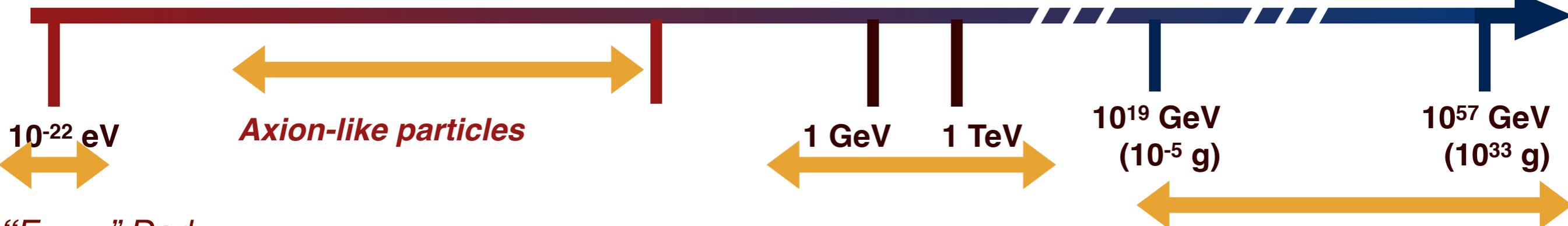


# Primordial black hole: A promising and testable DM candidate?

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# DM candidates: ~90 orders of magnitude in mass



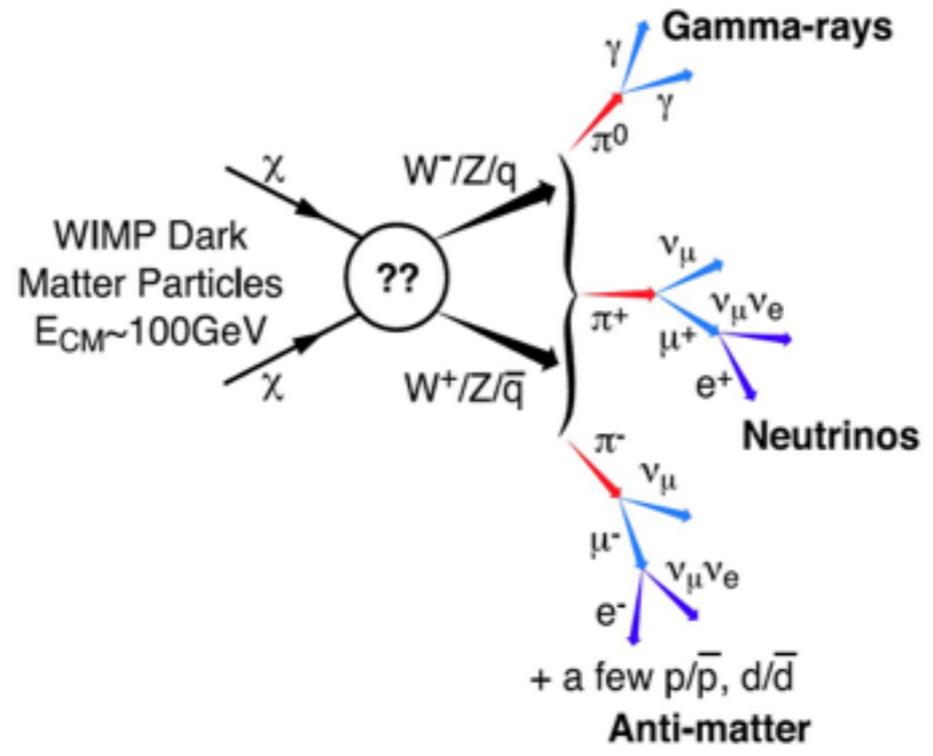
**“Fuzzy” Dark Matter**  
 $\lambda_{dB} \sim 1 \text{ kpc} \sim \text{size of a dSph Galaxy}$   
 [Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten 2016]

**Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs)**  
 e.g. lightest neutralino state in MSSM

**Primordial black holes (PBHs)**  
 [Zeld’ovich and Novikov 1966, Hawking 1971]

many constraints from lensing, wide binaries, Galactic disk stability; became less popular after MACHO project [Alcock 2001]

future radio and X-ray observations can provide strong constraints on the presence of a population of heavy PBHs (e.g. GHz radio emission due to accretion of gas in the inner Galaxy)



# Part 1: LIGO, PBHs and DM

## Brief summary on primordial black holes as DM candidate

[see yesterday talk by A. Green]

**PBHs can form in the early universe** from large-amplitude small-scale density perturbations formed during inflation, and other mechanisms.

### PBHs can span an extremely large mass range

- collapse at Planck time ( $10^{-43}$  s)  $\rightarrow$  Planck mass ( $10^{-5}$  g),
- collapse at  $\sim 1$  s  $\rightarrow 10^5 M_{\odot}$

if the mass is too low, PBHs have enough time to evaporate (Hawking-Bekenstein radiation)

$$t_{\text{evaporation}}[\text{s}] = 10^{71} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^3$$

G. Chapline was among the first to suggest **PBHs as a DM candidate** [G. F. Chapline, *Nature* **253**, 251 (1975)]

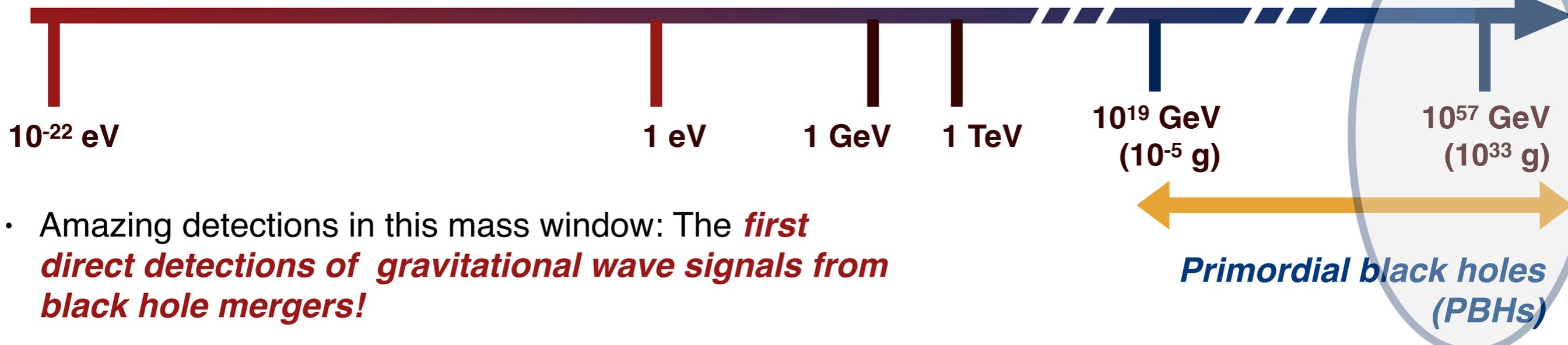
### Typical ranges for a PBH as DM candidate:

$M \sim 10^{16}$  g ( $10^{-17} M_{\odot}$ ) —  $10^{39}$  g ( $10^5 M_{\odot}$ )

size  $\sim 10^{-13}$  cm —  $10^{10}$  cm

number in our Galaxy  $\sim 10^{29}$  —  $10^6$

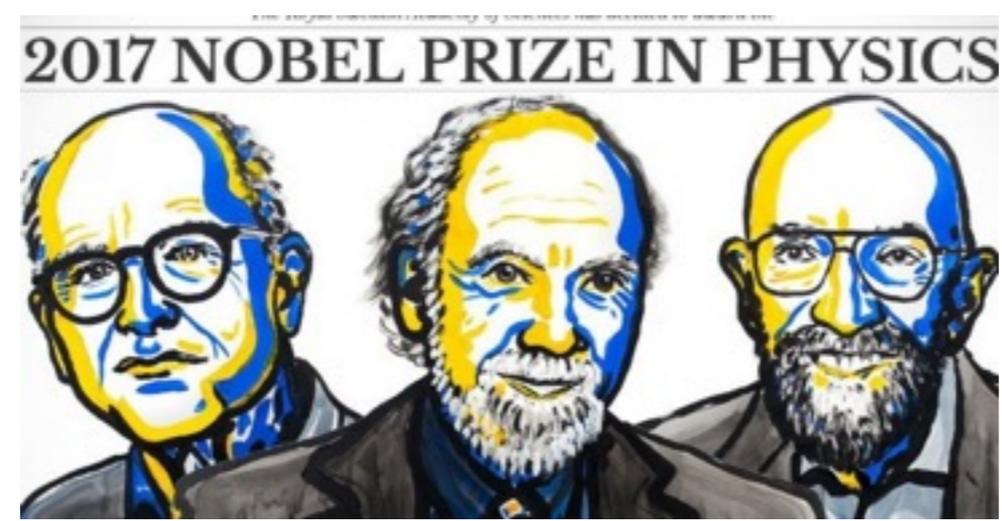
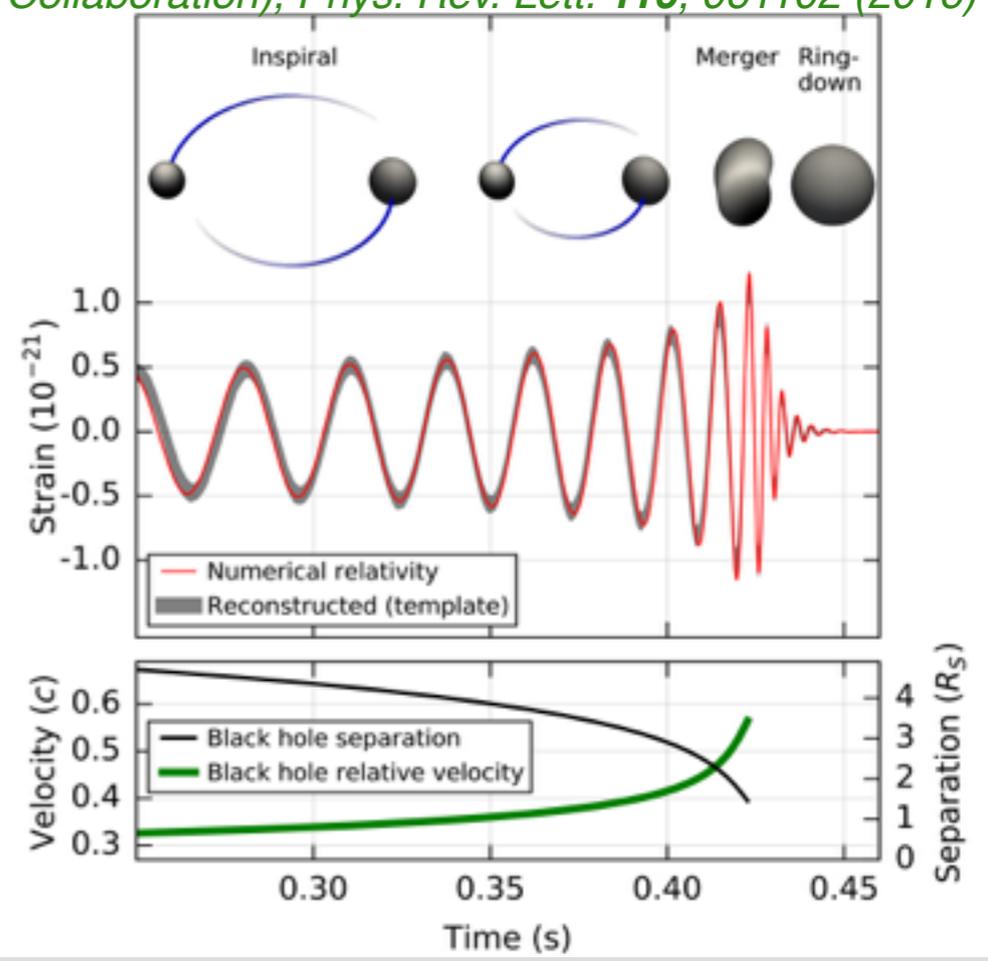
# LIGO, PBHs and DM



- Amazing detections in this mass window: The **first direct detections of gravitational wave signals from black hole mergers!**
- The **first direct detections of binary black hole systems**
- The **first direct detections of stellar-mass black holes with  $M$  as large as  $30 M_{\odot}$**

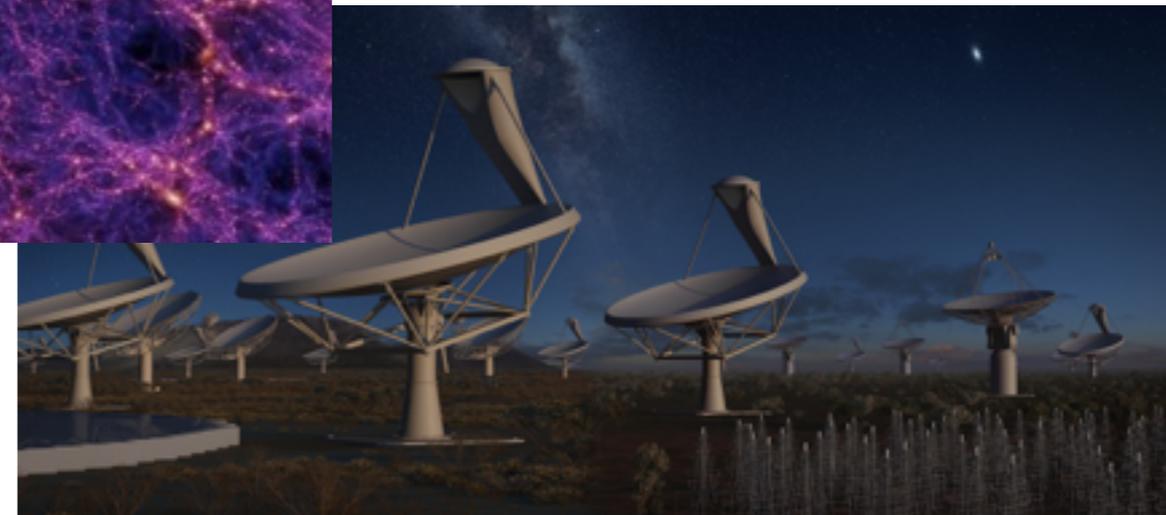
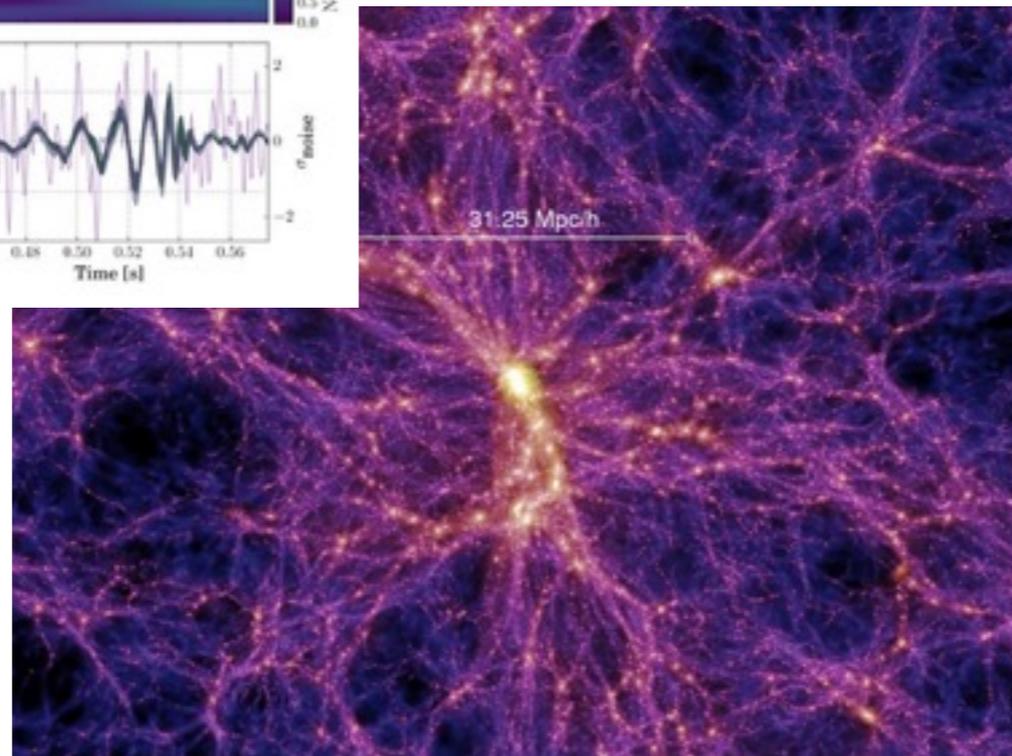
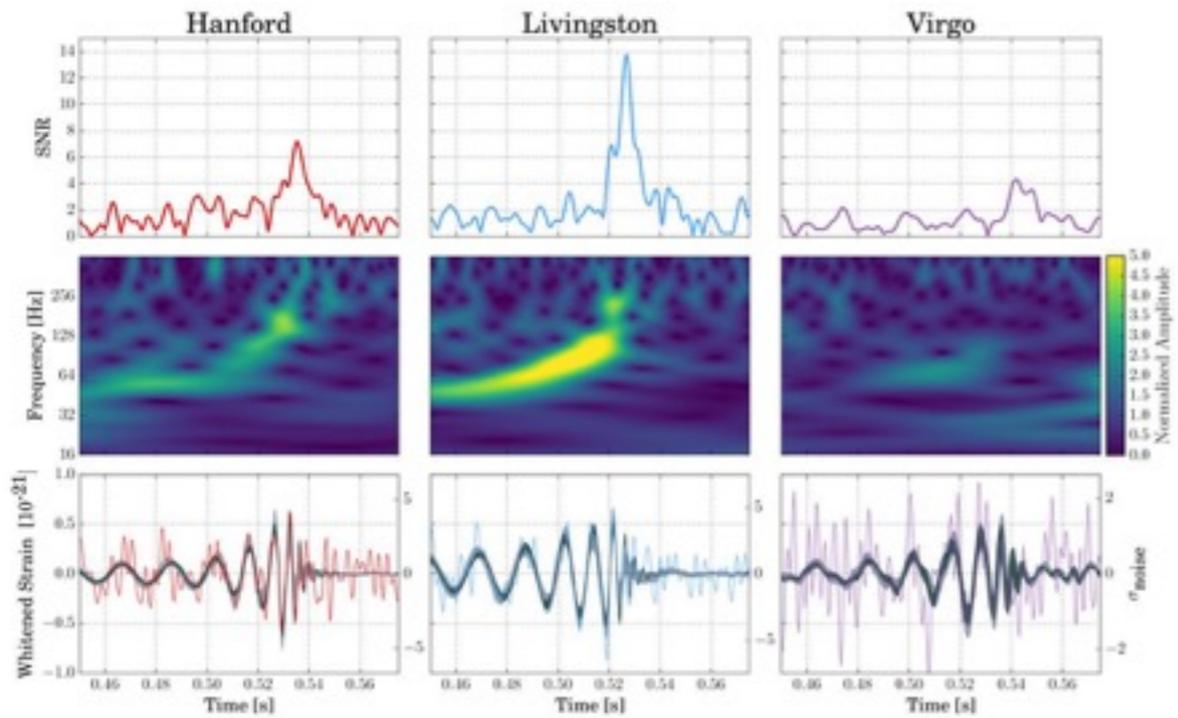
(stellar-mass black holes discovered so far are in X-ray binaries. BH masses ranging from  $\sim 3$  to  $\sim 15$  solar masses; e.g. GRS 1915+105,  $M = 14 \pm 4 M_{\text{sun}}$ , [arXiv:0111540](https://arxiv.org/abs/0111540))

Abbott et al. (LIGO Collaboration, Virgo Collaboration), *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **116**, 061102 (2016)

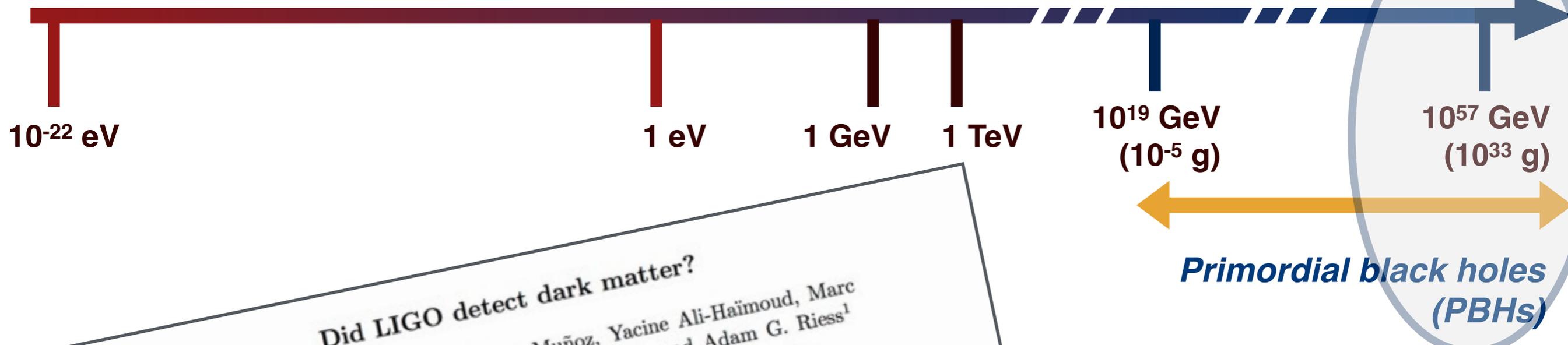


# LIGO, VIRGO, PBHs and DM

How can we exploit the connections between GW physics, dark matter, and radio astronomy?



