

Title: Compact objects as dark-matter probes

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Abstract: <span>In the last few years the possibility of constraining dark matter with astrophysical observations of compact objects, such as white dwarfs, neutron stars and black holes, has been explored. The ultra-high density interior of neutron stars and the strong-curvature regions near massive black holes make these objects unique laboratories to test weakly-interacting particles. In the first part of this talk I will review some recent work on the potential of compact objects as dark-matter detectors, including the consequences of dark-matter accretion on compact stars and superradiant black-hole instabilities triggered by ultralight bosons. In the second part I will discuss how observations of neutron stars can be used to constrain the dark-matter fraction in primordial black holes. In a close encounter with a neutron star, a primordial black hole can get gravitationally captured due to accretion, dynamical friction and tidal heating. Within a short time, the black hole is trapped inside the star and disrupts it by rapid accretion. The mere existence of old neutron stars limits the abundance of primordial black holes in the only mass range that was still unconstrained, thus suggesting that these objects cannot be the dominant dark matter constituent.</span>

# Compact objects as dark matter probes



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# Outline

## Motivation

The DM puzzle  
BHs and NSs as cosmic labs

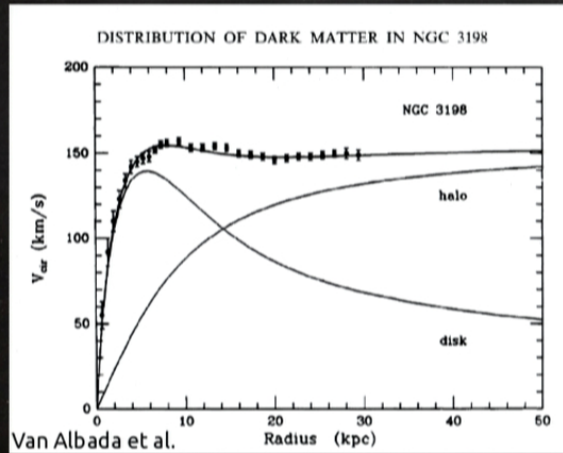
## Part I

**BHs and light bosons**  
BH superradiant instabilities

## Part II

**NSs as DM probes**  
Capture of PBHs

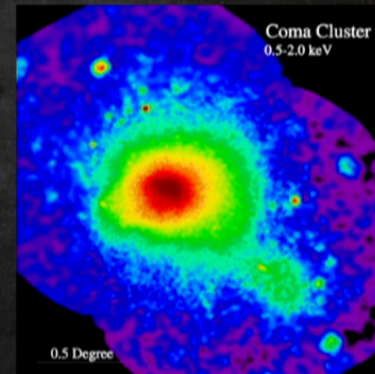
# The DM puzzle



Galaxy rotation curves



Gravitational lensing



Confined hot gas in clusters



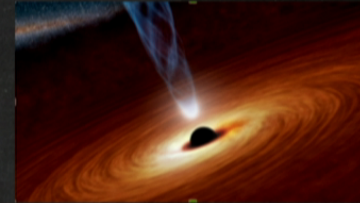
# The DM Zoo & compact objects

- **DM candidates**

- WIMPs
- Axions
- Light bosons
- MACHOs
- Primordial BHs (PBHs)
- exotica...

