

(An introduction to)

Astroparticle Physics

Lecture 2/2

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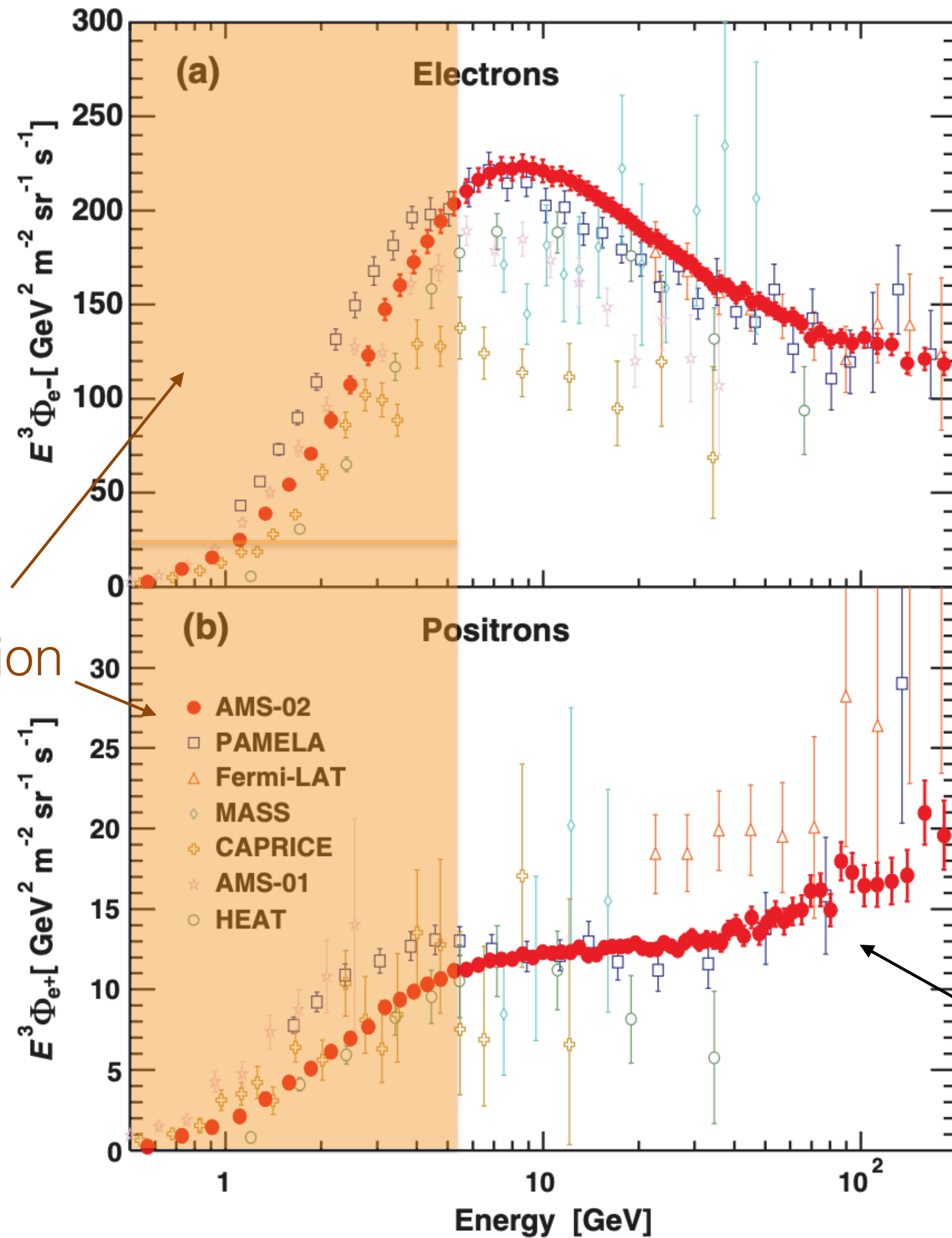
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Electrons vs Positrons



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Solar modulation

Electrons can be directly accelerated (i.e. **primary cosmic rays**)

Positrons are only produced by the collisions of other cosmic rays (i.e. **secondary cosmic rays**)

Expect different spectra. But, rise in positron flux at high energy is still not yet understood (“positron excess”)! →

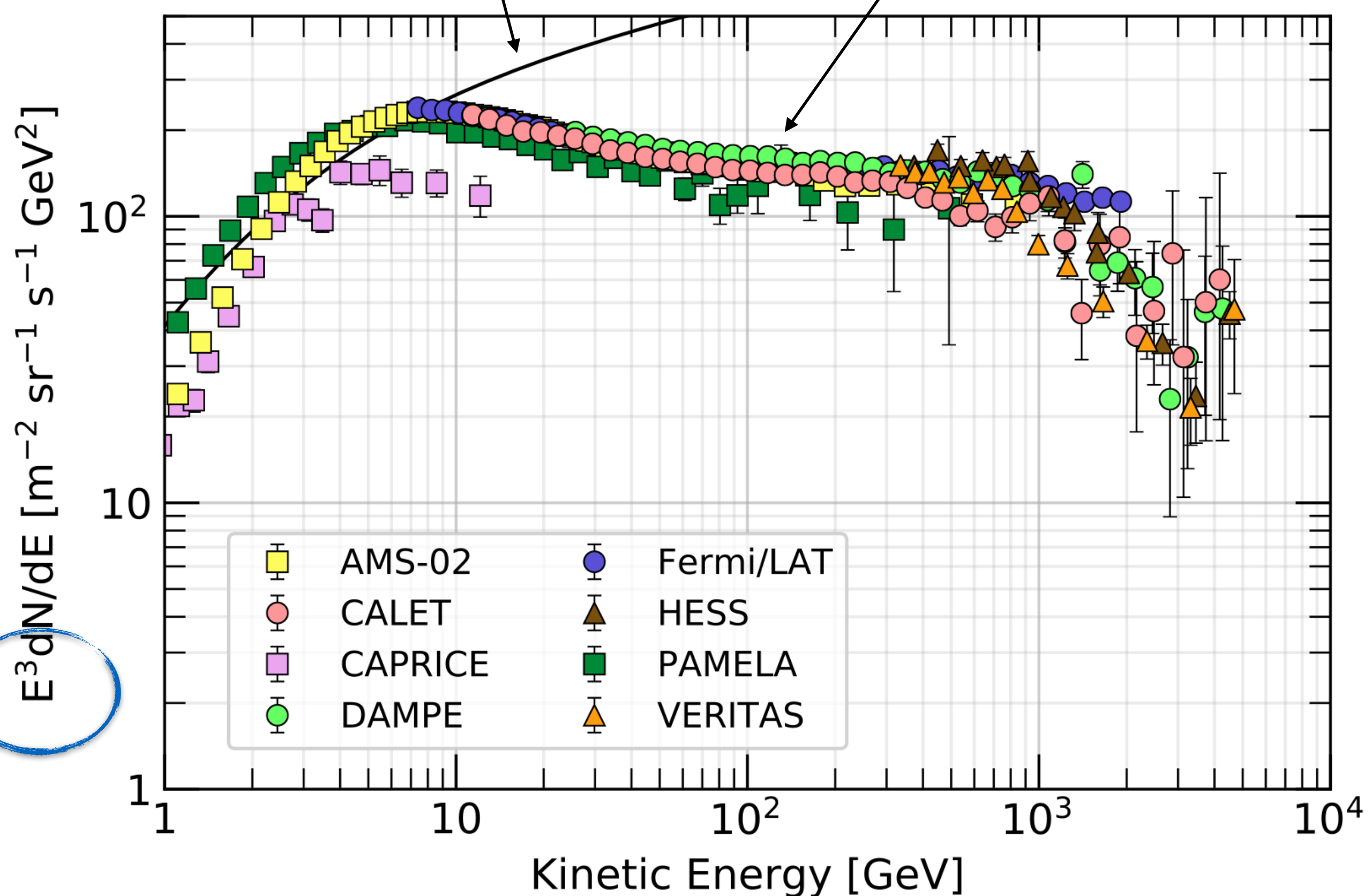
Electrons vs Protons

Veronika Vašičková to Everyone 10:07

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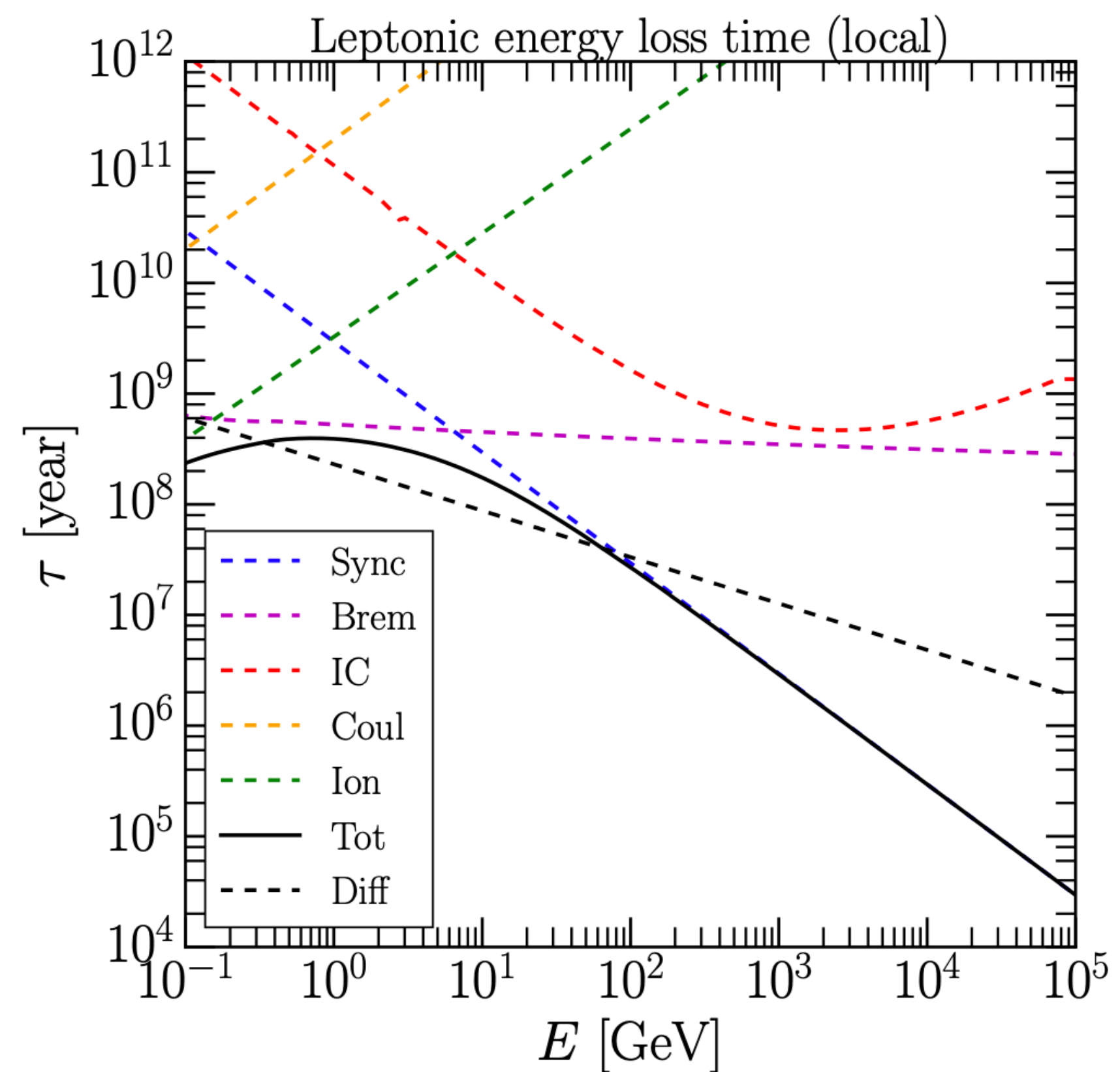
Proton Spectrum (x0.01)

Electron + Positron Spectrum



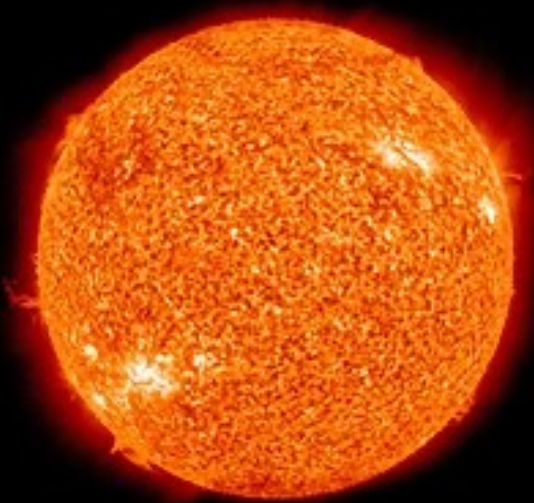
Credit: Particle Data Group (2020)

Electrons and positrons lose energy much more rapidly (than nuclei) as they move through the Galaxy

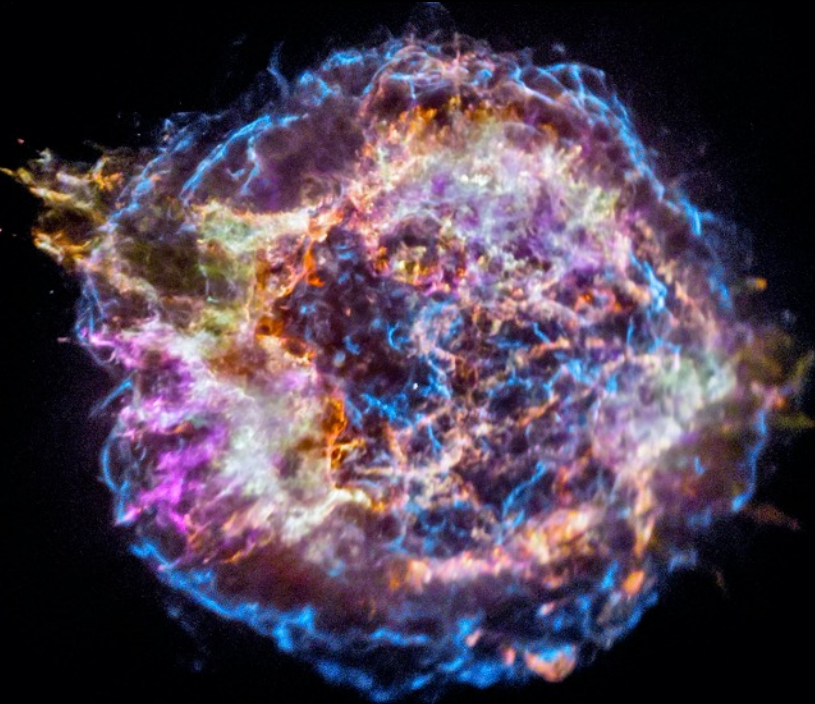


See e.g. Appendix C of [1607.07886](#)

The Sun



Supernovae



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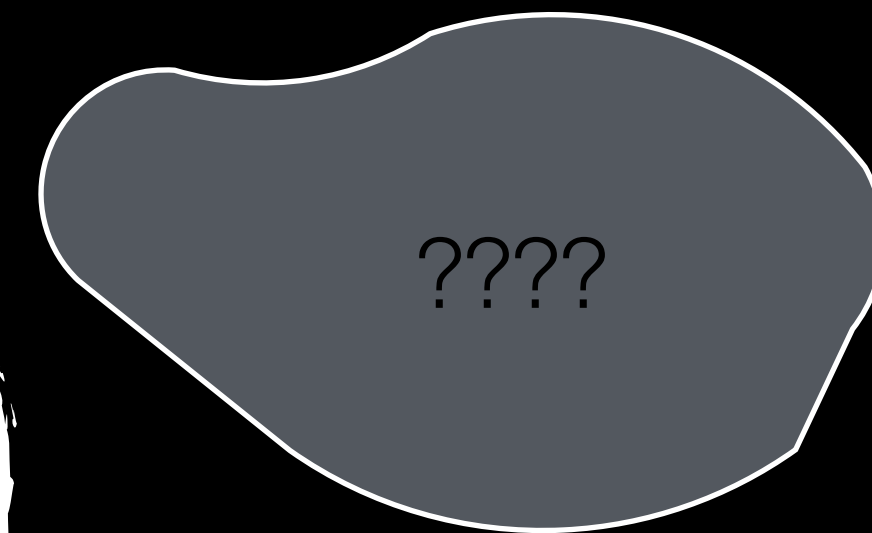
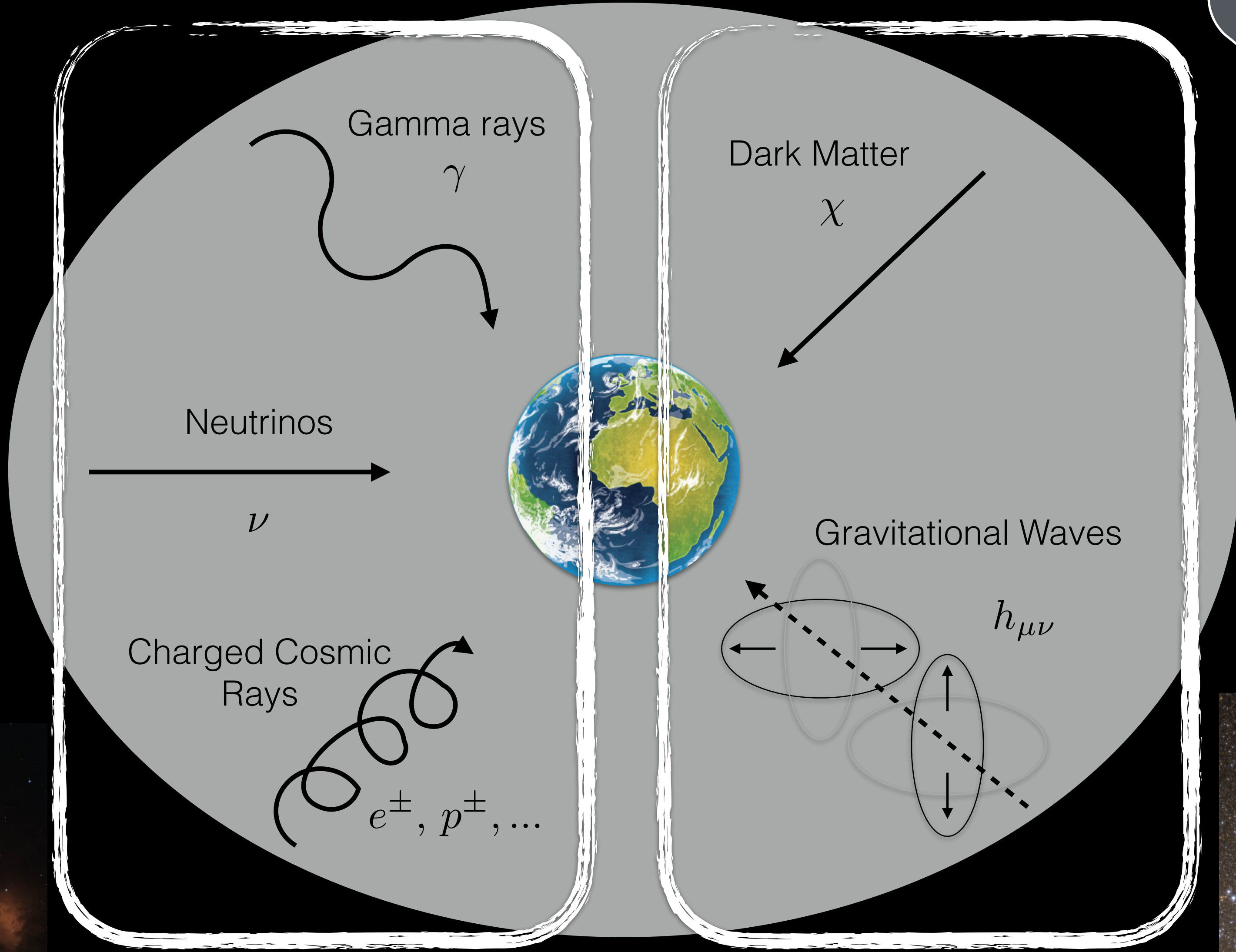


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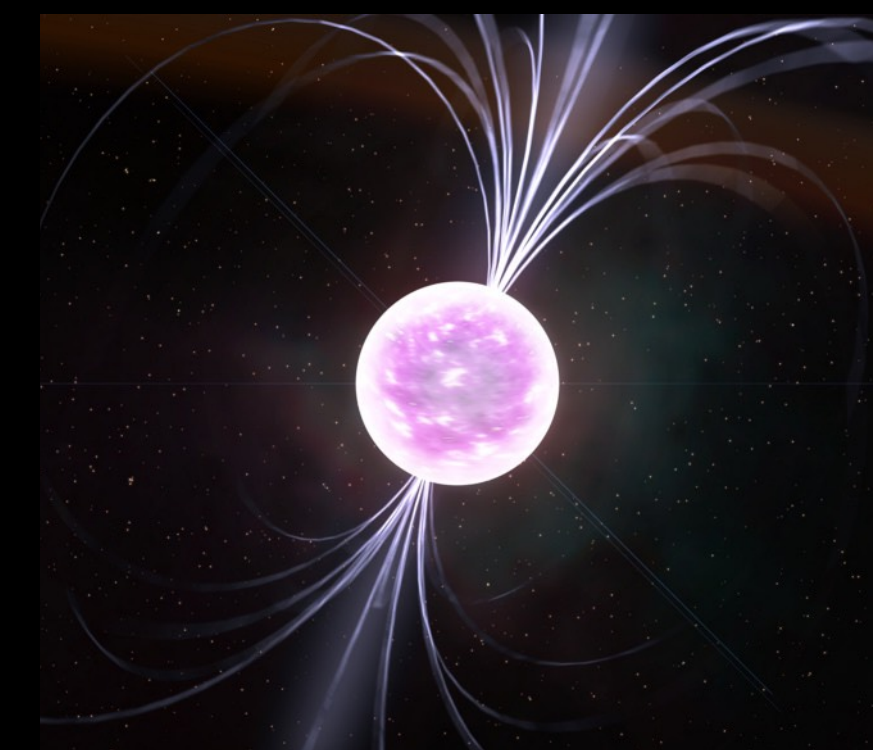
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Lecture 1

Lecture 2



Pulsars



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BH/NS Mergers



Credit: SXS Lensing

Gravitational Waves

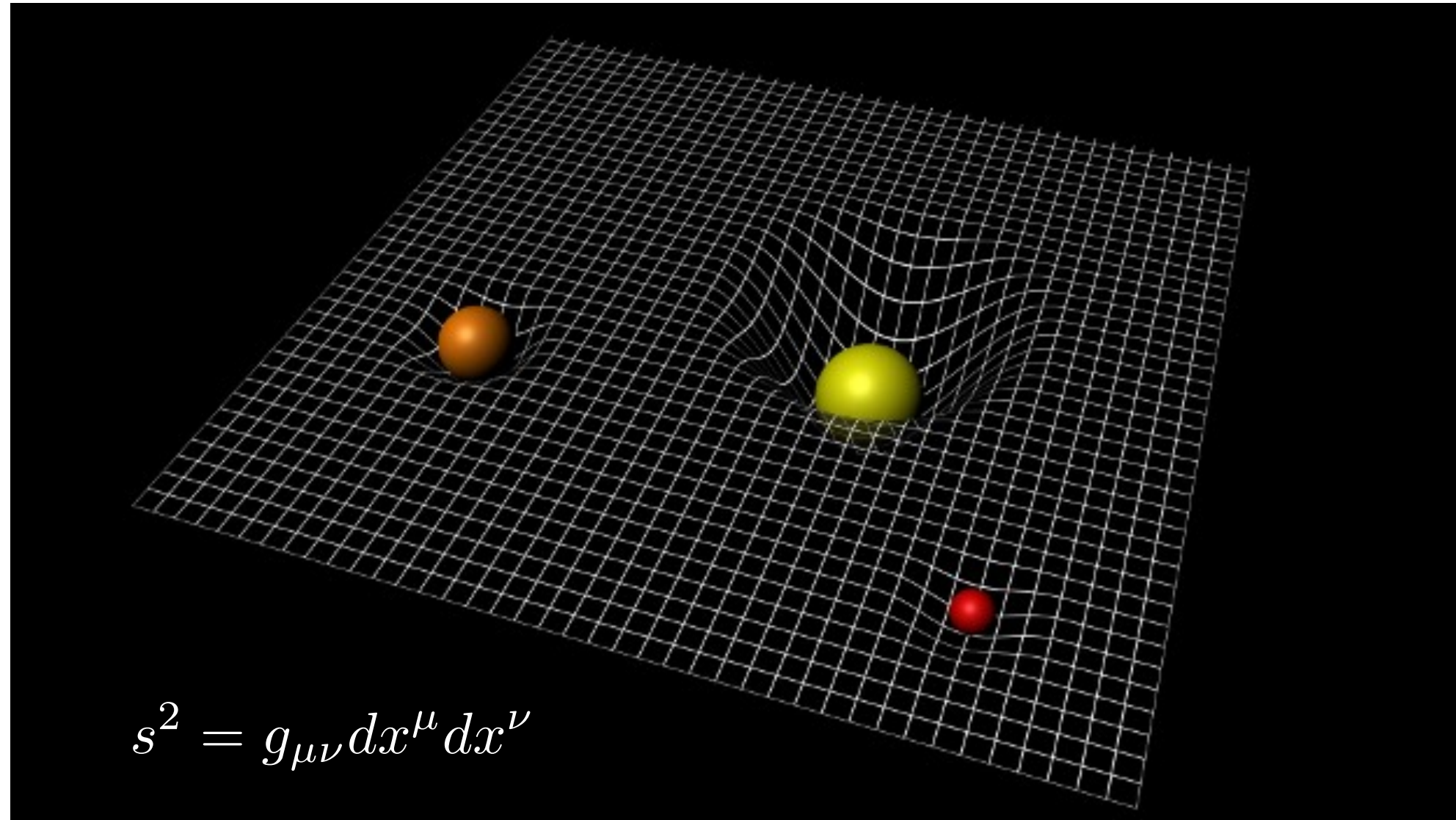
Einstein field equations of General Relativity:

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

Einstein tensor
(Gravity)

Stress-energy tensor
(Matter)

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



$$s^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Credit: ESA/C. Carreau

Linearise the field equations in vacuum:

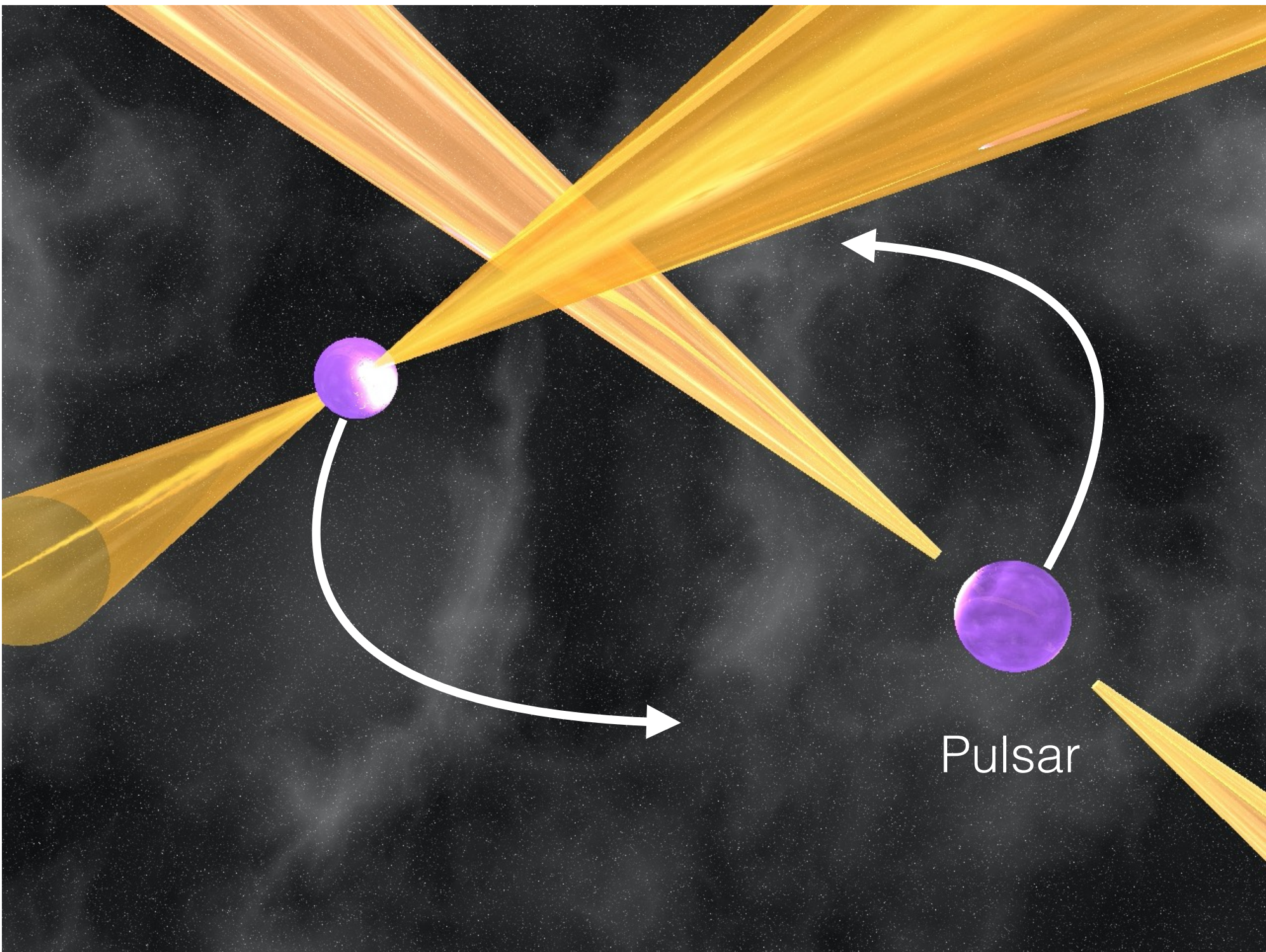
$$g_{\mu\nu} \approx \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

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

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

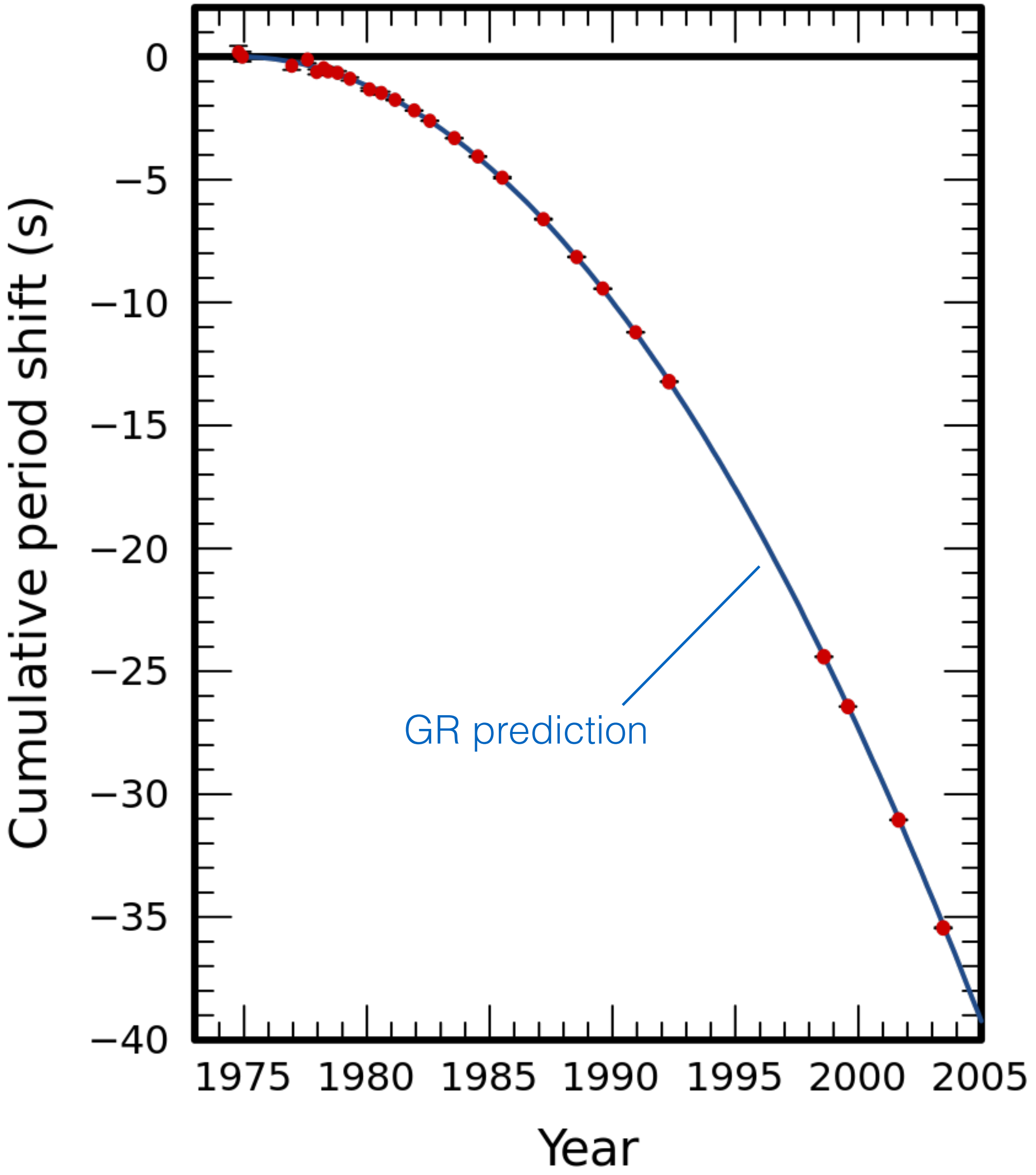
Indirect observation of GWs

GWs sourced by a time-dependent mass quadrupole moment.
E.g. compact object binaries...