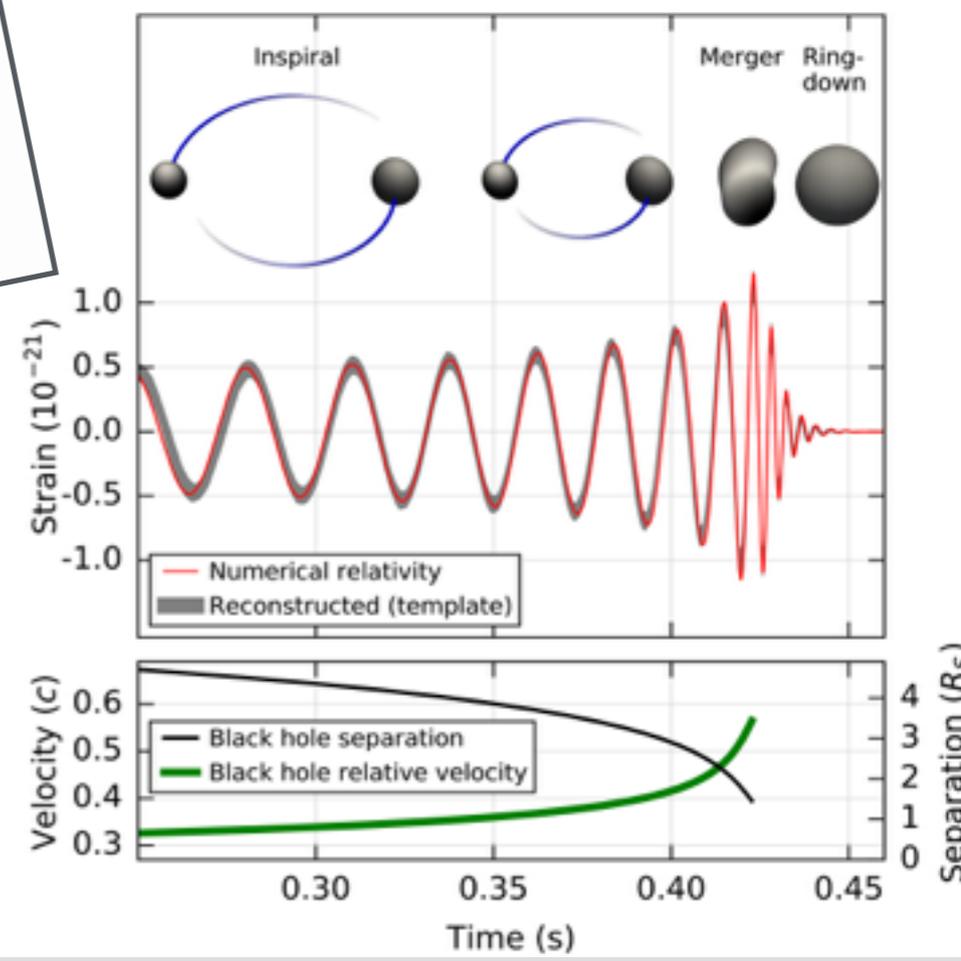
# LIGO, PBHs and DM



**Did LIGO detect dark matter?**  
 Simeon Bird,\* Ilias Cholis, Julian B. Muñoz, Yacine Ali-Haïmoud, Marc Kamionkowski, Ely D. Kovetz, Alvise Raccanelli, and Adam G. Riess<sup>1</sup>  
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We consider the possibility that the black-hole (BH) binary detected by LIGO may be a signature of dark matter. Interestingly enough, there remains a window for masses  $20 M_{\odot} \lesssim M_{\text{bh}} \lesssim 100 M_{\odot}$  where primordial black holes (PBHs) may constitute the dark matter. If two BHs in a galactic halo pass sufficiently close, they may become gravitationally bound. The bound BHs will ultimately merge. Uncertainly in the phase-space structure of galactic dark matter that overlaps the  $2 - 53$  GeV mass range that LIGO has detected PBHs may have a higher probability of being more like dark matter than other dark matter candidates.

**Did LIGO actually detect a merger of two primordial black holes?**  
 [see S. Bird talk]



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Sebastien Clesse, Juan García-Bellido, *Physics of the Dark Universe* **10** (2016) 002

# LIGO, PBHs and DM

An argument based on rates: the predicted merger rate is (roughly) compatible with the one inferred by LIGO and VIRGO

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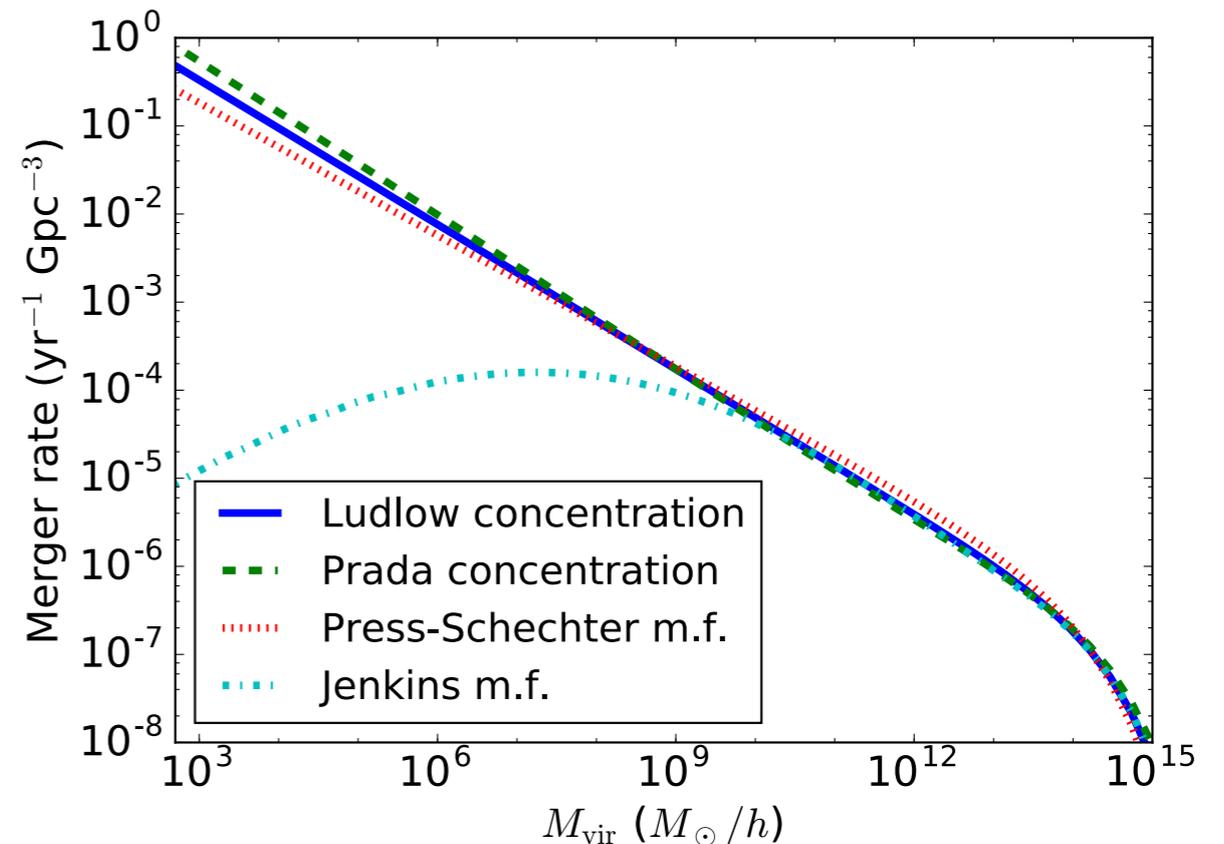
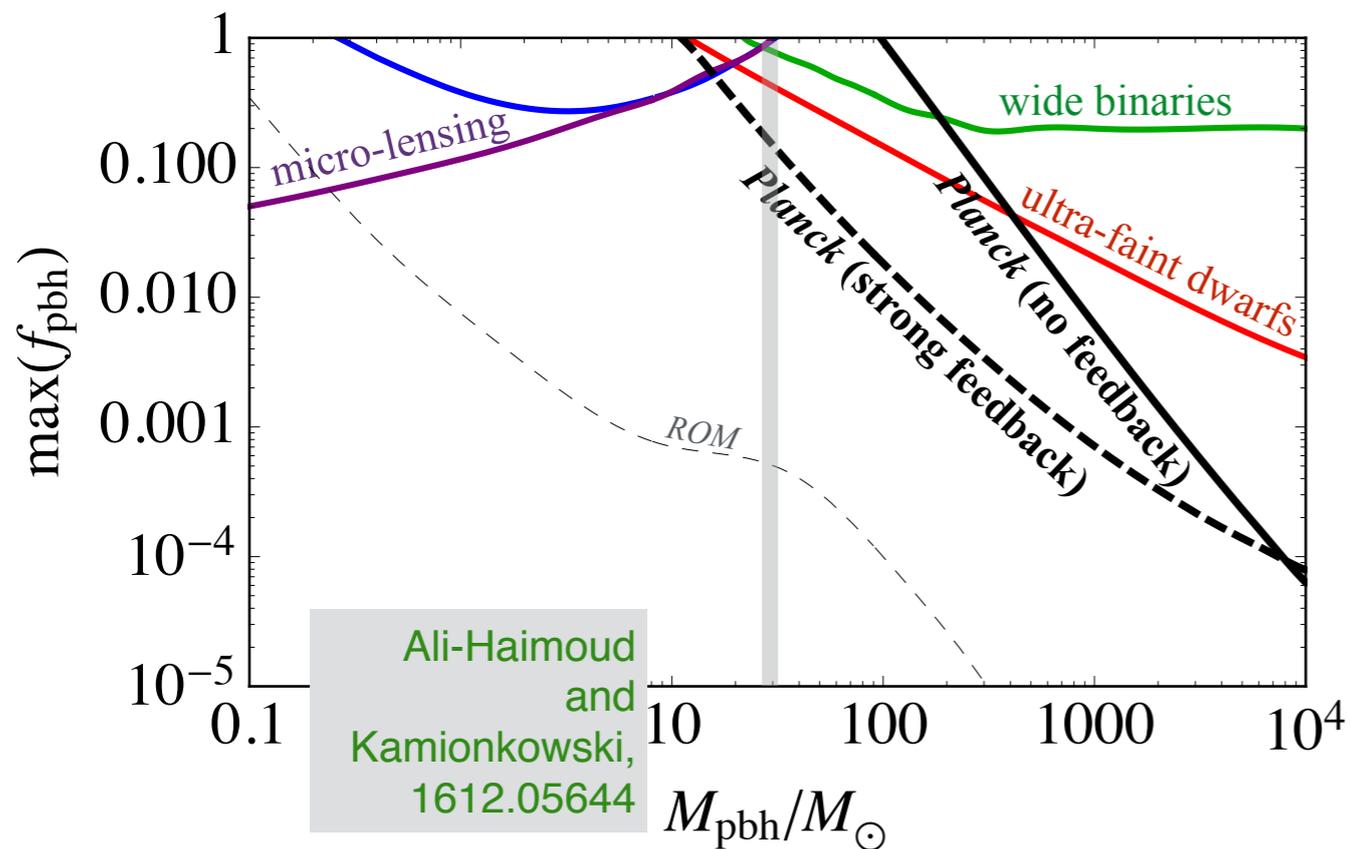


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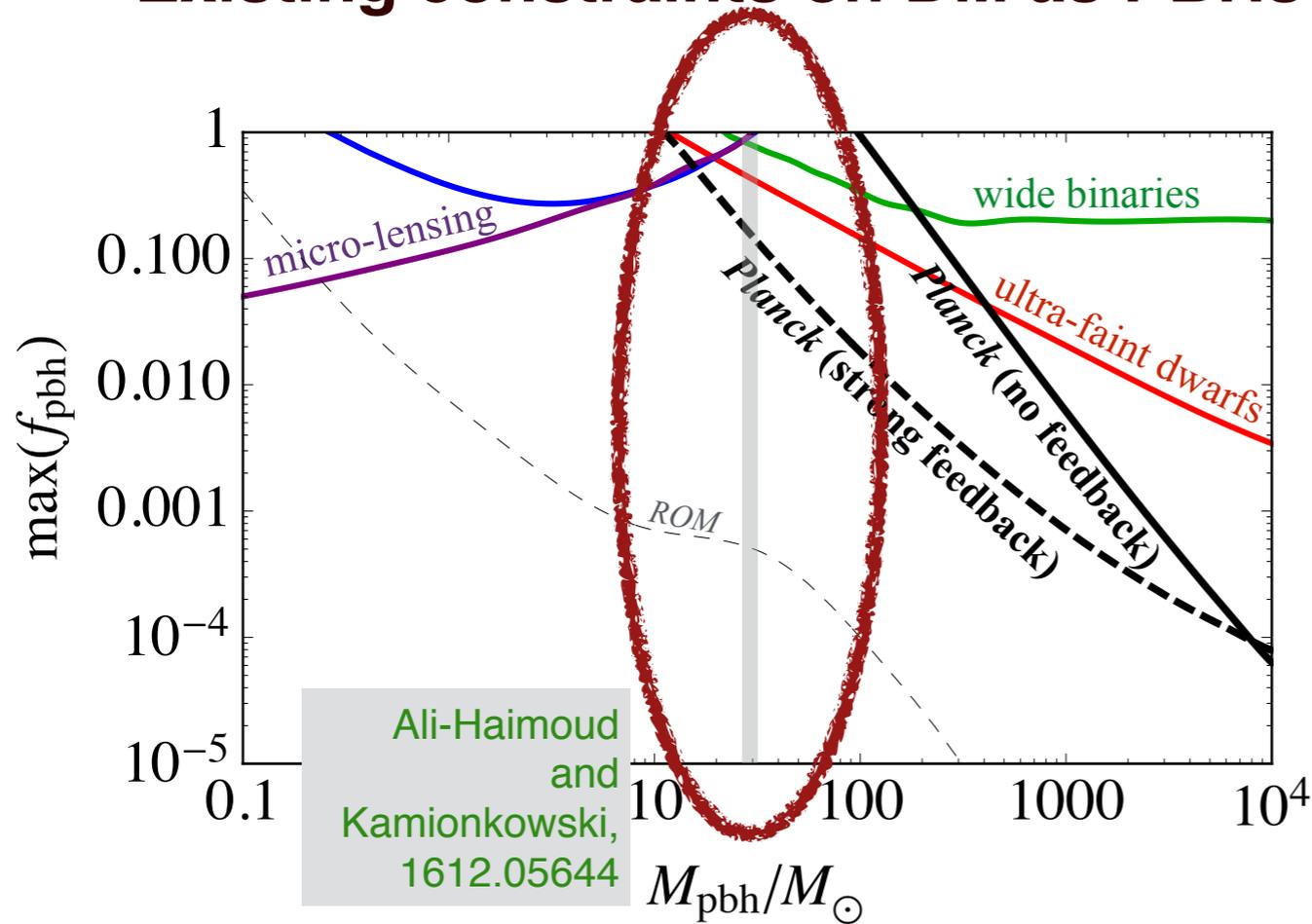
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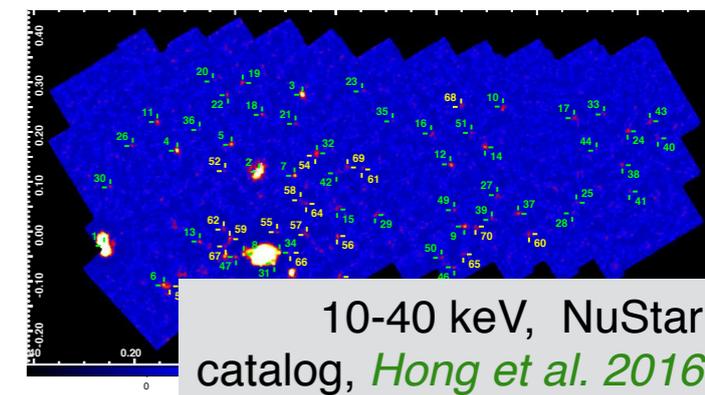
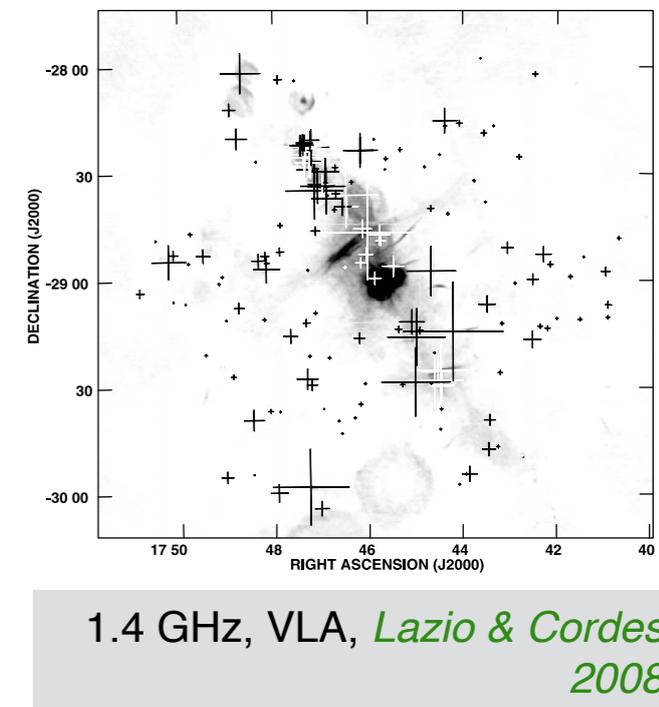
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# Our idea: why not looking at radio and X-ray data?

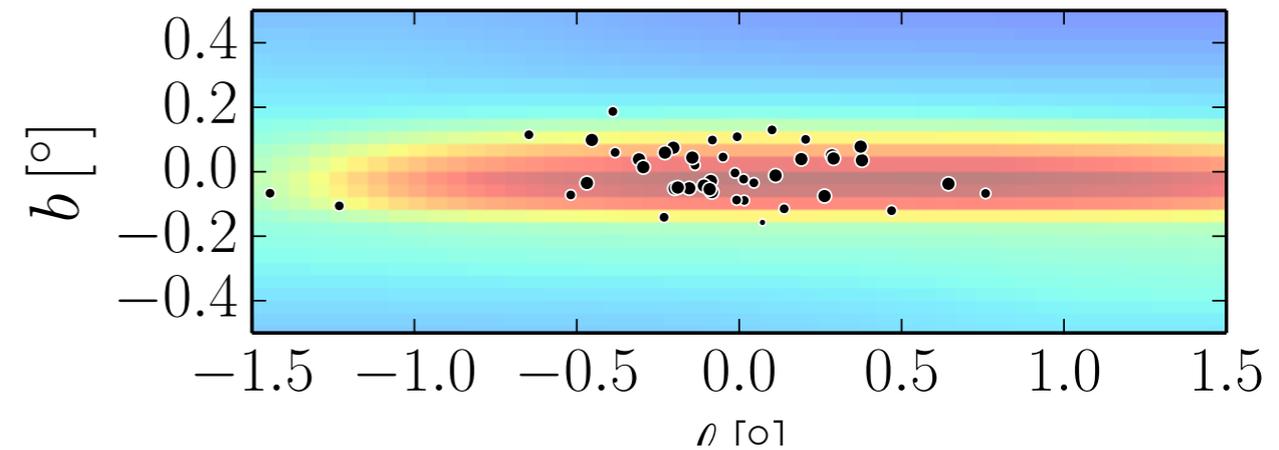
based on: *D. Gaggero, G. Bertone, F. Calore, R. Connors, M. Lovell, S. Markoff, E. Storm, "Searching for Primordial Black Holes in the radio and X-ray sky", arXiv:1612.00457, PRL 2017*

- If  $\sim 30M_{\odot}$  PBHs are the DM  $\rightarrow$   **$\sim 10^{11}$  objects of this kind in the Milky Way, and  $\sim 10^8$  in the Galactic bulge.**  
(compare to  $\sim 10^8$  astrophysical stellar-mass black holes in our Galaxy, *Fender et al. arXiv:1301.1341*)
- Given the large amount of gas in the inner Galaxy, **how easy is it to hide such a large population of black holes?**
- Given conservative estimates of the accretion rate and radiative efficiency, **is this population of PBHs compatible with current radio (VLA) and X-ray (NuStar, Chandra) observations?**
- **Will future radio facilities such as SKA have the capability to detect a population of PBHs** in our Galaxy if they are all the DM, or maybe a subdominant population of them?



