

# Going Underground or Listening to the Sky?

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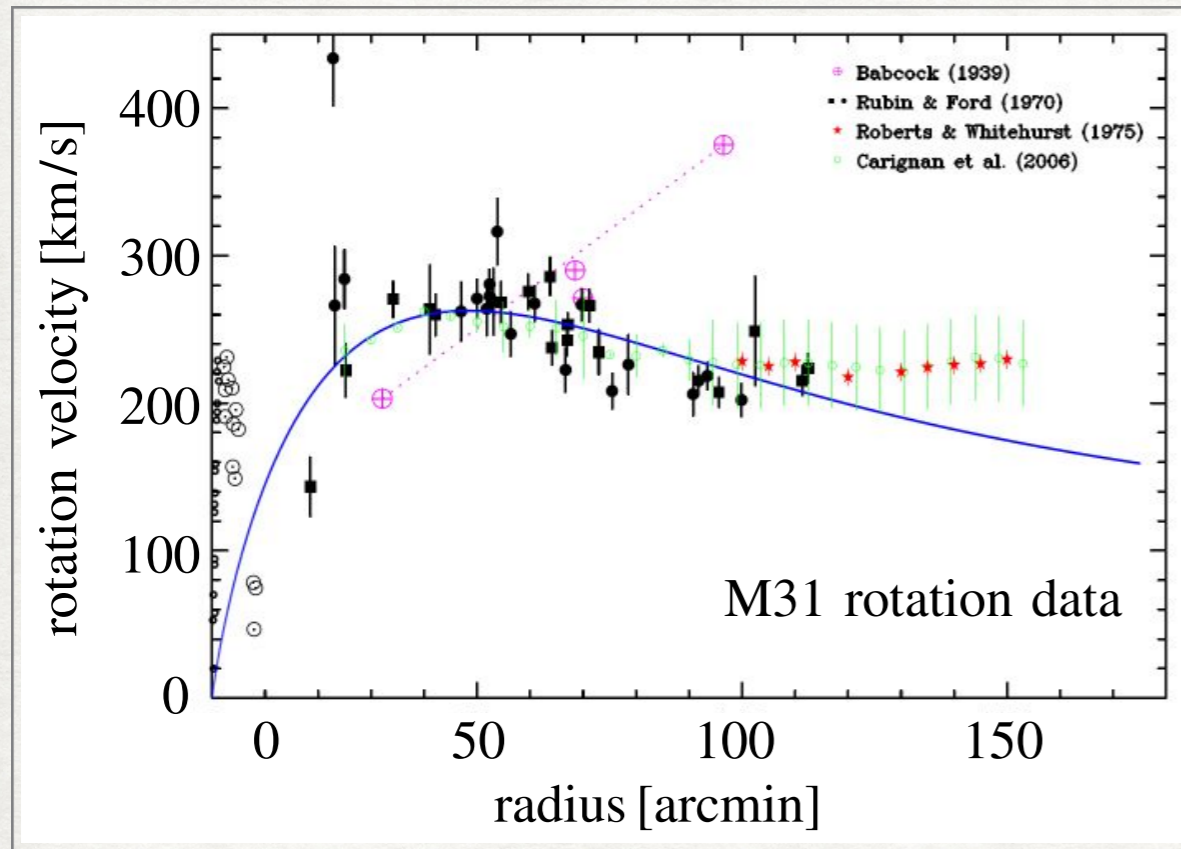
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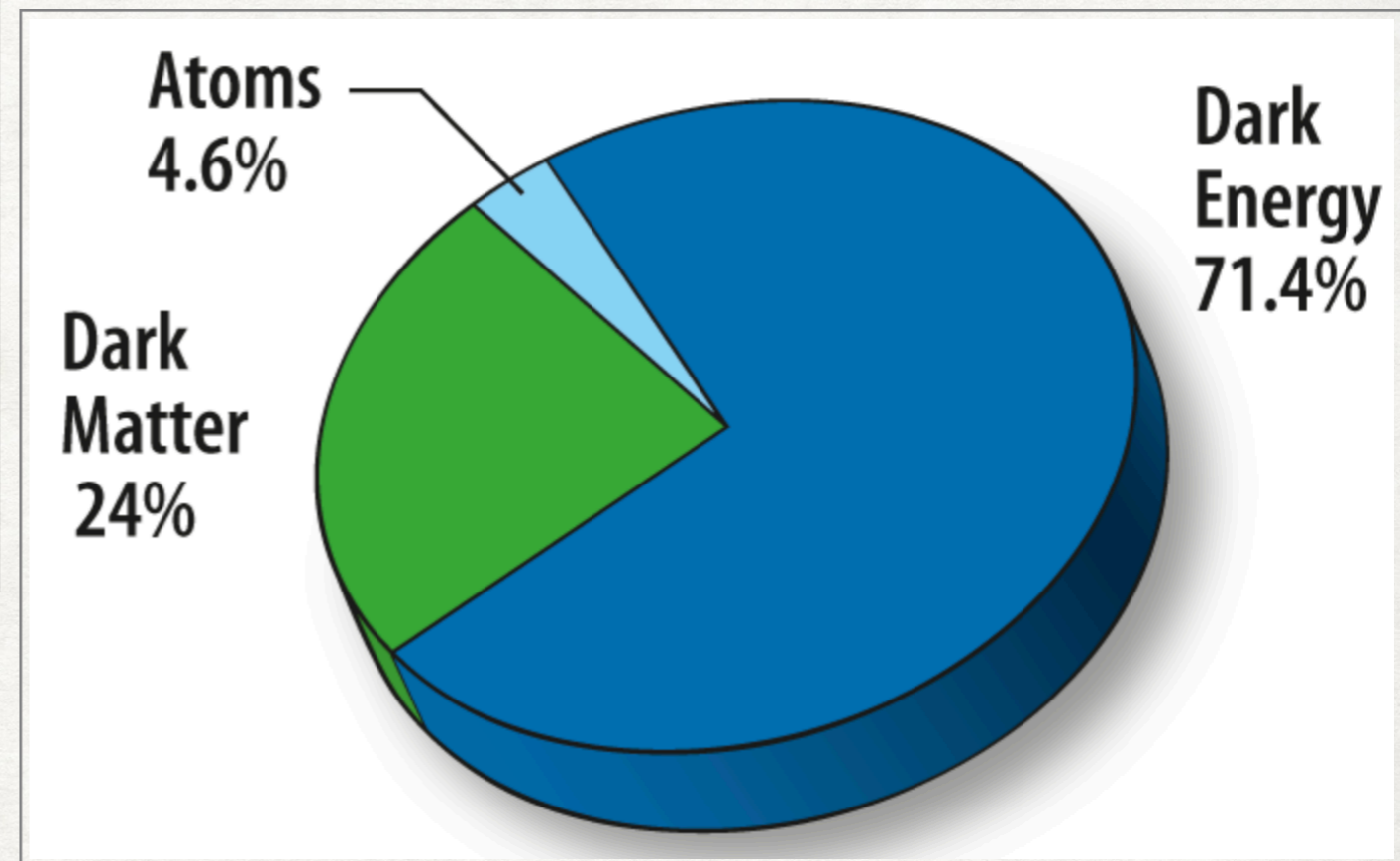
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# Dark Matter (DM)



From: Bertone and Hooper,  
Rev. Mod. Physics (2016)



