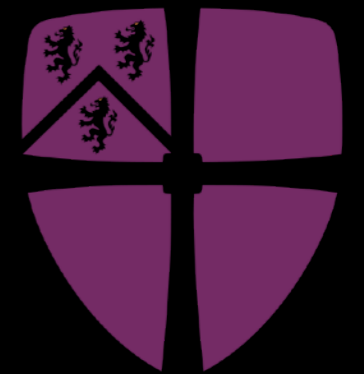


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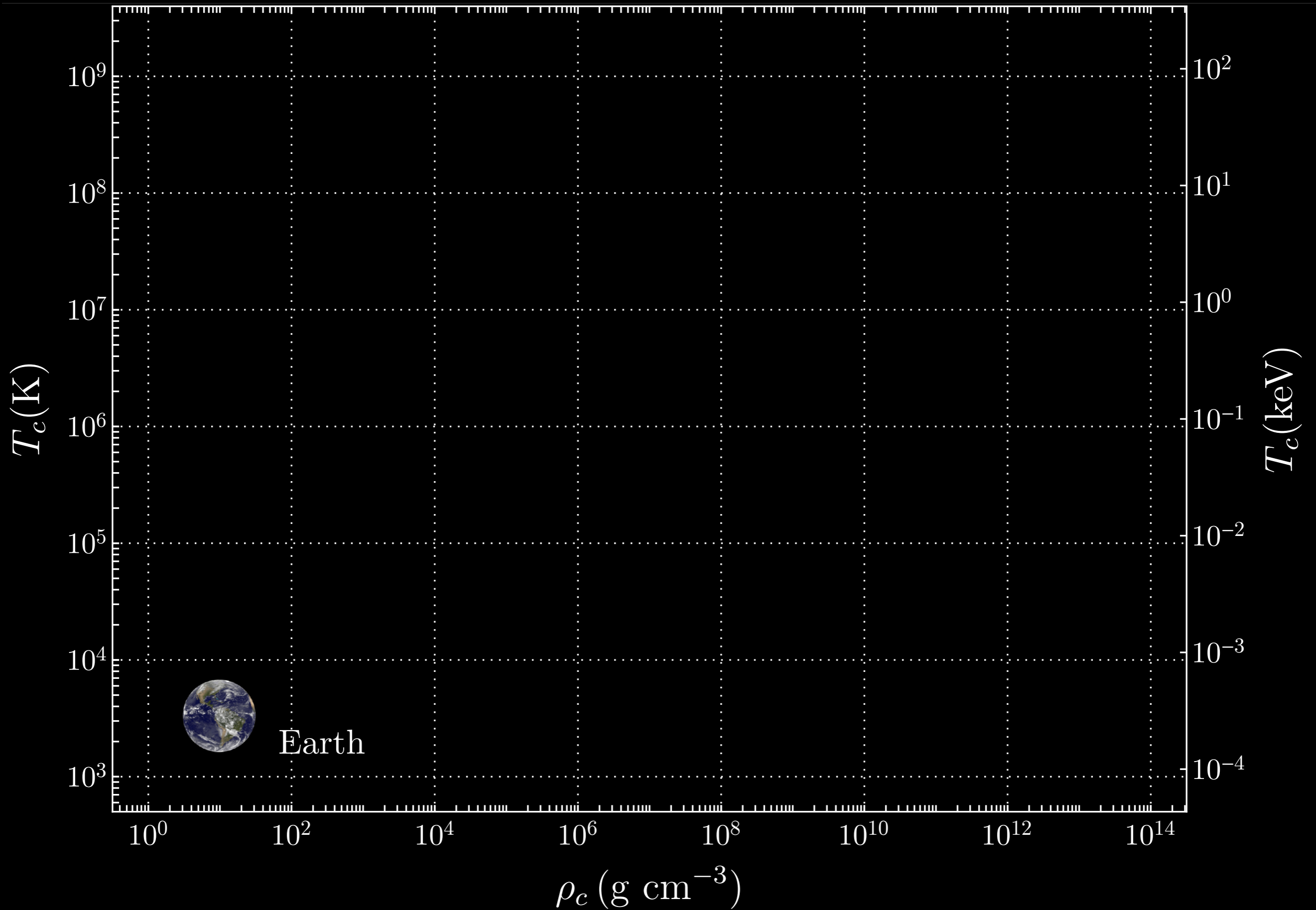
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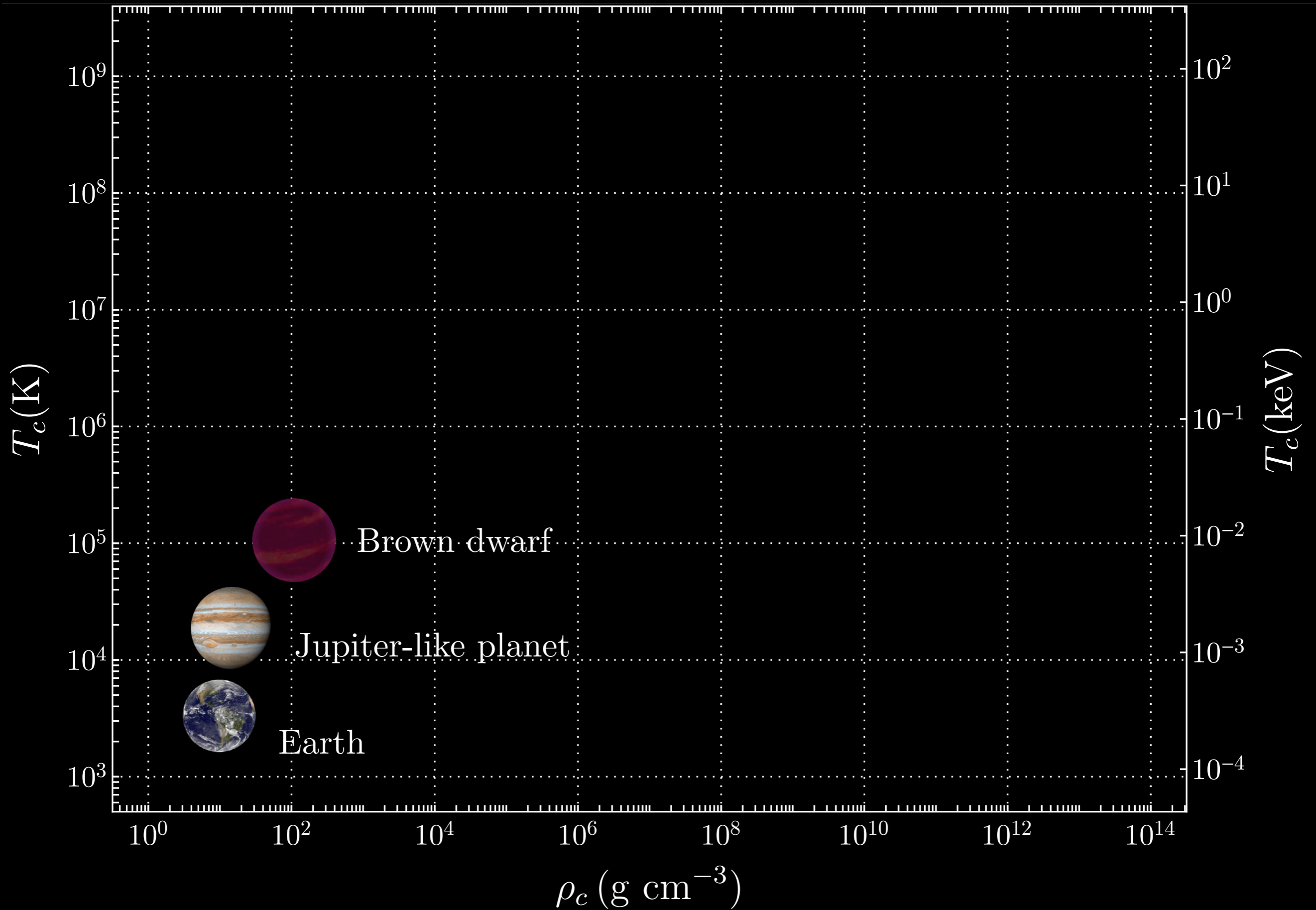


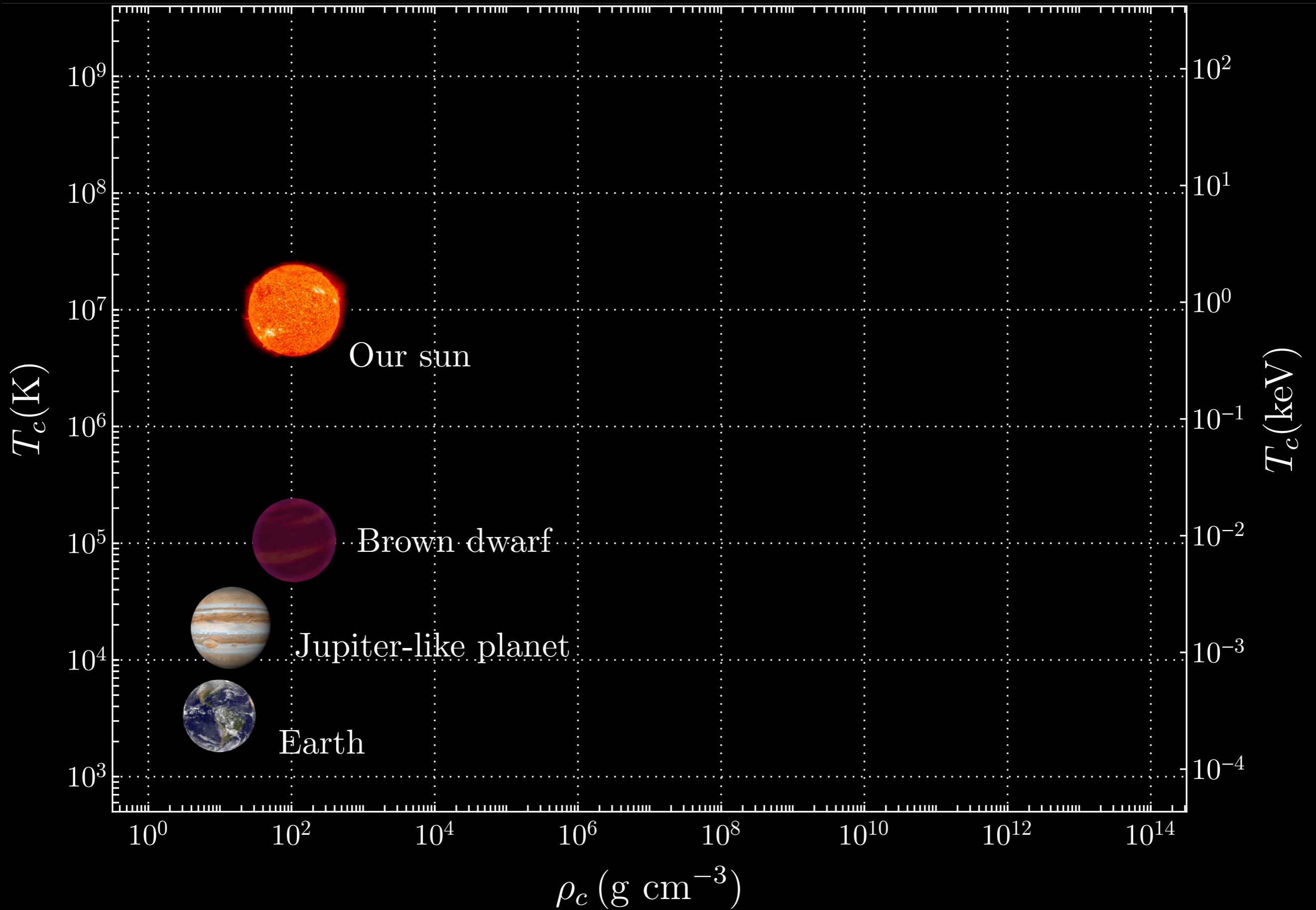
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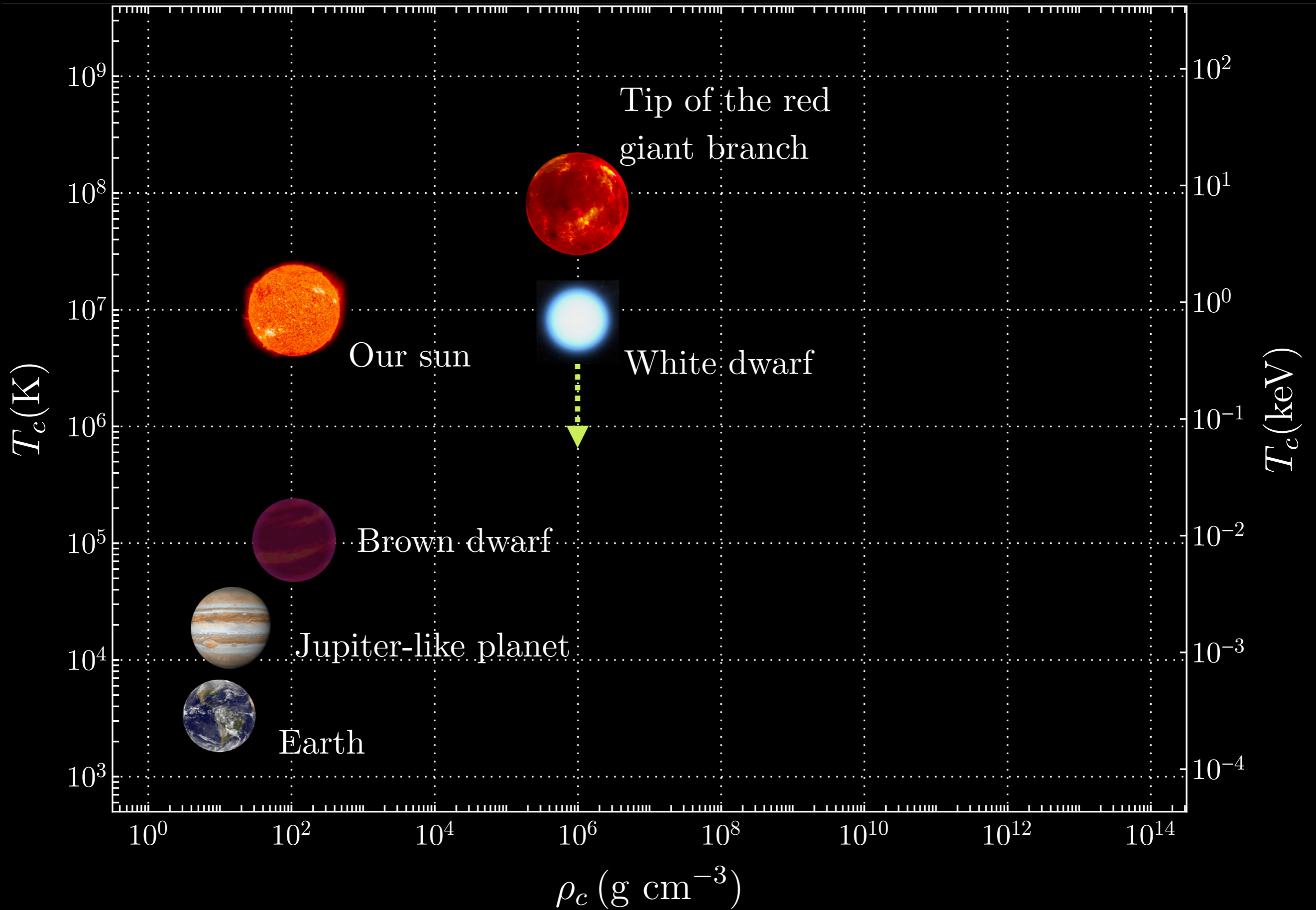
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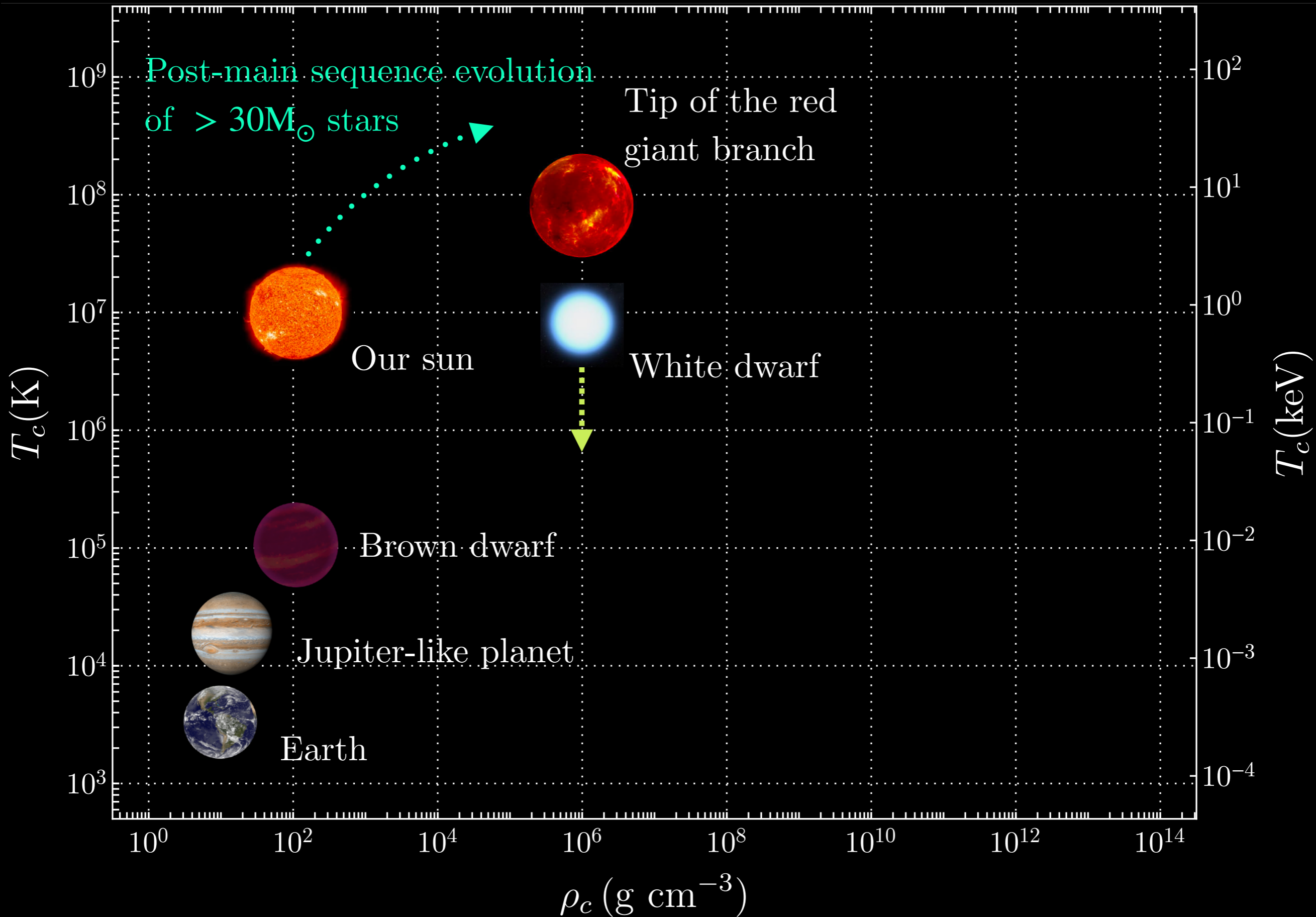
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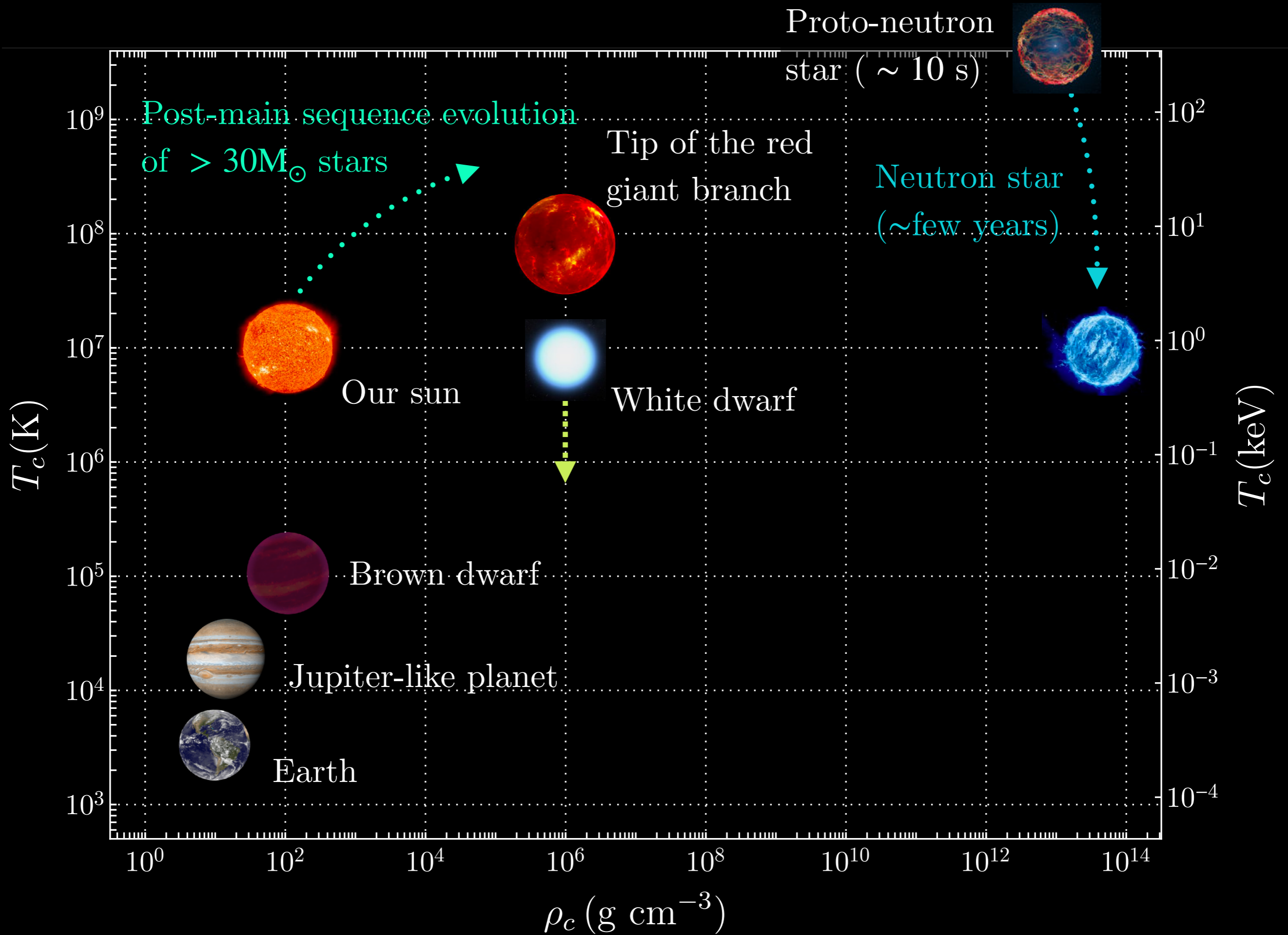










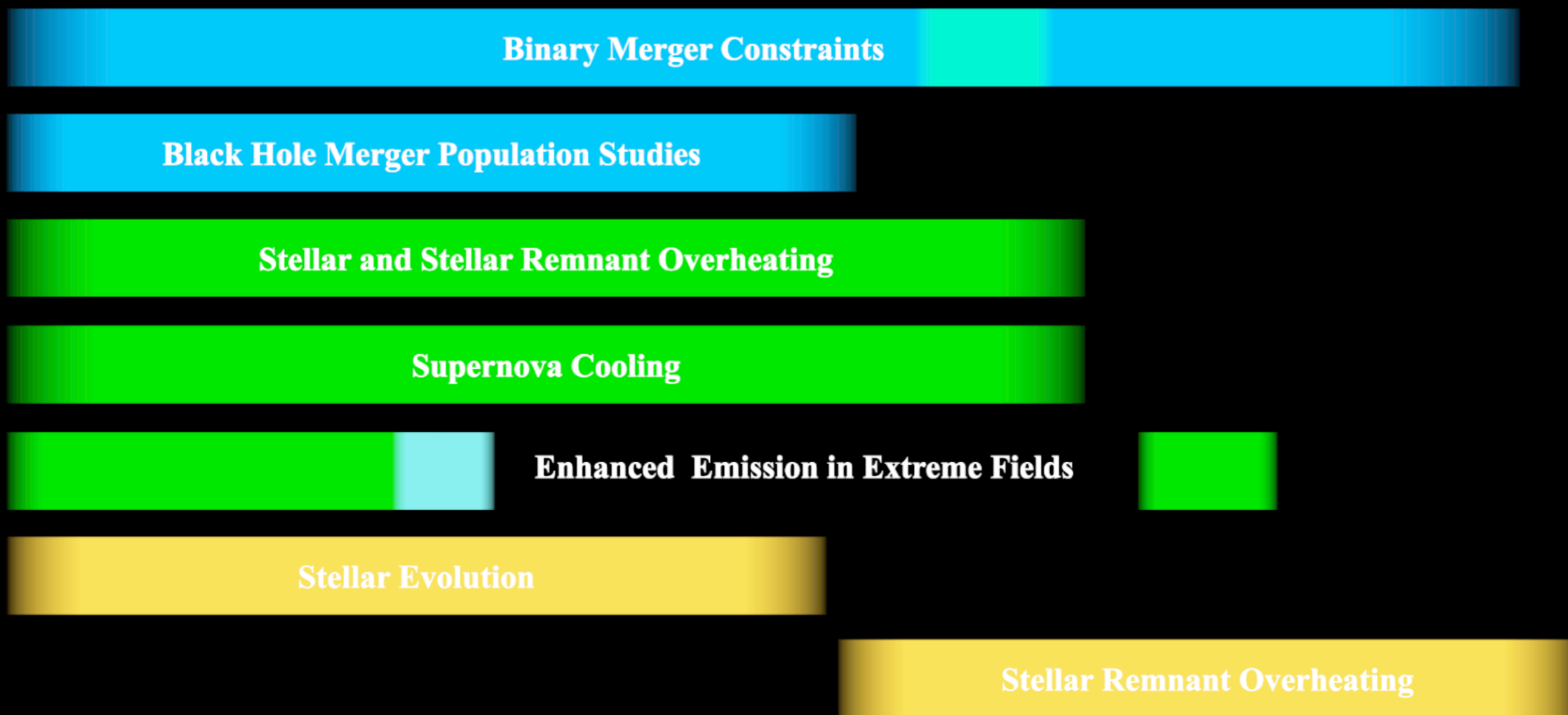


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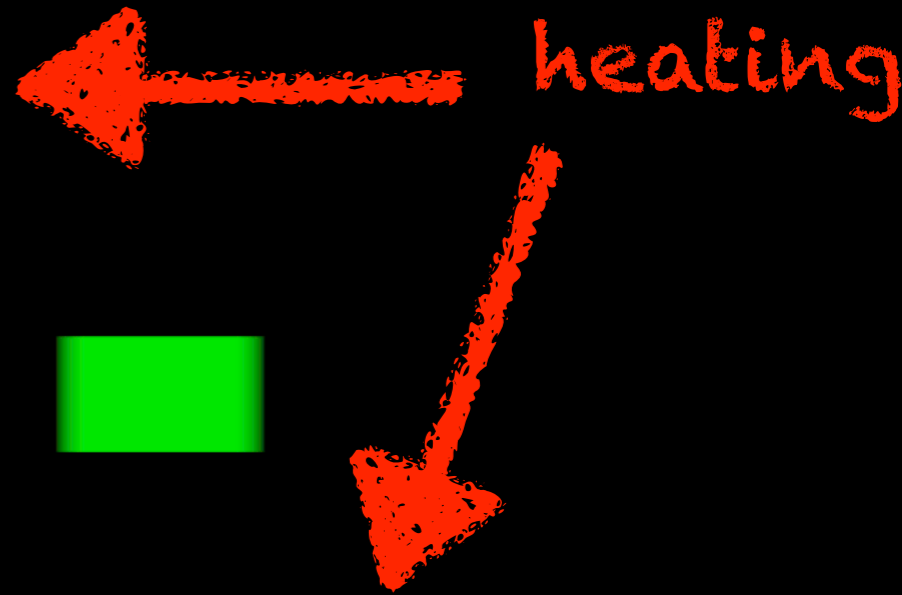
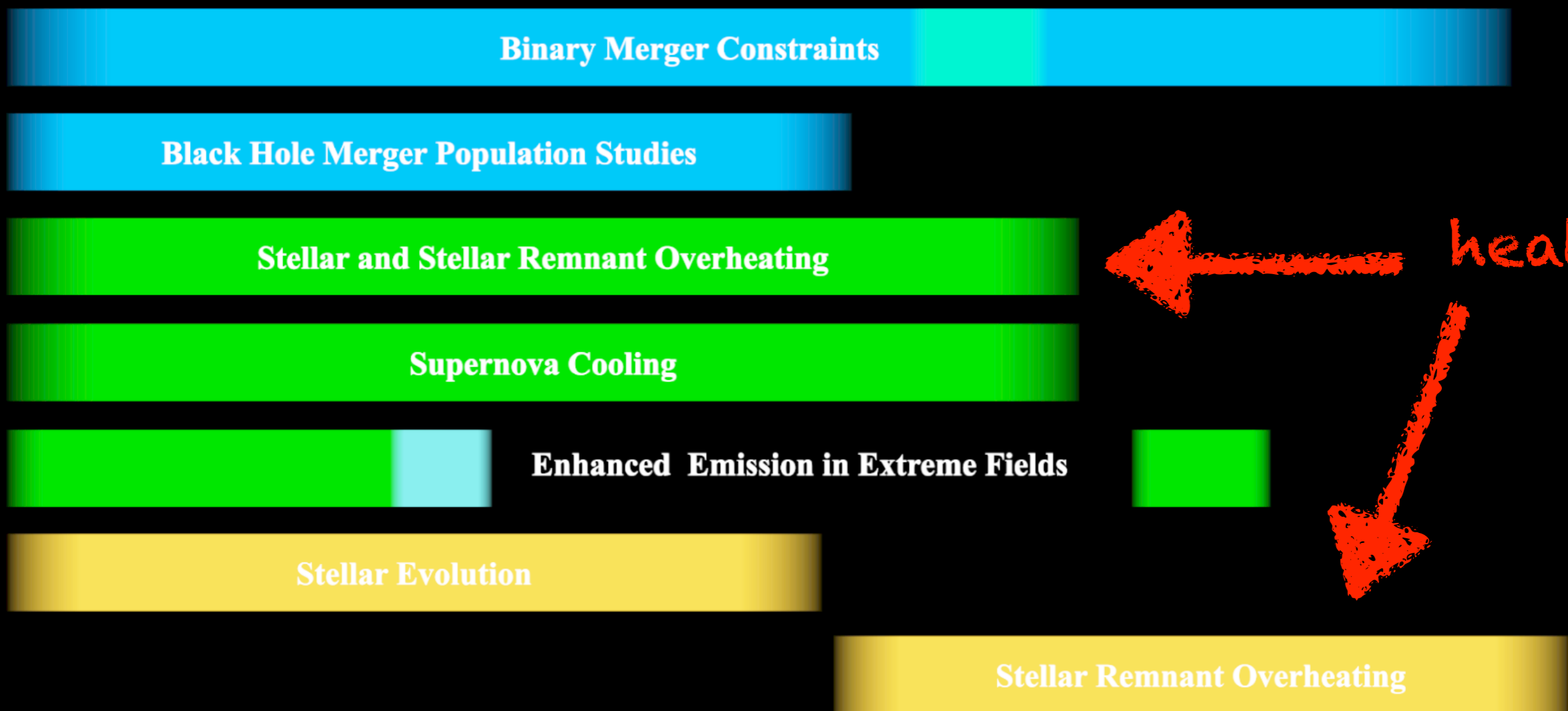
# Dark matter?

Defined as matter which does not interact (appreciably) with Standard Model matter (may or may not saturate relic abundance)



— **Experimental Techniques** —





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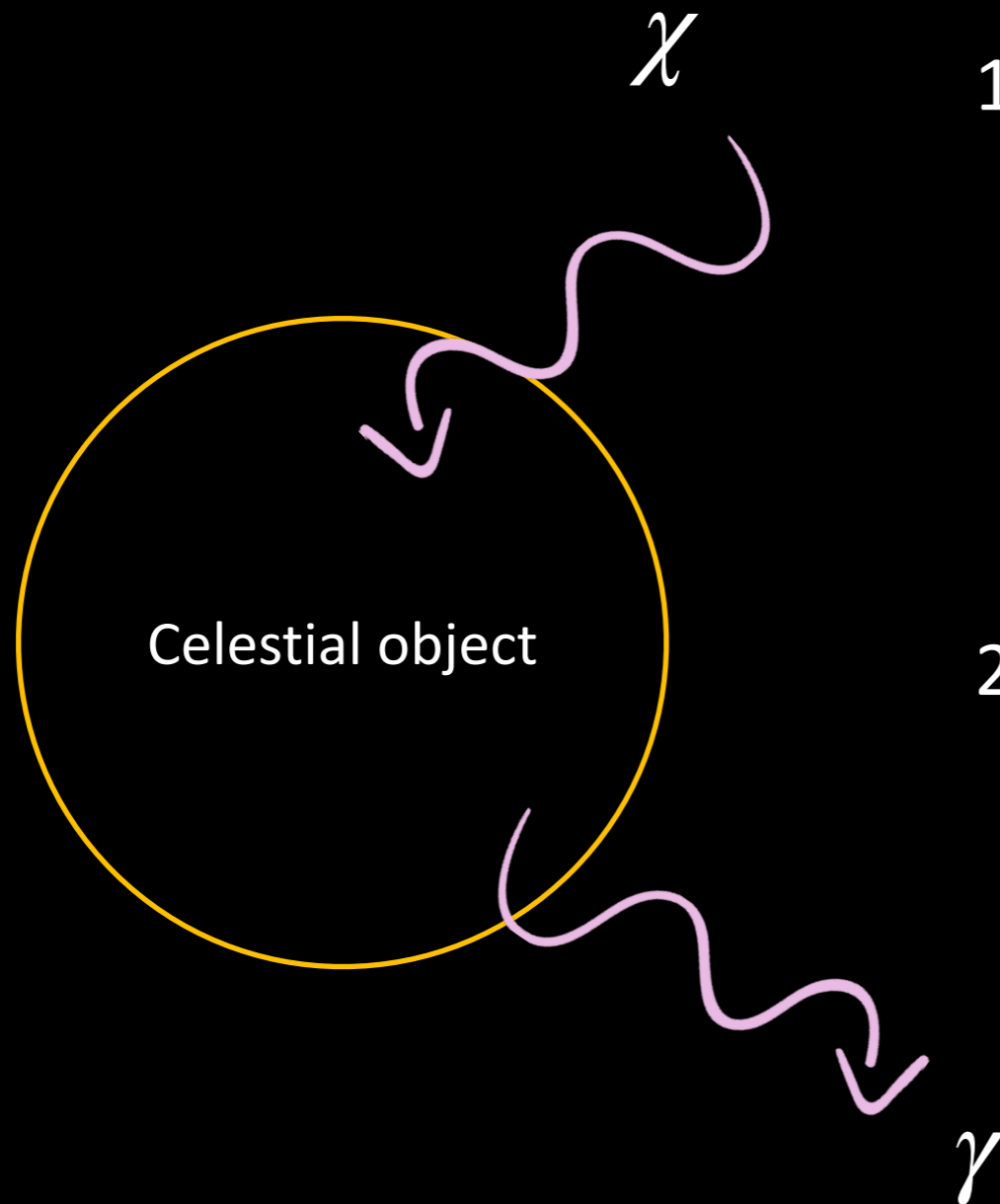


# Dark matter heating

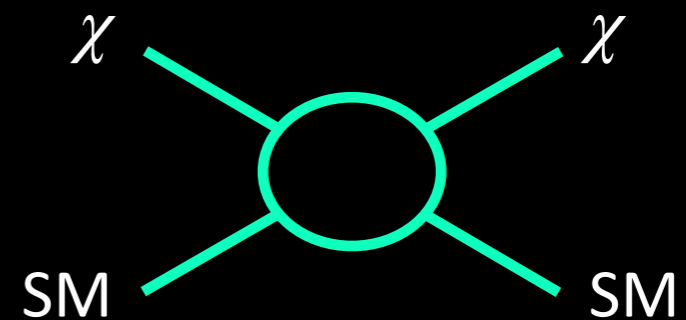
- Relevant for celestial objects without nuclear burning
- Sensitive to DM abundance  $\checkmark$  &  $\times$

Type of DM	signal	mass range	coupling range
DM with scattering and annihilation processes	Stars and planets overheating, or producing gamma rays/neutrinos	$\gtrsim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$ (depending on object and particle model)	$\sigma_{n\chi} \gtrsim 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ (depending on object and particle model)
DM mixing with neutrons	NS overheating	$\lesssim 1.5 \text{ GeV}$	$10^{-17} \leq \epsilon_{nn'}/\text{eV} \leq 10^{-9}$

