

Dark Matter in Extreme Environments



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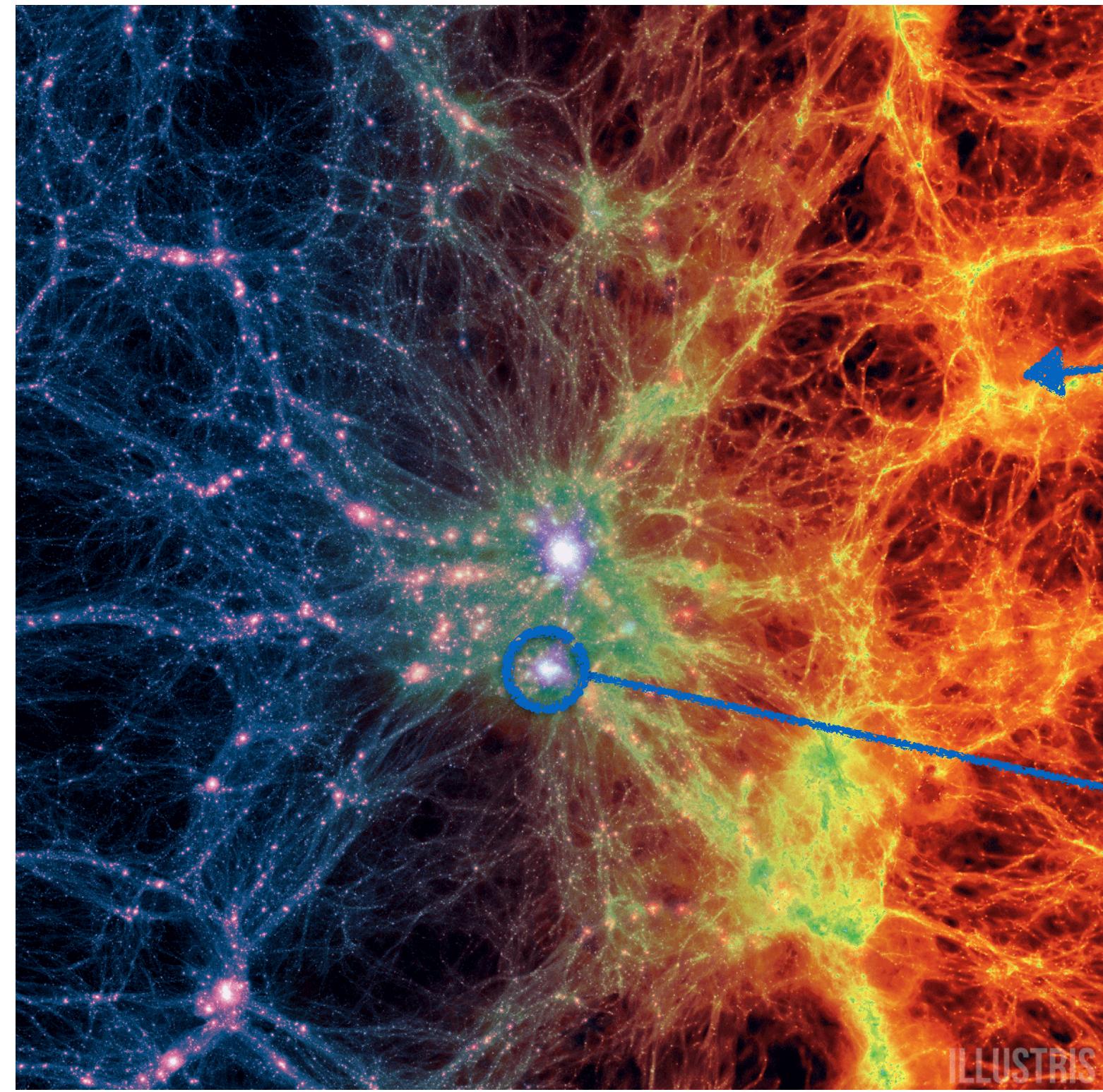


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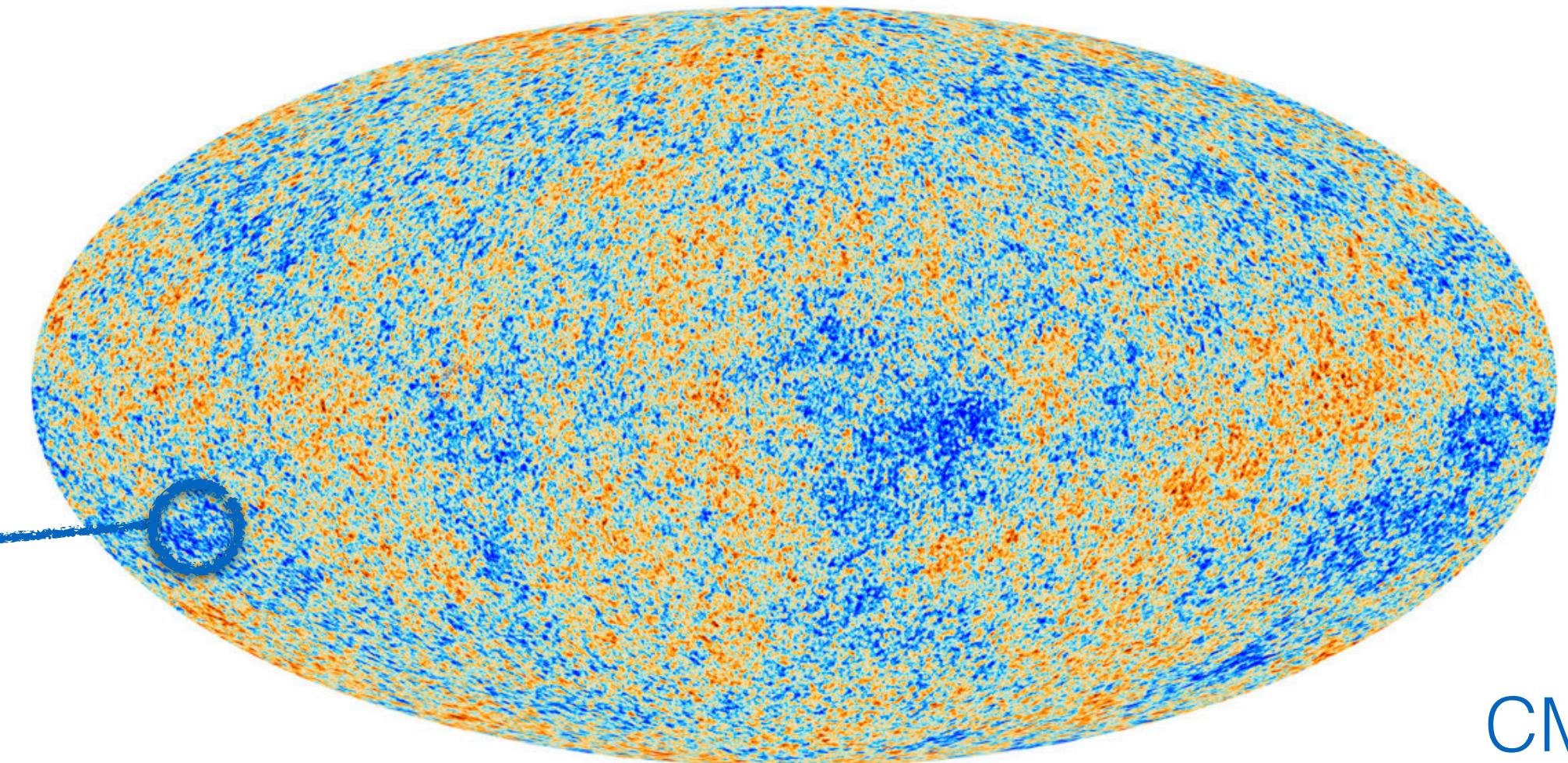


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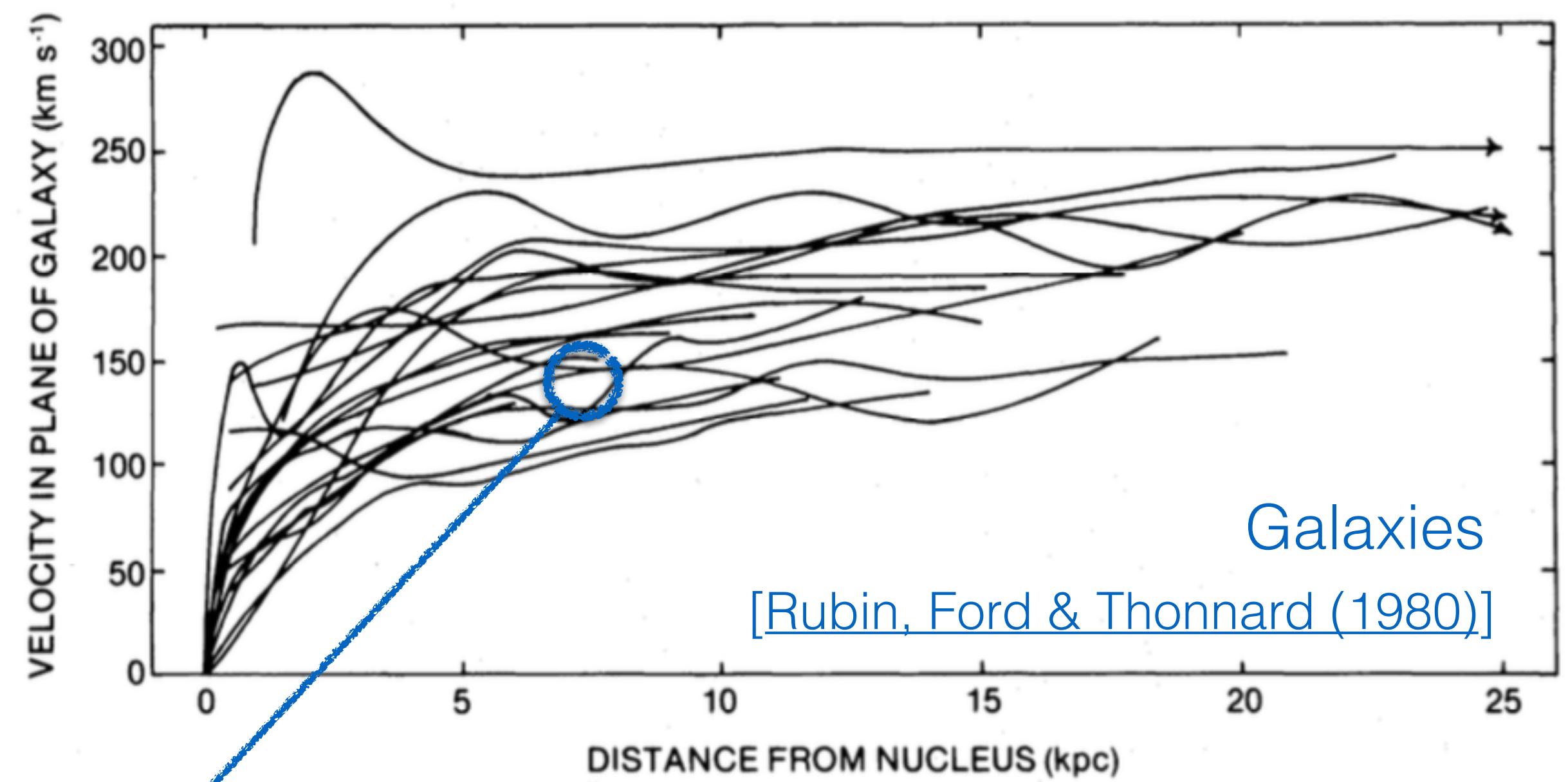
Evidence for Dark Matter



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



CMB
[Planck, [1502.01589](#)]

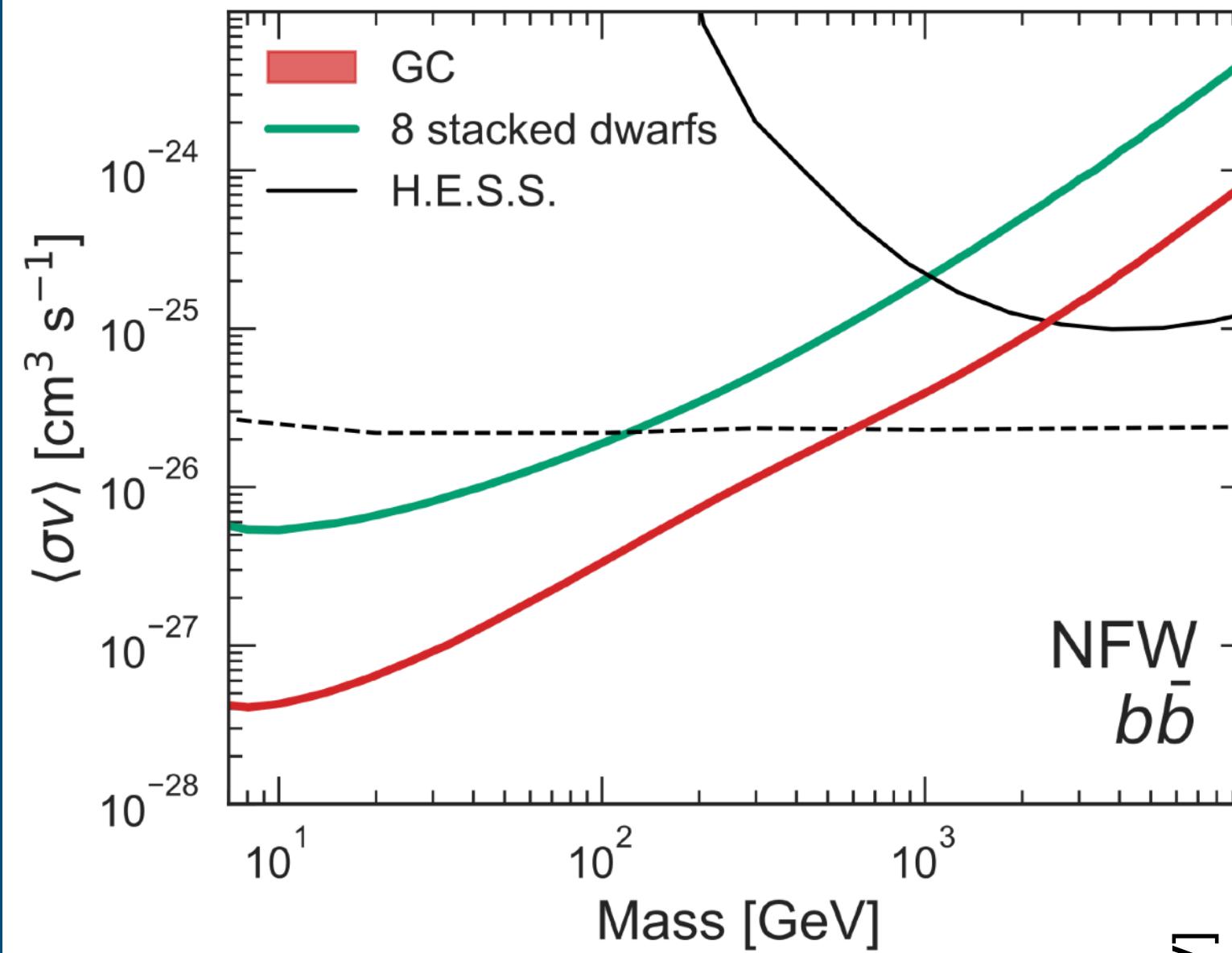


Galaxies
[Rubin, Ford & Thonnard (1980)]

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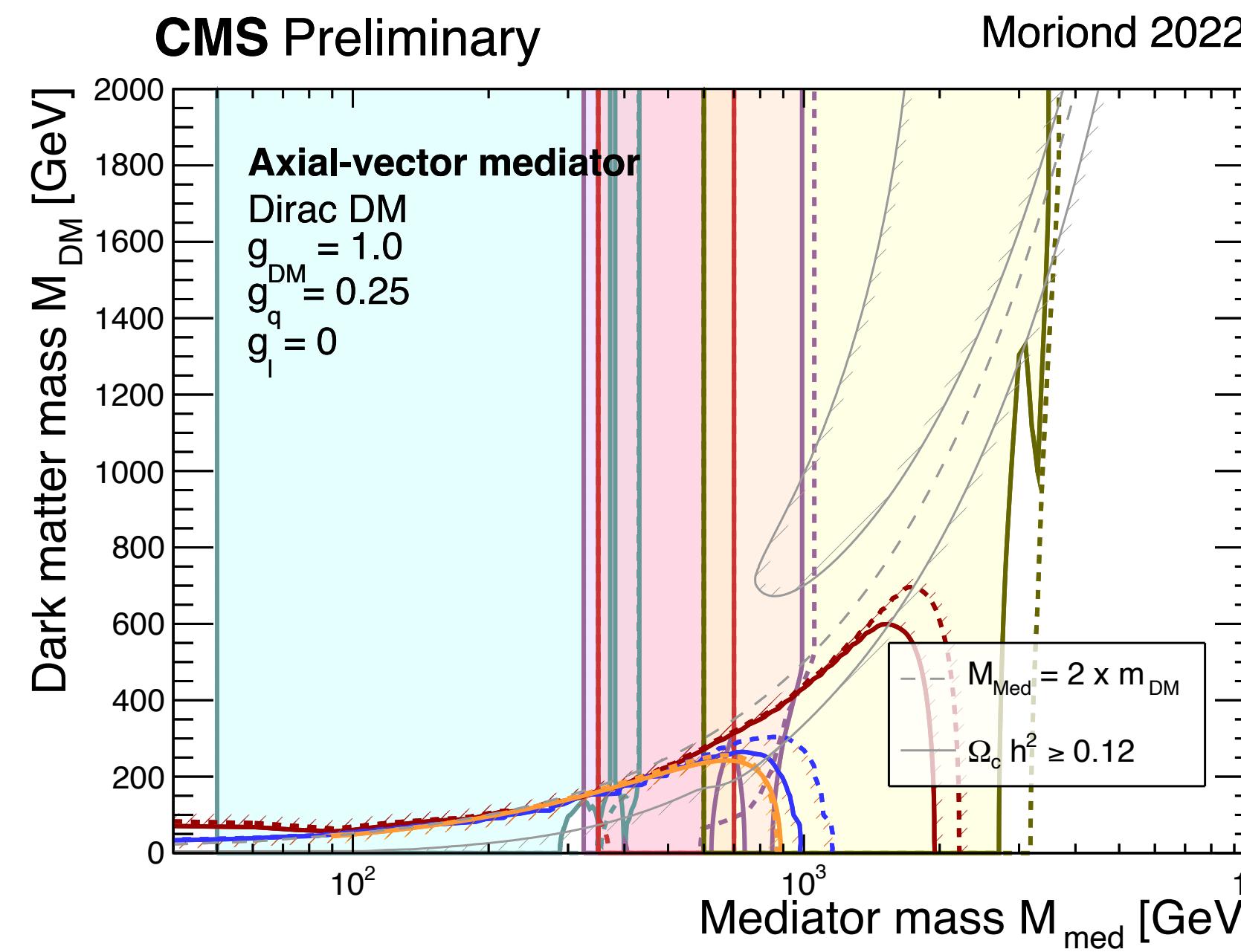
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[Abazajian et al., 2003.10416]



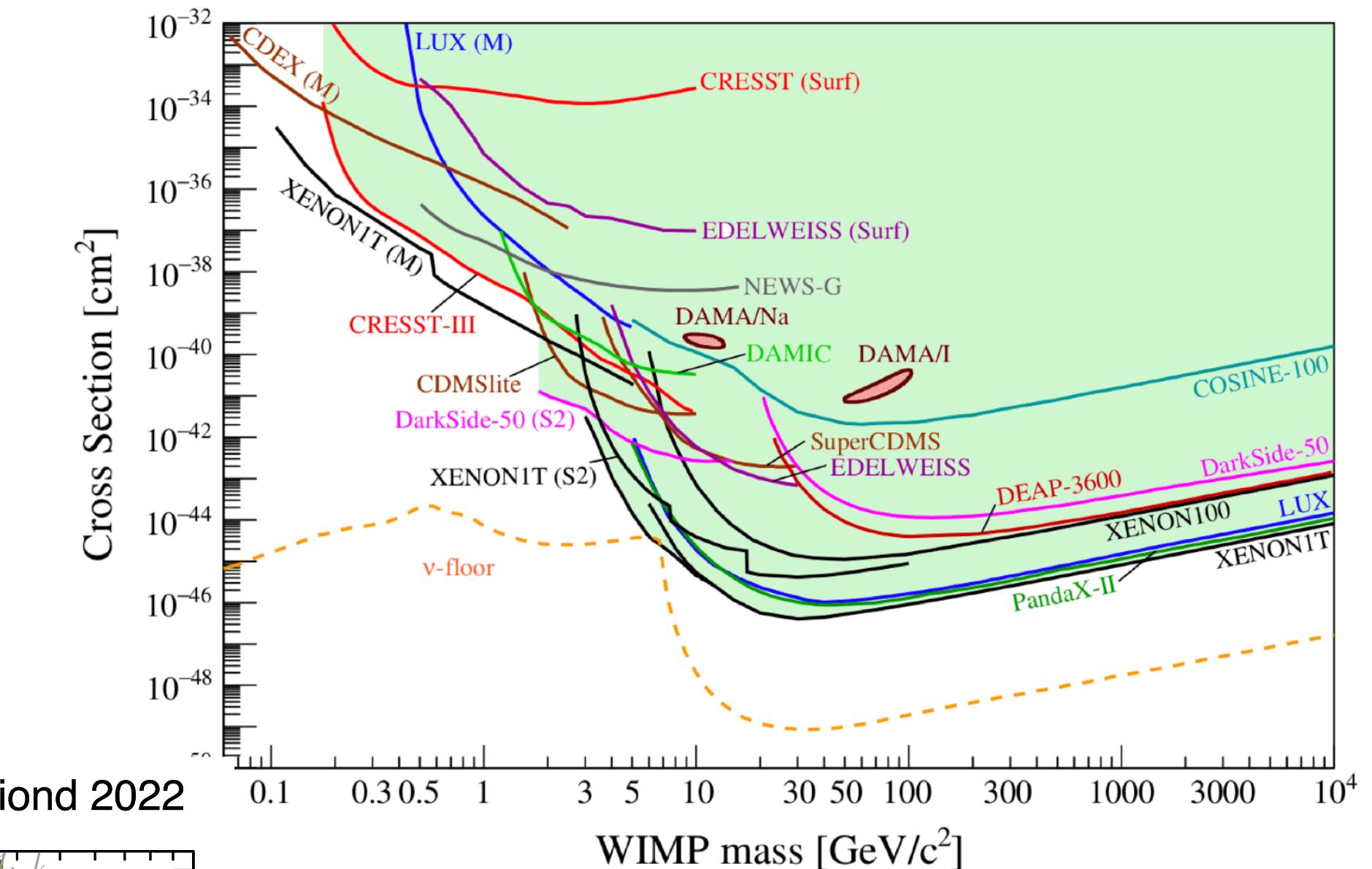
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[CMS, DM Summary Plots]



Direct Searches

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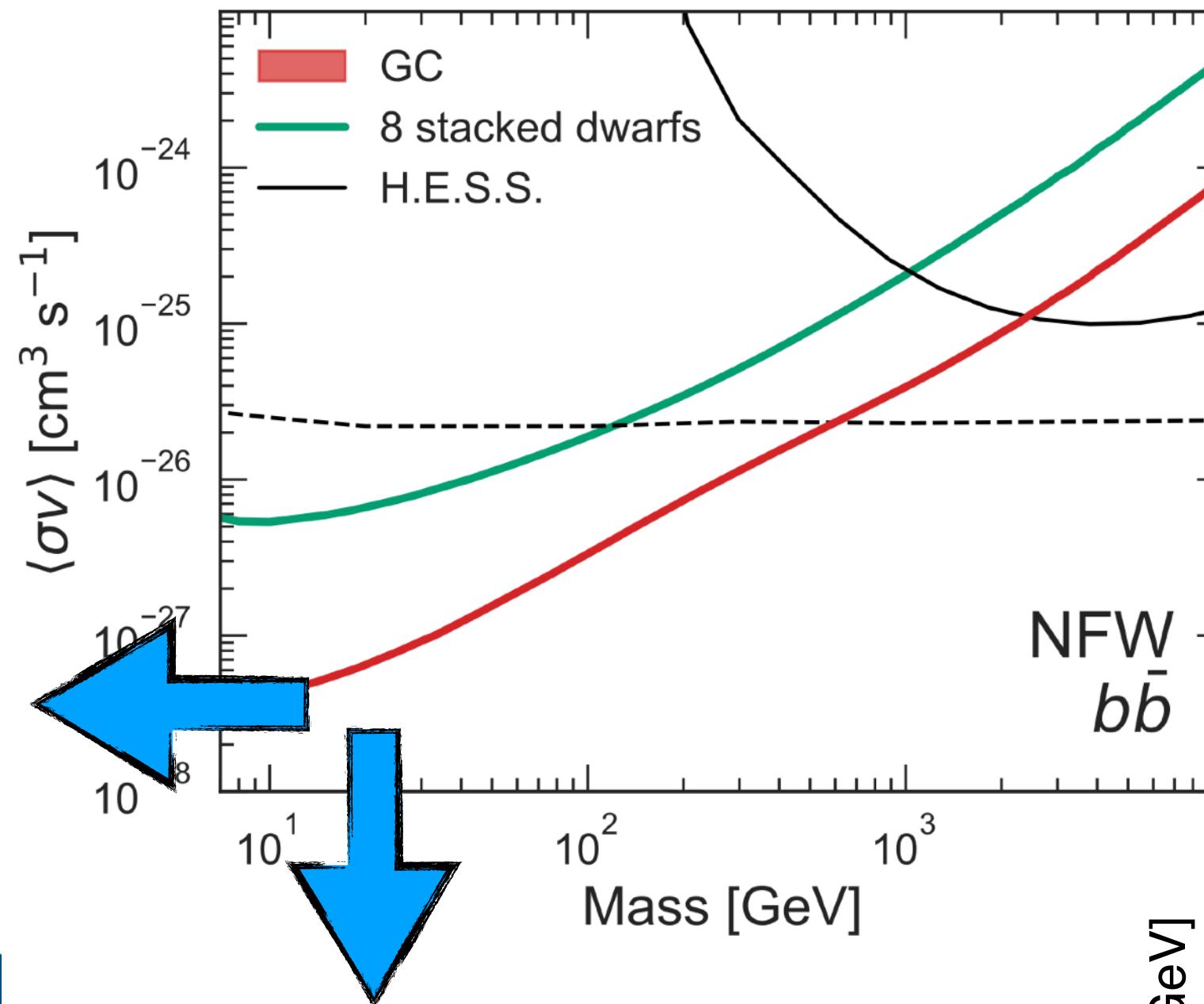


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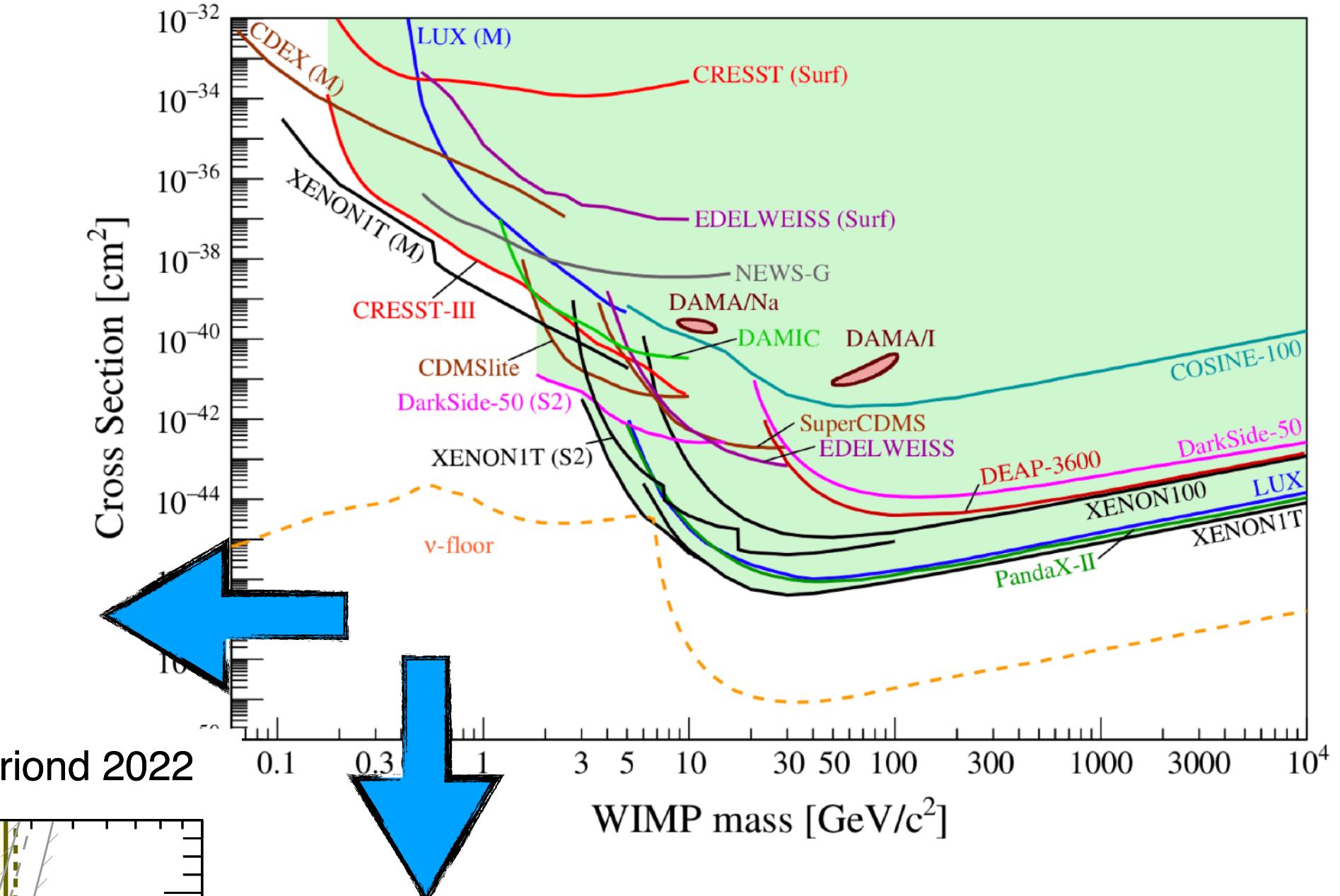
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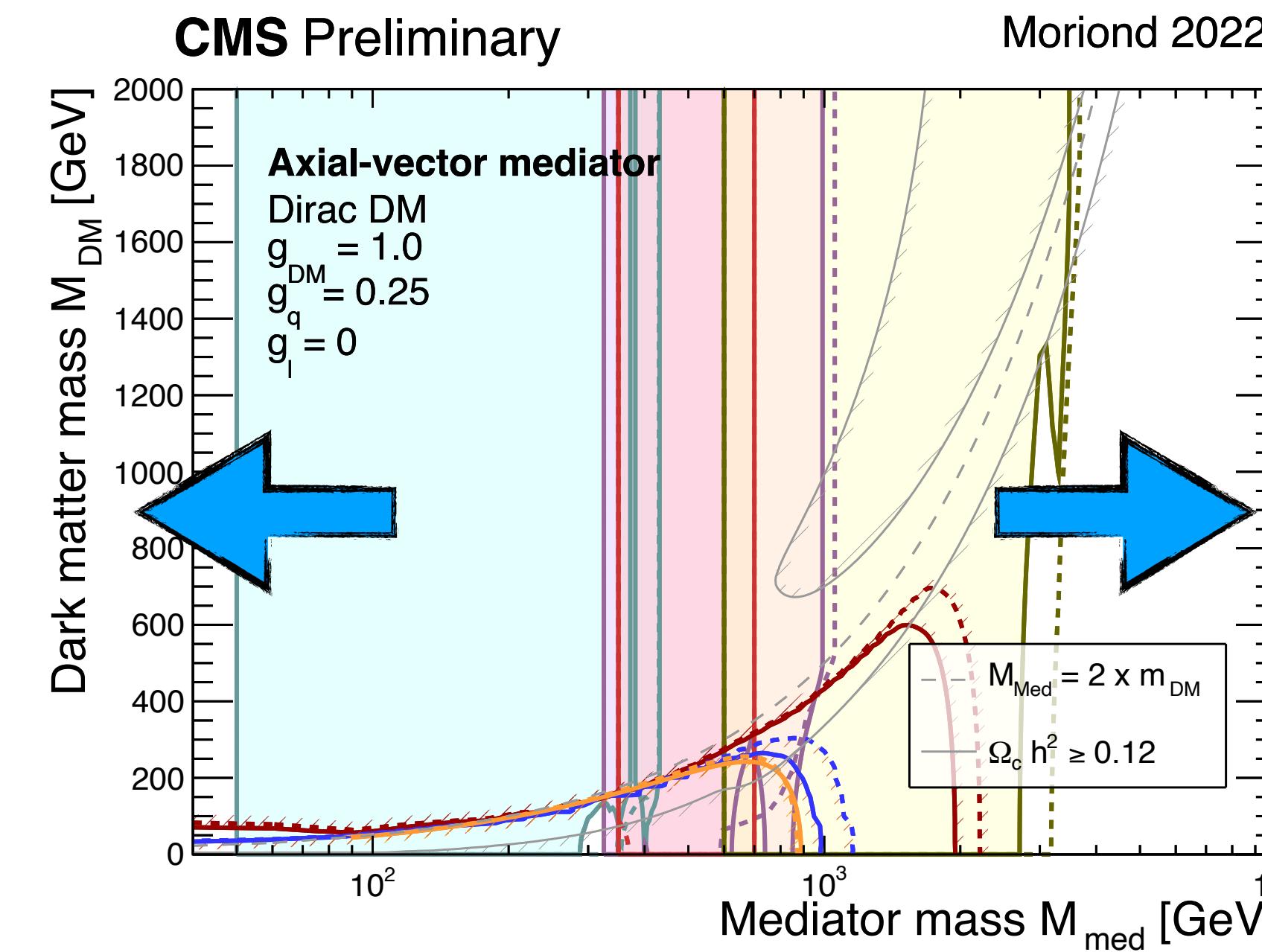
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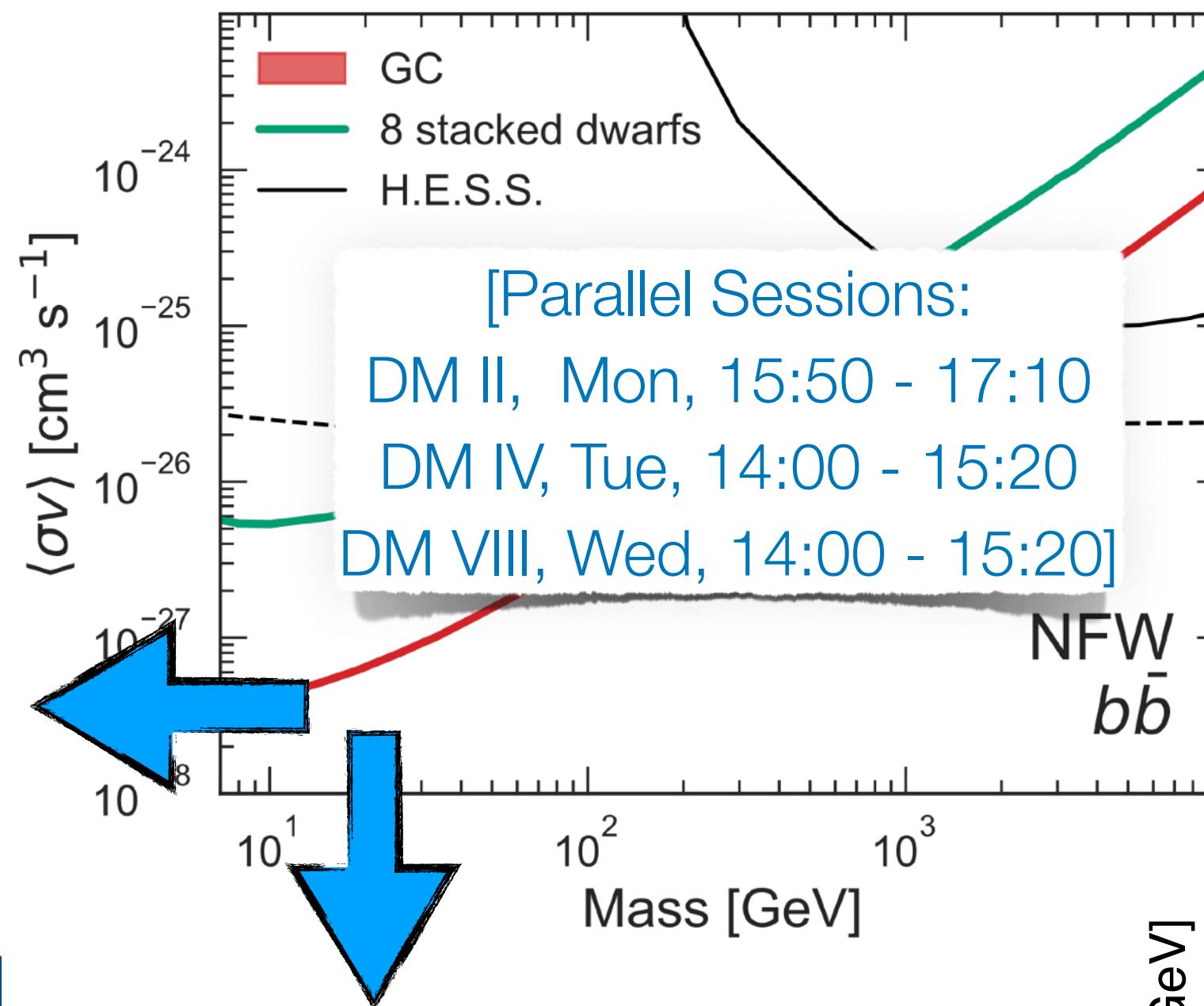


