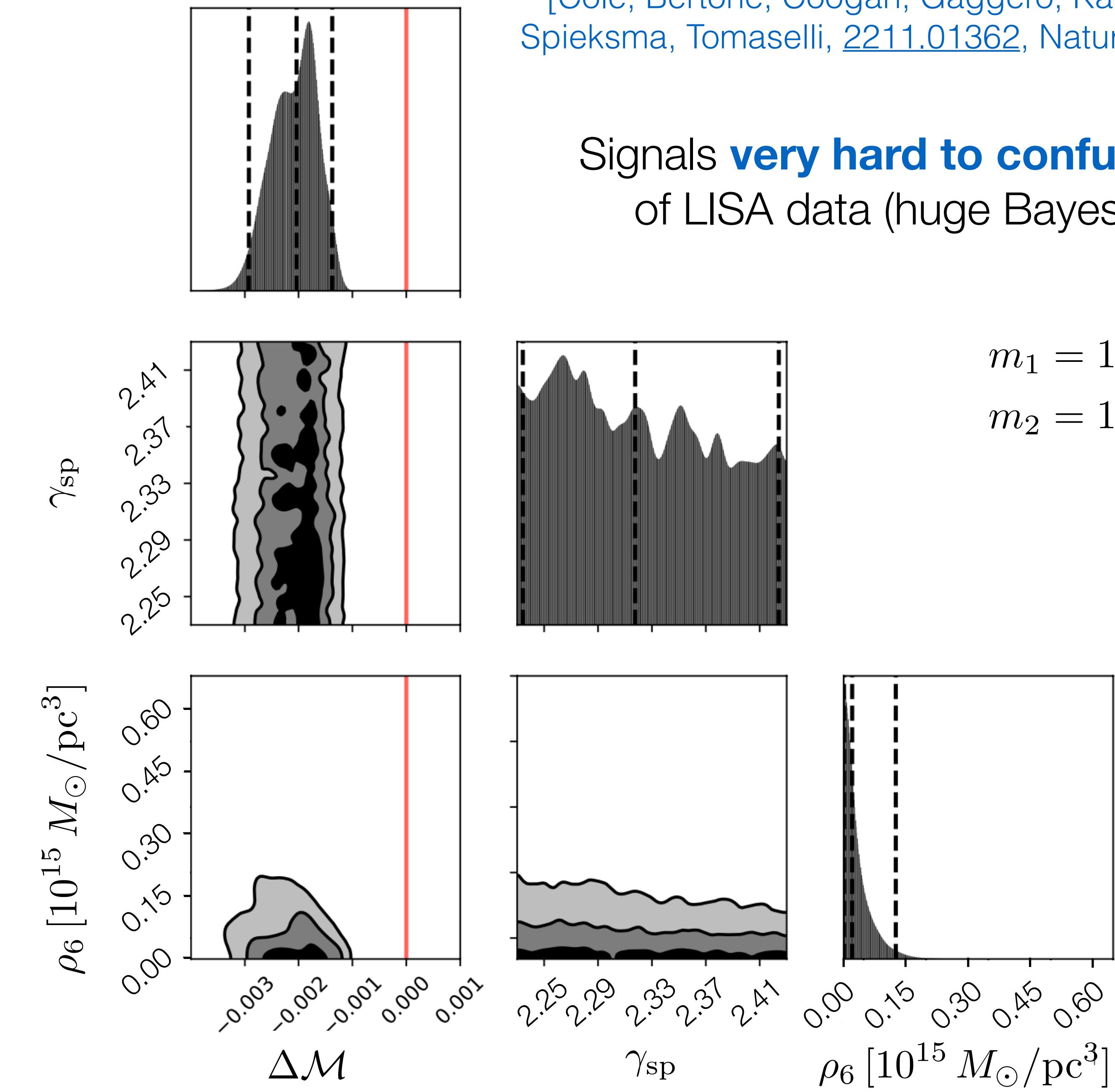
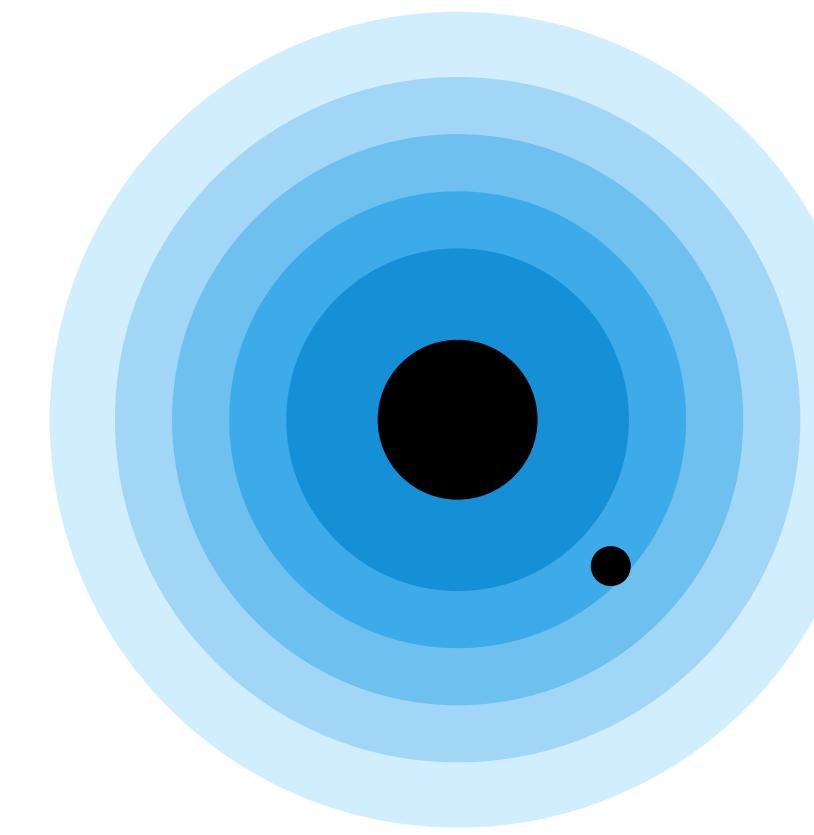
Environmental confusion?

Generate waveform
assuming:

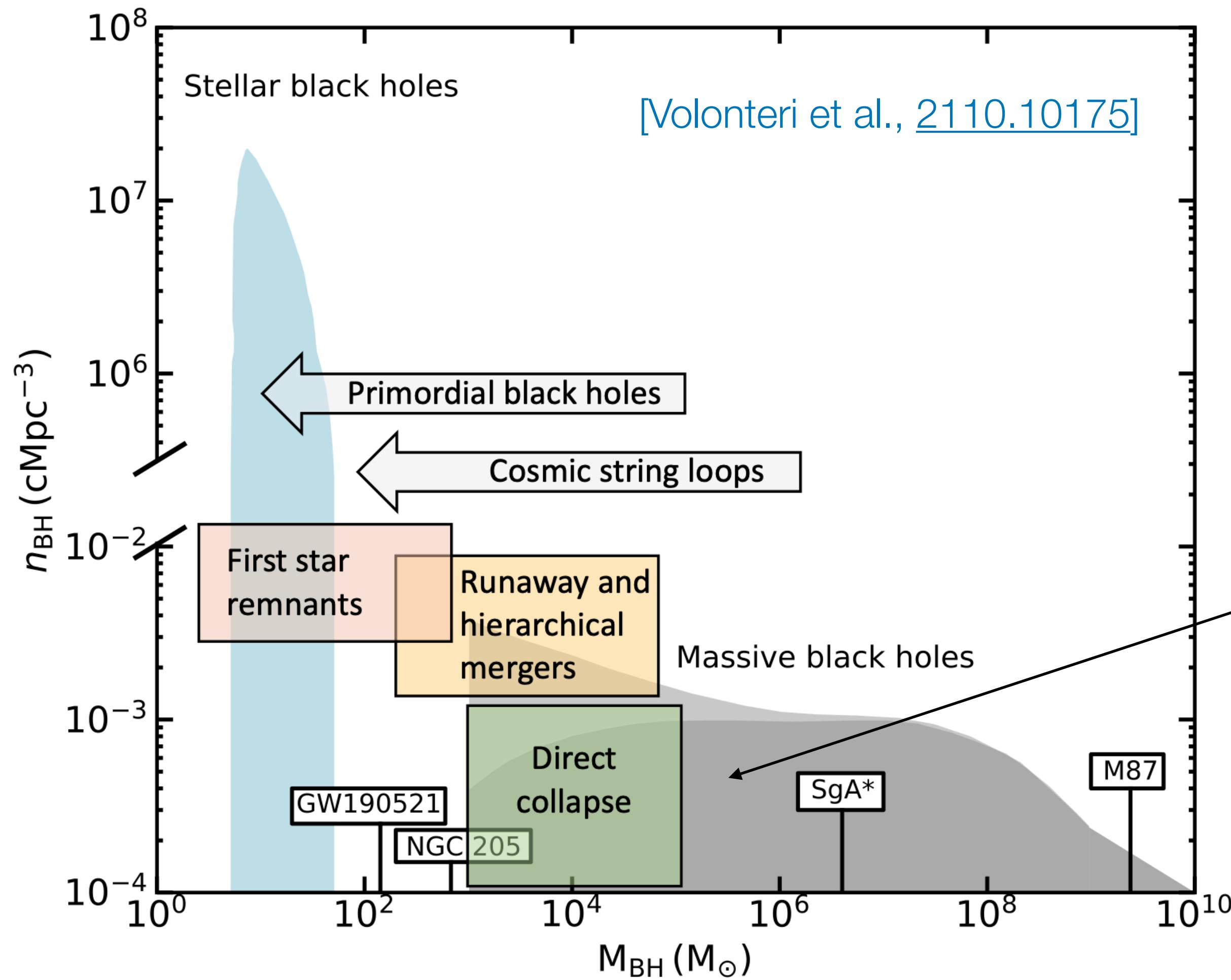


$$\Sigma(r) = \Sigma_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-1/2}$$

Fit signal assuming:

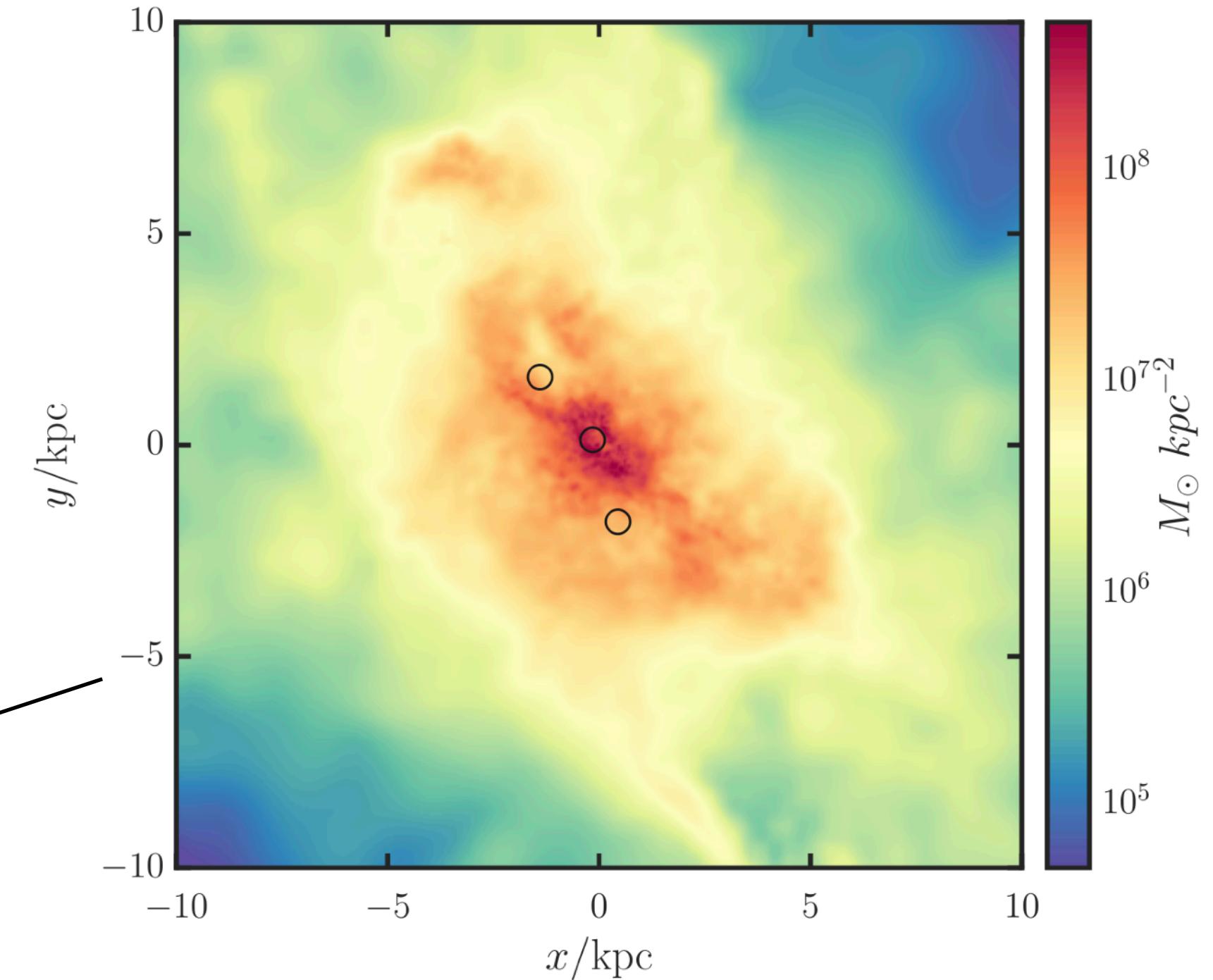


Black Holes and Spike Formation



[Volonteri et al., 2110.10175]

[Dunn et al., 1803.01007]



Use semi-analytic galaxy formation models to study the properties of Direct Collapse Black Holes and the halos they form in.

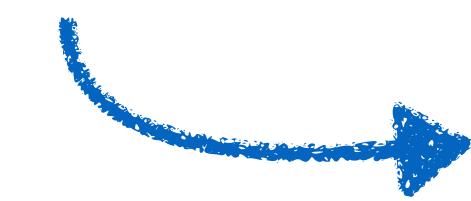
Preliminary results suggest that large densities are possible but do these systems survive, and are they common?

$$\rho_6 \gtrsim 10^{16} M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}$$

[Work in progress with Abram Perez and Pratika Dayal, as well as Daniele Gaggero, Renske Wierda & Gianfranco Bertone]

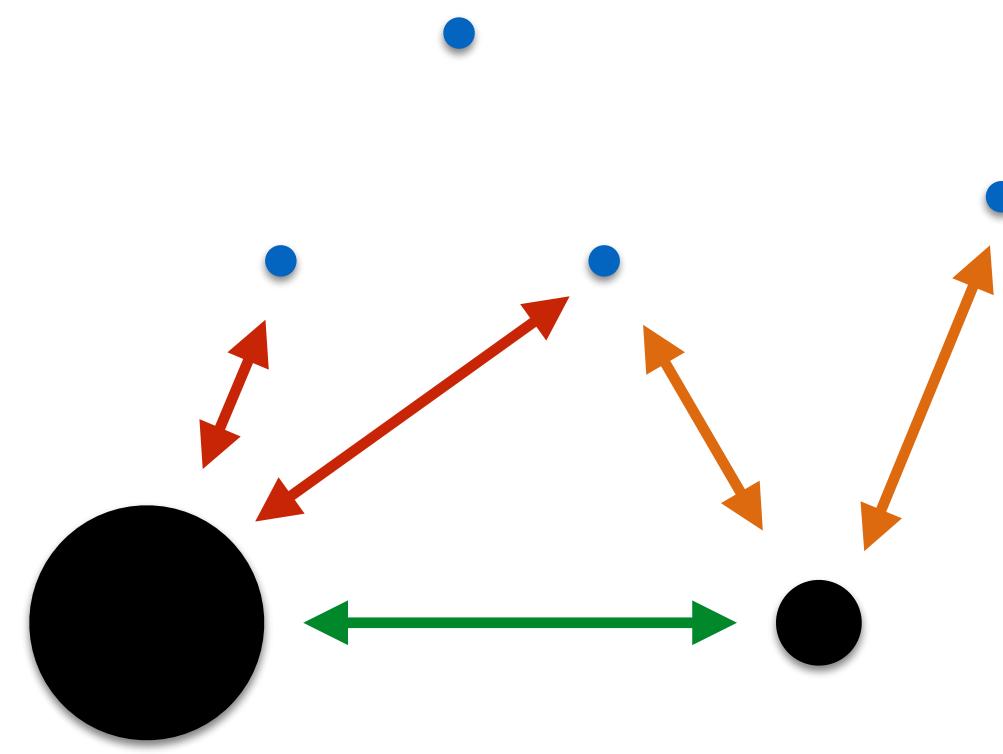
N-Body Simulations

Eventually need to expand and verify our description of dynamical friction and feedback in the DM spike (also include anisotropy, accretion, post-Newtonian corrections...)

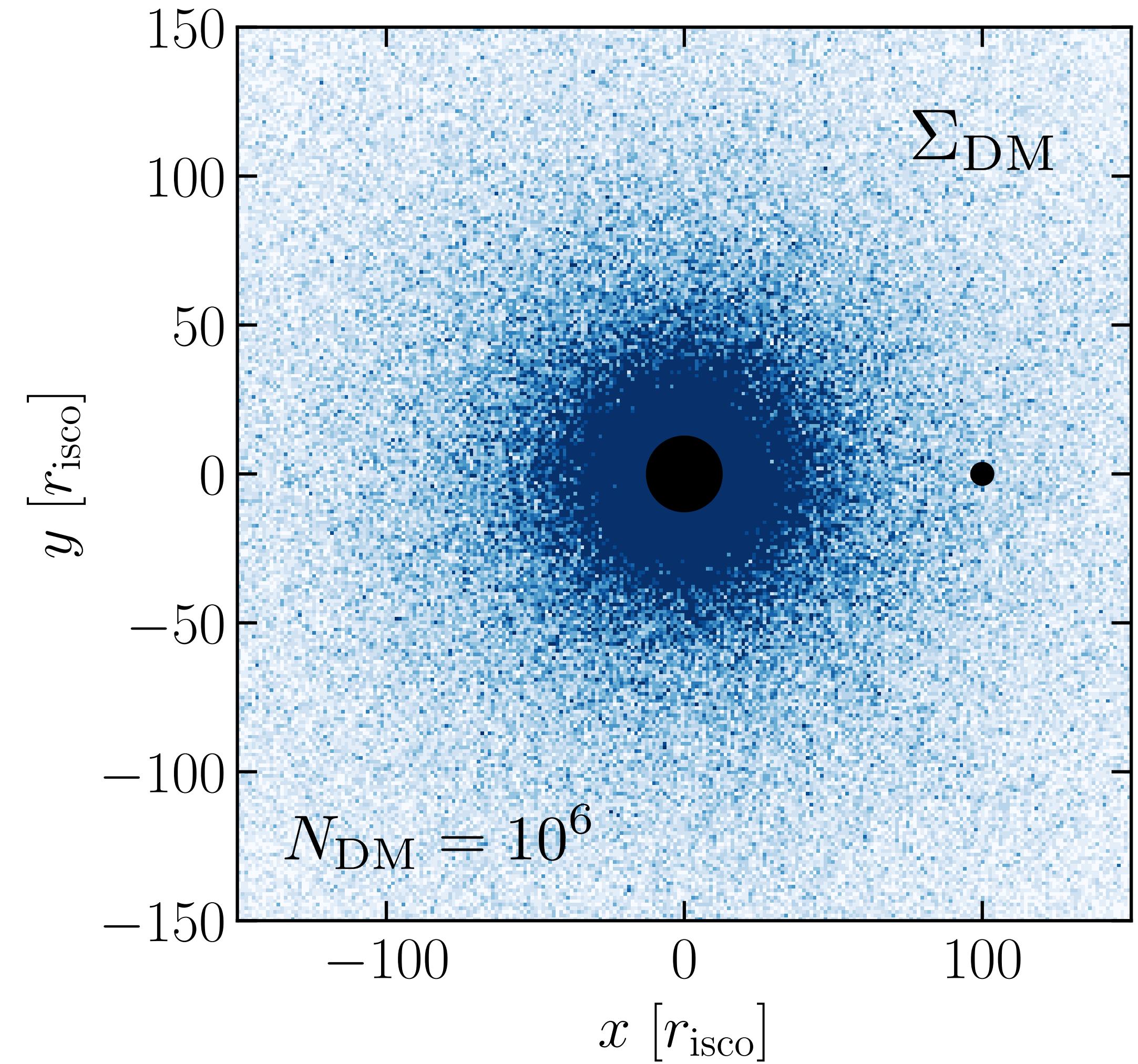


NbodyIMRI: N-body solver tailored to DM spikes

No *DM-DM* interparticle forces

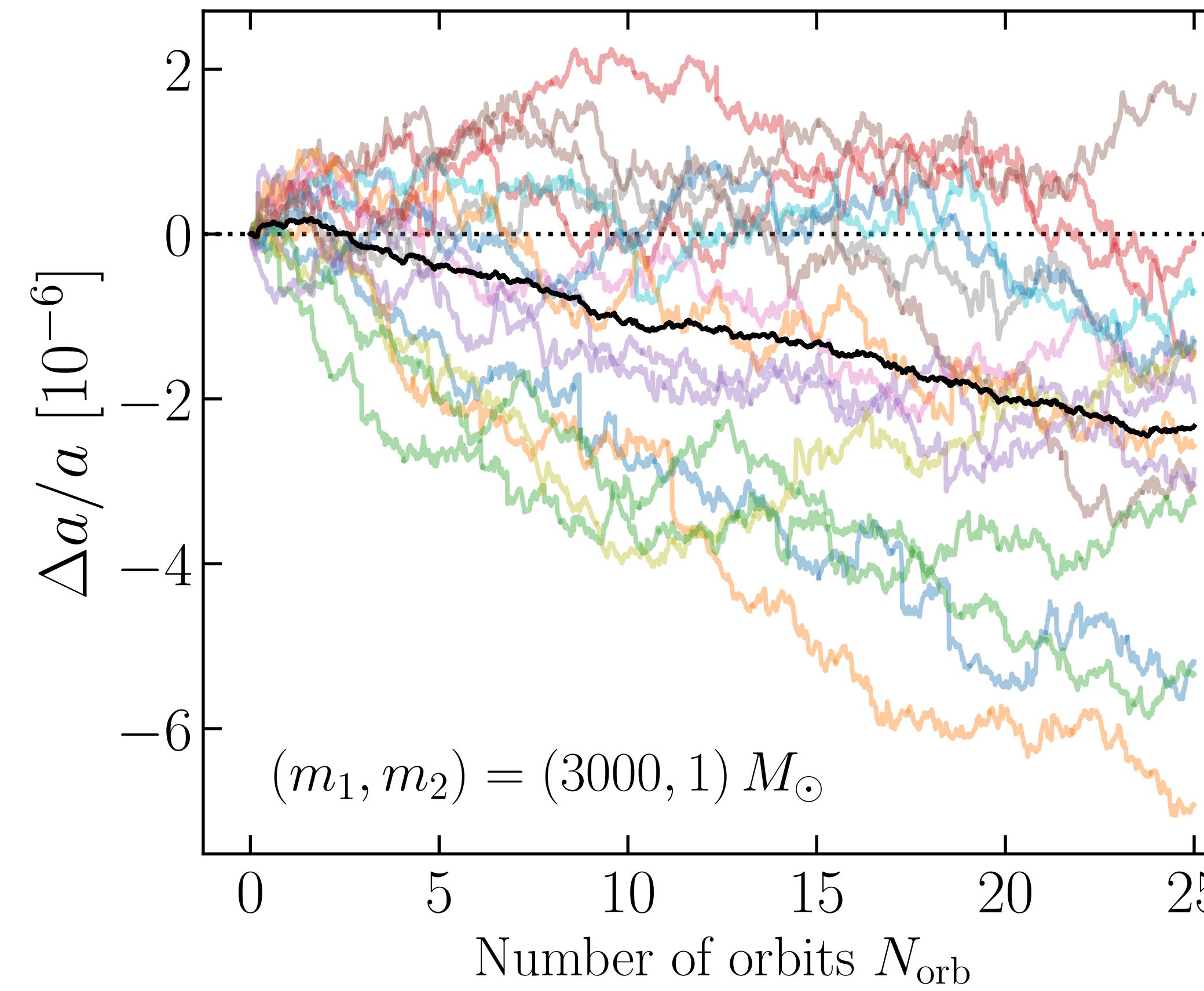


[Code here: github.com/bradkav/NbodyIMRI]