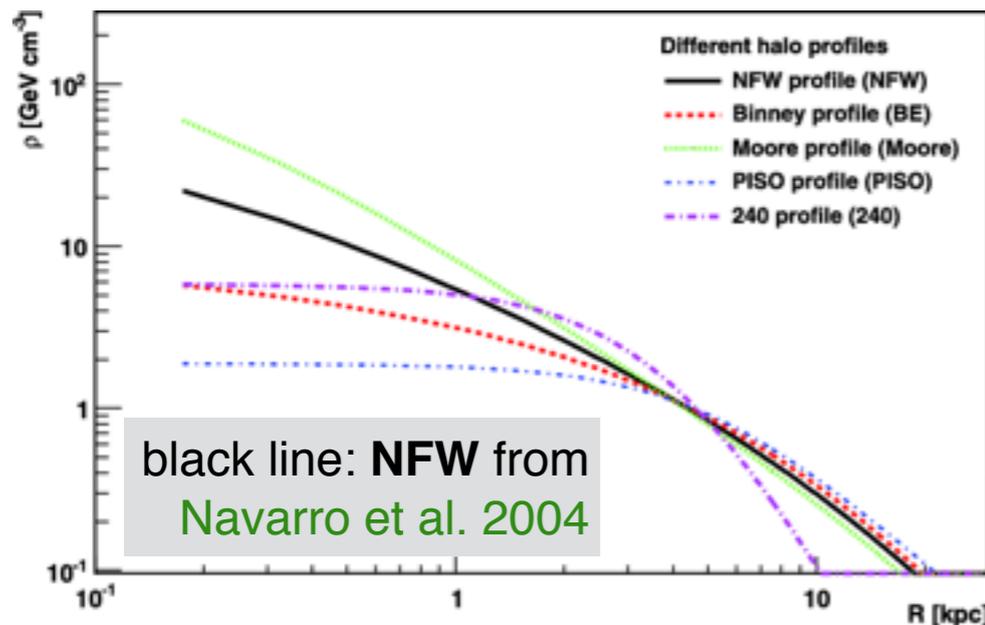
# Astronomical constraints: our simulation

- We set up a MC simulation
- **We populate the Galaxy with PBHs**, and compute the predicted X-ray and radio luminosity
- **We produce simulated maps of predicted bright X-ray and radio sources**



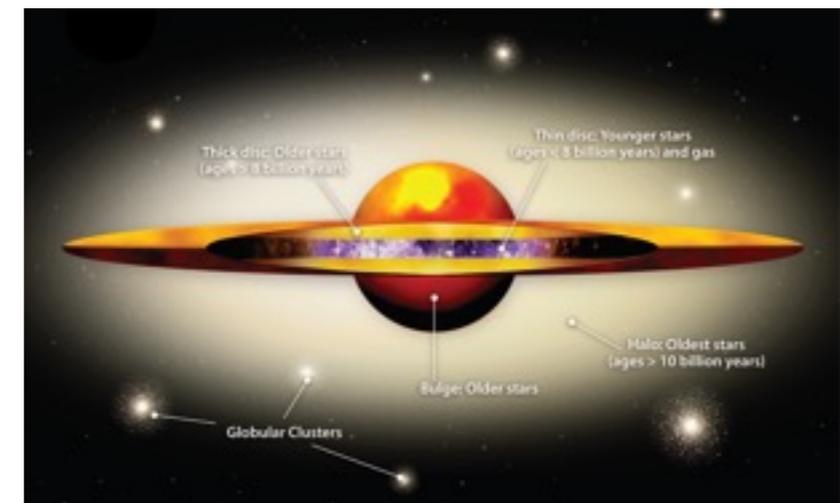
**Spatial distribution of PBHs:** We consider as a benchmark the NFW distribution.

We also consider other variations, based on numerical simulations with baryons (see *F. Calore et al., arXiv: 1509.02164*)



**Velocity distribution:** we consider, for each radius R, a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution centered on  $v = \sqrt{(G M(< R)/R)}$ .

We use a spherical average of a mass model of the Milky Way  $M(R)$  from *McMillan 1608.00971 (2016)*, including DM halo and baryonic structures (bulge, thin and thick stellar disk, gas distribution).



# Astronomical constraints: physics of BH accretion

- A crucial ingredient is the physics of gas accretion on BHs
  - > *what is a conservative estimate of the accretion rate?*
  - > *what is a conservative estimate of the radio and X-ray emission?*

## 1) Accretion rate: a small fraction of the Bondi-Hoyle rate:

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi\lambda(GM_{BH})^2\rho(v_{BH}^2 + c_s^2)^{-3/2}$$

- $\lambda \sim 0.02$  (conservative value)

isolated neutron star population estimates and studies of active galactic nuclei accretion

*R. Perna, et al., ApJ 598, 545 (2003), astro-ph/0308081*

*S. Pellegrini, ApJ 624, 155 (2005), astro-ph/050203*

## 2) We assume radiative inefficiency

$$L_B = \eta\dot{M}c^2 \quad \eta = 0.1\dot{M}/\dot{M}_{\text{crit}} \text{ for } \dot{M} < \dot{M}_{\text{crit}}$$

- **Physical picture:** *advection-dominated accretion* in which the gas cooling timescales greatly exceed the dynamical timescales

*Narayan and Yi 1994, "Advection-Dominated Accretion: A Self-Similar Solution"*

*Blanford and Begelman 1998: "On the Fate of Gas Accreting at a Low Rate onto a Black Hole"*

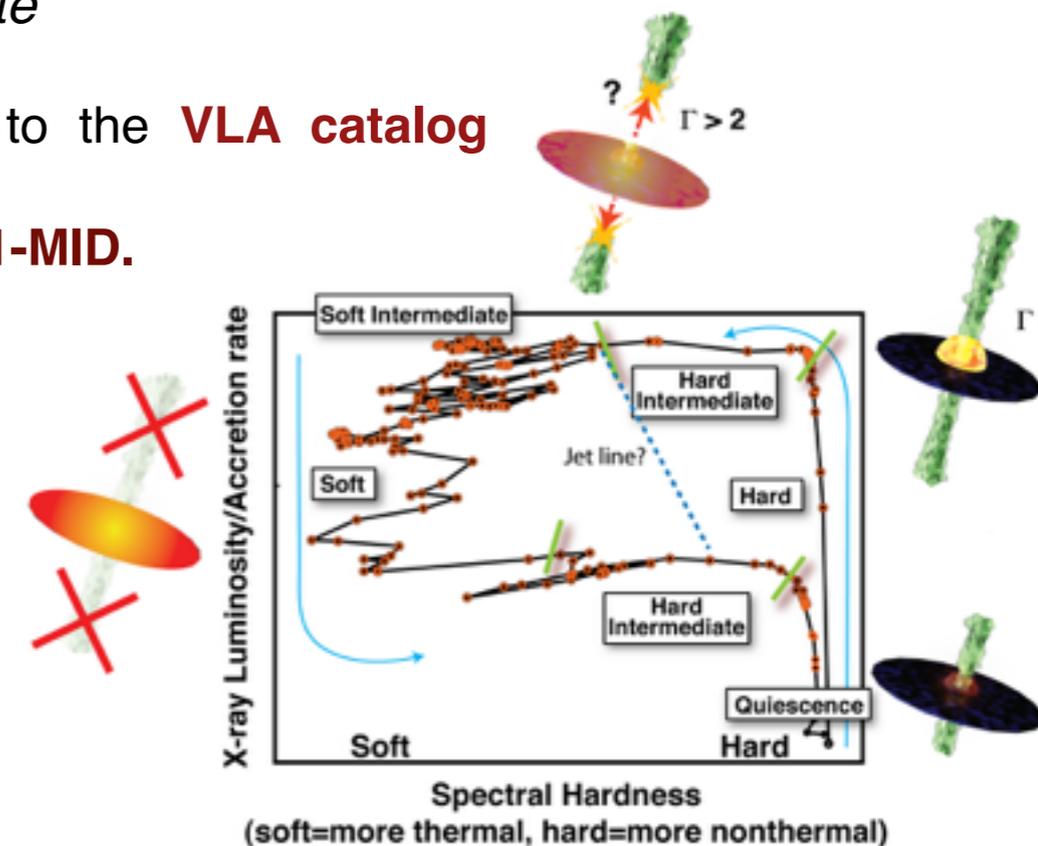
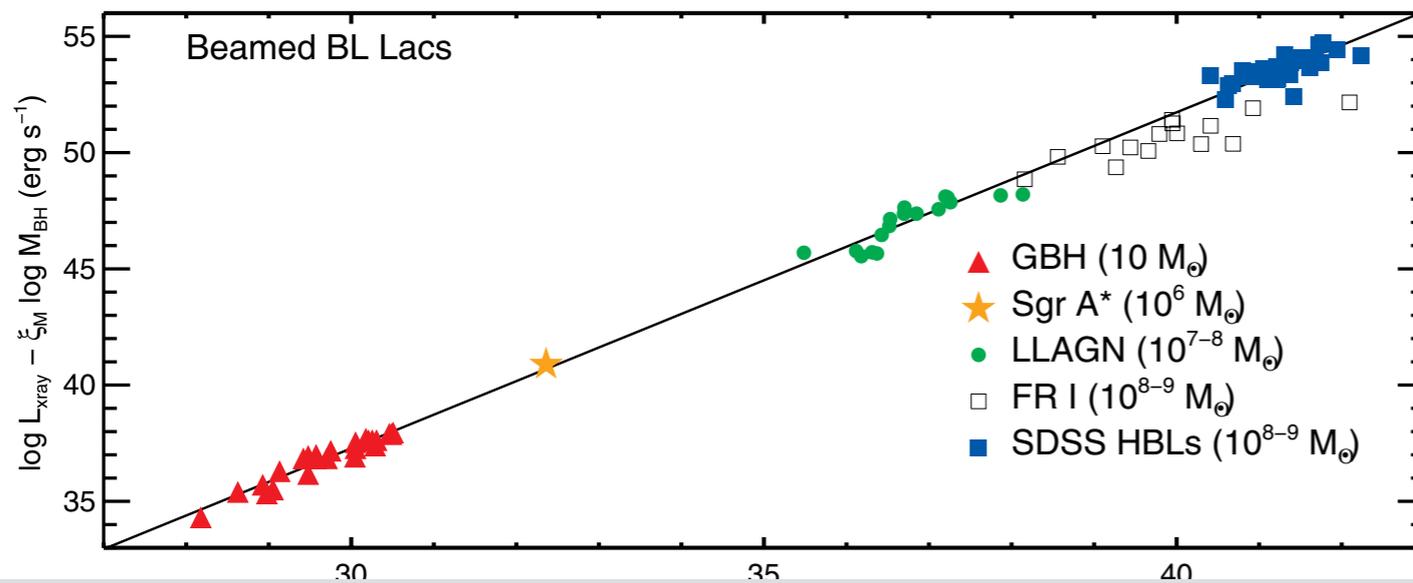
# Astronomical constraints: comparison with data

## X-rays:

- 30% of the bolometric luminosity in the 2-10 keV band [*Fender 2013*]
- We extrapolate to the **10-40 keV** band assuming a hard power-law (index 1.6)
- We compare to the **NuStar catalog** [*Hong et al. 2016*] data in the 10-40 keV band (*threshold:  $8 * 10^{32}$  erg/s; ROI:  $-0.9^\circ < l < 0.3^\circ$ ;  $-0.1^\circ < b < 0.4^\circ$* ) and to the **Chandra** catalog in the 0.5-8 keV band

## Radio:

- We use *fundamental plane relation* between soft X-ray and radio luminosity [*Plotkin et al. 2013*]
- *We are assuming that the BH launches a jet, and is in the “hard state”*
- We convert X-ray fluxes into radio fluxes (**1 GHz**) and compare to the **VLA catalog** (threshold  $\sim 1$  mJy; ROI:  $-0.5^\circ < l < 0.5^\circ$ ;  $|b| < 0.4^\circ$ )
- **We also compute the number of point sources detectable by SKA1-MID.**



# Astronomical constraints: our results

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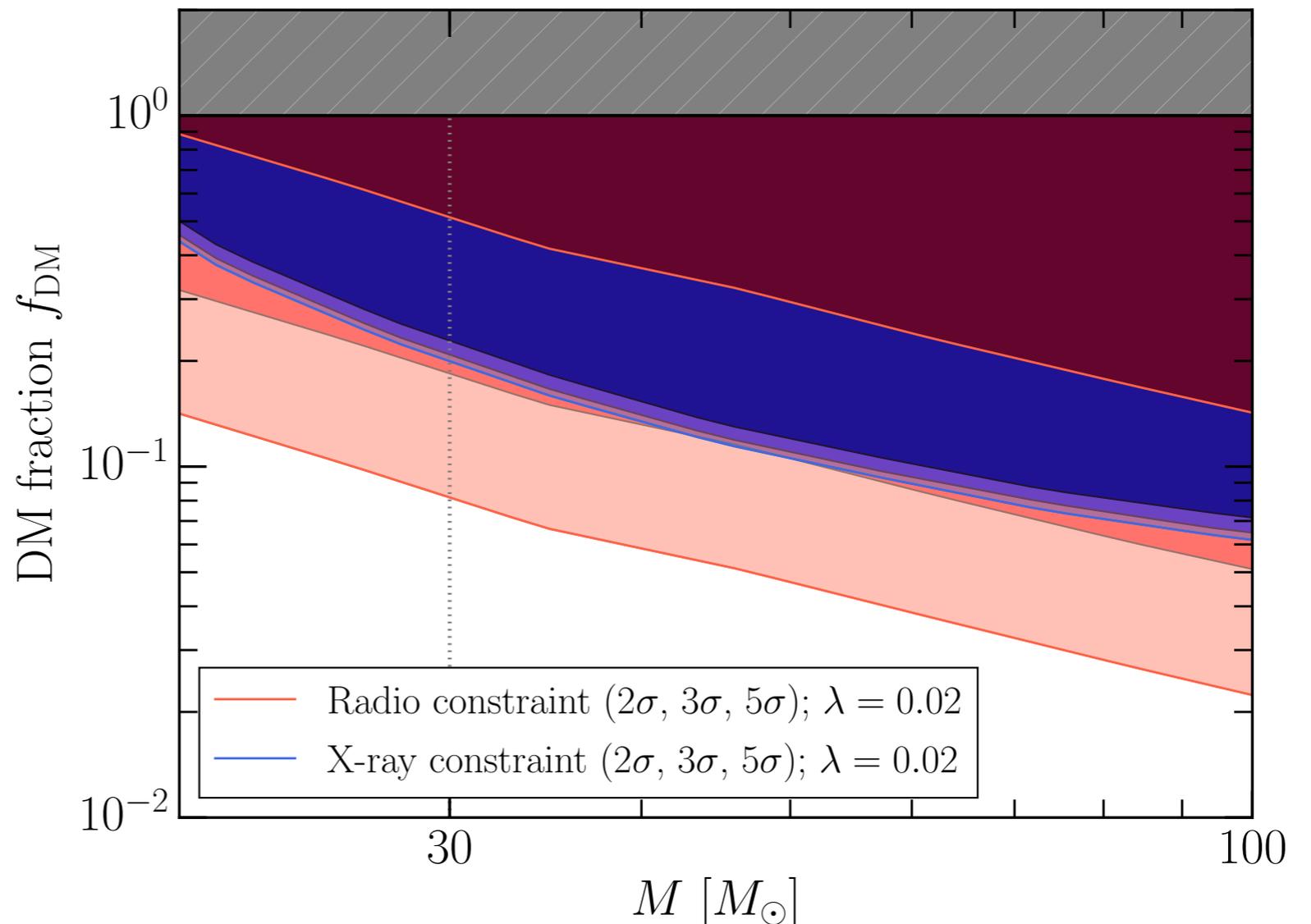
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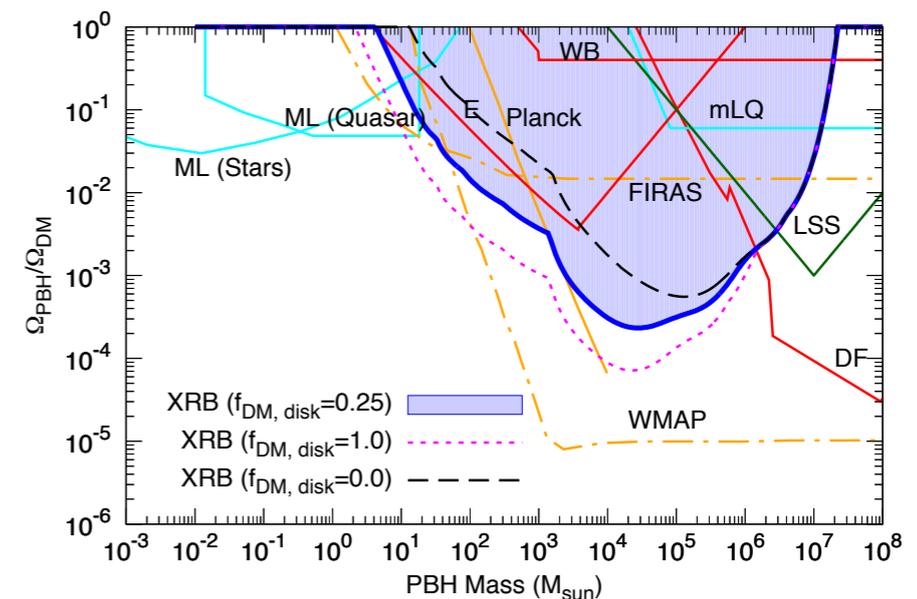
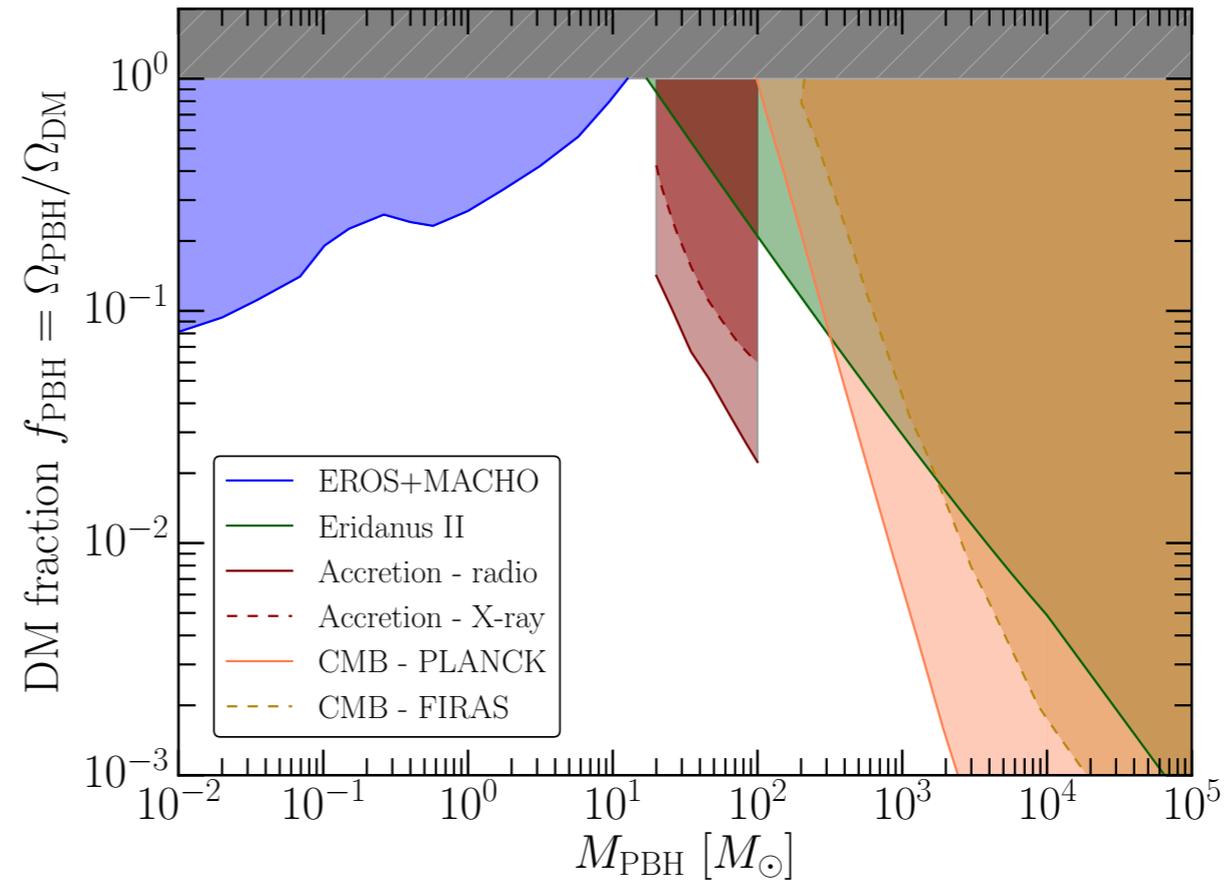
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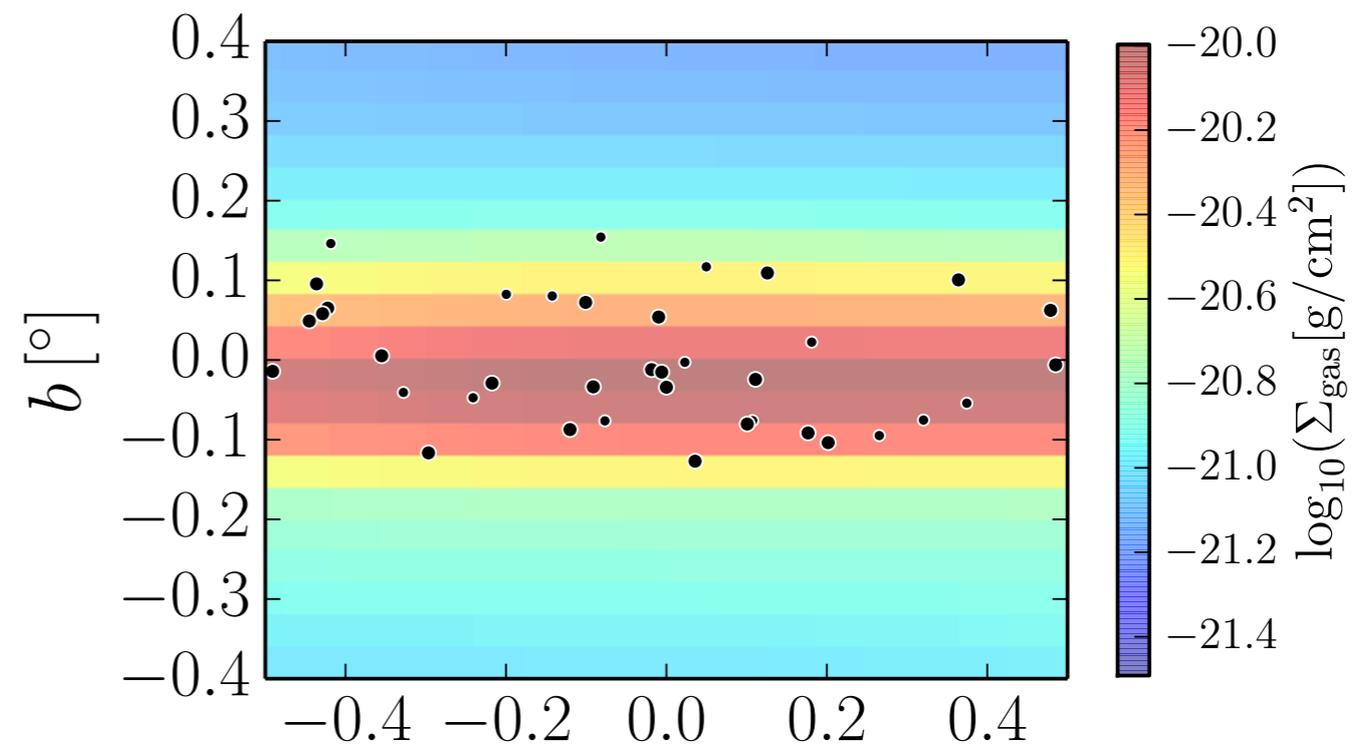
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- Prediction: **160±12 bright X-ray sources**
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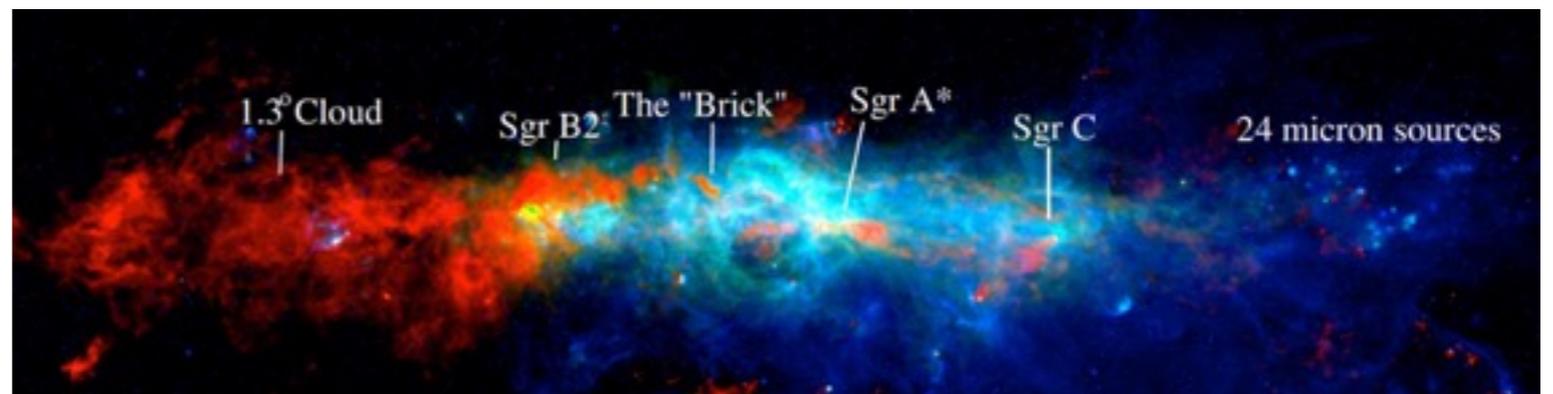
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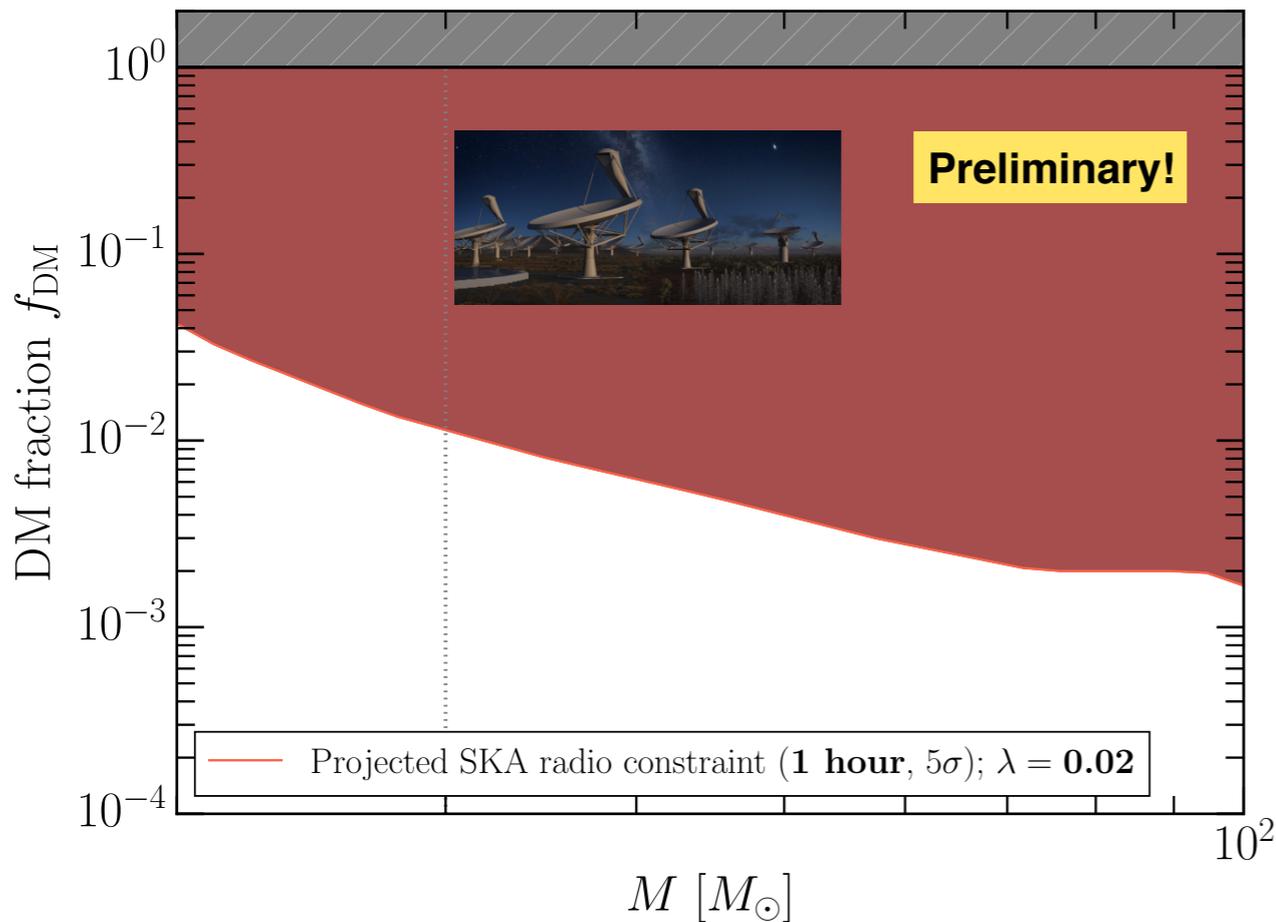
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The constraining power mainly comes from BHs in the low-velocity tail of the BH distribution ( $v < 10$  km/s) accreting gas in the Central Molecular Zone (a compact, very dense region in the inner Galactic bulge)



