

Black Holes and Dark Matter

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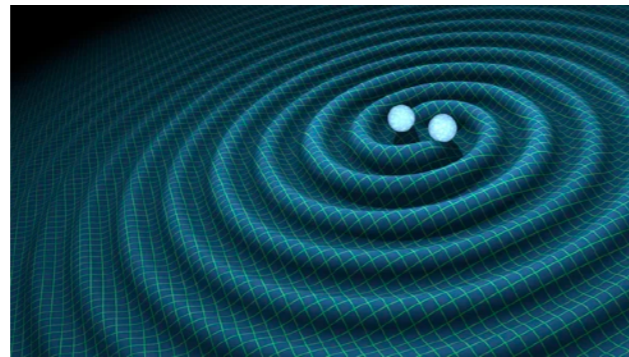


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Part I - Black Holes and Dark Matter

Black Holes phenomenology:

- Study of Black Hole *inspirals*
- Accretion physics



Dark Matter searches

- *Can Black holes of primordial origin be a part of the Dark Matter?*
- *Can we learn something on the nature of the Dark Matter by studying Black Hole physics?*

Multi-messenger astronomy

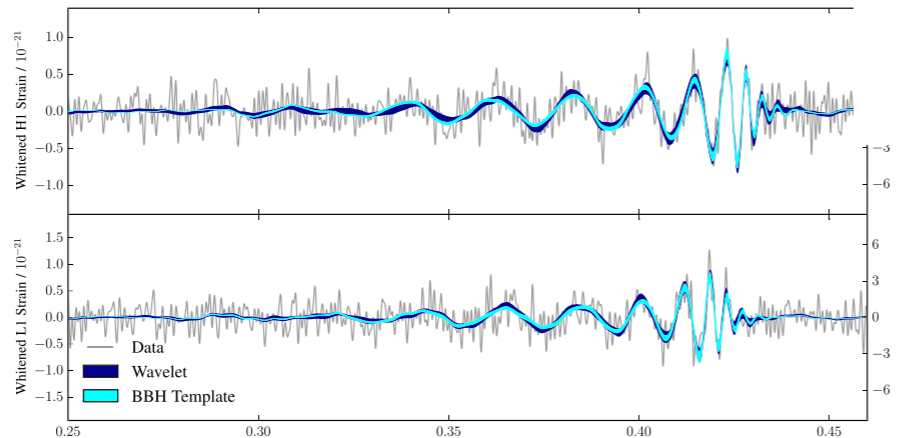
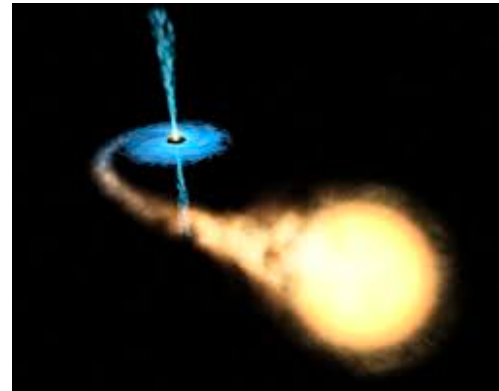
- Gravitational Waves
- Radio waves/ X-rays/ Gamma rays/ Neutrinos

Black Holes in the Universe

Stellar-mass black holes

X-ray binaries

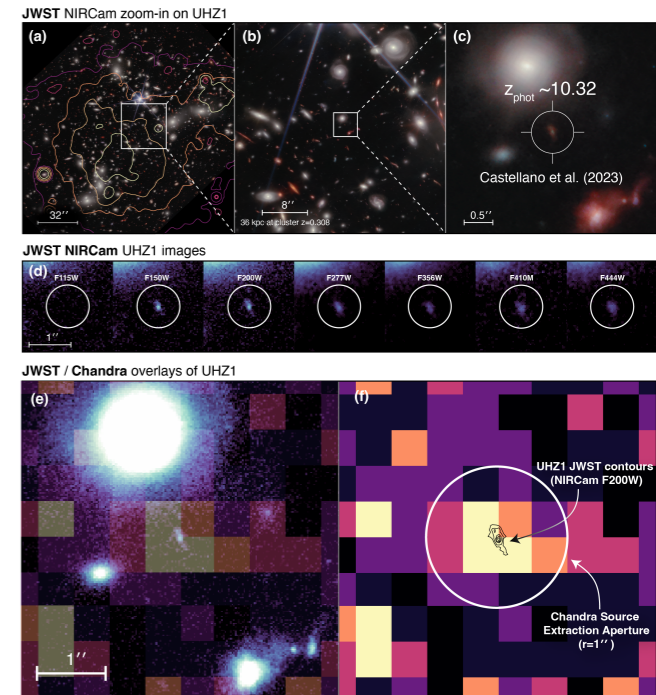
GW mergers



Supermassive black holes

Observed up to $z \sim 10$

Seed problem



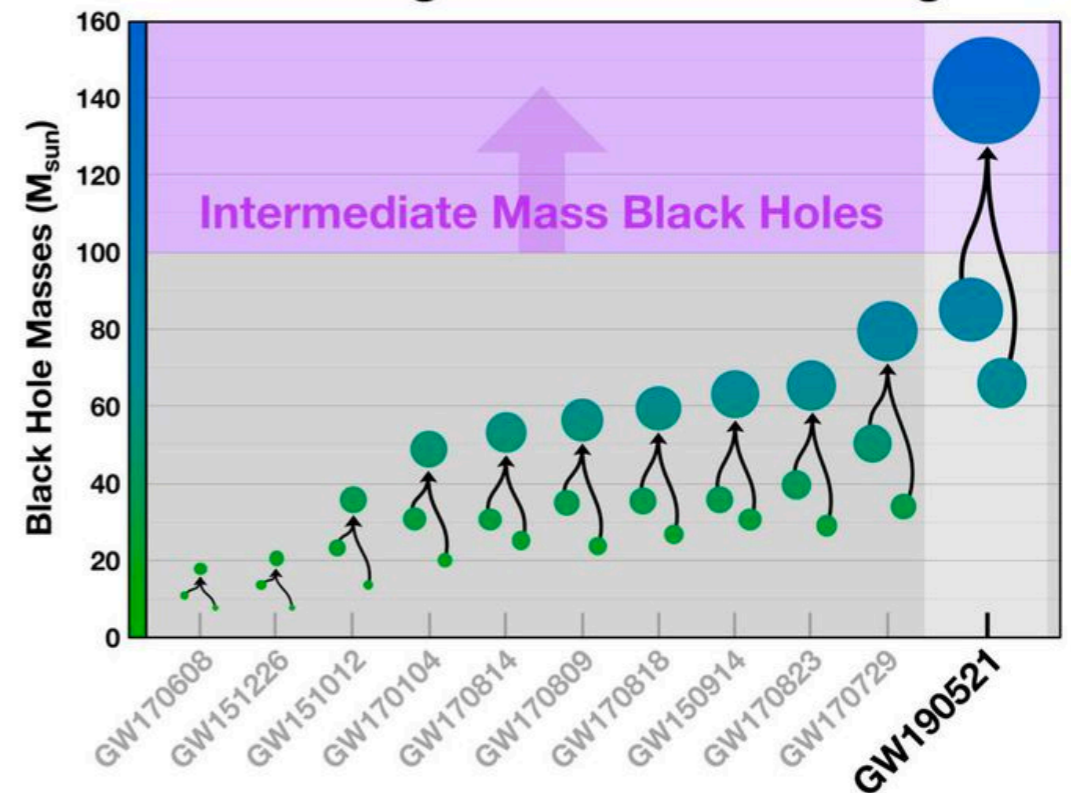
IMBHs?

$$100 < M < 10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$$

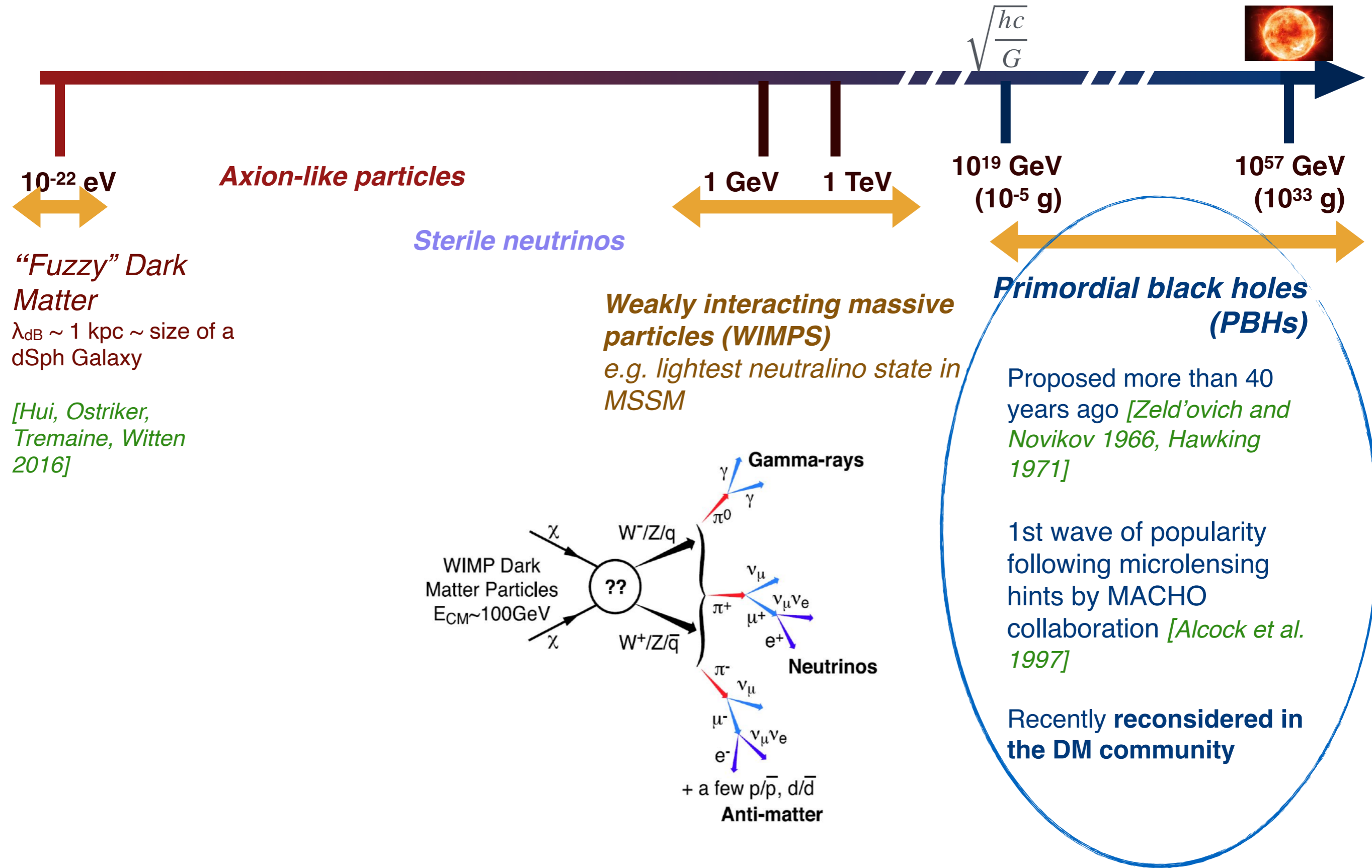
Hypothetical link between stellar-mass and SMBHs

- Originated by direct collapse of low-metallicity gas clouds? Primordial origin?
- Recent detection by LIGO/Virgo [arXiv:2009.01190](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.01190)

LIGO-Virgo Black Hole Mergers



Black Holes as Dark Matter



"Fuzzy" Dark Matter
 $\lambda_{dB} \sim 1$ kpc \sim size of a dSph Galaxy
 [Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten 2016]

Sterile neutrinos

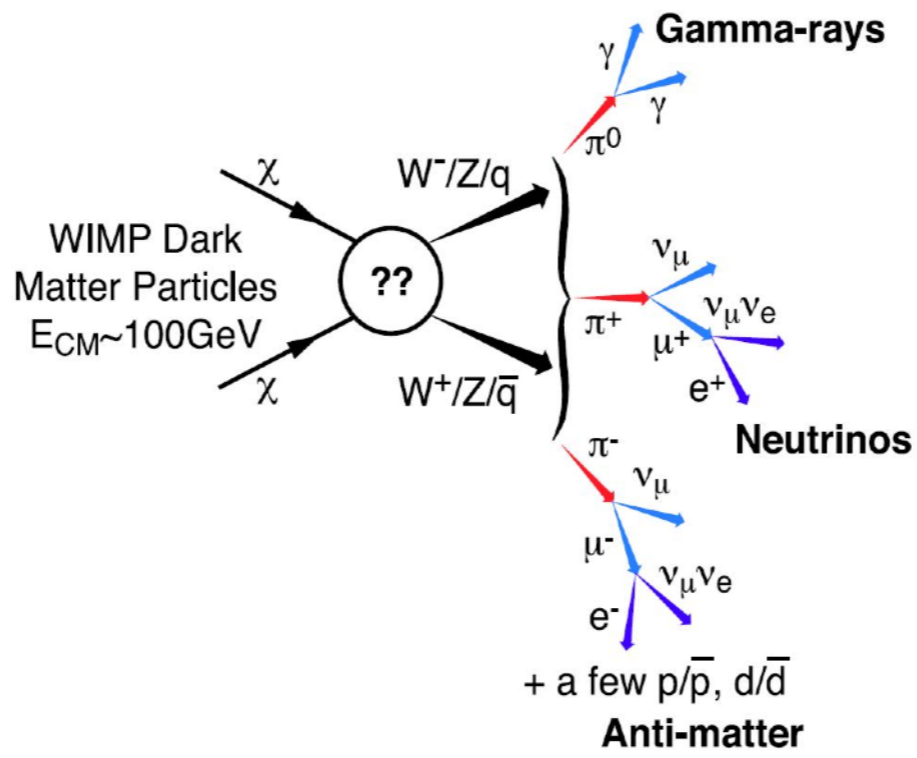
Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs)
 e.g. lightest neutralino state in MSSM

Primordial black holes (PBHs)

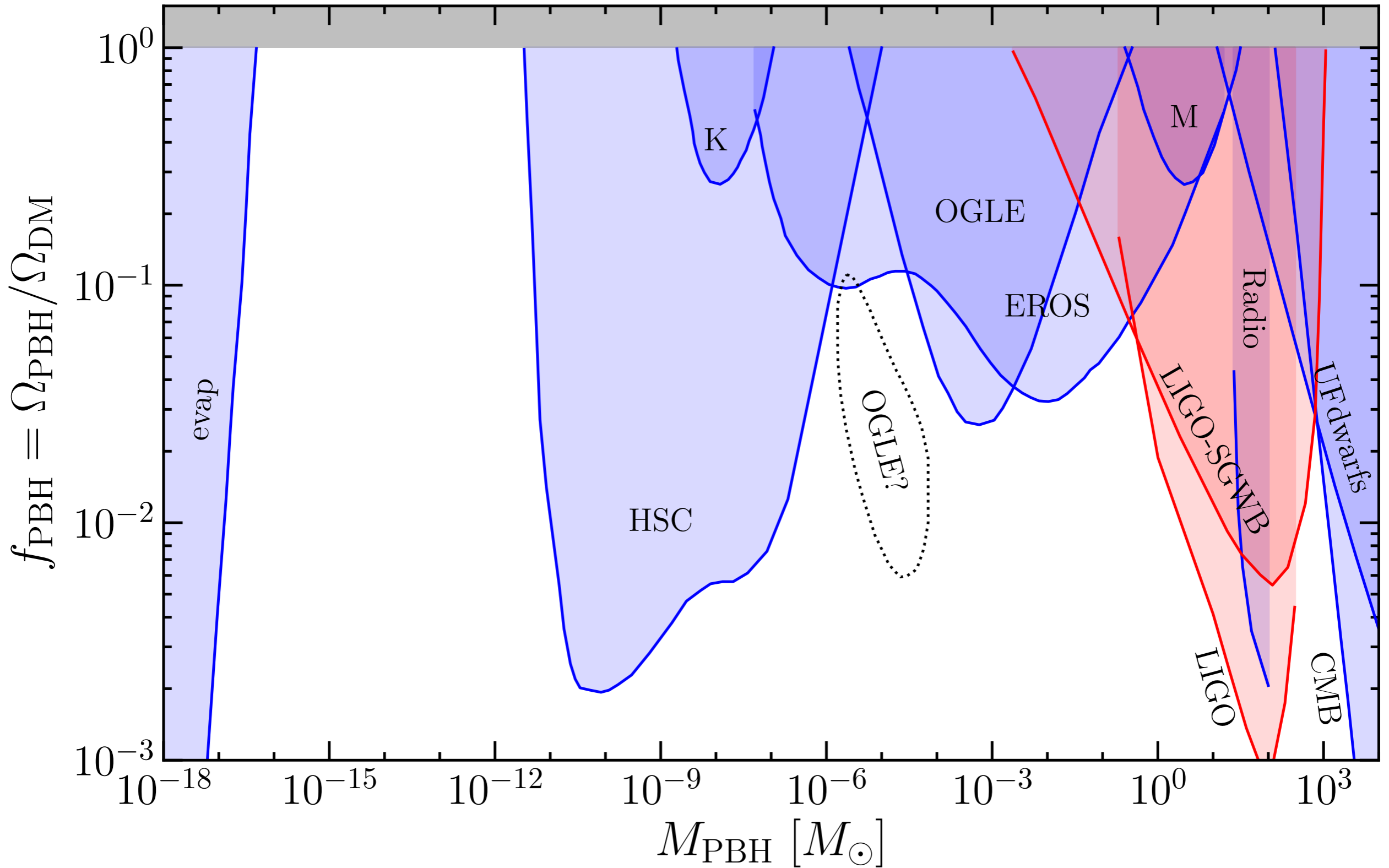
Proposed more than 40 years ago [Zeld'ovich and Novikov 1966, Hawking 1971]