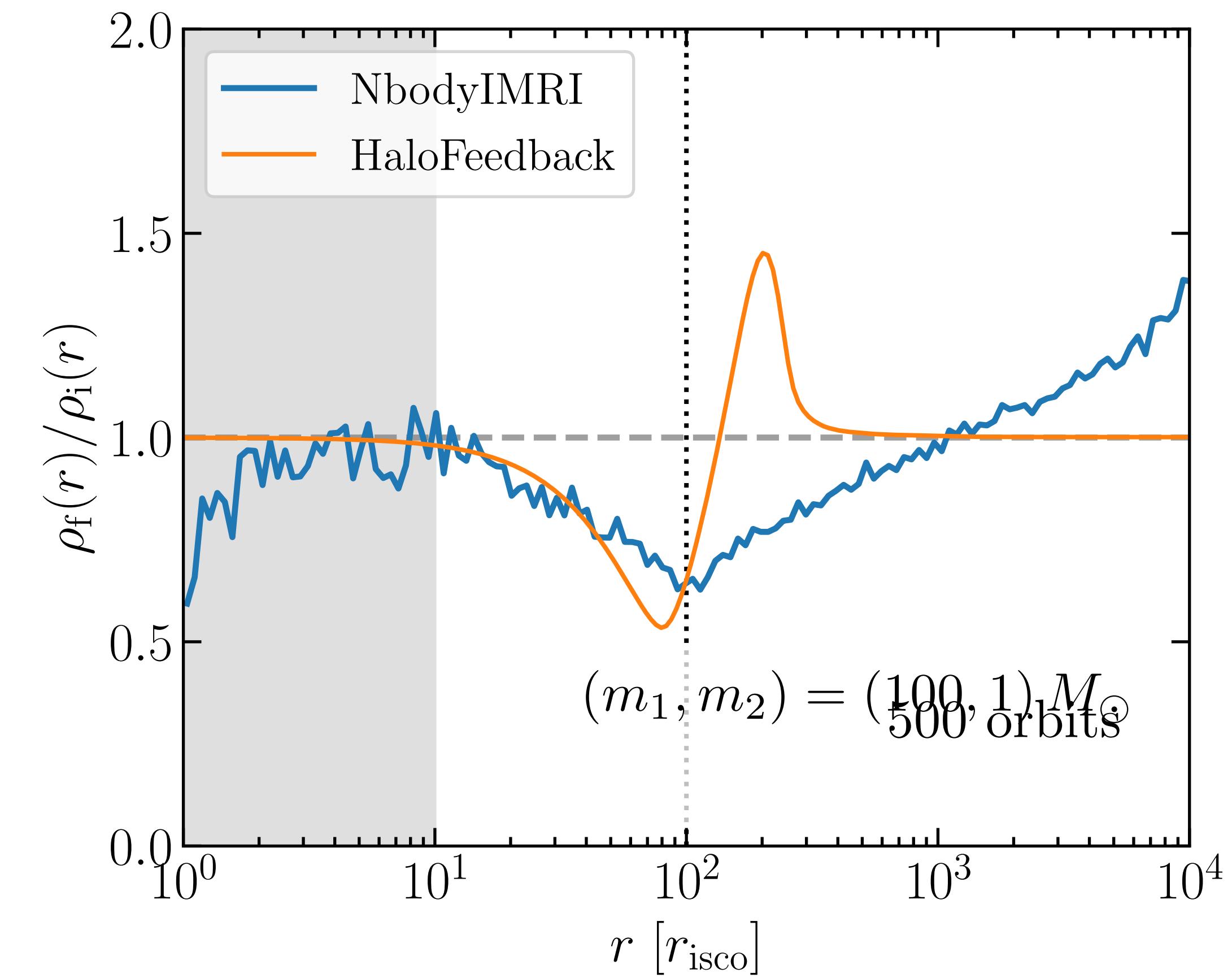


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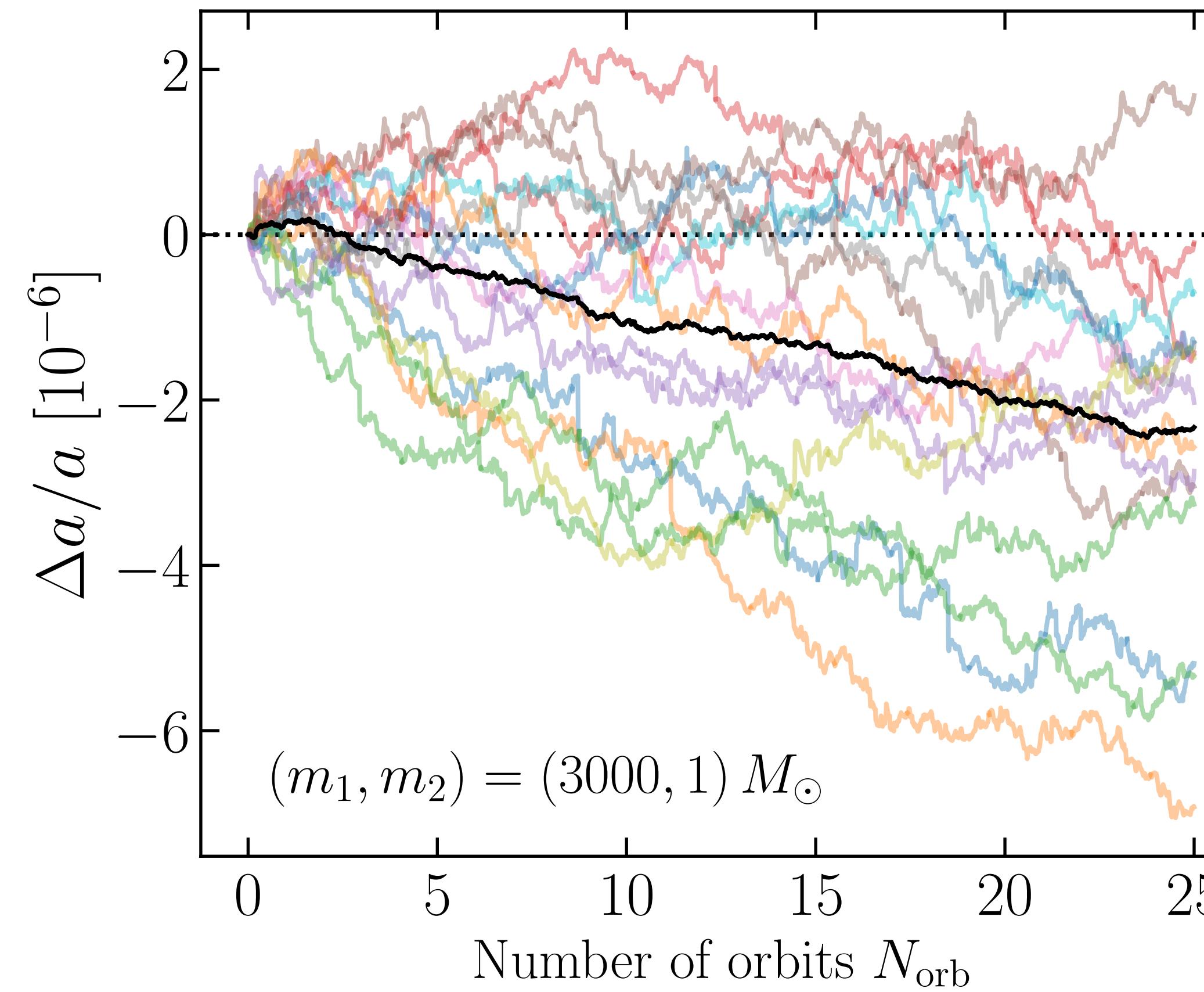


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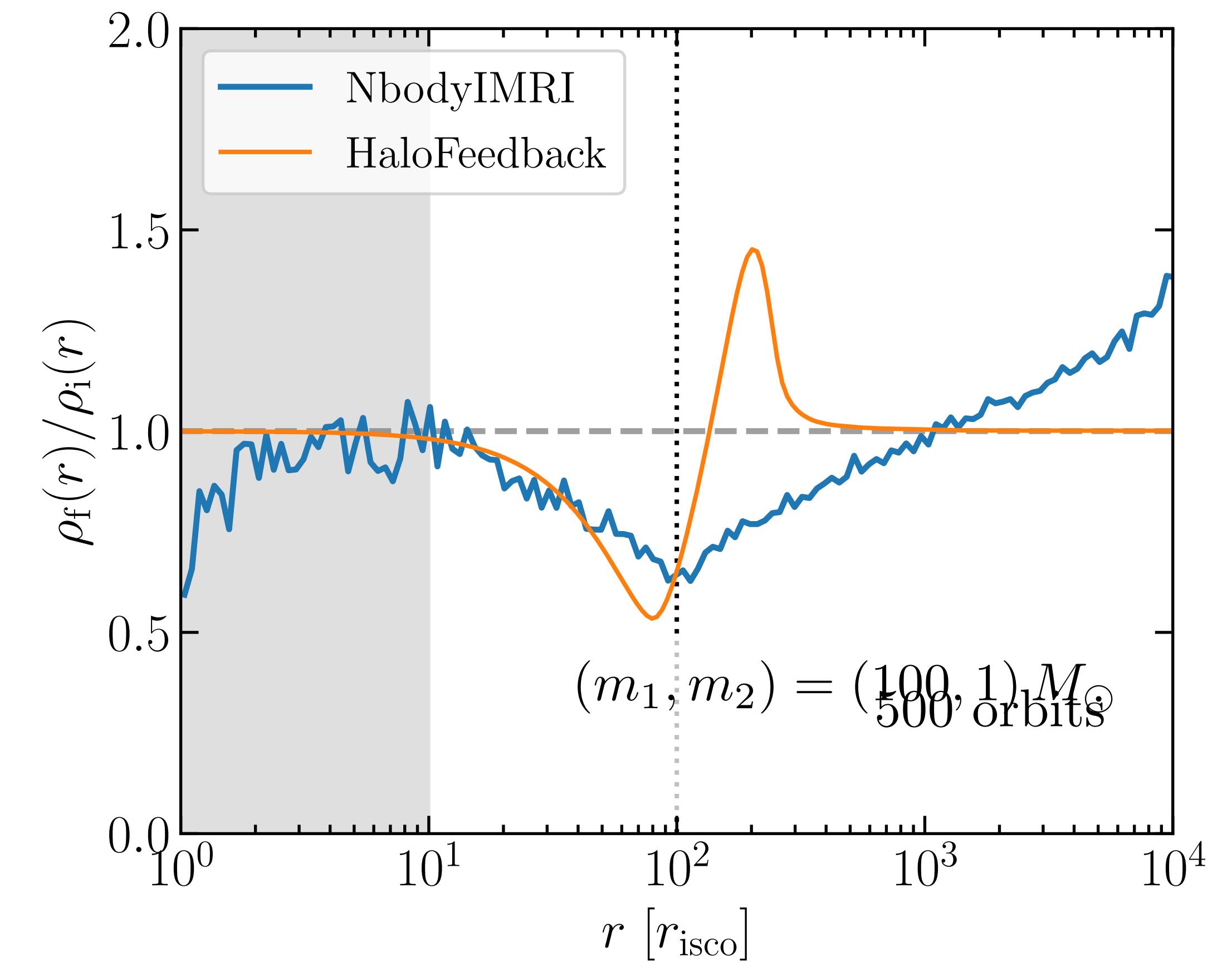


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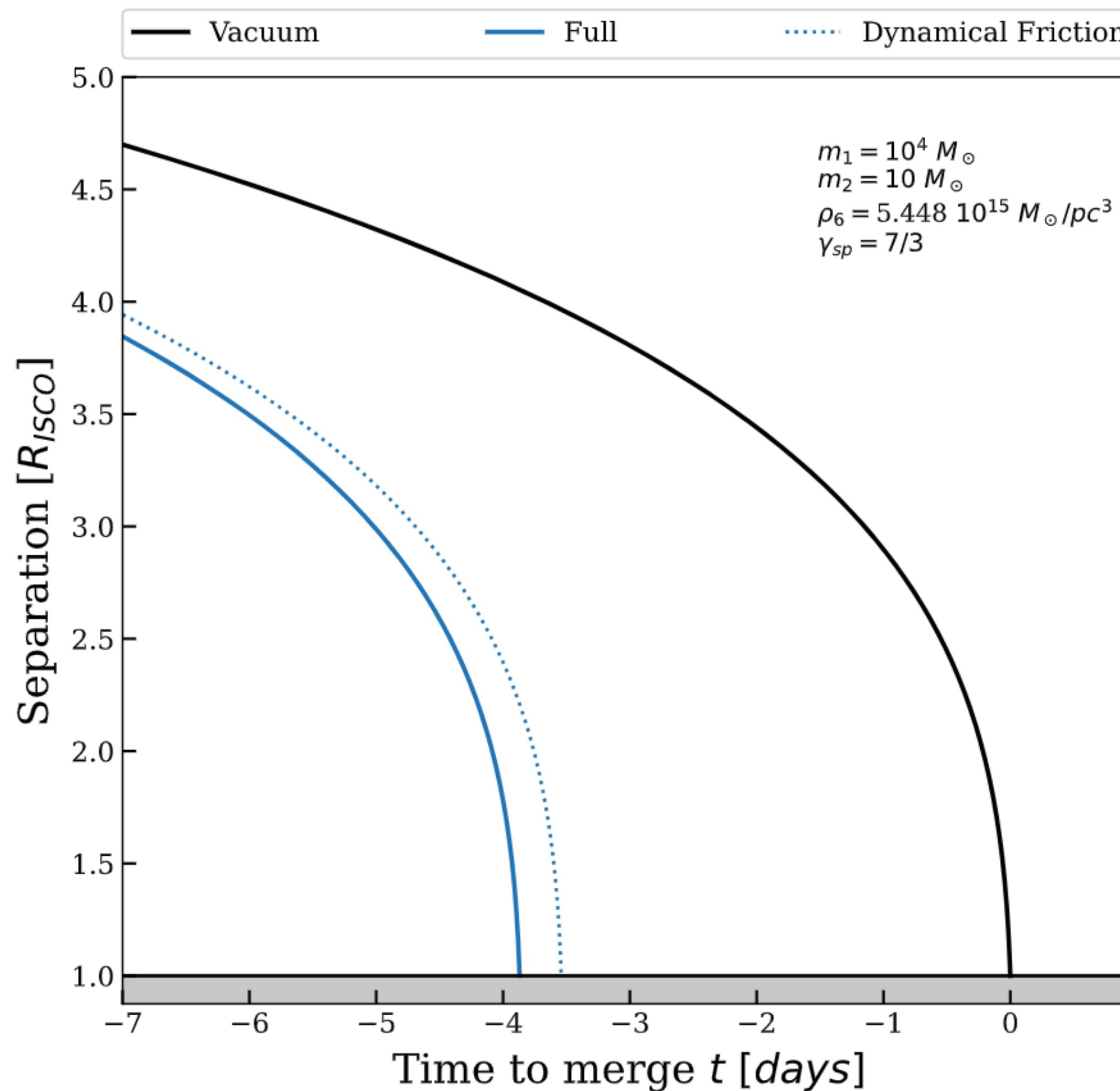
$$\dot{E}_{\text{DF}} \sim \frac{4\pi G^2 m_2^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) \xi(v)}{v} \ln \Lambda$$

Accretion of DM by the secondary BH leads to an additional accretion force:

$$F_{\text{acc}} = \int d^3v \pi b_{\text{acc}}^2(v_{\text{rel}}) v_{\text{rel}} \rho_\chi v_{\text{rel}}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} = \mathbf{v}_{\text{orb}} - \mathbf{v}$$