Credit: Michael Kramer/Jodrell Bank Observatory/University of Manchester)

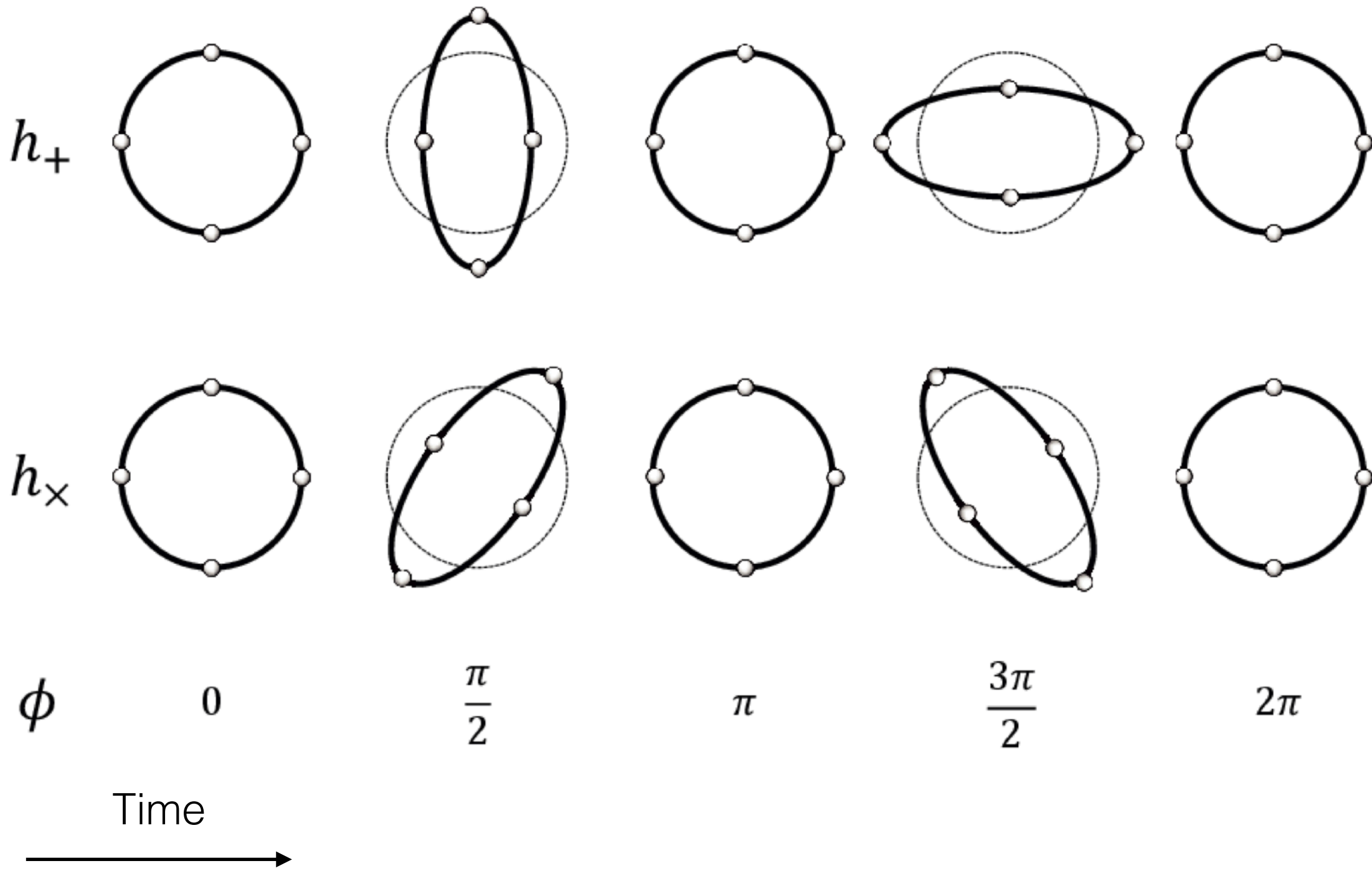
PSR B1913+16 (“Hulse-Taylor Binary”)



See e.g. [astro-ph/0407149](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0407149)

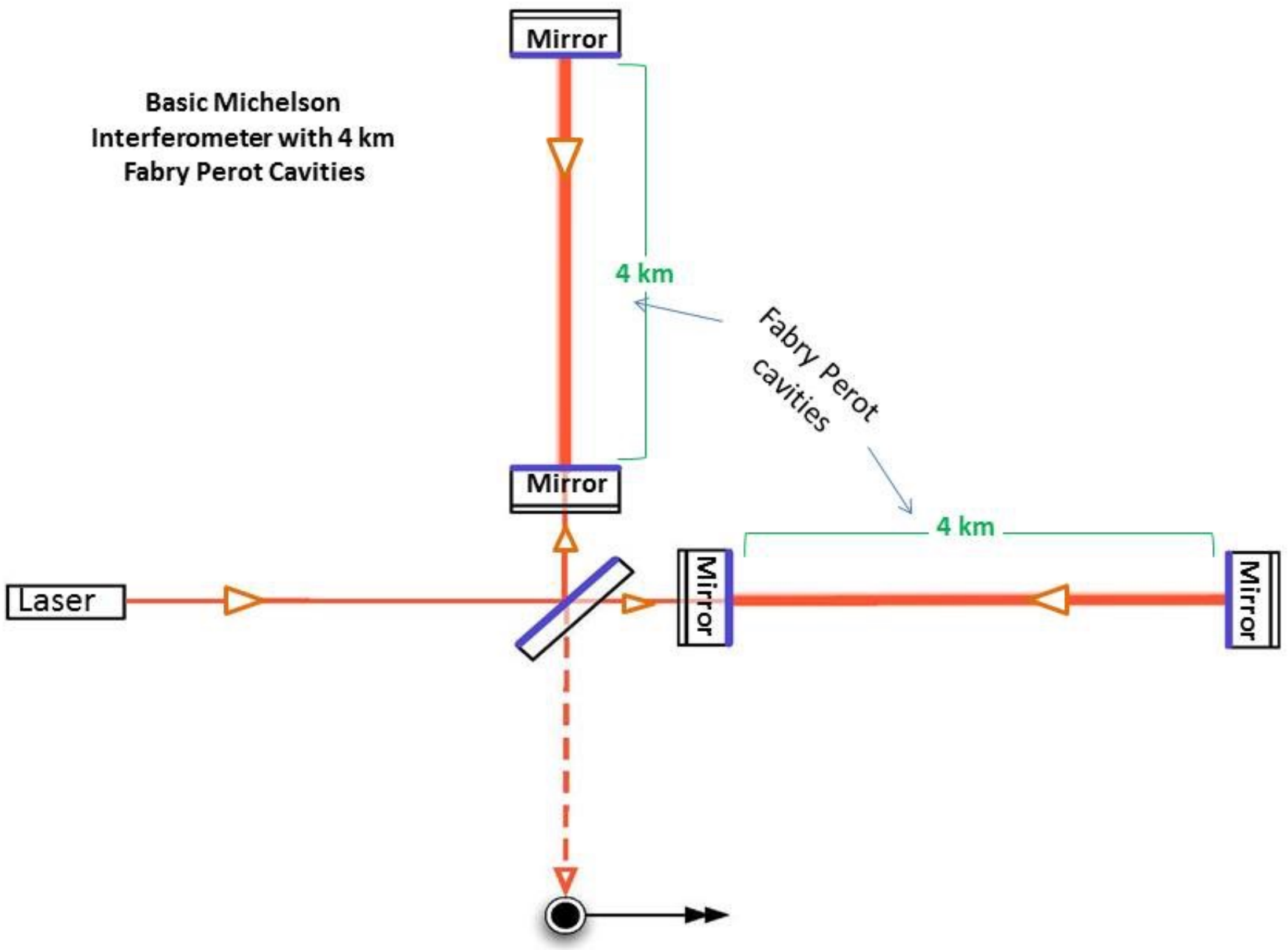
Direct detection of GWs

GW traveling into the screen causes (tiny) distortion:



[1708.00918](http://www.ligo.caltech.edu/page/ligos-ifo)

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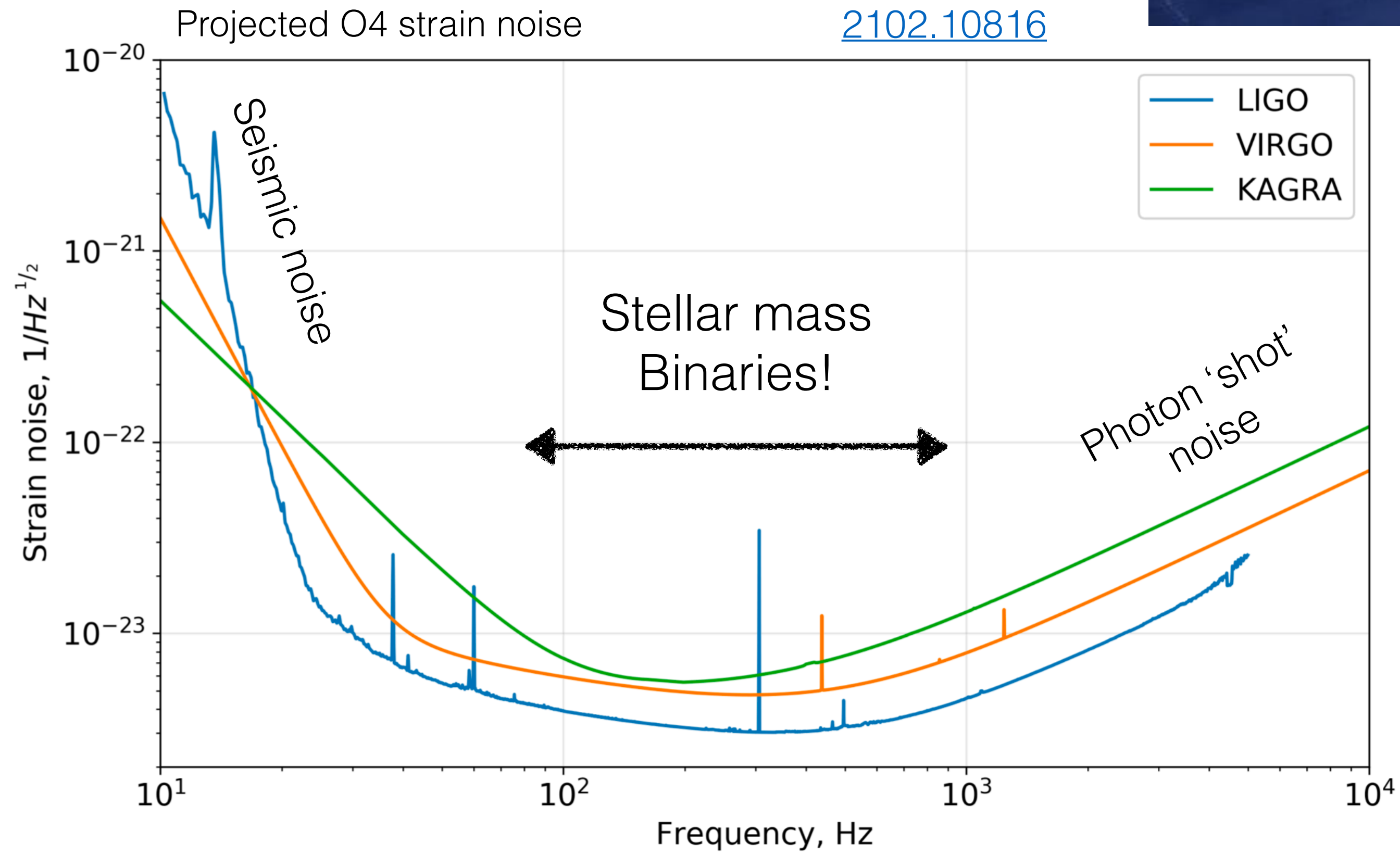


Typical GW strain is $\Delta L/L \sim 10^{-23}$!

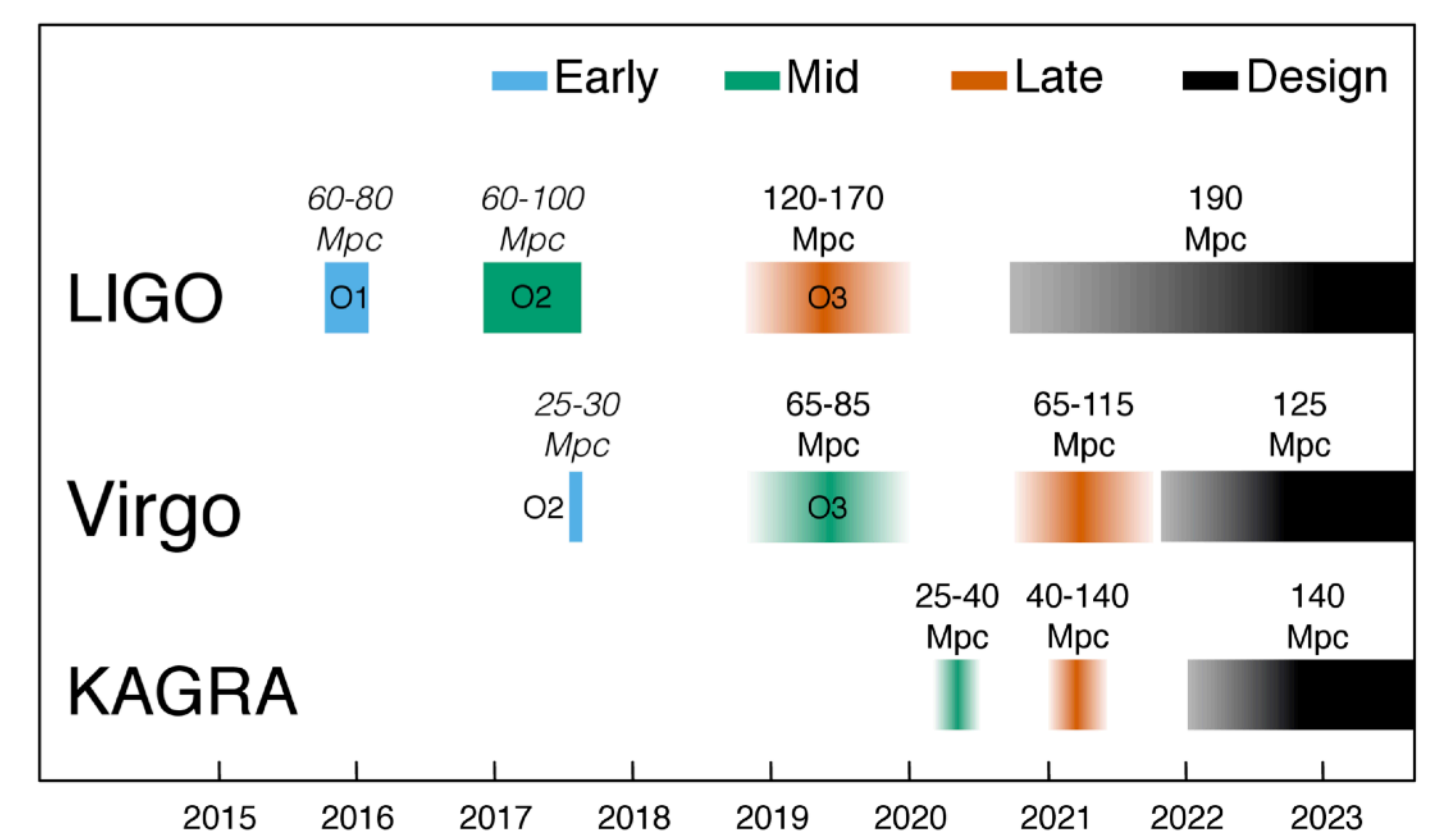
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA (LVK)



Credit: LIGO, VIRGO & KAGRA.



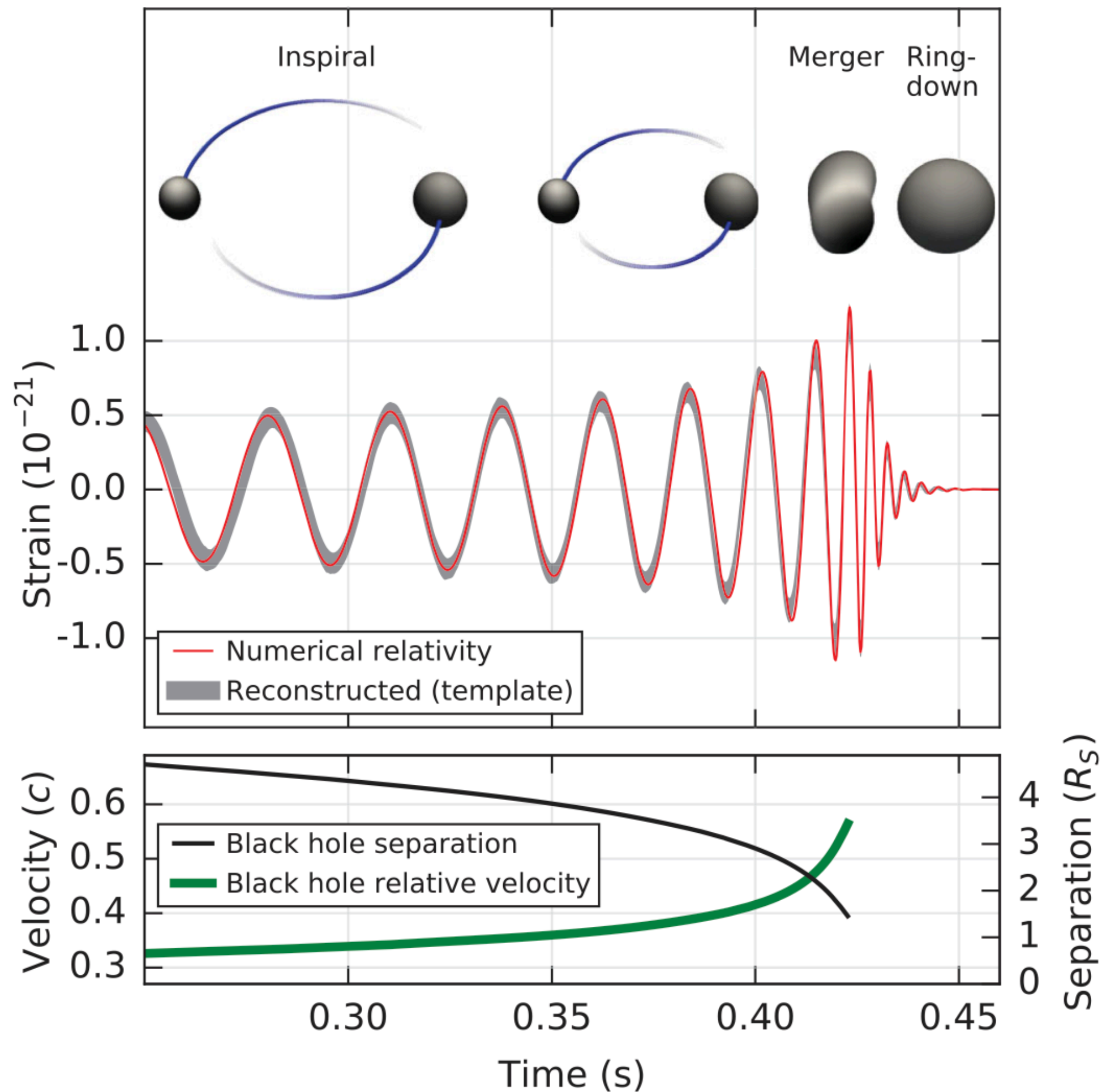
GW frequency \sim twice orbital frequency.



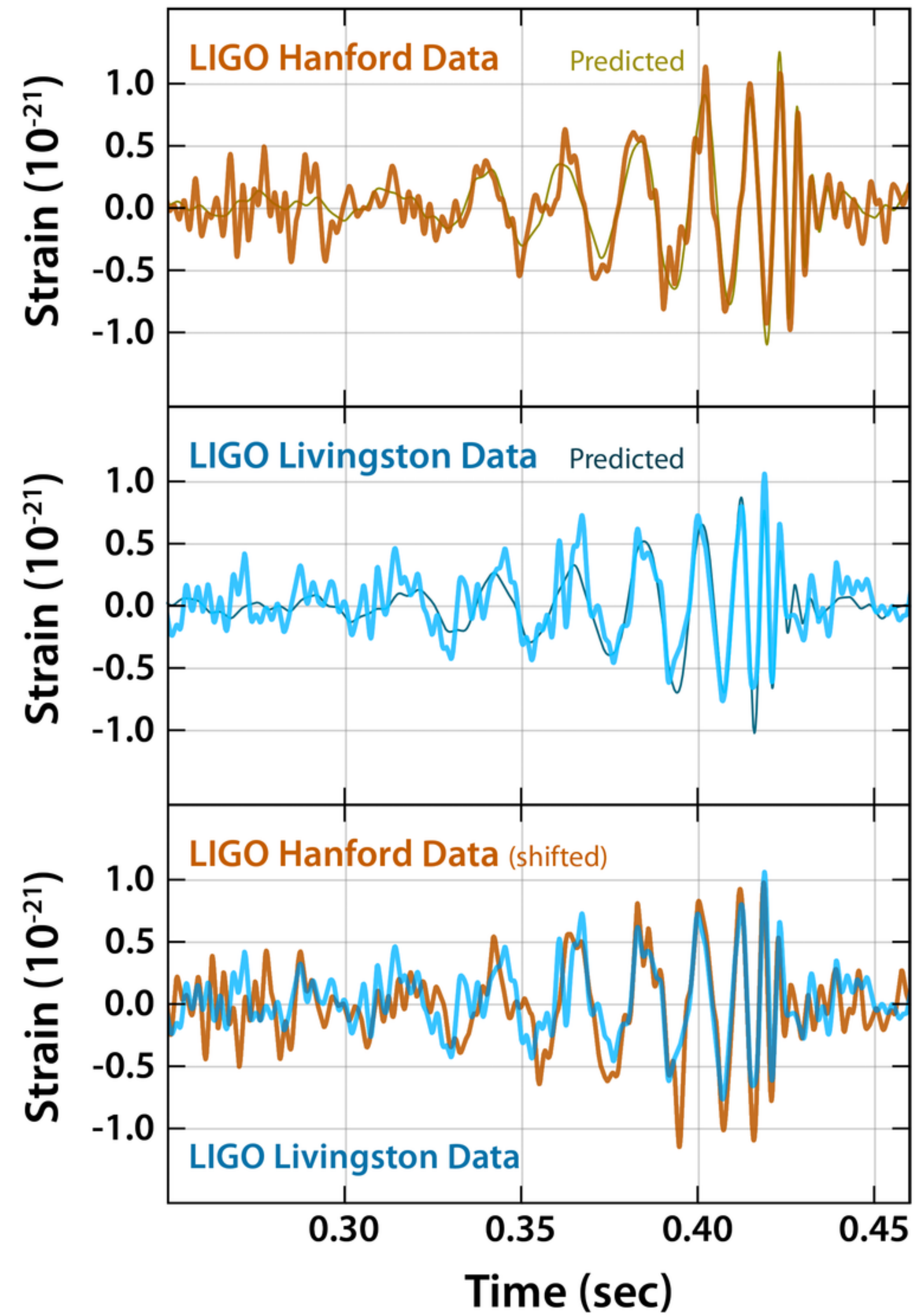
[1906.03643](https://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/1906/03643)

GW150914 - the first BH-BH merger

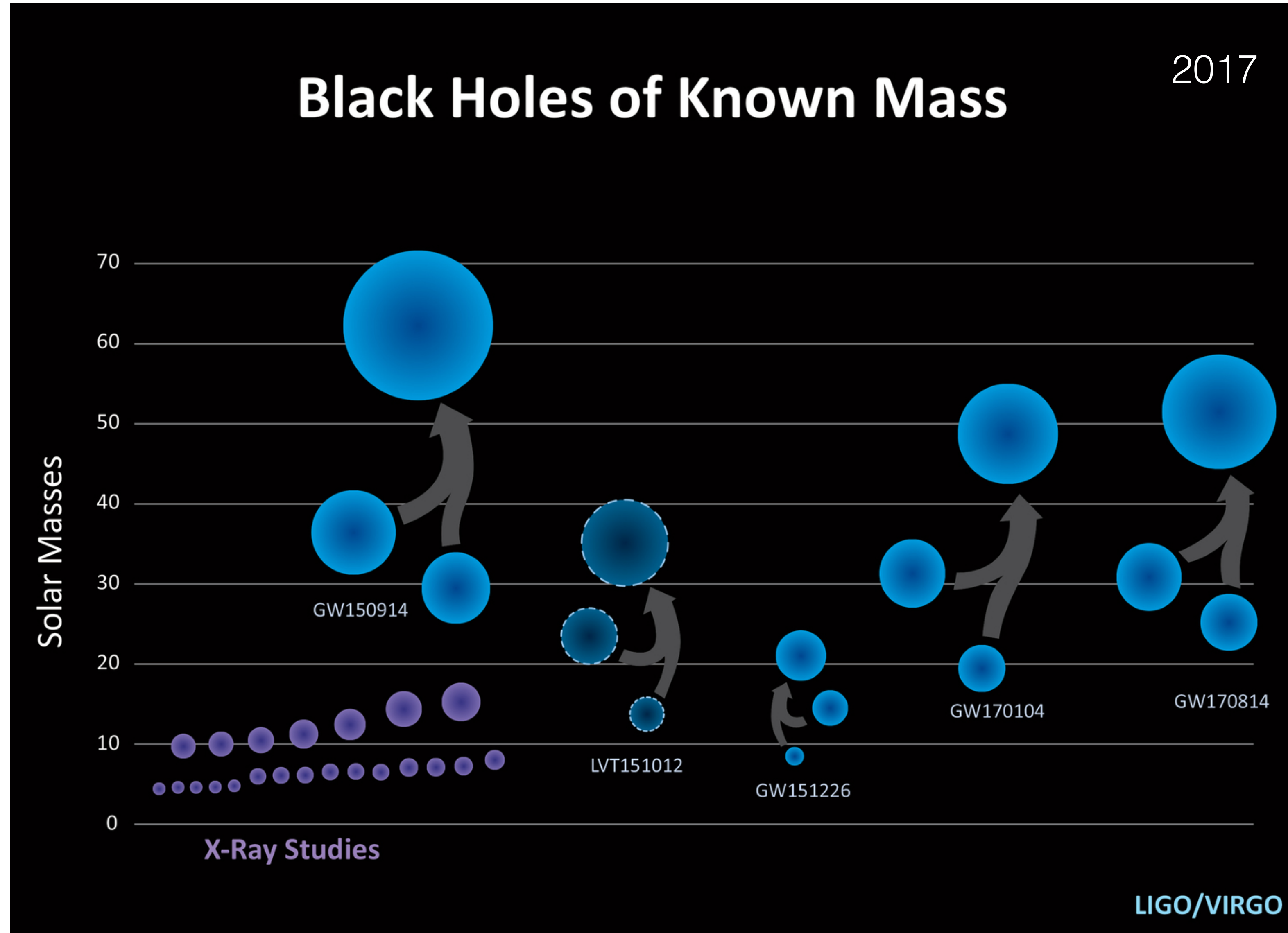
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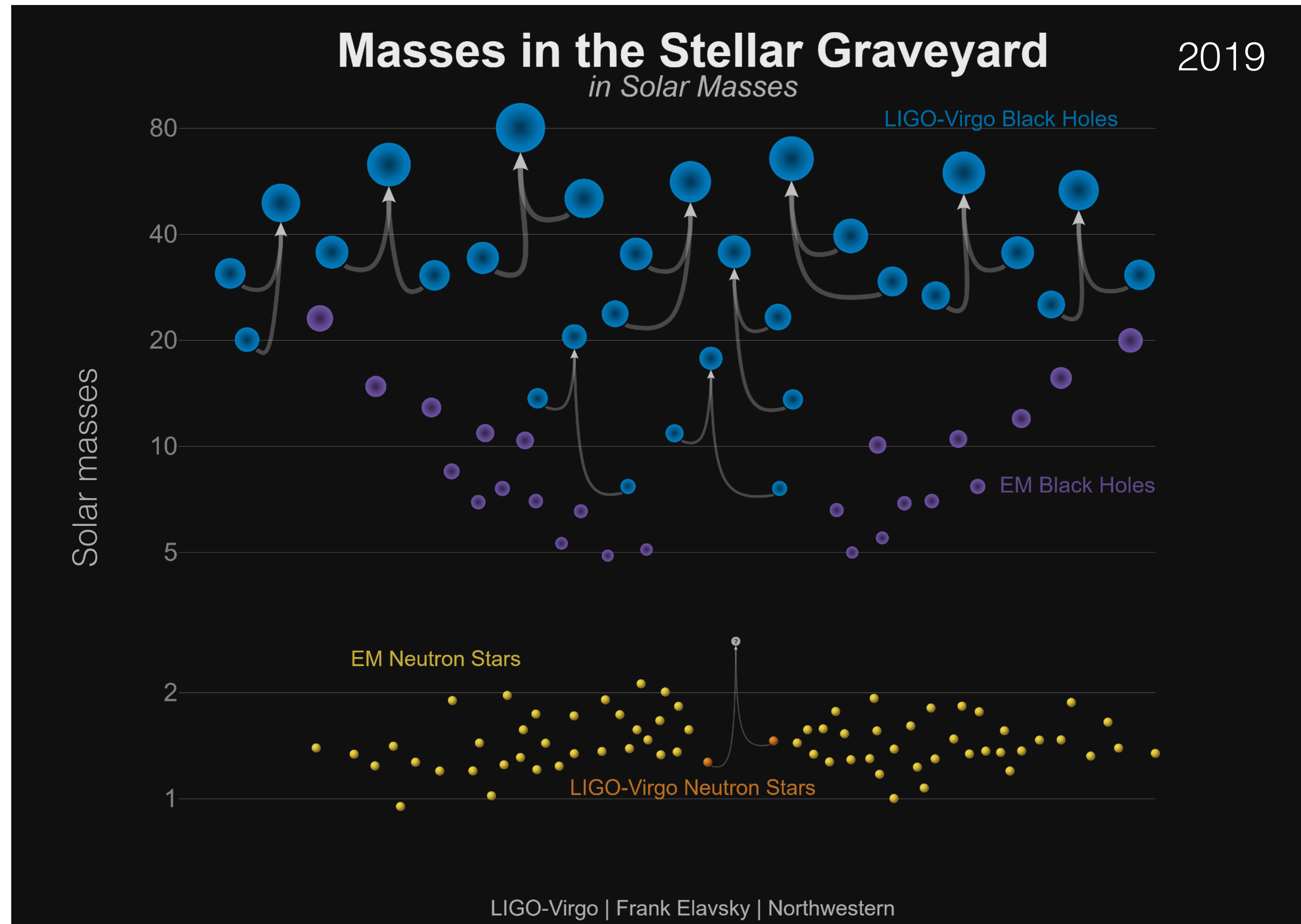


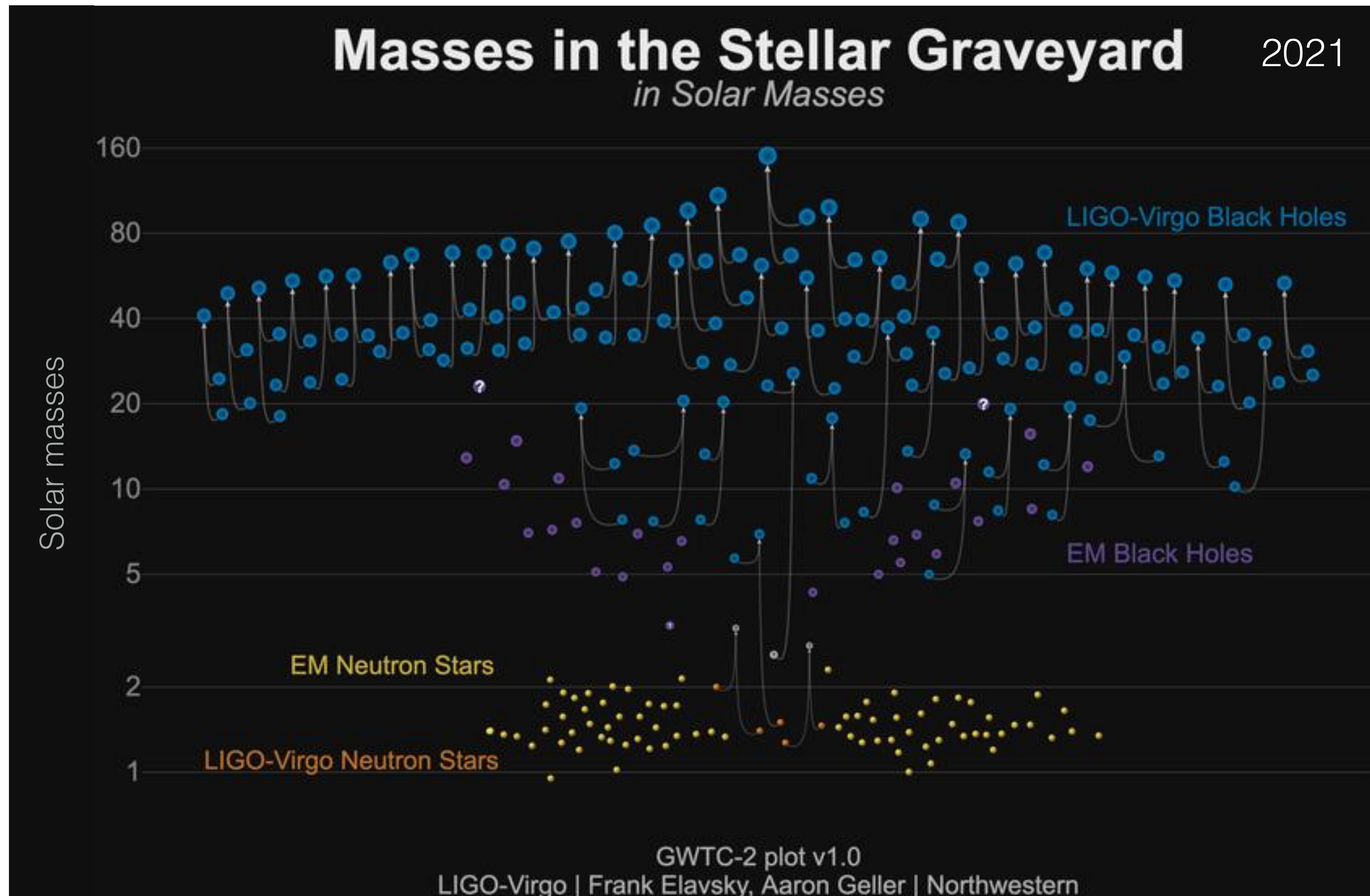
Credit: Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab

