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# Compact Objects as Dark-Matter Probes

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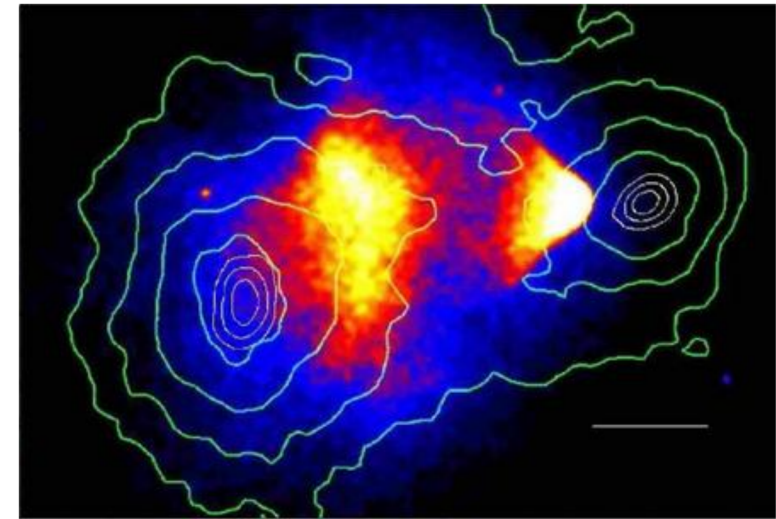
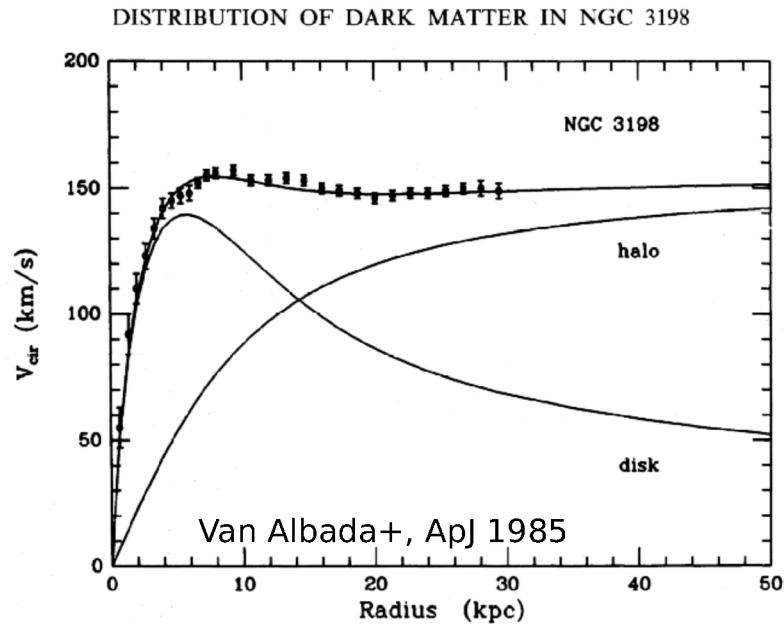
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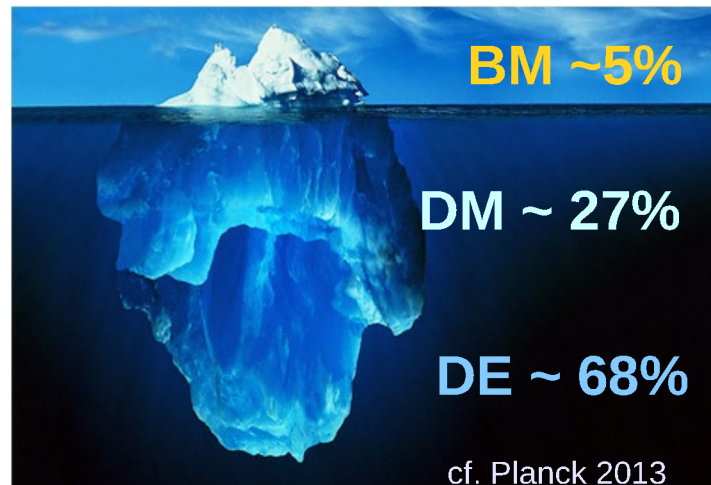
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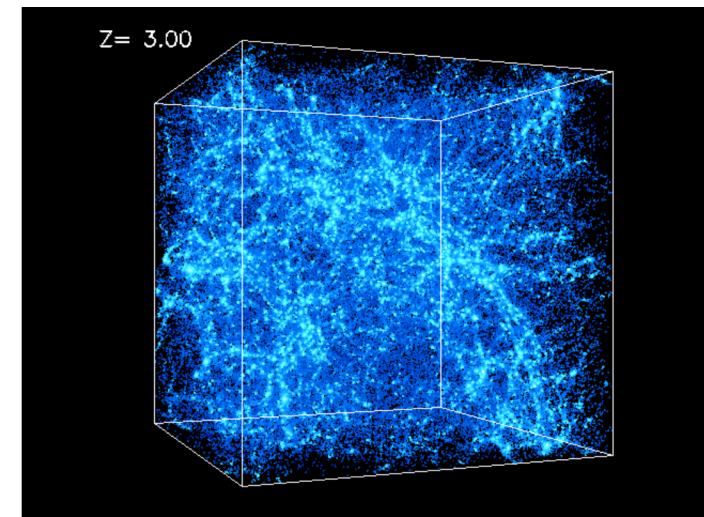
# The Dark-Matter (DM) Problem



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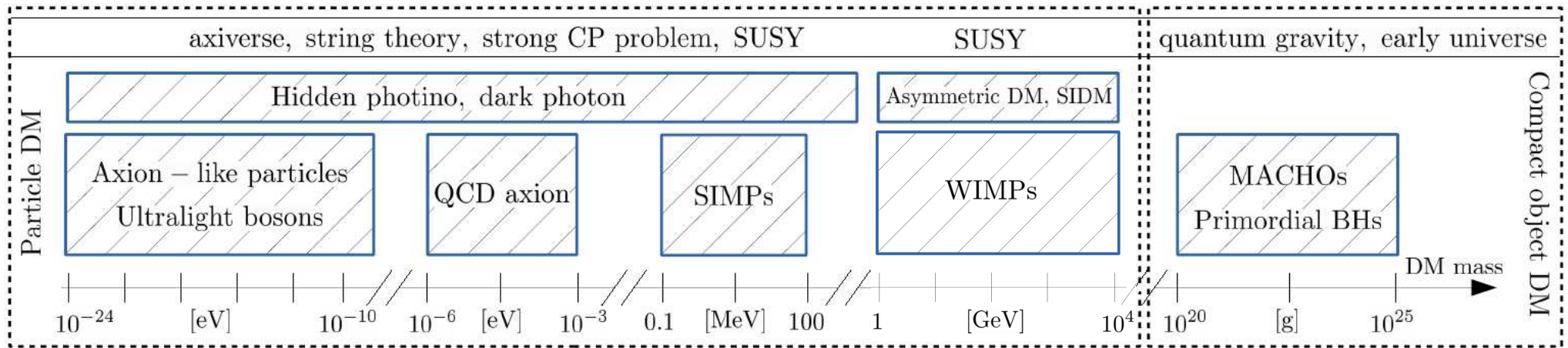
- ◆ **Cosmology**



- ◆ **Structure formation**

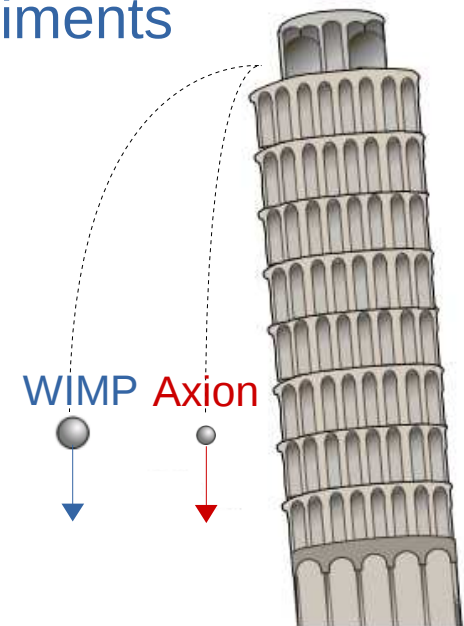
# The DM candidate problem

- ▶ **What's the nature of DM?** Each experiment focuses on a specific candidate



- ▶ **Problems:** constraint DM spectrum, interface with experiments

- ▶ Stronghold: **DM (only?) gravitates**
- ▶ Equivalence principle → gravity is universal
- ▶ **Model-independent tests of DM?**
- ▶ Complementary to direct searches



# Outline

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- ◆ **What I will discuss**

- Binary pulsars as dark-matter (DM) probes
- Constraints on ultralight bosons from black-hole (BH) superradiance
- Constraints on primordial black holes (PBHs)

- ◆ **What I will NOT discuss**

- DM accretion in neutron stars (NSs) and white dwarfs
- DM-triggered gravitational collapse inside NSs

[Bertone & Fairbairn, Phys. Rev. D77 (2008) 043515, Kouvaris & Tinyakov, Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 063531, ...]