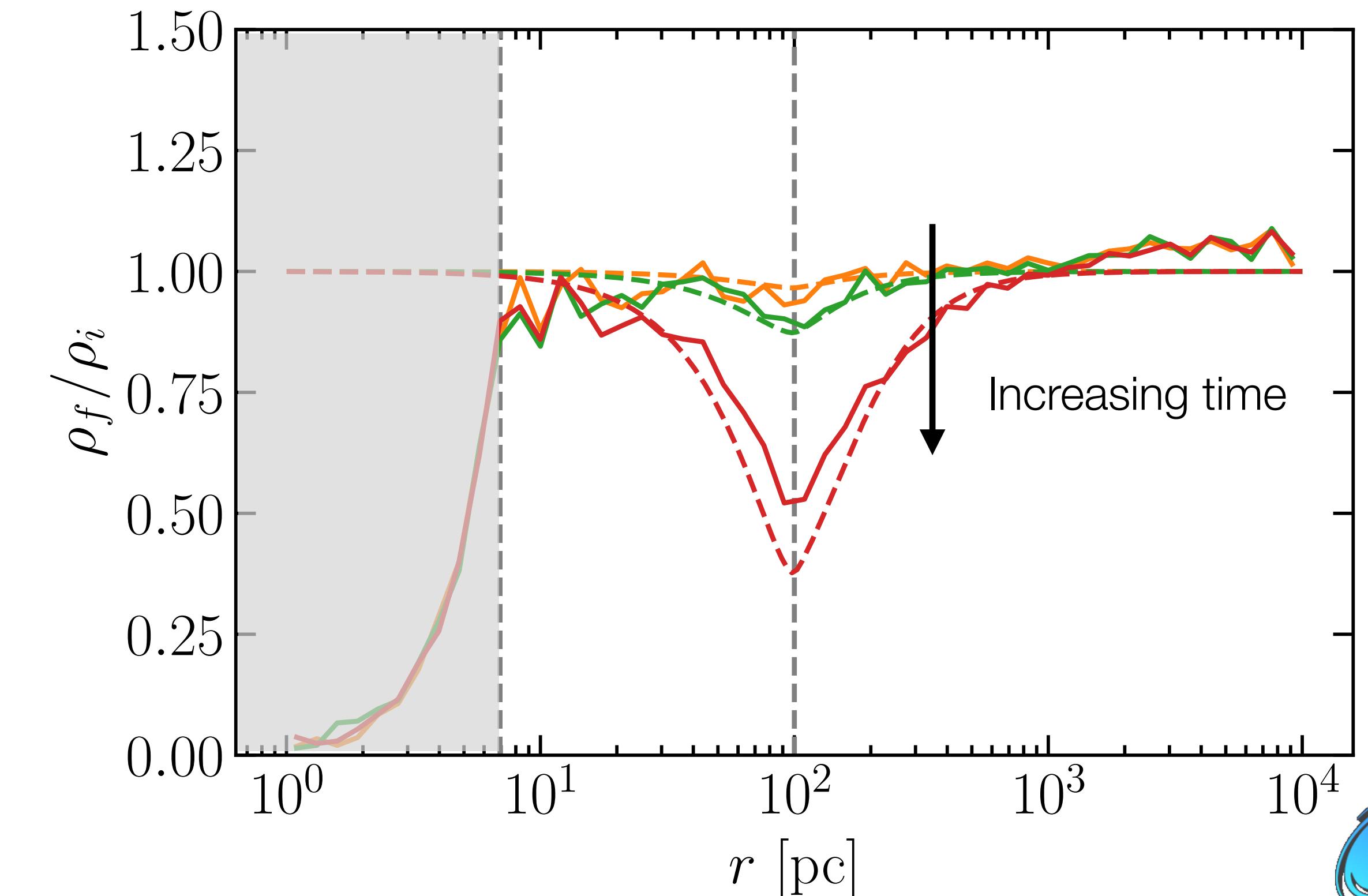
DM Accretion



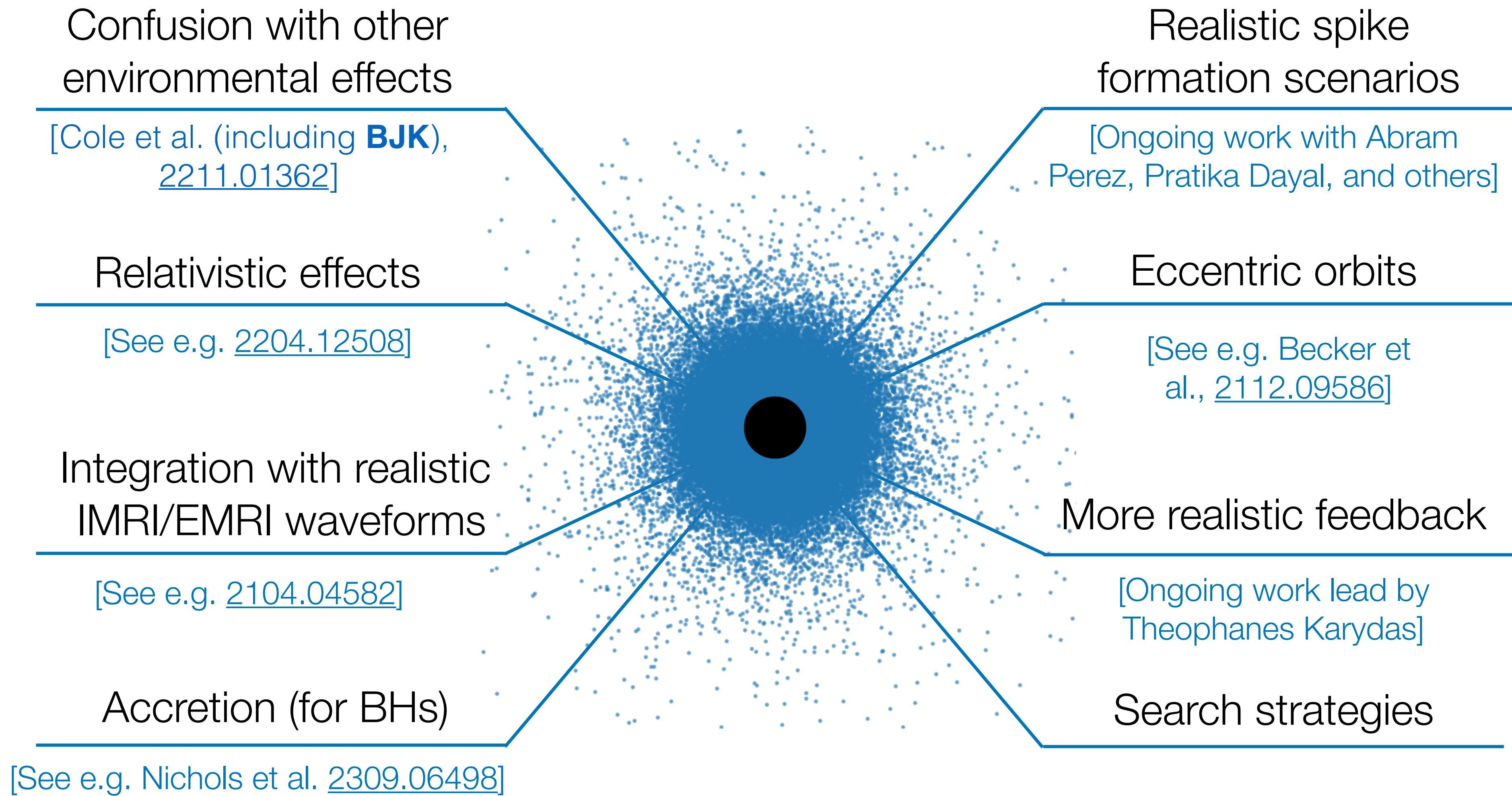
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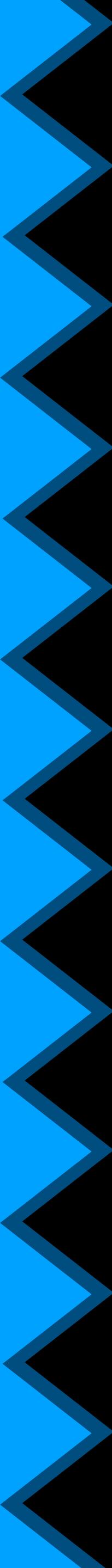
[See also Nichols et al. [2309.06498](#)]

Use simulations to validate accretion force
and DM spike depletion:



Towards better DM spikes





Part 2: **Neutron Stars**

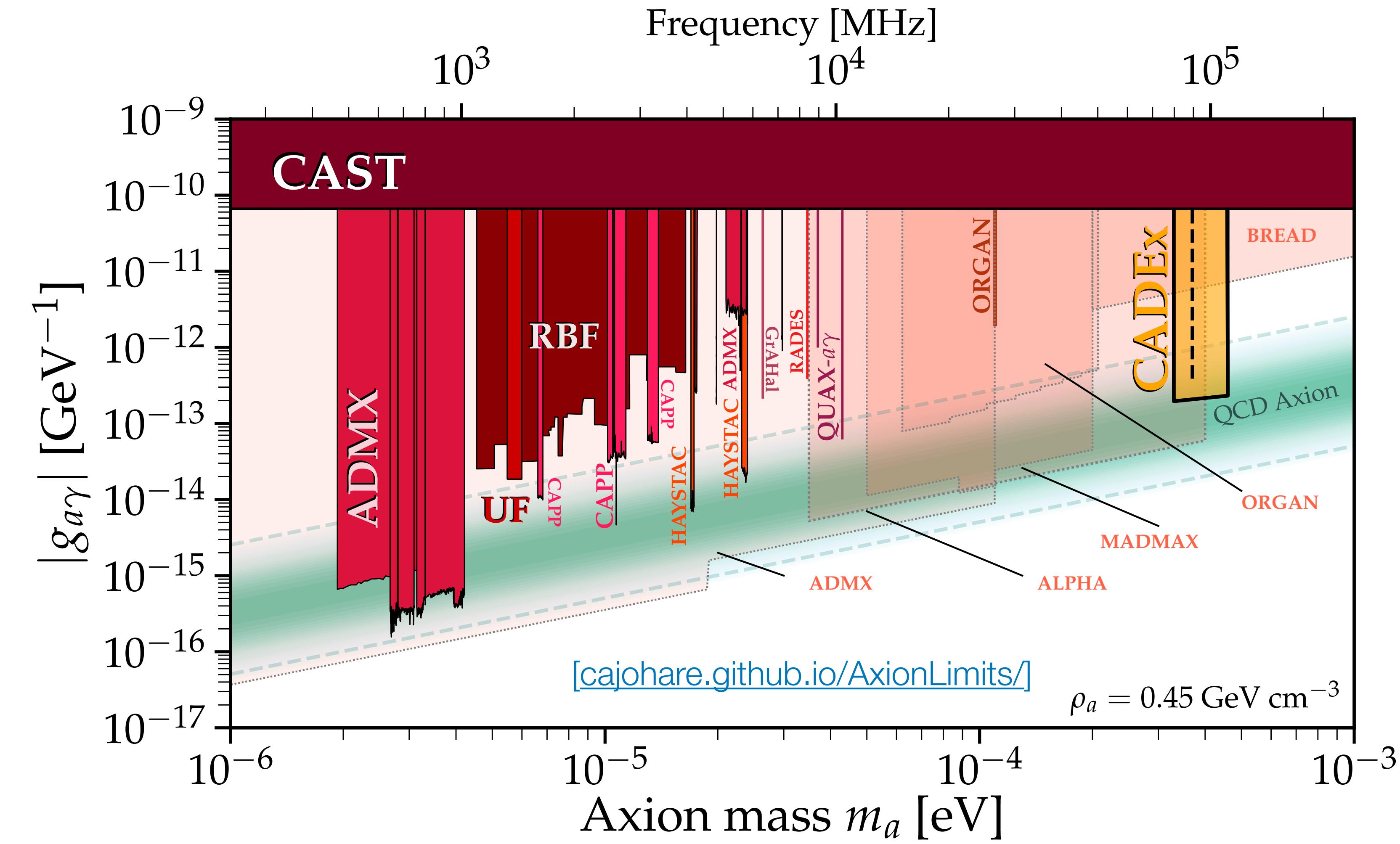


Example: Axion Dark Matter

Dark Matter could be in the form of light **pseudo-scalar ‘axions’**, which may arise as pseudo-Goldstone bosons of a spontaneously broken Peccei-Quinn symmetry $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$.

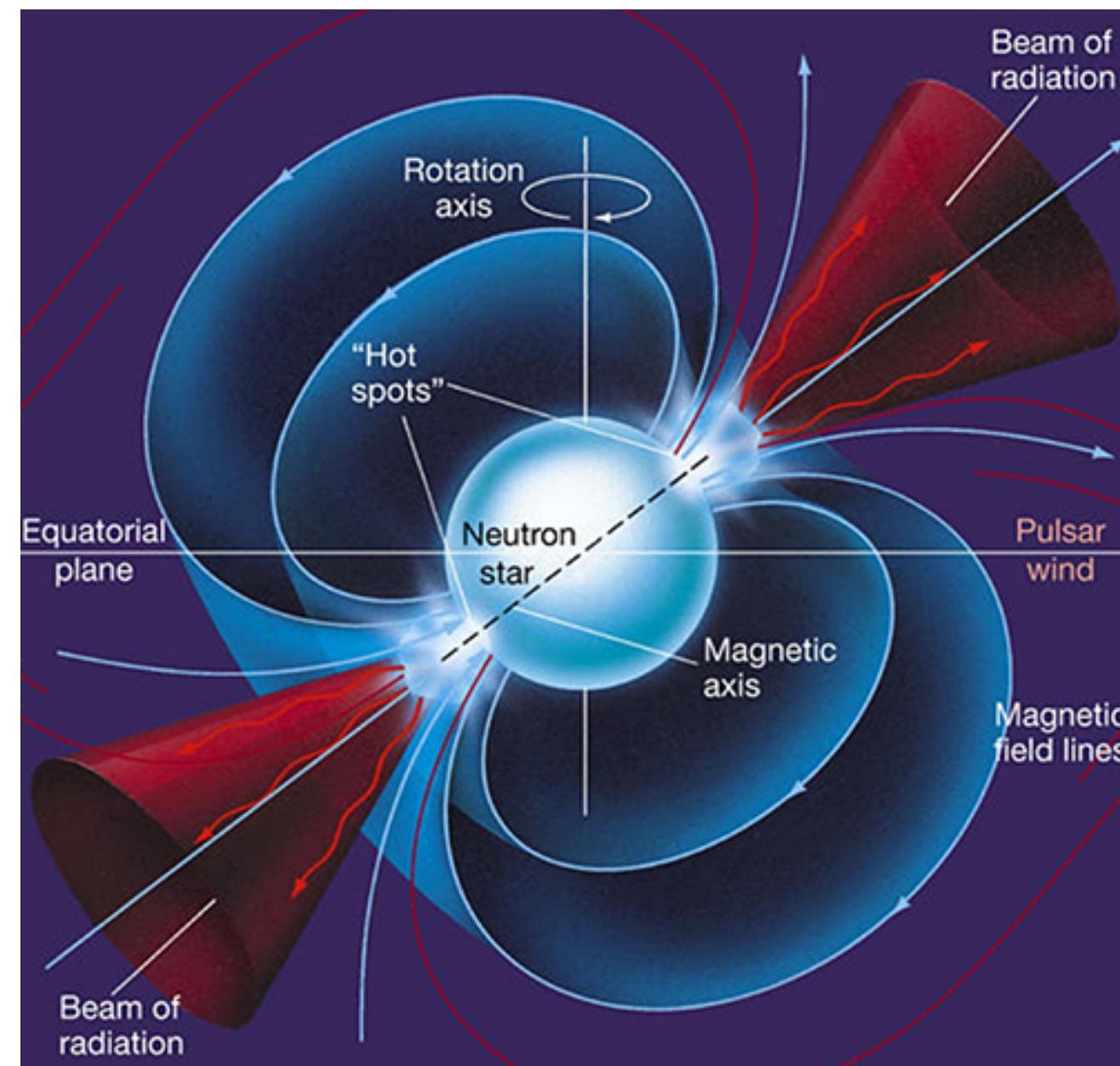
Axions can **convert to photons** (and vice versa) in an external magnetic field:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &\supset -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$



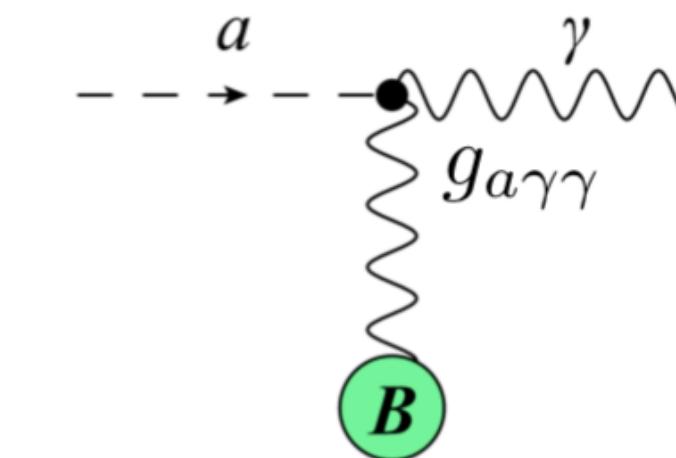
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With this, the radiated power is:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}(\theta, \theta_m t)}{d\Omega} \approx p_{a\gamma} \rho_{\text{DM}}^{r_c} v_c r_c^2 \approx g_{a\gamma}^2 B(r_c)^2 L^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}^{r_c} r_c^2$$



Neutron Star surrounded by a dense plasma which allows 'resonant' conversion, when **axion mass matches plasma mass**: $\omega_p(B_0, P) = m_a/2\pi$

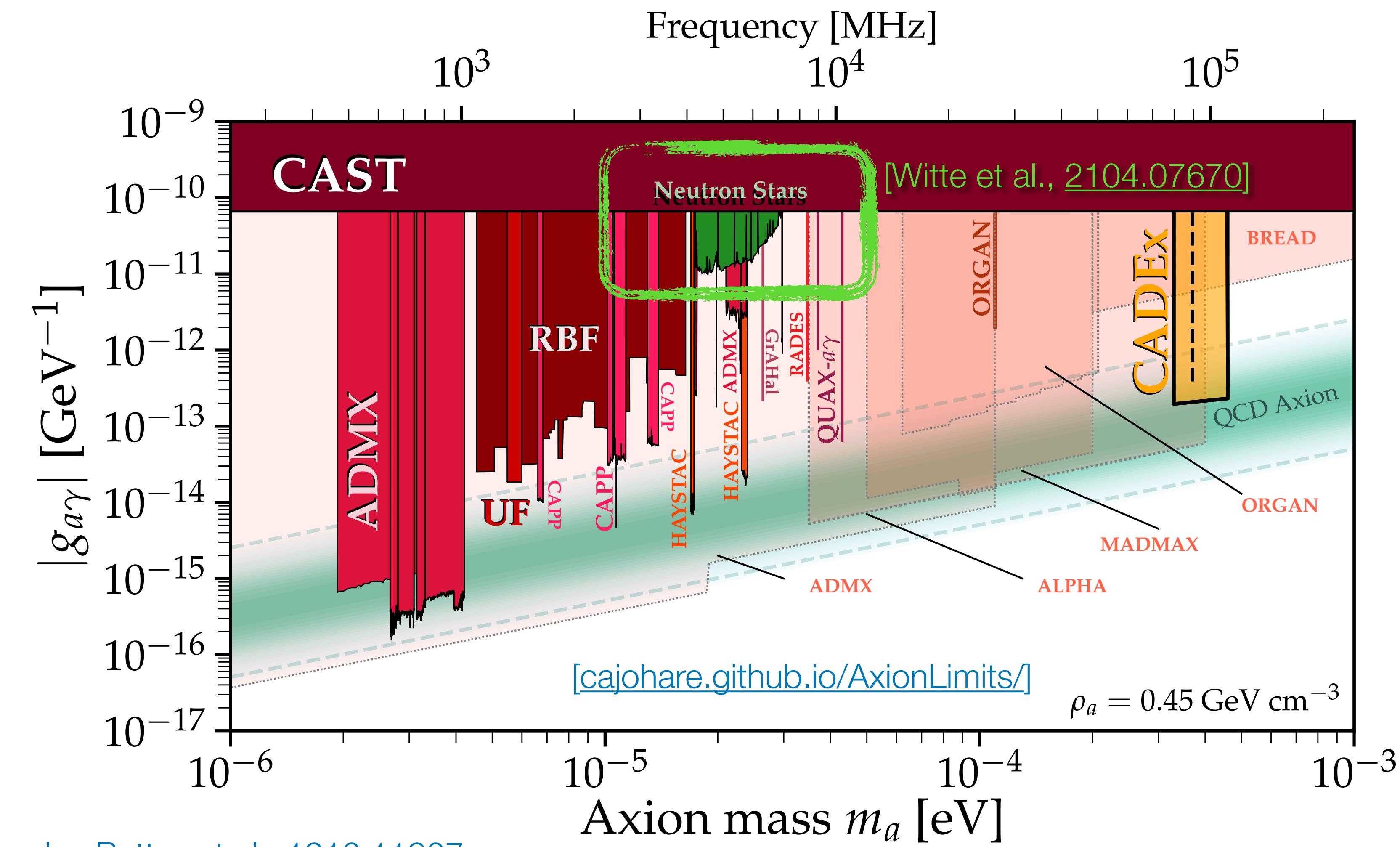
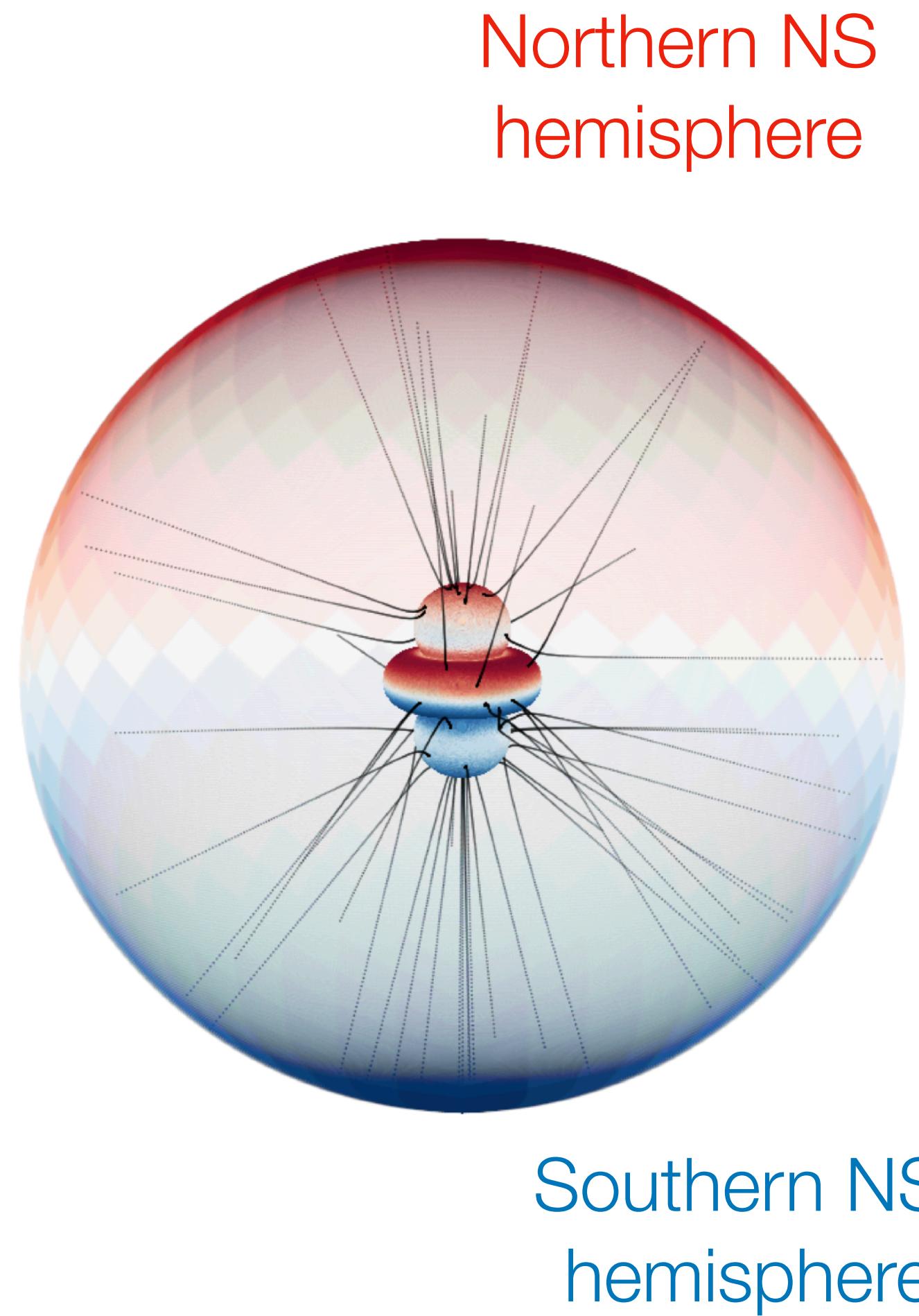
This occurs at the conversion radius r_c , with conversion possible over a distance:

$$L = \sqrt{2\pi r_c v_c / (3m_a)}$$

[[1803.08230](#), [1804.03145](#), [1811.01020](#)]

