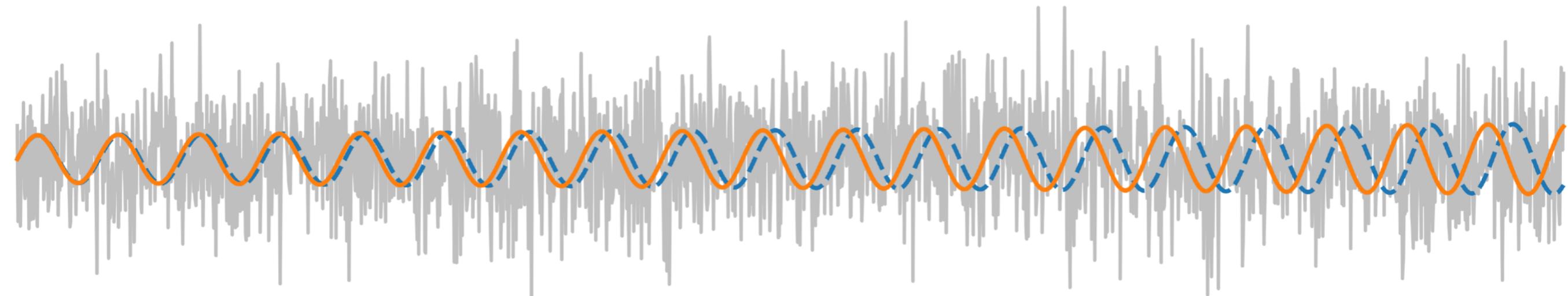


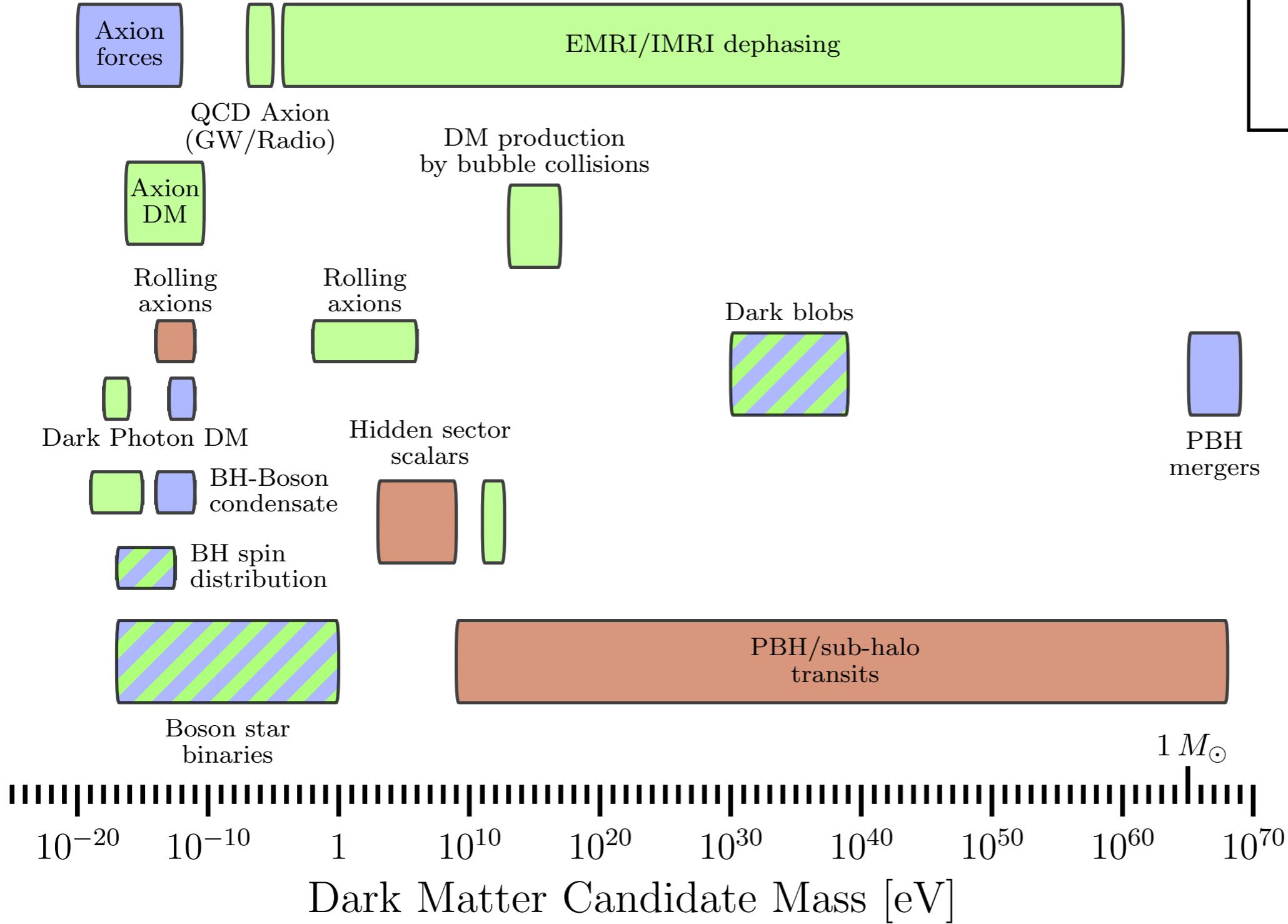
Detecting Dark Matter around Black Holes with Gravitational Waves



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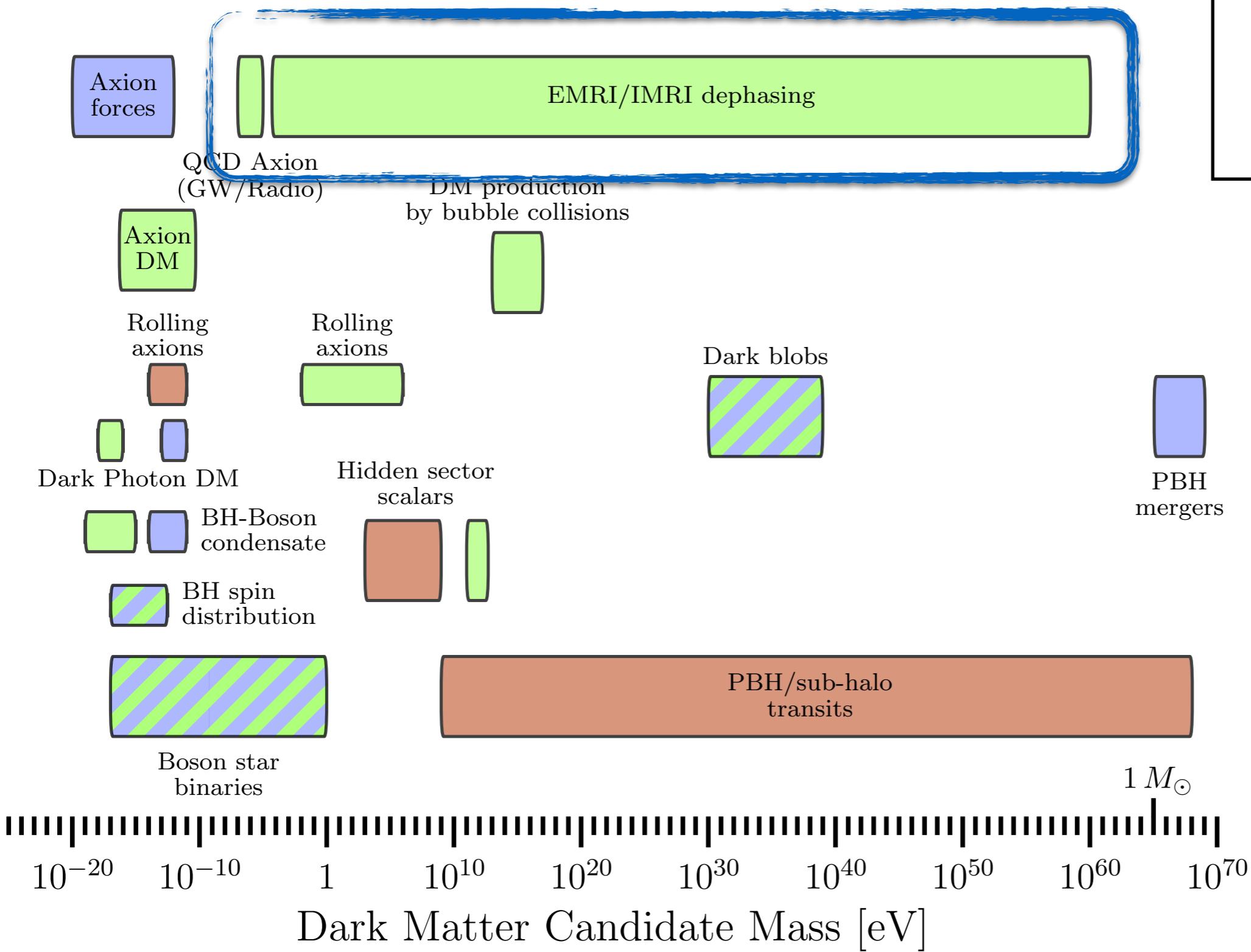
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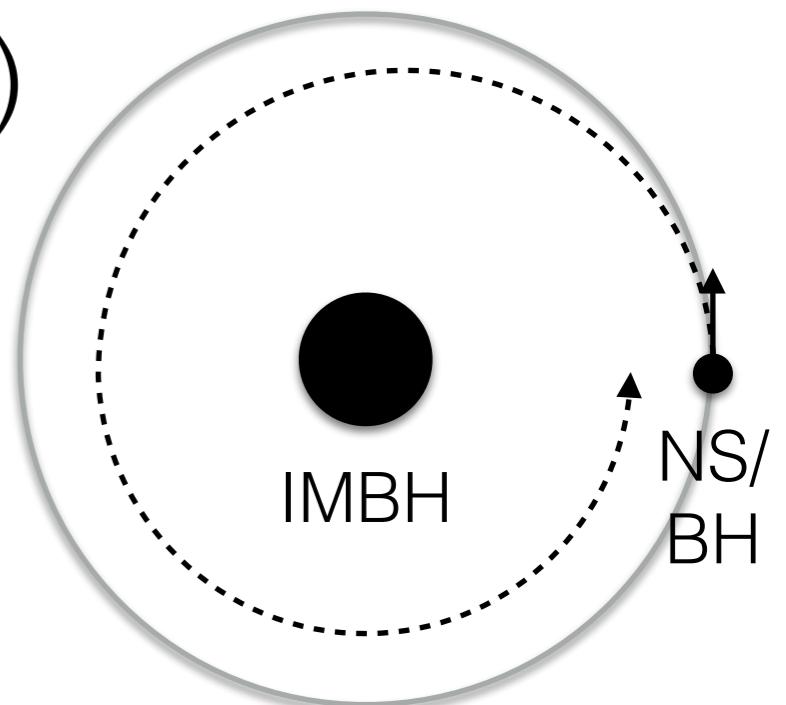


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Intermediate Mass Ratio Inspiral (IMRI)

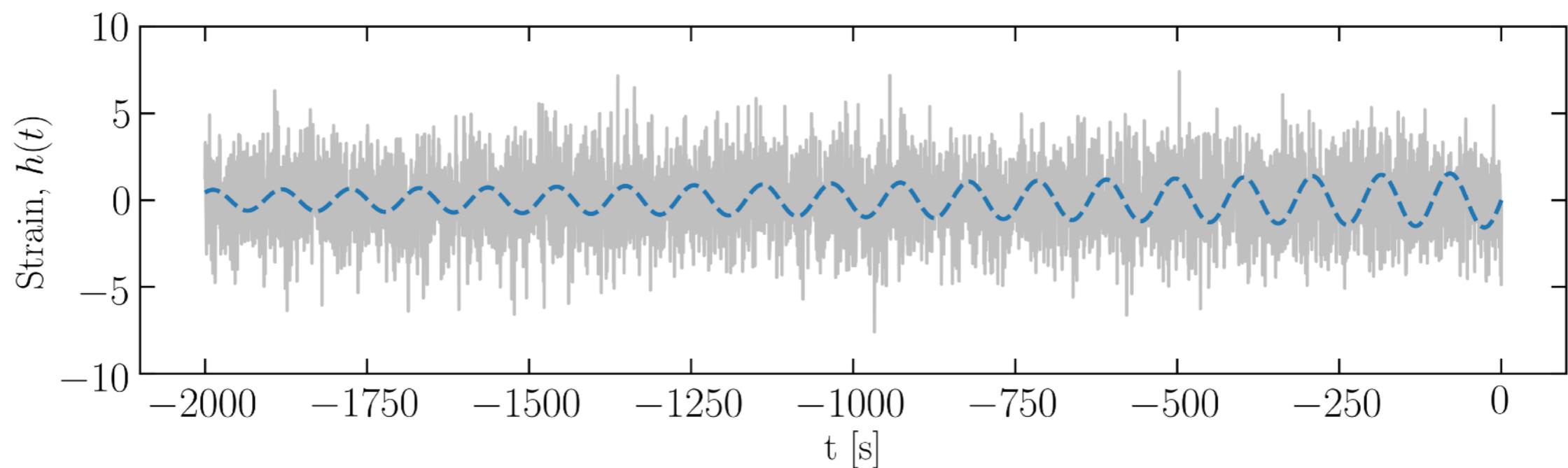
Stellar mass compact object (NS/BH) inspirals towards intermediate mass black hole (IMBH)

$$M_{\text{IMBH}} \sim 10^3 - 10^5 M_\odot$$



GW emission causes long, slow inspiral:

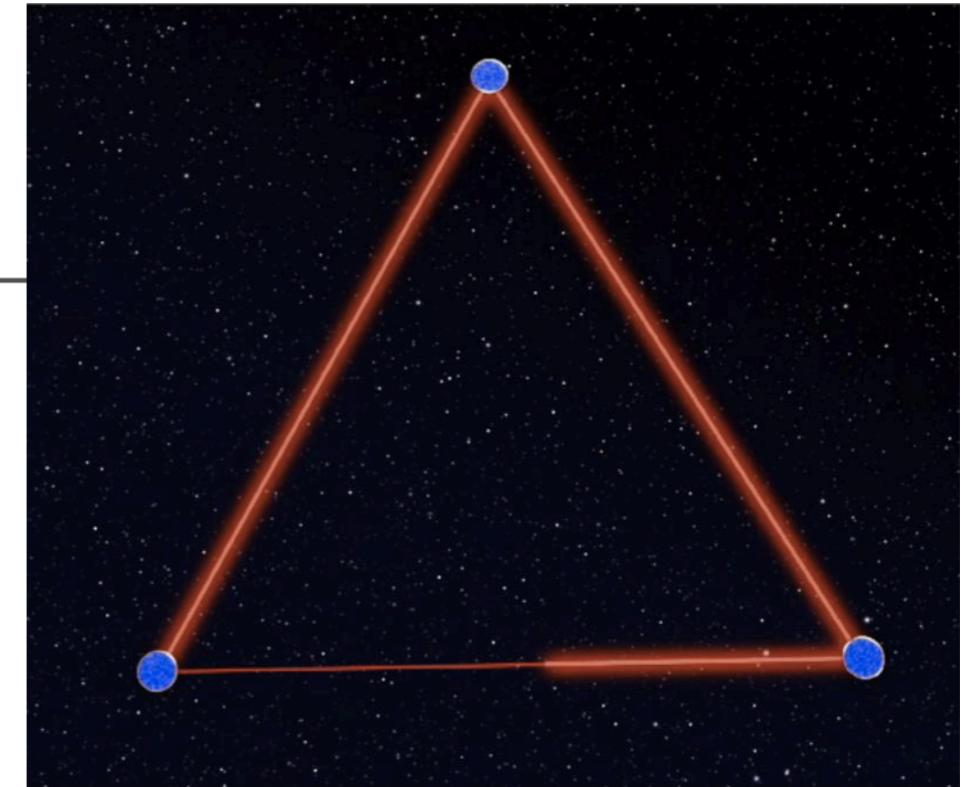
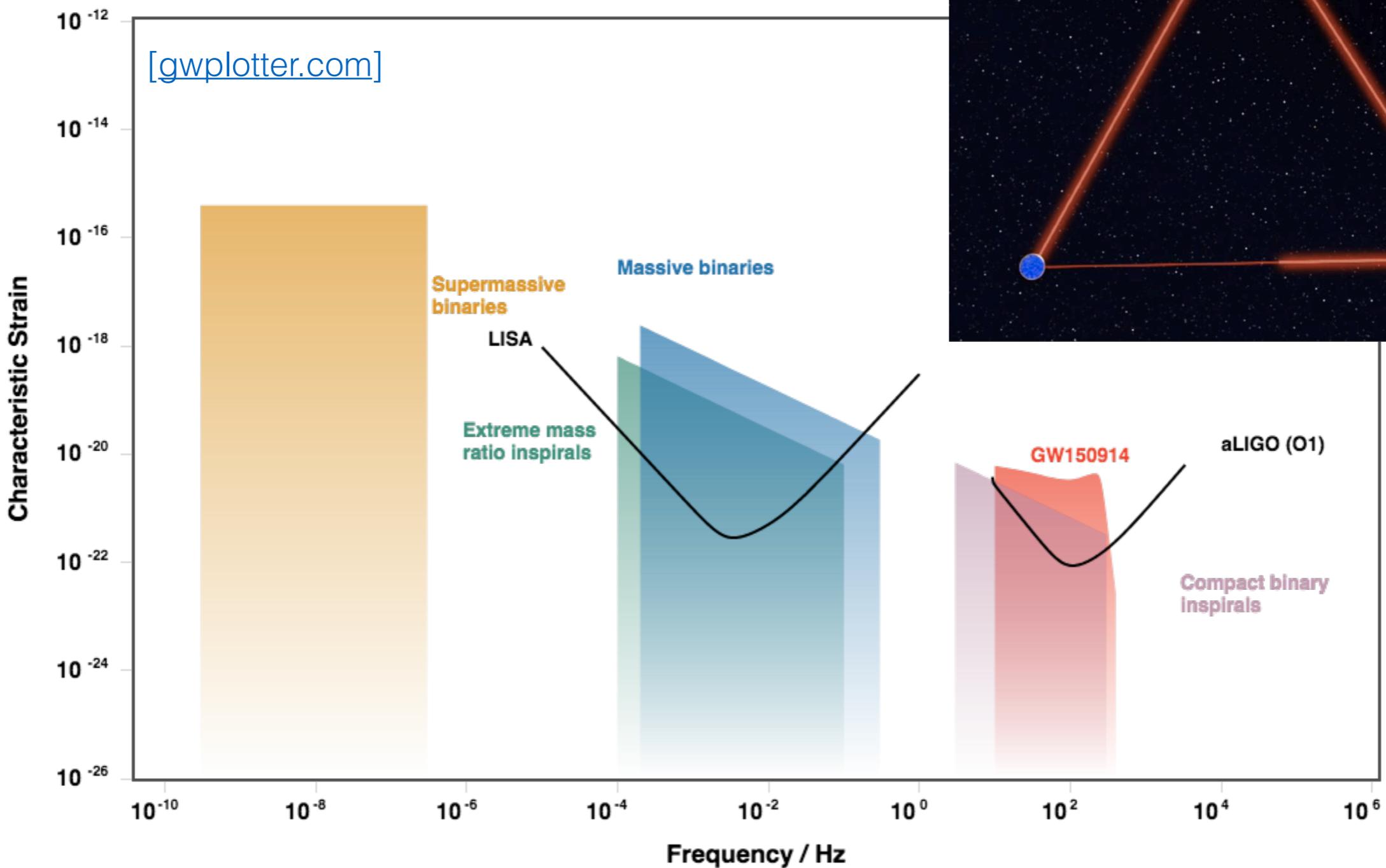
$$\dot{E}_{\text{GW}} \approx \frac{32G^4}{5c^5} \frac{M_{\text{IMBH}}^3 M_{\text{NS}}^2}{r^5} \propto (f_{\text{GW}})^{10/3}$$



