

# Hawking Radiation, Superradiance, and Dark Sector

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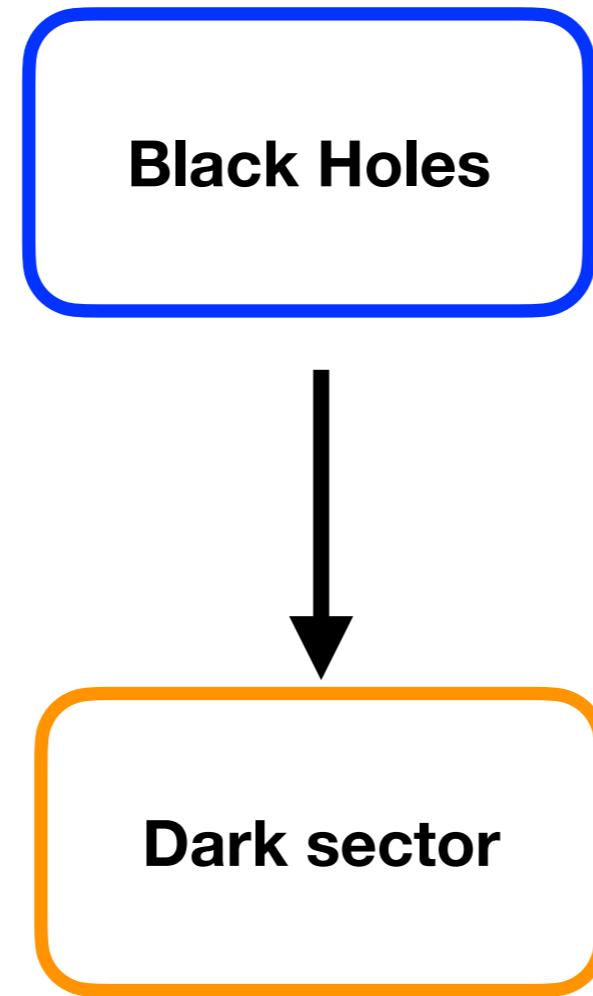


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# Motivations



Can we use black holes to probe dark sector?

# Outline

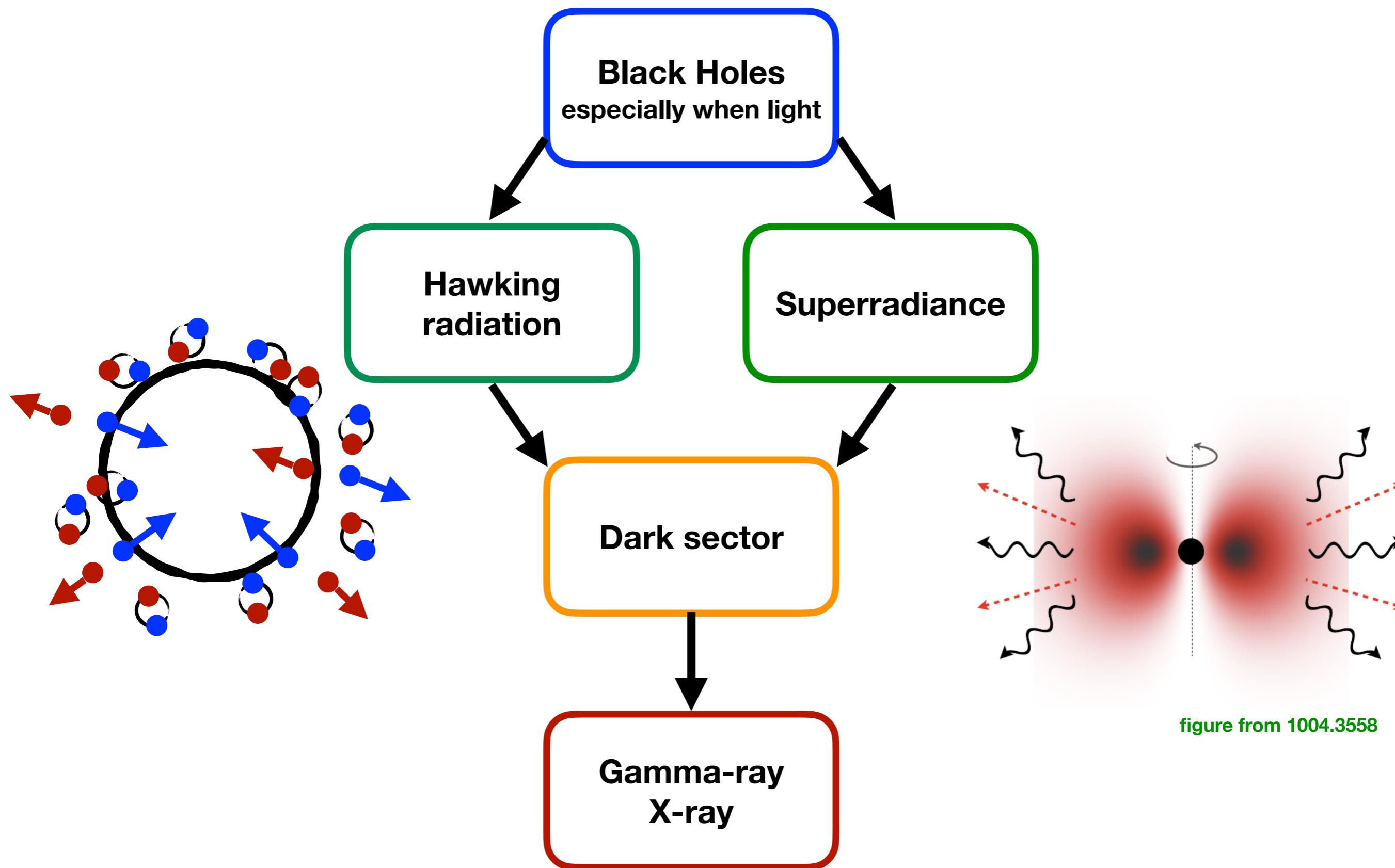
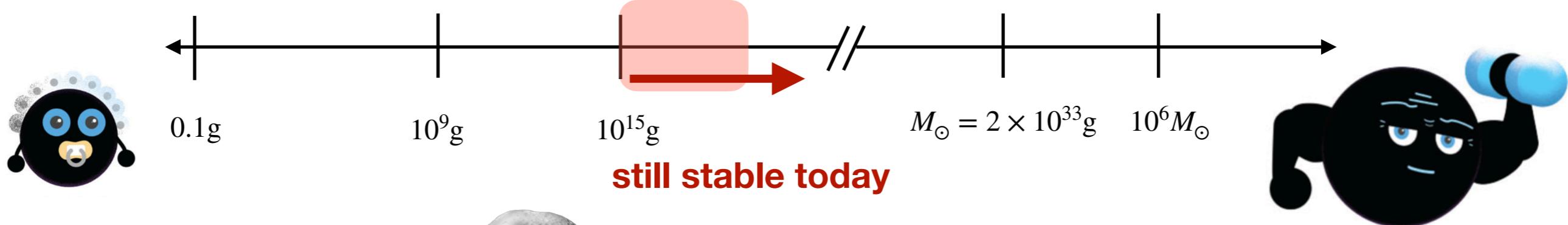