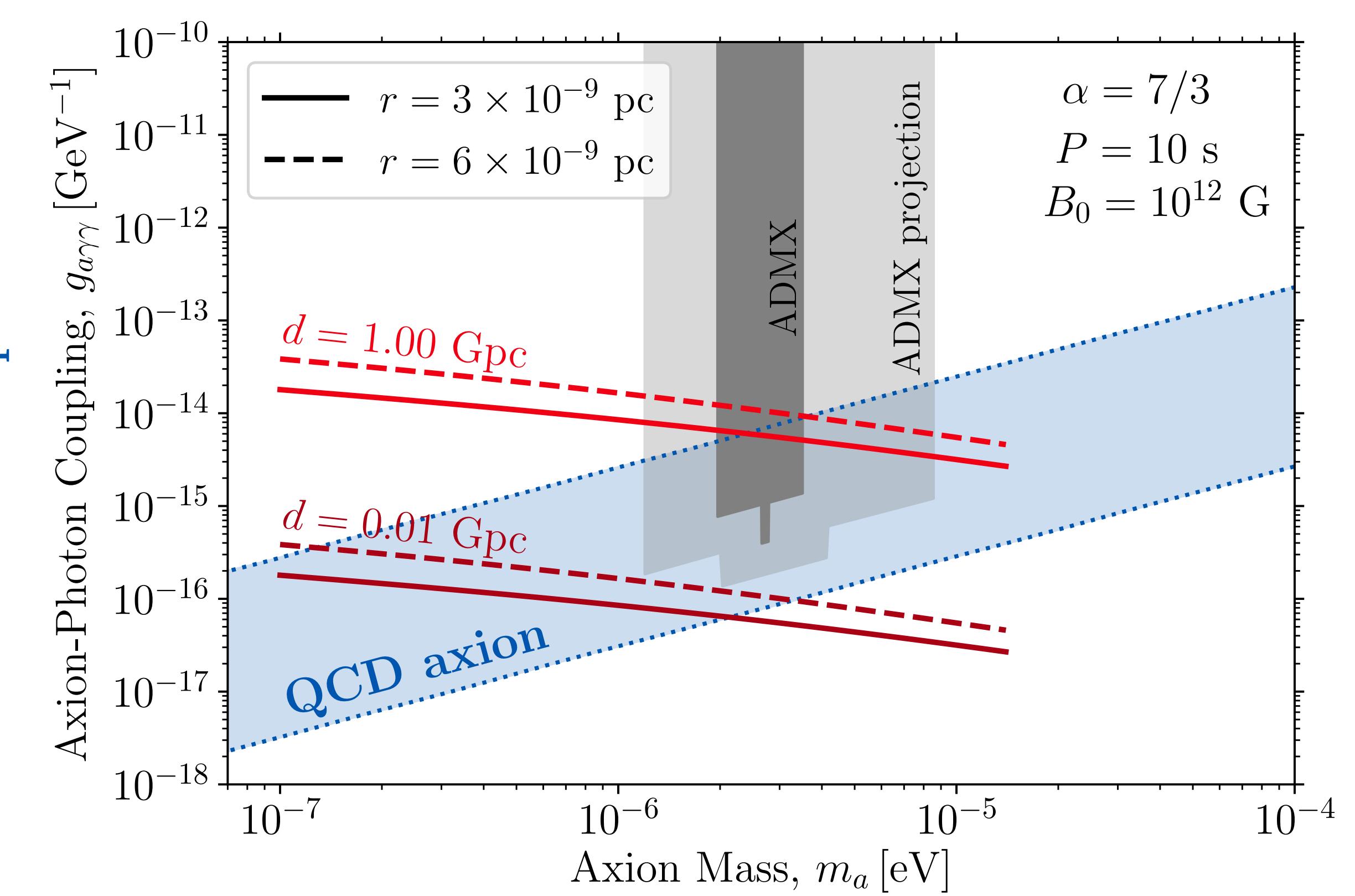
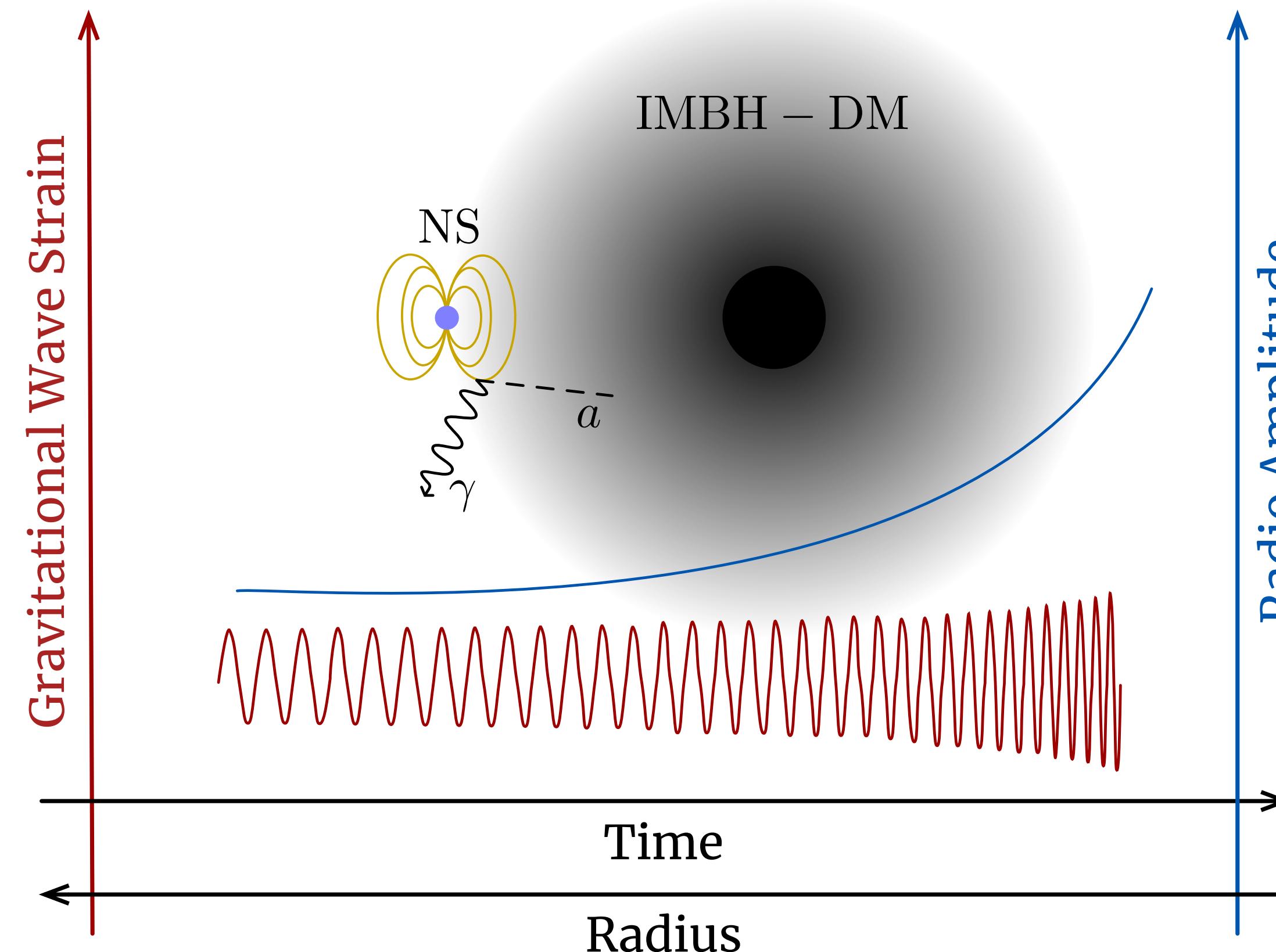
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[For recent modeling developments, see also Battye et al., [1910.11907](#),
[2104.08290](#); Leroy et al., [1912.08815](#), Foster et al., [2202.08274](#)]

Multi-messenger Axions



Future radio observations should be able to probe QCD axion DM in the range $10^{-7} - 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$, while LISA would constrain the DM density close to the IMBH!

[Edwards, Chianese, **BJK**, Nissanke & Weniger, [1905.04686](#)]

Post-inflationary axion production

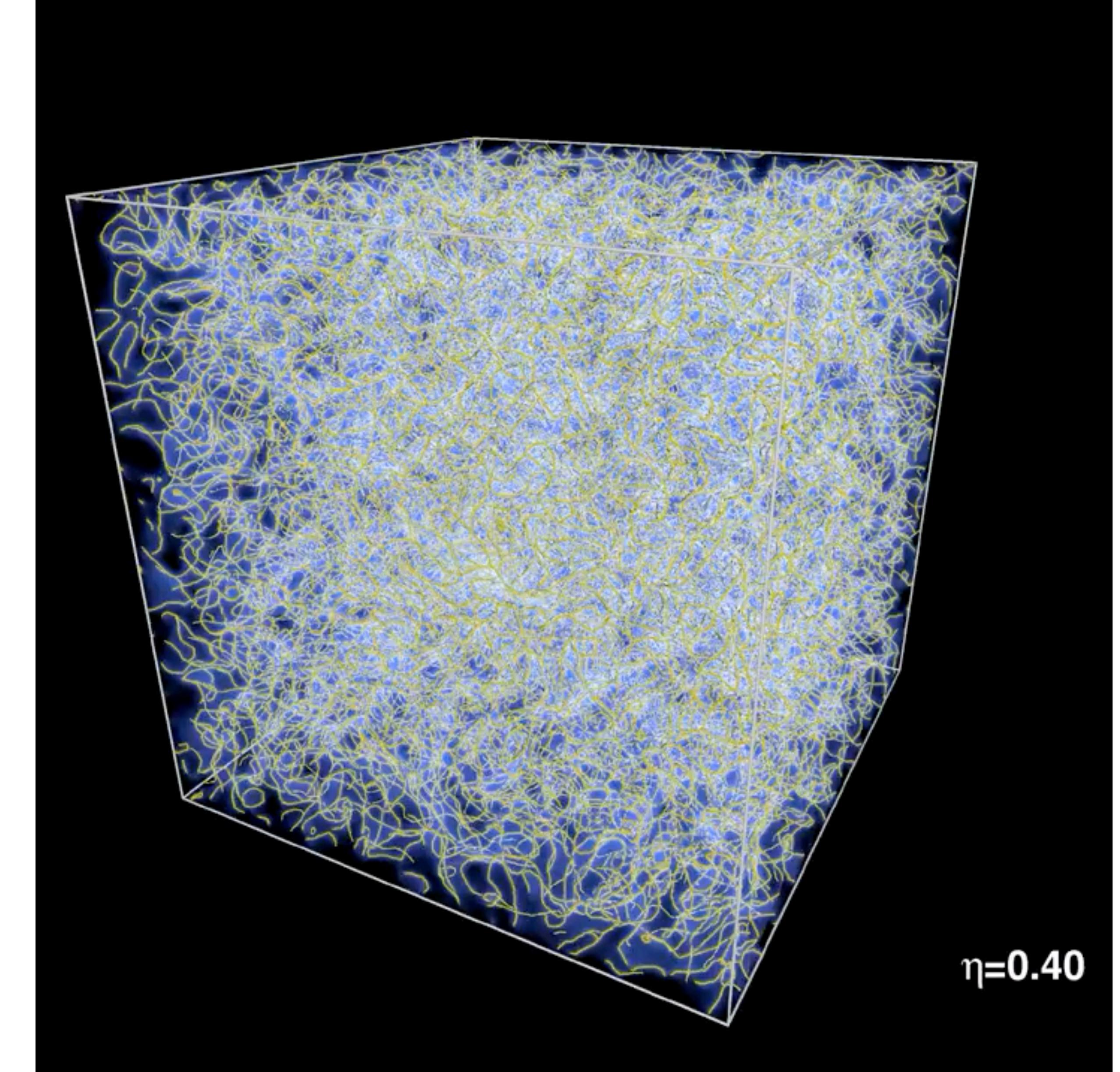
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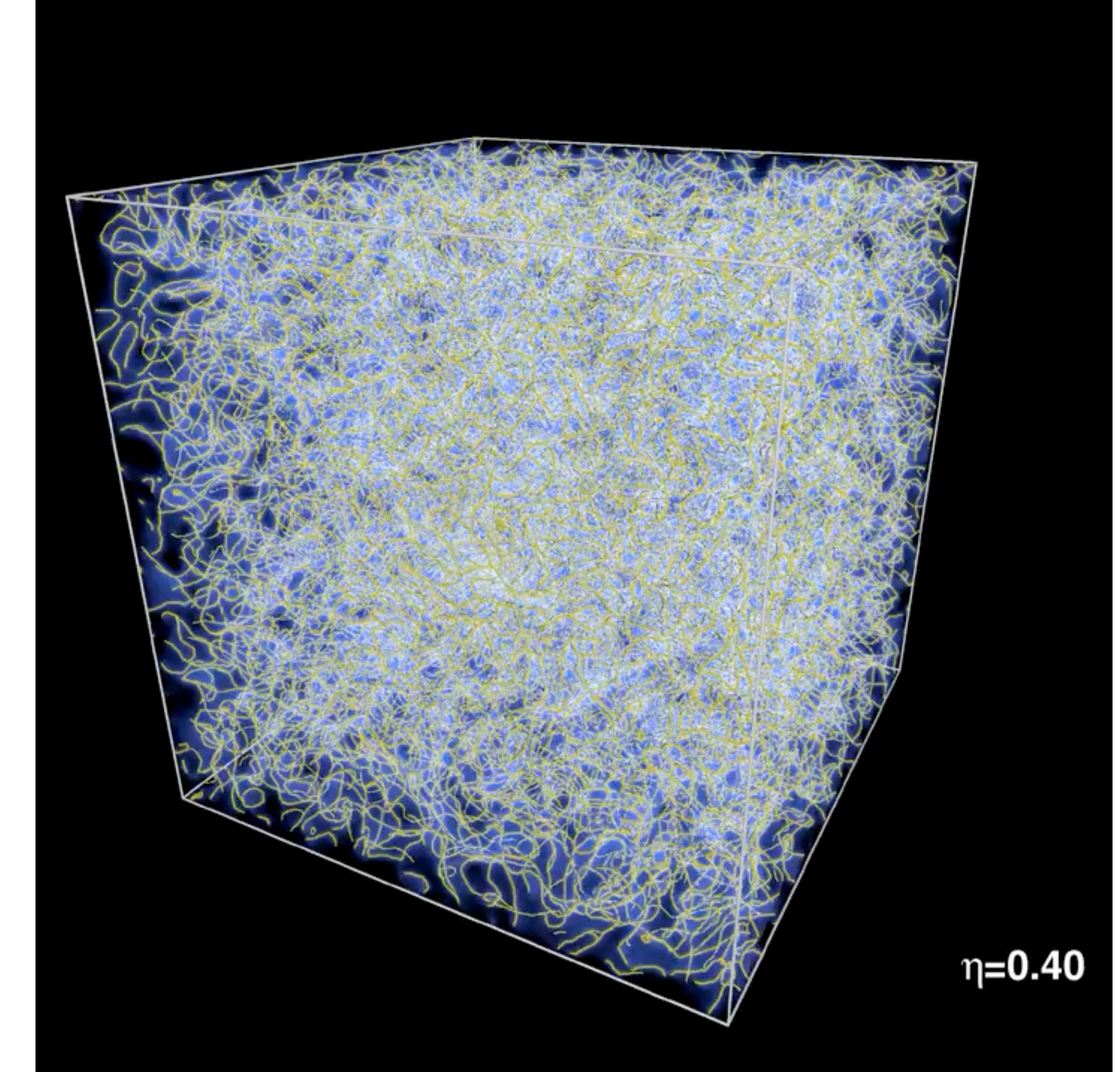
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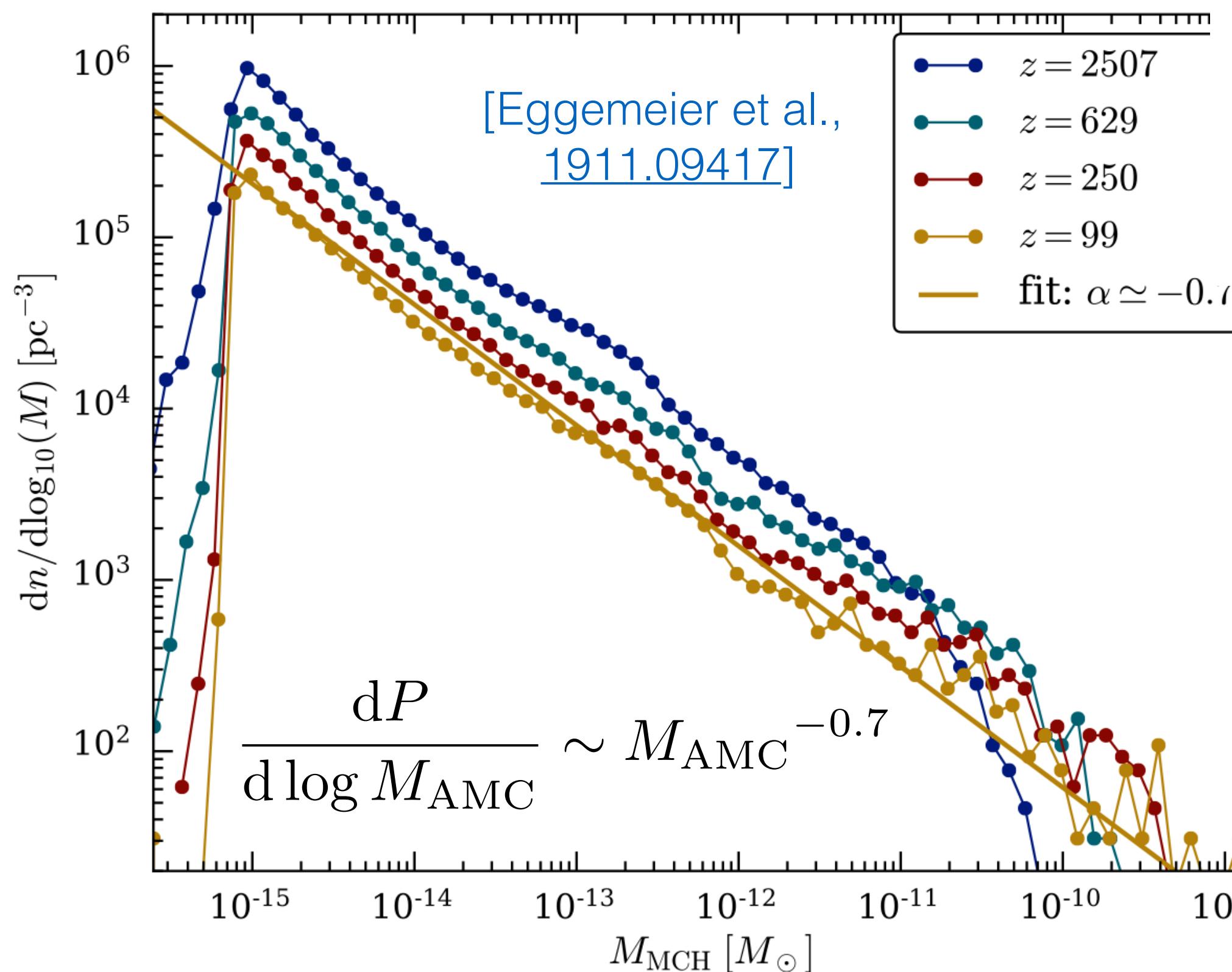
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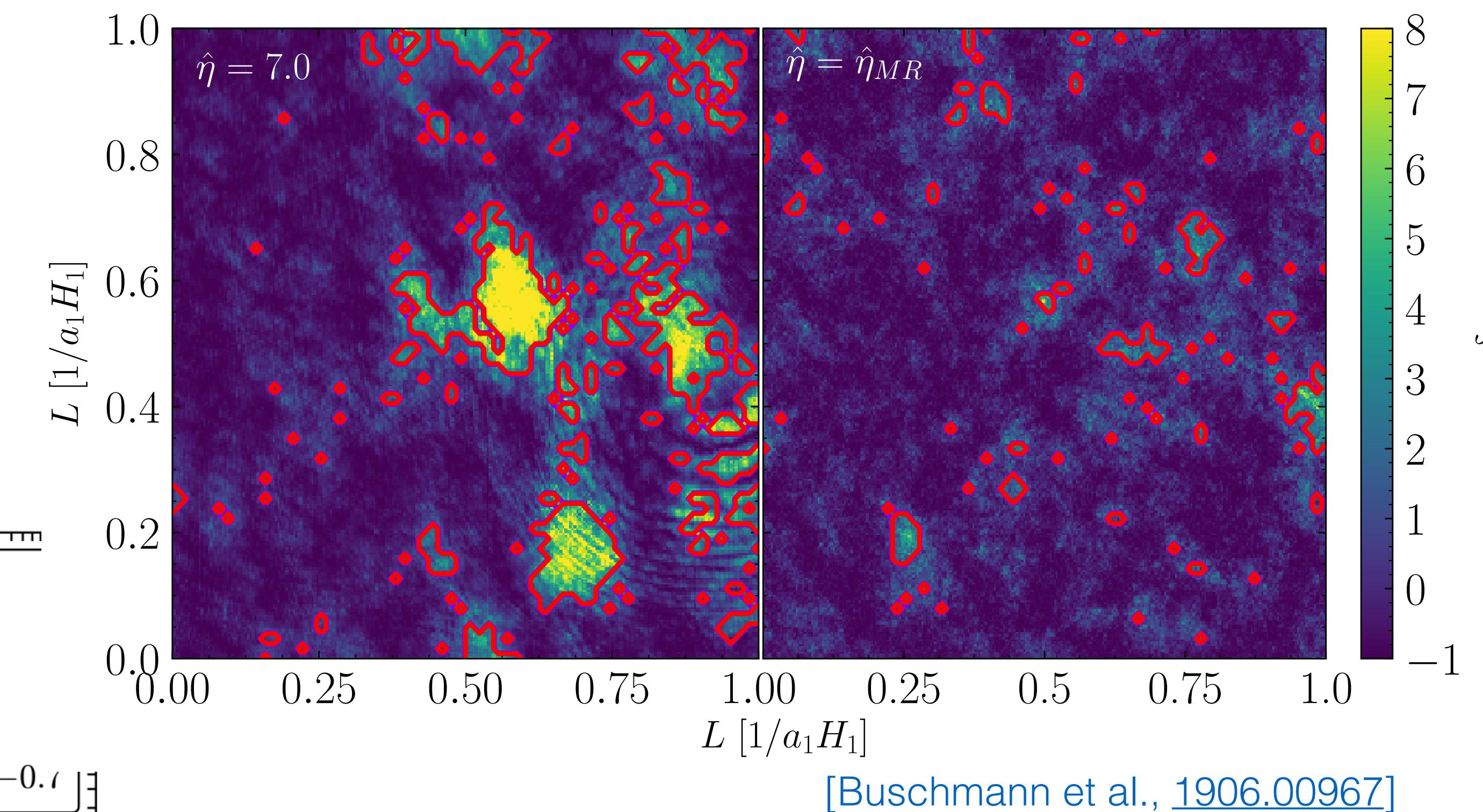
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Axion Miniclusters (AMCs)



Overdensities act as 'seeds' for bound **axion miniclusters (AMCs)**

[Kolb & Tkachev, [astro-ph/9403011](#)]



Today, expect minicluster masses in the range
 $M_{\text{AMC}} \sim 10^{-19} - 10^{-5} M_\odot$.

