

# Multi-Messenger Probes of **Primordial Black Holes** formed in First-Order Phase Transitions

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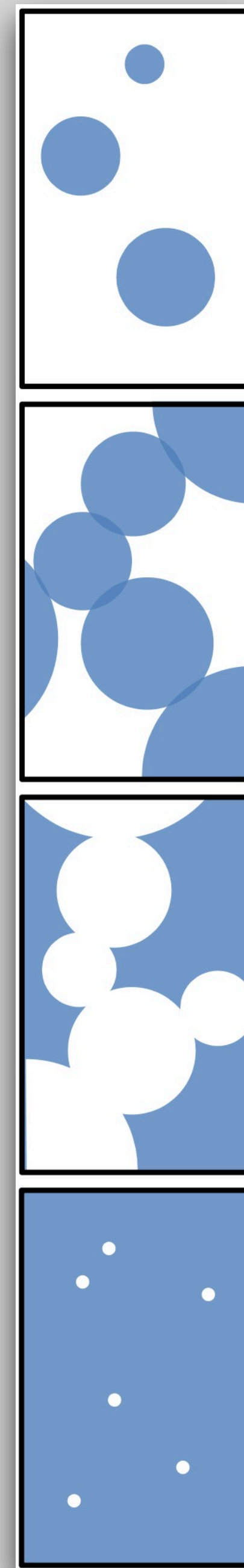
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# Particle Model

# Particle Model Requirements

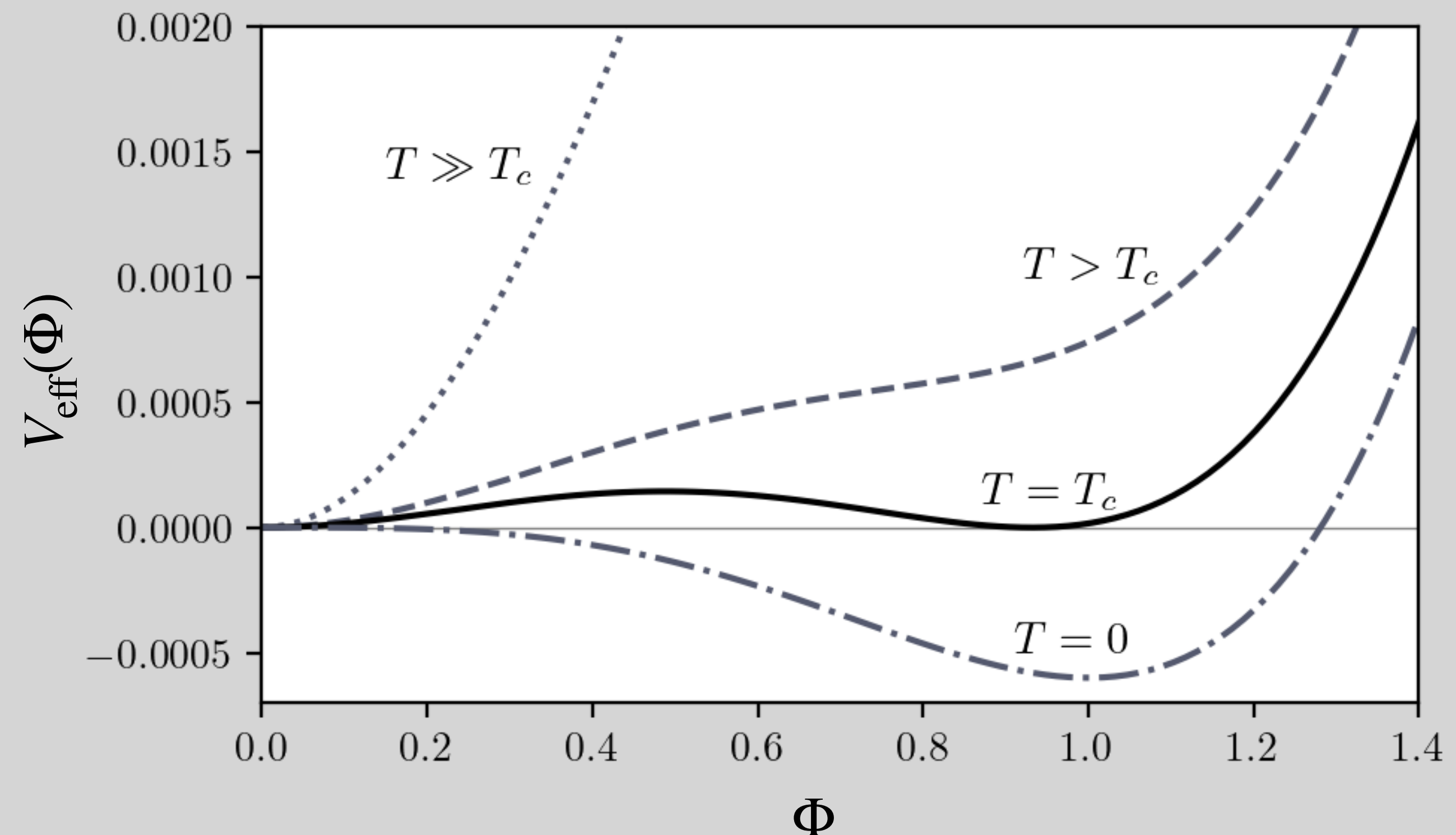
## Symmetry-breaking scalar + Yukawa fermion

- A scalar field  $\Phi$  acquires some nonzero vacuum expectation value  $\langle \Phi \rangle$  through thermal and radiative effects

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\Phi) = \lambda\Phi^4 + V(\Phi, T)$$

- A fermionic field  $\chi$  gains mass through a Yukawa interaction with  $\Phi$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -Y\Phi\bar{\chi}\chi$$



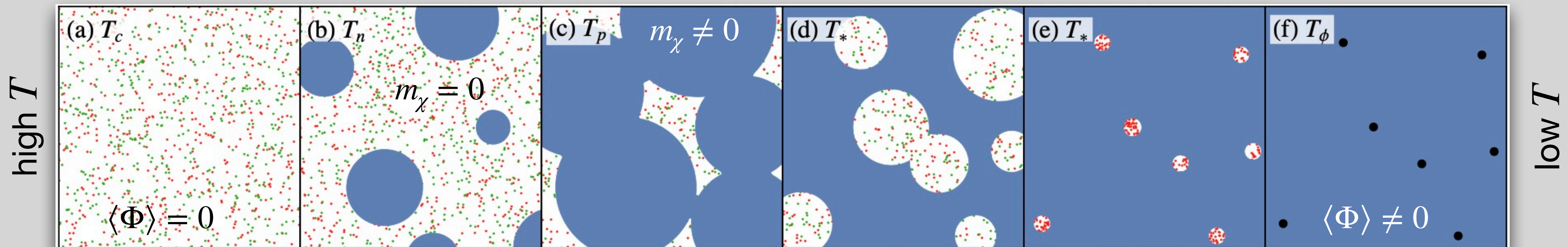
➔ This talk uses conformal  $B - L$  models

# Primordial Black Hole (PBH) Formation Mechanism

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in first-order phase transitions (FOPTs)

- In FOPTs, stochastic quantum tunneling is responsible for  $\langle \Phi \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$
- When tunneling occurs, bubbles of the *new*, “*true*” vacuum nucleate and expand
- Particles may be unable to penetrate bubble walls into the true vacuum
- As the FOPT completes, trapped particles may form PBHs



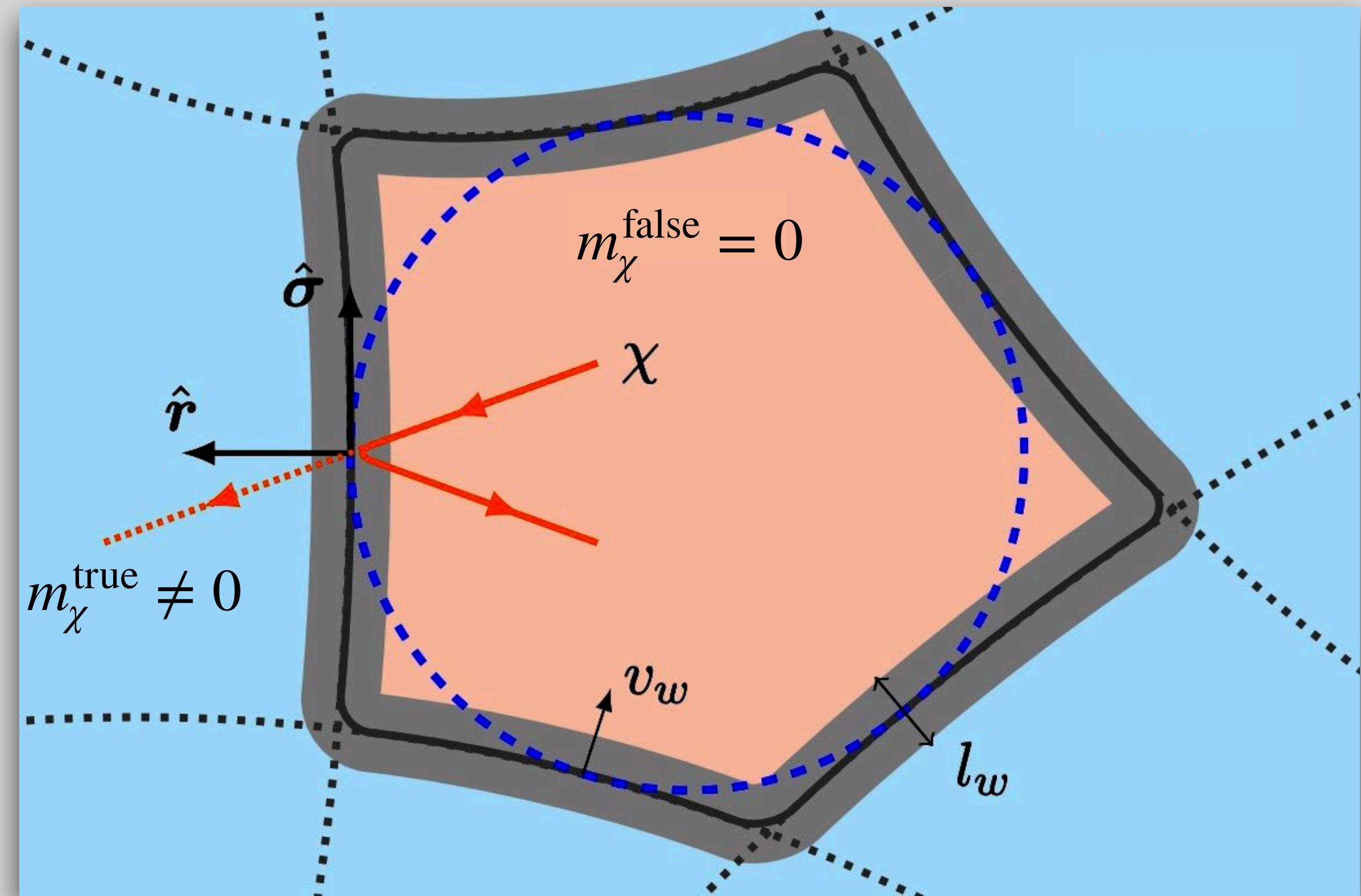
Kawana, Xie [2106.00111]

