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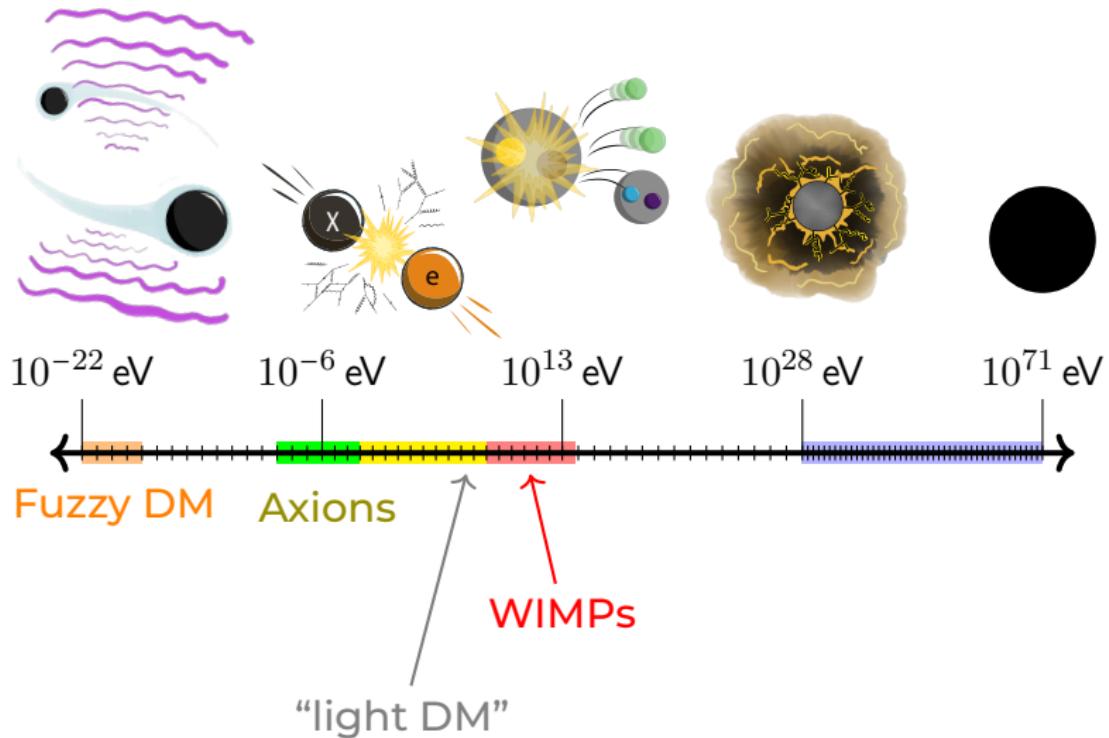


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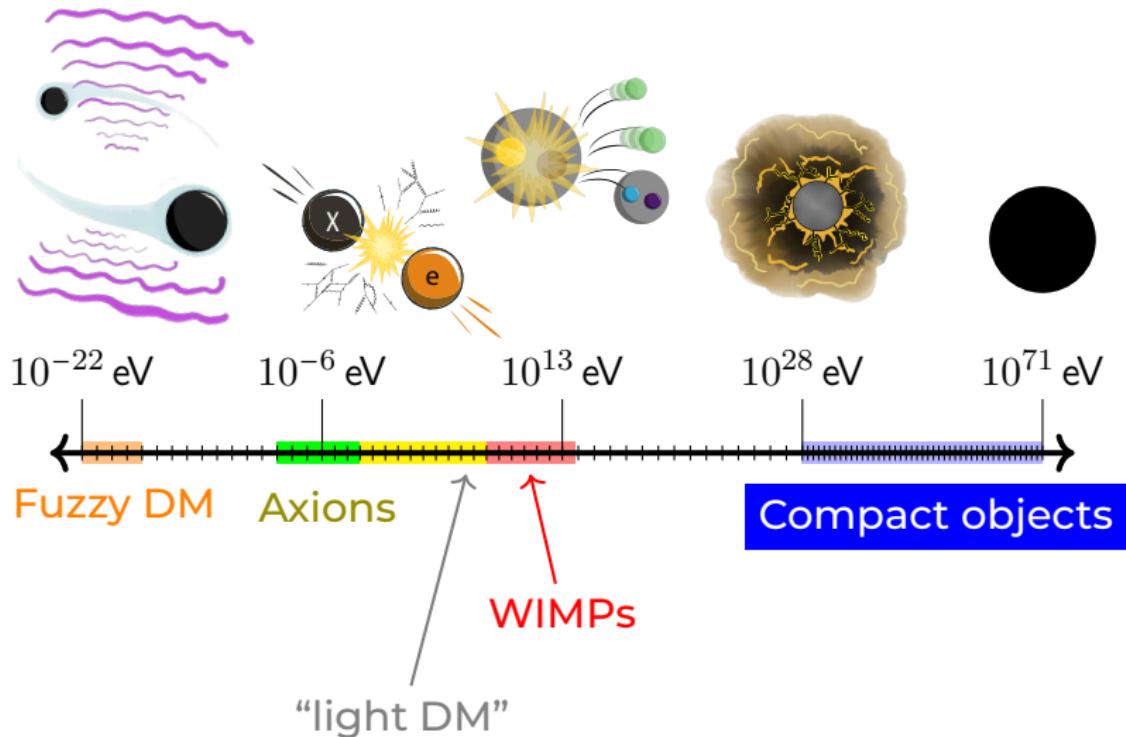
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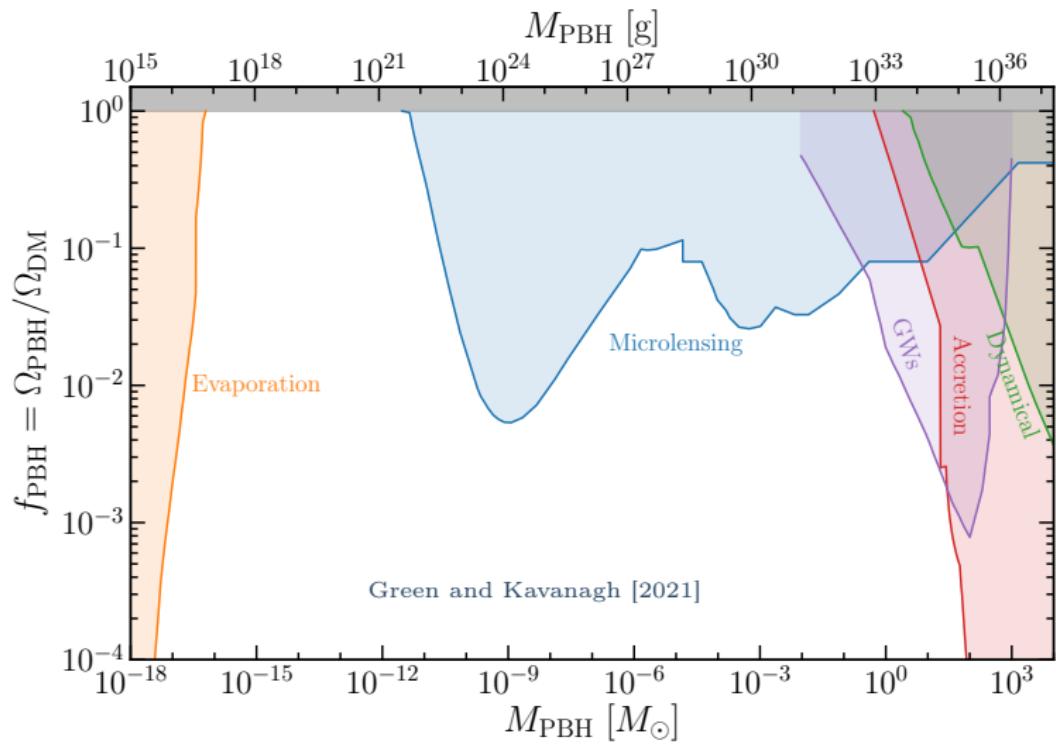
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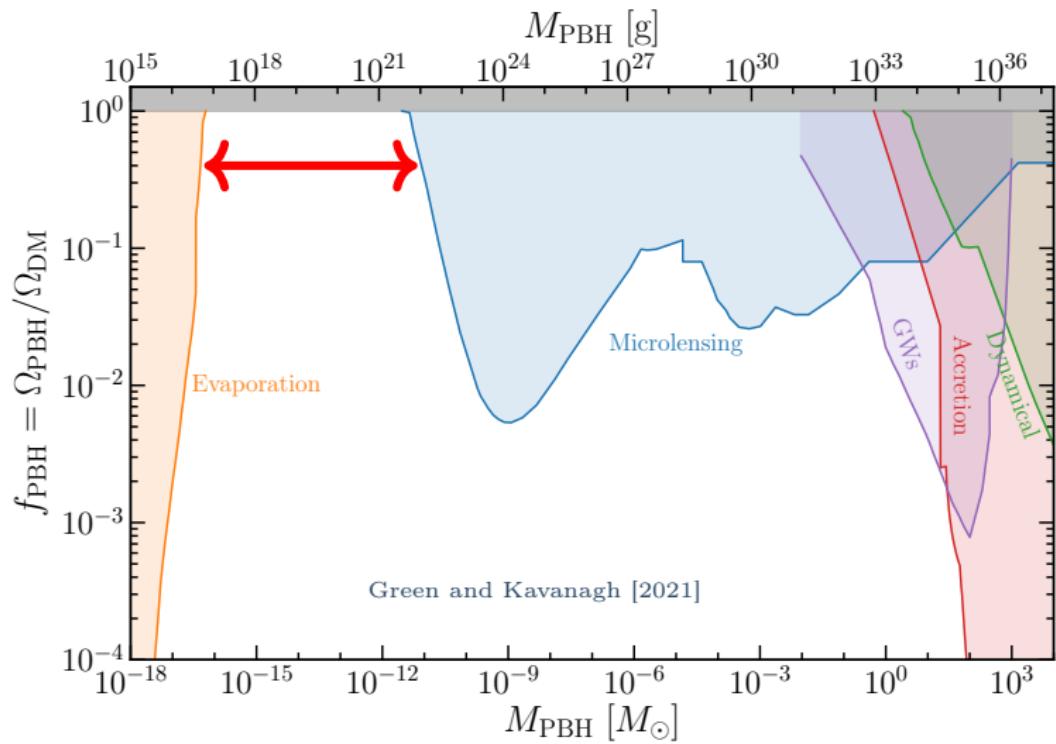
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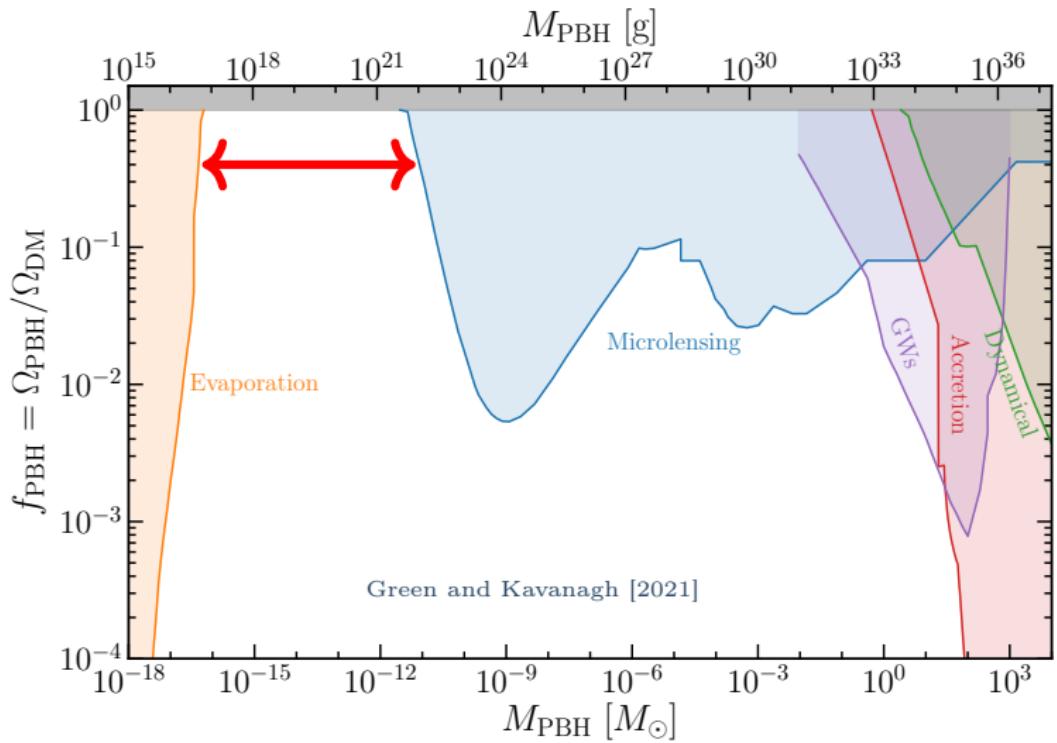