1st wave of popularity following microlensing hints by MACHO collaboration [Alcock et al. 1997]

Recently reconsidered in the DM community



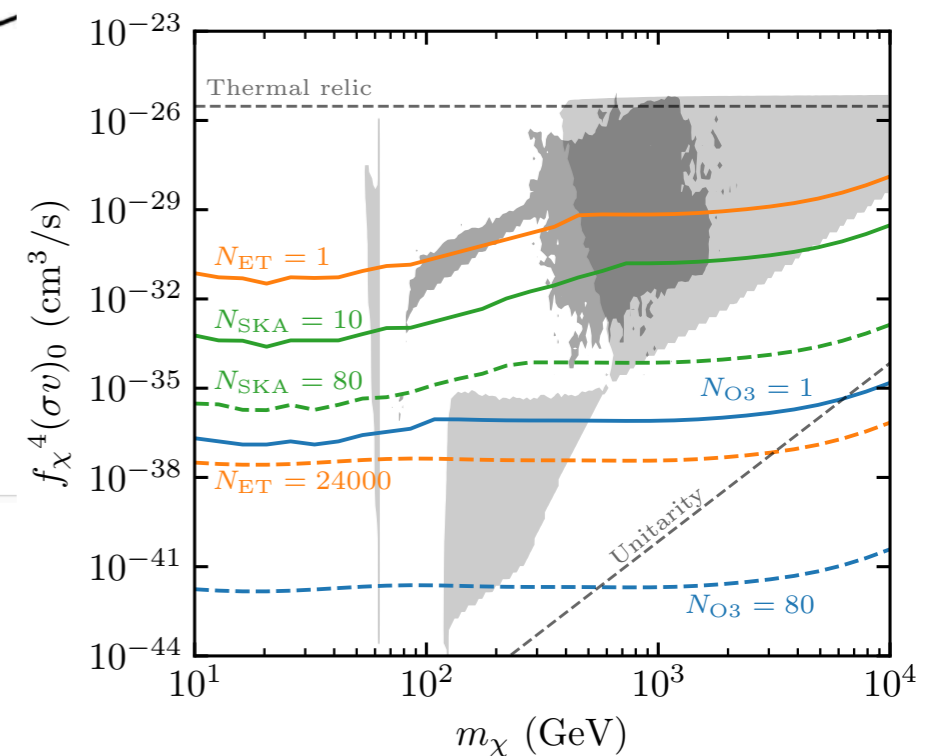
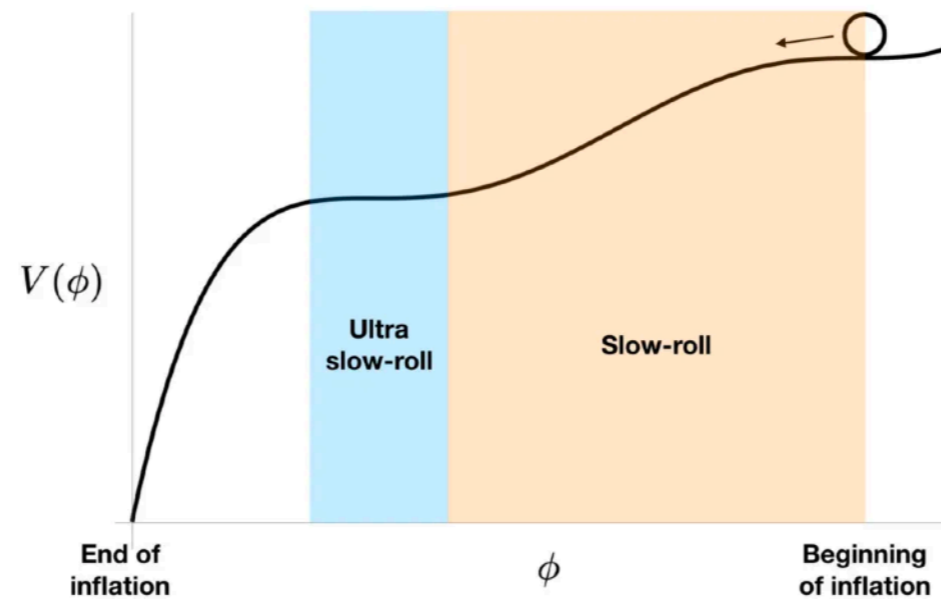
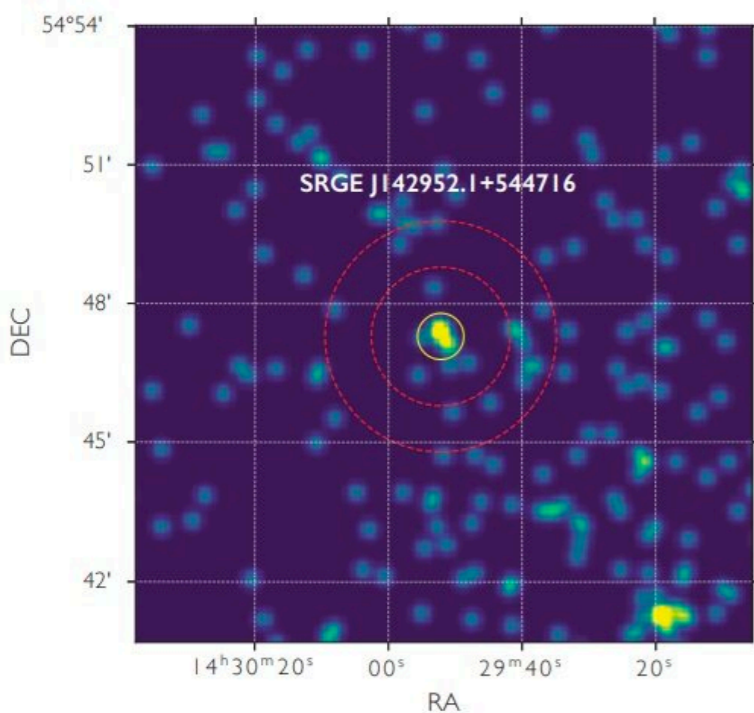
Primordial Black Hole phenomenology



Credit: Bradley Kavanagh, <https://github.com/bradkav/PBHbounds>

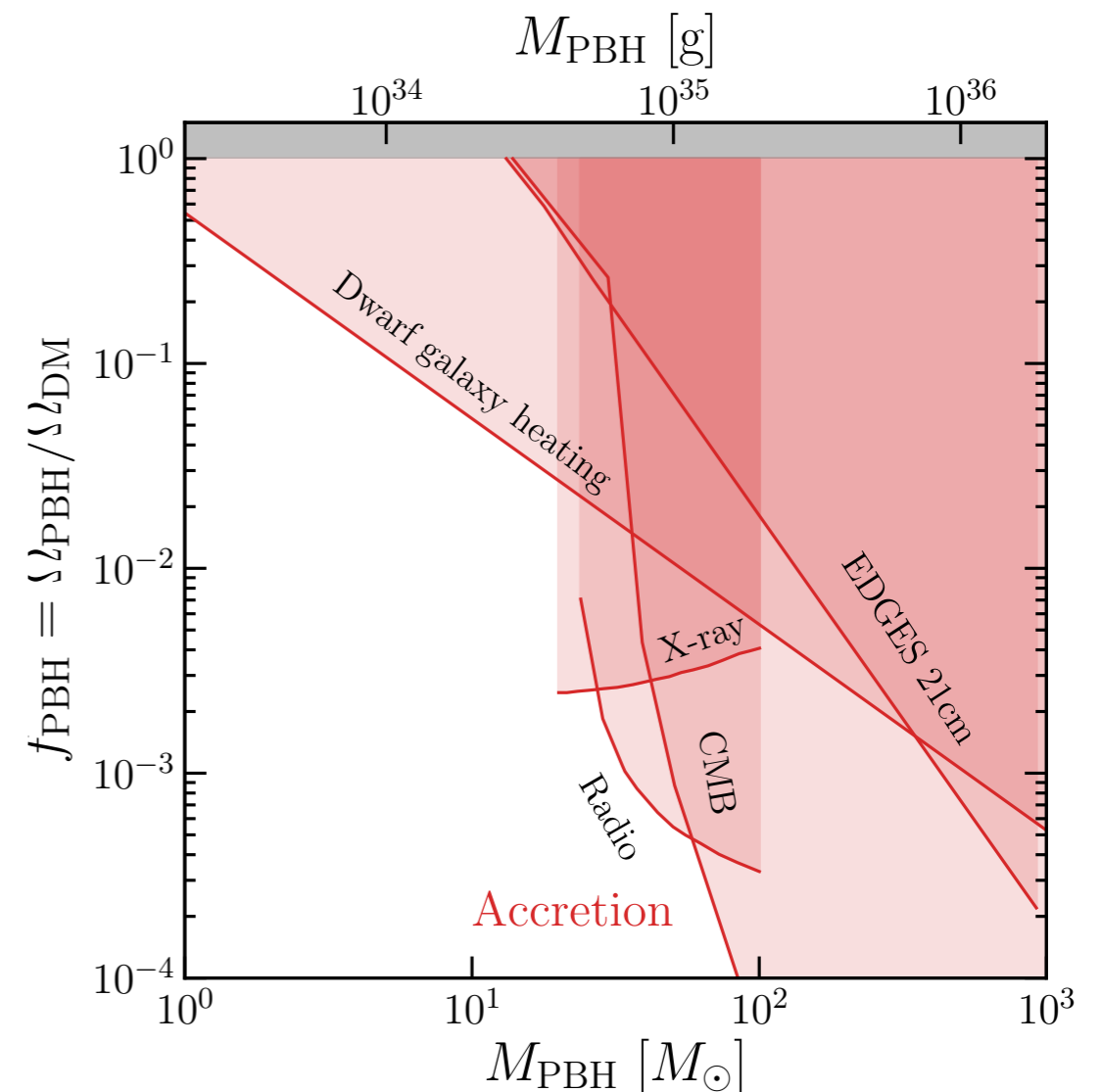
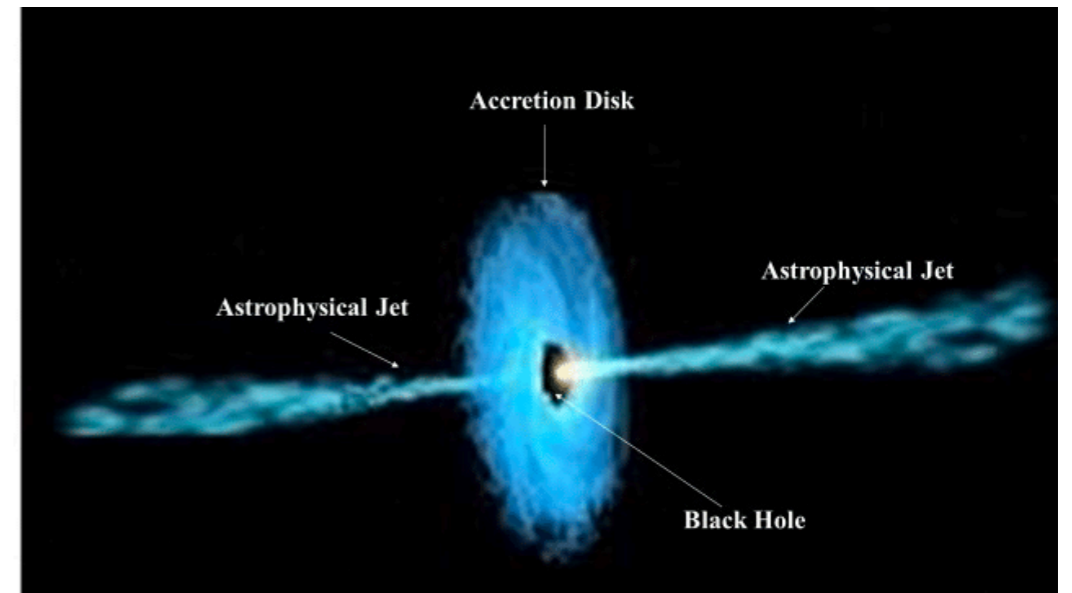
Why a sub-dominant population would matter?

- A discovery of a sub-dominant population of DM in the form of (massive) PBHs could:
 - Solve the problem of the **SMBH seed**?
 - Reveal non-trivial **early universe physics**
 - Help us set stringent **upper limits** on other DM candidates



Accretion bounds

- **Primordial Black Holes can accrete baryonic matter**
- **Astronomical environments:** X-ray/radio bounds (focus on Galactic center)
- **Cosmological bound:** for instance from Cosmic Microwave Background (focus on accretion during the Dark Ages)
- They rely on complicated accretion physics
- Comprehensive assessment of the uncertainties is very much needed!



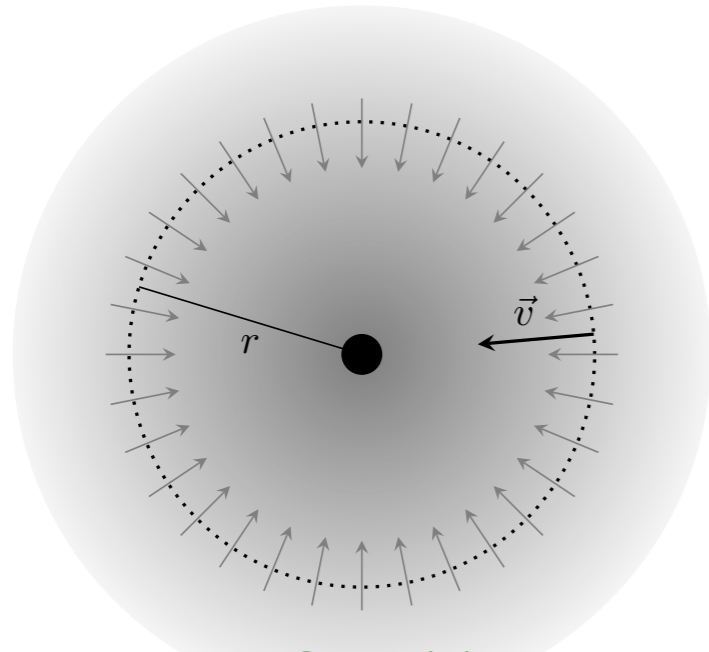
Accretion physics under the spotlight: BHL formalism.

Continuity equation for steady-state flow

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \rho v) = 0$$

Euler equation

$$\rho v \frac{dv}{dr} = -\frac{dP}{dr} - \frac{GM\rho}{r^2}$$



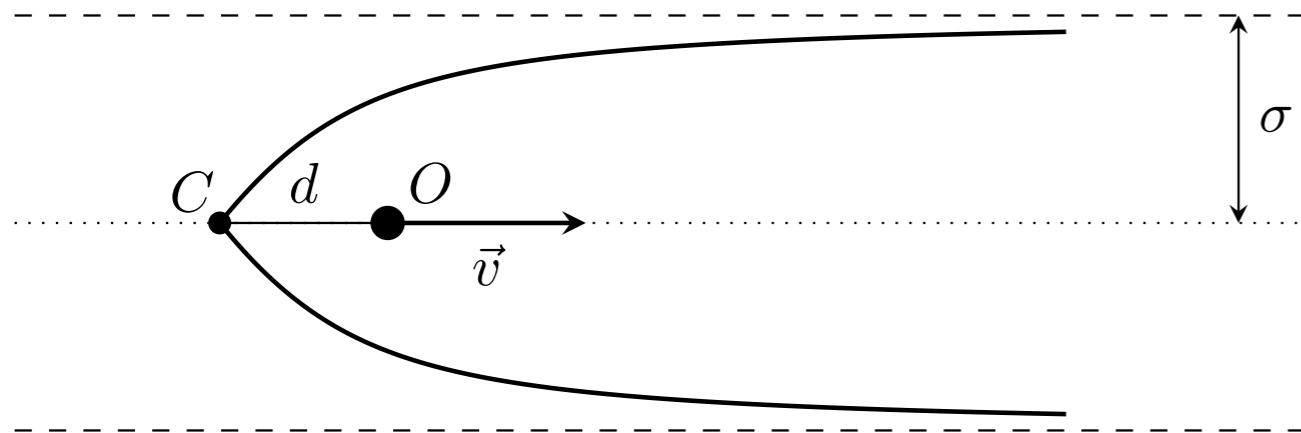
BH at rest: *Bondi* accretion rate

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi r_s^2 \rho(r_s) c_s(r_s) = \pi \frac{(GM)^2 \rho(\infty)}{c_s^3(\infty)} \left(\frac{2}{5-3\gamma} \right)^{\frac{5-3\gamma}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

H. Bondi, MNRAS 112(2):195–204, 1952

H. Bondi and F. Hoyle, MNRAS 104(5):273–282, 1944

Moving BH: *Bondi-Hoyle-Littleton* accretion rate



$$\dot{M}_{\text{BHL}} = 4\pi \frac{(GM)^2 \rho_\infty}{(v^2 + c_\infty^2)^{3/2}}$$

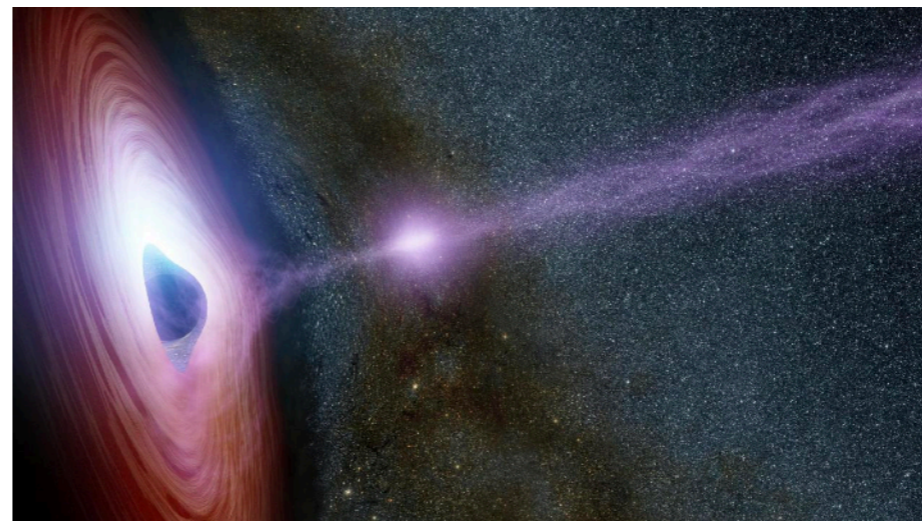
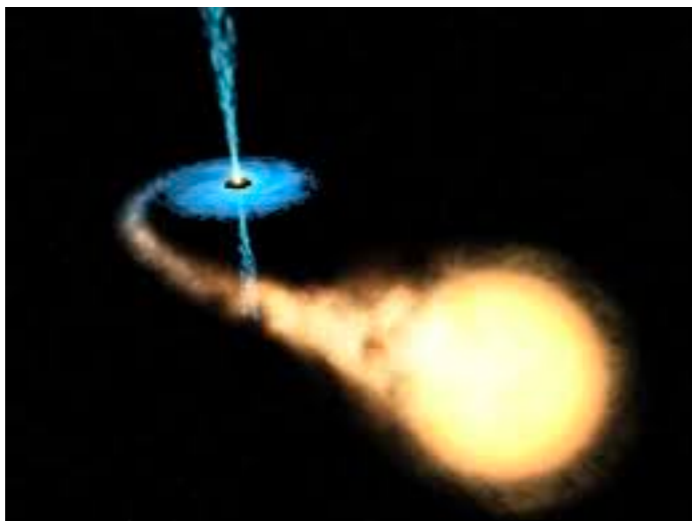
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Bondi-Hoyle-Littleton formula needs to be “fudged” because of observational constraints related to local neutron stars, the SMBH at the center of the Galaxy, and AGNs.

