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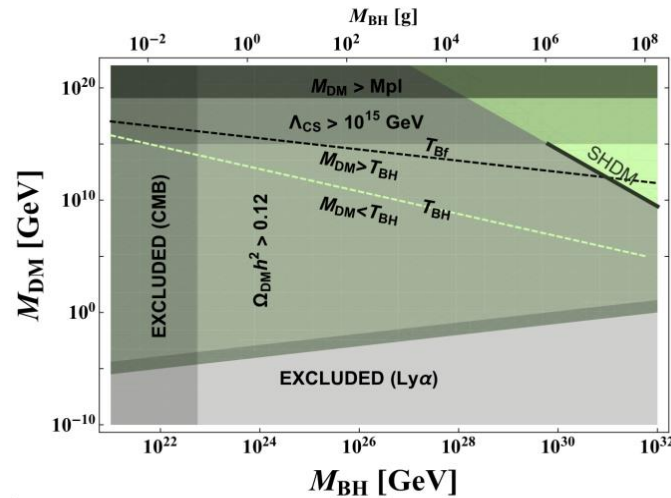
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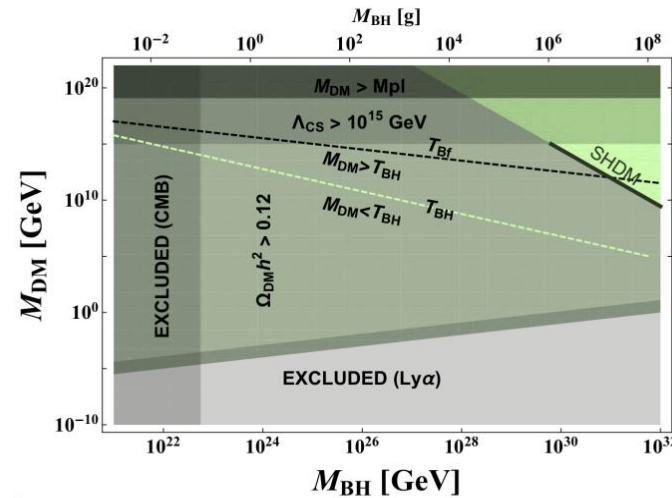
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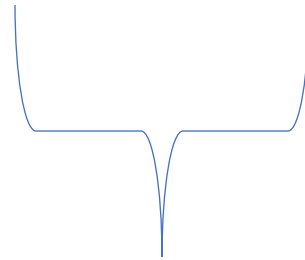
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GWs relating to ultralight primordial black holes



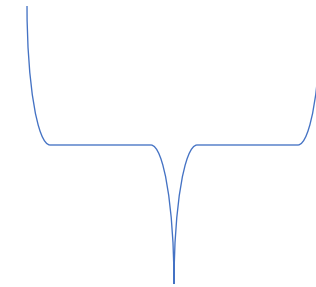
Graviton emission,  
Merger formation



High frequency GWs

See e.g., 2211.15726

PBH formation, PBH density  
fluctuation



Detectable, e.g., at LISA,  
But strongly dependent on large  
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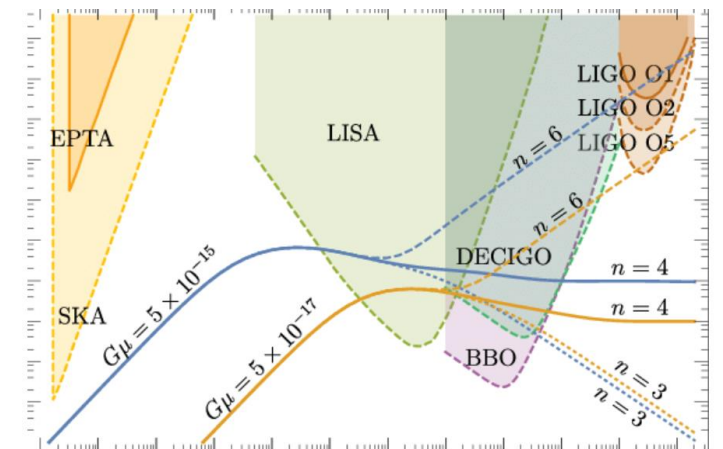
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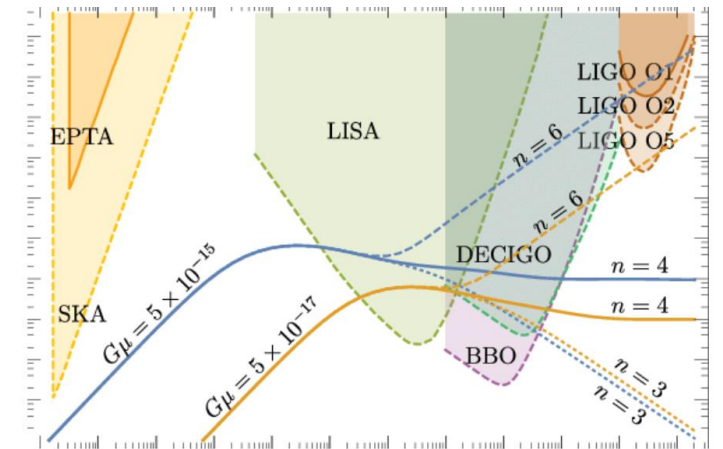
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Correct relic of super heavy DM