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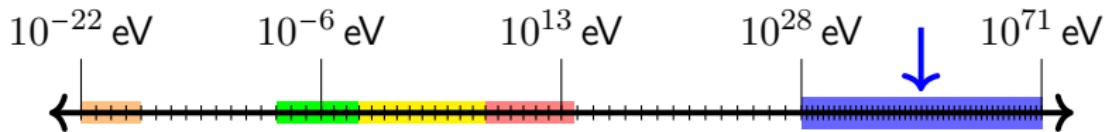


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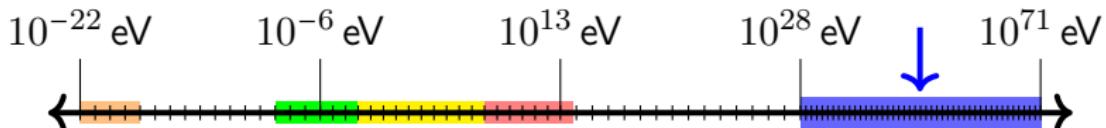
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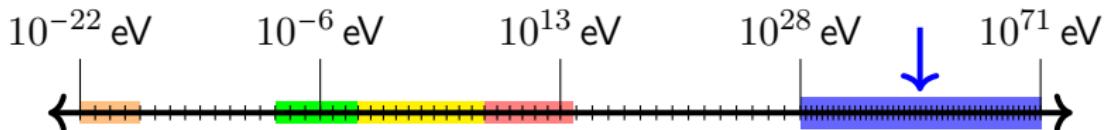
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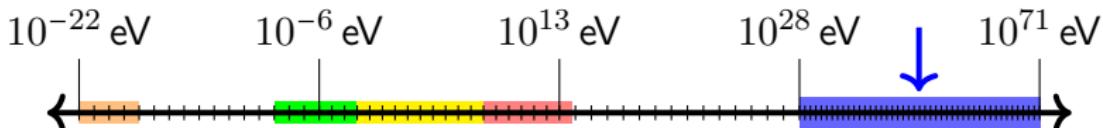
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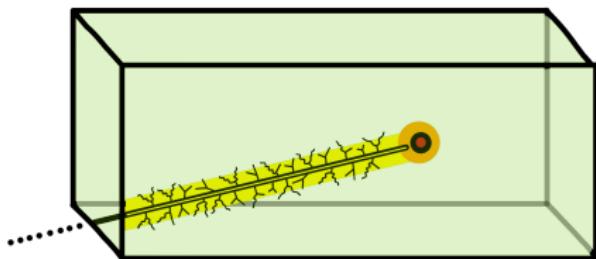
3. Precision analysis starting now

