# Dark matter, black holes, and gravitational waves

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## Plan of the talk:

Prologue: the dark universe narrative

Part I: What have we learnt?

Part II: GW probes of DM

(Epilogue: EuCAPT!)

## Dark Matter "Mythology"



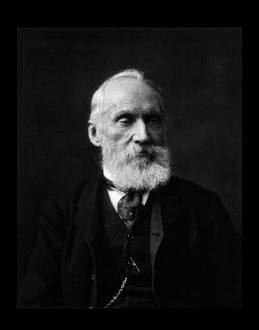
In 1933, Swiss astronomer Fritz
Zwicky applied a mathematical
theorem to infer the existence of
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coining the term dark matter.
Zwicky was a noted curmudgeon
and self-described "lone wolf"
who claimed to "have a good
idea every two years."



Grappling with the "galaxy rotation problem" (galaxies didn't have enough observable stuff in them to stop them from flying apart), Vera Rubin calculated that galaxies must contain at least six times more mass than what's observable.

Figures: Perimeter Institute

#### Dark matter: a problem with a long history...





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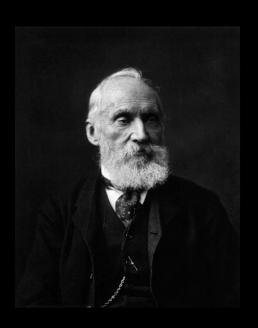
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The term dark matter has been in use since early 1900s

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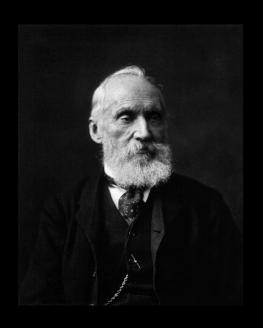
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"According to present estimates the average density of dark matter in our galaxy and throughout the rest of the universe are in the ratio  $10^5$ "

"Dark matter" used by Zwicky before his Coma cluster paper...

#### Dark matter: a problem with a long history..

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#### A History of Dark Matter

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(Dated: May 26, 2016)

Although dark matter is a central element of modern cosmology, the history of how it became accepted as part of the dominant paradigm is often ignored or condensed into a brief anecdotical account focused around the work of a few pioneering scientists. The aim of this review is to provide the reader with a broader historical perspective on the observational discoveries and the theoretical arguments that led the scientific community to adopt dark matter as an essential part of the standard cosmological model.

#### HOW DARK MATTER CAME TO MATTER

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Ph.D. Thesis

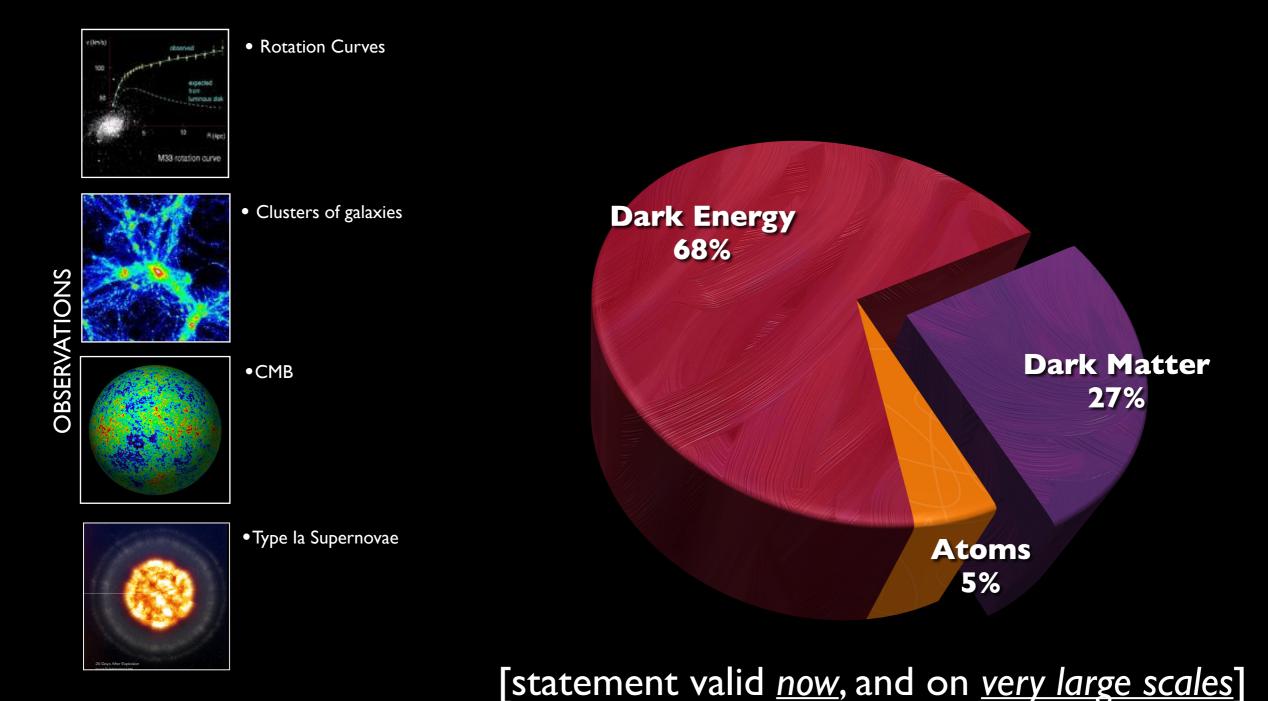
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"A history of Dark Matter" GB & Hooper - RMP 1605.04909

"How dark matter came to matter" de Swart, GB, van Dongen - Nature Astronomy; 1703.00013

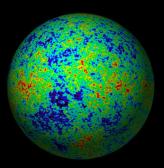
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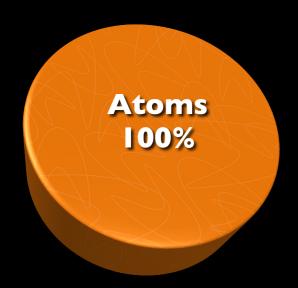
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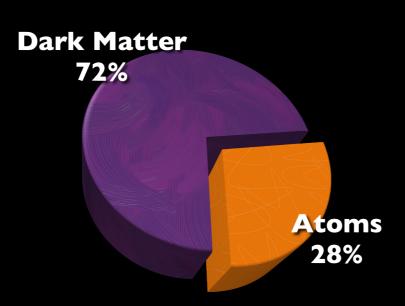


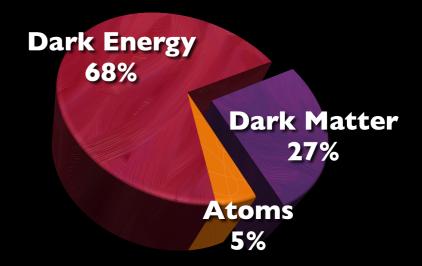




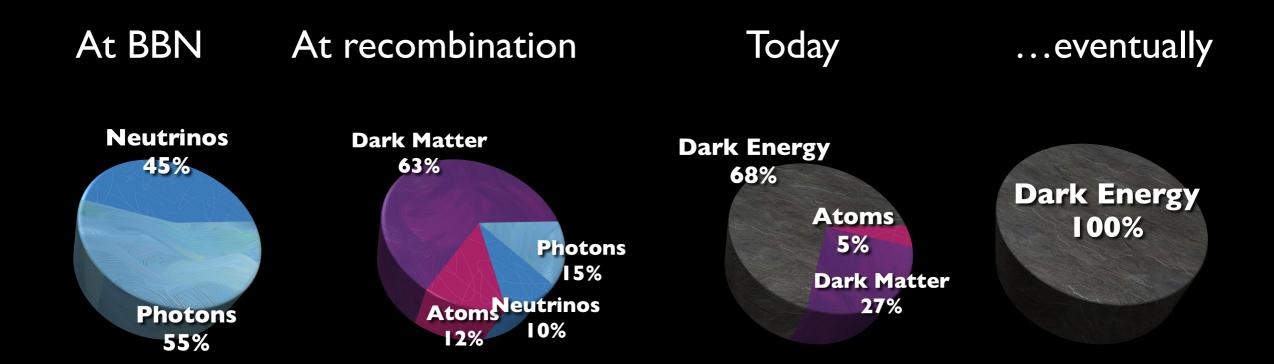
Posti & Helmi, A&A 621,A56 (2019)



