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Gravitational wave signals of ultralight axion dark matter

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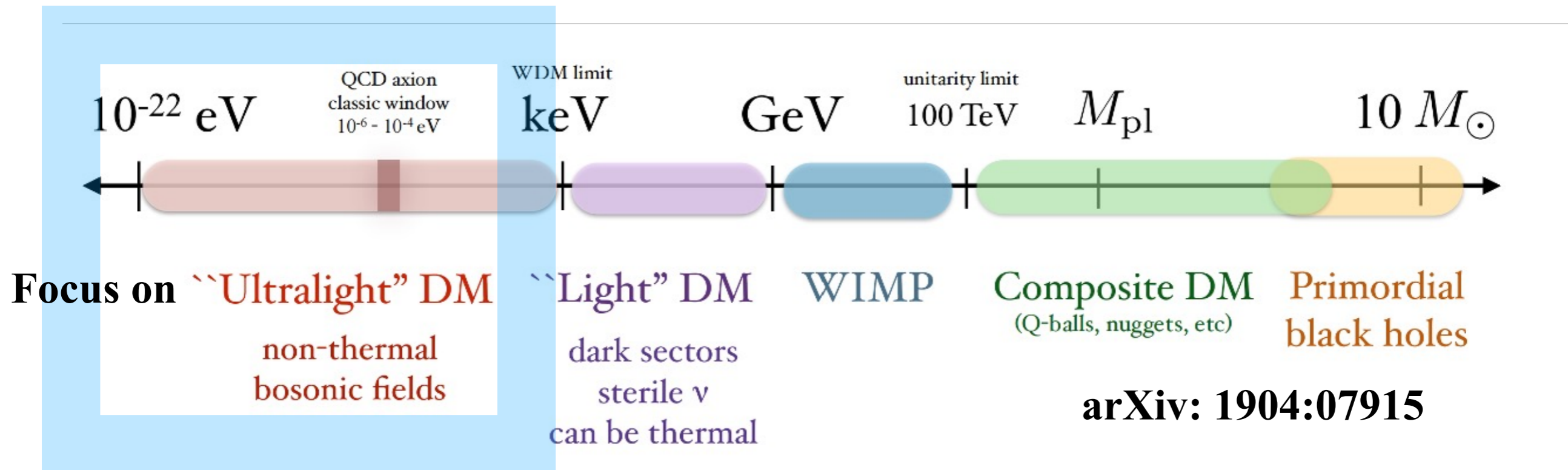
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What is DM?

What is the microscopic nature of DM?

No expected signals at LHC and DM direct search.



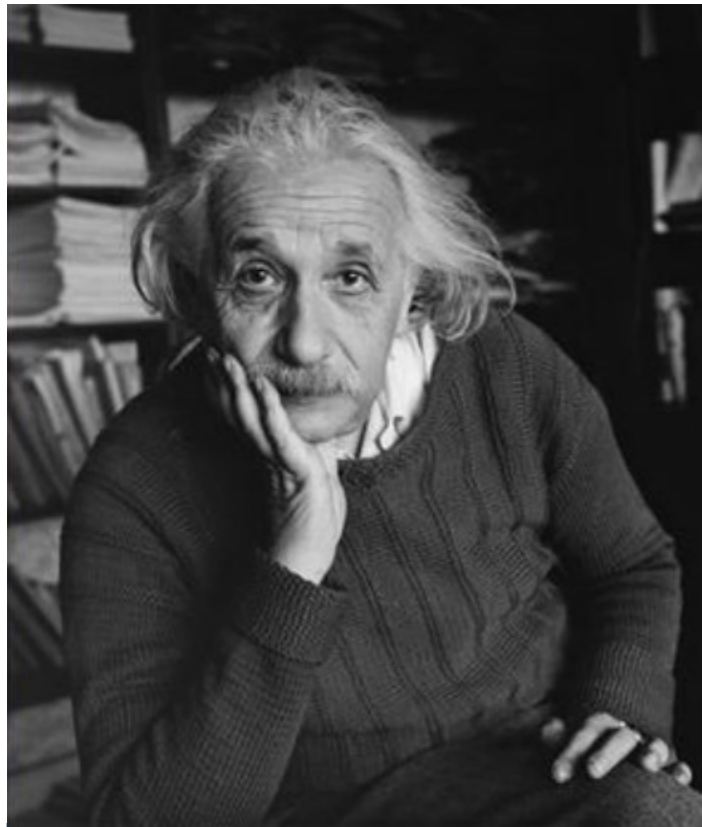
How to detect DM?

This situation may point us towards **ultralight DM** with new approaches, such as

radio telescope (SKA/FAST...)

& GW detector (LISA/TianQin/Taiji...)

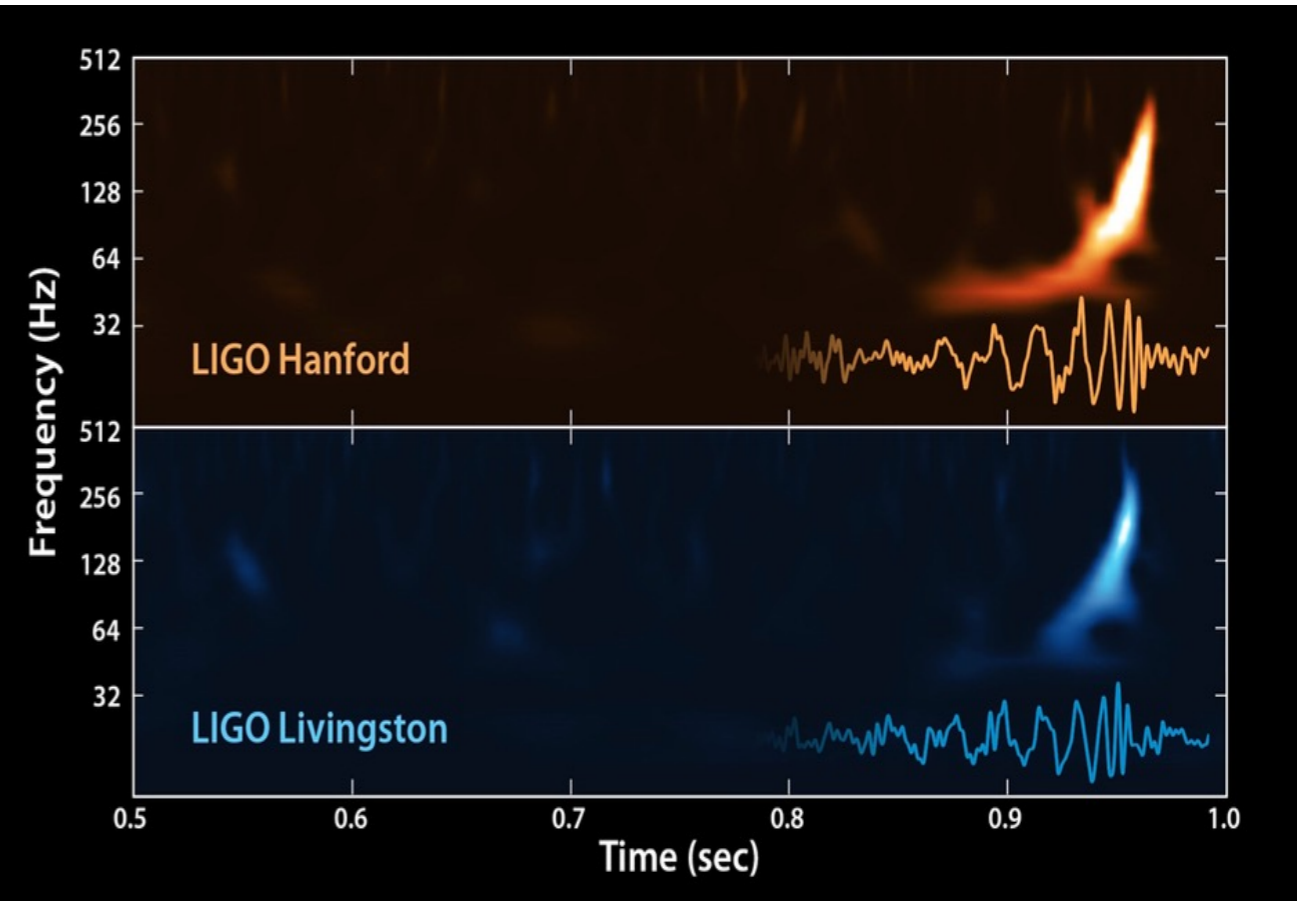
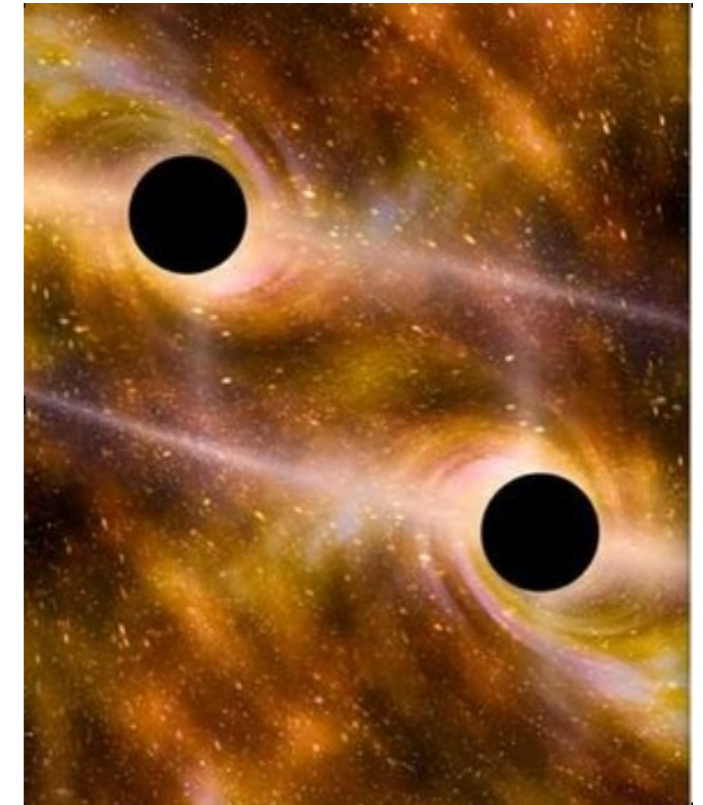
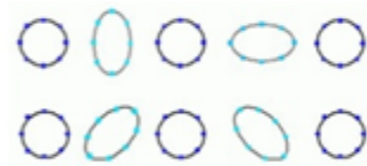
What is GW?



General relativity

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{ij} \simeq \frac{2G}{c^4 r} \ddot{Q}_{ij}^{TT}(t - r/c)$$



The quadruple nature of GW !

**EM wave
radiation**

$$\ddot{d} = e\ddot{x}$$

$$L_{\text{electric quadrupole}} = \frac{1}{20} \ddot{Q}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{20} \ddot{Q}_{jk} \ddot{Q}_{jk}$$

$$Q_{jk} \equiv \sum_A e_A \left(x_{Aj} x_{Ak} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{jk} r_A^2 \right)$$

