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Probing Novel Dark Matter Substructure at Galactic and Solar Scales

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Outline

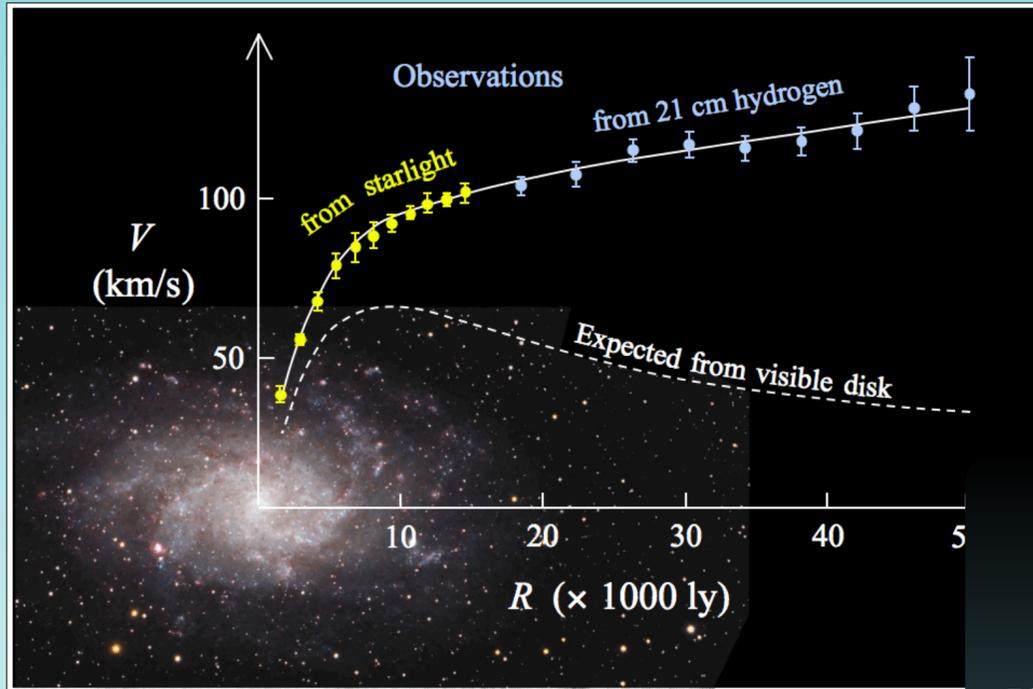
- ◎ Light Scalar Dark Matter

- ◎ Substructure
 - ...in Galaxies
 - ...in Solar Systems

- ◎ Conclusions

Big Question

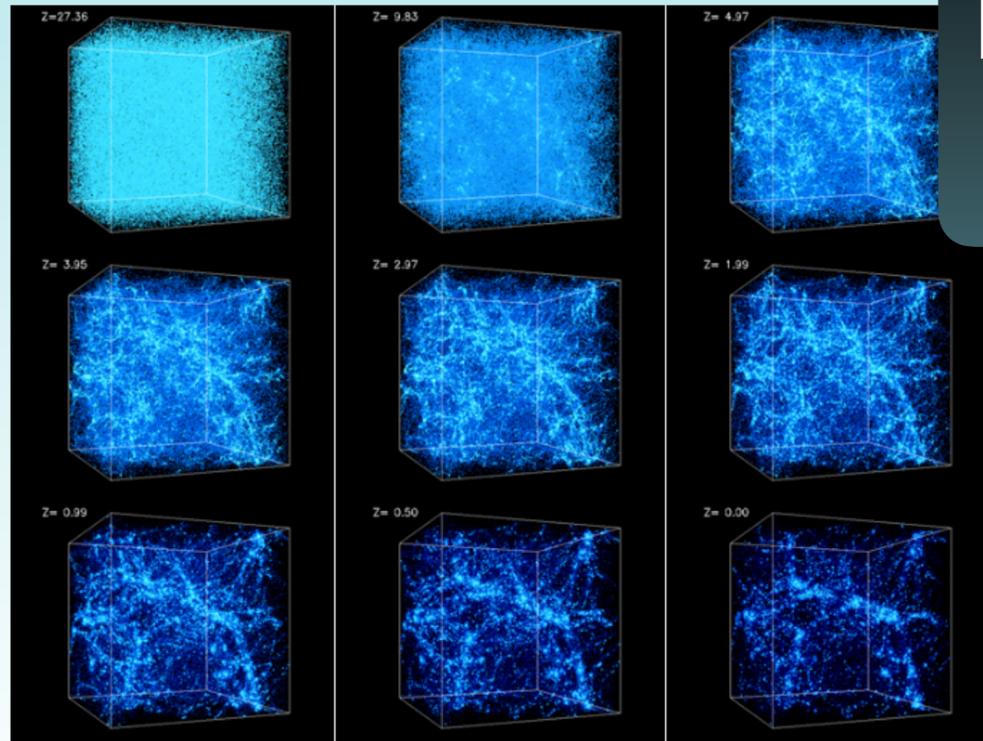
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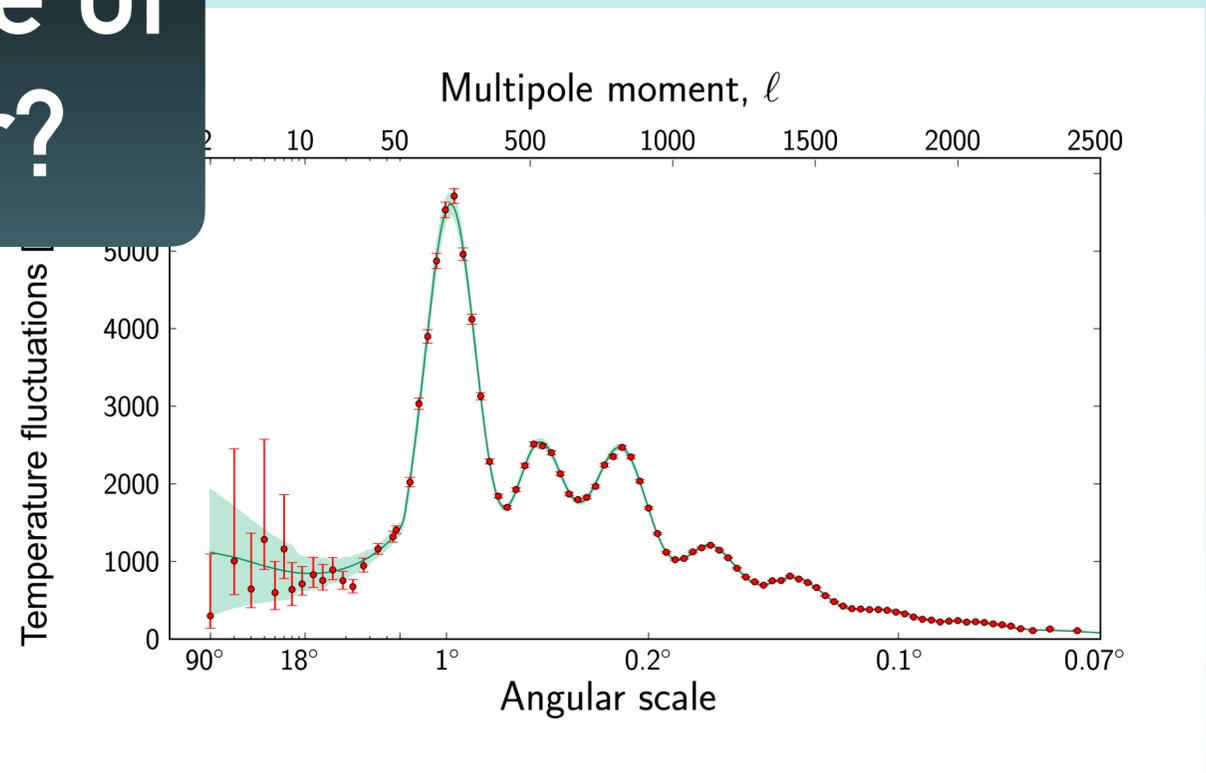
Galaxy cluster collisions



What is the particle nature of Dark Matter?



Large scale structure



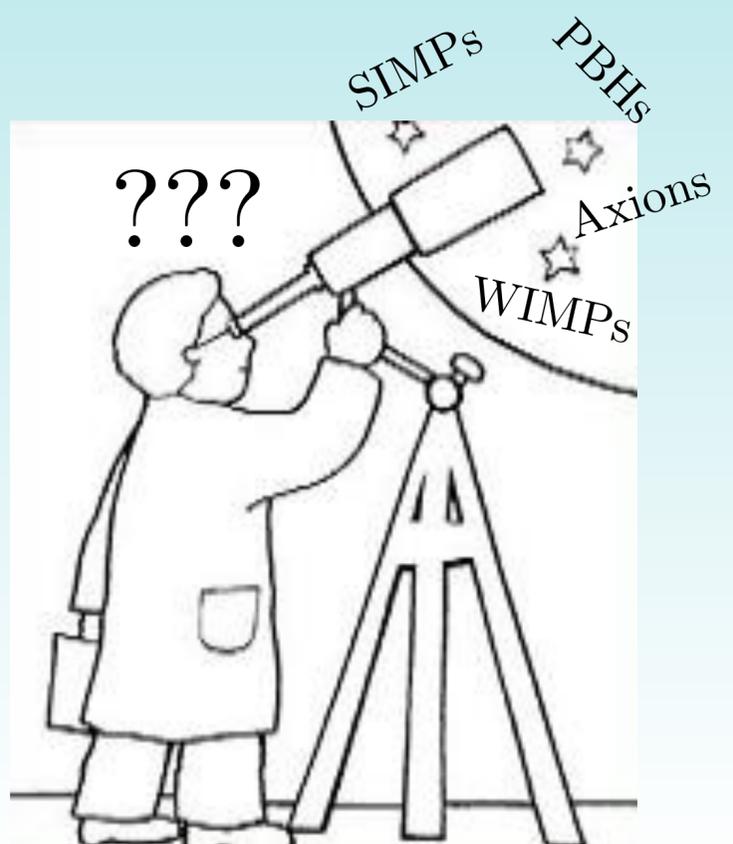
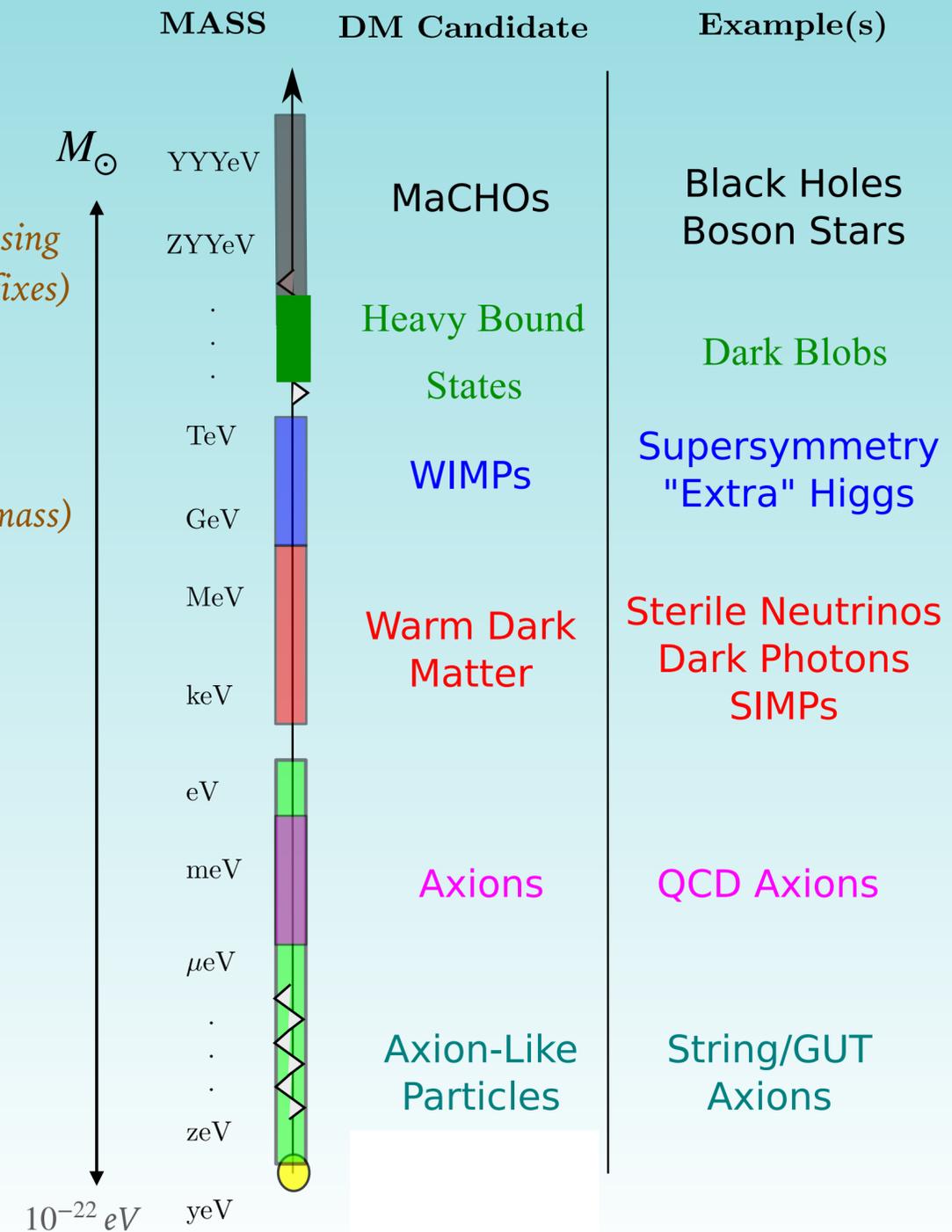
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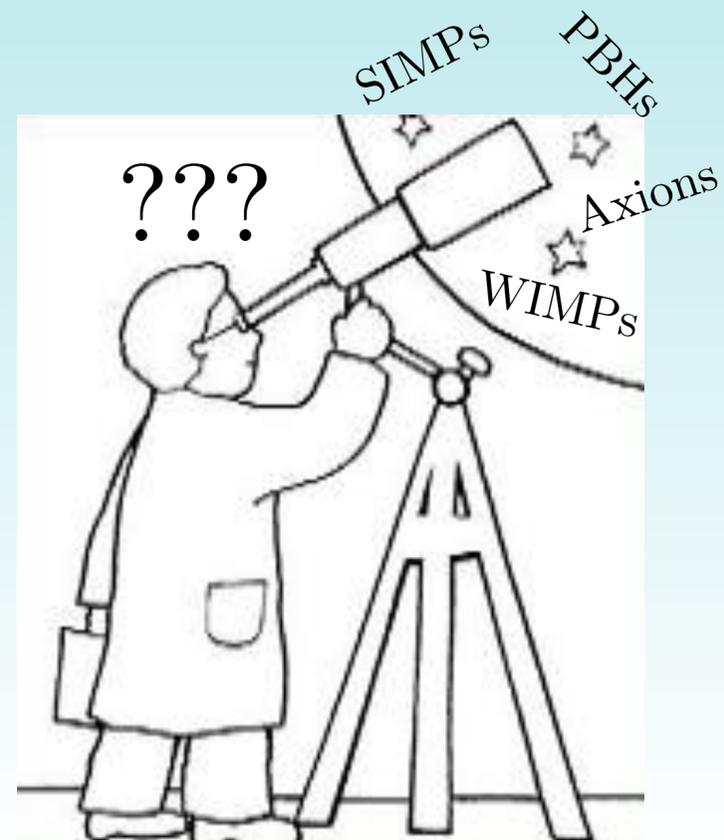
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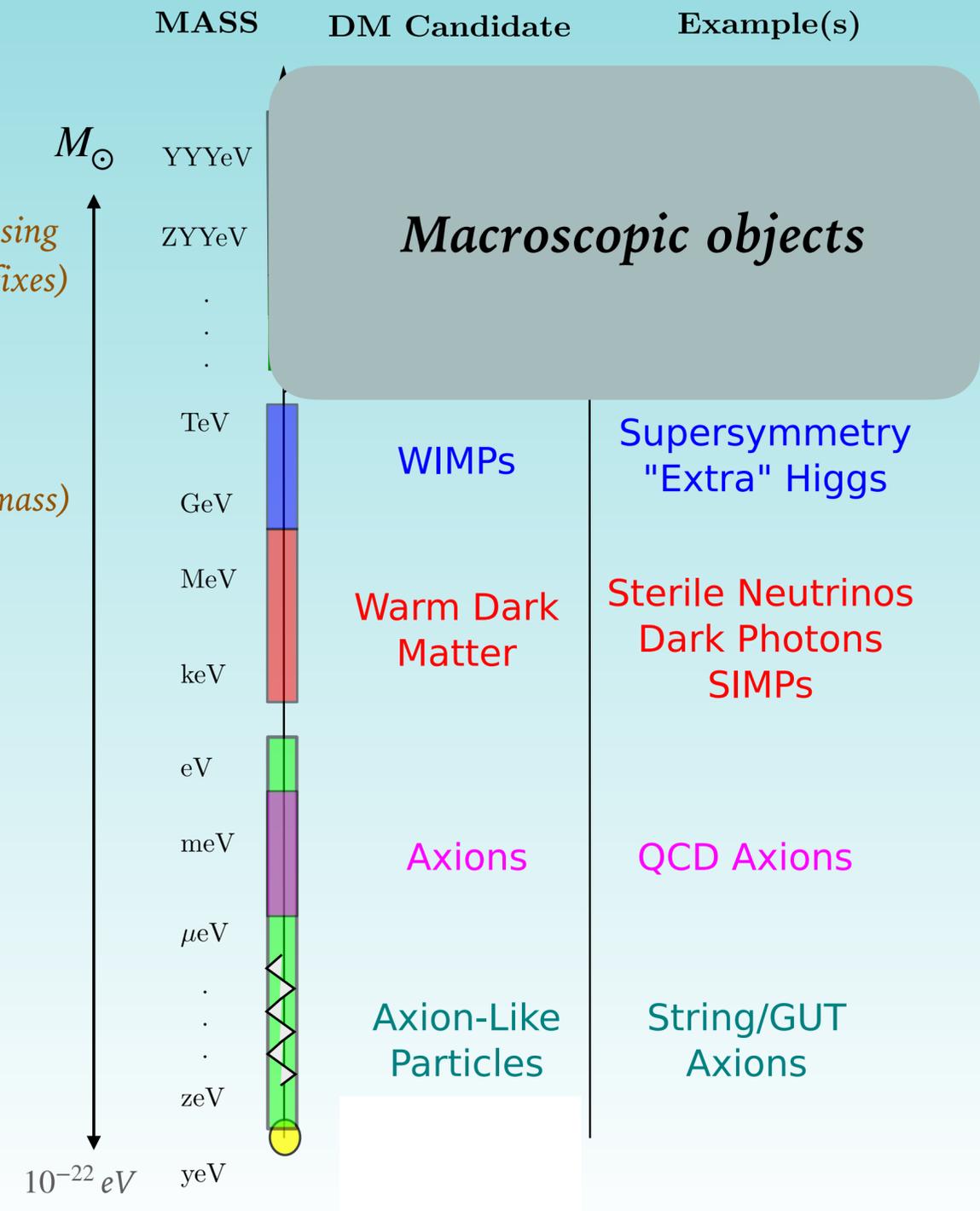
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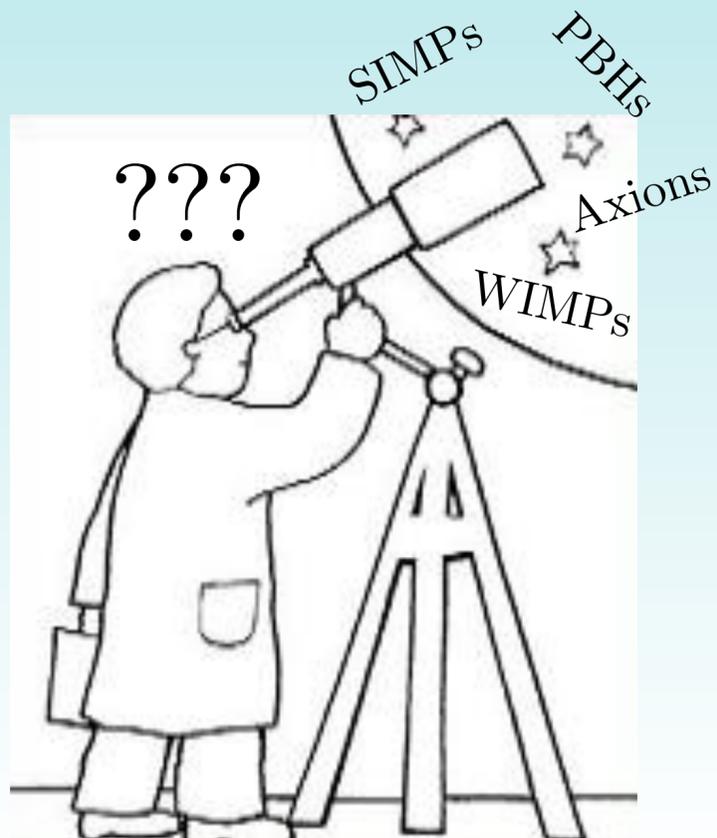
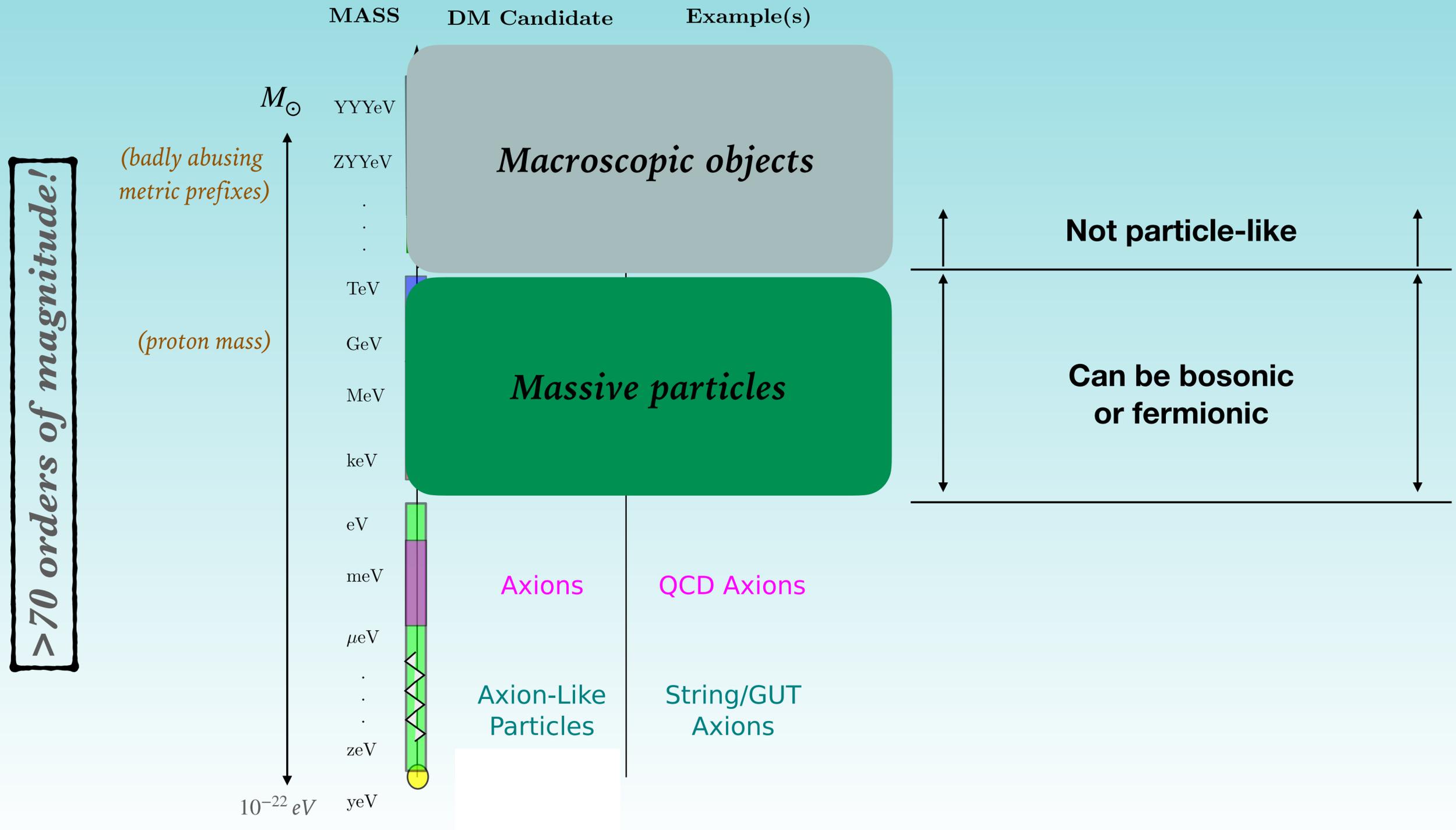
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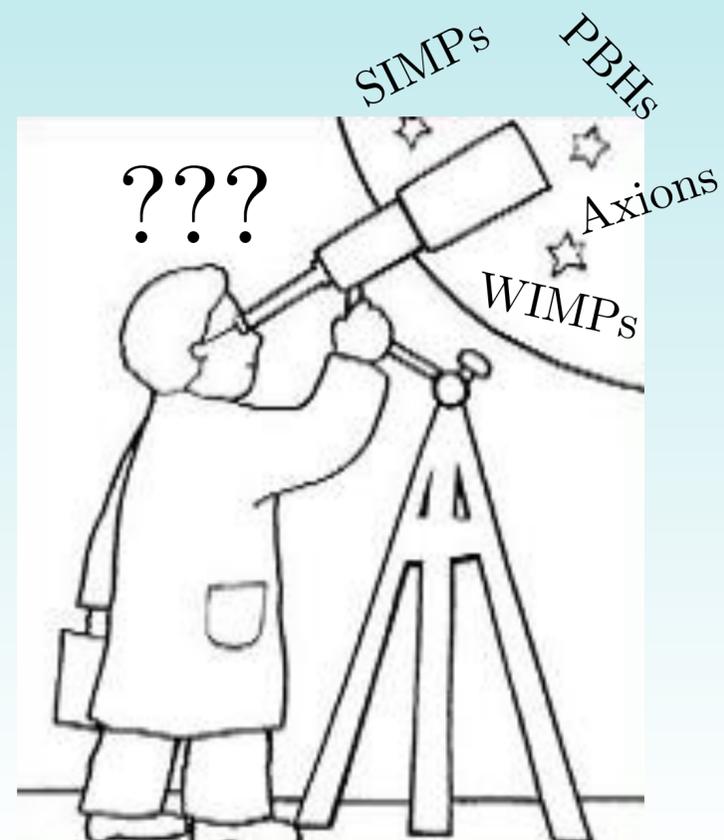


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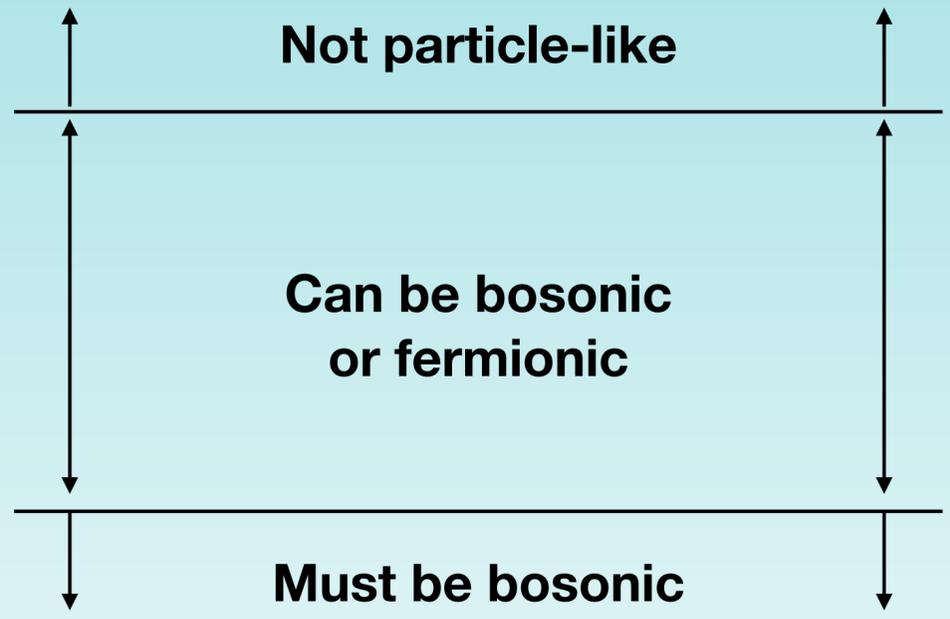
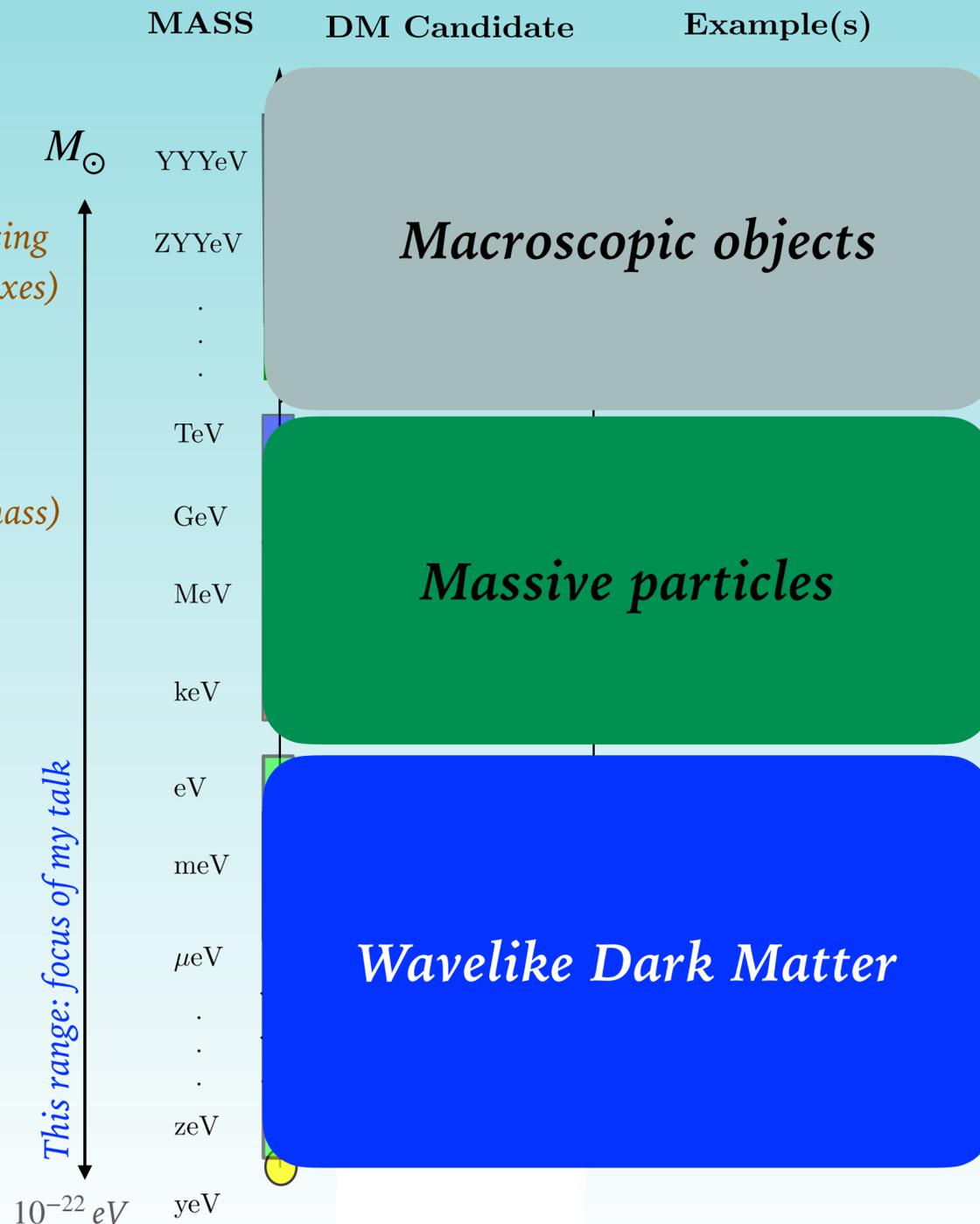


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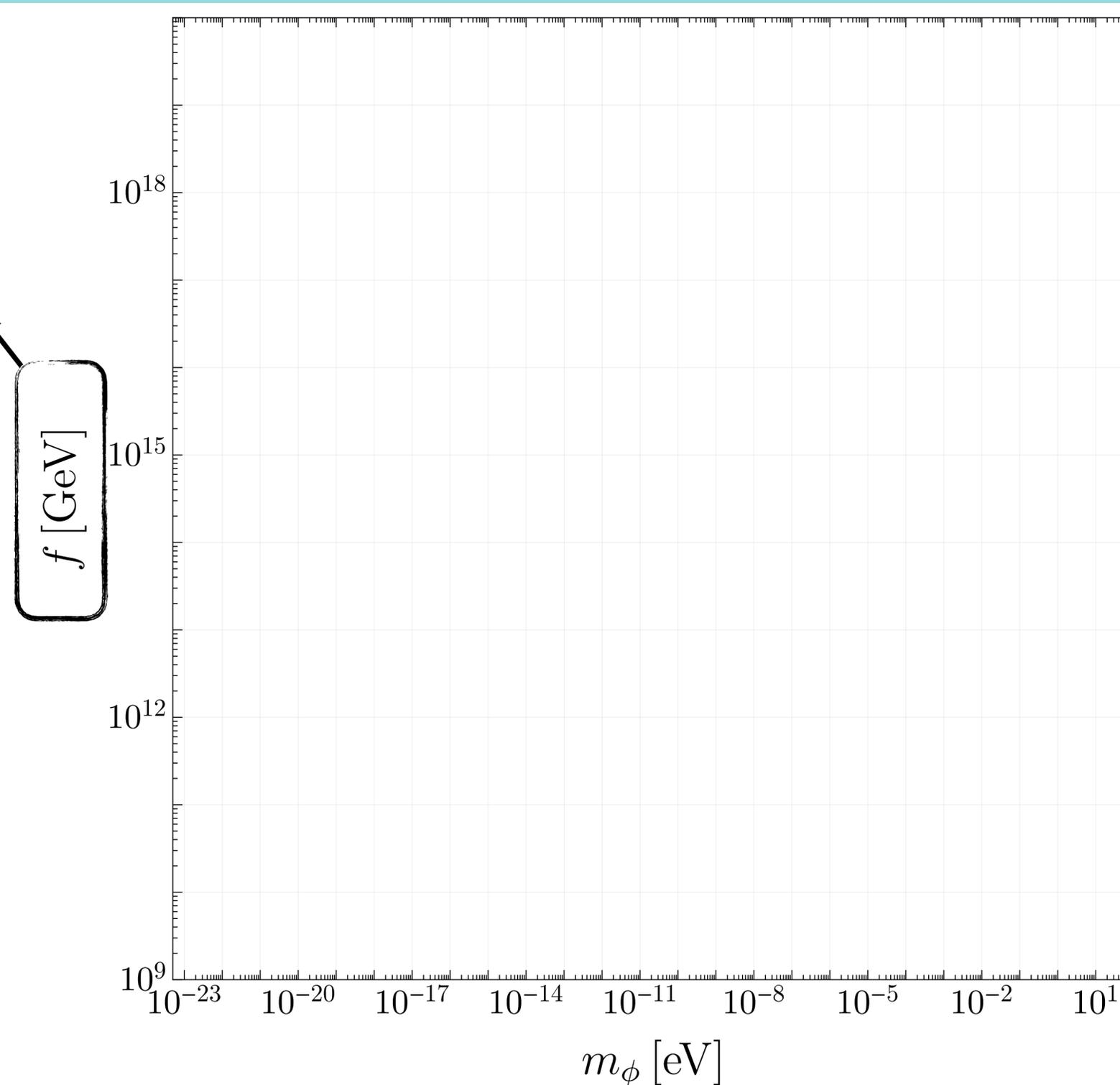
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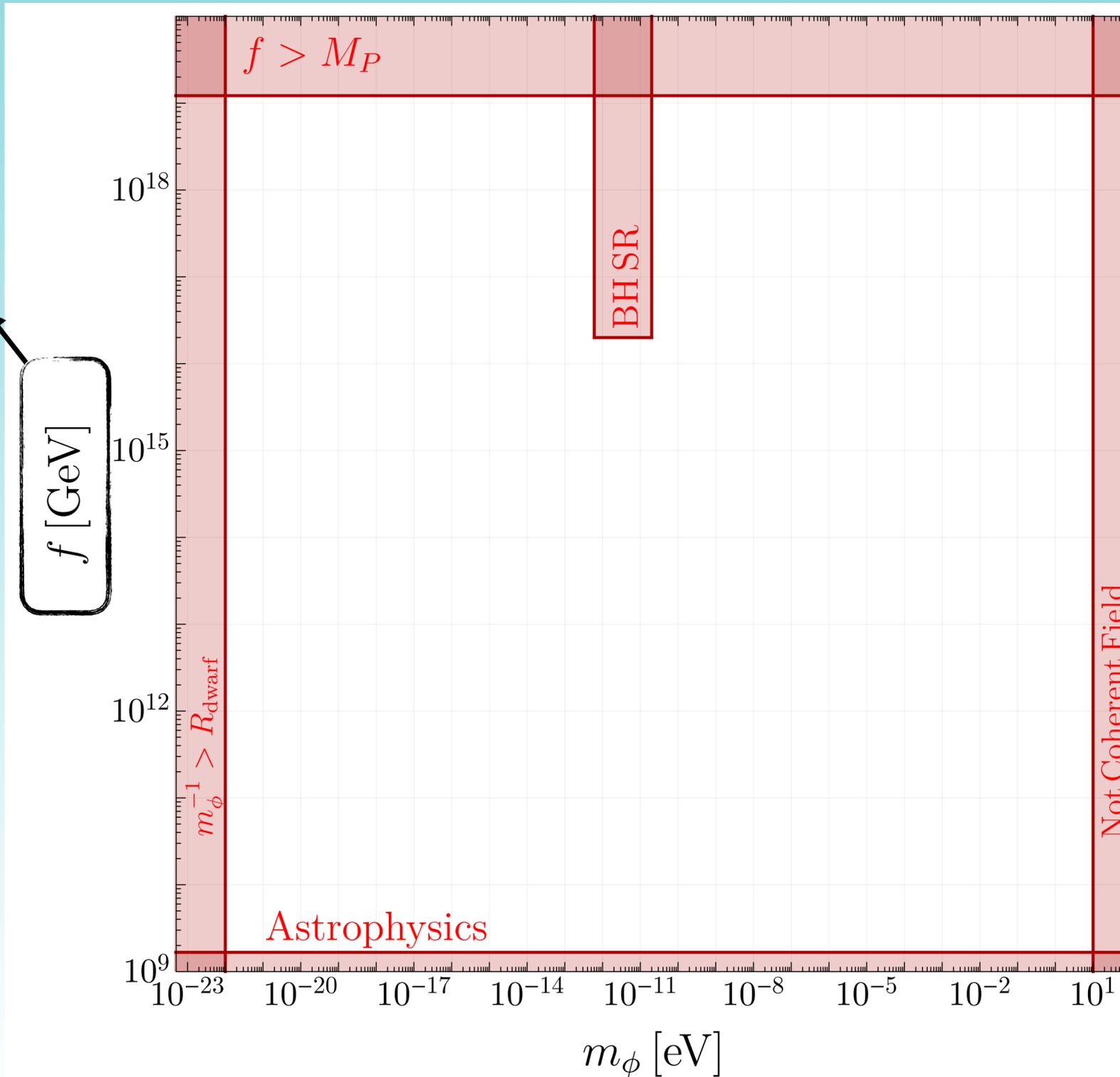
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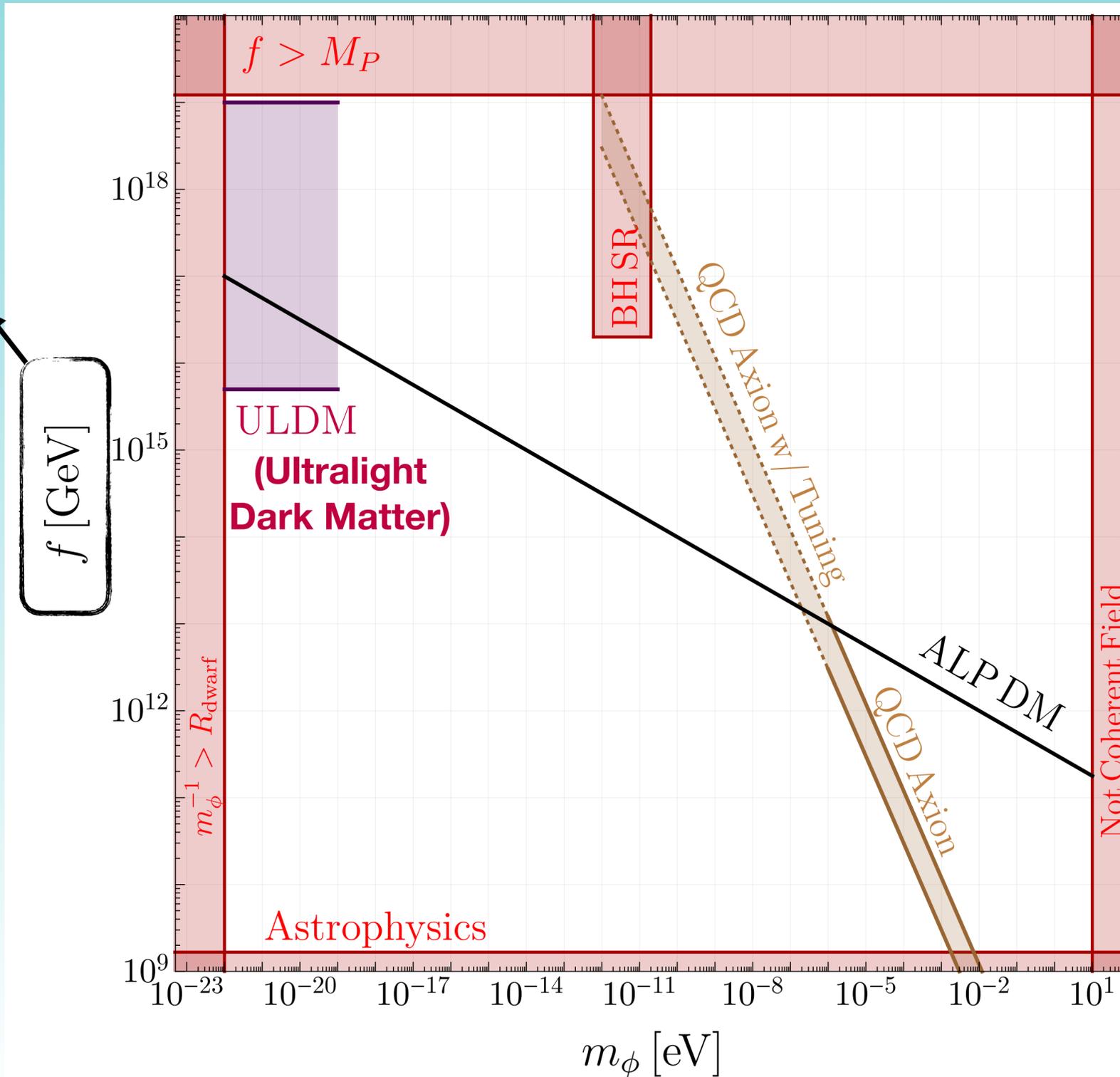
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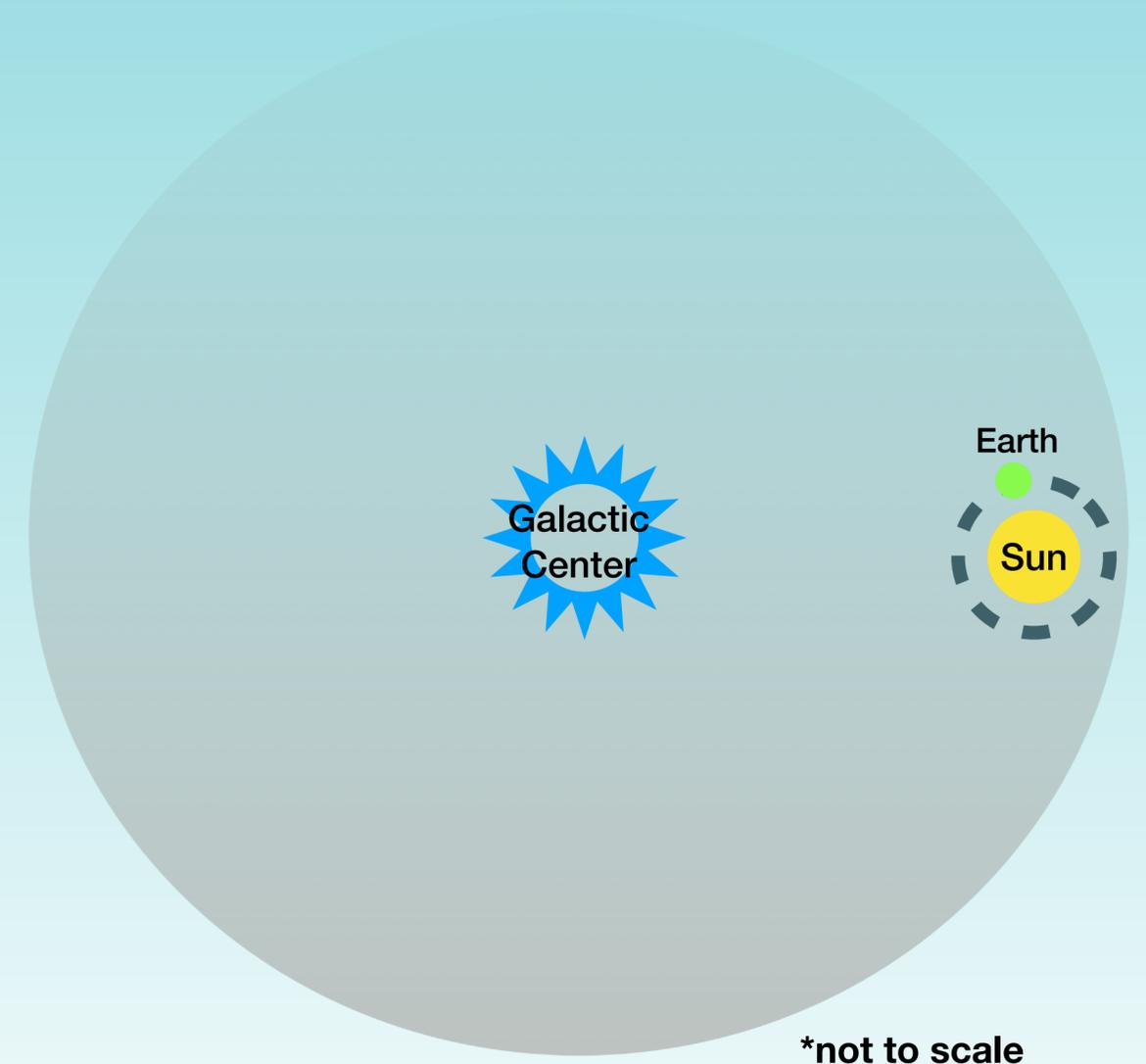


