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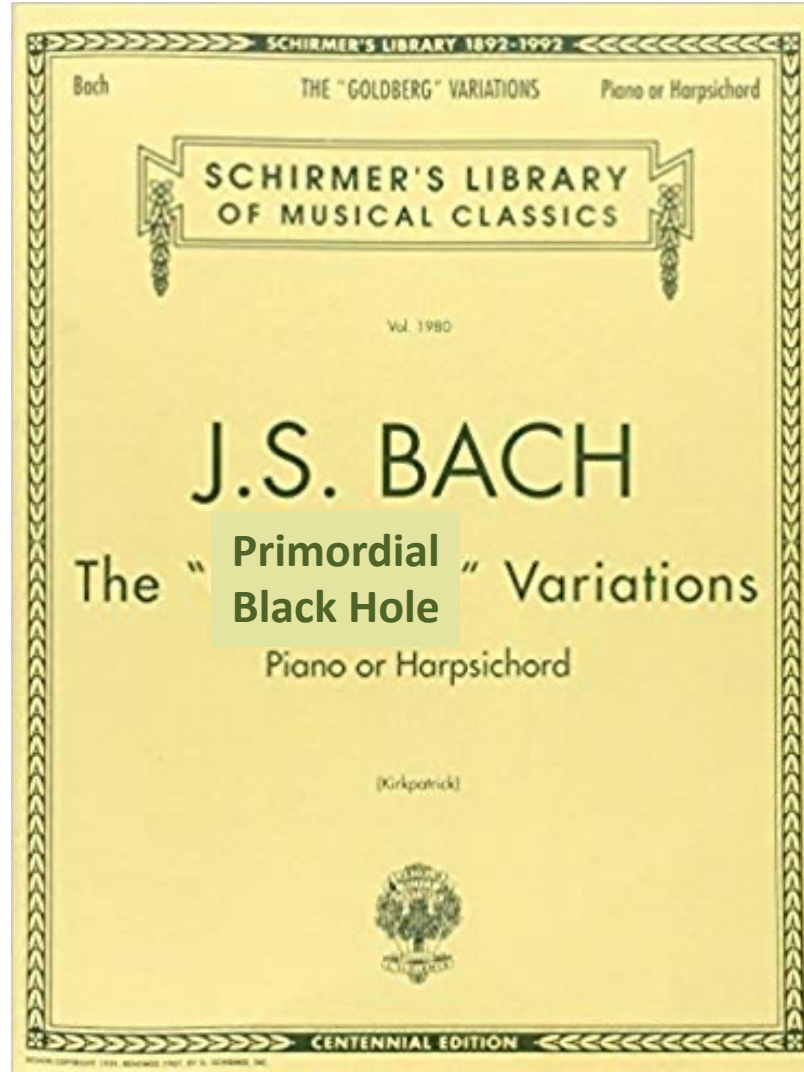
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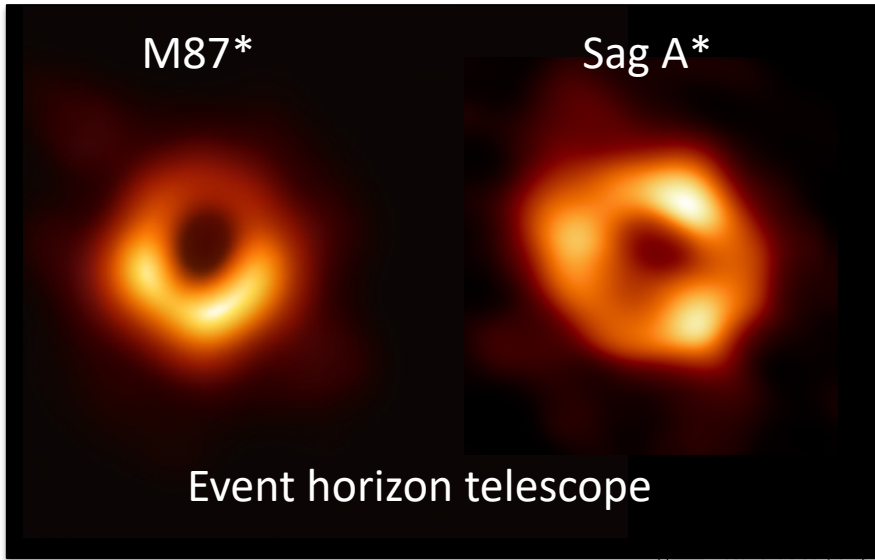
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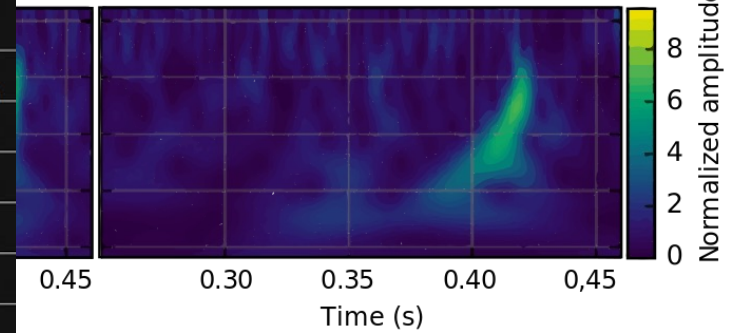
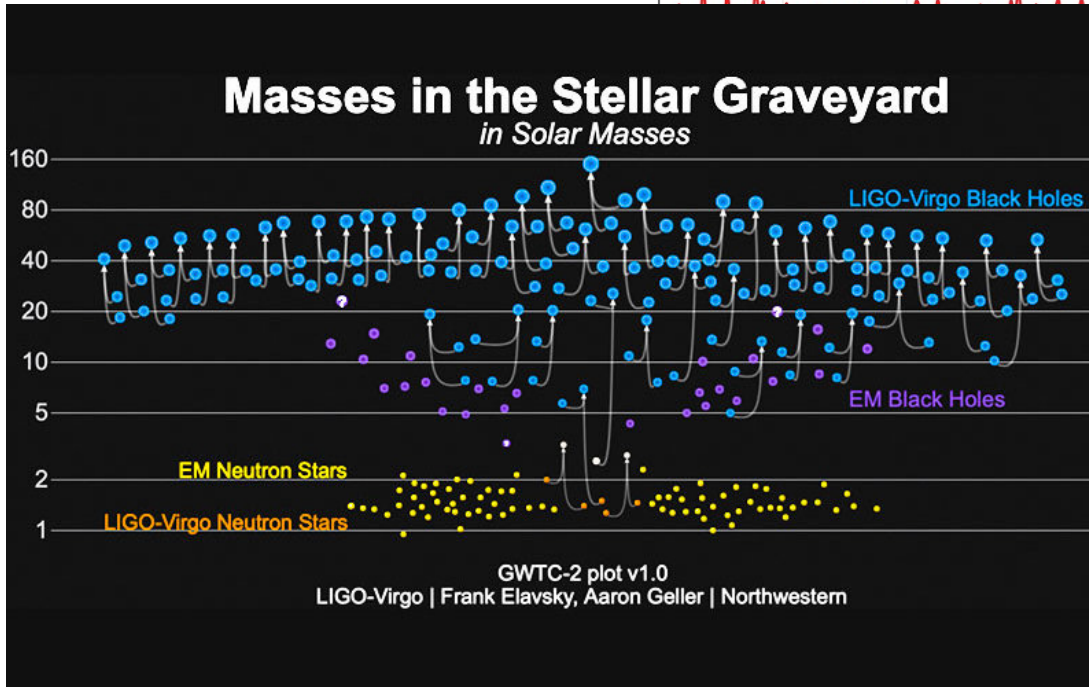
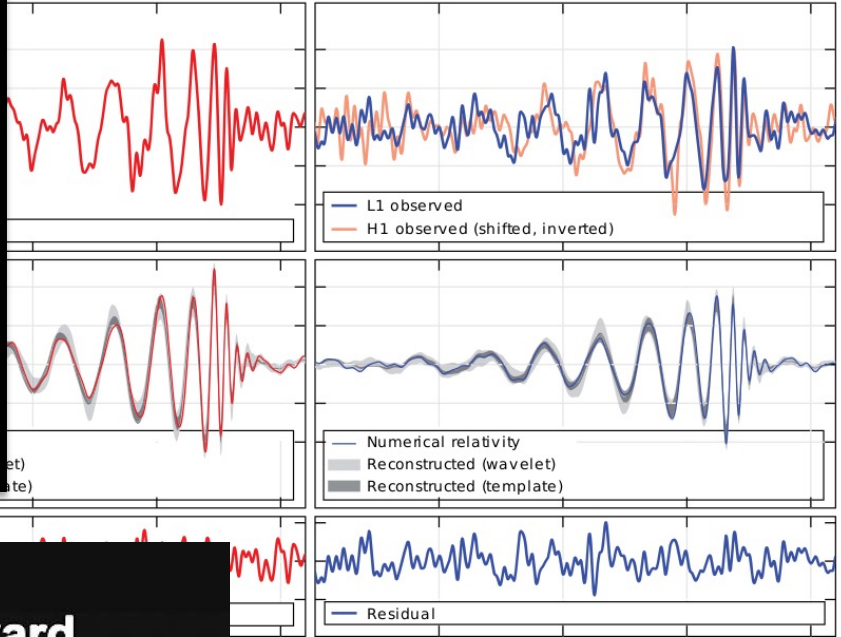
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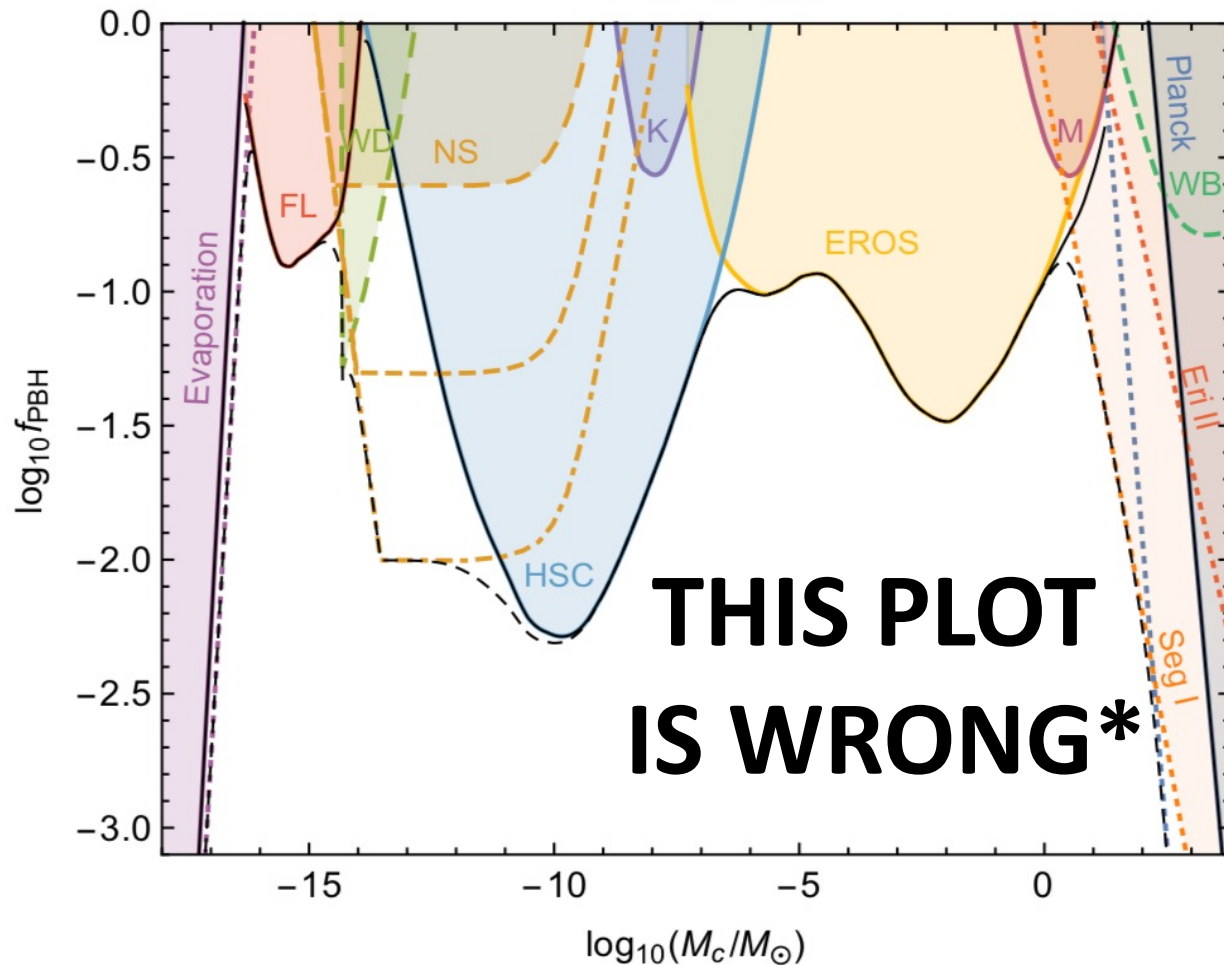
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Can there be **enough** PBH around to be the **DM**?