# Primordial Black Hole (PBH) Formation

## Trapping particles

- Energy conservation: particles can cross bubble walls if they have sufficient momentum to overcome their mass gap
- To trap enough massless particles for PBH formation,  $m_\chi^{\text{true}} > p_\chi$
- Approximate trapping condition:

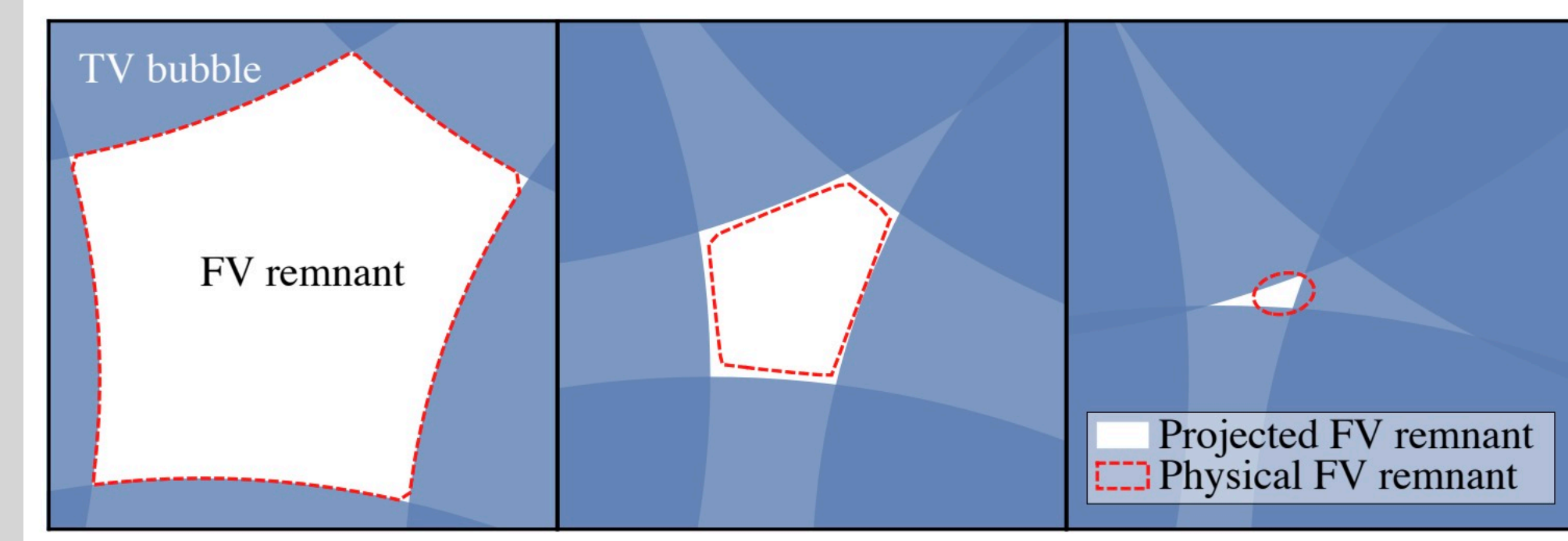
$$m_\chi^{\text{true}} \gtrsim T_{\text{PT}}$$



Baker, Breitbach, Kopp, Mitnacht [2110.00005]

# PBH Distribution

## Collapsing false-vacuum remnants



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- False-vacuum remnant distribution  $\implies$  **PBH distribution**

$$\rho_{\text{PBH}} = \int dM M \frac{dn_{\text{PBH}}}{dM} = \int dM M \frac{dn_{\text{fv}}}{dR} \left( \frac{dM}{dR} \right)^{-1}$$

$R$  is the remnant "radius" at  $T_{\text{PT}}$

false-vacuum remnants
spherical PBH

- Models with  $m_{\chi}^{\text{true}} > T_{\text{PT}}$  are assumed one PBH per false-vacuum remnant



# $f_{\text{PBH}}$

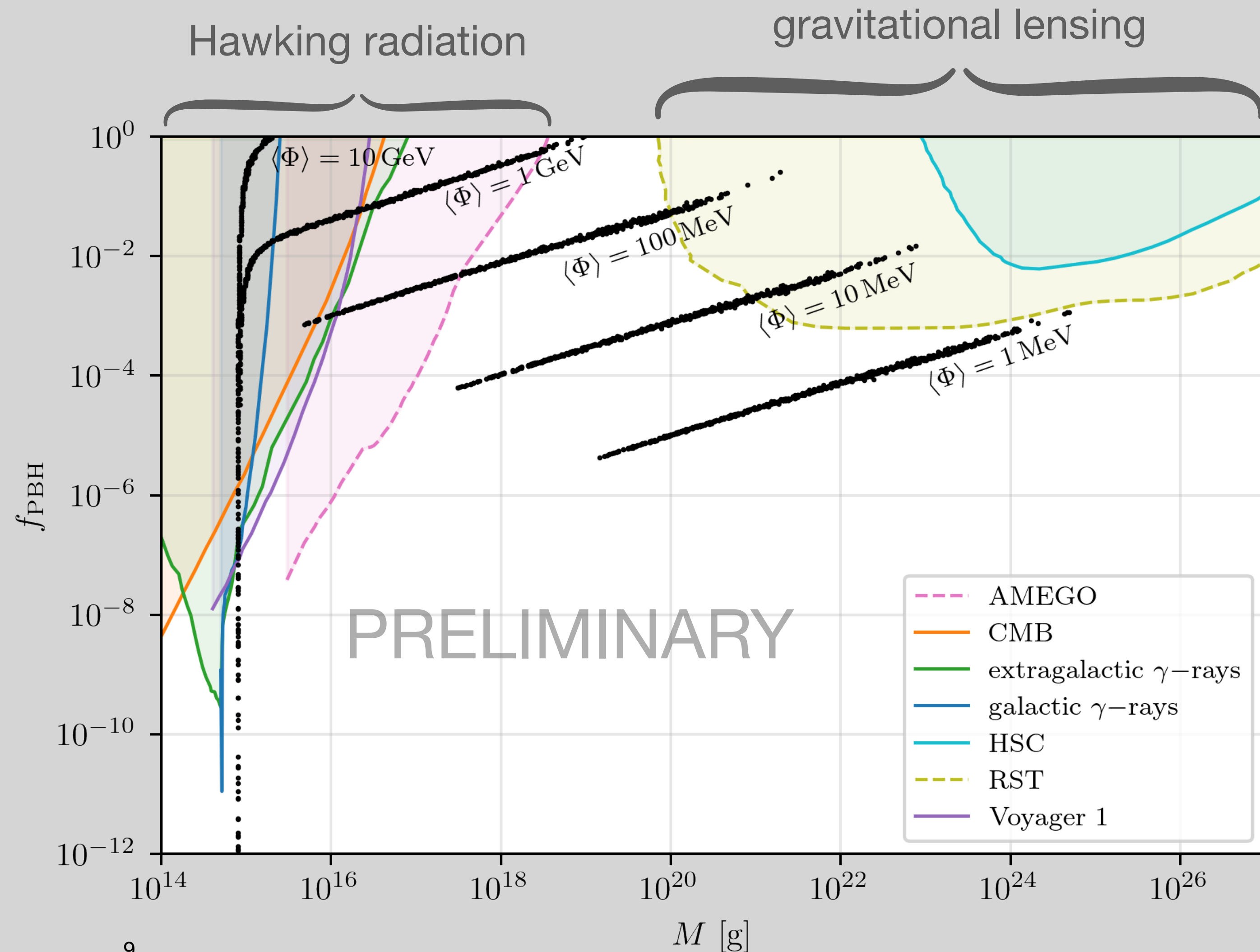
## Fraction of dark matter comprised of compact objects

- PBH distributions from **conformal  $B - L$  models**

- $M =$  **initial PBH mass**

- $f_{\text{PBH}} \equiv \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}(t_0)}{\rho_c}$