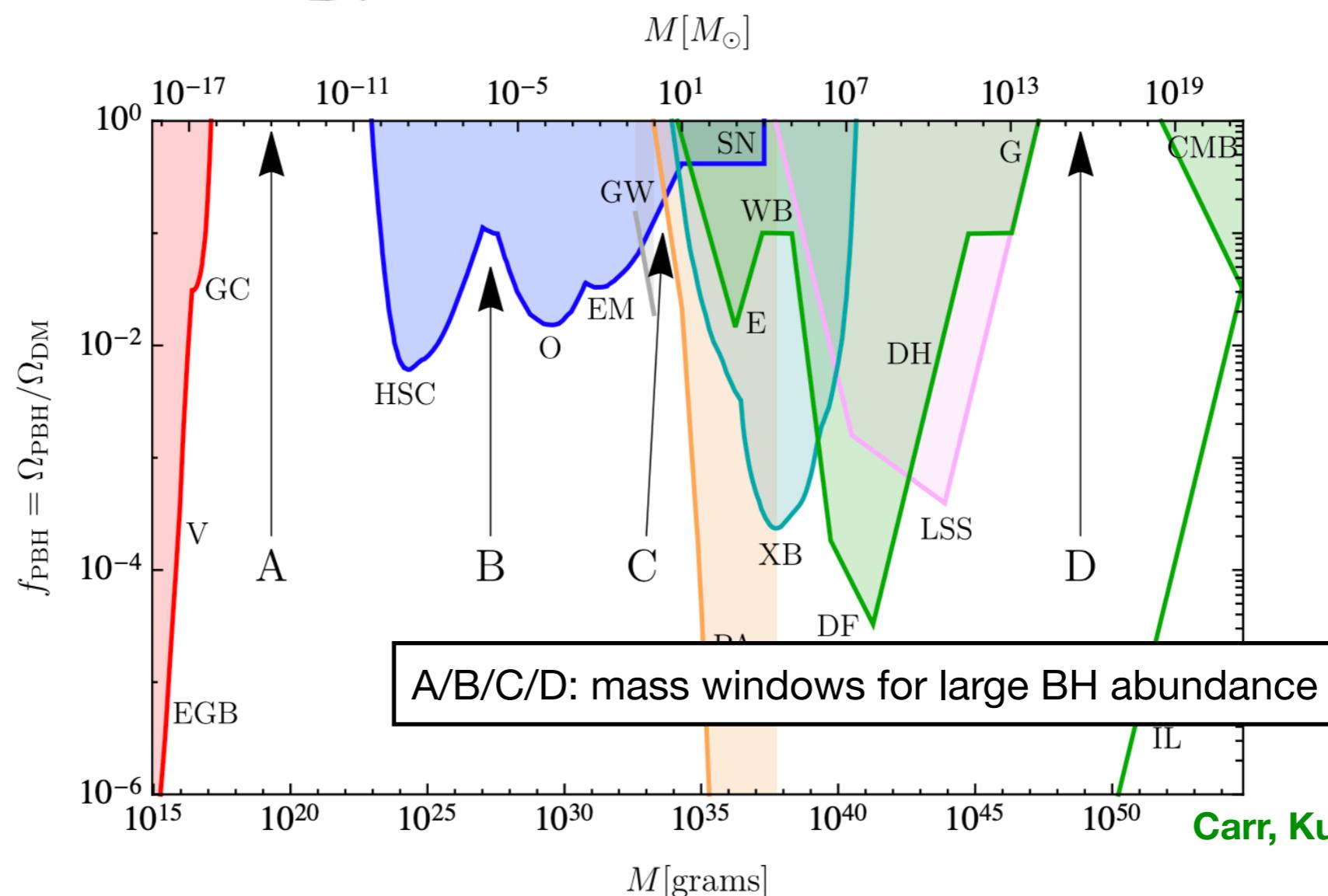
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# Black Holes



fraction of DM  
made of PBHs

$$f_{\text{PBH}} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}$$

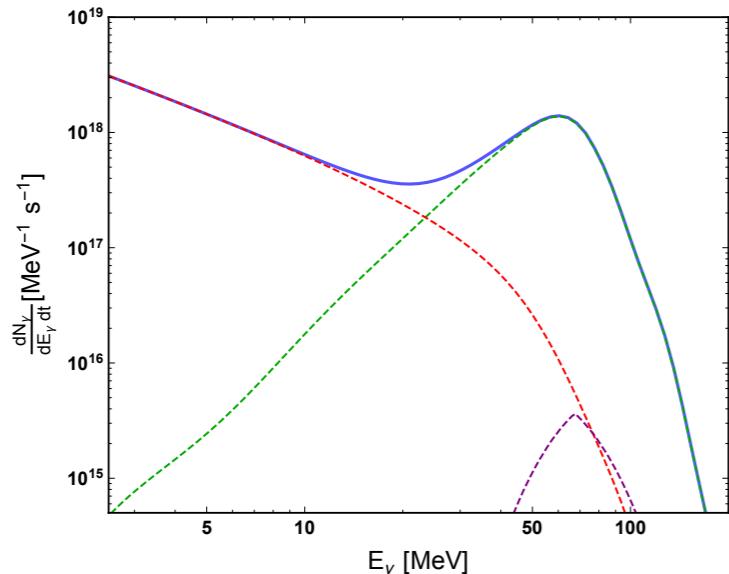


constraints from

evaporation, lensing, gravitational waves, dynamical effects, accretion, CMB distortion, large scale structure

# Detect BHs via Hawking Radiation

- Hawking temperature:
- Particle emission nearly **blackbody**

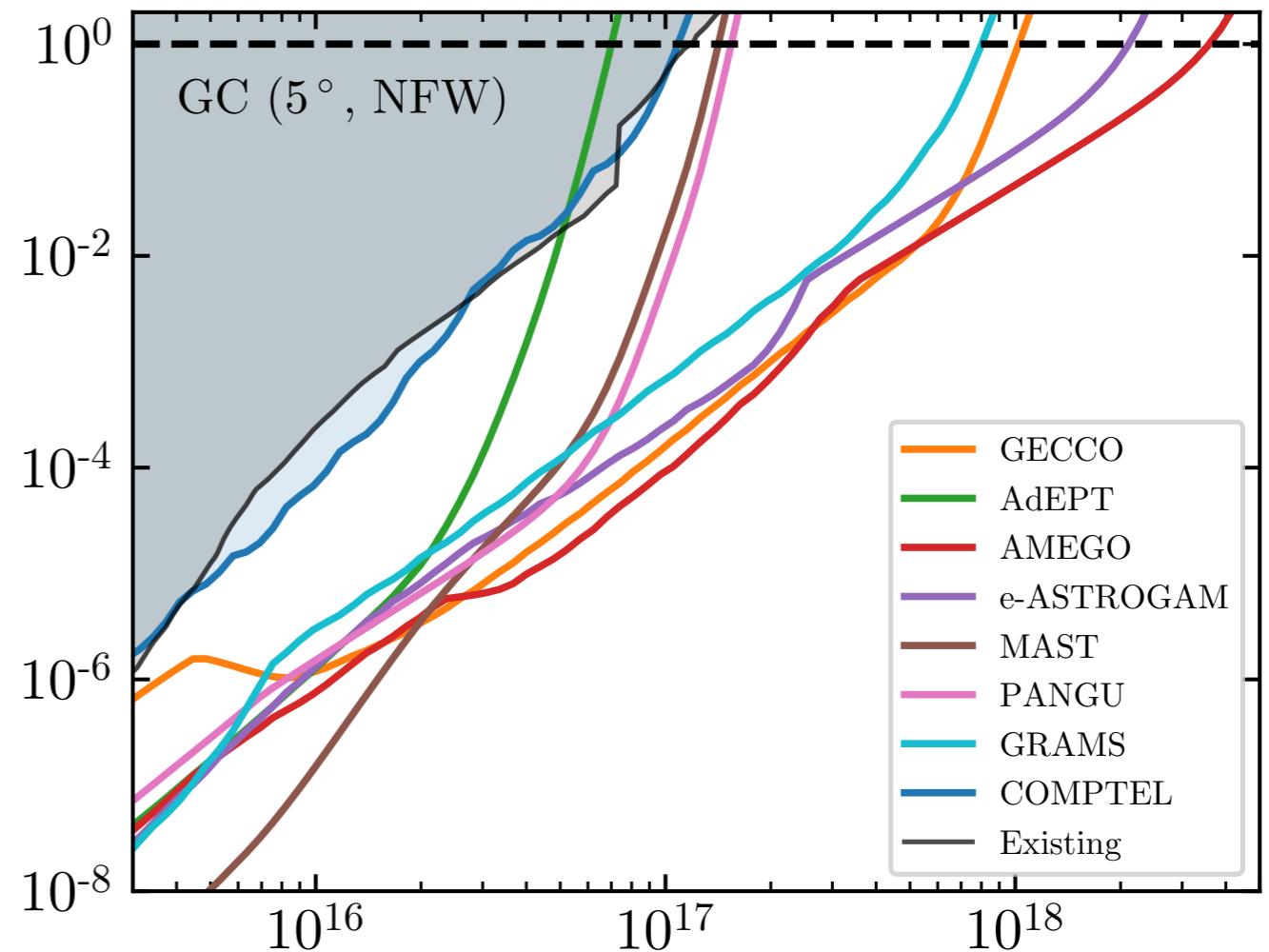


$$T_{\text{PBH}} = \frac{1}{8\pi GM_{\text{PBH}}} \simeq 10.5 \left( \frac{10^{15} \text{ g}}{M_{\text{PBH}}} \right) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{dN_i}{dE_i dt} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_i(E_i, m, m_i)}{e^{E_i/T_{\text{PBH}}} \pm 1}$$

- We test light BHs with particles produced at **MeV-GeV** energy for example, gamma-rays

Future constraint  
or  
Opportunity of observation?