LISA: GWs in Space

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Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
(planned for the 2030s) [\[1702.00786\]](#)



LISA should detect ~ 3 - 10 IMRIs per year [\[1711.00483\]](#)

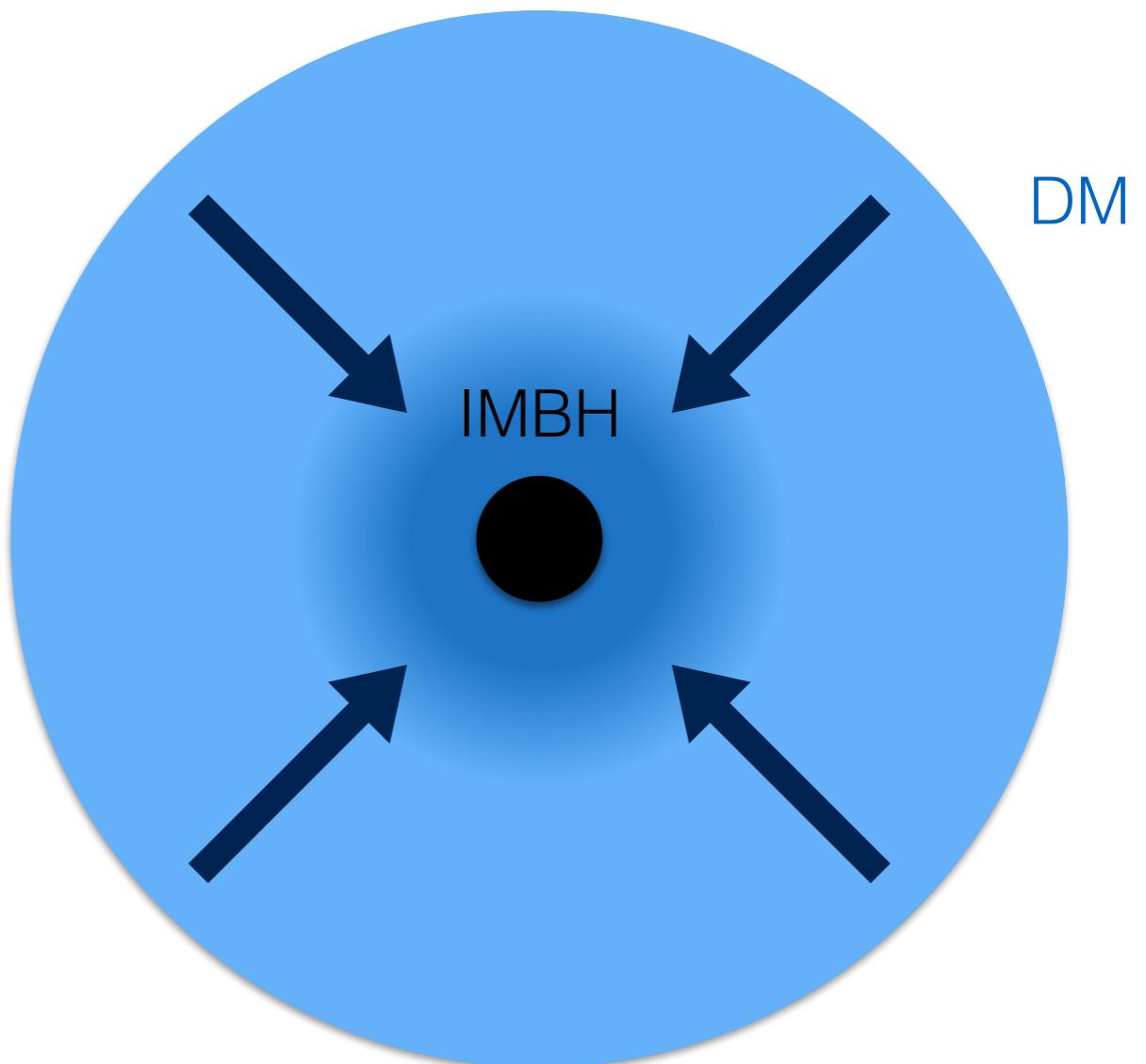
Dark Matter ‘spikes’

Depending on the formation mechanism of the IMBH,
expect an over-density of DM:

$$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r) = \rho_{\text{sp}} \left(\frac{r_{\text{sp}}}{r} \right)^{\gamma_{\text{sp}}}$$

For BH forming in an NFW halo,
from adiabatic growth expect:

$$\gamma_{\text{sp}} = 7/3 \approx 2.333$$



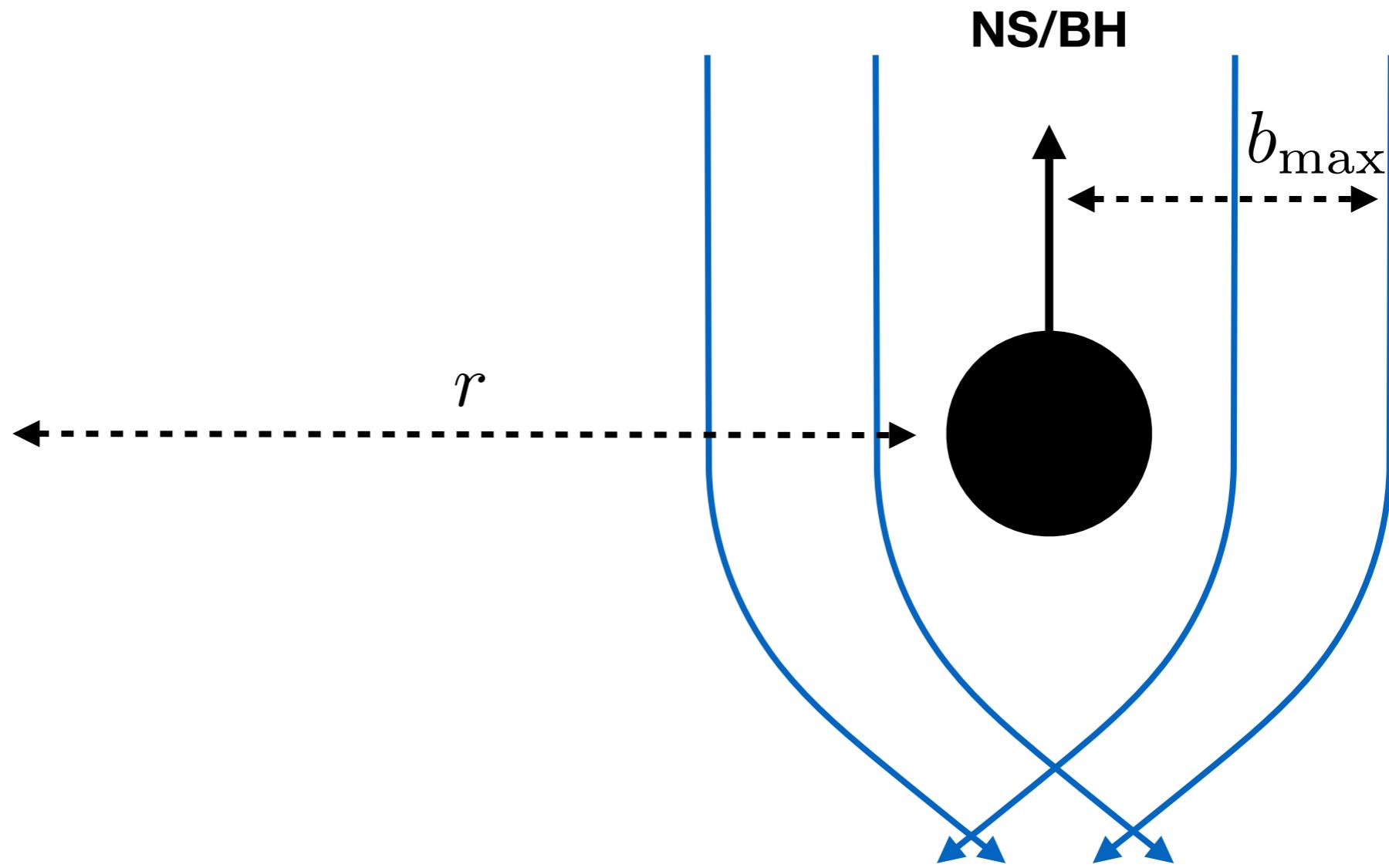
Typical density normalisation:

$$\rho_{\text{sp}} \sim 200 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}$$

Density can reach $\rho \sim 10^{24} M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}$
($\sim 10^{24}$ times larger than local density)

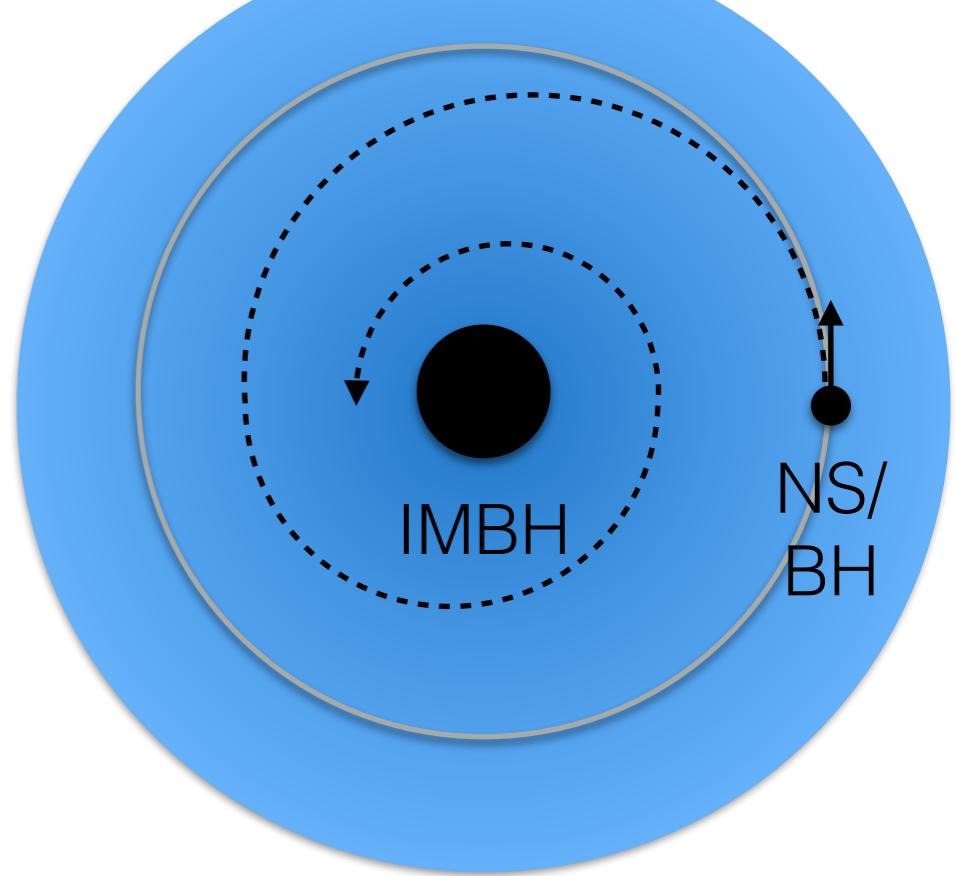
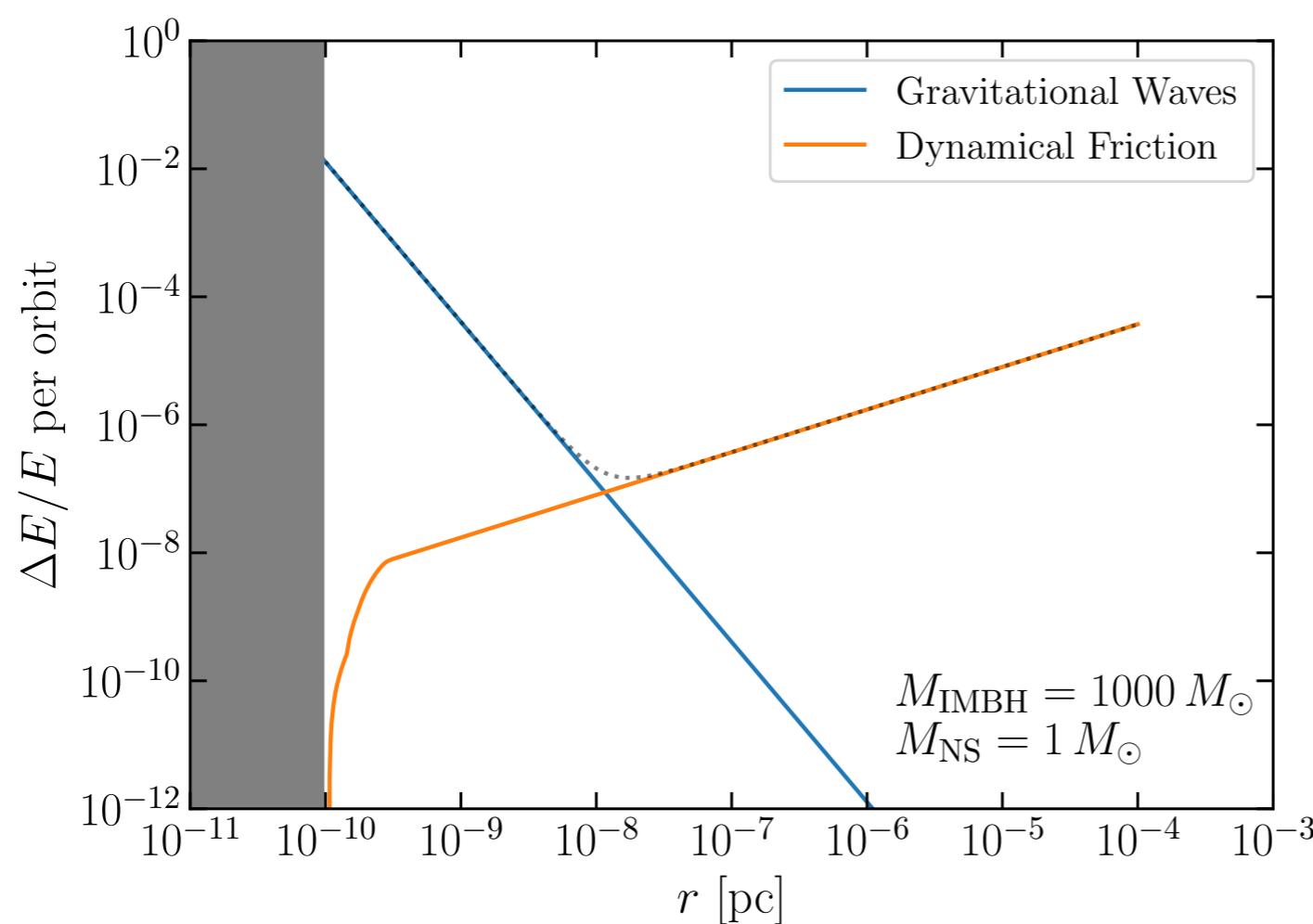
Dynamical Friction

[Chandrasekhar, 1943]