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi\lambda(GM_{BH})^2\rho(v_{BH}^2 + c_s^2)^{-3/2}$$

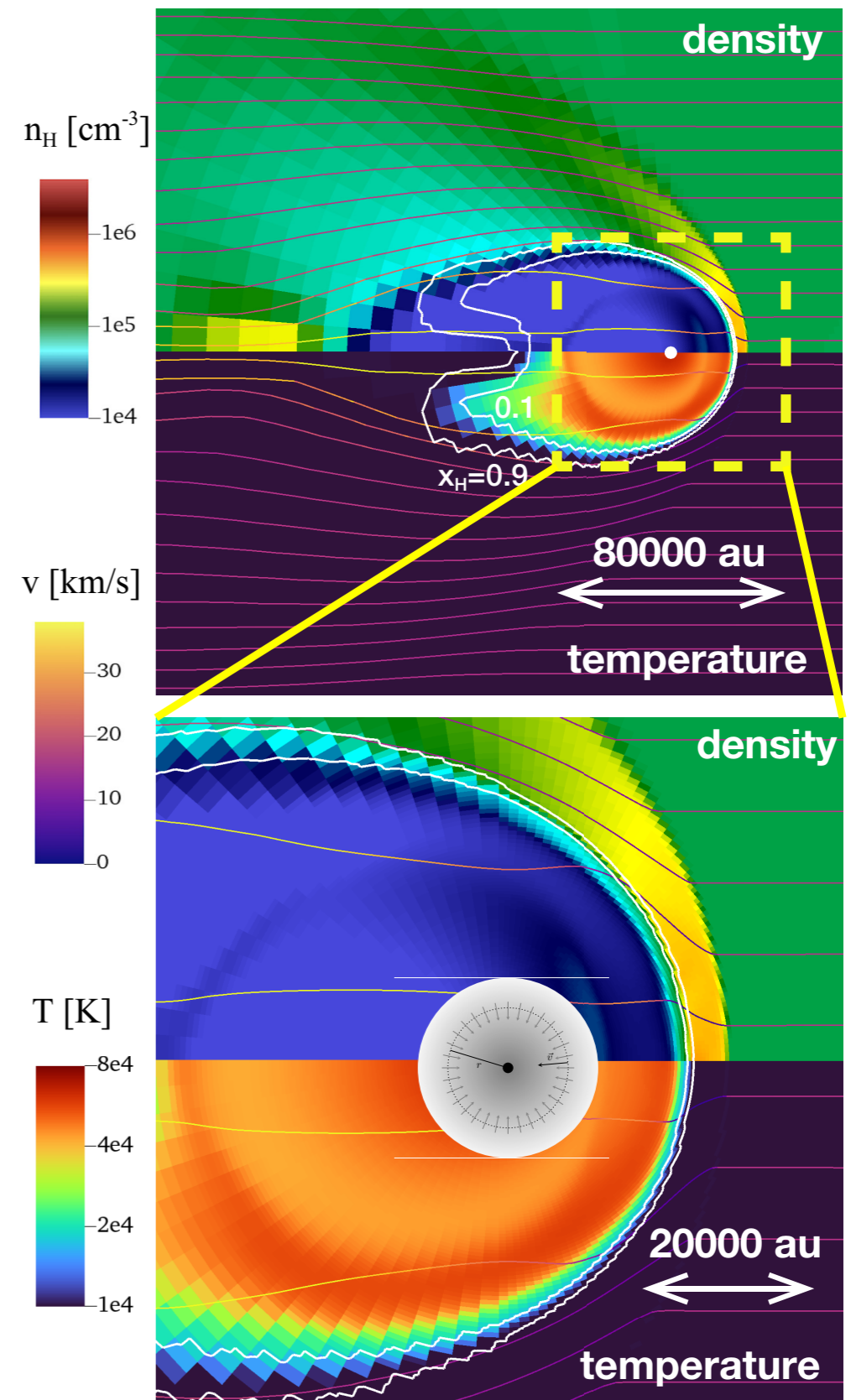
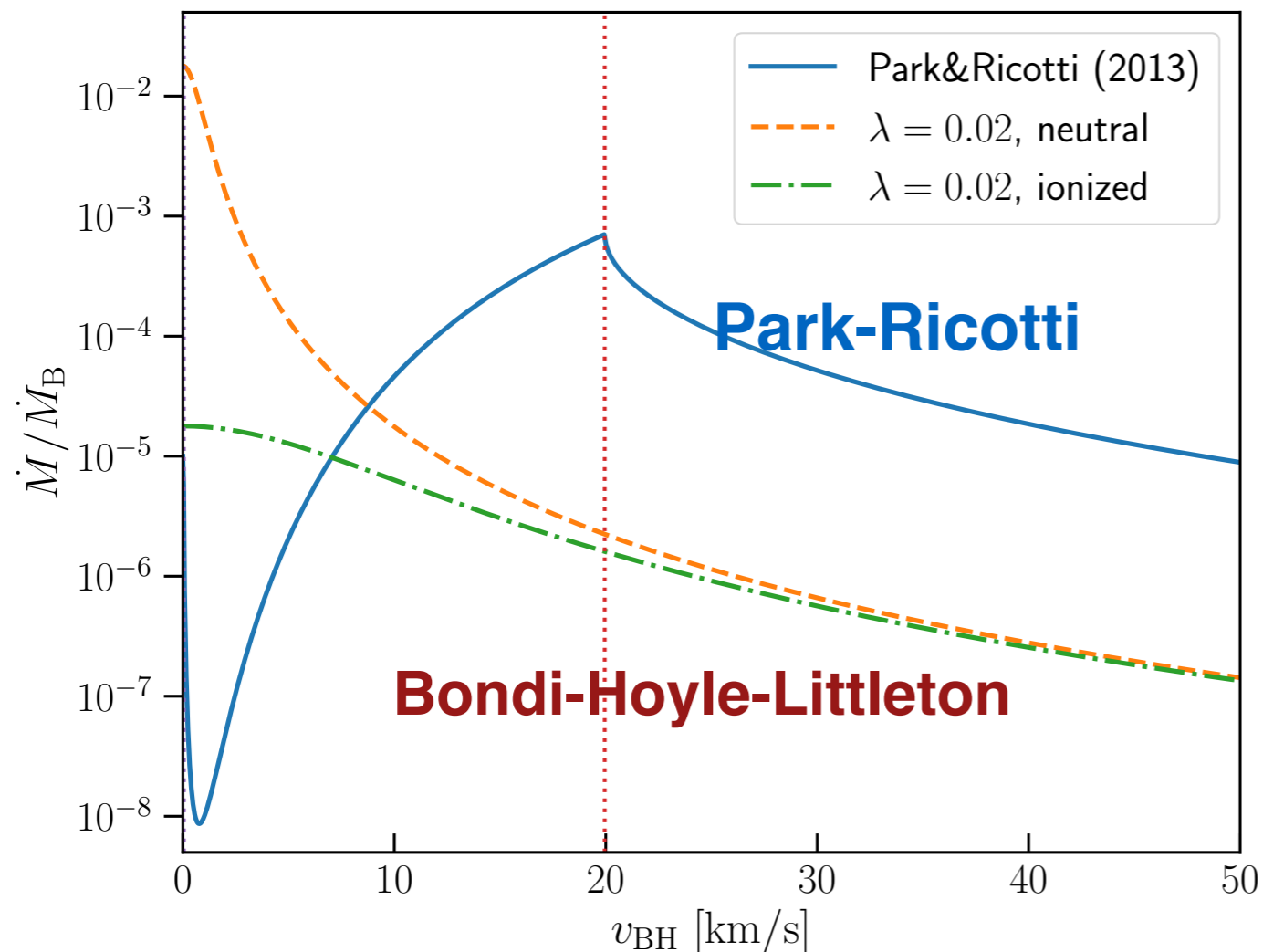
- [Perna et al. 2003](#), “*Bondi accretion and the problem of missing isolated neutron stars*”
- [S. Pellegrini 2005](#), “*Nuclear Accretion in Galaxies of the Local Universe: Clues from Chandra Observations*” (explanation for the radiative quiescence of supermassive black holes in the local Universe)
- [Wang et al. 2013](#), “*Dissecting X-ray-emitting Gas around the Center of our Galaxy*”

The fudge factor takes into account several effects, including the role of outflows



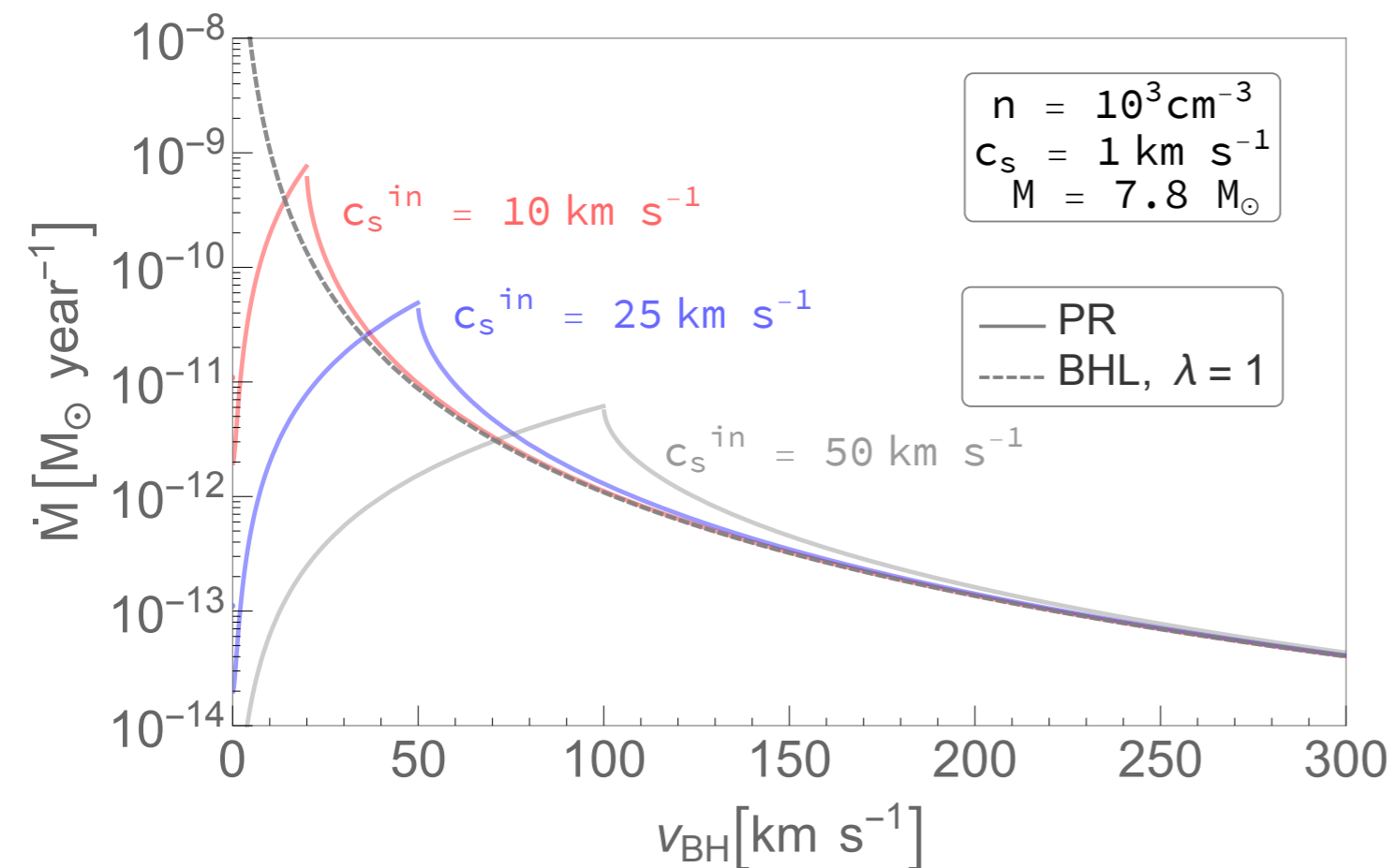
The Park-Ricotti model

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- Suppression of the accretion rate at low velocity, due to the formation of an ionized bubble

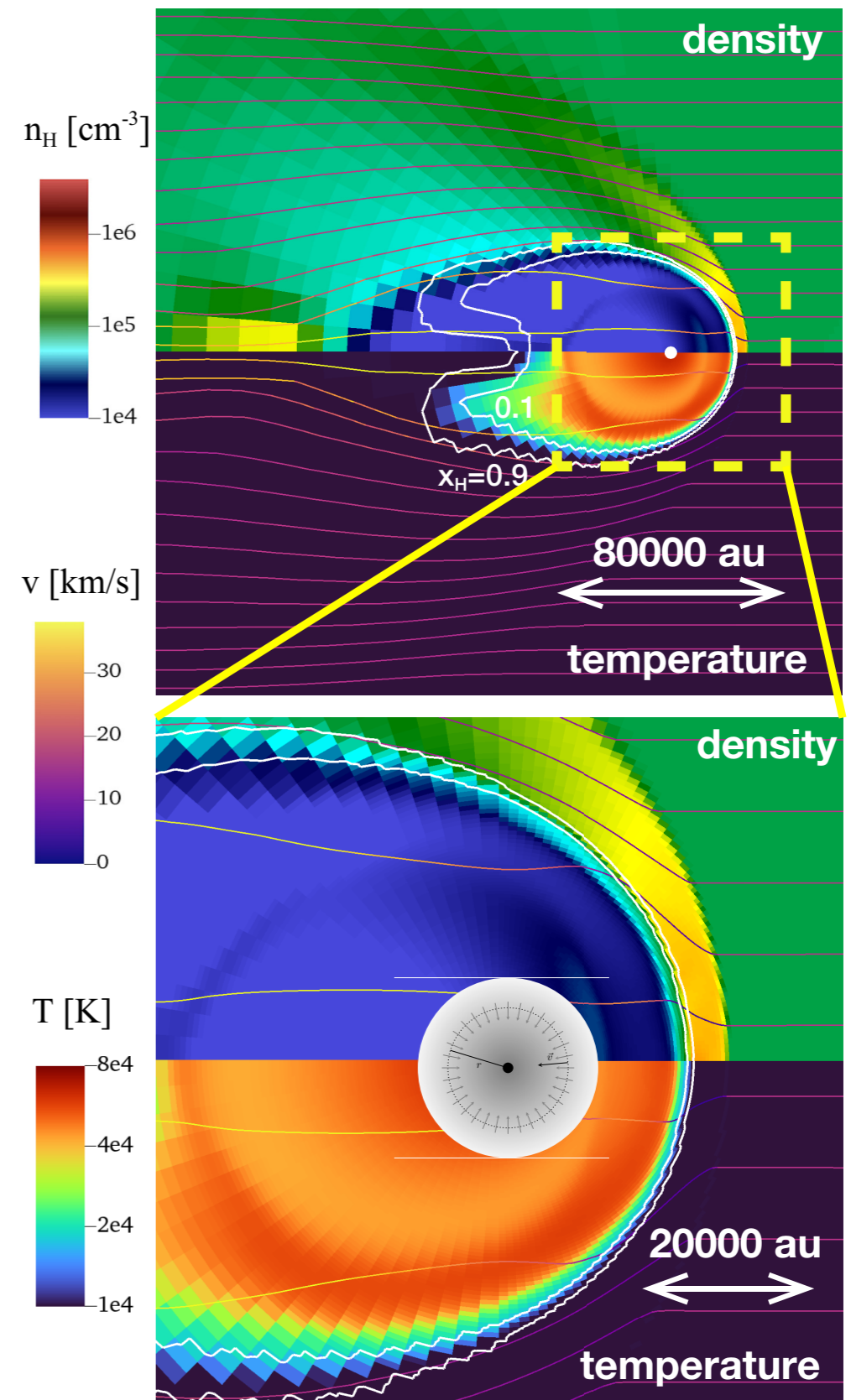


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- Peaks of accretion rate depends on ionized sound speed



Scarcella+ 2012.10421



The physics behind the bound

- PBHs accrete baryonic matter.
 - The accretion rate \dot{M} depends on ambient density and PBH - baryon relative speed. **BHL** and **PR** model.