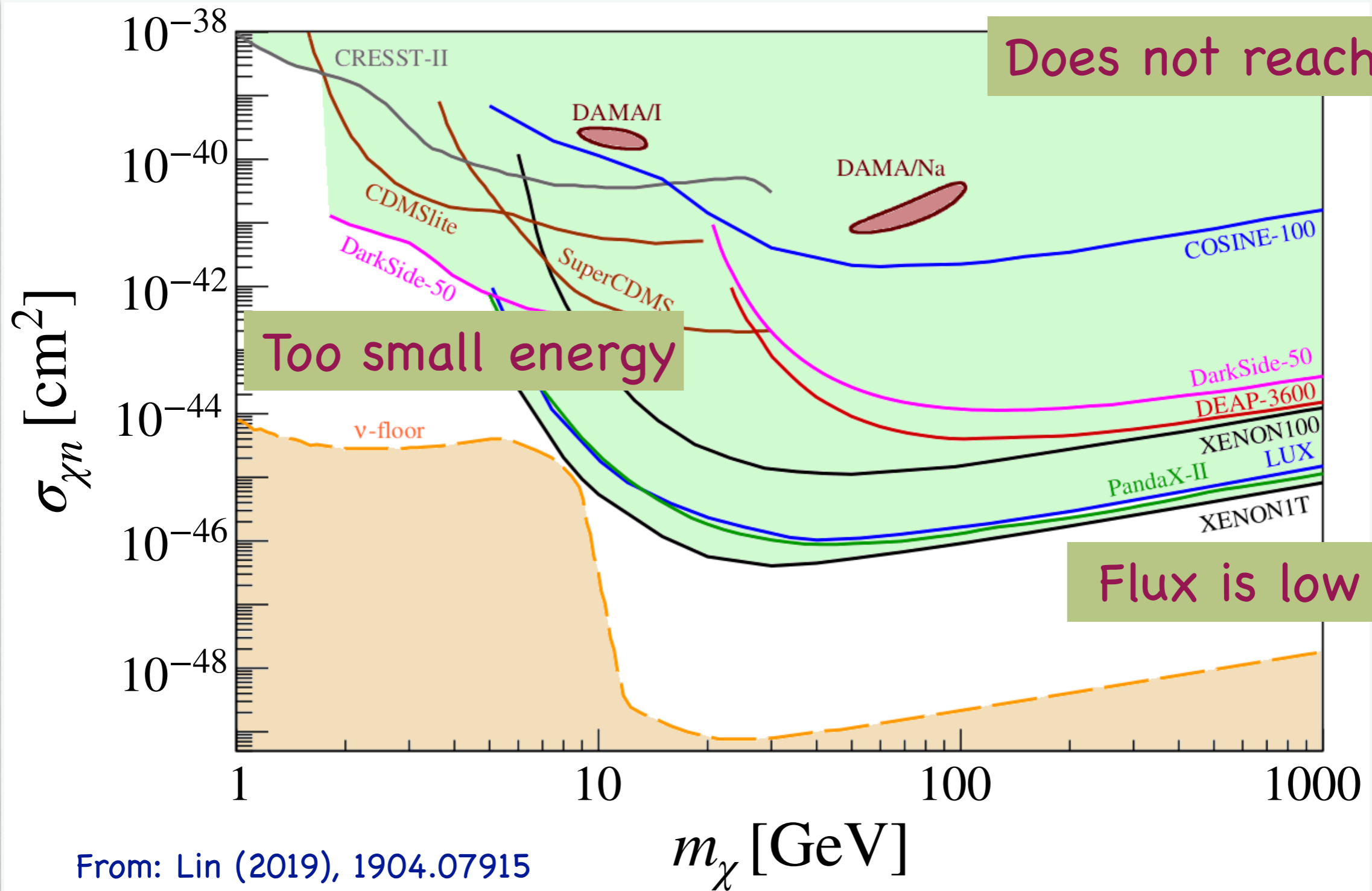
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- DM mass?
- DM interactions with baryons?



# Results: Underground Detectors

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- Light DM, Heavy DM and Strongly-interacting DM
  - “3” Blind-spots to the underground detectors.



## Take Away

- We show DM capture in celestial objects can provide unprecedented sensitivity to these blind-spots.

### GW Probe of DM:

- LIGO can act as a novel DM detector. It provides one of the leading constraints on weakly-interacting heavy DM.  
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### EM Probe of DM:

- Continued existence of stellar objects, such as, Sun, Jupiter excludes strongly-interacting heavy DM.

Ray (2023), arXiv:2301.03625 (PRD 2023)



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Weakly interacting Heavy DM

## LIGO as a DM Detector

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- How to probe heavy non-annihilating DM with feeble interactions?  
Use existing GW detectors.



## Outline

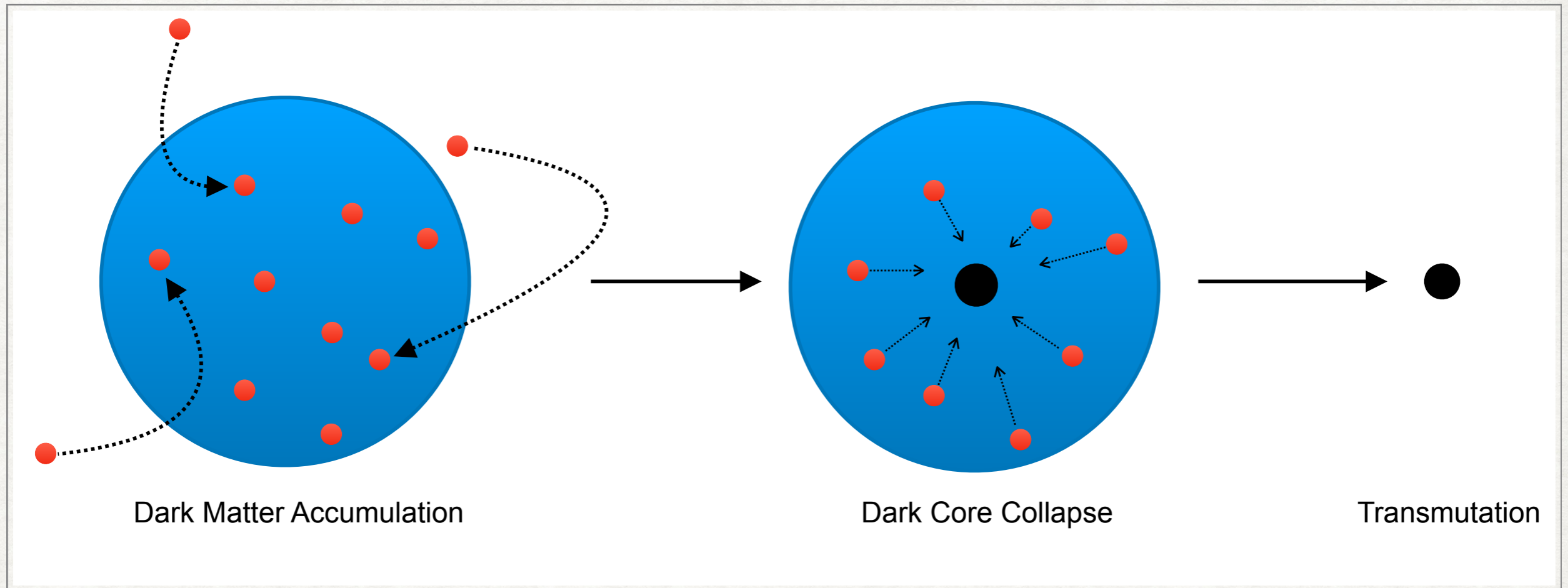
- Celestial objects because of their large size and cosmologically long lifetime naturally act as gigantic DM detectors.

$$M_{\odot}\text{-Gyr} \gg \text{kT-yr}$$

- In the weakly interacting regime, DM can be trapped in a significant number inside compact stars.
- EM observations of neutron stars provide the leading exclusions on weakly interacting heavy non-annihilating DM.  
Kouvaris et al. (PRL 2012), McDermott et al. (PRD 2012), Garani et al. (JCAP 2018),..., Dasgupta, Gupta, **Ray** (JCAP 2020),...
- We explore GW observations of low mass compact objects to probe non-annihilating heavy DM interactions.