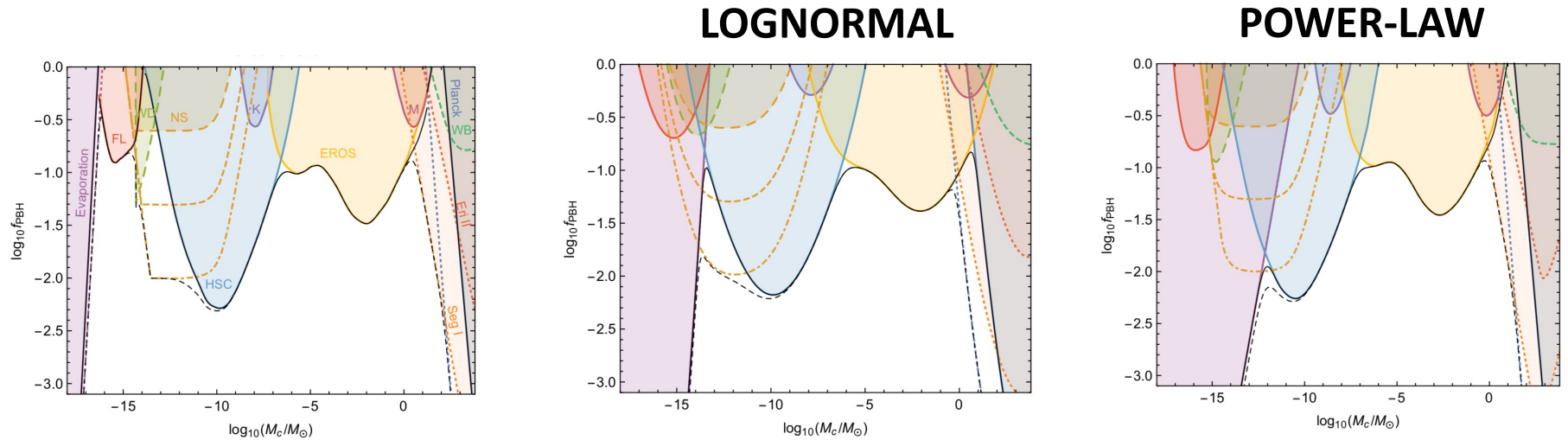
What is the **maximal fraction** of **dark matter** in **PBH**?



\*Carr has since corrected it!

Carr et al, 2017

The **fraction** of PBH that could be the **dark matter** depends on the **mass function**!



...what is the mathematical function that **maximizes** the **mass fraction** of primordial black holes compatibly with **constraints**?





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# The Maximal-Density Mass Function for Primordial Black Hole Dark Matter

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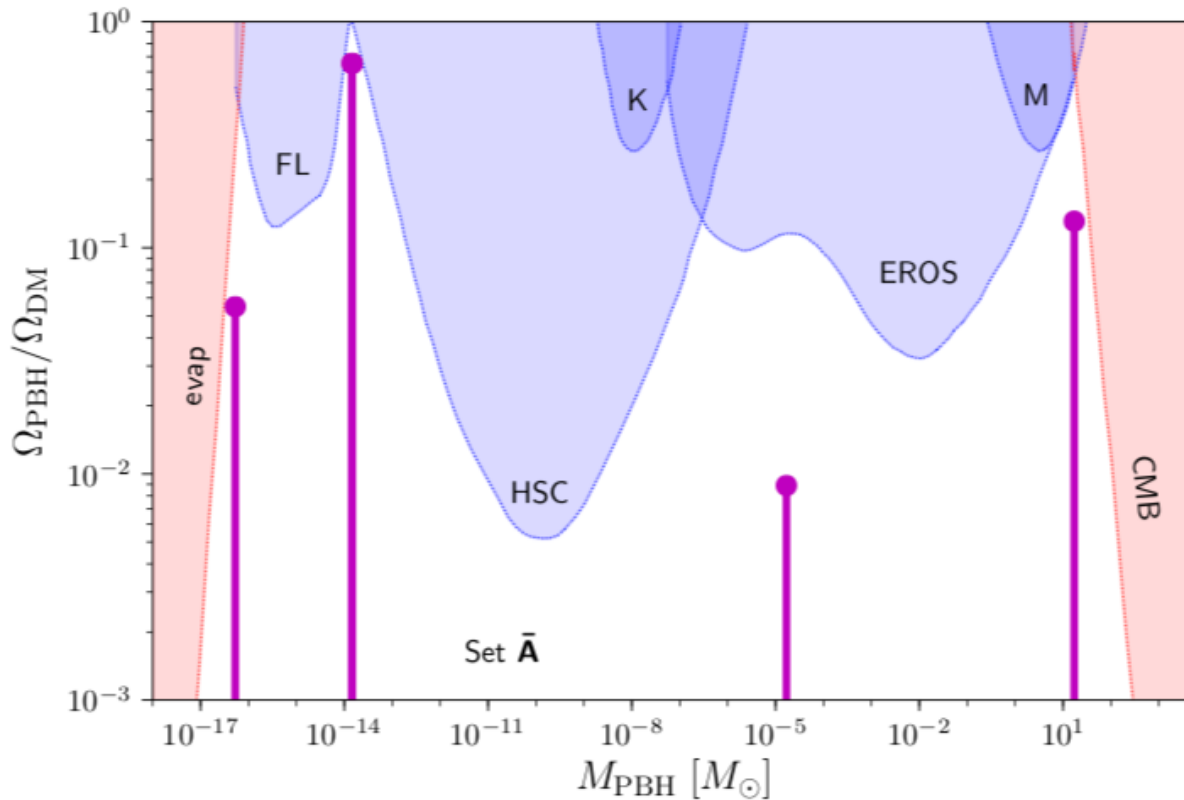
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**Abstract.** The advent of gravitational wave astronomy has rekindled interest in primordial black holes (PBH) as a dark matter candidate. As there are many different observational probes of the PBH density across different masses, constraints on PBH models are dependent on the functional form of the PBH mass function. This complicates general statements about

**Answer: with  $N$  independent constraints, the optimal function is a linear combination of  $N$  delta functions with calculable relative weights**

$$\min \{ \|\mathbf{x}\| \mid \mathbf{x} \in \text{conv} \{ \mathbf{g}(M) \mid M \in U \} \}$$

\* Lehmann, Profumo and Yant, JCAP 2018



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**Planck scale**

**Stellar-mass**

(heavier ~ ruled out by  
dynamical/accretion constraints)

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

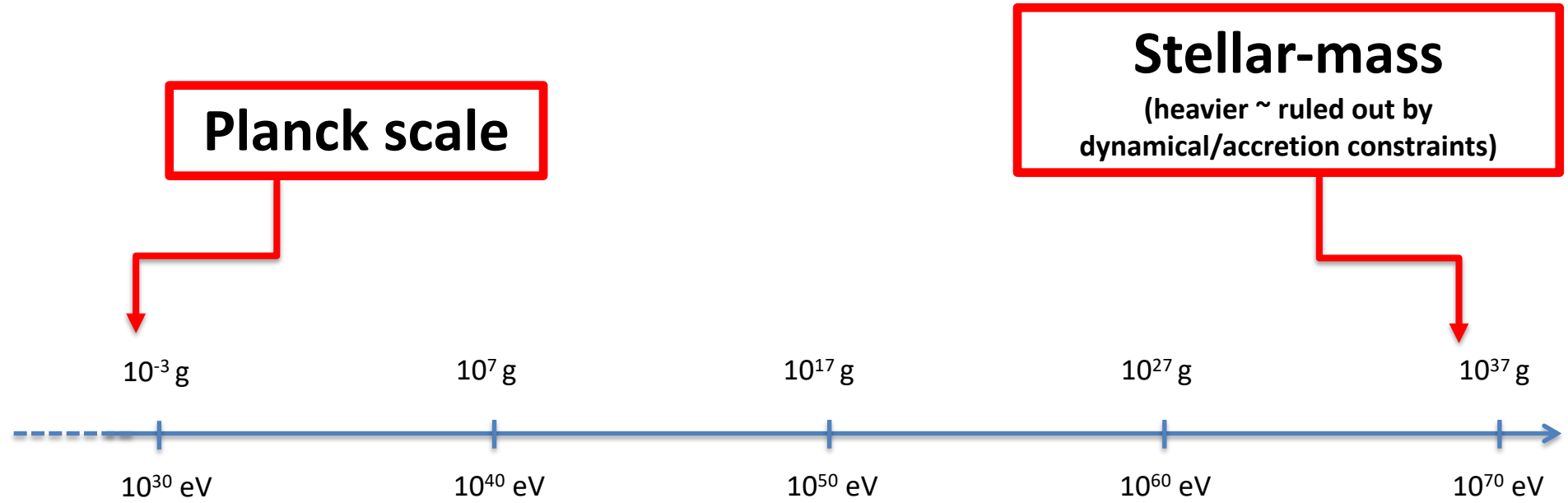
$10^{30}$  eV

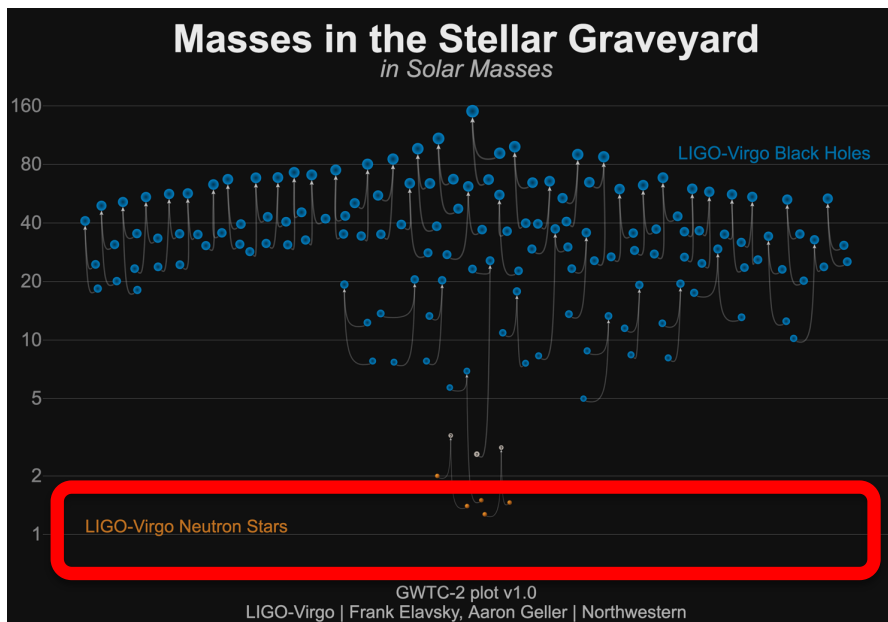
$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV





sub-“Stellar-Mass”  
( $<10^{33}$  g)  
Black Holes

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV

✓ Is there an **unmistakable signature** for PBH as DM?

Yes! **BH merger** with a **sub-Chandrasekhar** mass ( $1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$ )

Preliminary LIGO **search results** are out!