A. Coogan, L. Morrison, S. Profumo, 2010.04797

# Dark Sector from Hawking Radiation

Hawking radiation rate of particle  $i$  from a non-rotating BH:

$$\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial E_i \partial t} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_i}{e^{E_i/T_{\text{PBH}}} \pm 1}$$

- particle mass **kinematically allowed**  $m_i \lesssim E_i \lesssim T_{\text{PBH}}$

**Asteroid-mass BHs can produce MeV or lighter particles**

- production via gravity, only depends on **degree of freedom**  $g_i$ , **not coupling**  
**Hawking radiation is good at producing weakly coupled particles in the spectrum**
- how to detect the effect?
  - energy scale determined by Hawking temperature
  - large BSM particle production rate, modify the radiation spectrum
  - clear SM “background” spectrum from Hawking radiation calculation

# ALP from BHs

- If exists an **Axion-Like-Particle** in the particle spectrum
- Gamma-ray spectrum is modified by ALPs: double peak

$$\frac{\partial N_{\gamma,\text{tot}}}{\partial E_\gamma \partial t} = \frac{\partial N_{\gamma,\text{primary}}}{\partial E_\gamma \partial t}$$

**primary photon**

$$+ \sum_{i=e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \pi^\pm} \int dE_i \frac{\partial N_{i,\text{primary}}}{\partial E_i \partial t} \frac{dN_{i,\text{FSR}}}{dE_\gamma}$$

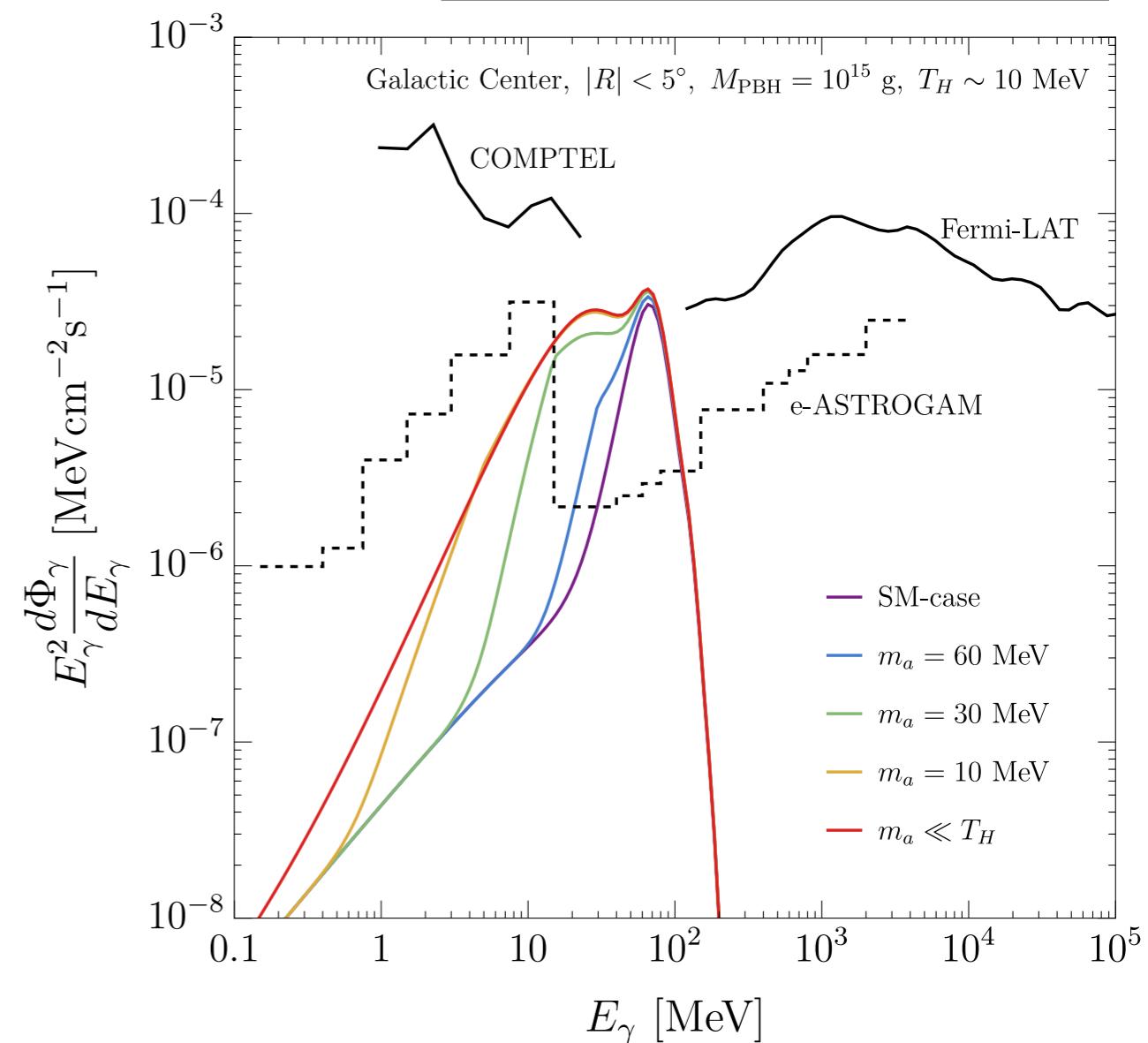
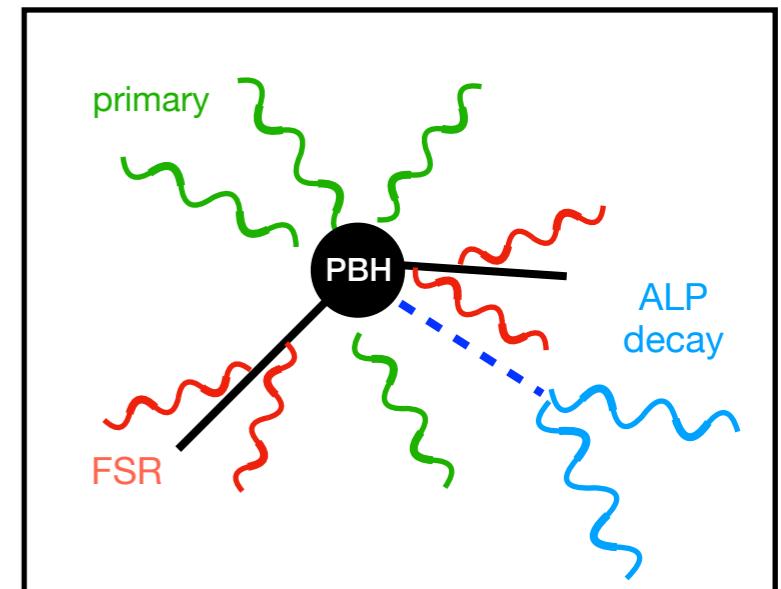
**final-state radiation**

$$+ \sum_{i=\pi^0} \int dE_i 2 \frac{\partial N_{i,\text{primary}}}{\partial E_i \partial t} \frac{dN_{i,\text{decay}}}{dE_\gamma}$$

**pion decay**

$$+ \int dE_a 2 \frac{\partial N_{a,\text{primary}}}{\partial E_a \partial t} \frac{dN_{a,\text{decay}}}{dE_\gamma}$$