**GW
radiation**

$$\ddot{d} = \sum_{\text{particles } A} m_A \ddot{x}_A = \dot{p} = 0$$

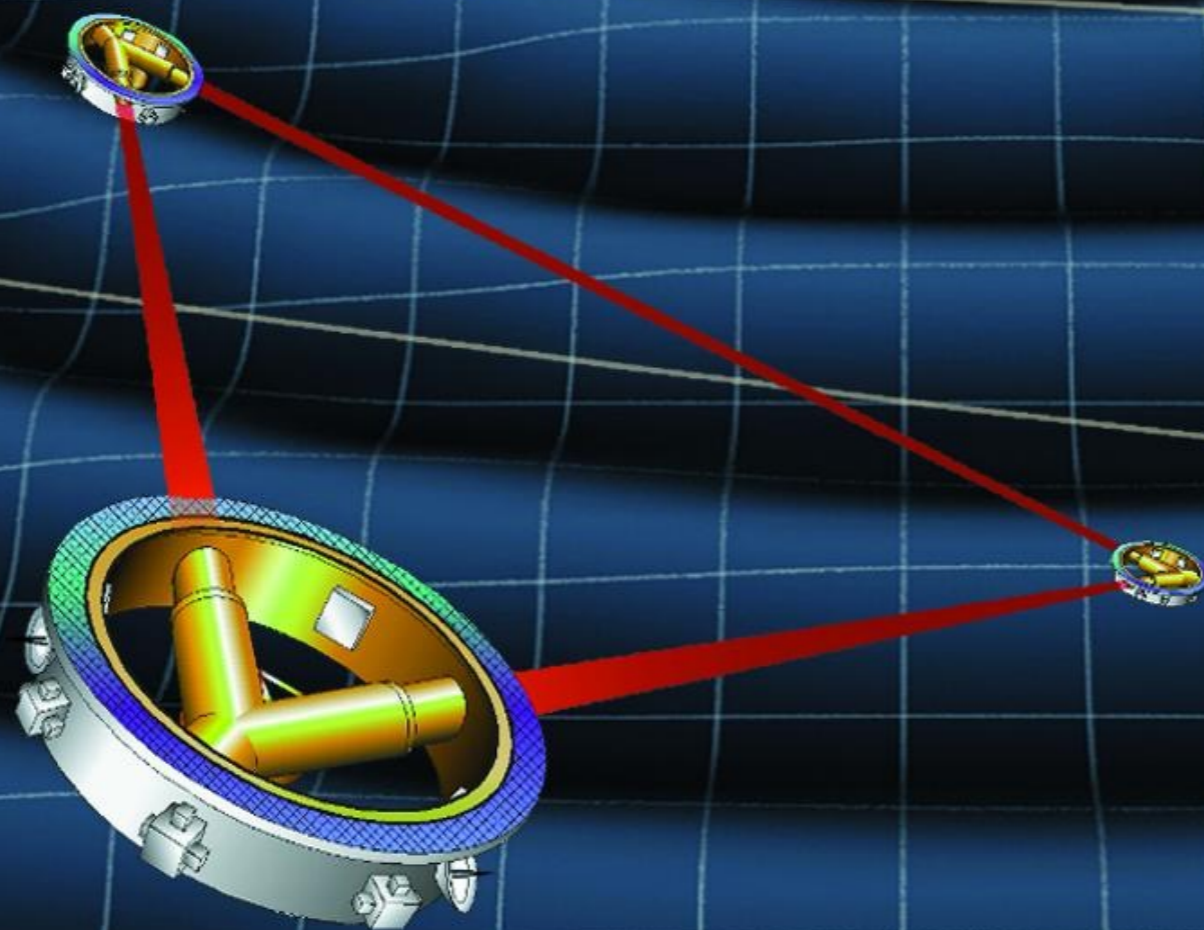
momentum conservation

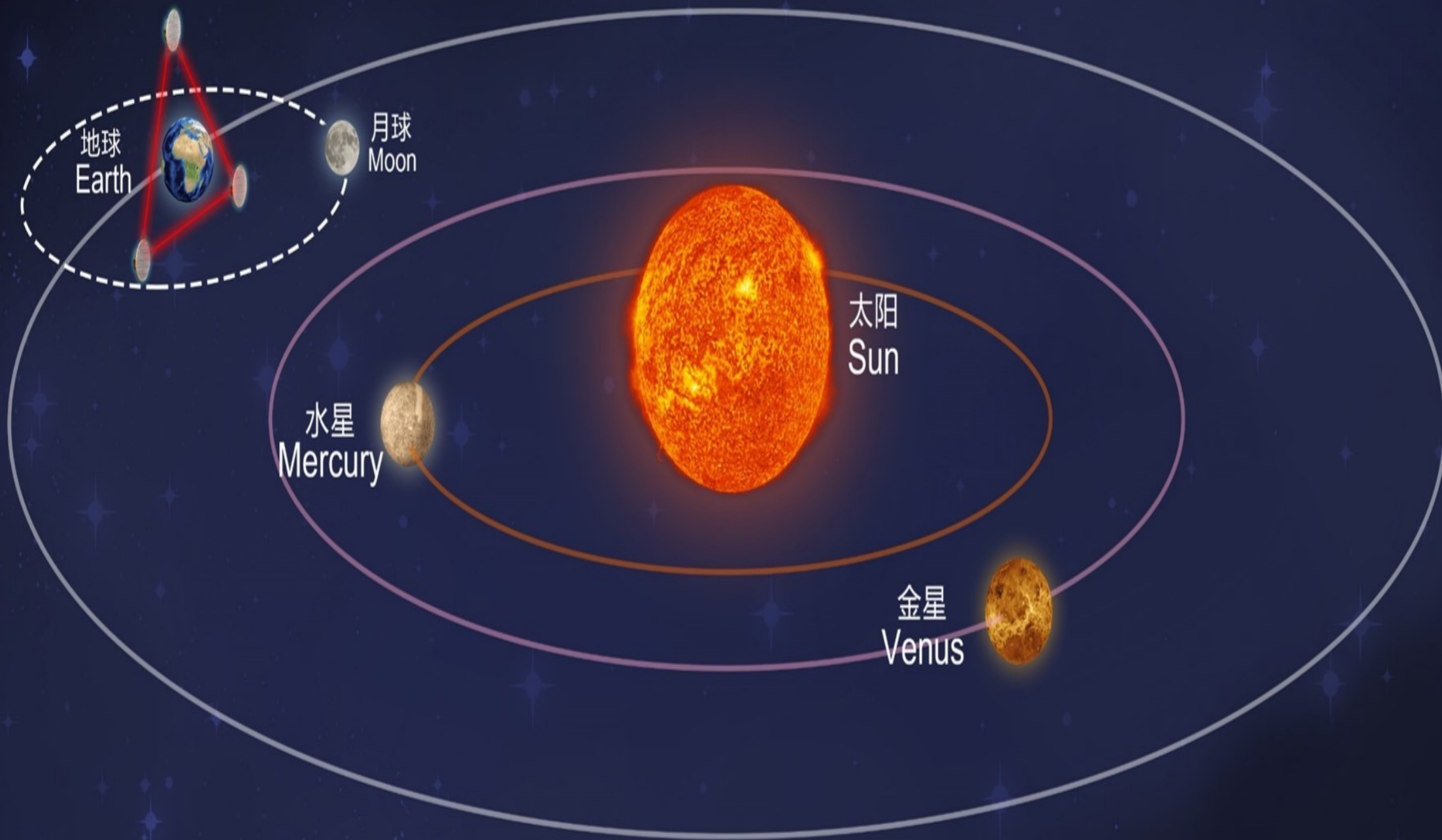
$$L_{\text{mass quadrupole}} = \frac{1}{5} \langle \ddot{I}^2 \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{5} \langle \ddot{I}_{jk} \ddot{I}_{jk} \rangle$$

$$I_{jk} \equiv \sum_A m_A \left(x_{Aj} x_{Ak} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{jk} r_A^2 \right)$$

credit: MTW

LISA





TianQin

Radio telescope and pulsar timing array

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)

Big Announcement June 29th
NANOGrav, EPTAGW,
InPTA, Parkes PTA, CPTA



High sensitivity sub μJy

credit: SKA website

The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST)



From 25 Sep. 2016

Ultralight axion DM

Ultralight axion is a promising DM candidate.

(particle physics)

(fundamental theory)

Strong CP problem

string theory

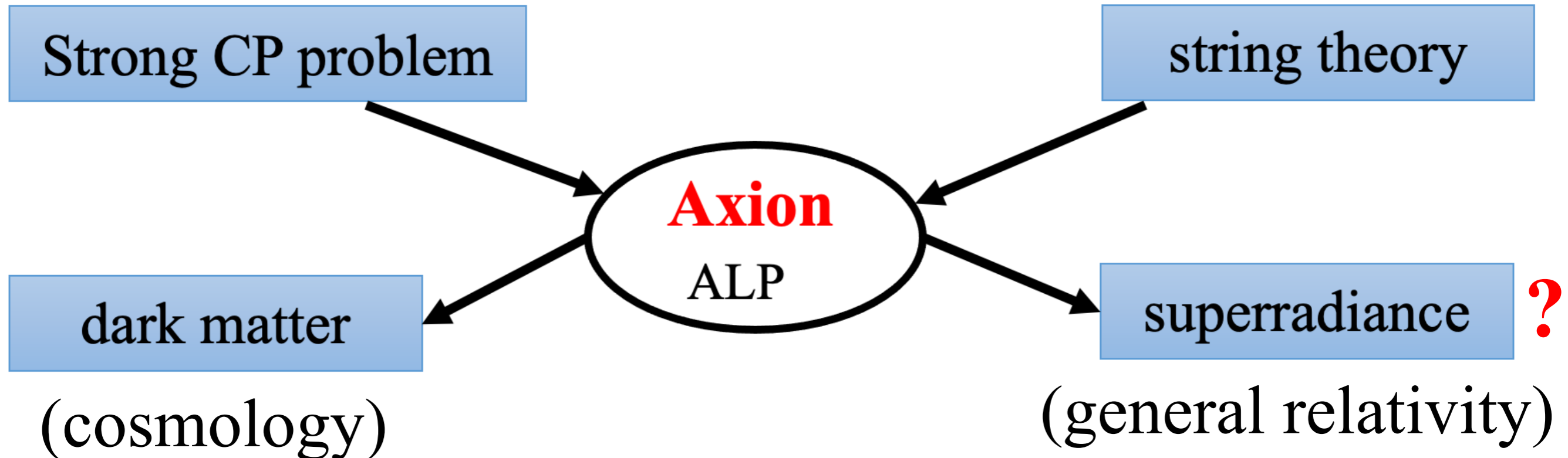
dark matter

Axion
ALP

superradiance ?

(cosmology)

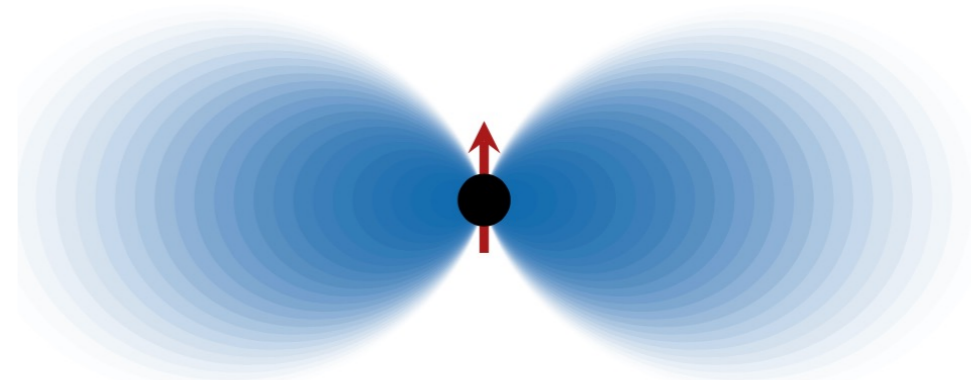
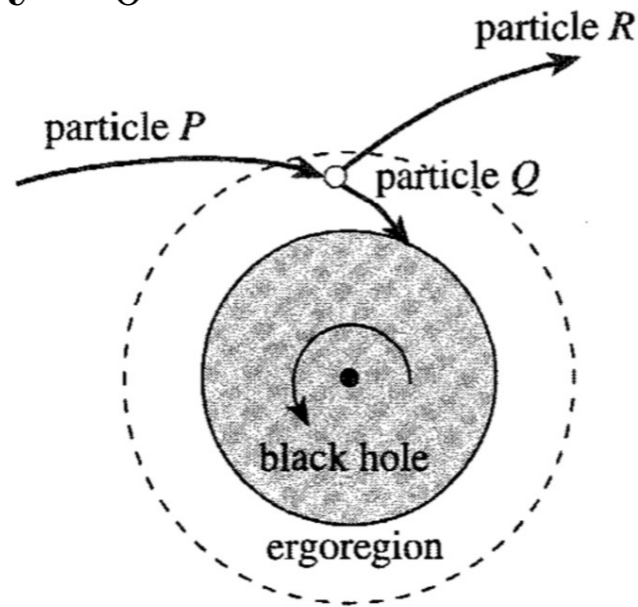
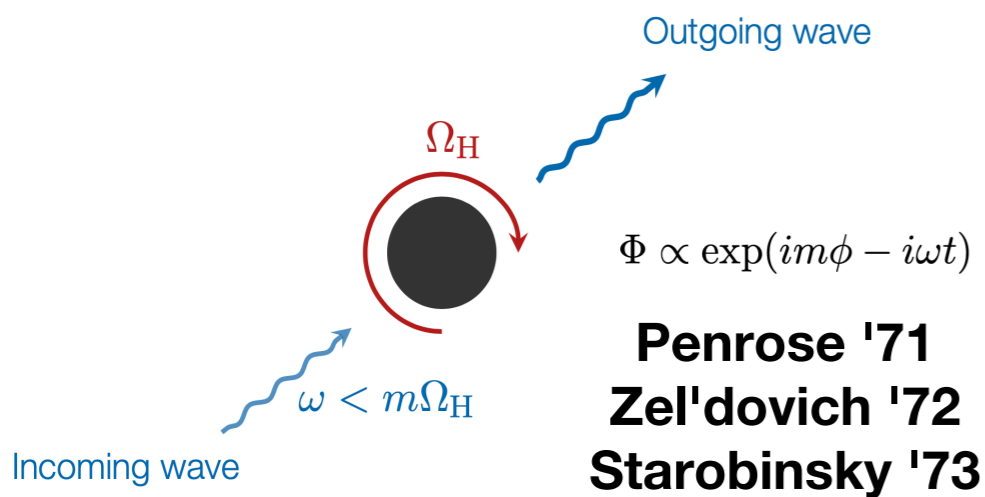
(general relativity)



What is superradiance?

When Klein meets Kerr——superradiance

$$\Delta \frac{d}{dr} \left(\Delta \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \left[\omega^2 (r^2 + a^2)^2 - 4aMr m \omega + a^2 m^2 - \Delta (m_a^2 r^2 + a^2 \omega^2 + \lambda) \right] R = 0$$



Exponential growth solution of Klein-Gordon equation due to the boundary condition at the horizon of Kerr BH.