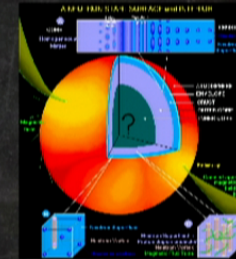
- **BHs**

- no hair
- equivalence principle



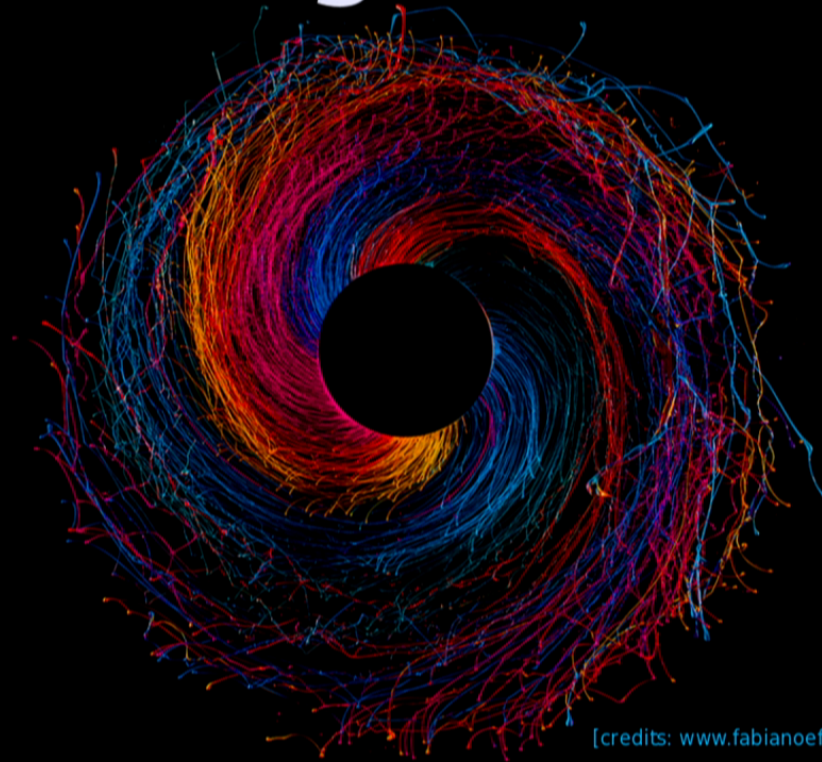
- **NSs**

- ultradense
- abundant in the Universe



# Part I

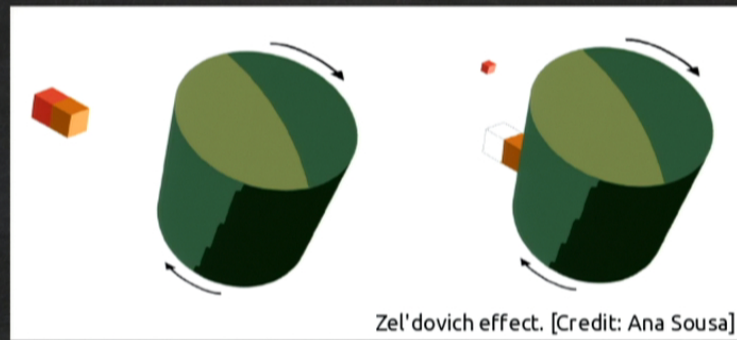
# BHs & light bosons



[credits: [www.fabianoefner.com](http://www.fabianoefner.com)]

# Superradiance

Klein, Ginzburg, Dicke...



The foregoing pertains to a body made of a material that absorbs waves when at rest; the conditions for amplification and generation are obtained after transforming the equations to the moving system. A similar situation can apparently arise also when considering a rotating body in the state of gravitational relativistic collapse.

The metric near such a body is described by the well-known Kerr solution. The gravitational capture of the particles and the waves by the so-called trapping surface replaces absorption; the trapping surface ("the horizon of events") is located inside the surface  $g_{00} = 0$ . Finally, in a quantum analysis of the wave field one should expect spontaneous radiation of energy and momentum by the rotating body. The effect, however, is negligibly small, less than  $\hbar\omega^4/c^3$  for power and  $\hbar\omega^3/c^3$  for the decelerating moment of the force (for a rest mass  $m = 0$ , in addition, we have omitted the dimensionless function  $\beta$ ).

ZhETF Pis. Red. 14, No. 4, 270 - 272 (20 August 1971)

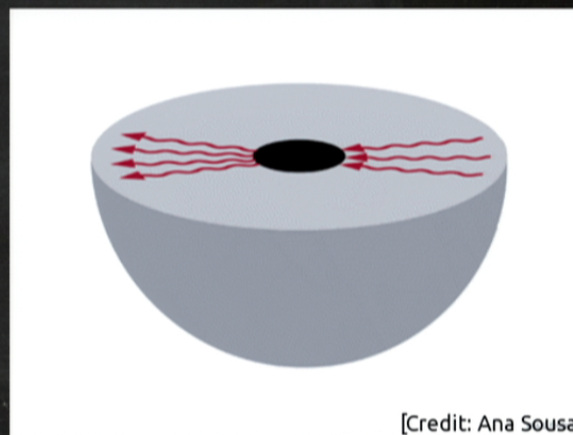


# BH superradiance & bombs

[Teukolsky & Press, '70]