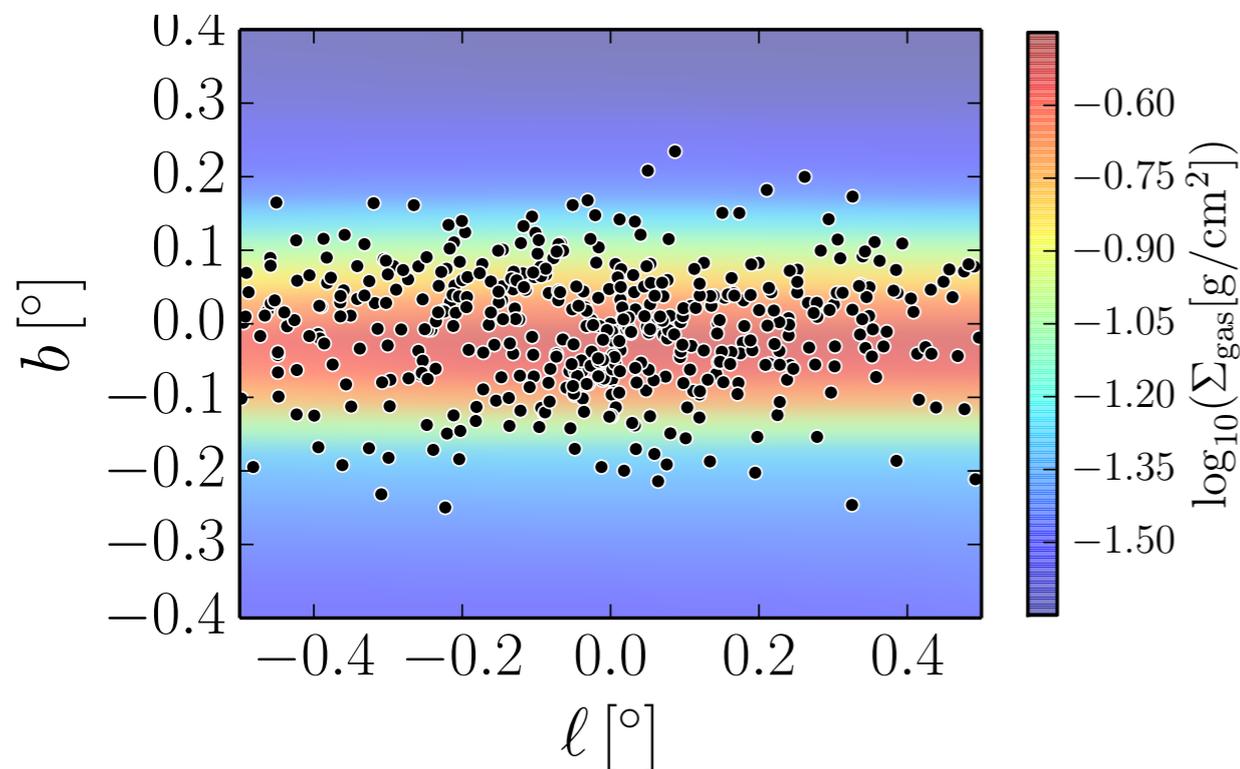
# The role of SKA: A window of detection



With the **SKA1-MID** (band 2, 0.95-1.76 GHz) point-source sensitivity, we predict to detect  **$\sim 2000$**  sources in our ROI ( $<1^\circ$  away from the GC) for *1 hour* of exposure, **if PBHs are the DM and  $\lambda \sim 0.02$ .**

**Assuming no candidate BH sources, with SKA data we can place a stringent bound *If a subdominant population of PBHs is present, SKA can detect it (even for a DM fraction at the percent level)***

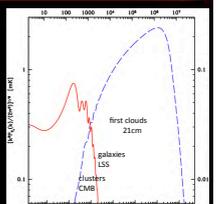
**PBHs seem a testable DM candidate!**





## Things learned

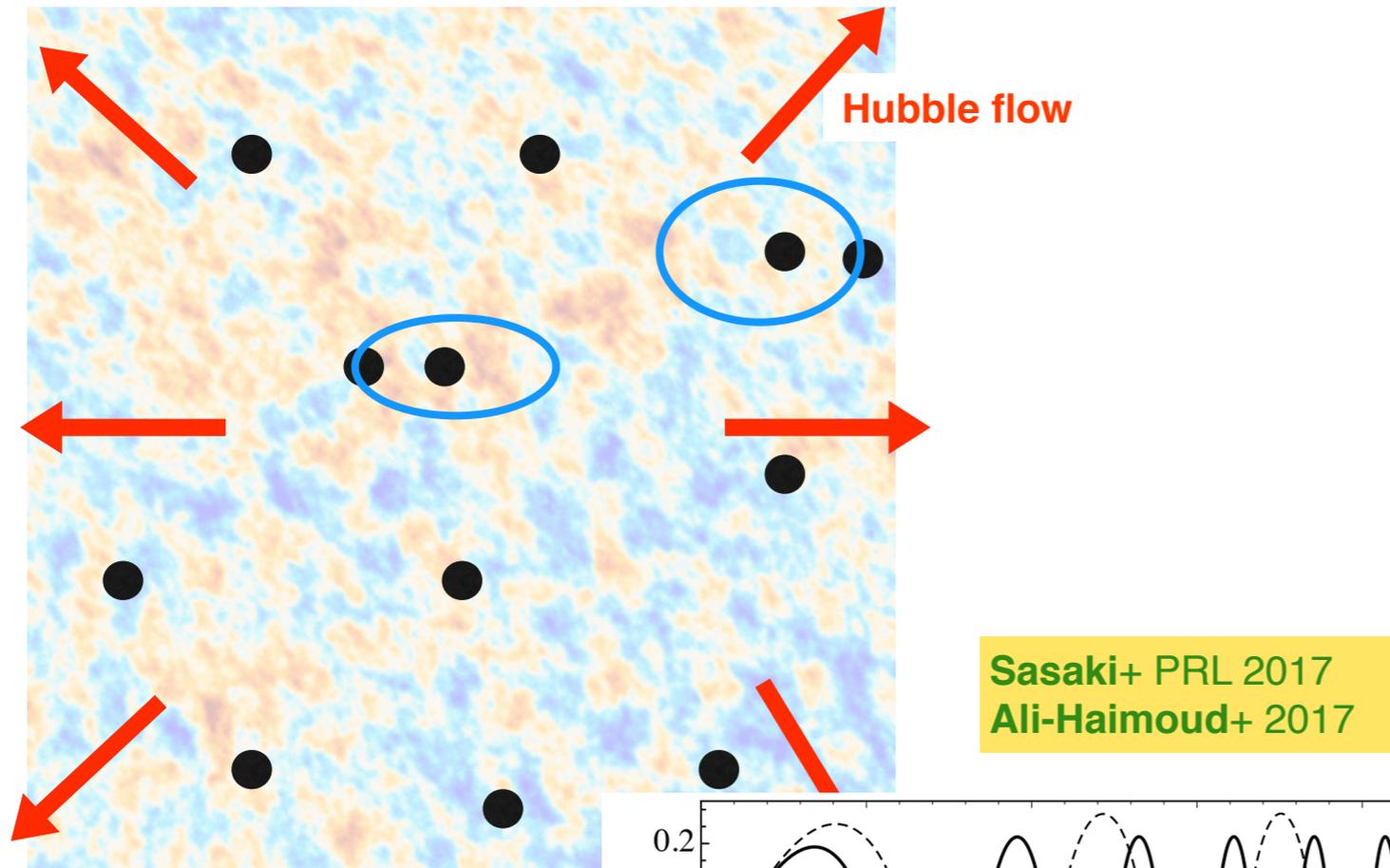
- ★ The return of the Primordial BHs as a **TESTABLE DM** candidate
- ★ The possibility of macro quantum gravity physics and **TEST**
- ★ The need for, and value of, synergetic approaches

from the rapporteur talk at the “fundamental physics with the SKA” workshop

# Part II: A closer look to merger rates

## A) Binaries formed in the early Universe



$$\ddot{r} - (\dot{H} + H^2)r + \frac{2M}{r^2} \frac{r}{|r|} = 0,$$

- If most of the DM is made of PBHs, **most pairs decouple from the Hubble flow and form a binary deep in the radiation era.**

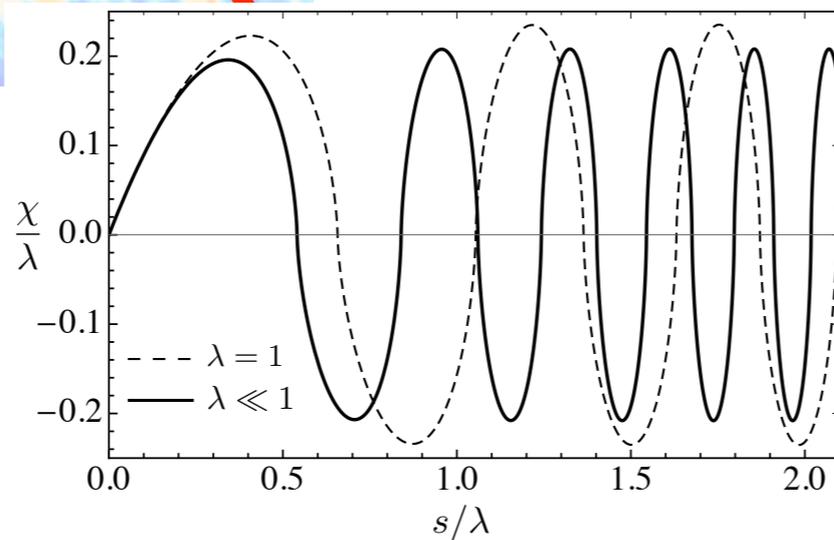
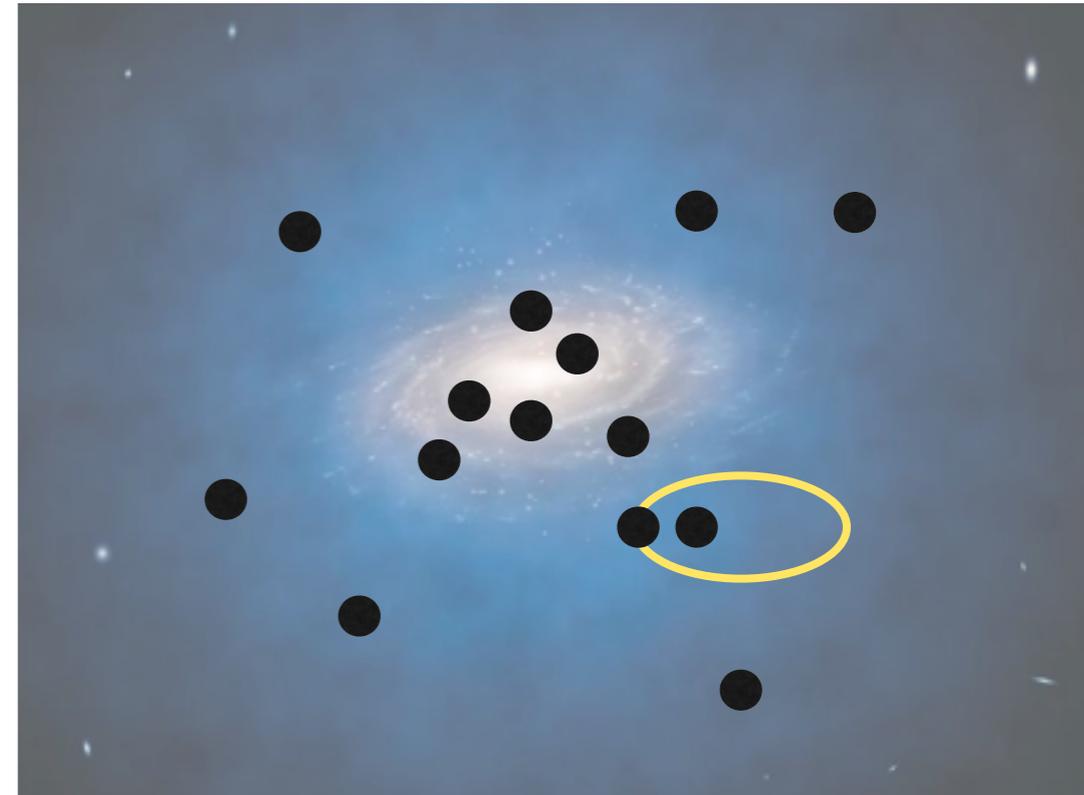


FIG. 1. Dimensionless separation  $\chi = r/x$  of two point masses, rescaled by the parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{f}(x/\bar{x})^3$ , as a function of the rescaled scale factor  $s/\lambda$ , in the limit  $\lambda \ll 1$  (solid) and for  $\lambda = 1$  (dashed).

