

# *Tidal effects in compact binaries*

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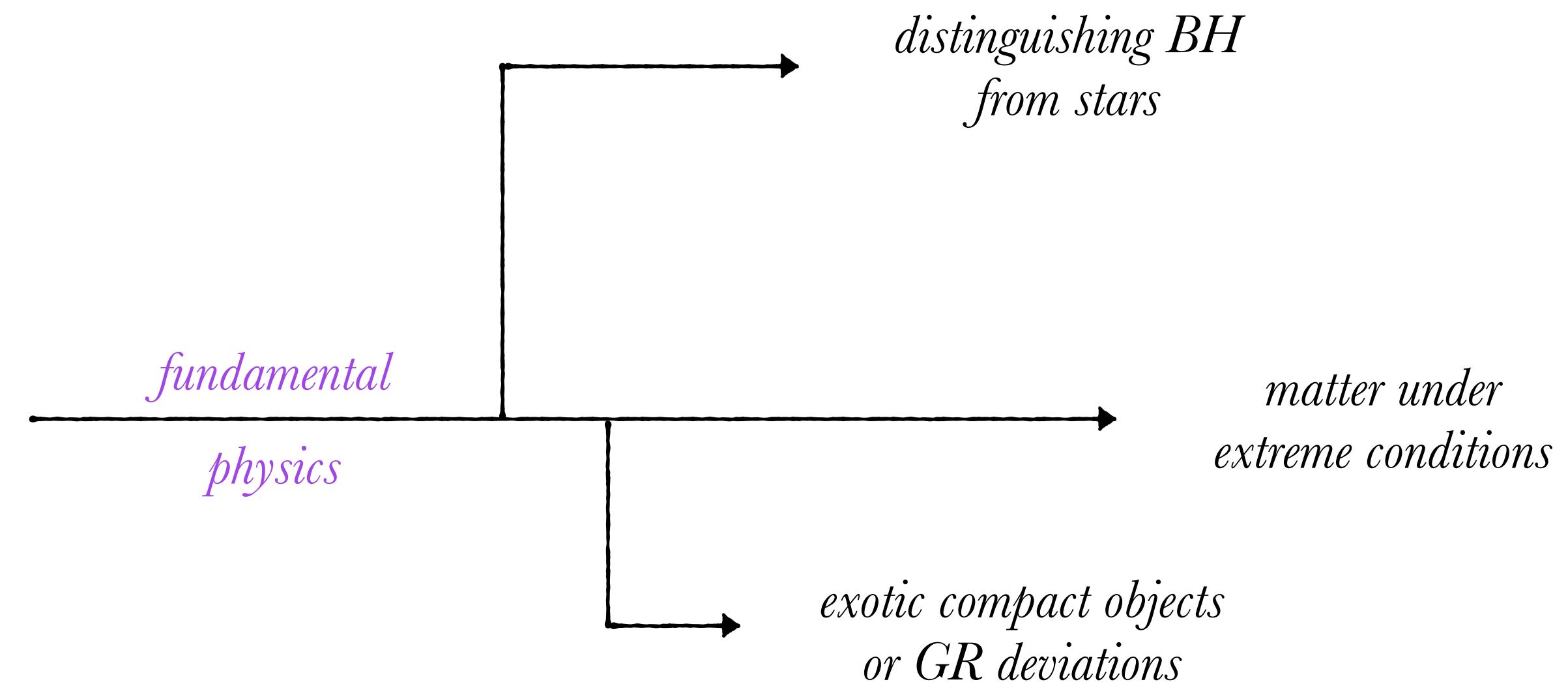
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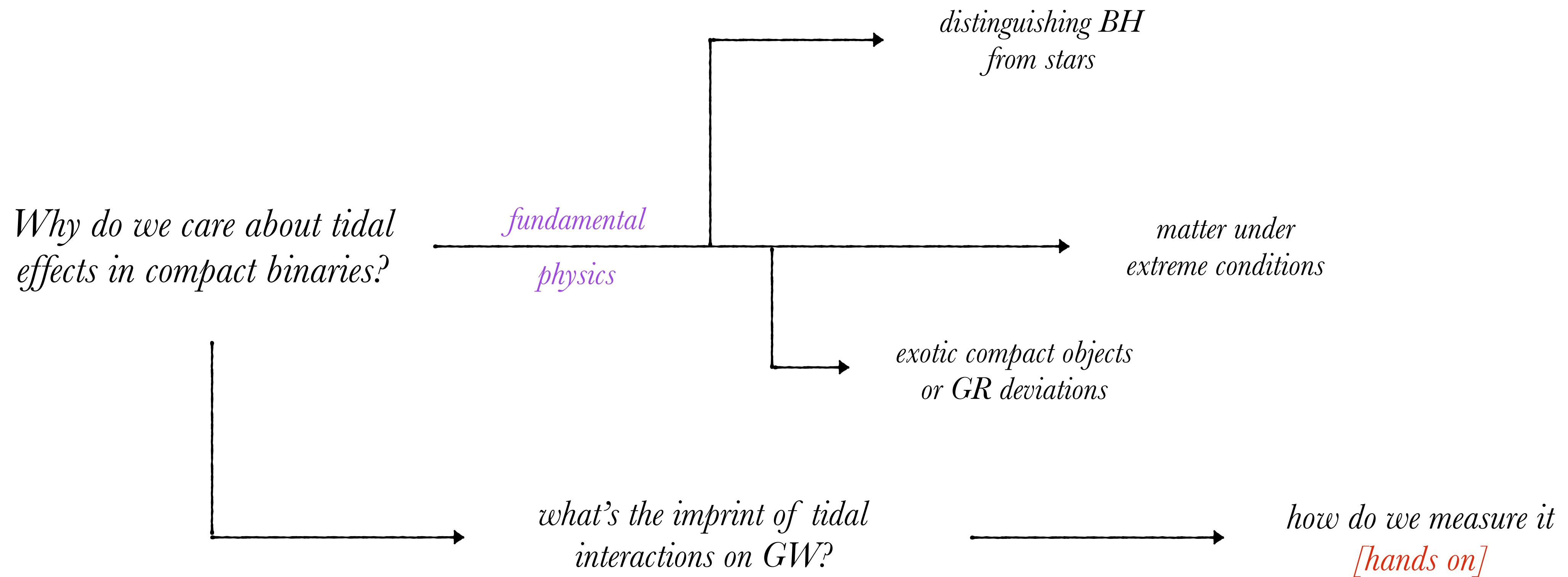
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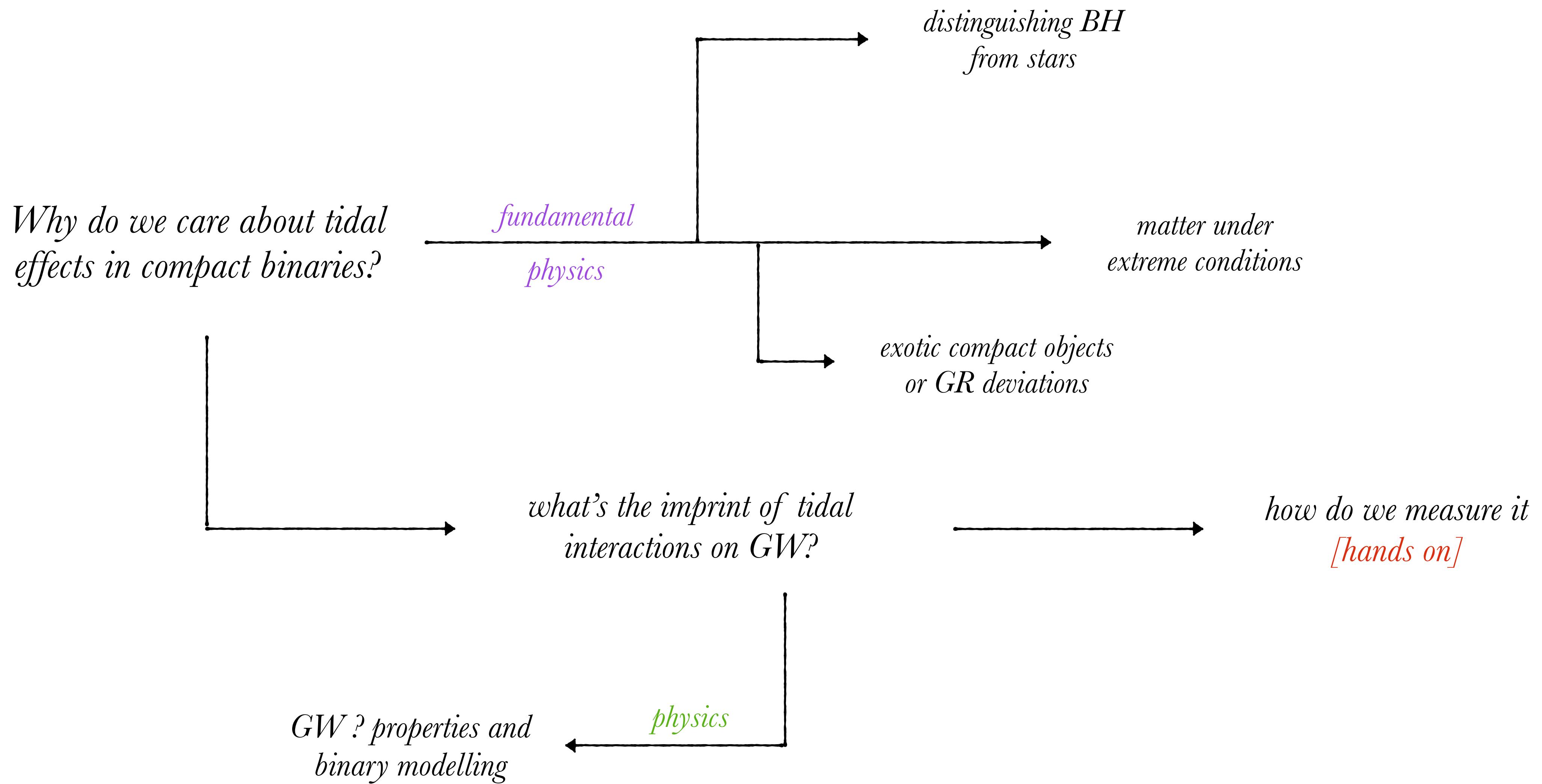
*Why do we care about tidal effects in compact binaries?*



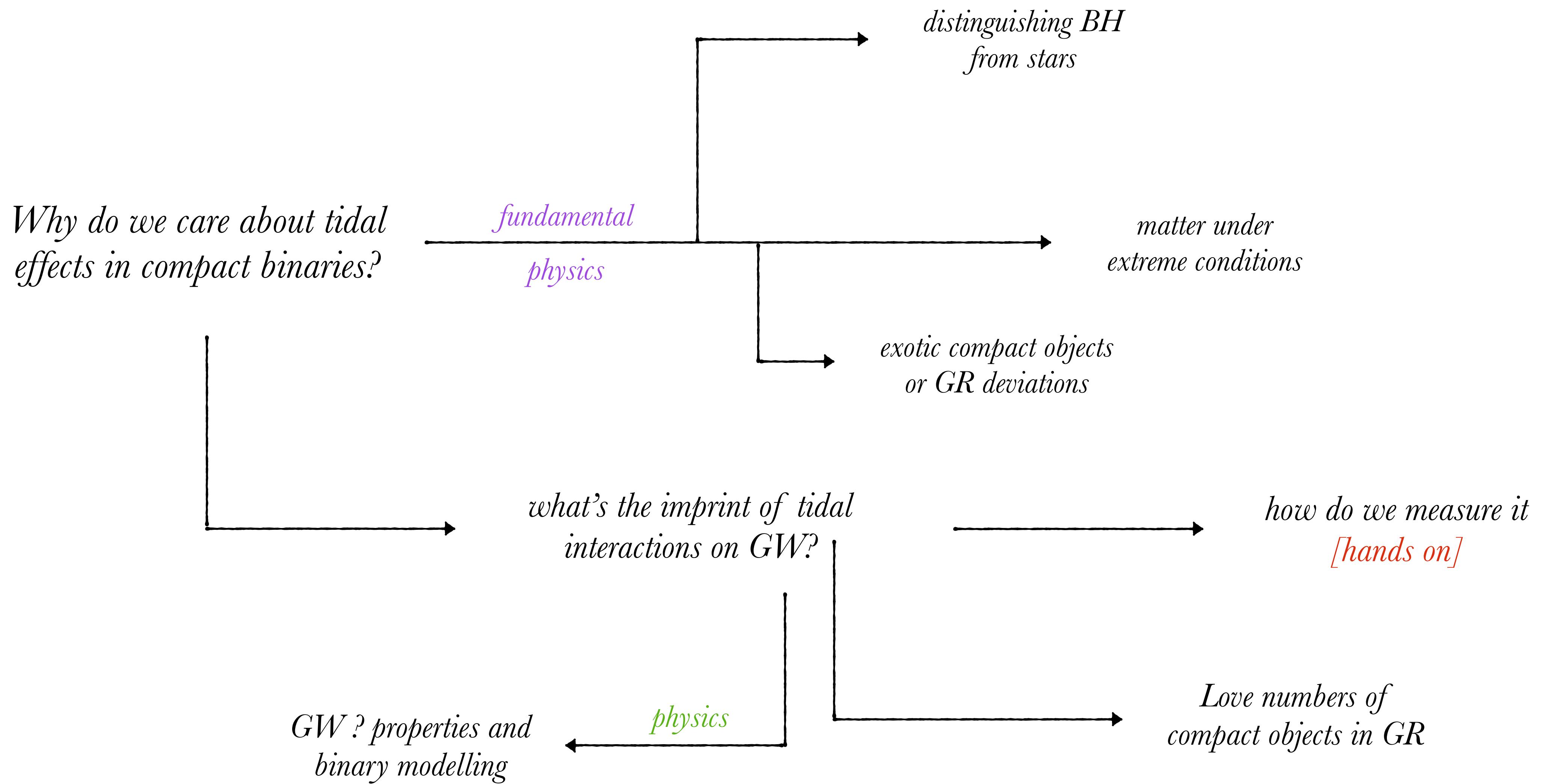
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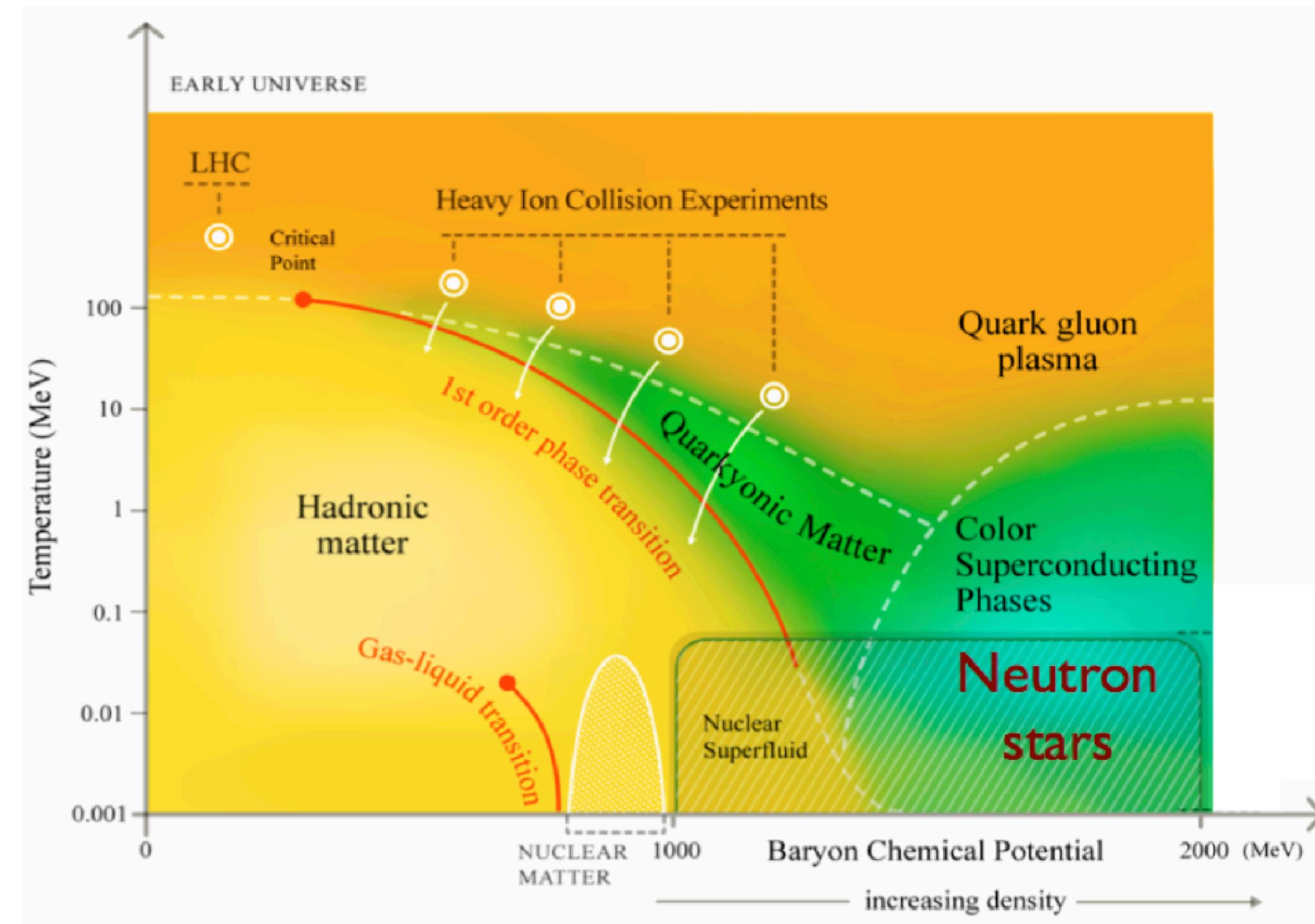