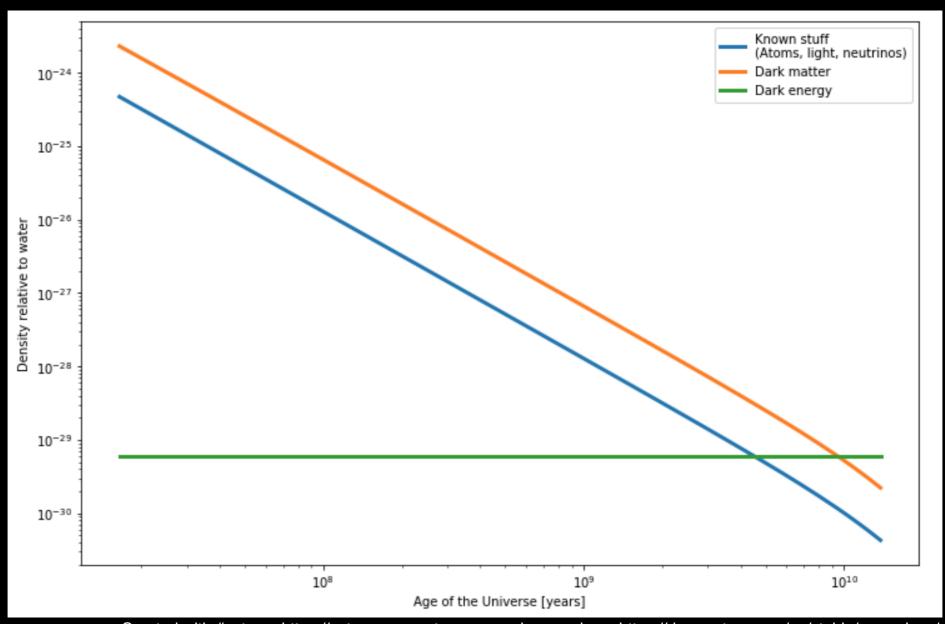




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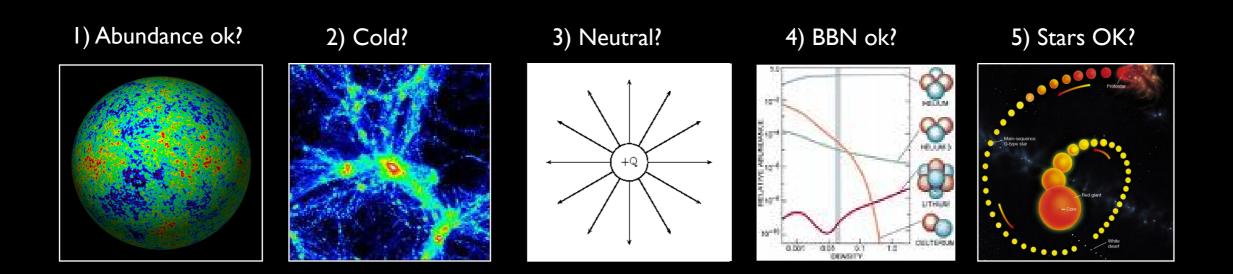
## Evolution of matter/energy density



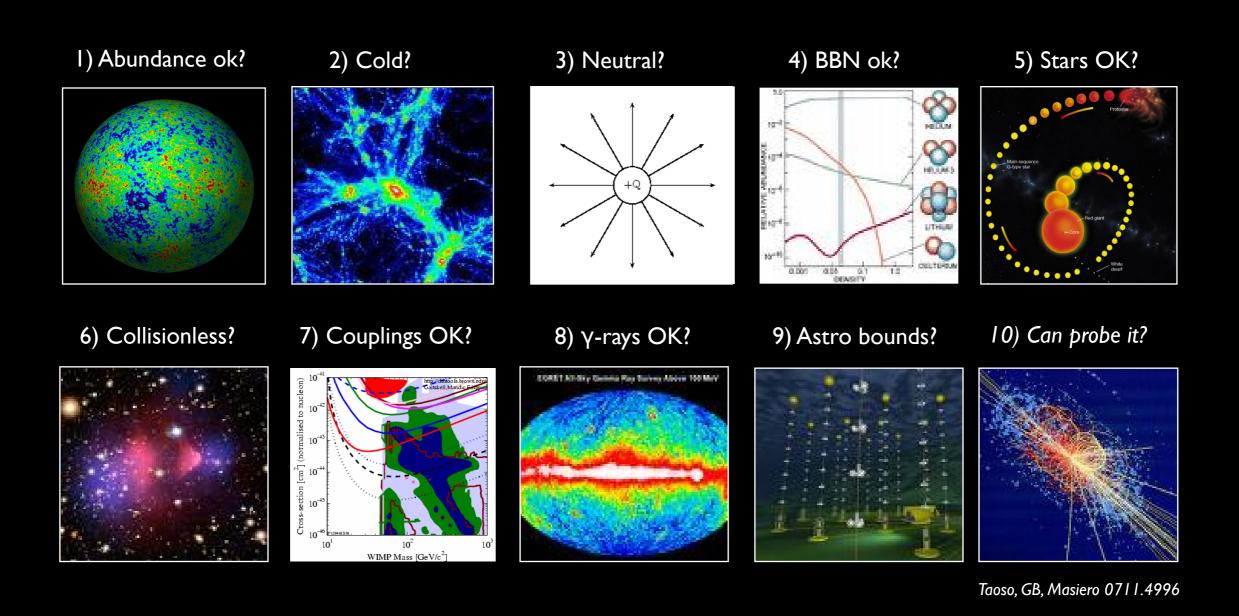
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### Simulating Galaxy Formation

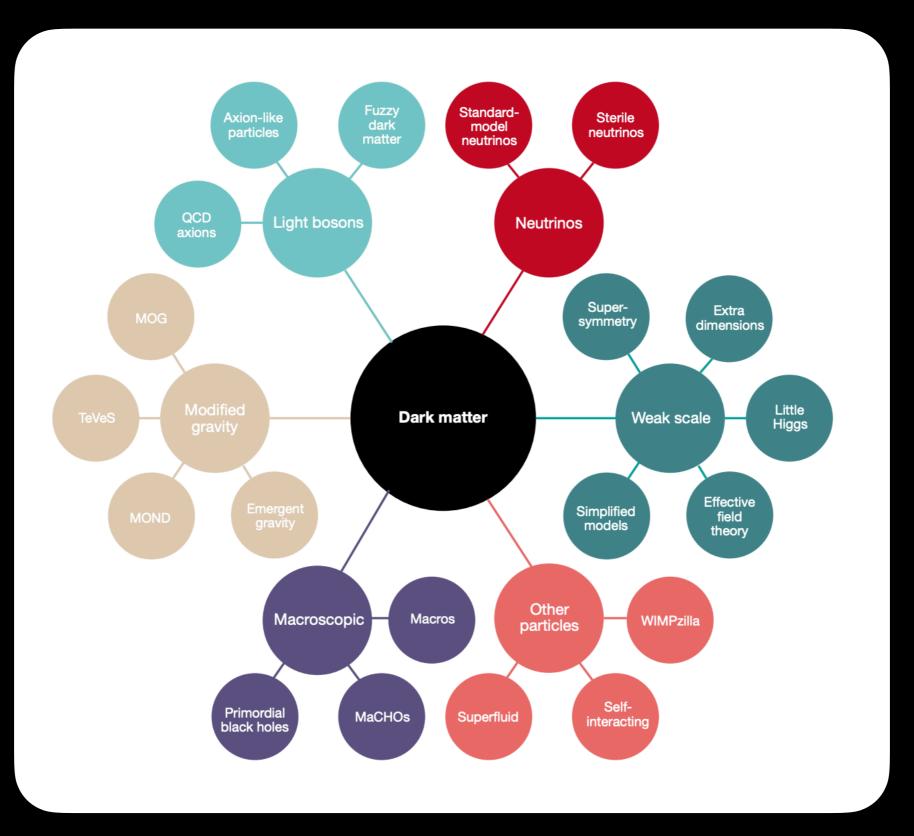
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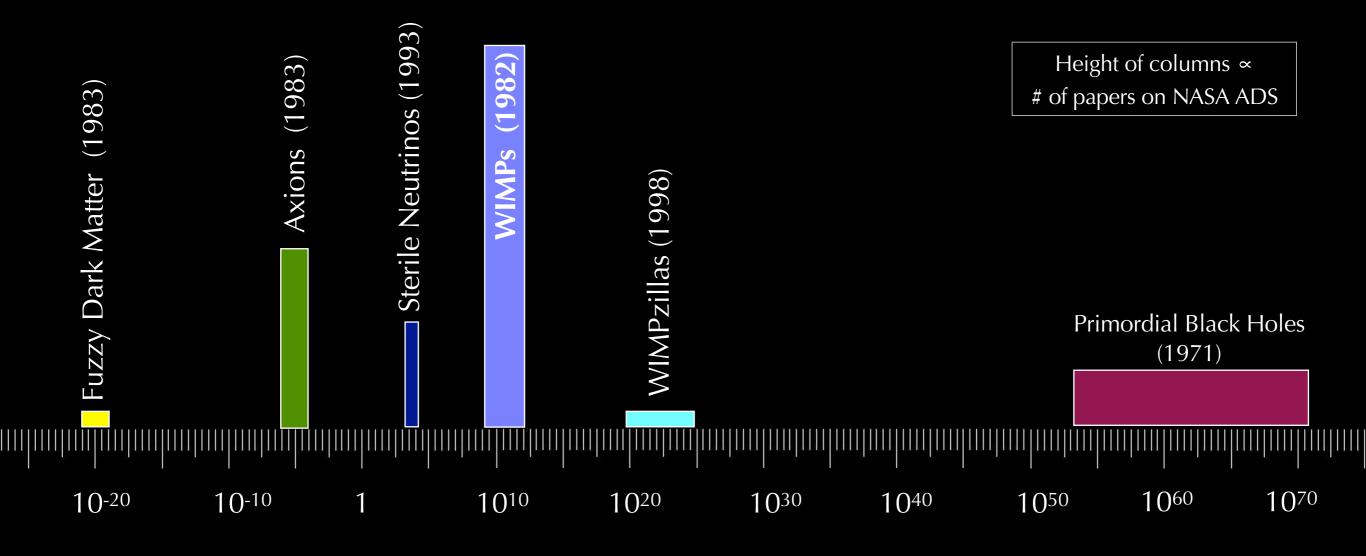