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# Part I

# Binary pulsars as DM probes

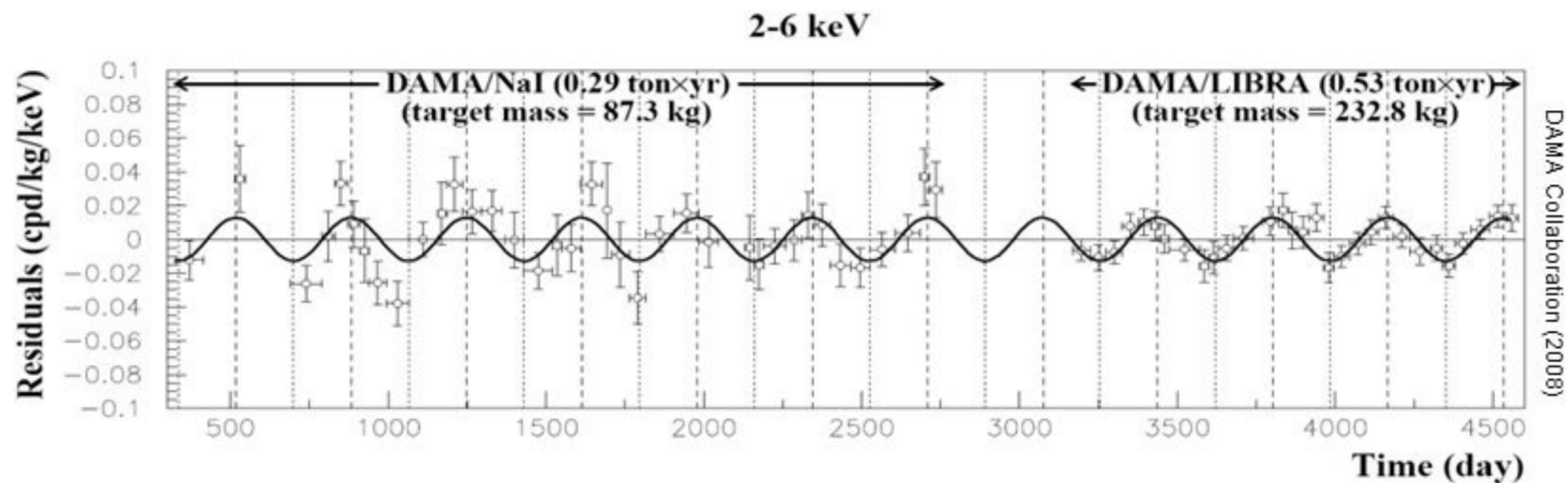
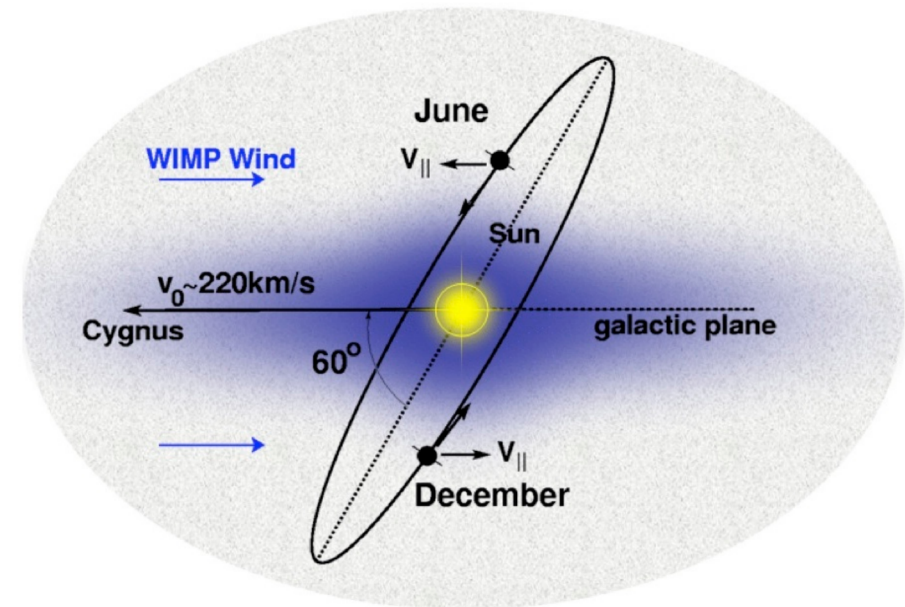
based on

**PP, *Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 12, 123530***

# DM “monsoons” on Earth

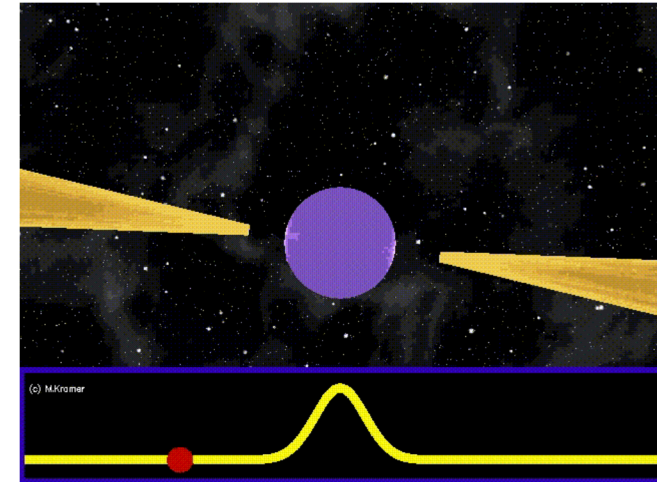
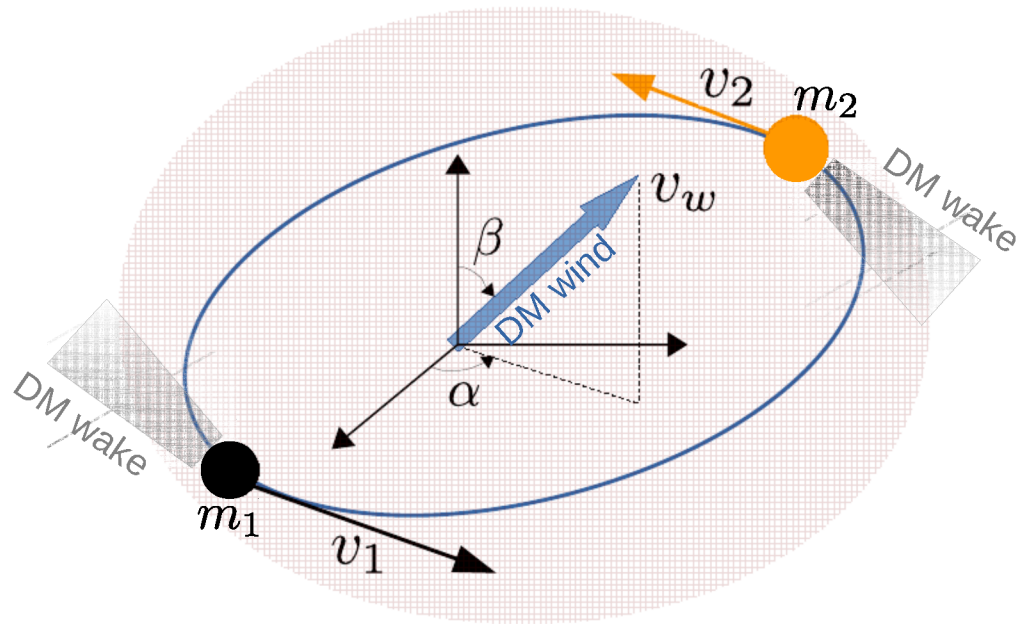
[Drukier, Freese, Spergel, Phys.Rev. D33 (1986) 3495-3508, Freese Rev. Mod. Phys. 85, 1561 2013]

- Seasonal modulation
- Depends on DM distribution
- Velocity dependence



# DM monsoons in pulsar binaries

$$m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \pm \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^3} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{F}_i^{\text{ext}}$$



$$\mathbf{F}_i^{\text{DF}} = -Ab_i \frac{m_i^2}{M} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \mathbf{v}_w$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\frac{GM}{r^3} \mathbf{r} + a_1 \eta \mathbf{v} + a_2 (\mathbf{v}_w + \mathbf{V}) \quad \dot{\mathbf{V}} = a_2 \eta \mathbf{v} + a_3 (\mathbf{v}_w + \mathbf{V})$$

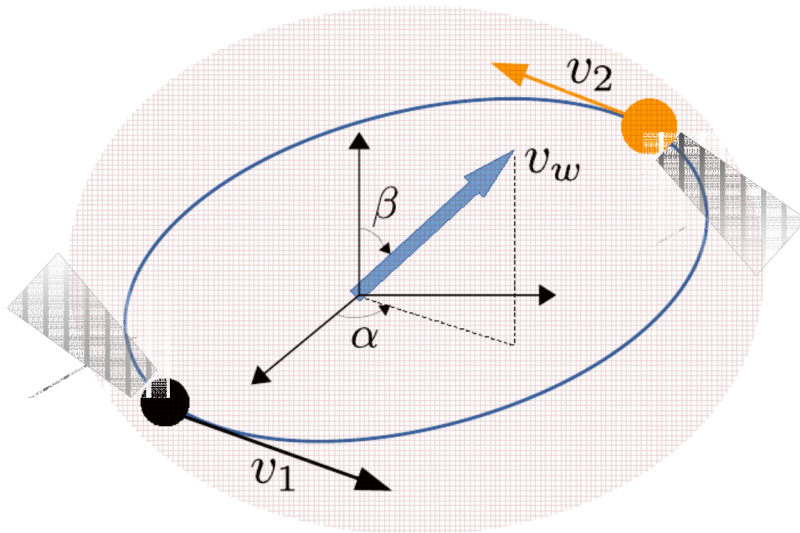
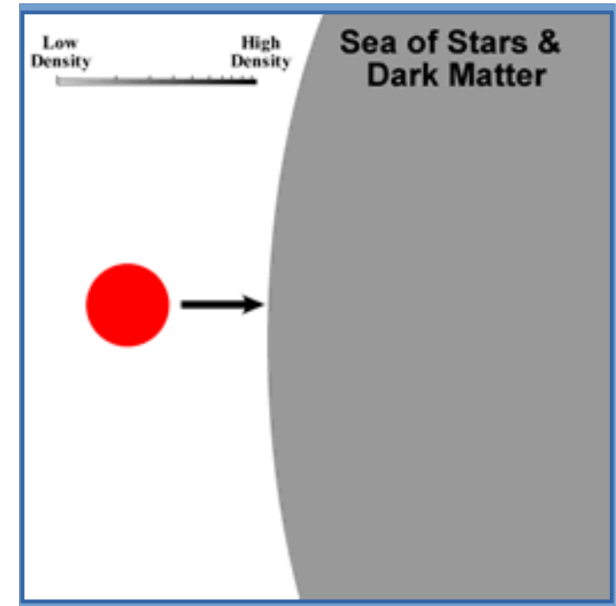
# Dynamical friction

Chandrasekhar, 1940s, Binney & Tremain, "Galactic Dynamics", 1987

$$\mathbf{F}_i^{\text{DF}} = -4\pi\rho_{\text{DM}}\lambda\frac{G^2m_i^2}{\tilde{v}_i^3}\left(\text{erf}(x_i) - \frac{2x_i}{\sqrt{\pi}}e^{-x_i^2}\right)\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i,$$

- Linear motion, collisionless medium
- Approximate for binary systems:

Bekenstein & Zamir, ApJ 1990



$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \sim -4\pi\frac{G^2(m_1 + m_{\text{DM}})m_{\text{DM}}}{v^3}\mathbf{v} \times \left[ \underbrace{\log(qv^2) \int_0^v d^3u f(u)}_{\text{Slow perturbors}} + \frac{2}{3}v^3 \underbrace{\int_v^\infty d^3u \frac{f(u)}{u^3}}_{\text{Fast perturbors}} \right]$$

$$P_b \gg \frac{Gm_i}{\sigma^3} \sim 0.6 \left( \frac{m_i}{1.3 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{150 \text{ km/s}}{\sigma} \right)^3 \text{ day}$$