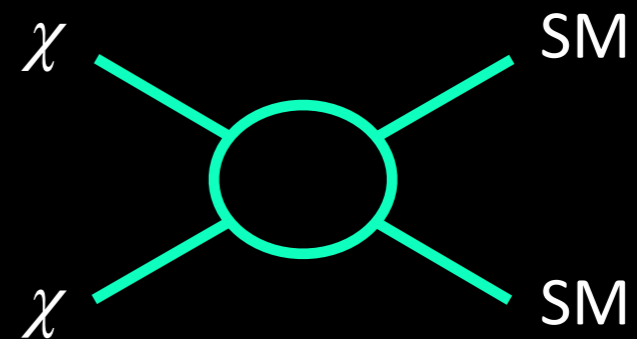
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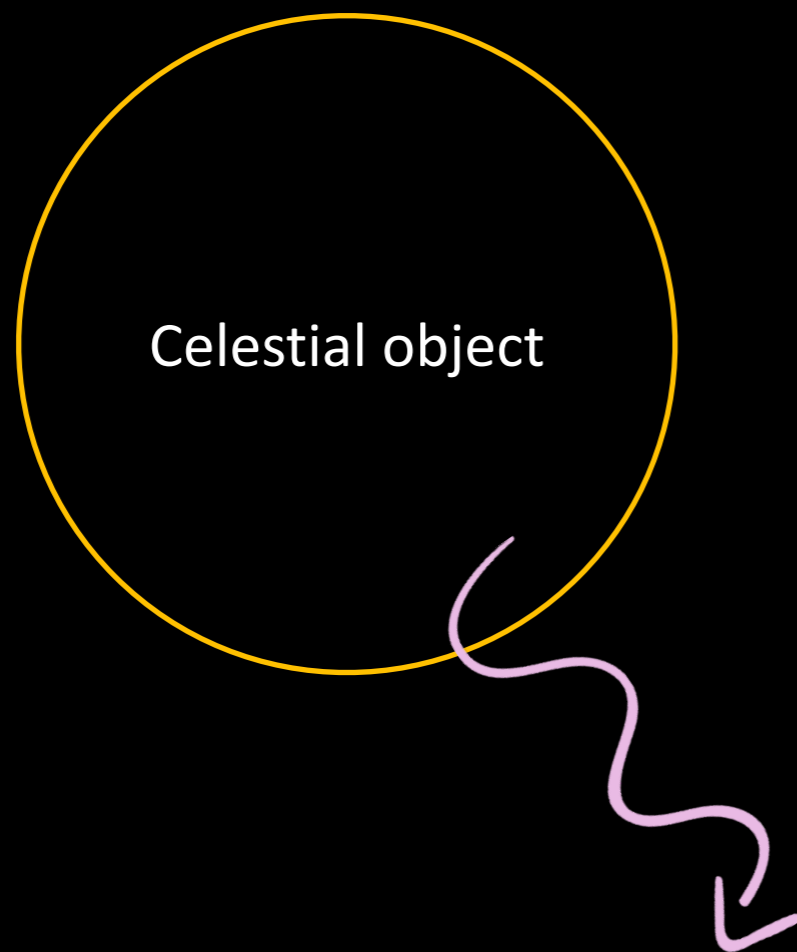
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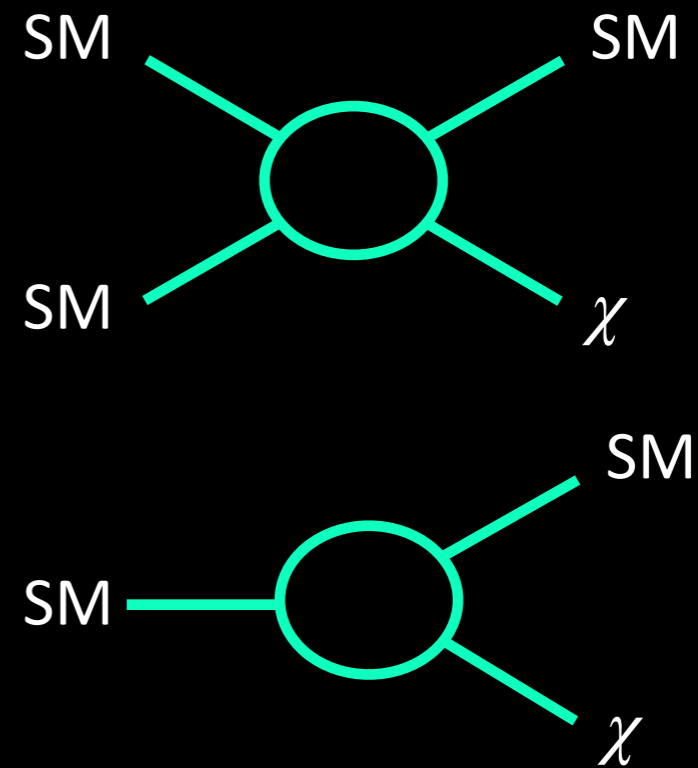
Sensitive to DM abundance ✓

Maximum injection for a non-depleting abundance: annihilation equilibrium

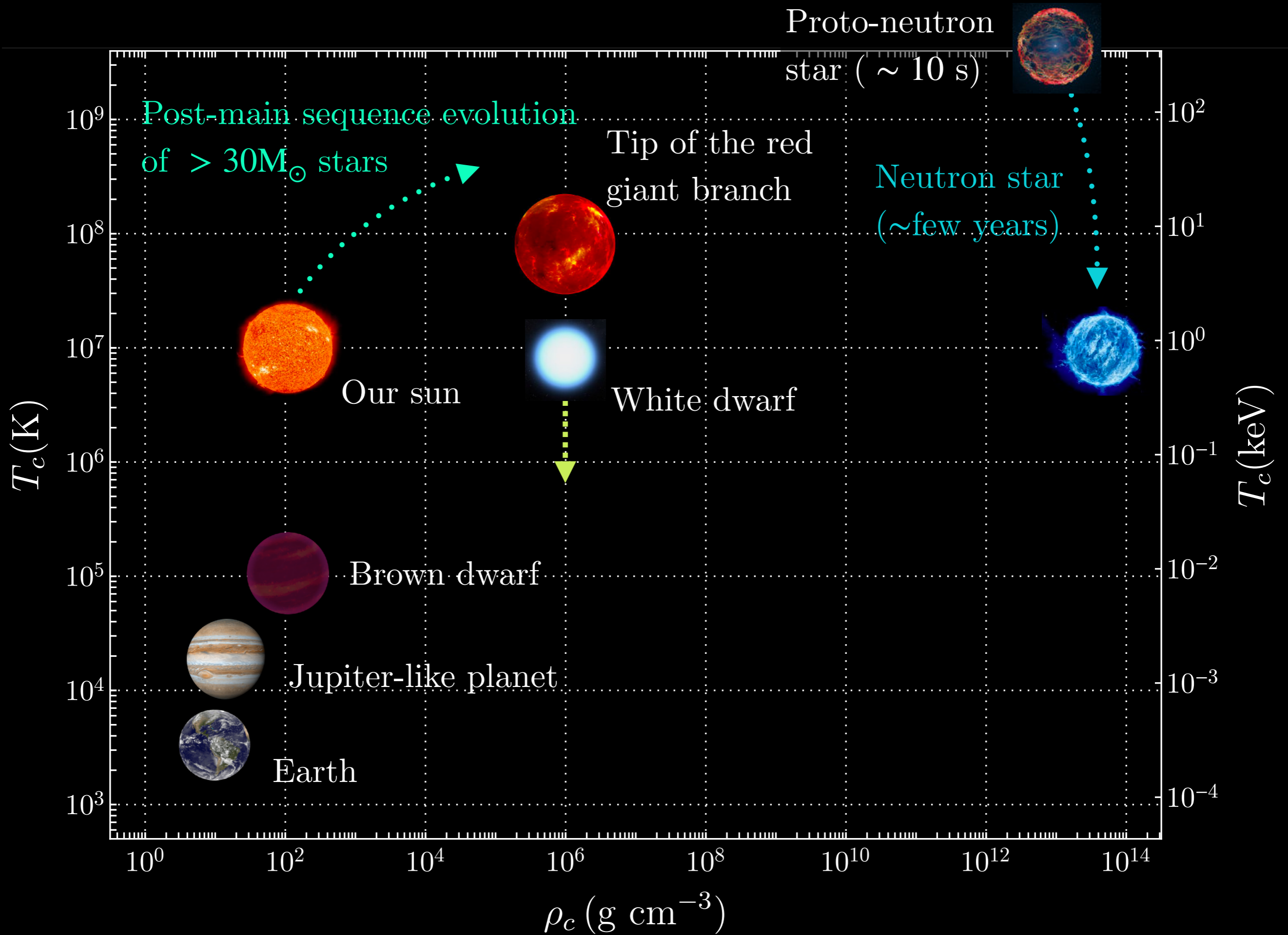
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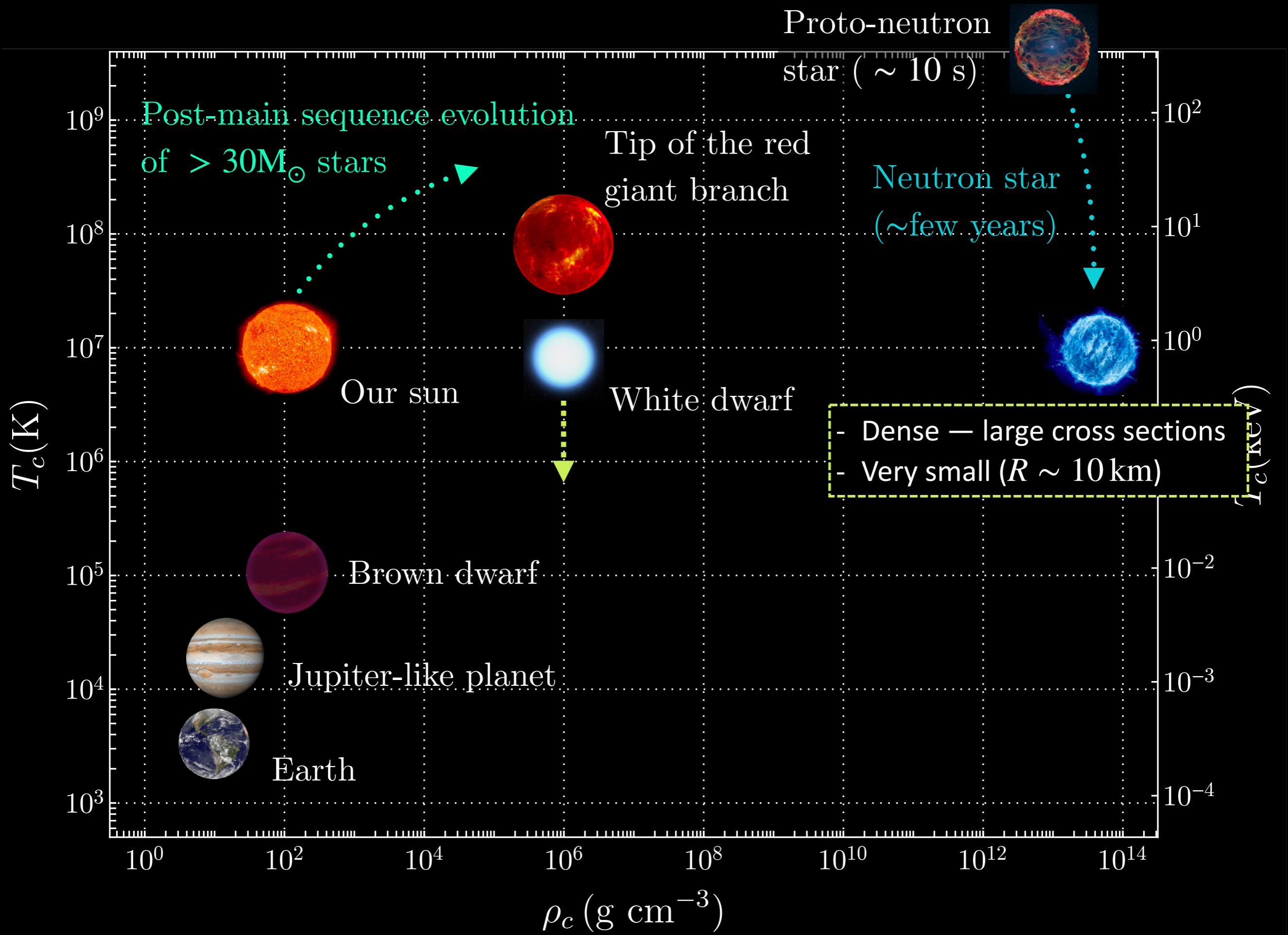


Annihilation or decay



Sensitive to DM abundance  $\times$







# Neutron star heating: the Auger effect

- “Dark neutrons” carrying baryon number
- suggested in mirror models
  - can explain the neutron lifetime anomaly



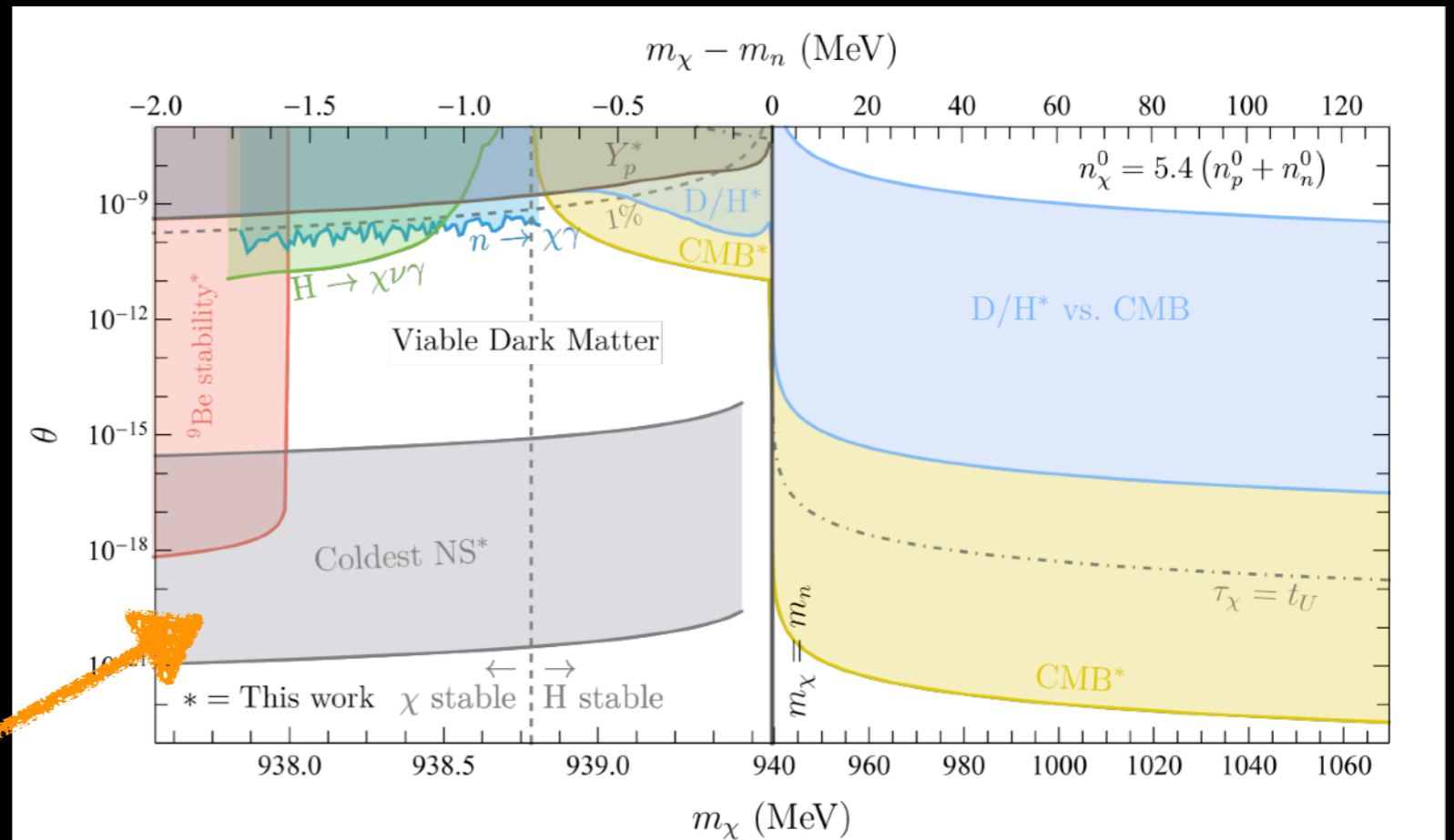
Elementary or composite  
 e.g. Fornal & Grinstein, PRL 2018  
 Berezhiani, Eur Phys J C, 2019

In neutron stars:

- $nN \rightarrow \chi N$
- $n \rightarrow \chi \gamma$

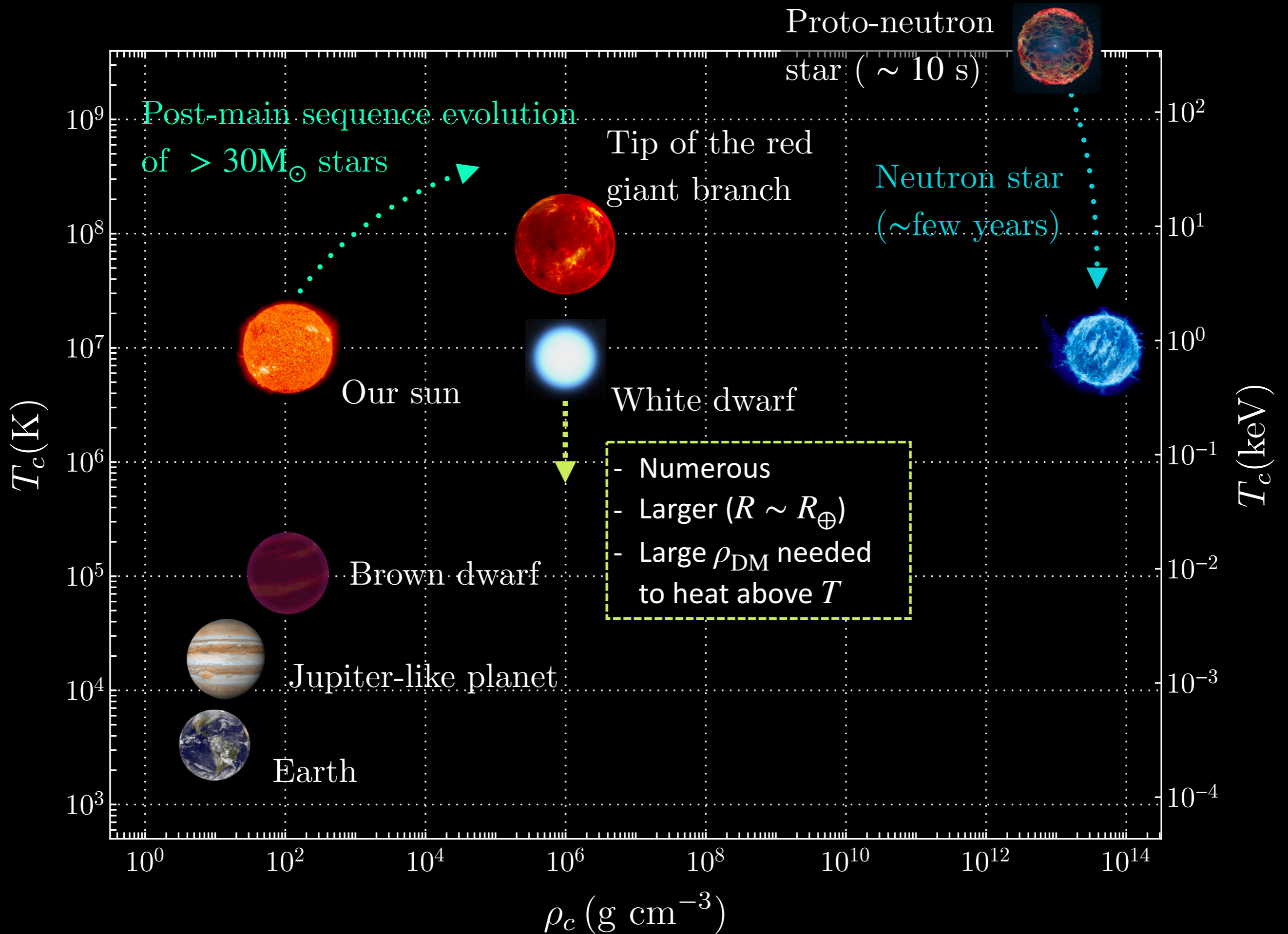
Depending on the rates

- soften the EOS
- overheat the NS: the nucleon Auger effect



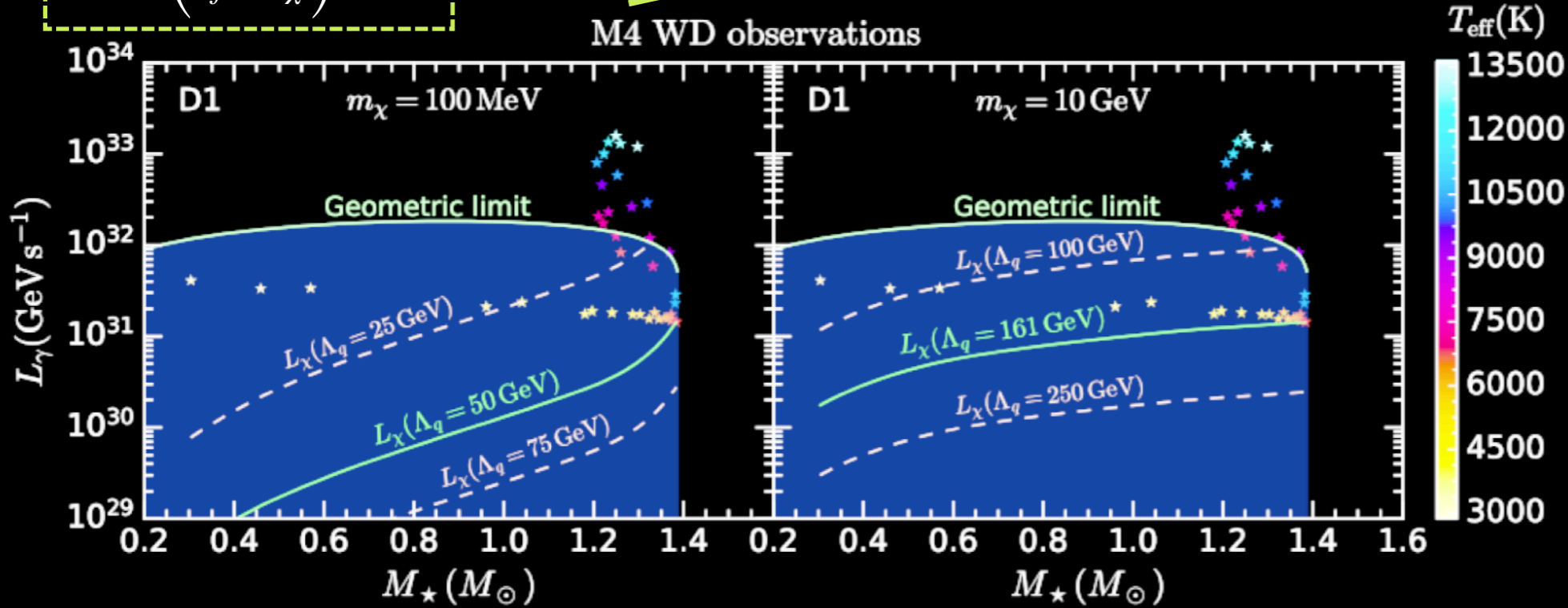
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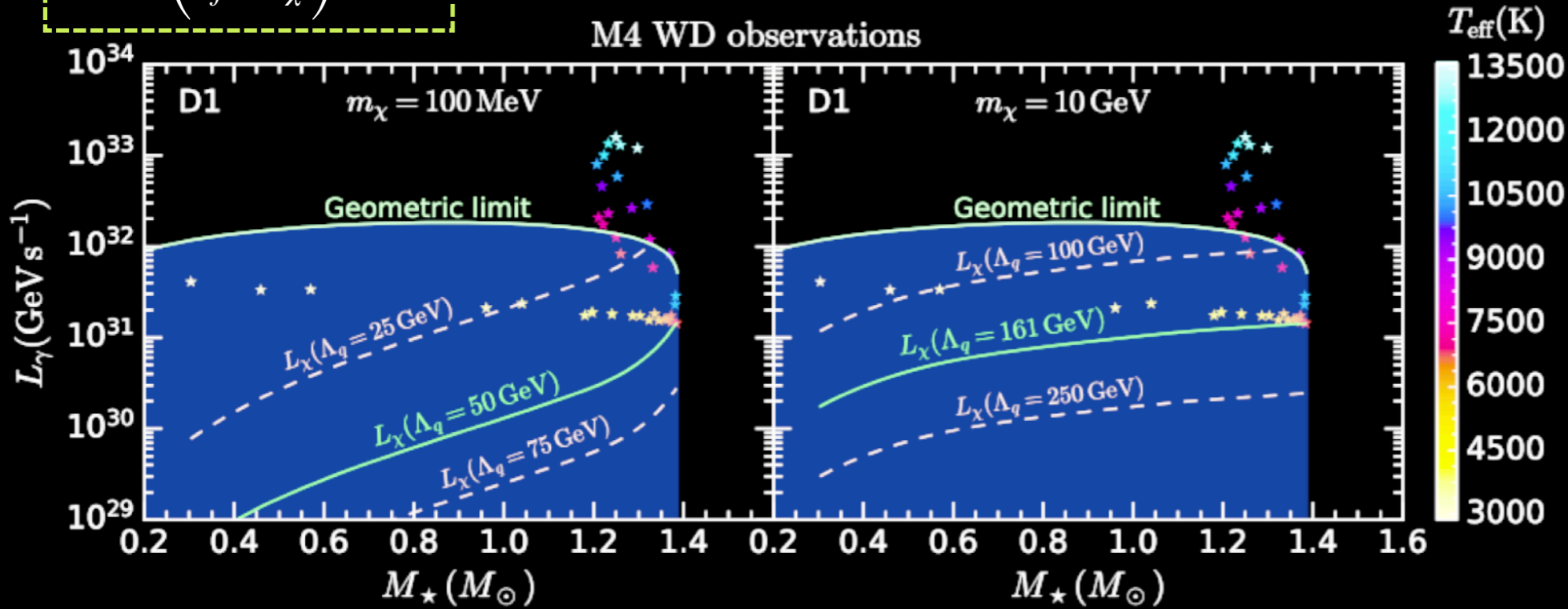


Messier 4, assumed to be in a DM subhalo

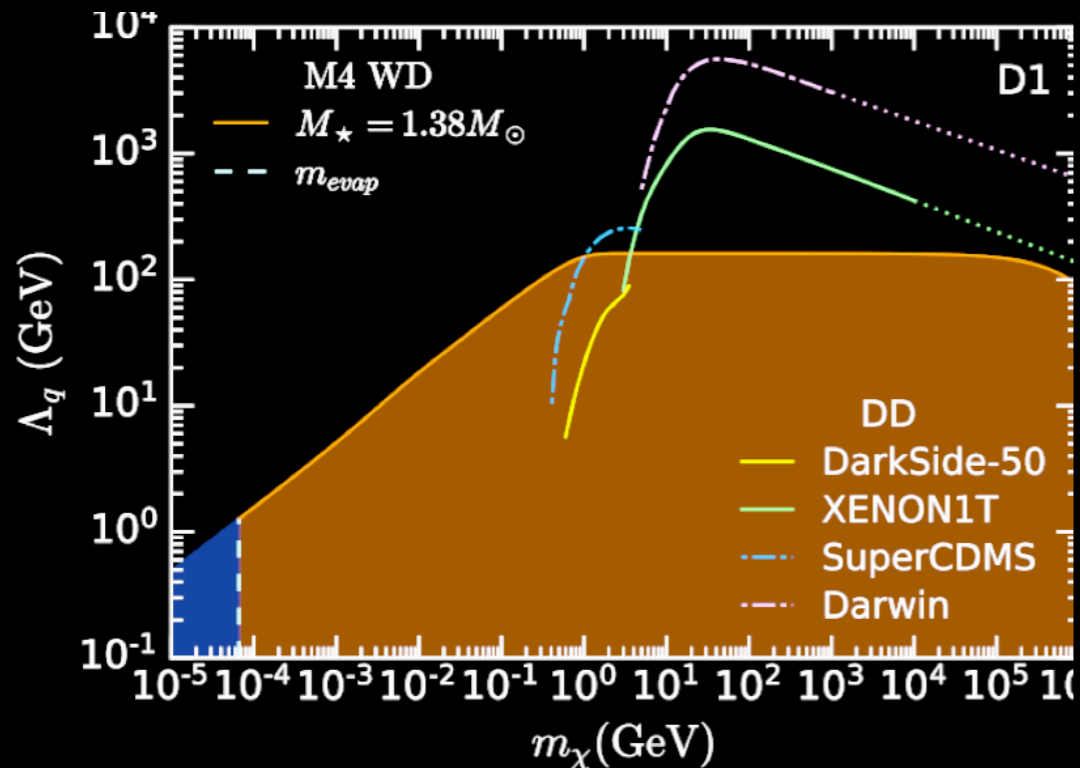
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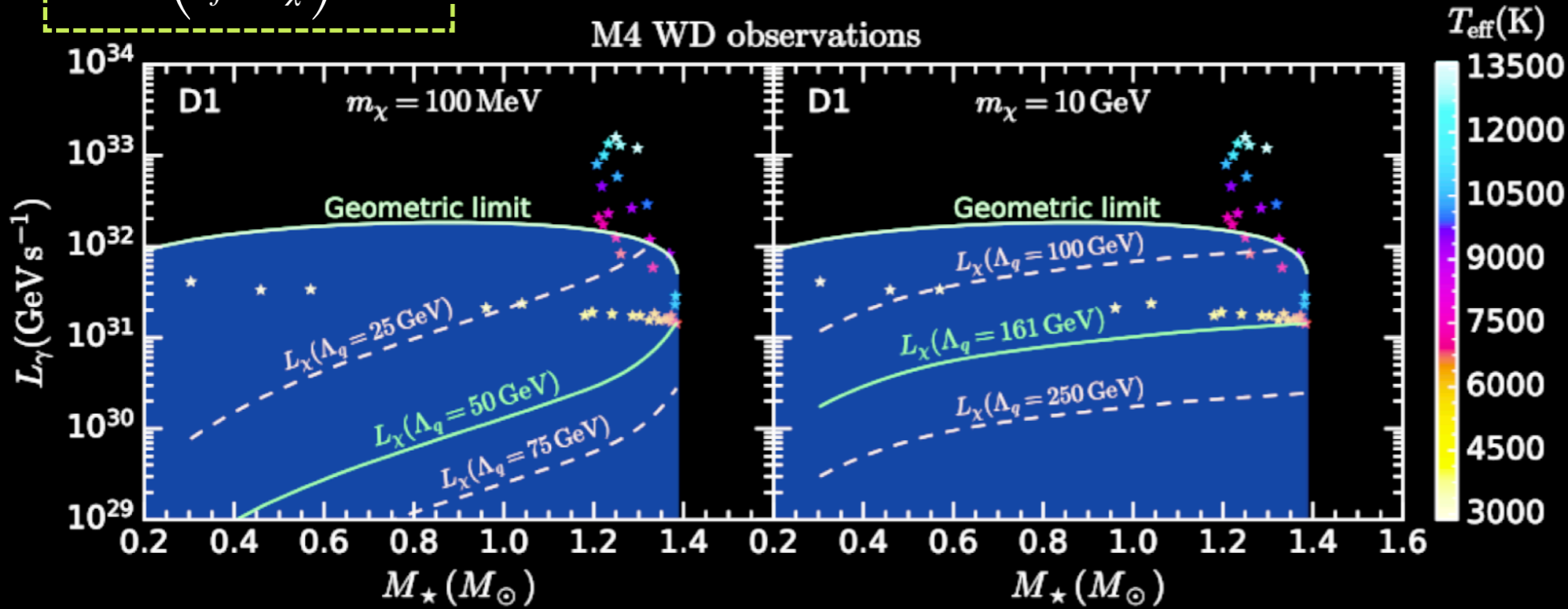


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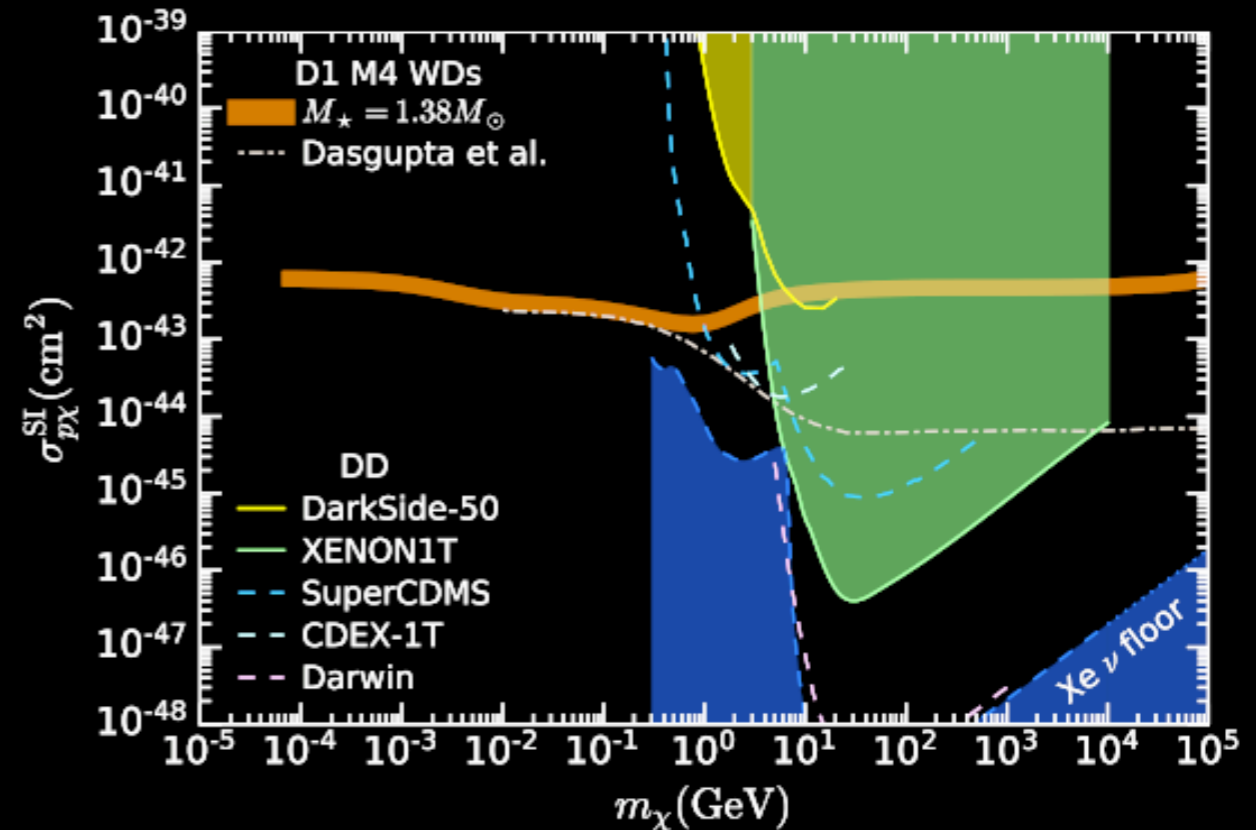
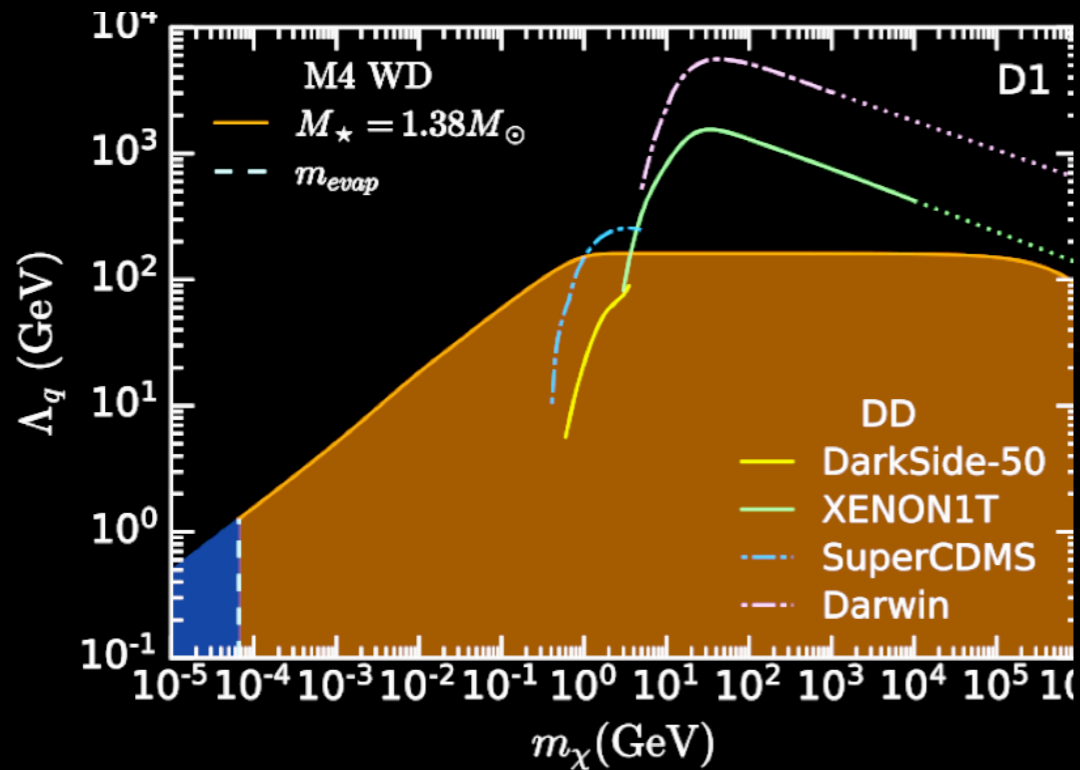


