

Probing ultralight DM with GW detectors

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**What do we know about
Dark Matter Density
around the solar system?**

$$\rho \stackrel{?}{=} 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

only over ***kpc-scale***

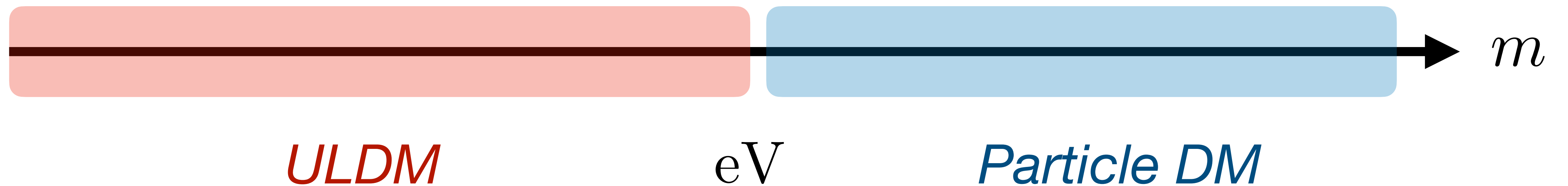
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$$\rho \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1) \times 10^4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

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Ultralight Dark Matter

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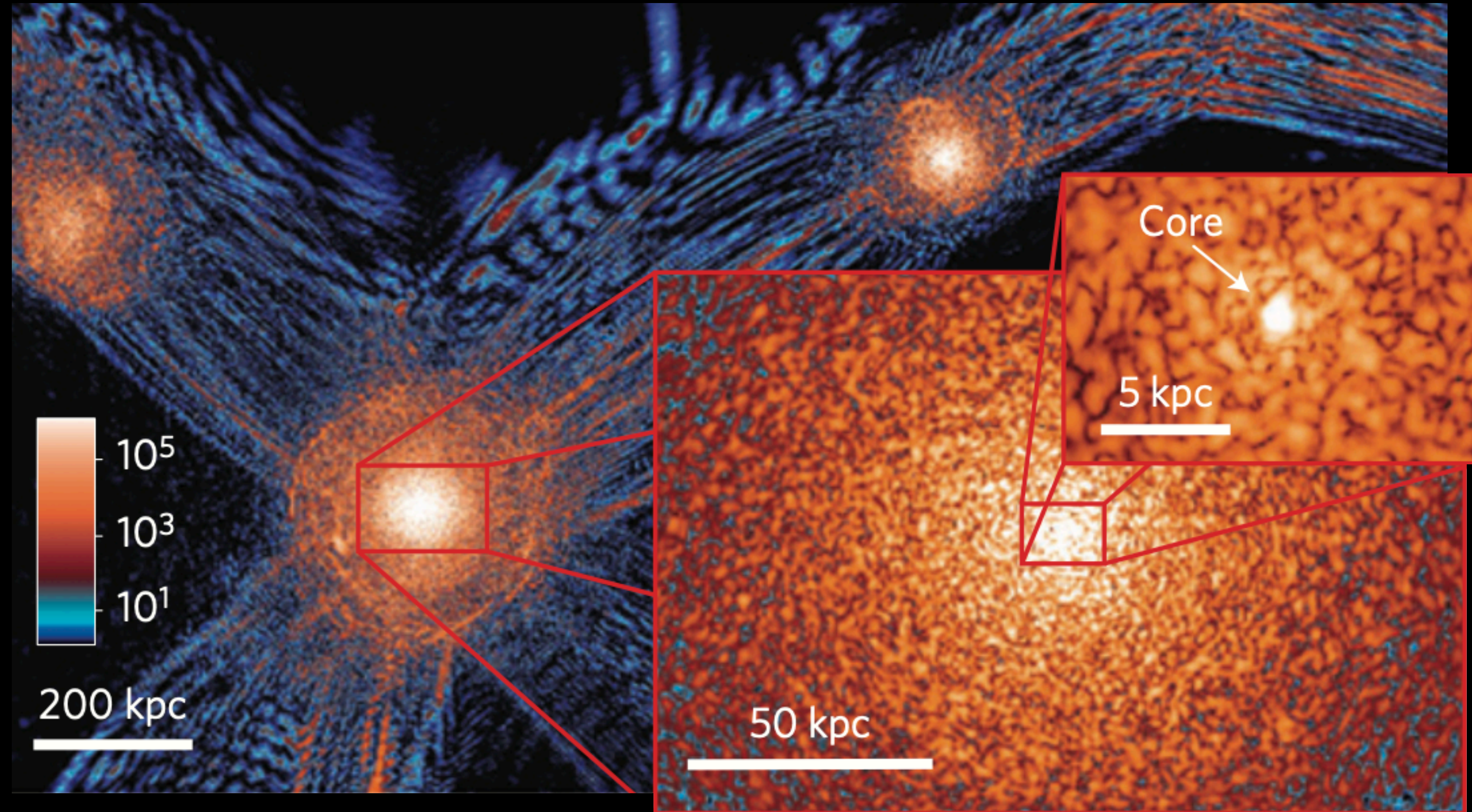


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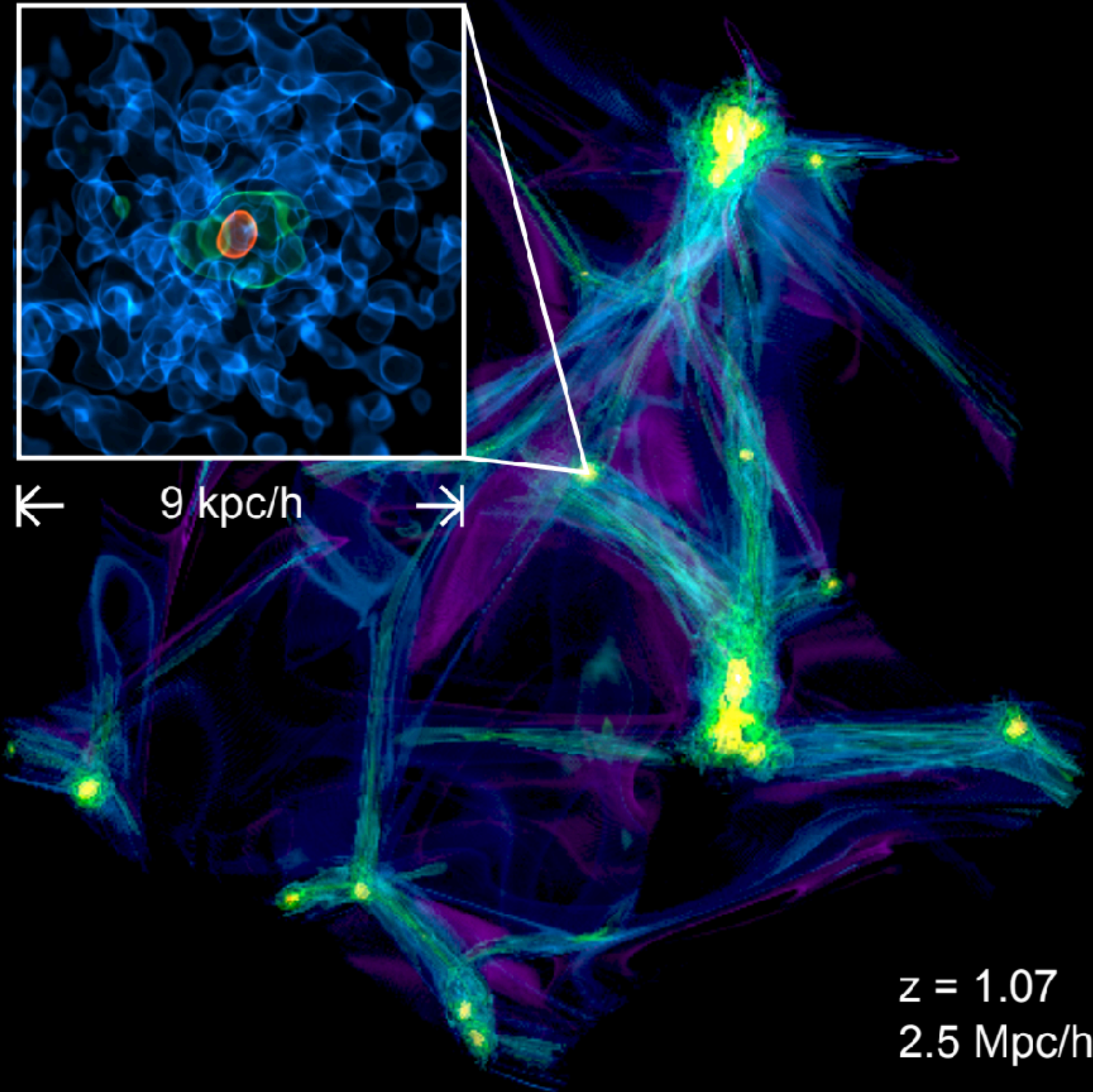
$$m \lesssim 10 \text{ eV}$$

$$N_{\text{occ}} \sim n_{\text{dm}} \lambda^3 \sim \left(\frac{10 \text{ eV}}{m} \right)^4$$

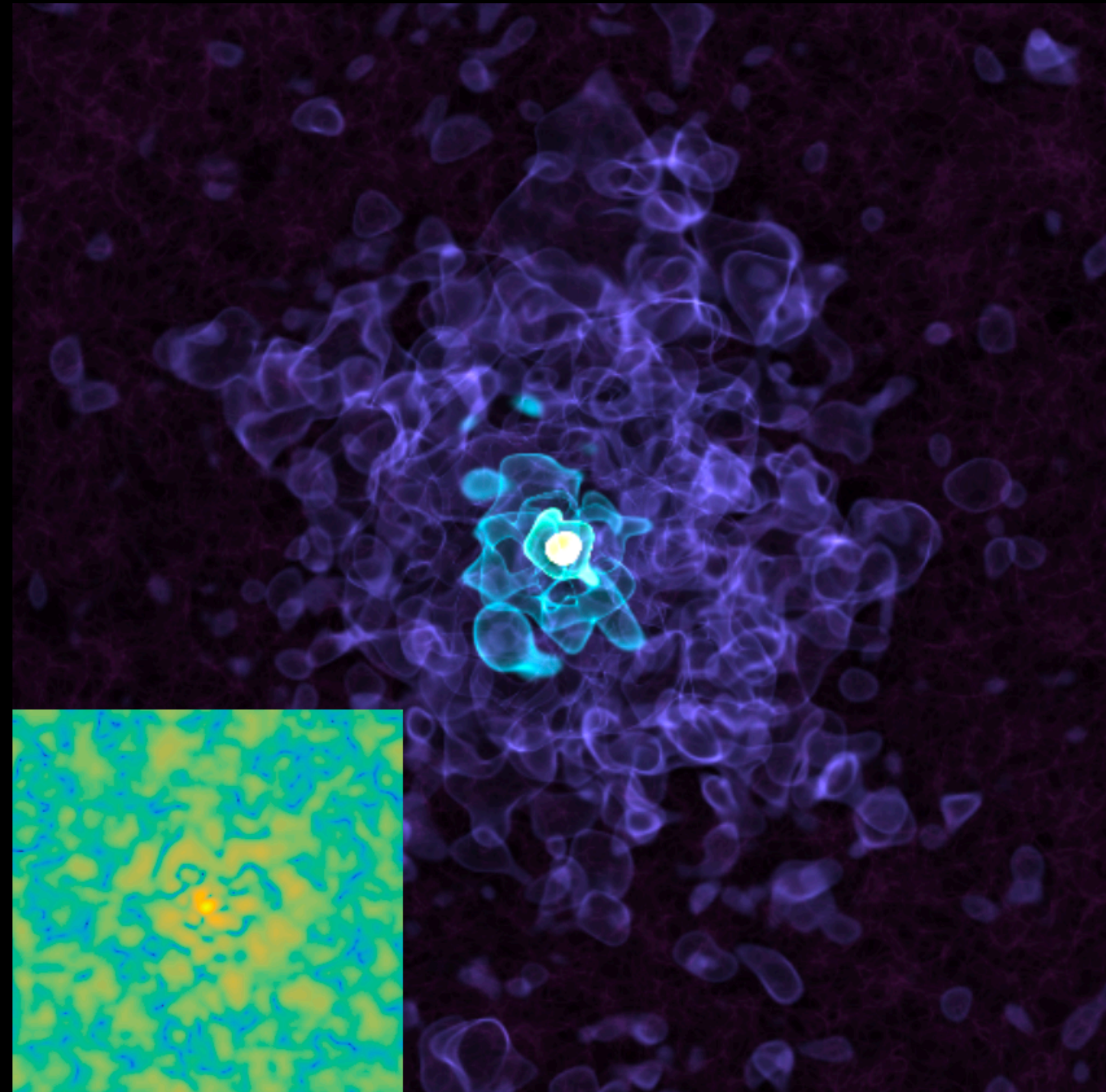




Mocz et al (17)



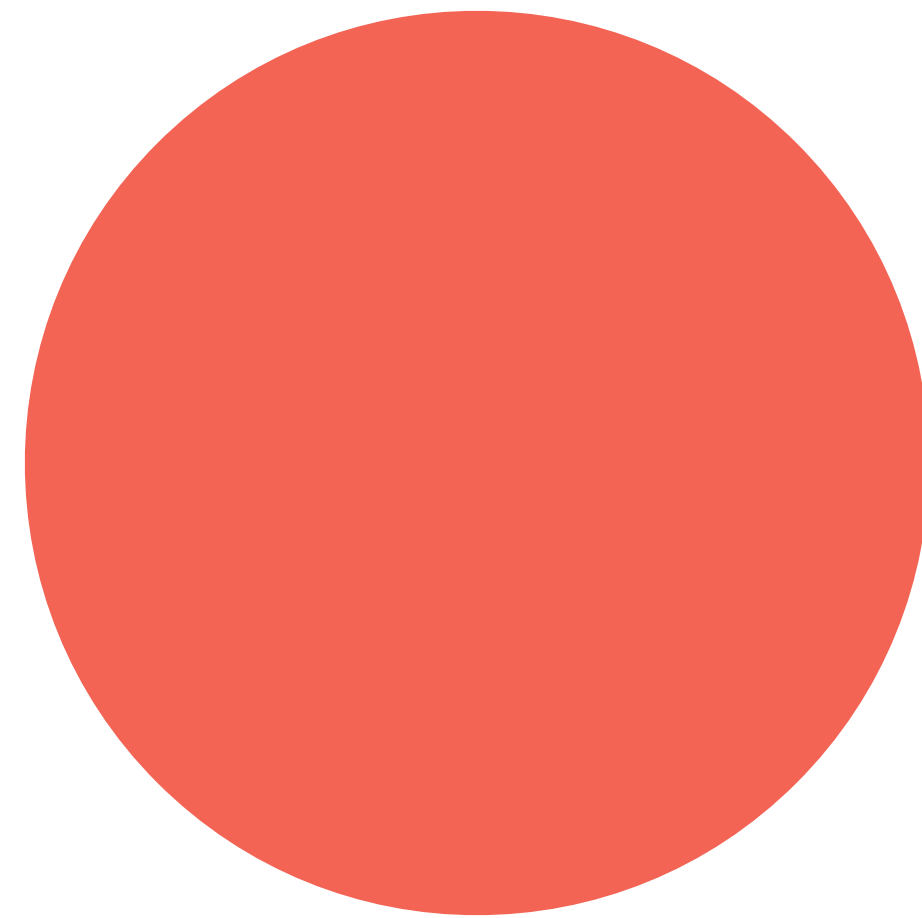
Veltmaat, Niemeyer, Schwabe (18)



An intuitive understanding of the granule structure:

Quasiparticle

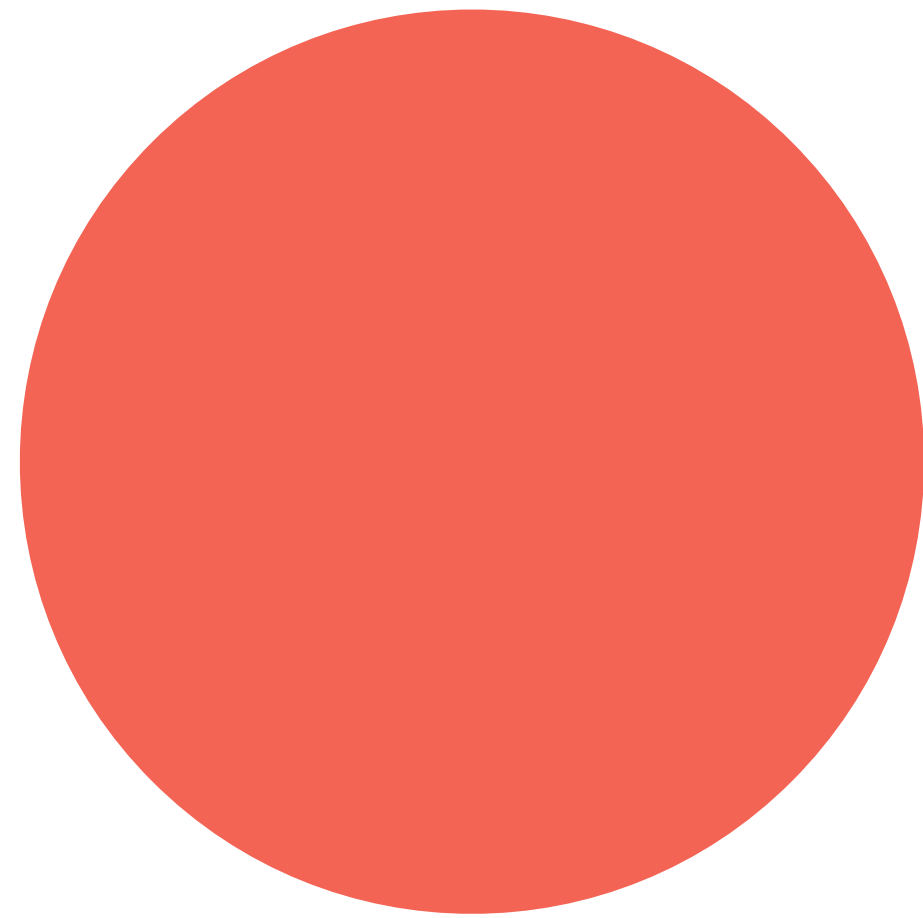
[Hui et al 17]



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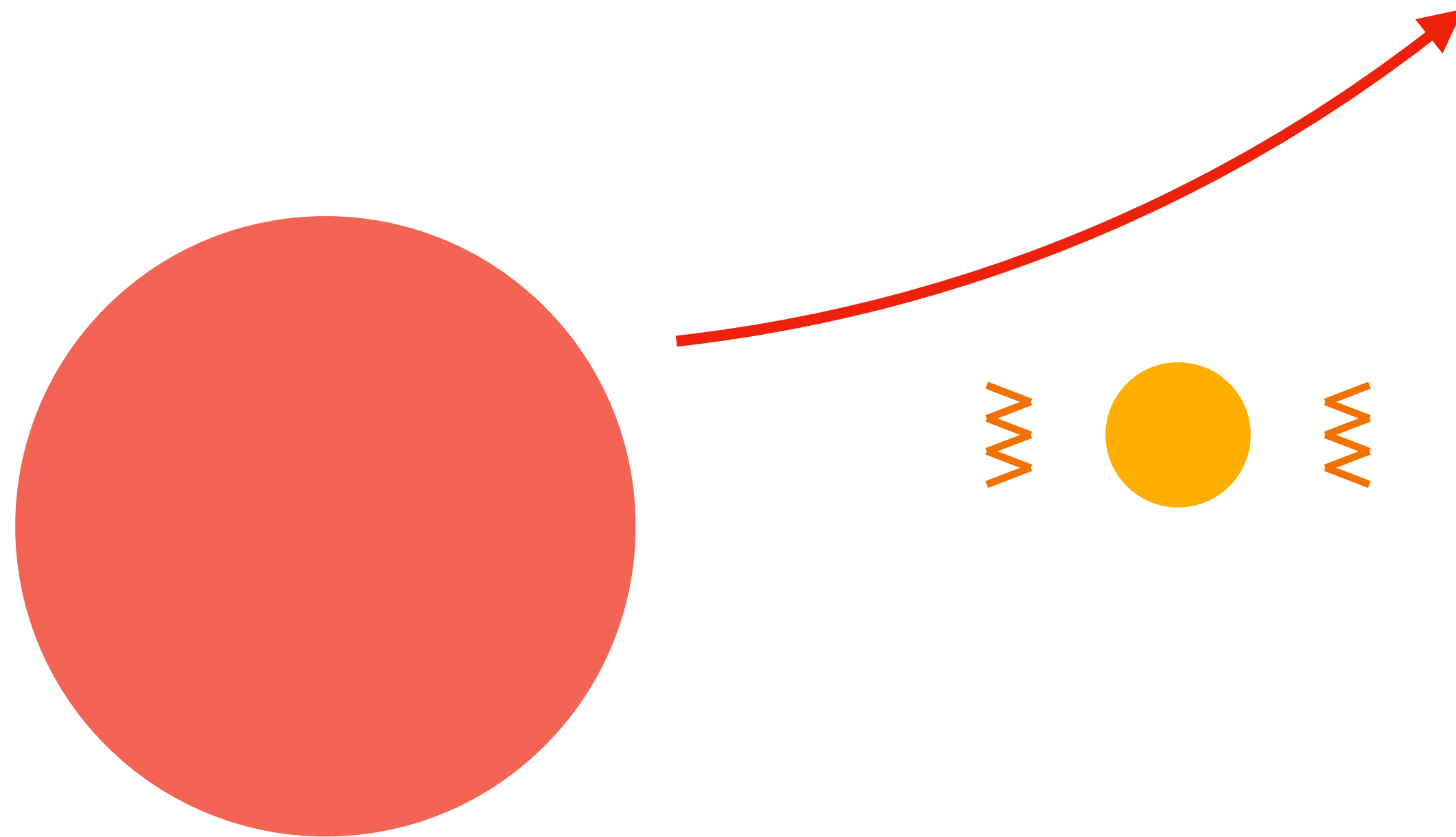
the size and mass of them could be astronomical