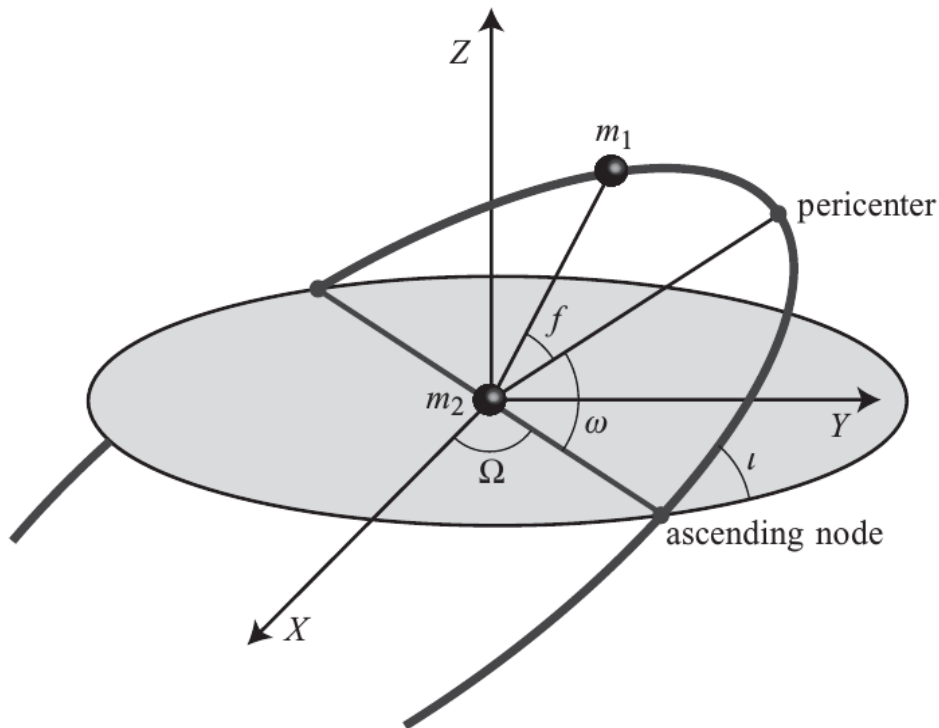


# Perturbed Newtonian dynamics

e.g. Poisson & Will "Gravity", 2014

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\frac{GM}{r^3} \mathbf{r} + a_1 \eta \mathbf{v} + a_2 (\mathbf{v}_w + \mathbf{V})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{V}} = a_2 \eta \mathbf{v} + a_3 (\mathbf{v}_w + \mathbf{V})$$



- Osculating orbits:

$$\dot{a} = 2\sqrt{\frac{r_0^3}{GM}} \mathcal{S}(t),$$

$$\dot{e} = \sqrt{\frac{r_0}{GM}} [\mathcal{R}(t) \sin \Omega_0 t + 2\mathcal{S}(t) \cos \Omega_0 t],$$

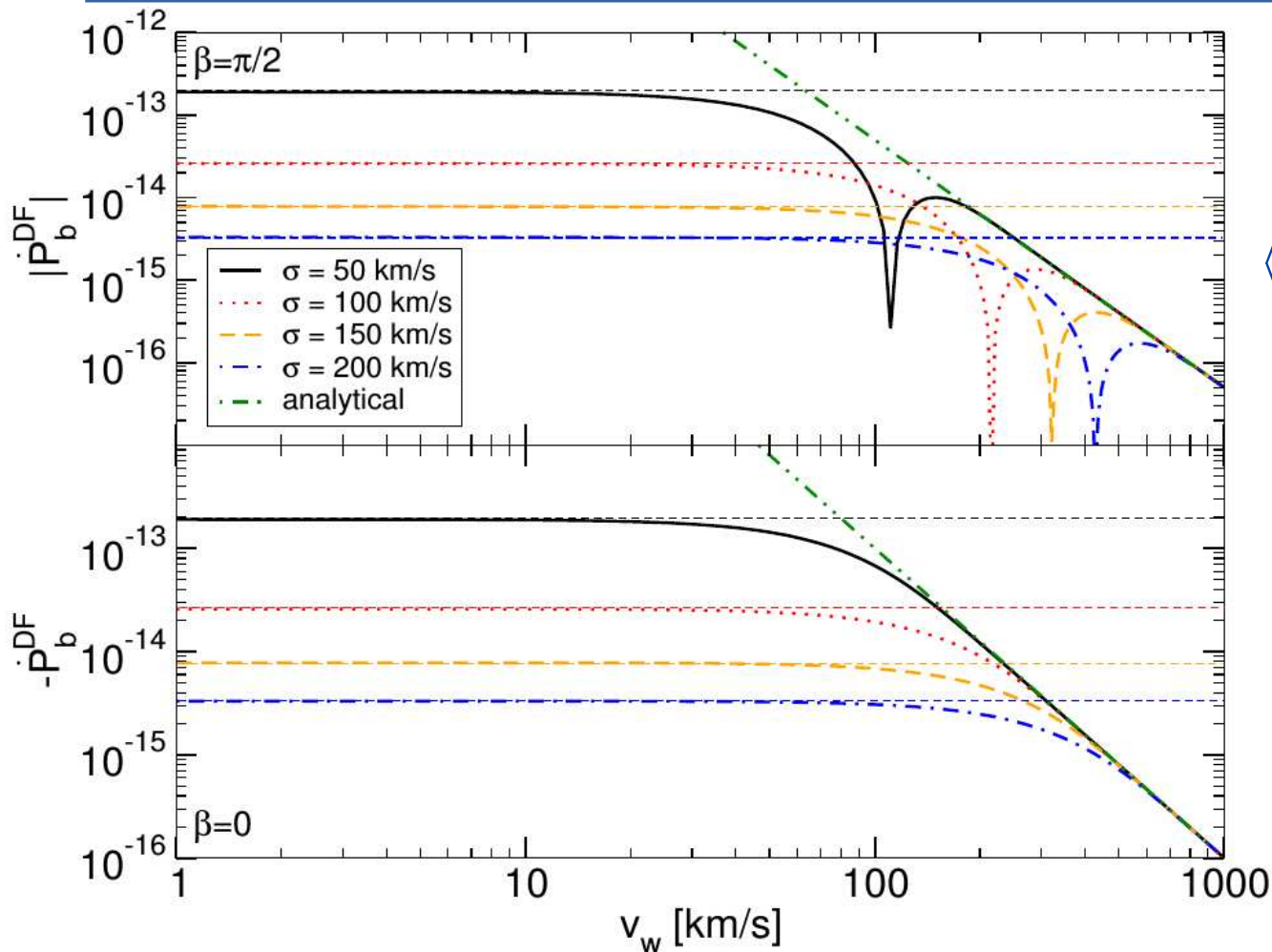
$$\dot{i} = \sqrt{\frac{r_0}{GM}} \mathcal{W}(t) \cos(\Omega_0 t + \omega),$$

$$\dot{\Omega} = \frac{1}{\sin \iota} \sqrt{\frac{r_0}{GM}} \mathcal{W}(t) \sin(\Omega_0 t + \omega),$$

$$\mathcal{R} := \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad \mathcal{S} := \mathbf{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{\lambda} \quad \mathcal{W} := \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{e}_z$$

- Secular changes:  $\langle X \rangle := P_b^{-1} \int_0^{P_b} dt X(t)$

# Secular changes of the orbital period



$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DM}} \rangle = f(m_i, P_b, v_w, \alpha, \beta, \sigma)$$

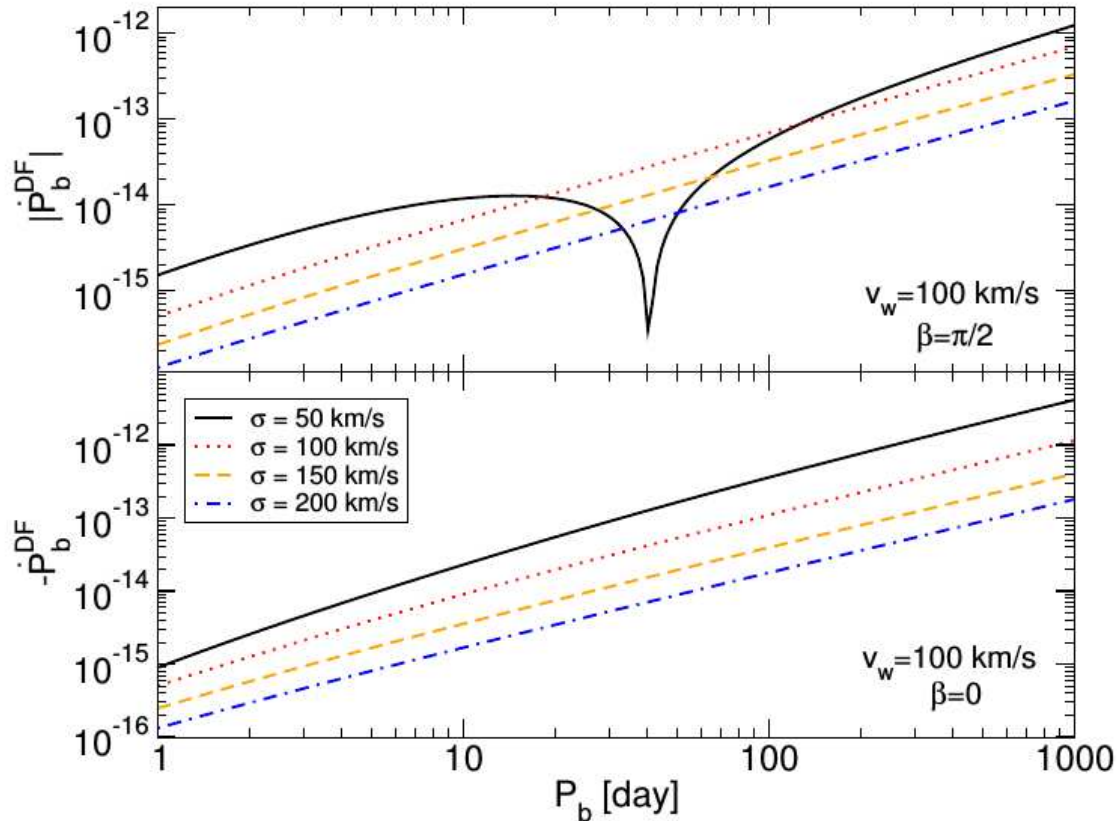
$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DF}} \rangle \sim -8\sqrt{2\pi}G^2 \frac{\mu\lambda\rho_{\text{DM}}P_b}{\sigma^3}$$

in the large-sigma limit

[Gould 1991]

$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DF}} \rangle \approx -3 \times 10^{-14} \left( \frac{\lambda}{20} \right) \left( \frac{\mu}{M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{2 \times 10^3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{P_b}{100 \text{ day}} \right) \left( \frac{150 \text{ km/s}}{\sigma} \right)^3$$

# Secular changes of the orbital period



Other contributions:

$$\dot{P}_b^{\text{cm}} = P_b \dot{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_Z$$

Center-of-mass acceleration

$$\dot{P}_b^{\iota} = \frac{3}{2} \tan \iota P_b \dot{i}$$

Apparent change due to inclination

$$55^\circ \lesssim \beta \lesssim 125^\circ \Rightarrow \langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DF}} \rangle > 0$$