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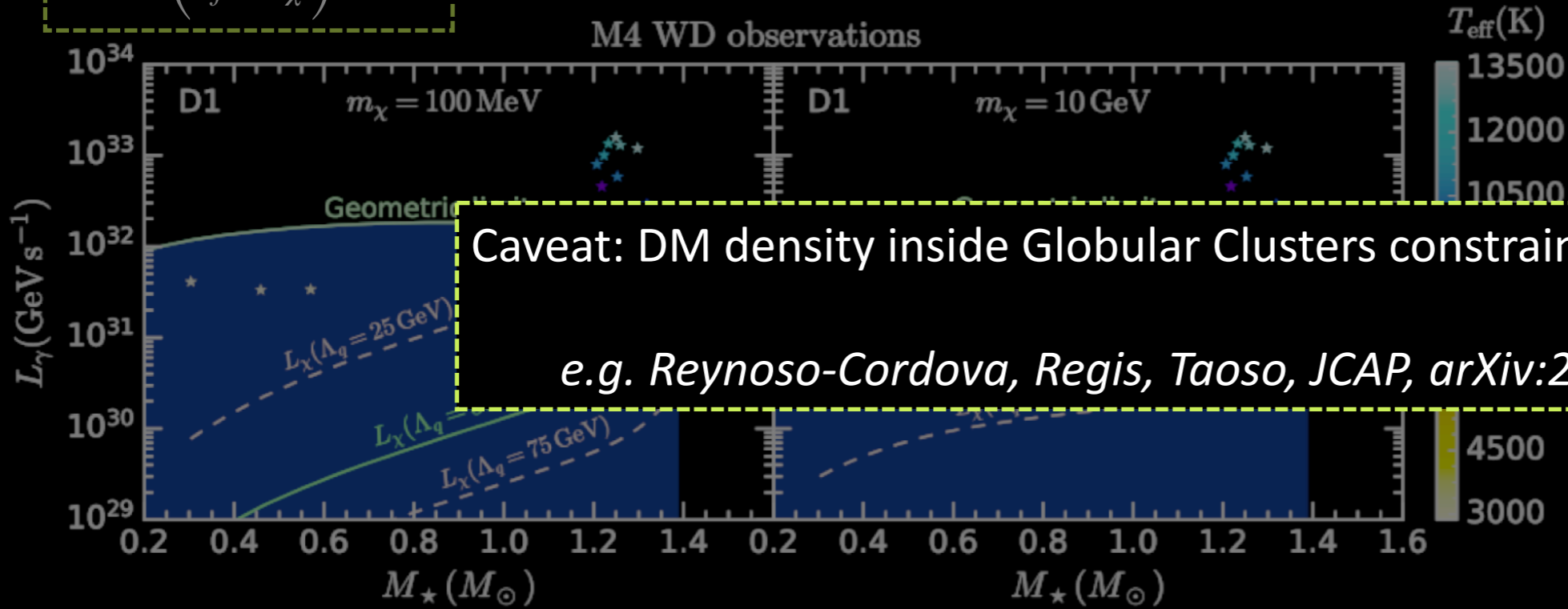
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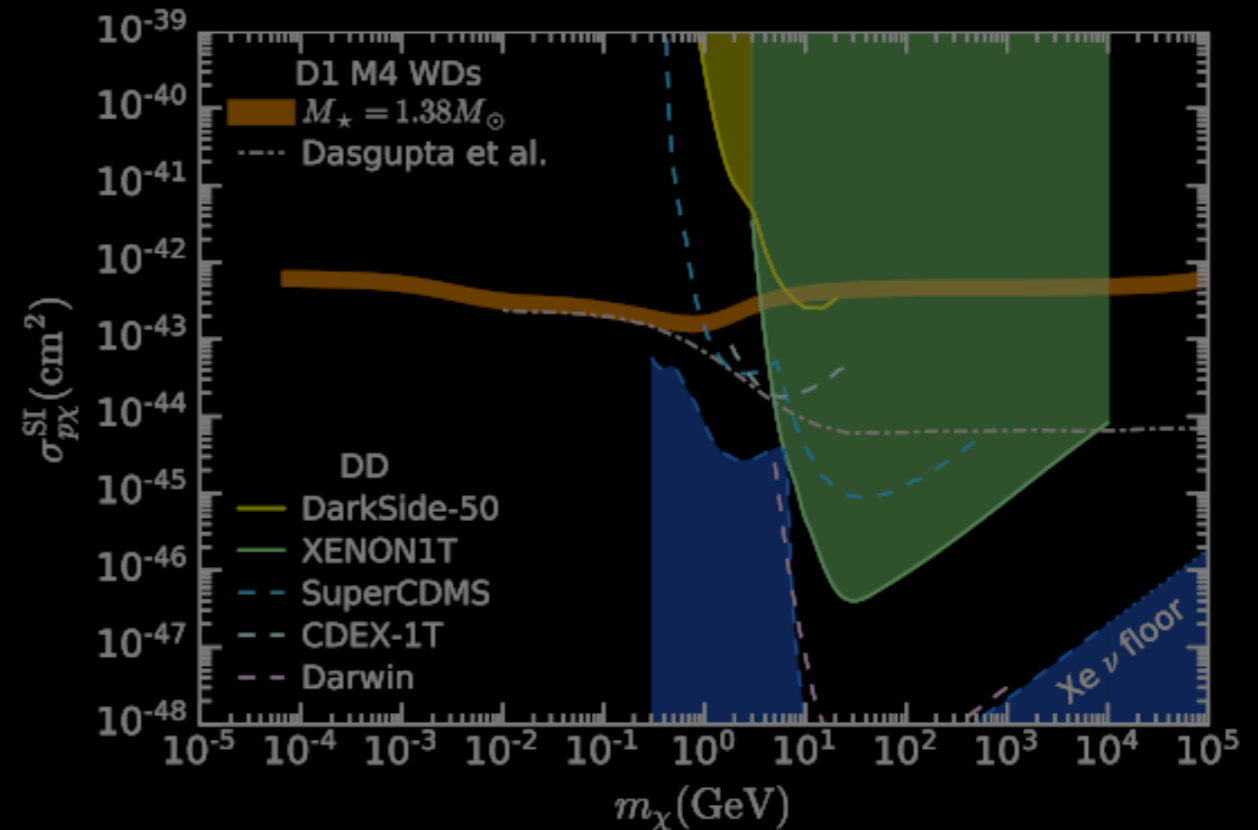
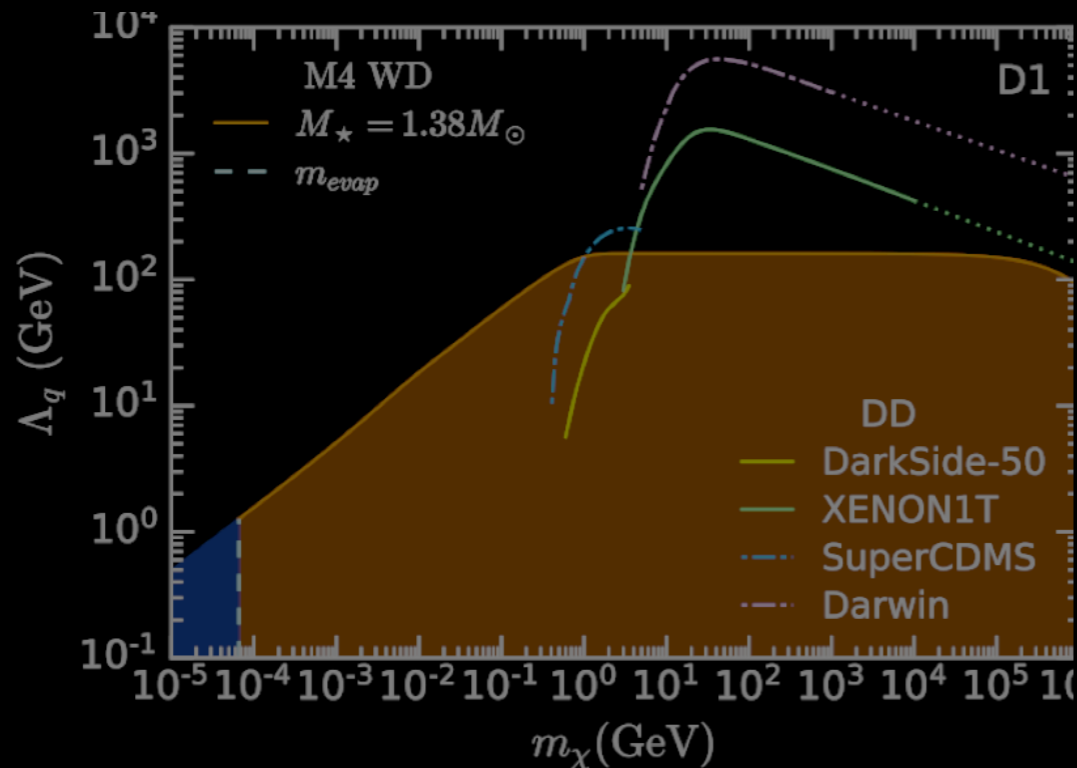


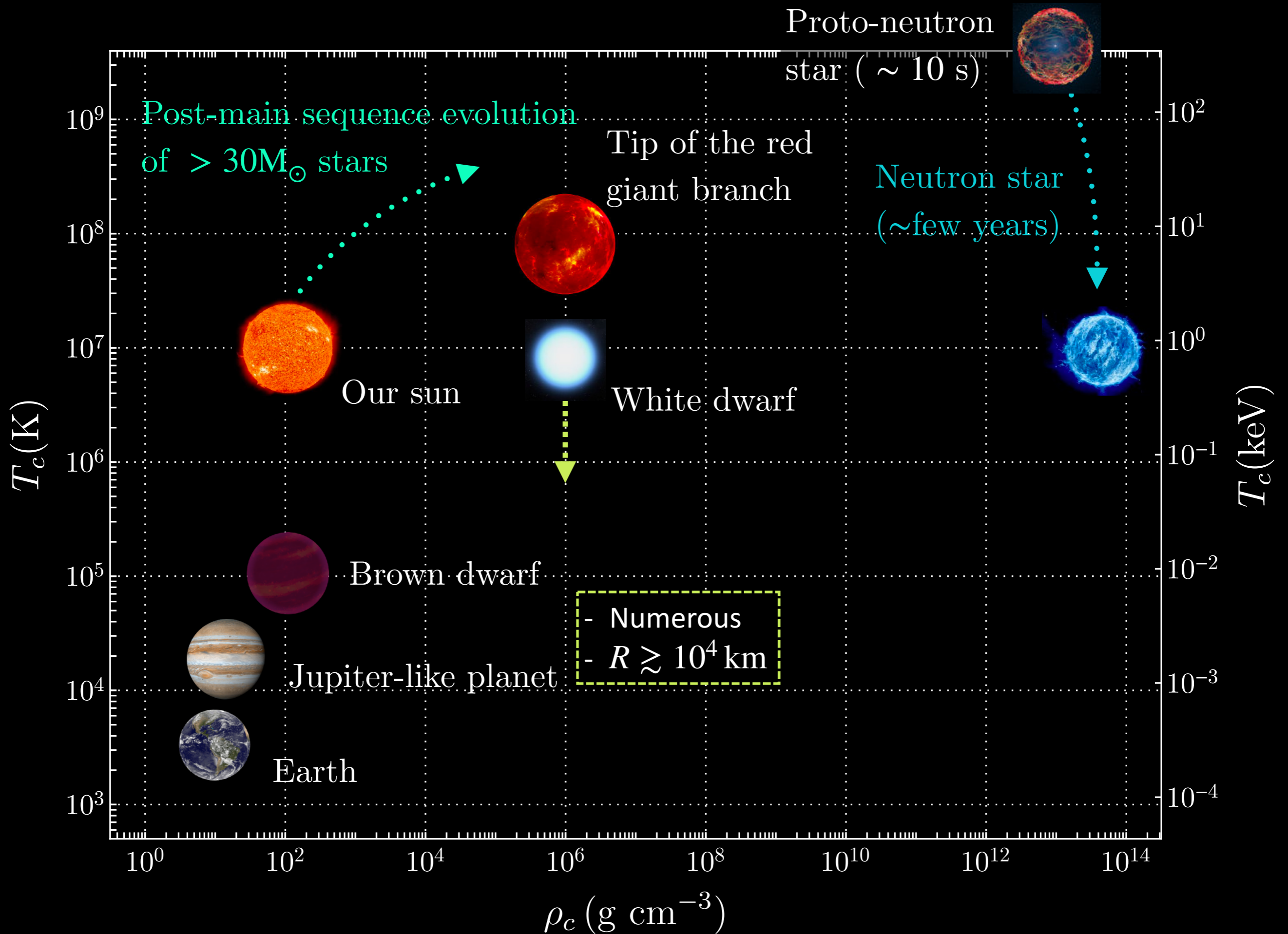
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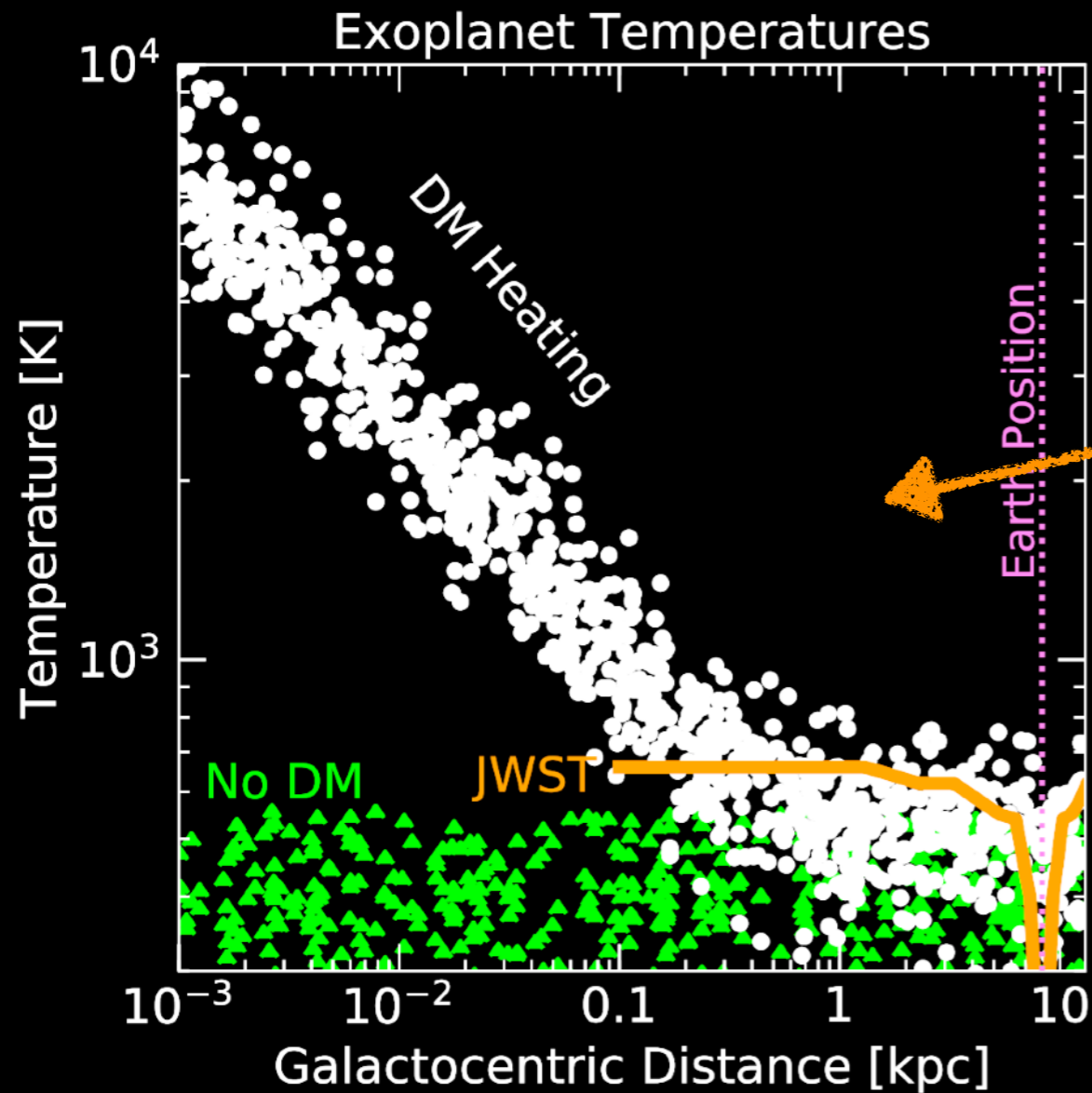


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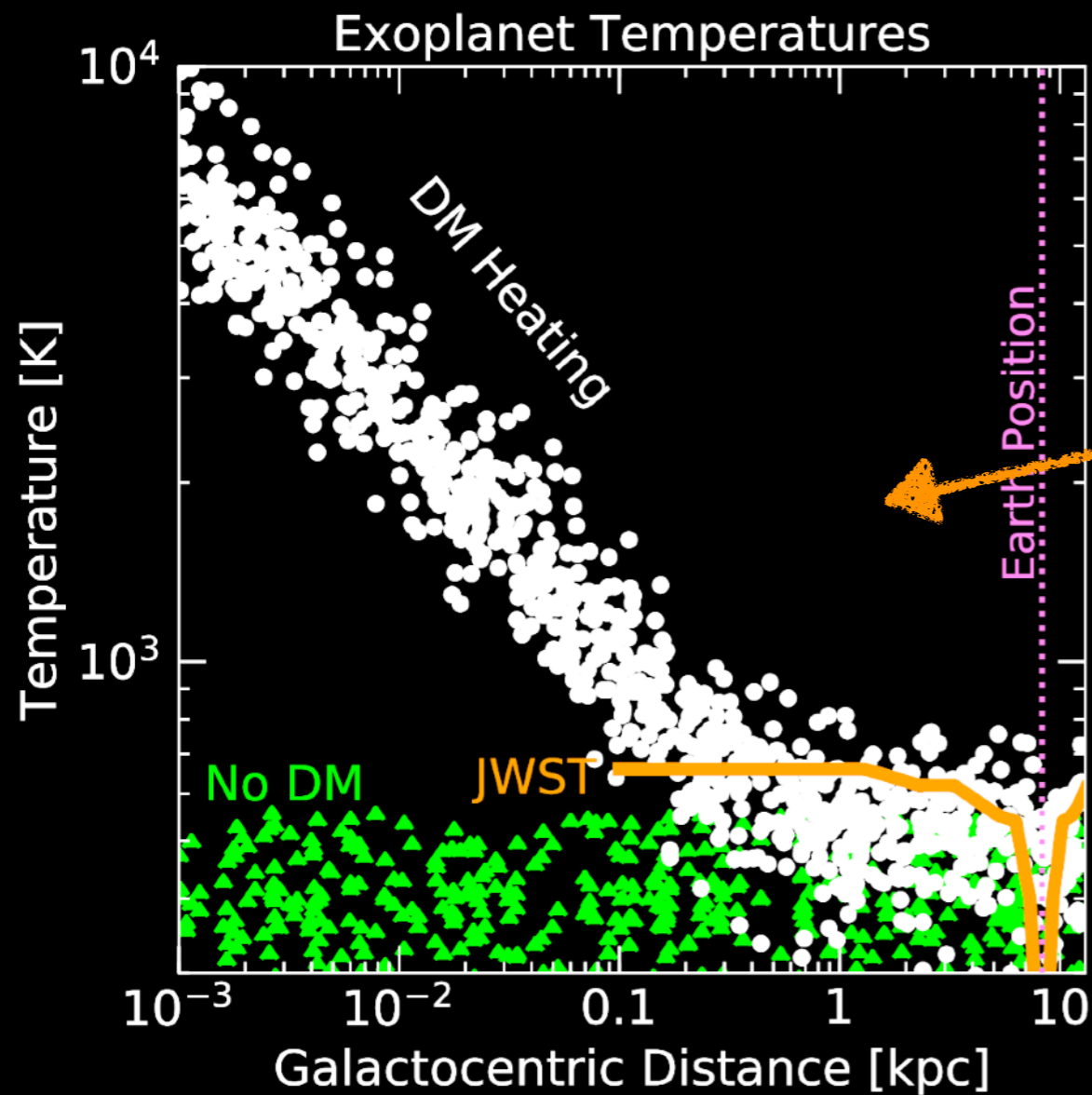


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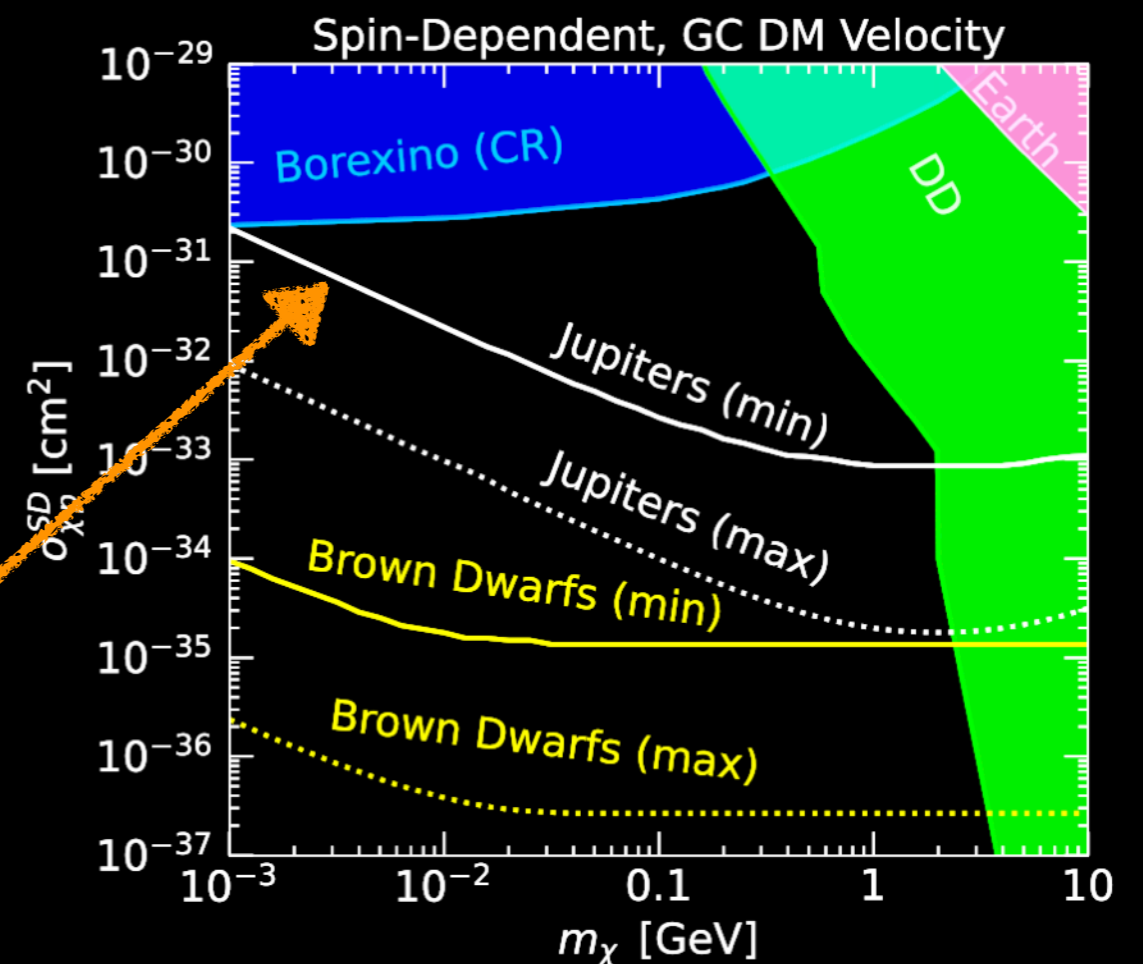
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← cooling



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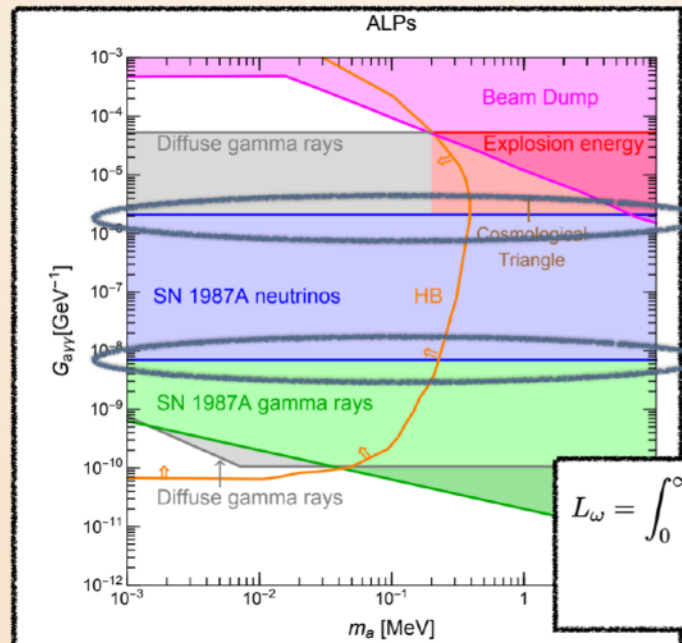
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### Limit for the axion-photon coupling



The duration of several seconds of the SN 1987A neutrino signal is incompatible with excessive energy loss in hypothetical new forms of radiation such as muon-philic scalars.

Trapping regime

Free streaming regime

$$L_{\omega} = \int_0^{\infty} dr 4\pi r^2 Q_{\omega}(r) \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} d\cos\beta \exp\left[-\int_0^{\infty} \frac{ds}{\lambda_{\omega}(\sqrt{r^2 + s^2 + 2rs\cos\beta})}\right]$$

$$T_{\omega}(r) = \langle e^{-\tau_{\omega,\mu}(r)} \rangle_{\text{angles}}$$

A.C, G. Raffelt, E. Vitagliano, *Phys.Rev.D* 105 (2022) 3, 035022  
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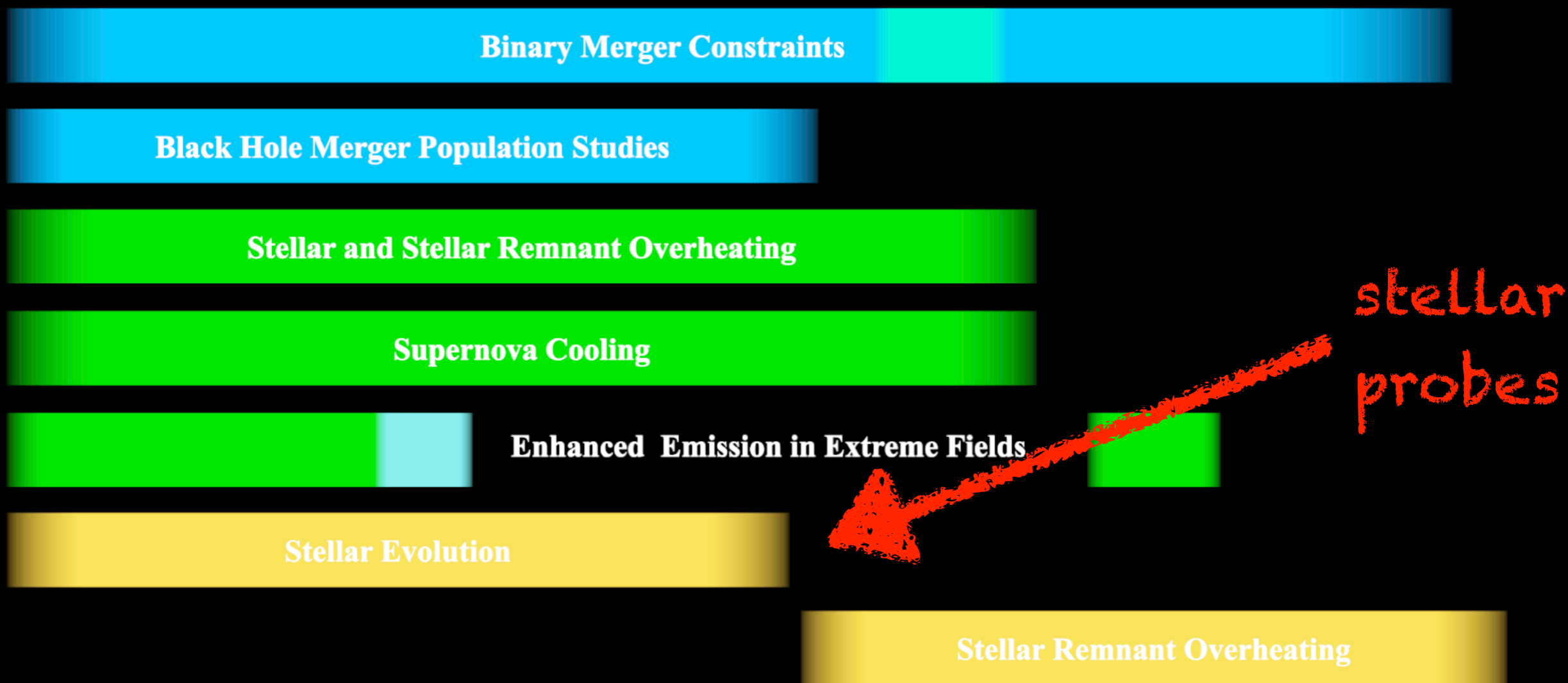
Andrea Caputo's talk

Stellar Remnant Overheating

+ Gamma ray bursts, low energy supernovae

### Experimental Techniques

- Gravitational Waves
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stellar probes (cooling\*)

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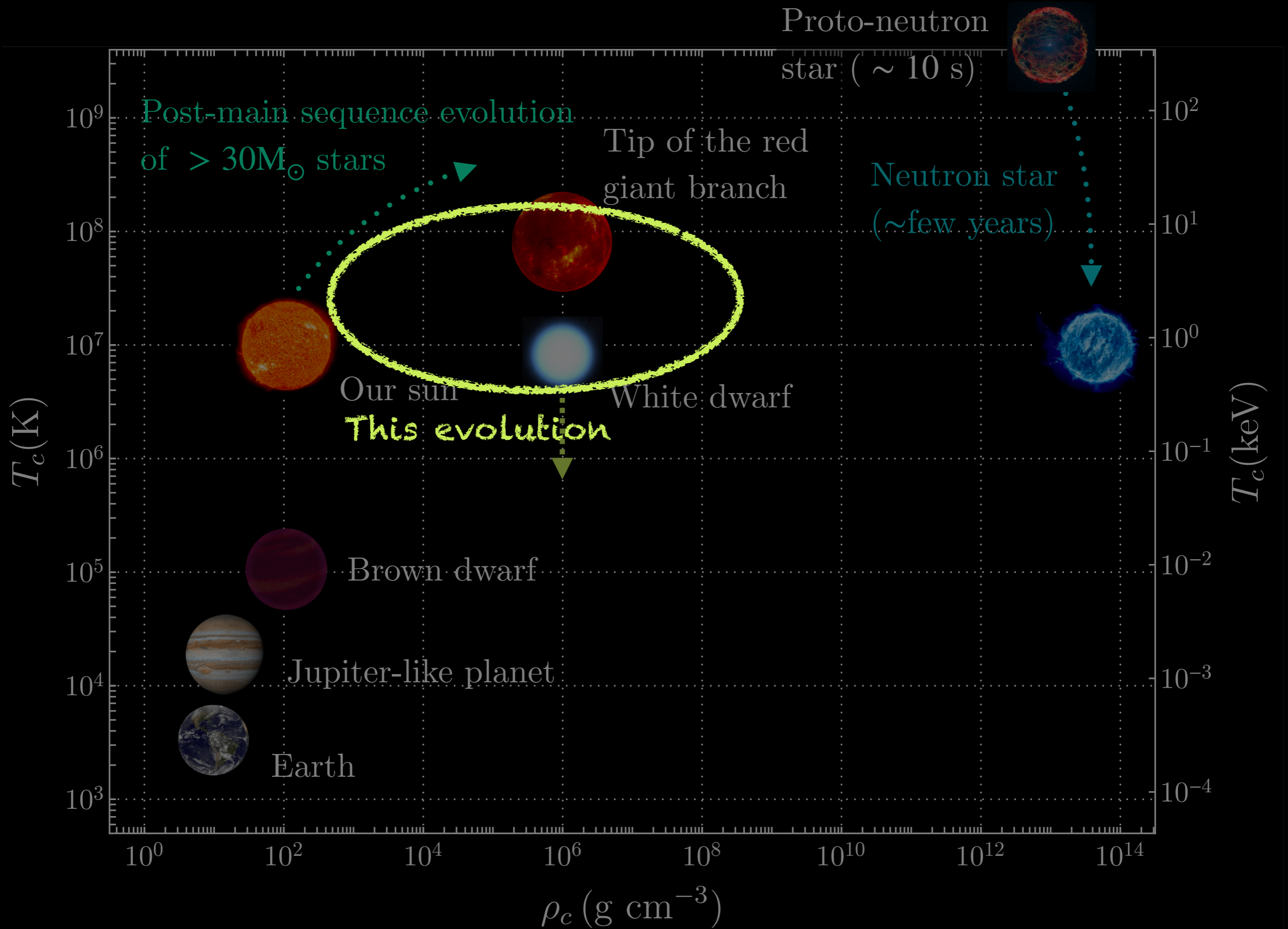
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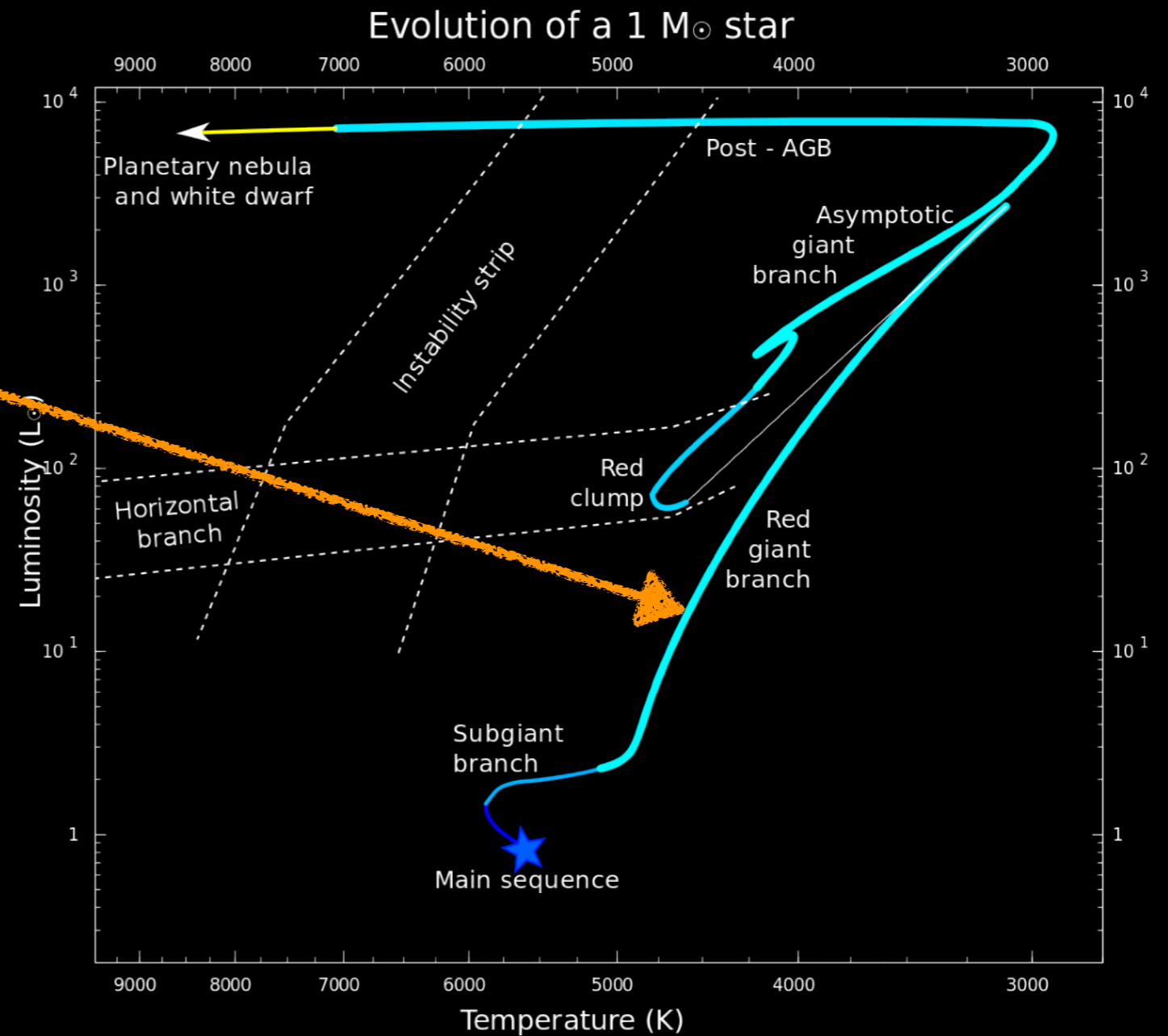


# The tip of the red giant branch



Red giants:

- inert helium core
- hydrogen shell burning



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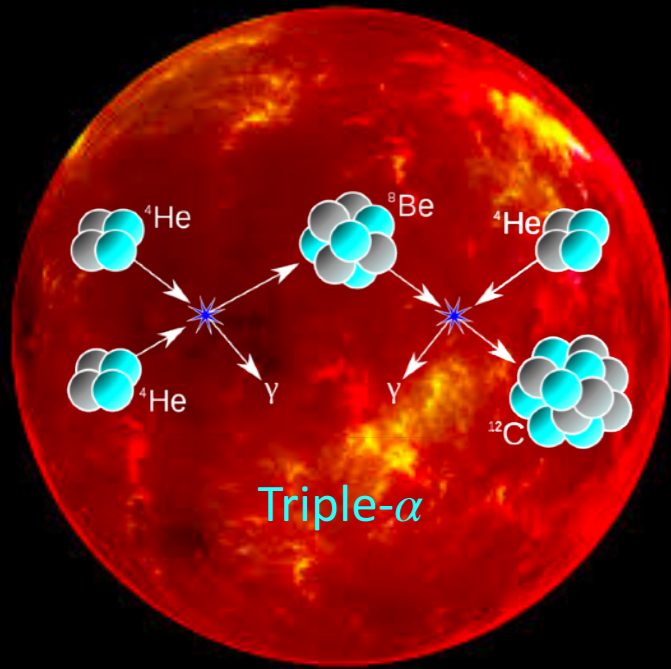
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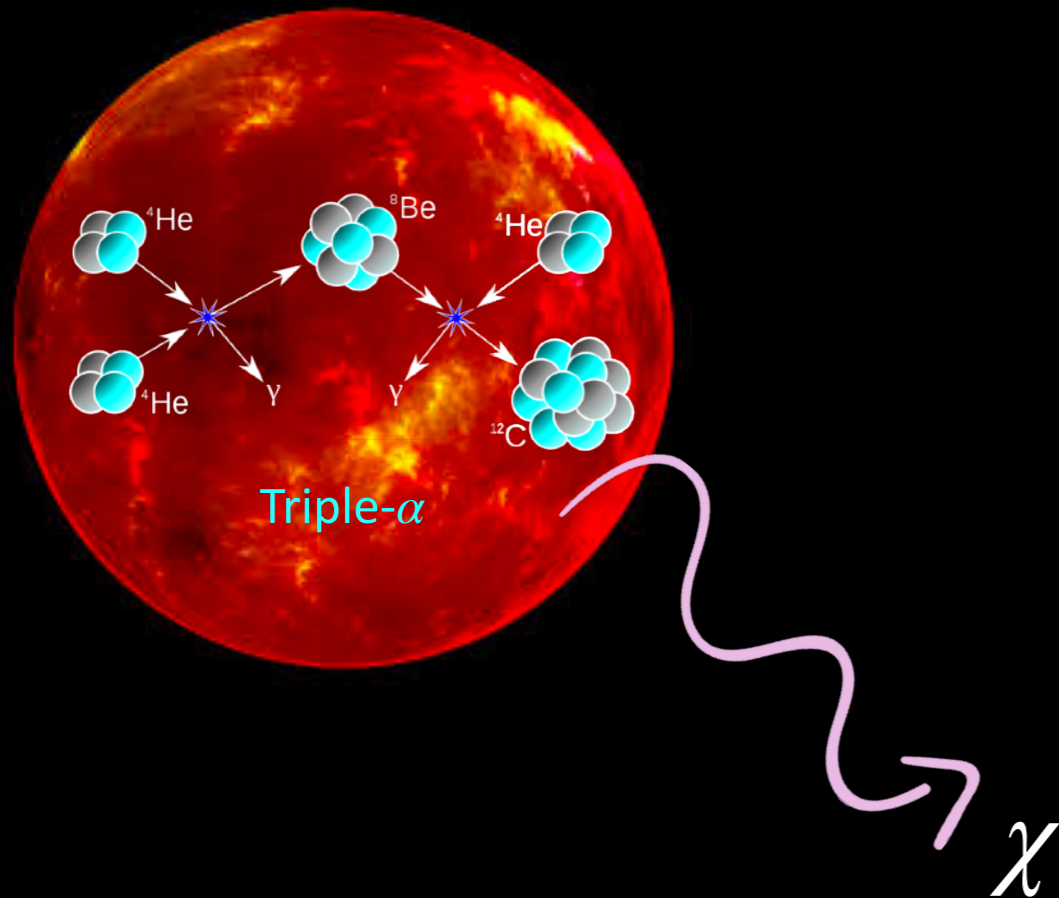
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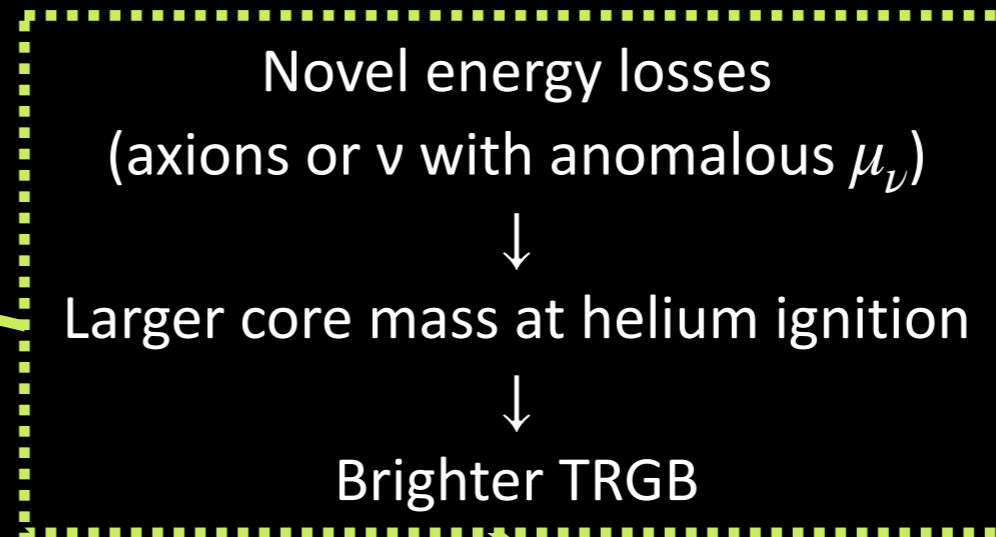
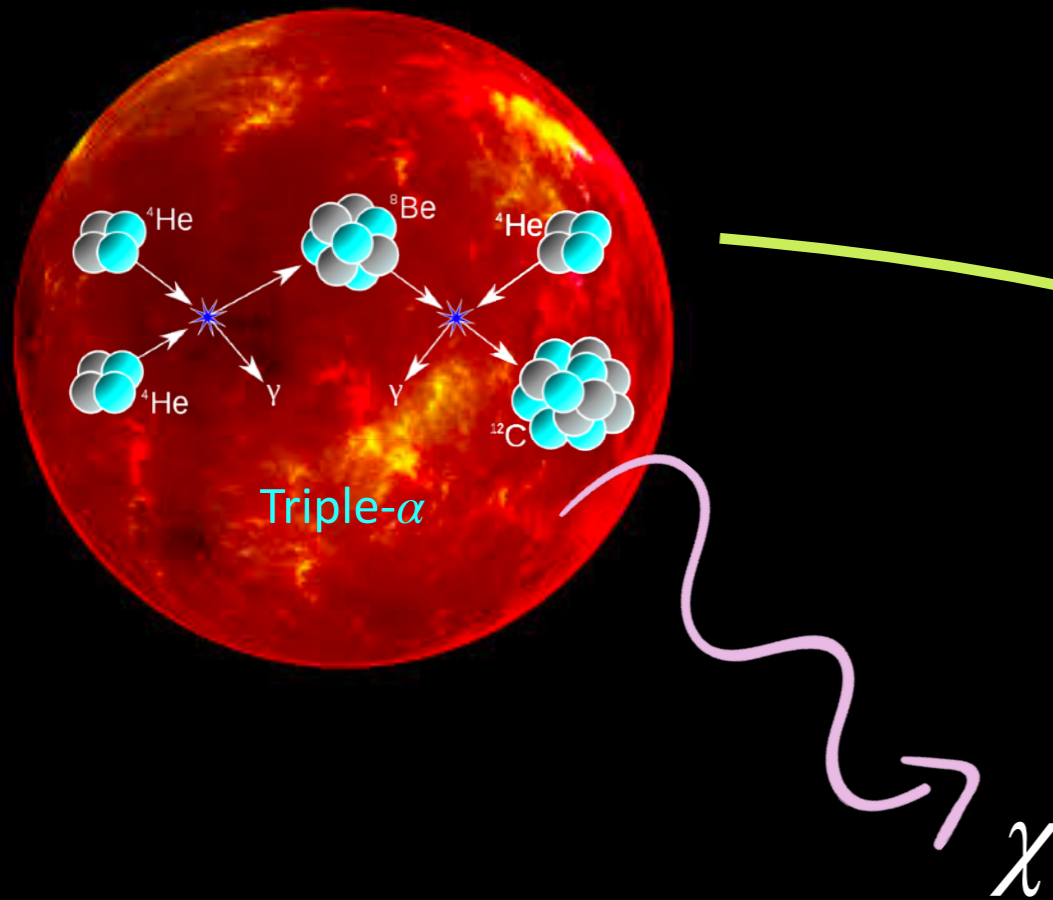
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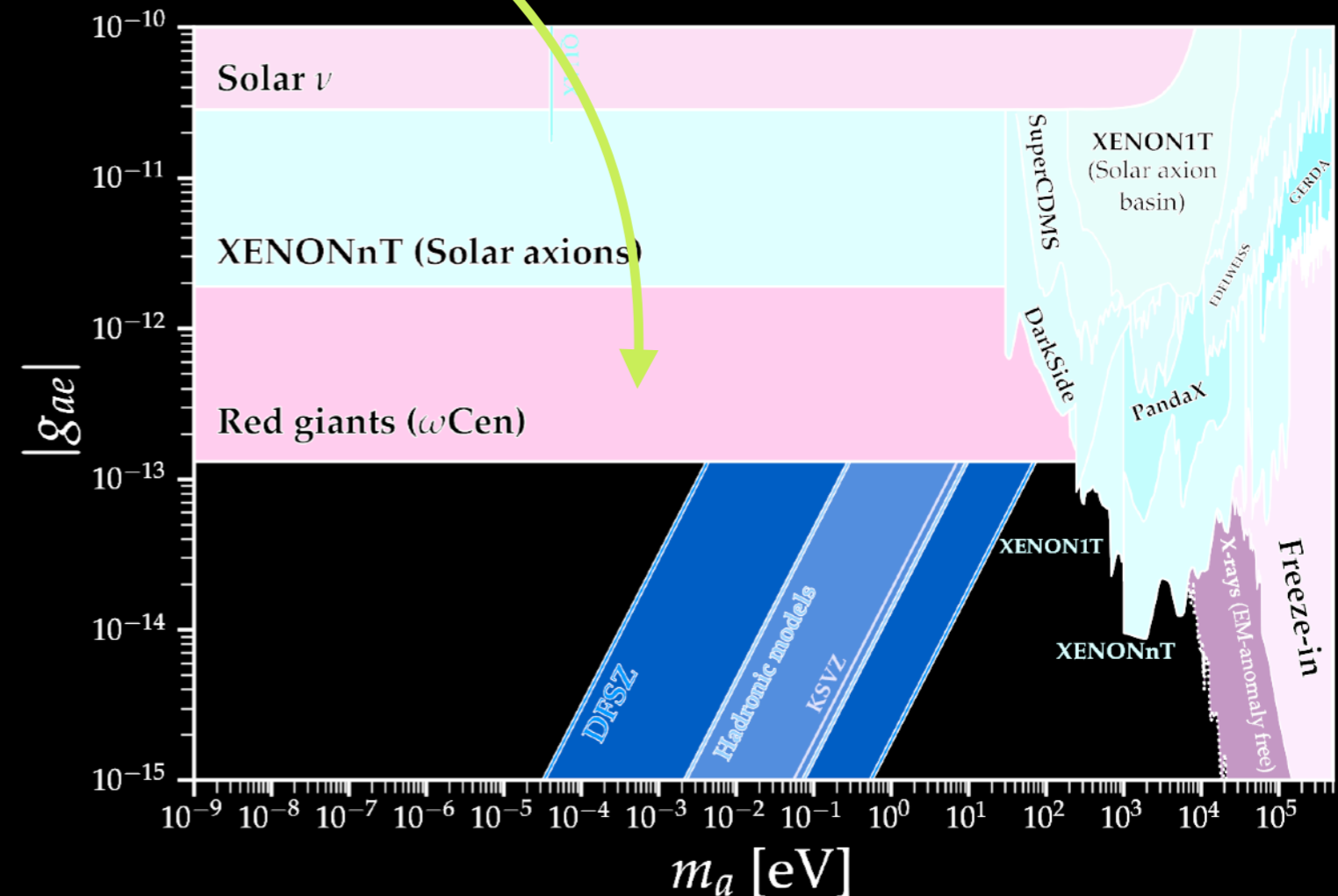
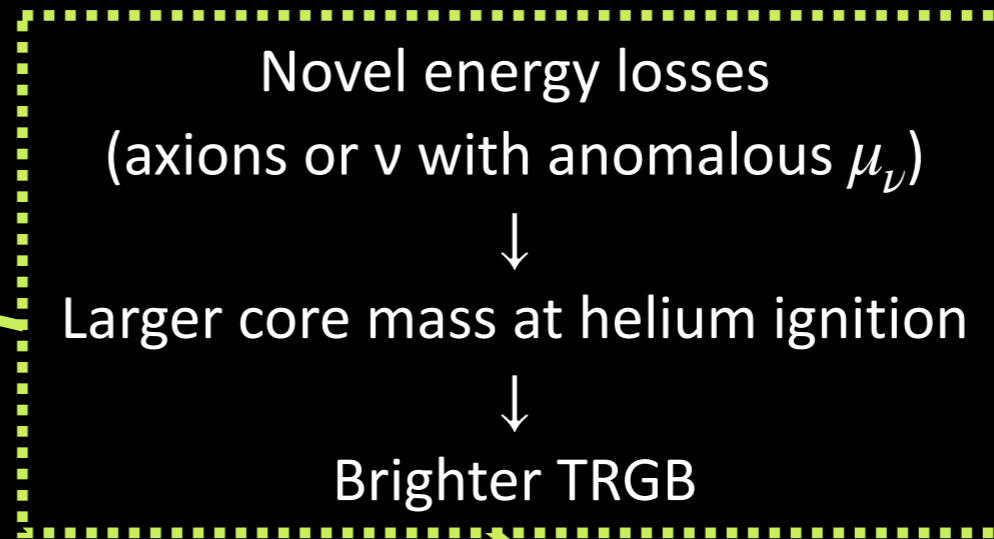
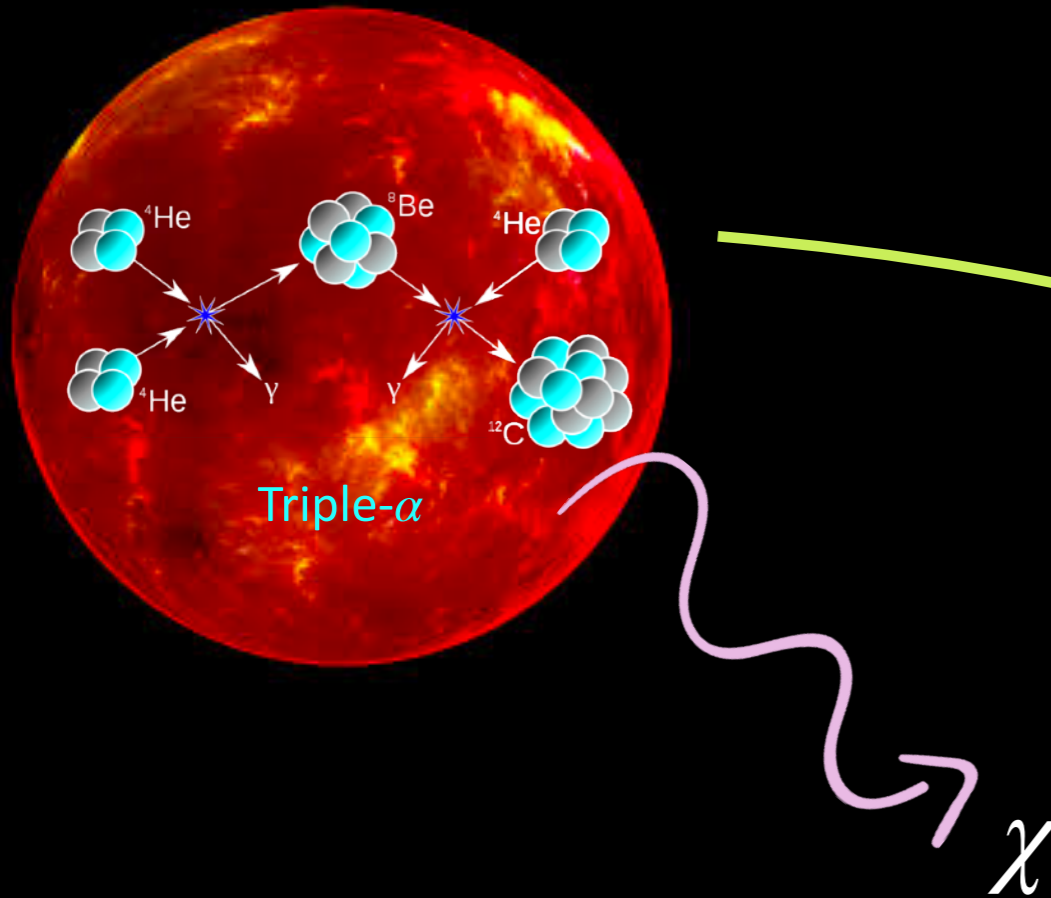
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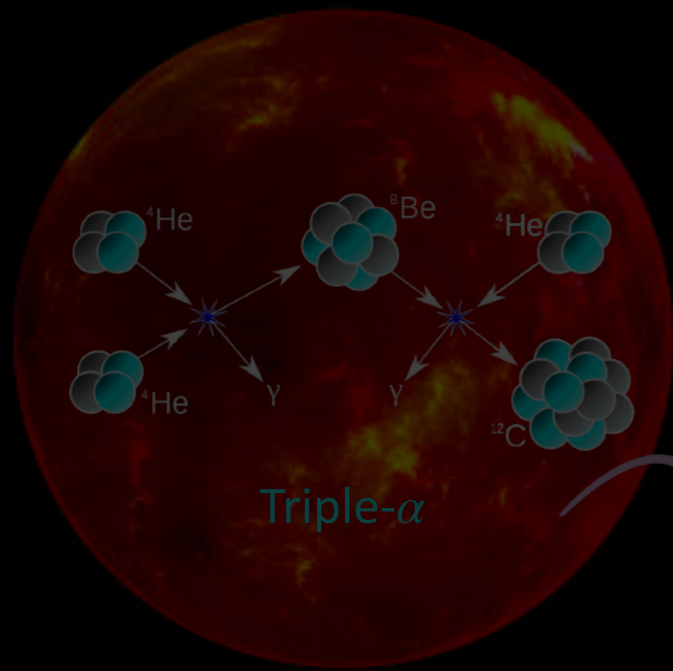
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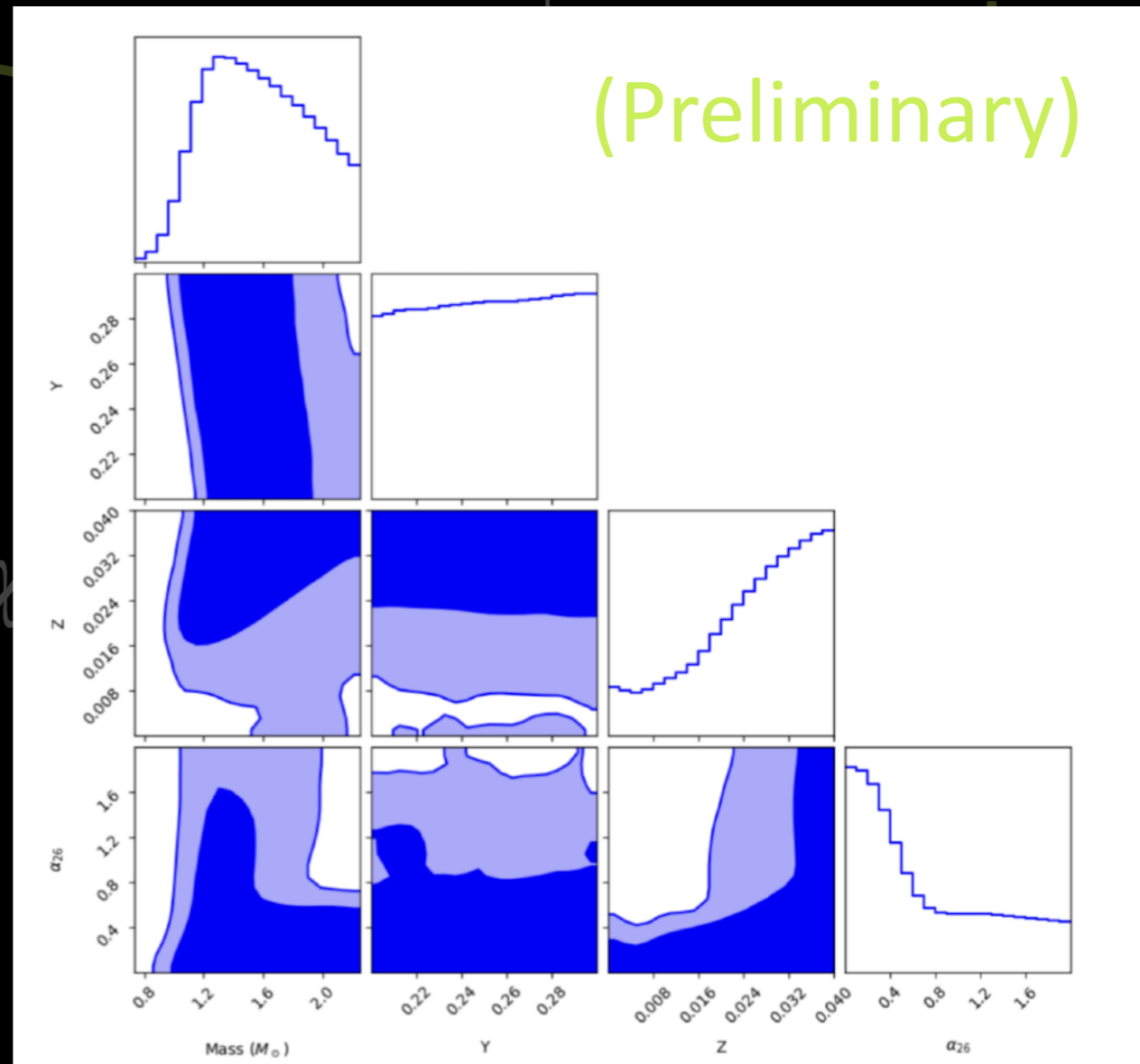
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Novel energy losses  
(axions or  $\nu$  with anomalous  $\mu$ )  
**Degeneracies and the  $\alpha_{26}$  constraint**



Dennis & Sakstein, on the arXiv Monday...

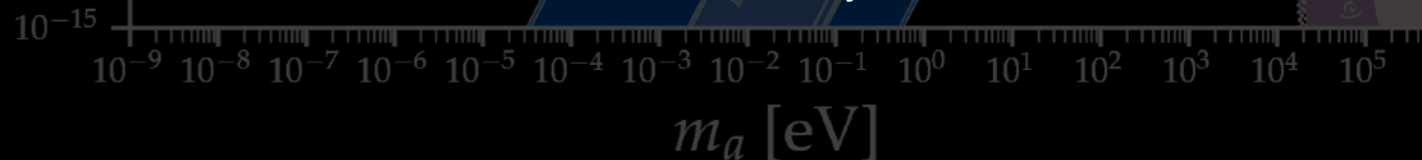
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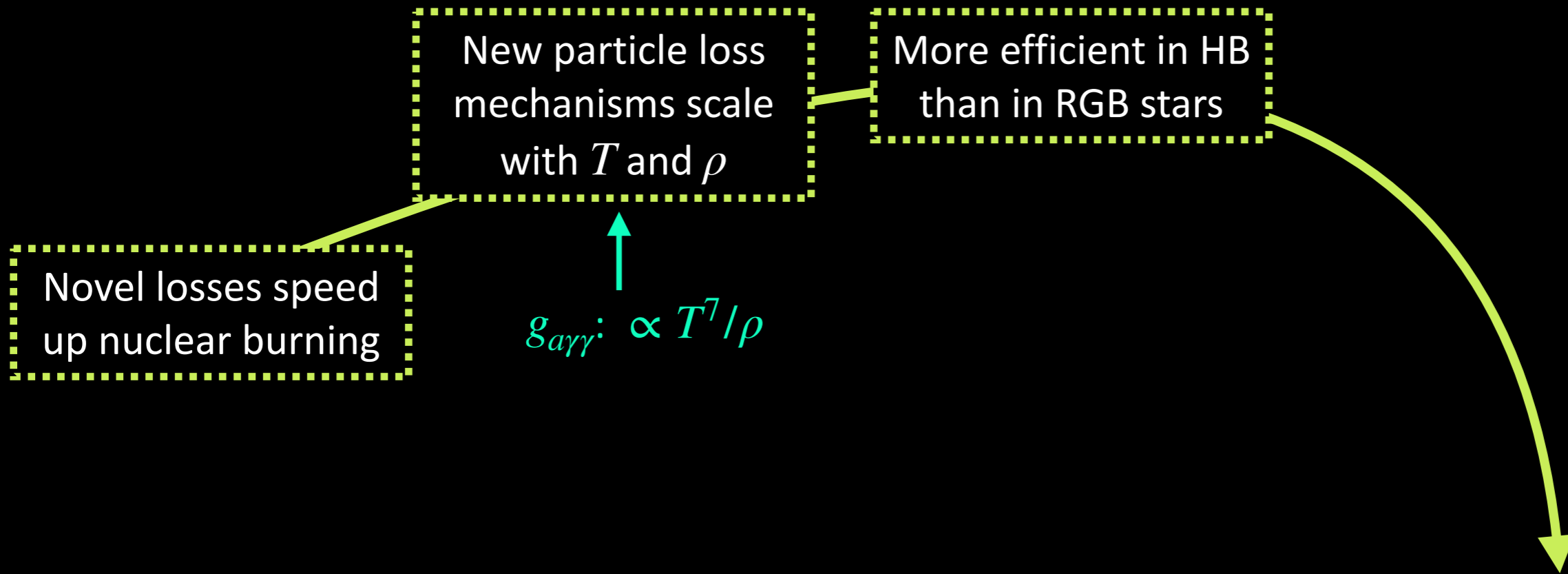
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New particle loss mechanisms scale with  $T$  and  $\rho$

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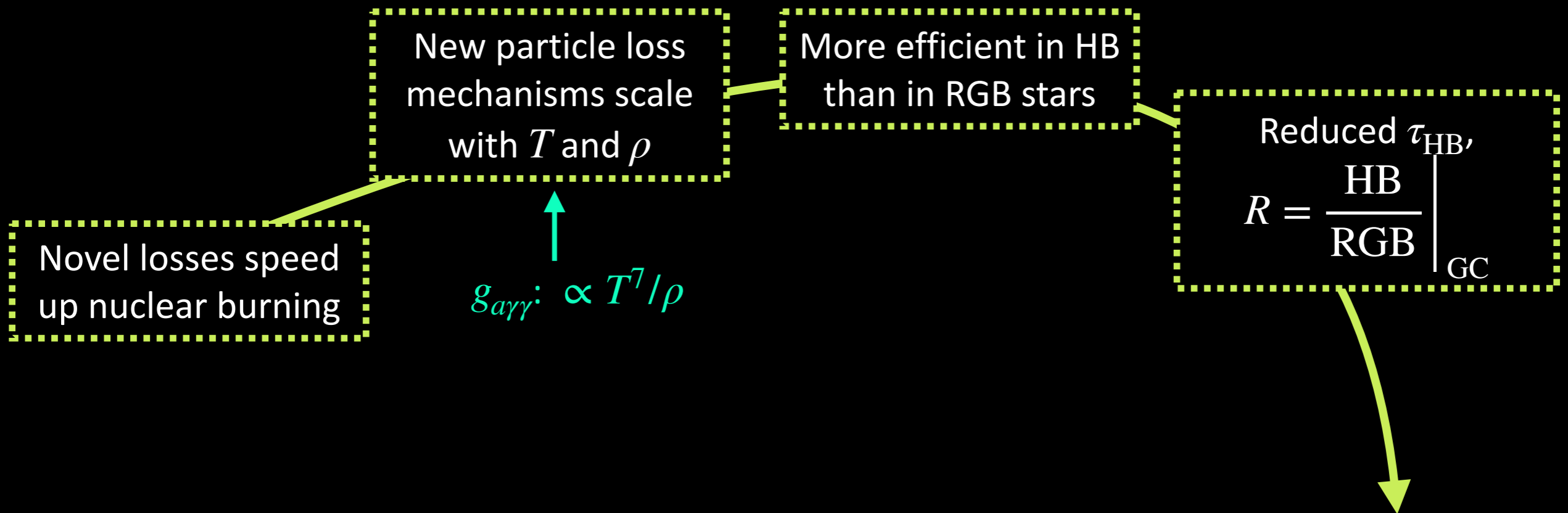
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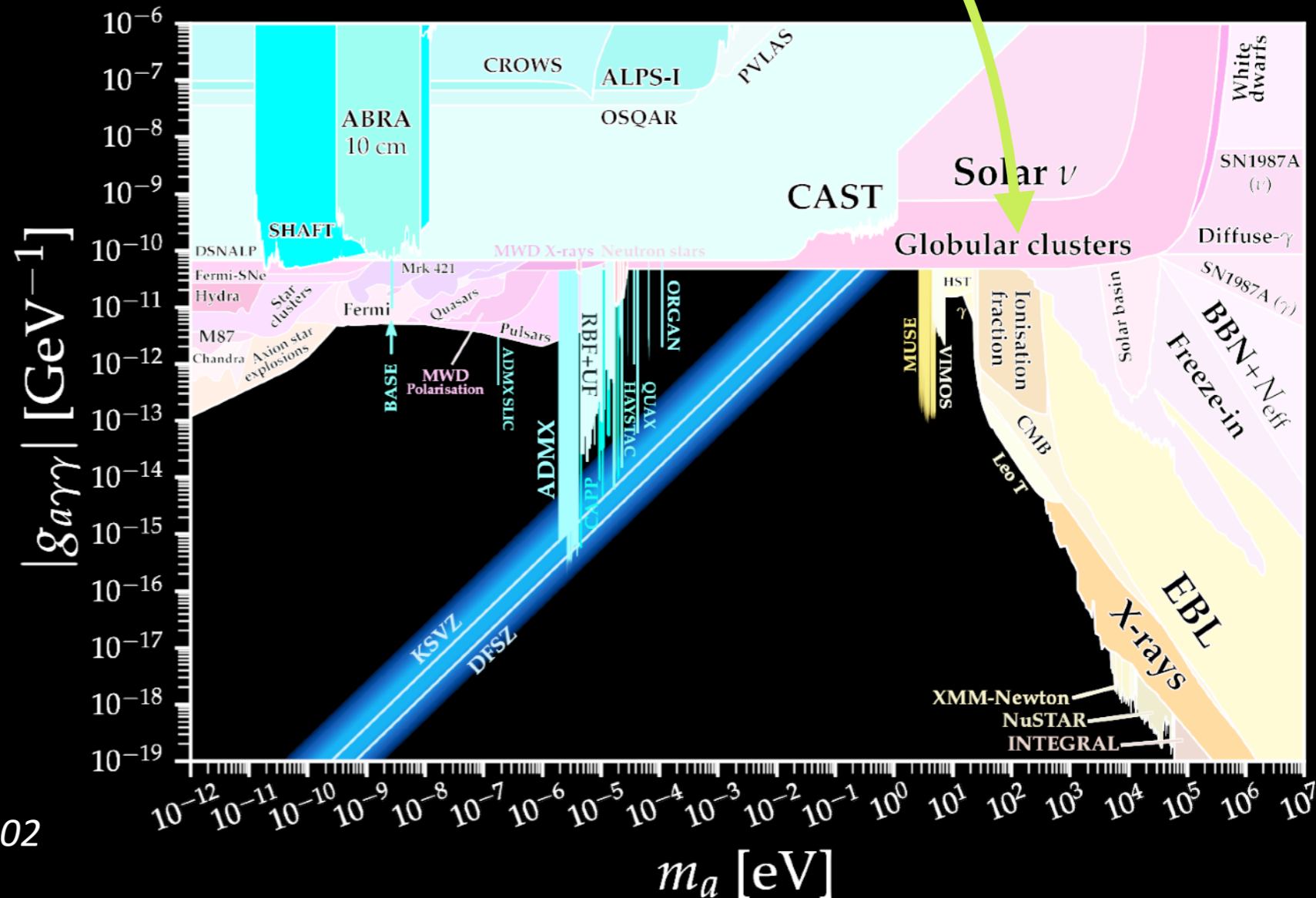
More efficient in HB than in RGB stars

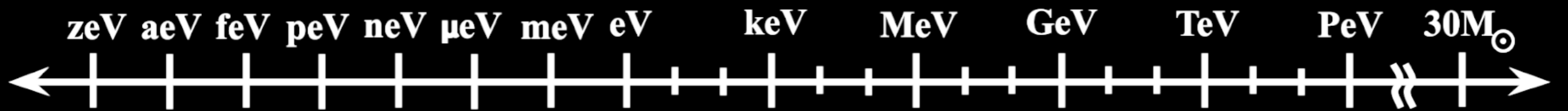
$$R = \frac{\text{HB}}{\text{RGB}} \Big|_{\text{GC}}$$