Given a **mass function**, one can calculate:

1. **Rate** of “goldilocks events”

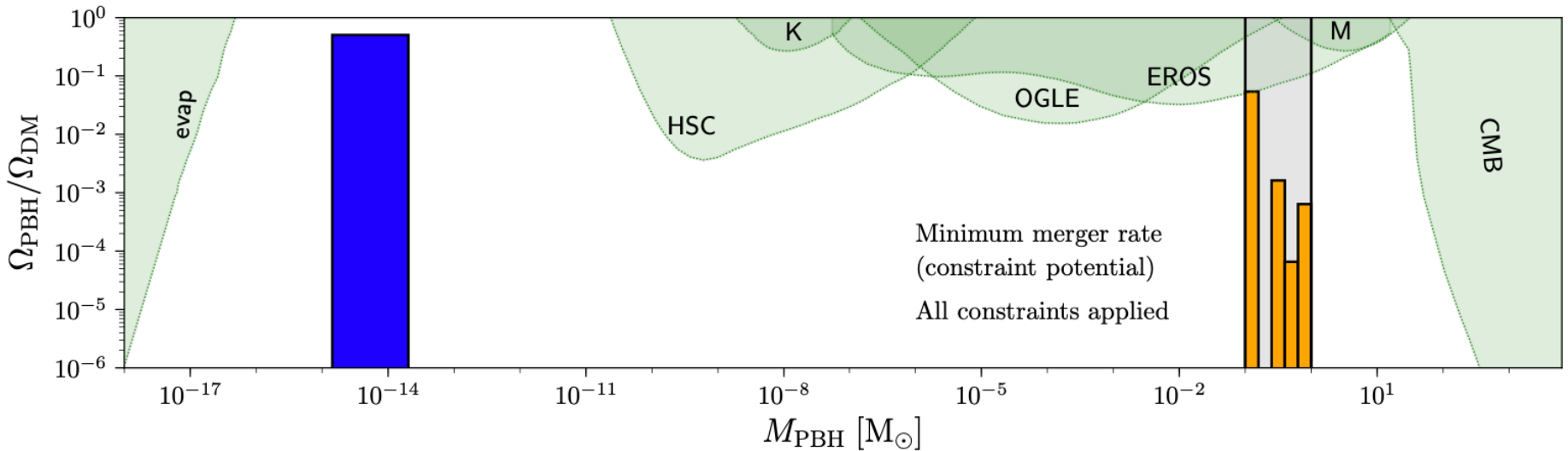
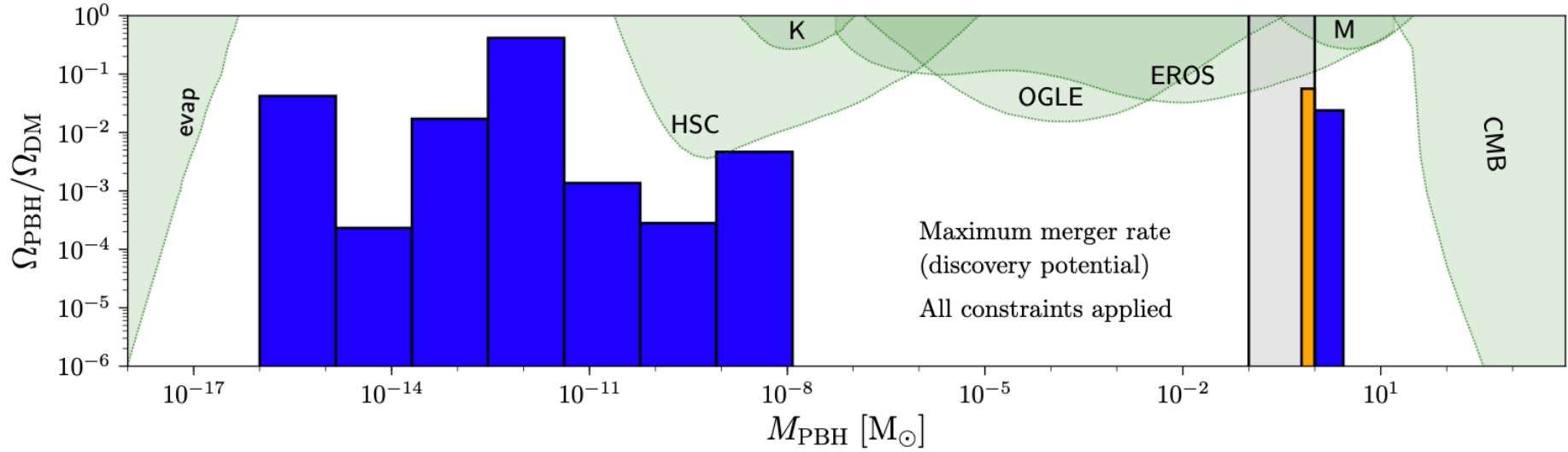
$$R_{\text{DP}}(\psi) = \int_{\text{DP}^2} dm_1 dm_2 \mathcal{R}(m_1, m_2) V_{\text{eff}}(m_1, m_2),$$

2. **Mass fraction** of **light+detectable** BHs

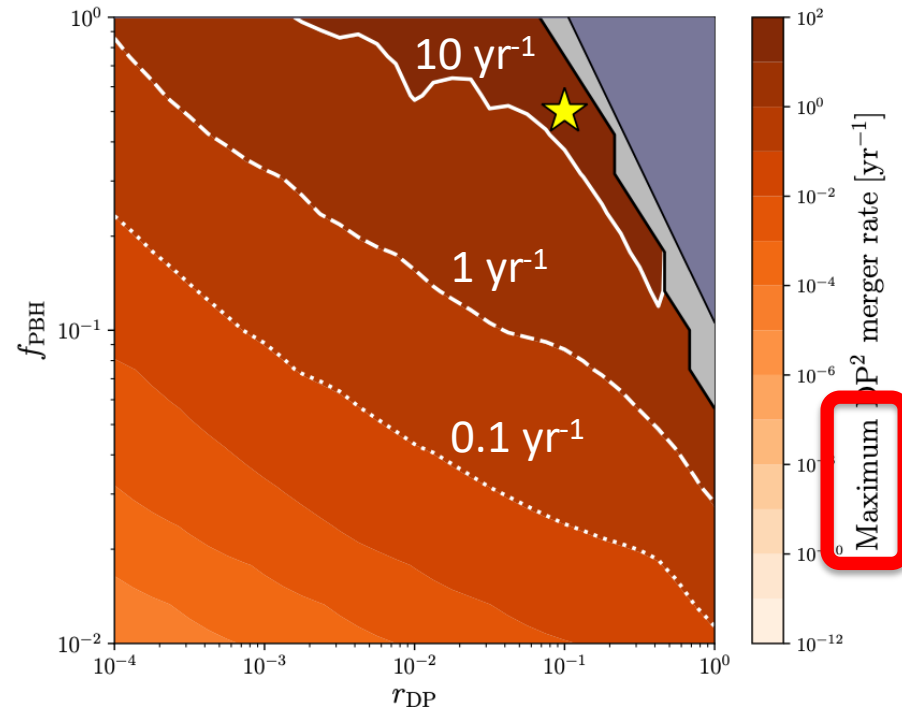
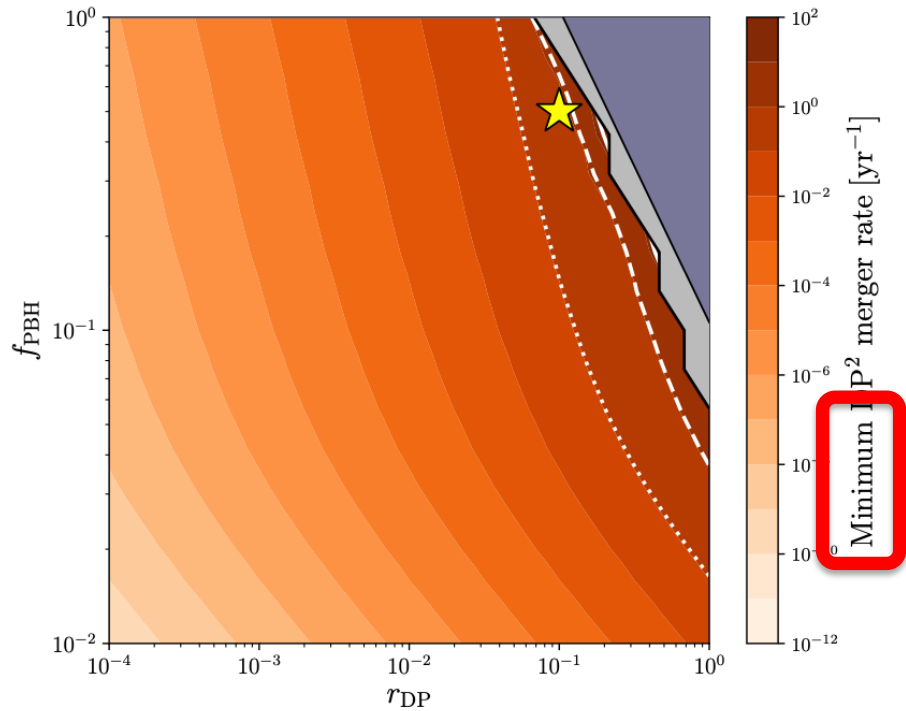
$$r_{\text{DP}} = \frac{1}{f_{\text{PBH}}} \int_{m_{\text{DP}}^{\text{min}}}^{m_{\text{DP}}^{\text{max}}} dm \psi(m).$$



# We can numerically compute the maximal and minimal possible “goldilocks event rate”



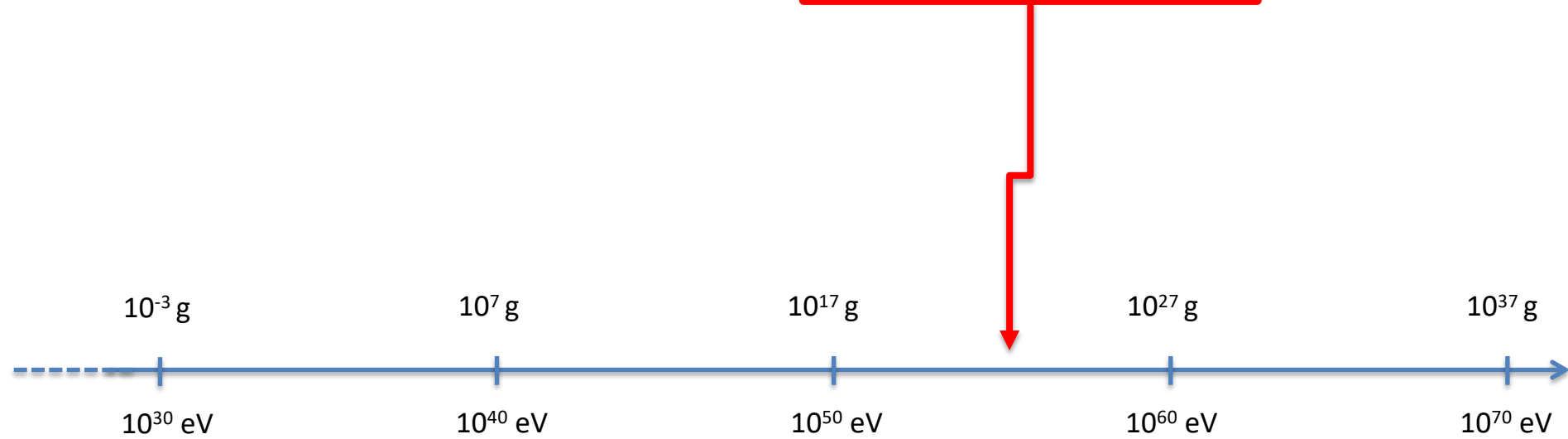
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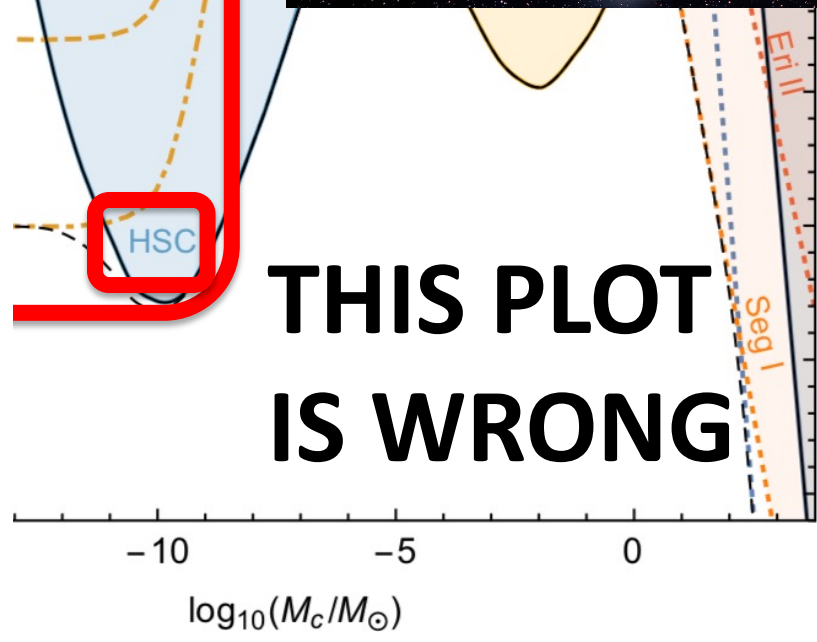
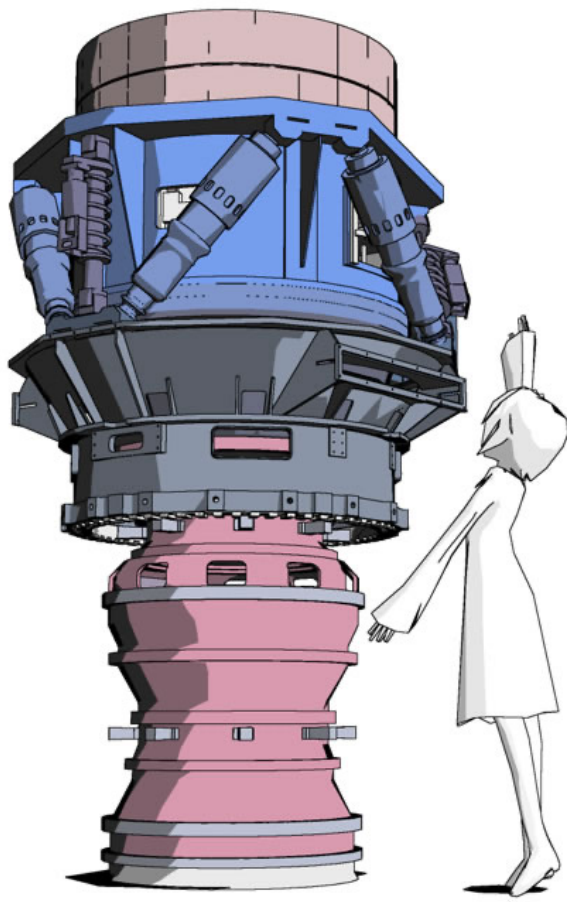
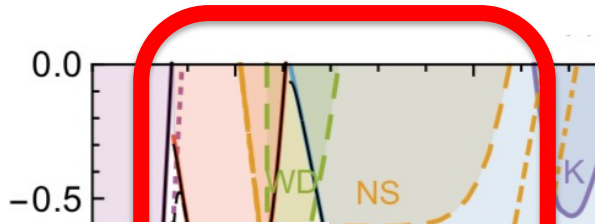
$$\int dm \psi(m) = \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \equiv f_{\text{PBH}}.$$