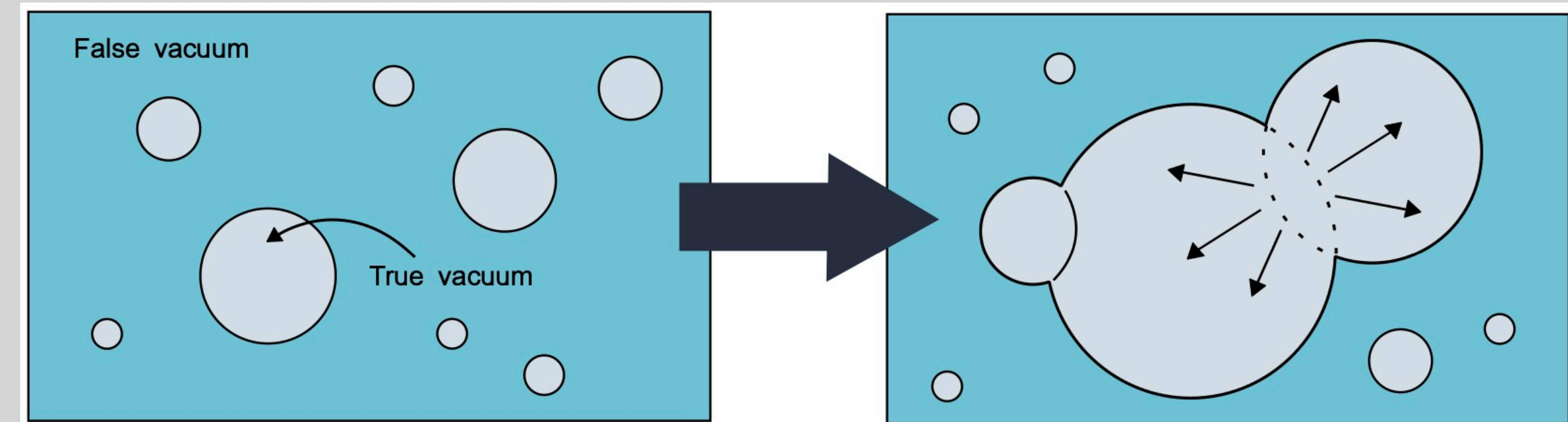
- **Different  $f_{\text{PBH}}$  constraints can probe different energy scales**



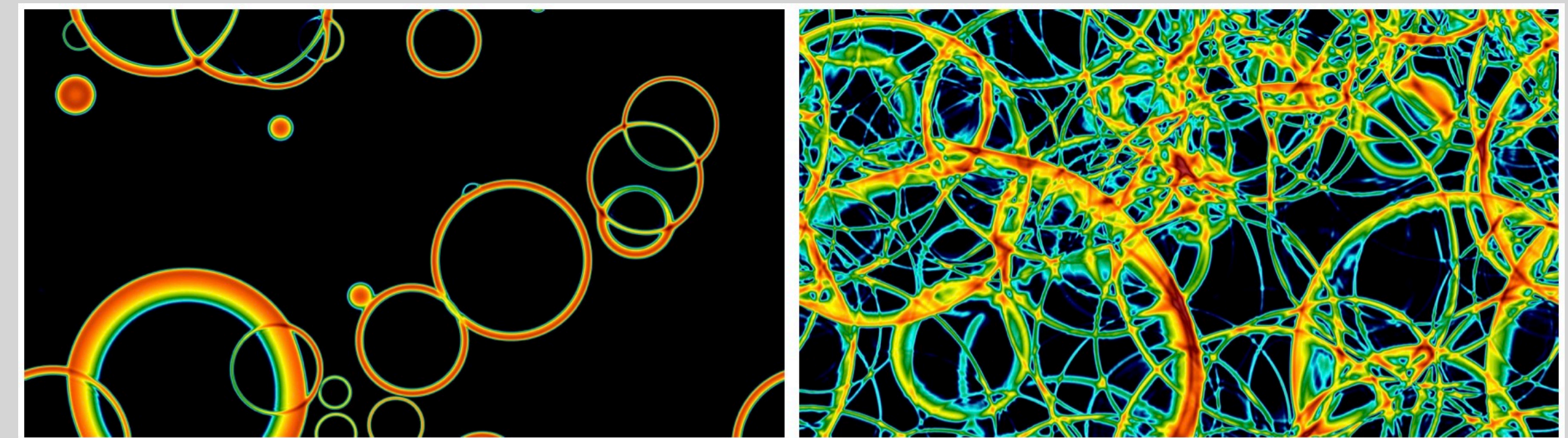
# Gravitational Waves (GW)

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- FOPTs produce **stochastic GW backgrounds** mainly due to
  1. sound waves in the plasma
  2. bubble wall collisions
  3. magnetohydrodynamic turbulence
- Wave energies and frequencies are measured
- The next slide shows energies and frequencies of the **peak GW signal** from scanned FOPTs



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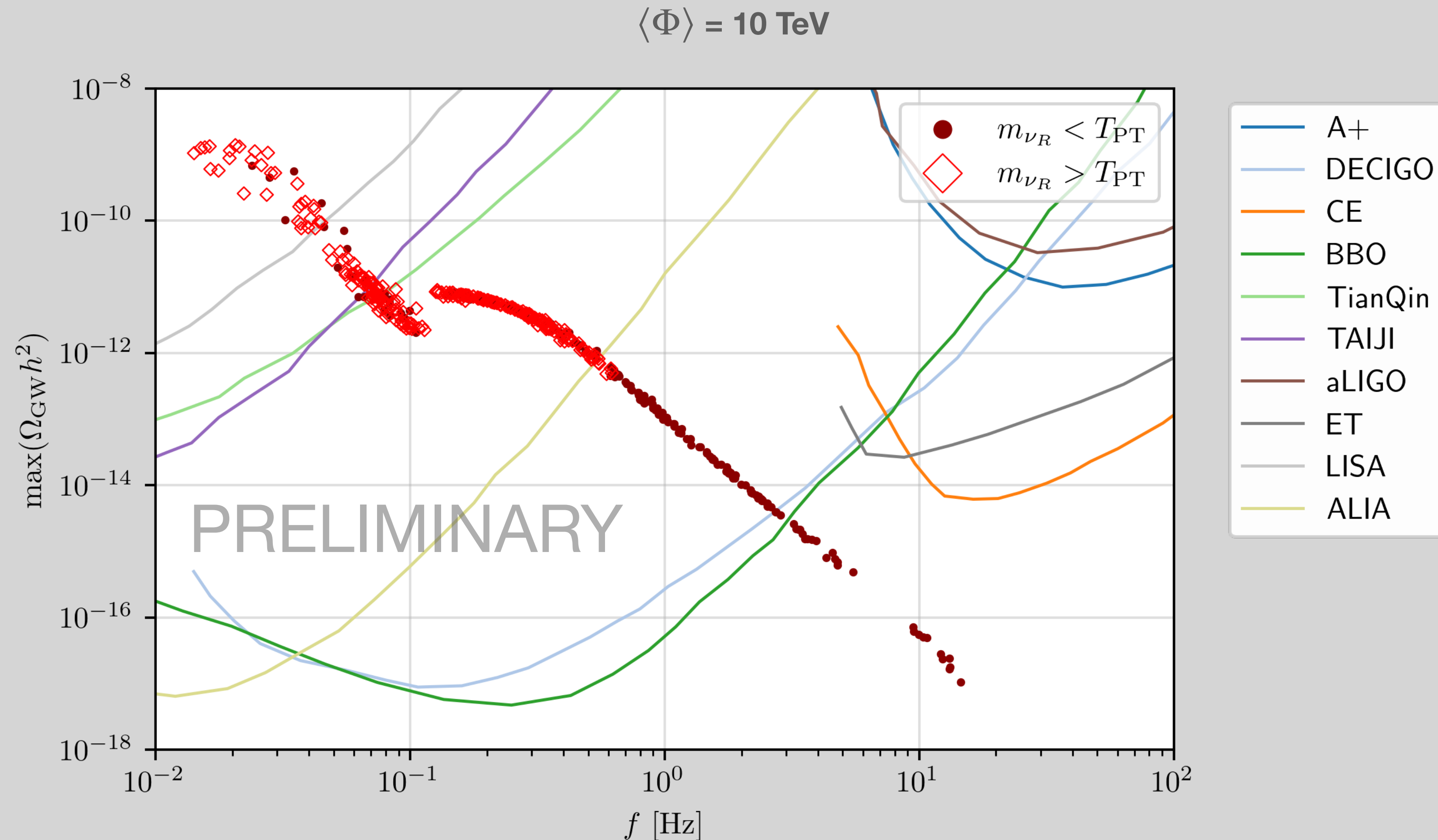


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# Gravitational Waves Signal

