Imprints of ultralight axions on the gravitational wave and pulsar timing measurement

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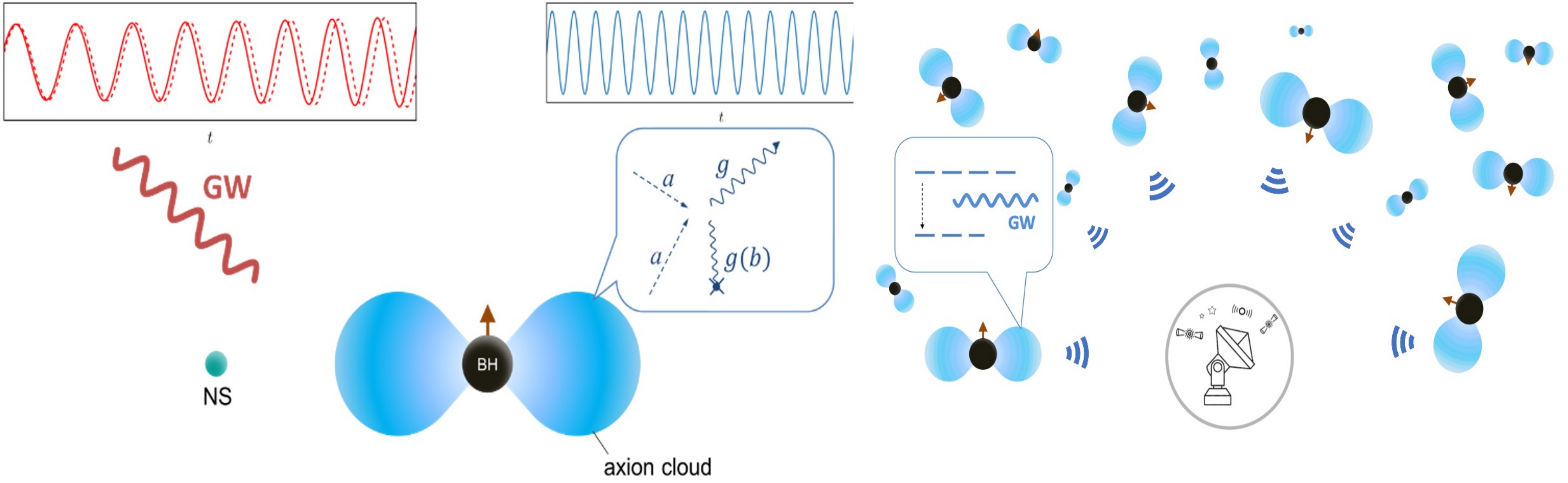
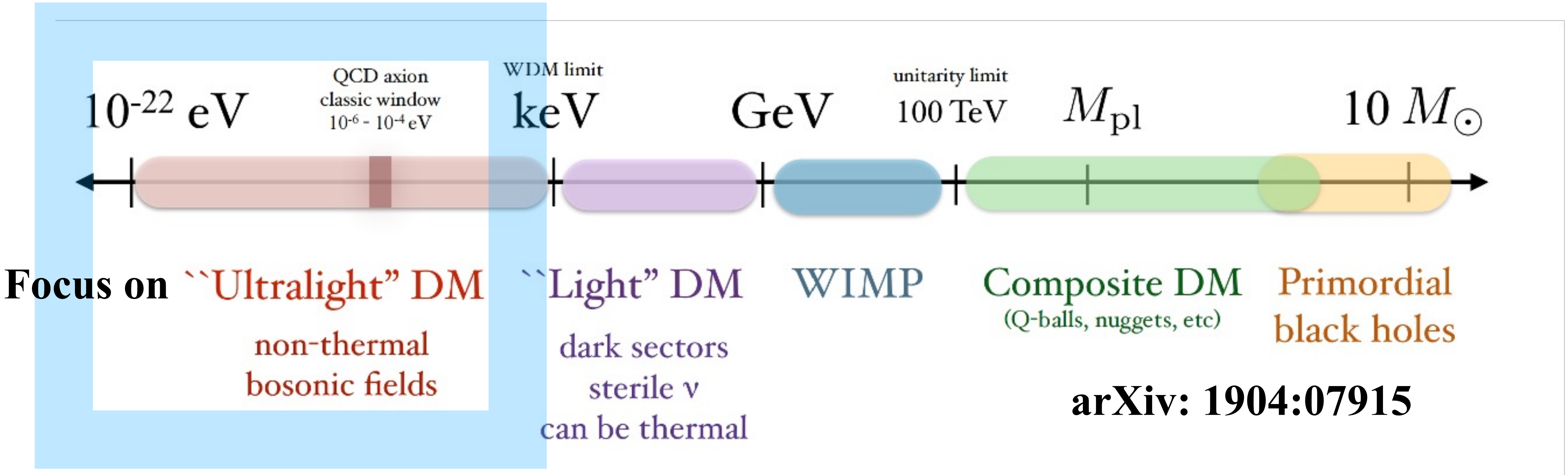
- ➢Radio signals of ultralight dark matter (DM)
- ➢Gravitational wave (GW) signals of from axion annihilation at Tian&LISA
- ➢GW of ultralight axion transition at NANOGrav
- ➢Conclusion



What is DM?

What is the microscopic nature of DM?

No expected signals at LHC and DM direct search.



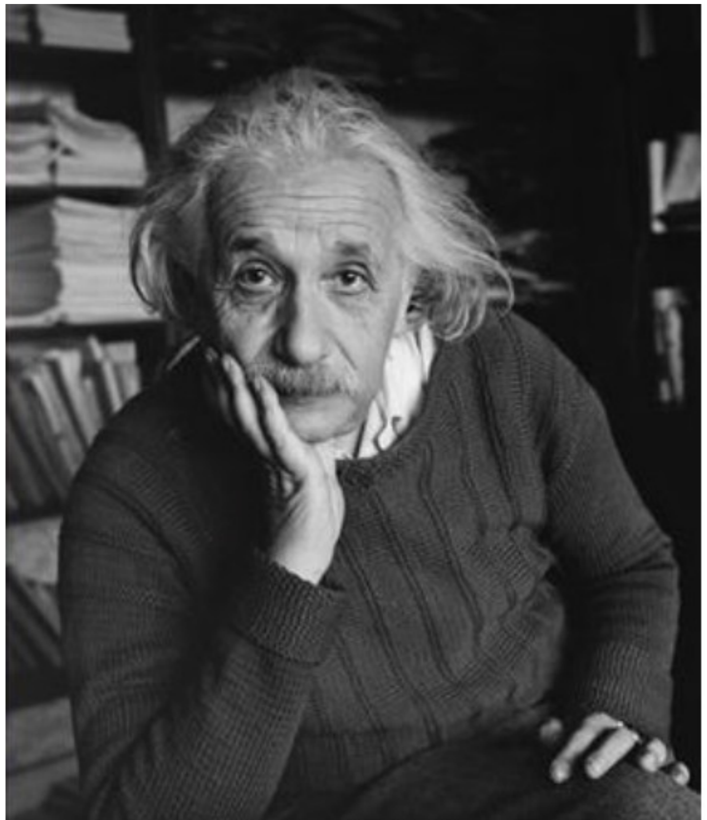
How to detect DM?

This situation may point us towards ultralight DM with new approaches, such as

radio telescope (SKA/FAST…)

& GW detector (LISA/TianQin/Taiji…)

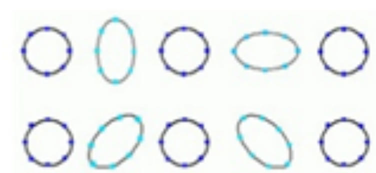
What is GW?

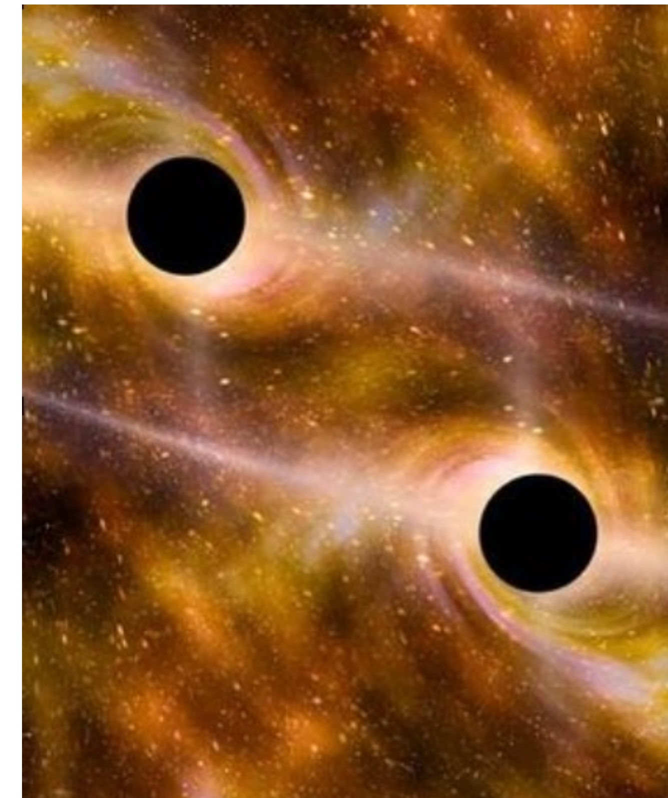


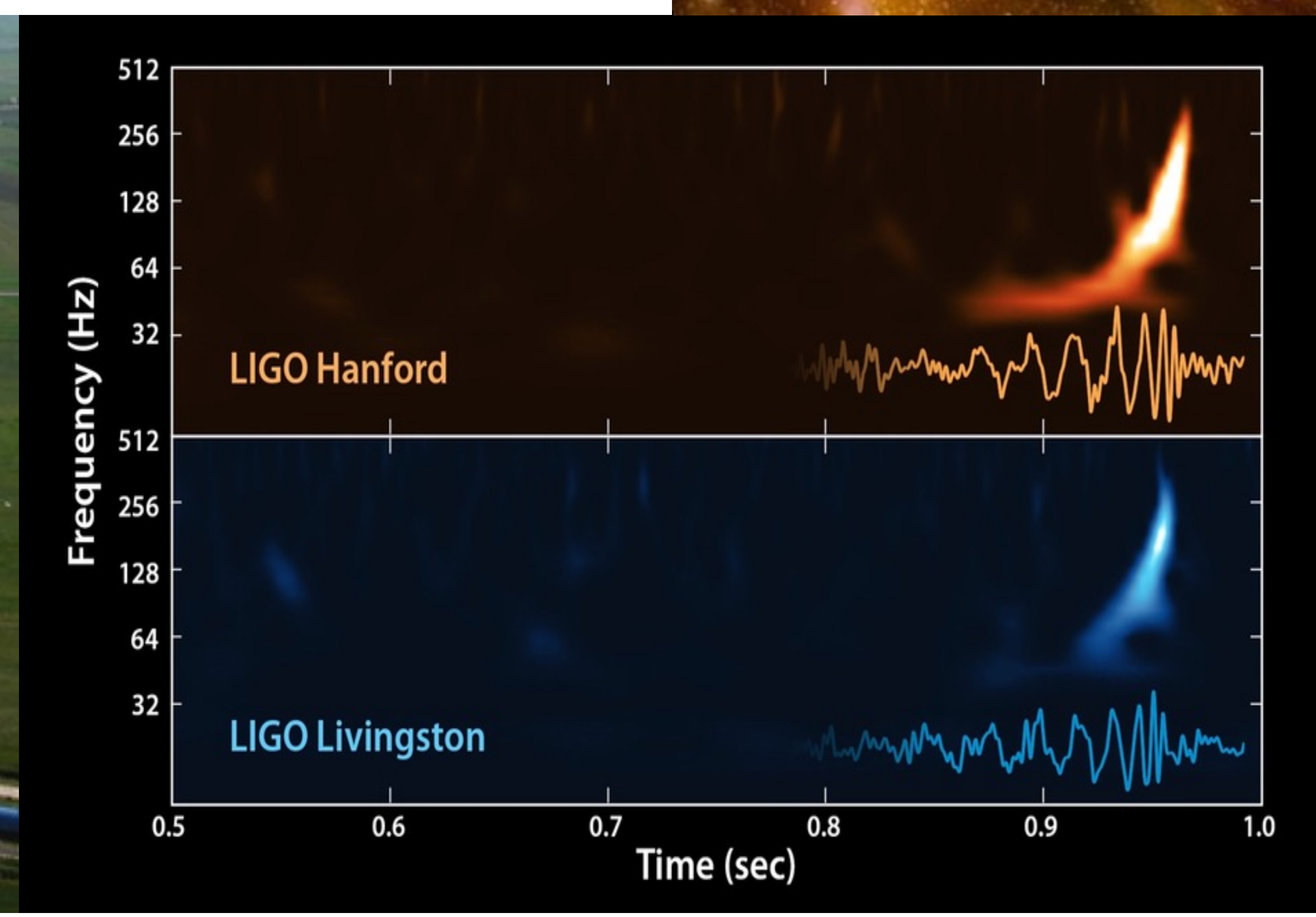
General relativity

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{ij} \simeq \frac{2G}{c^4 r} \ddot{Q}_{ij}^{TT}(t - r/c)$$







The quadruple nature of GW !