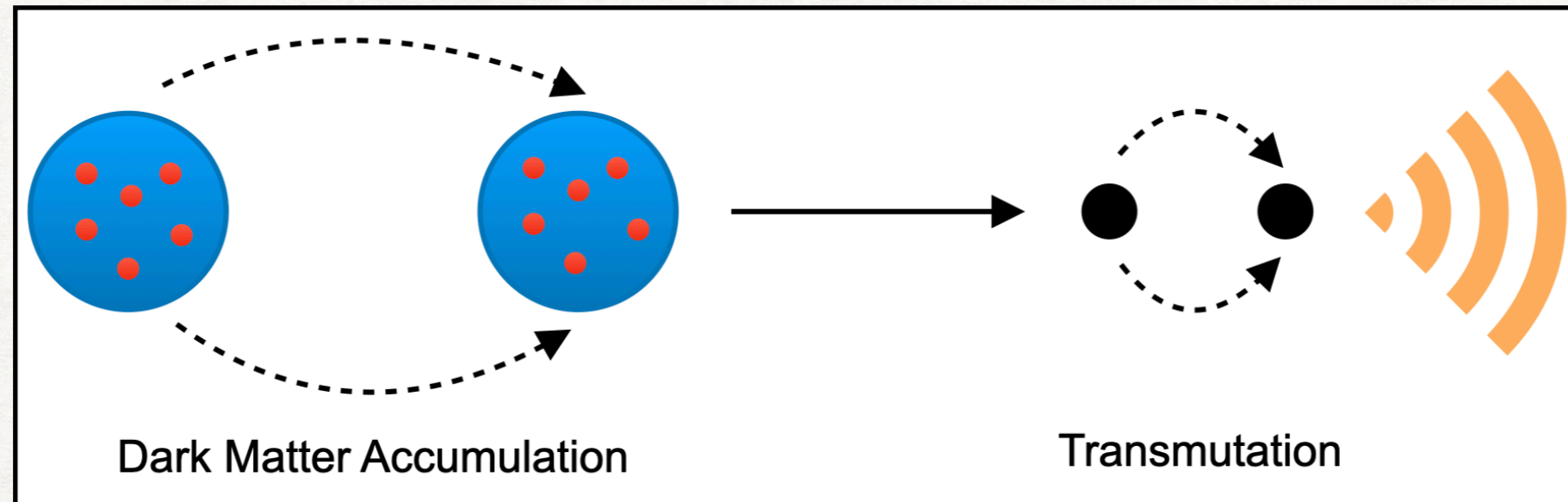


# DM-induced Collapse



1. DM accumulation
2. DM thermalisation
3. DM distribution
4. Dark Core Collapse
5. Growth of micro-BH
6. Destruction of host





- Binary neutron stars can be transmuted to anomalously low mass binary BHs via gradual accumulation of non-annihilating DM.

## Transmuted Black Holes (TBHs)

Dasgupta, Laha, Ray (PRL, 2022)

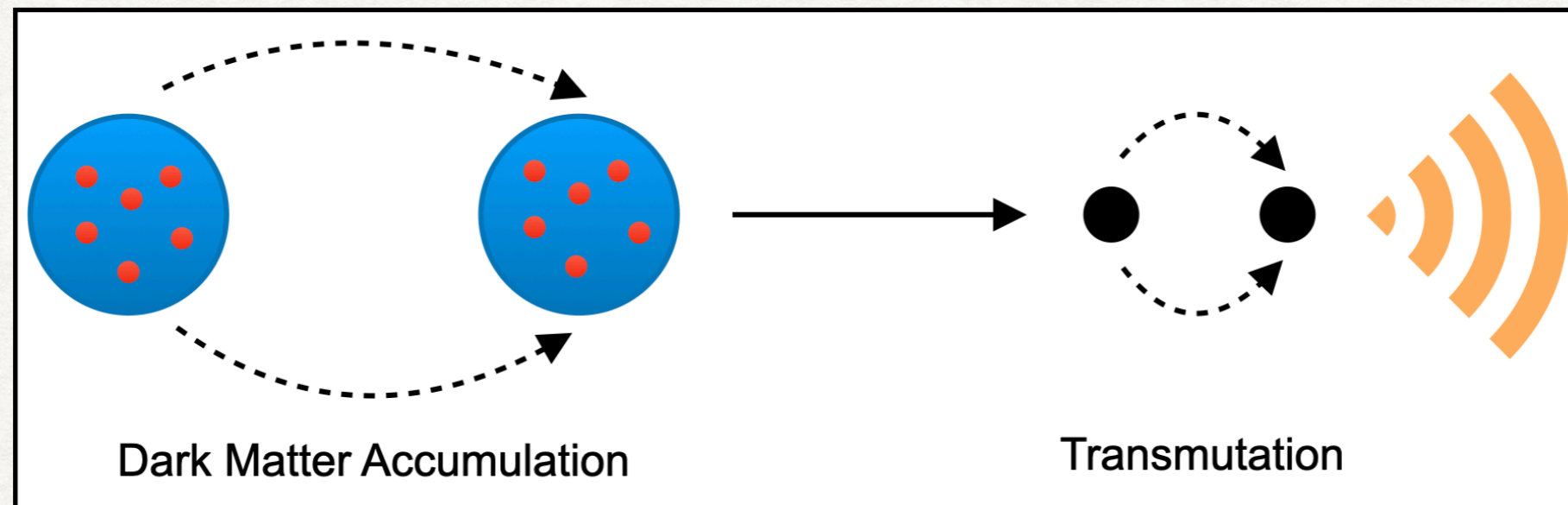
- Non detection of such binary BHs in the existing GW data provide novel constraints on weakly-interacting heavy DM interactions.

## LIGO as a novel DM detector

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## TBH formation & Mergers



Kouvaris et al (PRL 2012), McDermott et al. (PRD 2012), Garani et al. (JCAP 2018),...

- We track each progenitors (NS binaries) from their binary formation time till present day to compute the present day TBH merger rate.

Dasgupta, Laha, Ray (PRL, 2022)

Essentially, counting the number of NS binaries that undergoes a successful transmutation from its birth till the present day.



# TBH formation & Mergers

[Collapse time + Swallow time]

- Transmutation time:

$t_f$  : Binary formation time

$t_0 = 13.79$  Gyr = Present day

$$\tau_{\text{trans}} < t_0 - t_f$$

Depends on DM parameters (DM mass and DM-nucleon scattering cross-section)

- Normalization (number of progenitors) is fairly uncertain and needs to be statistically marginalised.

TBH merger rate depends on DM mass and DM-nucleon scattering cross-section via transmutation time with an uncertain normalization parameter.



## TBH Merger Rate

- TBH merger rate depends on:

i) Spatial distribution of Binary NS in the Galaxies.

(uniform distribution in 1d)

ii) DM density profile in the Galactic halos.

(NFW profile)

iii) Cosmic star formation rate.

(Madau-Dickinson model)

iv) Merger delay time distribution.

$\propto 1/(t_0 - t_f)$

v) Progenitor properties (mass, radius, core temperature of the progenitors).

(Typical NS parameters)

vi) Uncertain normalization parameter.