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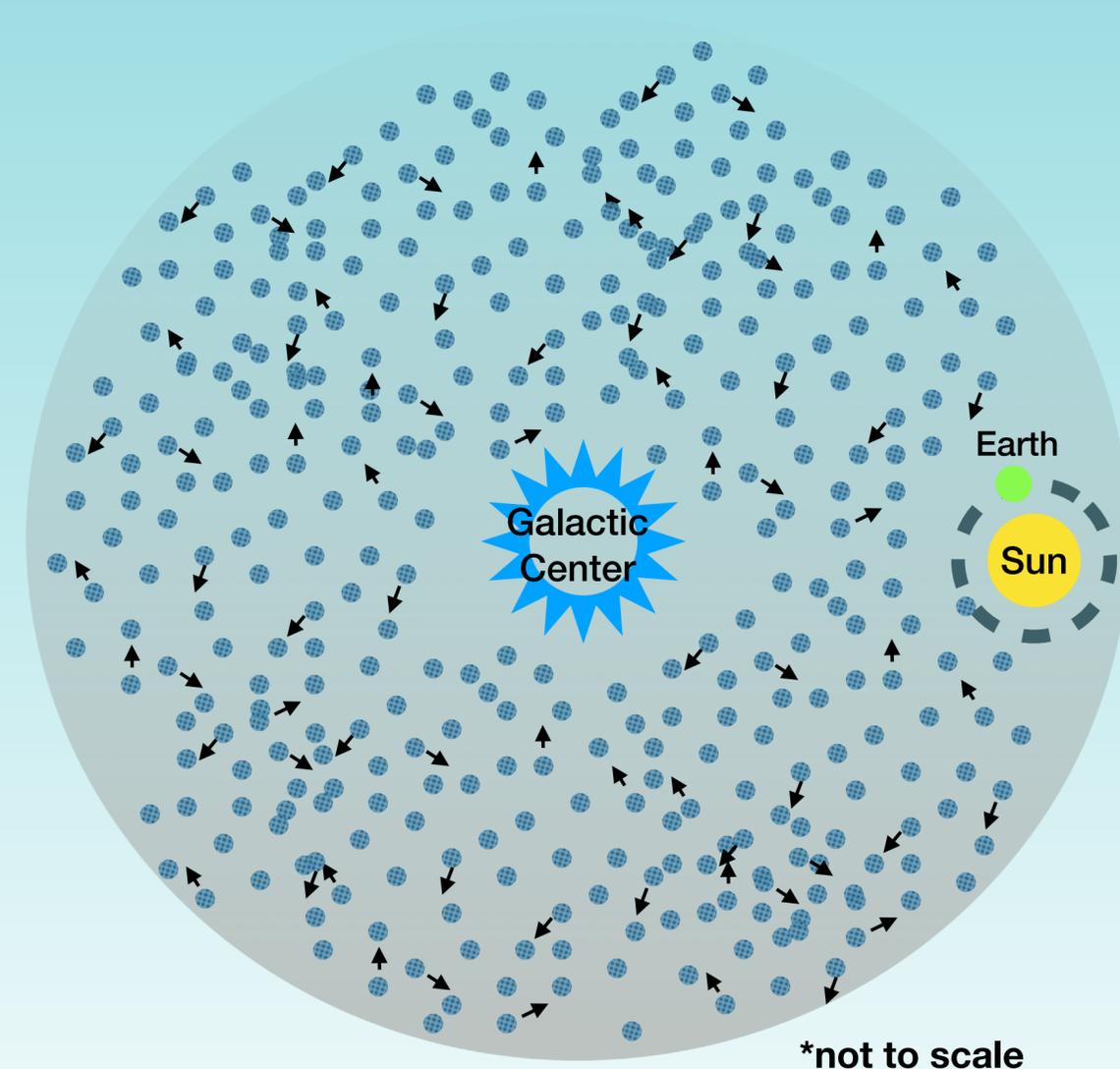
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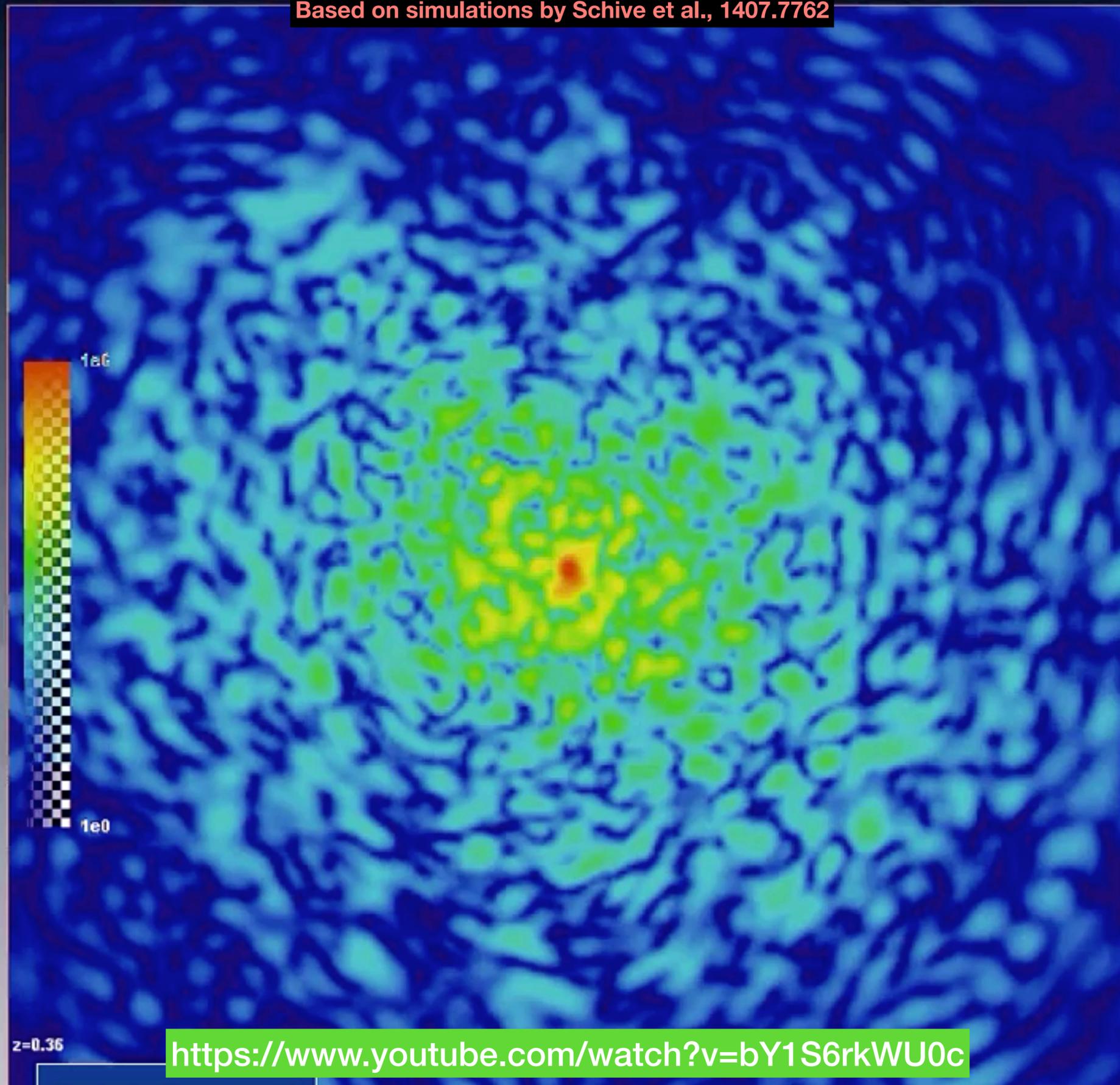


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 - Lumps can form, travel, merge, coalesce, ...



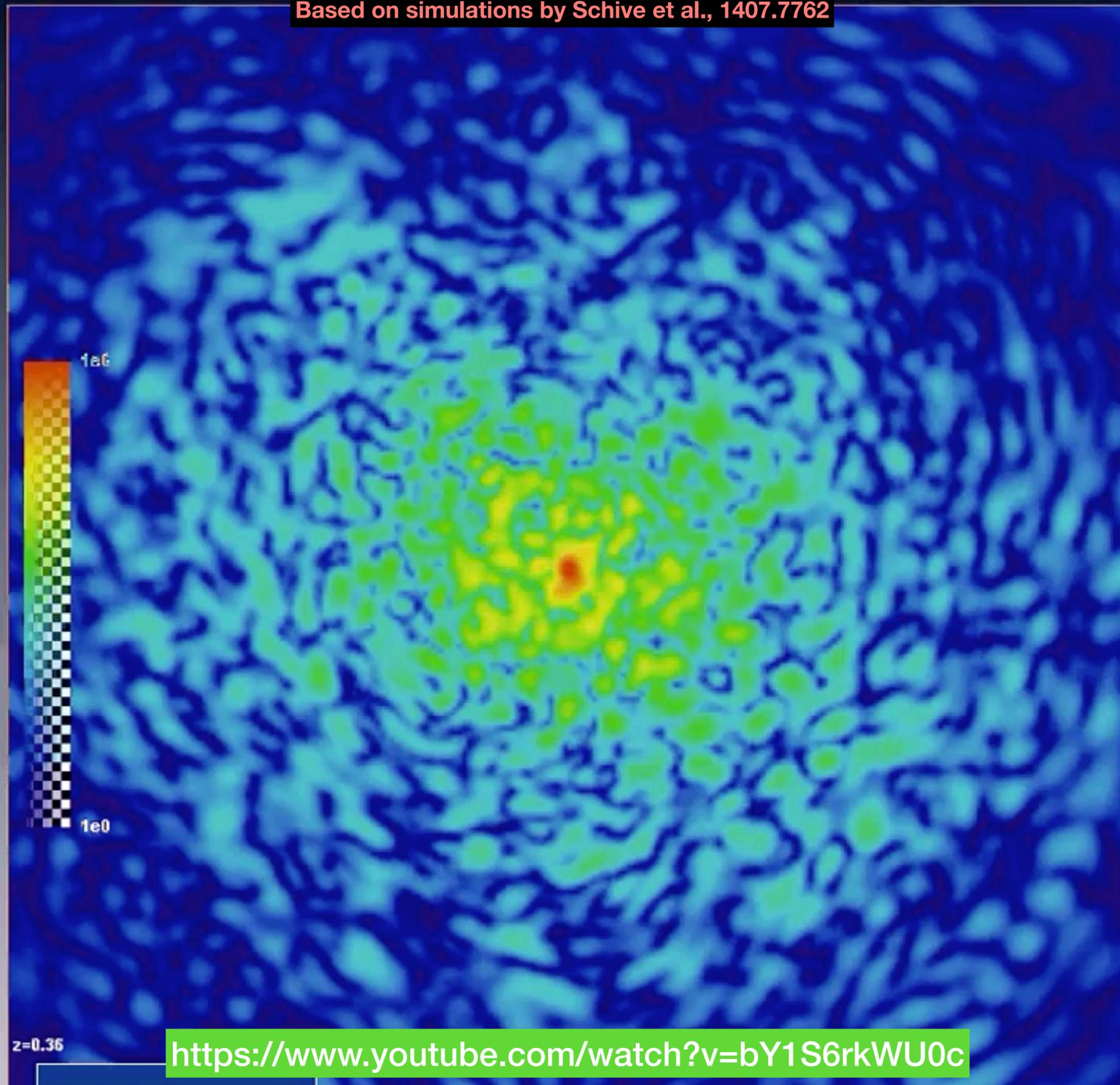
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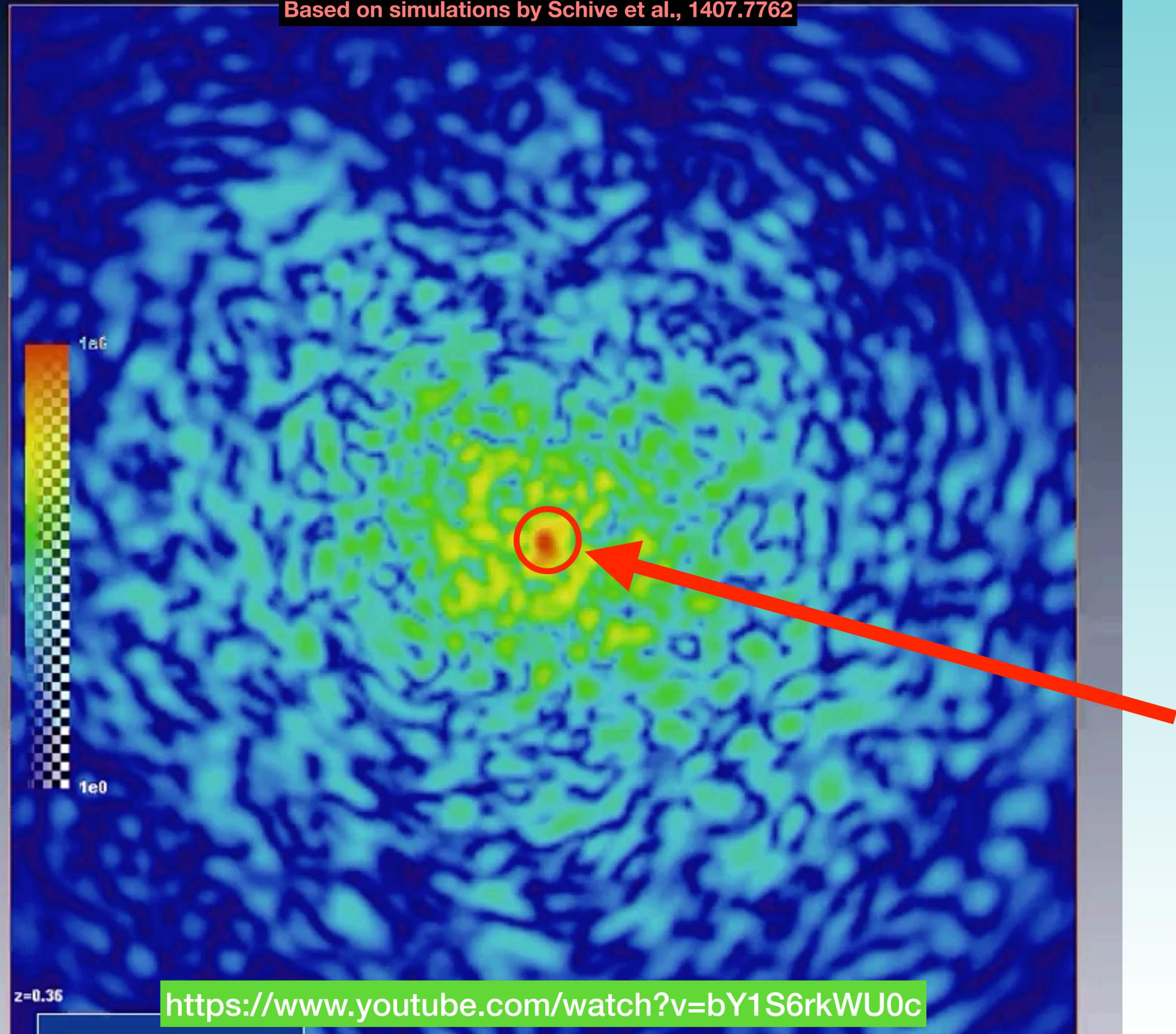
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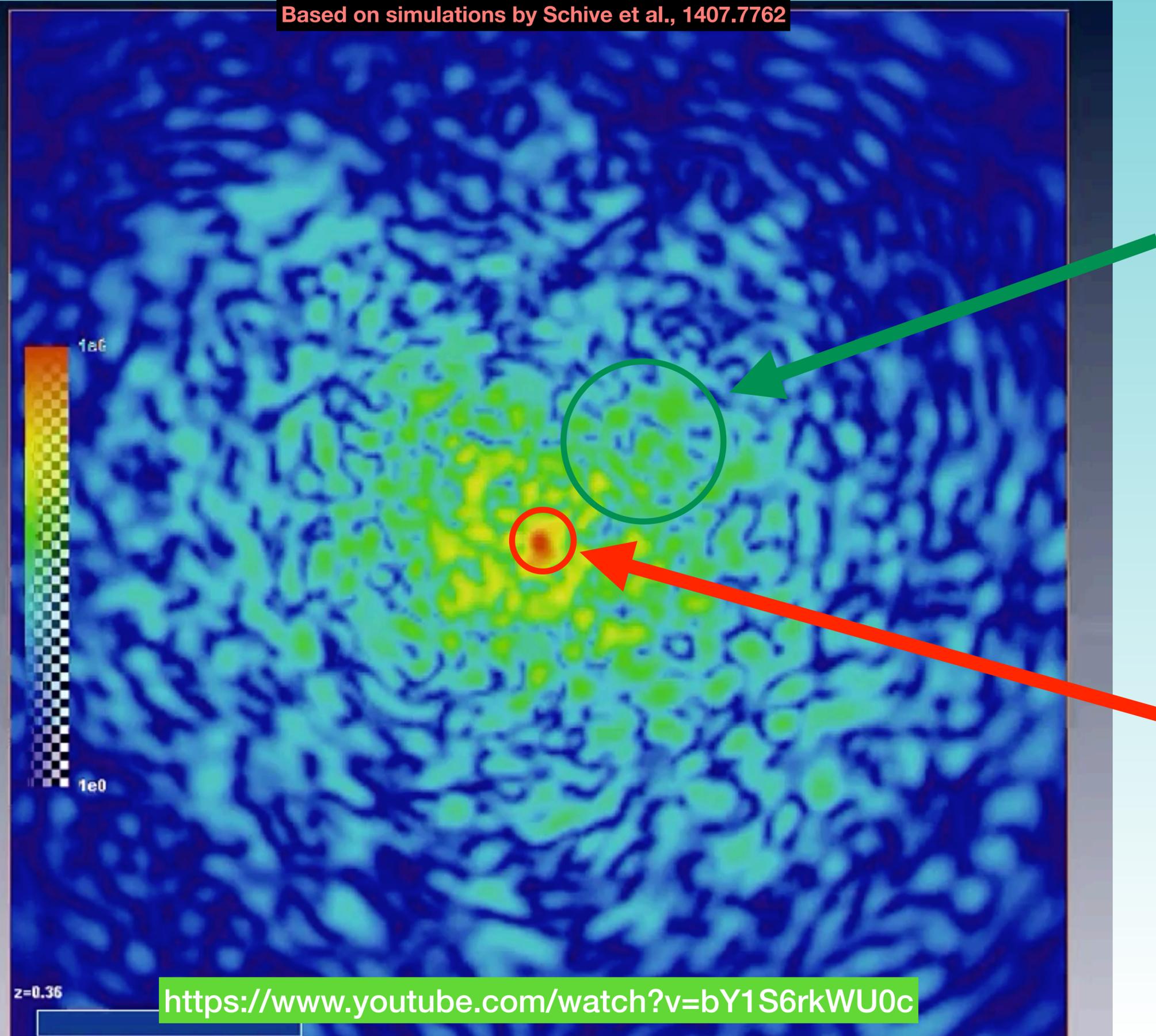
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Types of LSDM Substructure

1. Quasiparticles / Granules
2. Axion Stars / Solitons
3. Axion Halos around the Earth and Sun

LSDM Equations of Motion

- LSDM is non-relativistic, with high occupation numbers \Rightarrow NR classical field

- Expand field in terms of non-relativistic wavefunction: $\phi(t, r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m_\phi}} [e^{-im_\phi t} \psi(t, r) + c.c.]$

- E.o.M is **Gross-Pitaevskii+Poisson (GPP)** equation:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Poisson Gravity} \\ &\nabla^2 V_g = 4\pi G m_\phi |\psi|^2 \\ &\text{(Attractive)} \end{aligned}$$

Normalization

$$m_\phi \int d^3r |\psi|^2 = M_\star$$

Coherent state \rightarrow Oscillates

Leading time dependence

$$\dot{\psi} \sim (m_\phi - \omega)\psi \ll m_\phi \psi$$

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Kinetic energy
(Repulsive)

Self-interactions
For axion potential,

$$V(\phi) = m_\phi^2 f^2 \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \right] = \frac{m_\phi^2}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{m_\phi}{f}\right)^2 \phi^4 + \frac{1}{6! f^2} \left(\frac{m_\phi}{f}\right)^2 \phi^6 - \dots$$

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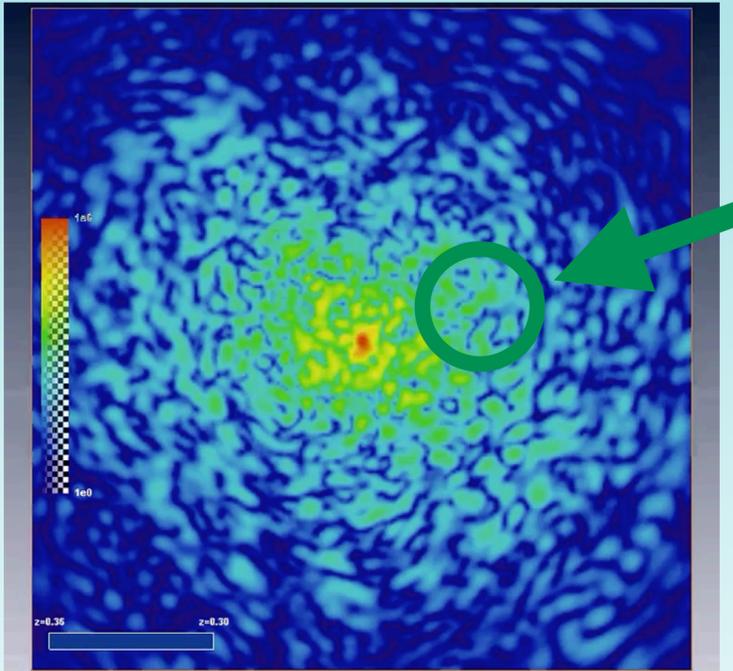
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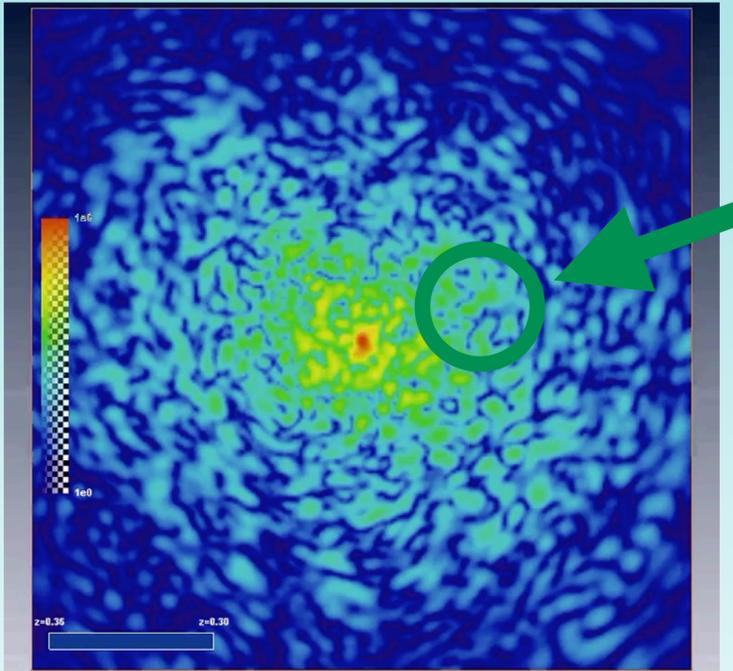
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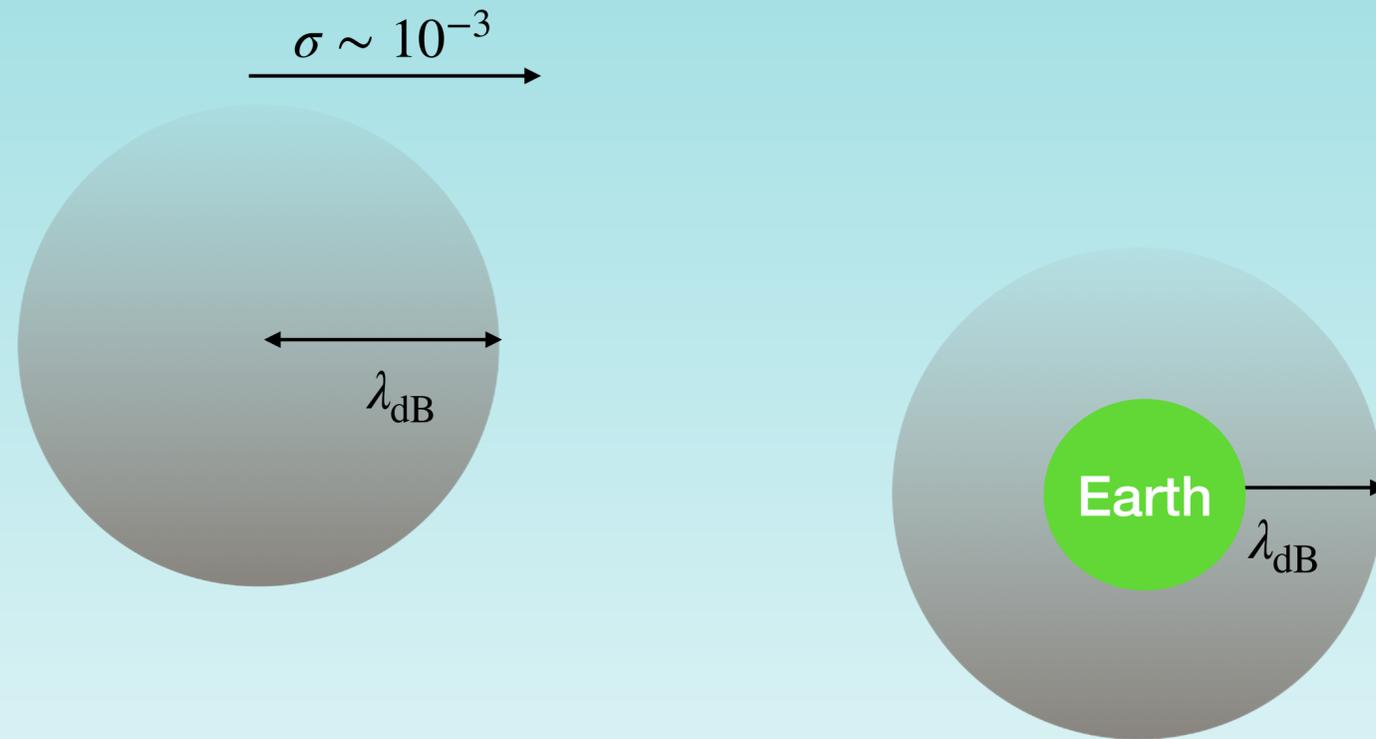
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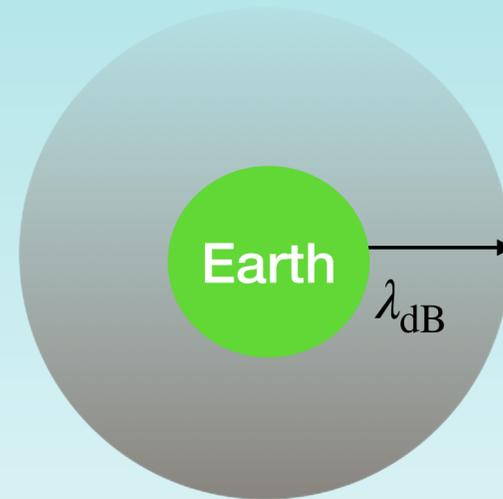
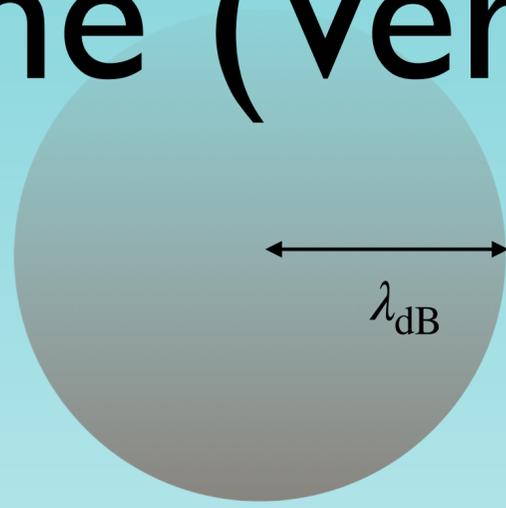
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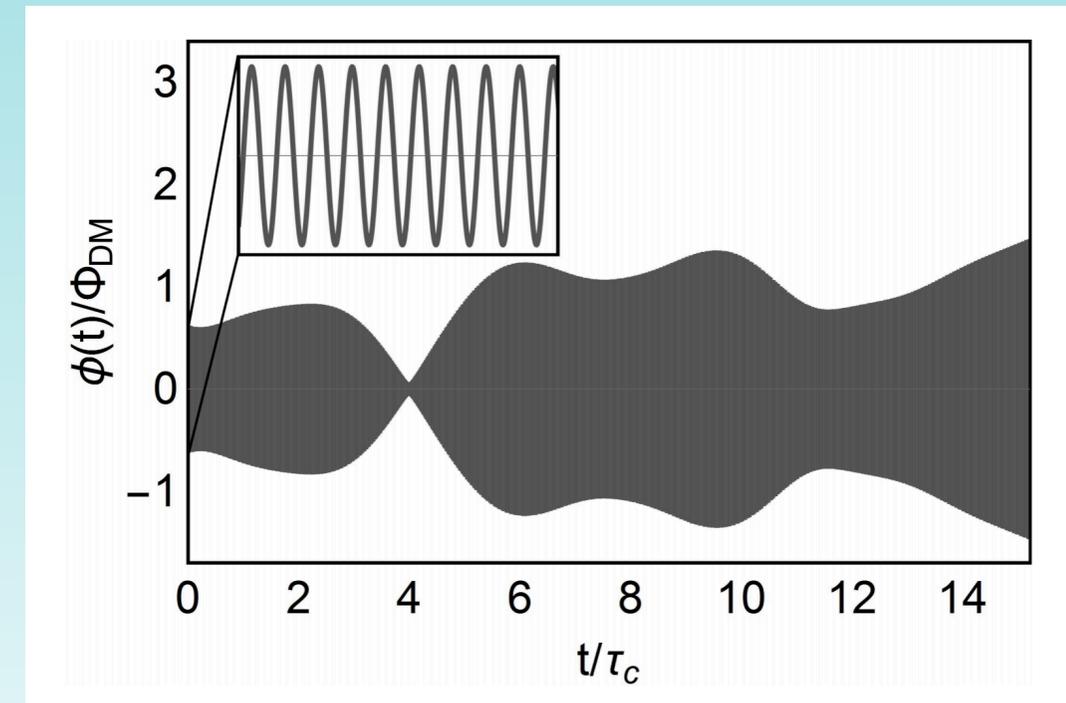
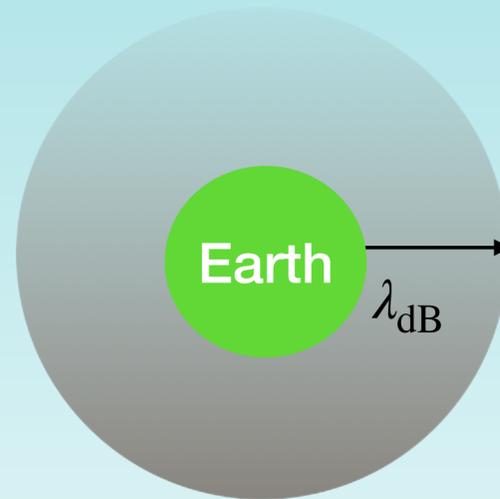
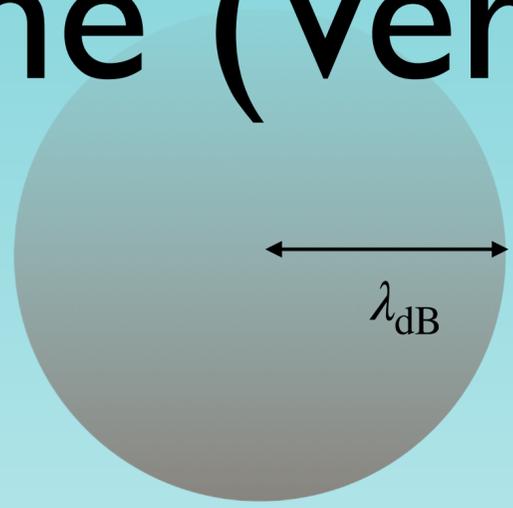
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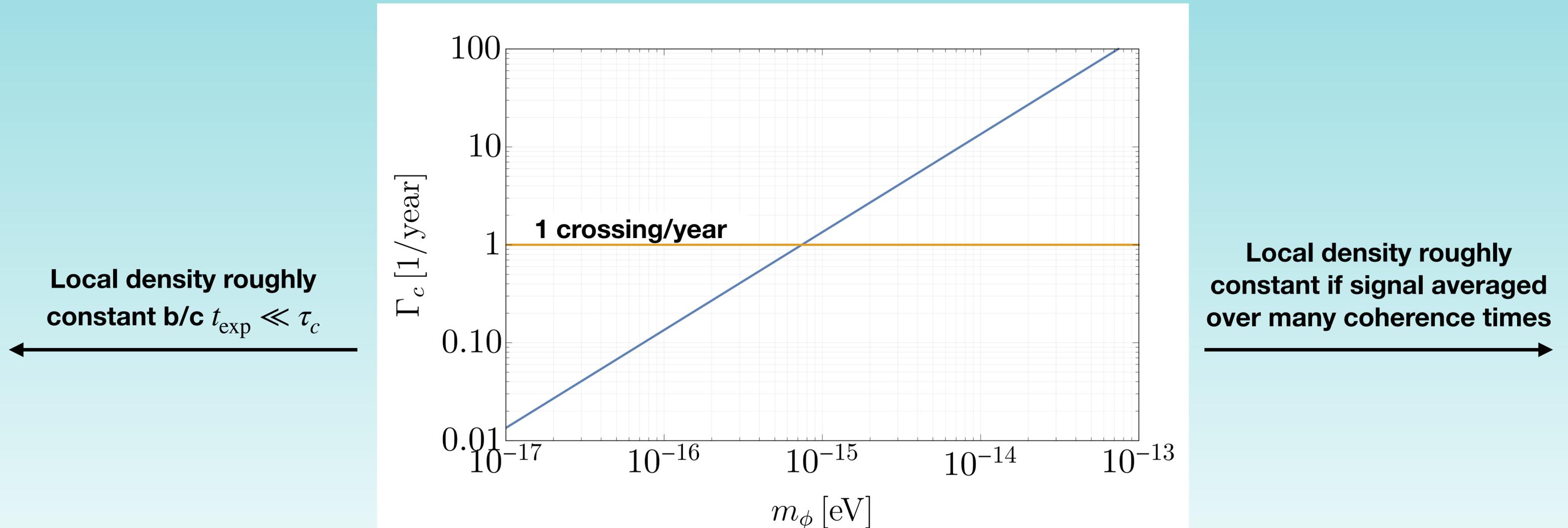