Collaboration with Paris Observatory simulation group

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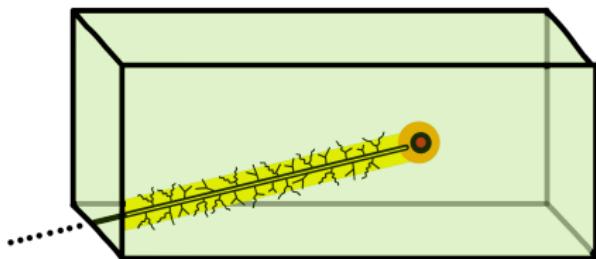
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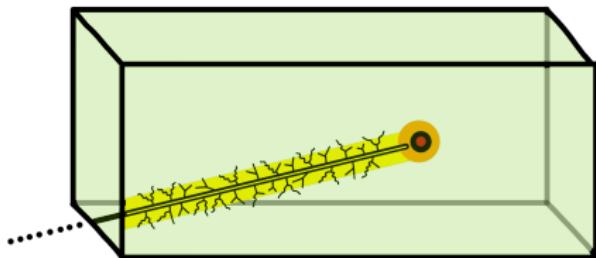
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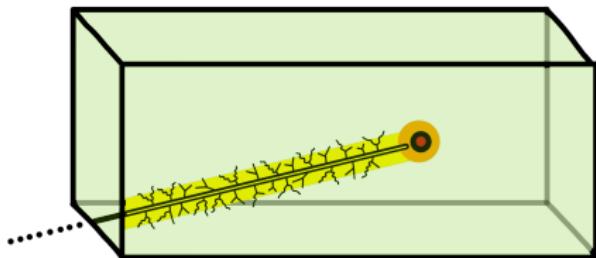
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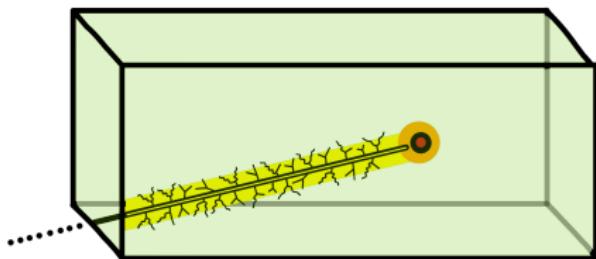
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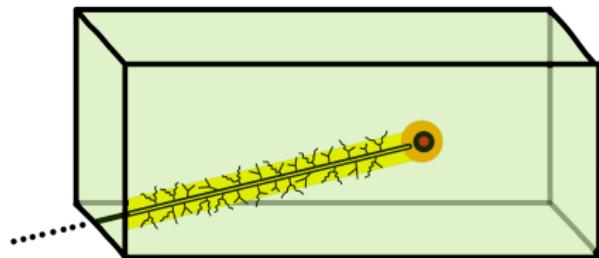
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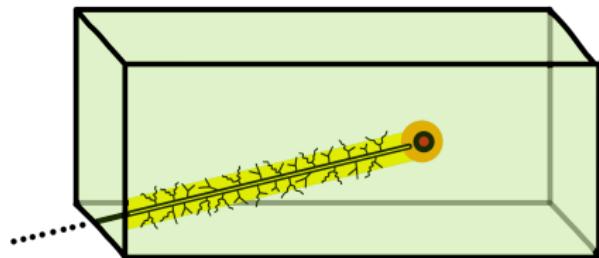
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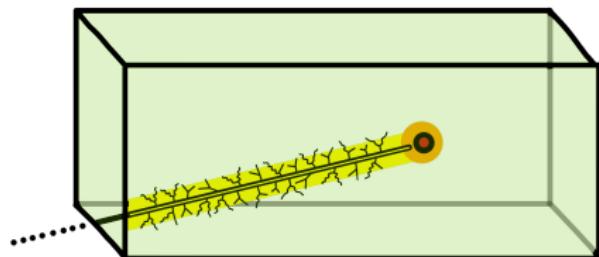
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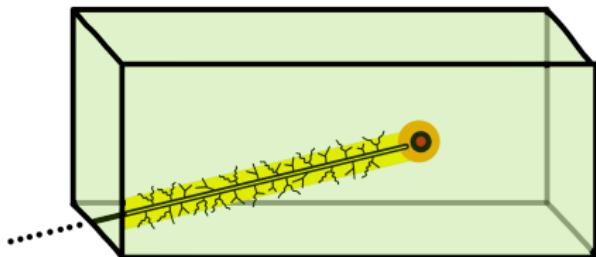
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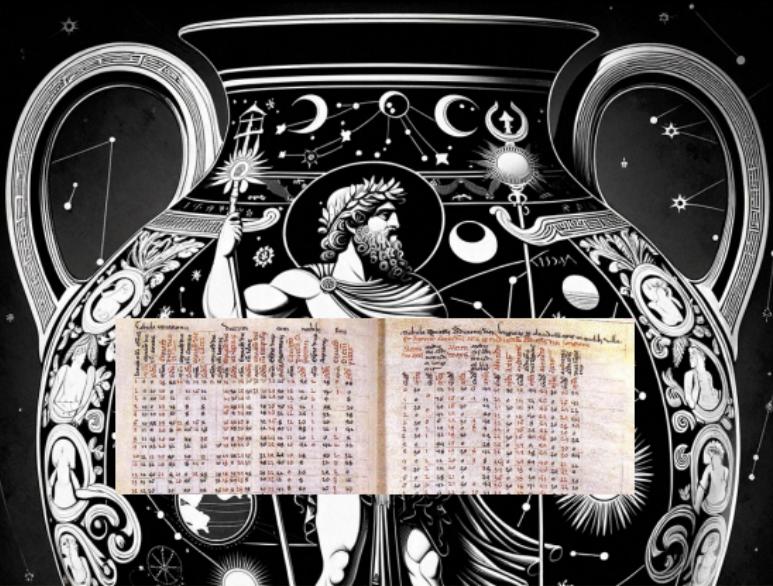
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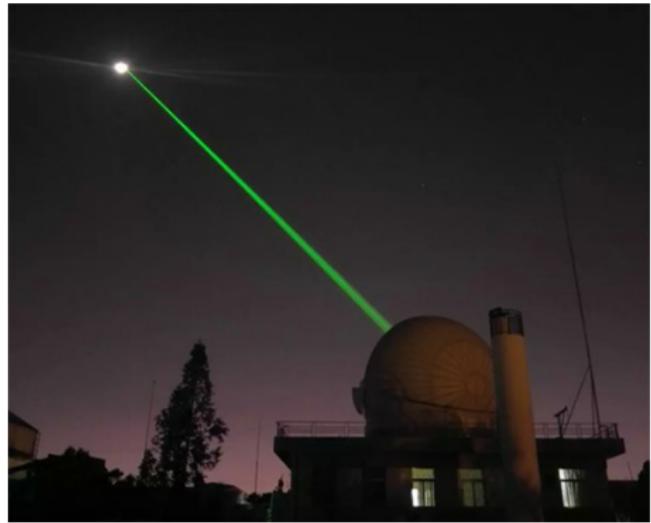
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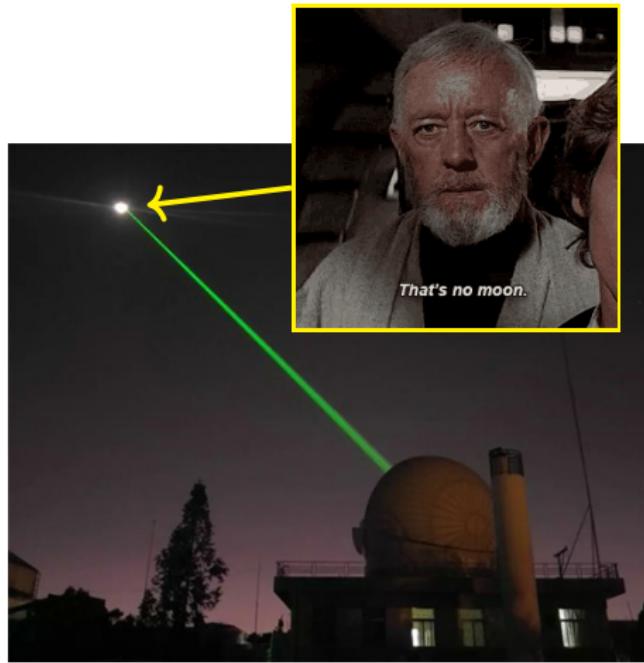
Could ephemerides record a PBH encounter?

Precision measurements in the Solar System

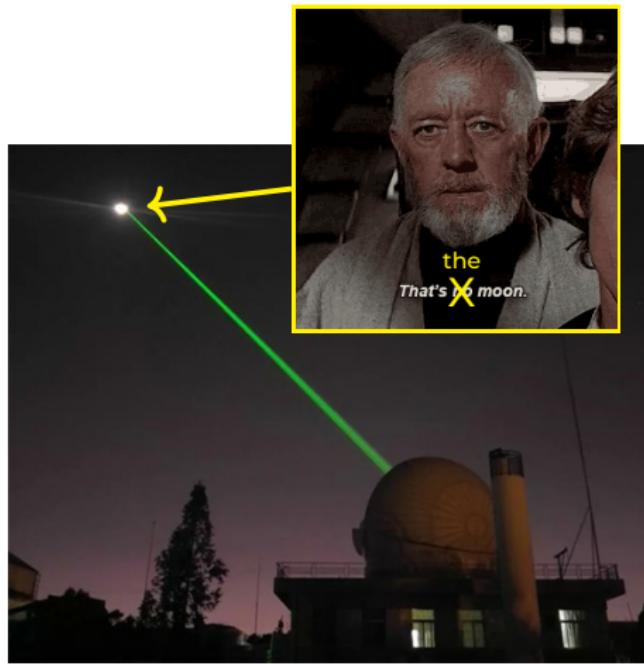
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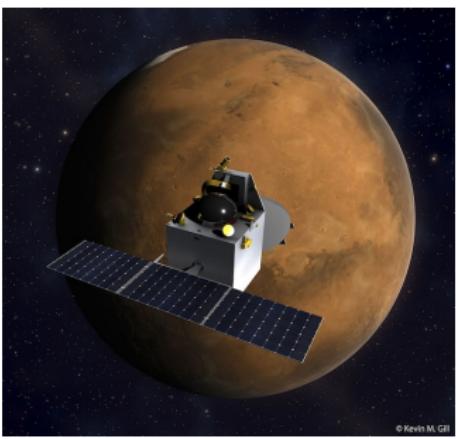
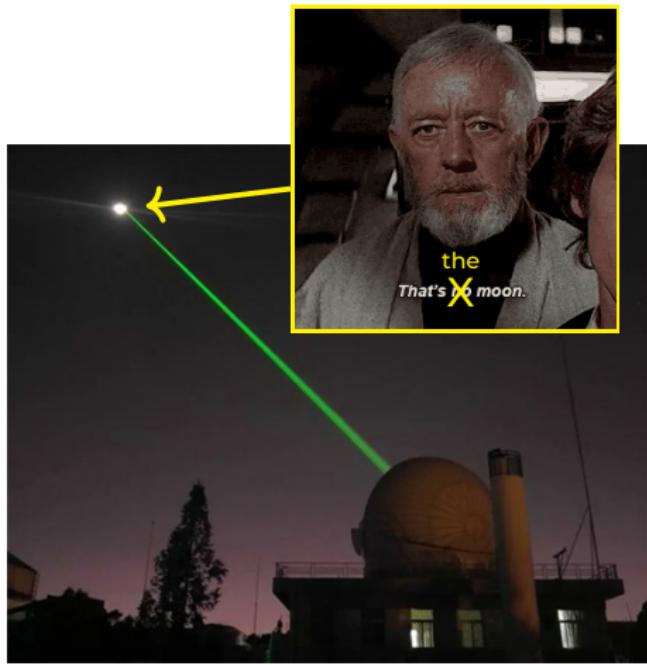
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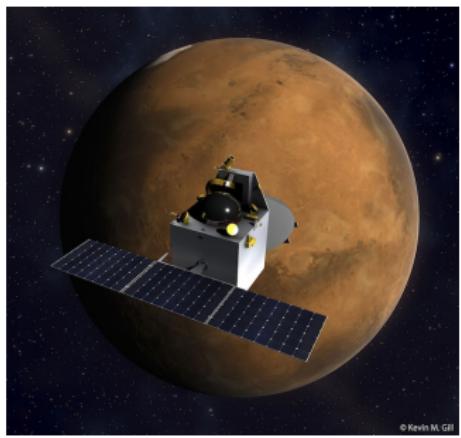
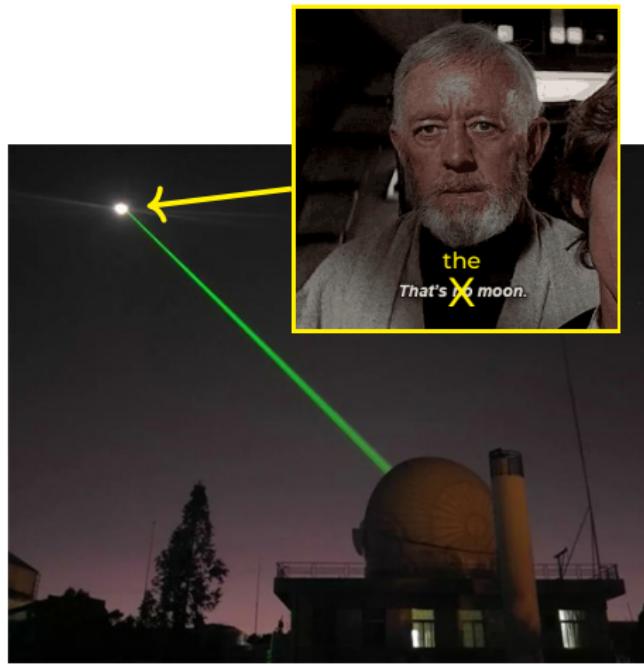