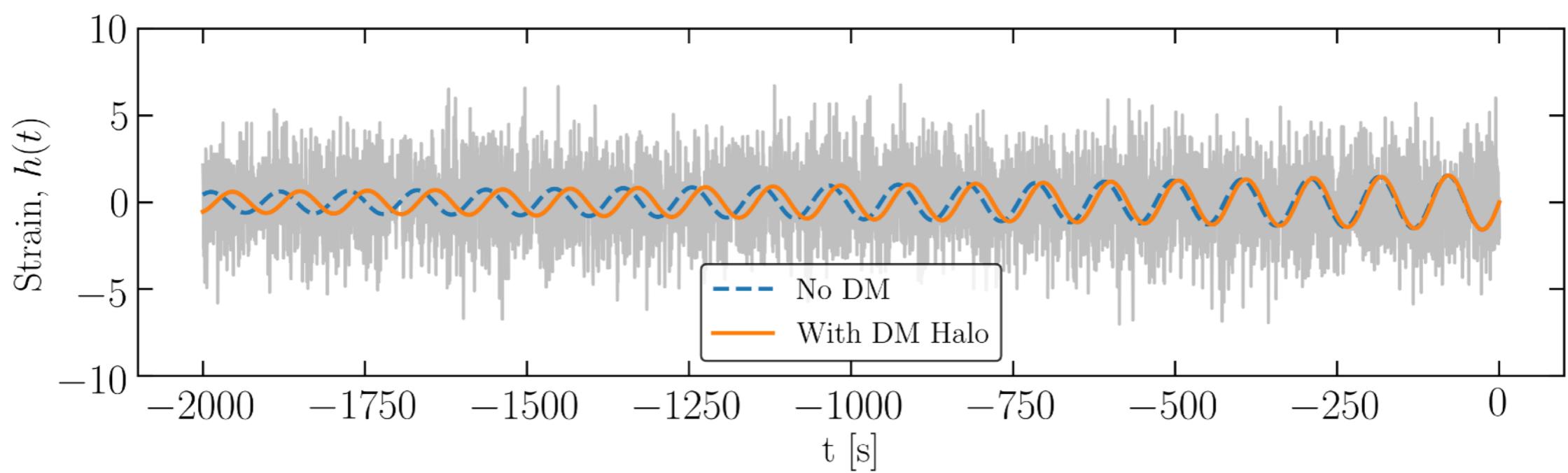


$$\dot{E}_{\text{DF}} \sim \frac{4\pi G^2 M_{\text{NS}}^2 \xi(v) \rho_{\text{DM}}(r)}{v_{\text{NS}}} \ln \Lambda \propto (f_{\text{GW}})^{\frac{2}{3}\gamma - 3}$$

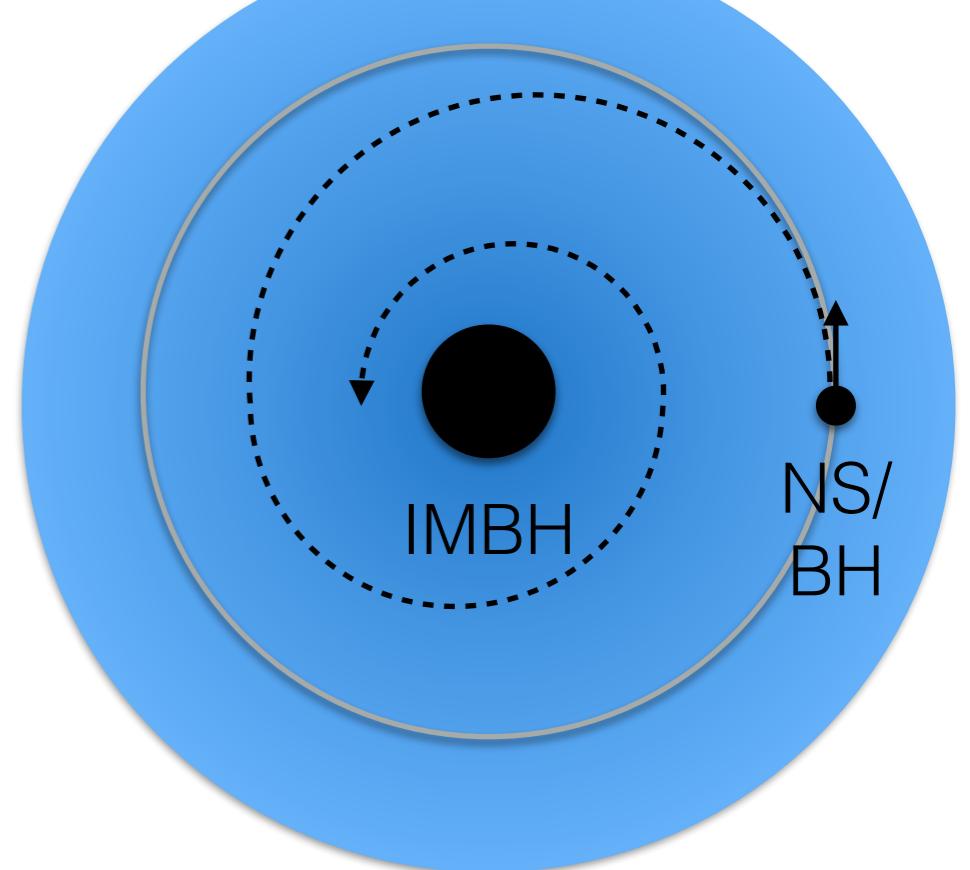
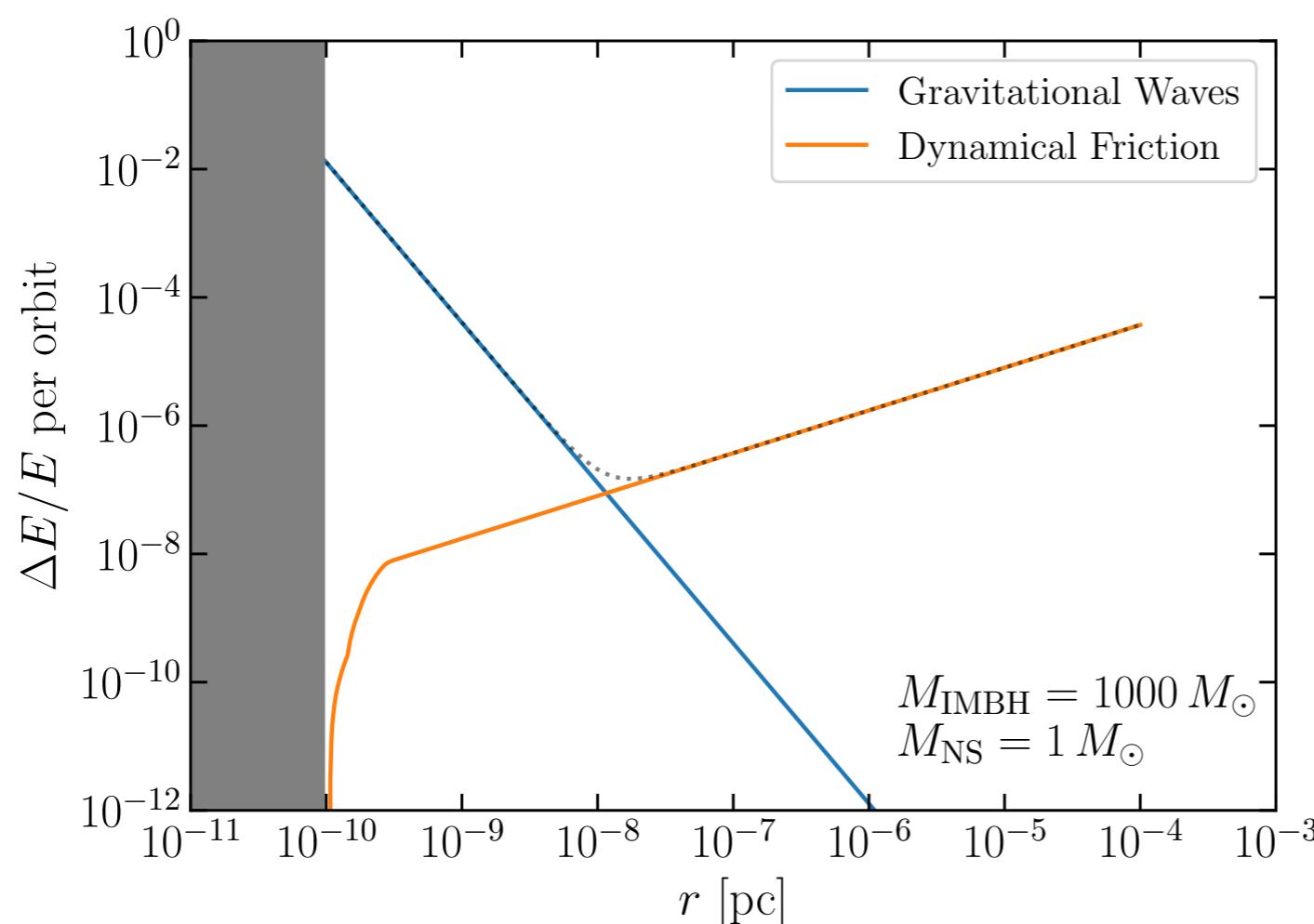
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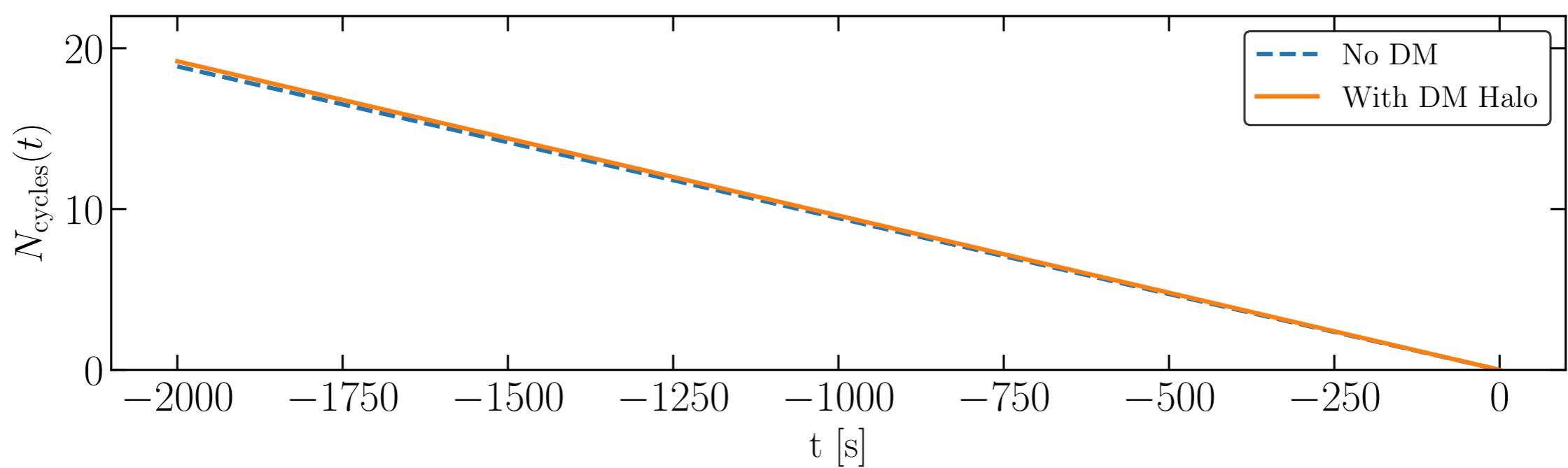
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'De-phasing' signal

Benchmark:

$$M_{\text{IMBH}} = 10^3 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{NS}} = 1 M_{\odot}$$

$$r_{\text{ini}} \sim 10^{-8} \text{ pc}$$

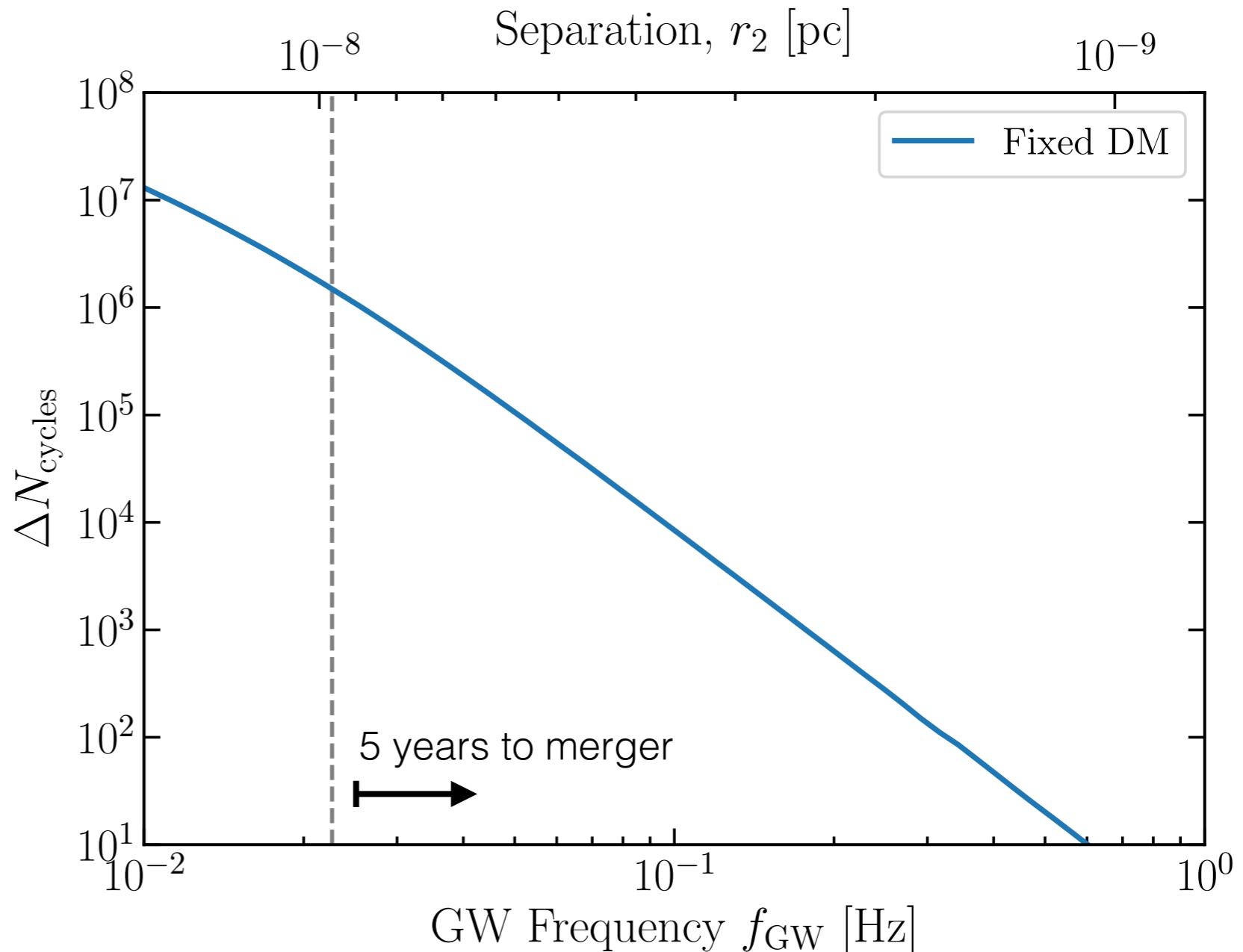


$$t_{\text{merge}}^{\text{vacuum}} \sim 5 \text{ yr}$$

$$N_{\text{cycles}}^{\text{vacuum}} \sim 6 \times 10^6$$

LISA may be sensitive to O(1 cycle) of dephasing!

How does DM affect the number of cycles?