Confinement mechanisms:

- AdS boundaries
- Massive bosons
- Nonlinear interactions
- Magnetic fields [Brito, Cardoso, PP 2014]
- Nonminimal coupling



[Credit: Ana Sousa]

Superradiance + confinement → BOMB!

$$\sigma \sim (M\omega_R)^{2+2l} \sim (M/r_0)^{2l+2} \ll 1$$

BH absorption cross section

$$A = A_0 (1 - \sigma)^N \sim A_0 (1 - N\sigma)$$

Wave amplitude after N reflections

$$M\omega_I \sim -(M/r_0)^{2l+3}$$



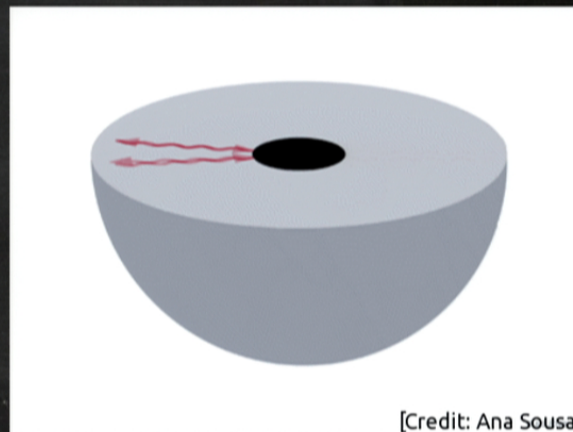
# BH superradiance & bombs

[Teukolsky & Press, '70]

- Simple BH- matter interaction
- $\partial_t$  becomes spacelike in the ergoregion:
- Amplification of scattered waves if:

$$\omega < m\Omega_H$$

- Requires **dissipation**  $\rightarrow$  event horizon
- $\sim$  tidal heating at the horizon  
[Thorne, Price, Macdonald's book] [Richartz et al., PRD 2008]  
[Cardoso & Pani, CQG 2013]
- Amplification increases with the spin of the field



[Credit: Ana Sousa]

Superradiance + confinement  $\rightarrow$  BOMB!

# Scalar fields & BH bombs

$$\square\phi - \mu^2\phi = 0$$

- Massive fields around **spinning** BHs are **unstable**
- Strongest instability when  $\mu M \sim 1 \rightarrow \tau \sim 10^6 M$

[Damour et al. 1976]

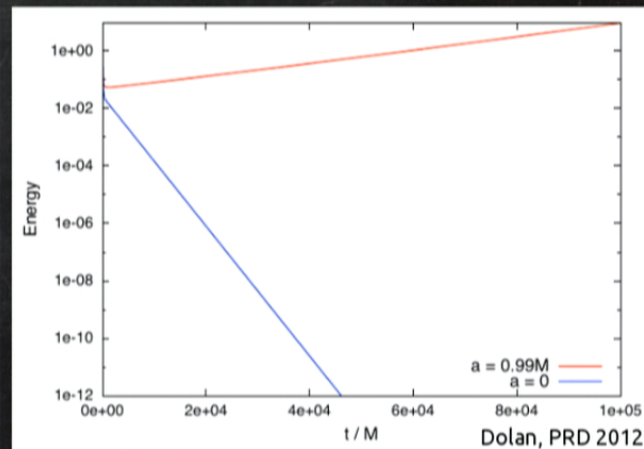
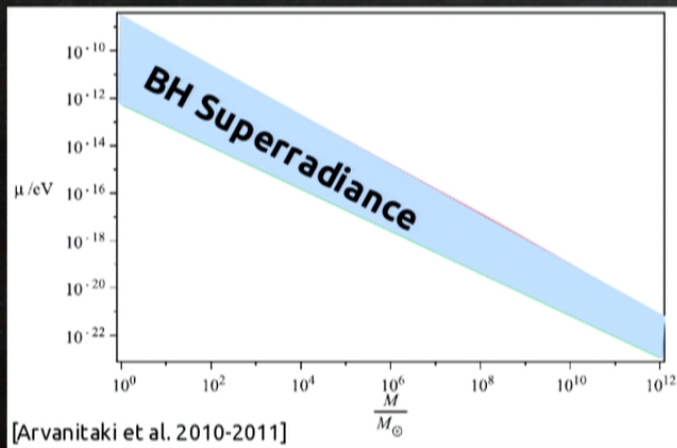
[Detweiler, 1980]

[Earley & Zouros 1979]

[Cardoso & Yoshida 2005]

[Dolan 2007]

[Rosa 2010, 2012]



- Numerical simulation are challenging!