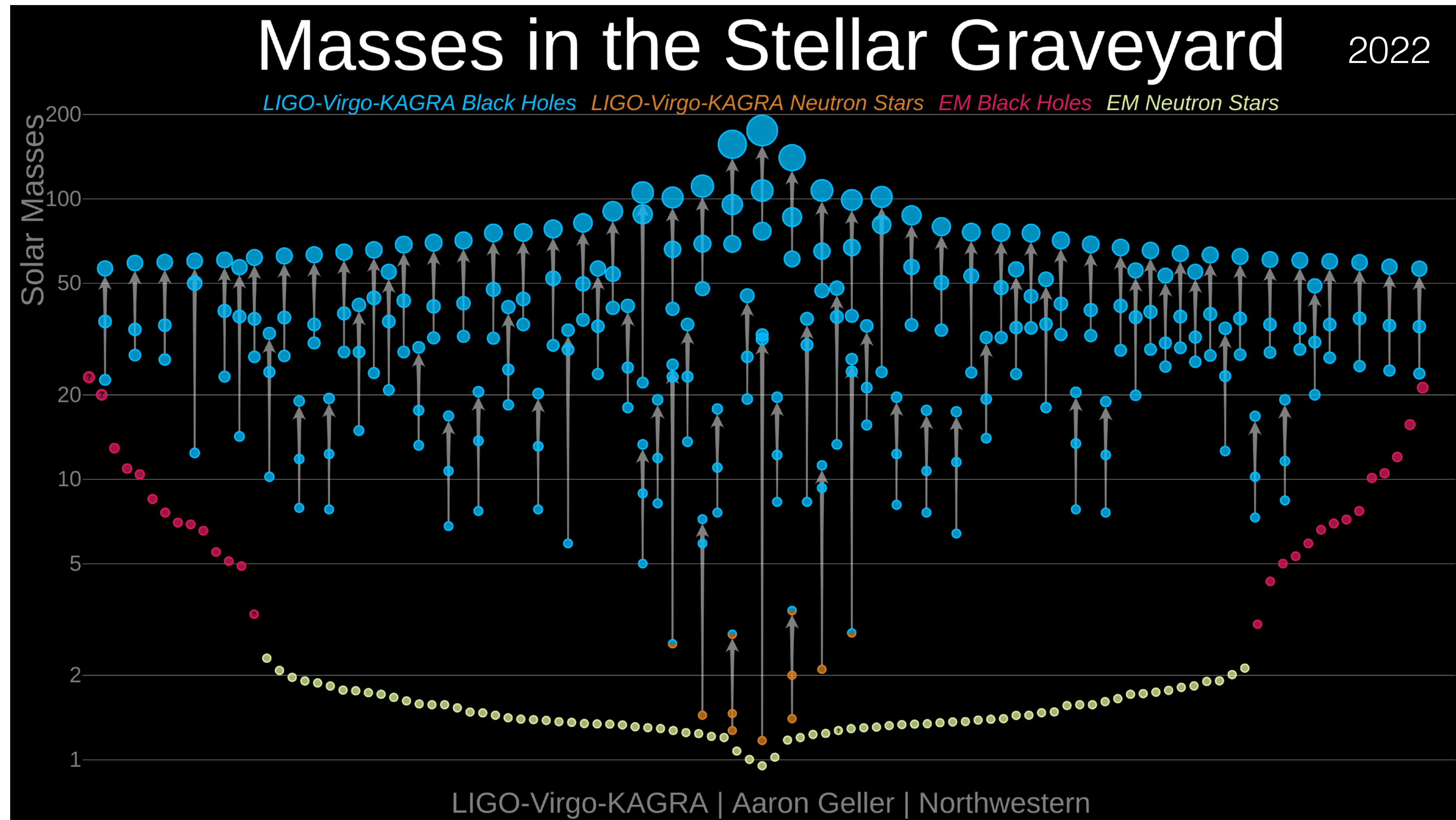


Merger of two BHs - with masses $36 M_{\odot}$ and $29 M_{\odot}$ at a luminosity distance of $d_L \approx 200 - 600$ Mpc

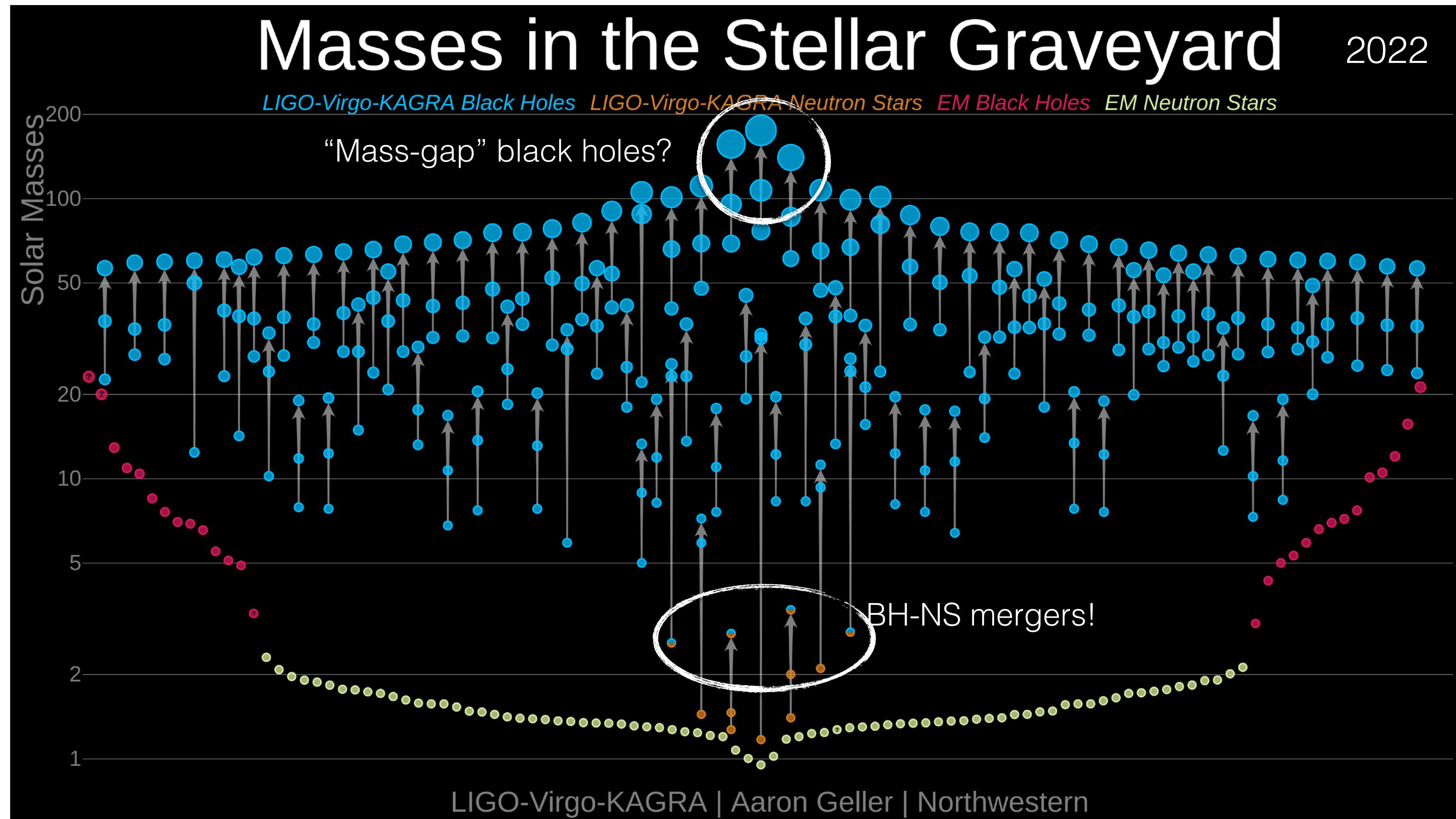








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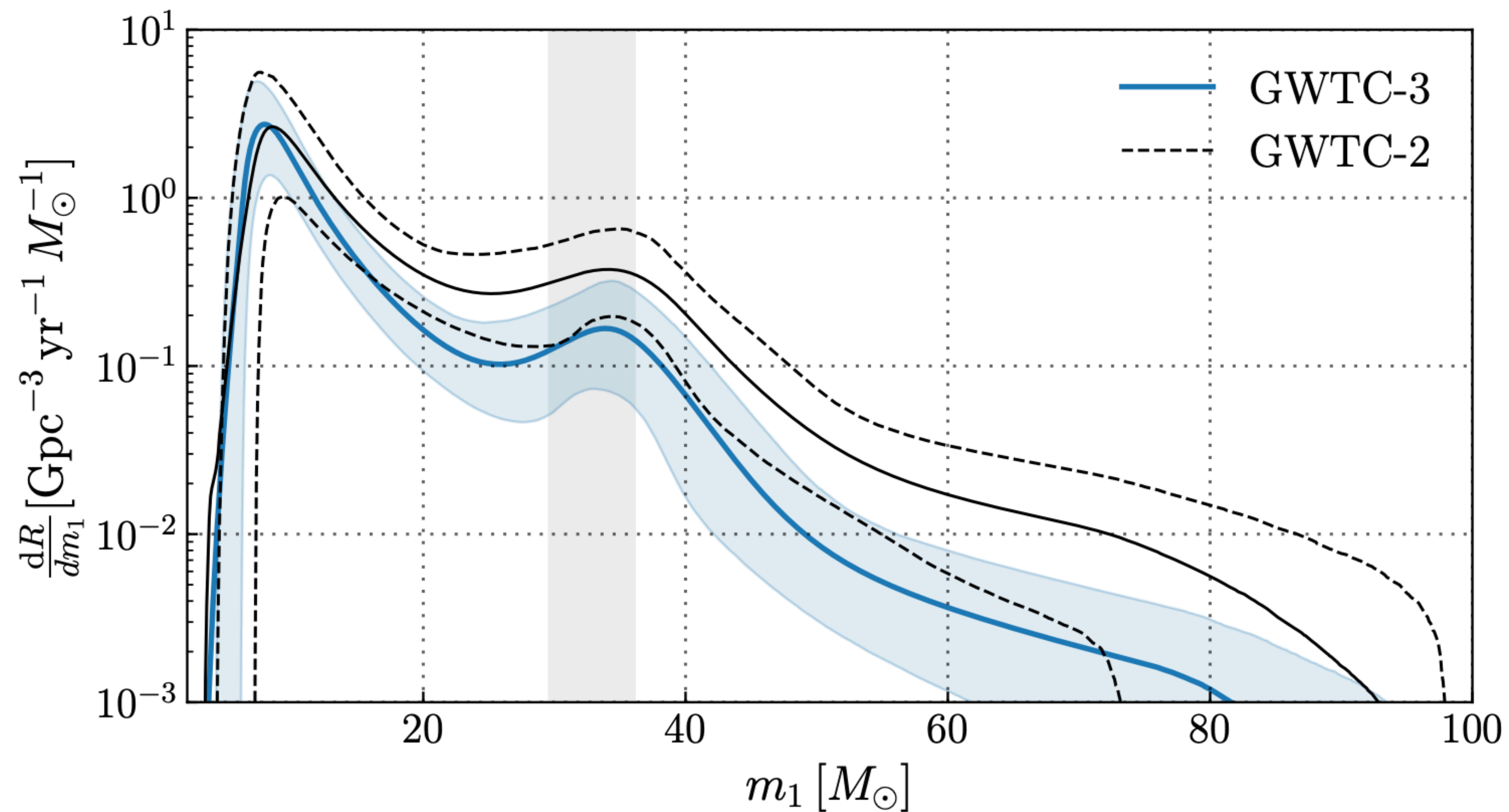


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A Whole Catalog!

Third Gravitational-wave Transient Catalog (**GWTC-3**) [[arXiv:2111.03606](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.03606), [arXiv:2111.03634](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.03634)]

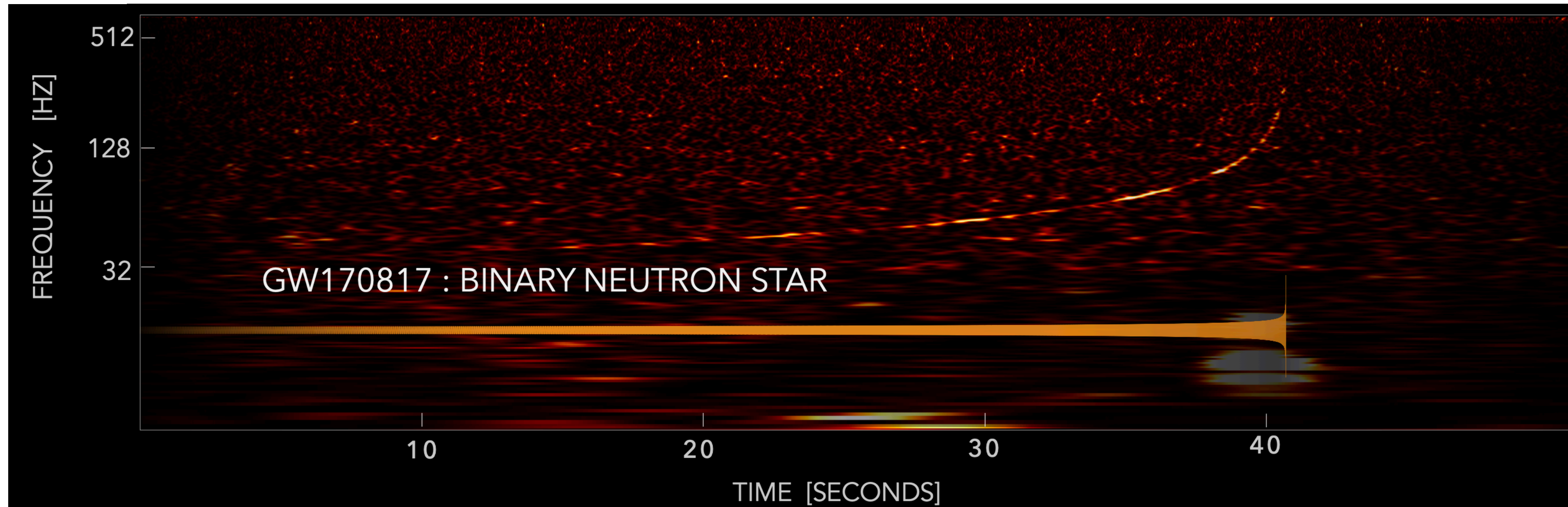
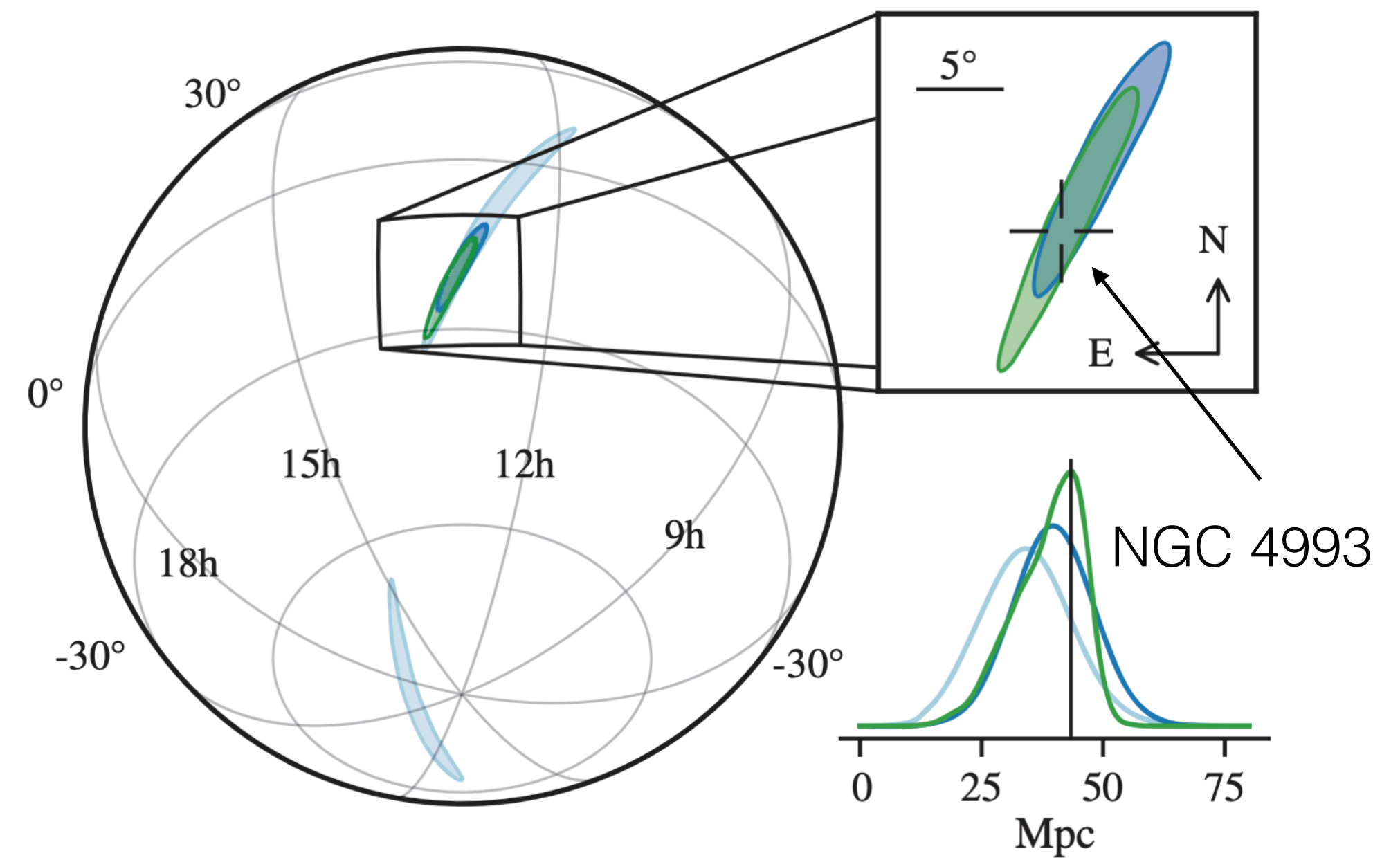
With ~ 90 events, we can start to infer the properties of the *population* of merging Black Holes!



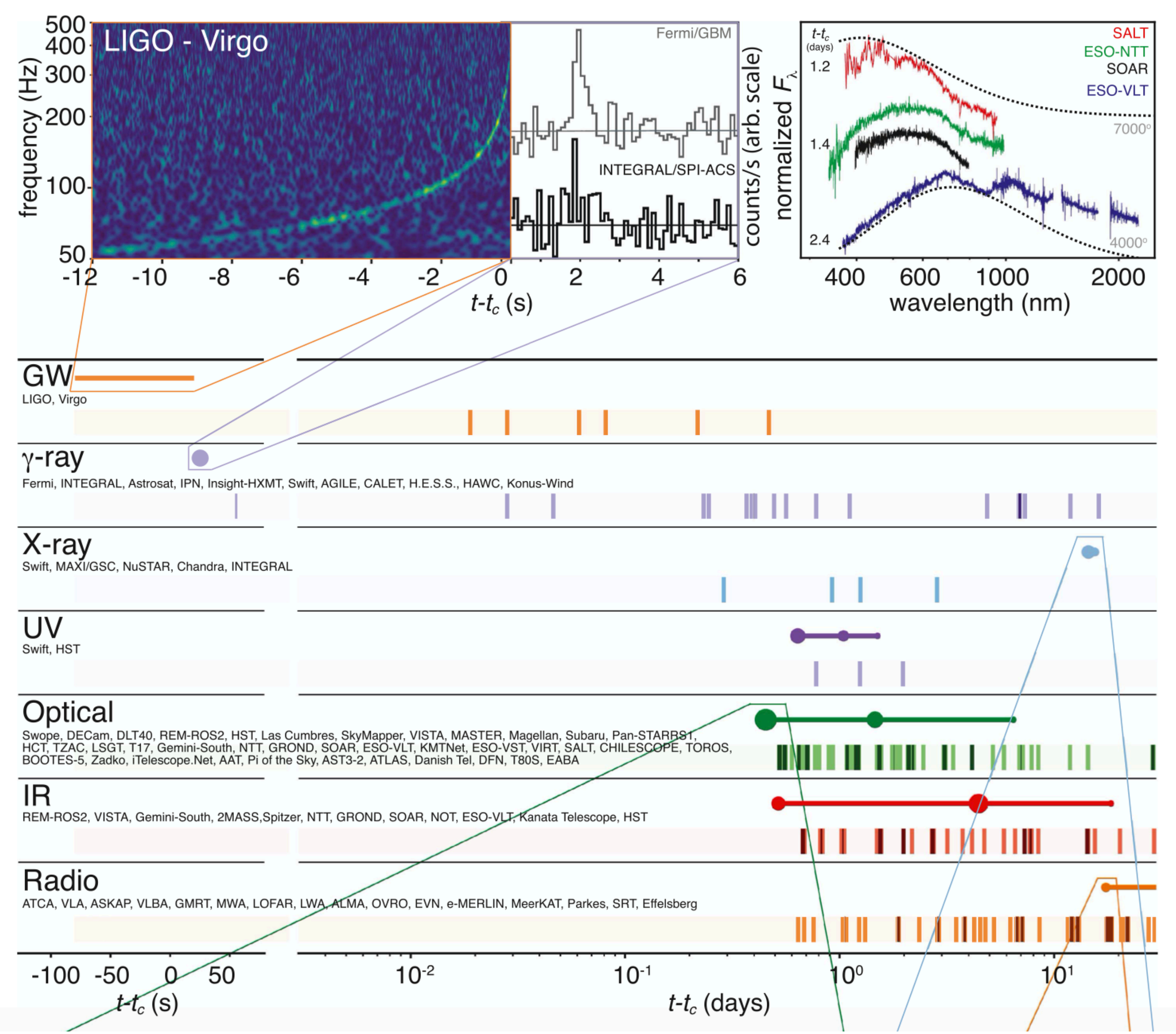
GW170817 - the first NS-NS merger

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**

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

[1901.09044](#)

Extreme nuclear/quark physics!

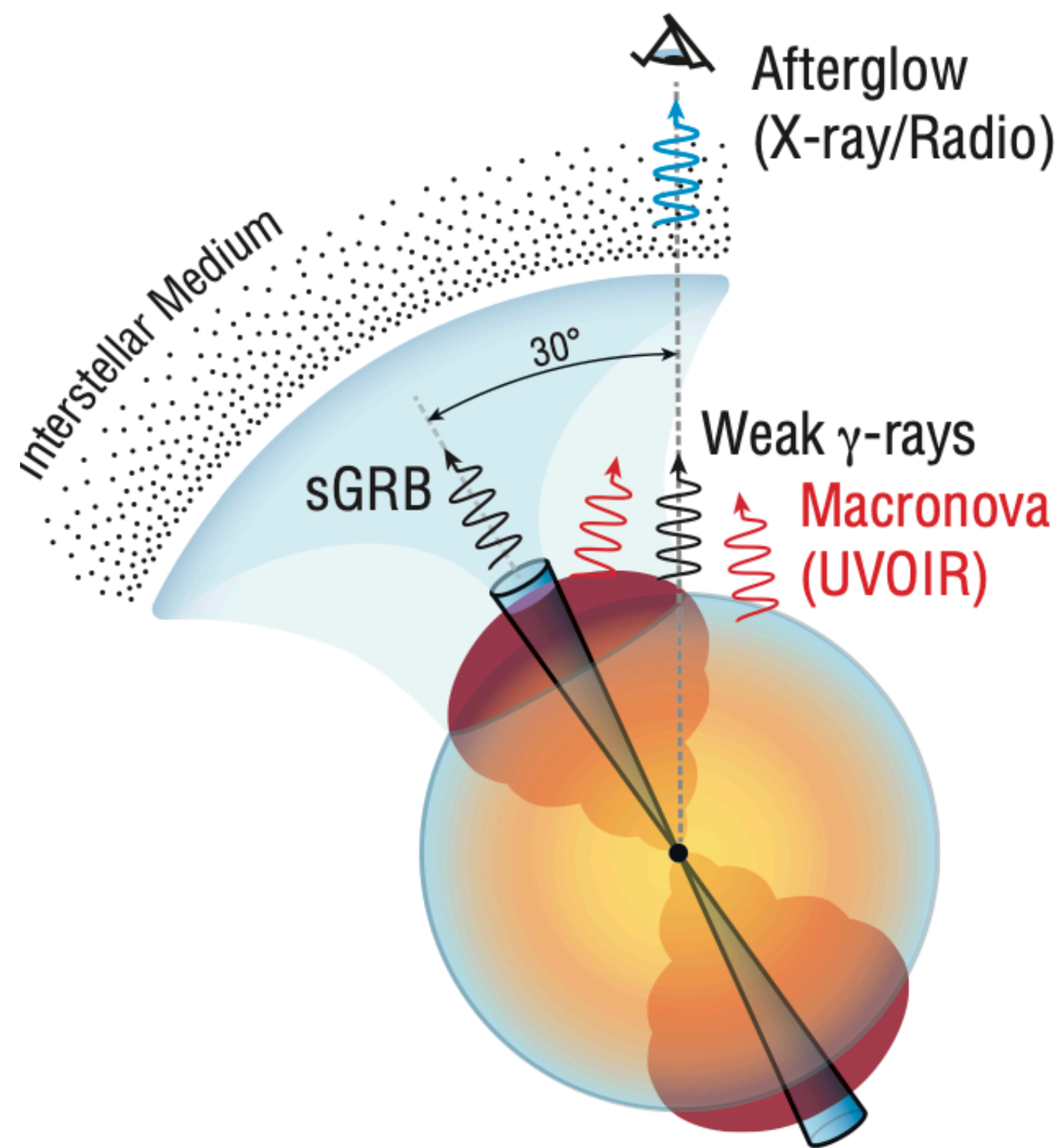
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Tests of general relativity!

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Measurement of the Hubble Constant!

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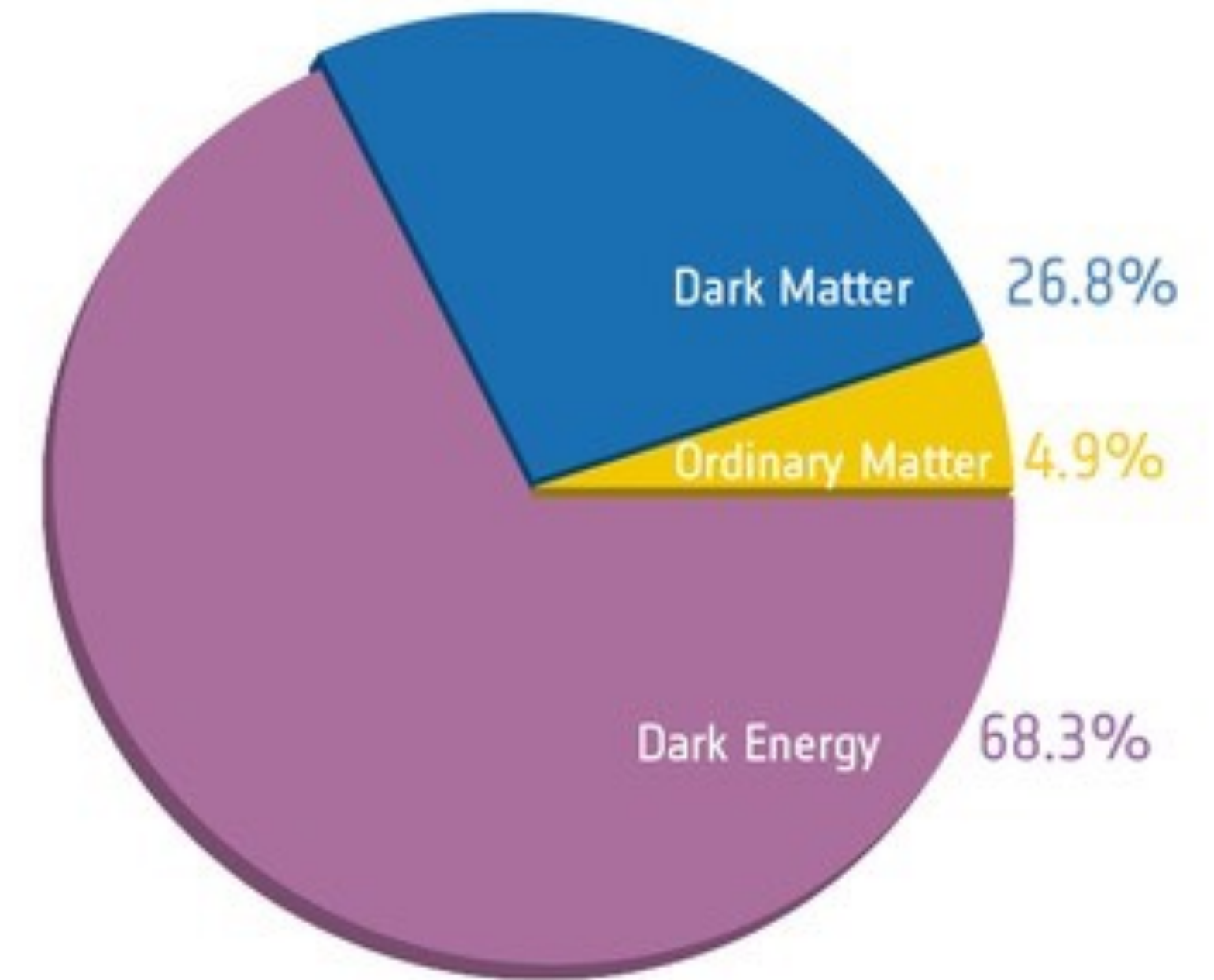
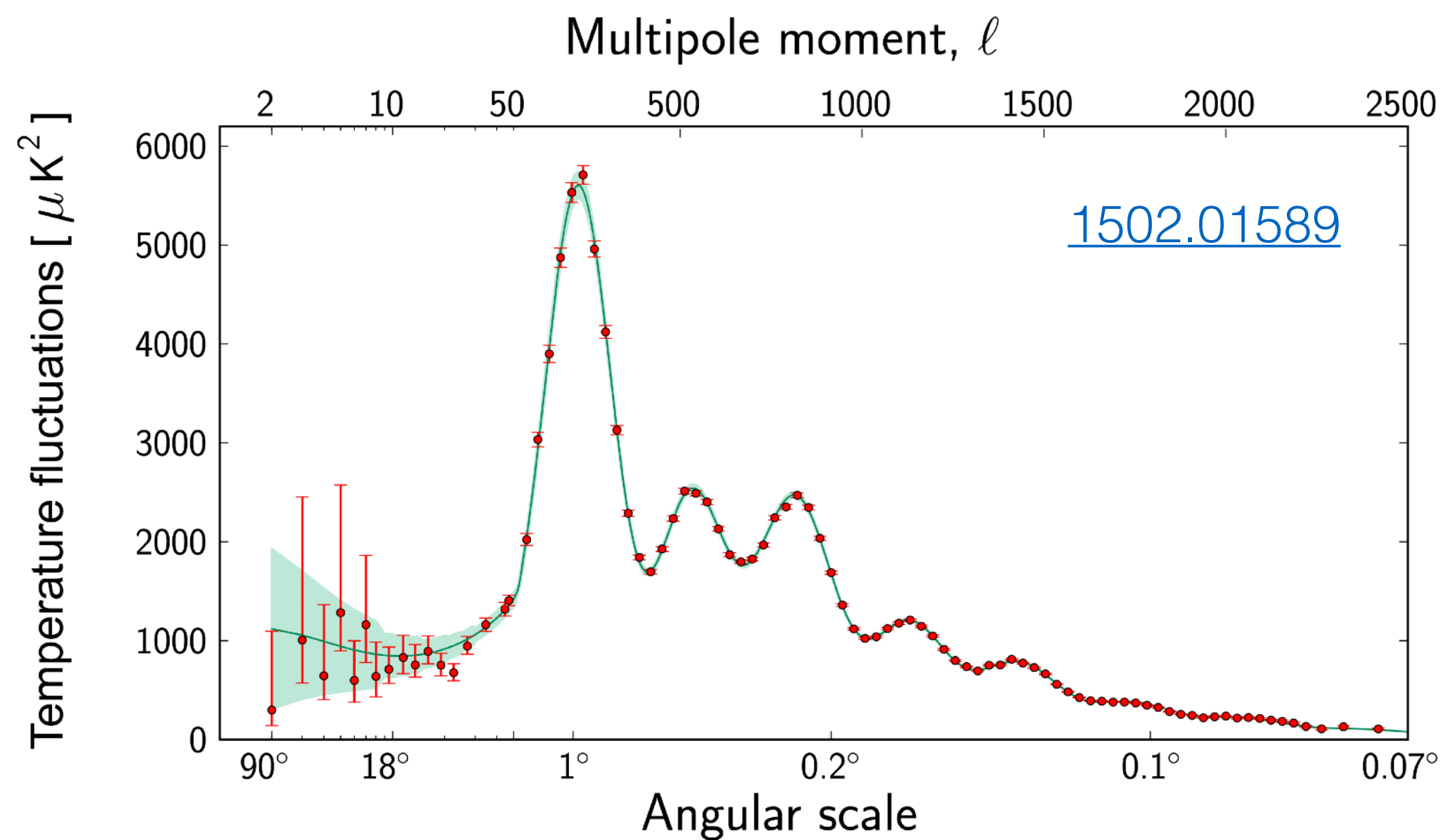
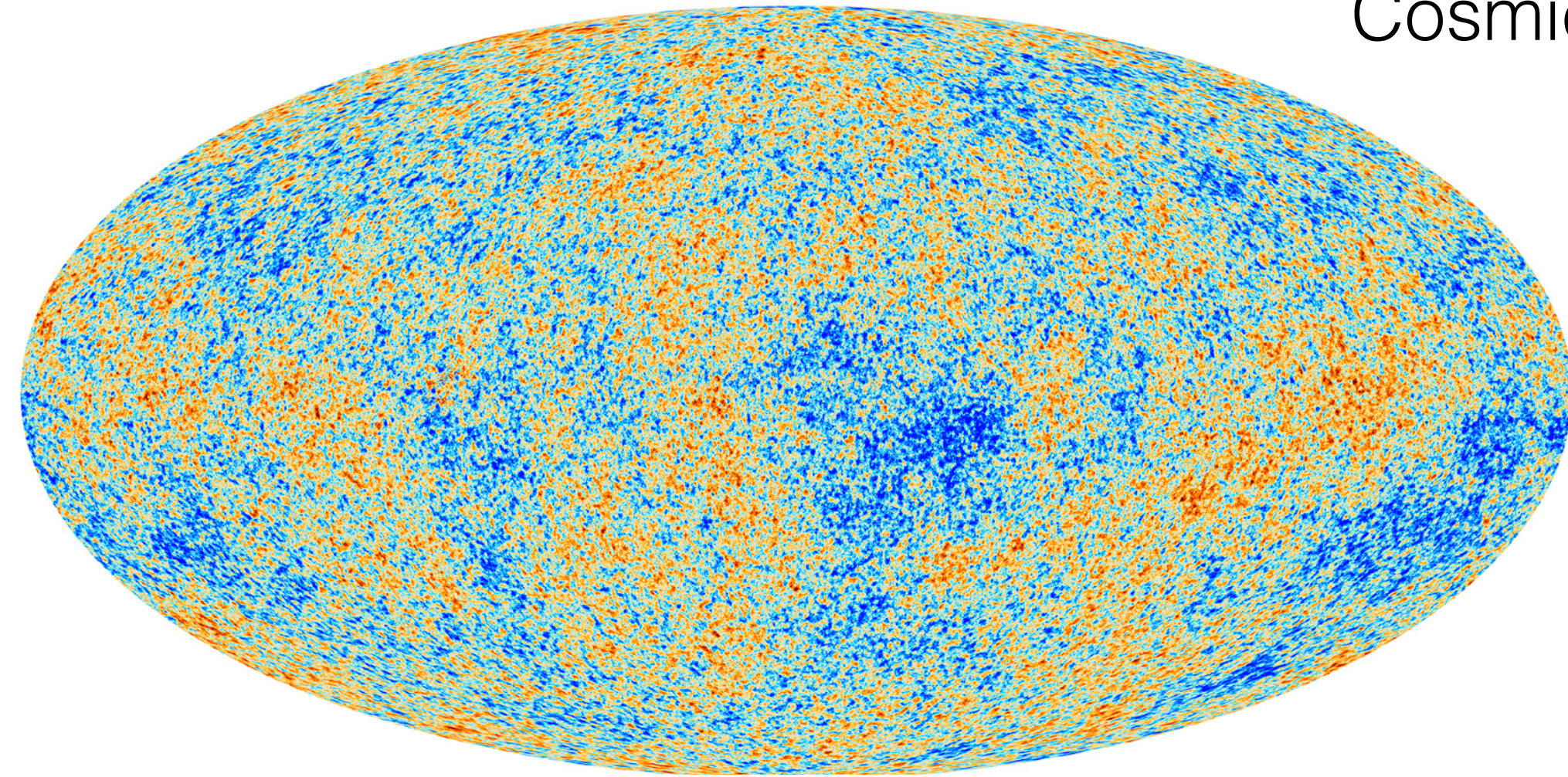
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Dark Matter in Cosmology

