

(An introduction to)

Astroparticle Physics

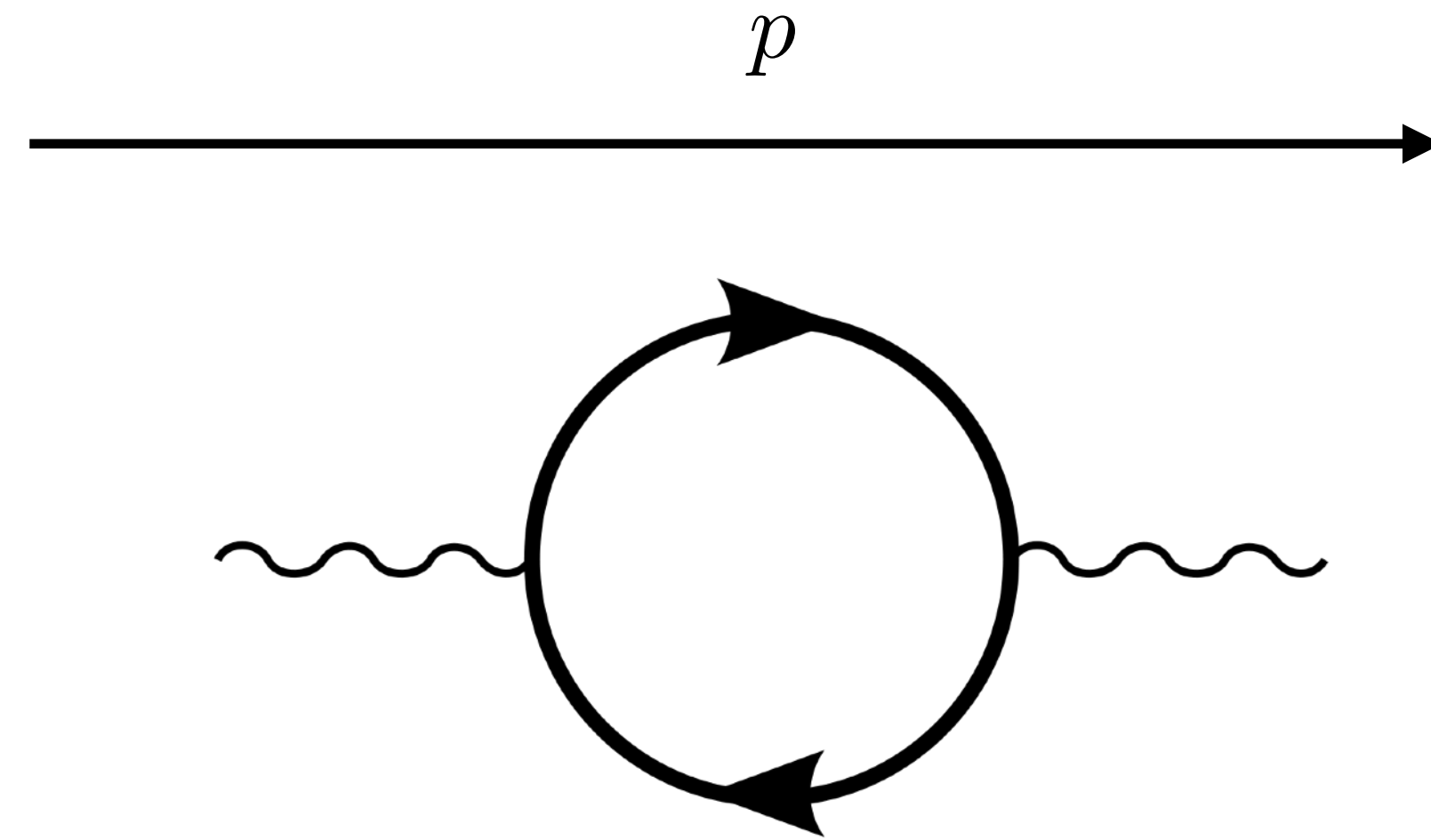
Lecture 2/2

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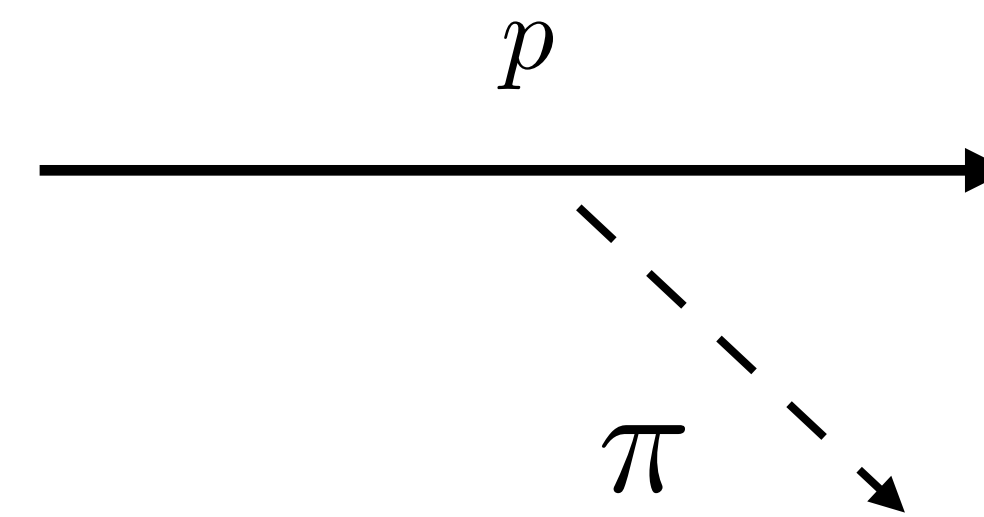
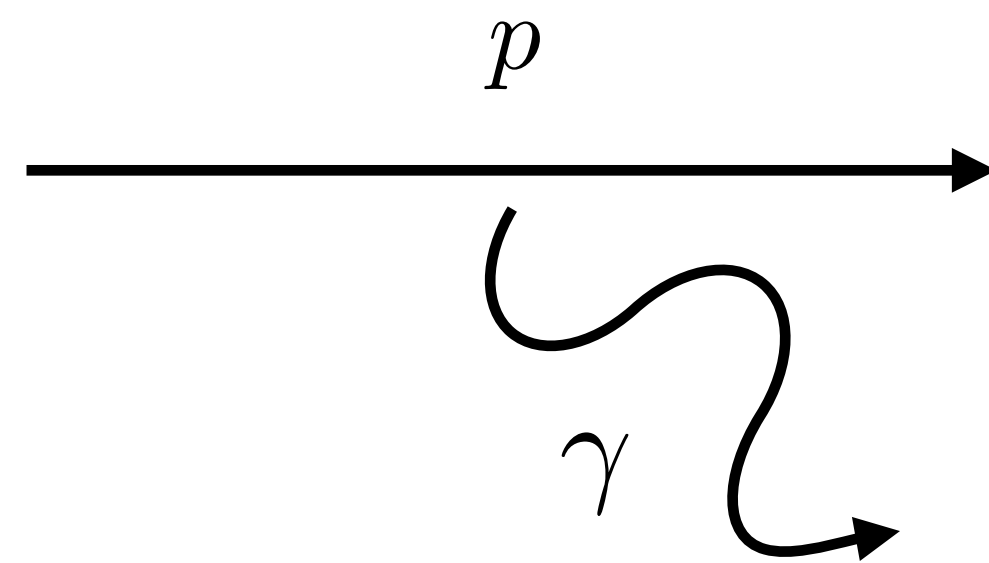
Slides here: bradkav.net/talks

Q: Interactions with the vacuum?



[[hep-ph/0208052](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0208052)]

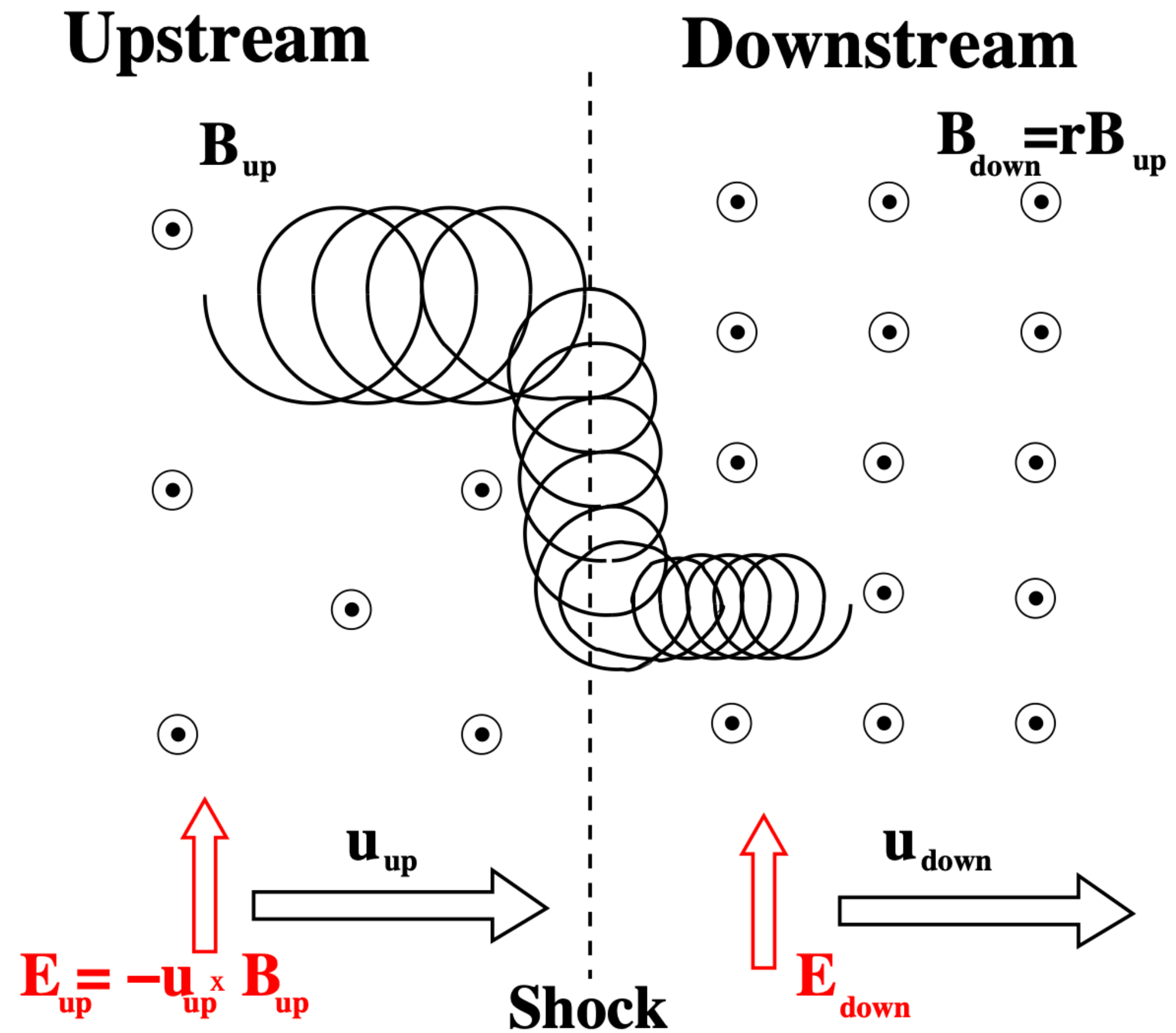
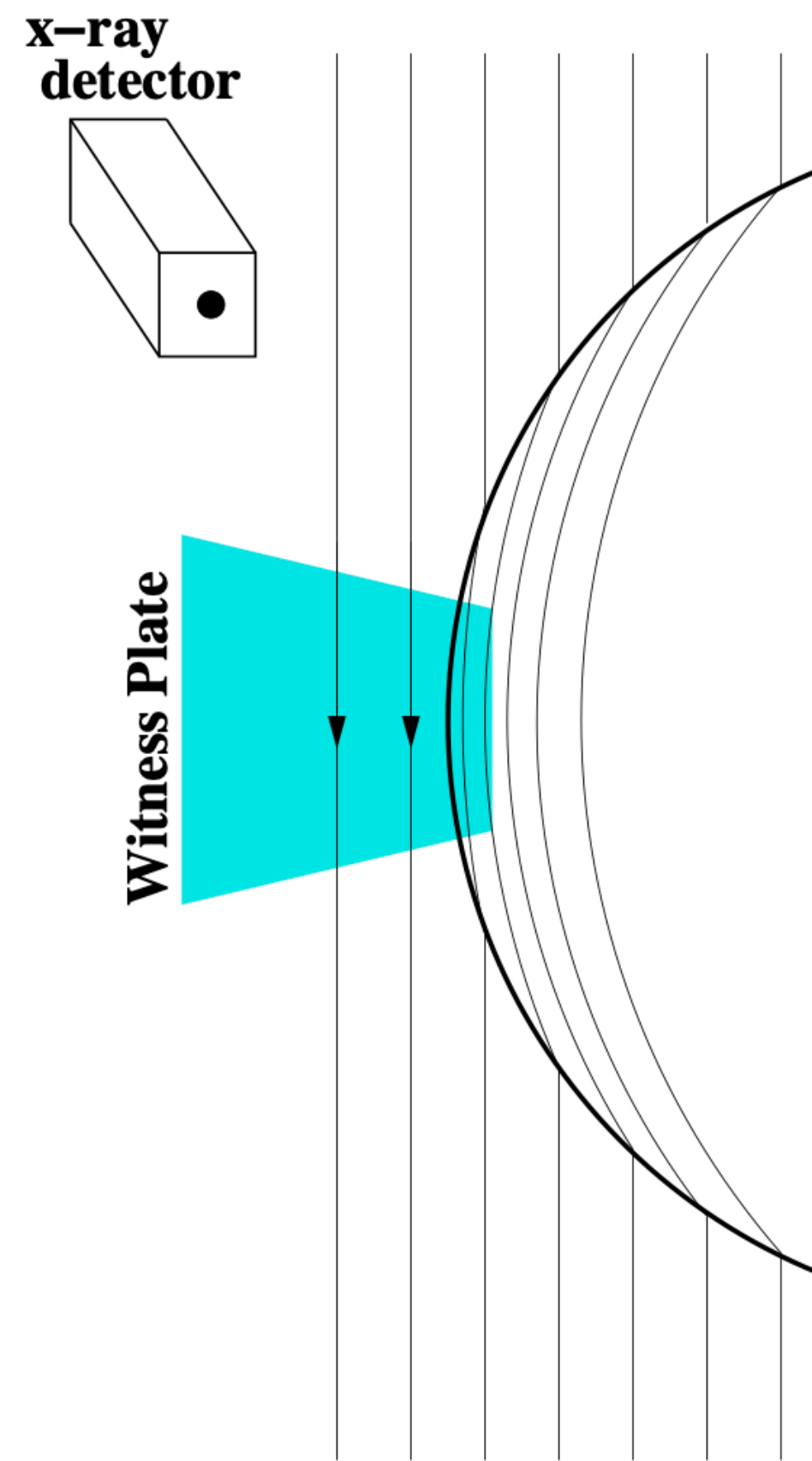
In Lorentz invariant theories, the following processes are forbidden!



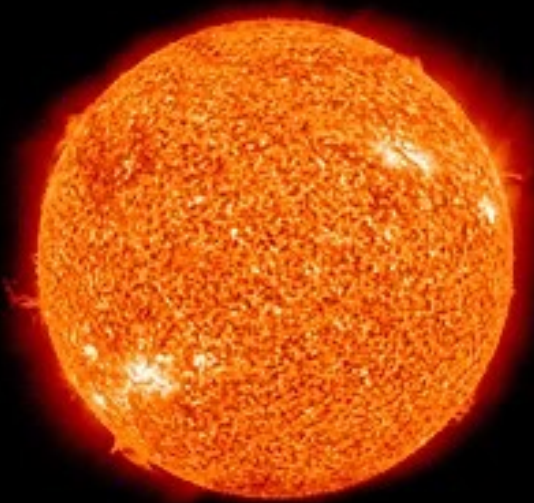
Propagation of high energy cosmic rays can be used to test Lorentz Violation!

[[0902.1756](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0208052)]

Q: Shock acceleration in the lab?



The Sun



Supernovae



Quasars/AGN

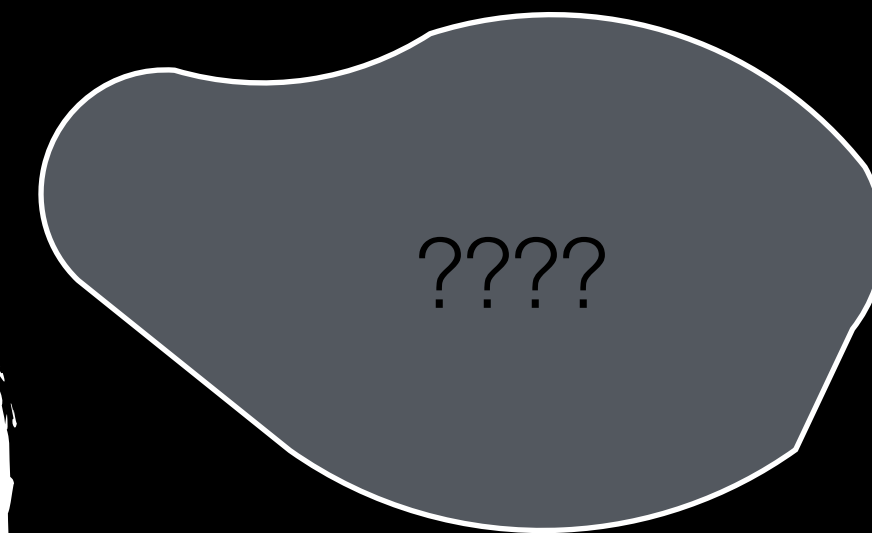
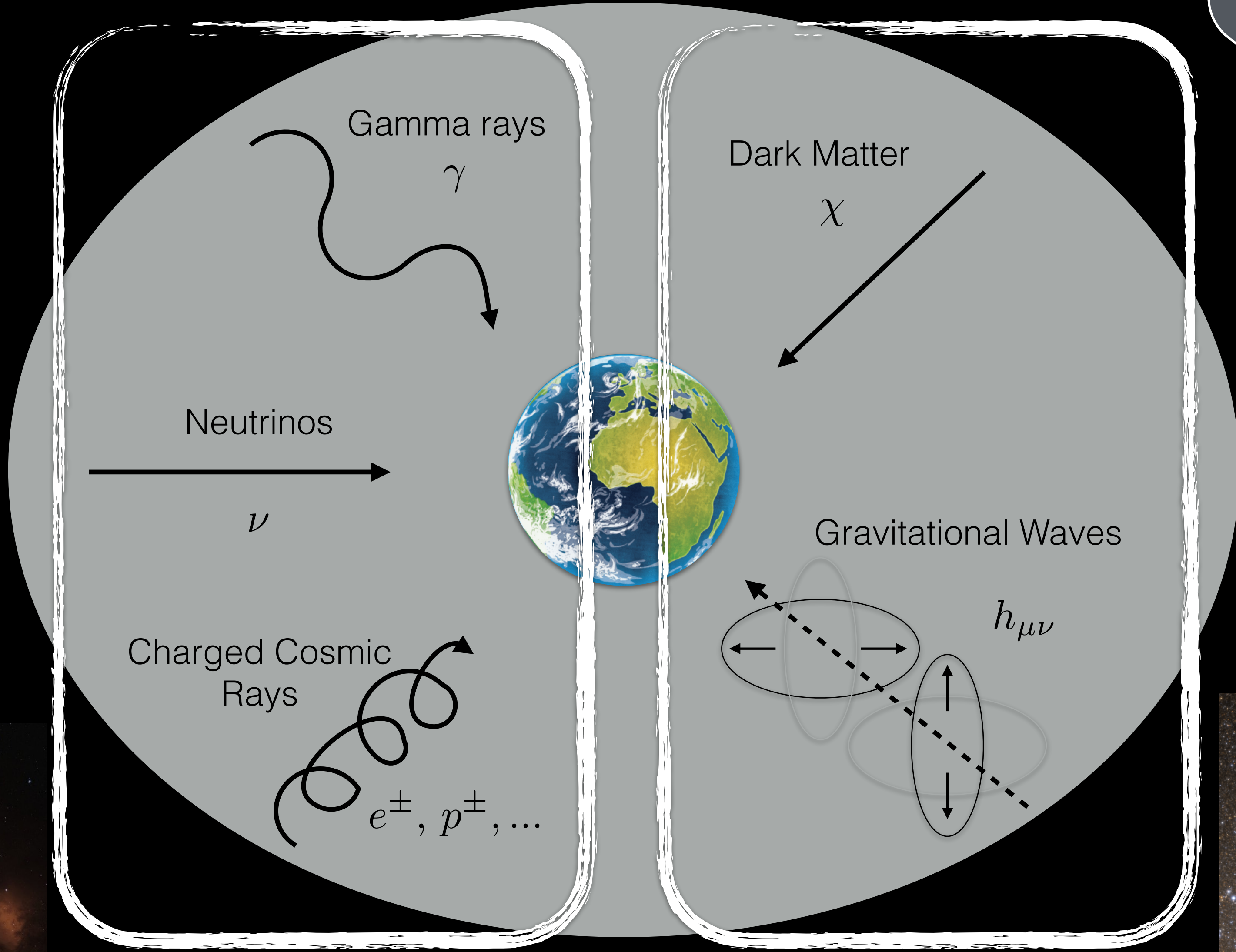


Credit: NASA/CXC/SAO

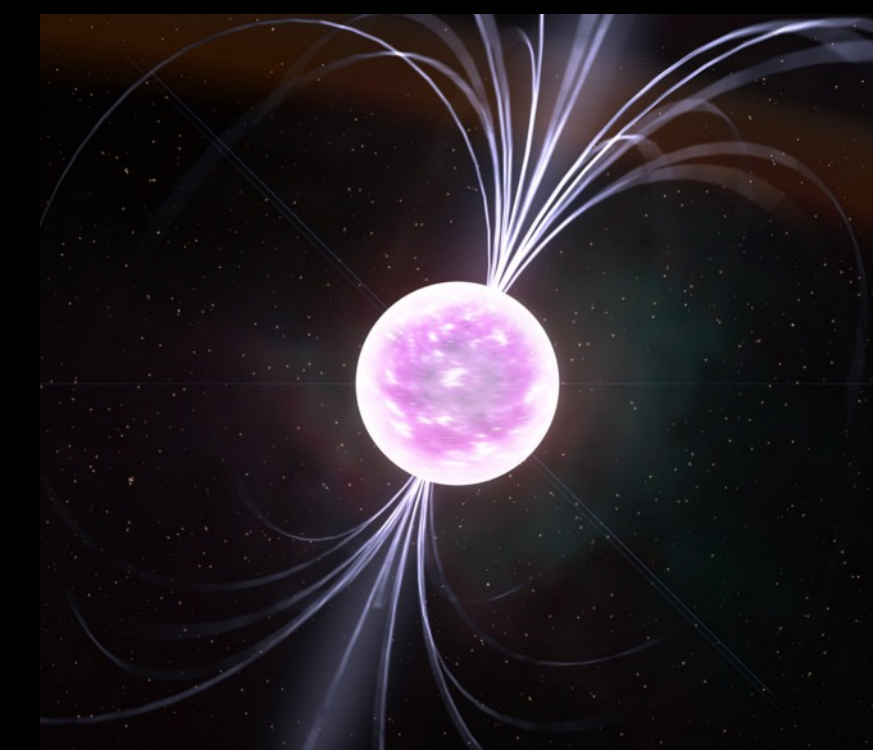
Credit: ESO/M. Kornmesser

Lecture 1

Lecture 2

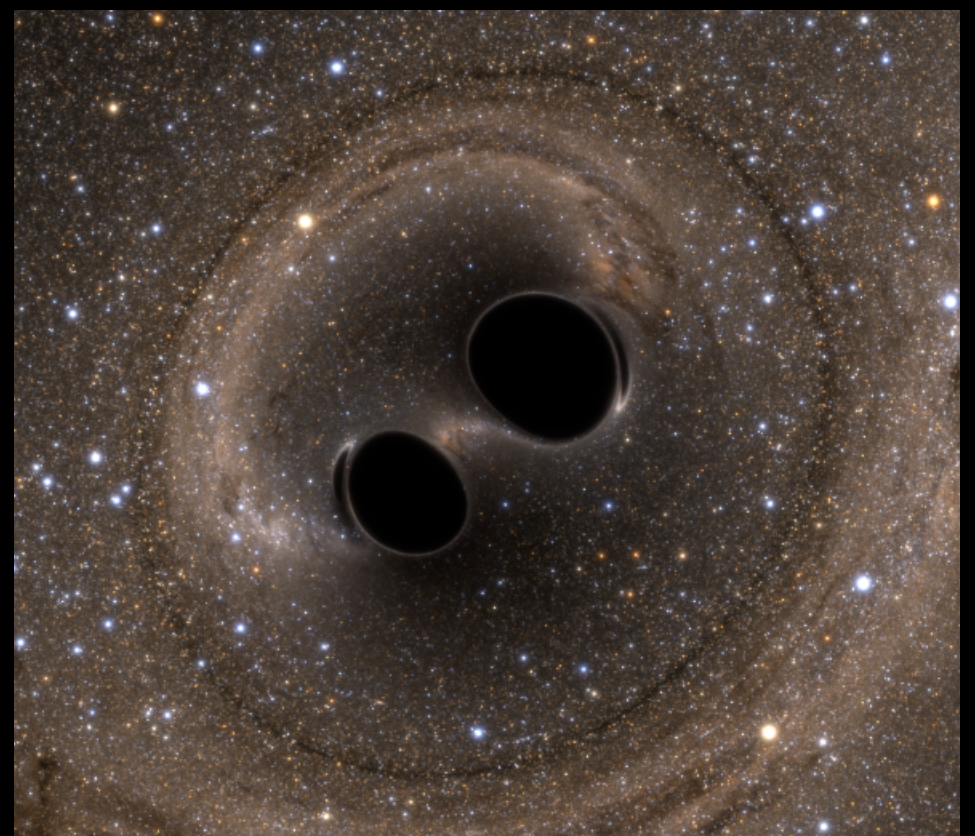


Pulsars



Credit: Kevin Gill / Flickr

BH/NS Mergers



Credit: SXS Lensing

Gravitational Waves

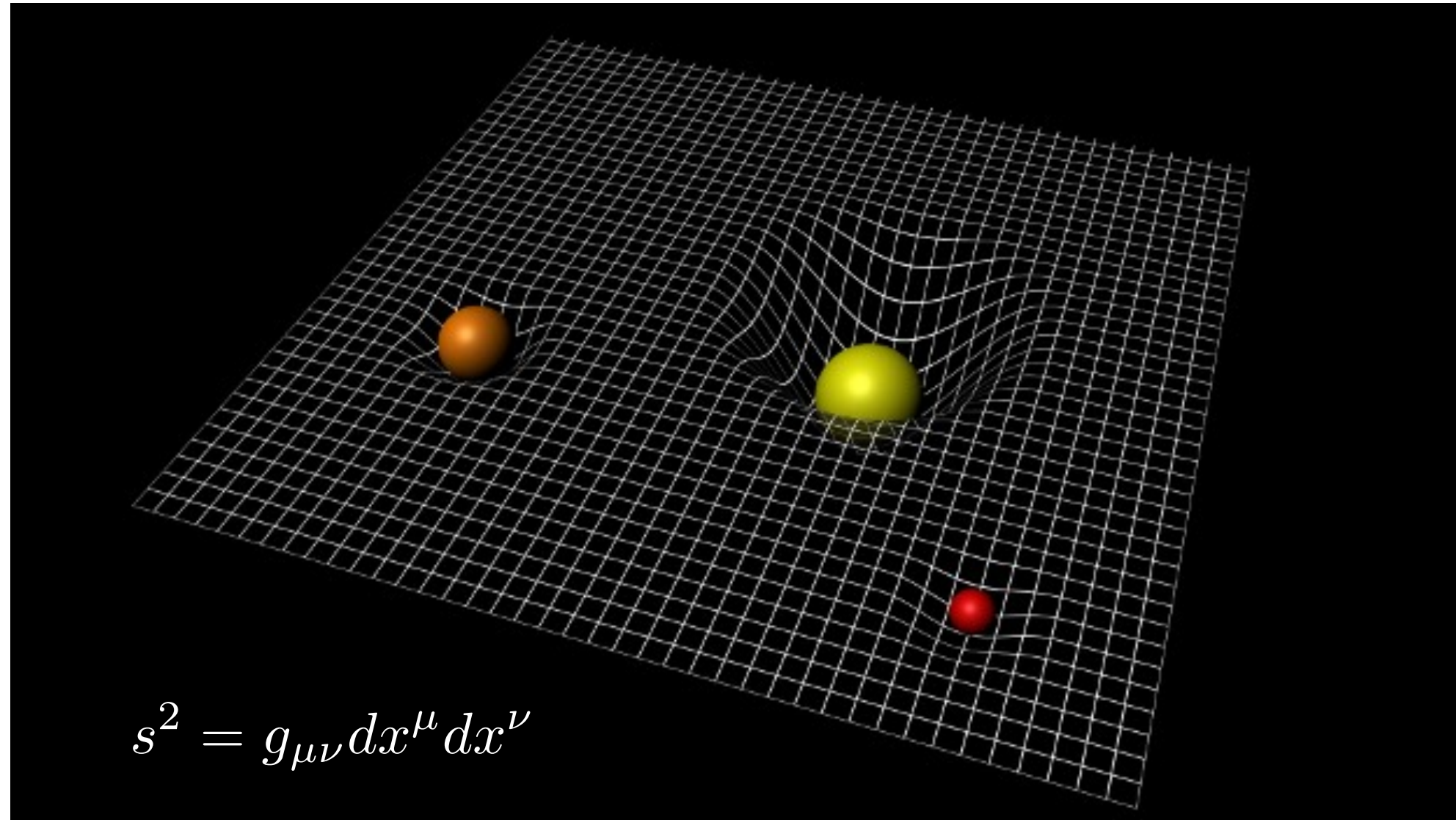
Einstein field equations of General Relativity:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Einstein tensor
(Gravity)

Stress-energy tensor
(Matter)

Space-time curvature specified by the metric, $g_{\mu\nu}$



Credit: ESA/C. Carreau

Linearise the field equations in vacuum:

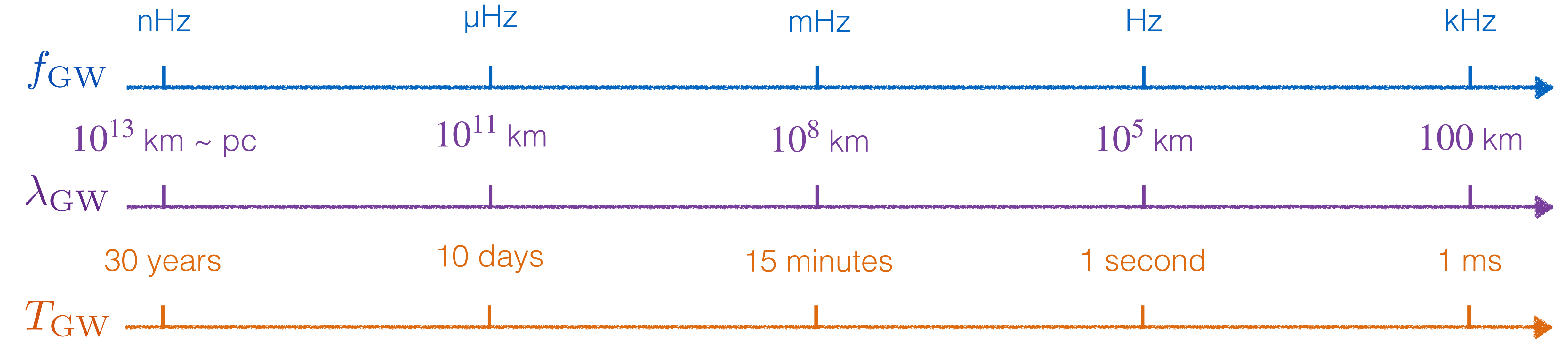
$$g_{\mu\nu} \approx \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Wave-like solutions! **Gravitational Waves (GWs)**

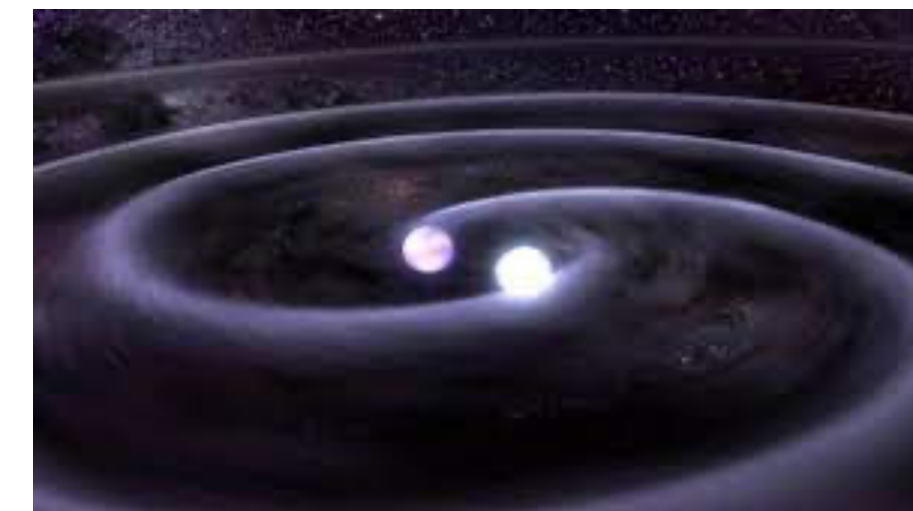
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) h_{\mu\nu} = \square h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

$$c = \lambda_{\text{GW}} \cdot f_{\text{GW}}$$



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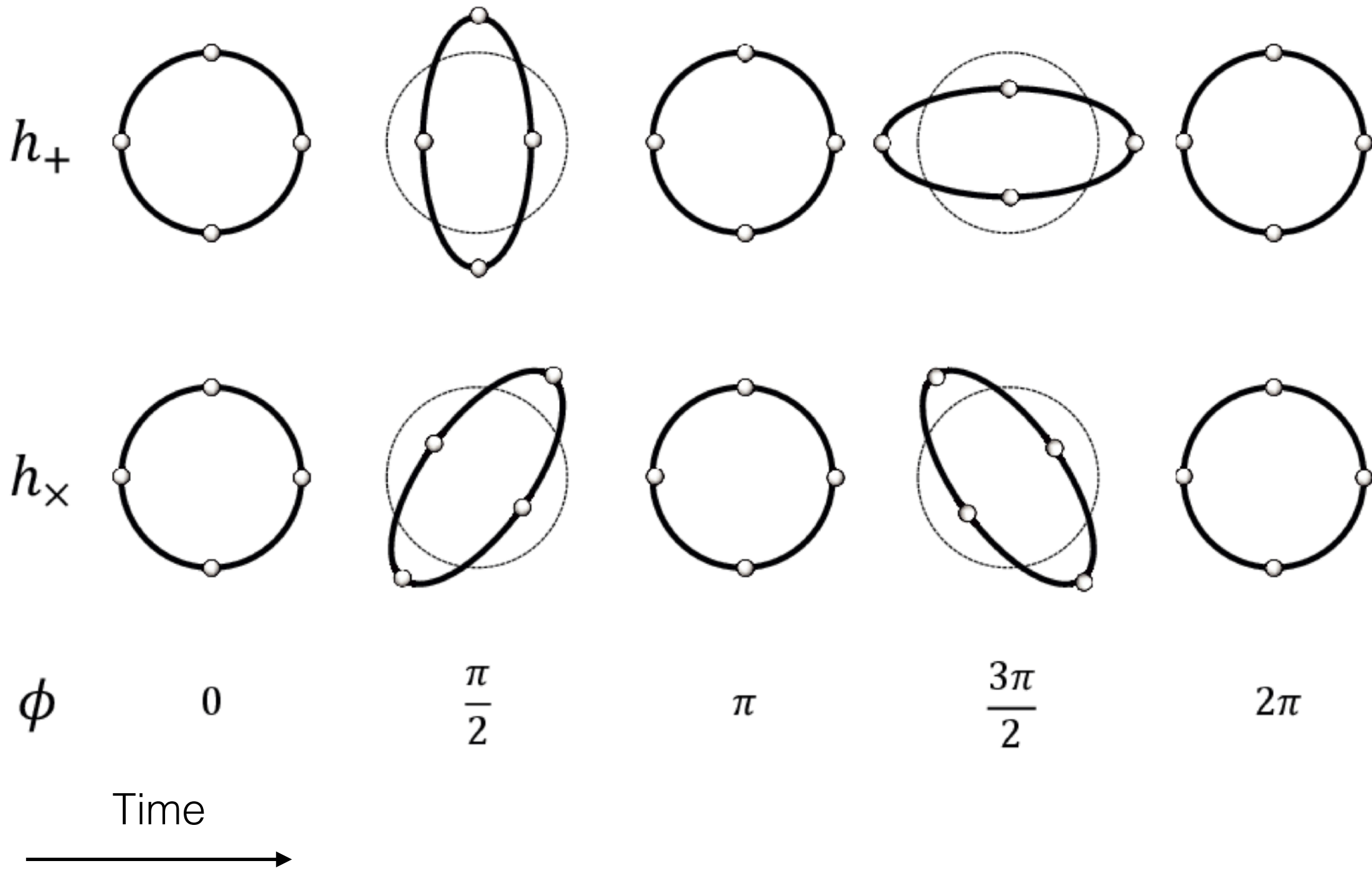
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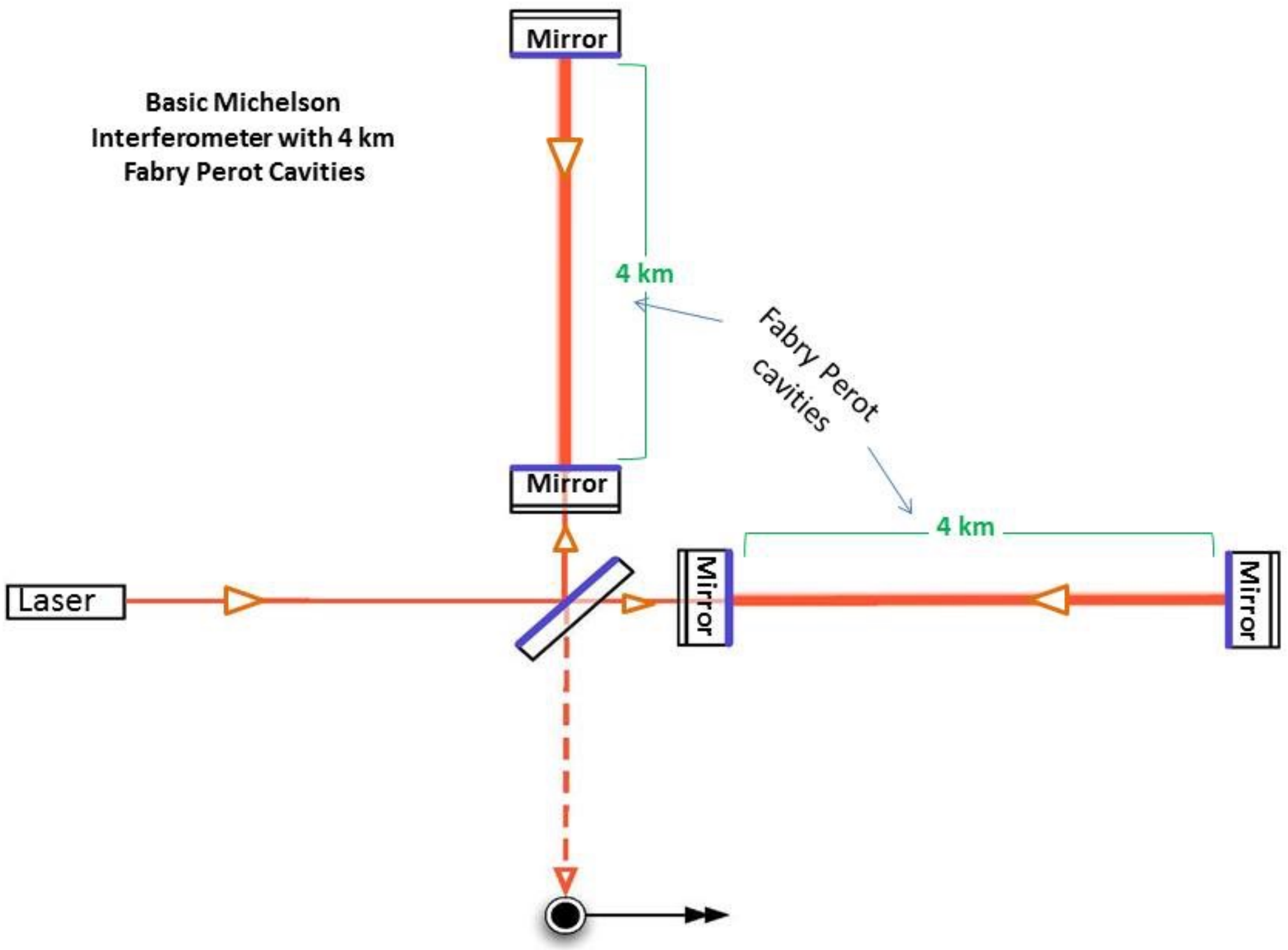
Direct detection of GWs

www.ligo.caltech.edu/page/ligos-ifo

GW traveling into the screen causes (tiny) distortion:



[1708.00918](#)

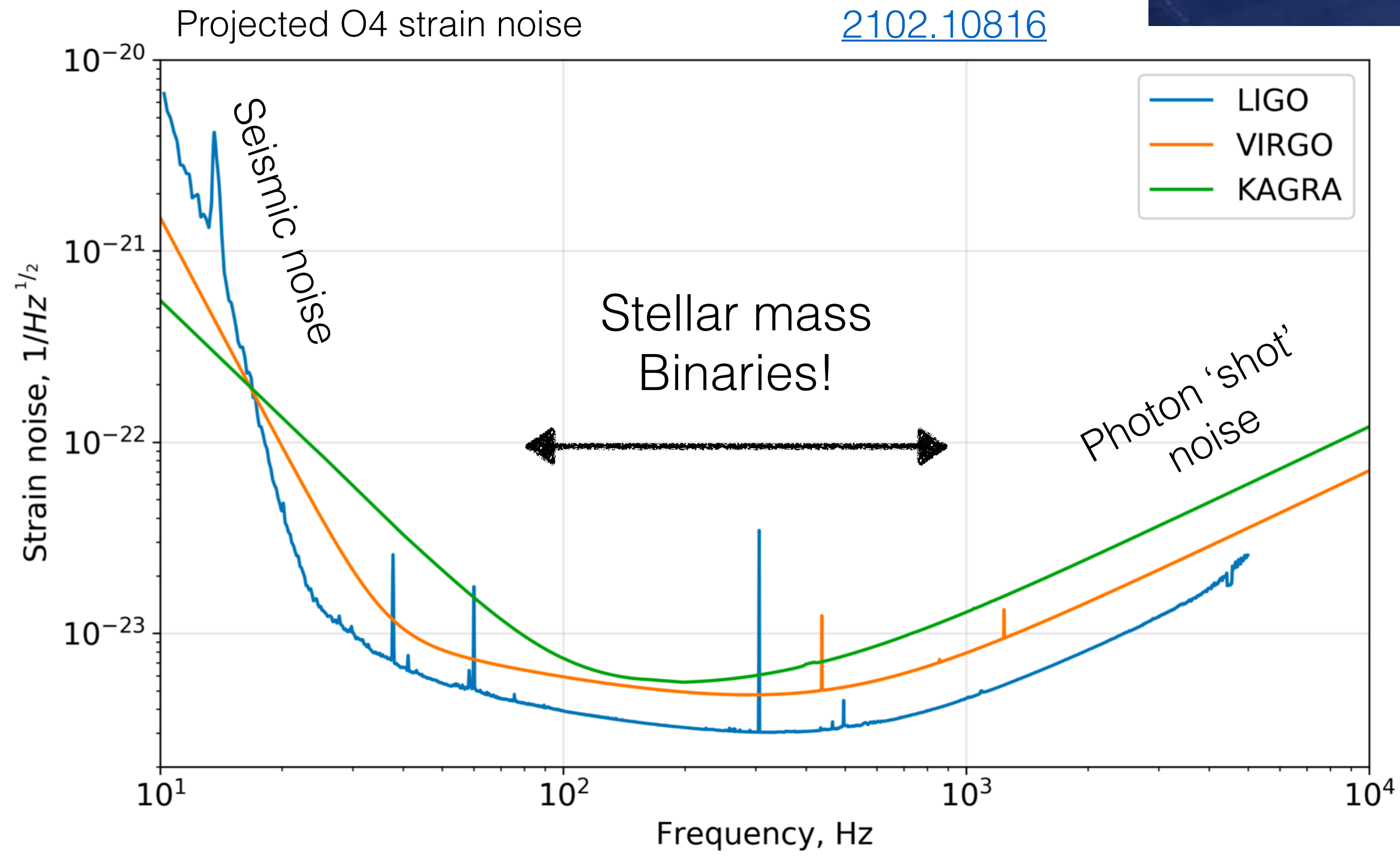


Typical GW strain is $\Delta L/L \sim 10^{-23}$!

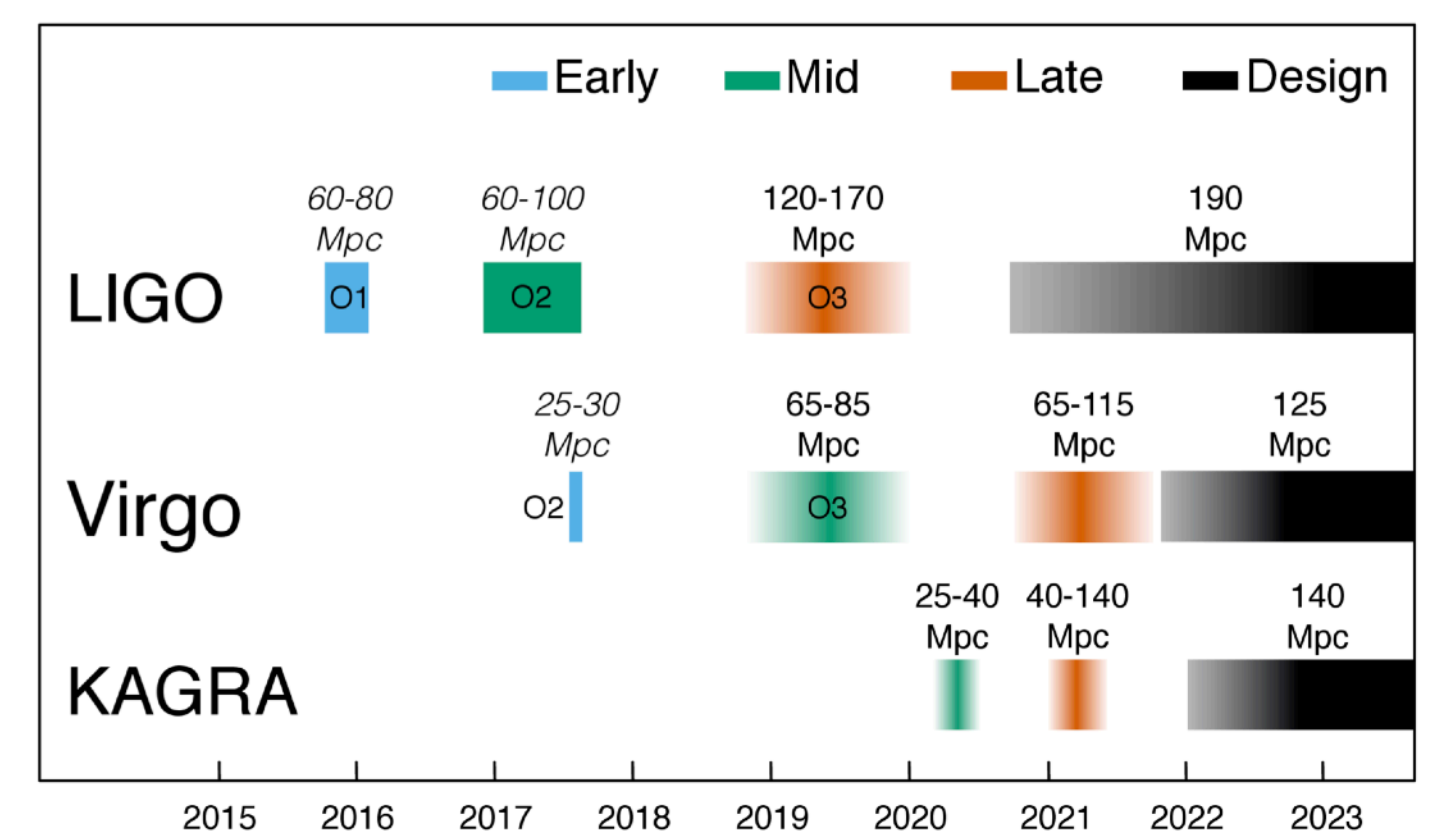
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA (LVK)



Credit: LIGO, VIRGO & KAGRA.



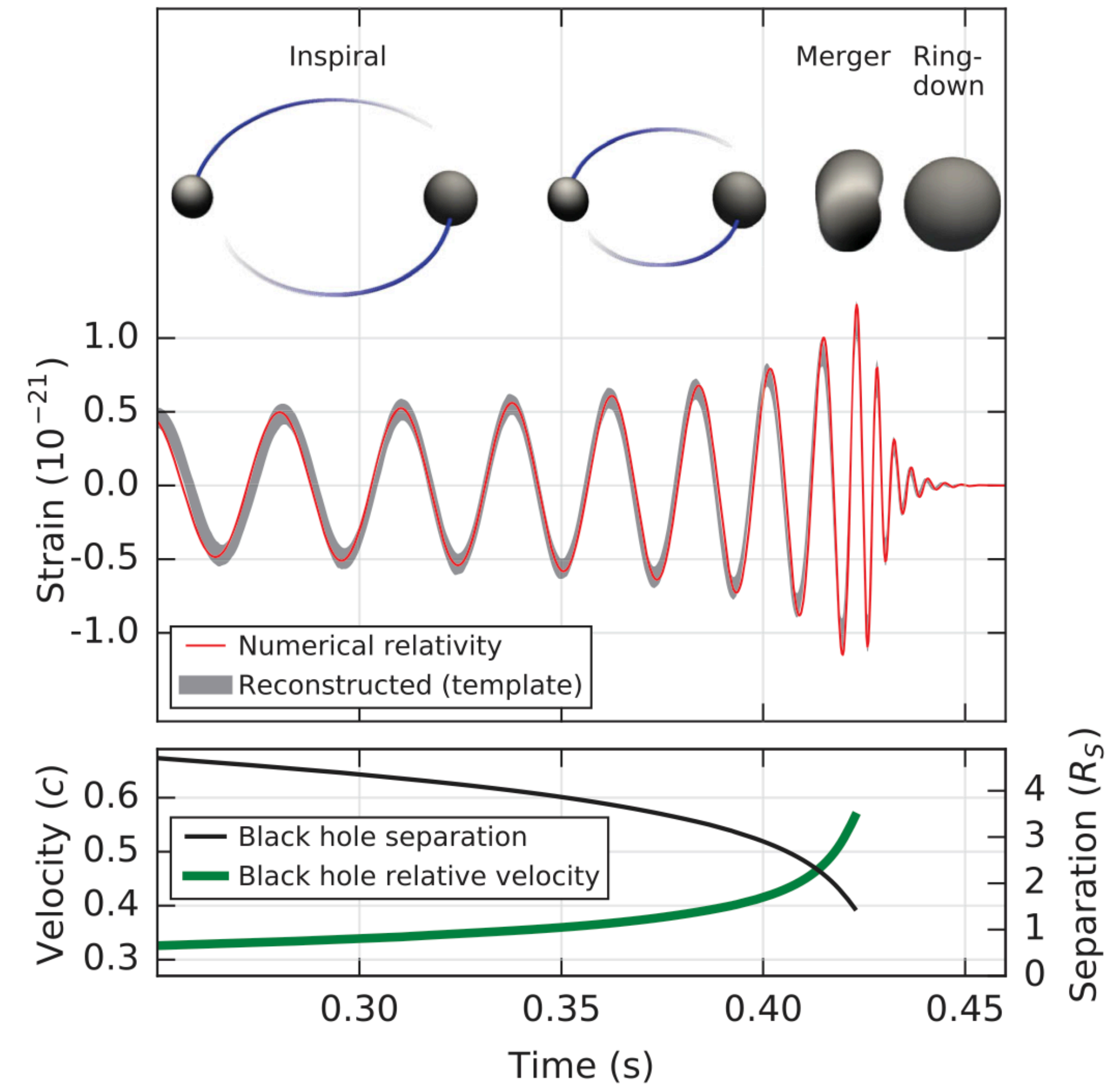
GW frequency ~ twice orbital frequency.



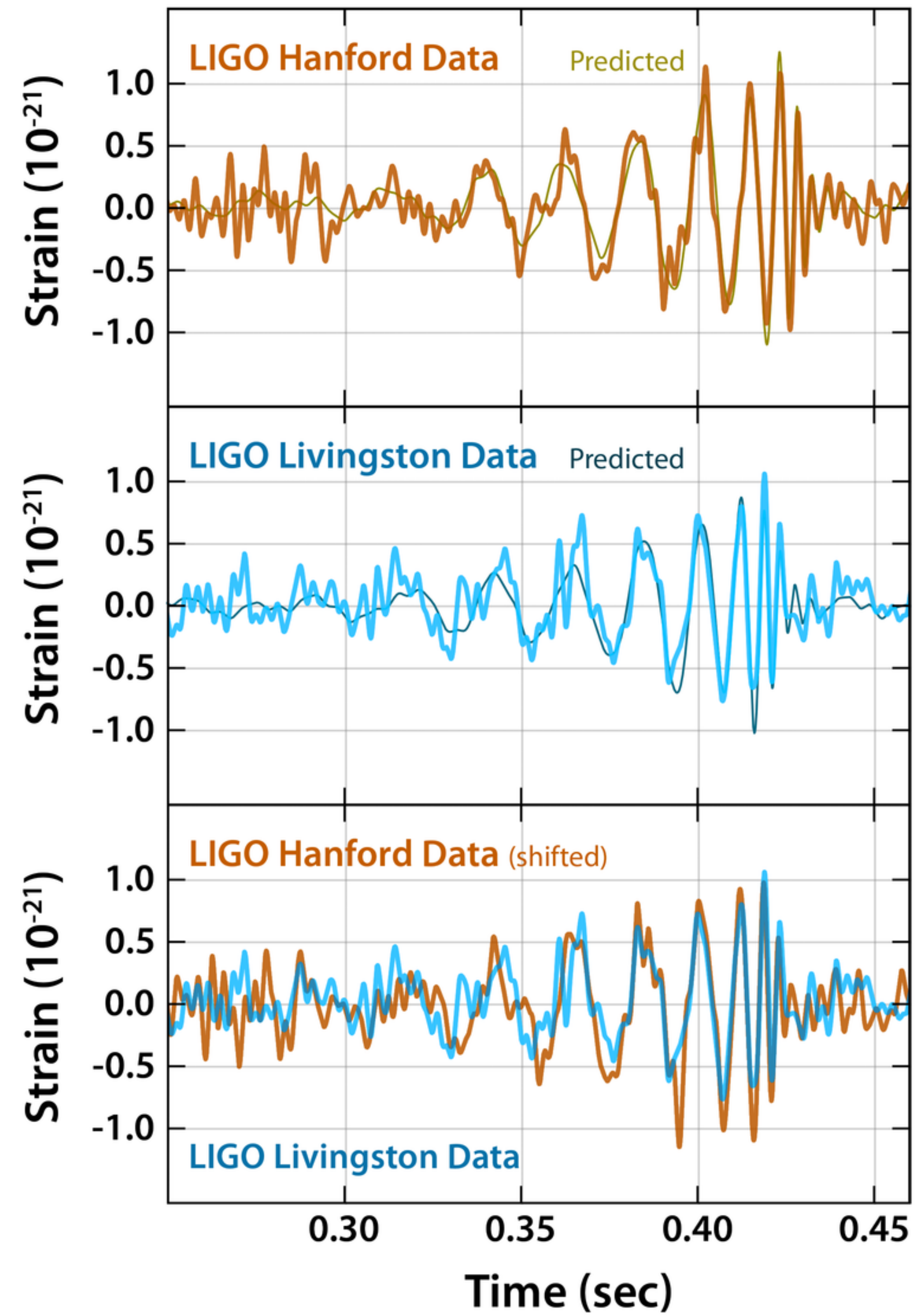
[1906.03643](https://www.gwint.ligo.org/1906.03643)

GW150914 - the first BH-BH merger

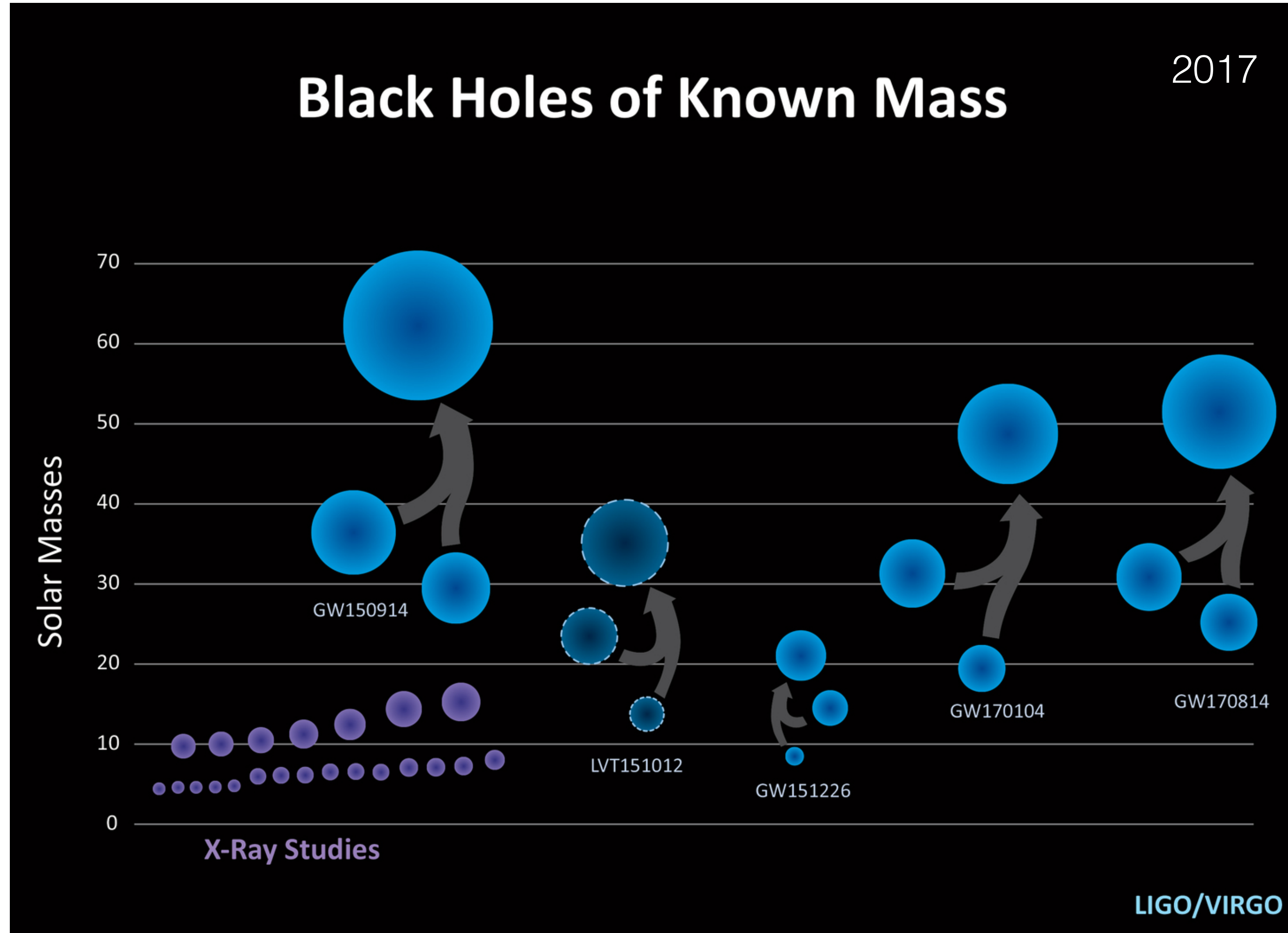
14 September 2015

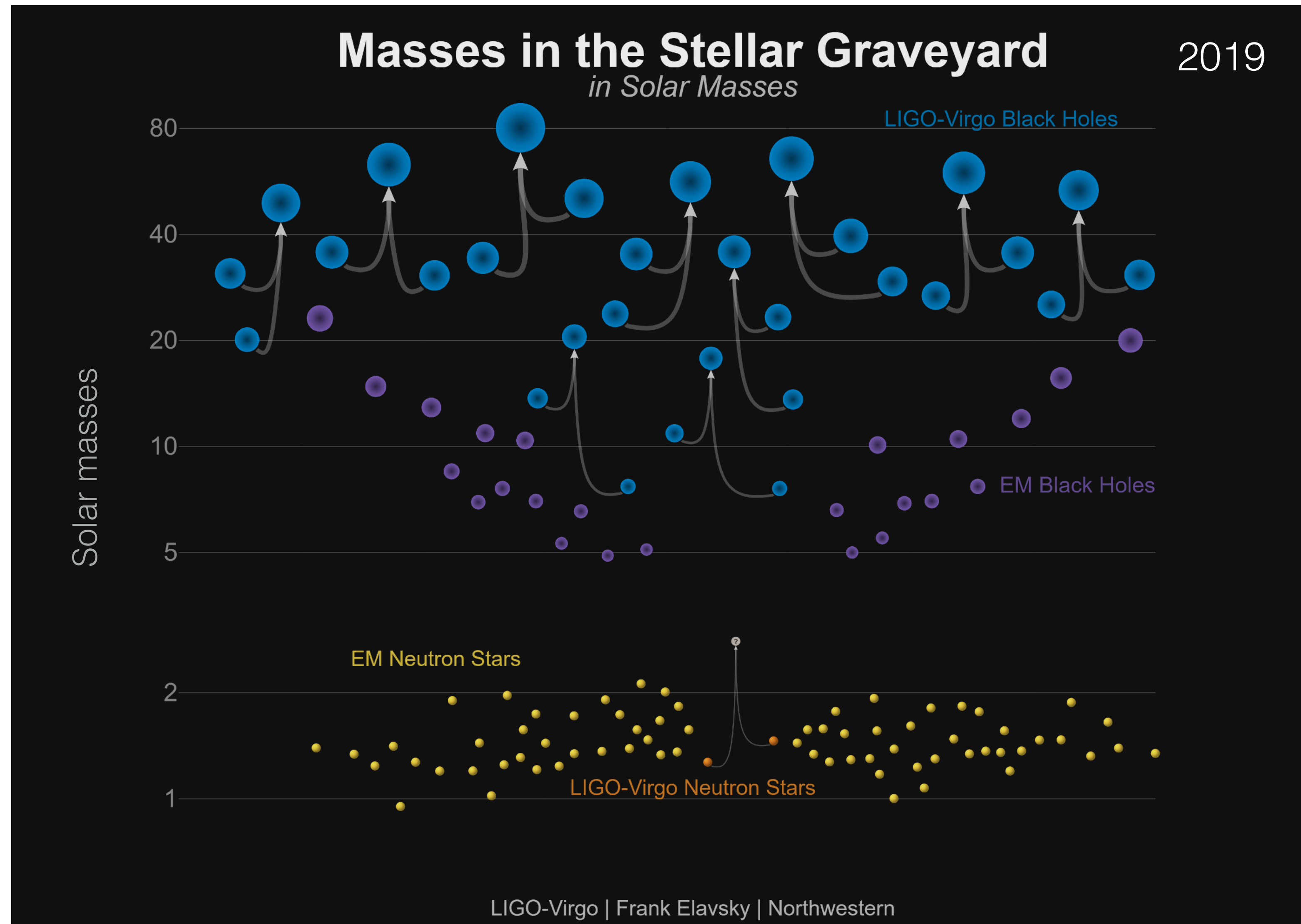


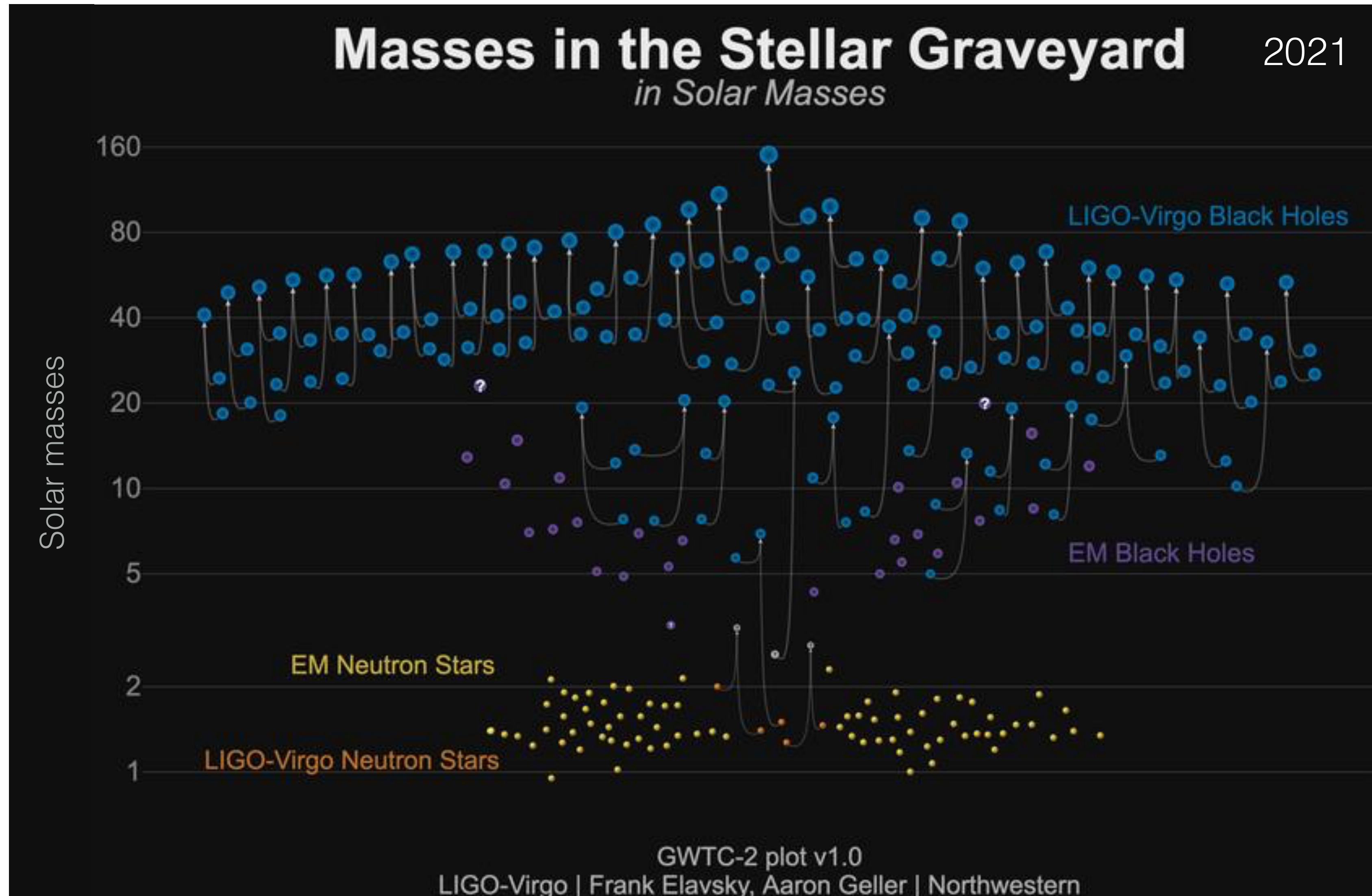
Credit: Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab

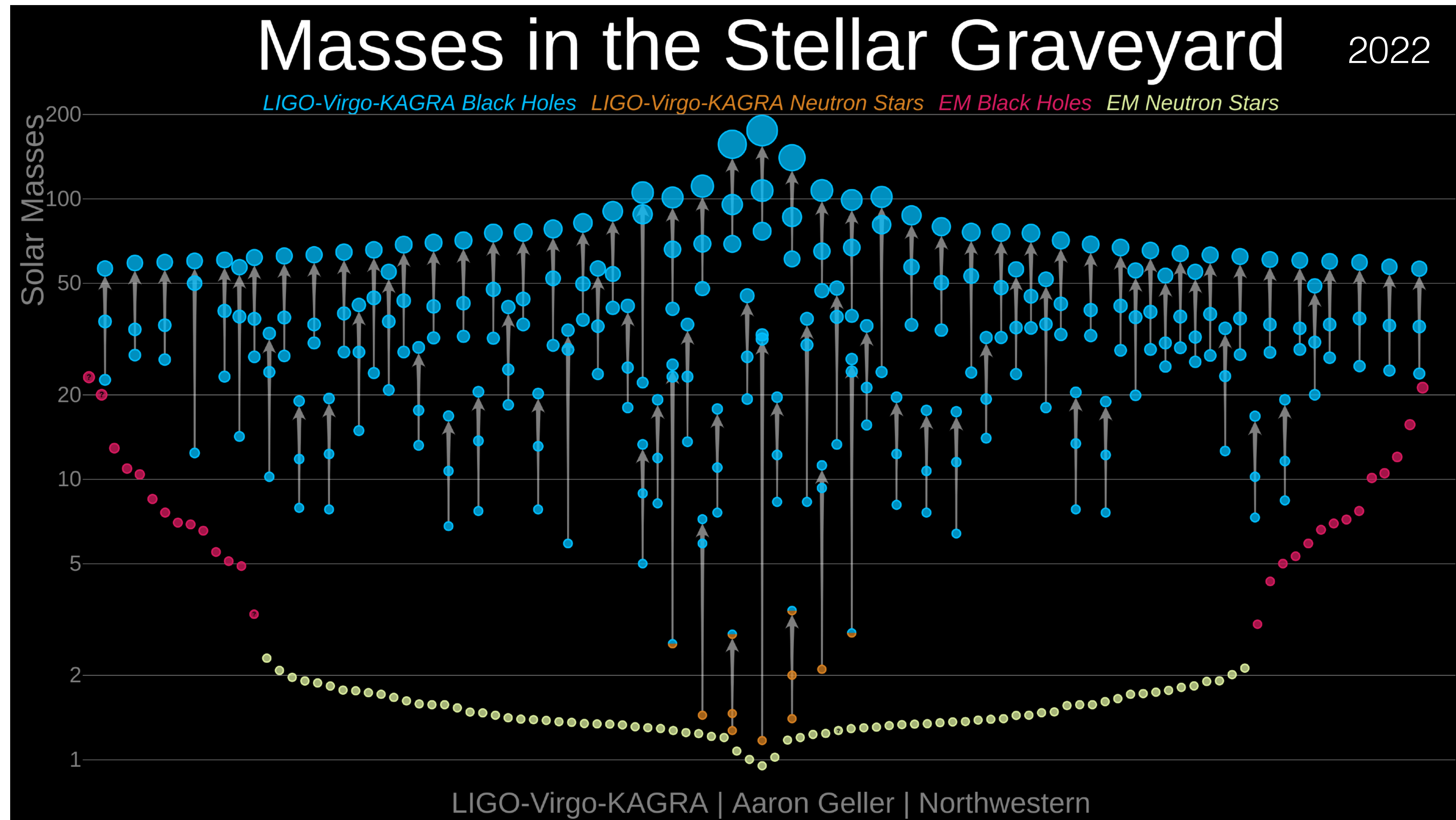


Merger of two BHs - with masses $36 M_{\odot}$ and $29 M_{\odot}$ at a luminosity distance of $d_L \approx 200 - 600$ Mpc