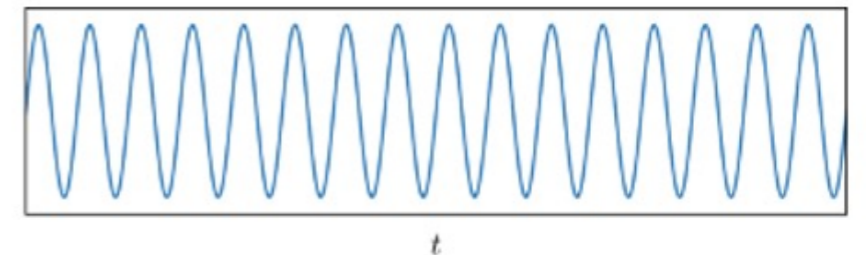
Ultralight axion can form axion cloud around rotating BH.

Resemble hydrogen atom, **gravitational atom**

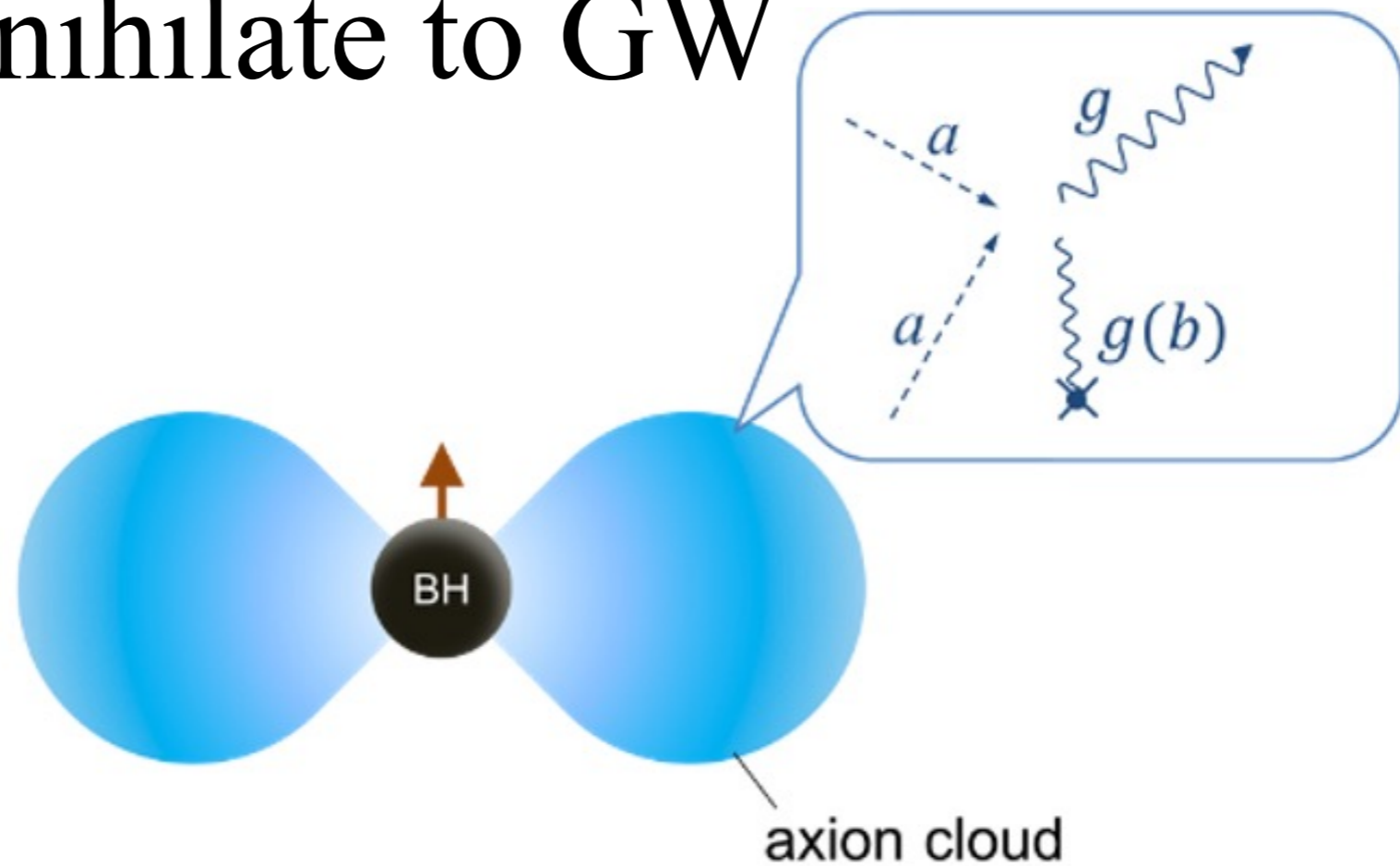
$$\alpha = M_{BH} m_a < 1$$

Credit: Baumann

GW of ultralight DM from black hole



Axions can annihilate to GW



gravitational atom

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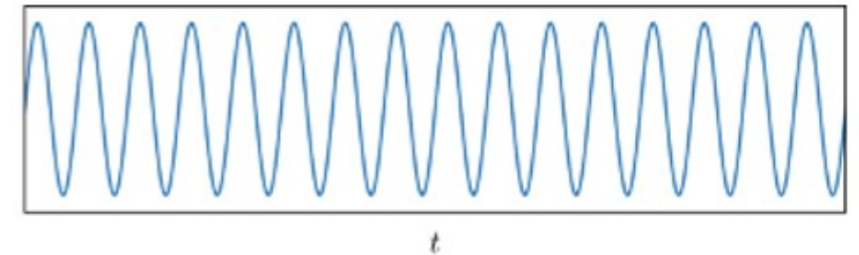
Axions can annihilate to GW

A. Arvanitaki and S. Dubovsky, Phys. Rev. D 83, 044026 (2011)

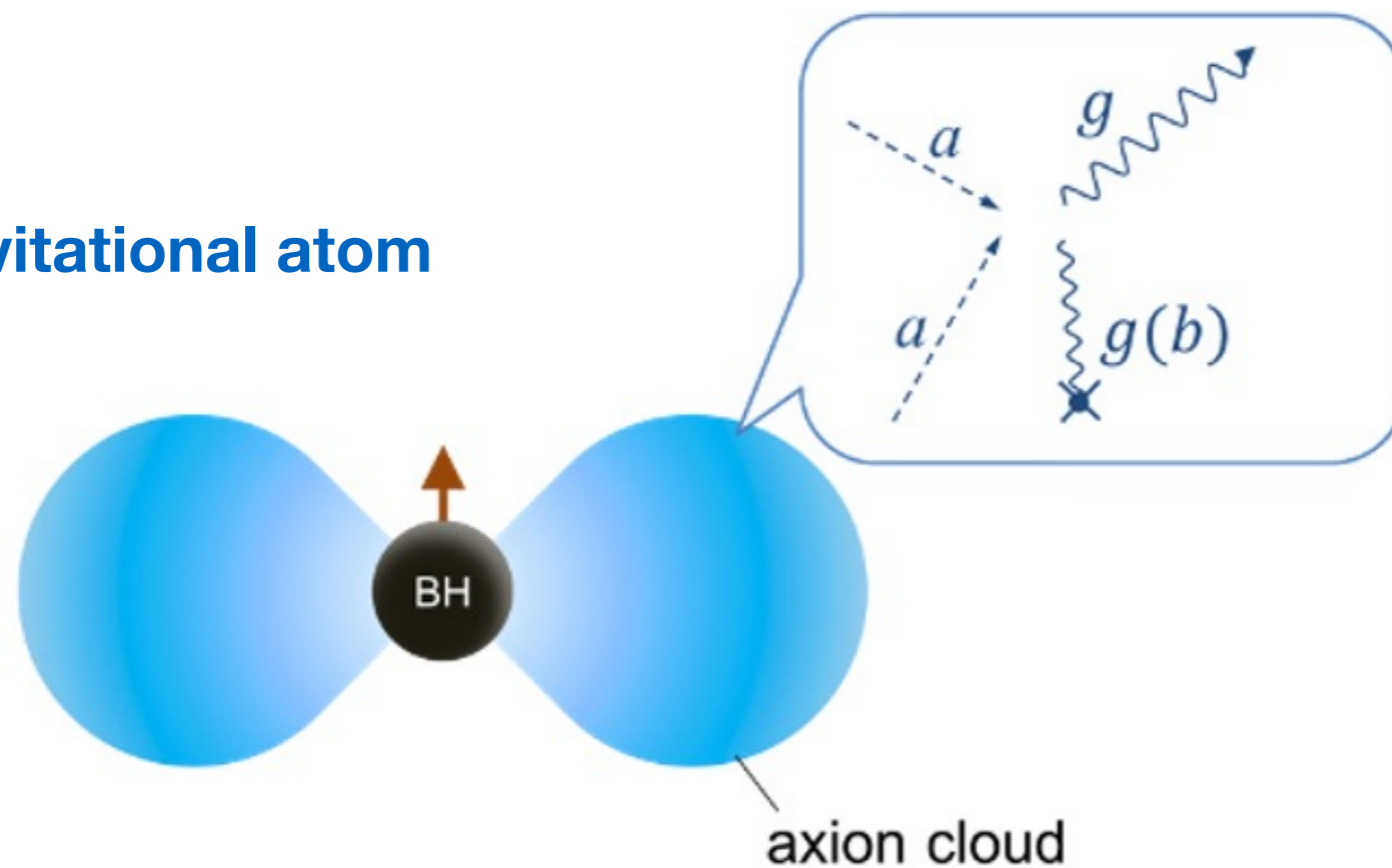
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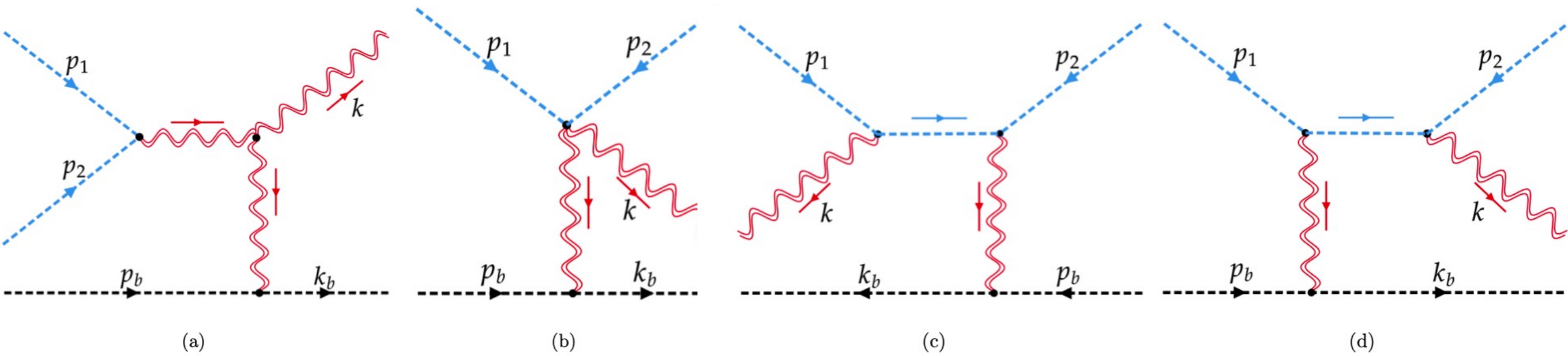
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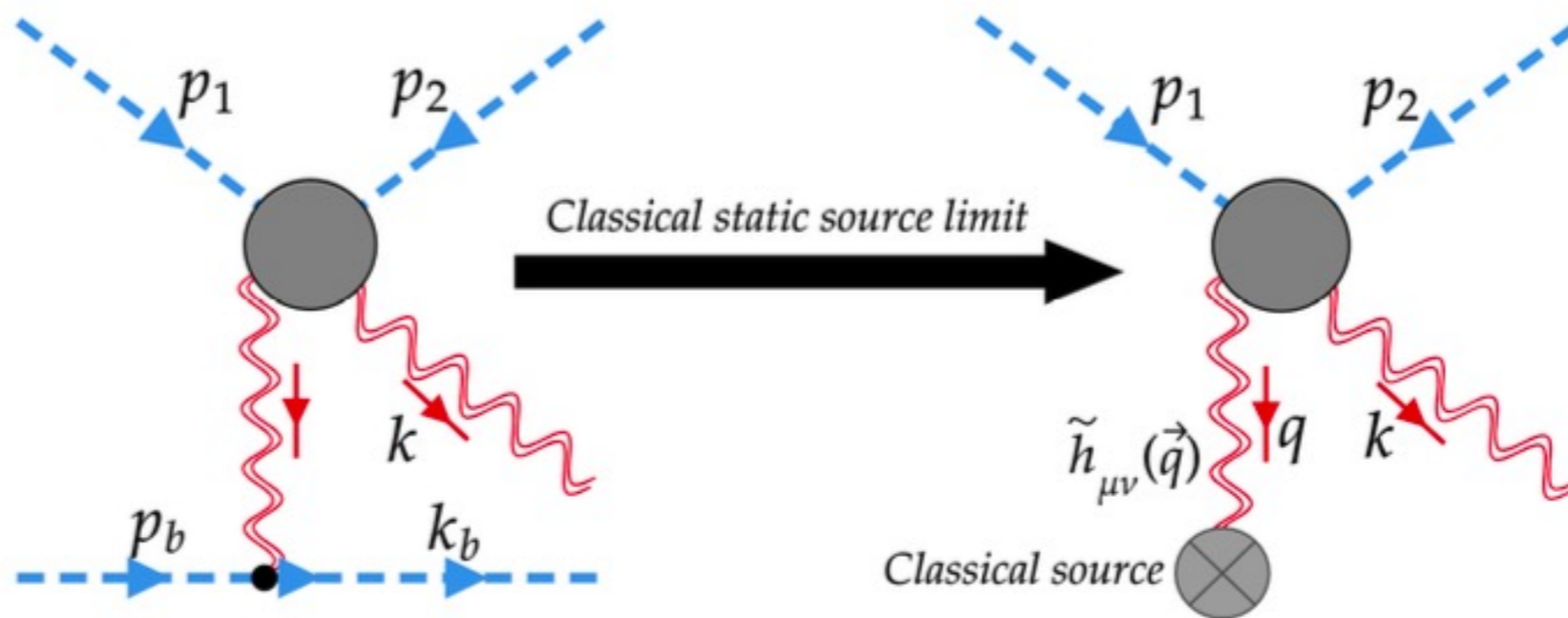
gravitational atom