[Kodama & Yoshino 2011-2012]

[Witek et al, PRD 2012, Okawa et al. 2013-2014]

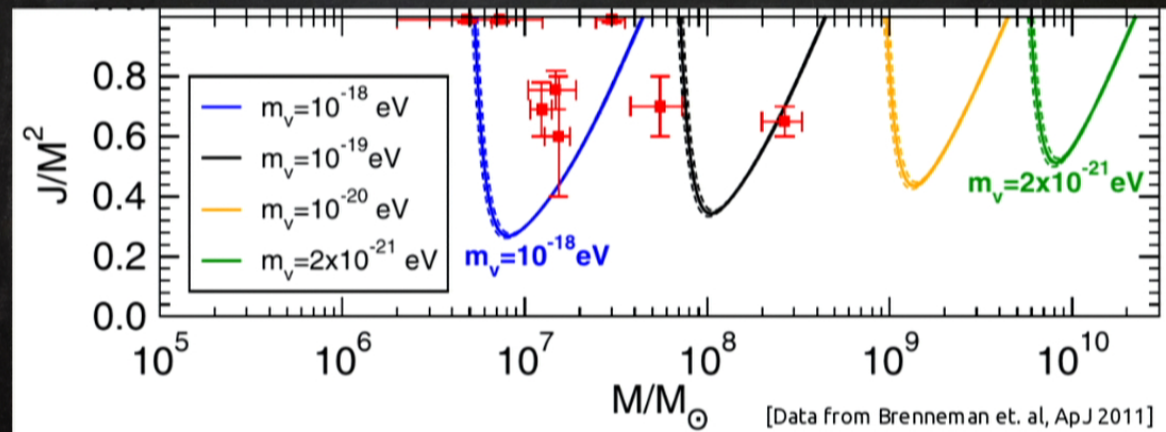




Sometimes it's not difficult to guess the  
*endstate* of the instability

# If ultralight axions exist, we shouldn't observe highly-spinning BHs

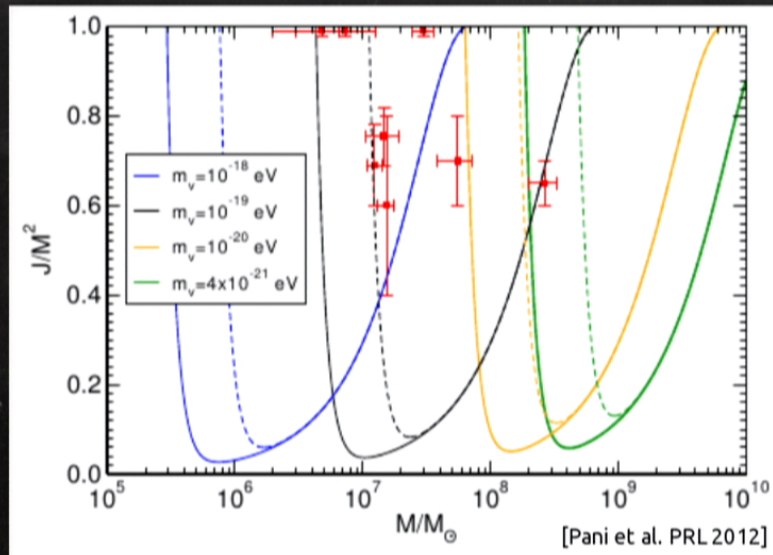
[Arvanitaki et al. 2010-2011]