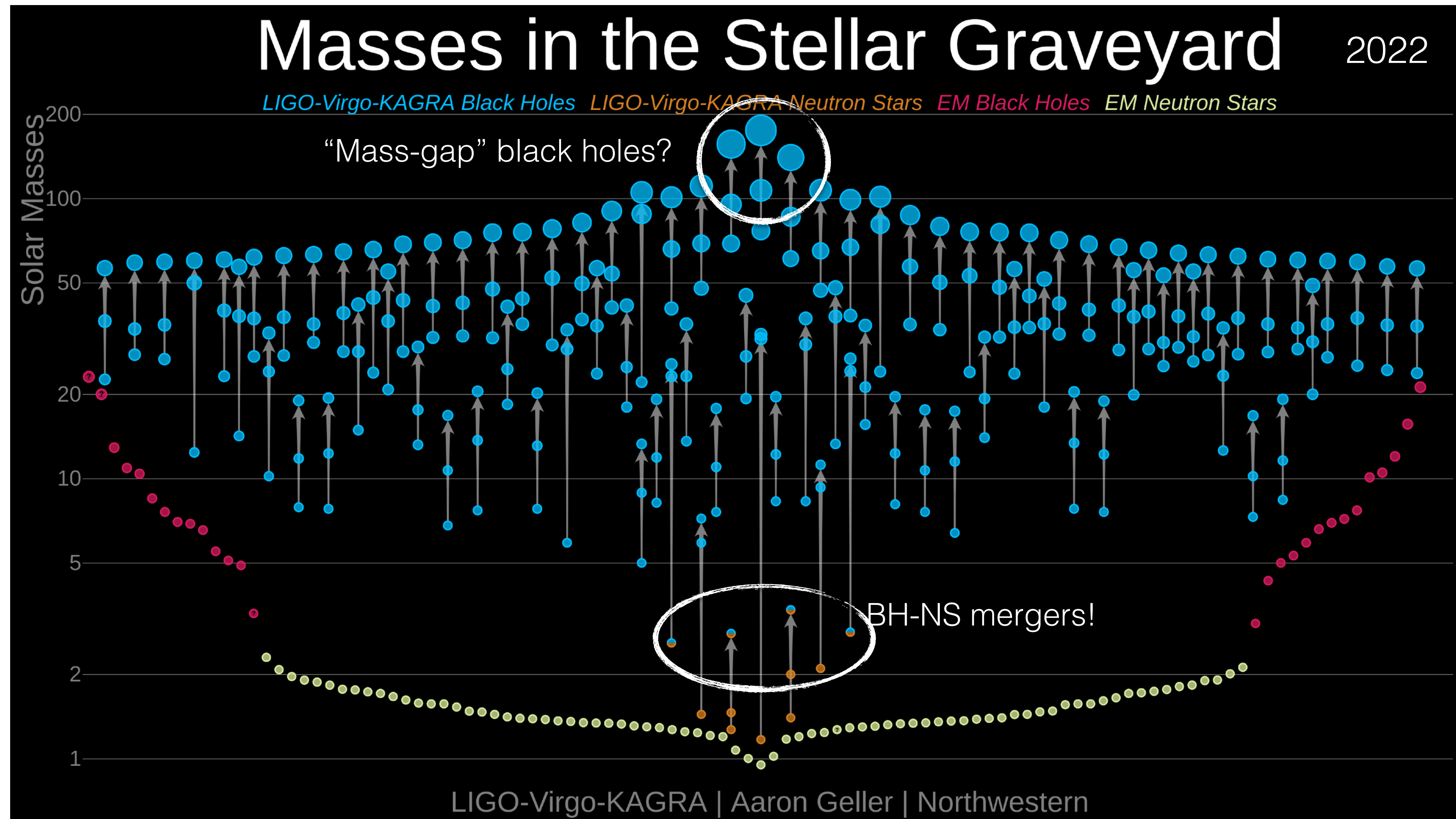








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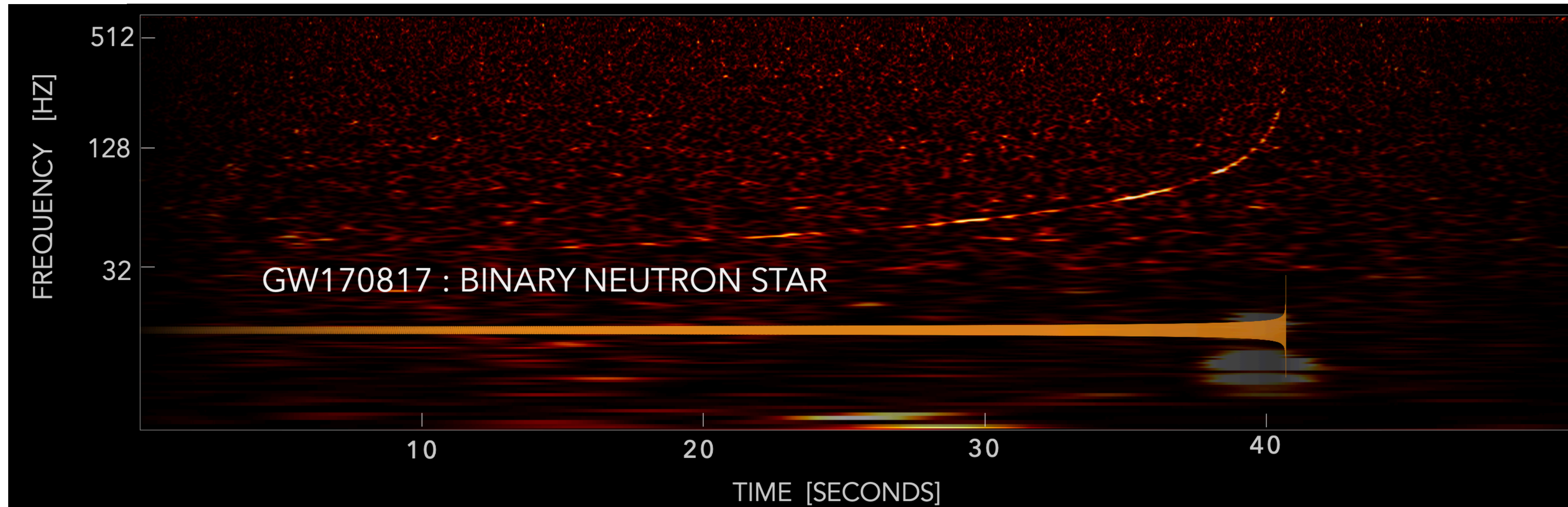
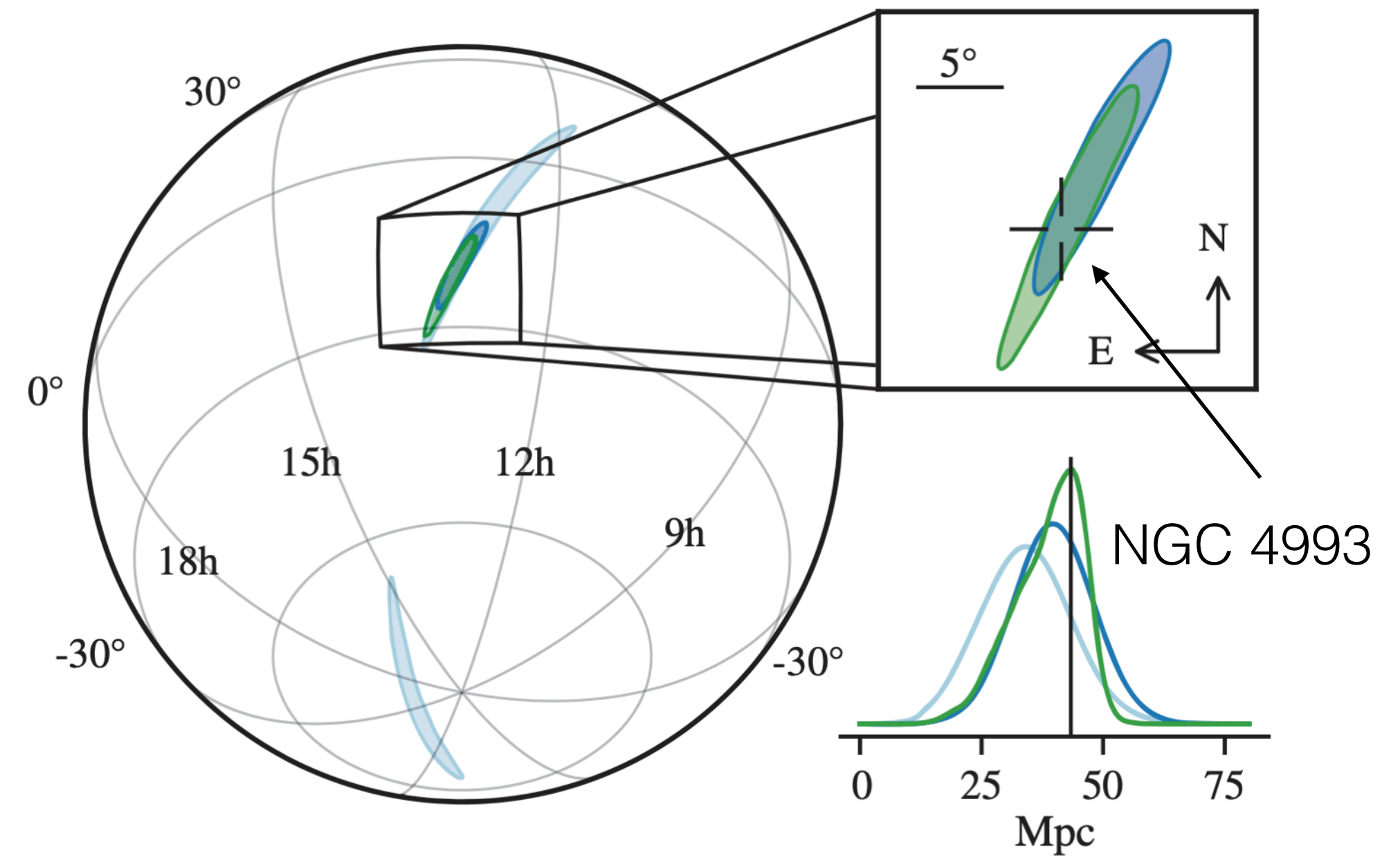


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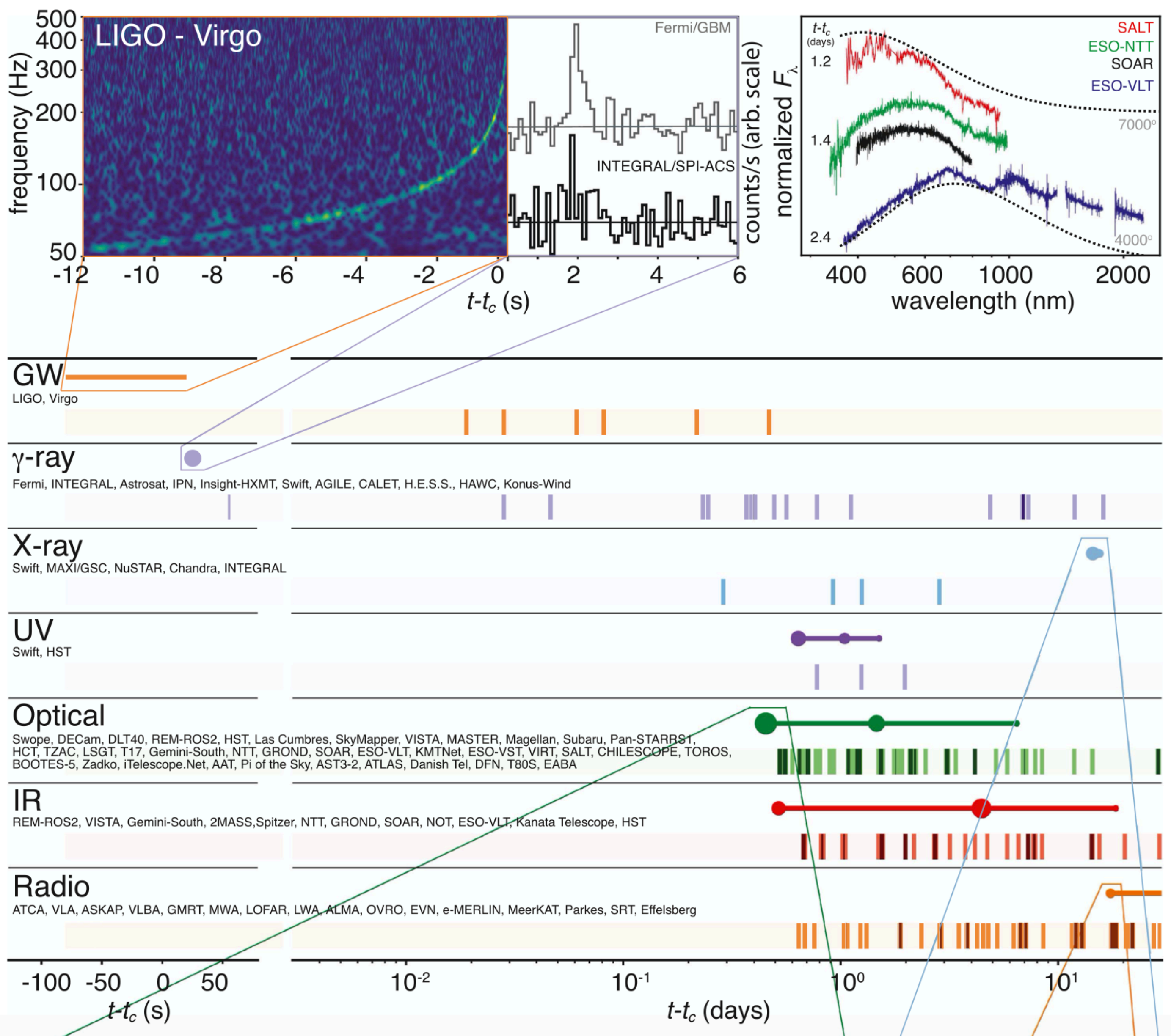
GW170817 - the first NS-NS merger

17 August 2017 - observation of the merger of two $\sim 1.5 - 2.0 M_{\odot}$ neutron stars

Localised to within $\sim 30 \text{ deg}^2$



Multi-messenger follow-up



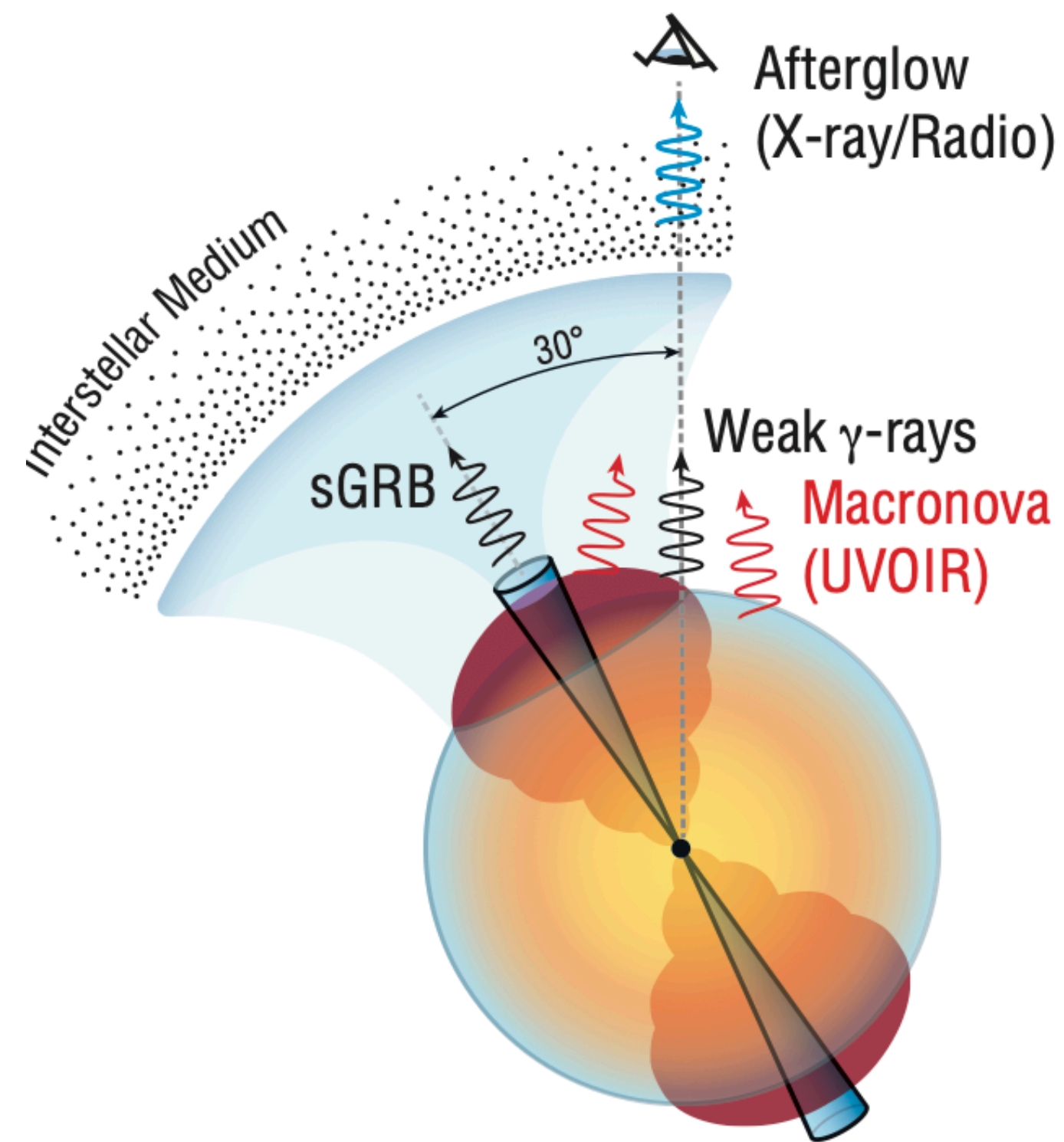
GW170817 merger occurred just two seconds before the gamma-ray burst GRB 170817A

Follow-up observations across the spectrum!

Sadly no neutrinos detected :(

What can we learn?

GW170817 resulted in a **kilonova**



[1710.05436](#)

Synthesis of *r*-process elements in neutron rich ejecta!

[1901.09044](#)

Extreme nuclear/quark physics!

[2103.16371](#)

Tests of general relativity!

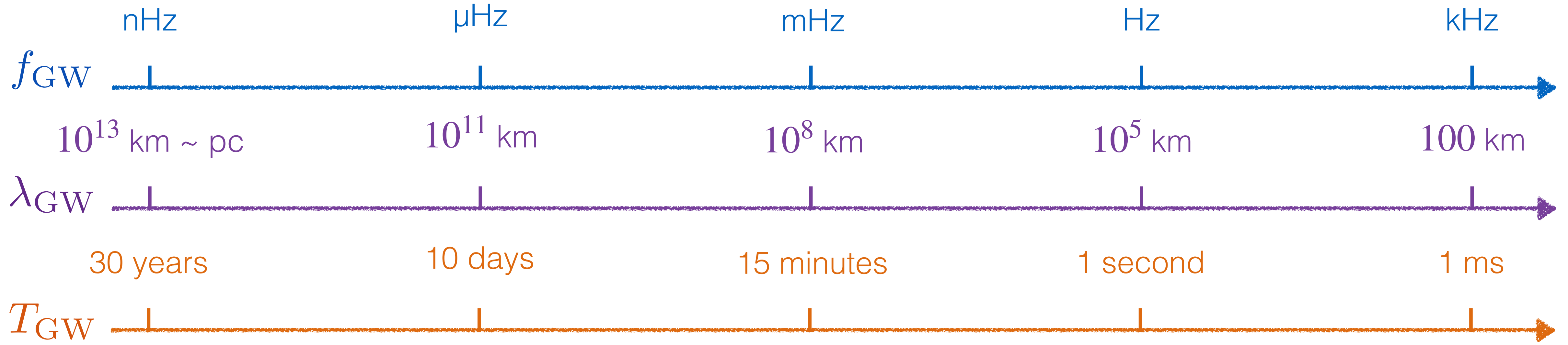
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Measurement of the Hubble Constant!

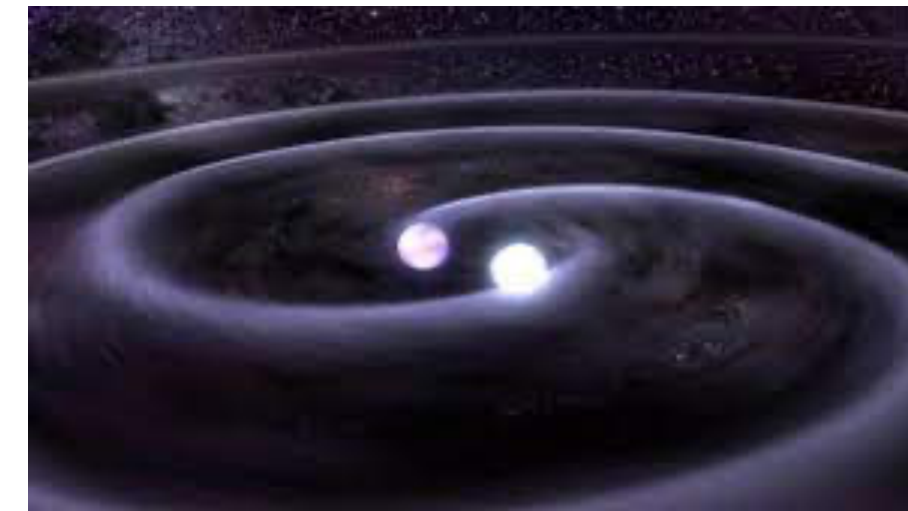
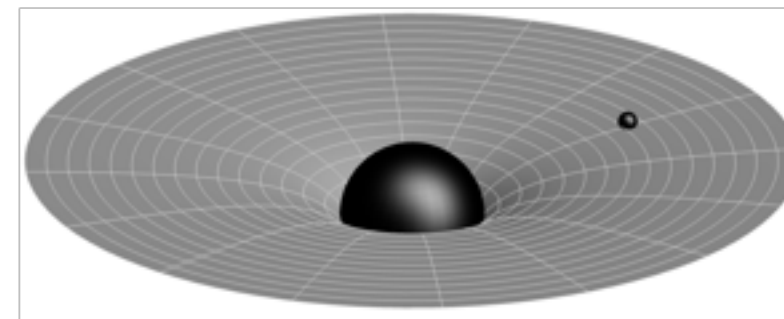
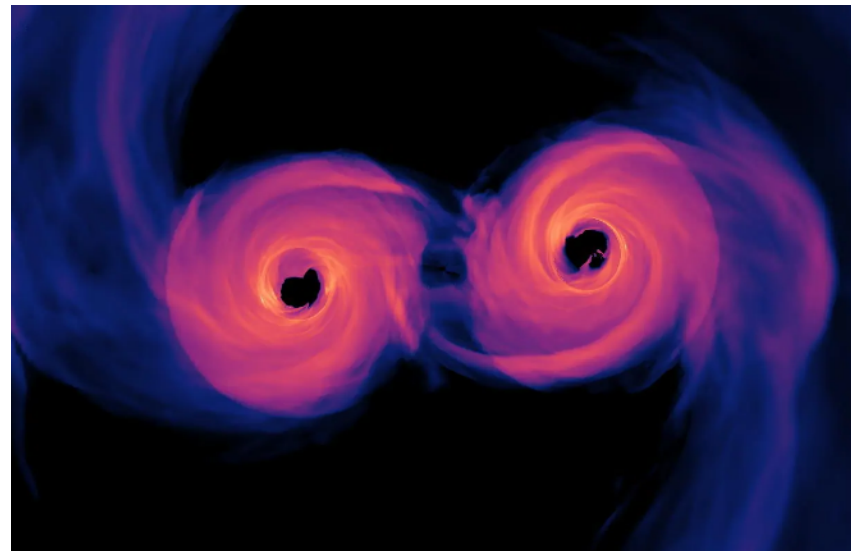
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The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

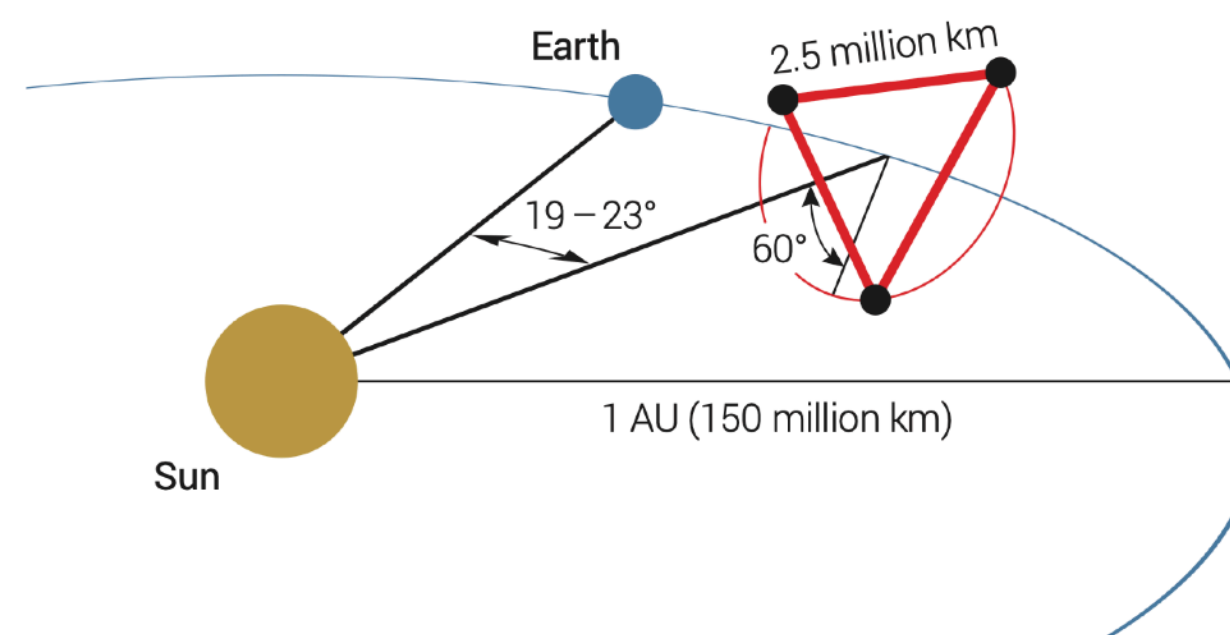
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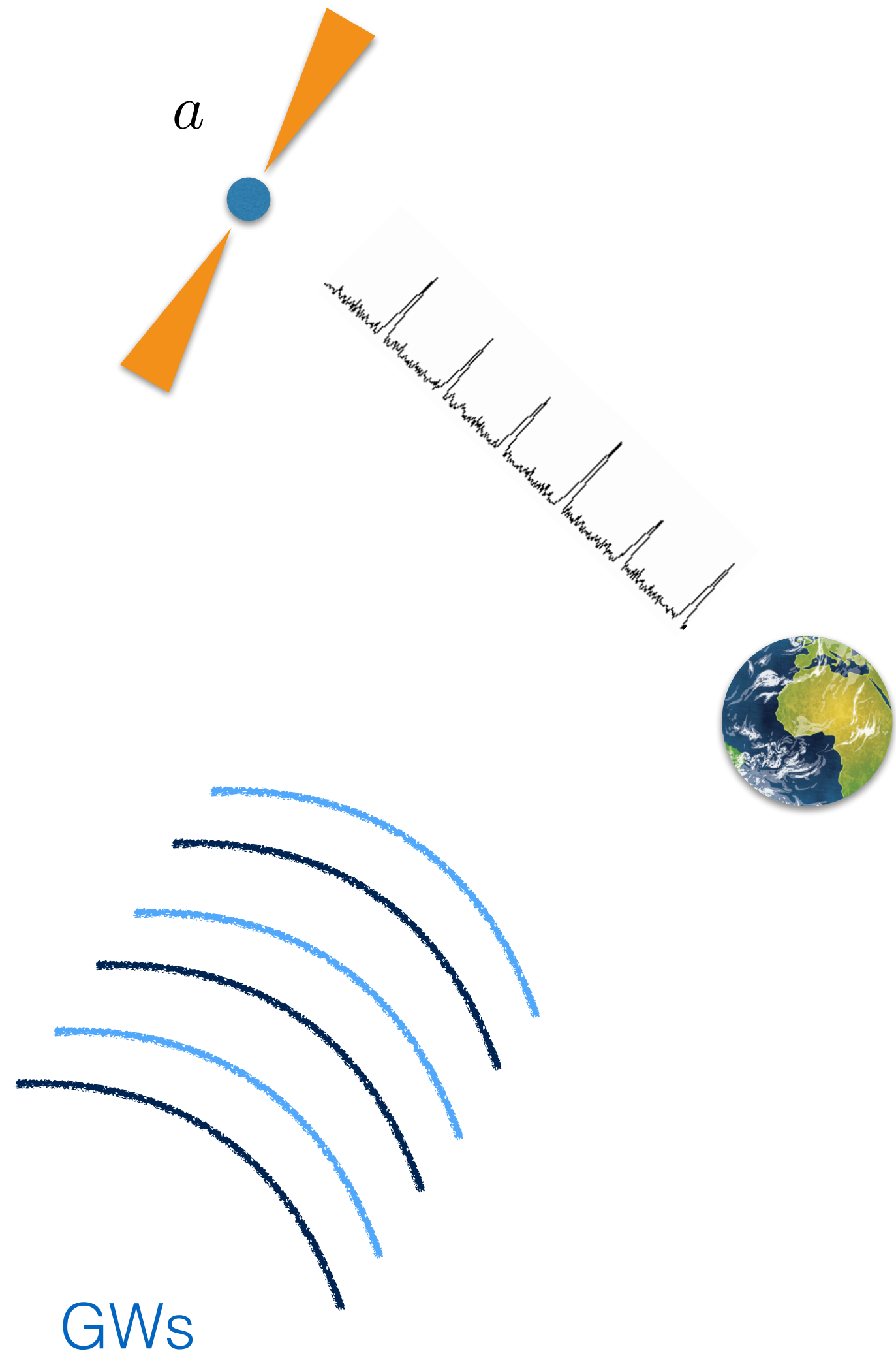
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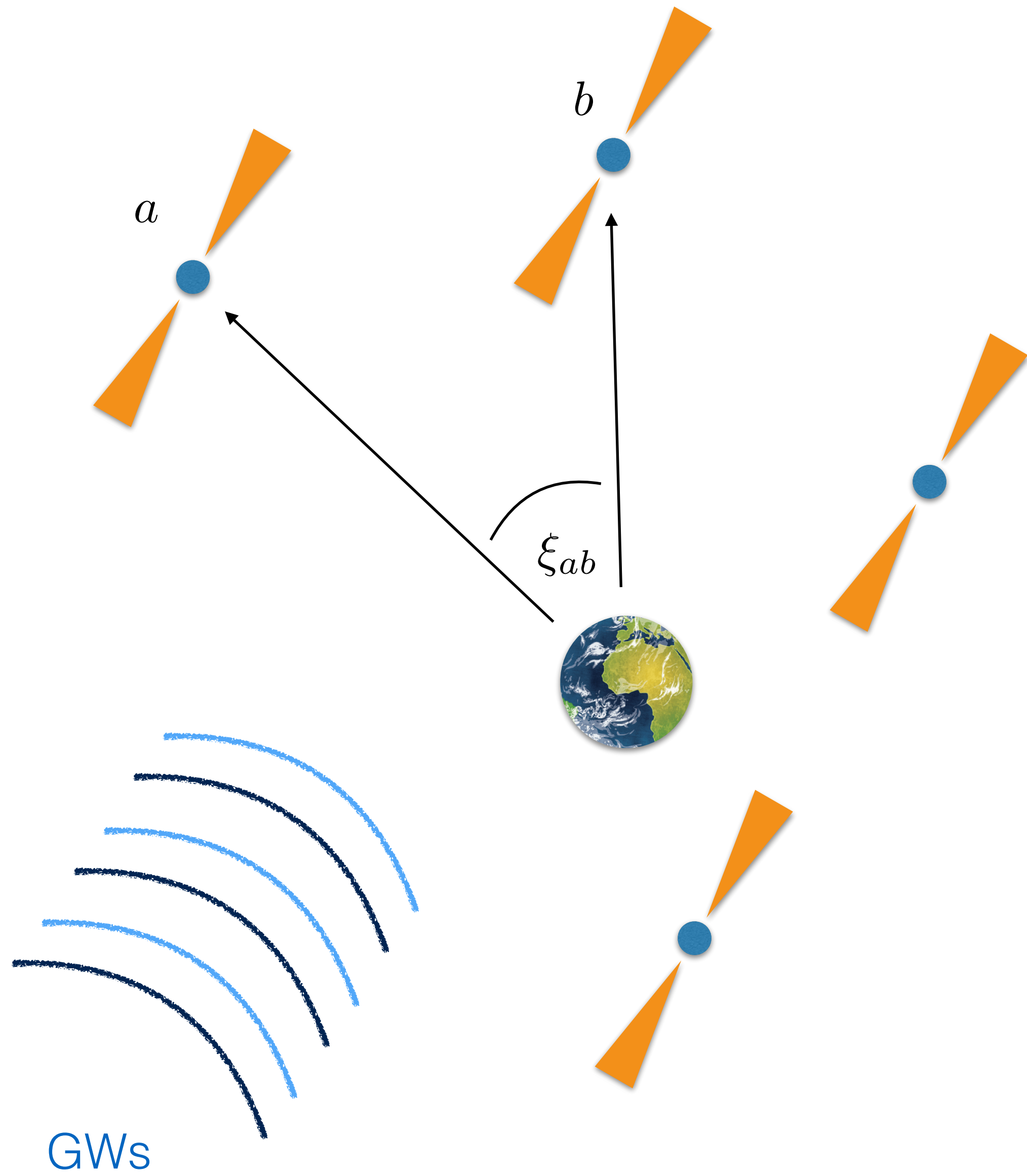
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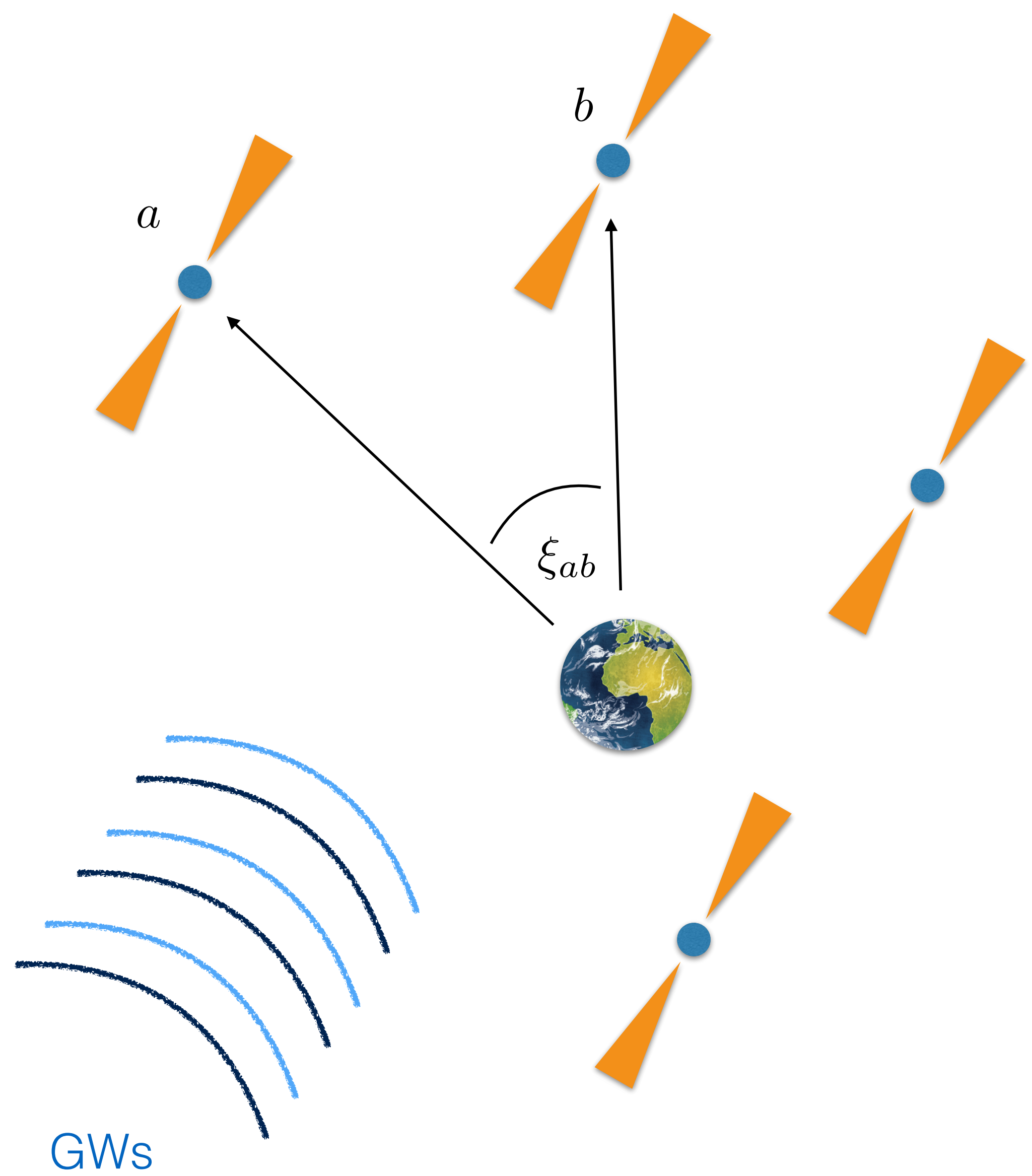
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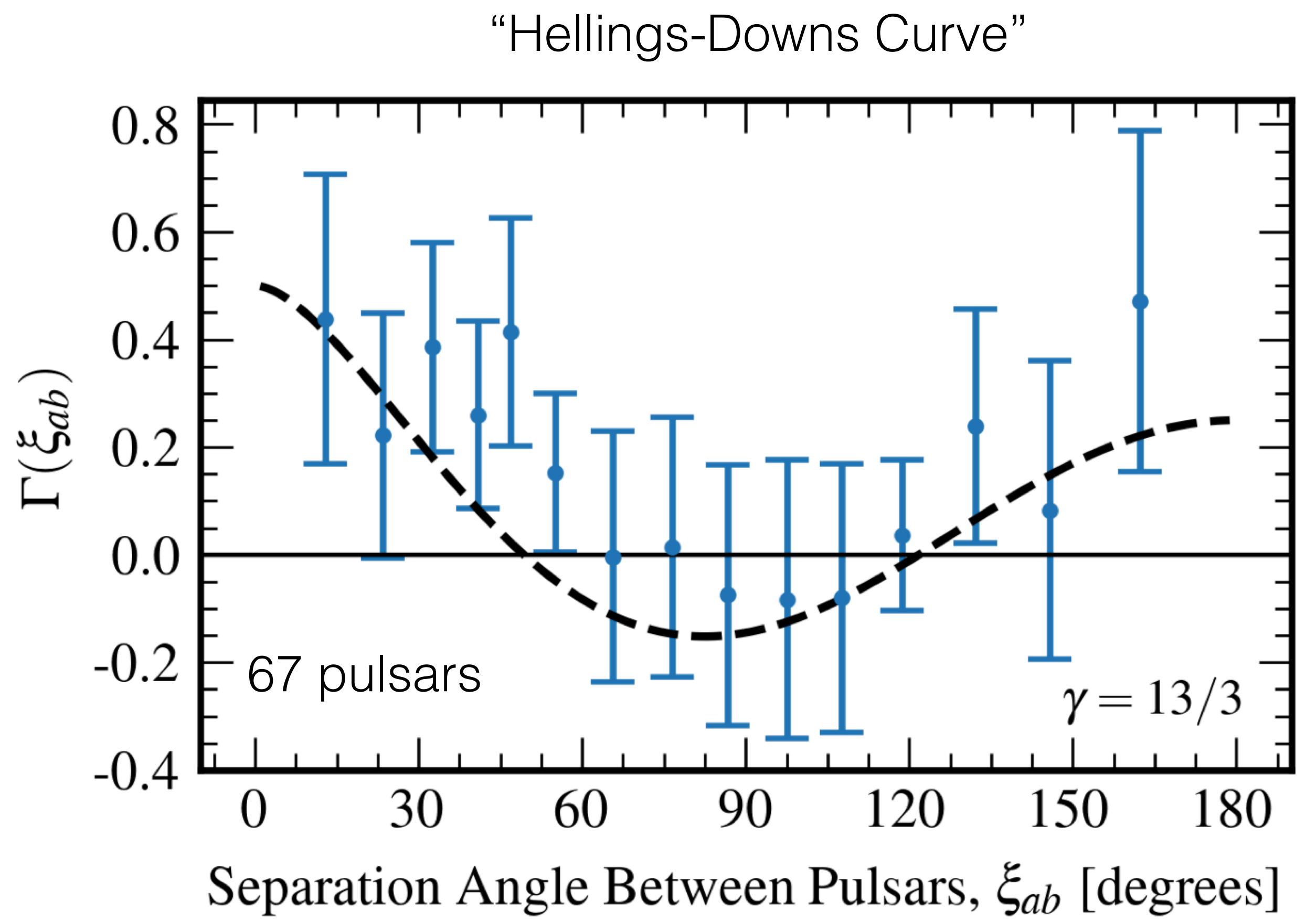
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Correlations between timing residuals δt