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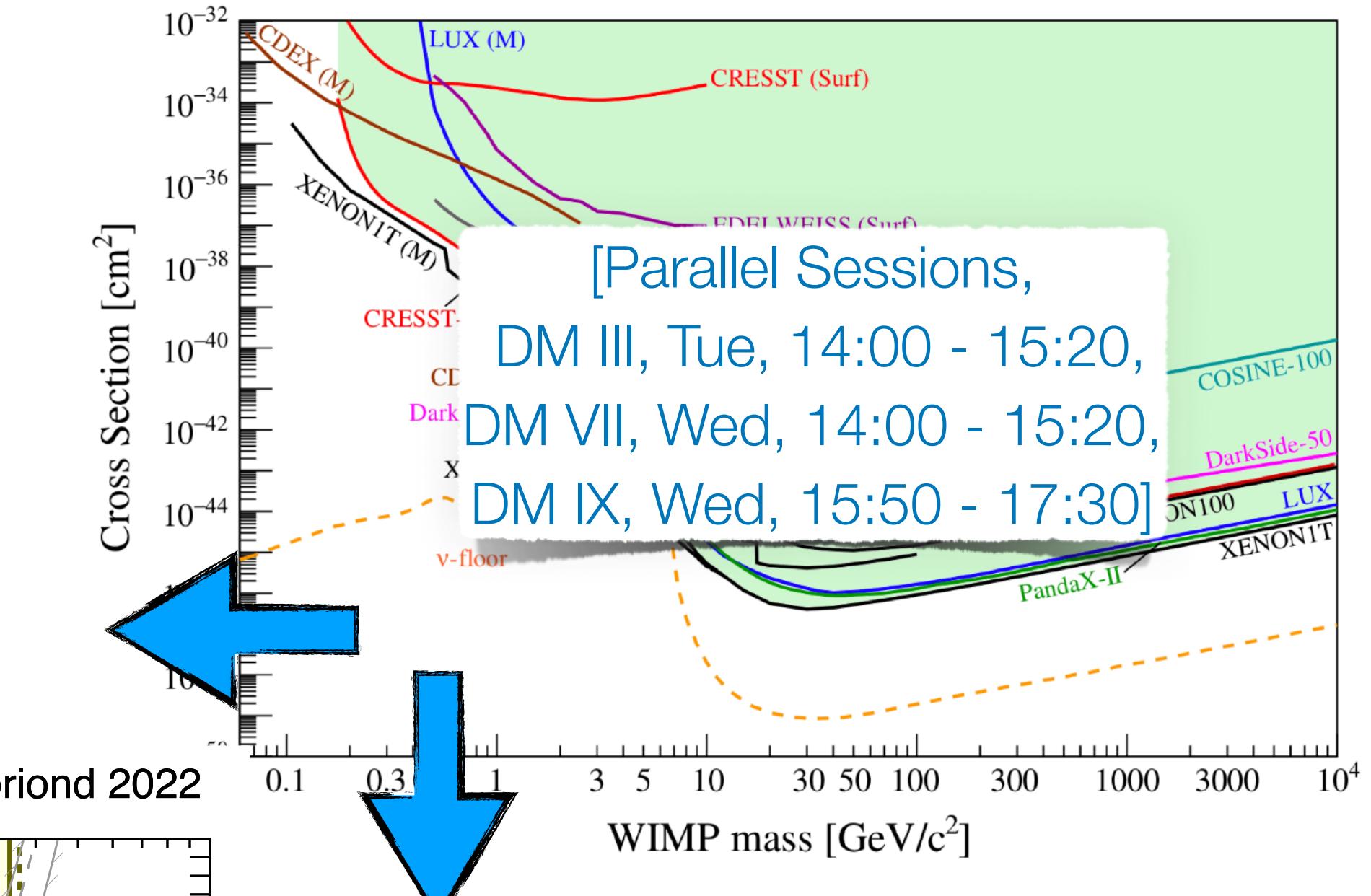
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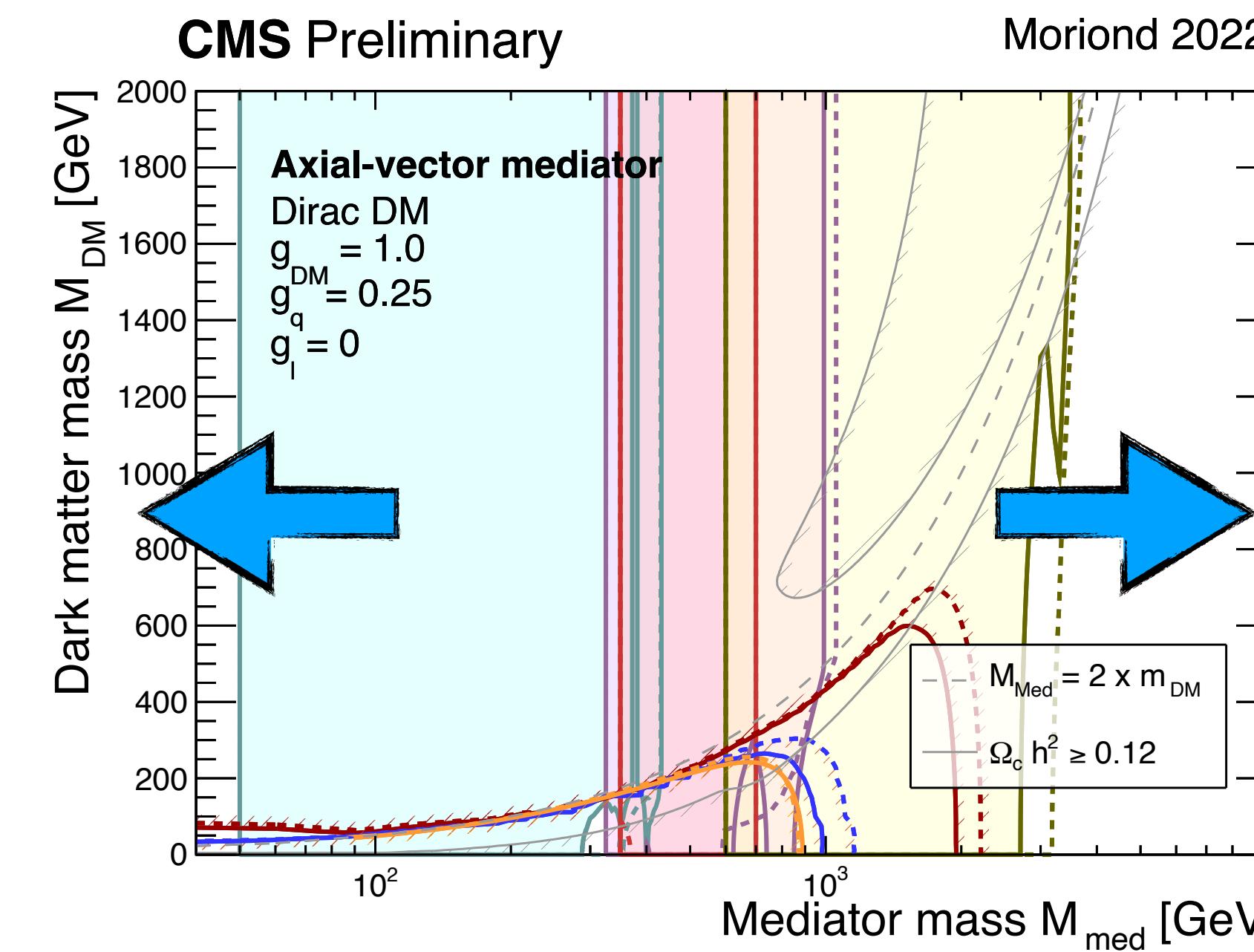
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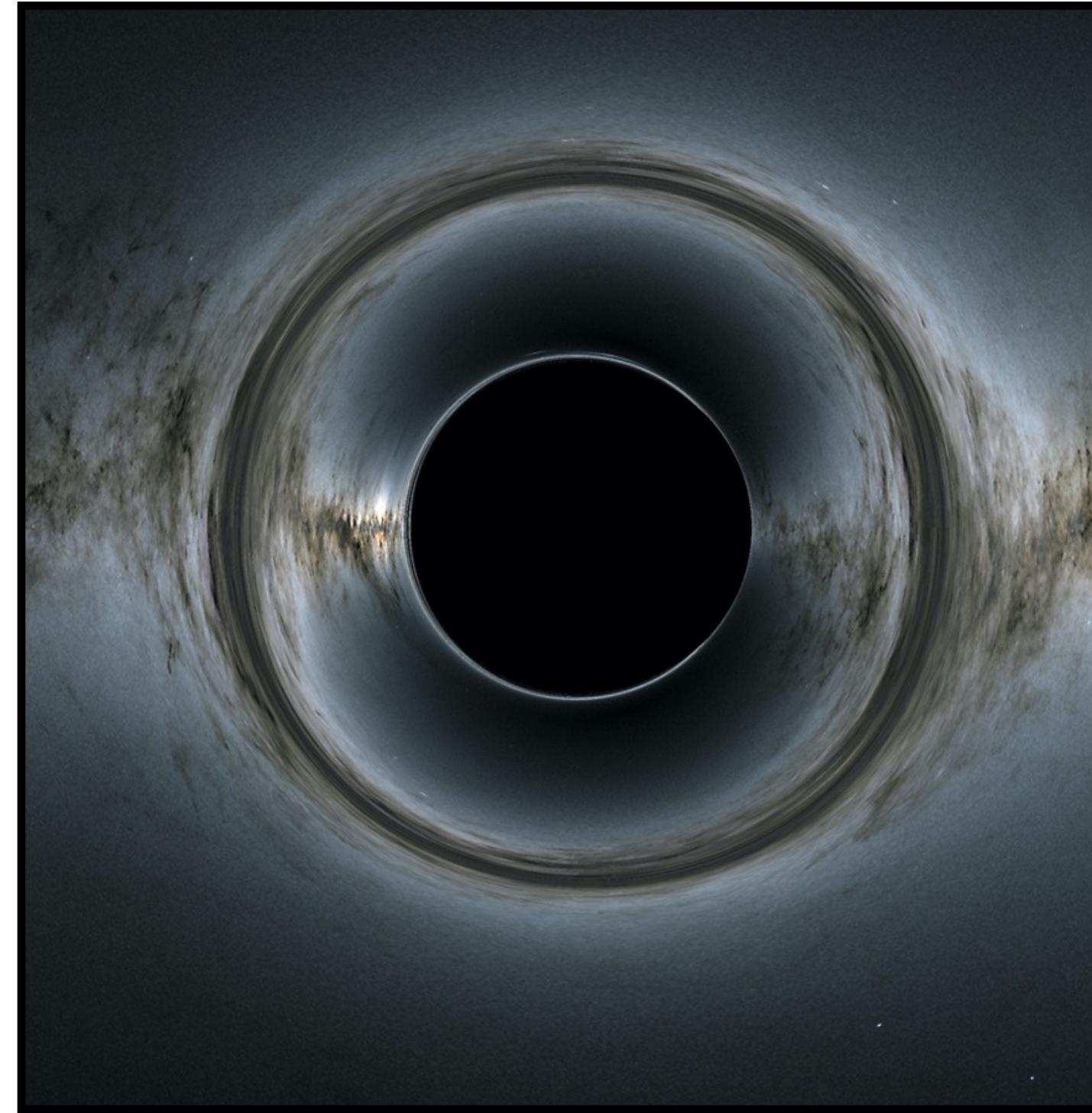
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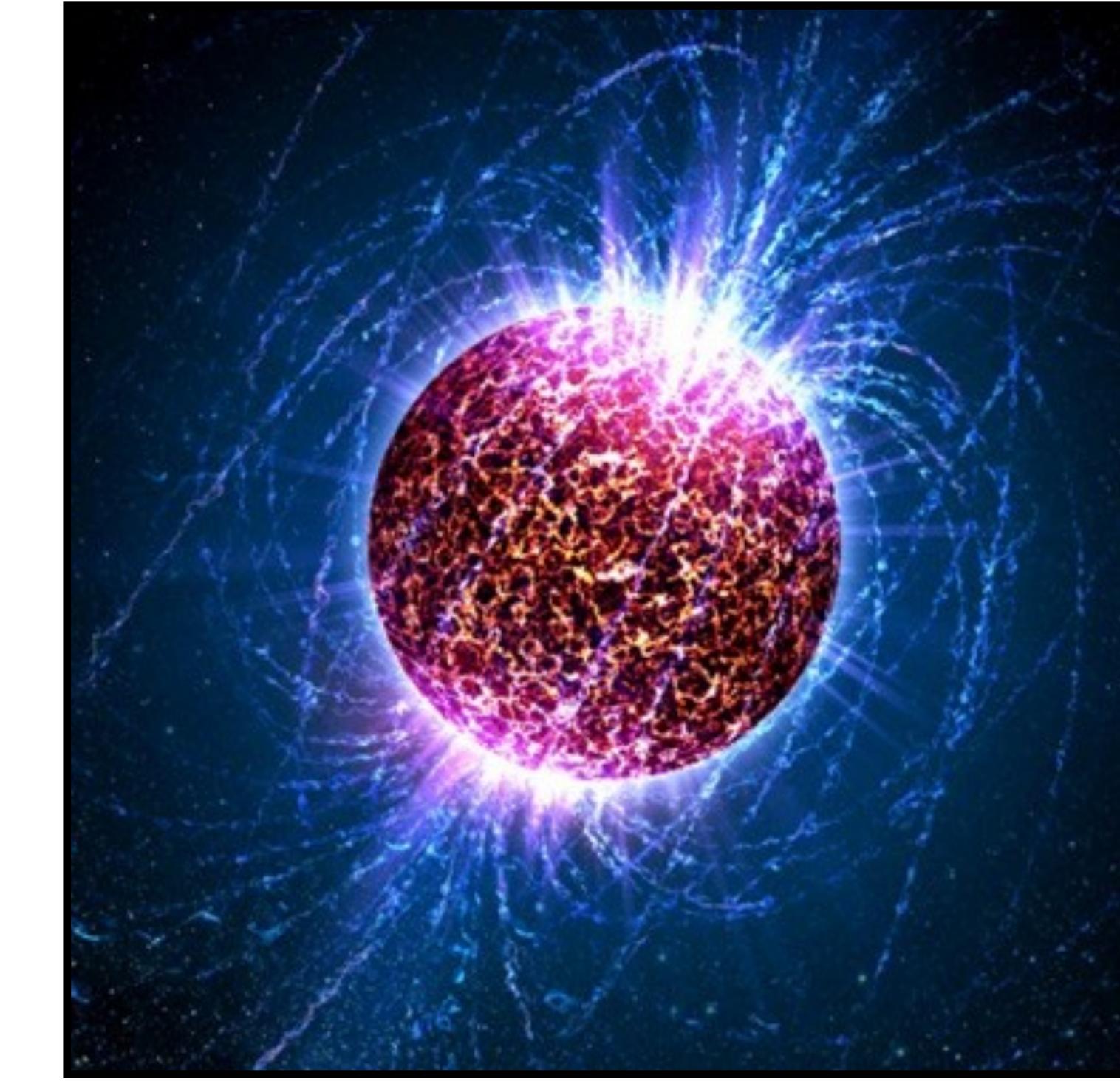
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Black Holes



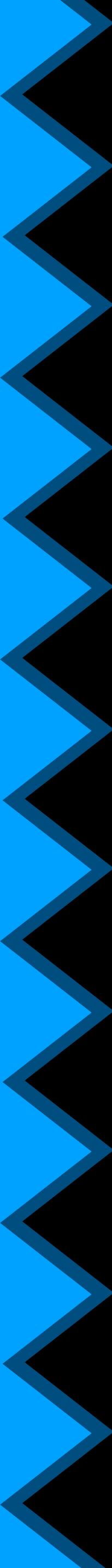
[Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center;
background, ESA/Gaia/DPAC]

Neutron Stars

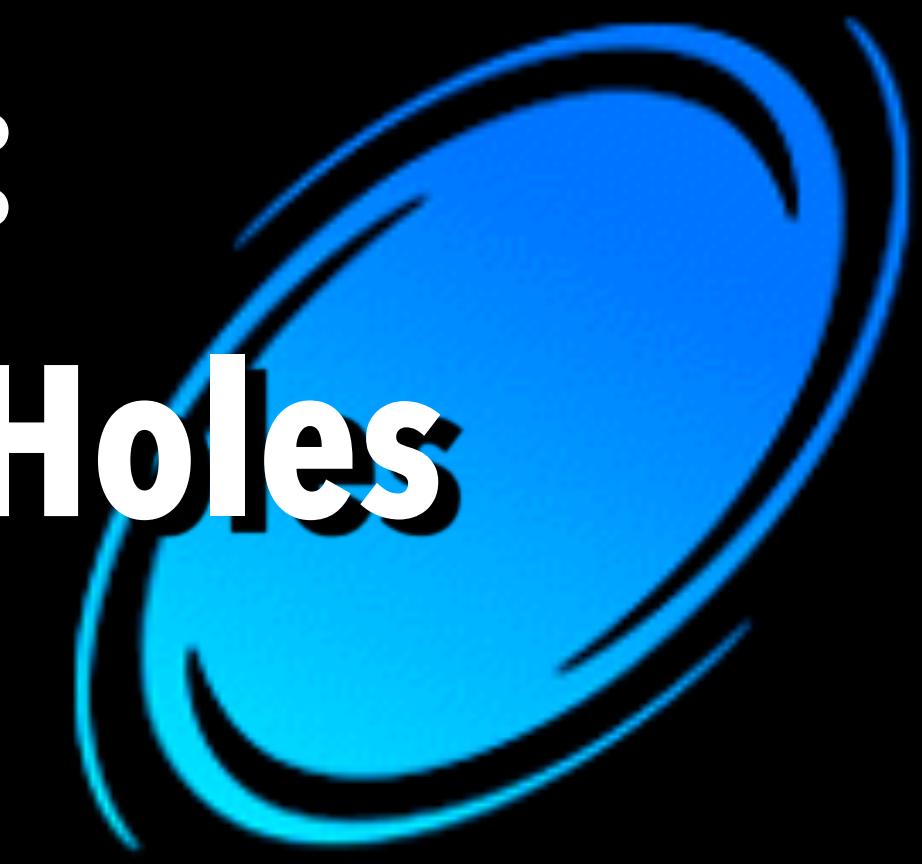


[Credit: Casey Reed (Penn State University),
Wikimedia Commons]

Higher densities, larger magnetic fields, longer timescales...



Part 1: **Black Holes**



Dark Matter Spikes

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

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

“Astrophysical scenario”

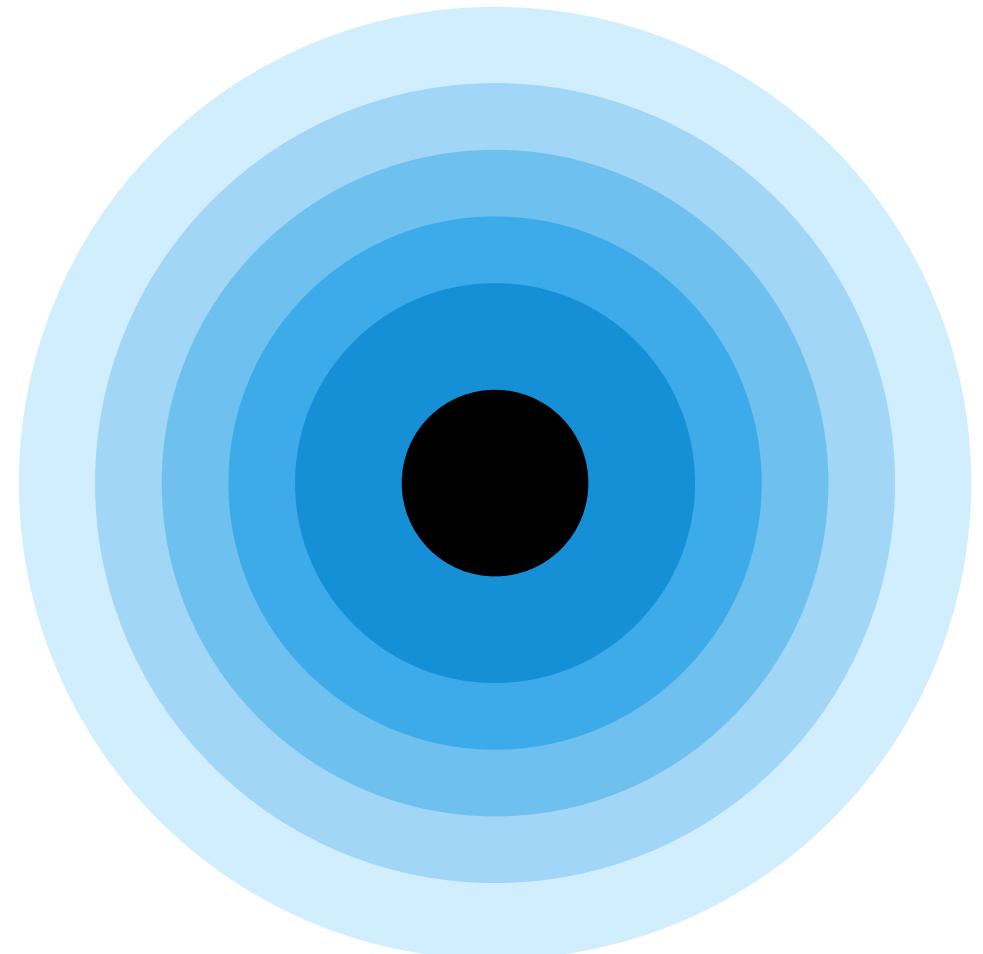
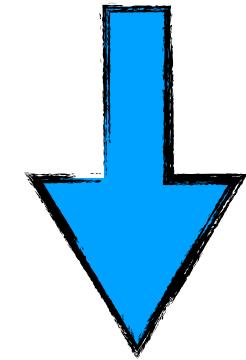
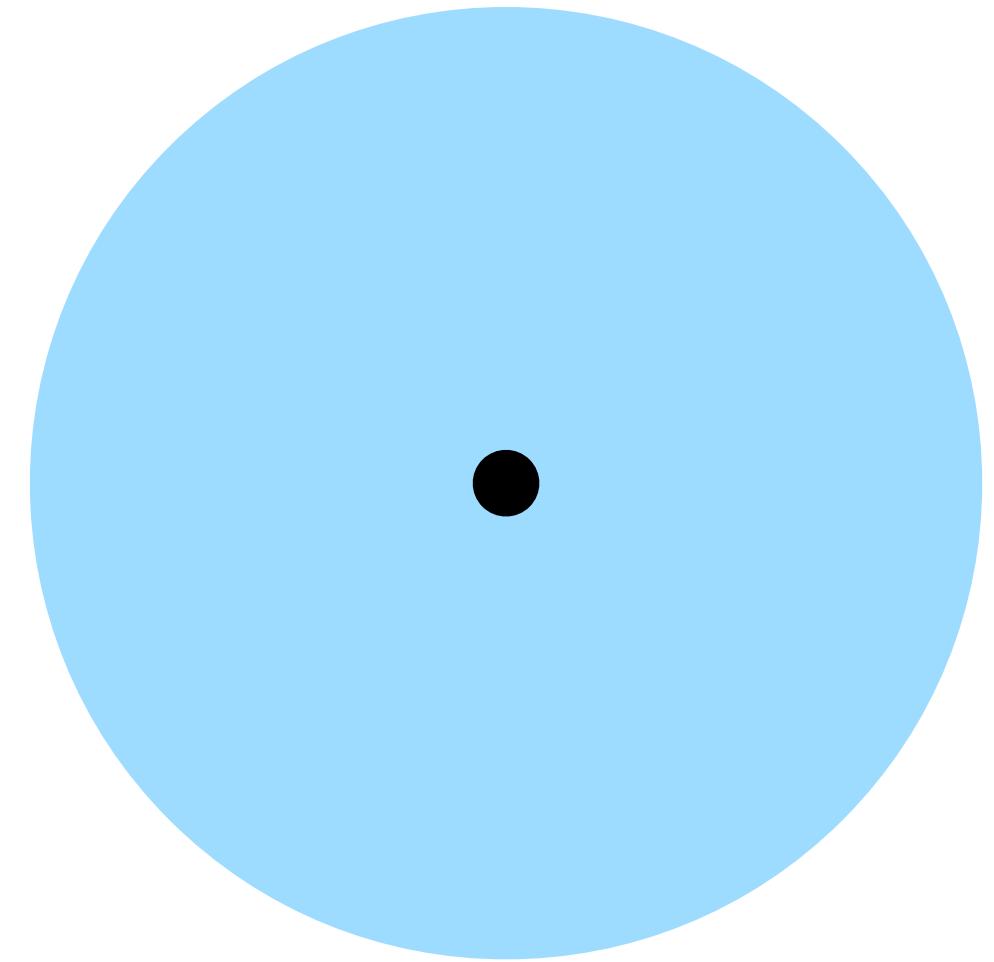
[[astro-ph/9906391](#), [astro-ph/0509565](#),
[1305.2619](#), ...]

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

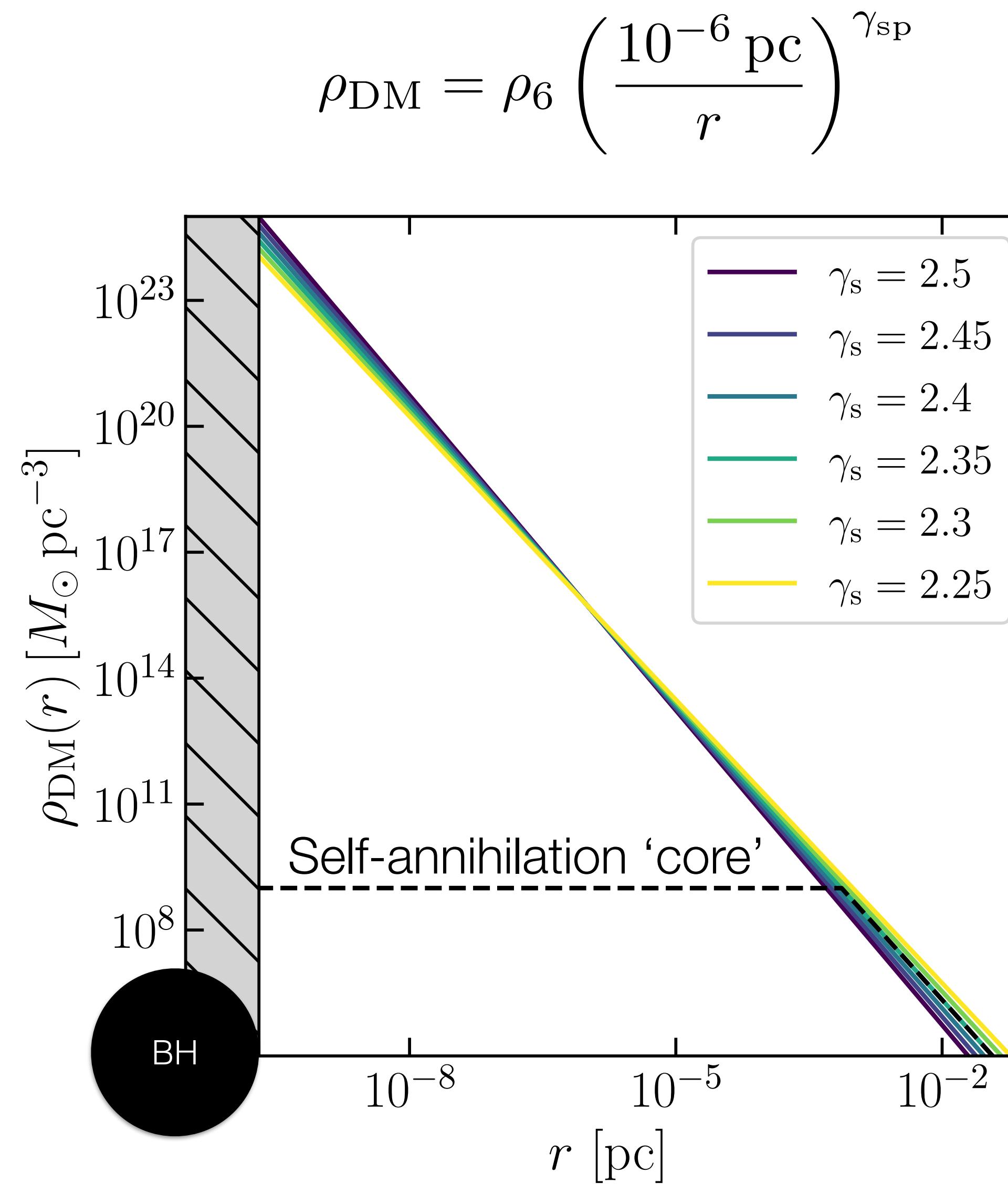
“PBH scenario”

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

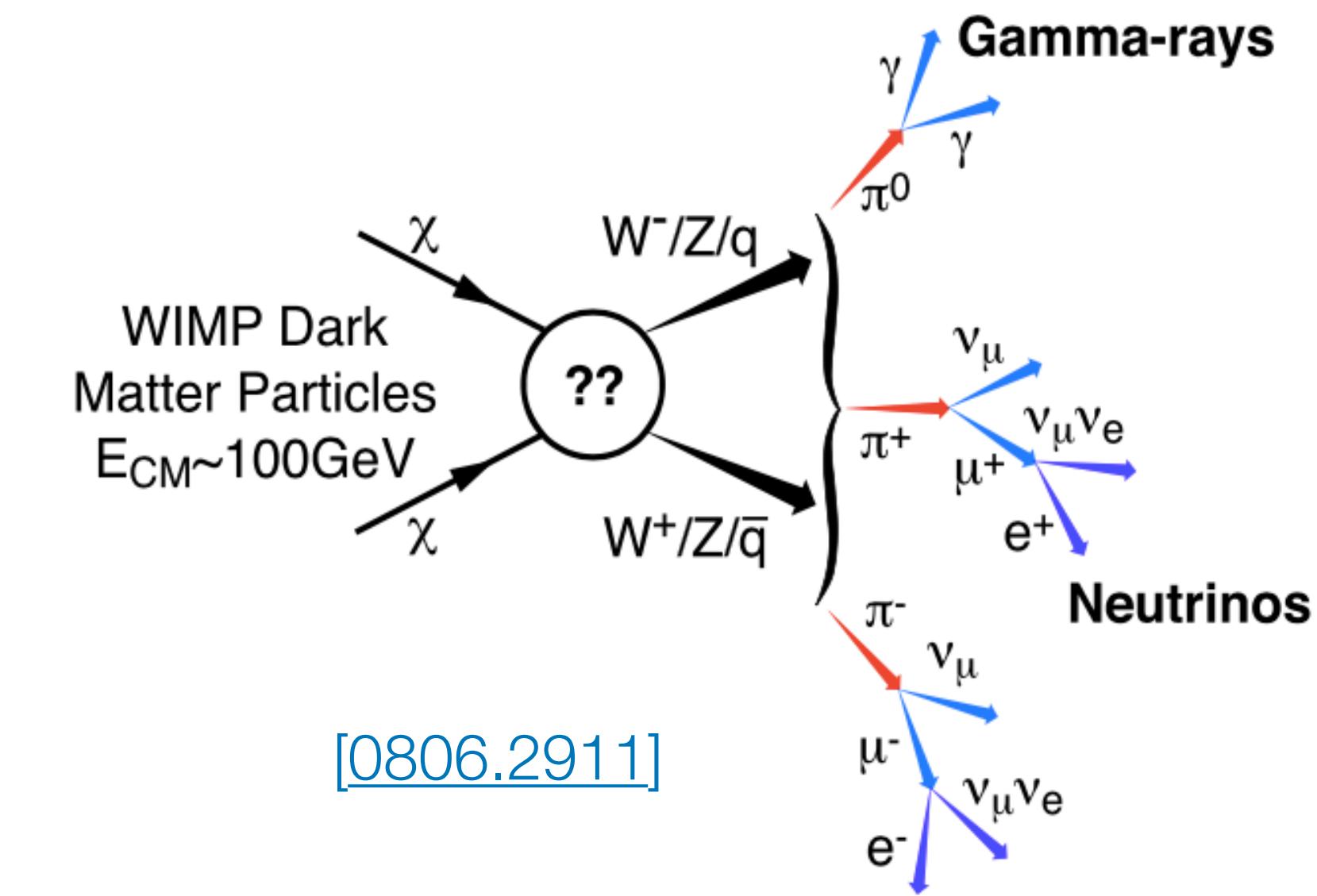
*not to be confused with ultralight boson clouds



DM annihilation?