EM wave radiation

$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{d}} = e\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}$$

$$L_{\text{electric quadrupole}} = \frac{1}{20}\dddot{Q}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{20}\dddot{Q}_{jk}\dddot{Q}_{jk}$$

$$Q_{jk} \equiv \sum_A e_A\left(x_{Aj}x_{Ak} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{jk}r_A{}^2\right)$$

GW radiation

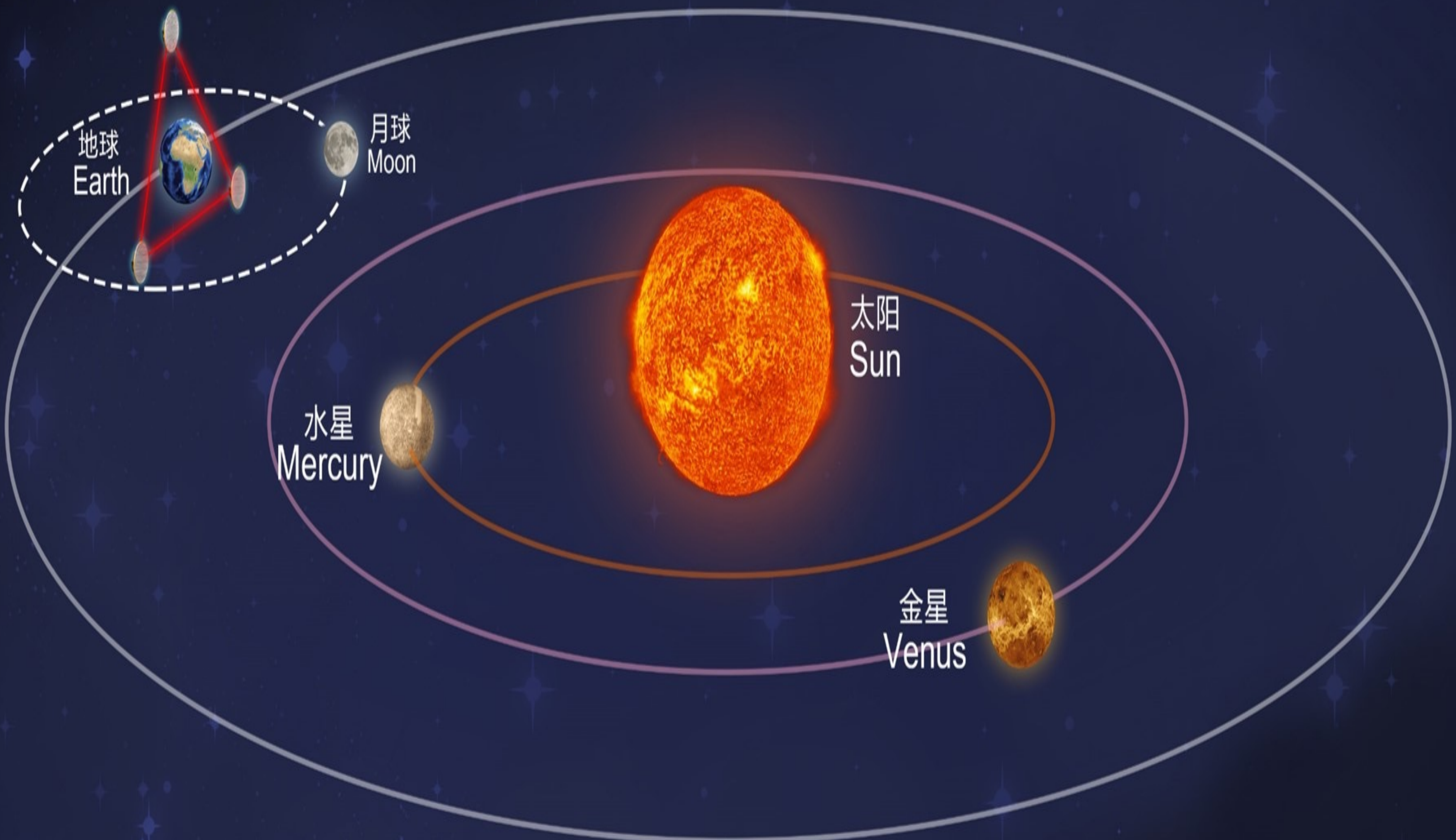
$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{d}} = \sum_{\text{particles } A} m_A\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}_A = \dot{\boldsymbol{p}} = 0$$

momentum conservation

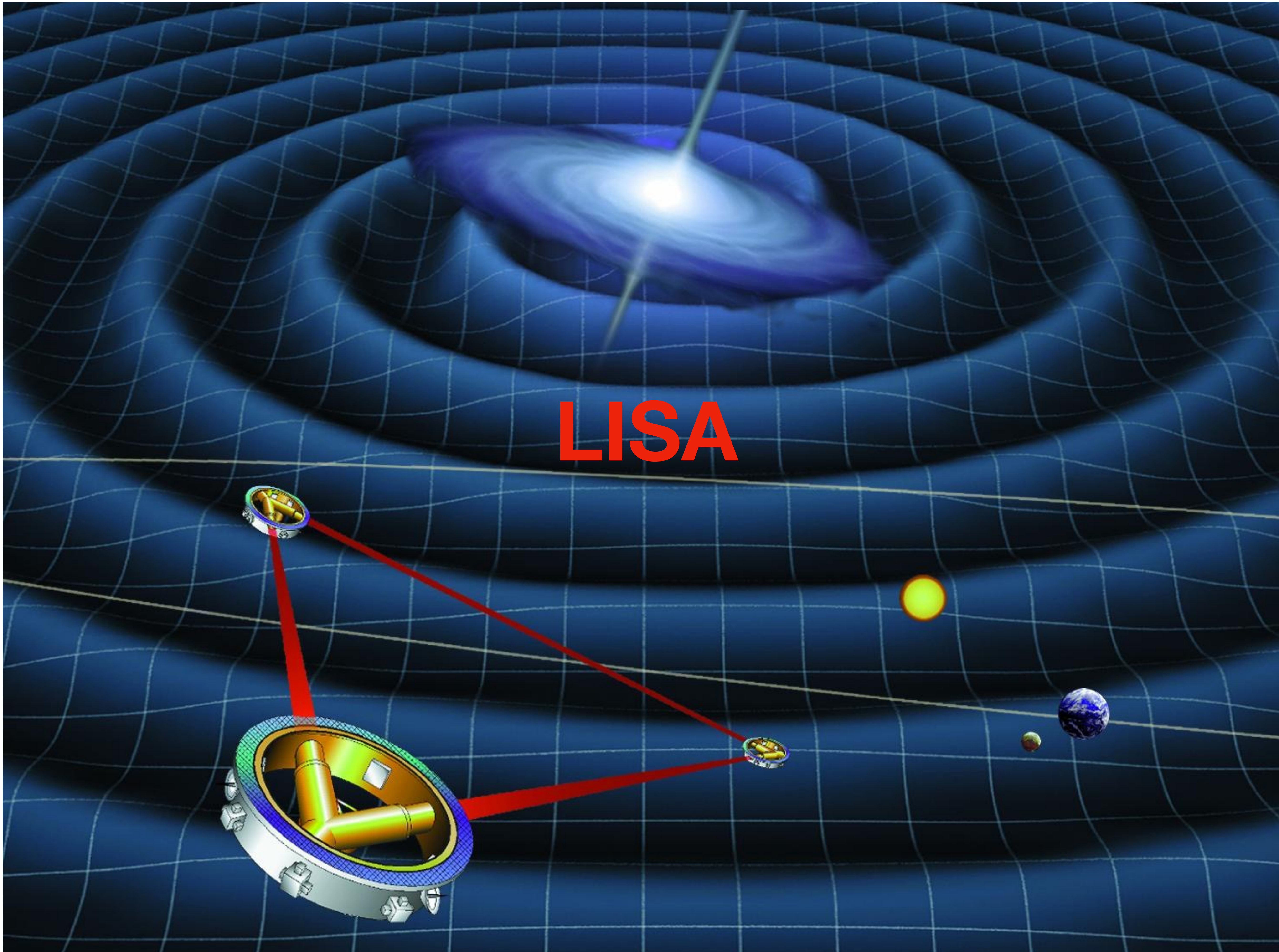
$$L_{\text{mass quadrupole}} = \frac{1}{5}\langle\dddot{I}^2\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{5}\langle\dddot{I\!\!\!-}_{jk}\dddot{I\!\!\!-}_{jk}\rangle$$

$$I\!\!\!-_{jk} \equiv \sum_A m_A\left(x_{Aj}x_{Ak} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{jk}r_A{}^2\right)$$

credit: MTW



TianQin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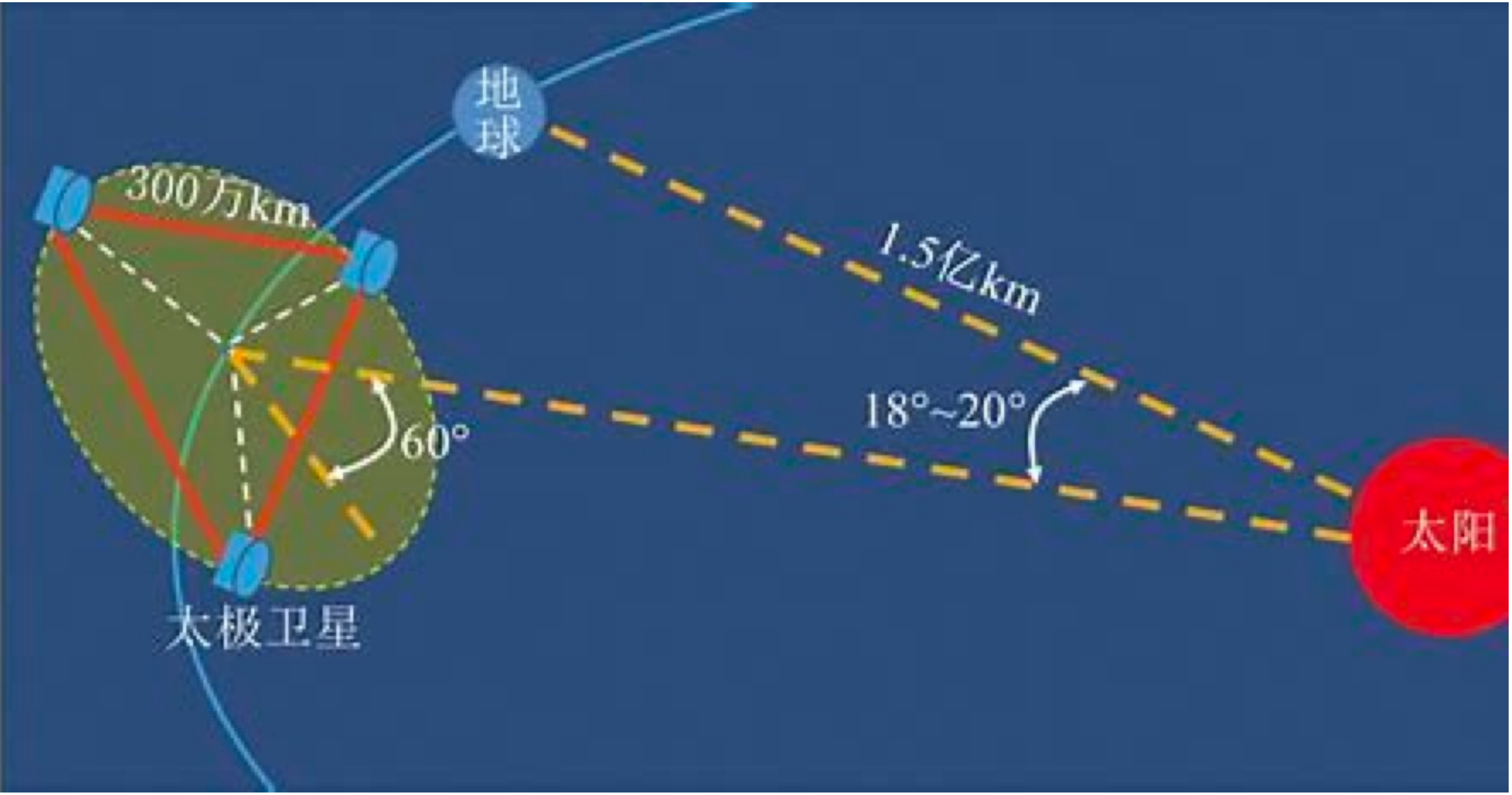

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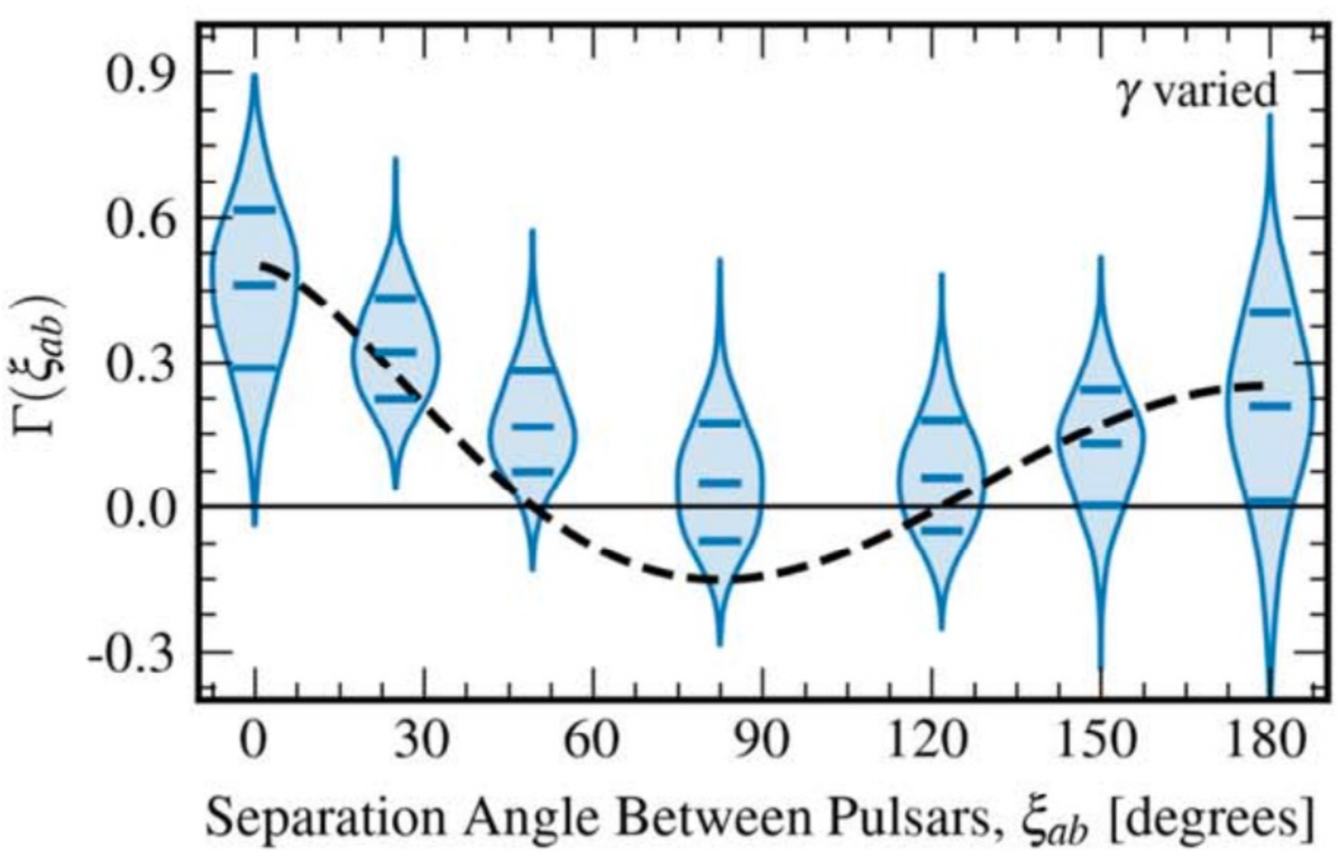
Radio telescope and pulsar timing array

Big Announcement June 29th:
NANOGrav, EPTAGW, InPTA, Parkes PTA, CPTA



Hellings Downs correlation curve
First observation of stochastic GW

FAST

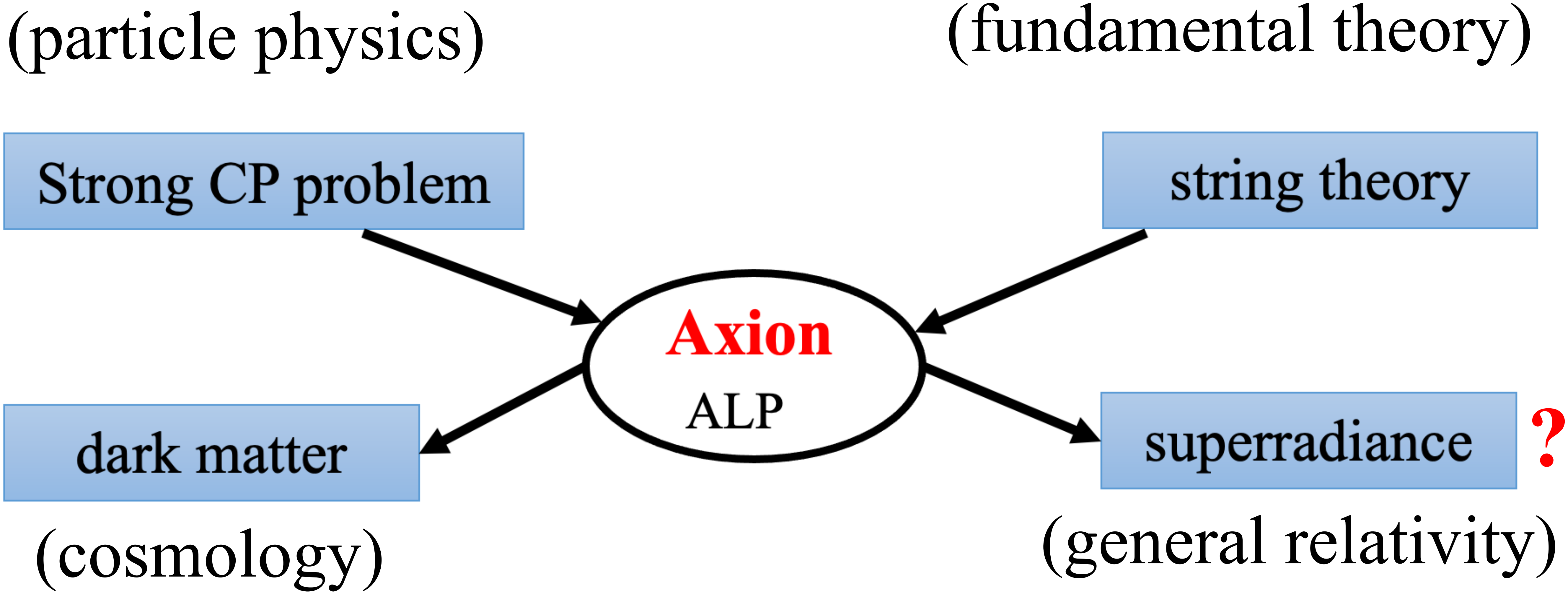
SKA

High sensitivity sub μJy

credit: SKA website

Ultralight axion DM

Ultralight axion is a promising DM candidate.



