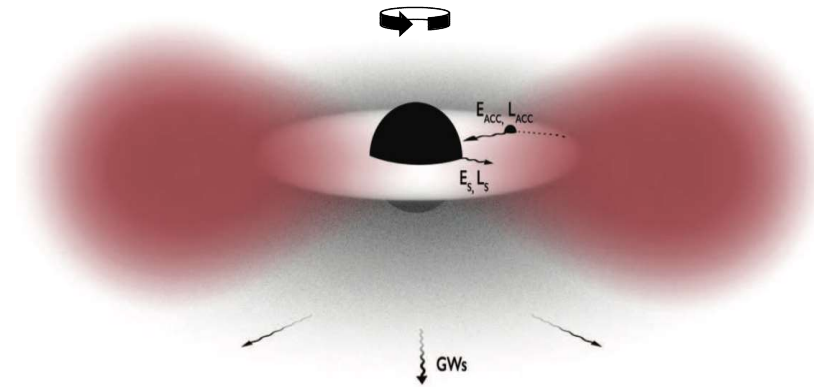


# Axion Bose-Einstein Condensate



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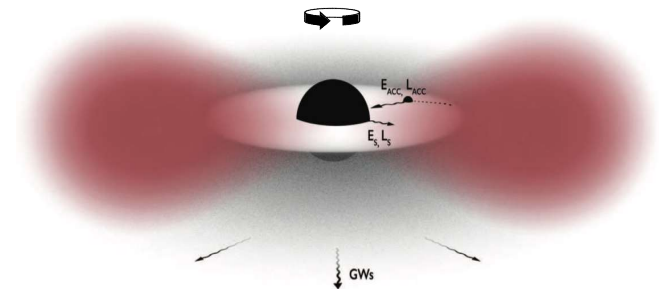
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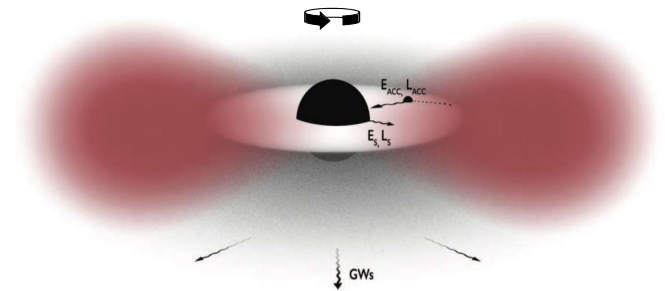
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# Strong CP Problem

- Strong CP-violating term  $\mathcal{L}_\theta = \theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$

Neutron electric dipole moment measurement:  $\theta \lesssim 10^{-10}$

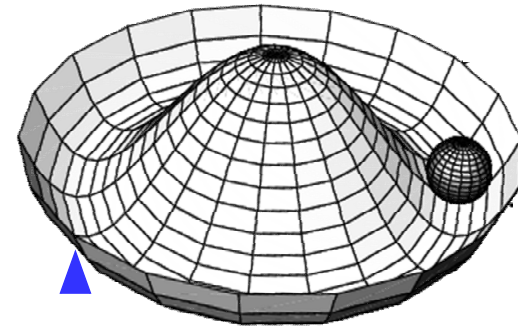
- Surprisingly **small** because:
- High-energy physics breaks CP
  - “Anthropic boundary”:  $\theta \lesssim 10^{-3}$

- Peccei-Quinn Mechanism

$$\theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \phi \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

↑  
Unnaturally small  
parameter

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Dynamical field:  
Axion.



The potential is **tilted** by quark condensate  
The axion field **slides** down to  $\phi = 0$   
**Restore** the CP symmetry

Peccei & Quinn (1977)

Weinberg (1978), Wilczek (1978)

# Relativistic Axions

Real pseudoscalar field

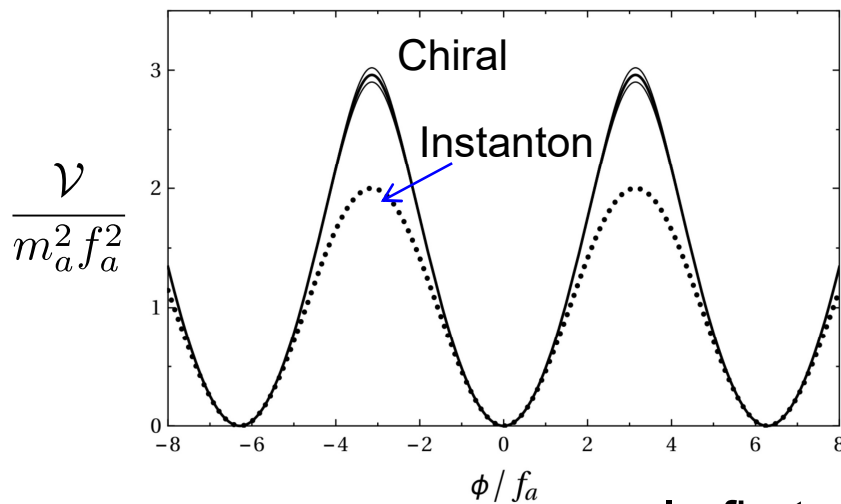
Temperature below 1 GeV

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \mathcal{V}(\phi)$$

Attractive force  
when  $\phi$  is small

- **Instanton**  $\mathcal{V}(\phi) = m_a^2 f_a^2 [1 - \cos(\phi/f_a)] = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 \phi^2 - \frac{m_a^2}{4! f_a^2} \phi^4 + \dots$

- **Chiral**  $\mathcal{V}(\phi) = m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 \left( 1 - \left[ 1 - \frac{4z}{(1+z)^2} \sin^2(\phi/2f_a) \right]^{1/2} \right)$   $z = \frac{m_u}{m_d} \approx 0.48$



Periodic  $\mathcal{V}(\phi) = \mathcal{V}(\phi + 2\pi f_a)$

For QCD axion:  $m_a f_a = (80 \text{ MeV})^2$

Constraints from astro. & cosmology

$$10^8 \text{ GeV} < f_a < 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

$$10^{-6} \text{ eV} < m_a < 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

In first part of this talk, I choose  $m_a = 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$  .

# Couplings

- Self-interaction: vertices with  $2n$  axions ( $n \geq 2$ )

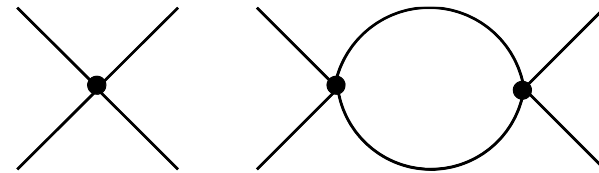
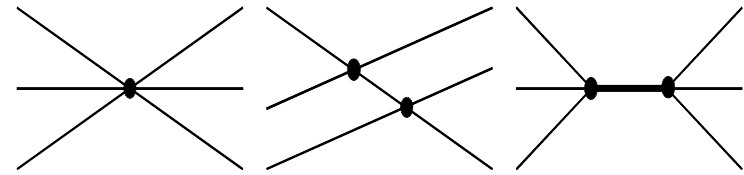
e.g. Instanton model:

$$\mathcal{V}(\phi) = m_a^2 f_a^2 [1 - \cos(\phi/f_a)]$$

Each loop is suppressed by

$$(m_a/f_a)^2 \sim 10^{-48}$$

**Classical Field Theory!**

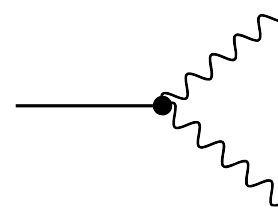


- Very weak coupling to photons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{em}} = \frac{c_{\text{em}} \alpha}{16\pi f_a} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} \phi.$$

$$\text{Decay rate: } \Gamma_a = \frac{c_{\text{em}}^2 \alpha^2 m_a^3}{256\pi^3 f_a^2}.$$

$$\text{Photon energy: } m_a/2 \sim 10 \text{ GHz}$$



Axion lifetime  $\sim 10^{36}$  years

Age of Universe  $\sim 10^{10}$  years

**Radio frequency**

# Axion Cosmology

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- **Cold** dark matter axions are produced **abundantly** at QCD phase transition scale  $T \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

**Non-thermal** axion production mechanism

For more details, see Lect. Notes Phys. 741 (2008)

Mostly **non-relativistic**

➤ Vacuum misalignment

**Coherent**

Preskill, Wise & Wilczek (1983)  
Abbot & Sikivie (1983)  
Dine & Fischler (1983)

➤ Cosmic string decay

**Incoherent**

Davis (1986)  
Harari & Sikivie (1987)

→ **Coherent**

# Axion Dark Matter

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- spin-0 **non-relativistic boson**

with **extremely small mass**  $6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

and **extremely small self-coupling and coupling** to SM particles

(suppressed by  $3 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV} \lesssim f_a \lesssim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$  )

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**Good candidate for dark matter!**



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- **Different** from other cold dark matter.

Take  $m_a = 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$  , de Broglie wave length  $\sim 2 \text{ mm}$

Use local density  $0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$  ,  $n \times \lambda_{dB}^3 \sim 3 \times 10^{10}$

Huge occupation number!

- In coherence  the axions are in **BEC!**

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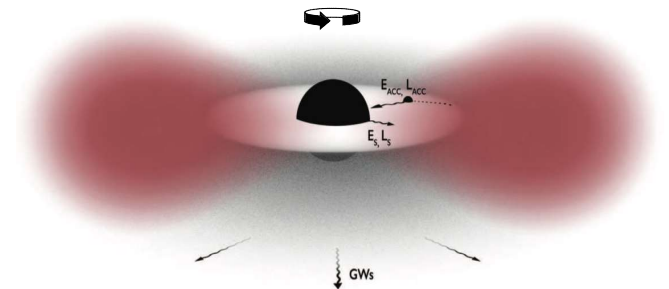
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# Warmup: 1-d S-G Oscillon (breather)

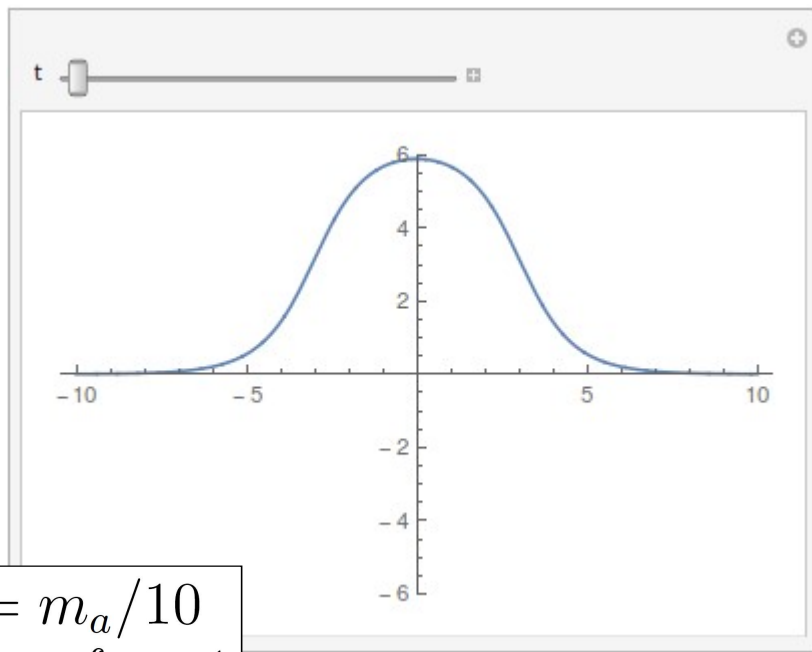
EOM (1-d Sine-Gordon eq., no gravity)

Ablowitz et.al., PRL (1973)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi(t, x) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \phi(t, x) + m_a^2 f_a \sin \frac{\phi(t, x)}{f_a} = 0$$

Analytic solution ( $0 < \omega < 1$  is the frequency)

$$\phi(t, x) = 4f_a \arctan \left[ \sqrt{\omega^{-2} - 1} \operatorname{sech}(\sqrt{1 - \omega^2} m_a x) \cos(m_a \omega t) \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= m_a/10 \\ m_a &= f_a = 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Features:

- Periodic
- Shape changes slightly
  - Dominated by  $\omega$
  - Small components with  $3\omega, 5\omega \dots$
- Exponentially small at infinity (no radiation)
- Stable against perturbation

# Non-relativistic EFT (Part I)

- Full Lagrangian for real scalars

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \mathcal{V}(\phi)$$

- Naïve non-relativistic reduction

Chavanis, PRD (2011), Chavanis, Delfini, PRD (2011)  
Braaten, Mahapatra, HZ, PRD (2016)

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m_a}} [\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-im_a t} + \psi^*(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{+im_a t}]$$

Complex scalar

For systematic treatment, see  
Braaten, Mahapatra, HZ,  
PRD (2016), PRD(2018)  
Namjoo, Guth, Kaiser, PRD (2018)

- Ignore all terms with rapid oscillating phase

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} i (\psi^* \dot{\psi} - \dot{\psi}^* \psi) - \frac{1}{2m_a} \nabla \psi^* \cdot \nabla \psi - \mathcal{V}_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{eff}} = m_a \psi^* \psi - \frac{1}{16} \frac{(\psi^* \psi)^2}{f_a^2} + \frac{1}{288} \frac{(\psi^* \psi)^3}{m_a f_a^4} + \dots$$

Dilute  
limit

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Attractive interaction!

Expand by

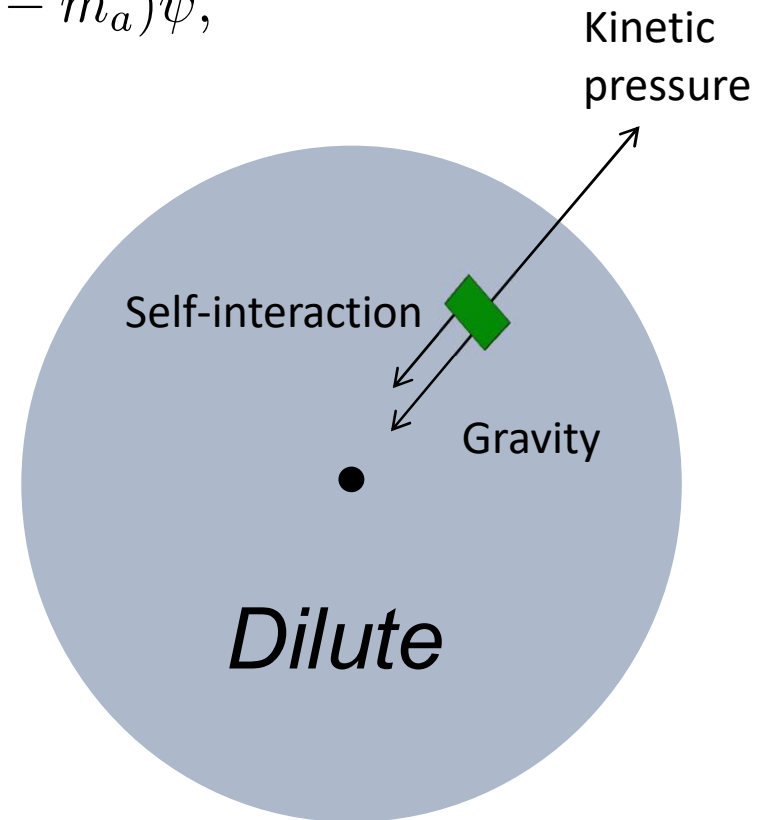
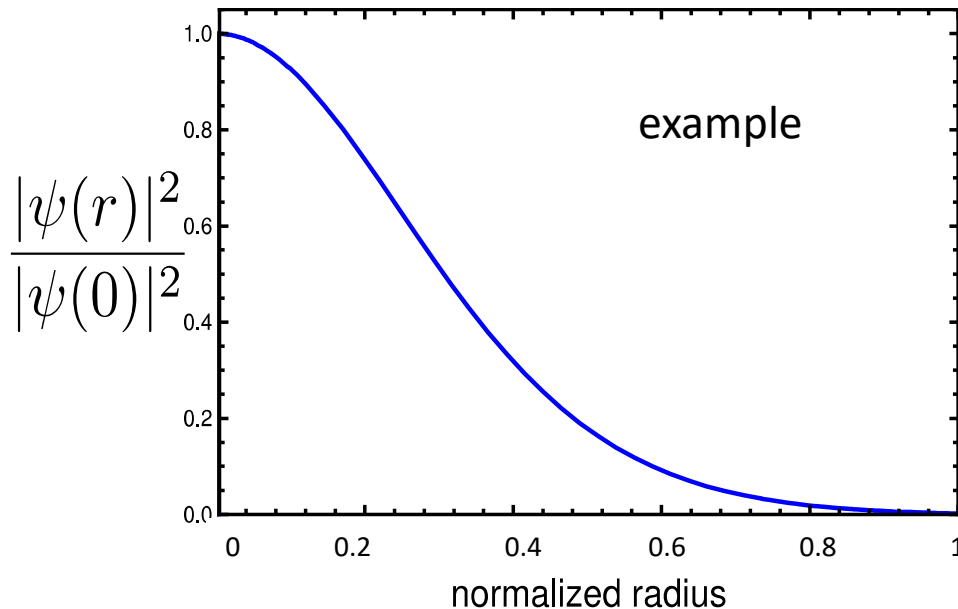
$$\frac{\psi^* \psi}{m_a f_a^2}$$