$$r_{\text{DP}} = \frac{1}{f_{\text{PBH}}} \int_{m_{\text{DP}}^{\text{min}}}^{m_{\text{DP}}^{\text{max}}} dm \psi(m).$$

**“Asteroid-Mass”  
( $10^{22}$  g)  
Black Holes**

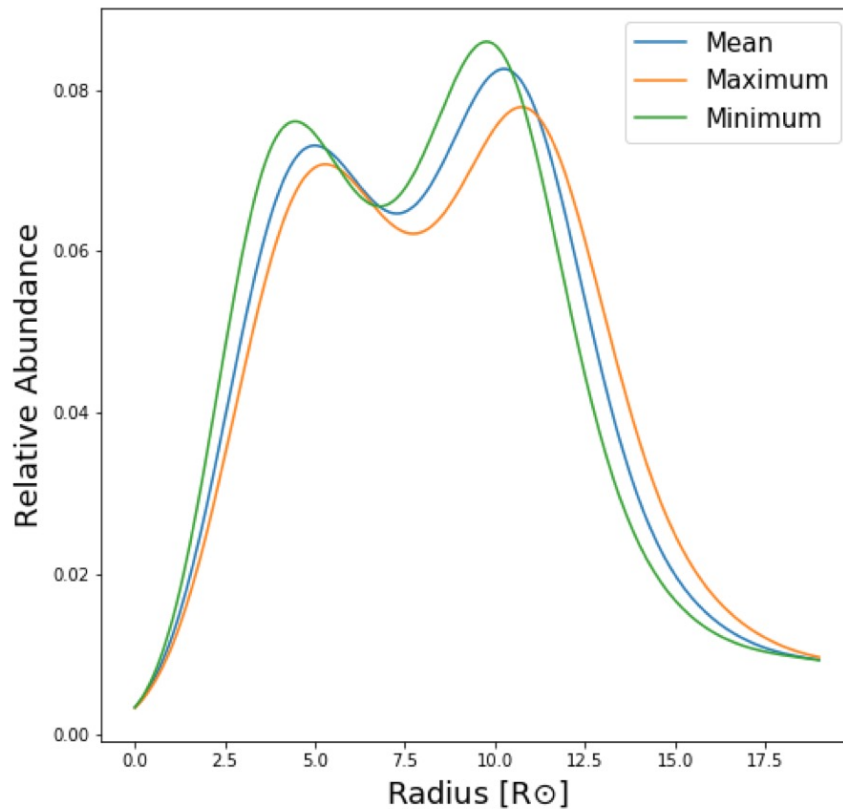


✓ **Microensing** a lot **trickier**  
than previously thought!



**THIS PLOT  
IS WRONG**

# HSC study assumes **all stars** in M31 are Sun-like... but Sun-like stars are **too dim** for HSC!



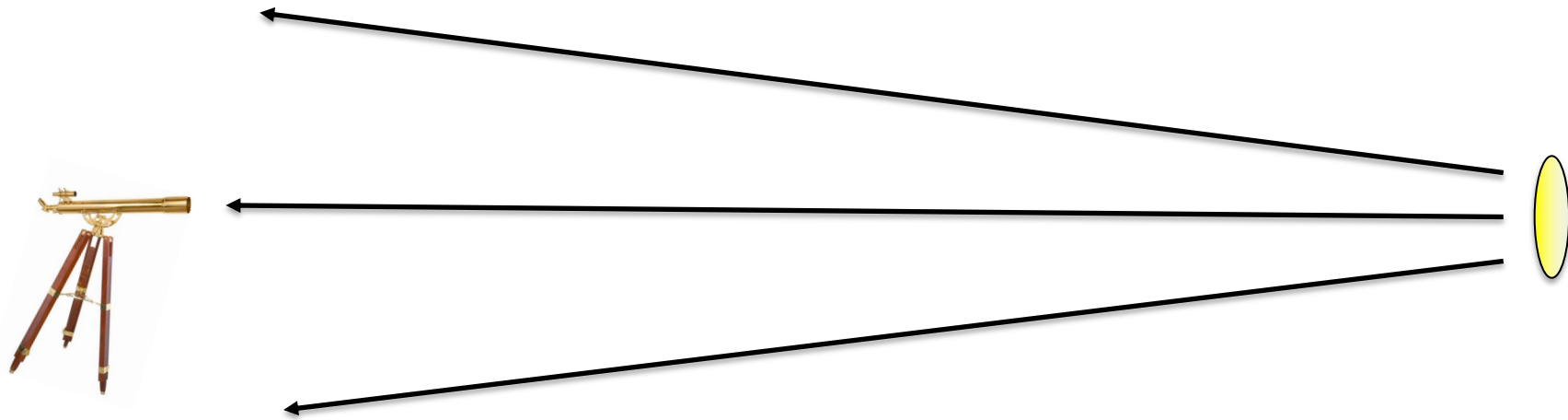
Stars that contribute to the microlensing constraints are **~ 100x larger in the sky** than the Sun!