- Ambient density dilutes with decreasing redshift

$$\rho_{\infty} = m_p n_{\infty} \approx m_p 200 \text{ cm}^{-3} \left(\frac{1+z}{1000} \right)^3 \quad \text{Poulin+ 1707.04206}$$

- PBH speed relative to baryons also decreases according to linear theory:

$$\sqrt{\langle v_L^2 \rangle} \simeq \min \left[1, \frac{1+z}{1000} \right] \times 30 \text{ km/s}.$$

Revisiting the Cosmological constraint

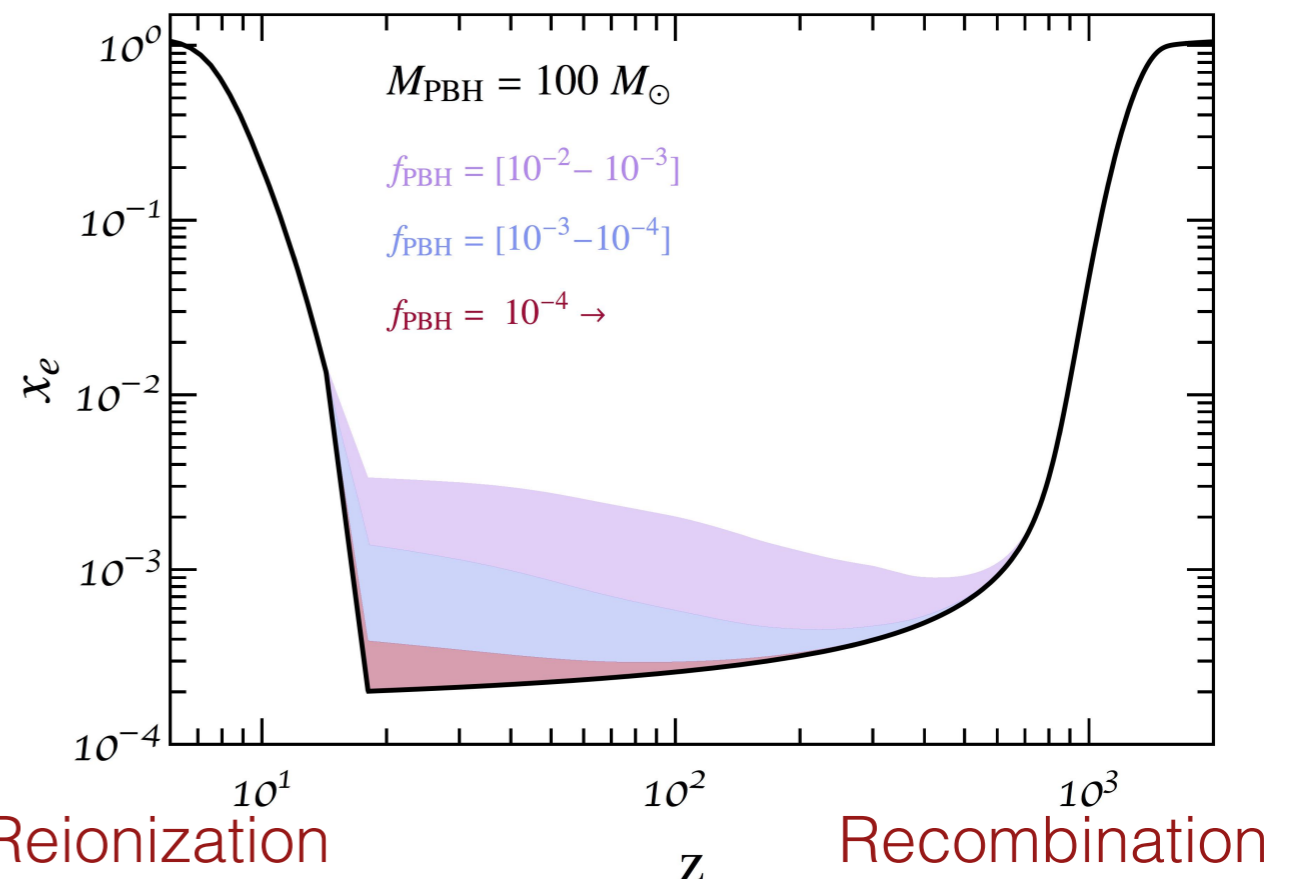
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- Accretion disks emits *ionizing radiation* during the Dark Ages (between Recombination and Reionization):
 - IGM is **heated up** (alteration of T_M)
 - IGM is also **partially ionized** (alteration of the *free electron fraction* X_e)

$$\frac{dx_e(z)}{dz} = \frac{1}{(1+z)H(z)} (R(z) - I(z) - I_X(z)) ,$$
$$\frac{dT_M}{dz} = \frac{1}{1+z} \left[2T_M + \gamma(T_M - T_{\text{CMB}}) \right] + K_h .$$

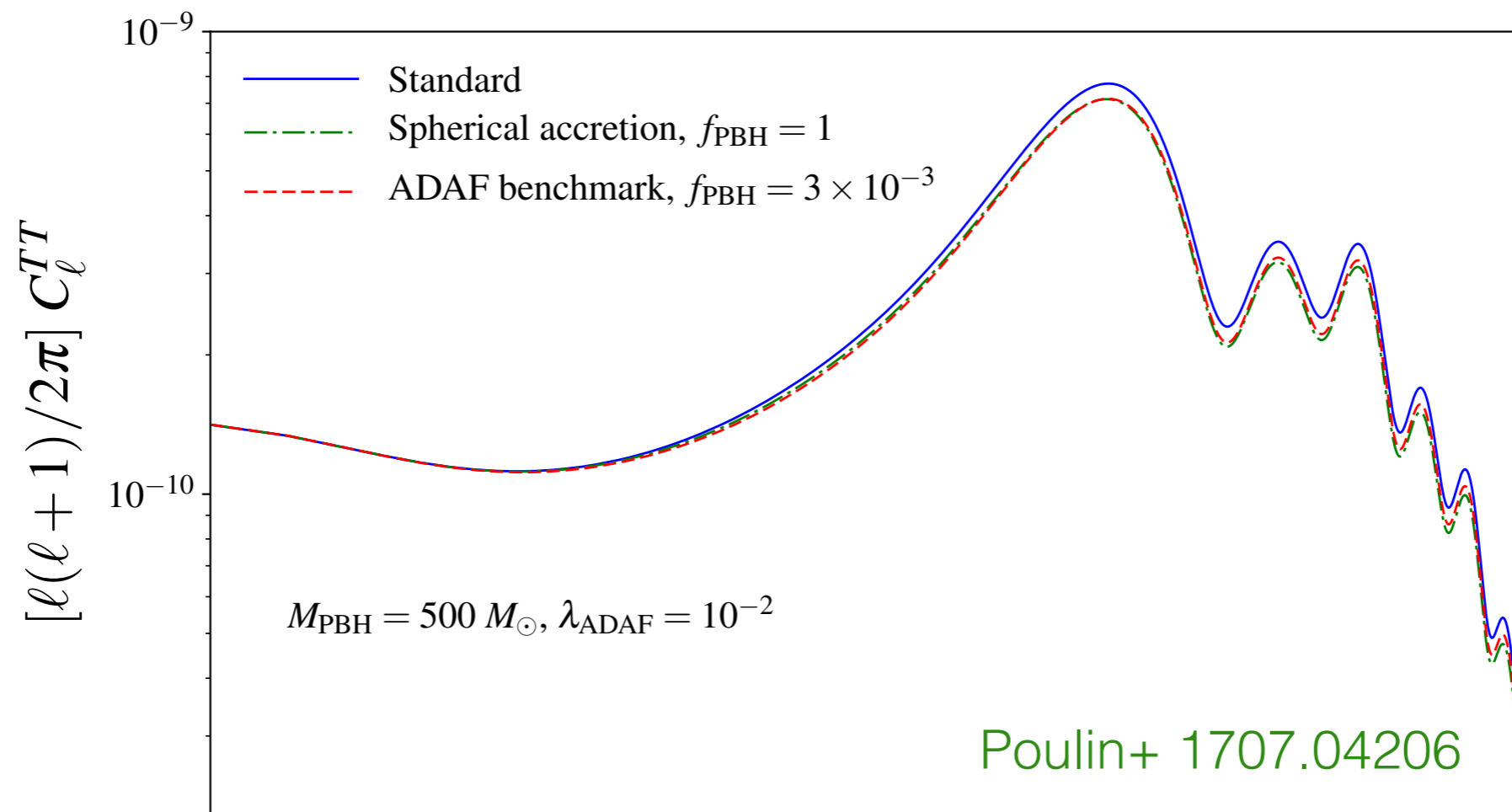
Stocker+ 1801.01871

Mena+ 1906.07735



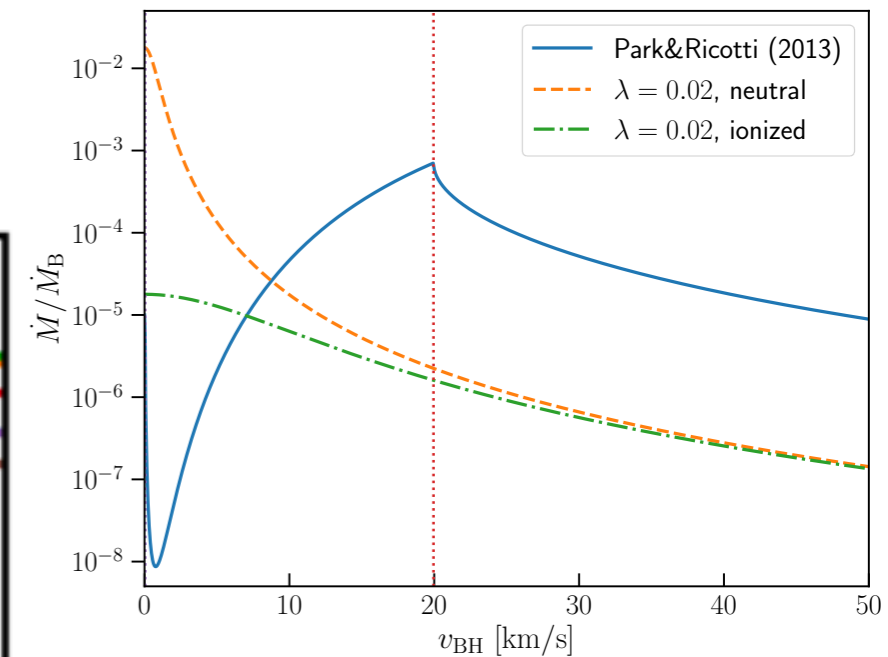
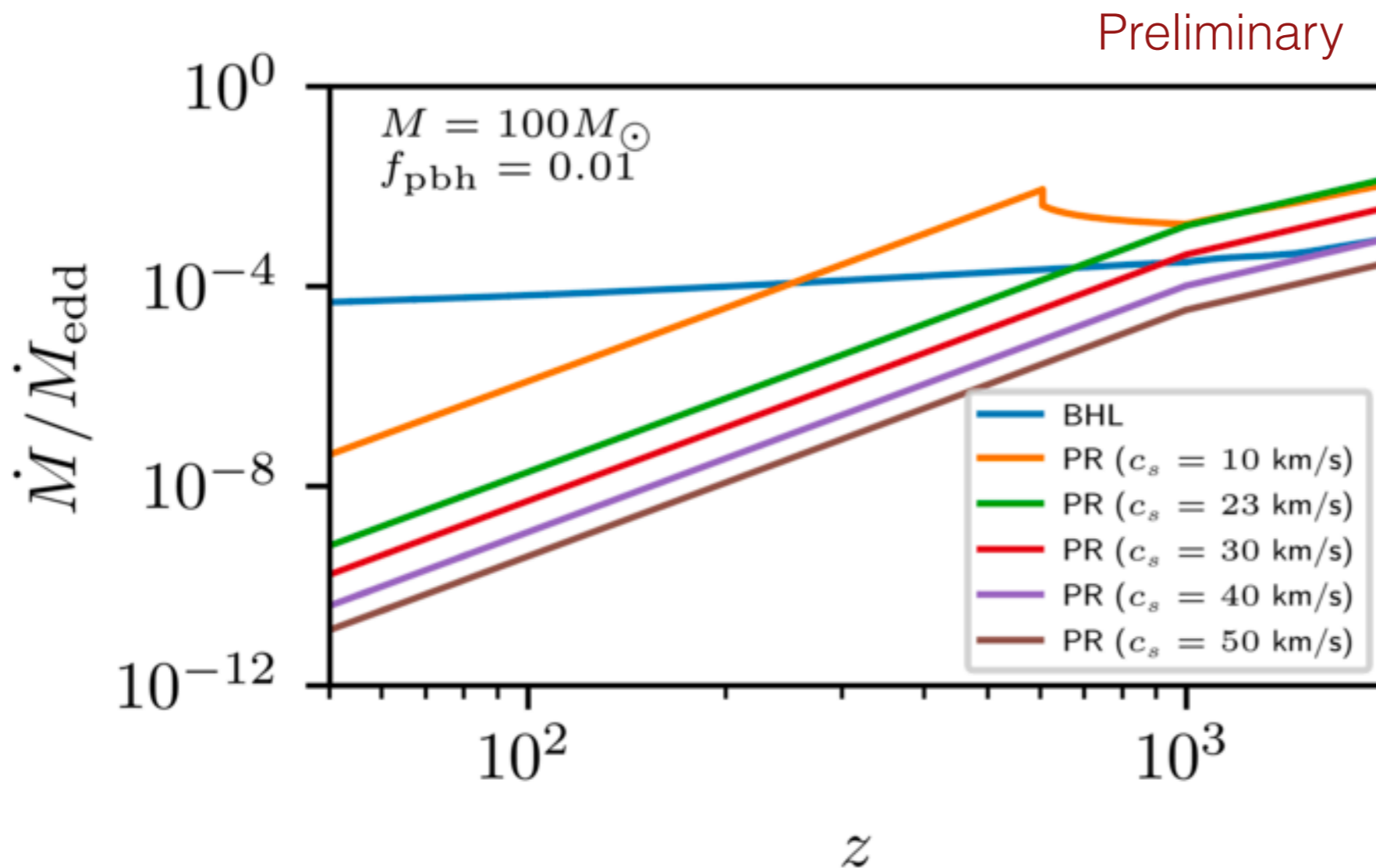
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- Impact on CMB anisotropy is due to the alteration of the visibility function and the recombination optical depth



Revisiting the Cosmological constraint: Results

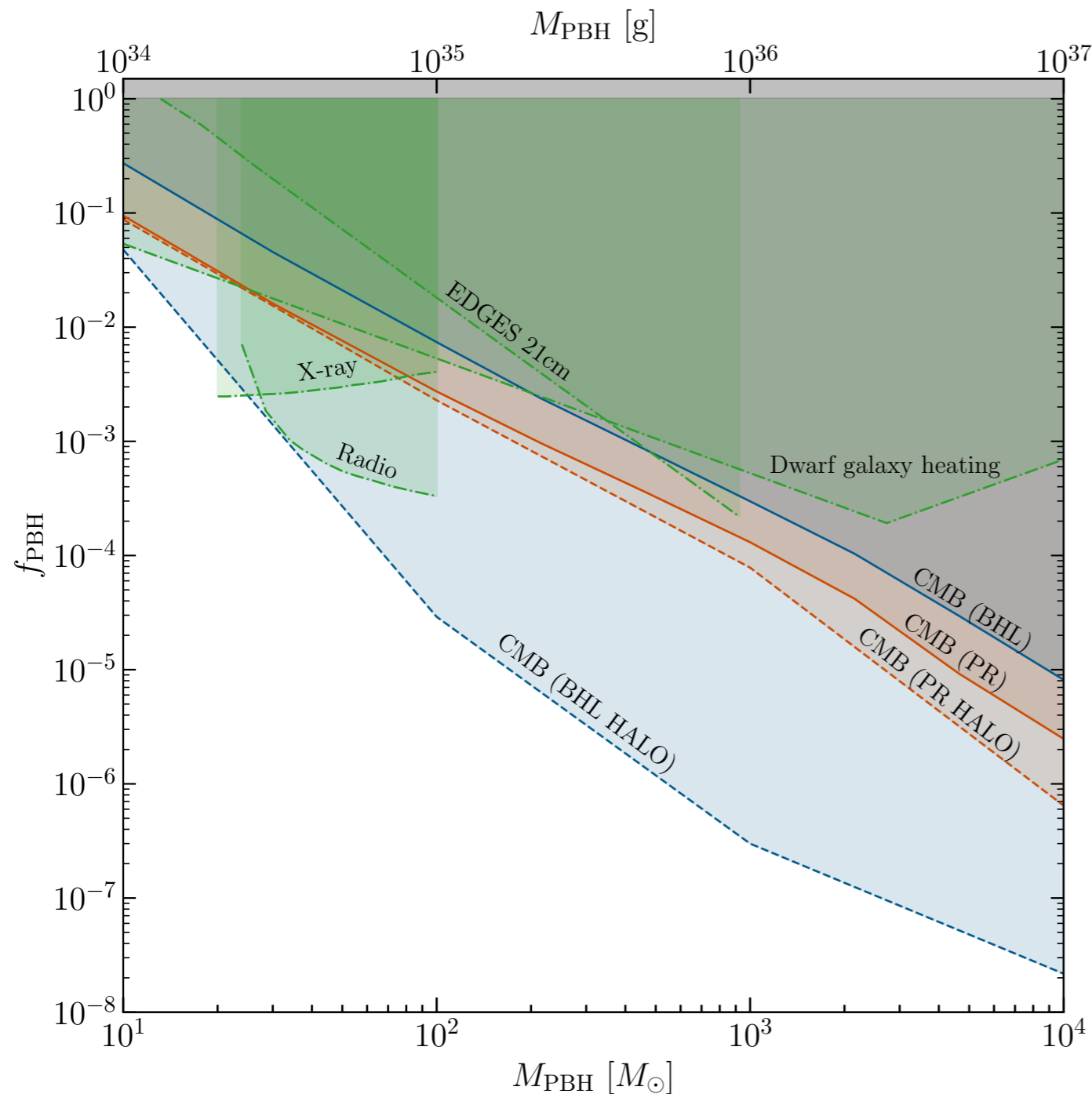
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BHL vs PR: the “**Unexpected robustness**” of the bound