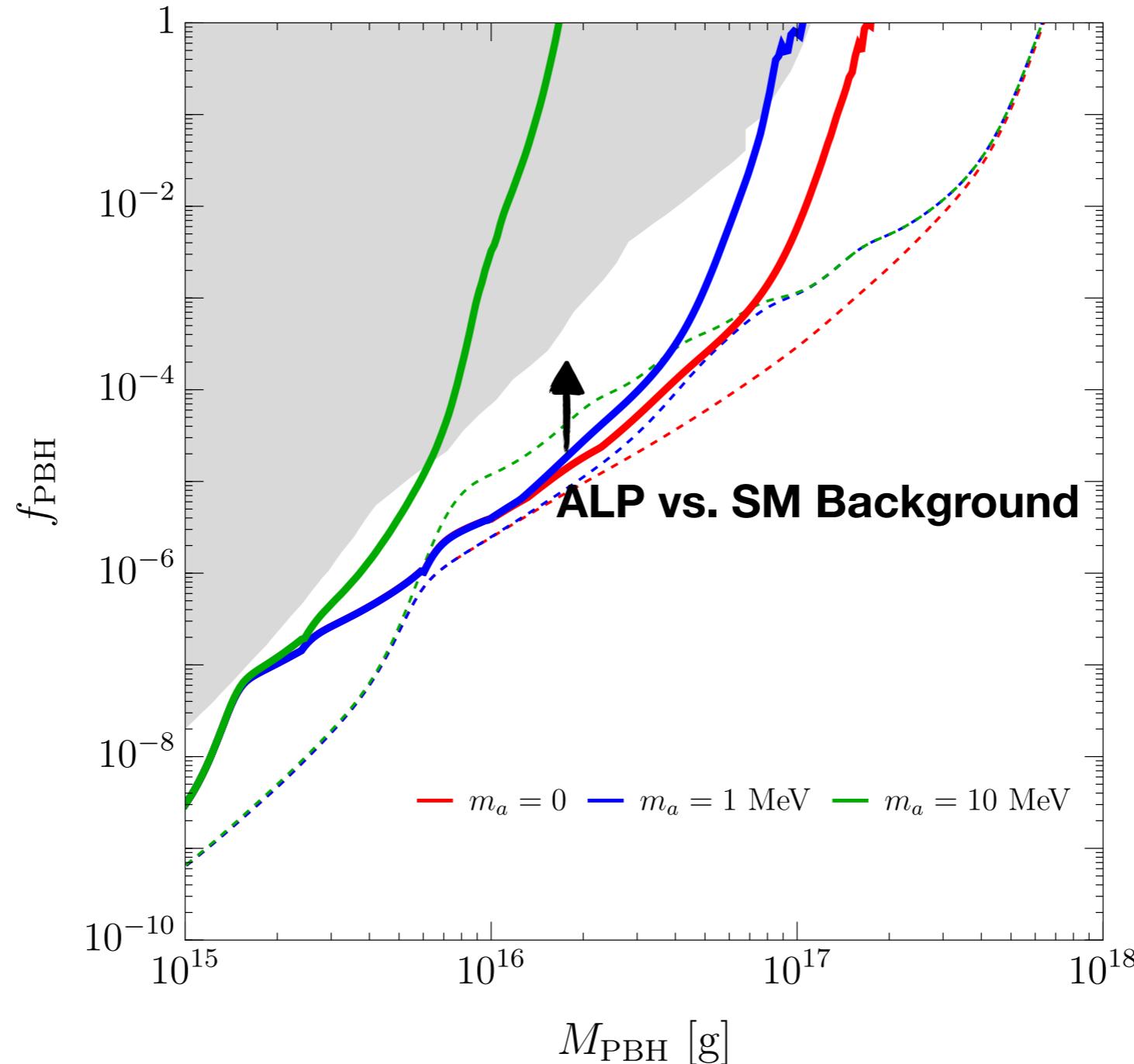
**add ALP decay**



# Identification of ALPs

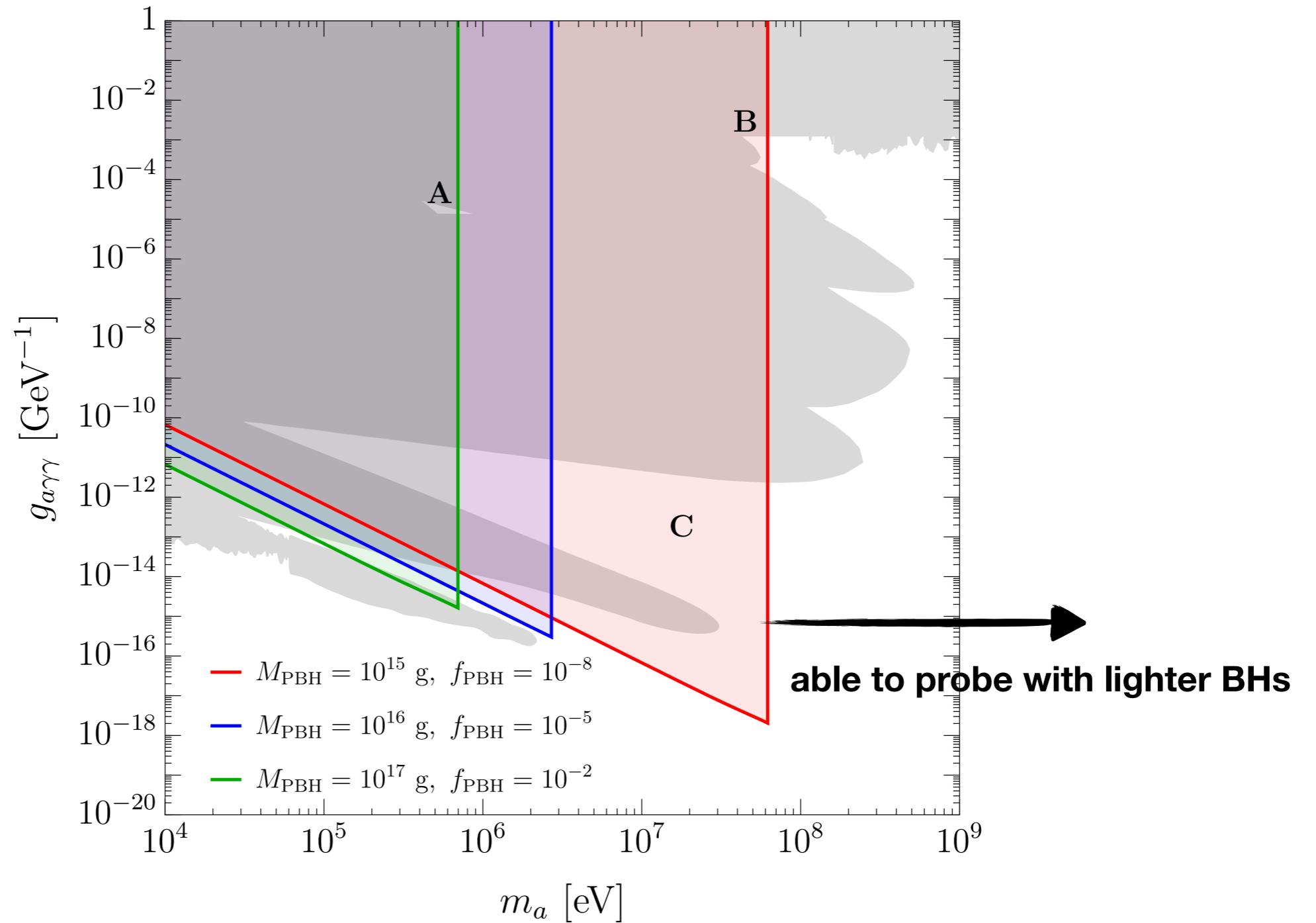
If  $f_{\text{PBH}}$  is larger than the detection limit, enough statistics to **distinguish** the ALP.

We will be able to know if ALP exists from the shape of gamma-ray spectrum.



# Identification of ALPs

ALP parameter space that can be probed with BHs.

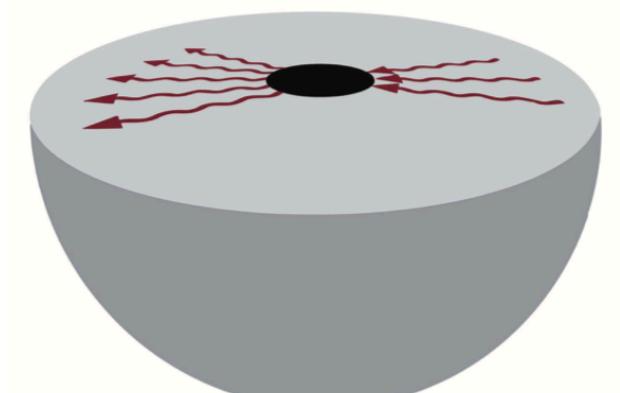
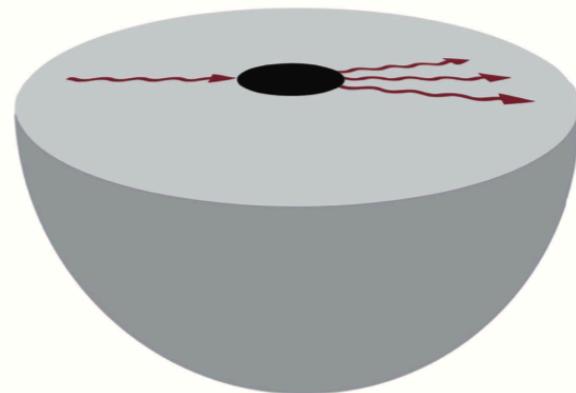
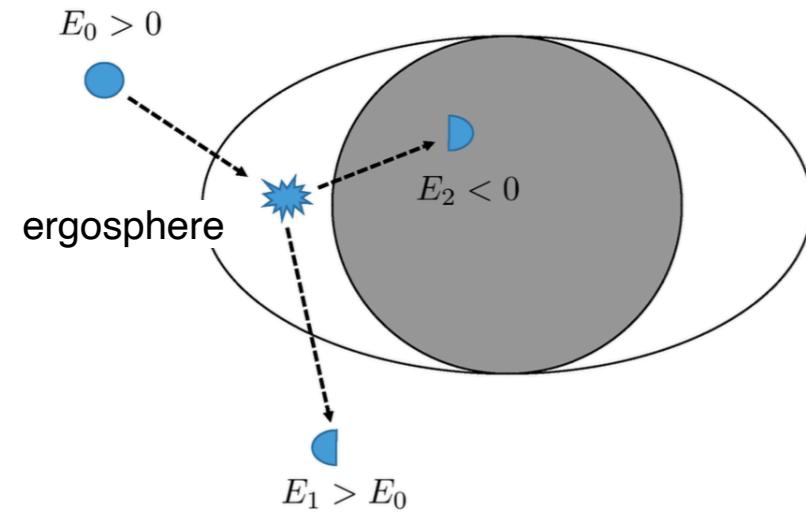


