

# Feedback in the Dark: The CMB bound on the PBH abundance

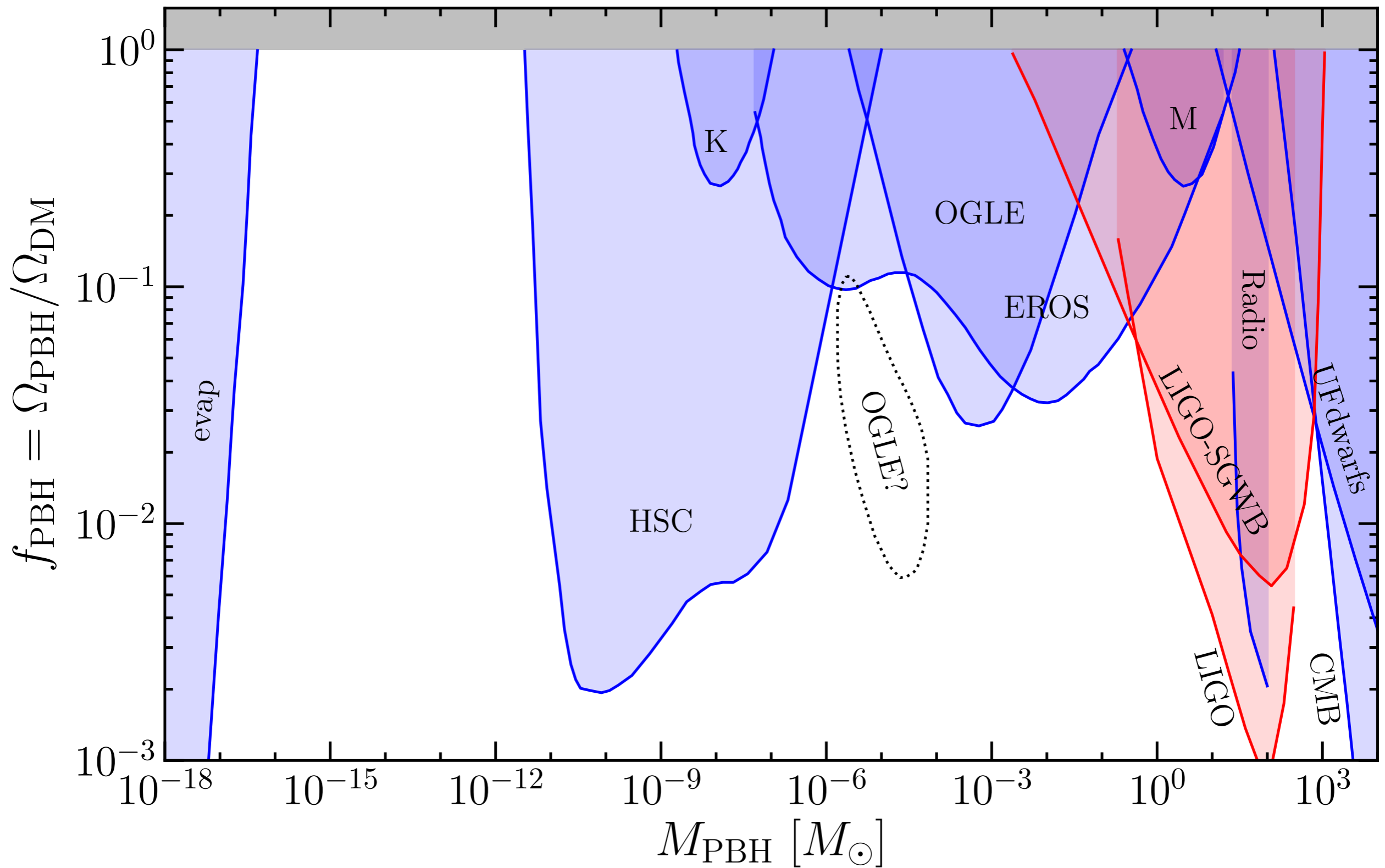


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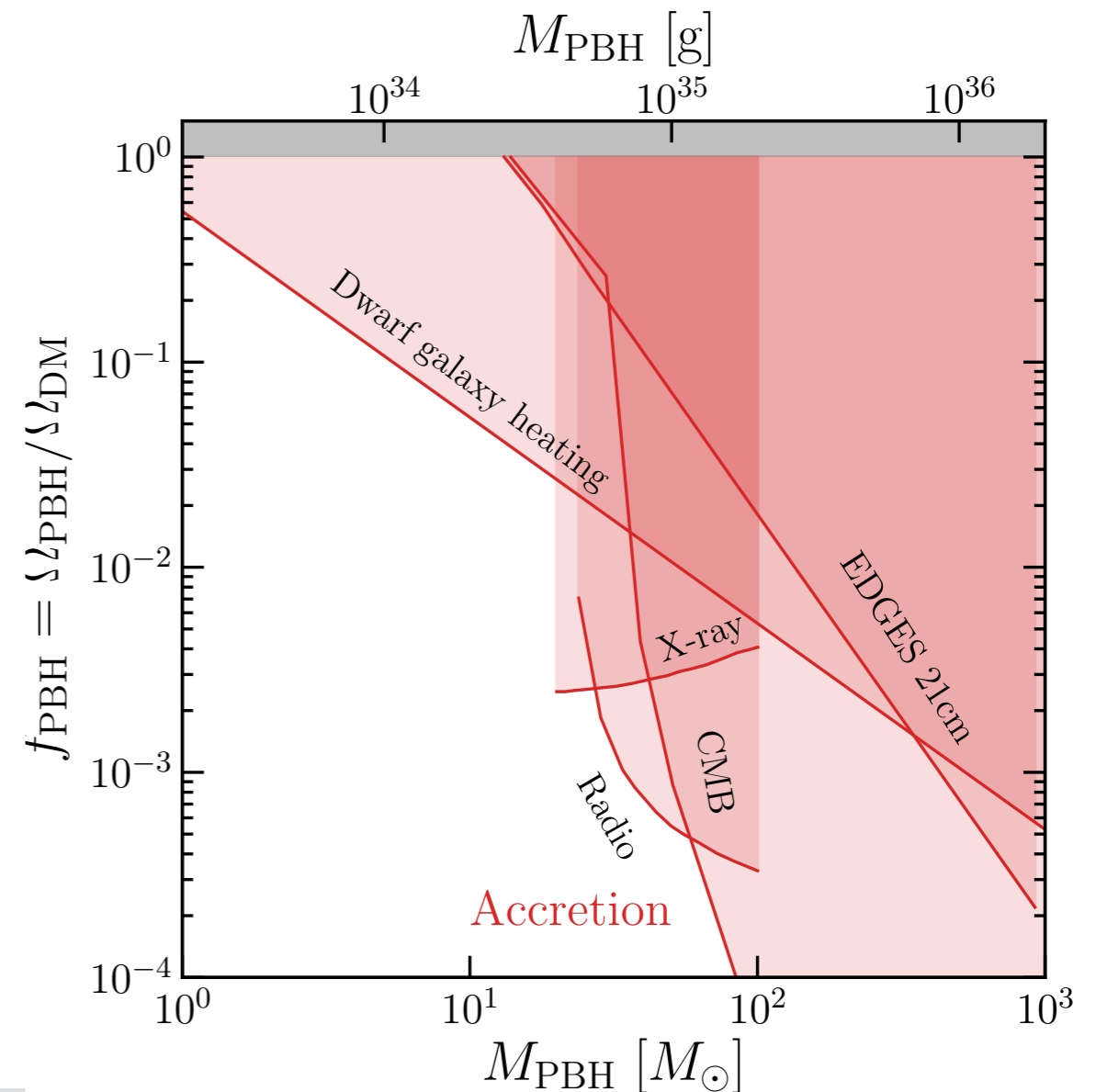
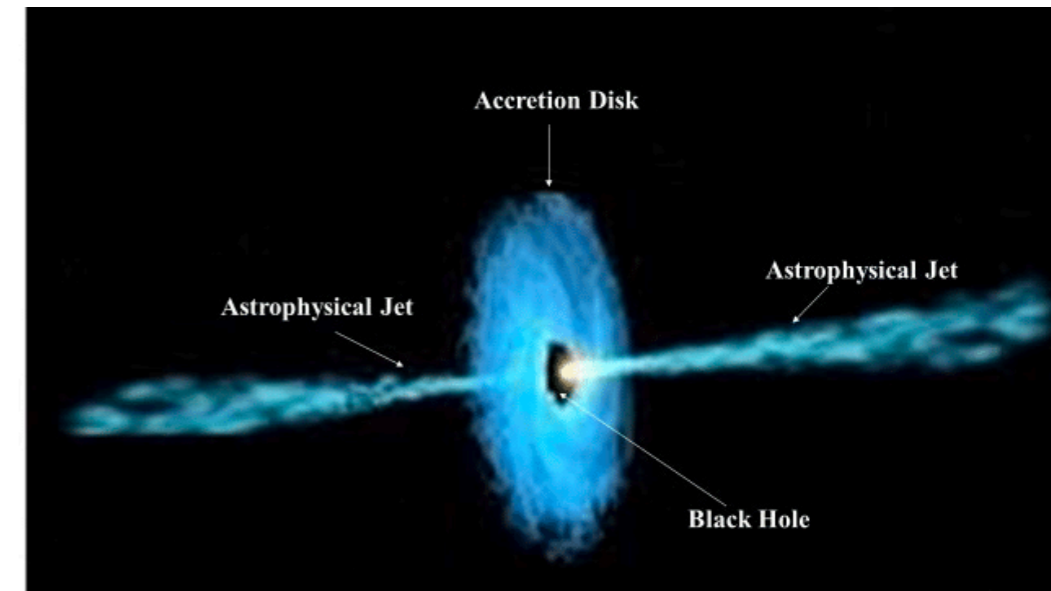
# Primordial Black Hole phenomenology



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

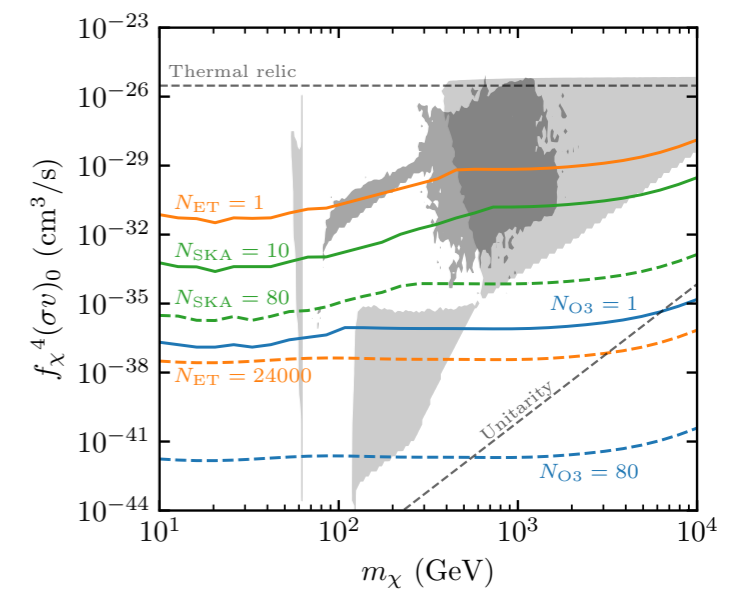
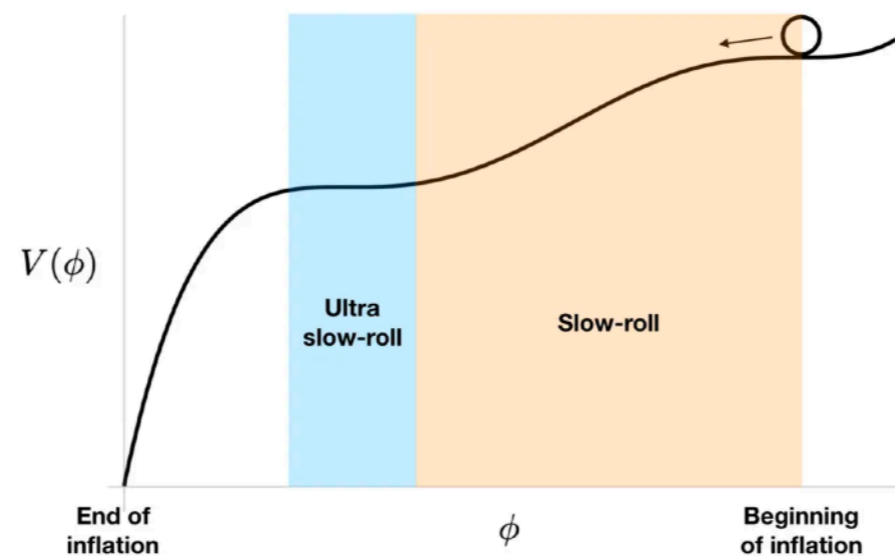
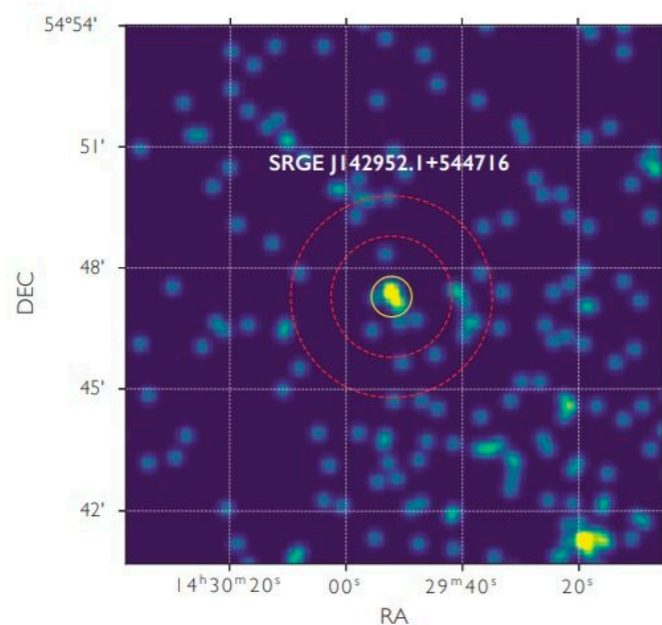
# Accretion bounds

- **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!



# 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



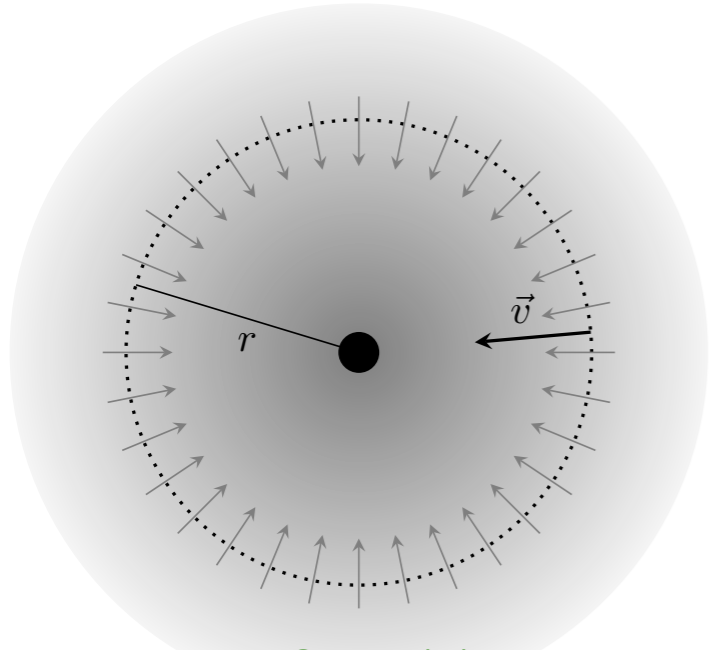
# Accretion physics: Bondi formalism.