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

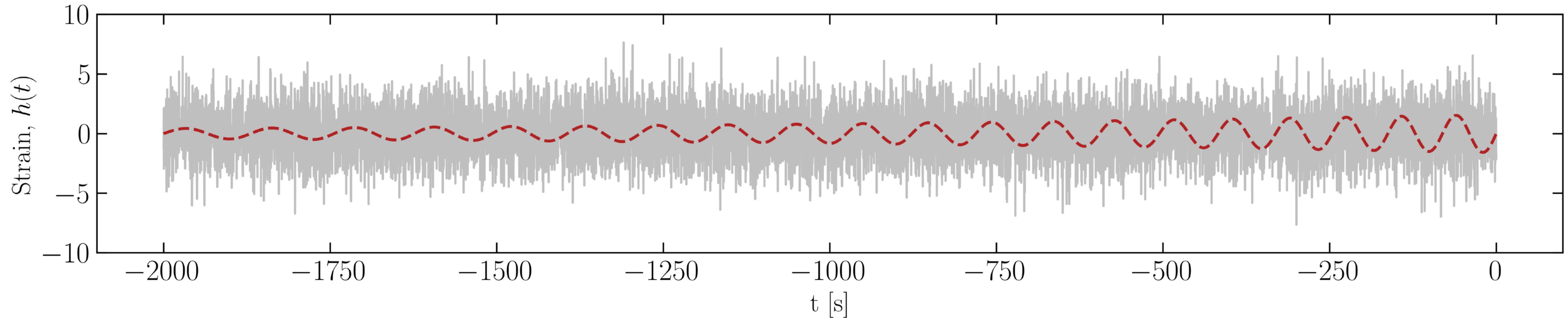
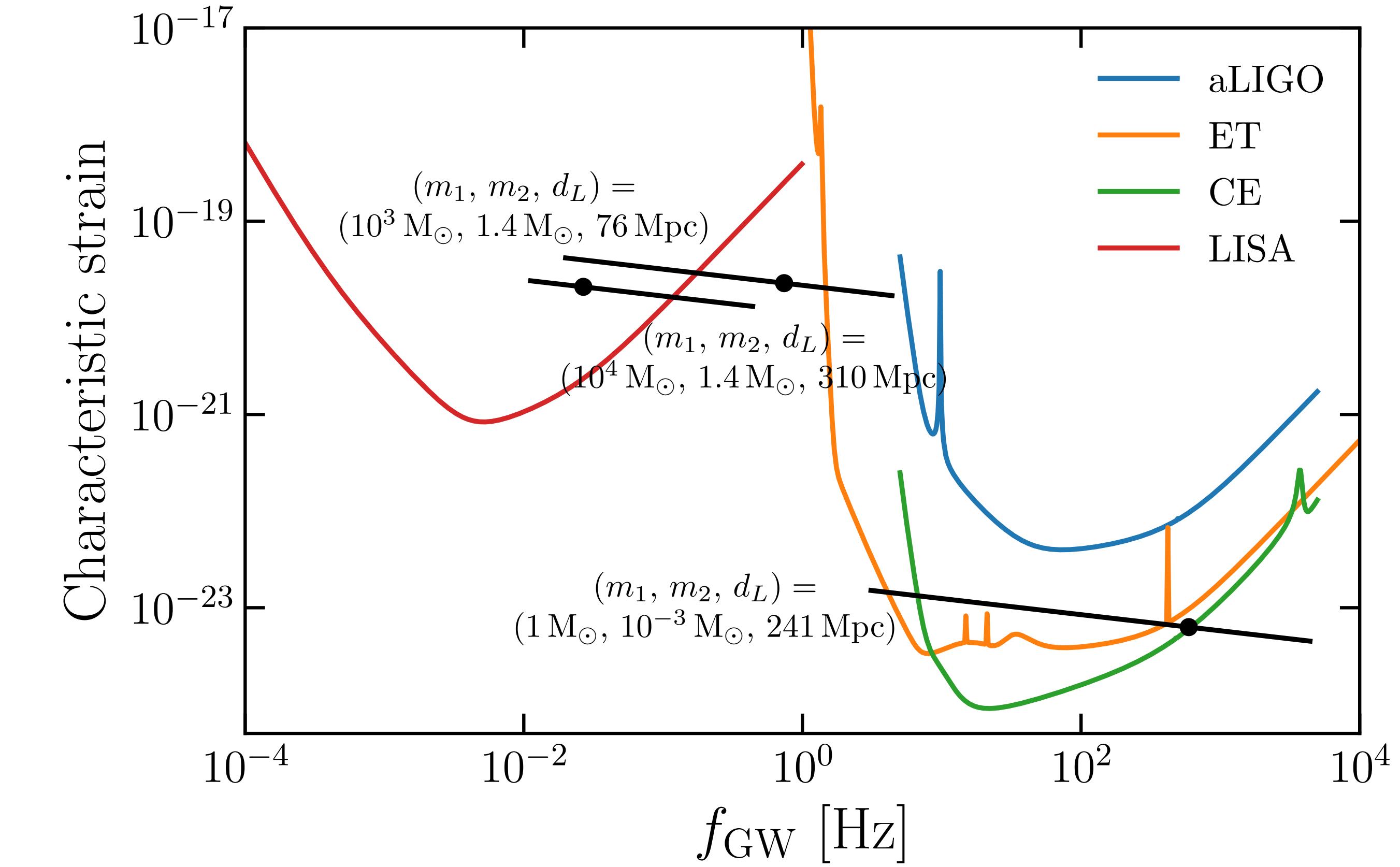
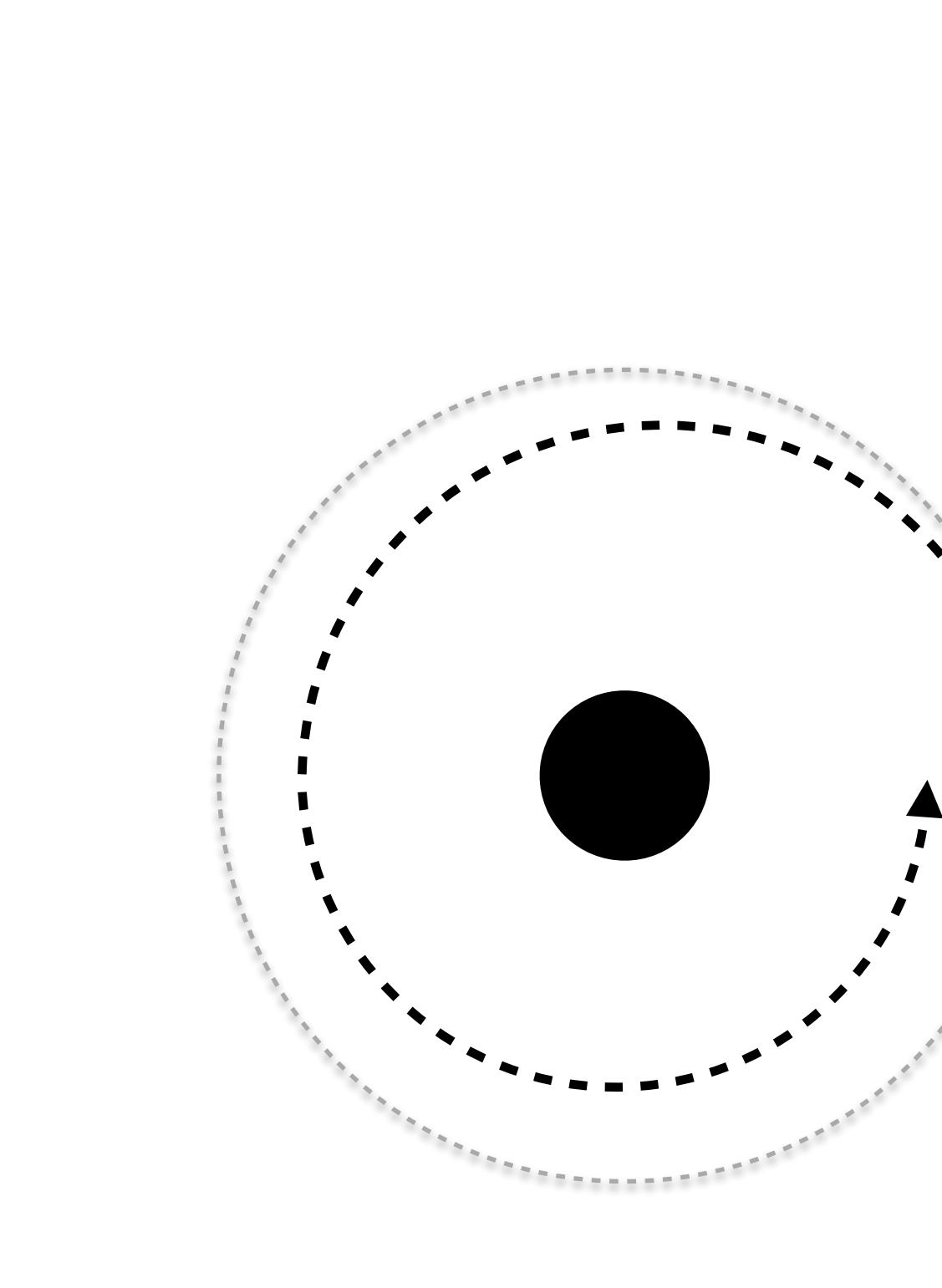


DM self-annihilation can suppress the spike density, but can still lead to large (diffuse and point source) fluxes of gamma-rays and neutrinos

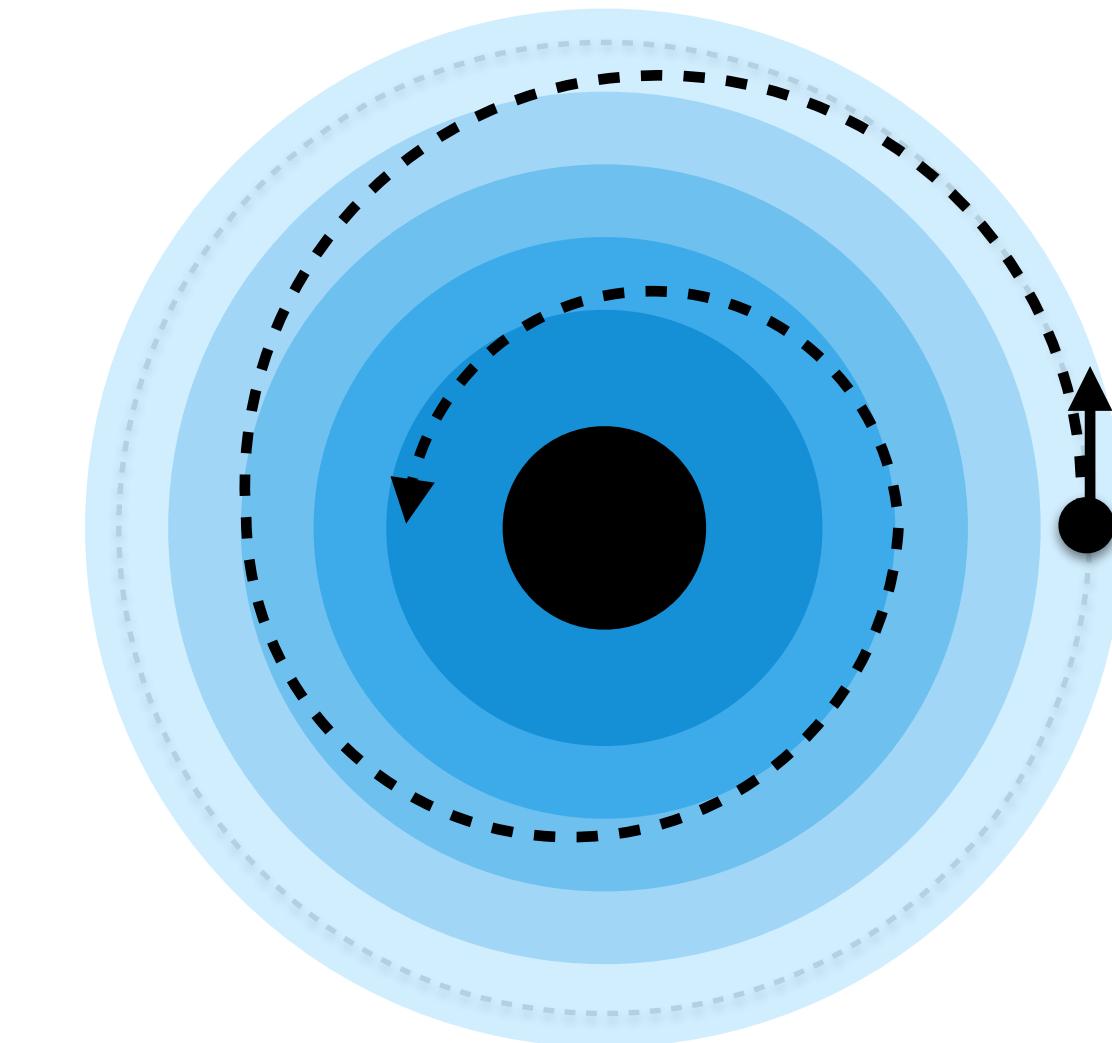
[E.g. Lacroix & Silk, [1712.00452](#), Bertone et al., [1905.01238](#), Freese et al., [2202.01126](#)]

What about **non-annihilating DM**?

Intermediate Mass Ratio Inspirals (IMRIs)

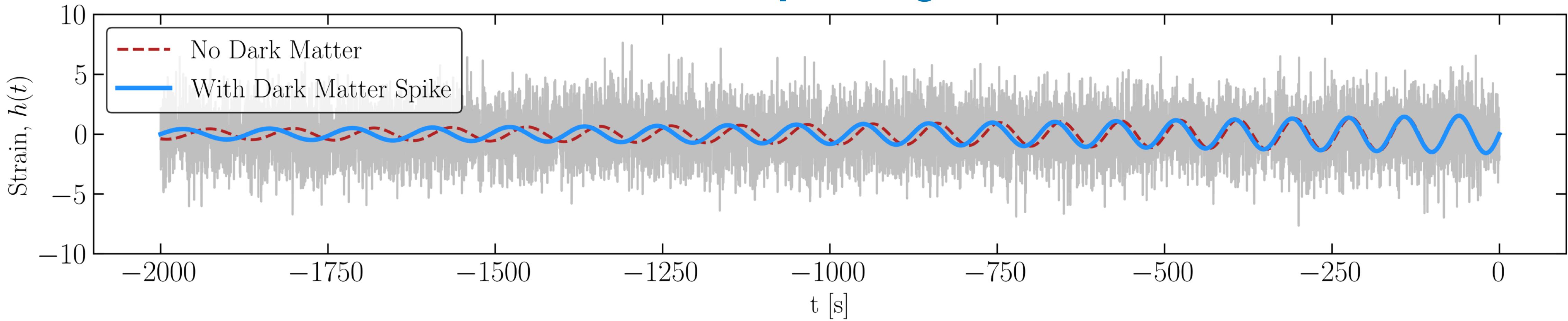
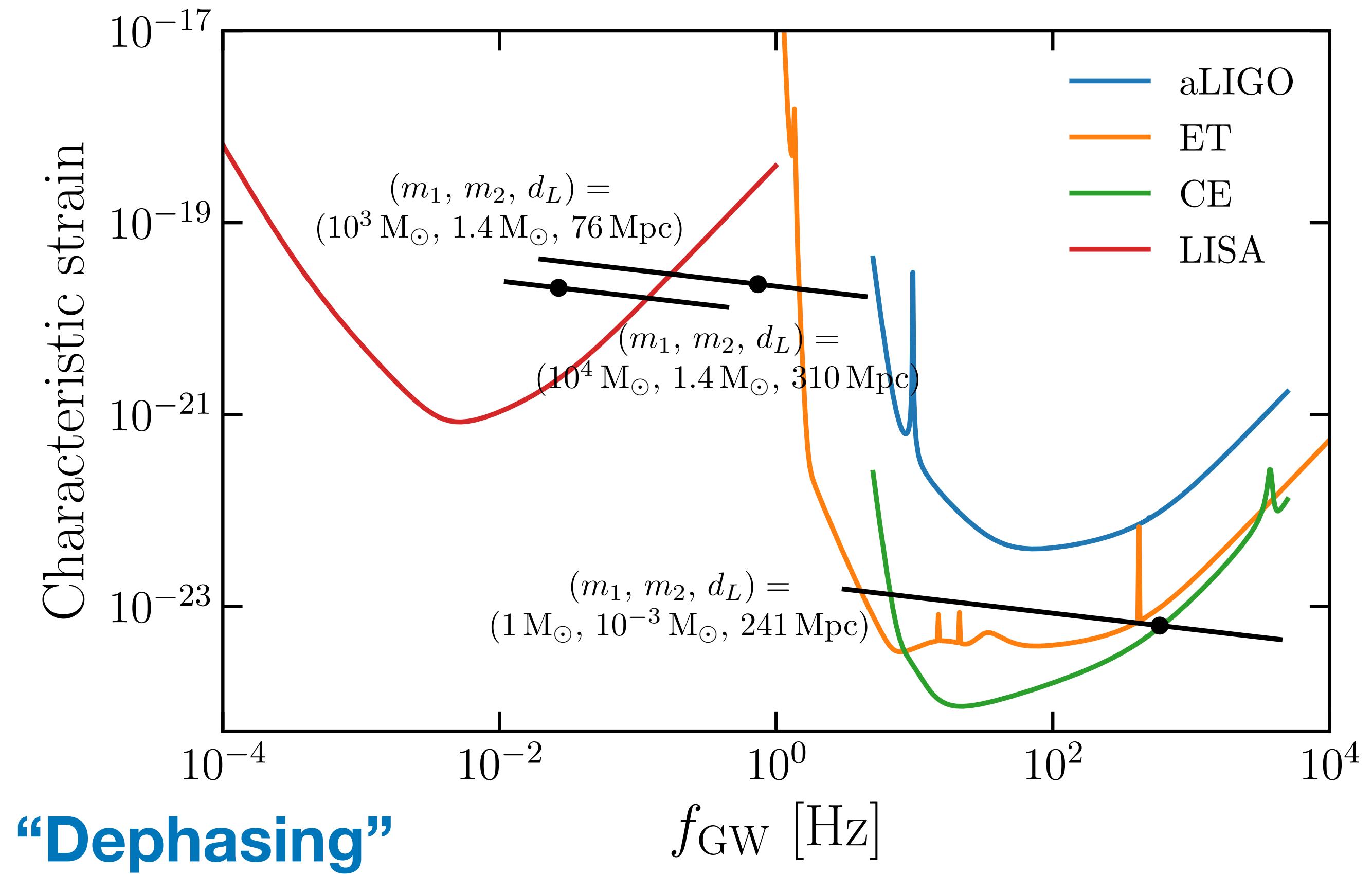


Dephasing of 'Dressed' IMRIs



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

“Dephasing”



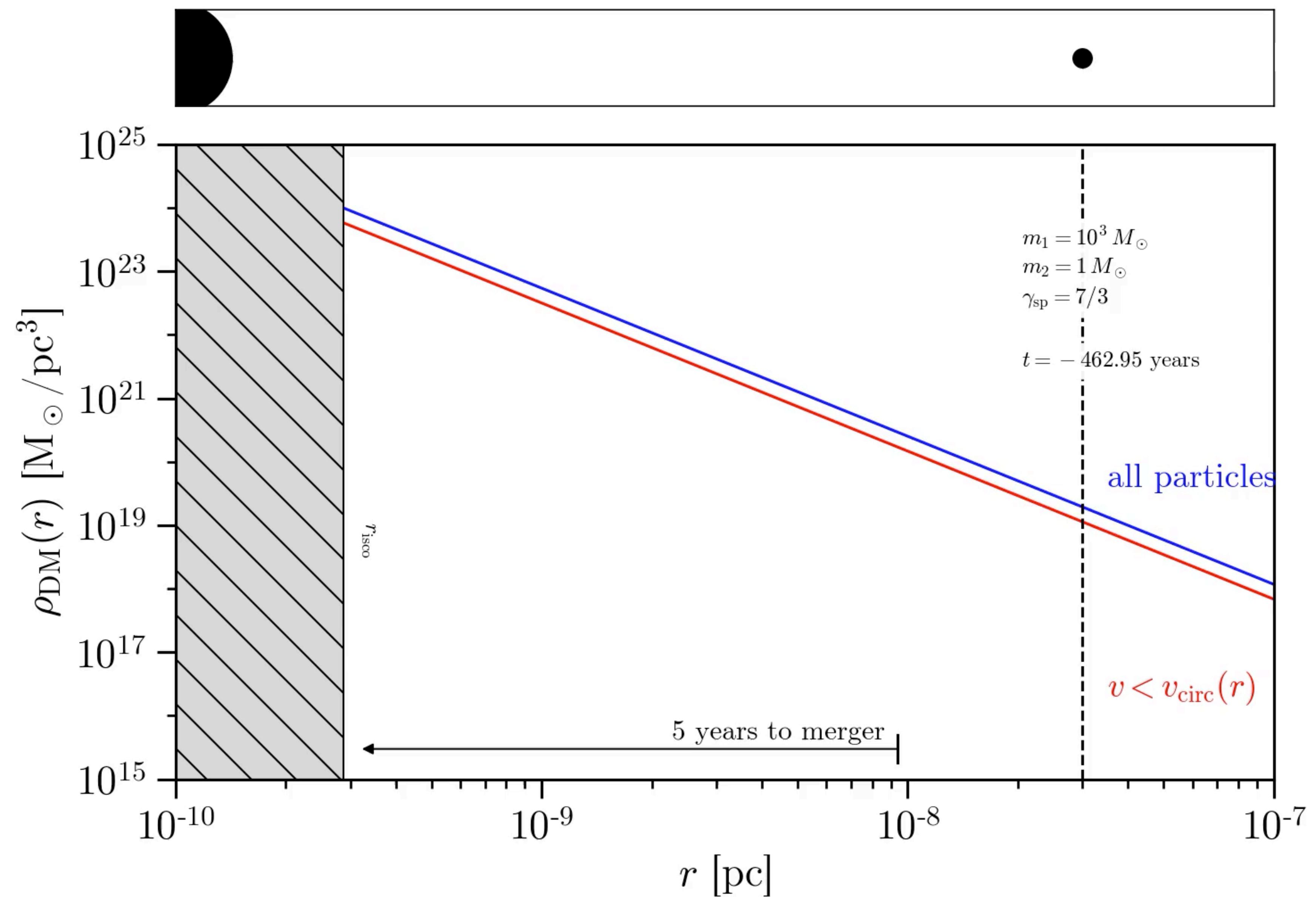
[See e.g. Eda et al. [1301.5971](#), [1408.3534](#), Macedo et al., [1302.2646](#); Cardoso & Maselli, [1909.05870](#)]

Co-evolution

Newtonian motion of the binary, taking into account

- GW emission
 - Dynamical Friction
 - DM Halo Feedback

Density of the DM spike is depleted (and replenished).



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[BJK, Nichols, Gaggero, Bertone, 2002.12811]

[Movies: tinyurl.com/GW4DM]

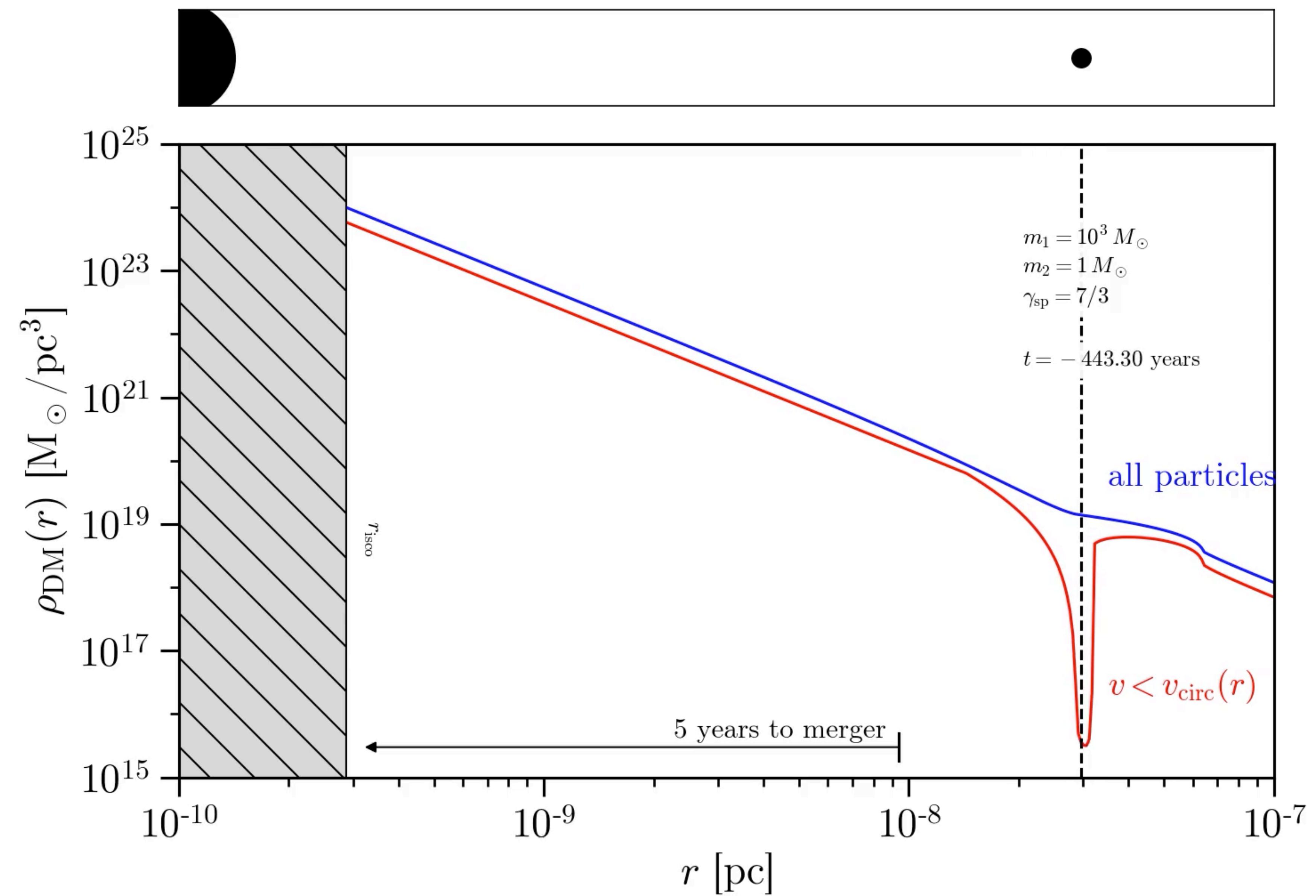
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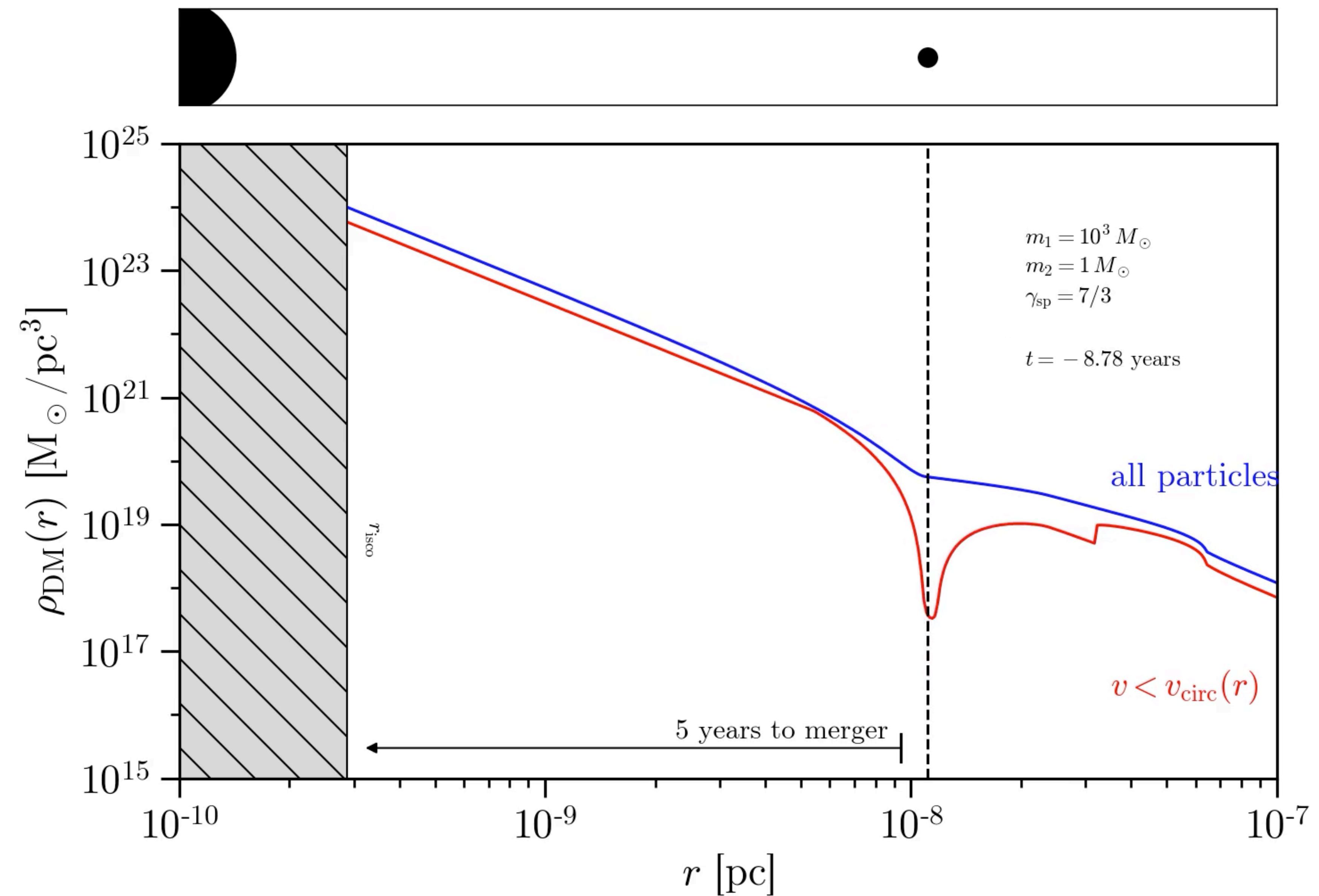
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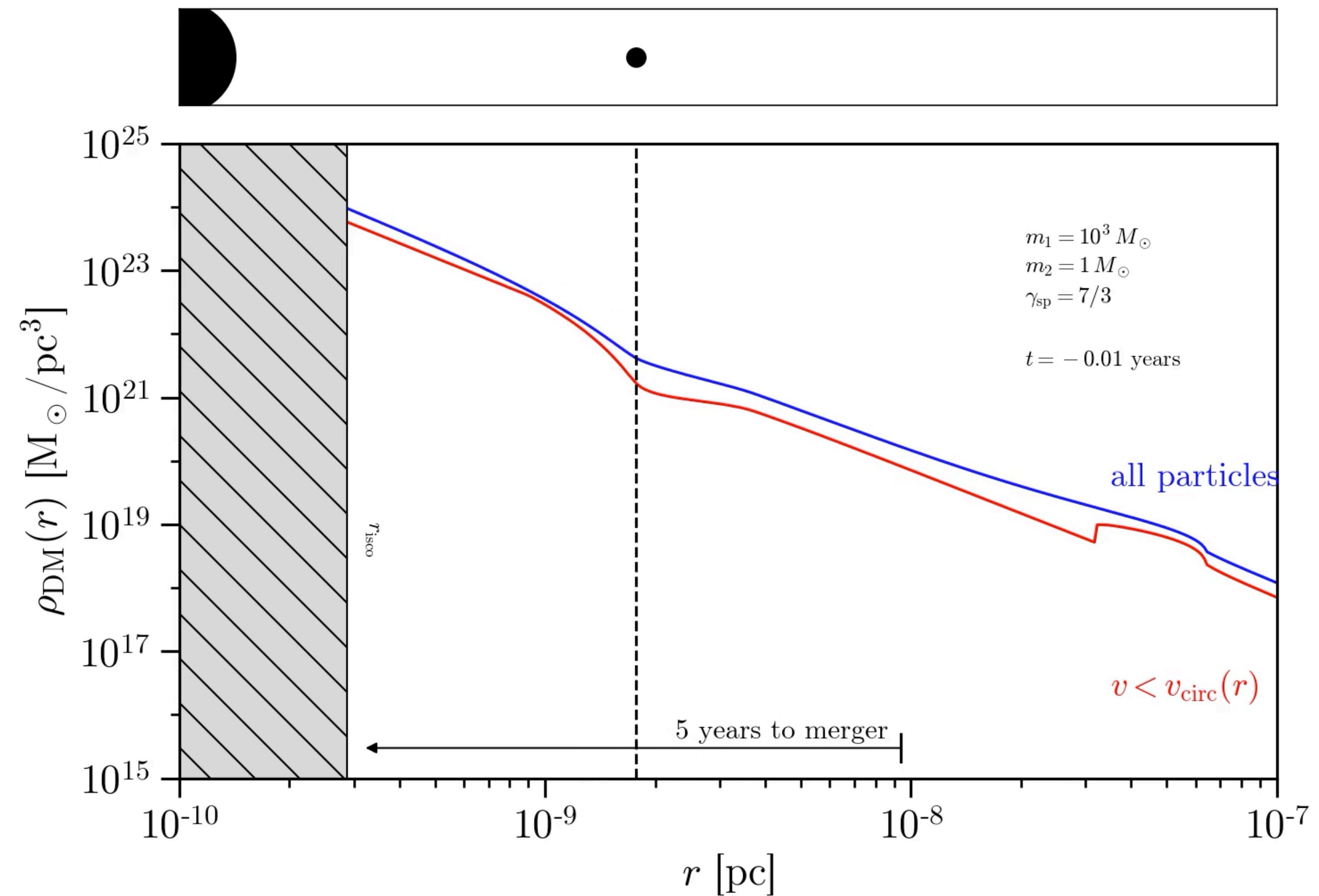
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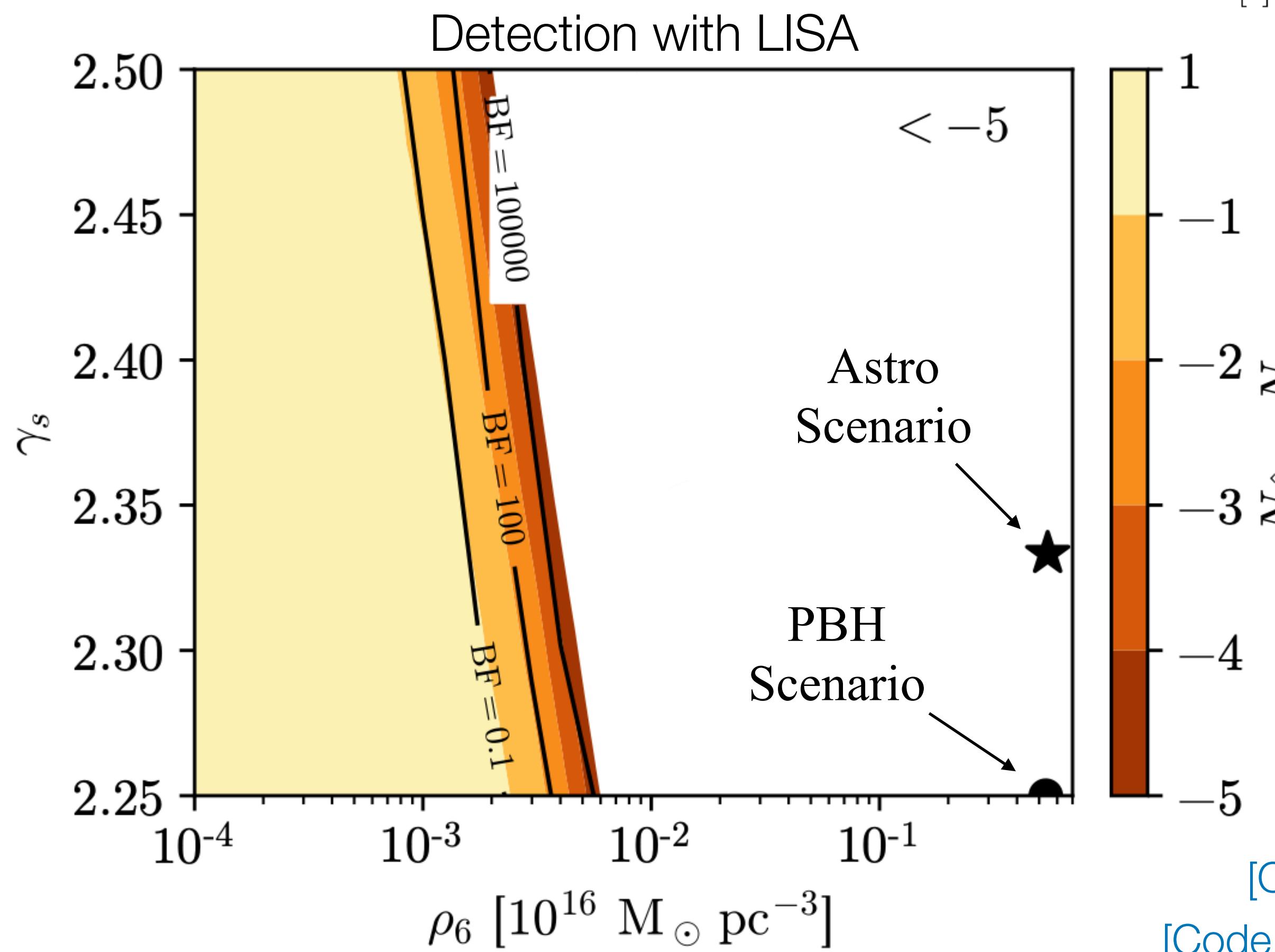
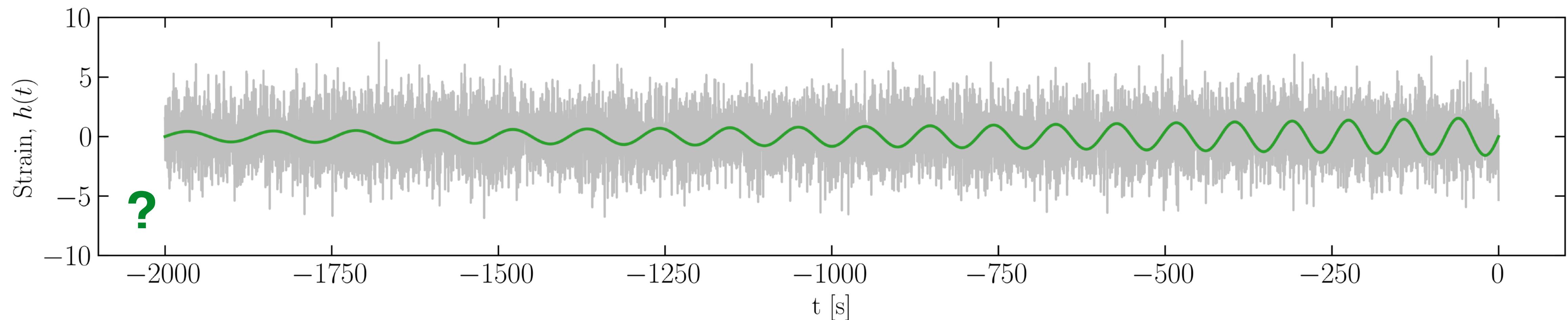
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Discoverability