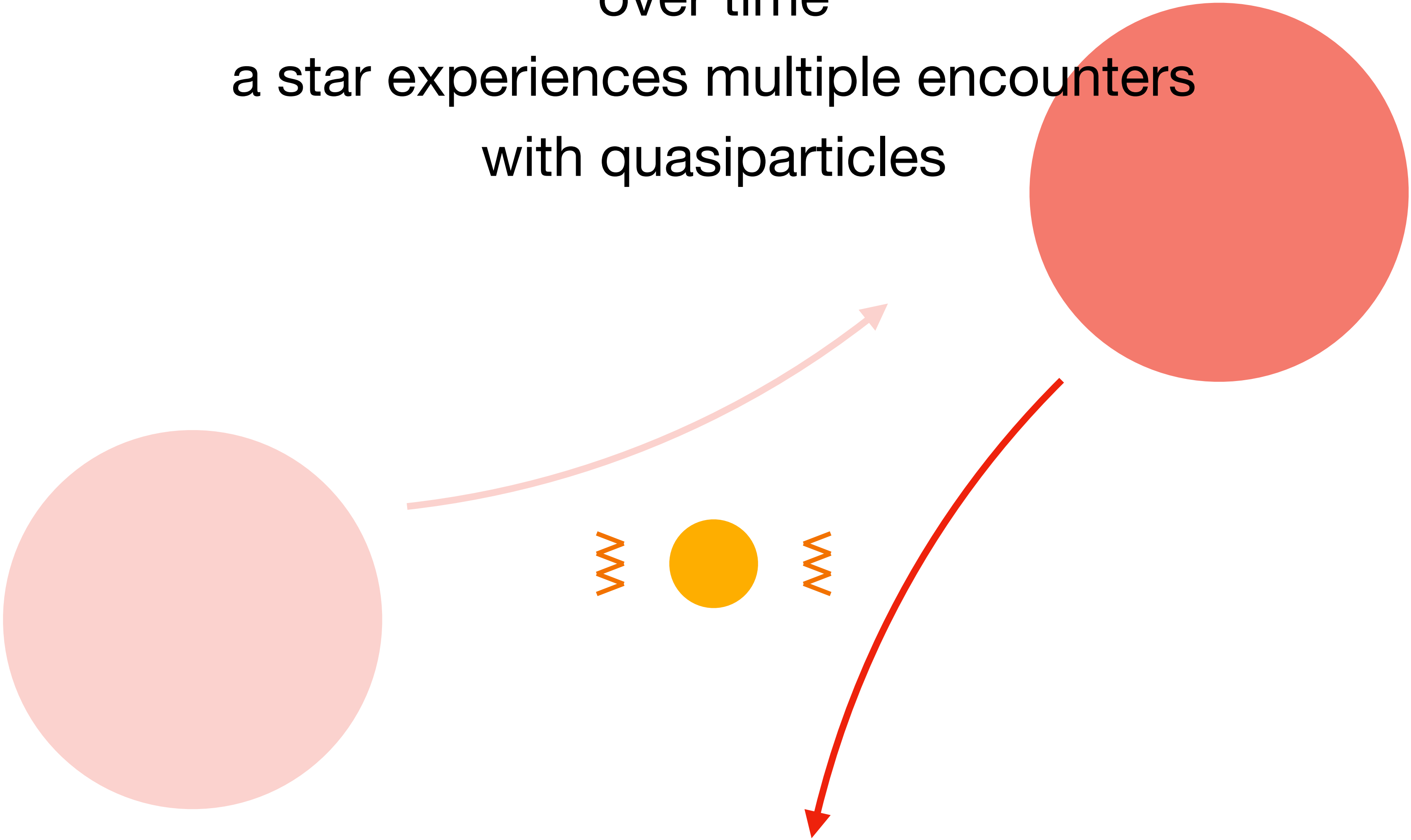
$$\ell \sim \lambda = \frac{1}{mv} \sim 10 \text{ AU} \times \left(\frac{10^{-16} \text{ eV}}{m} \right)$$

$$m_{\text{eff}} \sim \rho_{\text{DM}} \ell^3 \sim 10^{15} \text{ kg} \times \left(\frac{10^{-16} \text{ eV}}{m} \right)^3$$

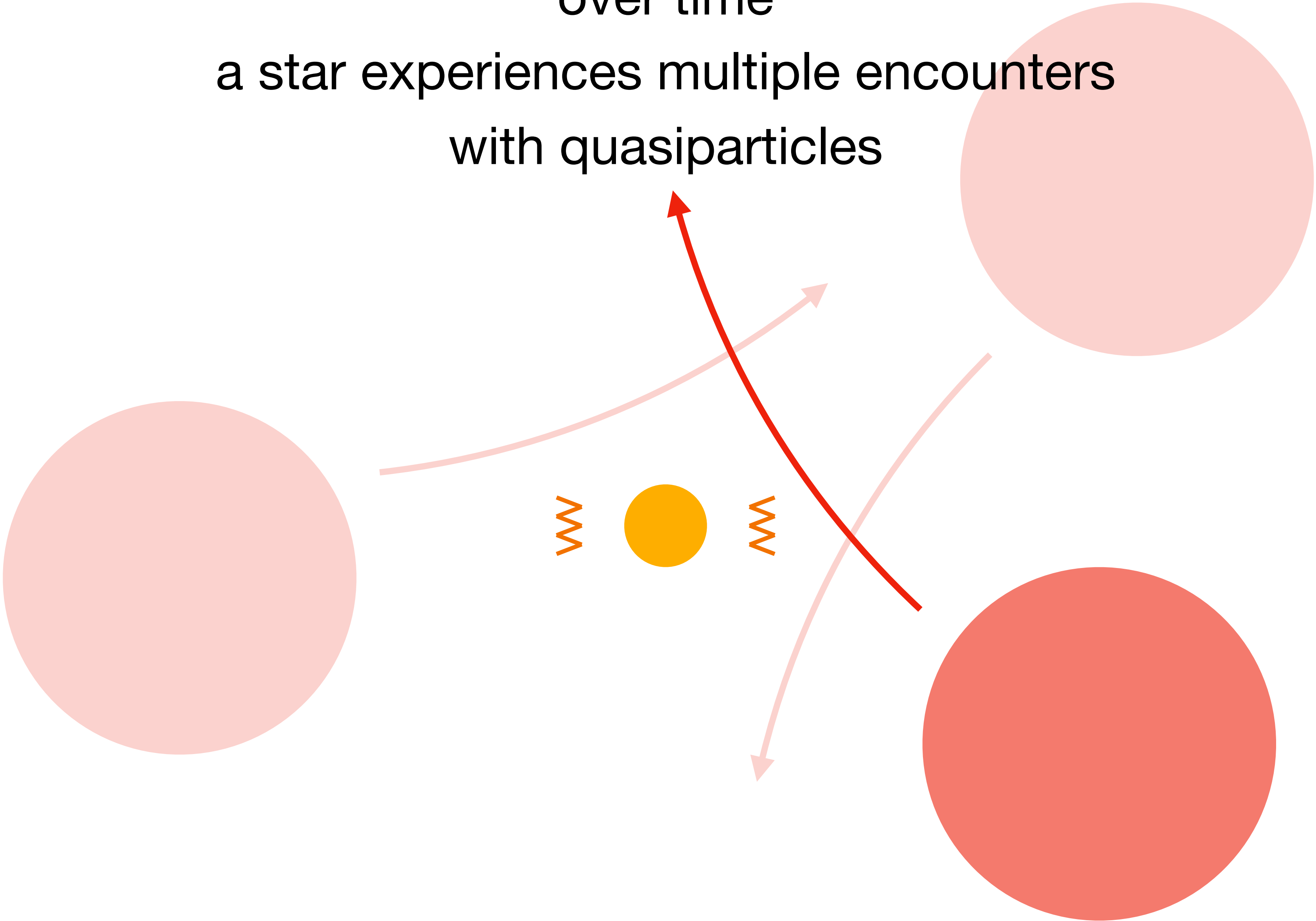
being that massive
it may engage in interaction with stars
and significantly perturb the motion of them



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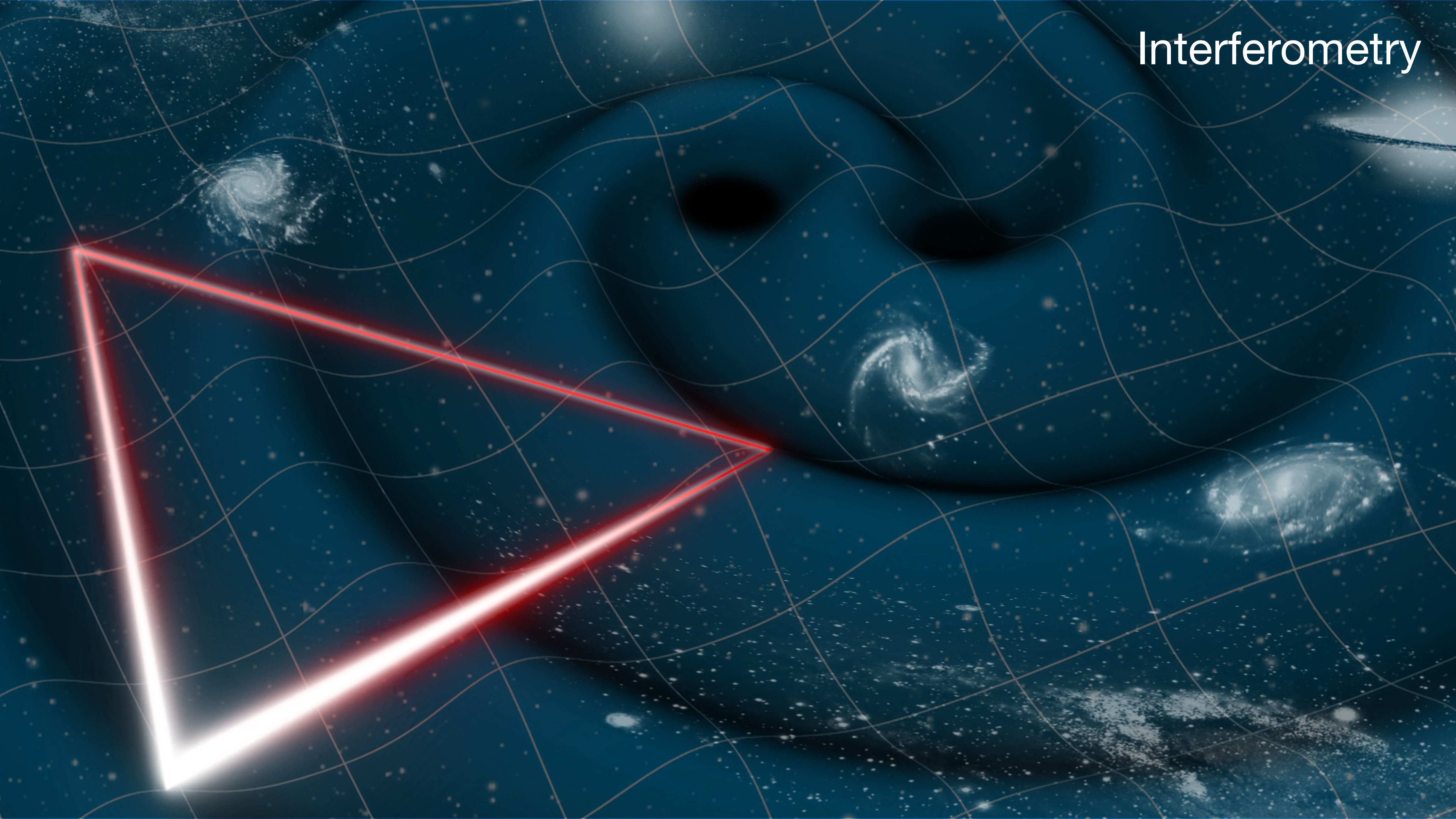
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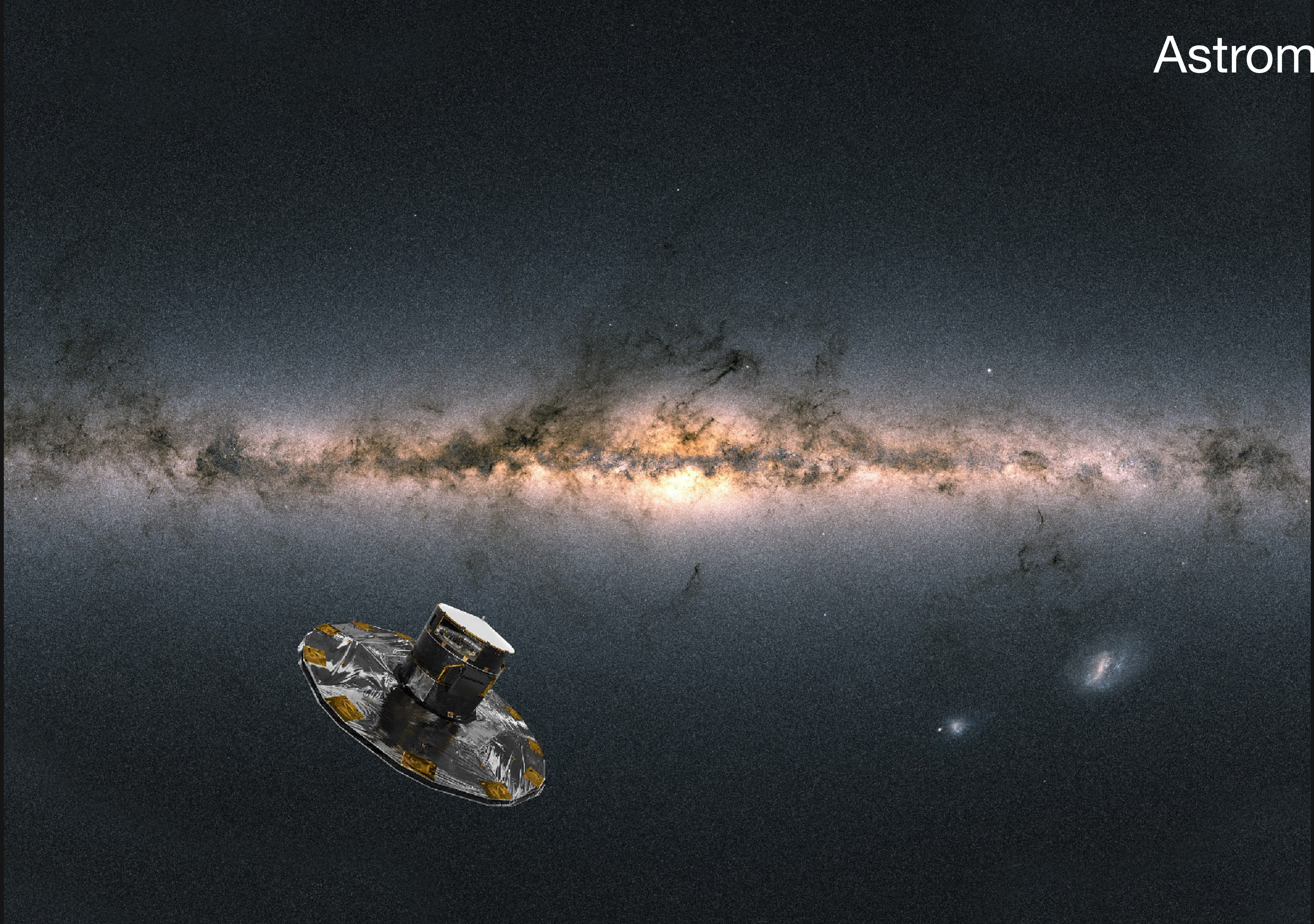
Interferometry