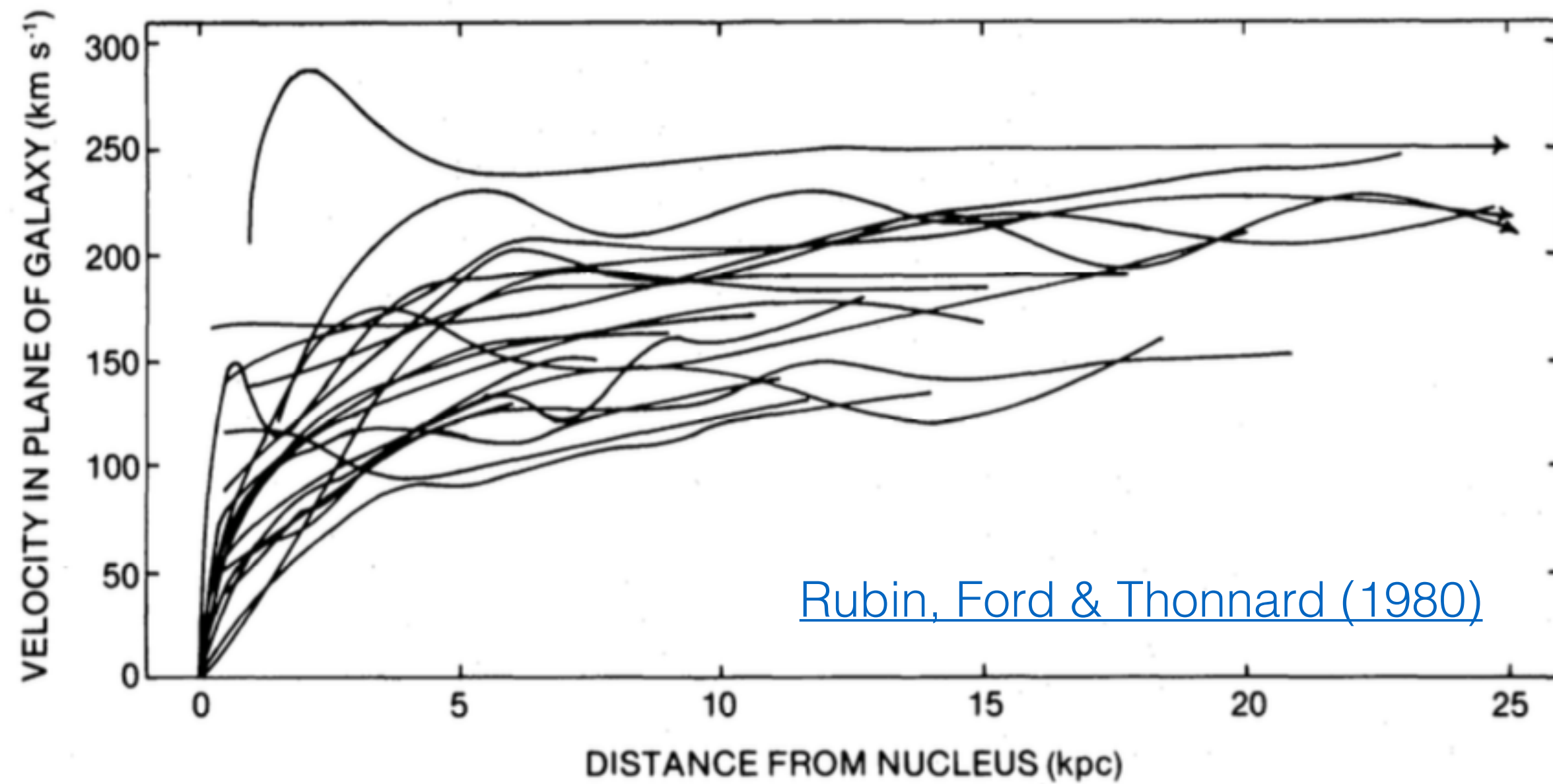
Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



Credit: ESA/Planck Collaboration

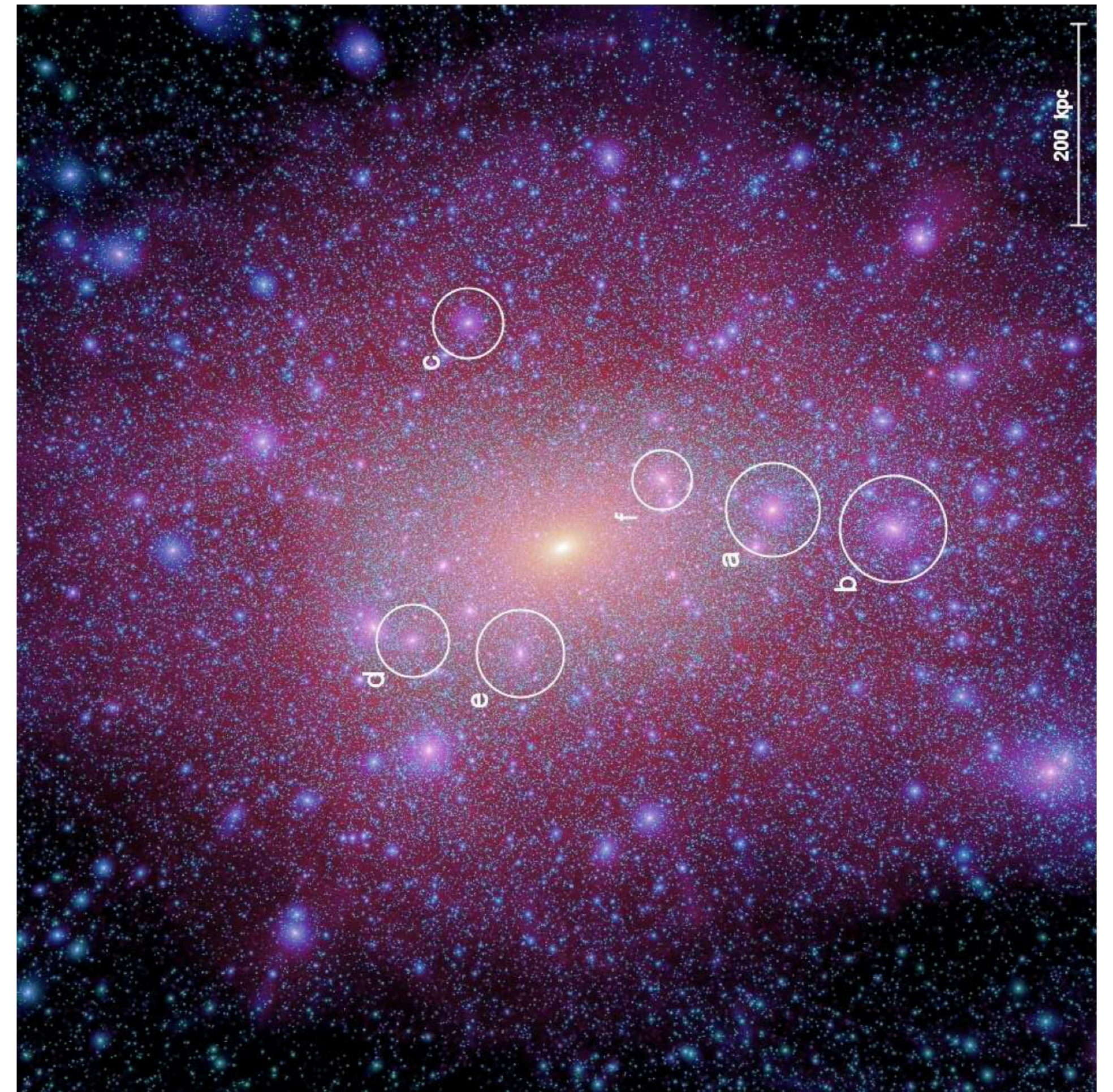
Dark Matter in Galaxies

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](#)

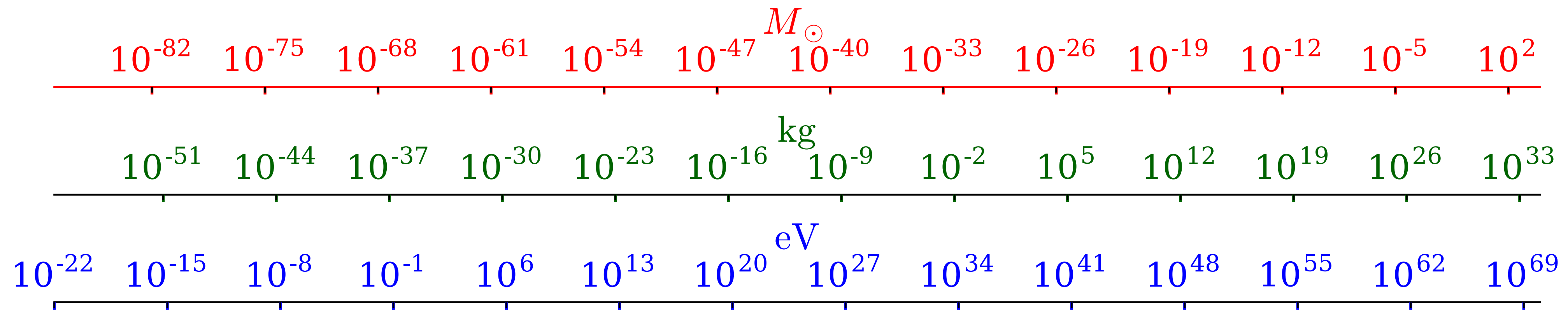


Aquarius simulation - [0809.0898](#)

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!

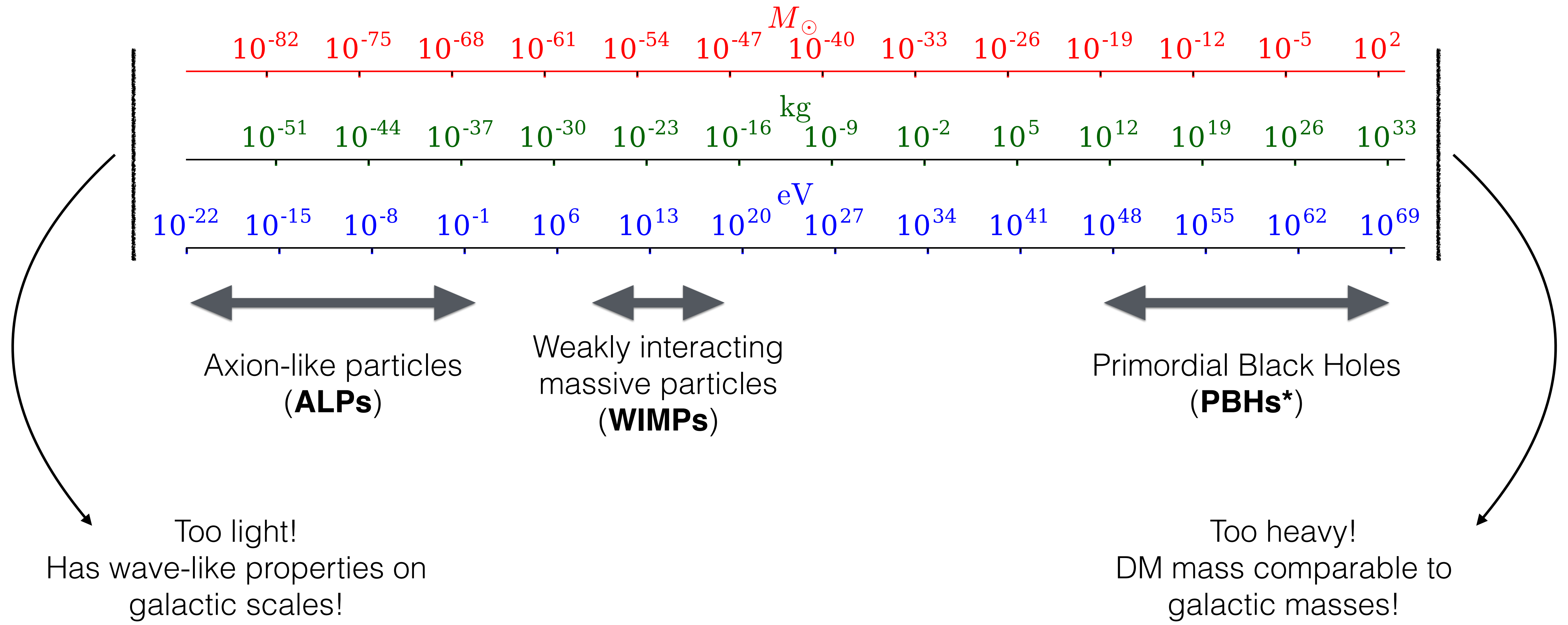
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DM mass comparable to galactic masses!

*See additional slides...

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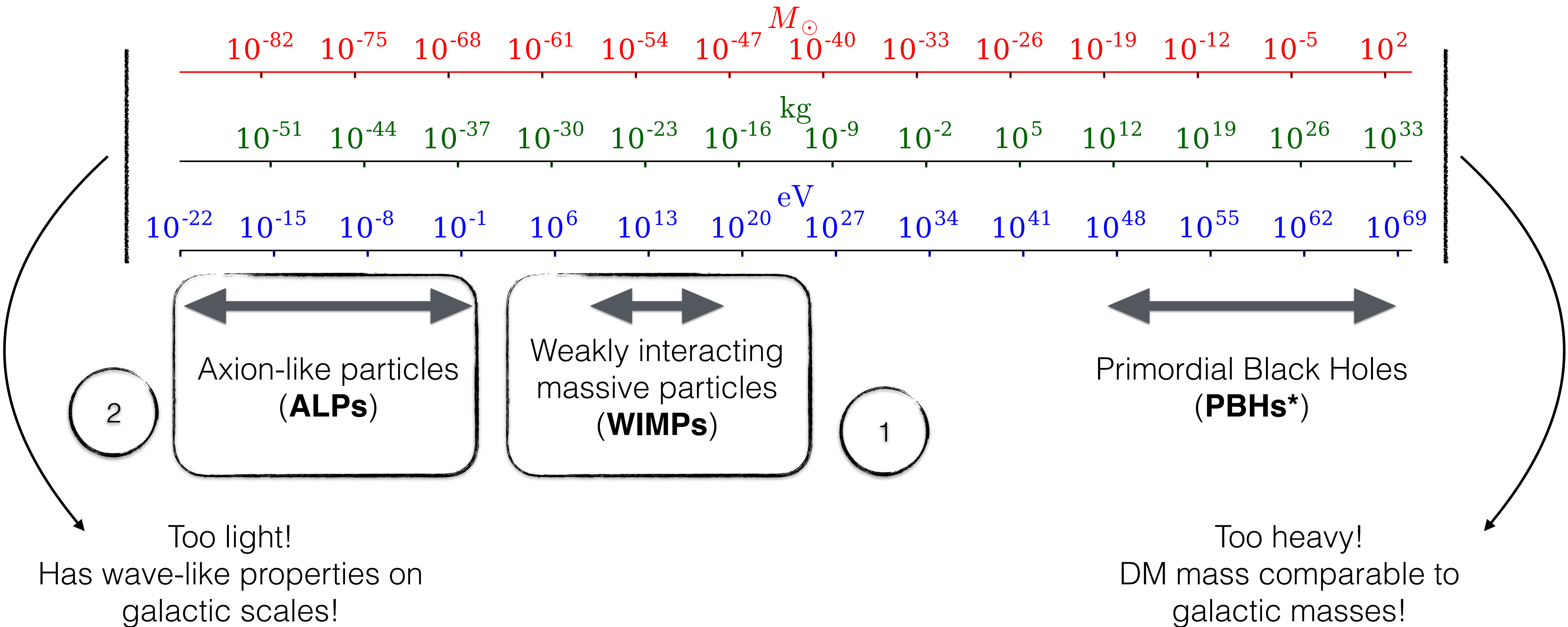
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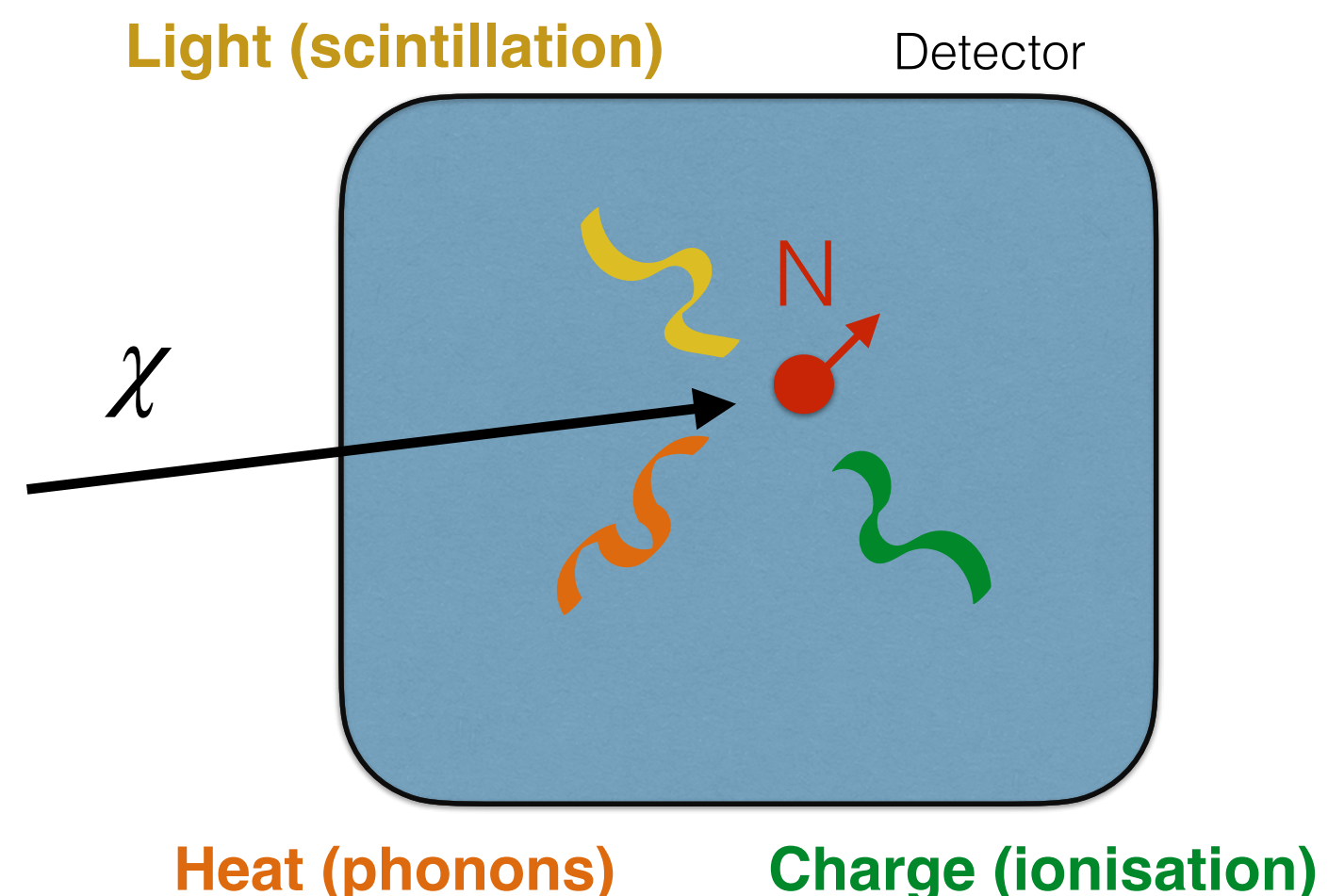
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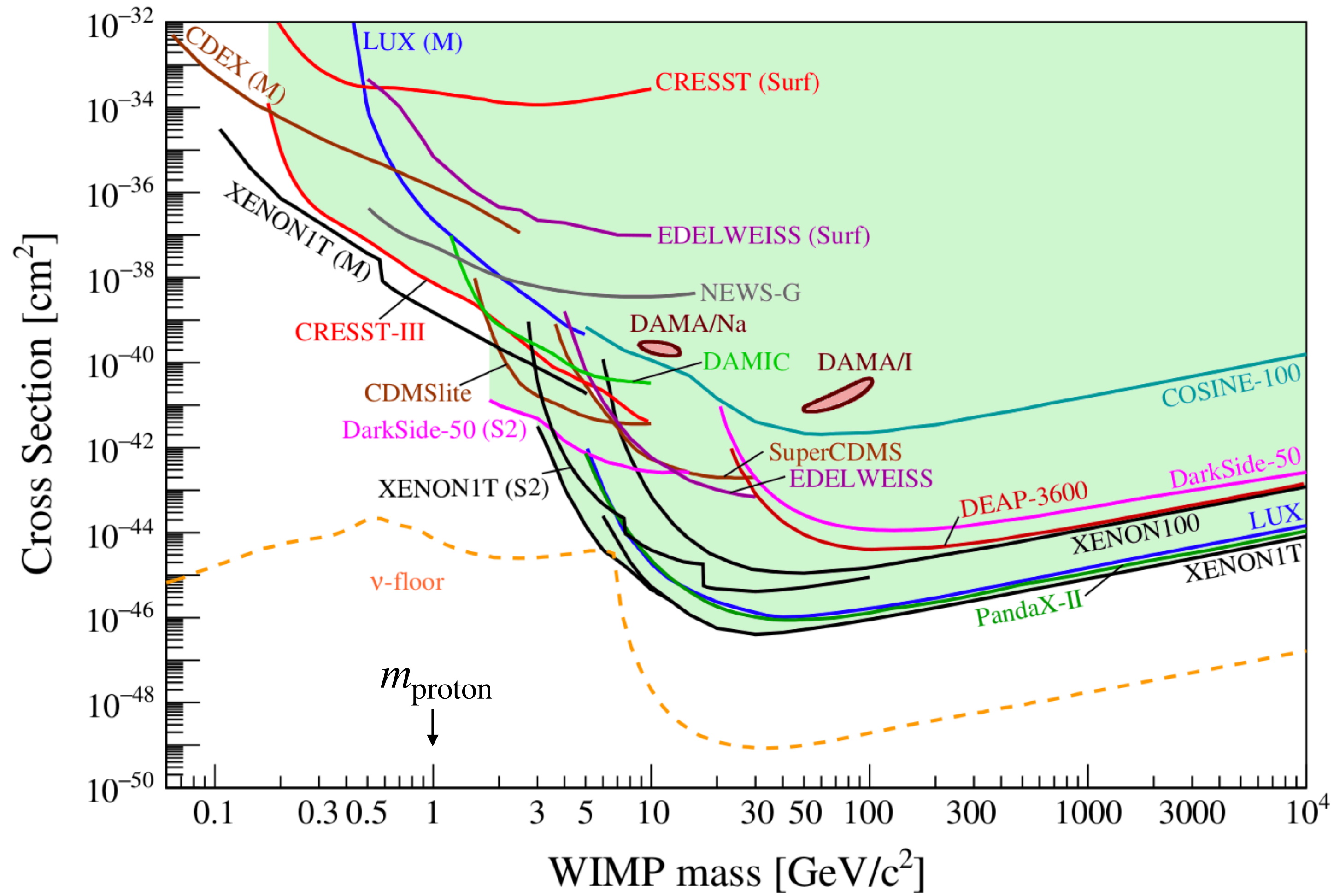
Direct detection of WIMPs on Earth

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!

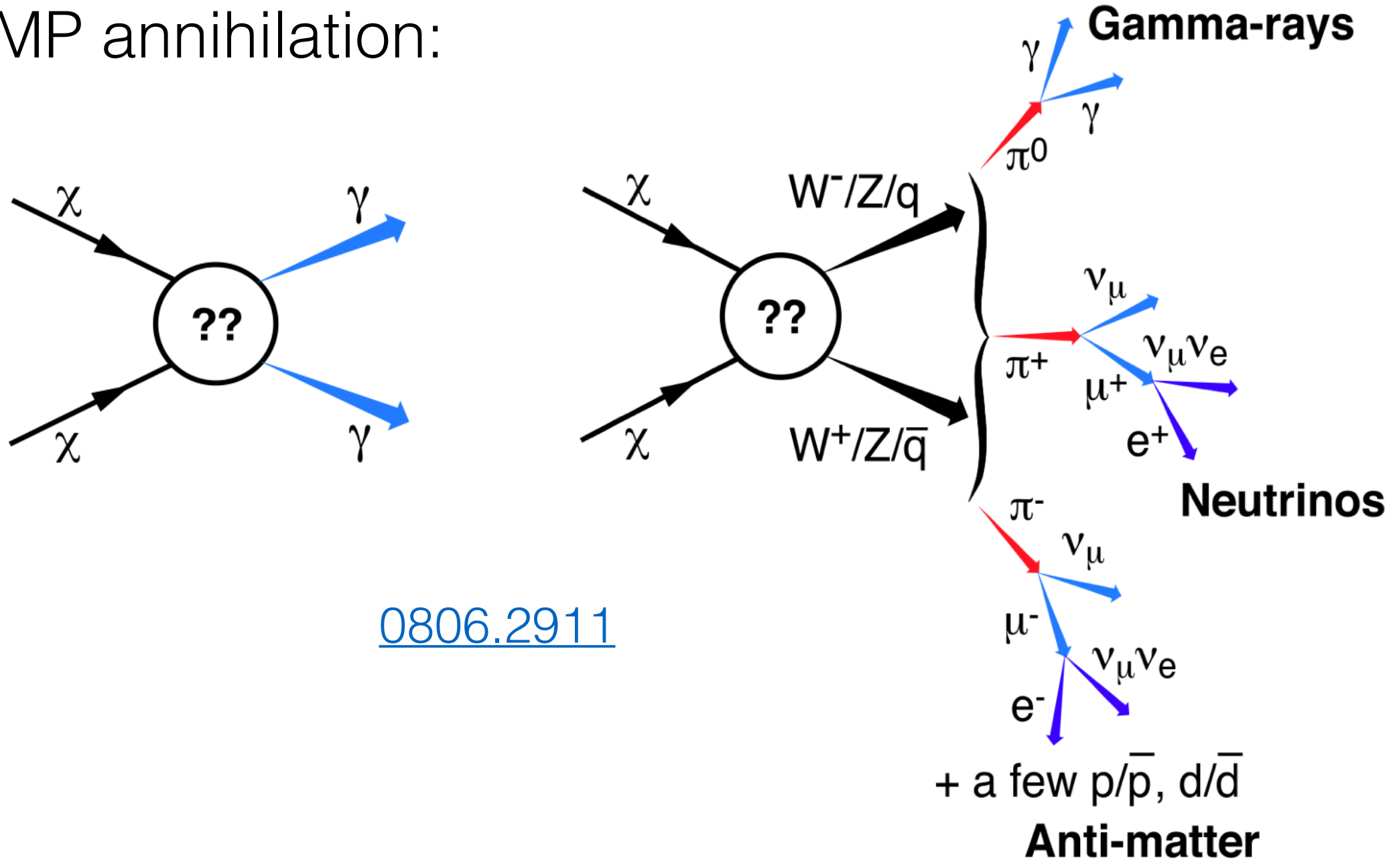


Also possible to look for DM-electron scattering, depending on the model.