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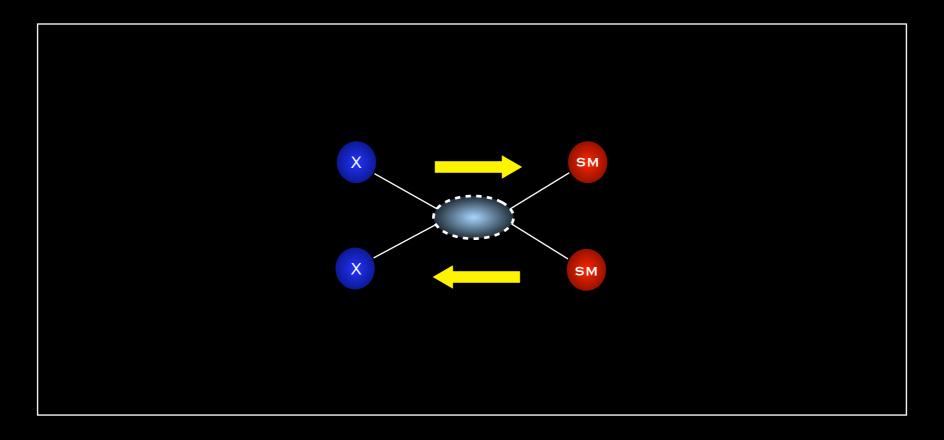
- No shortage of ideas...
- Tens of dark matter models, each with its own phenomenology
- Models span 90 orders of magnitude in DM candidate mass!



### WIMPs

By far the most studied class of dark matter candidates.

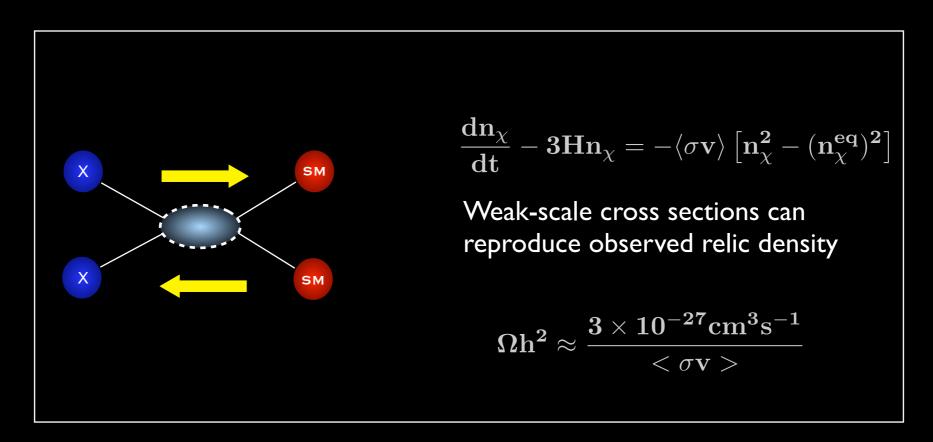
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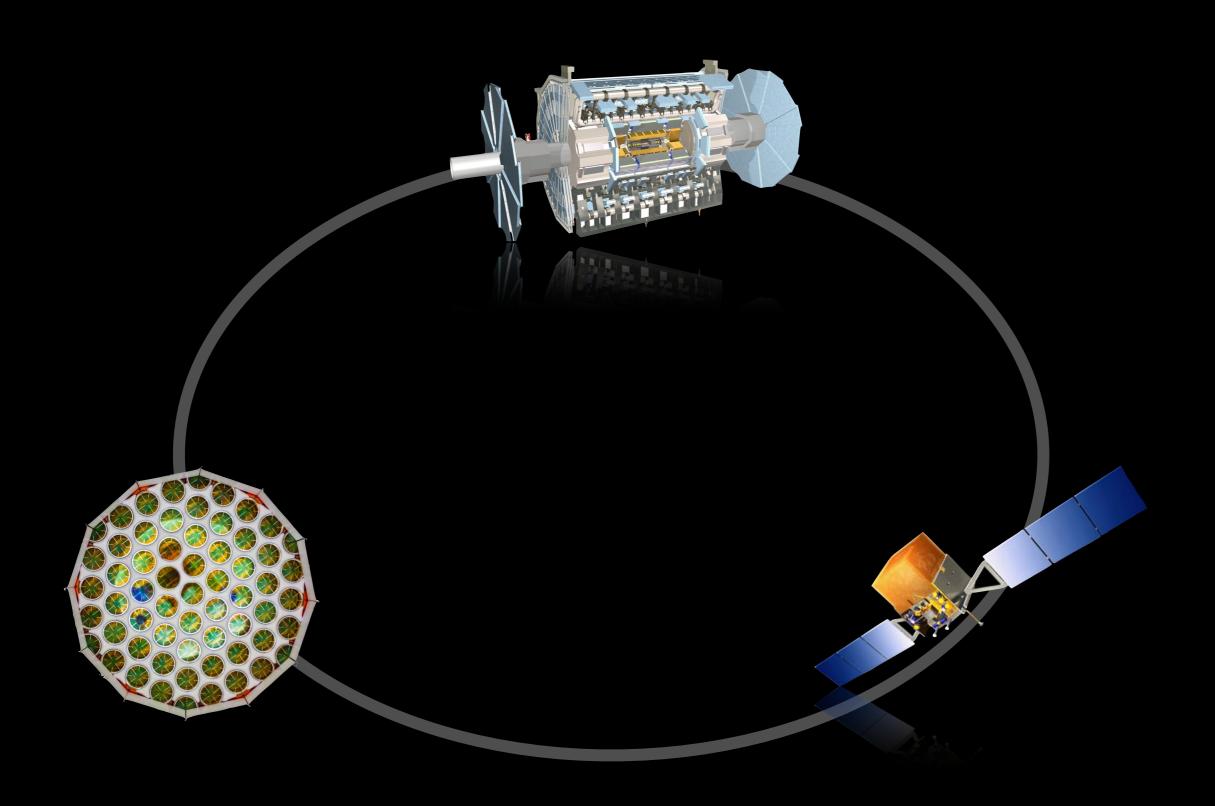
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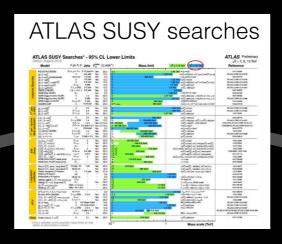