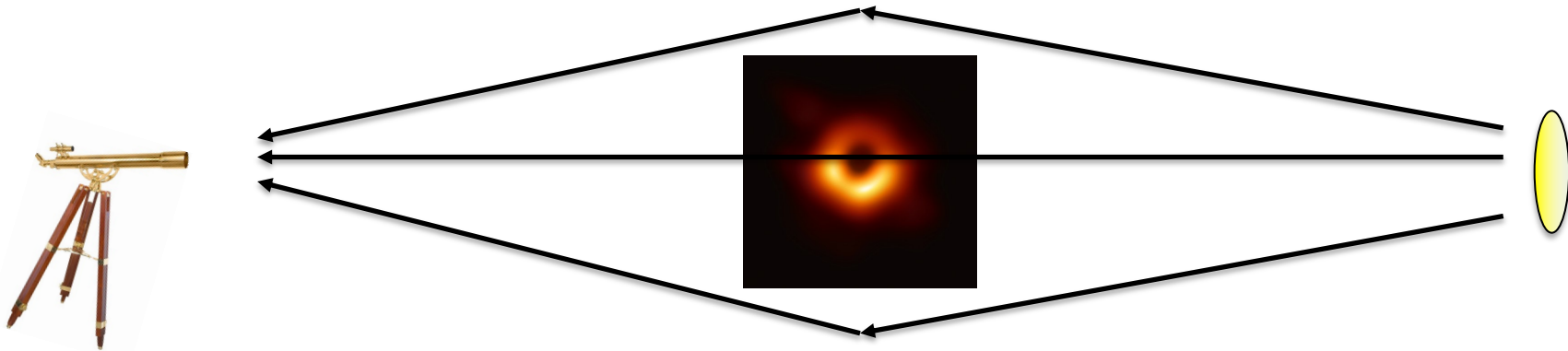
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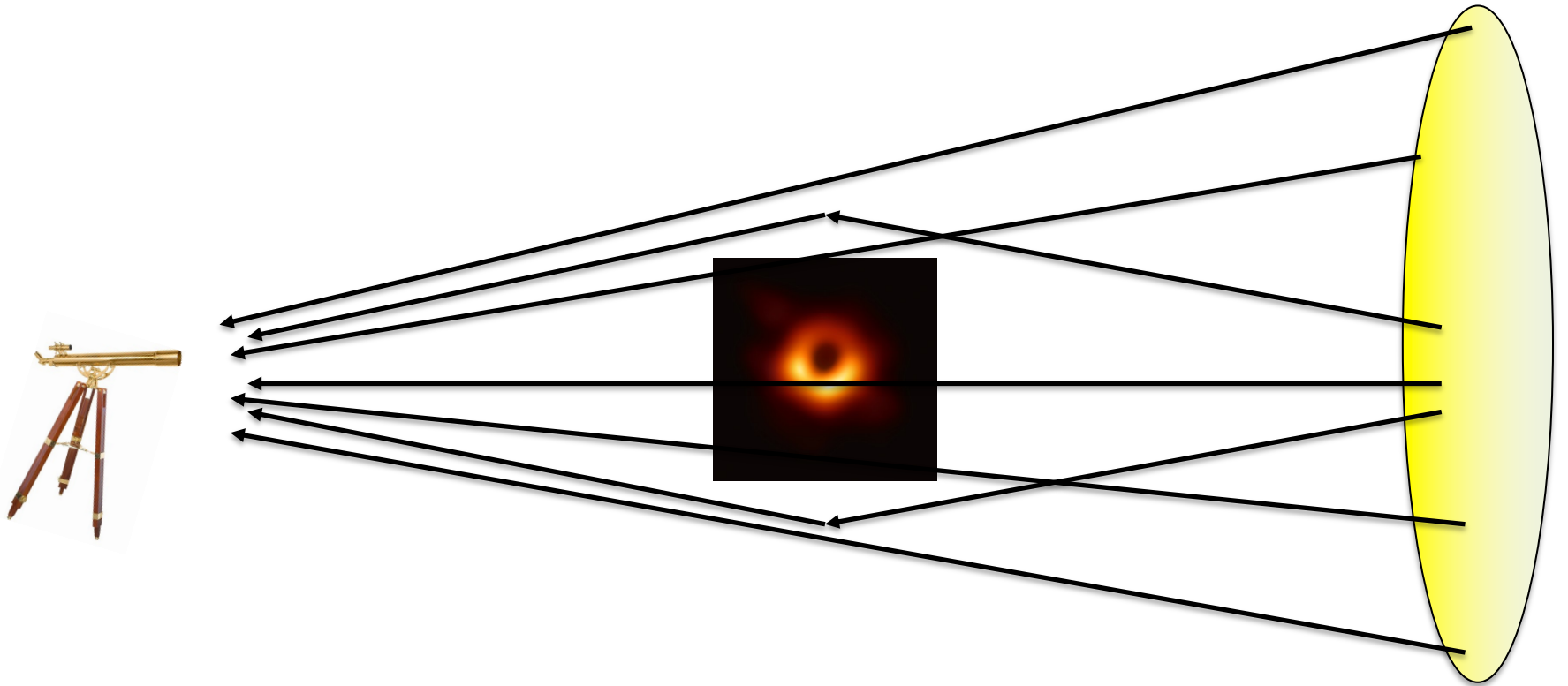
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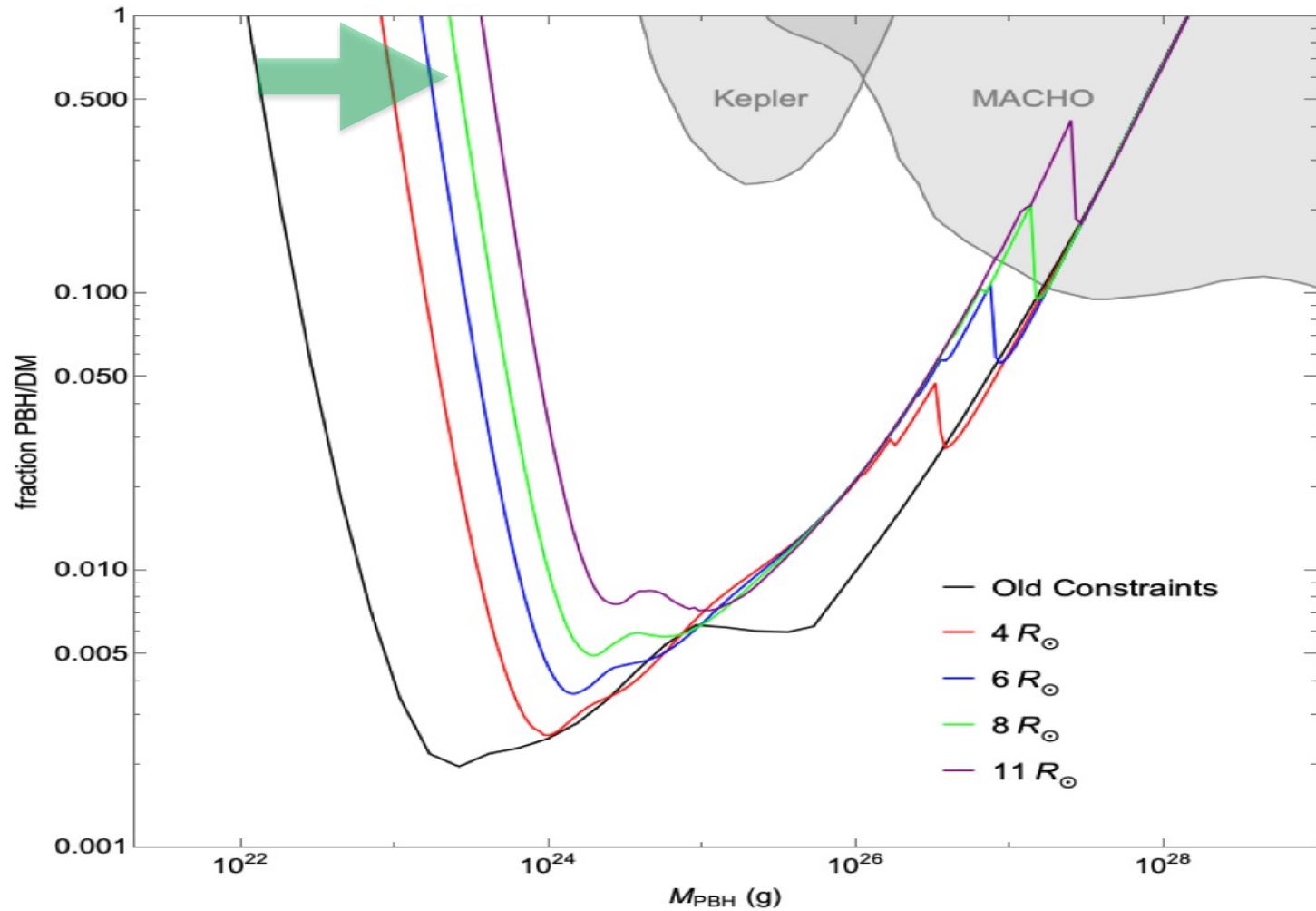
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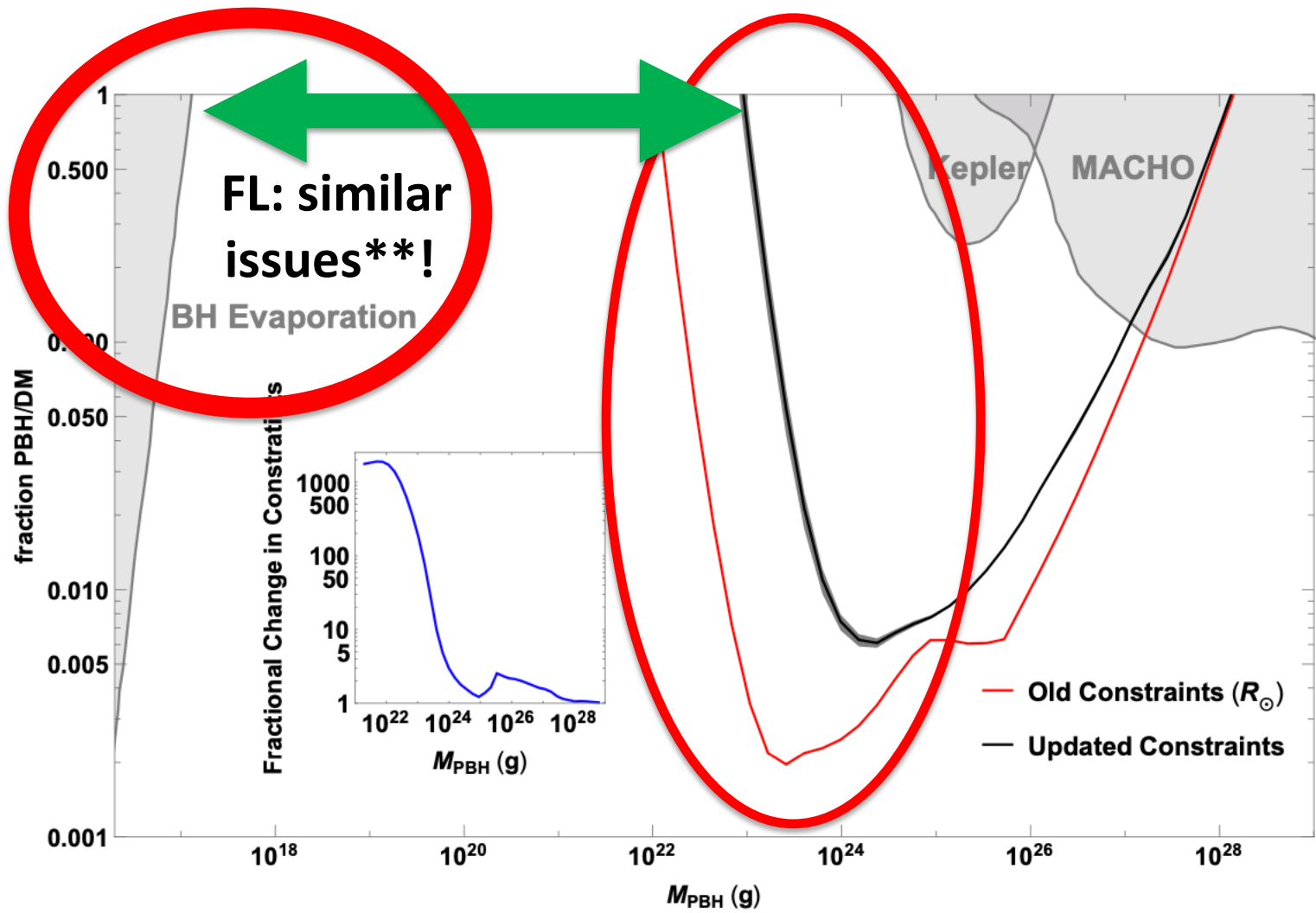


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How do we **go after** them? Capture and perturbation around **PSR**?

\* Profumo, Smyth+ PRD 2020

\*\* Katz+ JCAP 2018



# Three-body capture, ejection, and the demographics of bound objects in binary systems

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## Capture of dark compact objects in extrasolar systems

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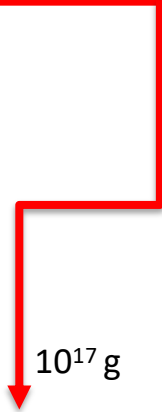
## Unraveling the origin of black holes from effective spin measurements with LIGO-Virgo

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**“Pyramid-Mass”  
( $10^{16}$  g)  
“Evanescent” Black Holes**