## Peaks of GW energy

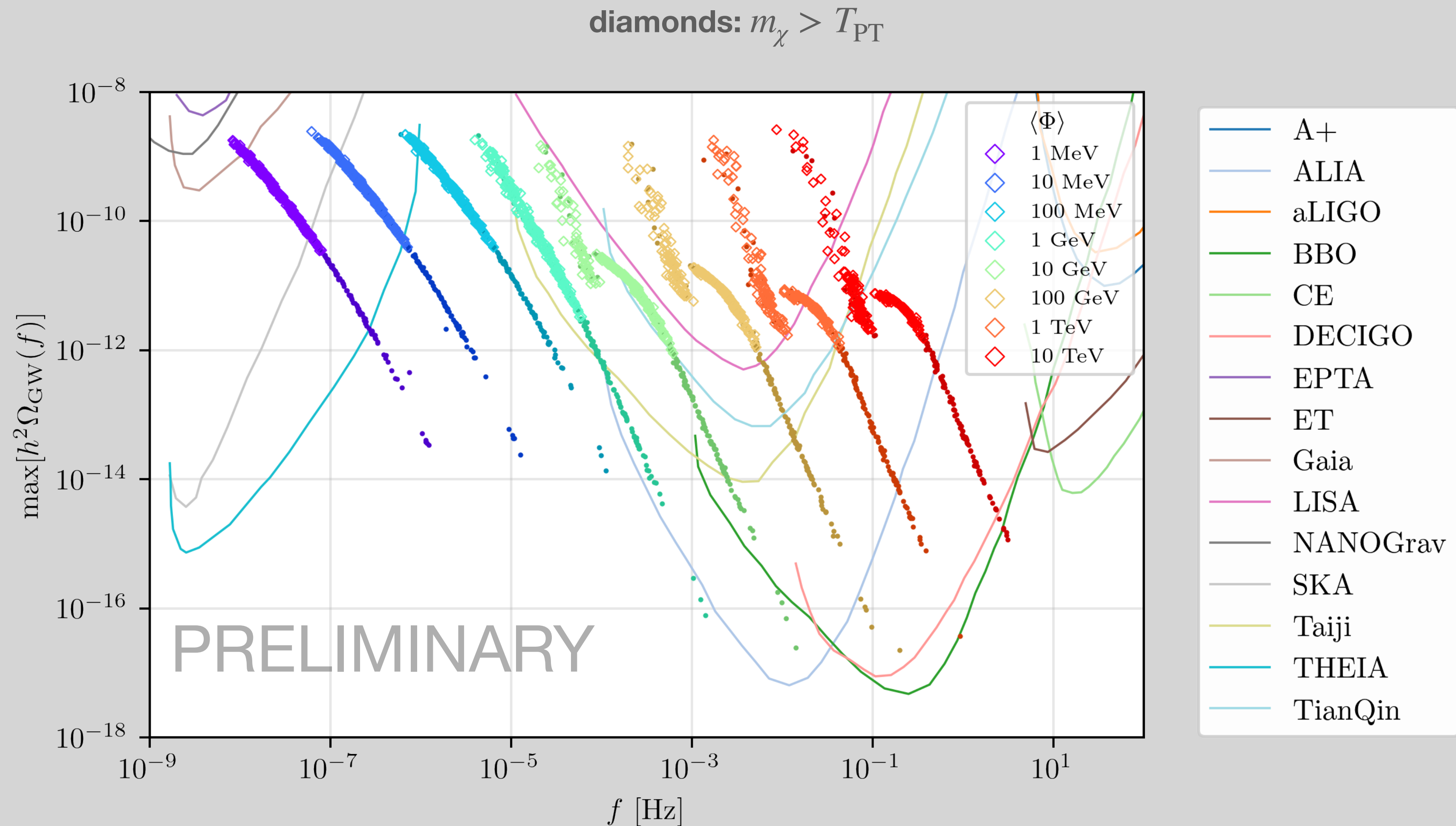
- Red: successful FOPT
- Light red:  $m_\chi > T_{\text{PT}}$   
(favorable for PBH formation)
- Colored lines: *projected* experimental sensitivities
- **Discontinuity is not physical**



# Gravitational Waves (GW) Signal

## Peak GW signals

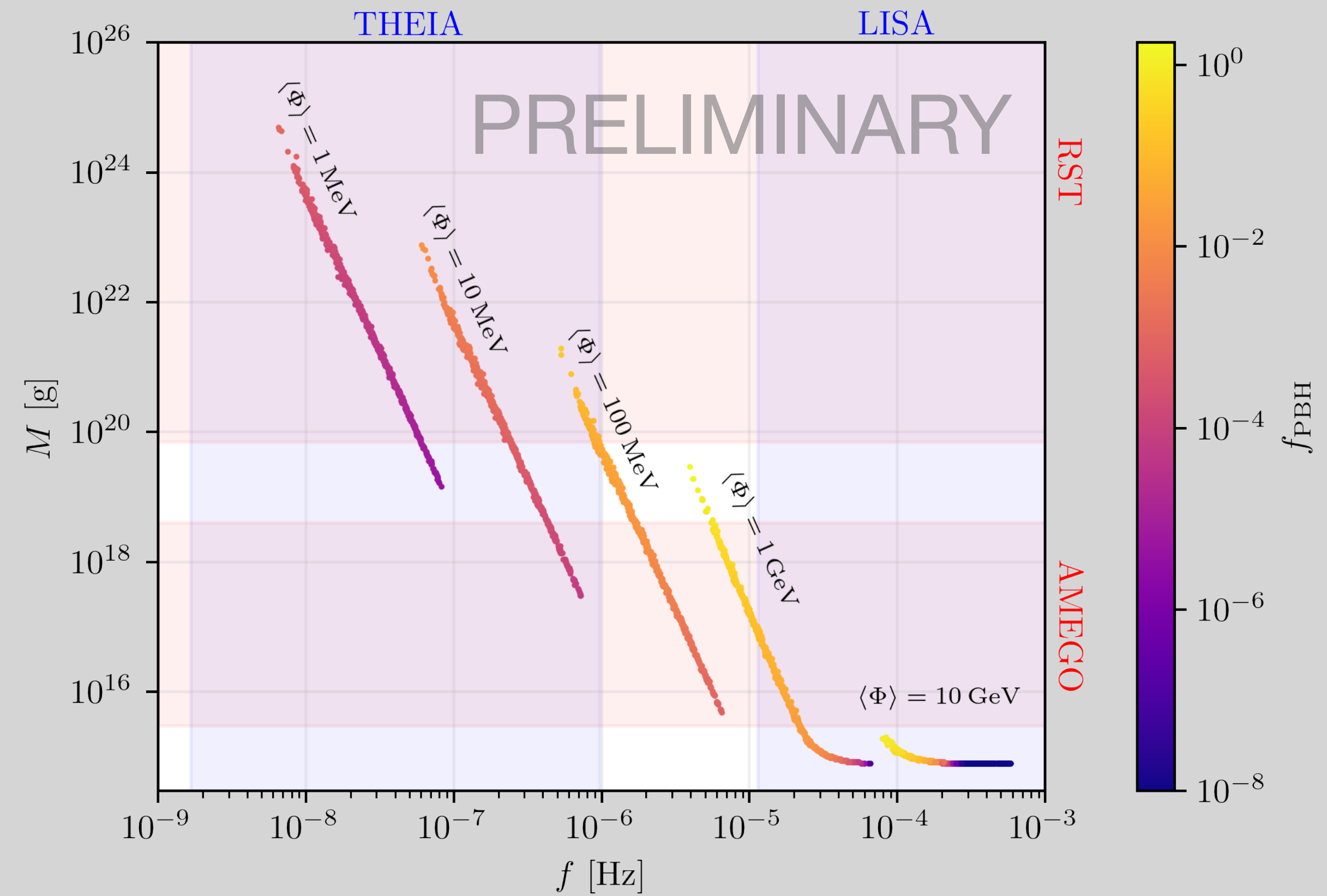
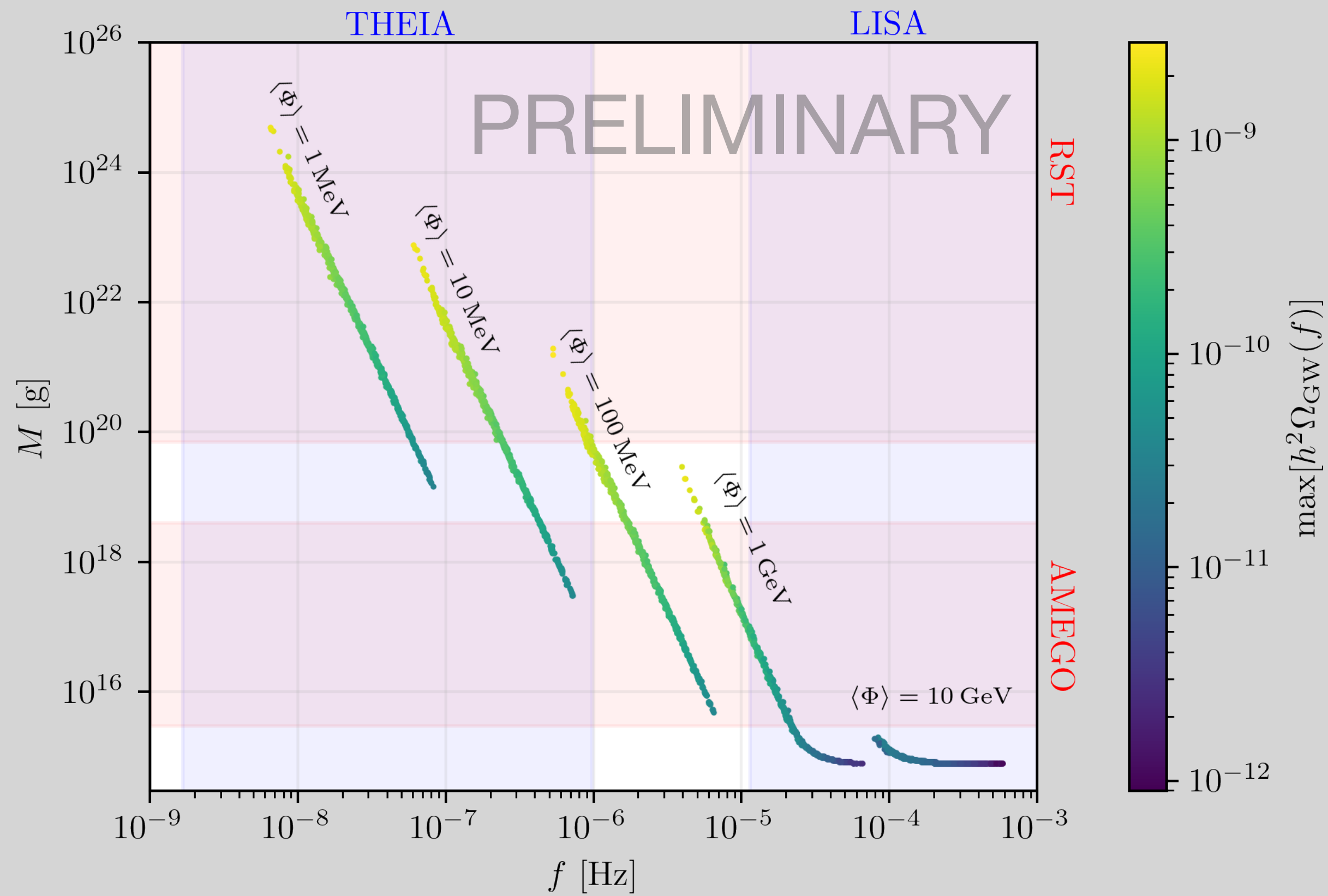
- Point: successful FOPT
- Diamond: favorable for PBH formation
- Colored lines: *projected* experimental sensitivities
- **Different GW experiments can probe different energy scales**