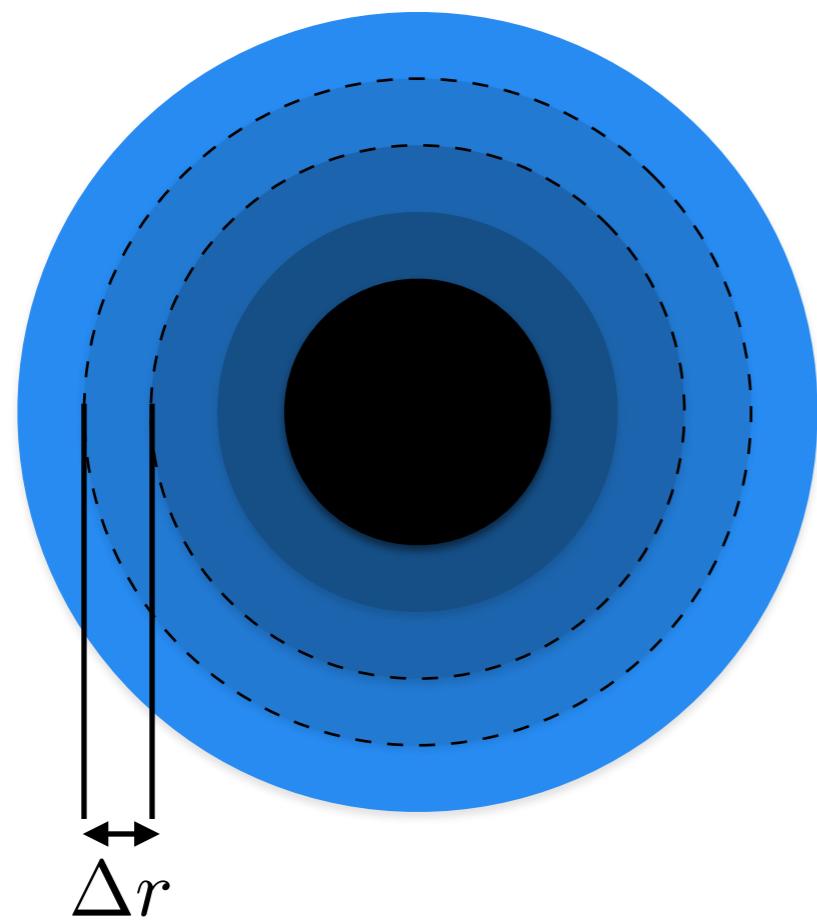


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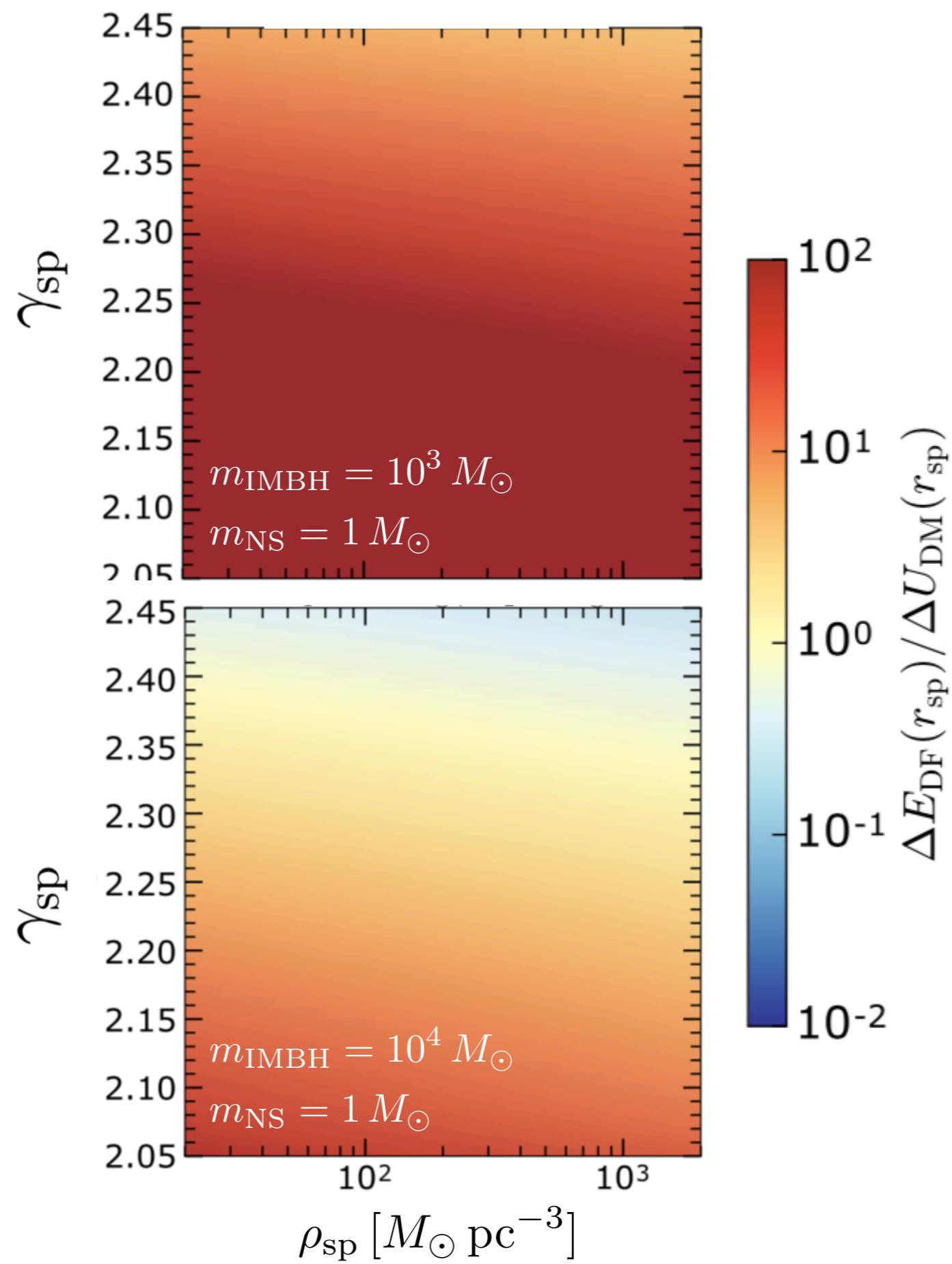
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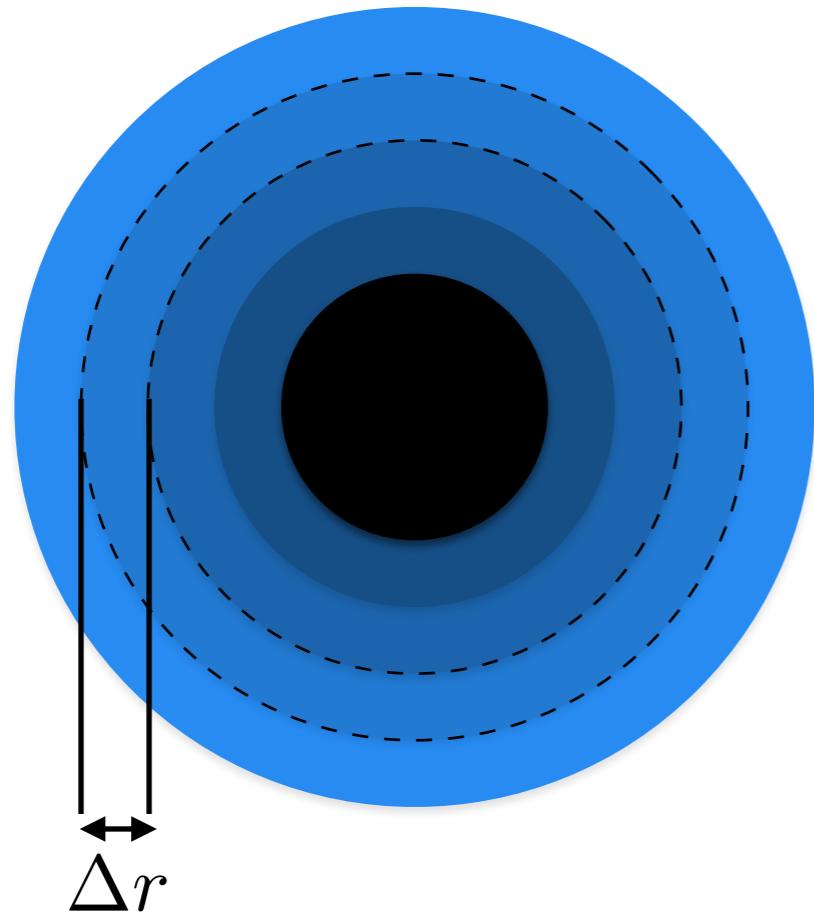


A: Binding energy of DM ΔU_{DM} over radius Δr



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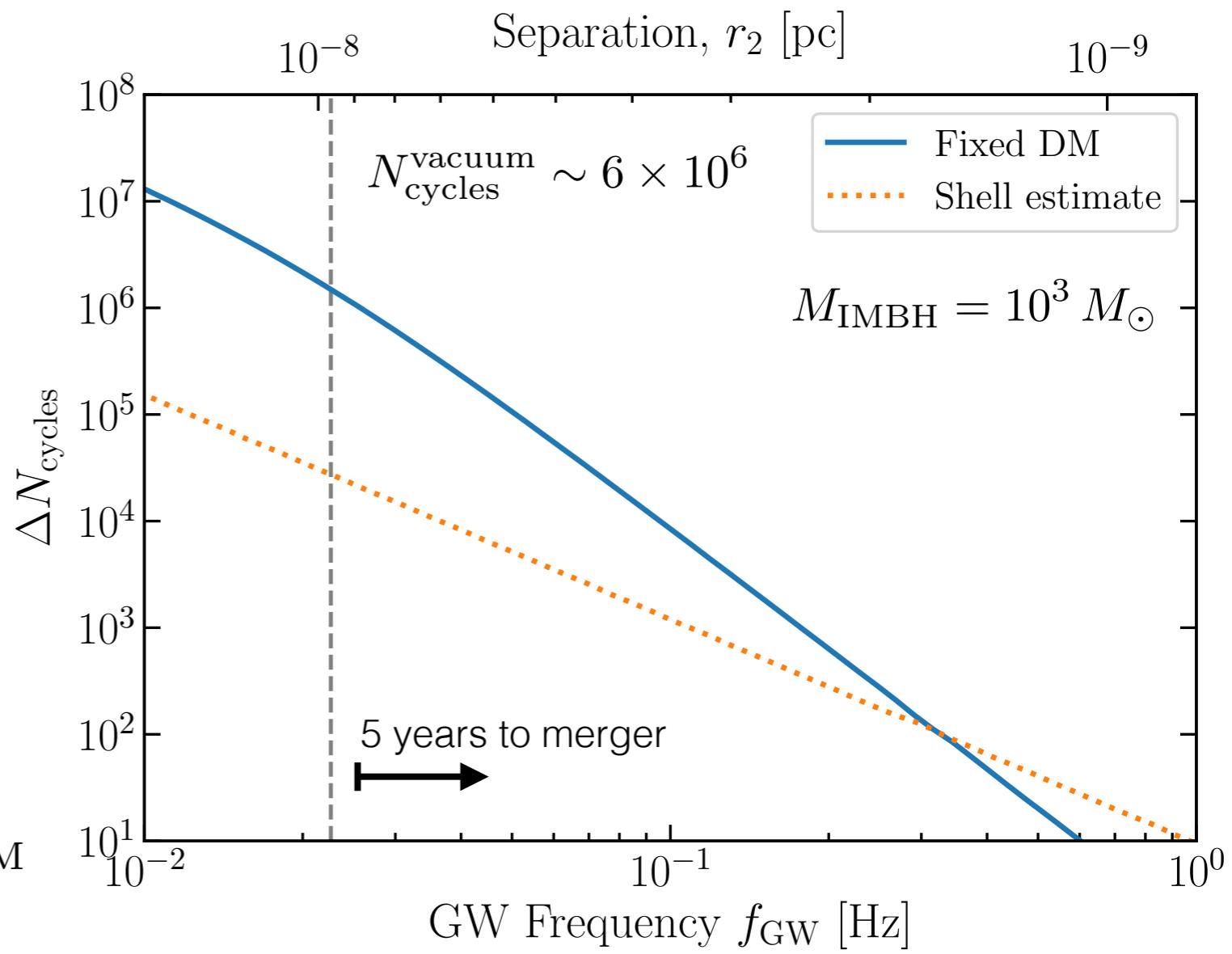
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Evolve the system by fixing the dynamical friction force to extract *all* binding energy from a shell at a given radius:

$$\dot{E}_{\text{DF}} = \dot{r} \frac{dU_{\text{DM}}}{dr}$$



Self-consistent evolution

Follow semi-analytically the phase space distribution of DM:

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

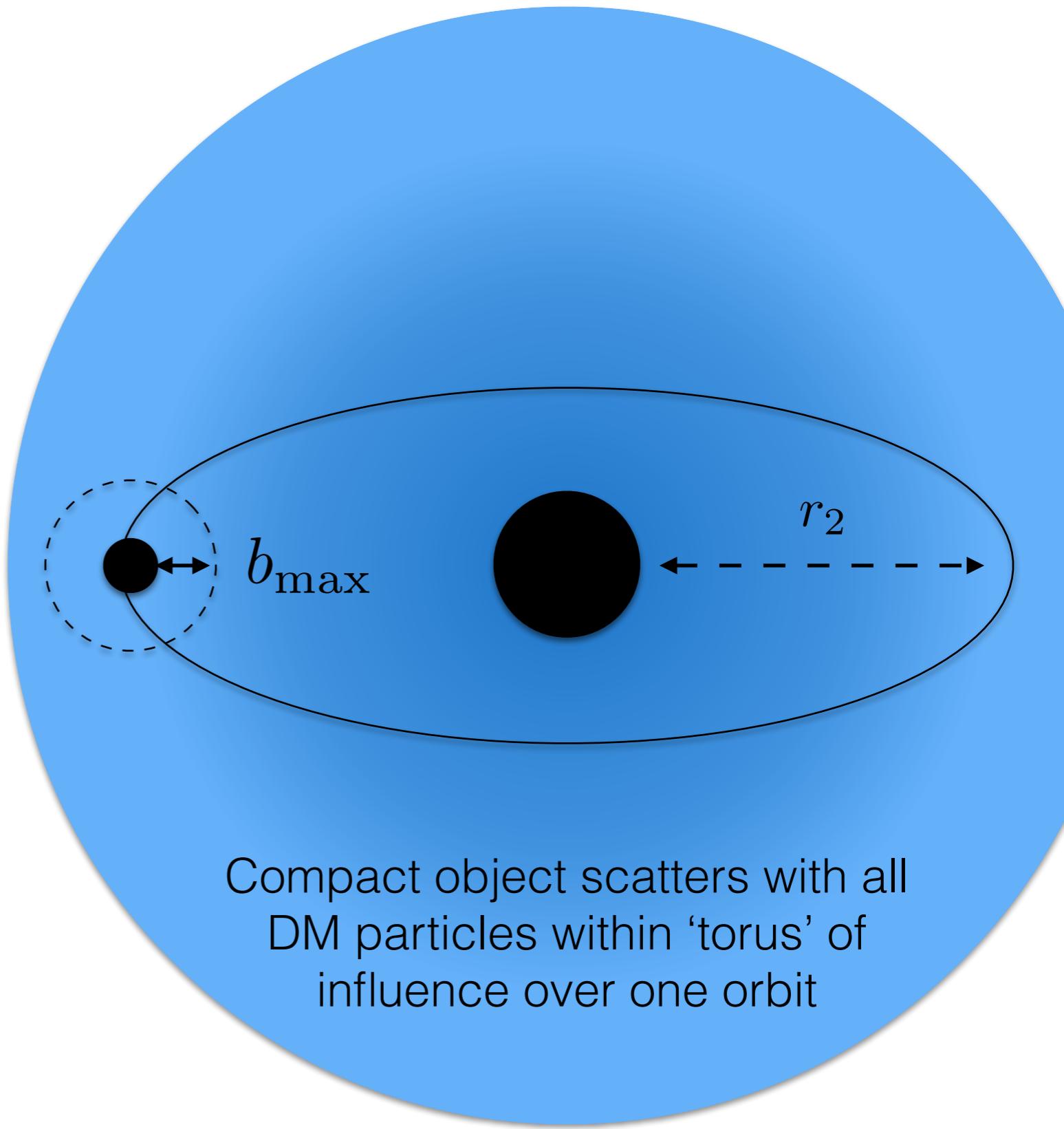
$$\mathcal{E} = \Psi(r) - \frac{1}{2}v^2$$

Each particle receives a ‘kick’ through gravitational scattering

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

Reconstruct density from distribution function:

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



Self-consistent evolution

Assuming everything evolves slowly compared to the orbital period:

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

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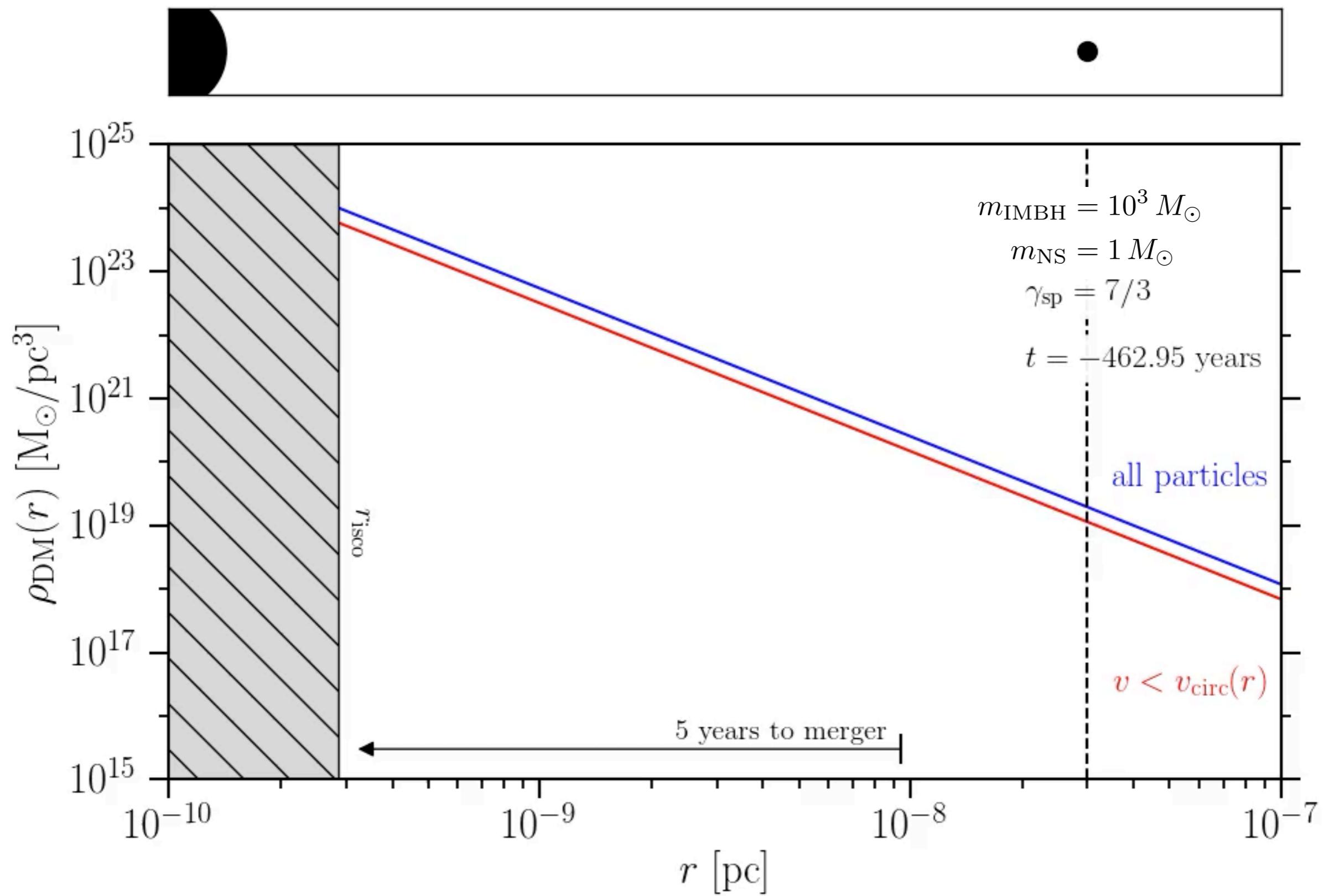
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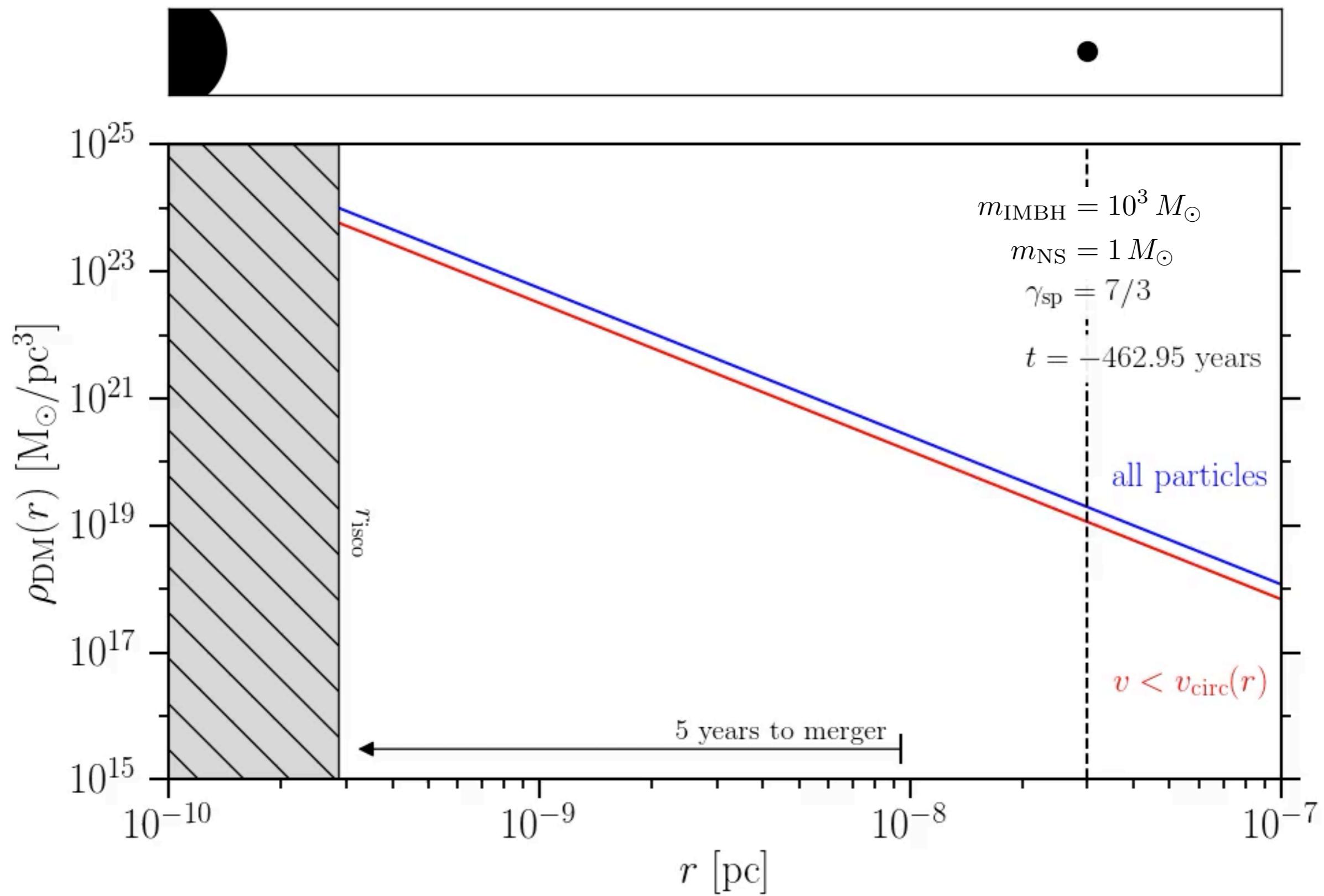
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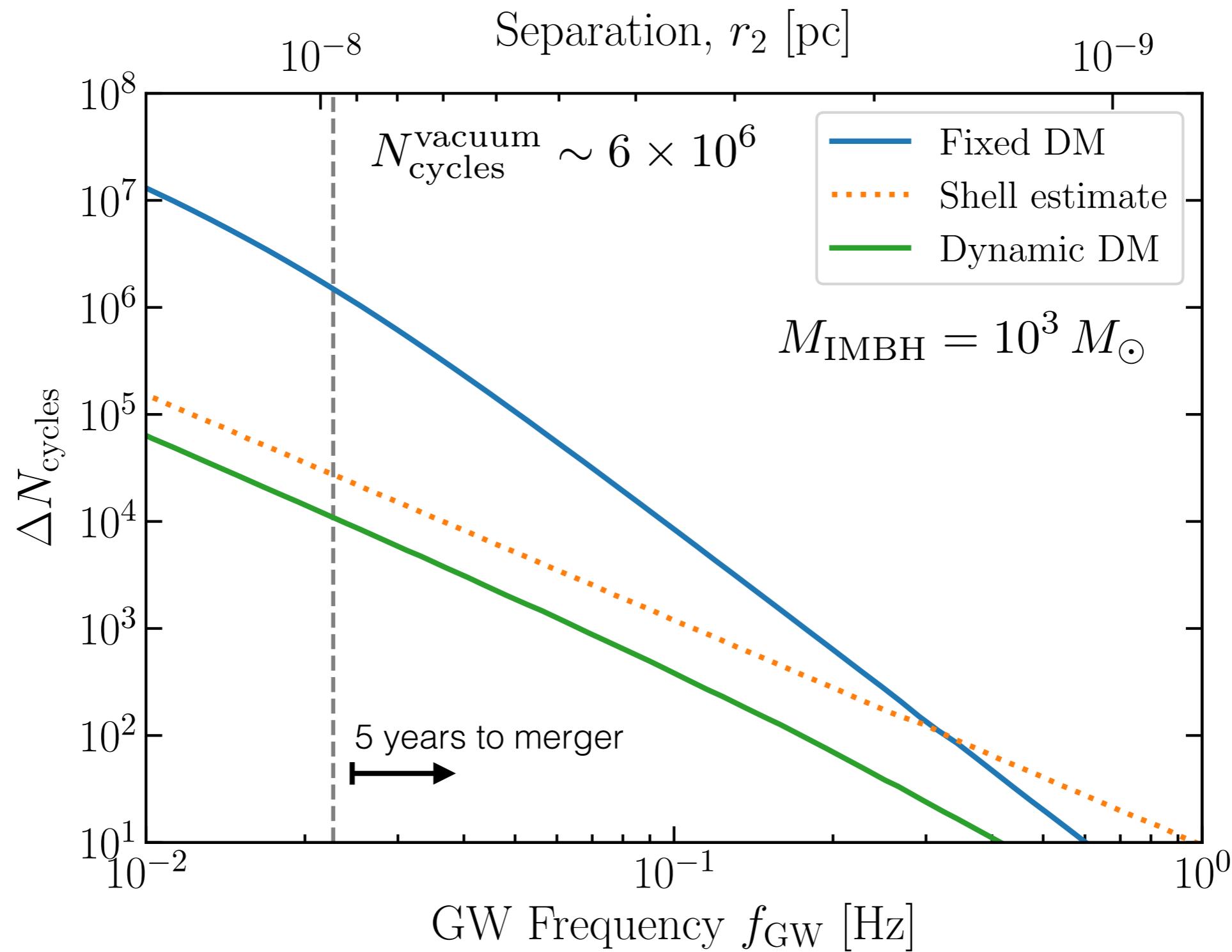
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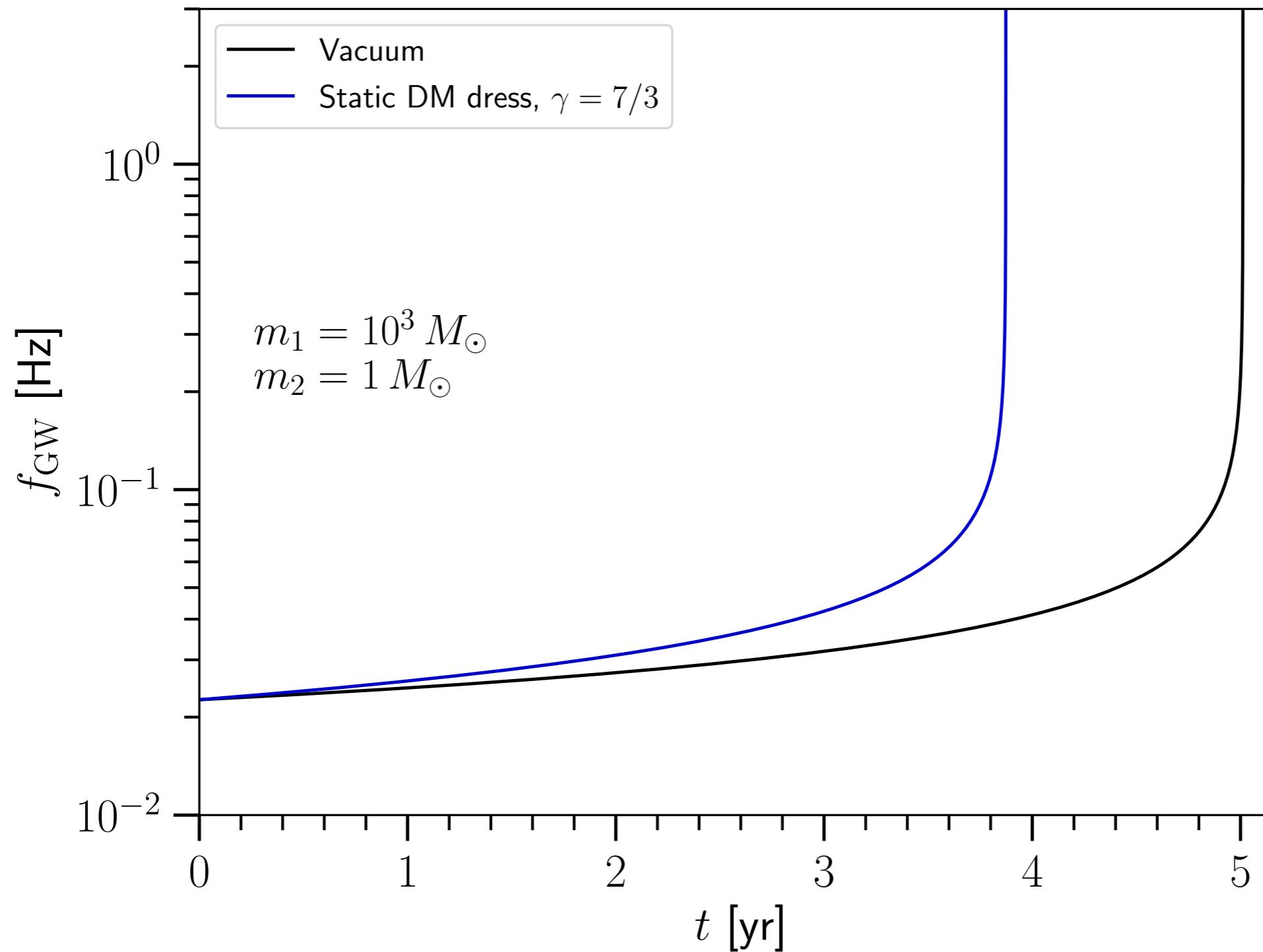
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$$\Delta N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{static}) \approx 10^6 \rightarrow \Delta N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{dynamic}) \approx 10^4$$

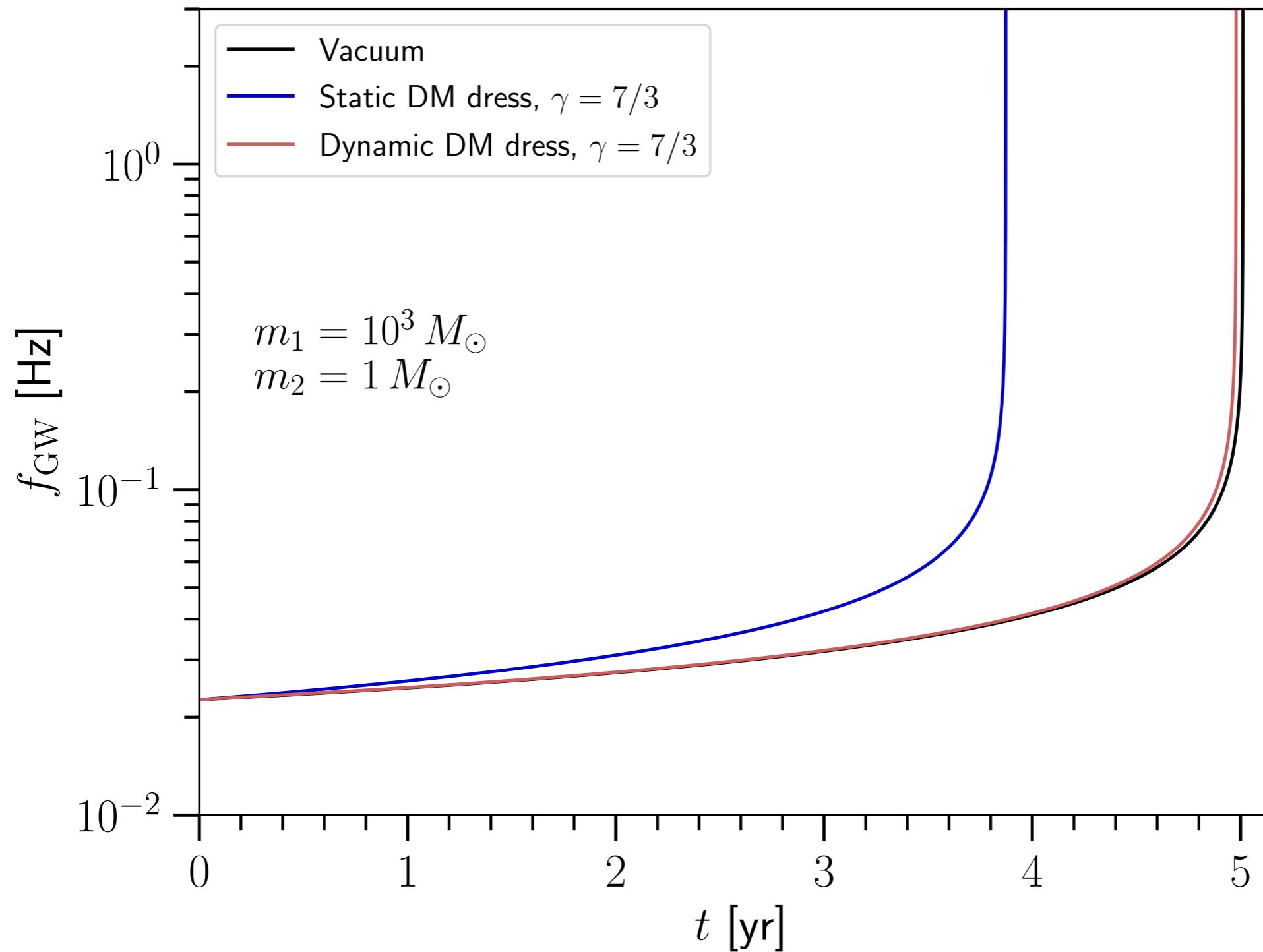
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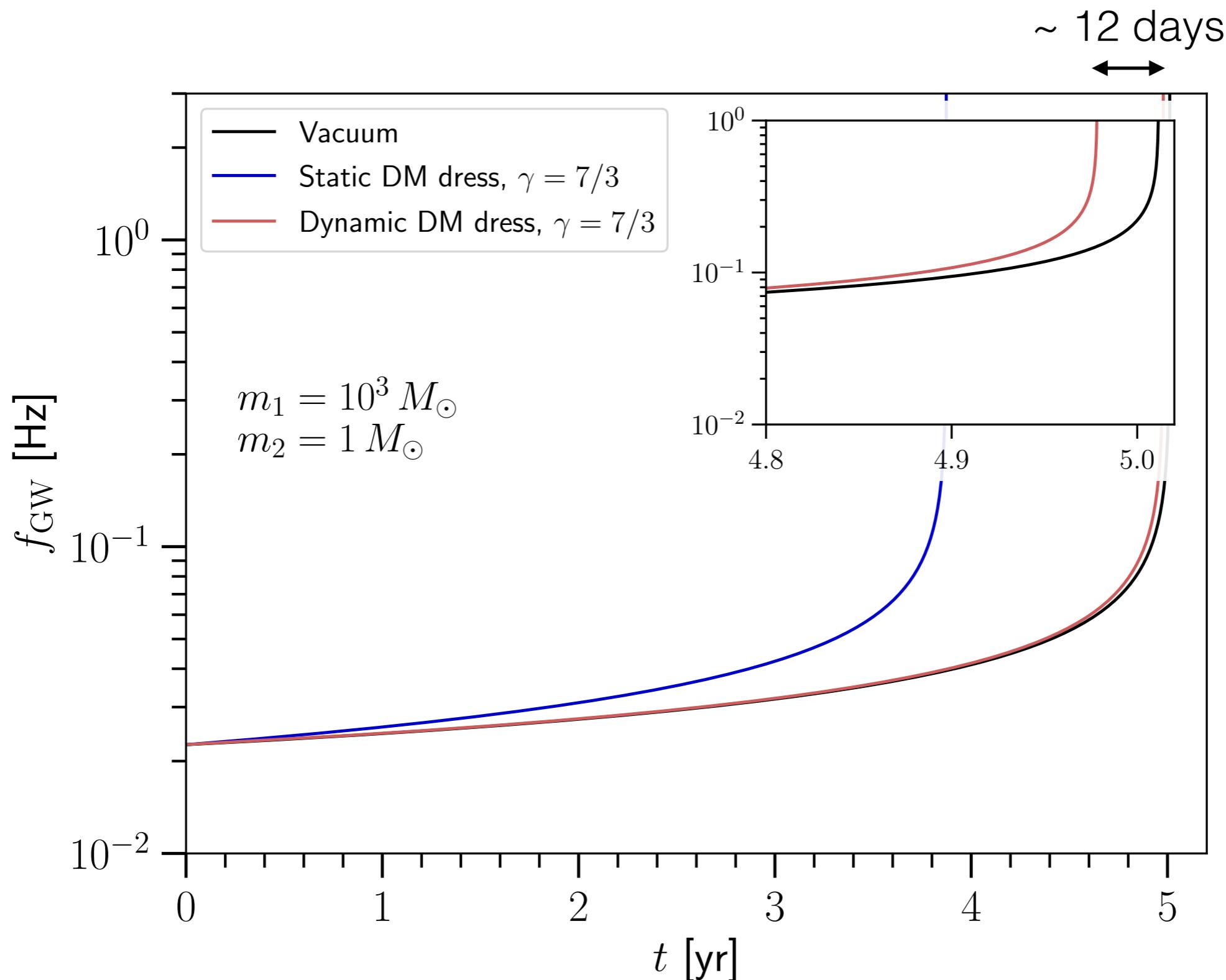
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$\Delta t_{\text{merge}} \approx 1 \text{ yr} \rightarrow \Delta t_{\text{merge}} \approx 12 \text{ days}$