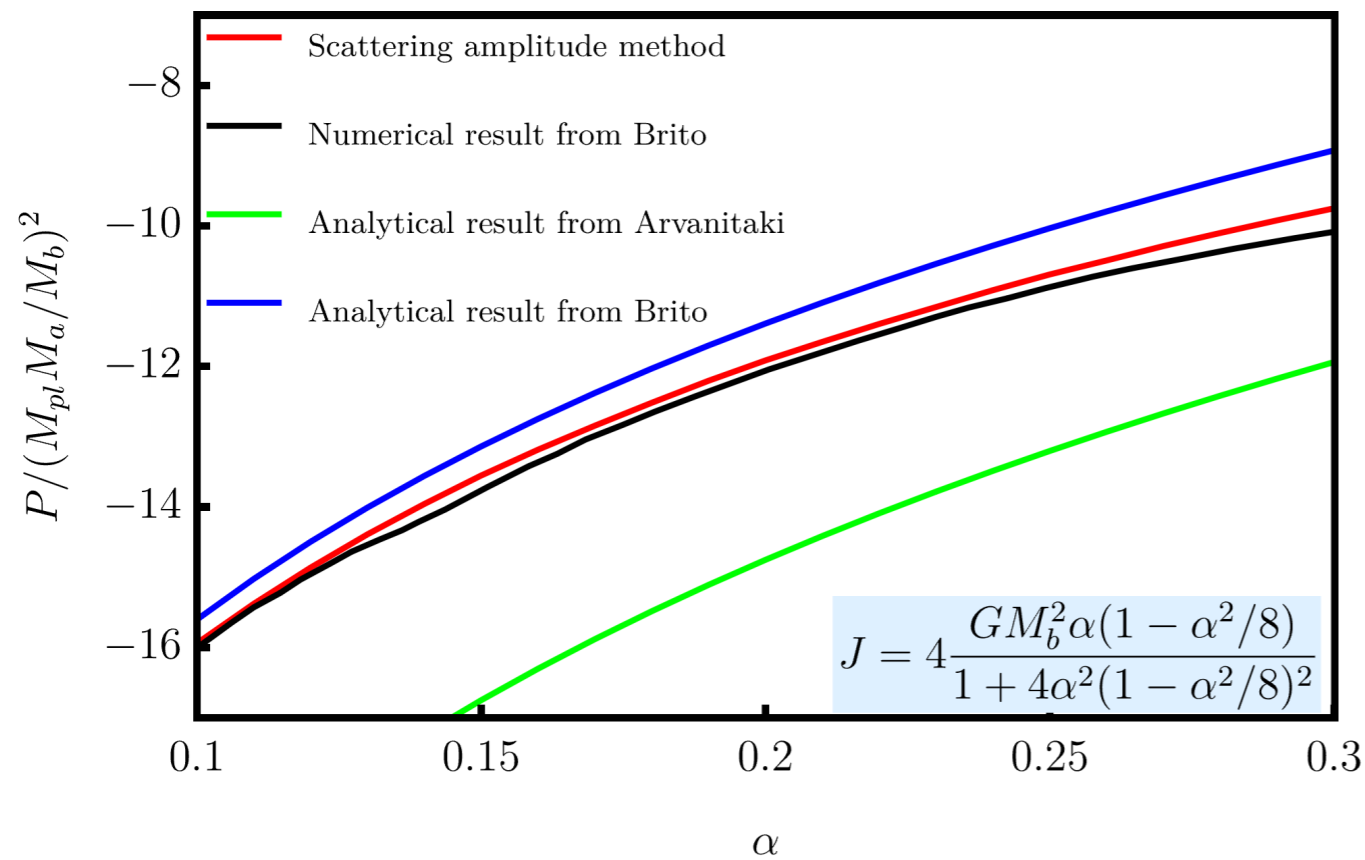
Microscopic physics



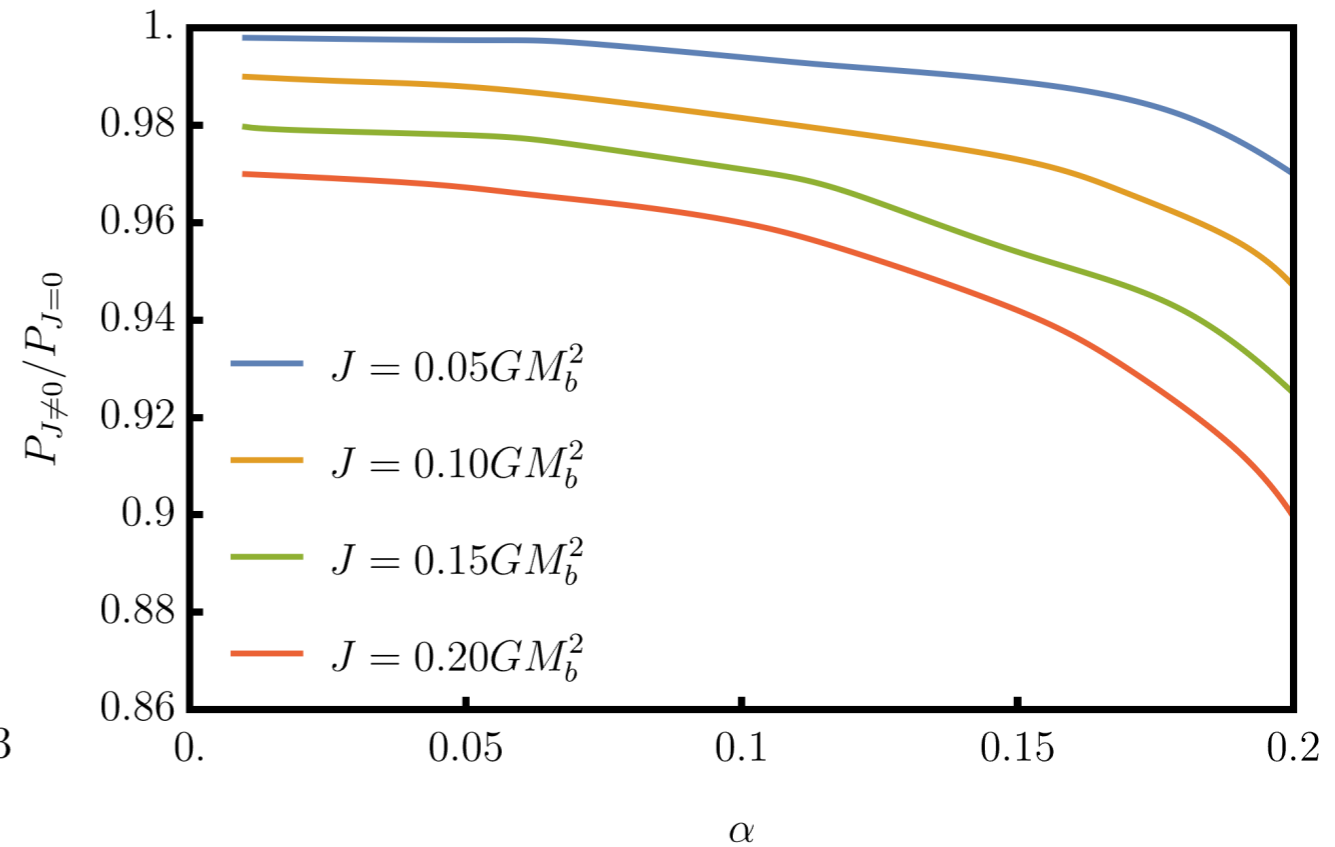
$$M(p_b, p_1, p_2 \rightarrow k, k_b)$$



GW radiation power from axion annihilation



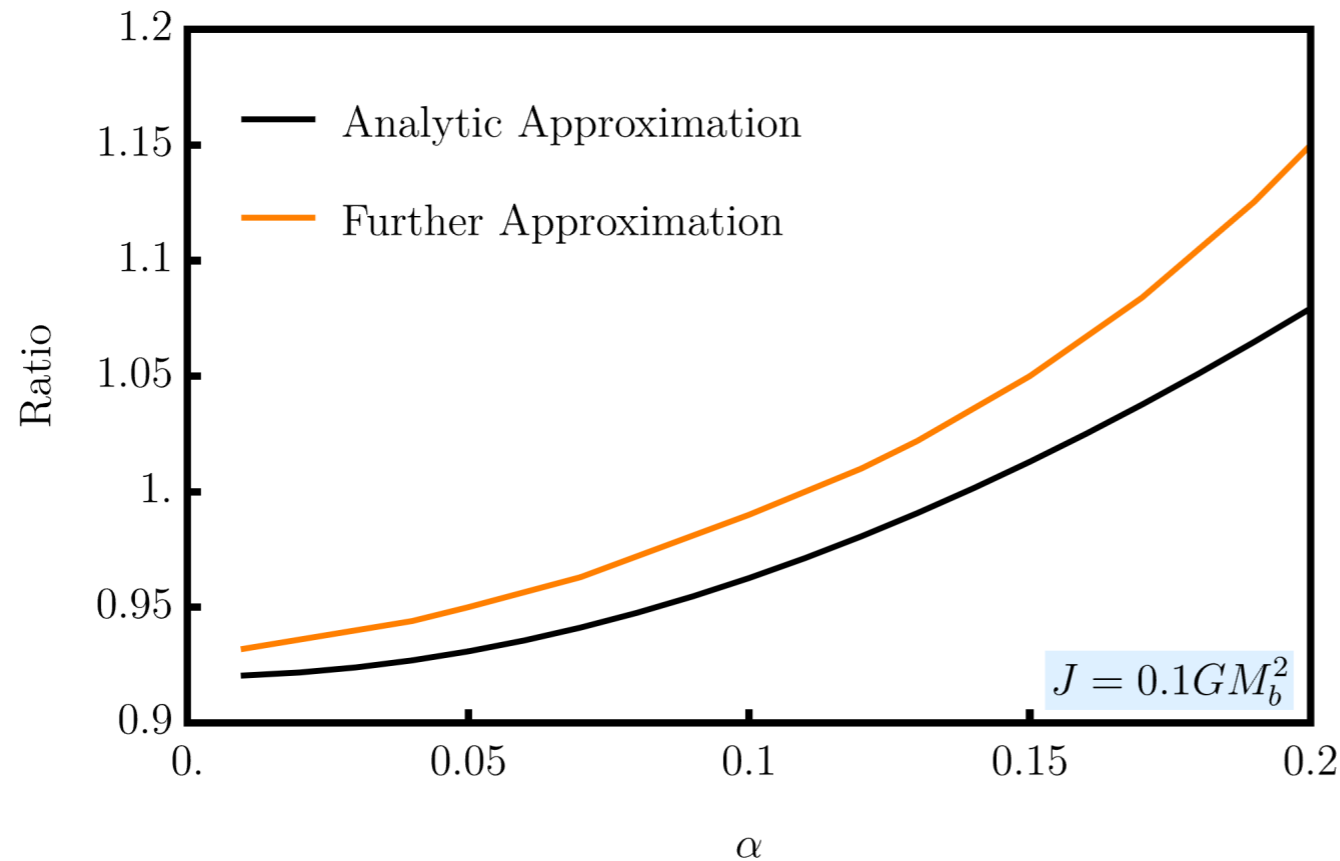
$\alpha = GM_b m_a$ $M_b = 100 M_{\text{sun}}$ $M_a = M_{\text{sun}}$



Jing Yang, **FPH**, arXiv:2306.12375

- ✓ monochromatic GW signal $\omega_{\text{ann}} \sim 2 m_a$
- ✓ gradually depletion of axion cloud (DC) and effectively reduce **gravitational atom** mass

GW radiation power from axion annihilation



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$$P = \frac{(M_a/\text{GeV})^2 \alpha^{14}}{(M_b/\text{GeV})^6 (2 + \alpha^2)^{11} (4 + \alpha^2)^4} \left[(M_b/\text{GeV})^4 (9.671 \times 10^{41} + 5.577 \times 10^{42} \alpha^2 + 1.474 \times 10^{43} \alpha^4 + 2.361 \times 10^{43} \alpha^6) + J(M_b/\text{GeV})^2 \alpha (-3.839 \times 10^{80} - 2.111 \times 10^{81} \alpha^2 - 5.329 \times 10^{81} \alpha^4 - 8.165 \times 10^{81} \alpha^8) + J^2 \alpha^2 (3.809 \times 10^{118} + 2.184 \times 10^{119} \alpha^2 + 5.799 \times 10^{119} \alpha^4 + 9.450 \times 10^{119} \alpha^6) \right] \text{GeV}^2.$$

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Advantage for scattering amplitude method

- ✓ Simple and straightforward.
- ✓ Easy to include Kerr metric effects.
- ✓ Microscopic physics is intuitive.
- ✓ It is clearly and simple to demonstrate the analytic approximation formulae.

