

10TH LISA COSMOLOGY WG WORKSHOP

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE PROBES OF PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES

**Hardi Veermäe**  
NICBP, Tallinn, Estonia

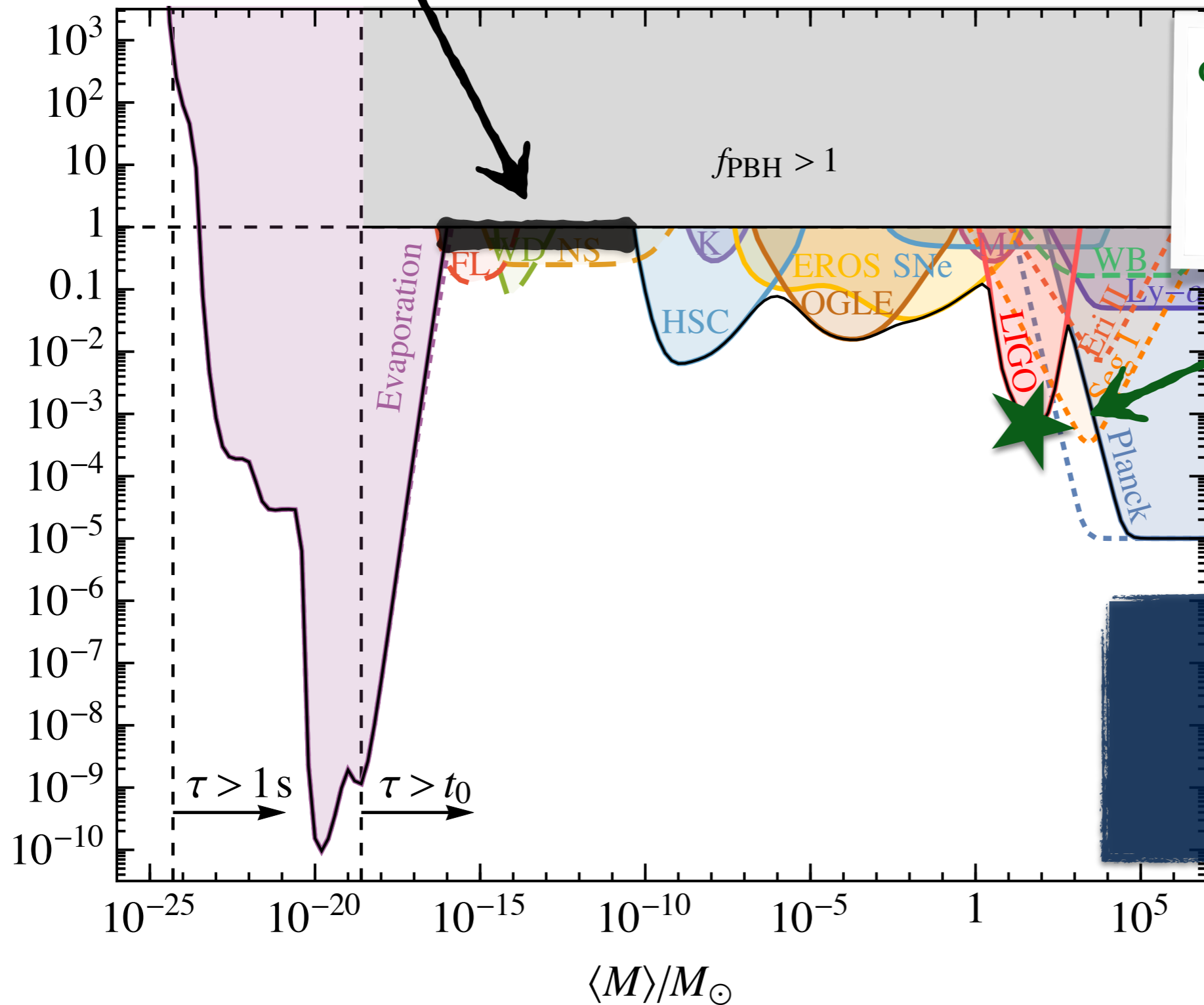
8.06.2023



Keemilise ja  
Bioloogilise Füüsika Instituut  
National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics

# PBHs as all dark matter

$$M_{\text{PBH}} = 10^{17} - 10^{22} \text{ g}$$



observed BH binaries

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \approx 1 - 100 M_{\odot}$$

$$f_{\text{PBH}} \approx 10^{-3}$$

PBHs as SMBH seeds

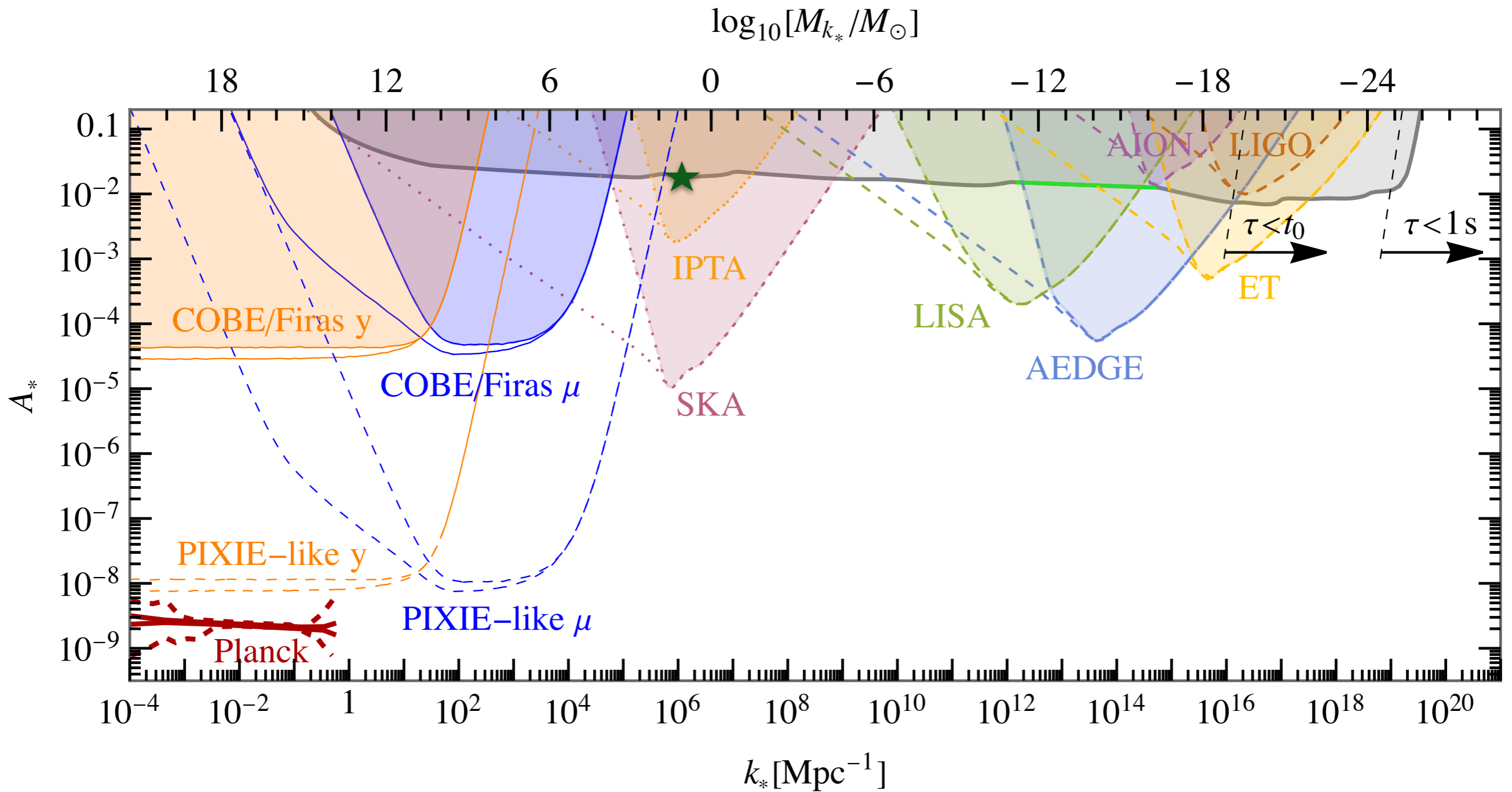
$$M_{\text{PBH}} \gtrsim 10^4 M_{\odot}$$

$$f_{\text{PBH}} \lesssim 10^{-6}$$

The image depicts a vast, dark space filled with numerous small, bright stars. In the center-right, a large, dark, circular gravitational well is shown, representing the combined gravity of two black holes. Two distinct, dark, circular horizons are visible within this well, one slightly larger than the other, positioned as if they are about to merge. The overall scene is a dramatic representation of the formation of a supermassive black hole from primordial black holes.

**GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM  
PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLE FORMATION**

# Scalar induced GWs



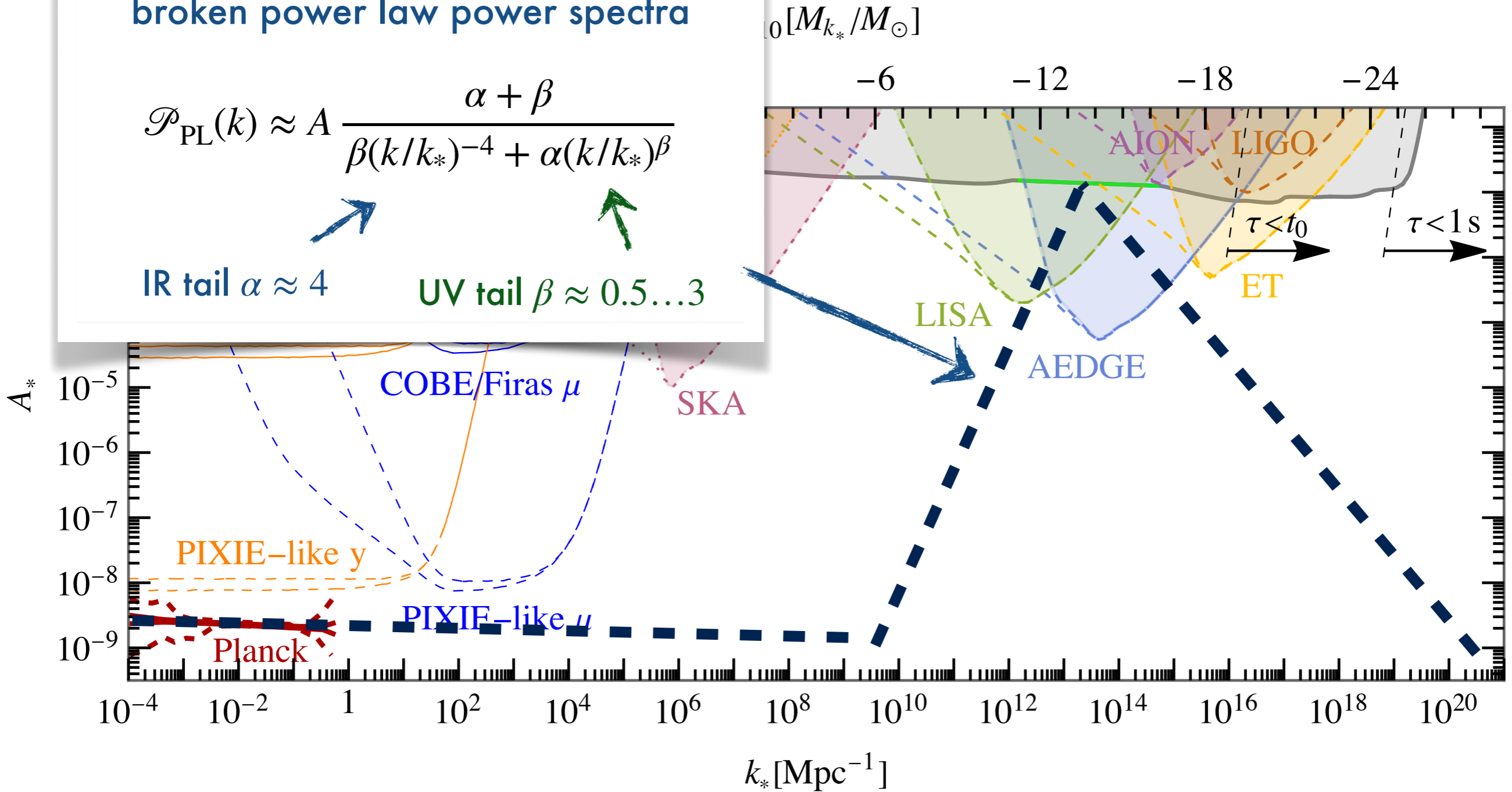
# Scalar induced GWs

broken power law power spectra

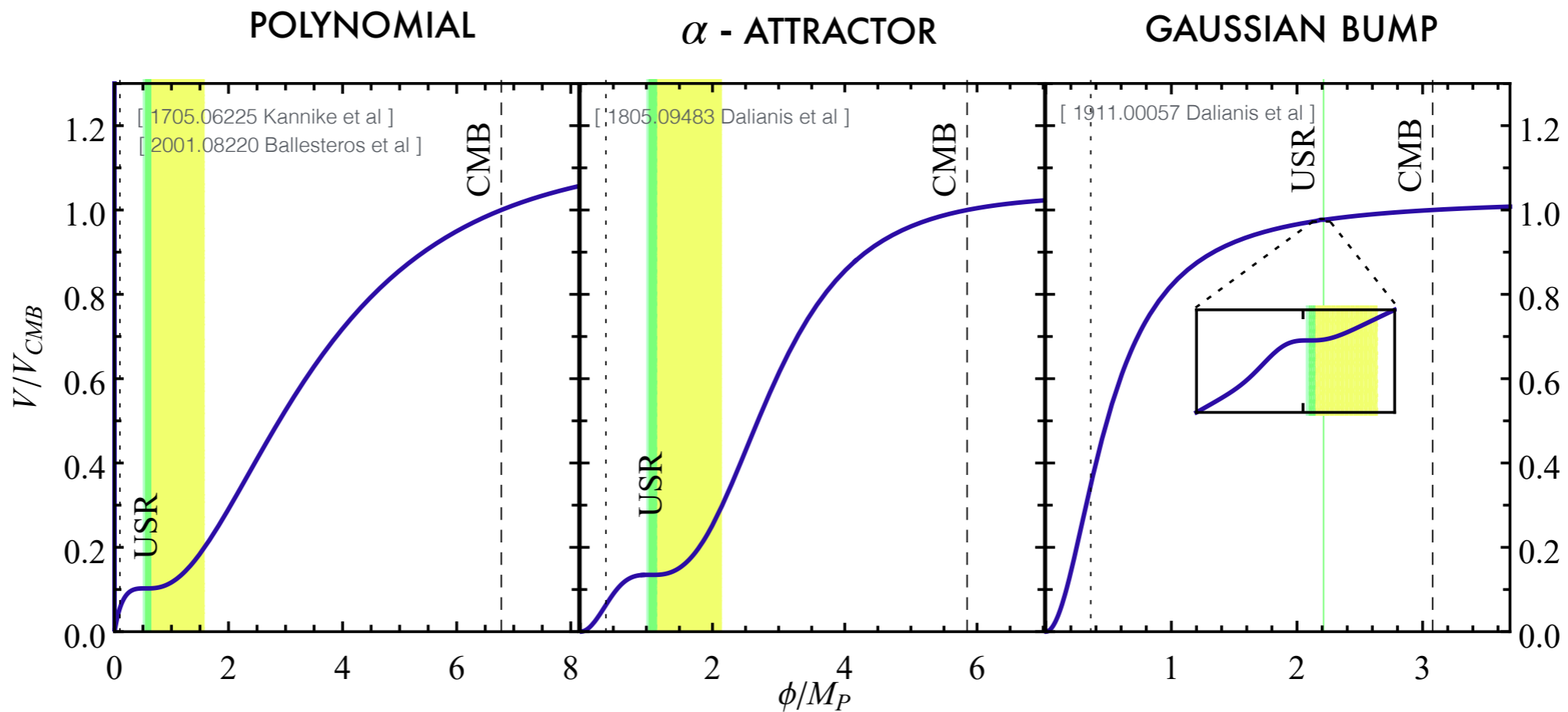
$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{PL}}(k) \approx A \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\beta(k/k_*)^{-4} + \alpha(k/k_*)^\beta}$$