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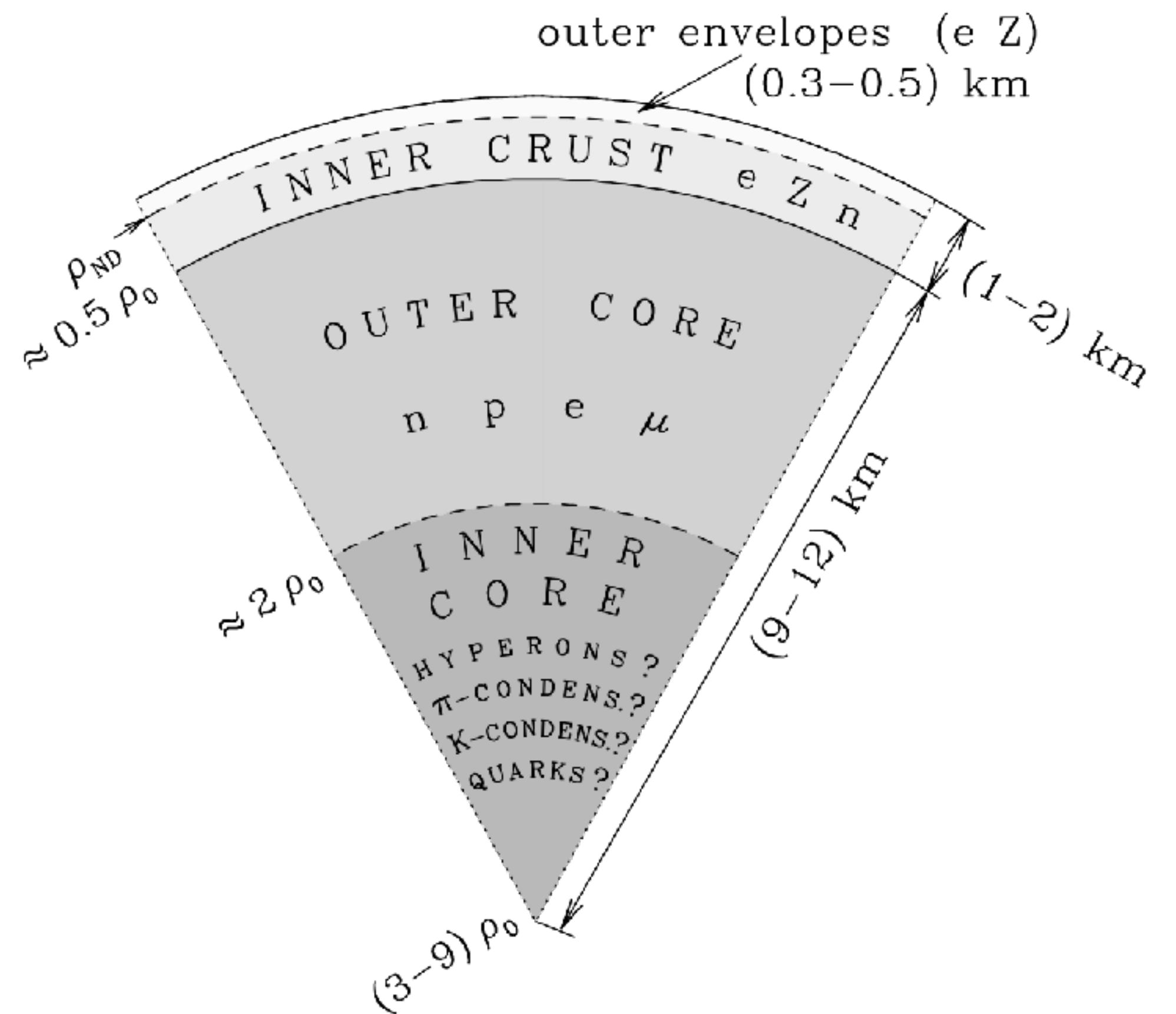


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Magnifying lenses of fundamental forces