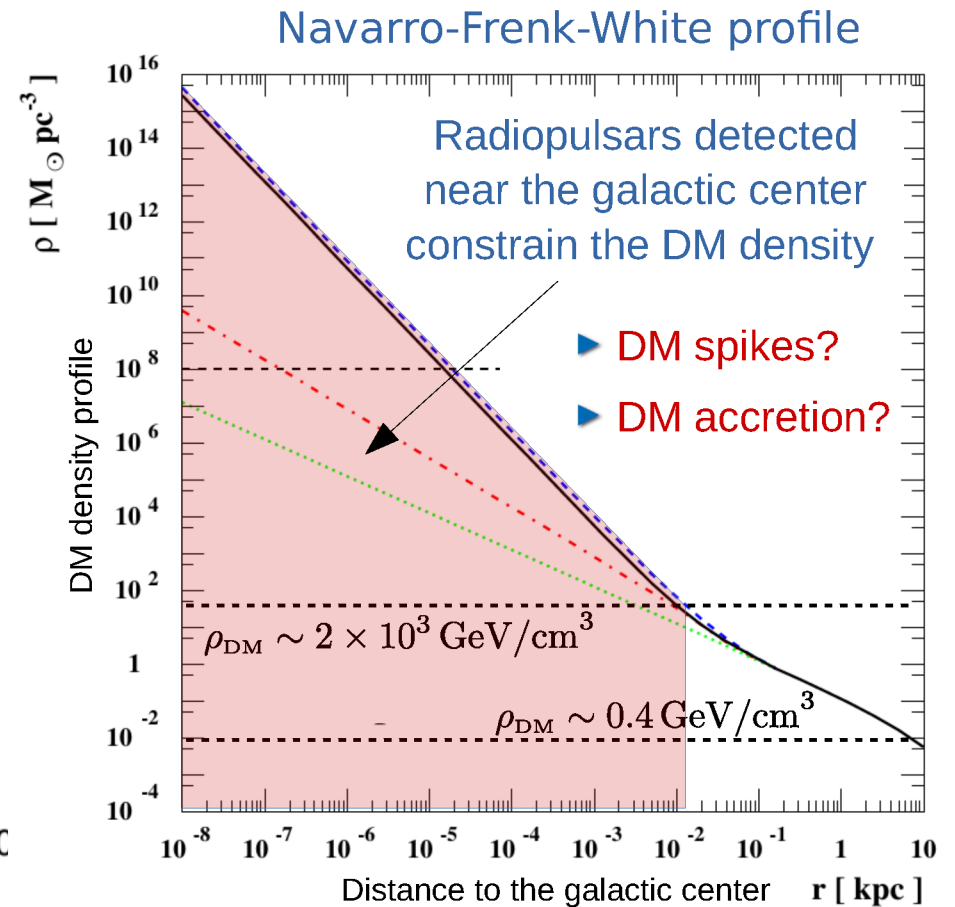
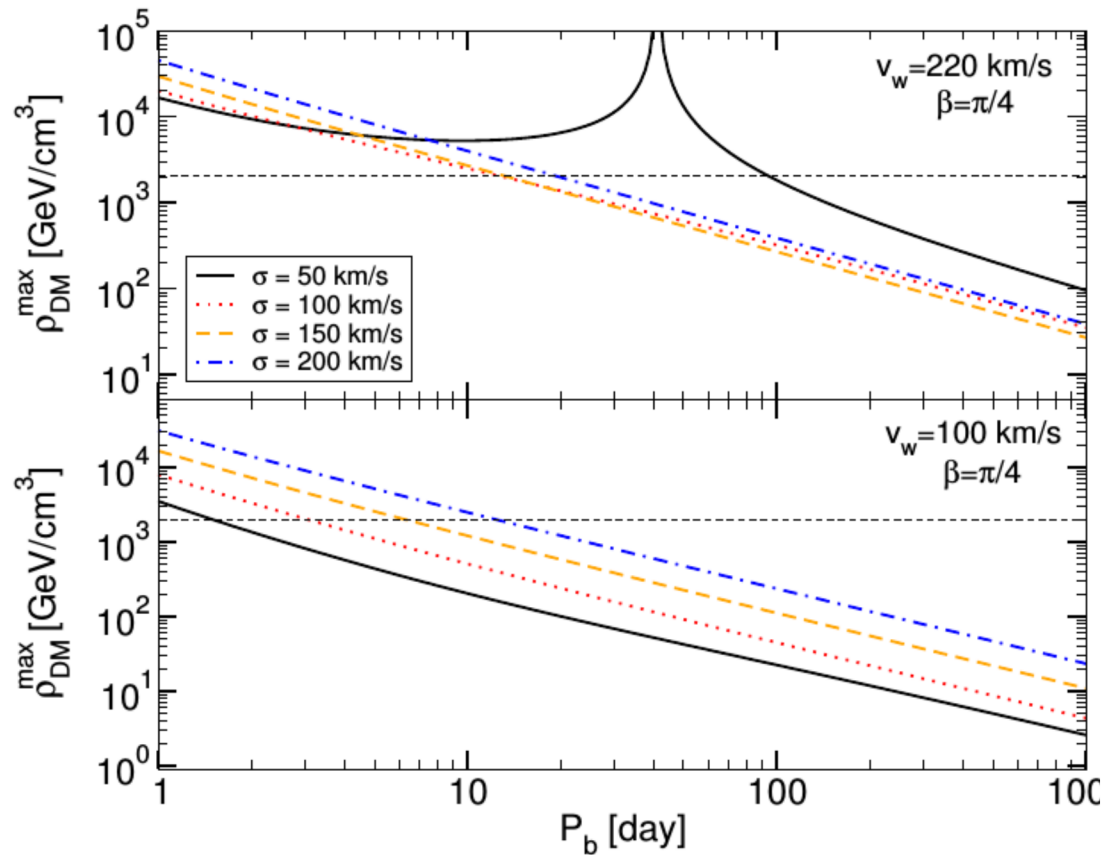
Violation of Heggie's law

“Hard binaries ( $E_b \gg m_{\text{DM}} \sigma^2$ ) get harder, soft binaries get softer”

[Heggie 1975]

# Probing DM with pulsar timing

$$|\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DF}} + \dot{P}_b^{\text{cm}} + \dot{P}_b^{\text{t}} \rangle| \lesssim \dot{P}_b^{\text{xs}} \Rightarrow \rho_{\text{DM}} < \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{max}}$$



SKA will improve current sensitivity by 2 orders of magnitude!



# Bounds on local DM density

$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{DF}} \rangle \approx -3 \times 10^{-14} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{2 \times 10^3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{P_b}{100 \text{ day}} \right) \left( \frac{150 \text{ km/s}}{\sigma} \right)^3$$

J1738+0333

$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{XS}} \rangle \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-15} \quad [\text{Freire+, 2012}]$$

$$P_b \sim 0.3547907398724(13) \text{ day}$$

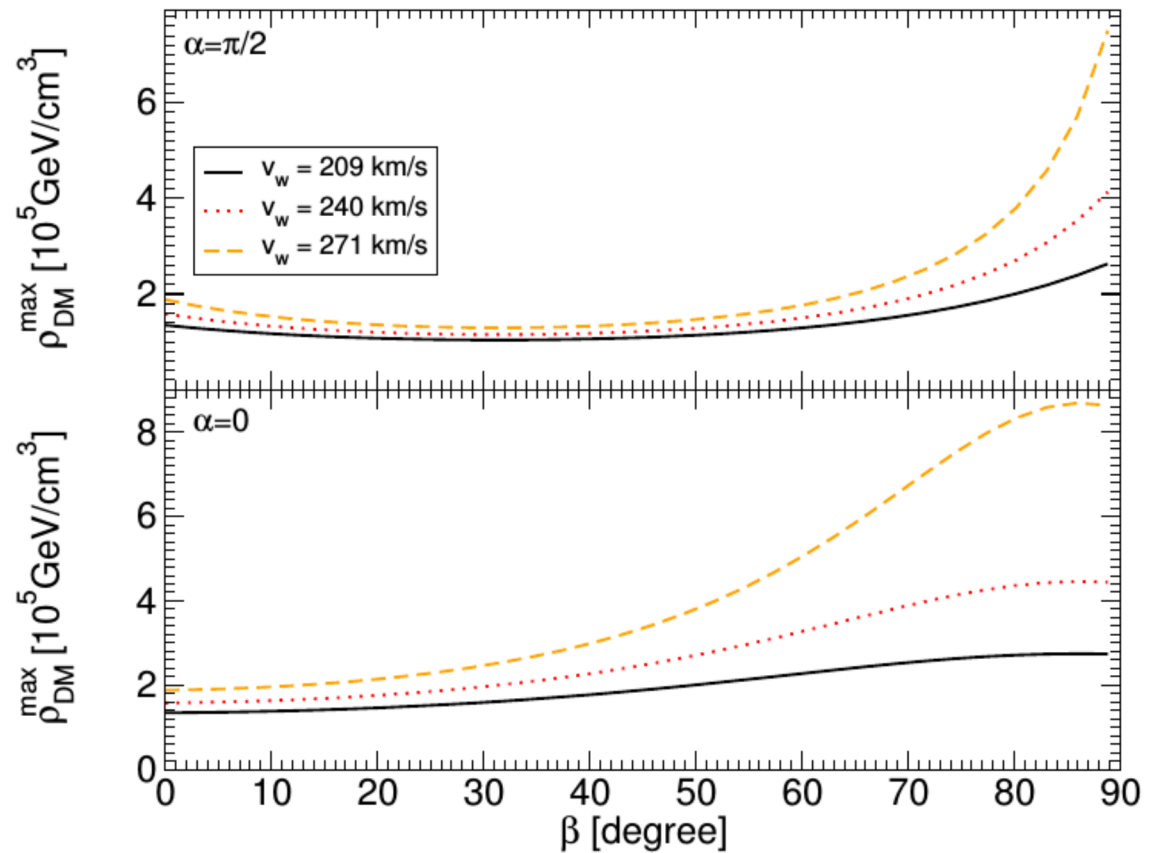
J1713+0747

$$\langle \dot{P}_b^{\text{XS}} \rangle \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-13} \quad [\text{Zhu+, 2015}]$$

$$P_b \sim 67.82513682426(16) \text{ day}$$

$$\dot{P}_b^{\text{GW}} \approx -6 \times 10^{-18}$$

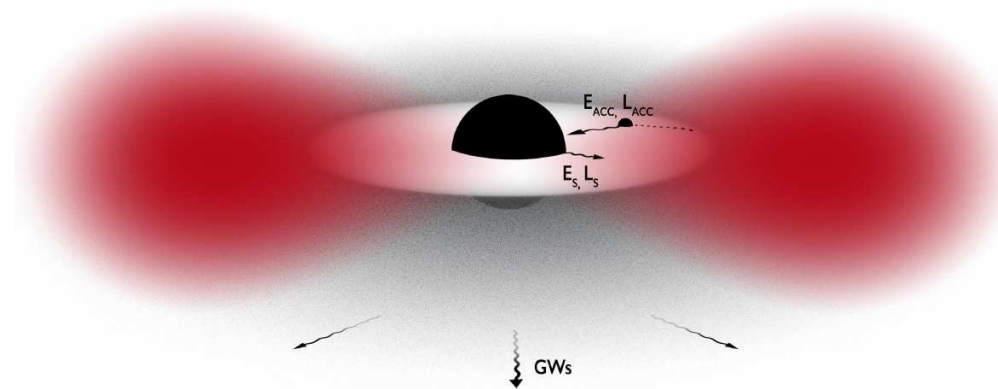
$$J1024-0719 \rightarrow P_b > 200 \text{ yr} \quad [\text{Bassa+, 2016}]$$



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# Part II

## BHs as detectors of ultralight particles



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**R. Brito, V. Cardoso, PP, “Superradiance”  
Springer's Lect.Notes Phys. 906 (2015)  
arXiv:1501.06570**

# Superradiant instability

Press & Teukolsky, 1972; Deruelle, Damour & Ruffini, Detweiler, Zouros & Eardley 1980s;...