Reduced  $\tau_{\text{HB}}$

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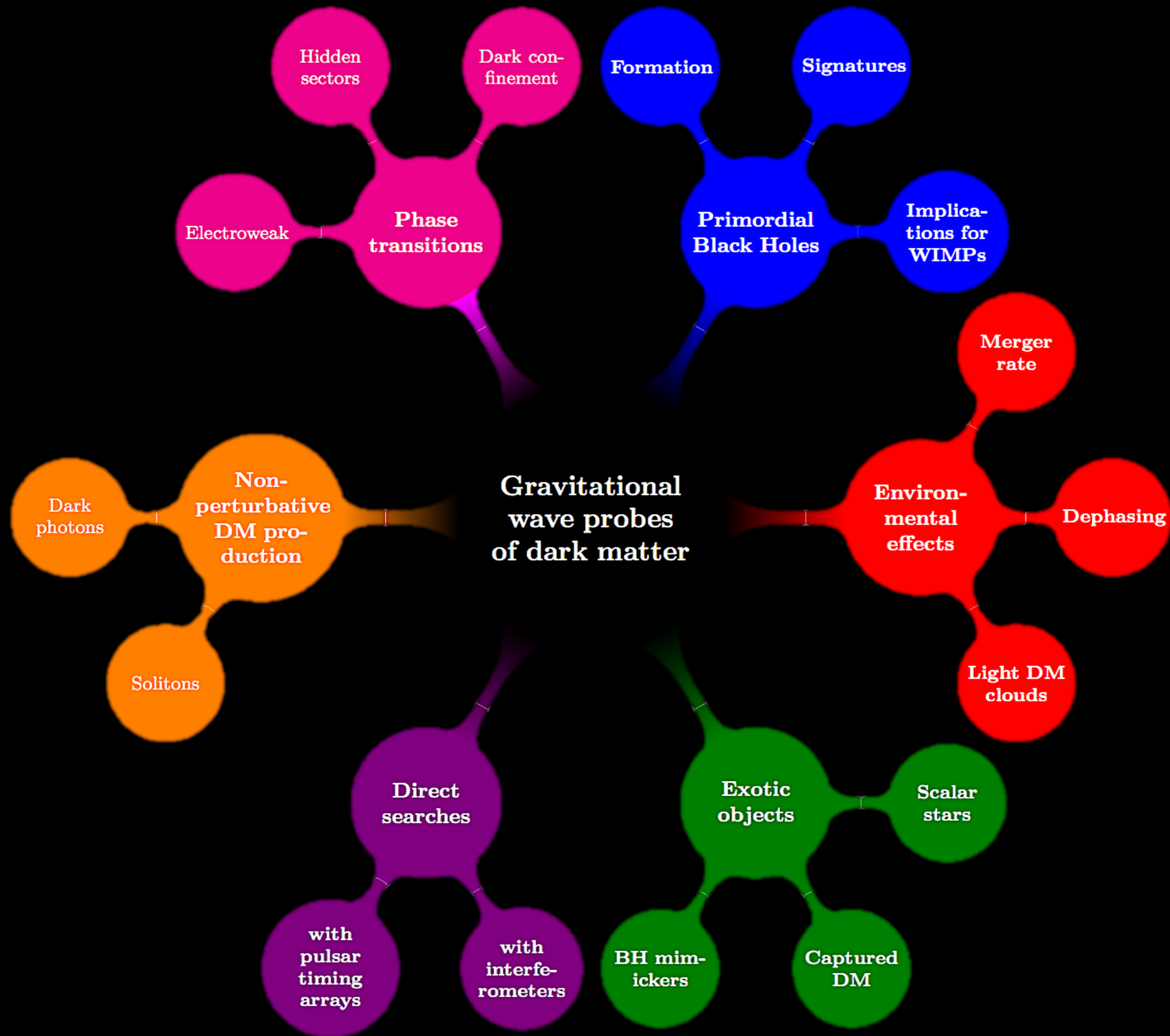
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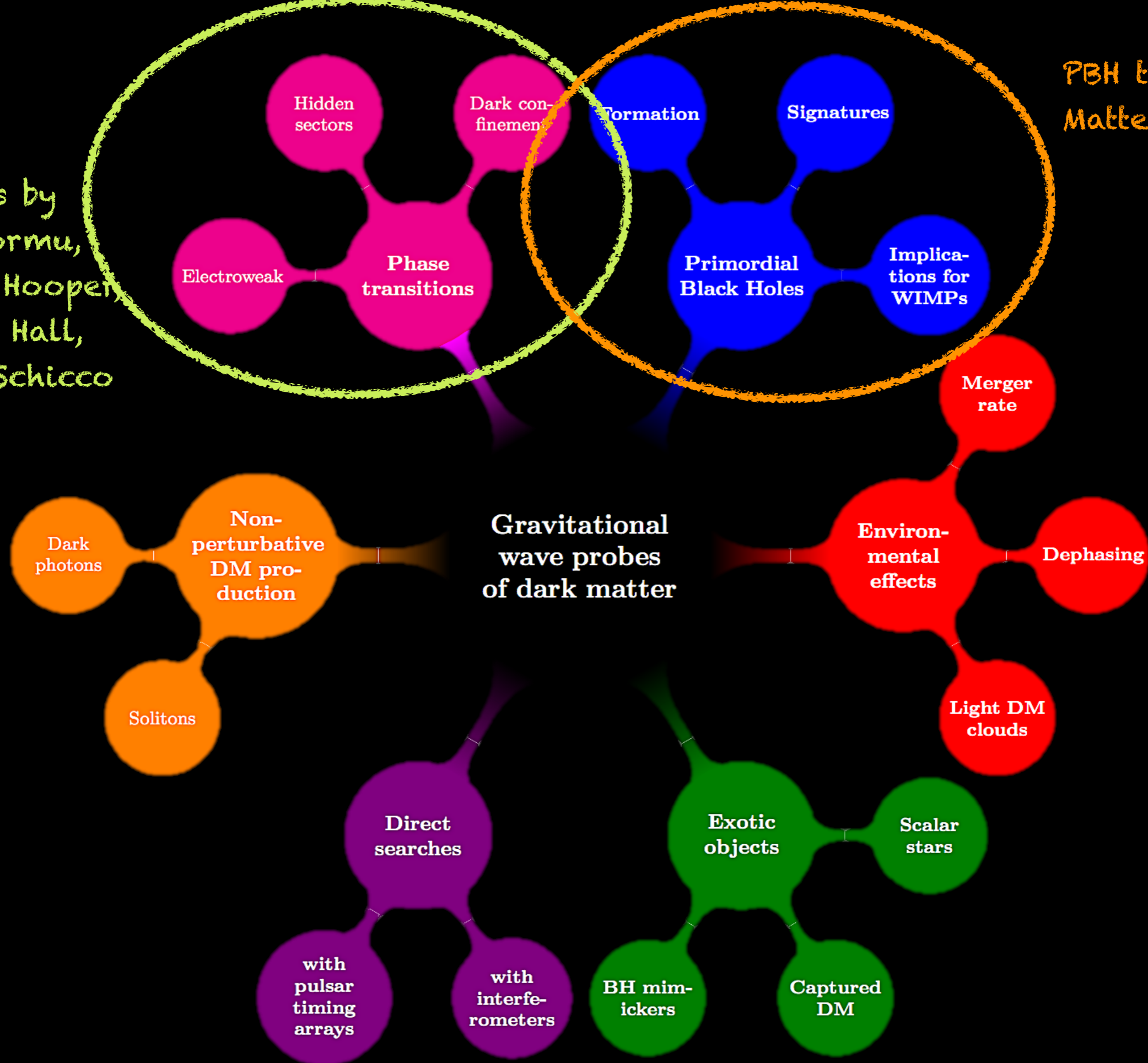
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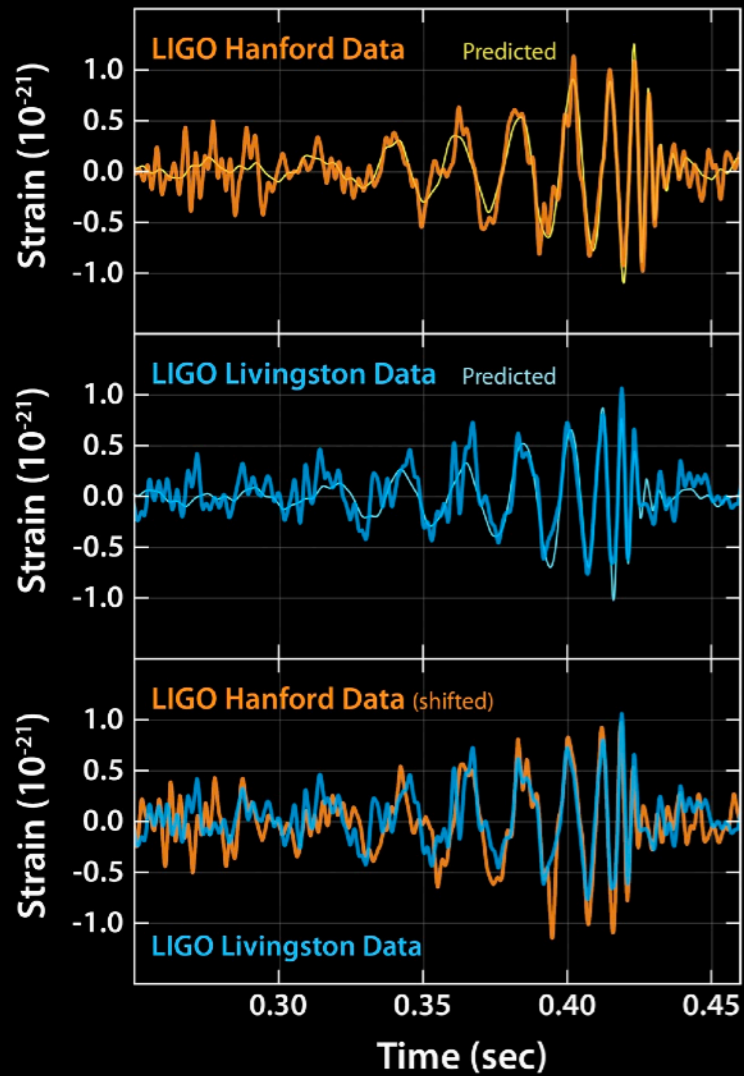


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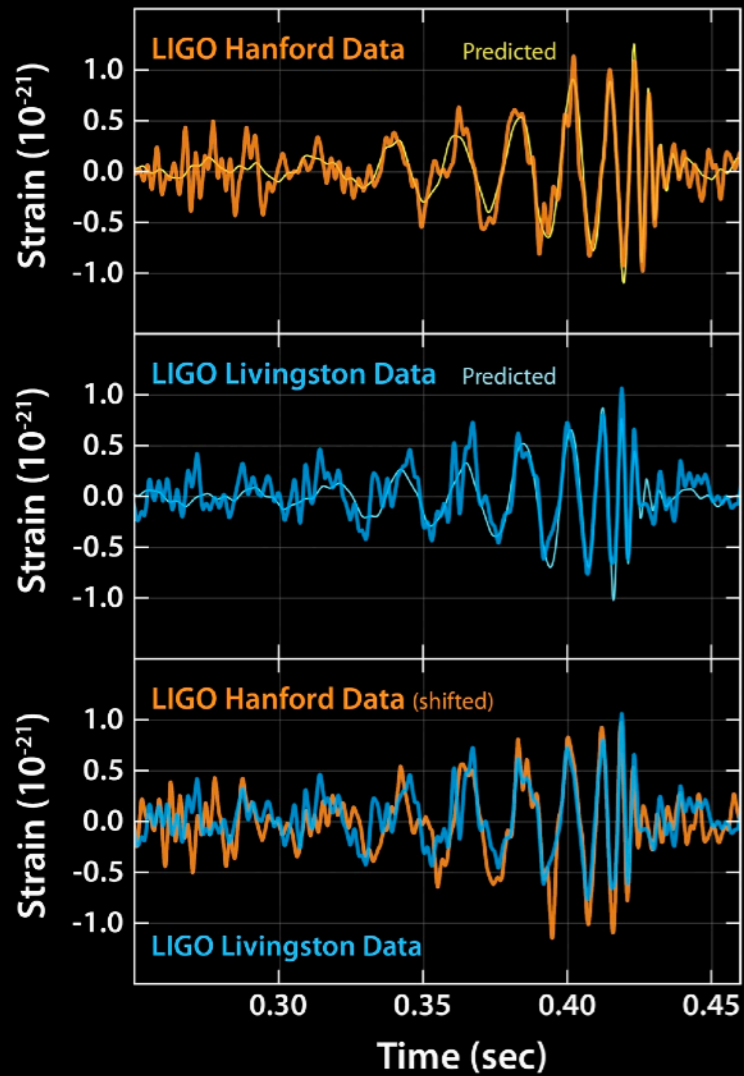
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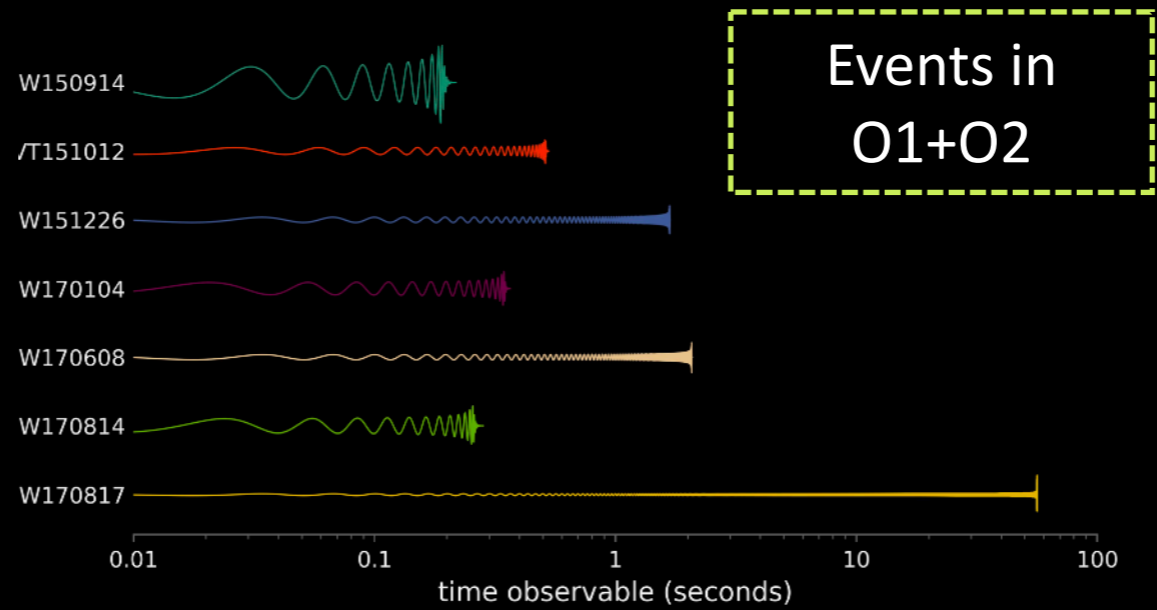
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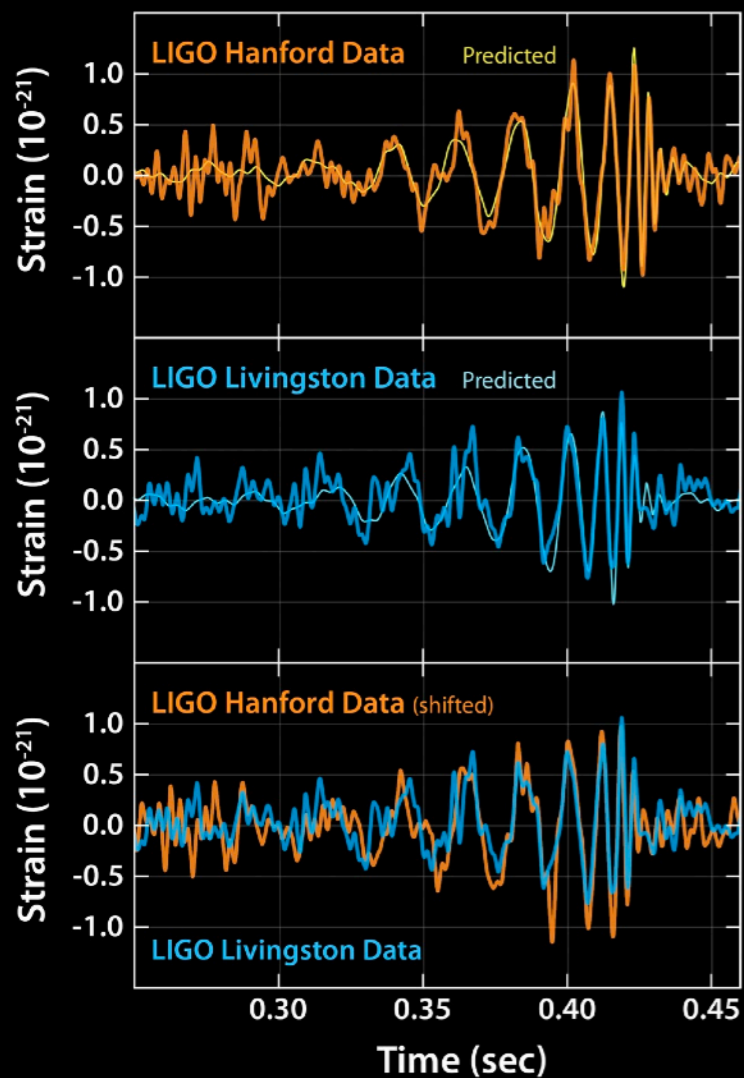


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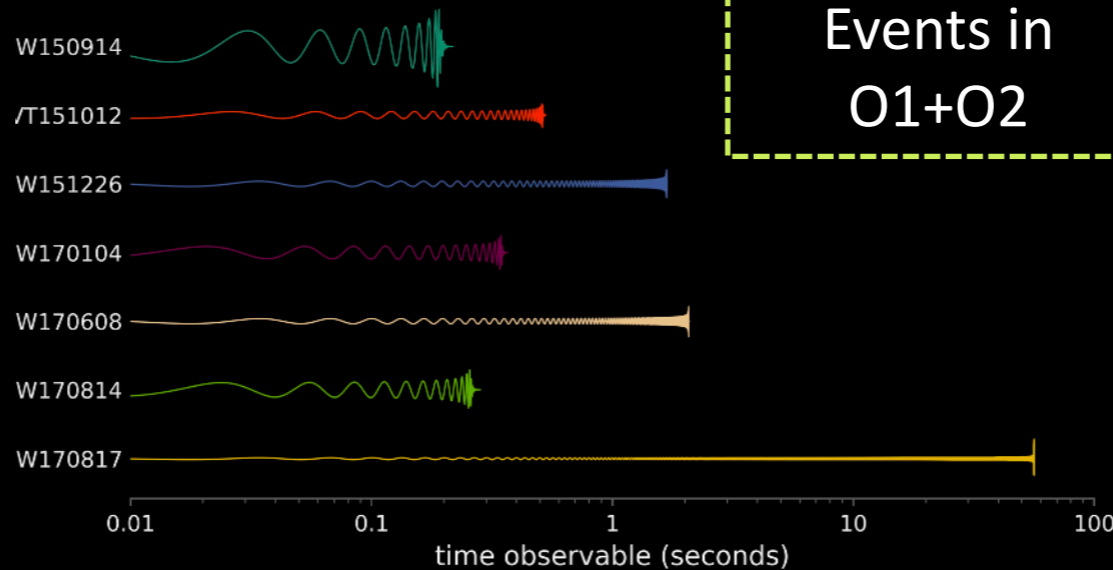




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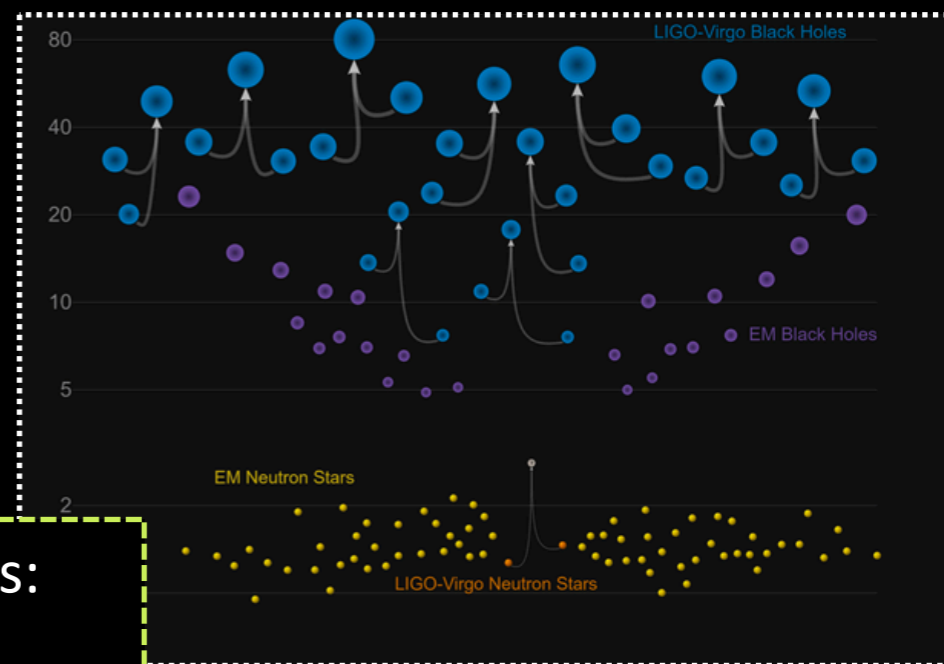


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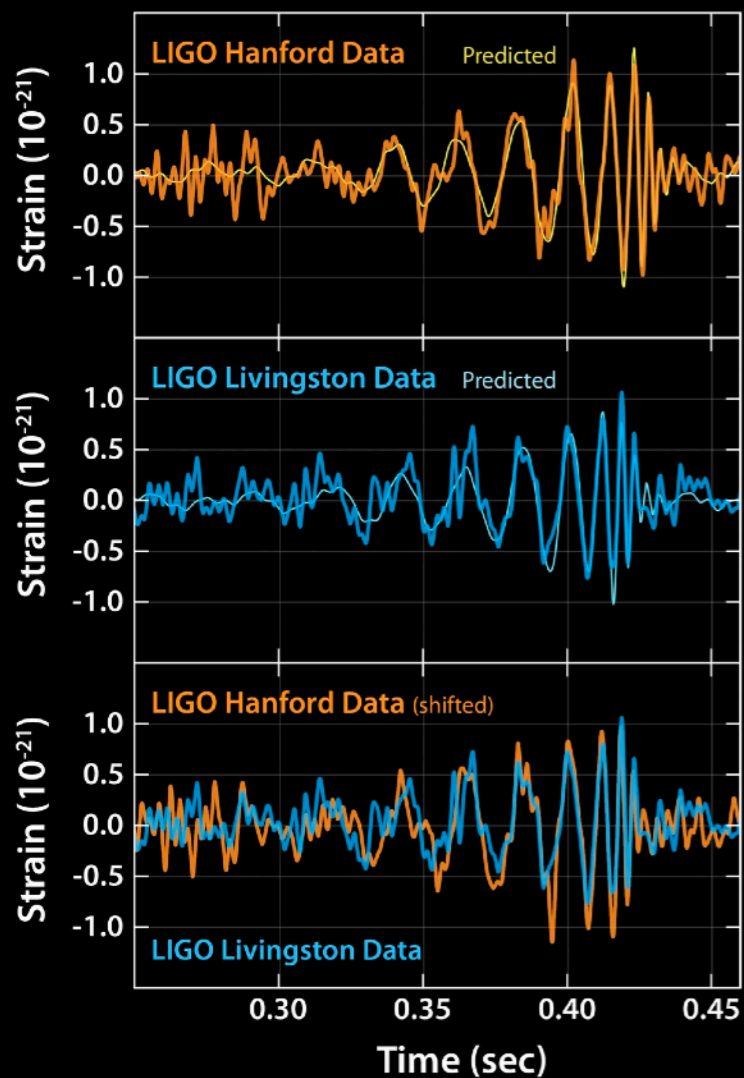


Events in  
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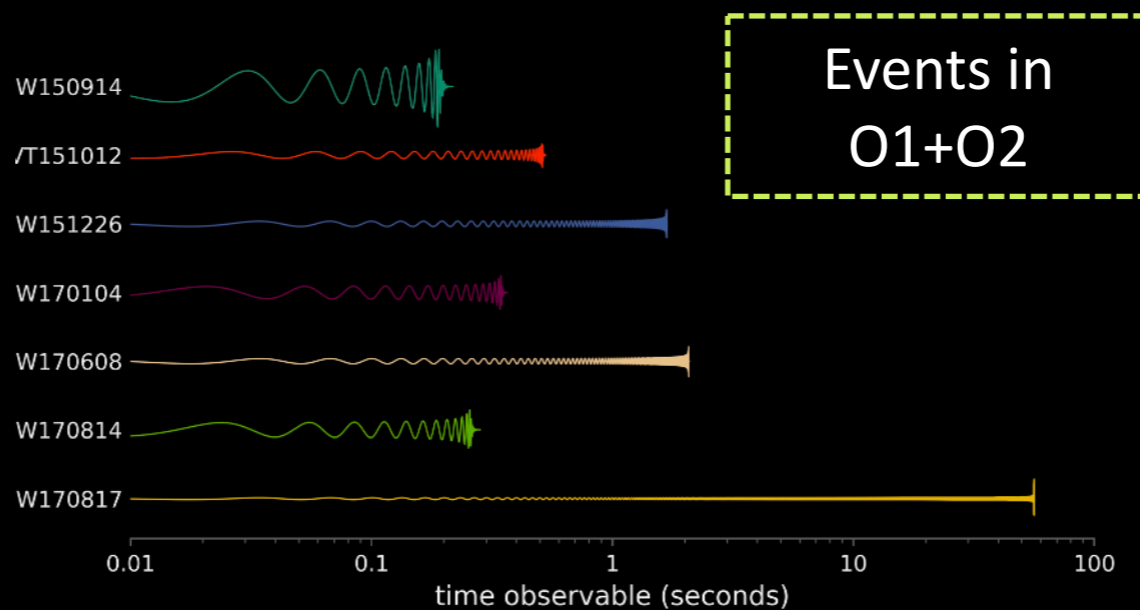
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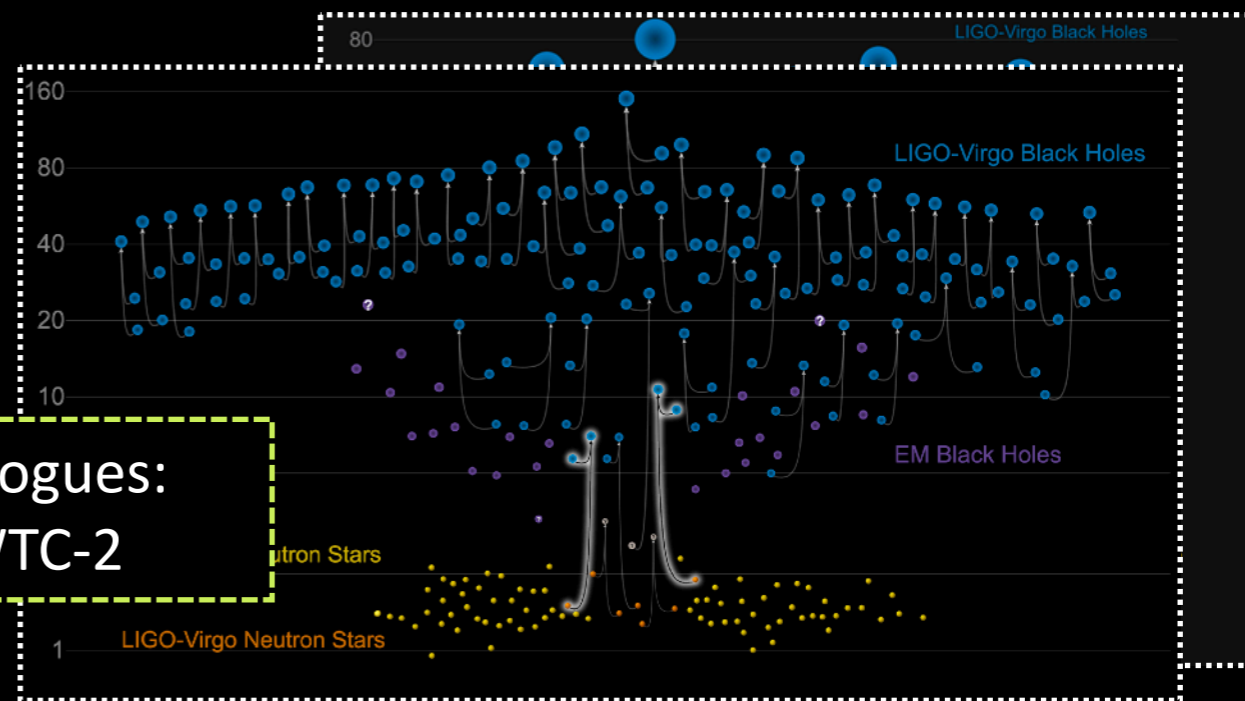
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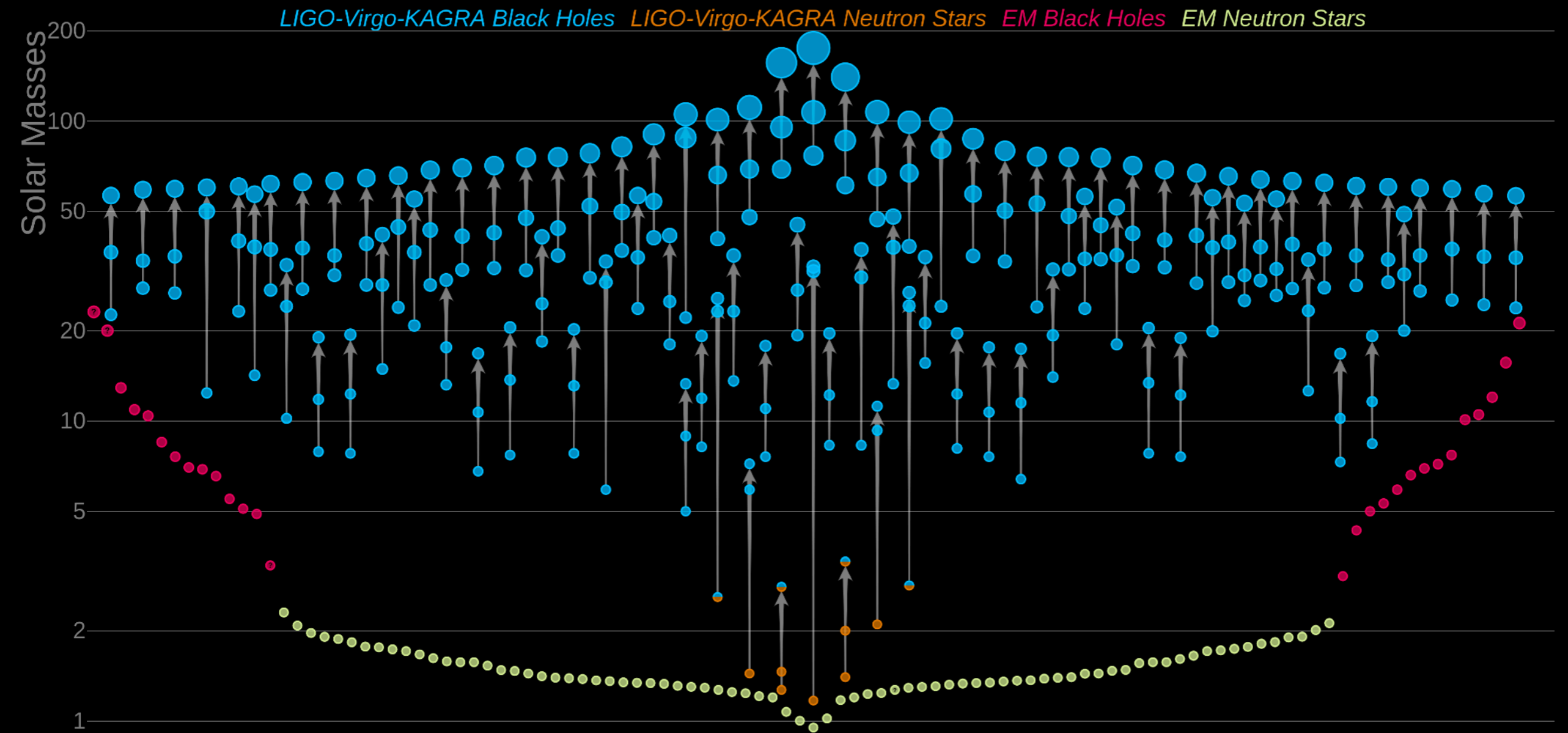
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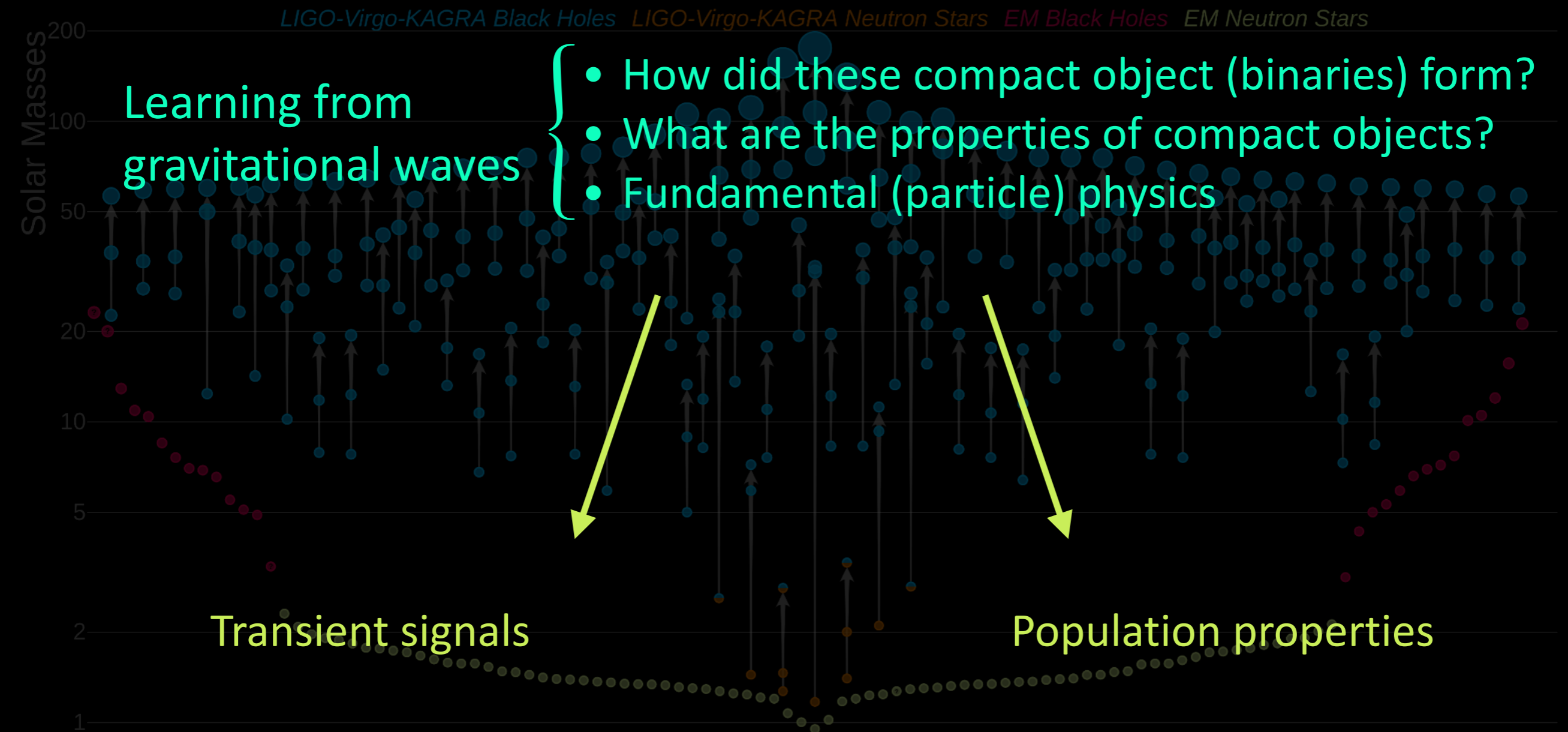