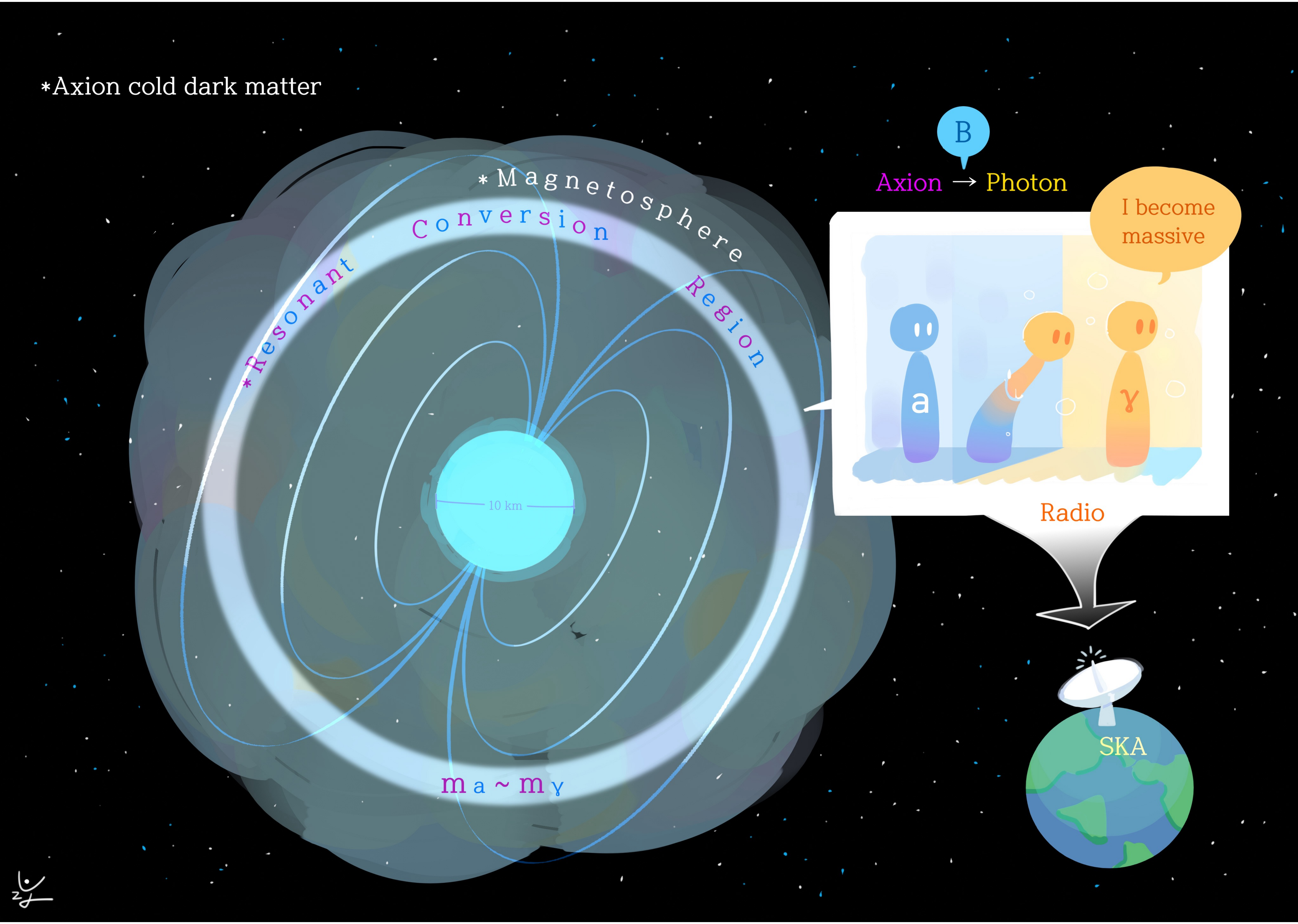
Radio signals of DM from neutron star

We firstly study using SKA-like experiments to explore resonant conversion of axion cold DM to radio signal from magnetized sources, such as neutron star/magnetar/pulsar.

FPH, K. Kadota, T. Sekiguchi, H. Tashiro, Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.12, 123001, arXiv:1803.08230

Three key points:

- **Cold DM: non-relativistic axion or ALP**
- **Neutron star/pulsar/magnetar has the strongest position-dependent magnetic field**
- **Neutron star is covered by magnetosphere and photon becomes massive therein**



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Axion-photon conversion in the magnetosphere

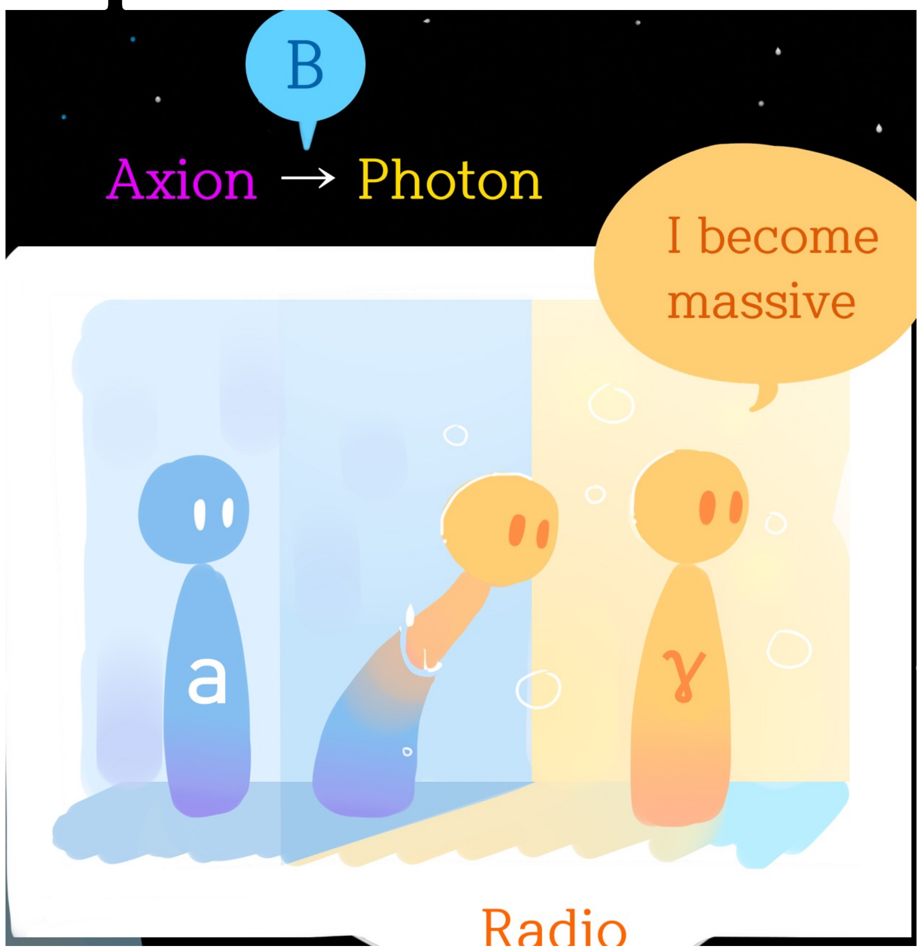
$$L_{\rm int} = \frac{1}{4} g \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} a = -g \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} a,$$

Massive Photon: In the magnetosphere of the neutron star, photon obtains effective mass in the plasma.

$$m_\gamma^2 = \omega_{plasma}^2 = 4\pi\alpha \frac{n_e}{m_e}$$

$$n_e(r) = n_e^{\rm GJ}(r) = 7 \times 10^{-2} \frac{1 s}{P} \frac{B(r)}{1\ \rm G} \frac{1}{\rm cm^3}$$

$$B(r) = B_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{-3}$$



Thus, the photon mass is location dependent, and within some region

$$m_\gamma^2(r_{\rm res}) = m_a^2$$

- G. Raffelt and L. Stodolsky, Phys. Rev. D 37, 1237 (1988)

The Adiabatic Resonant Conversion OF AXIONS INTO PHOTONS

Like MSW effects

$$\left[\omega^2 + \partial_z^2 + \begin{pmatrix} -m_\gamma^2 & gB\omega \\ gB\omega & -m_a^2 \end{pmatrix}\right]\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

$$\sin 2\tilde{\theta} = \frac{2gB\omega}{\sqrt{4g^2B^2\omega^2 + (m_\gamma^2 - m_a^2)^2}} \qquad m_\gamma^2(r_{\rm res}) = m_a^2$$

within resonance region, the conversion rate is greatly enhanced due to resonant effects.

The adiabatic resonant conversion requires the resonance region is valid inside the resonance width.

Line-like radio signal for non-relativistic axion:

$$\nu_{\rm peak} \approx \frac{m_a}{2\pi} \approx 240 \frac{m_a}{\mu eV} {\rm MHz}$$ **1 GHz ~ 4 μeV**

FAST:70MHz–3GHz, SKA:50MHz–14GHz, GBT:0.3–100GHz

Radio telescopes can probe axion mass of 0.2–400 μeV

Signal: For a trial parameter set, $B_0 = 10^{15}$ G, $m_a = 50\ \mu$eV

$P = 10$ s, $g = 5 \times 10^{-11}$ GeV^{-1}, $r_0 = 10$ km, $M = 1.5 M_{\rm sun}$, $d = 1$kpc

$S_\gamma \sim 0.51$ μJy.

Sensitivity: $S_{\rm min} \sim 0.48 \mu Jy$ for the SKA1

$S_{min} \sim 0.016 \mu Jy$ for SKA2 with 100 hours observation time.

SKA-like experiment can probe the axion DM and the axion mass which corresponds to peak frequency.

Working in progress on more delicate study.

Comments on the radio probe of axion DM

1. **Astrophysical uncertainty: magnetic field distribution, DM density distribution, the velocity dispersion, the plasma effects…**

   working in progress to extract DM density by TianQin/LISA

2. **There are more and more detailed studies after our simple estimation on the radio signal:**

arXiv:1804.03145 They consider more details and extremely high dark matter density around the neutron star, thus the signal is more stronger.

arXiv:1811.01020 by Benjamin R. Safdi, Zhiquan Sun, Alexander Y. Chen

arXiv:1905.04686,They consider multi-messenger of axion DM detection. Namely, using LISA to detect the DM density around the neutron star, which can determine the radio strength detected by SKA.

Precise study see arXiv:2104.08290

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New approaches for axion search

FPH, K. Kadota, T. Sekiguchi, H. Tashiro, Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.12, 123001, arXiv:1803.08230, Cited by 83 times

- **Promising approaches at SKA&FAST**
- **more and more nice works**
- **more details see the timely new review papers**

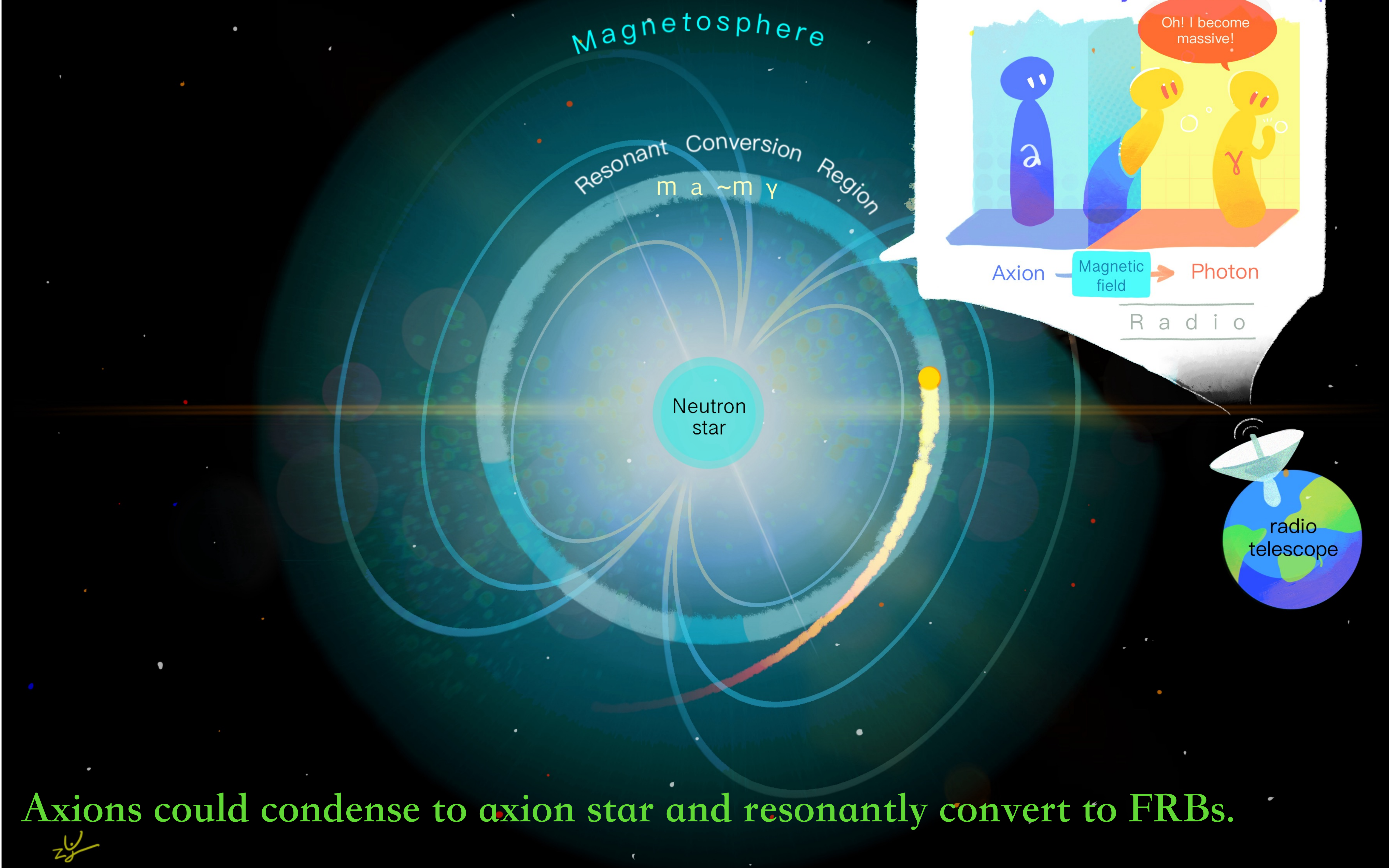
✓ **Physics Briefing Book :**
Input for the European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020, [arXiv:1910.11775]