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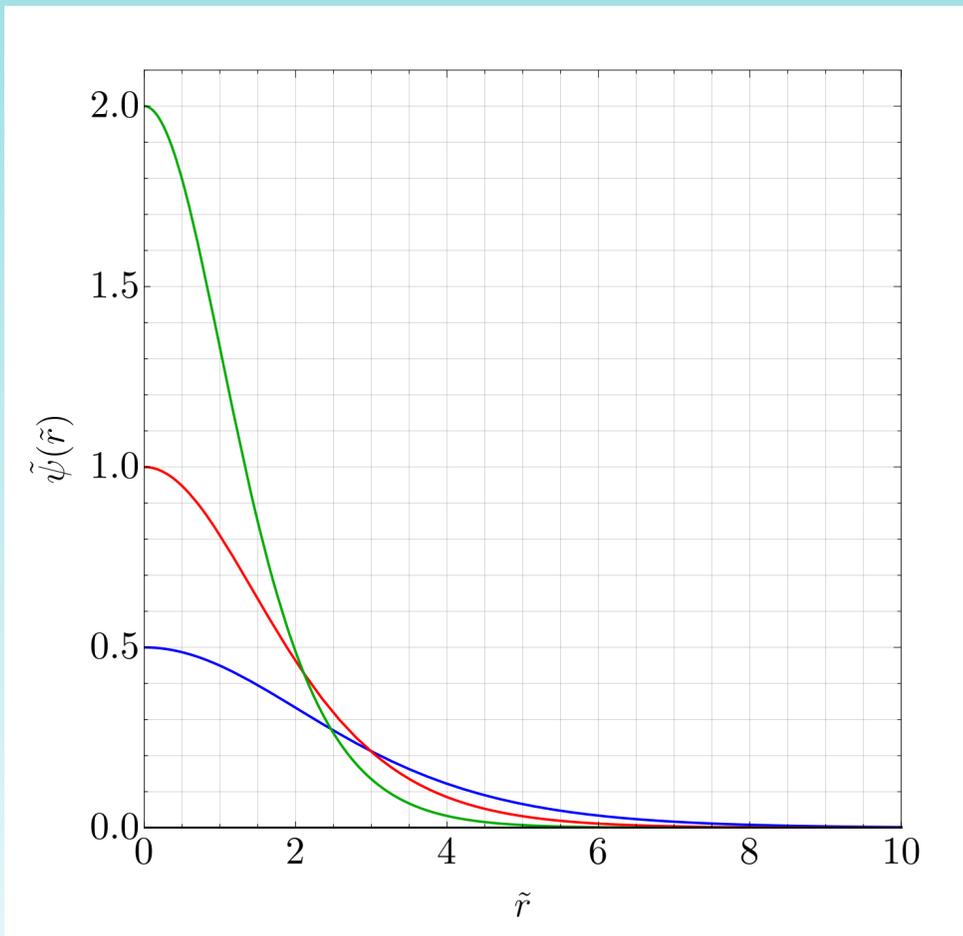
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$$\Gamma_c \equiv \frac{1}{\tau_c} \simeq m_\phi \sigma^2 \simeq (m_\phi R_\star^2)^{-1}$$

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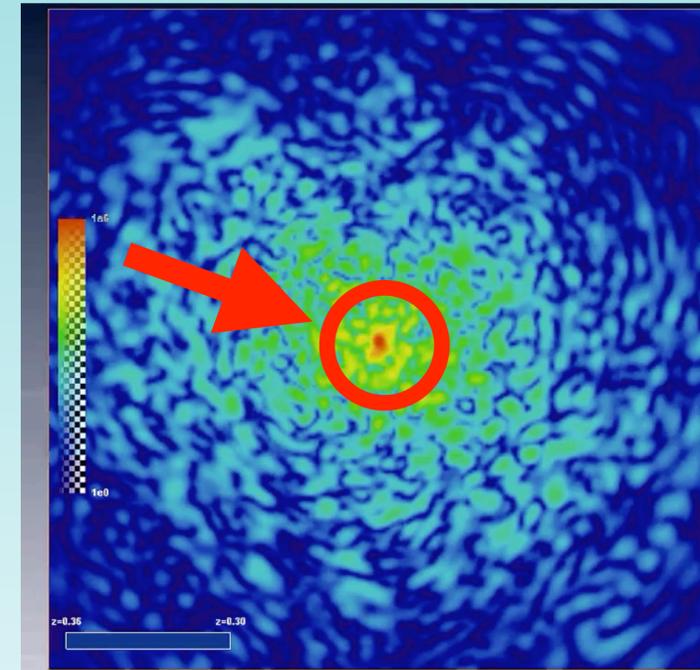


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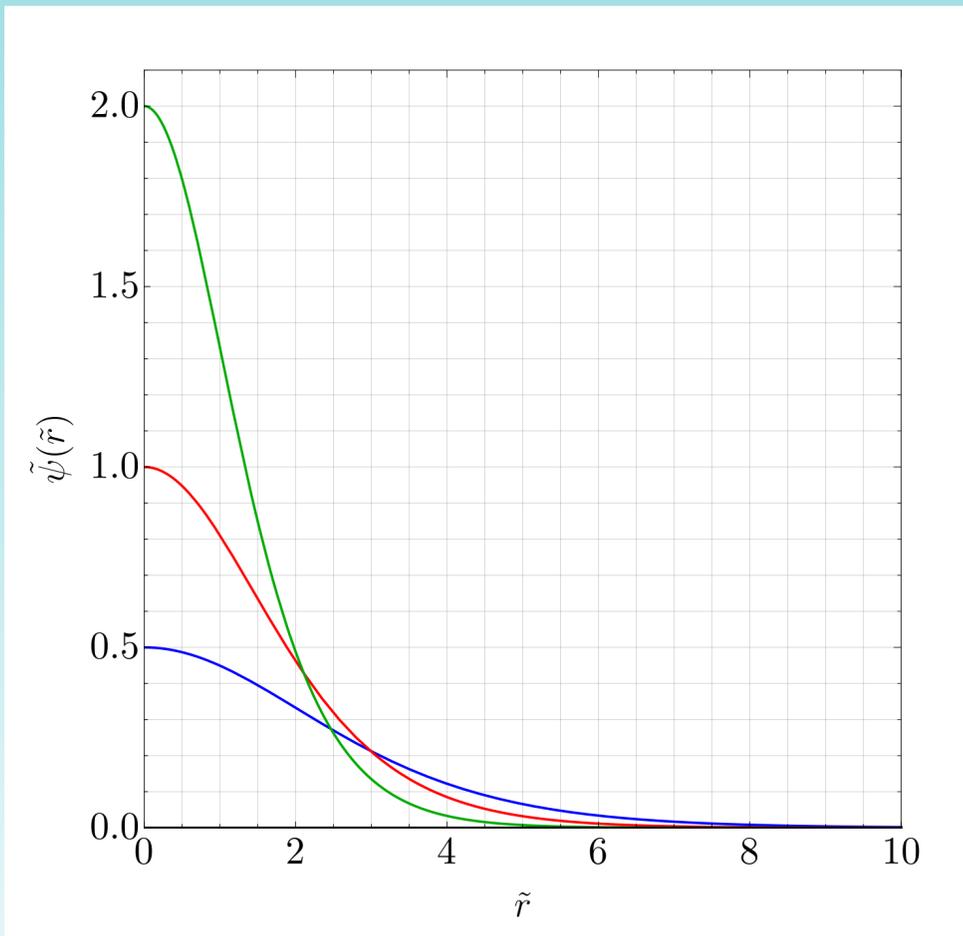
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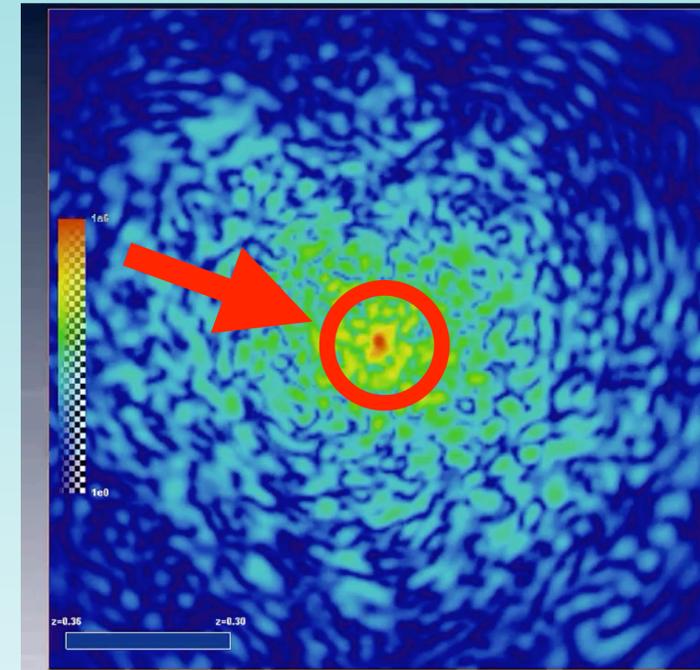


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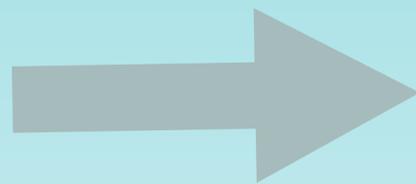
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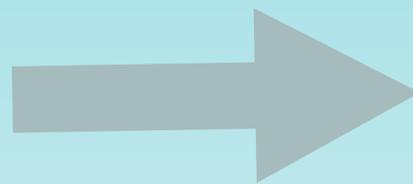
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Then any other solution $\{\chi_\lambda(r), \Phi_\lambda(r), \mu_\lambda\}$ can be written as

$$\chi_\lambda(x) = \lambda^2 \chi_1(\lambda x), \quad \Phi_\lambda(x) = \lambda^2 \Phi_1(\lambda x), \quad \mu_\lambda = \lambda^2 \mu_1$$

This solution has the property

$$\frac{M_1}{M_\odot} \frac{R_1}{\text{kpc}} \approx 2 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right)^2$$

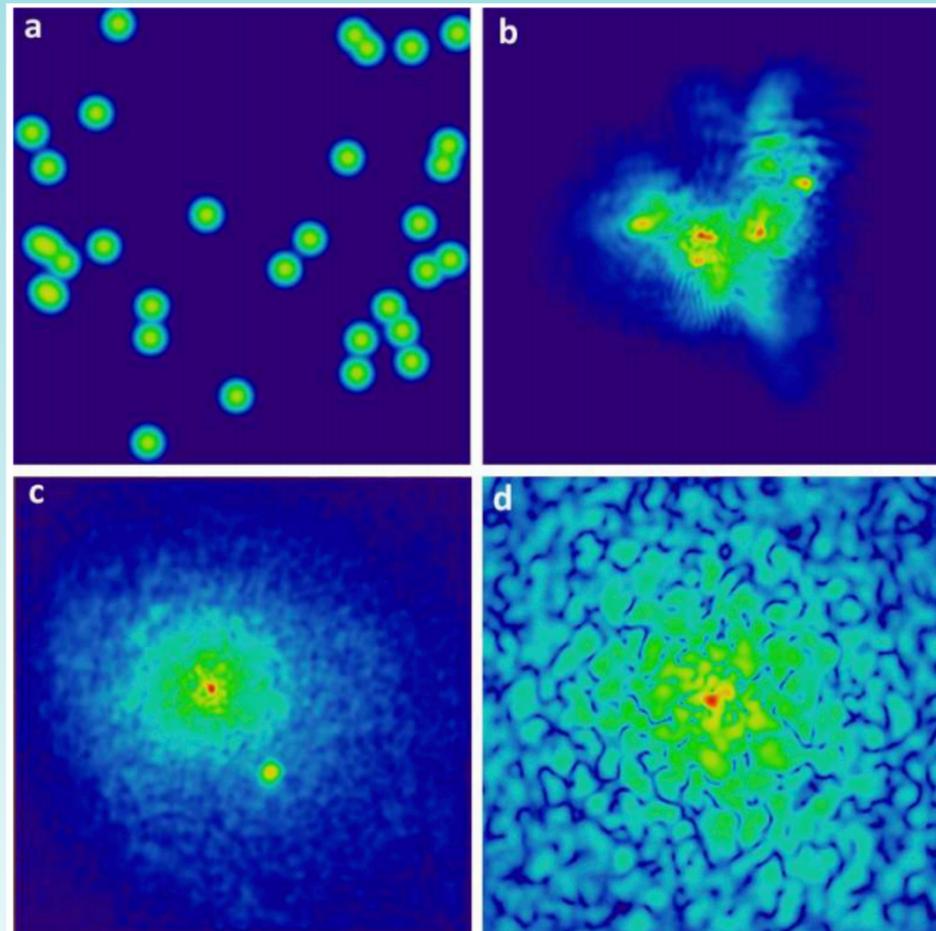
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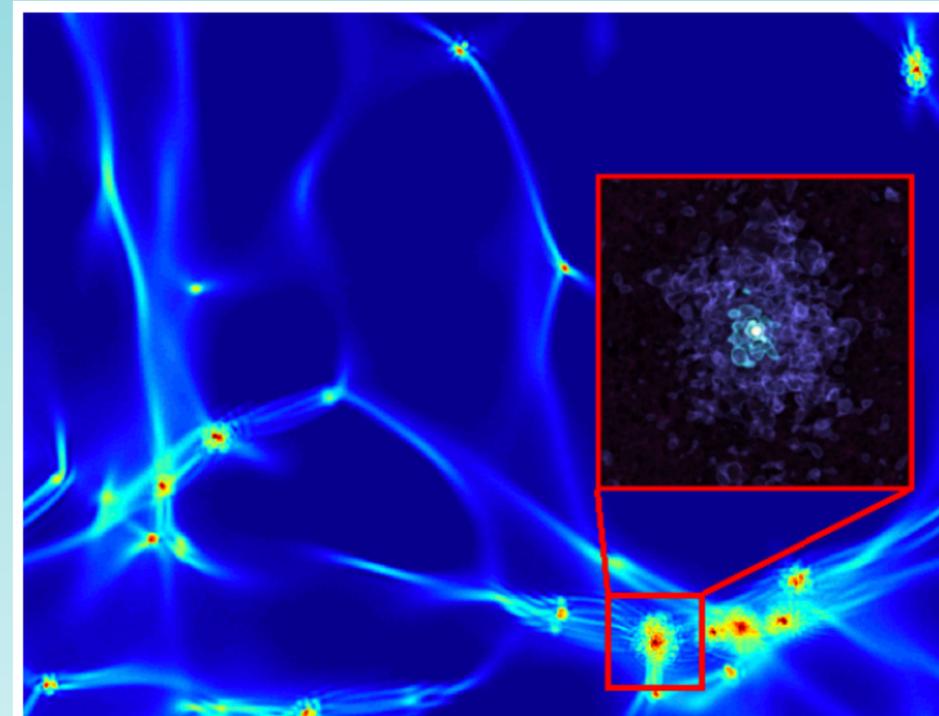
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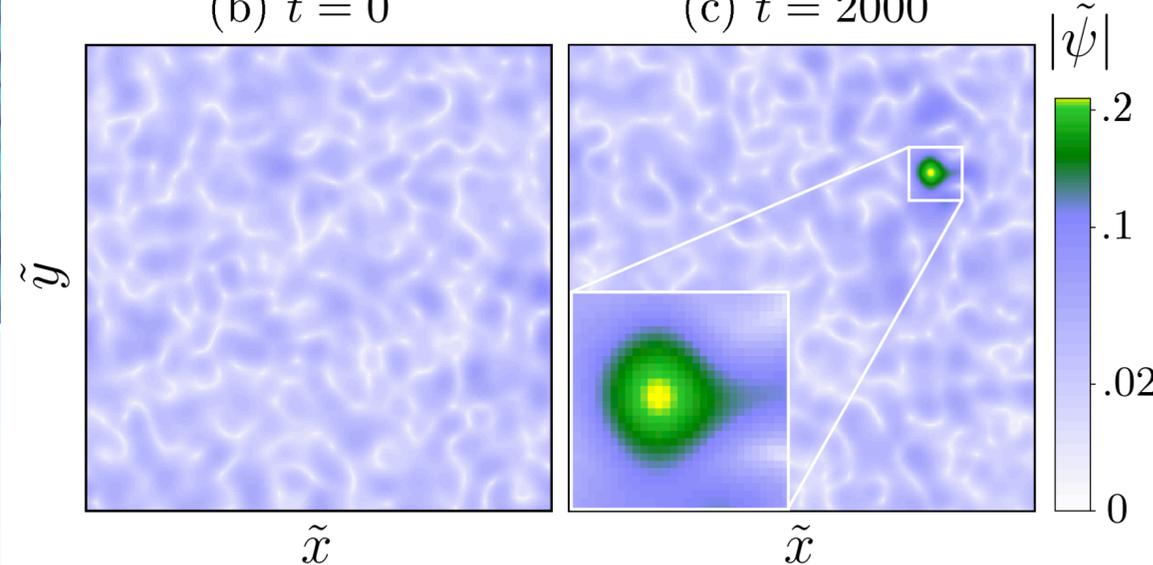


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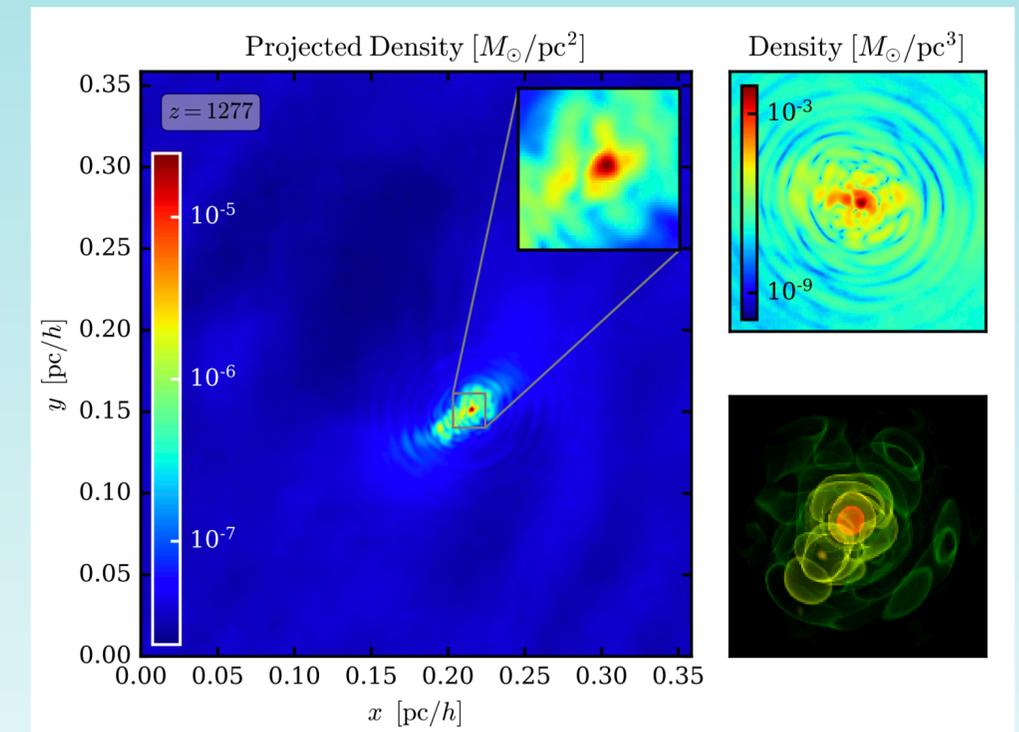


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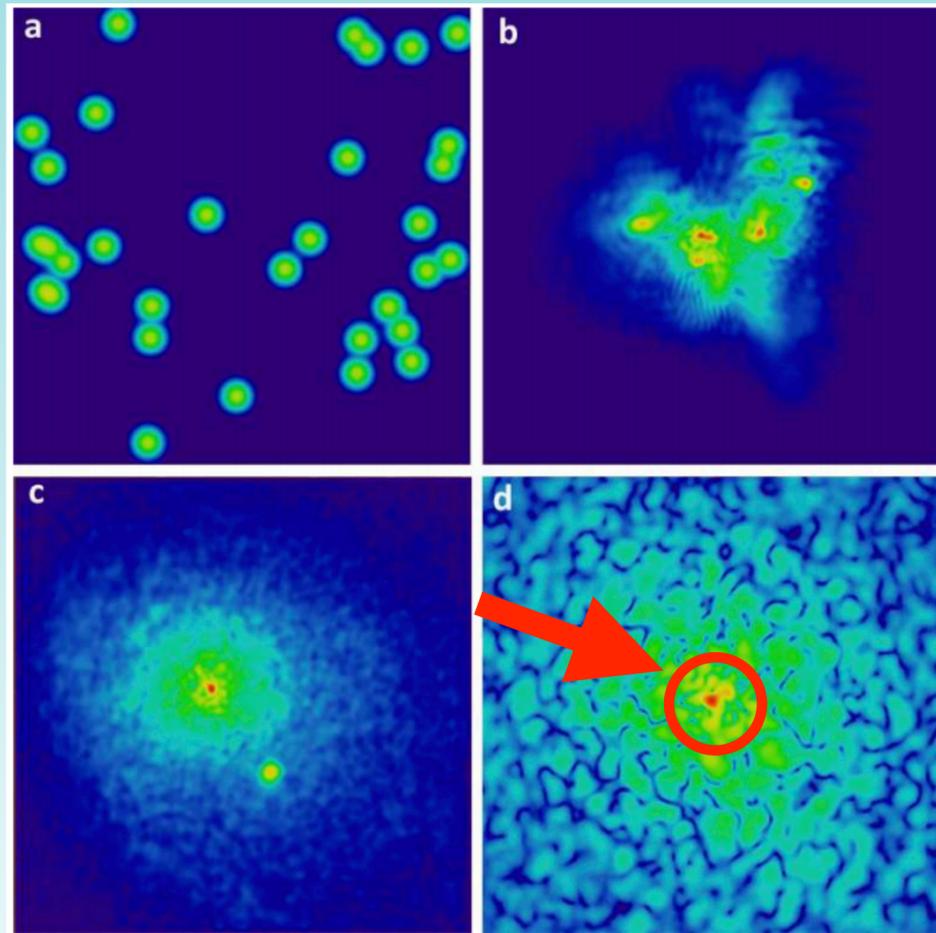


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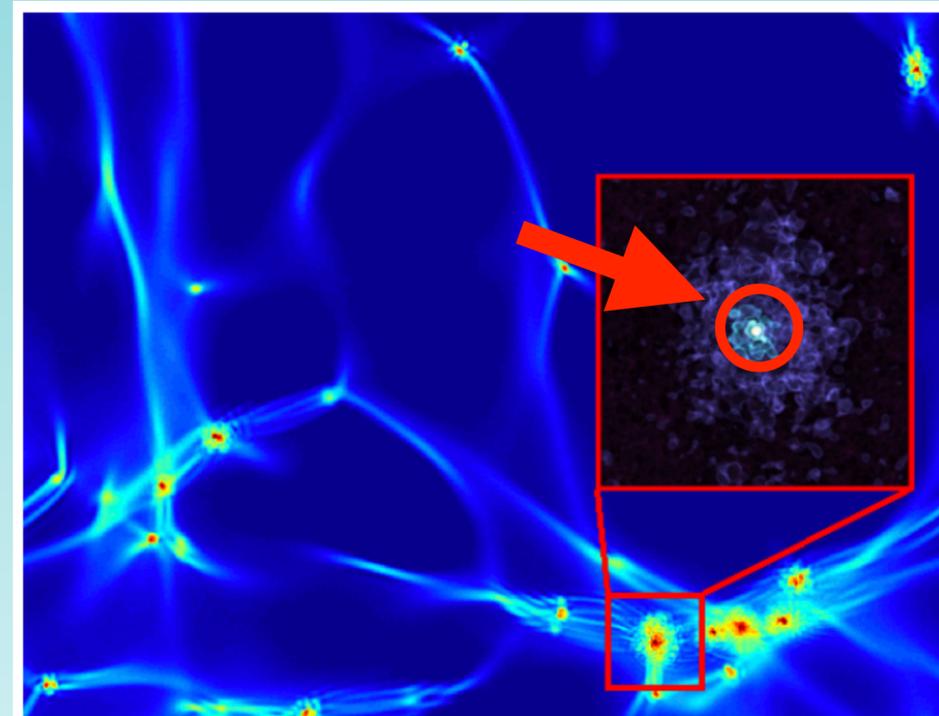
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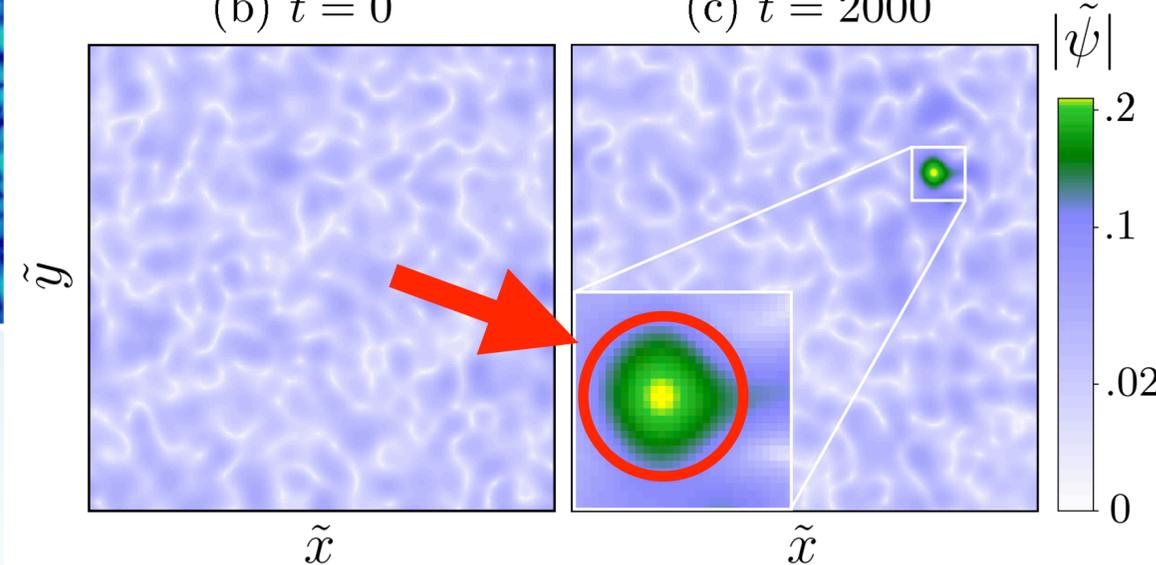


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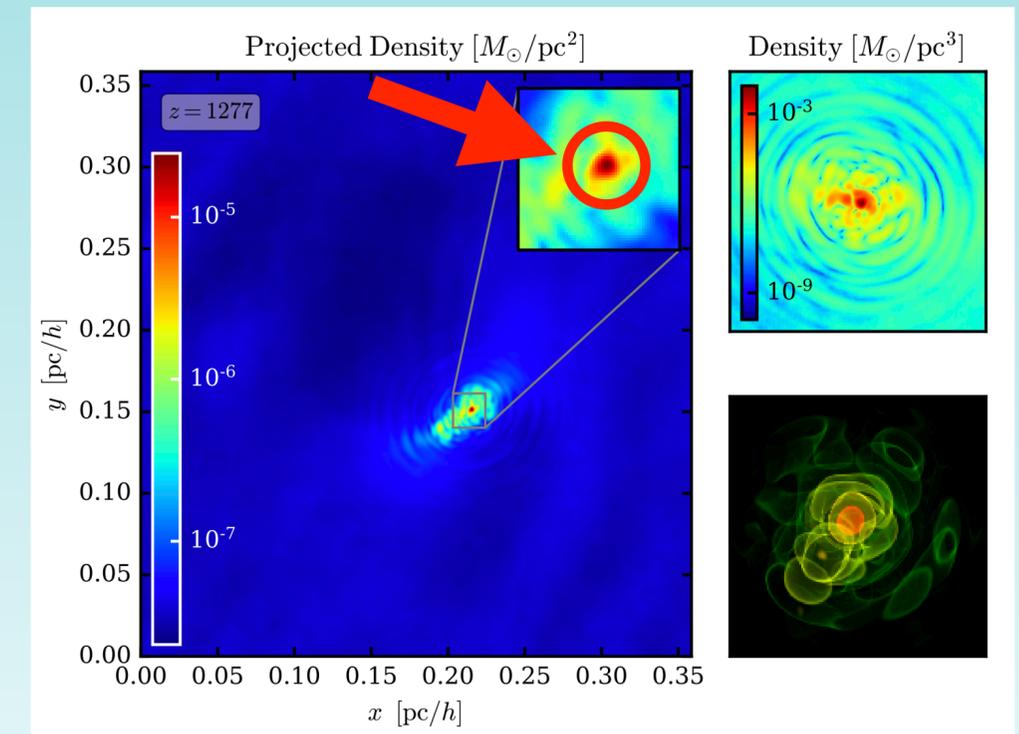


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● Evidence 2: Analytic argument

- Gravitational relaxation of quasiparticles sufficient for formation

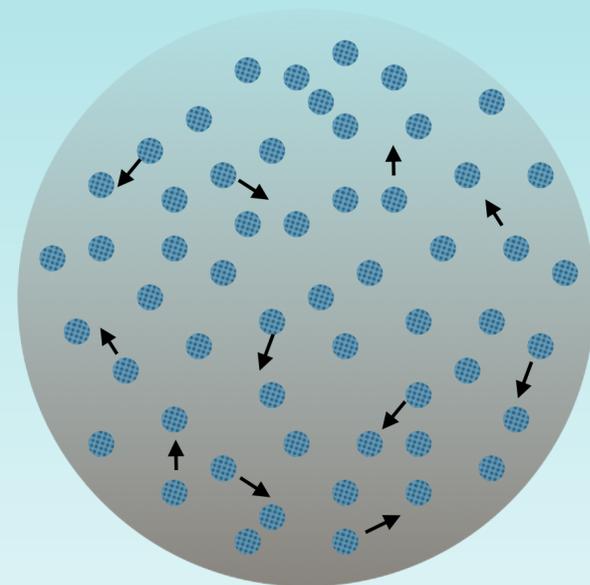
See e.g. Binney and Tremaine, "Galactic Dynamics, 2nd Edition"

Velocity change per crossing

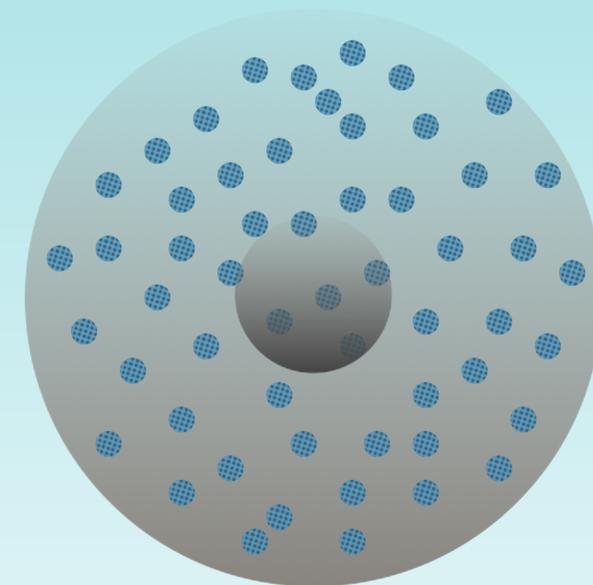
$$\Delta v^2 \simeq 8 N \left(\frac{G M}{R_{\text{gal}} v} \right) \ln N$$

Fractional velocity change

$$\frac{\Delta v^2}{v^2} \simeq \frac{8 \ln N}{N}$$



Quasiparticle dispersion



Soliton formation

Relaxation to ground state

$$t_{\text{relax}} \simeq \frac{0.1 N}{\ln N} t_{\text{cross}}$$

Analytic timescale matches simulation results!

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Axion Earth/Solar Halos

- A third substructure possibility: **Can LSDM be captured by external bodies?**
- At the level of the E.o.M., configuration is very stable under perturbations (if it forms)

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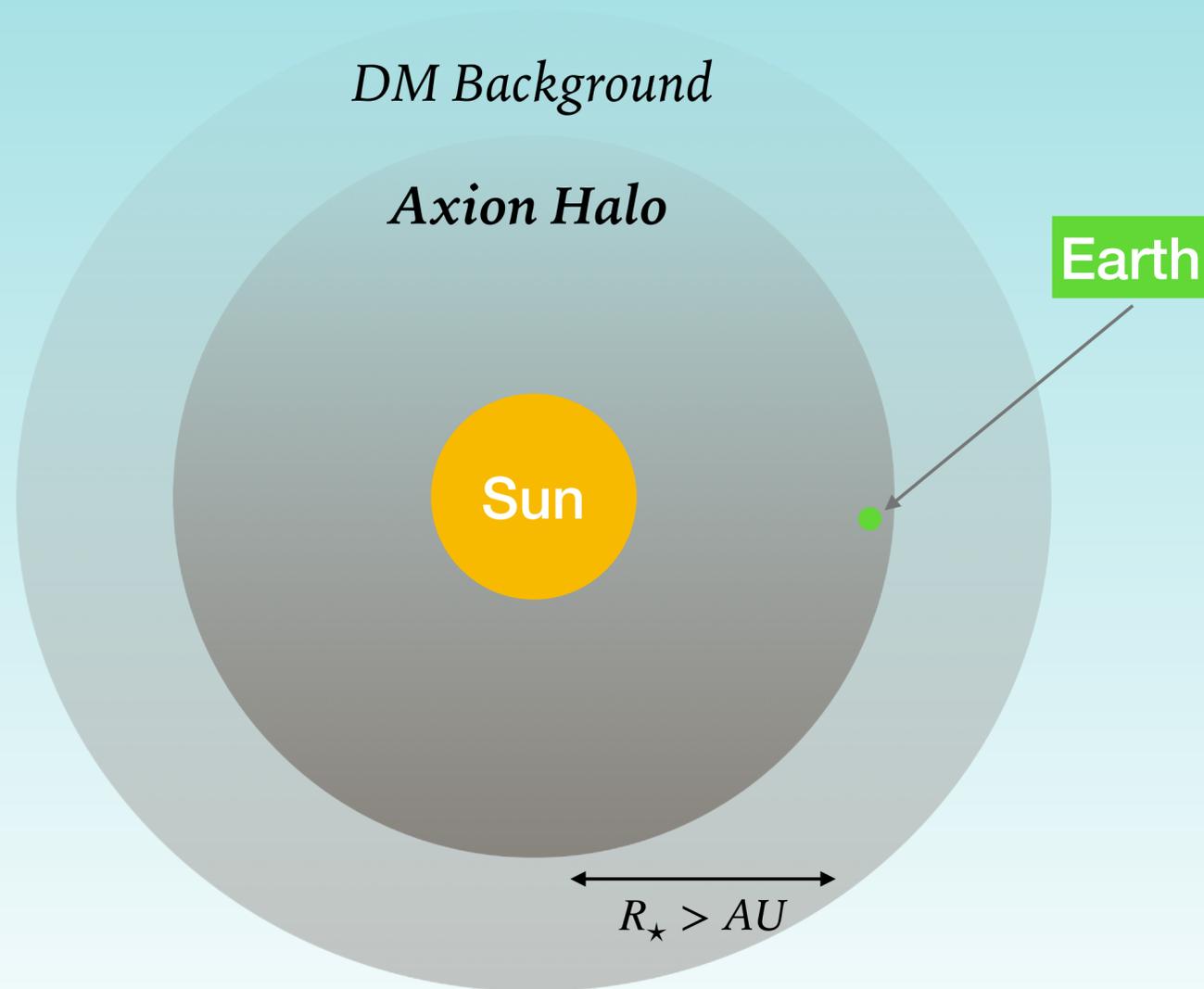
Balance these forces

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“Axion Halo”

Dark Matter in the Solar System

Halo supported by Sun
"Solar Halo"