Plans for the future

Improved modelling

- Injection and evolution of angular momentum in the DM halo
- More general orbital parameters (eccentricities etc.)
- Post-Newtonian corrections
- N-body approaches [\[AMUSE?\]](#)

Detection methods

- Producing template banks for LISA searches
- Incoherent searches for continuous GWs
- ‘General’ de-phased waveform templates [\[2004.06729\]](#)

Detection prospects

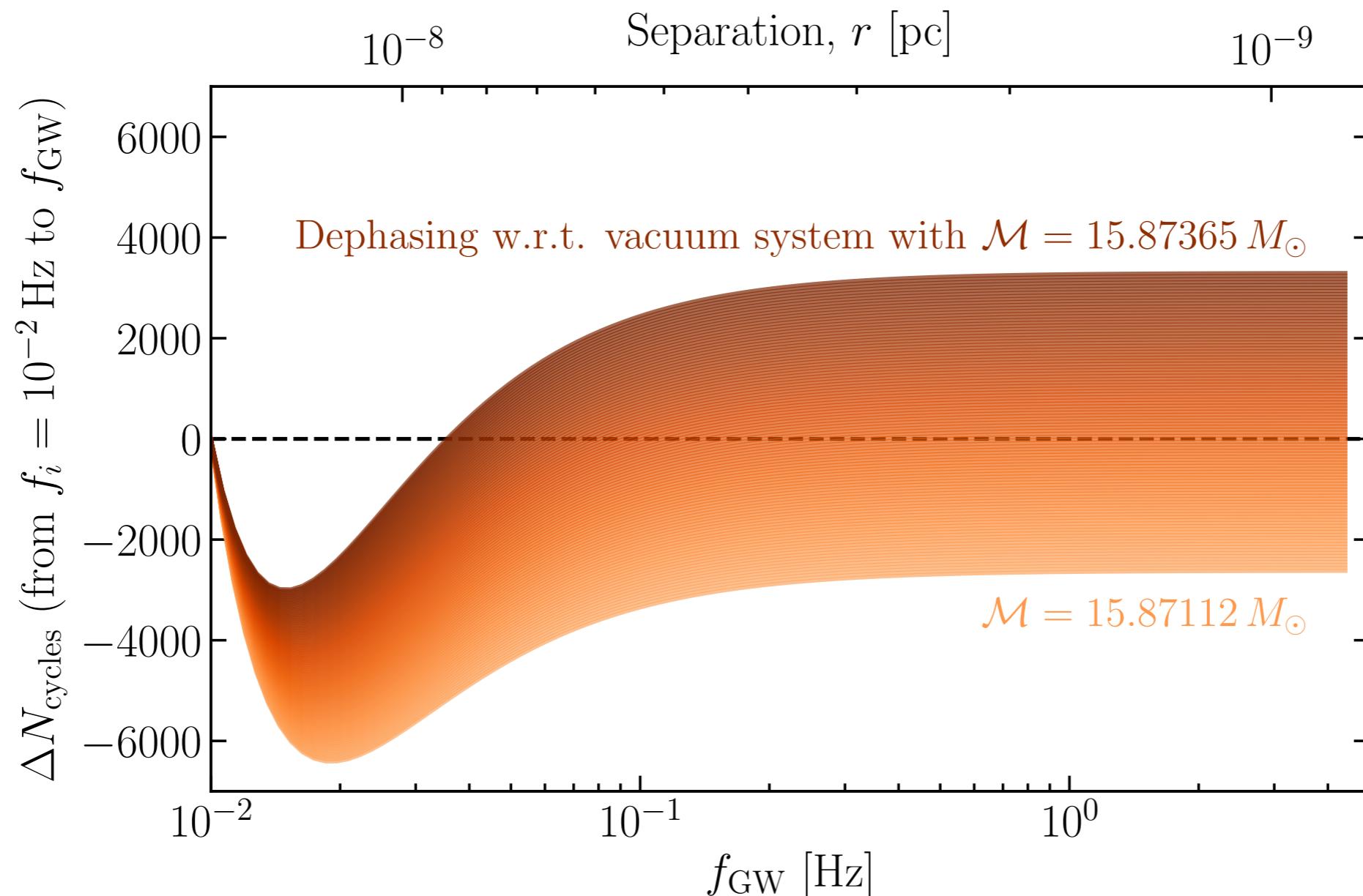
- How many IMRI systems form?
- How many systems have a (surviving) spike?
- *Prospects for detection and parameter reconstruction (DM density)*

Detectability

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

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Compare phase evolution with different vacuum binaries:

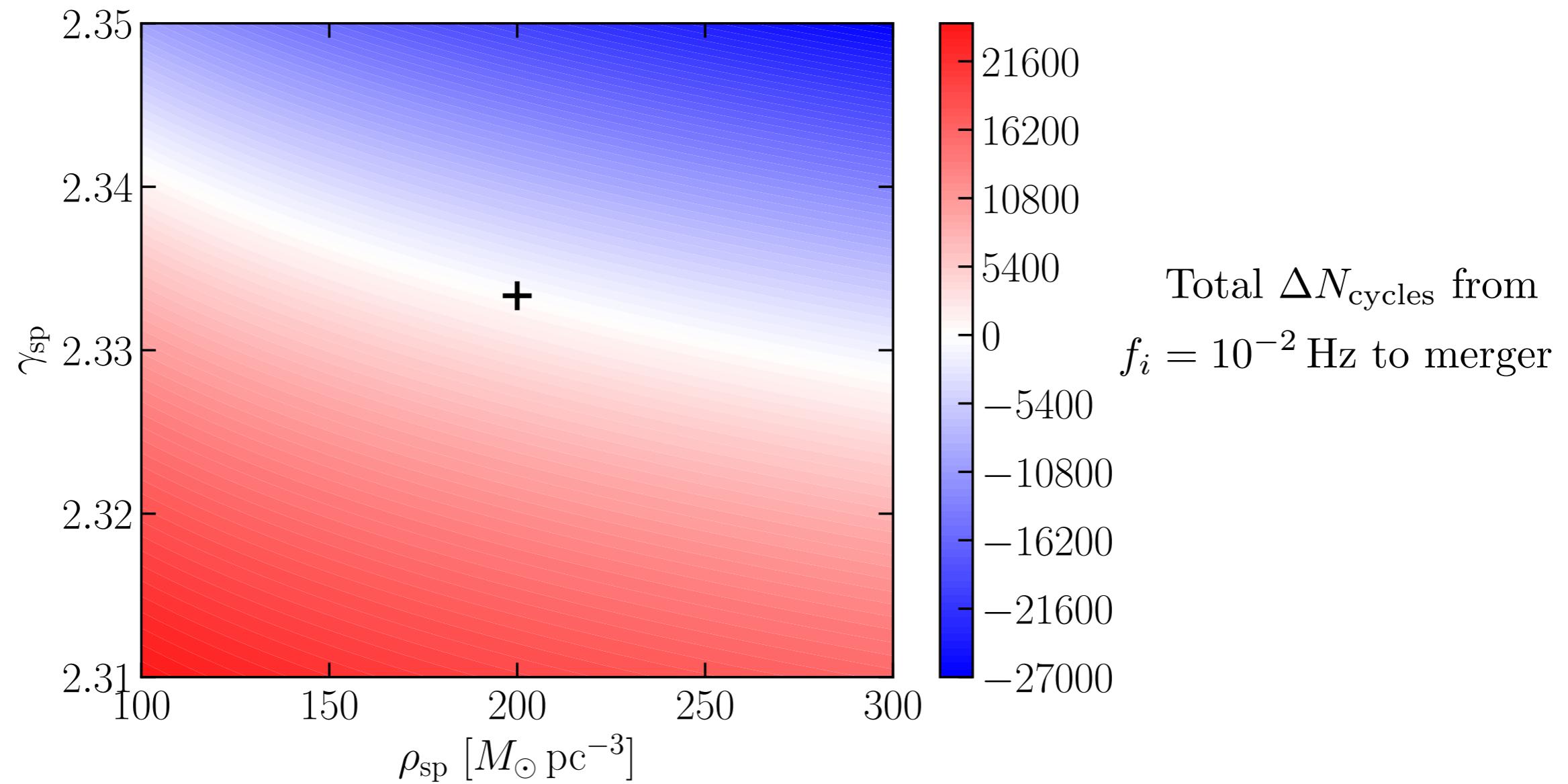


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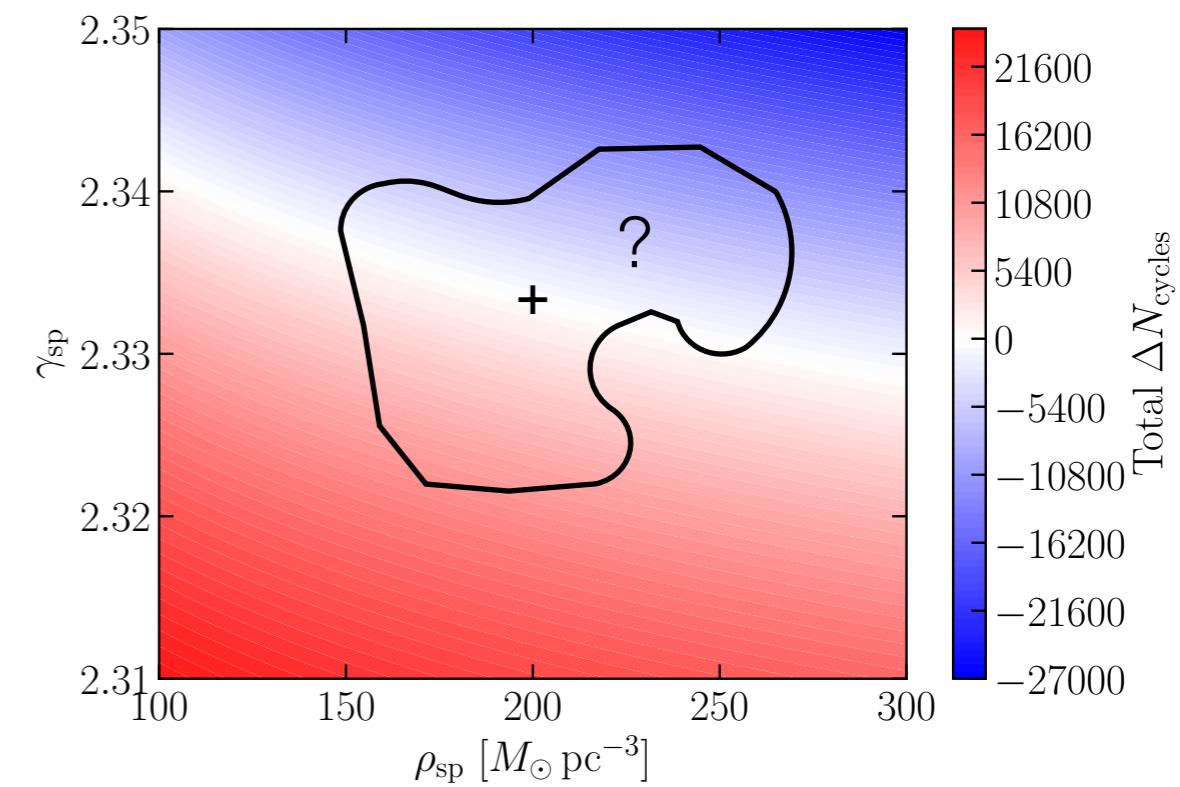
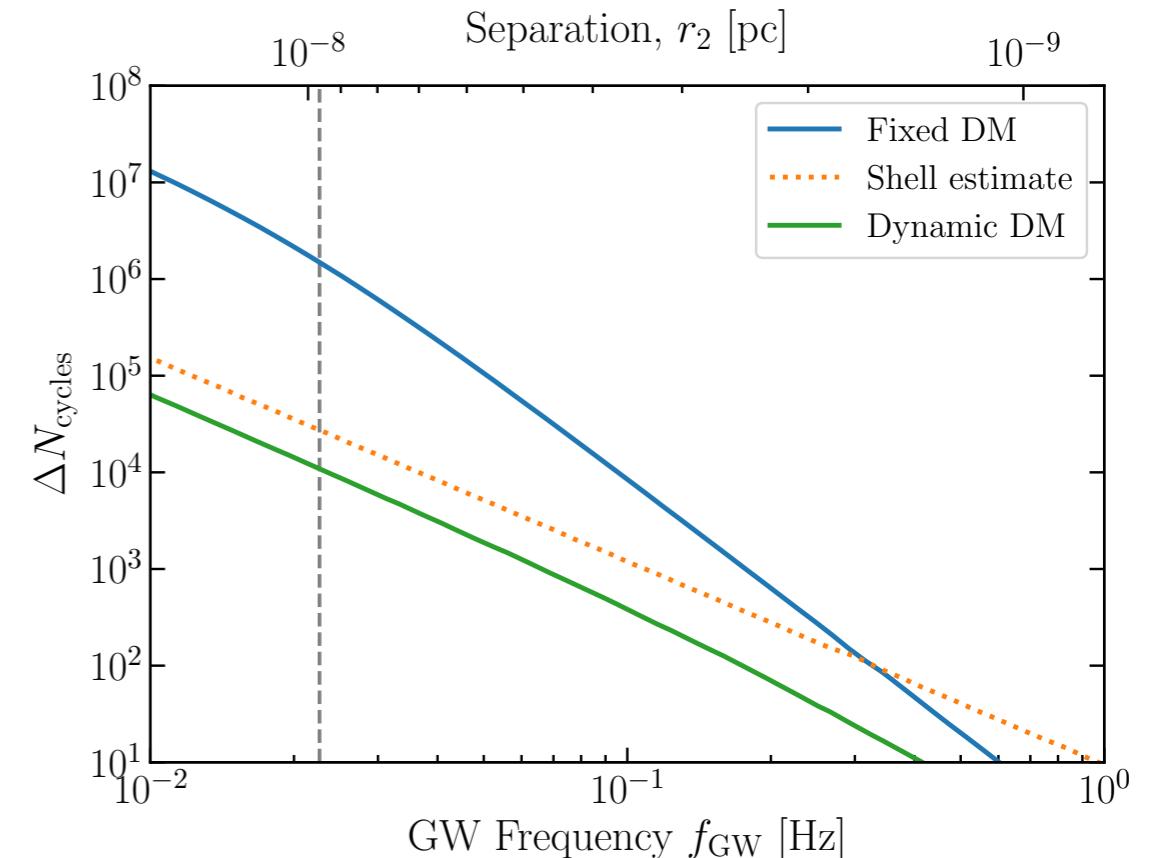
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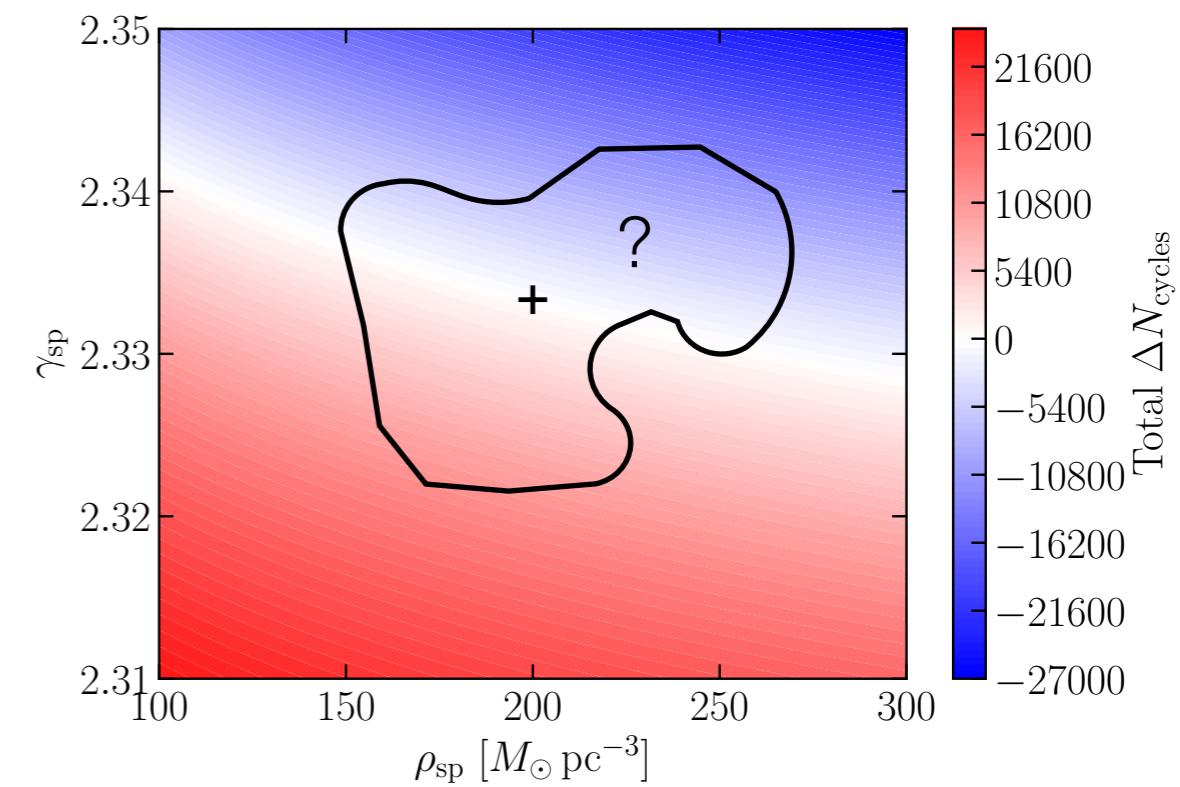
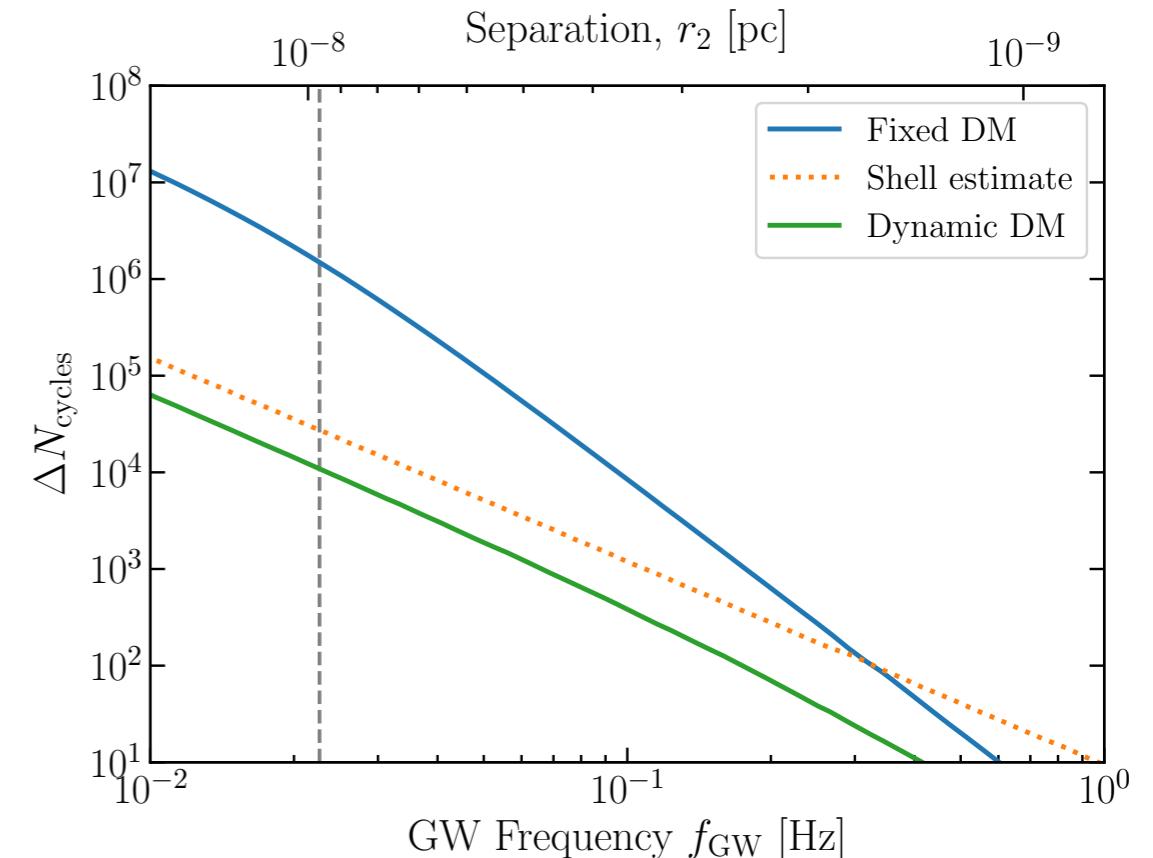
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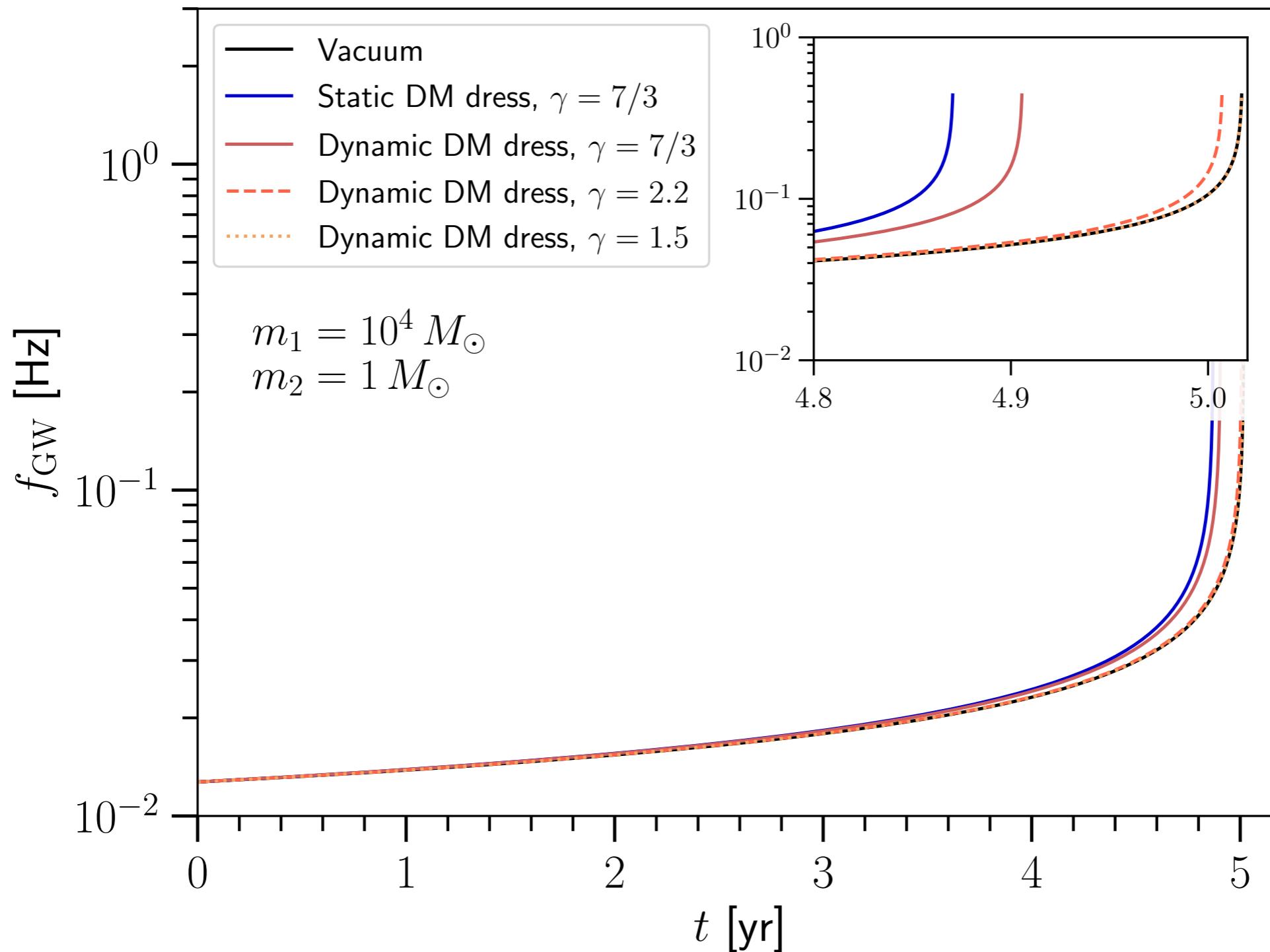
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Backup Slides