IR tail  $\alpha \approx 4$

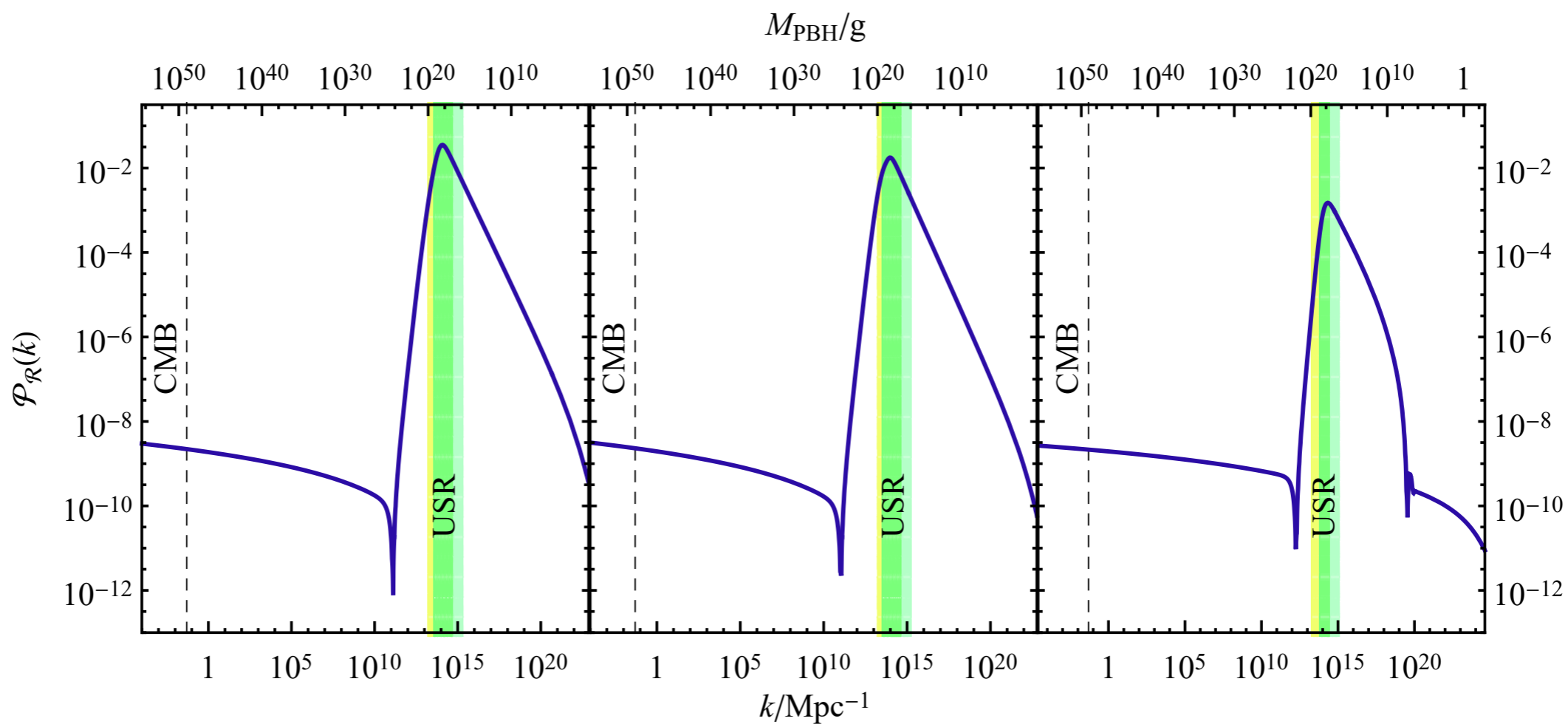
UV tail  $\beta \approx 0.5 \dots 3$



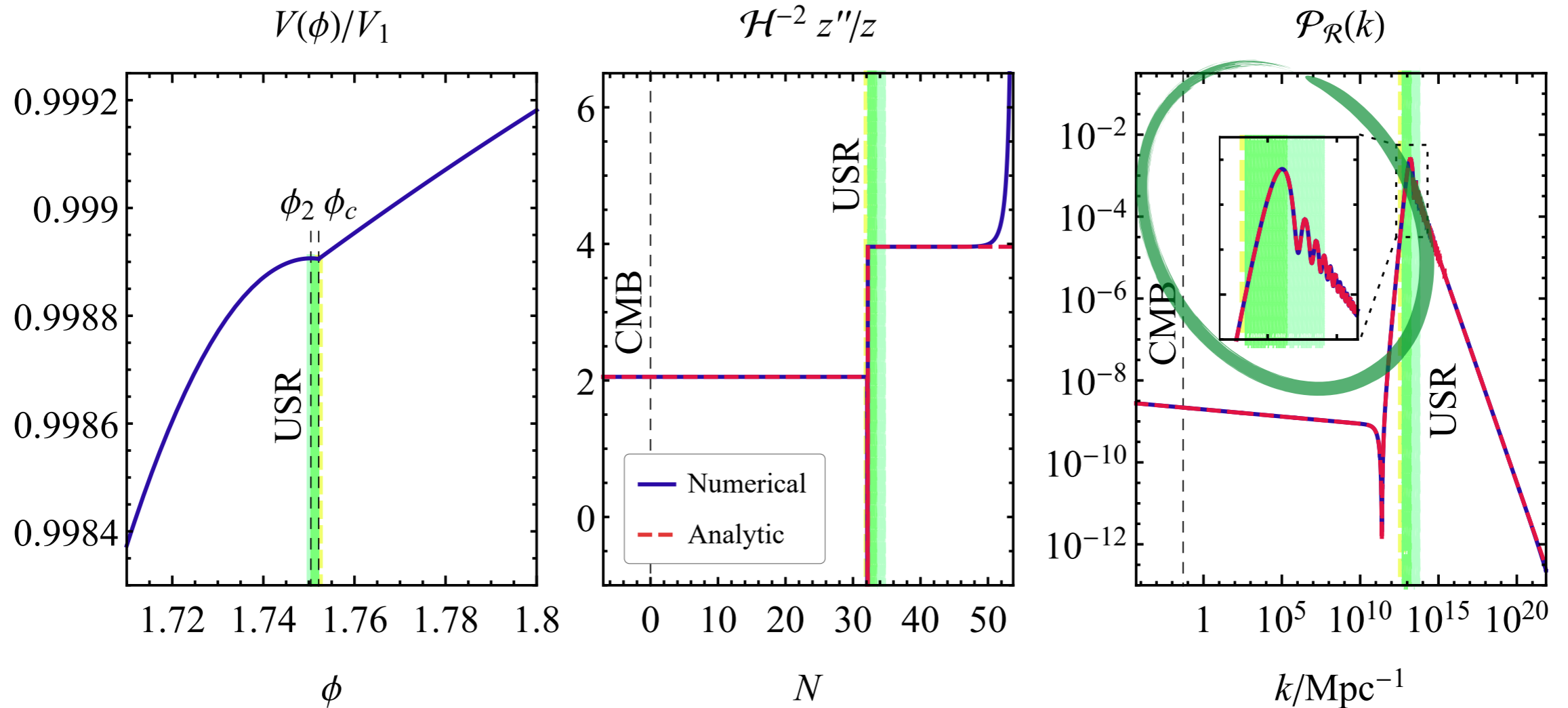
# POTENTIAL



# POWER SPECTRUM



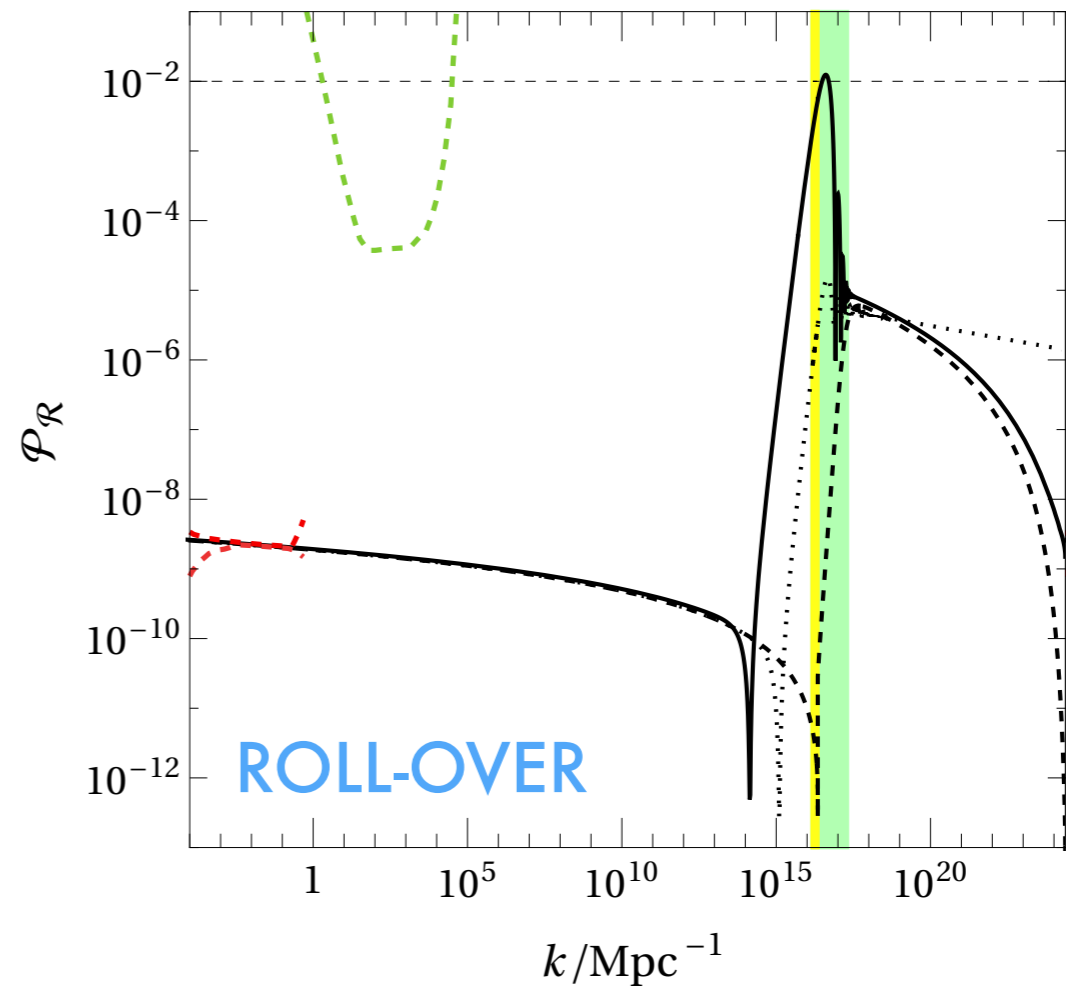
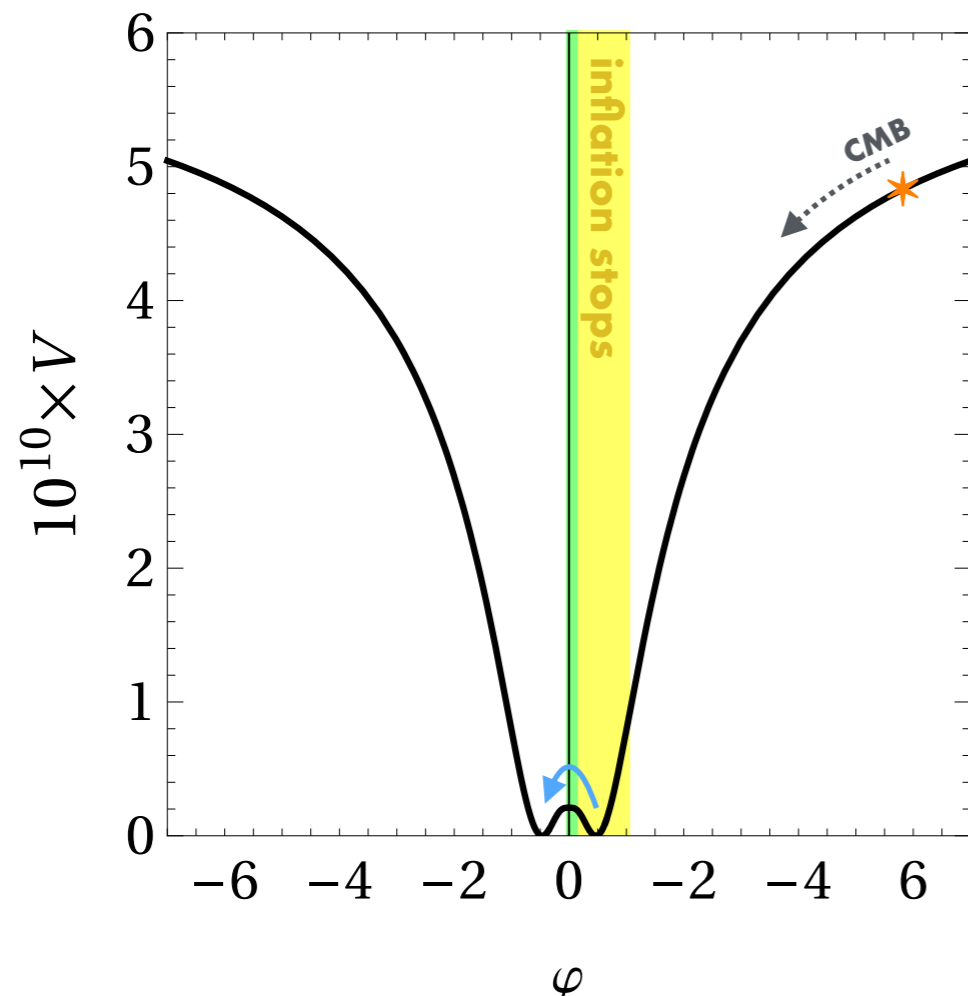
# INSTANTANEOUS SR TO USR TRANSITIONS



- *analytically solvable*
- *contains power spectra viable for both PBHs and CMB*
- *approximates quasi-inflection point models quite well*
- *oscillatory features*

# DOUBLE-WELL POTENTIALS

(TEMPORARY END OF INFLATION)