We have cross-checked numerical results from the traditional method which is important for the GW and axion search. More precise calculations and more broad applications are working in progress.

Multi-messenger from NS-BH binary

Imprints of ultralight axions on the GW
of compact binary

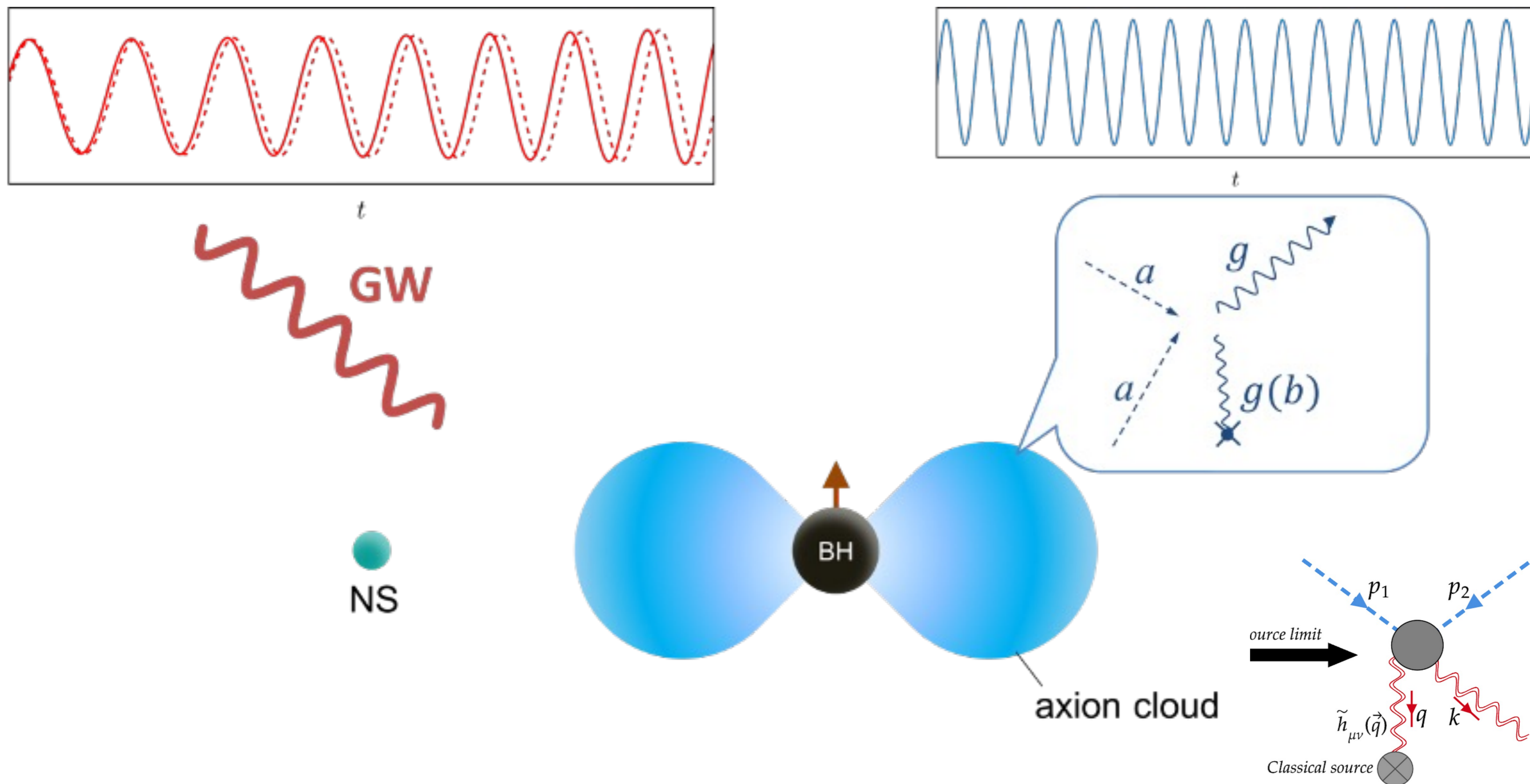
Ultralight DM could potential modify the GW waveform of compact binary

Inspiral: dynamical friction, superradiance, dipole radiation...

Ning Xie, **FPH**, arXiv:2207.11145 and work in progress

Merge: modify the equation of state of the quark/gluon plasma in neutron state, tidal effects

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Without ultralight axions

$$-\frac{dE_0}{dt} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{GW}} \quad \mathcal{P}_{\text{GW}} = \frac{32}{5} \mu^2 r^4 \omega^6$$

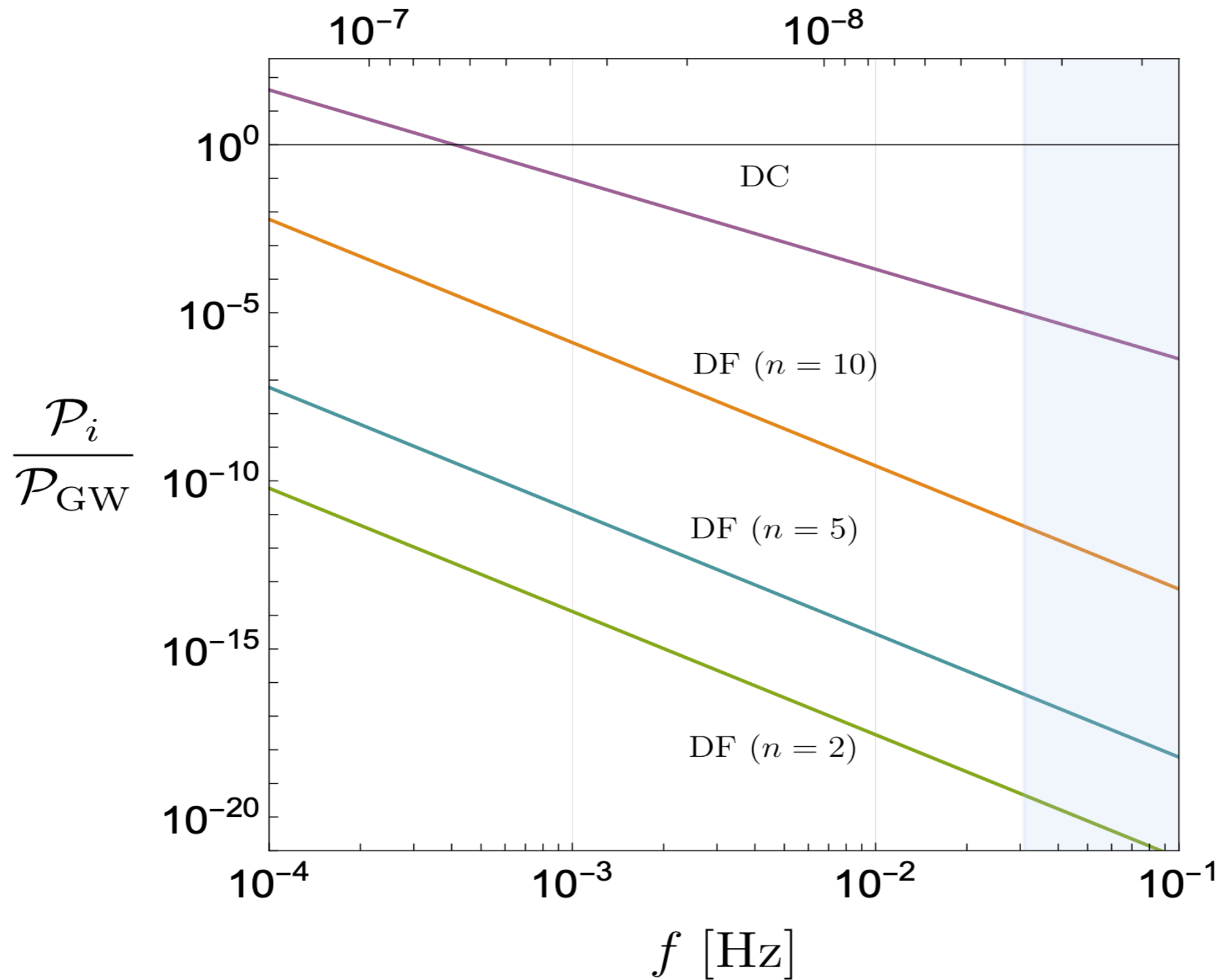
With ultralight axions

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} = (\mathcal{P}_{\text{GW}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DC}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DF}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DR}})$$

dynamical friction (DF), depletion of axion cloud (DC), dipole radiation(DR)