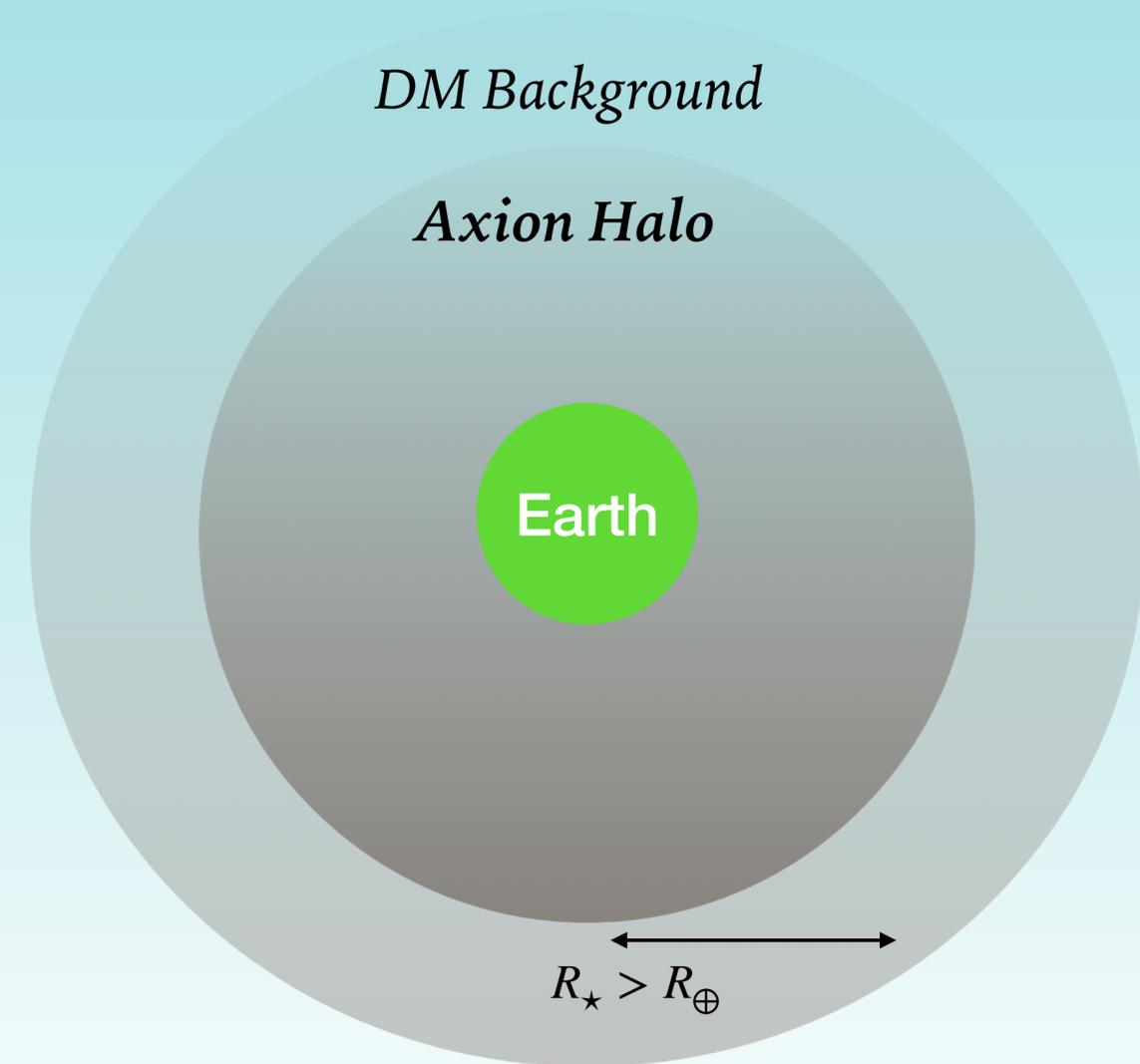


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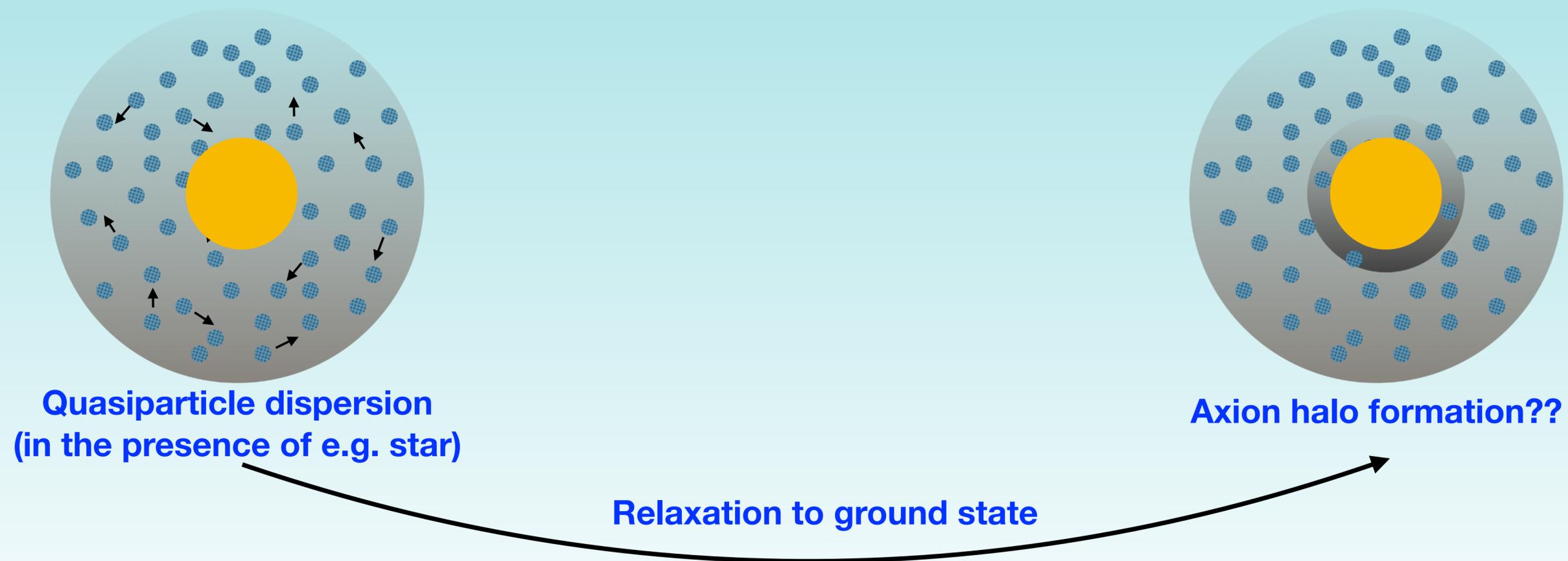


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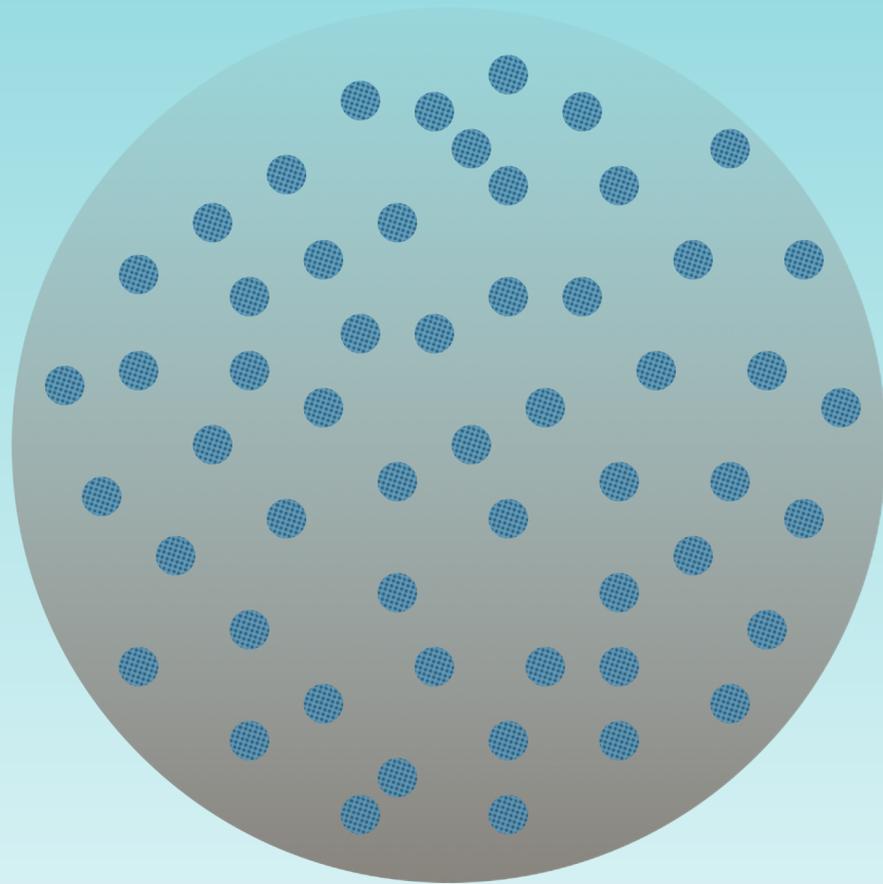
Can Axion Earth/Solar Halos Form?

- No dedicated simulations
- Rough argument: If QP relaxation occurs (as with solitons), resulting ground state is plausibly an axion halo



- At present, can't compute δ , but can still ask what's still allowed / interesting

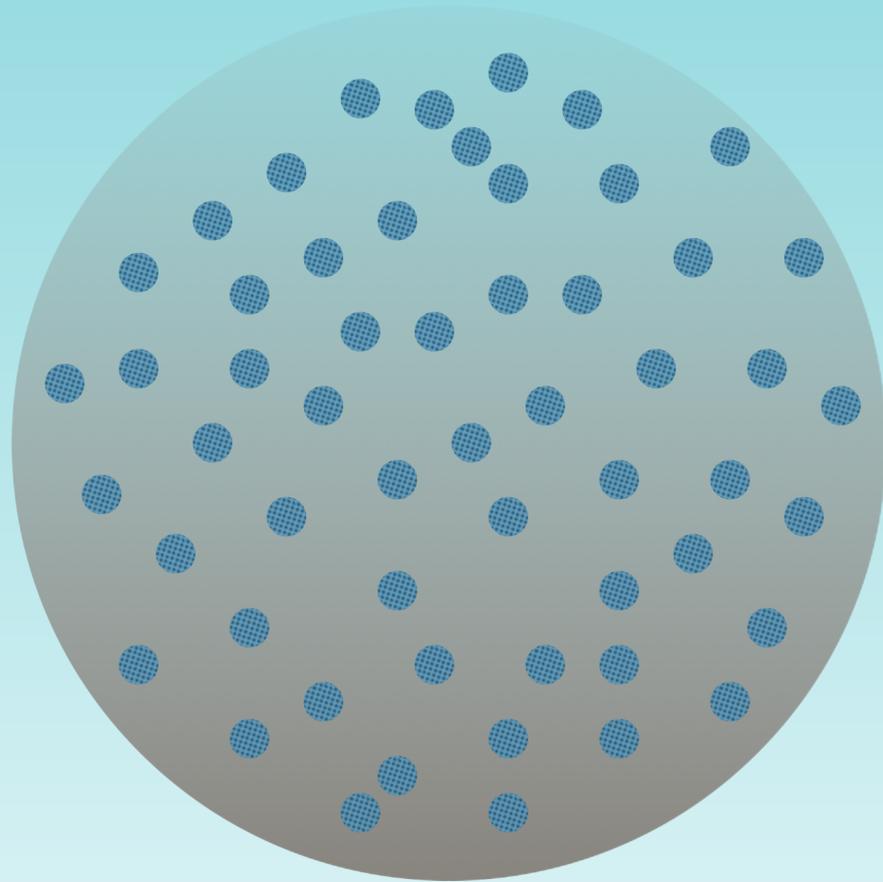
Substructure Summary



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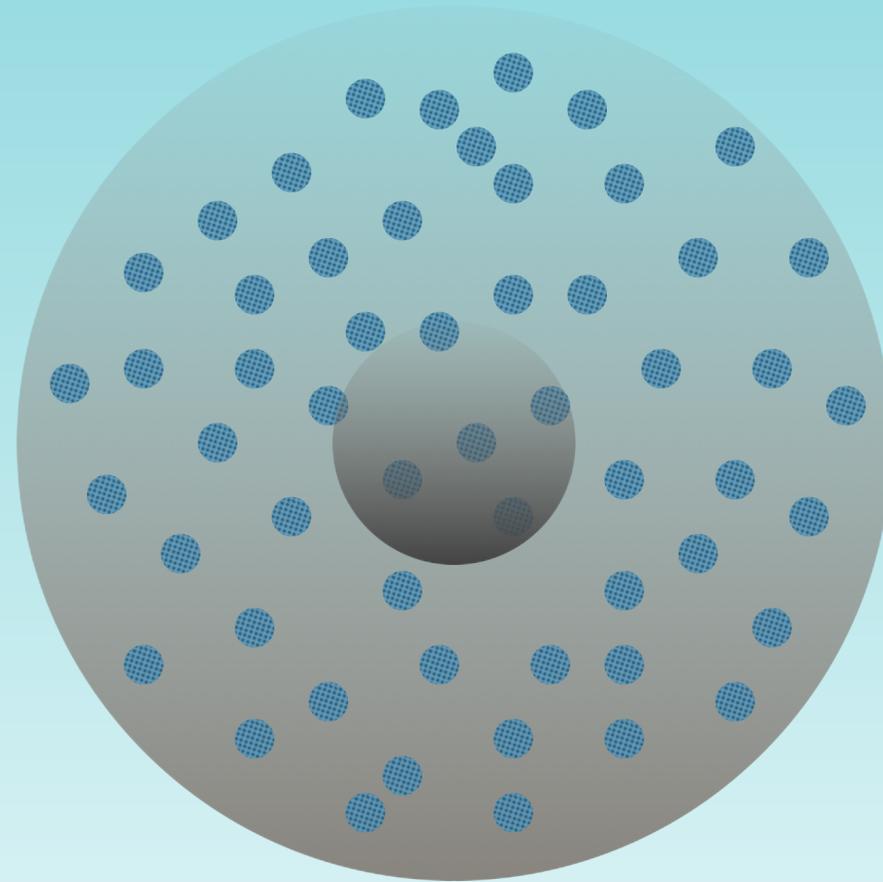
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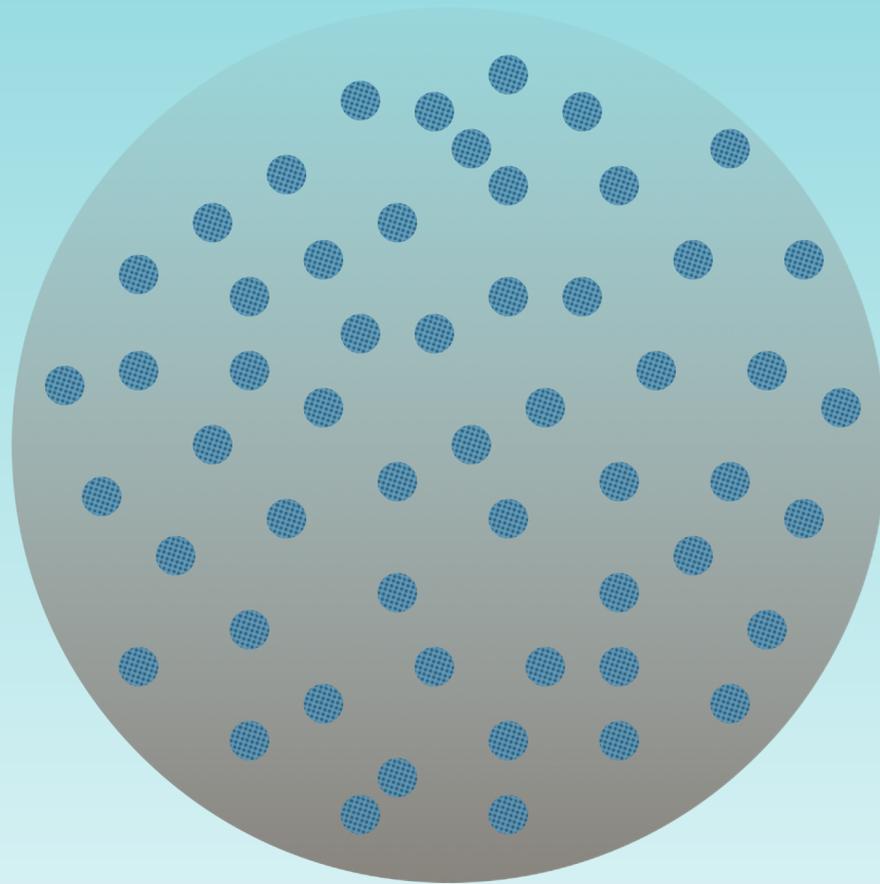
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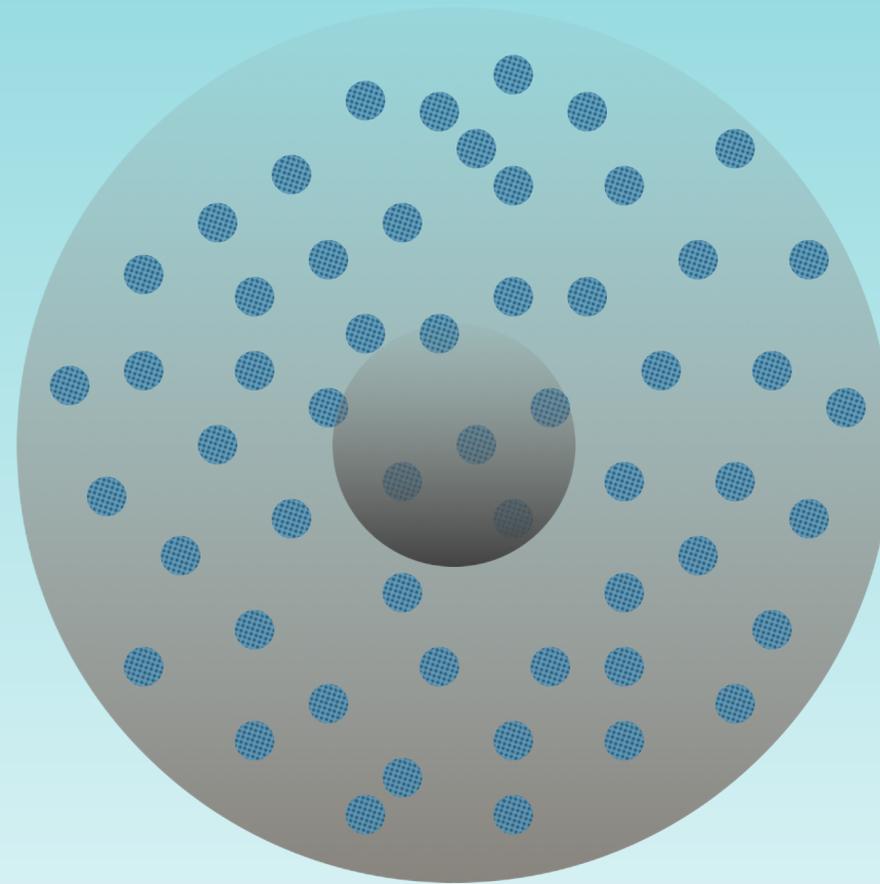
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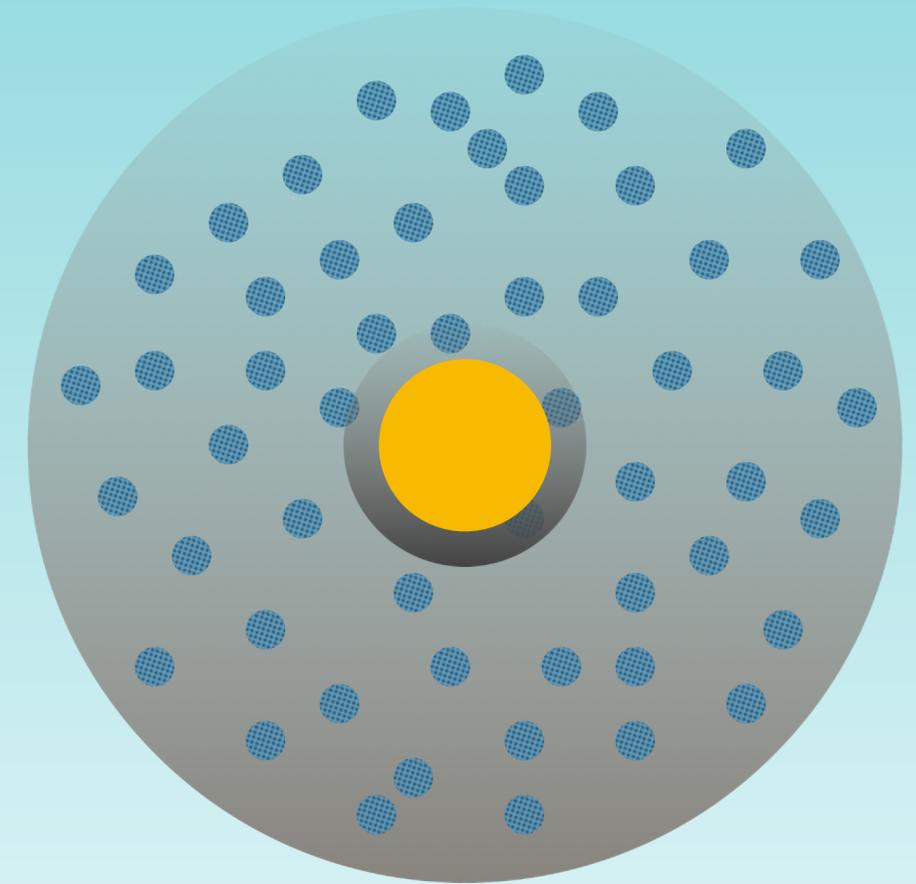
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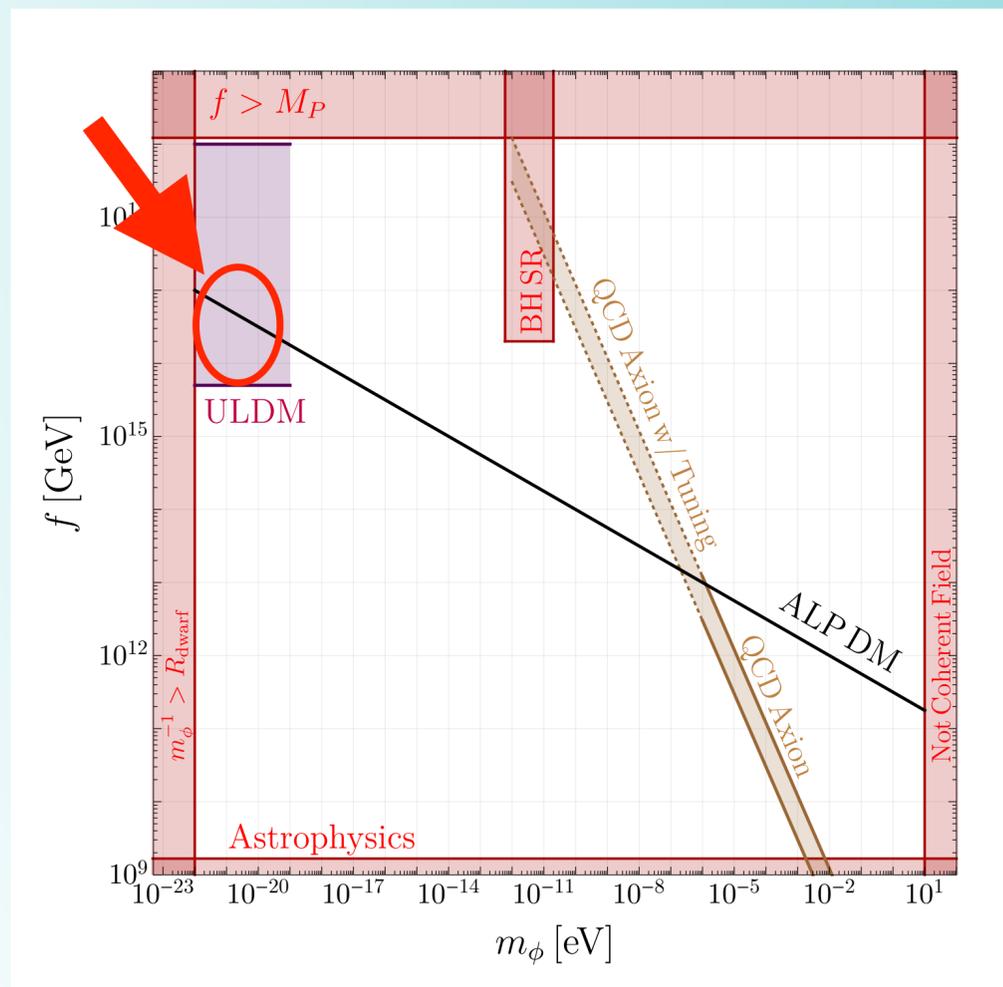
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Earth Halo or Solar Halo

- Bound to external objects,
- Formation? Work in progress
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Substructure in Galaxies



- Bar, Blas, Blum, Sibiryakov (1805.00122)

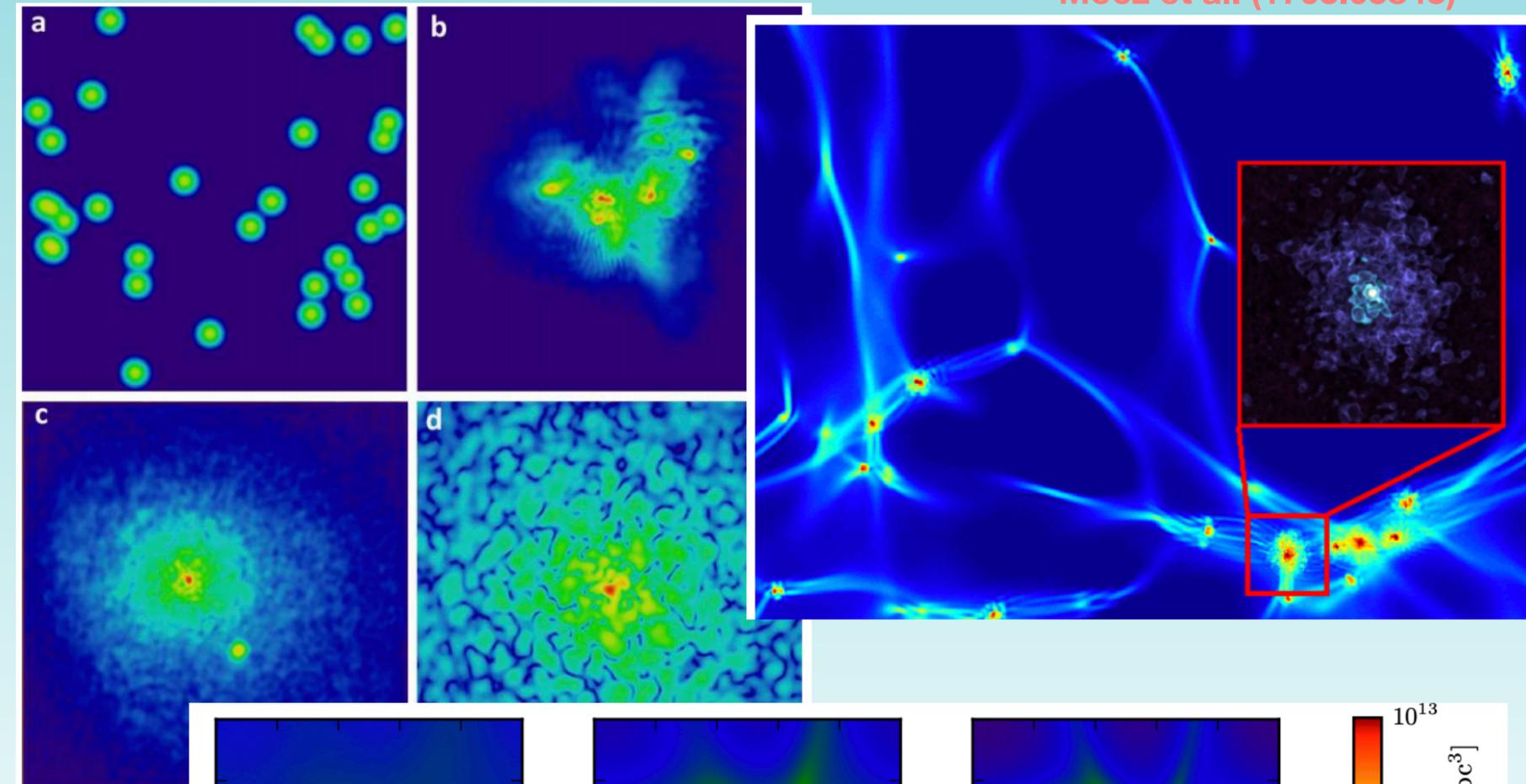
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Schive et al. (1407.7762)

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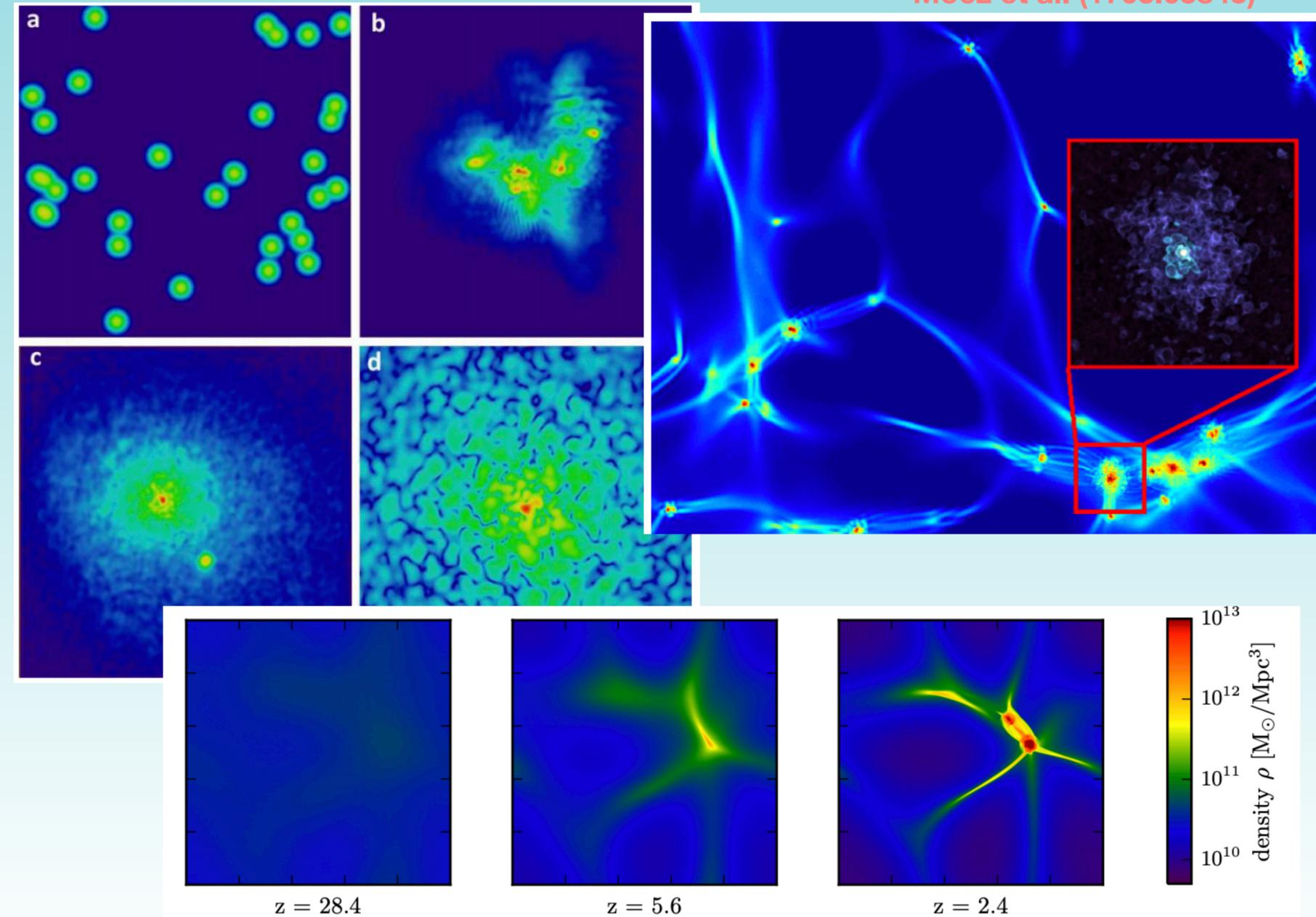
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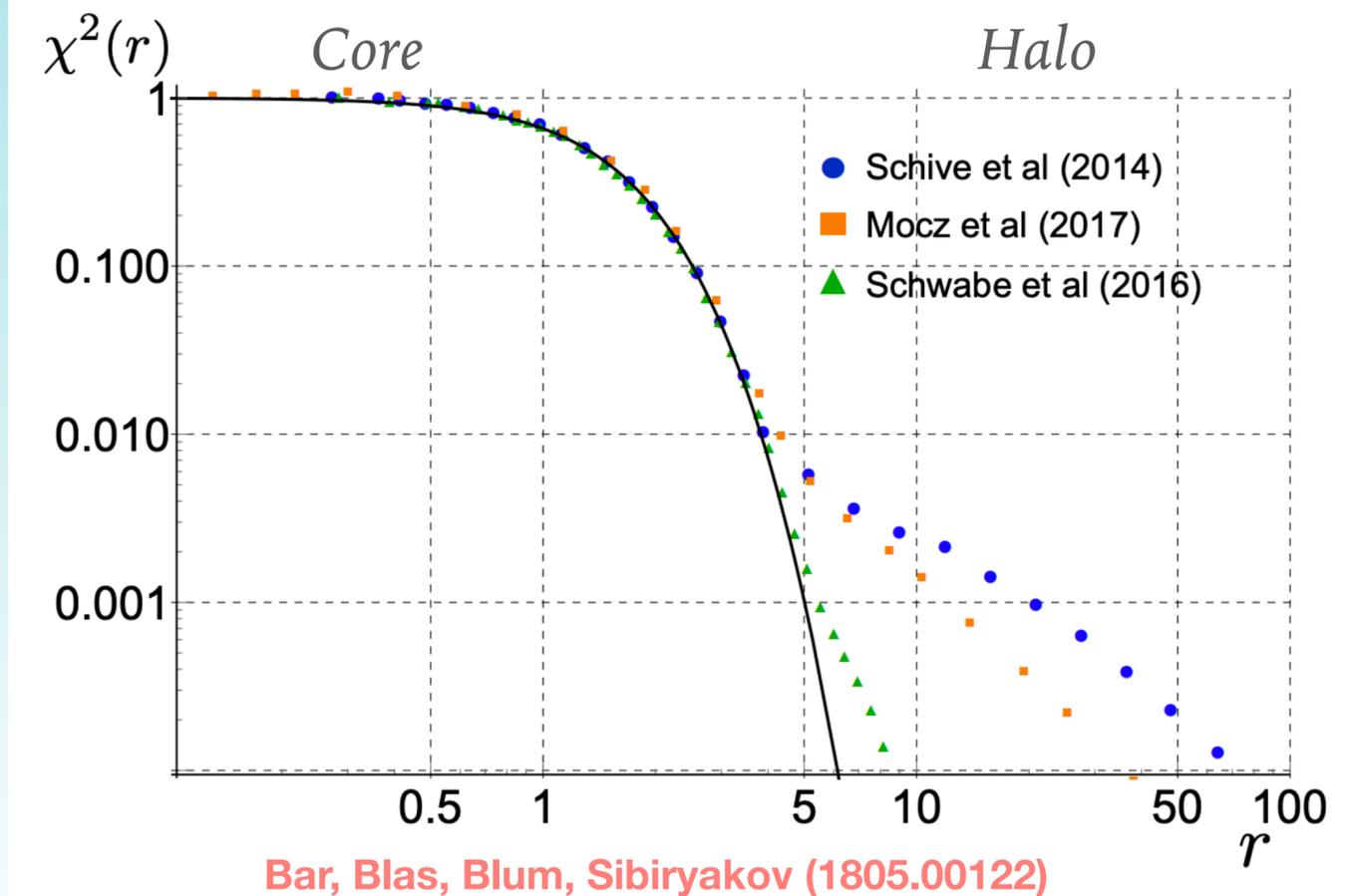
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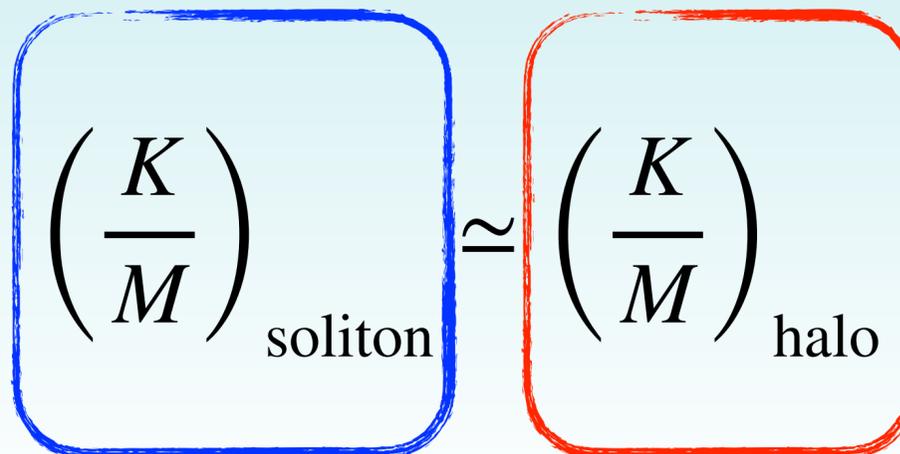
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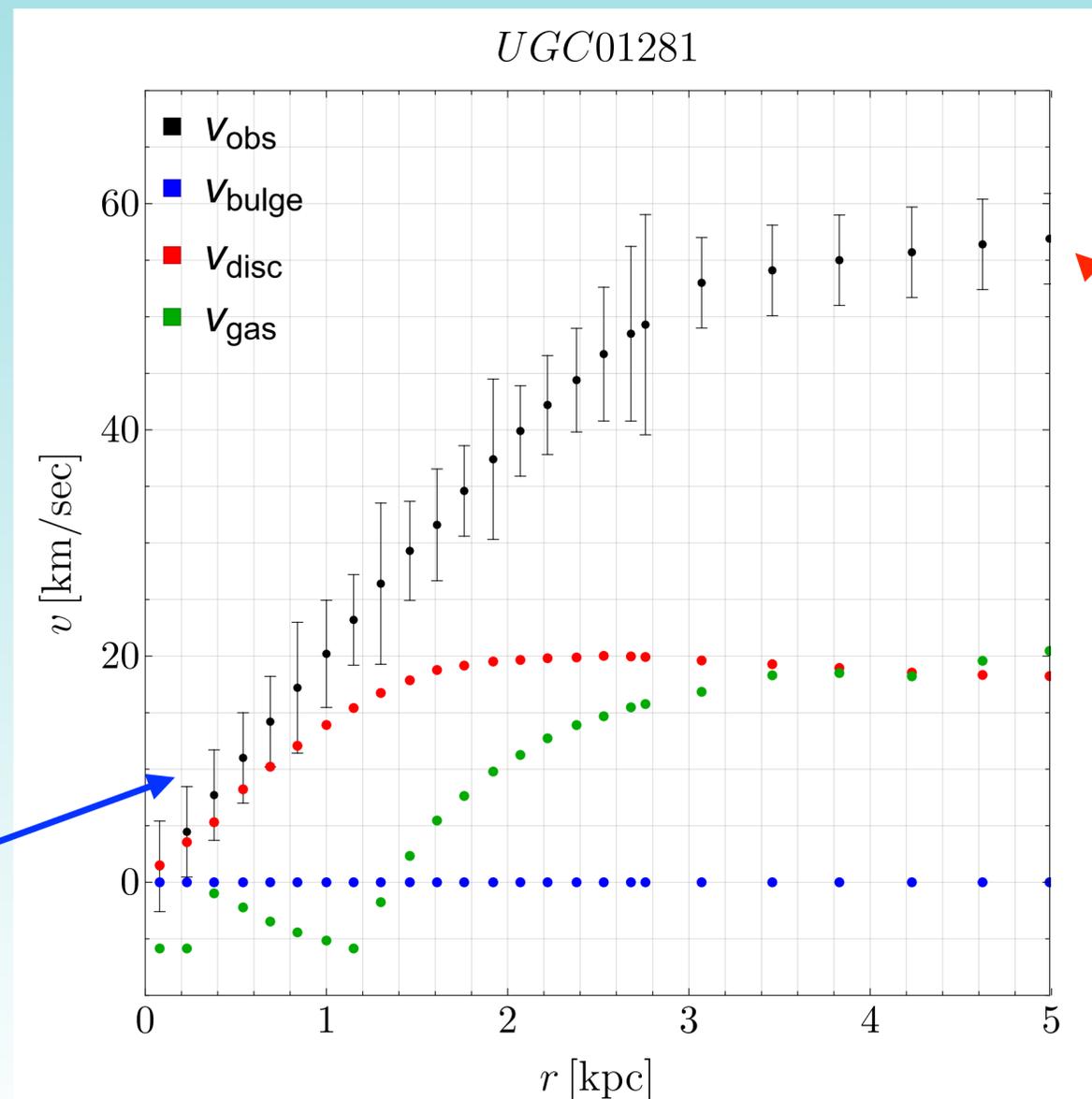
Look for corresponding velocity peak
in central core of galaxies!

Includes NFW-like profile,
flat rotation curve

How do we test it?

- SPARC database: 175+ galaxies, with disc, bulge, and (sometimes) gas modeling

Lelli, McGaugh, Schombert (1606.09251)



Can we see a peak
in the inner core?