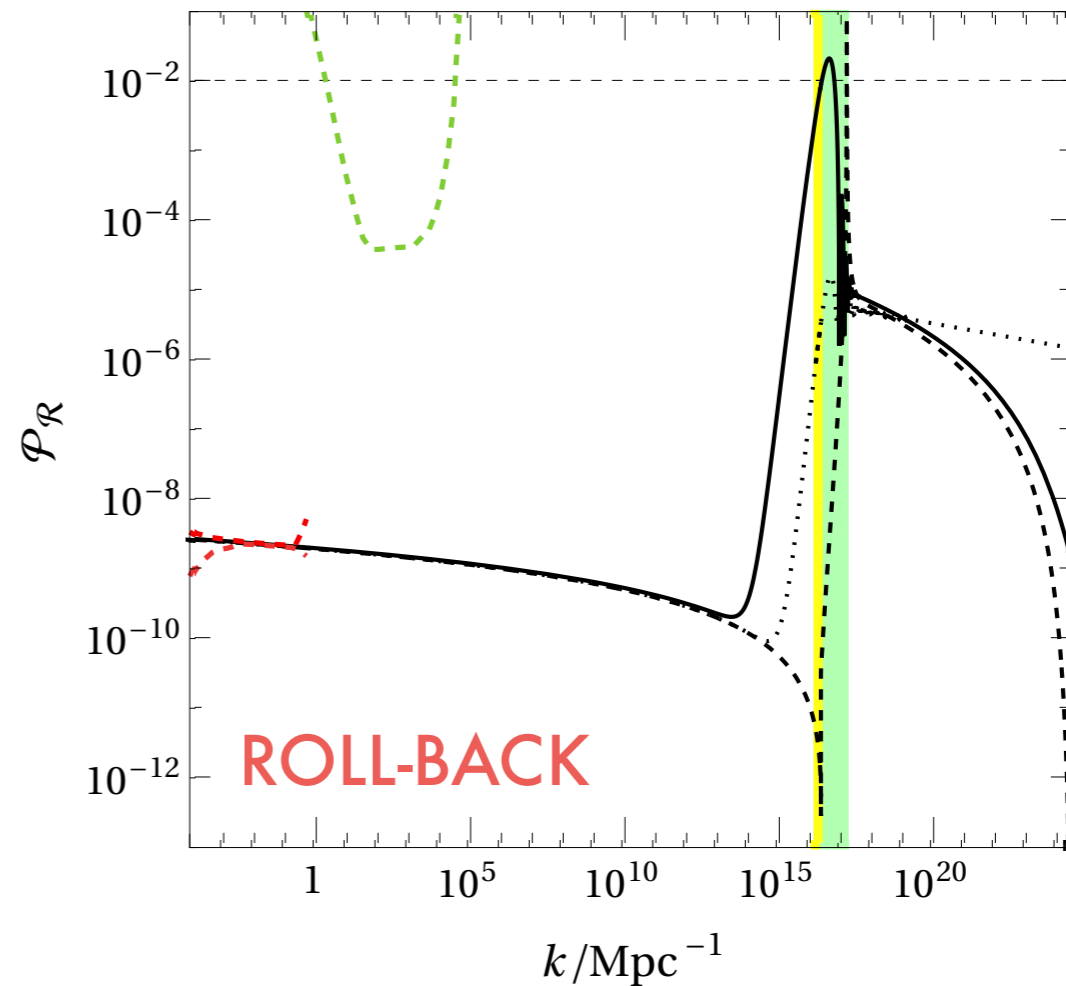
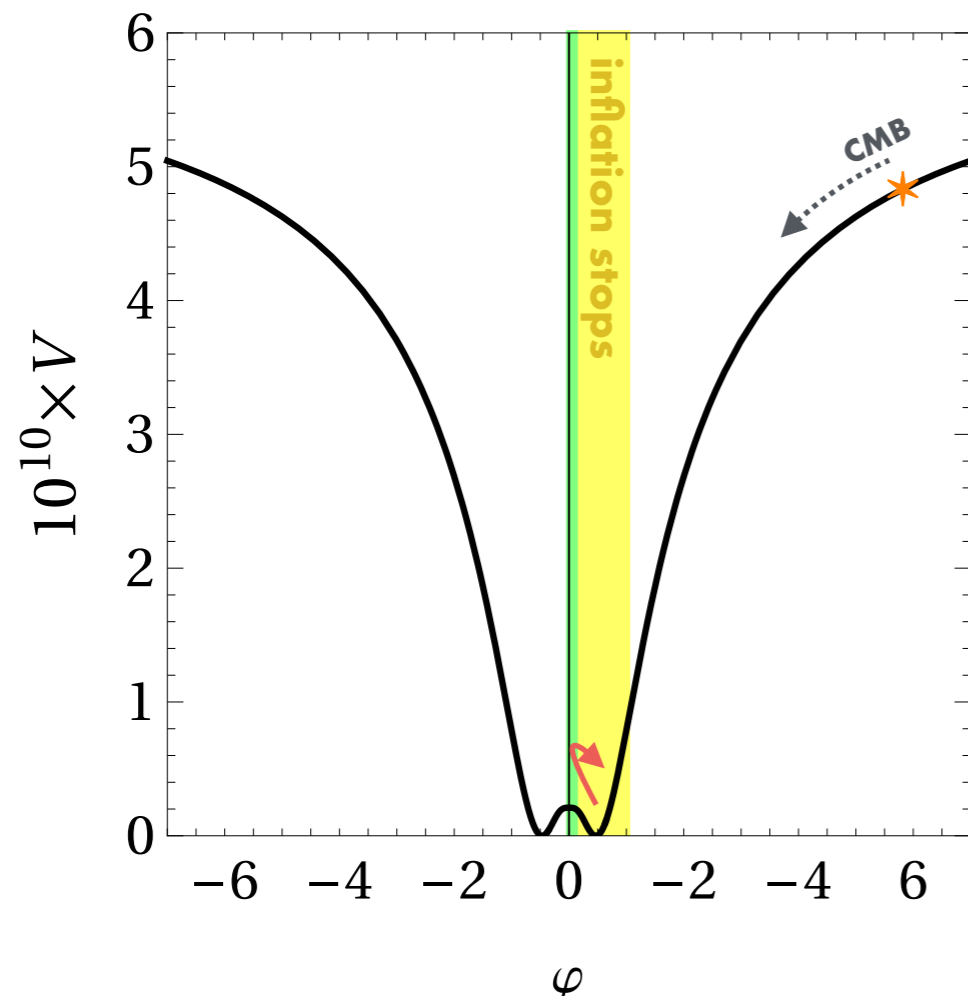


- *modes enhanced due to non-adiabaticities*
- **no dip** in the power spectrum if the field **rolls back** from the peak
- *less tuning required*
- *non-gaussianities?*



# DOUBLE-WELL POTENTIALS

(TEMPORARY END OF INFLATION)



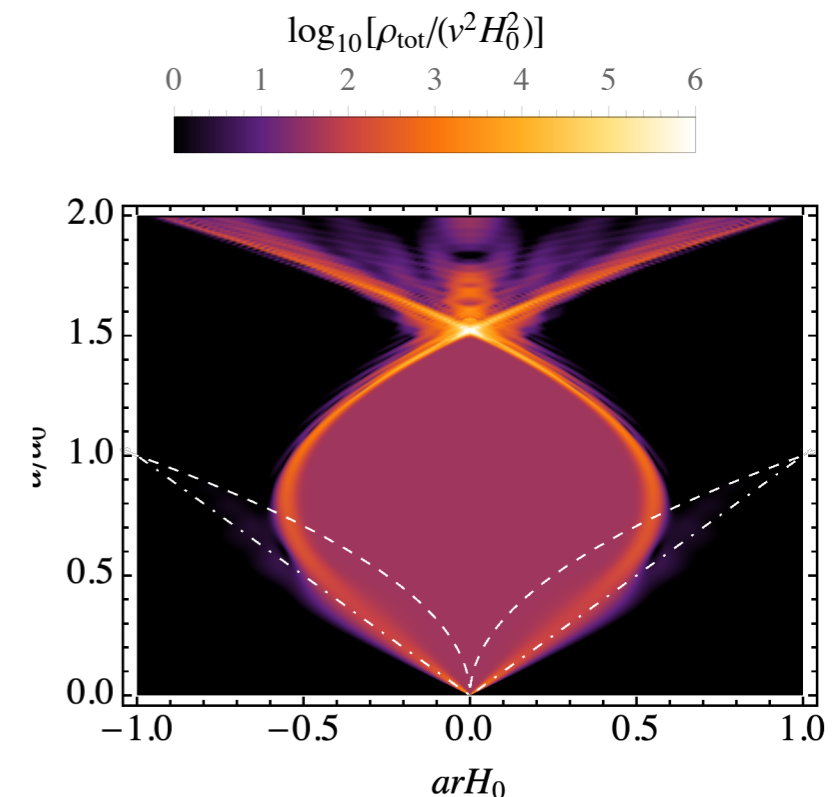
- *modes enhanced due to non-adiabaticities*
- **no dip** in the power spectrum if the field **rolls back** from the peak
- *less tuning required*
- *non-gaussianities?*

# PBH formation

mechanisms:

- inflationary perturbations [Hawking, Carr 1974, Carr 1975]
- collapse of cosmic strings [Hawking 1989]
- vacuum bubbles
  - bubble collisions in first order phase transitions [Hawking 1982]
  - collapse of false vacuum bubbles [1512.01819,1710.02865,2001.09160]
- collapse of compact objects
  - *oscillons* [1801.03321]
  - *Q-balls* [1612.02529,1706.09003,1907.10613]
  - *Fermi balls* [2106.00111]
- Yukawa "fifth force" [2008.12456]
- ...

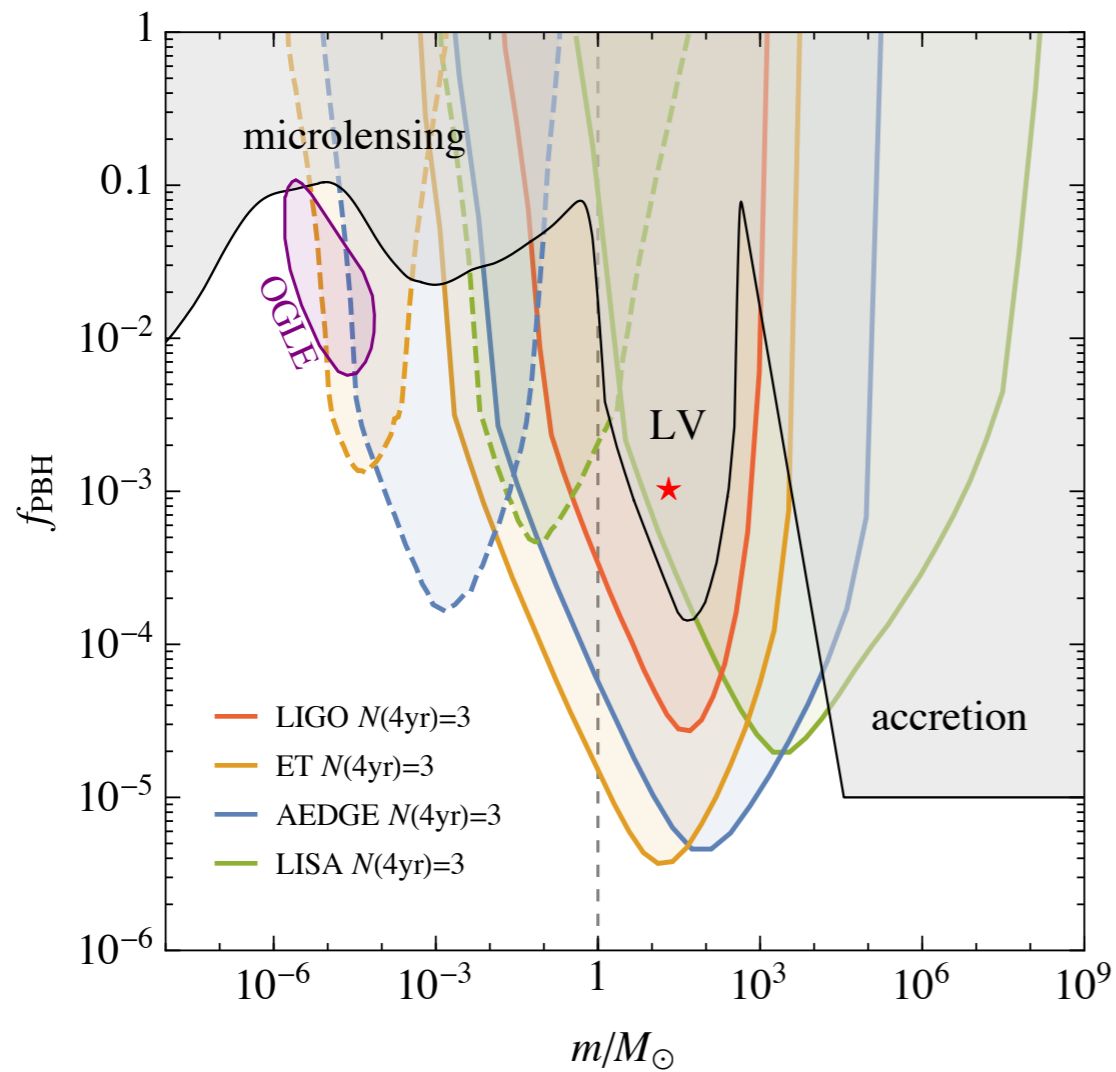
current focus



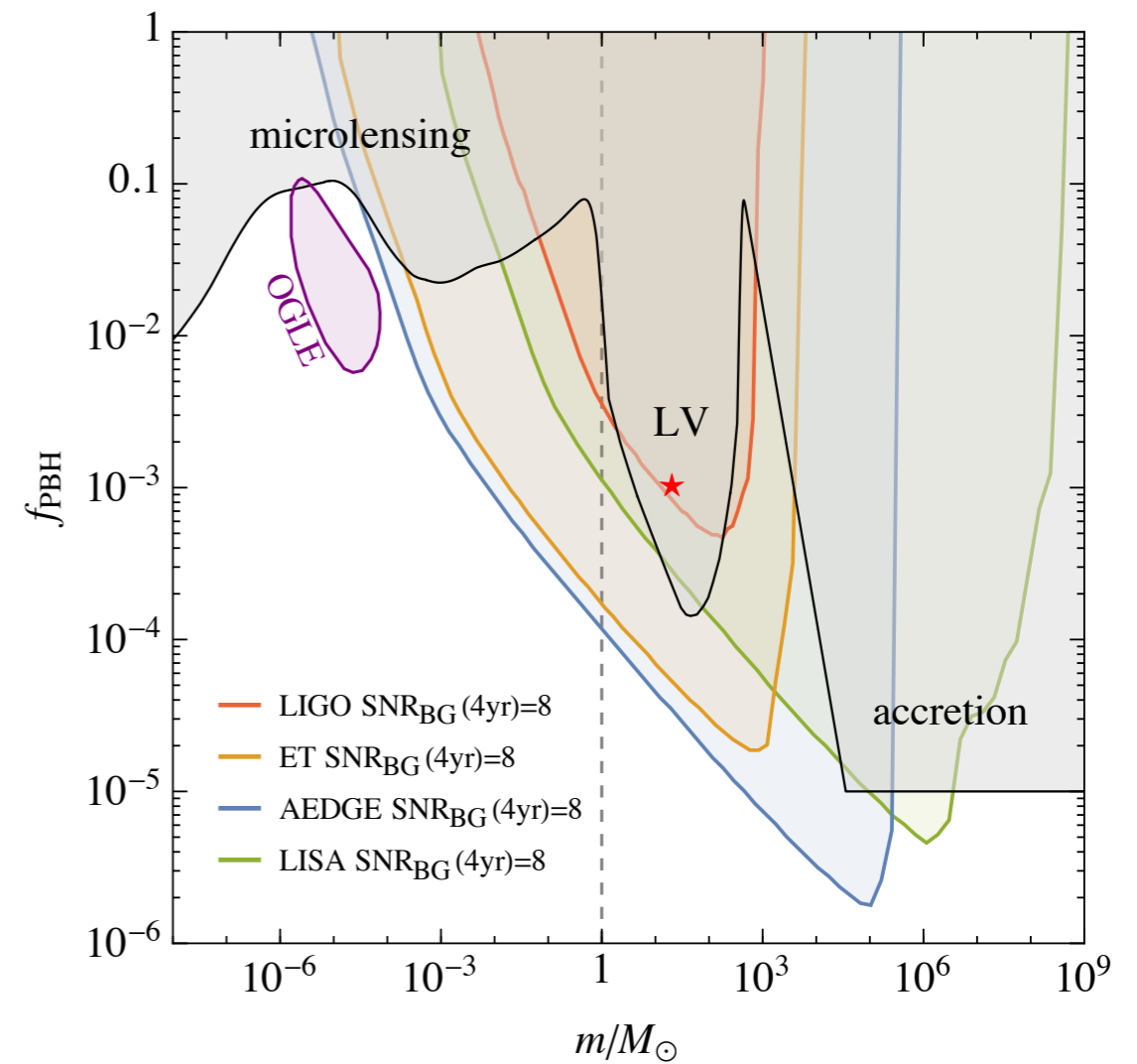


**GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM  
PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLE BINARIES**