**Continuity** equation for steady-state flow

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

**Euler** equation

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



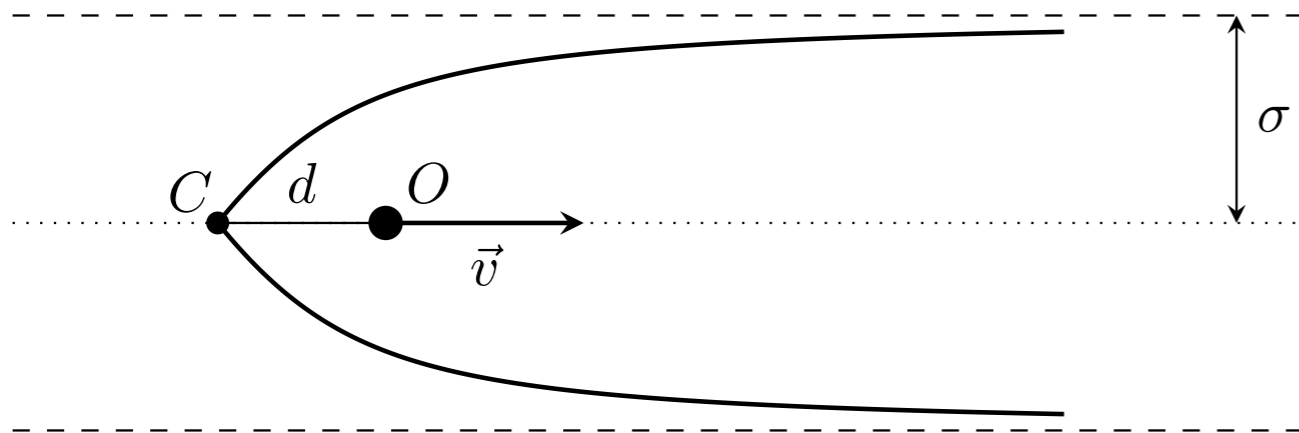
**BH at rest:** *Bondi* accretion rate

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

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



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

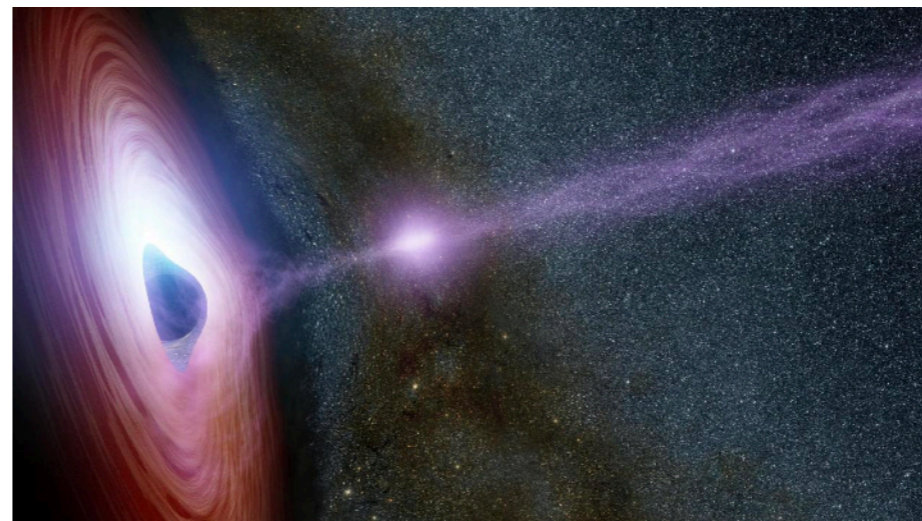
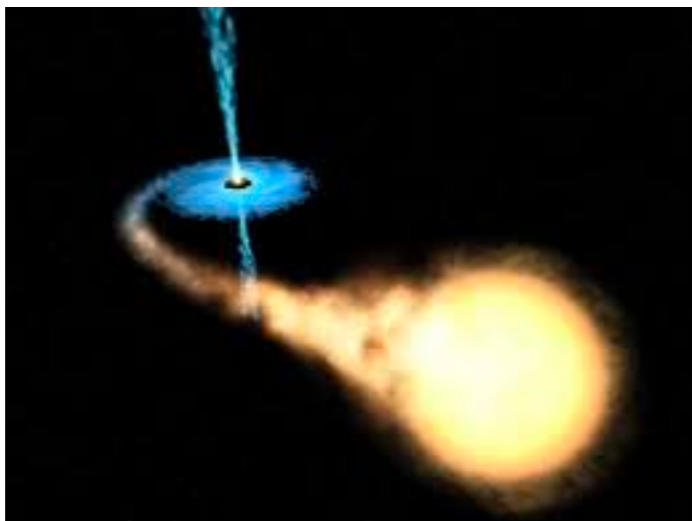
# Accretion physics: Bondi formalism

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 Cosmological Accretion Bound

## The physics behind the bound

- PBHs accrete baryonic matter during the *Dark Ages*.
  - The accretion rate depends on *ambient density* and PBH - baryon *relative speed*.
  - Ambient density dilutes with decreasing redshift
- PBH speed relative to baryons *decreases* according to linear theory (*DM does not suffer Thompson scattering*)

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

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

Hu, Sugiyama [9407093](#)  
Tseliakhovich+ [1005.2416](#)  
Dvorkin+ [1311.2937](#)

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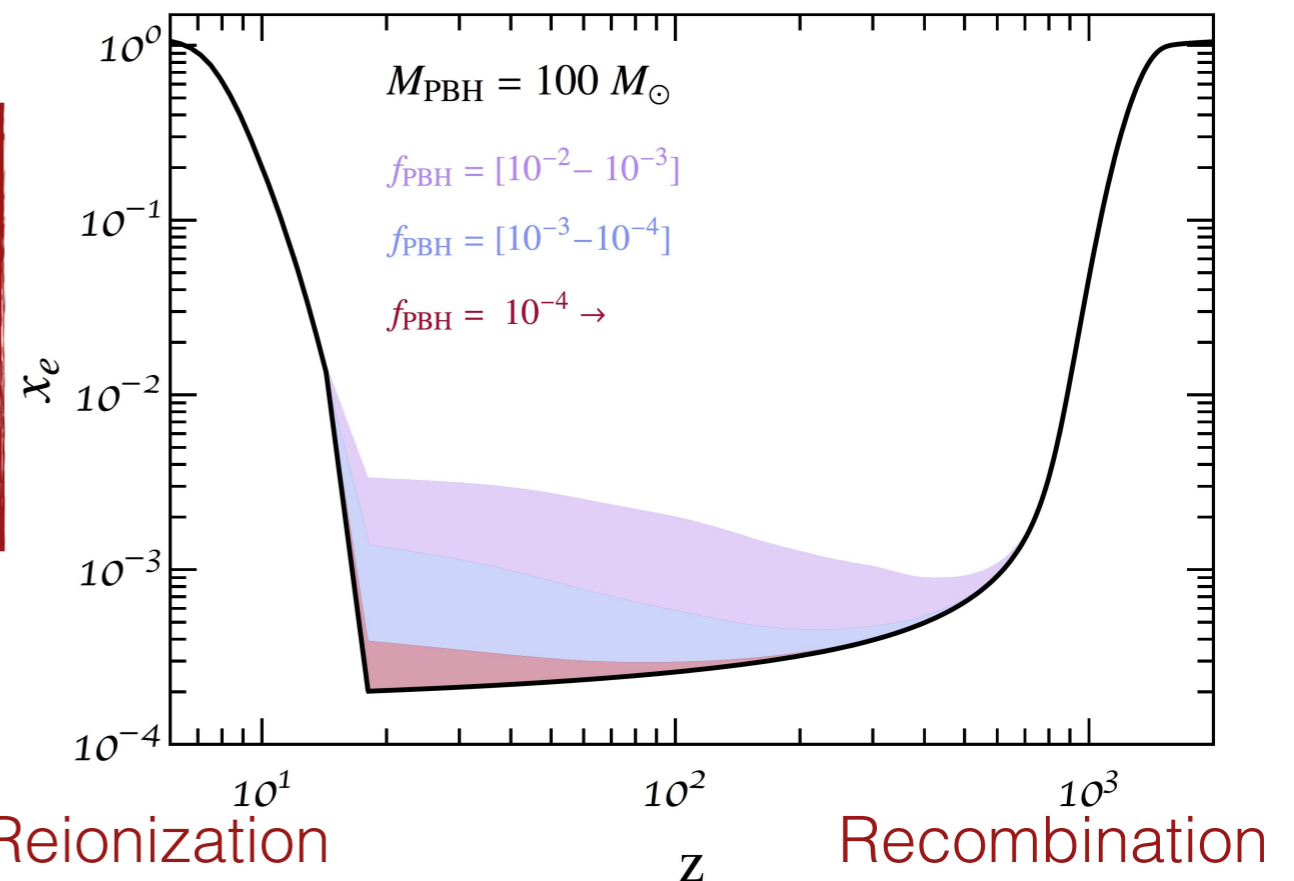
## The physics behind the bound

- 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

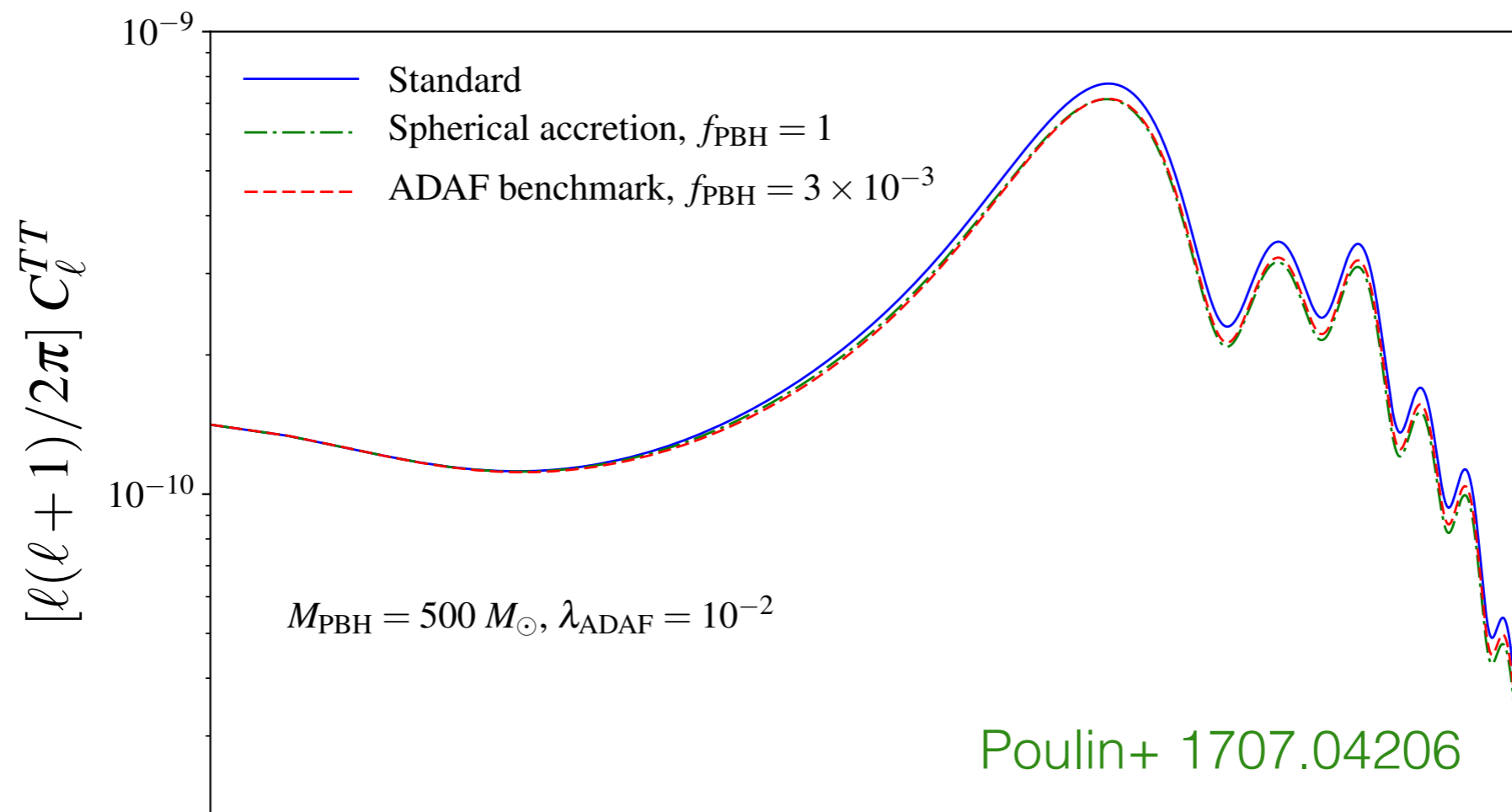
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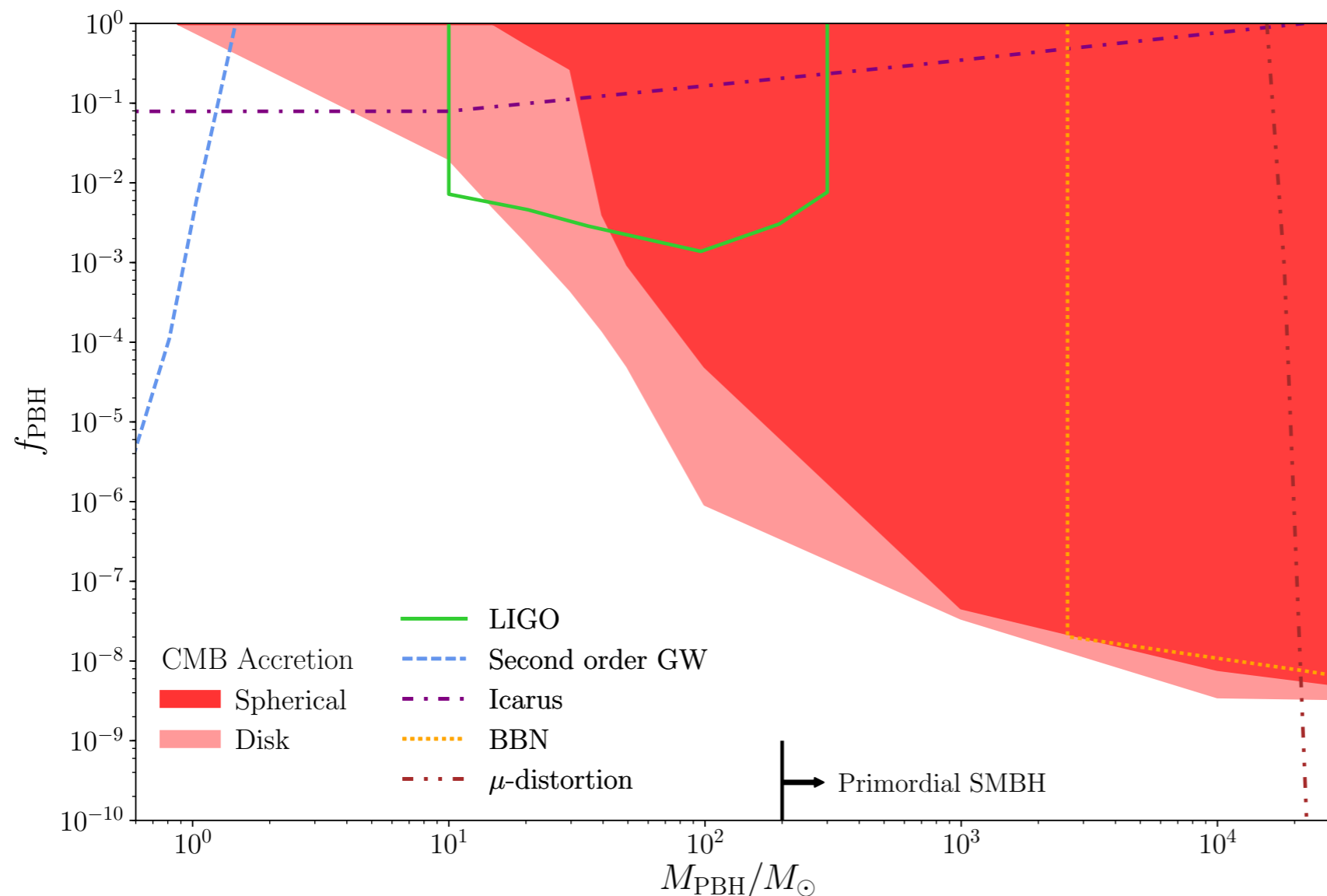
- Impact on CMB anisotropy is due to the alteration of the *visibility function* and the recombination optical depth



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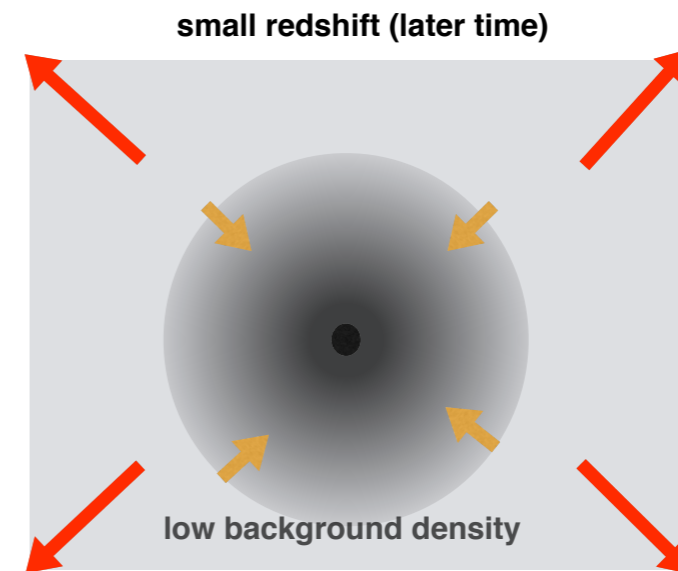
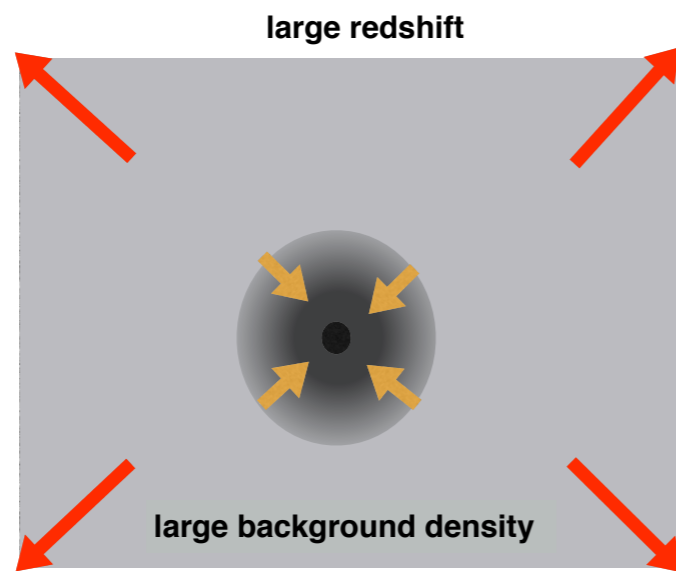
- Result: The **strongest bound** in the high-mass range!