Indirect detection of Dark Matter

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

WIMP annihilation:



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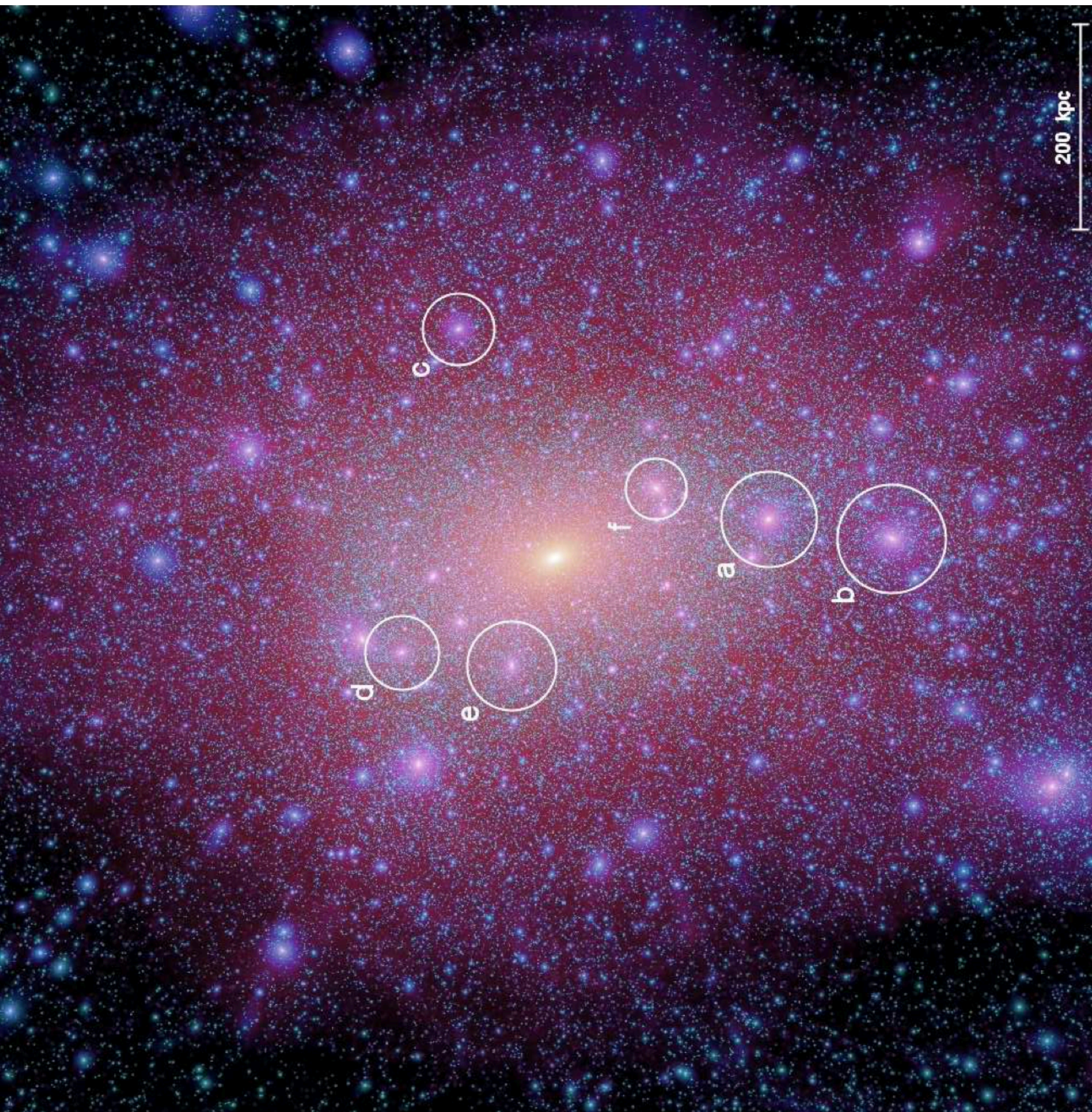
Annihilation cross section
(particle physics)

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)

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Aquarius simulation - [0809.0898](#)

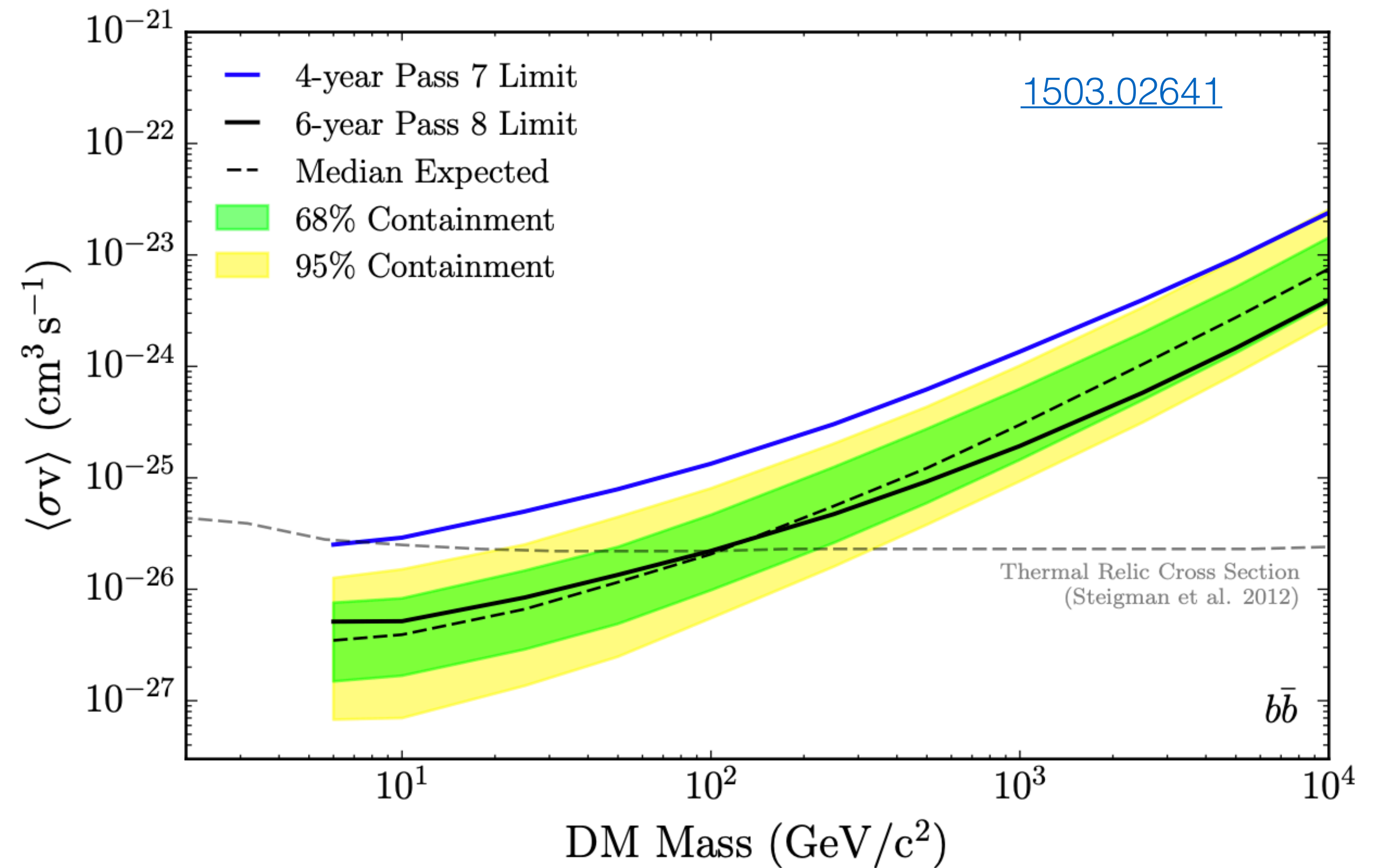
Gamma-ray constraints

Fornax Dwarf Galaxy
(Satellite of the Milky Way)



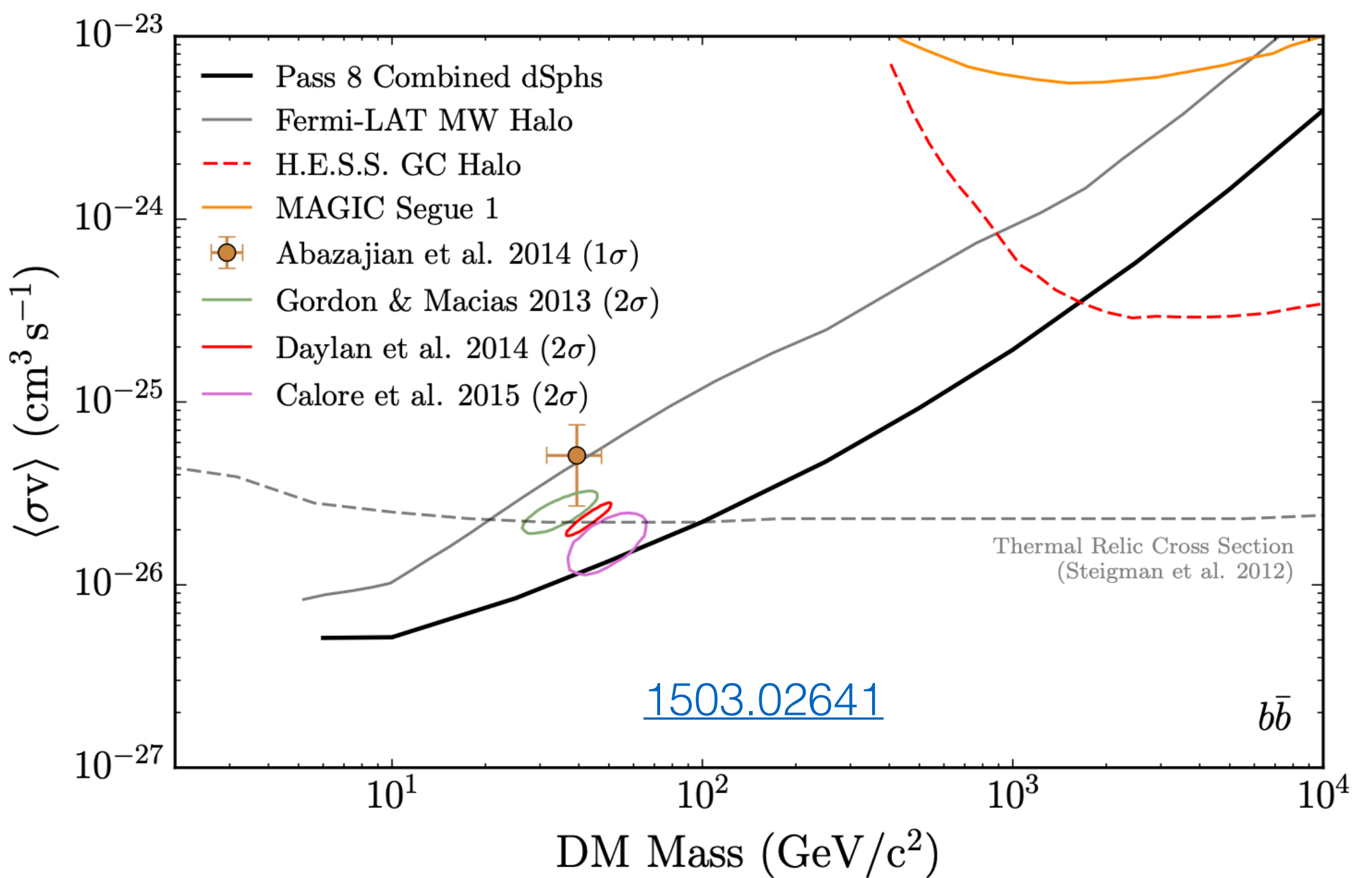
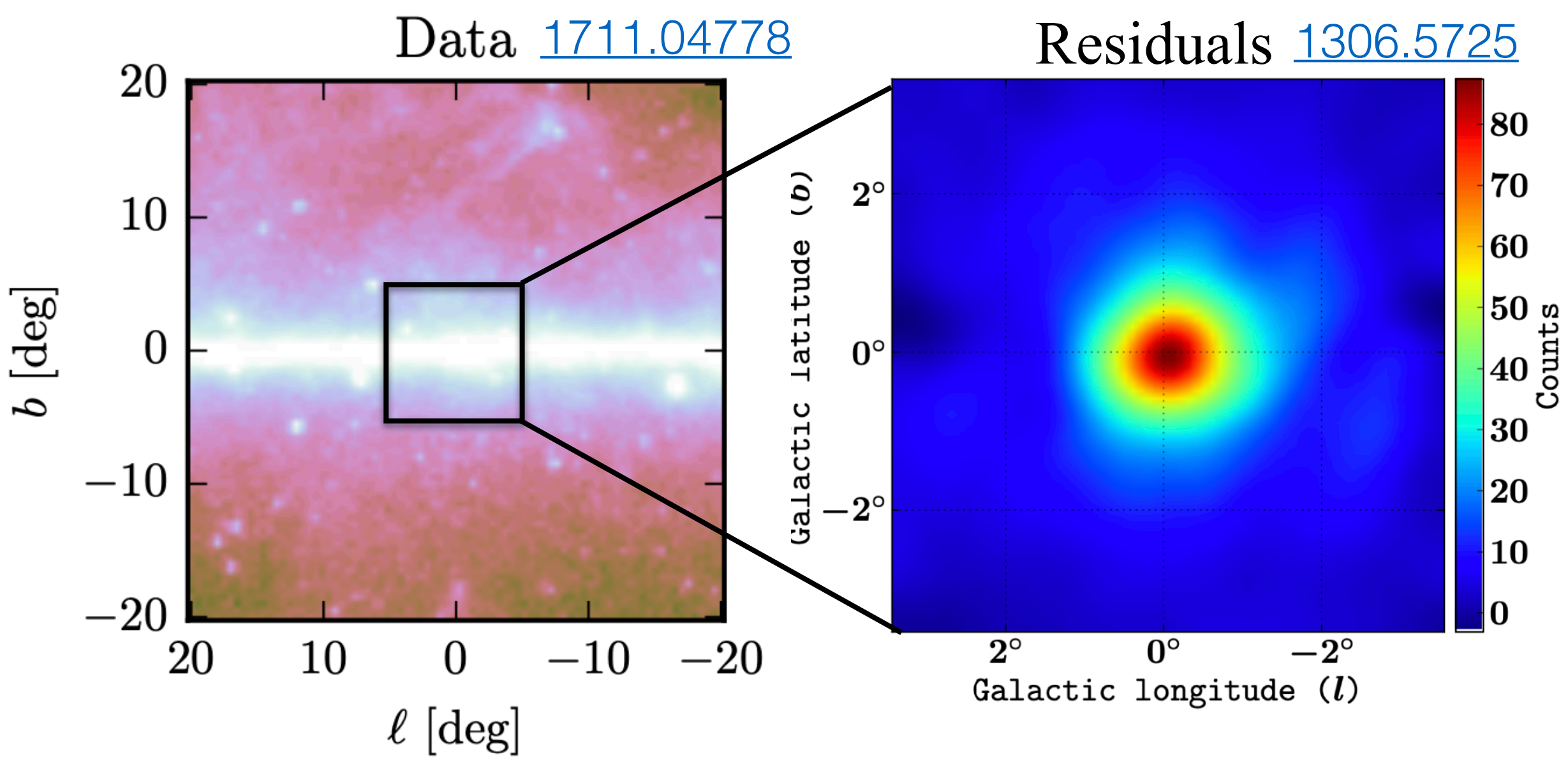
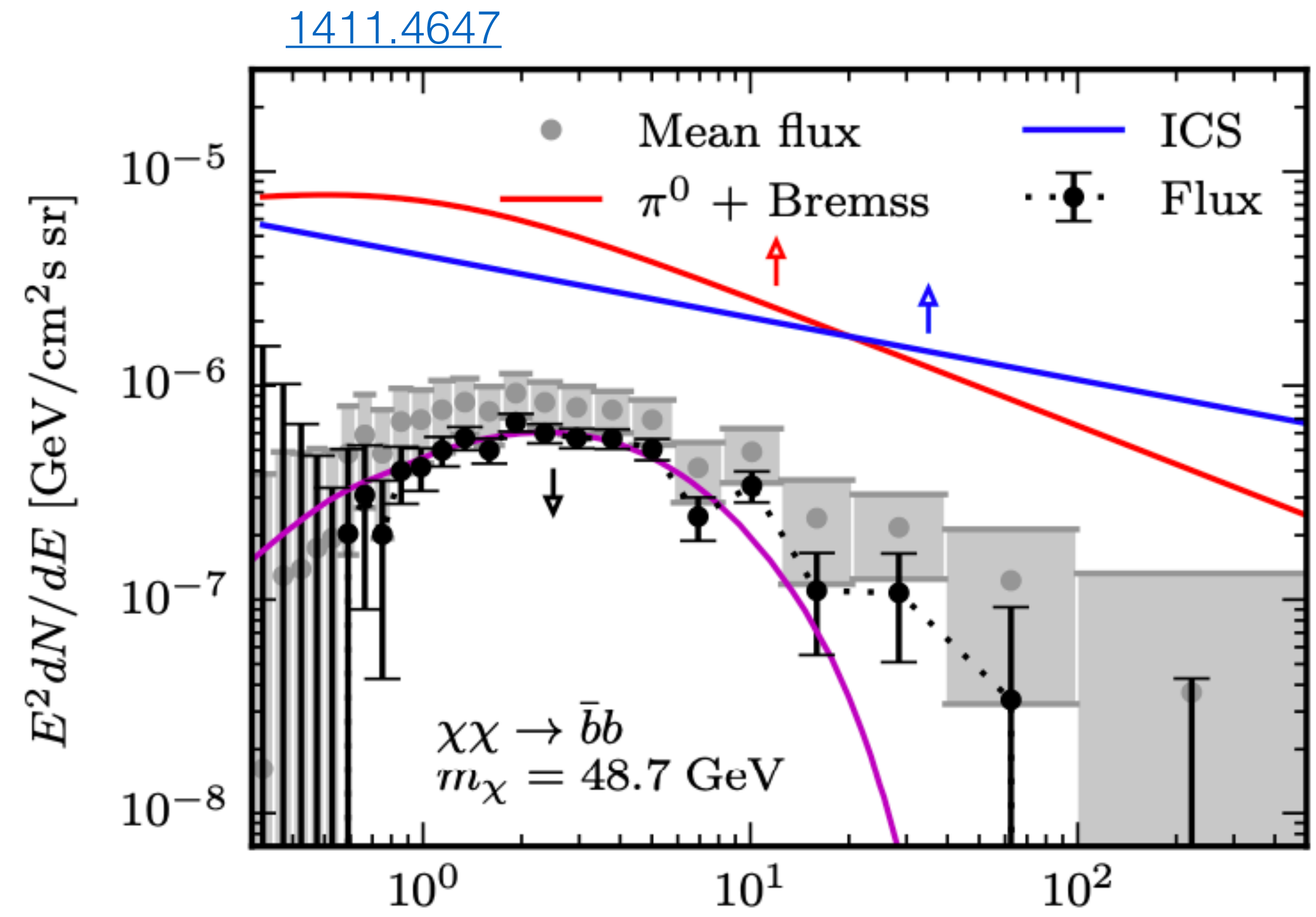
Credit: ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2

Fermi constraints from 15 Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies:



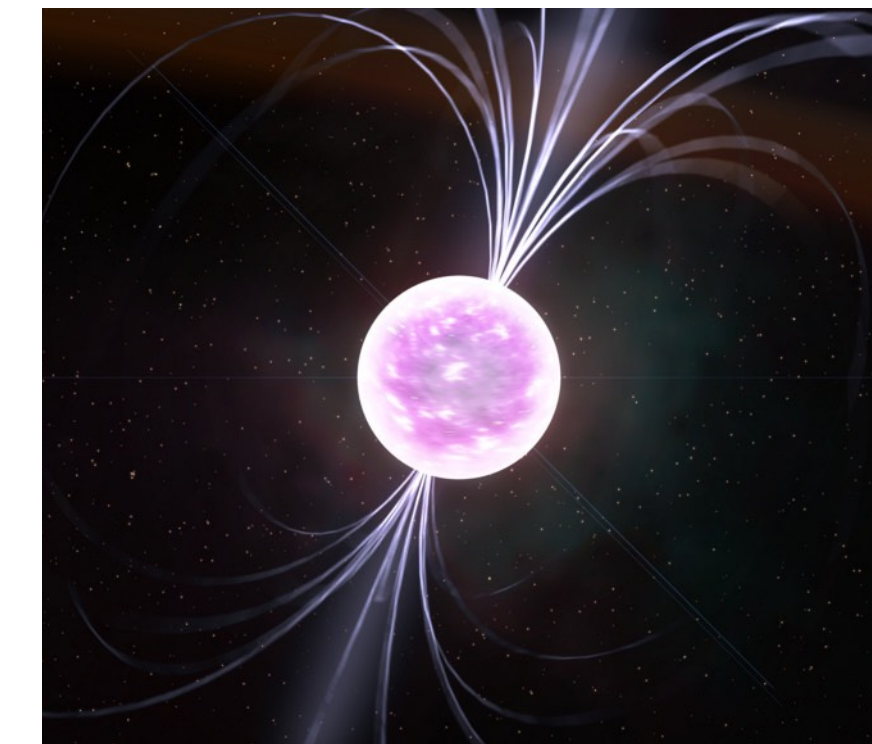
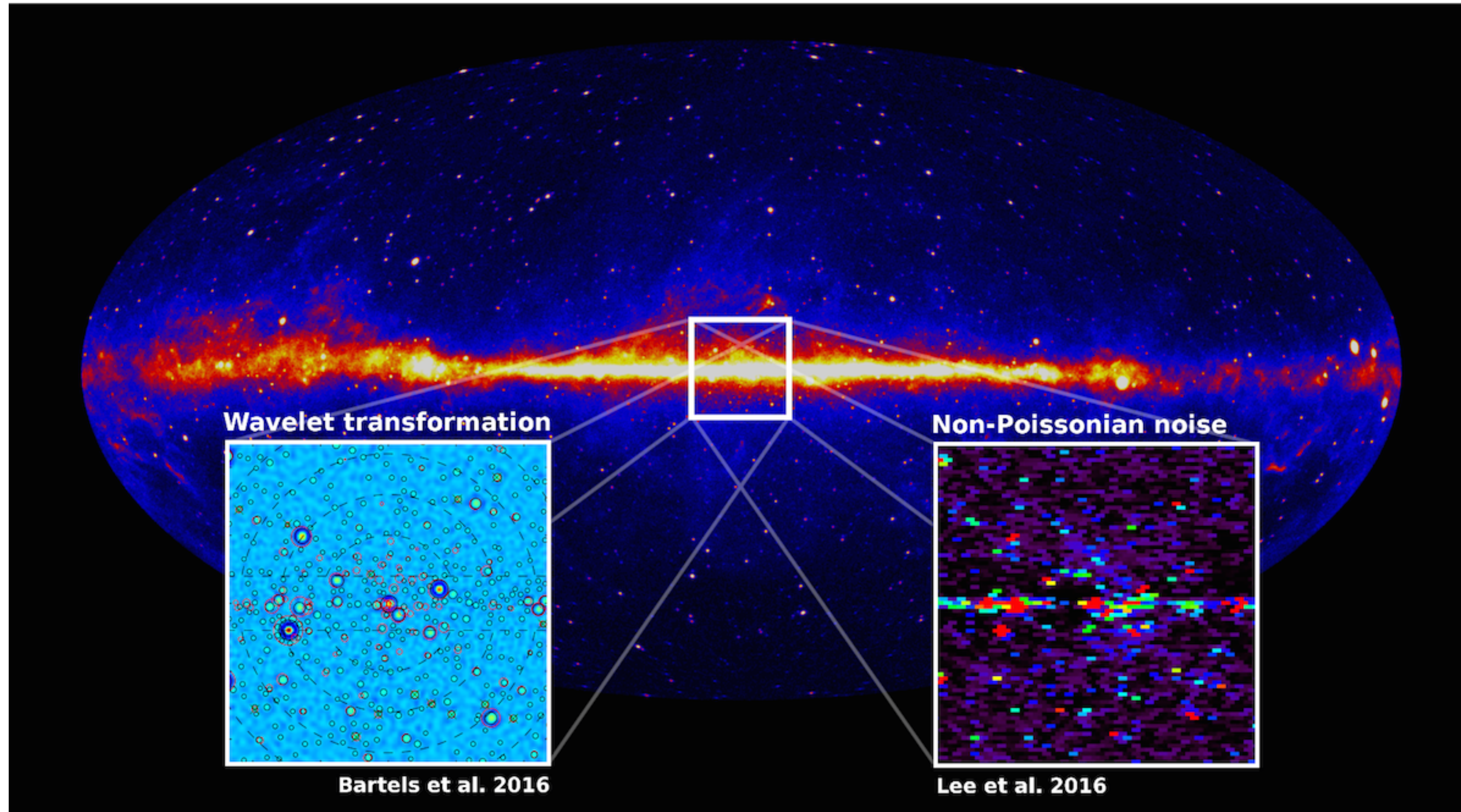
Exact constraints depend on annihilation channel ($\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $\chi\chi \rightarrow W^+W^-$, $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-$, etc.)

Galactic Centre Excess



Point sources in the Galactic Centre

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

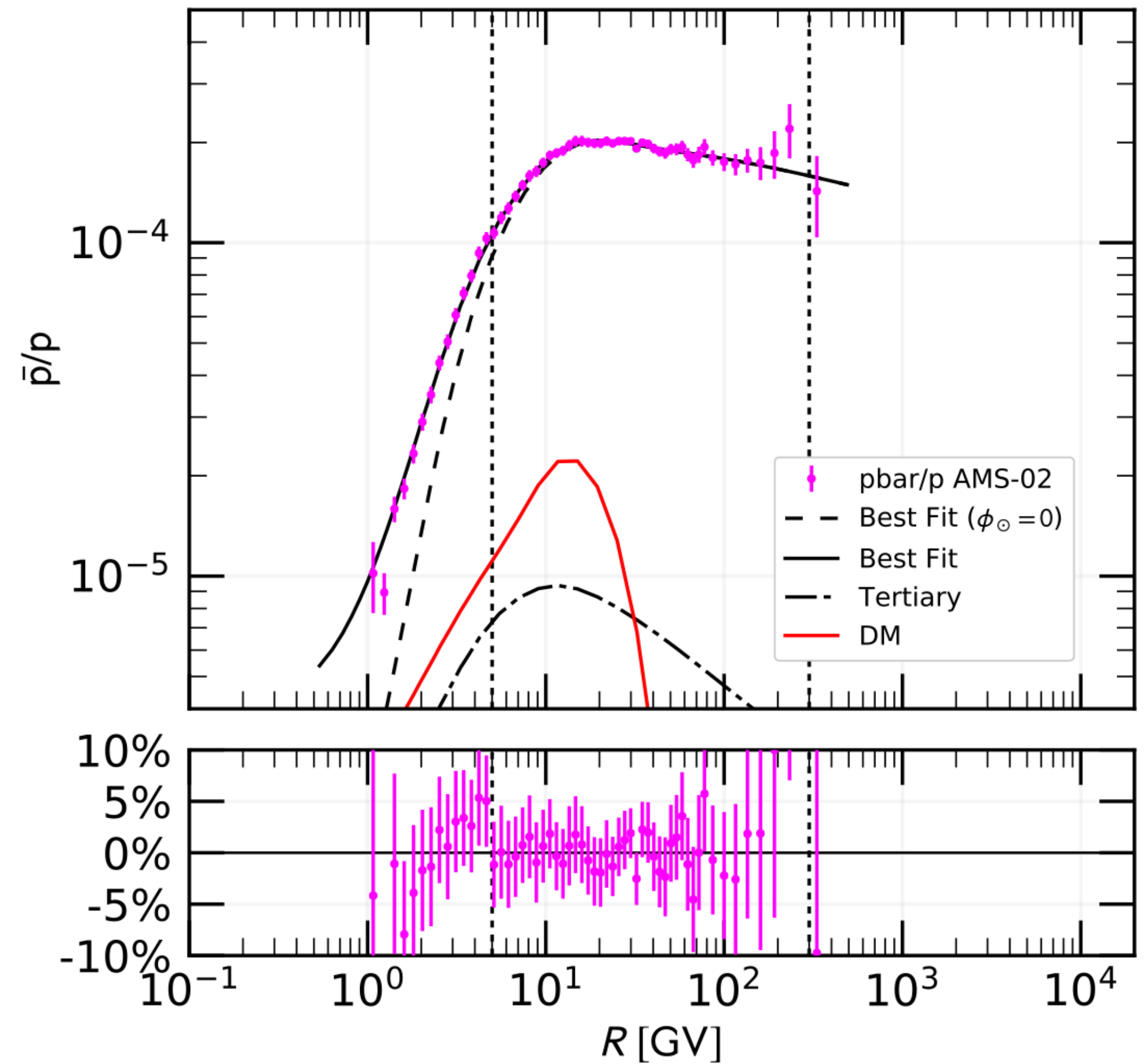
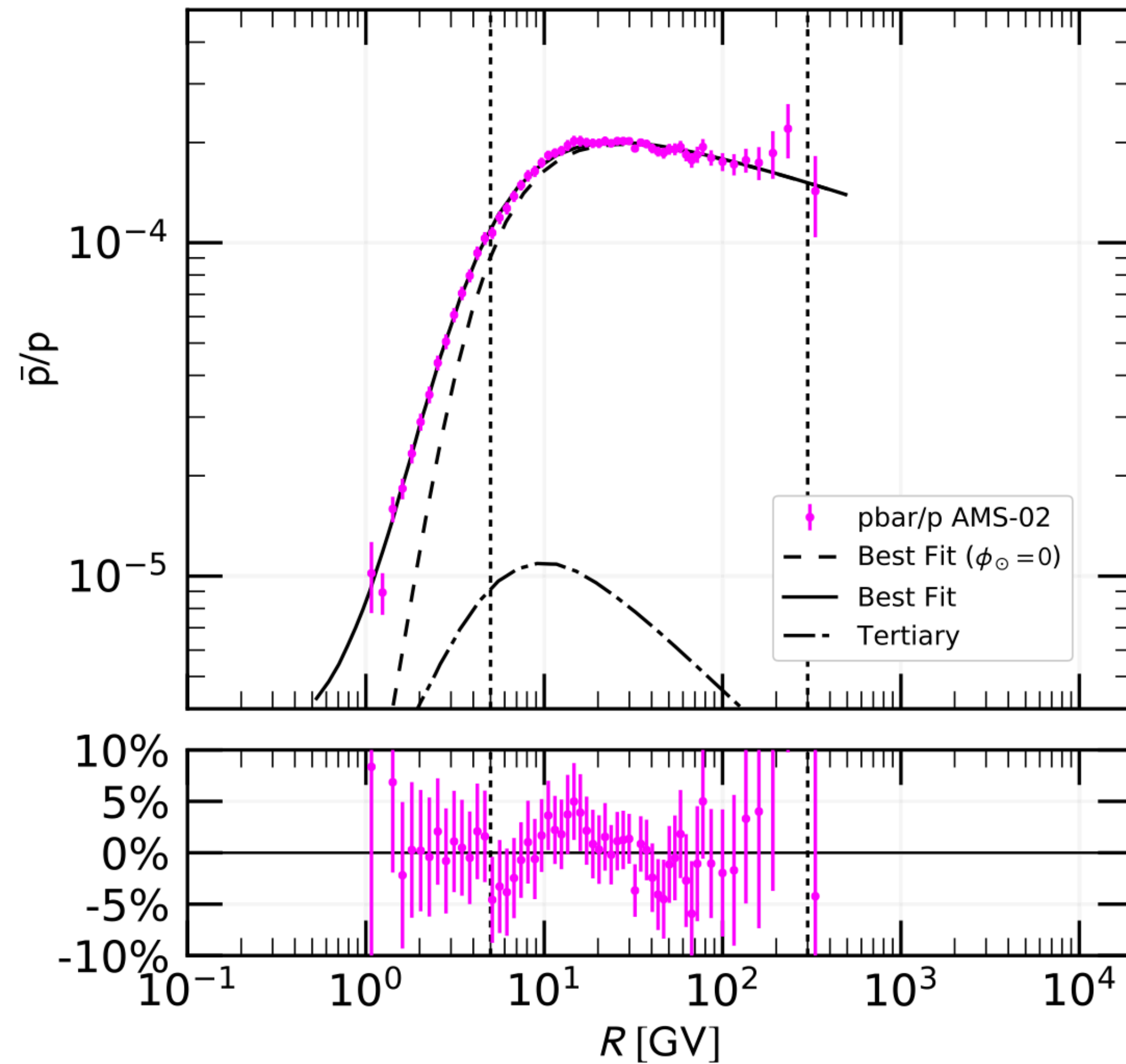


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Anti-proton excess

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



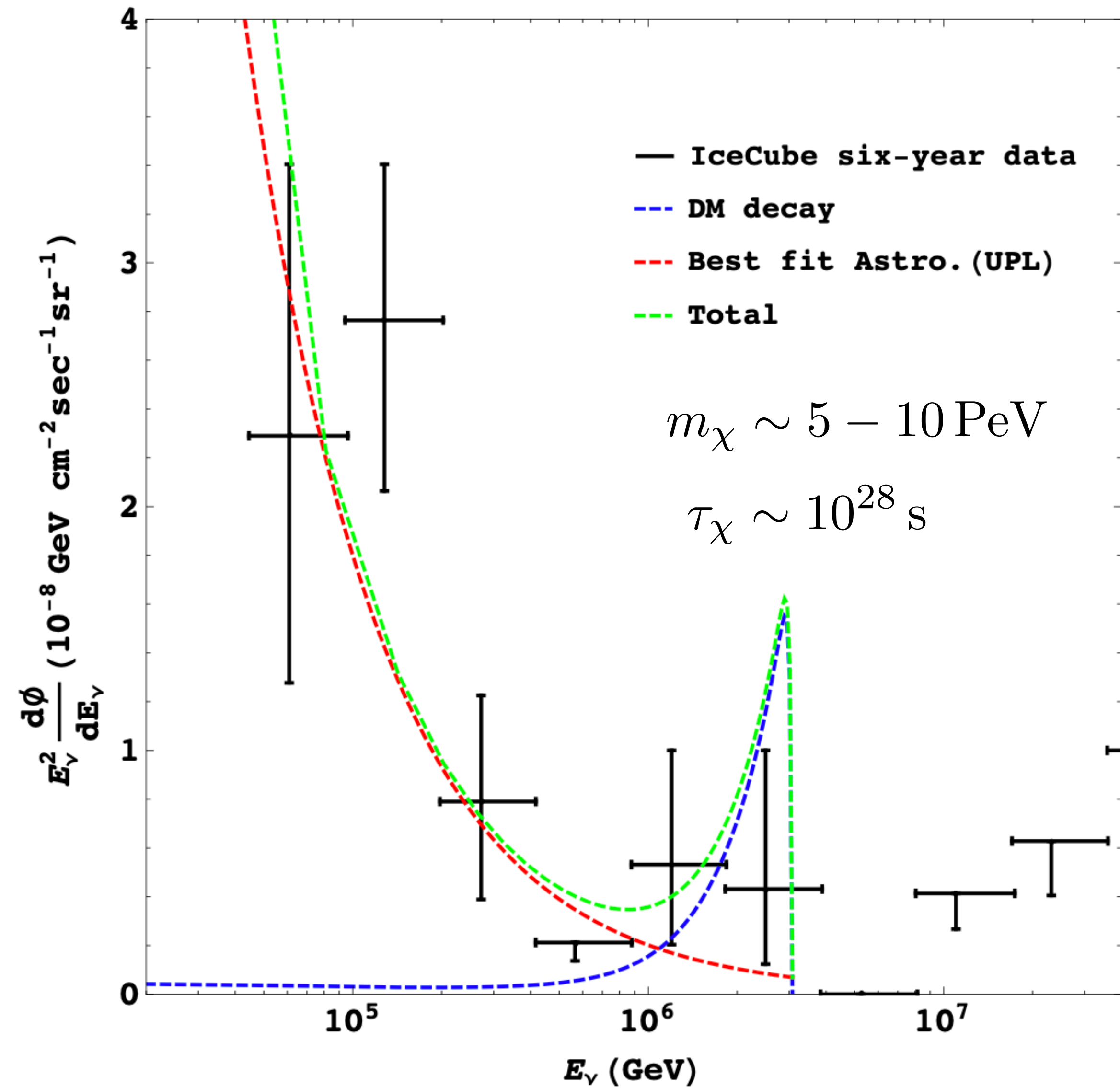
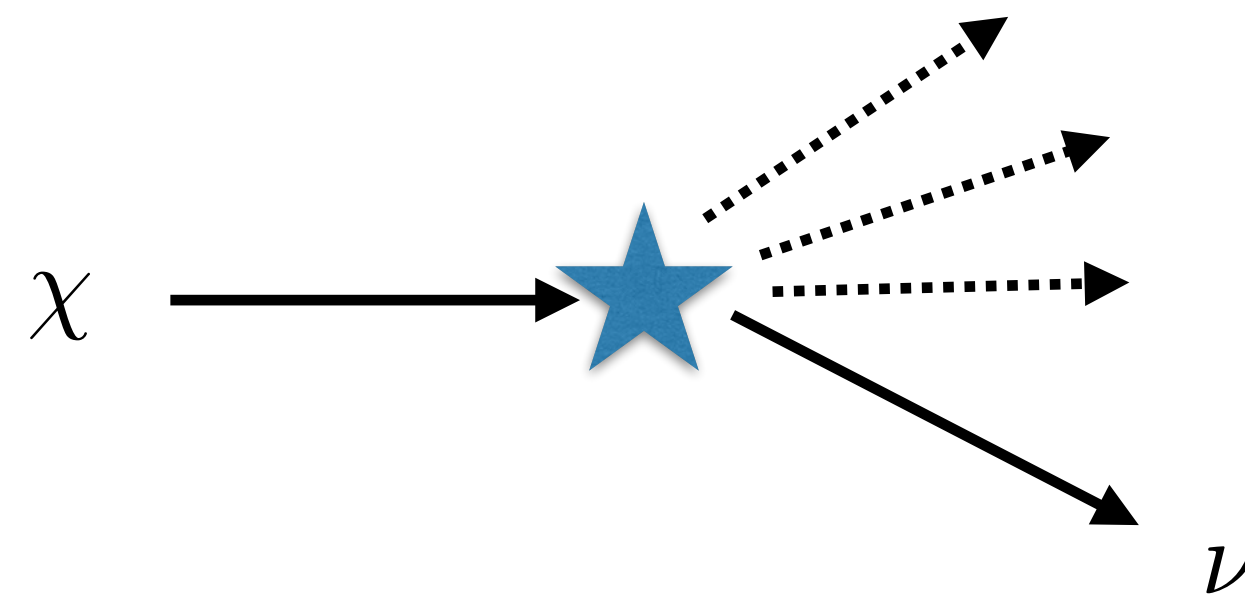
Several excesses point towards 60 GeV Dark Matter -
But modeling gamma-ray and cosmic-ray backgrounds is **hard**.