# Prospects for PBH binaries



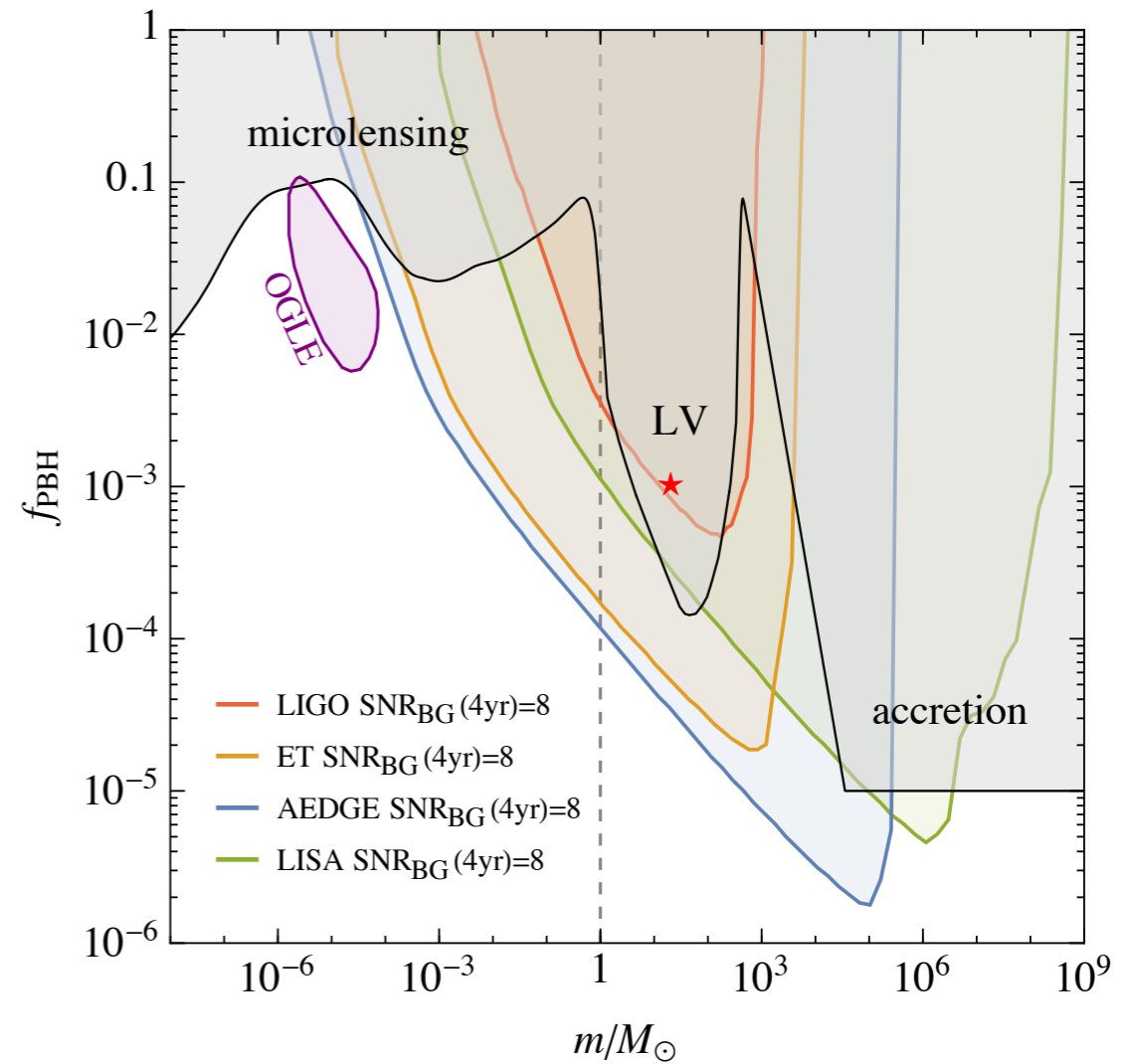
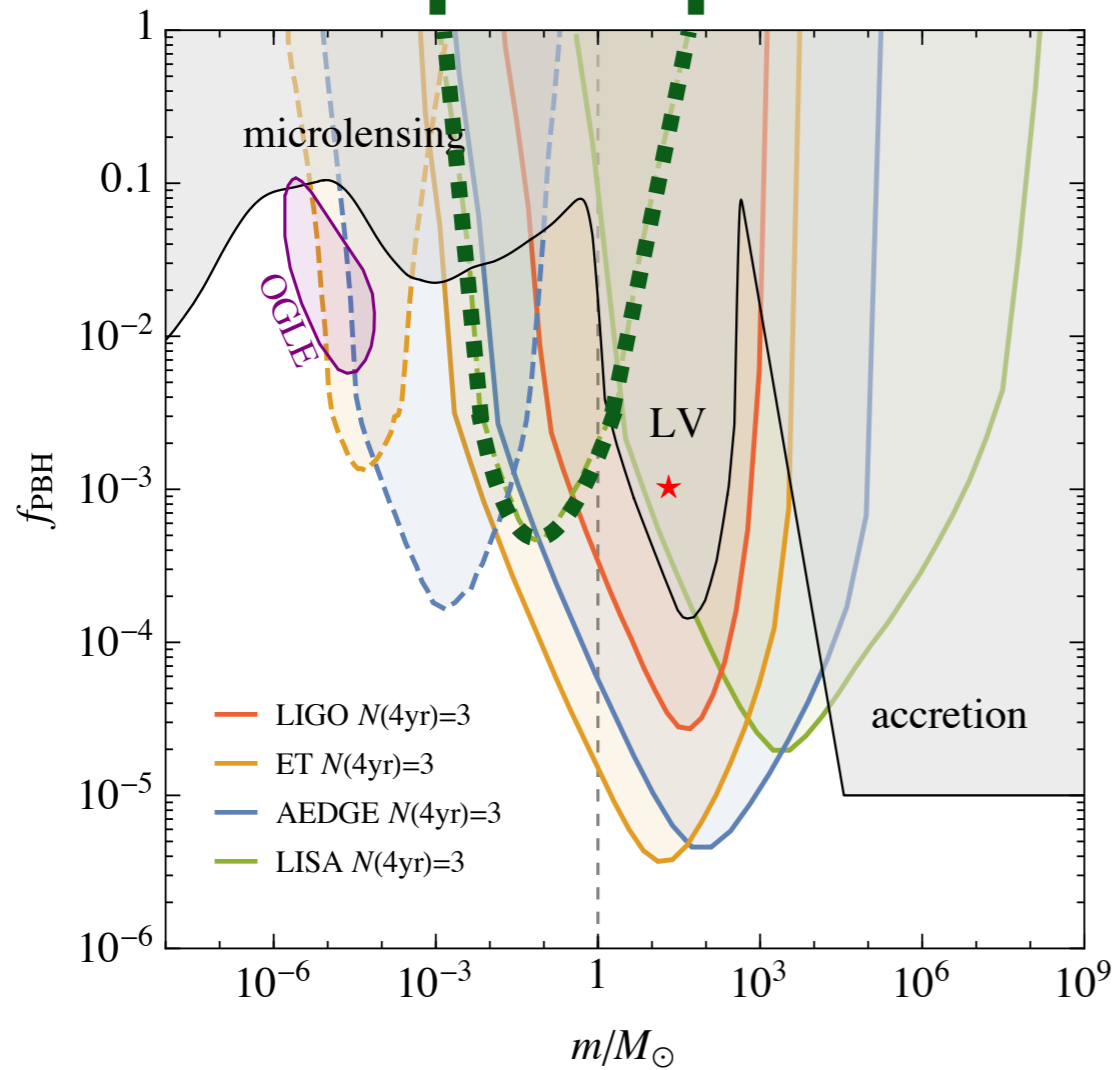
INDIVIDUAL BINARIES



SGWB

# Prospects for PBH binaries

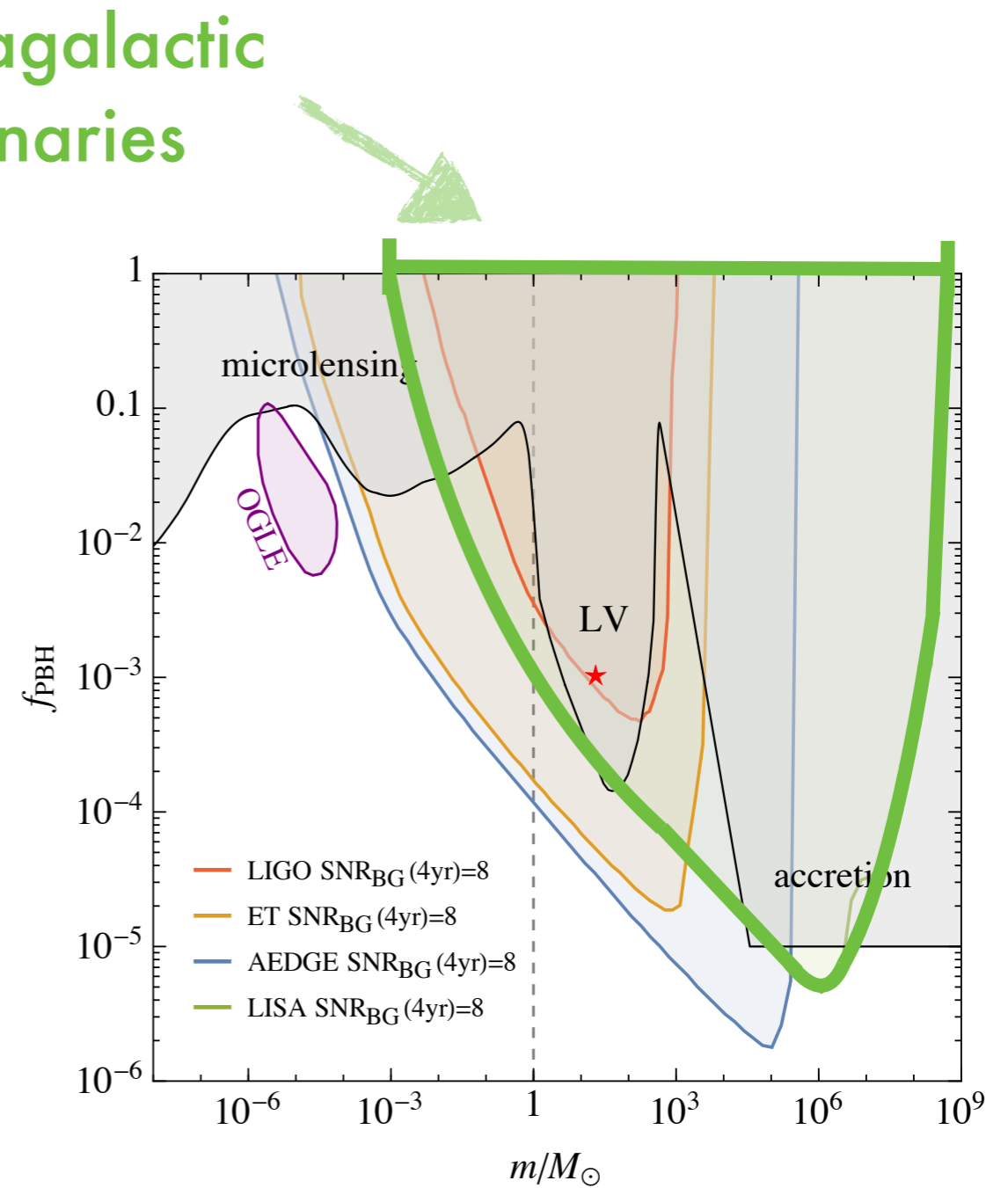
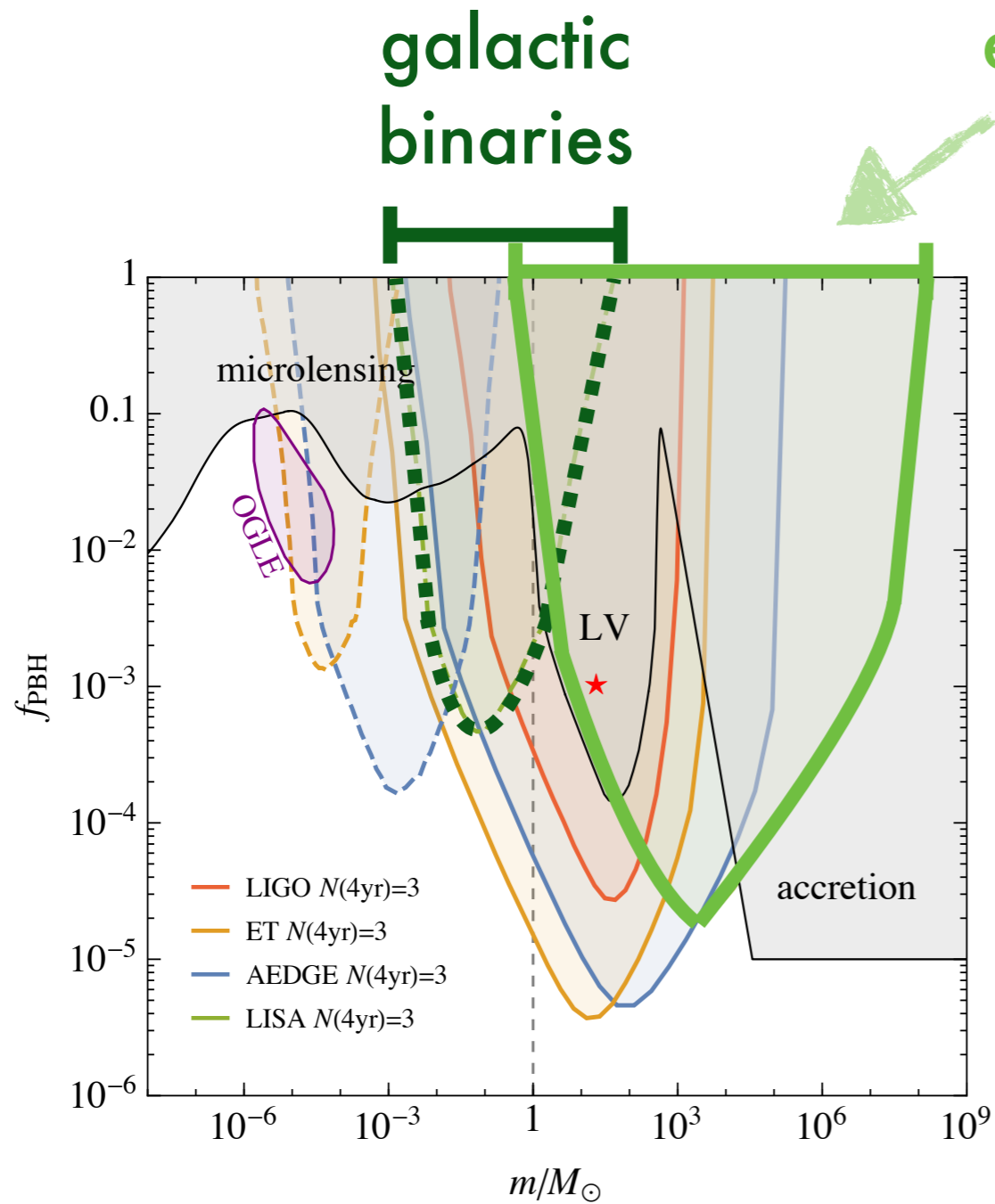
galactic  
binaries