(10-1700  $\text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$  from LVK measurement)

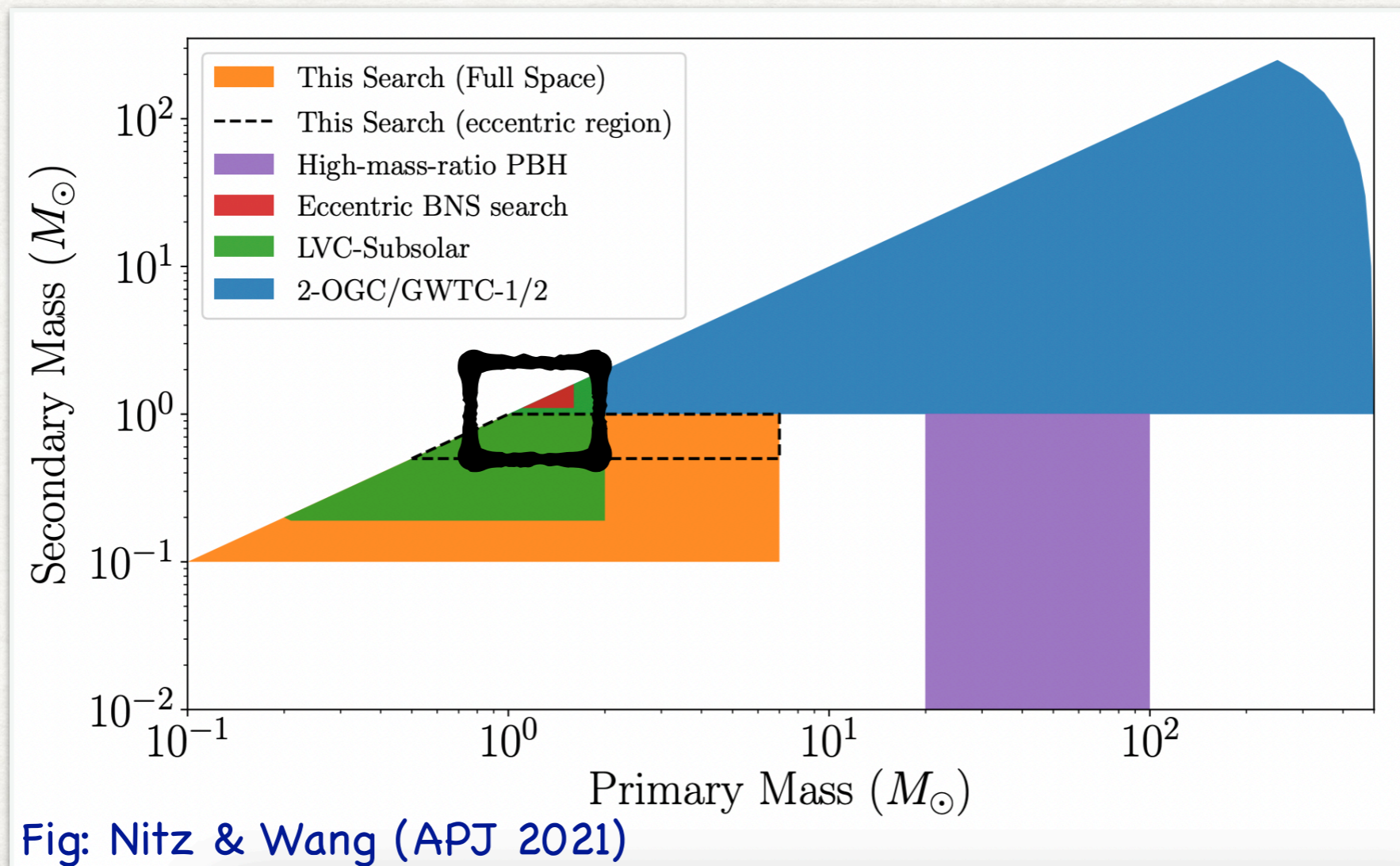
Systematic exploration is required.  $\longrightarrow$  Insignificant impact



## GW Data & Statistics

- We use the null-detection of low mass BH searches in the LIGO data to infer constraints on non-annihilating DM interactions.

LVK 2212.01477, LVK (PRL 2018, 2019, 2022), Nitz & Wang (APJ 2021, PRL 2021),...





## GW Data & Statistics

- Merger rate upper limits:

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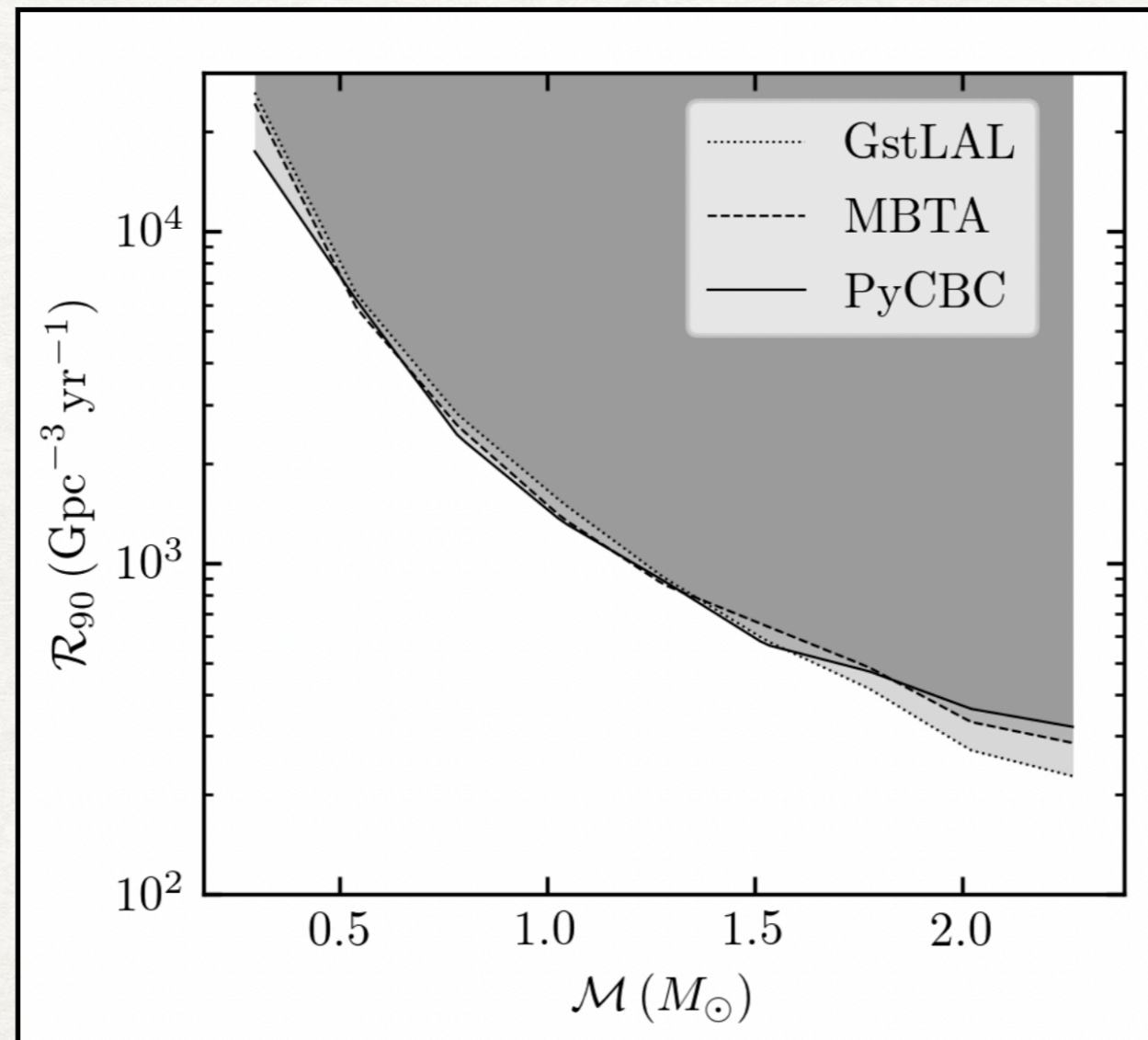


Fig: LVK (PRL 2021)

\*These searches have recently been used to put constraints on PBHs as DM as well as an atomic DM model. **For the first time**, we use them to probe particle DM interactions.