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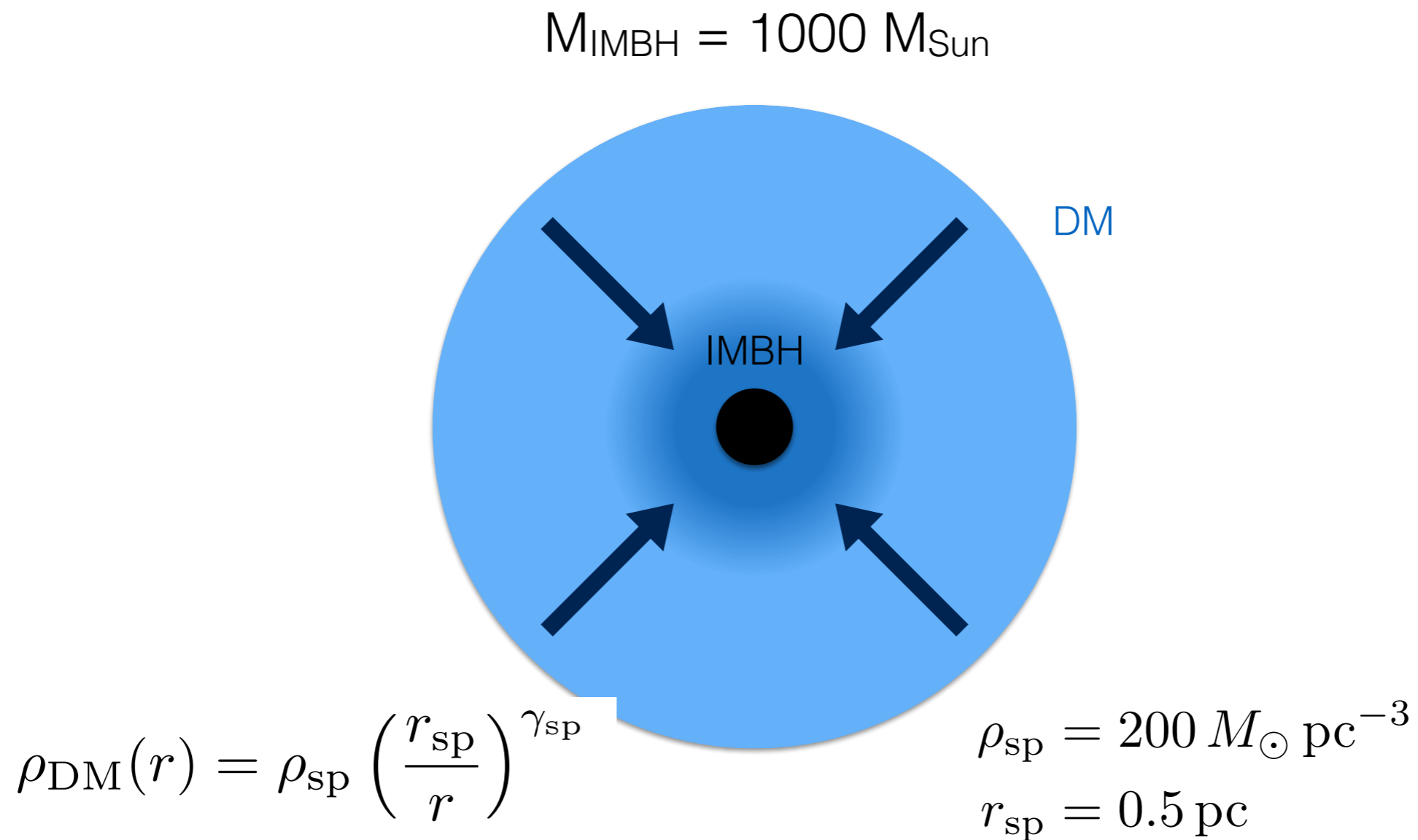
See also
[Facchinetti+
2212.07969](#)

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2018 low- l Planck TT.EE, high- l Planck TT.TE.EE, lensing, ACT, BAO

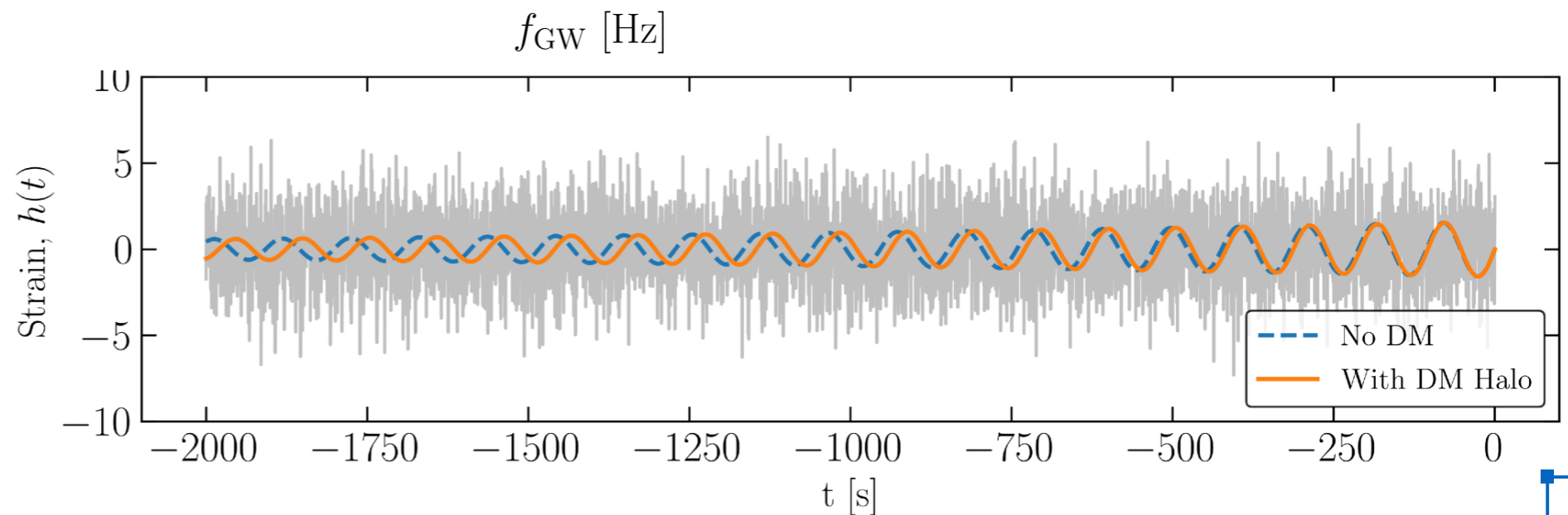
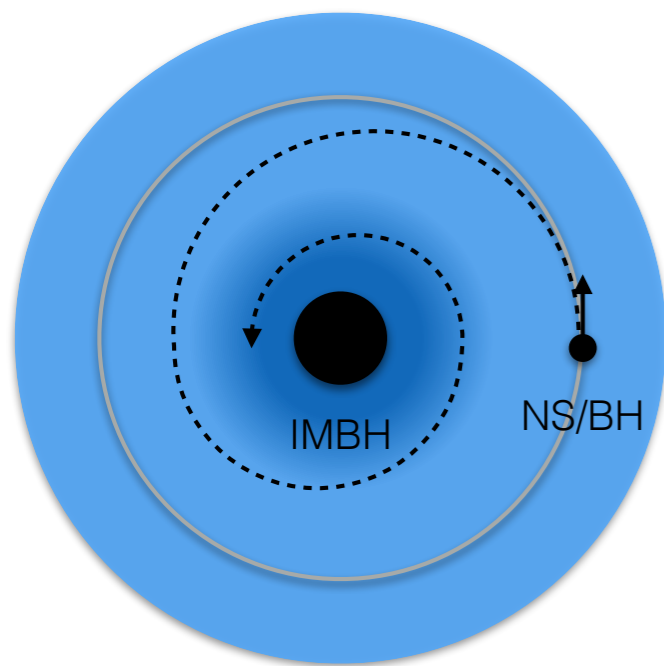
Black Holes as Portals to new Physics

- **Intermediate-Mass Black Holes** may exist in the Universe.
- Dark-Matter over-densities can form around them [Gondolo&Silk 9906391, Zhao&Silk 0501625, Hannuksela+ 1906.11845].



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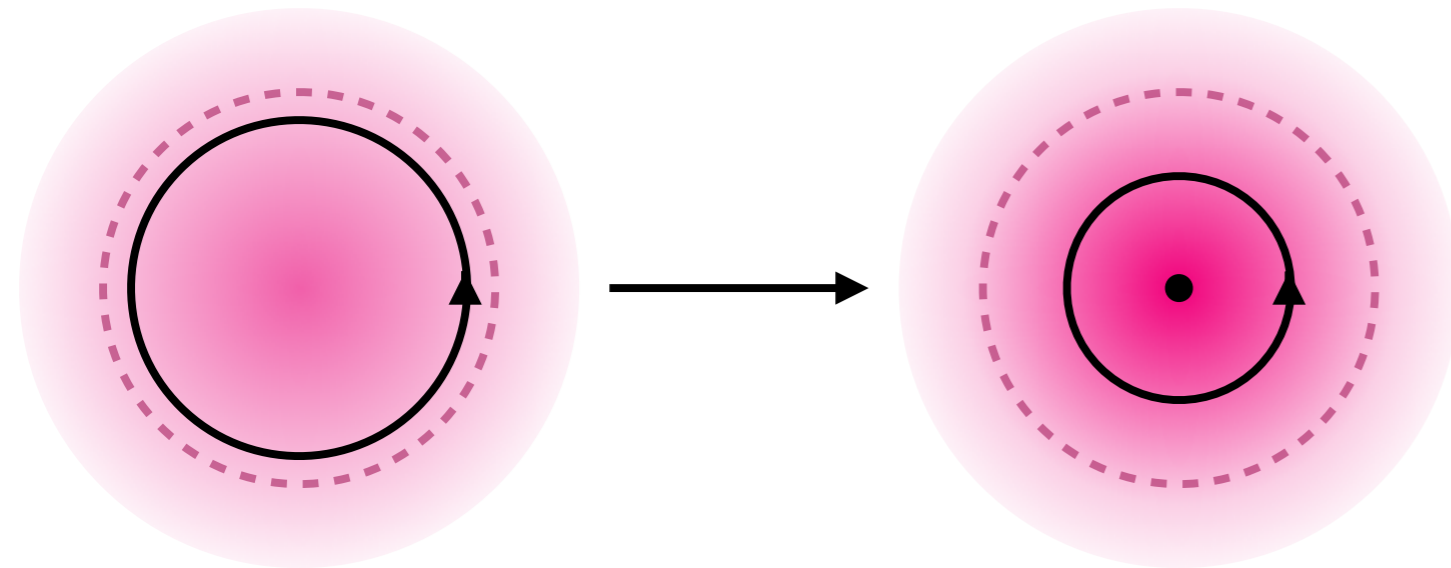


- **Dephasing** of the waveform w.r.t. GR in vacuum
- Physical process: **Dynamical Friction**

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$$\frac{dE_{\text{DF}}}{dt} = 4\pi (Gm_2)^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}(r_2) \xi(v) v^{-1} \log \Lambda$$

How do DM overdensities around BHs form?

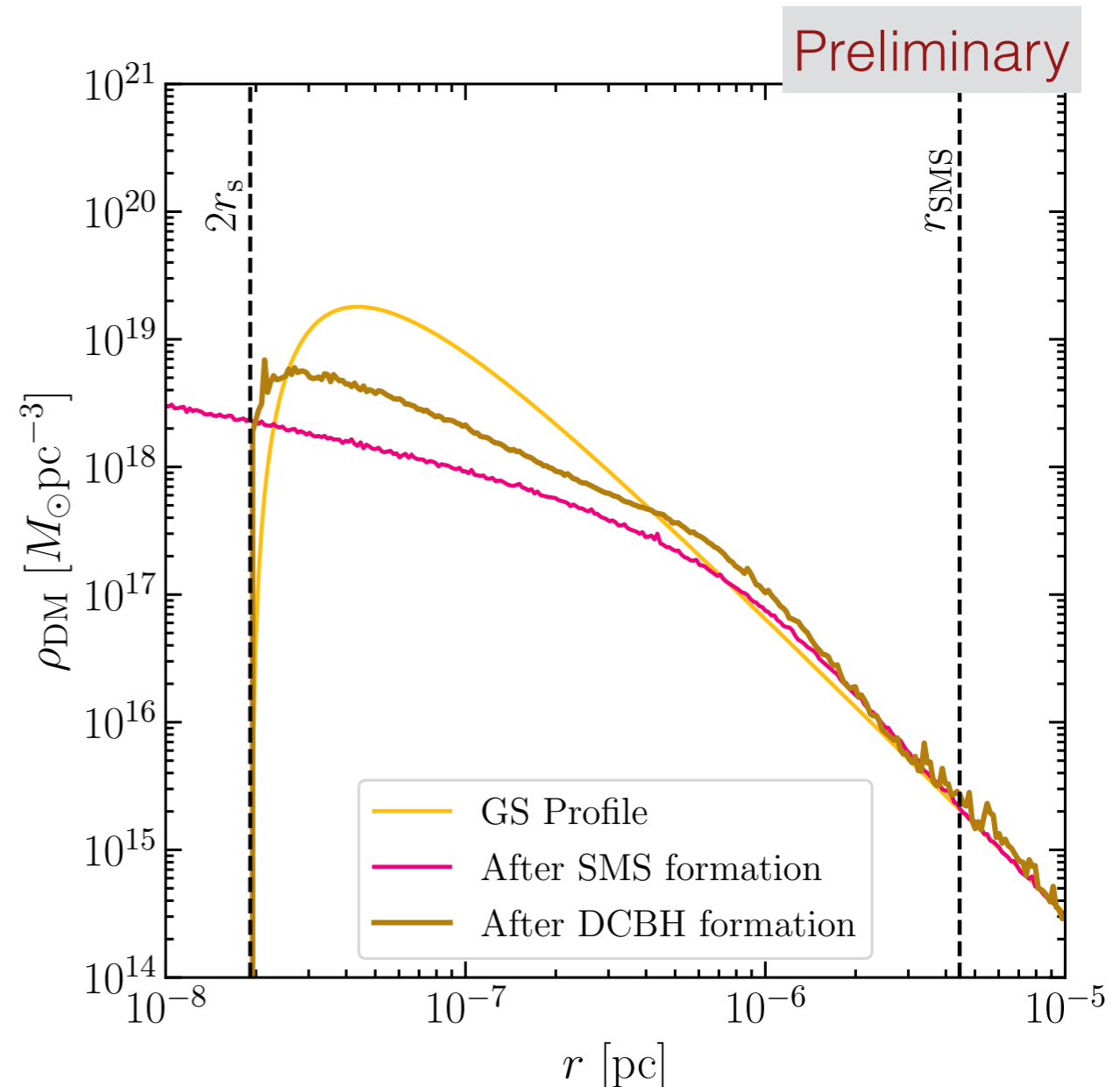


$$\rho(r) = \int d^3\mathbf{v} f(\mathcal{E}, L) = 4\pi \int dv_r dv_T v_T f(\mathcal{E}, L),$$

- **Realistic scenario:** We follow the evolution of a small DM + baryon halo
- **Supermassive star** forms
- **Direct collapse** into BH
- **BH grows** adiabatically

Adiabatic and non-adiabatic treatment, simplified scenario:

- Gondolo and Silk, 9906391
- Ullio et al. 0101481



G. Bertone, **DG**, B. Kavanagh, R. Wierda, *in preparation*

Conclusions

- Multiple relevant interplay between BH phenomenology and DM searches
- **Accretion physics** is crucial to set upper limits on the PBH abundance
- Need to go beyond the textbook BHL approach
- **The CMB bound on PBH abundance seems robust** with respect to the uncertainties associated to the accretion model!
- **DM overdensities** around IMBHs provide a **discovery potential** thanks to GW dephasing
- Realistic models that describe the **formation of DM overdensities** are in progress

Thank you!