**'WIMP miracle':** new physics at ~ITeV solves at same time fundamental problems of particle physics (hierarchy problem) AND DM

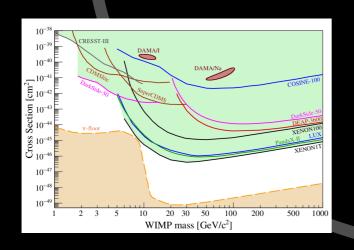
## WIMPs searches

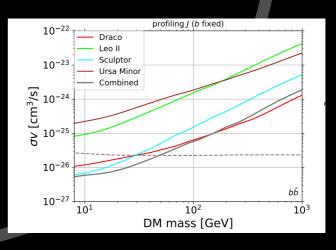


## WIMPs searches



No WIMPs found yet, despite many efforts!





### Are WIMPs ruled out?



absence of evidence \neq evidence of absence

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ATLAS/CMS searches do put pressure on SUSY, and in general on "naturalness" arguments (e.g. Giudice 1710.07663).

#### However:

- I. Non-fine tuned SUSY DM scenarios still exist (Beekveld+ 1906.10706)
- II. WIMP paradigm ≠ WIMP miracle: particles at ~ EW scale may exist irrespectively of naturalness + achieve right relic density, thus be = DM
- III. Clear way forward: 15 years of LHC data + DD experiments all the way to "neutrino floor"

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## A new era in the search for DM

GB, Tait, Nature (2018) 1810.01668

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## The future of dark matter searches

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#### Primordial Black Holes

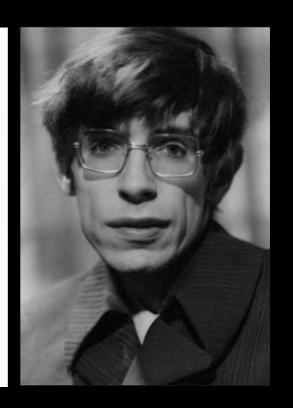
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GRAVITATIONALLY COLLAPSED OBJECTS OF VERY LOW MASS

Stephen Hawking

(Communicated by M. J. Rees)

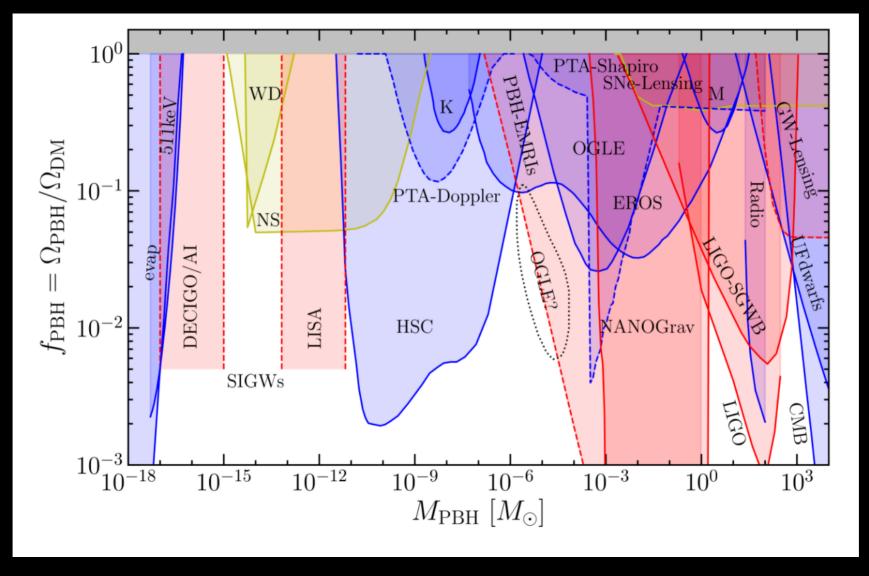
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An upper bound on the number of these objects can be set from the measurements by Sandage (7) of the deceleration of the expansion of the Universe. These measurements indicate that the average density of the Universe cannot be greater than about 10<sup>-28</sup> g cm<sup>-2</sup>. Since the average density of visible matter is only about 10<sup>-31</sup> g cm<sup>-2</sup>, it is tempting to suppose that the major part of the mass of the Universe is in the form of collapsed objects. This extra density could stabilize clusters of galaxies which, otherwise, appear mostly not to be gravitationally bound.

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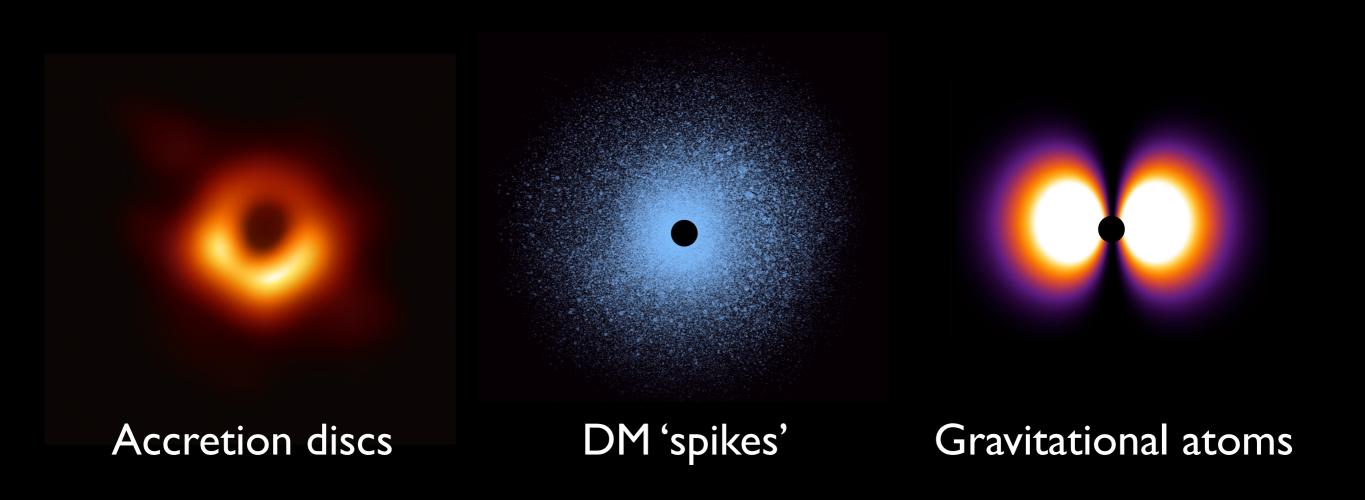
In principle possible if BHs are primordial, in order to satisfy BBN constraints, but...