# Multi-Messenger Probes

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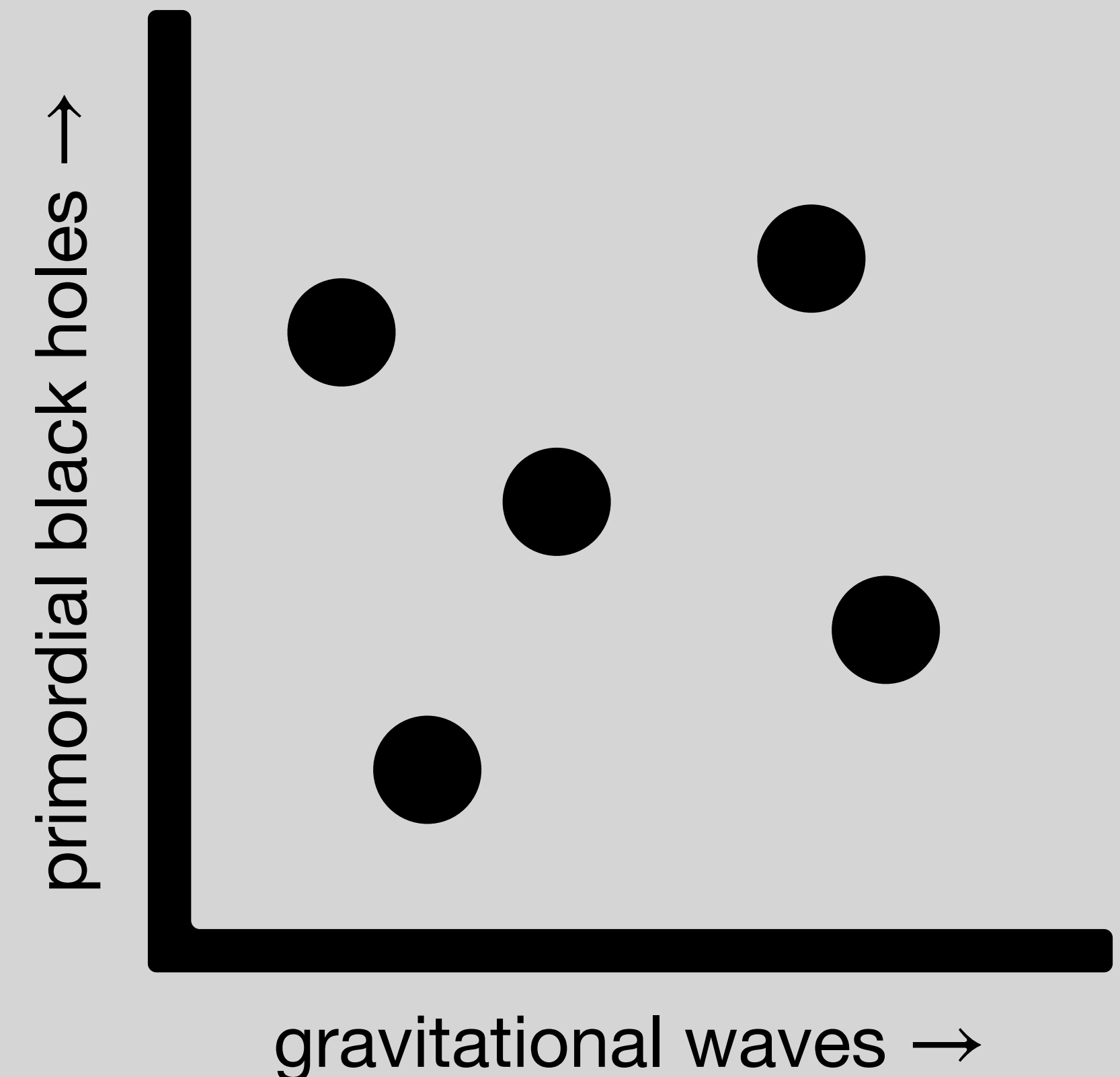
## Mixed parameter space



# Summary

## Multi-messenger probes of PBHs/FOPTs

- Phase transitions occur in any particle physics model with symmetry breaking
- FOPTs can be studied through their **GW production**
- Some models may **produce PBHs** at the end of their FOPT
- Models can be constrained by **GW + PBH probes** (multi-messenger astronomy)





**more**

# Minimal $B - L$ Model

$B - L$ : baryon number minus lepton number

- The SM “accidentally” conserves  $B - L$  in perturbative interactions
- $B - L$  models make the symmetry explicit, introducing a **vector gauge boson**:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - \underbrace{ig_s \lambda_\alpha G_\mu^\alpha}_{\text{SU}(3)_c} - \underbrace{ig \sigma_j W_\mu^j}_{\text{SU}(2)_L} \underbrace{ig' Y B_\mu}_{\text{U}(1)_Y} - \underbrace{ig_{B-L} Q_{B-L} Z'_\mu}_{\text{U}(1)_{B-L}}$$

- Symmetry breaking is done through a **scalar field  $\Phi$**

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\Phi) = \lambda_\Phi \Phi^4 + V(\Phi, T)$$

- Anomalies are cancelled when **three right-handed neutrinos (RHNs)** are introduced:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset - \overline{\nu}_R^c Y \nu_R \Phi / 2$$

# Minimal $B - L$ Parameter Space

- Redefine parameters for convenience:

$$\alpha_{B-L} \equiv \frac{g_{B-L}^2}{4\pi} \quad \alpha_Y \equiv \frac{Y^2}{4\pi} \quad \alpha_\lambda \equiv \frac{\lambda_\Phi}{4\pi}$$

- Renormalization requires these parameters to depend on a **renormalization scale**  $\mu$

$$\alpha_{B-L} = \alpha_{B-L}(t) \quad \alpha_Y = \alpha_Y(t) \quad \alpha_\lambda = \alpha_\lambda(t)$$

with  $t \equiv \ln(\max[\Phi, T]/\mu)$ .

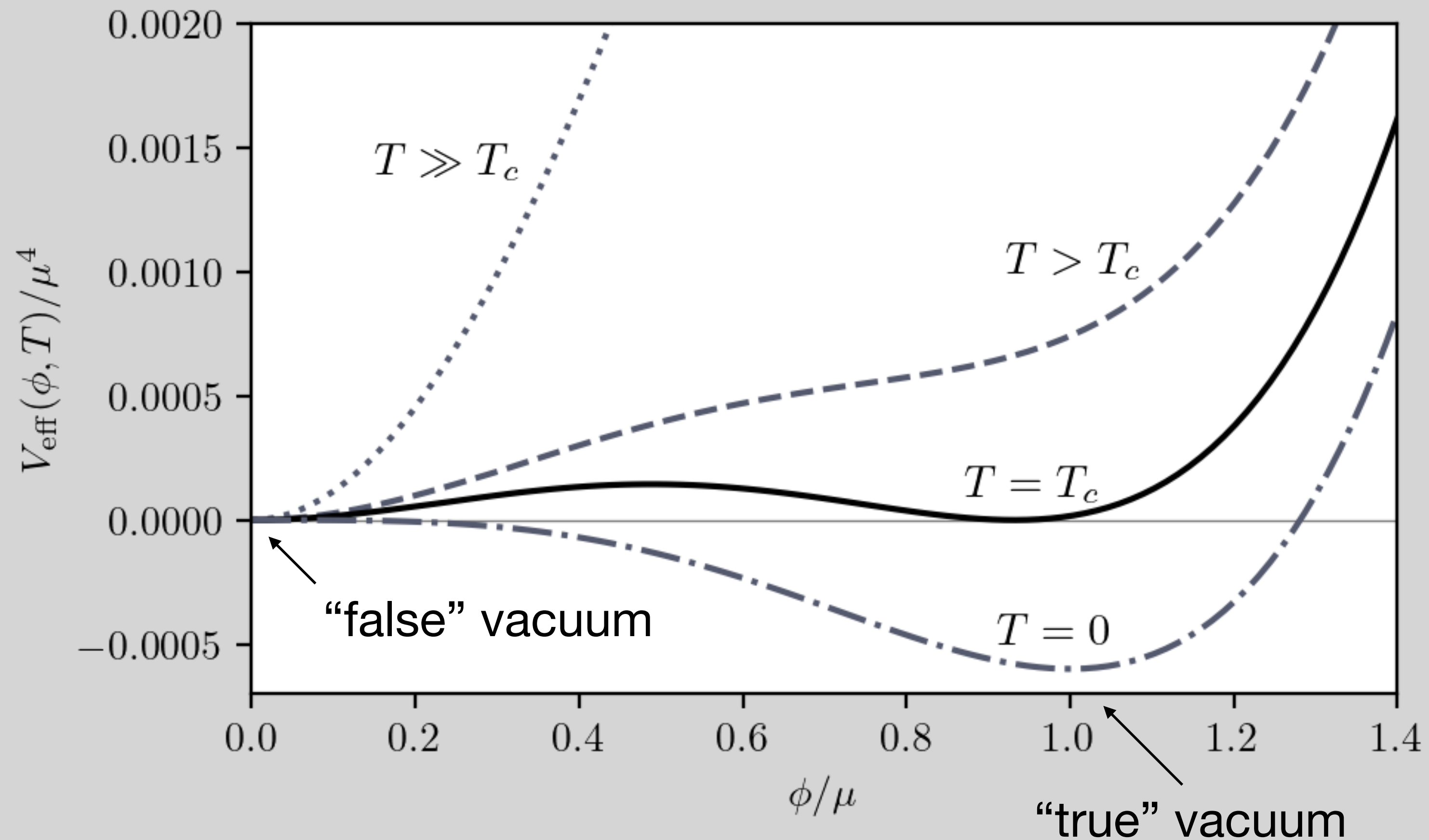
- Solving the RG equations (and therefore the potential) only requires **“two” input parameters** for our theory:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B - L \text{ coupling} & \longrightarrow & \alpha_{B-L}(0), & & \alpha_Y(0) & \longleftarrow & \text{right-handed} \\
 \text{strength} & & & & & & \text{neutrino mass}
 \end{array}$$