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

$$\theta_{\mathcal{V}} = \{\mathcal{M}\}$$

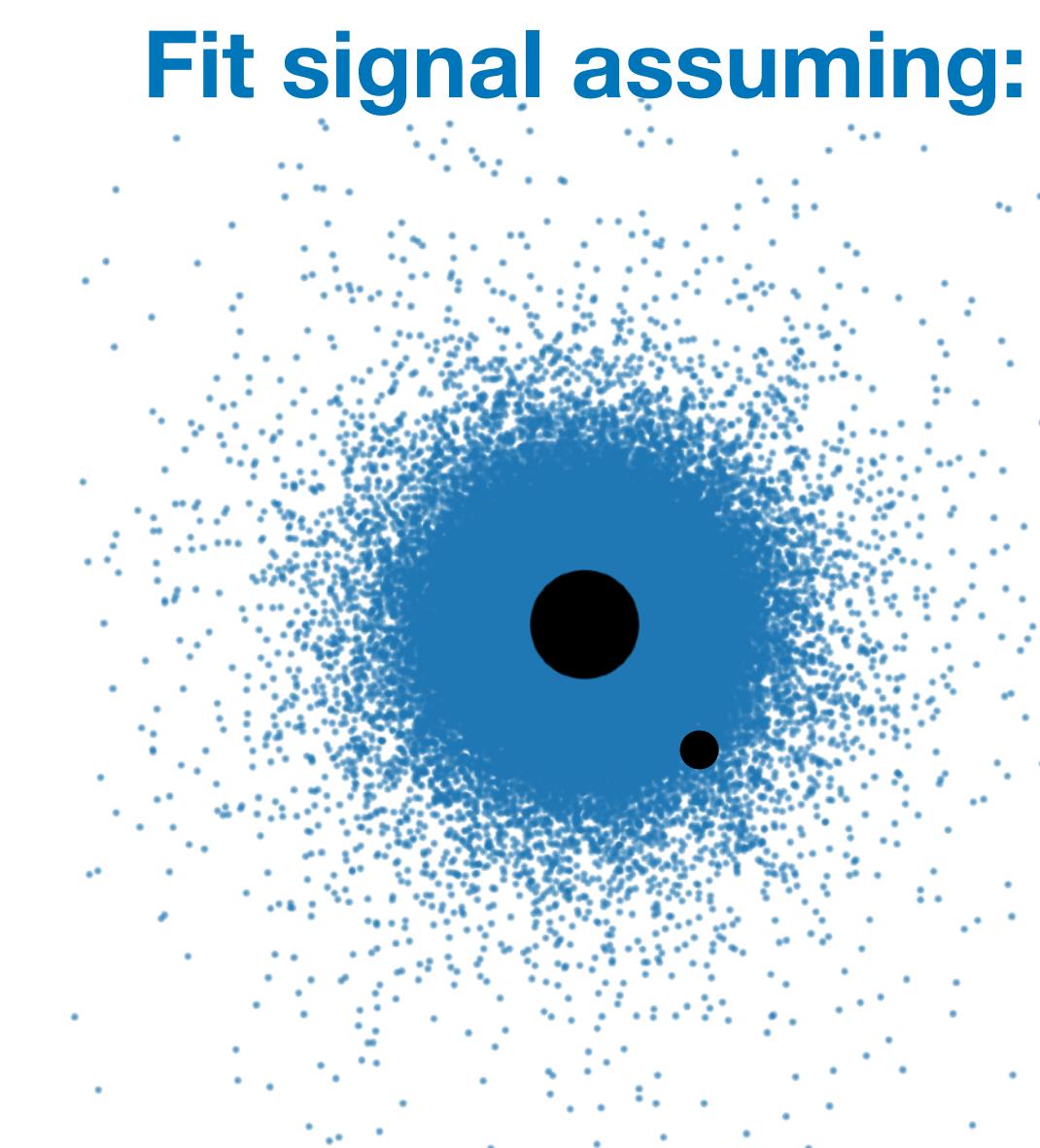
vs.

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

Number of GW cycles of dephasing

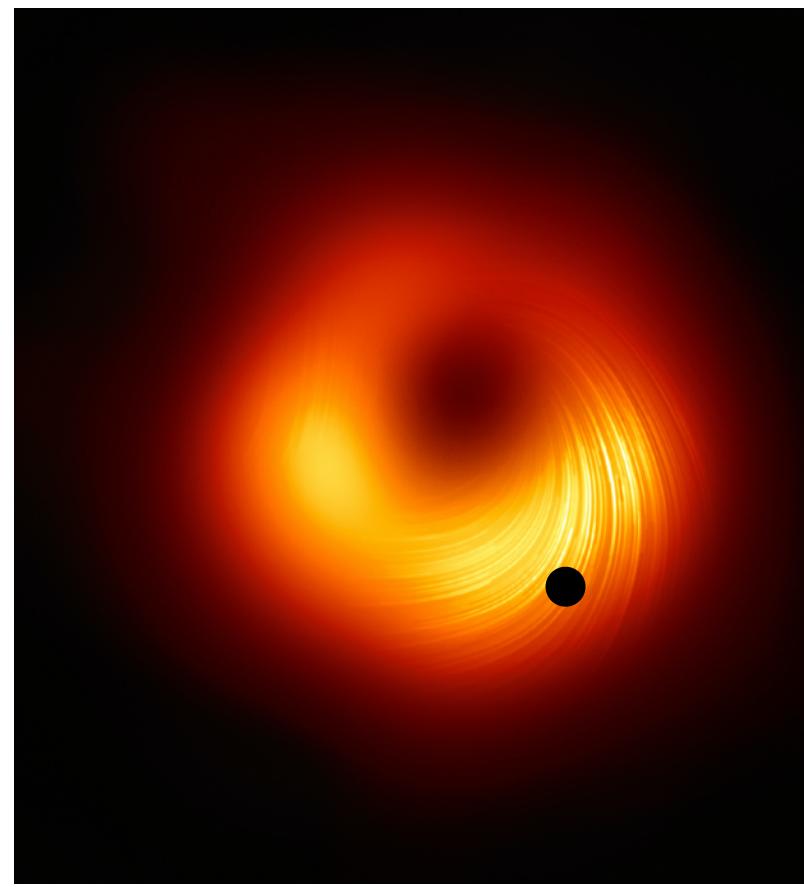
[Coogan, Bertone, Gaggero, **BJK** & Nichols, [2108.04154](#)]
[Code available online: <https://github.com/adam-coogan/pydd>]

Other environmental effects

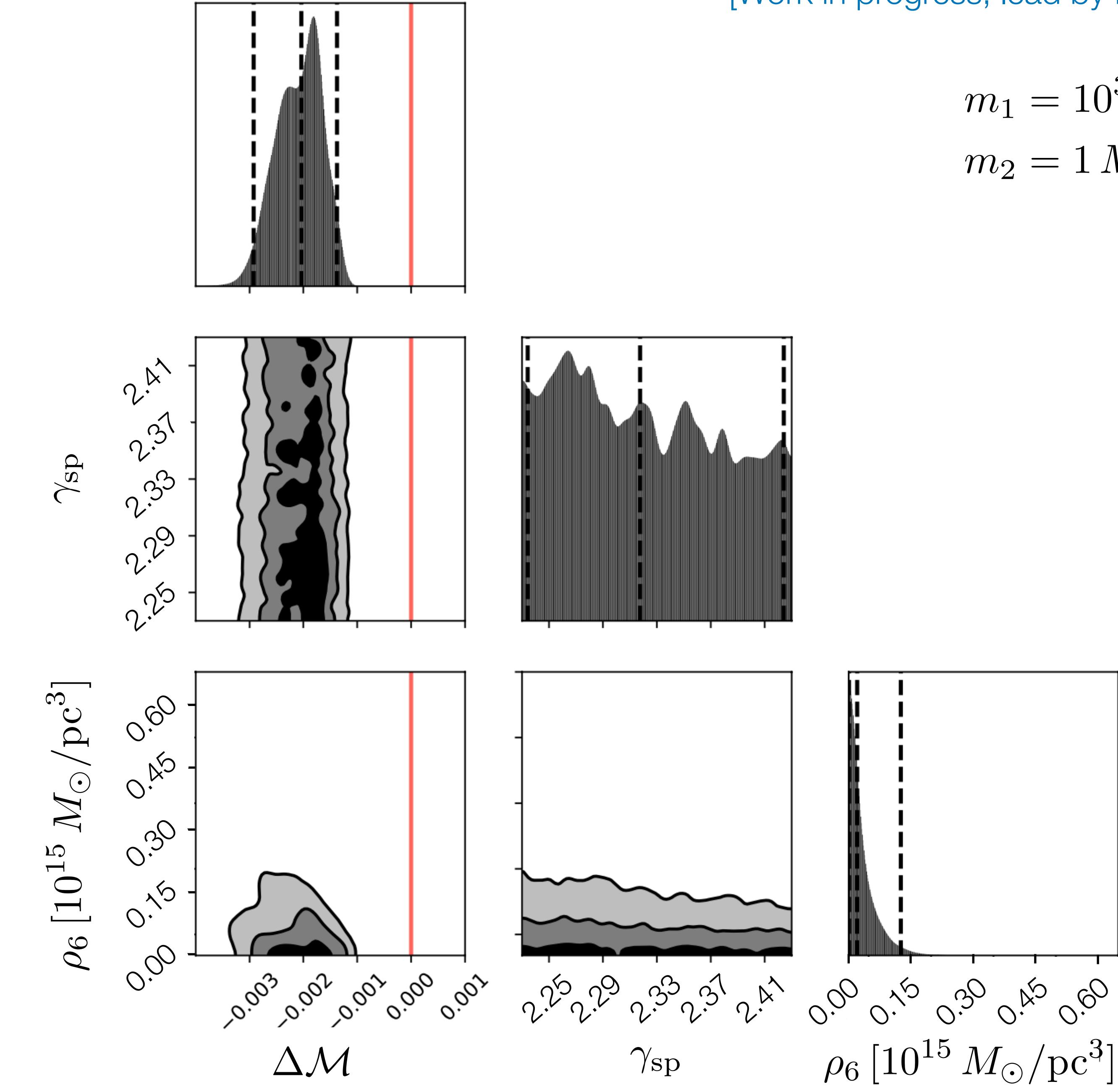


[Event Horizon Telescope]

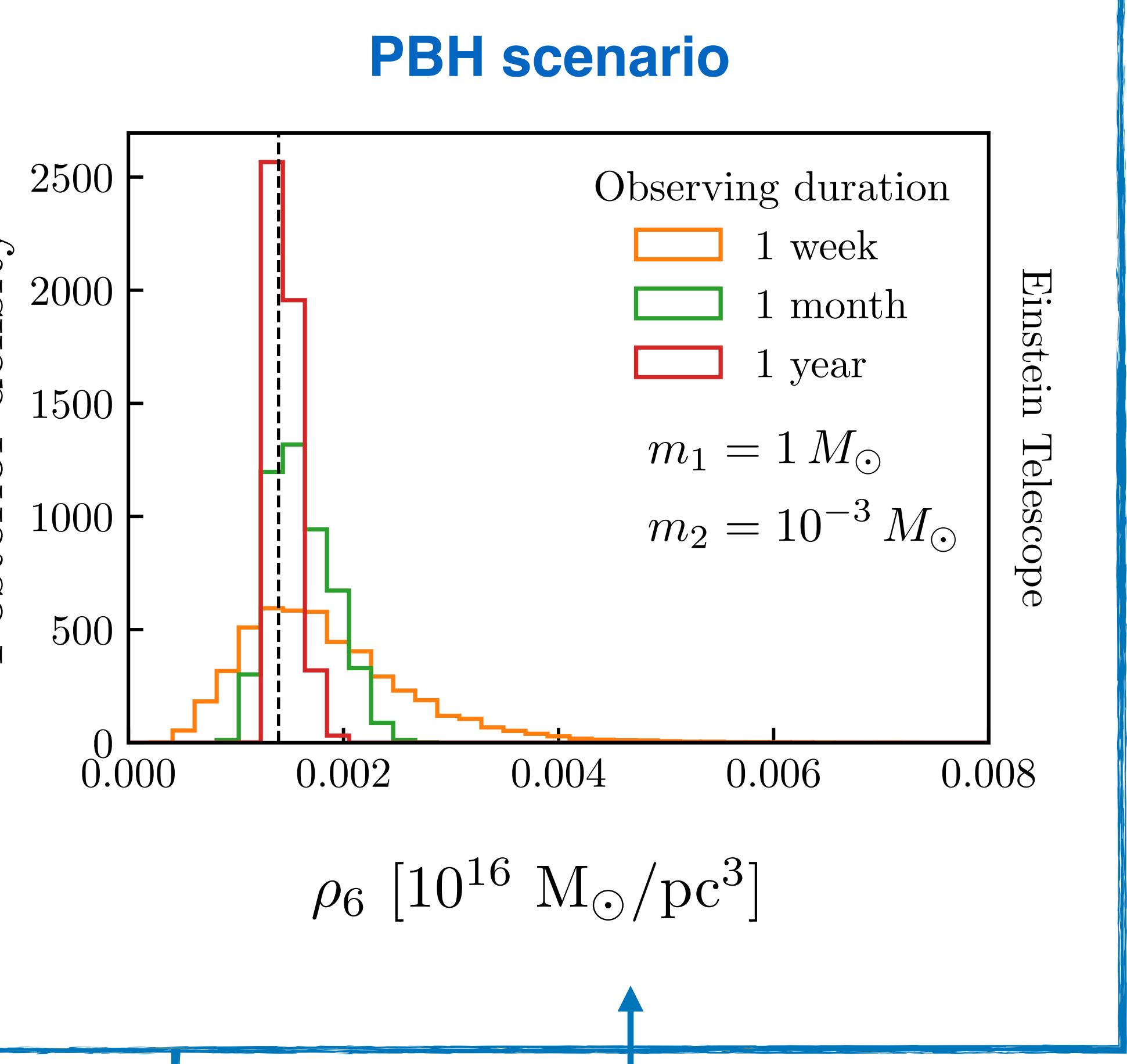
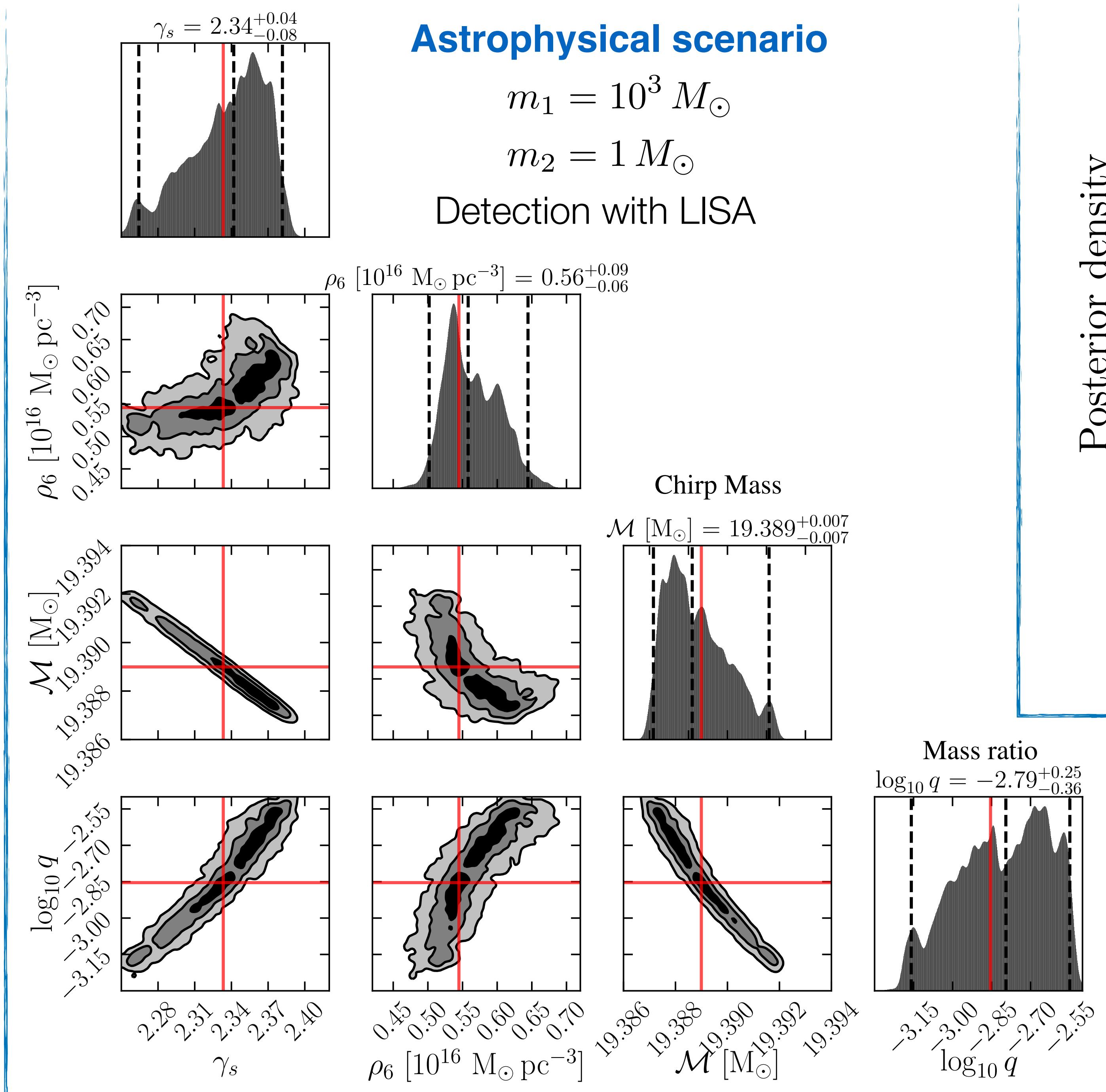
Generate waveform
assuming:



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



Measurability



[Cole, Coogan, **BJK**, Bertone, [2207.07576](#)]

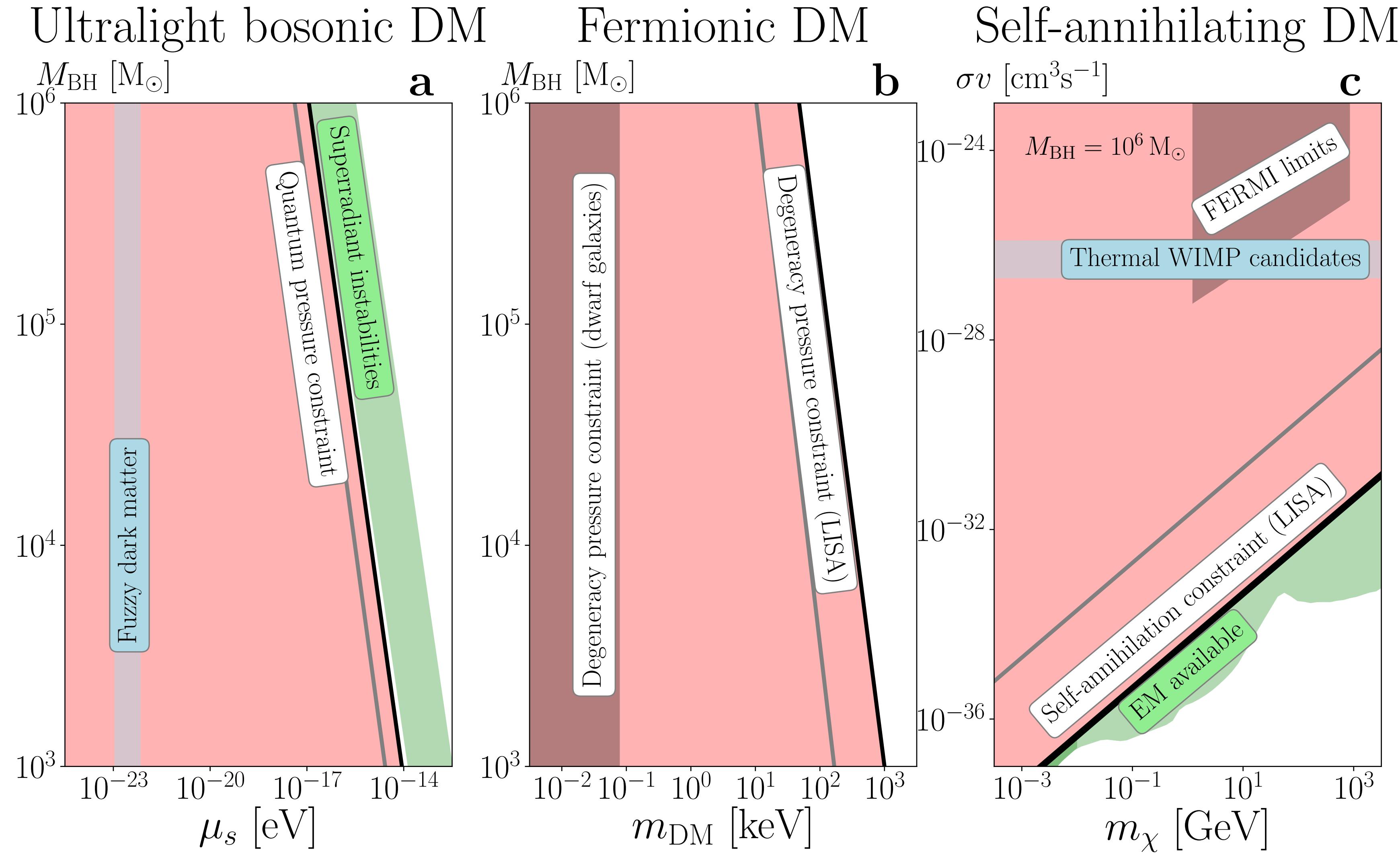
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[Code: github.com/adam-coogan/pydd]

Nature of Dark Matter

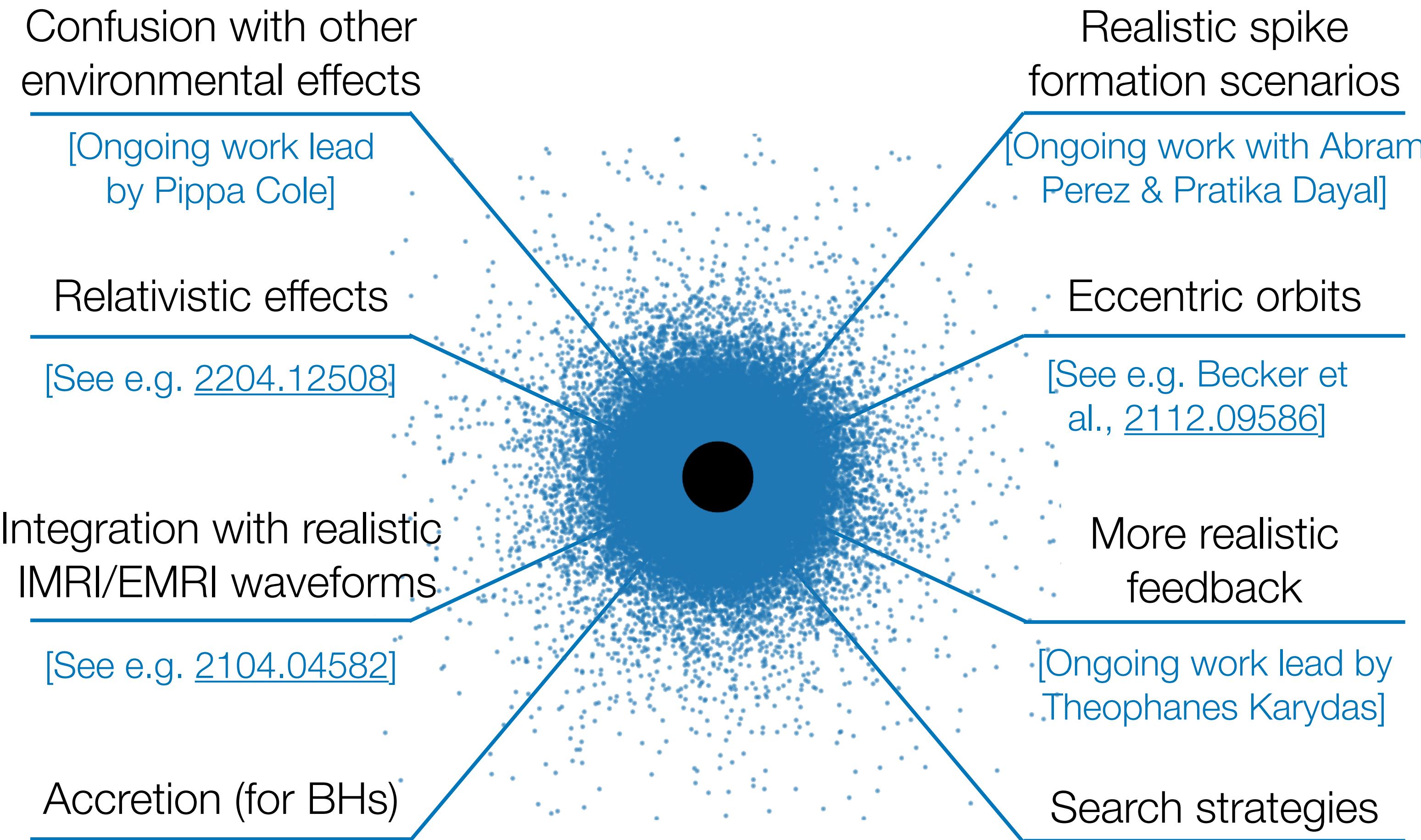
Red regions would be ruled out by observation of a DM spike!