INDIVIDUAL BINARIES

SGWB

# Prospects for PBH binaries



INDIVIDUAL BINARIES

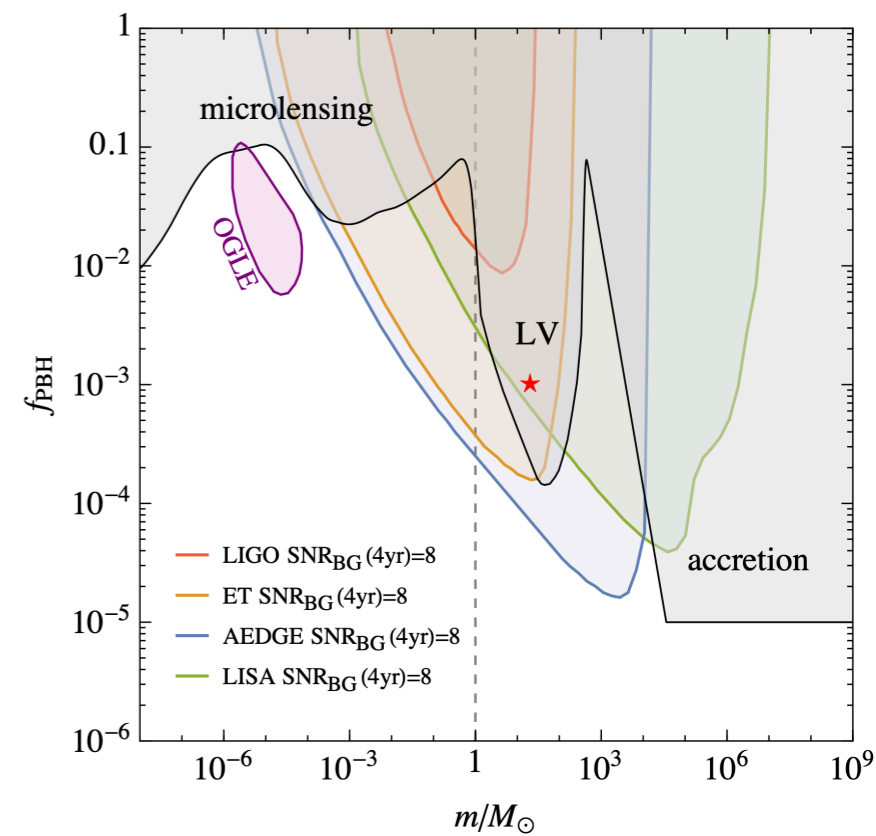
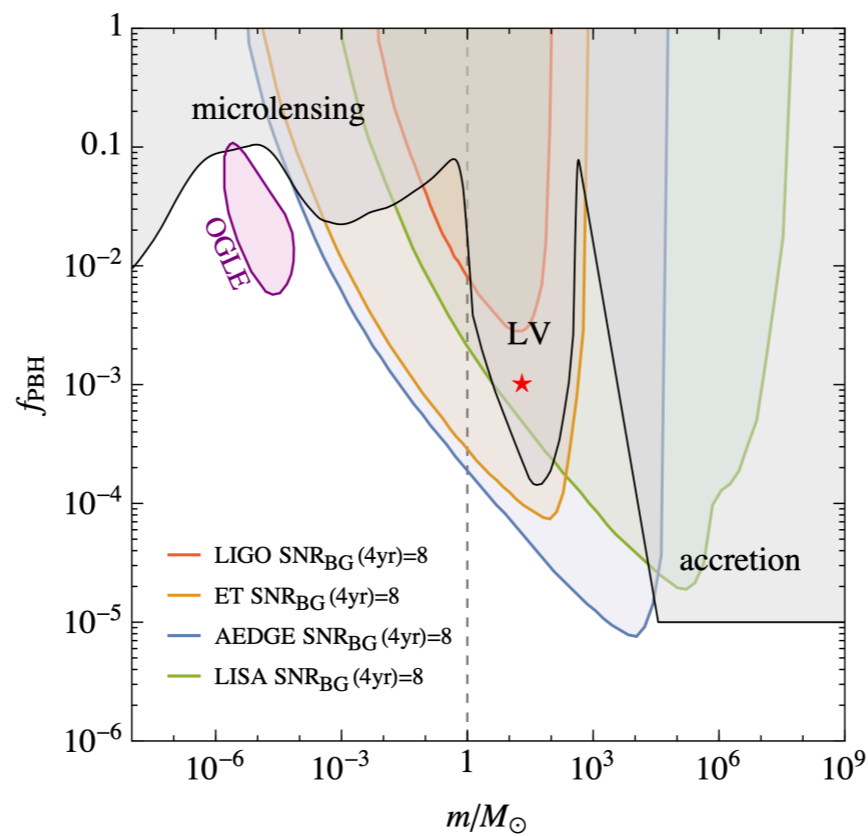
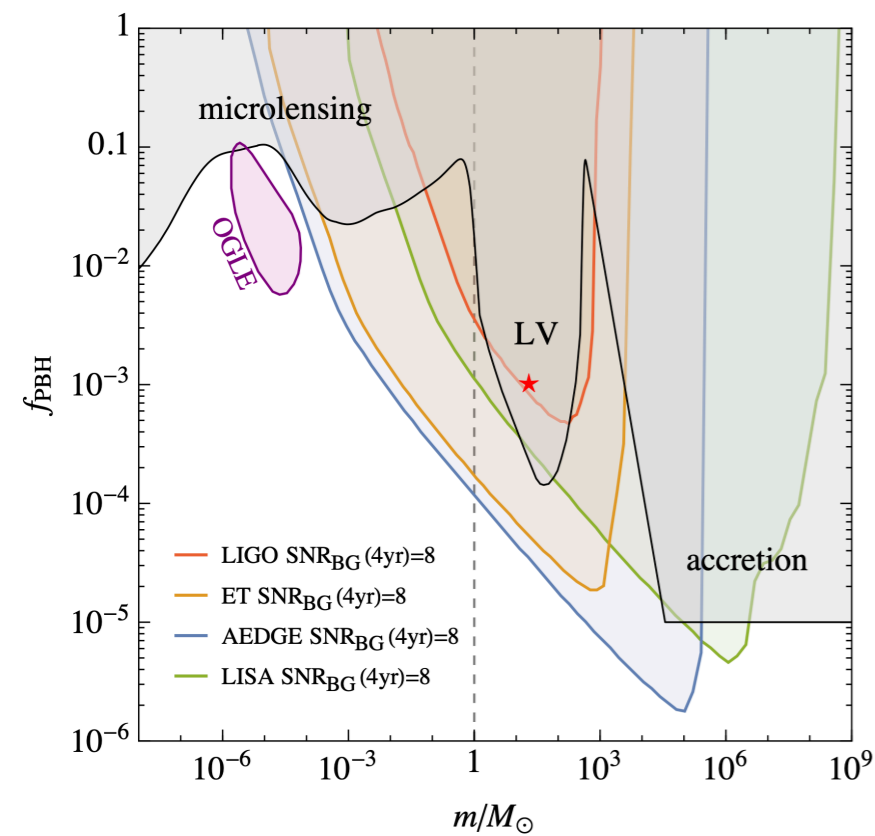
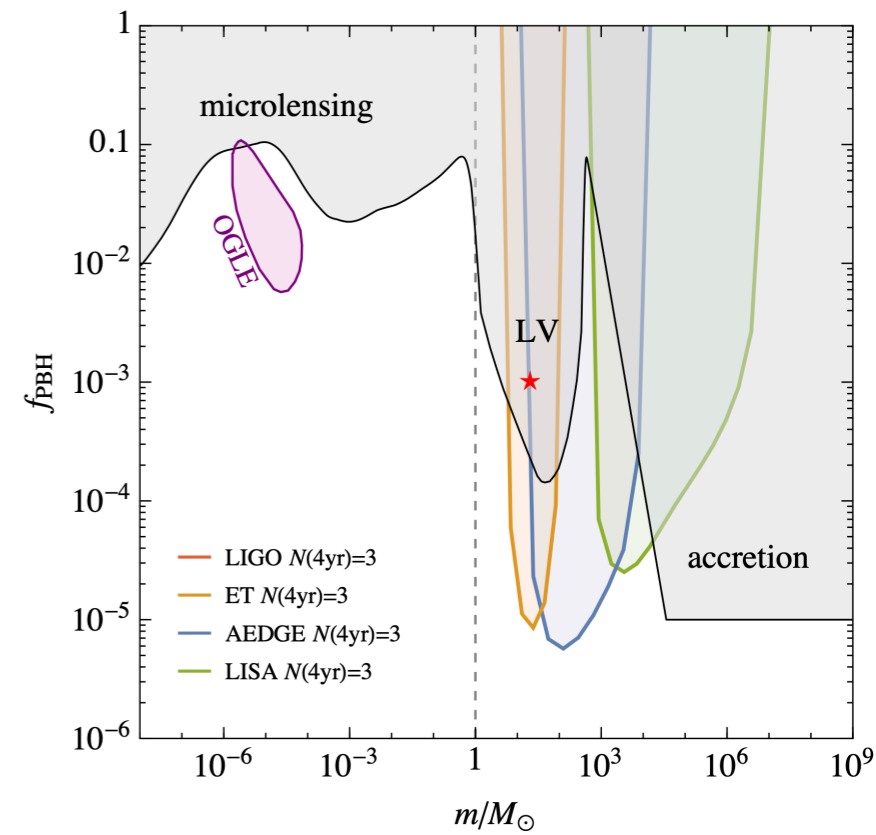
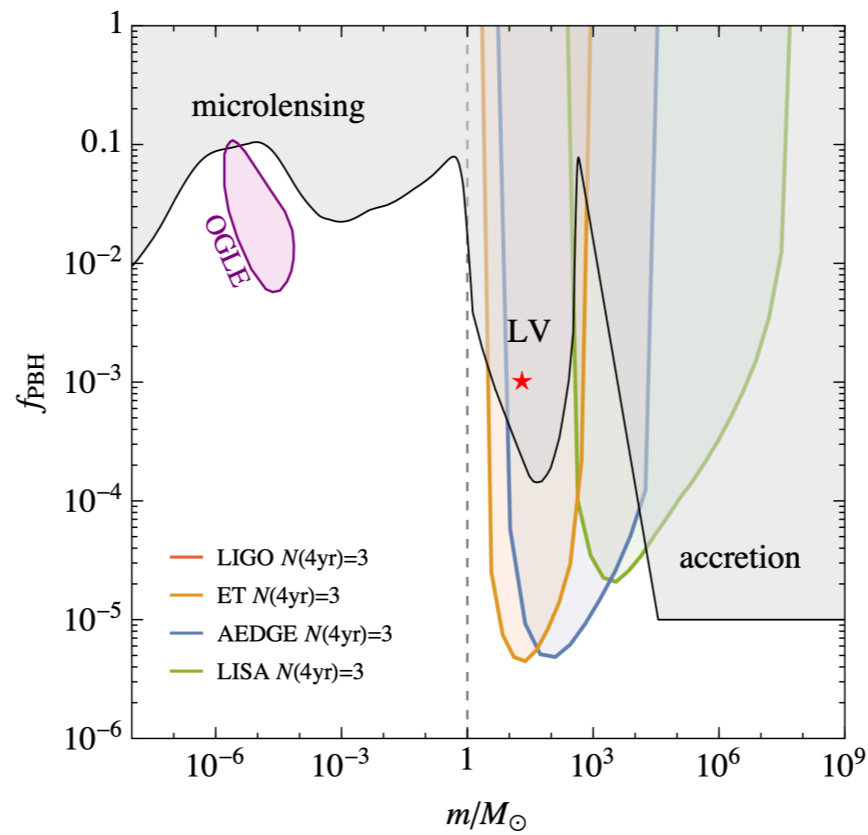
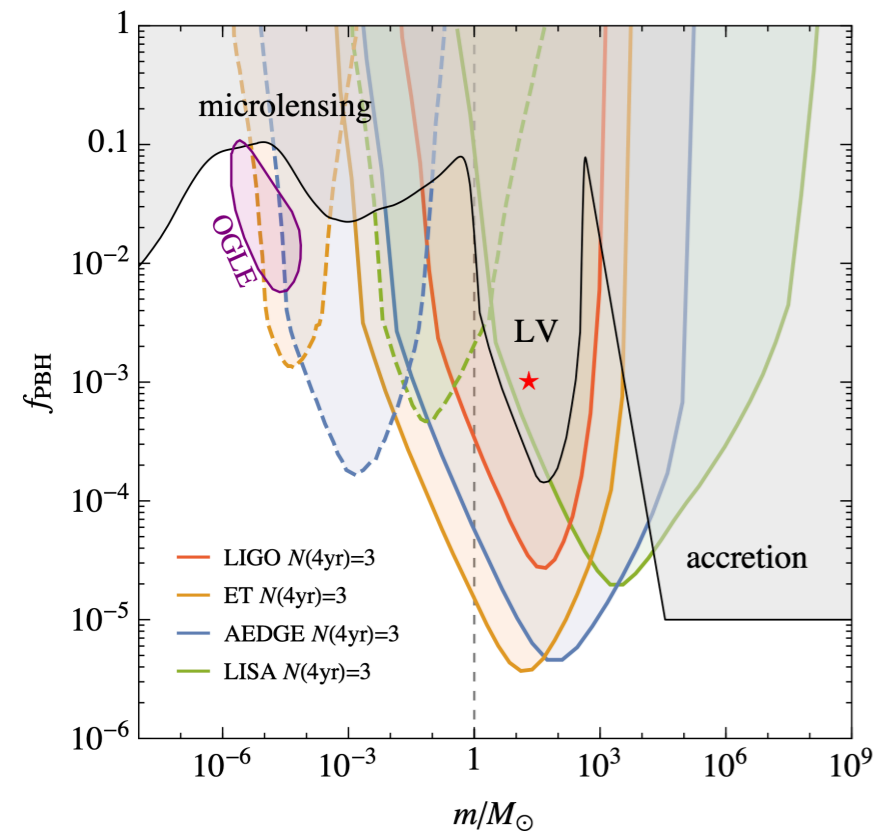
SGWB