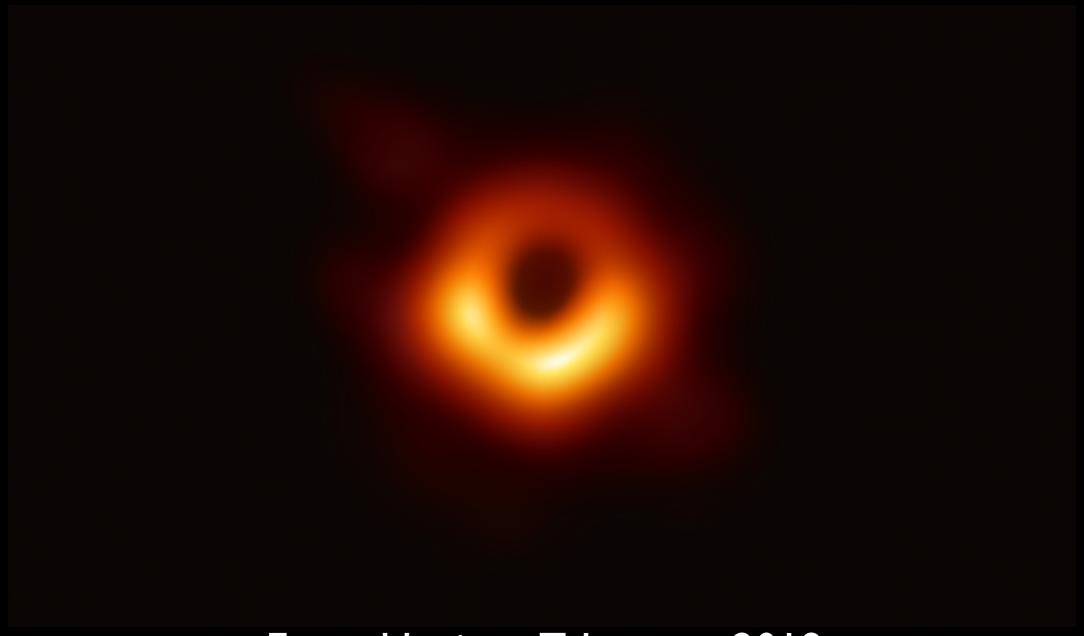
https://github.com/bradkav/PBHbounds

## DM around BHs?

## BH environments

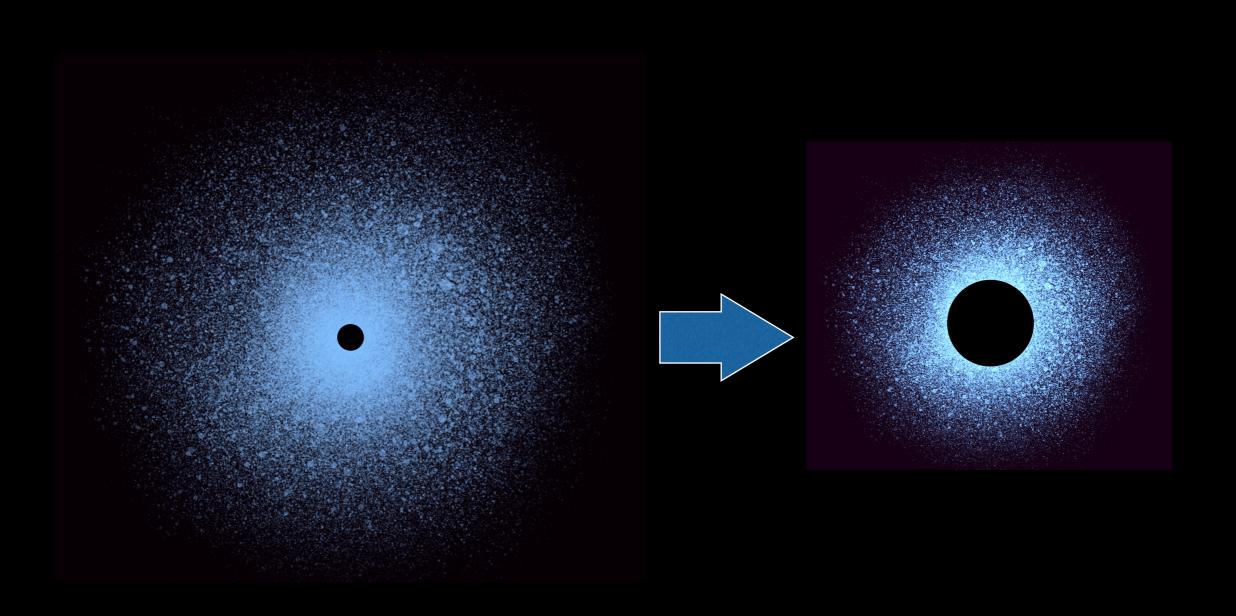


## Accretion discs

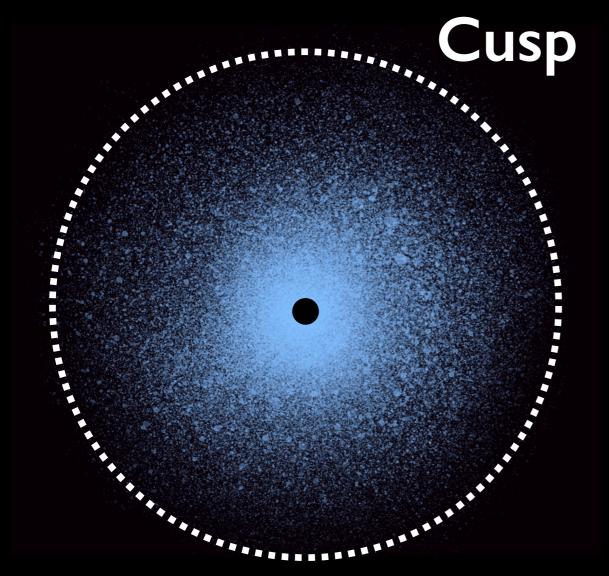


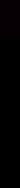
Event Horizon Telescope 2019

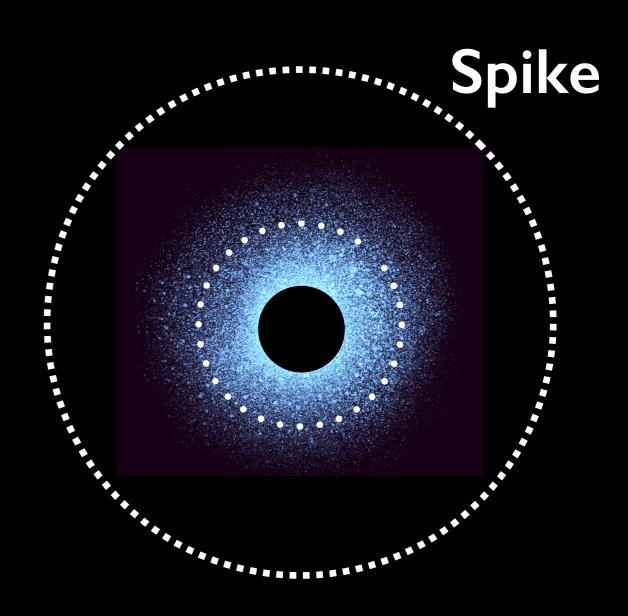
## DM 'spikes' around Astrophysical BHs



## DM 'spikes' around SMBH and IMBH



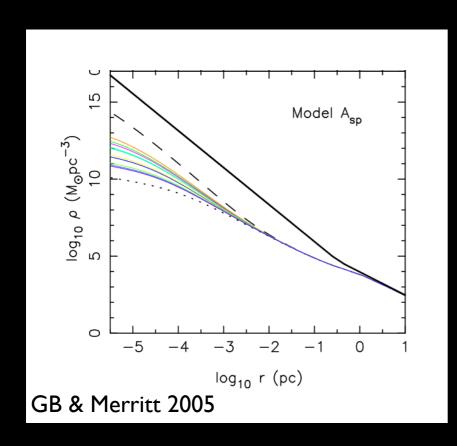




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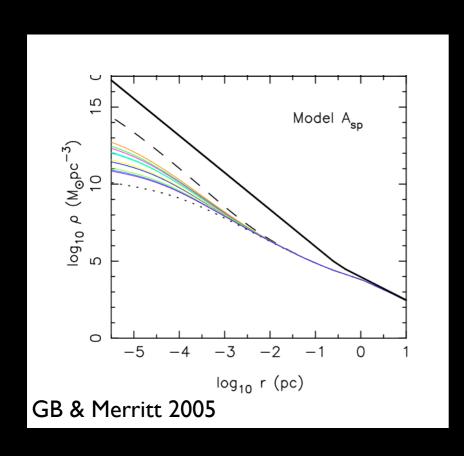
$$\rho_{\text{spike}}(r) \sim r^{-\gamma_{\text{sp}}}, \, \gamma_{\text{sp}} = \frac{9 - 2\gamma}{4 - \gamma}$$

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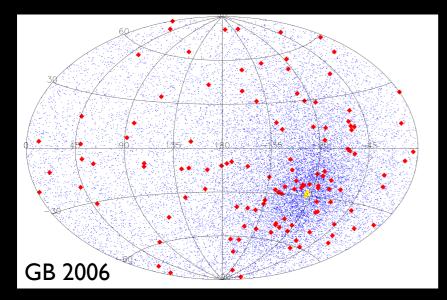