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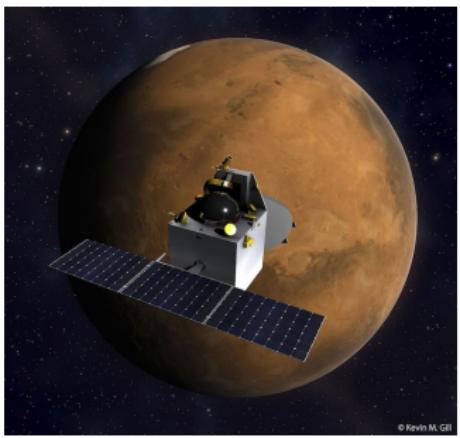
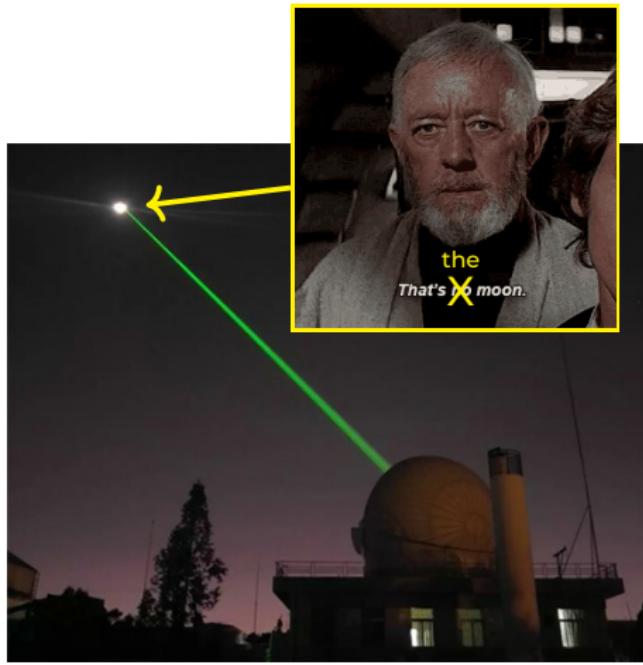
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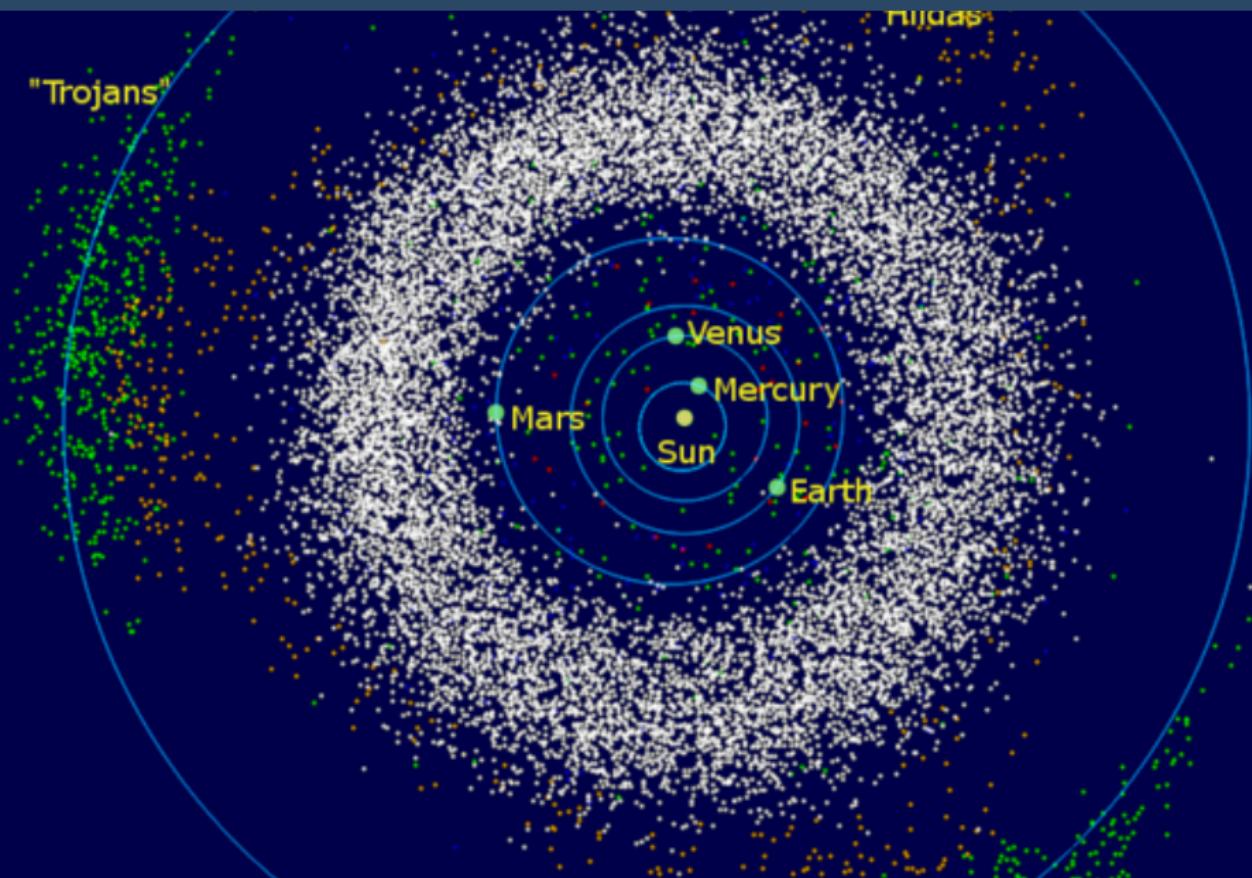
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Let's model the impact of a PBH flyby on $r(\text{Earth-Mars})$.

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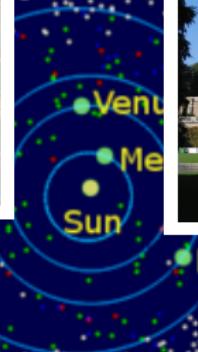


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Extremely complex simulations!
Let's start simpler