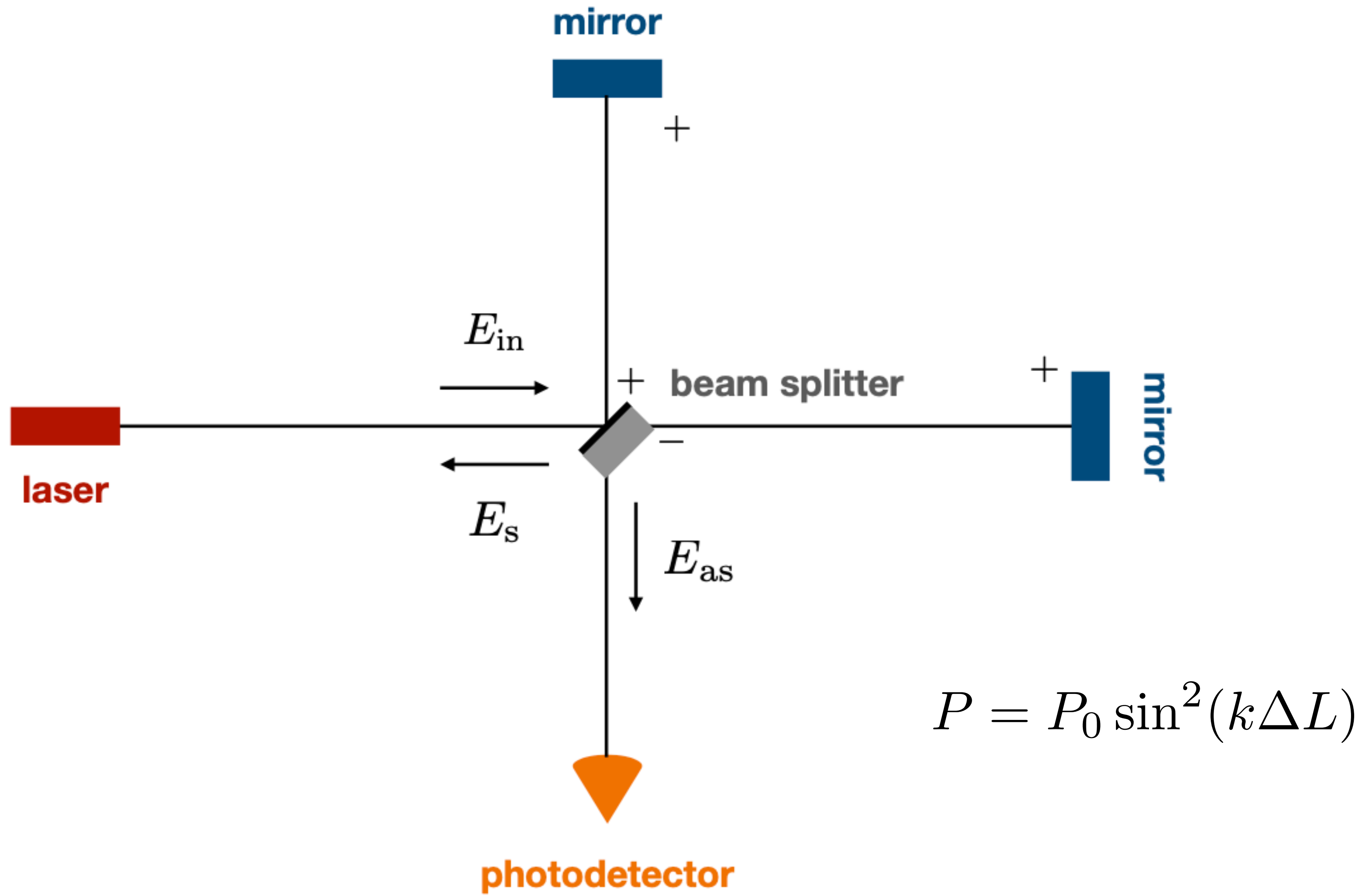


Pulsar Timing Array



Astrometry

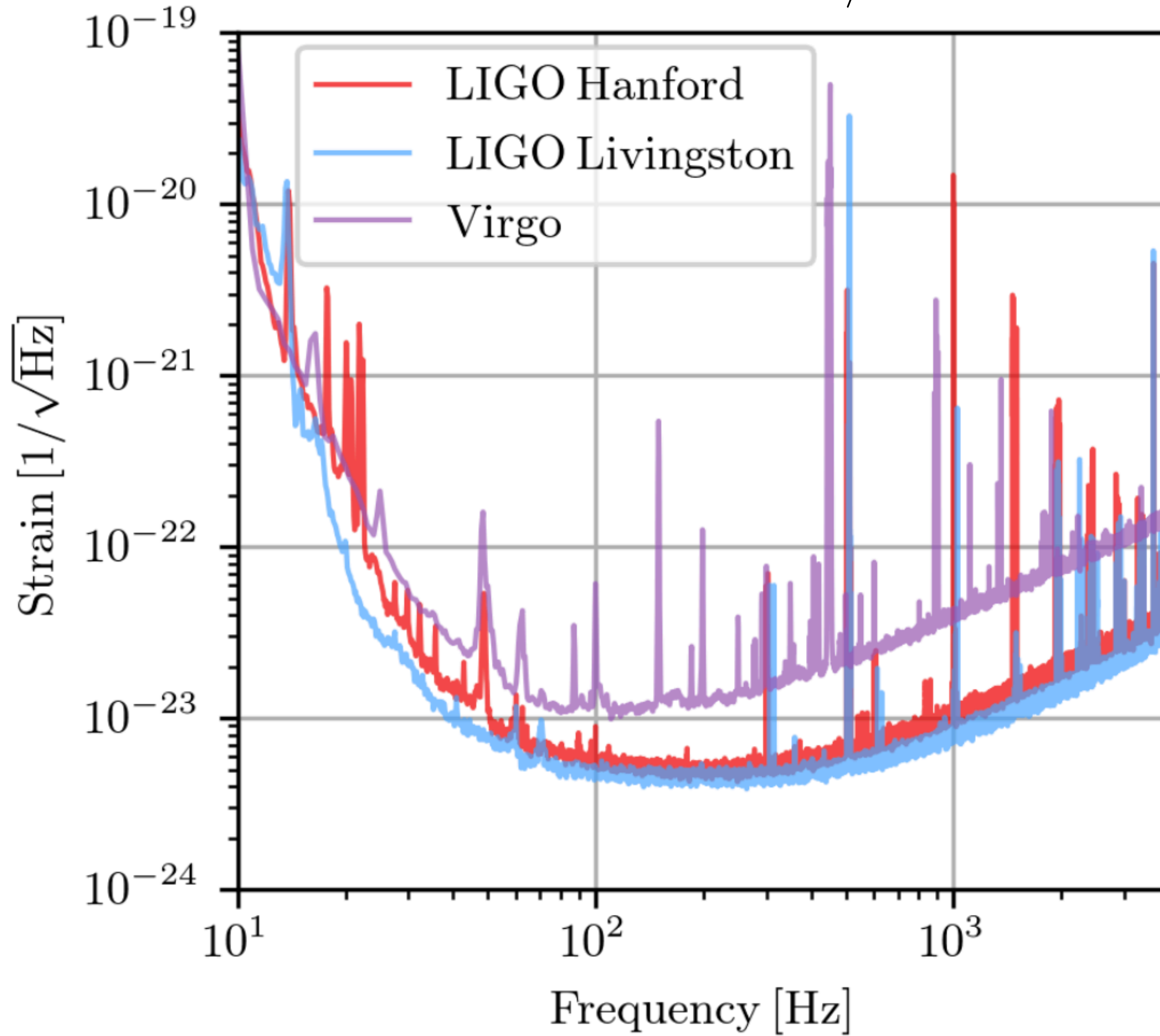


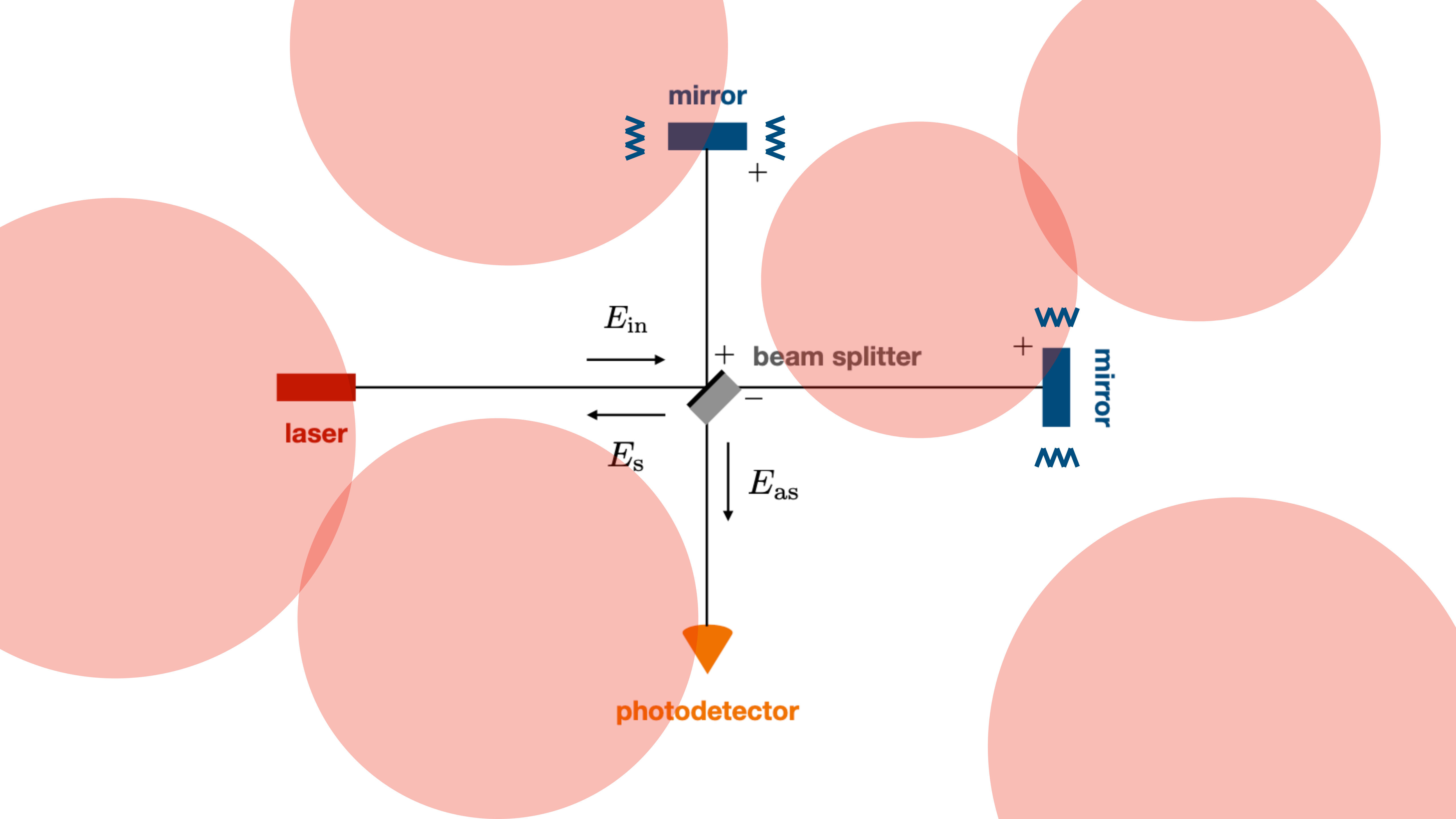




$$S_n^{1/2}(f) \sim S_{\Delta L/L}^{1/2}(f)$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int df S_x(f)$$





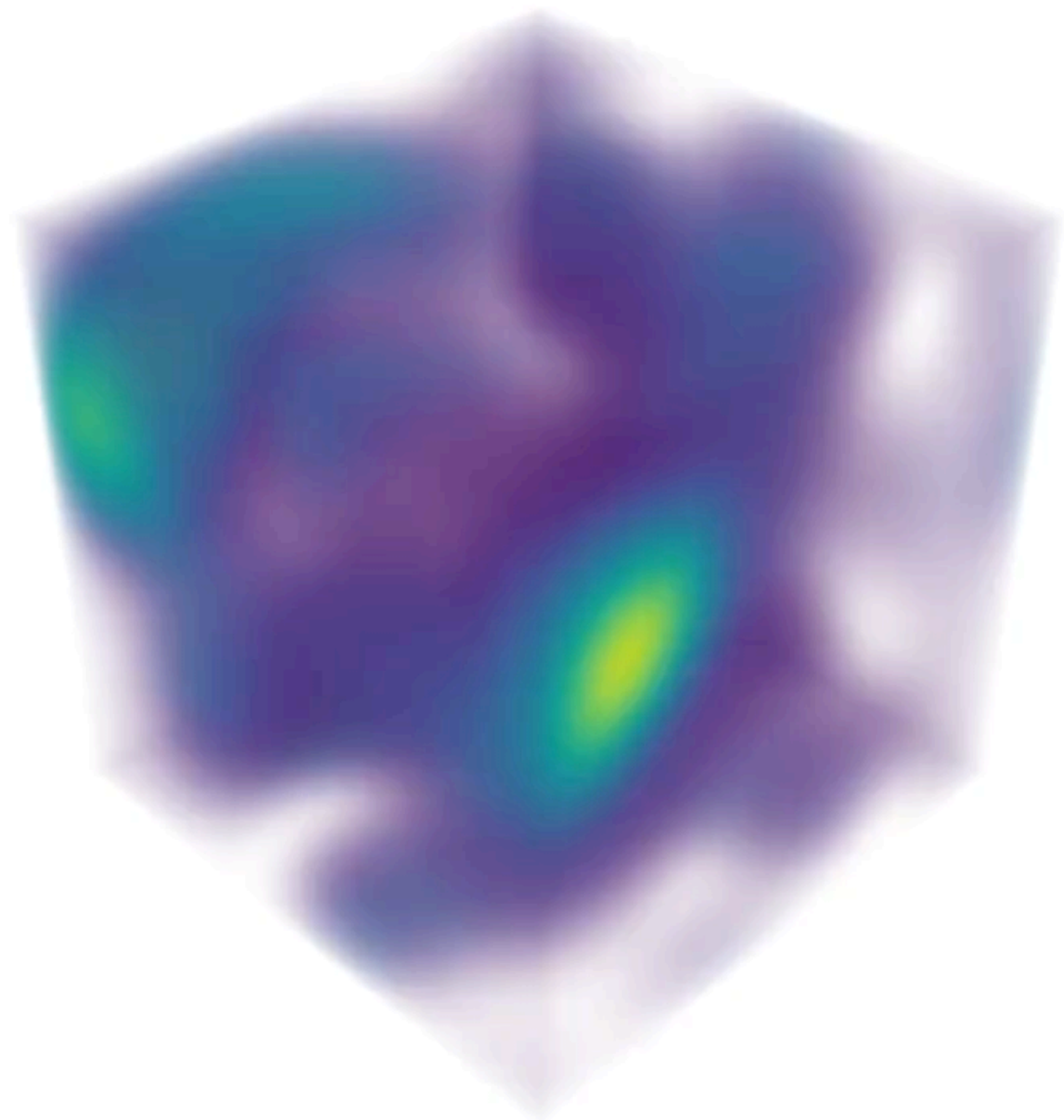
can we actually measure
ULDM signals with GW interferometers?

$$\ddot{x} = -\nabla\Phi$$

$$\nabla^2\Phi = 4\pi G\rho$$

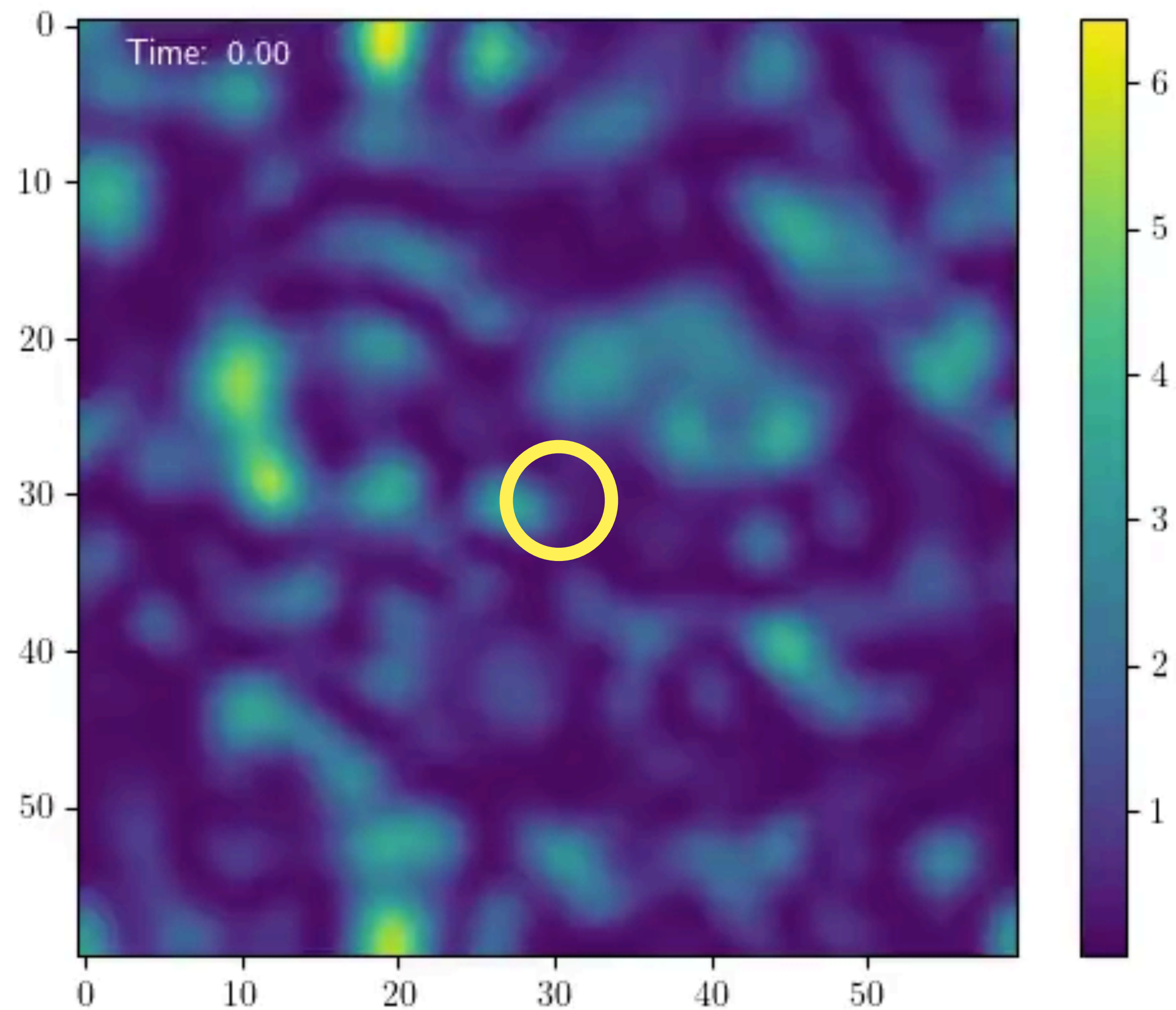
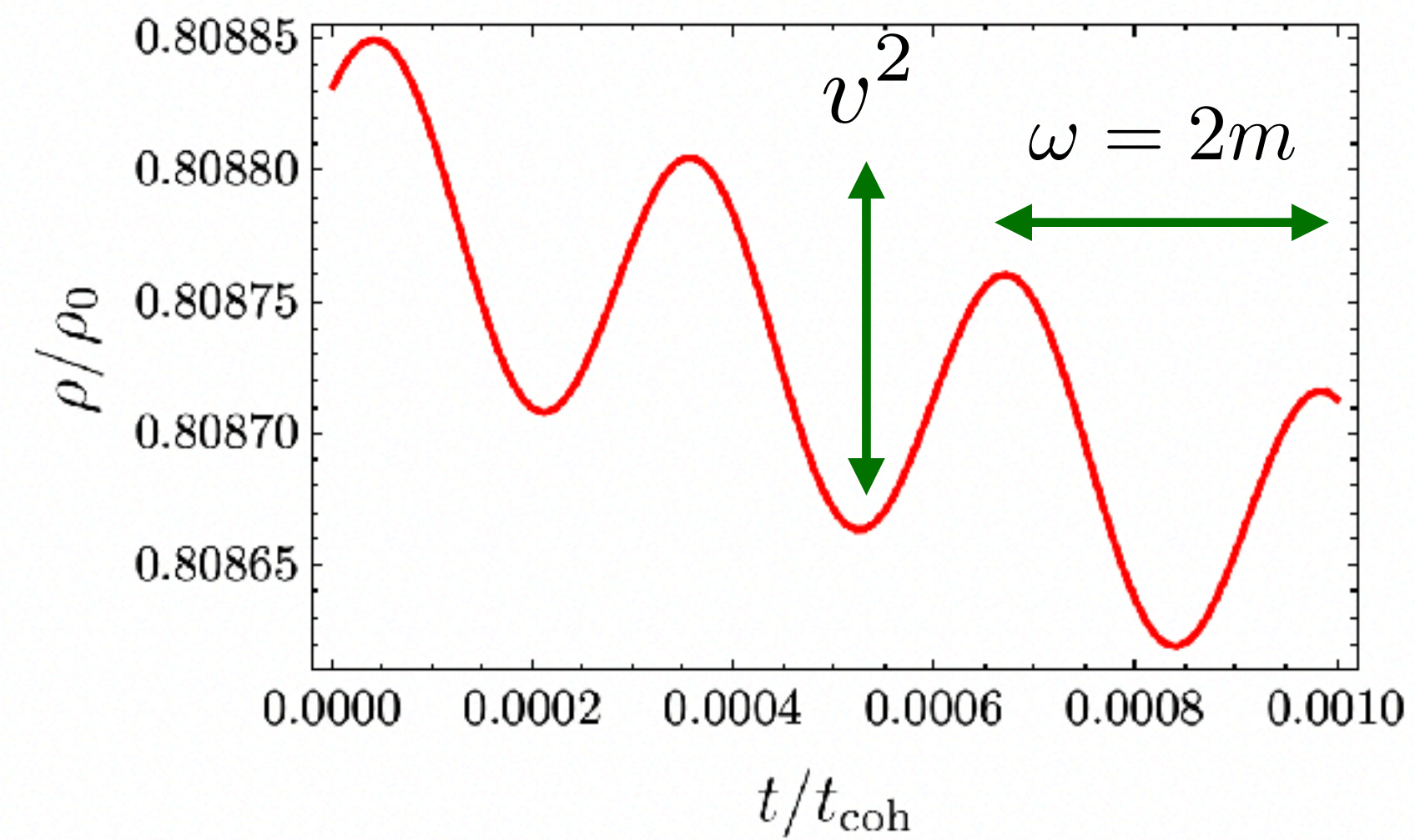


what is reflected in *detector observables*
is the *statistical properties* of
density fluctuations of ULDM

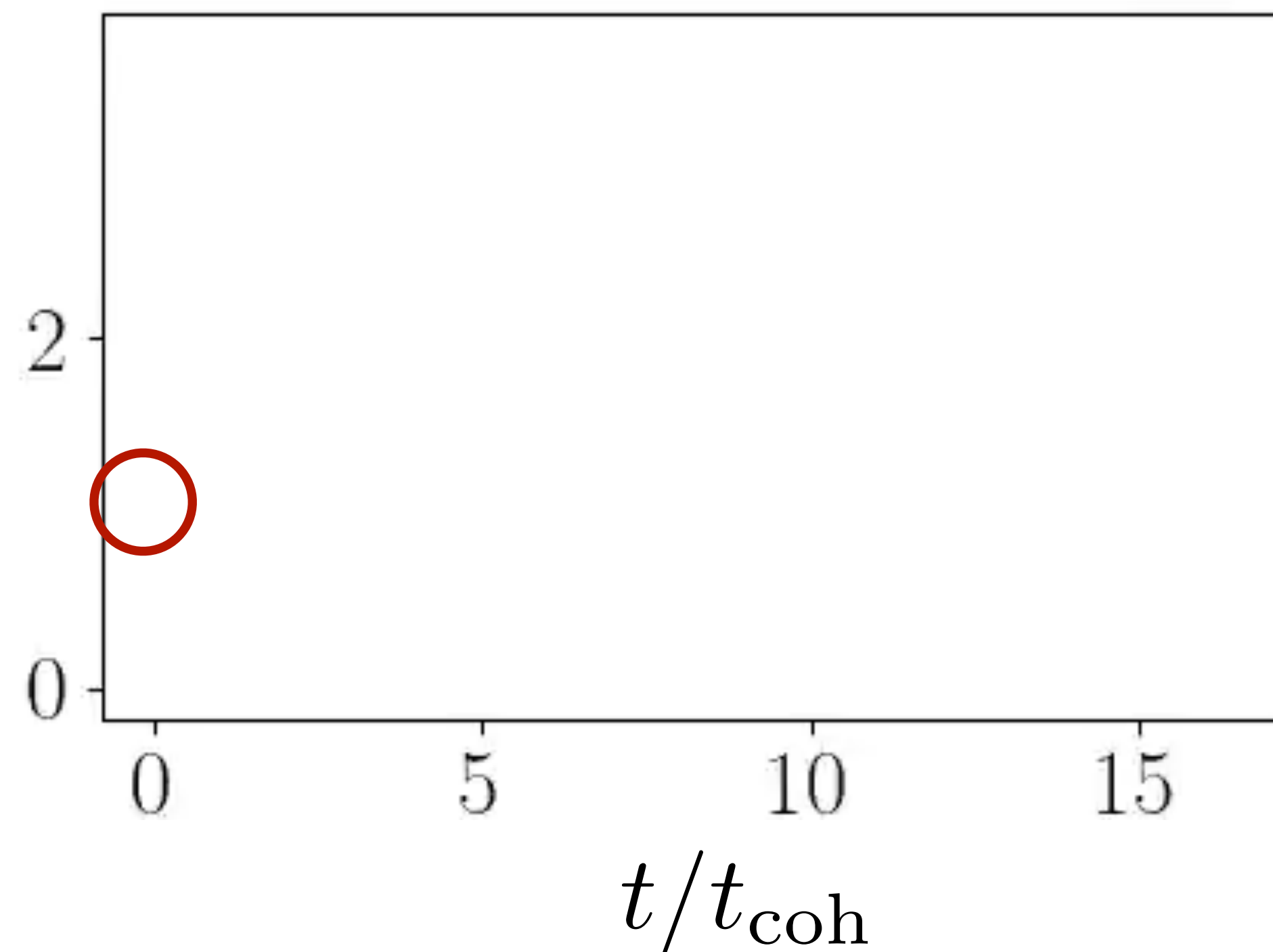


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$$\langle \delta(x)\delta(x) \rangle = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} S_\delta(\omega)$$