## GW Data & Statistics

- For  $1.32 - 1.32 M_{\odot}$  binary = Chirp mass of  $1.15 M_{\odot}$ , LIGO collaboration (O3 run) provides a merger rate upper limit of  $R_{90} = 389 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

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- Our “Conservative” exclusion limit:

$$R_{\text{TBH}}(z = 0) [m_c = 1.15 M_{\odot}] \leq 389 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

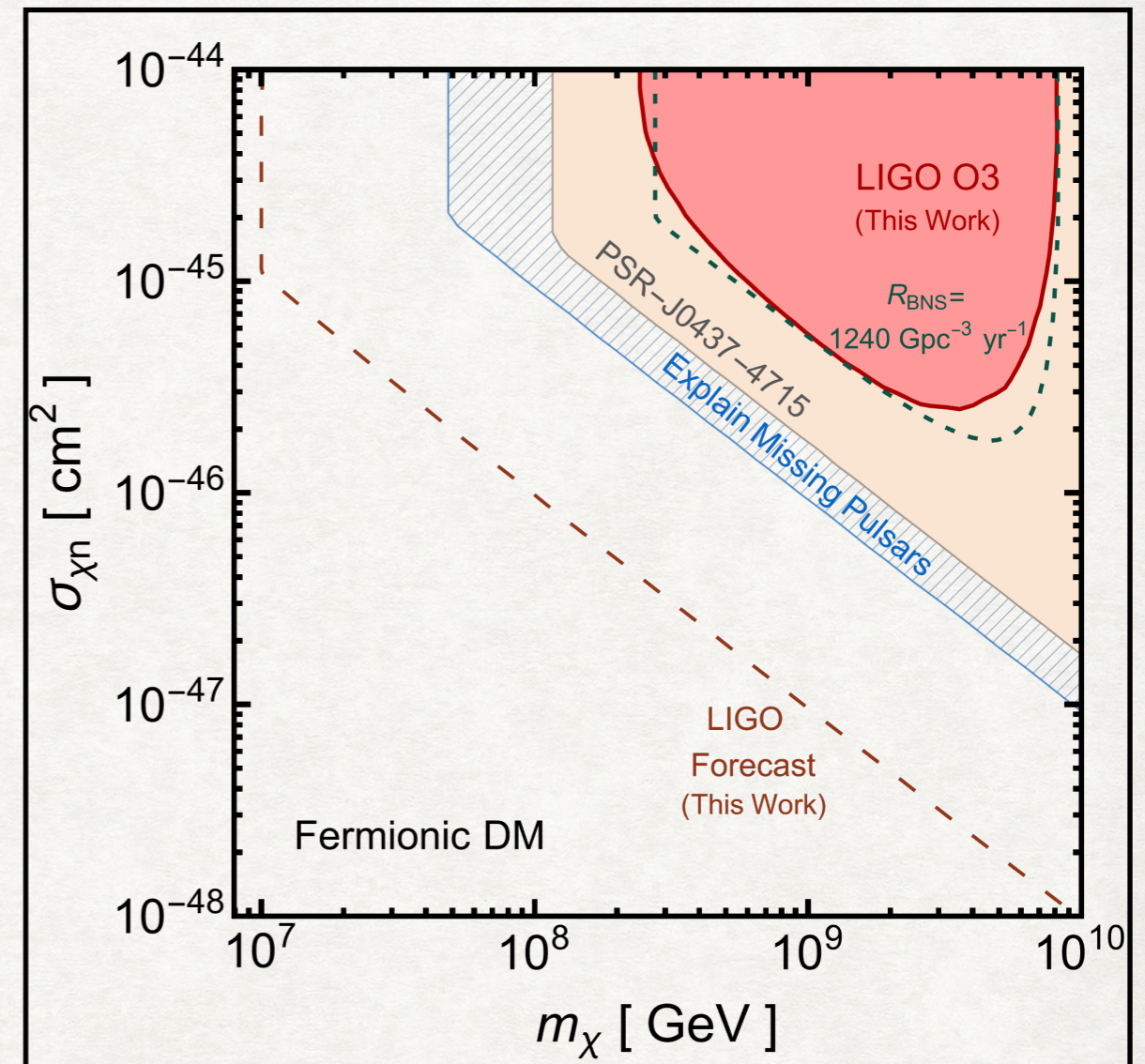
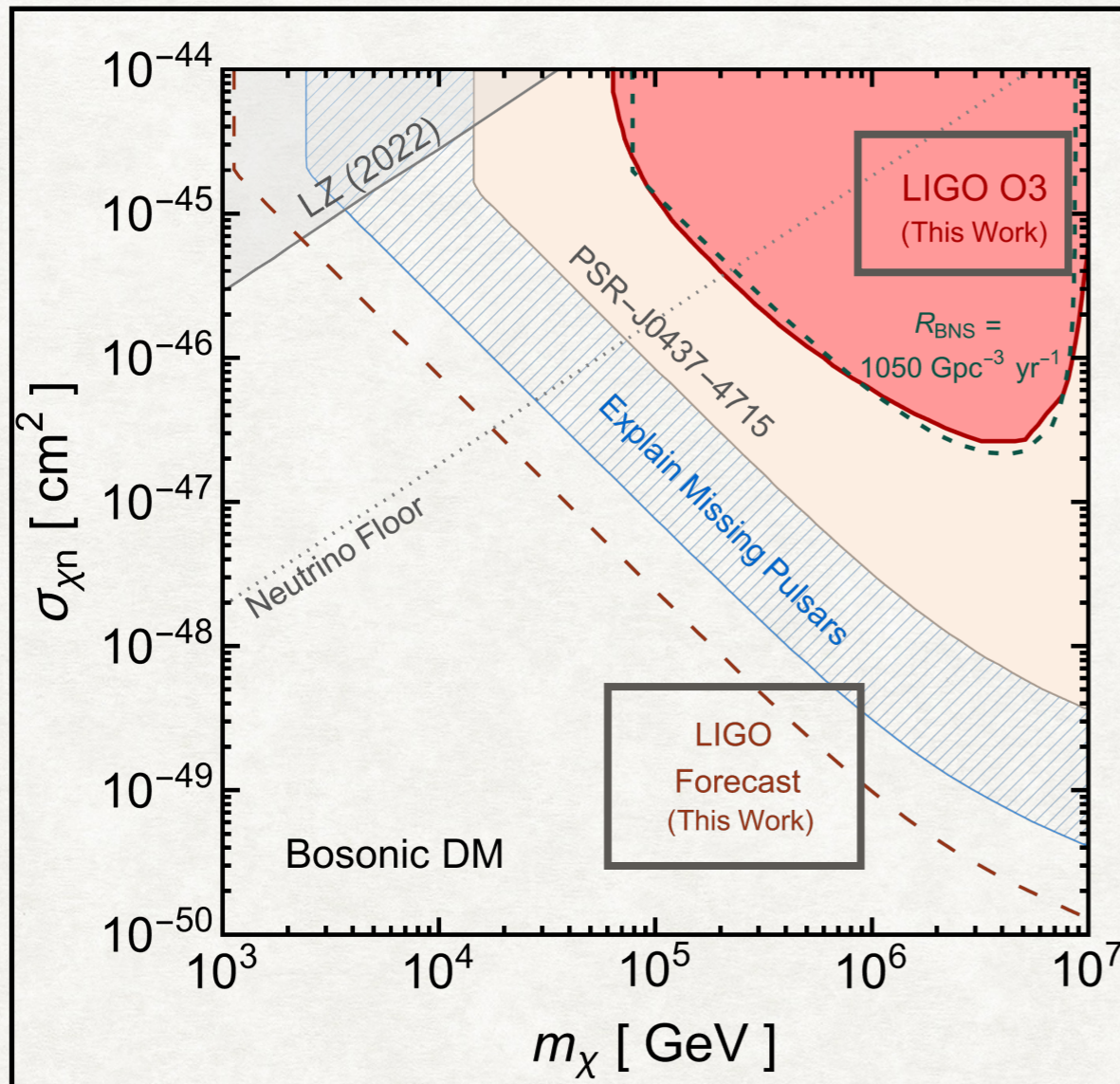
Chirp mass distribution of BNS is sharply peaked at  $1.15 M_{\odot}$ , which can be approximated as a Dirac-delta mass distribution.