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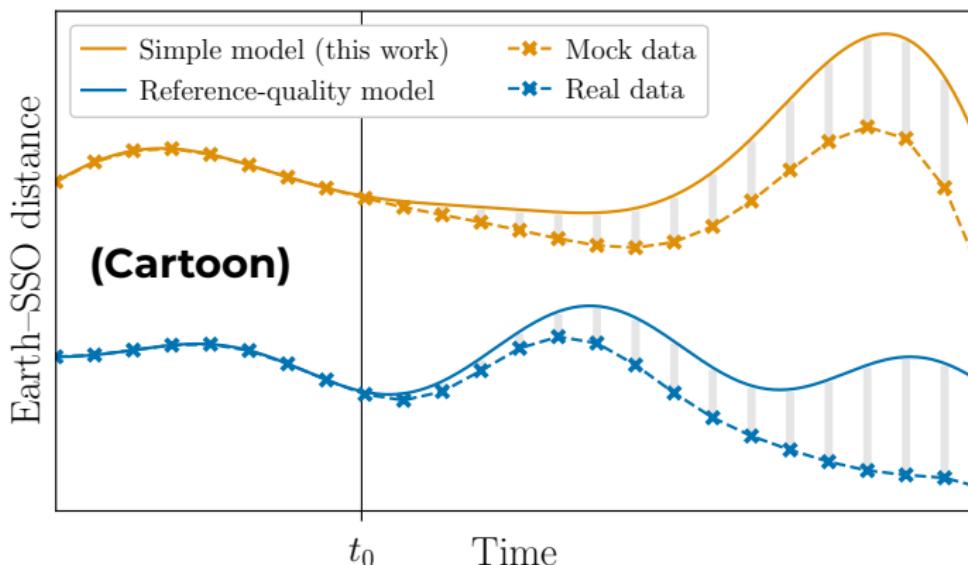
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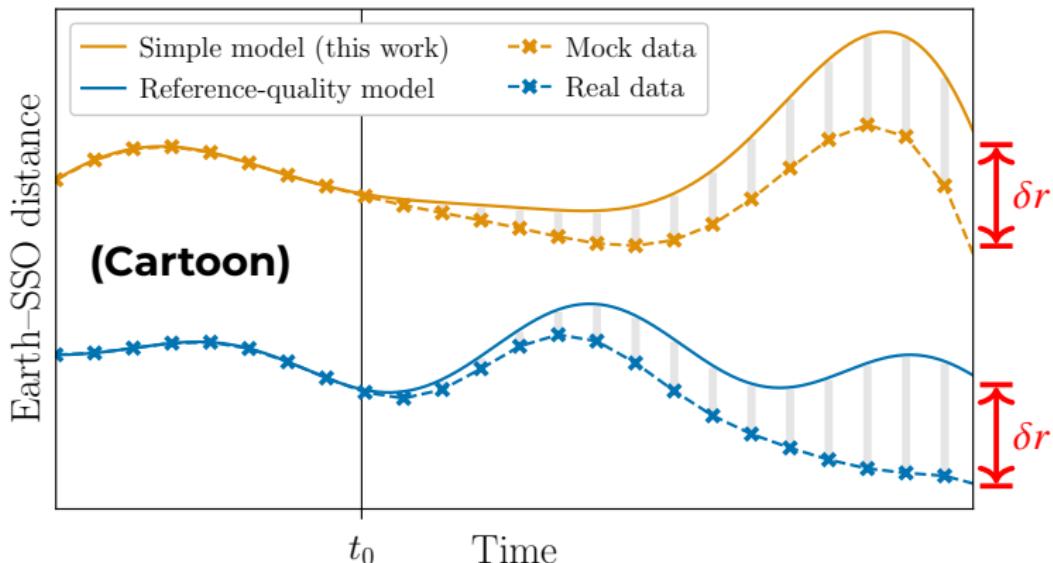
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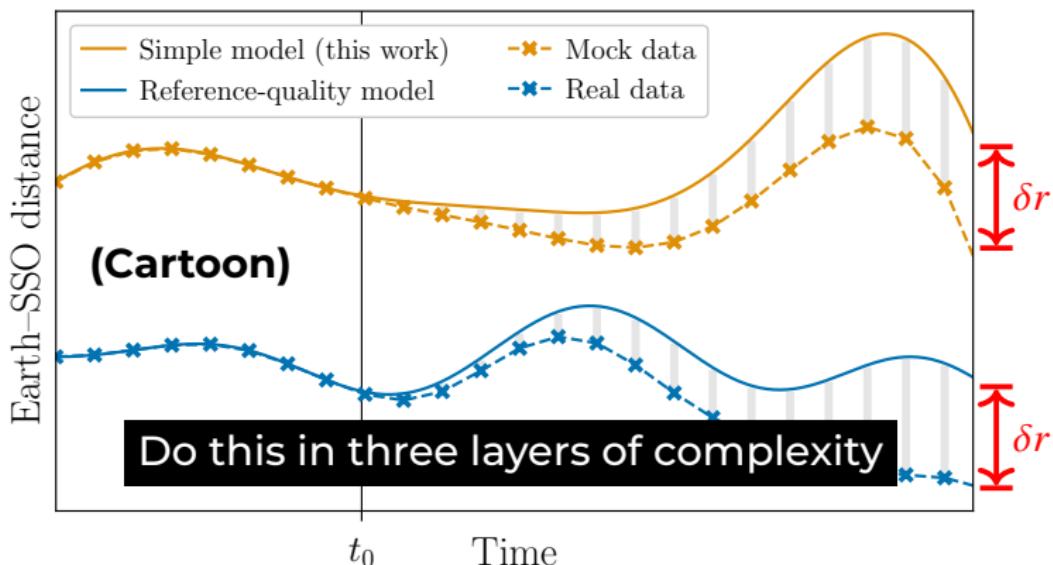
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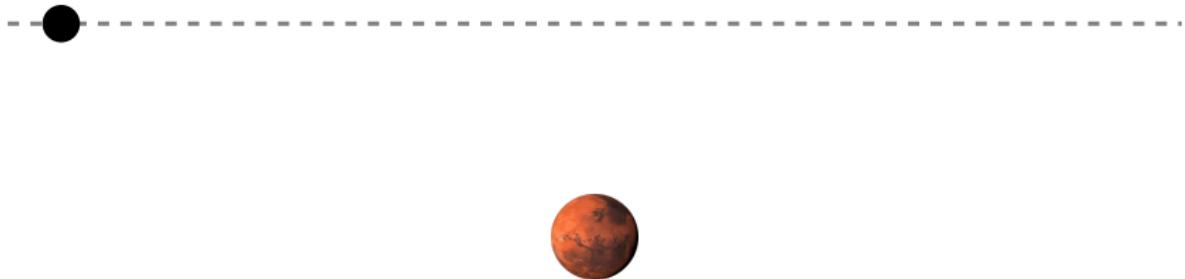
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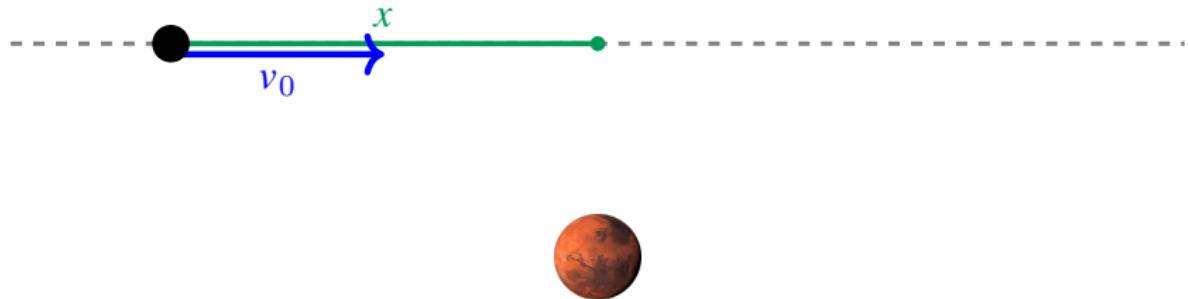
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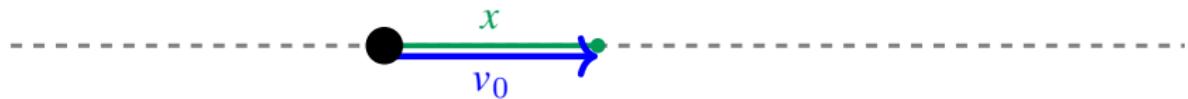
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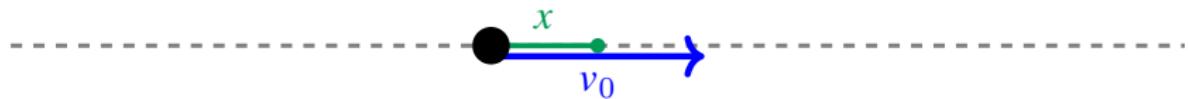
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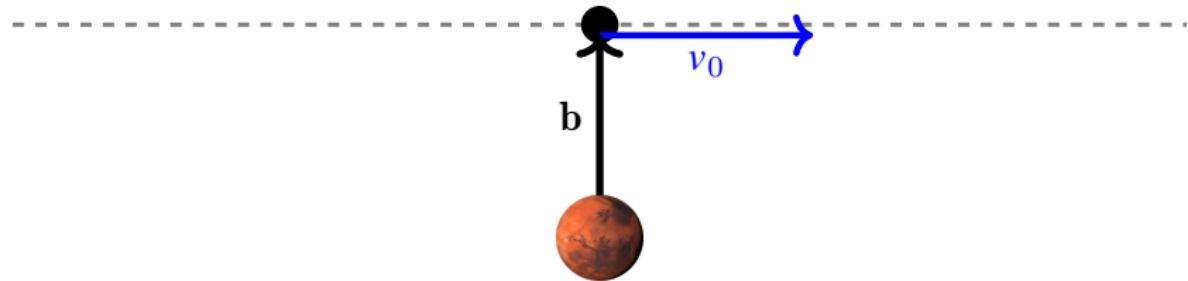
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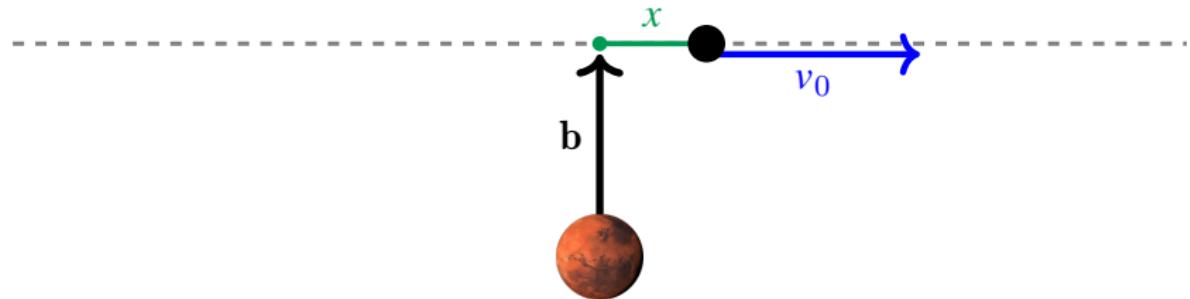
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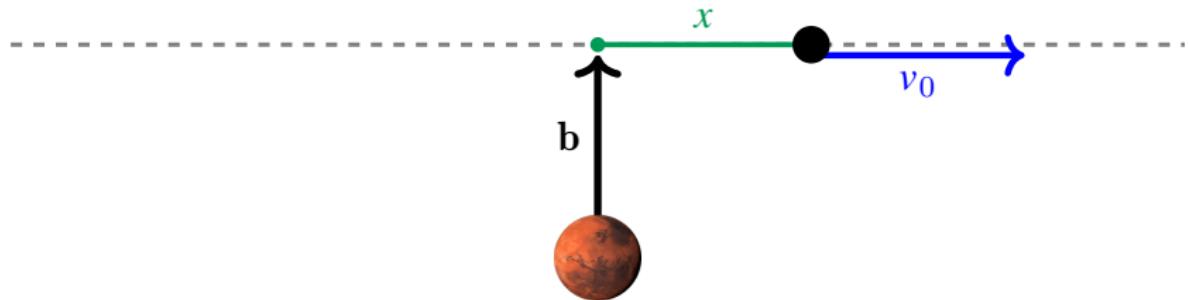
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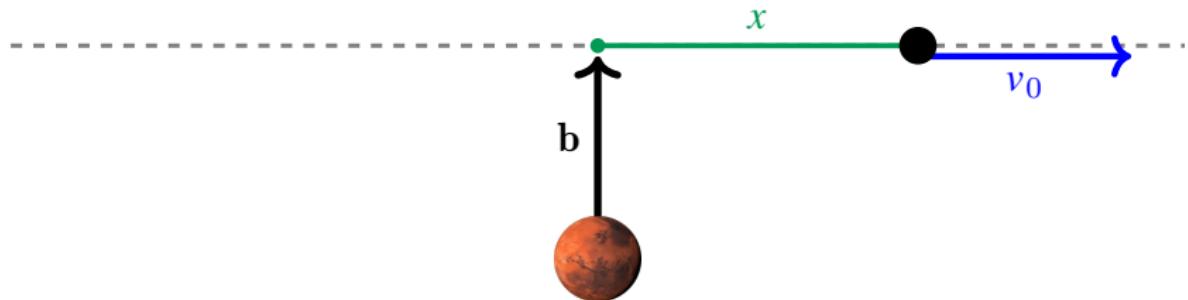
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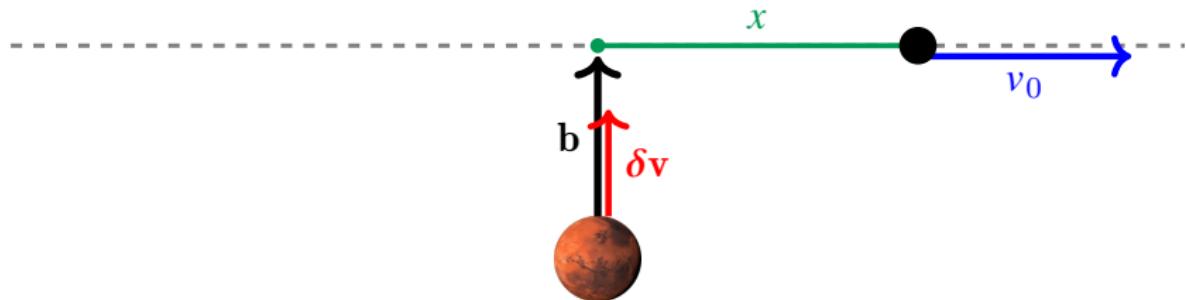
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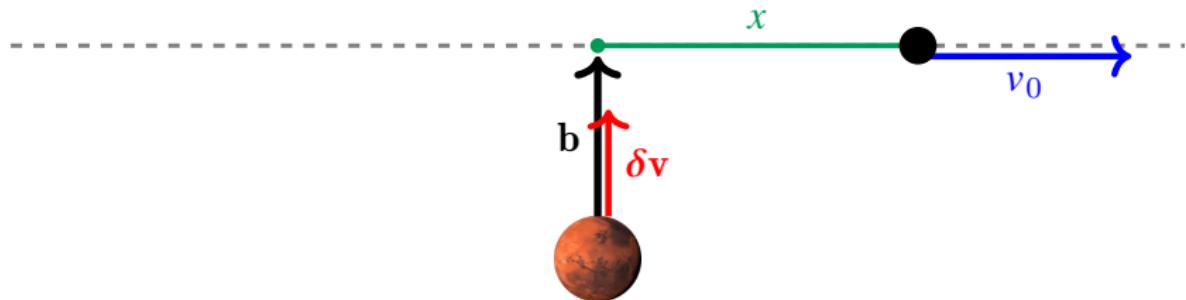