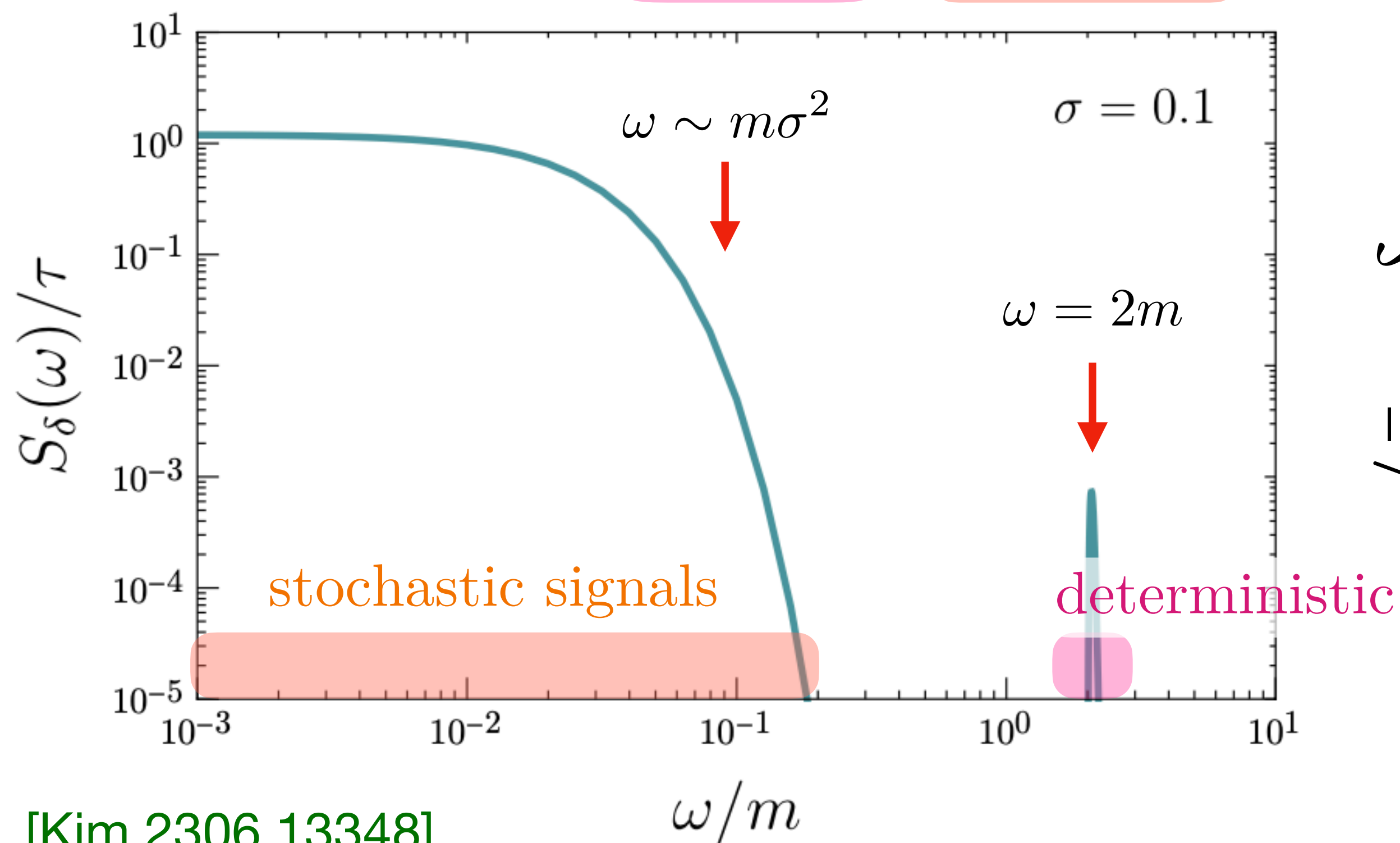
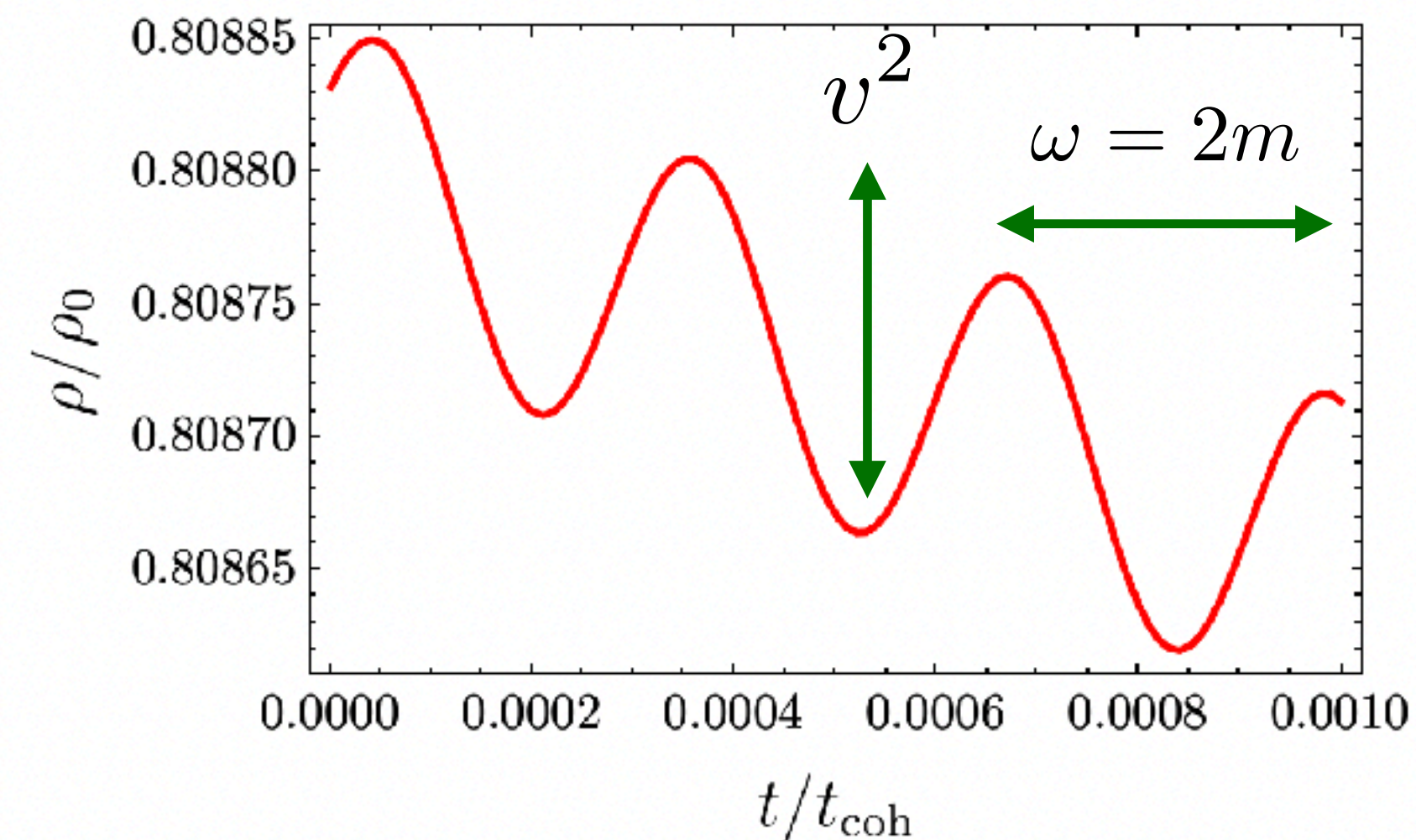
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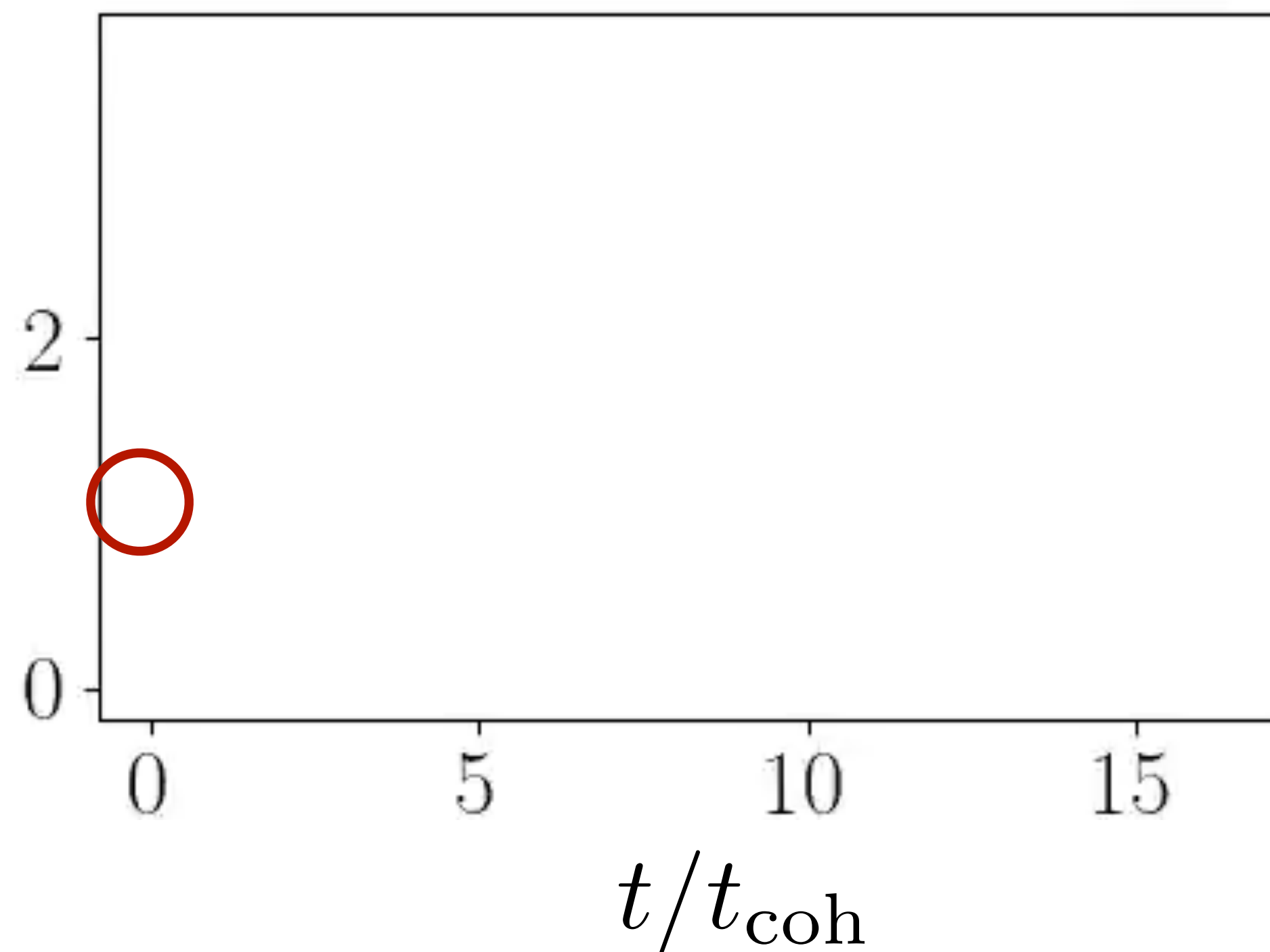
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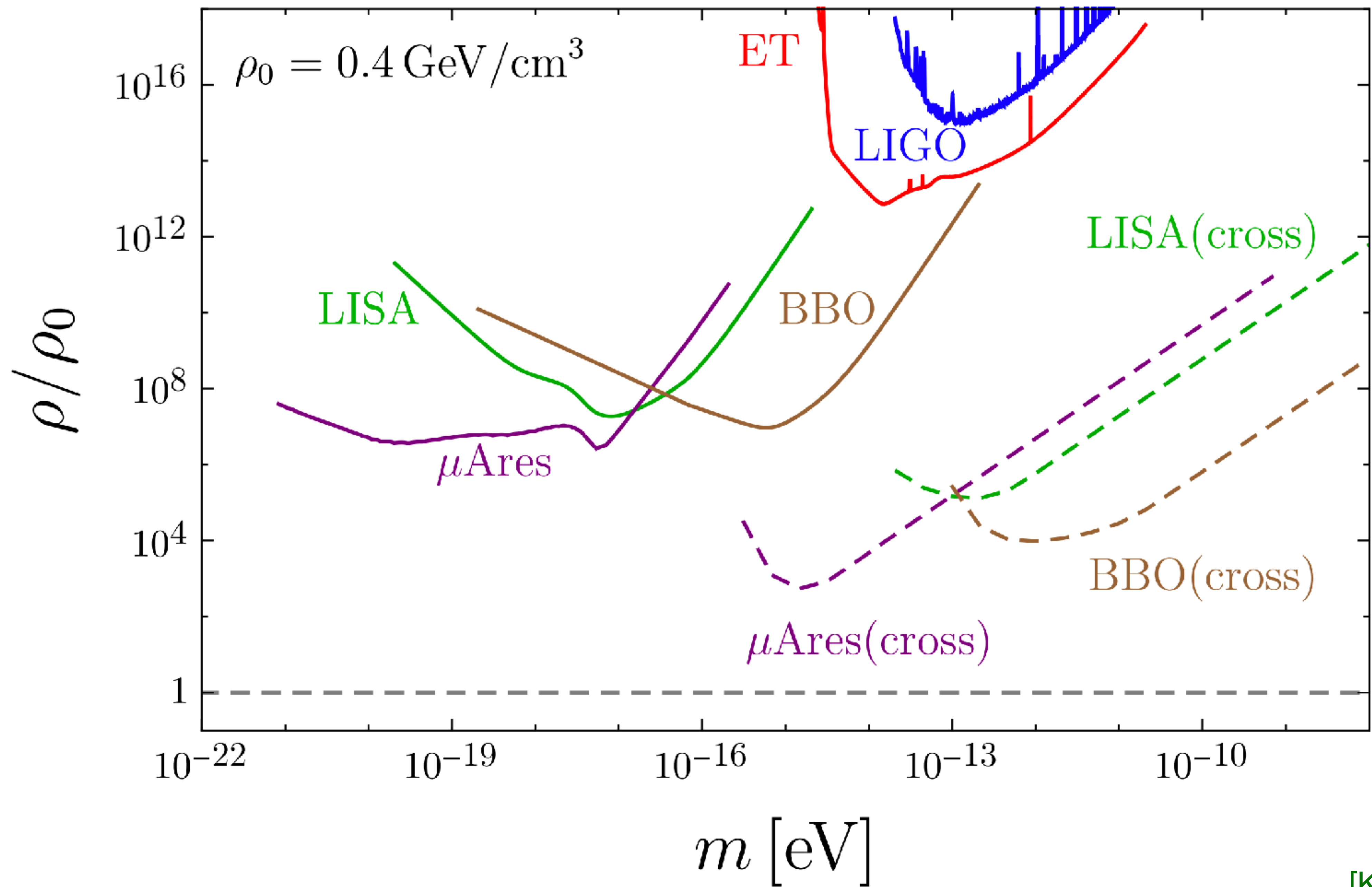


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[Kim 2306.13348]

[Kim, Lenoci, Perez, Ratzinger, 2307.14962]