$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

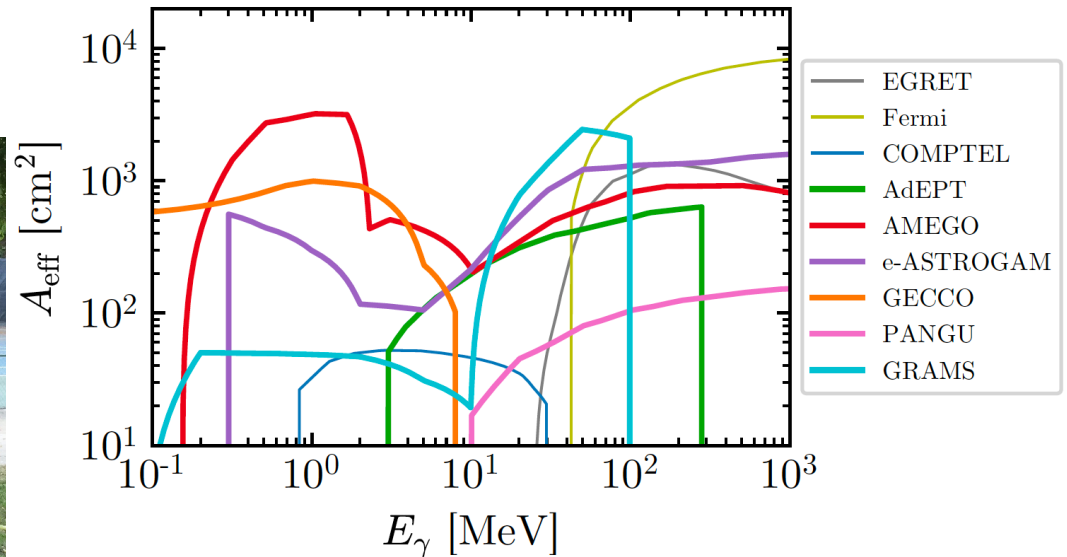
$10^{70}$  eV

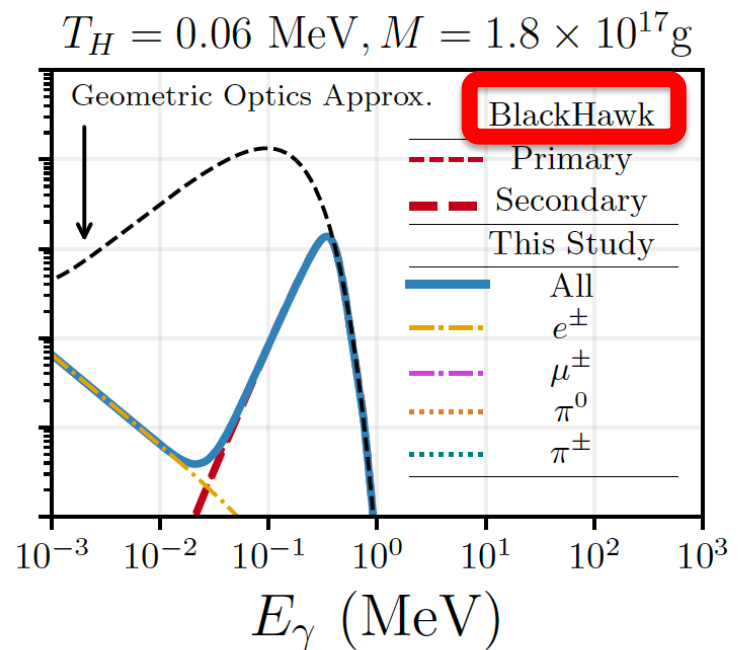
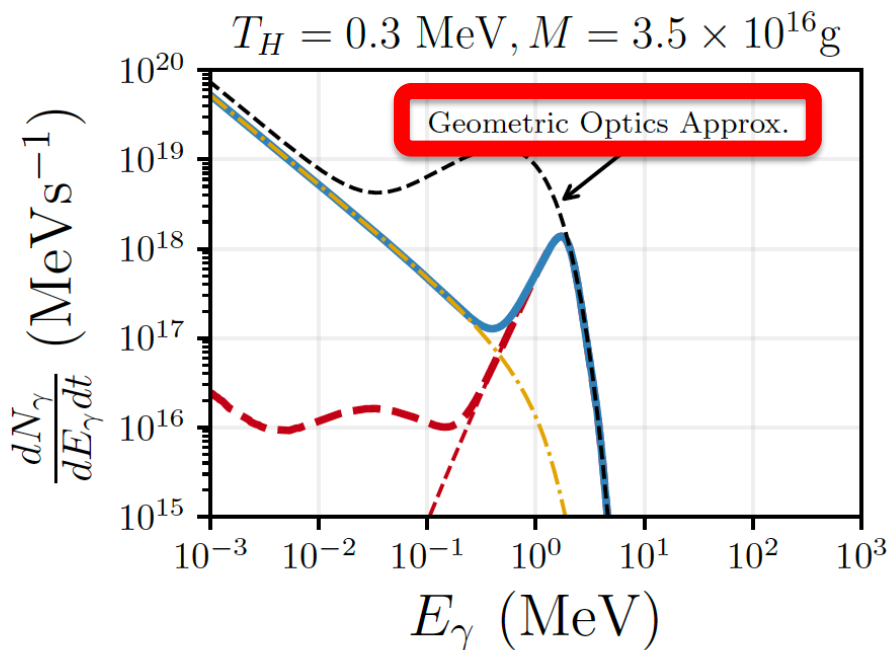
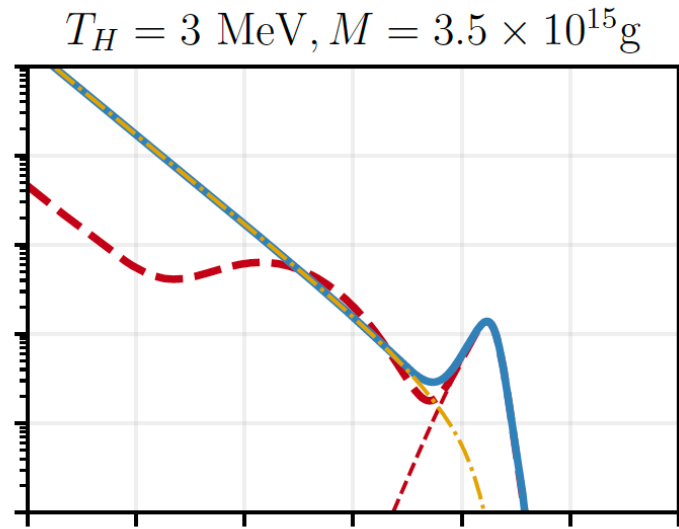
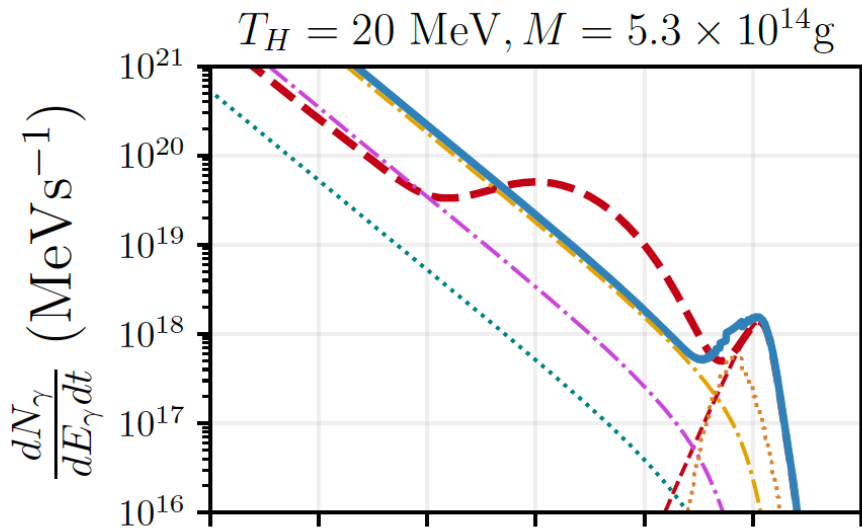


# Lightest PBH that can be dark matter...

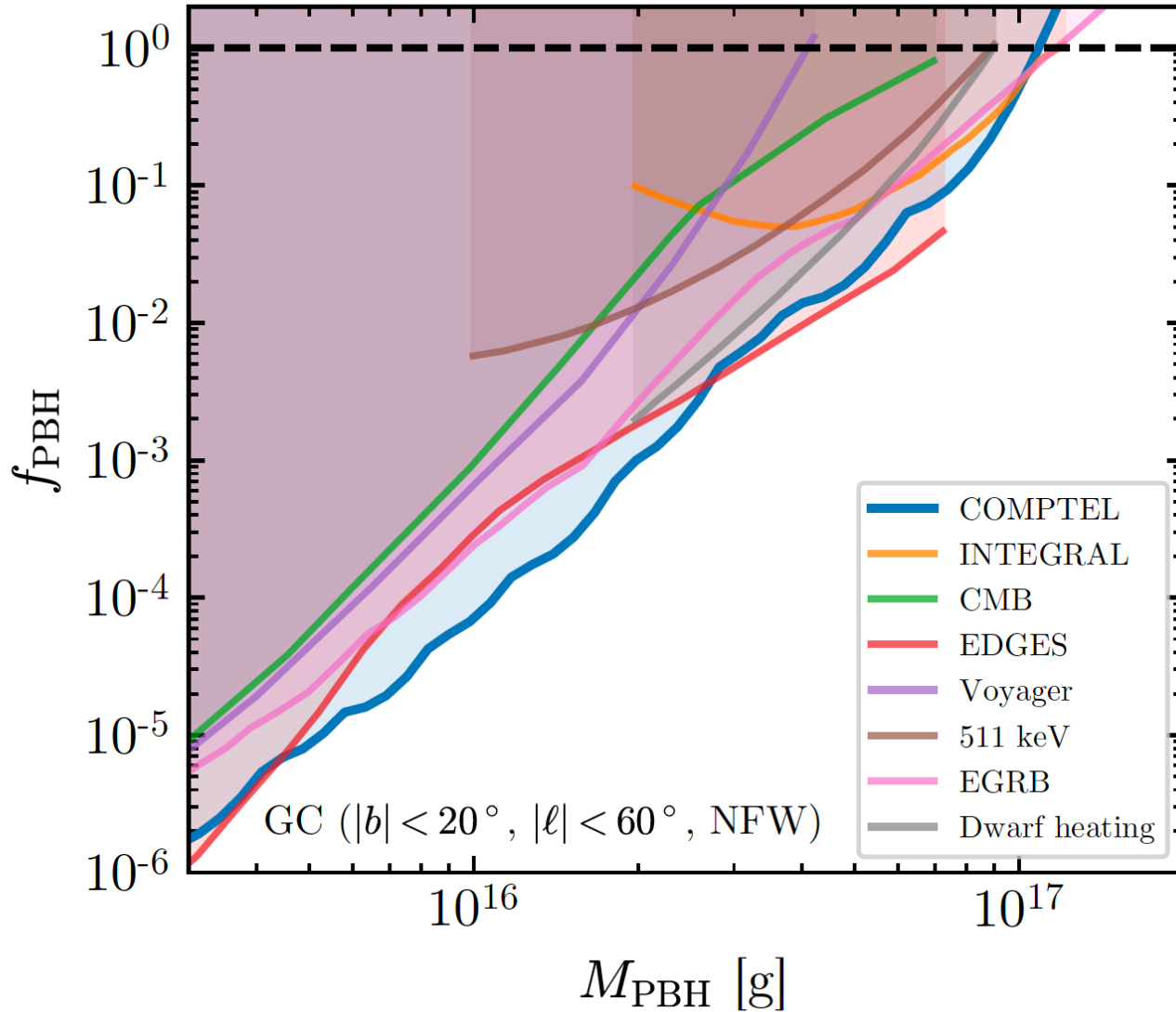
$$\tau(M) \simeq 200 \tau_U \left( \frac{M}{10^{15} \text{ g}} \right)^3 \simeq 200 \tau_U \left( \frac{10 \text{ MeV}}{T_H} \right)^3$$

- are  $\sim$  asteroid/comet/**PYRAMID** mass
- can't be much hotter than **10 MeV**



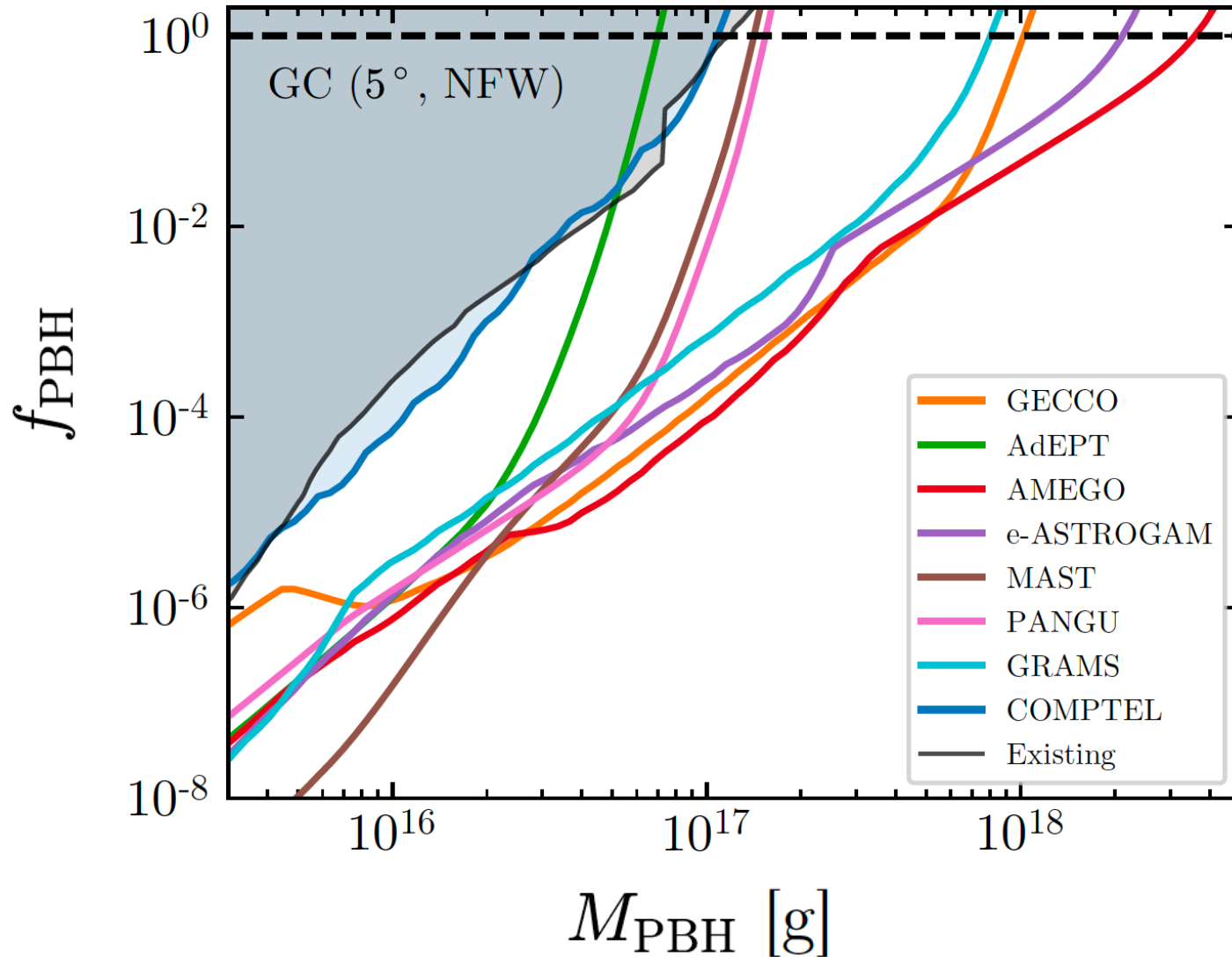


# Our new **COMPTEL** constraints are among **strongest/robust**





# New **MeV Telescopes** could discover Hawking evaporation!



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## Snowmass2021 - Letter of Interest

### *Searching for Dark Matter and New Physics with GECCO*

#### Thematic Areas:

- (CF1) Dark Matter: Particle Like
- (CF2) Dark Matter: Wavelike
- (CF3) Dark Matter: Cosmic Probes
- (CF4) Dark Energy and Cosmic Acceleration: The Modern Universe
- (CF5) Dark Energy and Cosmic Acceleration: Cosmic Dawn and Before
- (CF6) Dark Energy and Cosmic Acceleration: Complementarity of Probes and New Facilities
- (CF7) Cosmic Probes of Fundamental Physics

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## Hunting for Dark Matter and New Physics with (a) GECCO