# Dilute Axion Stars

- Assume:
- Truncated potential, dilute axion limit
  - Newtonian gravity
  - Spherically symmetric

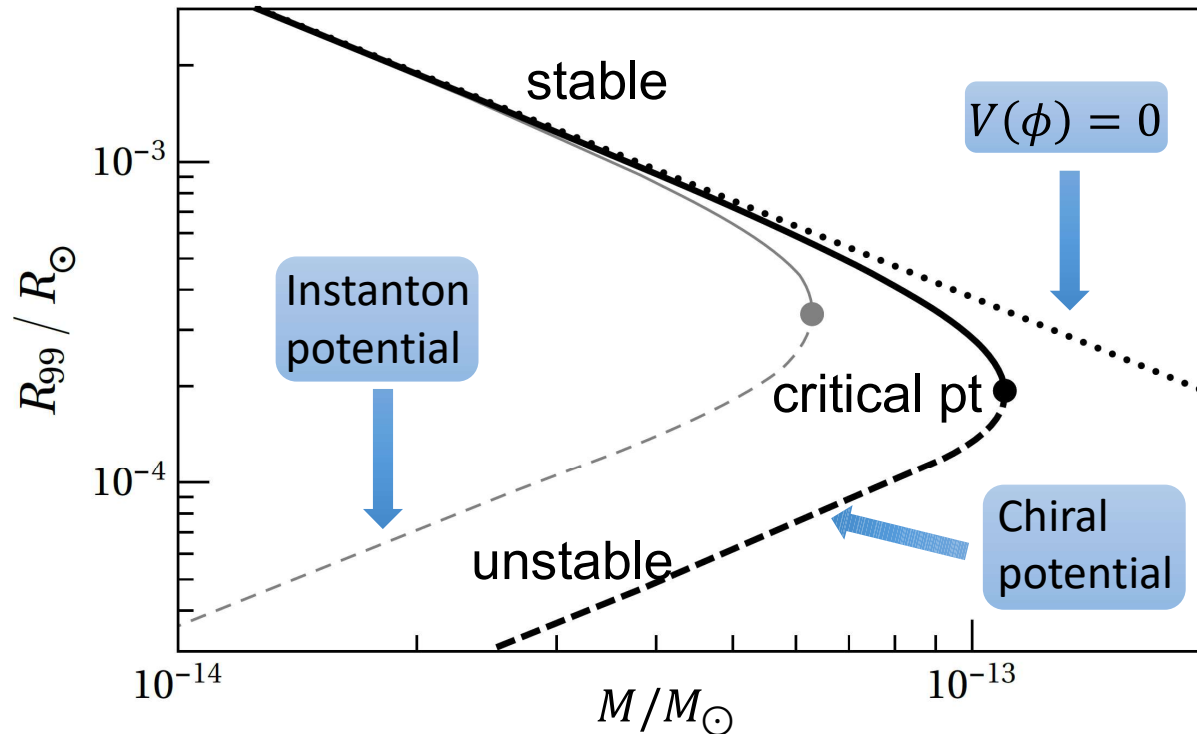
$$-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m_a}\psi + [(\mathcal{V}'_{\text{eff}}(\psi^*\psi) + m_a\Phi)]\psi = (\mu - m_a)\psi,$$

$$\nabla^2\Phi = 4\pi Gm_a\psi^*\psi.$$



# Dilute Axion Star: $M$ vs $R$

- **Heavier** dilute axion stars have **smaller** radii.
- **Critical mass:** beyond which the kinetic pressure cannot balance the attractive self-interaction and gravity



$$M_* \sim 10^{-13} M_\odot$$
$$R_* \sim 10^{-4} R_\odot \sim R_D$$

- **Grow** by attracting surrounding axions.
- **Collapse** when heavier than the critical mass.

# Non-relativistic EFT (Part II)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}i \left( \psi^* \dot{\psi} - \dot{\psi}^* \psi \right) - \frac{1}{2m_a} \nabla \psi^* \cdot \nabla \psi - \mathcal{V}_{\text{eff}}$$

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- In dense axion field  $(\psi^* \psi) \sim m_a f_a^2$ , must keep **all orders**

Both instanton and chiral potential can be summed to all orders

e.g. Instanton potential:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{eff}}(\psi^* \psi) = \frac{1}{2} m_a \psi^* \psi + m_a^2 f_a^2 \left[ 1 - J_0(2\psi^* \psi / m_a f_a^2) \right]$$

Eby, Suranyi, Vaz, Wijewardhana (2015)

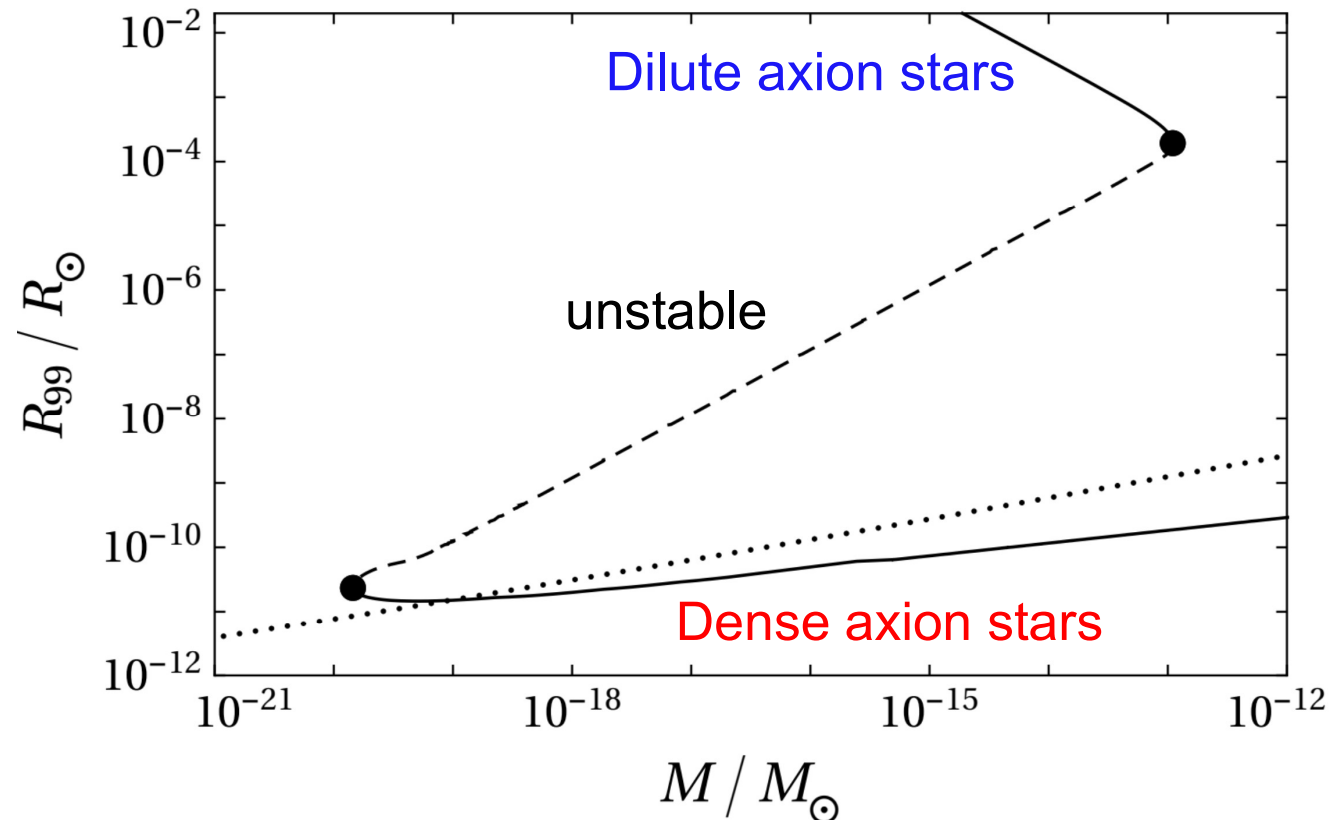
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# Dense Branch

With untruncated potential, a new dense branch is found.

Assume: • NREFT • Newtonian gravity • Isotropic

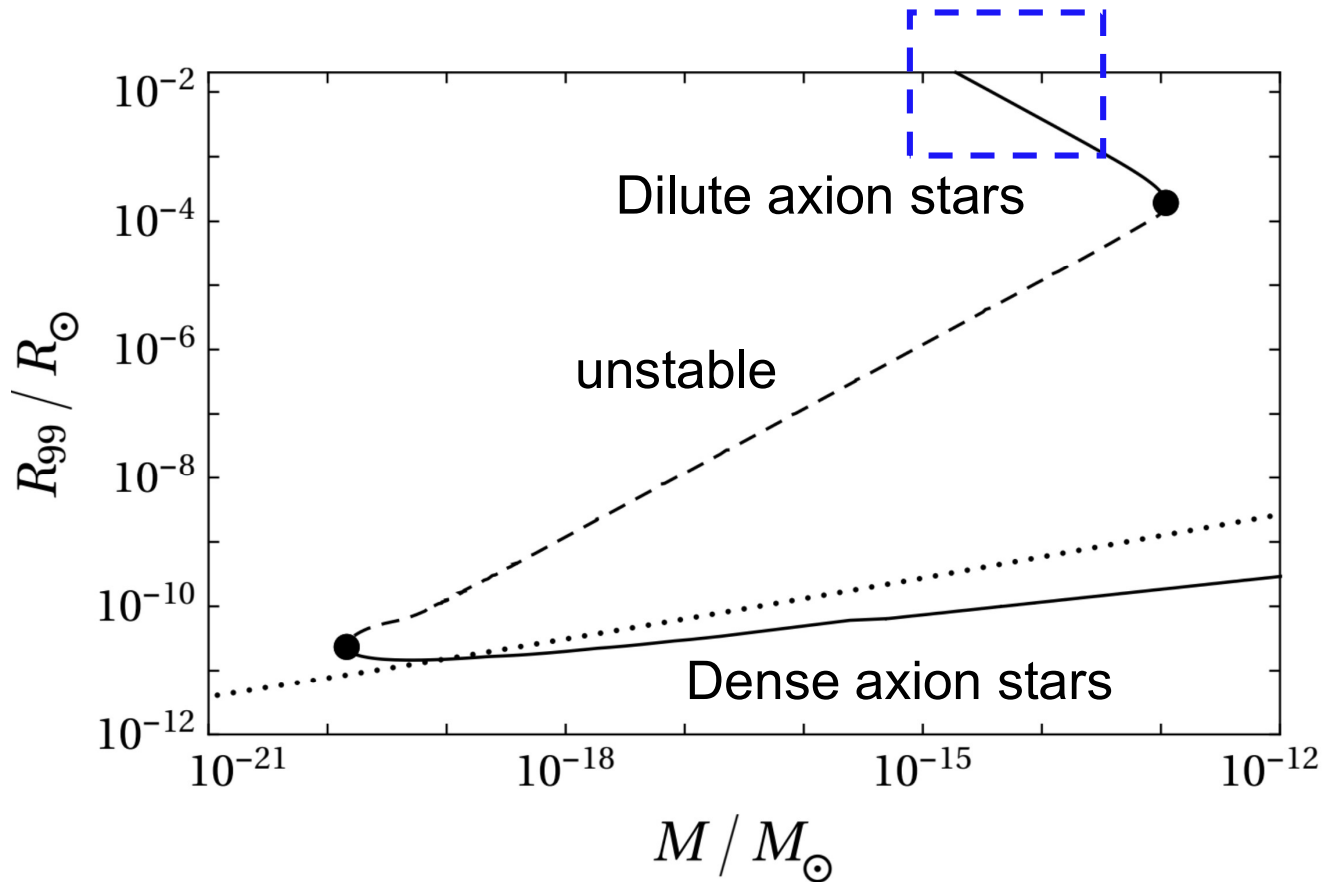
May form as a remnant of the dilute axion star collapse.





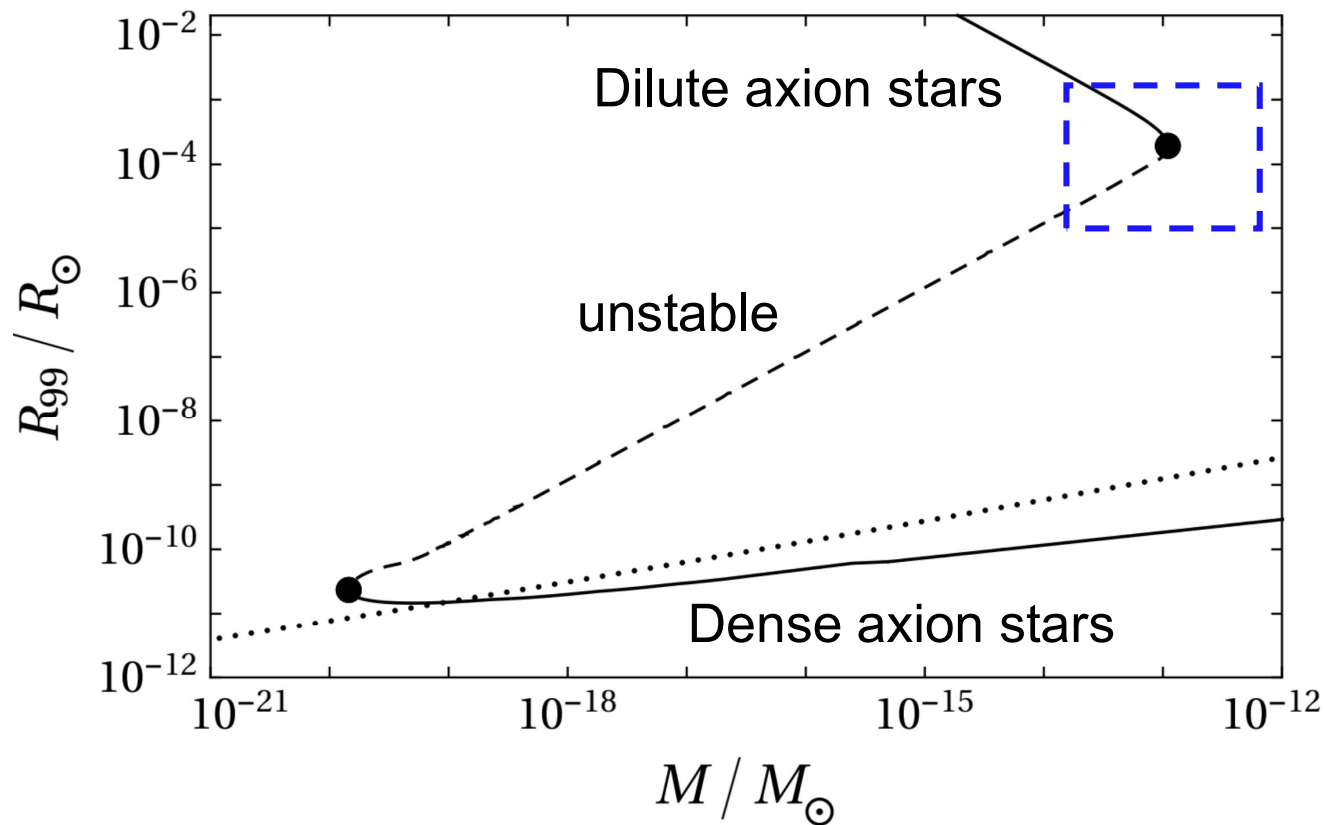
# Axion Stars

Quantum pressure balances gravity,  
All self-interactions can be ignored!