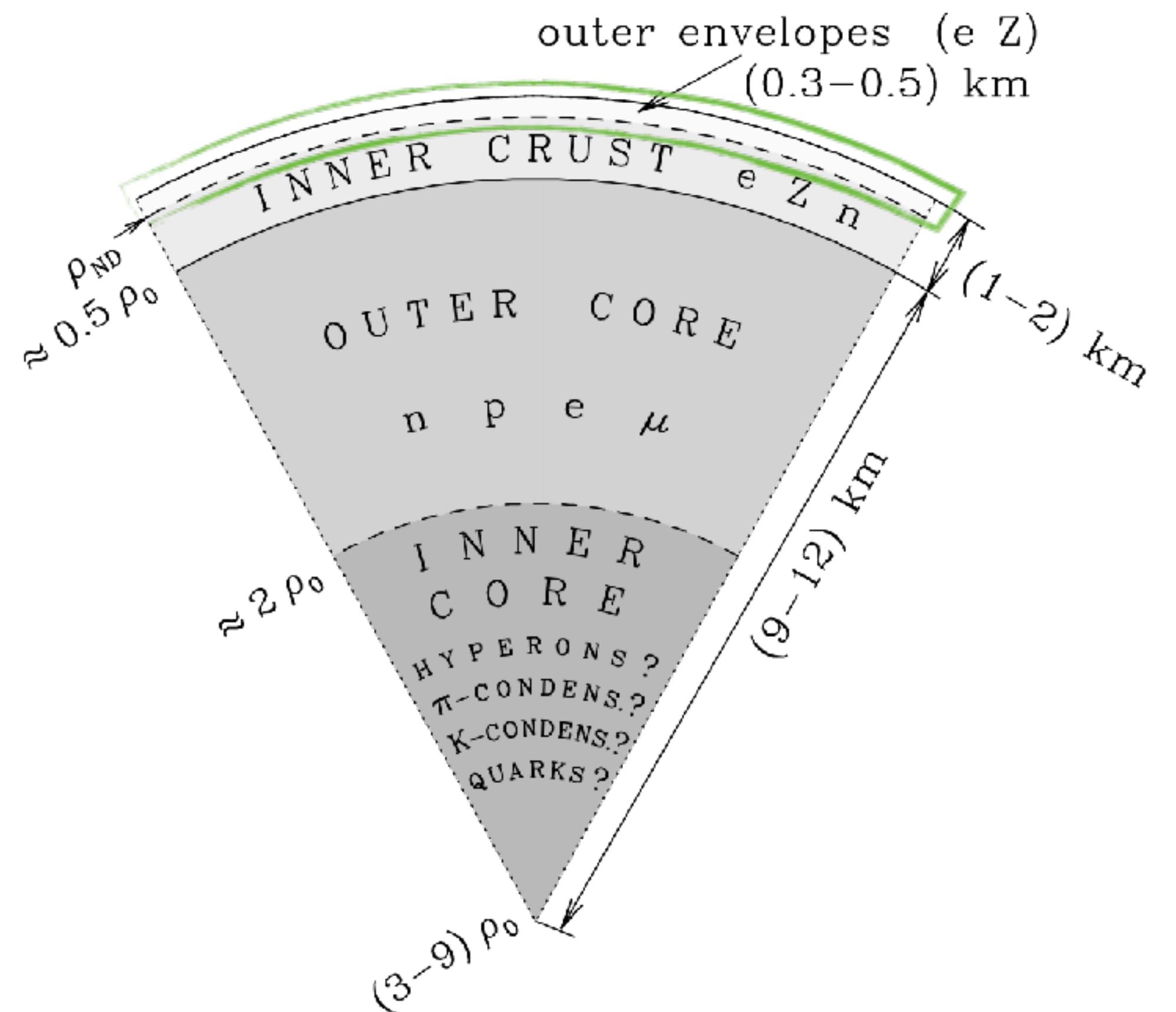


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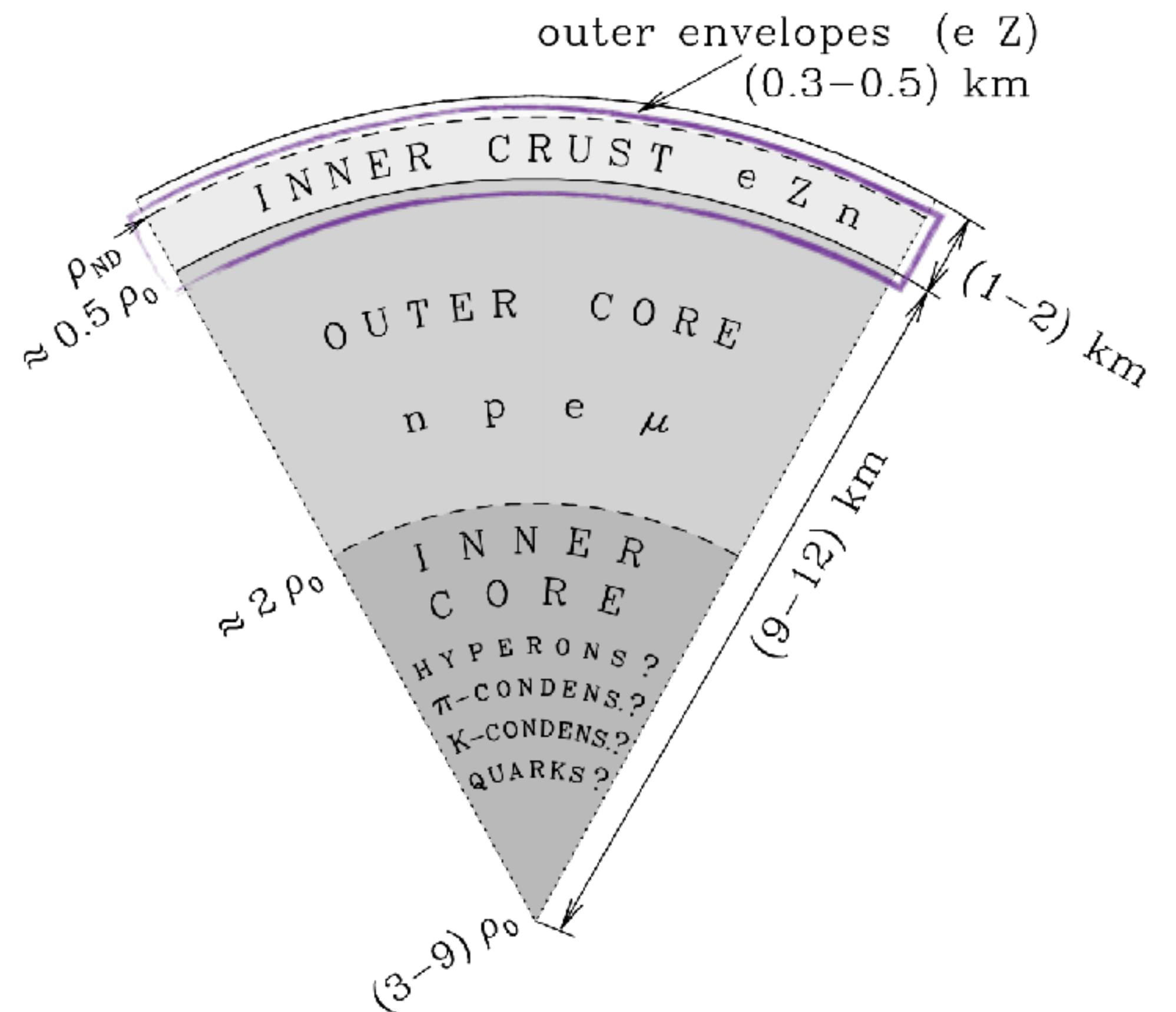
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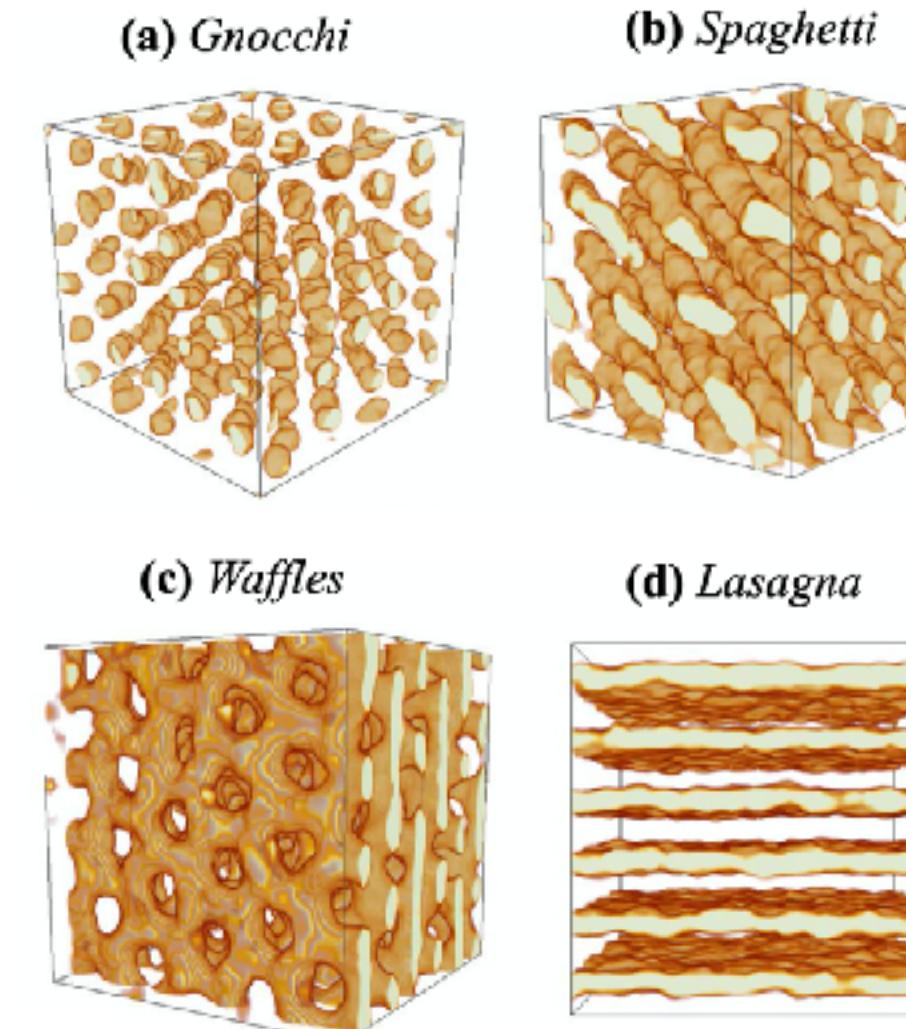
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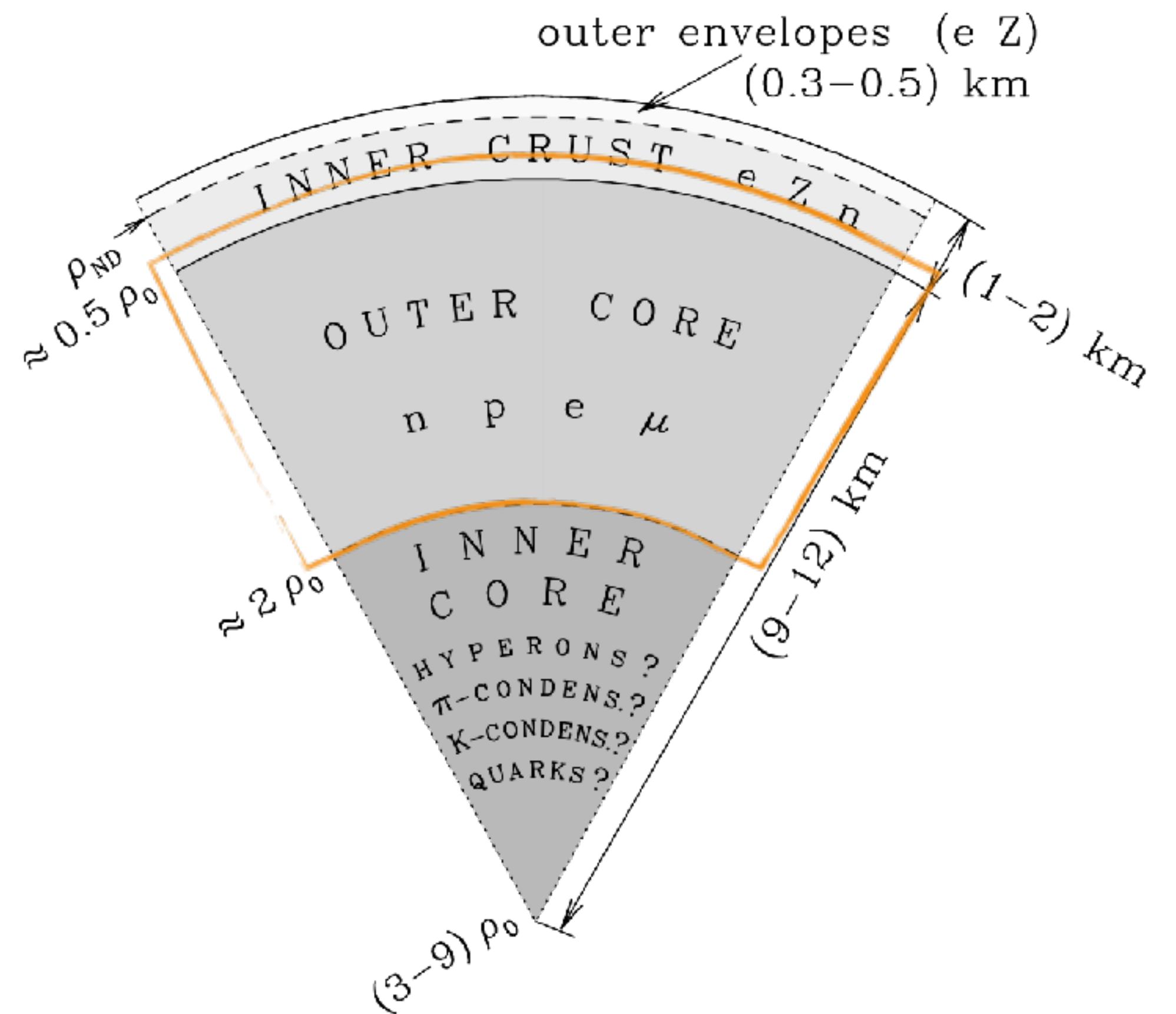
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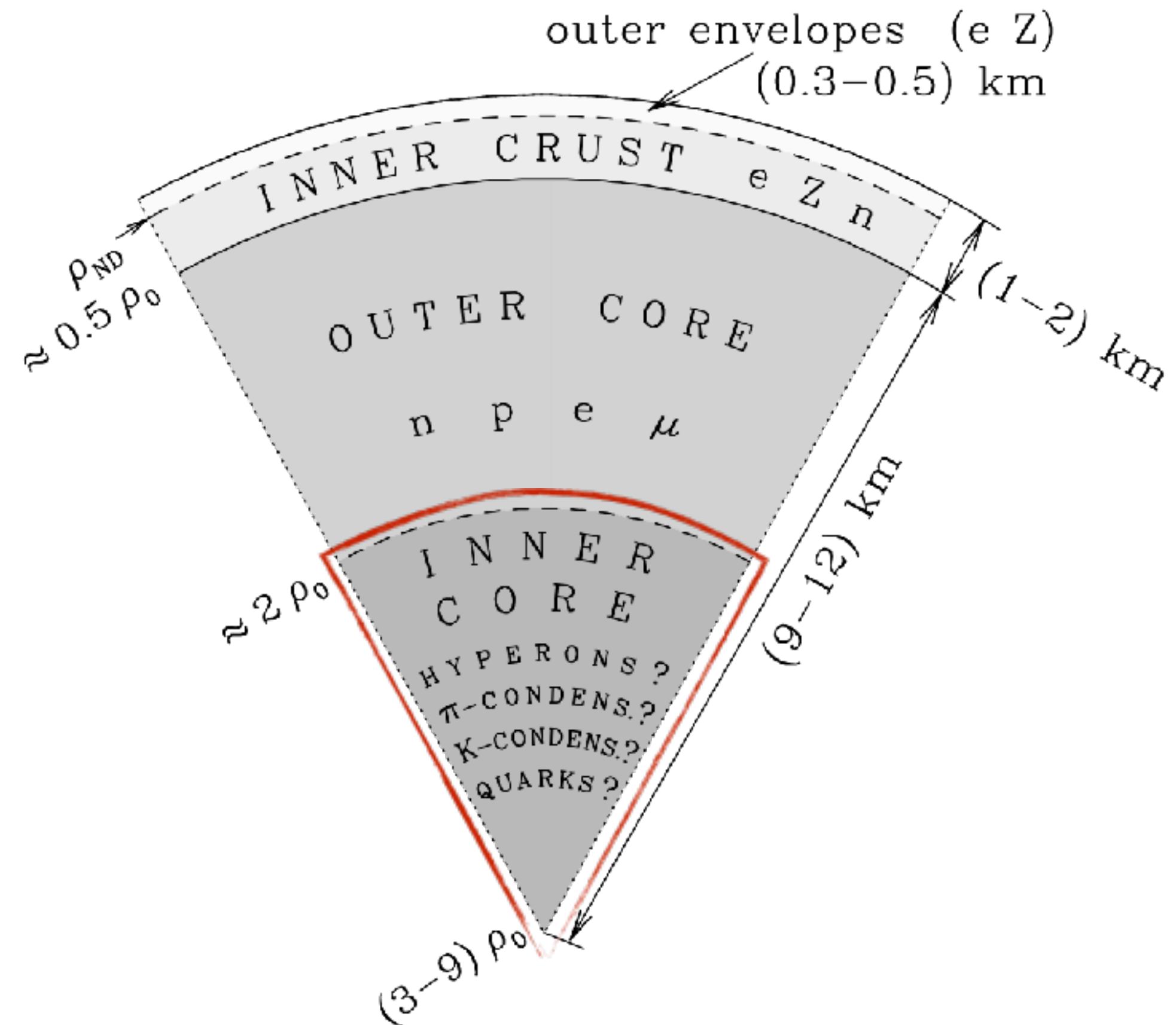
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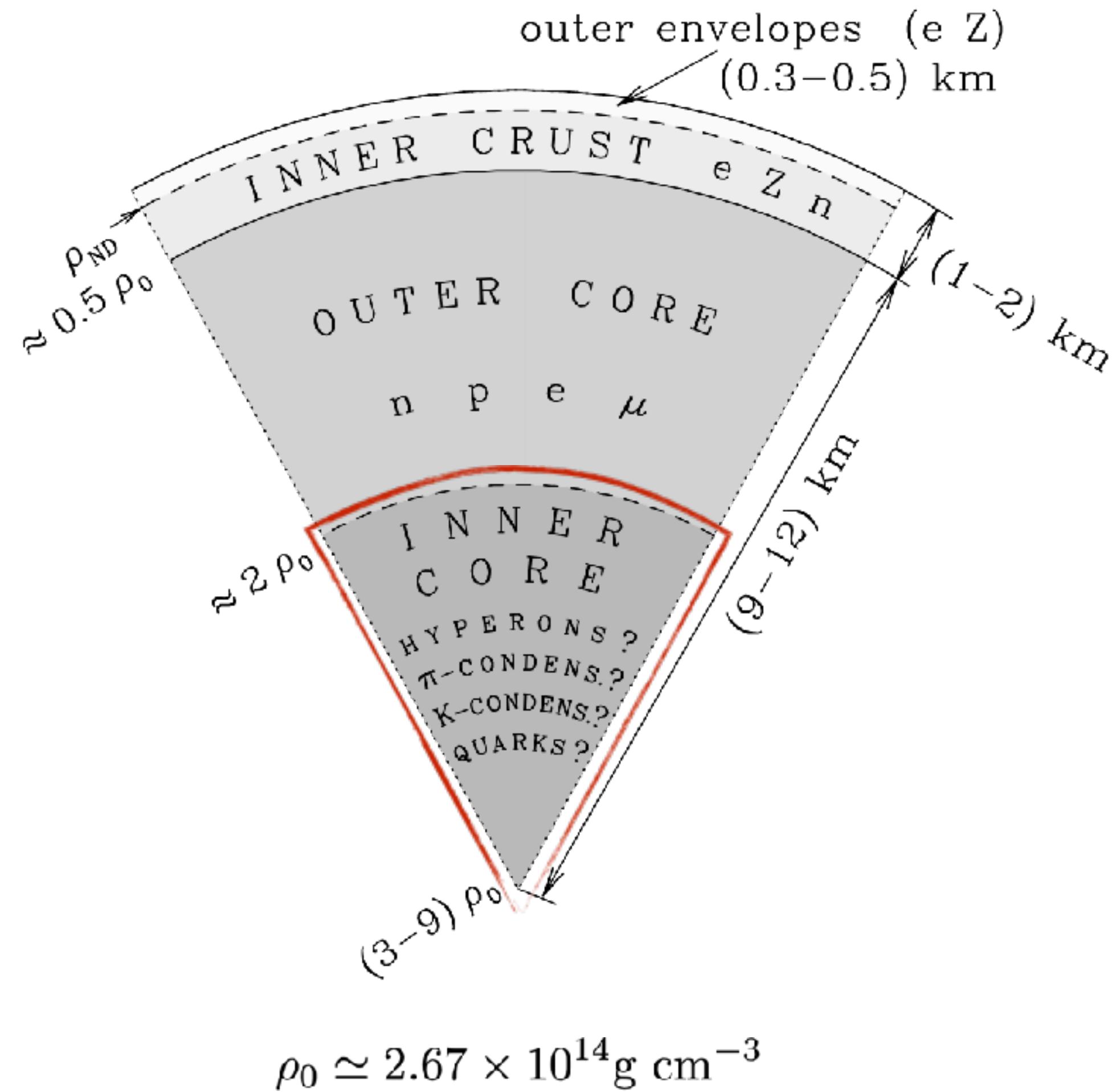
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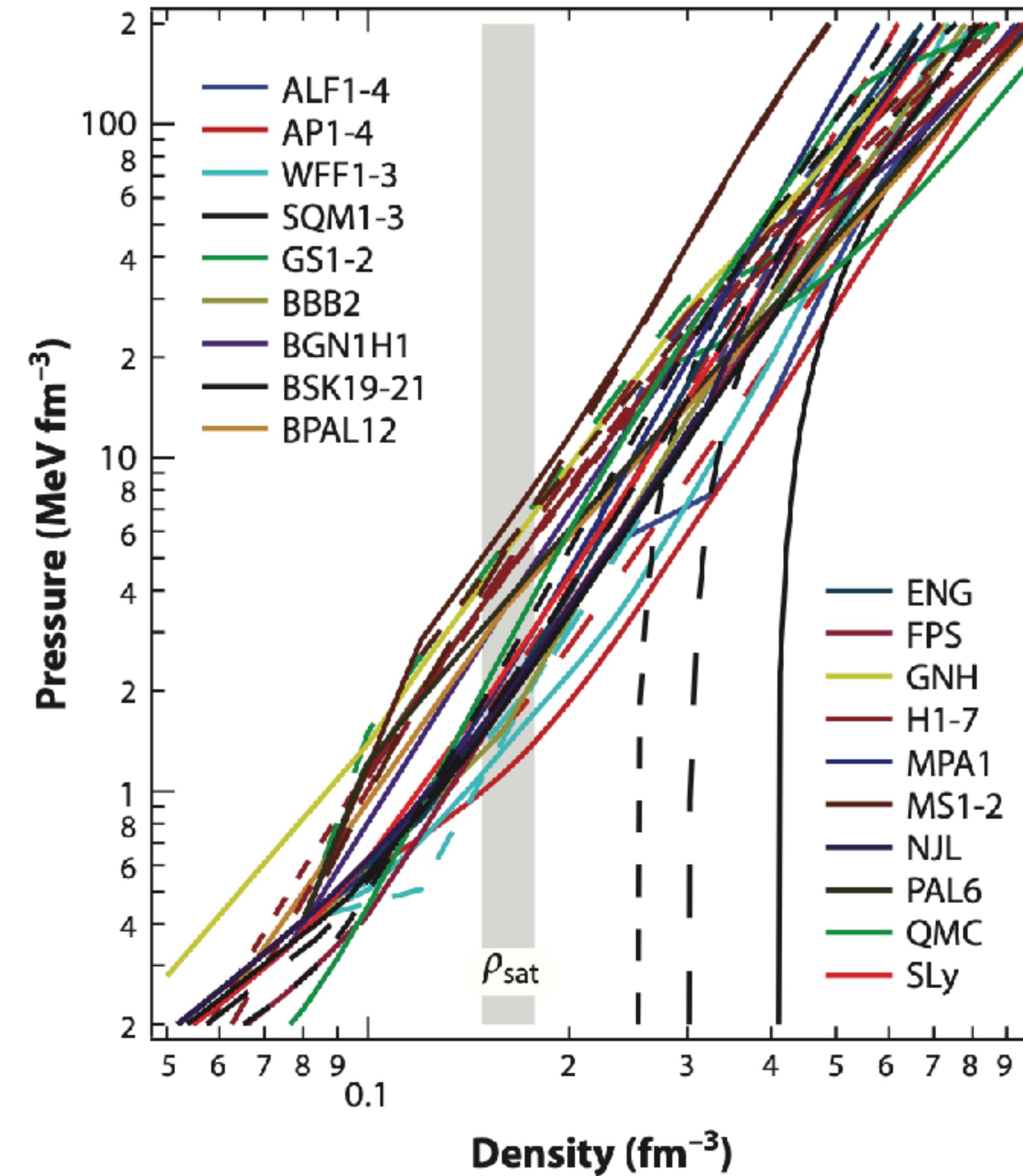
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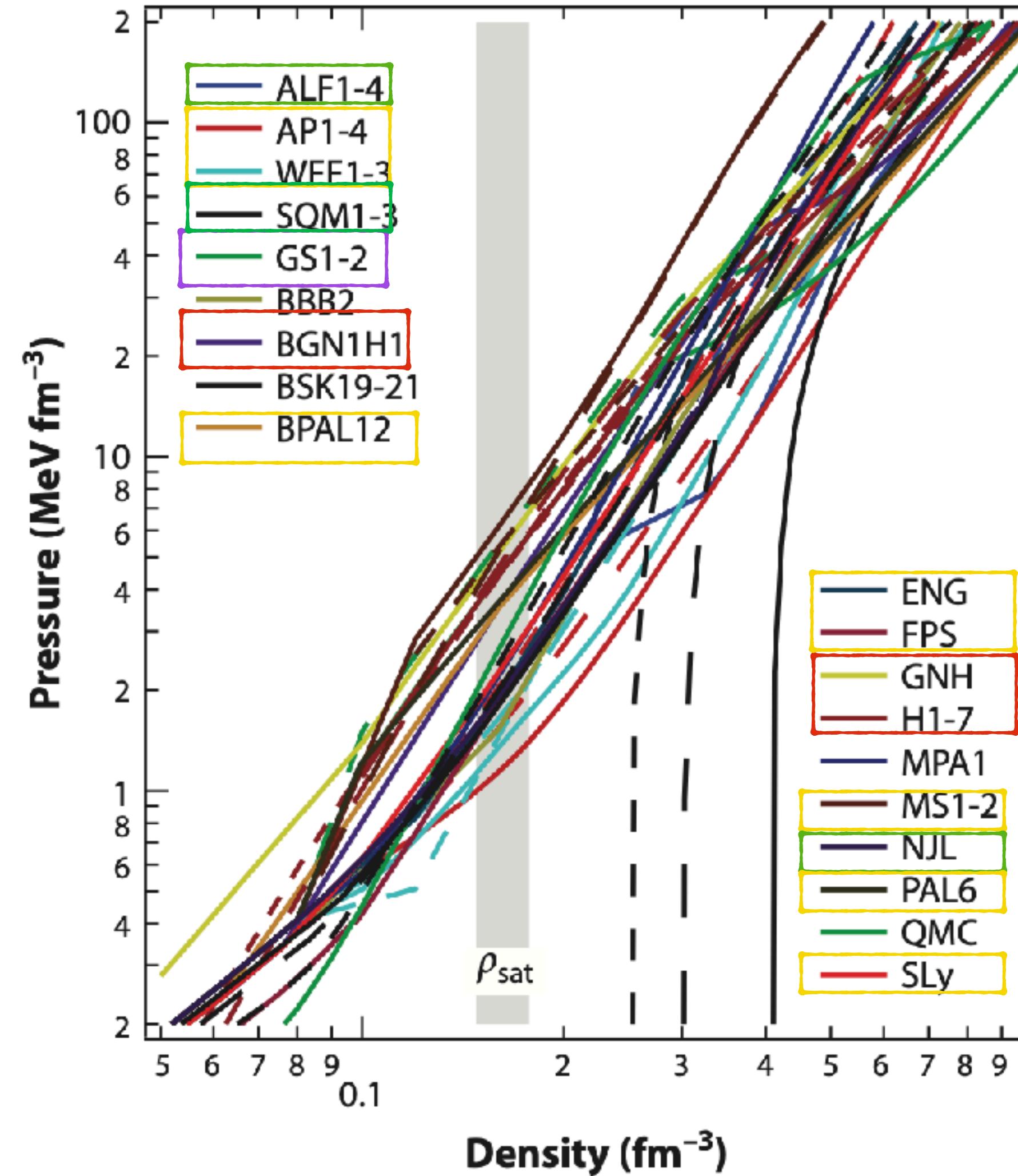
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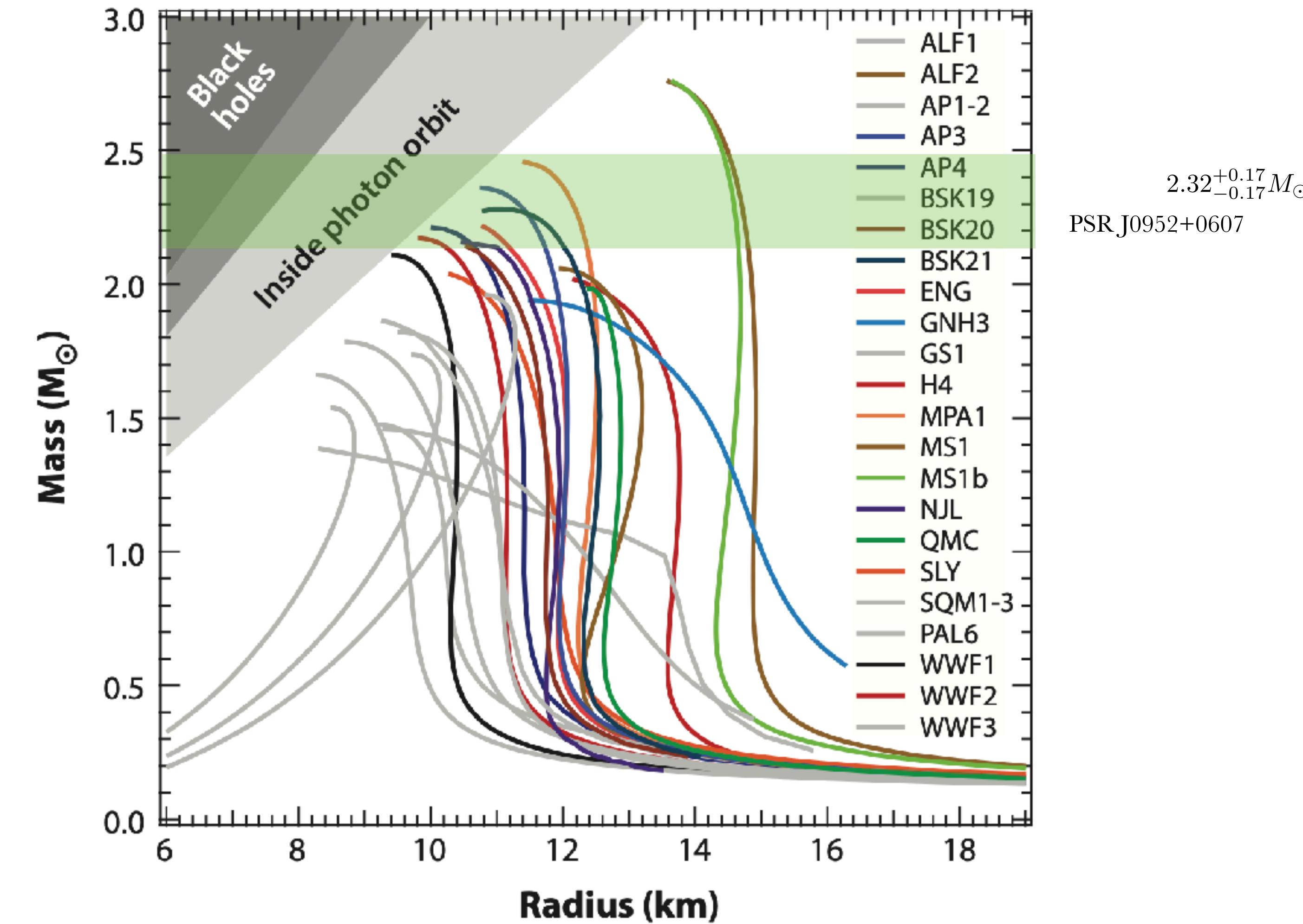
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- [green box] strange stars
- [green box] nucl matter + quark
- [red box] hyperons
- [purple box] kaons
- [yellow box] plain  $n\mu e\mu$