NFW part

ULDM Tests using SPARC:

► DM-only (spherical)

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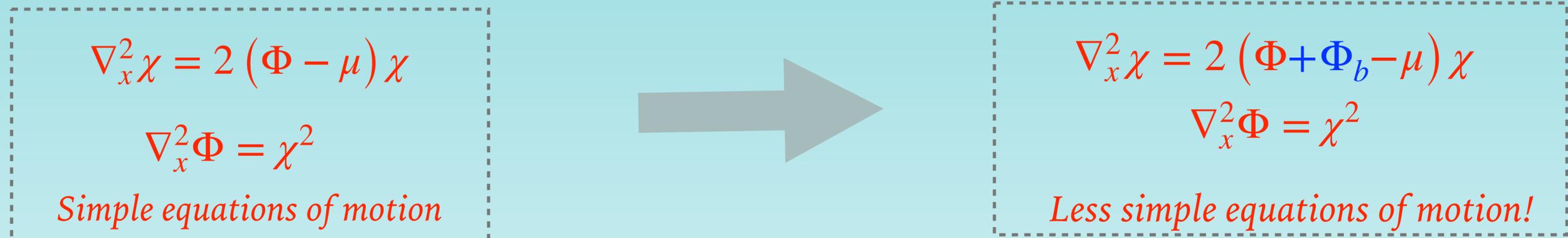
► w/ Baryons (azimuthal)

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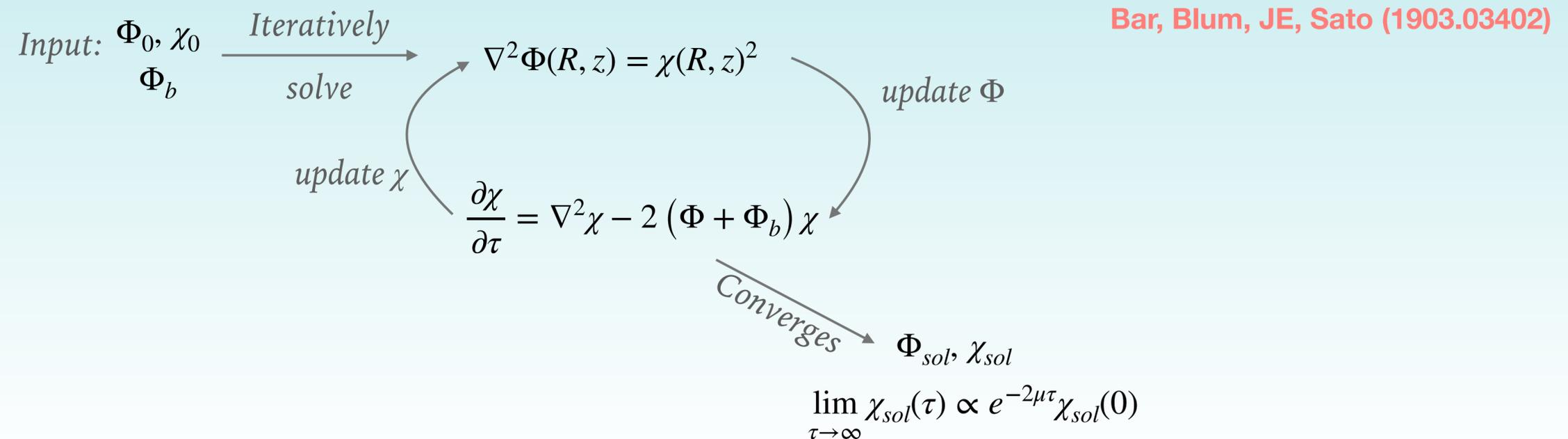
(one example of dozens of similar candidates)

Solving for (Non-Spherical) Solitons

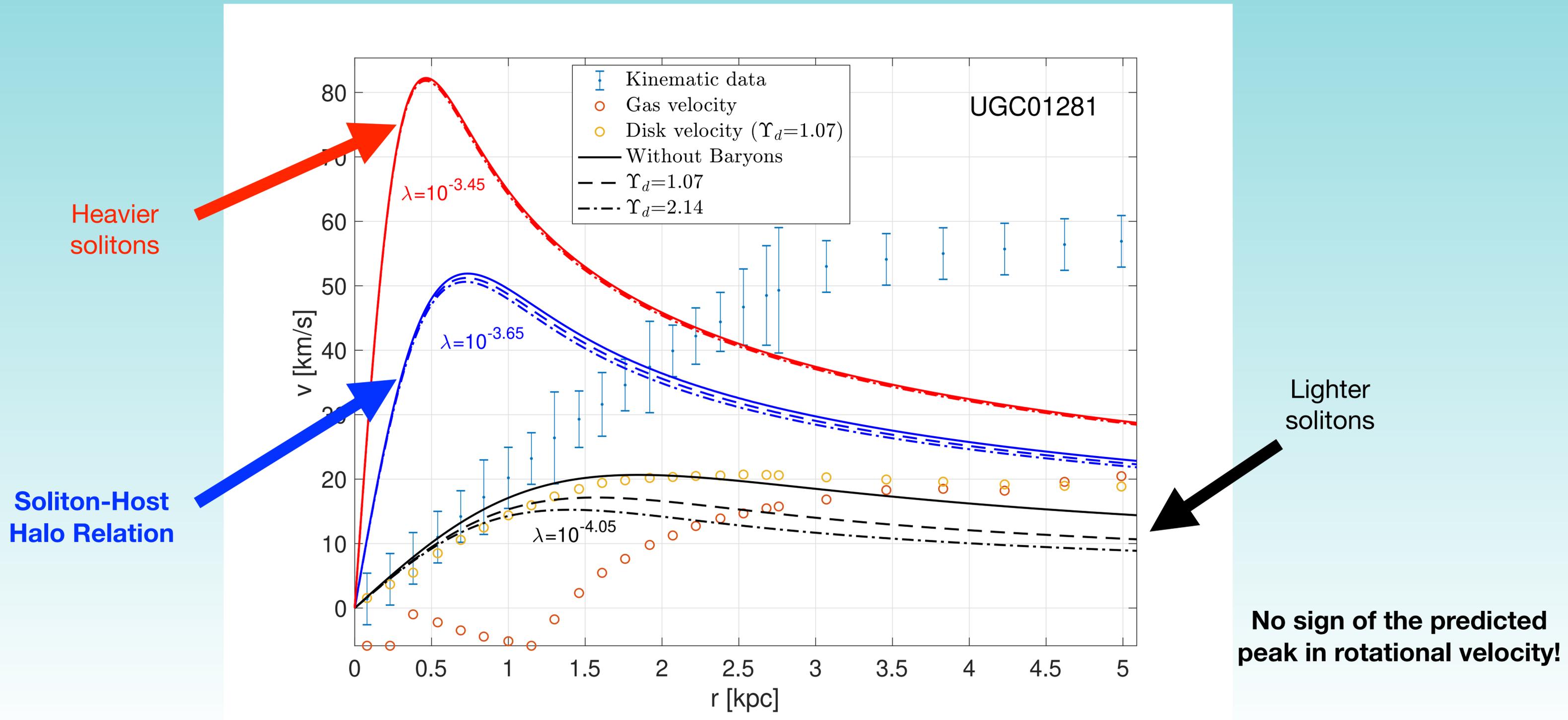
- Baryonic effects introduce (disc-like) background potential



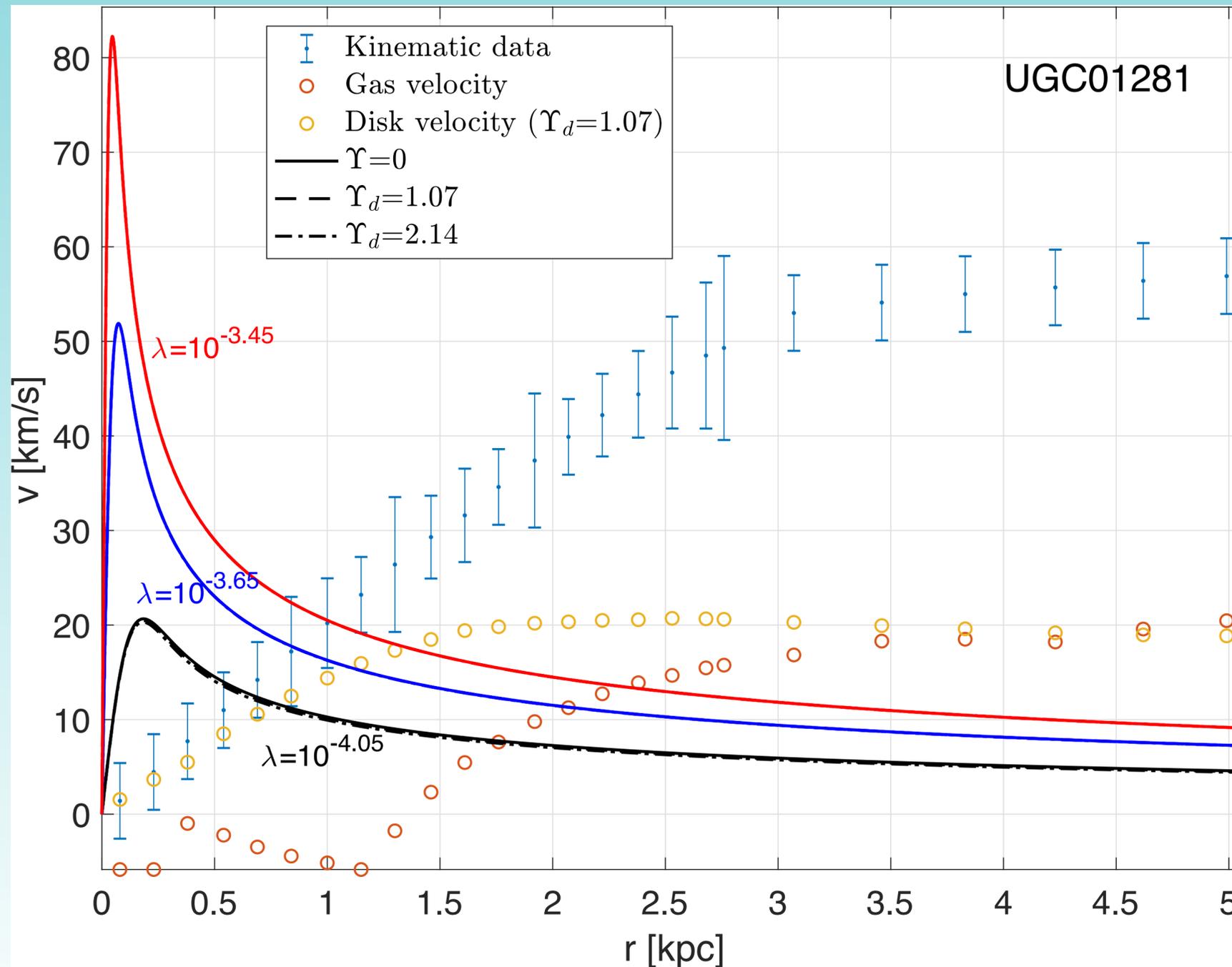
- Our work: develop simple algorithm to solve for soliton in azimuthally-symmetric potential



SPARC example: Soliton with $m_\phi = 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$



SPARC example: Soliton with $m_\phi = 10^{-21}$ eV

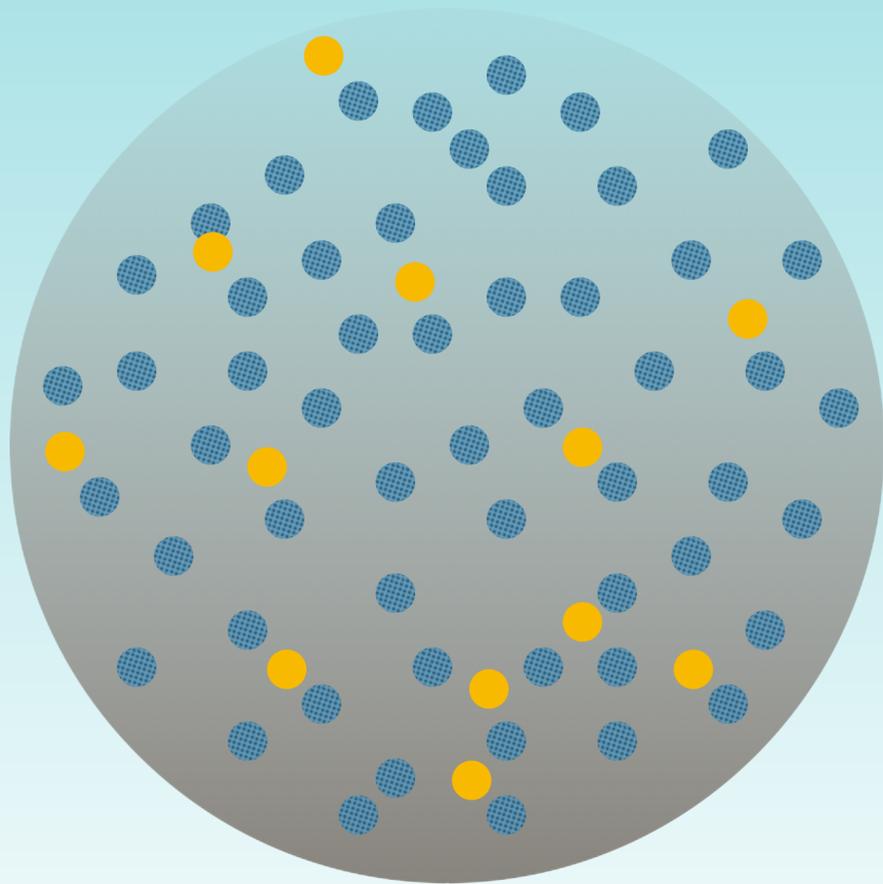


Final constraint*: $m_\phi \gtrsim 10^{-21}$ eV, gravity only!

*if simulations
didn't miss something
important

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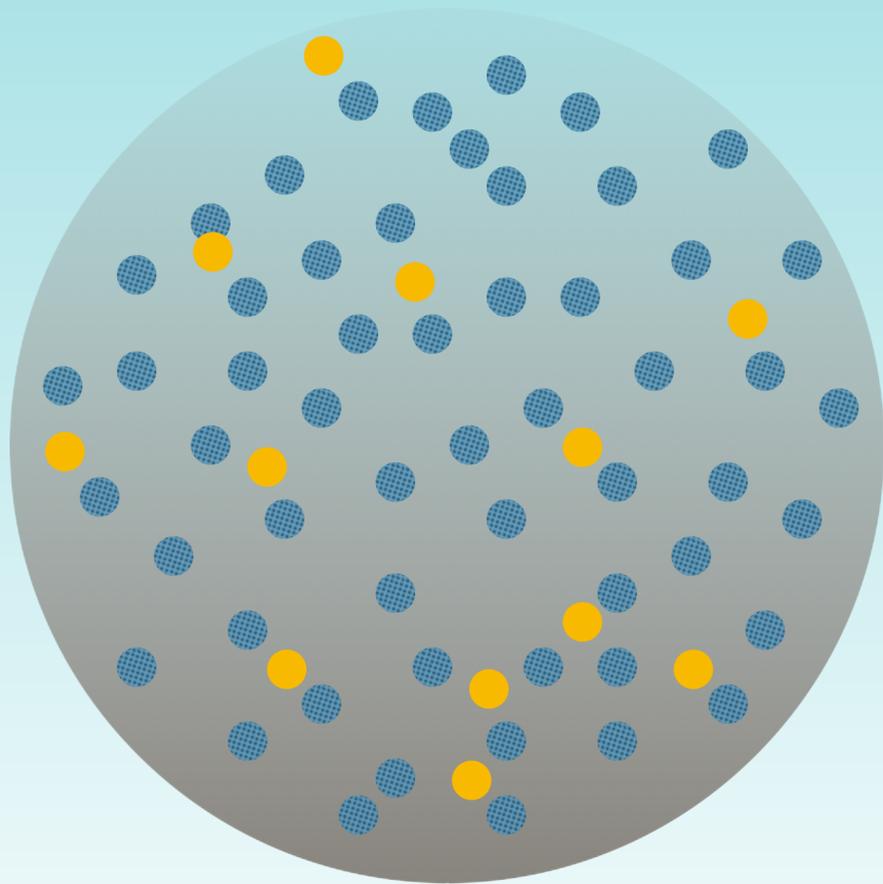
Bar-Or, Fouvry, Tremaine (1809.07673)

- Induces 'heating', increased velocity dispersion in population

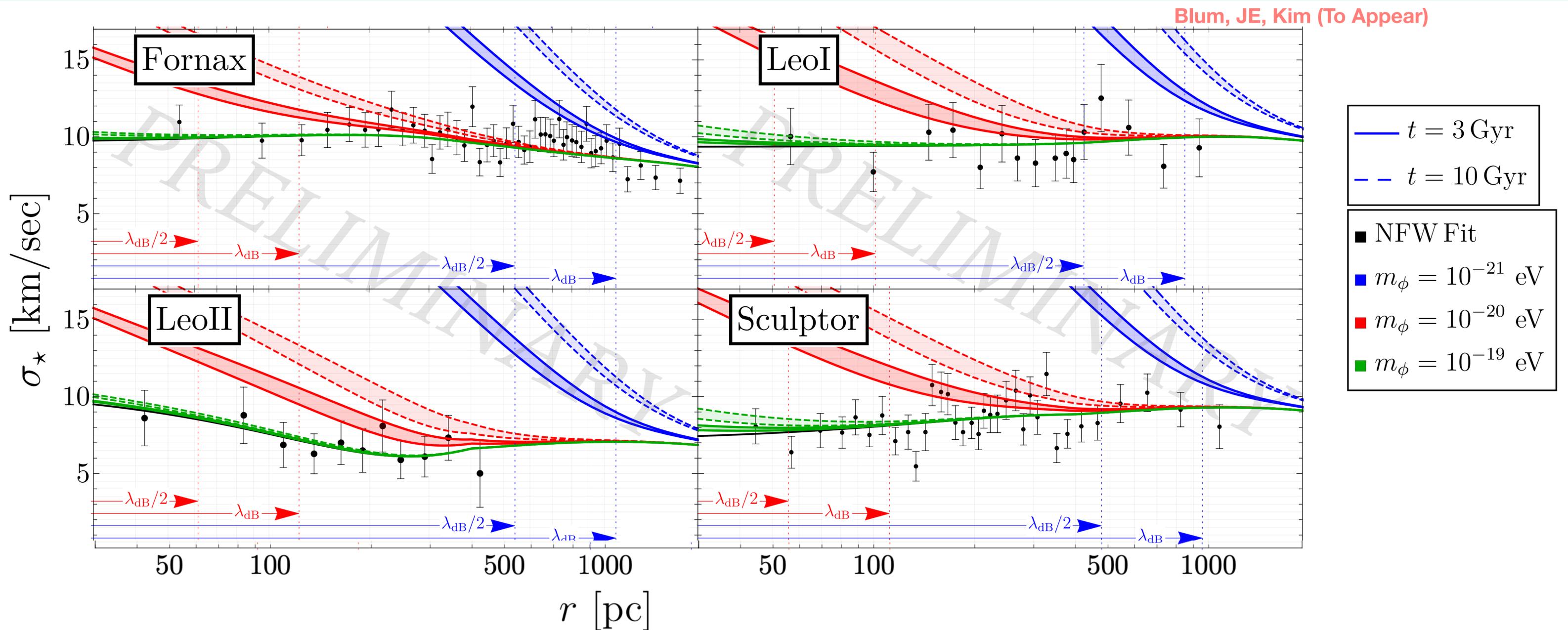
$$\frac{d\sigma_\star^2}{dt} \simeq \frac{\sigma^2}{T_{\text{heat}}} \left(1 + \frac{2\sigma_\star^2}{\sigma^2} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \text{ with } T_{\text{heat}} \simeq 0.14 \text{ Gyr} \left(\frac{m_\phi}{10^{-21} \text{ eV}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{0.01 \frac{M_\odot}{\text{pc}^3}}{\rho} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}} \right)^6$$

This has been used previously to constrain LSDM

using limits on Milky Way disk thickness; see Church, Ostriker, Mocz (1809.04744)



Constraints in Milky Way Dwarfs?

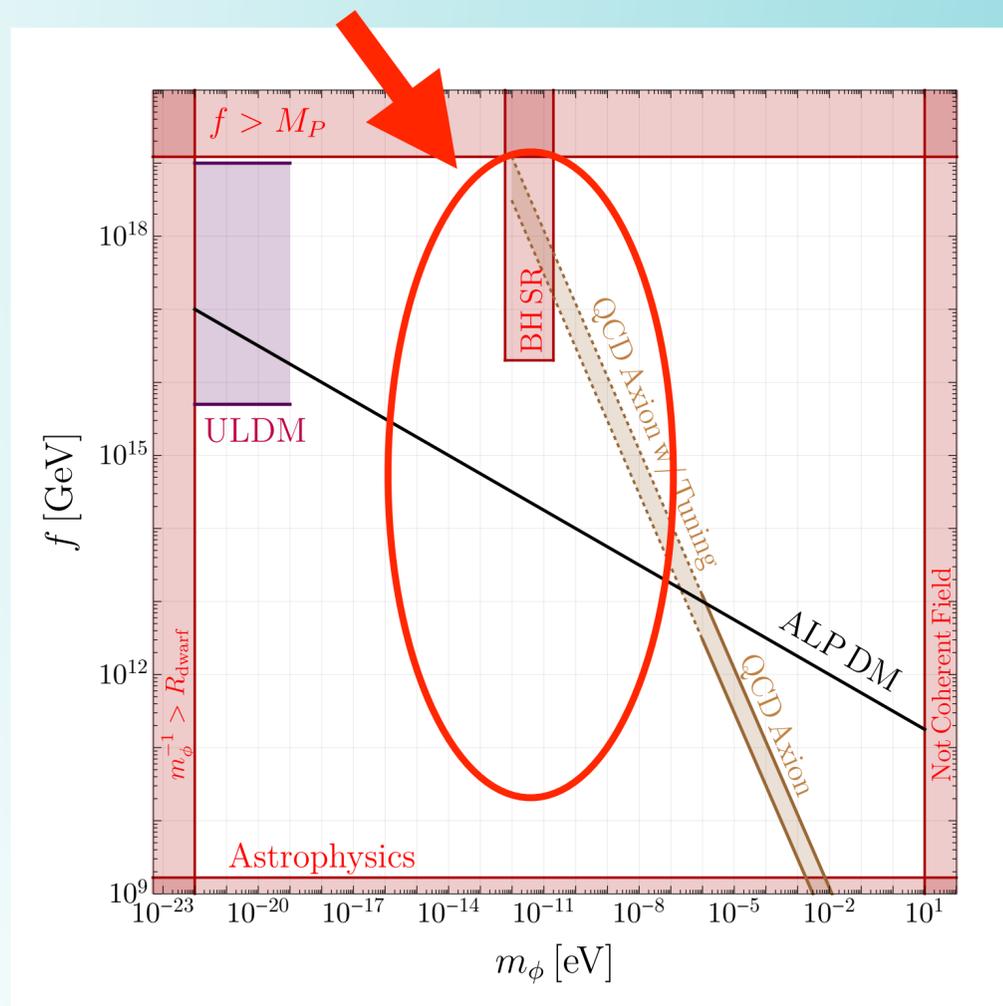


⊙ Potential probe of LSDM in the range 10^{-21} eV $\lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-20}$ eV, again gravity only!

LSDM in Galaxies Summary

- Simulations predict the formation of a **central soliton in galaxies** when LSDM mass is $10^{-22} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$
 - Soliton-Host Halo Relation tells us the (likely) properties of this soliton
 - Translates into kinematic constraint: Peak in rotational velocity not observed in large sample of SPARC galaxies! **Constraint: $m_\phi \gtrsim 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$**
 - Baryons do not seem to spoil the picture
- **Quasiparticle fluctuations in the outer halos** ‘heat’ stellar populations
 - Measured velocity dispersion of Milky Way Dwarf Spheroidal galaxies can **potentially probe $10^{-21} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$**

Substructure in our Solar System

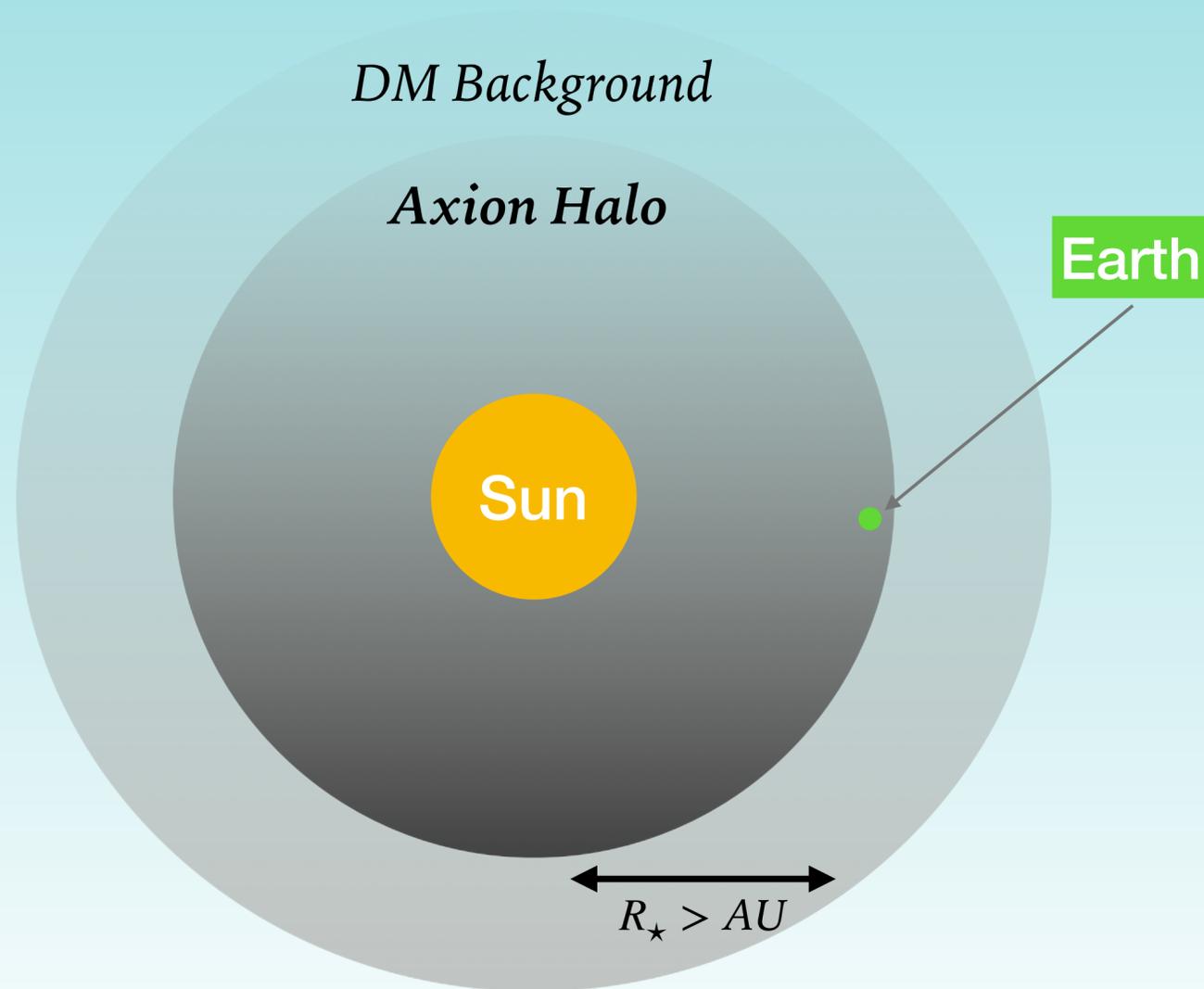


Banerjee, Budker, JE, Kim, Perez (1902.08212)

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Recall the Picture:

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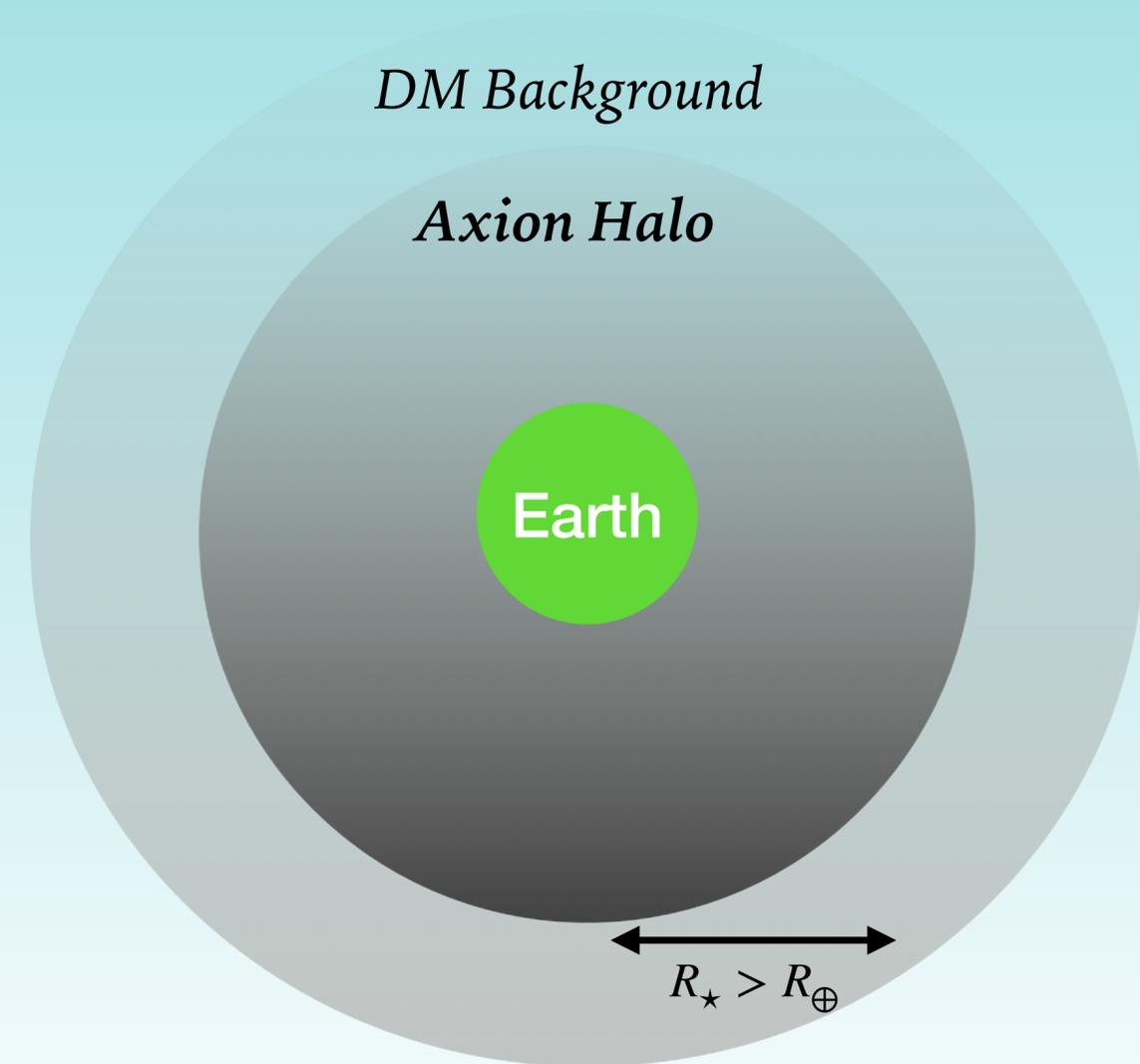


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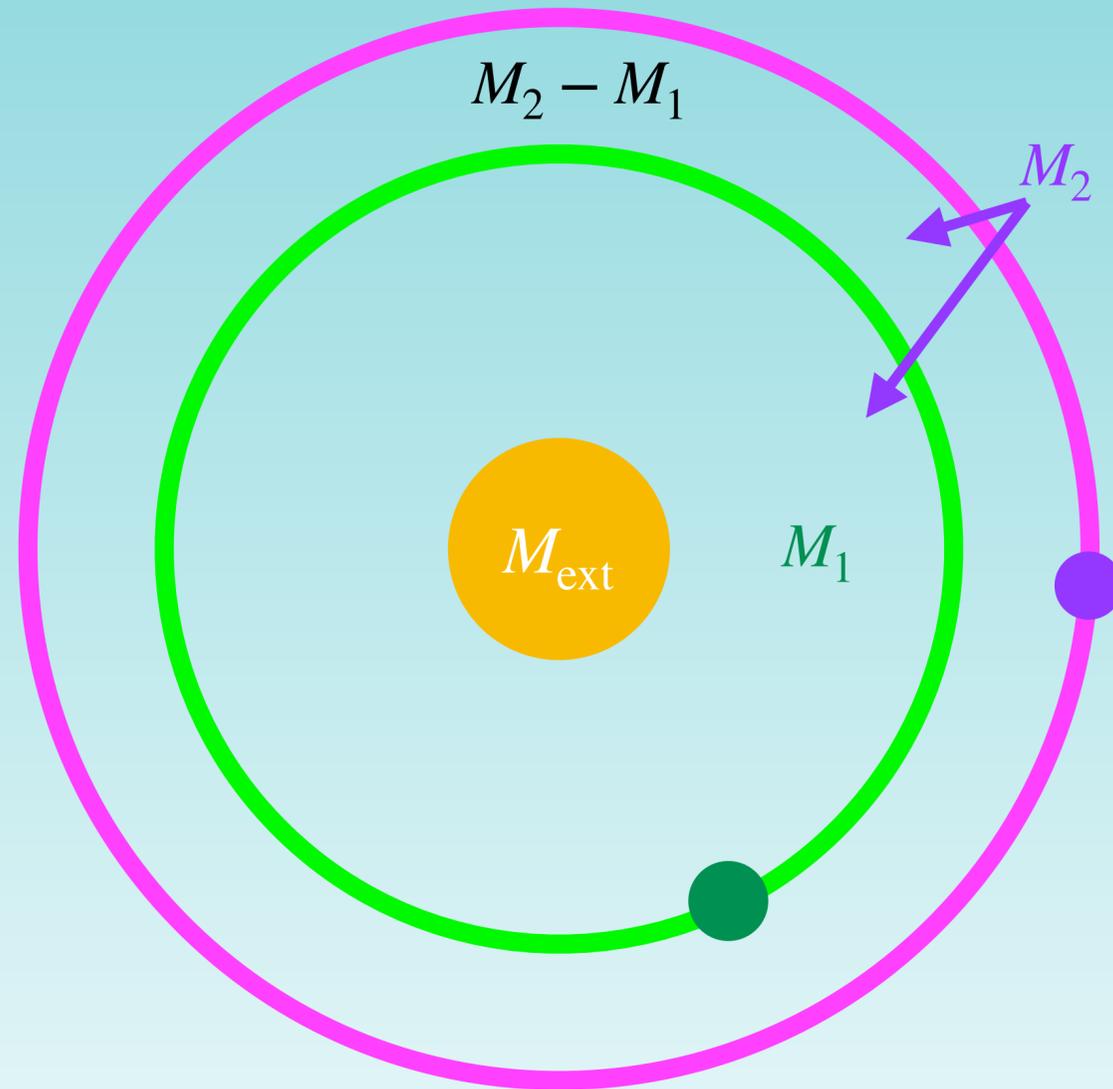
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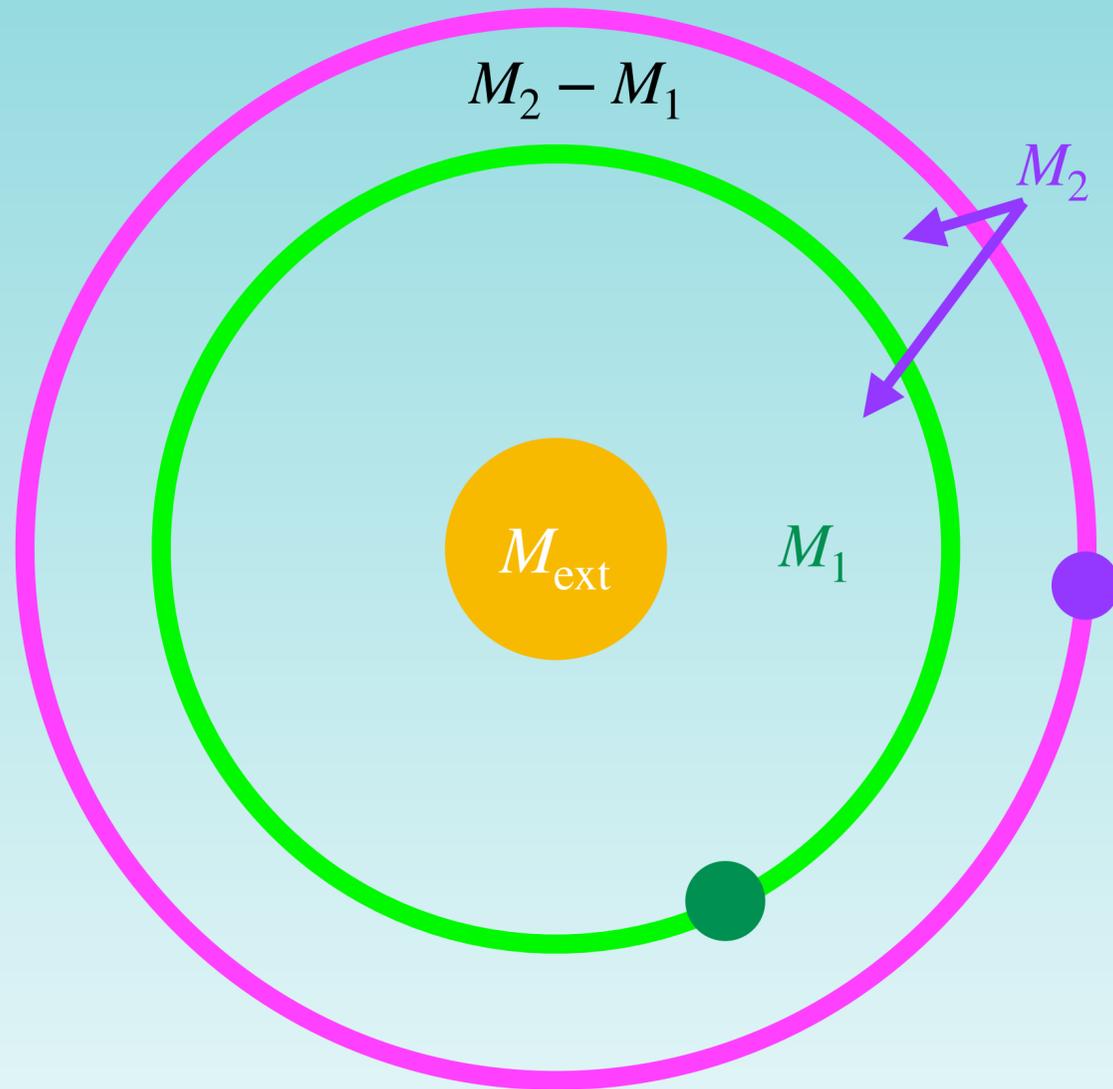