✓ **2021 white paper by EuCAPT [arXiv:2110.10074]**

✓ **Pierre Sikivie, Rev.Mod.Phys.93(2021)1,015004，**

✓ **2022 Snowmass papers: [arXiv:2203.06380, arXiv: 2203.07984]**

Generalization to axion star

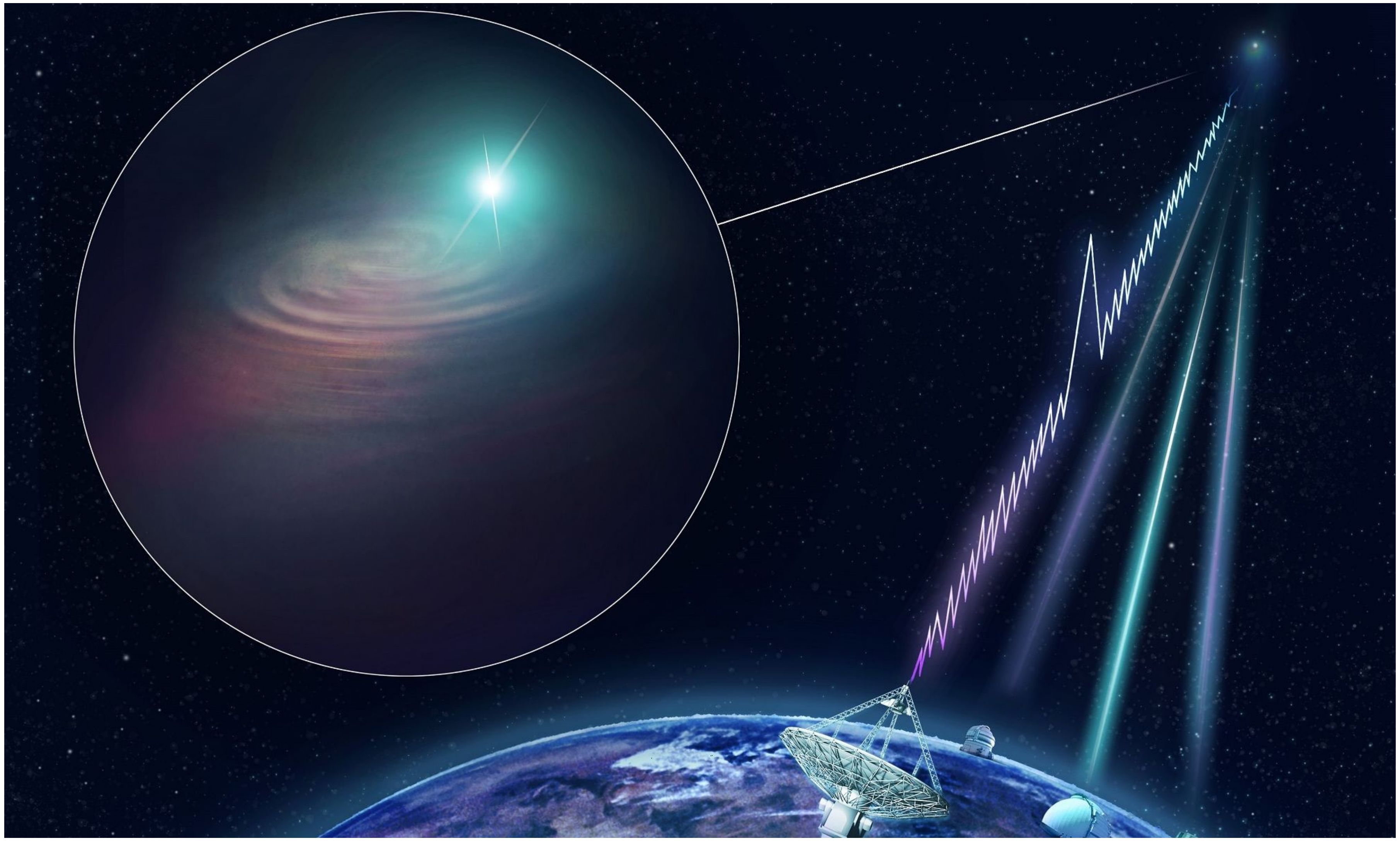


Axions could condense to axion star and resonantly convert to FRBs.

James Buckley, Bhupal Dev, Francesc Ferrer, FPH, *Phys.Rev.D* 103 (2021) 4, 043015

Mysterious Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs)

Recently, FRBs become the most mysterious phenomenon in astrophysics and cosmology (D. Thornton, et al., (2013) Science, 341, 53). FRBs are intense, transient radio signals with large dispersion measure. However, their origin and physical nature are still obscure.



$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$ to $\mathcal{O}(100)$ Jy

$\mathcal{O}(10^{38})$ to $\mathcal{O}(10^{40})$ erg

Duration: milliseconds

$$0.1 \lesssim z \lesssim 2.2$$

Focus on FRBs events with from 800 MHz to 1.4 GHz by Parkes, ASKAP, and UTMOST.

Credit: Universe Today

Generalize to dark photon DM case

Recently, people realize light dark photon can be a promising DM candidate.

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A.J. Long and L.-T. Wang, Phys. Rev. D 99, 063529 (2019)
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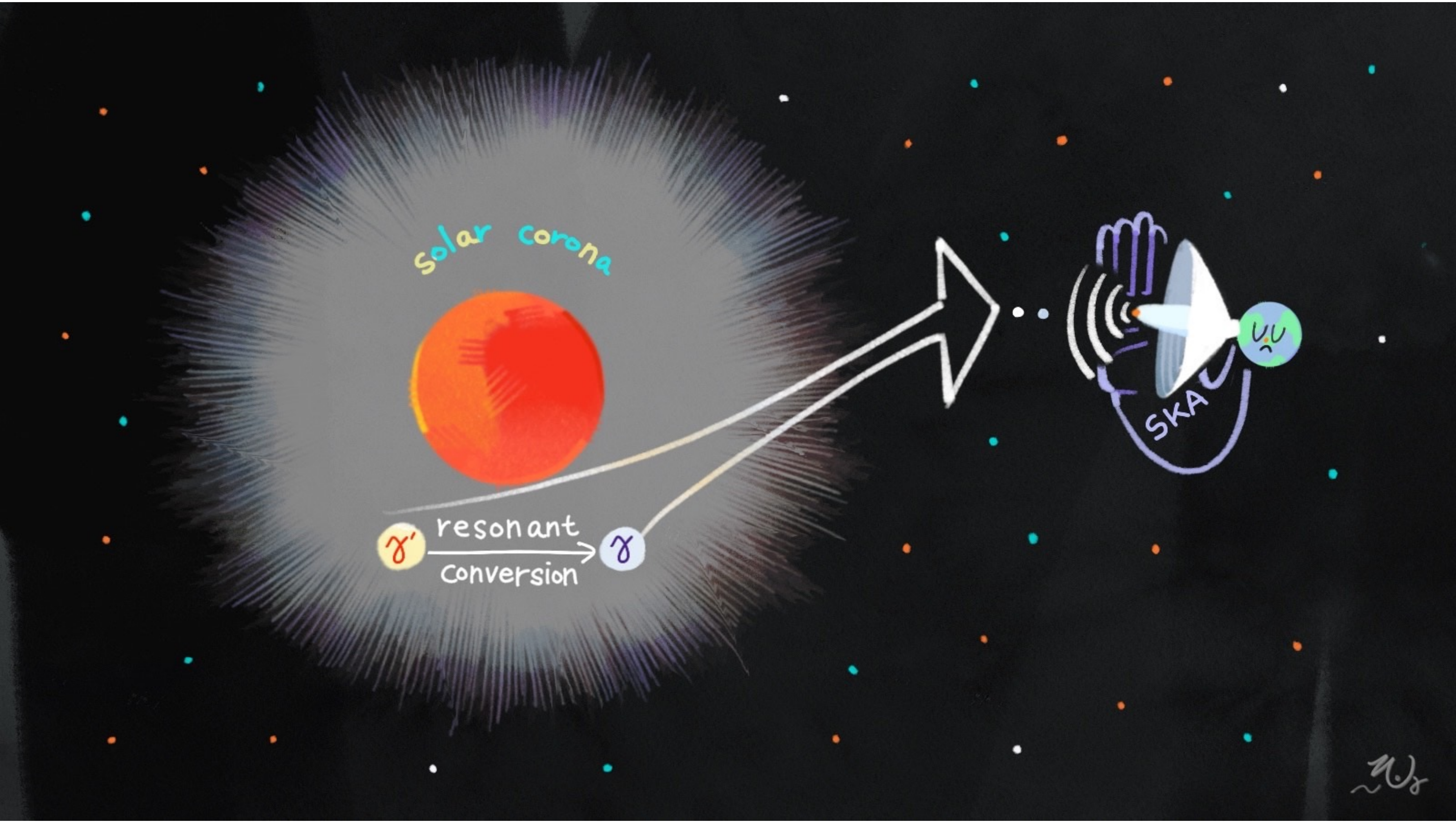
R. T. Co, A. Pierce, Z. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D 99, 075002 (2019).
D. Y. Nakai, R. Namba, and Z. Wang, J. High Energy Phys. 12 (2020) 170

We study how to detect light dark photon DM by radio telescope, following the same idea as the axion DM case.

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon F_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}$$

Resonant conversion process



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The sensitivity reach

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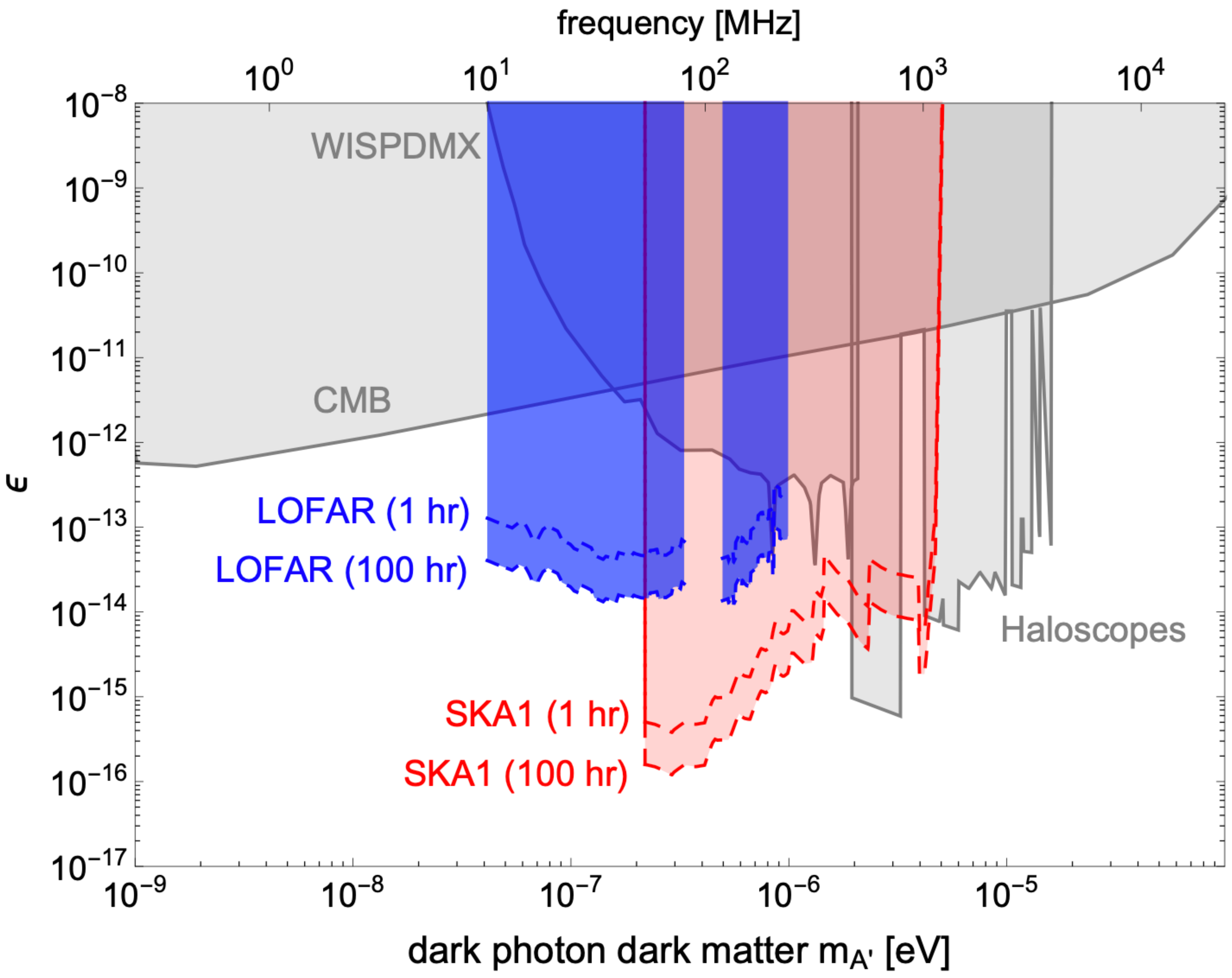
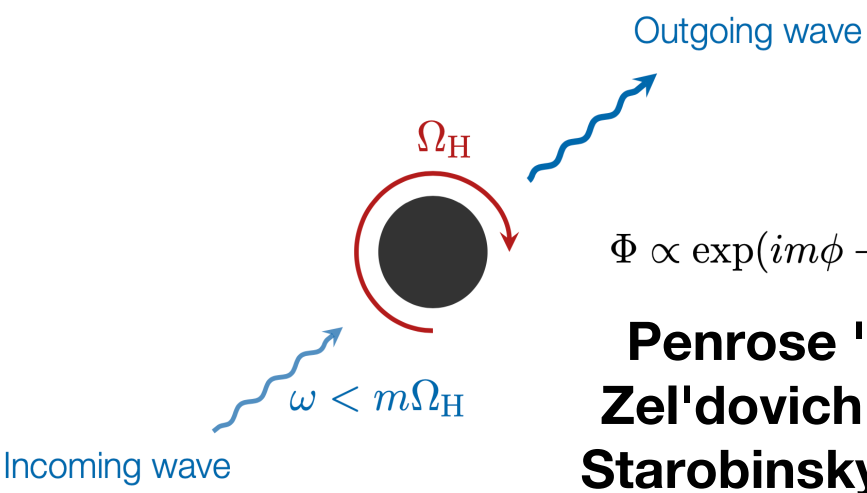


What is superradiance?