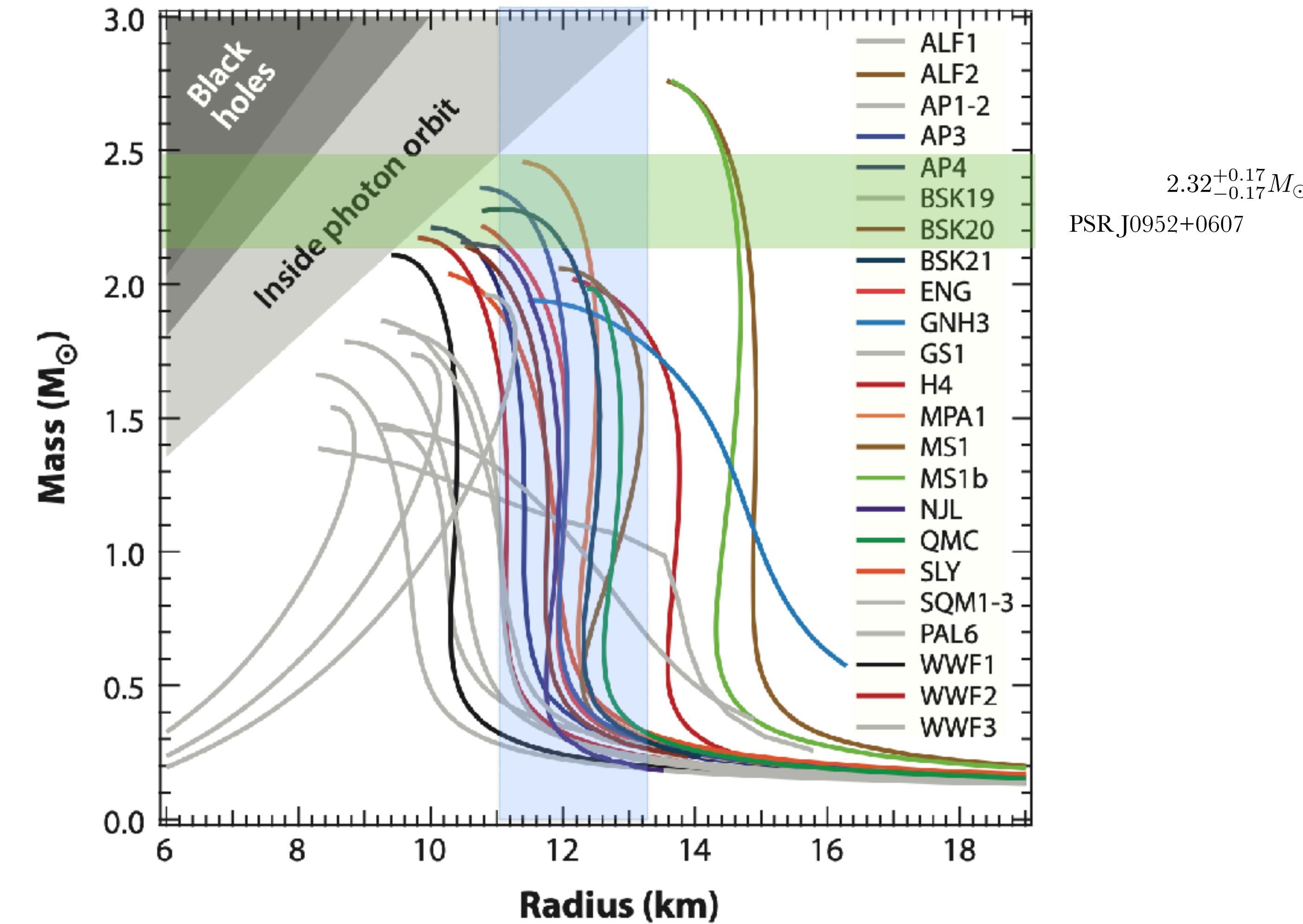


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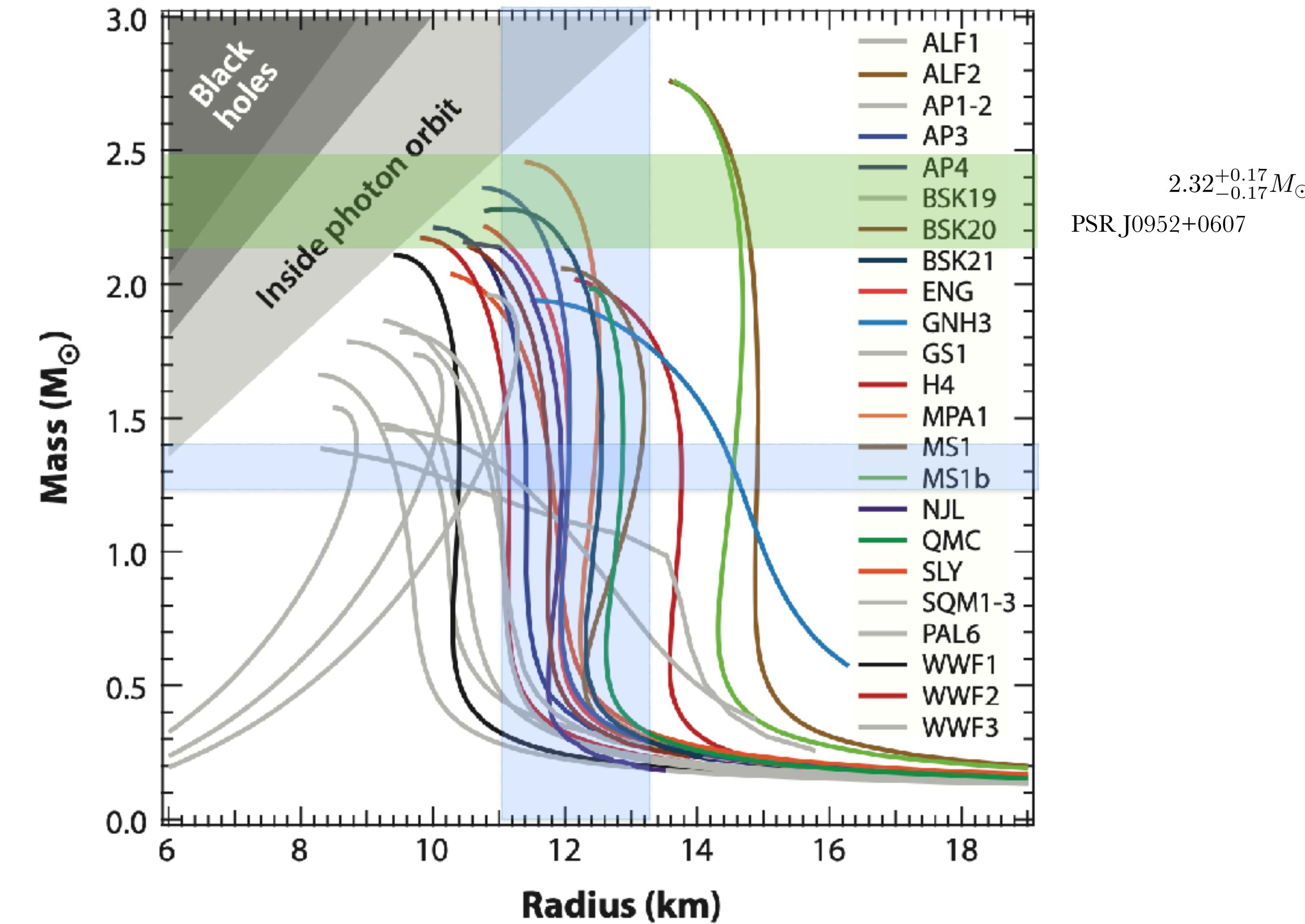
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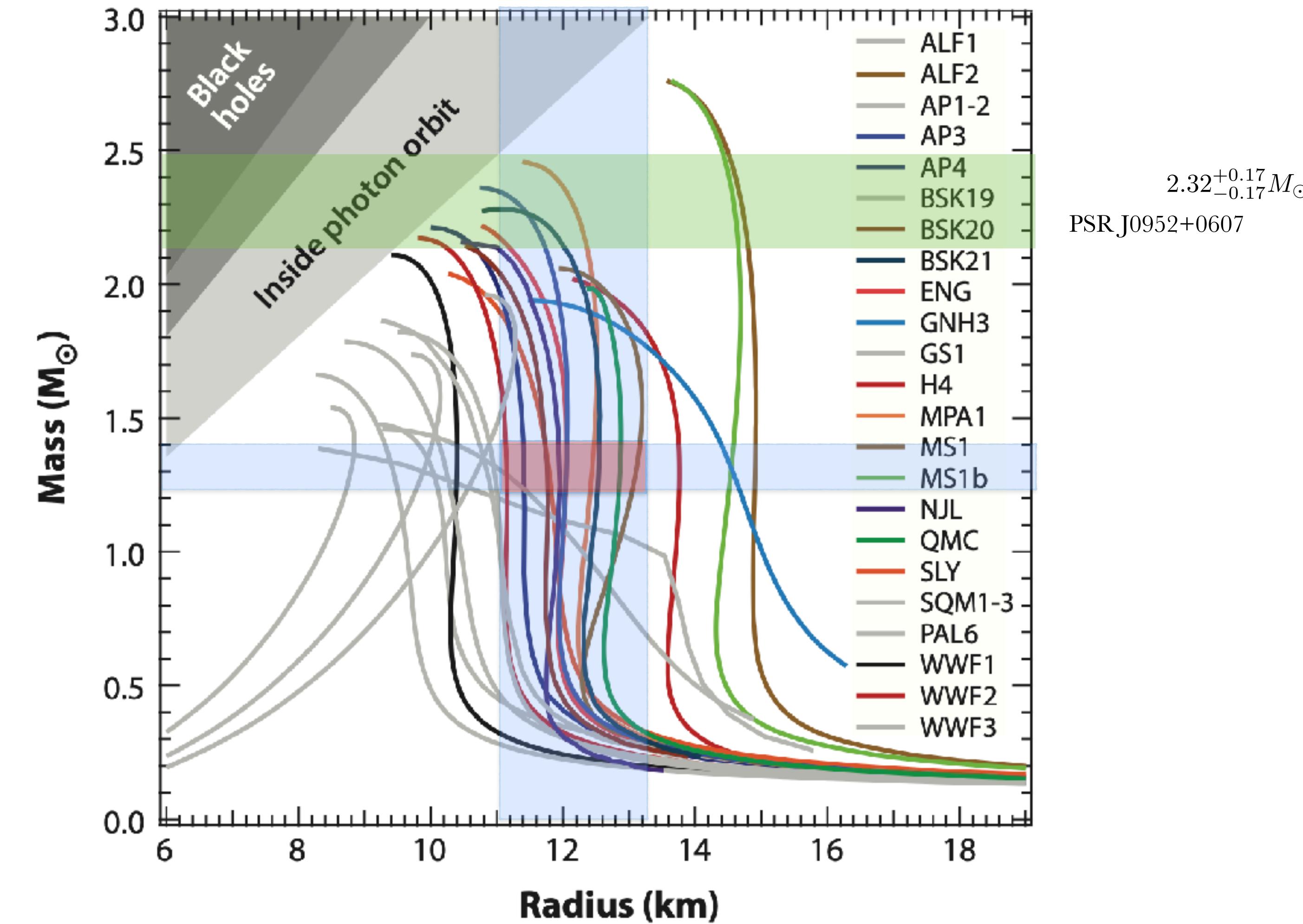
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**GWs**  
*from binary NS*



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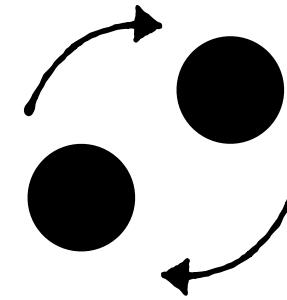


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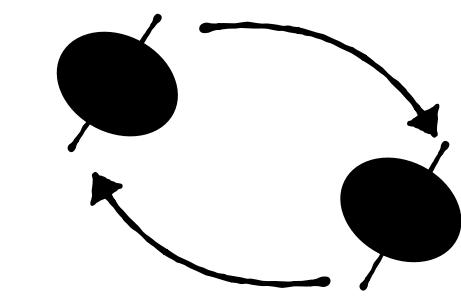
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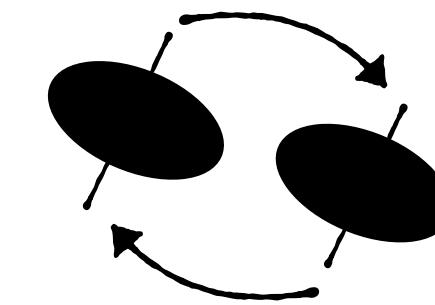
Anatomy of a binary signal



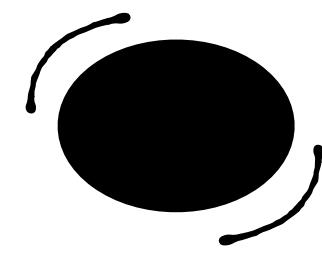
*point particle*



*spin deformations*



*tidal effects*



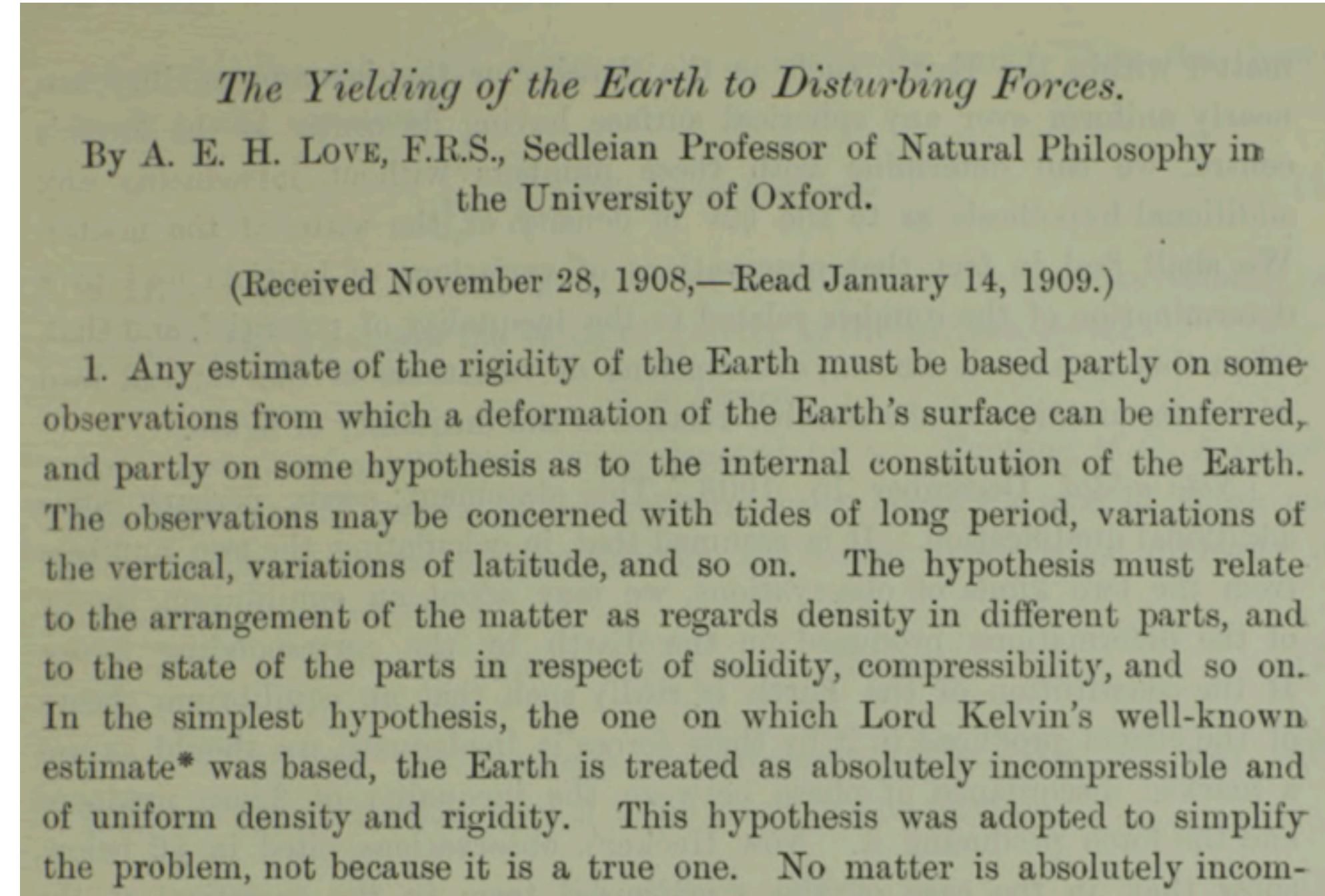
*inspiral frequency increases*



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$$Q_{ij} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 R^5 \mathcal{E}_{ij} = \lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

*star's quadrupole*      *external tidal field*

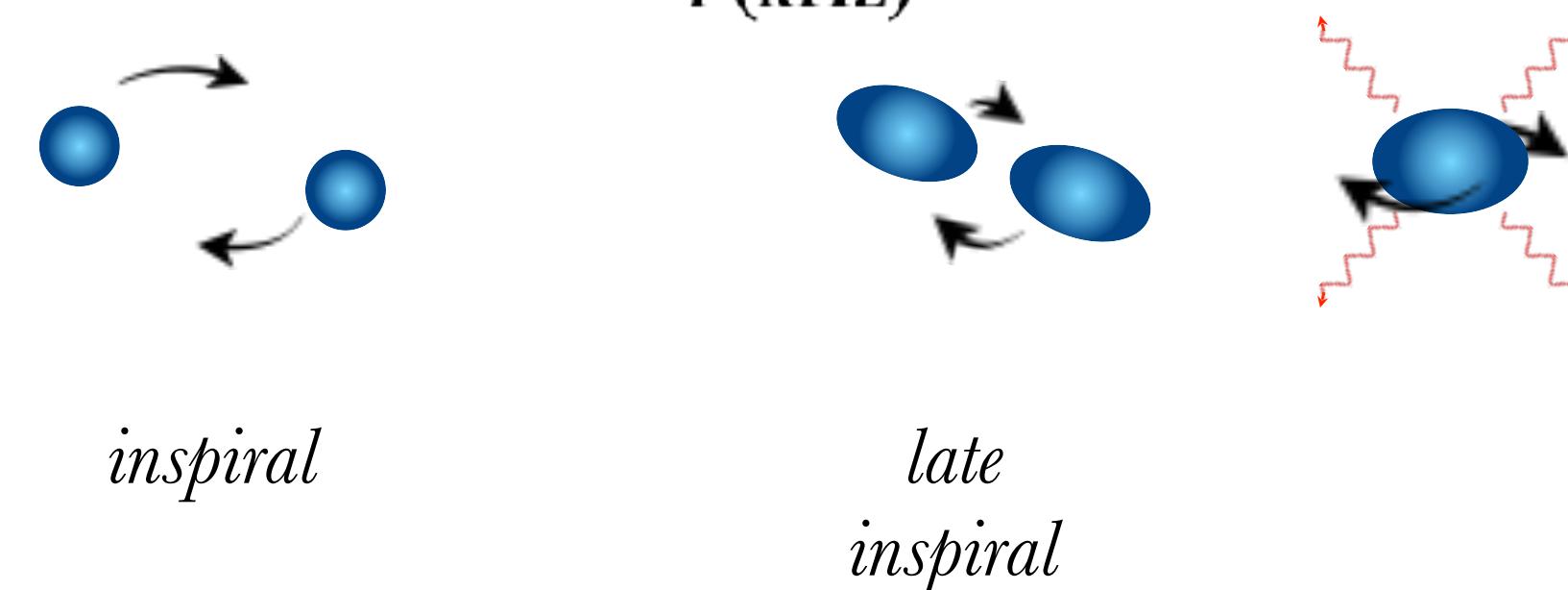
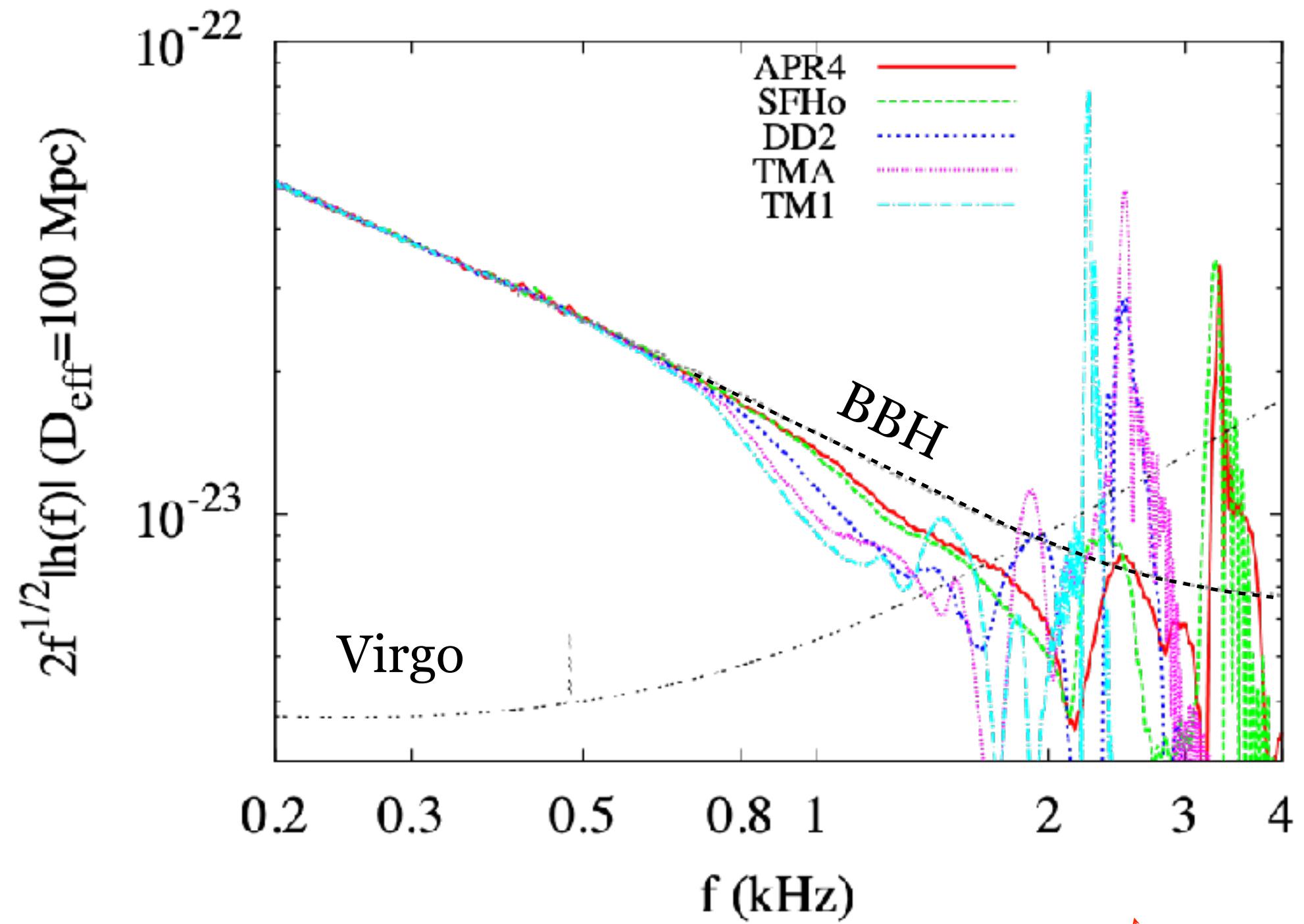