Poulin+ [1707.04206](#)  
Serpico+ [2002.10771](#)

# The role of Dark Matter mini-halos

- **Sub-dominant population of PBHs** immersed in another form of DM, expanding and diluting
- Accretion of **DM mini-halos**: Balance between **gravitational pull** and **expansion of the universe**



$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = -\frac{GM_{\text{PBH}}}{r^2} + (\dot{H} + H^2)r,$$

**Turn-around** radius  
for a generic DM shell

$$GM_{\text{PBH}} = (1 + 3\omega) \frac{H^2}{2} r_{\text{ta}}^3.$$

A PBH can accrete a DM halo with  $M_{\text{Halo}} = M_{\text{PBH}}$  at the end of the radiation era ( $z = z_{\text{eq}}$ )

# The role of Dark Matter mini-halos

- Simple analytical computation (DM particles are frozen in at turn-around with their density matching the background density):

$$r_{\text{ta}} \simeq (2 G m_{\text{pbh}} t_{\text{ta}}^2)^{1/3}$$

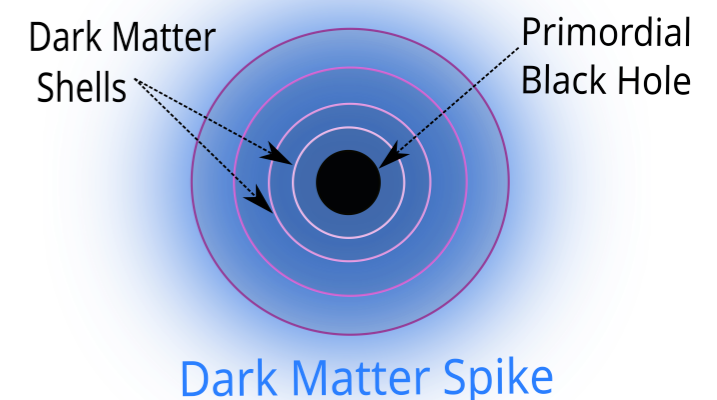
$$\rho_{\text{sp}}(r) \simeq \frac{\Omega_{\text{cdm}}}{\Omega_{\text{m}}} \frac{\rho_{\text{eq}}}{2} (2 G m_{\text{pbh}} t_{\text{eq}}^2)^{3/4} r^{-9/4}$$

Analytical and numerical computations in [Bertschinger, [ApJS 1985](#); Sten Delos *et al.* [1712.05421](#); Gosenca *et al.* [1710.02055](#); Adamek *et al.* [1901.08528](#)]

- *Recent developments*: Computation of profile as function of:

- BH mass and DM particle mass,
- Temperature of kinetic decoupling

[Boudaud+ [2106.07480](#), Carr+ [2011.01930](#)]



# The Bondi Radius

$$\dot{M}_{\text{BHL}} = 4\pi\lambda\rho_b \frac{G^2 M^2}{v_{\text{eff}}^3} = 4\pi\lambda\rho_b v_{\text{eff}} r_{\text{B}}^2$$

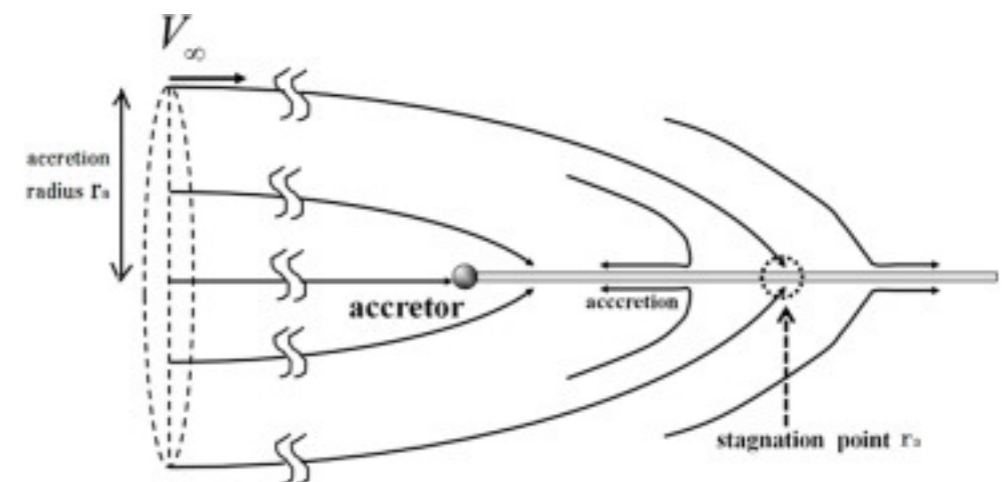
$$v_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BHL}} = (c_s^2 + v_{\text{rel}}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$r_{\text{B}} = \frac{GM}{v_{\text{eff}}^2}$$

## Generalized Bondi Radius

Within this radius, the object *effectively captures* and accretes material from the gas flow: **Sphere of influence**

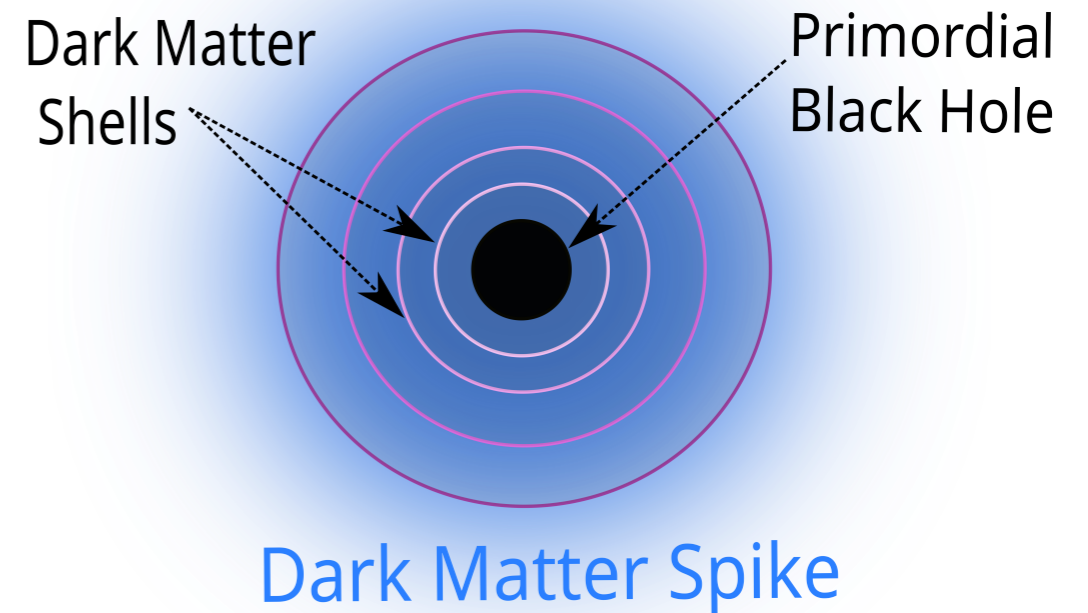
(gravitational potential energy of the gas > thermal + kinetic energy)



# DM mini halos impact the Bondi radius

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$$\frac{G_N M_{\text{PBH}}}{r_{\text{B,eff}}} - \Phi_h(M_{\text{PBH}}, r_{\text{B,eff}}, t) = v_{\text{eff}}^2(t)$$

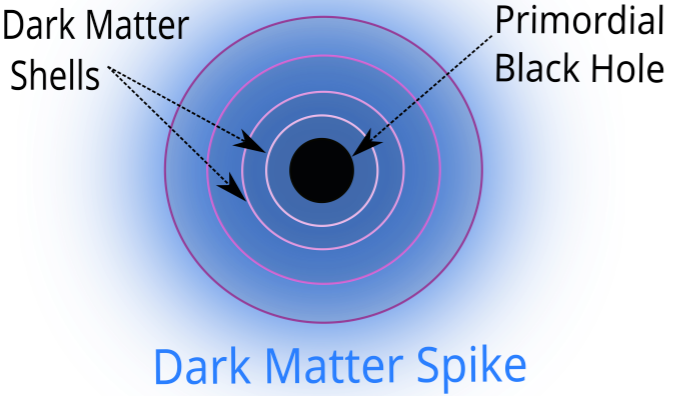
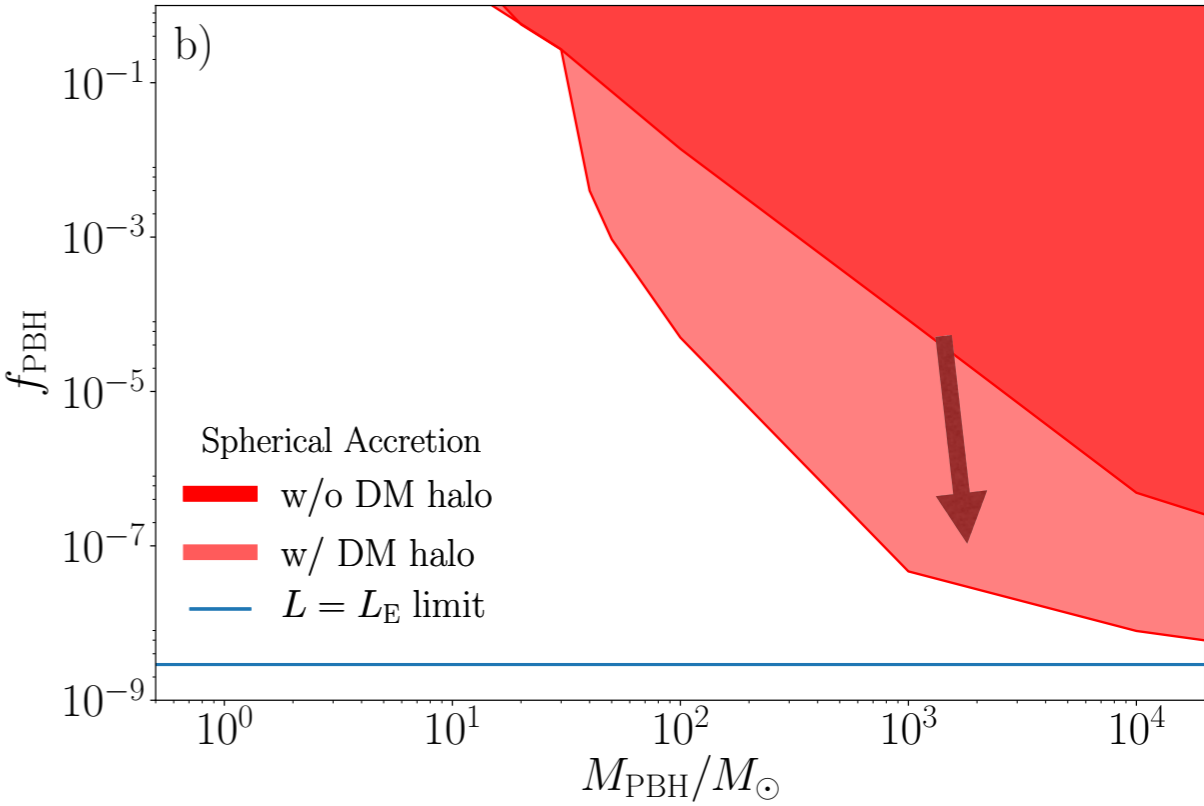
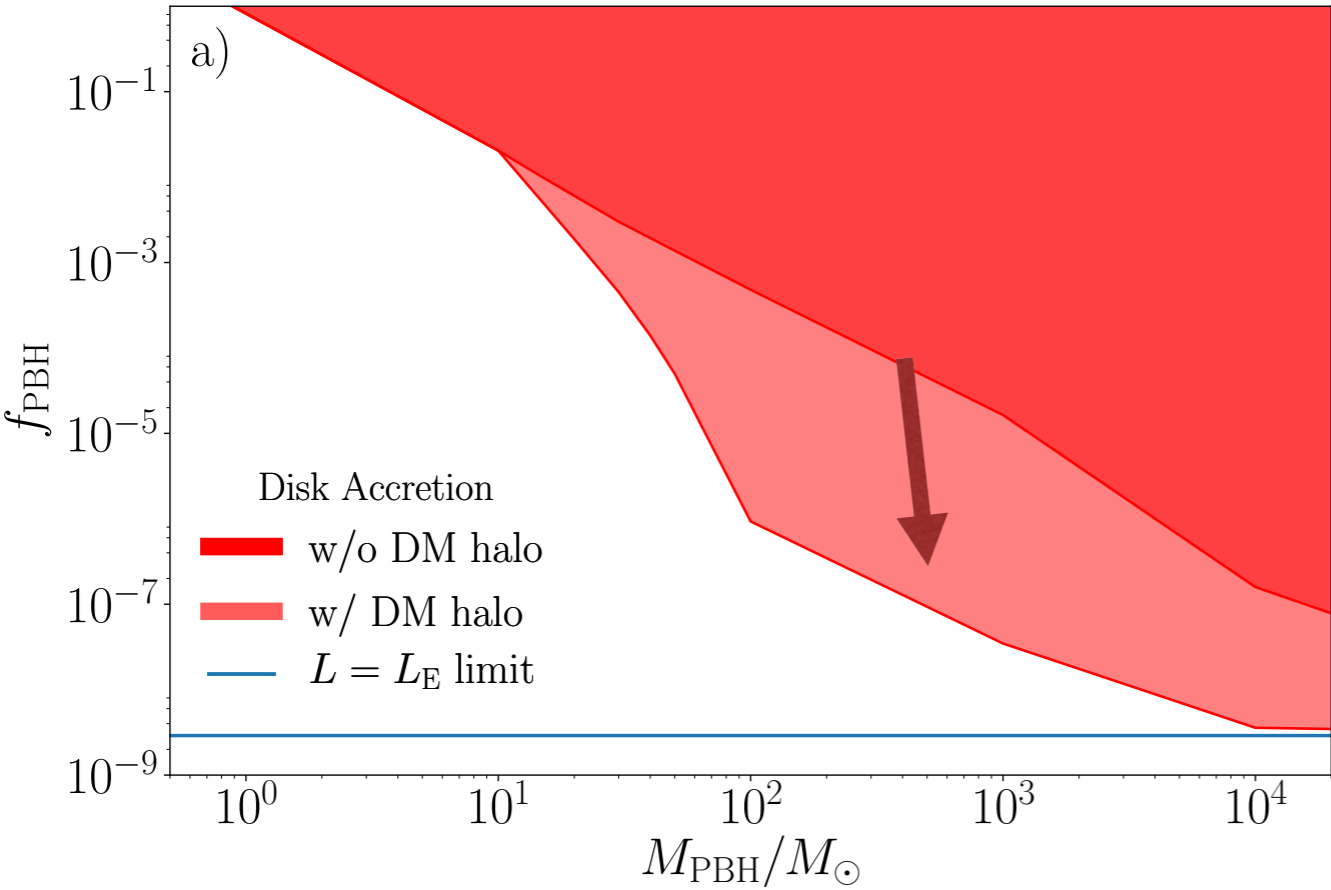