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Quantum pressure balances (gravity +  $\phi^4$  interaction),  
Attractive  $\phi^4$  interaction causes the turning over.

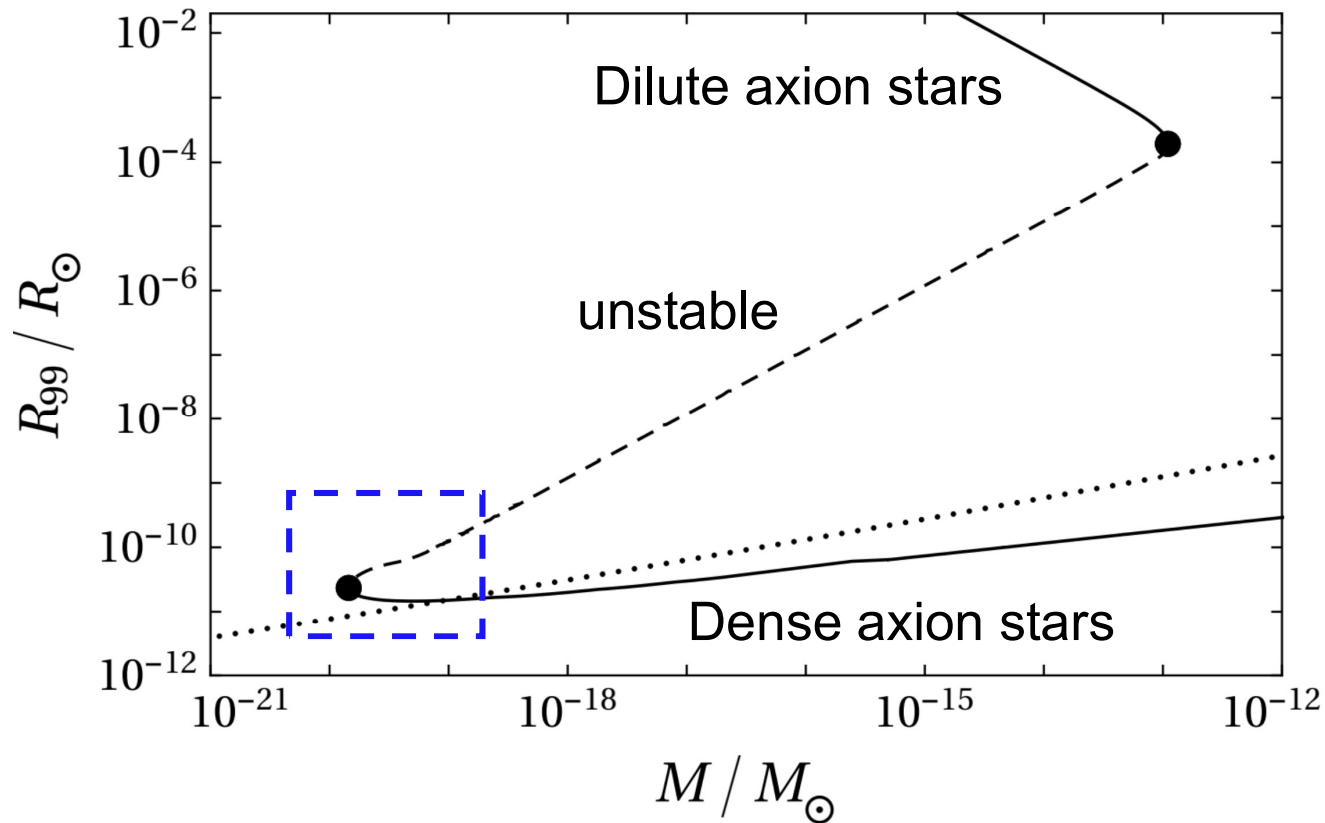


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Higher orders in the potential become important.

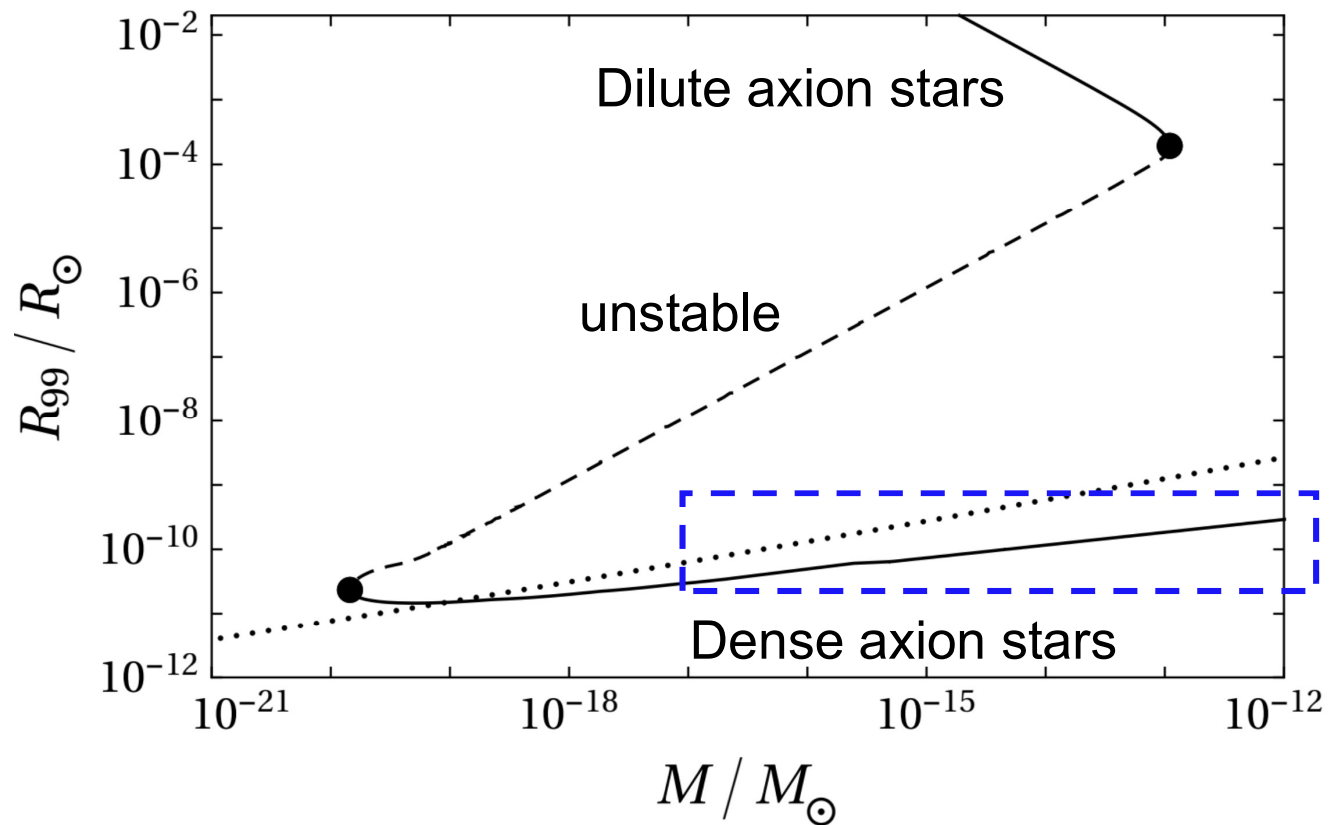
Quantum pressure balances full potential.

Gravity can be ignored! Same results are obtained without gravity.



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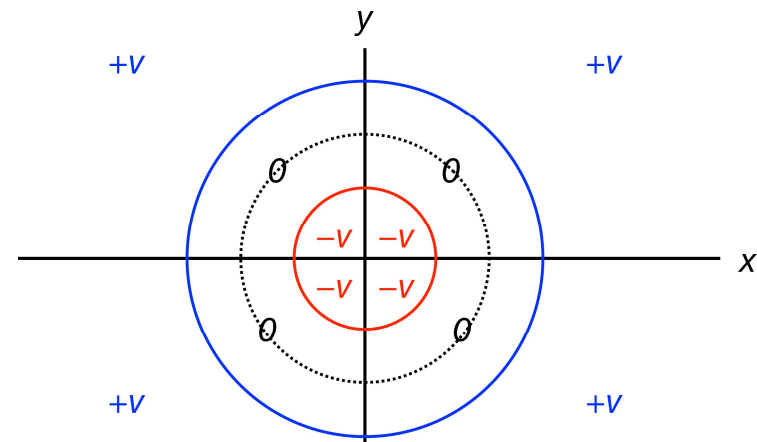
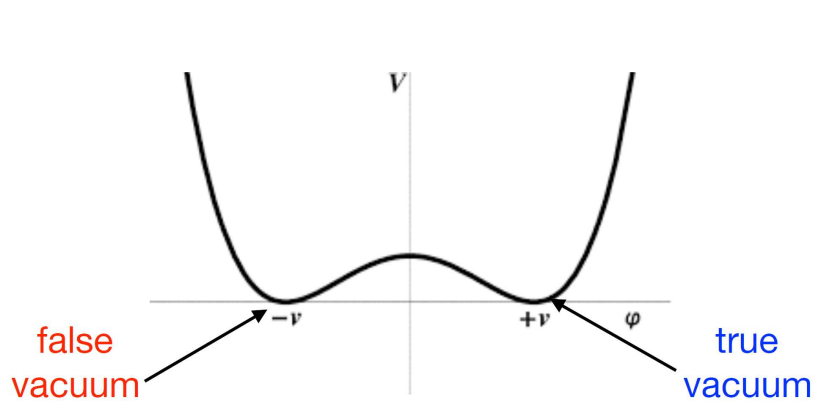
Gravity is important at large mass.  
Newtonian gravity is not accurate anymore.



# Detour: Oscillons

- Real scalar field with 3-d isotropic double-well potential

Bogolubsky & Makhankov (1976)



Inside: **false vacuum**  
Outside: **true vacuum**

- Oscillon  $\sim$  dense axion star without gravity

# Detour: Time Evolution of Oscillons

Three stages found in some numerical calculation

## 1. relaxation

Bogolubsky & Makhankov (1976)

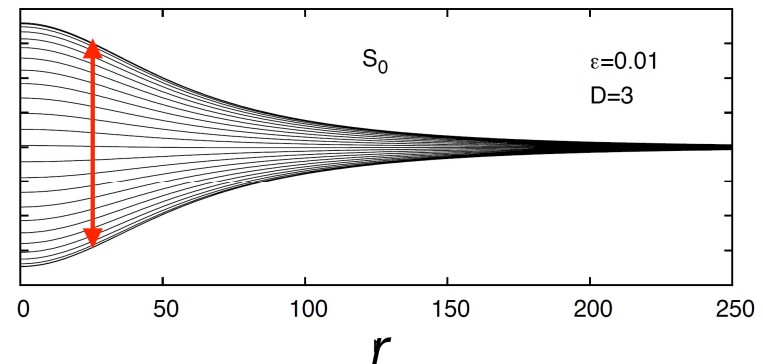
From a given initial profile, radiate a large fraction of energy into outgoing waves

## 2. **oscillon!**

Localized oscillating configuration stable for many oscillations, slowly radiates outgoing waves.

$$\phi(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_{2n+1}(r) \cos[(2n+1)\omega t]$$

$(\omega \approx m_a)$



## 3. Sudden collapse

Configuration suddenly become unstable, disappear into outgoing waves.

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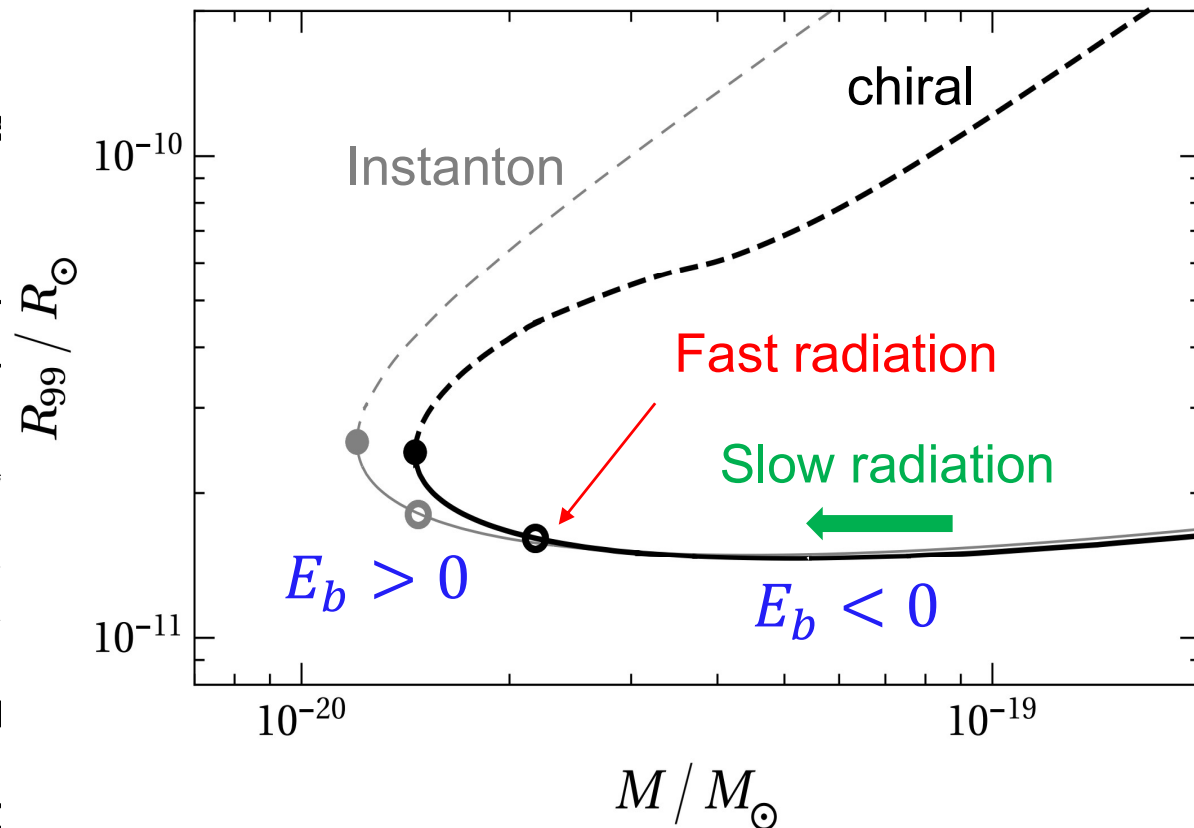
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# Observation of Dense Axion BEC

- The radiation power of dense axion star

Heaviest dense axion star luminosity  $\sim 40\text{W}$

Too weak!

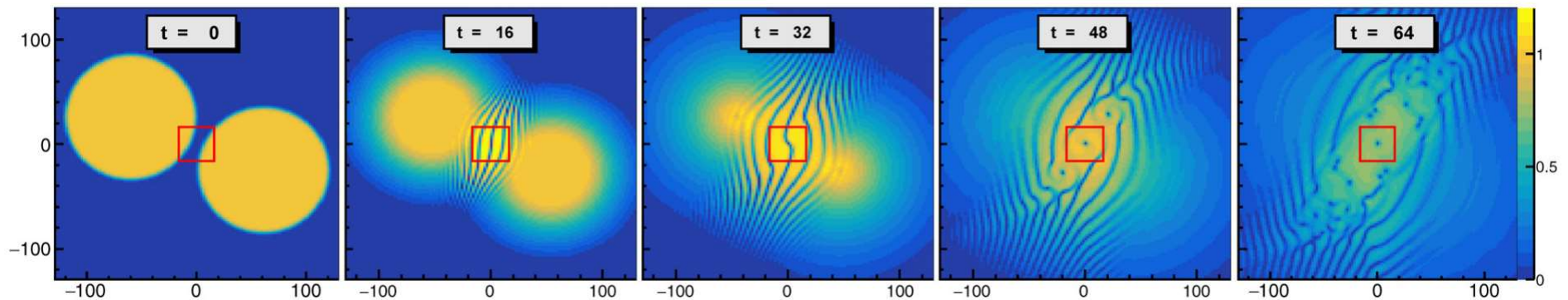


Catastrophic phenomenon: collision of two axion stars,  
collision of an axion star with a neutron star ...