Ozel & Freire (Ann. Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2016)

Conservative: LIGO can not distinguish low mass compact objects as BHs. With tidal deformation & EM counterpart, our analysis can be improved.



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(Left) Bosonic DM

(Right) Fermionic DM

Heavier DM masses, the nascent BH becomes smaller, Hawking evaporation becomes significant, ceasing the TBH formation.



## Conclusion

- Existing GW detectors can be used to probe the particle nature of DM.
- For weakly interacting heavy DM, LIGO provides novel constraints on DM interactions, much more stringent as compared to the direct DM searches.  
with increased exposure, LIGO provides world-leading sensitivity within a decade
- Owing to a different systematics, GW-inferred exclusions has the potential to beat the EM-inferred exclusions.

(LZ 2022) (spin-independent) excludes DM-nucleon scattering cross-section of  $2.8 \times 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$  for  $m_\chi = 10^6 \text{ GeV}$ .

LIGO excludes DM-nucleon scattering cross-section of  $2 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$  for  $m_\chi = 10^6 \text{ GeV}$ . **"Impossible"** to reach by these underground detectors!

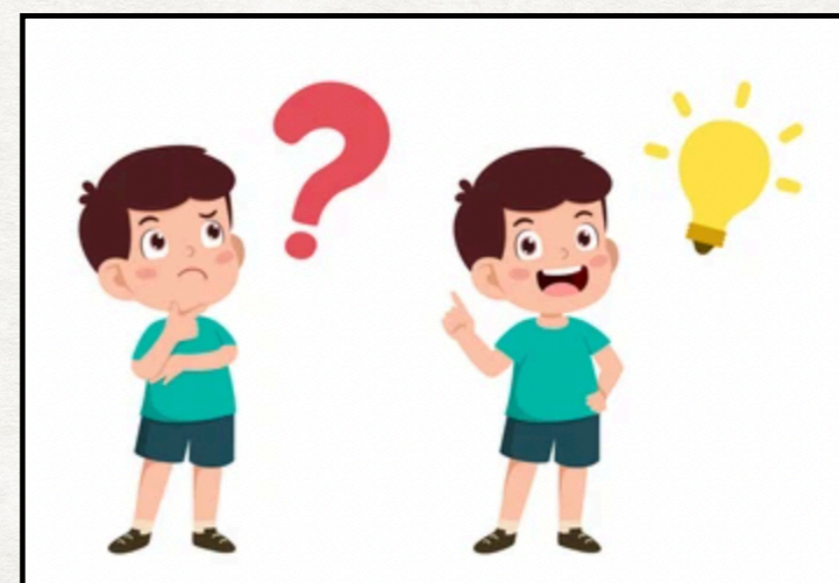


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For Heavy non-annihilating DM with feeble interactions,  
Listening to the sky seems the best way forward!

Thanks!



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# Celestial Objects as Strongly-Interacting Asymmetric Dark Matter Detectors

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Strongly interacting Heavy DM

## Celestial Objects as DM Detectors

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i) Why Celestial Objects are Novel DM detectors for heavy DM mass?

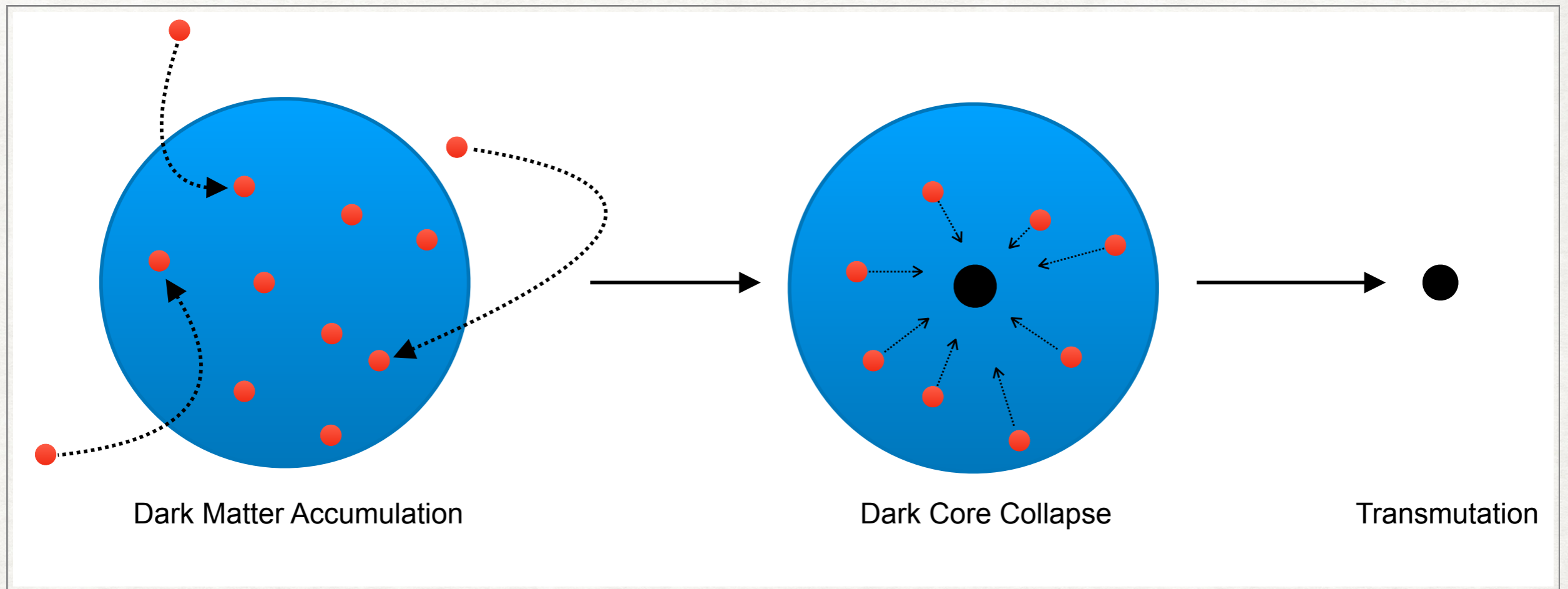
They are gigantic.

ii) Which Celestial Objects are the most optimal targets?