ALP decay width

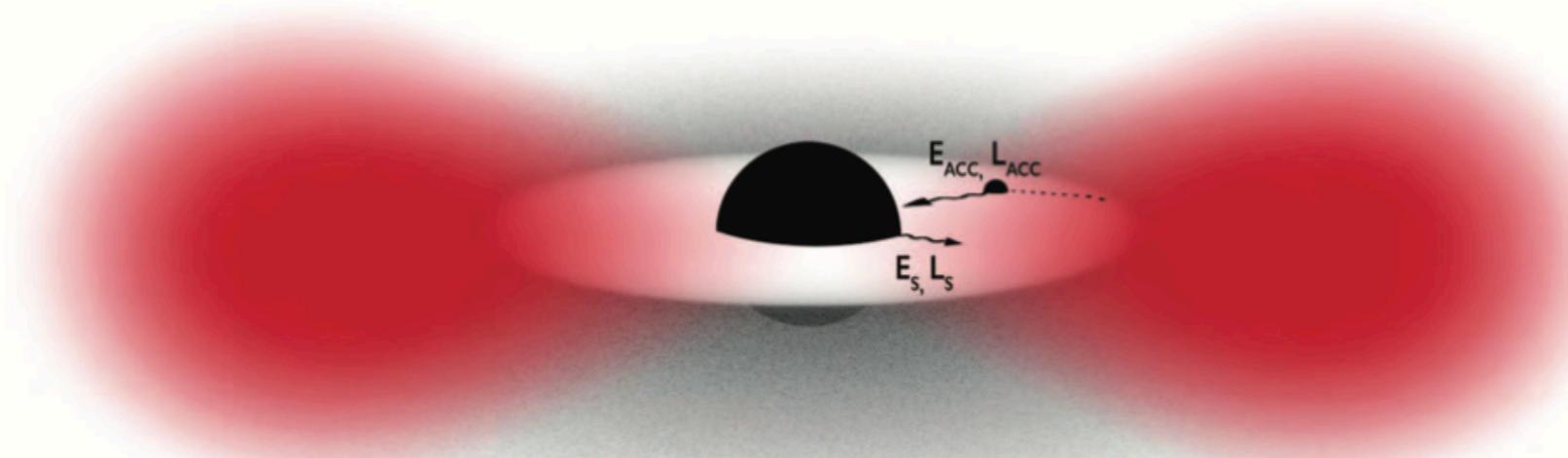
$$\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi}$$

# Superradiance

So far we only talked about BH mass, how about BH spin?



amplified → confined → amplified again



R. Brito, V. Cardoso, P. Pani  
1501.06570

BH can produce **massive bosons** with BH angular momentum when  $\omega_a < m \Omega$

$\Omega$ : BH angular velocity

$m$ : azimuthal quantum number

# Superradiance Condition and Rate

- Gravitational coupling between BH and axion:  $\alpha = G_N M m_a$
- Frequency of axion mode bounded by BH:  $\omega = \omega_R + i\omega_I$

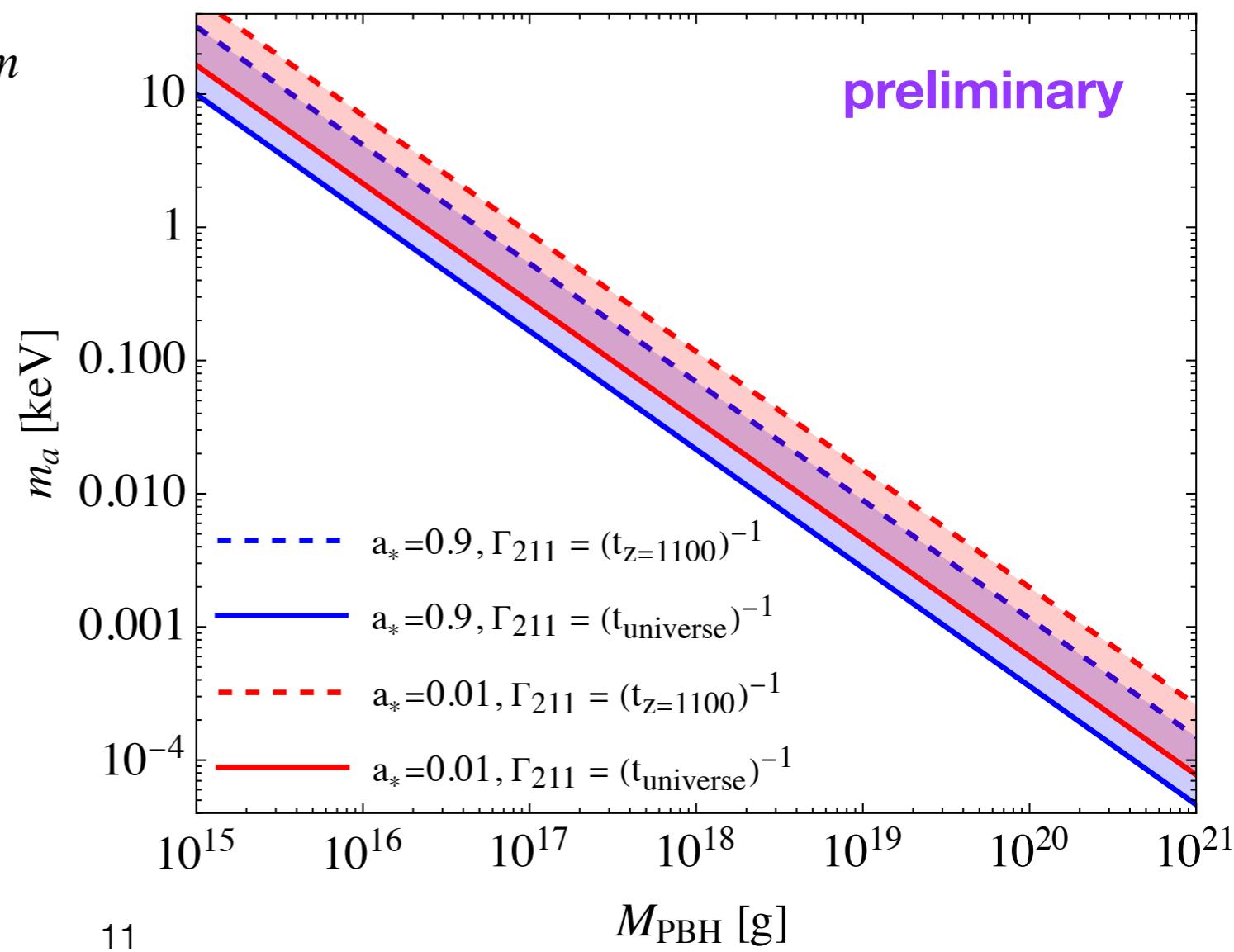
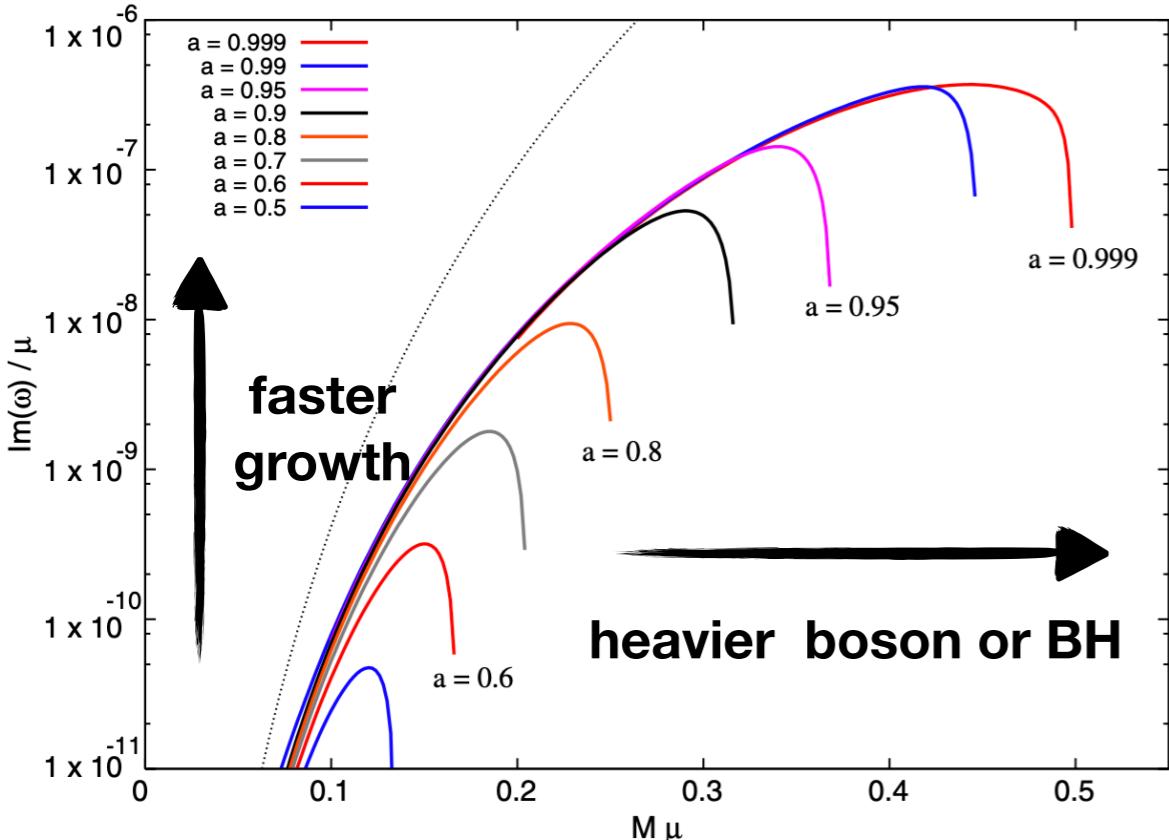
$$\omega_R = m_a \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2}\right)$$