But, AMC density profile is uncertain...

[Fairbairn et al., [1707.03310](#)]
[See also Zurek et al., [astro-ph/0607341](#); Vaquero et al., [1809.09241](#)]

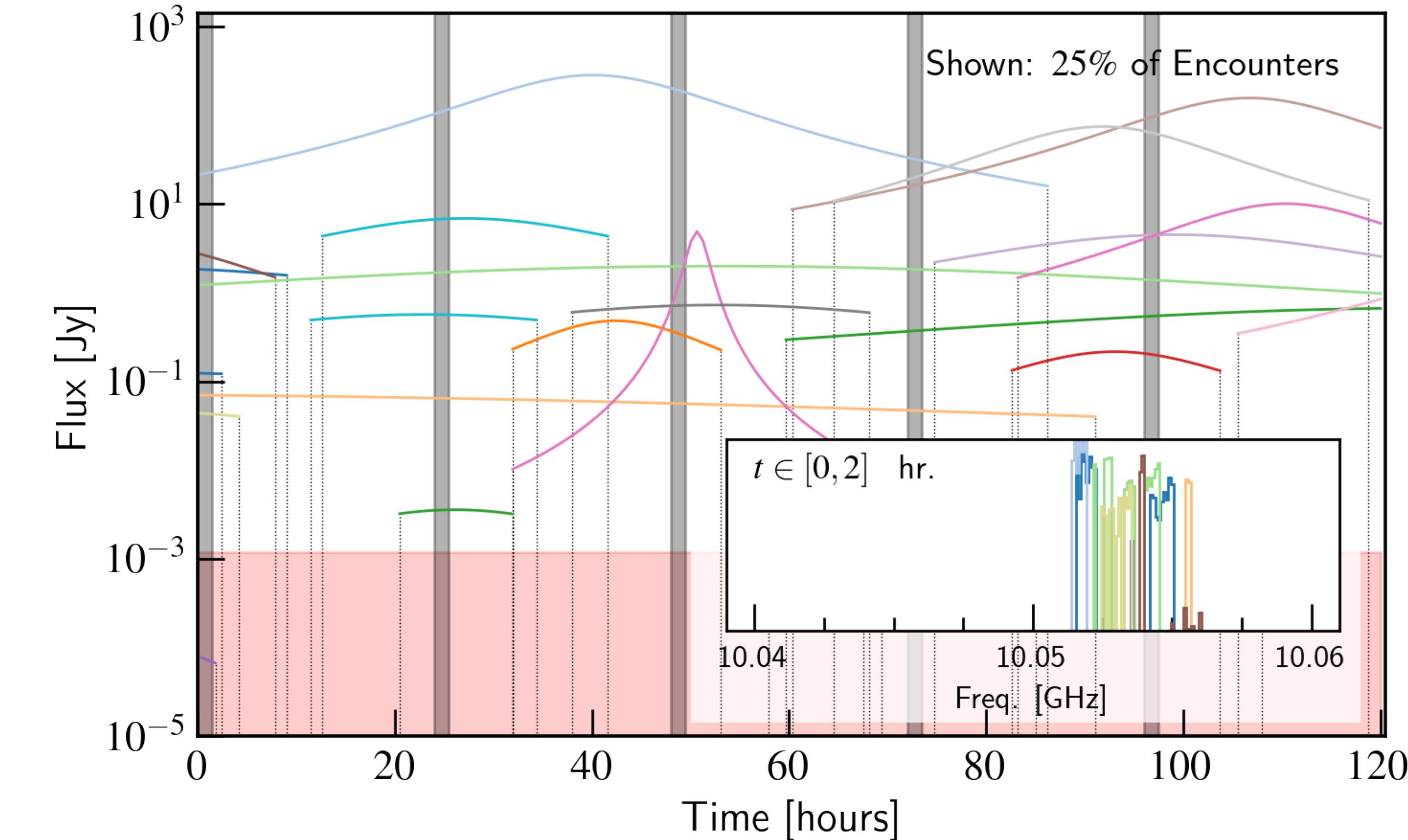
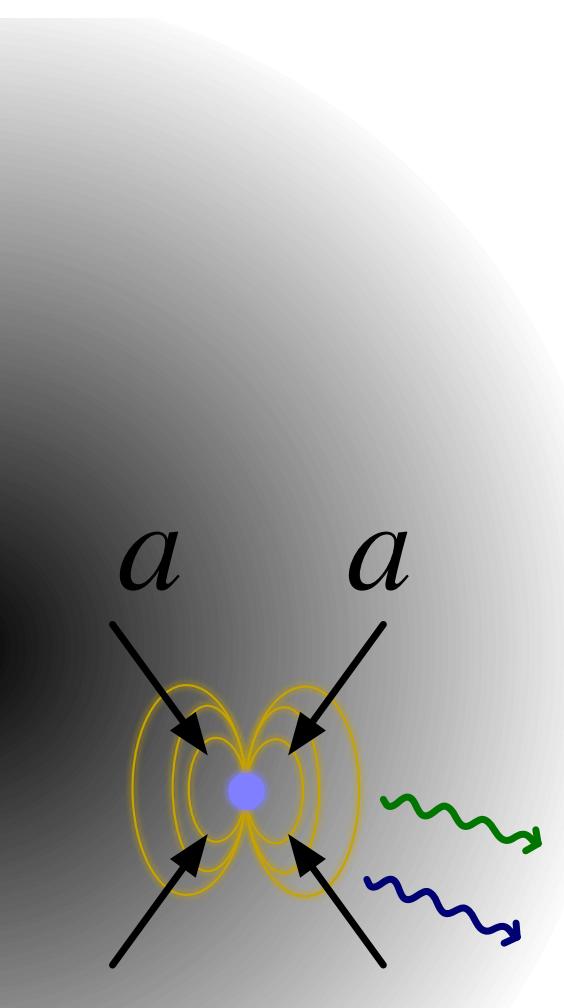
Radio Transients from AMC-NS encounters

Clumps of axion DM ('**axion miniclusters**' or '**AMCs**') crossing NSs could lead to bright radio transients:

[Hogan & Rees (1988)]

$$M_{\text{AMC}} \sim 10^{-14} M_{\odot}$$

$$R_{\text{AMC}} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ pc} \sim 10^6 \text{ km}$$

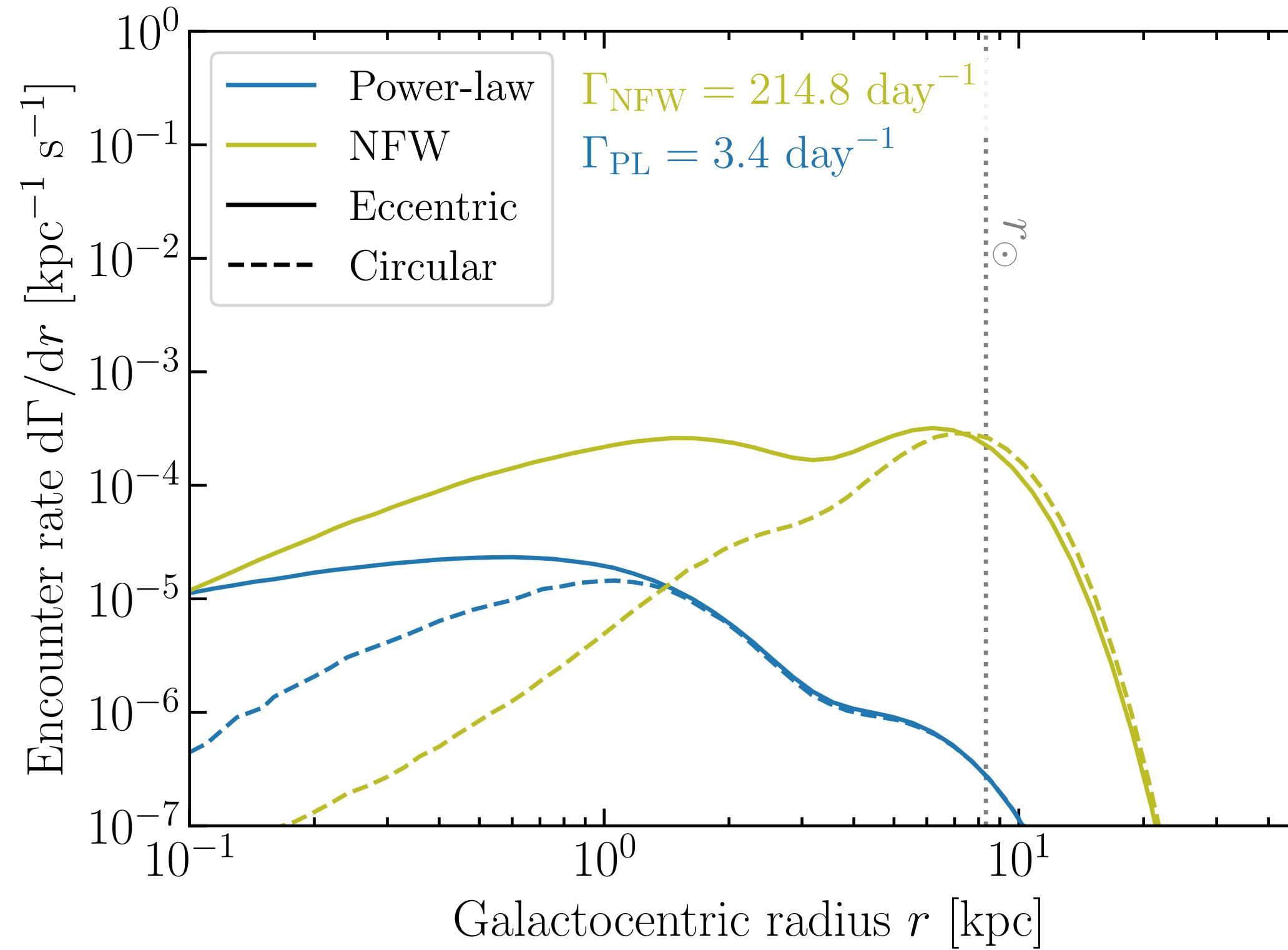


[BJK, Edwards, Visinelli & Weniger, [2011.05377](#); Edwards, **BJK**, Visinelli & Visinelli, [2011.05378](#); Witte et al., [2212.08079](#)]

[Code: github.com/bradkav/axion-miniclusters]

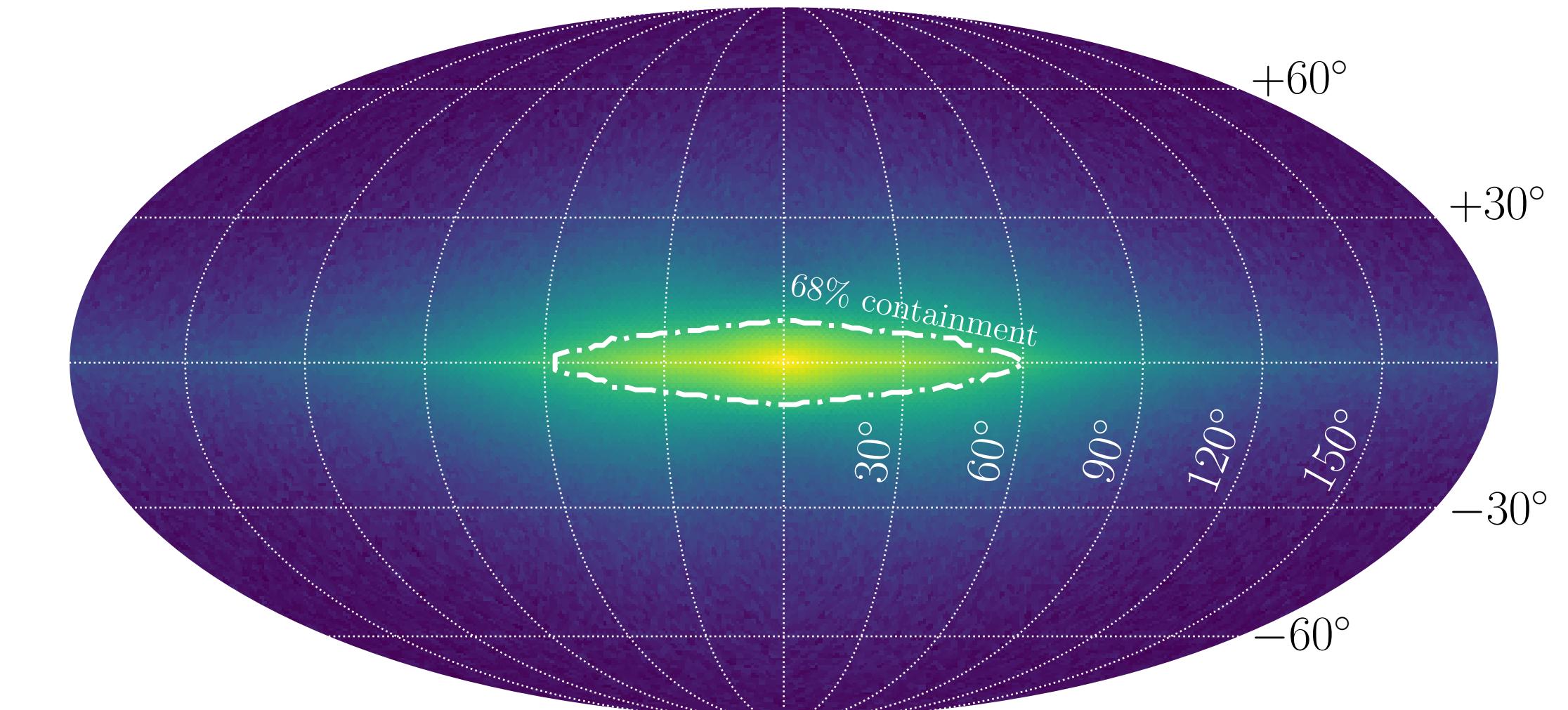
AMC-NS Encounter Rates

AMC-NS encounter rate obtained by convolving the surviving AMC distribution and the expected distribution of NSs. For the Milky Way:



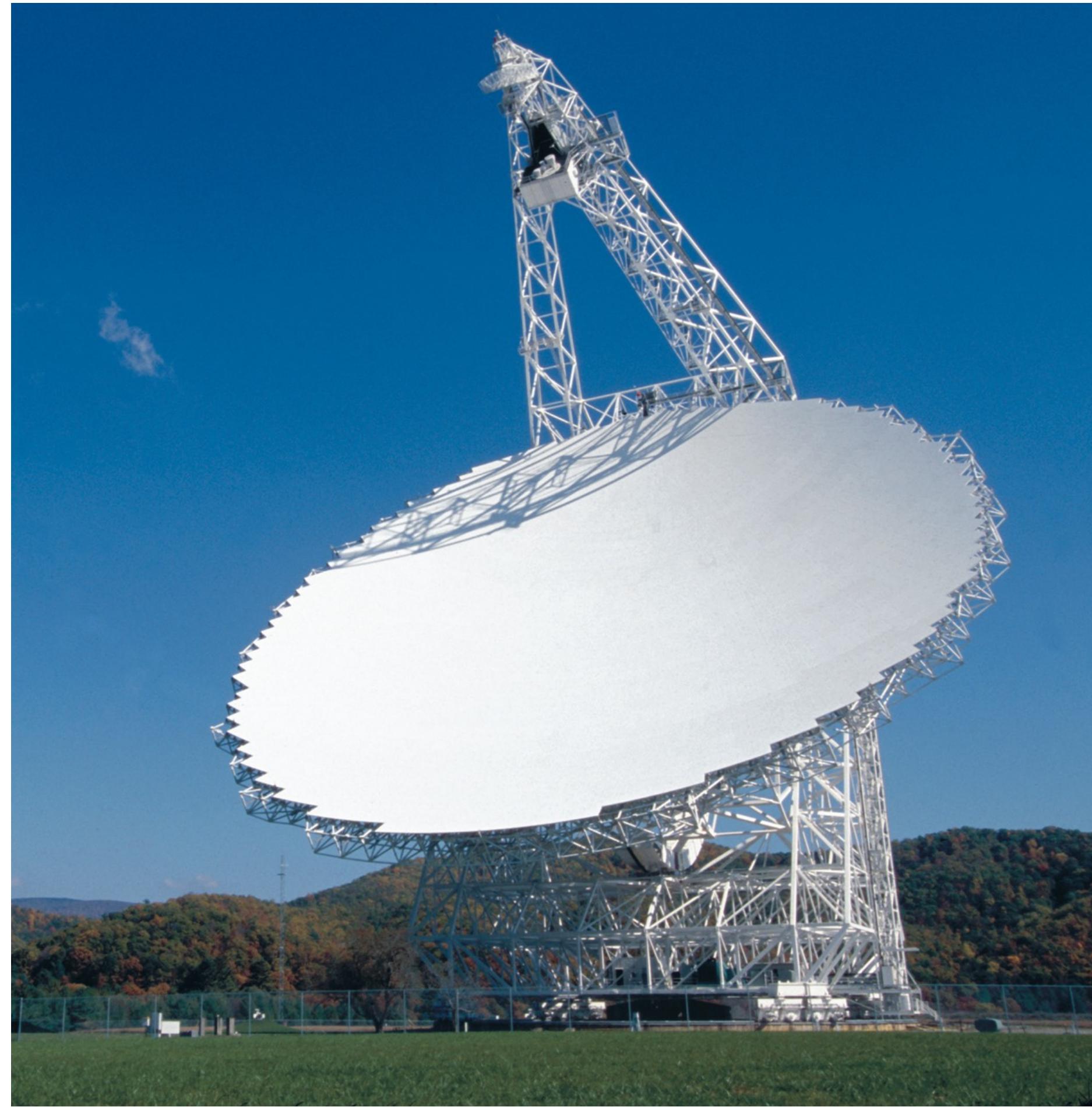
$$\Gamma = \int d^3r \int dR \frac{dn_{\text{AMC}}(r)}{dR} n_{\text{NS}}(\mathbf{r}) \langle \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{u} \rangle(r)$$