$$M = 100 M_{\odot}, m_{\text{NS}} = 1.5 M_{\odot}$$

$$r \text{ [pc]}$$

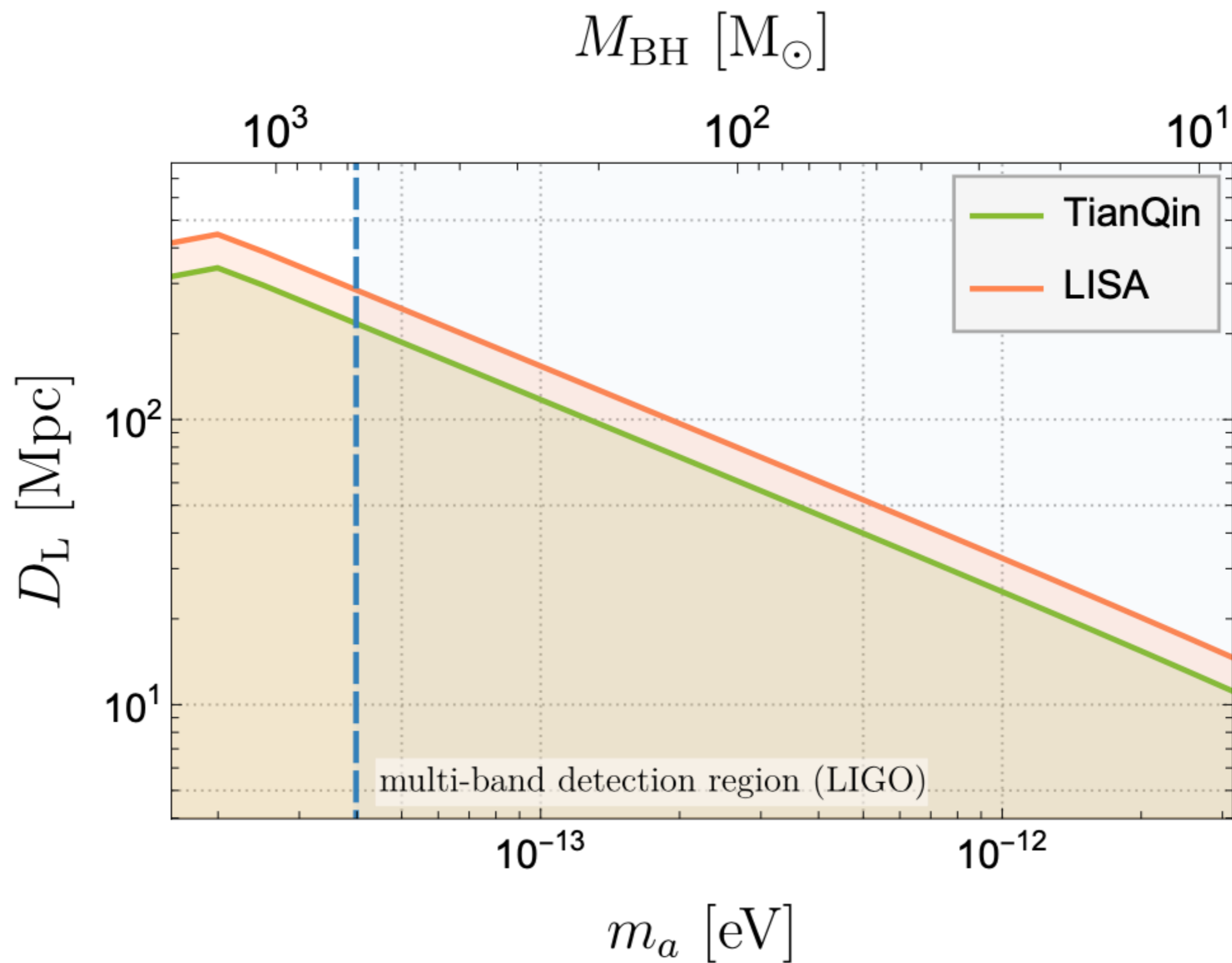


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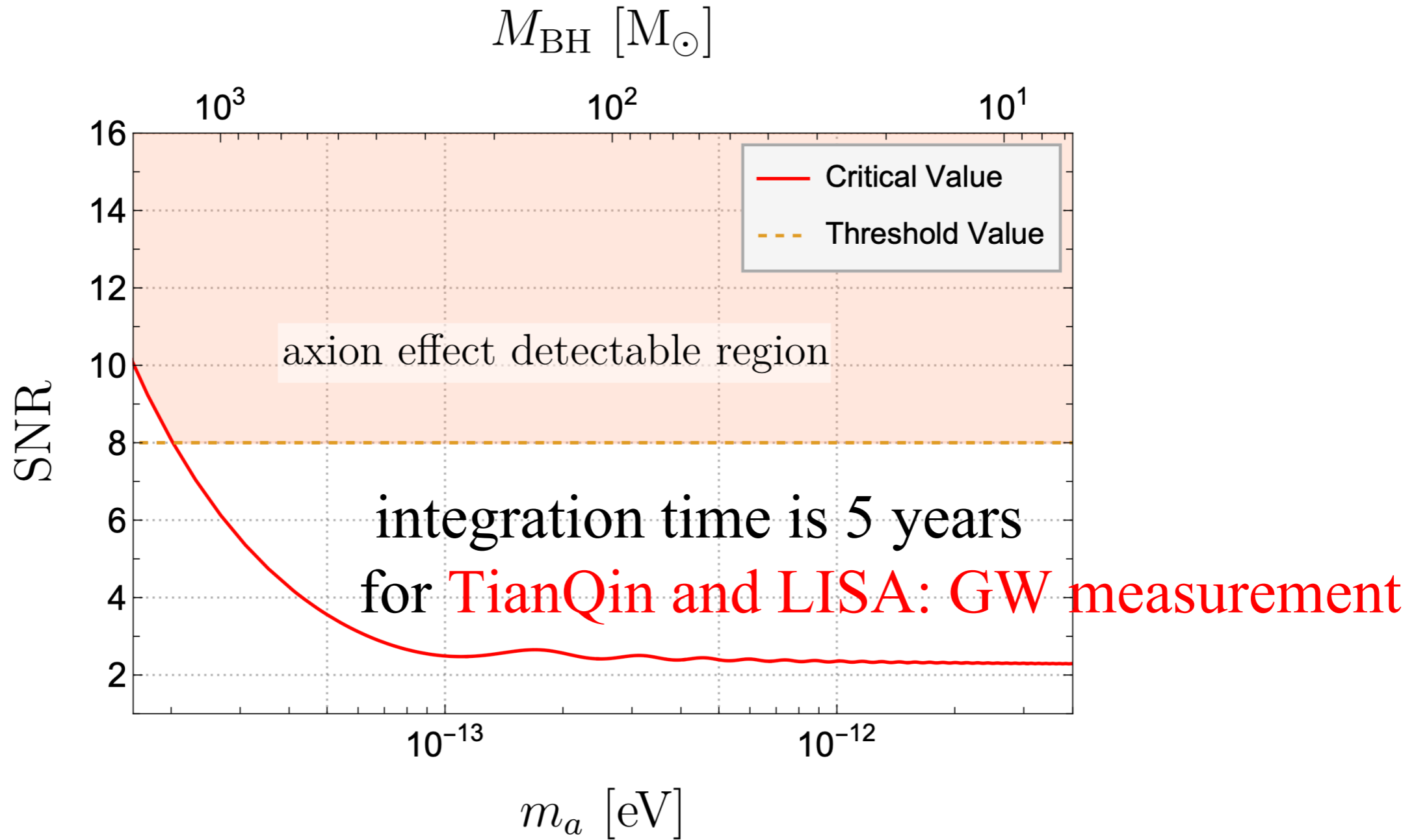
Imprints of ultralight axions
on the GW of compact binary:
phase shift of the waveform

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \left(-\frac{Mm_{\text{NS}}}{2r^2} \right)^{-1} (\mathcal{P}_{\text{GW}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DC}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DF}} + \mathcal{P}_{\text{DR}})$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim 15\pi \left(\frac{m_a}{10^{-12} \text{ eV}} \right) \left(\frac{f_T}{10^{-2} \text{ Hz}} \right) \left(\frac{T}{5 \text{ yrs}} \right)^2$$



Complementary search: GW+PTA

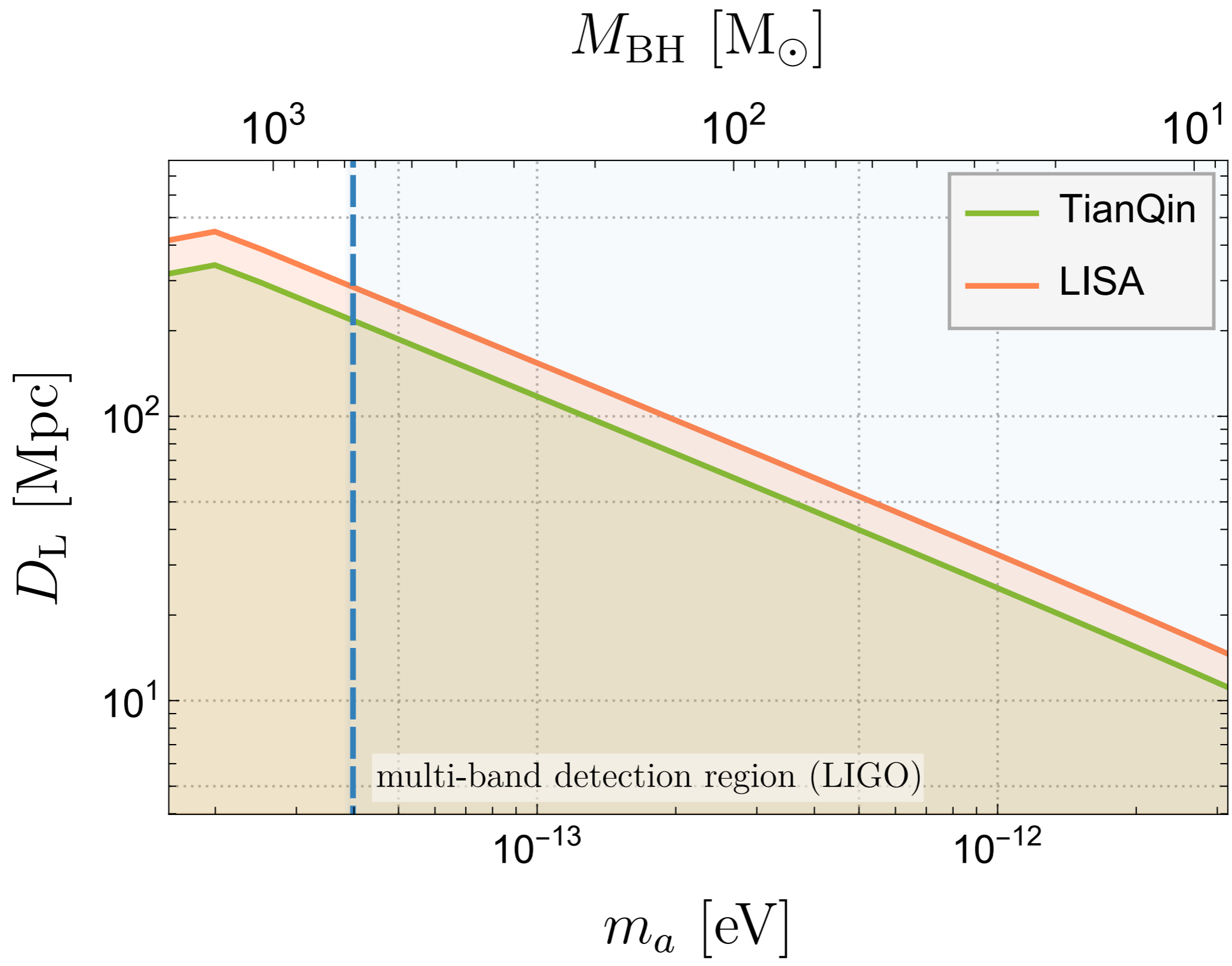


Axions modify the rate of period change

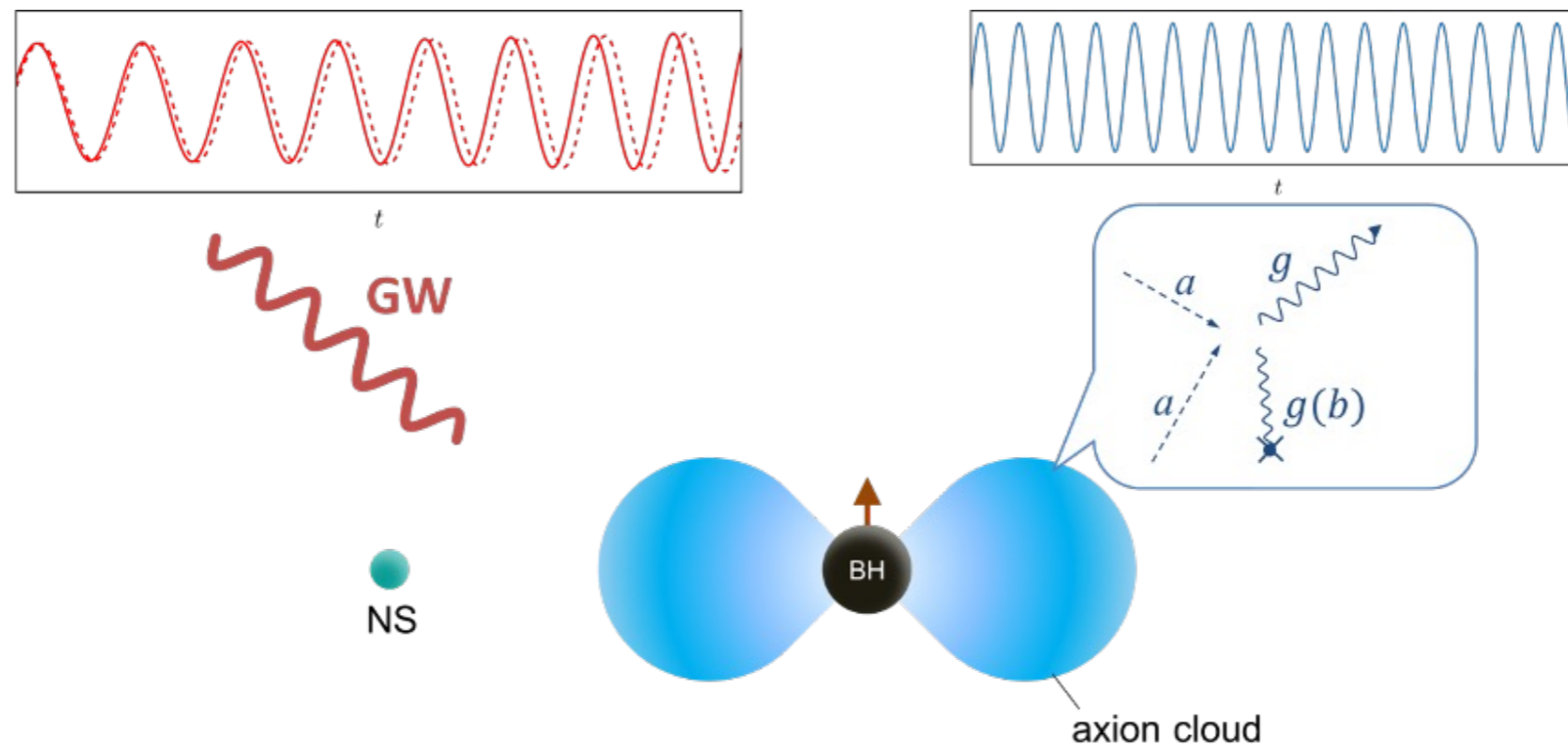
Future Pulsar timing measurement precision, such as SKA

$$\Delta \dot{P} = \left| \dot{P} - \dot{P}_{\text{vac}} \right| \approx 10^{-12} \text{ s/s}$$

$$10^{-15} \text{ s/s}$$



Summary and outlook



GW and radio from black hole and neutron star might provide new approaches to explore ultralight axion: multi-messenger and multi-band.