- $\lambda$  depends on the EoS only, for a given compactness  $M_{\text{NS}}/R_{\text{NS}}$
- $\lambda$  enters within the gravitational waveform

T. Hinderer, The Astroph. J. 677 (2008);  
T. Binnington & E. Poisson Phys. Rev. D 80, 084018 (2009)  
T. Damour & A. Nagar, Phys. Rev. D 80, 084035 (2009)

# How much love?

We classify EoS as **stiff** v.s. **soft**



| EoS              | stiffness   | $R_{\text{NS}}$ | $10^3 \times \lambda$ |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| APR4             | very soft   | 11.09           | 10                    |
| SFH <sub>0</sub> | soft        | 11.91           | 13                    |
| DD2              | medium soft | 13.20           | 27                    |
| TMA              | stiff       | 13.85           | 37                    |
| TM1              | very stiff  | 14.48           | 45                    |

*Soft EoS*

*Stiff EoS*

○ larger densities

○ smaller densities

○ smaller Love numbers

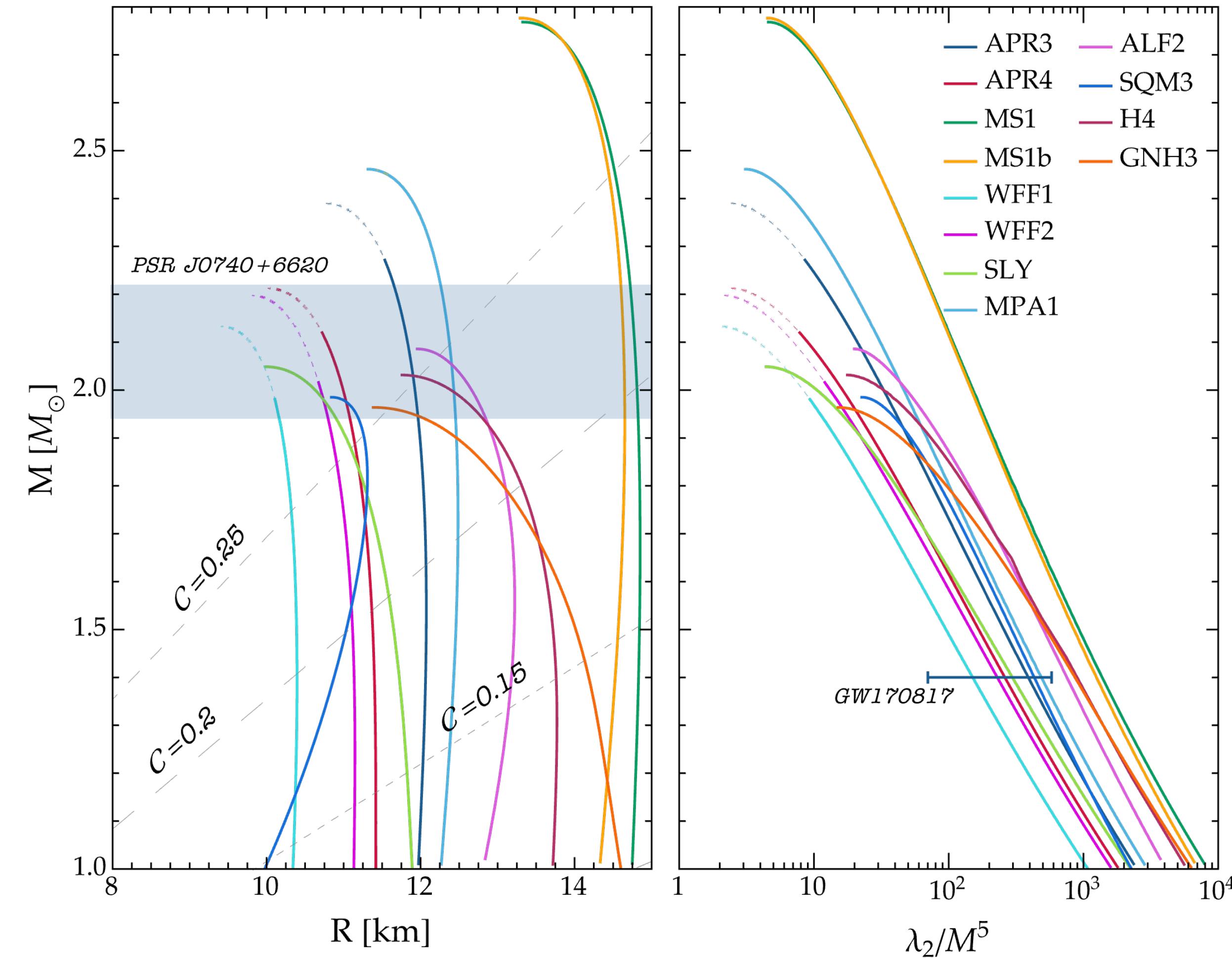
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larger effect in the signal

# *Soft and stiff Love*

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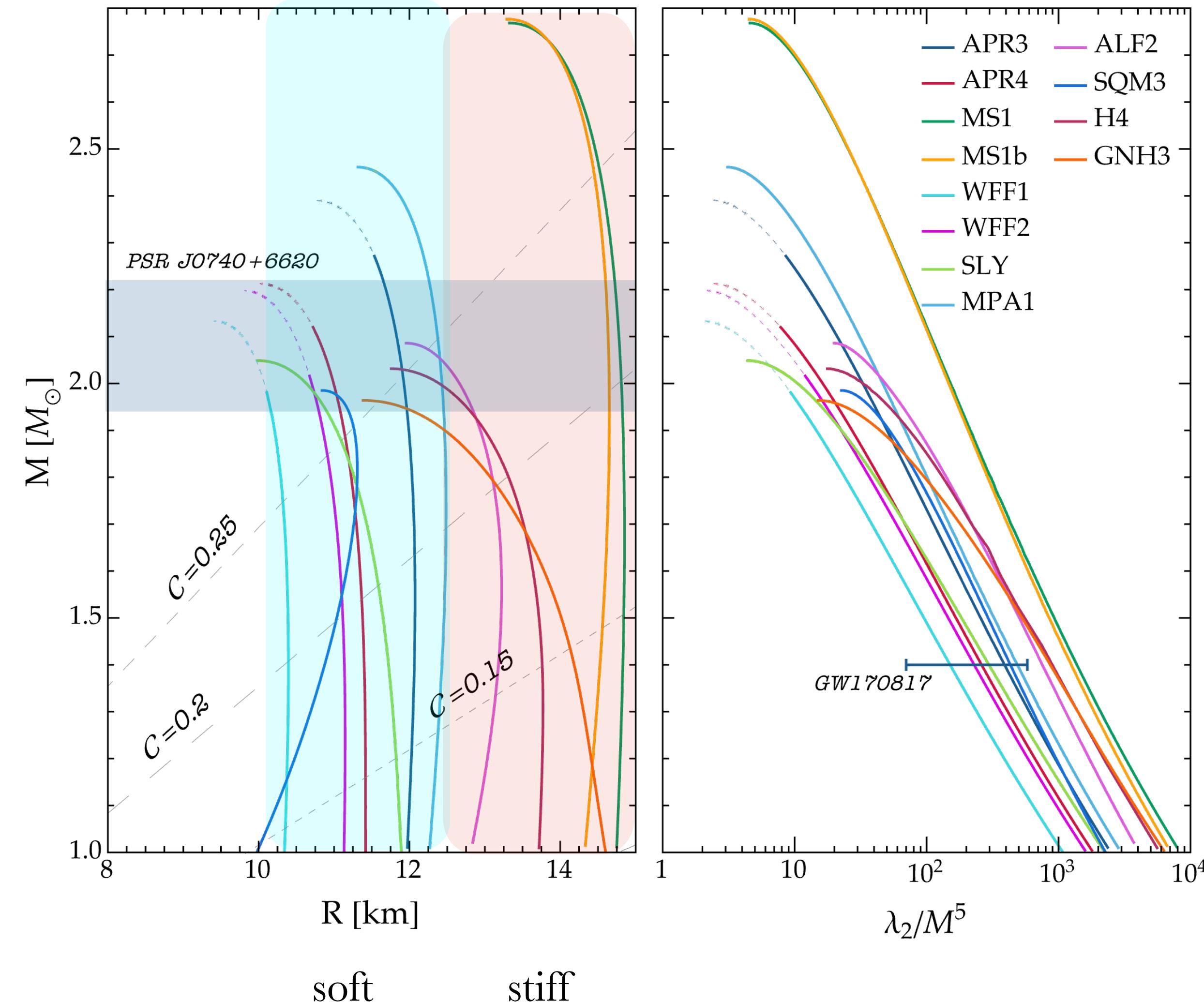


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1 PN

A black upward-pointing arrow icon.

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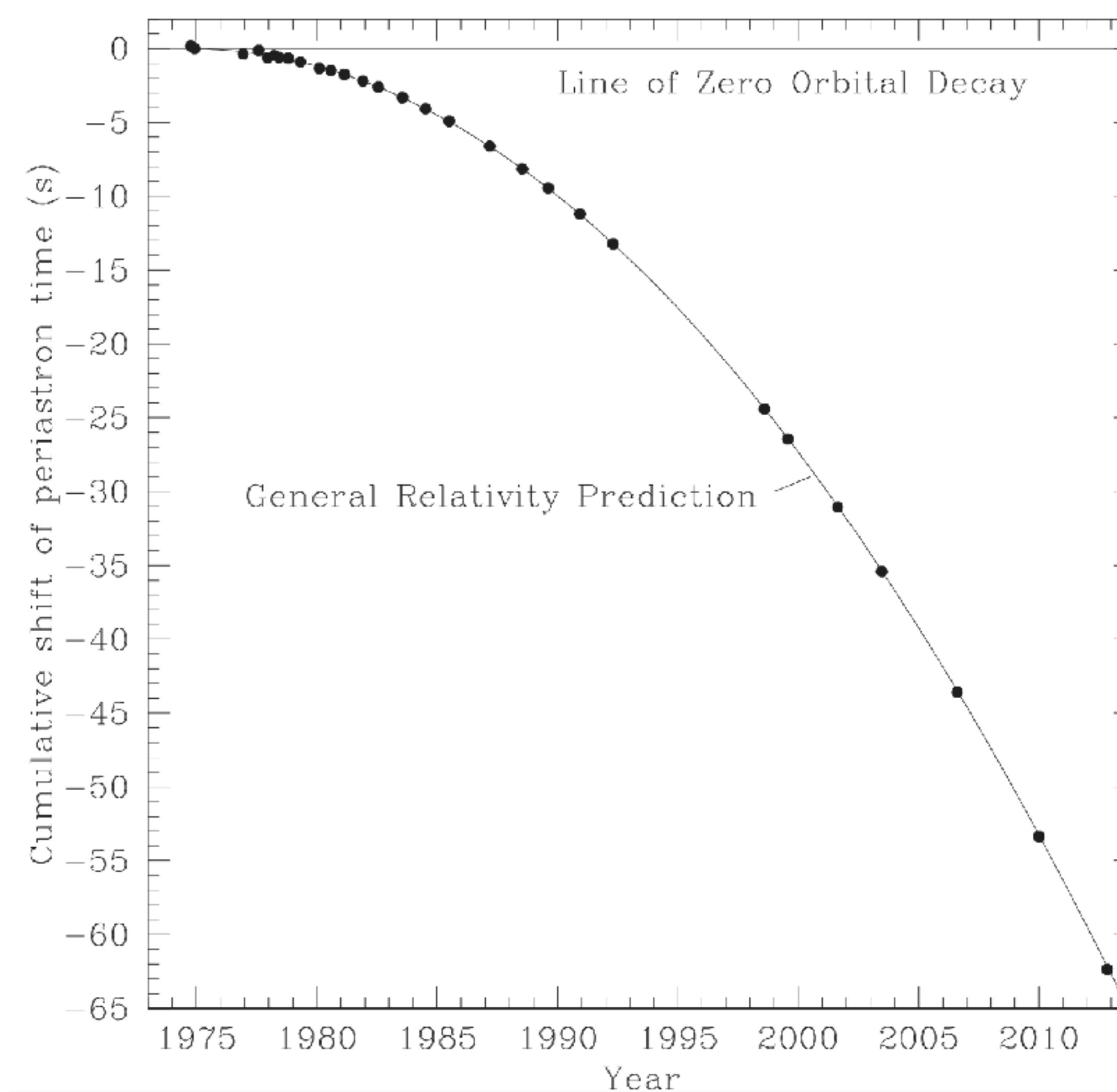
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*5 PN: small term.*

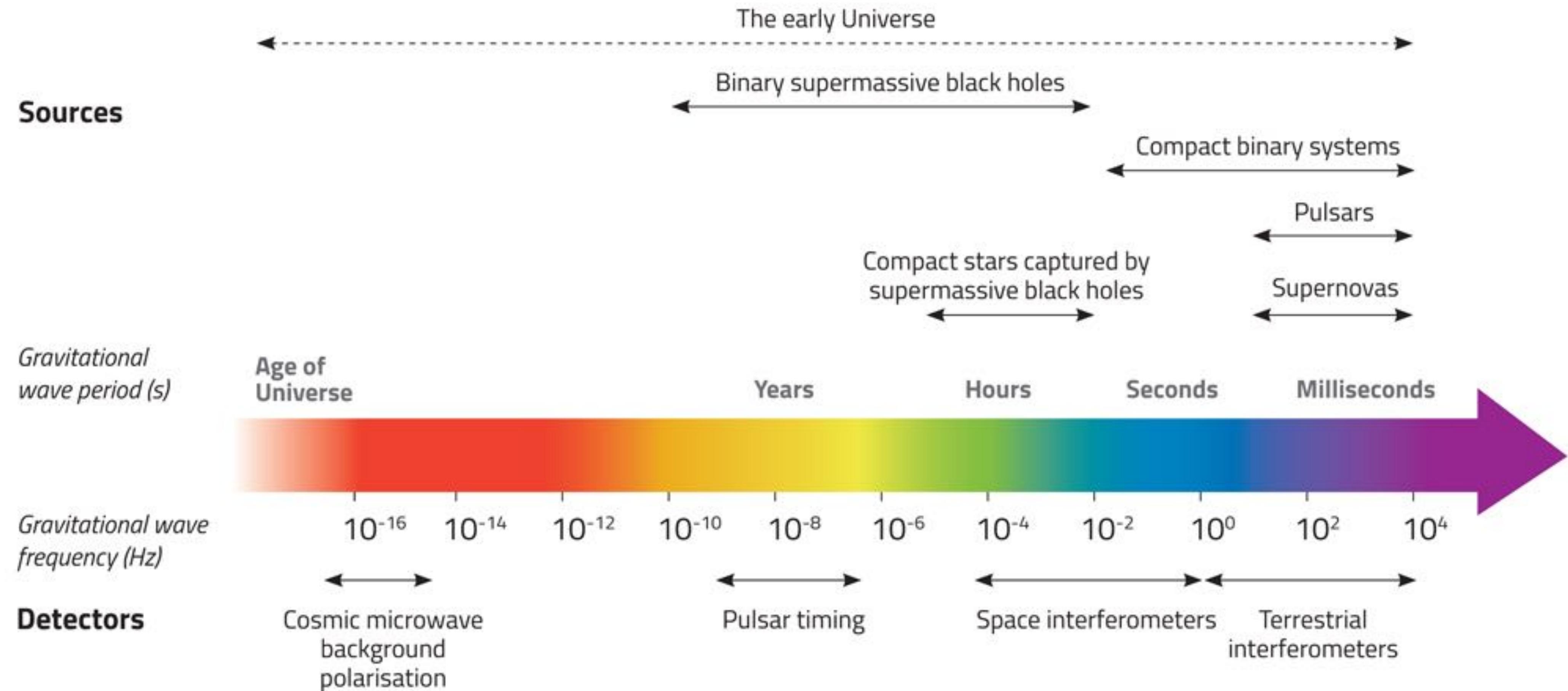
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# *PSR1913+16*