$$\langle \sigma u \rangle(r) \sim \sigma_u R^2$$

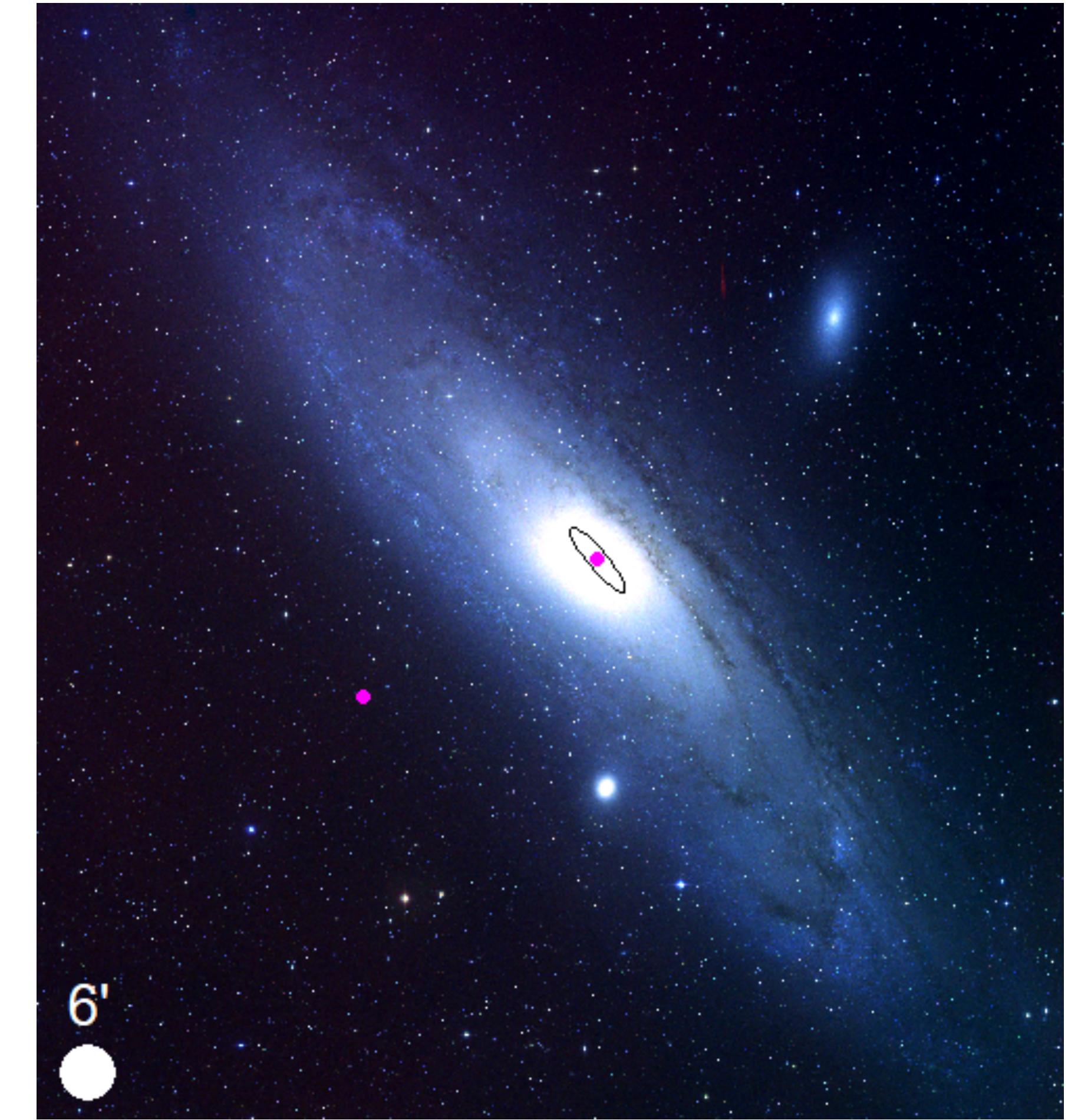


Difficult to catch all of the encounters in a single radio beam. Look at nearby galaxies...

Search for AMCs in Andromeda



Green Bank Radio Telescope

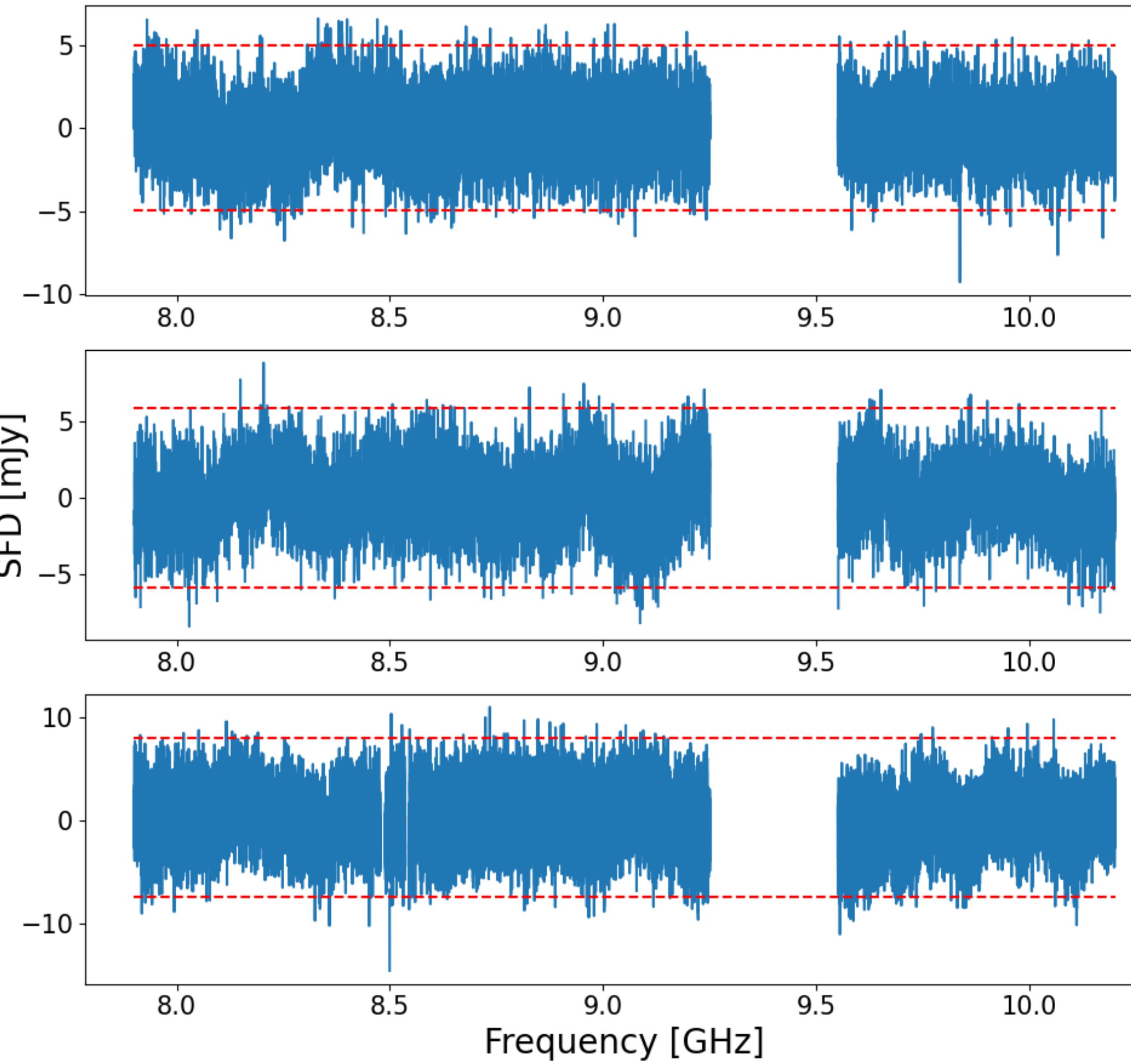


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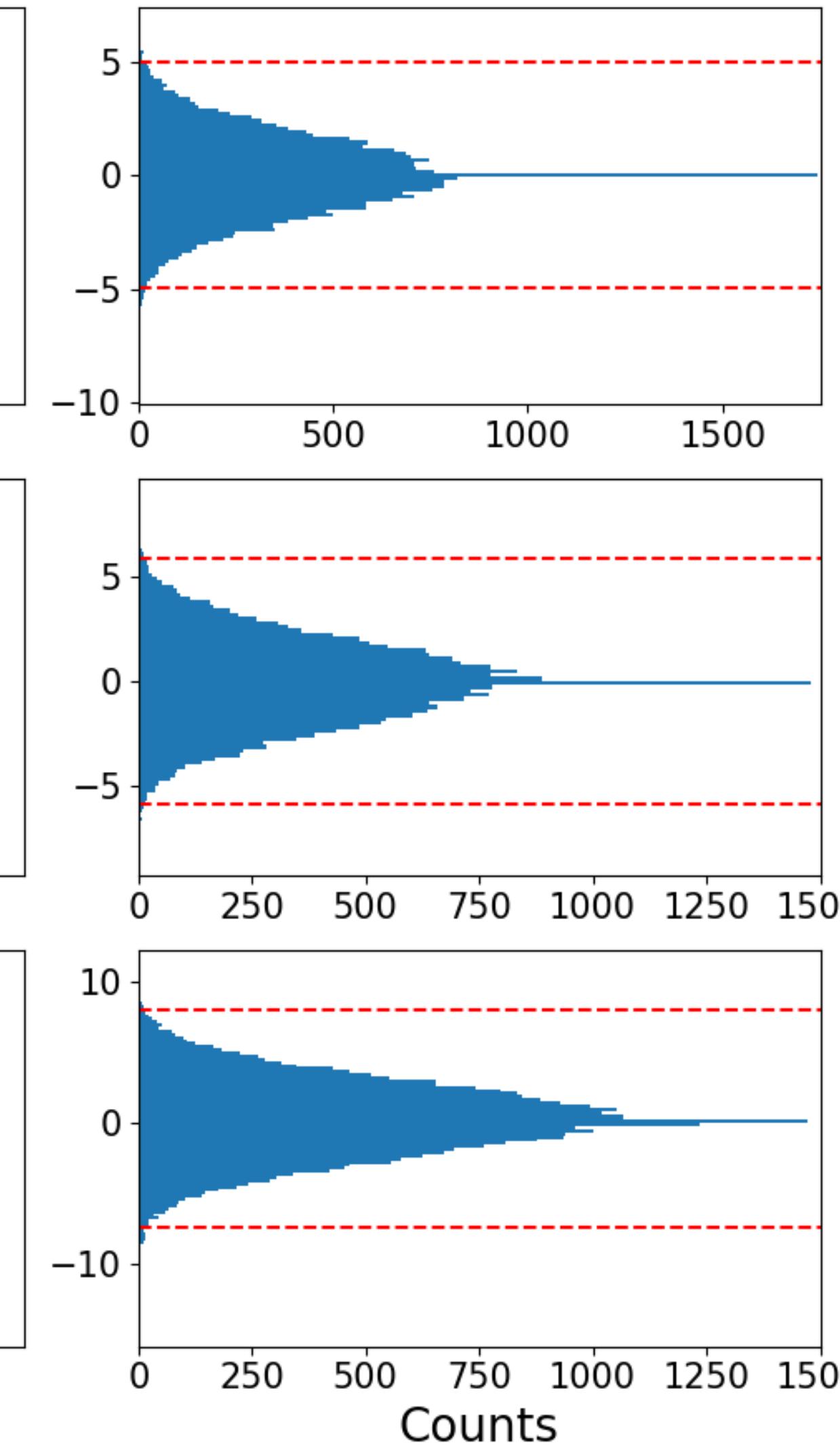
GBT observations after reduction, calibration, RFI removal, and signal filtering

PRELIMINARY

Spectral flux density
(Energy per unit area per unit frequency)



$$m_a = 32 \mu\text{eV}$$



$$m_a = 48 \mu\text{eV}$$

04 Feb 2022

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Understanding DM signals from NSs

Development of signal modeling pipeline

[Witte et al., [2212.08079](#)]

Searches for NSs

[See e.g. [2205.05048](#)]

Better modelling of NS magnetospheres

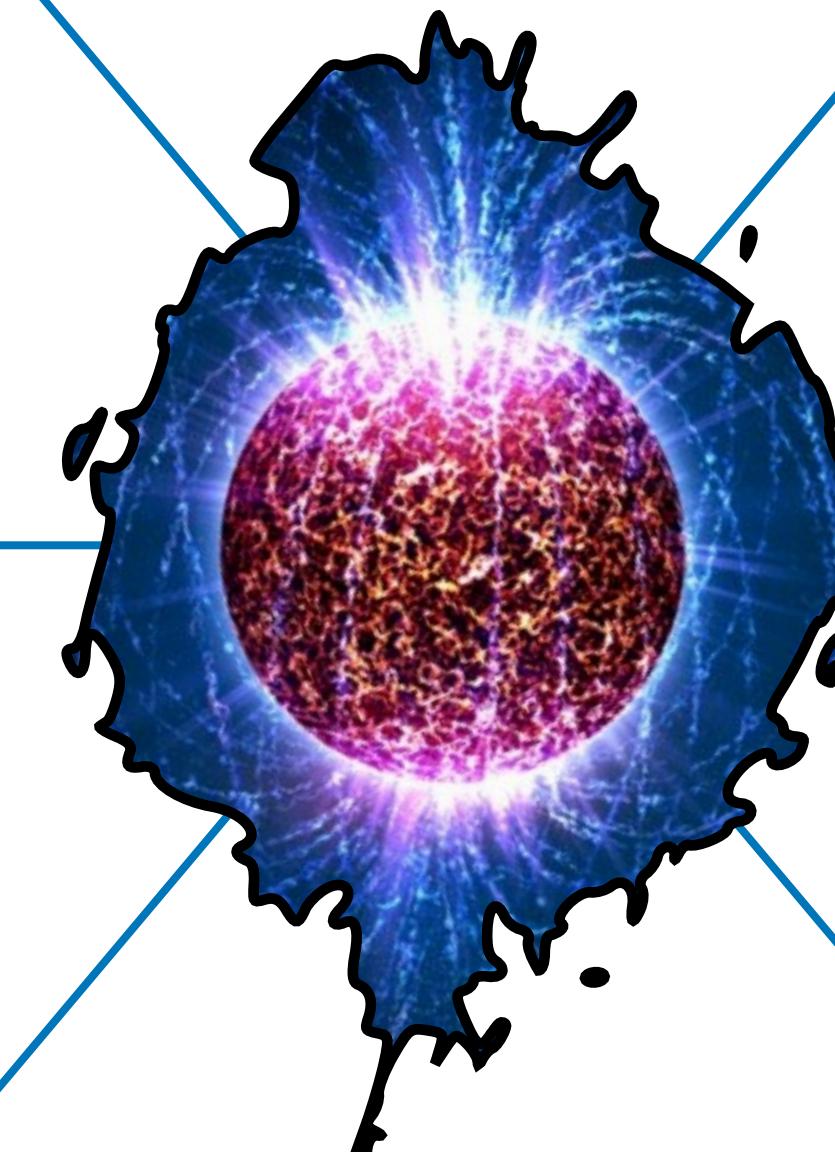
NS populations and magnetic field distributions

[Ongoing work lead by Sam Witte]

AMC distribution and evolution

[See e.g. [2206.04619](#), [2207.11276](#)]

Search strategies?



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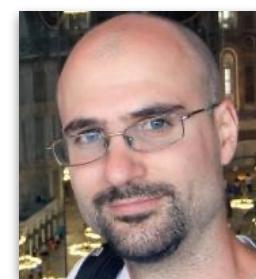
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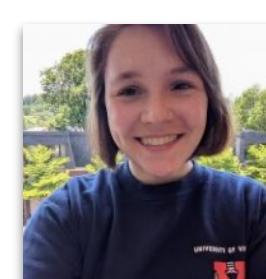
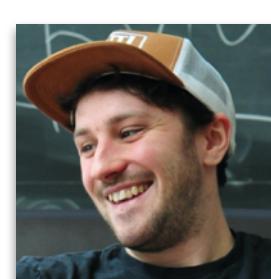
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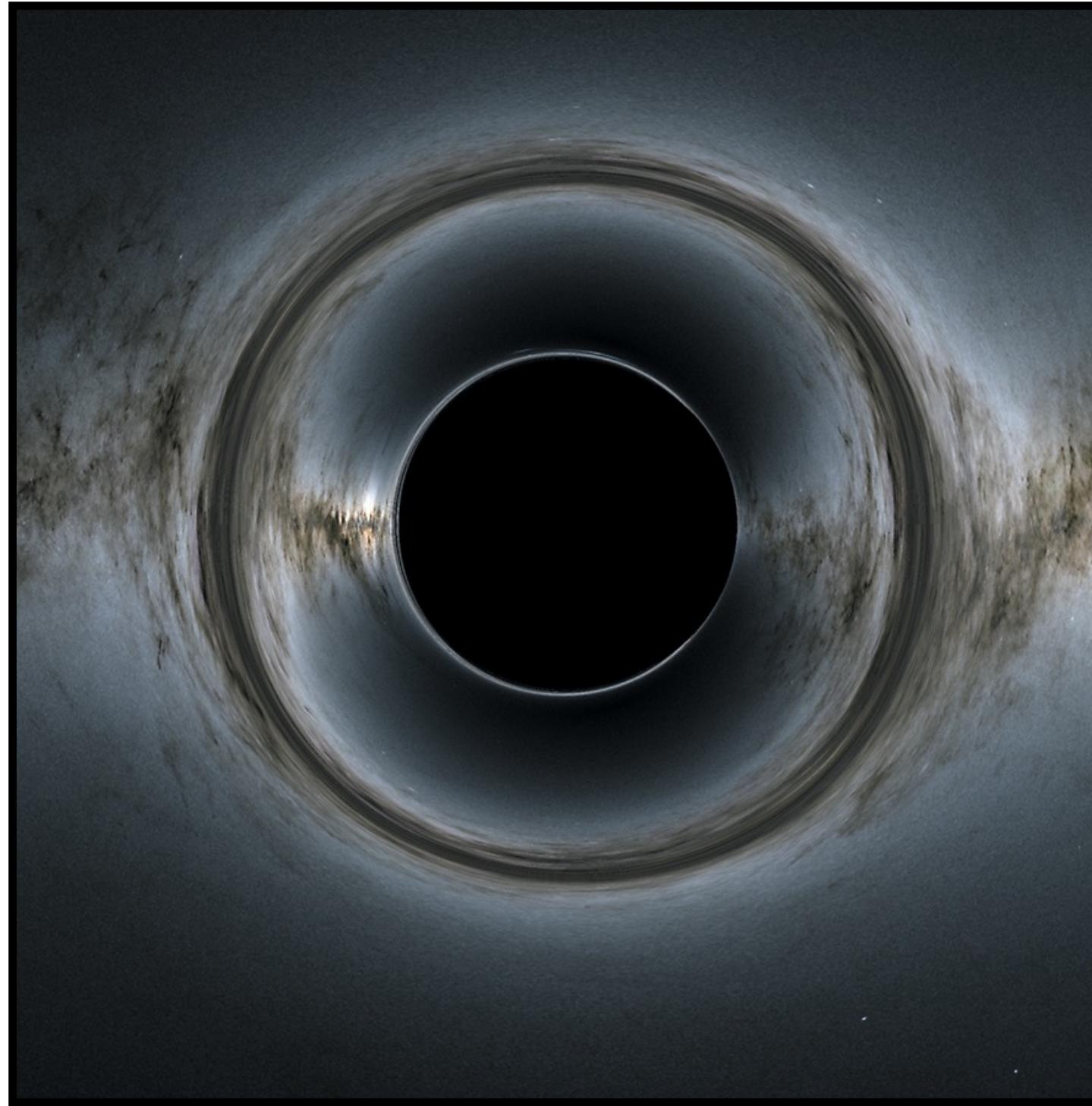


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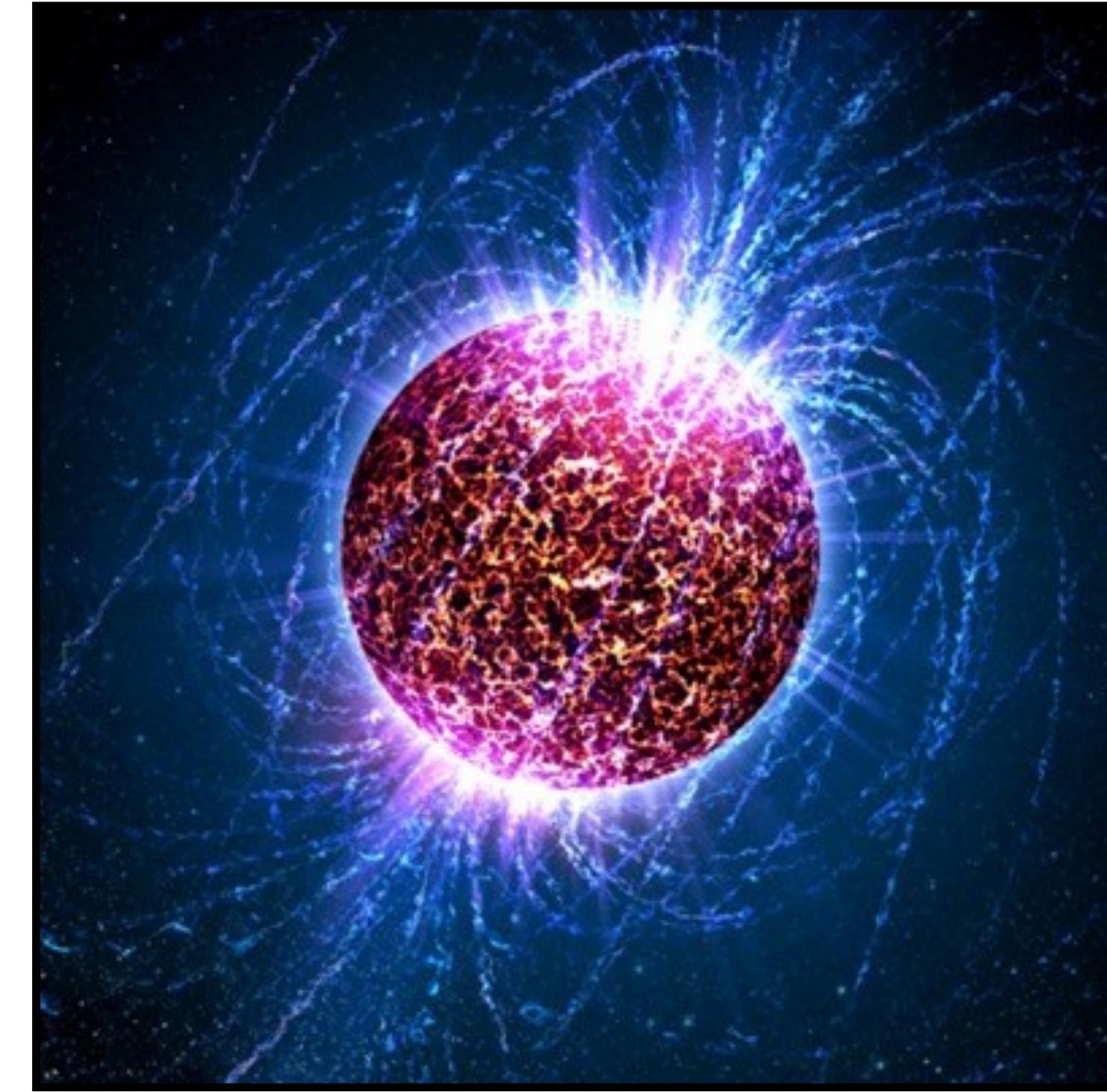
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Black Holes