Spectrograms: $m_{\text{IMBH}} = 10^4 M_\odot$

$$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r) = \rho_{\text{sp}} \left(\frac{r_{\text{sp}}}{r} \right)^{\gamma_{\text{sp}}}$$

As we increase the IMBH mass, the correction from having a dynamic DM halo decreases (but can still be very relevant)

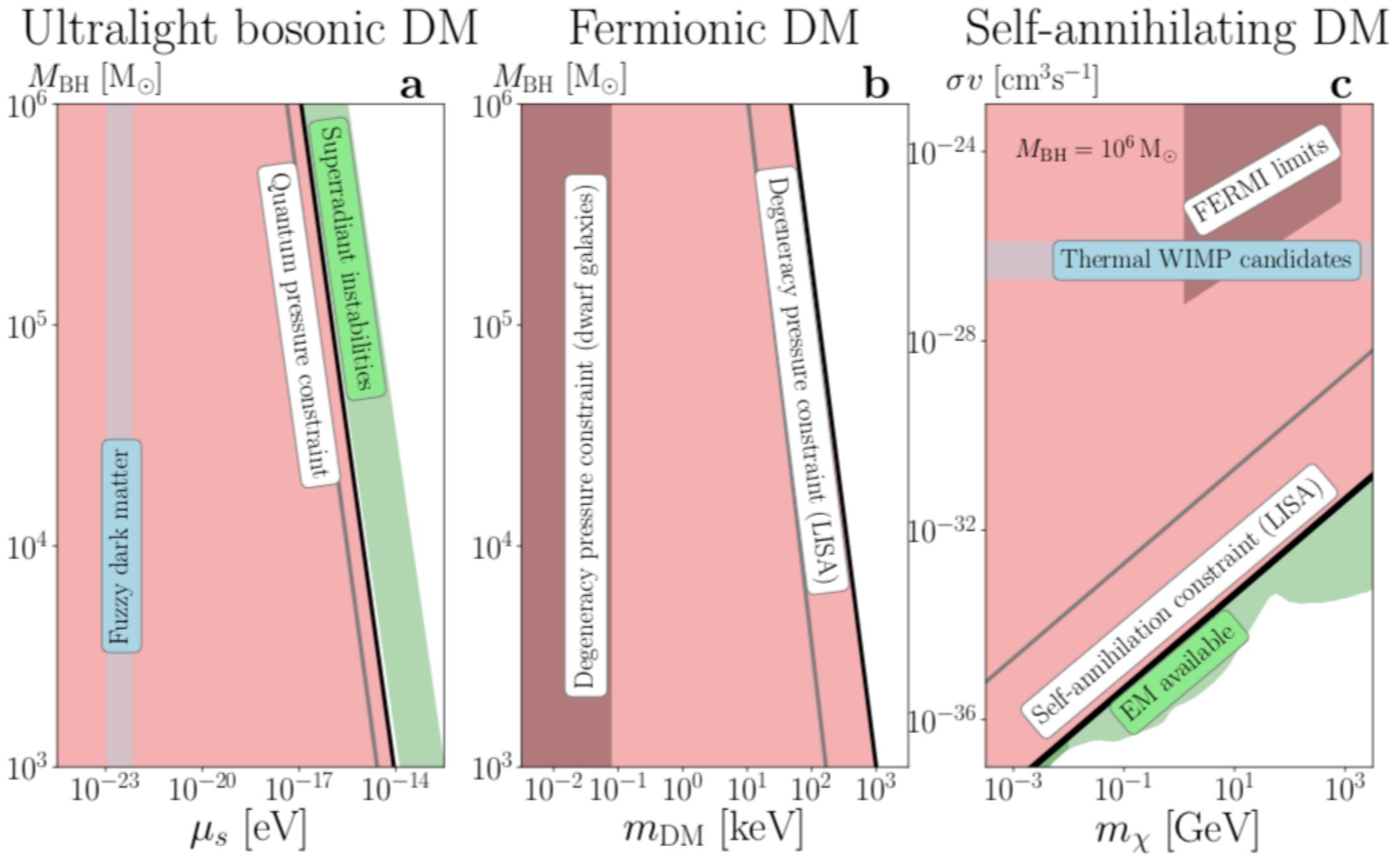


NB: $7/3 \approx 2.333$

Nature of Dark Matter

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

[[1906.11845](#)]



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

Parameter Reconstruction

Prospects for parameter reconstruction in the *static DM* case:

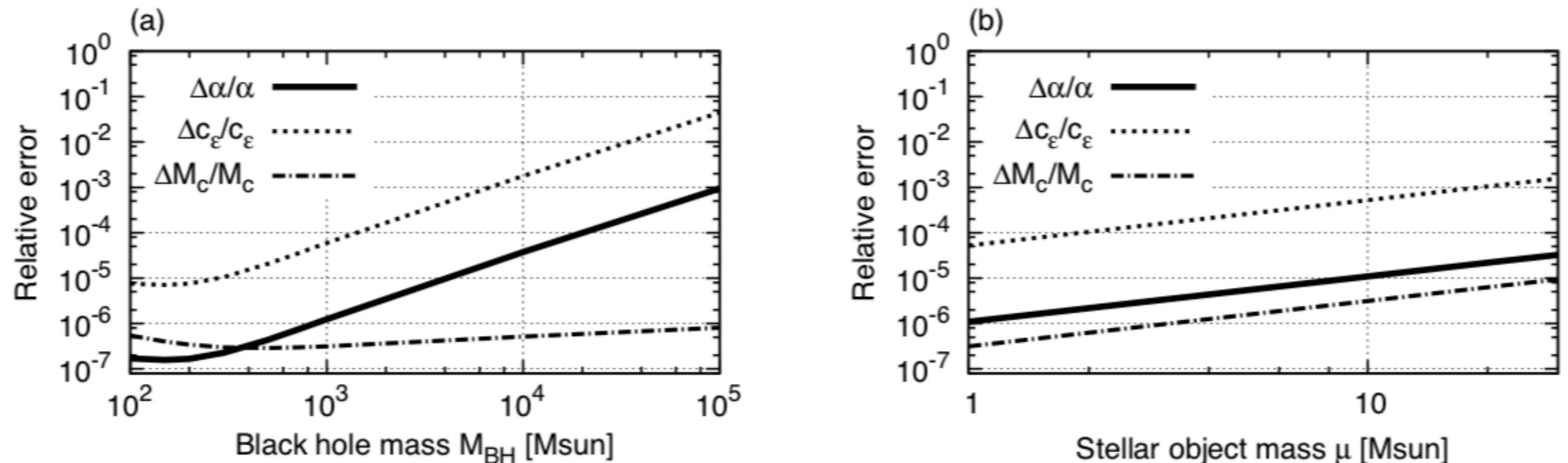
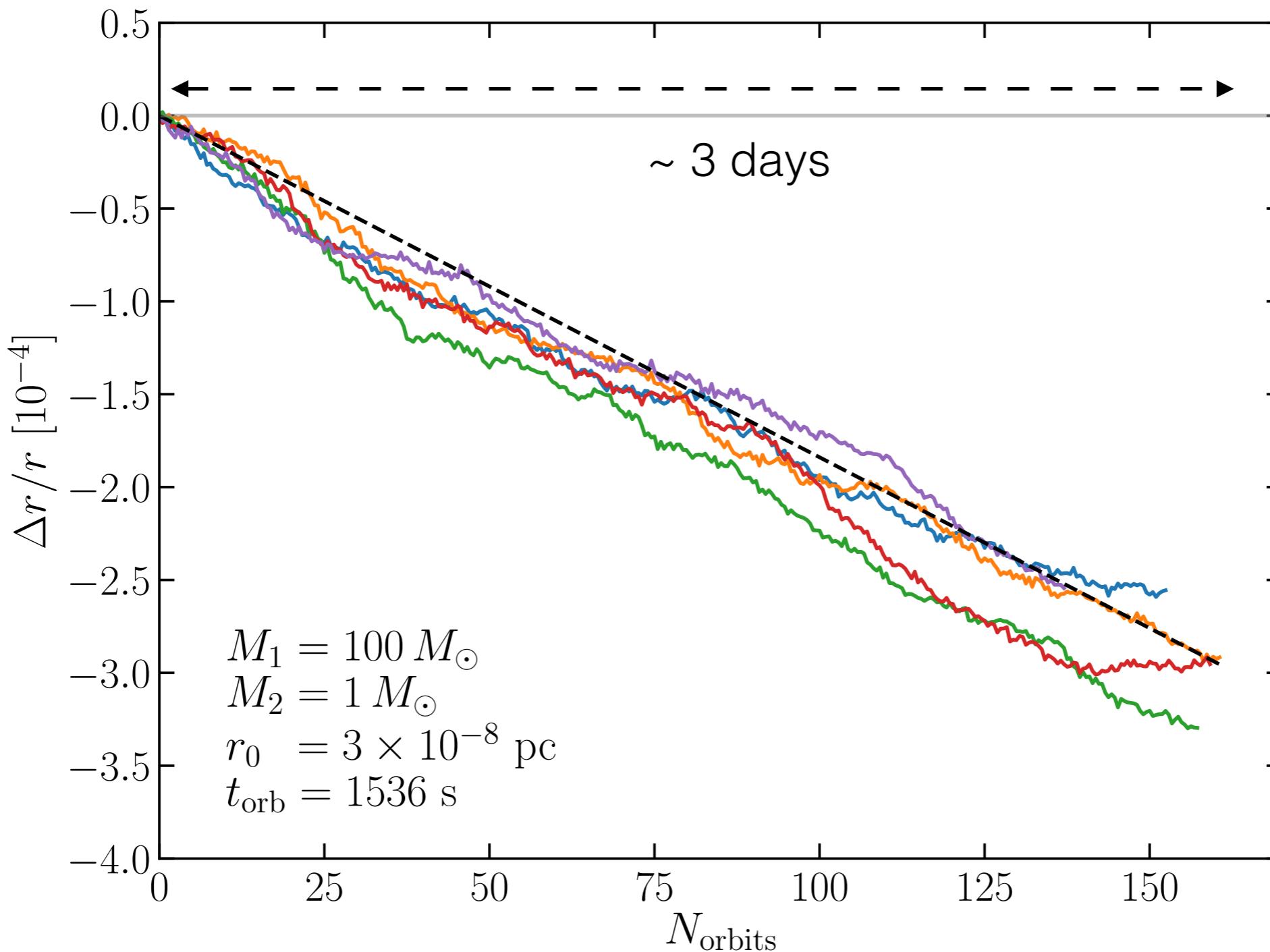


FIG. 4: The relative errors of the parameters in the phase $\tilde{\Phi}(f)$ versus (a) the central BH mass M_{BH} and (b) the stellar mass object mass μ for $S/N = 10$ and $\alpha = 7/3$. For this plot, ρ_{sp} and r_{sp} are taken from the table I. The other parameter is fixed to be $\mu = 1M_\odot$ in the left and $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^3 M_\odot$ in the right, respectively. Note that the both axes are in the logarithmic scales. The solid line, the dashed line, the dashed-dotted line correspond to $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$, $\Delta c_\varepsilon/c_\varepsilon$, $\Delta M_c/M_c$ respectively.