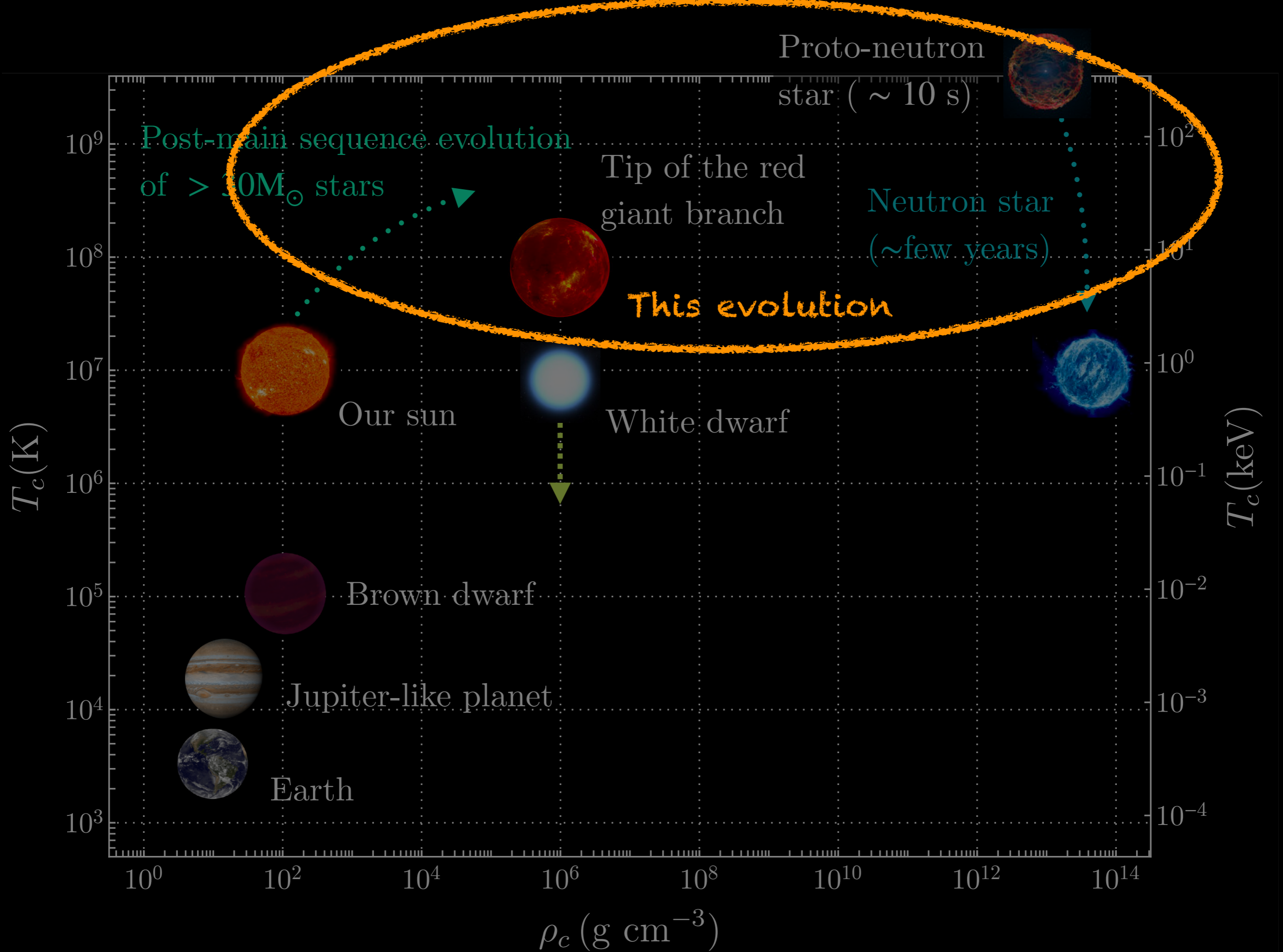
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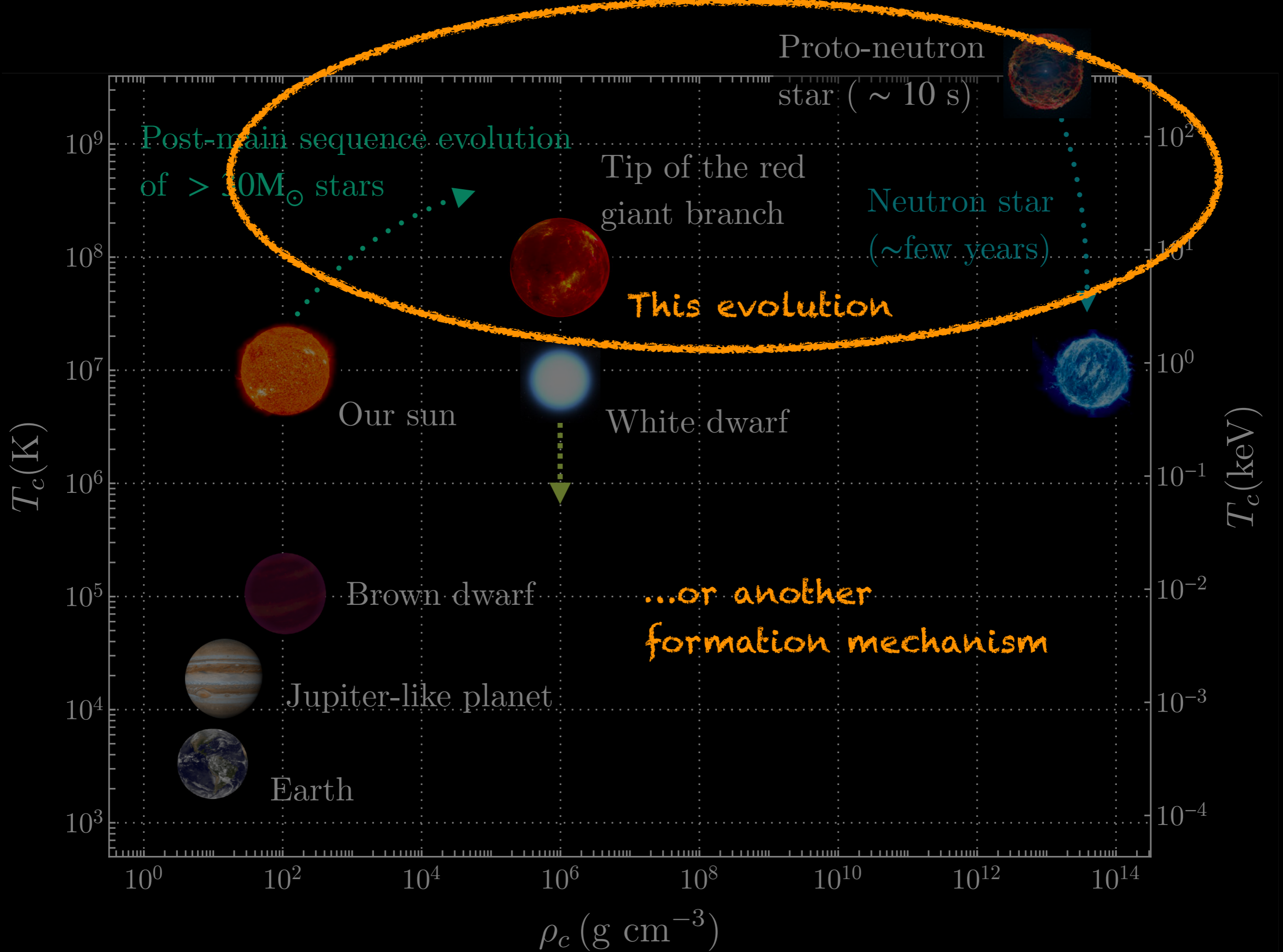
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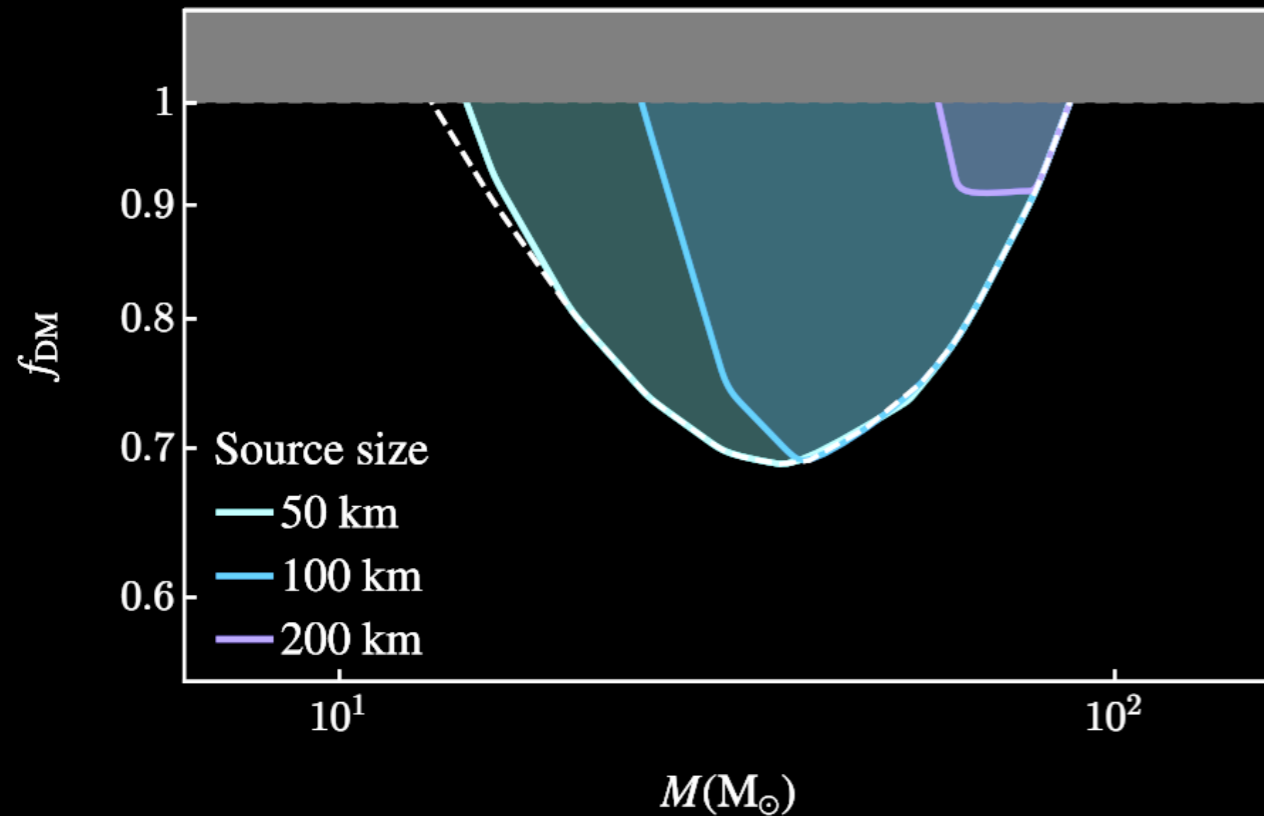




# Exotic object observation with LVK

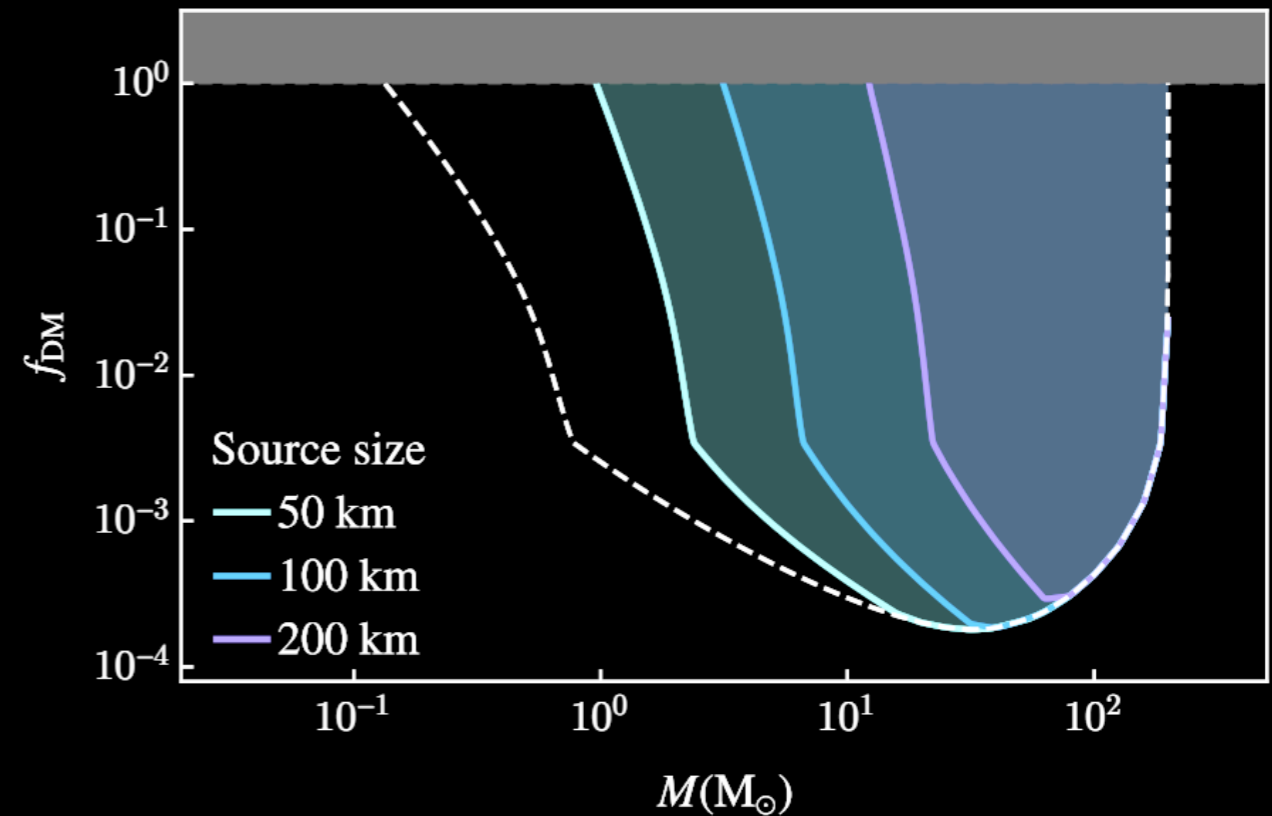
DC, Ipek, McKeen, PRD, arXiv:2205.15396

Design sensitivity, SNR = 8



Late Universe formation (optimistic estimate)

*S. Bird et al., PRL, arXiv:1603.00464*



Early universe formation

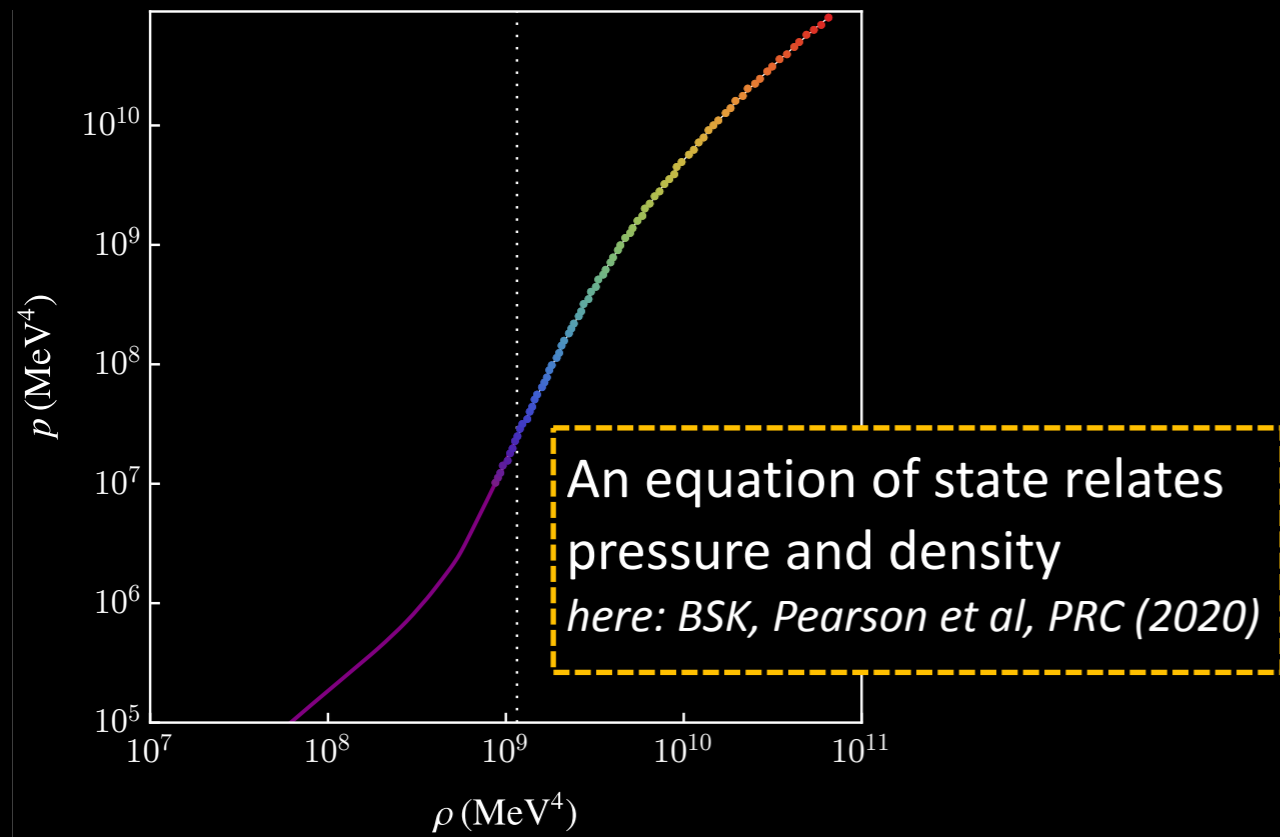
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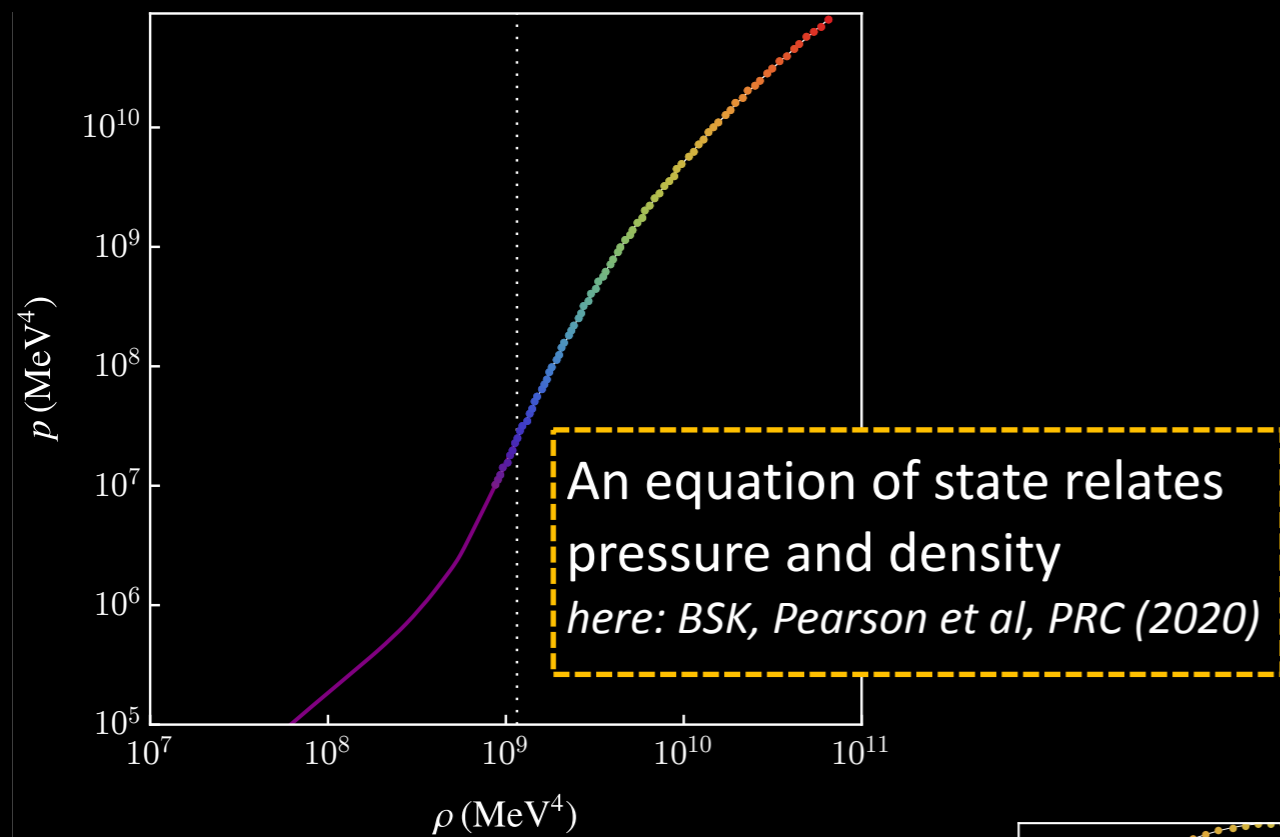
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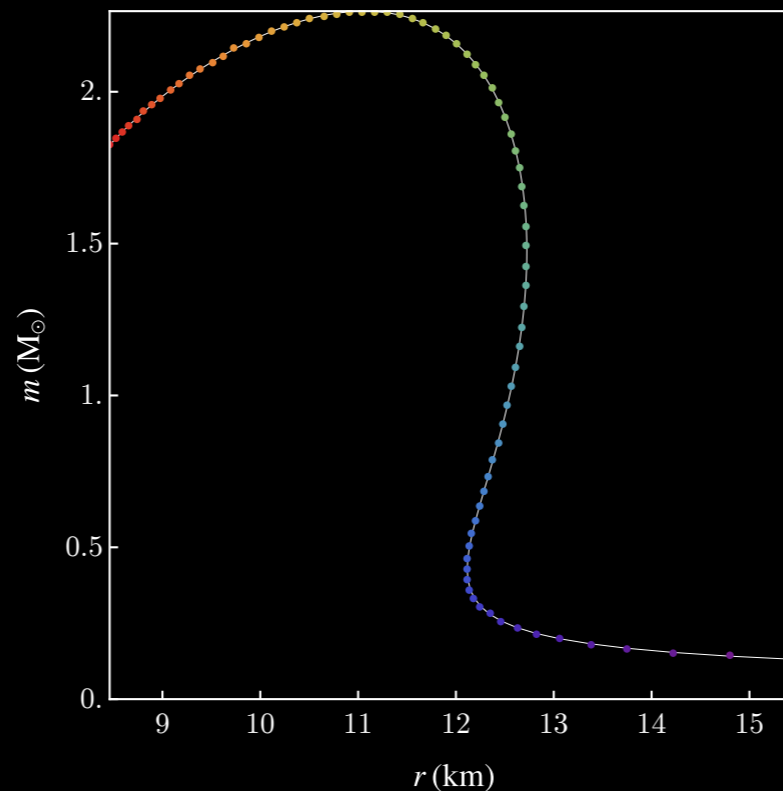
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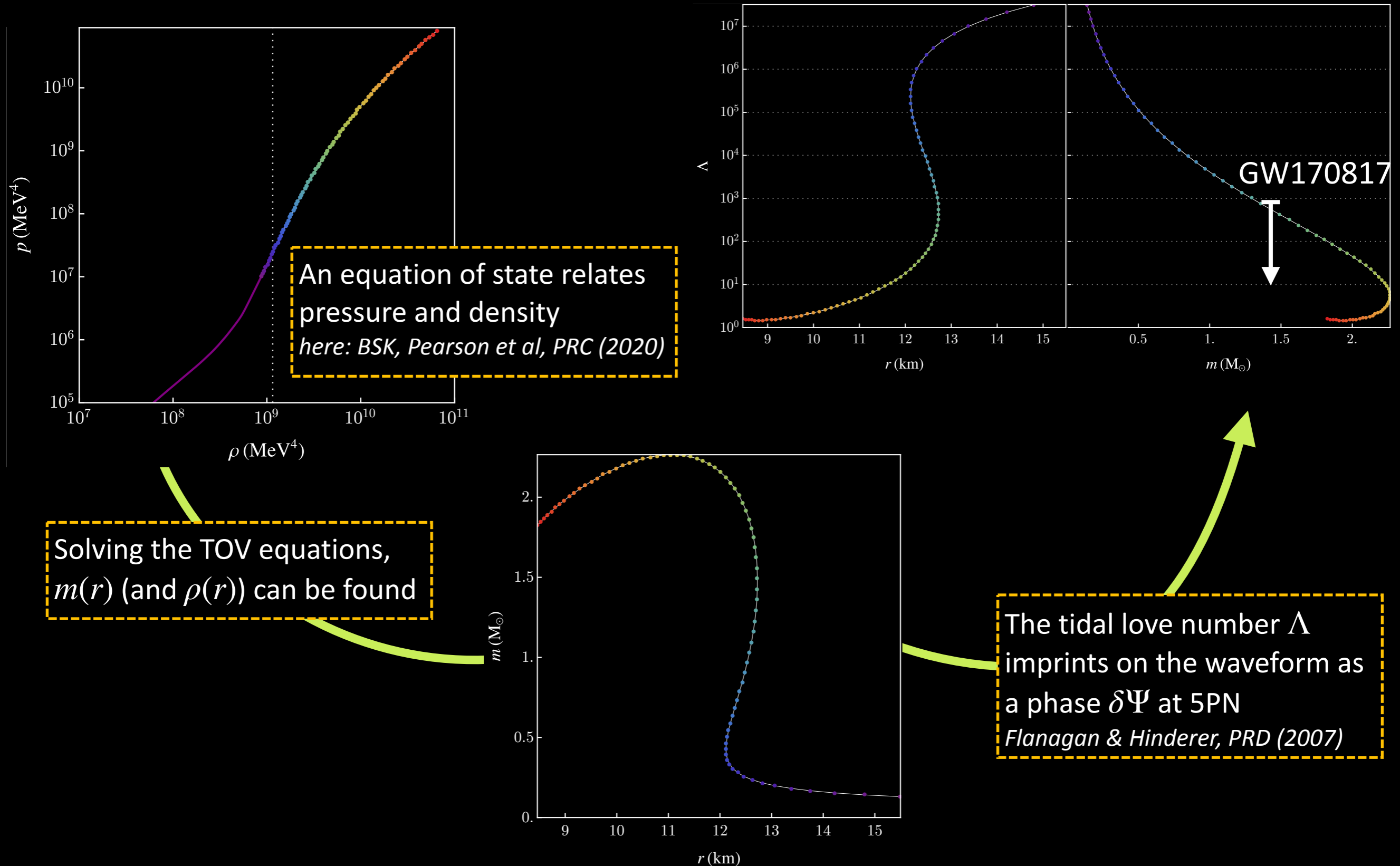
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Solving the TOV equations,  $m(r)$  (and  $\rho(r)$ ) can be found

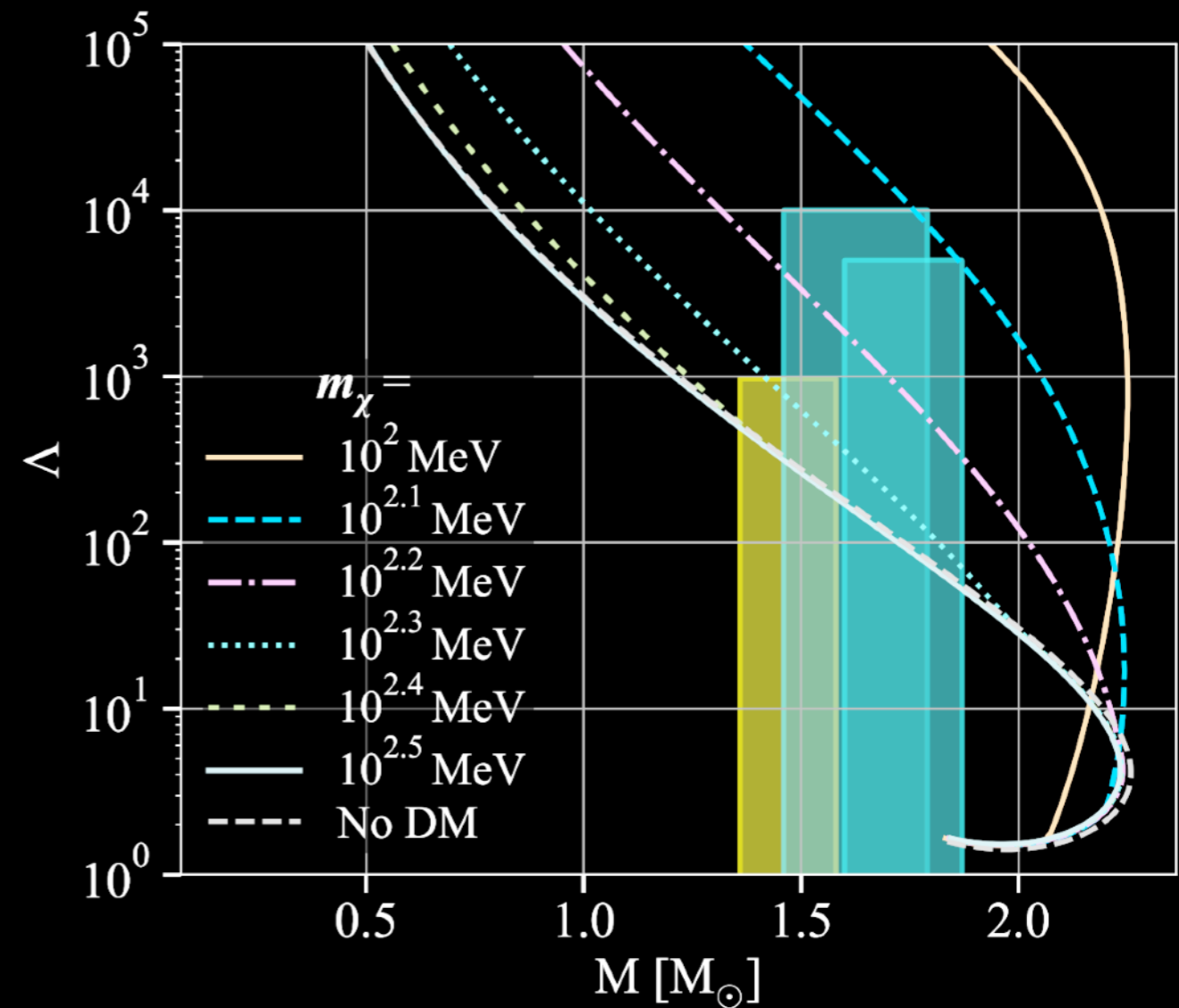
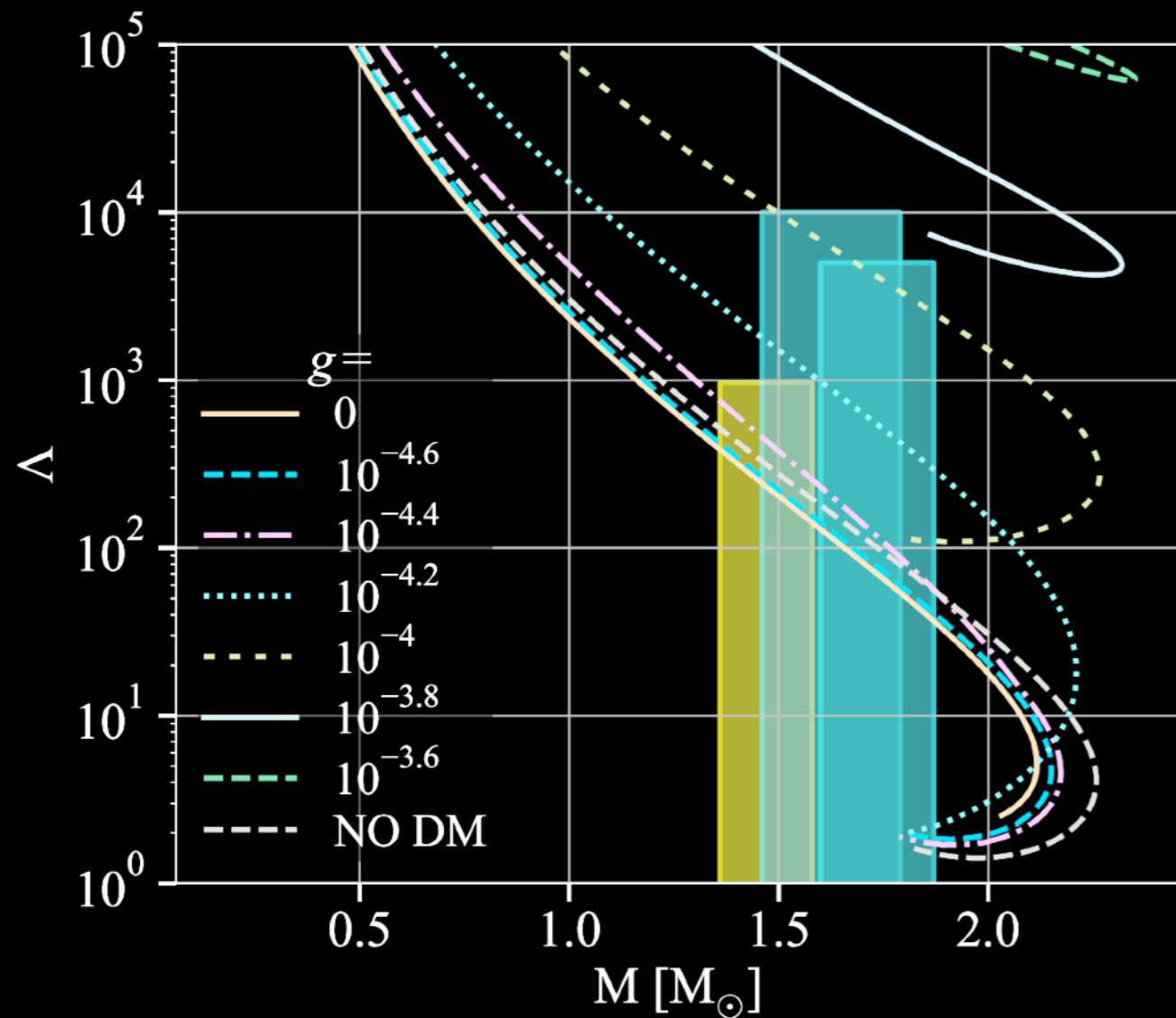


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Example: NS admixed with fermion with Yukawa interaction



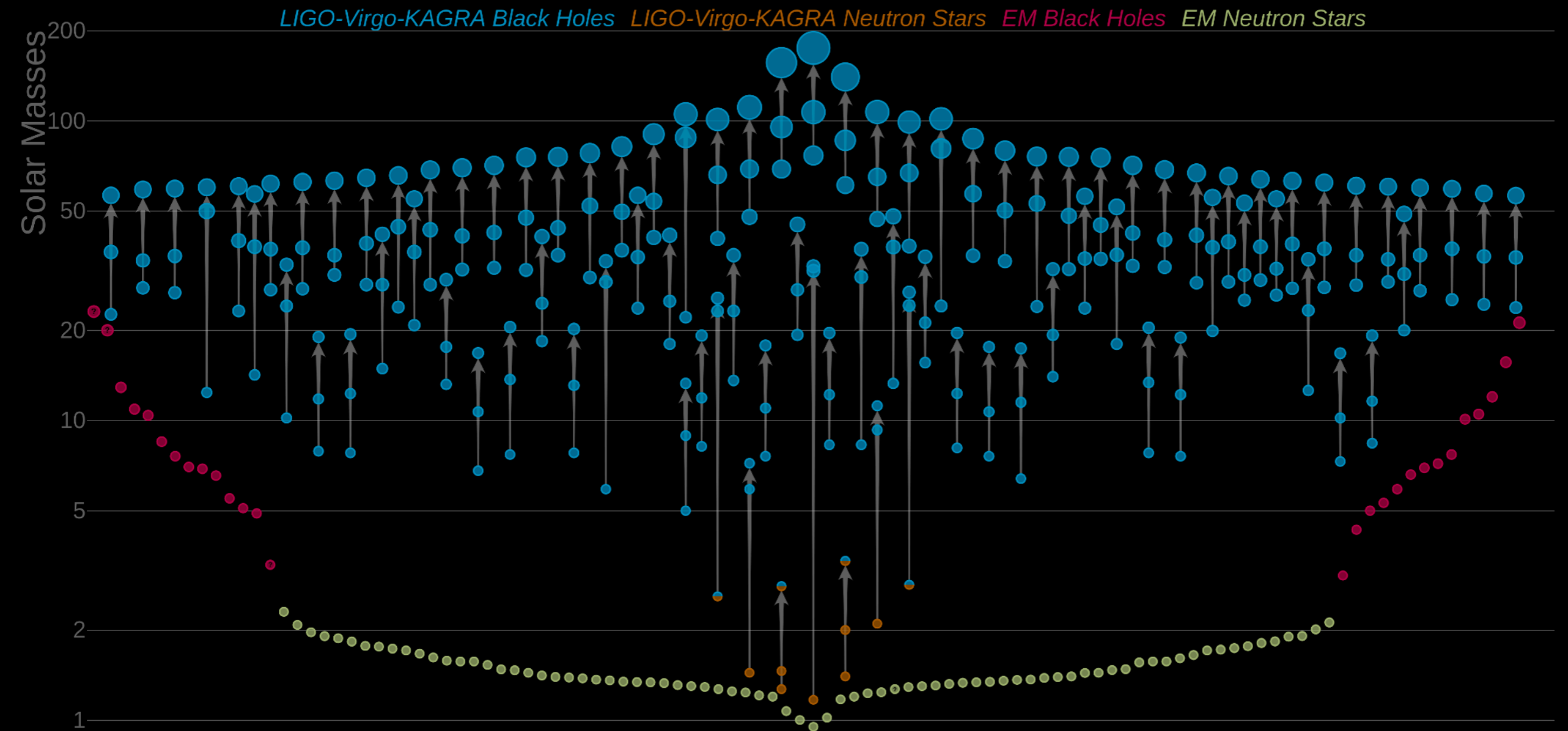
5% mass fraction

Collier, DC, Leane, PRD, arXiv:2205.15337,

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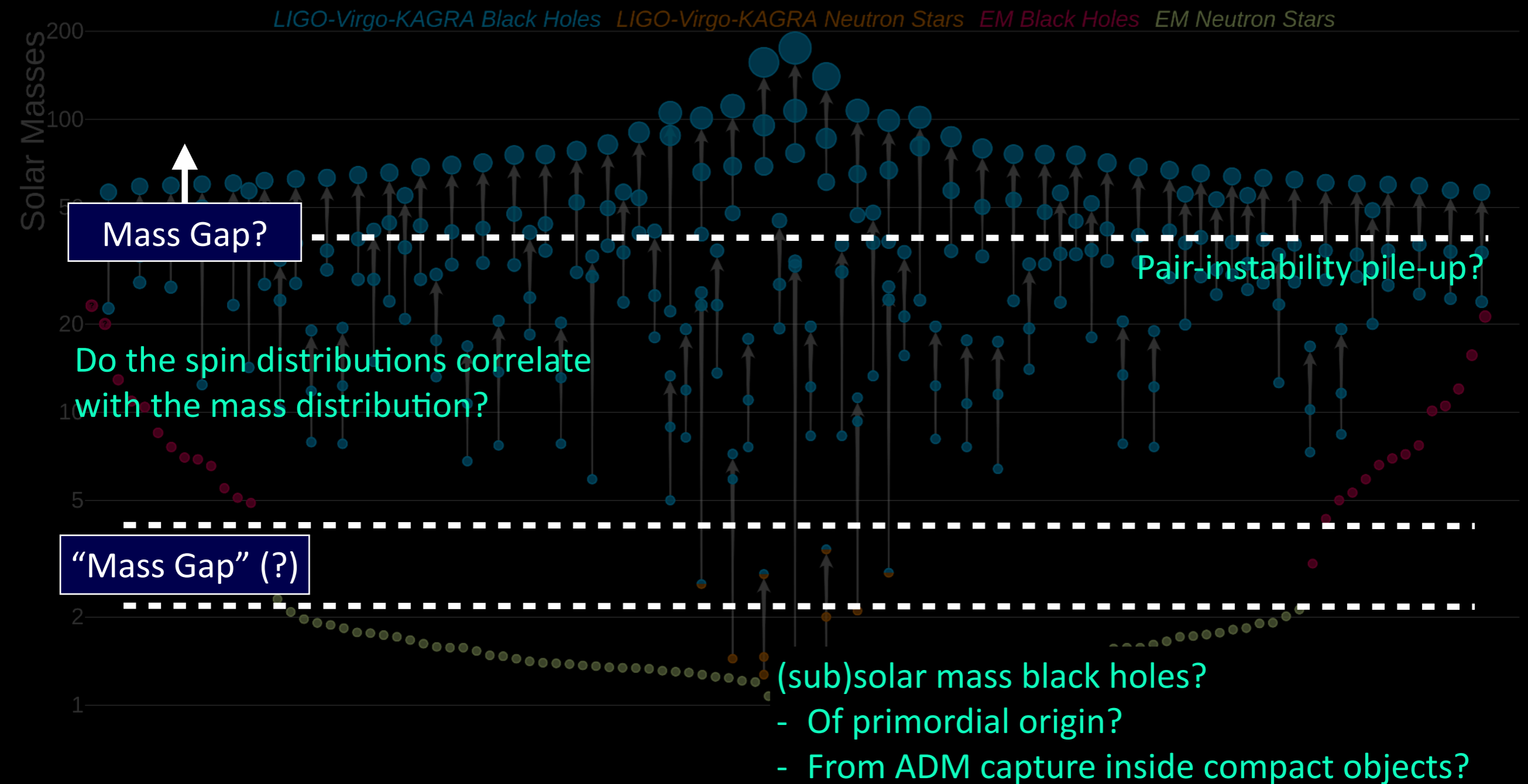
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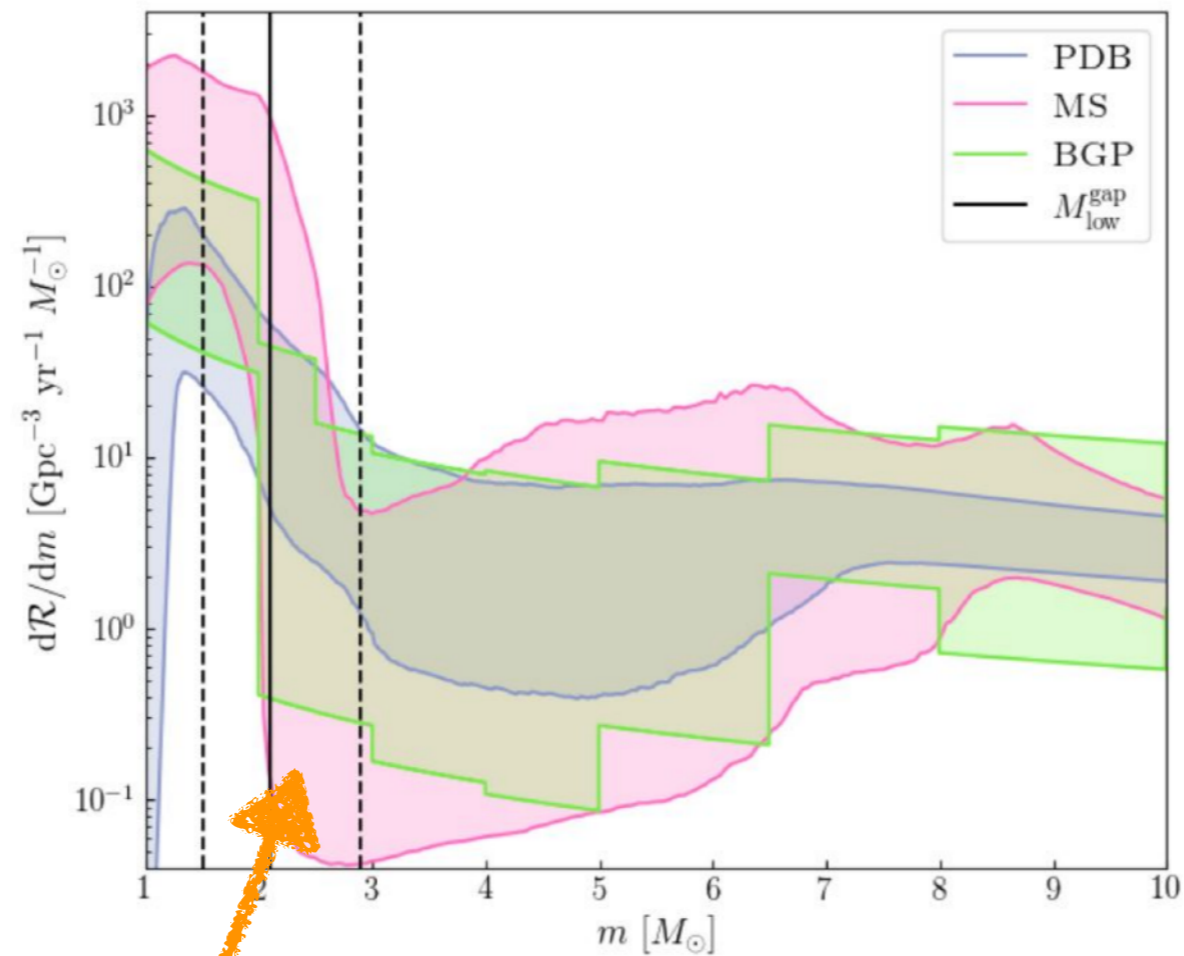
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# Features in the mass distribution

## Lower mass gap



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Is the lower mass gap physical?