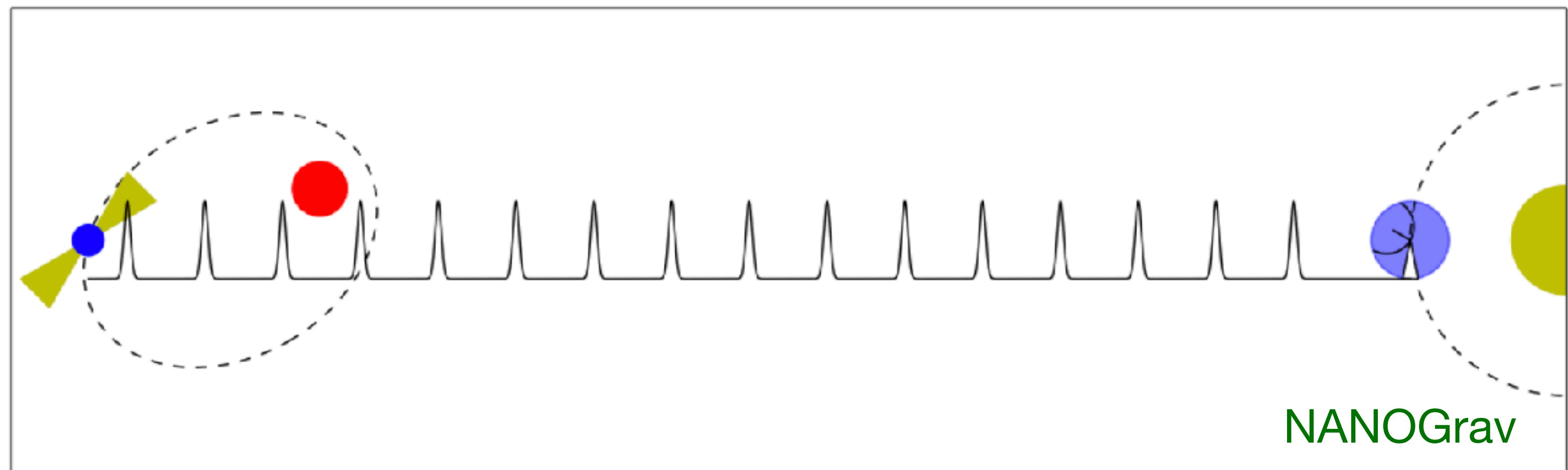


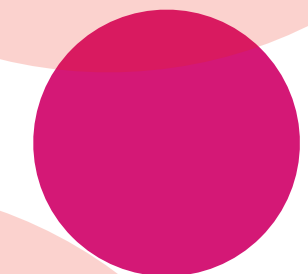
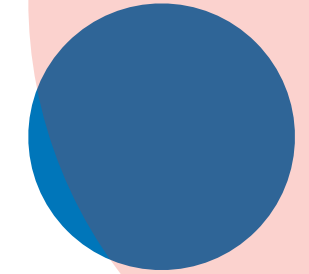
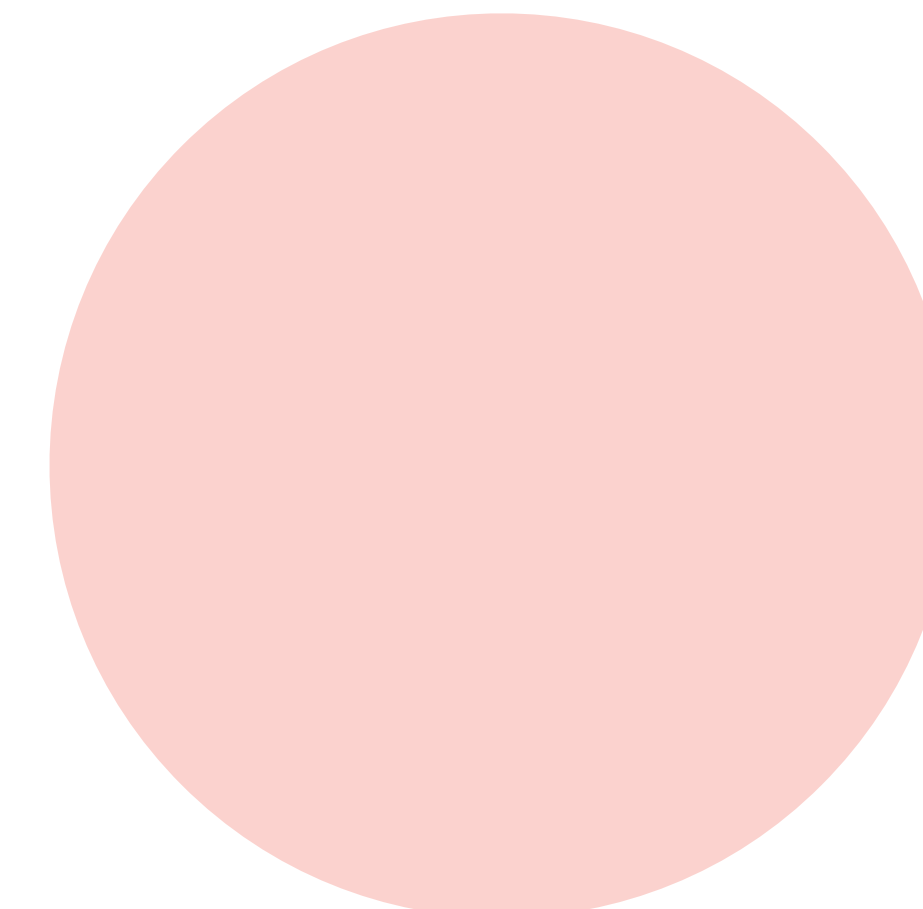
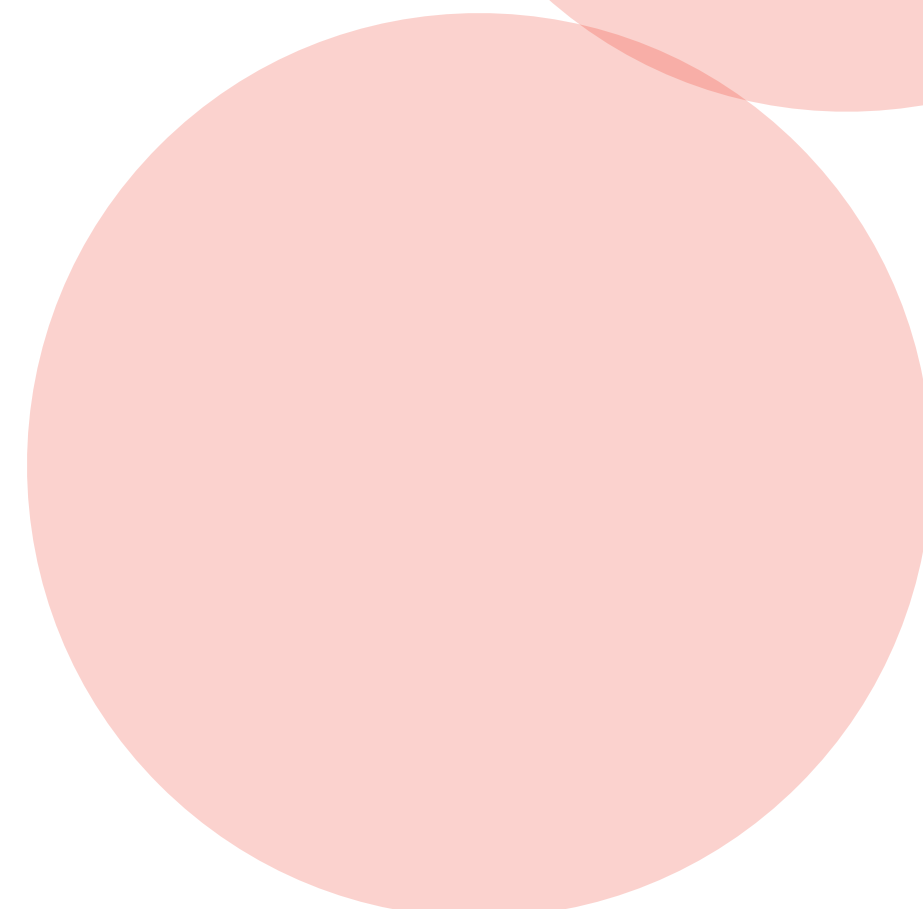
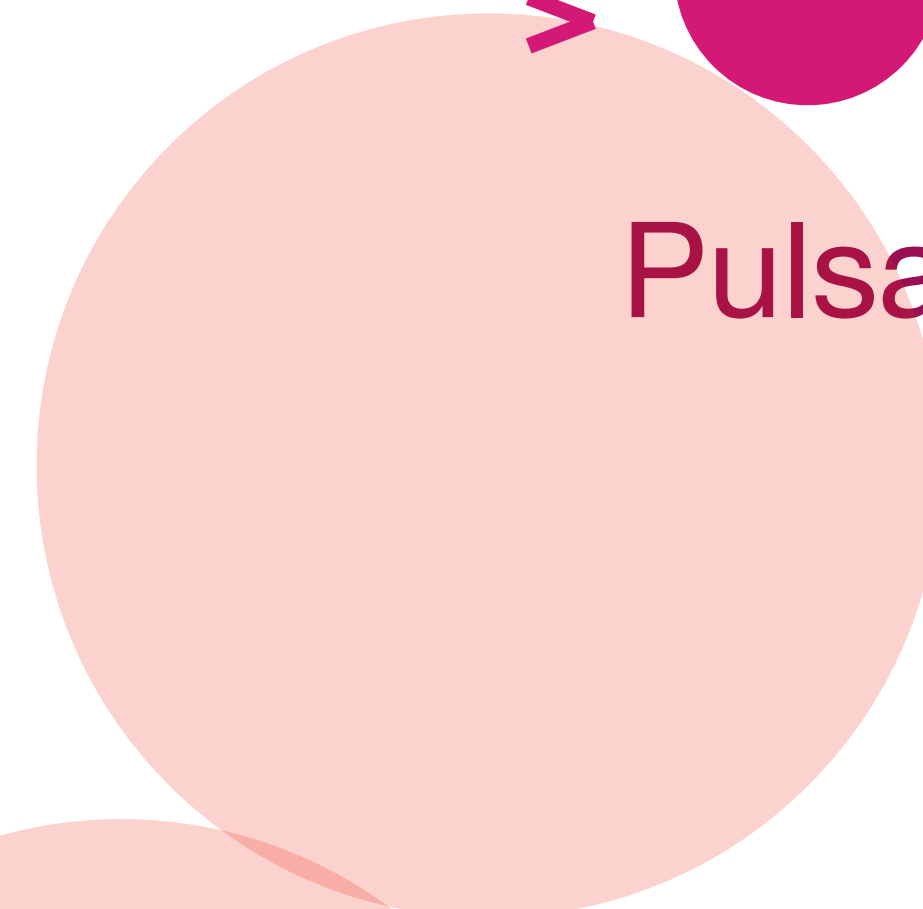
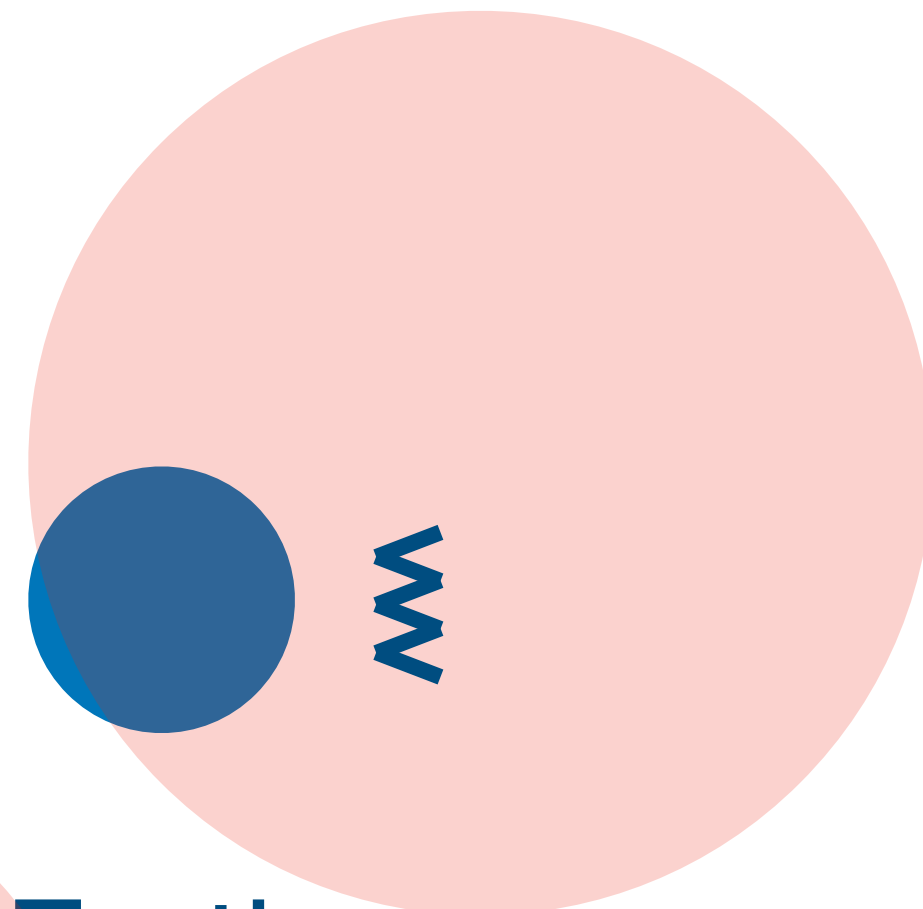
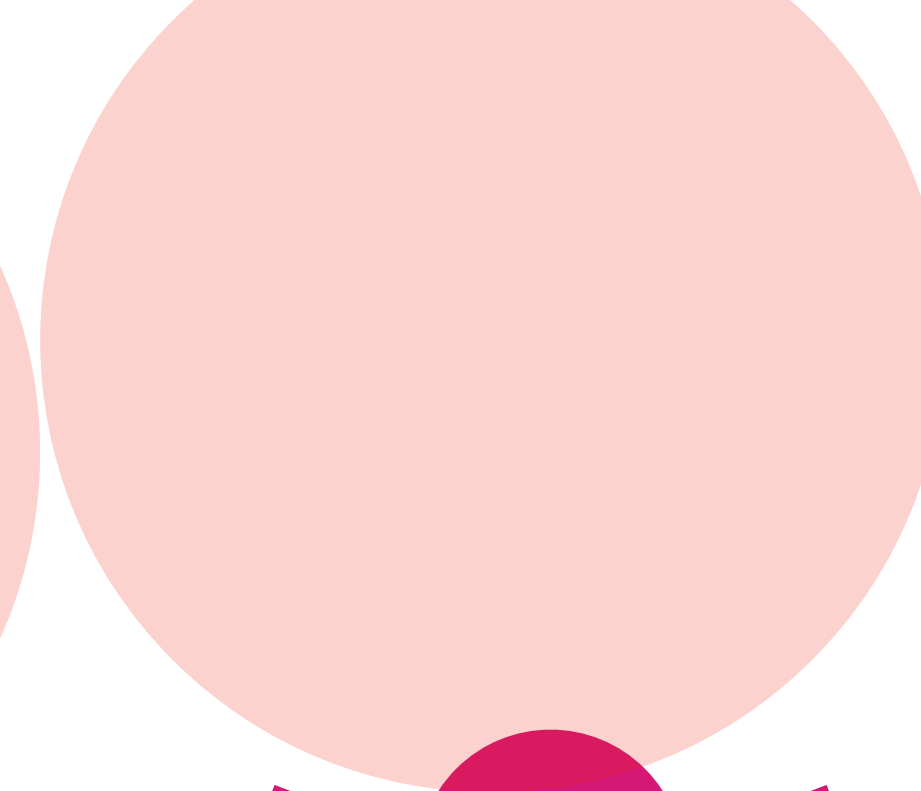
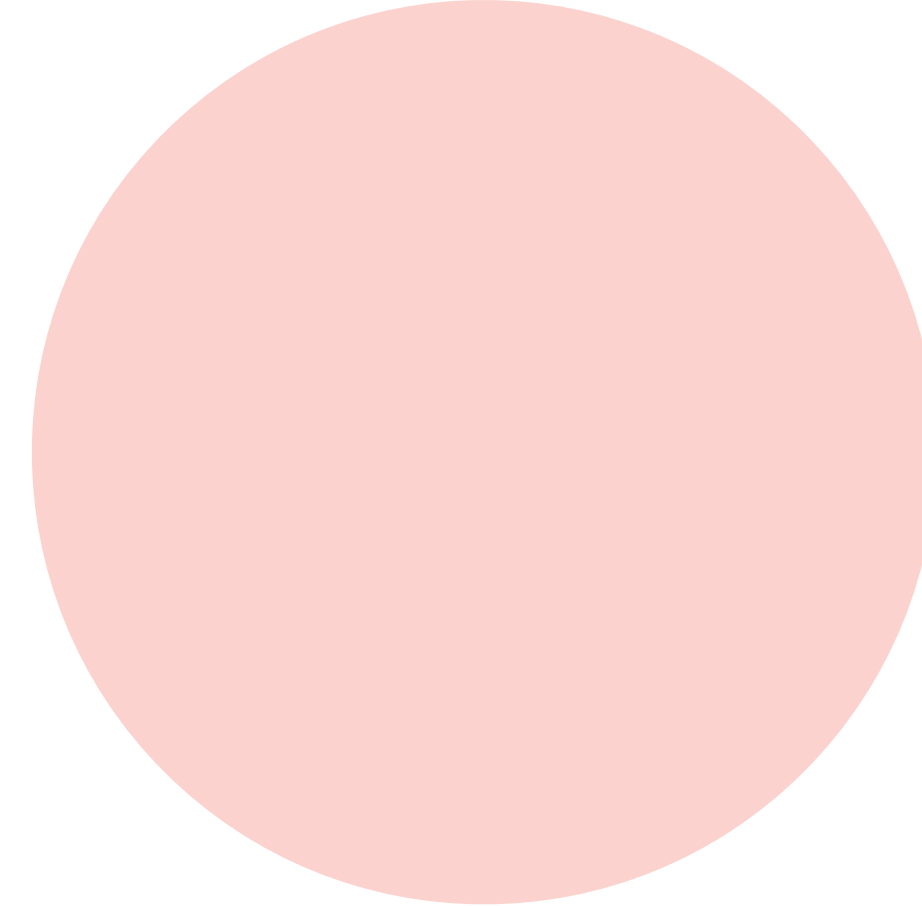
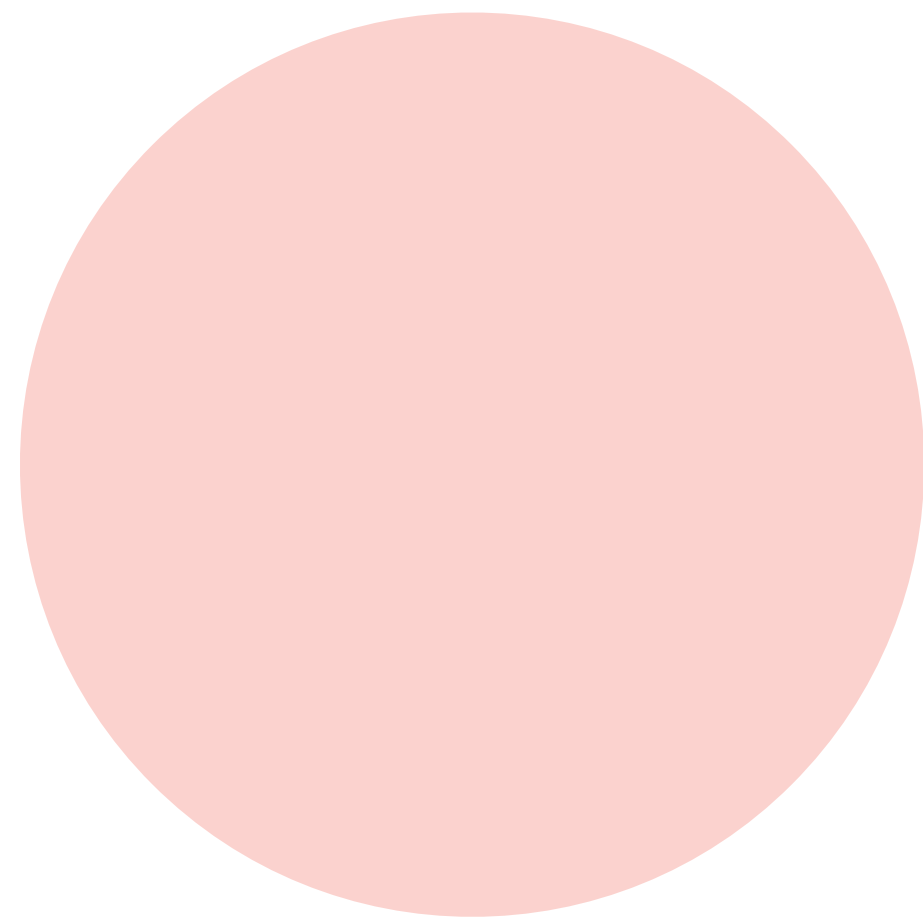
another example:

Pulsar Timing Array

Earth

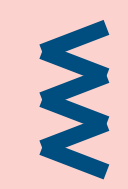
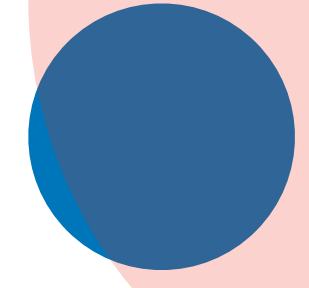
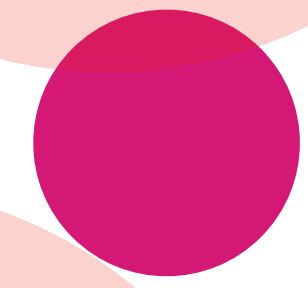
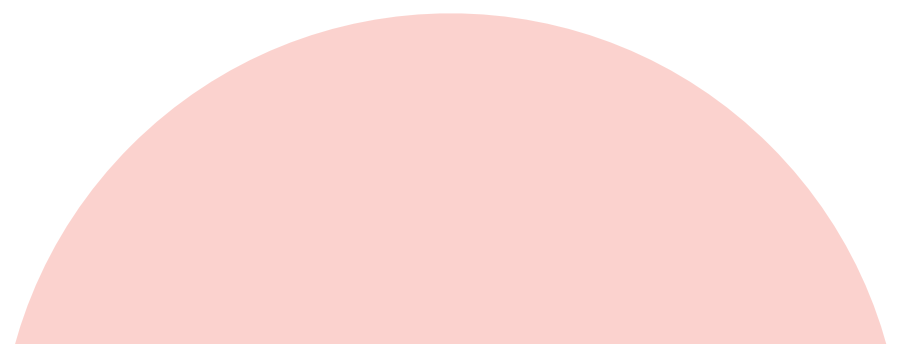
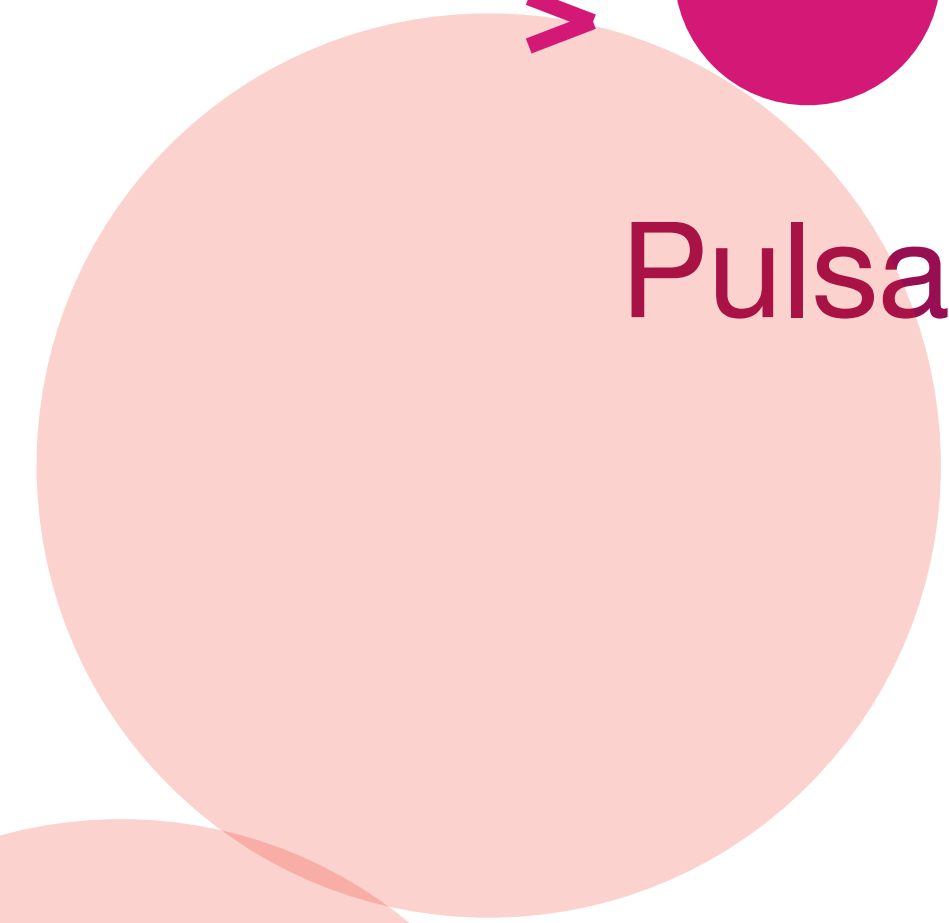
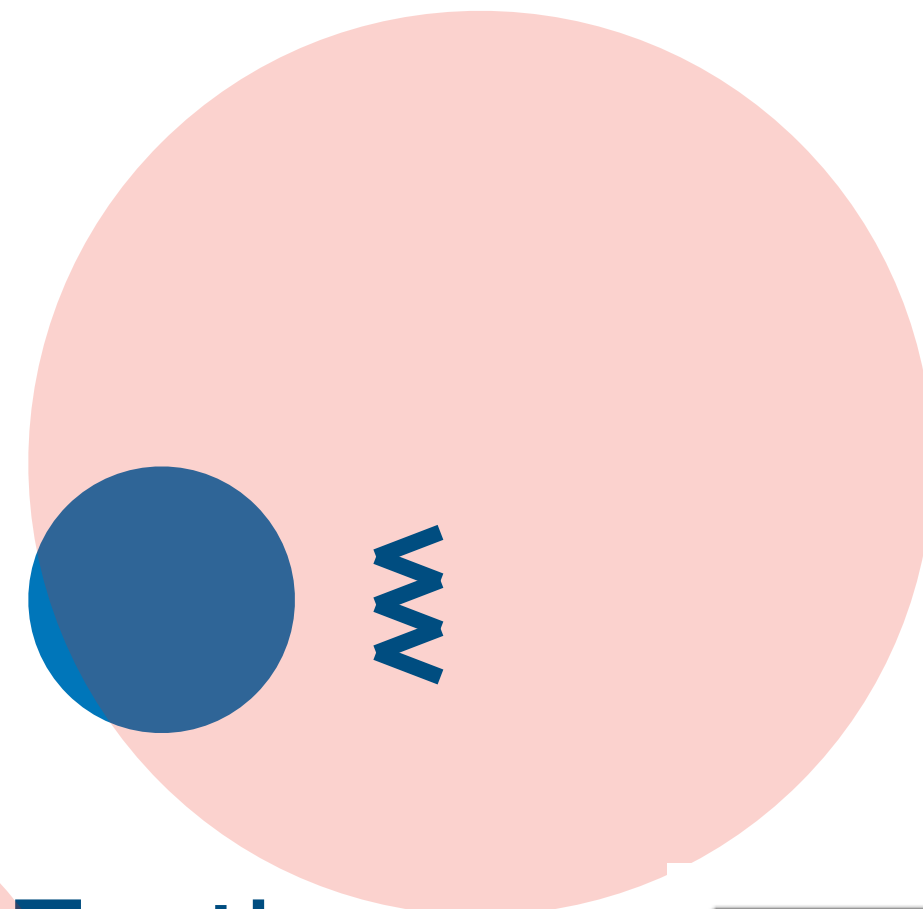
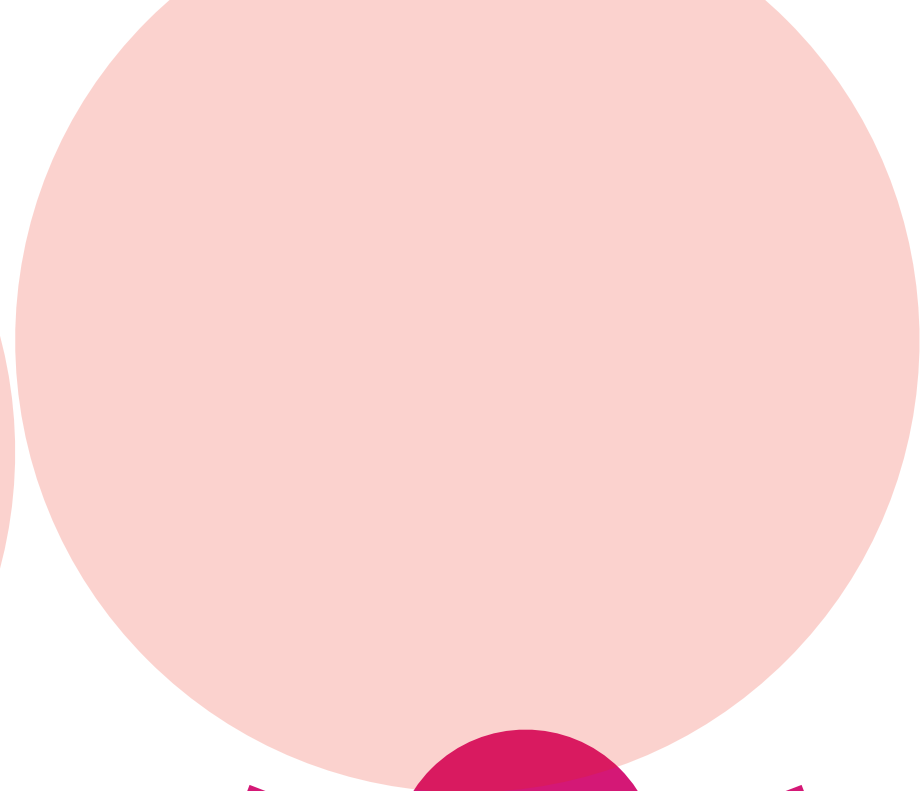
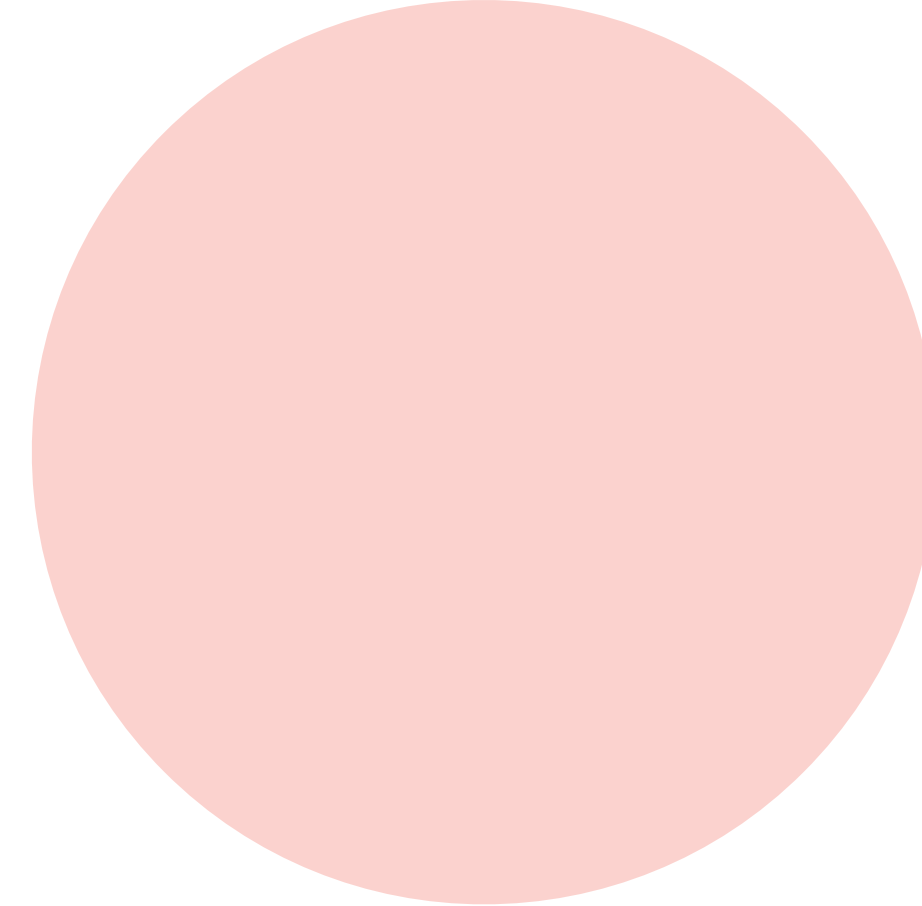
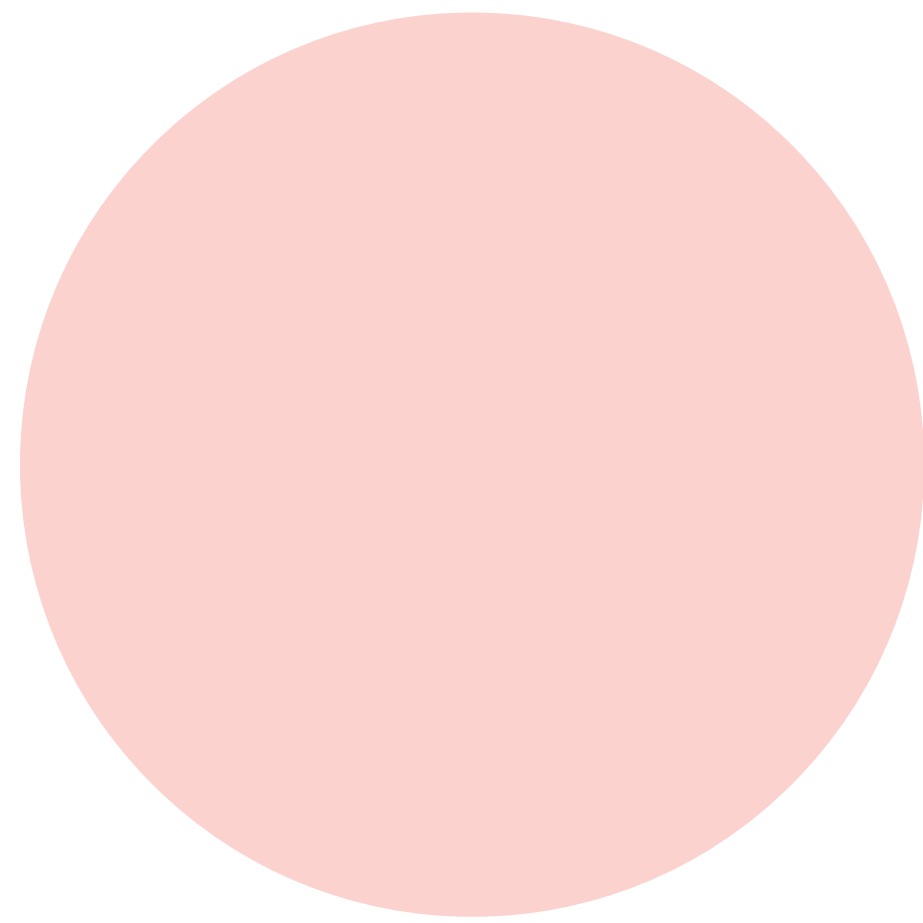
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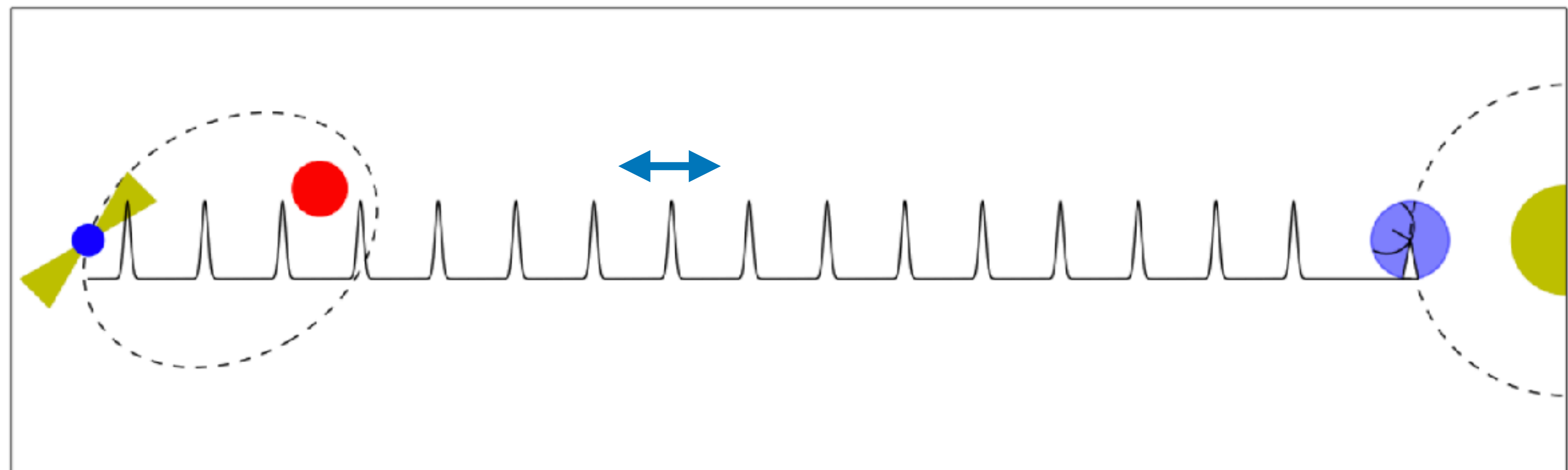
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ultralight dark matter signal is characterised by
spectrum and *correlation*

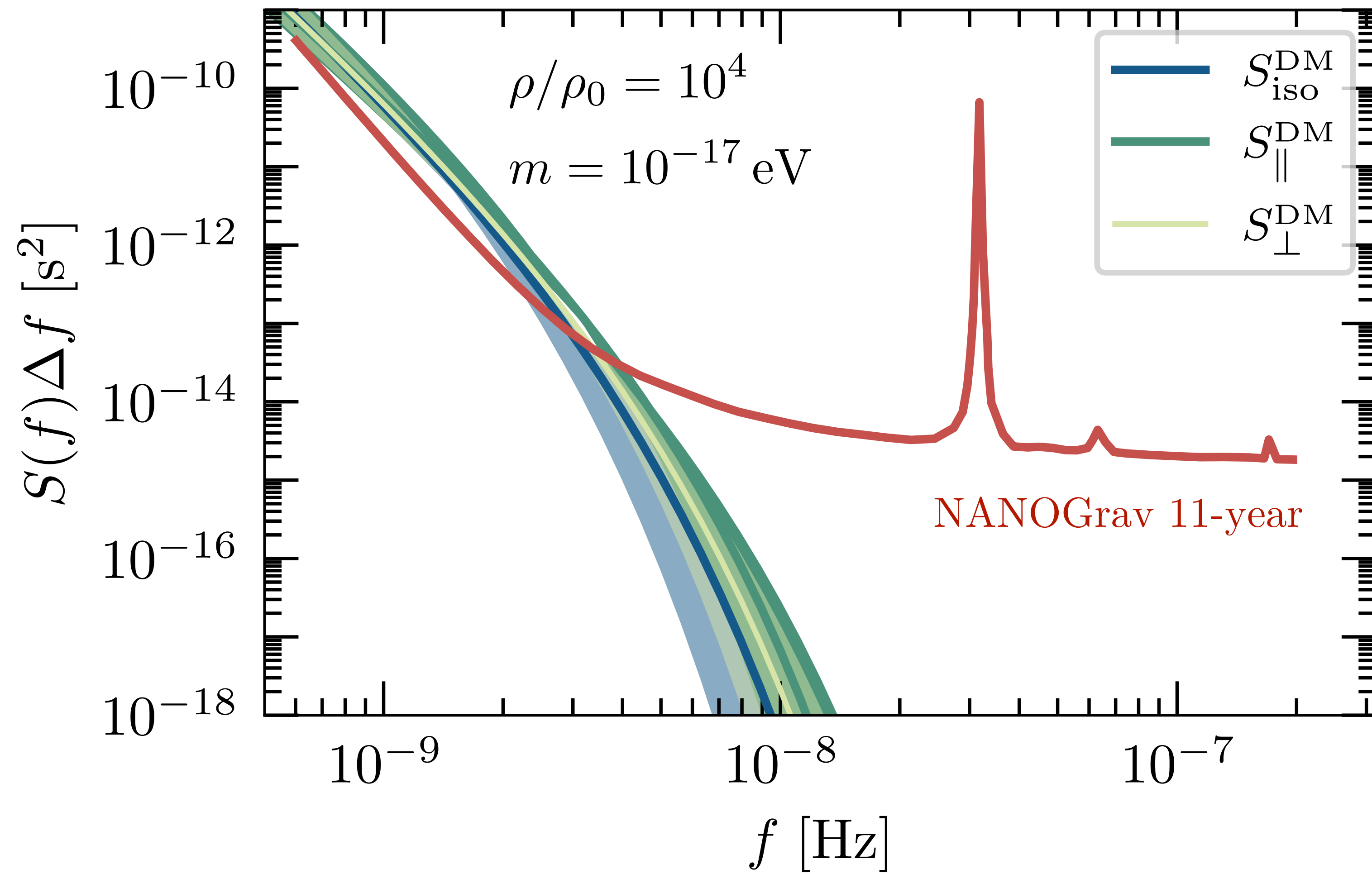
$$\langle \delta t_a \delta t_b \rangle = \int df \Gamma_{ab}^{\text{ULDM}} S_{\delta t}^{\text{ULDM}}(f)$$

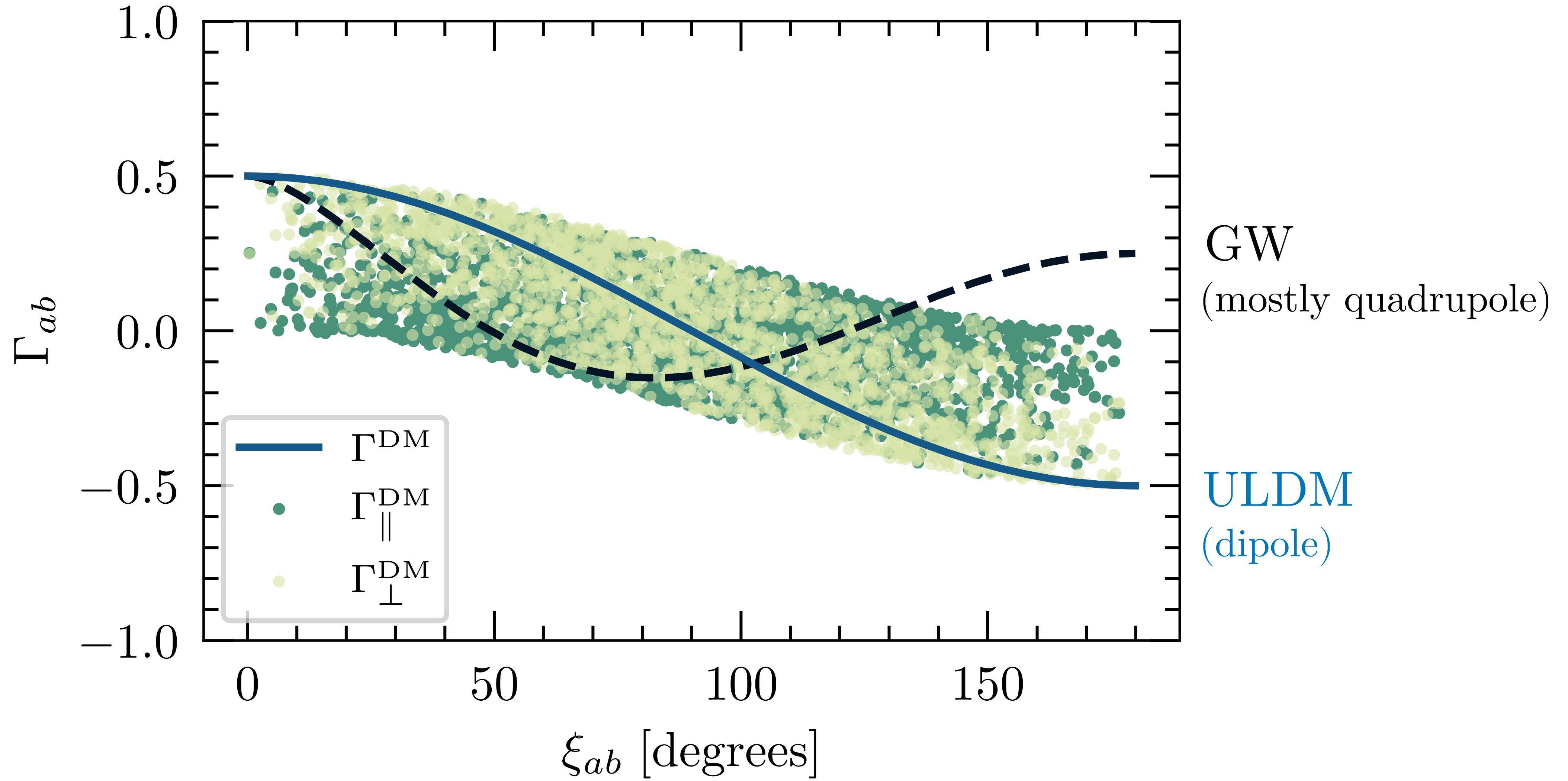
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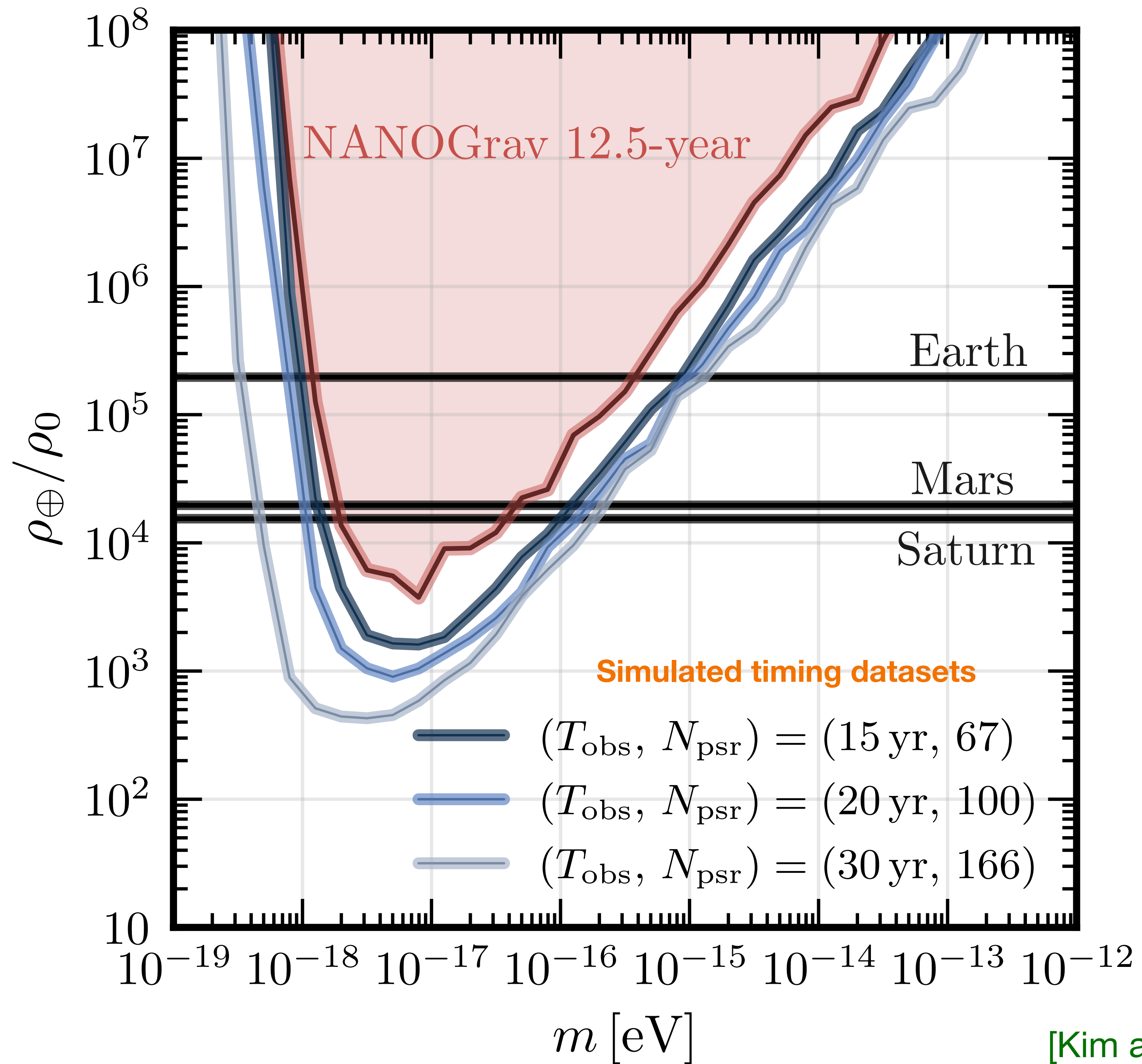
for isotropic DM distribution

$$\Gamma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} [\delta_{ab} + \hat{n}_a \cdot \hat{n}_b]$$

$$S_{\delta t}(f) = \frac{a^2 \tau}{(2\pi f)^4} \left[\frac{64}{3\pi} K_0(\omega/m\sigma^2) \right]$$







one last example:

Astrometry

astrometry involves
precision measurements of
positions / velocities of stars

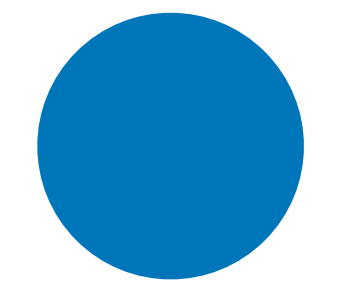
current/future astrometry missions measure

$$N_{\star} = 10^8 - 10^9$$

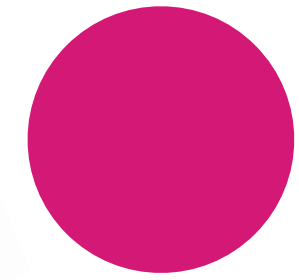
at the precision of

$$\Delta\theta \sim \mathcal{O}(10^2)\mu\text{as}$$

$$\mu\text{as} = 5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ rad}$$

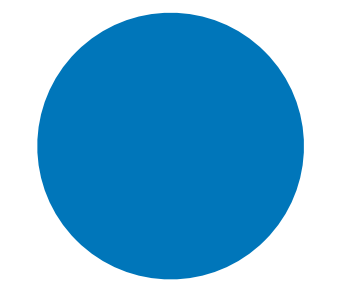


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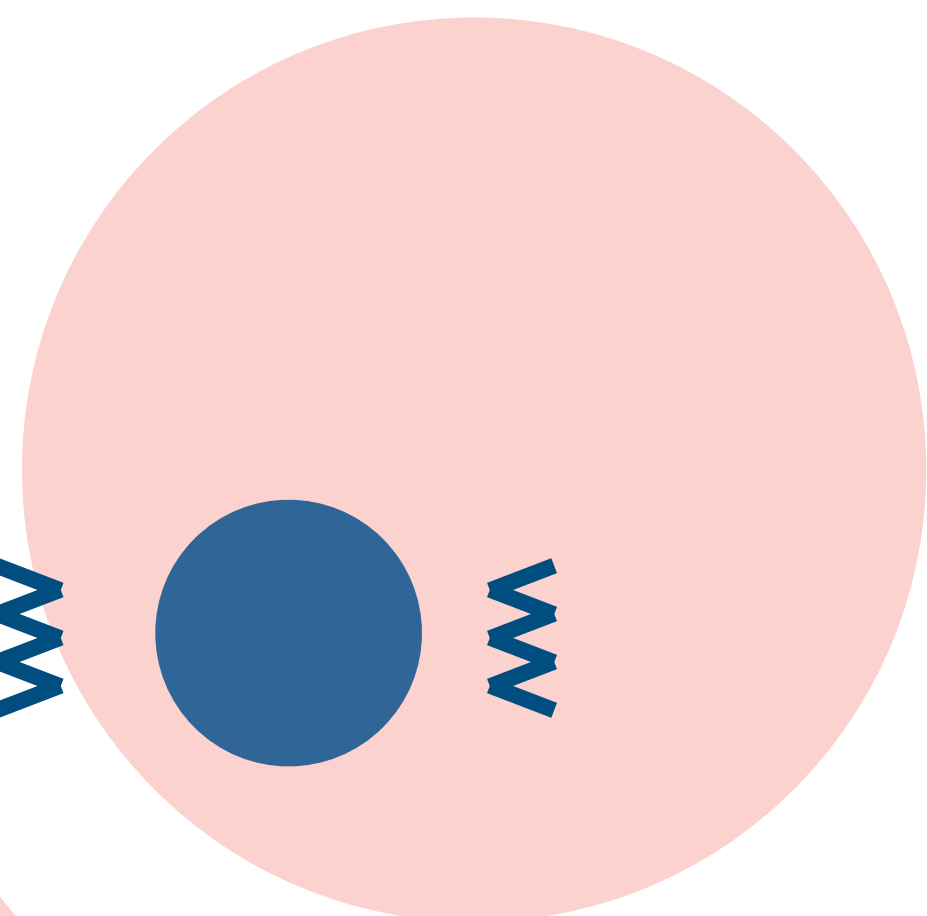
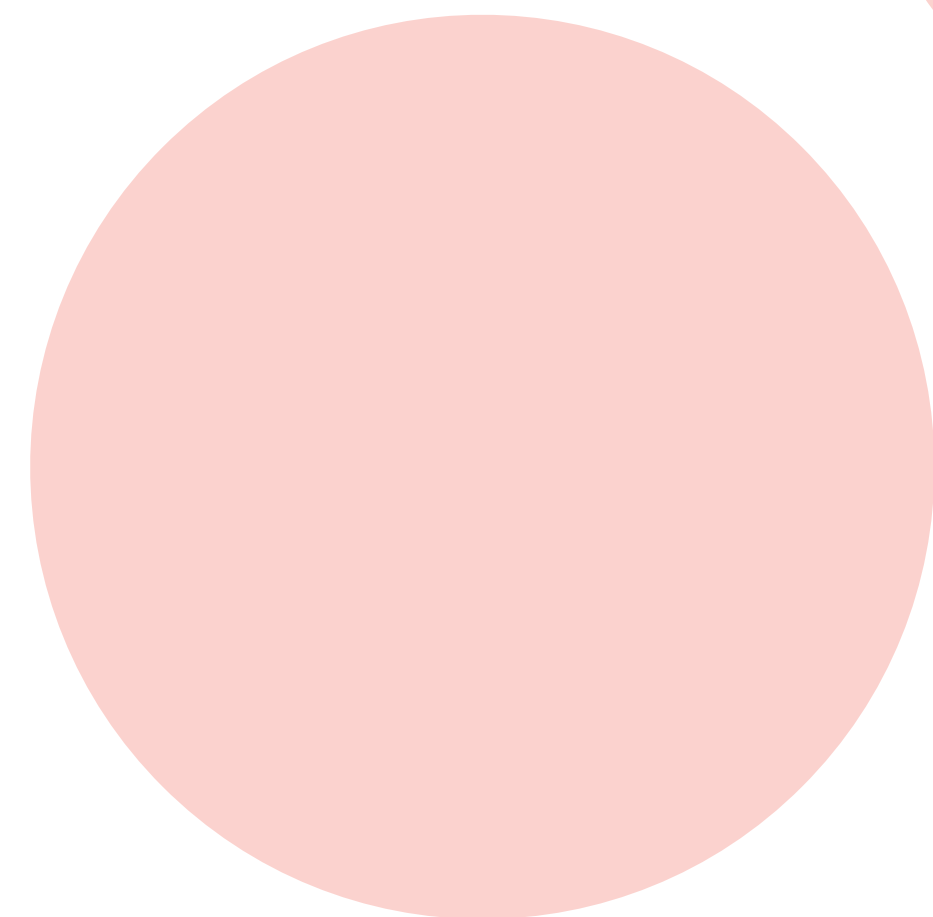
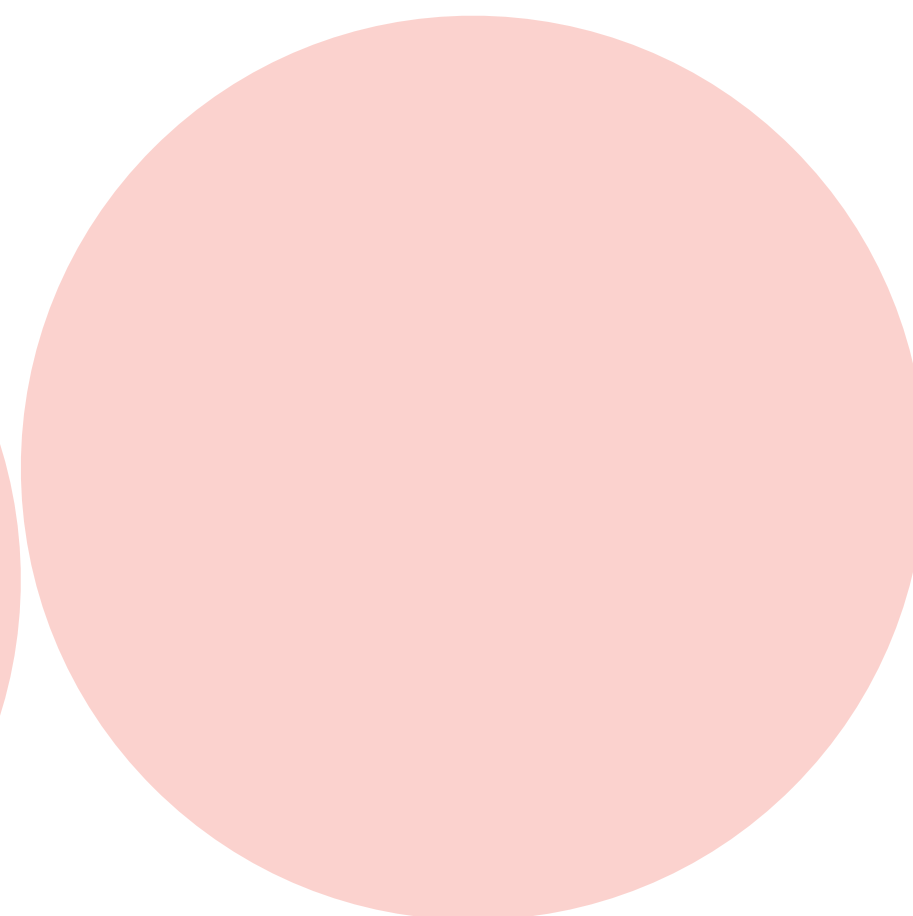
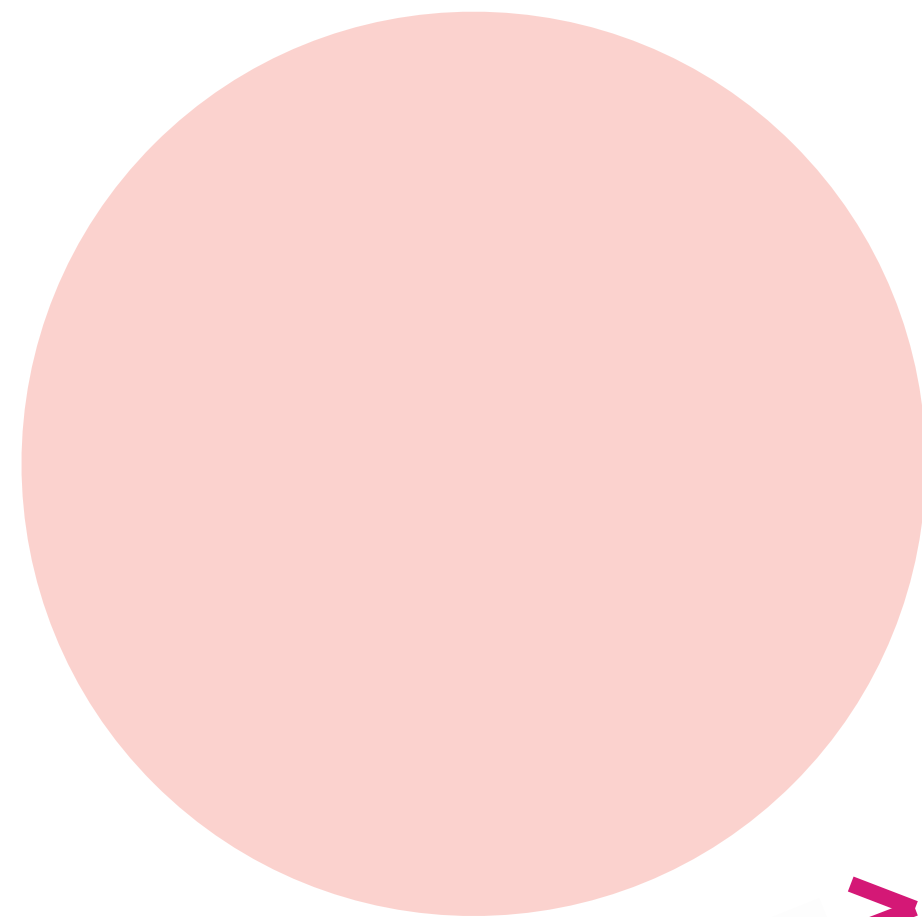
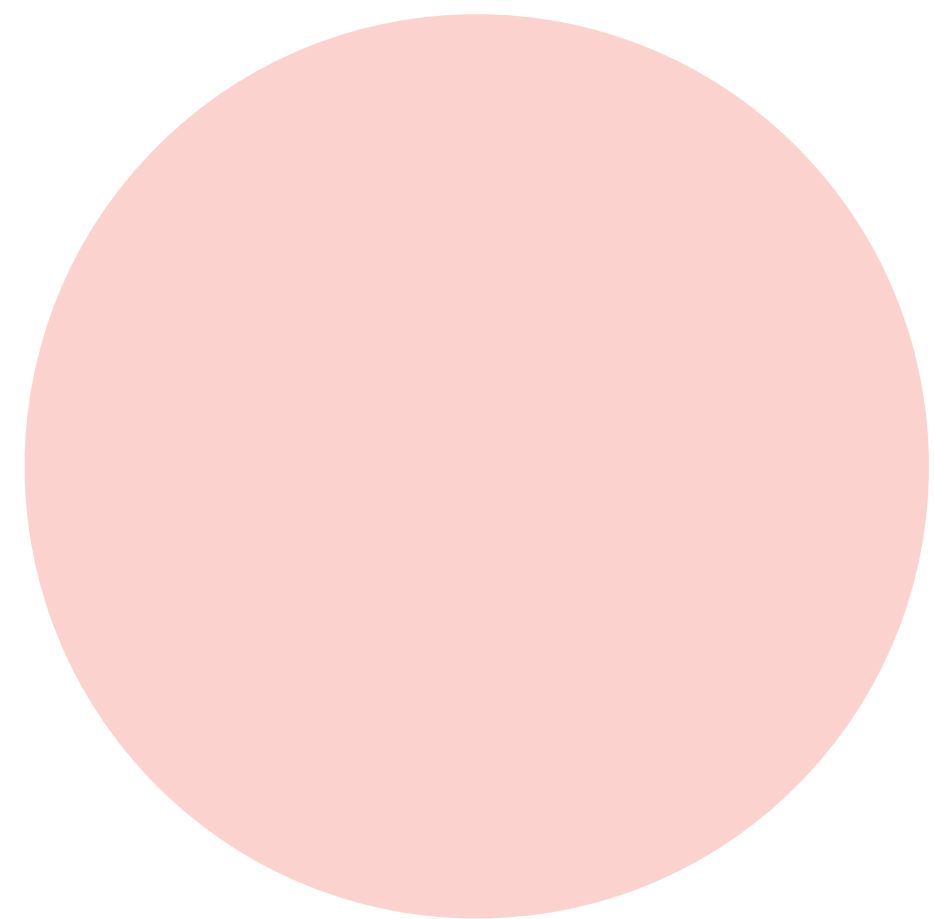


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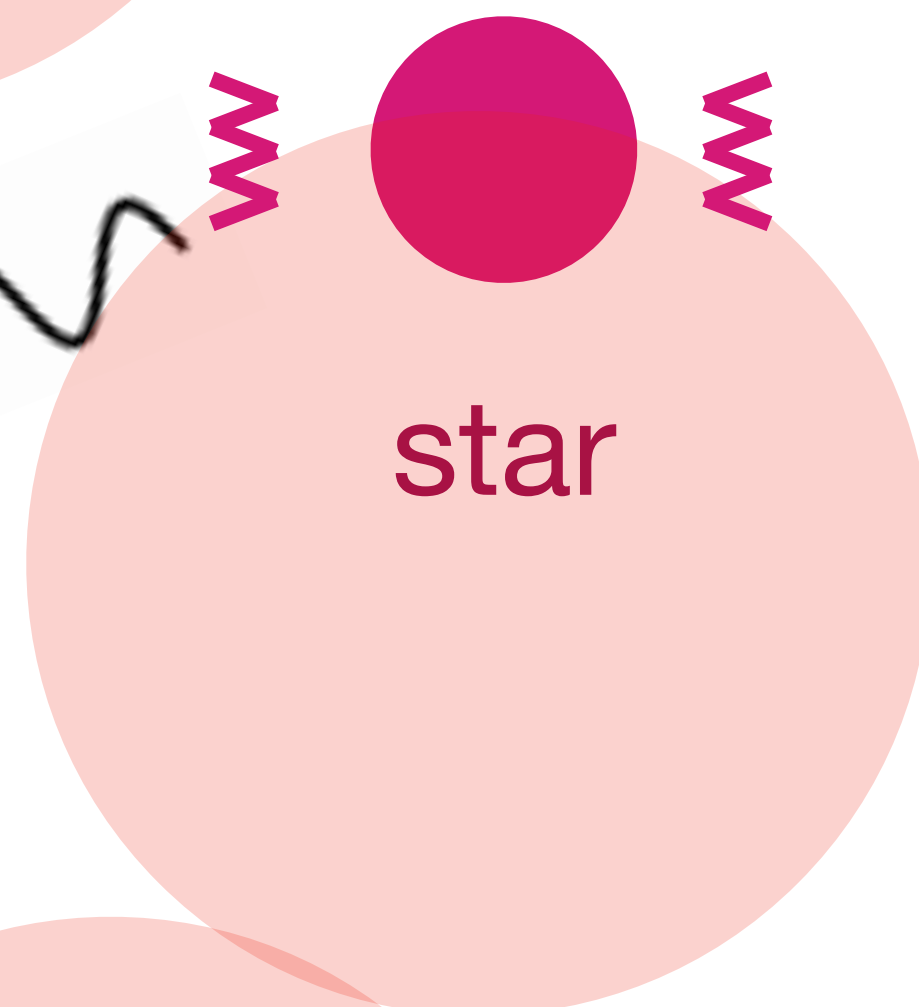
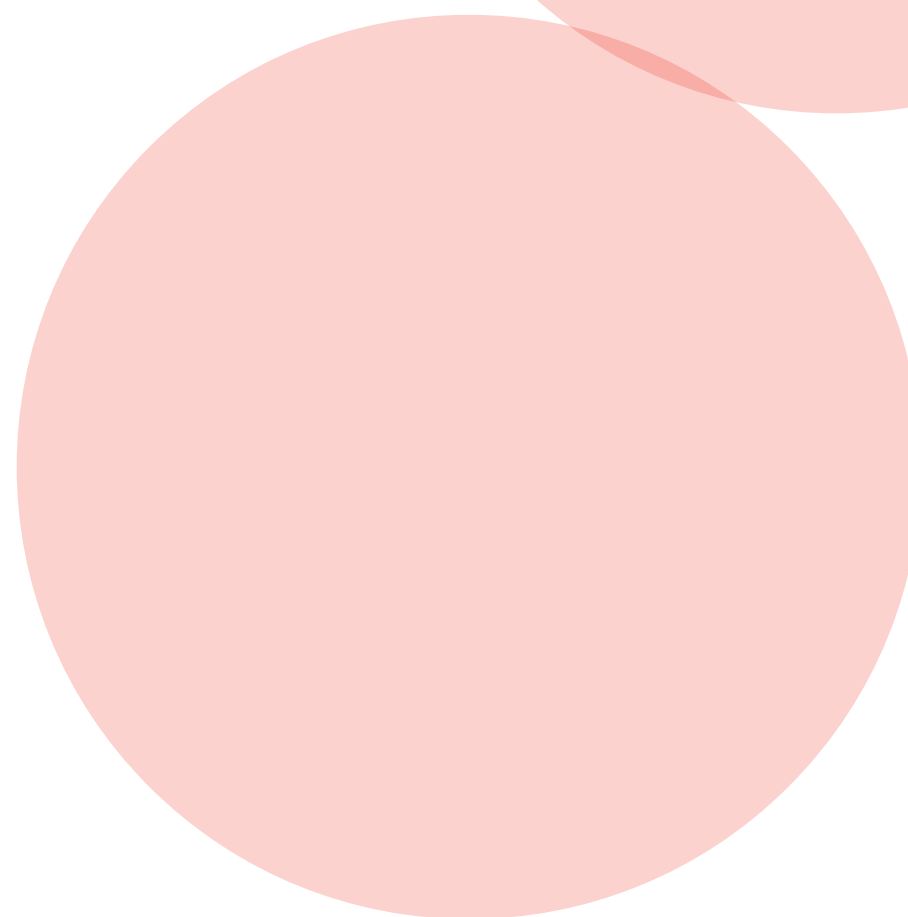