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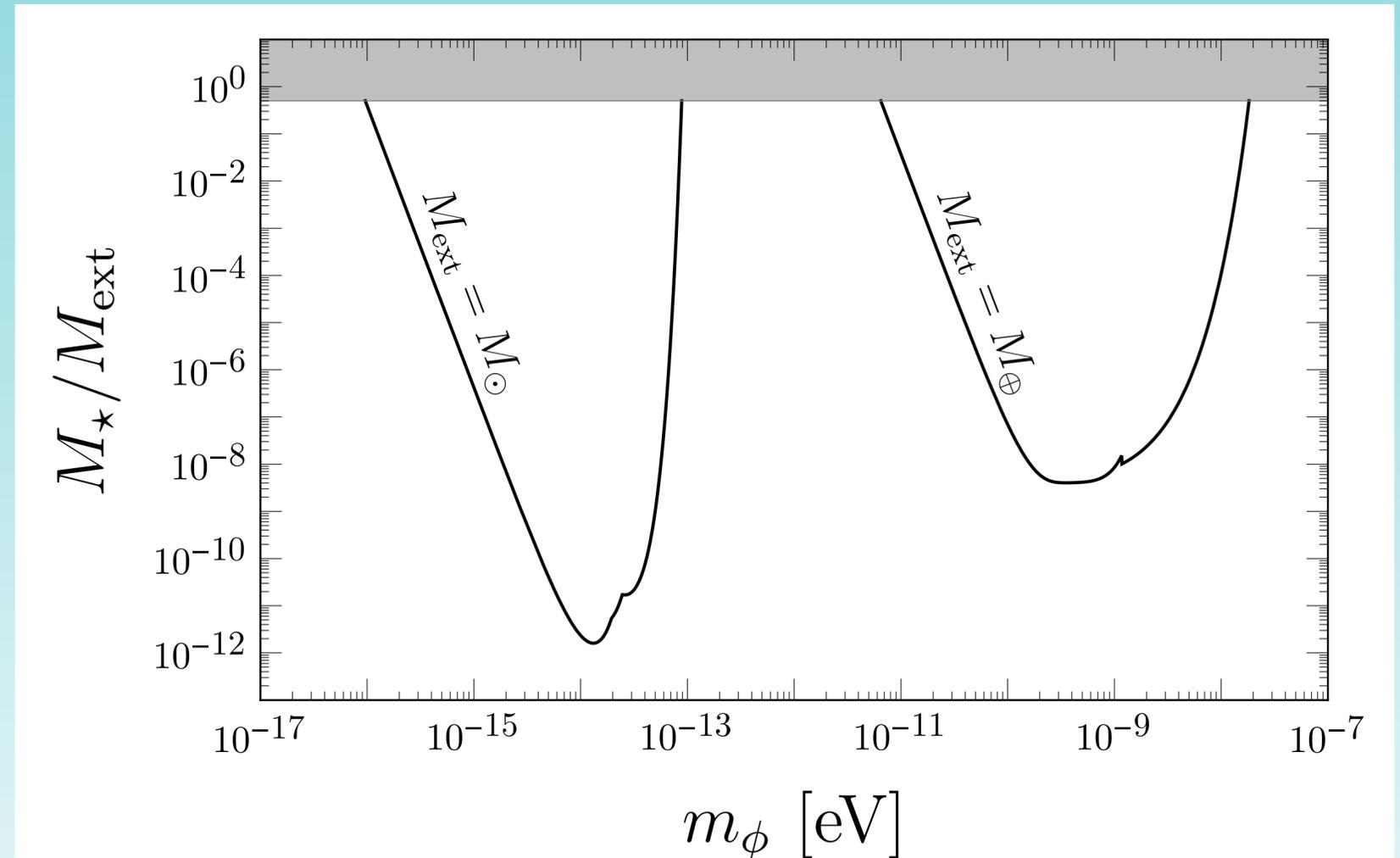
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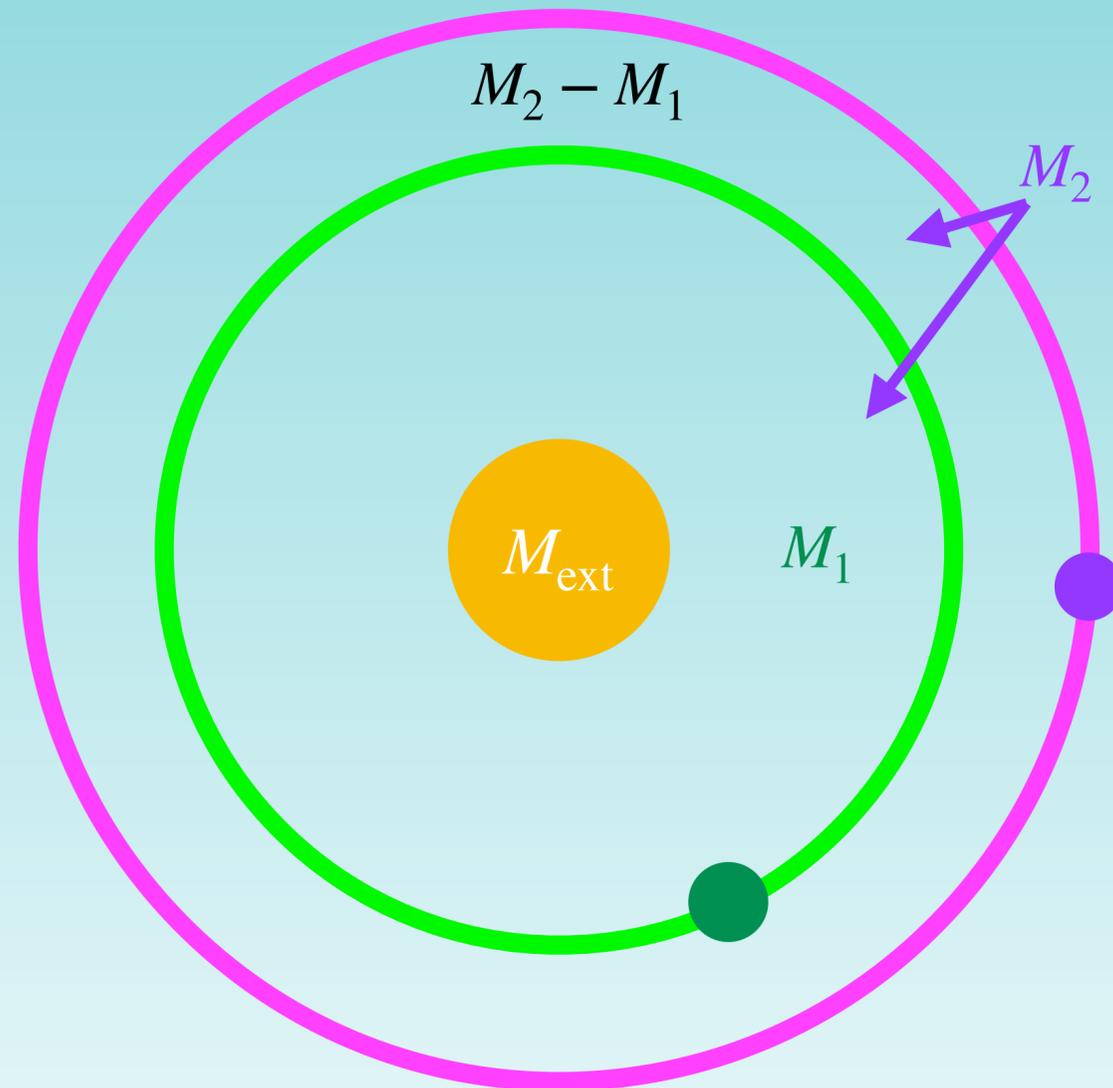
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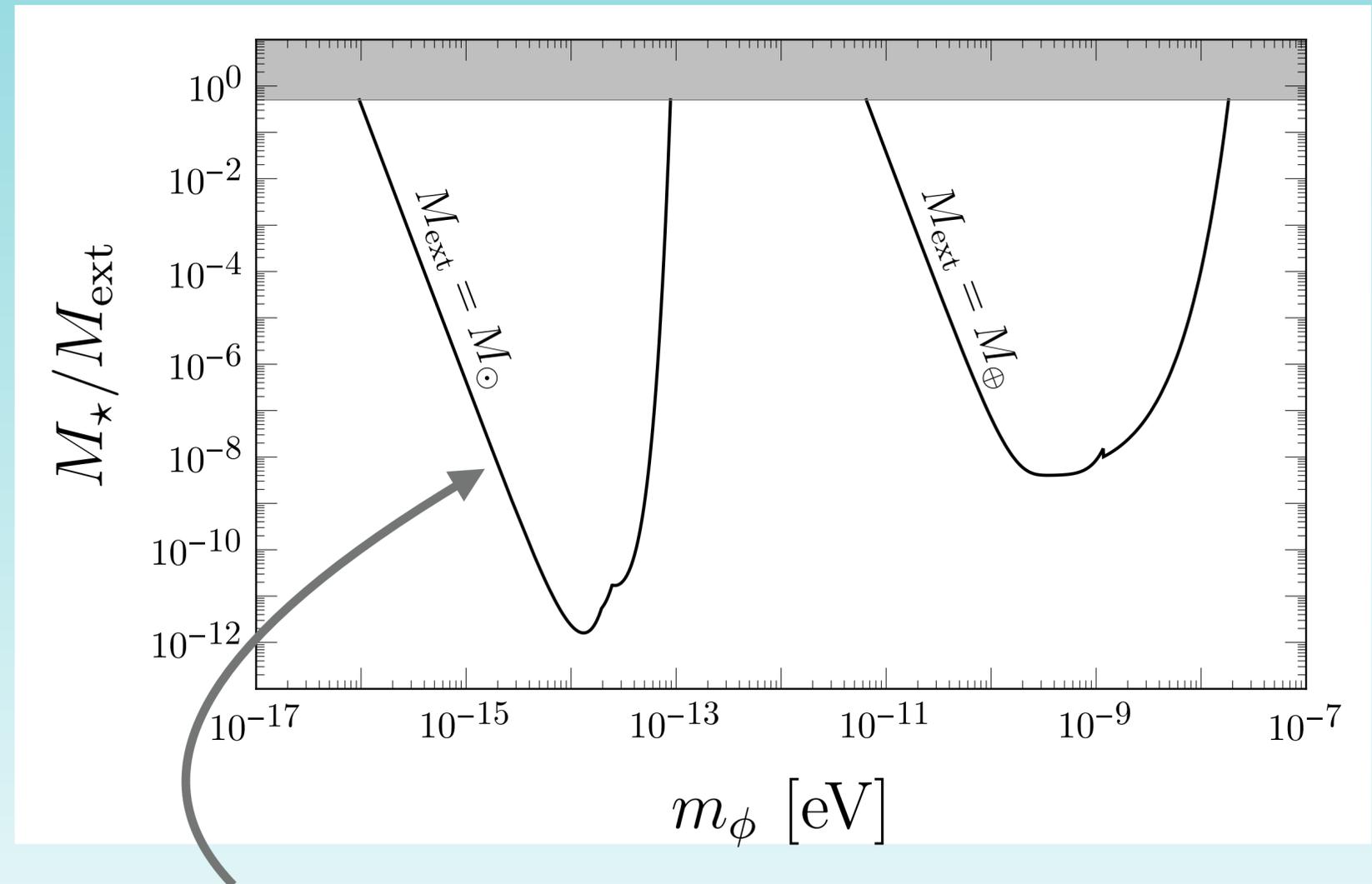
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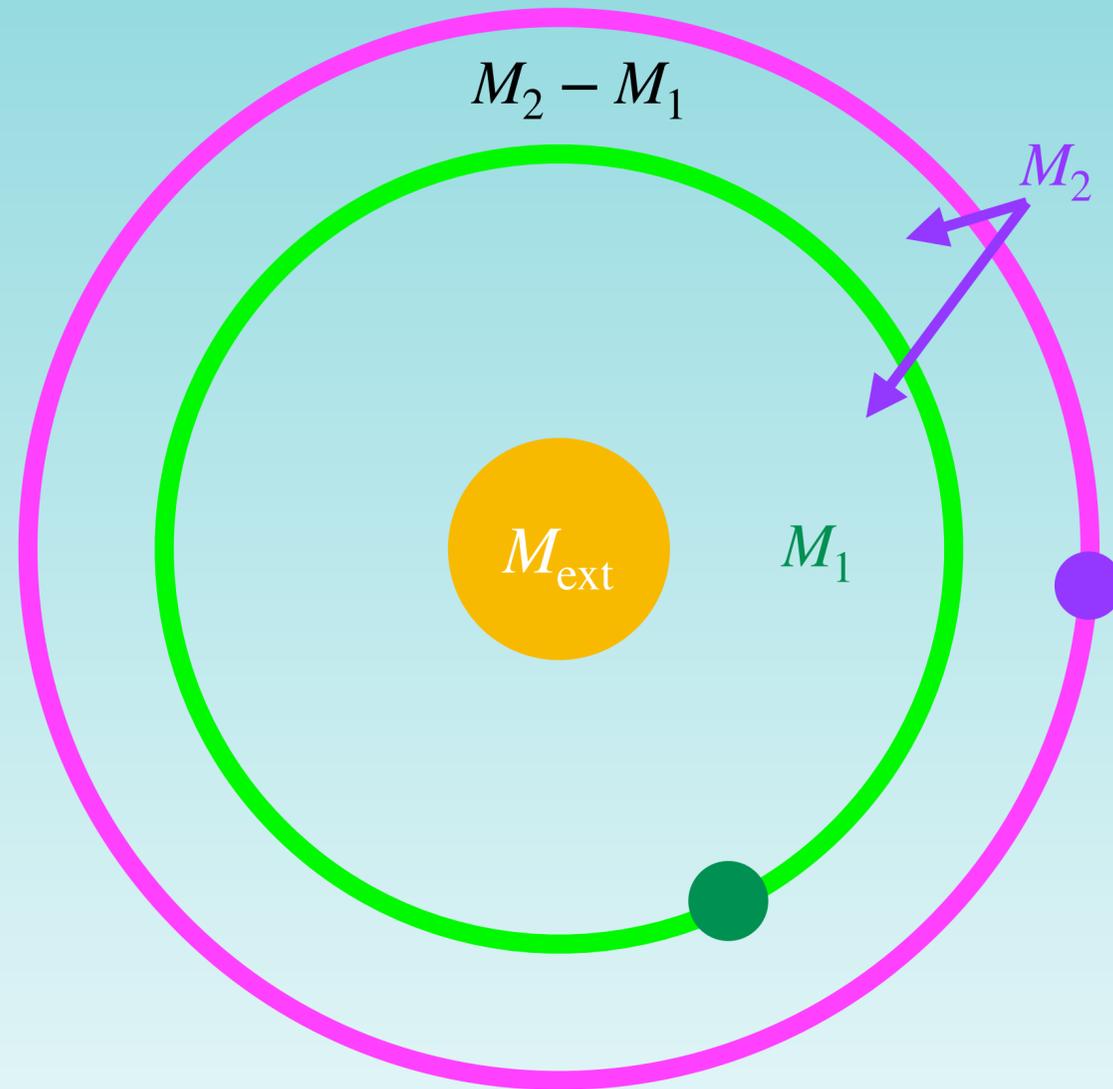
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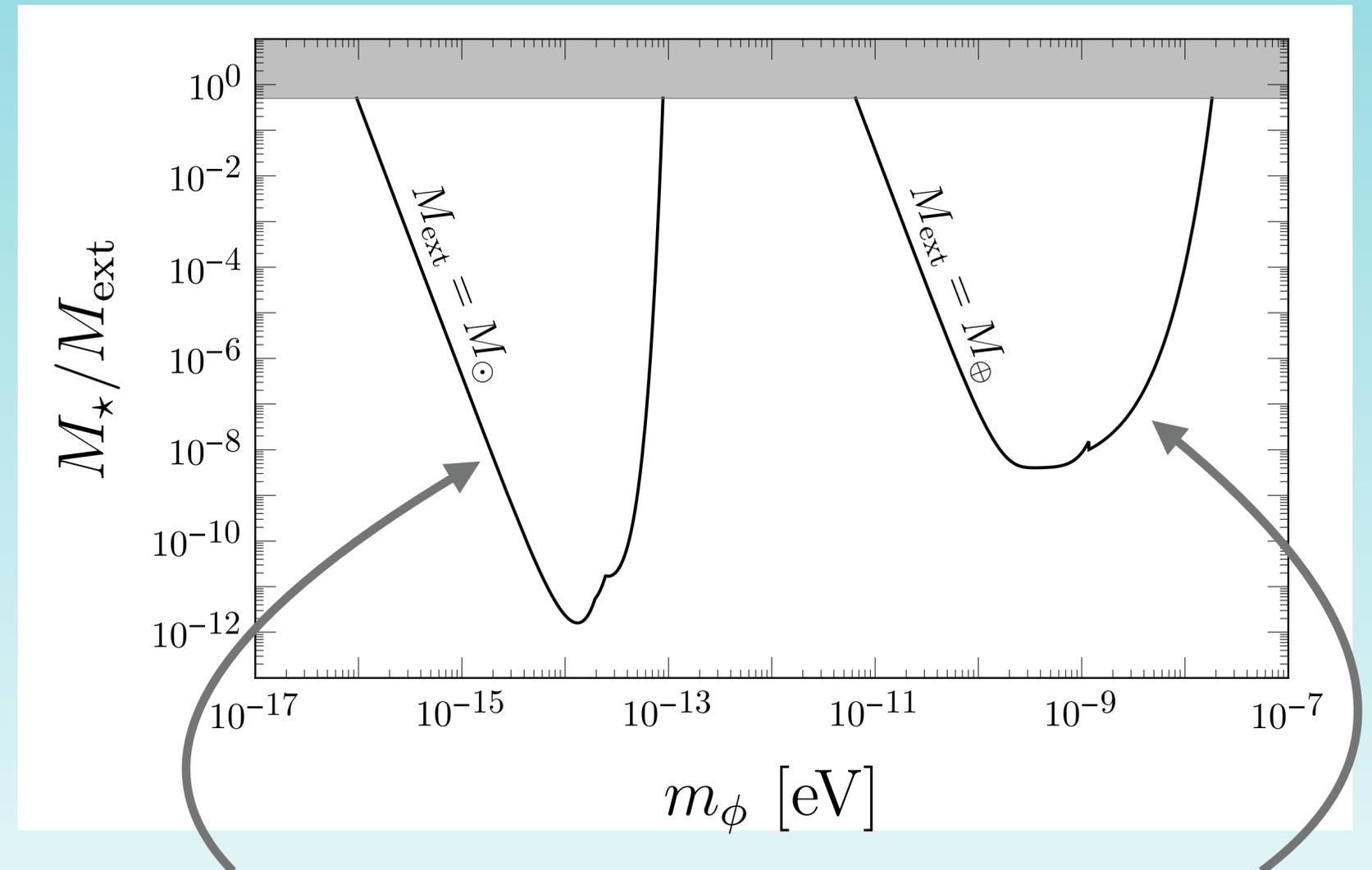
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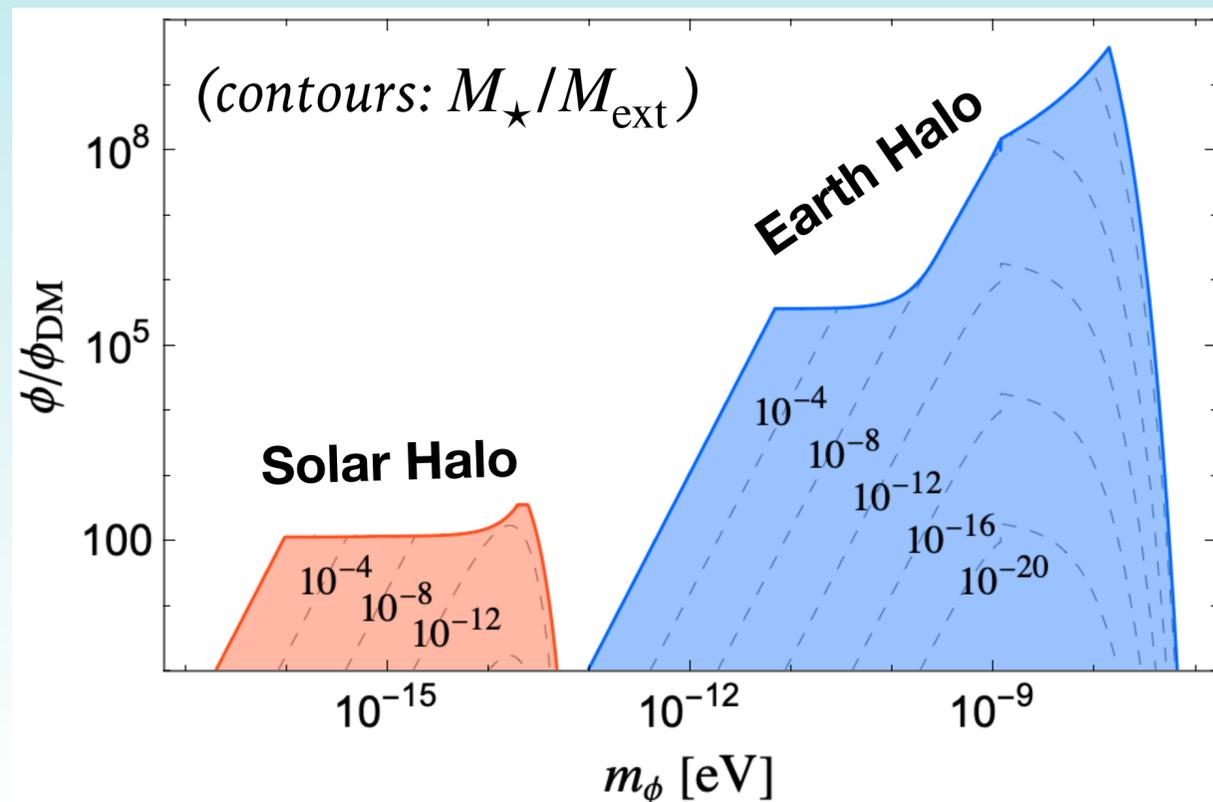
Adler (0808.0899)

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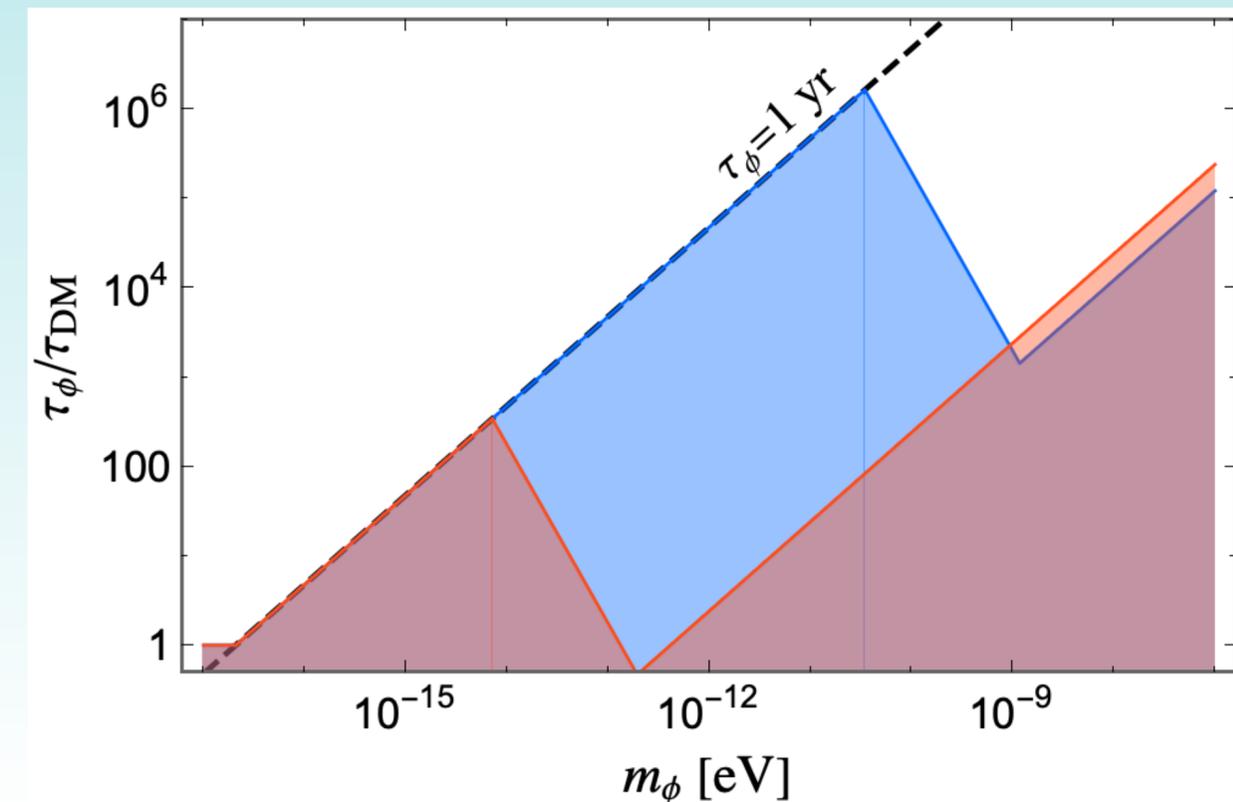
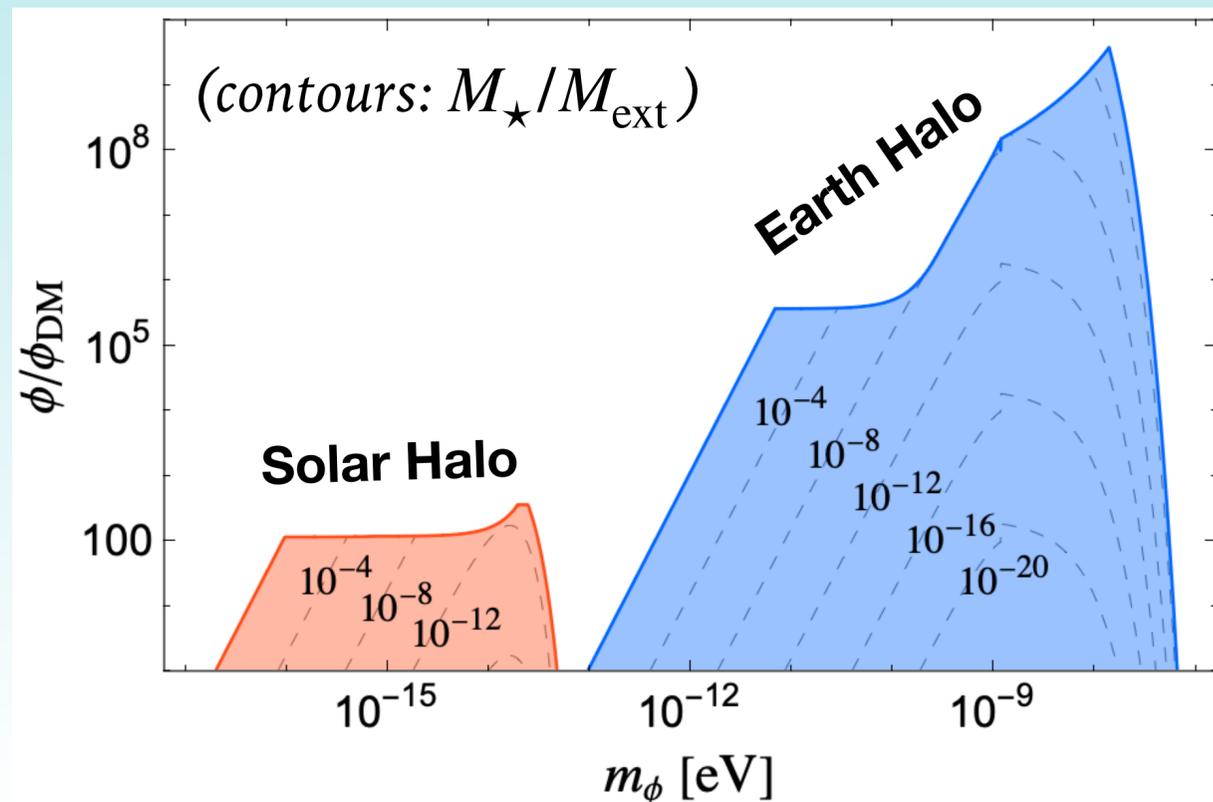
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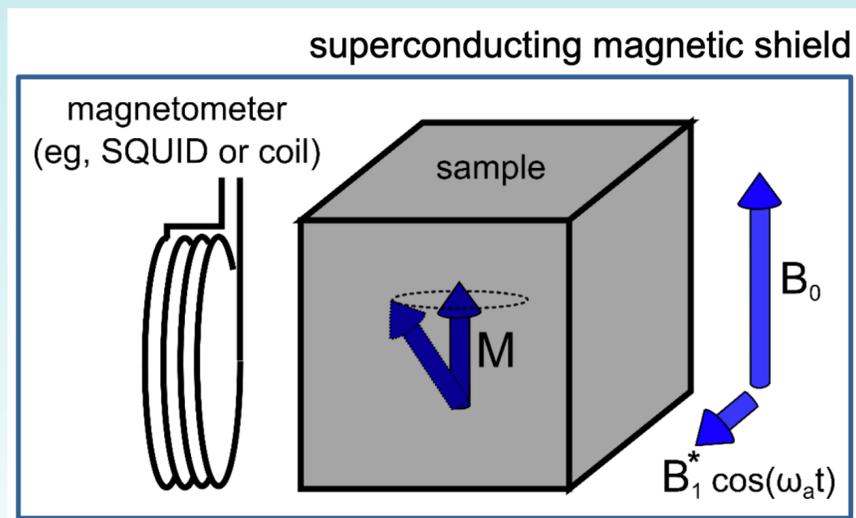
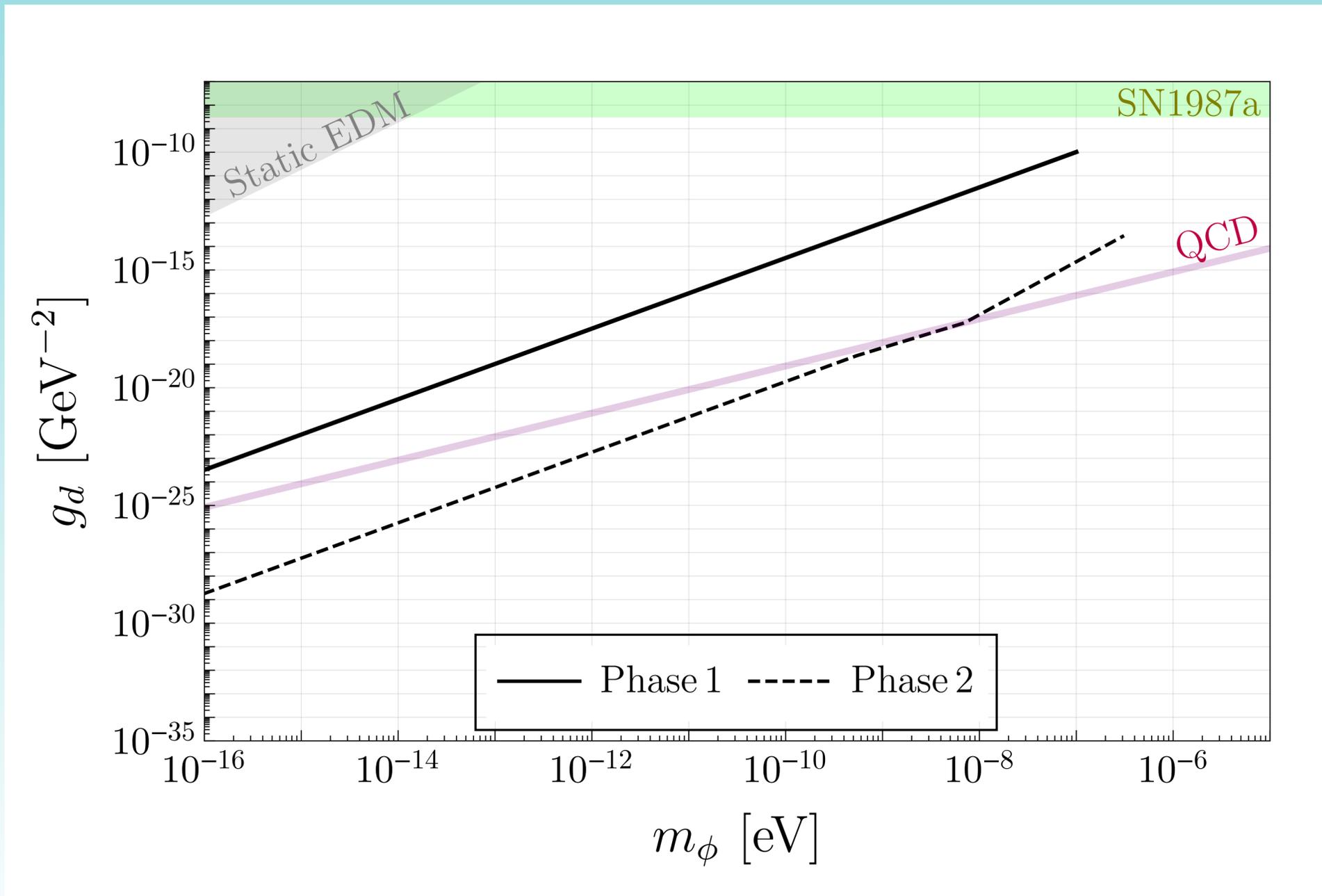


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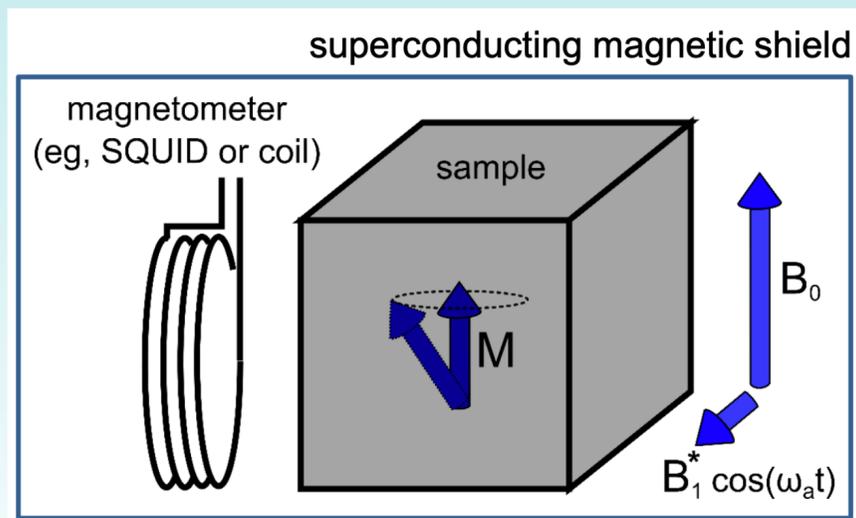
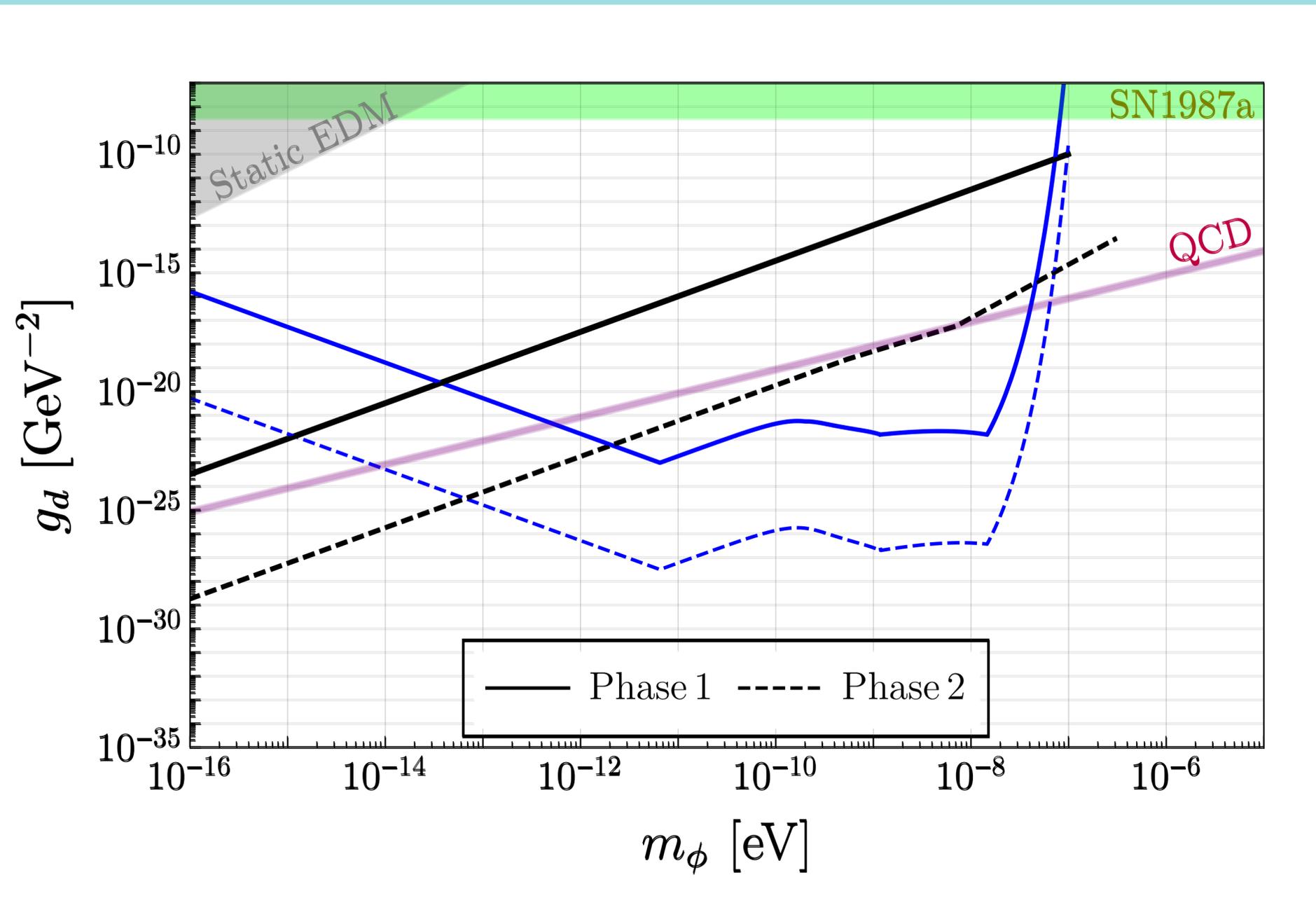


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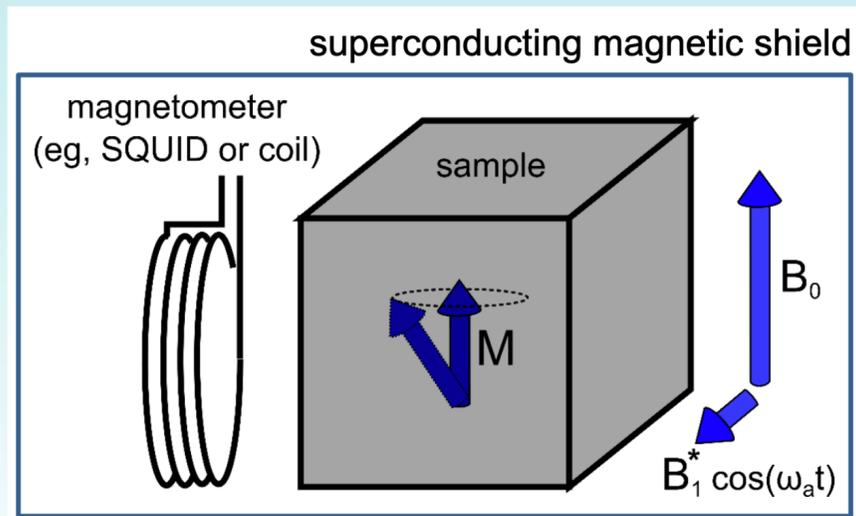
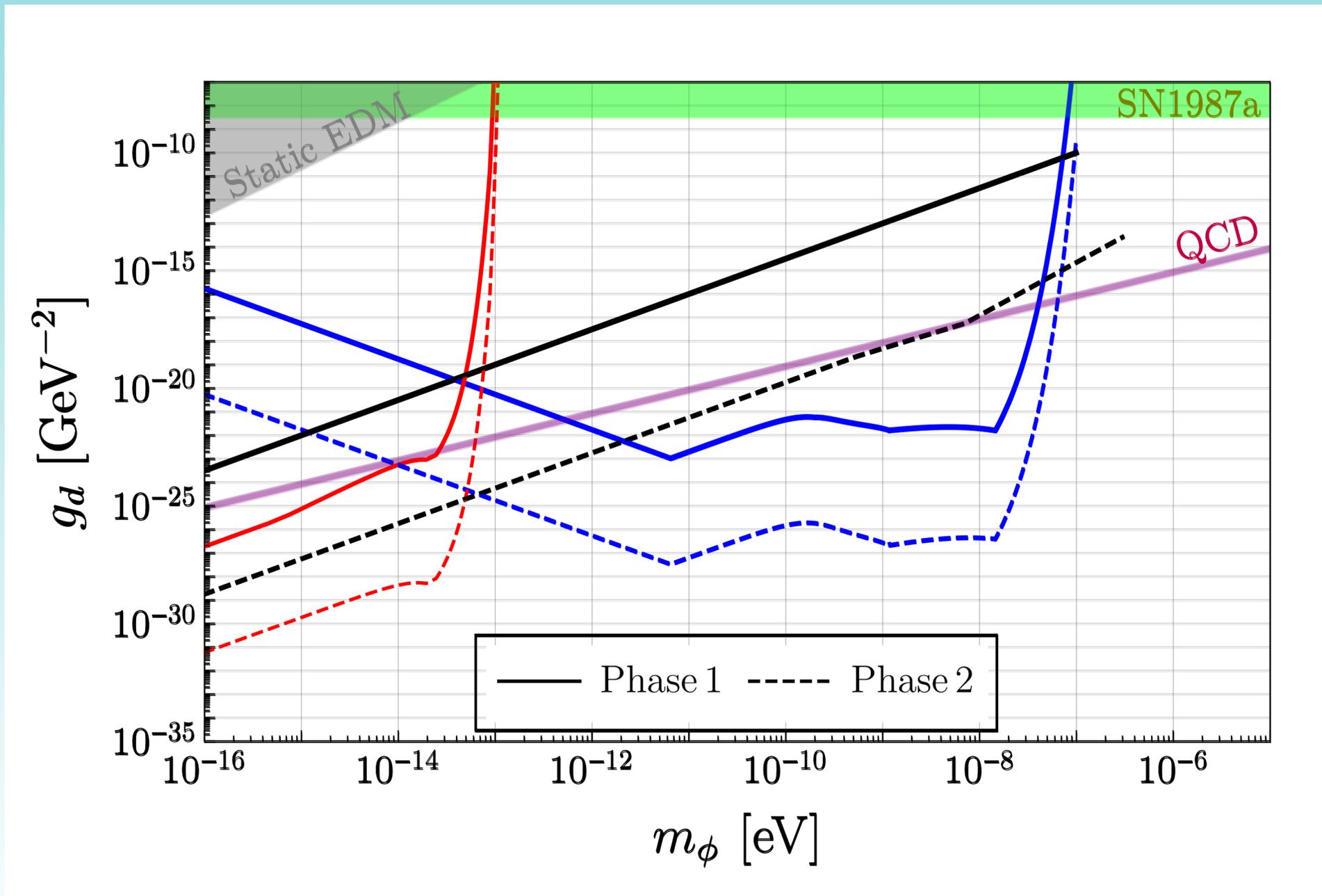


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Effects on Experimental Sensitivity (2)

3. Modified velocity dispersion:

Some experimental signals $\propto \nabla \phi$
(e.g. CASPER-Wind, GNOME, ...)