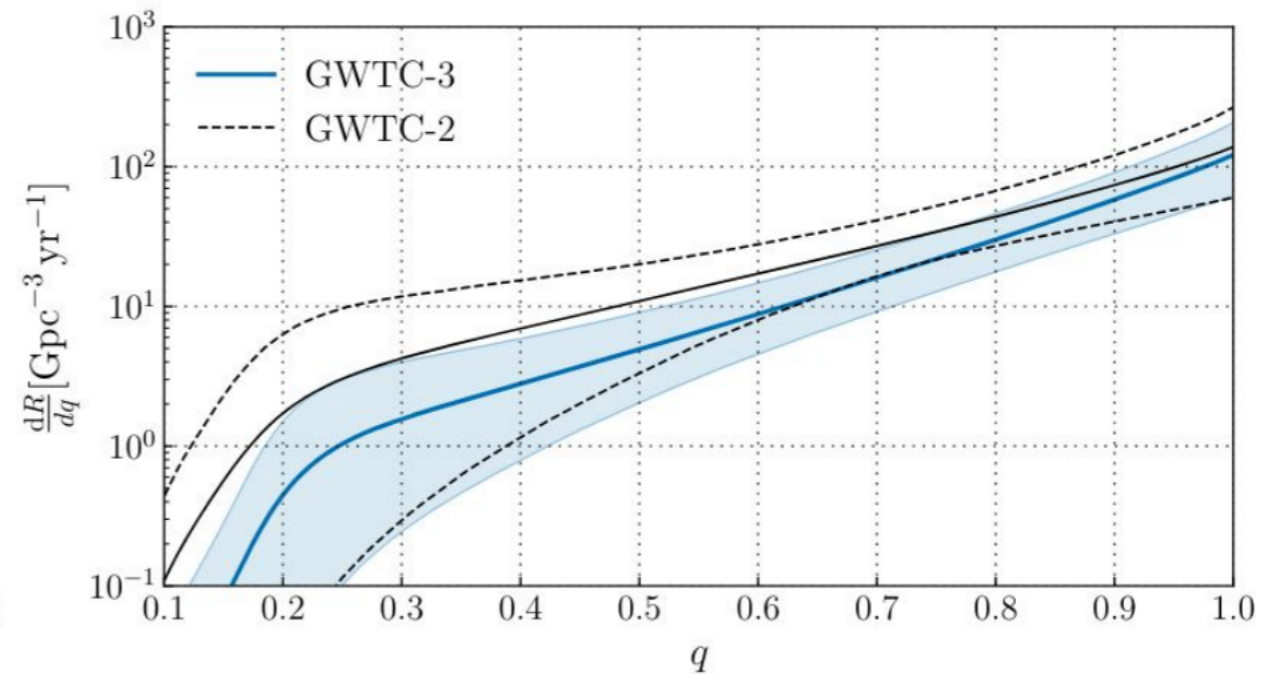
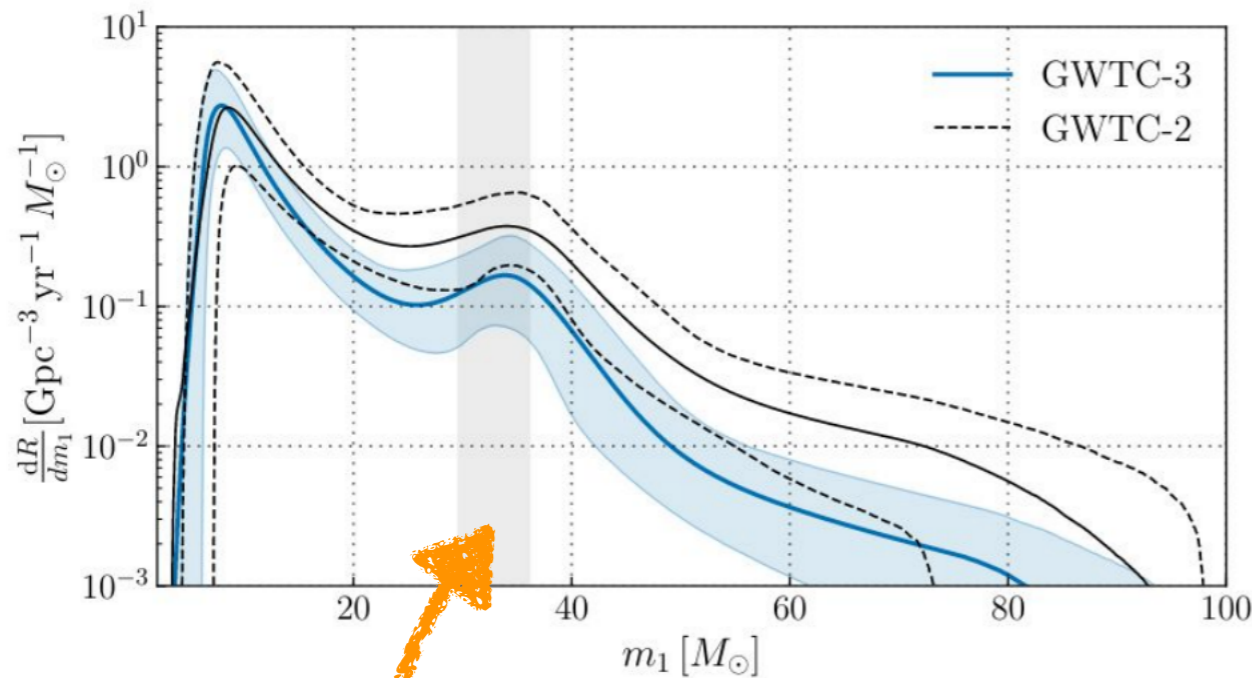
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## Black hole mass distribution



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Why is there a peak here?



$H_0$

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# To conclude

- Extreme astrophysical environments can probe weakly coupled particle physics **across decades in mass**
- There is a **rich research program** mining the astrophysical data to study fundamental physics
- We looked at a few classes of examples:
  - Heating of stellar remnants and exoplanets
  - Stellar evolution and energy loss
  - Gravitational waves and binary mergers

# Thank you!

...ask me anything you like!

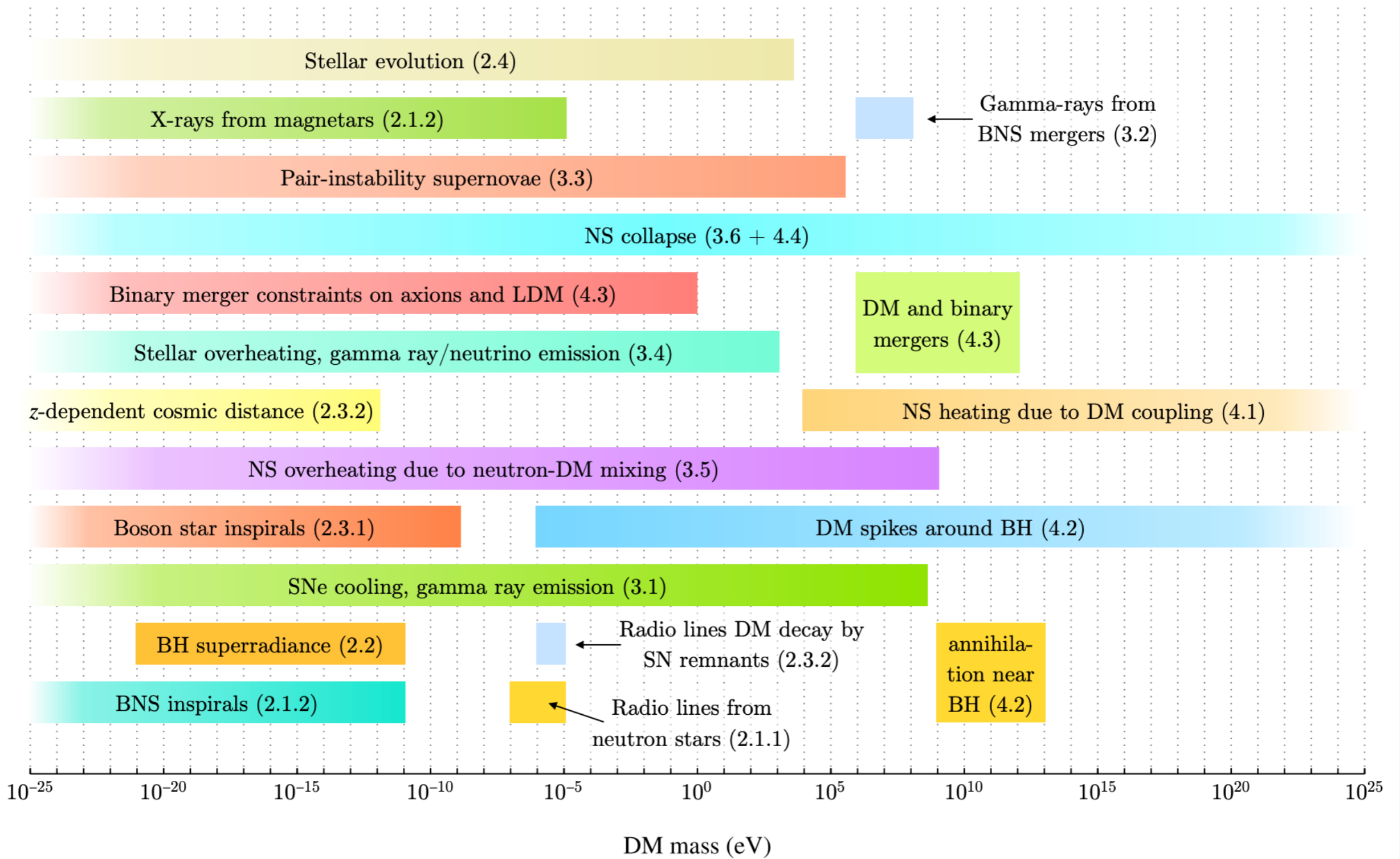
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Community survey on  
January 7 postdoc deadline

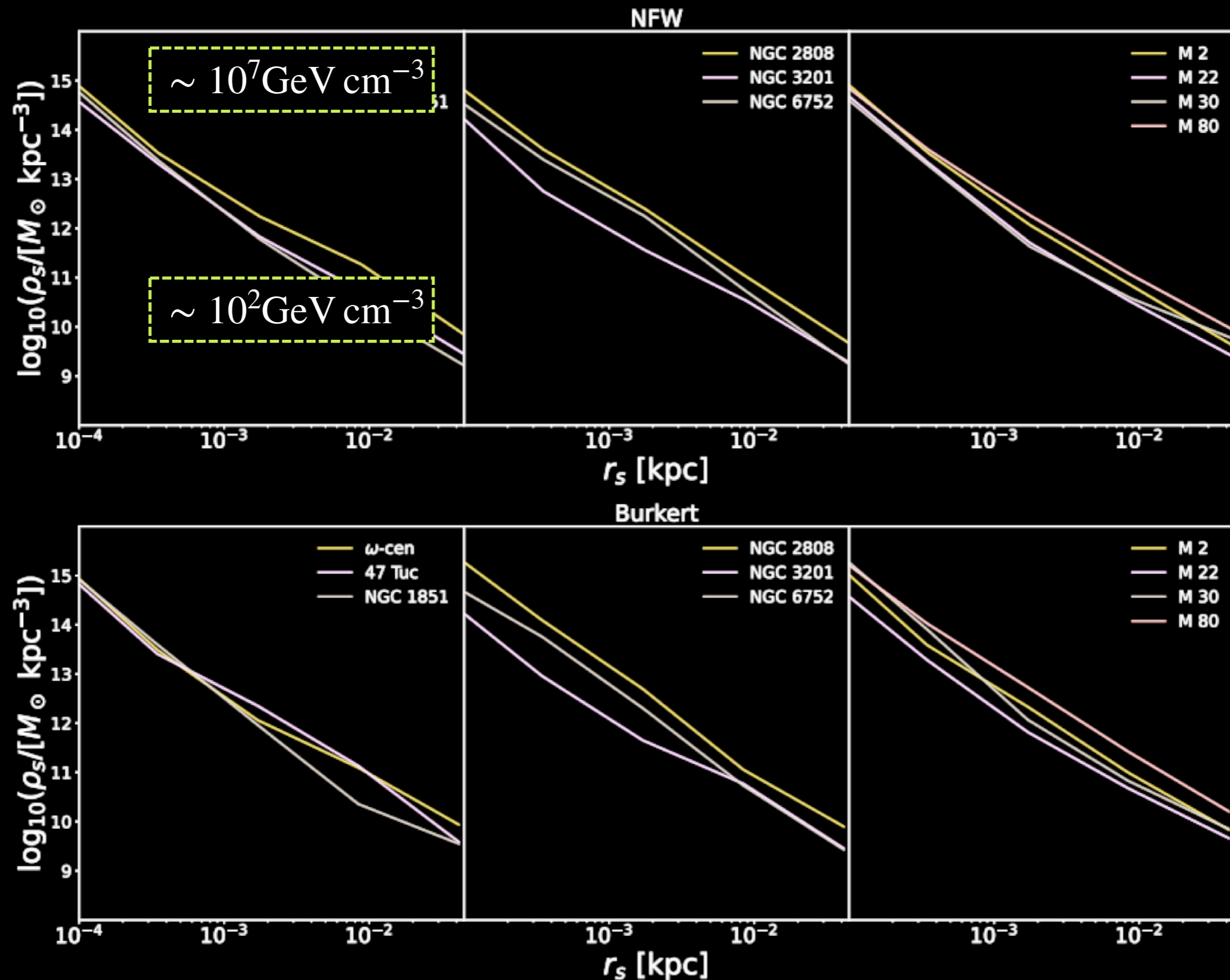


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Back up slides



## DM inside GCs



# Supernova cooling

- Sensitive to DM abundance ✕

Type of DM	signal	mass range	coupling range
DM coupling to photons or SM fermions	SN: Multiple	$\lesssim 500 \text{ MeV}$	$10^{-12} \lesssim G_{a\gamma\gamma} \text{ GeV} \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-5}$

Proto-NS temperature





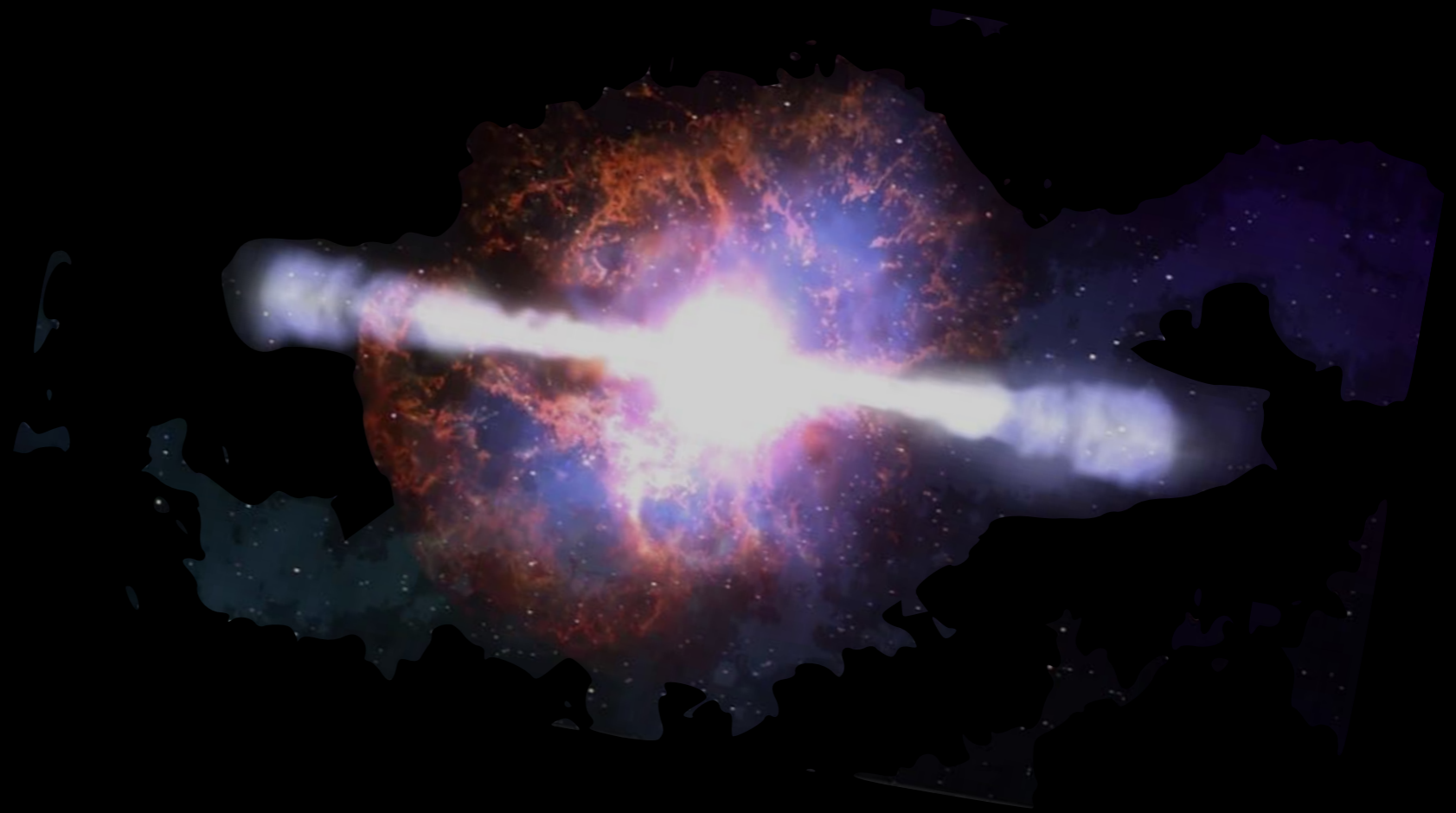
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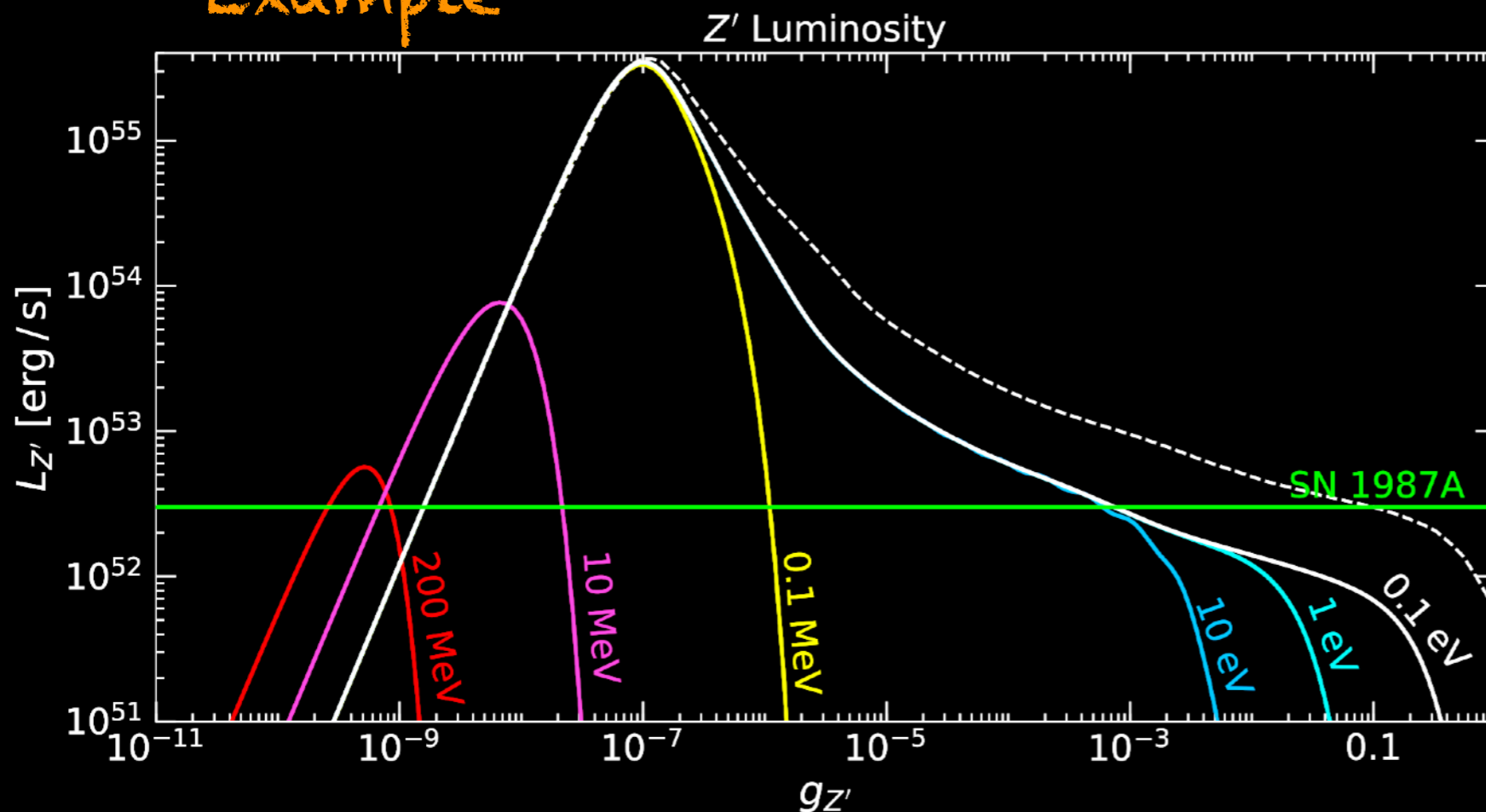
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Compare new luminosity  
against  $\nu$  luminosity

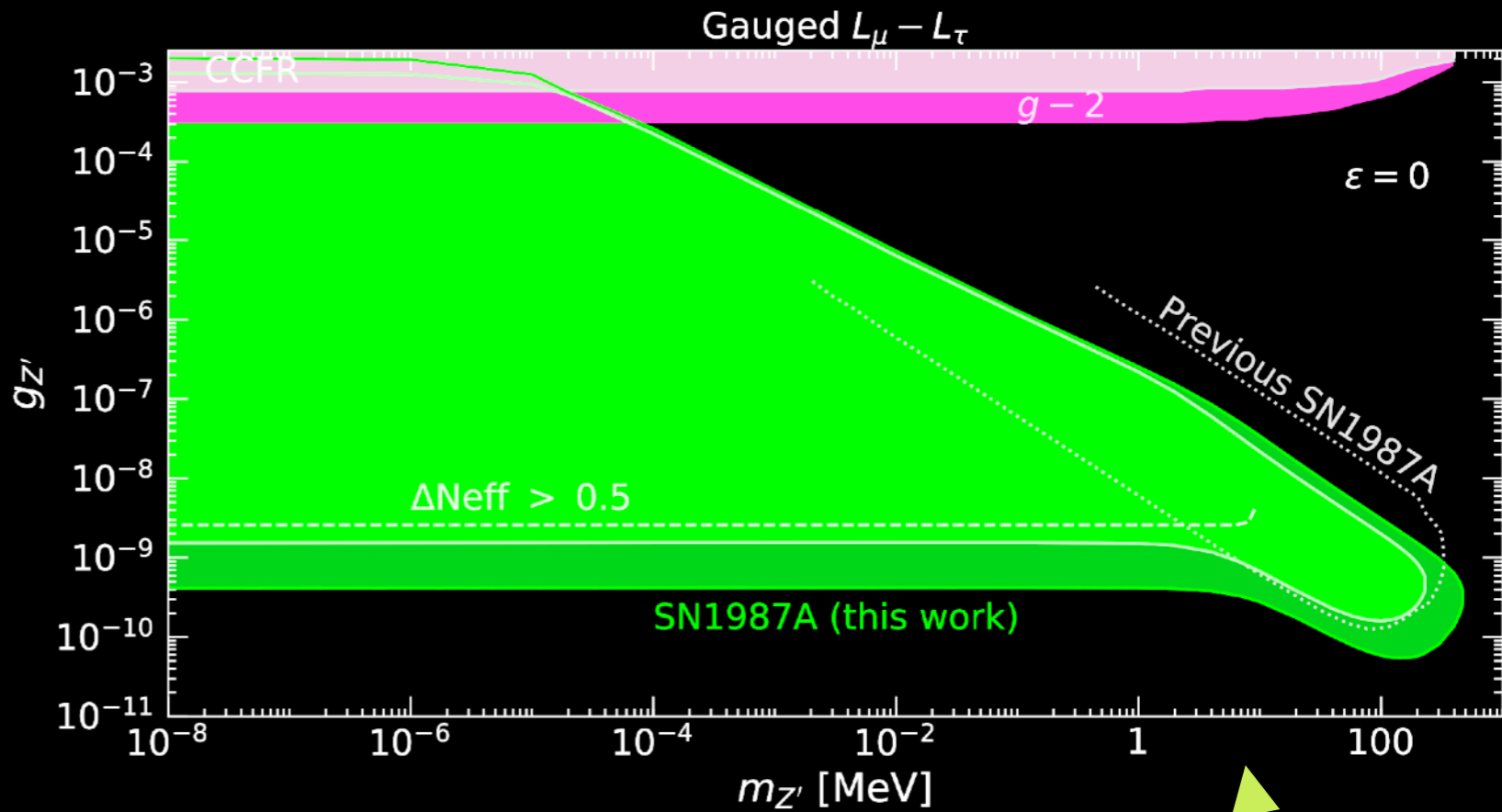
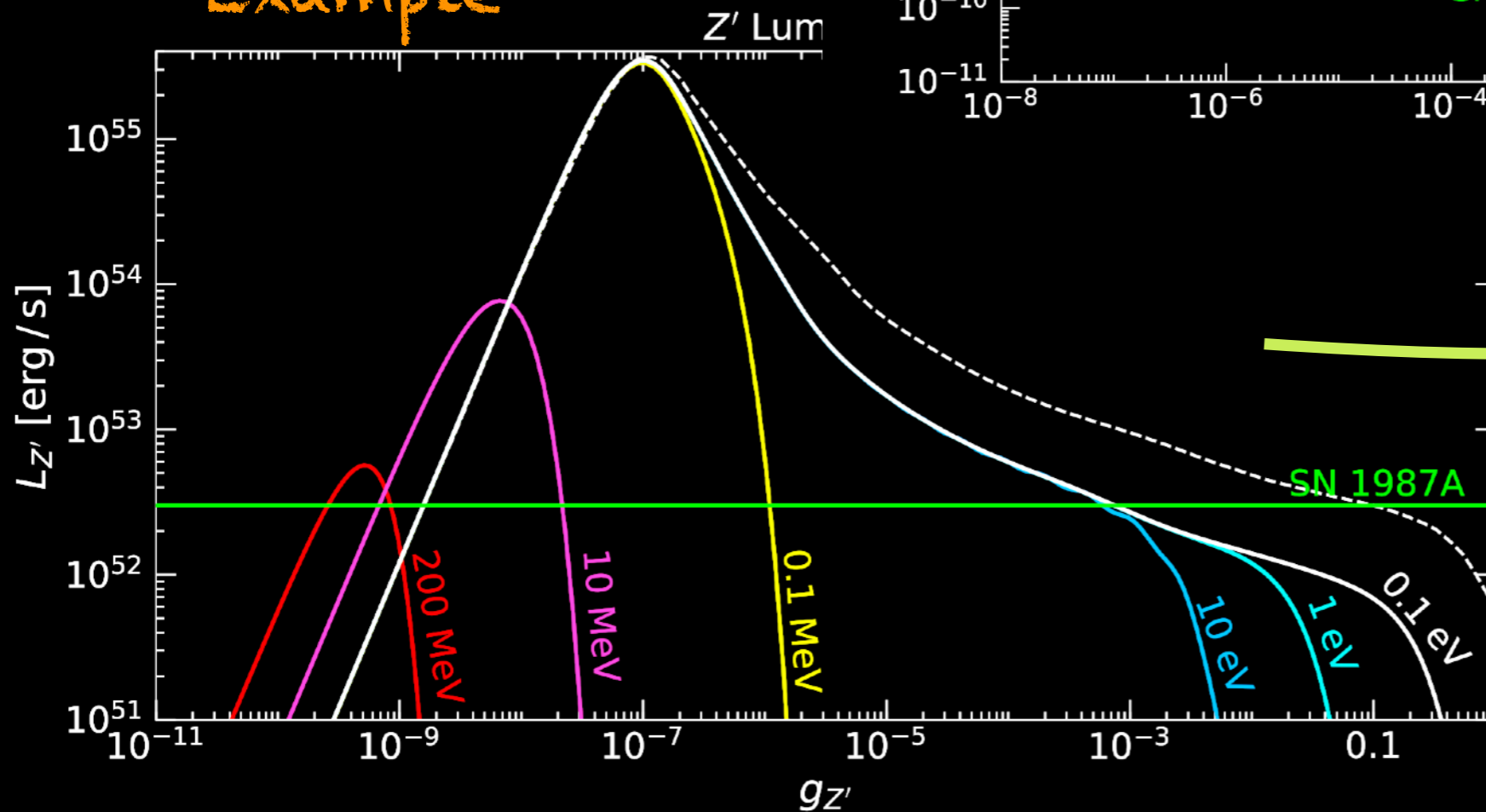
Example



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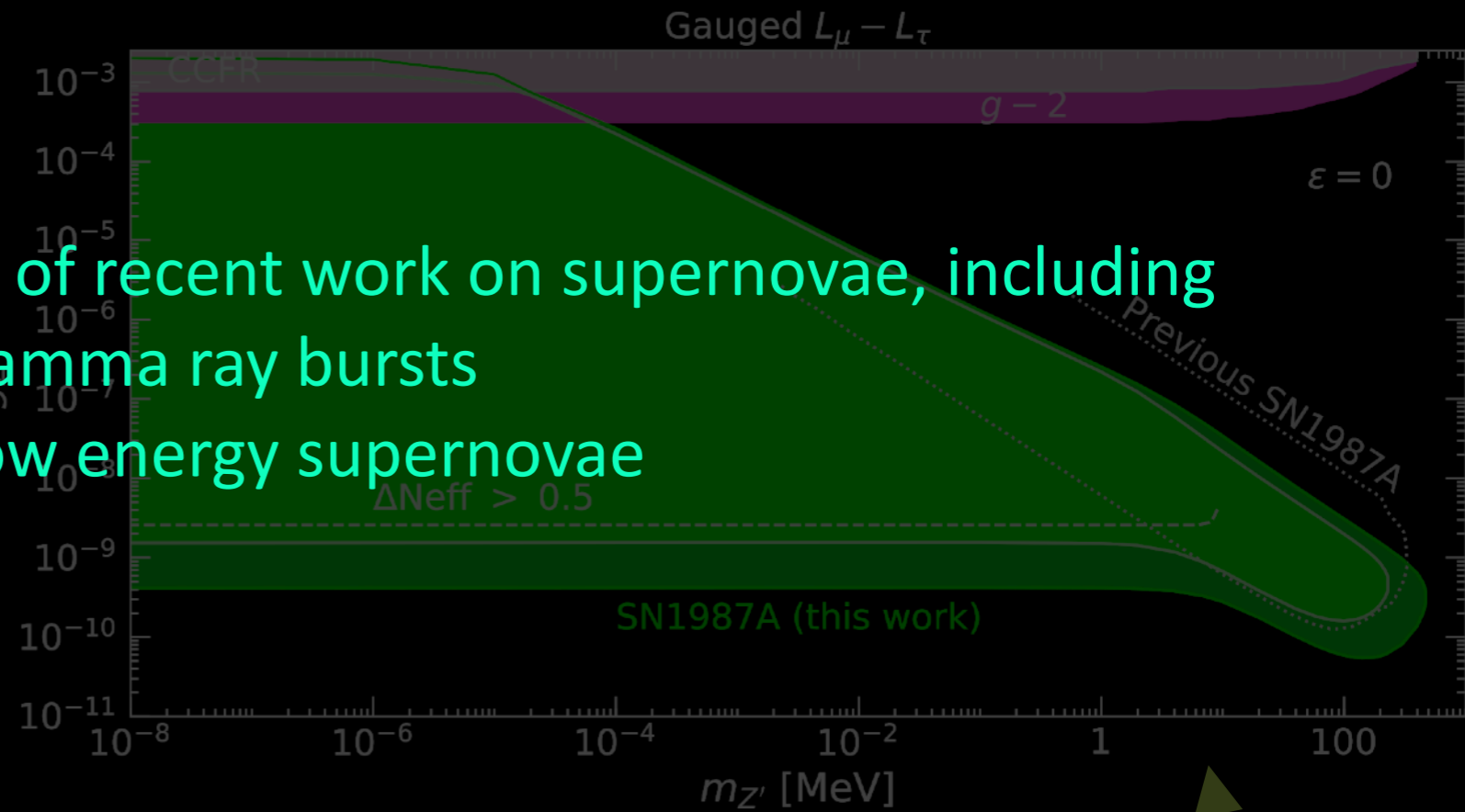
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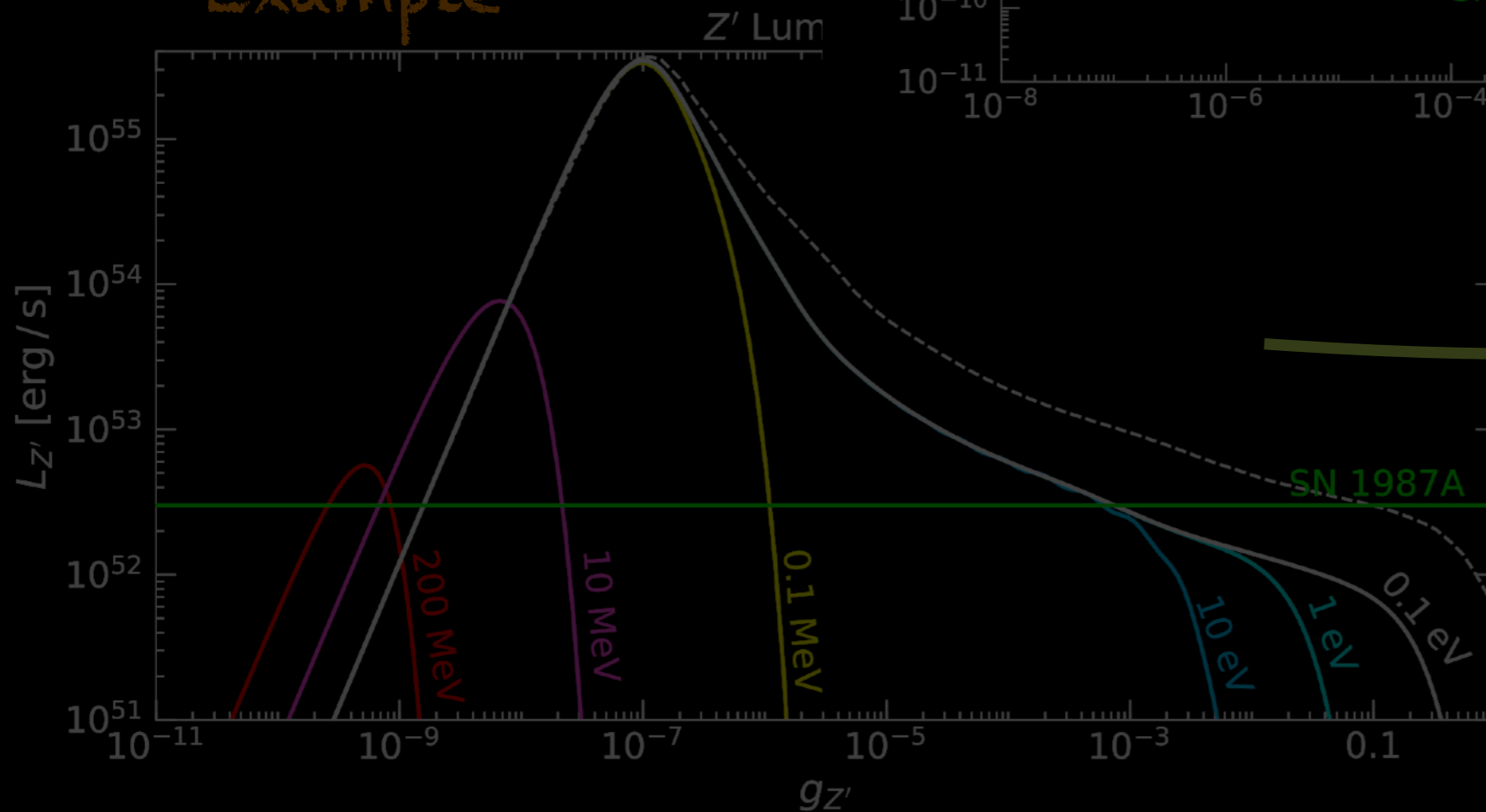
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Lots of recent work on supernovae, including