# INDIVIDUAL MERGERS

$z_{cut} = 0$

$z_{cut} = 5$

$z_{cut} = 20$



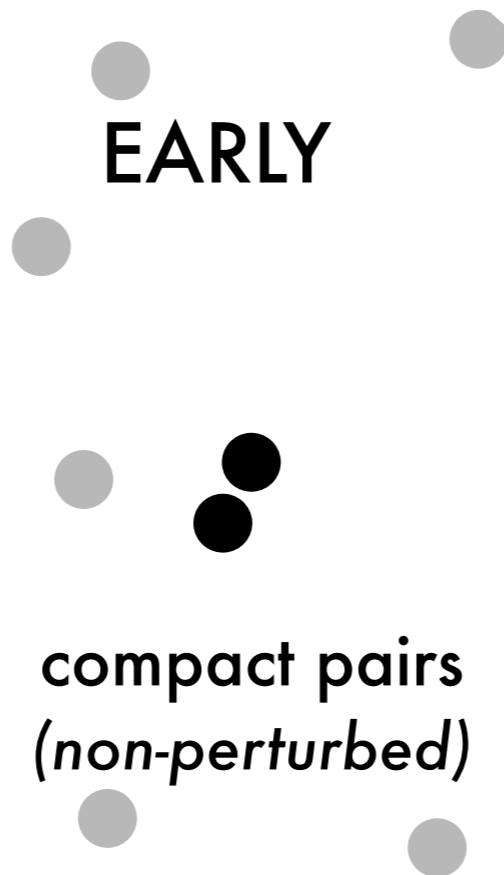
SGWB

# PBH BINARIES

dominates if

$$f_{\text{PBH}} \ll 1$$

highly eccentric



compact pairs  
(*non-perturbed*)

[ astro-ph/9708060 Nakamura et al ]

LATE



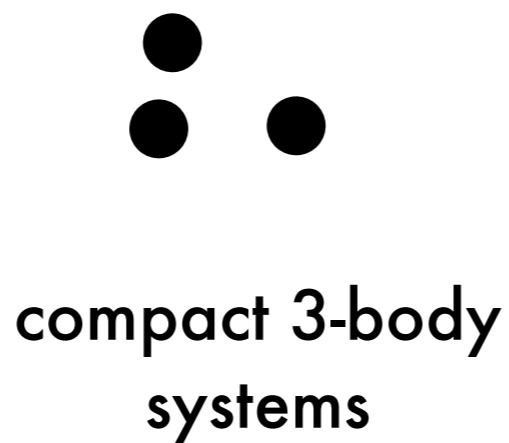
2-body capture

[ 1603.00464 Bird et al ]

dominates if

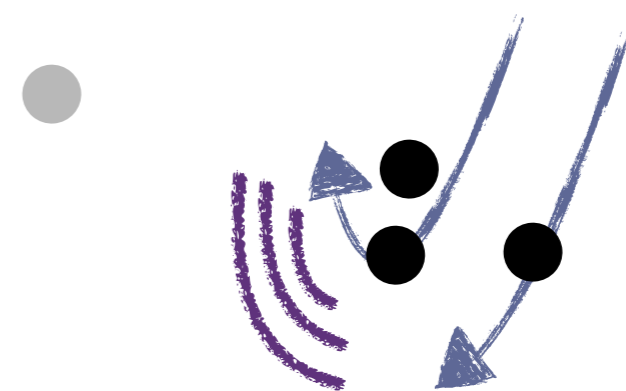
$$f_{\text{PBH}} \sim 1$$

some evolution via  
BH-BBH collisions



compact 3-body  
systems

[ 1908.09752 Vaskonen, HV ]



3-body  
interactions

[ 2205.15340 Franciolini et al ]

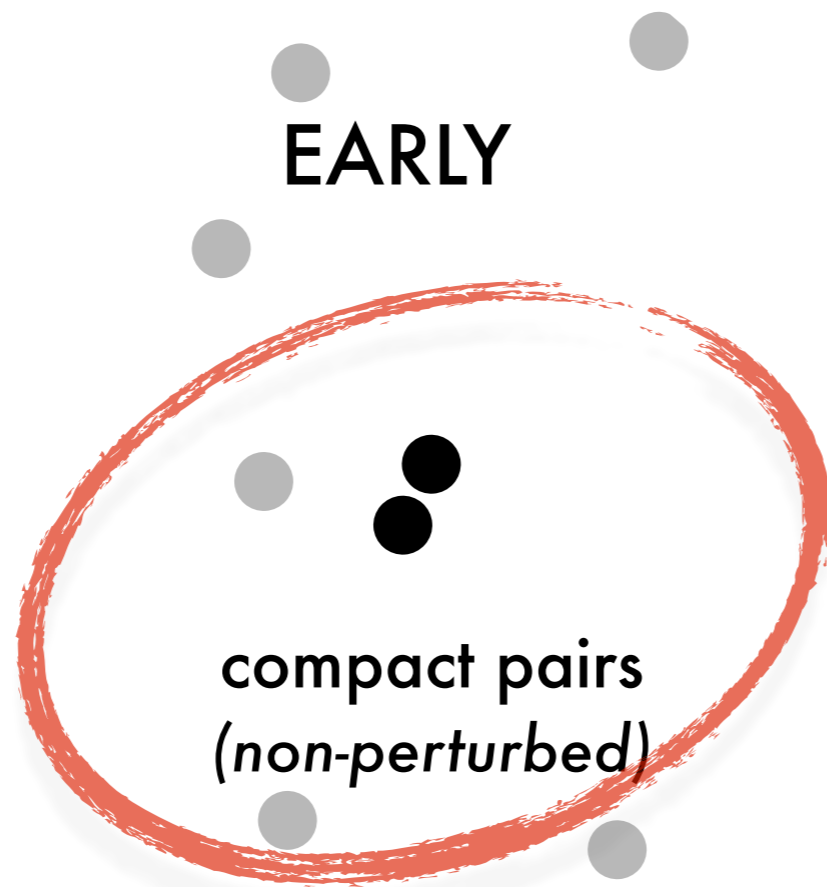


# PBH BINARIES

dominates if

$$f_{\text{PBH}} \ll 1$$

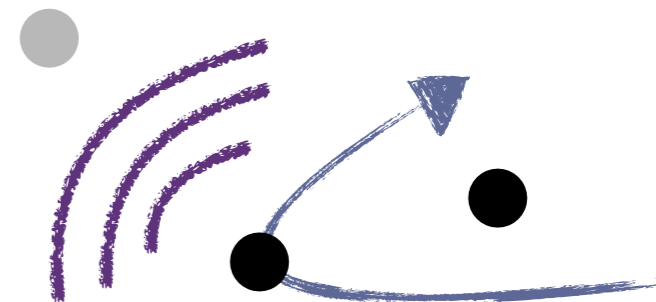
highly eccentric



compact pairs  
(*non-perturbed*)

[ astro-ph/9708060 Nakamura et al ]

## LATE



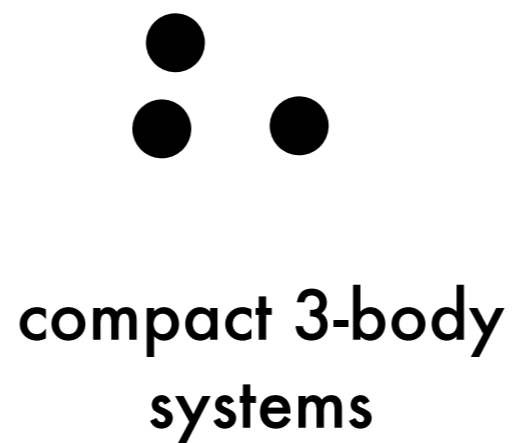
2-body capture

[ 1603.00464 Bird et al ]

dominates if

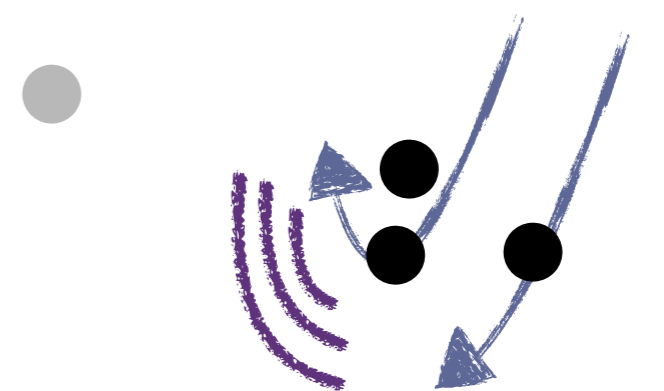
$$f_{\text{PBH}} \sim 1$$

some evolution via  
BH-BBH collisions



compact 3-body  
systems

[ 1908.09752 Vaskonen, HV ]



3-body  
interactions

[ 2205.15340 Franciolini et al ]

# MERGER RATE

$$\frac{dR_{\text{np}}}{dm_1 dm_2} \approx \frac{1.6 \times 10^6}{\text{Gpc}^3 \text{yr}} f_{\text{PBH}}^{\frac{53}{37}} \left[ \frac{t}{t_0} \right]^{-\frac{34}{37}} \left[ \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right]^{-\frac{32}{37}} \eta^{-\frac{34}{37}} S[\psi, f_{\text{PBH}}, M] \frac{\psi(m_1)\psi(m_2)}{\langle m \rangle^2}$$

\*DOES NOT CONTAIN PBH BINARY SUBPOPULATIONS: perturbed initial binaries, binaries formed in present DM haloes, ...

# MERGER RATE

$$\frac{dR_{\text{np}}}{dm_1 dm_2} \approx \frac{1.6 \times 10^6}{\text{Gpc}^3 \text{yr}} f_{\text{PBH}}^{\frac{53}{37}} \left[ \frac{t}{t_0} \right]^{-\frac{34}{37}} \left[ \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right]^{-\frac{32}{37}} \eta^{-\frac{34}{37}} S[\psi, f_{\text{PBH}}, M] \frac{\psi(m_1)\psi(m_2)}{\langle m \rangle^2}$$

Observations give

$$R_{\text{observed}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10) \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

Universal time  
dependence

Most binaries can be disrupted:

$$S_{\text{sup}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \text{ for } f_{\text{PBH}} \approx 1$$

# MERGER RATE

$$\frac{dR_{\text{np}}}{dm_1 dm_2} \approx \frac{1.6 \times 10^6}{\text{Gpc}^3 \text{yr}} f_{\text{PBH}}^{\frac{53}{37}} \left[ \frac{t}{t_0} \right]^{-\frac{34}{37}} \left[ \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right]^{-\frac{32}{37}} \eta^{-\frac{34}{37}} S[\psi, f_{\text{PBH}}, M] \frac{\psi(m_1)\psi(m_2)}{\langle m \rangle^2}$$

Observations give

$$R_{\text{observed}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10) \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

Universal time  
dependence

Most binaries can be disrupted:

$$S_{\text{sup}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \text{ for } f_{\text{PBH}} \approx 1$$

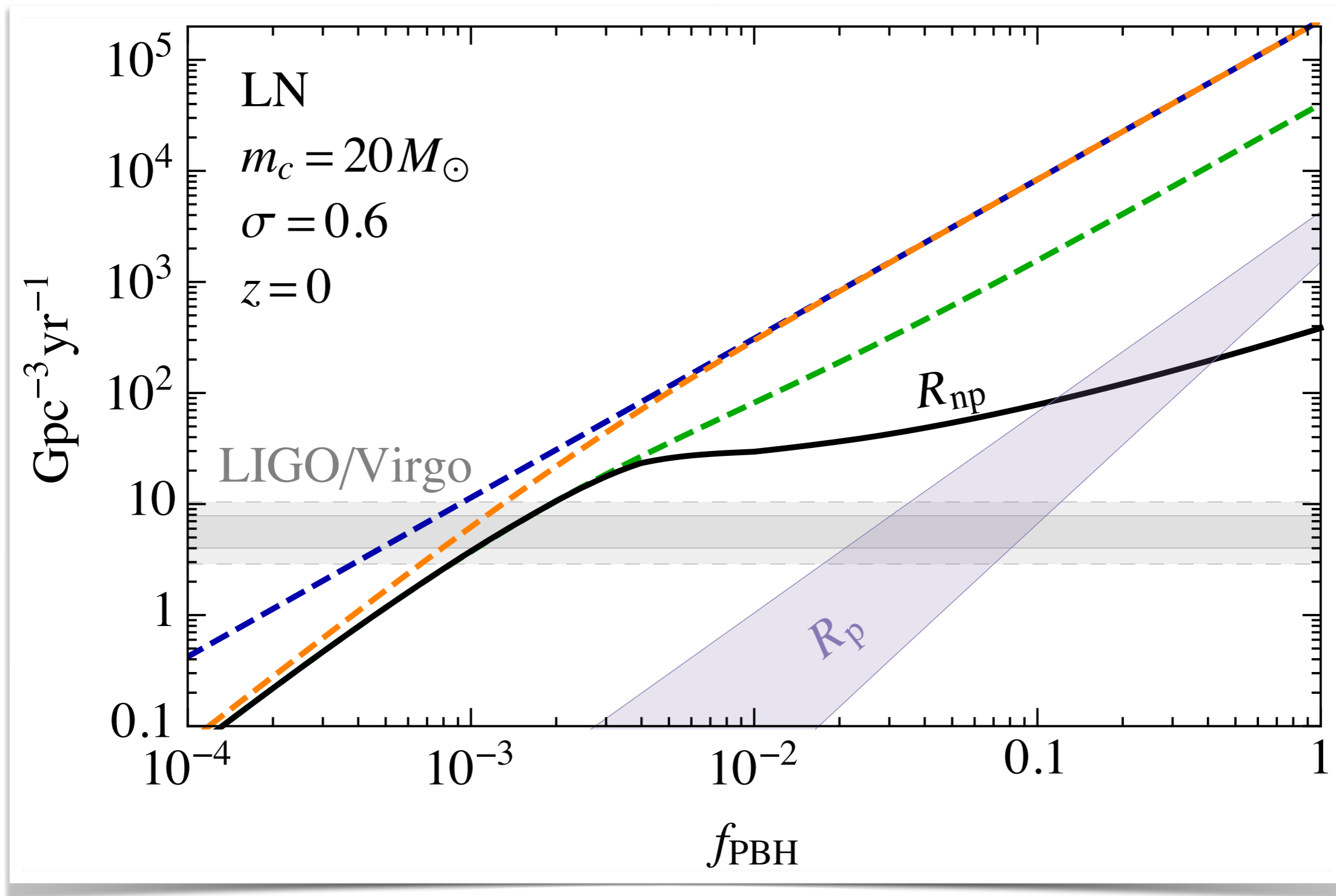
## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

These PBH binaries are...

- Hard => collisions tend to harden them further
- Extremely eccentric => collisions tend to reduce eccentricity, increase coalescence time by several orders of magnitude
- large mass ratios suppressed

\*DOES NOT CONTAIN PBH BINARY SUBPOPULATIONS: perturbed initial binaries, binaries formed in present DM haloes, ...