Systematic study is required



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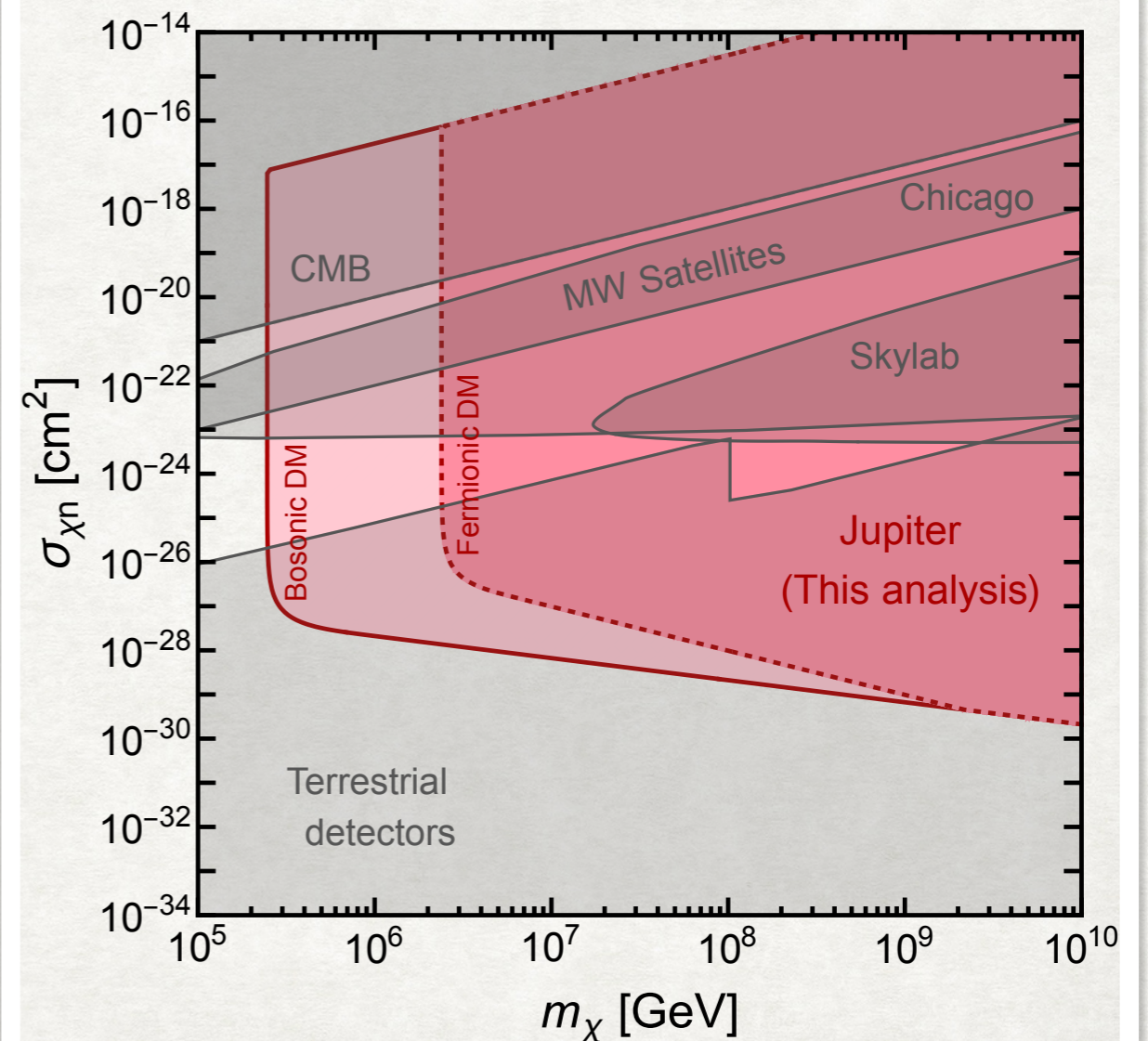
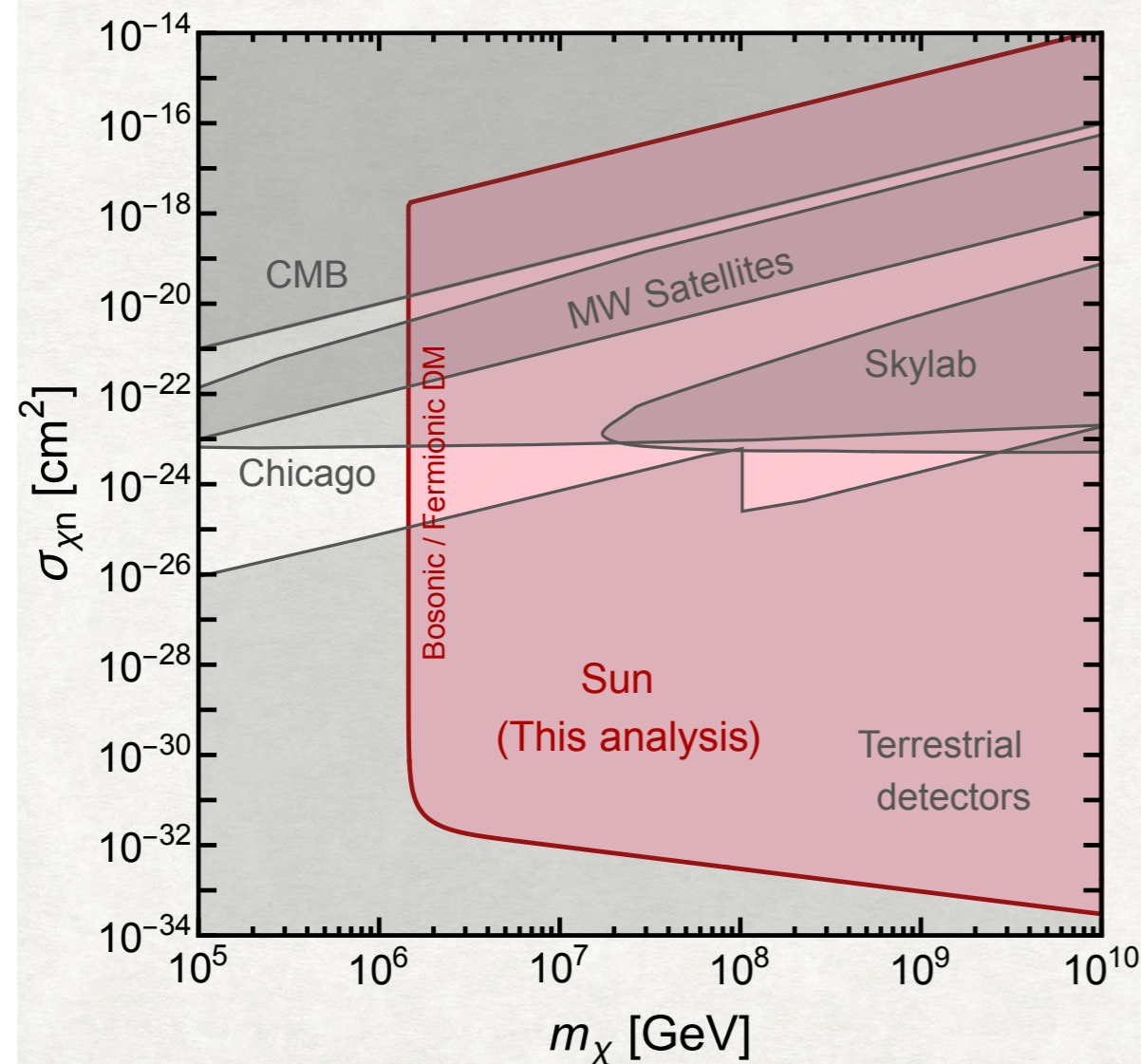
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# Results

- DM parameters which predicts successful BH formation are excluded because we see Sun, Jupiter, Earth, Moon!