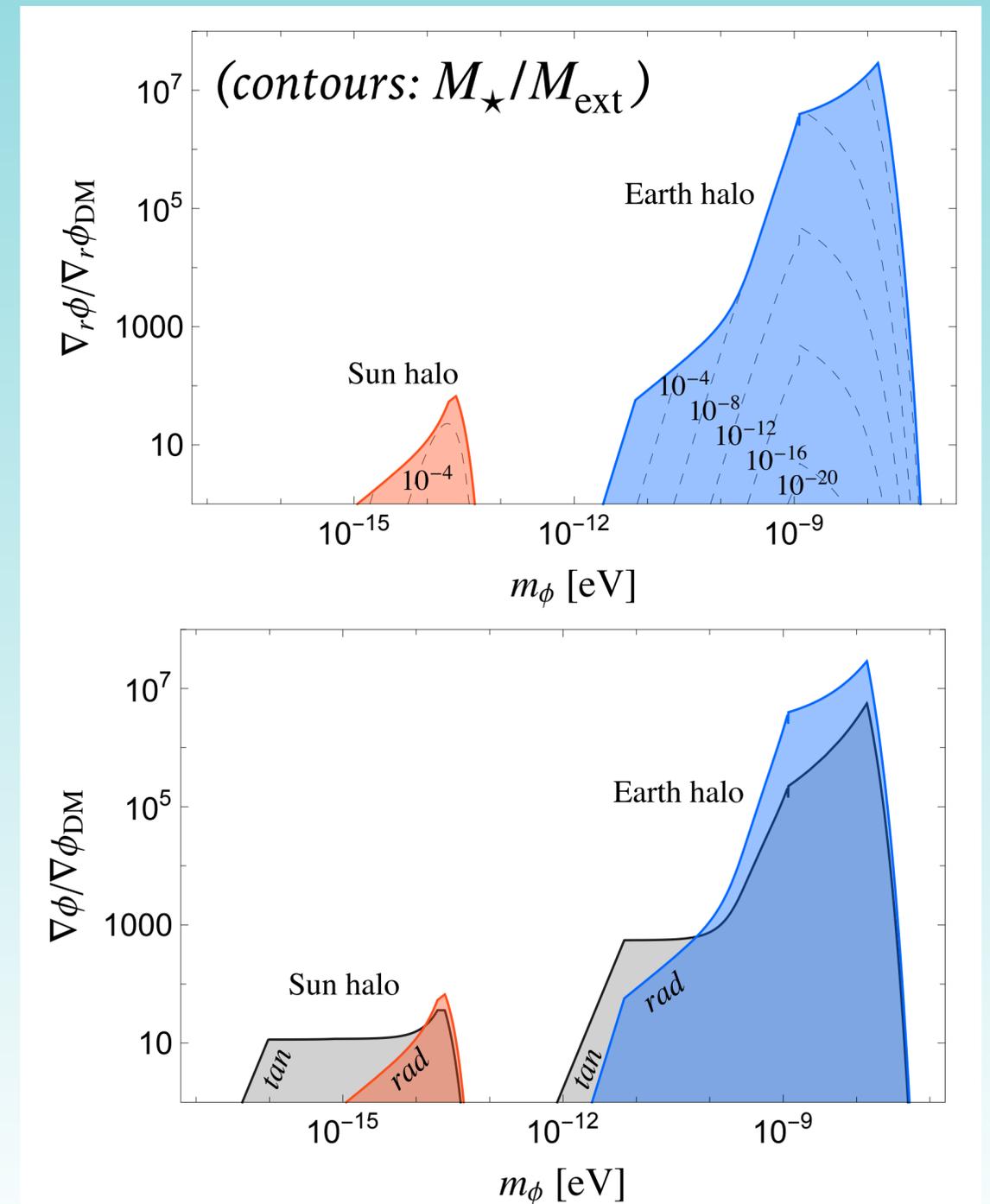
- Two components:

- Wavefunction is hydrogen-like, $\phi(r) \propto \exp(-r/R_\star)$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\text{rad}} \phi \propto \frac{1}{R_\star}, \text{ "radial gradient"}$$

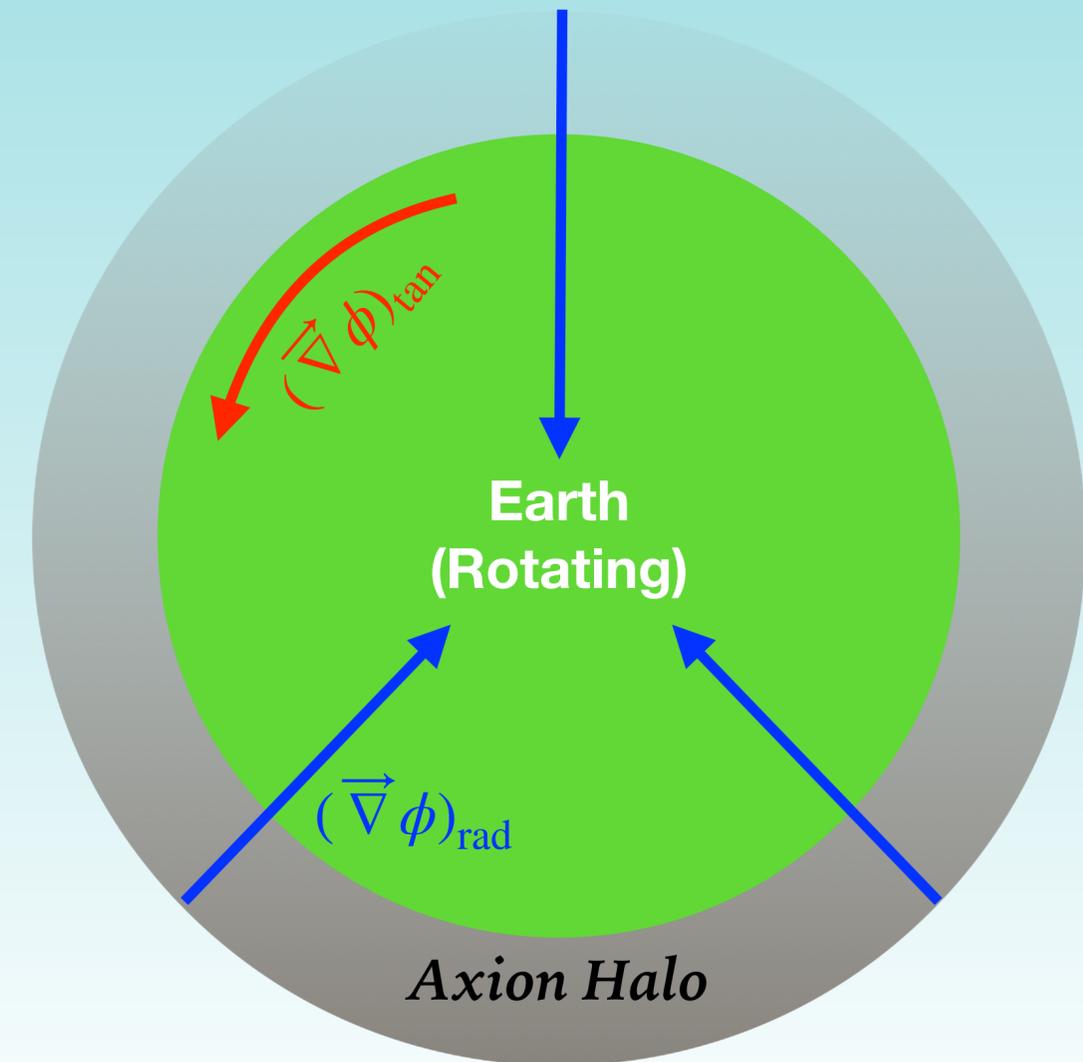
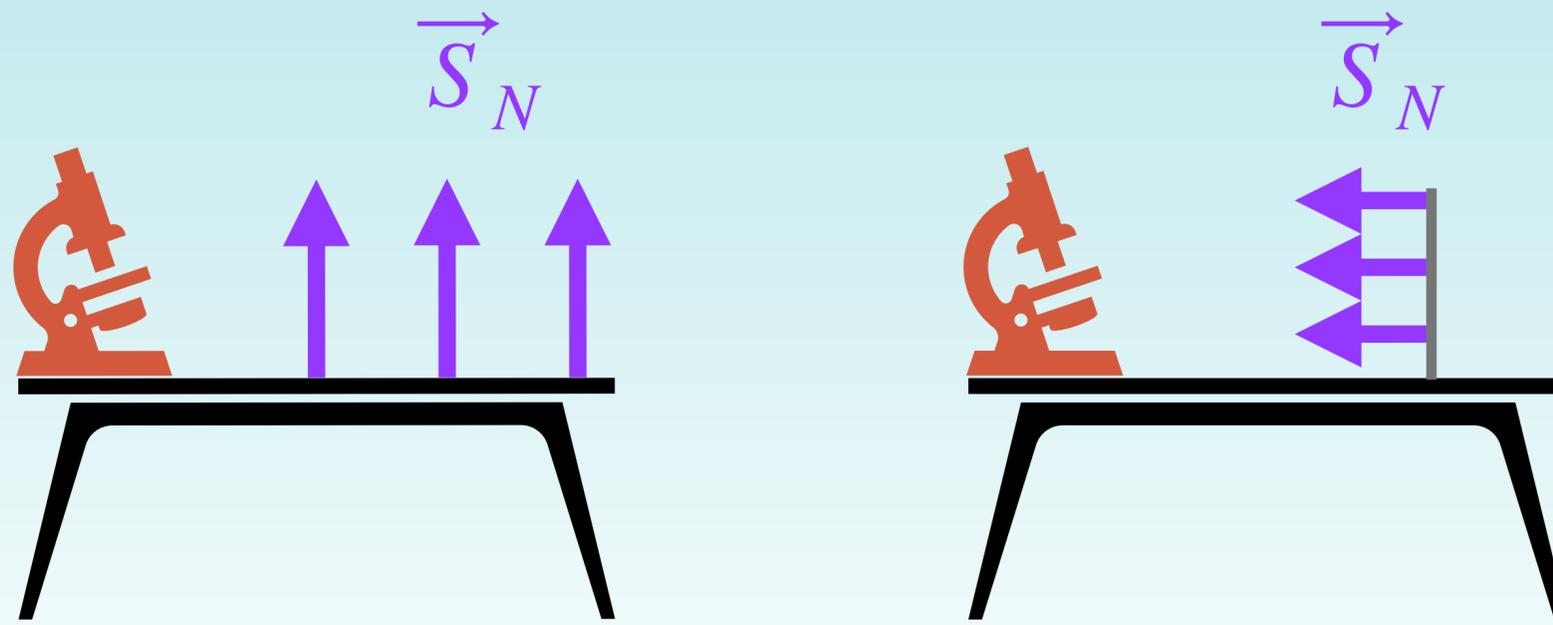
- Experiment, on Earth, moves *through* axion halo

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\text{tan}} \phi \propto v_{\text{rel}}, \text{ "tangential gradient"}$$



The Effect of the Gradient

- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance often used to search for pseudoscalar LSDM couplings, e.g. in CASPER-Wind experiment
- Signal is $\propto (\vec{\nabla} \phi) \times \vec{S}_N$

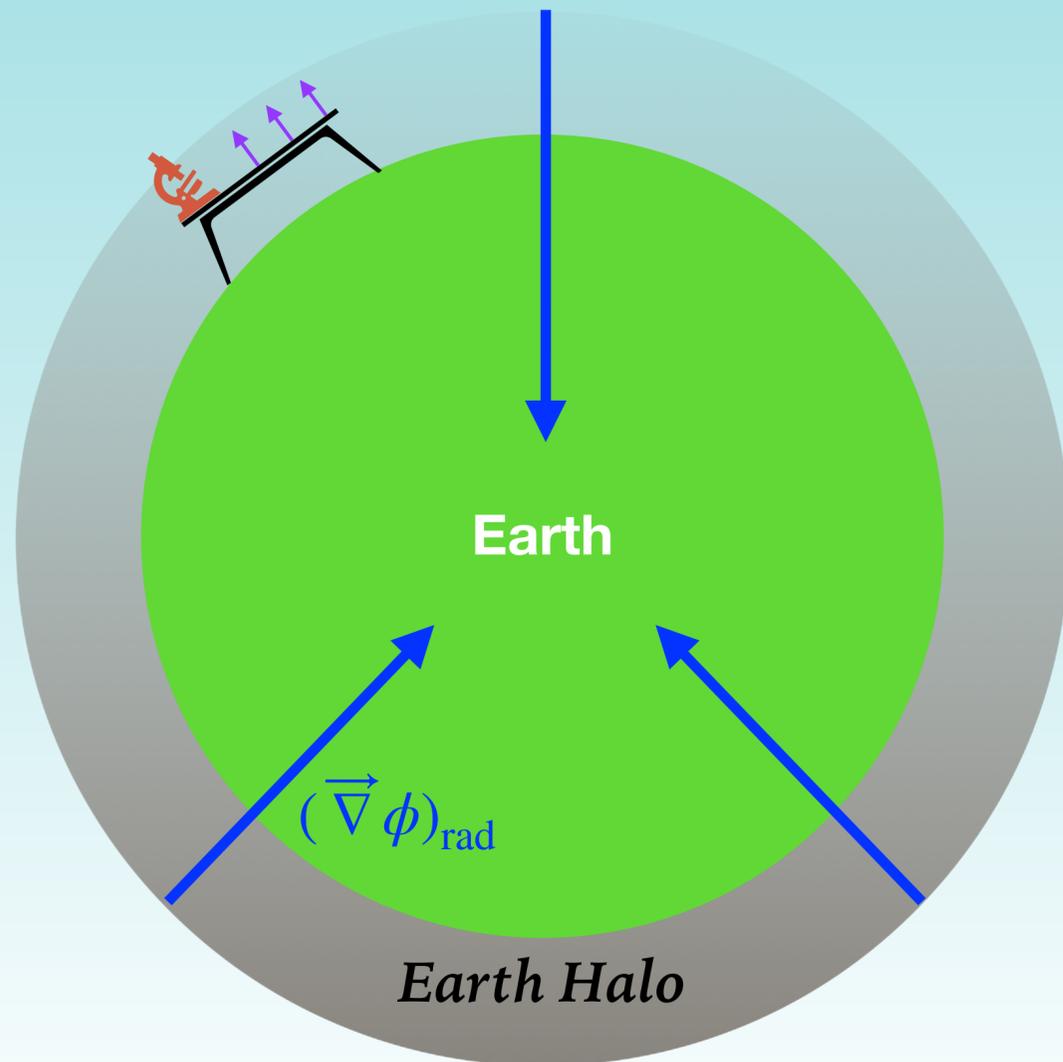


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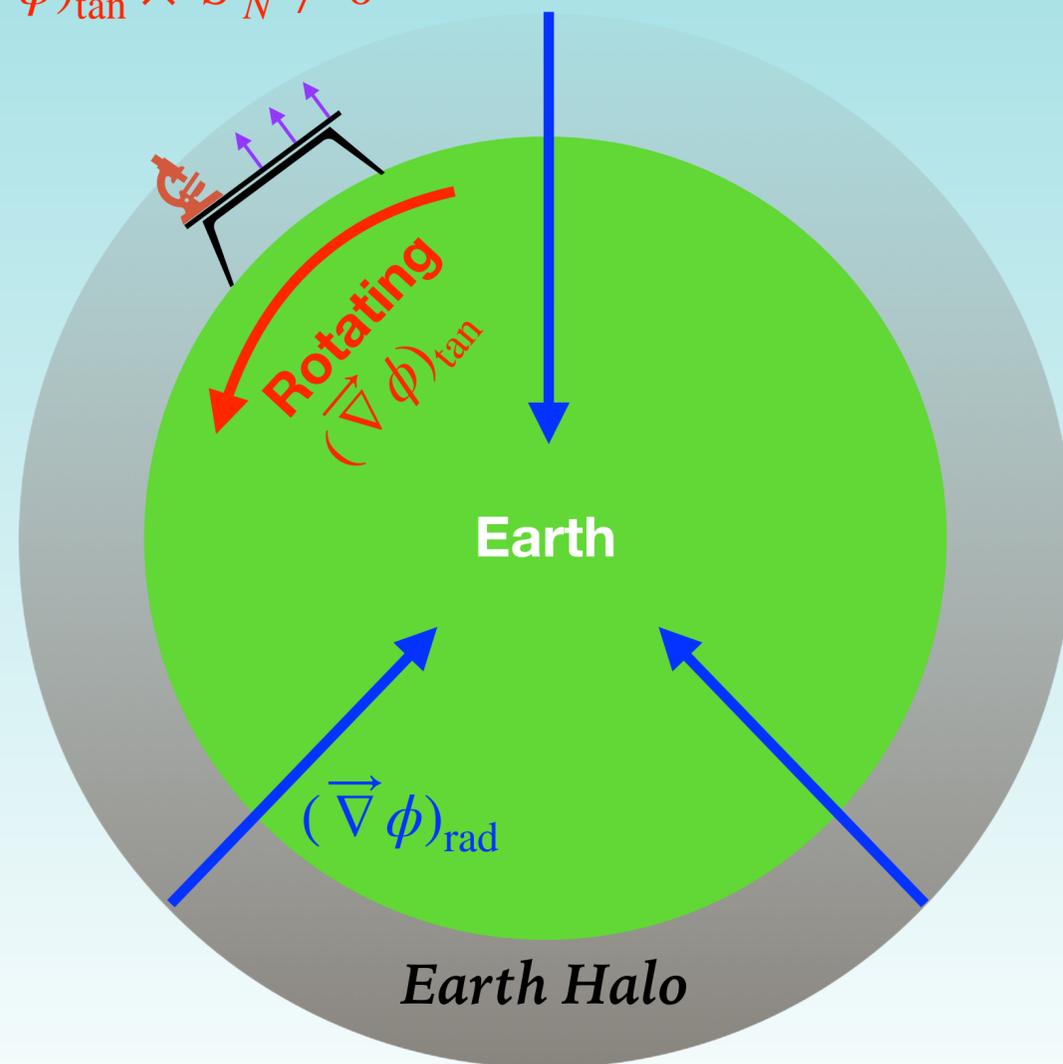
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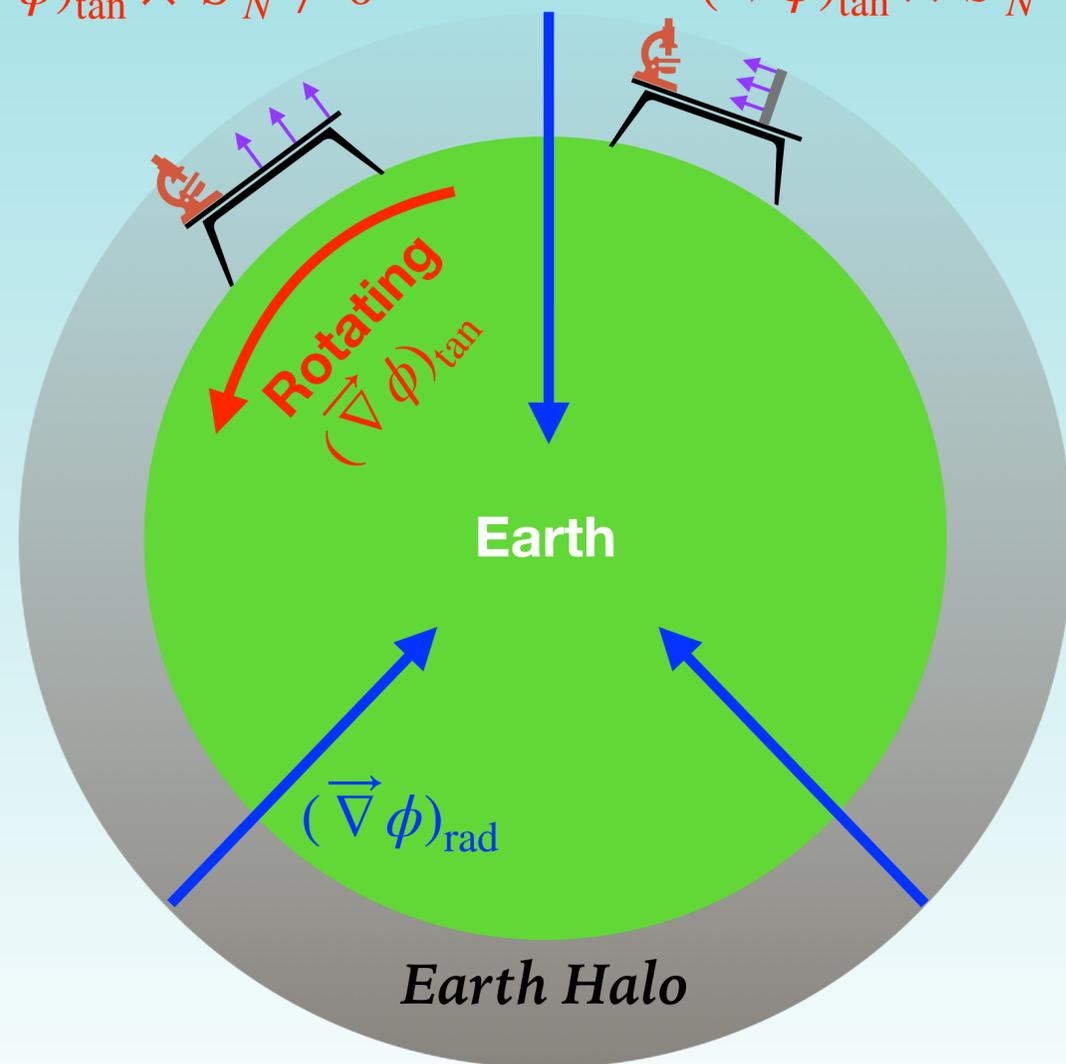
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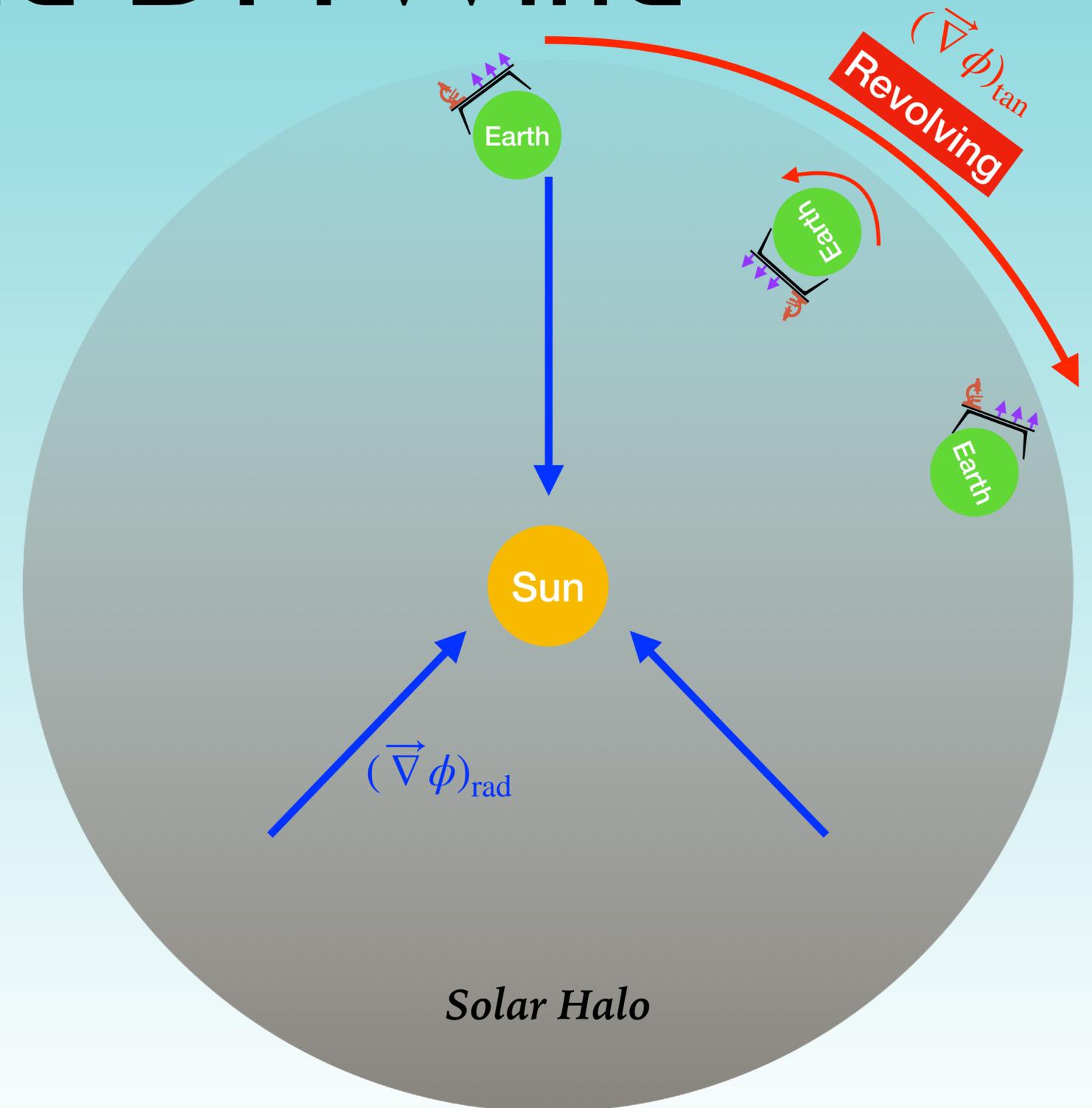
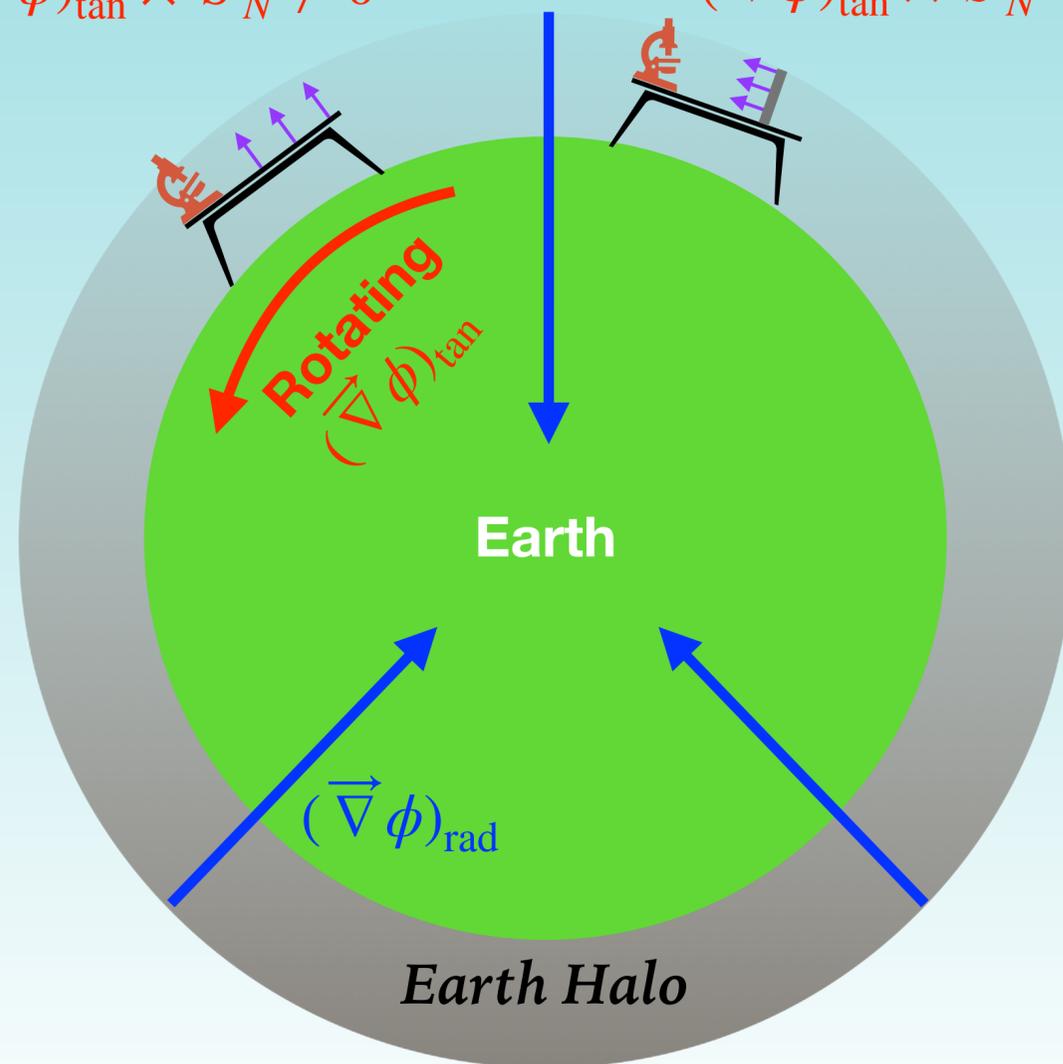
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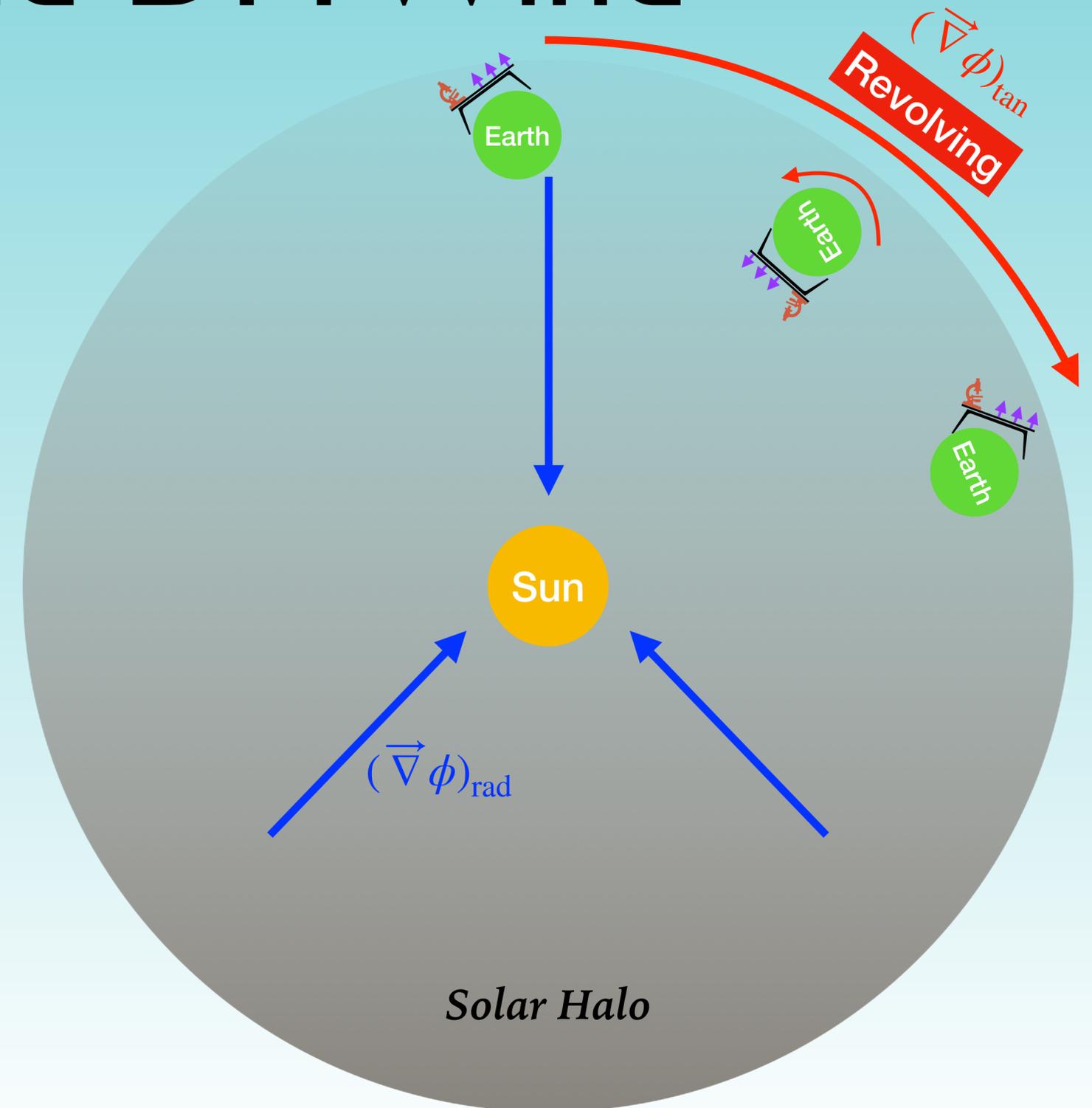
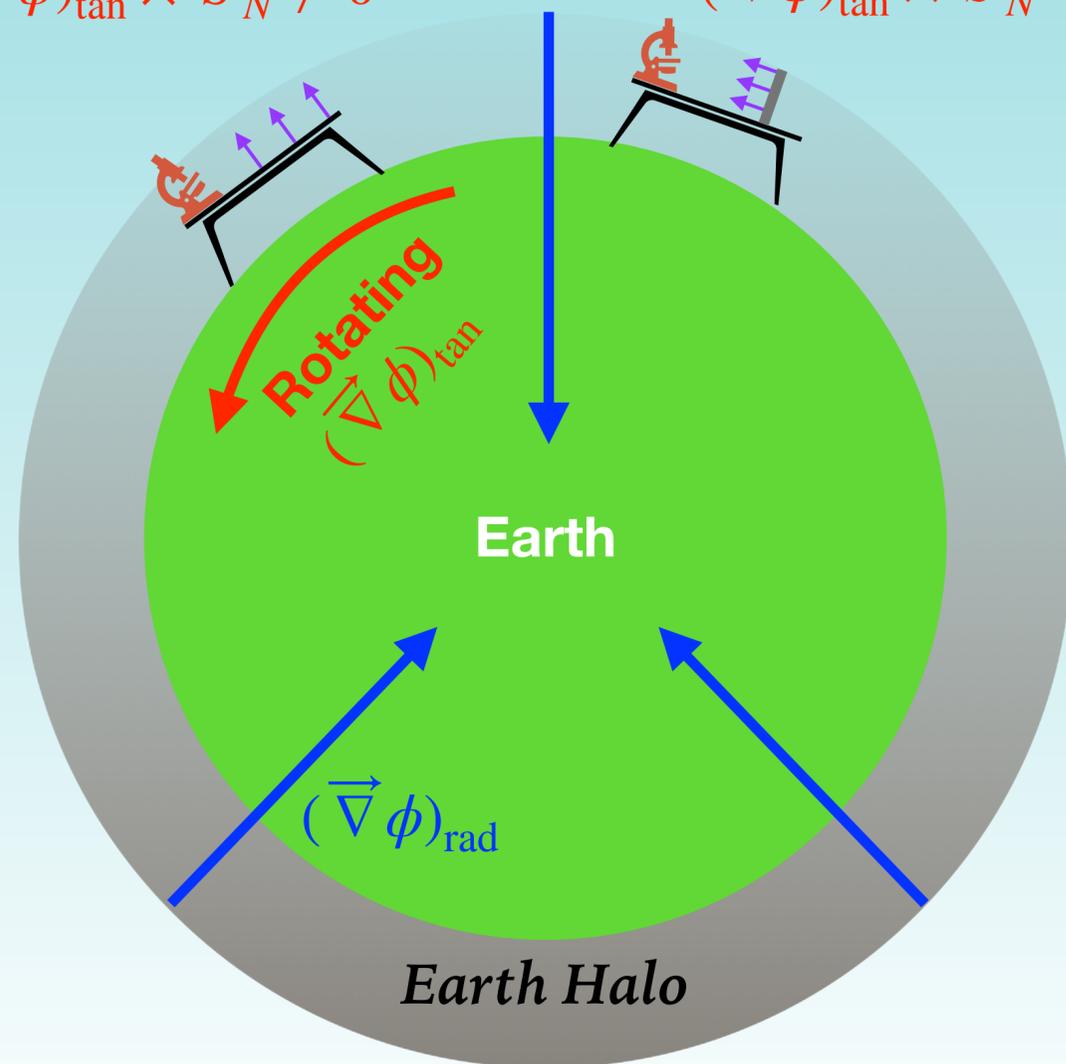
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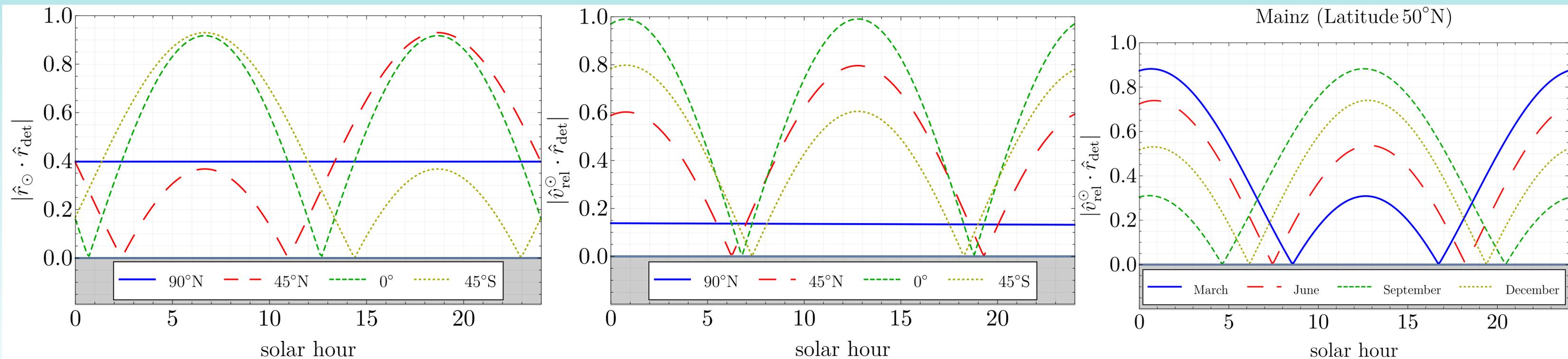
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Signal depends both on detector orientation and latitude!