[1906.11845]

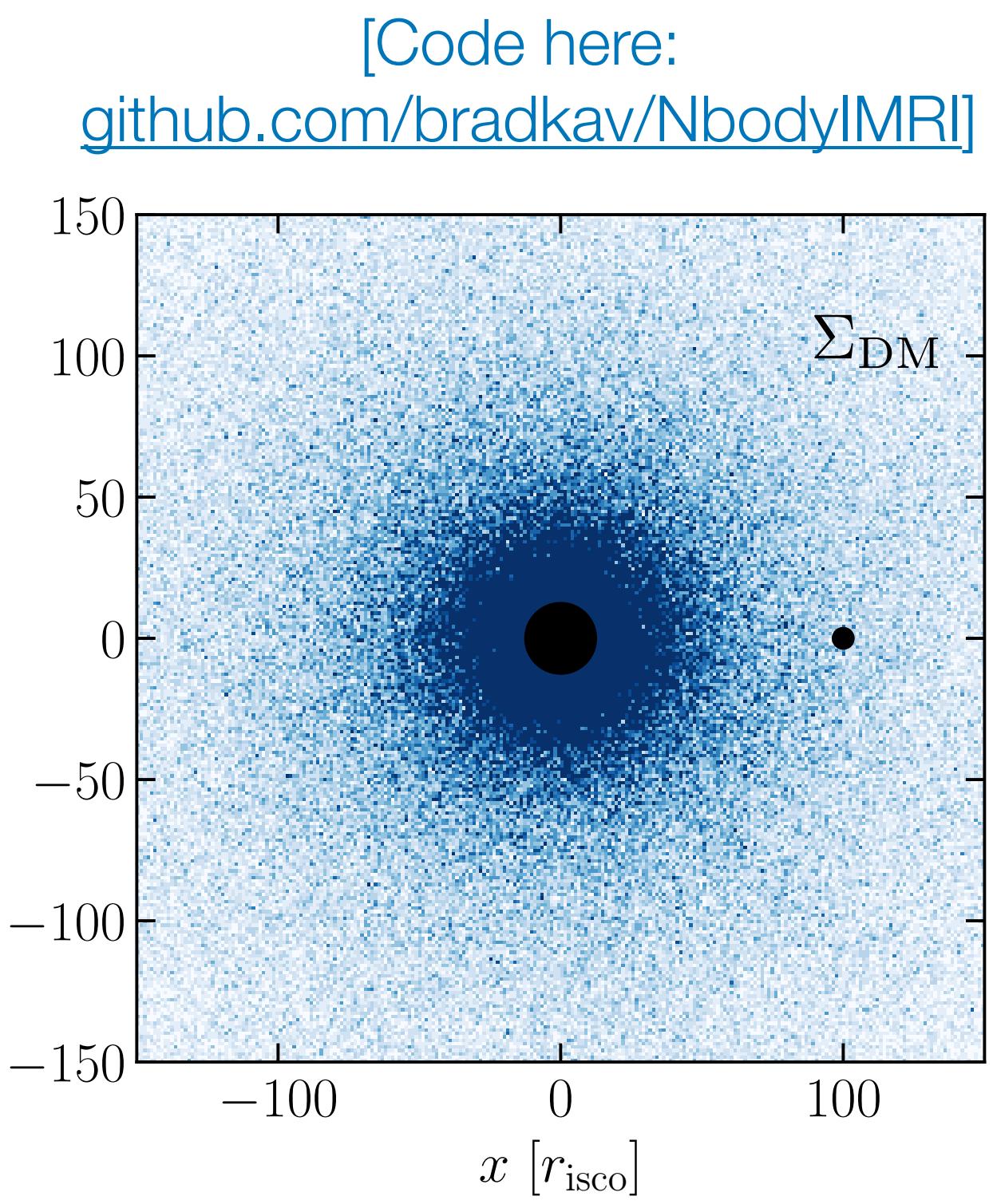
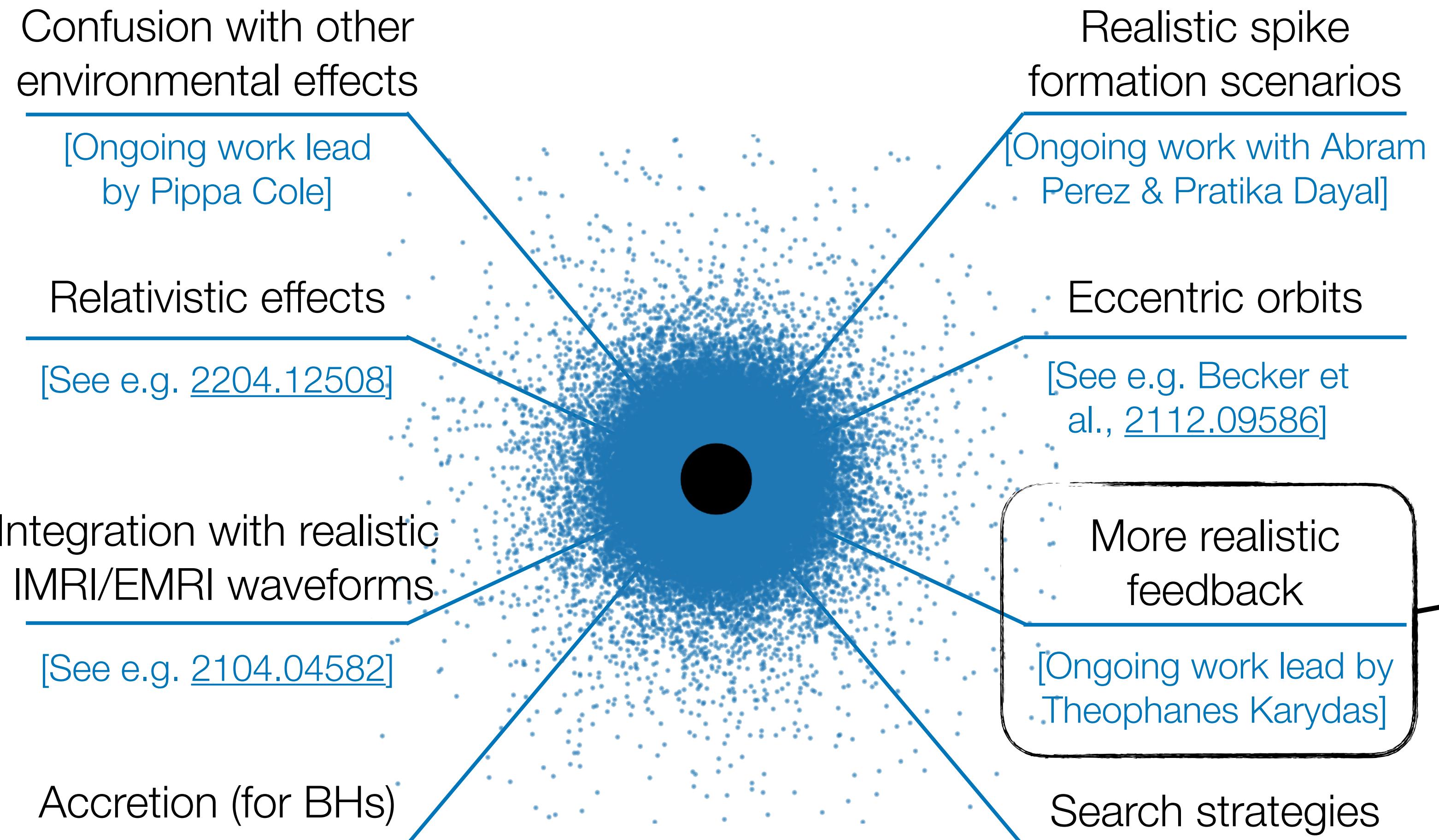


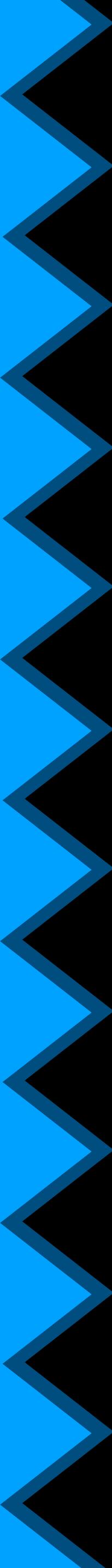
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Towards better DM spikes



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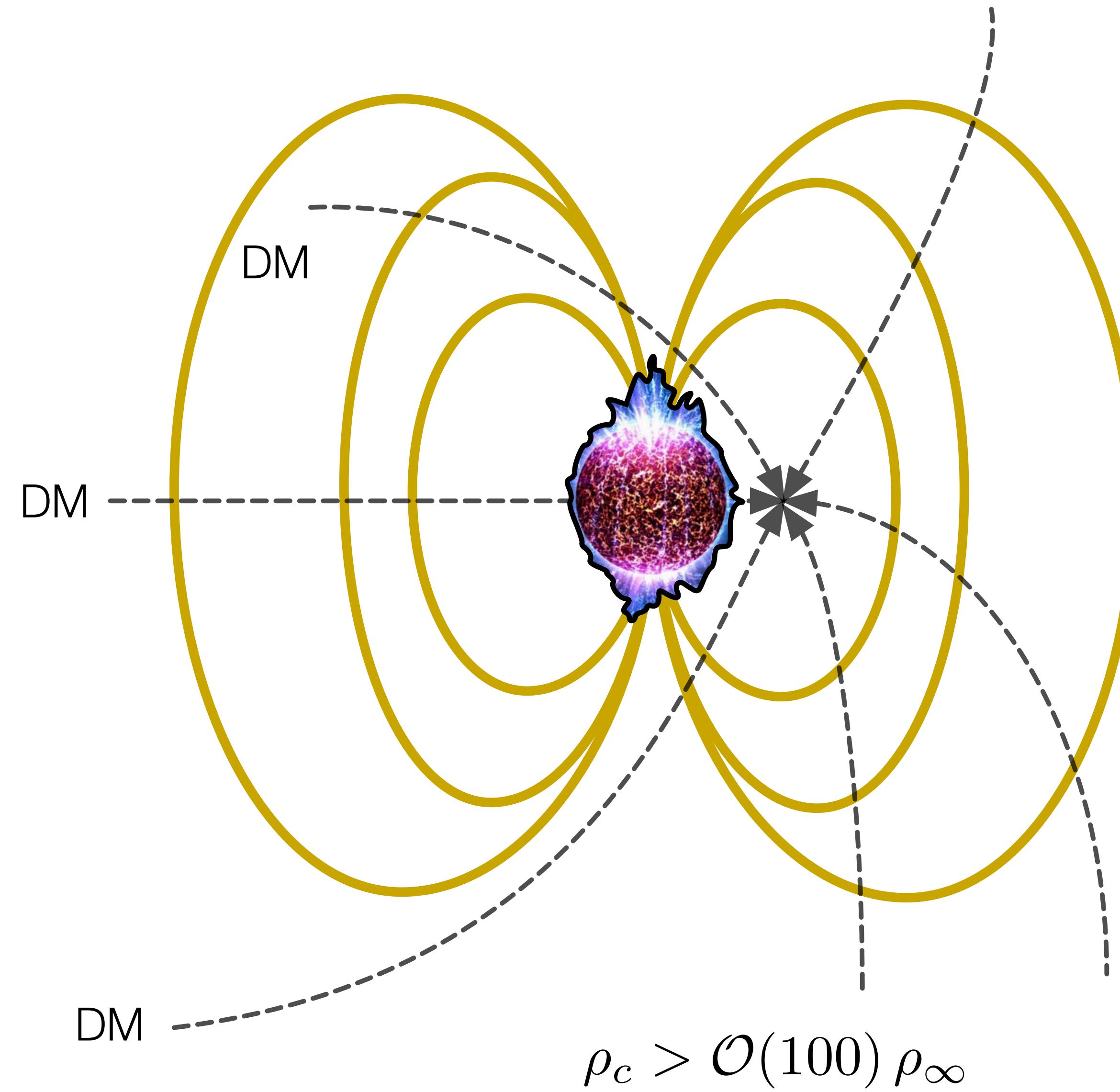




Part 2: **Neutron Stars**



Neutron Stars (NSs)

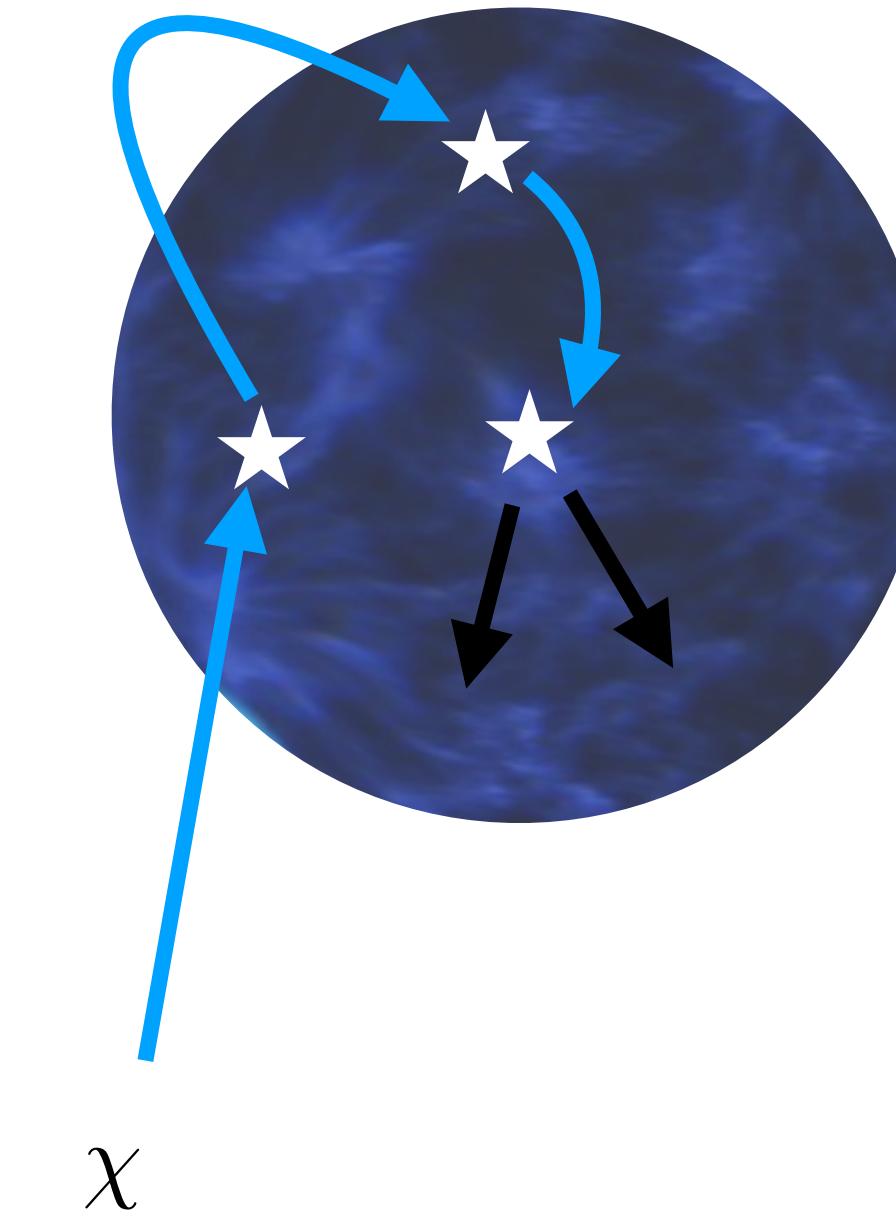
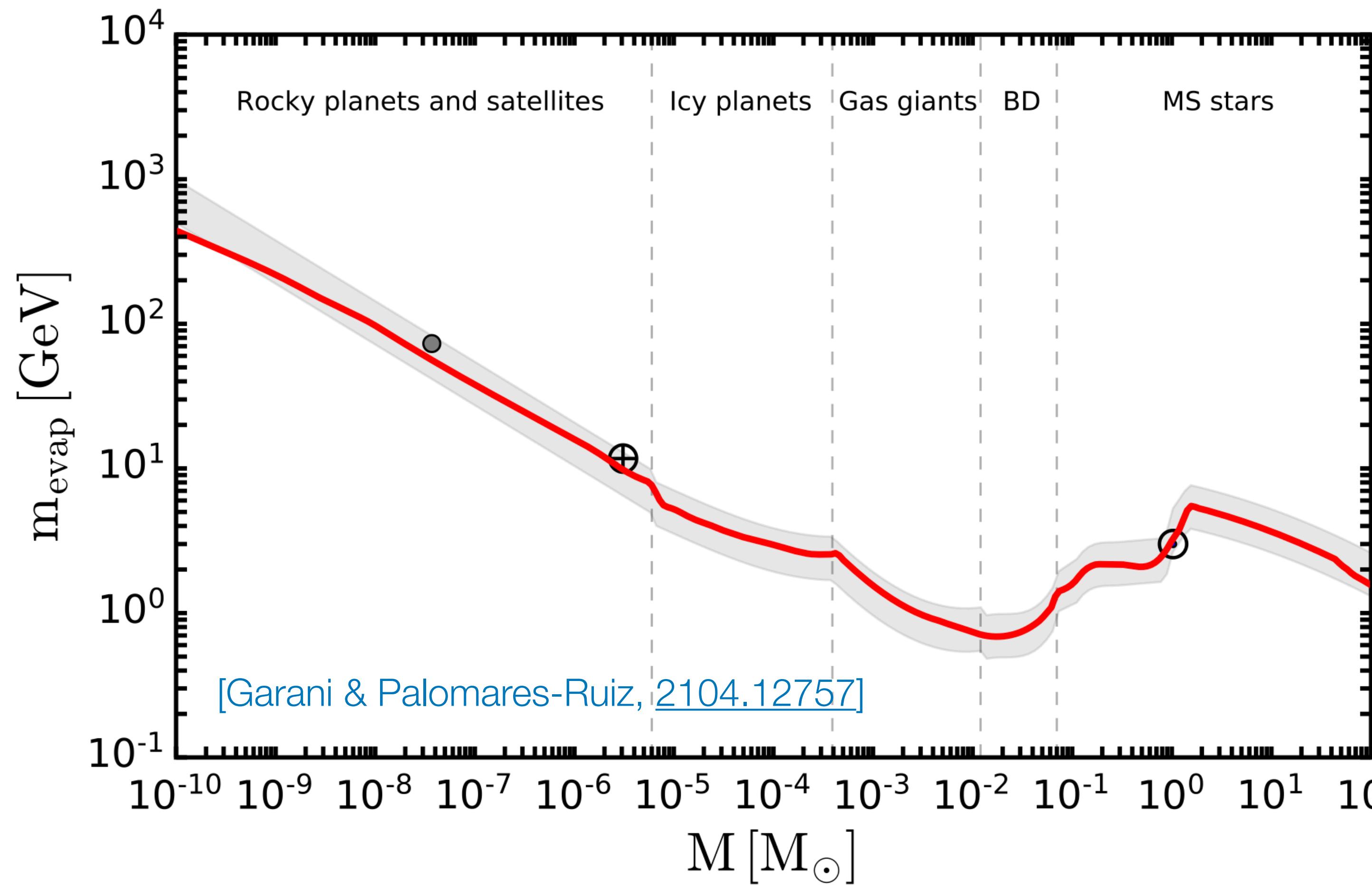


Strong gravitational field compresses DM phase space, enhancing DM density near NS surface

High ‘target’ densities means high opacity to DM-nucleon scattering:
 $\rho > 4.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ g/cm}^3$

Young neutron stars can have **extremely high magnetic fields** ($B_0 = 10^{12} - 10^{15} \text{ G}$), relevant for axion DM

DM Capture (and evaporation)



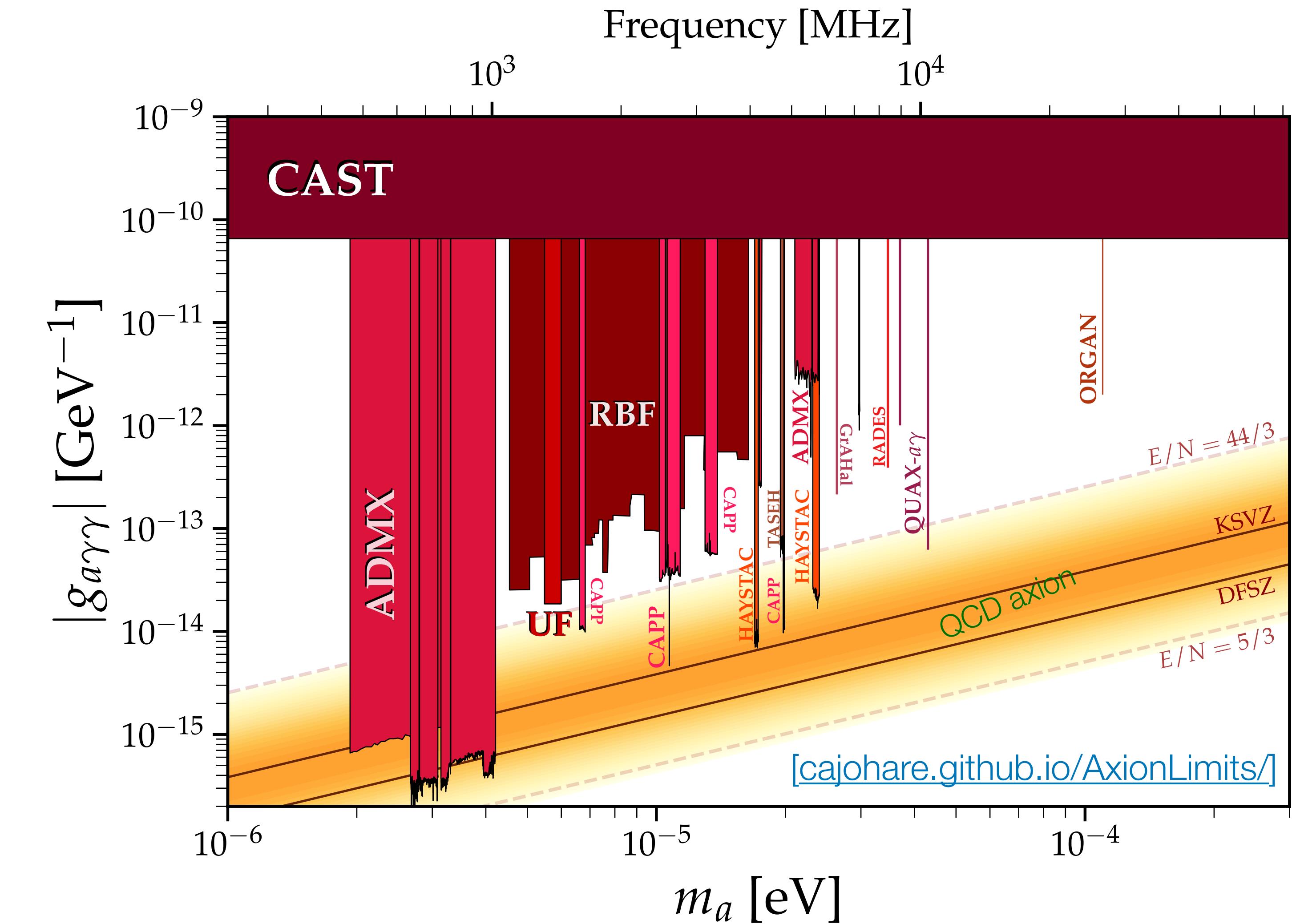
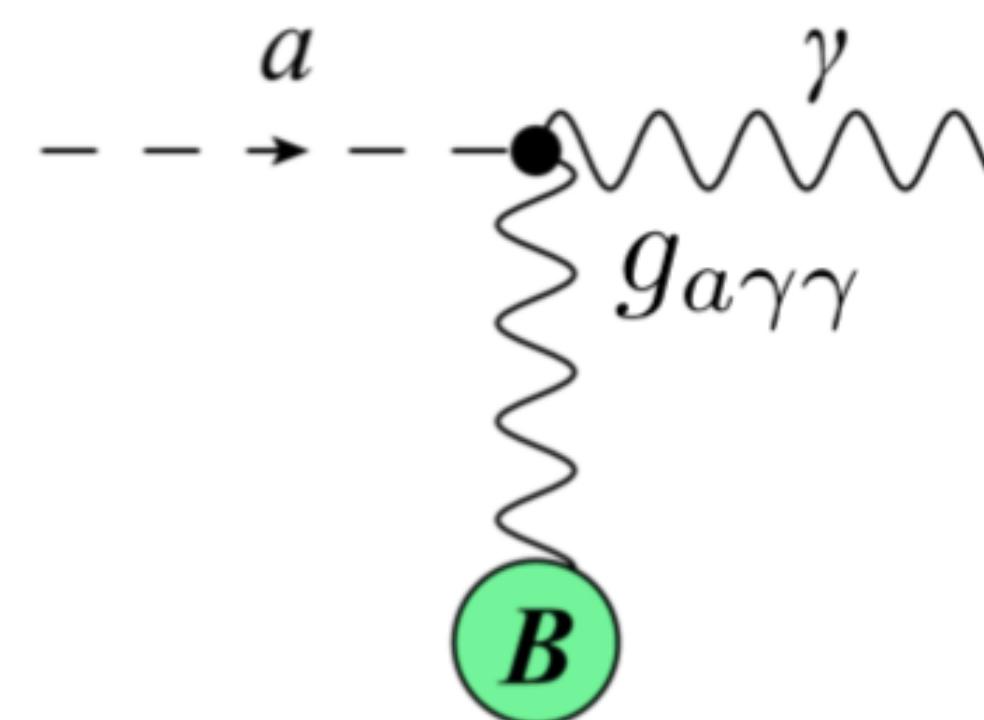
Capture of DM in NSs is possible down to keV masses and can lead to distinctive signatures:

- Impact on NS equation of state (possible GW signatures?) [E.g. Cermeño et al., [1710.06866](#)]
- Neutron star heating (possible optical, X-ray emission) [E.g. Baryakhtar et al., [1704.01577](#)]
- Transient NS heating (for clumpy DM) [E.g. Bramante, **BJK**, Raj, [2109.04582](#)]

[See parallel talks by Nirmal Raj, Joshua Ziegler and Shiuli Chatterjee on Thursday afternoon]

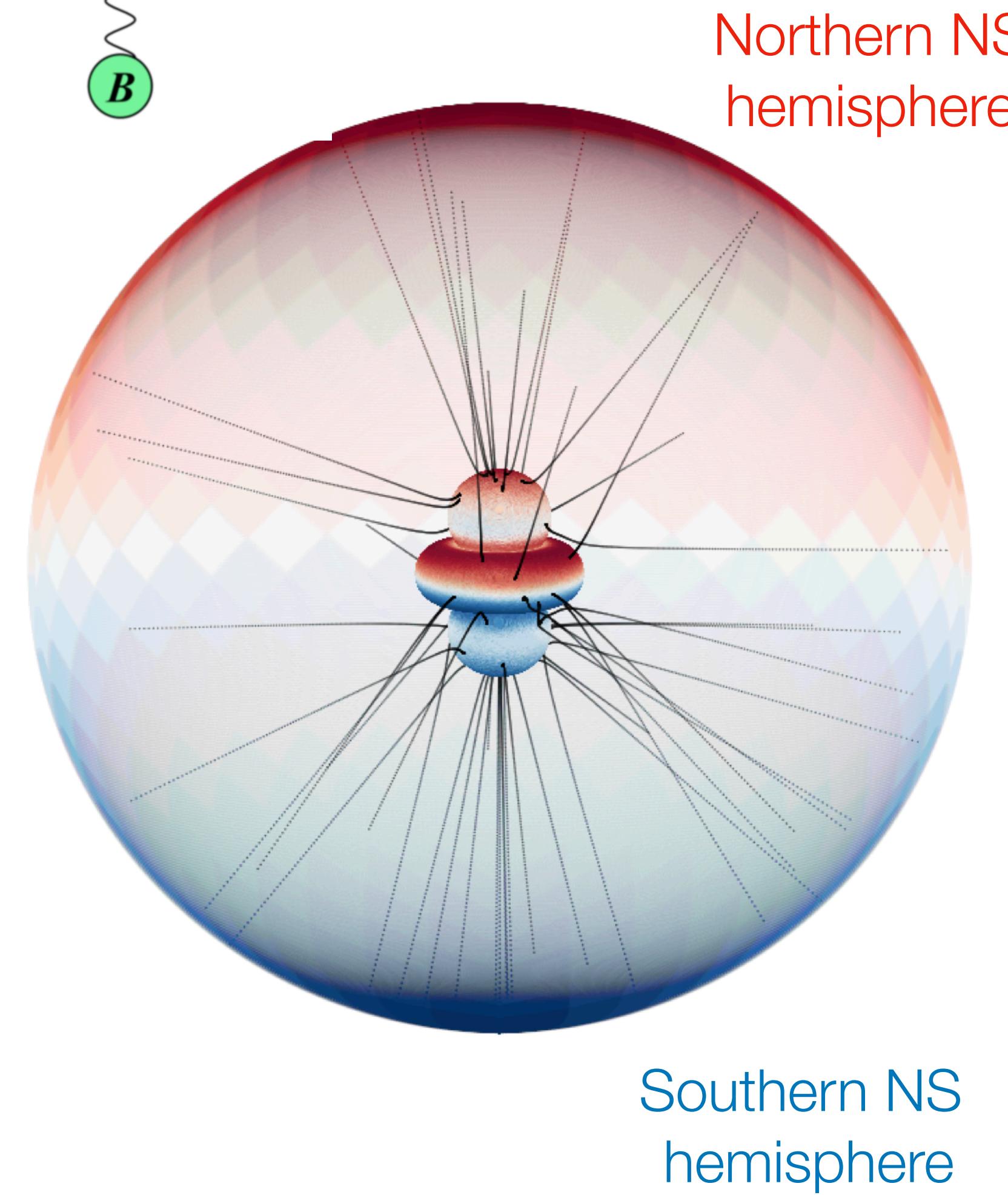
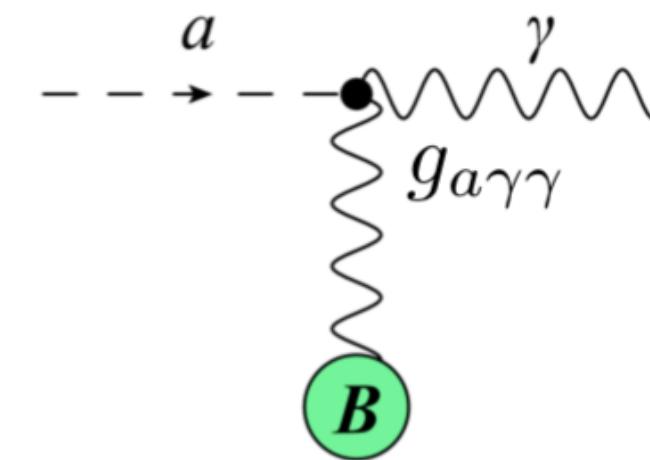
Dark Matter could be in the form of light **pseudo-scalar ‘axions’**,
which may convert to photons (and vice versa) in an external magnetic field:

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



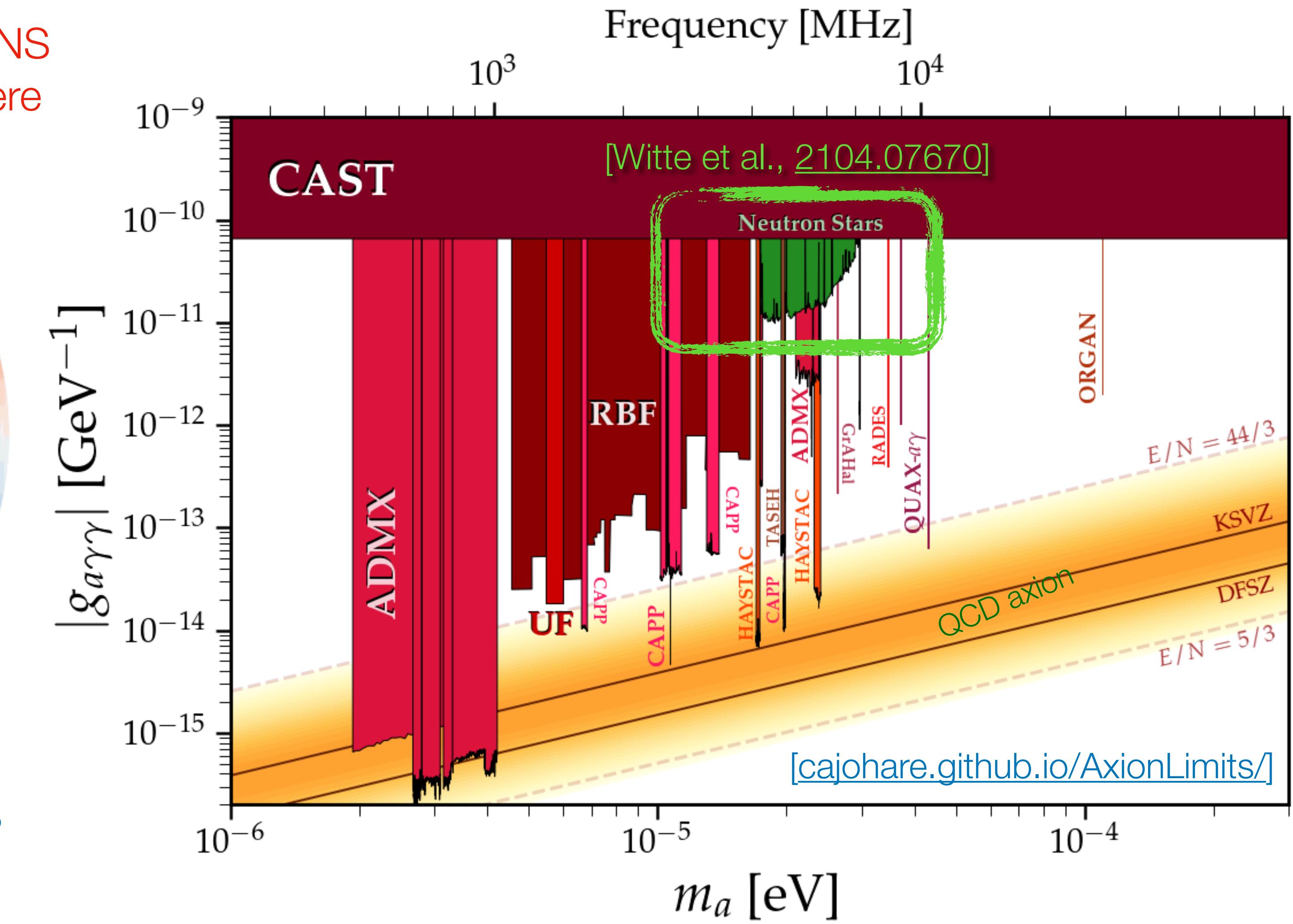
[See also parallel session,
DM X, Wed, 15:50 - 17:30]