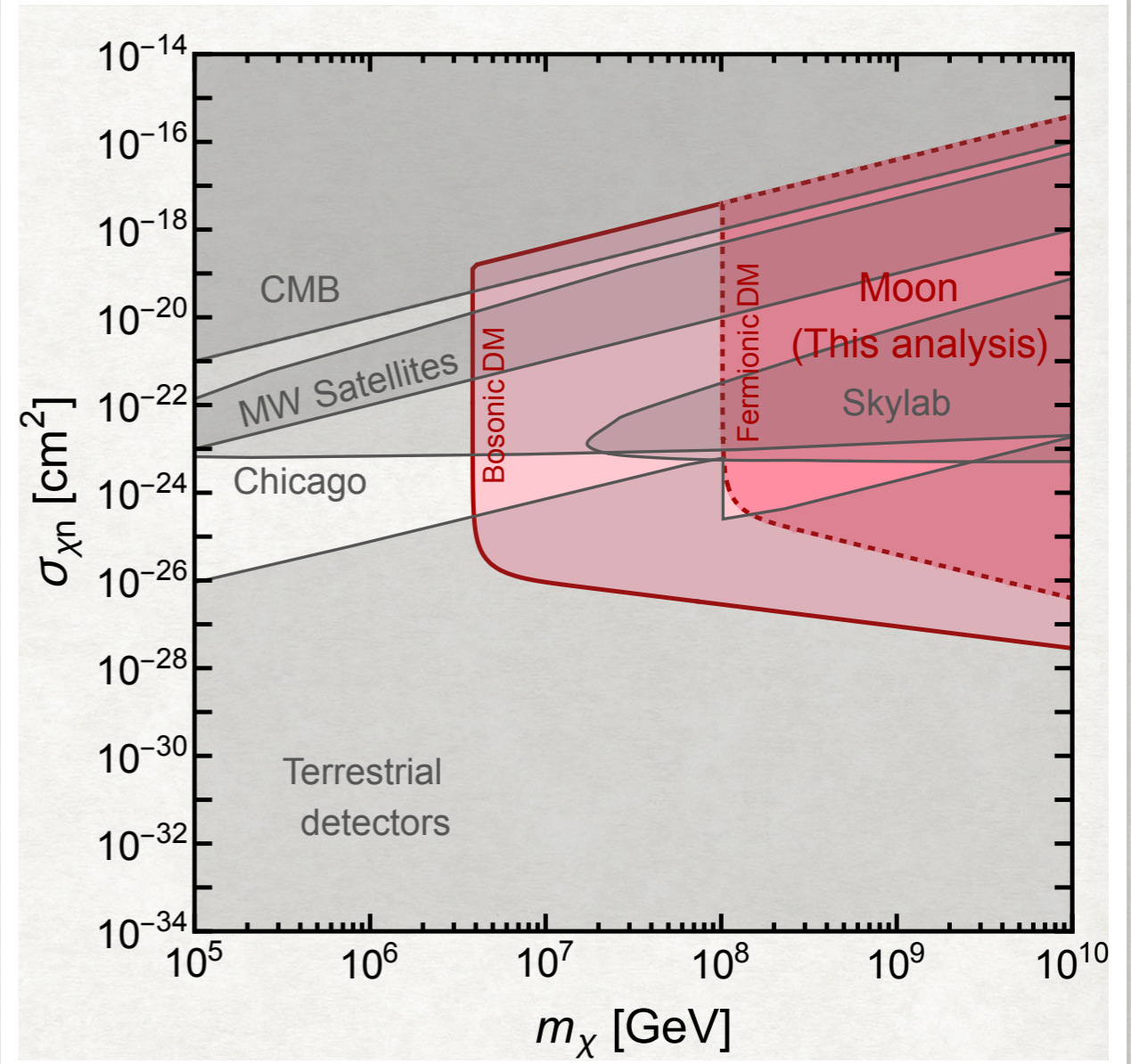
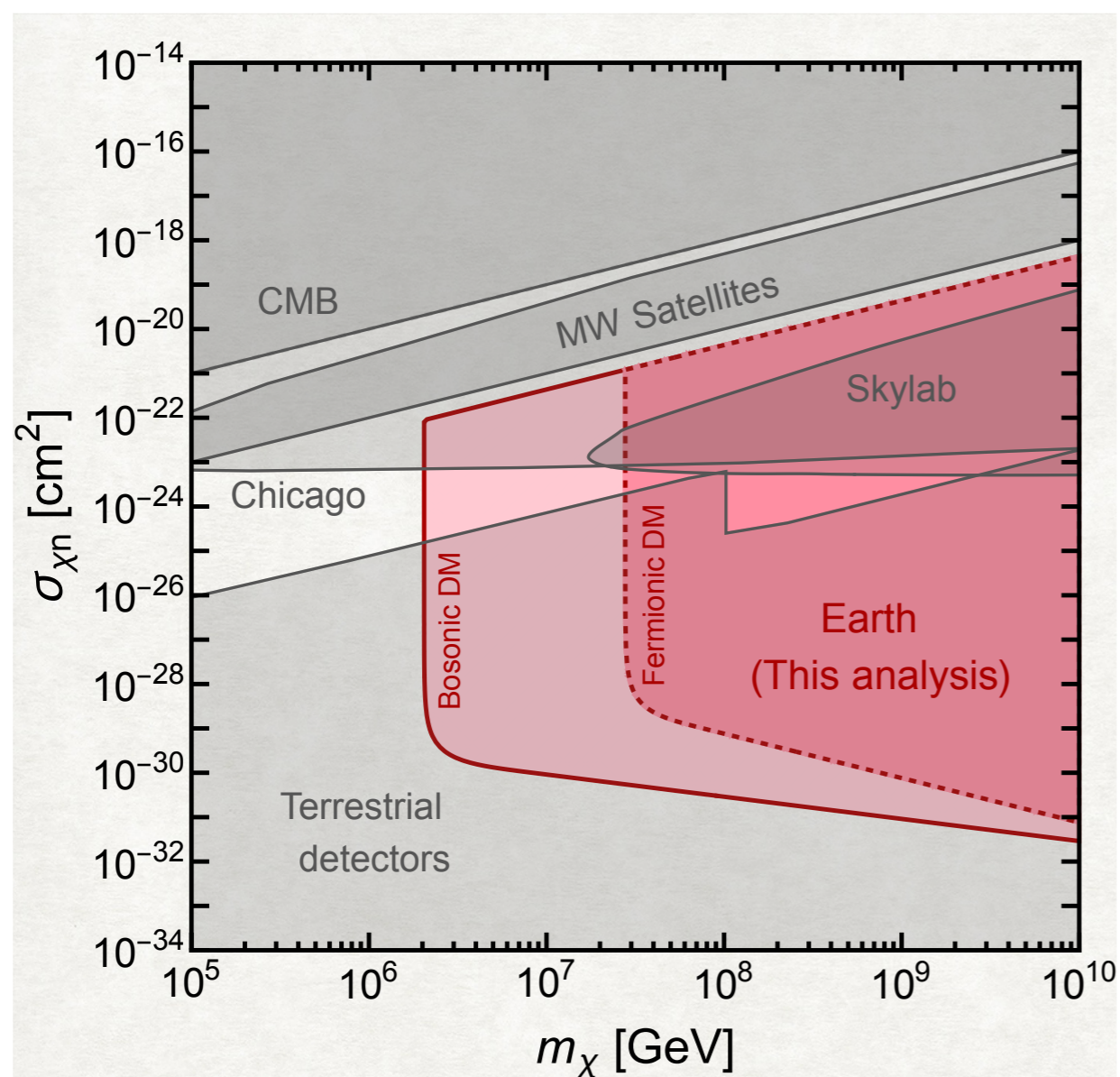
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# Results

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\*\*\* Stellar objects with larger size and the low core-temperature (Jupiter) are the ideal targets. Larger size implies more DM capture, and lower temperature implies easier BH formation.



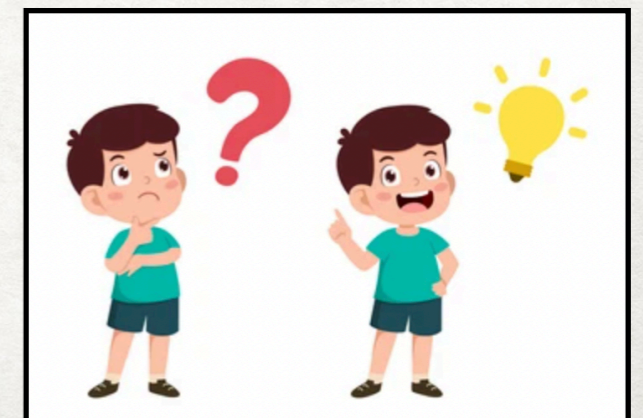
## Conclusion

- Celestial objects because of their large size and cosmologically long lifetime naturally act as gigantic DM detectors.

Underground detectors have typical exposure of kT-year, whereas, celestial objects have typical exposure of  $M_{\odot}$ - Gyr =  $10^{33}$  kT-year, naturally providing sensitivity to the tiny flux of heavy DM.

- We show existence of stellar objects provides unprecedented sensitivity to the DM parameters and primarily bridges the gap between the terrestrial and cosmological probes.

Stellar objects with larger size and the low core-temperature (Jupiter) are the most optimal targets.





- As a by-product, this simple yet elegant mechanism naturally provides planet mass BHs.

Lots of interesting hints of planet mass BHs! (Planet-9, OGLE excess, NANOGrav detection of SGWB, etc!)

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