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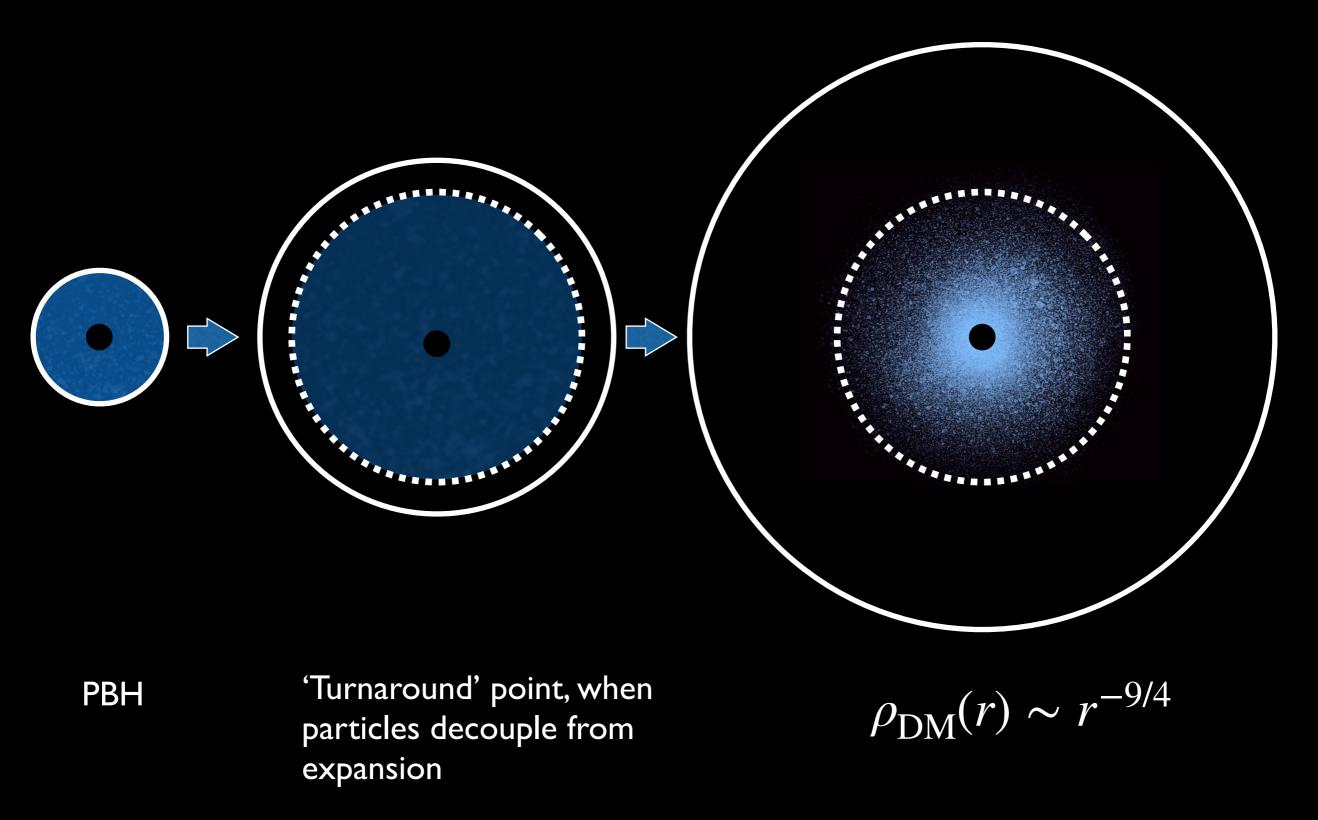


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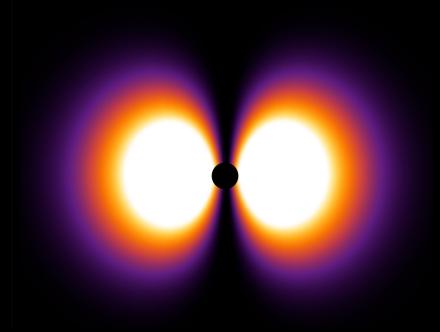
- 'Mini-spikes' around IMBHs!
   (GB, Zentner, Silk astro-ph/0509565)
- Targets for indirect detection (eg GB astroph/0603148)

## DM overdensities around PBHs



Adamek+ 1901.08528, Boudaud+ 2106.07480, ...

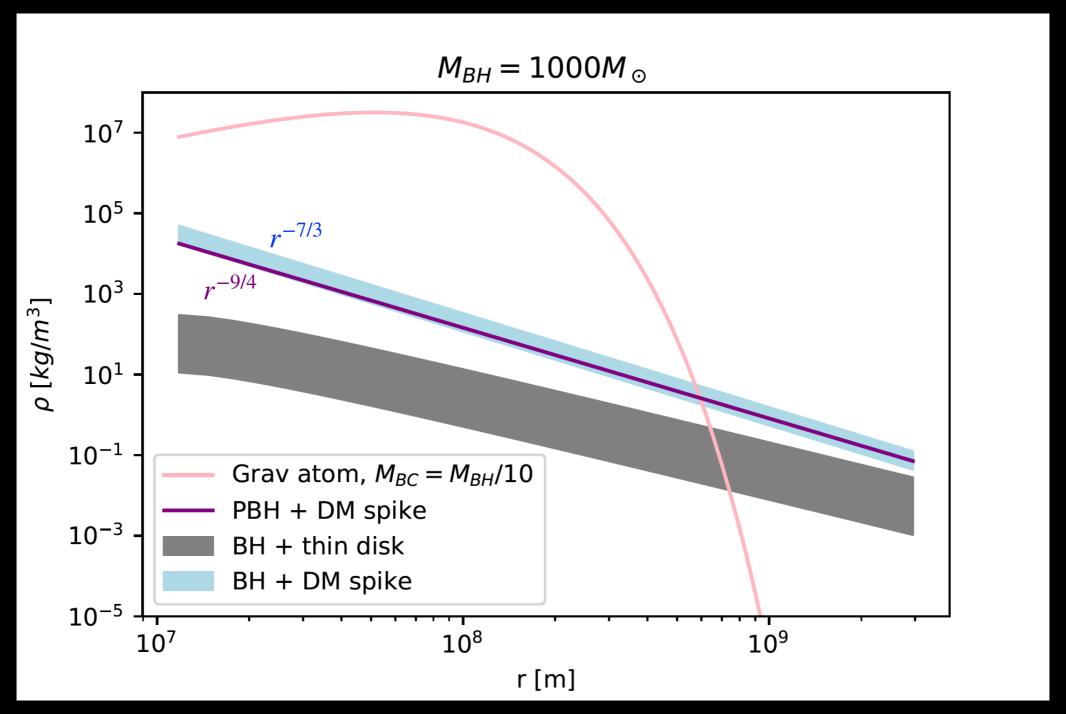
## Gravitational atoms



Y. Zel'Dovich (1971,1972); C. Misner (1972); A. Starobinsky (1973); W. East and F. Pretorius (2017); R. Brito, V. Cardoso, and P. Pani (2015) ...