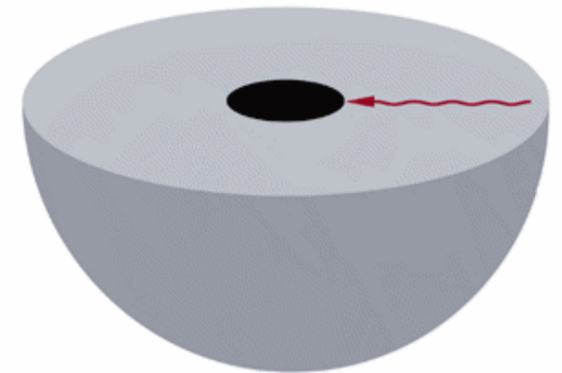
- Massive fields around spinning BHs are **unstable**

- $$\square\phi - \frac{\mu^2 c^2}{\hbar^2}\phi = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi \sim e^{t/\tau}$$

Formal proof:  
[Shlapentokh-Rothman (2015)]

- ♦ Superradiant scattering off a Kerr BH when  $\omega/m < \Omega_H$
- ♦ Yukawa-type effective potential

Zeldovich, 1972



Superradiance requires **dissipation**, depends on the **nature of the bosonic field** ..

$$\frac{G}{\hbar c} M \mu \sim \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{\mu c^2}{10^{-8} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

Coupling parameter

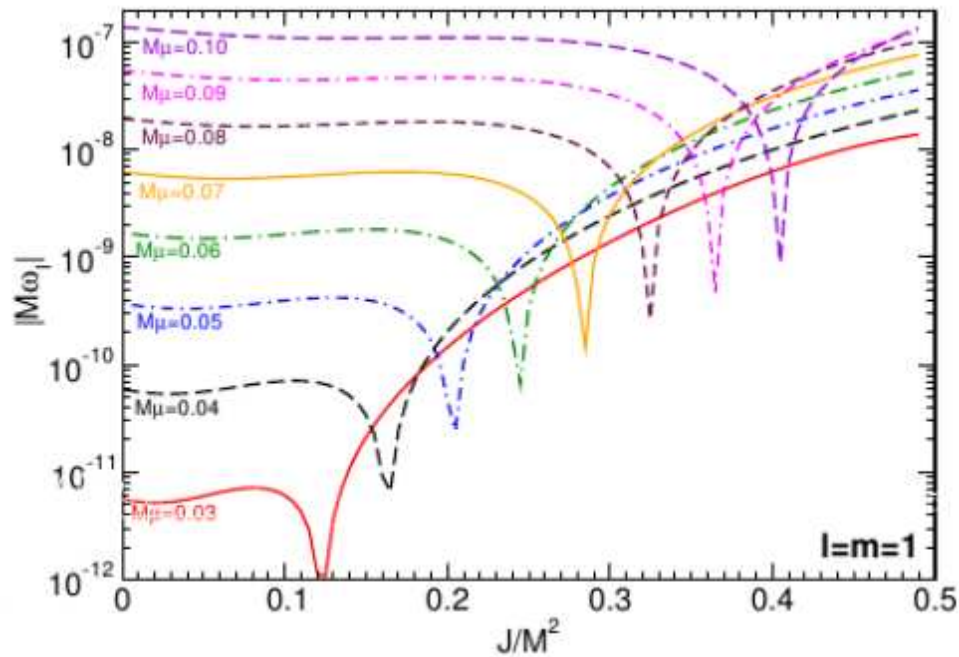
$$\frac{G}{\hbar c} \mu M \sim 1 \rightarrow \tau \sim 10^6 M \sim 0.1 \left( \frac{M}{10^6 M_\odot} \right) \text{ yr}$$

for scalar fields

# Instability of bosonic fields

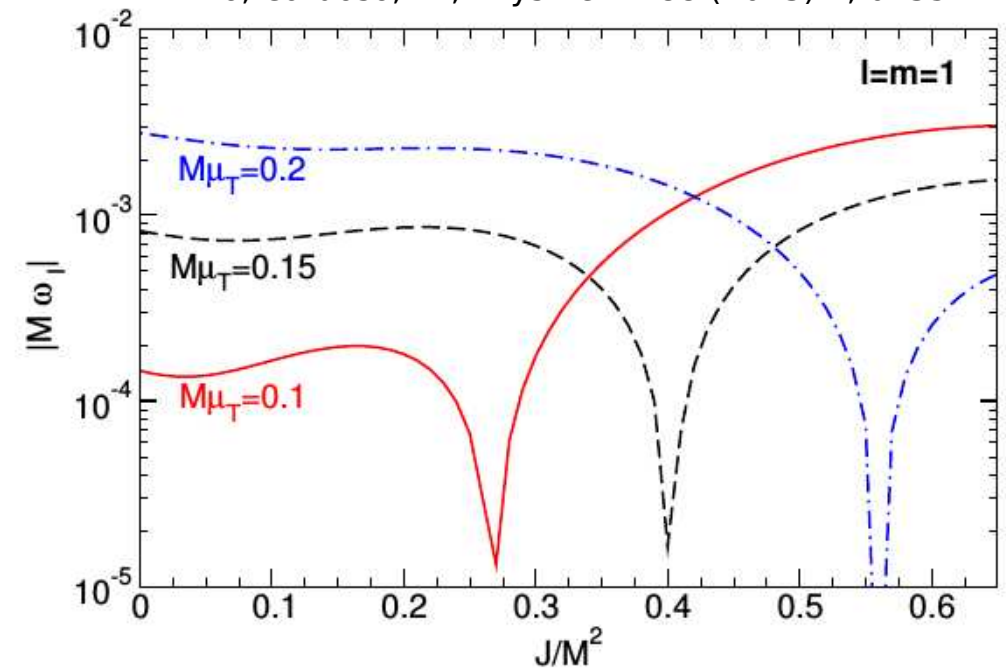
## Proca field (massive spin-1)

Pani+, Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012)



## Massive spin-2

Brito, Cardoso, PP, Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) 2, 023514



Strongest instability of a Kerr BH to date

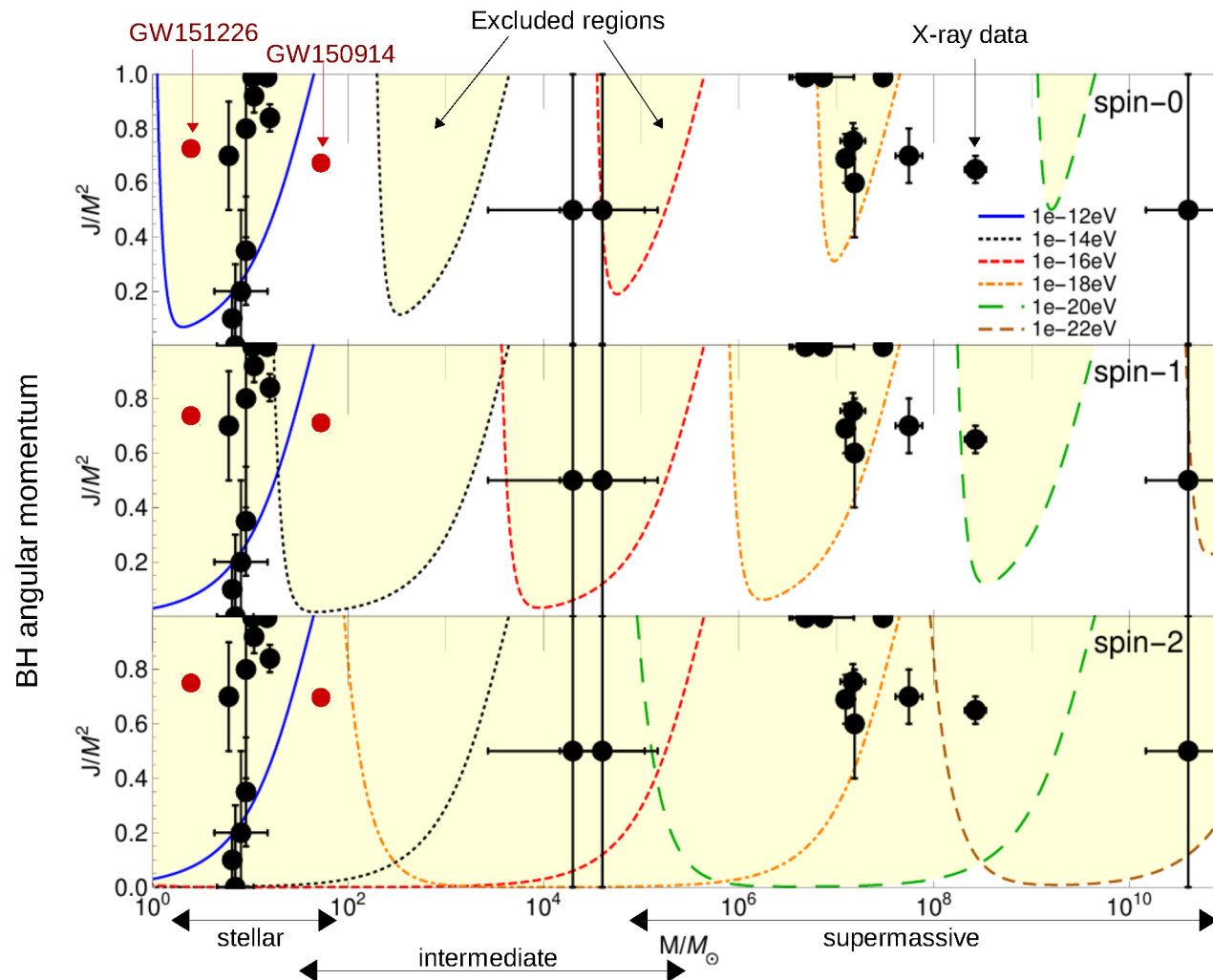
$$\omega_R \sim \mu - \frac{\mu(M\mu)^2}{2(\ell + n + S + 1)^2}$$

$$\omega_I \sim -(\omega_R - m\Omega_H)(M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$$