[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:

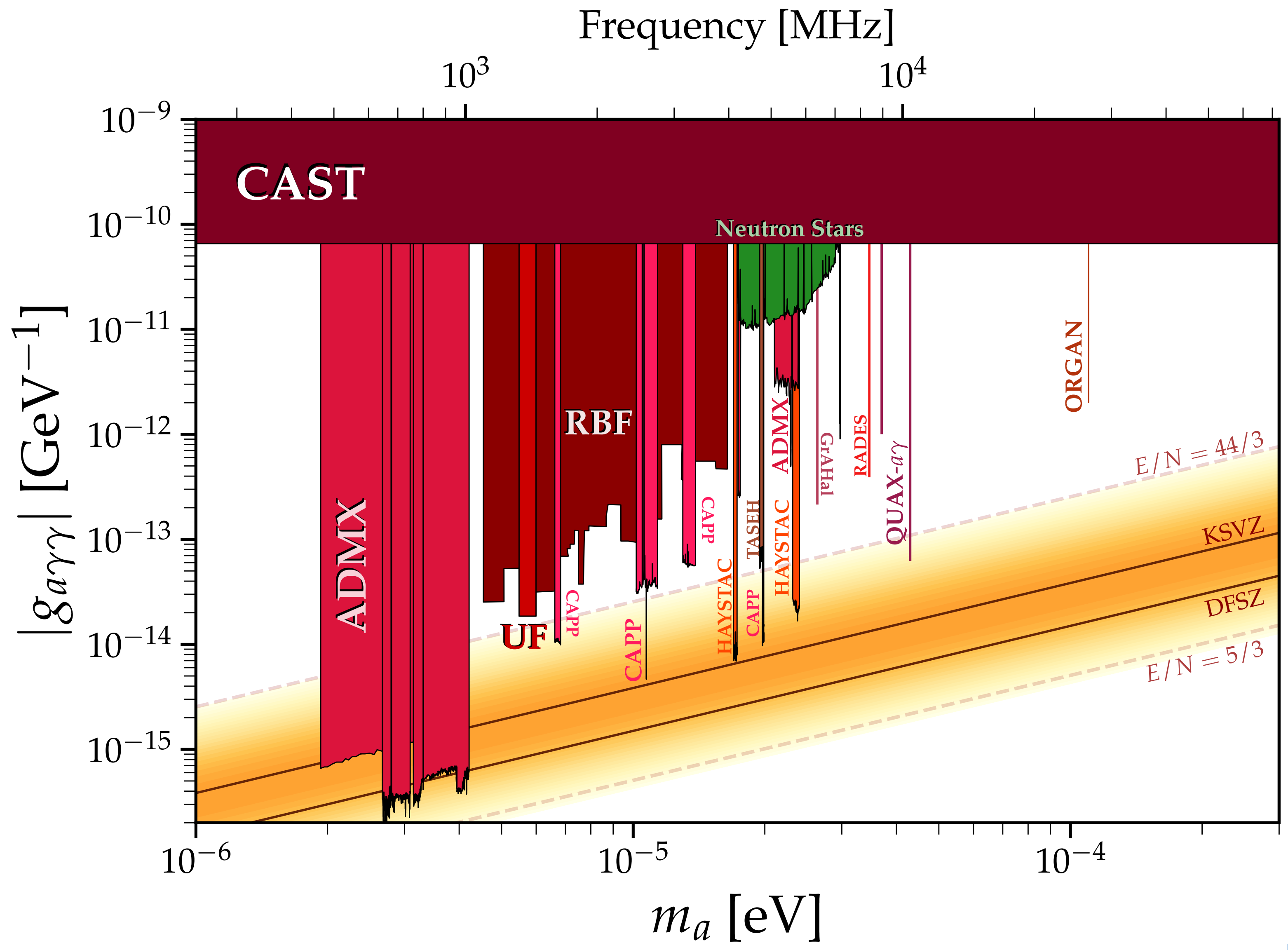
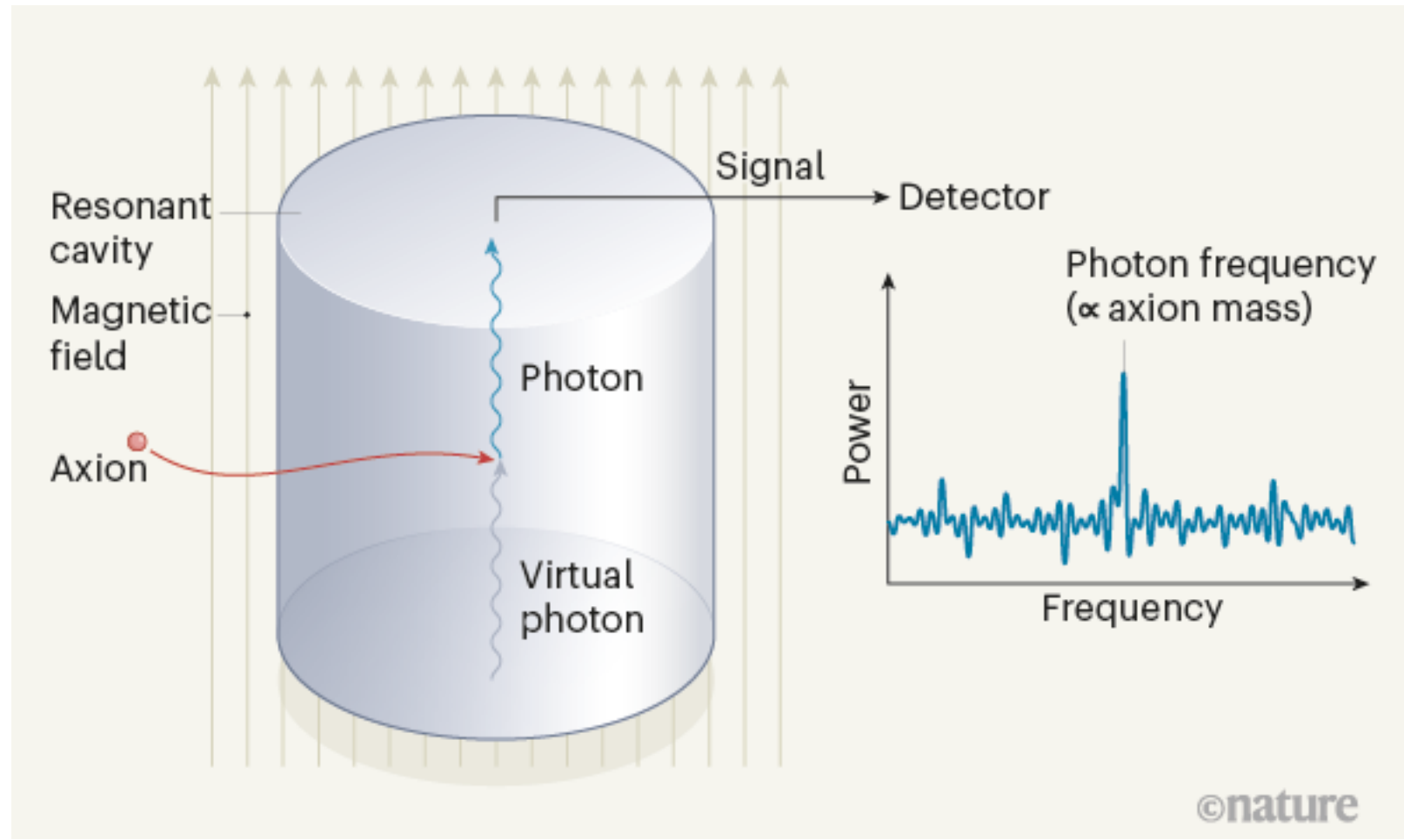
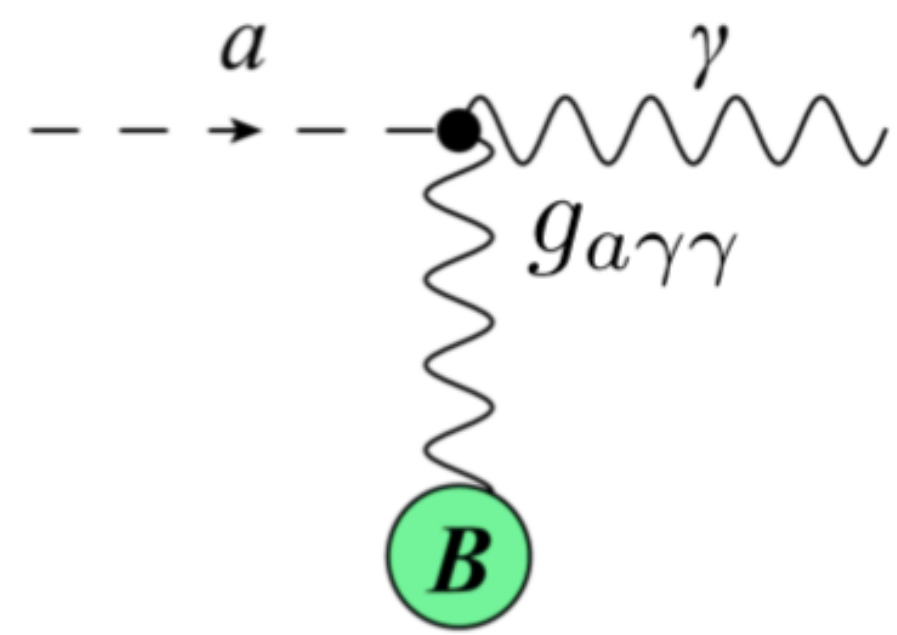


Axion searches in the lab

Axions: light pseudoscalar particles, a

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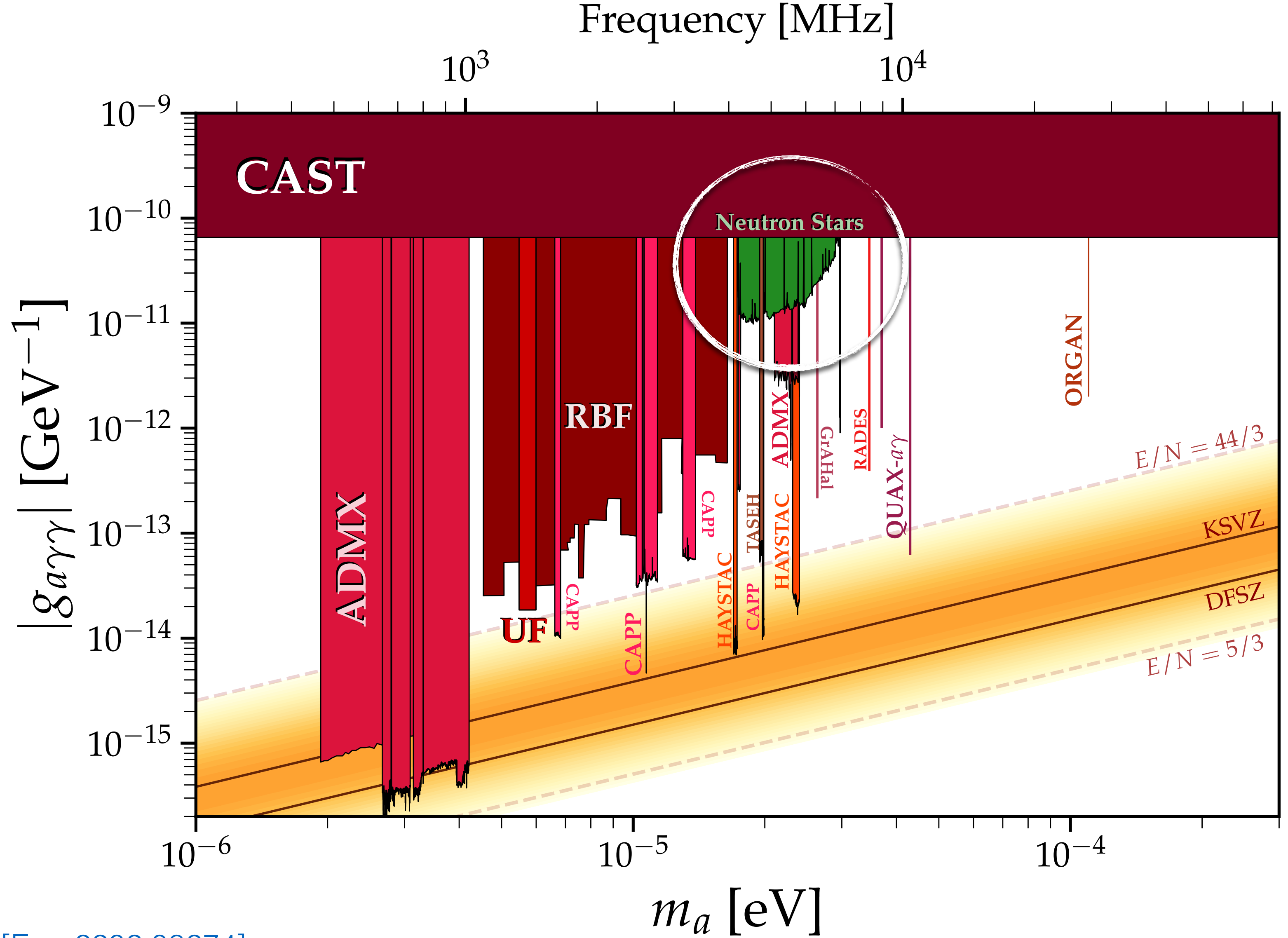
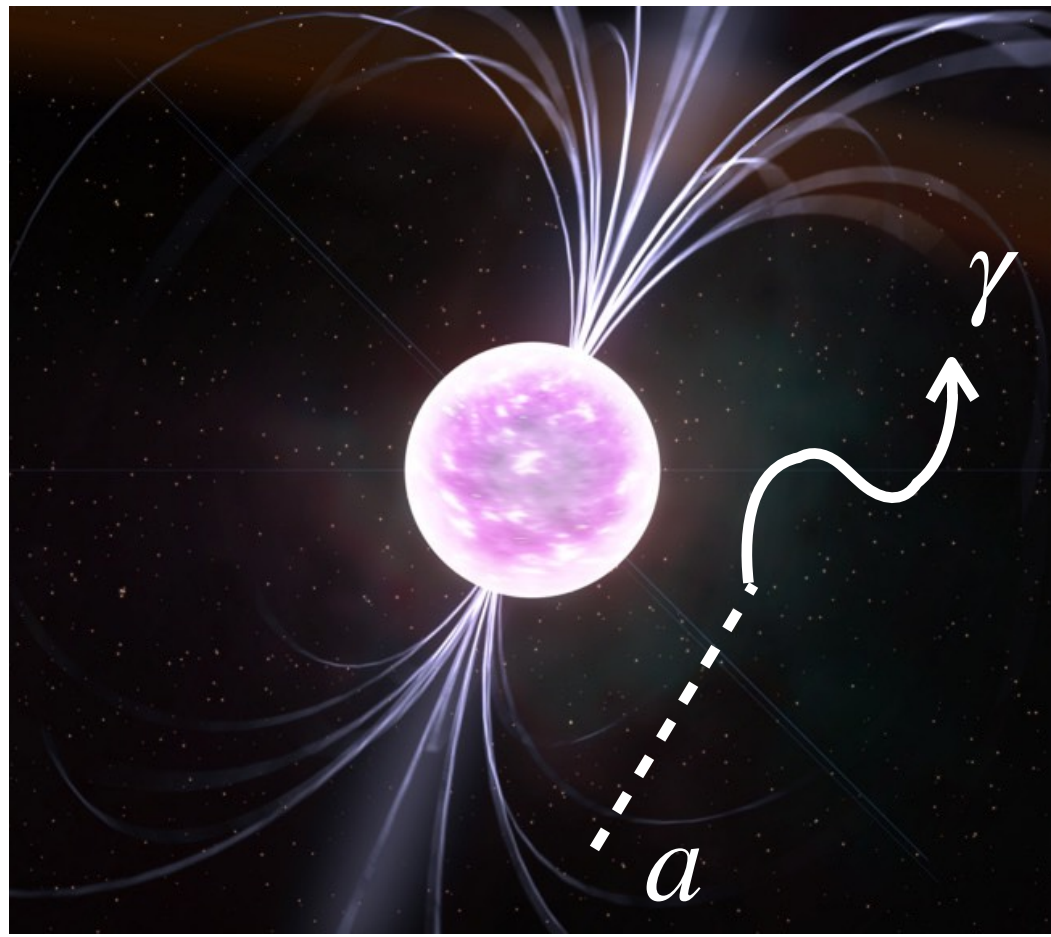
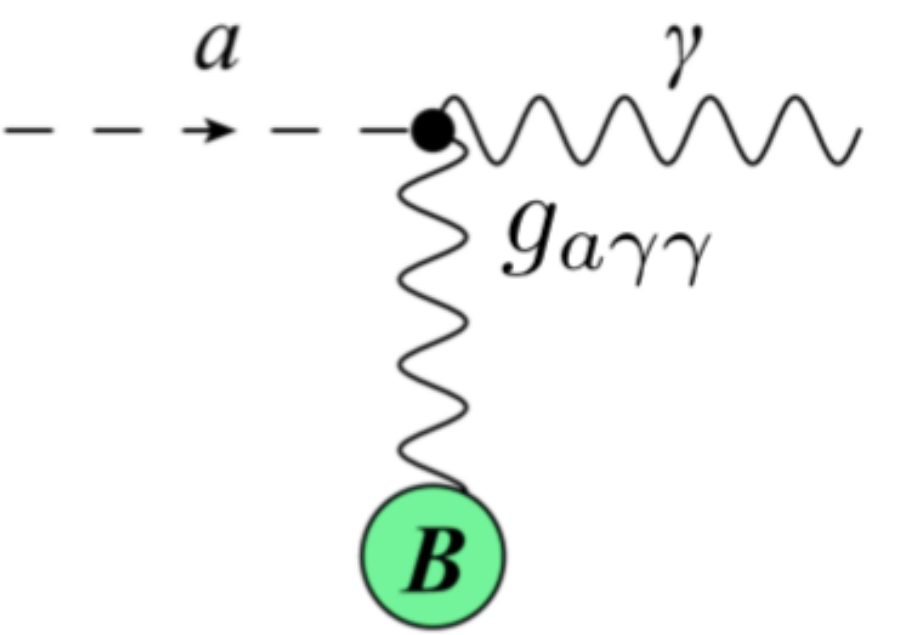
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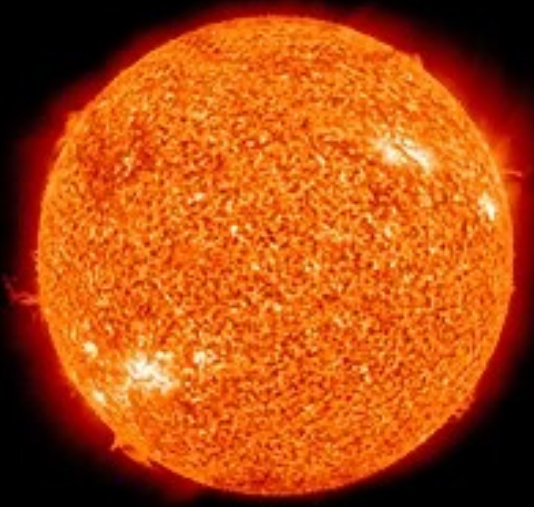
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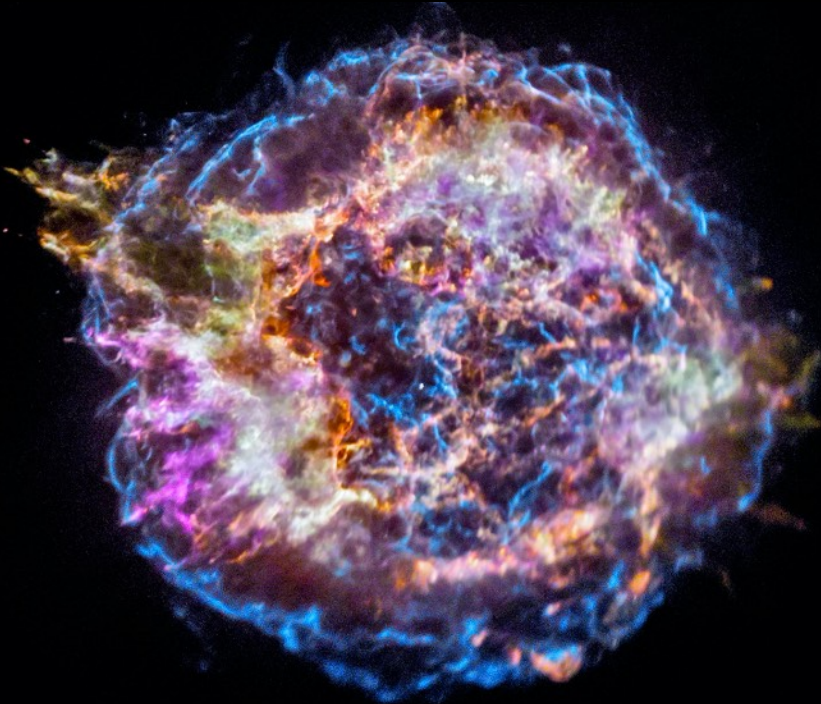
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Supernovae

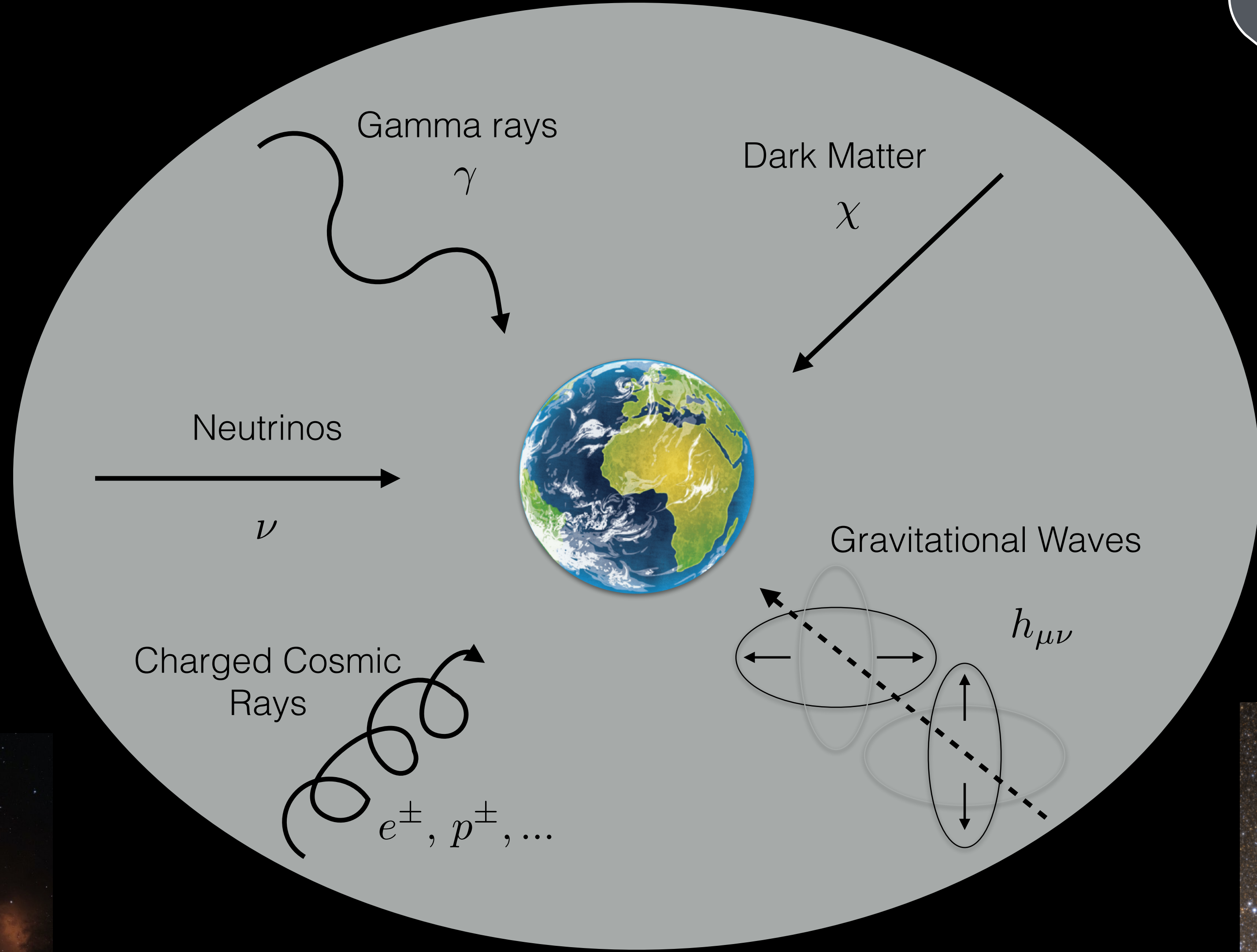


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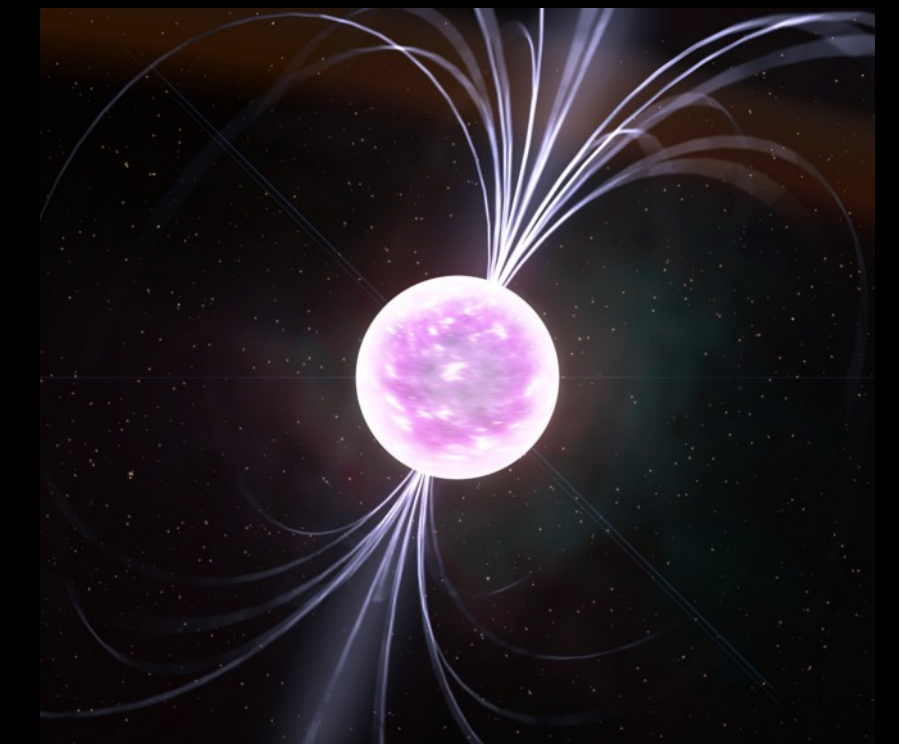


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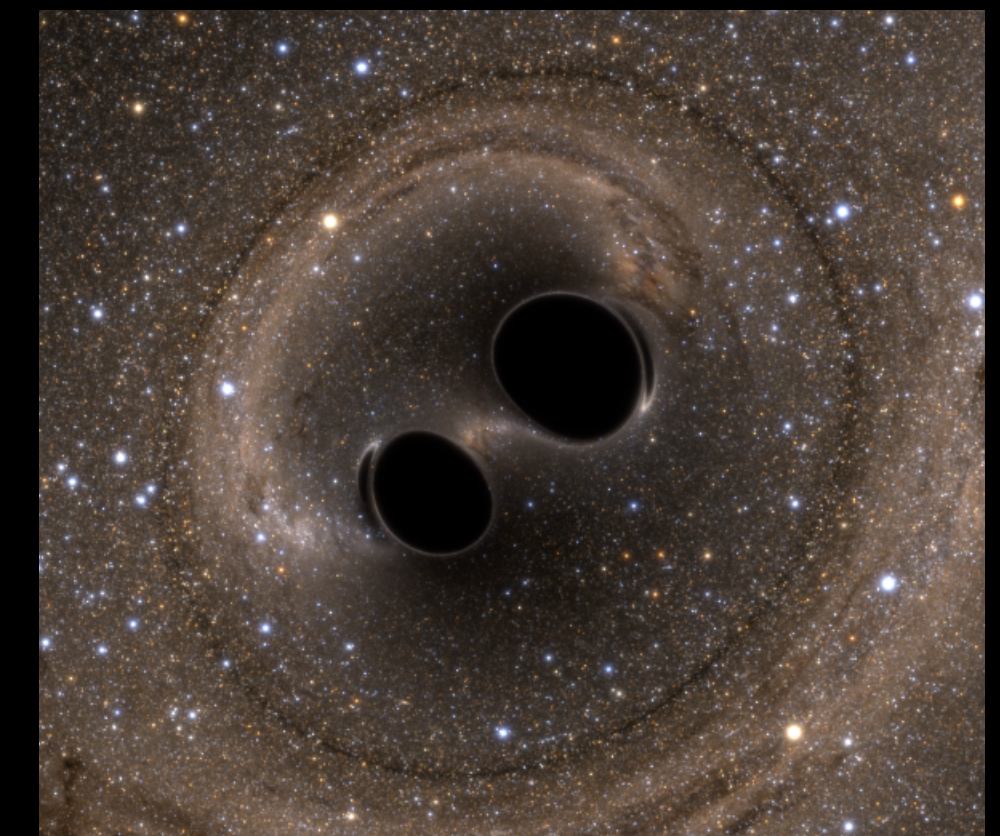


Pulsars



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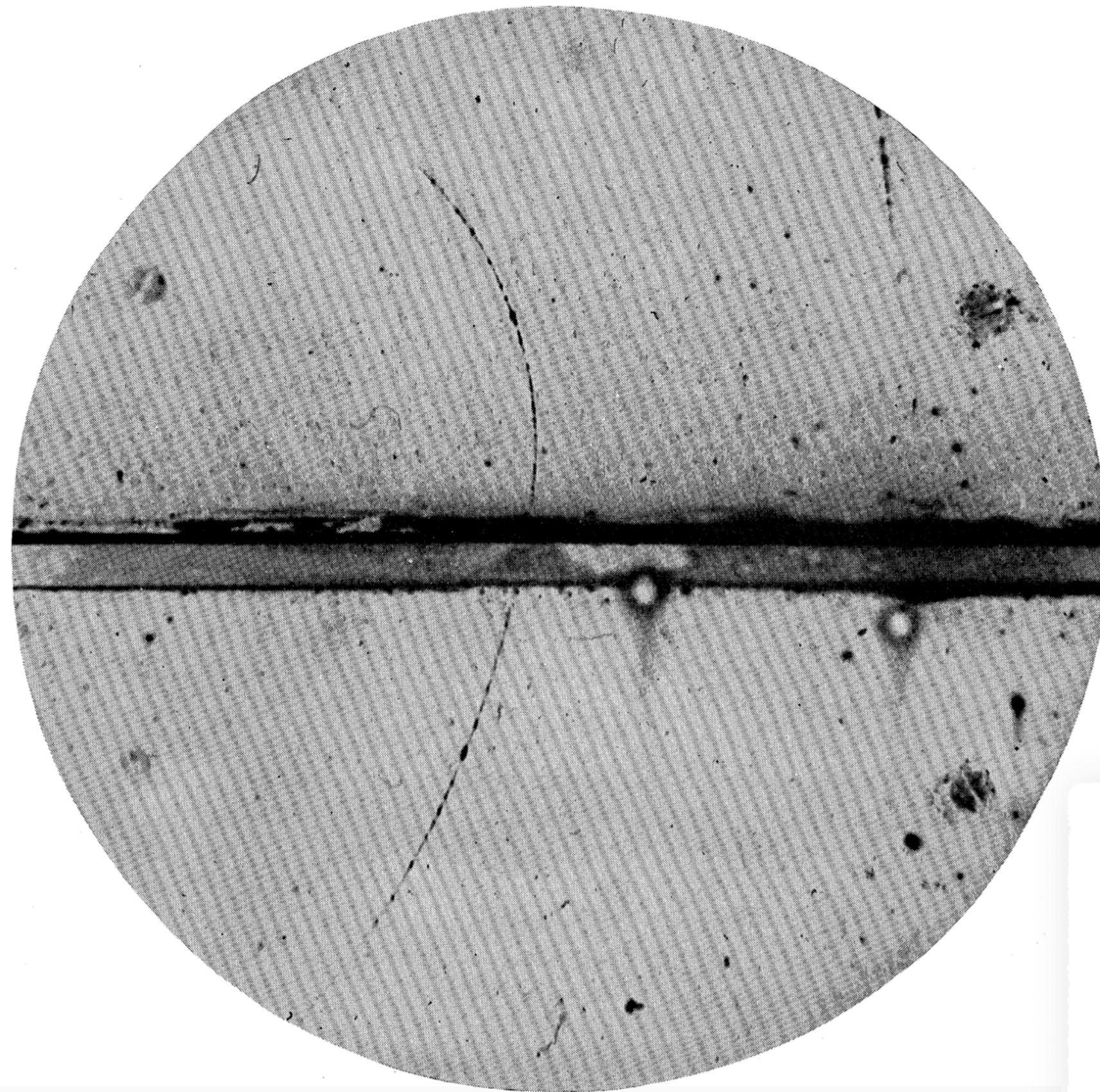


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The Positive Electron

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The Positive Electron

CARL D. ANDERSON, *California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California*

(Received February 28, 1933)

Out of a group of 1300 photographs of cosmic-ray tracks in a vertical Wilson chamber 15 tracks were of positive particles which could not have a mass as great as that of the proton. From an examination of the energy-loss and ionization produced it is concluded that the charge is less than twice, and is probably exactly equal to, that of the proton. If these particles carry unit positive charge the

curvatures and ionizations produced require the mass to be less than twenty times the electron mass. These particles will be called positrons. Because they occur in groups associated with other tracks it is concluded that they must be secondary particles ejected from atomic nuclei.