## B) Binaries formed after close encounters within a DM halo



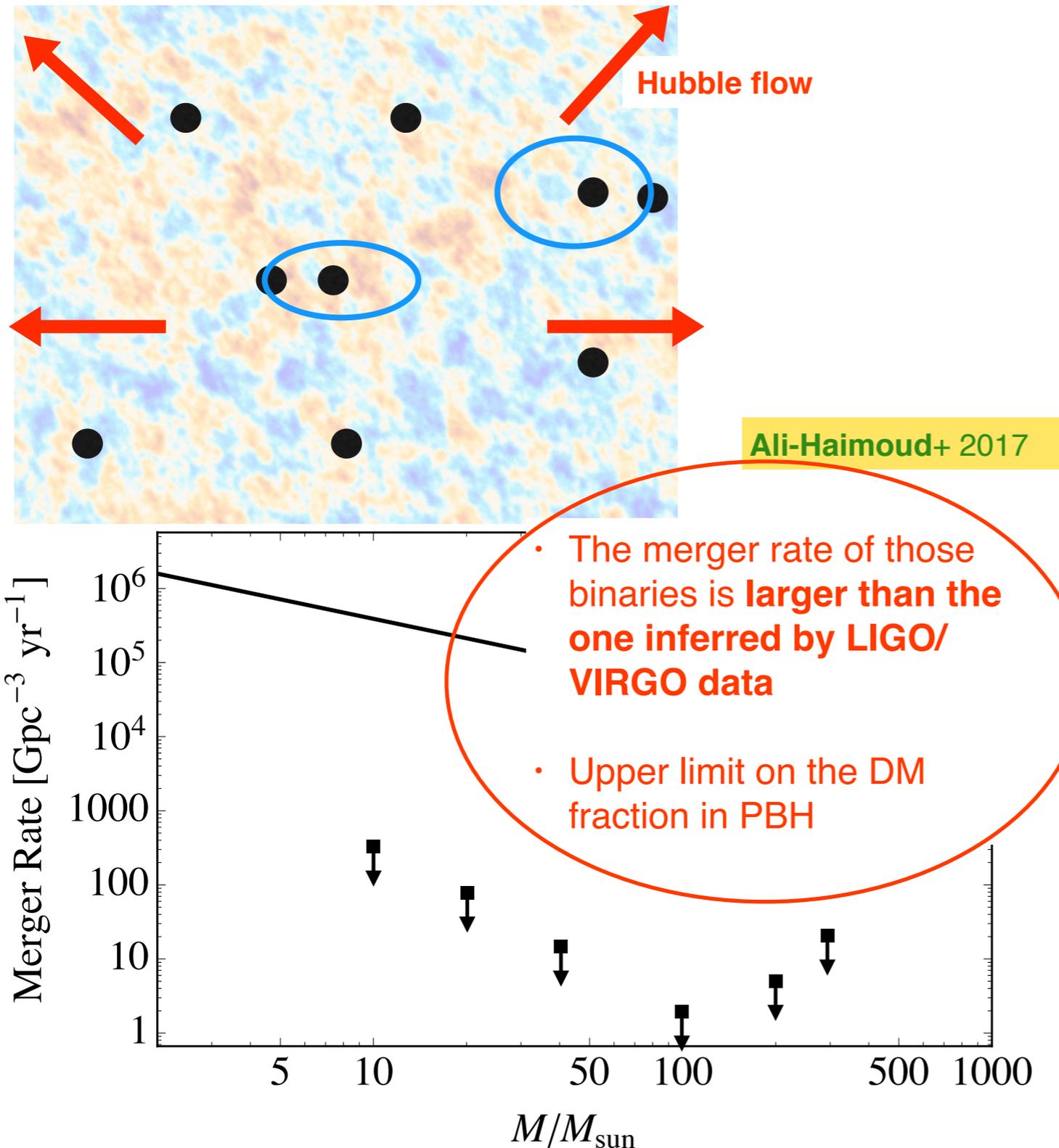
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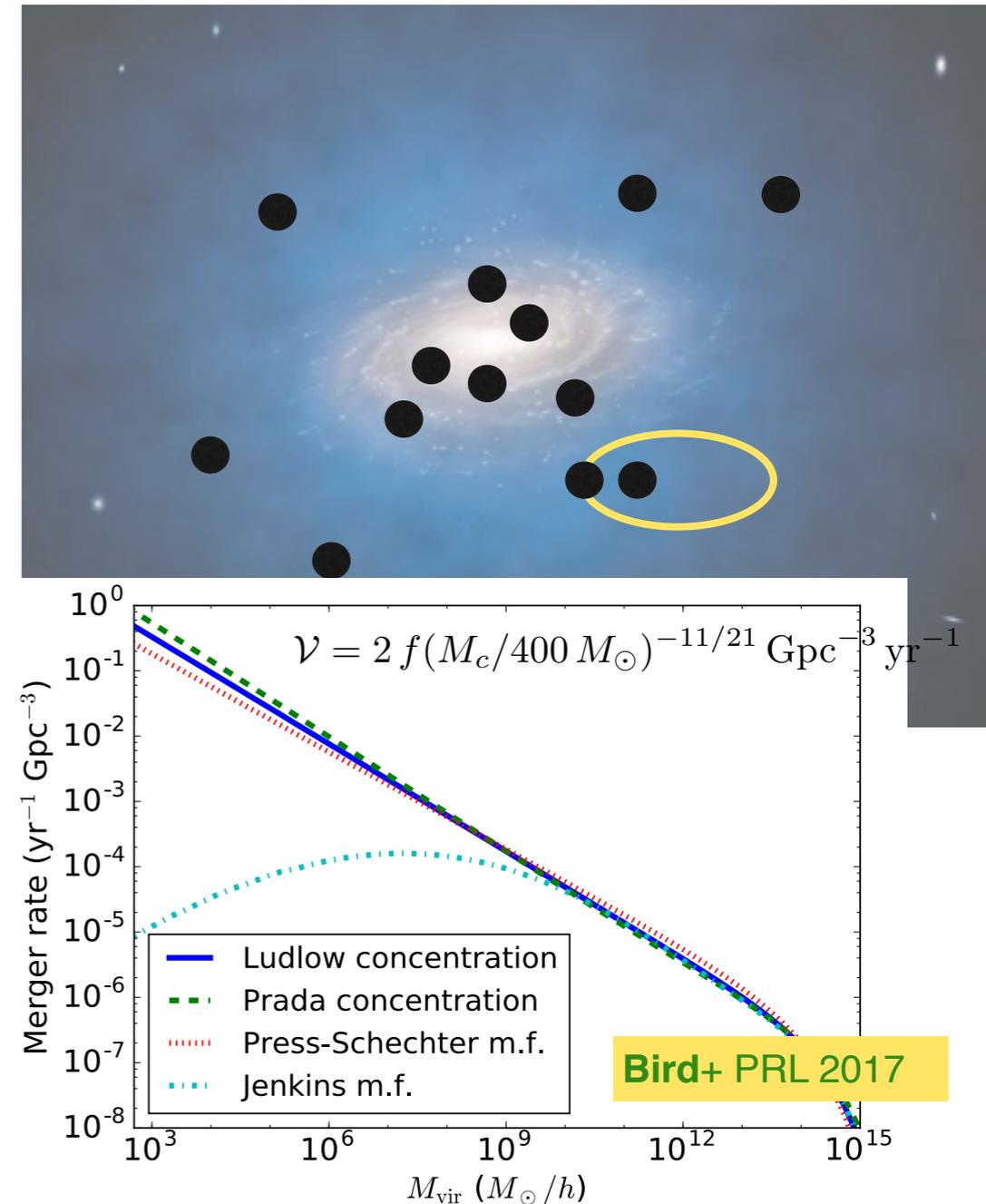


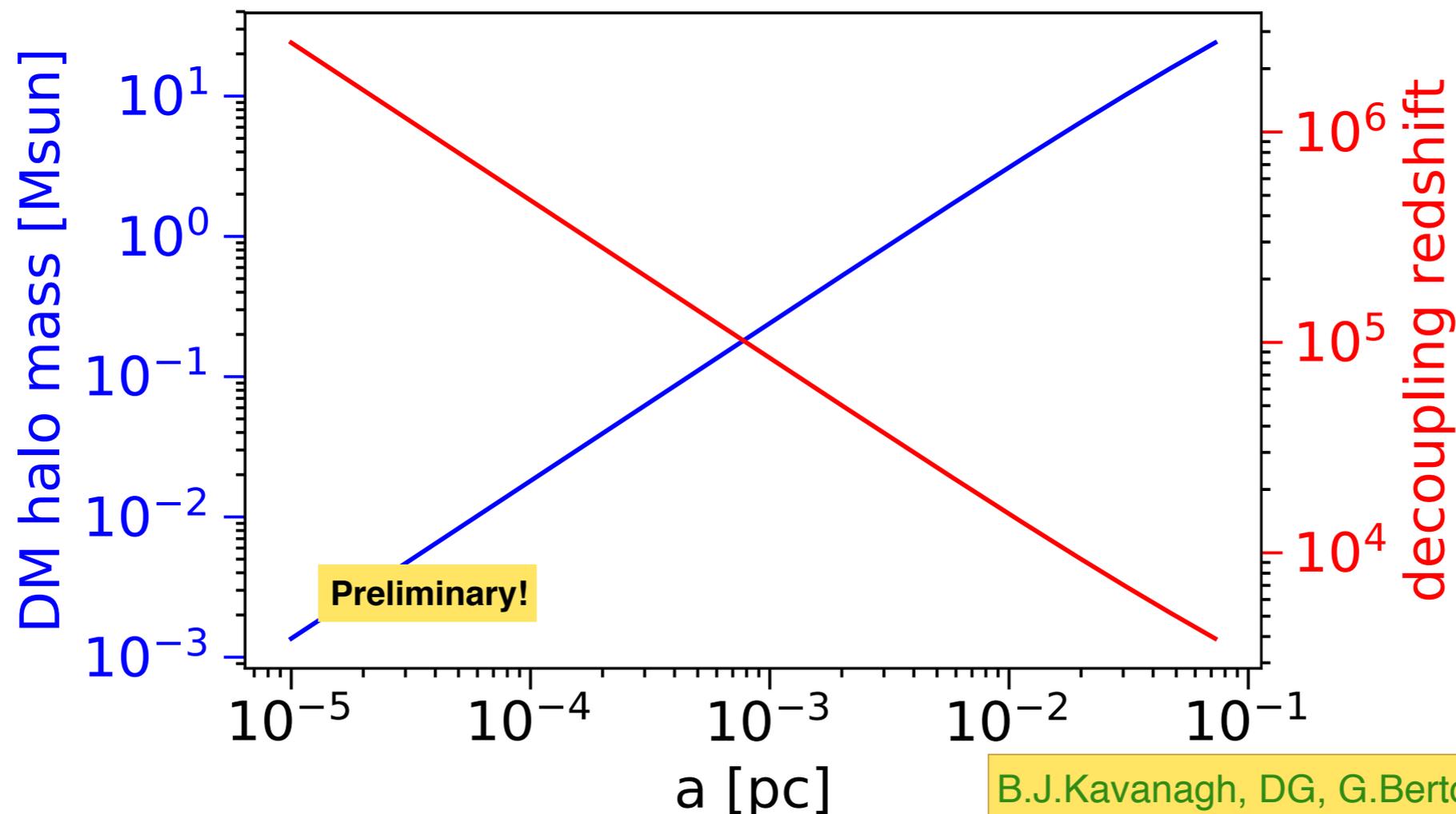
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According to [Ali-Haimoud et al. 2017](#), if  $f_{PBH} \sim 0.01$  the merger rate (at present time) of these binaries is compatible with the one inferred by LIGO.

**What is the impact of the other form(s) of DM?**

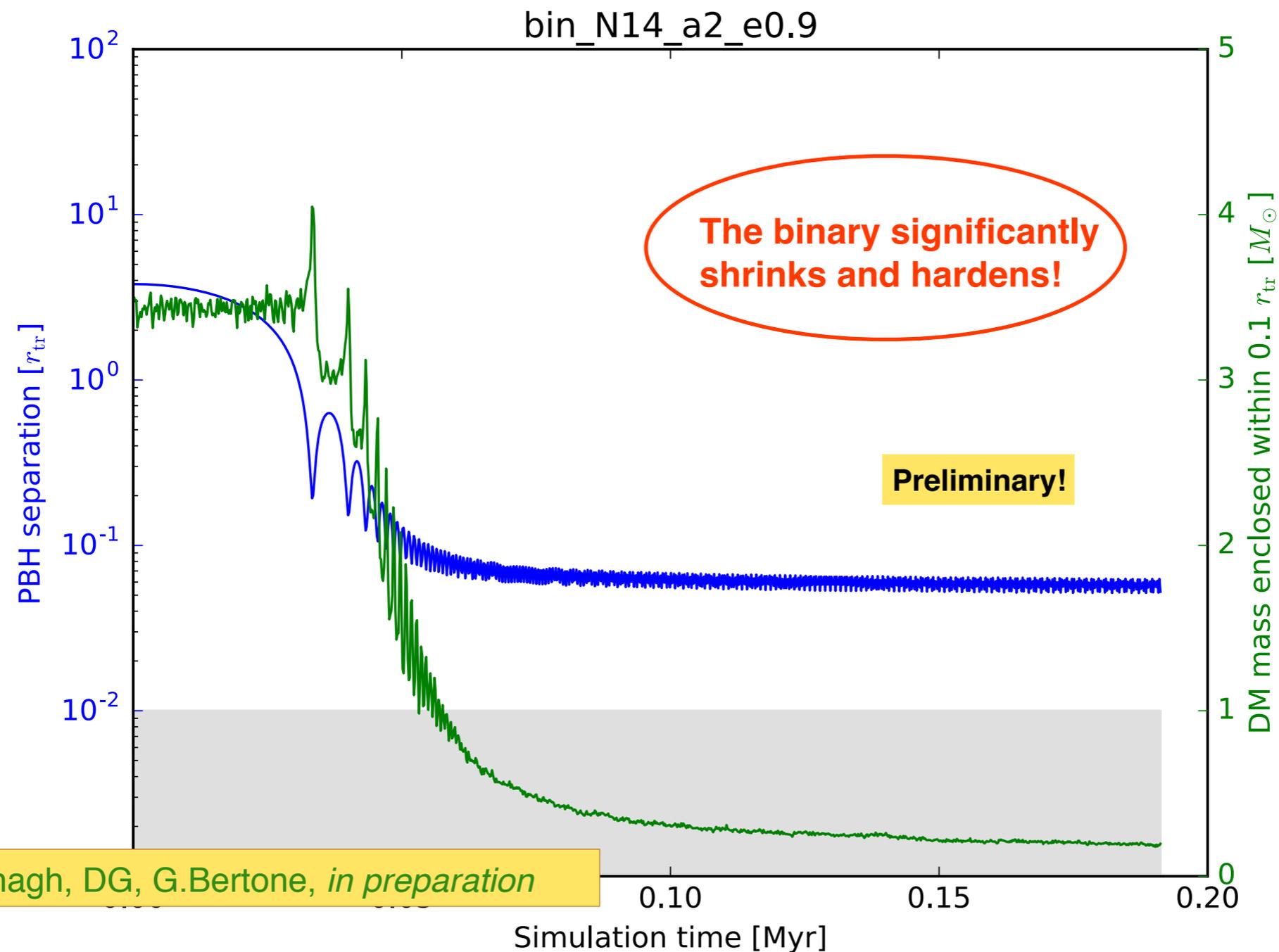
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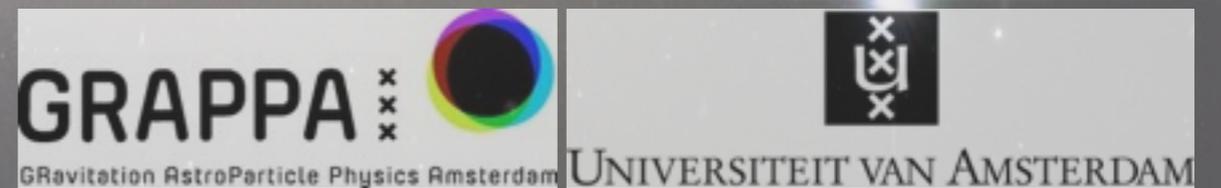
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# Conclusions

- 1) The idea that PBHs are the DM (quite popular, e.g., in the 1980s) has recently been discussed again in the DM community, after the LIGO discovery of several massive BBH systems
- 2) Several constraints exist on this scenario, from lensing, dynamical arguments, early-universe studies.
- 3) We asked ourselves: If the PBHs are the DM, **how easily can they be hidden in the Galaxy?** We set up a MC simulation to predict the number of bright X-ray and radio sources we should see in a tiny ROI around the GC, if PBHs are the bulk of the DM.
- 5) Despite all the caveats and uncertainties, **we got a significant constraint** in this mass window!
- 7) SKA has the capability to either make the constraint much stronger, and extend it to very low accretion rates, or detect a population of PBHs peaked at the GC
- 8) **The merger rate is a key observable.** The merger rate of PBH binaries formed in the early Universe seems to be 2 orders of magnitude larger than the one inferred from LIGO
- 9) The DM fraction in PBHs seems to be severely constrained then. However, for low DM fractions in PBHs, **the formation of DM mini-halos around them can significantly impact the merger rate** (work in progress)
- 10 ) **Discussion point:** How to discriminate astrophysical from primordial PBHs?

**Thank you for your attention!**

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# Backup Slides



# The role of SKA

## How will SKA1 be better than today's best radio telescopes?

Astronomers assess a telescope's performance by looking at three factors - **resolution**, **sensitivity**, and **survey speed**. With its sheer size and large number of antennas, the SKA will provide a giant leap in all three compared to existing radio telescopes, enabling it to revolutionise our understanding of the Universe.

**SKA1 LOW x1.2** LOFAR NL  
**SKA1 MID x4** JVLA

### RESOLUTION

Thanks to its size, the SKA will see smaller details, making radio images less blurry, like reading glasses help distinguish smaller letters.

**SKA1 LOW x135** LOFAR NL  
**SKA1 MID x60** JVLA

### SURVEY SPEED

Thanks to its sensitivity and ability to see a larger area of the sky at once, the SKA will be able to observe more of the sky in a given time and so map the sky faster.

The **Square Kilometre Array** (SKA) will be the world's largest radio telescope. It will be built in two phases - SKA1 and SKA2 - starting in 2018, with SKA1 representing a fraction of the full SKA. SKA1 will include two instruments - **SKA1 MID** and **SKA1 LOW** - observing the Universe at different frequencies.

**SKA1 LOW x8** LOFAR NL  
**SKA1 MID x5** JVLA

### SENSITIVITY

Thanks to its many antennas, the SKA will see fainter details, like a long-exposure photograph at night reveals details the eye can't see.

# Part 1: LIGO, PBHs and DM

## GW150914 and its implications: did LIGO detect a merger of two primordial black holes?

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- The “crazy idea” proposed by the Johns Hopkins team: ***did LIGO detect the DM?*** (in the form of primordial black holes)
- As we will see, *the hypothesis that DM is made of PBHs is currently not well constrained in the mass window explored by LIGO!*
- **Most of the argument in *Bird et al.* is based on estimates on rates:**
  - ☆  $30 M_{\odot}$  BH merging rate estimated by the LIGO collaboration: **2 - 53 Gpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>**
  - ☆ What would be the *merging rate of primordial black holes*, if they are the bulk of the Dark Matter in the Universe?

### Did LIGO detect dark matter?

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We consider the possibility that the black-hole (BH) binary detected by LIGO may be a signature of dark matter. Interestingly enough, there remains a window for masses  $20 M_{\odot} \lesssim M_{\text{bh}} \lesssim 100 M_{\odot}$  where primordial black holes (PBHs) may constitute the dark matter. If two BHs in a galactic halo pass sufficiently close, they radiate enough energy in gravitational waves to become gravitationally bound. The bound BHs will rapidly spiral inward due to emission of gravitational radiation and ultimately merge. Uncertainties in the rate for such events arise from our imprecise knowledge of the phase-space structure of galactic halos on the smallest scales. Still, reasonable estimates span a range that overlaps the  $2 - 53 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  rate estimated from GW150914, thus raising the possibility that LIGO has detected PBH dark matter. PBH mergers are likely to be distributed spatially more like dark matter than luminous matter and have no optical nor neutrino counterparts. They

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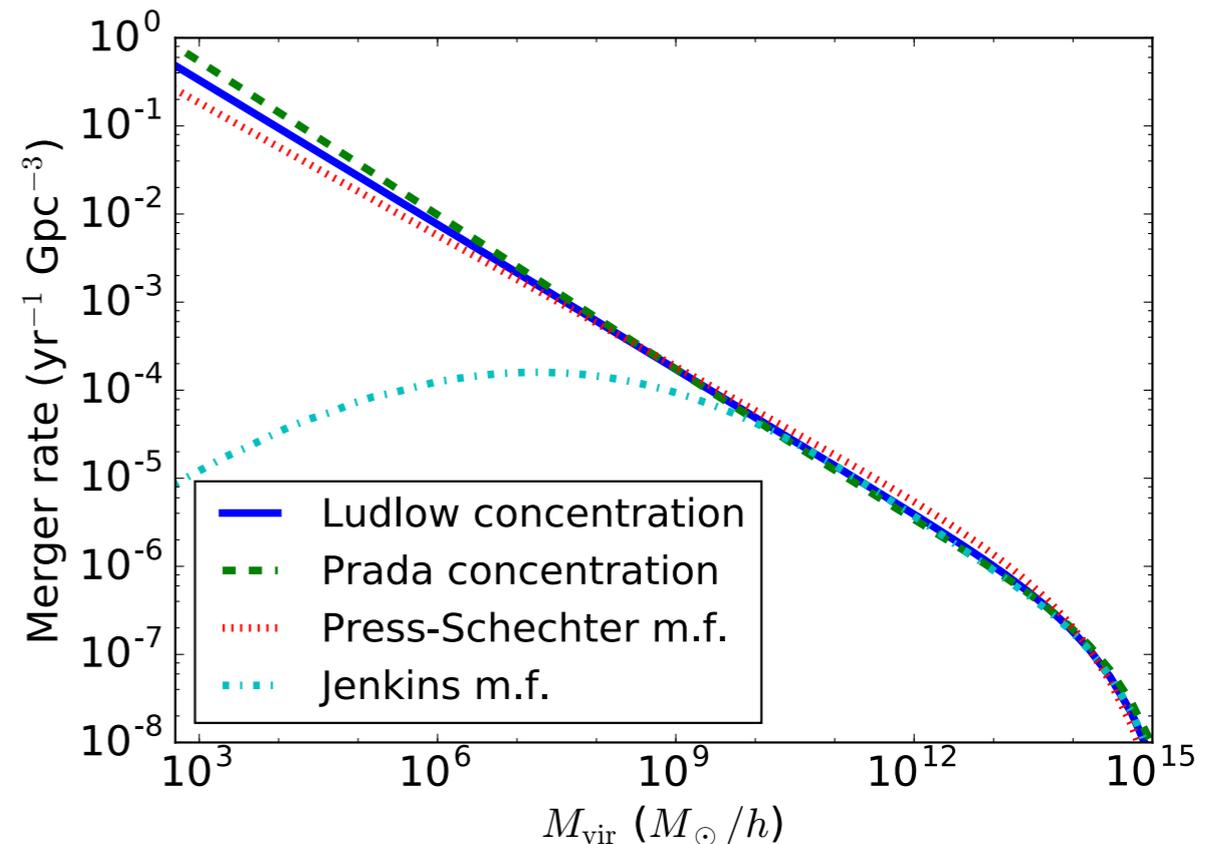