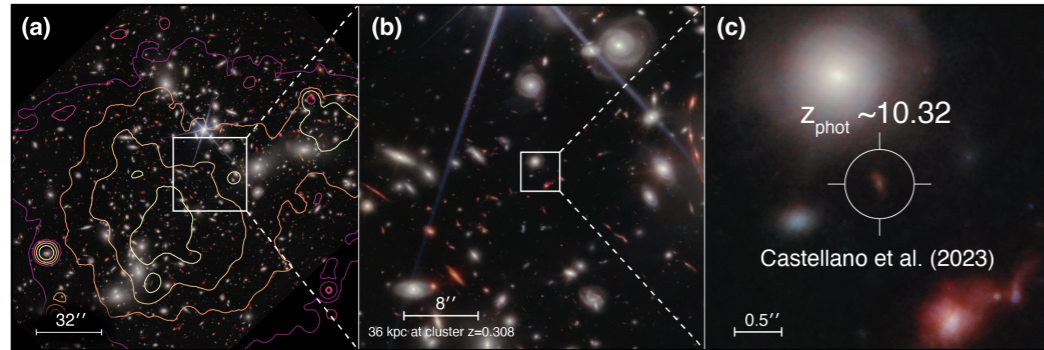
The most distant quasar

Supermassive black holes at the centre of Galaxies.

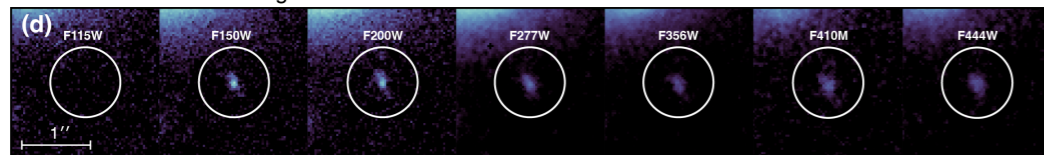
News: Observed up to $z \sim 10$

Seeds? Probably Heavy

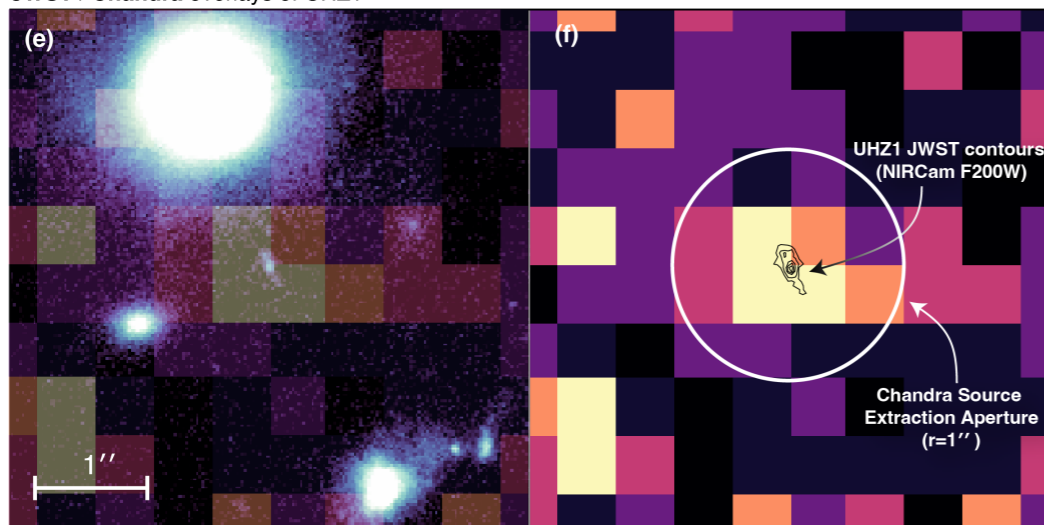
JWST NIRCcam zoom-in on UHZ1



JWST NIRCcam UHZ1 images

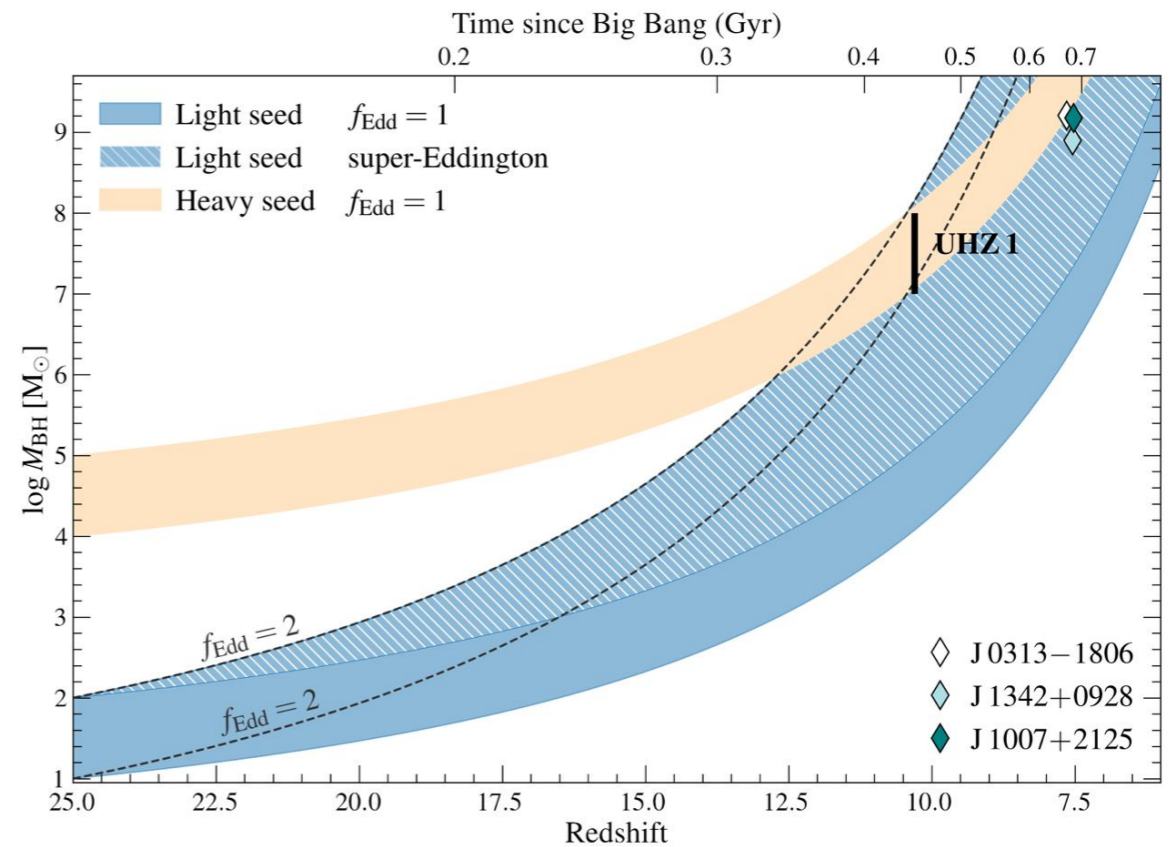


JWST / Chandra overlays of UHZ1



Evidence for heavy seed origin of early supermassive black holes from a $z \sim 10$ X-ray quasar

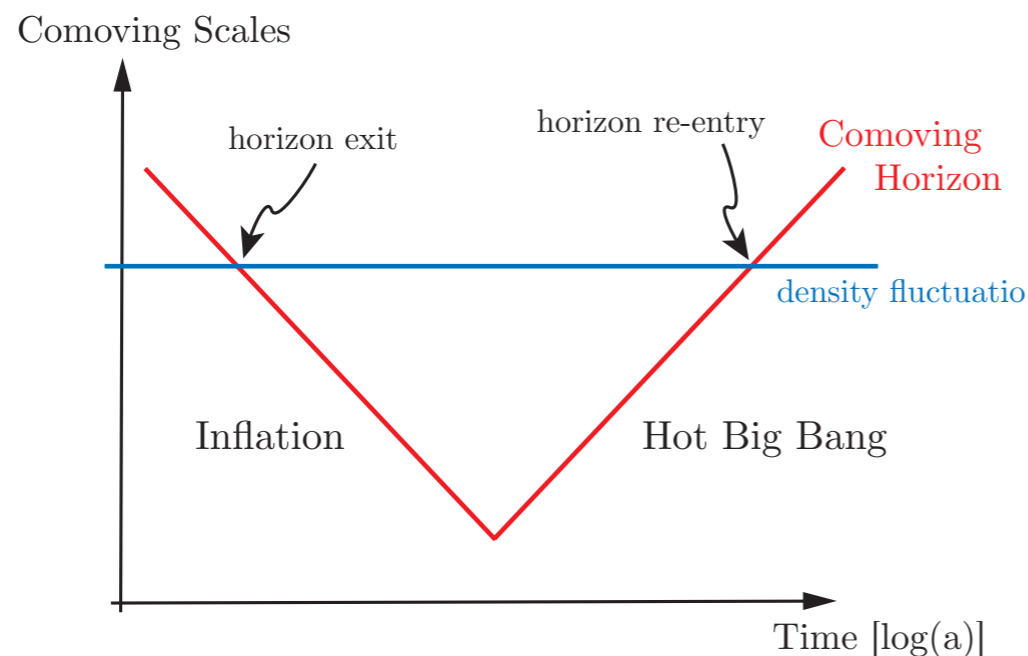
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Black holes of primordial origin?

BHs formed in the **early Universe** (before BBN), out of *small-scale, large-amplitude density fluctuations* possibly **originated during inflation**

[S. Hawking, MNRAS 152 (1971); Carr and Hawking, MNRAS 168 (1974)]



“...it is tempting to suppose that the major part of the mass of the Universe is in the form of collapsed objects. This extra density could stabilize clusters of galaxies which, otherwise, appear mostly not to be gravitationally bound.”

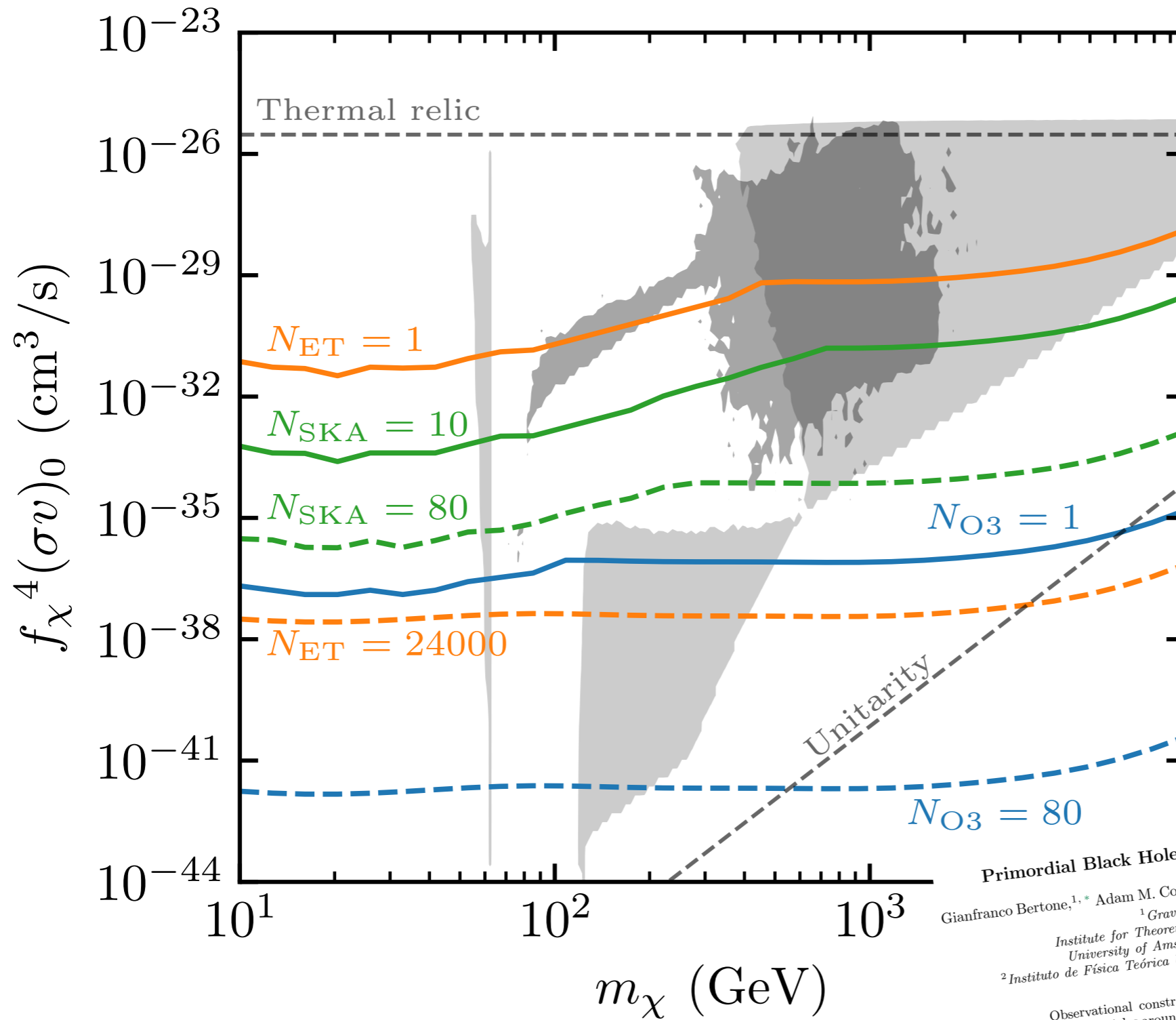
PBH mass \sim horizon mass at the time of formation

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \sim M_{\text{H}} \sim \frac{c^3 t}{G} \sim 10^{15} \left(\frac{t}{10^{-23} \text{ s}} \right) \text{ g}.$$

Wide mass range for PBHs as DM candidates



$$M \sim 10^{16} \text{ g } (10^{-17} M_{\odot}) - 10^{39} \text{ g } (10^5 M_{\odot})$$

WIMPs and PBHs



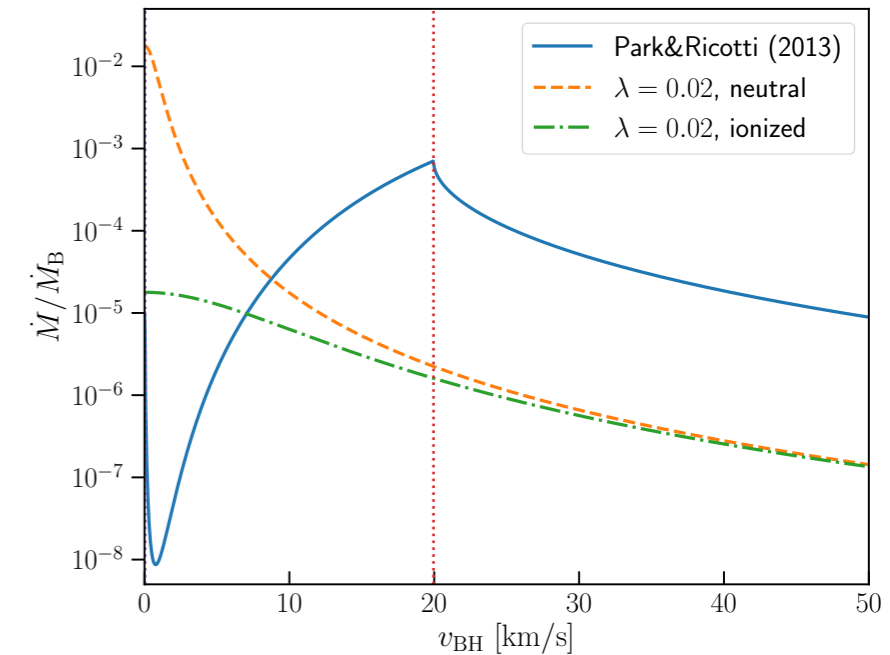
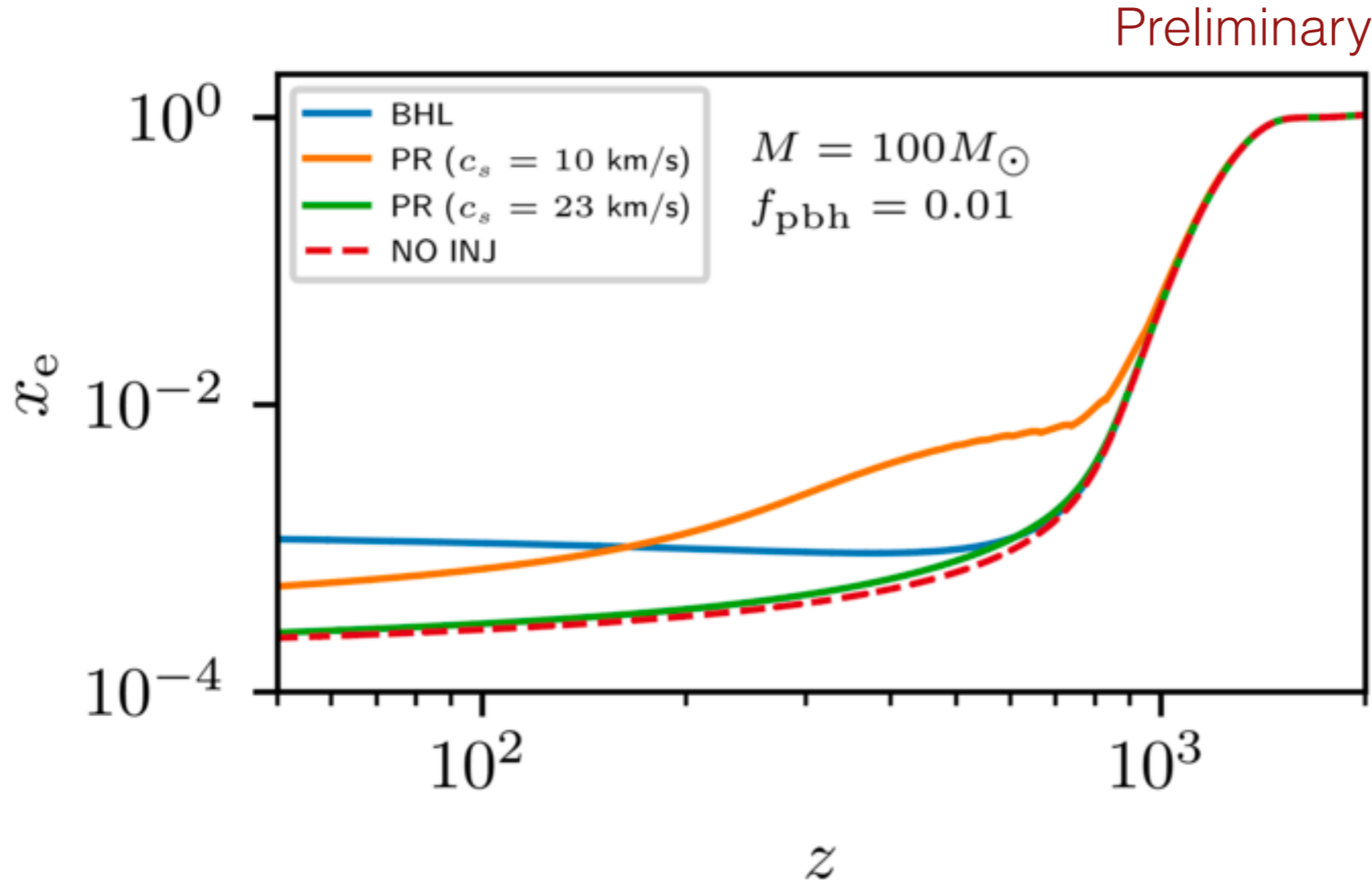
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Primordial Black Holes as Silver Bullets for New Physics at the Weak Scale
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 (Dated: May 6, 2019)

Observational constraints on gamma rays produced by the annihilation of weakly interacting massive particles around primordial black holes (PBHs) imply that these two classes of Dark Matter candidates cannot coexist. We show here that the successful detection of one or more PBHs by radio searches (with the Square Kilometer Array) and gravitational waves searches (with LIGO/Virgo and the upcoming Einstein Telescope) would set extraordinarily stringent constraints on virtually all weak-scale extensions of the Standard Model with stable relics, including those predicting a WIMP abundance much smaller than that of Dark Matter. Upcoming PBHs searches have in particular the potential to rule out *almost the entire* parameter space of popular theories such as the minimal supersymmetric standard model and scalar singlet Dark Matter.  