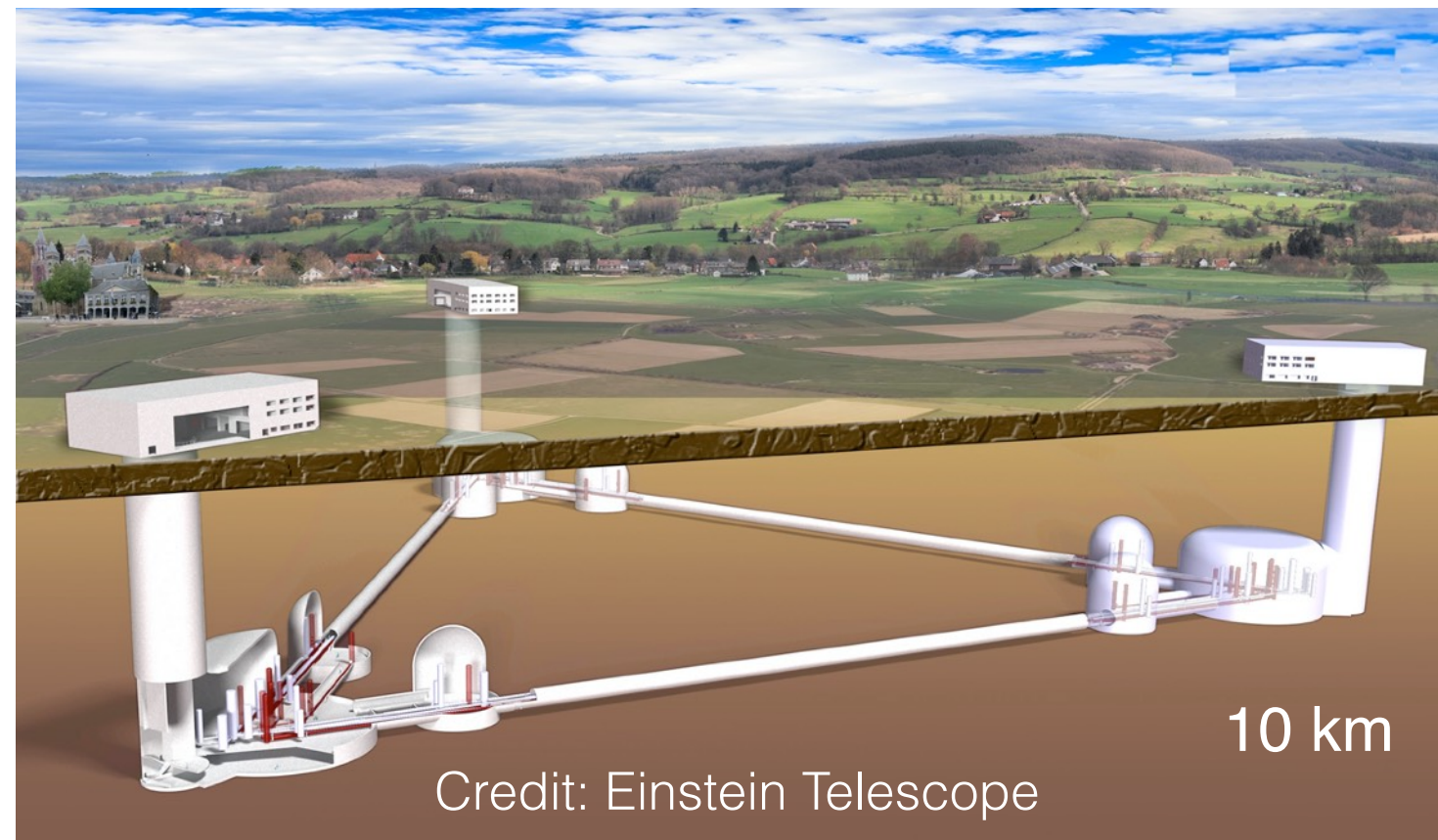
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[Phys. Rev. 43, 491 \(1933\)](#)

New Views into the Universe

The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) will observe very **high energy gamma rays** with very high energy resolutions

<https://www.cta-observatory.org>



Planned Earth-based GW observatories such as Einstein Telescope will allow us to see every **merging stellar-mass BH** in the Universe

Dark Matter experiments like XENONnT will search for **WIMP Dark Matter** with unprecedented sensitivity

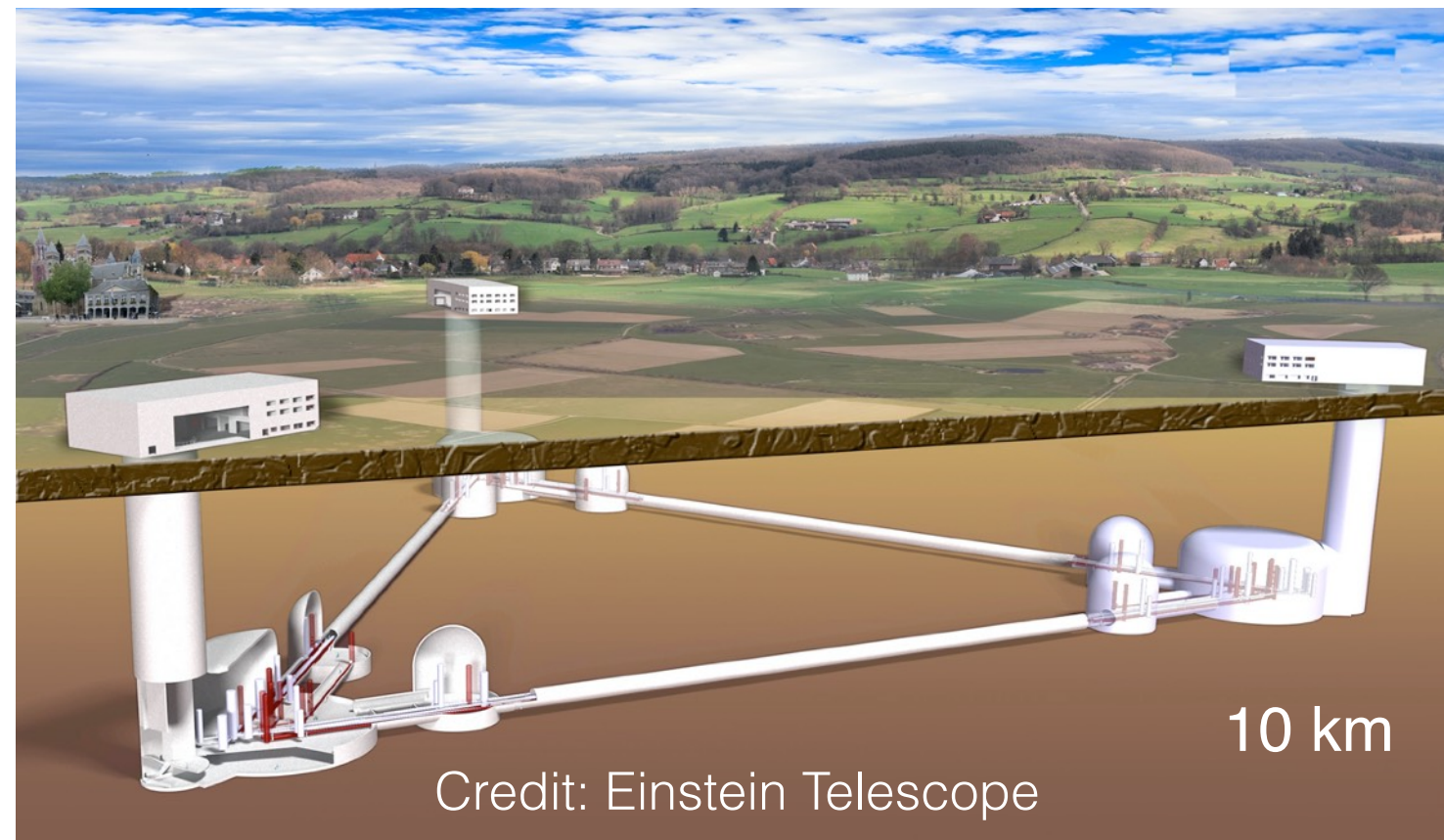
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New Views into the Universe

The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) will observe very **high energy gamma rays** with very high energy resolutions

<https://www.cta-observatory.org>



Planned Earth-based GW observatories such as Einstein Telescope will allow us to see every **merging stellar-mass BH** in the Universe

Dark Matter experiments like XENONnT will search for **WIMP Dark Matter** with unprecedented sensitivity

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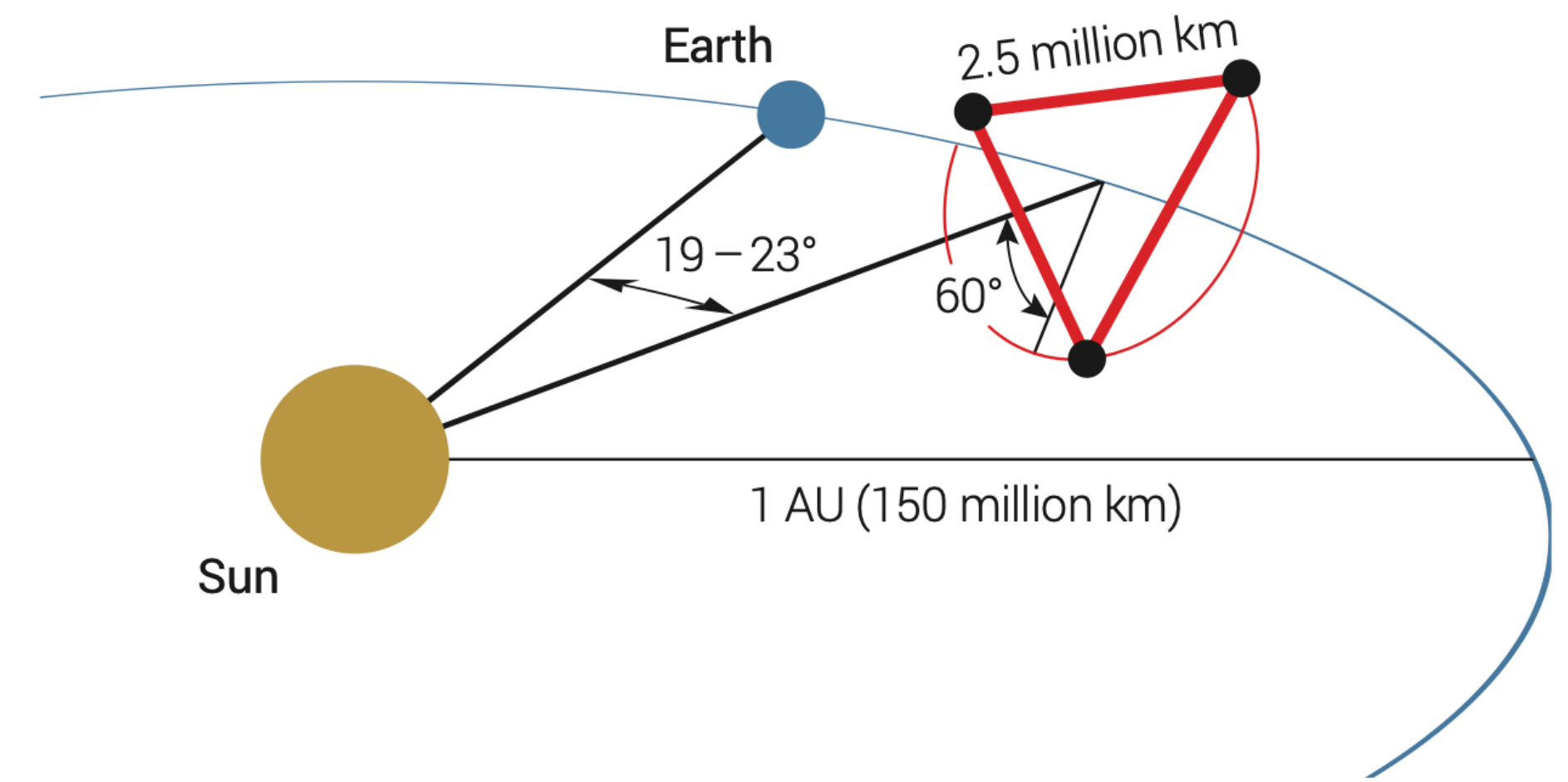
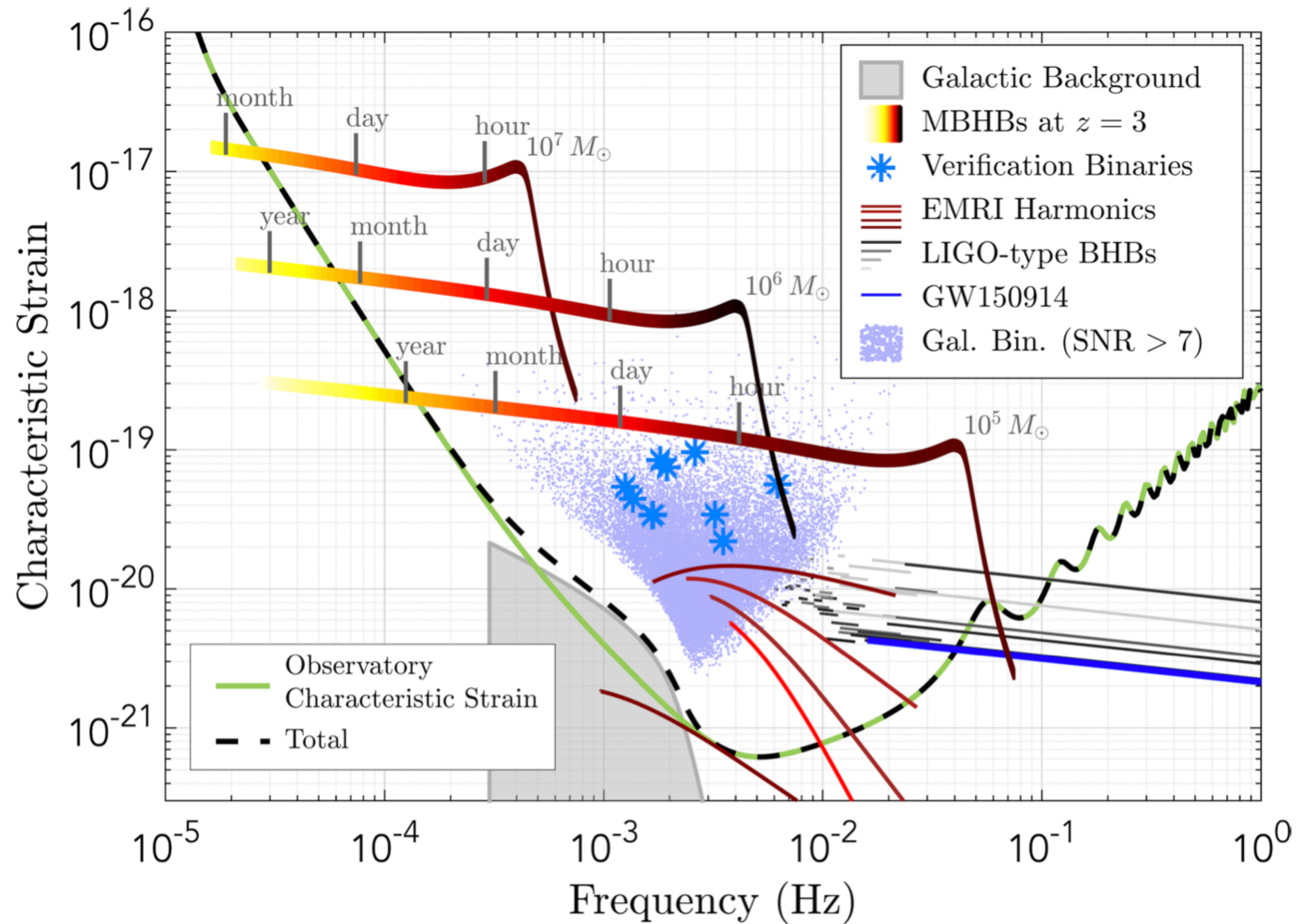


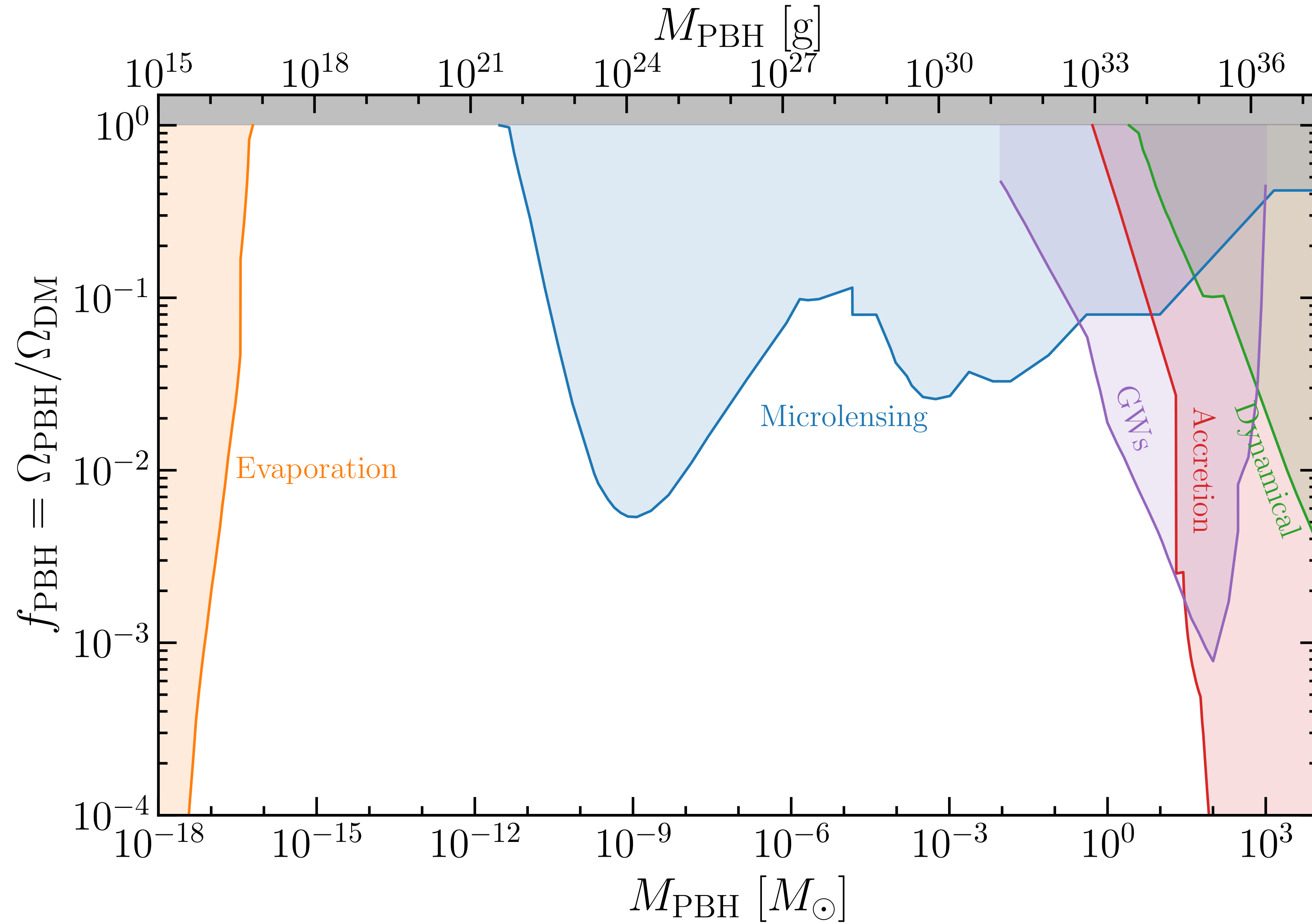
...looking forward to many more unexpected discoveries!

Additional Slides

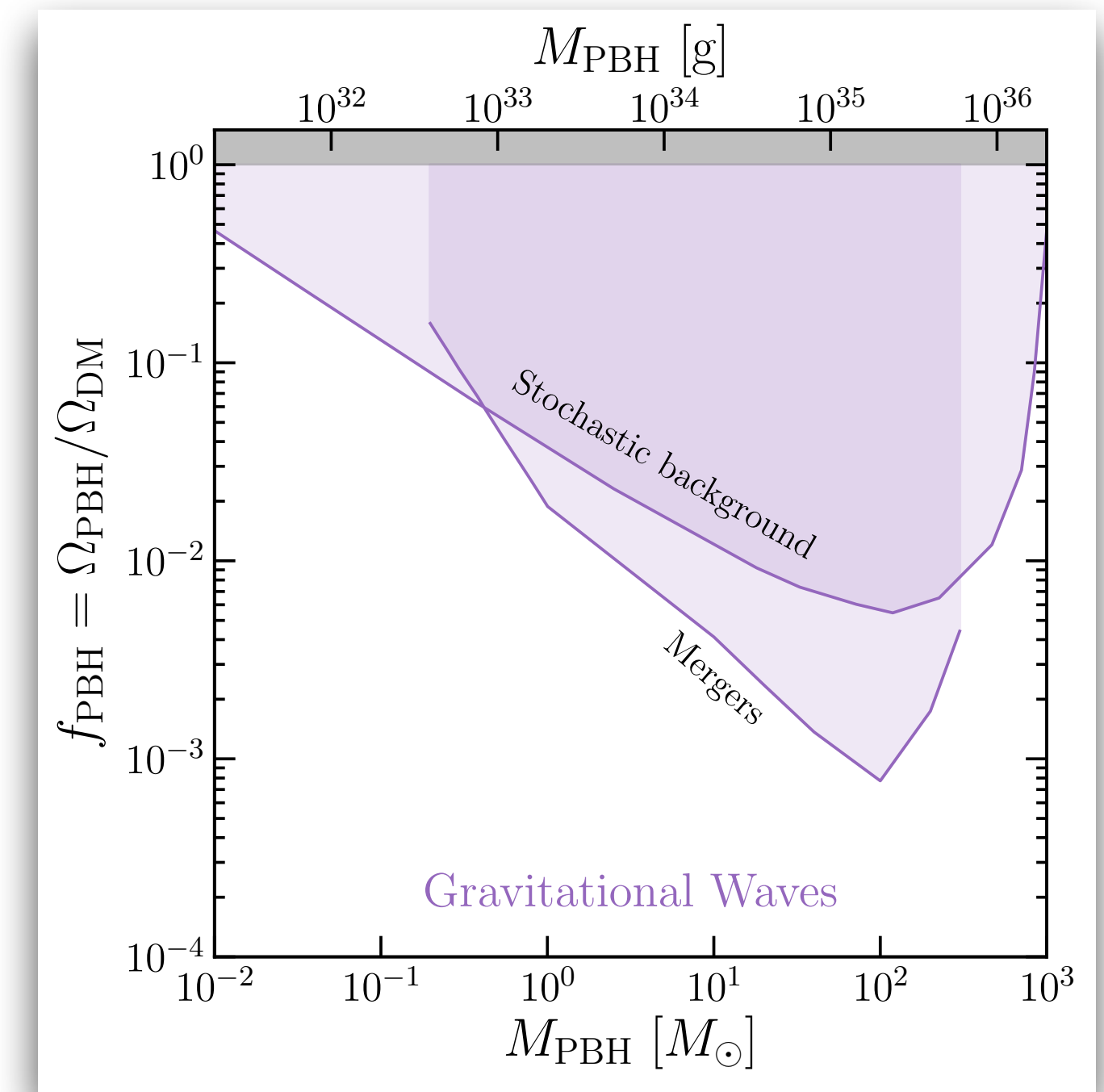
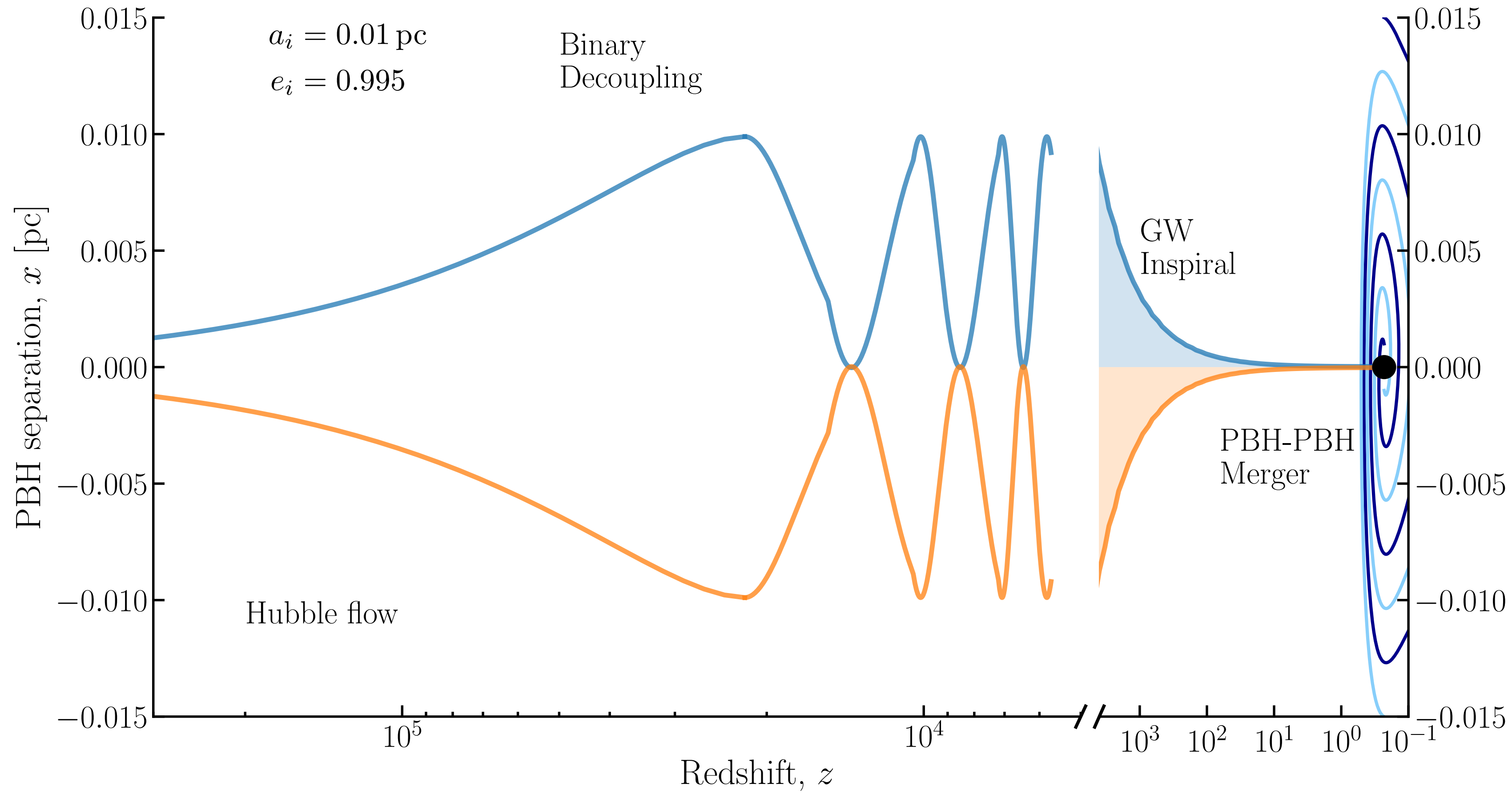
LISA - GWs in space!

Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
(Planned for the 2030s)

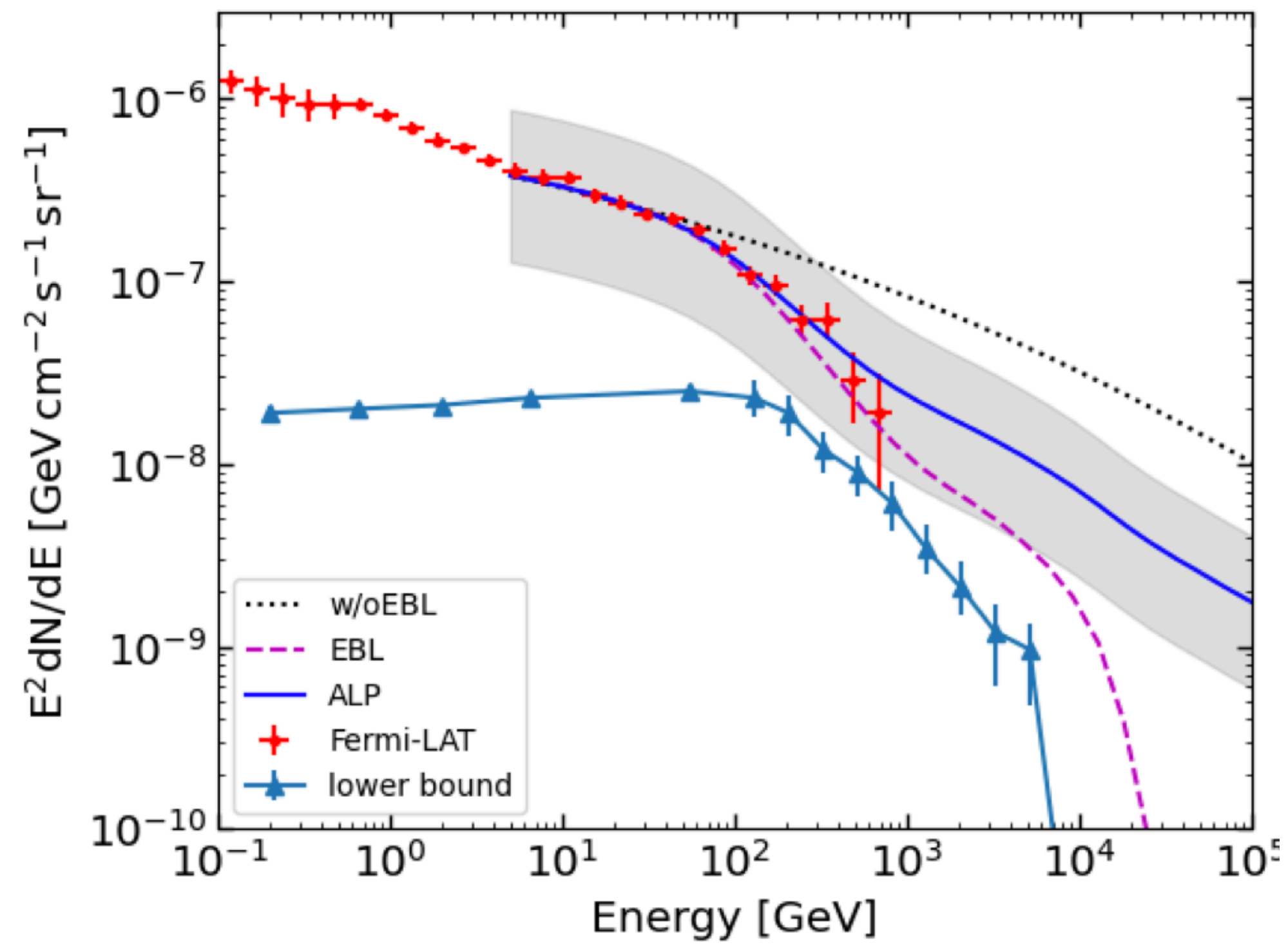
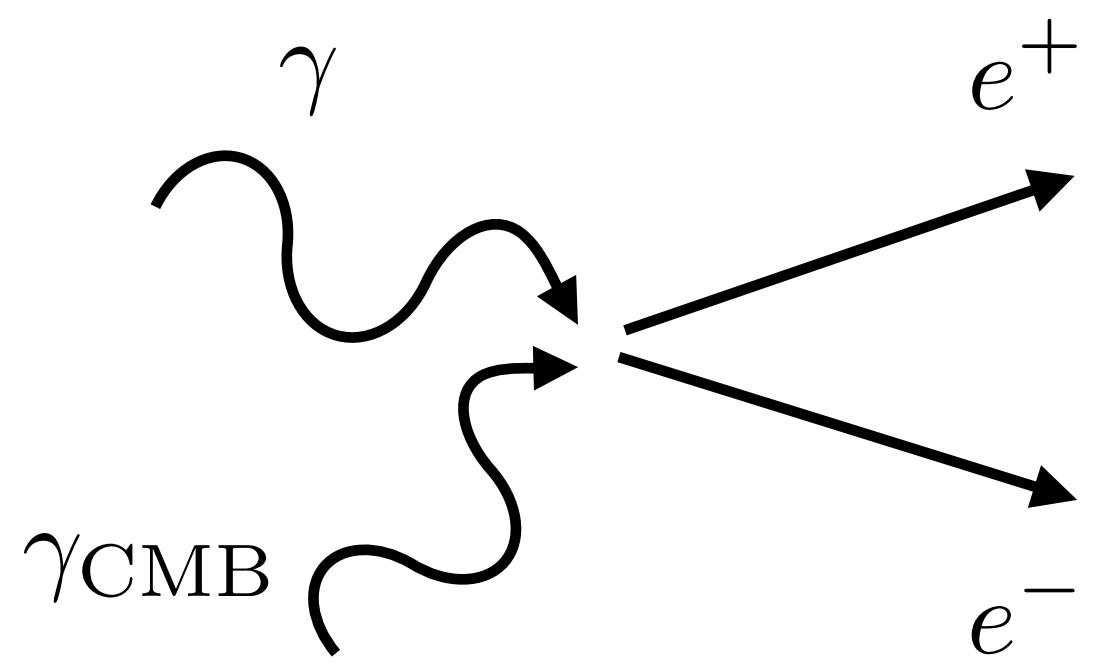