- Catastrophic process is complicated

Collision of two 2-d axion BEC with only  $\phi^4$  interaction

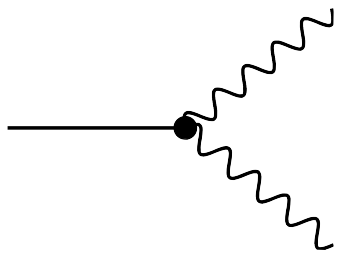
Orbital angular mom. localized to vortices.



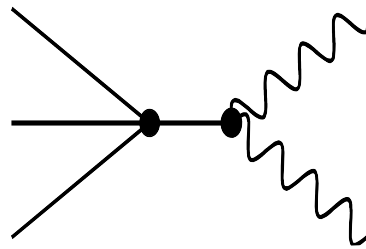
Deng, Wang and HZ, Physics Fluids (2022) <sup>24</sup>



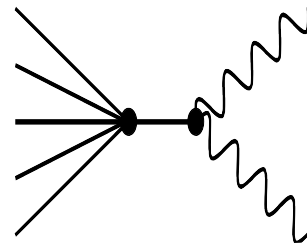
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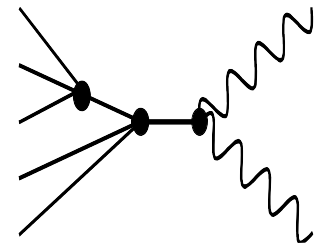
$$\nu_0 = \frac{m_a}{2}$$



$$\nu = 3 \frac{m_a}{2}$$

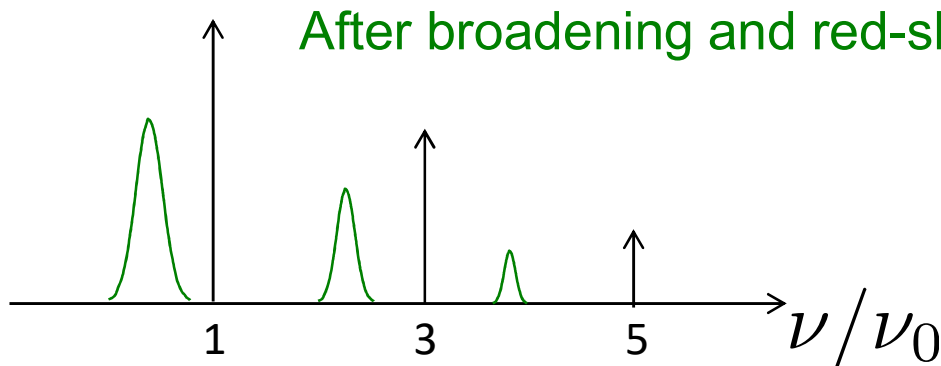


$$\nu = 5 \frac{m_a}{2}$$



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- **Odd-integer harmonics** of the **fundamental radio frequency**.



**Unique feature  
of axions !!**

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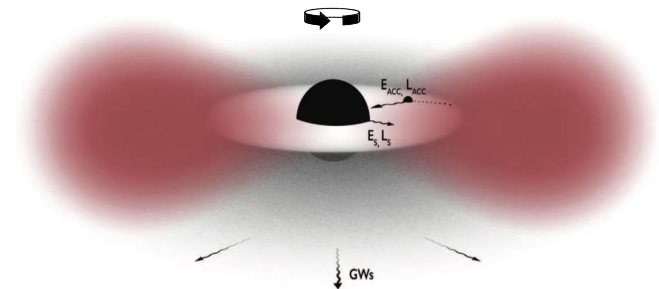
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# Black Hole Bomb

- Because of the wave nature, **the ultralight scalar cannot fall into the black hole as point particles.**
- The wave equation should be solved with the Einstein equation. When the field is weak, **its feedback to the metric can be ignored.**
- When scattered by a **Schwarzschild BH**, the **phase shift has a nonzero imaginary part**, corresponding to the absorption of the scalar field by the BH.
- When scattered by a **Kerr BH**, the **incoming wave can be amplified by Penrose process.**



Figure from internet

[Published: 28 July 1972](#)

## **Floating Orbits, Superradiant Scattering and the Black-hole Bomb**

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# Massive Scalar in Kerr Metric

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- Bound states: a natural “mirror”

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- $\omega_{n\ell m}$  is solved from the radial equation

**Complex** eigen-energy:  $\omega_{n\ell m} = \omega_{n\ell m}^{(R)} + i\omega_{n\ell m}^{(I)}$

Three “quantum” numbers:  $(n, l, m)$

$\omega_{n\ell m}^{(R)} \approx \mu$ , but  $\omega_{n\ell m}^{(I)}$  is 7 orders of magnitude smaller.

Numerical calculation requires **extremely high precision**.

# Detweiler's Method

Detweiler, PRD 22 (1980) 2323

(1) find the **large- $r$**  asymptotic wavefunction, then find its **small- $r$  limit**

$$\frac{(2\kappa)^{l'} \Gamma(-2l' - 1)}{\Gamma(-l' - \lambda)} r^{l'} + \frac{(2\kappa)^{-l' - 1} \Gamma(2l' + 1)}{\Gamma(l' + 1 - \lambda)} r^{-l' - 1}$$

(2) find the **small- $r$**  asymptotic wavefunction, then find its **large- $r$  limit**

$$\frac{(2b)^{-l'} \Gamma(2l' + 1)}{\Gamma(l' + 1) \Gamma(l' + 1 - 2ip)} r^{l'} + \frac{(2b)^{l' + 1} \Gamma(-2l' - 1)}{\Gamma(-l' - 2ip) \Gamma(-l')} r^{-l' - 1}$$

$\kappa, l', \lambda, b, p$  are functions of  $M, \mu, \omega, a$

(3) At  $\alpha \equiv M\mu \ll 1$ , the two wavefunctions have an overlapped region.

The ratios of the two coefficients must be the same.

(4) The small quantity  $\delta\lambda$  for perturbation:  $l' + 1 - \lambda = -n - \delta\lambda$  ( $n = 0, 1, \dots$ )

$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_1 \delta\lambda$  with  $\omega_0, \omega_1$  real functions of  $M, \mu, n, l$

$$\delta\lambda^{(0)} = -2ip (4\kappa b)^{2l+1} \frac{(n + 2l + 1)! (l!)^2}{n! [(2l)! (2l + 1)!]^2} \prod_{j=1}^l (j^2 + 4p^2),$$

Detweiler's result has **an extra factor of 2**,  
due to **mistreatment of  $\Gamma$  functions with negative argument**.

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Bao, Xu and HZ, PRD (2020)

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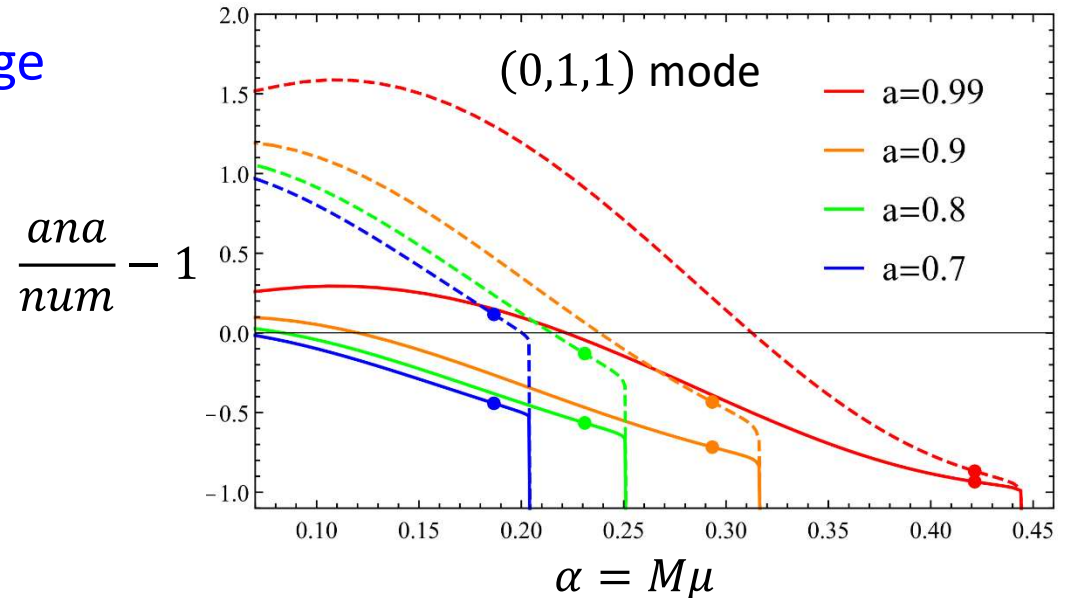
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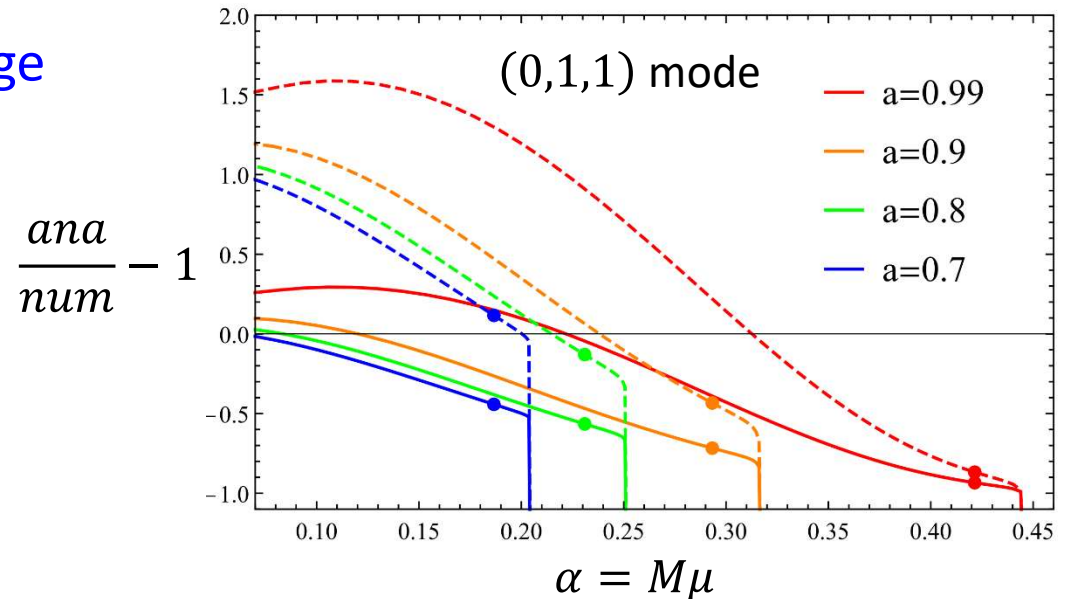
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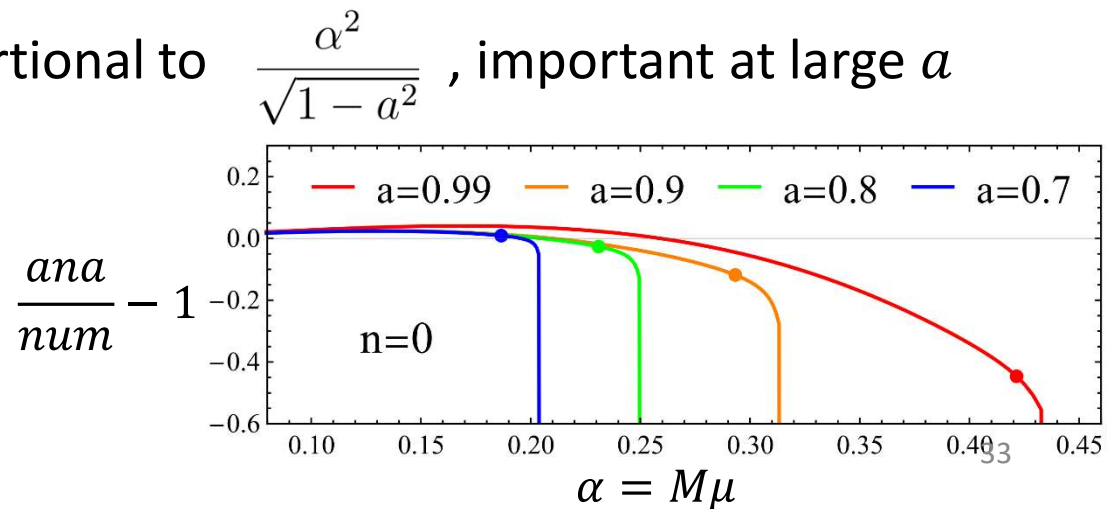
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- There is a NLO term proportional to  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{1-a^2}}$ , important at large  $a$
- Other NLO contributions are also added.

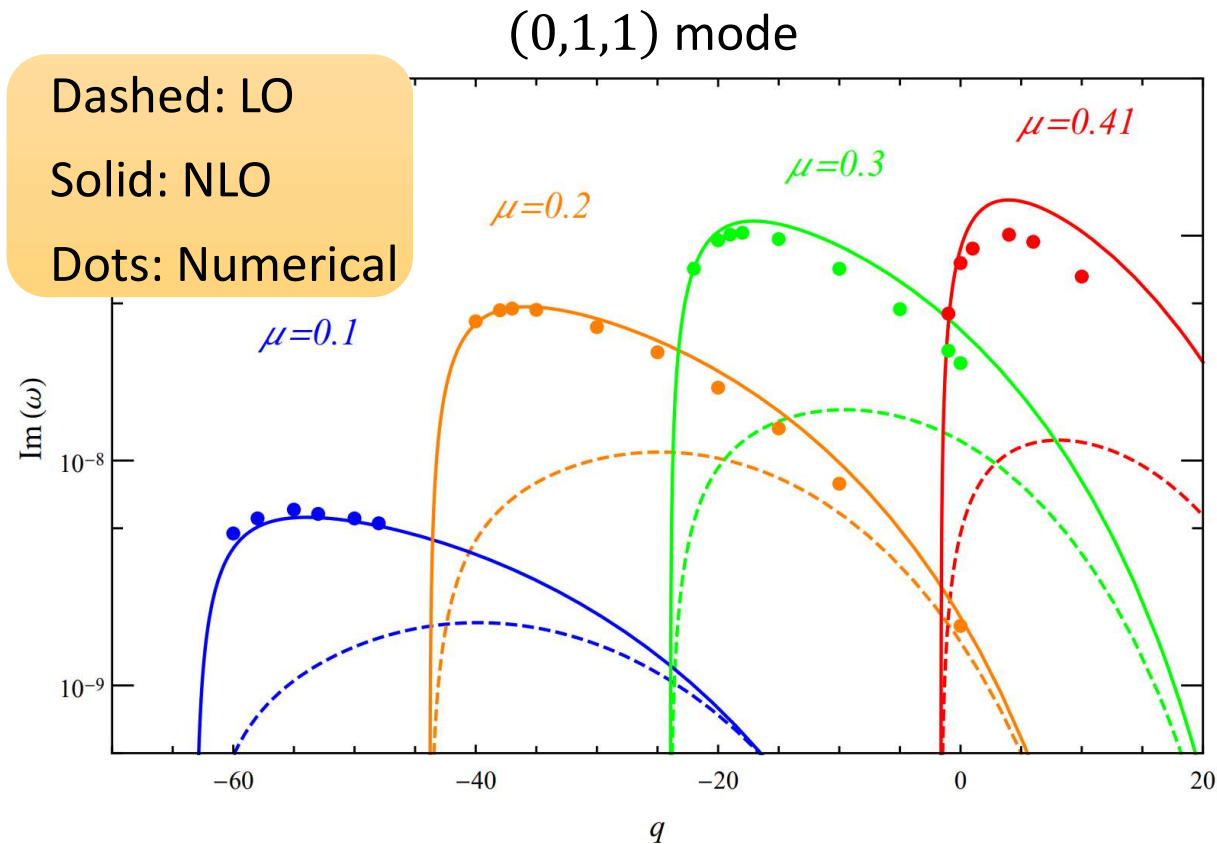
At small  $\alpha$ , **err. < 5%**



# NLO Sol. of KNBH

Bao, Xu and HZ, arXiv:2301.05317

- NLO solution greatly improves the precision
- BH mass is normalized to 1, BH charge  $Q = 0.02$



- In the rest of the talk, I focus only on Kerr BH.