- We define an **Effective Bondi Radius** in presence of the DM mini halo (Potential energy of the gas *with halo* > thermal + kinetic energy)
- Potential due to DM mini-spike  $\rightarrow$  Effective Bondi radius is *larger*  $\rightarrow$  **“Accretion boost”**  $\rightarrow$  **Stronger bound**

$$r_{\text{B,eff}} = \frac{G_N (M_{\text{PBH}} + M_h)}{v_{\text{eff}}^2} \simeq \frac{G_N M_h}{v_{\text{eff}}^2} \equiv r_{\text{B,h}} \quad M_h \simeq \frac{3000}{1+z} M$$

P. Serpico *et al.*, [2002.10771](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.10771)

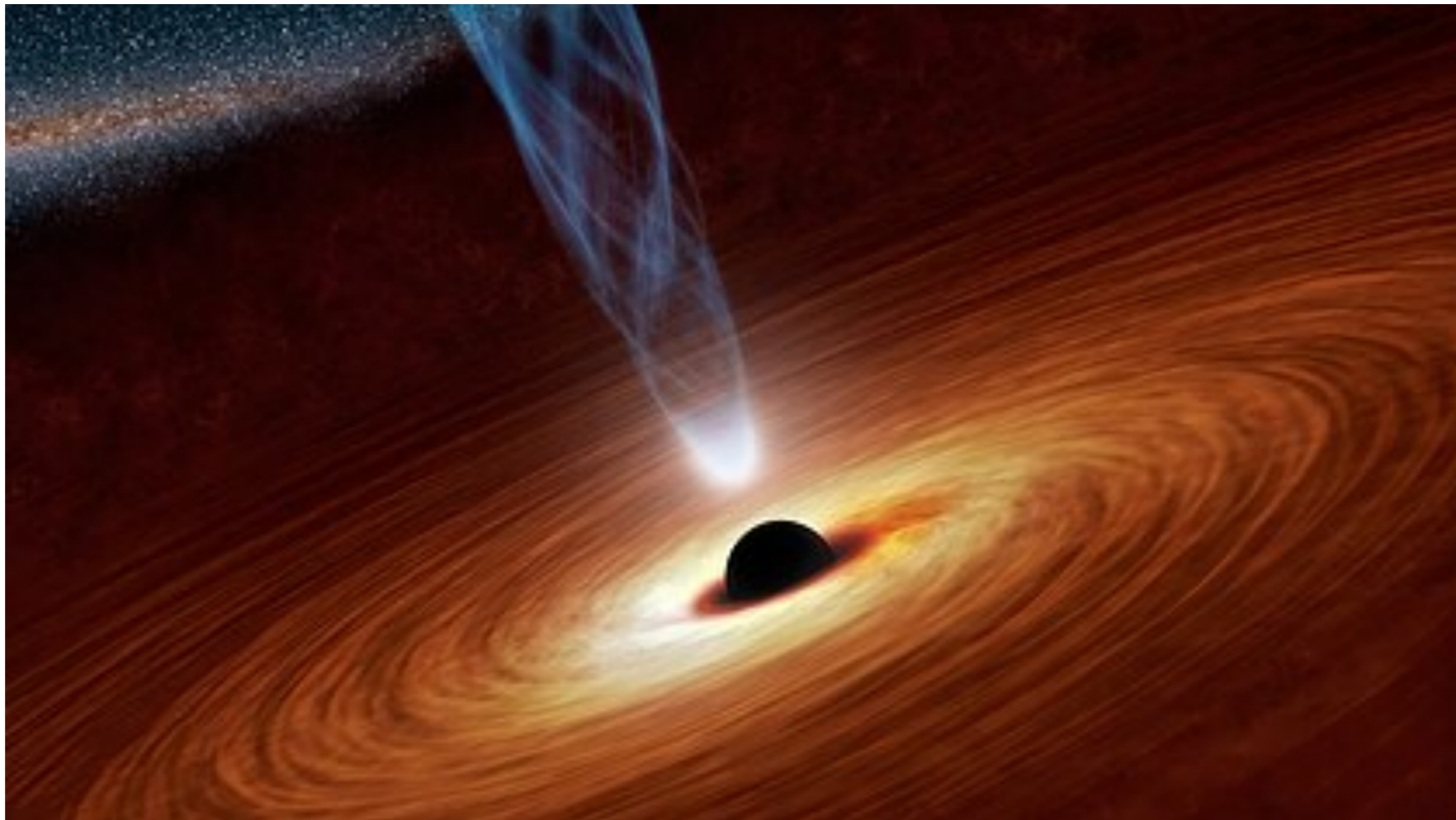
# Contribution to the Bound: Challenging the “SMBH” floor



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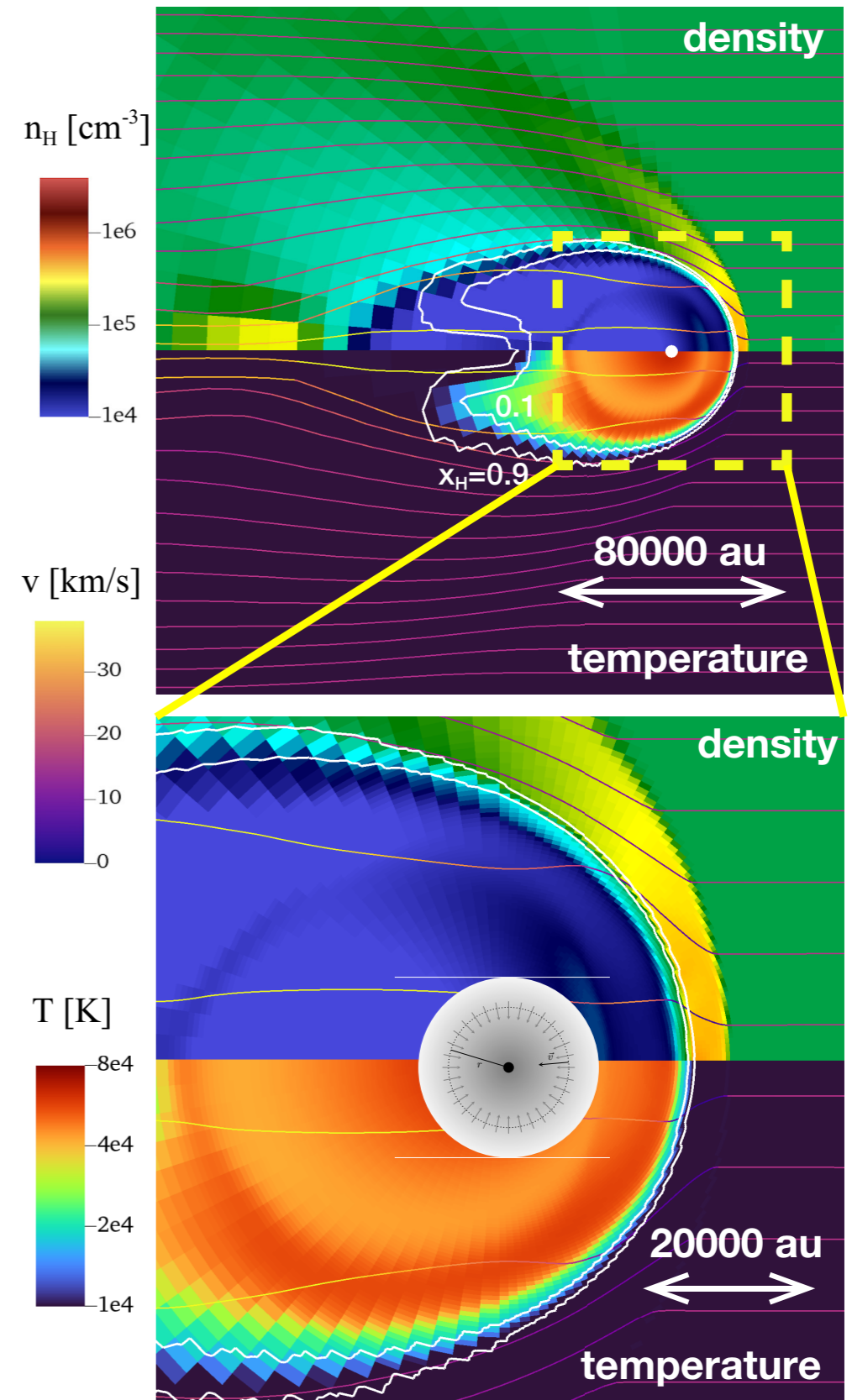
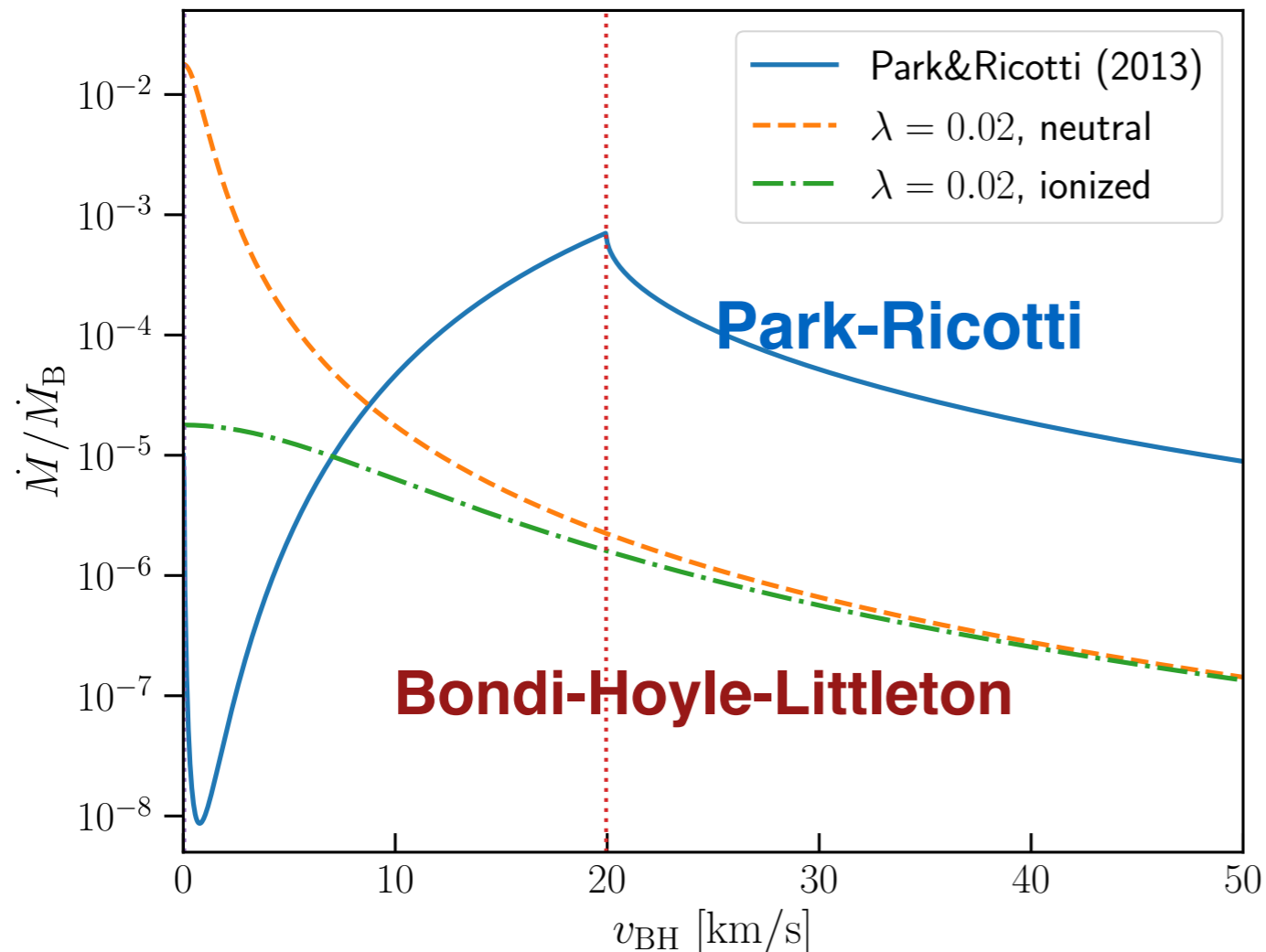
# Radiation Feedback comes into play





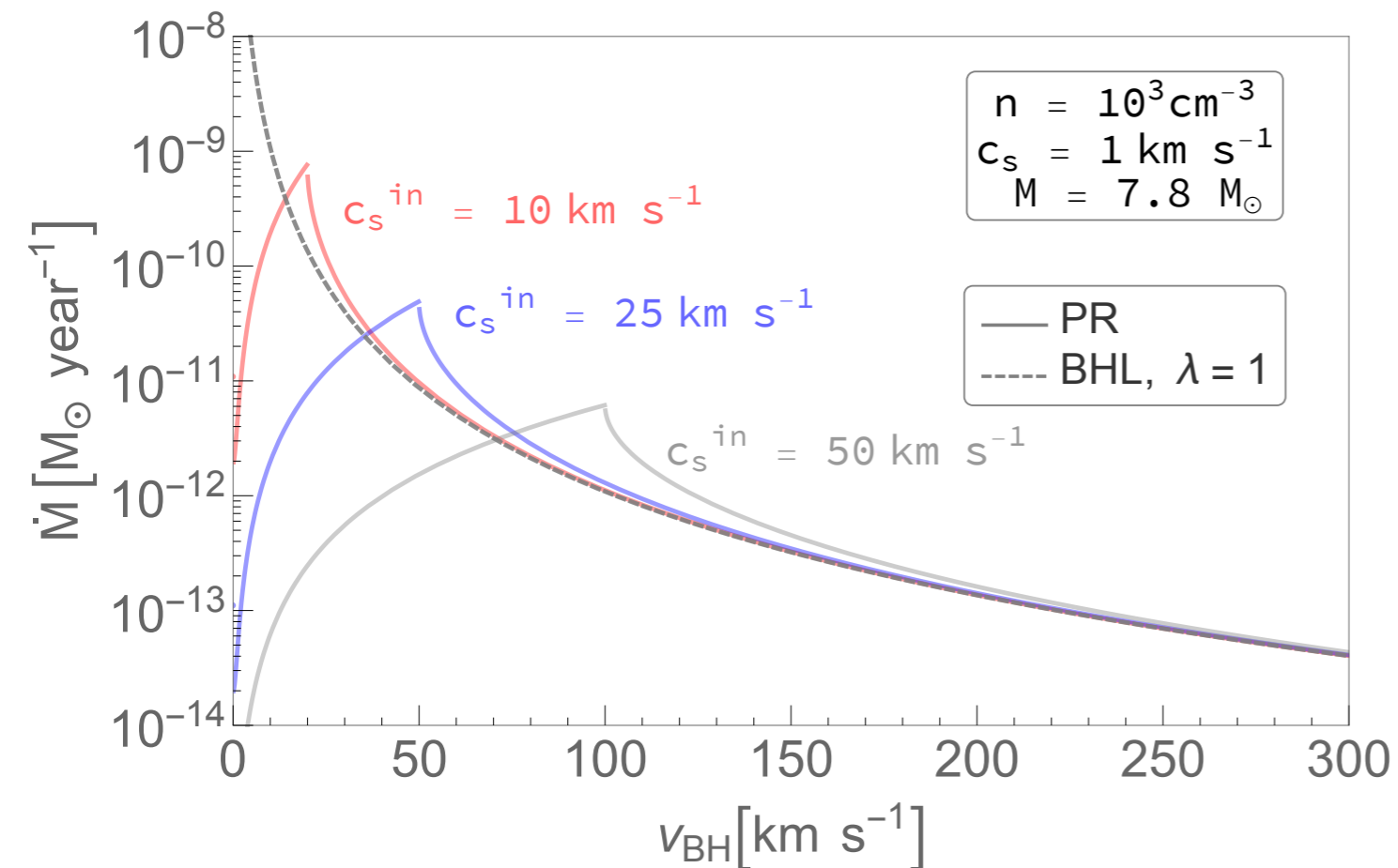
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- Suppression of the accretion rate at low velocity, due to the formation of an ionized bubble