SlowRot approximation agrees well with exact numerical results Witek+, Phys.Rev. D87 (2013) 043513



# Bounds on light bosons



String axiverse  
Arvanitaki+, '11-'14

QCD axion

Axion-like particles

Dark photons

Hidden U(1) sector

Massive photon

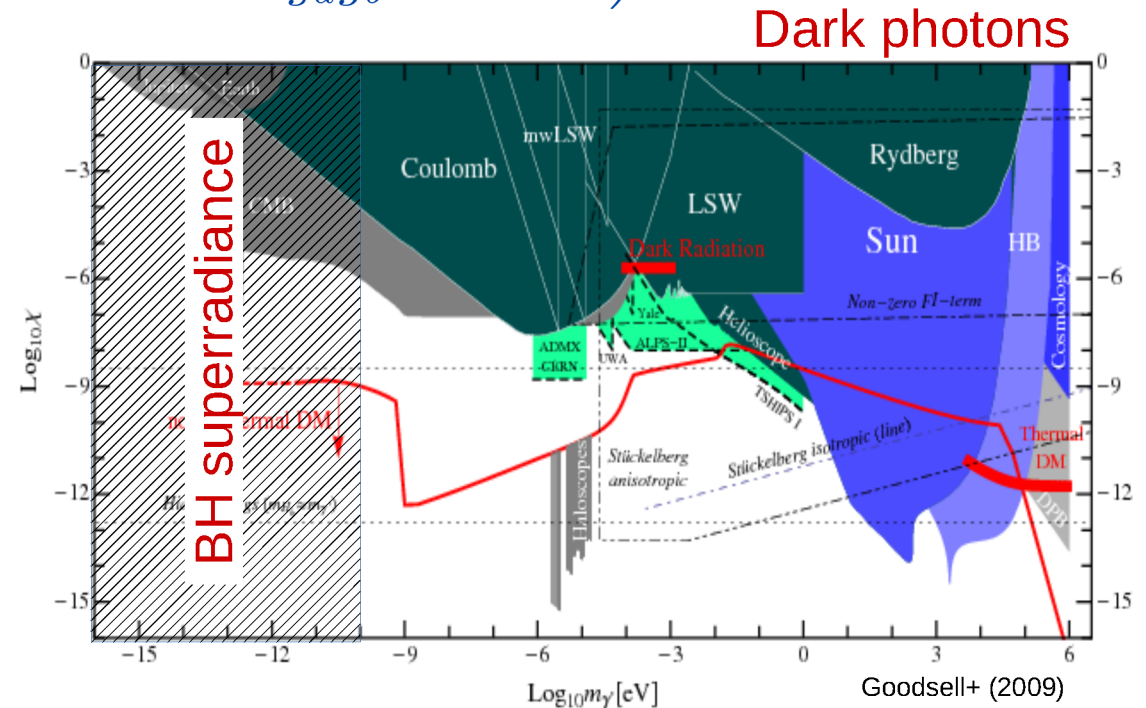
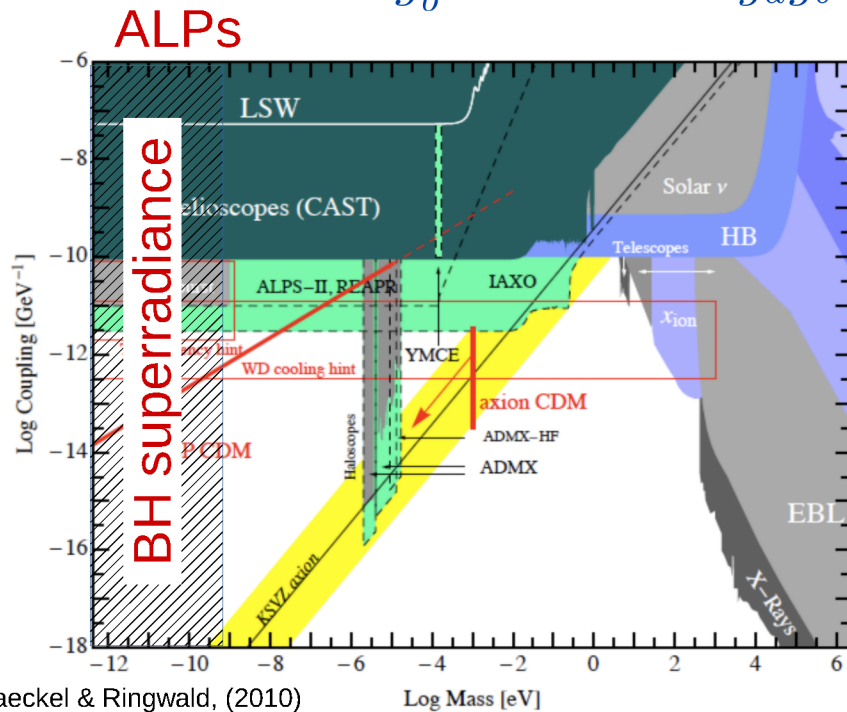
Massive spin-2

Massive graviton

If ultralight particles exist in nature → no highly-spinning BHs!

# Bounds on ALPs and dark photons

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{R}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{4g_a} F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} F^{\mu\nu}_{(a)} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a - m_a^2 a^2) + \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu}^* F^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{4g_b^2} F_{\mu\nu}^{(b)} F^{\mu\nu}_{(b)} + \frac{\chi_{ab}}{2g_a g_b} F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} F^{(b)\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{ab}^2}{g_a g_b} A_\mu^{(a)} A^{(b)\mu} \right)$$



- ▶ Preliminary bounds on dark photons [Pani+, Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 131102]
- ▶ Constraints on graviton mass better than GW150914 [Brito+, Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 023514]



# Evolution of the instability

Brito, Cardoso, PP, 2015 Class. Quantum Grav. 32 134001

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{R}{16\pi} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \Psi_{,\mu}^* \Psi_{,\nu} - \frac{\mu^2}{2} \Psi^* \Psi \right)$$

- Separation of scales → adiabatic approximation
- Superradiance extraction → linearized analysis
- GW emission → quadrupole fails, relativistic computation
- Accretion of gas → Eddington accretion + geodesics

$$\dot{M} + \dot{M}_S = -\dot{E}_{\text{GW}} + \dot{M}_{\text{accr}}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{GW}} \sim (M\mu)^{14} [M_S/M]^2$$

Yoshino & Kodama, PTEP 2014 (2014) 043E02

$$\dot{J} + \dot{J}_S = -\dot{J}_{\text{GW}} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \dot{E}_{\text{GW}} + \dot{J}_{\text{accr}}$$

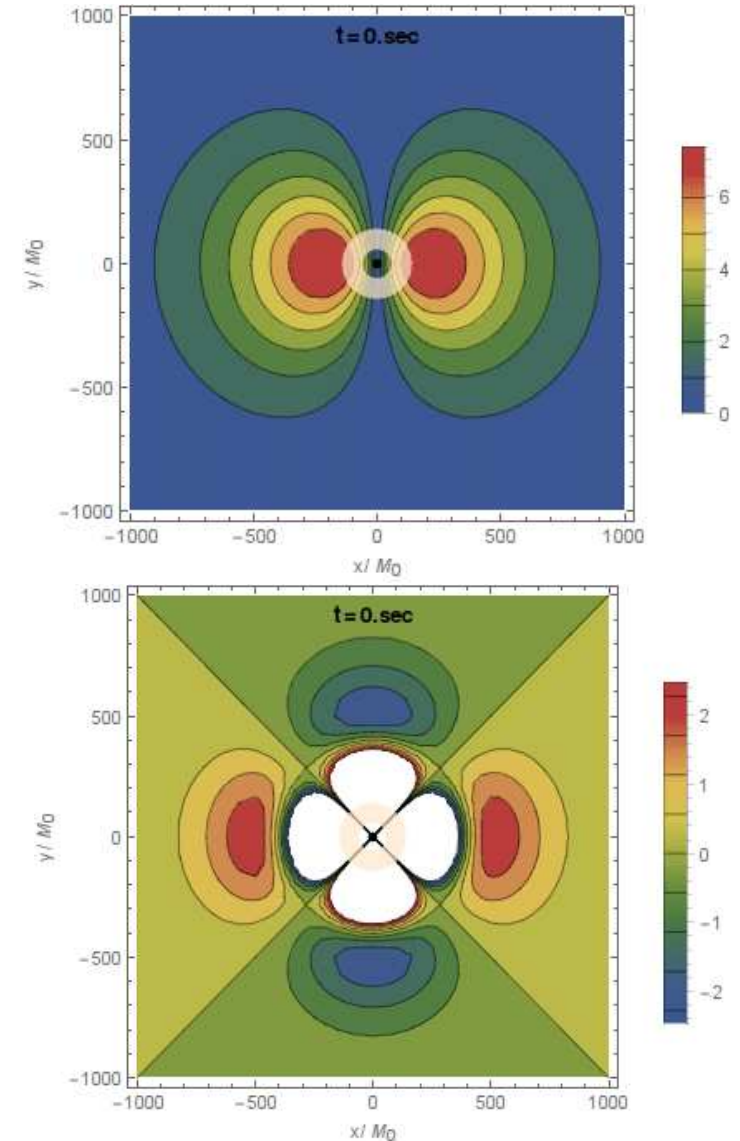
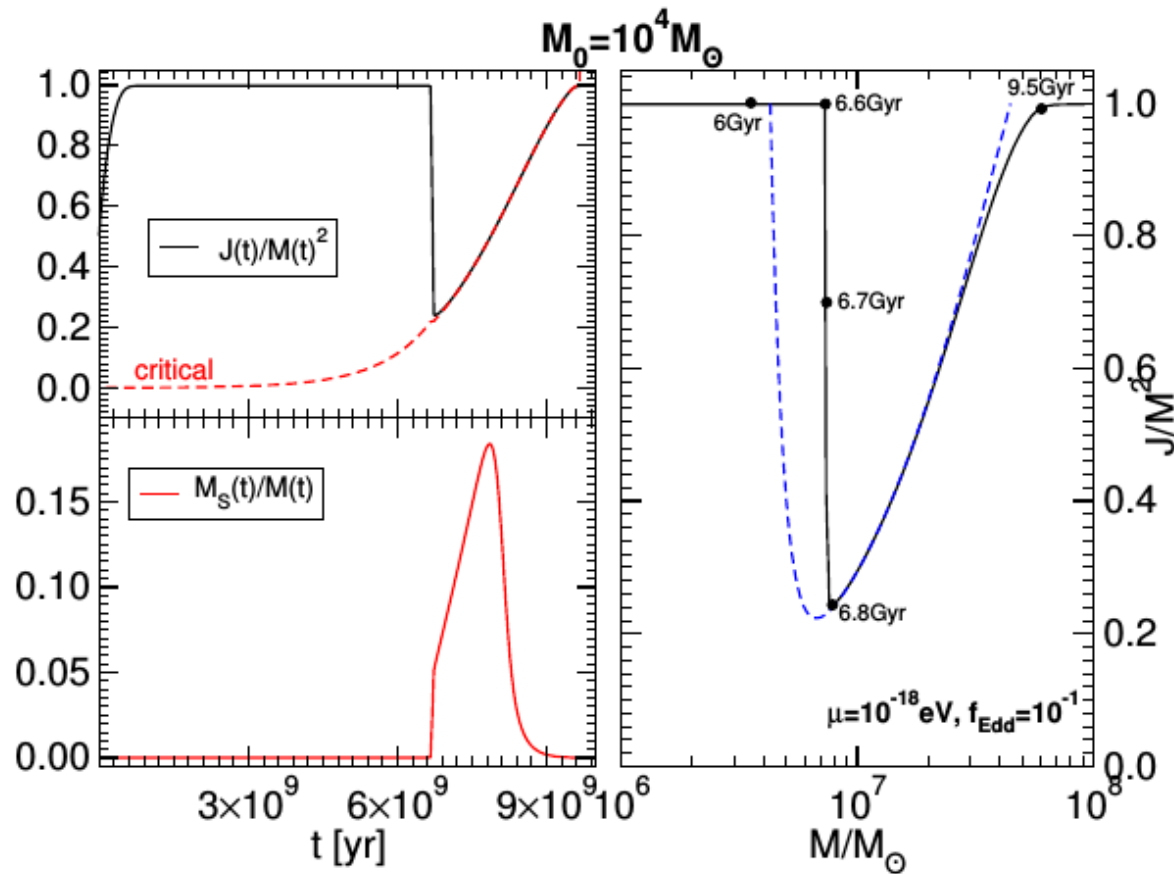
$$\dot{M}_{\text{accr}} \sim 0.02 f_{\text{Edd}} \frac{M}{10^6 M_{\odot}} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