# Superradiance Rate of Kerr BH

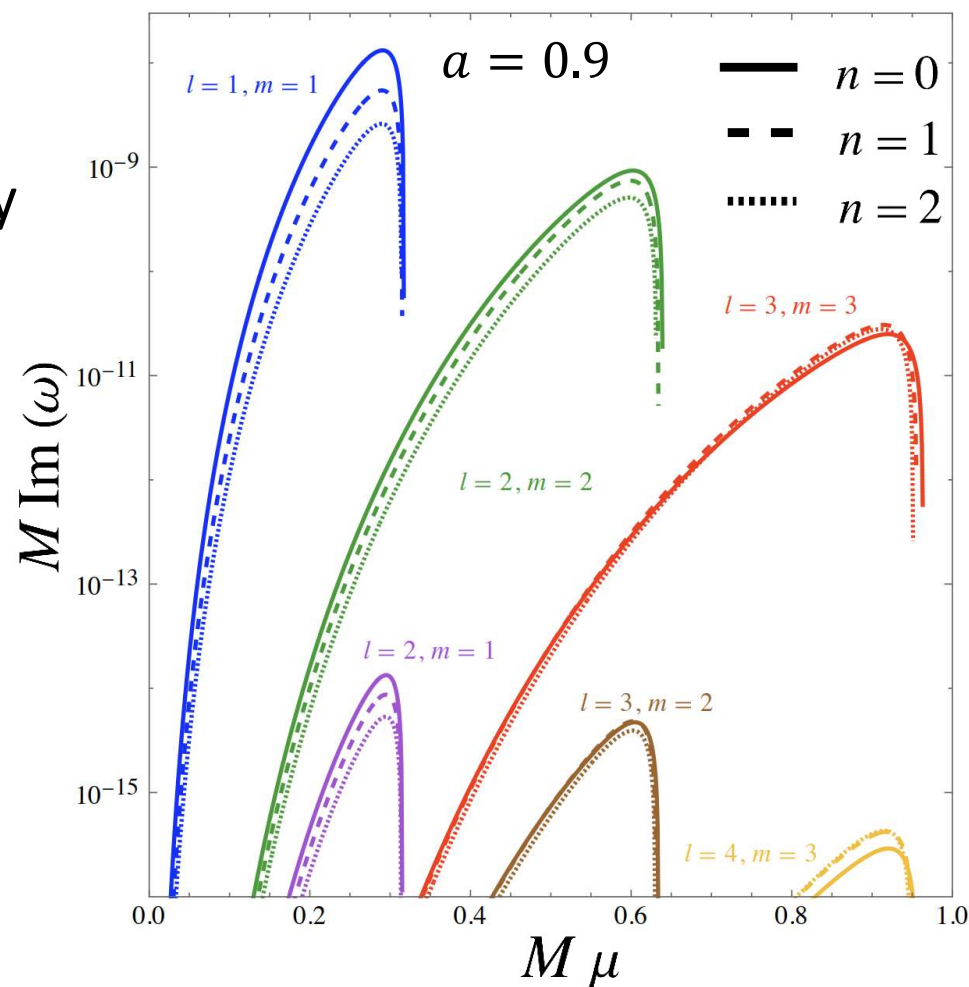
- Three indices  $(n, l, m)$
- Cloud mass rises exponentially

$$\omega_I \rightarrow \dot{M}_s = 2M_s \omega_I$$

- ▶ Dominant mode:  $(n = 0, l, m = l)$
- ▶ Subdominant mode:  $(1, l, m = l)$
- ▶ Modes with  $m < l$  are unimportant.
- The right edge is because of the **superradiance condition**:

$$\omega_R < m \Omega_H$$

$\Omega_H = a/2r_+$  is the angular velocity of the BH horizon.



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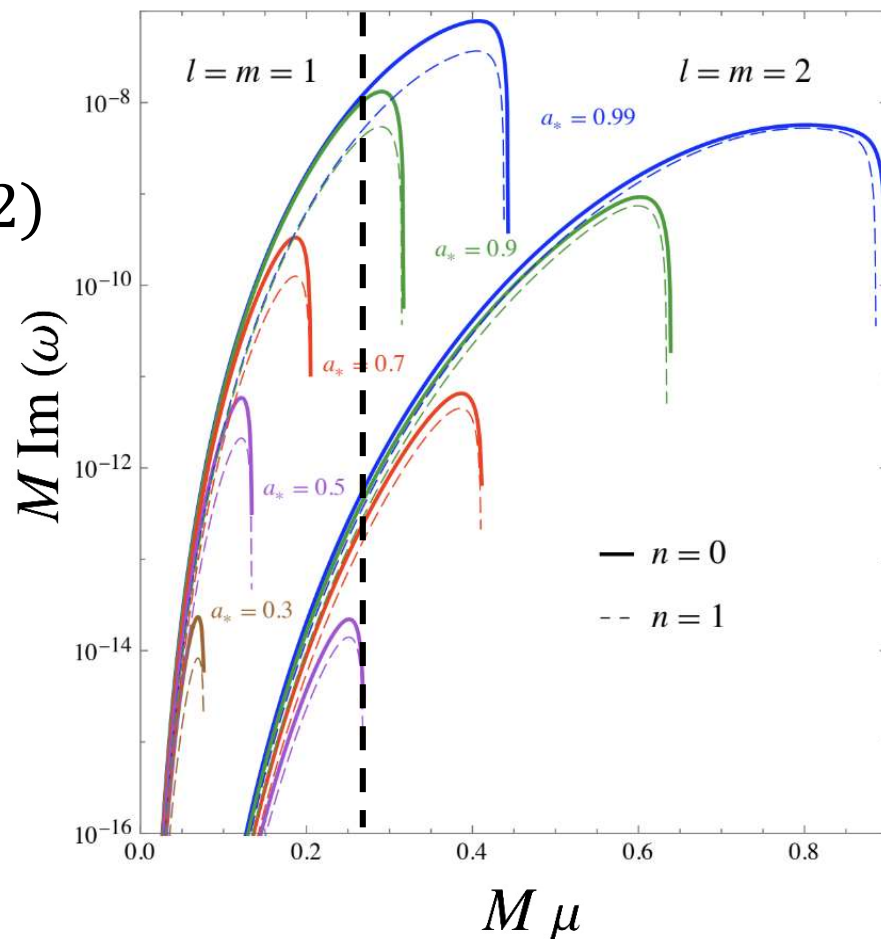
- Three indices  $(n, l, m)$
- Consider modes  $(0,1,1)$  and  $(0,2,2)$
- Fixing  $M\mu$ , reducing BH spin  $a$

Superradiance rate decreases;

There is a critical value of  $a_C^{011}$  where the superradiance of  $(0,1,1)$  mode stops;

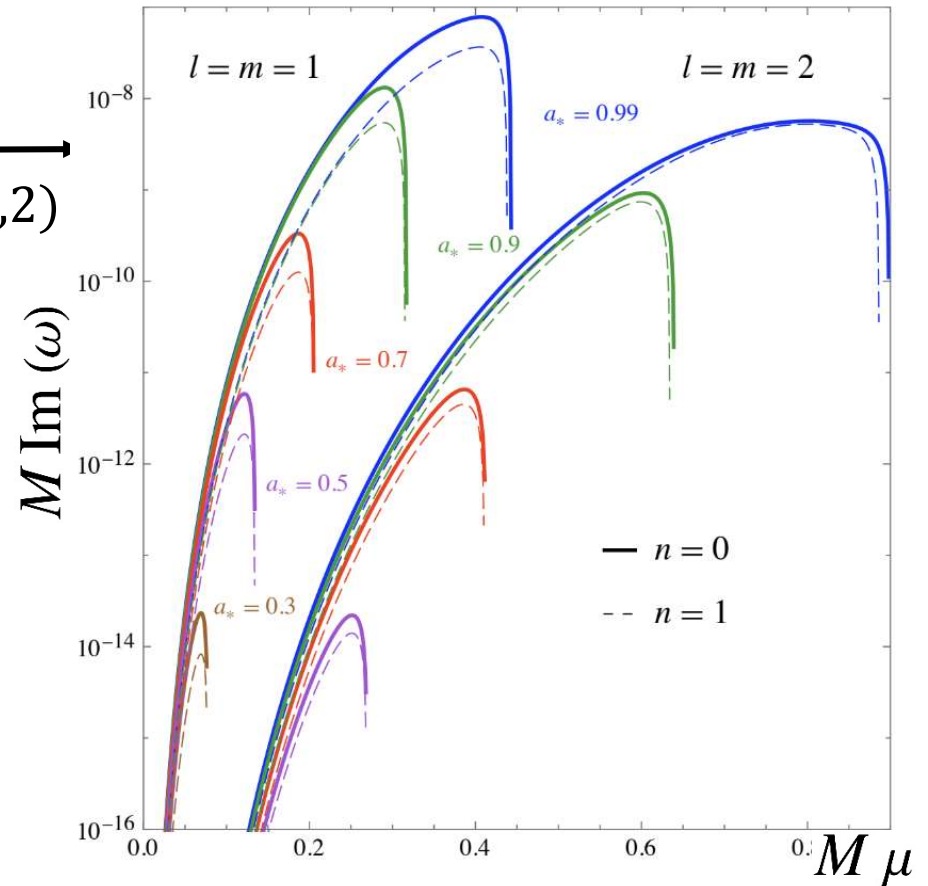
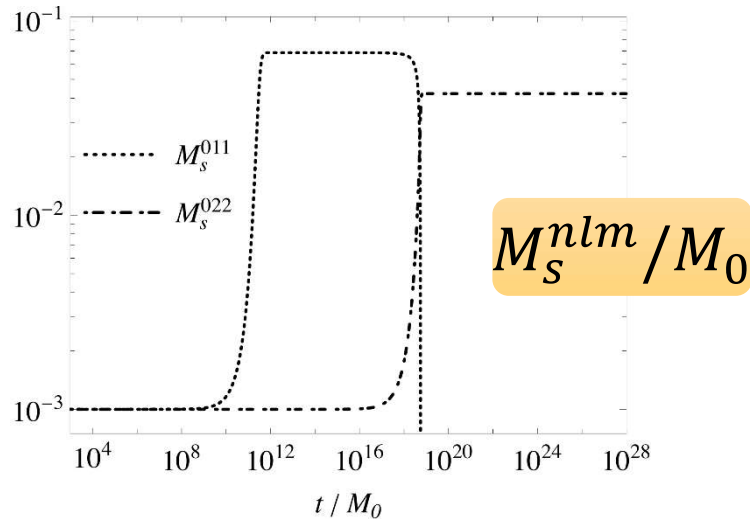
The  $(0,2,2)$  mode is still extracting BH spin  $J$

When BH spin is below  $a_C^{011}$ , the  $(0,1,1)$  mode returns  $J$  to the BH. BH spin is  $a_C^{011}$  until  $(0,1,1)$  mode is depleted.



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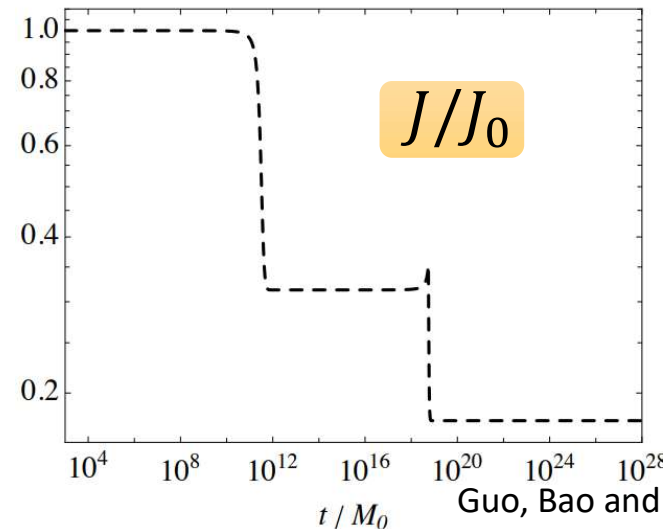
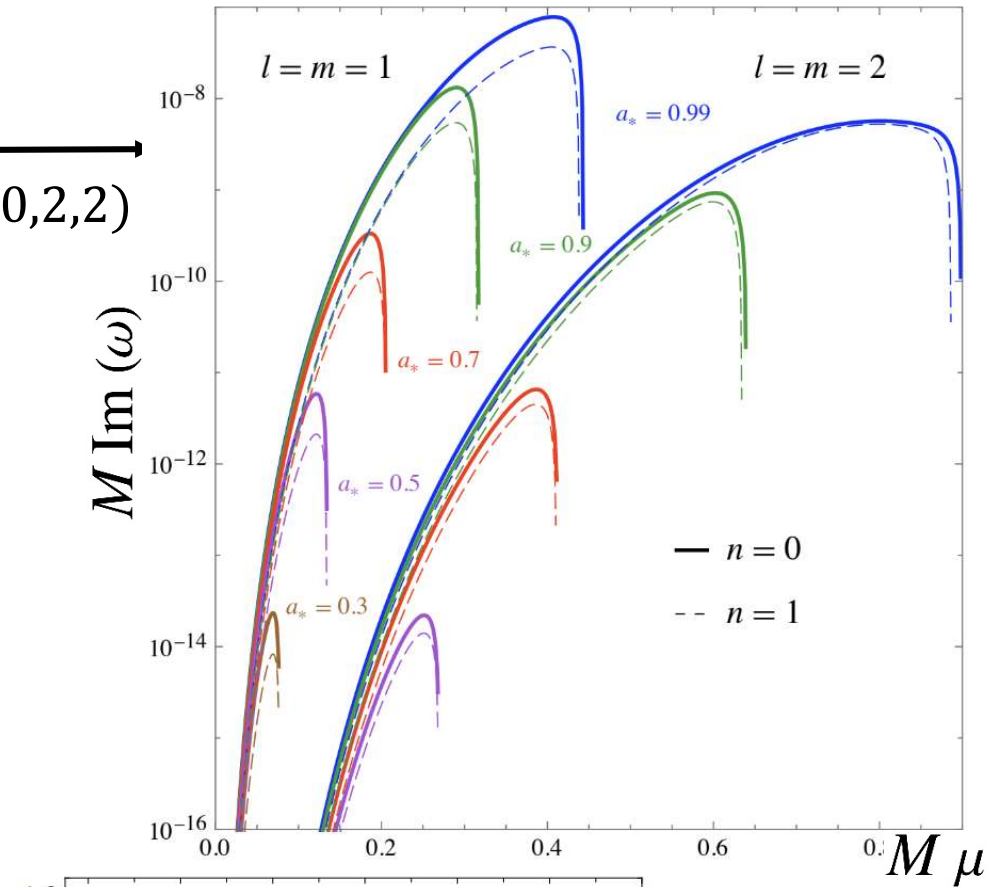
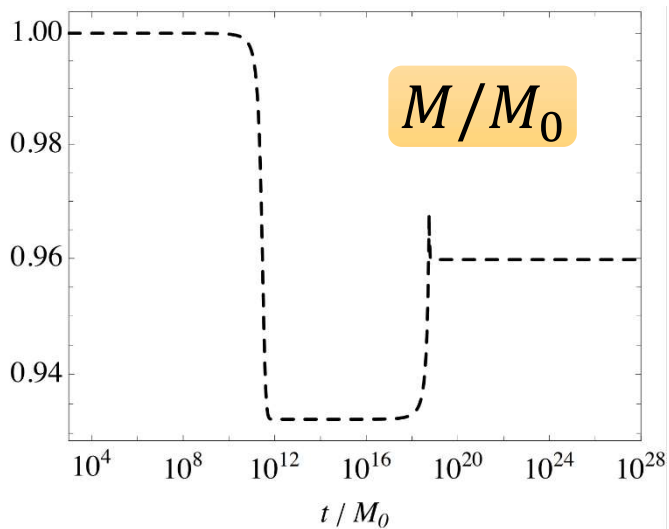
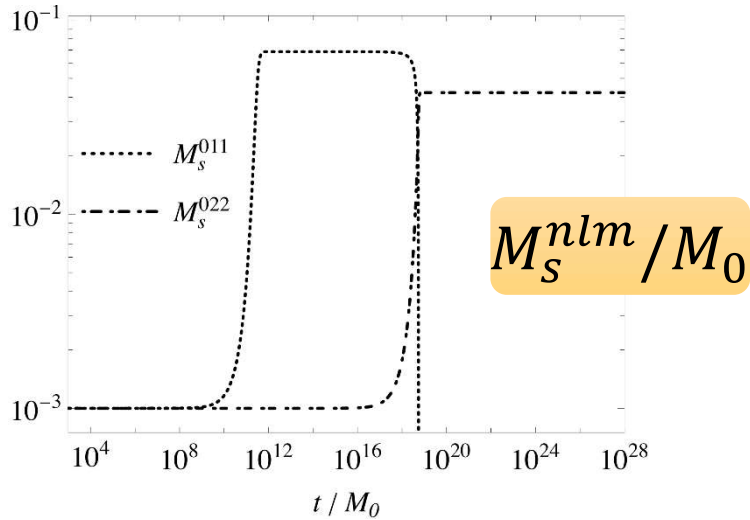
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- The (0,1,1) mode grows faster due to larger value of superradiance rate.
- The (0,1,1) mode depletes while the (0,2,2) mode rises.