$$N_a(t) \simeq N_0 e^{2\Gamma_{nlm} t}$$

$$\Gamma_{nlm} = 2\omega_I$$

$$\frac{\omega_I}{m_a} \simeq \alpha^{4l+4} (m\Omega - \omega_R) 2r_+ \mathcal{C}_{nlm}$$

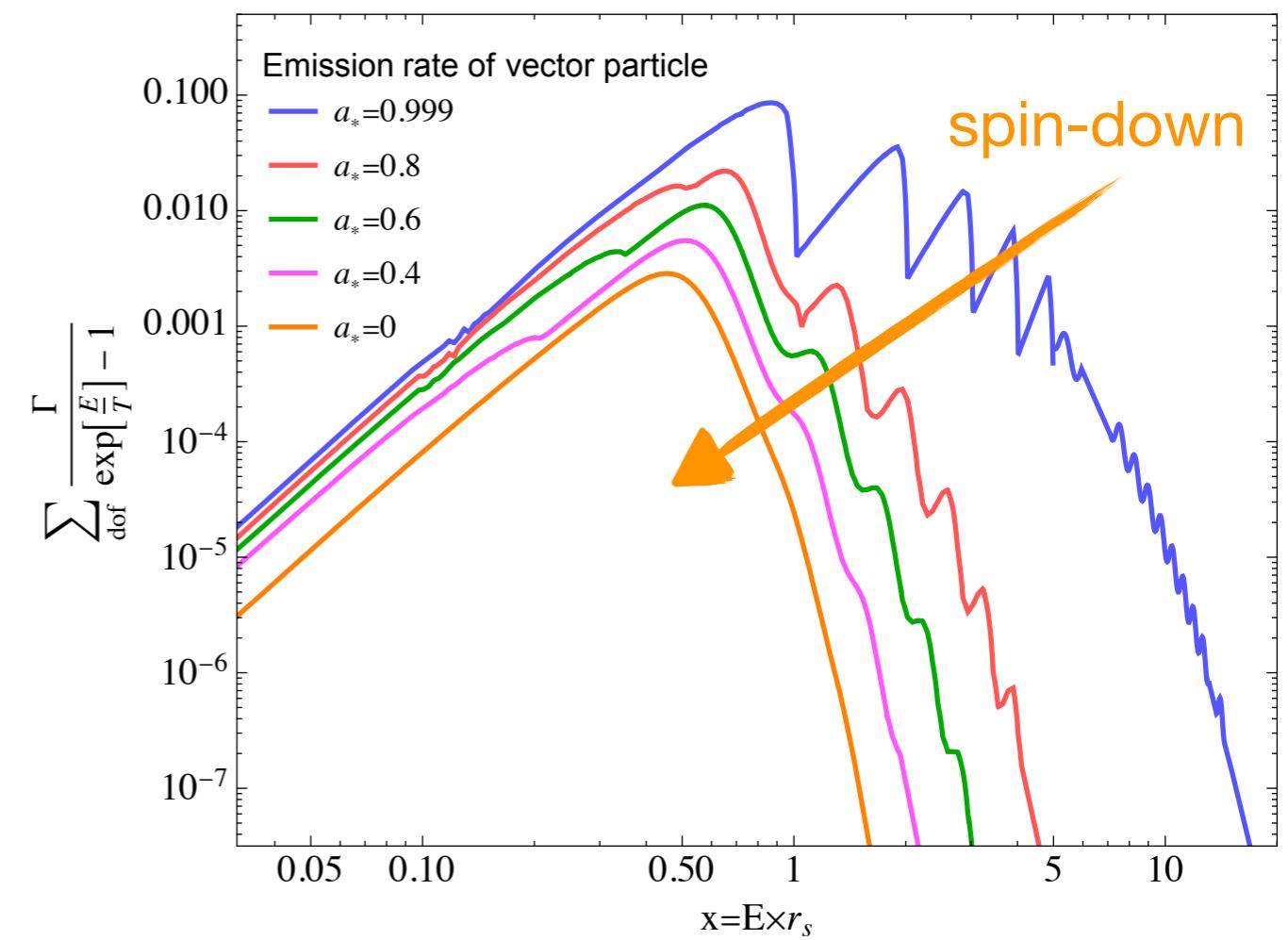
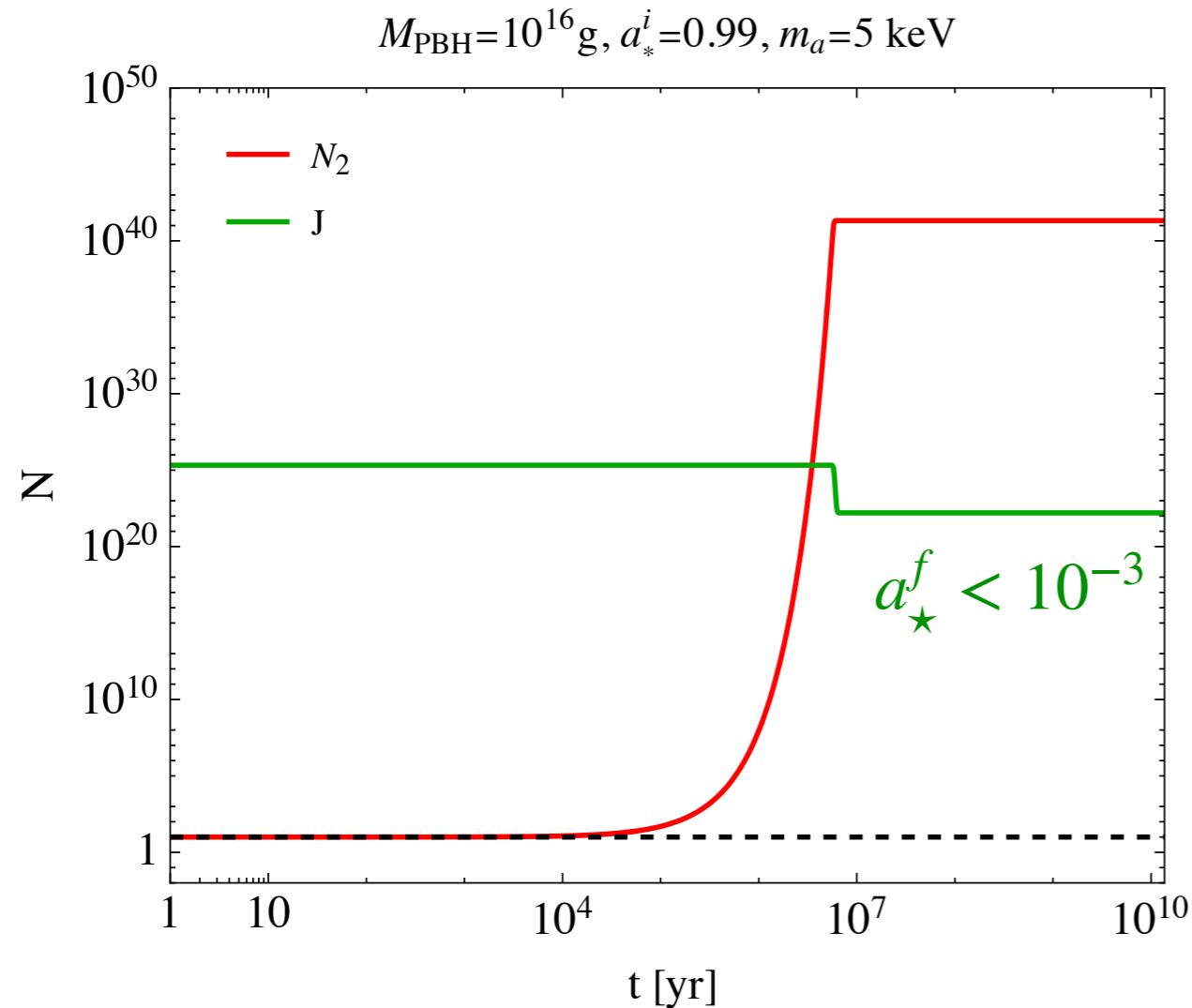
**superradiance condition**