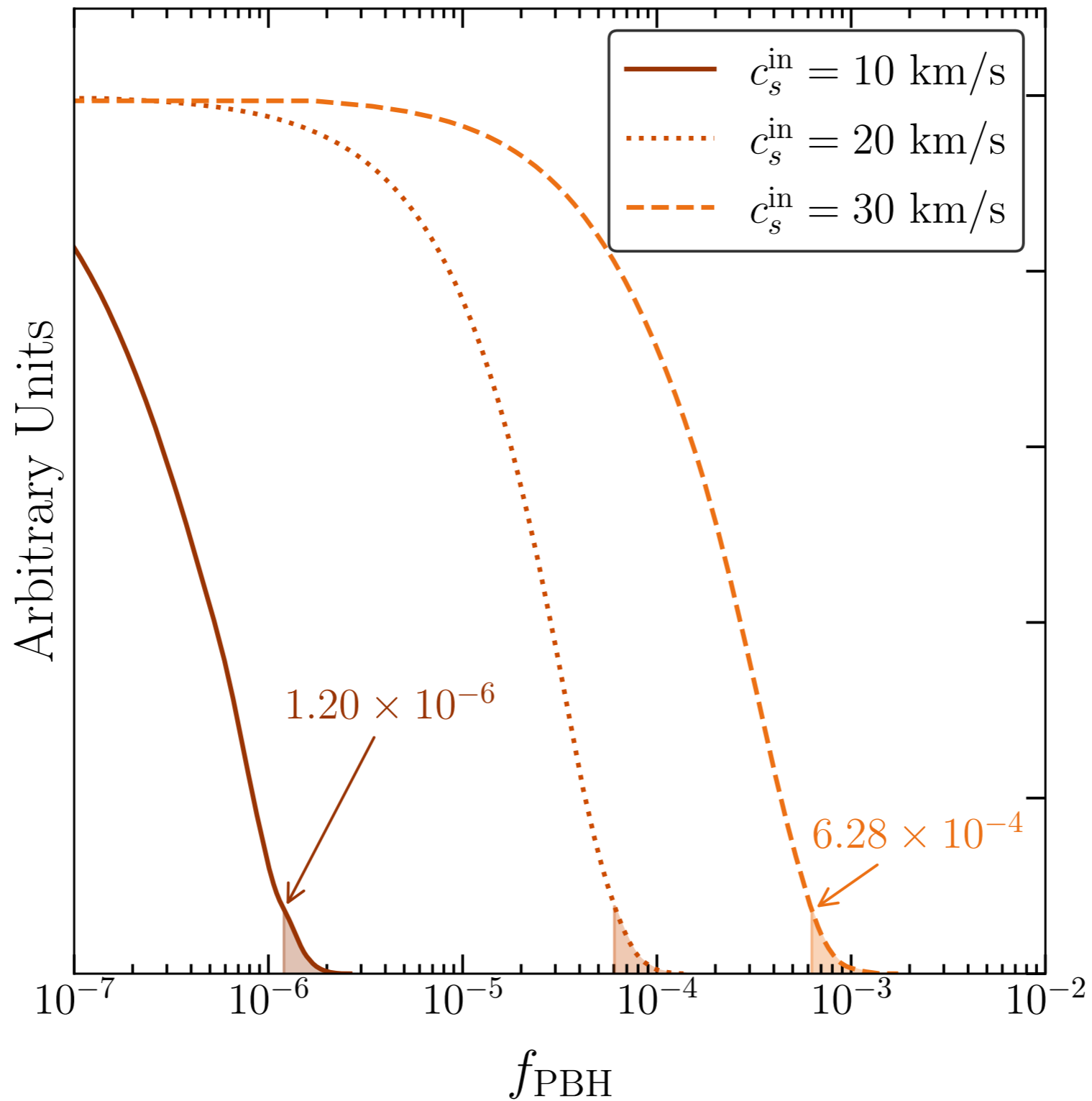
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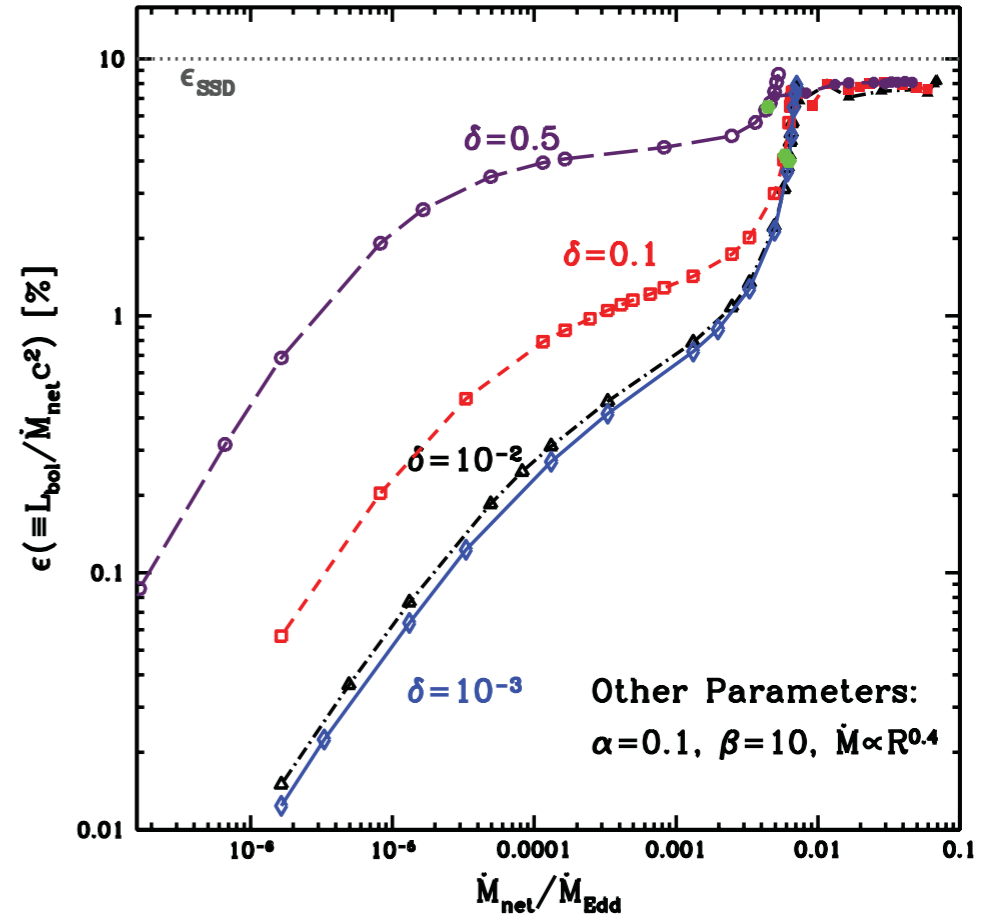
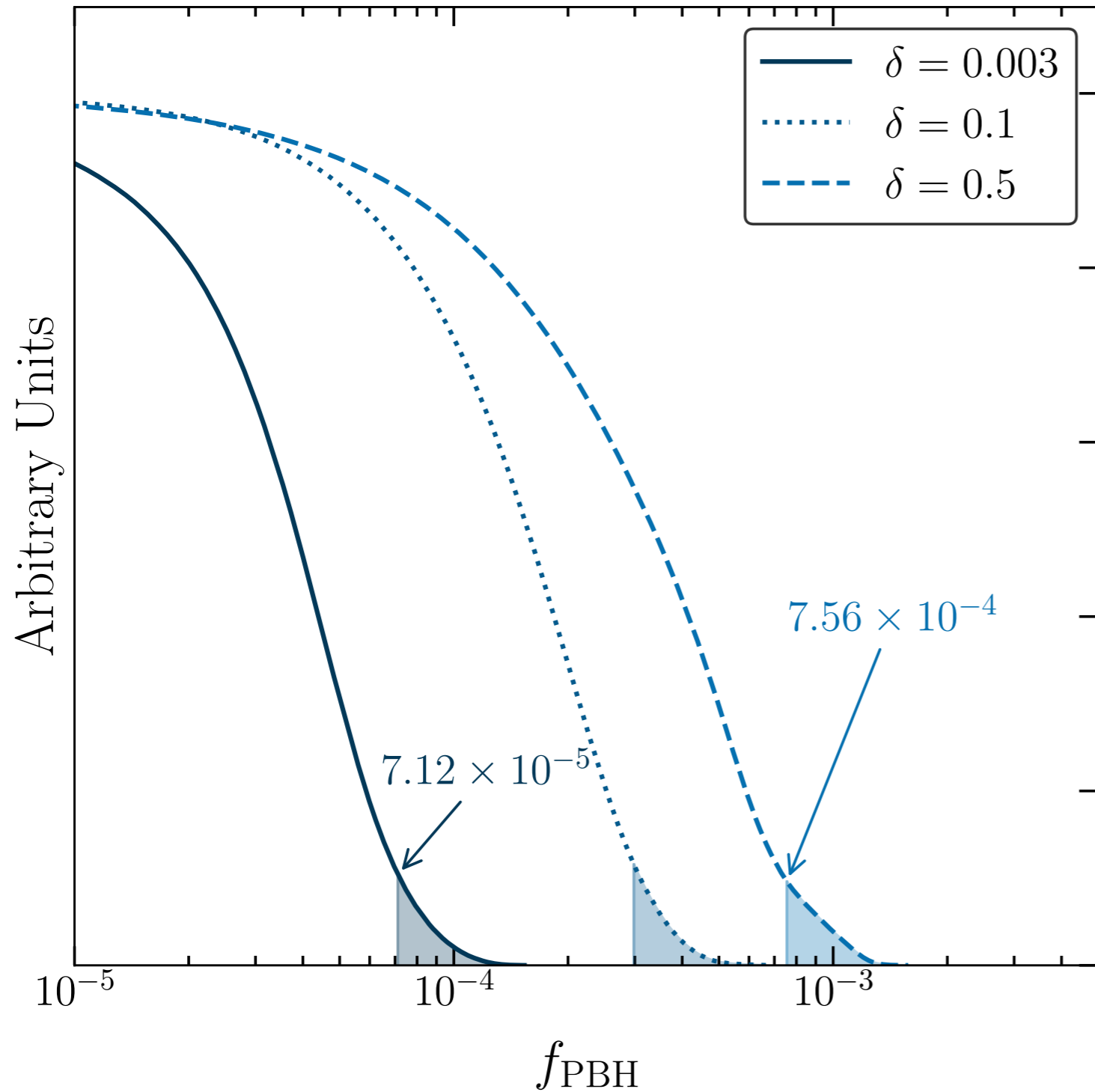


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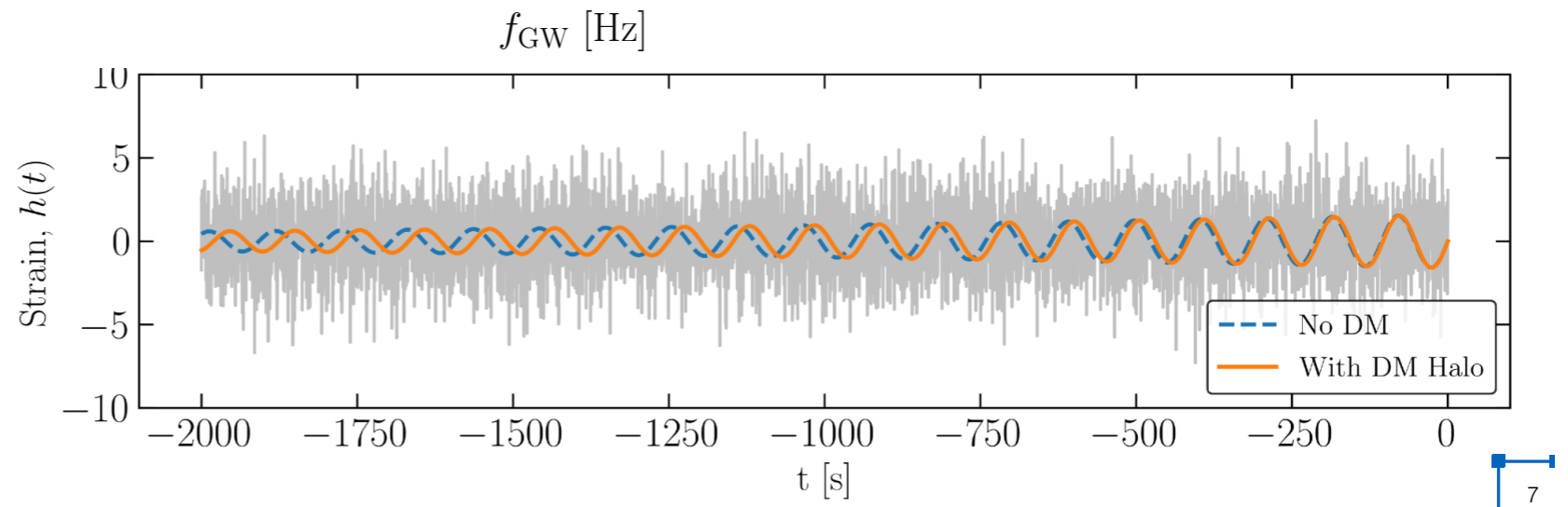
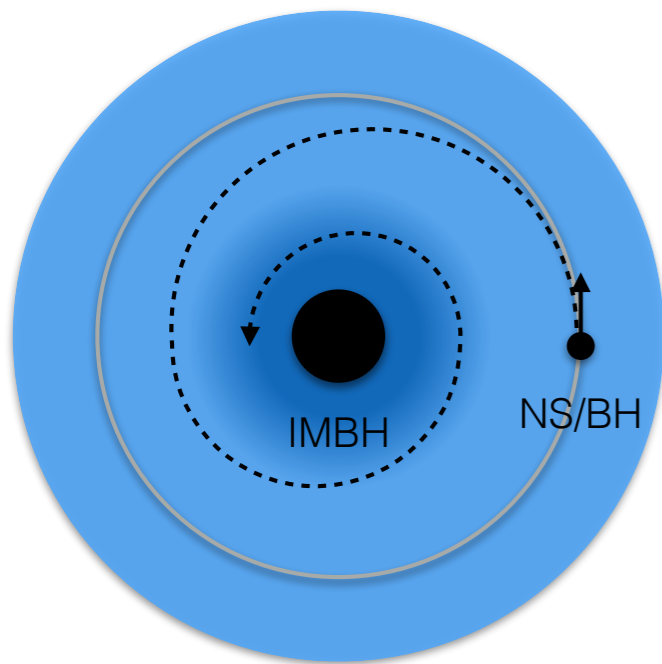
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More gravitational energy is transferred to the electrons -> more radiative efficiency -> stronger bound!