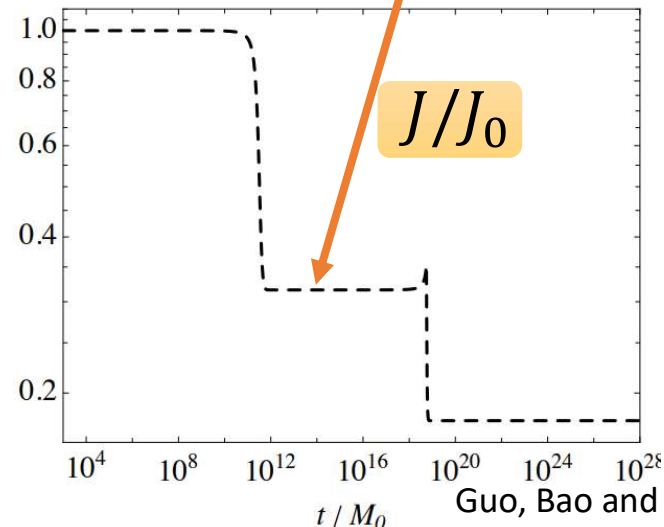
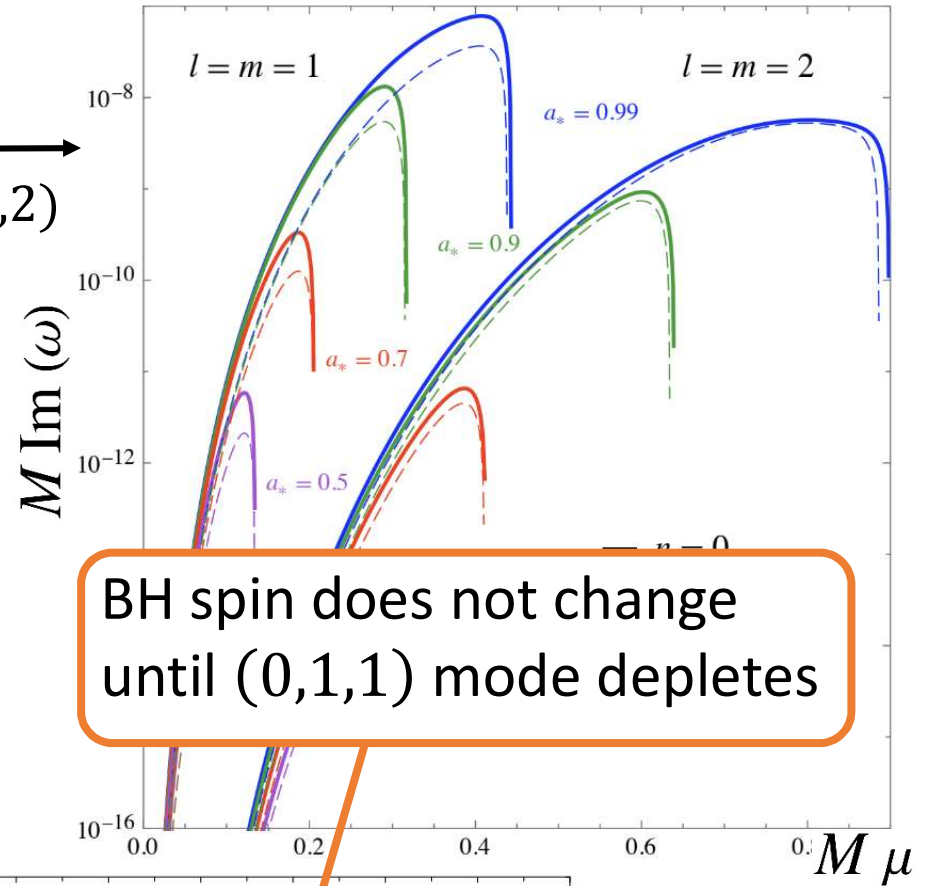
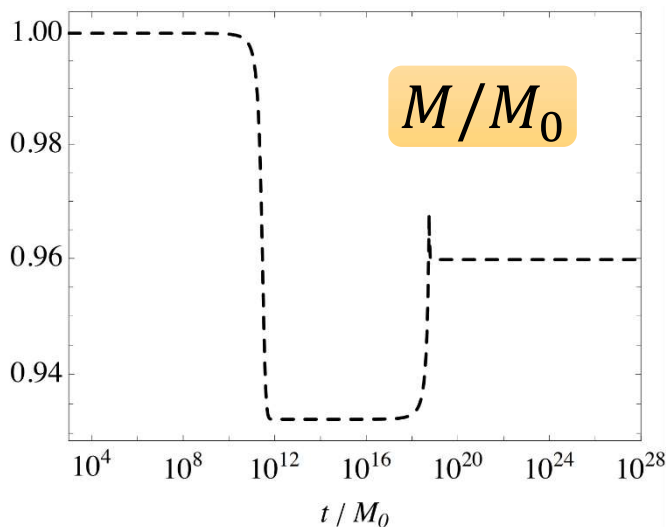
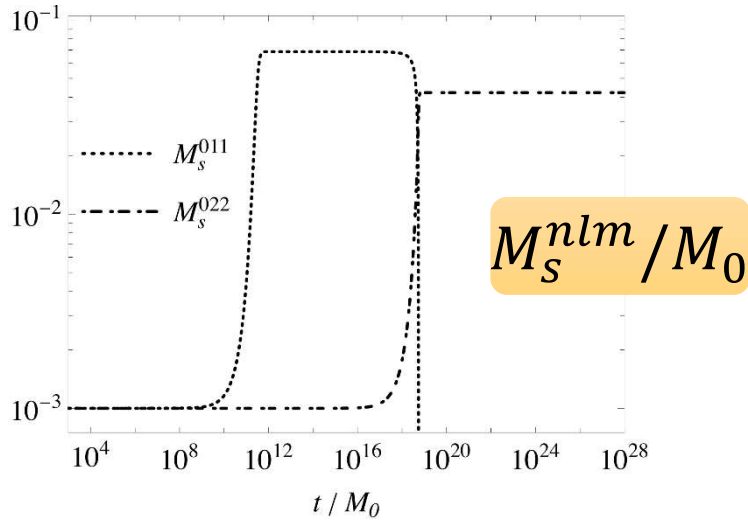
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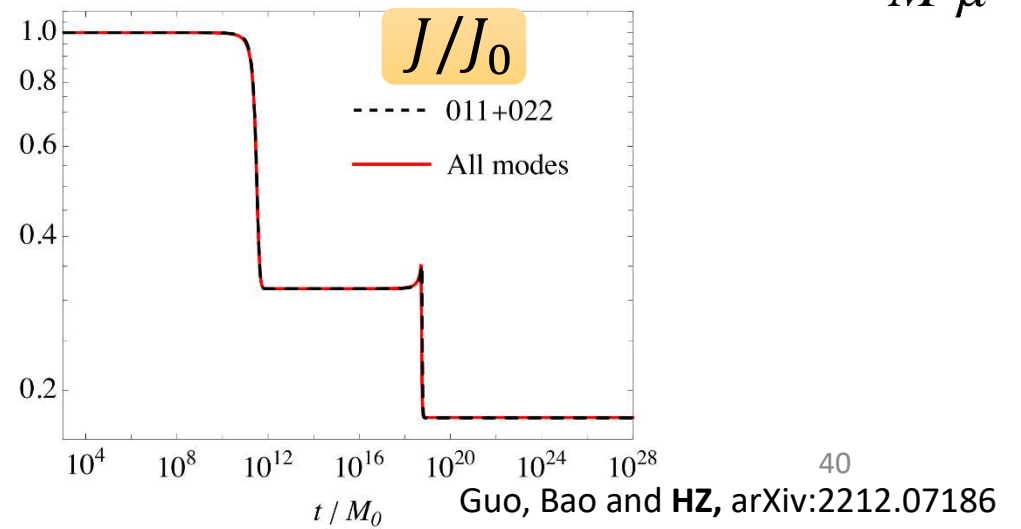
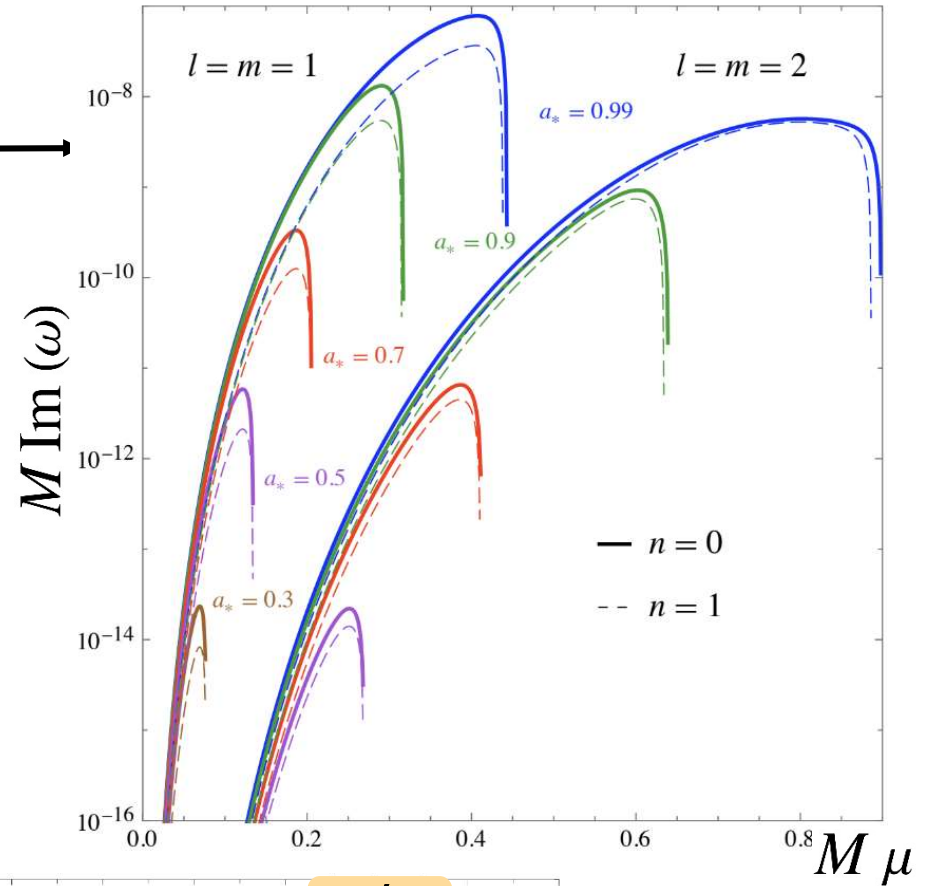
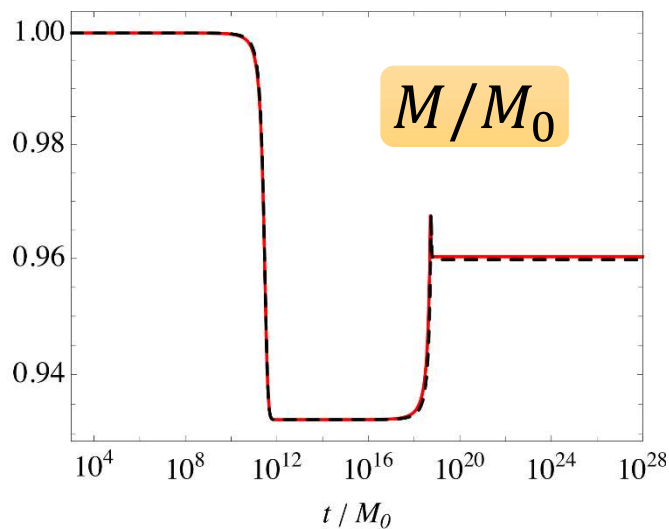
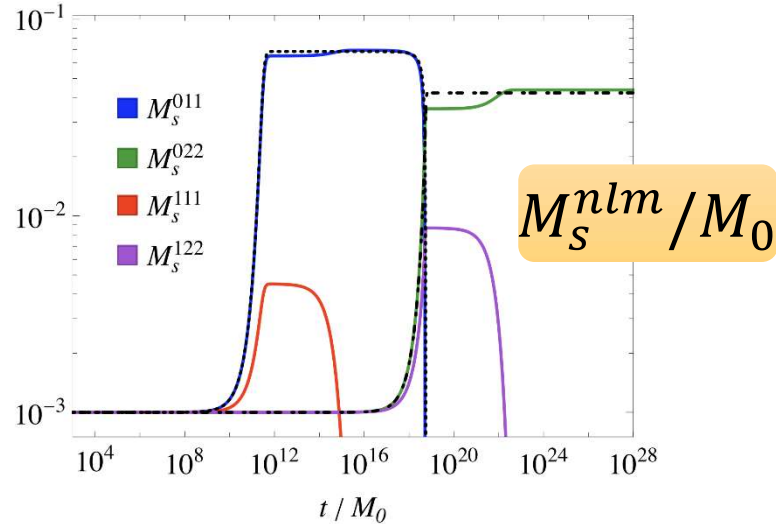
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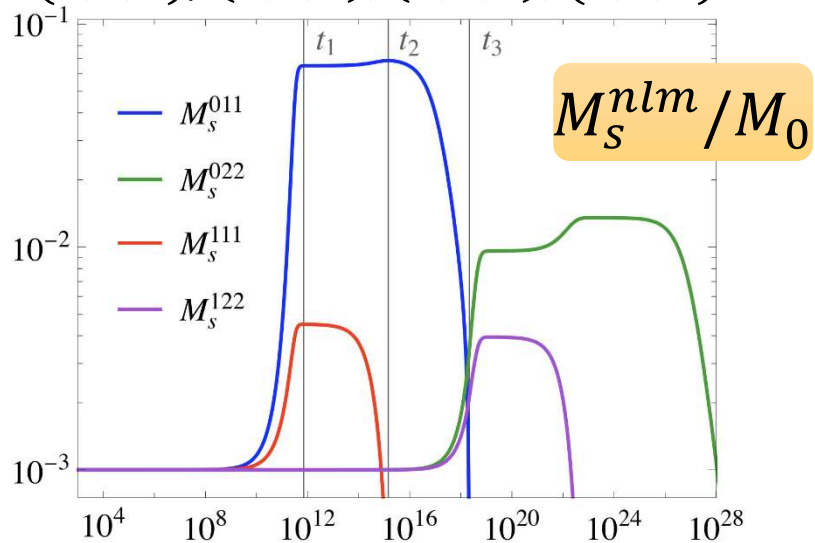
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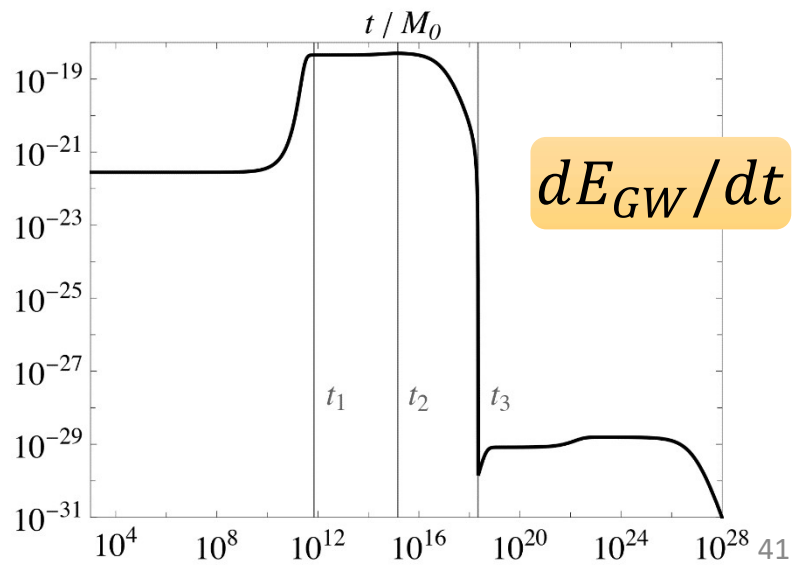
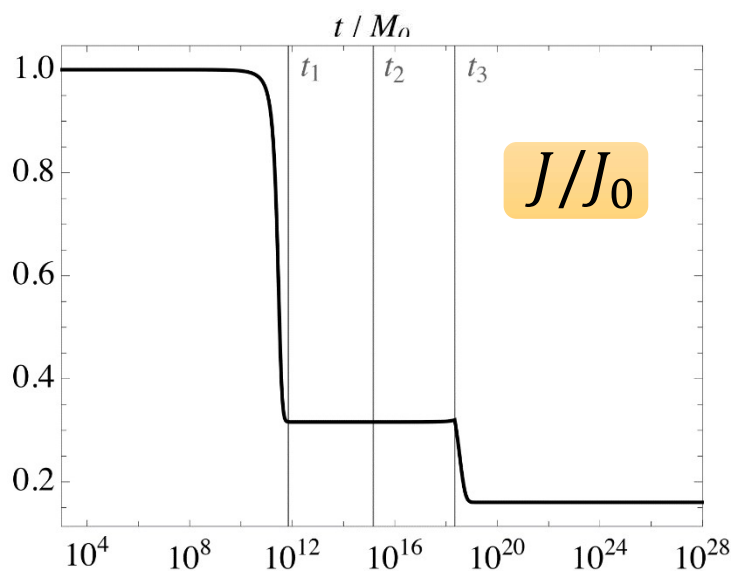
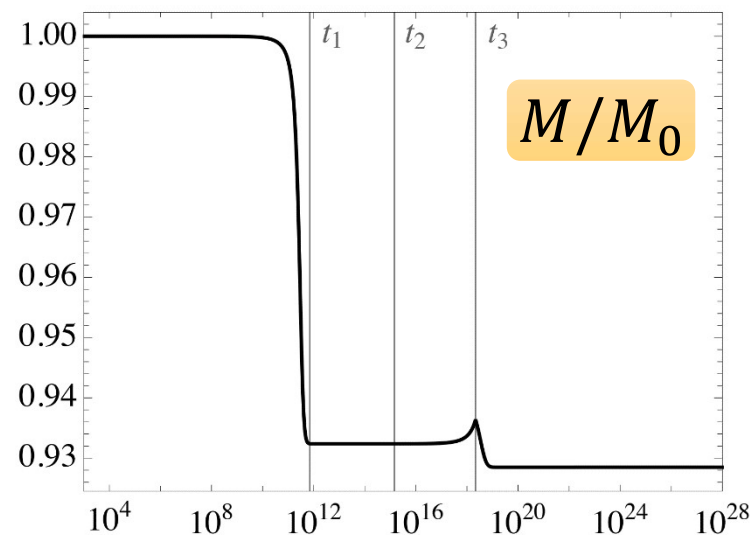