- Gamma ray bursts
- Low energy supernovae

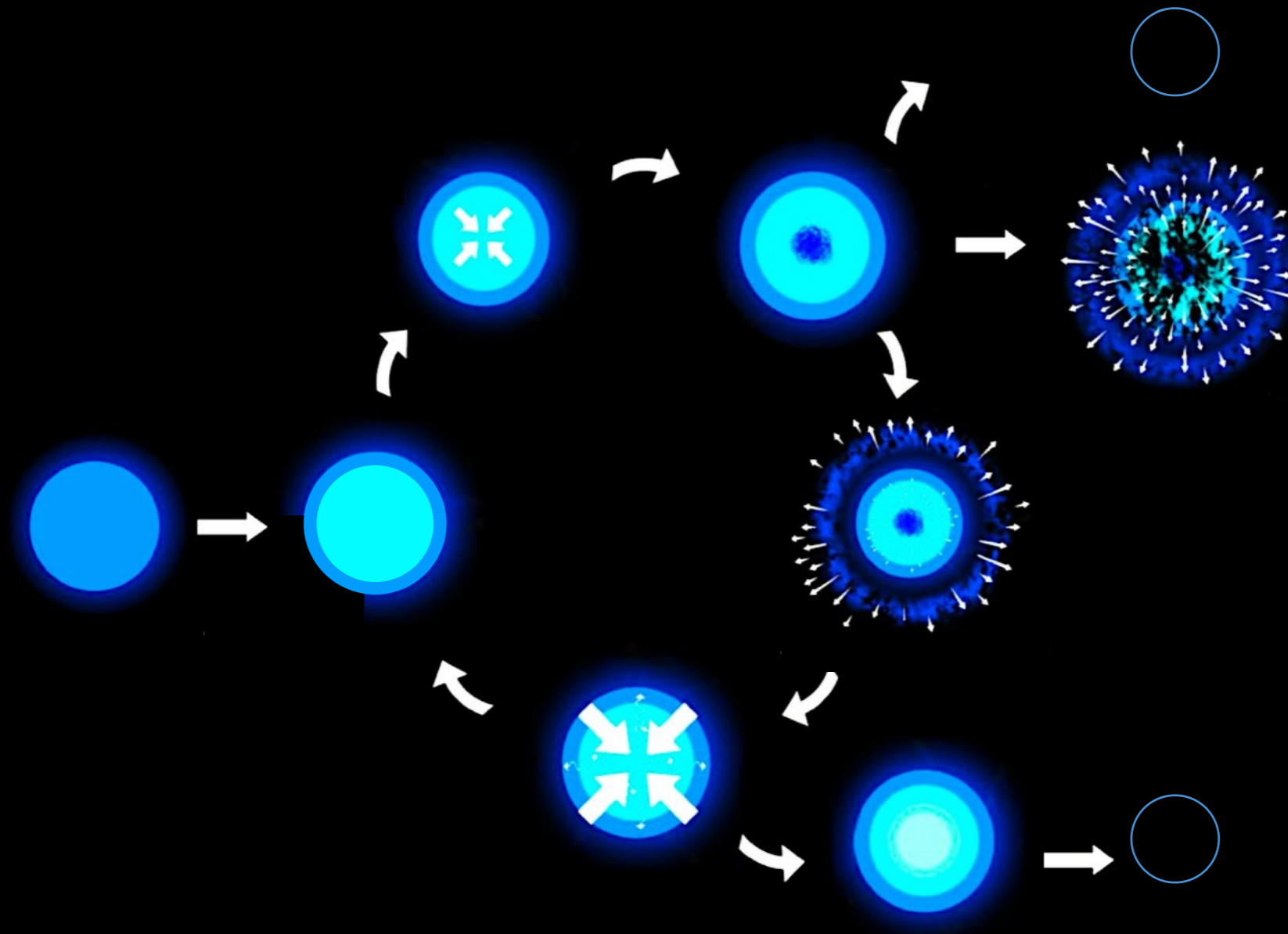


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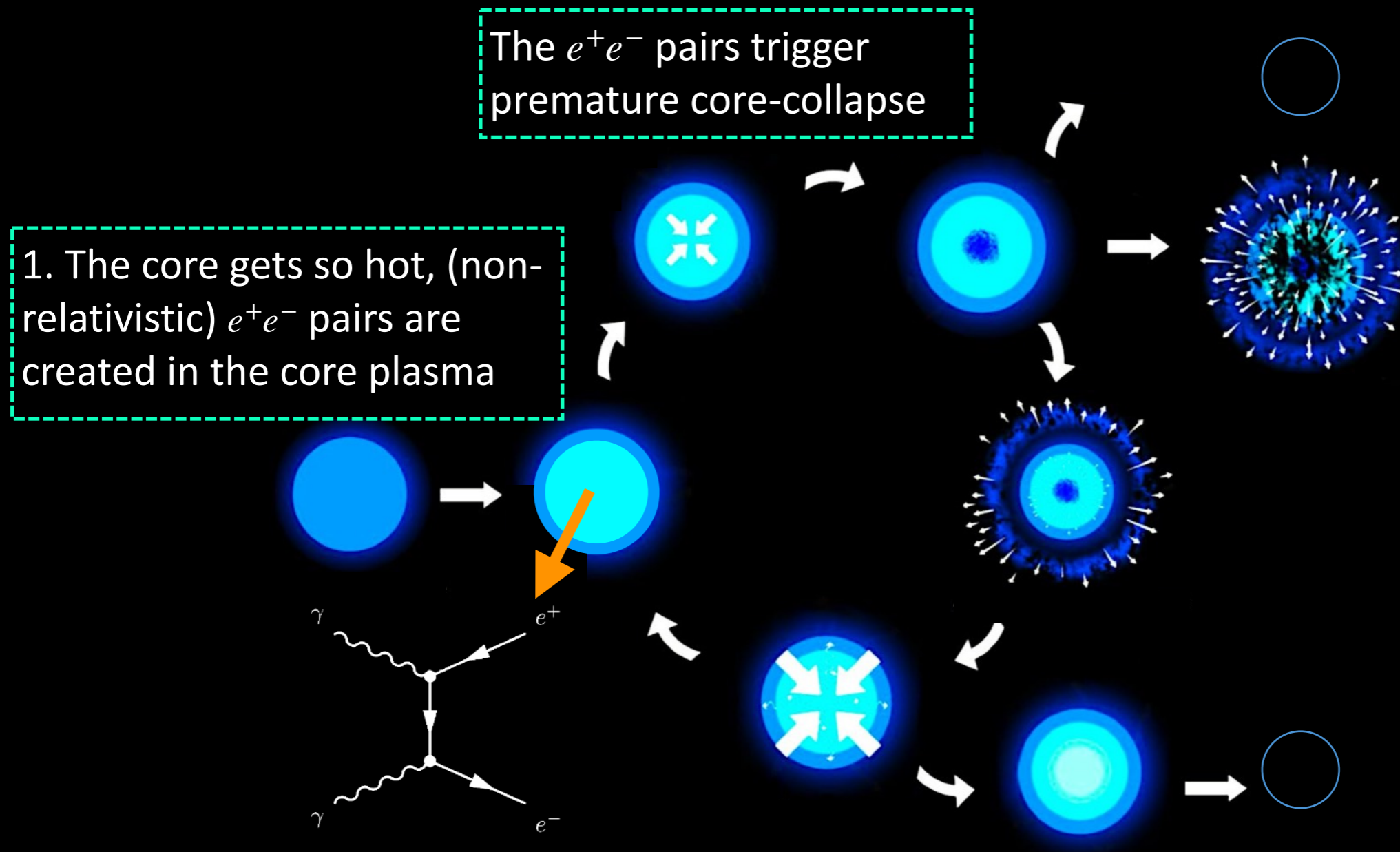
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# Pair instability in a nutshell



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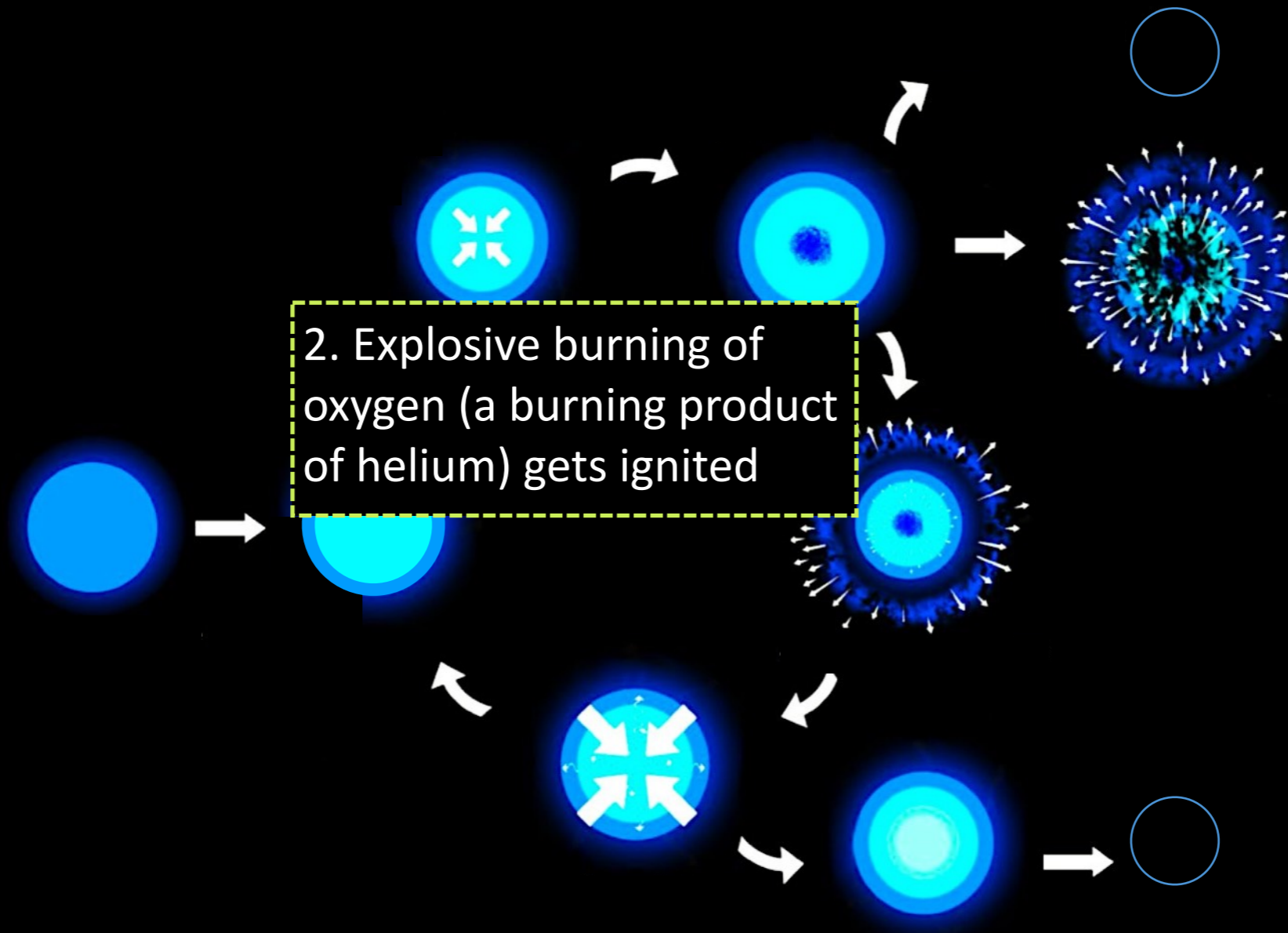
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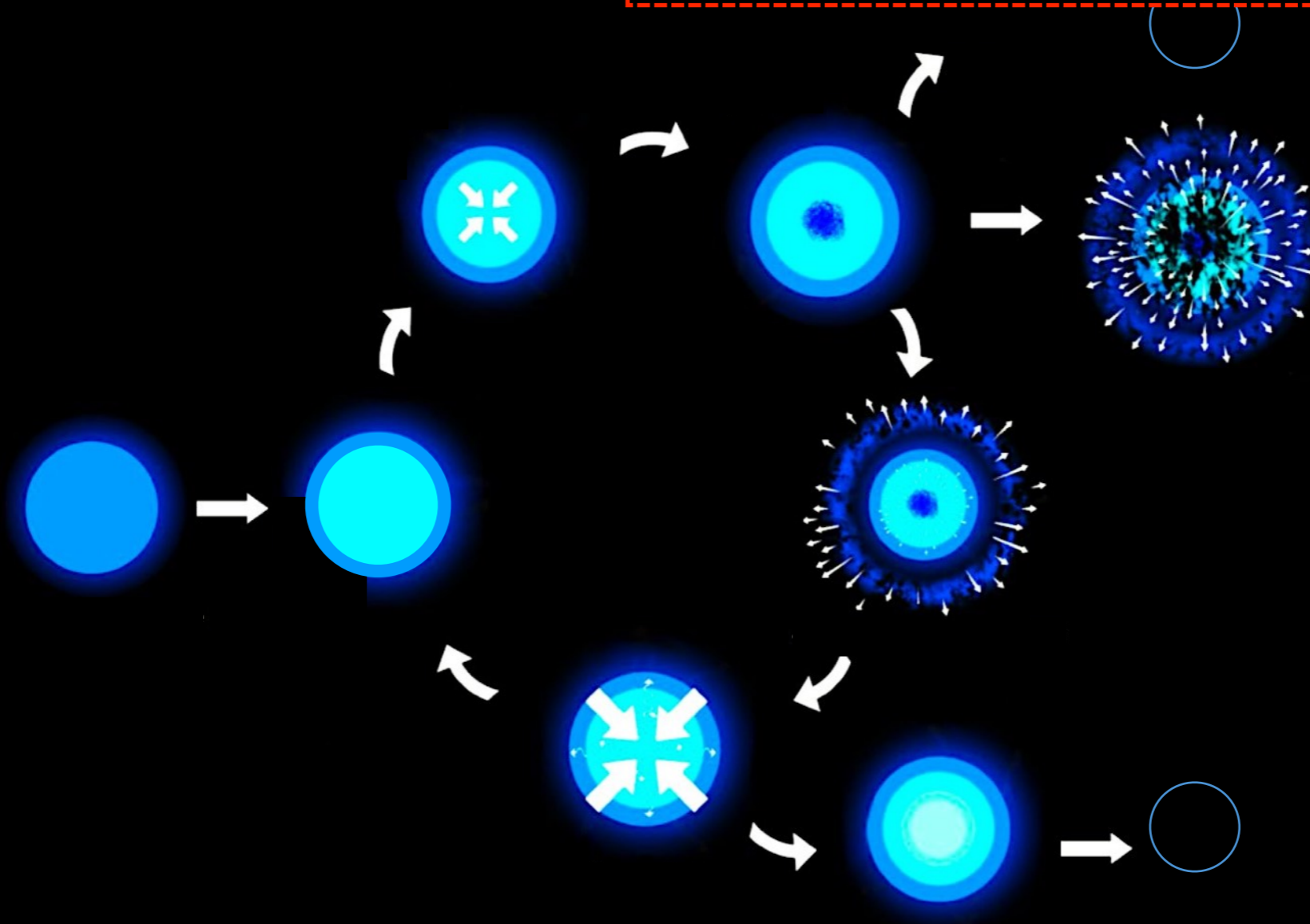


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3a. Photodisintegration instability triggers immediate BH collapse

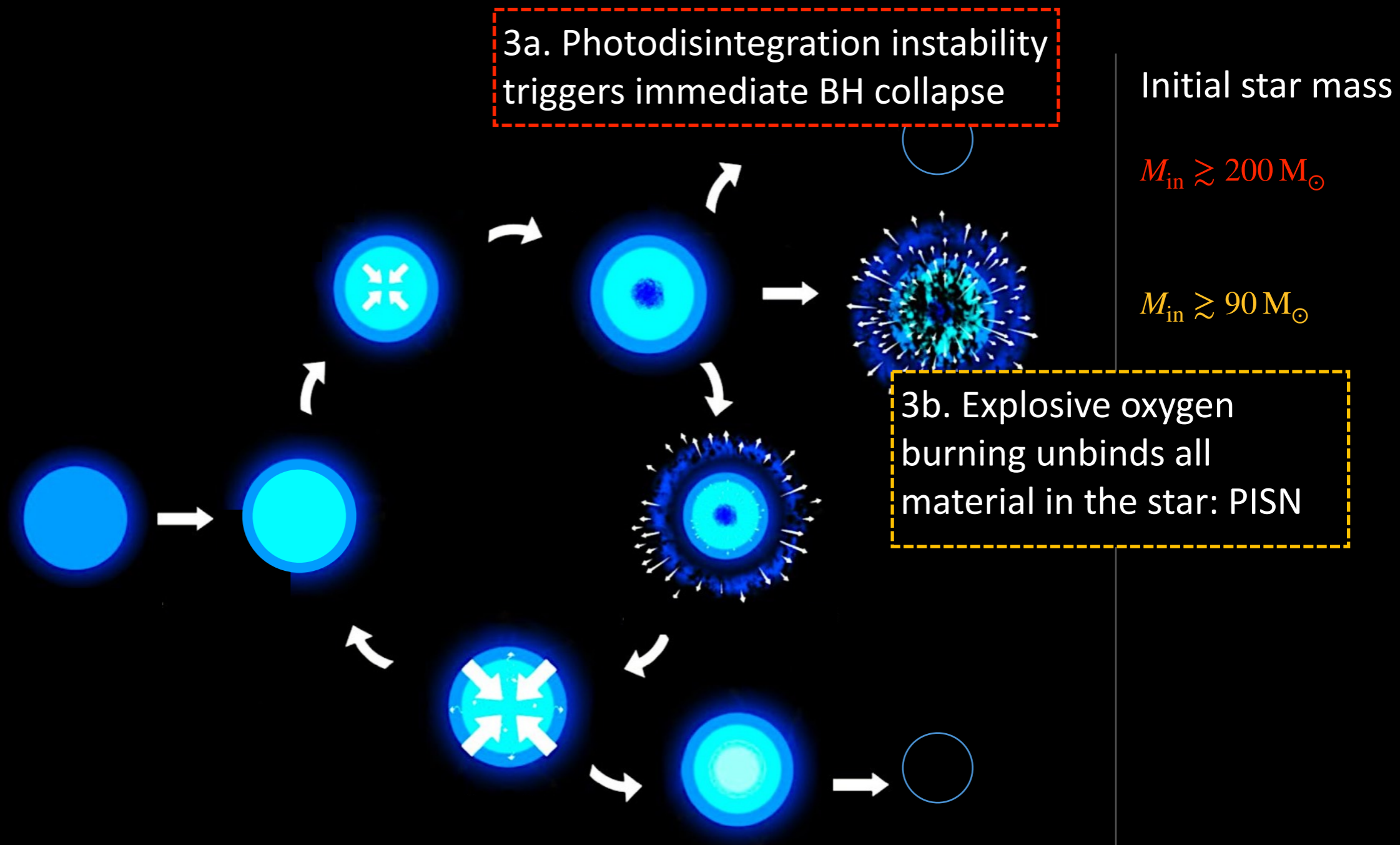
Initial star mass

$$M_{\text{in}} \gtrsim 200 M_{\odot}$$



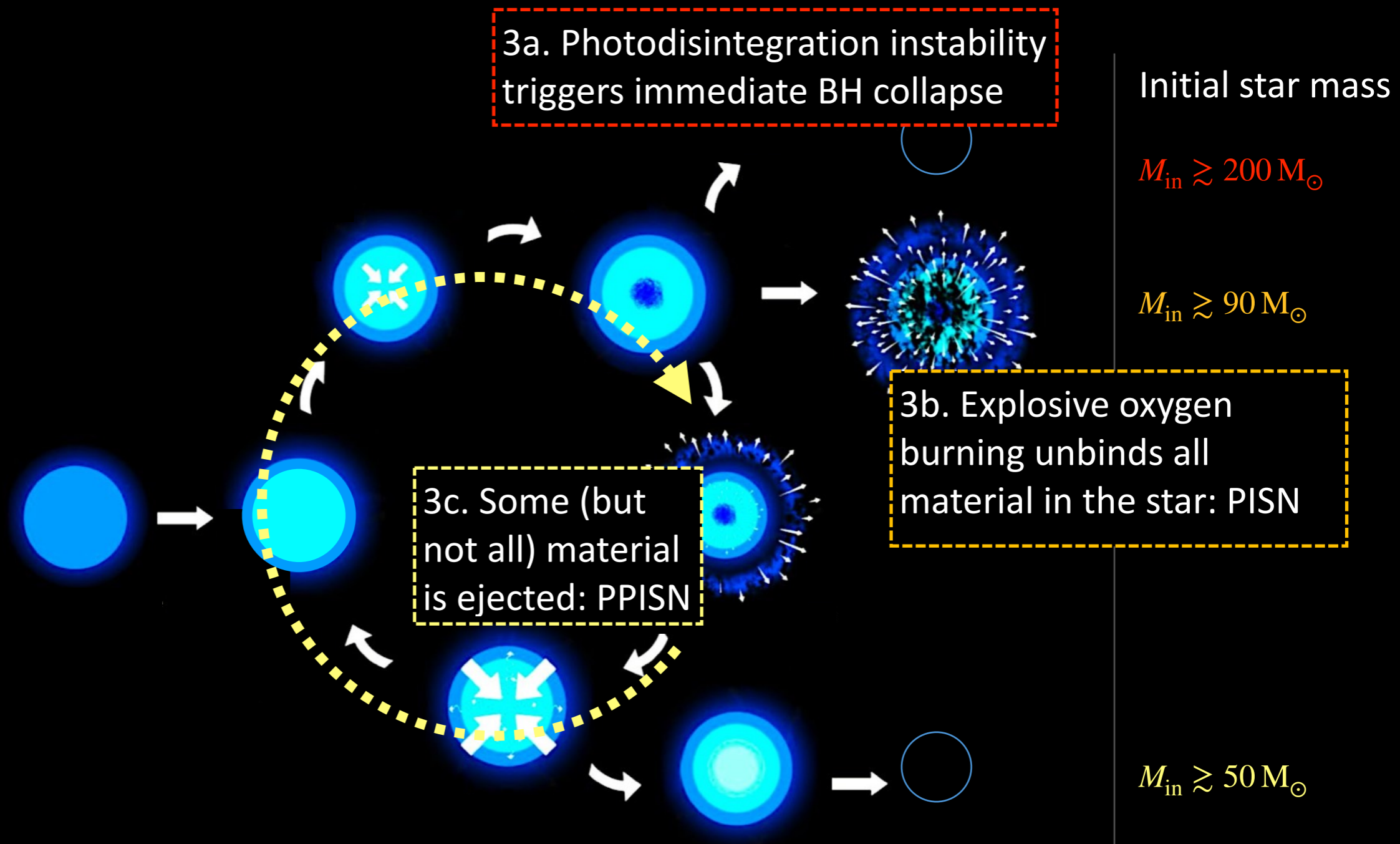
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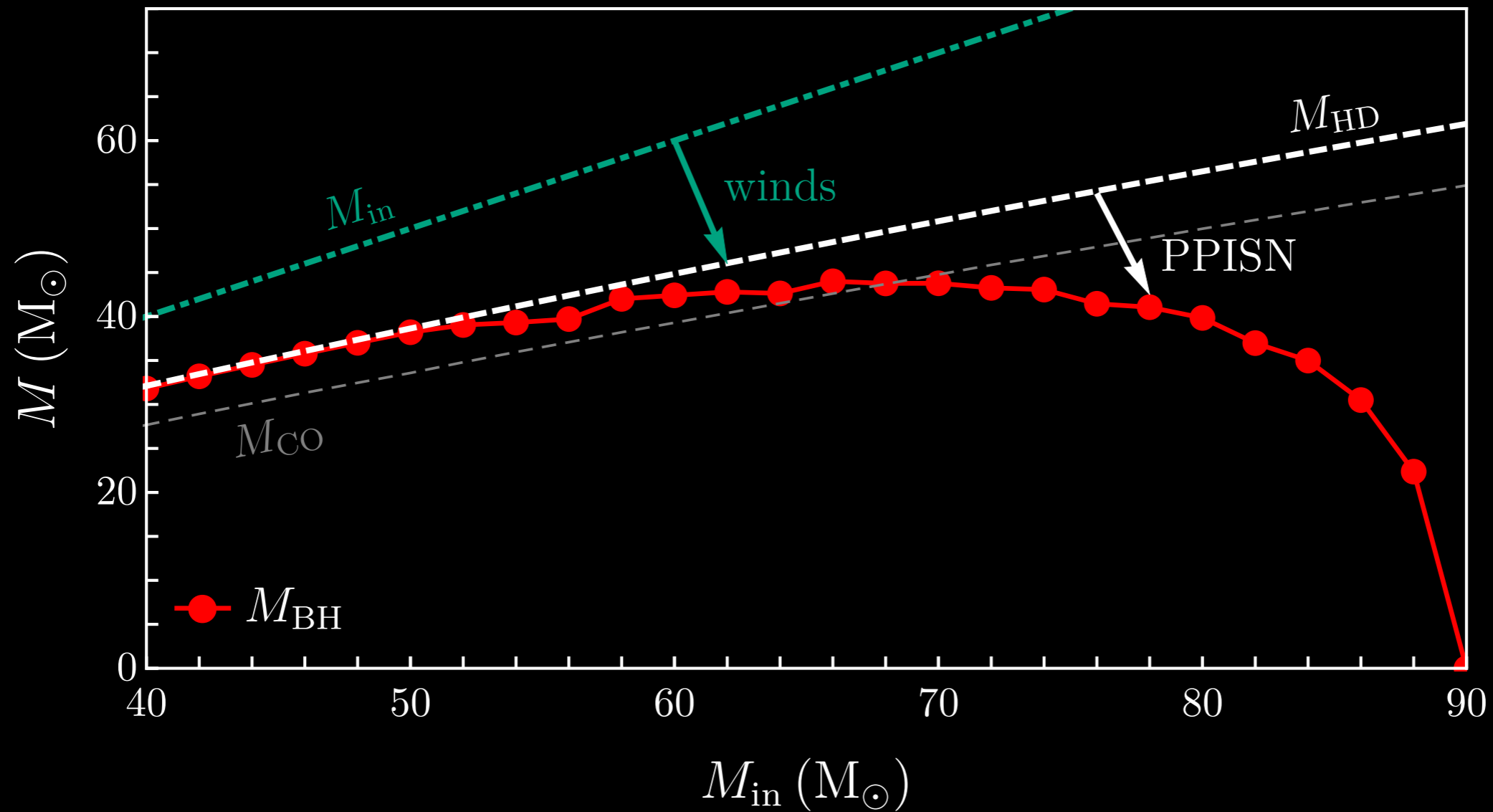
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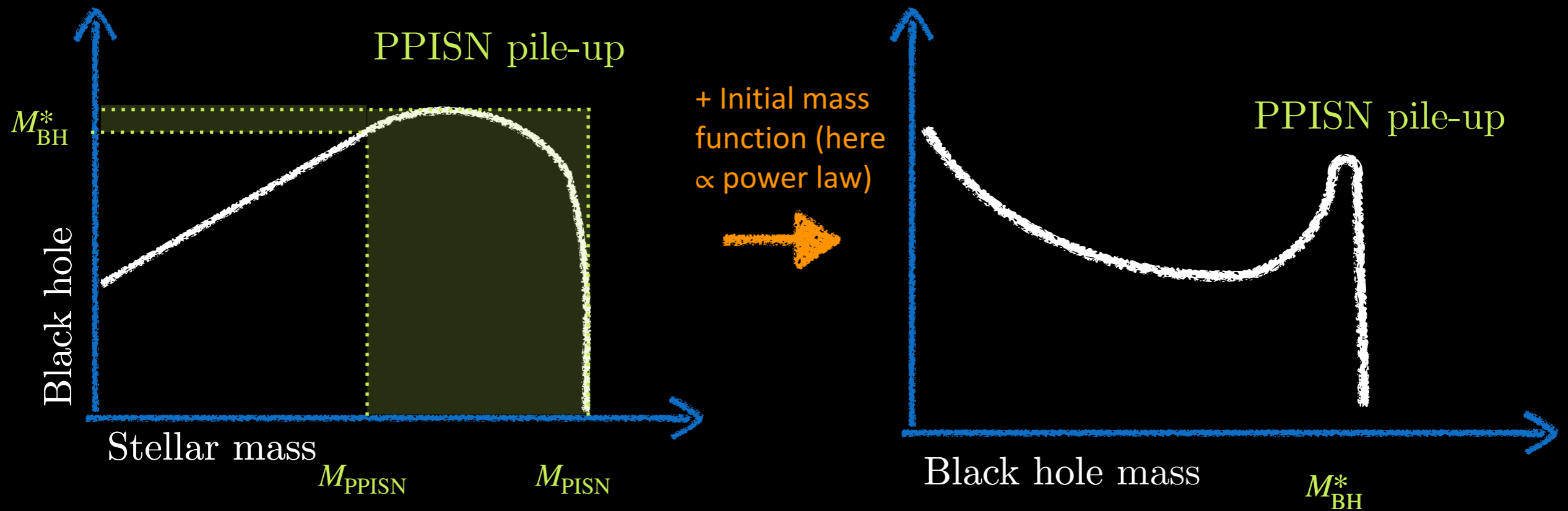


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# Pair instability and BH masses

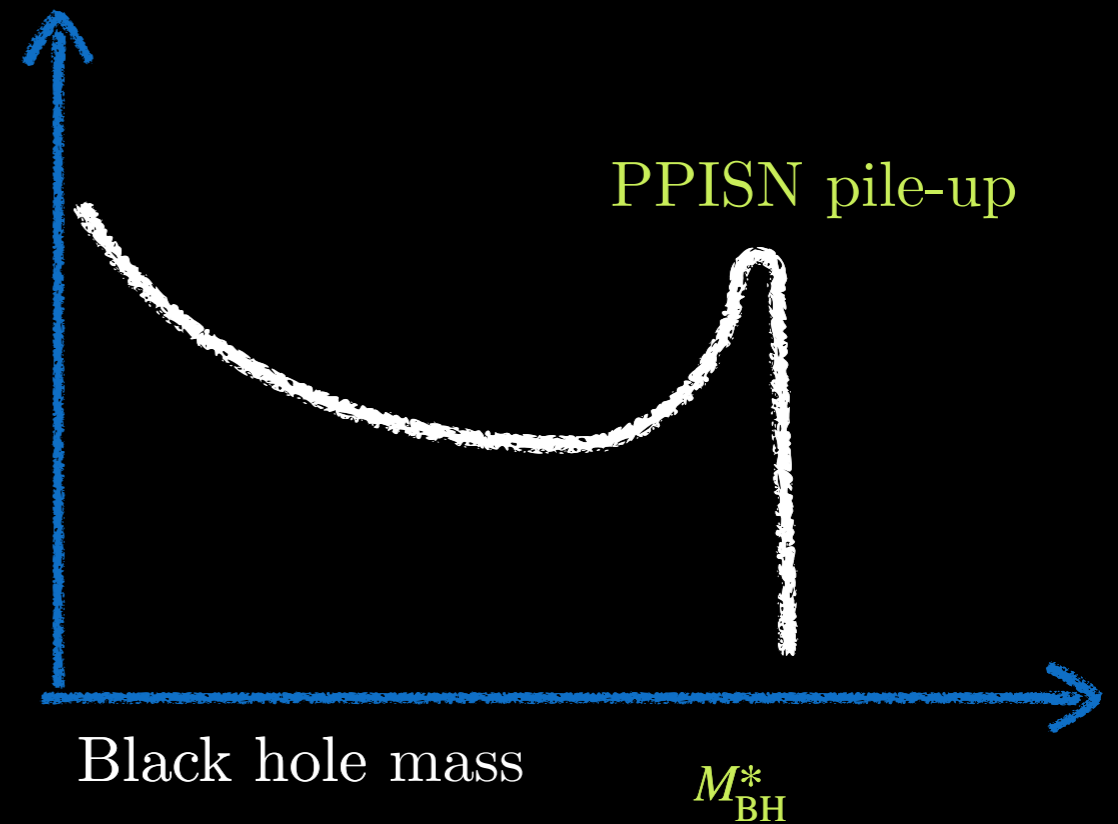
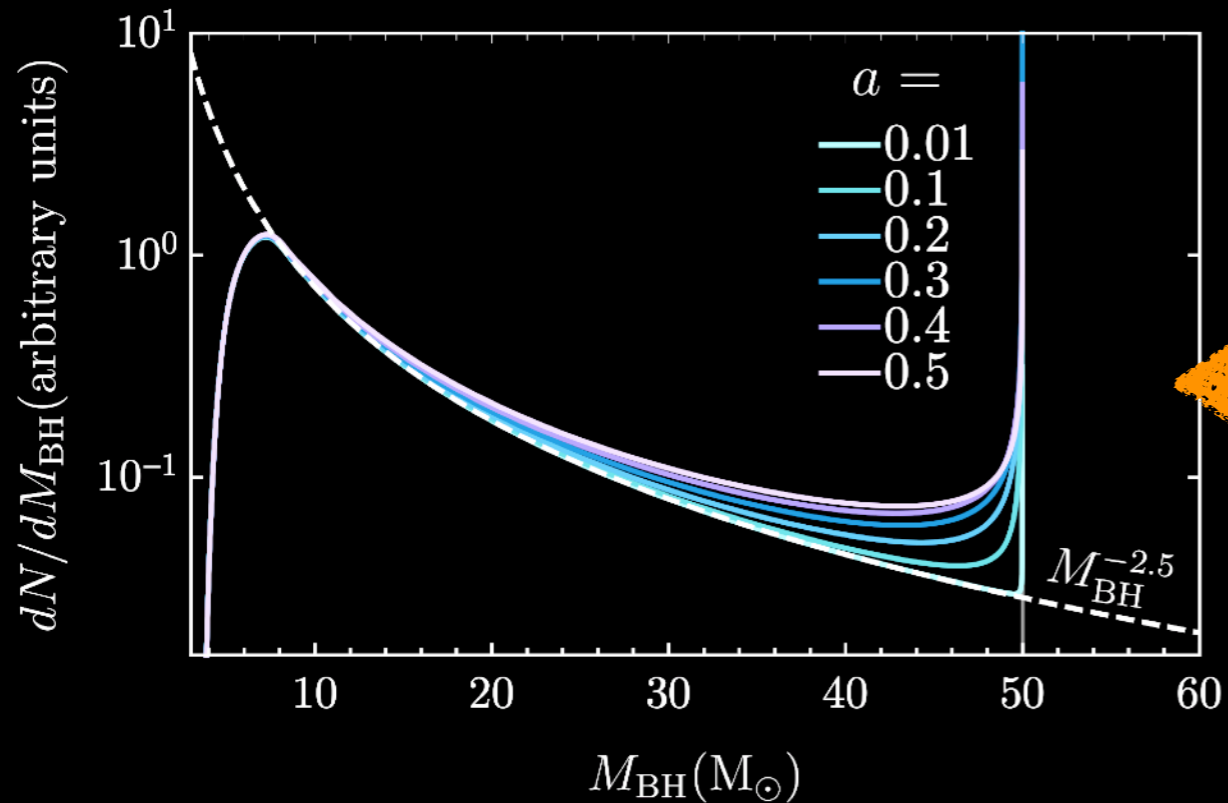


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See also Talbot & Trane,  
*arXiv:1801.02699*

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$$\frac{dN_{\text{BH}}^{(1g)}}{dM_{\text{BH}}} \propto M_{\text{BH}}^b \left[ 1 + \frac{2a^2 M_{\text{BH}}^{1/2} (M_{\text{BHMG}} - M_{\text{BH}})^{a-1}}{M_{\text{BHMG}}^{a-1/2}} \right]$$

Baxter, DC, McDermott, Sakstein, ApJL,  
arXiv:2104.02685