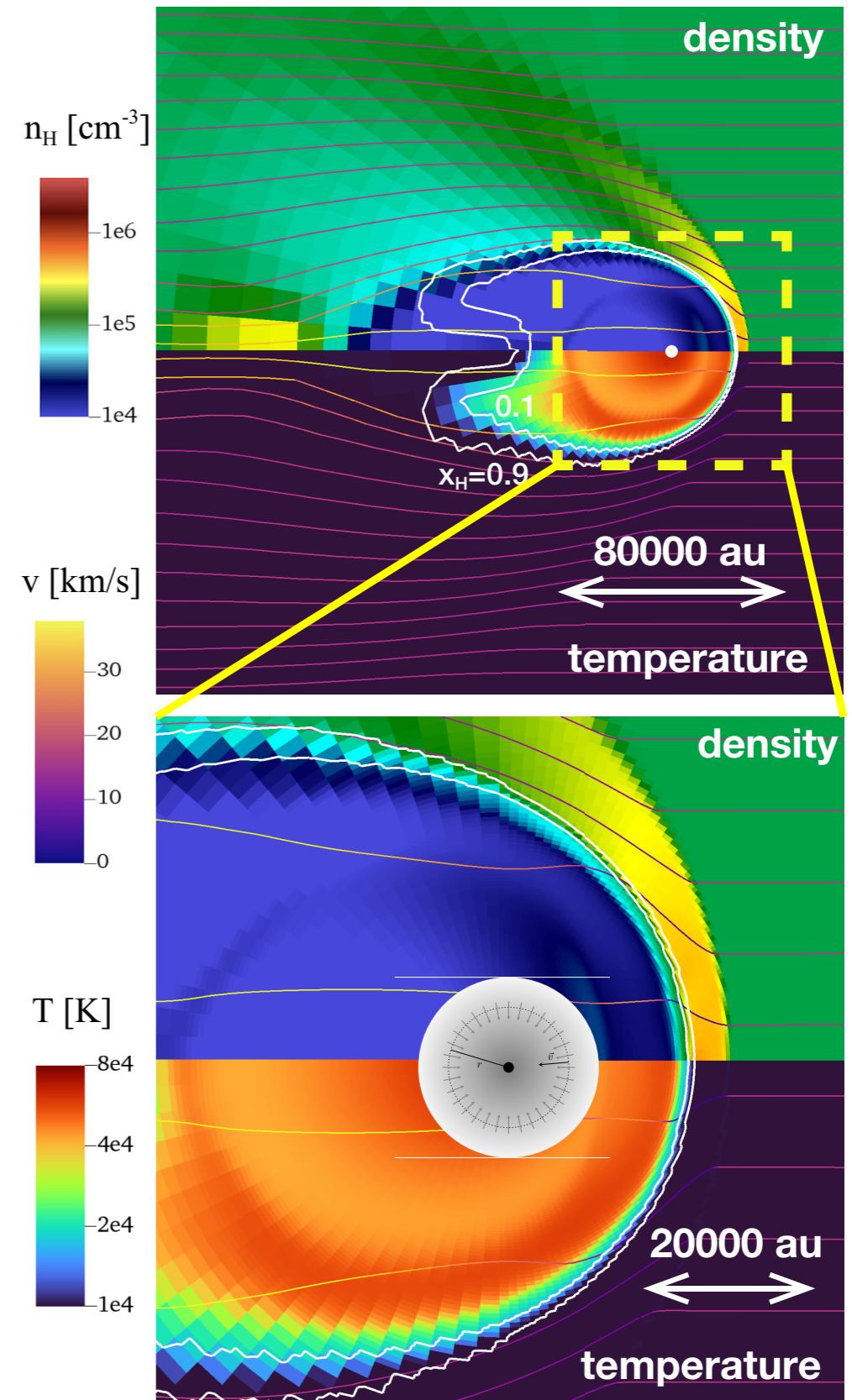


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- Peaks of accretion rate depends on ionized sound speed

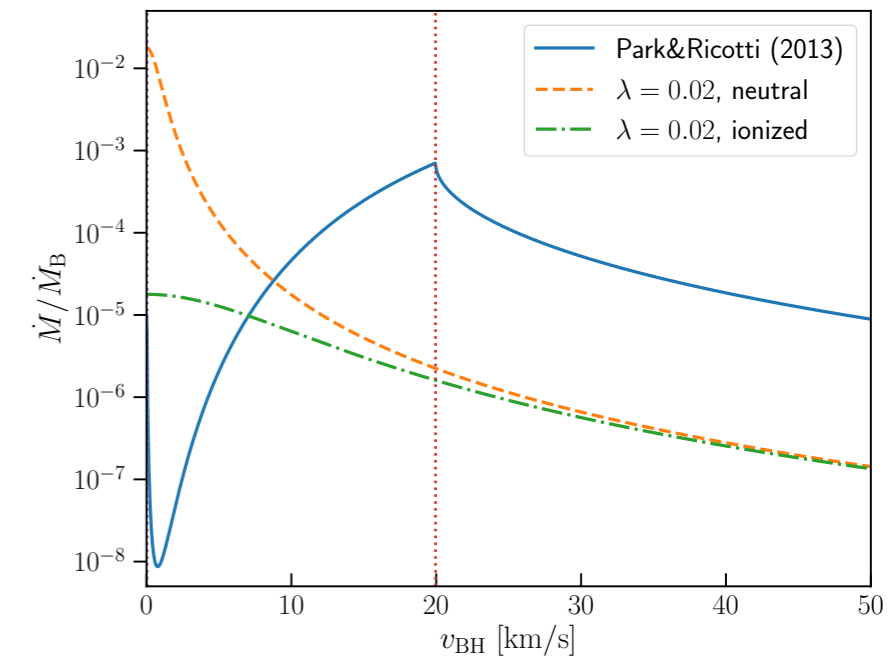
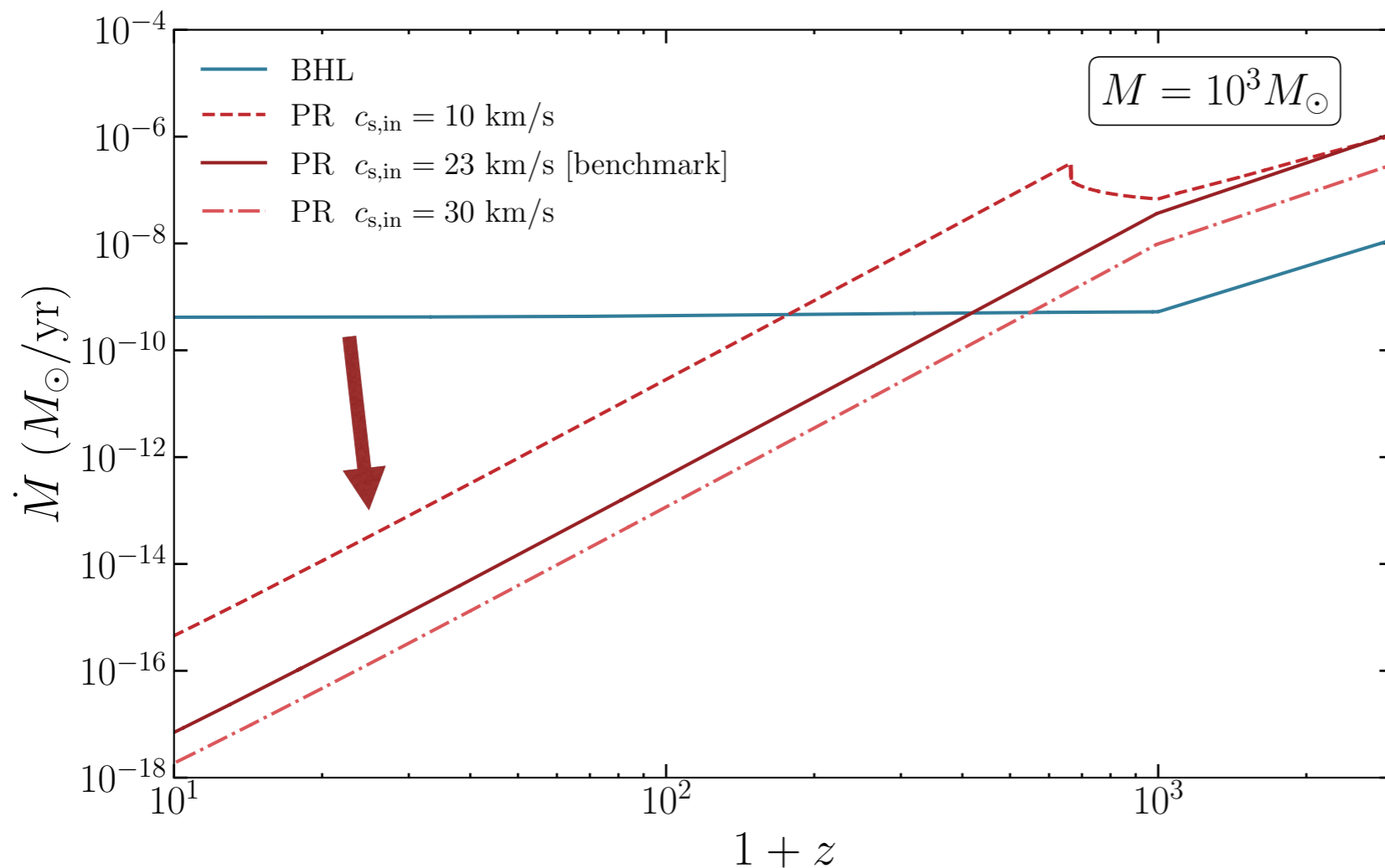


Scarcella+ 2012.10421



# Revisiting the Cosmological constraint

- Accretion rate **suppression** around PBHs is very relevant
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- **May weaken the bound**

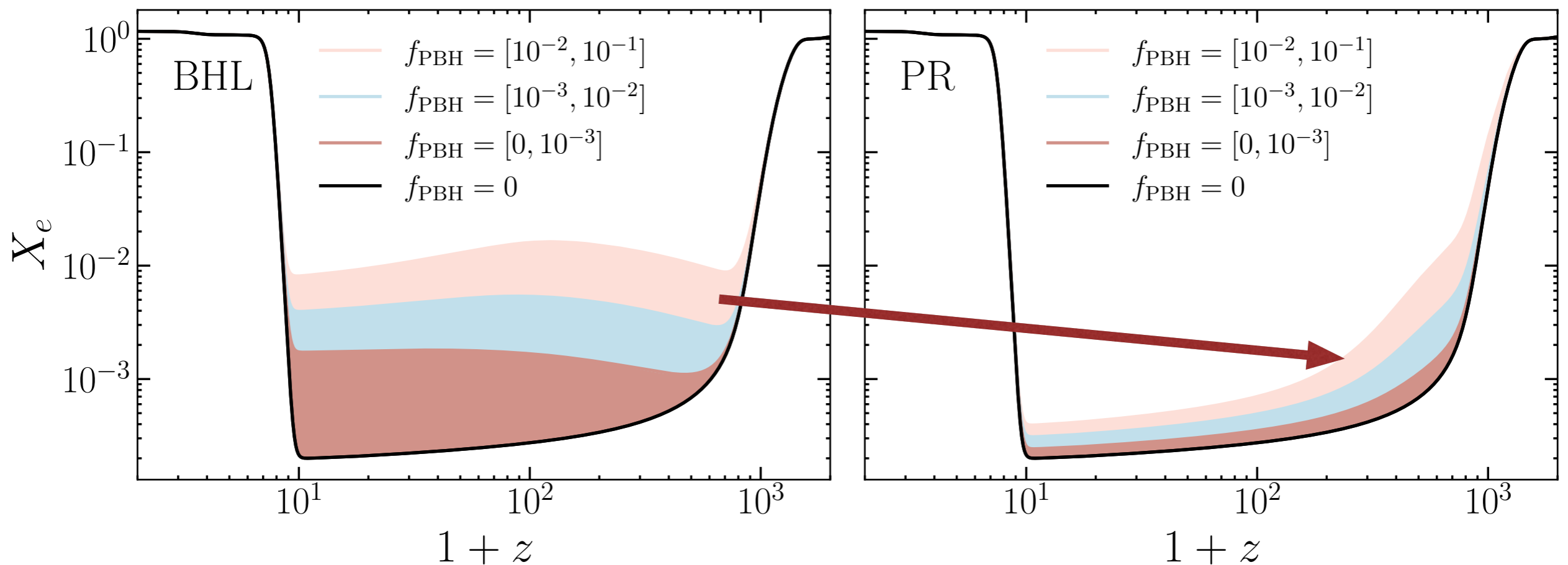


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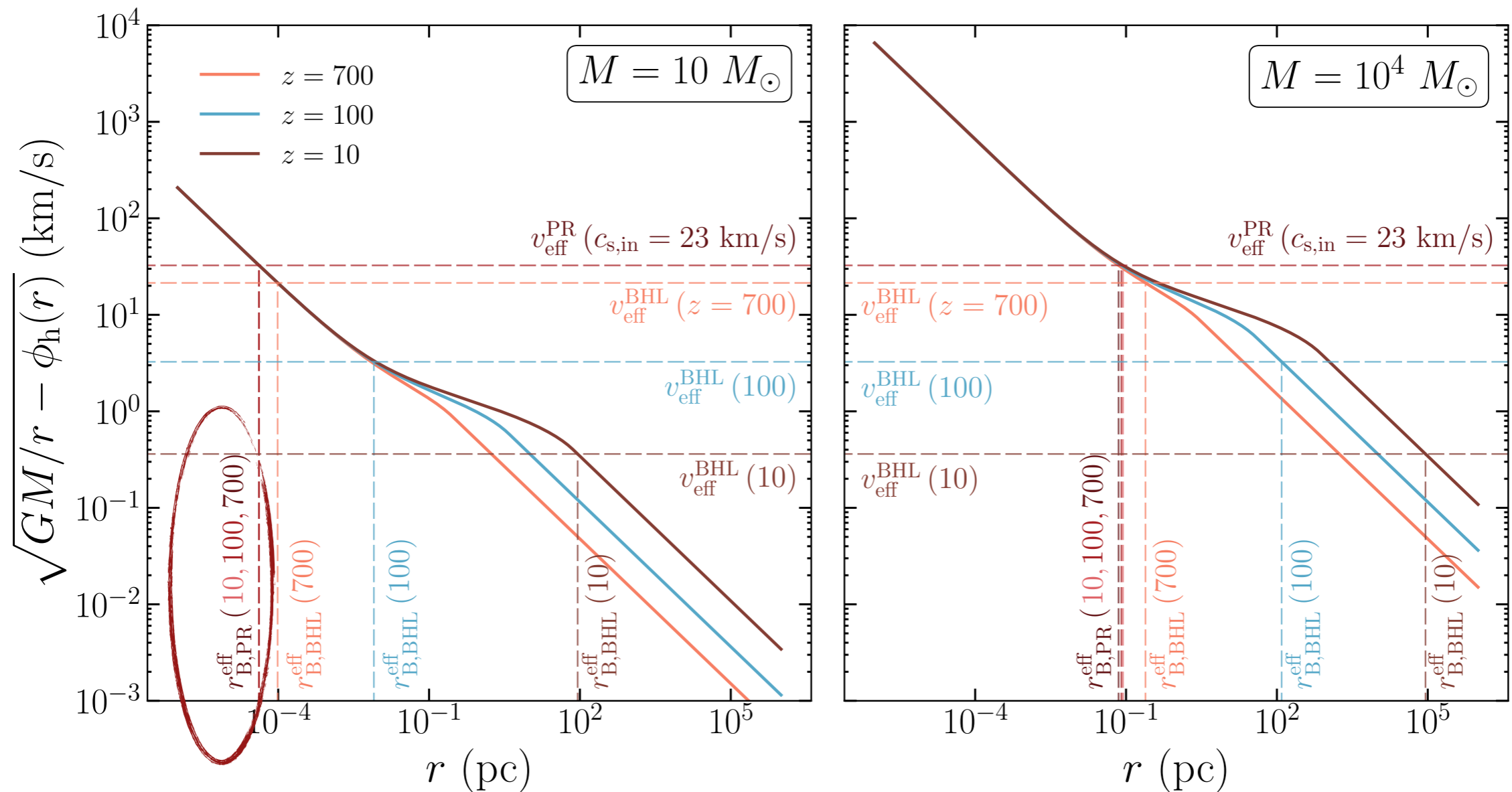
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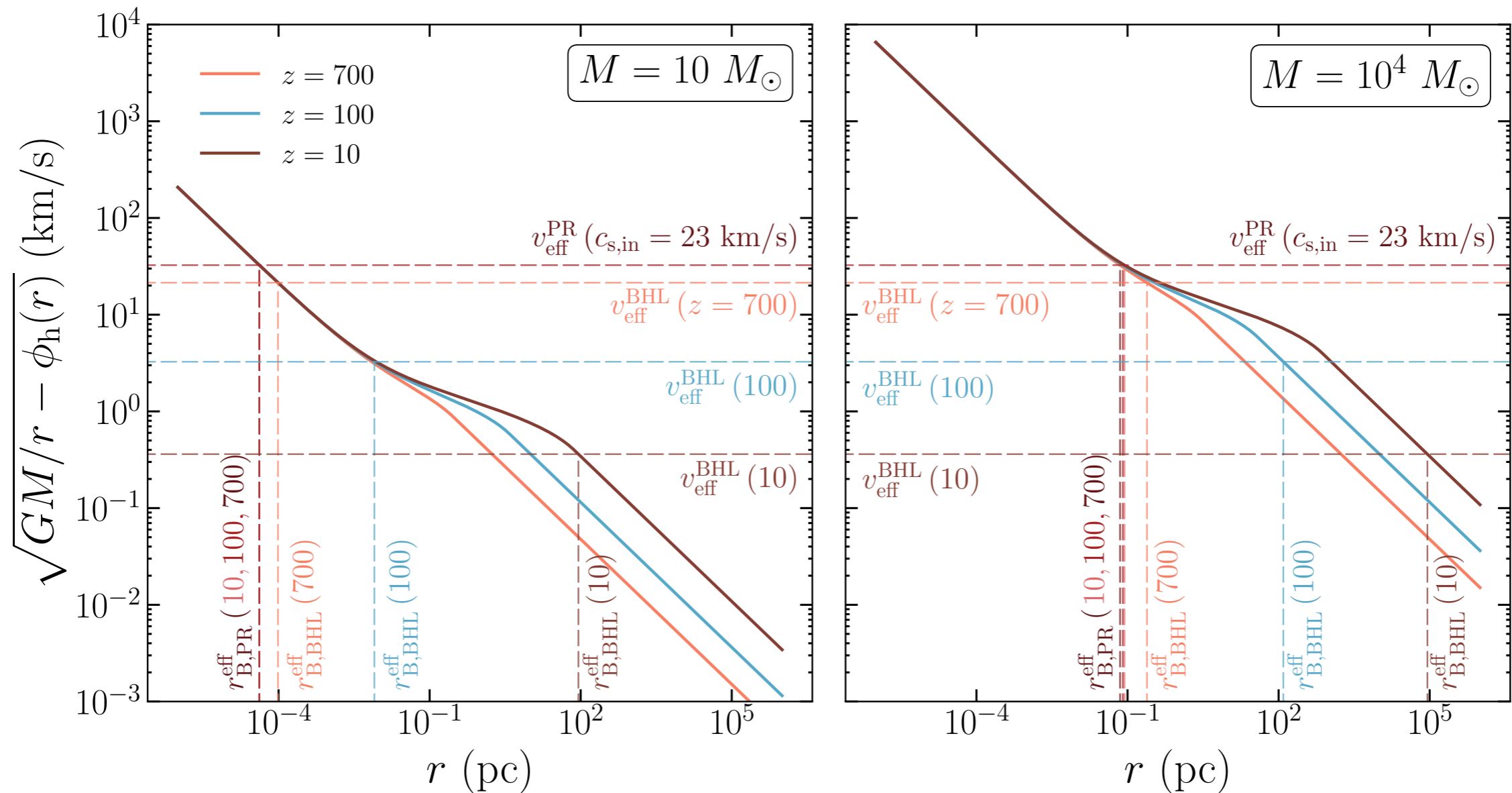
- The Park-Ricotti model can be recast into a **Bondi problem inside the ionized radius**