## Constraints on axion parameters from BH observations and future GW detection

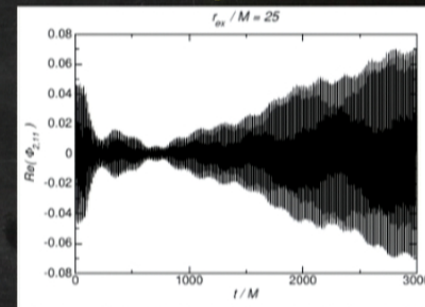


# Proca instability. Regge plane



$$\nabla_\sigma F^{\sigma\nu} - \mu^2 A^\nu = 0$$

[Witek et al. PRD 2012]



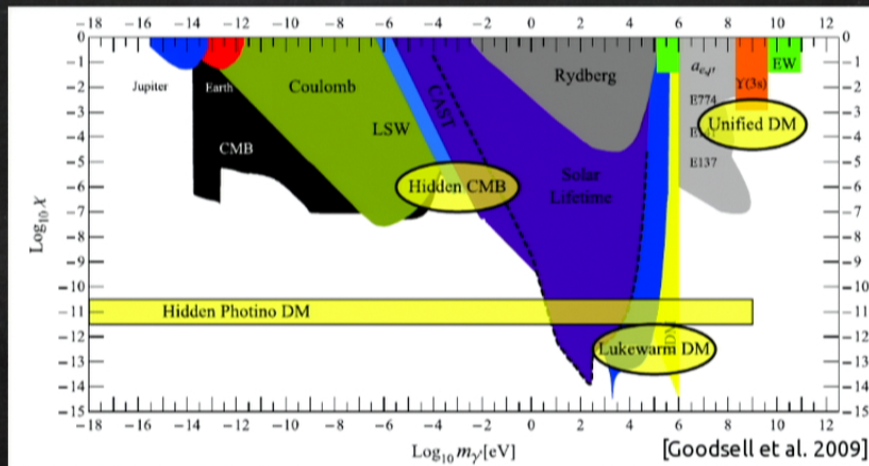
- Highly-spinning BHs?
- Backreaction?

- Instability is effective roughly for **any non-vanishing spin**
- **Constraints on massive vector DM from BH observations**
- **Massive spin-2** fields are also unstable [Brito, Cardoso, PP PRD 2013]

$$\omega_R \sim \mu \quad \omega_I \sim (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^\alpha$$

# What about vector fields?

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g_a^2} F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} F_{(a)}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4g_b^2} F_{\mu\nu}^{(b)} F_{(b)}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\chi_{ab}}{2g_a g_b} F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} F_{(b)}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{ab}^2}{g_a g_b} A_{\mu}^{(a)} A^{(b)\mu}$$



$$\nabla_{\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu} - \mu^2 A^{\nu} = 0$$

- Proca eq. (apparently) nonseparable in a Kerr background!
- Stronger instability expected

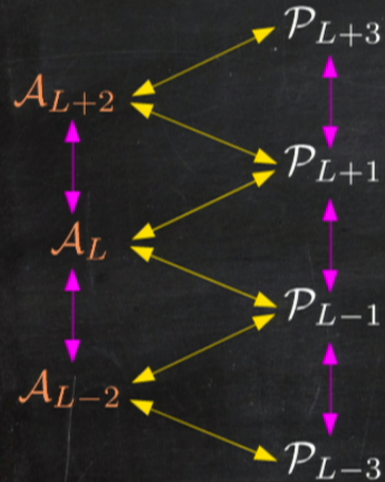


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# Proca instability of Kerr BHs

Slow-rotation approximation



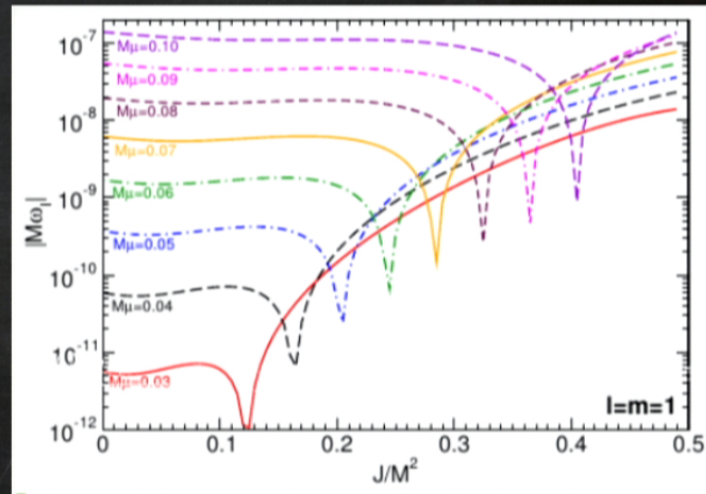
Zeroth order: decoupled

First order: polar-axial  $l \pm 1$

Second order:  $l \pm 2$

[PP, review IJMPA 2013]