# MERGER RATE



\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

# MERGER RATE

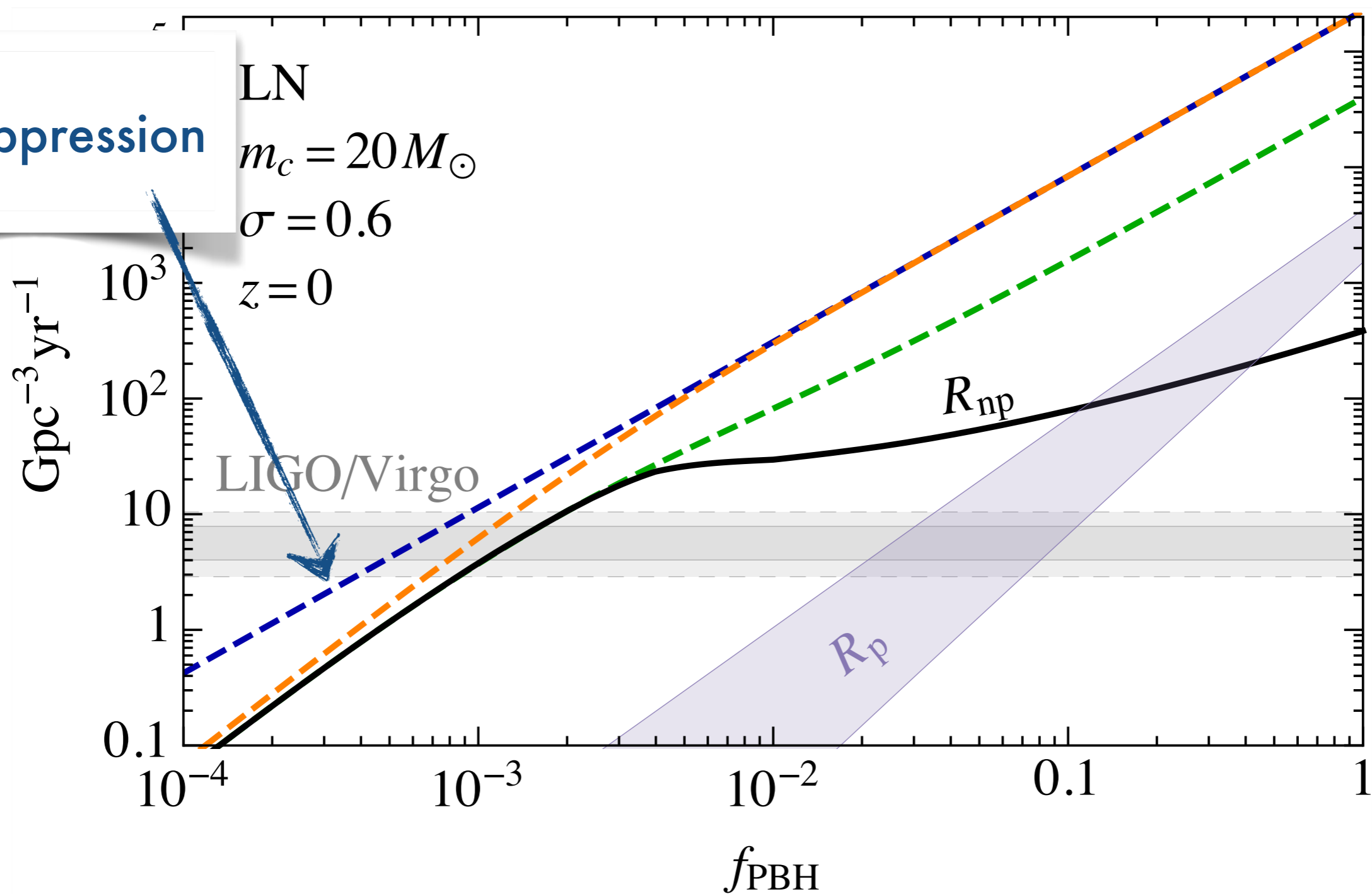
no suppression

LN

$$m_c = 20 M_\odot$$

$$\sigma = 0.6$$

$$z = 0$$



\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

# MERGER RATE

infall of  
nearest PBH

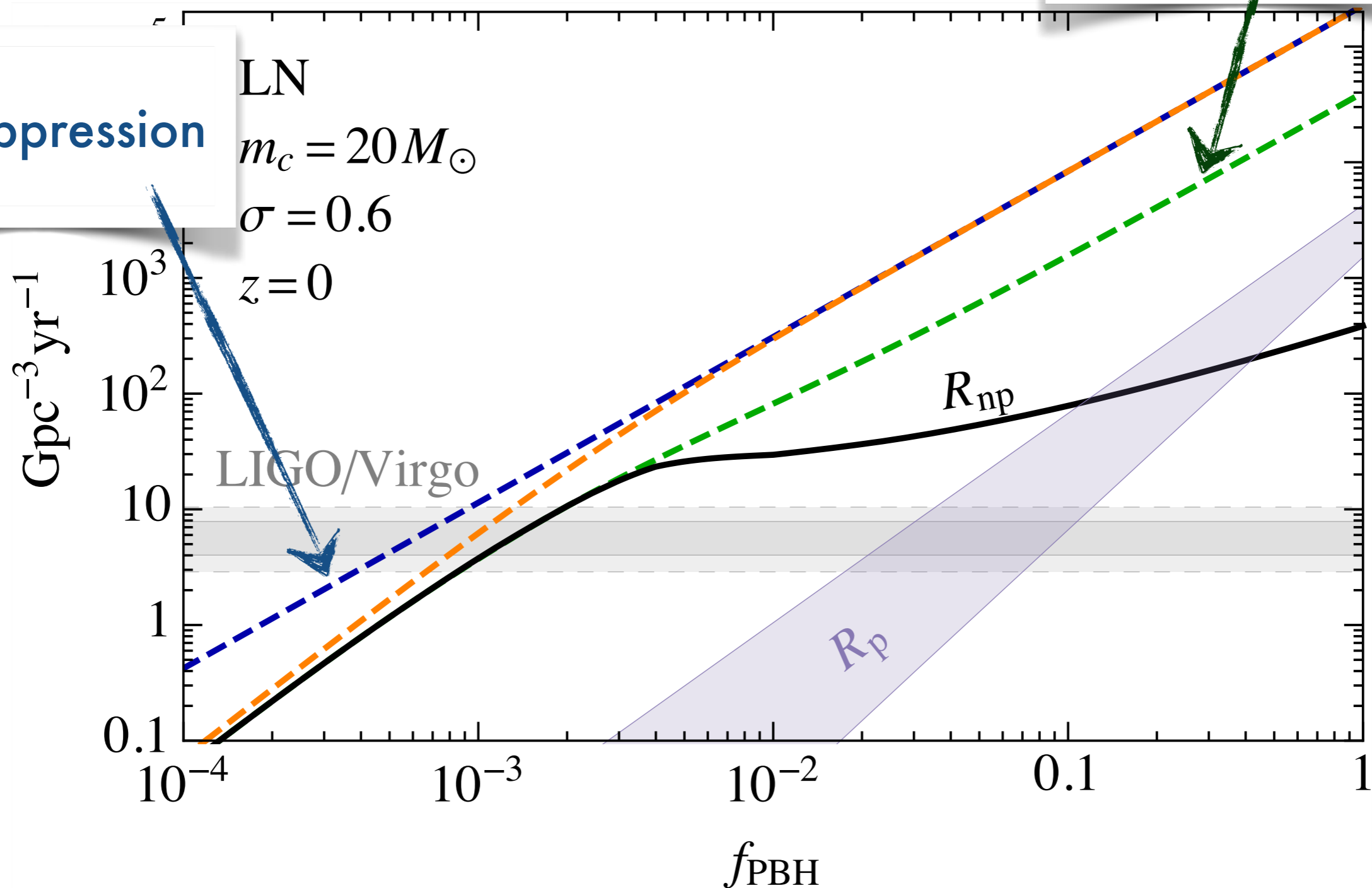
no suppression

LN

$$m_c = 20 M_\odot$$

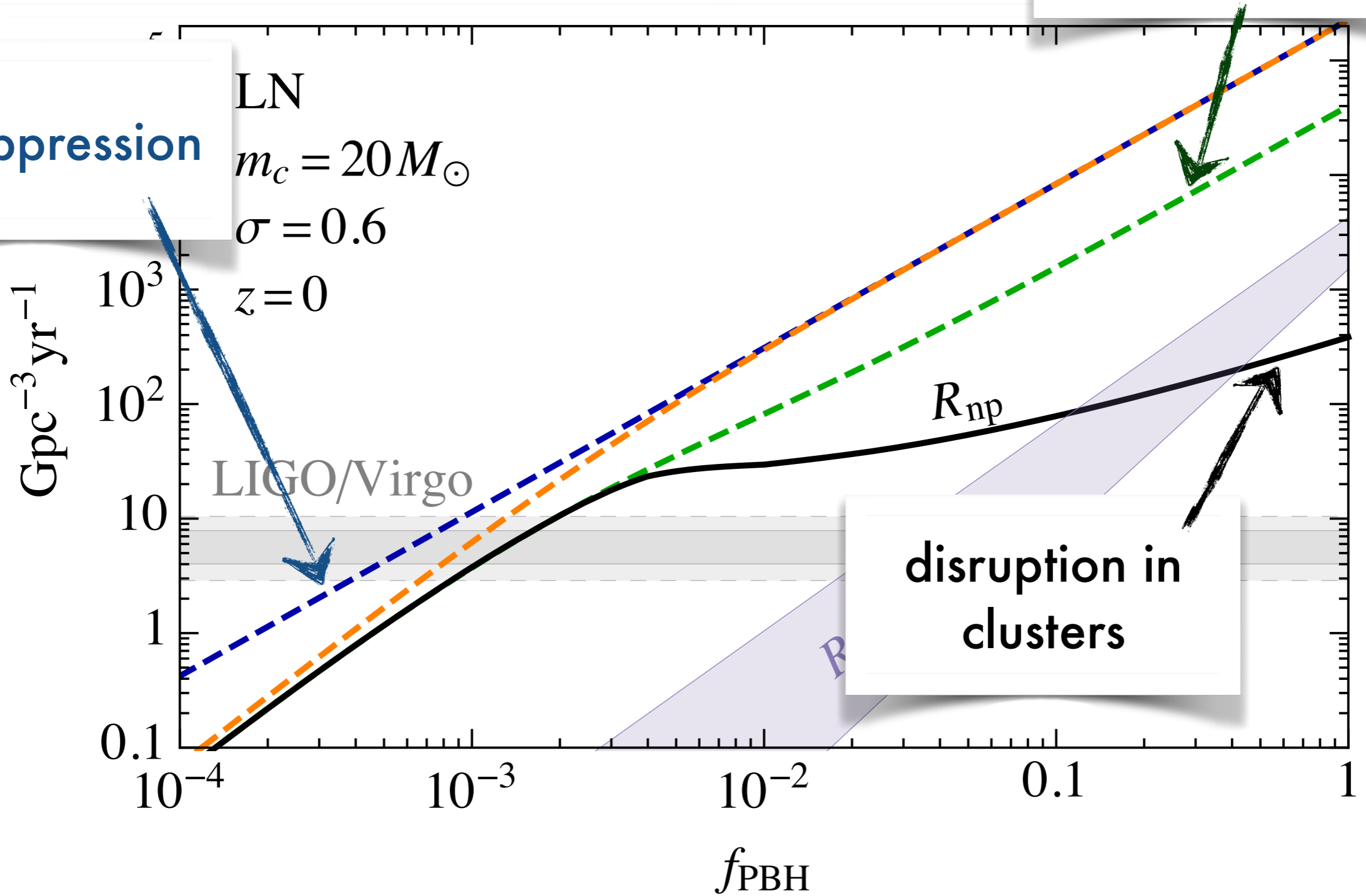
$$\sigma = 0.6$$

$$z = 0$$



\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

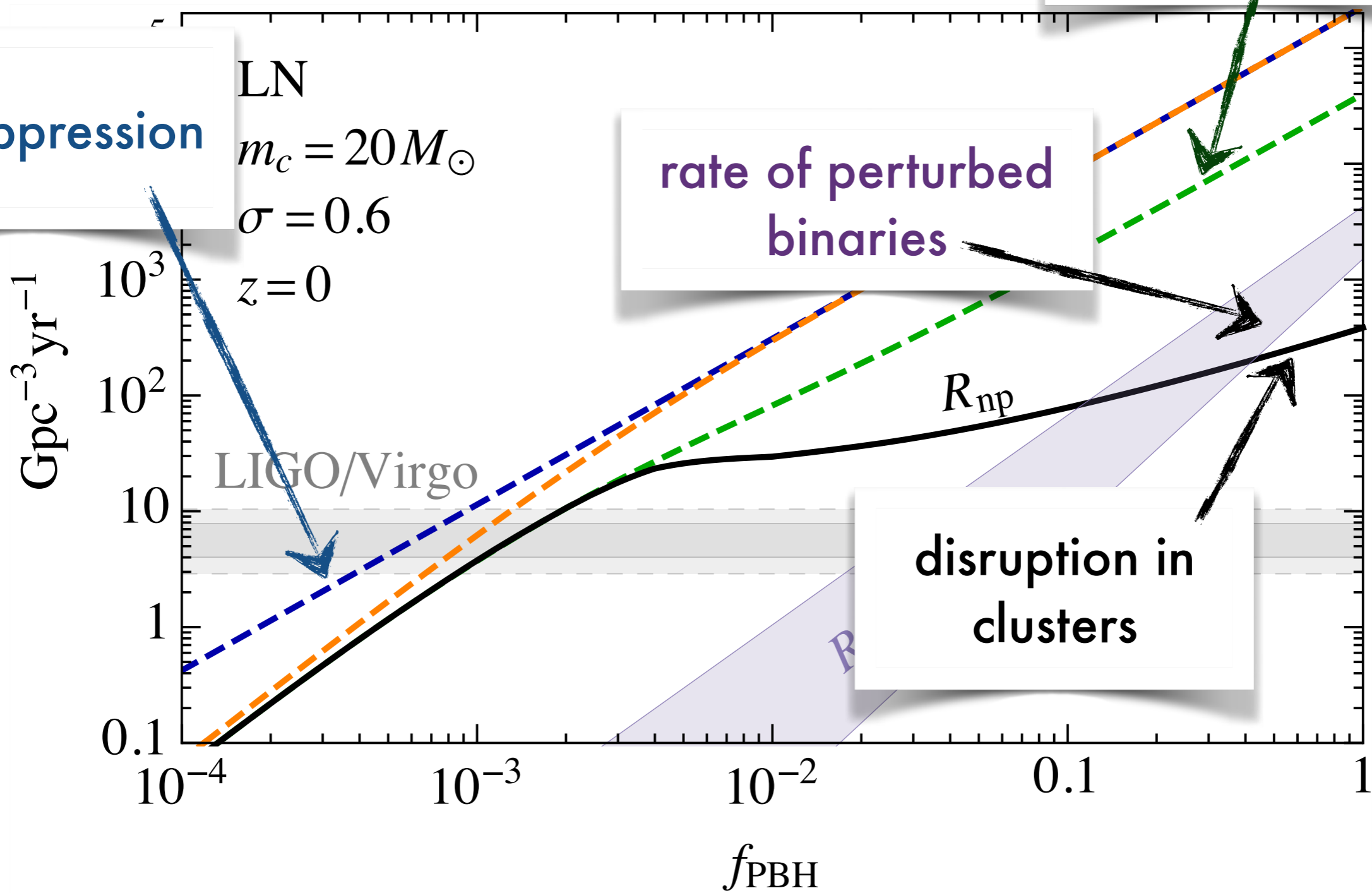
# MERGER RATE



\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

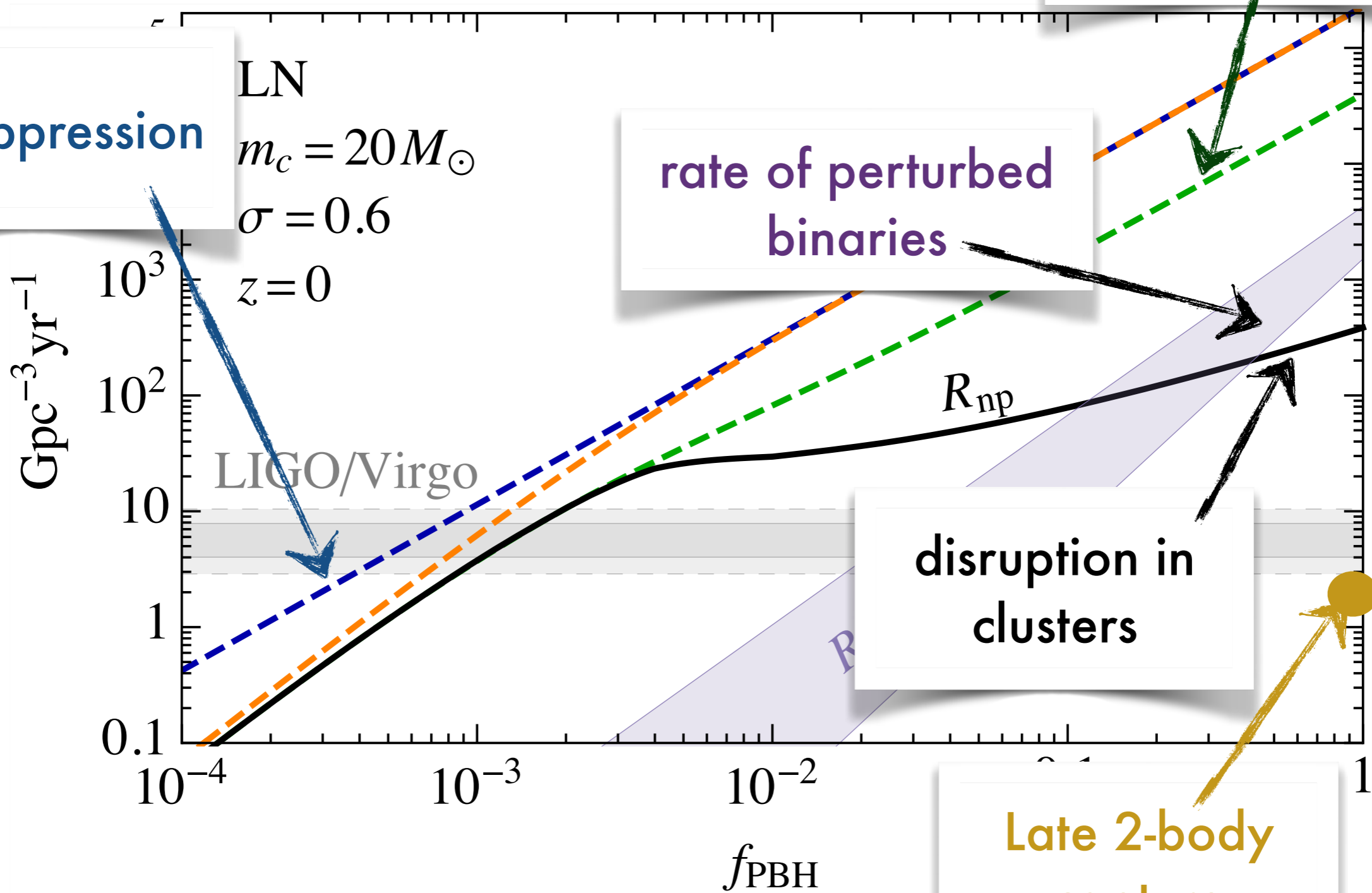


# MERGER RATE



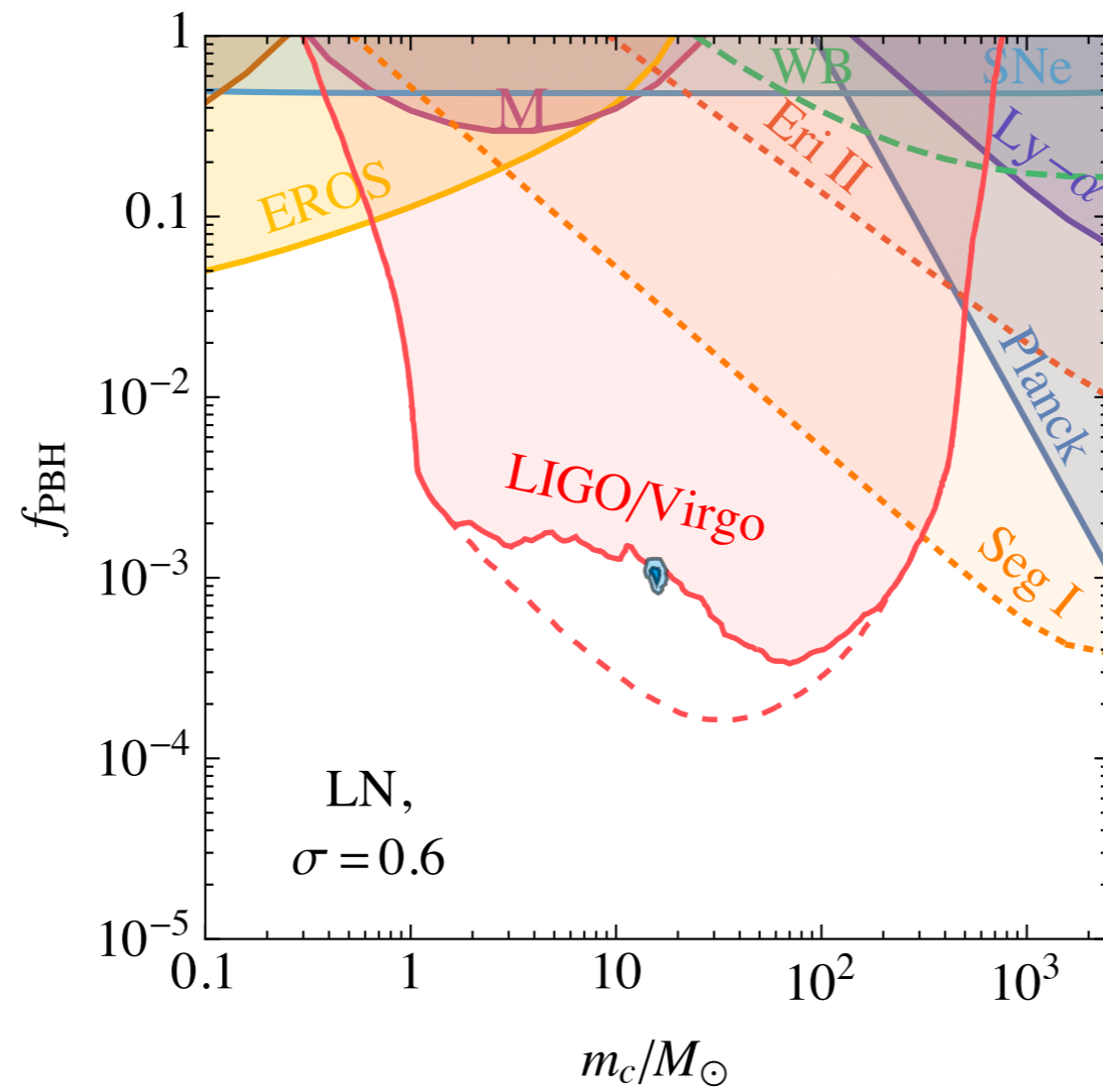
\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

# MERGER RATE



\*assuming a log-normal mass function  $\psi(m) \propto \exp[-\ln^2(m/m_c)/(2\sigma^2)]$

# PBHs with LVK

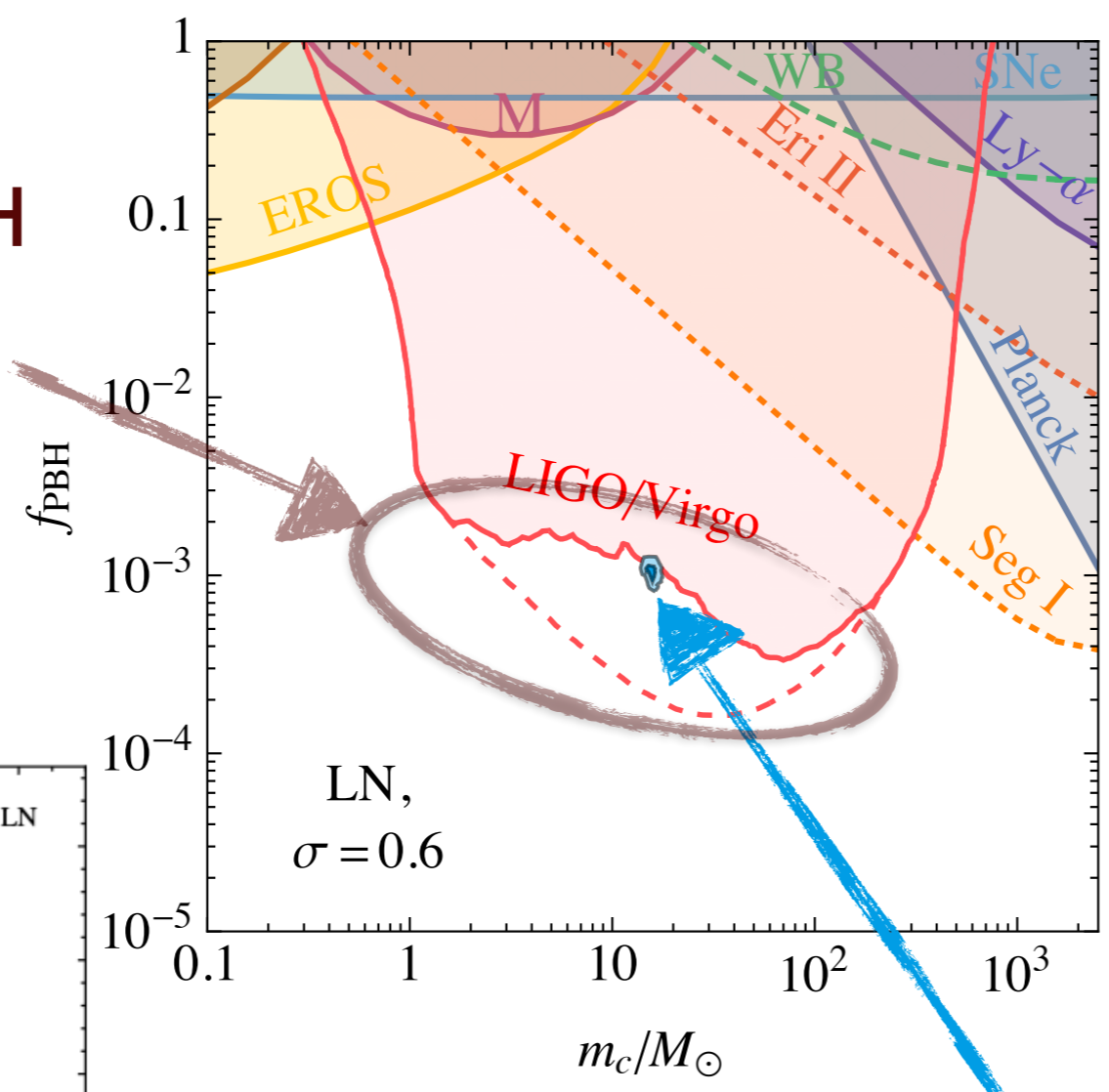
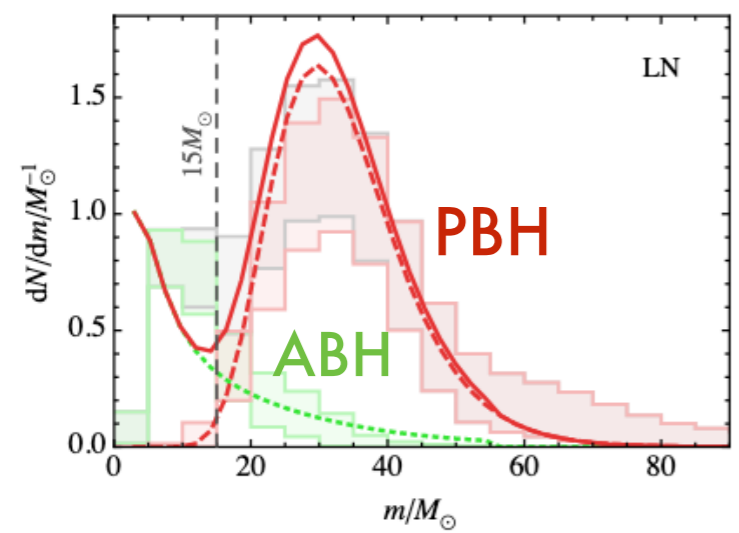


\* non-perturbed binary formation channel only

# PBHs with LVK

scenarios with PBH subpopulations

for example:



best-fit PBH only scenario

\* non-perturbed binary formation channel only

# OPEN PROBLEMS

# OPEN PROBLEMS

- **WIDE MASS DISTRIBUTIONS** SPANNING SEVERAL ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE
  - *binary evolution with wide mass functions*

# OPEN PROBLEMS

- **WIDE MASS DISTRIBUTIONS** *SPANNING SEVERAL ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE*
  - *binary evolution with wide mass functions*
- **NON-POISSON DISTRIBUTED PBHs**
  - *small initial clustering expected to enhance constraints*
  - *strong clustering can clash with other constraints (e.g. Lyman- $\alpha$ )*

# OPEN PROBLEMS

- **WIDE MASS DISTRIBUTIONS** *SPANNING SEVERAL ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE*
  - *binary evolution with wide mass functions*
- **NON-POISSON DISTRIBUTED PBHs**
  - *small initial clustering expected to enhance constraints*
  - *strong clustering can clash with other constraints (e.g. Lyman- $\alpha$ )*
- **STRUCTURE FORMATION WITH PBHs**