Axion-photon conversion



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

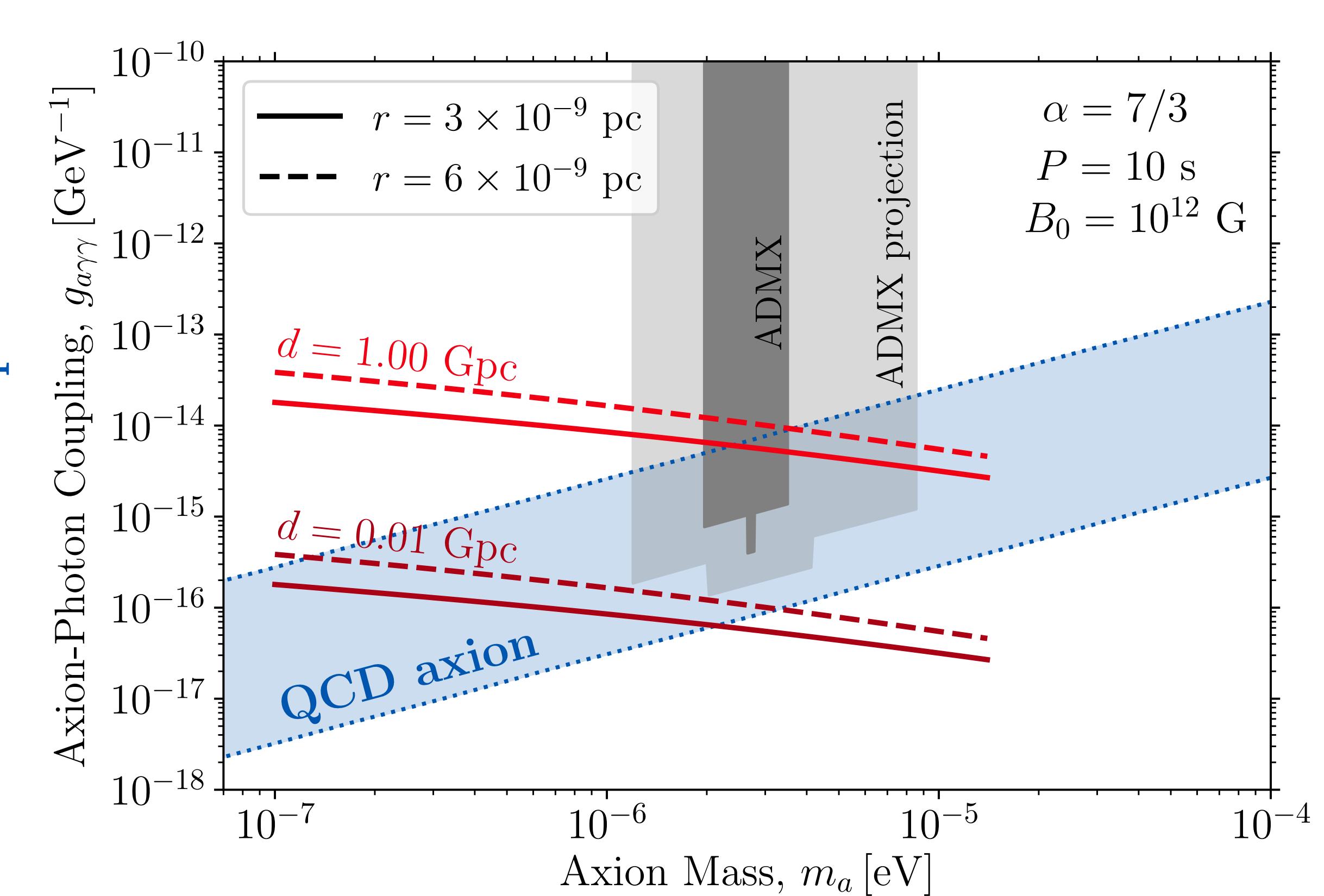
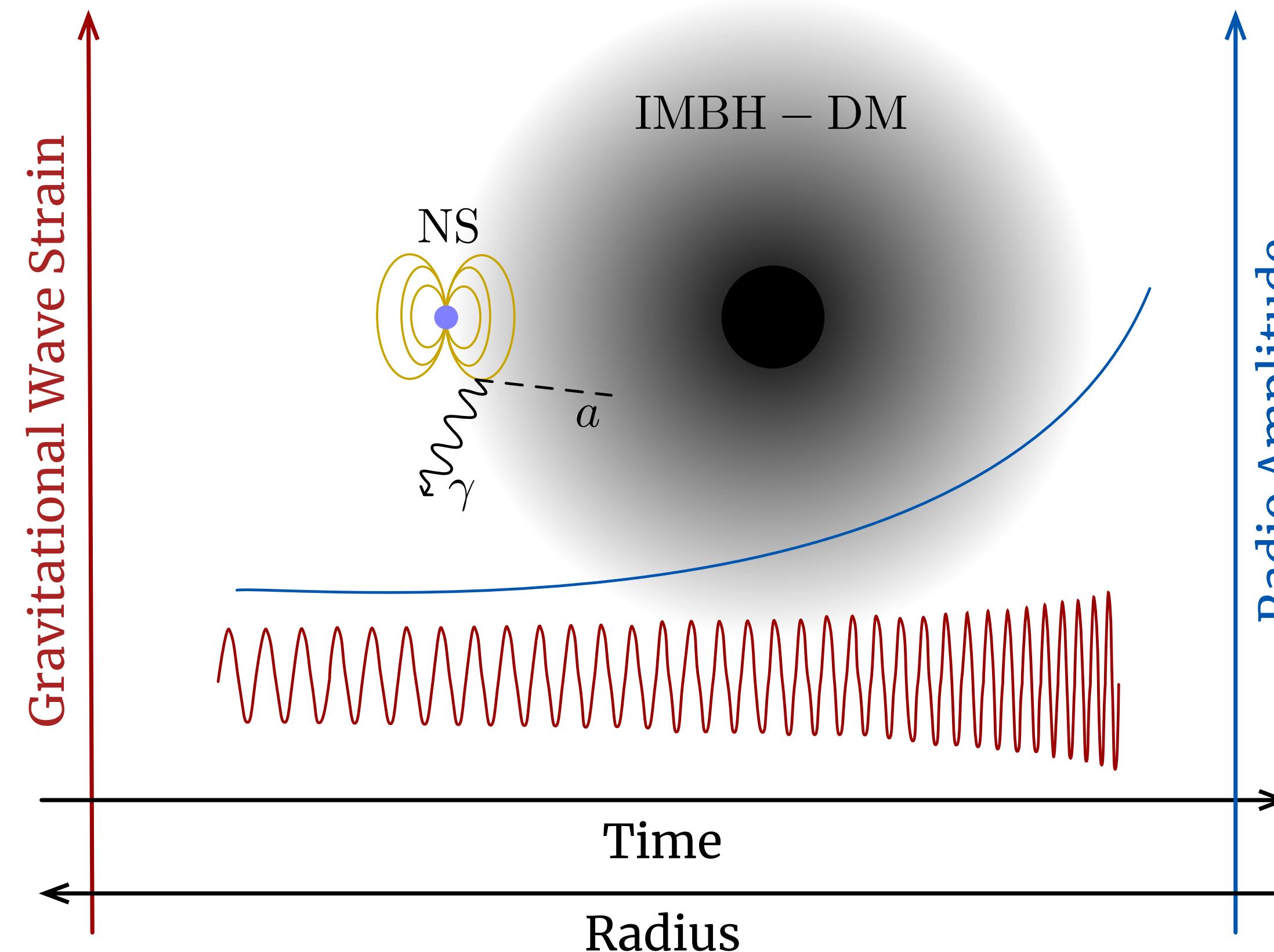
[[1803.08230](#),
[1804.03145](#),
[1811.01020](#)]



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

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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!

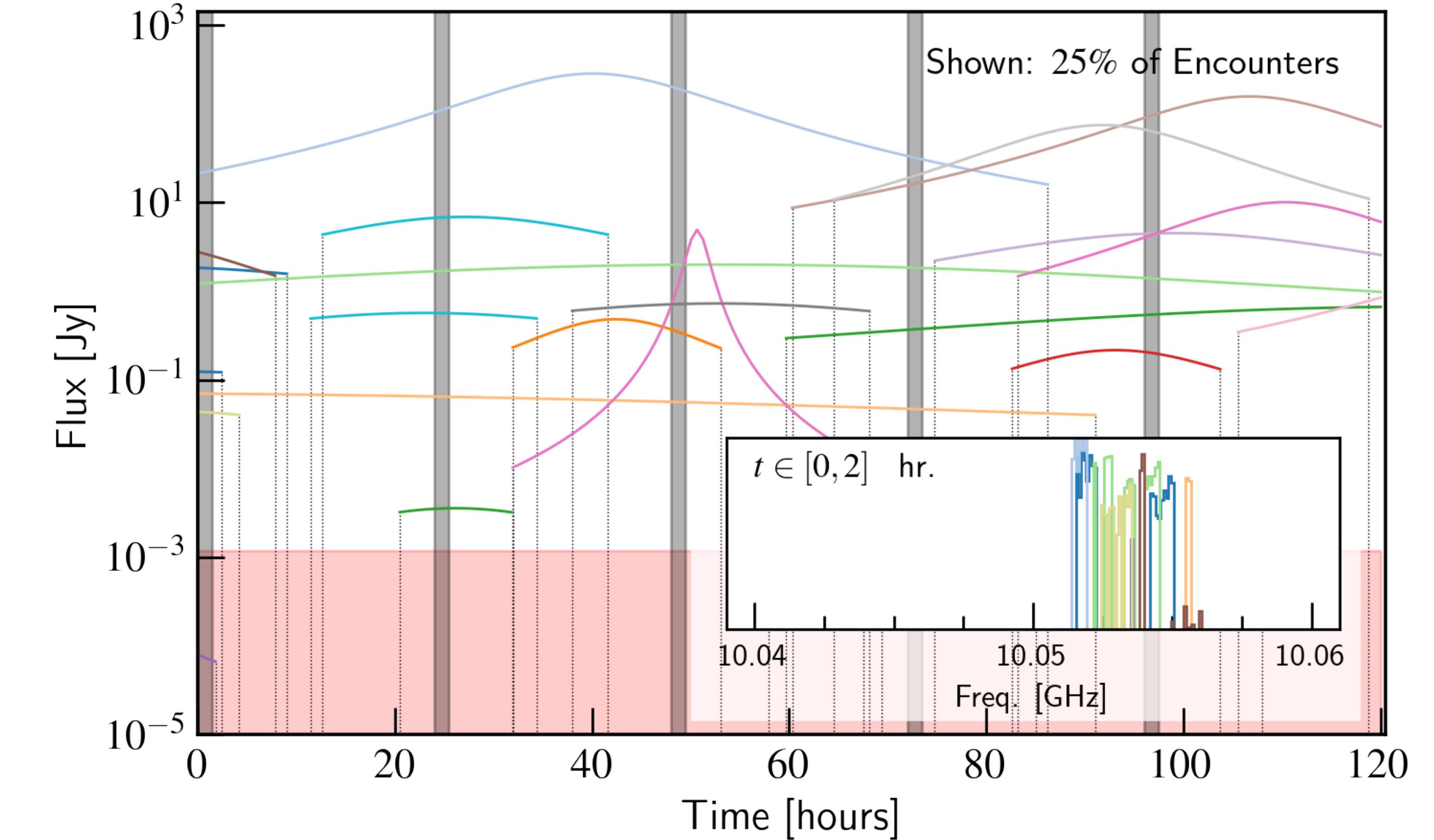
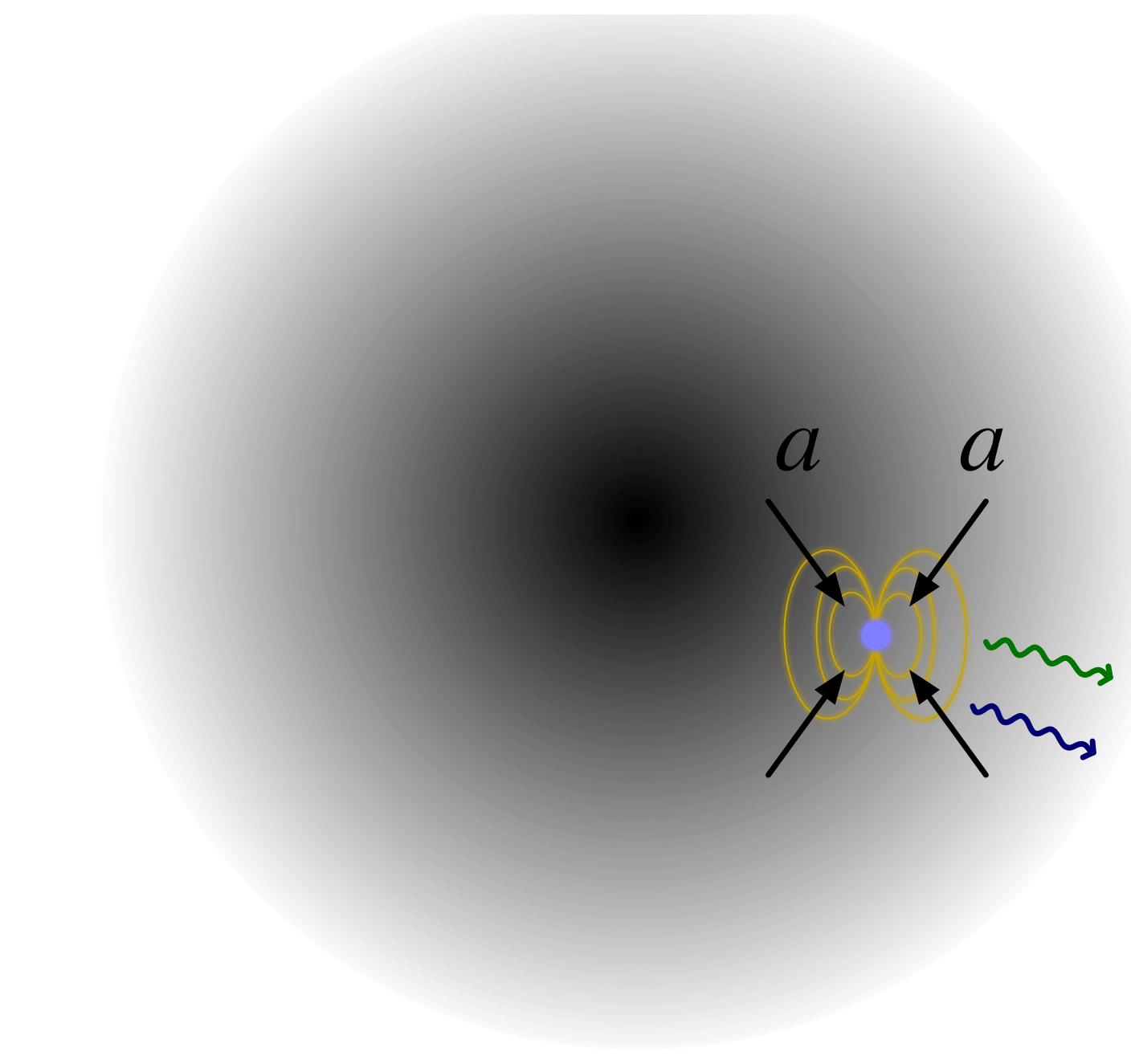
[Edwards, Chianese, **BJK**, Nissanke & Weniger, [1905.04686](#)]

Axion Miniclusters (AMCs)

Clumps of axion DM ('**axion miniclusters**' or '**AMCs**') crossing NSs could lead to bright radio transients:
[Hogan & Rees (1988)]

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

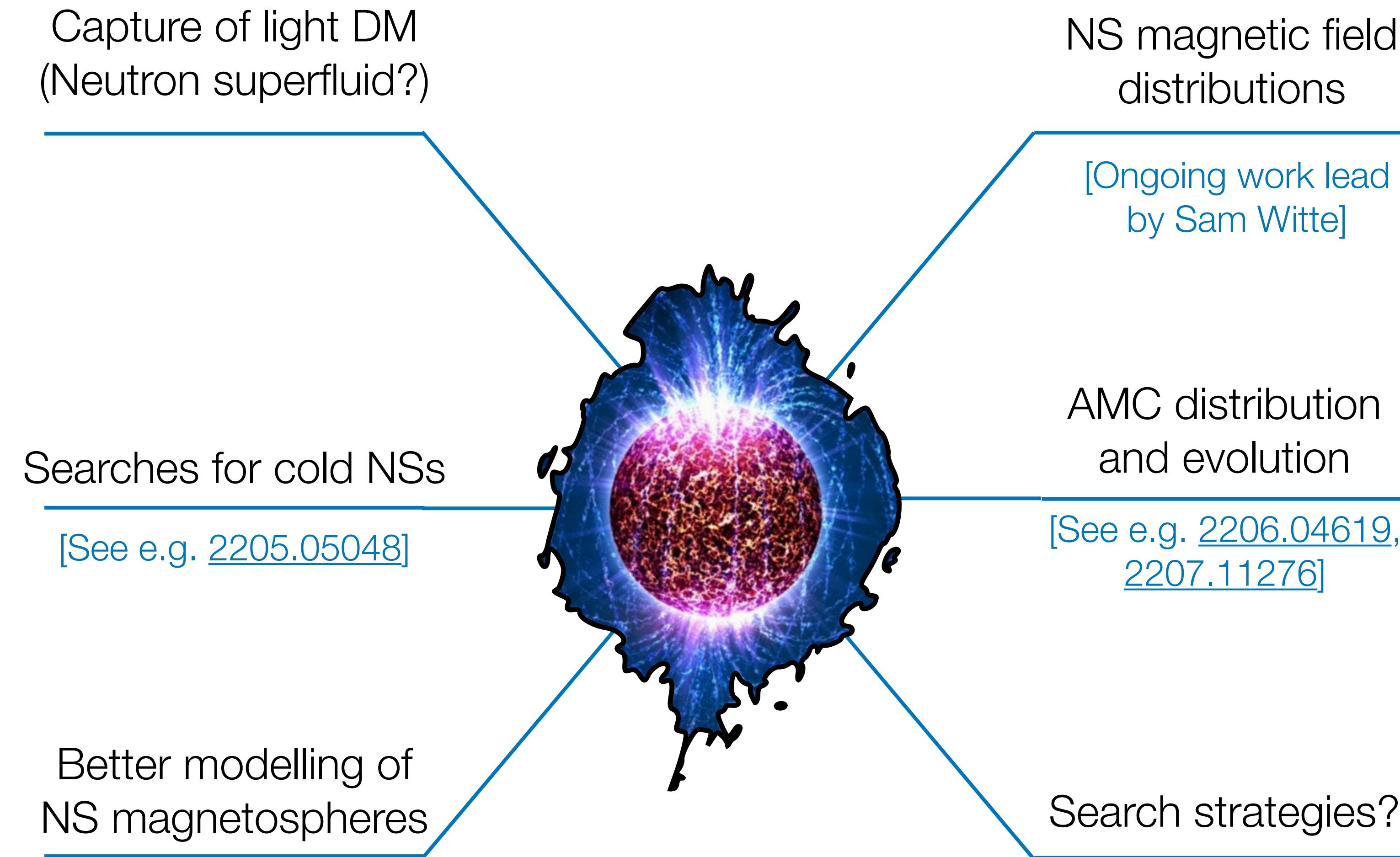
$$R_{\text{AMC}} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ pc}$$



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

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

Understanding DM signals from NSs



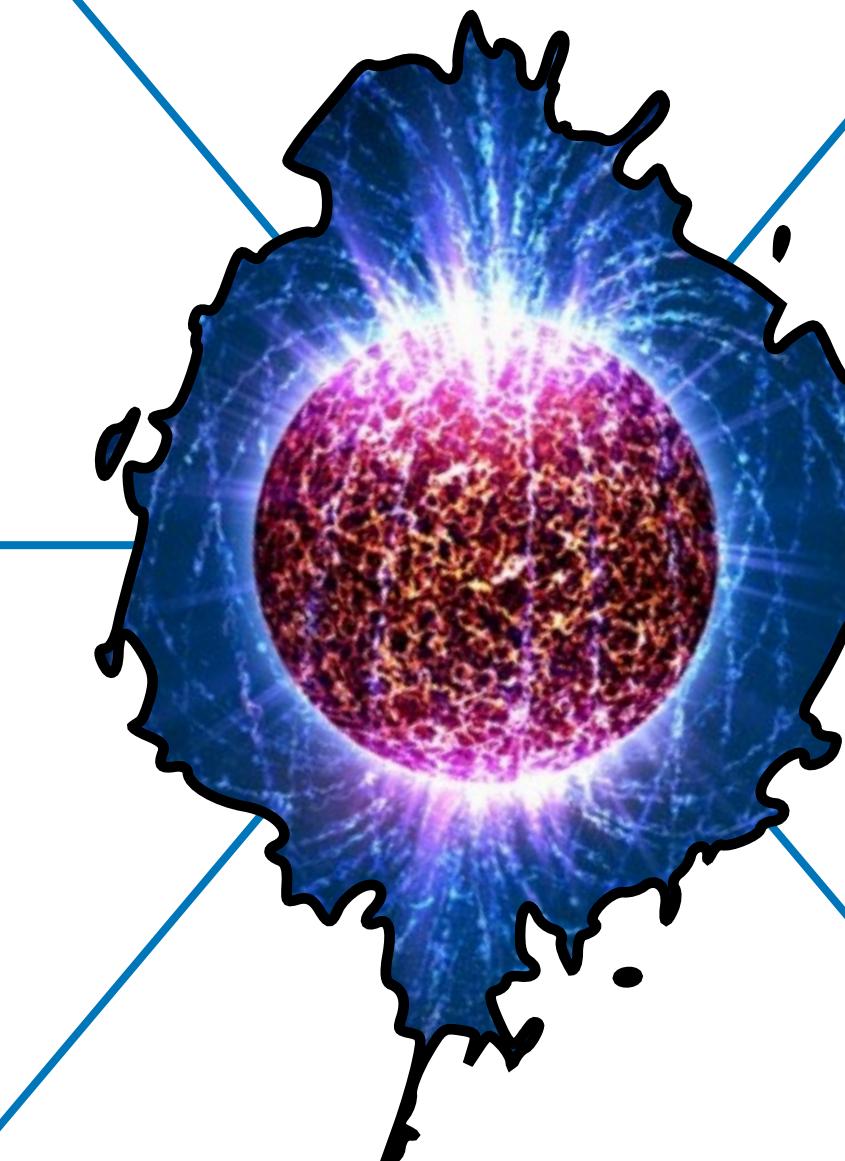
Understanding DM signals from NSs

Capture of light DM
(Neutron superfluid?)

Searches for cold NSs

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

Better modelling of
NS magnetospheres



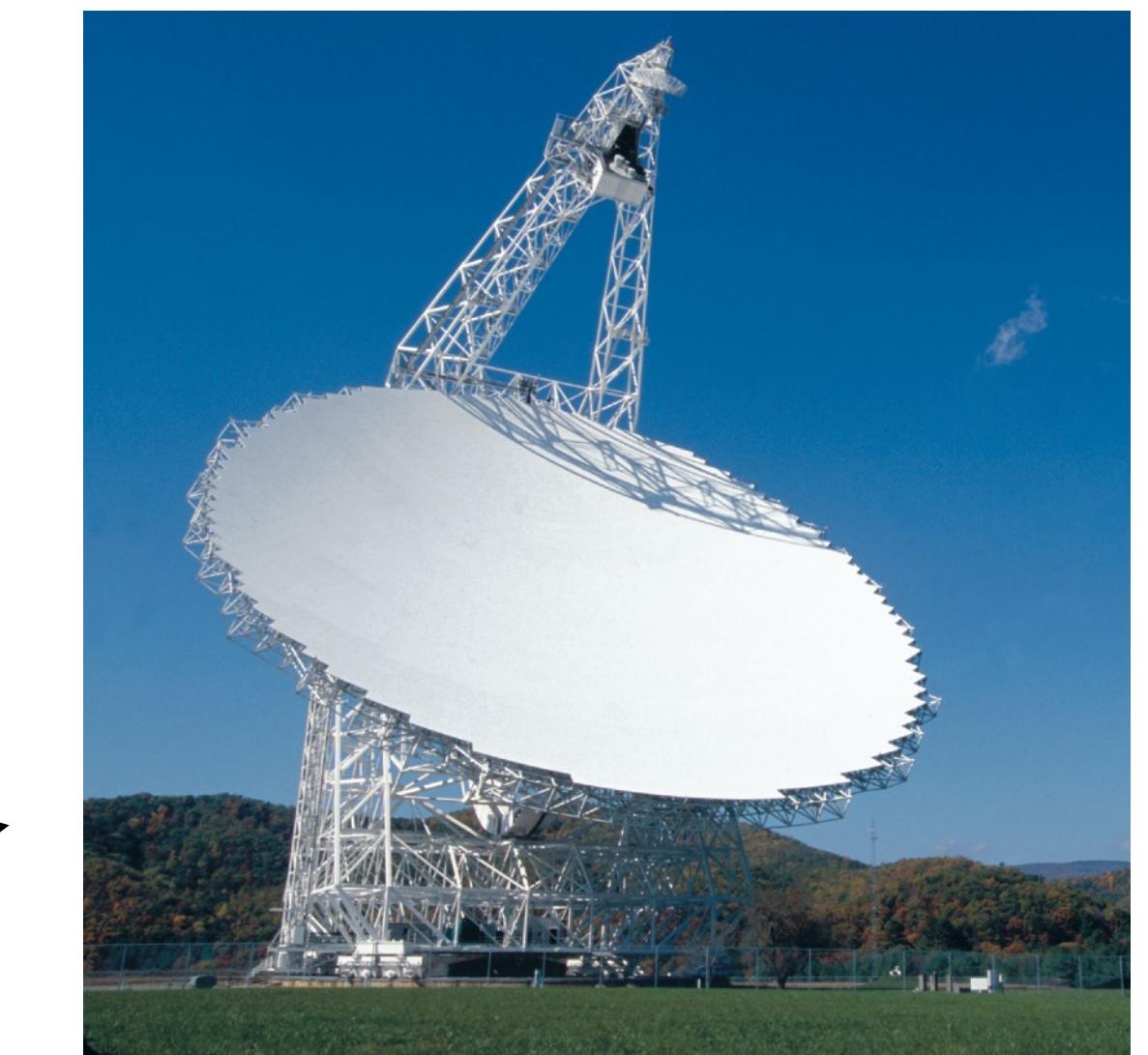
NS magnetic field
distributions

[Ongoing work lead
by Sam Witte]

AMC distribution
and evolution

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

Search strategies?



Search currently underway
for radio transients in
Andromeda using the Green
Bank Telescope (GBT)

Dark Matter and Black Holes

Gianfranco Bertone
(GRAPPA, Amsterdam)



Pippa Cole
(GRAPPA, Amsterdam)



Adam Coogan
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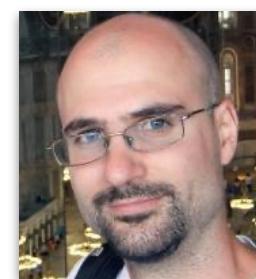
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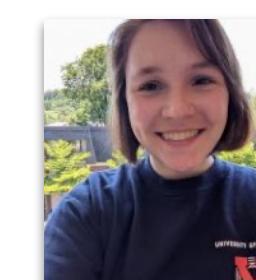
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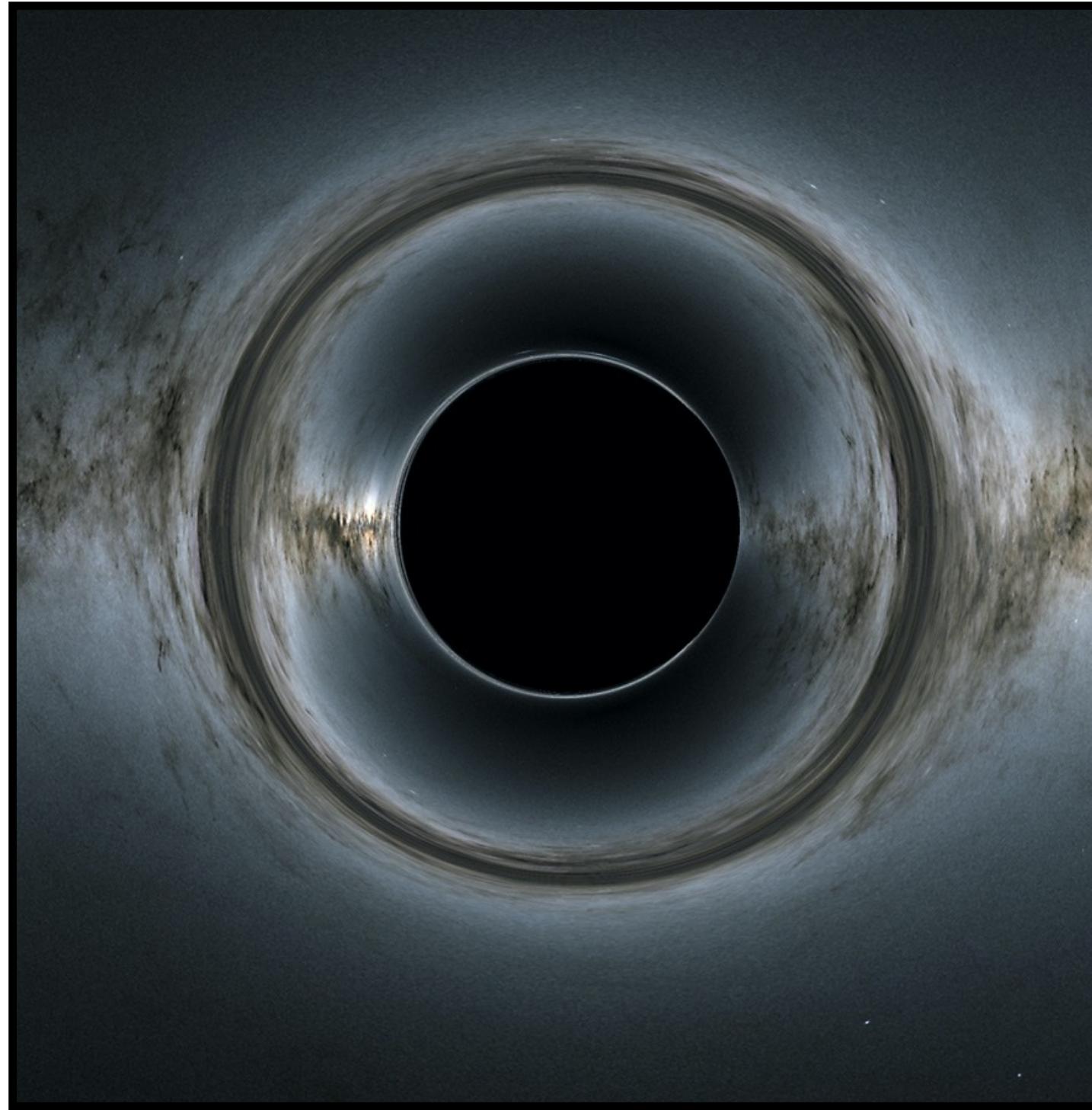