# Minimal $B - L$ Model

## First-order phase transitions

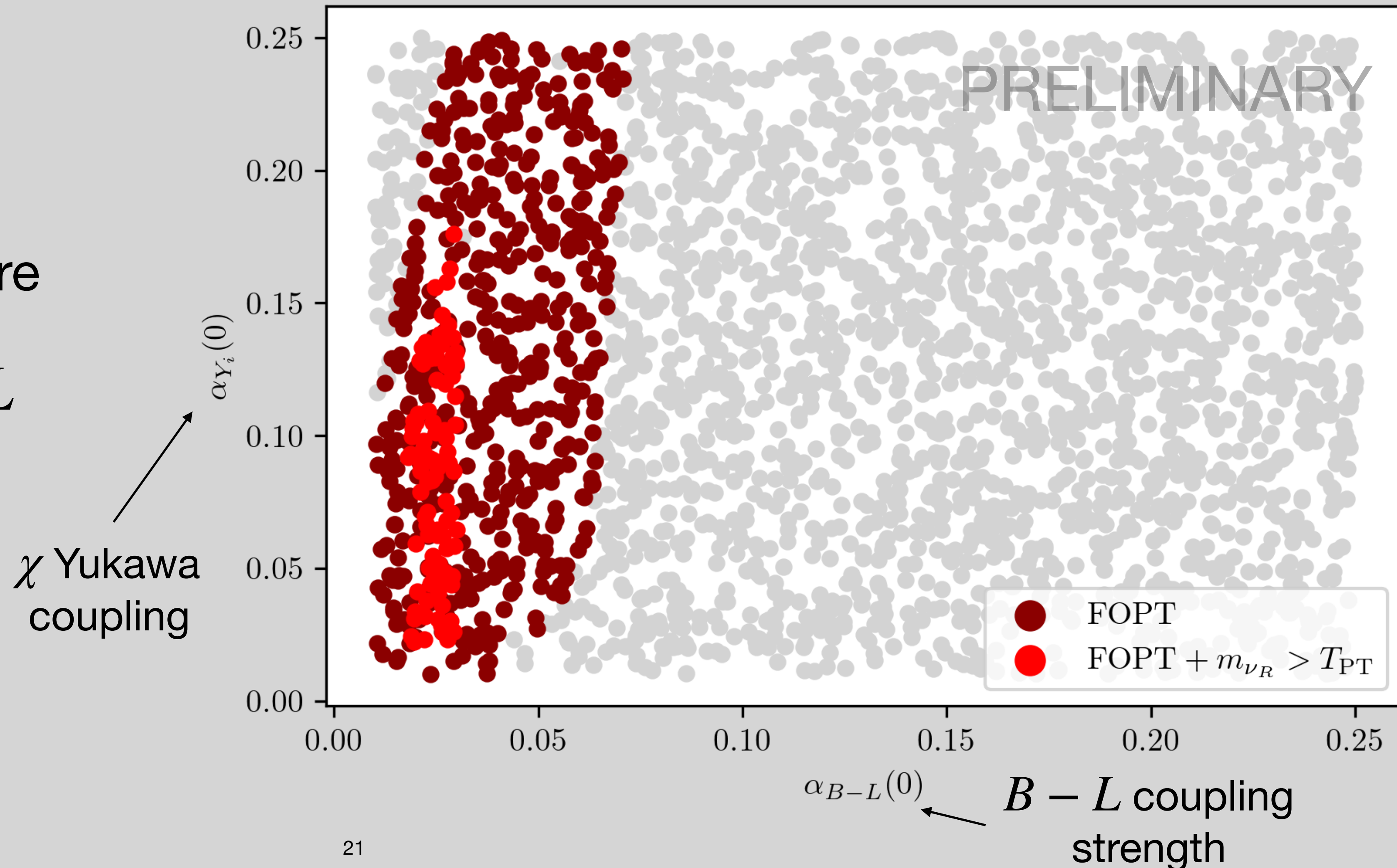
- $V_{\text{eff}}$  has a global minimum at high  $T$
- As  $T$  decreases, new local minima form
- All minima become degenerate at  $T_c$
- **If a barrier in  $V_{\text{eff}}$  separates the minima, quantum tunneling can occur**
  - This is what makes the phase transition first-order



# Minimal $B - L$ Model

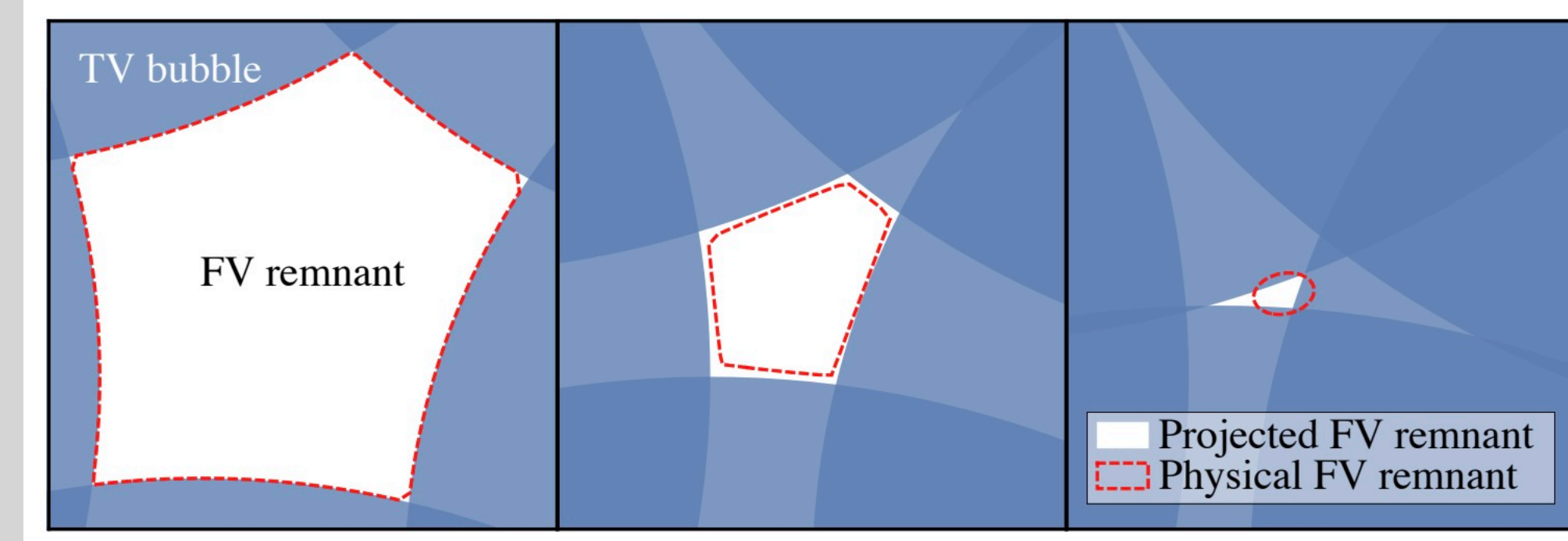
## First-order phase transition scan

- Red: successful FOPT
- Light red:  $\chi$  mass gain is larger than the temperature
- **FOPTs favor small  $B - L$  coupling, but are more agnostic to Yukawa coupling**



# PBH Distribution

## Collapsing false-vacuum remnants



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- Calculating the nucleation and expansion rates of true-vacuum bubbles allows you to find distribution statistics of false-vacuum remnants:

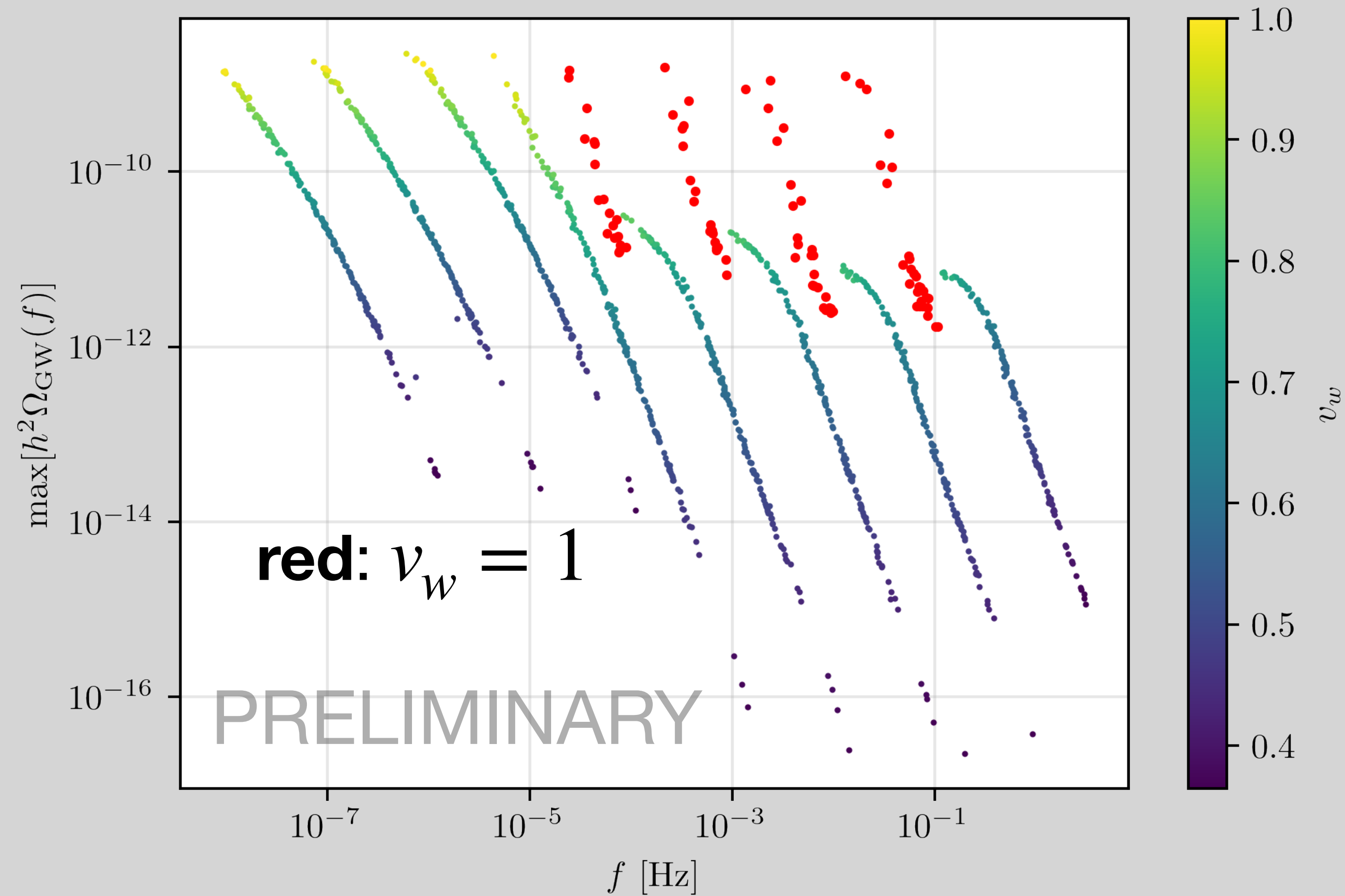
$$\frac{dn_{\text{fv}}}{dR_0} \approx \frac{I_{\text{PT}}^4 \beta^4}{192 v_w^3} e^{(4R_0 \beta / v_w) - I_{\text{PT}} e^{R_0 \beta / v_w}} \left( 1 - e^{-I_{\text{PT}} e^{R_0 \beta / v_w}} \right), \quad \beta / H(T_{\text{PT}}) \gg 1$$

- Models with  $m_\chi^{\text{true}} > T_{\text{PT}}$  are assumed to form one PBH per false-vacuum remnant.
- False-vacuum remnant distribution  $\implies$  **PBH distribution**

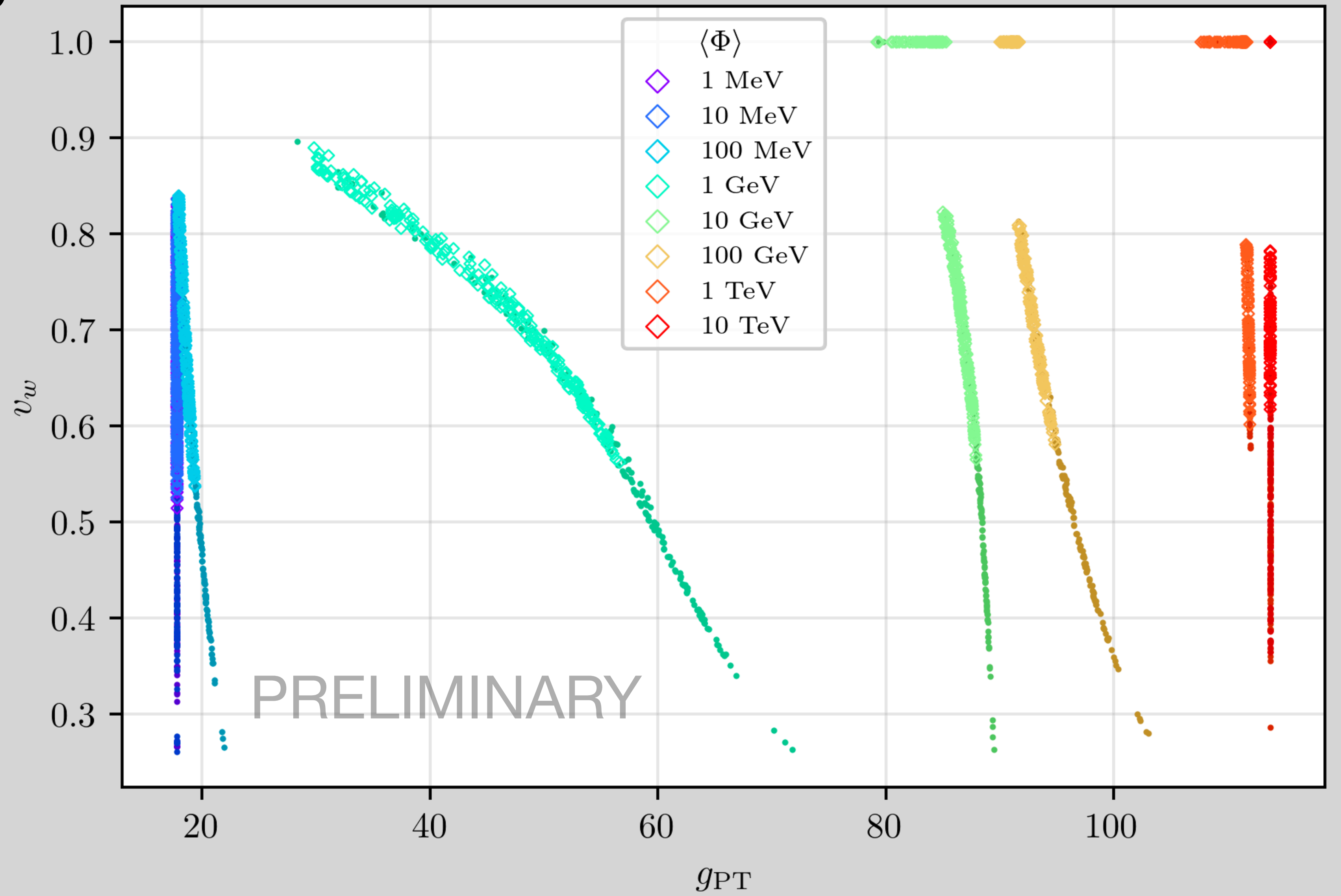
# discontinuity

$$v_w = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} < v_J(\alpha) \\ 1 & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} \geq v_J(\alpha) \end{cases}$$

$$v_J(\alpha) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}(1 + \alpha)}$$