Signal Modulation (Solar Halo)



- Upshot: Sideband analysis in existing axion experiments can distinguish virialized LSDM from bound axion halos in our solar system

Conclusions

- Substructure is a generic prediction of LSDM, relevant over very wide mass range
- For LSDM at galactic scales:
 - Solitons not found in large sample of galactic rotation curves; constrain $10^{-22} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$
 - Absence of excess velocity dispersion in Milky Way Dwarf Spheroidal galaxies potentially probes $10^{-21} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$
- For LSDM at solar system scale:
 - Scalar ‘halos’ bound to Earth or Sun offer novel modulating signals and directional information (if they in fact form)
 - Phenomenology interesting! Such halos can be probed even for very small couplings, due to large density and enhancement to coherence properties (compared to virialized DM)

Thanks!

Bonus Round

Light Scalars: Phenomenological Story

- DM field ϕ with extremely small mass $10^{-22} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim \text{eV}$
- Can have **scalar** or **pseudoscalar** couplings to matter

Scalar:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_e \phi \bar{e} e + \frac{g_\gamma}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- 1) Equivalence Principle, long-range forces
- 2) Oscillation of fundamental constants

$$m_e \rightarrow m_e + g_e \phi(t) \quad \alpha \rightarrow \alpha + g_\gamma \phi(t)$$

Probe by atomic clocks, nuclear transitions...

“Dilatons”

Pseudoscalar:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_{\phi\gamma\gamma}}{4} \phi \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{i g_d}{2} \phi \bar{N} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 N F^{\mu\nu}$$

Couplings $\propto 1/f$

- 1) Resonant magnetic cavity
- 2) Nuclear magnetic resonance

Probed by ADMX, CASPEr...

“Axions” / “ALPs”

“Relaxions”

Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran (1504.07551)

Flacke, Frugiuale, Fuchs, Gupta, Perez (1610.02025)

- Might couple only gravitationally...!

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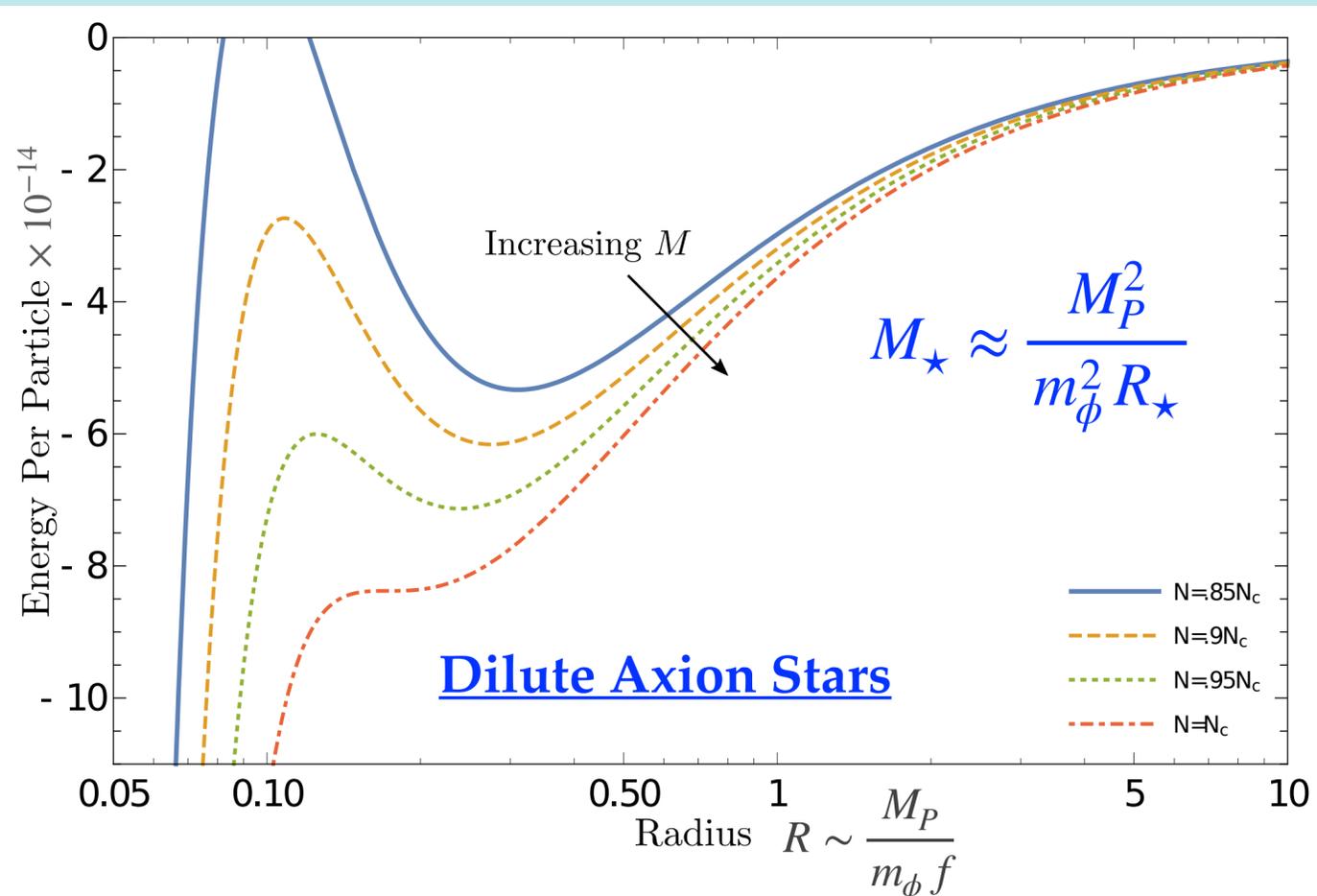
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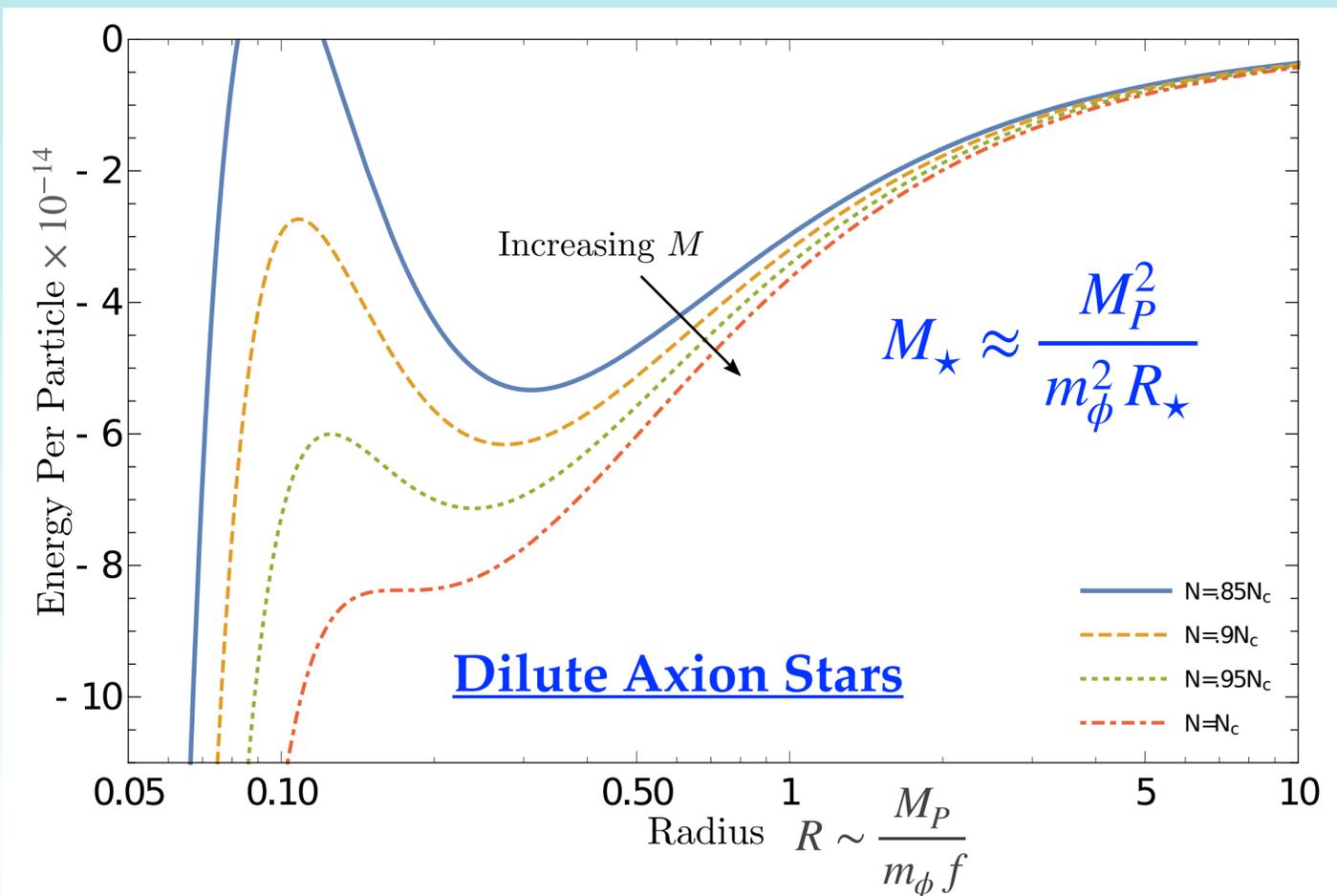
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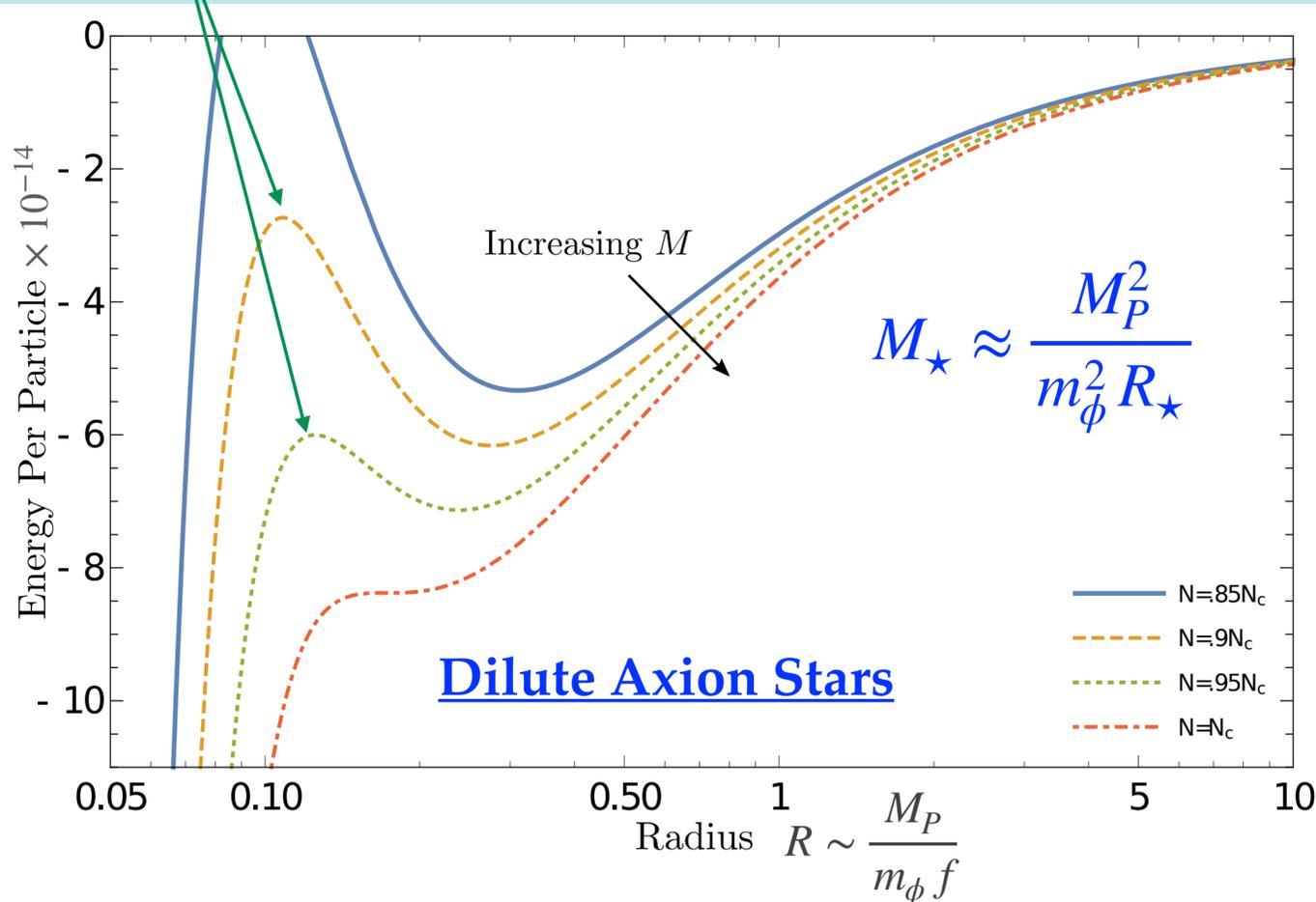
Transition Branch (unstable)

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Small R_\star : **Balance these forces**

**Dense
Axion Stars**

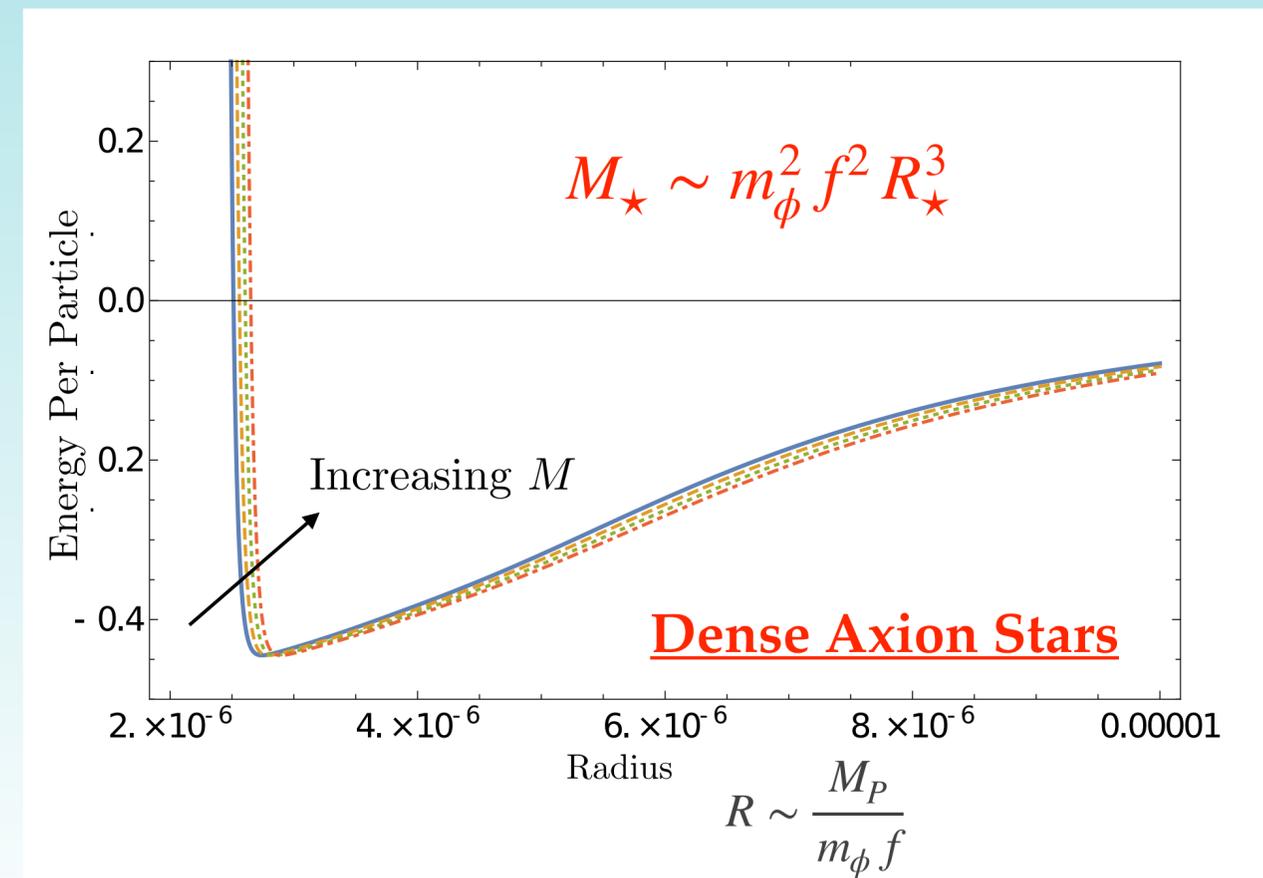
Braaten, Mohapatra, Zhang (1512.00108)

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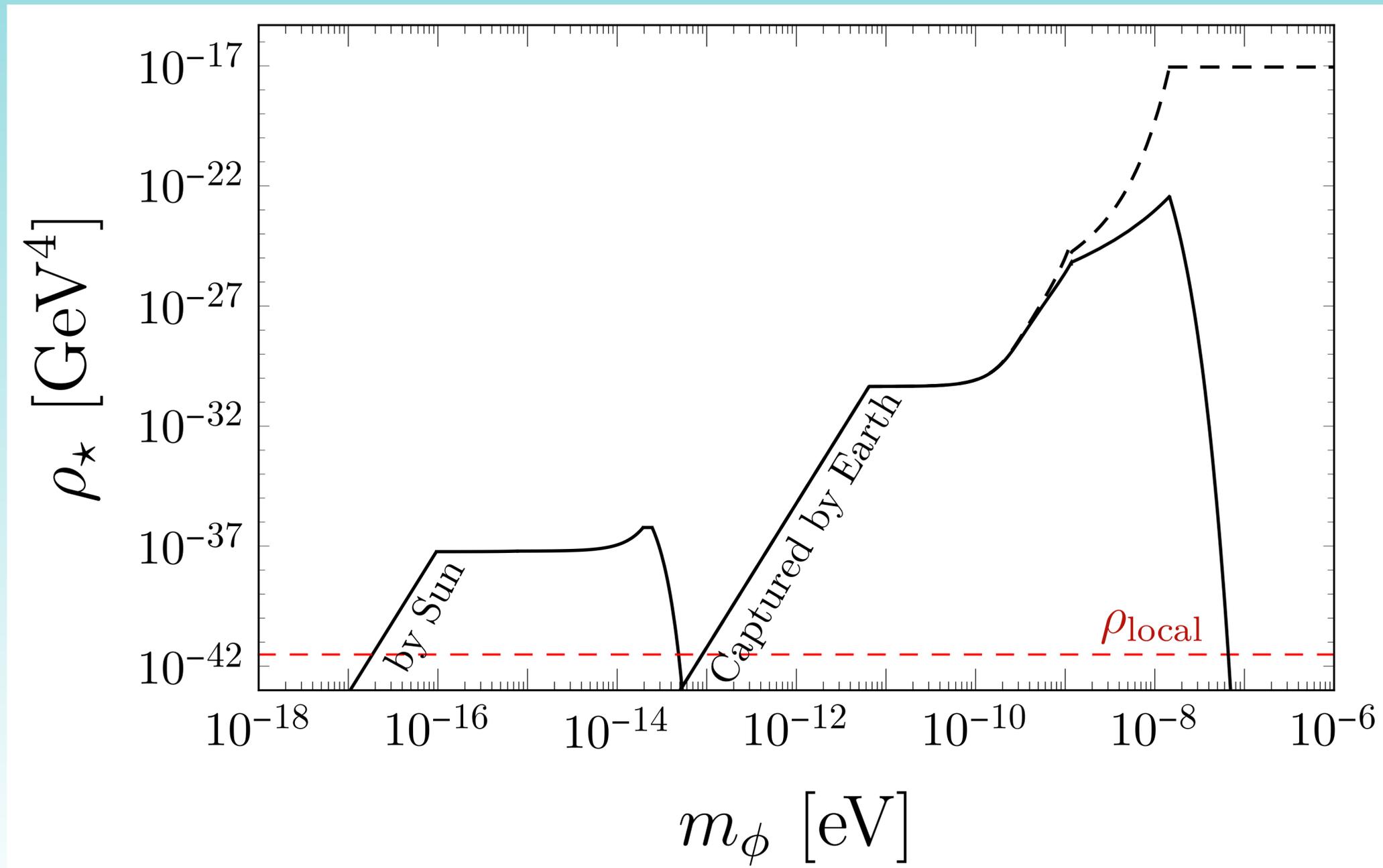
$$R_{\text{dense}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10) \text{ cm}$$

$$\rho_{\text{dense}} \sim m_\phi^2 f^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$



- **However, very unstable to decay (to relativistic axions)**

Maximum Axion Halo Density



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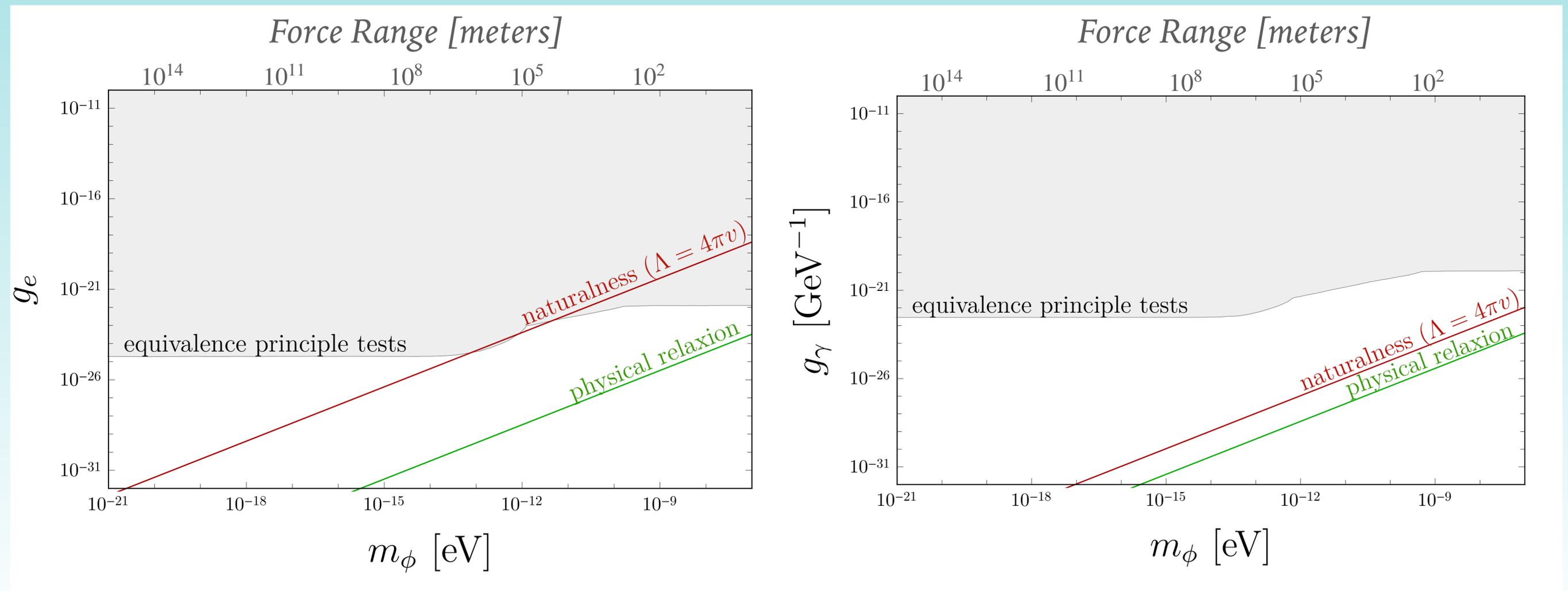
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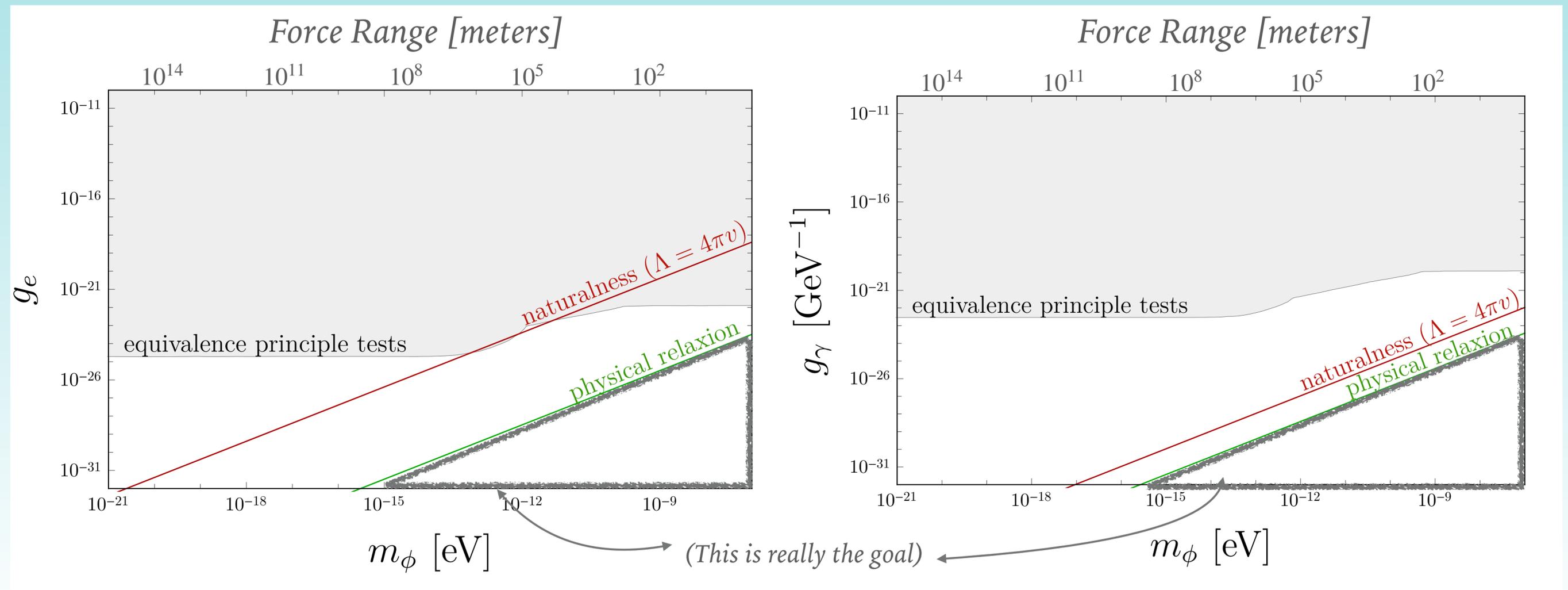
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Atomic Physics Probes

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_e \phi \bar{e} e + \frac{g_\gamma}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- Cutting-edge atomic experiments are achieving incredible sensitivity to variation of fundamental constants!

$$\left(\frac{\delta m_e}{m_e} \right)_{exp} \simeq 10^{-14}$$

(Today)

$$\left(\frac{\delta \alpha}{\alpha} \right)_{exp} \simeq 10^{-16}$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta m_e}{m_e} \right)_{exp} \simeq 10^{-18}$$

(Near future)

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- Now possible at high frequency!

see e.g. *Dynamical decoupling*

Aharony, Ackerman, Ozeri, Perez,
Savoray, Shaniv (1902.02788)

Atomic spectroscopy

Antypas, Tretiak, Garcon, Ozeri,
Perez, Budker (1905.02968)

$$10^{-8} \text{ eV} \Leftrightarrow 1 \text{ MHz}$$

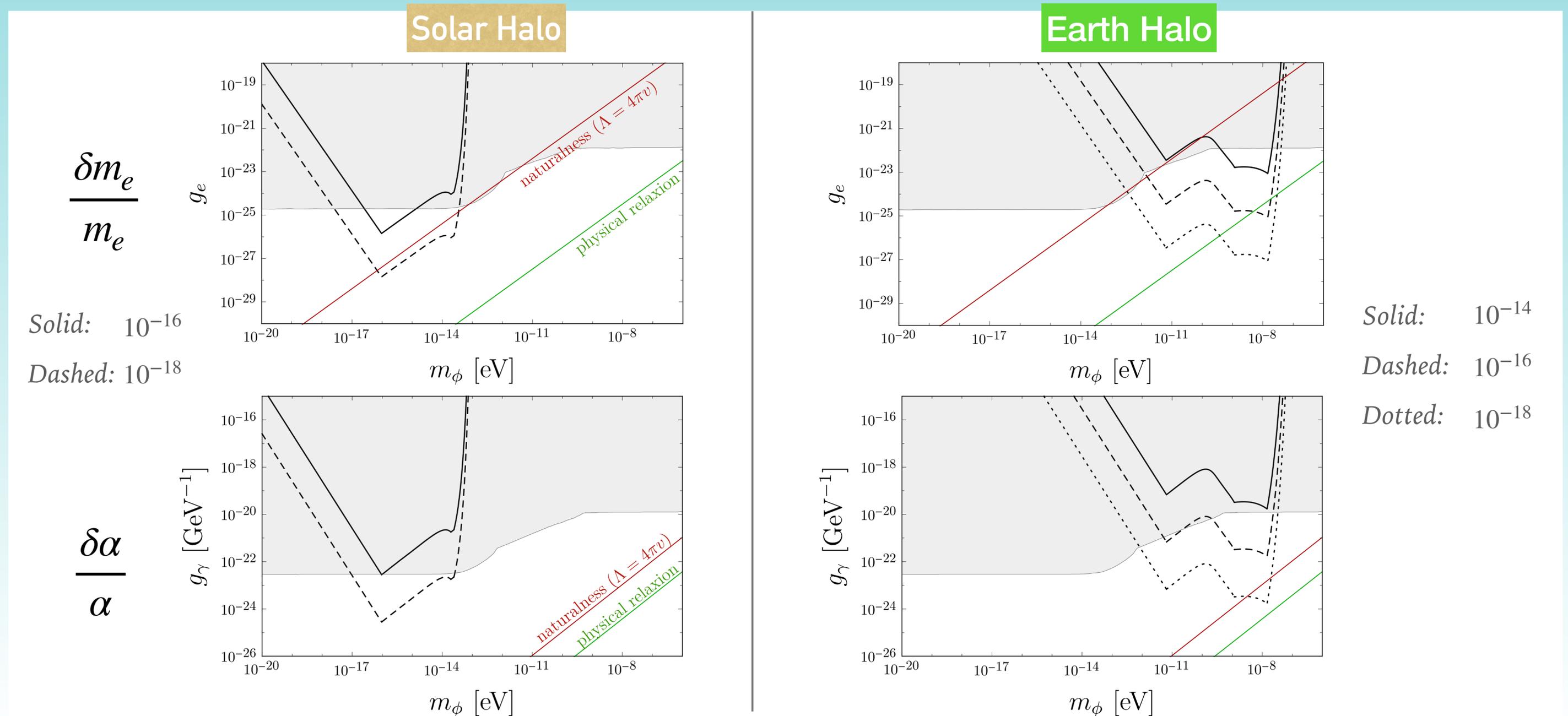
$$10^{-15} \text{ eV} \Leftrightarrow 1 \text{ Hz}$$

- Advantage: direct coupling to scalar field density $|\phi| = \sqrt{2 \rho_{DM}} / m_\phi$

Sensitivity to Axion Halos

Banerjee, Budker, JE, Kim, Perez (1902.08212)

- Big boost in the presence of an axion halo!



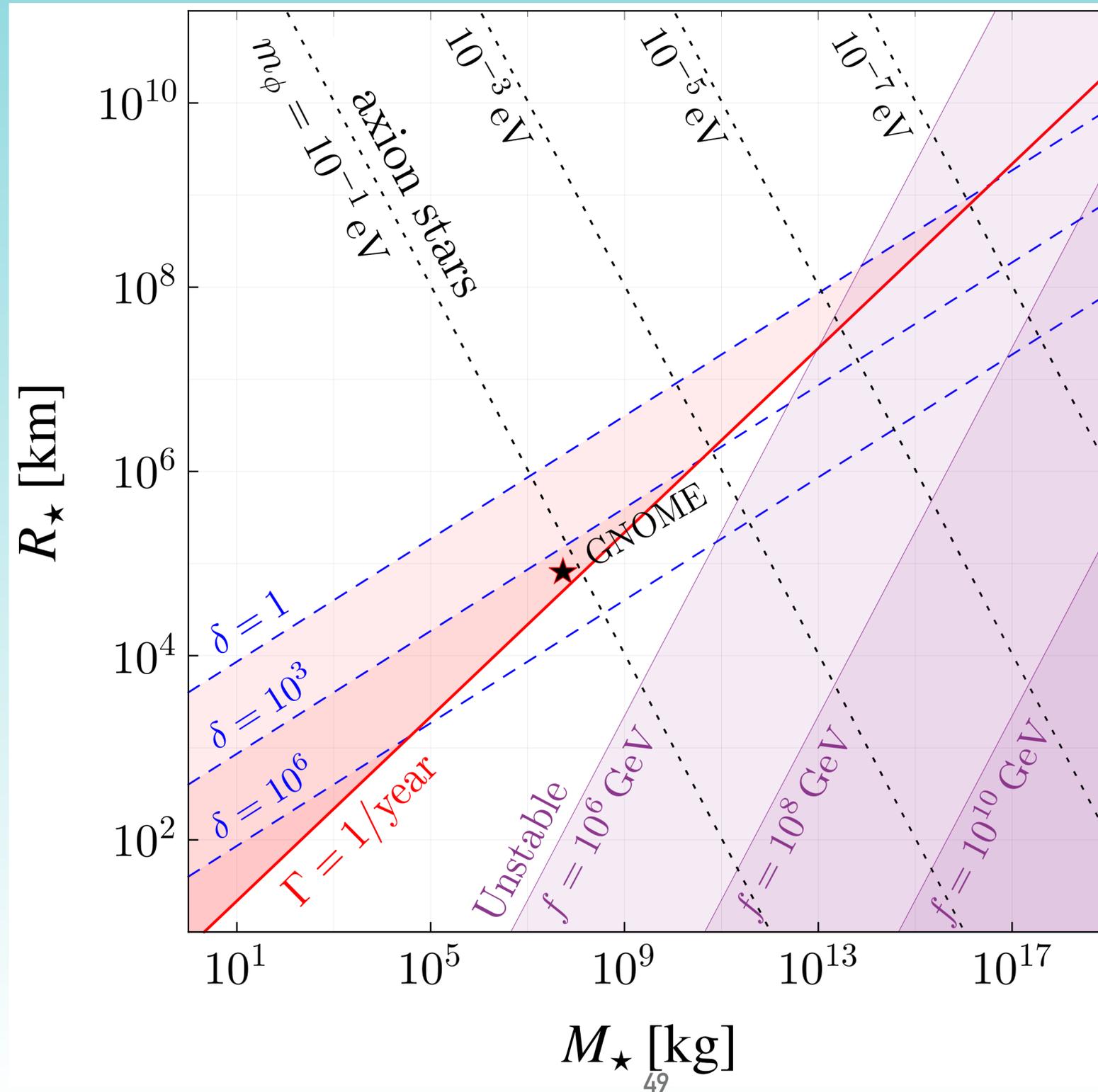
Detect transient axion stars on earth?

(Difficult)

Banerjee, Budker, JE, Kim, Perez (1902.08212)

$$\delta \propto \rho_{local}^{-1} R_{\star}^{-4} m_{\phi}^{-2}$$

$$\Gamma \propto \rho_{local} R_{\star}^3 m_{\phi}^2$$



Solving for Solitons (1.5)

- The energy in the soliton is

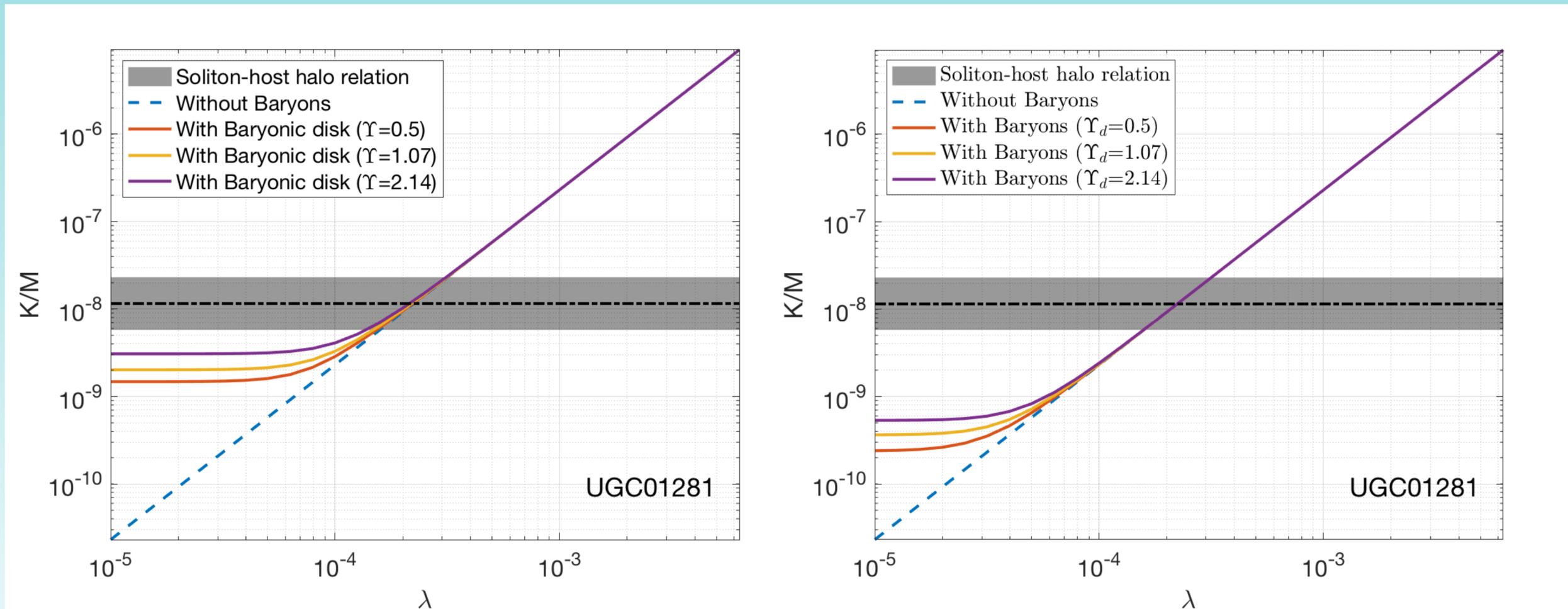
$$E = \int d^3x \left[\frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{2m_\phi^2} + \frac{\Phi|\psi|^2}{2} \right] = \frac{M_P^2}{4\pi m_\phi} \int d^3x \left[\frac{\nabla\chi^2}{2} + \frac{\Phi\chi^2}{2} \right] = \frac{\mu}{3} M$$

- Therefore $E_\lambda = \frac{\mu_\lambda}{3} M_\lambda = \frac{\lambda^3}{3} \mu_1 M_1 \approx -0.476 \lambda^3 \frac{M_P^2}{m_\phi}$, and $M_\lambda \approx 2.06 \lambda \frac{M_P^2}{m_\phi}$

Do baryons shift the soliton-host halo relation?

$$m_\phi = 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

$$m_\phi = 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$



Bar, Blum, JE, Sato (1903.03402)