Thanks for your attention

Comments & collaborations are welcome

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Backup slides

I. Radio signals of DM from neutron star

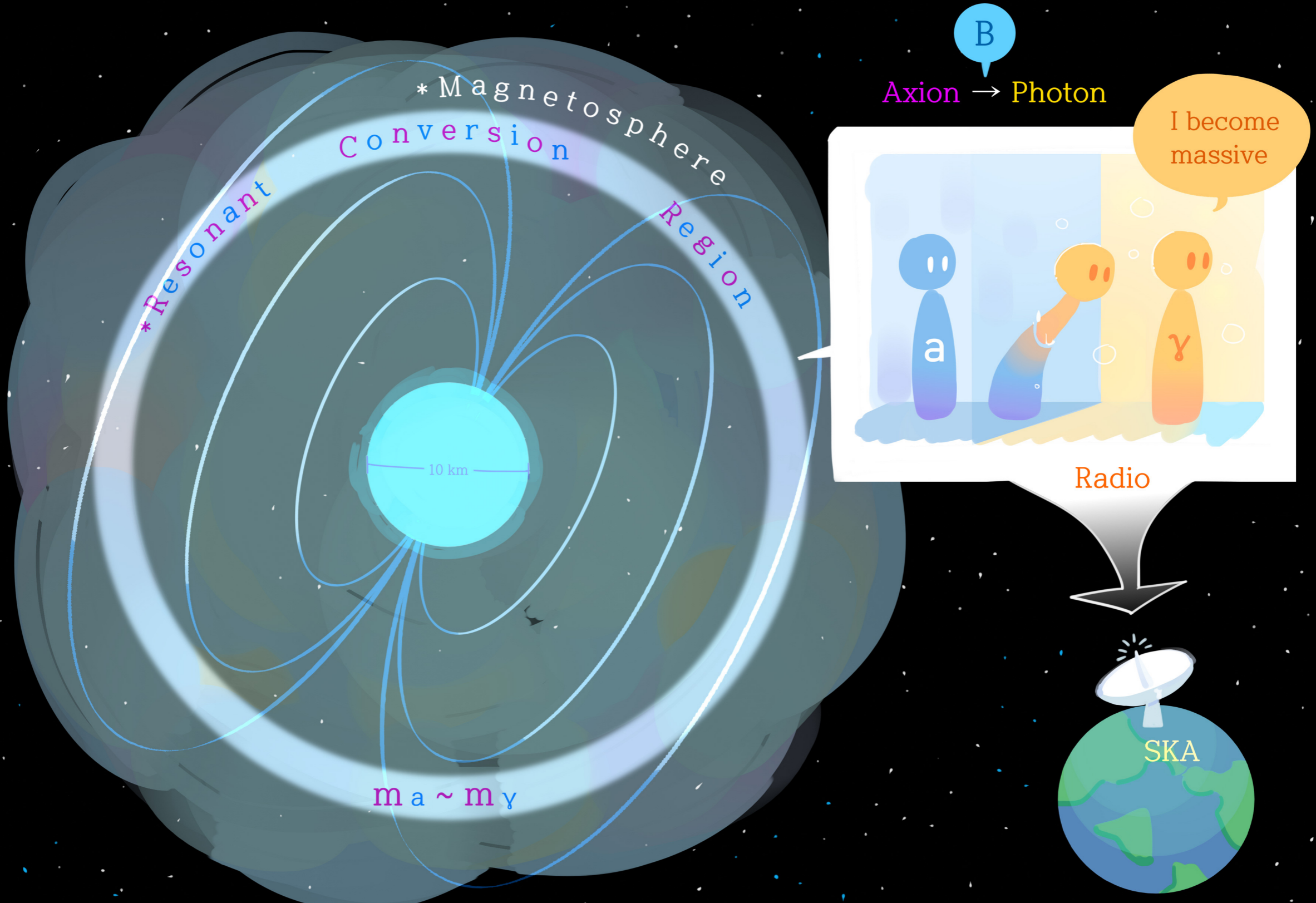
We firstly study using SKA-like experiments to explore resonant conversion of axion cold DM to radio signal from magnetized sources, such as neutron star/magnetar/pulsar.

FPH, K. Kadota, T. Sekiguchi, H. Tashiro, Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.12, 123001, arXiv:1803.08230

Three key points:

- Cold DM: **non-relativistic** axion or ALP
- Neutron star/pulsar/magnetar has the strongest position-dependent magnetic field
- Neutron star is covered by magnetosphere and photon becomes massive therein

*Axion cold dark matter



Axion-photon conversion in the magnetosphere

$$L_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{4} g \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} a = -g \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} a,$$

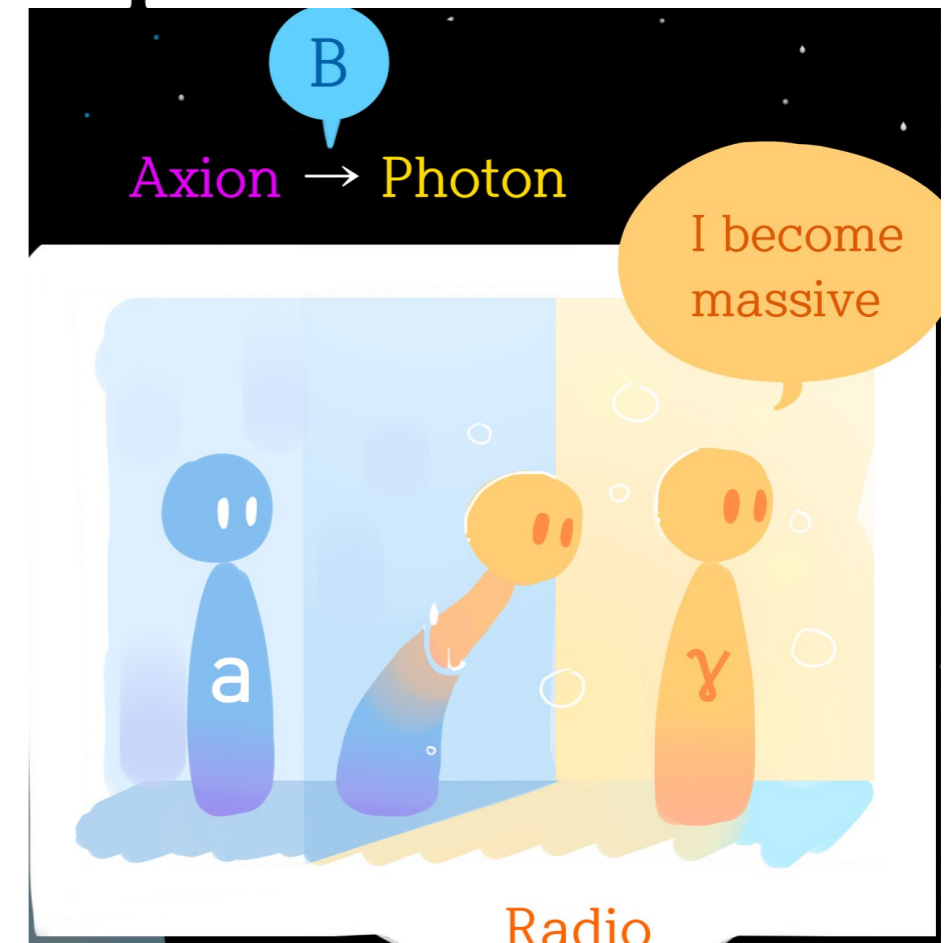
Massive Photon: In the magnetosphere of the neutron star, photon obtains effective mass in the plasma.

$$m_{\gamma}^2 = \omega_{\text{plasma}}^2 = 4\pi\alpha \frac{n_e}{m_e}$$

$$n_e(r) = n_e^{\text{GJ}}(r) = 7 \times 10^{-2} \frac{1s}{P} \frac{B(r)}{1 \text{ G}} \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$$

$$B(r) = B_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-3}$$

Thus, the photon mass is location dependent, and within some region



$$m_{\gamma}^2(r_{\text{res}}) = m_a^2$$

- G. Raffelt and L. Stodolsky, Phys. Rev. D 37, 1237 (1988)

The Adiabatic Resonant Conversion OF AXIONS INTO PHOTONS

Like MSW effects

$$\left[\omega^2 + \partial_z^2 + \begin{pmatrix} -m_\gamma^2 & gB\omega \\ gB\omega & -m_a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

$$\sin 2\tilde{\theta} = \frac{2gB\omega}{\sqrt{4g^2B^2\omega^2 + (m_\gamma^2 - m_a^2)^2}} \quad m_\gamma^2(r_{\text{res}}) = m_a^2$$

within resonance region, the conversion rate is greatly enhanced due to resonant effects.

The adiabatic resonant conversion requires the resonance region is valid inside the resonance width.

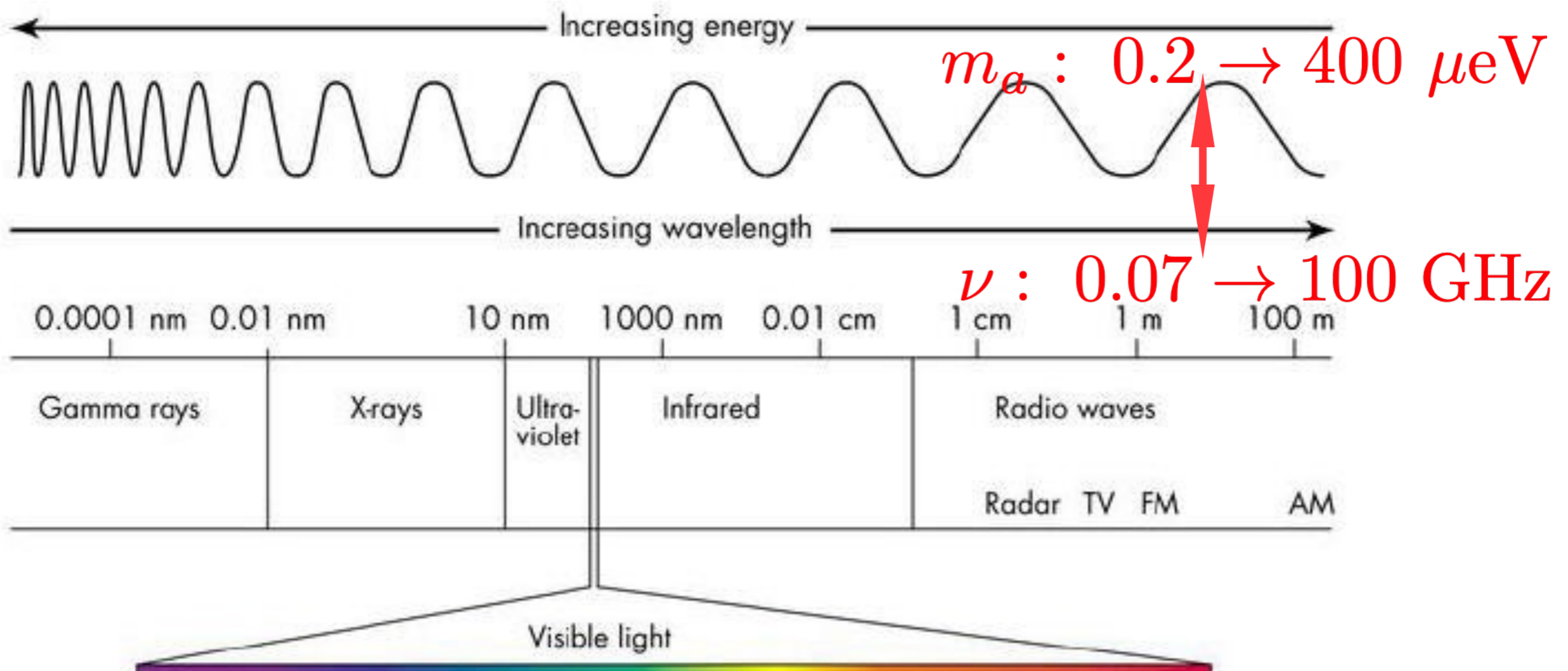
Radio Signal

Line-like radio signal for non-relativistic axion:

$$\nu_{\text{peak}} \approx \frac{m_a}{2\pi} \approx 240 \frac{m_a}{\mu\text{eV}} \text{MHz} \quad 1 \text{ GHz} \sim 4 \mu\text{eV}$$

FAST: 70MHz–3GHz, SKA: 50MHz–14GHz, GBT: 0.3–100GHz

Radio telescopes can probe axion mass of 0.2–400 μeV



Radio Signal

Signal: For a trial parameter set, $B_0 = 10^{15}$ G, $m_a = 50 \mu\text{eV}$

$P = 10$ s, $g = 5 \times 10^{-11}$ GeV $^{-1}$, $r_0 = 10$ km, $M = 1.5M_{\text{sun}}$, $d = 1$ kpc

$S_{\nu} \sim 0.51 \mu\text{Jy}$.

Sensitivity: $S_{\text{min}} \sim 0.48 \mu\text{Jy}$ for the SKA1

$S_{\text{min}} \sim 0.016 \mu\text{Jy}$ for SKA2 with 100 hours observation time.

SKA-like experiment can probe the axion DM and the axion mass which corresponds to peak frequency.

Working in progress on more delicate study.

Comments on the radio probe of axion DM

1. **Astrophysical uncertainty: magnetic field distribution, DM density distribution, the velocity dispersion, the plasma effects...**

working in progress to extract DM density by TianQin/LISA

2. **There are more and more detailed studies after our simple estimation on the radio signal:**

arXiv:1804.03145 They consider more details and extremely high dark matter density around the neutron star, thus the signal is more stronger.

arXiv:1811.01020 by Benjamin R. Safdi, Zhiquan Sun, Alexander Y. Chen

arXiv:1905.04686, They consider multi-messenger of axion DM detection. Namely, using LISA to detect the DM density around the neutron star, which can determine the radio strength detected by SKA.