PBHs and Gravitational Waves

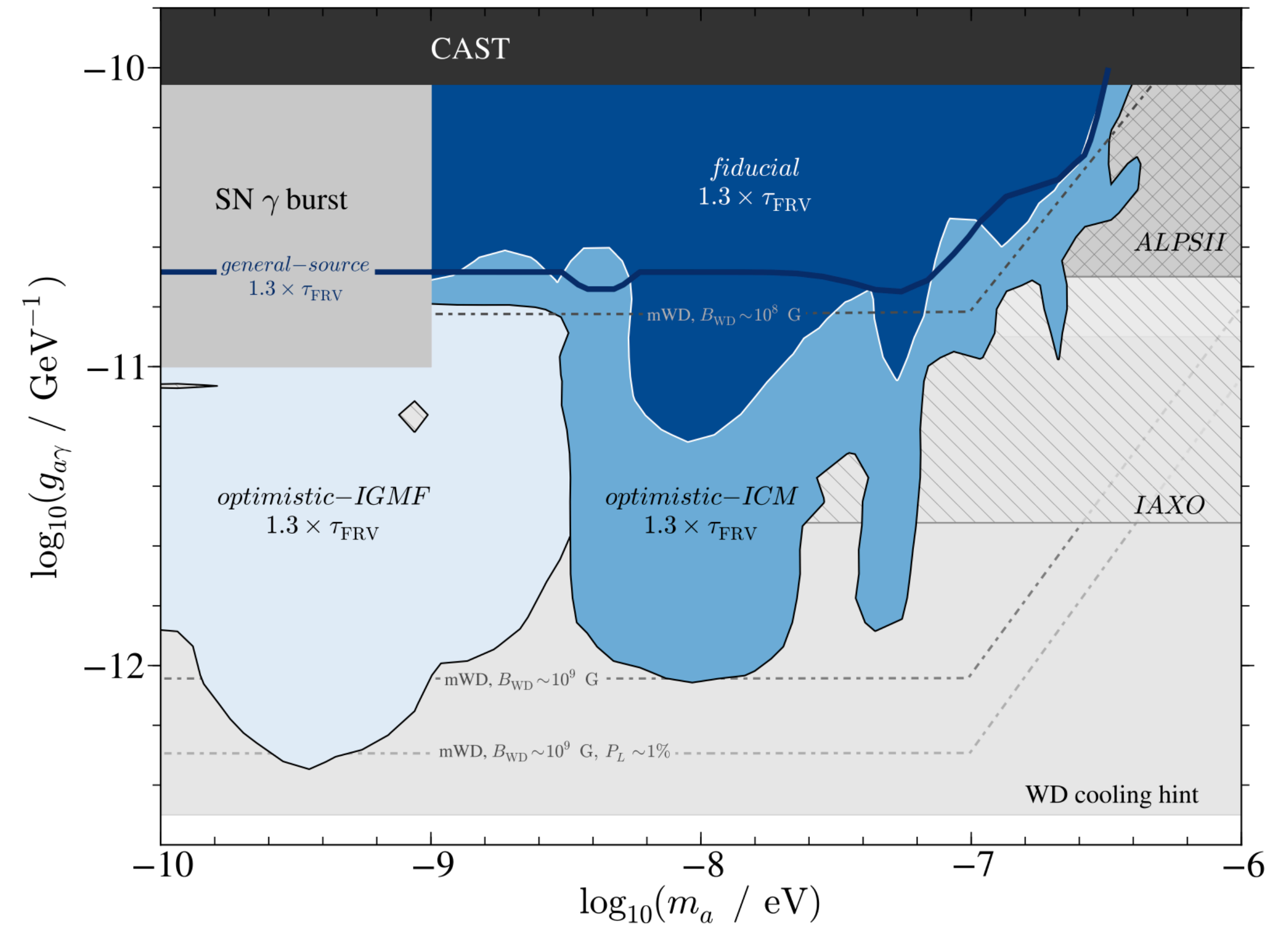
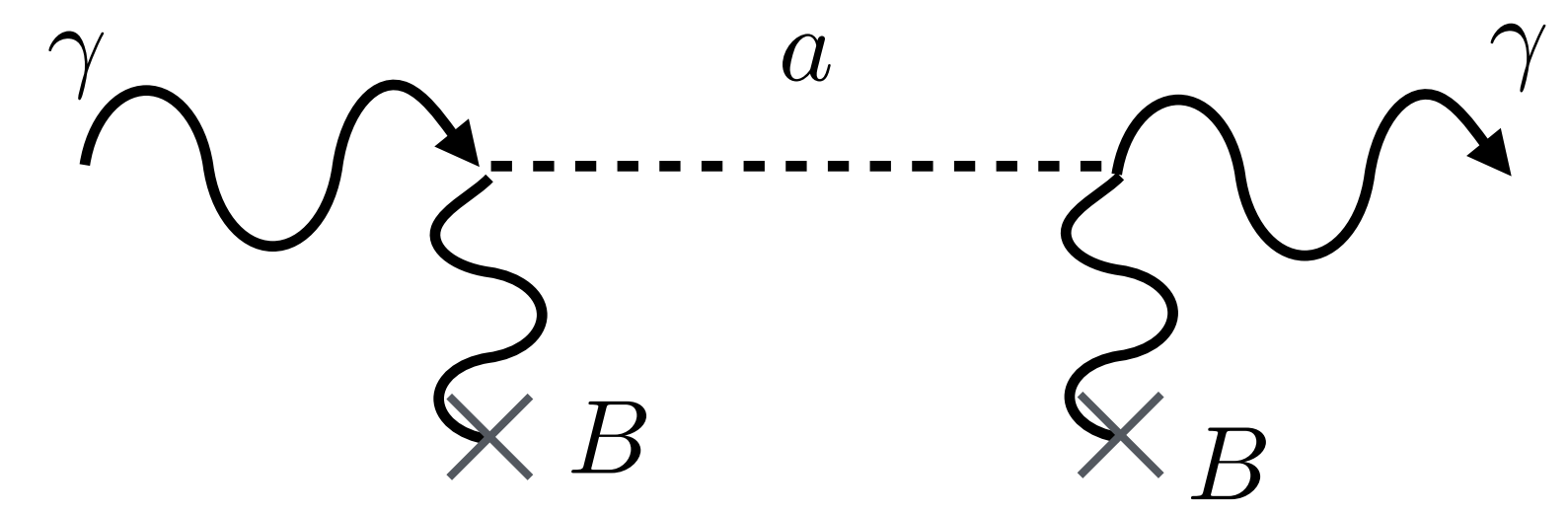


Gamma-ray transparency and axions



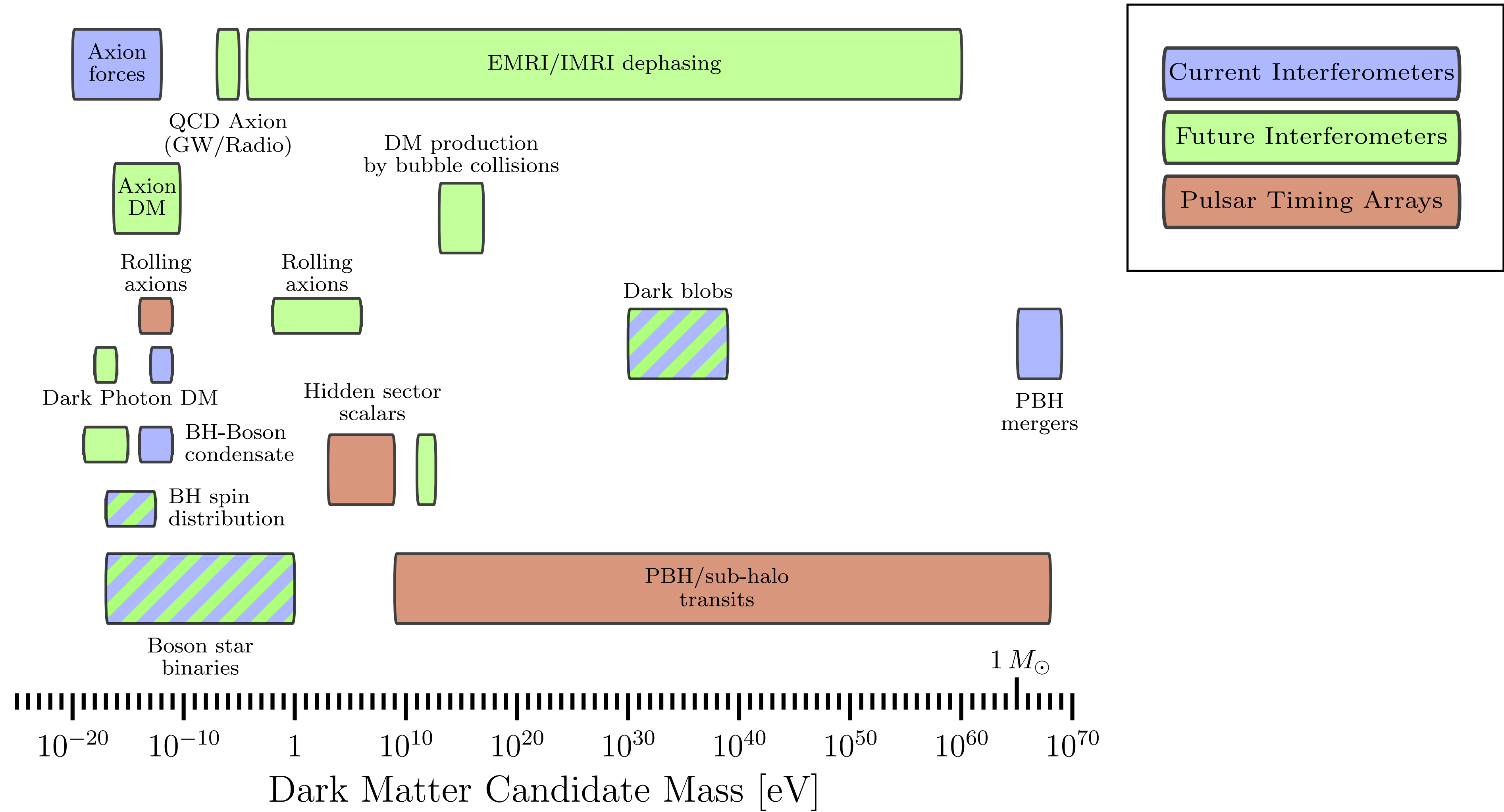
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Axion-like particle:



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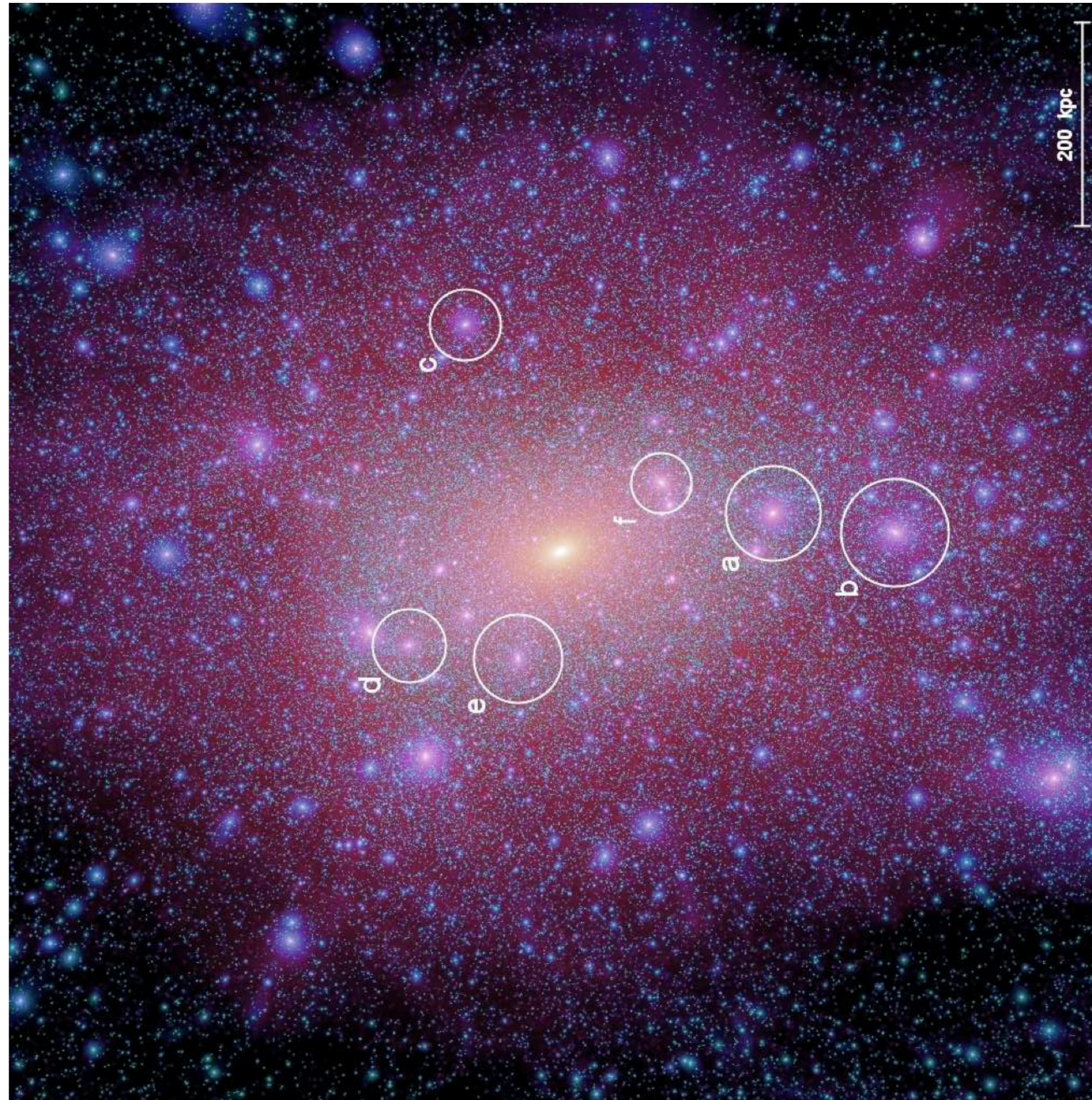
Gravitational Wave probes of DM



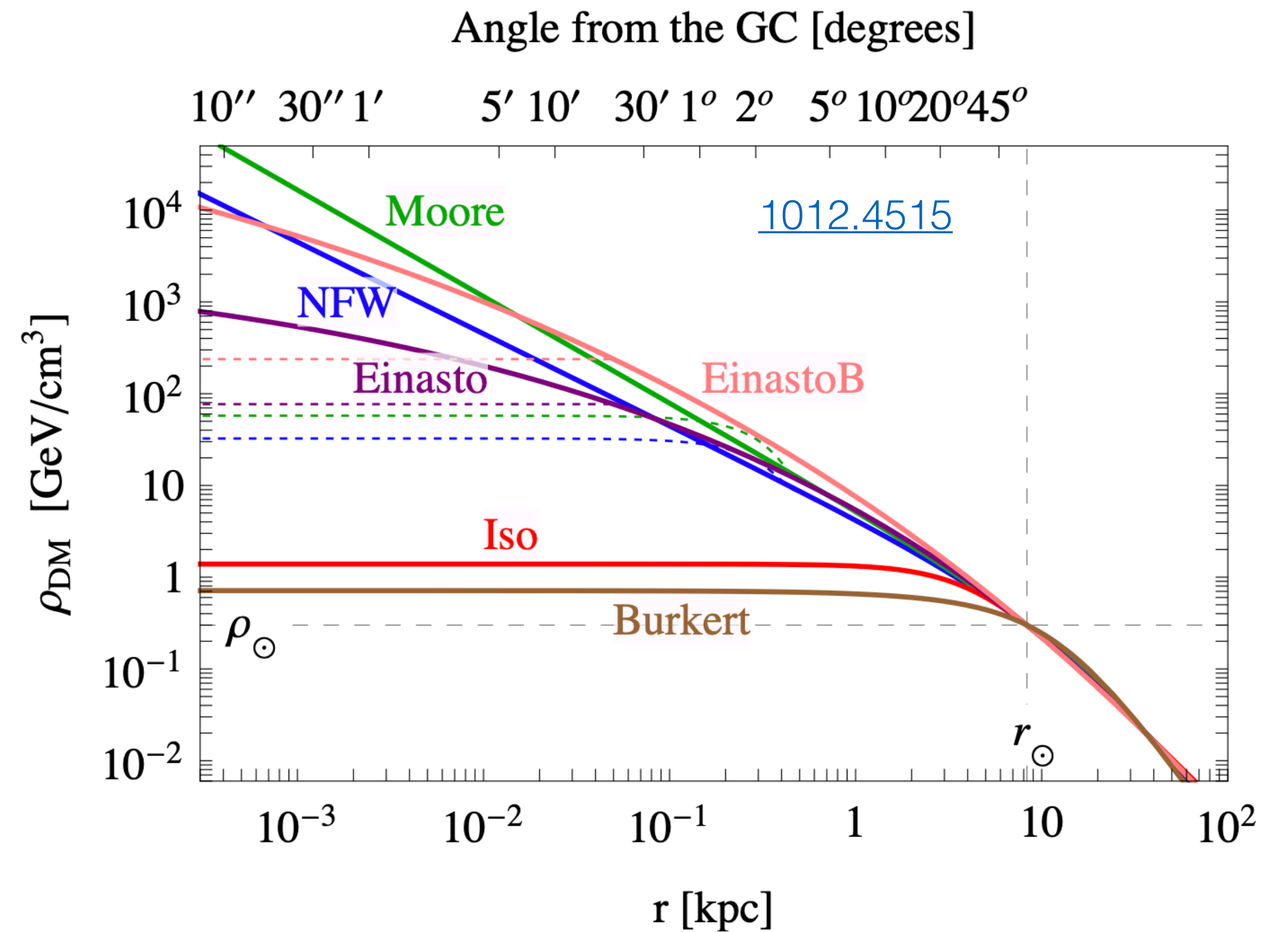
For more information about probing Dark Matter with Gravitational Waves, see [1907.10610](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.10610)

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/)



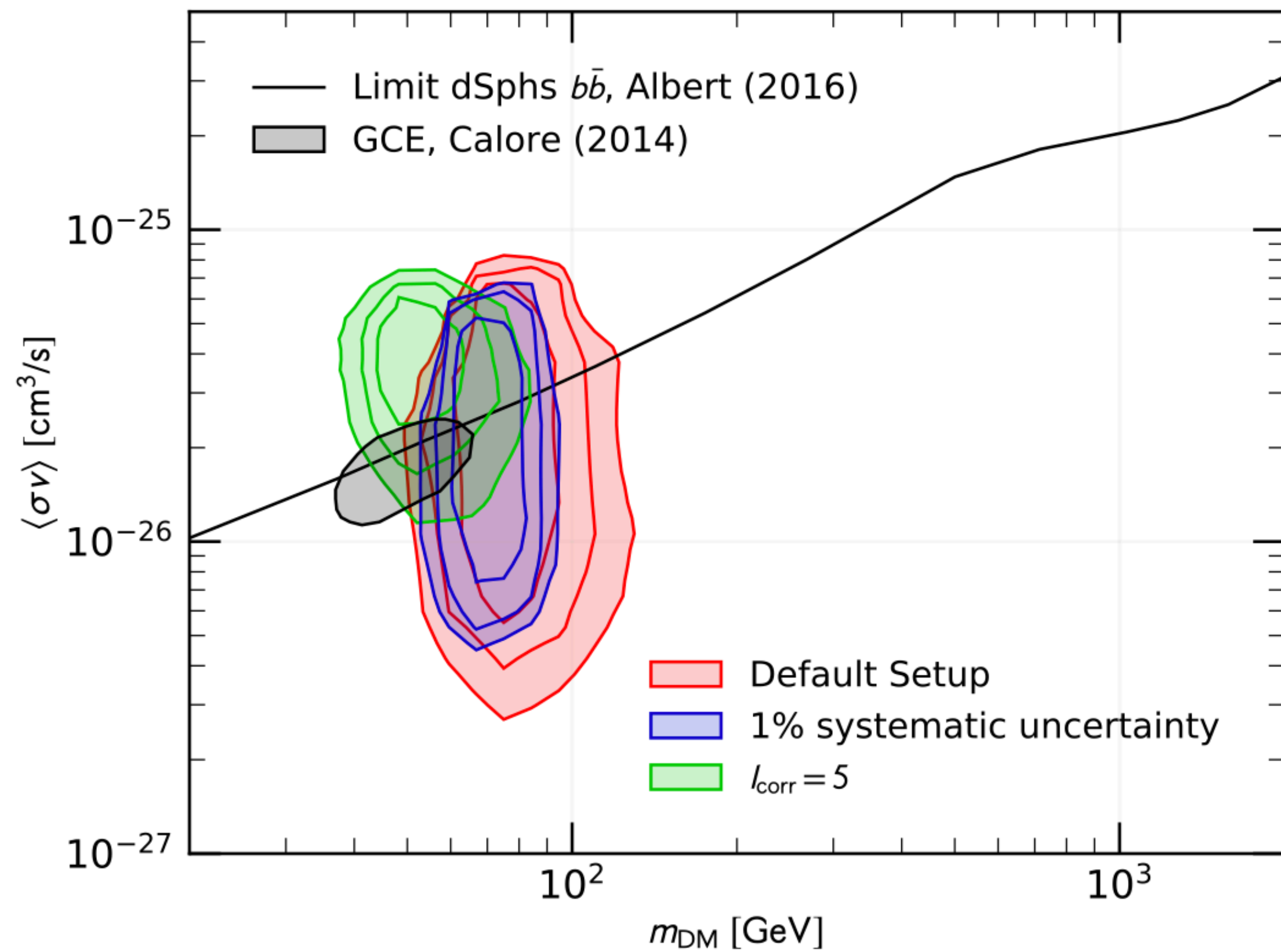
DM density at Earth:

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

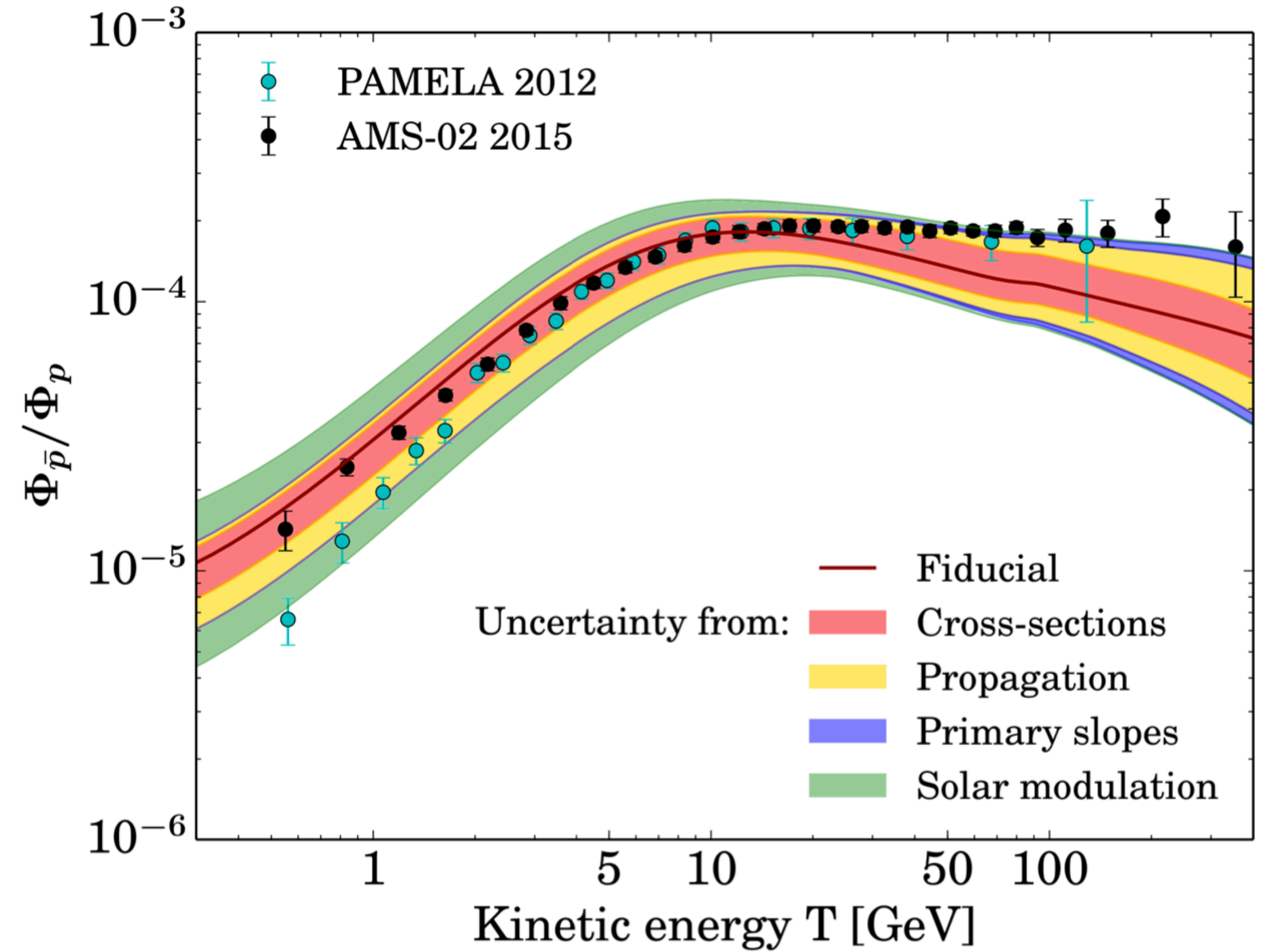
$$\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

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

Anti-proton excess (2)



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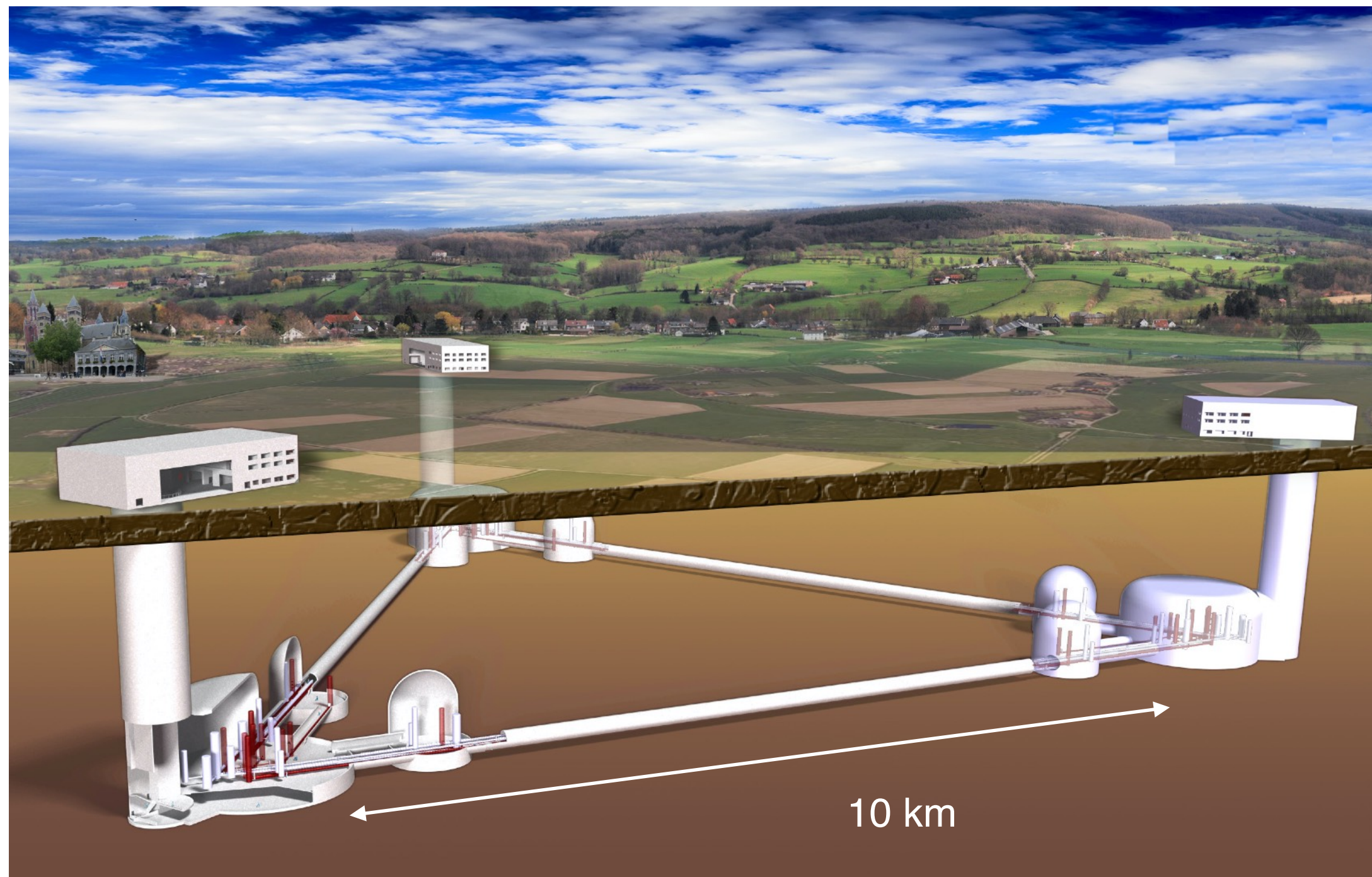


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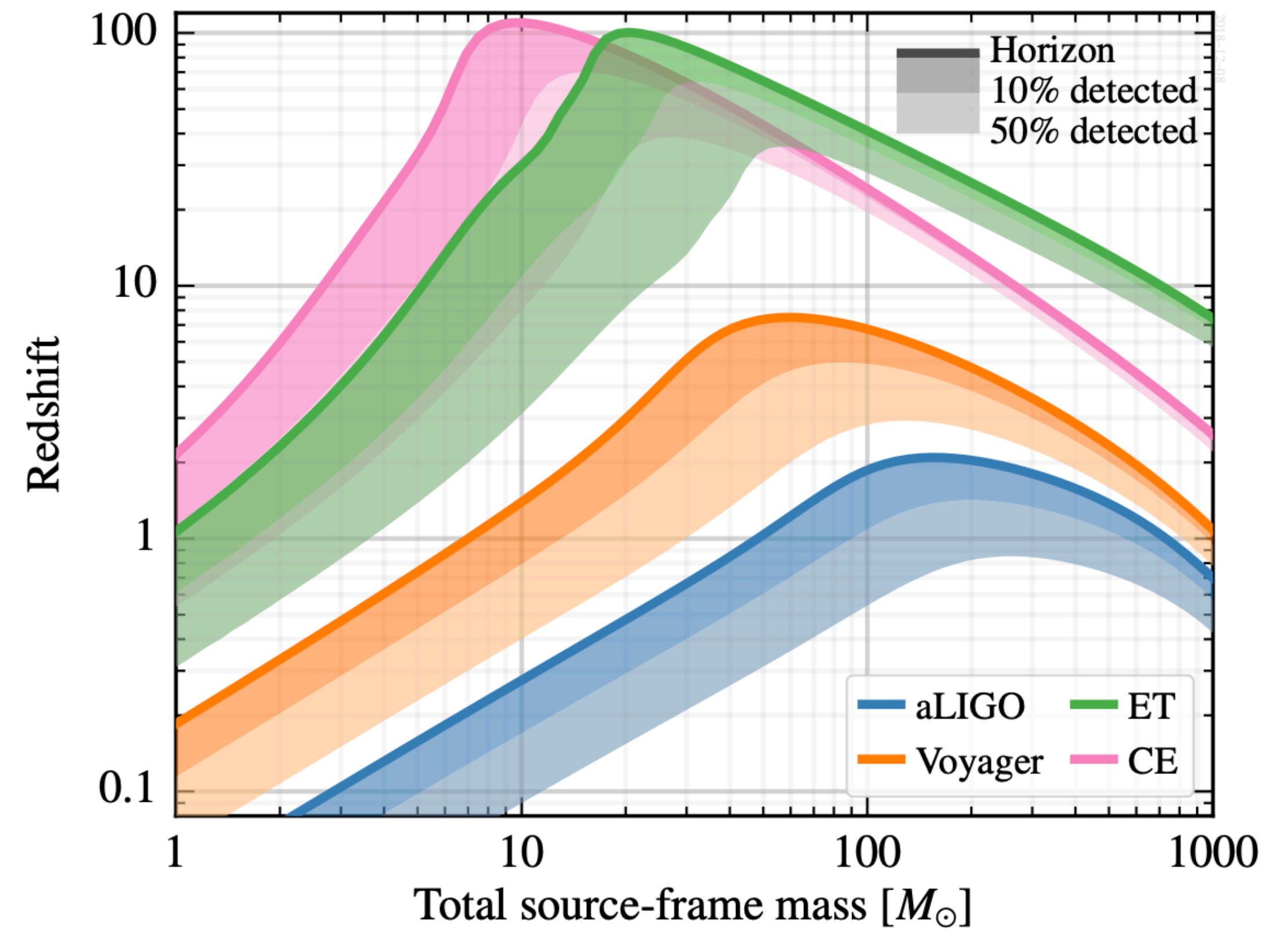
Several excesses point towards 60 GeV Dark Matter -
But modeling gamma-ray and cosmic-ray backgrounds is **hard**.

The Gravitational Wave Future

Planned Earth-based observatories such as Einstein Telescope:



Credit: Einstein Telescope



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