$$\dot{M} = -\dot{E}_S + \dot{M}_{\text{accr}} \quad \dot{J} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \dot{E}_S + \dot{J}_{\text{accr}}$$

Barausse, Cardoso, PP, Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 104059

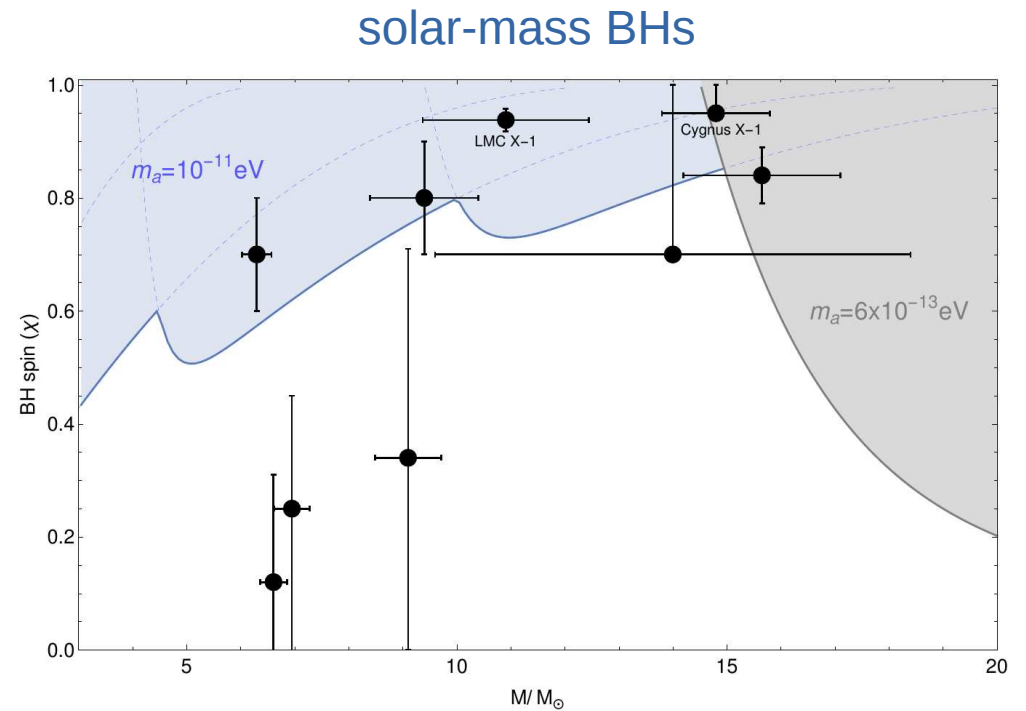
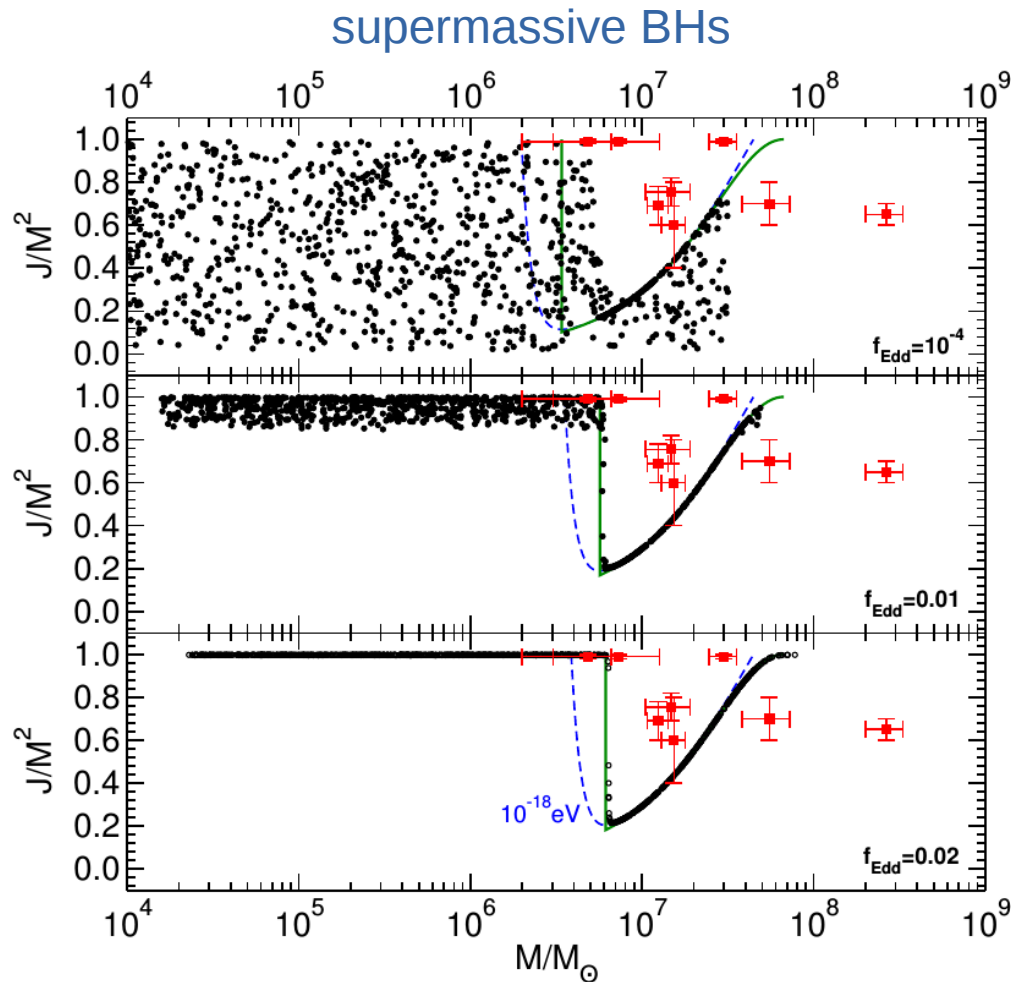
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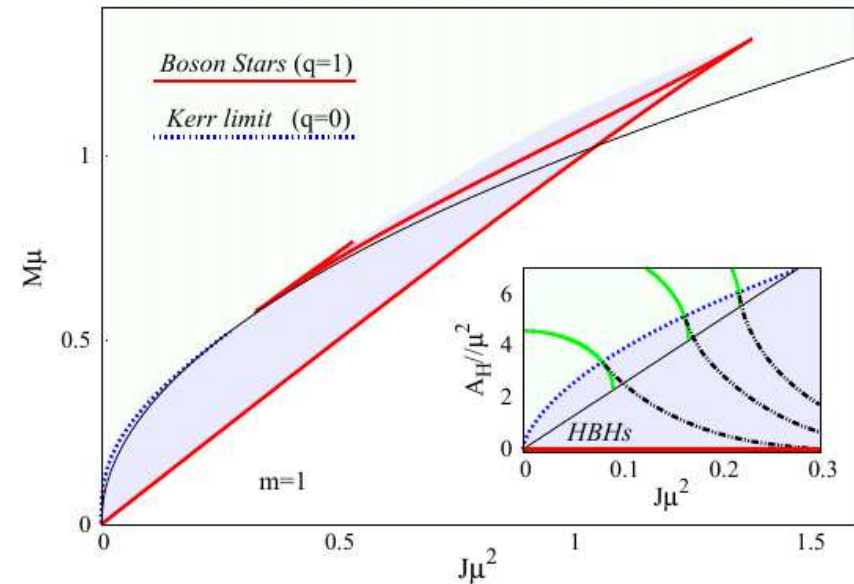
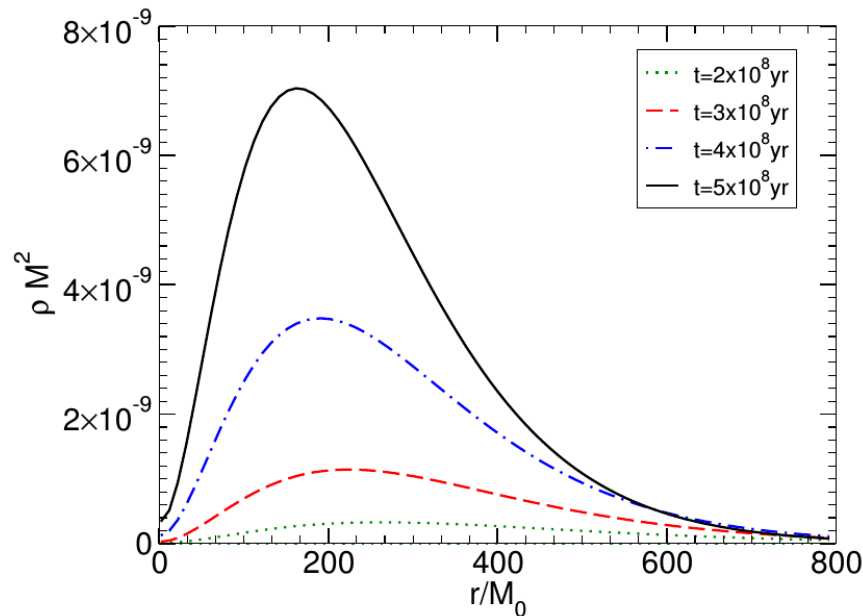
# Evolution of the instability