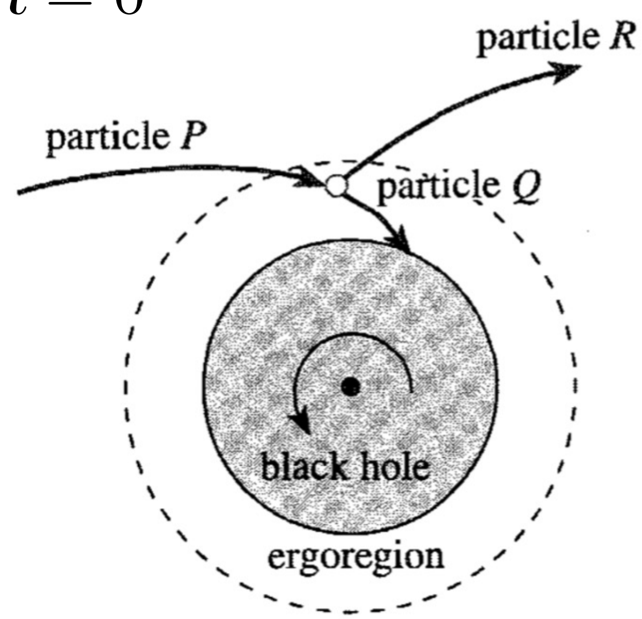
When Klein meets Kerr——superradiance

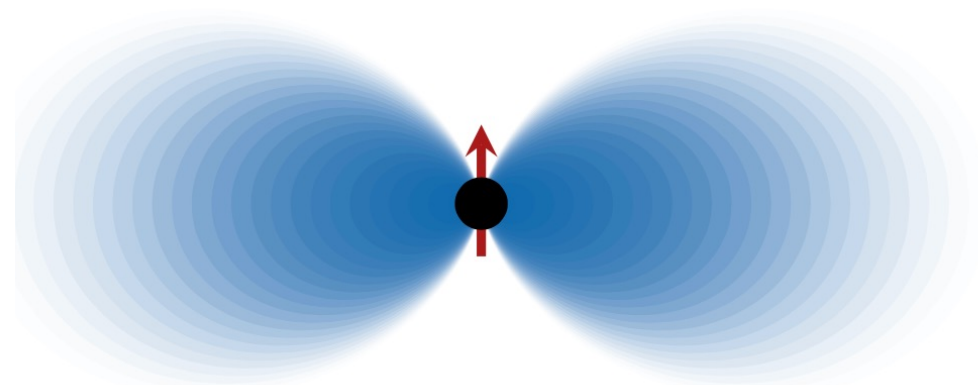
$$\Delta \frac{d}{dr}\left(\Delta \frac{dR}{dr}\right) + \left[\omega^2\left(r^2+a^2\right)^2 - 4aMrm\omega + a^2m^2 - \Delta\left(m_a^2 r^2 + a^2\omega^2 + \lambda\right)\right] R = 0$$



$\Phi \propto \exp(im\phi - i\omega t)$

Penrose '71
Zel'dovich '72
Starobinsky '73





Exponential growth solution of Klein-Gordon equation due to the boundary condition at the horizon of Kerr BH.

Ultralight axion can form axion cloud around rotating BH.

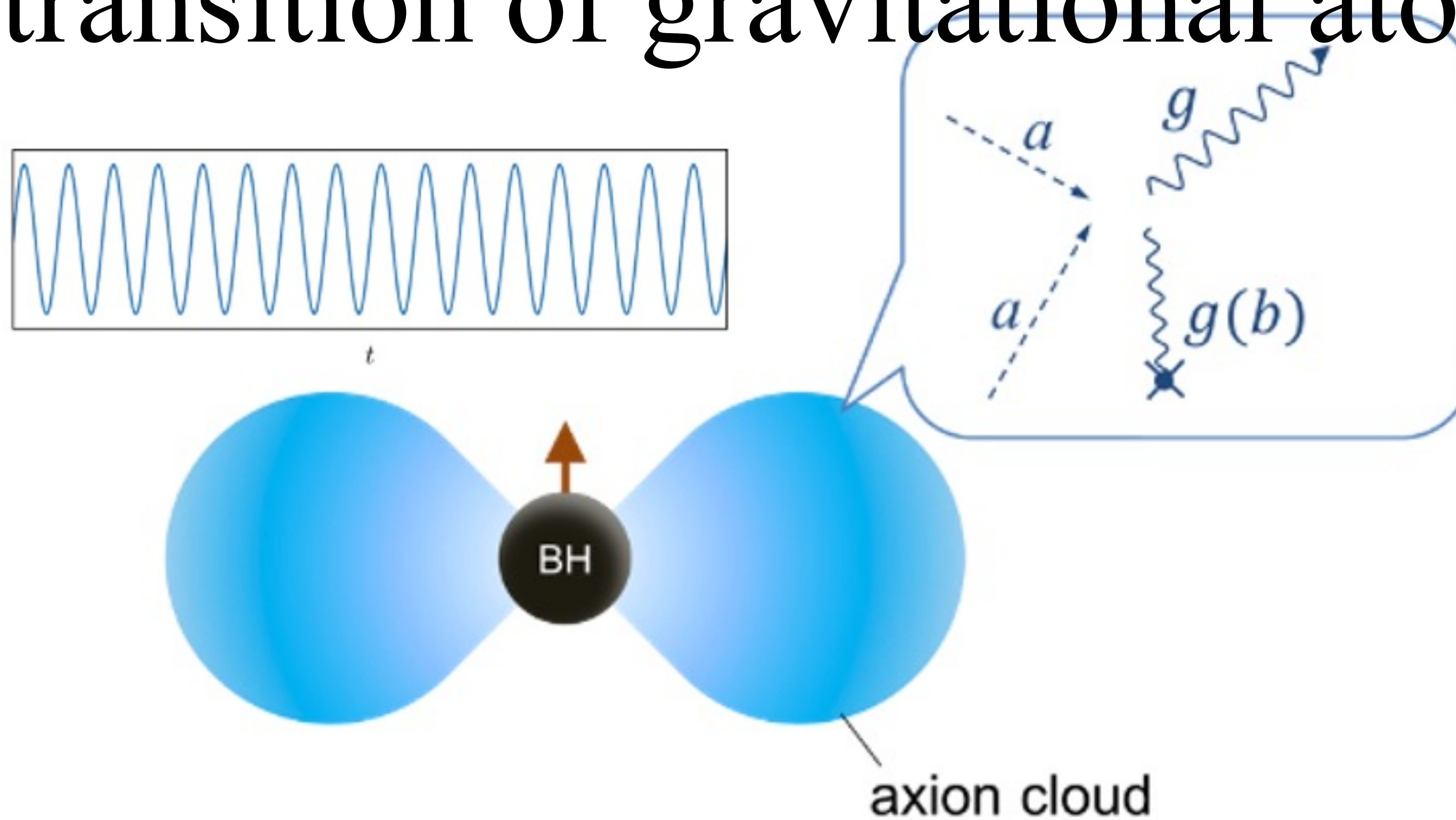
Resemble hydrogen atom, gravitational atom

$$\alpha = M_{BH} m_a < 1$$

Credit: Baumann

GW of ultralight DM from black hole: gravitational atom from superradiance

1. Axions can annihilate to GW
2. Energy-level transition of gravitational atom



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A. Arvanitaki and S. Dubovsky, Phys. Rev. D 83, 044026 (2011)
R. Brito, V. Cardoso and P. Pani, Class. Quant. Grav. 32, no.13, 134001 (2015)
H. Yoshino and H. Kodama, PTEP 2014, 043E02 (2014)

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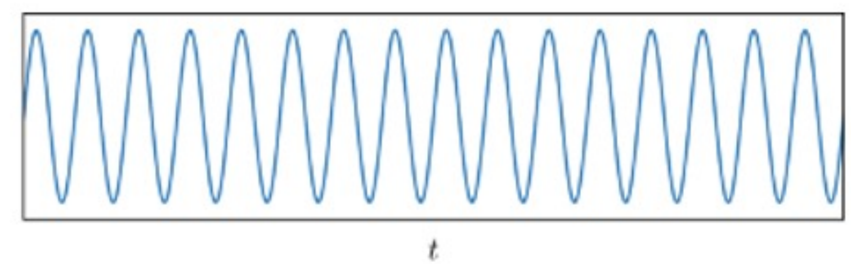
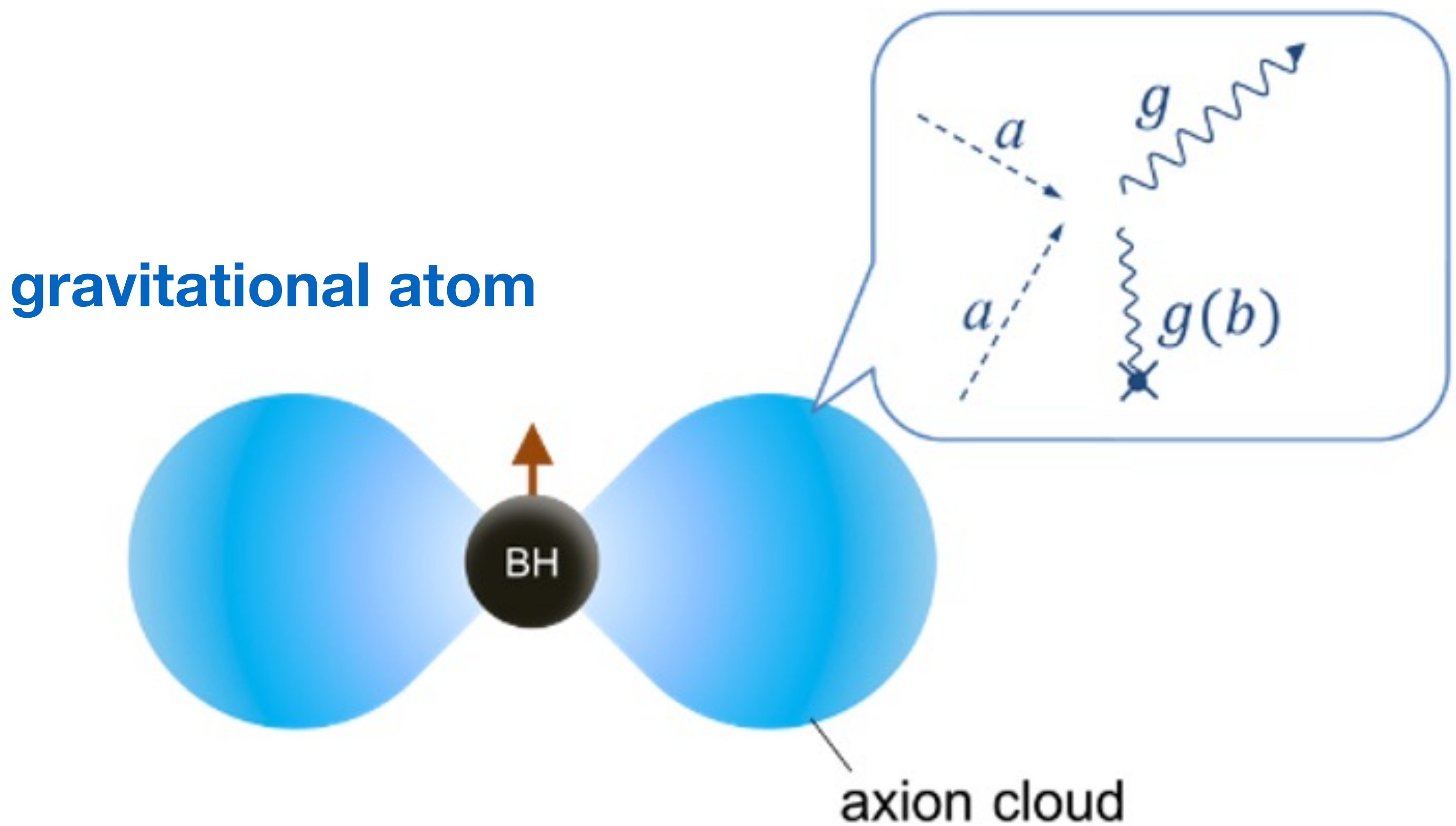
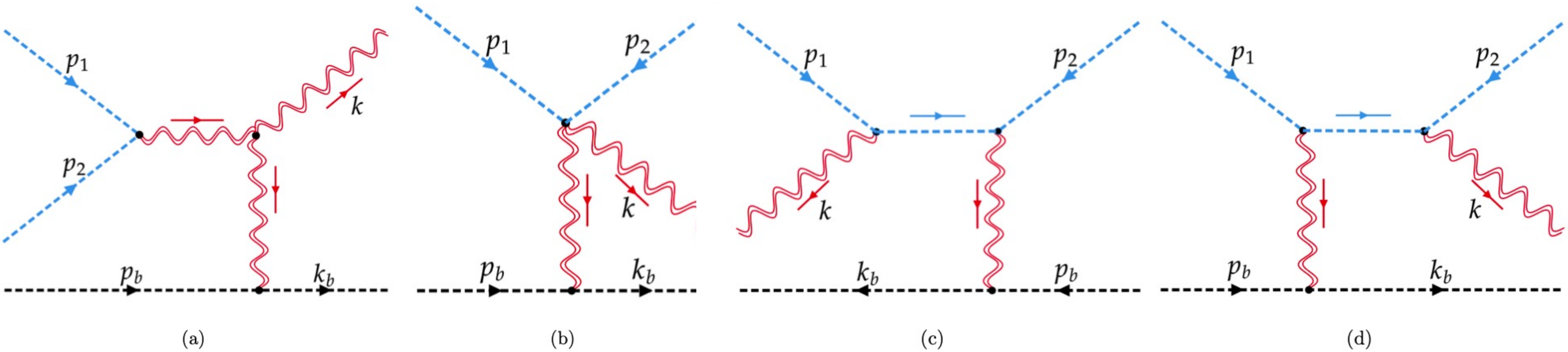
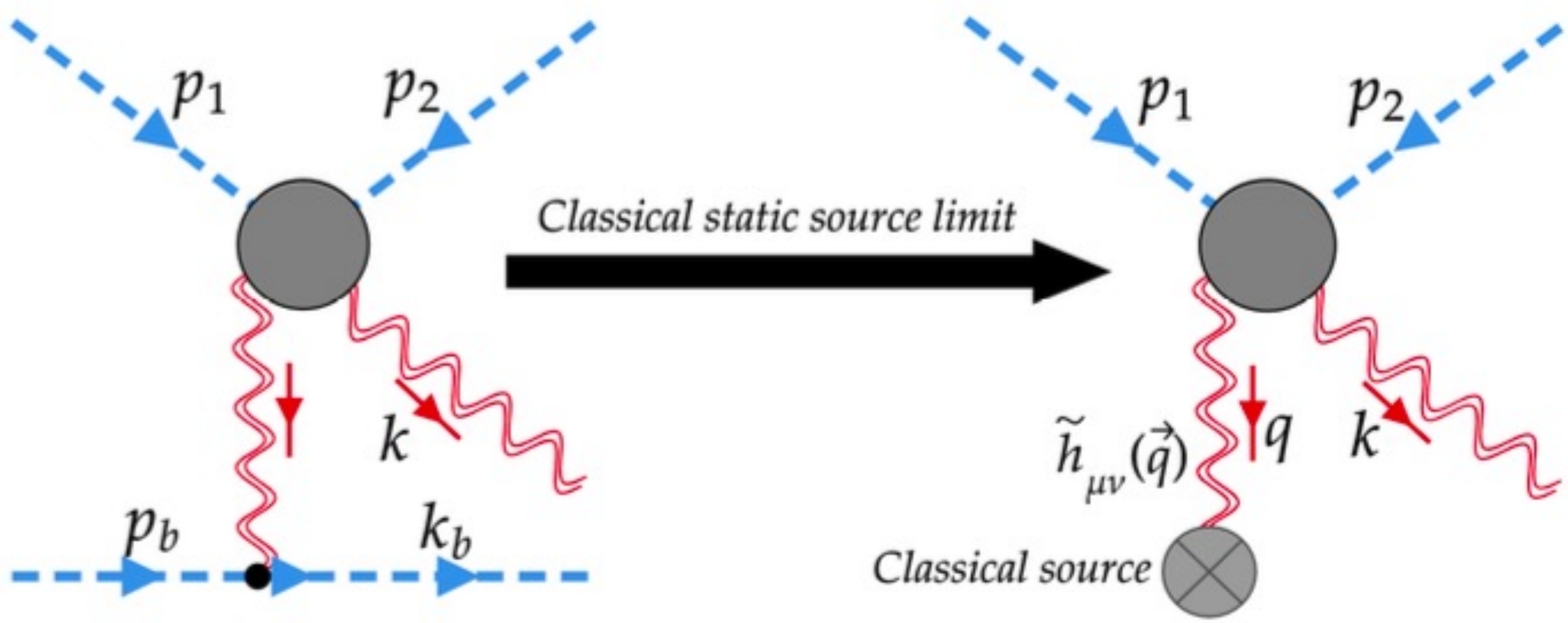