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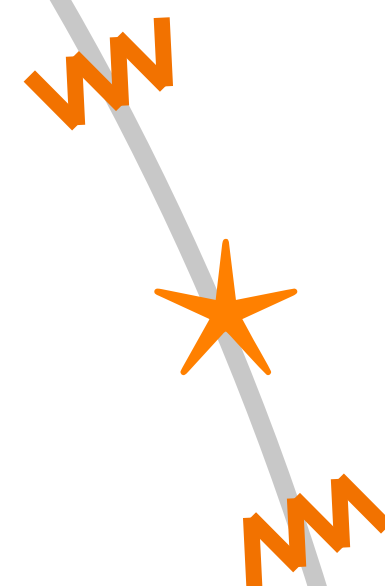
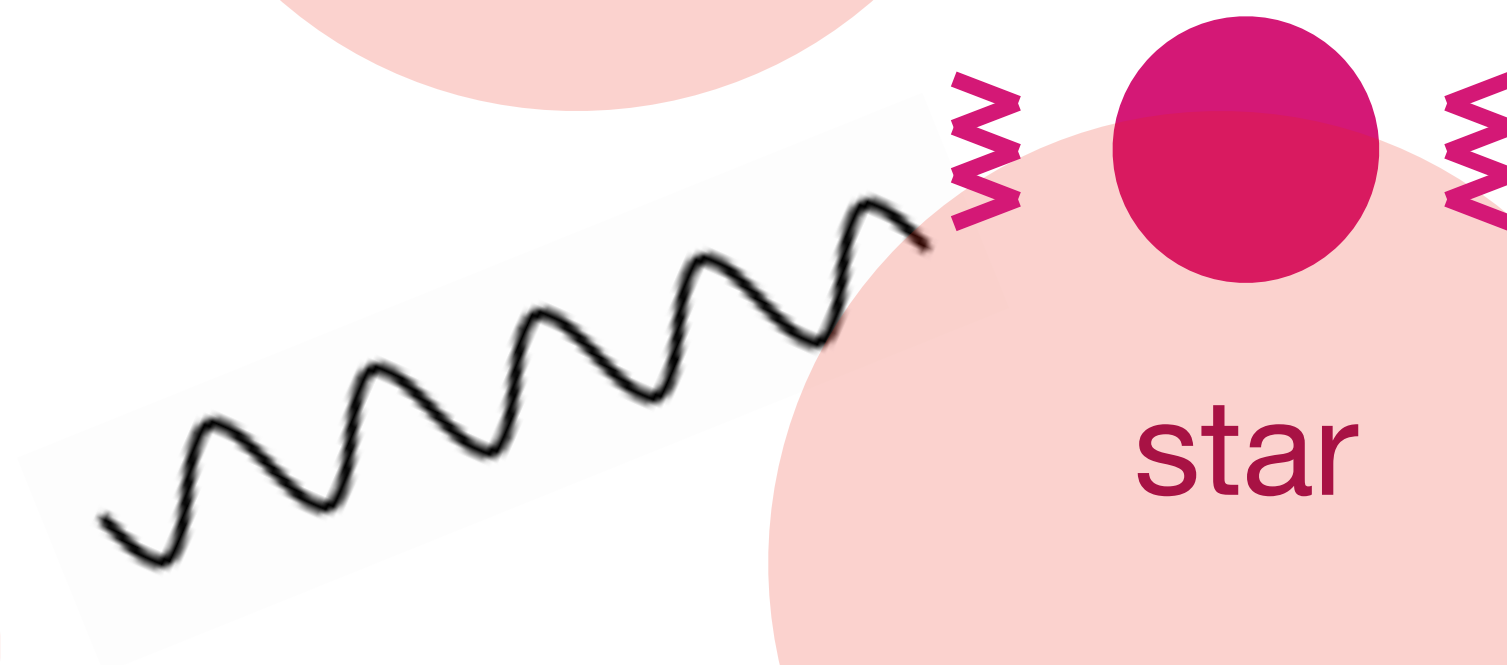
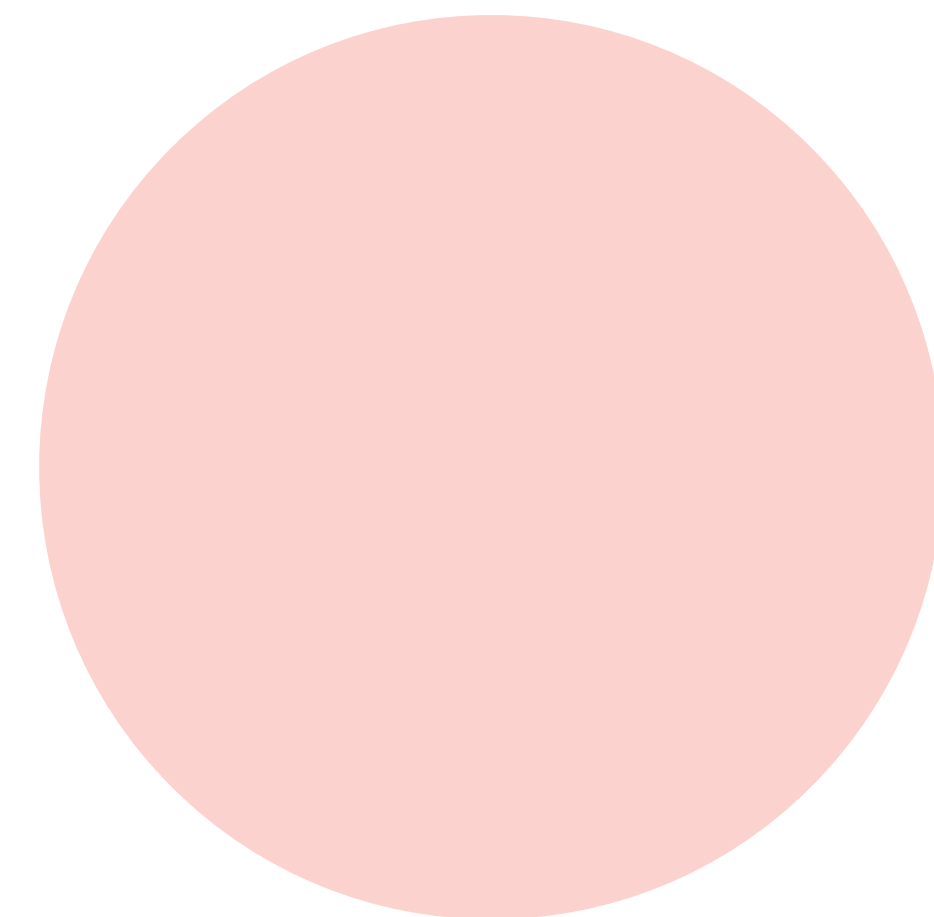




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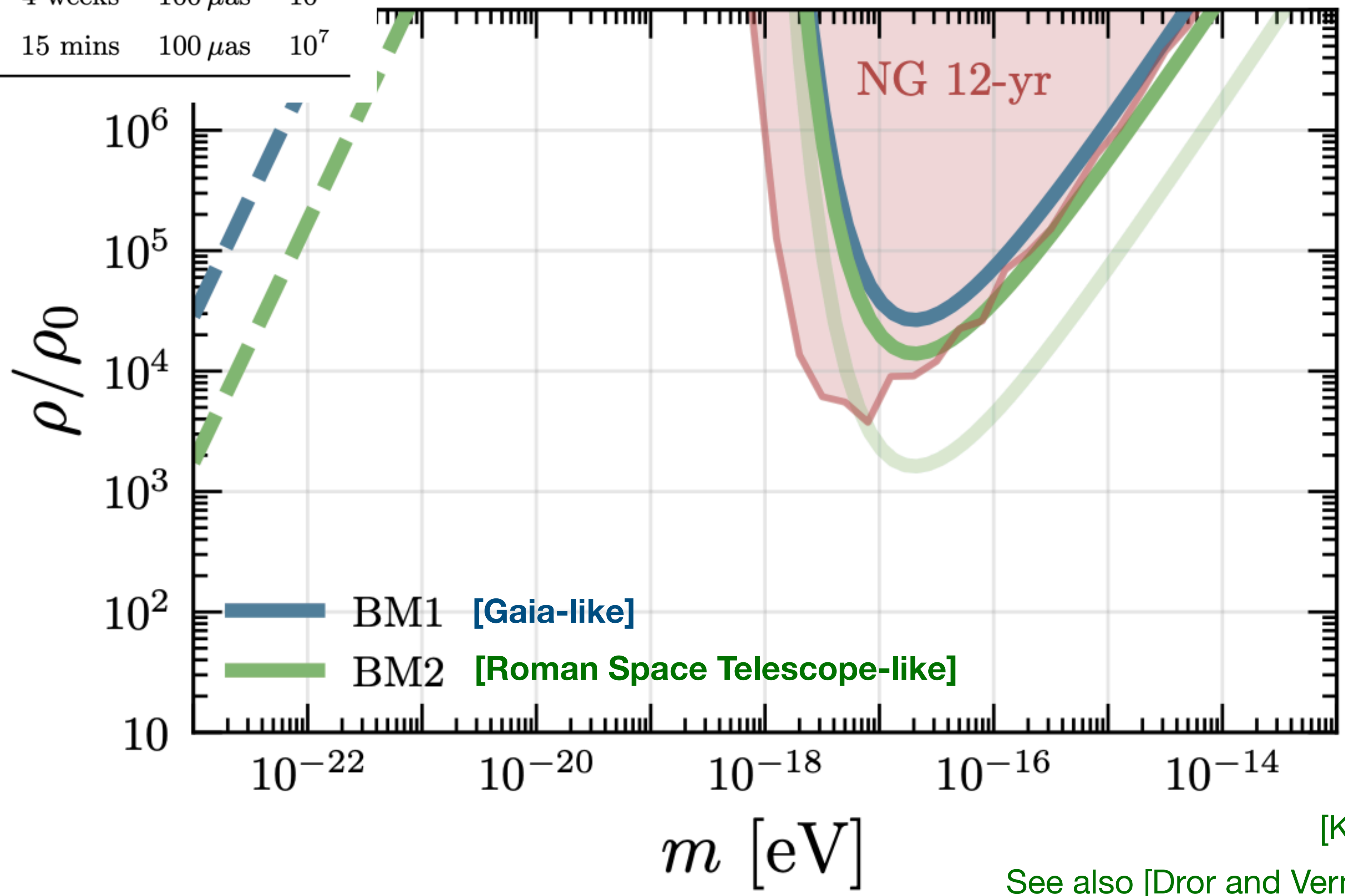


similarly

the signal is characterised by **spectrum** and **correlation**

$$\langle \delta n_a^i(t) \delta n_b^j(t') \rangle = \int df \Gamma_{ab}^{ij} S(f) \cos[2\pi f(t - t')]$$

	T	Δt	σ_r	N_\star
BM1	10-yr	4 weeks	$100 \mu\text{as}$	10^8
BM2	10-yr	15 mins	$100 \mu\text{as}$	10^7



[Kim 2406.03539]

See also [Dror and Verner 2406.03526]

Remark I

all of the results shown here are sensitive to
ULDM density around/within the solar system

local dark matter density is often derived over kpc scales



$$\rho_0 = 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

is an ***average density over the volume of kpc***

what we are probing is
(or what matters for all terrestrial DM detector is)



• $\sim (100\text{AU})^3 = 10^{-19} \text{kpc}^3$

currently no measurement on this scale exists

only constraints exist

$$\rho/\rho_0 \lesssim 10^{11}$$

From geodetic satellite and LLR
[Adler (08)]

$$\rho/\rho_0 \lesssim 6 \times 10^6$$

From asteroids in the solar system
[Tsai, Eby et al (22)]

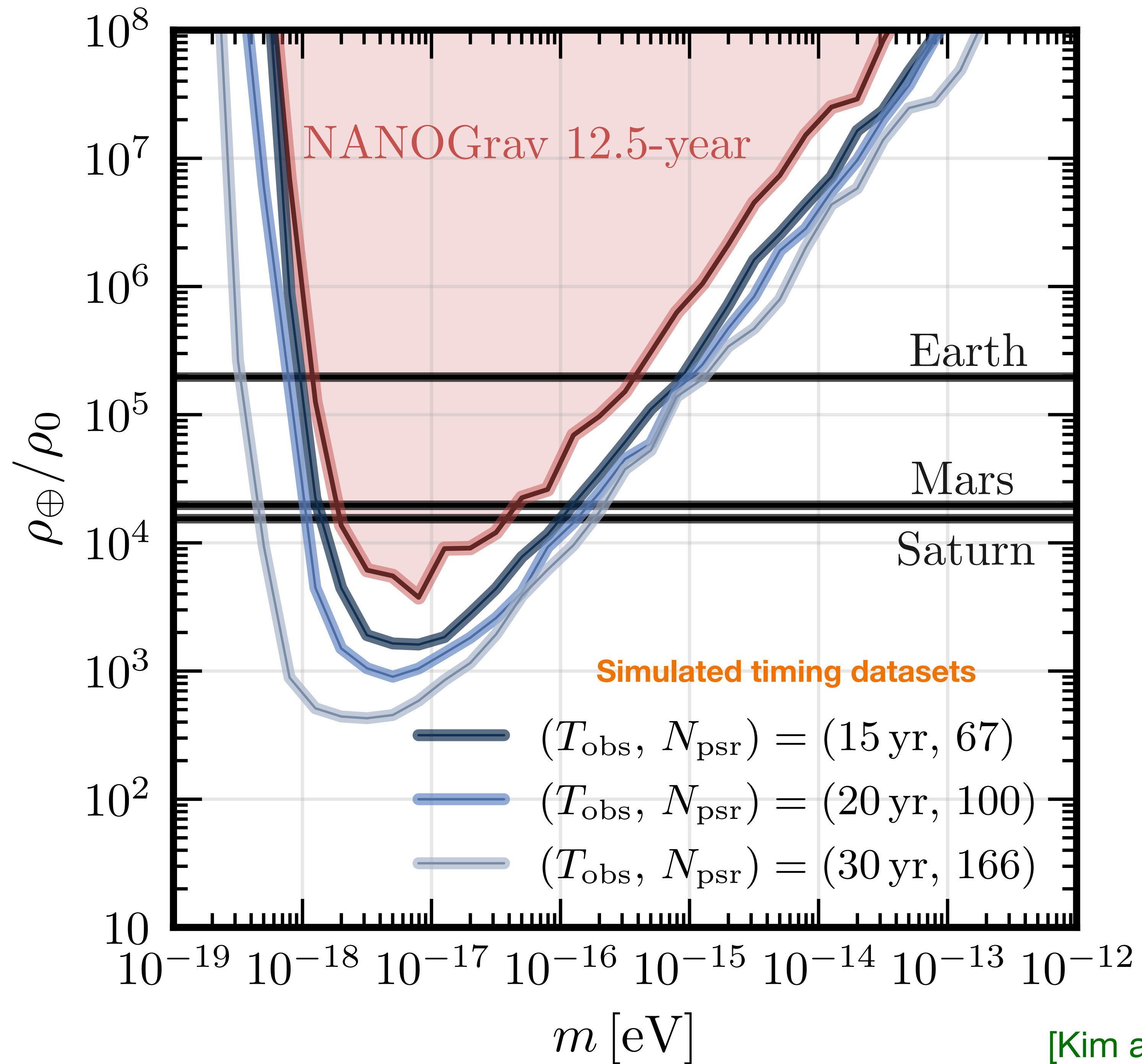
$$\rho/\rho_0 \lesssim 2 \times 10^4$$

From solar system ephemerides
[Pitjev, Pitjeva (13)]

GW detectors will provide
one of the strongest probes of ULDM density
within/around the solar system

Remark II

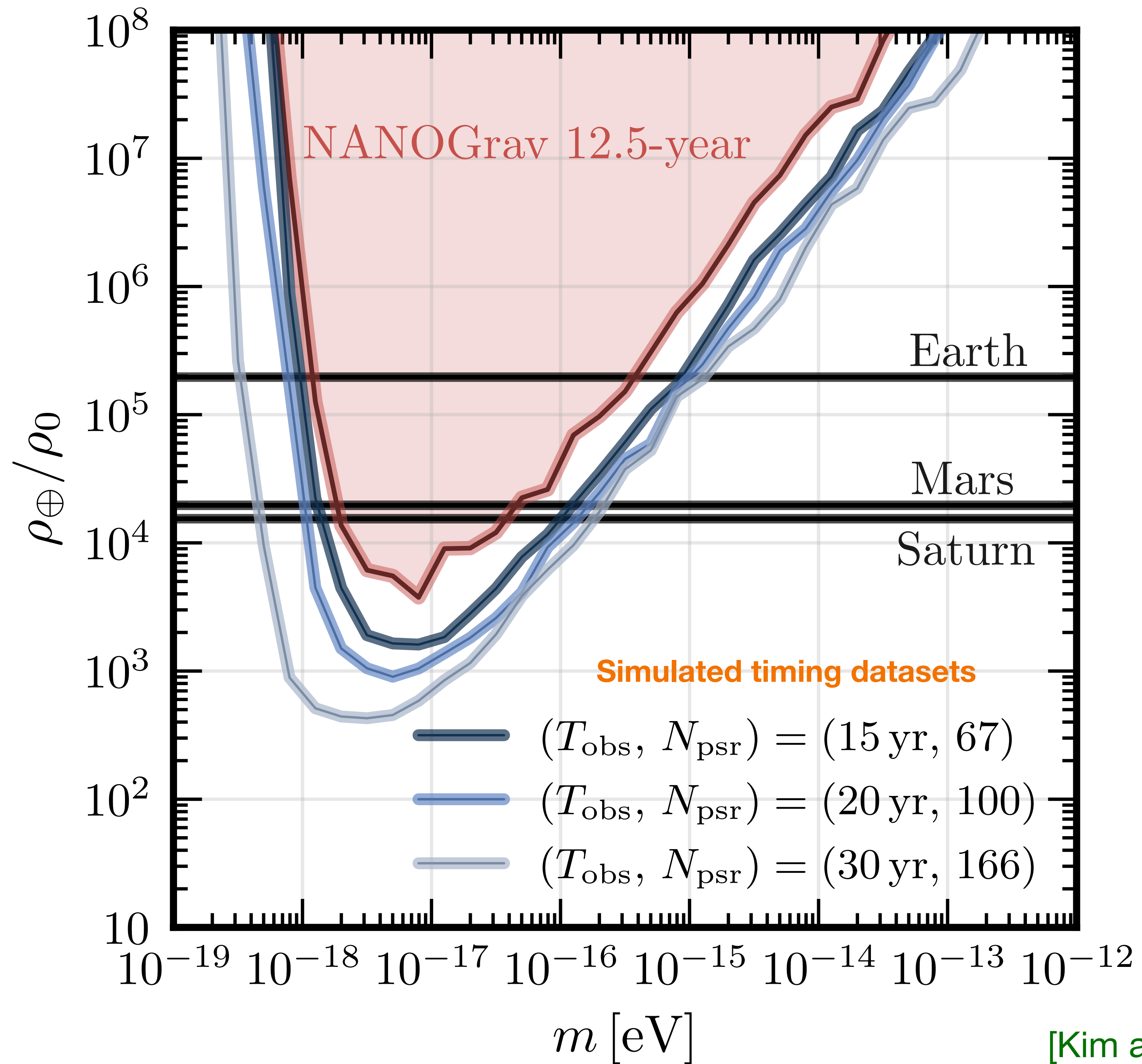
prospects of pulsar timing array



Next International Pulsar Timing Array (IPTA) data release
is expected to include

$$N_{\text{psr}} \sim 100$$

$$T_{\text{obs}} = 20^+ \text{ yr}$$



with next-gen radio telescope (e.g. Square Kilometer Array)
an order of magnitude or more improvement might be feasible

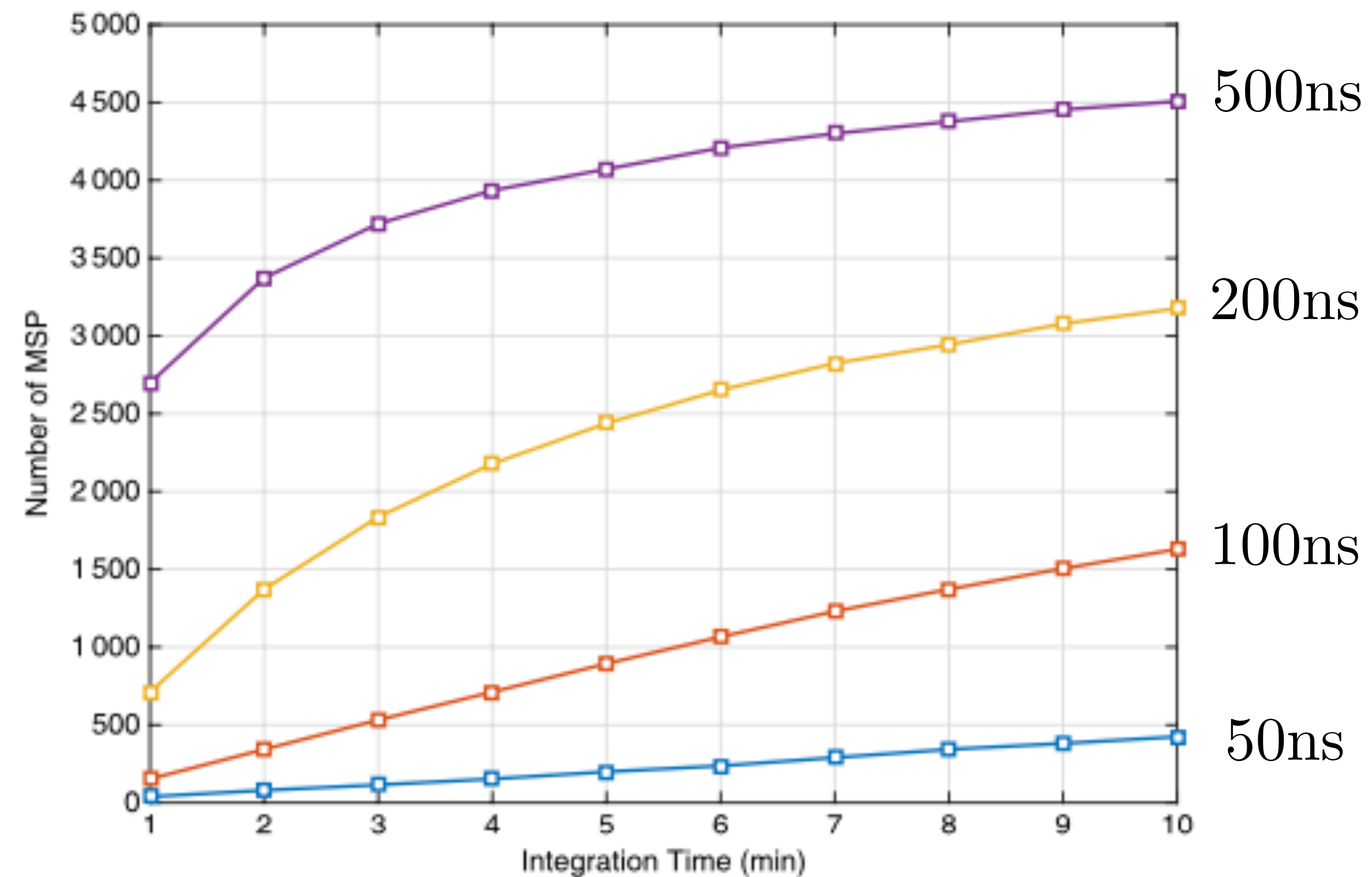


Figure 10. Numbers of MSPs that can archive a certain RMS noise level (or better) with varying integration time. Colour lines indicate different RMS noise levels (from bottom to top): 50 ns (blue), 100 ns (red), 200 ns (yellow), and 500 ns (purple).