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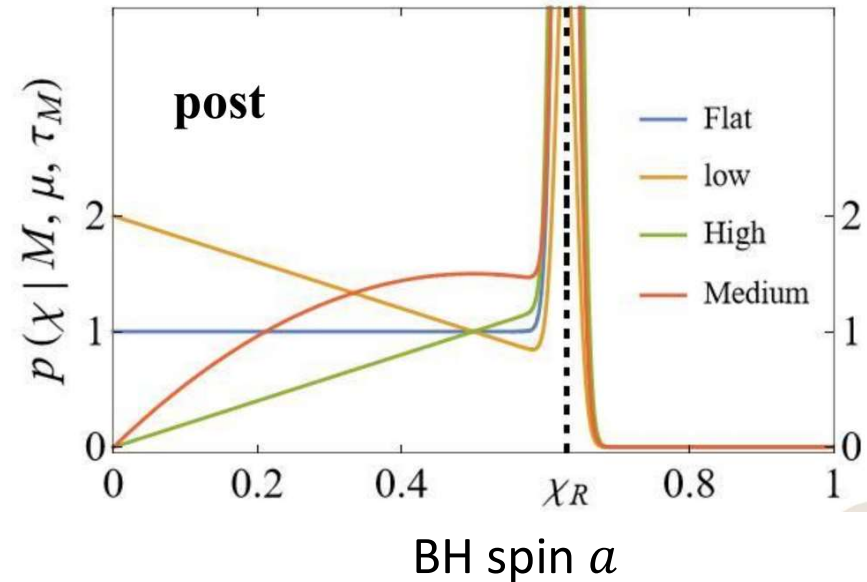
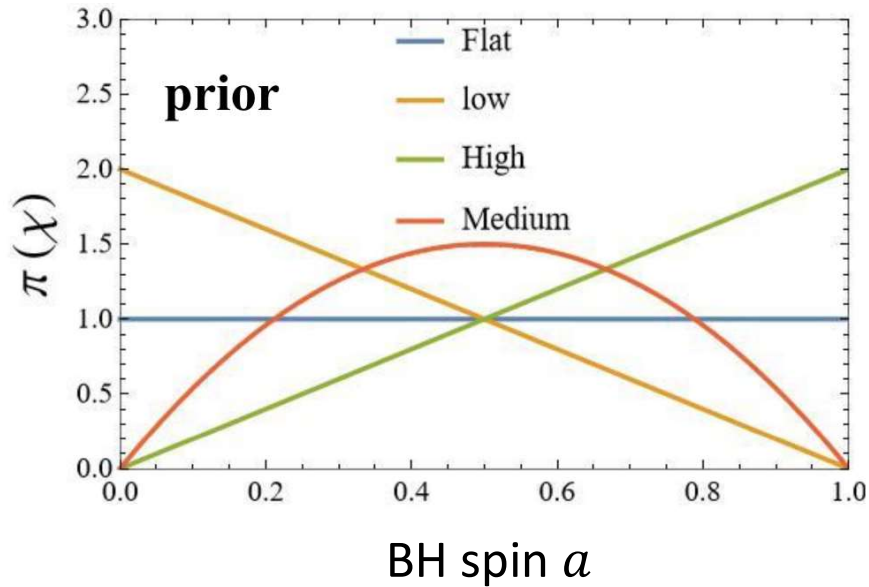
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# BH Regge Trajectory

Cheng, Bao and HZ, arXiv:2201.11338

- Superradiance modifies the BH spin distribution



- High spin BHs quickly lose the spin to the axion clouds
- Consider 3 scenarios: **high**, **flat**, **low** to estimate the effect of the initial BH spin.

# Constrain Axion Mass

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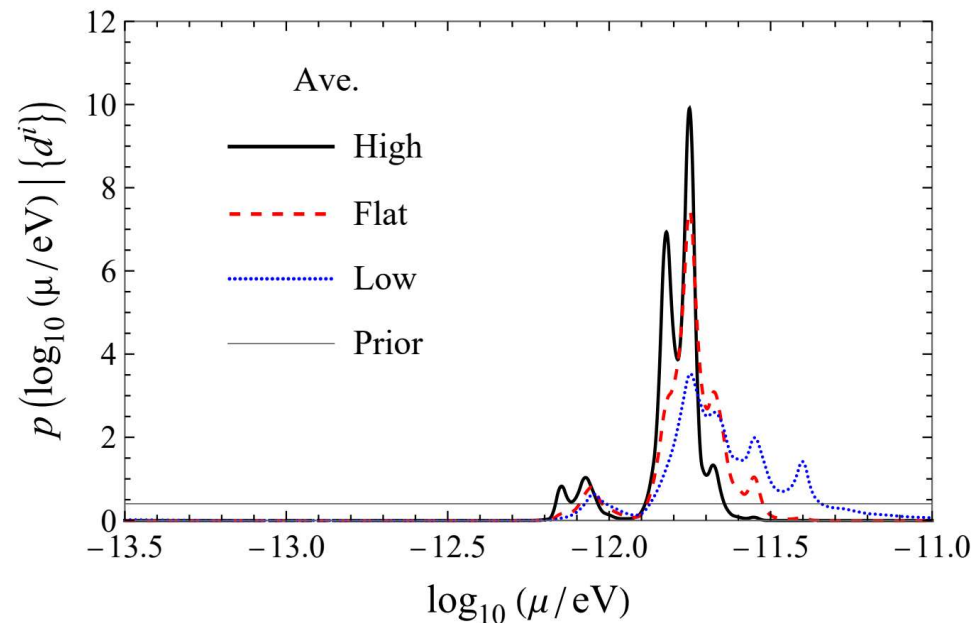
- Data & Assumptions

**Include all BBHs in three phases of GTWC data** reported by LVK collaboration, only excluding the events with neutron.

**Axion mass prior** is **log-uniform between  $10^{-13.5}$  to  $10^{-11}$  eV.**

**Lifetime** of BHs distributes **log-uniformly between  $10^6$  to  $10^{10}$  years**

Approximate the **initial BH spin** distributions with 3 scenarios.

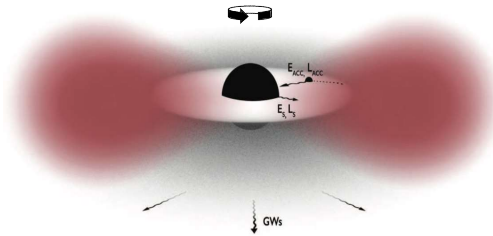


Two slightly favored ranges are identified, but evidence is weak.<sup>43</sup>

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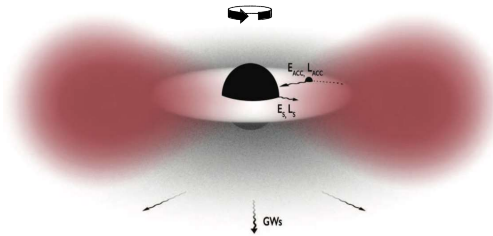


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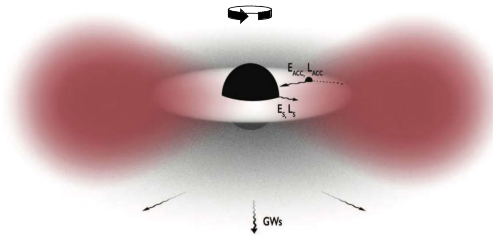
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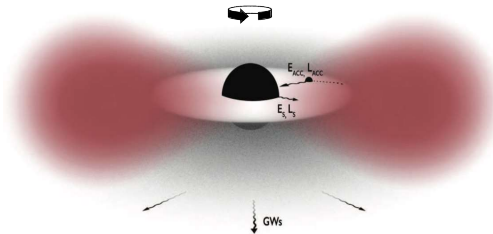
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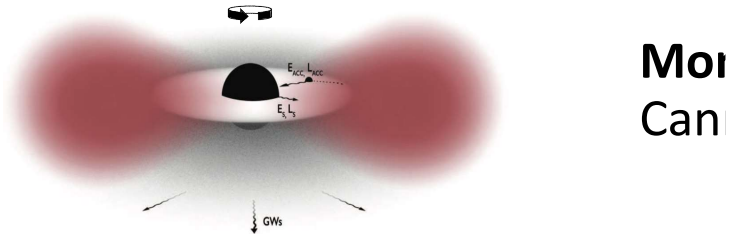
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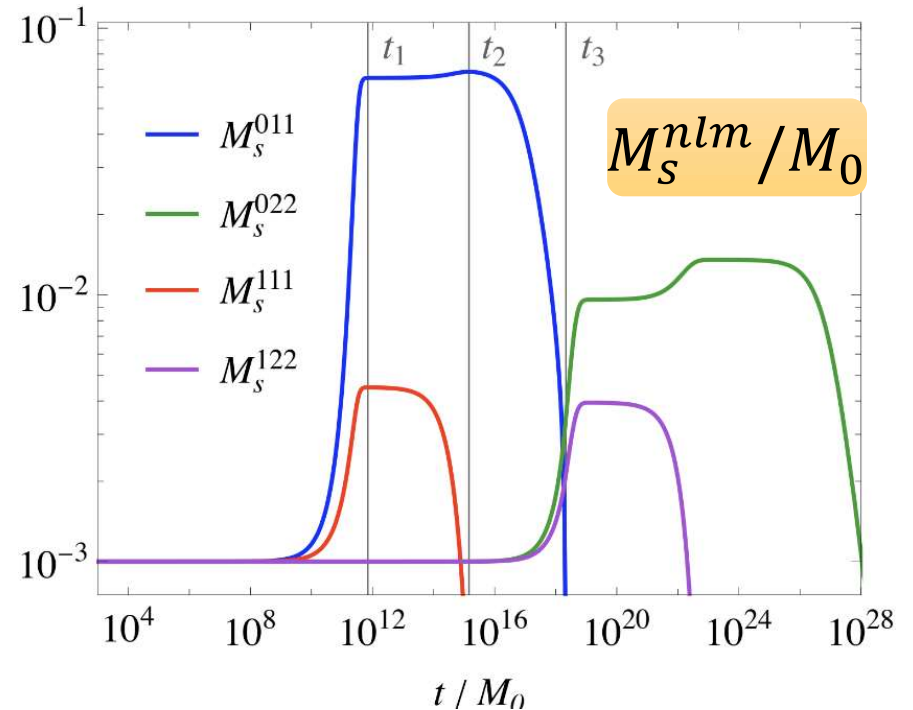
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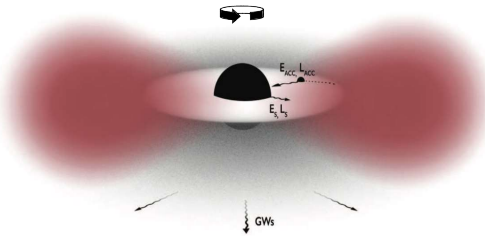