Microscopic physics



$$M(\boldsymbol{p_b}, \boldsymbol{p_1}, \boldsymbol{p_2} \to \boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{k_b})$$



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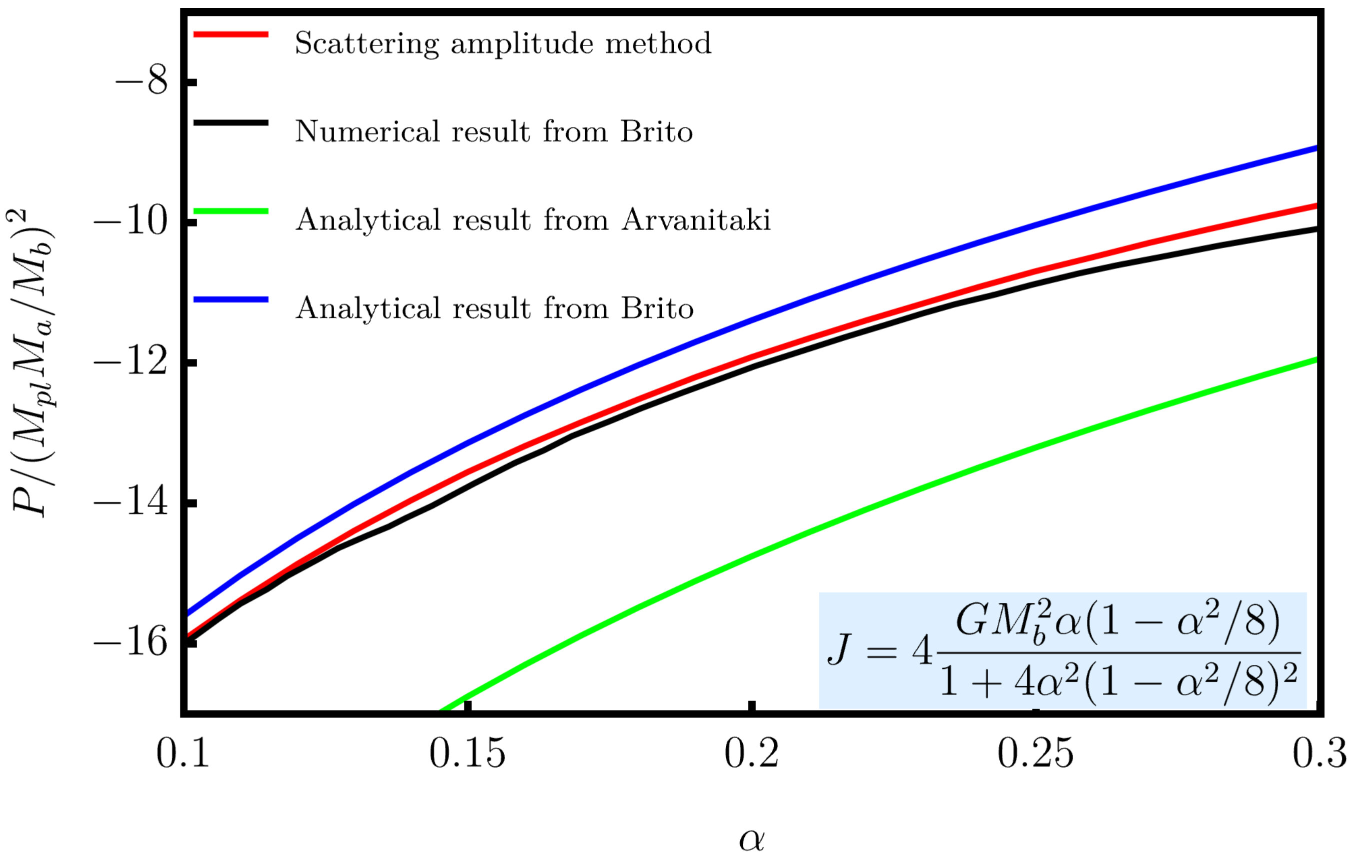
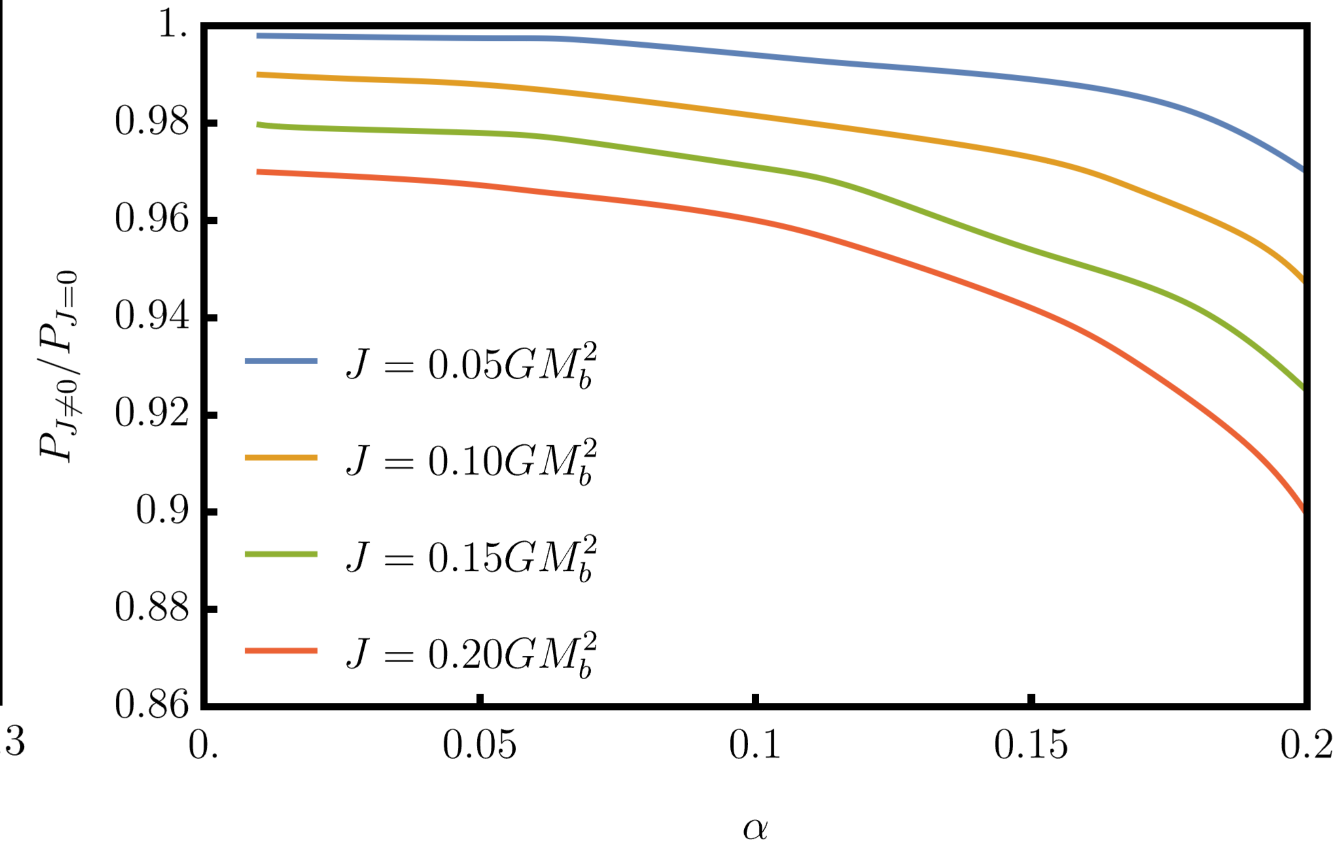
GW radiation power from axion annihilation





$\alpha = GM_b m_a \quad M_b = 100M_{sun} \quad M_a = M_{sun}$

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- ✓ monochromatic GW signal $\omega_{\rm ann} \sim 2\ m_a$
- ✓ gradually depletion of axion cloud (DC) and effectively reduce gravitational atom mass

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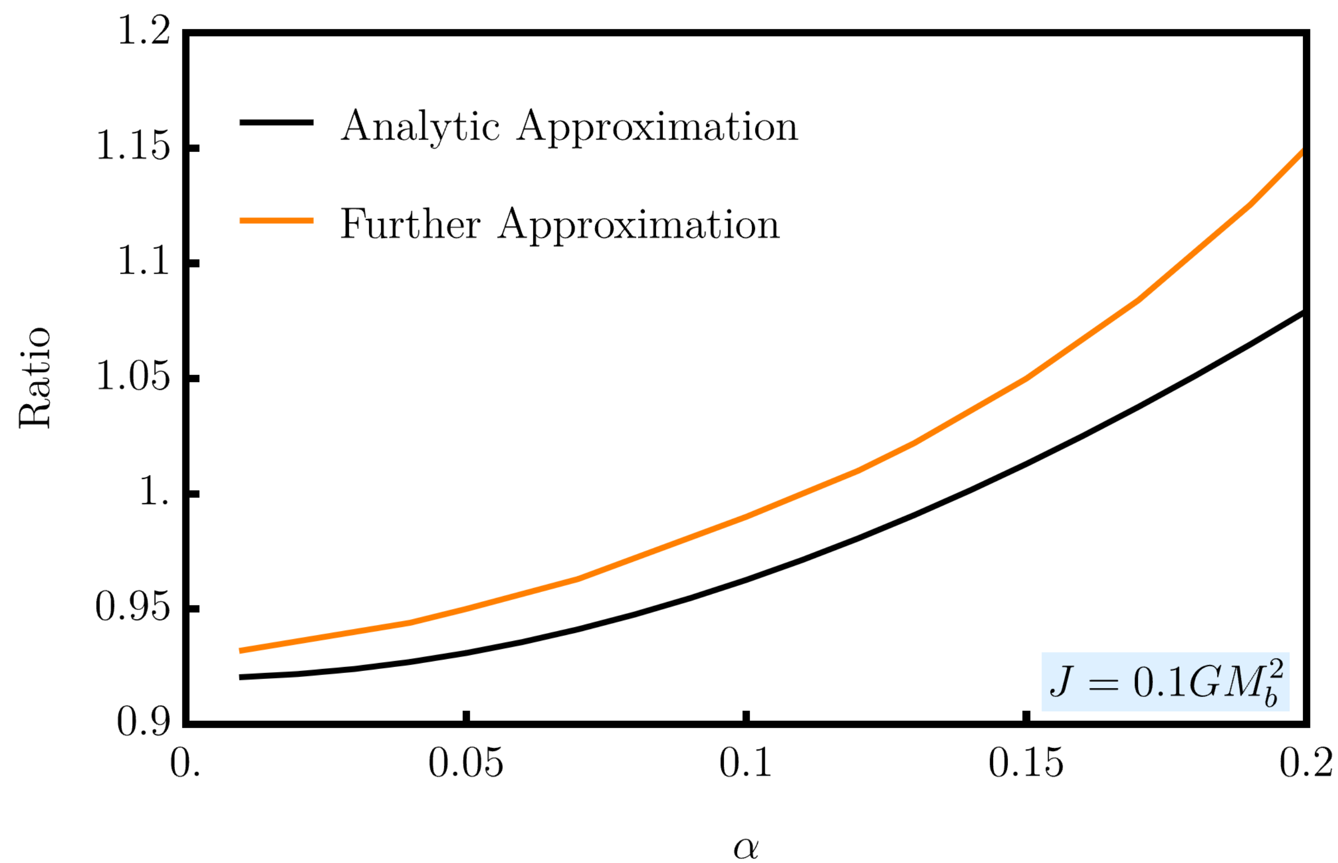

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$$P = \frac{(M_a/\mathrm{GeV})^2\alpha^{14}}{(M_b/\mathrm{GeV})^6(2+\alpha^2)^{11}(4+\alpha^2)^4}\Big[(M_b/\mathrm{GeV})^4(9.671\times10^{41}+5.577\times10^{42}\alpha^2$$
$$+\ 1.474\times10^{43}\alpha^4+2.361\times10^{43}\alpha^6)+J(M_b/\mathrm{GeV})^2\alpha(-3.839\times10^{80}$$
$$-\ -2.111\times10^{81}\alpha^2-5.329\times10^{81}\alpha^4-8.165\times10^{81}\alpha^8)+J^2\alpha^2(3.809\times10^{118}$$
$$+\ 2.184\times10^{119}\alpha^2+5.799\times10^{119}\alpha^4+9.450\times10^{119}\alpha^6)\Big]\ \mathrm{GeV}^2.$$

- ✓ monochromatic GW signal $\omega_{\mathrm{ann}} \sim 2\ m_a$
- ✓ gradually depletion of axion cloud (DC) and effectively reduce gravitational atom mass

Advantage for scattering amplitude method

- ✓ Simple and straightforward.
- ✓ Easy to include Kerr metric effects.
- ✓ Microscopic physics is intuitive.
- ✓ It is clearly and simple to demonstrate the analytic approximation formulae.

Important for the GW and axion search. More precise calculations and more broad applications are working in progress.