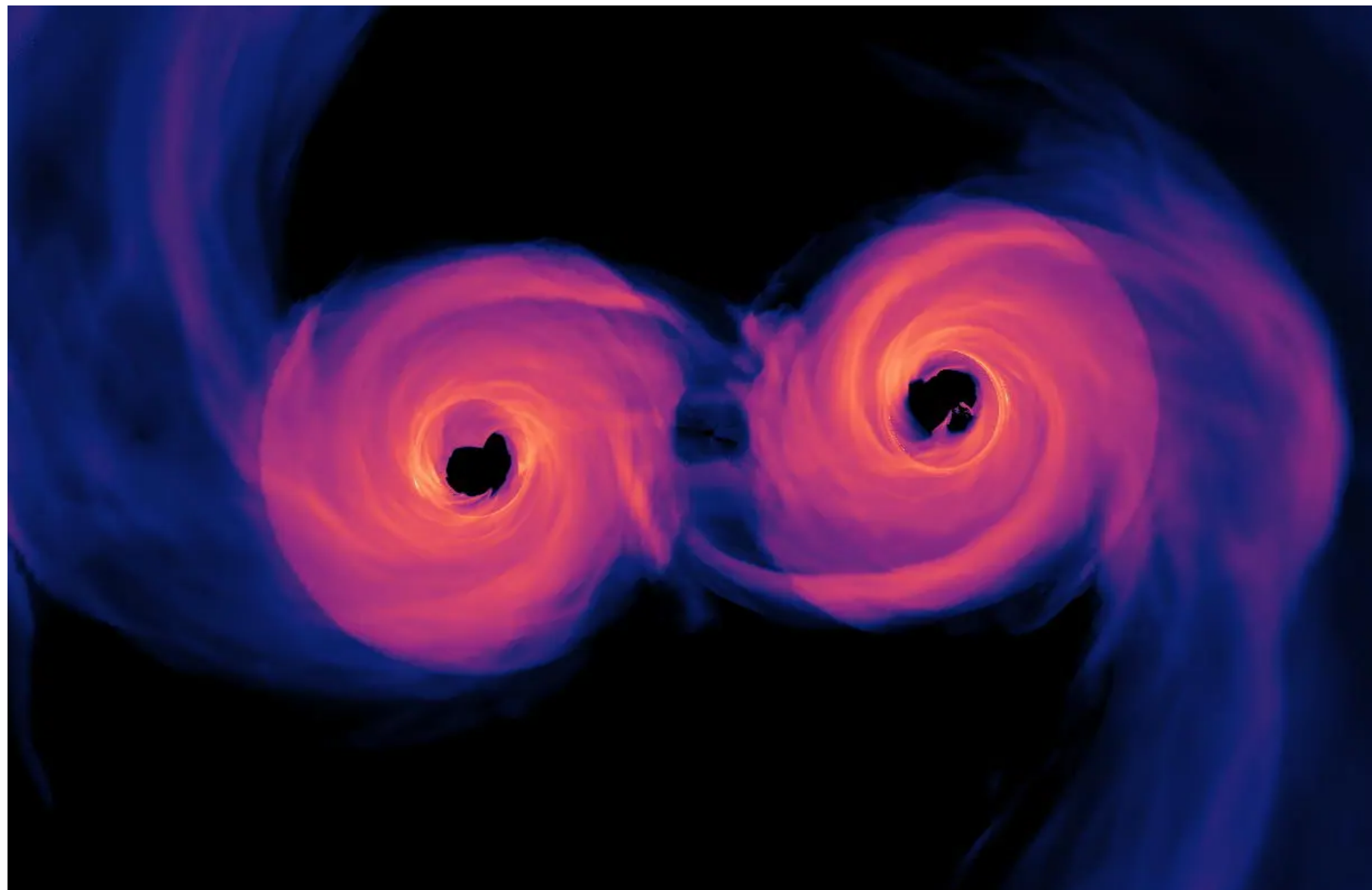


[NANOgrav, [2306.16217](#), [2306.16213](#)]

Sources of Nanohertz GWs

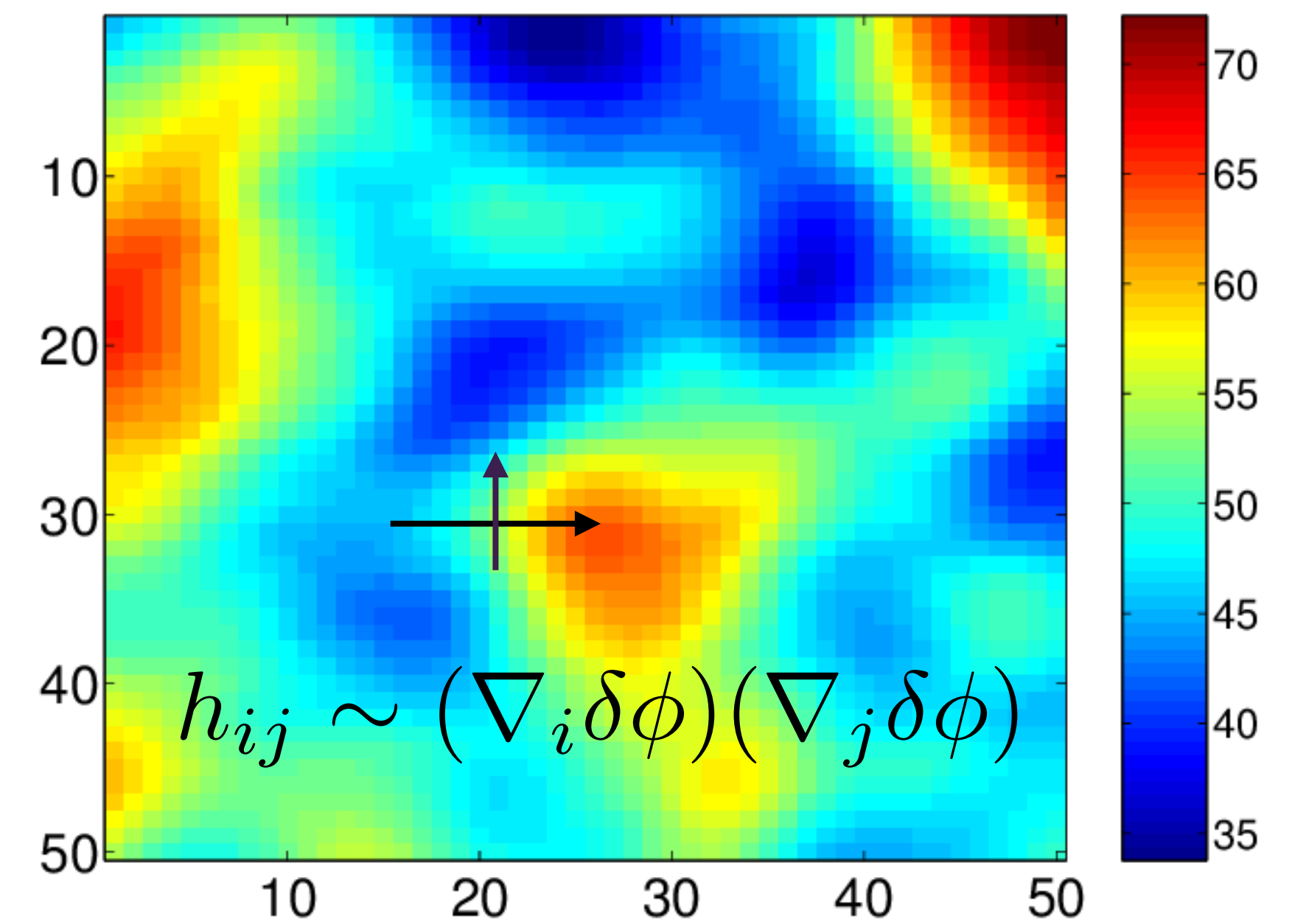
Supermassive Black Holes

$$f_{\text{GW}} \sim \left(\frac{r_{\text{ISCO}}}{r}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{10^6 M_{\odot}}{M_1}\right) \text{mHz}$$



Scalar-induced GWs?

Could be produced by enhanced scalar perturbations in the early Universe

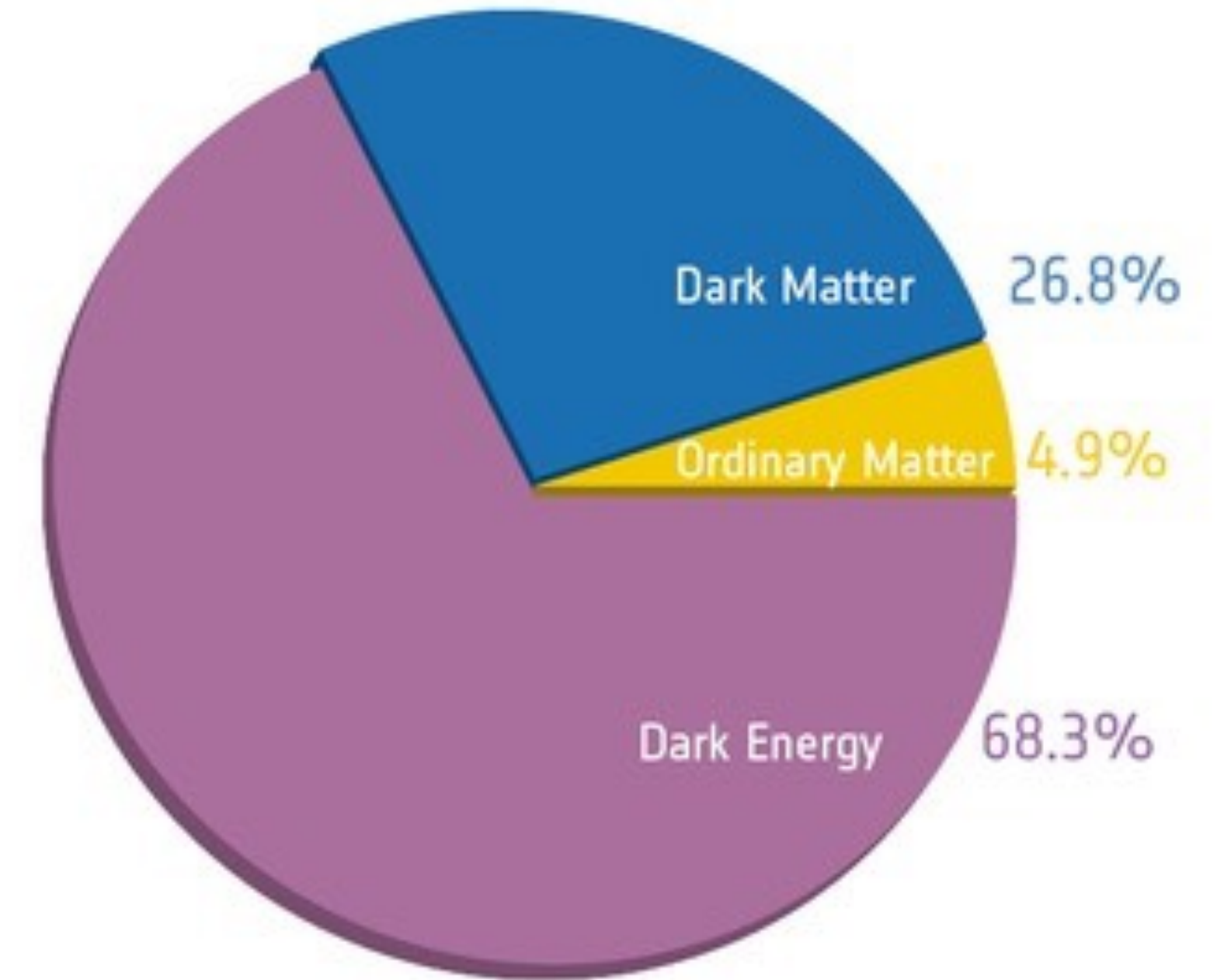
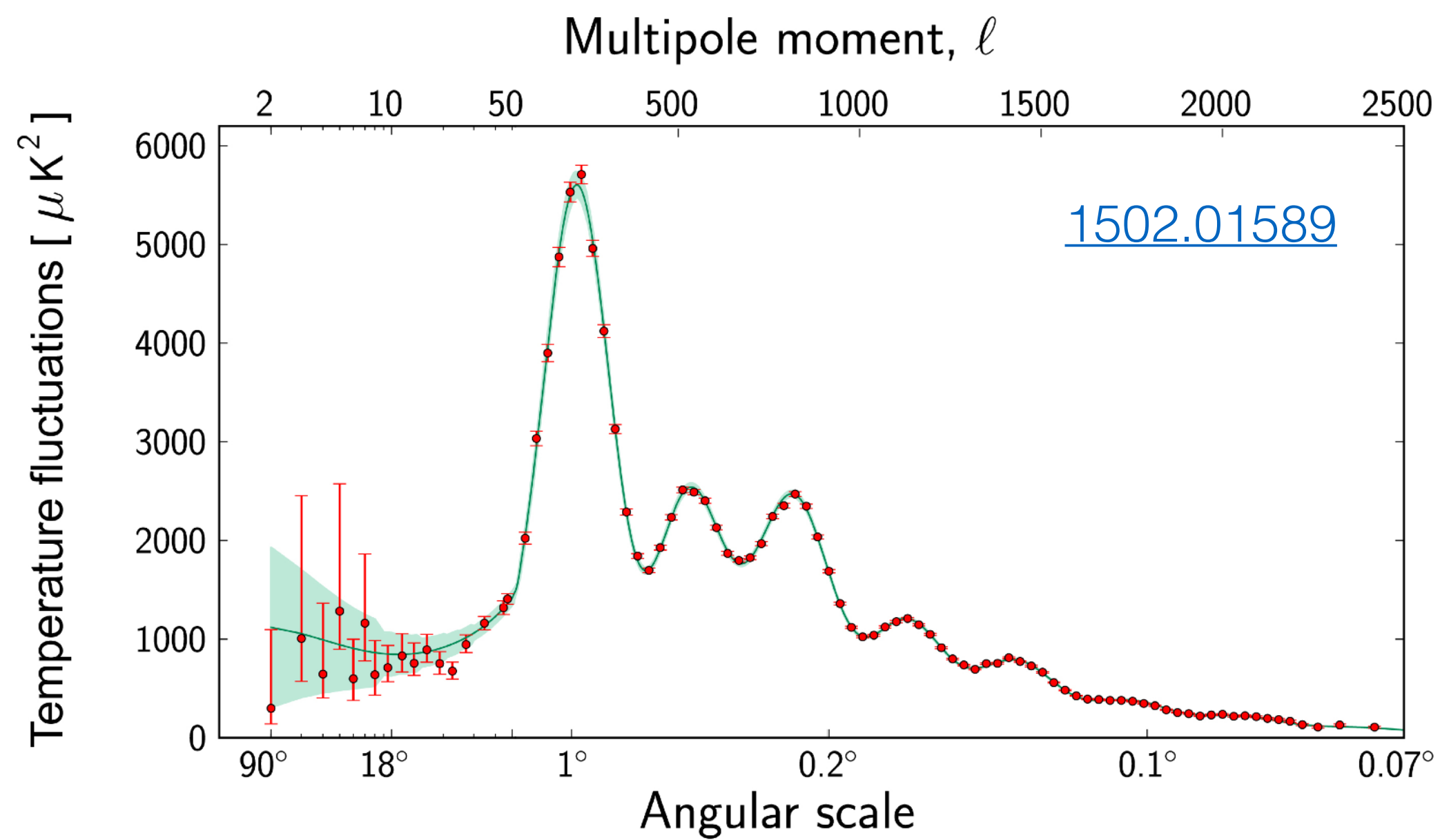
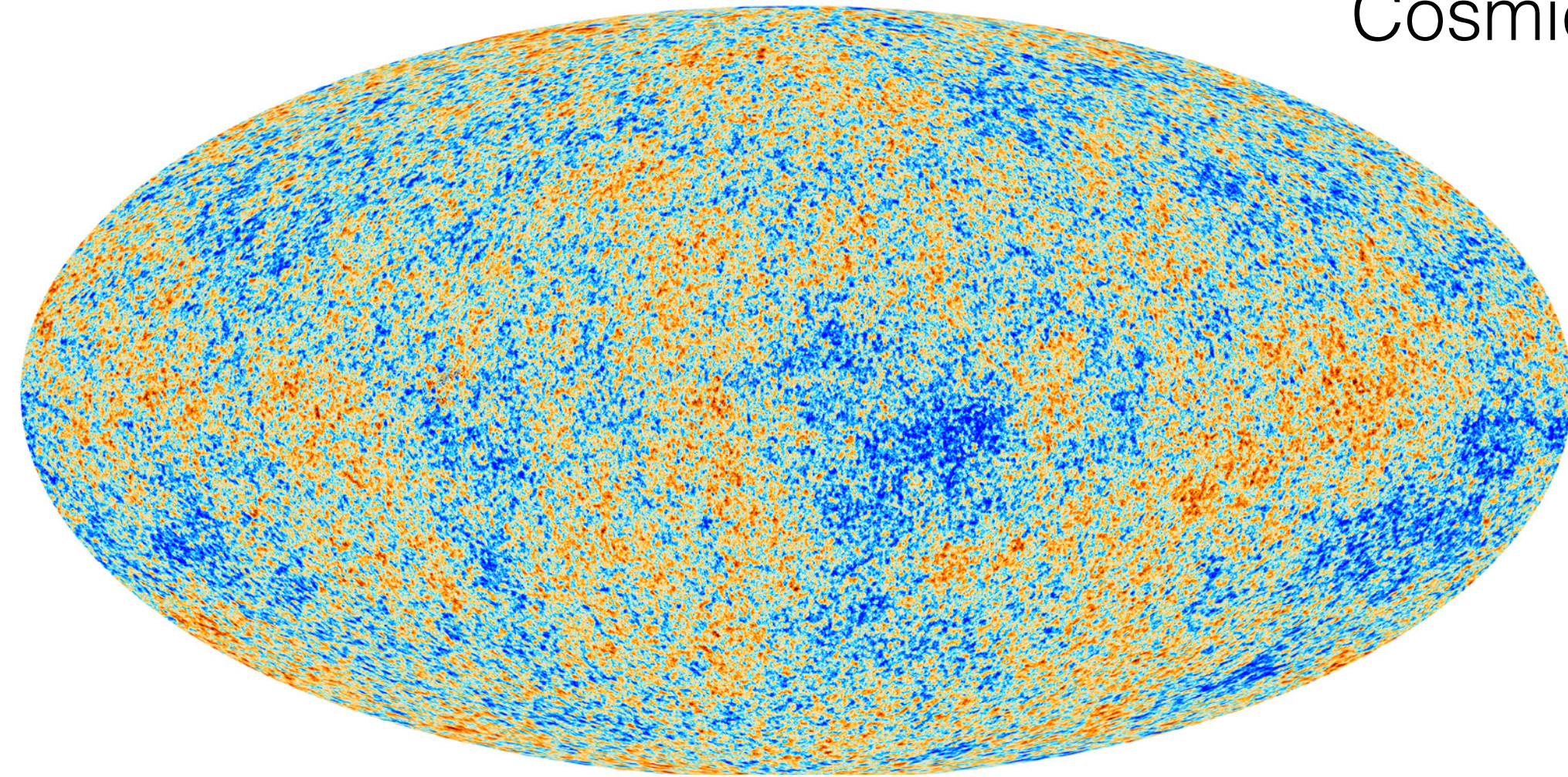


[Domènech, [2109.01398](#)]

...and other possibilities...

Dark Matter in Cosmology

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

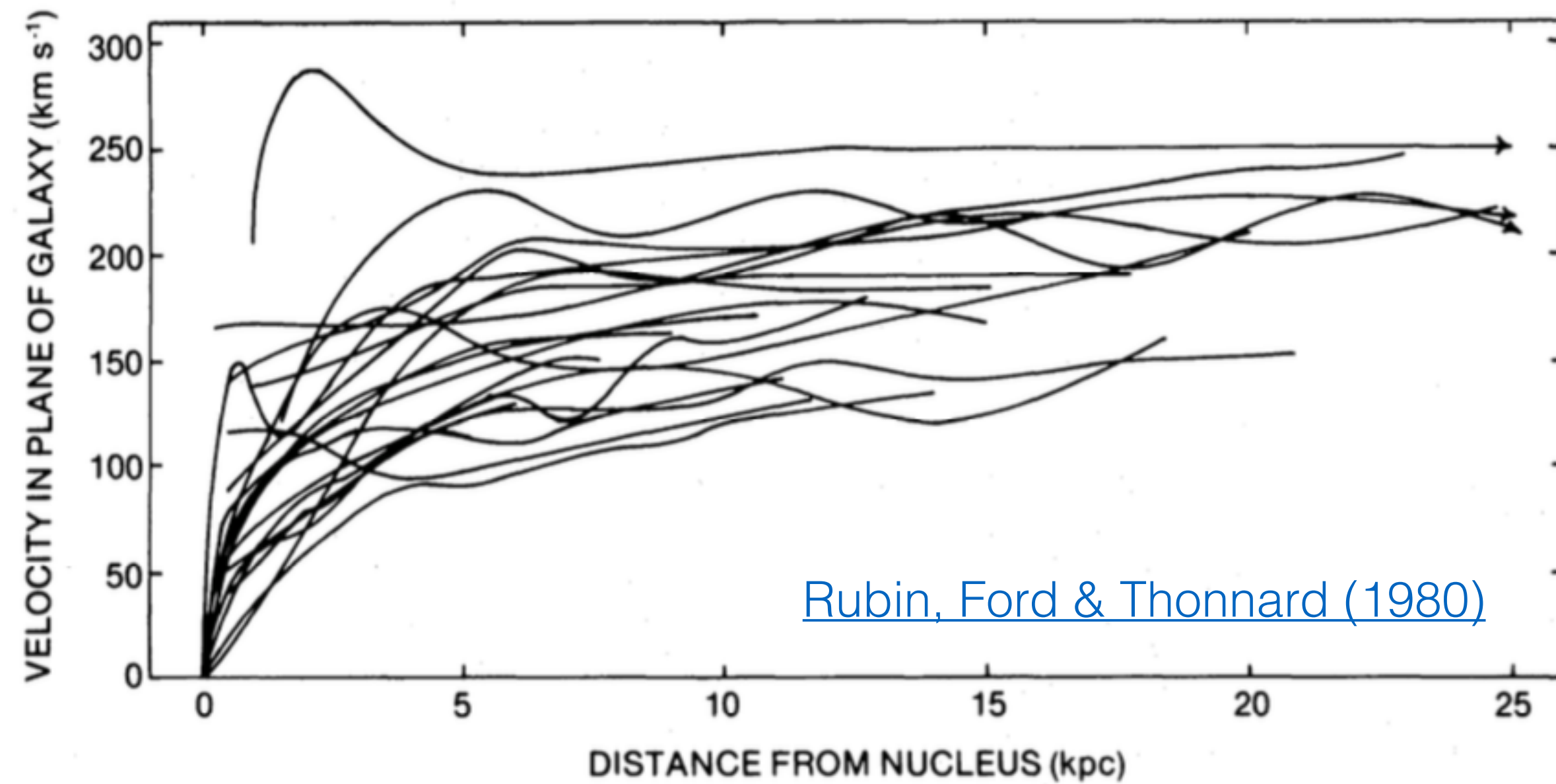


Credit: ESA/Planck Collaboration

See [“Introduction to Cosmology” Lectures](#) by Daniel Baumann

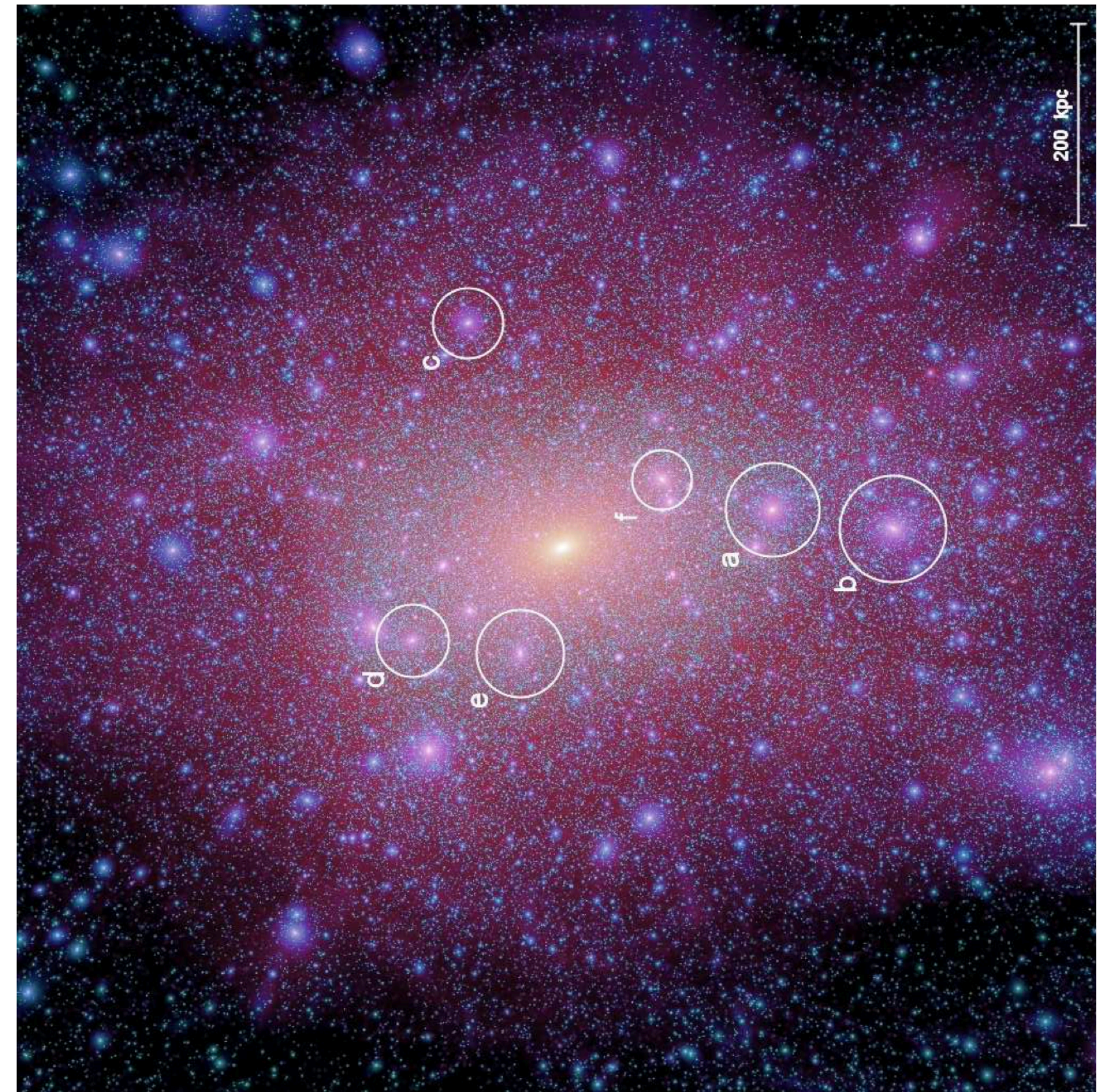
Dark Matter in Galaxies

Both observations and simulations tell us: Galaxies contain lots of Dark Matter (DM)!



DM density at Earth: $\rho_\chi \sim 5 \times 10^{-25} \text{ g/cm}^3$
 $\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$
 $\sim 0.008 M_\odot/\text{pc}^3$

[1404.1938](#)

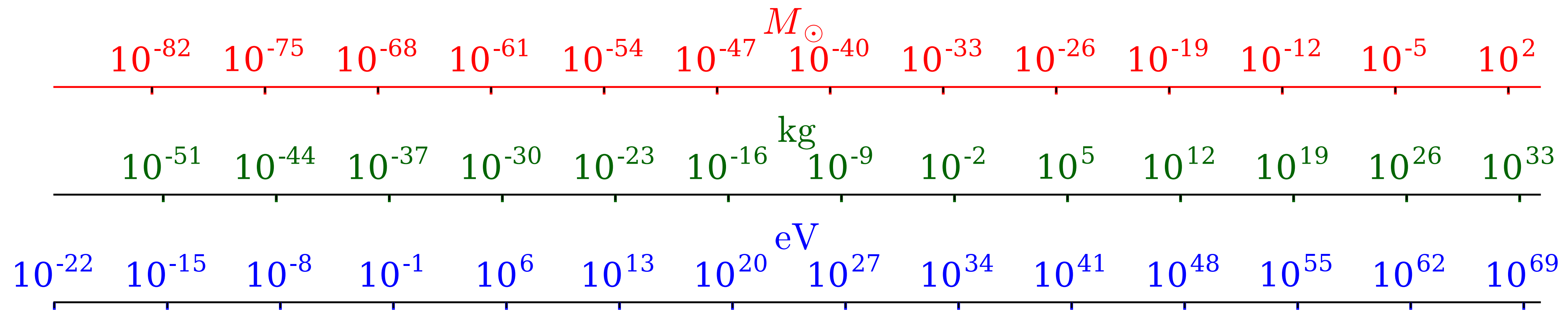


Aquarius simulation - [0809.0898](#)

Dark Matter properties

Dark Matter must be:

- Non-baryonic
- Cold (i.e. slow-moving)
- (Almost) electrically neutral



Too light!

Has wave-like properties on galactic scales!

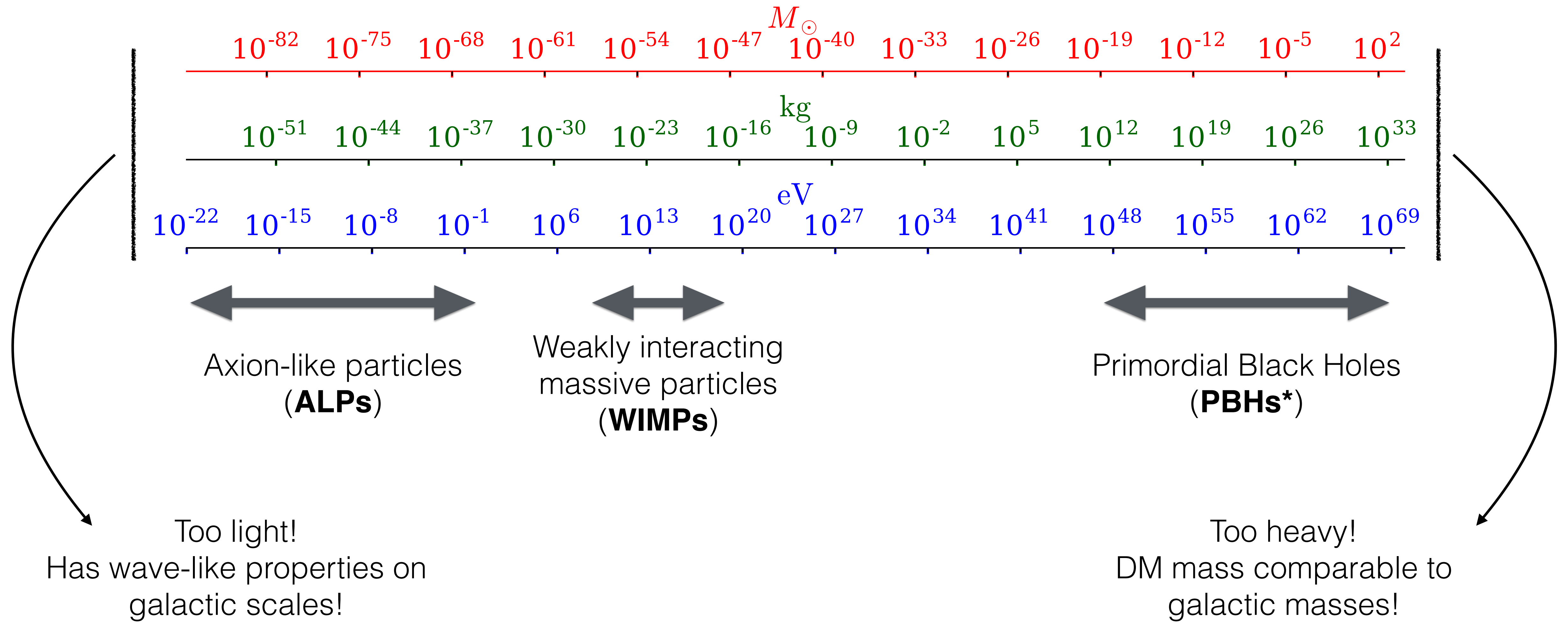
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DM mass comparable to galactic masses!

*See additional slides...

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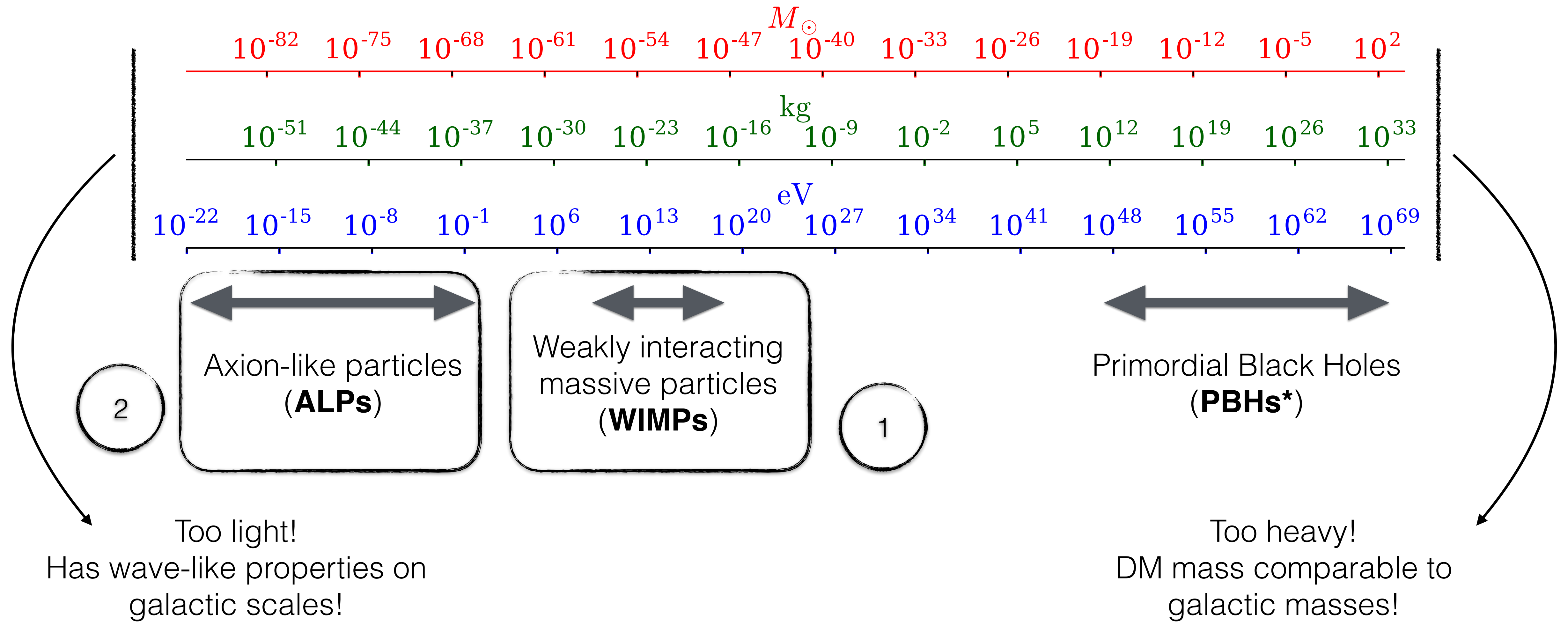
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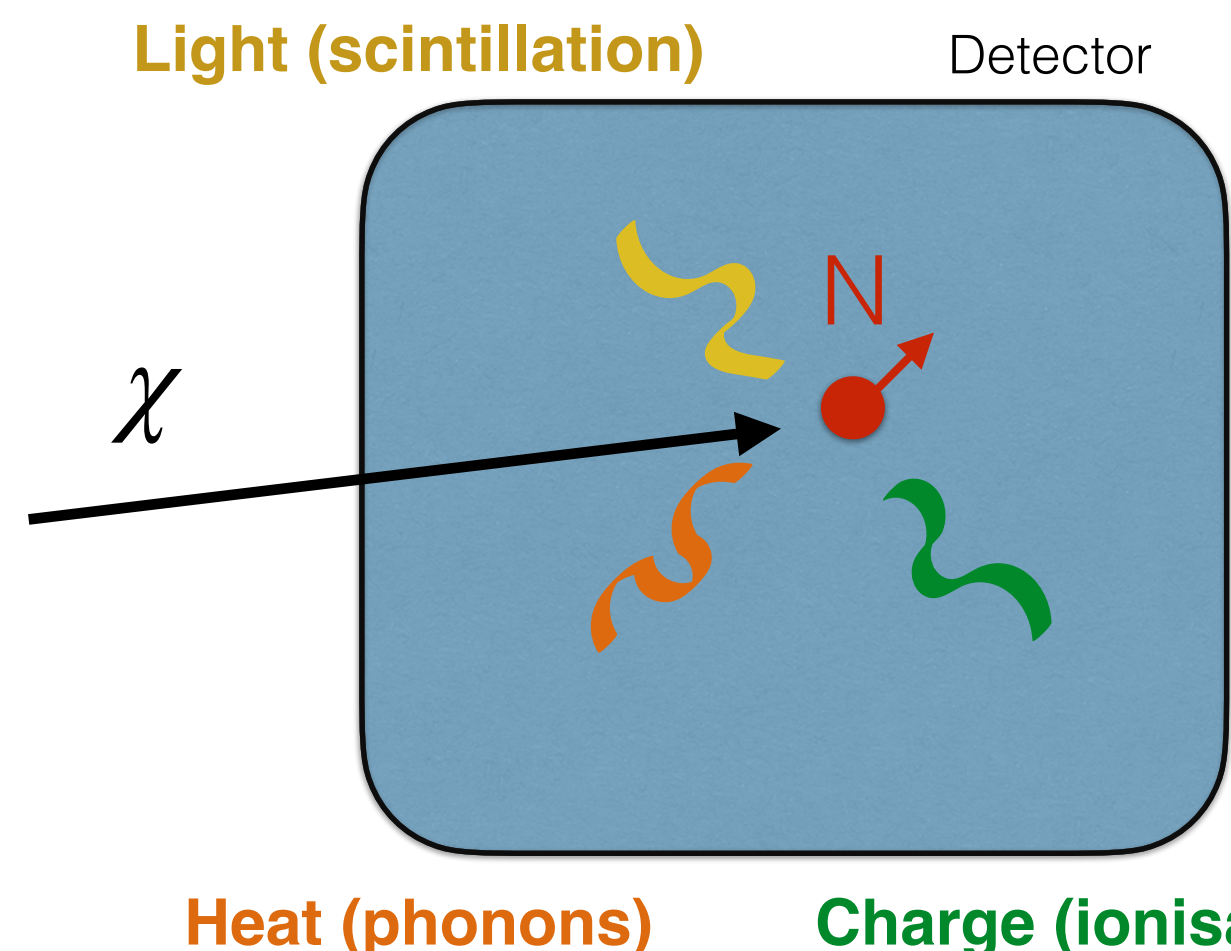
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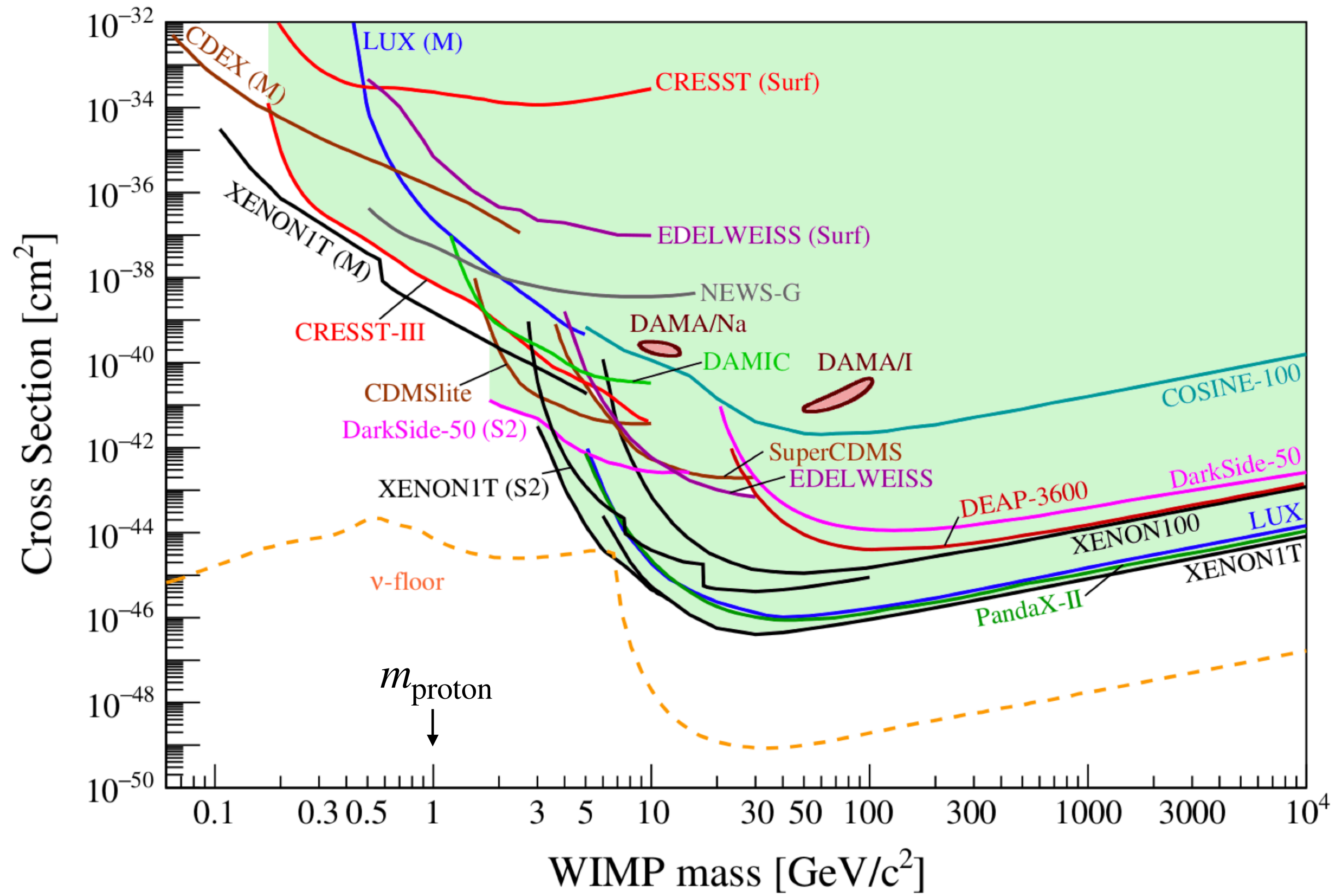
Direct detection of WIMPs on Earth

For WIMPs with GeV-scale masses, expect detectable nuclear recoils of energy $O(\text{keV})$



For sensible models, expect signal rates on the order of <1 event per kg per keV per day

No convincing signal yet!