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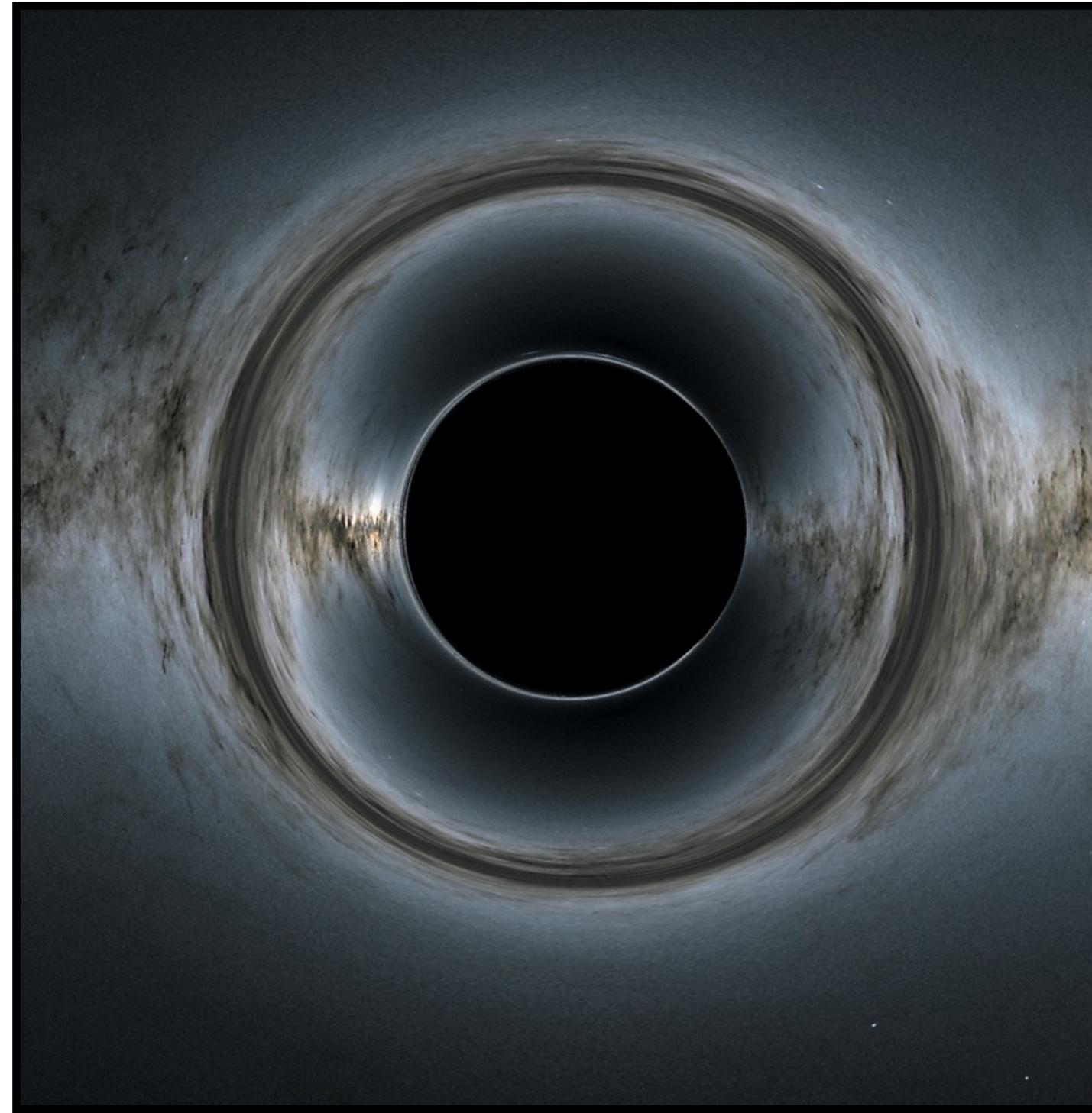
Neutron Stars



[Credit: Casey Reed (Penn State University),
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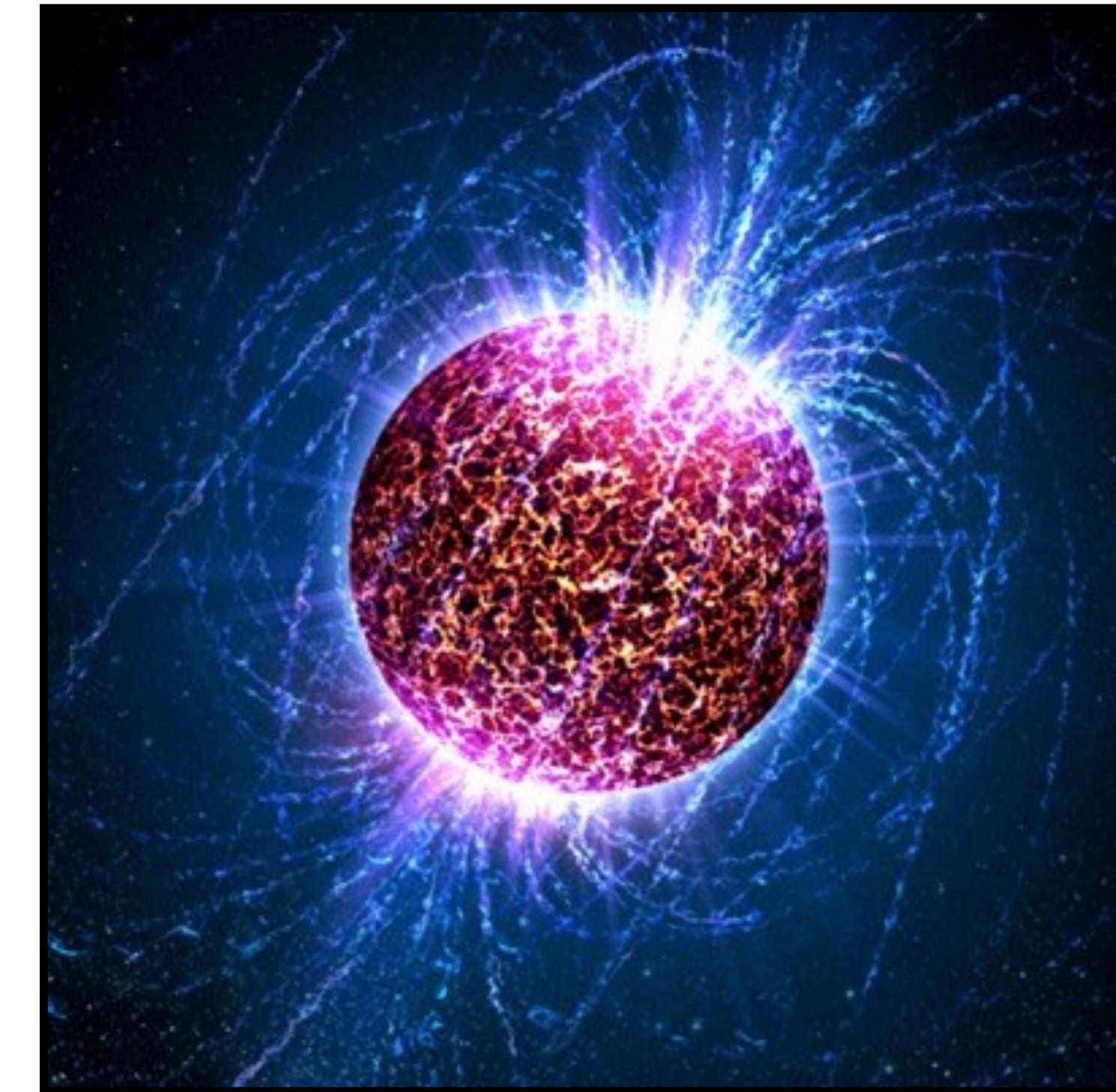
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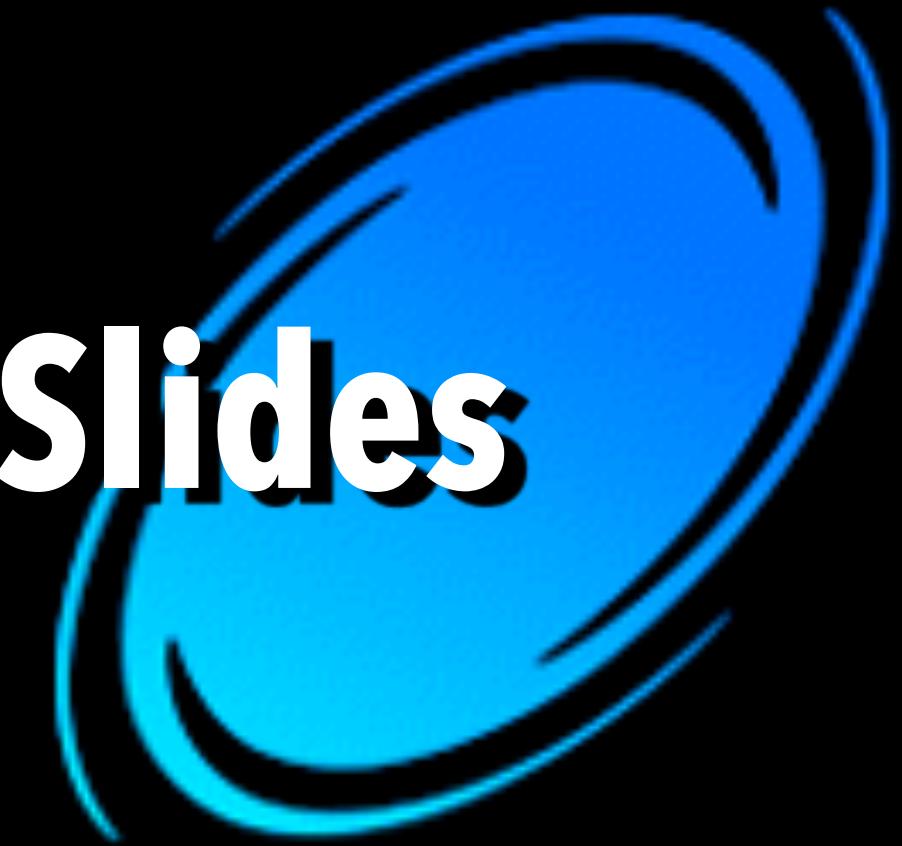
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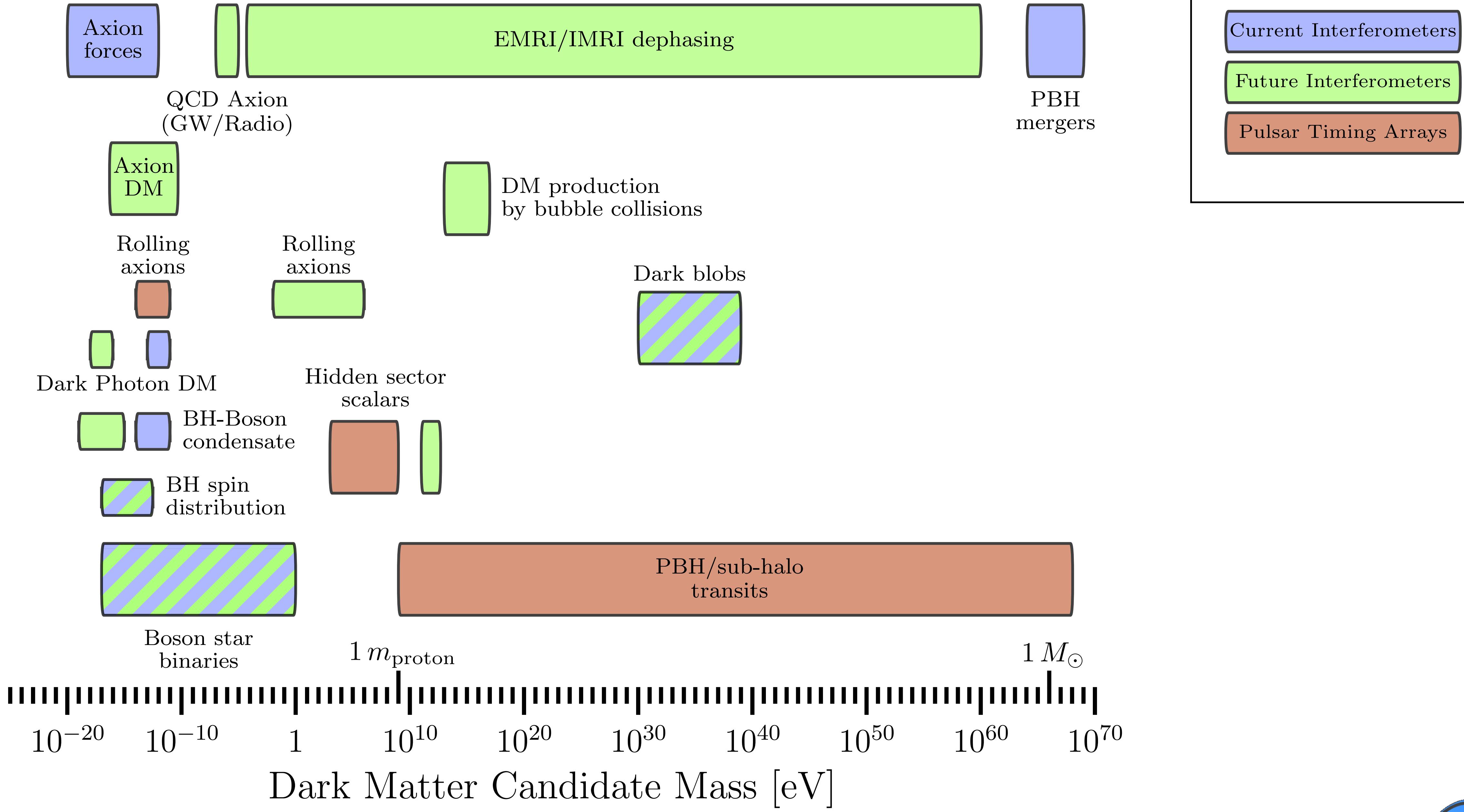
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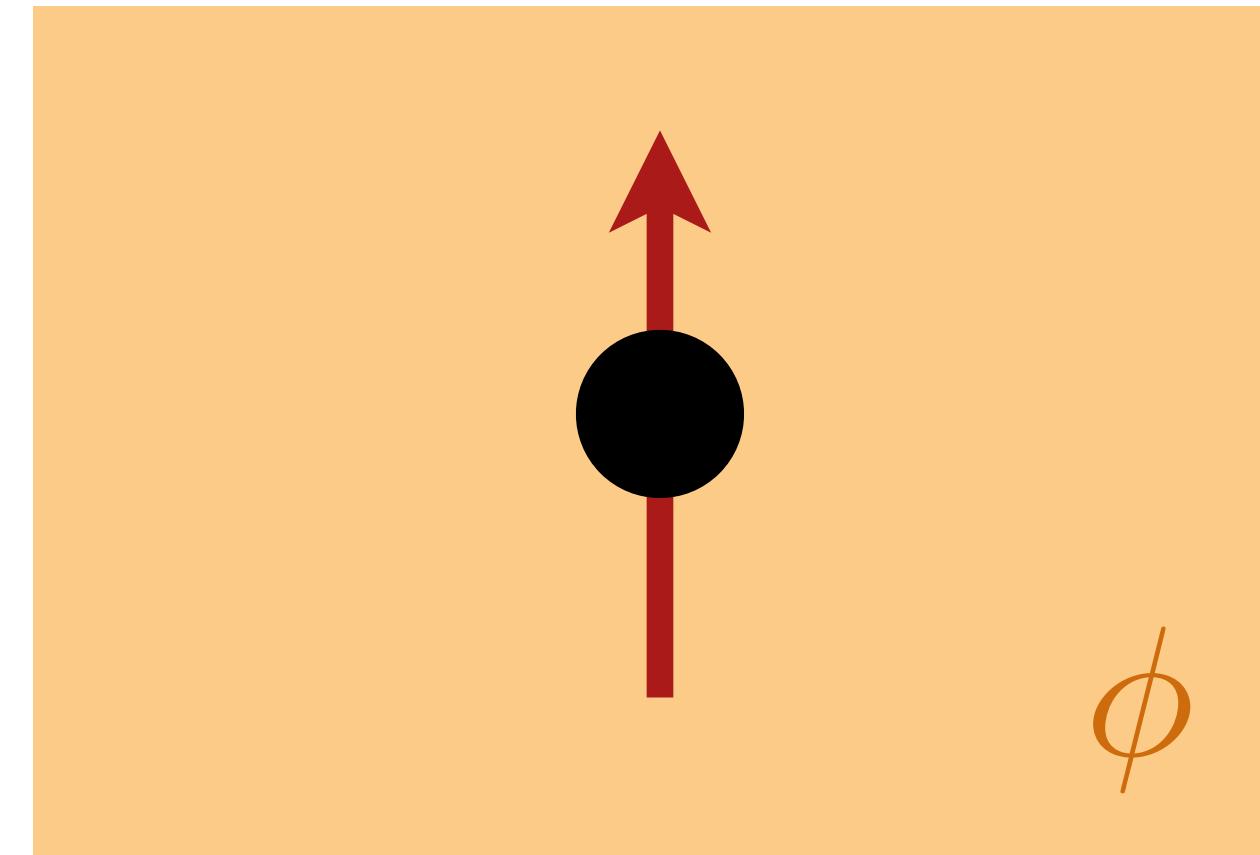


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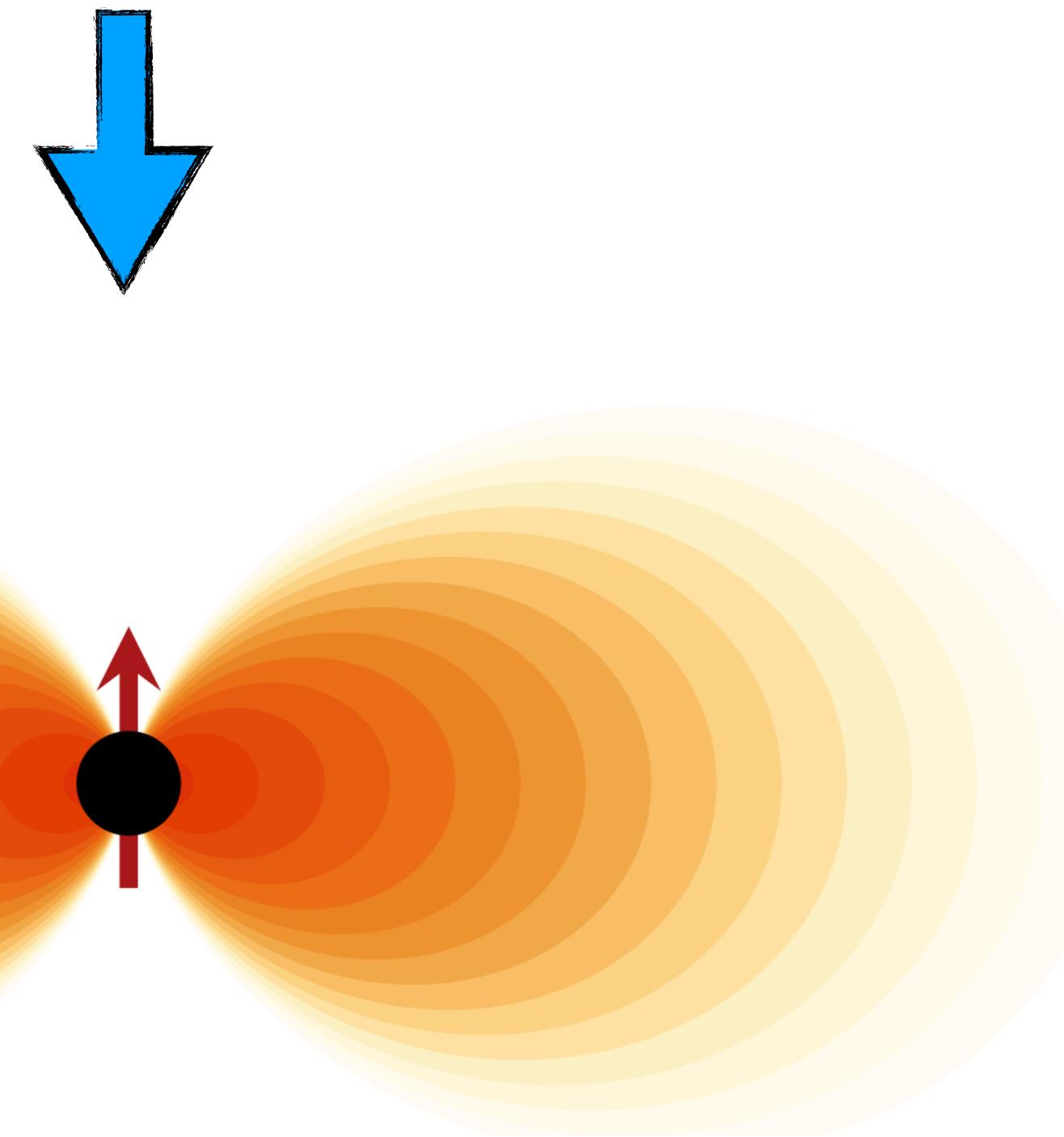
[Bertone, Croon, et al (including BJK), 1907.10610]