Work in progress with Matt Middleton, 2016

Generic prediction: “holes” in the Regge plane Arvanitaki+, Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 044026

# BHs and bosonic clouds



Herdeiro & Radu, PRL 112 (2014) 221101

- **Complex fields** → stationary hairy BHs, formation mechanism?
- **Real fields** → spontaneously formed ultralong-lived states
- **Backreaction is negligible** → Kerr metric
  - No EM signature, but various GW signals

Arvanitaki, Baryakhtar, Huang, PRD 91, 084011 (2015)

Yoshino & Kodama CQG 32 (2015) 21, 214001

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# Part III

# Primordial BH bombs

based on

**PP & Loeb, Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) 041301**

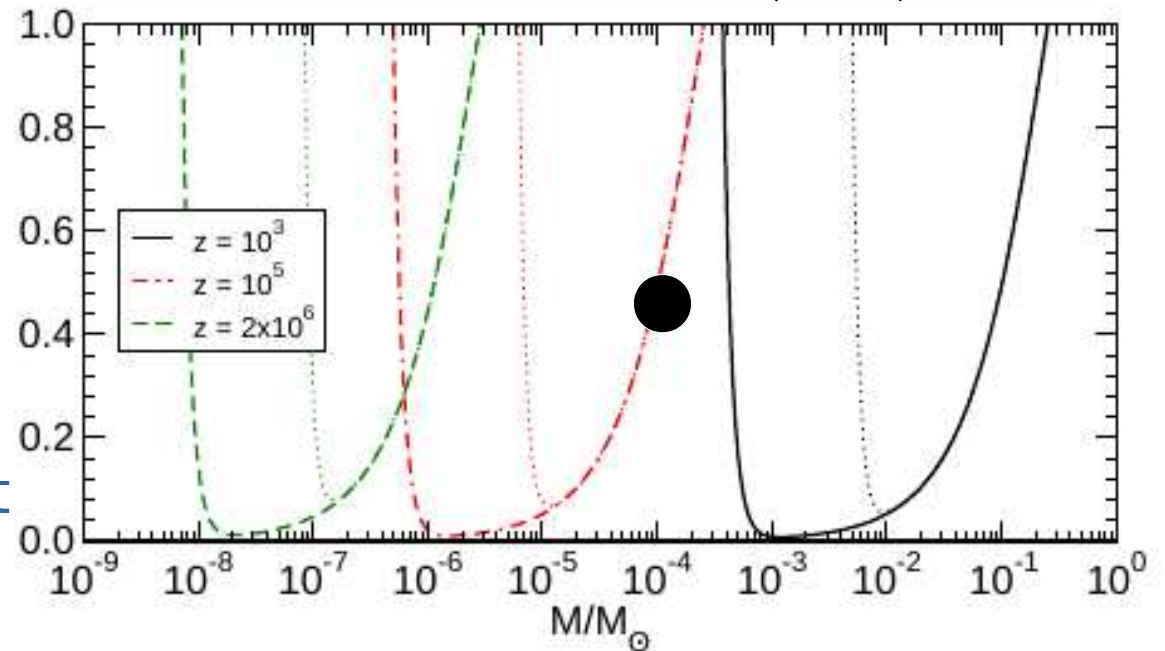
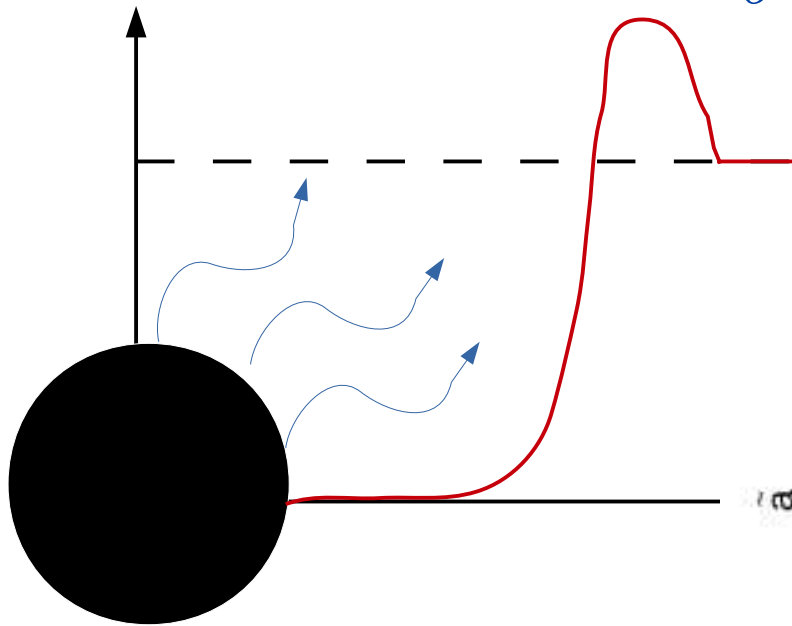
# Primordial BH bombs

$$\nabla_{\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu} = \omega_p^2 A^{\nu}$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{4\pi e^2 n / m_e}$$

Plasma frequency

$$n_{\text{gas}} \approx 220 \text{cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{1+z}{1000} \right)^3$$

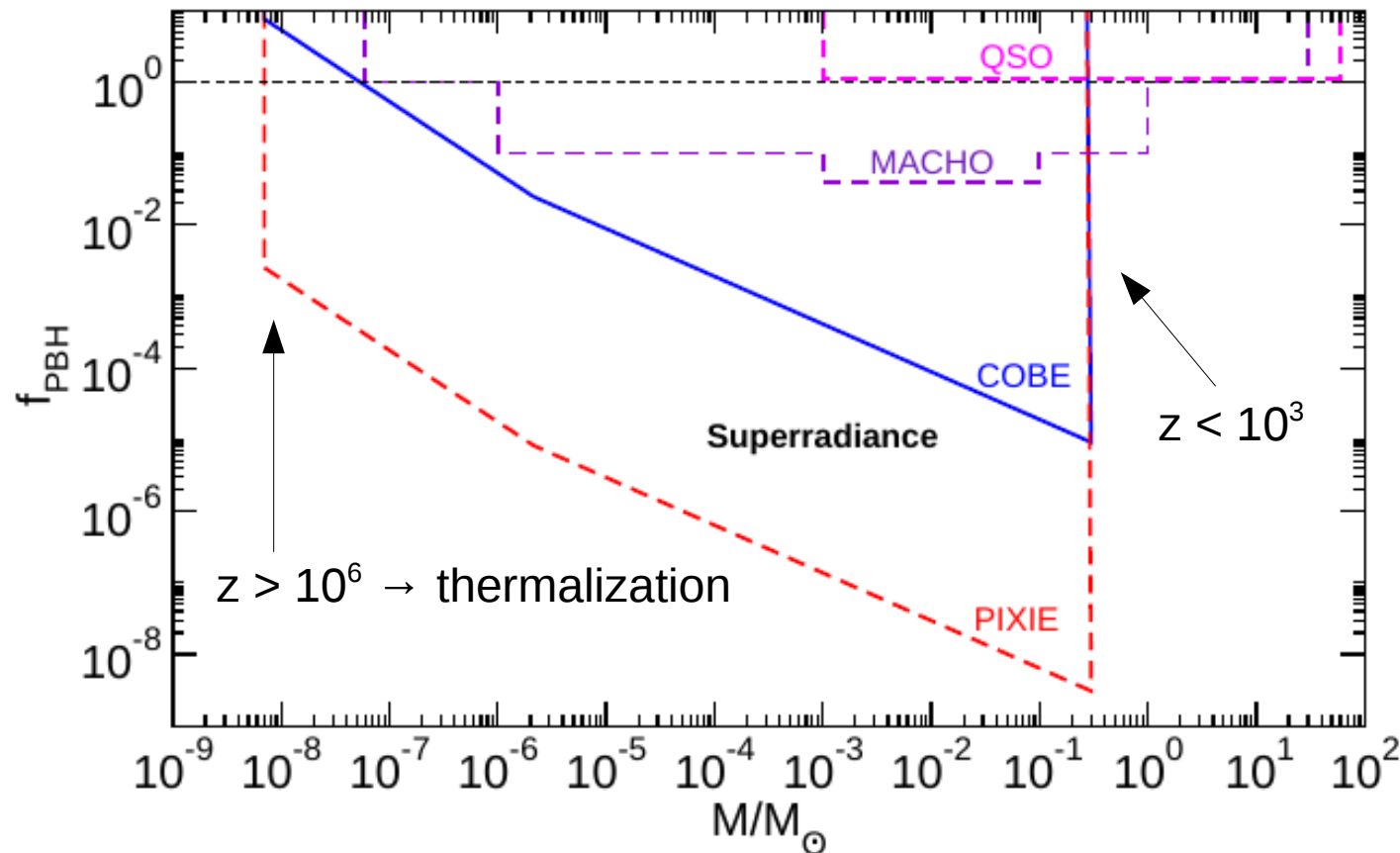


- Instability at different redshift

$$\frac{\Delta M}{M} \approx \frac{\tilde{a} M \omega_R}{1 - 2\tilde{a} M \omega_R} \approx 10^{-3} \left( \frac{1+z}{10^3} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{\tilde{a} M}{10^{-3} M_{\odot}} \right)$$

# Primordial BH bombs

$$\frac{\Delta U}{U} = \langle \tilde{a} \rangle f_{\text{PBH}} M \frac{\rho_{\text{crit}}^0 \Omega_{\text{DM}}}{\sigma T_0^4} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi e^2 n_0}{m_e}} (1+z)^{1/2}$$



- 95% confidence-level bounds due to  $\mu$  and  $y$  CMB distortions

# Conclusions & Outlook

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- Compact objects are **unique labs** for **beyond-SM physics** and **extensions of GR**
- **Probing DM with binary pulsars is possible**
  - SKA will improve current bounds by 2 orders of magnitude
  - Model-independent constraints on DM profiles, DM spikes, clumps
- **Probing ultralight bosons with BHs**
  - Lack of highly spinning BHs → stringent constraints
  - monochromatic GW signal in the aLIGO/aVIRGO band
- **Bounds on primordial BHs from plasma-triggered superradiant instabilities**
- **Work in progress**
  - **Pulsars:** generic orbital period, accretion, DM interactions, timing model
  - **BHs:** GW signal, nonlinear interactions, other massive fields, time evolution