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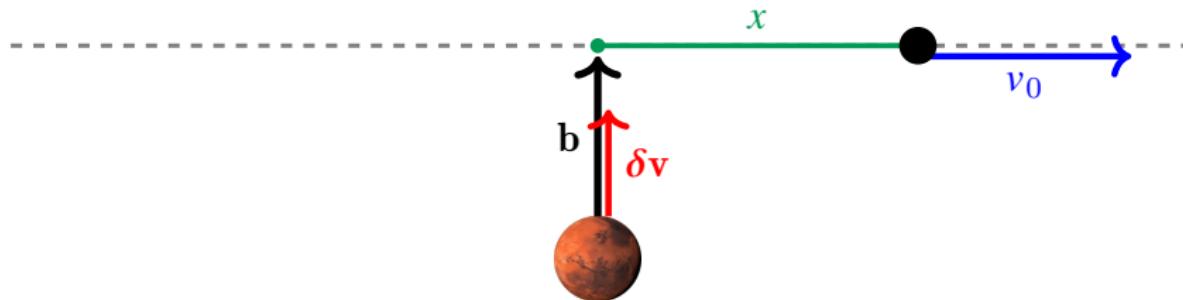
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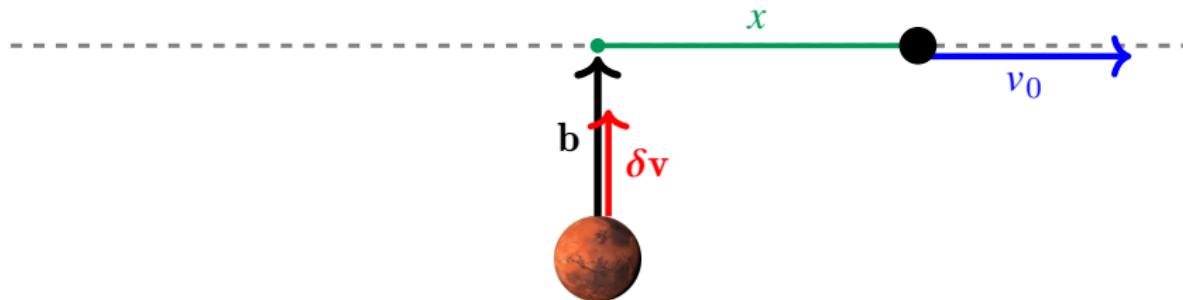
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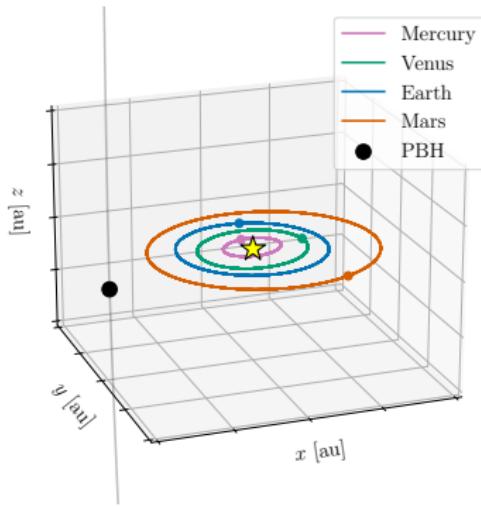