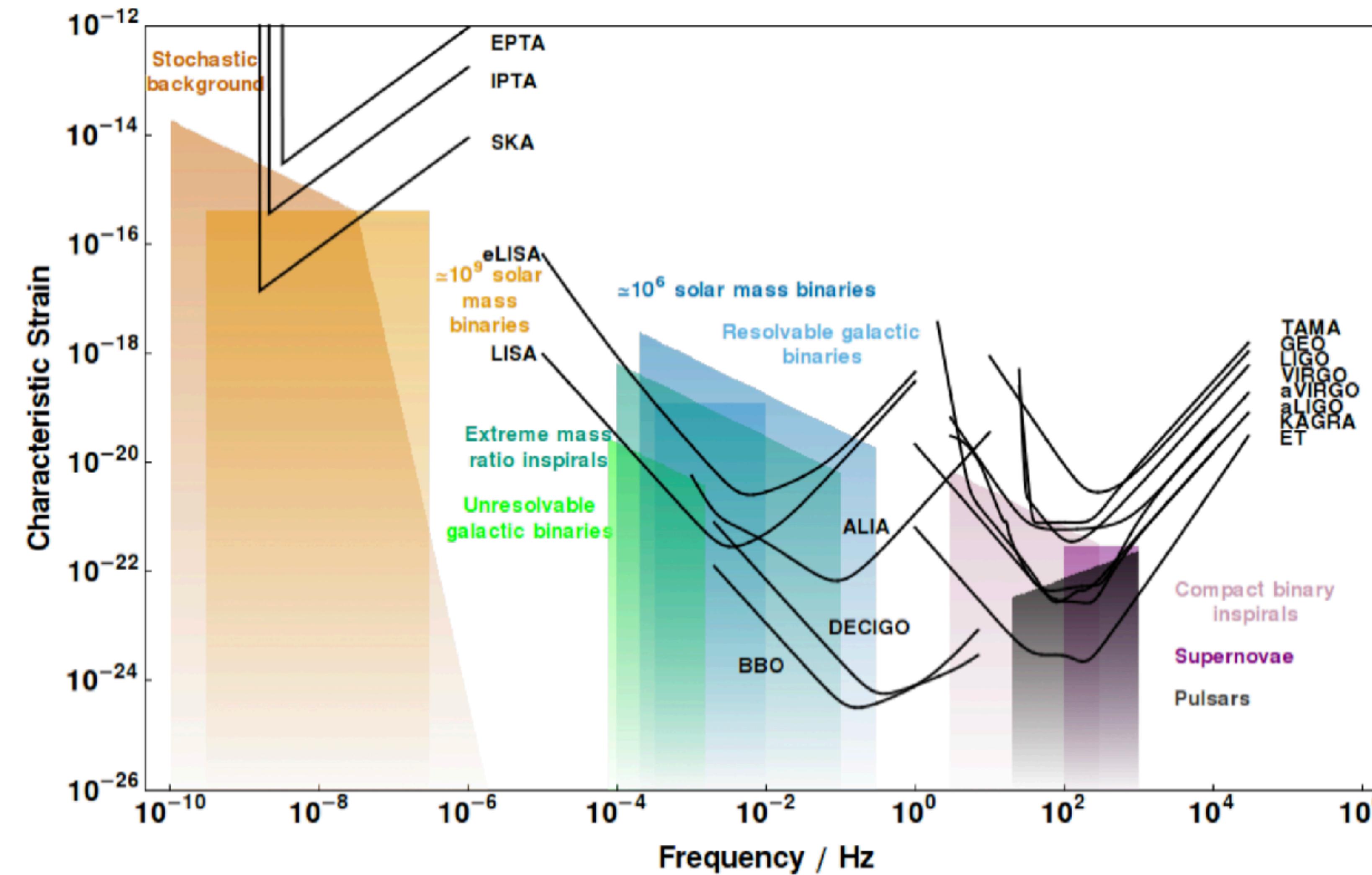


# *GW frequencies*



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C. Moore +, 2014



# The Love number

T. Hinderer +, 2010

Love number master equation

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○ Reduce to a couple system of 1st order ODEs

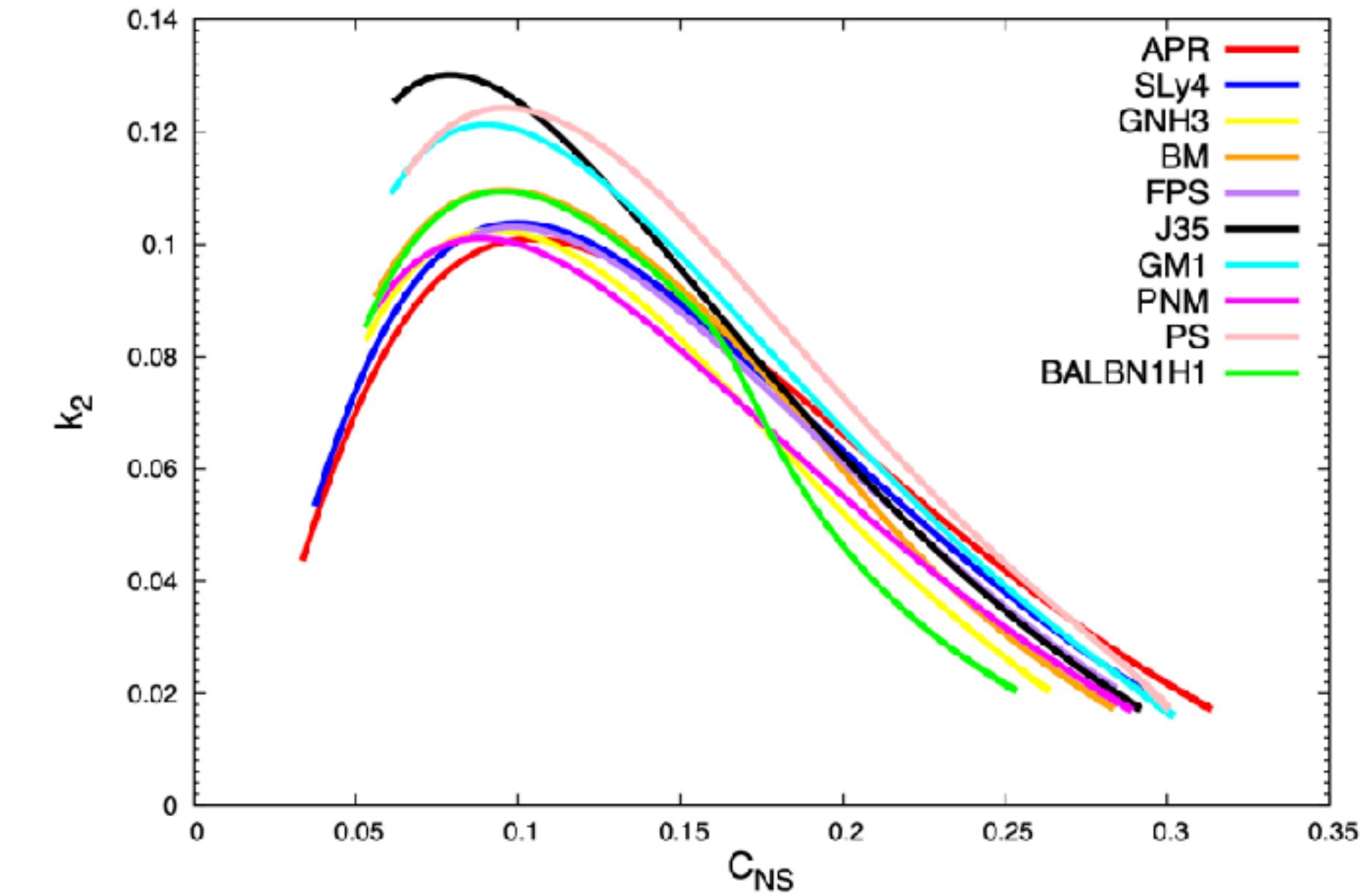
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○ Integrate with initial conditions at the center  $H(r \rightarrow 0) = a_0 r^2$  and  $\beta(r \rightarrow 0) = 2a_0 r$

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$$\left. + 4\mathcal{C}^3[13 - 11y + \mathcal{C}(3y - 2) + 2\mathcal{C}^2(1 + y)] \right.$$
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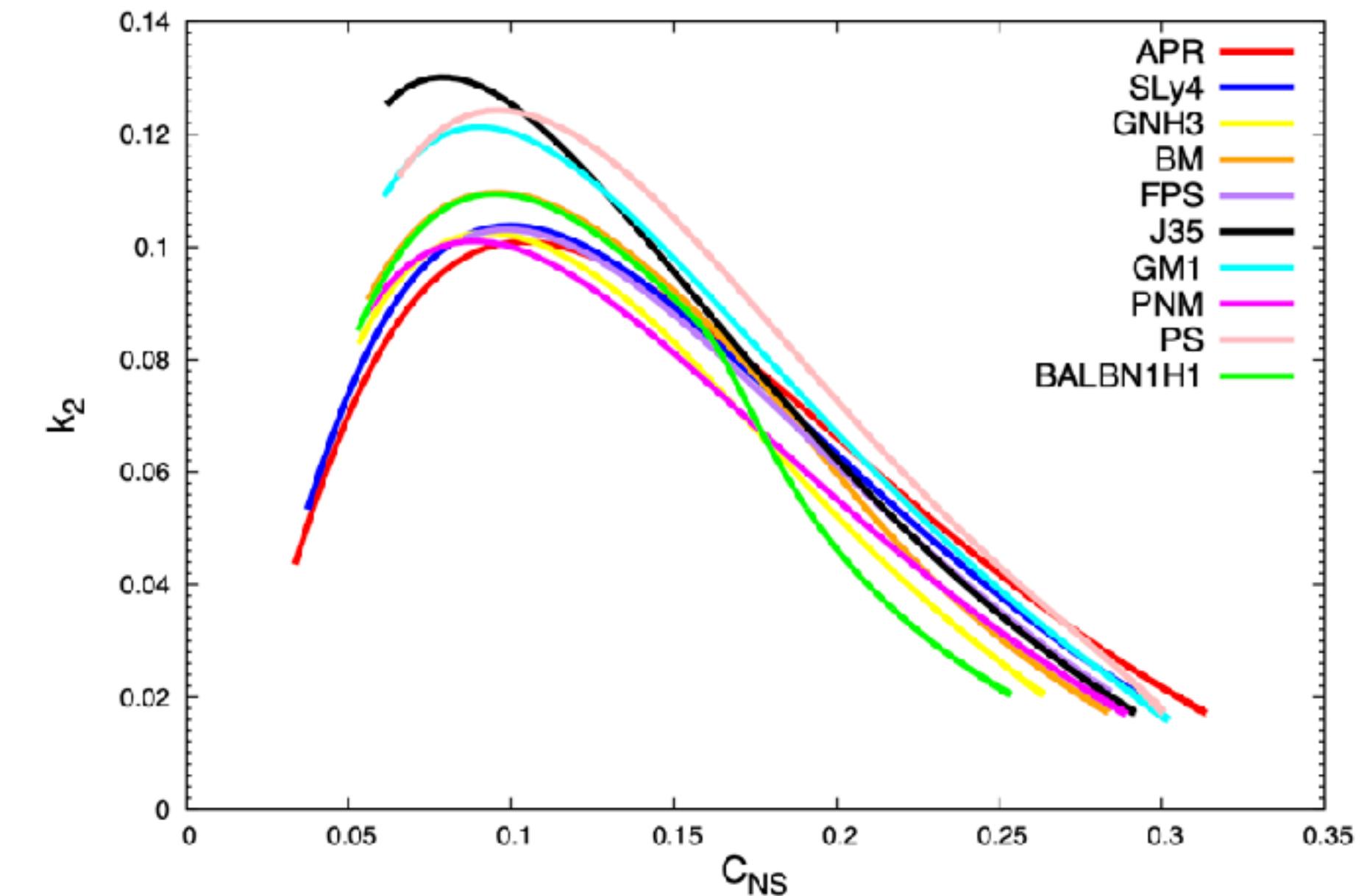


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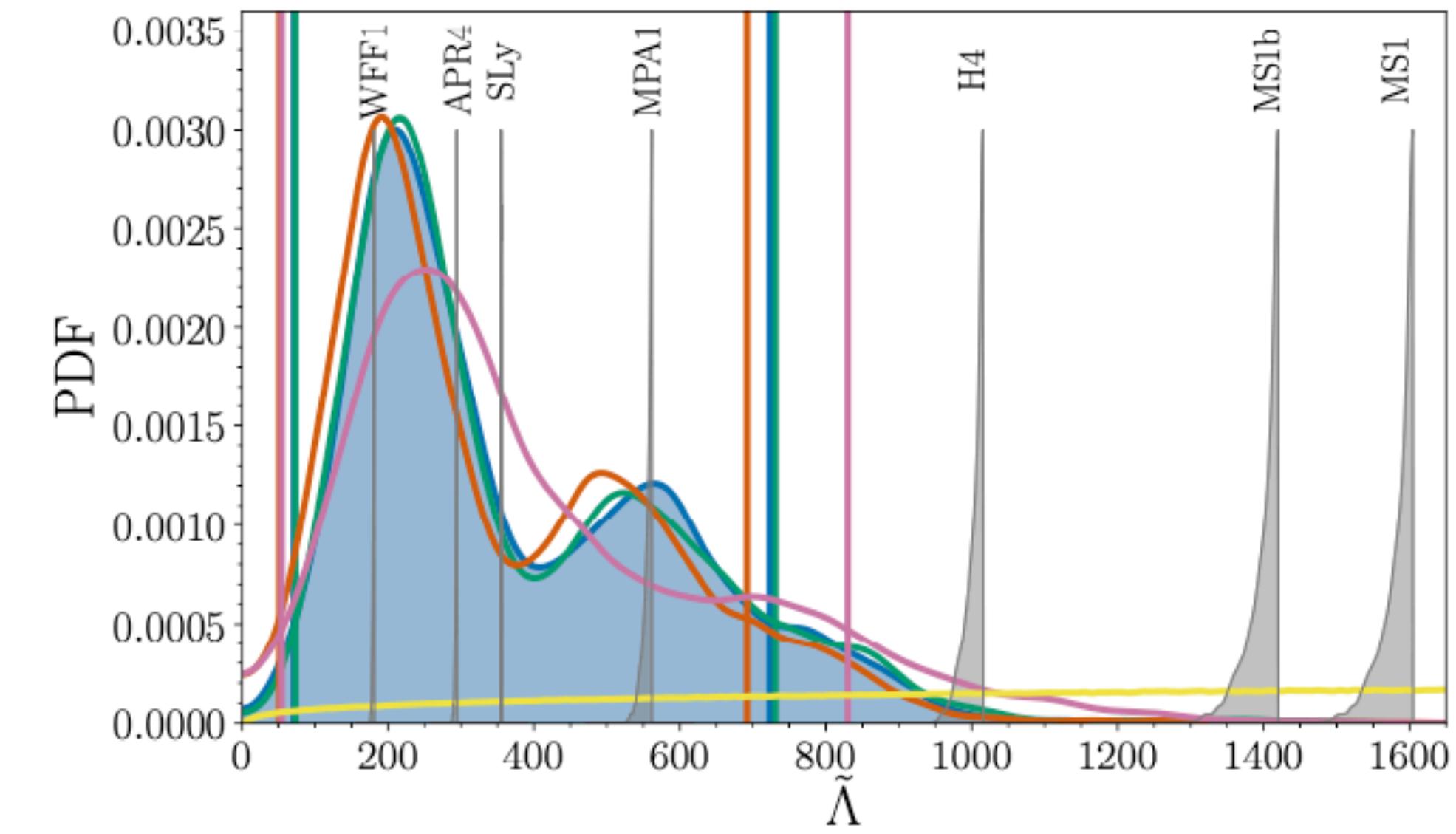
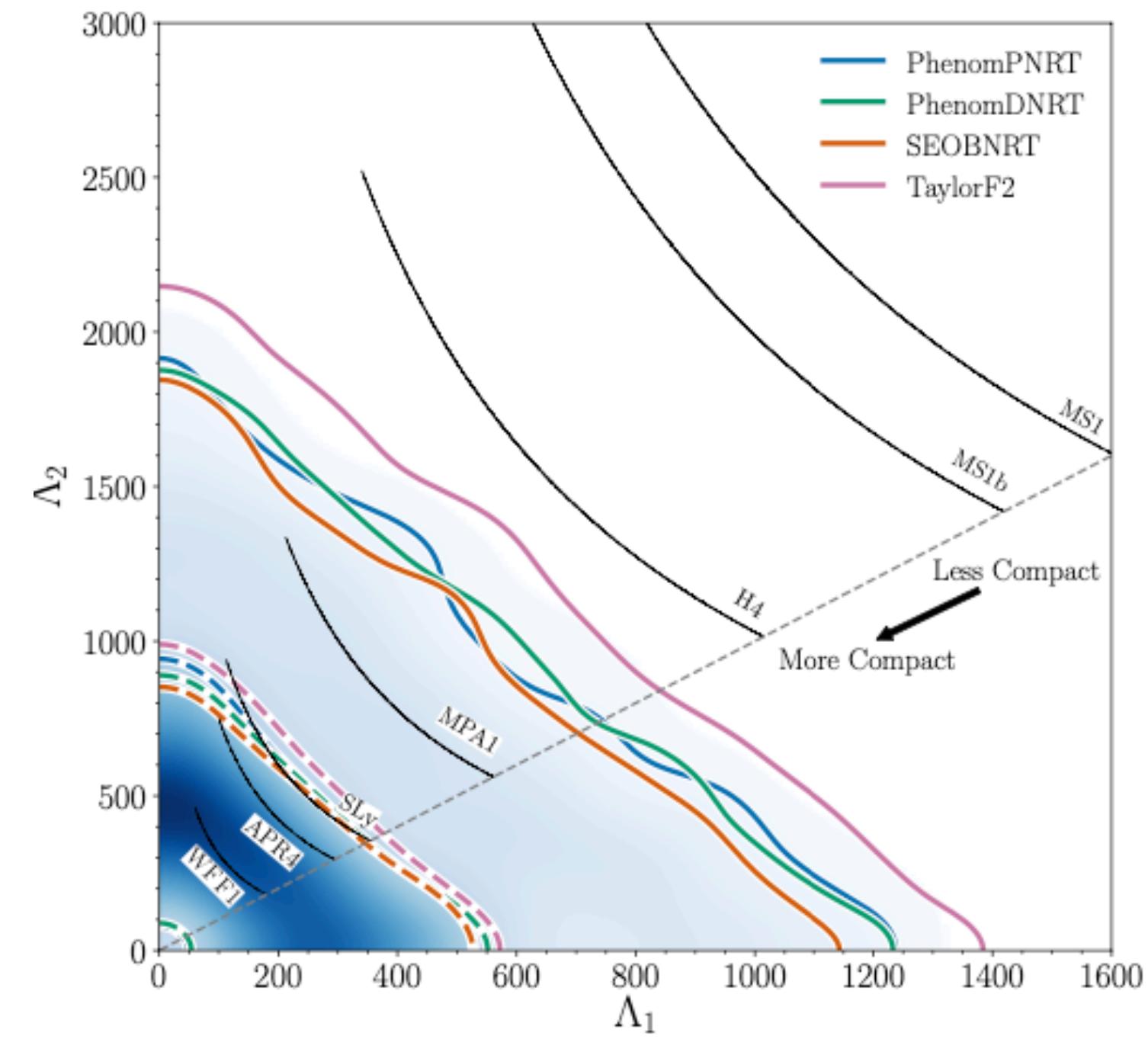
- As the compactness  $\mathcal{C} = M/R$  increases the Love number decreases and goes to zero in the  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow 1/2$  limit