  - *simulations exist only for  $z > 100$  or individual clusters*
  - *effect of initial clustering?*



# OPEN PROBLEMS

- **WIDE MASS DISTRIBUTIONS** *SPANNING SEVERAL ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE*
  - *binary evolution with wide mass functions*
- **NON-POISSON DISTRIBUTED PBHs**
  - *small initial clustering expected to enhance constraints*
  - *strong clustering can clash with other constraints (e.g. Lyman- $\alpha$ )*
- **STRUCTURE FORMATION WITH PBHs**
  - *simulations exist only for  $z > 100$  or individual clusters*
  - *effect of initial clustering?*
- **ACCRETION**
  - *large uncertainties in accretion physics, incl. accretion into binaries*
  - *relevant for the evolution of spin and eccentricities*

# OPEN PROBLEMS

- **WIDE MASS DISTRIBUTIONS** *SPANNING SEVERAL ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE*
  - *binary evolution with wide mass functions*
- **NON-POISSON DISTRIBUTED PBHs**
  - *small initial clustering expected to enhance constraints*
  - *strong clustering can clash with other constraints (e.g. Lyman- $\alpha$ )*
- **STRUCTURE FORMATION WITH PBHs**
  - *simulations exist only for  $z > 100$  or individual clusters*
  - *effect of initial clustering?*
- **ACCRETION**
  - *large uncertainties in accretion physics, incl. accretion into binaries*
  - *relevant for the evolution of spin and eccentricities*
- **IMPACT OF ECCENTRICITY IN GW ANALYSES**
  - *relevant for long-lived inspiralling binaries*

# SUMMARY

LISA is expected to cover the **asteroid mass window** using the scalar induced **SGWB** (*assuming PBHs from inflation*)

LISA could observe **PBH binaries in the solar mass range** over 12 orders of magnitude ( $M_{\text{PBH}} = 10^{-3} - 10^9 M_{\text{odot}}$ ) and PBH abundances as low as  $f_{\text{PBH}} = 10^{-5}$ . Expected to probe subsolar mass galactic PBH binaries.

To cover the **full range of PBH models**, improvements needed in PBH binary population (*and SWGB*) modelling (*wide mass functions, PBH structure formation and binary evolution, eccentricities, accretion and spin, 3-body channels, GWs signals alternative PBH formation scenarios...*)