Polar modes ( $S=+1,-1$ )



$$\omega_R \sim \mu - \frac{\mu(M\mu)^2}{2(\ell + n + S + 1)}$$

$$M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{se} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$$

# Primordial BHs & superradiance

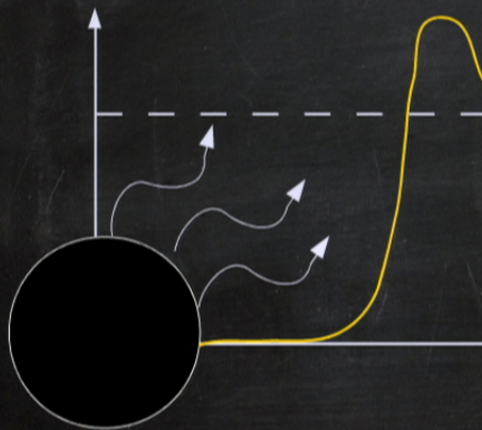
Pani & Loeb, PRD 2013

$$\nabla_{\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu} = \omega_p^2 A^{\nu}$$

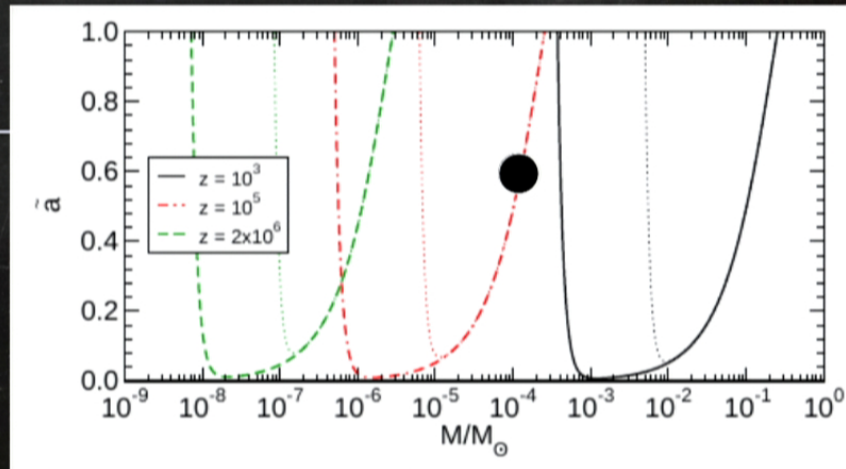
$$\omega_p = \sqrt{4\pi e^2 n / m_e}$$

Plasma frequency

$$n_{\text{gas}} \approx 220 \text{cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{1+z}{1000} \right)^3$$