$$f_* \simeq 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \sqrt{\frac{50}{z_{\text{eq}} \alpha \Gamma G \mu}} \left( \frac{M_{DM}}{T_0} \right)^{3/5} T_0^{-2/5} t_0^{-1}$$

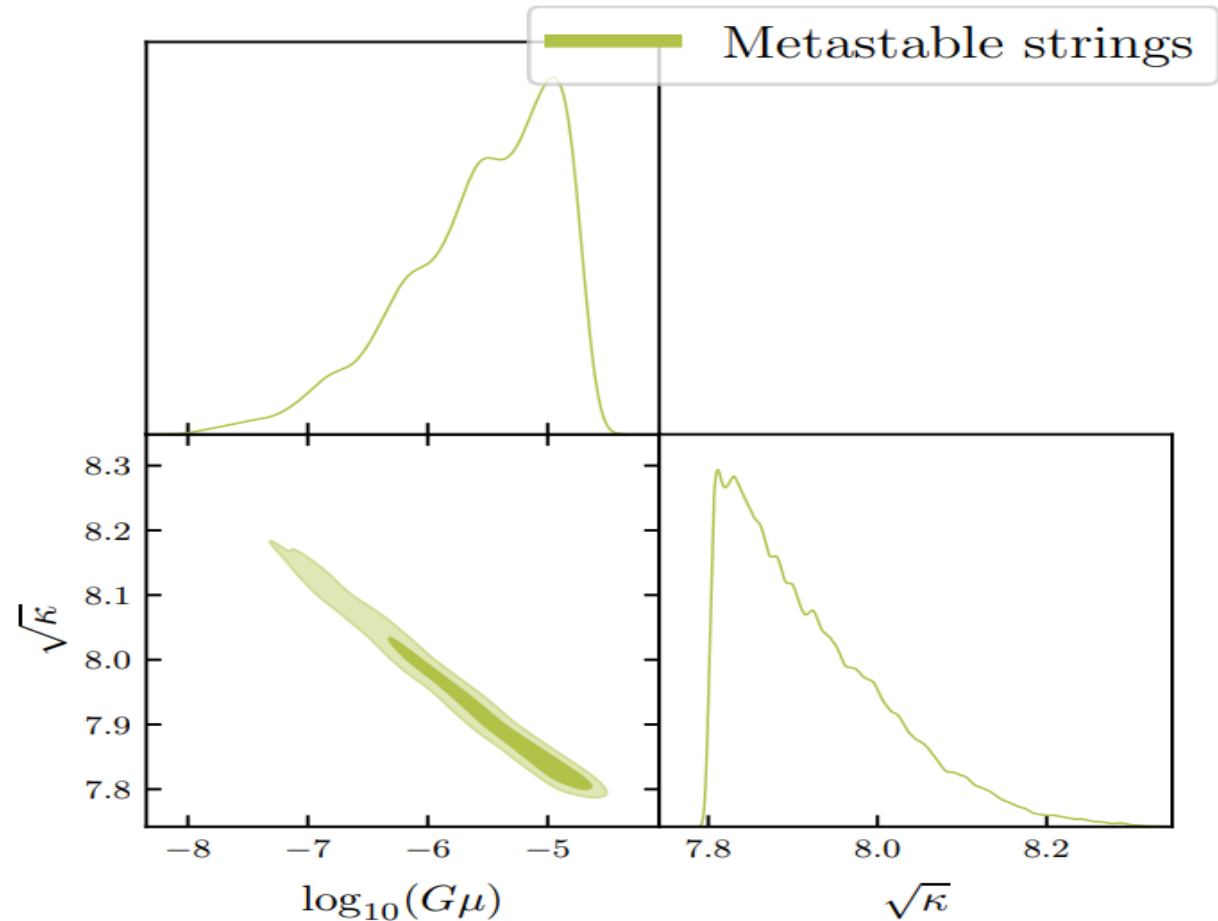




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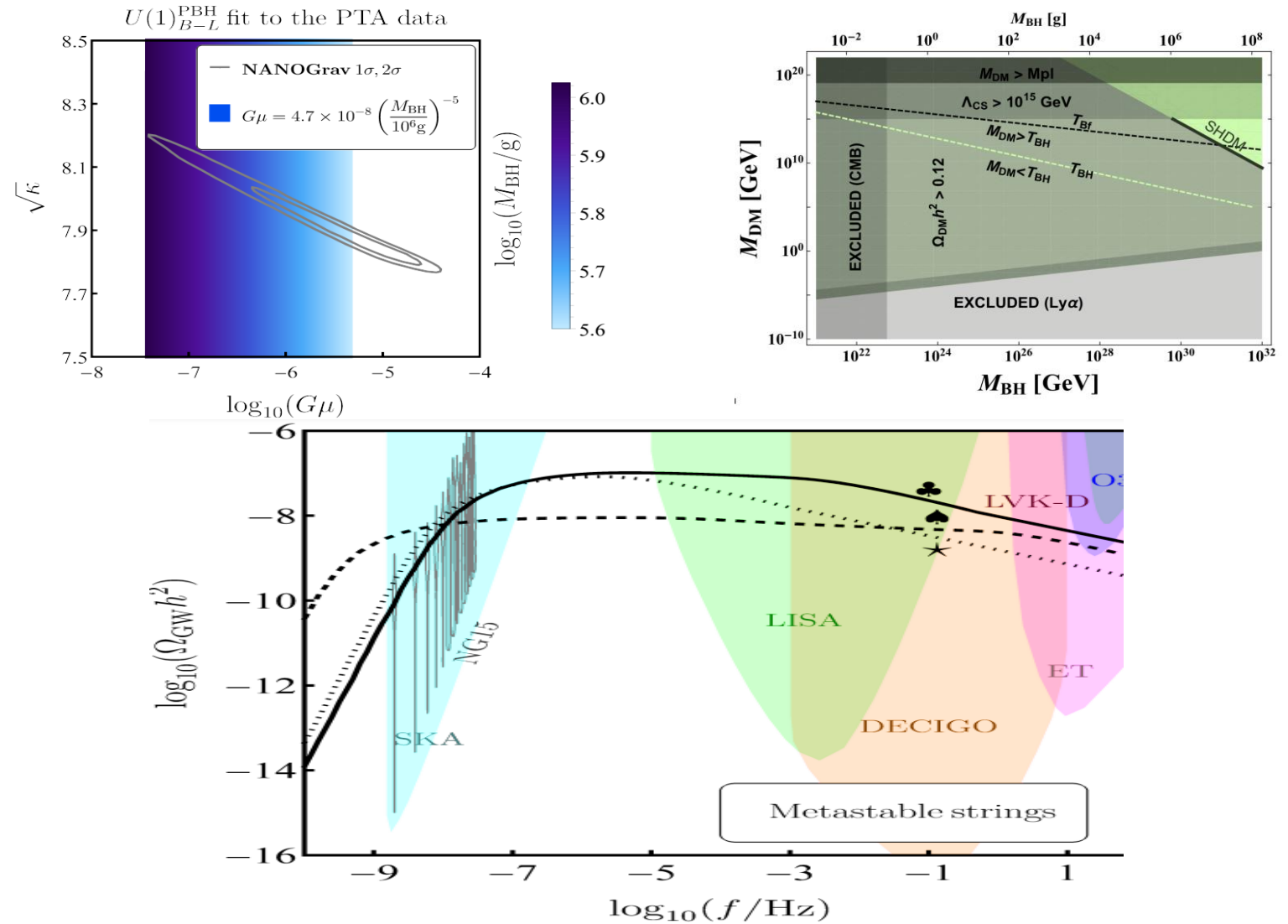


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## Conclusion

PBH seeded Super heavy DM model can fit  
the PTA data very well

It predicts a broken scale invariant GW  
spectrum at LISA/DECIGO band

Automatically evades LIGO-O3 bound on  
GWs

Can be tested with the next LIGO run

Could be improved by adding interaction terms to constrain  
lifetime: robust prediction for cosmic ray searches