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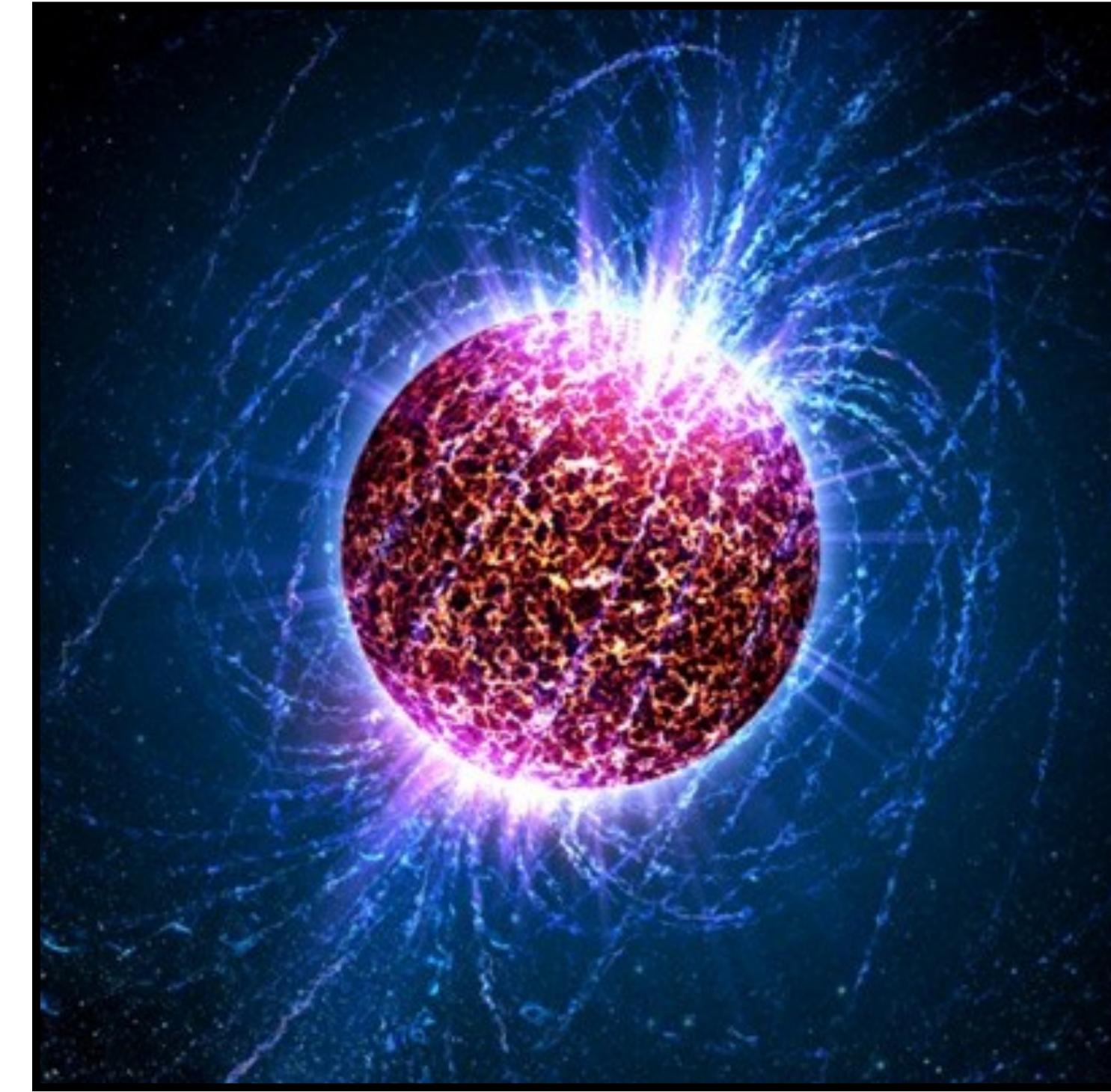
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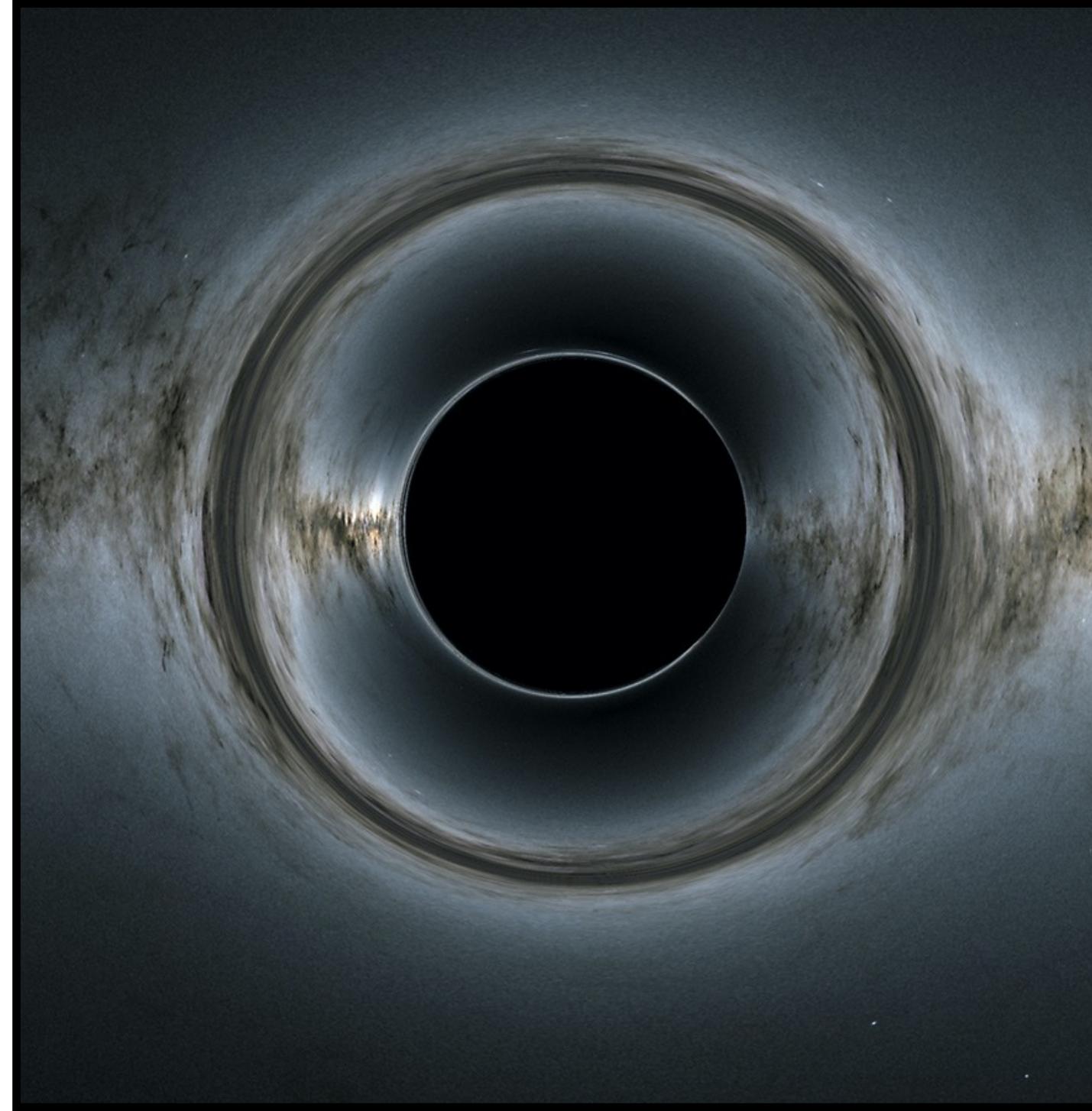
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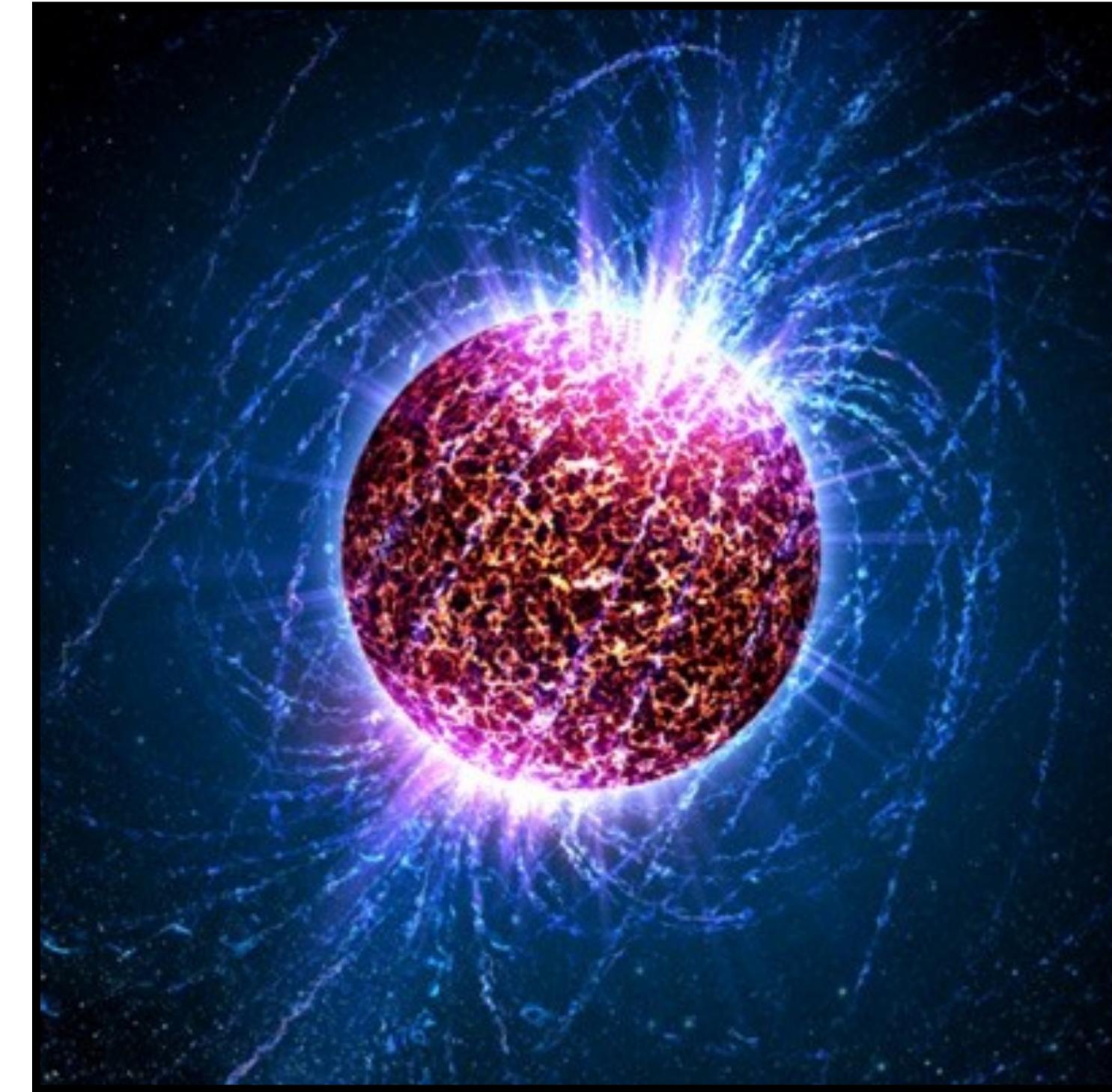
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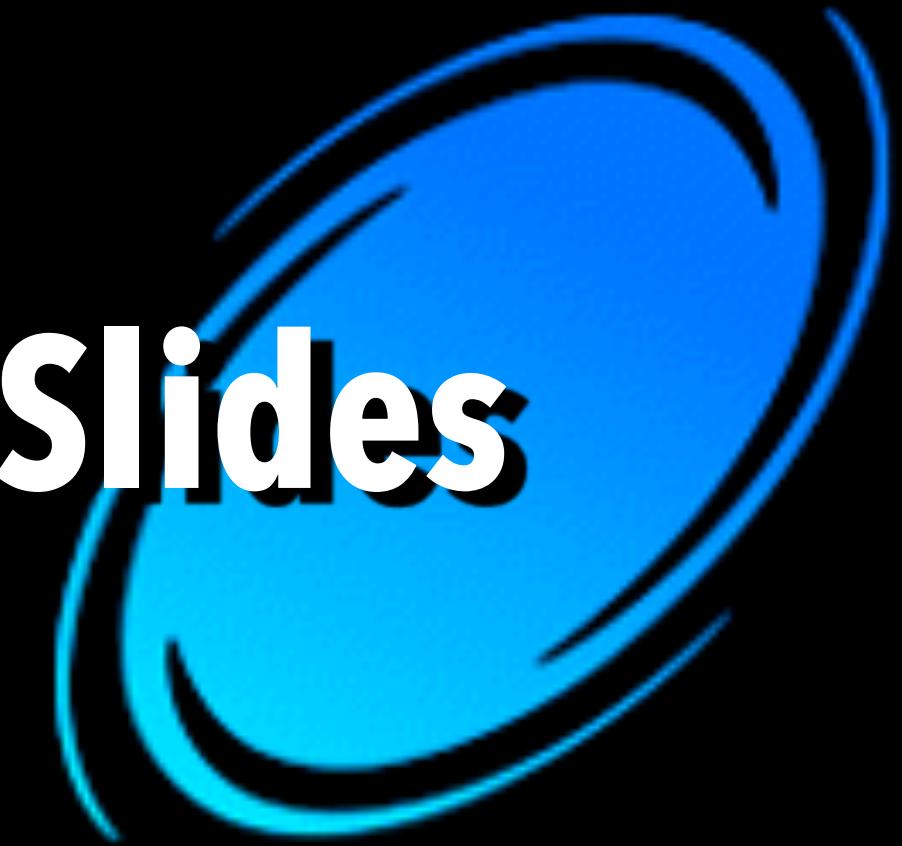
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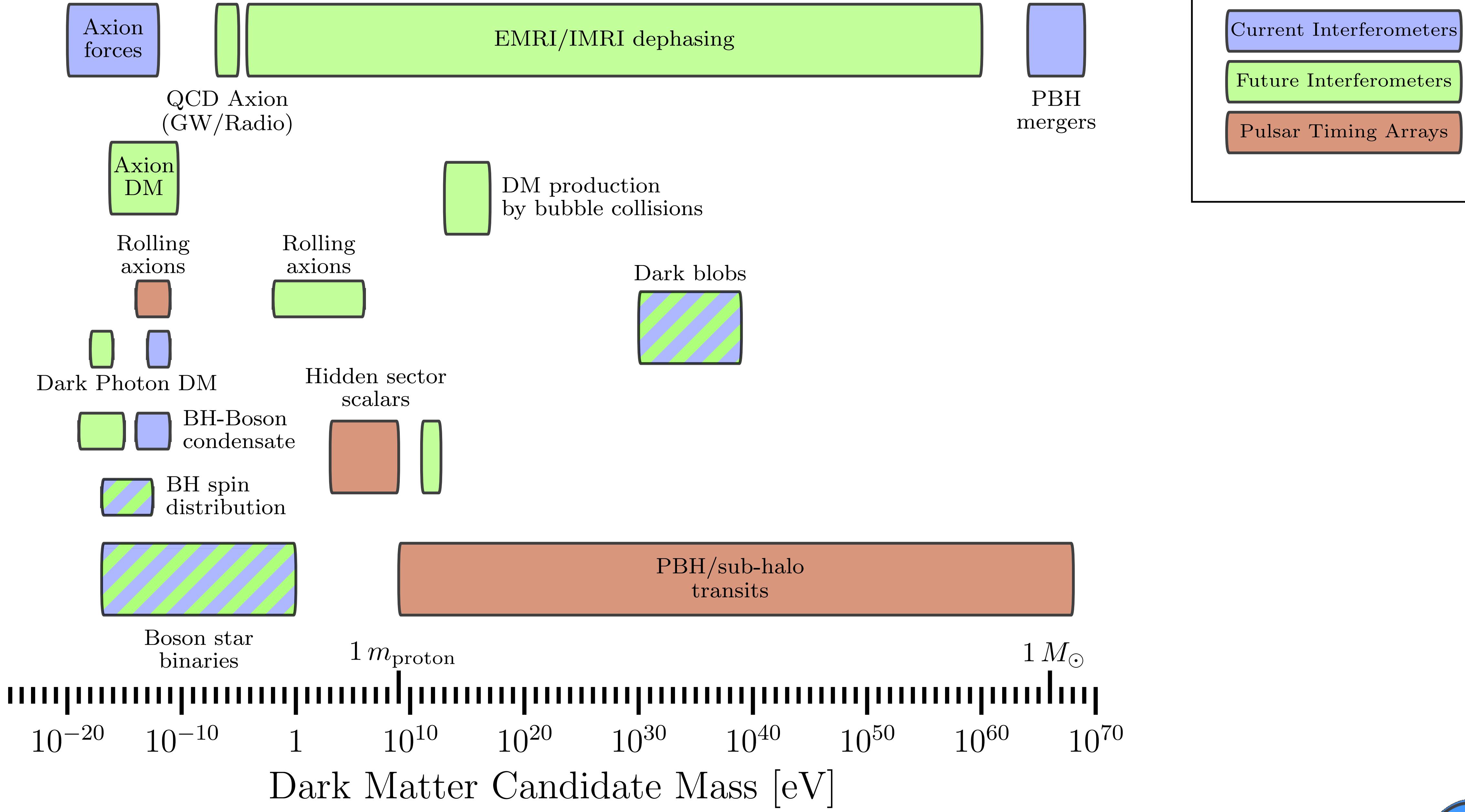
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Backup Slides



GW Probes



Impact of Dark Matter Spikes

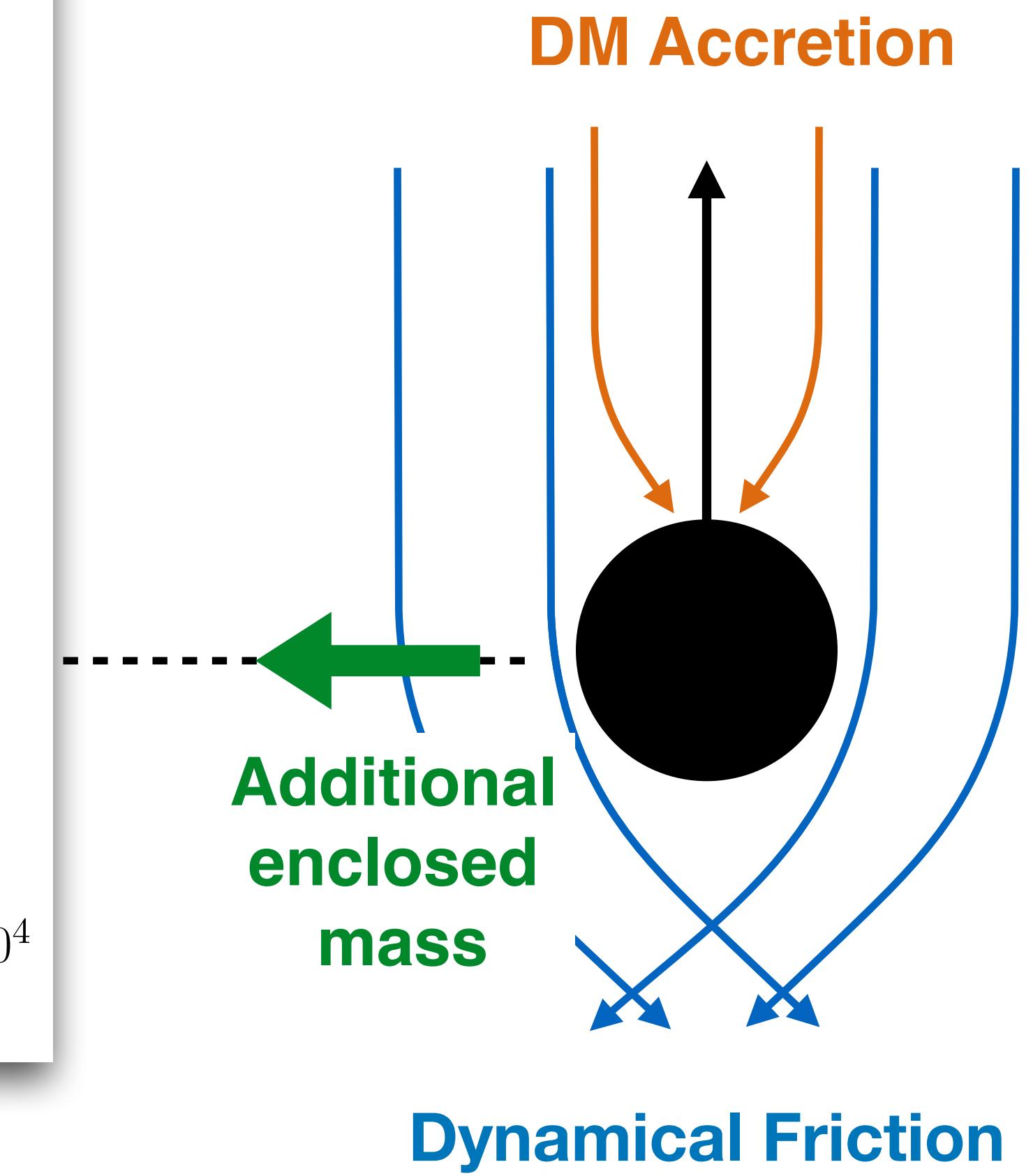
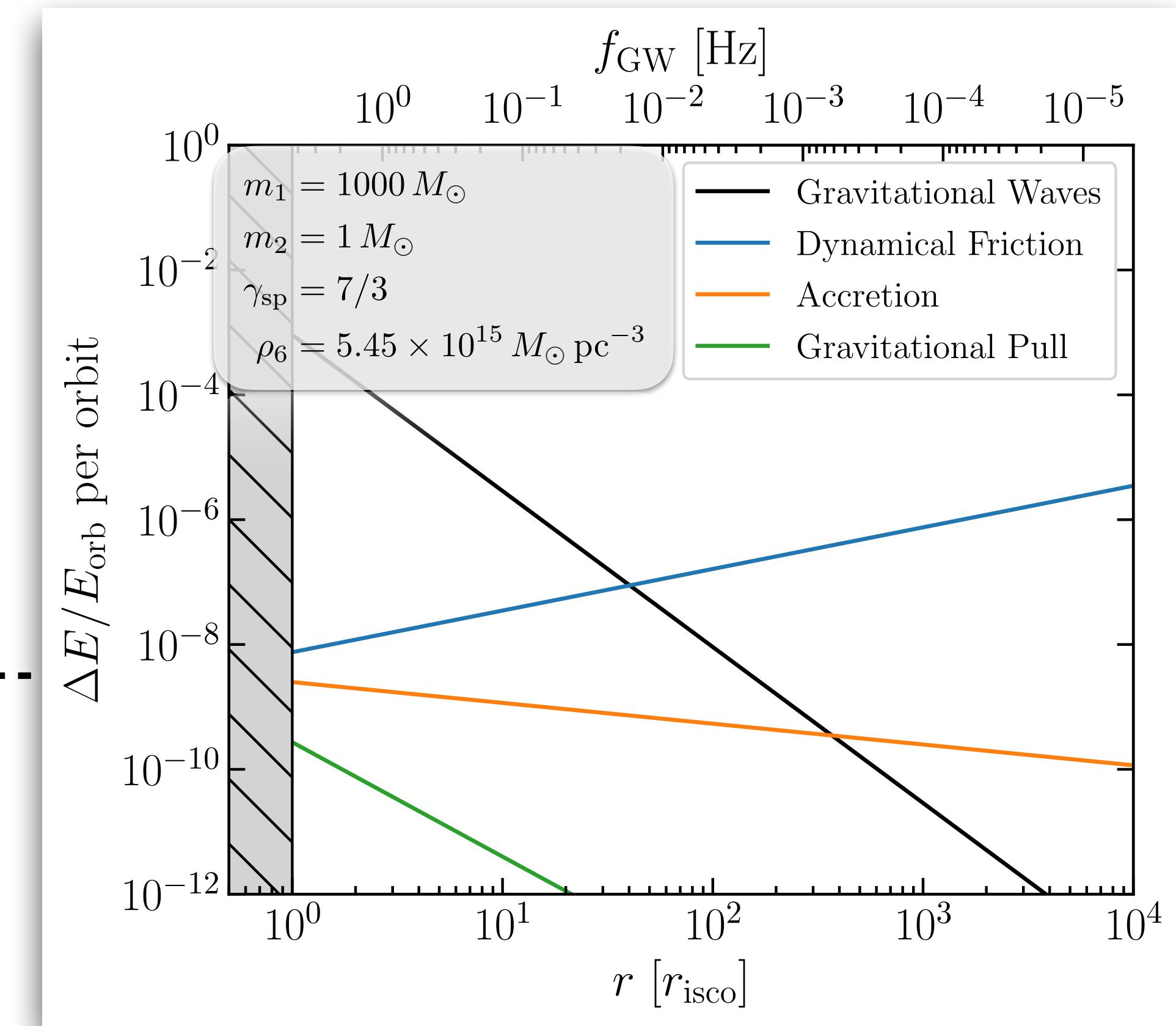
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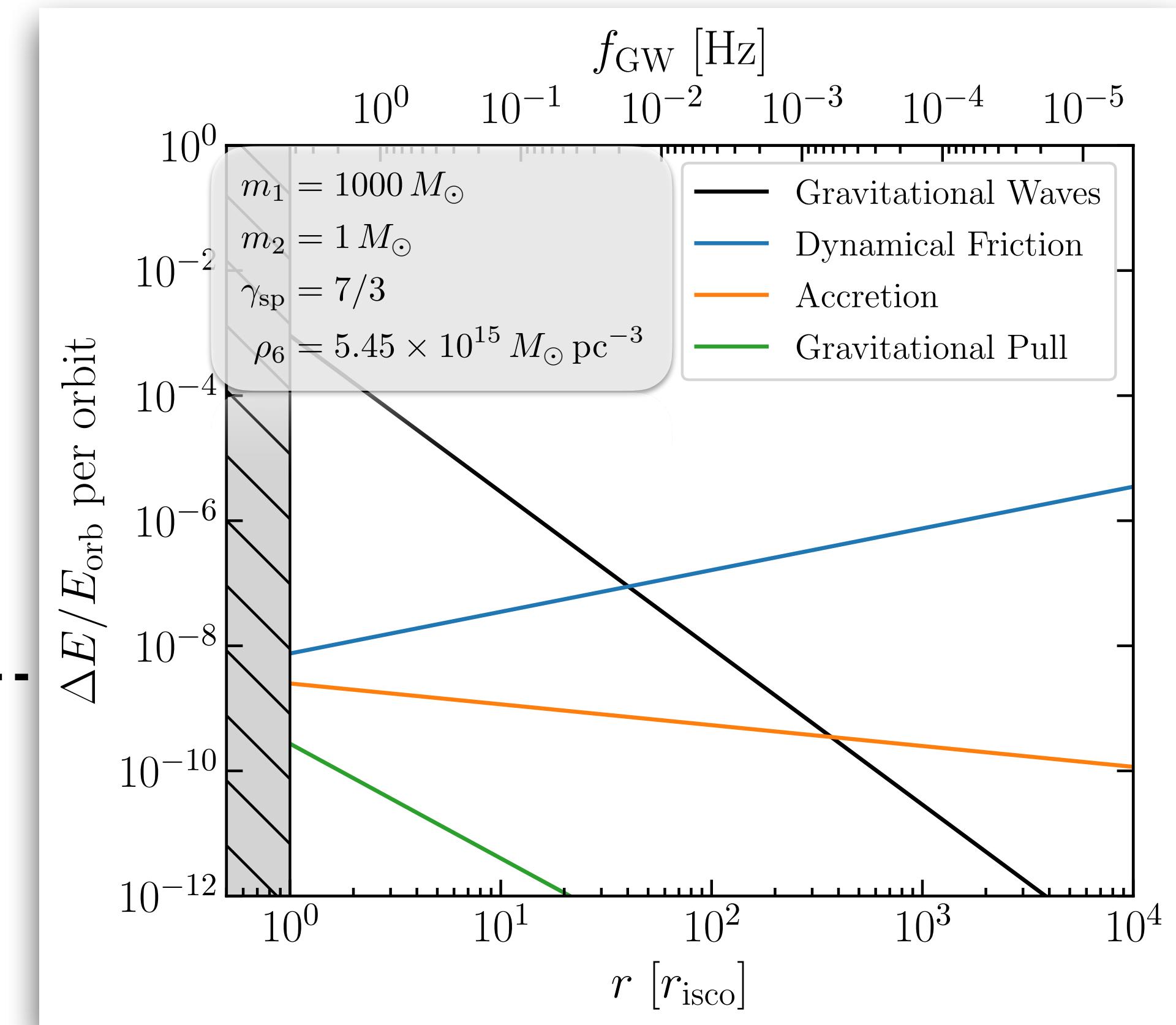
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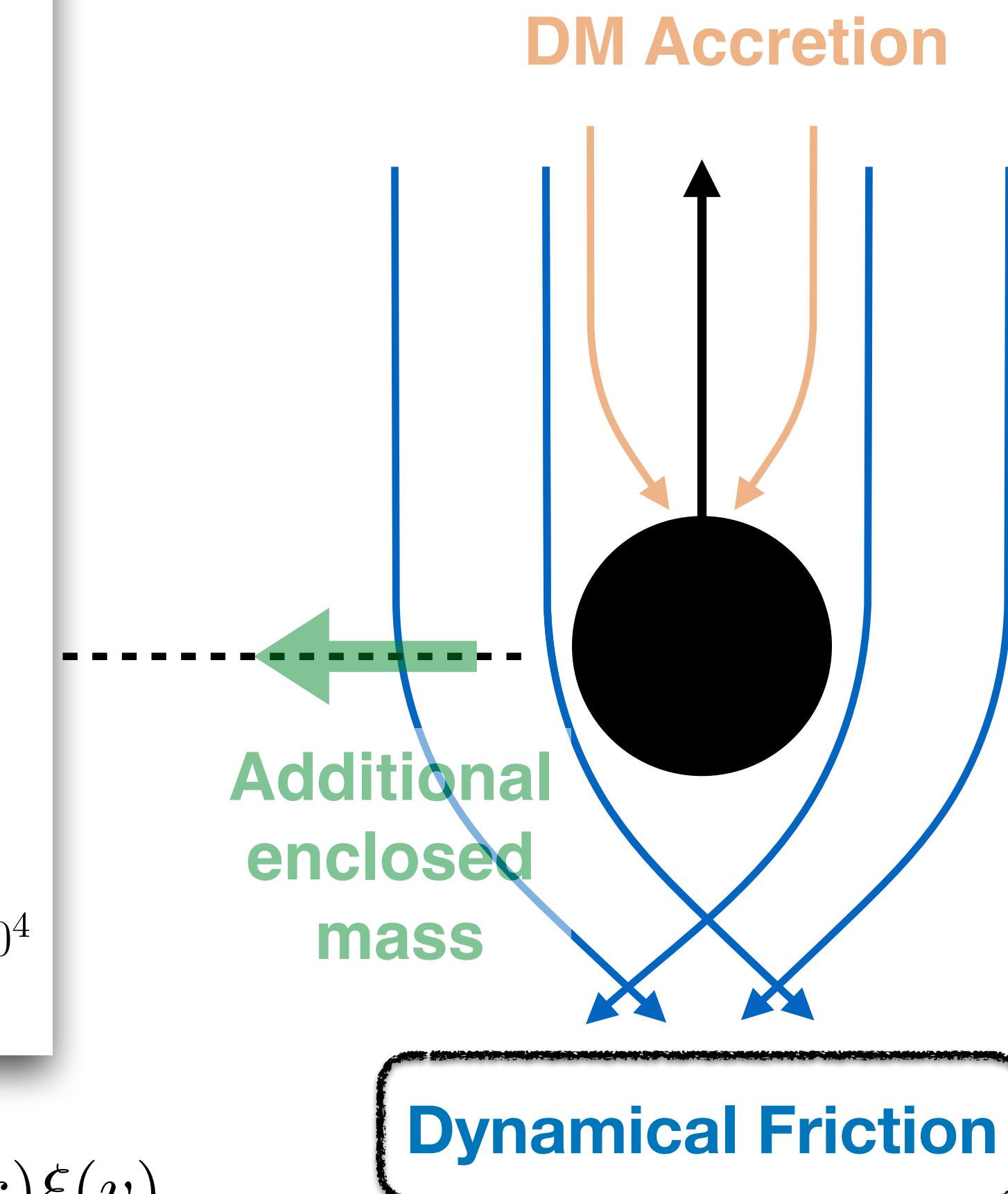
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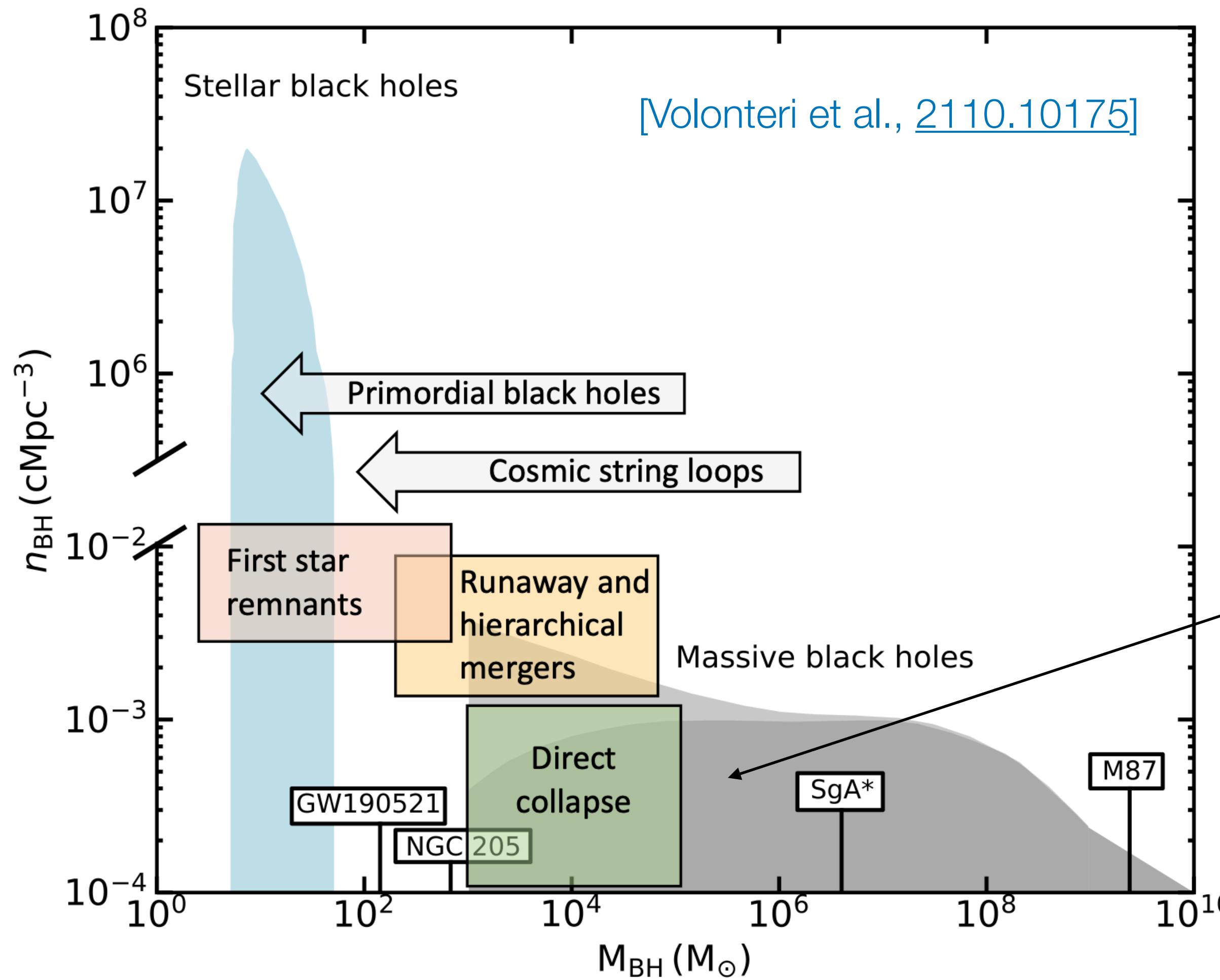


$$\dot{E}_{\text{DF}} \sim \frac{4\pi G^2 m_2^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) \xi(v)}{v} \ln \Lambda$$

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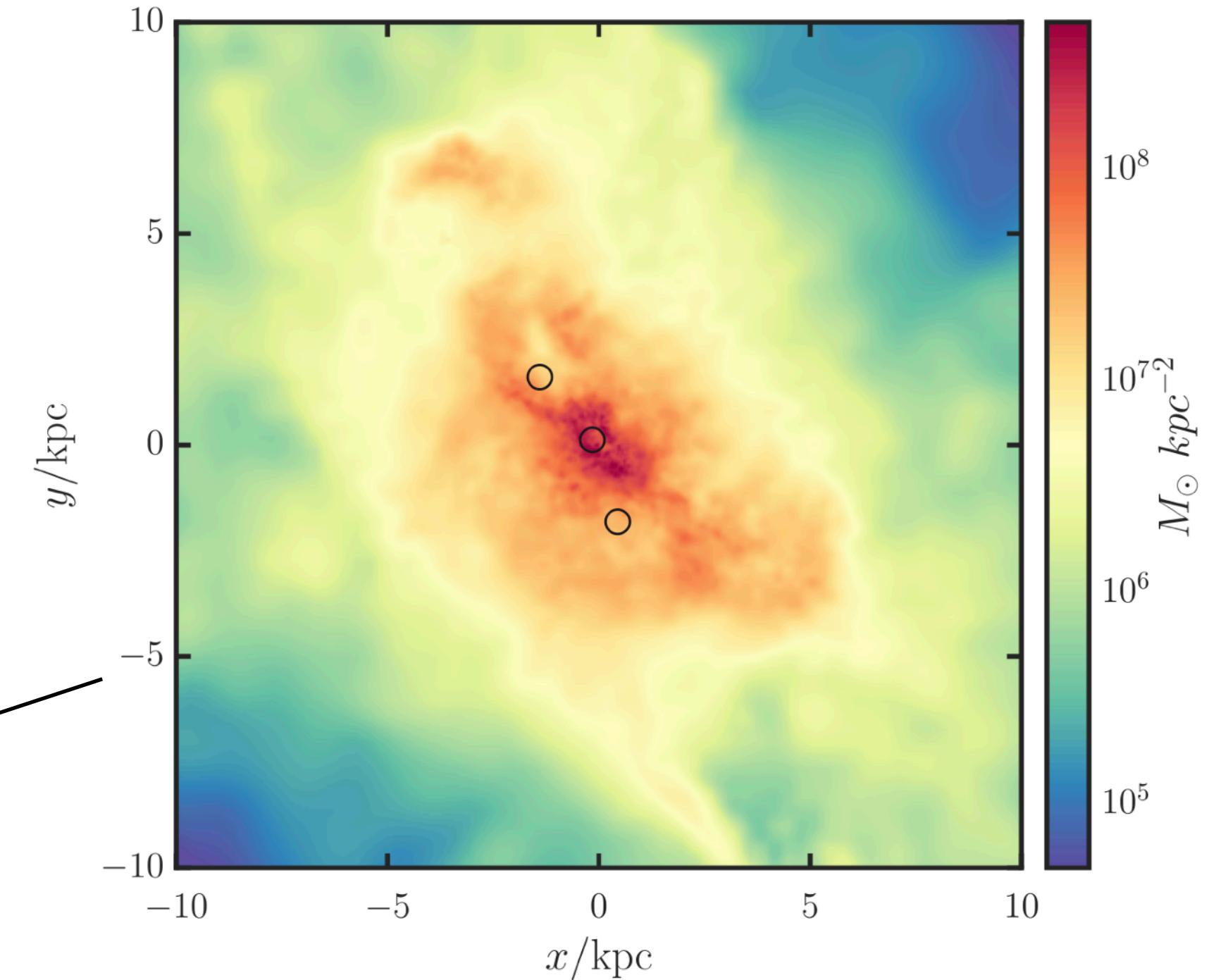