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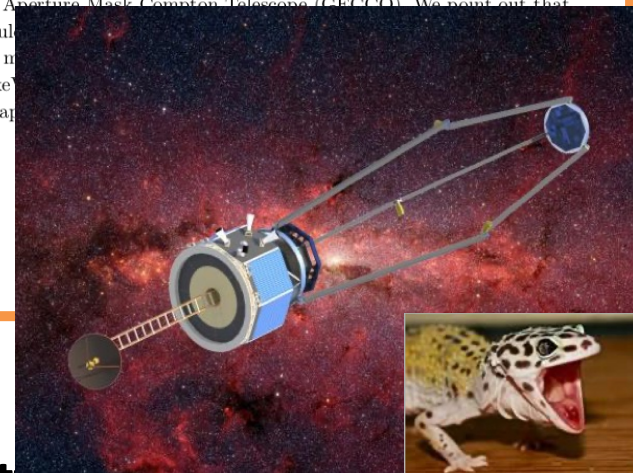
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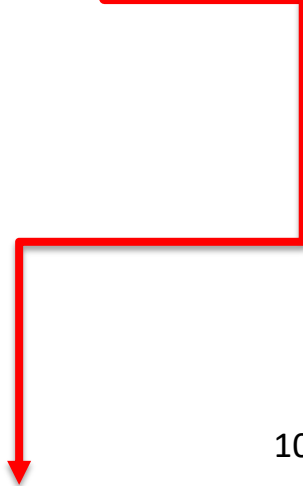
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$$M_{\text{PBH}} \text{ [g]}$$



# Ton-size Black Holes



$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

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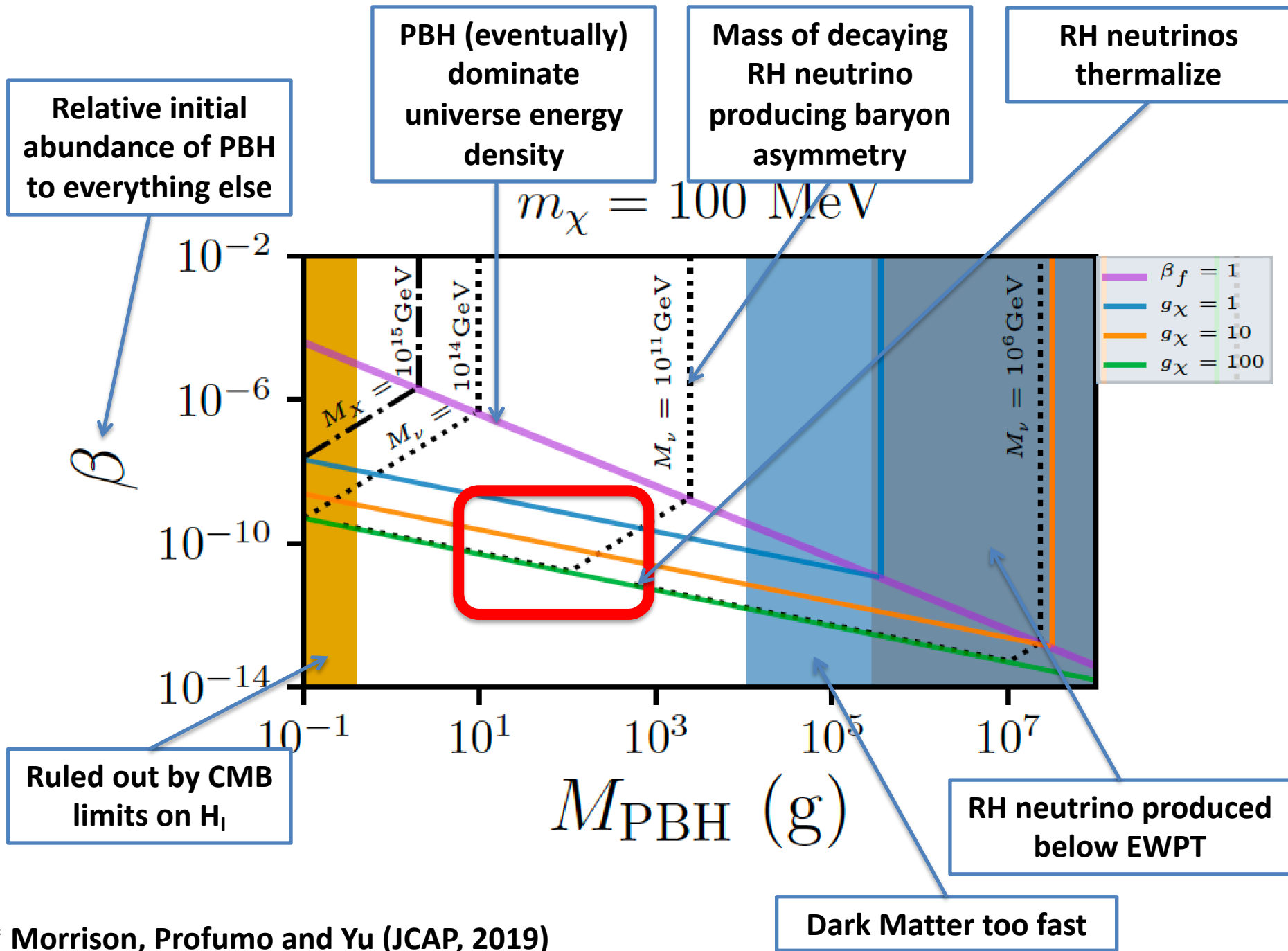
$10^{70}$  eV



...even if PBH are **NOT** the dark matter, they can **PRODUCE** the dark matter via **Hawking evaporation!**

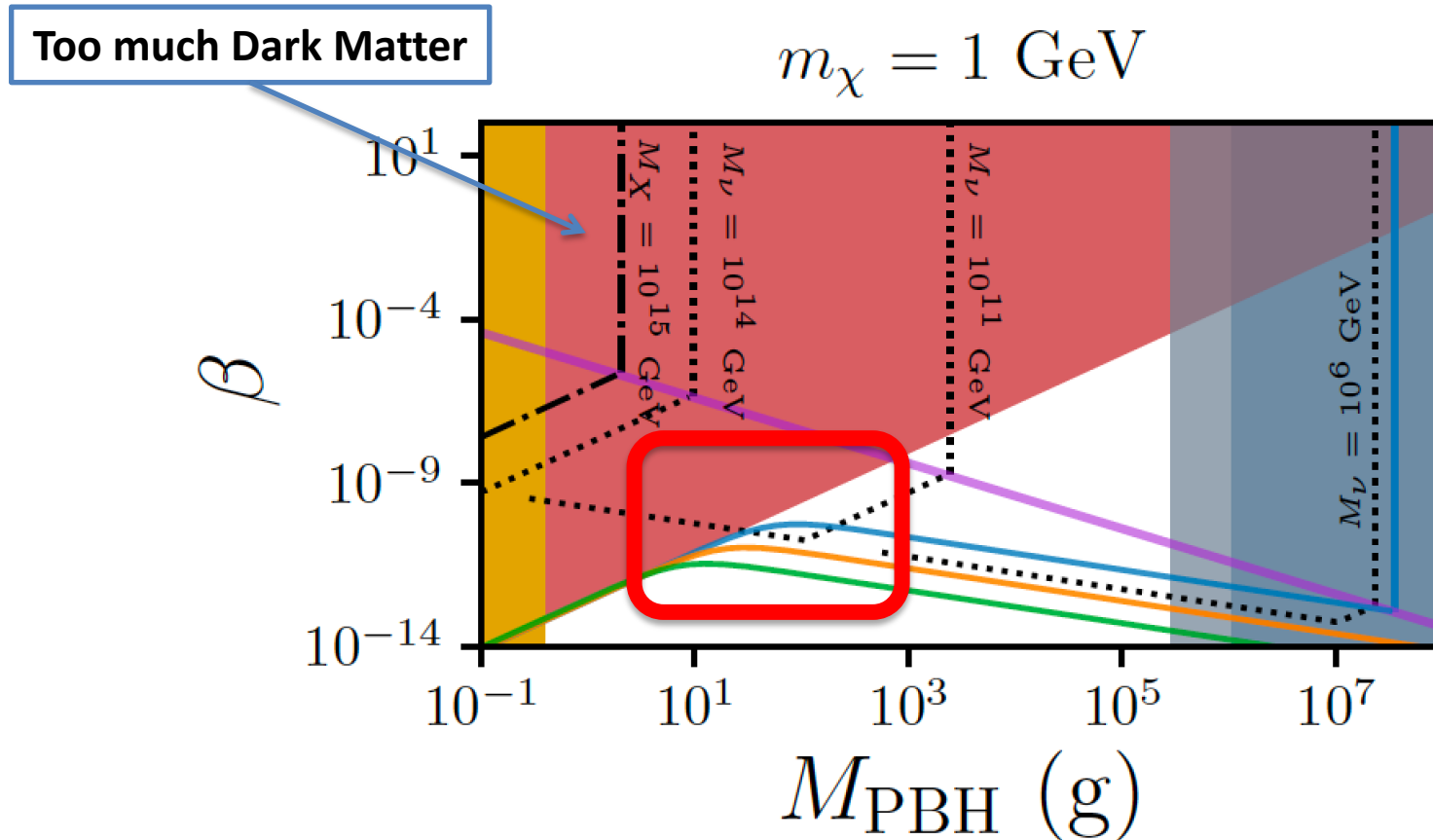
Mass (g)	$T_H$ (GeV)	$\tau$ (s)	$T_{\text{evap}} = T(\tau)$ (GeV)
$5M_P \simeq 10^{-4}$	$1.7 \times 10^{17}$	$10^{-41}$	$2 \times 10^{17}$
1	$1.7 \times 10^{13}$	$4 \times 10^{-29}$	$2 \times 10^{11}$
$10^3$	$1.7 \times 10^{10}$	$4 \times 10^{-20}$	$6 \times 10^6$
$10^6$	$1.7 \times 10^7$	$4 \times 10^{-11}$	200
$10^9$	$1.7 \times 10^4$	0.04	0.006
$10^{12}$	17	$4 \times 10^7 \sim 1 \text{ yr}$	$\sim 1 \text{ keV}$

ruled out by **BBN** (more on that later!)



\* Morrison, Profumo and Yu (JCAP, 2019)

Dark Matter can be a **mix** of **Planck-scale relics** from PBH evaporation, and stuff the PBH **evaporated into!**

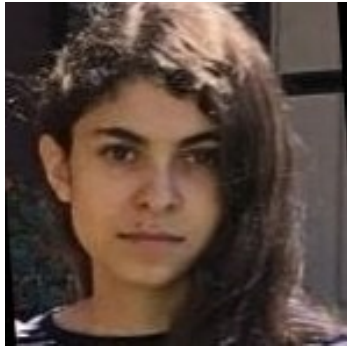


# Alternately, evaporation can seed gravitational baryo- (or DM-) genesis

$$S \supset \frac{1}{M_*^4} \partial_\alpha (\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) J_{B-L}^\alpha$$

Kretschmann scalar

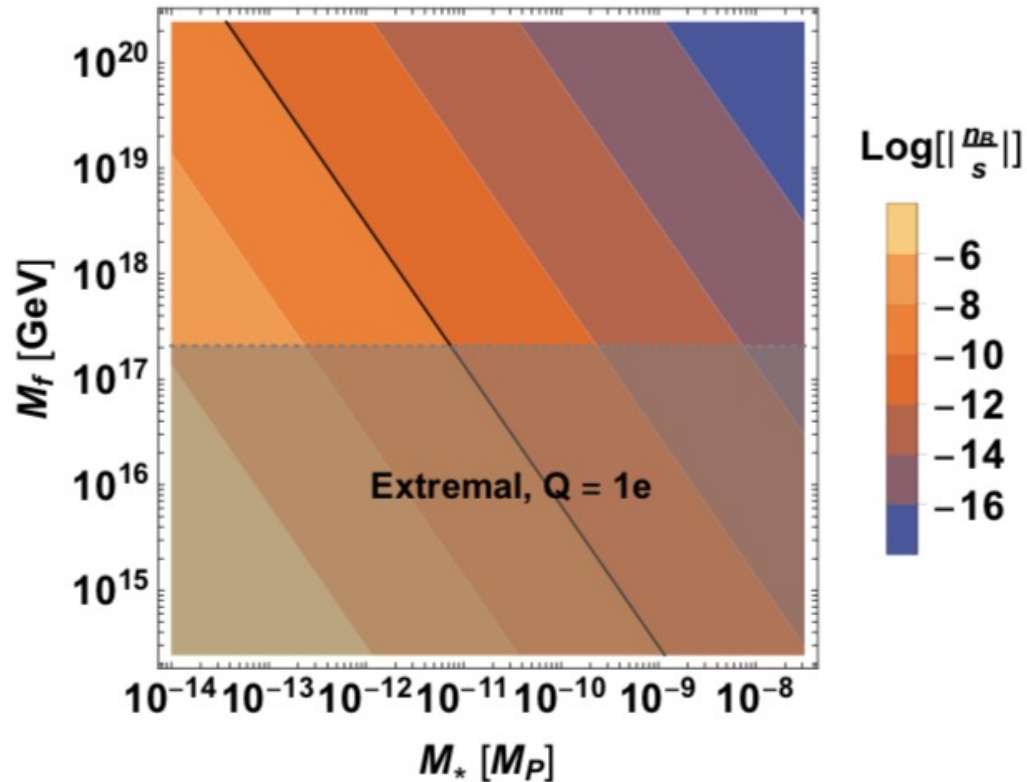
Relic PBH



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As BH approach the **Planck scale**, they can acquire a significant **relic electric charge**