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$$M_{test} \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{F}_{grav}(r, v) + \mathbf{F}_{dyn}(r, v) + \mathbf{F}_{rad}(r, v)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{grav}(r, v) = -M_{test} \frac{G(M_{IMBH} + M_{halo,enclosed})}{r^3} \mathbf{r}$$

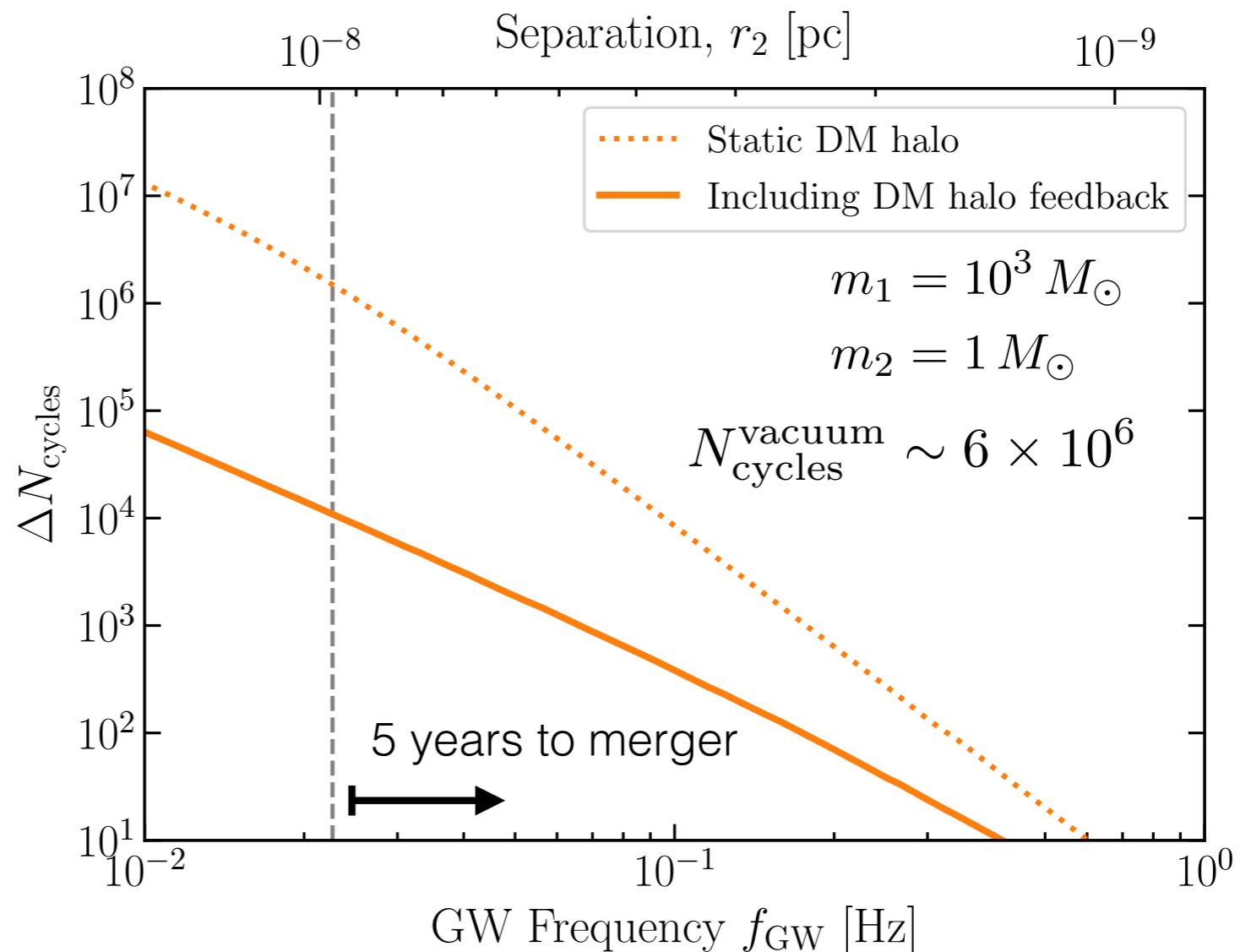
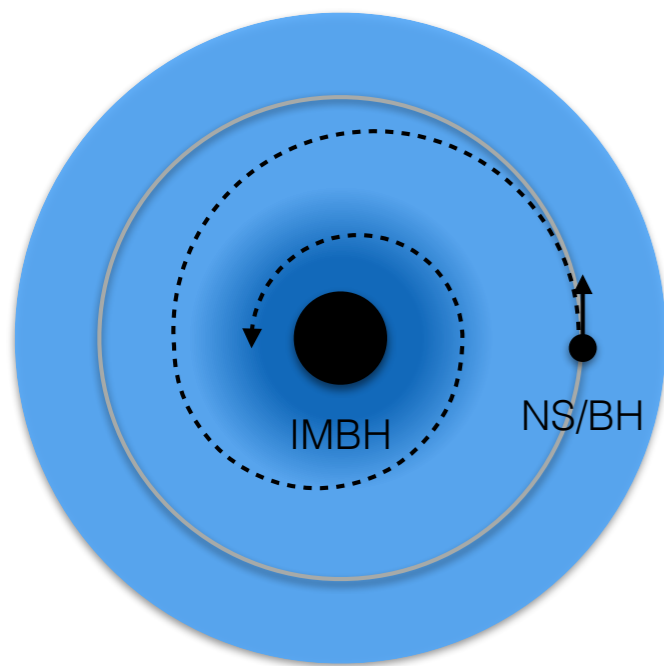
$$\mathbf{F}_{dyn}(r, v) = -M_{test} \frac{4\pi \ln(\Lambda) G^2 M_{test} \rho(r)}{v^3} \mathbf{v},$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{rad}(r, v) = -\frac{32}{5} M_{test} \frac{G^3 M_{tot}^3 \nu}{c^5 r^4} \left(1 + \gamma \left(-\frac{743}{336} - \frac{11}{4} \nu \right) \right) \mathbf{v}$$

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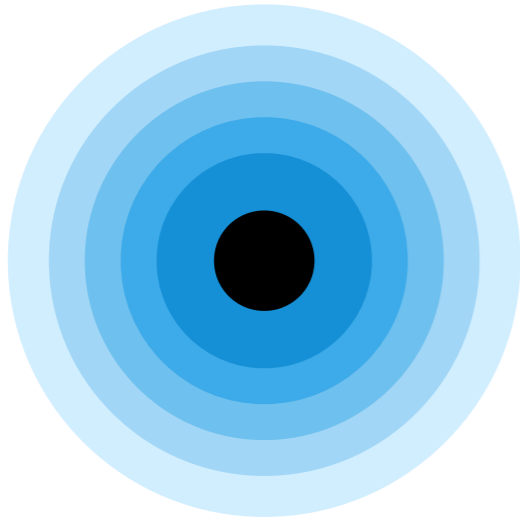
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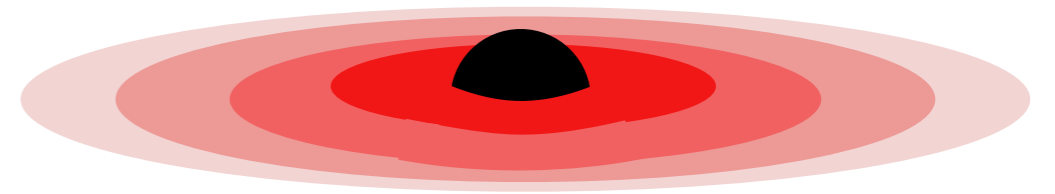
LISA can discriminate environmental effects



Particle Dark Matter
'**Spikes**' or '**Dresses**'

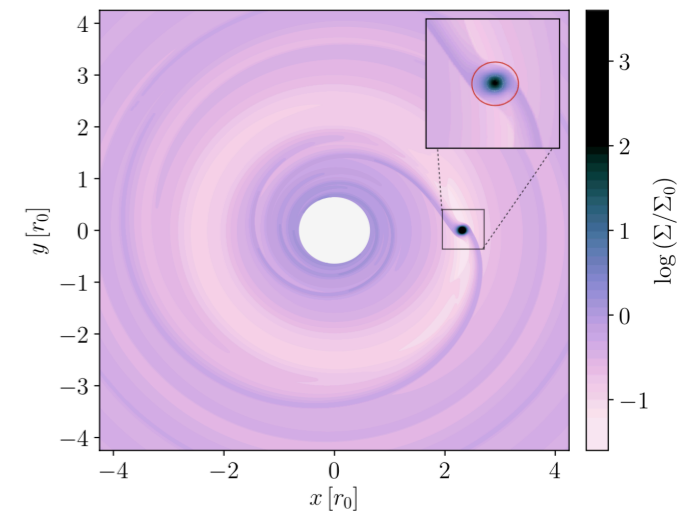
- **Collisionless** DM overdensity
- **Spherical** symmetry
- **Dynamical friction** at work
- **Feedback** on the halo is important

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = m_2 v_0 \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{4\pi(G_N m_2)^2 \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) \xi(v_0)}{v_0} \log \Lambda$$



Baryonic
Accretion Disks

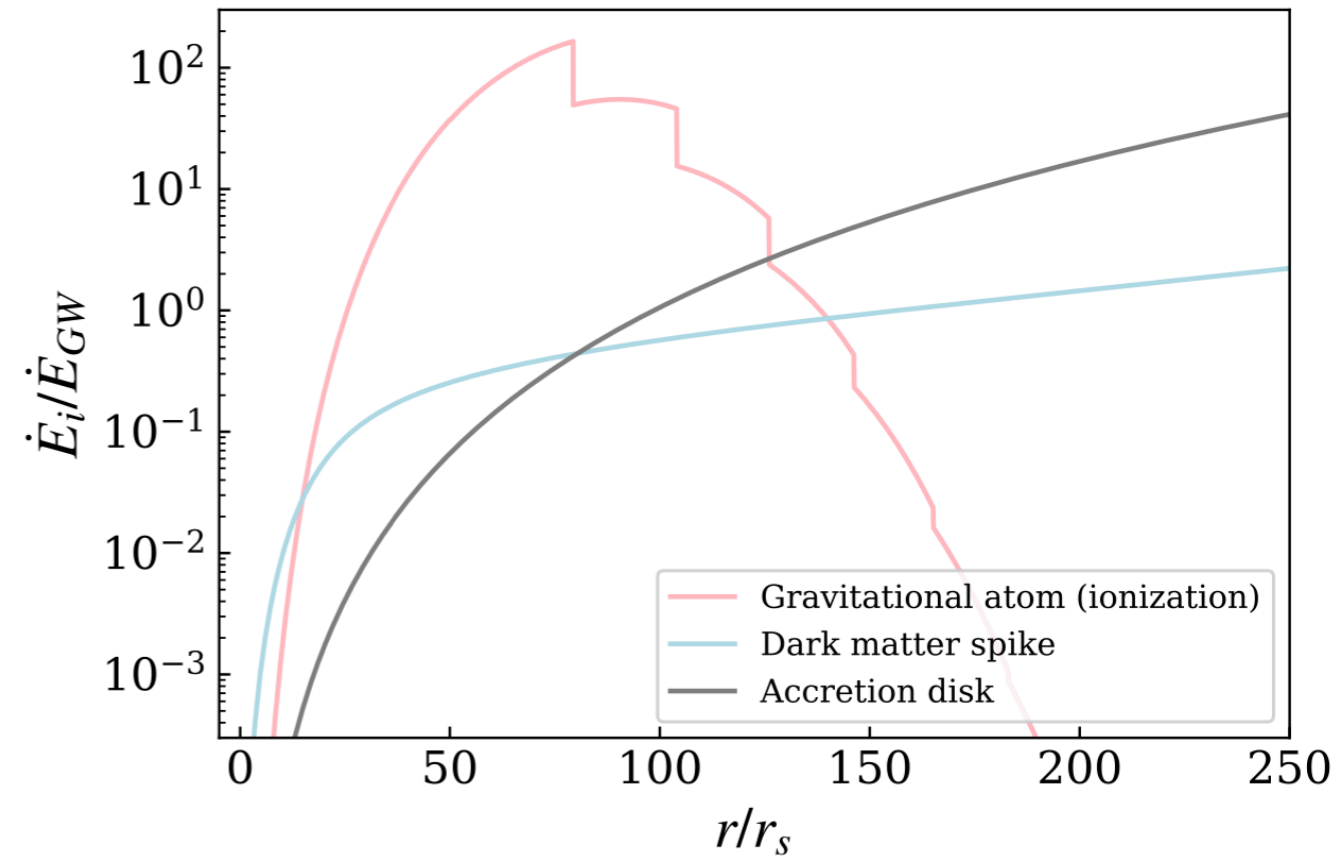
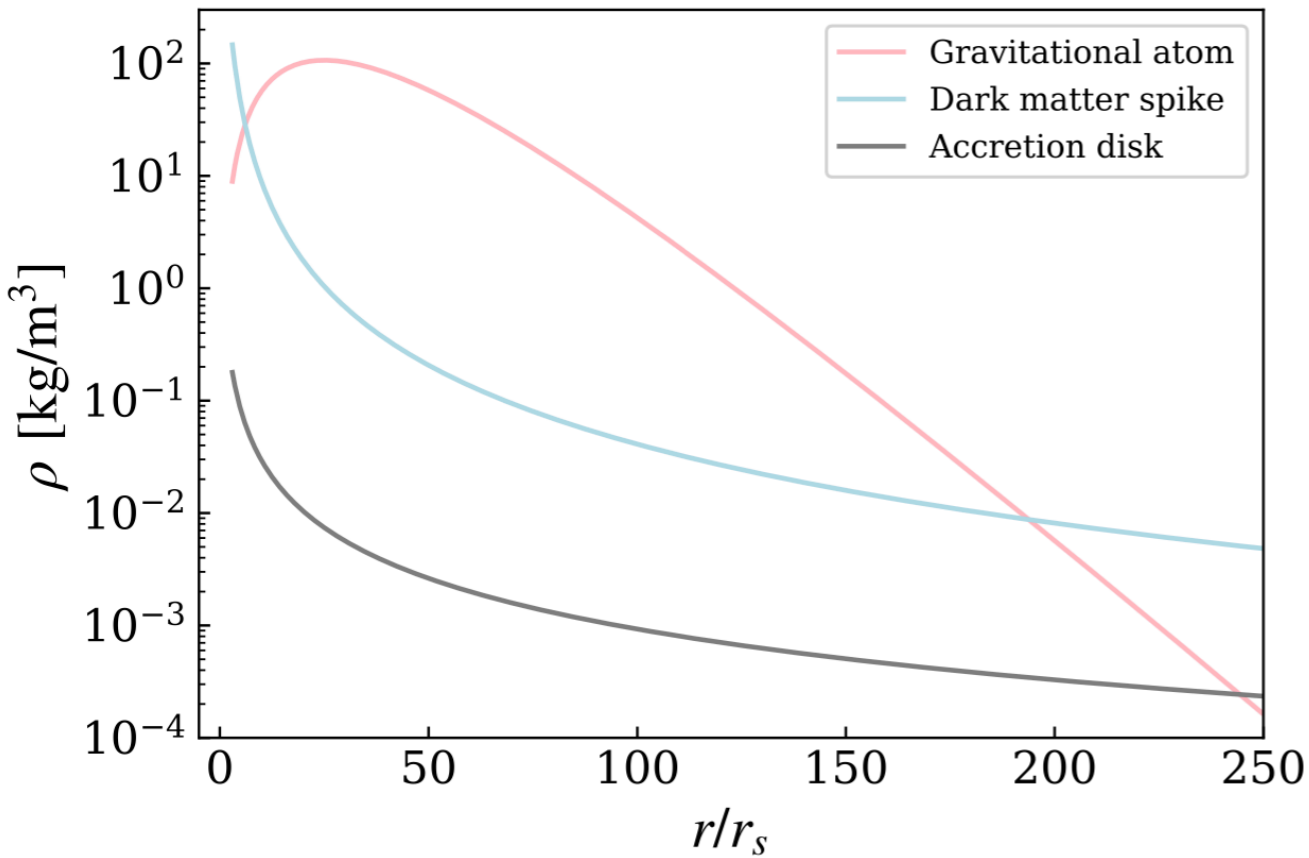
- Differentially rotating **baryonic** disk
- Disk is perturbed by the inspiralling object. Asymmetric "wake"
- Perturbation back-reacts and exerts **torques**



$$T_I = -\Sigma(r) r^4 \Omega^2 q^2 \mathcal{M}^2$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{torque}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{4} m_1 T_I \left(\frac{G_N}{r^3 M} \right)^{1/2}$$

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Signals **very hard to confuse** in 1 year of LISA data (huge Bayes factors!)

$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}$	Dark dress signal	Accretion disk signal	Gravitational atom signal
Vacuum template	34	6	39
Dark dress template	-	3	39
Accretion disk template	17	-	33
Gravitational atom template	24	6	-

P. Cole, G. Bertone, A. Coogan, **DG**, T. Karydas, B. Kavanagh, T. Spieksma, G. Tommaselli [2211.01362](#) (Nature Astronomy)

Dark Dresses around IMBH as well

Generalizing Gondolo and Silk, [9906391](#)

- Adiabatic BH growth:
 - Initial density follows a “cuspy” profile
 - A BH forms and grows *adiabatically*
 - Eddington analysis
 - Conservation laws are applied
 - Final density is computed

$$\rho(r) = \int d^3\mathbf{v} f(\mathcal{E}, L) = 4\pi \int dv_r dv_T v_T f(\mathcal{E}, L),$$

$$f_k(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{\pi^2 \sqrt{8}} \left(\int_0^{\mathcal{E}} \frac{d^2 \rho_k}{d\Psi^2} \frac{d\Psi}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E} - \Psi}} + \frac{(d\rho_k/d\Psi)_{\Psi=0}}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}} \right)$$

$$\rho_f(r) = 4\pi \int_{\mathcal{E}_f^{\min}}^{\mathcal{E}_f^{\max}} dE \int_{L_{\min}}^{L_{\max}} dL \frac{L}{r^2 v_{r,f}} f_i(\mathcal{E}_i(\mathcal{E}_f, L_f), L_f).$$

Radial Action is Conserved $I_{r,x}(\mathcal{E}_x, L) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r_{\text{peri}}}^{r_{\text{apo}}} dr v_{r,x}(r, \mathcal{E}_x, L)$