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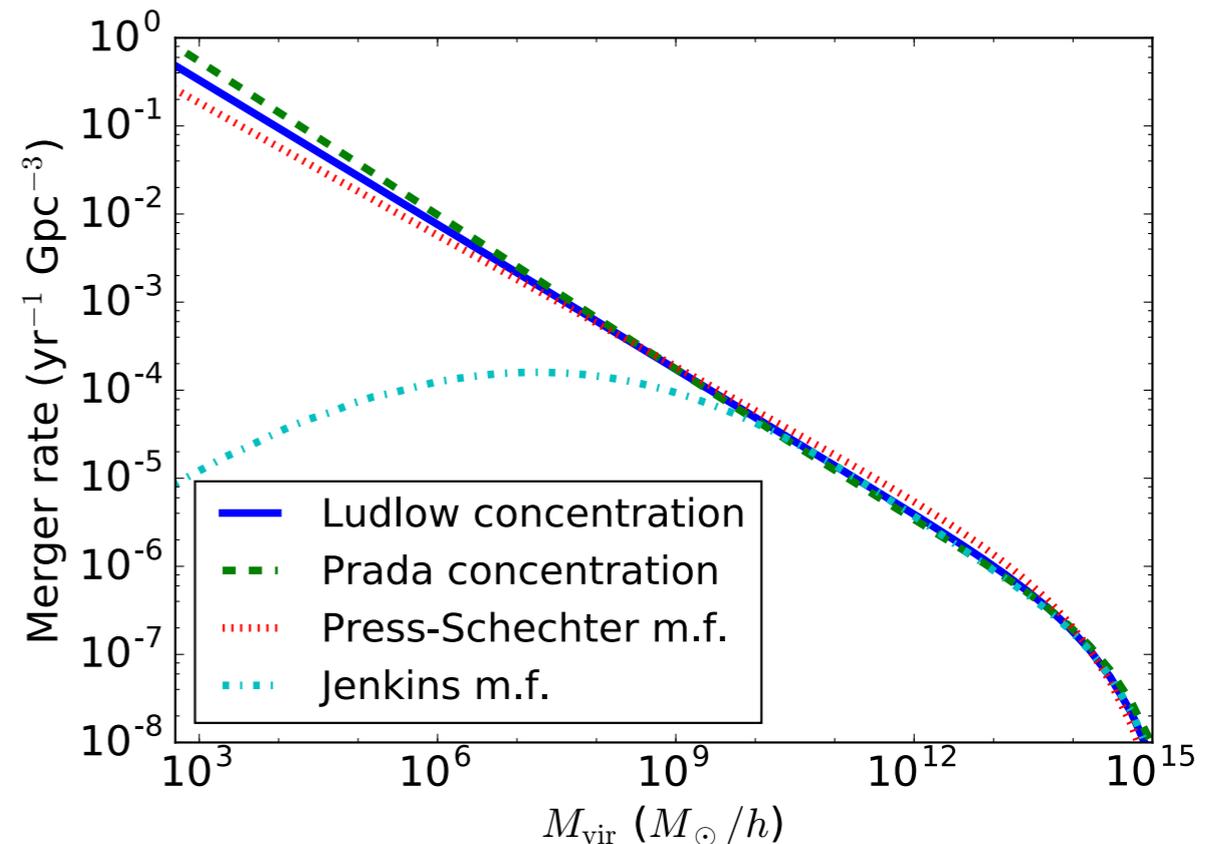
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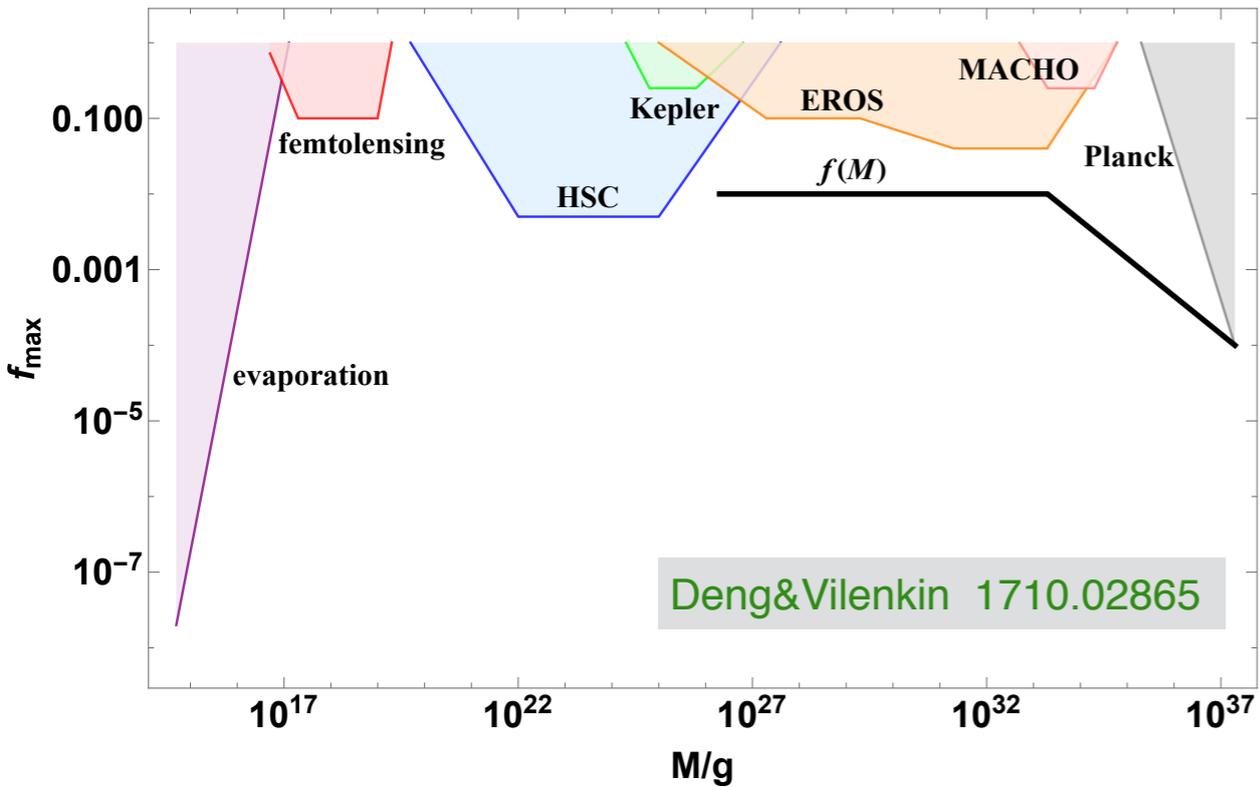
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**Compatible with the rate inferred by the LIGO collaboration!**

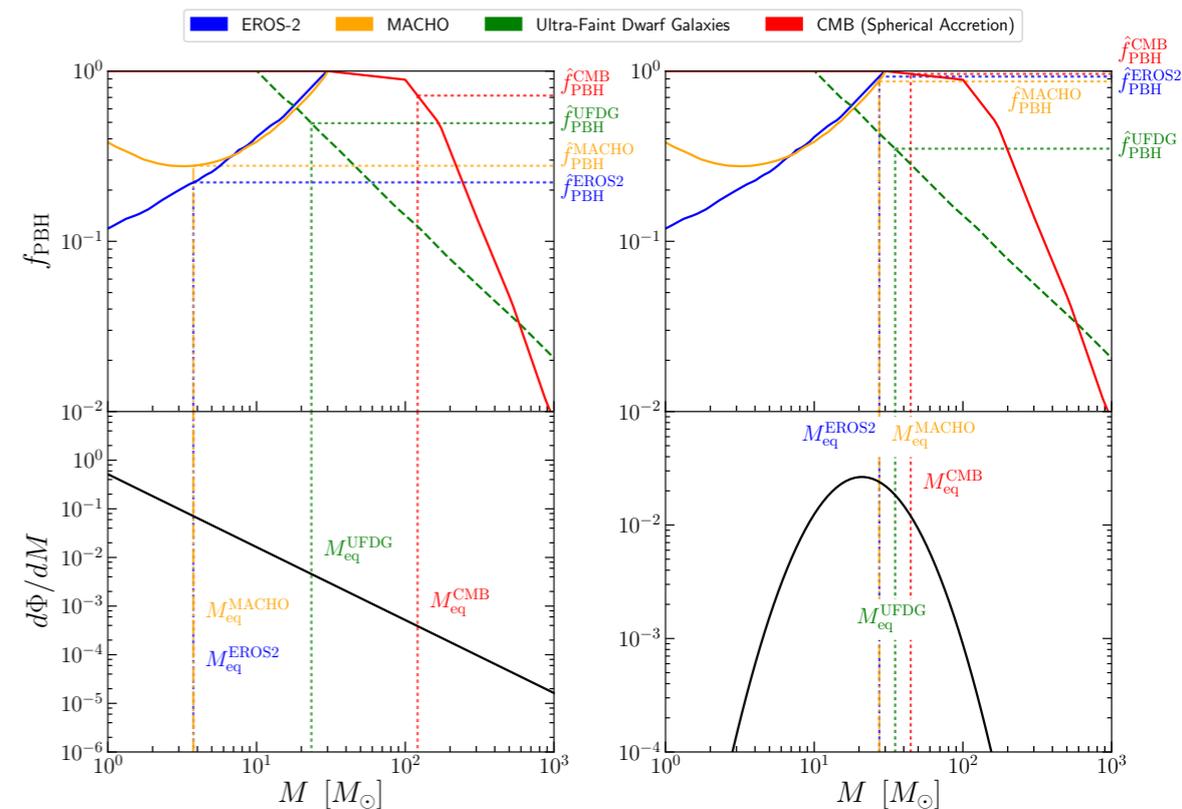
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- Most of the constraints discussed so far rely on the **assumption of a delta function** for the PBH mass distribution!
- A broad mass function could evade all those bounds!

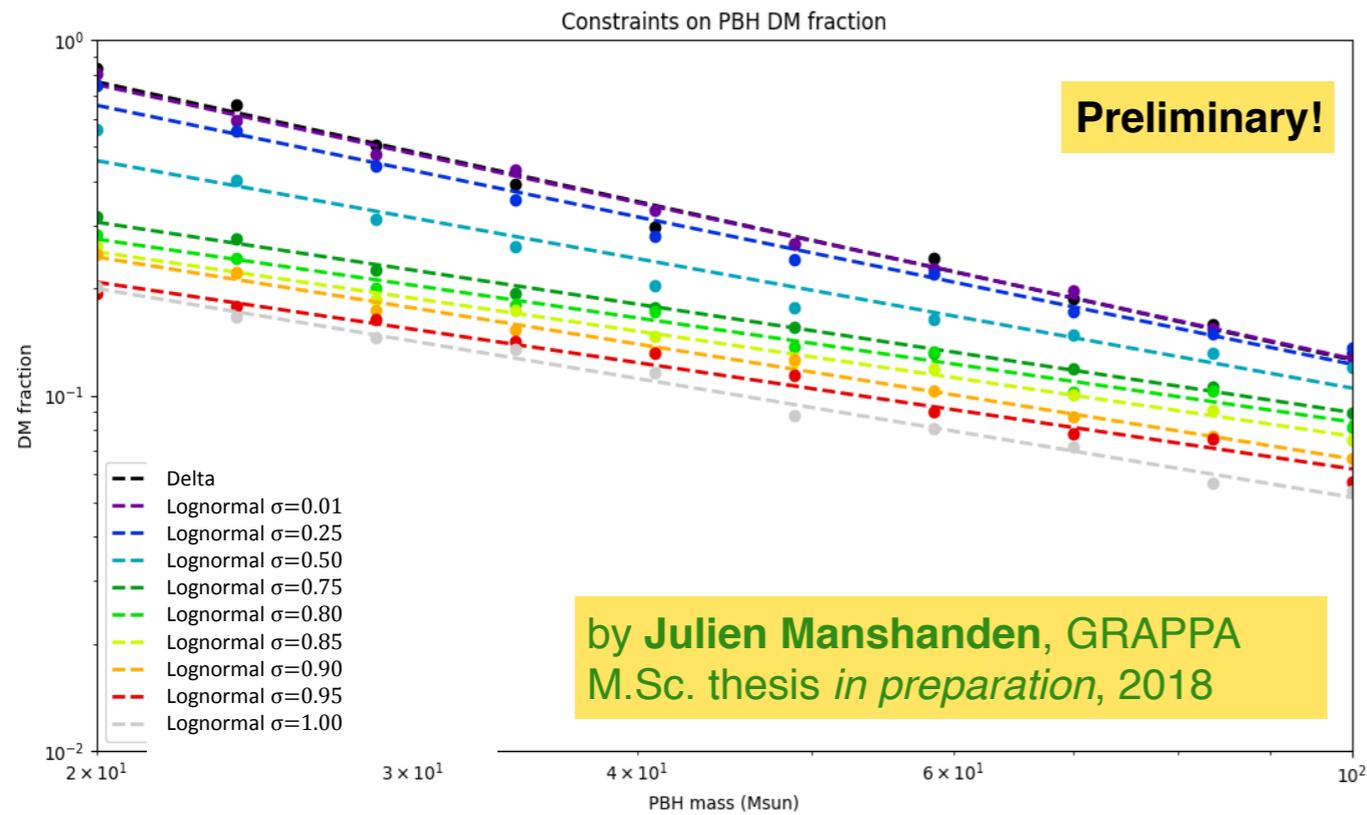
- It is therefore crucial to **recompute the bounds for more general mass functions**
- A remapping procedure has been recently presented in **Bellomo et al. 2017**

N. Bellomo, J.L. Bernal, A. Raccanelli, L. Verde, arXiv:1709.07467

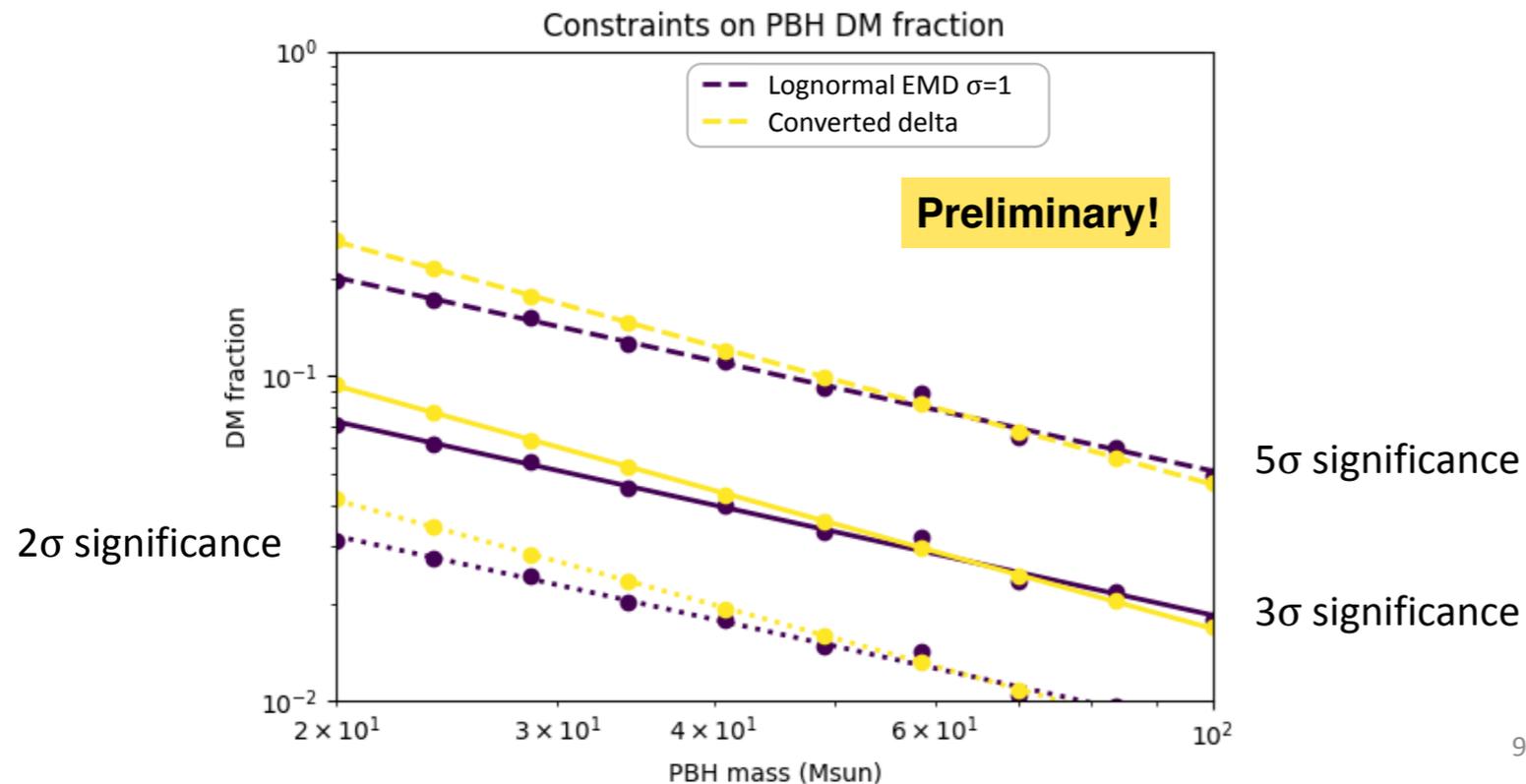


**Figure 1:** Illustration of the new method proposed in this paper. *Upper Panels:* Microlensing (EROS-2, MACHO), ultra-faint dwarf galaxies (UFDG) and cosmic microwave background (CMB) constraints for MMD. Solid lines are used for constraints generally considered robust to astrophysical assumptions, while dashed lines are used for constraints which robustness has yet to be fully discussed in the literature. *Lower Panels:* Examples of Power Law (on the left) and Lognormal (on the right) mass distributions. The vertical dotted lines highlight the position of the equivalent mass for each observable, calculated from Equations 3.12, 3.16 and 3.20. From their intersection with the corresponding constraint in the upper panels, we extract the set of four maximum PBHs allowed fractions  $\hat{f}_{\text{PBH}}$ . The fraction of PBHs that