Precise study see arXiv:2104.08290

Xiao-Jun Bi, et. al. Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 10, 103015, Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 11, 115021

New approaches

FPH, K. Kadota, T. Sekiguchi, H. Tashiro, Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.12, 123001, arXiv:1803.08230, Cited by 82 times

- Promising approaches at SKA&FAST
- more and more nice works
- more details see the timely new review papers

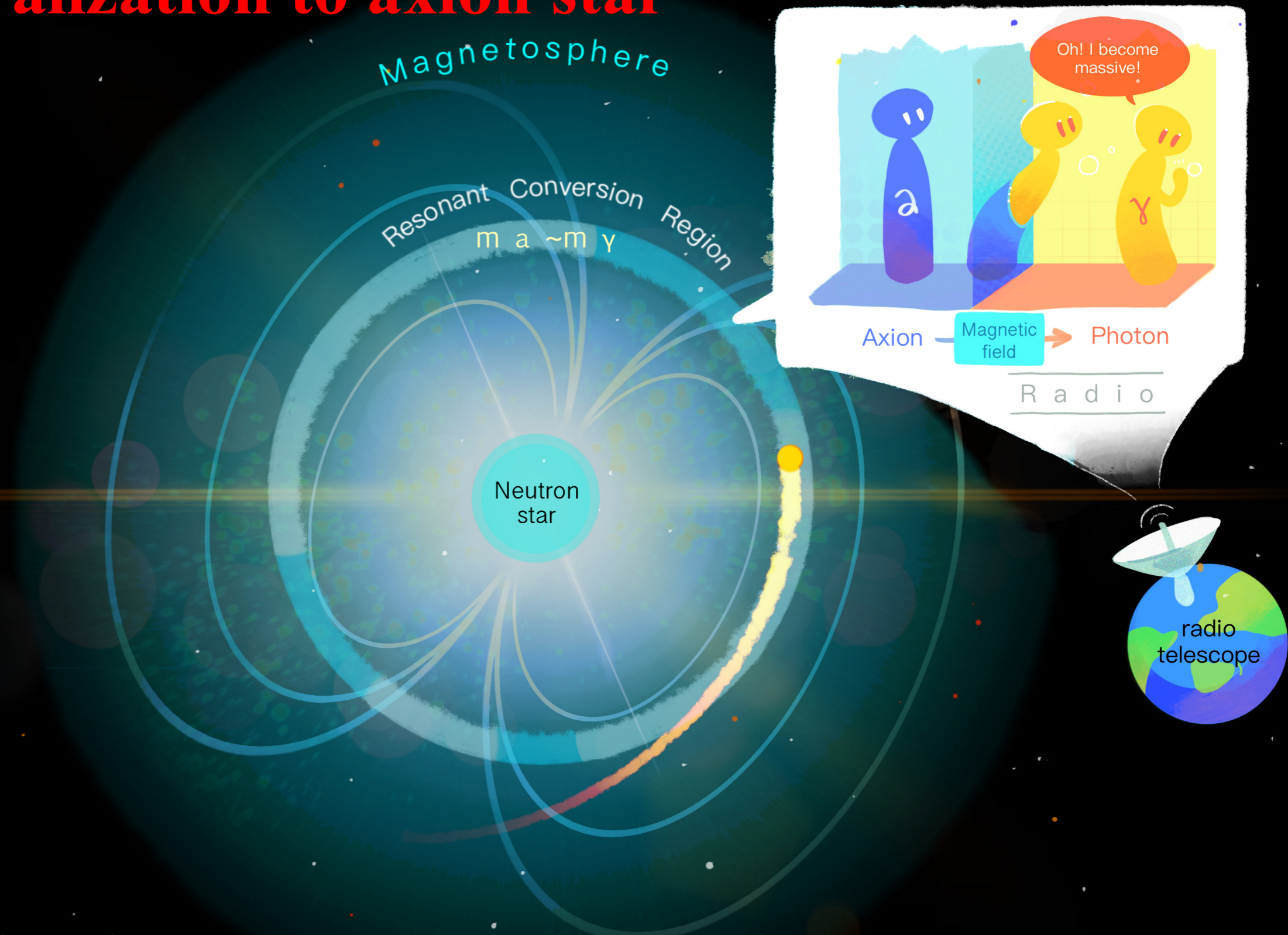
- ✓ **Physics Briefing Book :
Input for the European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020, [arXiv:1910.11775]**

- ✓ **2021 white paper by EuCAPT [arXiv:2110.10074]**

- ✓ **Pierre Sikivie, Rev.Mod.Phys.93(2021)1,015004,**

- ✓ **2022 Snowmass papers: [arXiv:2203.06380, arXiv: 2203.07984]**

Generalization to axion star



Axions could condense to axion star and resonantly convert to FRBs.

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Mysterious Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs)

Recently, FRBs become the most mysterious phenomenon in astrophysics and cosmology (D. Thornton, et al., (2013) Science, 341, 53). FRBs are intense, transient radio signals with large dispersion measure. However, their origin and physical nature are still obscure.

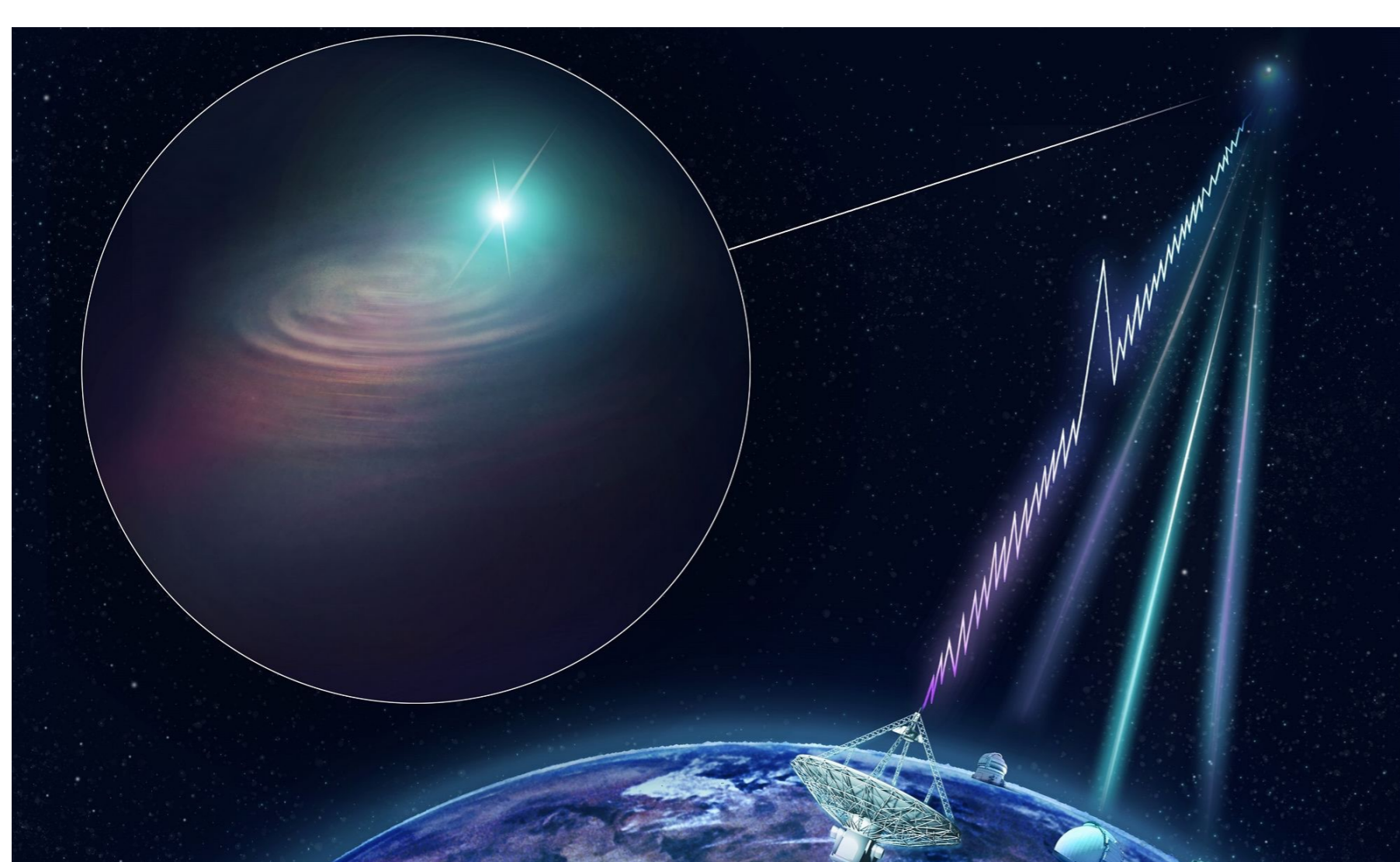
$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$ to $\mathcal{O}(100)$ Jy
 $\mathcal{O}(10^{38})$ to $\mathcal{O}(10^{40})$ erg

Duration: milliseconds

$0.1 \lesssim z \lesssim 2.2$

Focus on FRBs events with from 800 MHz to 1.4 GHz by Parkes, ASKAP, and UTMOST.

Credit: Universe Today



Generalize to dark photon DM case

Recently, people realize light dark photon can be a promising DM candidate.

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A.J. Long and L.-T. Wang, Phys. Rev. D 99, 063529 (2019)

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R. T. Co, A. Pierce, Z. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D 99, 075002 (2019).

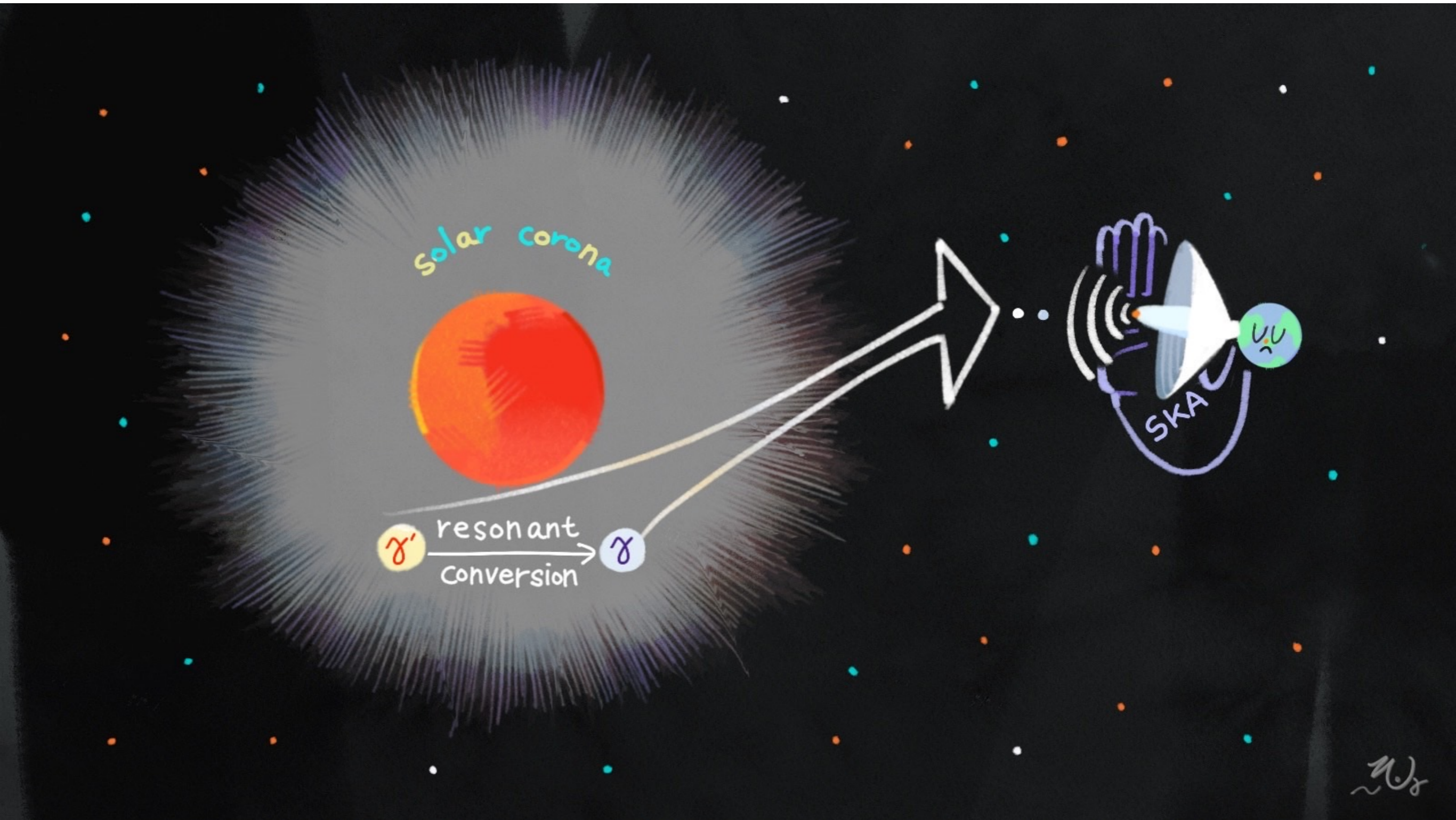
D. Y. Nakai, R. Namba, and Z. Wang, J. High Energy Phys. 12 (2020) 170

We study how to detect light dark photon DM by radio telescope, following the same idea as the axion DM case.

□

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon F_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}$$

Resonant conversion process



•Haipeng An, **FPH**, Jia Liu, Wei Xue, *Phy. Rev. Lett.*126, 181102 (2021)

The sensitivity reach

Haipeng An, **FPH**, Jia Liu, Wei Xue, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **126**, 181102 (2021)