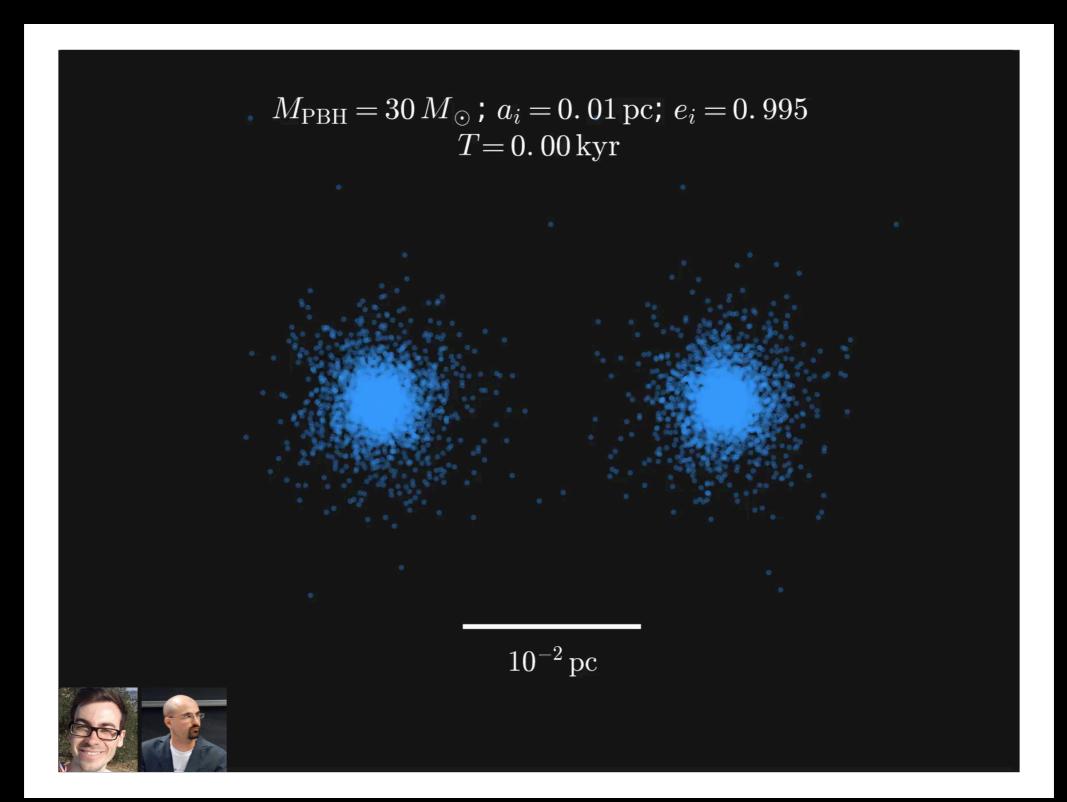
- If ultra-light bosons exist, they can be produced around rotating black holes through a process called superradiance
- This effect can extract enough mass and angular momentum to form large cloud of condensate of the bosonic field
- BH carrying boson cloud is called a gravitational atom due to similarity with proton-electron structure in a hydrogen atom

# BH environments



Pippa Cole, GB, + in preparation

# 'Dressed' BH-BH merger



Kavanagh, Gaggero & GB, arXiv:1805.09034

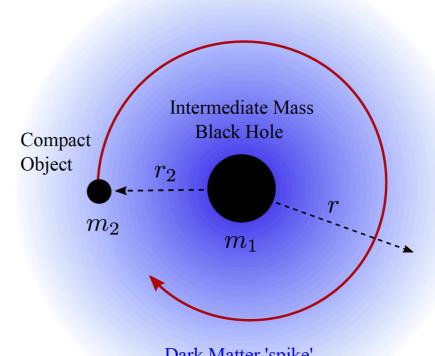
# EMRIs in presence of spikes

#### **Energy losses:**

$$\dot{E}_{\rm orb} = -\dot{E}_{\rm GW} - \dot{E}_{\rm DF}$$

#### Separation:

$$\dot{r}_2 = -\frac{64 G^3 M m_1 m_2}{5 c^5 (r_2)^3}$$
$$-\frac{8\pi G^{1/2} m_2 \log \Lambda r_2^{5/2} \rho_{\rm DM}(r_2, t) \xi(r_2, t)}{\sqrt{M} m_1}$$

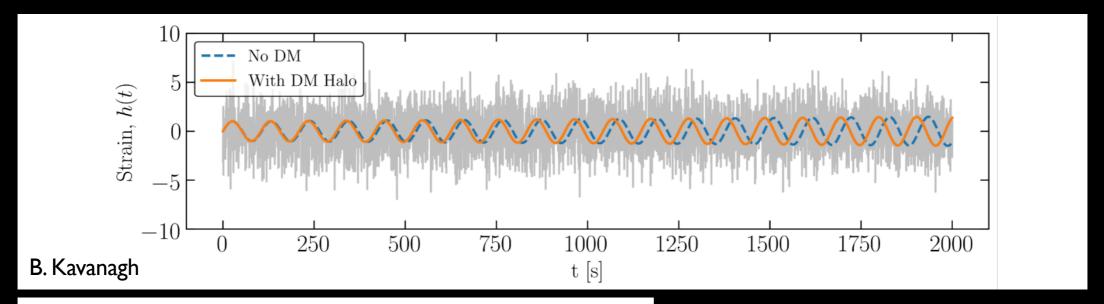


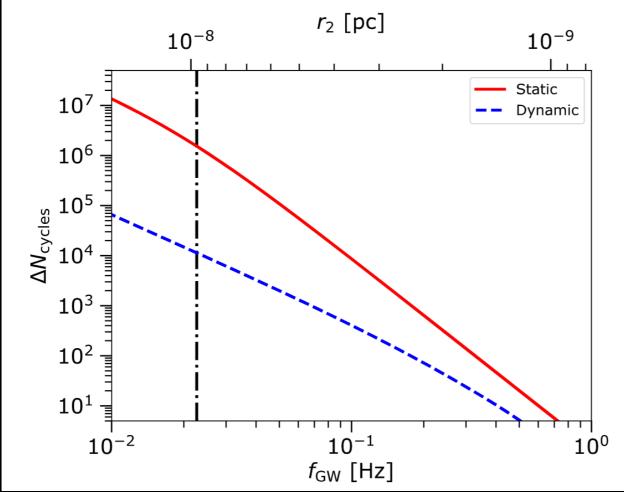
Dark Matter 'spike'

#### Time-dependent dark matter profile:

$$T_{\text{orb}} \frac{\partial f(\mathcal{E}, t)}{\partial t} = -p_{\mathcal{E}} f(\mathcal{E}, t) + \int \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{E} - \Delta \mathcal{E}}\right)^{5/2} f(\mathcal{E} - \Delta \mathcal{E}, t) P_{\mathcal{E} - \Delta \mathcal{E}}(\Delta \mathcal{E}) d\Delta \mathcal{E}$$

## Gravitational Waveform dephasing



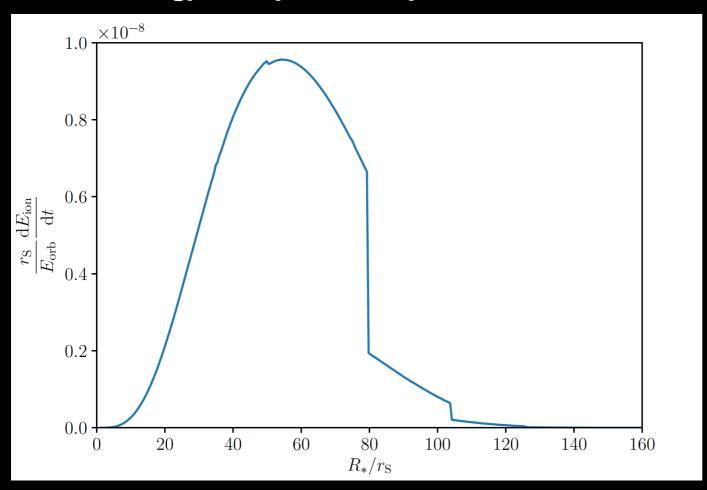


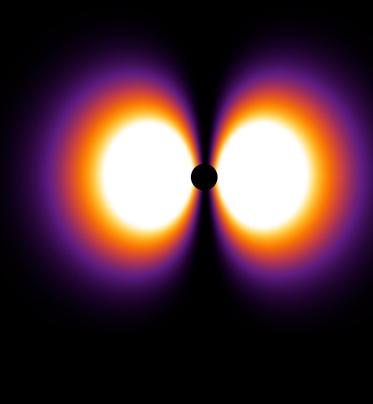
- Dark matter modifies binary dynamics via dynamical friction (Eda+ 2013, 2014)
- Binary modifies DM phase space via dynamical friction (2002.12811)
- This induces a dephasing of the waveform, potentially detectable e.g. with LISA