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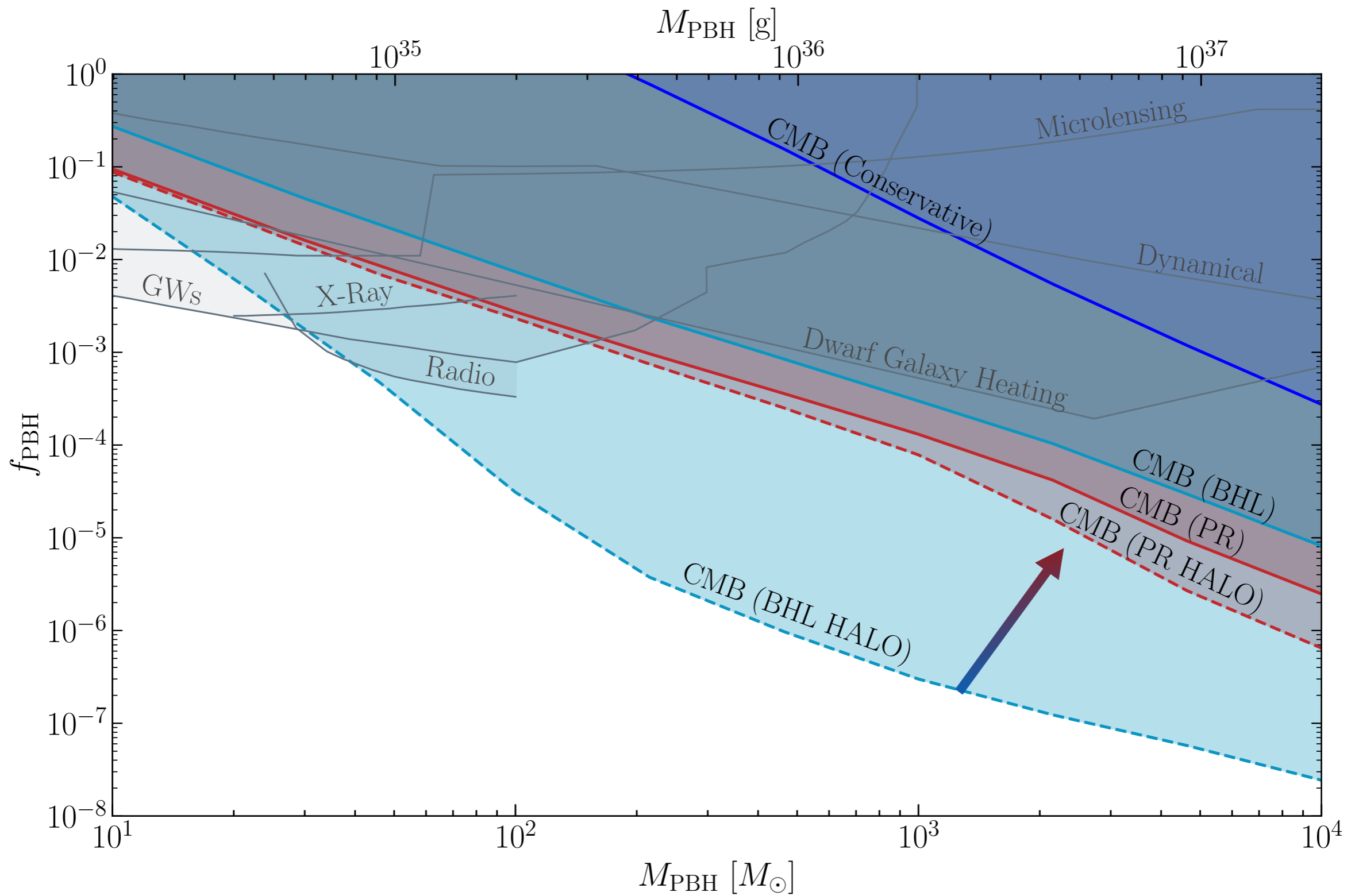
# Feedback VS DM Mini-halos

- The Park-Ricotti model can be recast into a **Bondi problem inside the ionized radius**



- The effective velocity of the PR model is larger (larger, constant sound speed within the ionized region)
- The **effective Bondi radius is smaller**  $\rightarrow$  **Less “accretion boost”**

# Main Result: Radiation feedback weakens the bound



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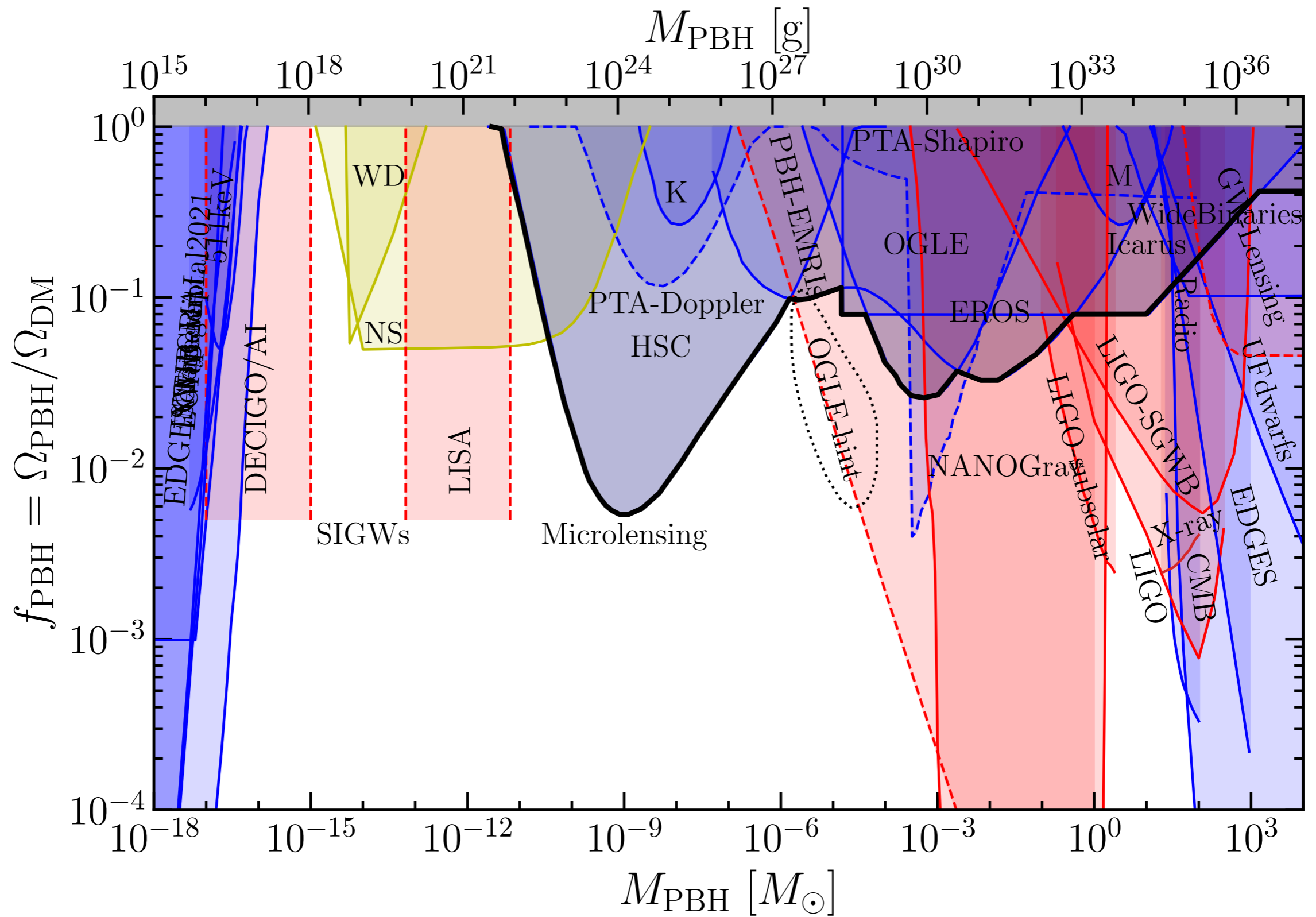
# Conclusions

- **PBHs can be a portion of the DM.** Cosmological accretion bounds are the strongest in the high-mass domain.
- We presented a comprehensive assessment of the uncertainty on the **CMB bound**.
- **Crucial role of radiation feedback:** Modeling radiation feedback weakens the bound including mini-halos



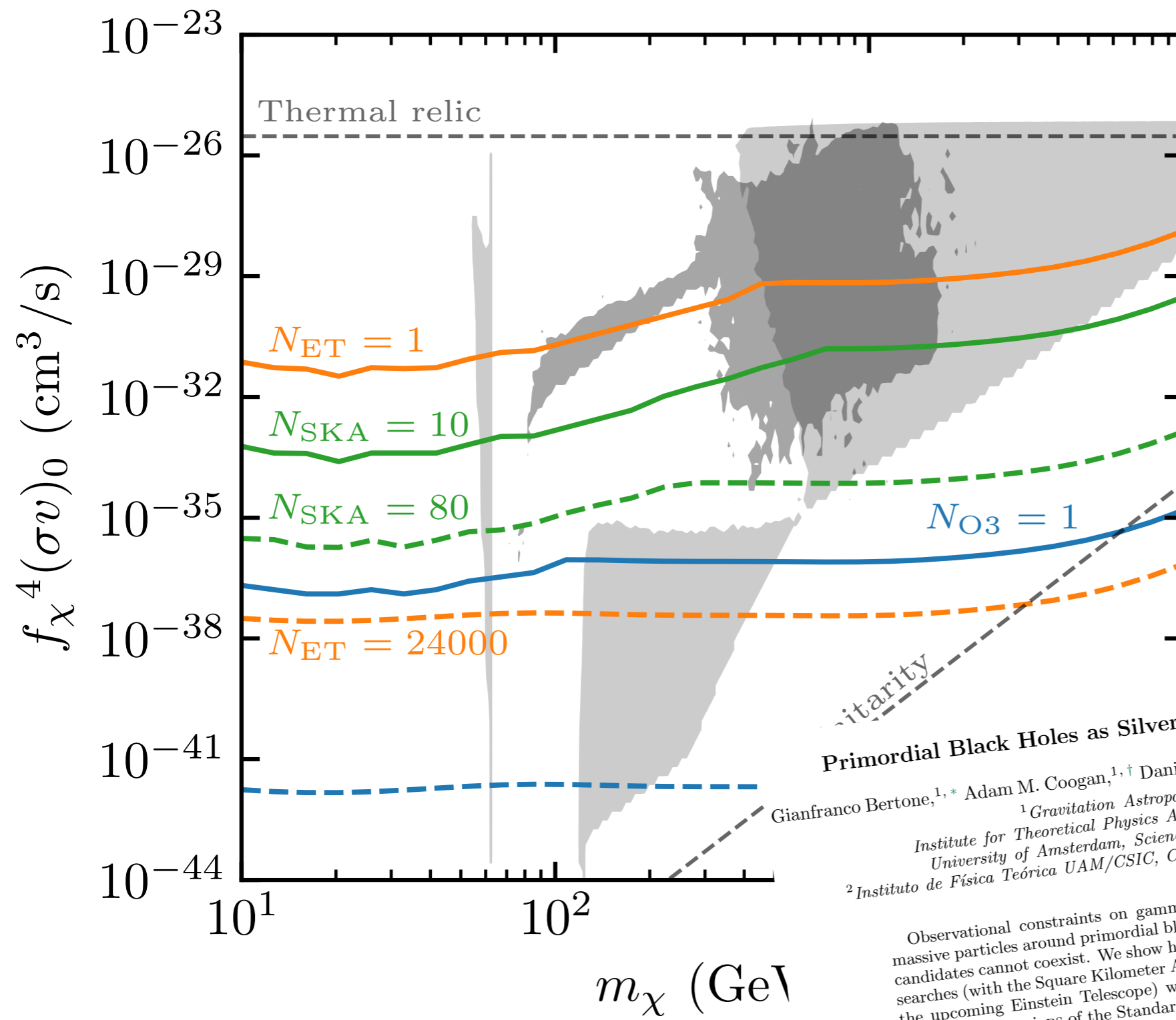
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# Why a sub-dominant population would matter?