(under simple **assumptions**)  $P(Q) \sim \exp(-4\pi\alpha(Q/e)^2)$   
the relic charge is  
approximately **Gaussian**\*  $(8\pi\alpha)^{-1/2} \approx 2.34$

If evaporation **stops** around the Planck scale  
(because of **extremality**, or because of **quantum gravity**)  
we are left with a population of **charged, Planck-scale relics!**

\* Page, 1977

\*\* Lehmann, Johnson, Profumo and Schwemberger, 1906.06348 (JCAP10(2019)046)



# Grain-of-Salt Black Holes

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

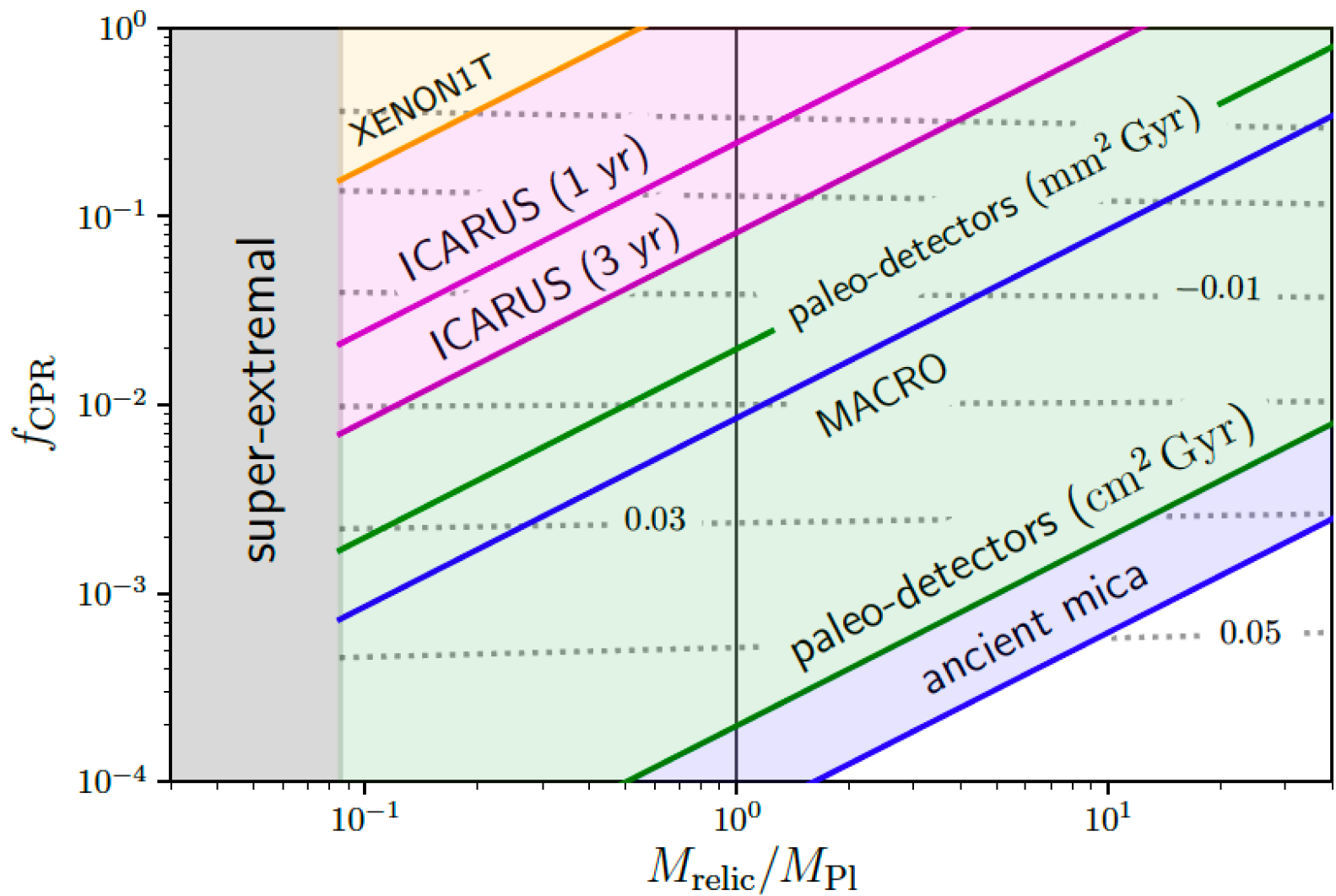
$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV





\* Lehmann, Johnson, Profumo and Schwemberger, 1906.06348 (JCAP10(2019)046)

# Hawking-Radiation Recoil of Microscopic Black Holes

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## Black hole remnants are not too fast to be dark matter

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### Abstract

The Hawking radiation would cause black holes evaporate rapidly from many astrophysical contexts. It has been argued that the expansion of space would alter this behavior. For a Planck-size black hole, the velocity left behind is a Planck-mass remnant with a section on the order of  $10^{-70} r_s$ .

Such black hole remnants have been identified as possible dark matter candidates. Here we argue that the final stage of the evaporation has a recoil effect which would give the microscopic black hole velocity on the order of  $10^{-1}c$  which is in disagreement with the cold dark matter cosmological model.

We comment on recent claims that recoil in the final stages of Hawking evaporation gives black hole remnants large velocities, rendering them inviable as a dark matter candidate. We point out that due to cosmic expansion, such large velocities at the final stages of evaporation are not in tension with the cold dark matter paradigm so long as they are attained at sufficiently early times. In particular, the predicted recoil velocities are robustly compatible with observations if the remnants form before the epoch of big bang nucleosynthesis, a requirement which is already imposed by the physics of nucleosynthesis itself.

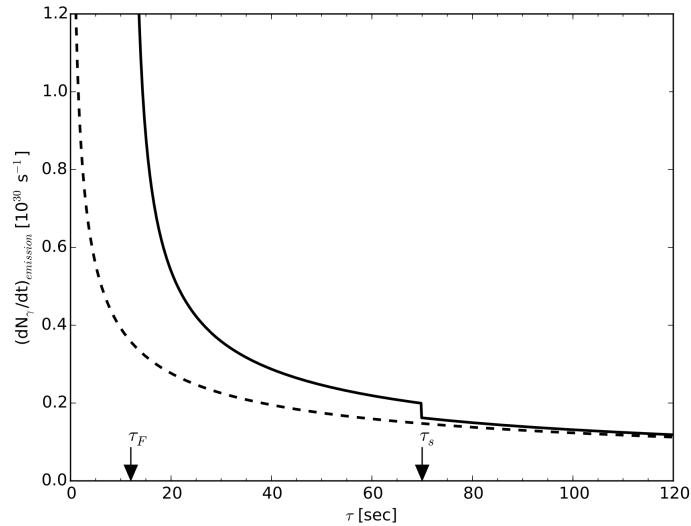
of the striking difference compared to the ordinary black hole theory is that the Hawking temperature [\[9\]](#) defined to be proportional to the surface gravity at the horizon does not grow indefinitely but instead drops to zero at small but positive mass, resulting in a microscopic black hole remnant.

Black holes remnants have been considered as

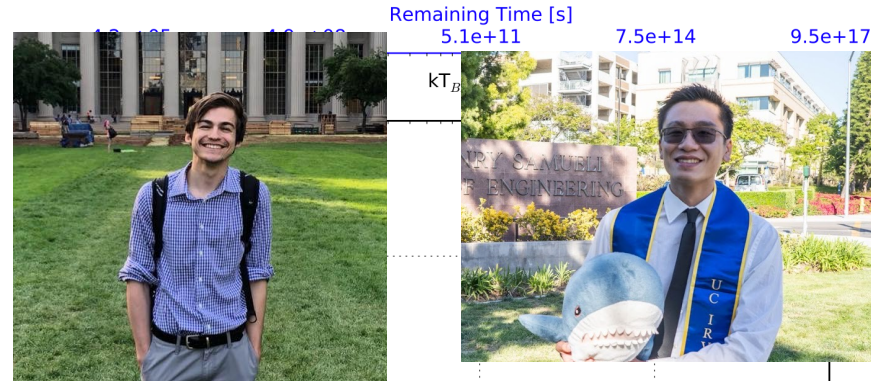
...true only if **evaporation stops very late**  
(much later than **BBN**), which  
cannot happen!

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# What if the dark matter is **completely secluded**?



...if we observed a rapidly evaporating black hole, we could do a complete **particle census!**



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M. Wong



$4 \times 10^6$   
K. Funk

$10^{10}$   $10^{12}$   
 $M_{BH}$  [kg] S. Roberts

What if the dark matter is **completely secluded**?

how can such small ( $\sim 10^{10}$  grams) and rapidly evaporating black holes **emerge**?

very late-time **phase transitions**?

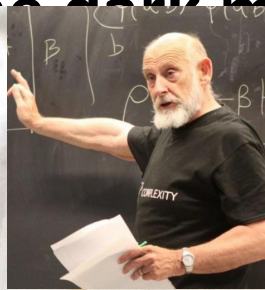
collisions of sub-critical **macroscopic** dark matter **clumps**  
(e.g. strangelets)??



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### WHO CARES?

**N**o one is ever going to use Hawking radiation to cure cancer or make a better steam engine. Black holes will never be useful for storing information or swallowing enemy missiles. Even worse, unlike elementary particle physics or intergalactic astronomy — two subjects that also may never have any practical applications — the quantum theory of black hole evaporation will probably never even lead to direct observations or experiments.

Why, then, does anyone waste his or her time on it?

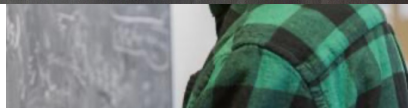
Before I tell you why, let me first explain why Hawking radiation is unlikely ever to be observed. Let's grant that in the future, we will be able to get close enough to an astronomical black hole to observe it in some detail. Even then, there is no chance of observing it evaporate for one very simple reason: no astronomical black hole is currently evaporating. Quite the opposite, they are all absorbing energy and growing; even the most isolated black hole is surrounded by heat. The emptiest regions of intergalactic space, cold as they are, are still far warmer than a stellar-mass black hole. Space is filled with black body radiation (photons) left over from the Big Bang. The coldest place in the universe is a sultry three degrees above absolute zero, whereas the warmest black holes are a hundred million times colder.

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**“Stellar-Mass”  
( $10^{35}$  g)  
Black Holes**

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV

- ✓ **Sub-Chandrasekhar goldilocks!!**
- ✓ **How do they arise? Dark QED sector?**

**“Asteroid-Mass”  
( $10^{22}$  g)  
Black Holes**

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

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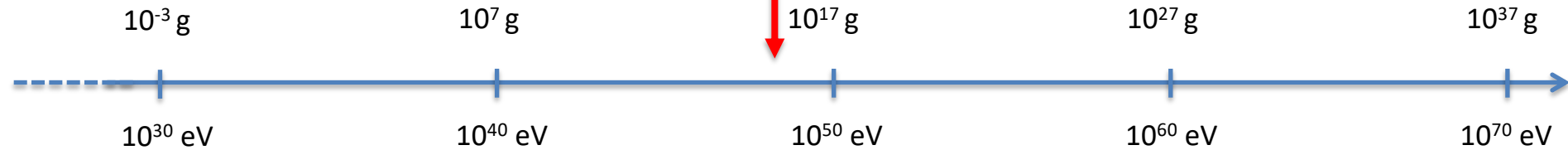
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✓ **Microensing a lot trickier  
than previously thought!**



**“Pyramid-Mass”  
( $10^{16}$  g)  
“Evanescent” Black Holes**



- ✓ **Best constraints: COMPTEL**
- ✓ **Future MeV telescopes**

# Ton-size Black Holes

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV

✓ Decays can produce DM,  
BAU, Planck relics

## Grain-of-Salt Black Holes

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

$10^{50}$  eV

$10^{60}$  eV

$10^{70}$  eV

- ✓ Likely (partly) charged
- ✓ Detectable!
- ✓ Not too fast!

In the era of **gravitational wave** astronomy,  
the physics of **macroscopic** DM candidates  
offers many **opportunities** for the ingenuity  
of **theorists** and the craft of **observers**

$10^{-3}$  g

$10^7$  g

$10^{17}$  g

$10^{27}$  g

$10^{37}$  g

$10^{30}$  eV

$10^{40}$  eV

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