# Spin-down of BH

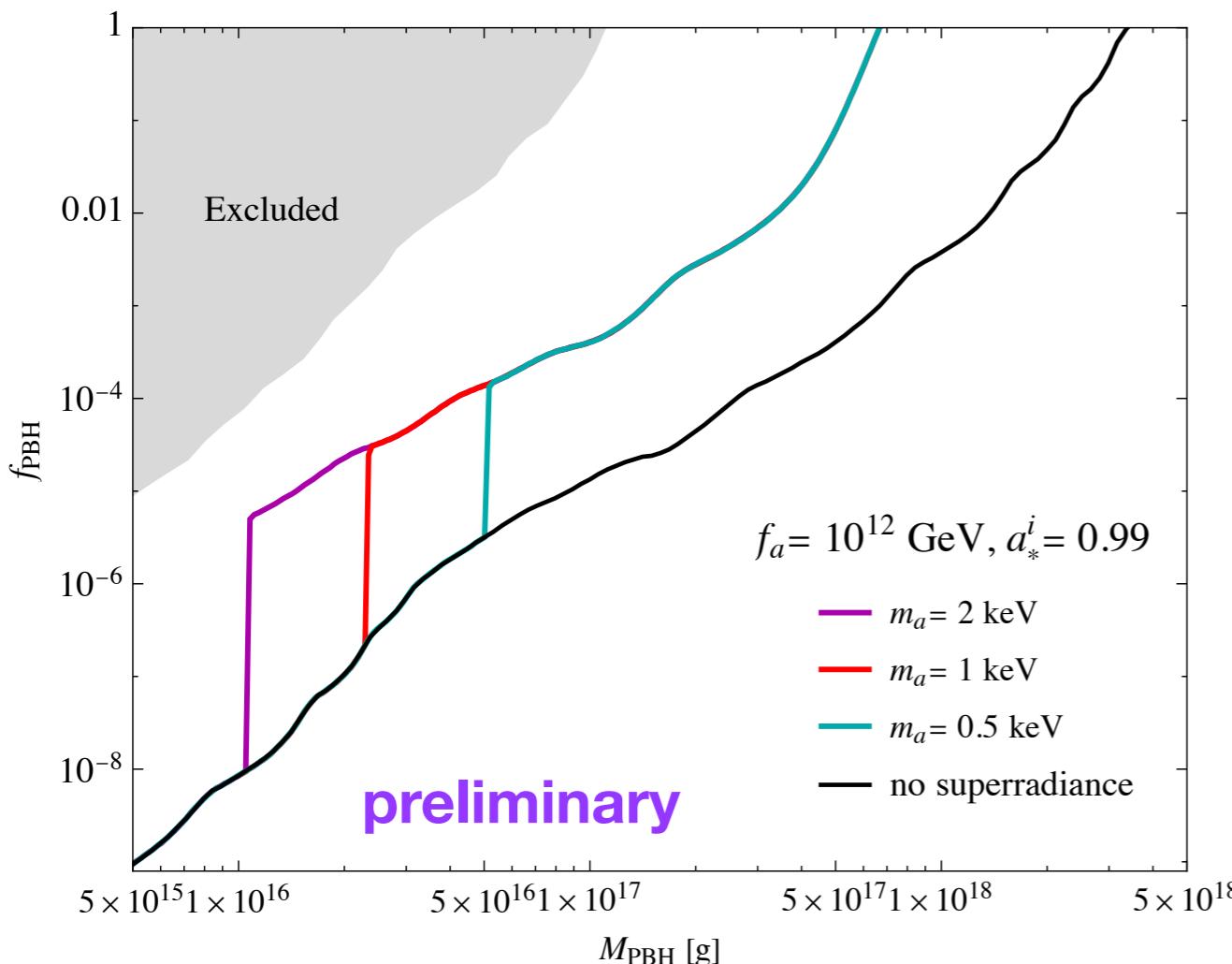
The rotational energy of a BH is **depleted** into the axion cloud,

rotating PBH  $\xrightarrow{\text{superradiance}}$  non-rotating PBH

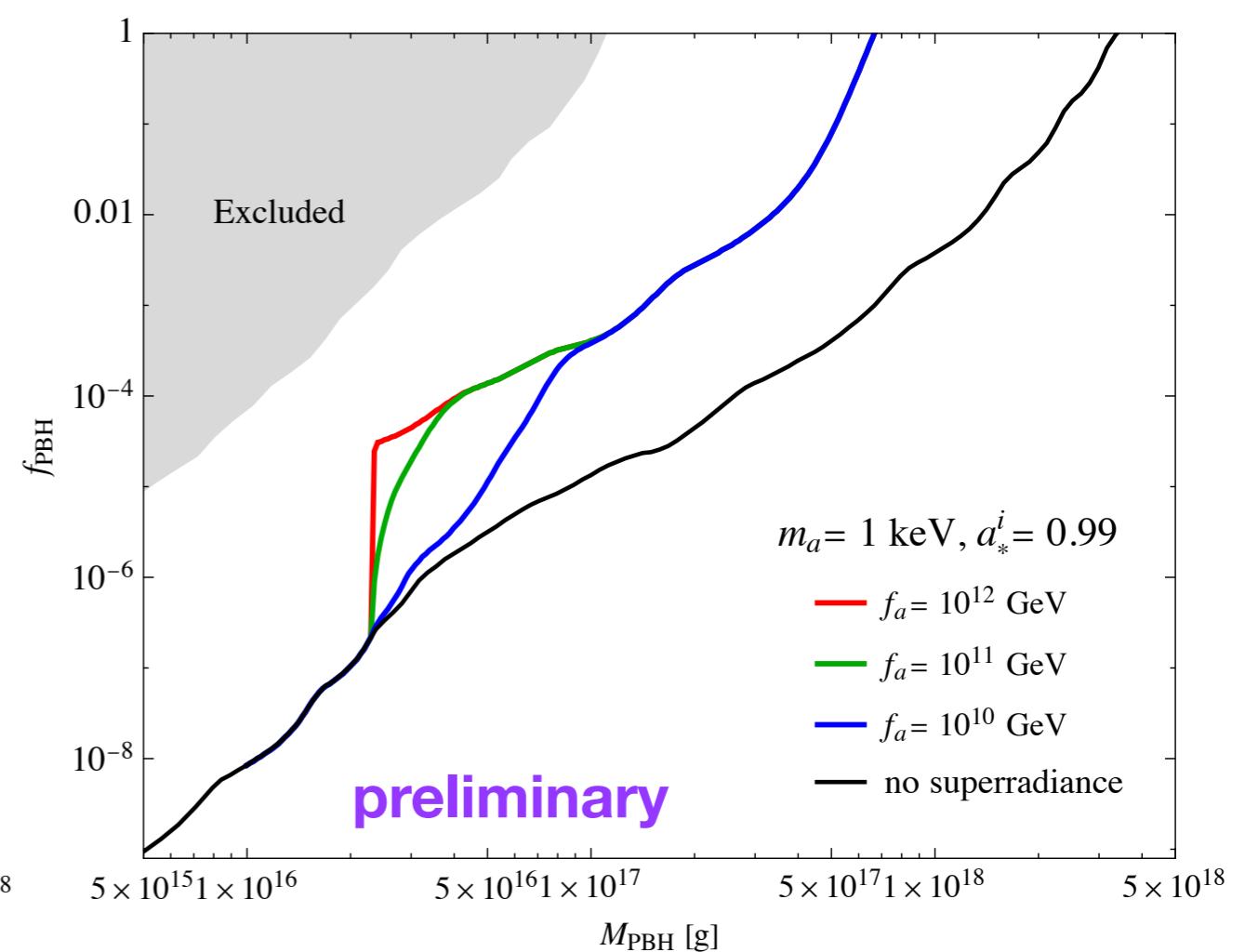


# Spin-down of BH

**Galactic Center** searches for BHs are only sensitive to the **final spin** of the Kerr BH.  
 Constraints becomes weaker with superradiance.