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## Primordial Black Holes as Silver Bullets for New Physics at the Weak Scale

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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. 🧐💡

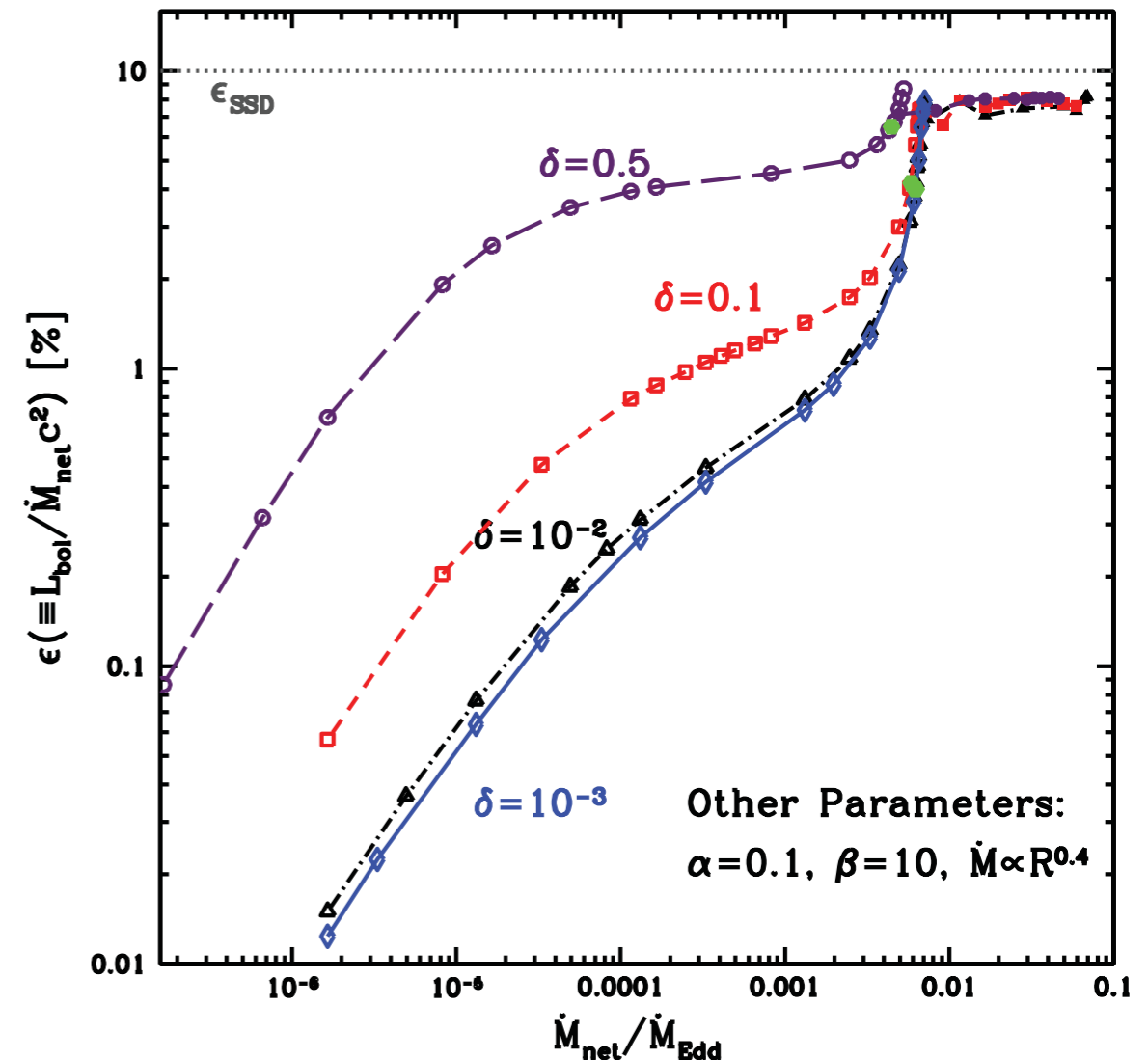
# Uncertainty: radiation efficiency

$$\left. \frac{d^2 E}{dV dt} \right|_{\text{inj}} = L n_{\text{PBH}} = L f_{\text{PBH}} \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{M}$$

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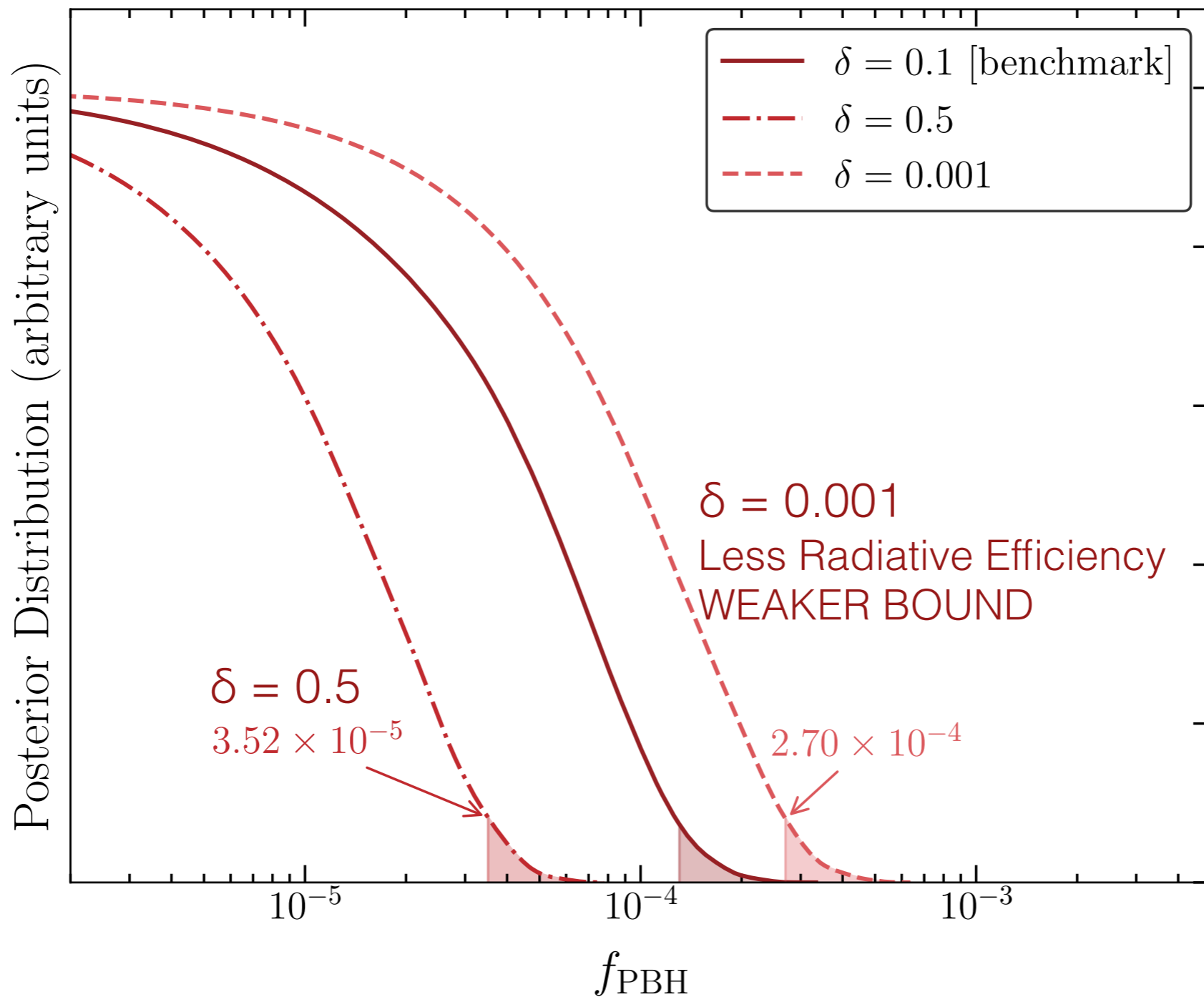
- Accretion disks form
- Radiative efficiency scales with accretion rate
- Low accretion rate: ADAF (thick) disks
- in ADAF disks, the functional form depends on  $\delta$ : *fraction of rest-mass energy that is transferred to electrons and is radiated away.*



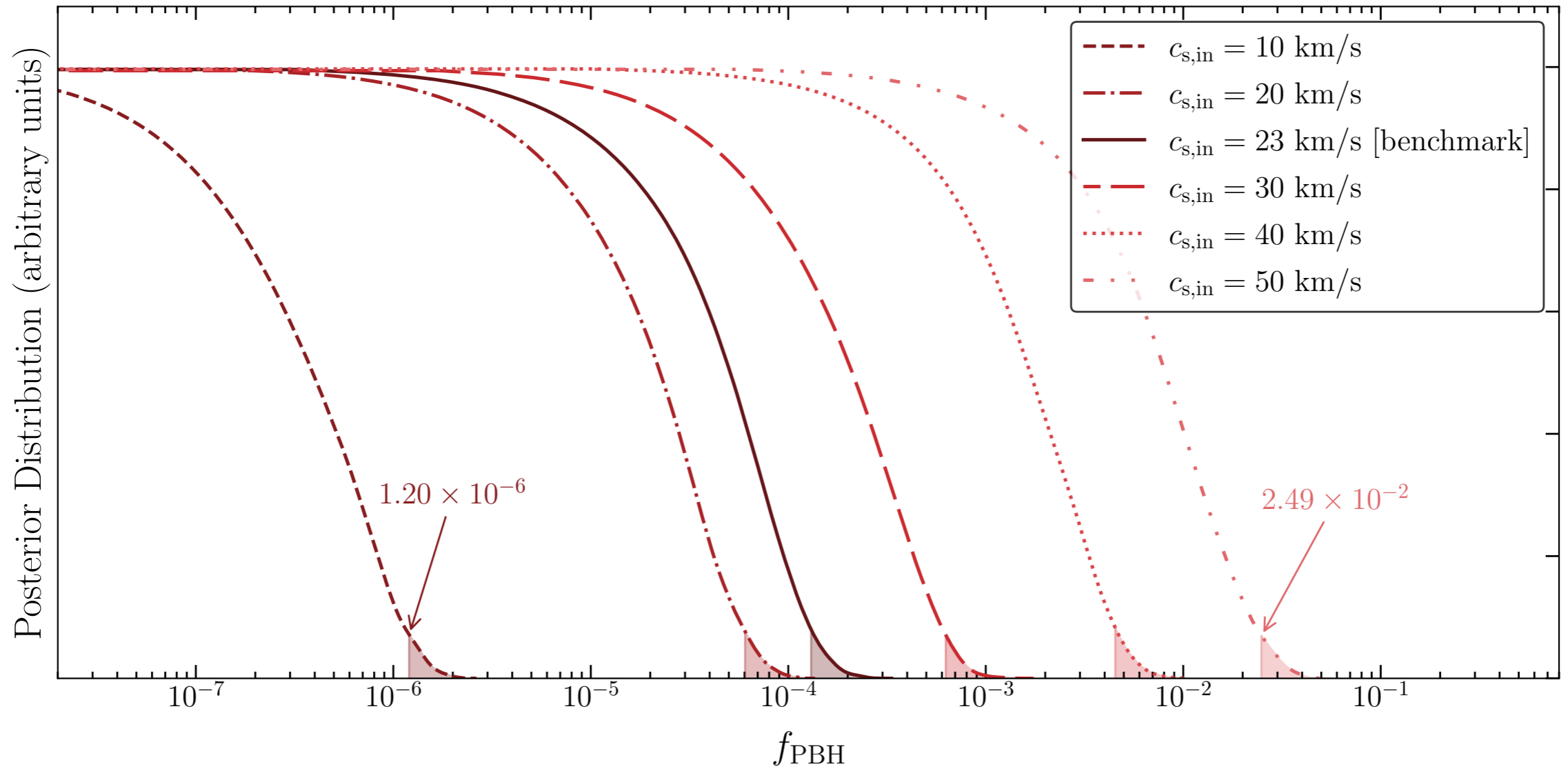
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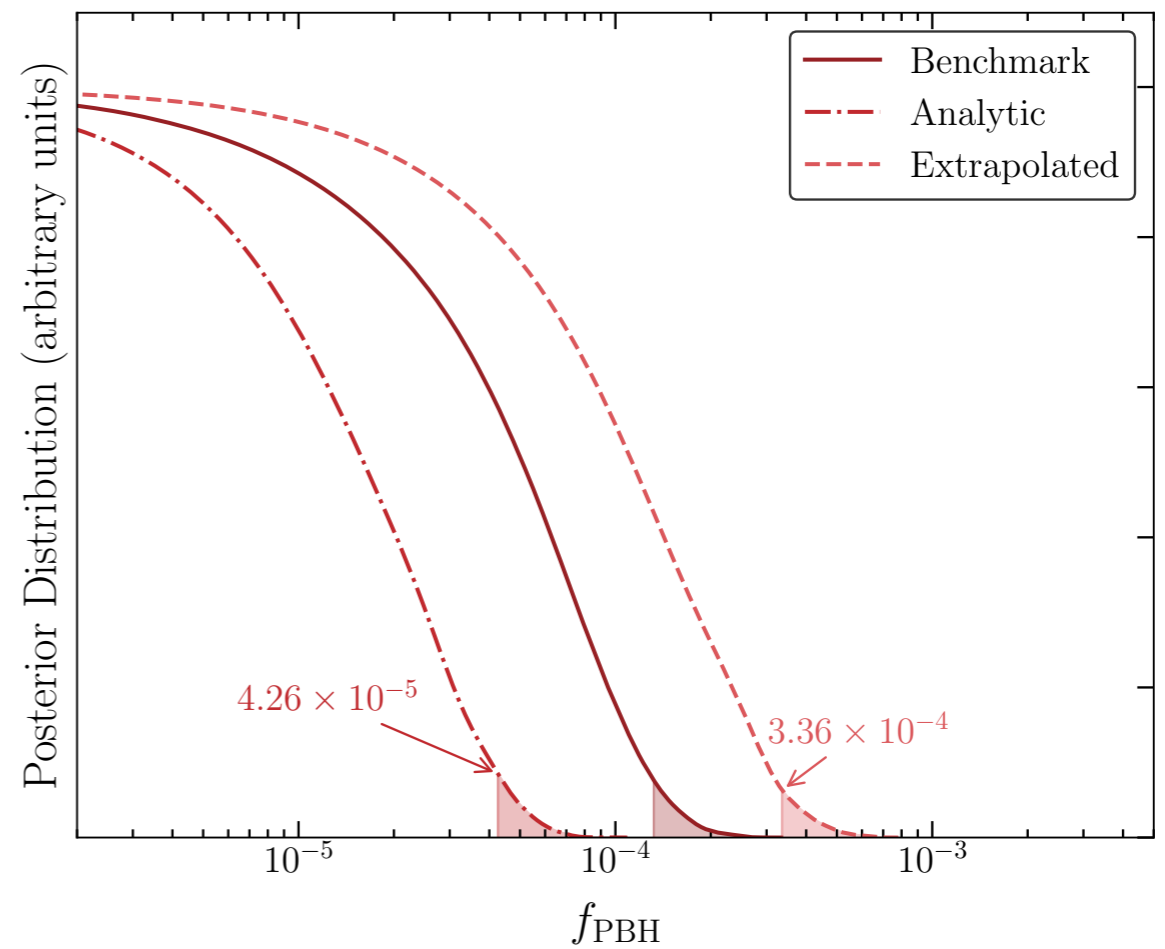
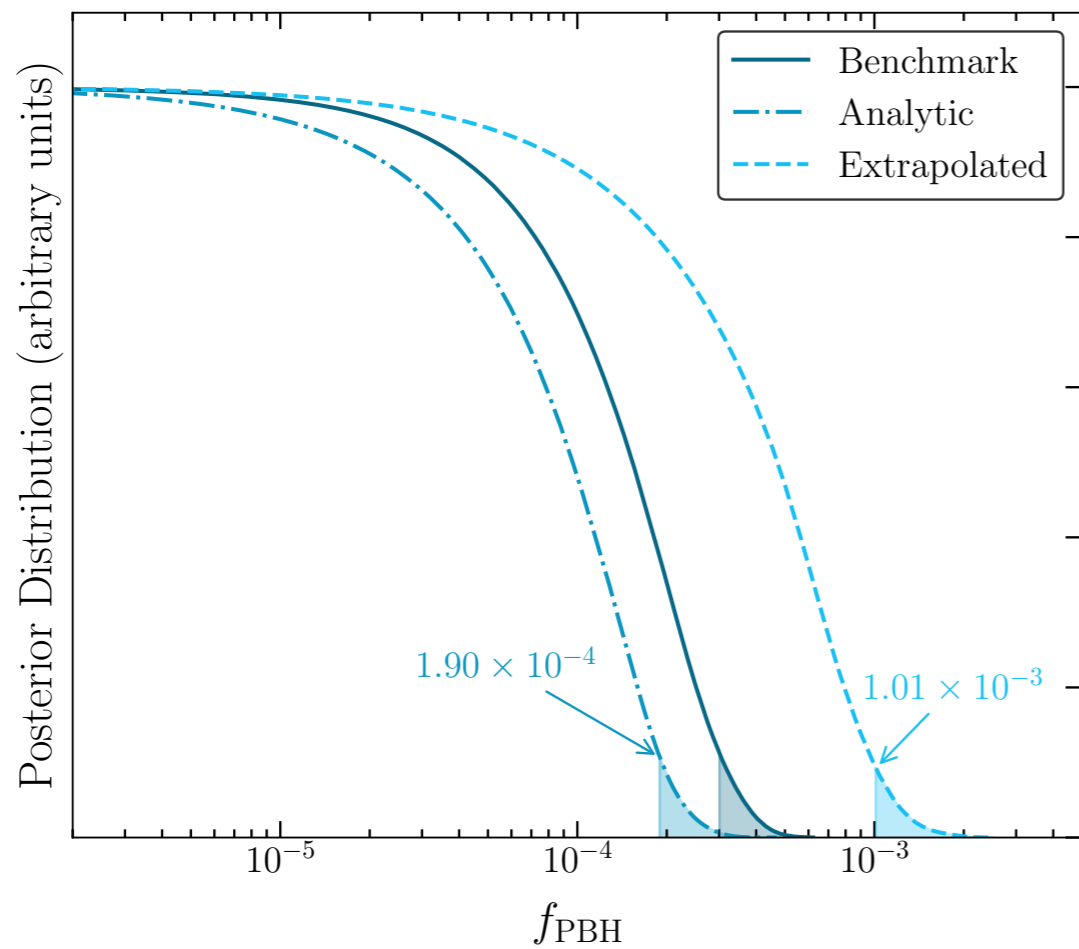
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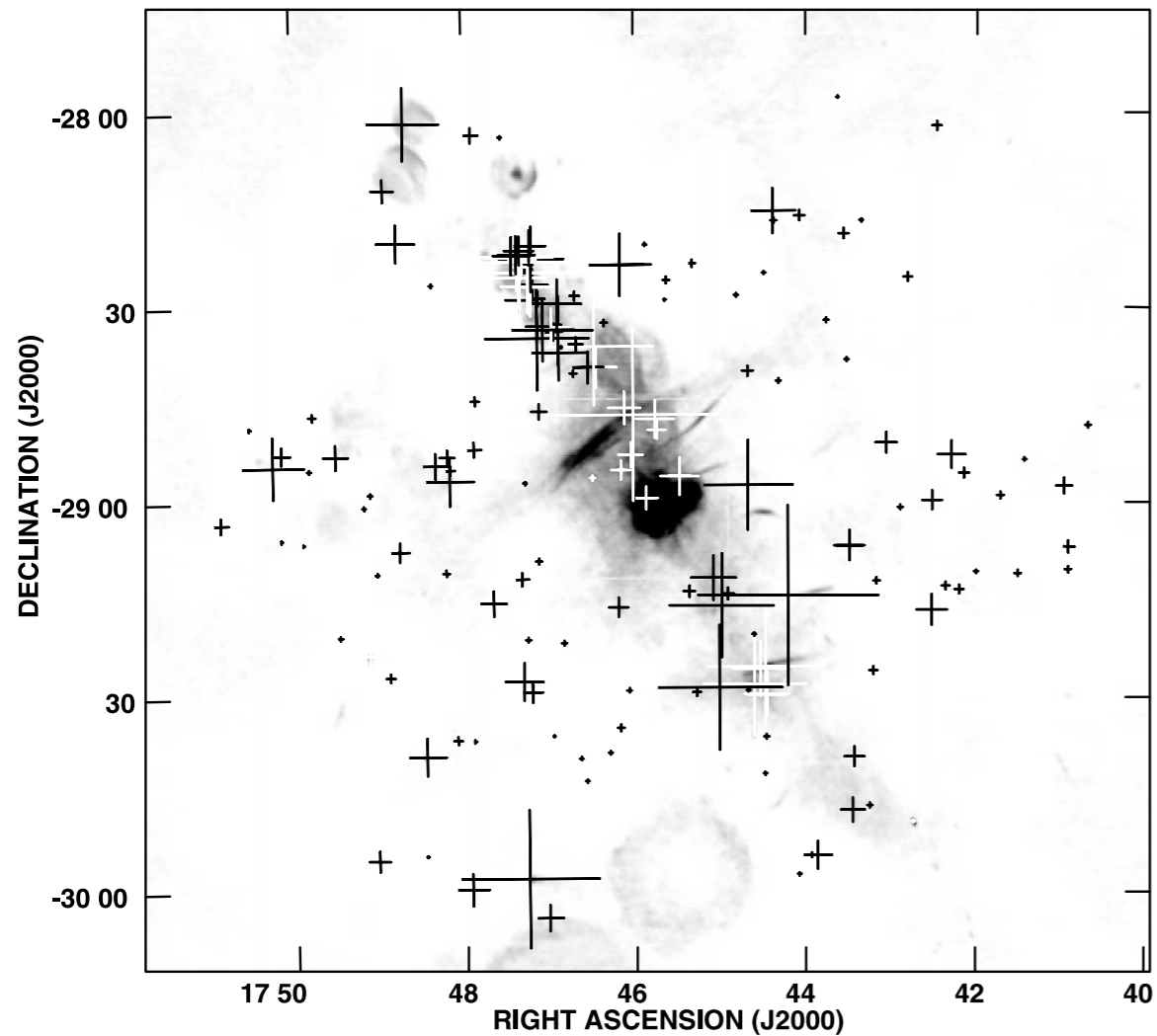