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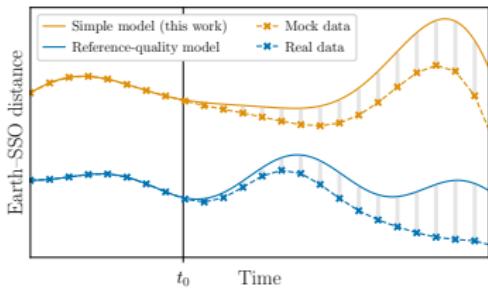
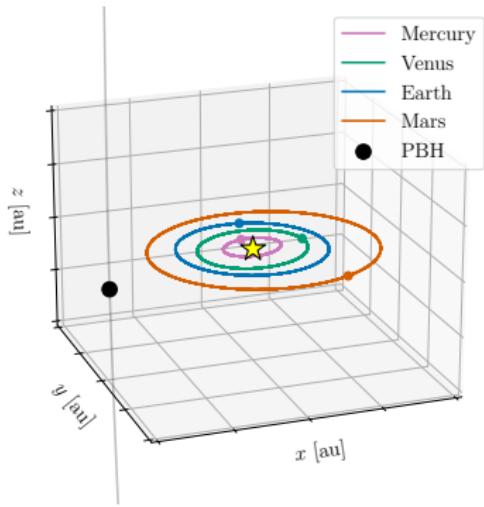
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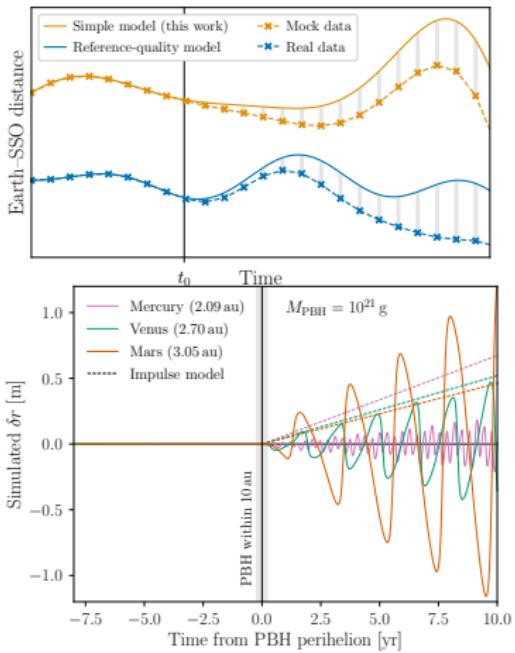
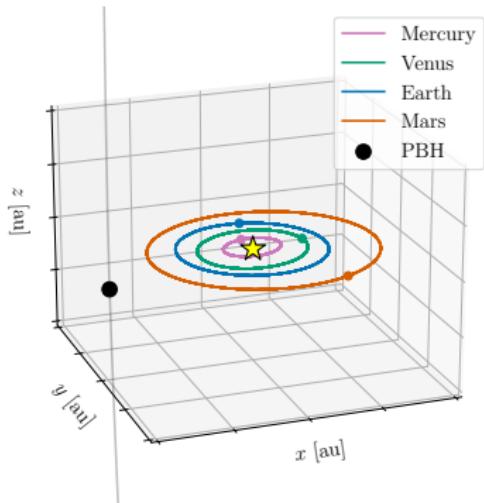
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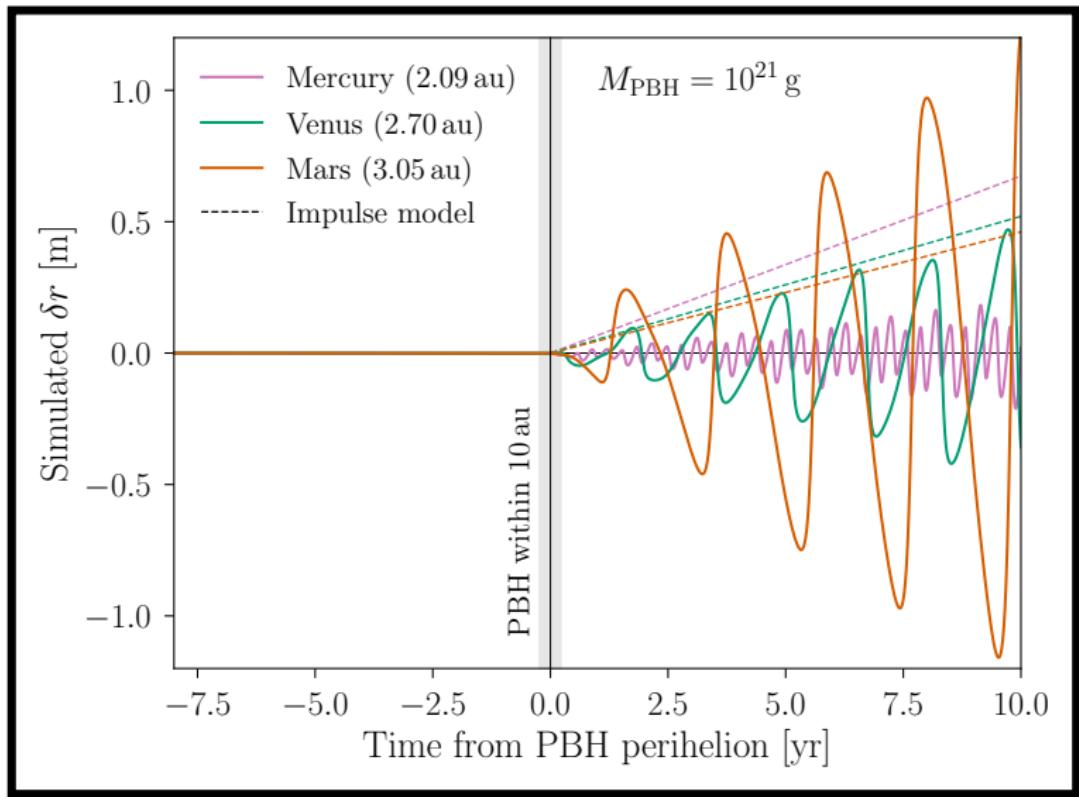
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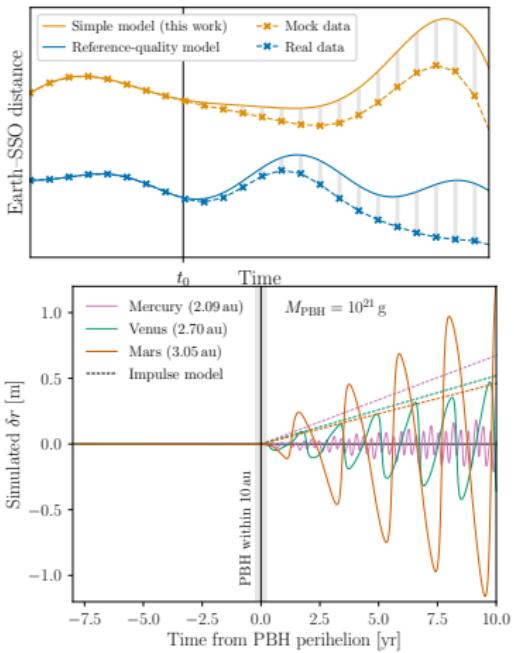
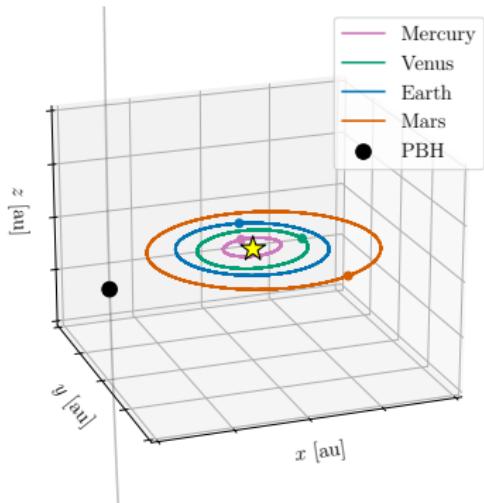
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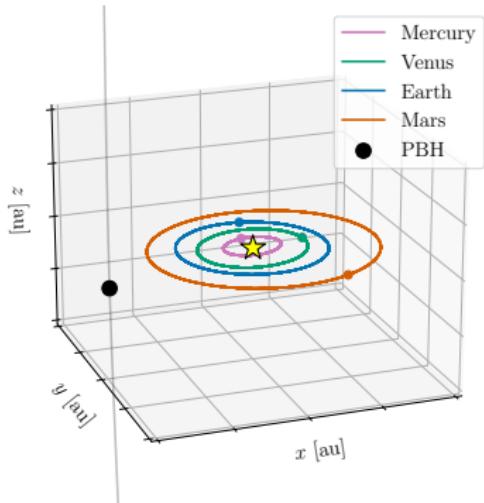
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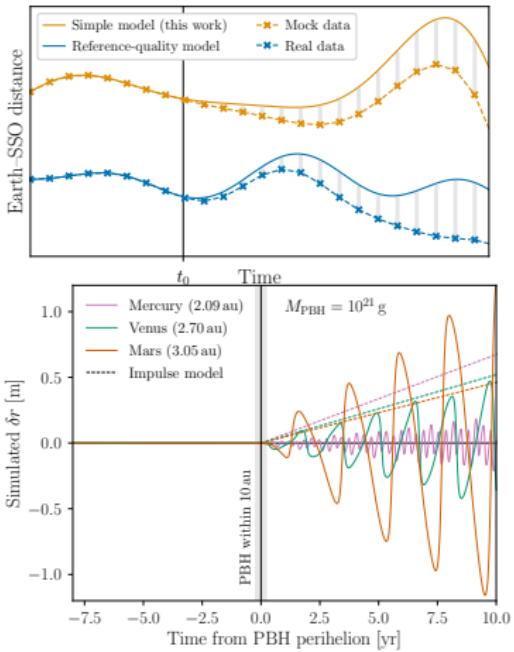
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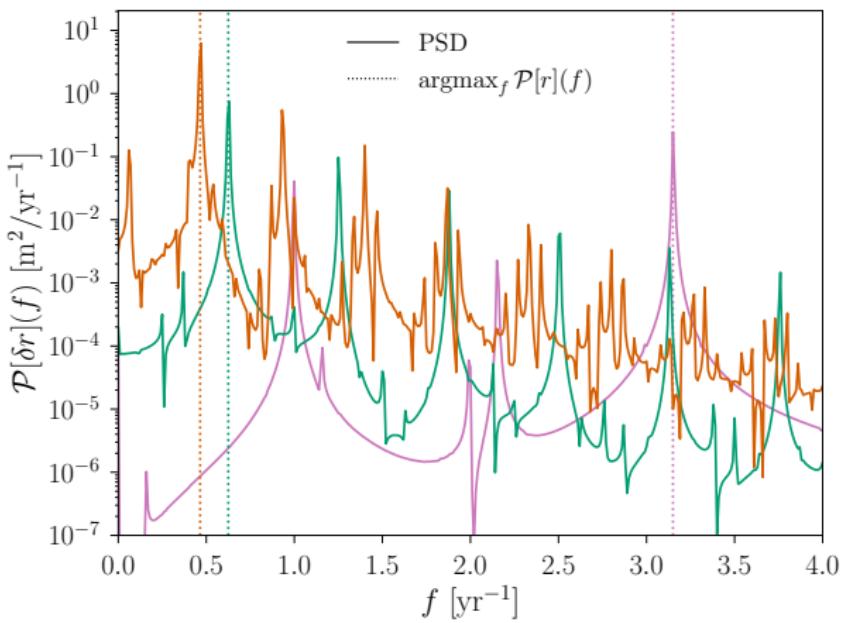
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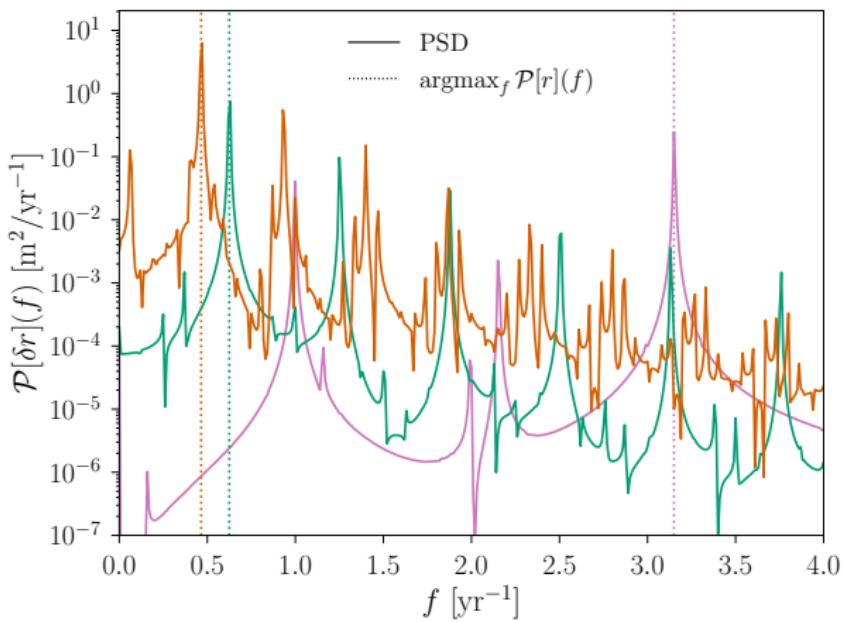
Consistent so far!