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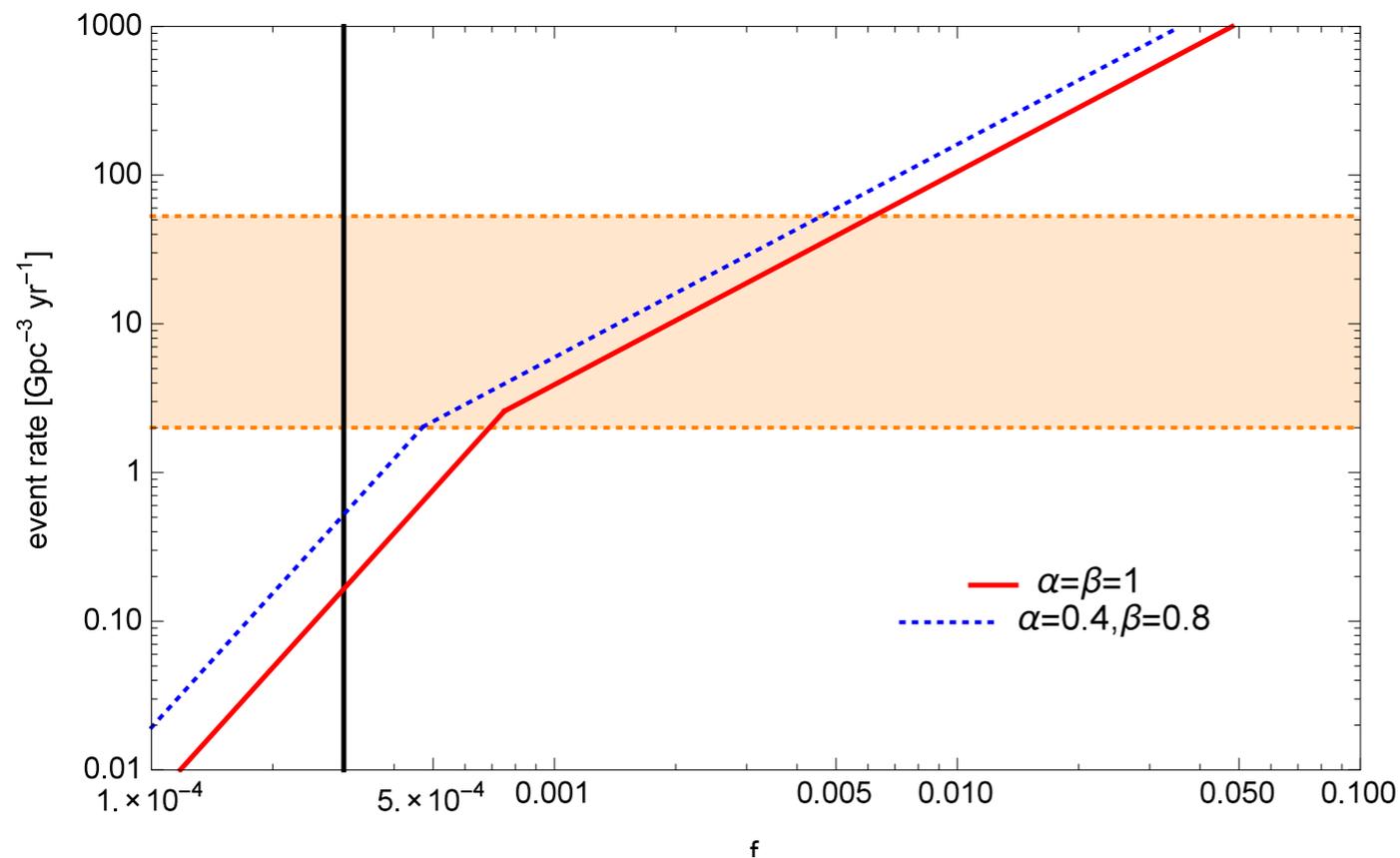
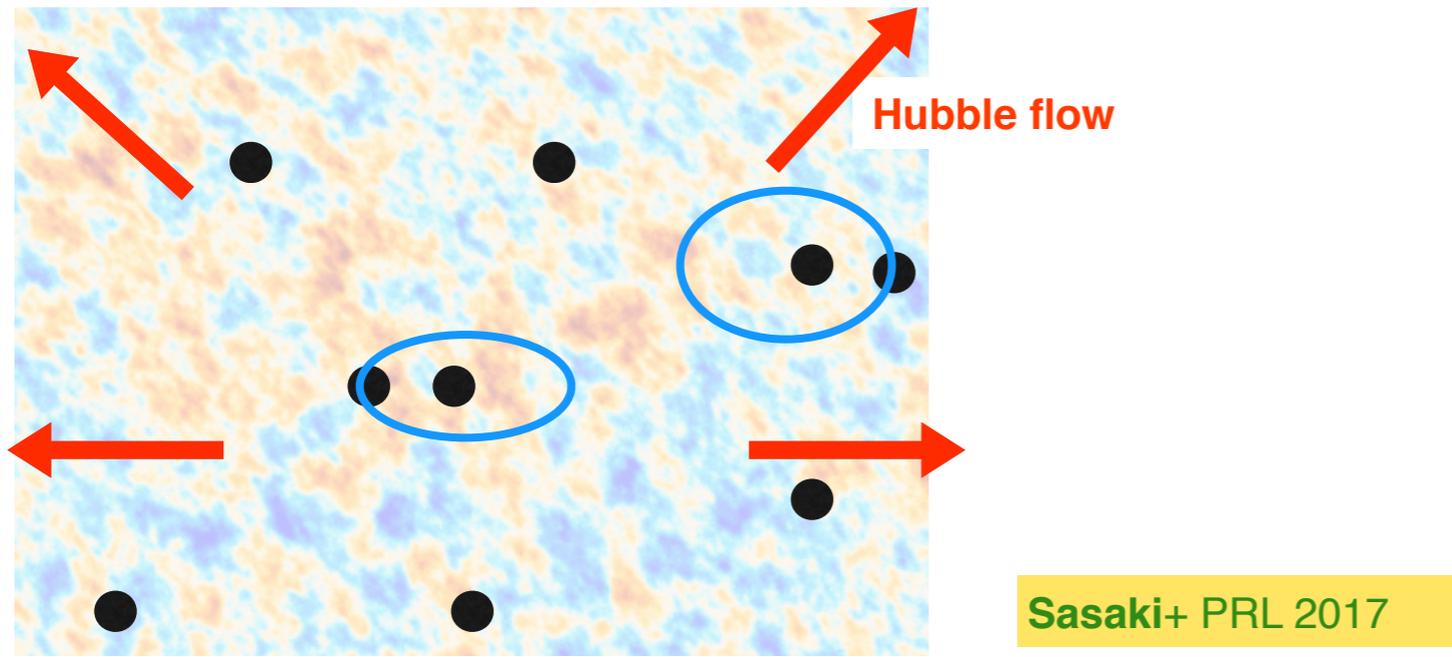


- What about our astronomical constraint? How does it change for generic mass functions?
- Work in progress...



# Part II: A closer look to merger rates

## A) Binaries formed in the early Universe



## B) Binaries formed after close encounters within a DM halo

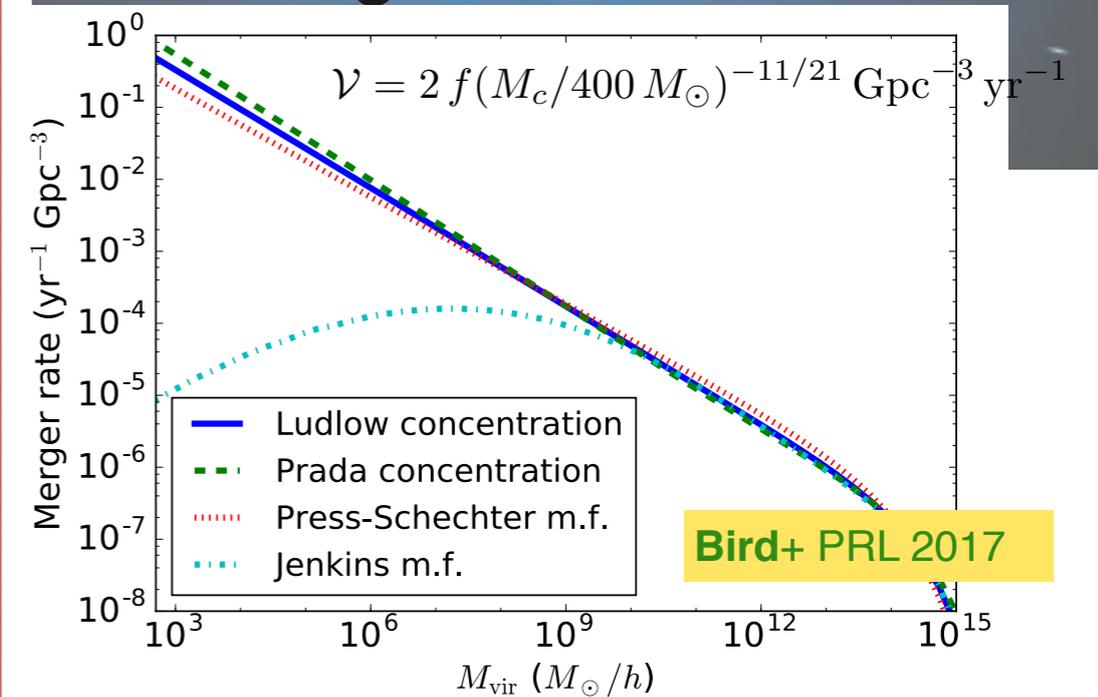
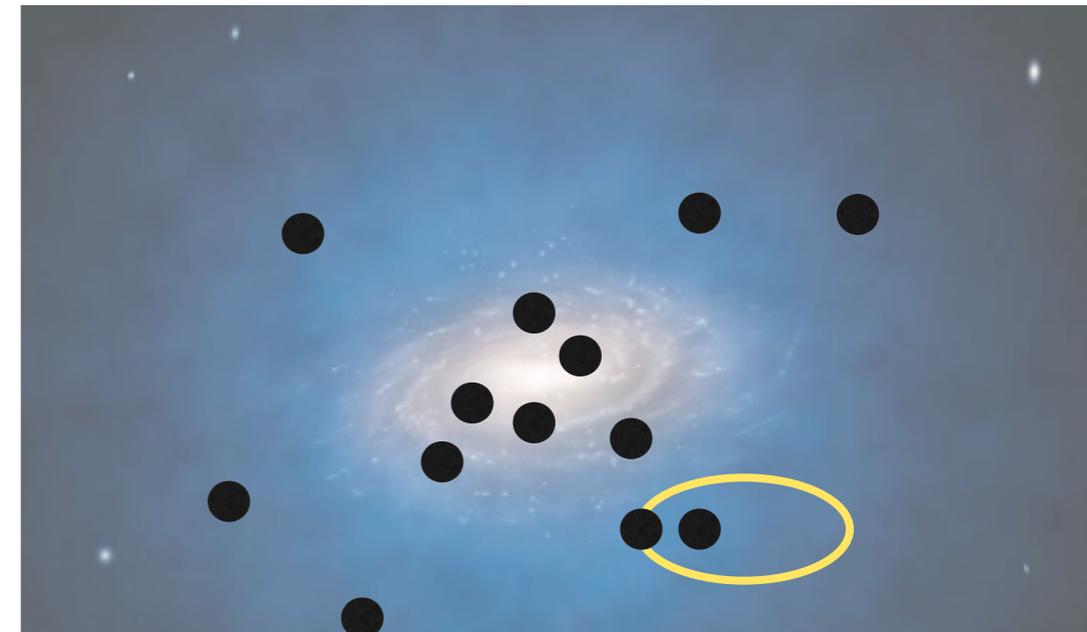


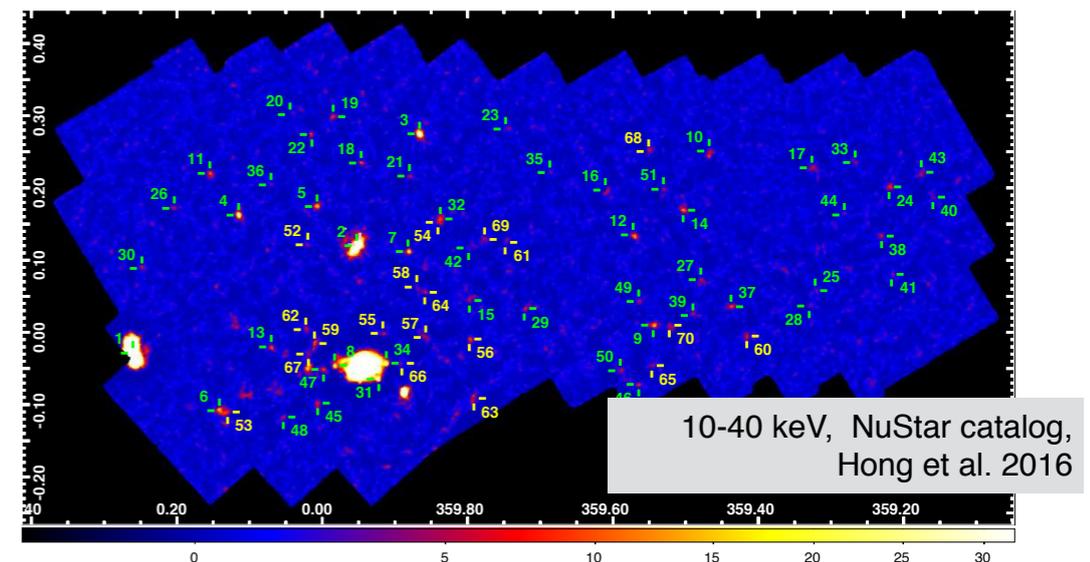
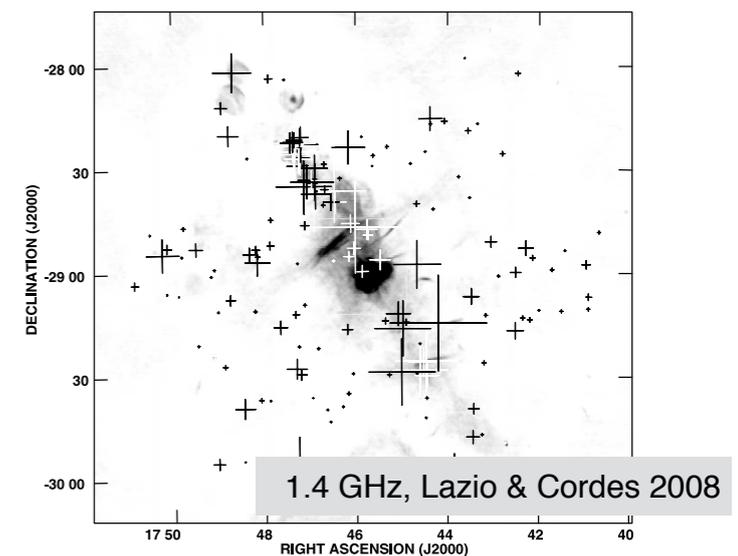
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## Our idea: why not using current astronomical observations in the radio and X-ray band?

see D. Gaggero, G. Bertone, F. Calore, R. Connors, M. Lovell, S. Markoff, E. Storm, “Searching for Primordial Black Holes in the radio and X-ray sky”, arXiv:1612.00457

- If  $\sim 30M_{\odot}$  PBHs are the DM, there should be  **$\sim 10^{11}$  objects of this kind in the Milky Way, and  $\sim 10^8$  in the Galactic bulge.** (as a comparison, we expect  $\sim 10^8$  astrophysical stellar-mass black holes in our Galaxy, see e.g. Fender et al. 1301.1341 “The closest black holes”)
- The question is: given the large amount of gas in the inner Galaxy, **how easy is it to hide such a large population of black holes?** Given conservative estimates of the accretion rate and radiative efficiency, **is this population of PBHs compatible with current radio and X-ray observations?**



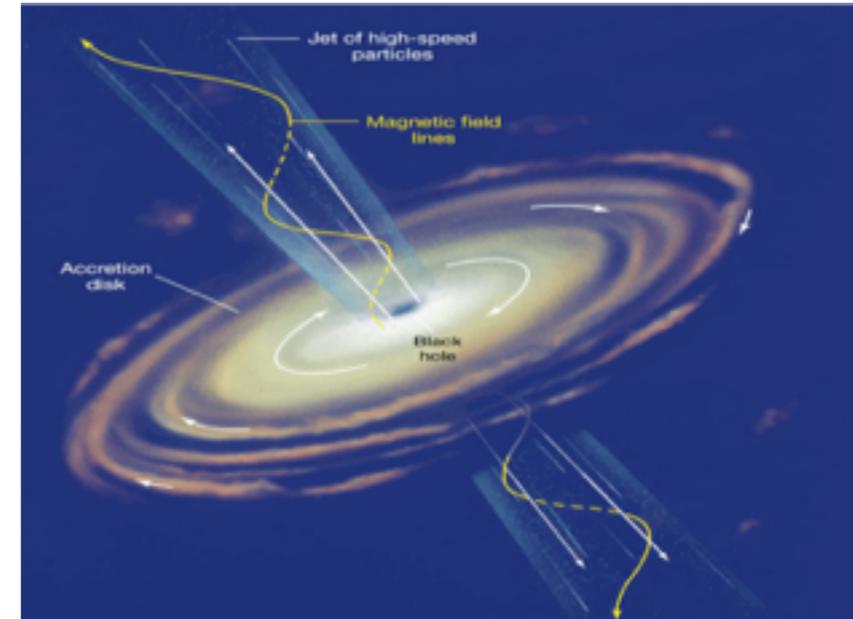
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## Accretion on isolated BHs

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—> *what is a conservative estimate* of the radio and X-ray emission?



Very complicated phenomenology, high uncertainties. We had to parametrize the problem and adopt simplified, **conservative** assumptions.

**1) we parametrize the accretion rate as a fraction of the Bondi-Hoyle rate:**

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi\lambda(GM_{BH})^2\rho(v_{BH}^2 + c_s^2)^{-3/2}$$

we choose a **conservative value  $\lambda = 0.01$** , inspired by isolated neutron star population estimates and studies of active galactic nuclei accretion. **Larger values would imply a large population of bright X-ray sources corresponding to nearby isolated neutron stars.**

*Caveat: it can be even smaller, see final discussion!*

*R. Perna, et al., ApJ 598, 545 (2003), astro-ph/0308081*

*S. Pellegrini, ApJ 624, 155 (2005), astro-ph/050203, "Nuclear Accretion in Galaxies of the Local Universe: Clues from Chandra Observations"*

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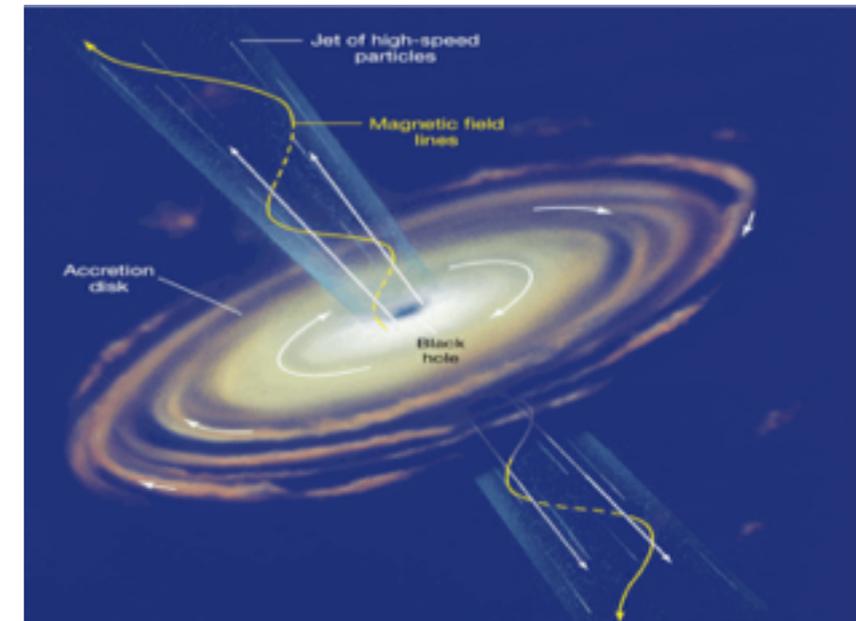
**2) We parametrize the radiative efficiency:** given the low accretion rate, **we conservatively assume radiative *inefficiency***, and a non-linear scaling of this kind

$$L_B = \eta \dot{M} c^2 \quad \eta = 0.1 \dot{M} / \dot{M}_{\text{crit}} \text{ for } \dot{M} < \dot{M}_{\text{crit}}$$

**Physical picture:** *advection-dominated accretion* in which the gas cooling timescales greatly exceed the dynamical timescales; mass loss from the disc or internal convective flows.

see **Narayan and Yi 1994**, “*Advection-Dominated Accretion: A Self-Similar Solution*”

and also **Blanford and Begelman 1998**: “*On the Fate of Gas Accreting at a Low Rate onto a Black Hole*”



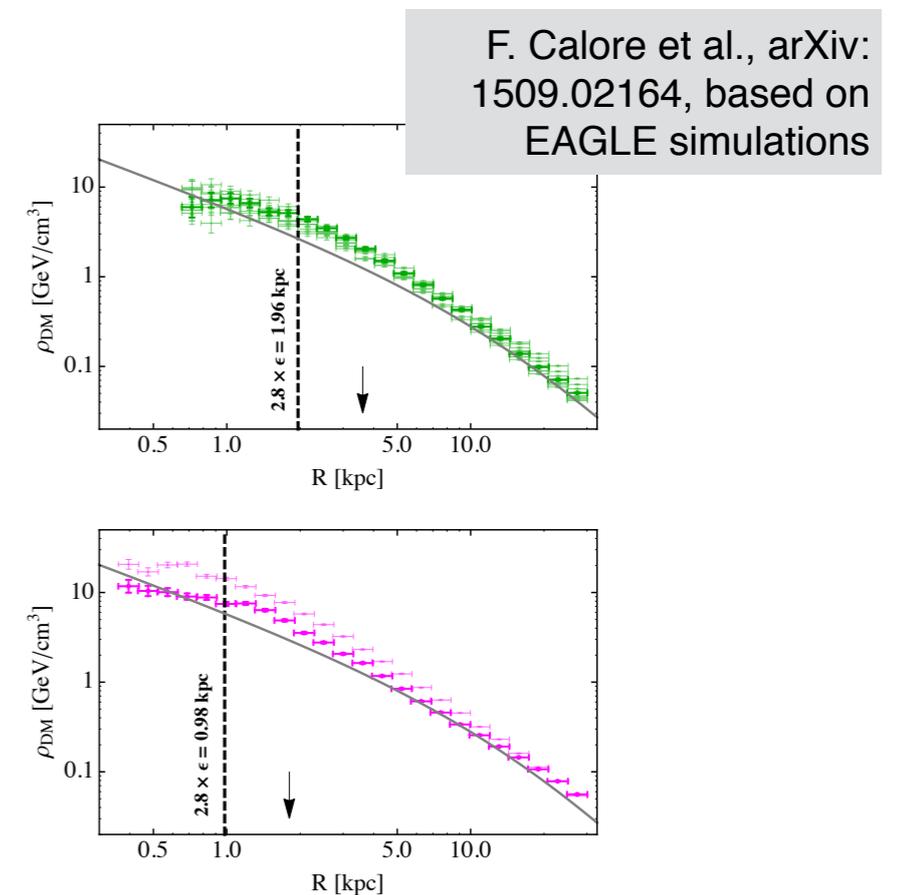
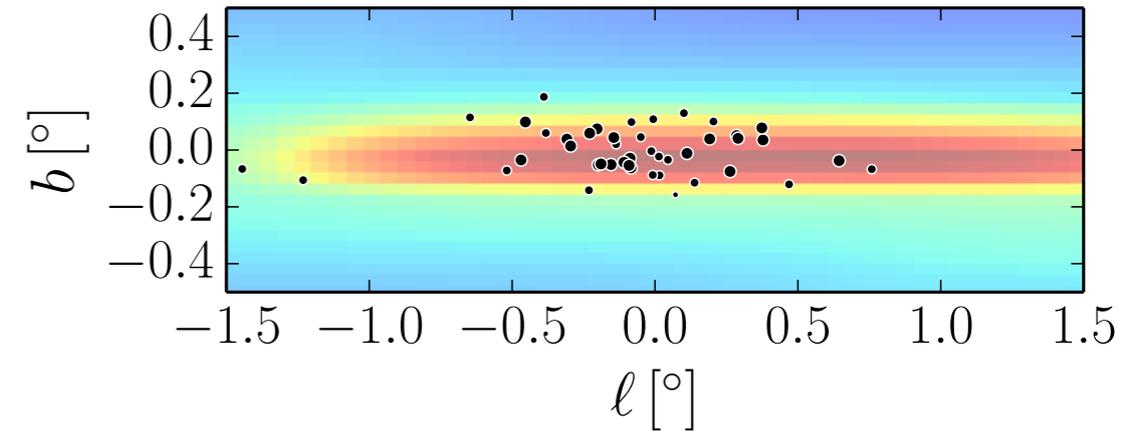
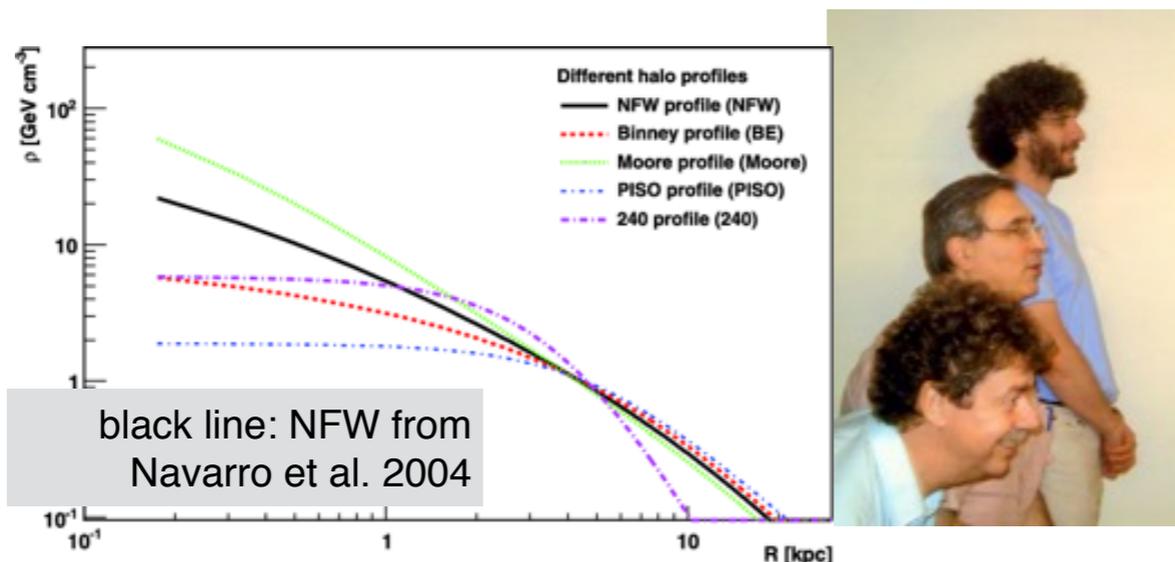
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**Spatial distribution of PBHs:** We consider as a benchmark the NFW distribution.