# *GW170817*

The rest is history

| $M_1(M_\odot)$         | $\Lambda_1$         | $M_2(M_\odot)$         | $\Lambda_2$         |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| $1.46^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$ | $255^{+416}_{-171}$ | $1.26^{+0.09}_{-0.12}$ | $661^{+858}_{-375}$ |



LVC, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119-121 (2018)

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First BNS detection seems to favour **more compact** nuclear matter

● ruling out stiff Equations of State

# *Love for testing vacuum GR*

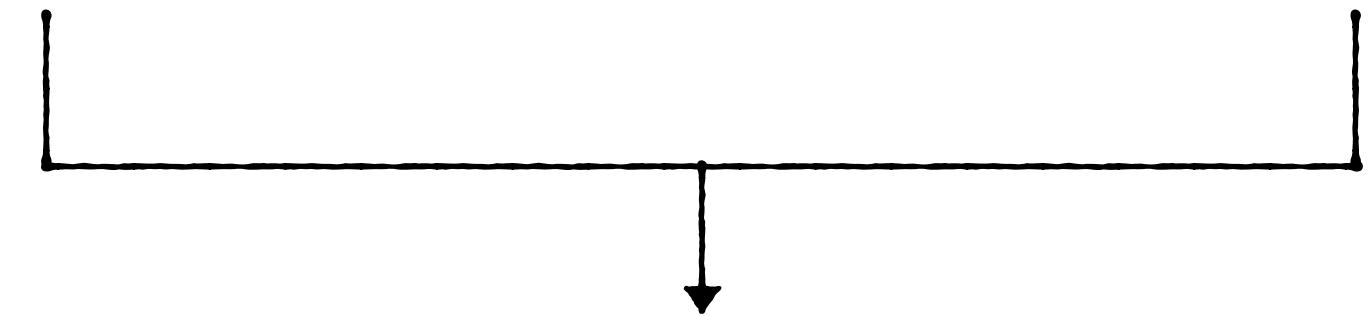
Black holes in vacuum General Relativity have zero Love numbers

P. Landry & E. Poisson Phys. Rev. D 91, 104018 (2015)  
P. Pani + incl. A. M., Phys. Rev. D 92, 024010 (2015)  
N. Gürlebeck, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 151102 (2015)  
A. Le Tiec +, Phys. Rev. D 103, 084021 (2021)

- New tool for fundamental physics

Compact objects with with non-zero Love numbers

BHs beyond GR



*test of the BH nature  
are they all Kerr BH?*

Exotic Compact Objects

BHs in accretion disks/dark matter halo



*probe the astrophysical properties  
in which BH evolve*

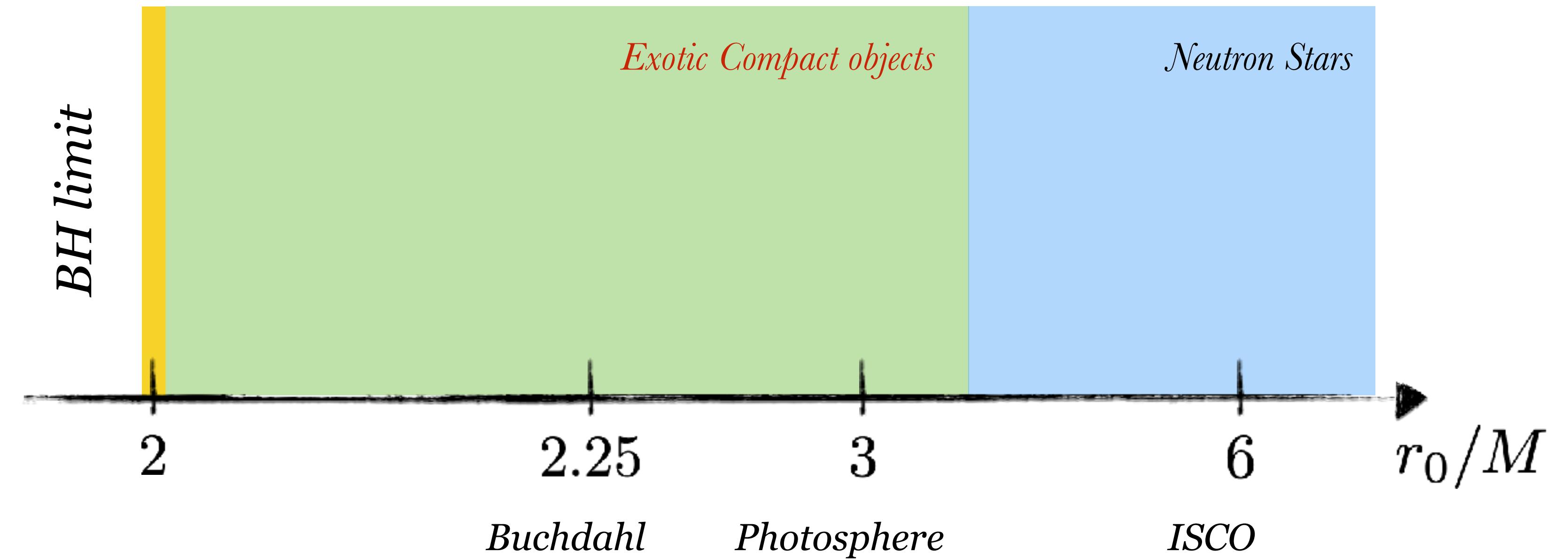
- Possibility to explore a wider range of masses, from stellar to supermassive scales

V. Cardoso + incl. A. M., Rev. Rev. D 95, 084014 (2017)  
A. Maselli +, Phys. Rev. Lett 120, 081101 (2017)  
M. Vaglio + incl. A.M., Phys Rev D 108, 023021 (2023)  
C. Pacilio + incl. A. M., Phys Rev D 102, 083002 (2020)

# *Love for testing vacuum GR*

Other **Exotic Compact Objects** may be the output of stellar collapse, which form without an event horizon

- Can we distinguish ECOs with no horizon, compact to mimic BHs?



$$M_{\text{BH}}/R_{\text{BH}} = 0.5$$

v.s.

$$M_{\text{ECO}}/R_{\text{ECO}} = 0.49(99\dots)$$

[V. Cardoso & P. Pani, 2017]

# *Examples of different types of Love*

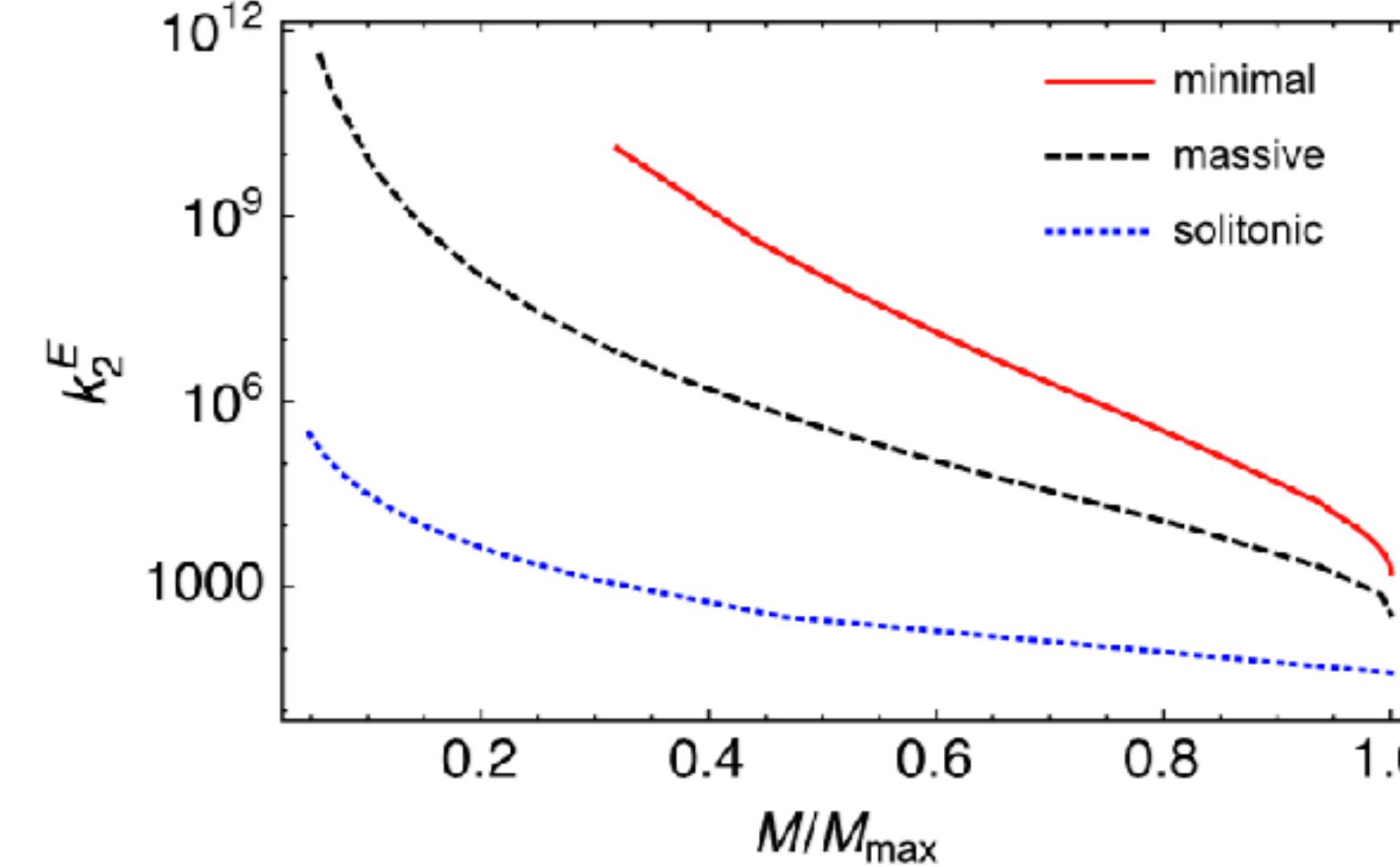
Scalar field condensates, i.e. Boson Stars

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{16\pi} - g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \phi^\star \partial_\beta \phi - V(|\phi|^2) \right]$$

- Behaviour of in qualitative agreement with NSs
- For a compactness  $C = M/R \sim 0.2$

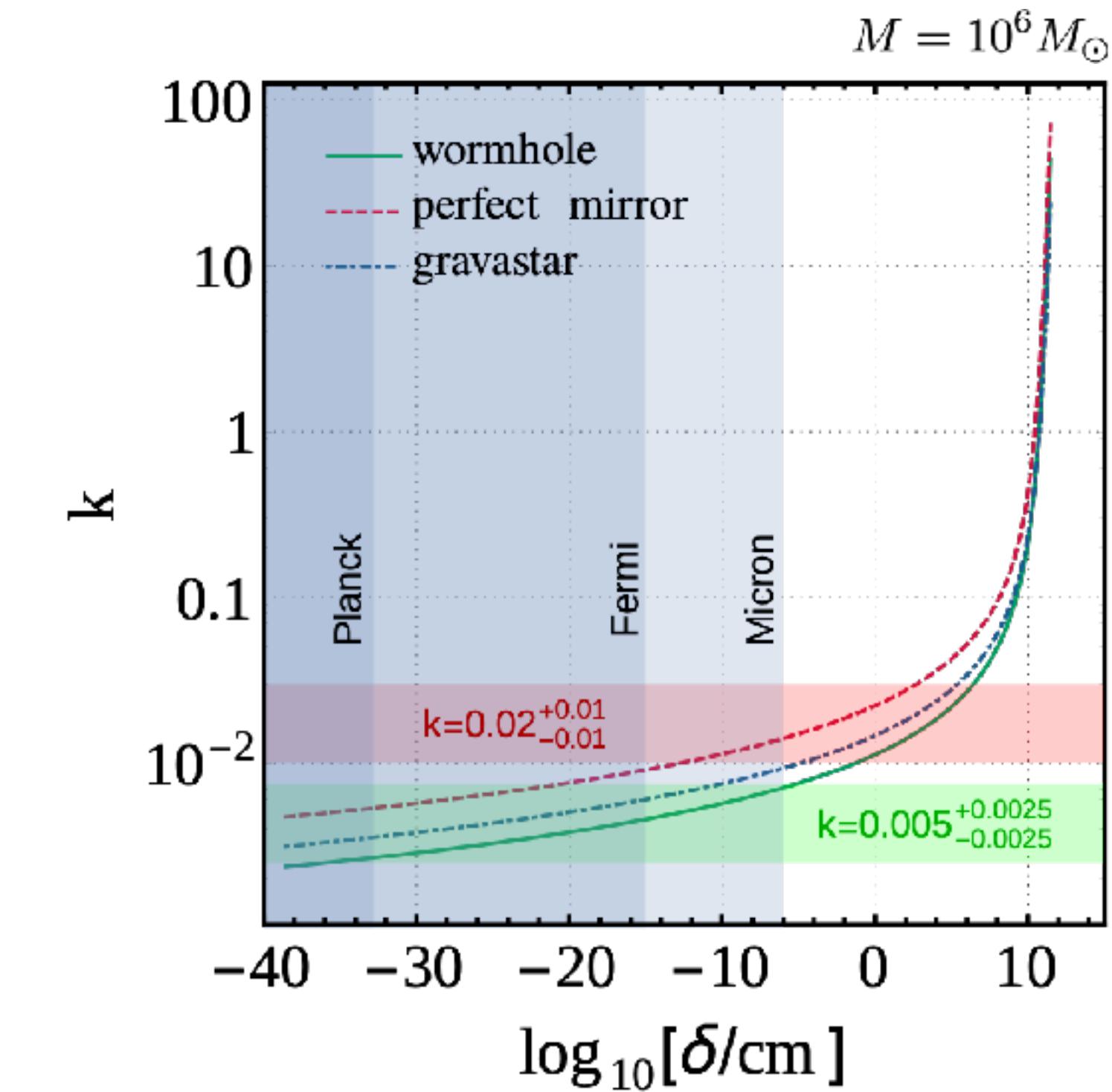
$$k_2^{\text{NS}} \sim 200$$

$$k_2^{\text{BS}} \sim 40$$



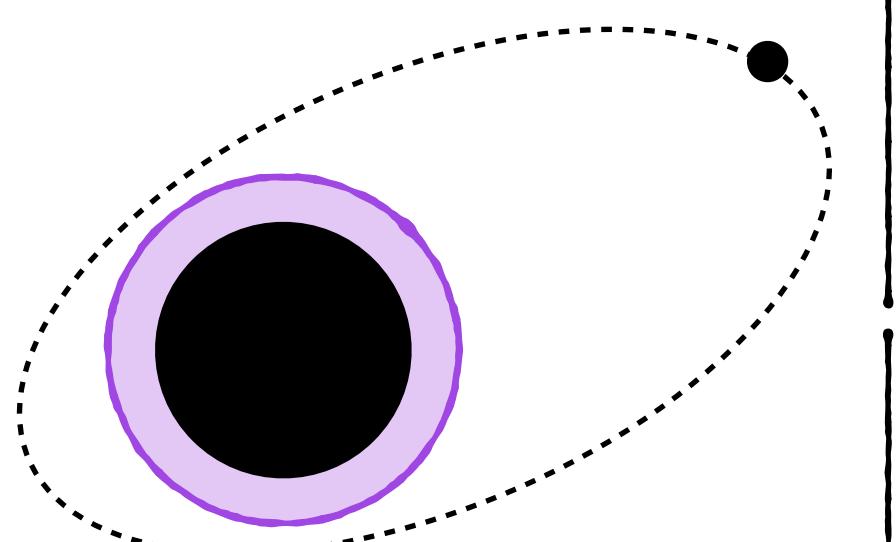
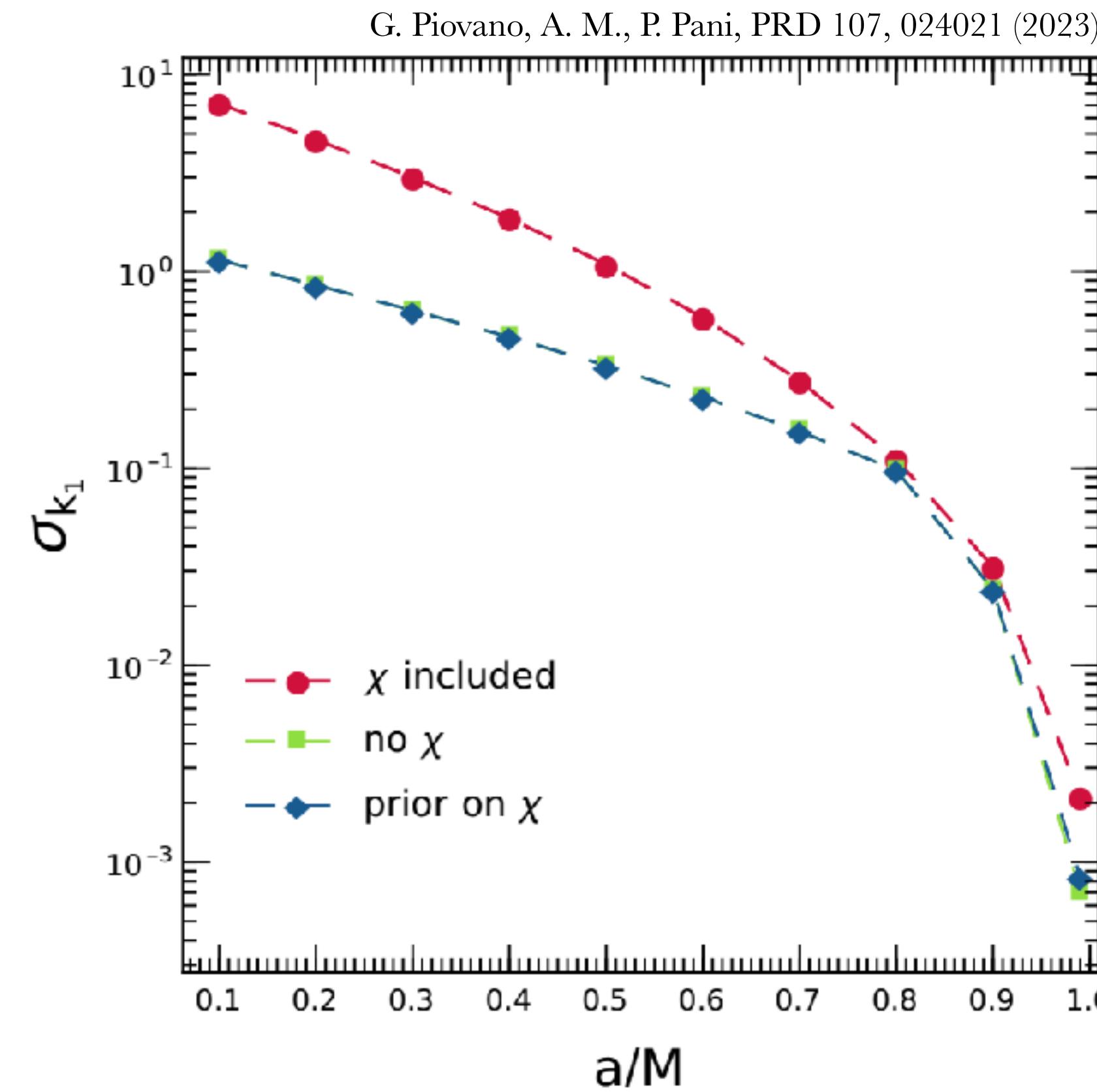
Black hole mimickers, i.e. exotic objects almost as compacts as BHs