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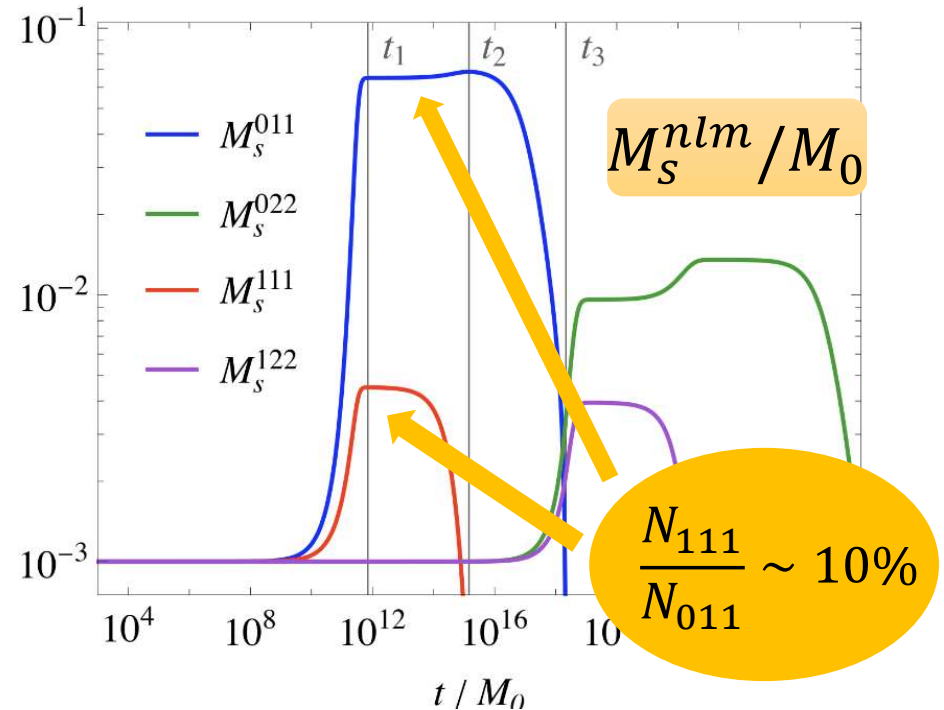
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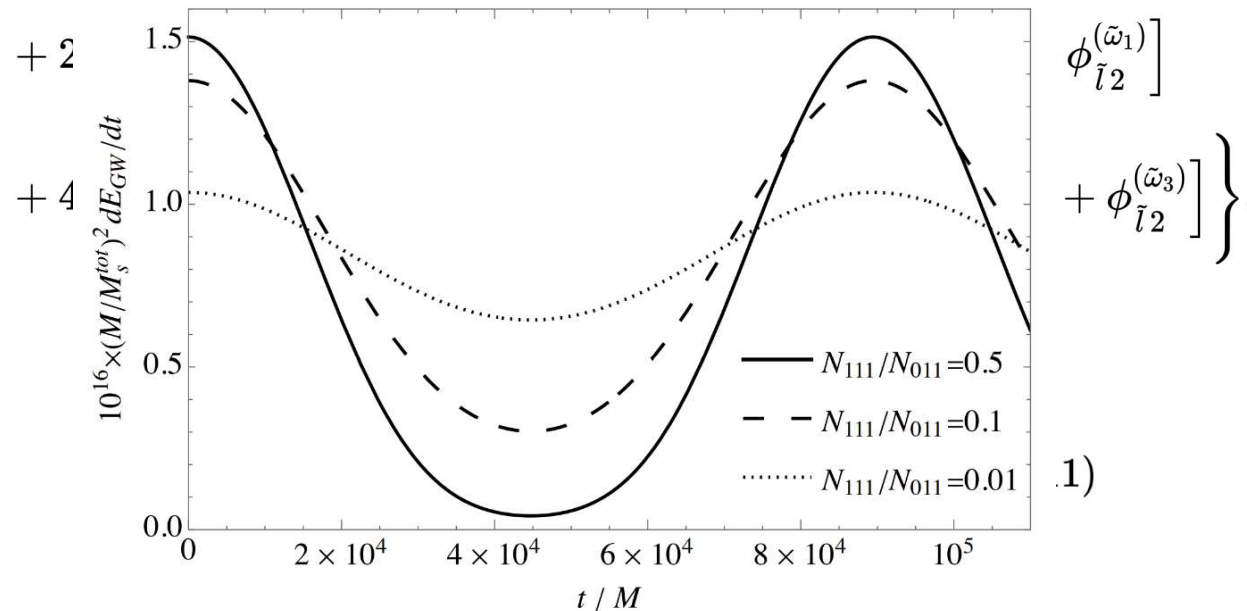
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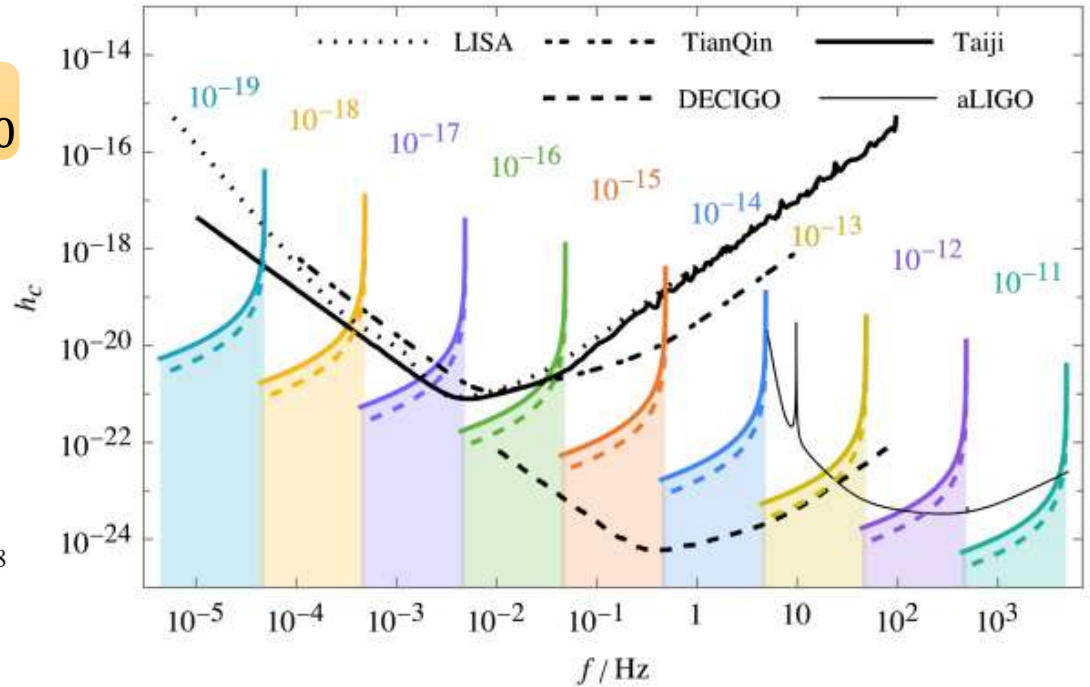
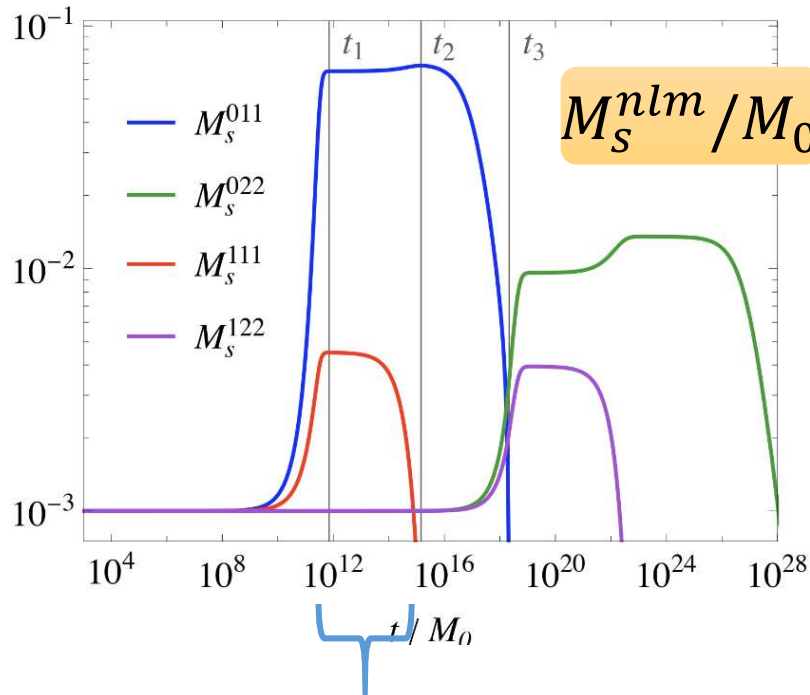
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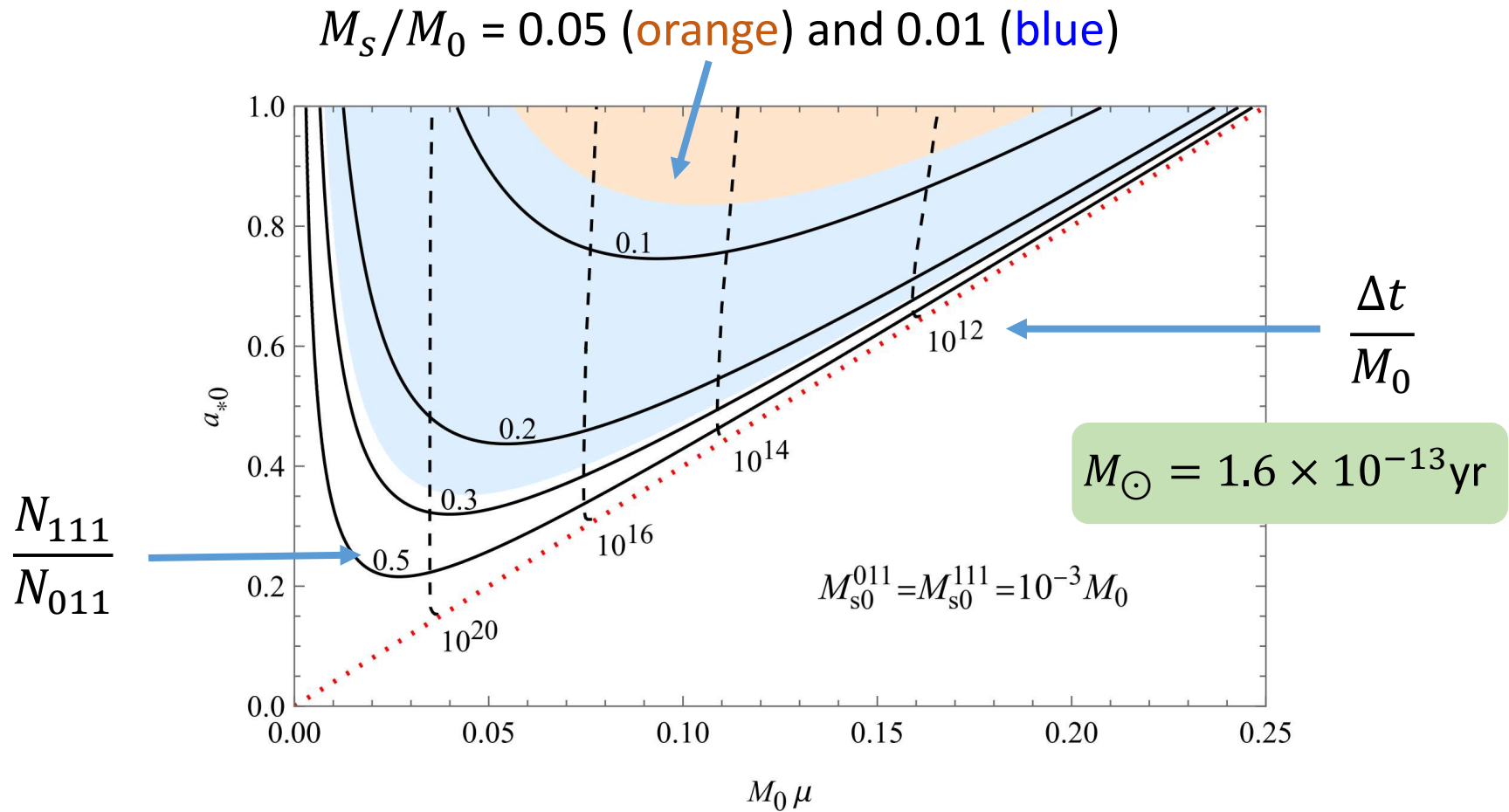


The BH spin here is determined by  $M\mu$

- Parameters:  $M\mu = 0.17$  (so  $a_C = 0.6$ ),  $M_S/M = 0.1$ ,  $N_{111}/N_{011} = 0.1$
- The red shift ranges from 0.001 to 10
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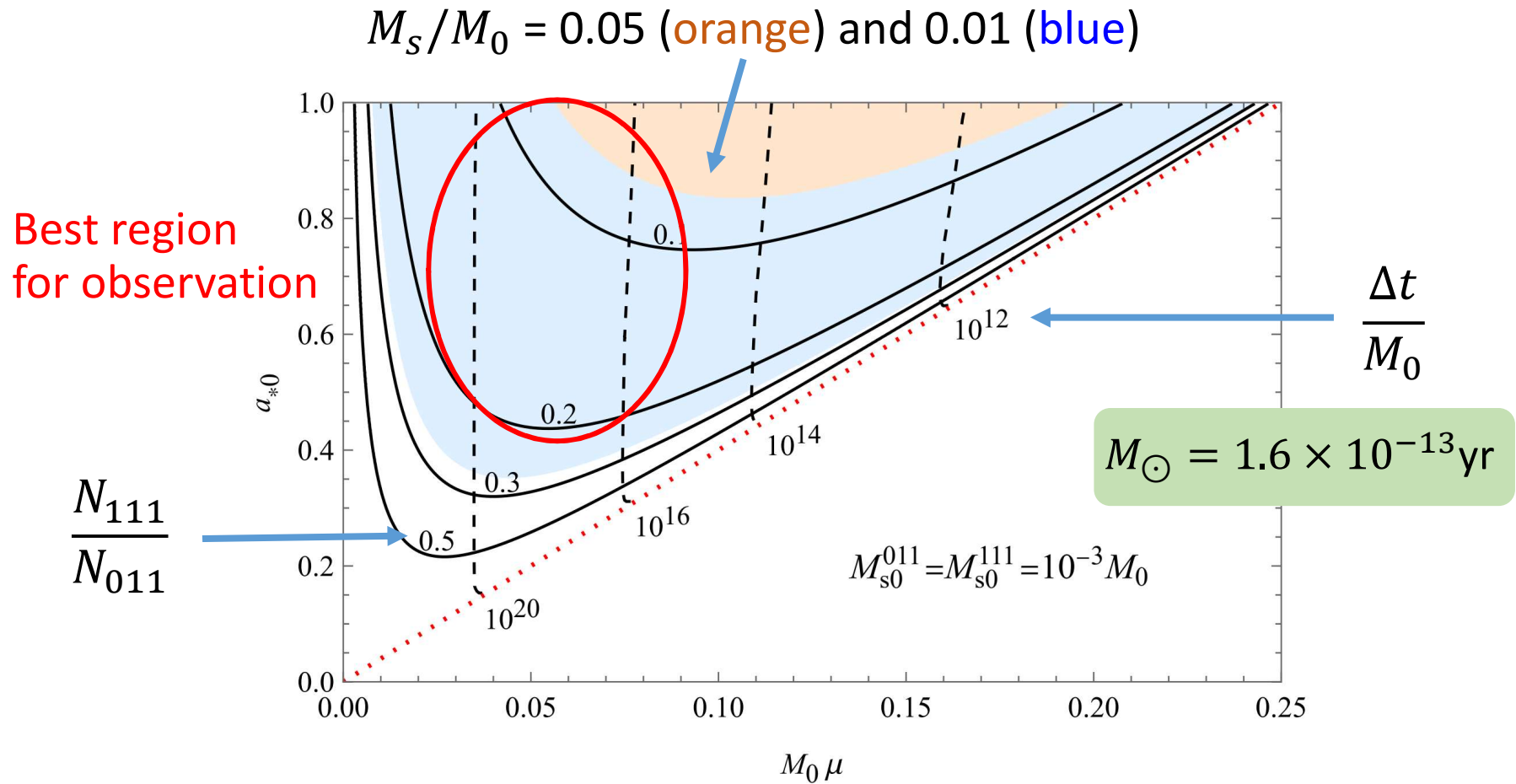
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