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Multi-messenger from NS-BH binary

Imprints of ultralight axions on the GW of compact binary

Ultralight DM could potential modify the GW waveform of compact binary

Inspiral: dynamical friction, superradiance, dipole radiation…

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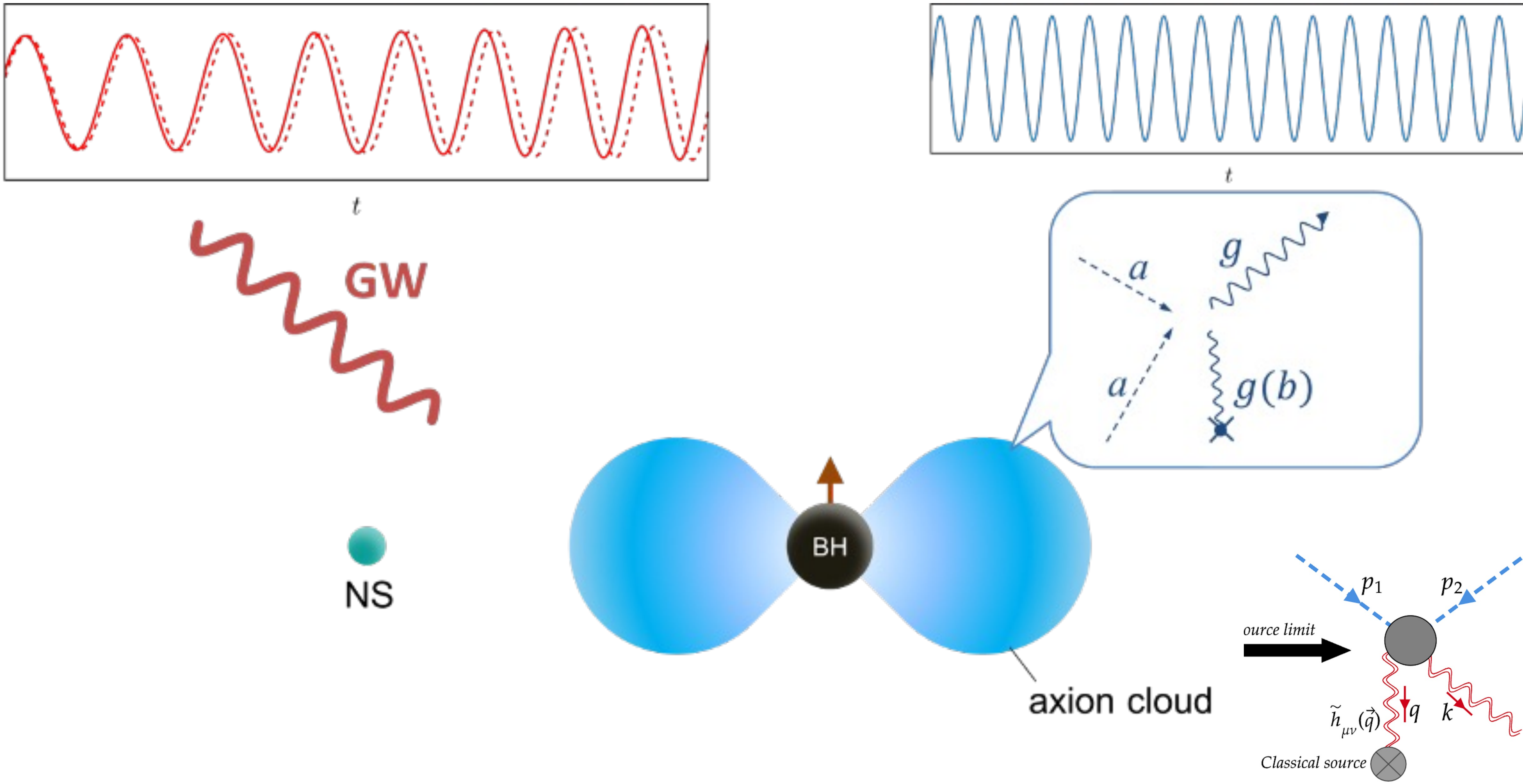
Merge: modify the equation of state of the quark/gluon plasma in neutron state, tidal effects

Imprints of ultralight axions on the GW of compact binary



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Imprints of ultralight axions on the GW of compact binary

Without ultralight axions

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}E_0}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{GW}} \qquad \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{GW}} = \frac{32}{5}\mu^2 r^4 \omega^6$$

With ultralight axions

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} = (\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{GW}} + \boxed{\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DC}}} + \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DF}} + \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DR}})$$

dynamical friction (DF), depletion of axion cloud (DC), dipole radiation(DR)

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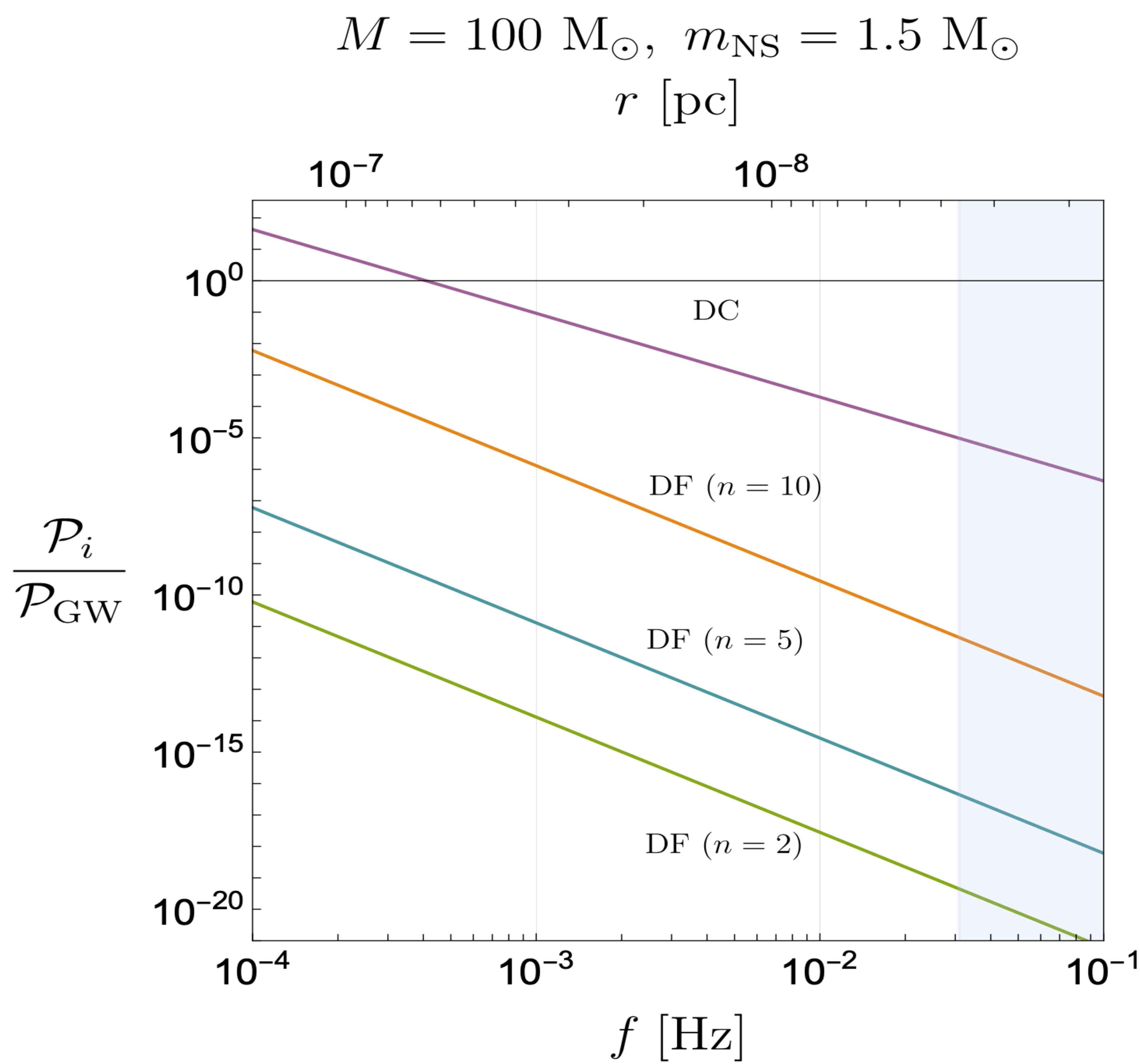

dynamical friction (DF), depletion of axion cloud (DC), dipole radiation(DR)

Imprints of ultralight axions on the GW of compact binary: phase shift of the waveform

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left(-\frac{M m_{\mathrm{NS}}}{2r^2}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{GW}} + \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DC}} + \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DF}} + \mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{DR}}\right)$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim 15\pi \left(\frac{m_a}{10^{-12}\ \mathrm{eV}}\right) \left(\frac{f_T}{10^{-2}\ \mathrm{Hz}}\right) \left(\frac{T}{5\ \mathrm{yrs}}\right)^2$$

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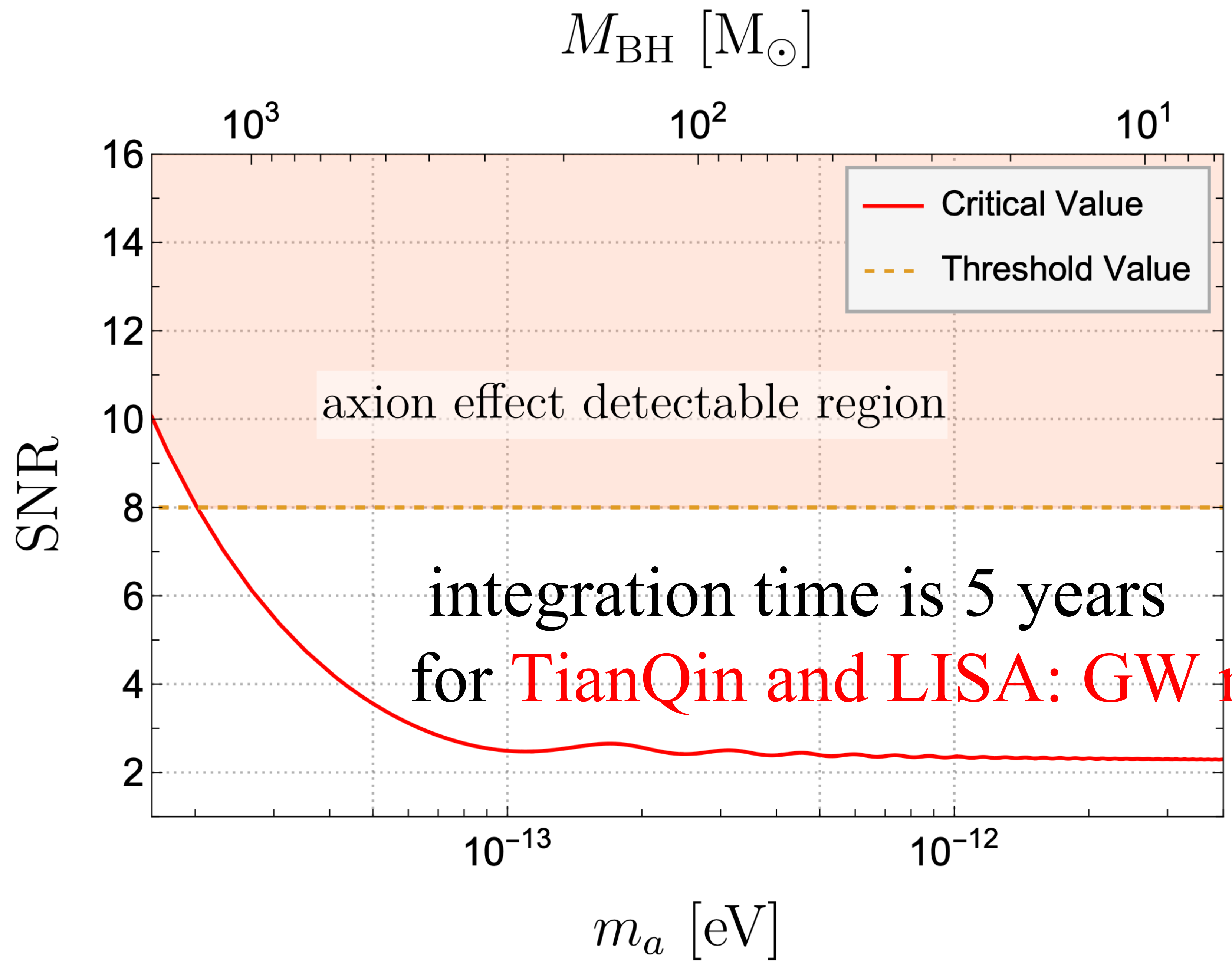
Complementary search: GW+PTA



integration time is 5 years

for TianQin and LISA: GW measurement

Axions modify the rate of period change

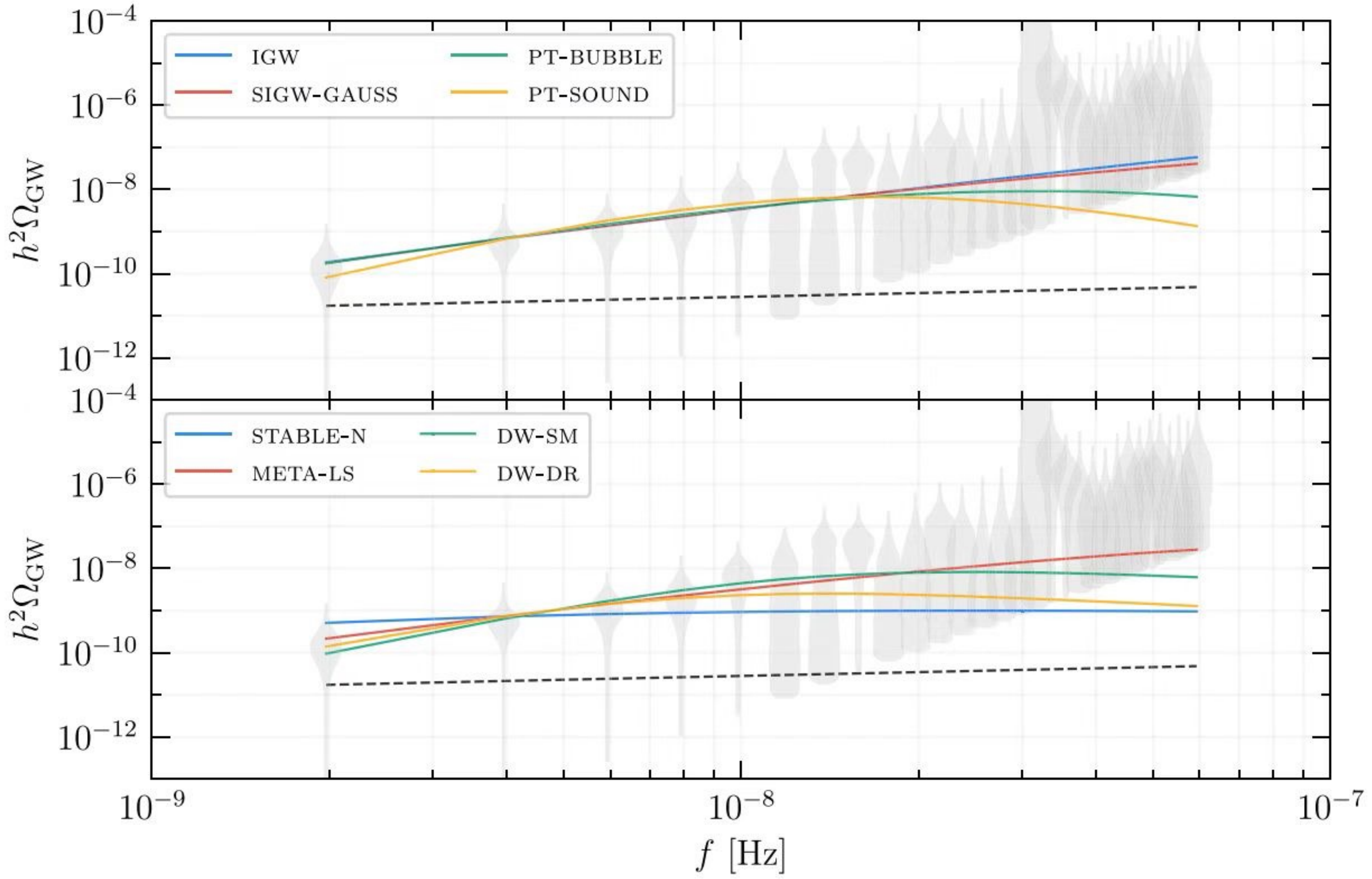
$$\Delta \dot{P} = \left| \dot{P} - \dot{P}_{\rm vac} \right| \approx 10^{-12}\ {\rm s/s}$$