$$R = R_{\text{horizon}}(1 + \delta)$$



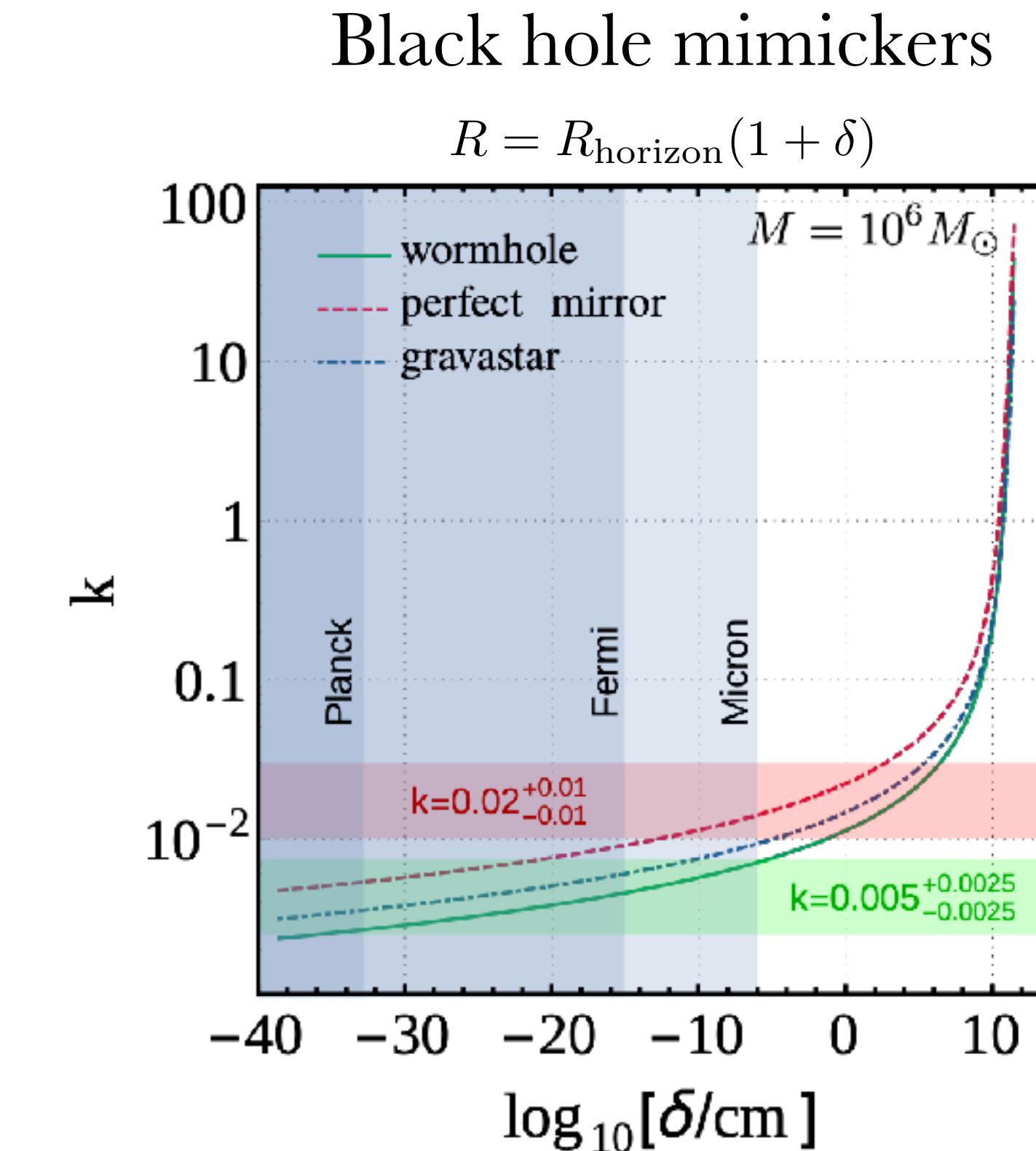
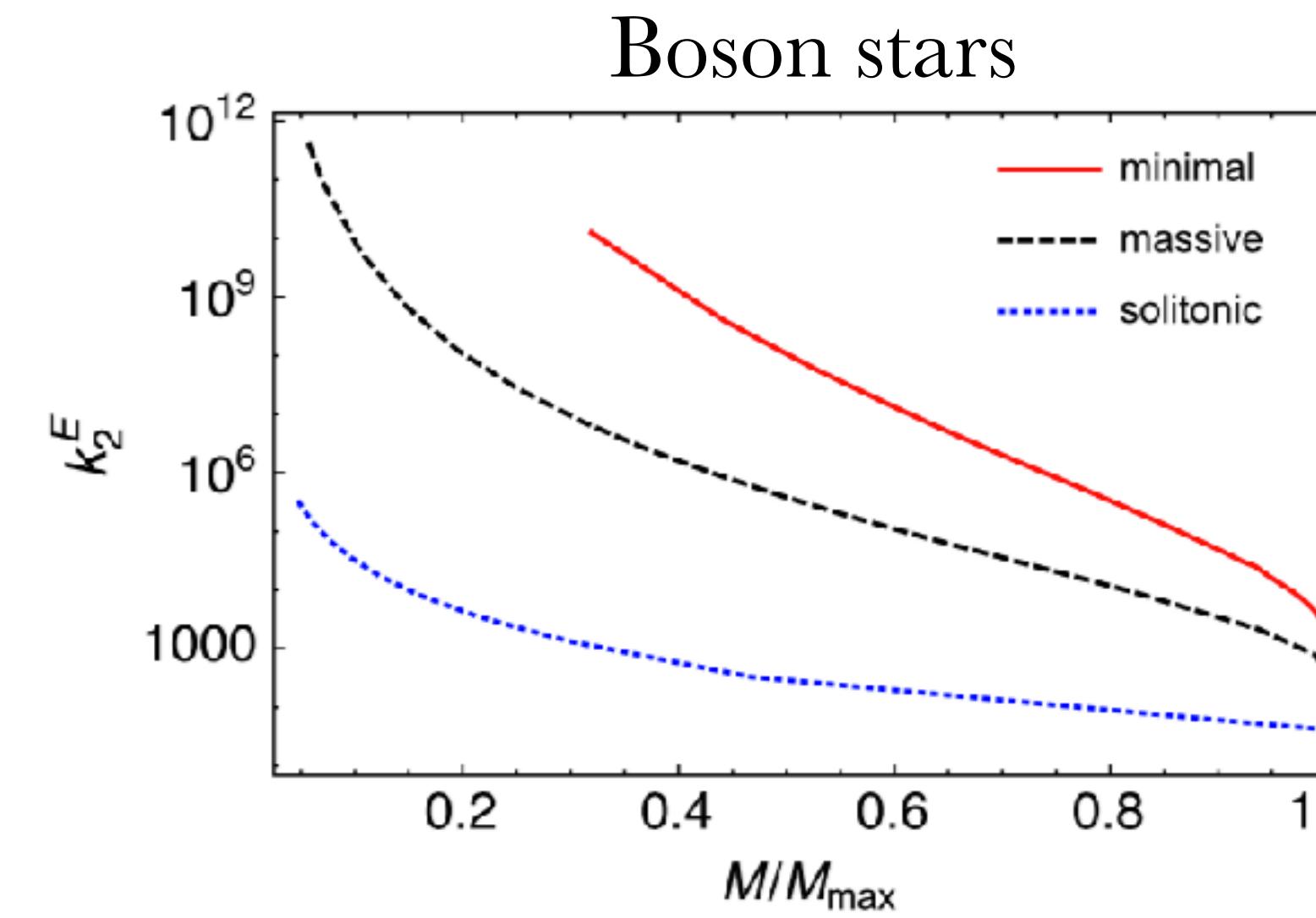
# *Love numbers and LISA*

Measurements of the Love number by Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals observed by LISA



- Constraints up to 6 orders of magnitude more stringent than what achievable by current detectors for stellar binaries

# Exotic Love numbers

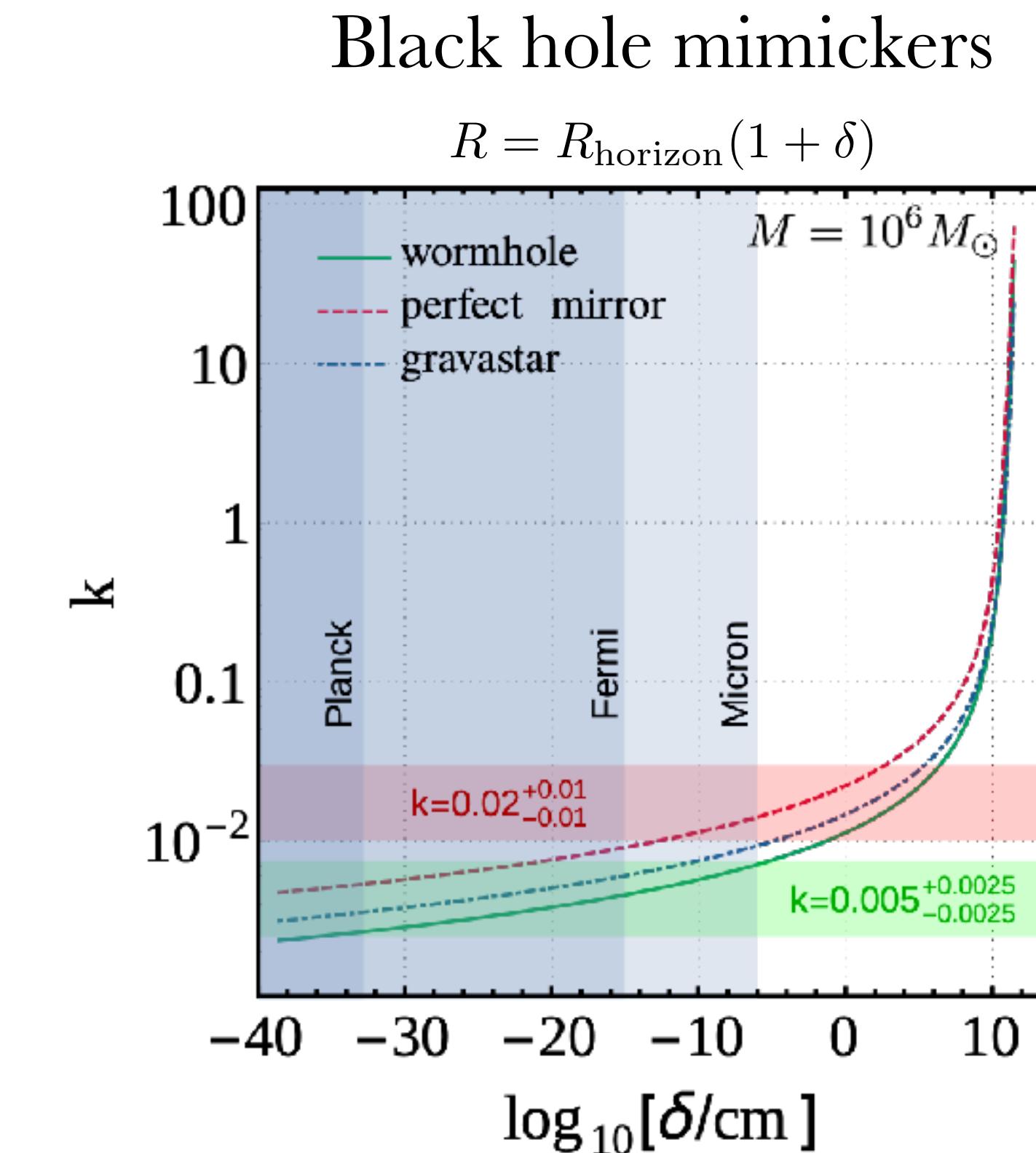
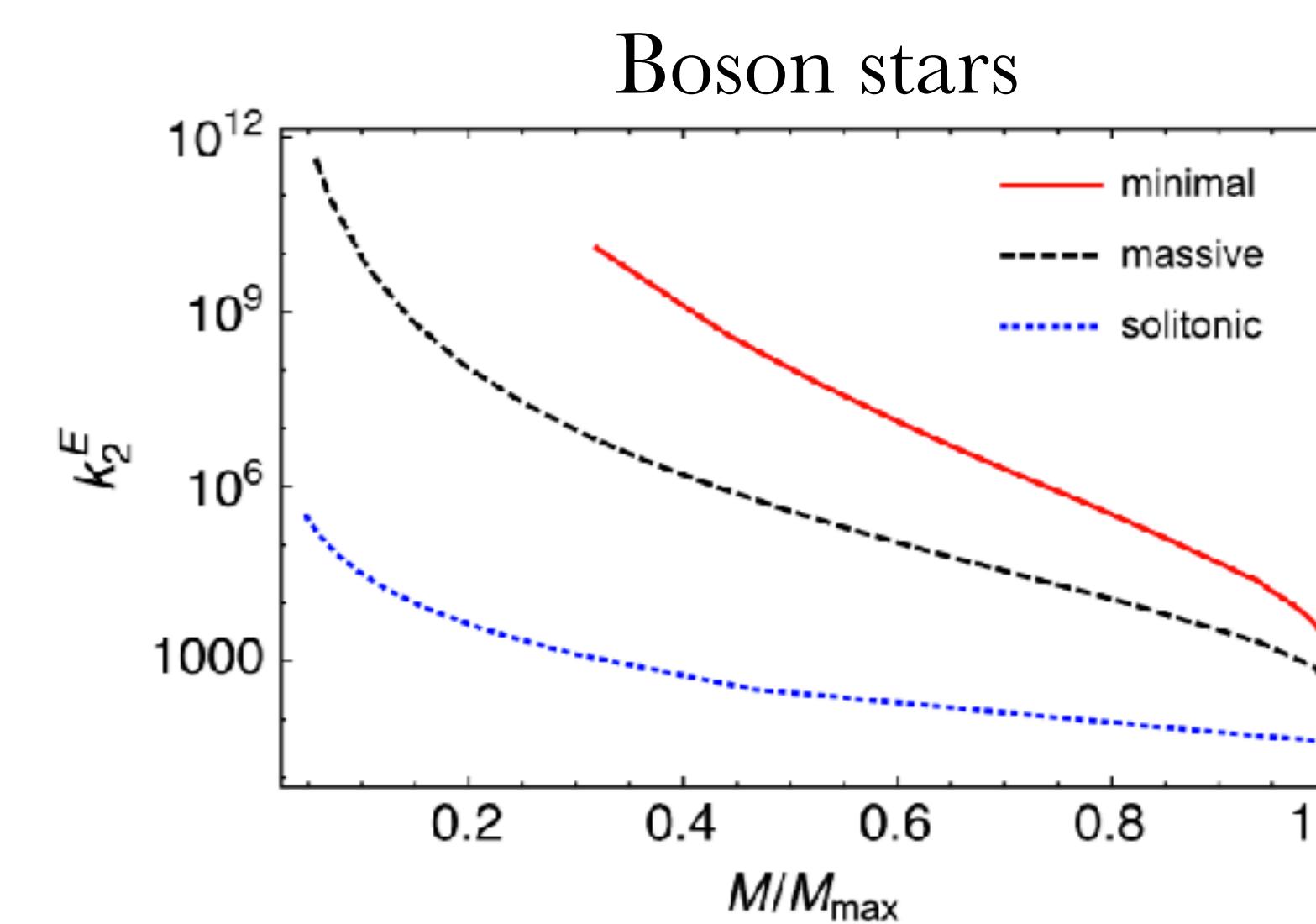


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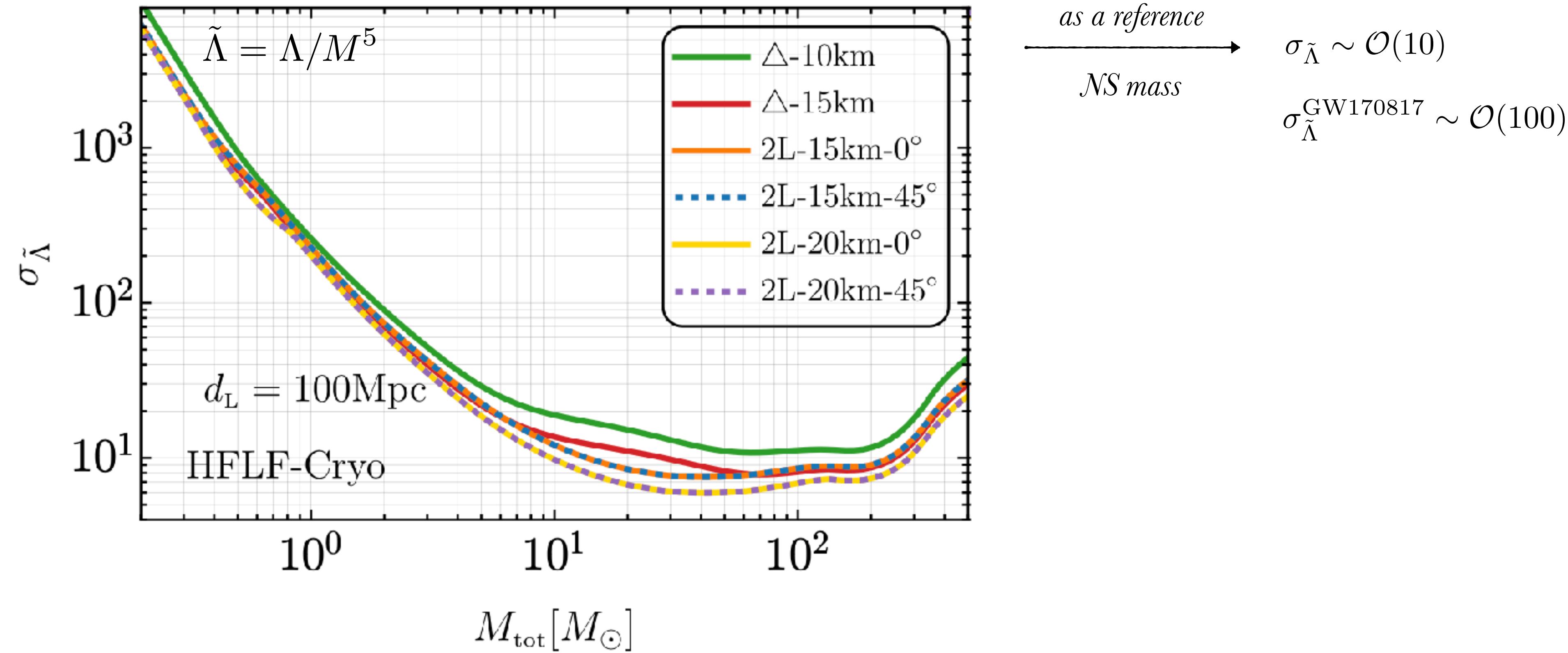
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