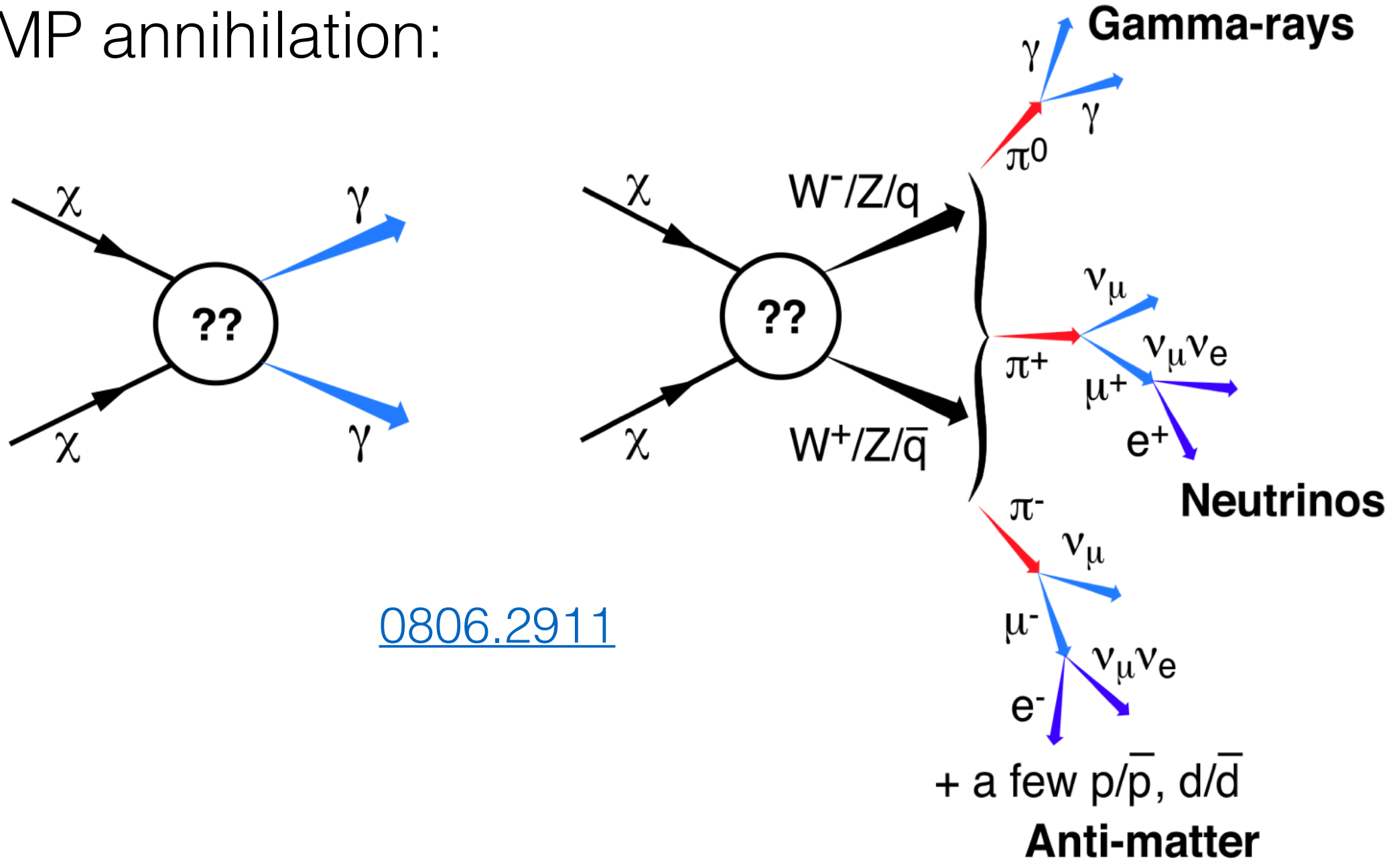


Also possible to look for DM-electron scattering, depending on the model.

Indirect detection of Dark Matter

Look for signals of Dark Matter annihilation in regions of large DM density!

WIMP annihilation:



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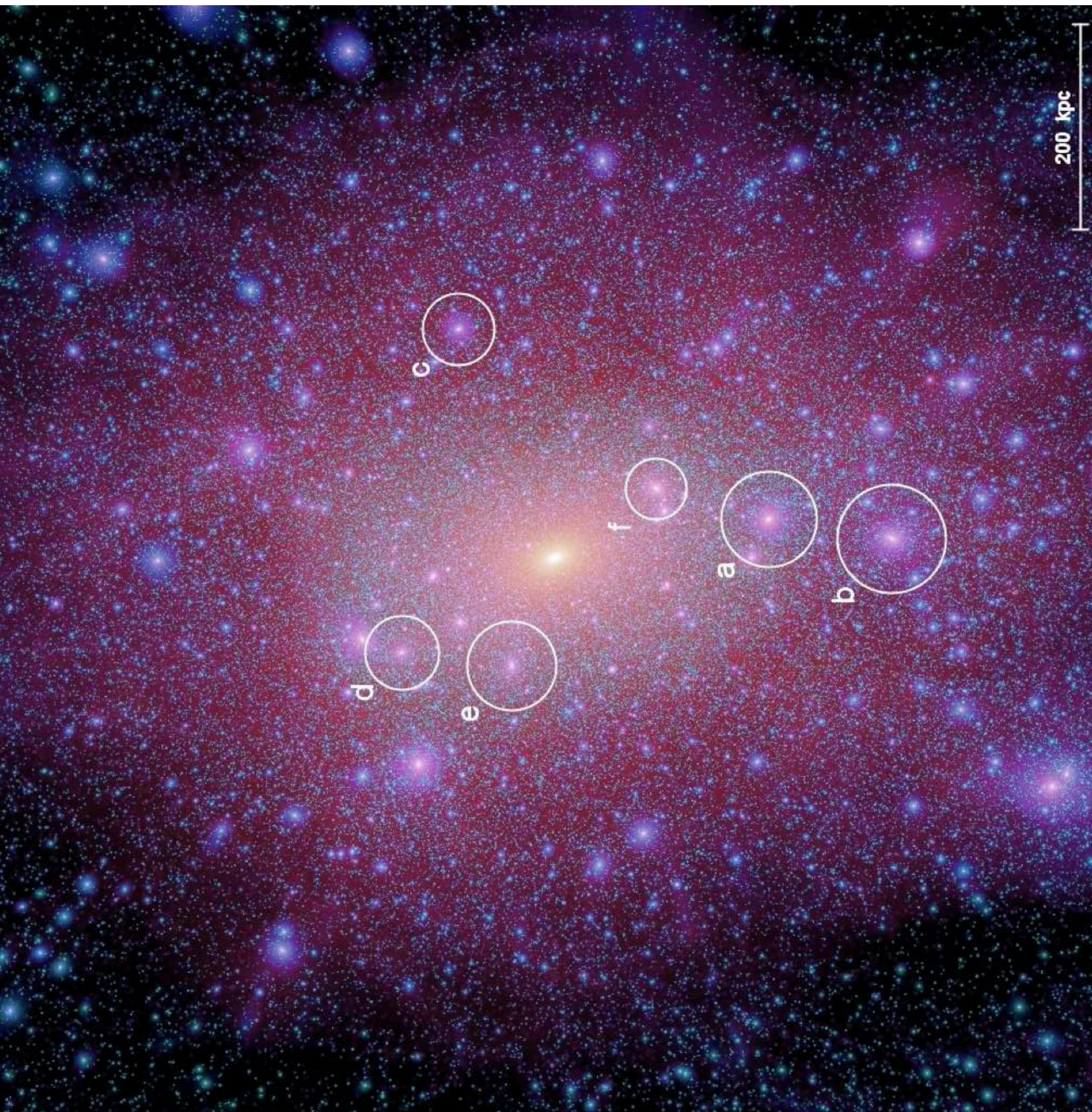
Annihilation cross section
(particle physics)

DM density distribution
(astrophysics)

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} \times \int_{d\Omega} d\Omega' \int_{los} \rho^2 dl (r, \theta')$$

Gamma-ray spectrum
(annihilation channel)

[1012.4515](#)



Aquarius simulation - [0809.0898](#)

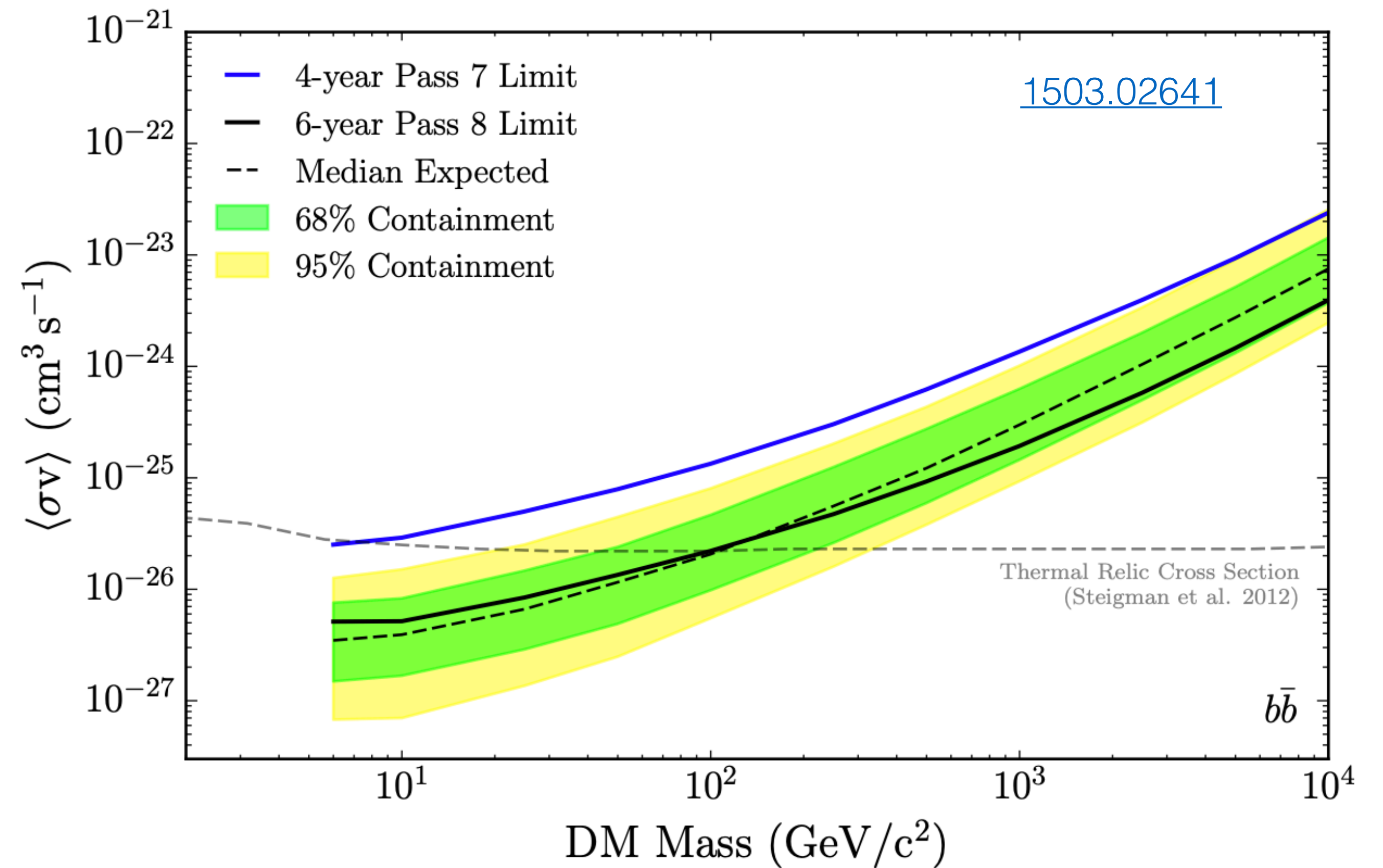
Gamma-ray constraints

Fornax Dwarf Galaxy
(Satellite of the Milky Way)



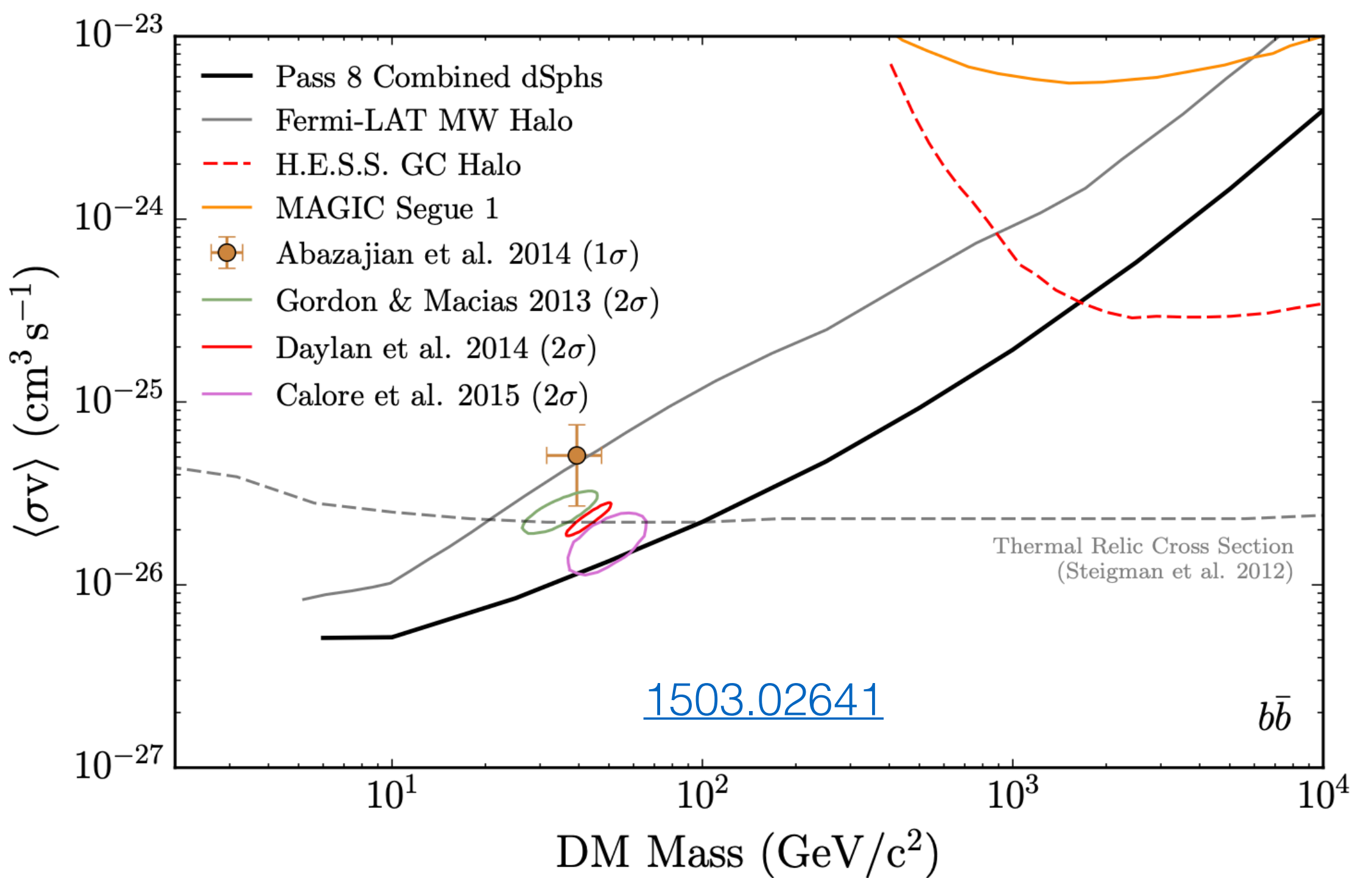
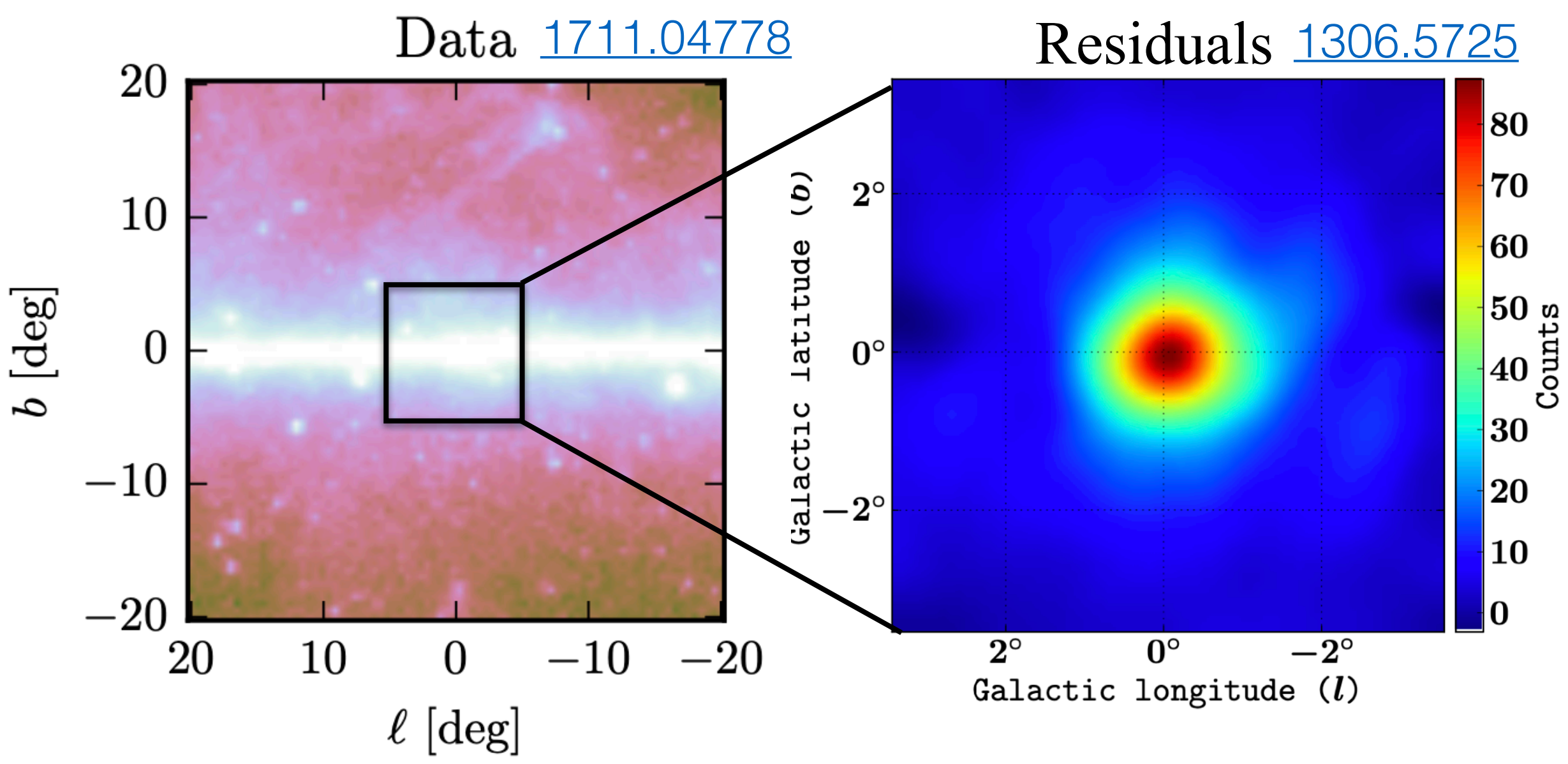
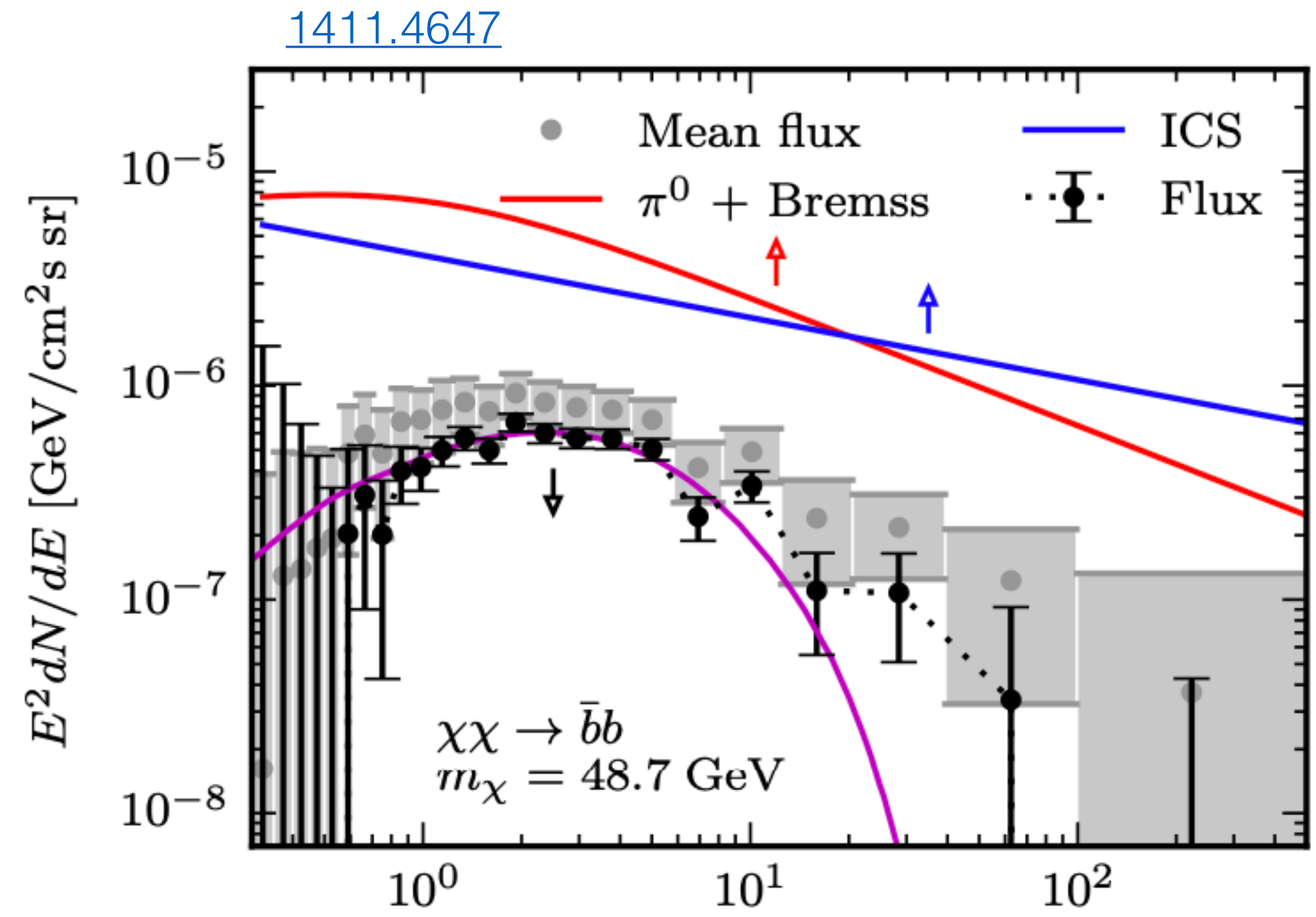
Credit: ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2

Fermi constraints from 15 Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies:



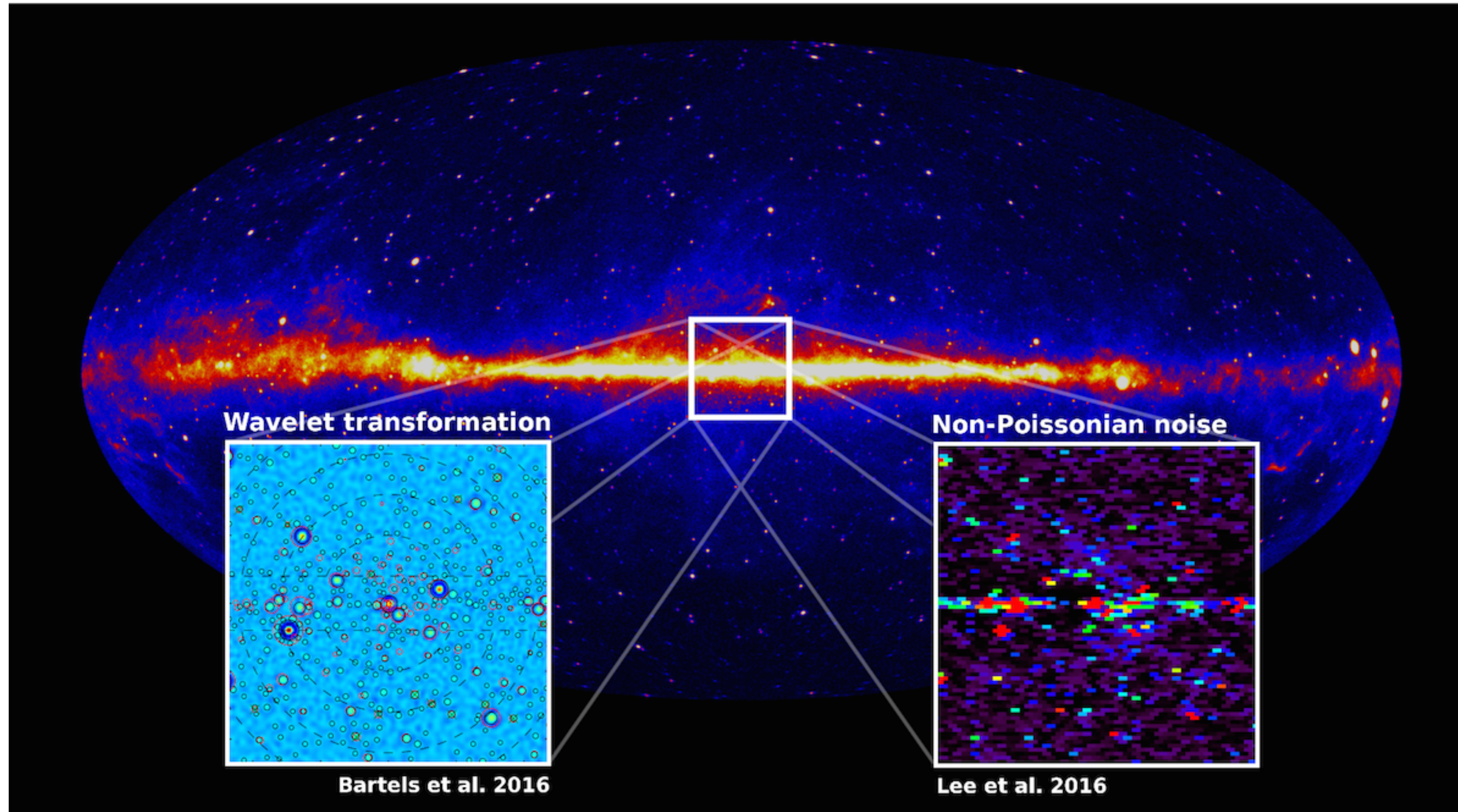
Exact constraints depend on annihilation channel ($\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $\chi\chi \rightarrow W^+W^-$, $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-$, etc.)

Galactic Centre Excess

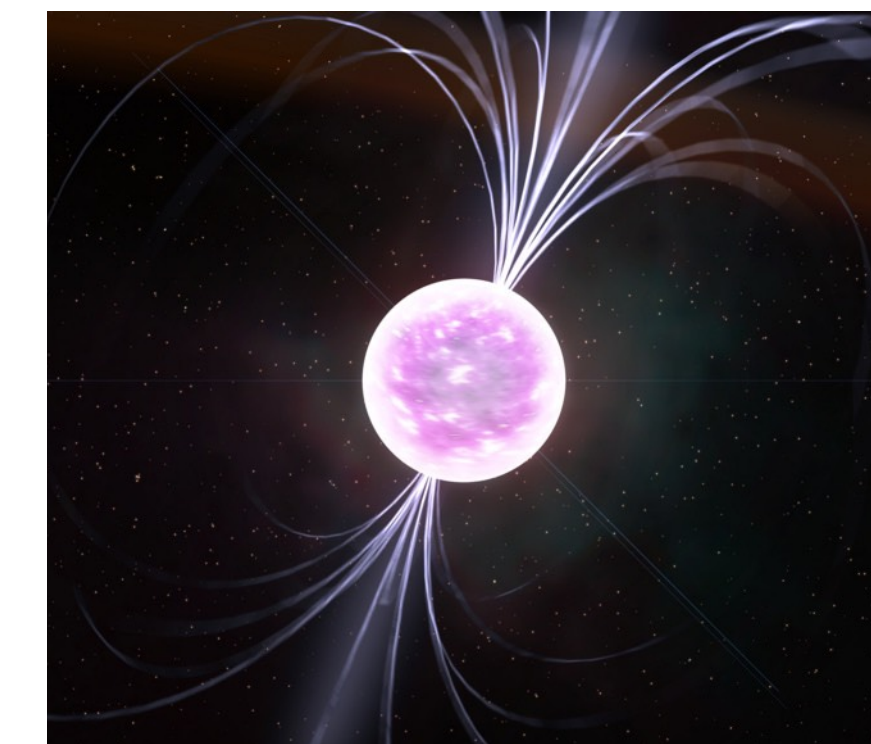


Point sources in the Galactic Centre

Galactic Centre excess could be due to a population of unresolved point sources (millisecond pulsars?)



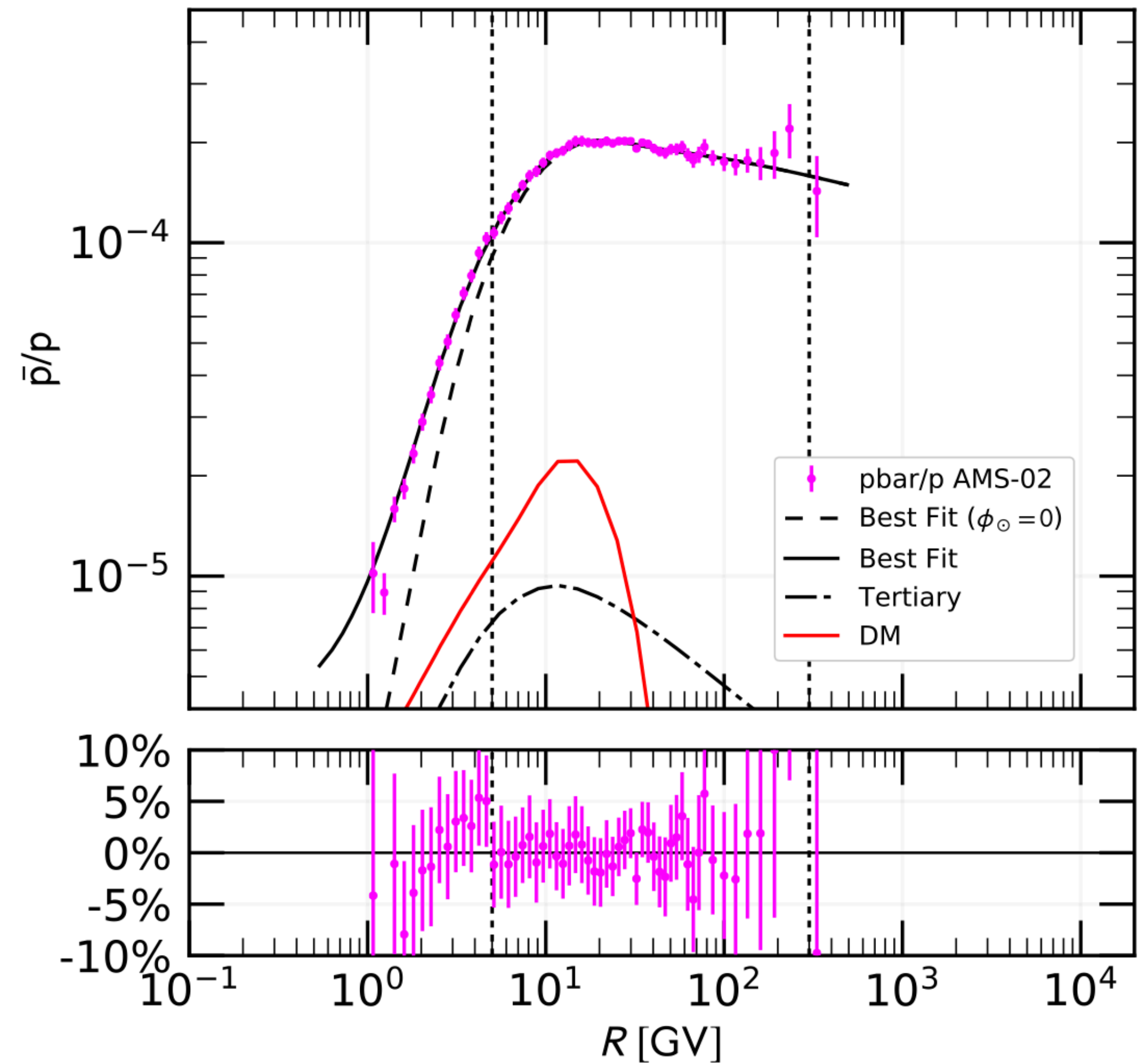
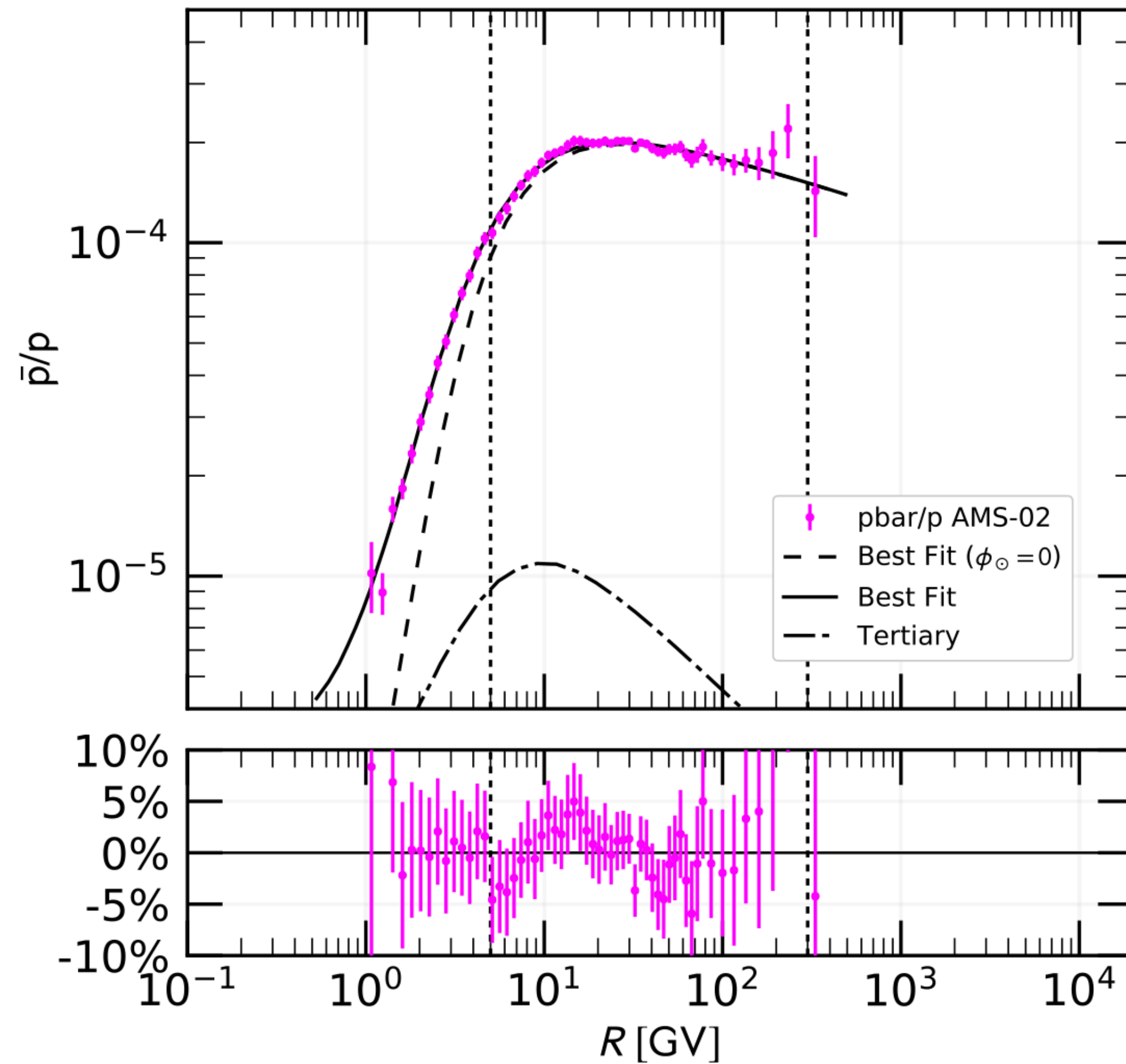
Credit: Christoph Weniger, UvA , © UvA/Princeton



Credit: Kevin Gill / Flickr

Anti-proton excess

Anti-protons are an excellent probe of New Physics - they're hard to make!