N-body simulations



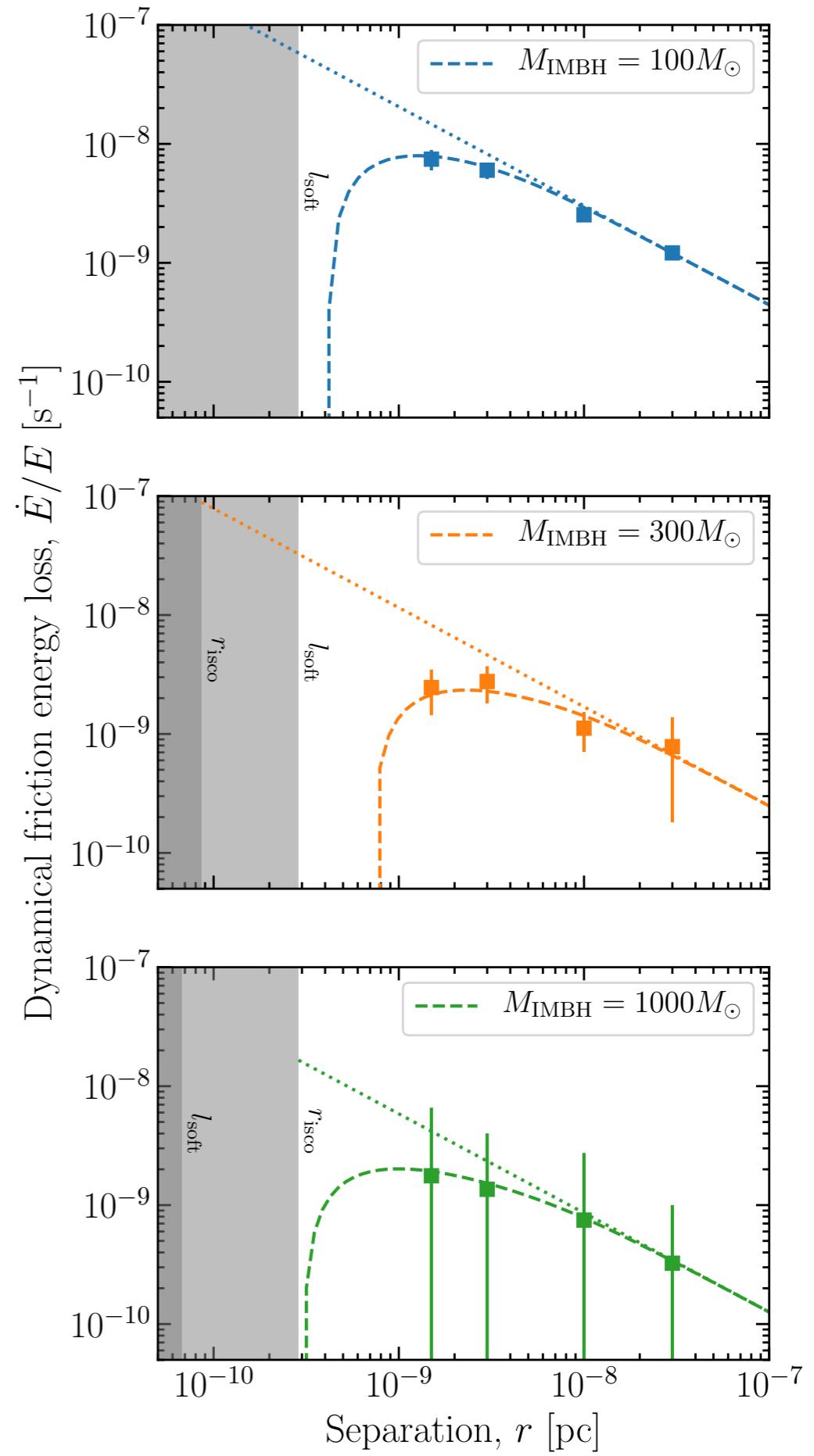
Allows us to check assumptions and fix normalisation of DF force ($\ln \Lambda$),
but can't simulate the whole 5 year inspiral!

N-body results

Dependence of dynamical friction force on mass and separation matches expectations

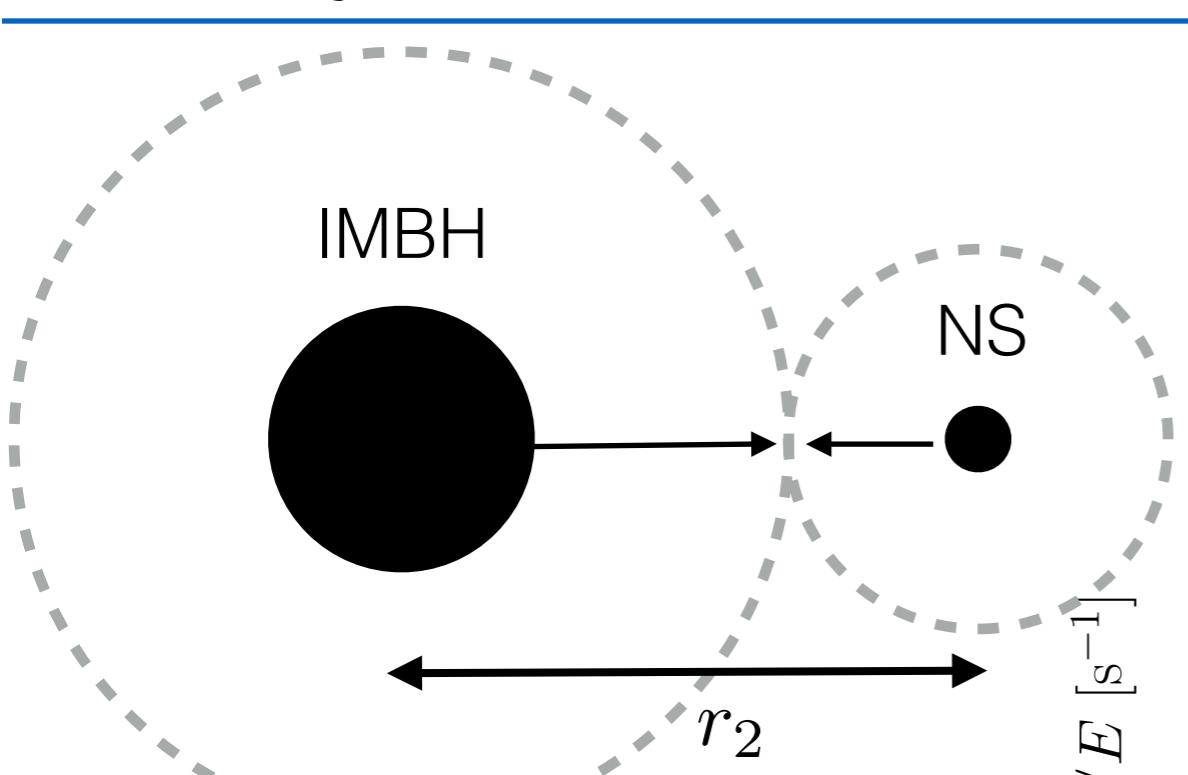
Dynamical friction traces local DM density (to better than 1%)

Drop off in DF force at small separations due to softening of simulations



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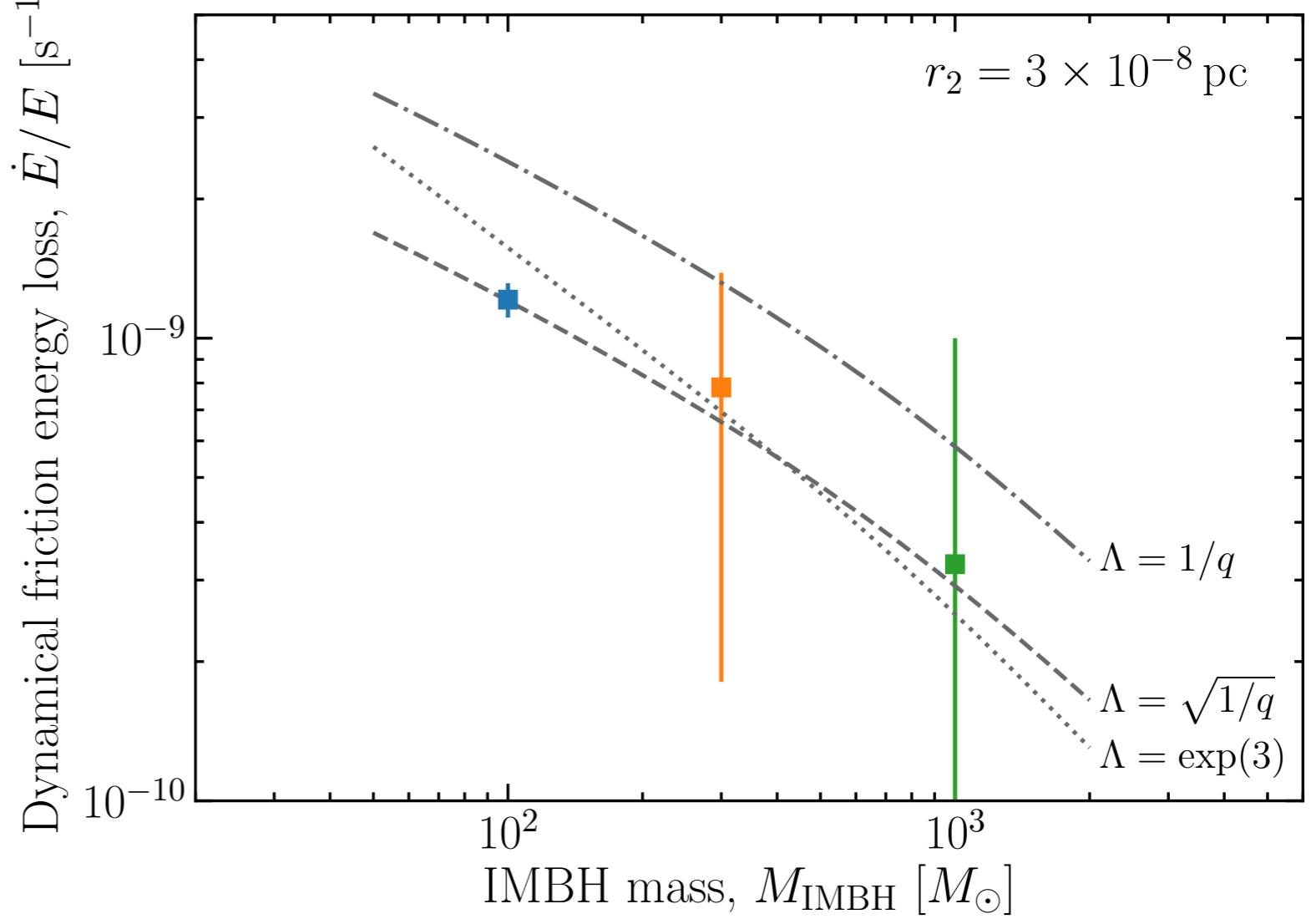
$$q \equiv m_{\text{NS}}/m_{\text{IMBH}} \ll 1$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= b_{\max} \frac{v_0^2}{G m_{\text{NS}}} \\ &= \frac{b_{\max}}{q r_2} \\ &= 1/\sqrt{q}\end{aligned}$$

Allows us to calibrate the maximum impact parameter; tells us which particles scatter with the NS.

$$b_{\max} = \sqrt{q} r_2 \sim 3\% r_2$$



Assumptions

- Spherical symmetry and isotropy of the DM halo
- DM particles only scatter within an impact parameter

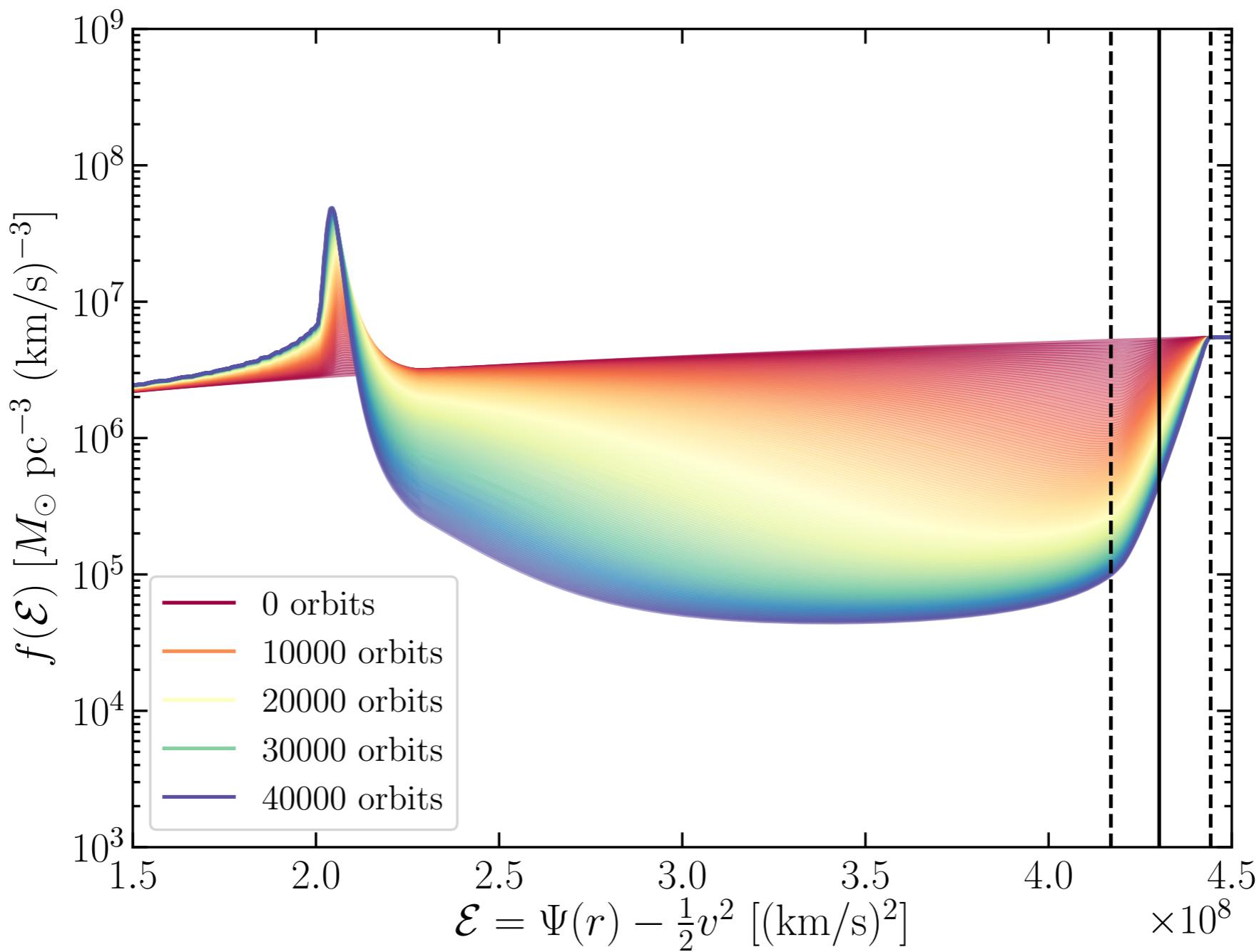
$$b < b_{\max} = \Lambda \times G_N M_{\text{NS}} / v_{\text{NS}}^2$$

- DM distribution is ‘locally’ uniform

$$b_{\max} \ll r_0$$

- Halo ‘relaxation’ is instantaneous
- Orbital properties evolve slowly compared to the orbital period

Distribution function



Self-consistently reconstruct density from distribution function:

$$\rho(r) = 4\pi \int_0^{v_{\max}(r)} v^2 f(\mathcal{E}) dv$$

Numbers of cycles

$$m_1 = 10^3 M_\odot, N_{\text{cycles}} = 5.71 \times 10^6 \text{ in vacuum}$$

	$\gamma_{\text{sp}} = 1.5$	$\gamma_{\text{sp}} = 2.2$	$\gamma_{\text{sp}} = 2.3$	$\gamma_{\text{sp}} = 2.\bar{3}$
Static	< 1	2.4×10^4	1.6×10^5	2.9×10^5
Dynamic	< 1	2.7×10^2	1.9×10^3	3.5×10^3

$$m_1 = 10^4 M_\odot, N_{\text{cycles}} = 3.20 \times 10^6 \text{ in vacuum}$$

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Static	< 1	1.4×10^3	8.7×10^3	1.6×10^4
Dynamic	< 1	6.2×10^2	4.0×10^3	7.4×10^3

TABLE I. **Change in the number of cycles ΔN_{cycles} during the inspiral.** Change in the total number of GW cycles due to dynamical friction, starting 5 years from the merger.