Gravitational Atoms



Compton wavelength of
a light scalar field:

$$\lambda_c \simeq 2 \text{ km} \left(\frac{10^{-10} \text{ eV}}{\mu} \right)$$



Super-radiance (and growth of a
'gravitational atom') when:

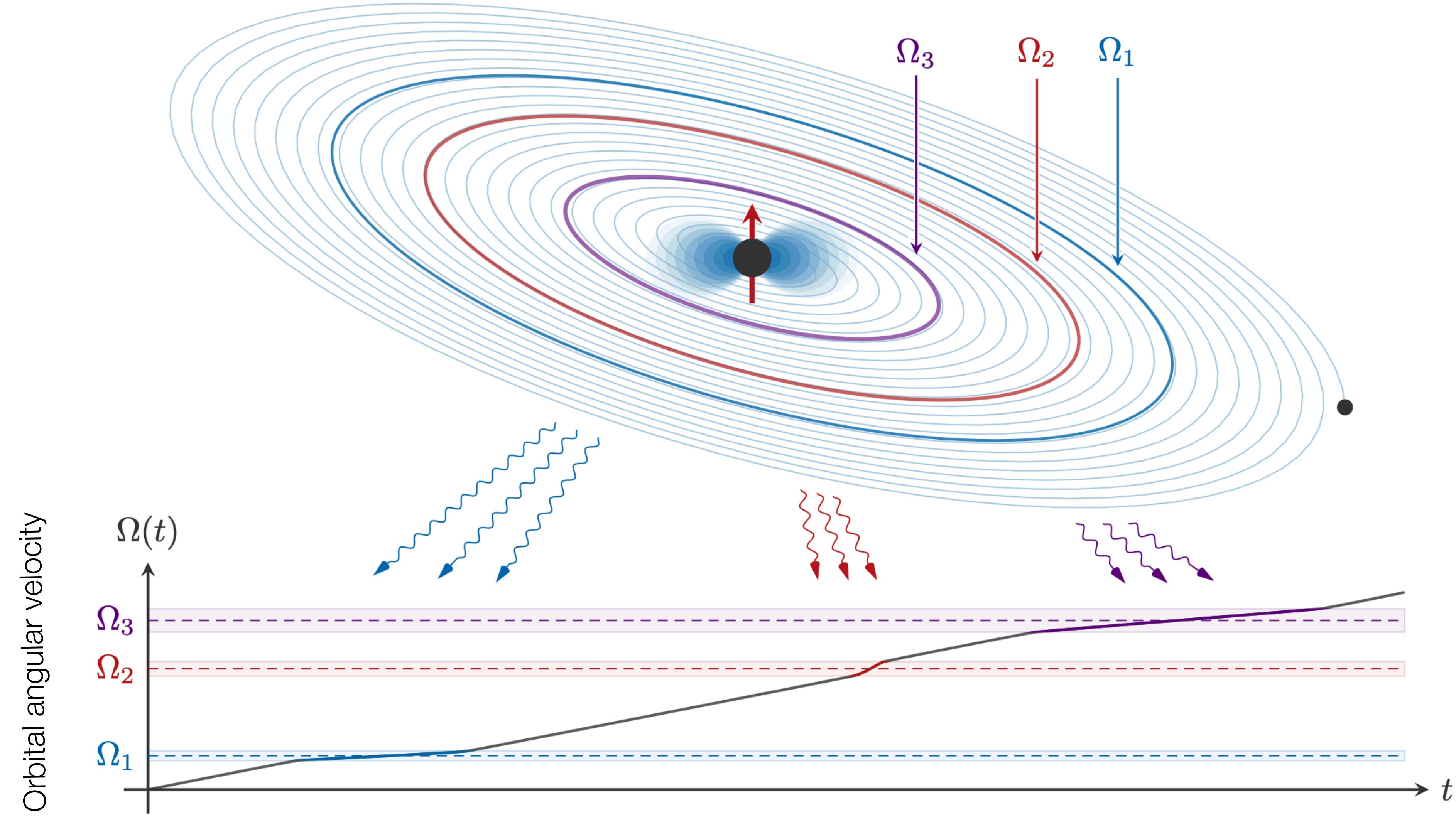
$$r_g \sim GM_{\text{BH}}/c^2 < \lambda_c$$

$$M_{\text{BH}} \in [1, 10^{10}] M_{\odot}$$
$$\rightarrow m_\phi \in [10^{-20}, 10^{-10}] \text{ eV}$$

[Chia, 2012.09167]

[E.g. Baumann et al., [1804.03208](#), [1908.10370](#), [1912.04932](#), [2112.14777](#)]

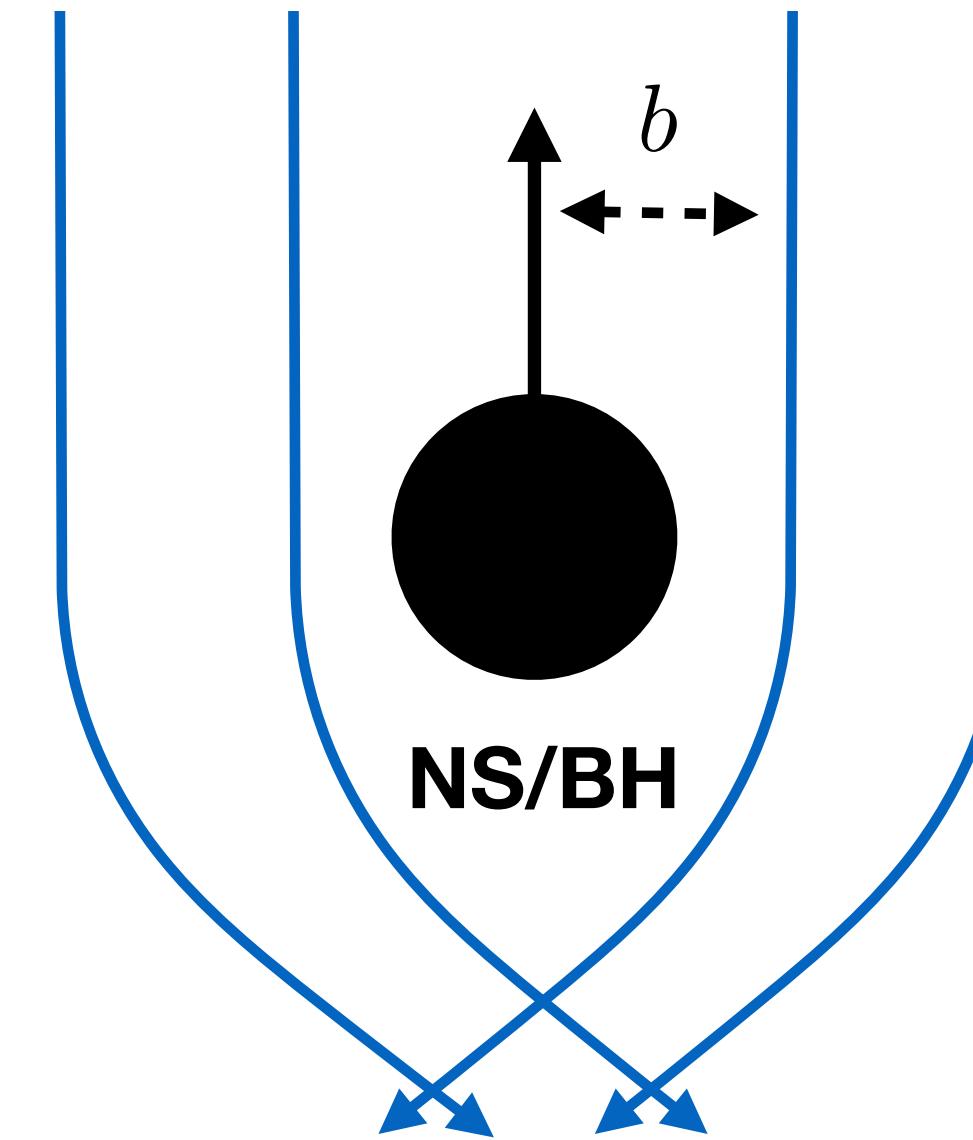
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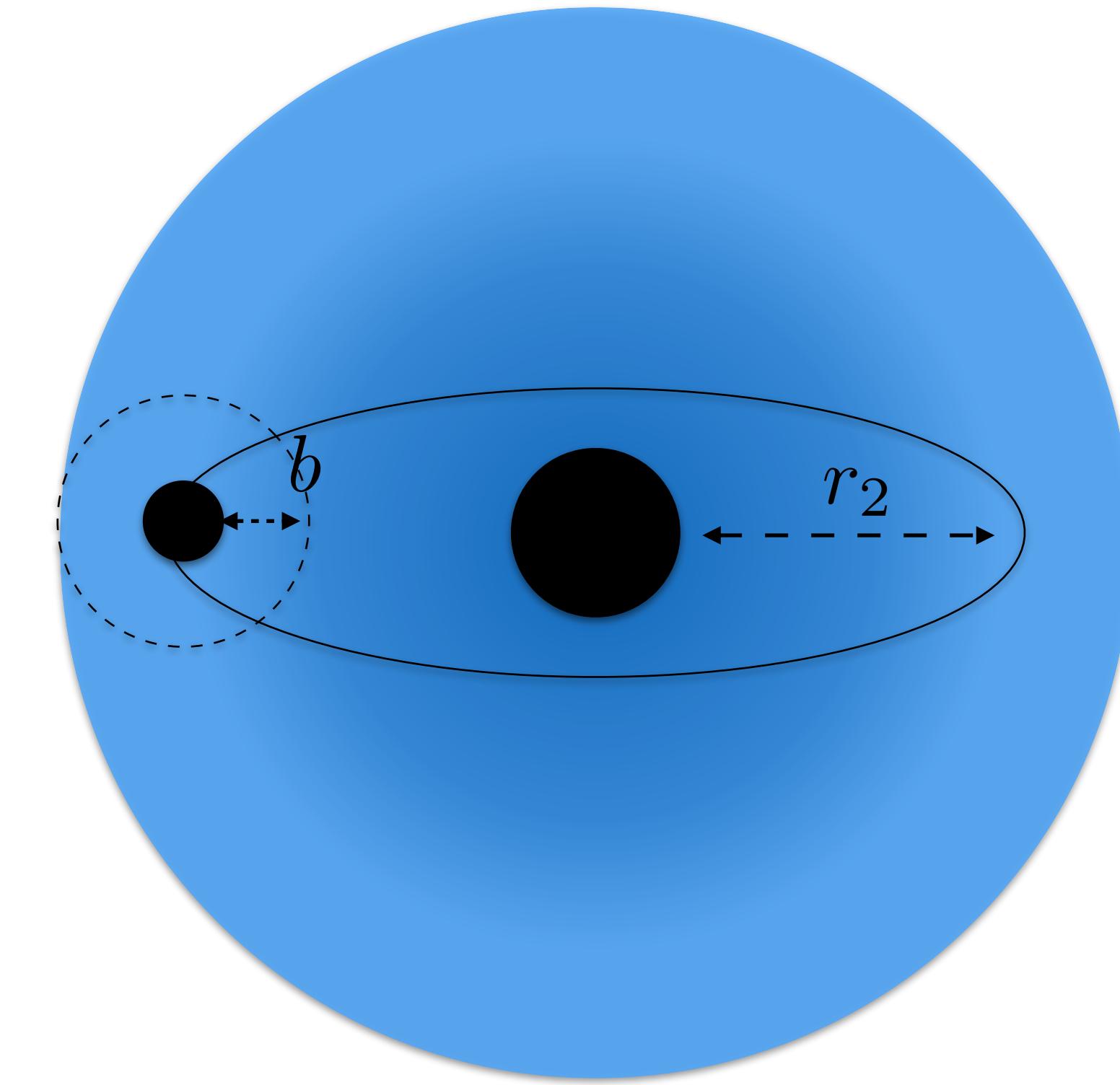
Two body scattering problem relates energy exchange to impact parameter:

$$\Delta\mathcal{E}(b) = -2v_0^2 \left[1 + \frac{b^2 v_0^4}{G^2 m_2^2} \right]^{-1}$$



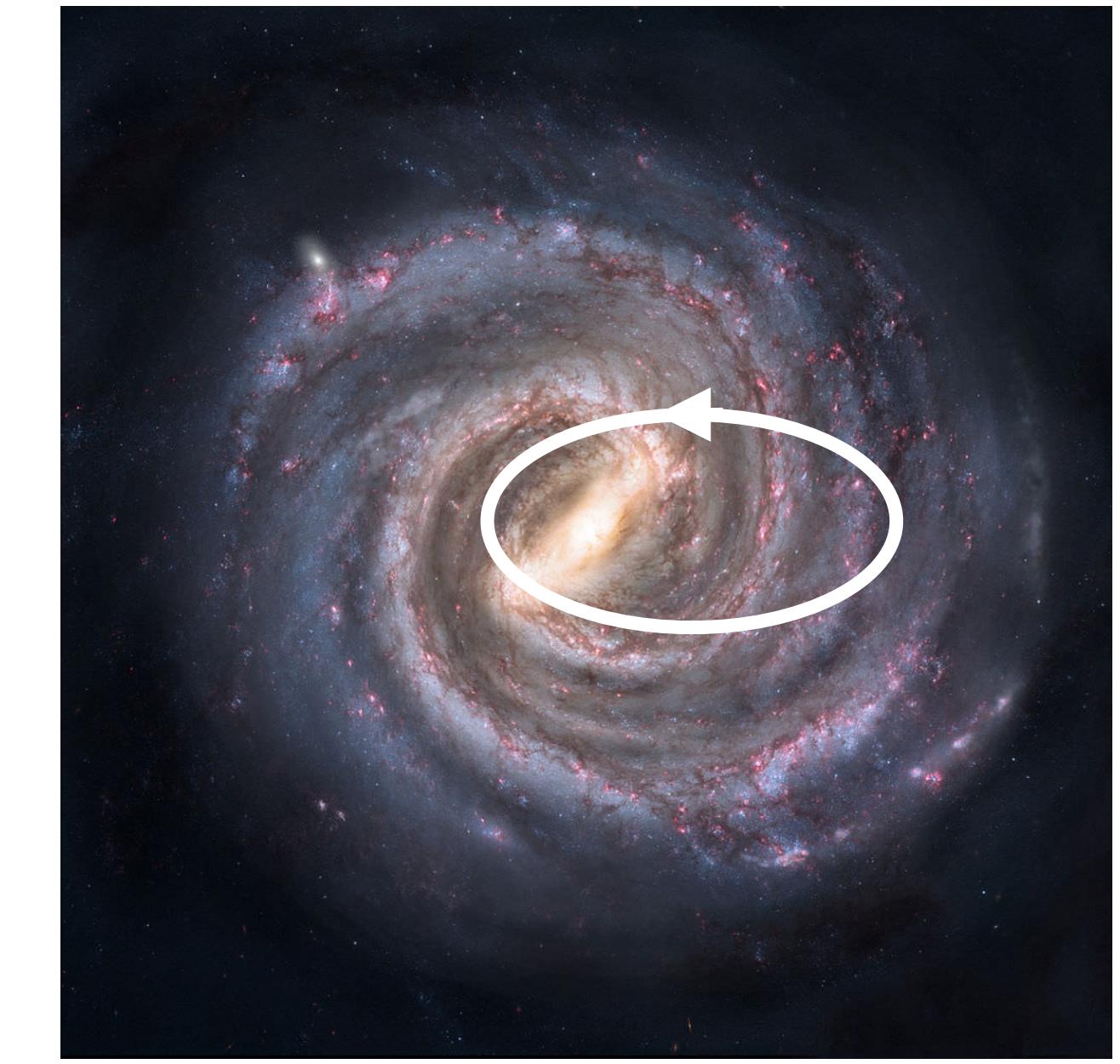
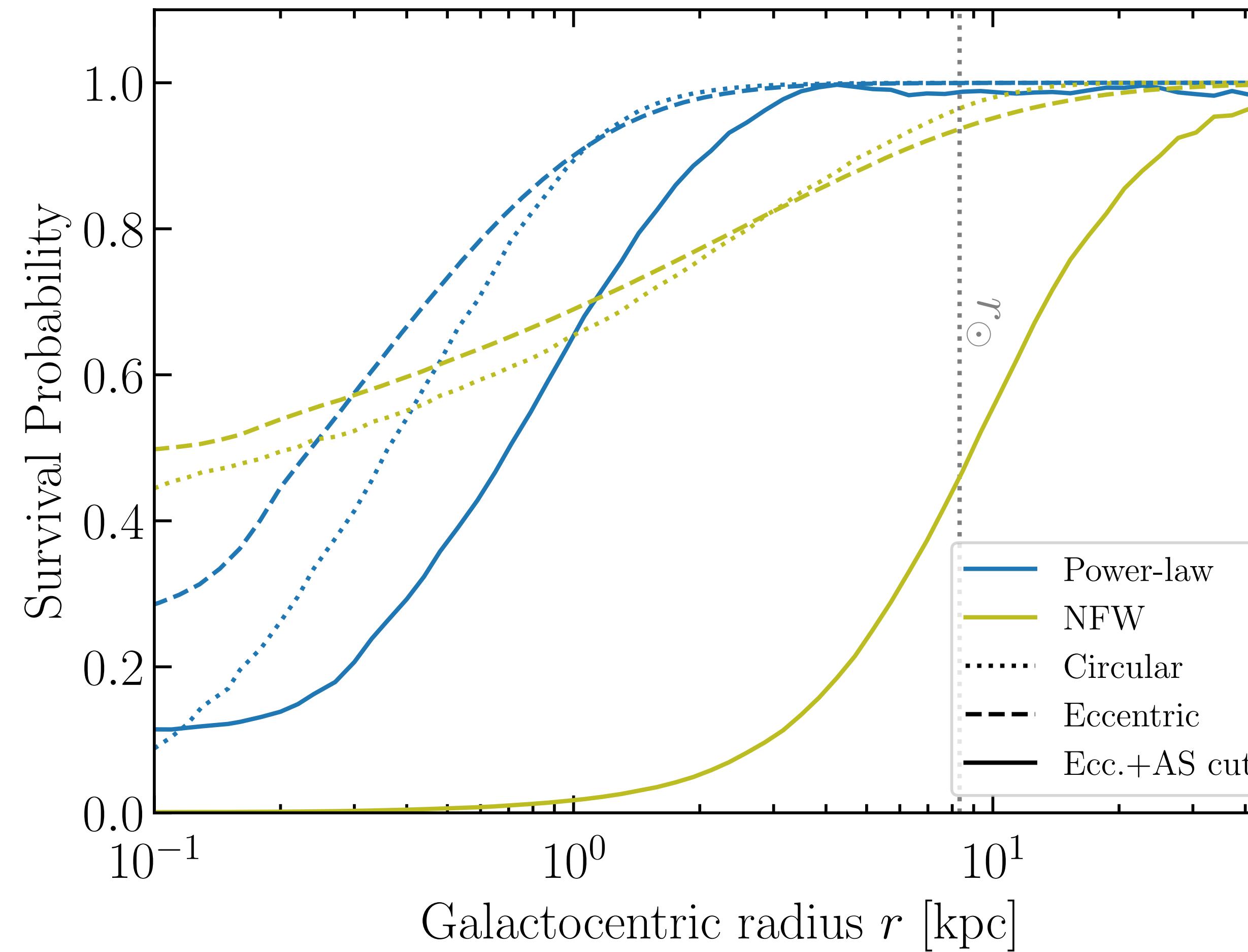
Scattering probability becomes a *geometric* problem:

$$P_{\mathcal{E}}(\Delta\mathcal{E}) \propto P(b|\mathcal{E})$$



Code available online: github.com/bradkav/HaloFeedback
(See also <https://github.com/DMGW-Goethe/imripy>)

AMC Survival in the Milky Way



Survival probability at Solar circle:
• $\mathcal{O}(40\%)$ for NFW profiles
• $\mathcal{O}(99\%)$ for PL profiles

But remember that even ‘surviving’ AMCs may be drastically altered.

[**BJK**, Edwards, Visinelli & Weniger, [2011.05377](#); Edwards, **BJK**, Visinelli & Visinelli, [2011.05378](#)]

[See also previous work, e.g. Tinyakov et al., [1512.02884](#); Dokuchaev et al., [1710.09586](#);
and more recent work e.g. Dandoy et al., [2206.04619](#), Shen et al., [2207.11276](#)]