Black Holes and Spike Formation



[Volonteri et al., 2110.10175]

[Dunn et al., 1803.01007]



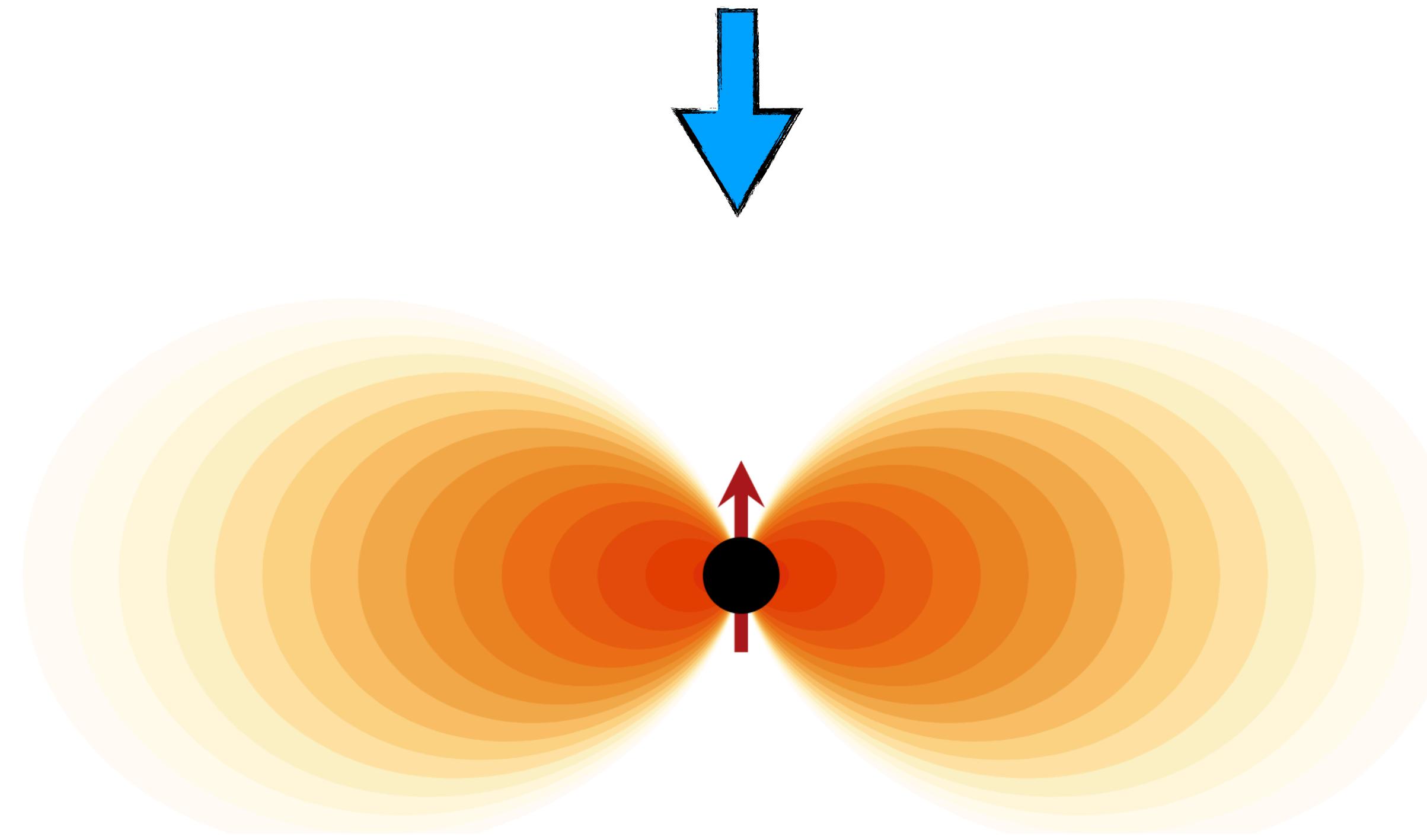
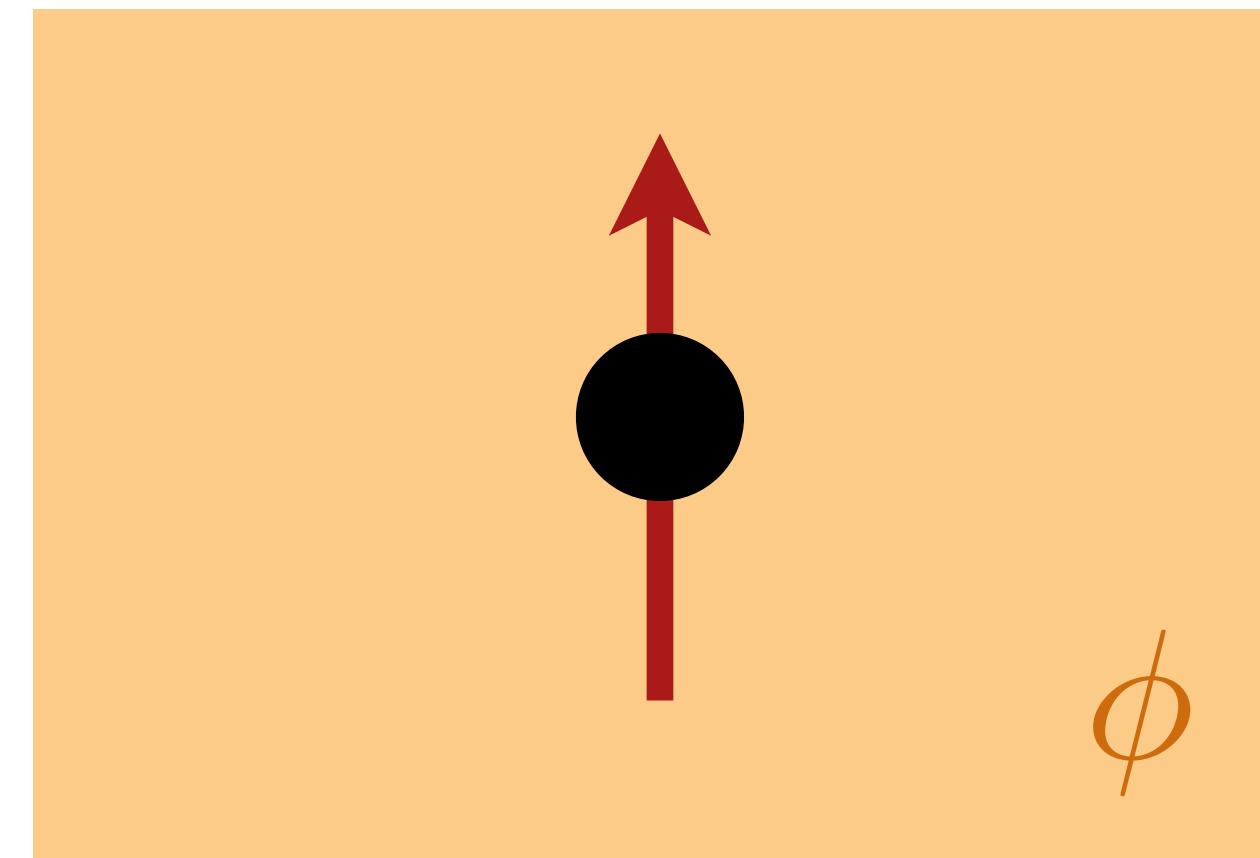
Use semi-analytic galaxy formation models to study the properties of Direct Collapse Black Holes and the halos they form in.

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, Pratika Dayal, and others]

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:

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

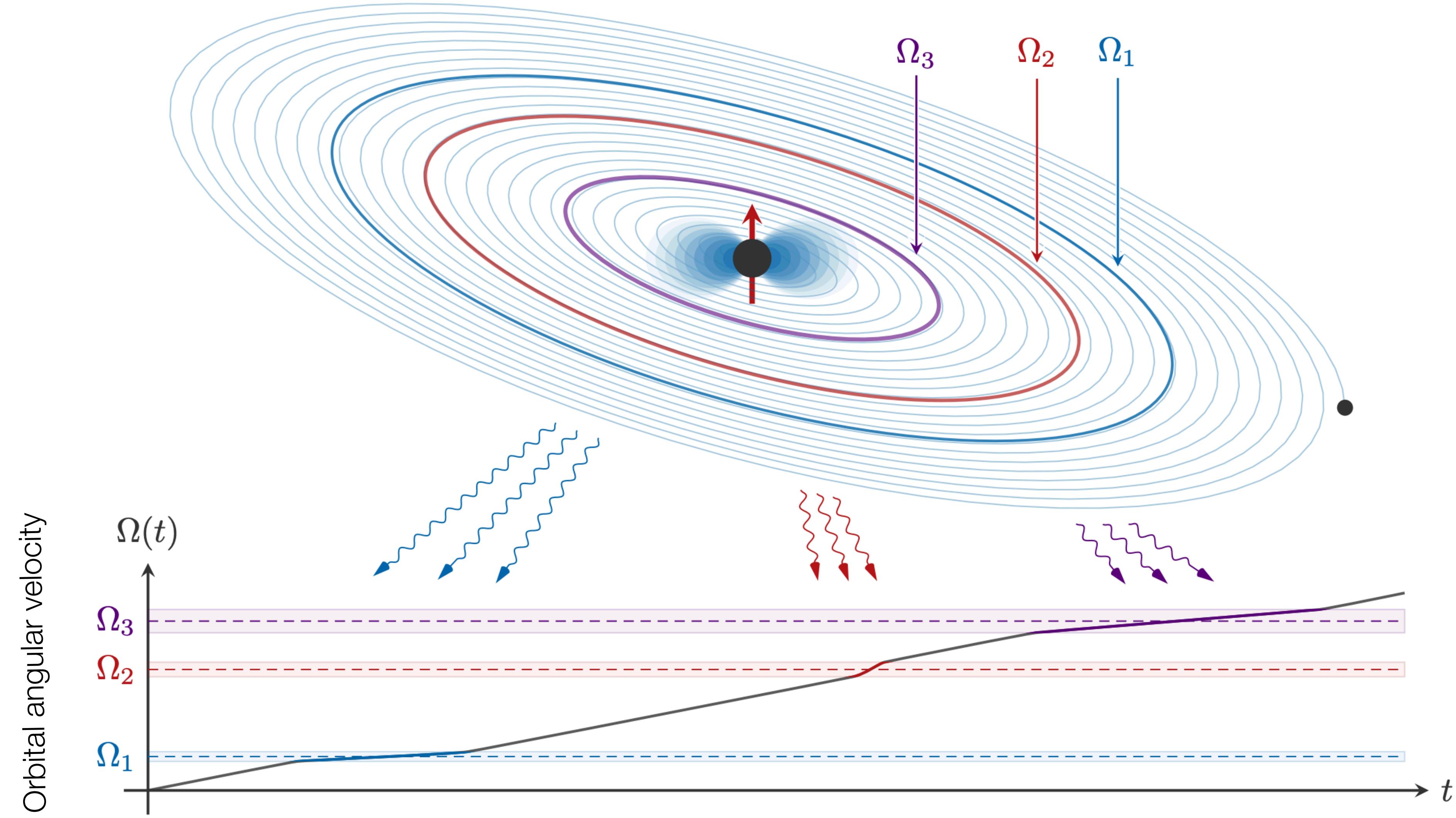
$$M_{\text{BH}} \in [1, 10^{10}] M_\odot$$

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

[Chia, 2012.09167]

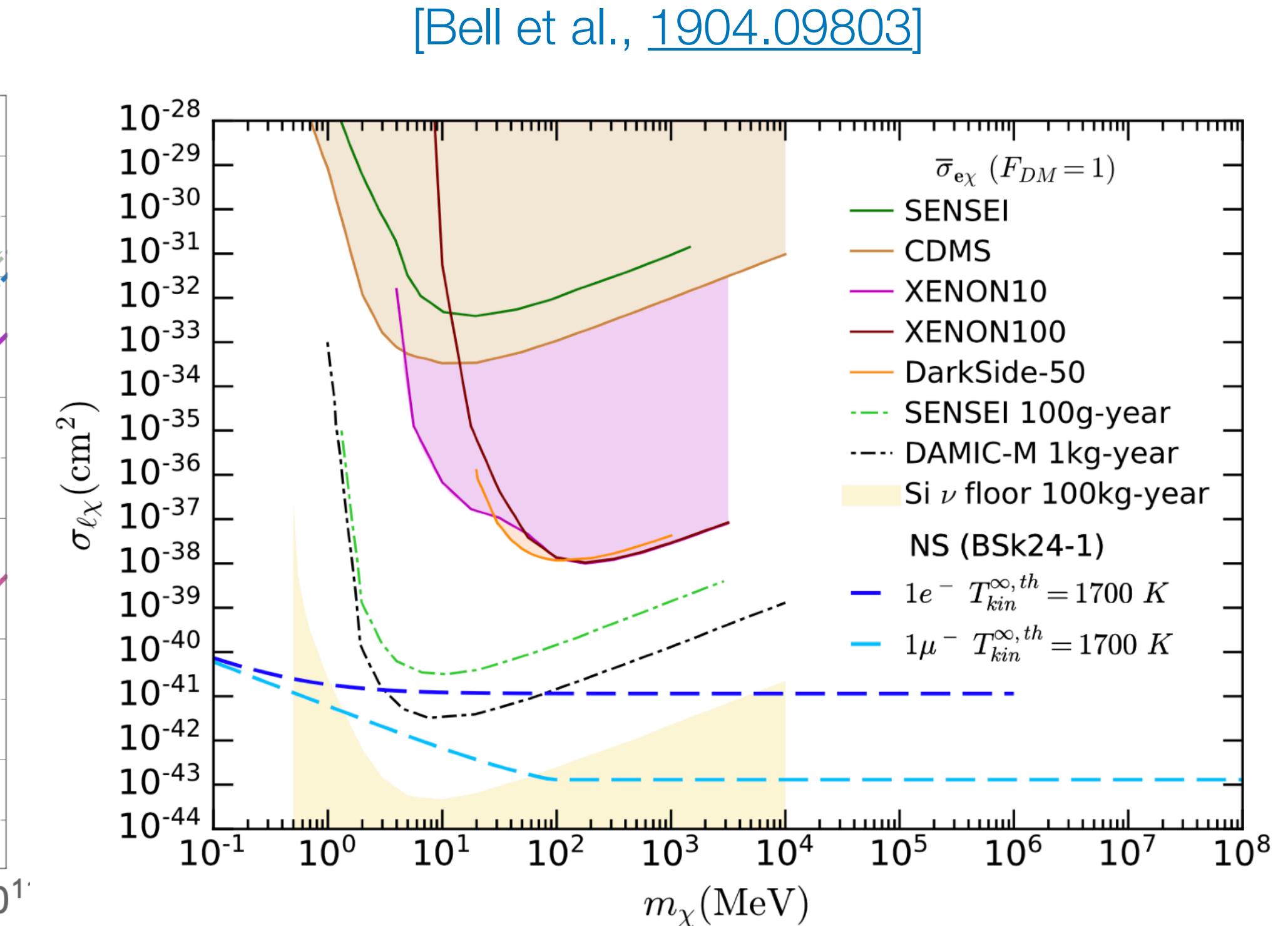
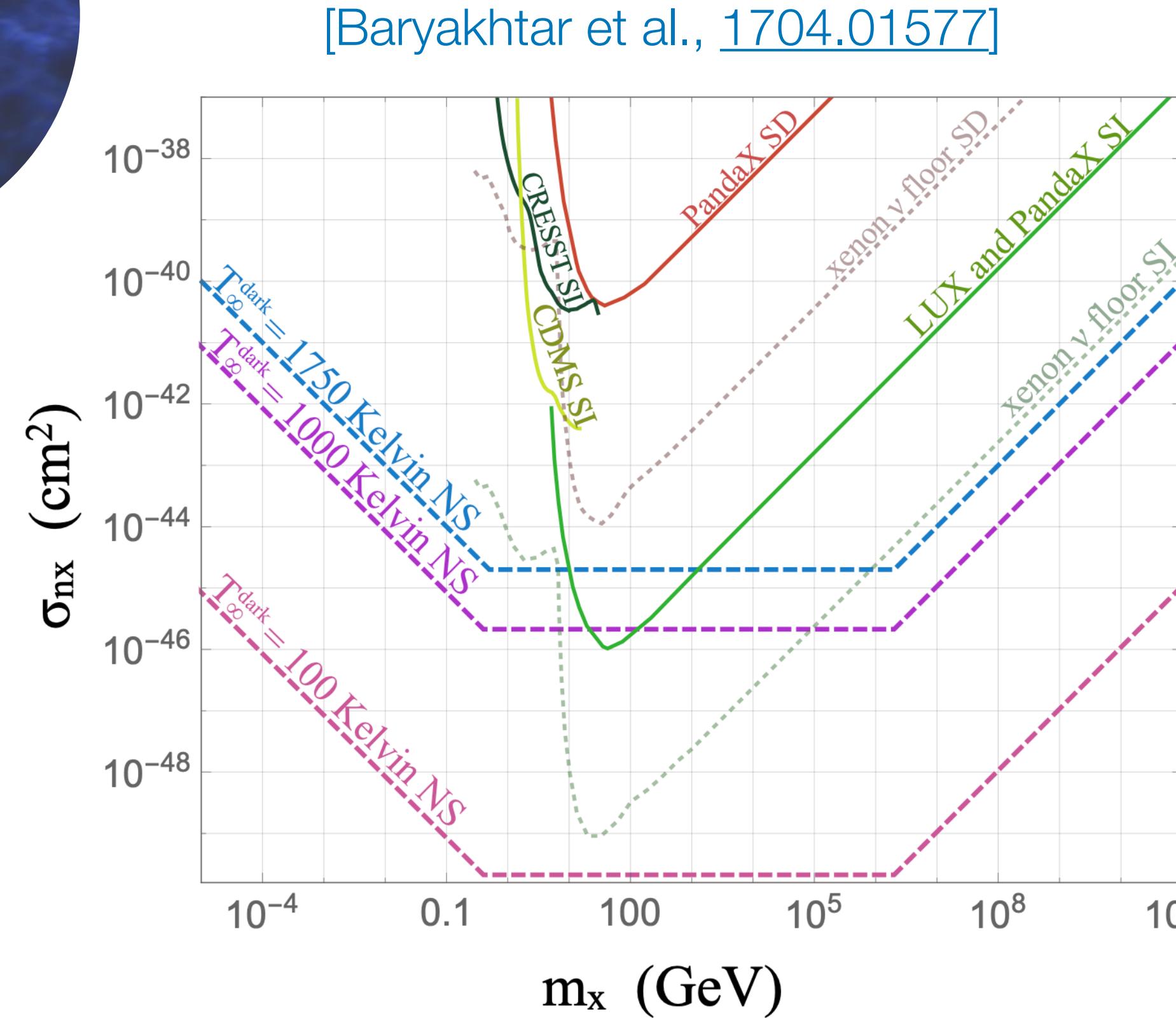
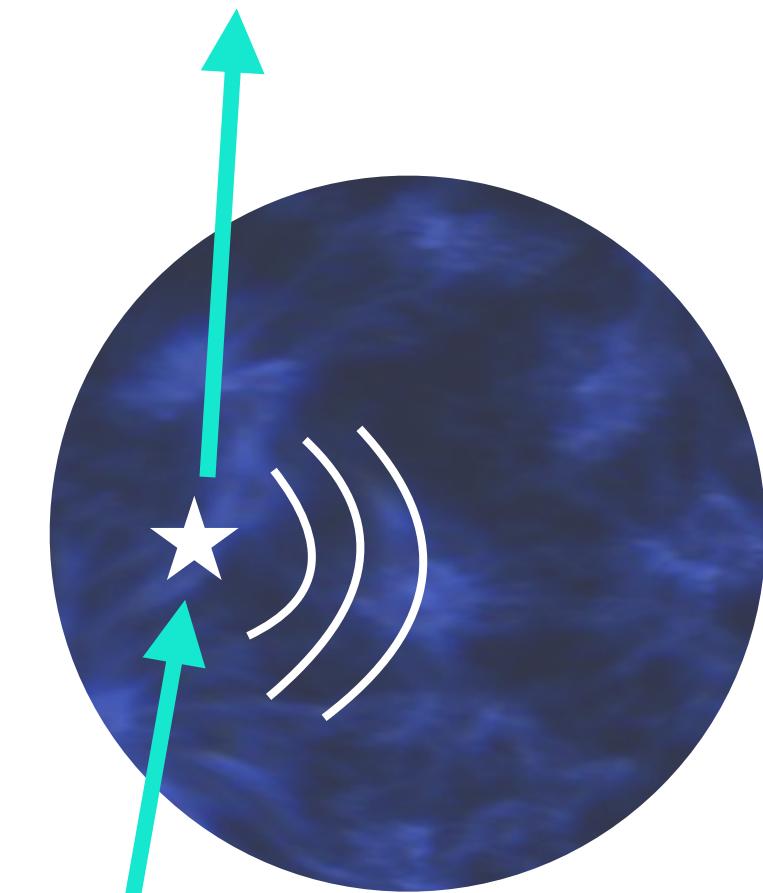
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Neutron Star Heating



NS and WD capture rate becoming more and more refined, but what are the observational prospects?

[Acevedo et al., [1911.06334](#); Bell et al., [2004.14888](#), [2104.14367](#); Dasgupta et al., [2006.10773](#)]

Captured DM may also affect NS equation of state: [Cermeño et al., [1710.06866](#)]

$$\delta = (\rho - \bar{\rho})/\rho$$

Axion miniclusters

Overdensities act as ‘seeds’ for bound “axion miniclusters” (**AMCs**)

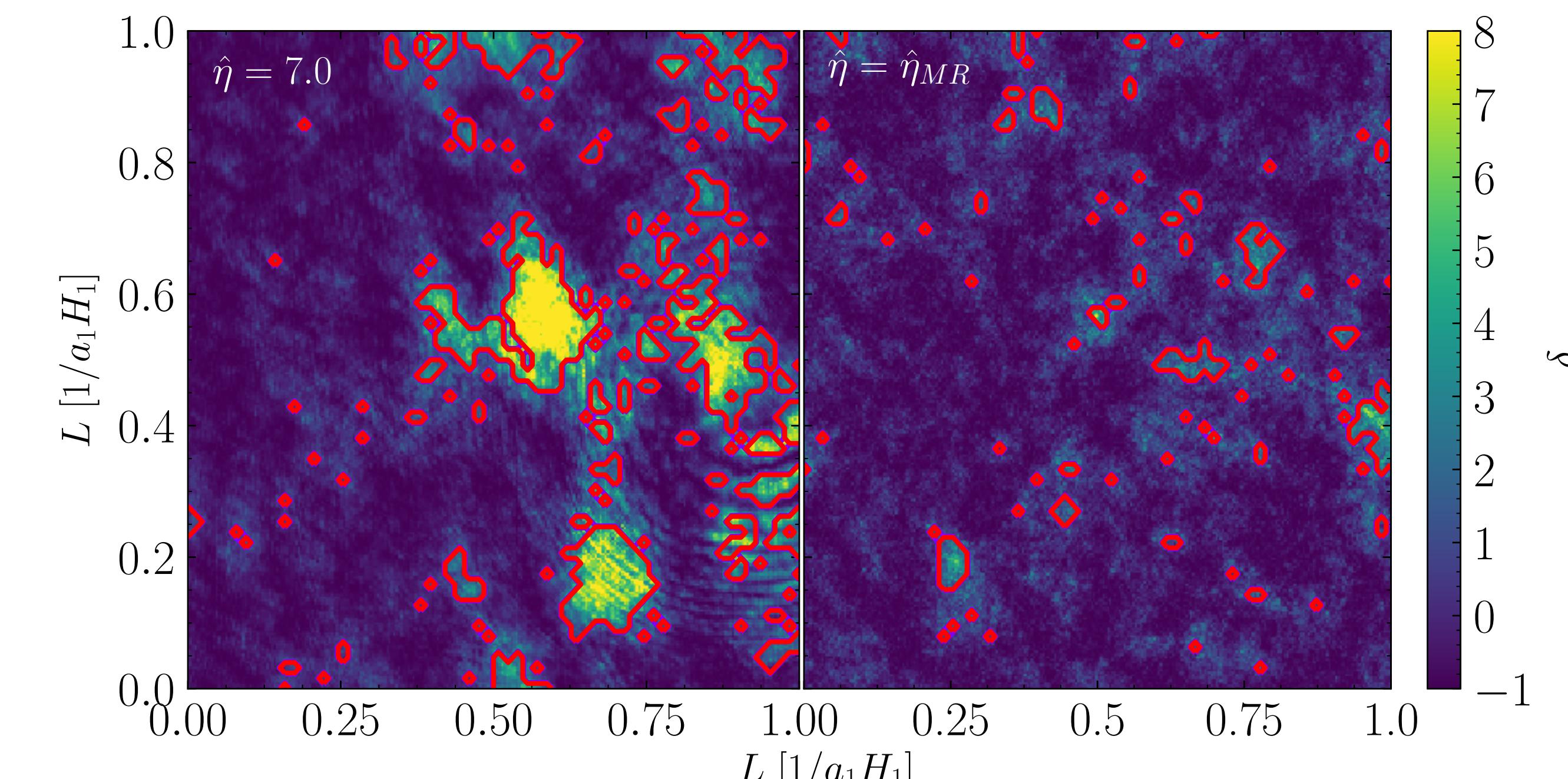
For an overdensity of size $\delta = (\rho - \bar{\rho})/\rho$
the final density is:

$$\rho_{\text{AMC}}(\delta) = 140(1 + \delta)\delta^3 \rho_{\text{eq}}$$

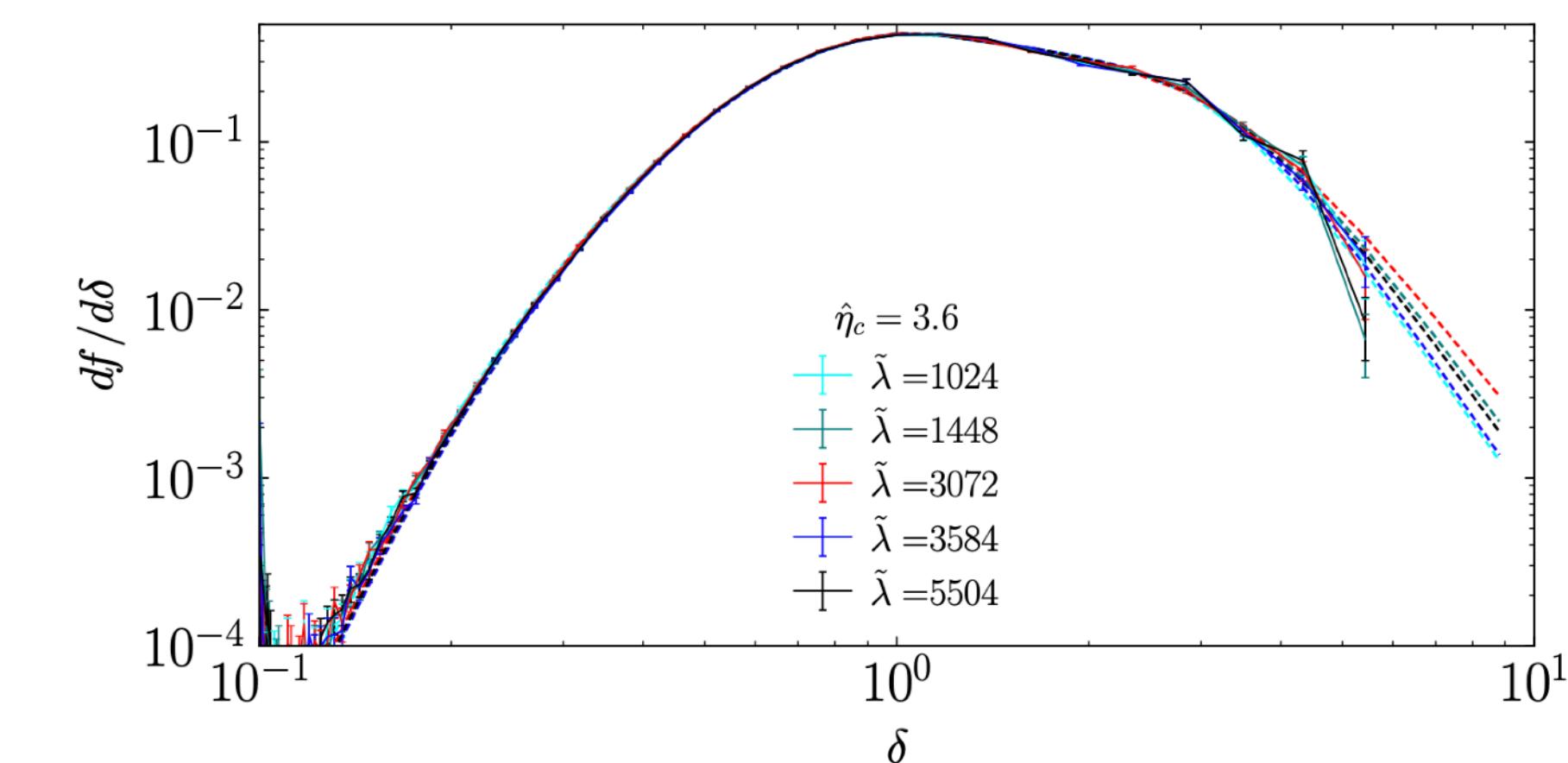
[Kolb & Tkachev, [astro-ph/9403011](#)]

Not to be confused with Axion Stars

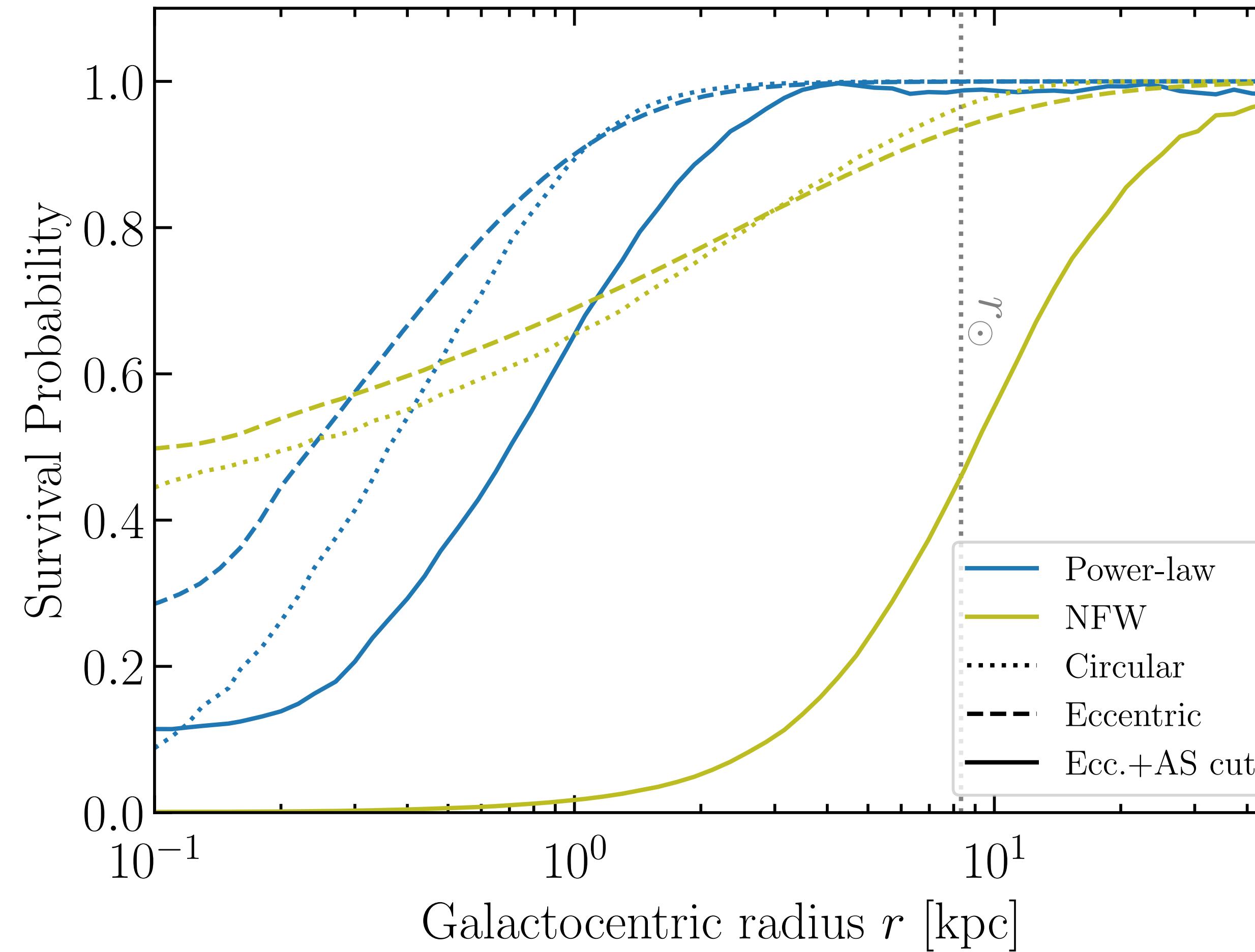
[Schive et al., [1407.7762](#), Visinelli et al., [1710.08910](#)]



[Buschmann et al., [1906.00967](#)]



AMC Survival in the Milky Way



Survival probability at Solar circle:
O(40%) for NFW profiles
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](#)]