Future Pulsar timing measurement precision， such as SKA

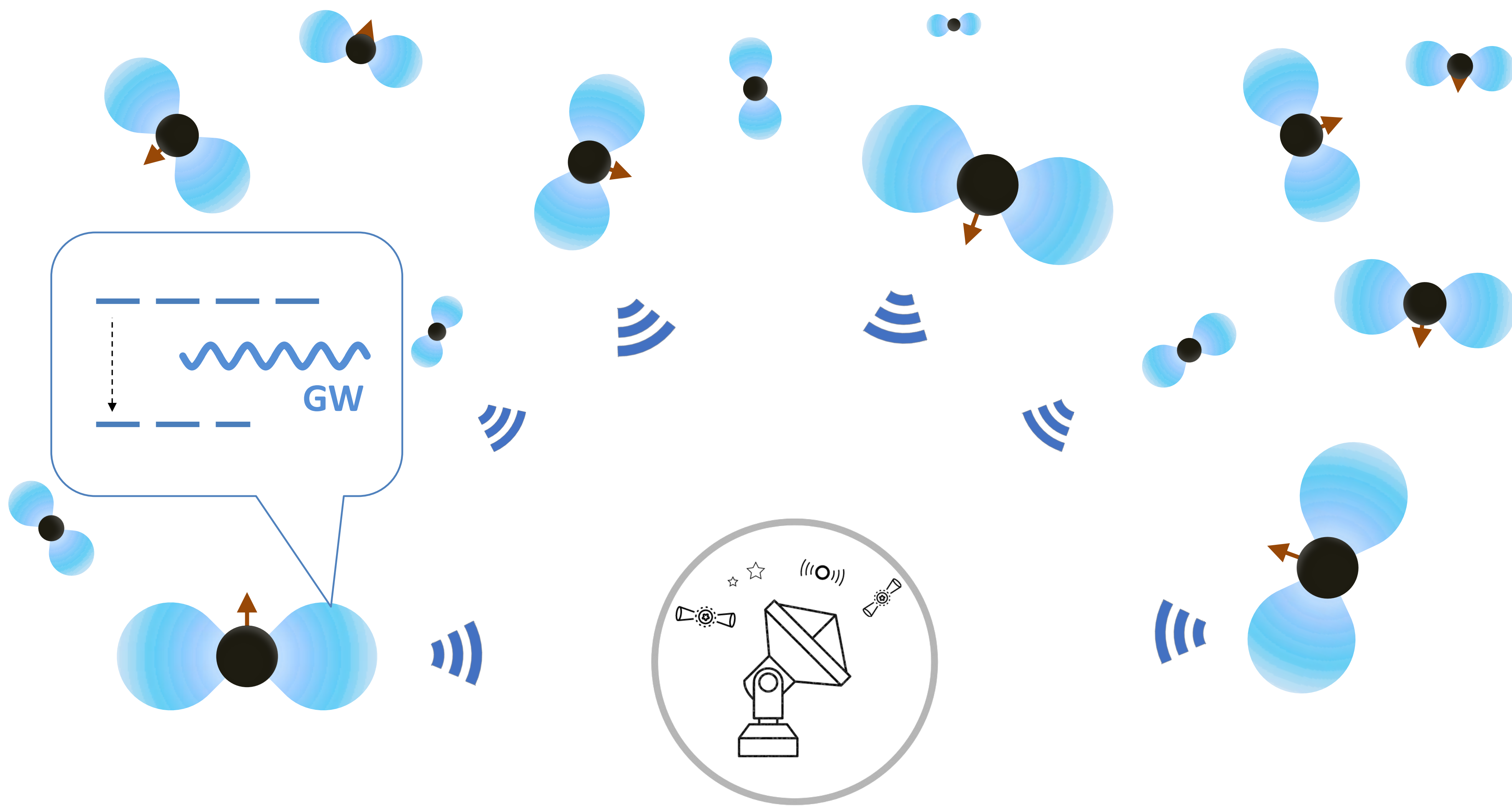
$$10^{-15}\ {\rm s/s}$$

Implication of nano-Hertz stochastic GW on ultralight axion particles

Astrophysical Journal Letters, 951:L11 (56pp), 2023 July 1



Implication of nano-Hertz stochastic GW on ultralight axion particles



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The radiation power of the isolated gravitational atom

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{5}{72}\alpha^2 m_a$$

$$\left.\frac{dN_1}{dt}\right|_{quadr} = N_1 N_0 \frac{2G\Delta\omega^5}{5} I_{ij} I_{ij}$$

$$P = -\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{dN_1(t)}{dt}\Delta\omega$$

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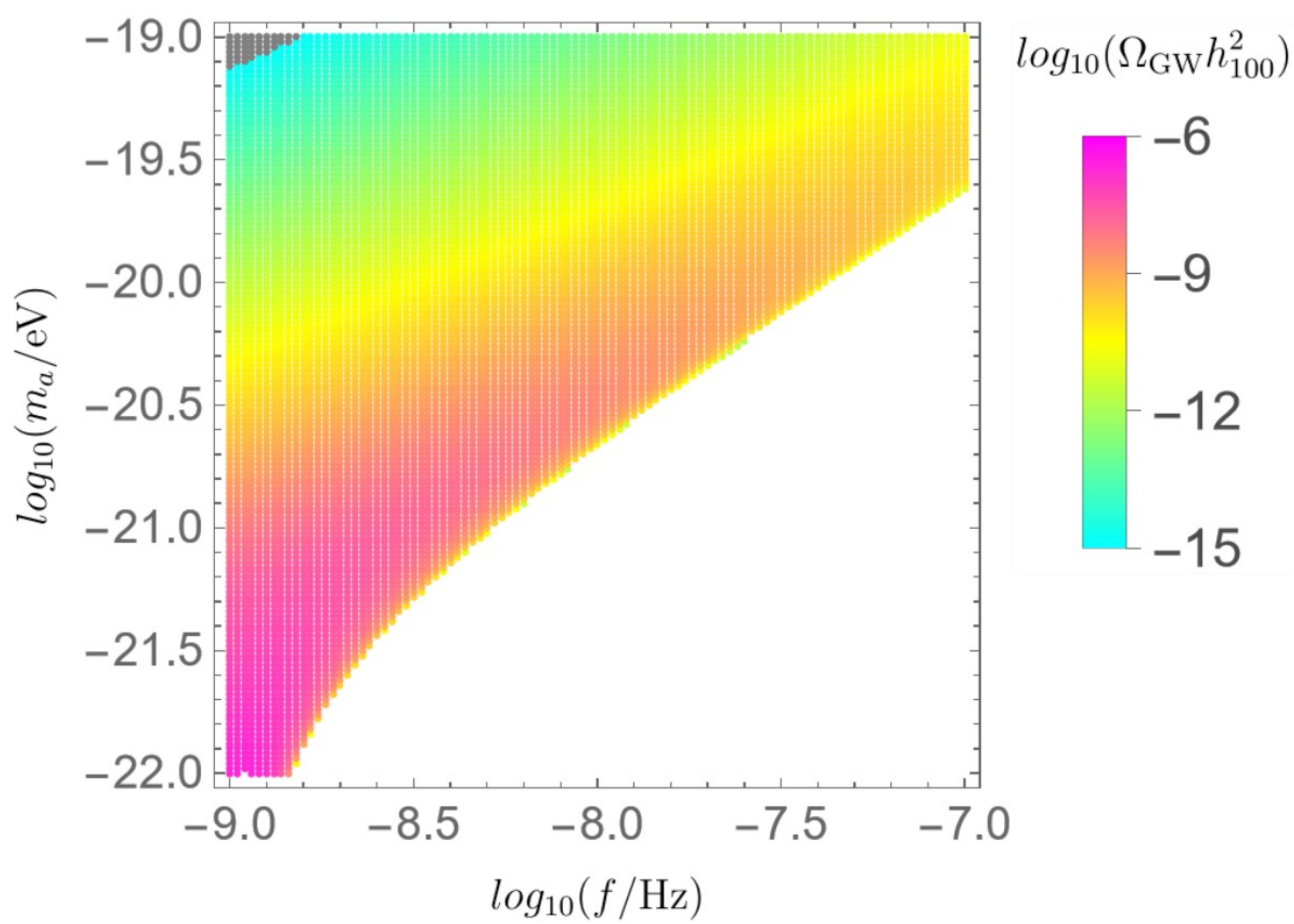
The stochastic GW with cosmic black hole population

$$\frac{d^2 n}{d\log_{10} M_b d\chi} = 0.002\left(\frac{M_b}{3\times 10^6 M_\odot}\right)^{0.3} \mathrm{Mpc}^{-3}$$

$$\Omega_{\rm gw}(f) = \frac{f}{\rho_c}\int_{\rho<8} d\chi dM_b dz \frac{dt}{dz}\frac{d^2\dot{n}}{dM_b d\chi}\frac{dE_s}{df_s}$$



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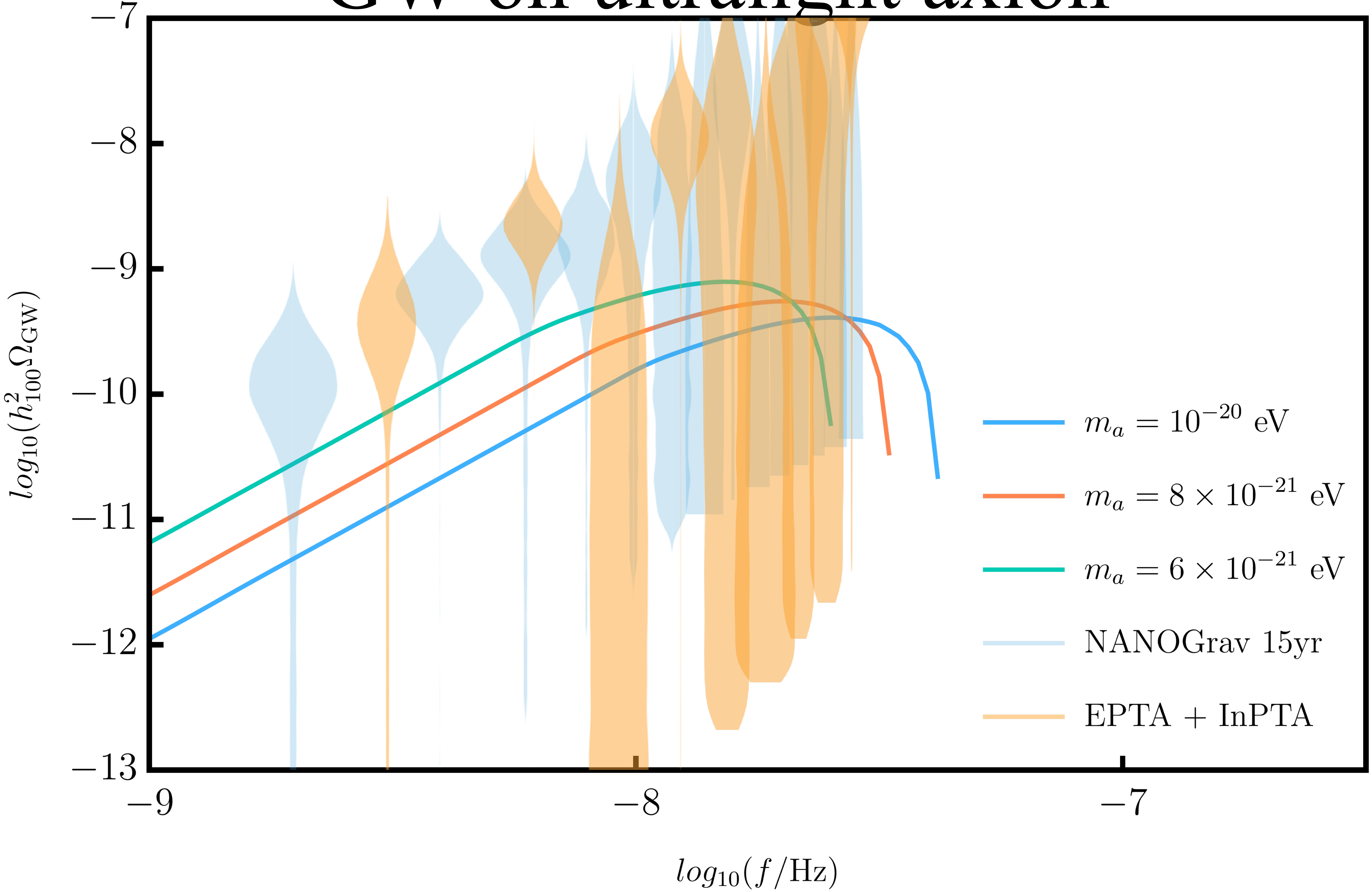
Implication of nano-Hertz stochastic GW on ultralight axion



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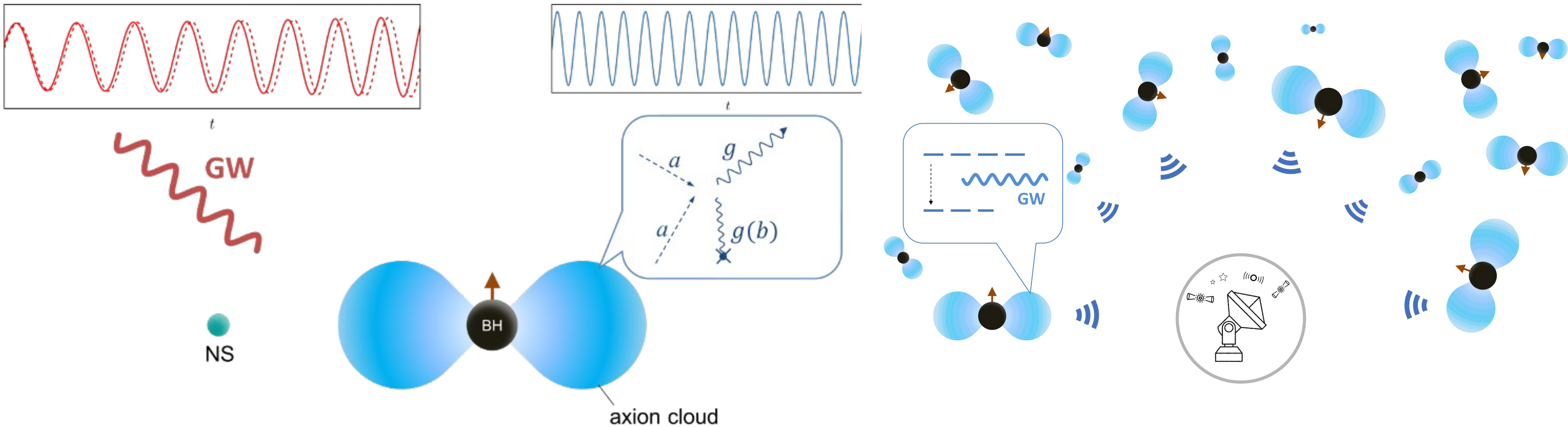
Summary and outlook



GW and radio from black hole and neutron star might provide new approaches to explore ultralight axion: multi-messenger and multi-band.

Thanks for your attention

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