different axion mass

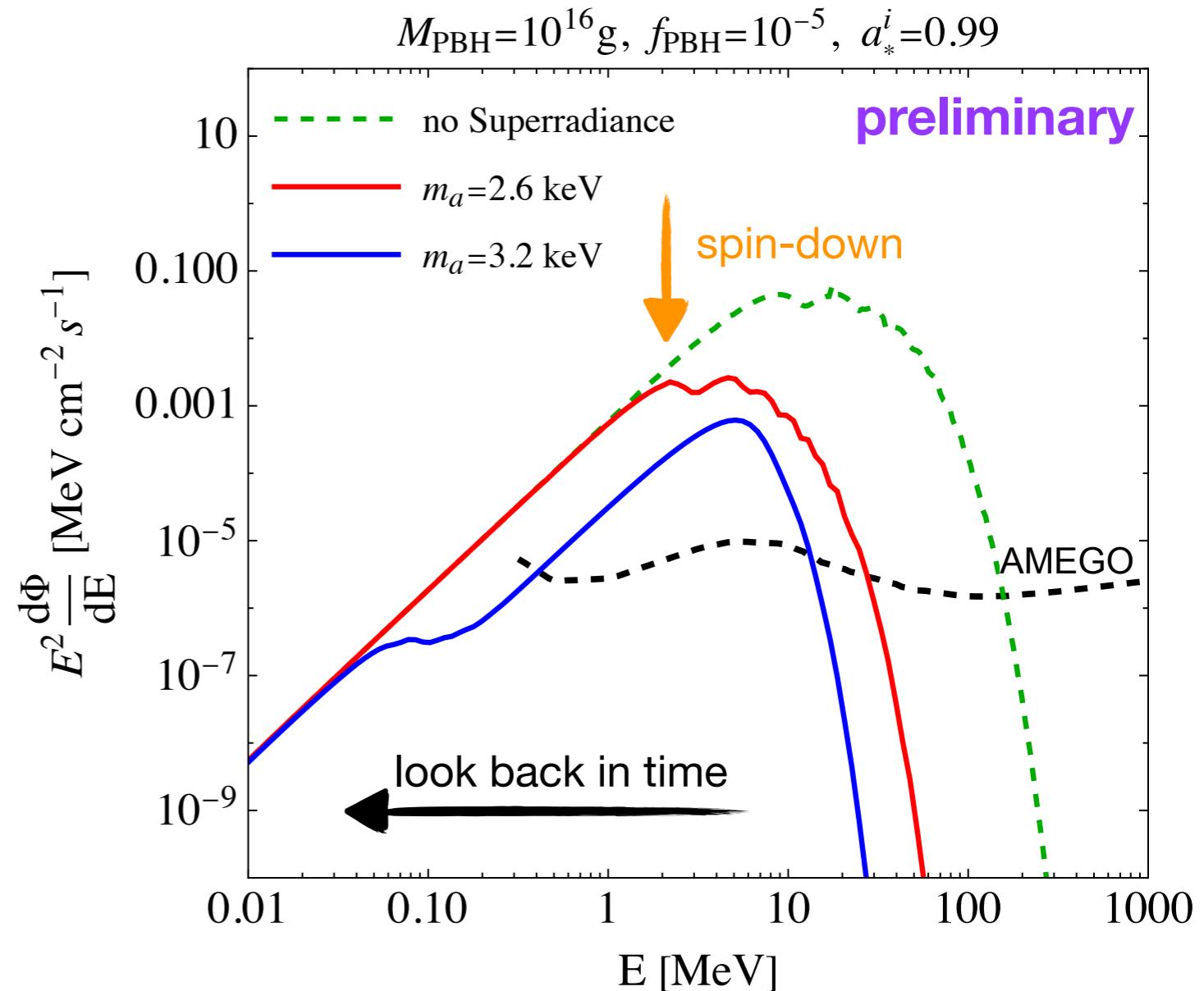


different axion self-interaction

# Extra-galactic Gamma-ray

**Extra-galactic flux can be correlated to test BH spin evolution at higher redshift.**

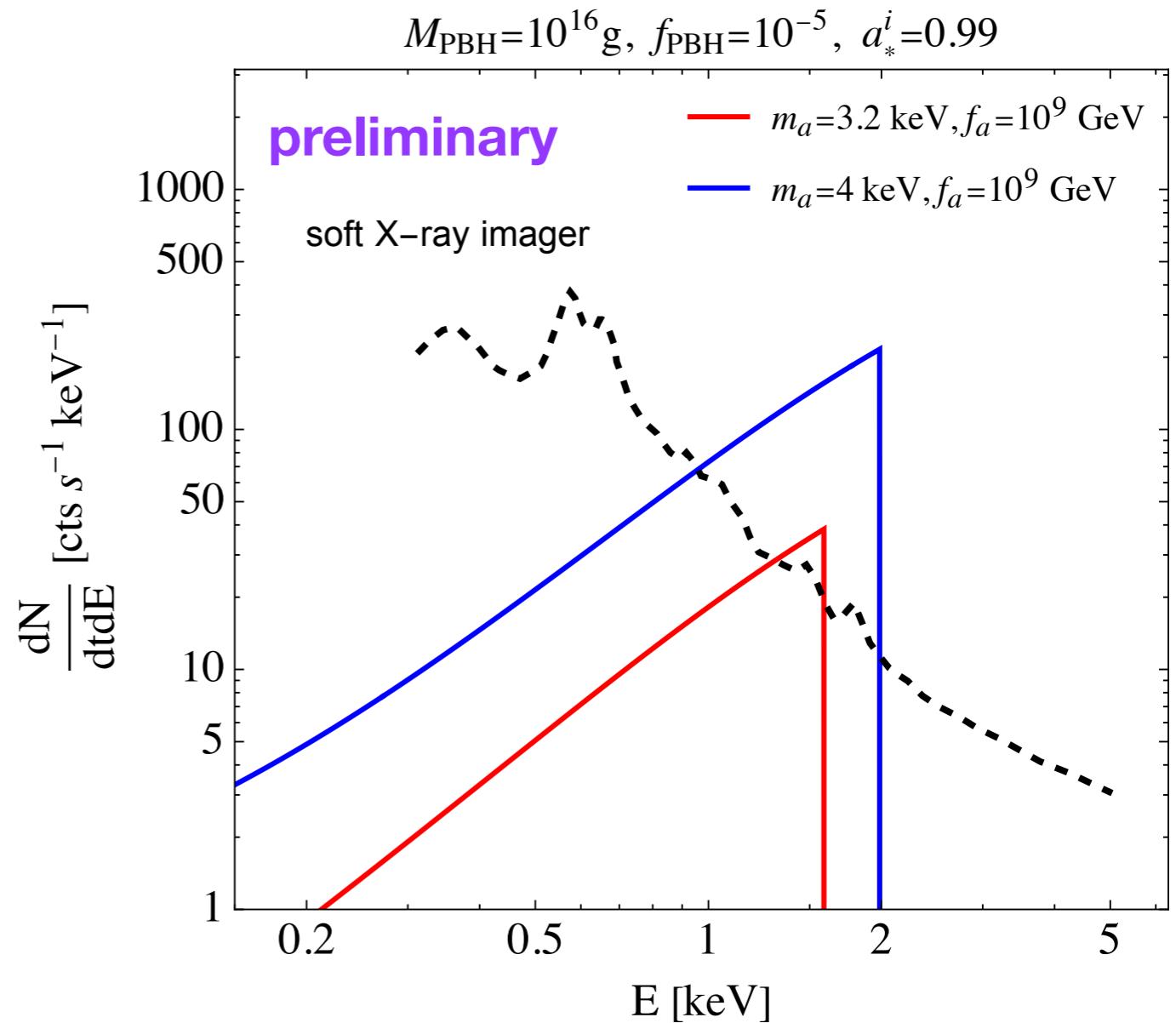
- Reduction in gamma-ray flux happens as BHs lose spin due to superradiance process
- Heavier axion spin down sooner,  $\Gamma \propto \alpha^{4l+4}$ , flux drops earlier at low energies



**Axions produced with BH superradiance can contribute to keV lines with decay.**

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{2\pi f_a}$$

- Direct axion production signal within reach of future X-ray observations
- Signal strength depends on  $f_a$  for both axion decay width and superradiance dynamics



## Summary

- Black holes can be particle factories with gravitational production. Hawking radiation and superradiance combined create interesting searches for new physics.
- To correlate a particle physics energy scale to BH physics
  - Hawking radiation: Particle mass comparable to Hawking temperature or below.
  - Superradiance: Particle wavelength matches BH radius.  
Timescale of superradiance in the observation window.
- To test the idea with asteroid-mass BHs, we use ALP as an example
  - Modification of Hawking radiation spectrum from galactic center
  - Spin evolution of BHs from galactic and extra-galactic signals
  - Decay signal from the superradiance cloud
  - Outlook: a variety of possible correlative channels to probe dark sector.

**Thank you!**