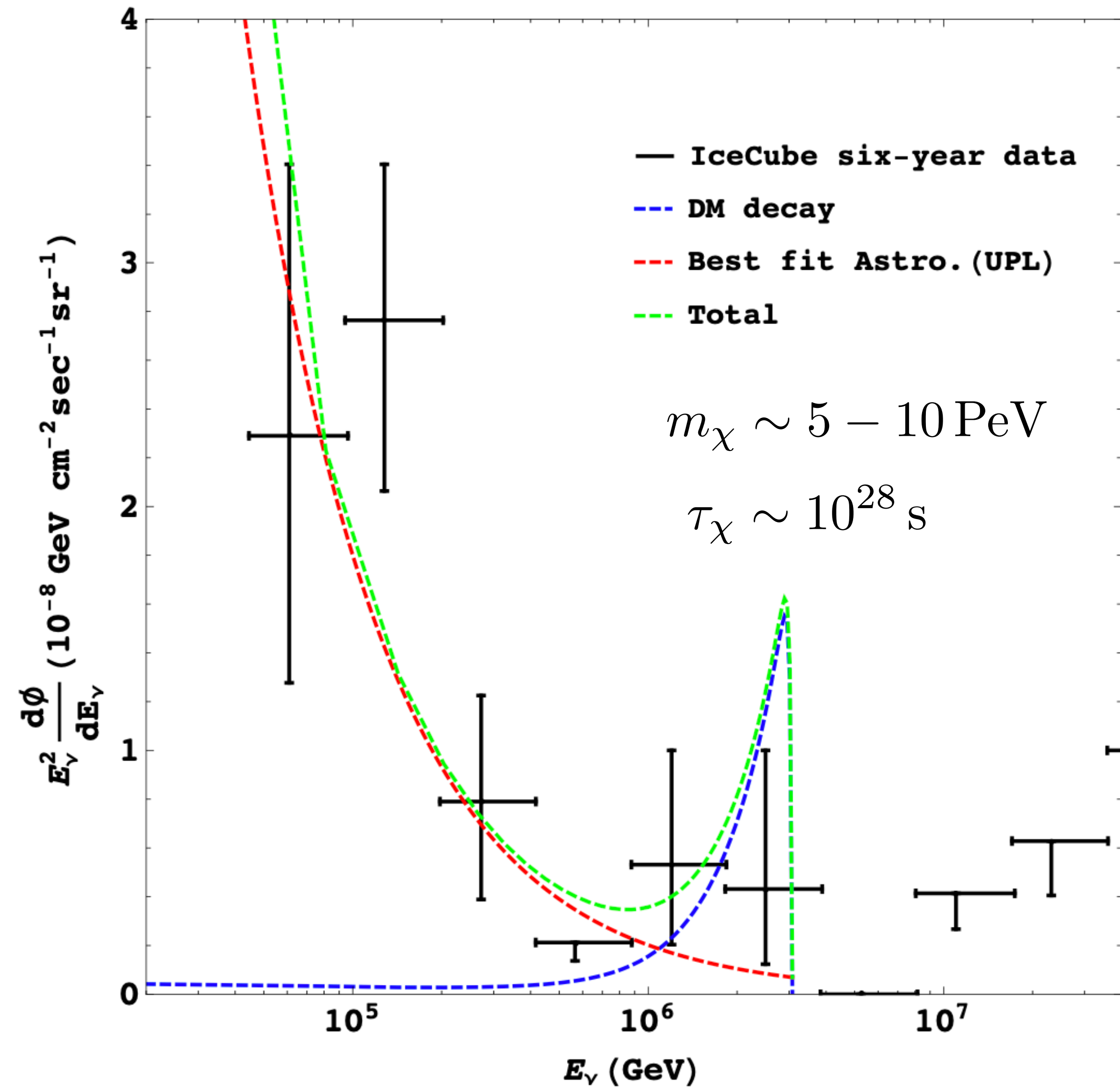
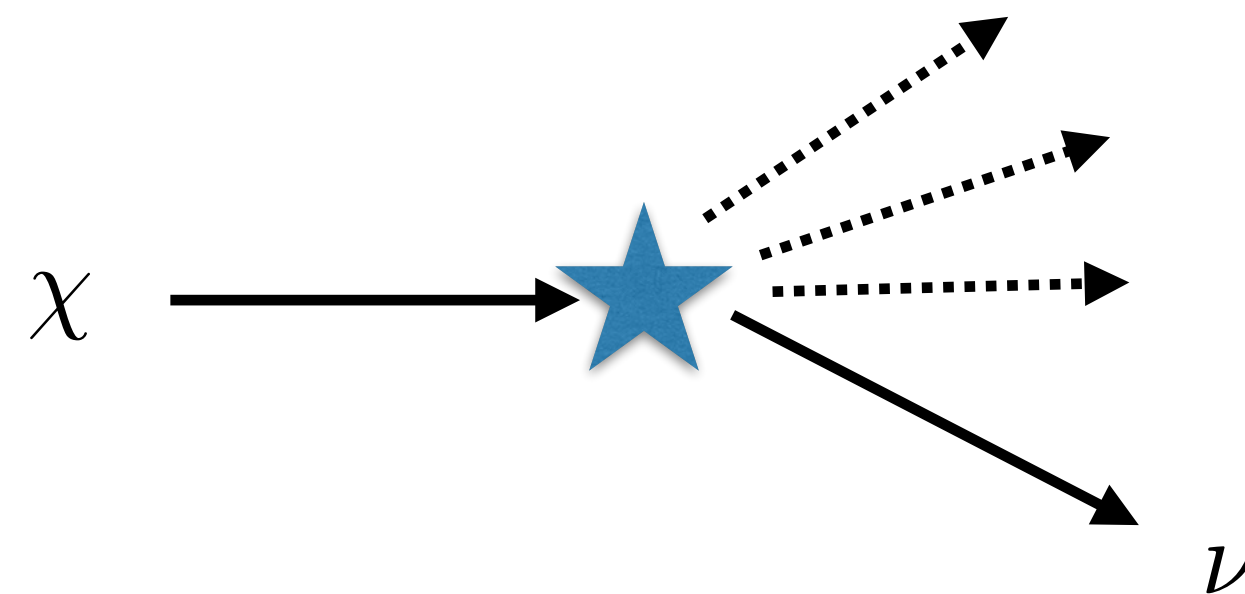
Several excesses point towards 60 GeV Dark Matter -
But modeling gamma-ray and cosmic-ray backgrounds is **hard**.

[1504.04276](#), [1610.03071](#), [1903.01472](#)

High energy neutrinos

[1508.02500](#), [1712.07138](#)

Decays of super-heavy Dark Matter could contribute to the flux of PeV neutrinos:

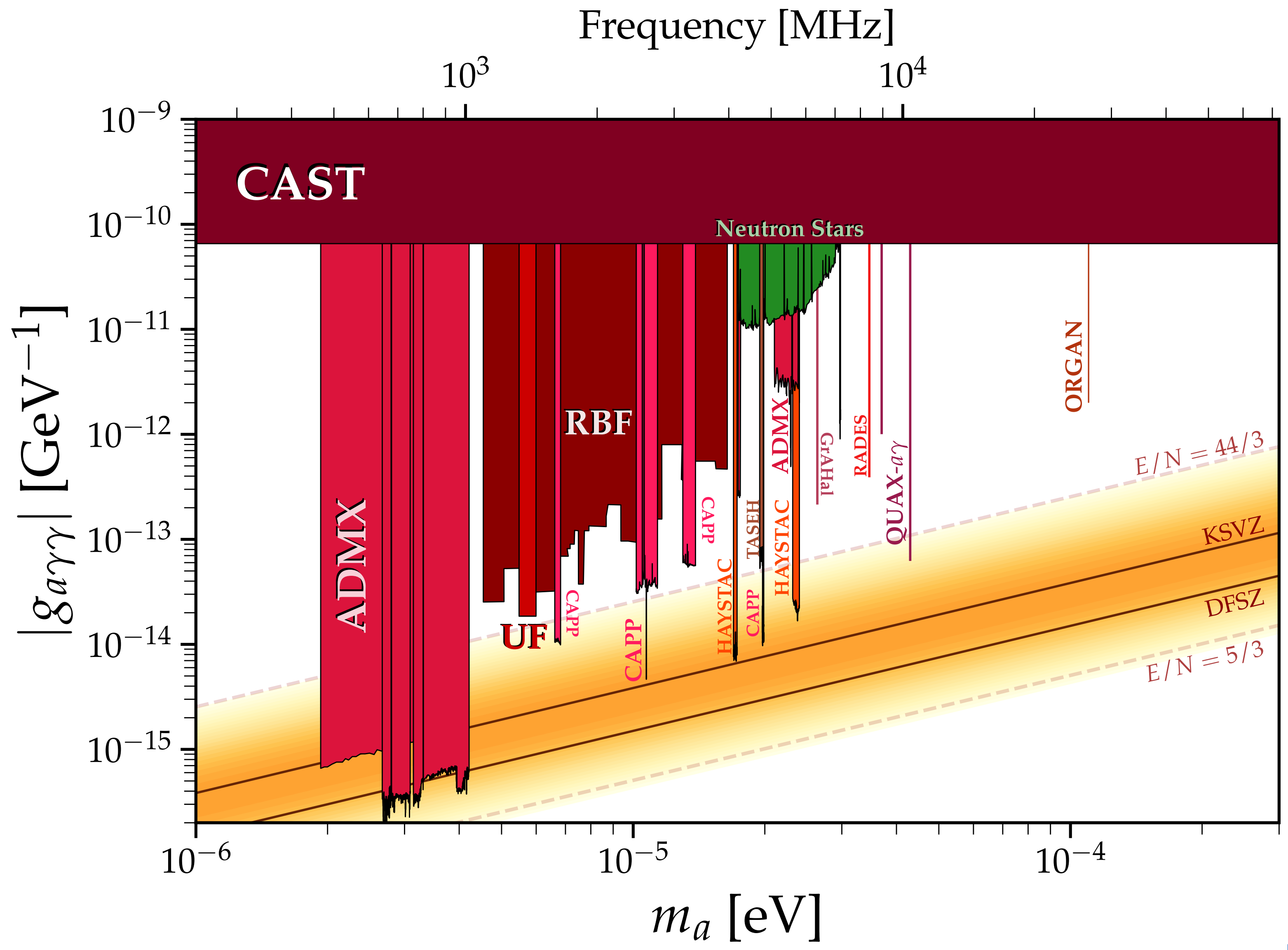
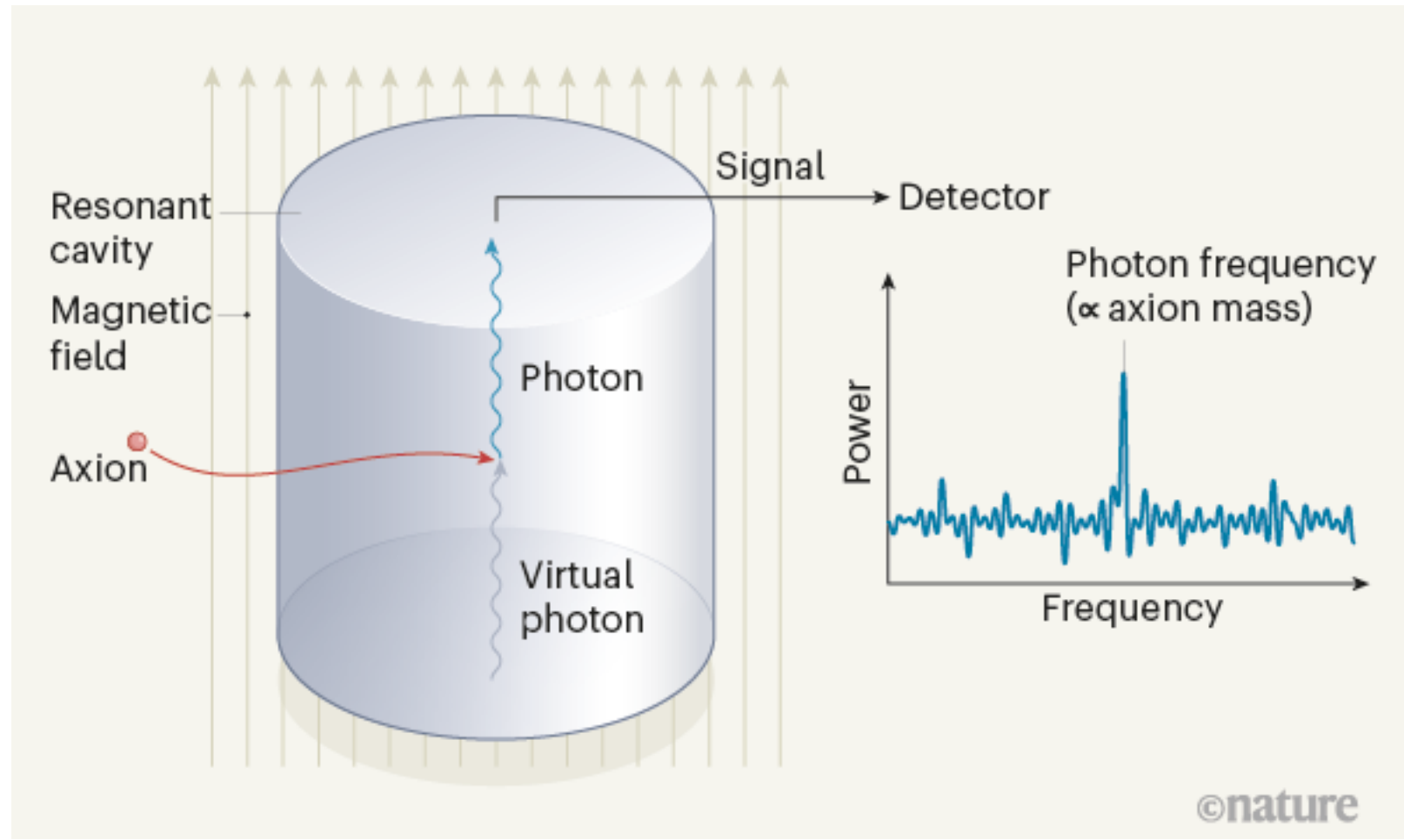
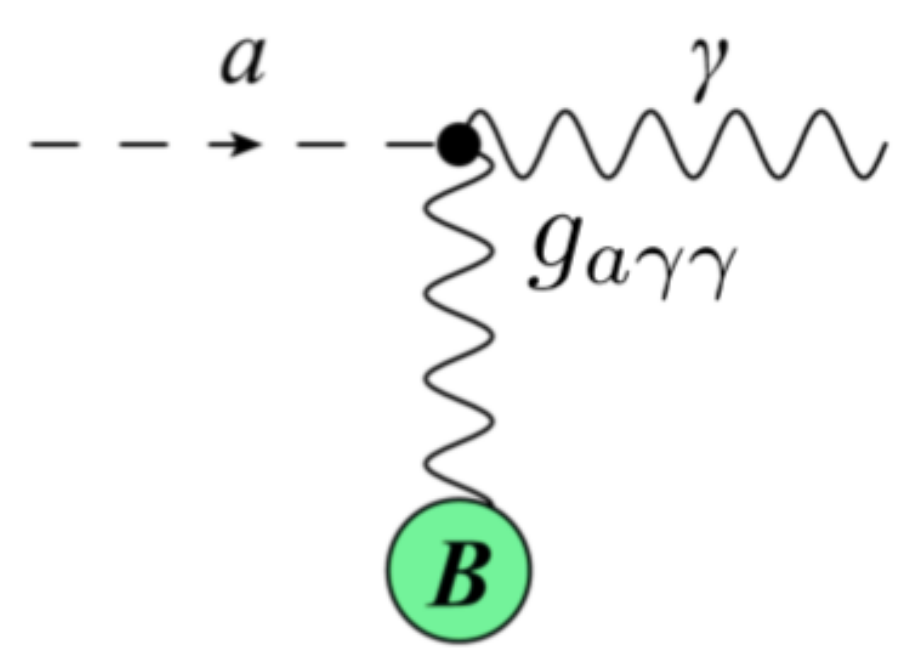


Axion searches in the lab

Axions: light pseudoscalar particles, a

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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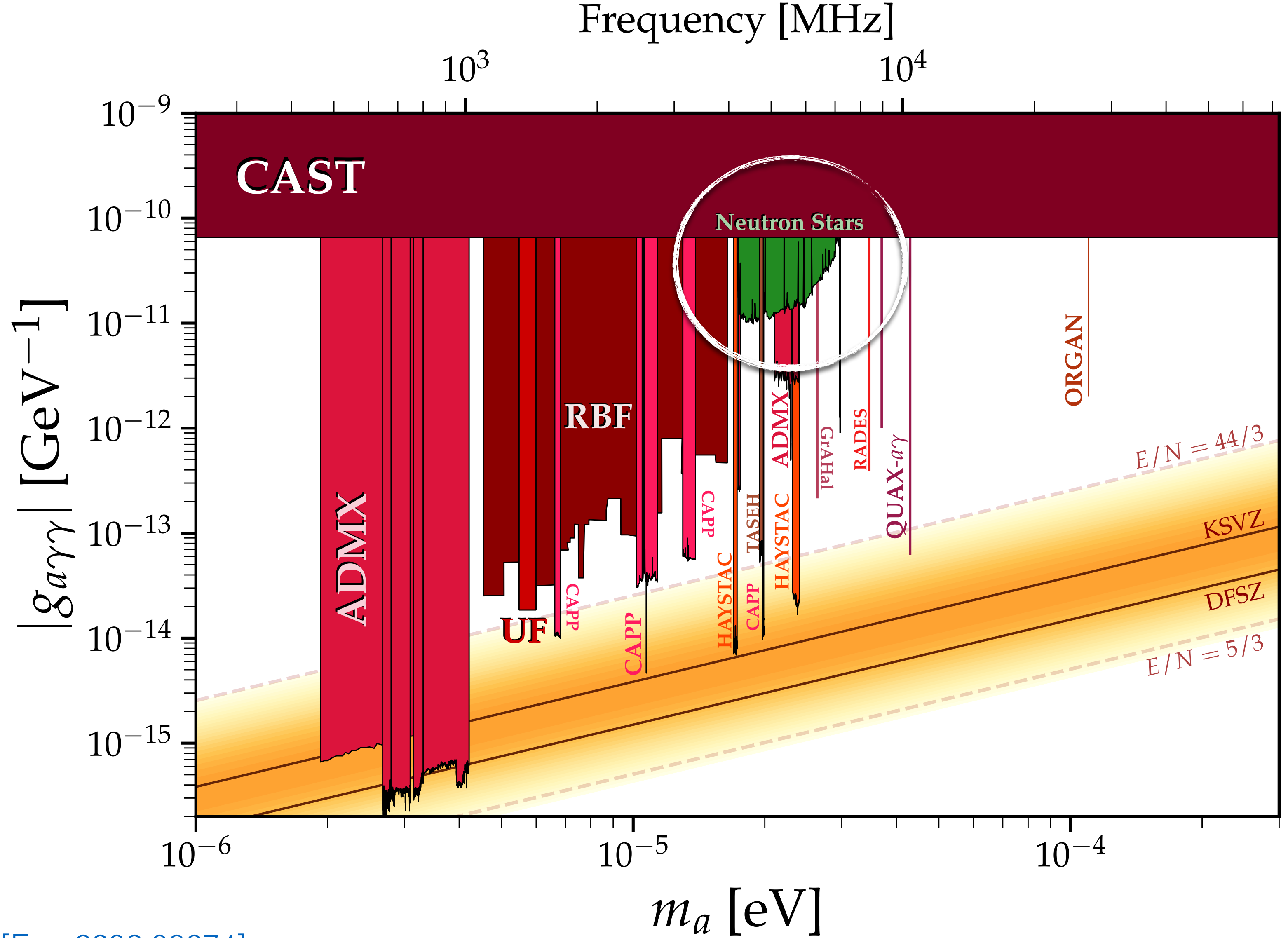
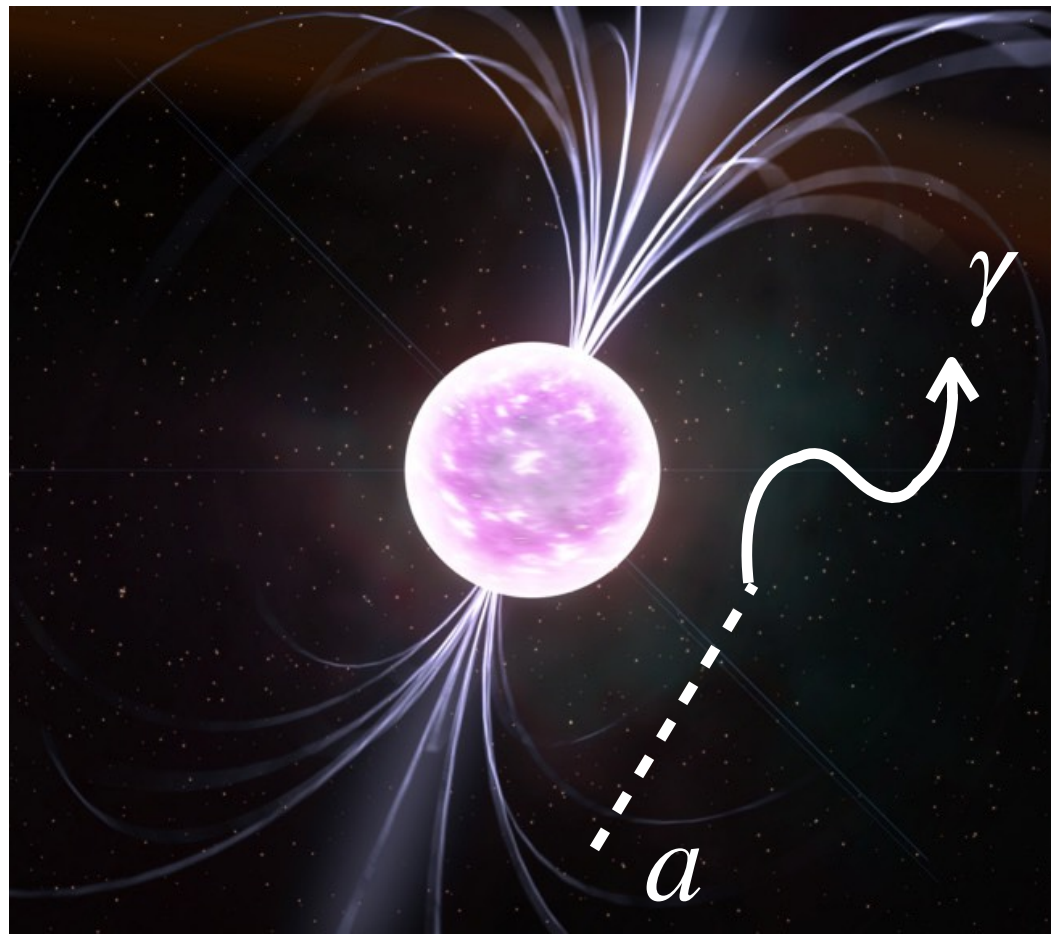
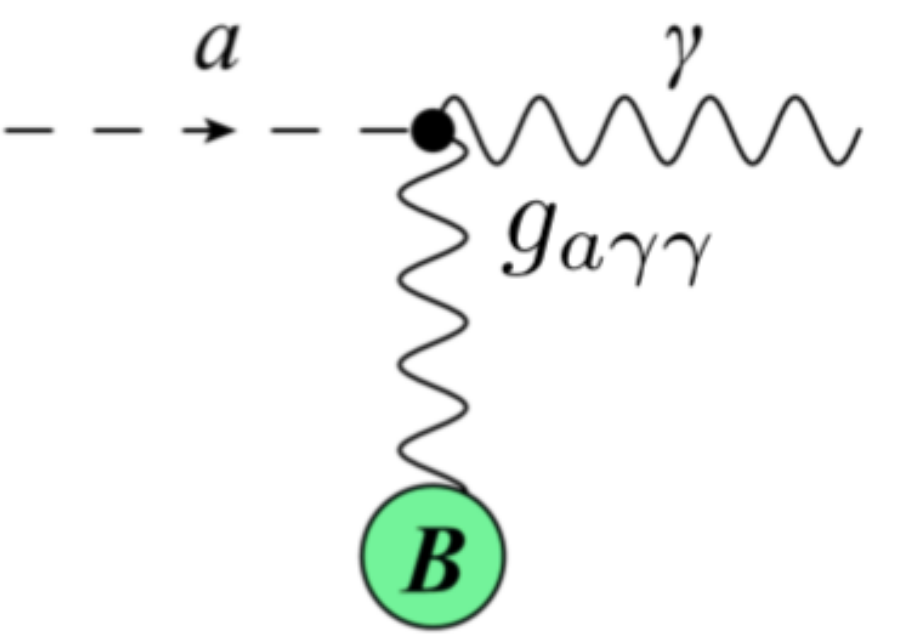
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Axion searches and Neutron Stars

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[E.g. [2202.08274](#)]

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Supernovae

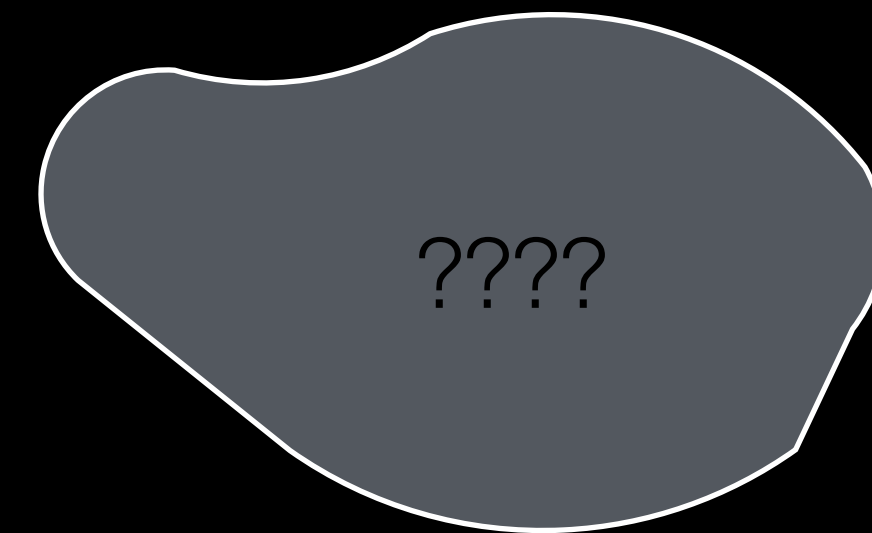
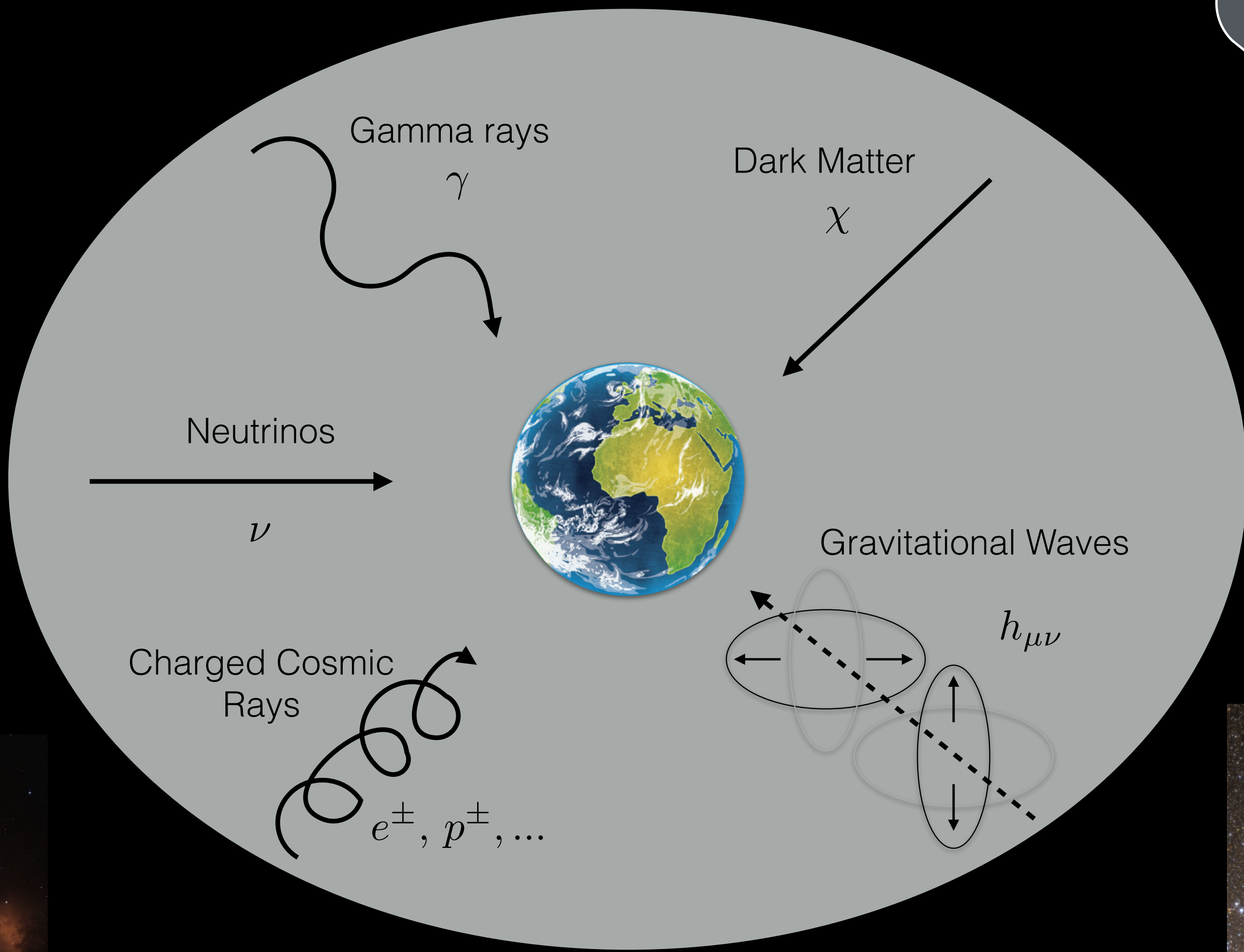


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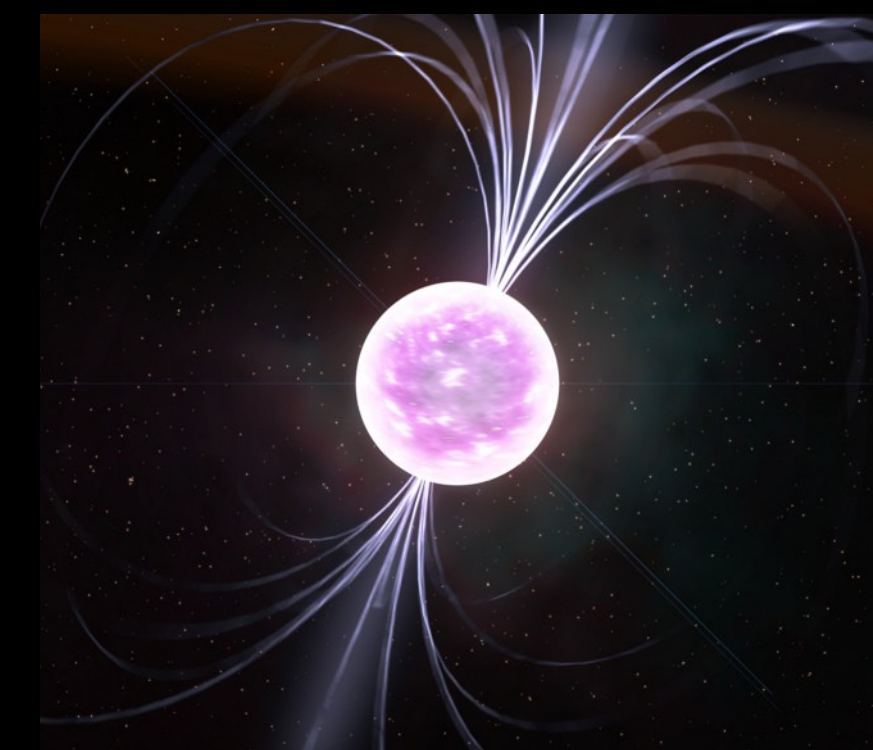


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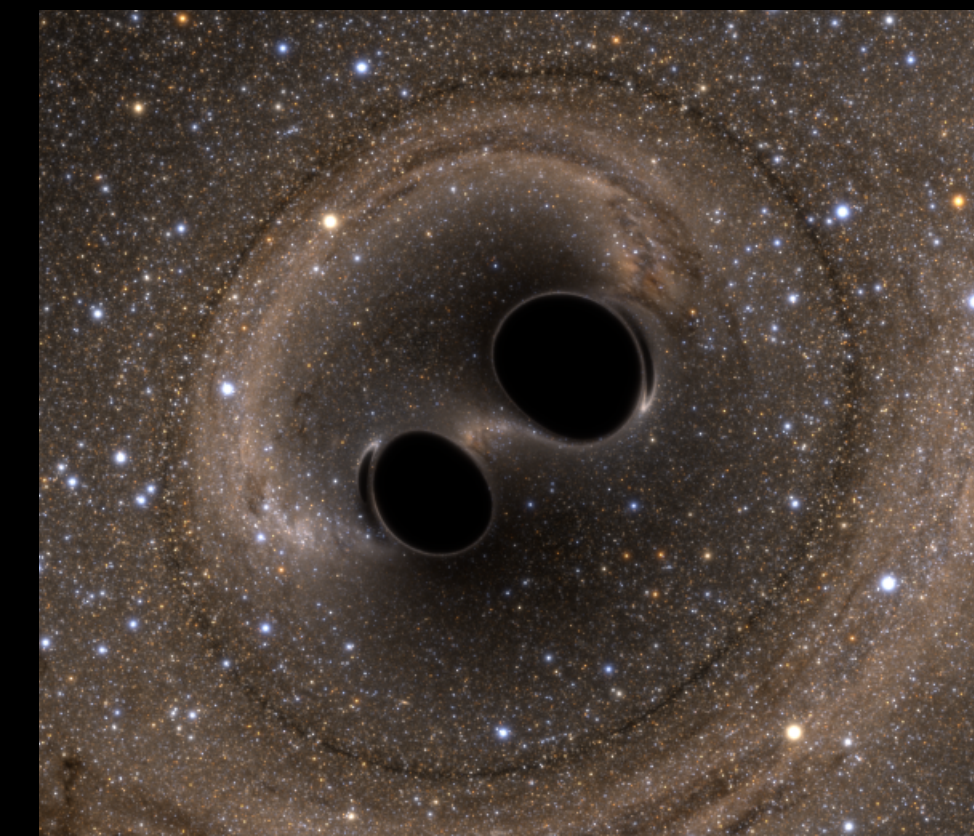


Pulsars



Credit: Kevin Gill / Flickr

BH/NS Mergers



Credit: SXS Lensing

Timeline

1912: Hess discovers cosmic rays

1933: Anderson discovers the positron in Cosmic Ray tracks

1939: Auger and collaborators demonstrate the existence of Cosmic Ray *air showers*

1960s: Homestake Experiment detects Solar Neutrinos (and the Solar Neutrino Problem)