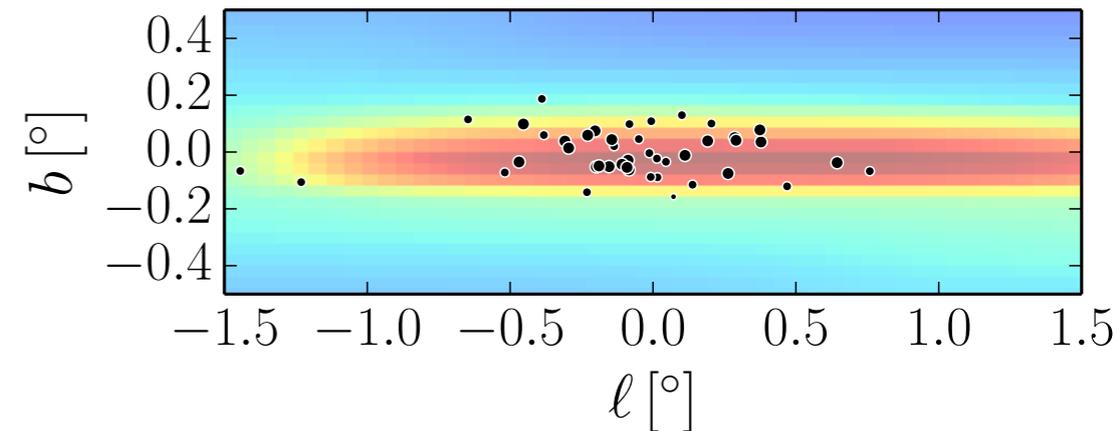
We also consider other variations, based on numerical simulations with baryons (see *F. Calore et al., arXiv:1509.02164*)



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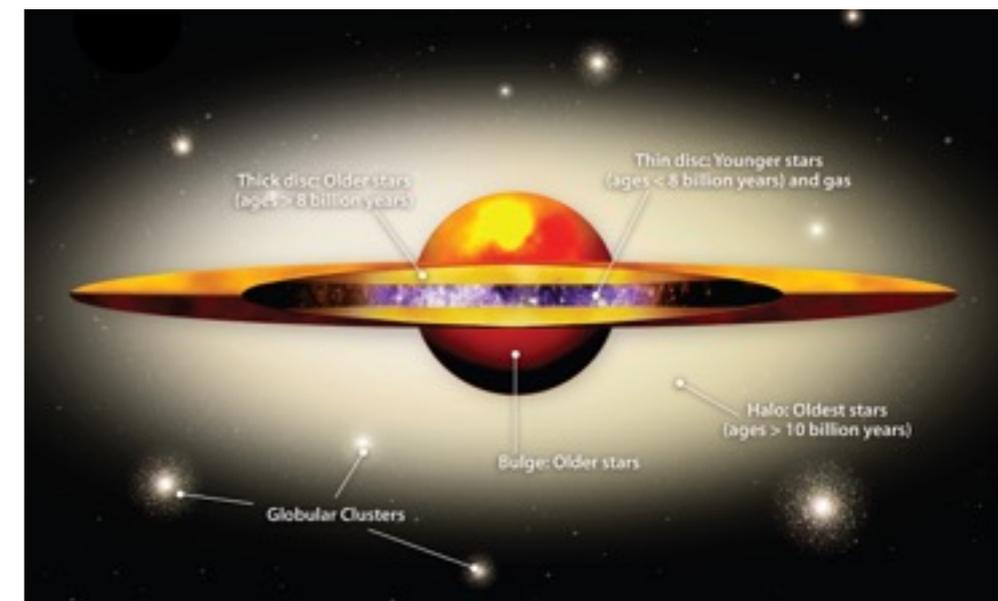
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**Velocity distribution:** we consider, for each radius R, a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution centered on  $v = \sqrt{(G M(< R)/R)}$ .

We use a spherical average of a mass model of the Milky Way  $M(R)$  from *McMillan 1608.00971 (2016)*, including DM halo and baryonic structures (bulge, thin and thick stellar disk, gas distribution).



*Our simplified treatment, in the low- $v$  tail, is compatible with the more accurate Eddington formalism, which holds under the assumption of spherical symmetry and isotropy*

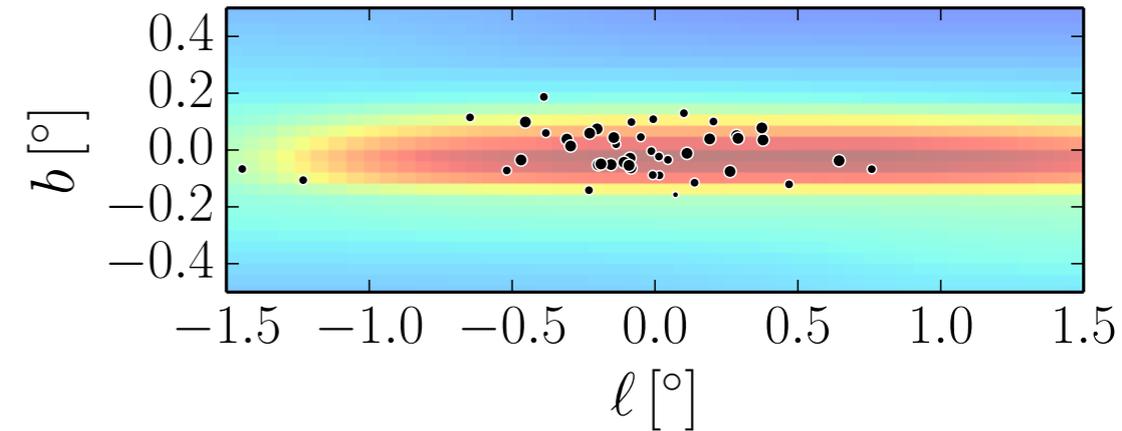
$$F_h(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi^2}} \left[ \int_0^{\mathcal{E}} \frac{d^2 \rho_h}{d\Psi^2} \frac{d\Psi}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E} - \Psi}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}} \left( \frac{d\rho_h}{d\Psi} \right)_{\Psi=0} \right]$$

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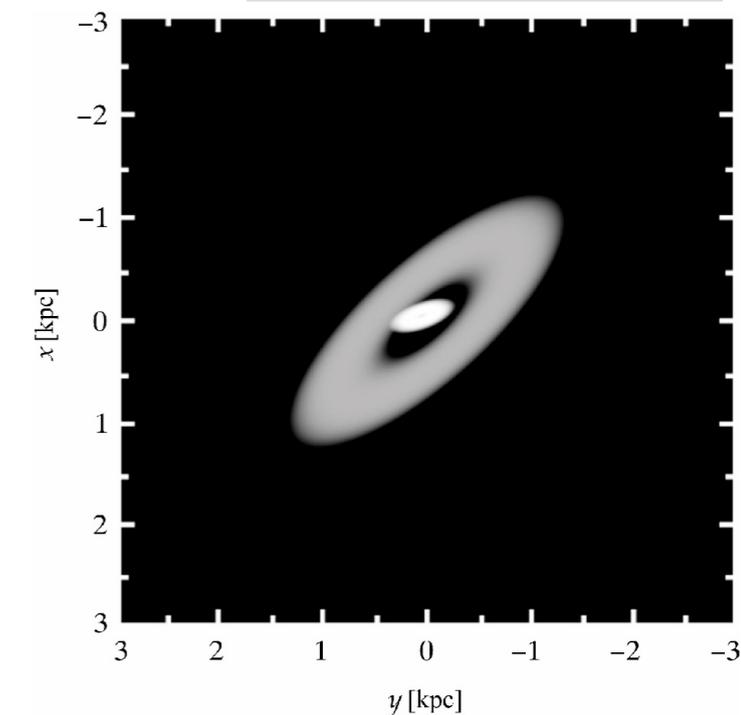
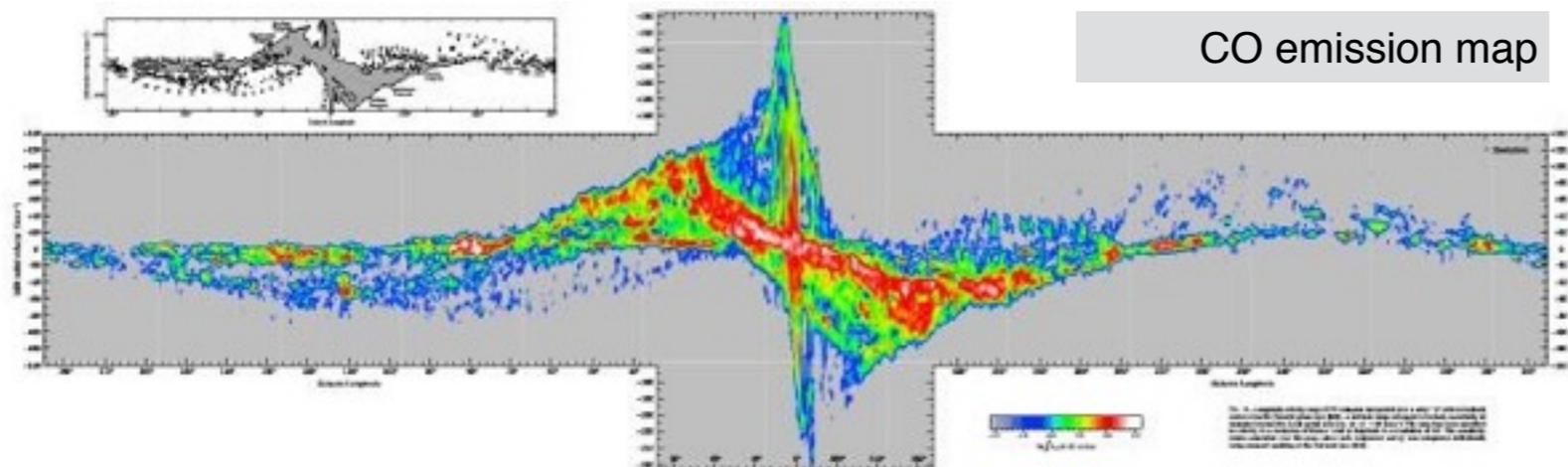
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**Gas distribution:** we consider the state-of-the-art models by K. Ferrière (Ferrière 2001, Ferrière 2007) very accurate models of the 3D gas distribution in the inner bulge, based on CO observations



Zoomed-in analytical 3D model of the distribution of interstellar gas in the inner Galactic bulge, from K. Ferrière 2007



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## Comparison with the X-ray and radio data

### X-rays:

We assume that 30% of the bolometric luminosity lies in the 2-10 keV band (*Fender 2013*)

We extrapolate to the 10-40 keV band assuming a hard power-law (index 1.6)

We compare against the **NuStar catalog** (*Hong et al. 2016*) data in the 10-40 keV band

threshold:  $8 * 10^{32}$  erg/s

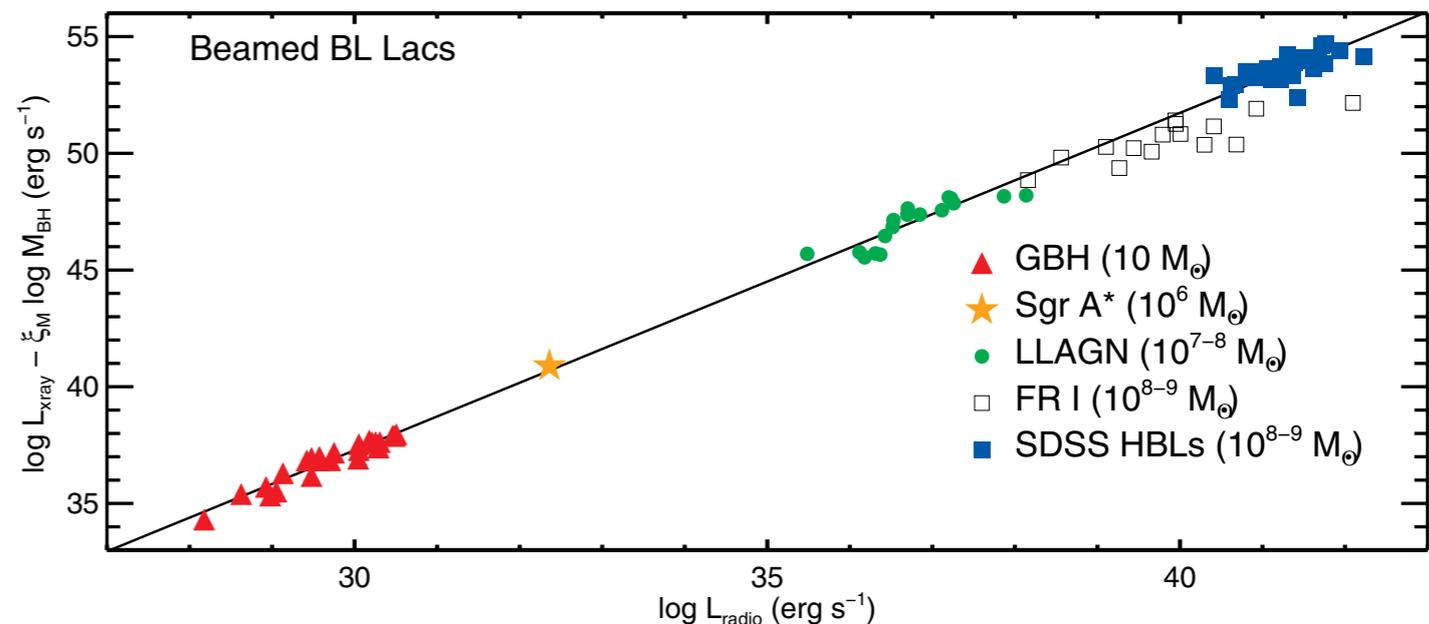
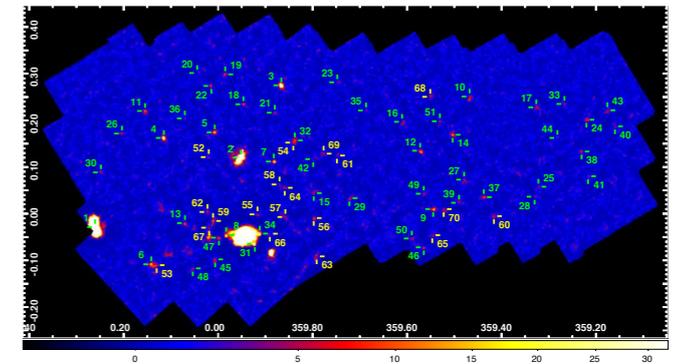
ROI:  $-0.9^\circ < l < 0.3^\circ$ ;  $-0.1^\circ < b < 0.4^\circ$

### Radio:

Here the prediction is even more complicated

We rely on the empirical *fundamental plane relation* between soft X-ray and radio luminosity [see e.g. *Plotkin et al. 2013*]

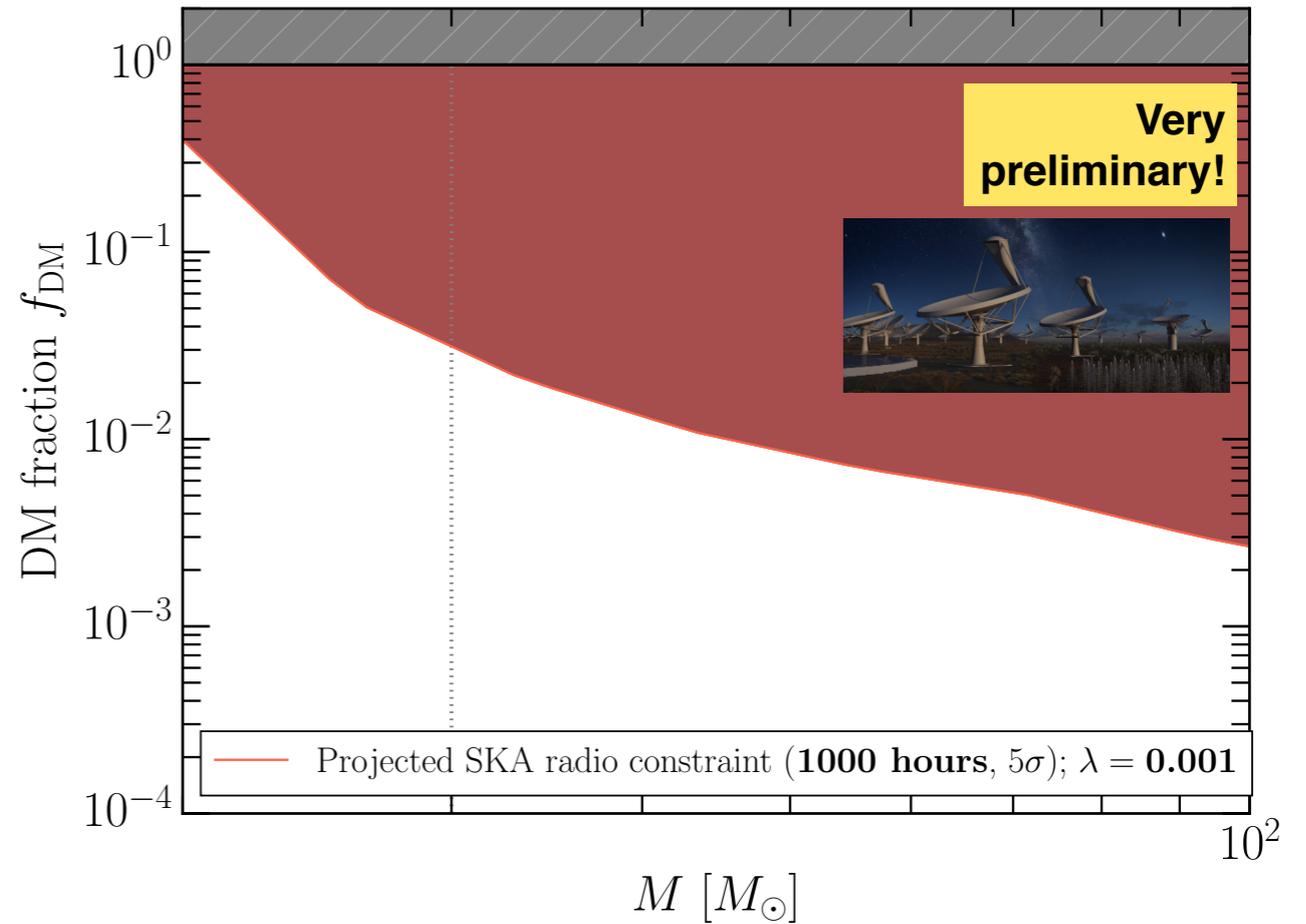
We convert X-ray fluxes into radio fluxes (1 GHz) and compare to the number of predicted point sources to the **VLA catalog** (threshold  $\sim 1$  mJy; we consider the ROI:  $-0.5^\circ < l < 0.5^\circ$ ;  $|b| < 0.4^\circ$ )



# Our predictions for SKA (very optimistic scenario)

It is possible to get a strong bound (or detect a population of sources) *even for much lower values of  $\lambda$*  (as low as  $10^{-3}$ ), but a much larger integration time is needed:  $O(1000 \text{ h})$

*compare to other projected bounds (e.g. pulsar timing, 21 cm fluctuations)*



Limits on PBH DM Abundance