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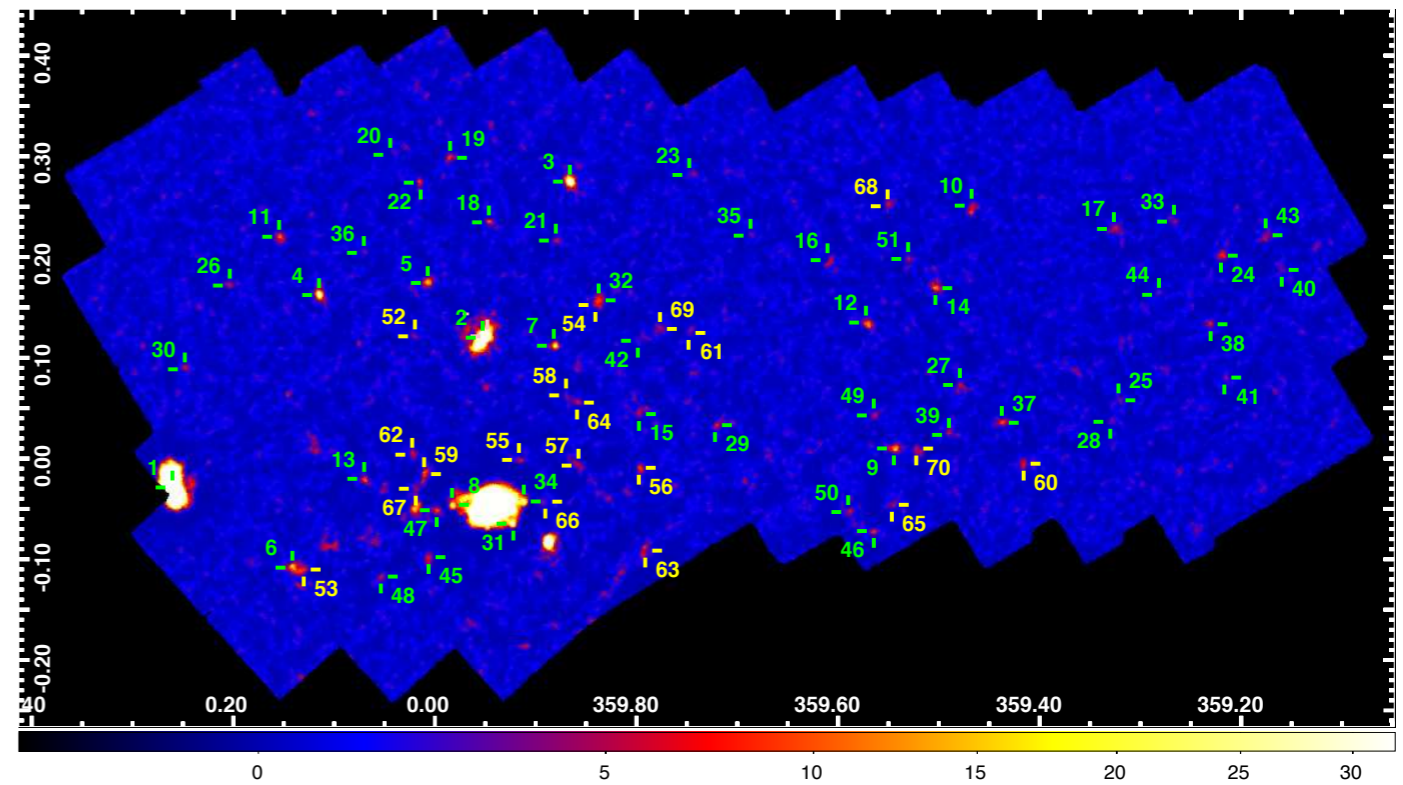


# Accretion Bounds in Astronomical Context

## Good data from GC region



1.4 GHz, VLA, *Lazio & Cordes 2008*

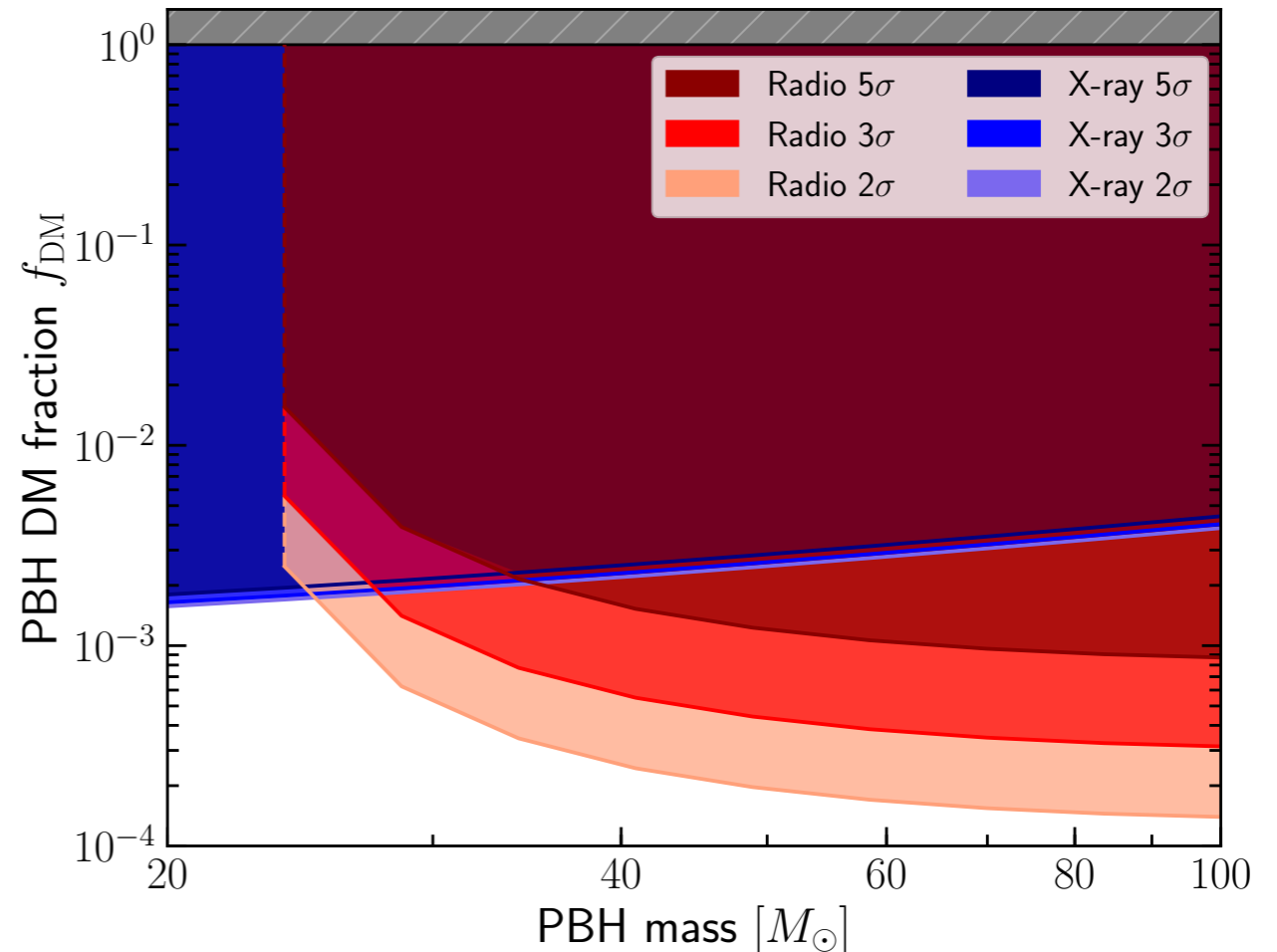


10-40 keV,  
NuStar catalog,  
*Hong et al. 2016*



# Accretion Bounds in Astronomical Context

- **Monte-Carlo simulations** of the emission from BHs in the inner Galaxy
- **Simulated maps of the expected radio and X-ray sources** near the GC region associated to the PBH population
- **Conservative upper limits on the DM fraction** in PBHs

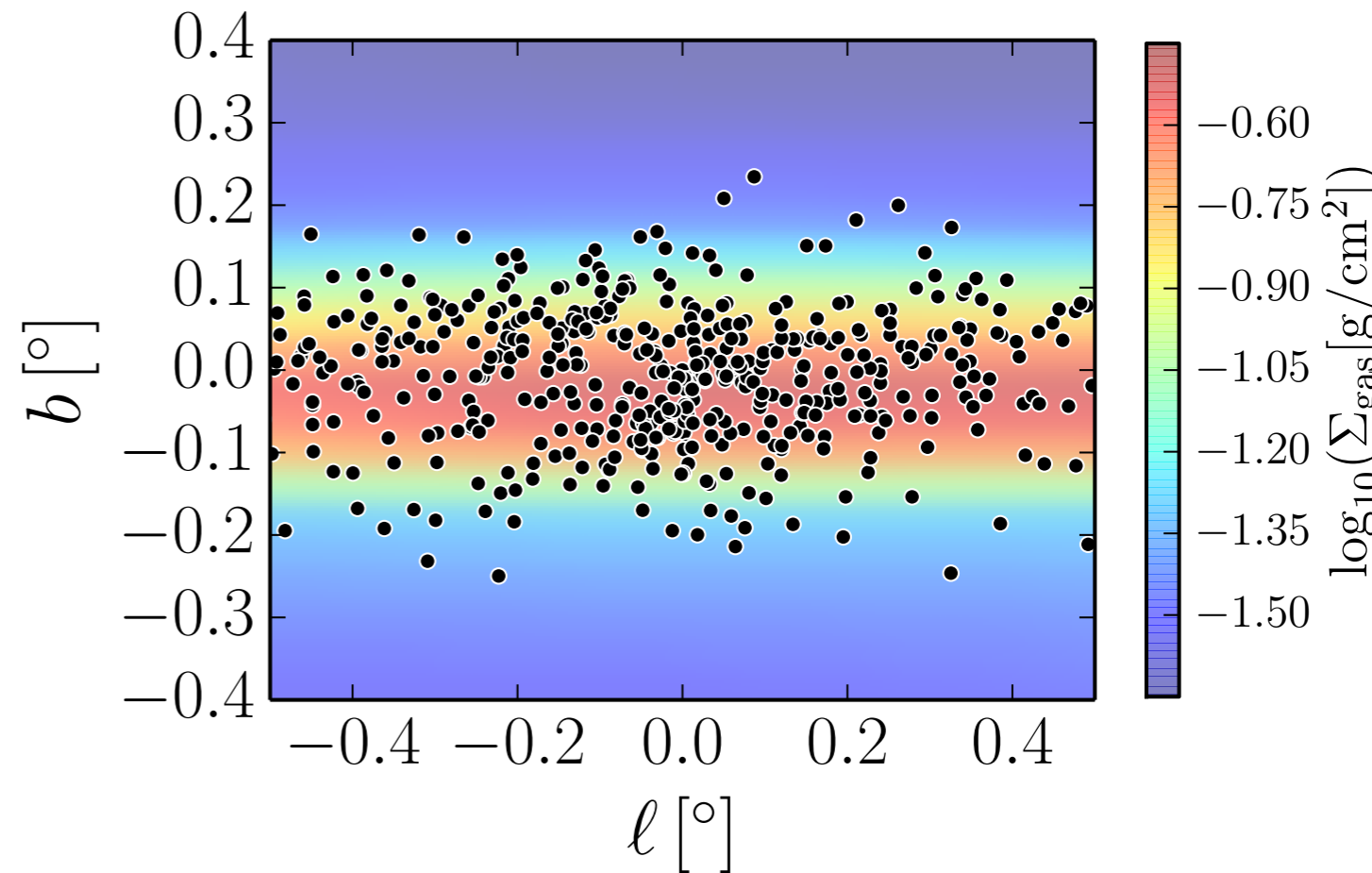


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## A science case for SKA!



[Weltman et al., “Fundamental Physics with the Square Kilometre Array” 1810.02680](#)

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