1970s: The “Dark Matter” paradigm coalesces

2010: Discovery of the Fermi gamma-ray bubbles and Galactic centre excess

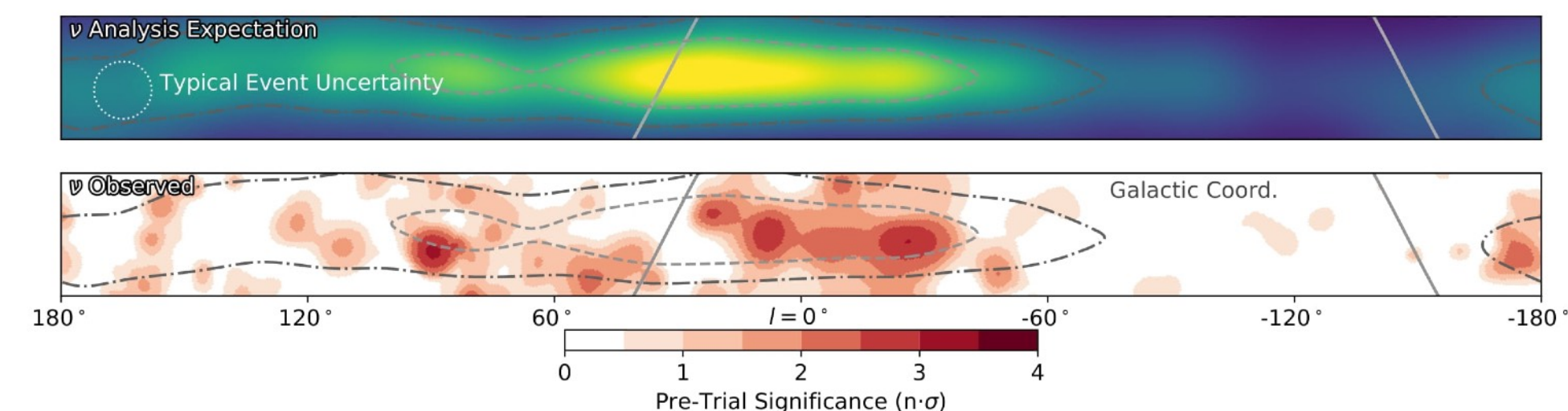
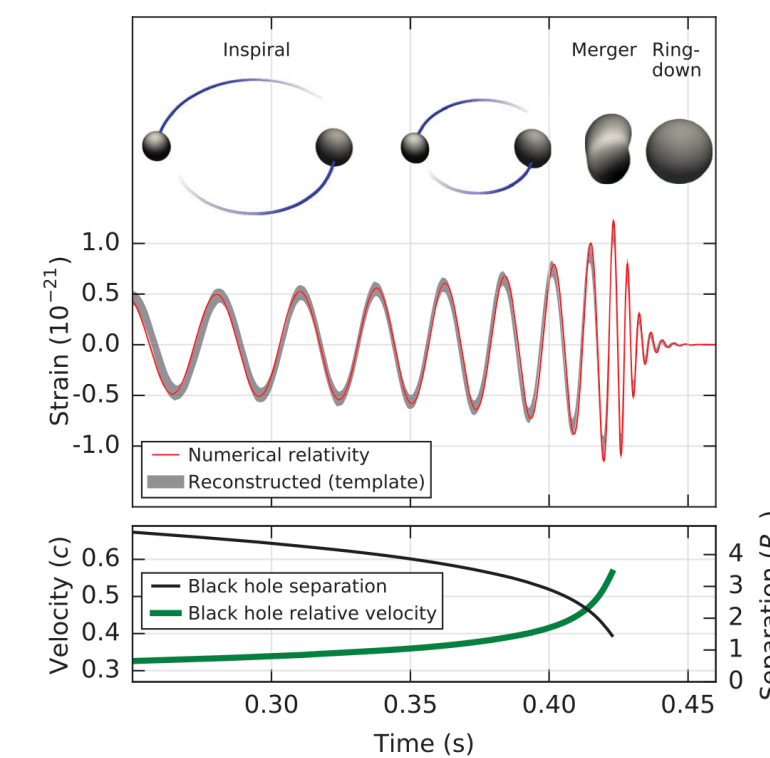
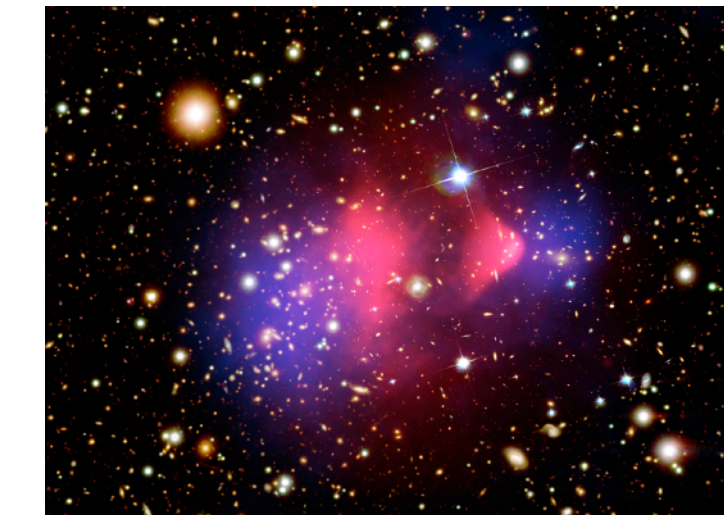
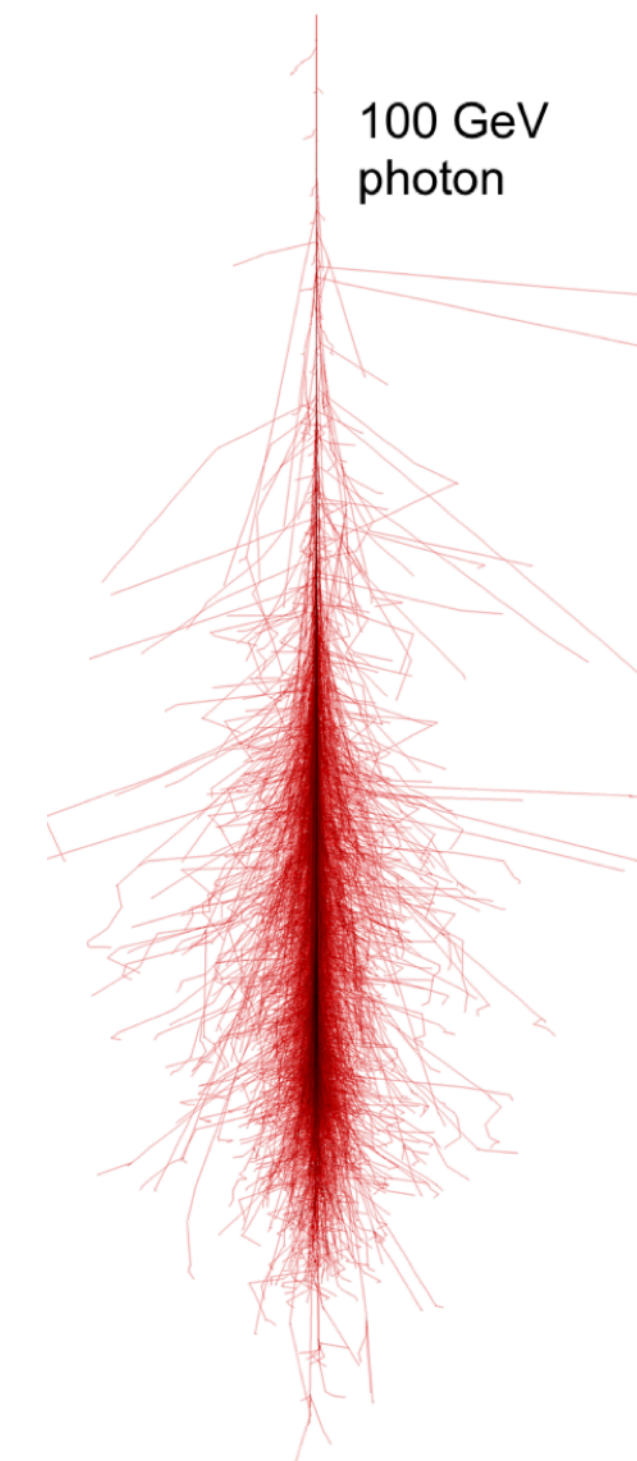
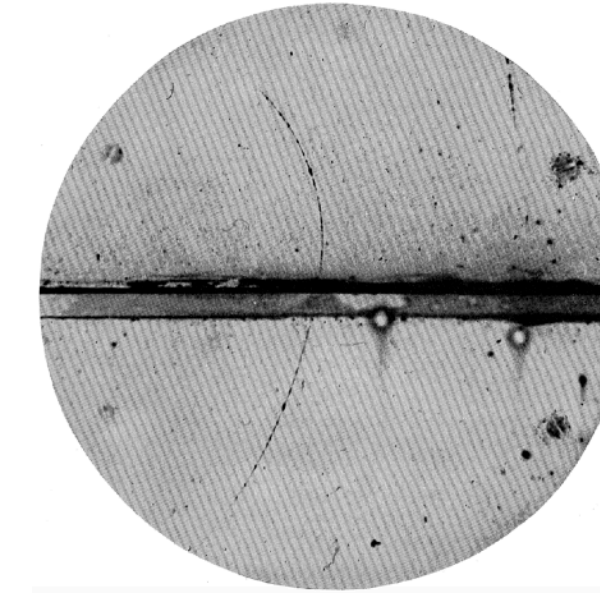
2015: GW150914 - First direct observation of GWs from Black Hole Binary Mergers

2017: TXS 0506+056 - First multimessenger detection of a blazar (neutrinos + gamma rays)

2017: GW170817 - First direct observation of GWs from Neutron Star Mergers by LVK

2023: Detection of Milky Way in Neutrinos by IceCube

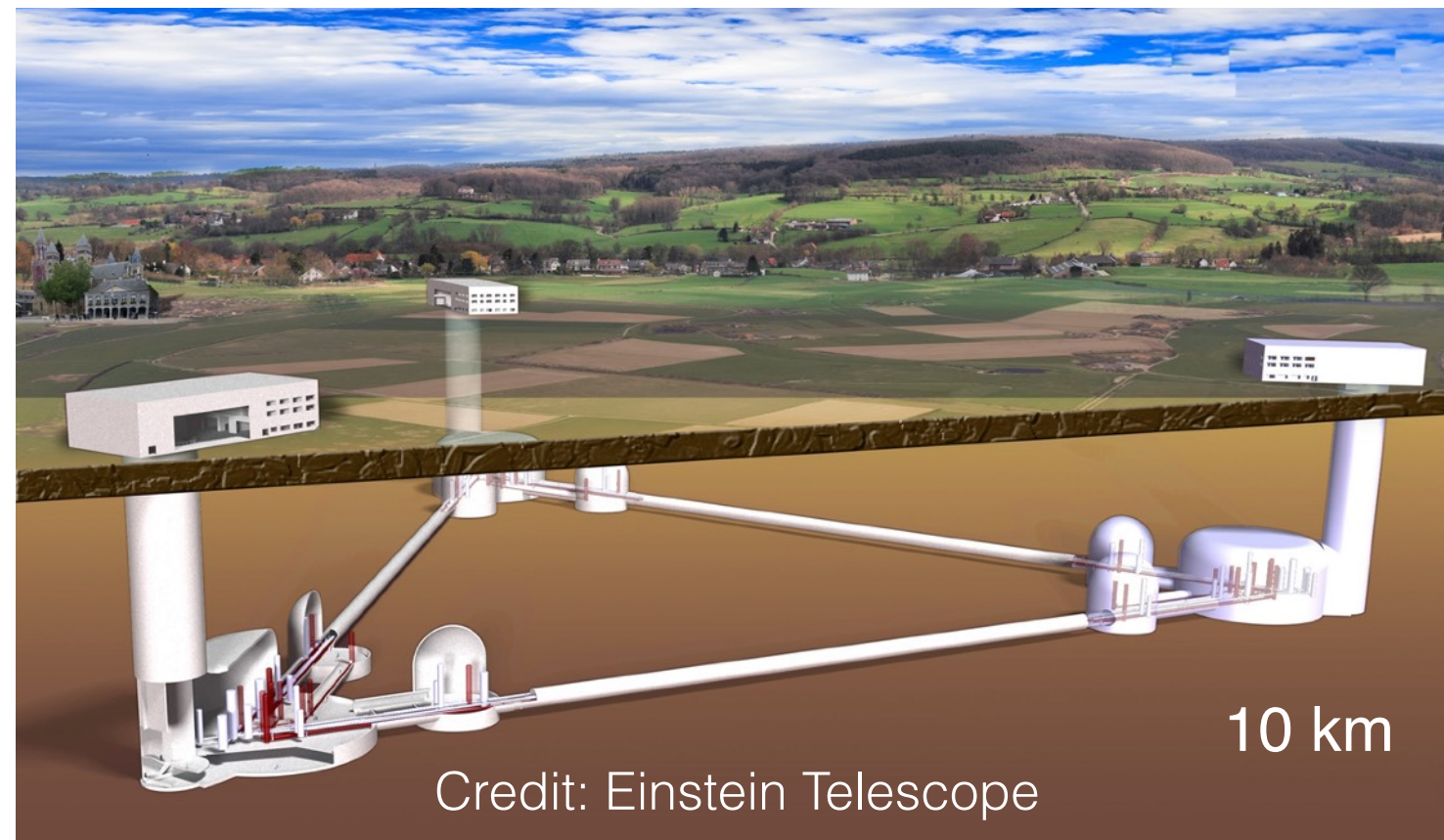
2023: NANOgrav & IPTA detect nHz Gravitational Waves



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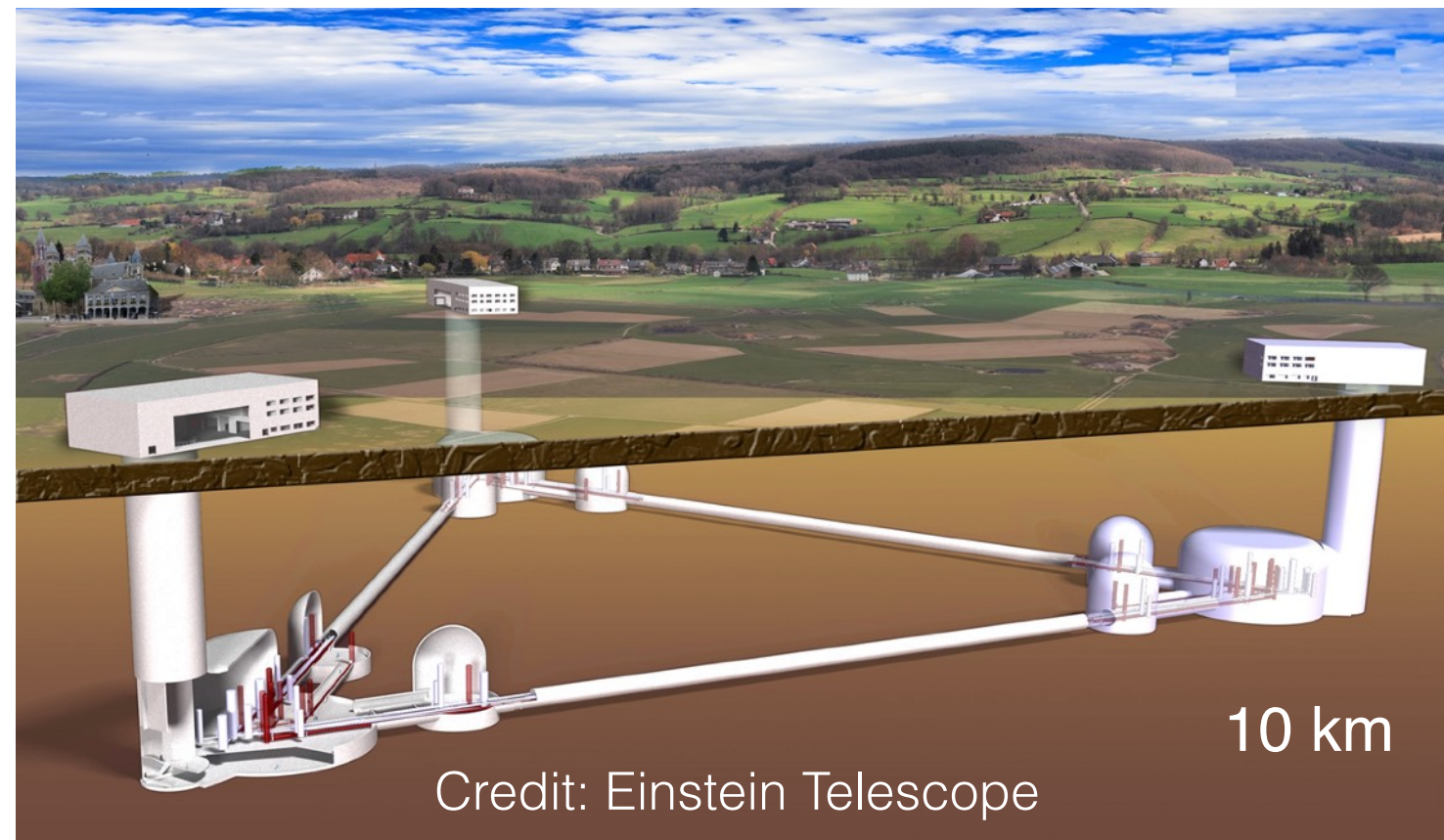
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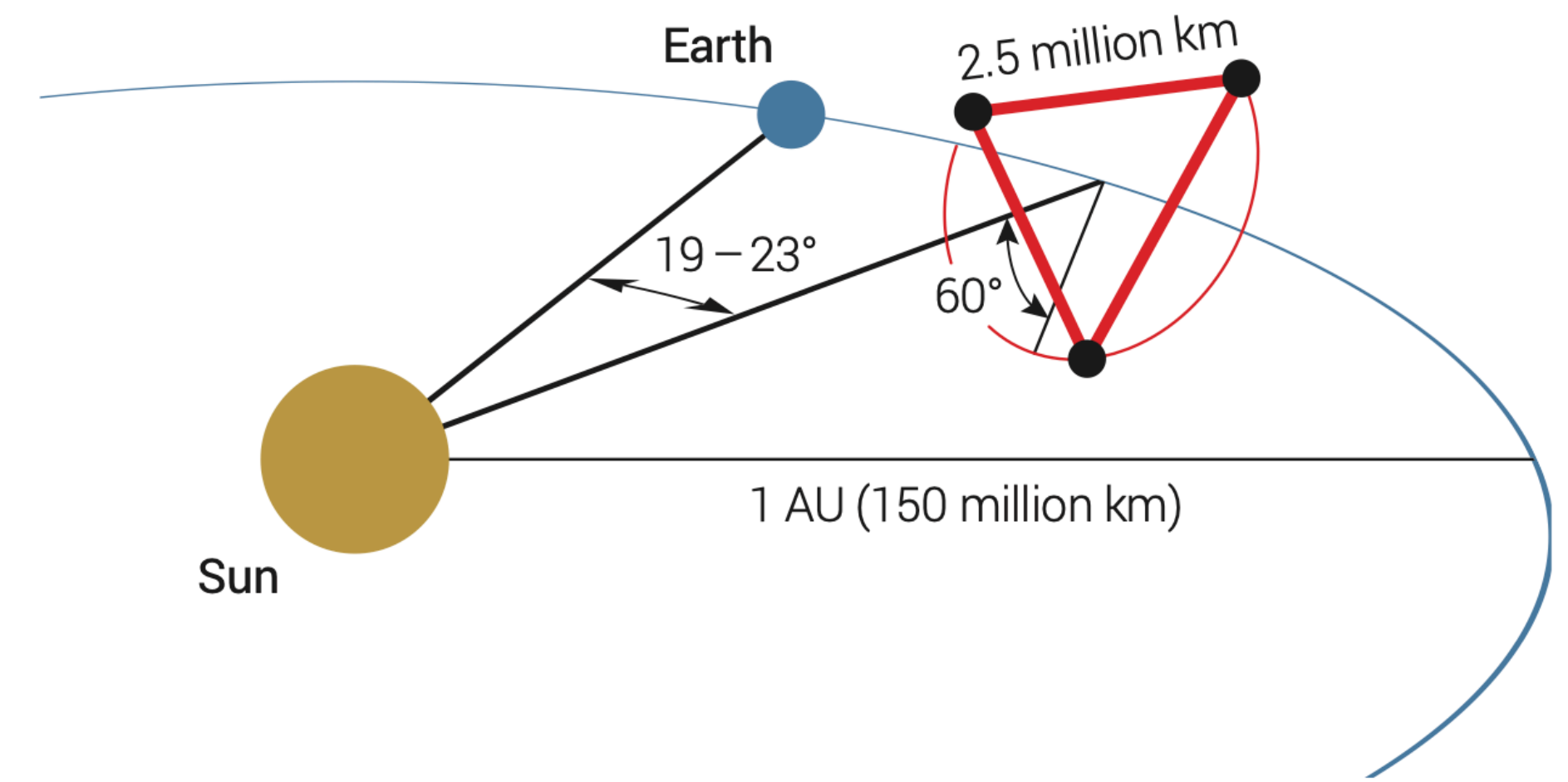
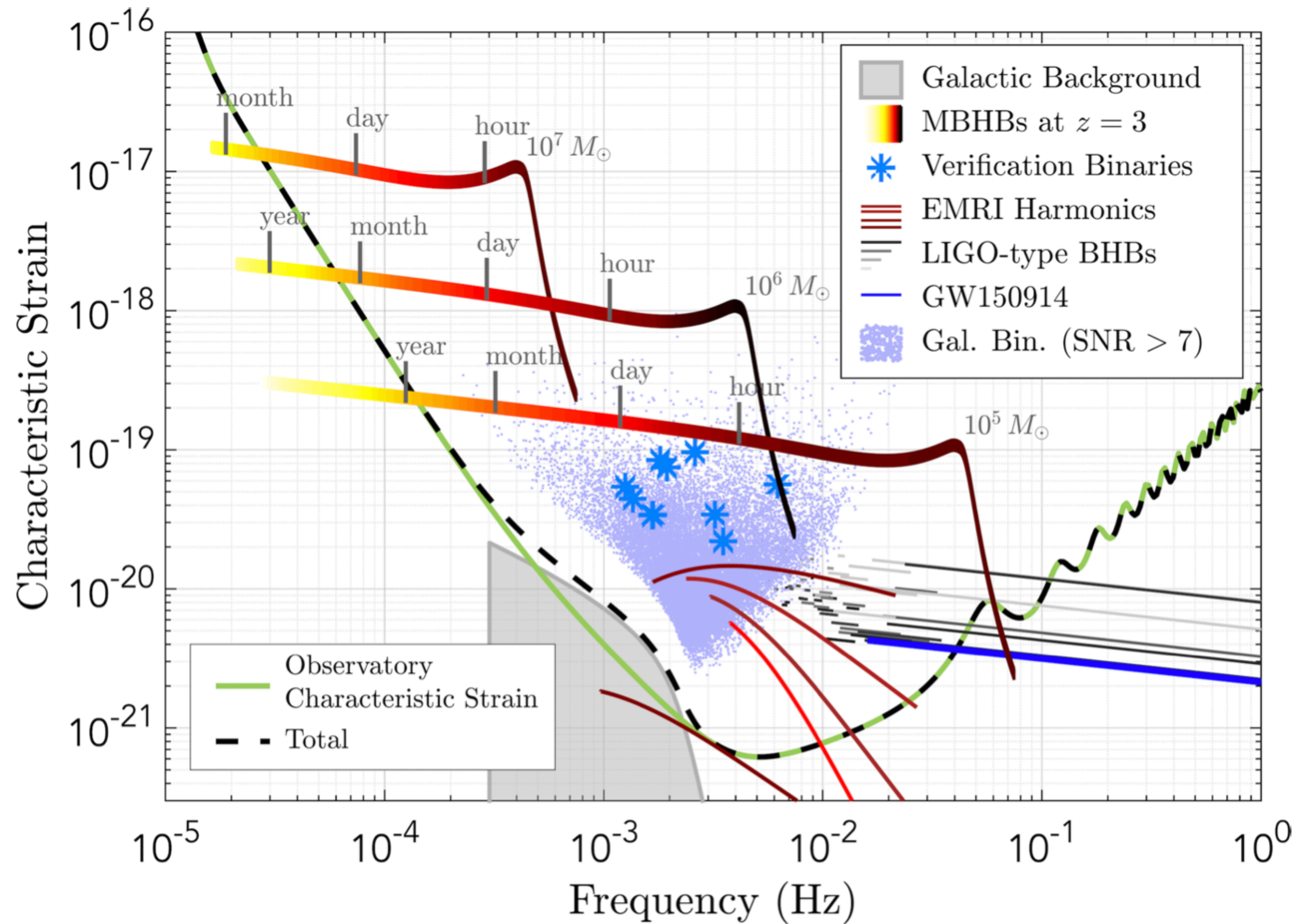


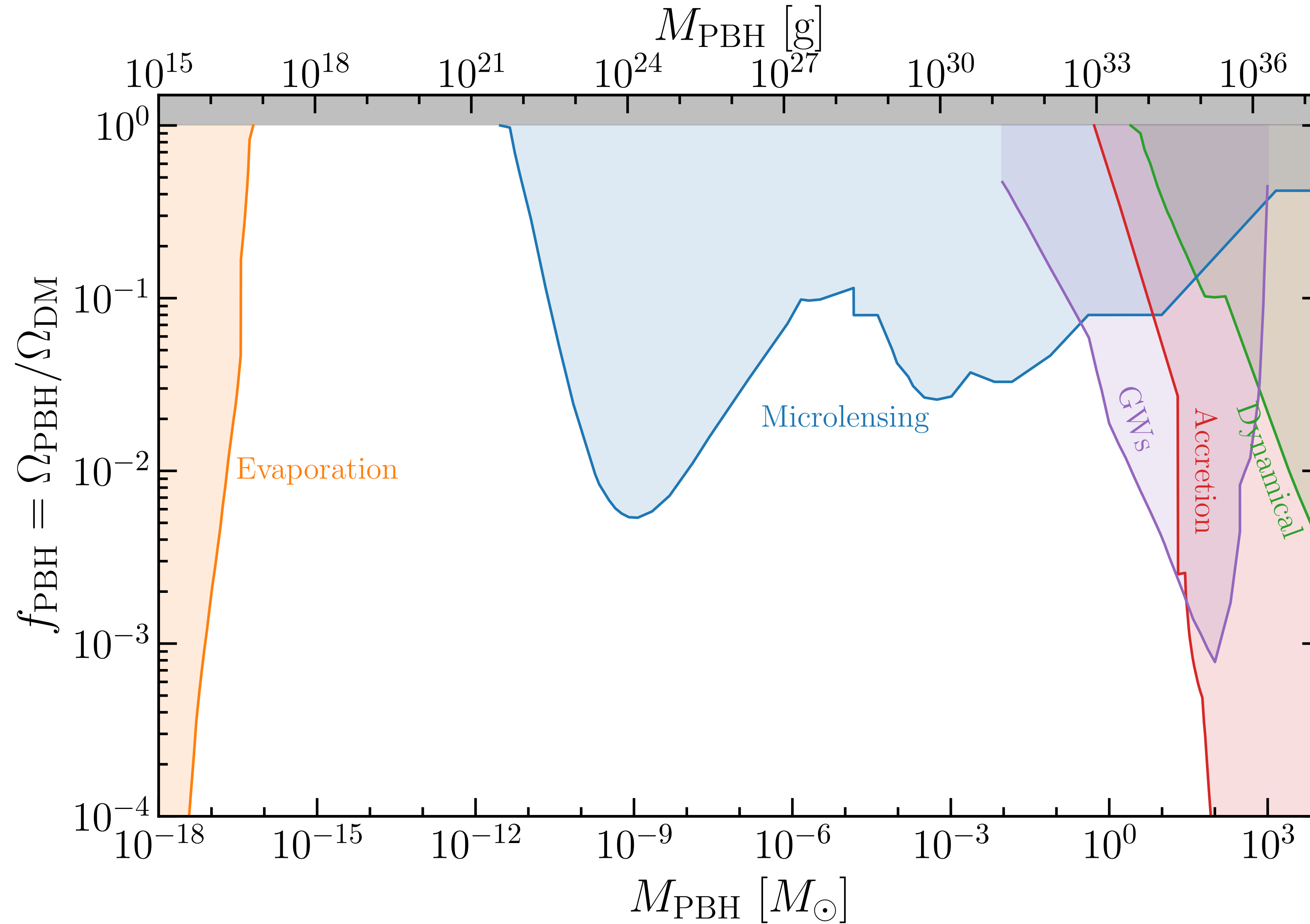
...looking forward to many more unexpected discoveries!

Additional Slides

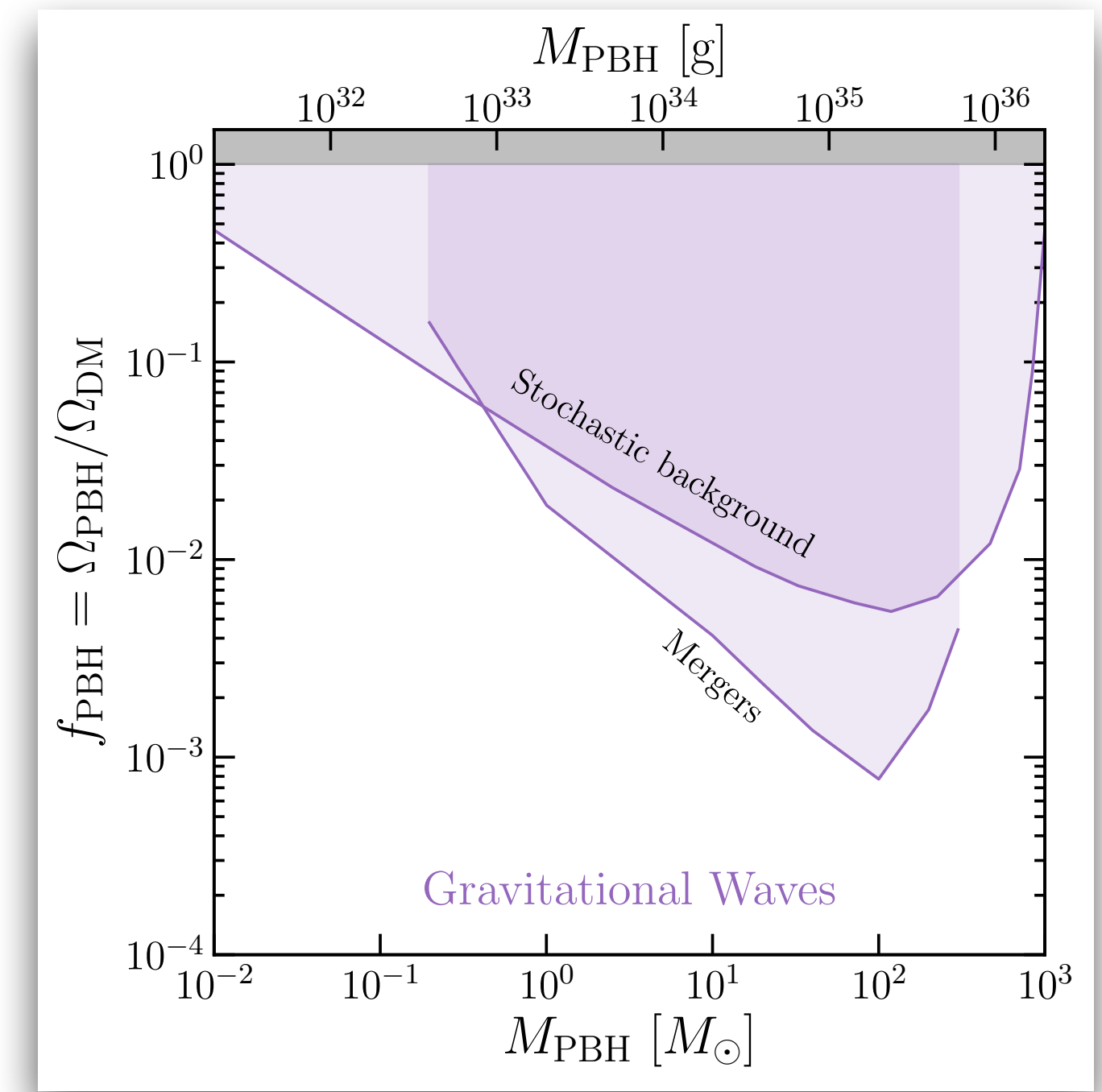
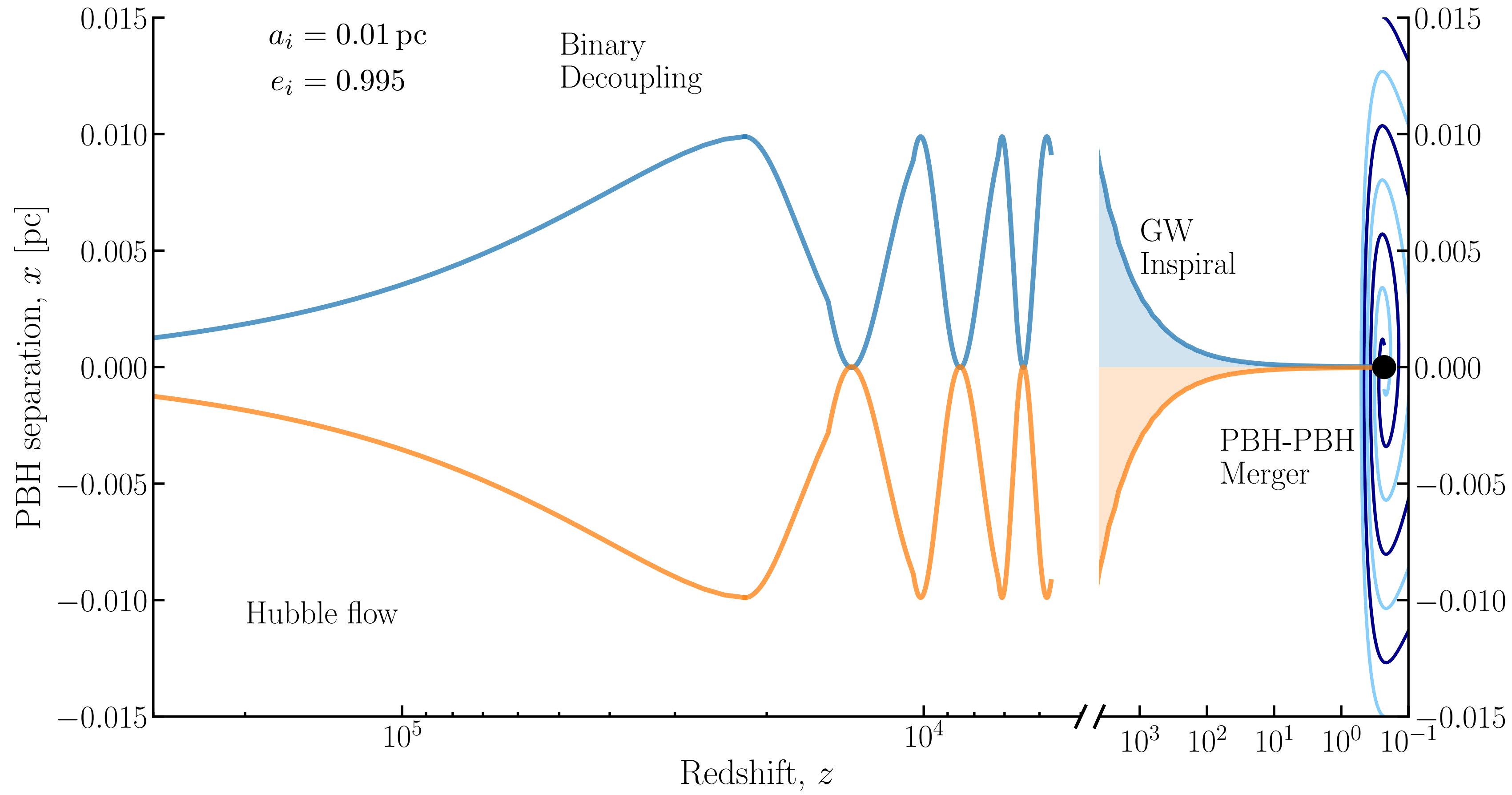
LISA - GWs in space!

Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
(Planned for the 2030s)

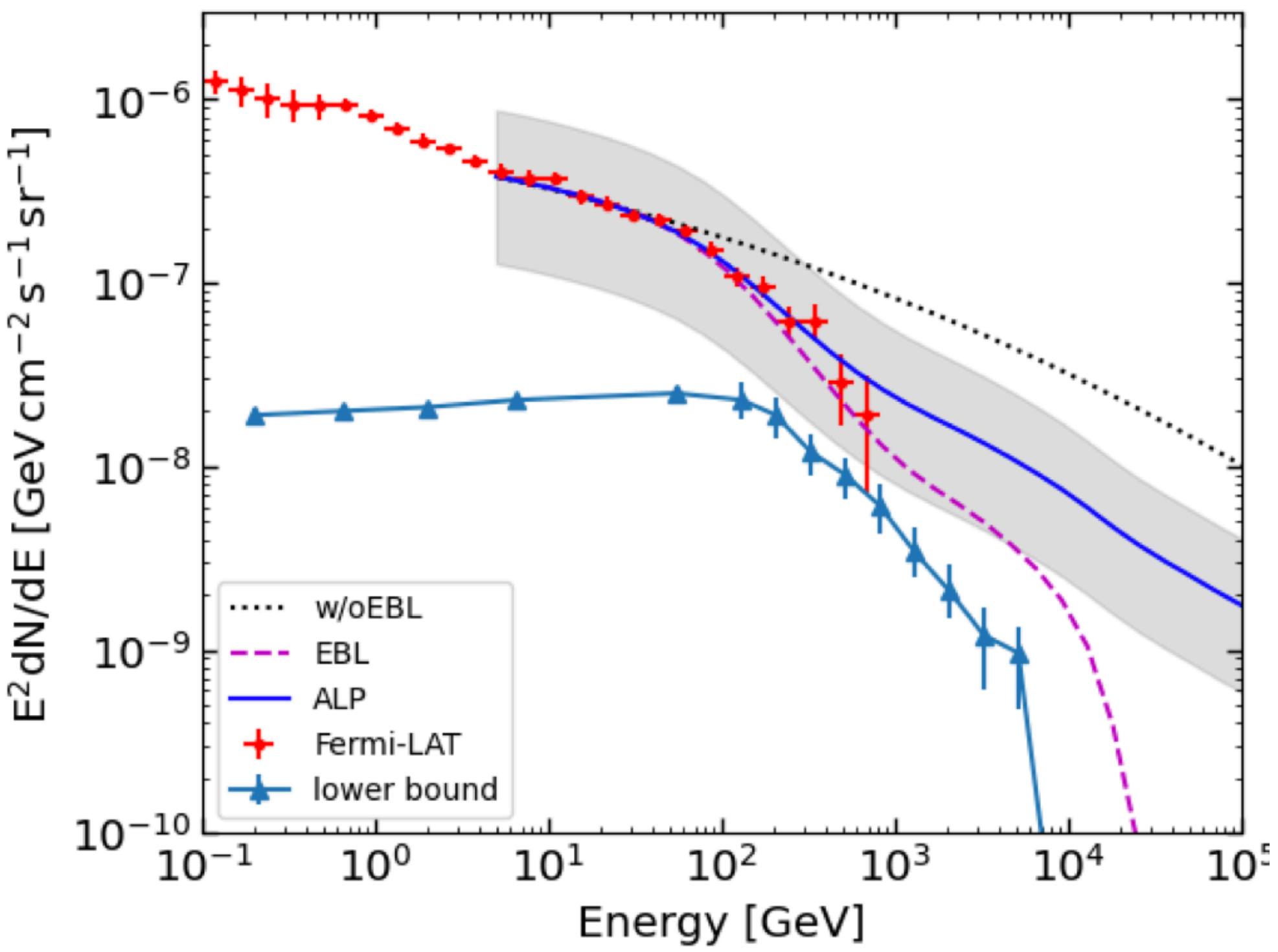
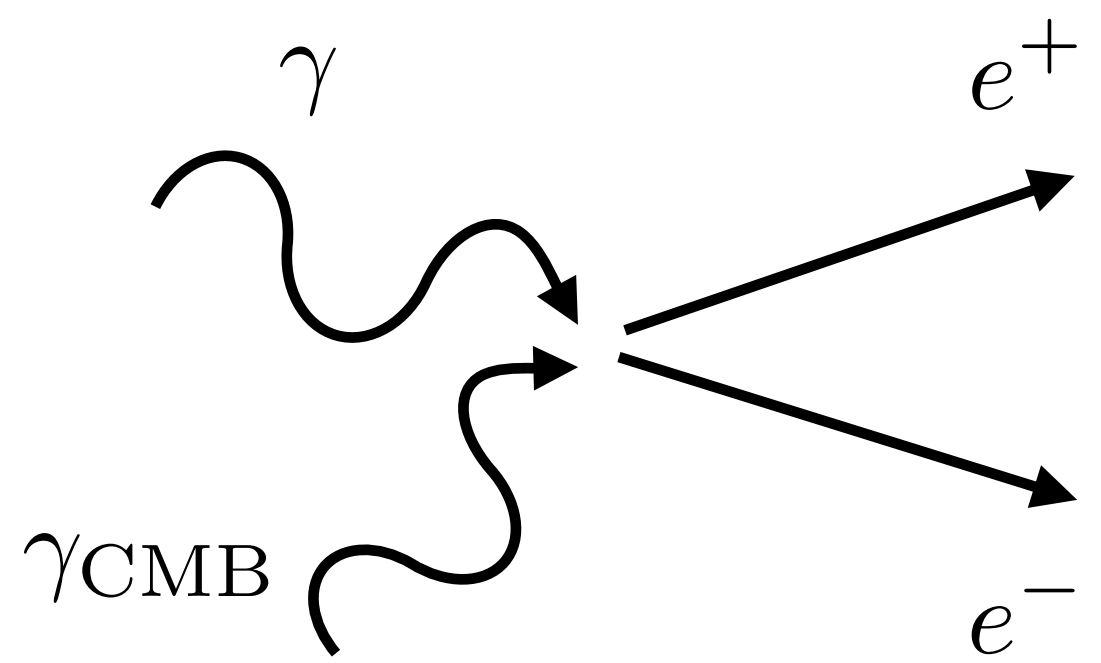




PBHs and Gravitational Waves

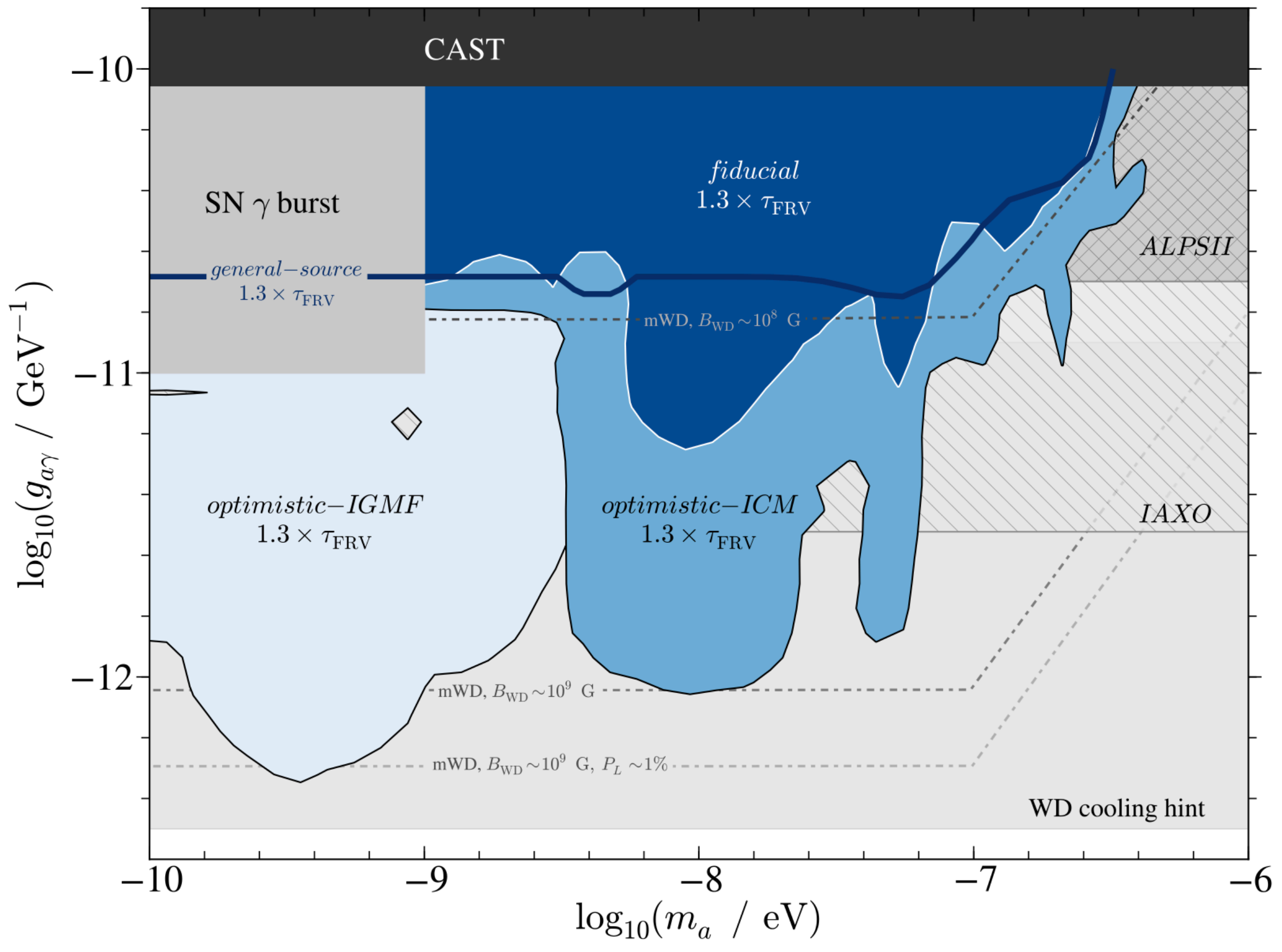
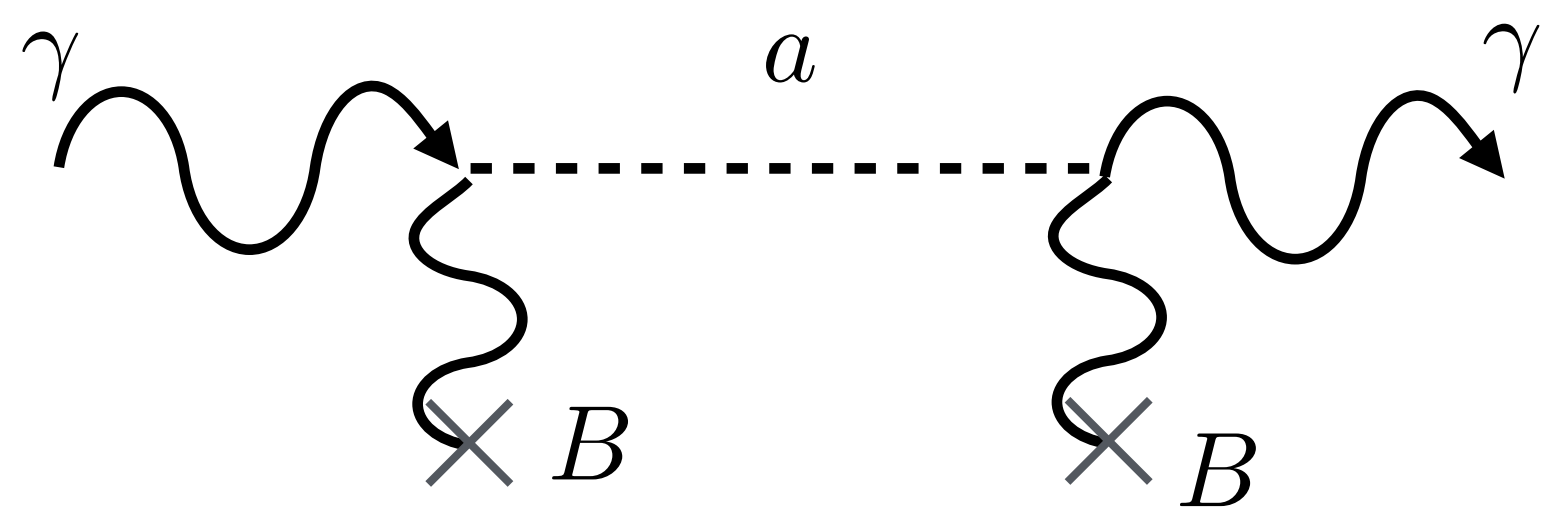


Gamma-ray transparency and axions



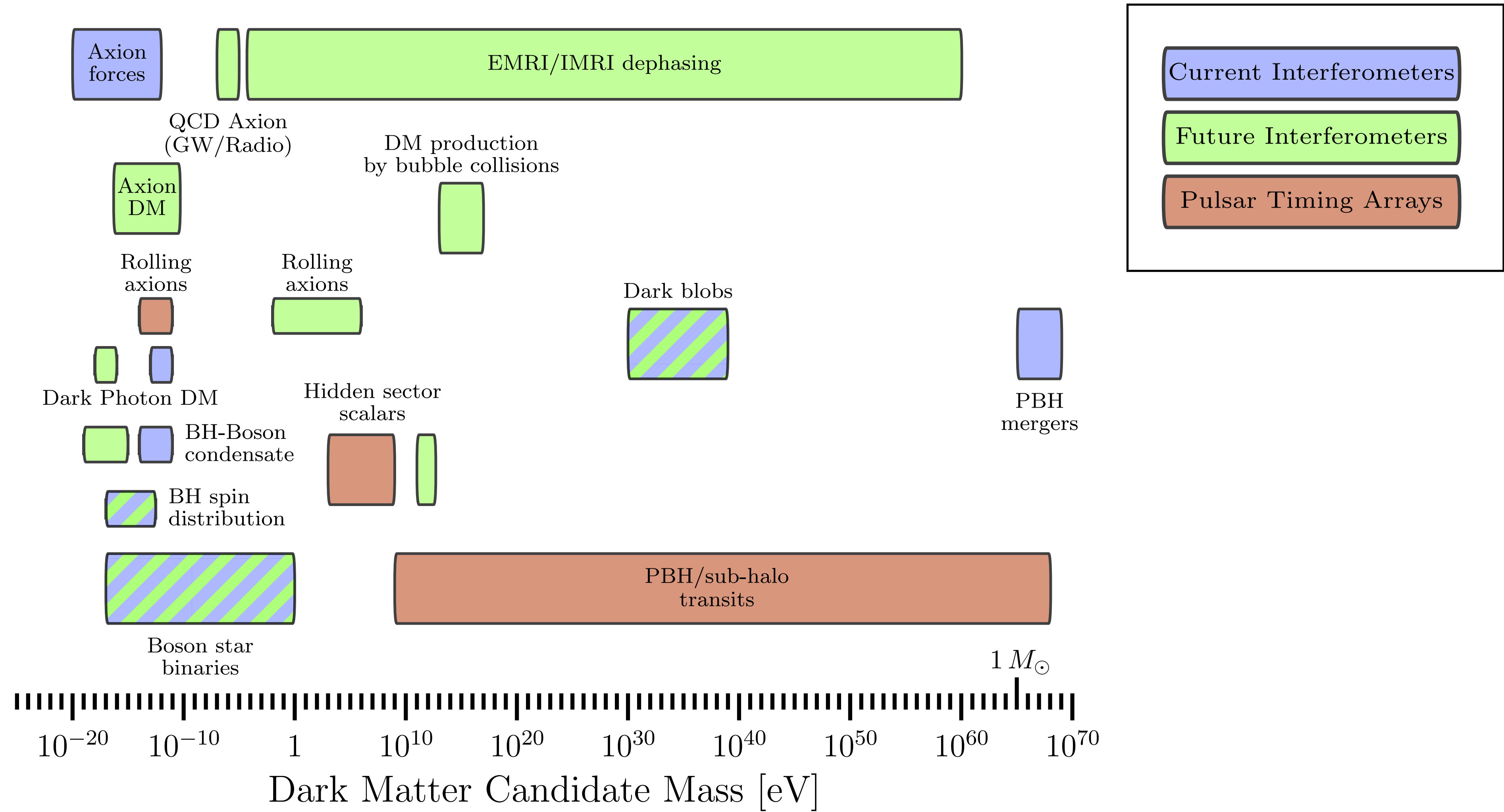
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Axion-like particle:



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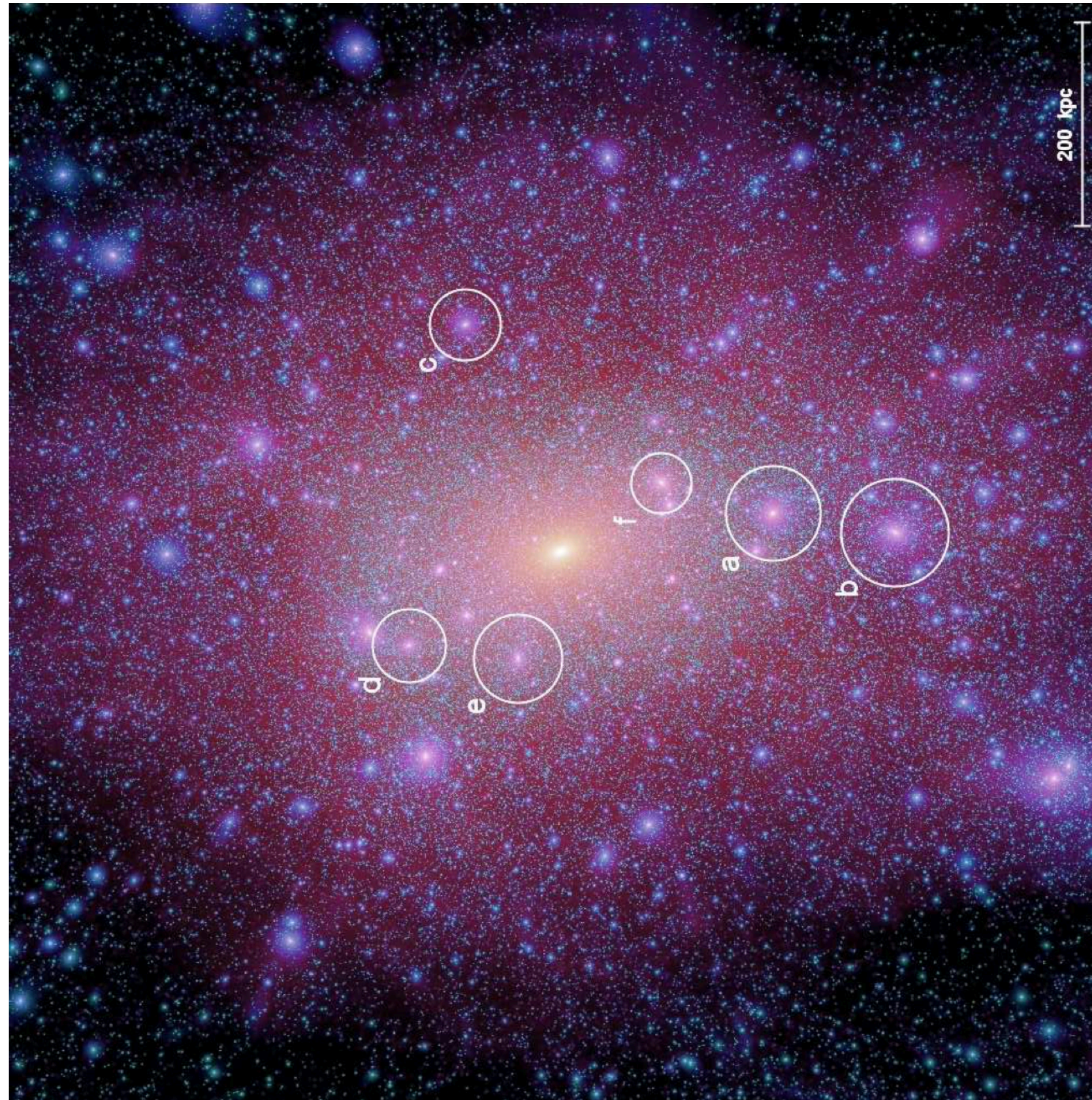
Gravitational Wave probes of DM



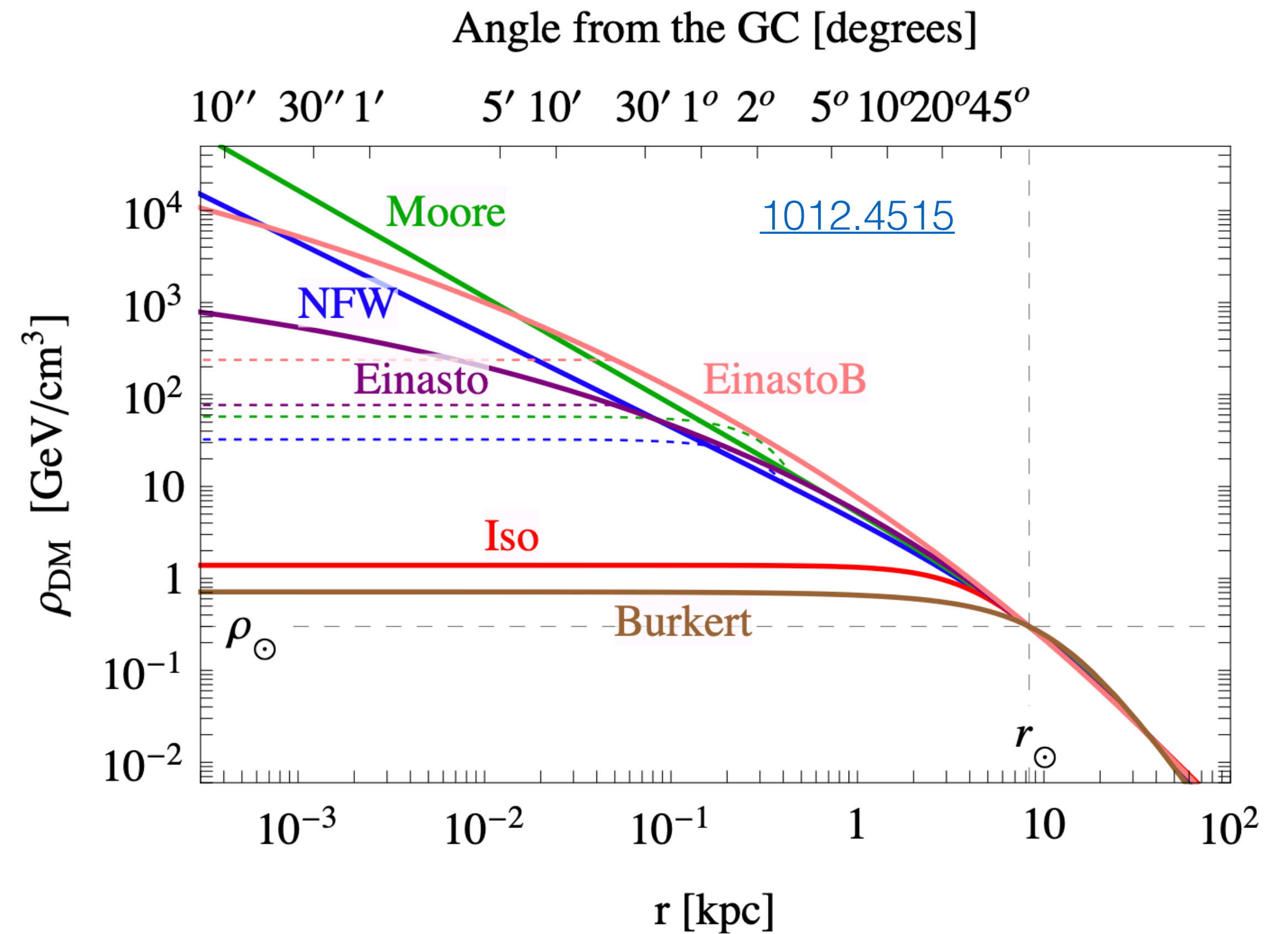
For more information about probing Dark Matter with Gravitational Waves, see [1907.10610](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.10610)

Dark Matter in Galaxies (2)

Simulations point to Dark Matter halos with cuspy **NFW density profiles**:



Aquarius simulation - [0809.0898](https://www.aquila-project.org/)



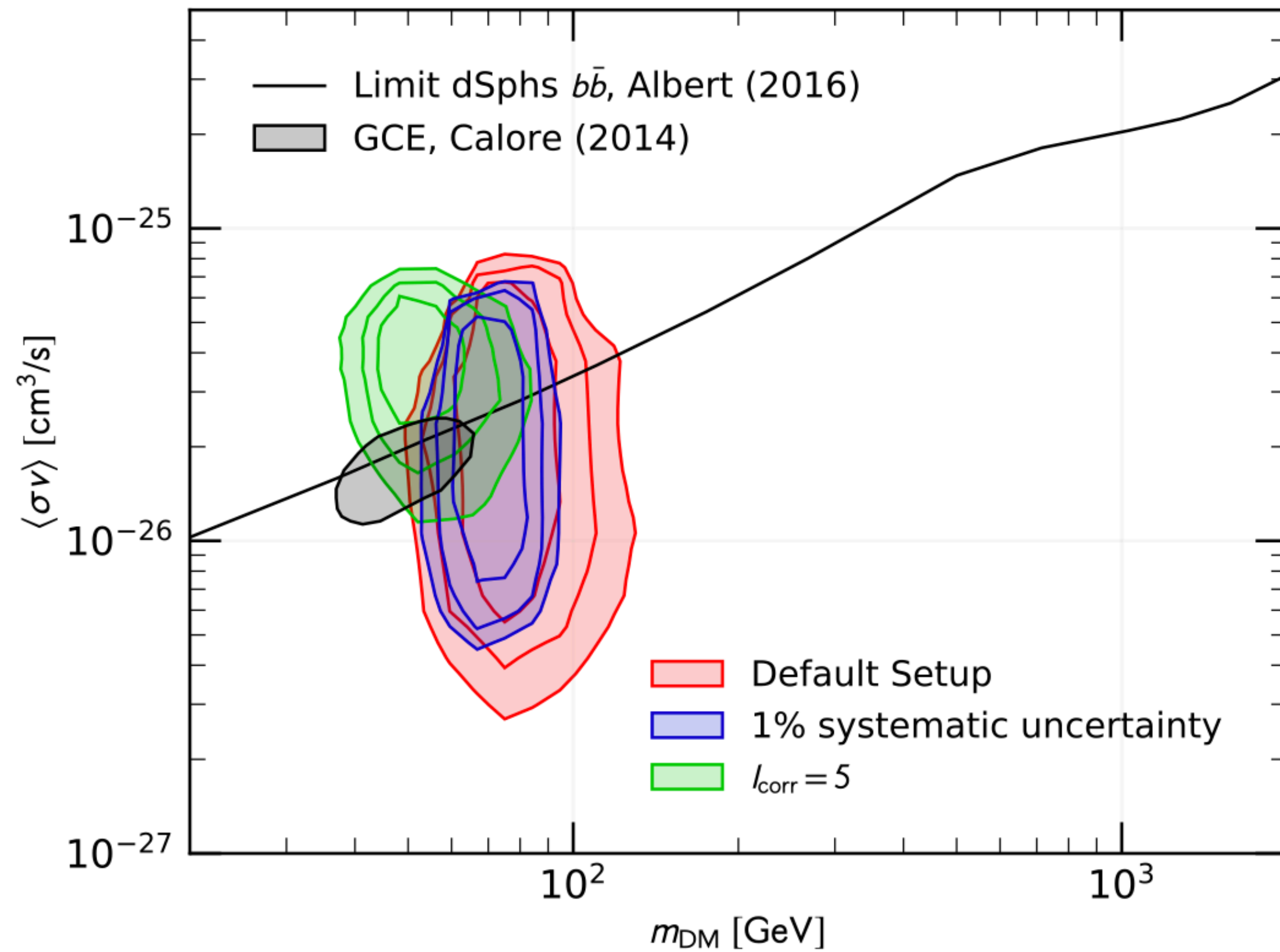
DM density at Earth:

$$\rho_\chi \sim 5 \times 10^{-25} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

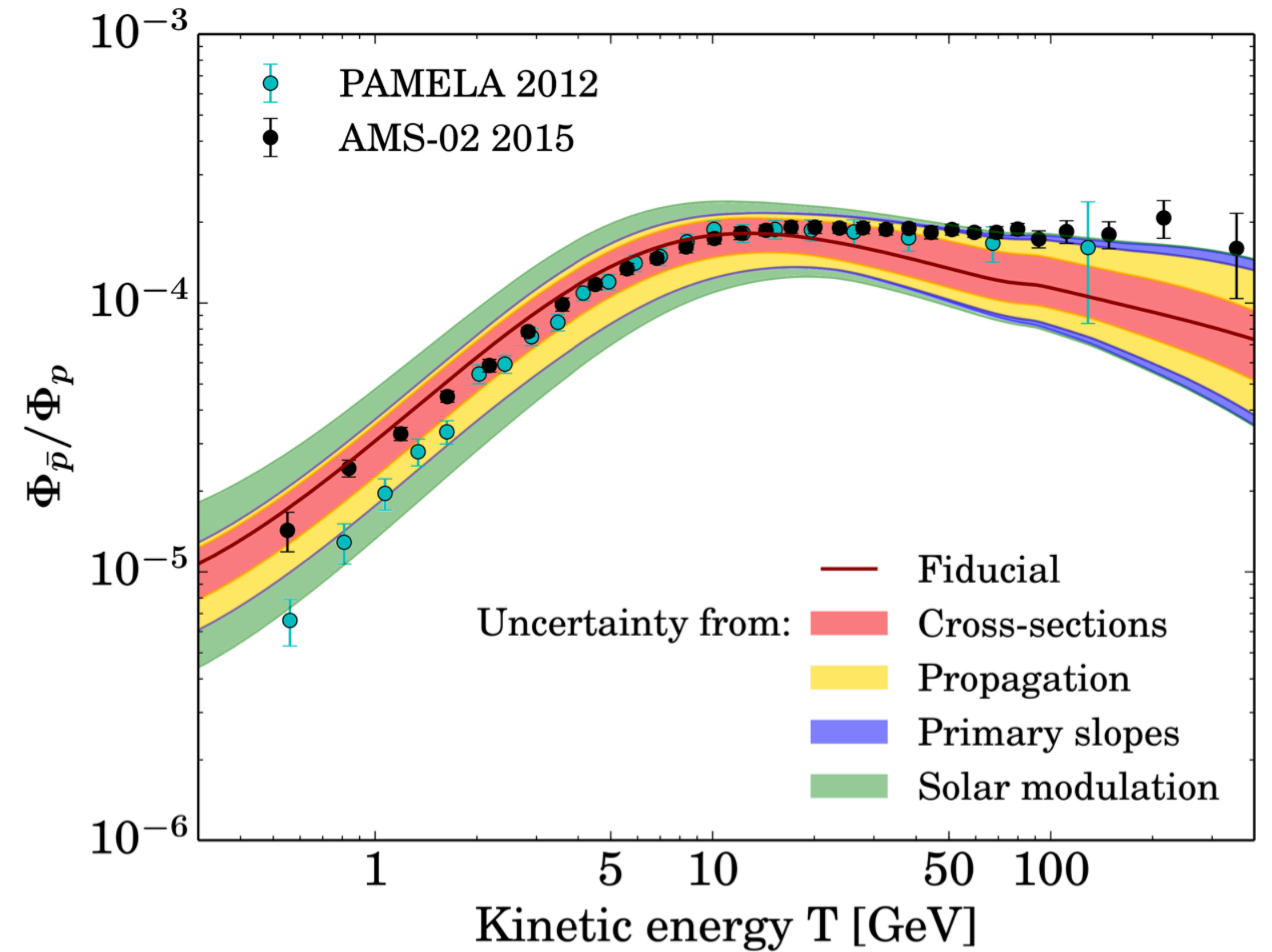
$$\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

$$\sim 0.008 M_\odot/\text{pc}^3$$

Anti-proton excess (2)



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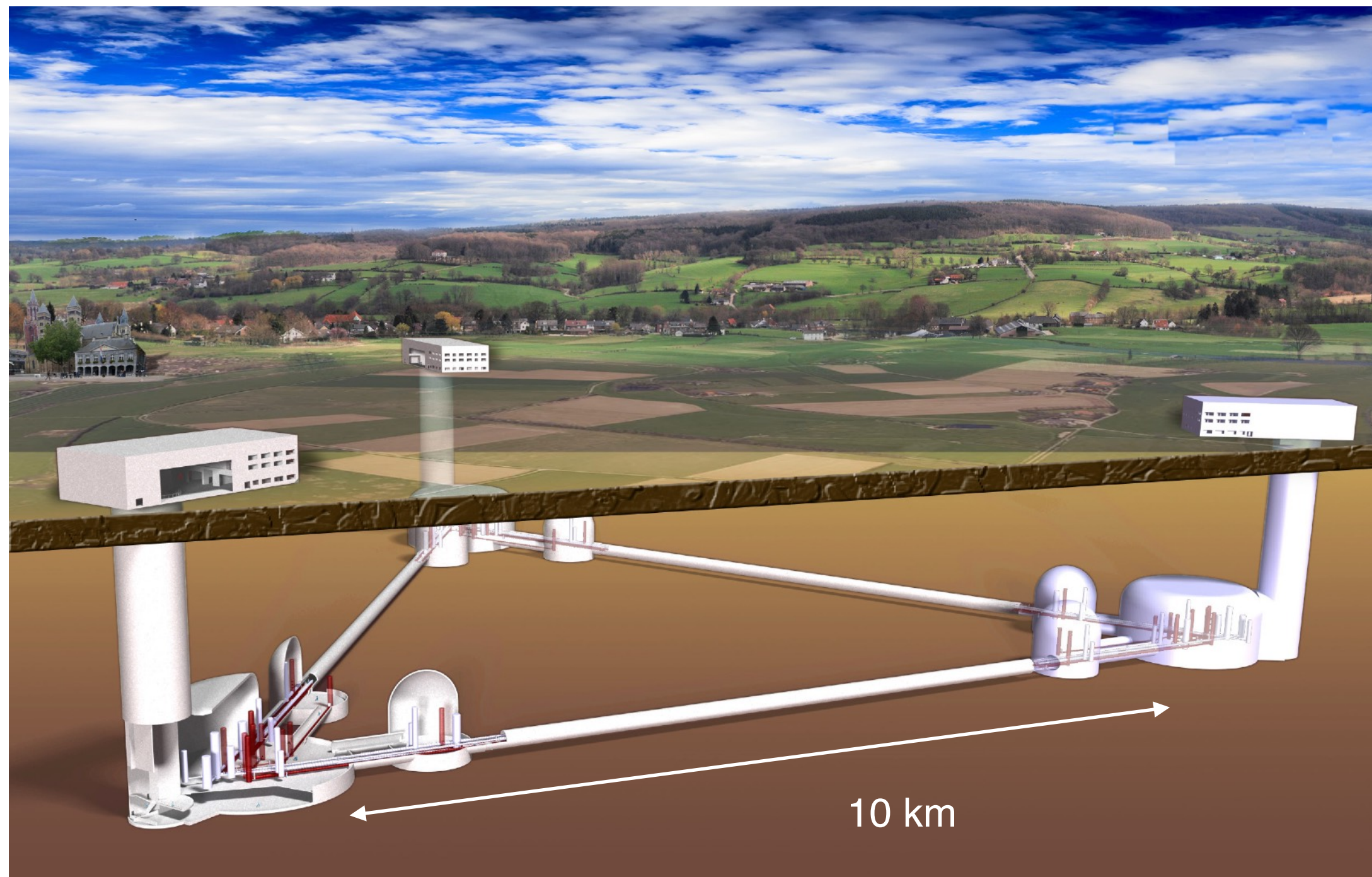


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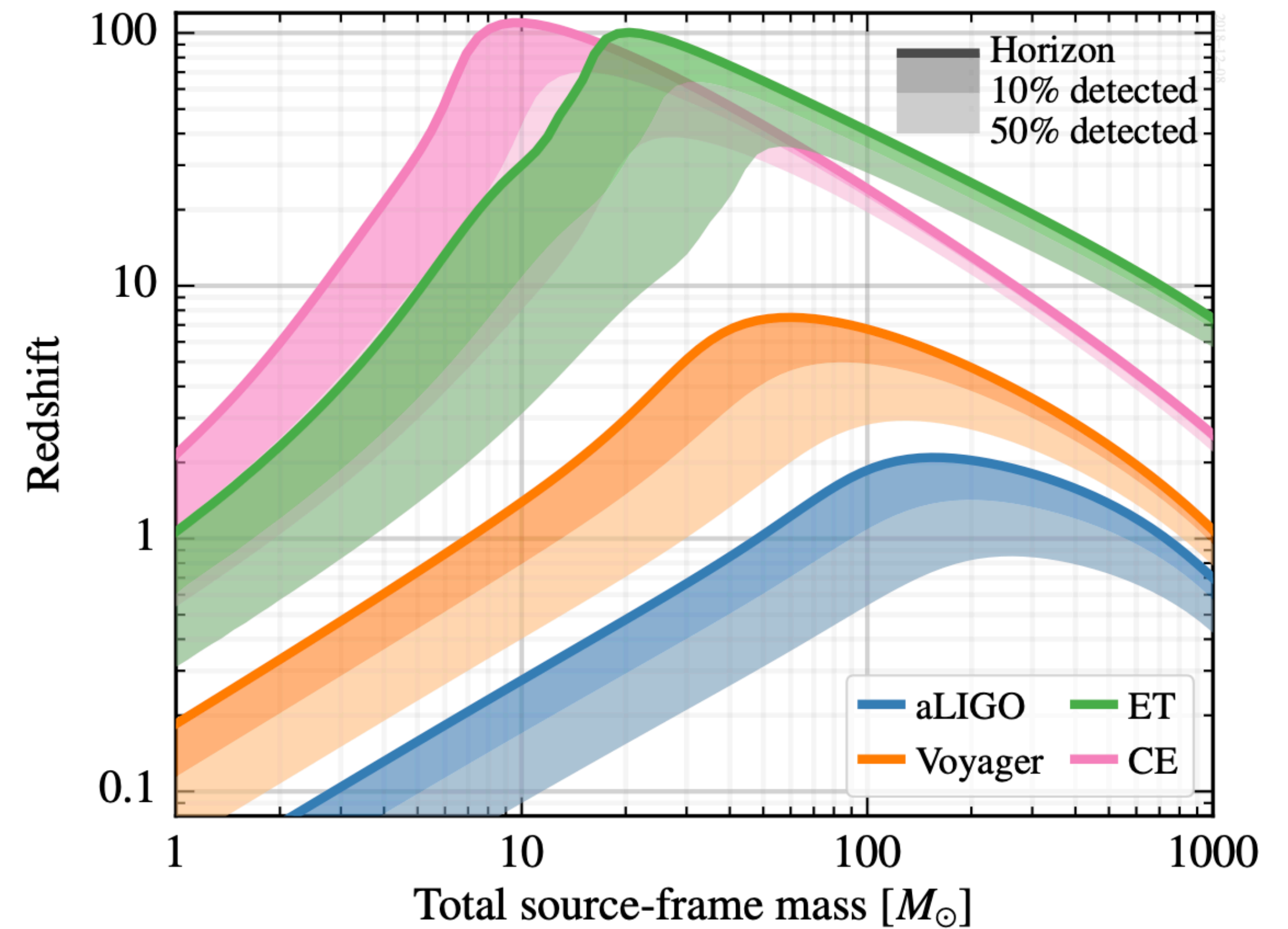
Several excesses point towards 60 GeV Dark Matter -
But modeling gamma-ray and cosmic-ray backgrounds is **hard**.

The Gravitational Wave Future

Planned Earth-based observatories such as Einstein Telescope:



Credit: Einstein Telescope



[1902.09485](#)

In addition, space-based detectors such as LISA will probe even lower frequencies (mHz) and therefore more massive systems (such as supermassive BH inspirals).