Kavanagh, GB et al. 2002. I 28 I I

## EMRIs in presence of Gravitational Atoms

#### Energy lost by the binary due to 'ionisation'

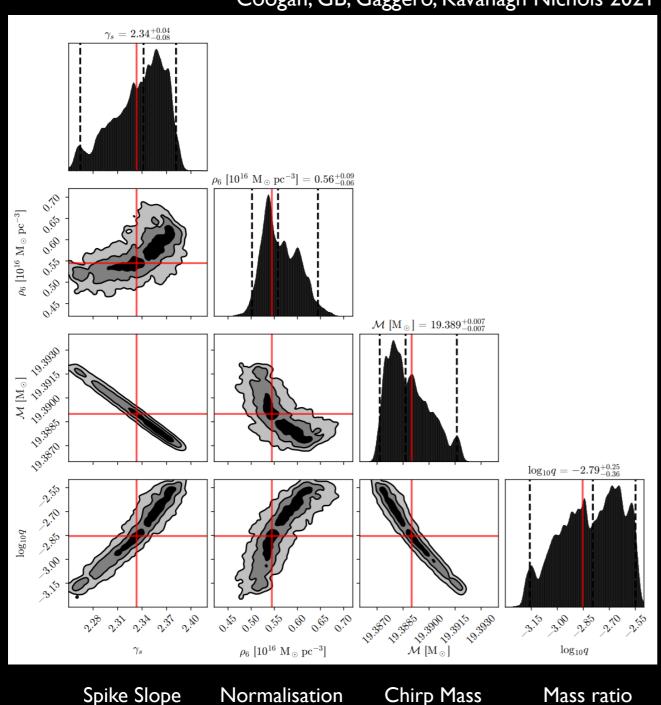




- 'Resonances' due to transitions between bound states  $< a \mid V_*(t) \mid b>$  Baumann, Chia, Porto, arXiv:1804.03208
- 'lonization', i.e. transitions to continuum  $< a \mid V_*(t) \mid klm >$  Baumann, GB, Stout, Tomaselli Phys. Rev. Lett. 128 (2022) 22, 221102
- New: important role of accretion, leading to time dependent mass ratio q(t) Baumann, GB, Stout, Tomaselli 2112.14777 + PRL

## Signature of DM in EMRI waveforms





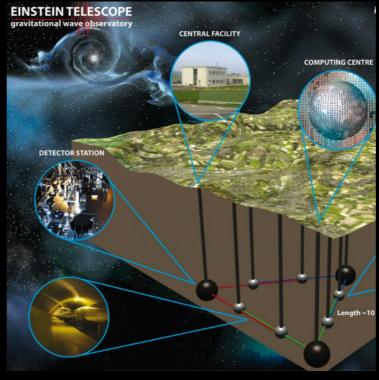


- Can discover that fiducial systems are not GR-in-vacuum (in terms of Bayes factor)
- Can measure DM density profile normalization, slope and even mass ratio

### Can we convincingly discover primordial BHs?

### Yes, e.g. if we:







I. Detect sub-solar mass BHs with current interferometers

(e.g. 2109.12197)

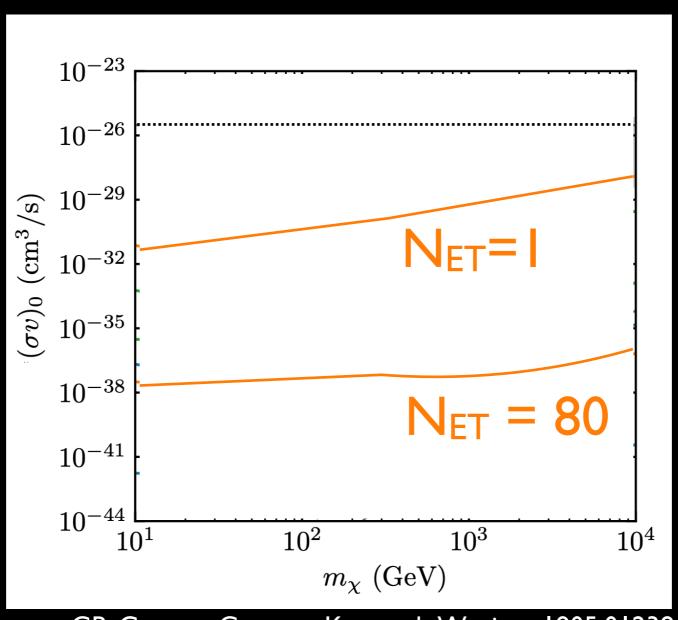
II. Detect  $O(100)M_{\odot}$  BHs at z>40 with Einstein Telescope

(e.g. 1708.07380)

III. Discover 'unique' radio signature with Square Kilometre Array

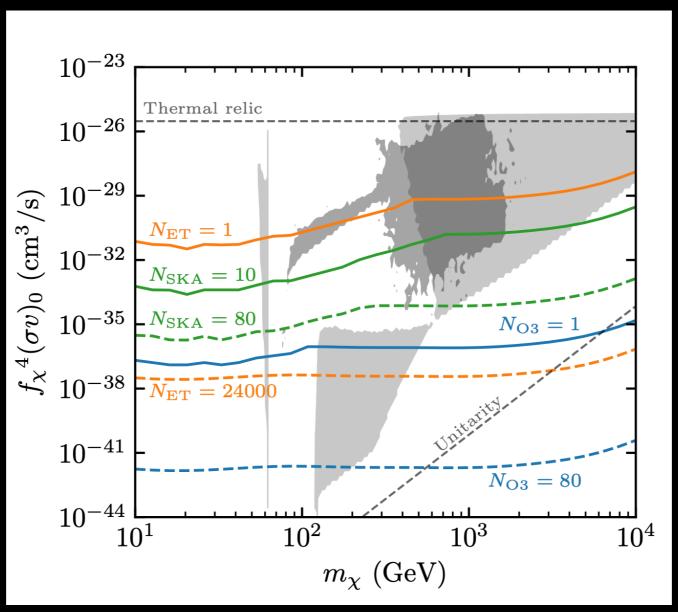
(e.g. 1810.02680)

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GB, Coogan, Gaggero, Kavanagh, Weniger 1905.01238

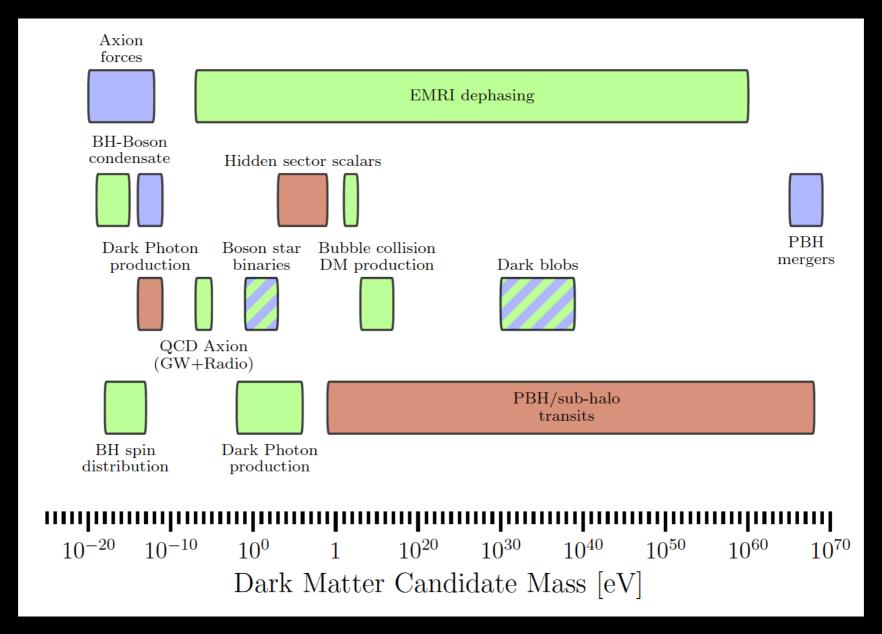
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• Detecting a subdominant PBHs with the Einstein Telescope would essentially rule out not only WIMPs, but entire classes of BSM models (even those leading to subdominant DM!)

## Further GW-DM connections:



"Gravitational wave probes of dark matter: challenges and opportunities" GB, Croon, et al. 1907.10610

# Conclusions

- This is a time of profound transformation for dark matter studies, in view of the absence of evidence (though NOT evidence of absence) of popular candidates
- LHC, ID and DD experiments may still reserve surprises!
- At the same time, it is urgent to:
  - Diversify dark matter searches
  - Exploit astronomical observations
  - Exploit gravitational waves
- The field is completely open: extraordinary opportunity for new generation to come up with new ideas and discoveries