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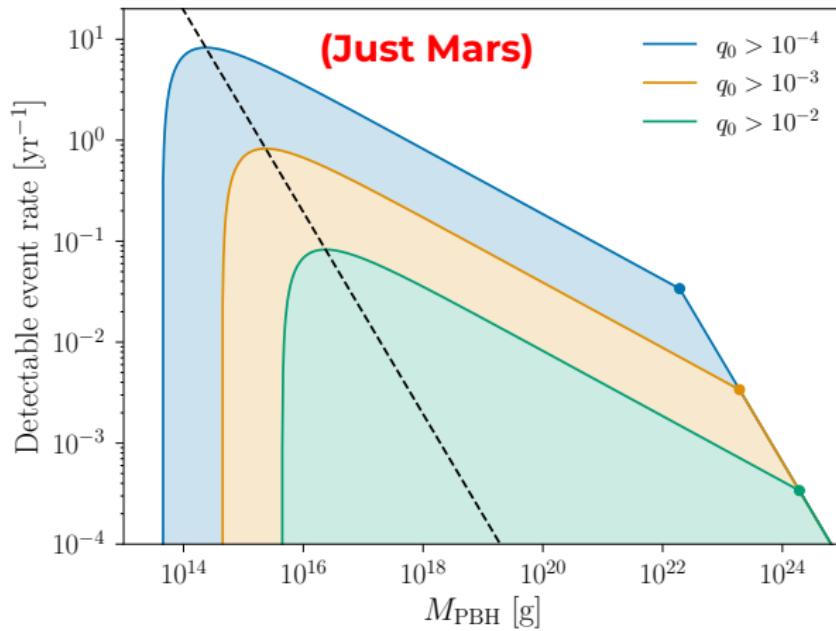


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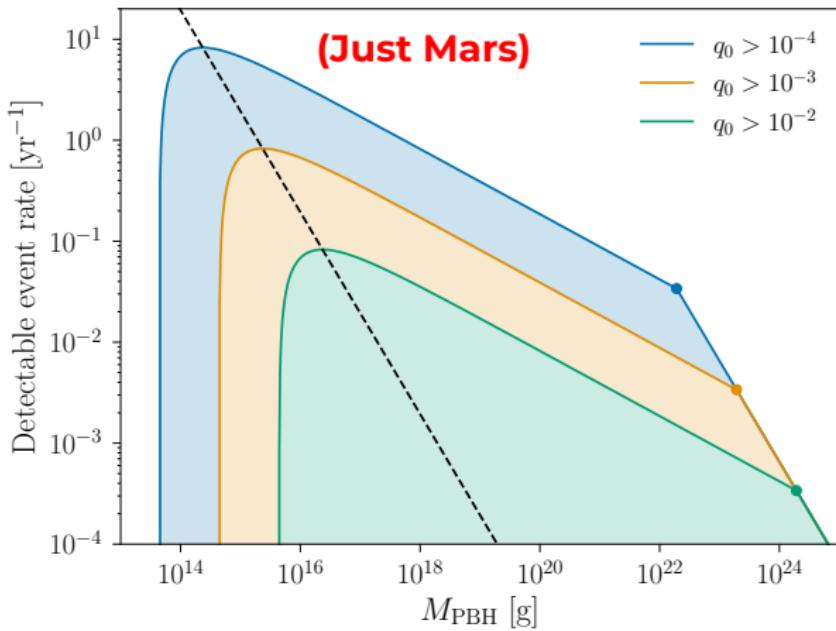


Improve signal-to-noise over many cycles

Layer 2: Rates and constraints



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**Constraints are possible with full simulation precision
(and careful statistical analysis)**

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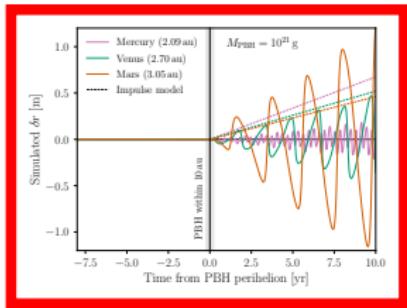
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Potential for constraint (or discovery) from existing data

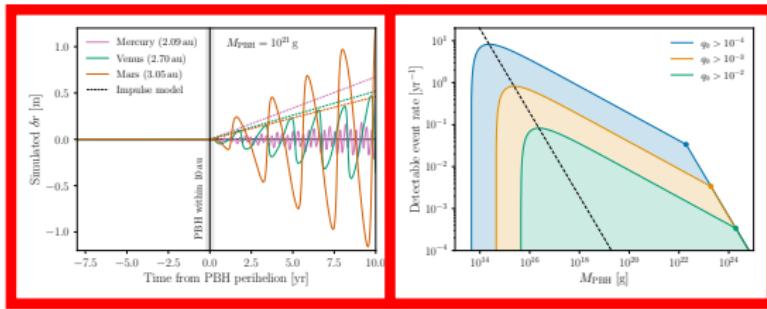
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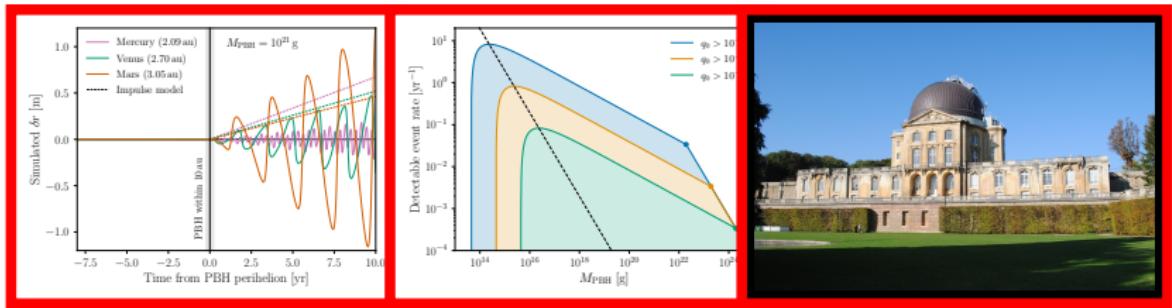
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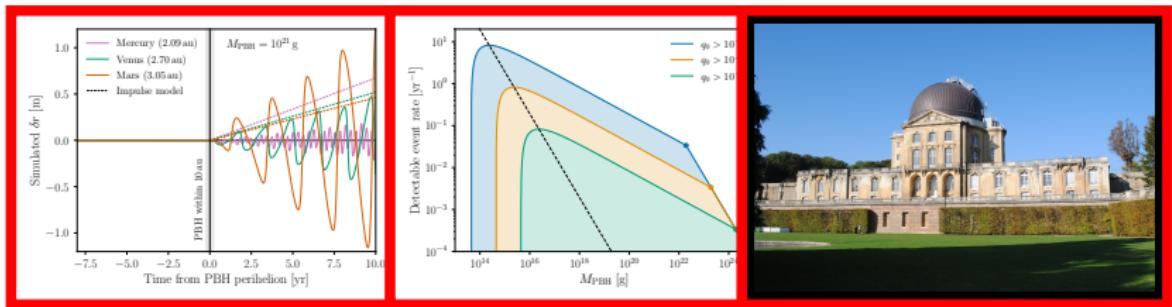
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Not a boring answer after all!

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