# discontinuity

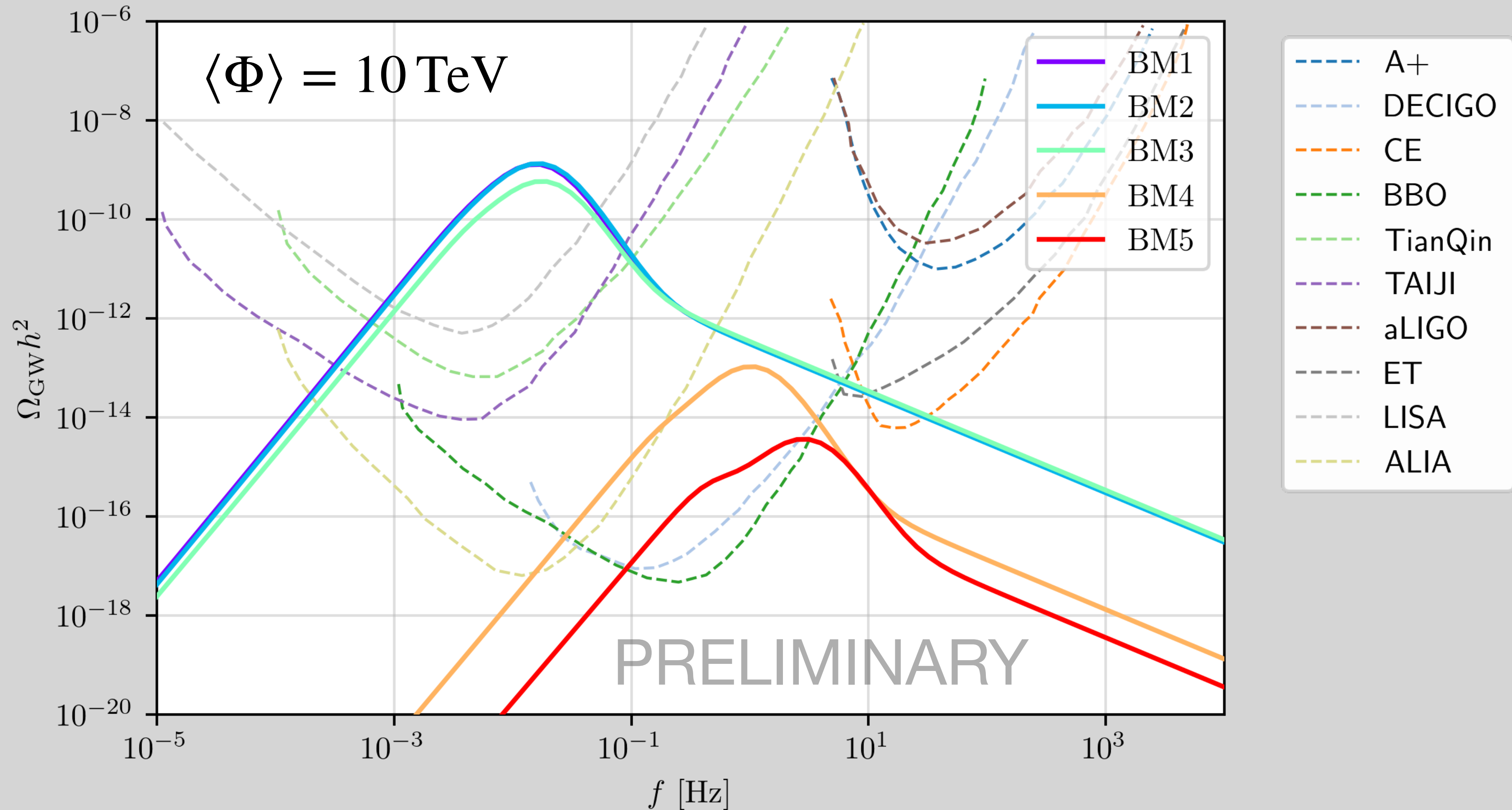




# Benchmarks

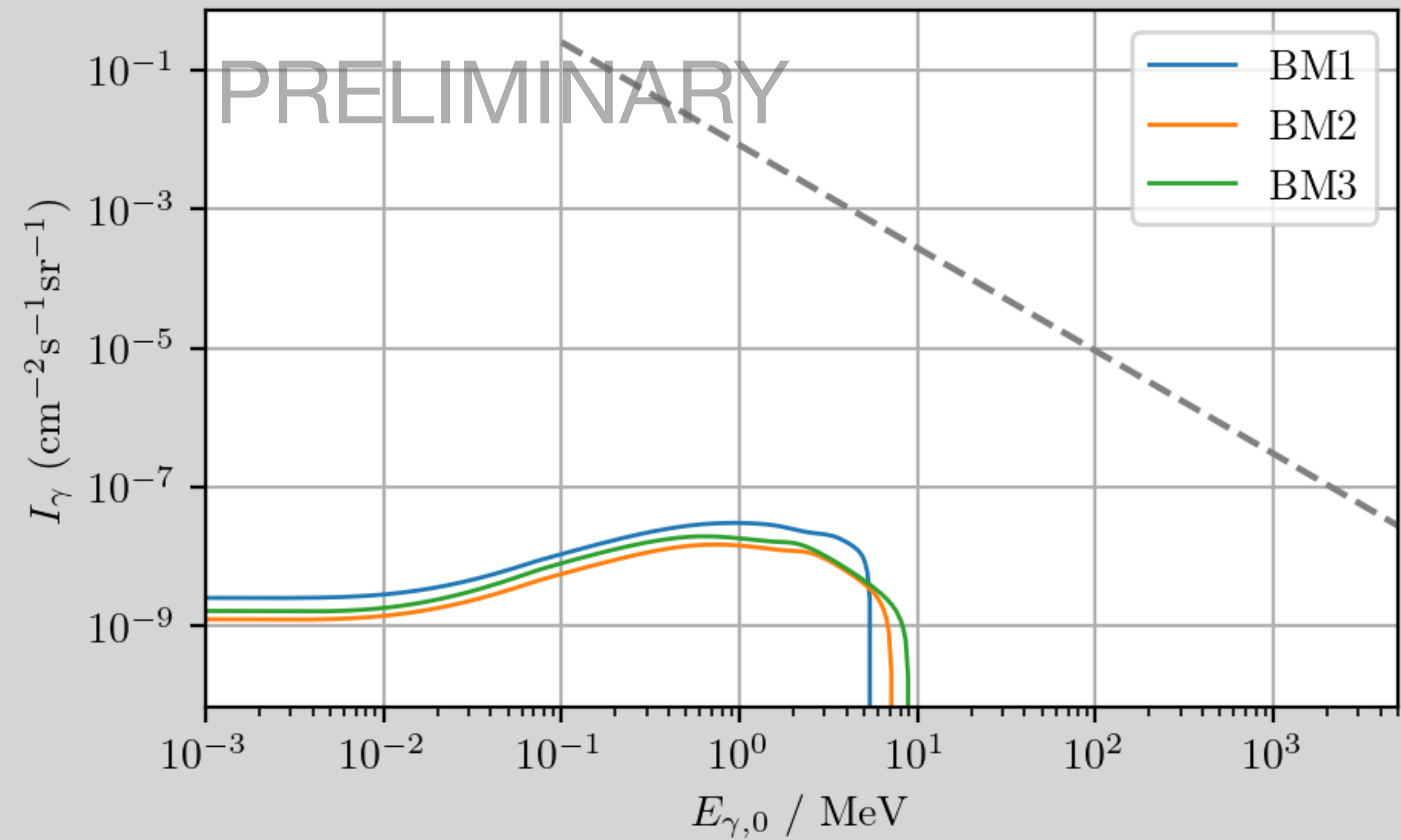
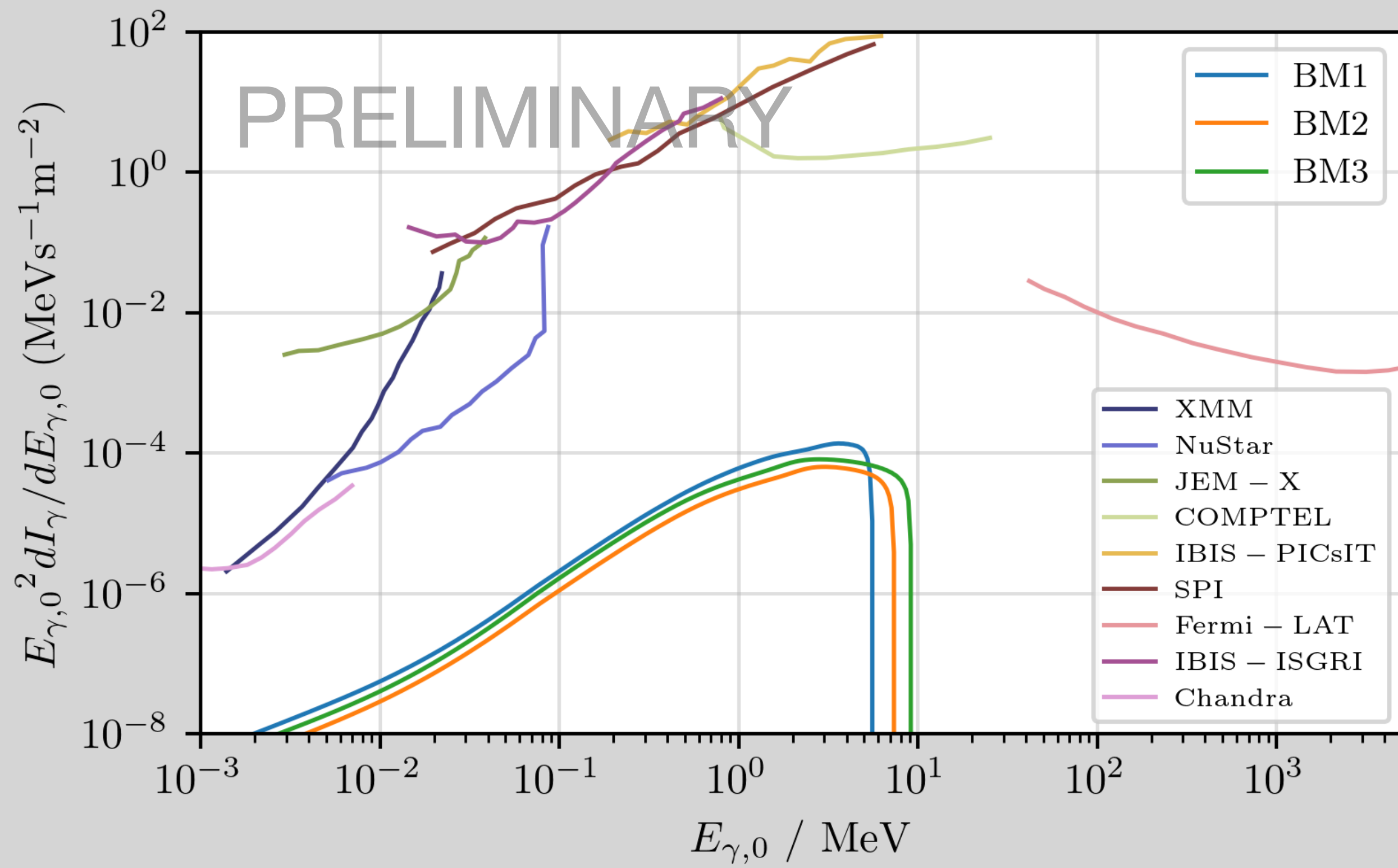
## Gravitational waves

	$\alpha_{B-L}(0)$	$\alpha_{Y_i}(0)$	$T_{\text{PT}}/\langle\Phi\rangle$	$\alpha$	$\beta/H(T_{\text{PT}})$
BM1	$1.857 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.368 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.694 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.869 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.228 \times 10^1$
BM2	$1.998 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.149 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.671 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.194 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.660 \times 10^1$
BM3	$2.332 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.503 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.006 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.451 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.021 \times 10^1$
BM4	$3.682 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.444 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.075 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.766 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.664 \times 10^2$
BM5	$4.507 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.421 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.953 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.231 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.460 \times 10^3$



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## Hawking radiation



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$f_{\text{PBH}}$