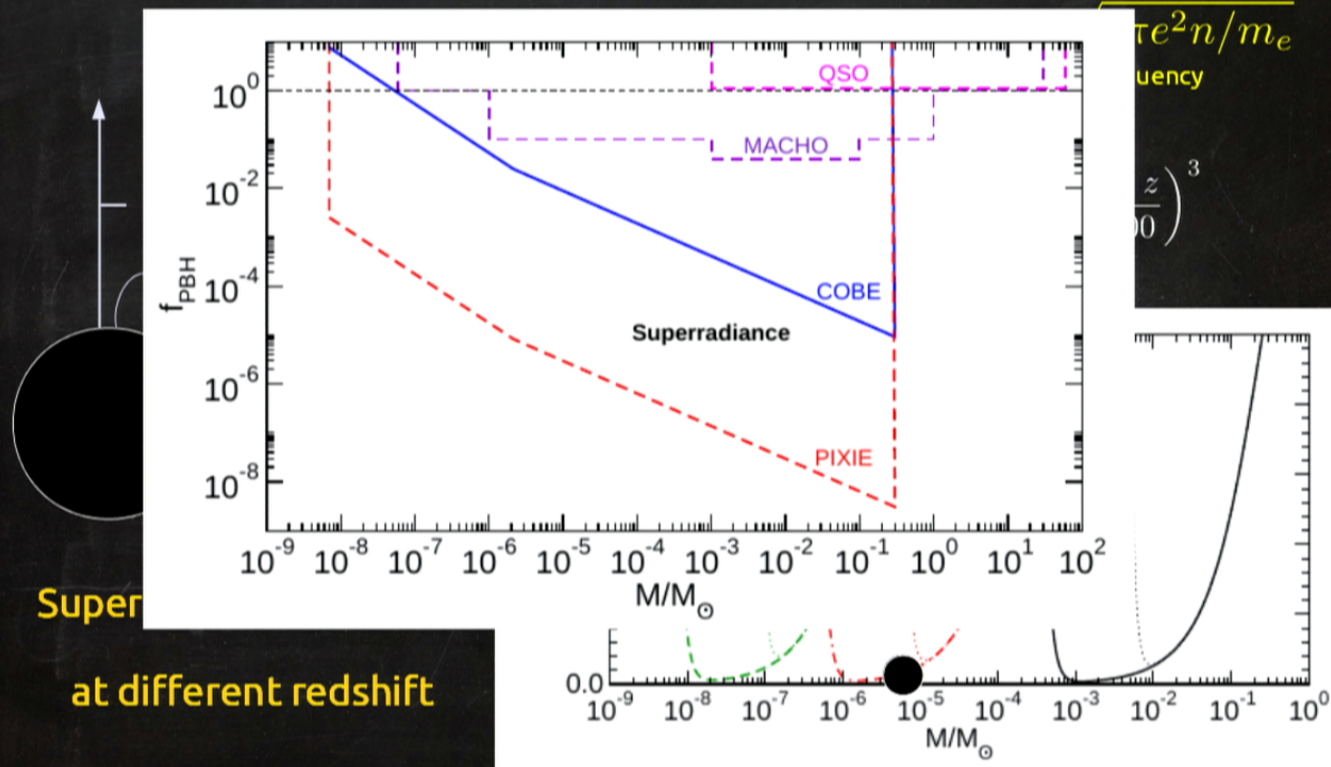
Superradiant instability  
at different redshift





# Primordial BHs & superradiance

Pani & Loeb, PRD 2013



Super  
at different redshift

# Part II

# NSs as DM probes

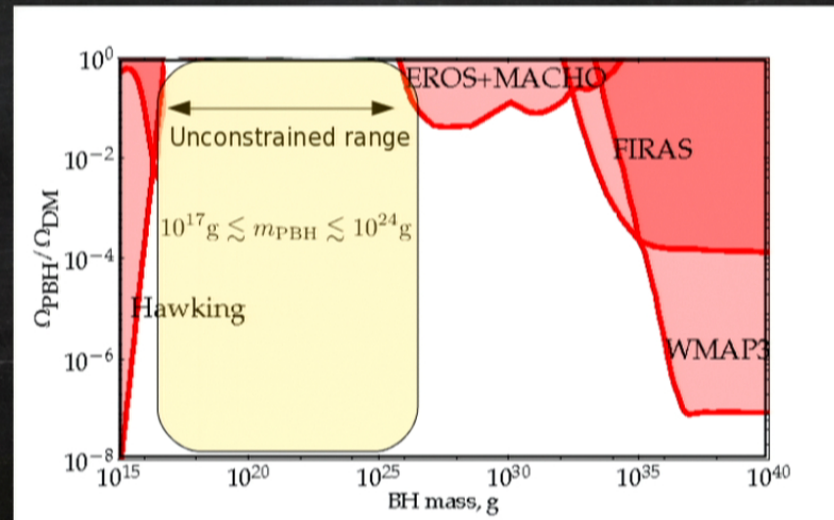


Mostly based on Pani & Loeb, [arXiv:1401.3025](https://arxiv.org/abs/1401.3025)

# PBHs as DM candidates

Review: Carr 2004

- Most natural DM candidates?  $M \sim \frac{c^3 t}{G} \sim 10^{15} \left( \frac{t}{10^{-23} s} \right) g$
- "A gravitational solution to a gravitational problem"
- Cold, weakly interacting, do not require extensions of the SM



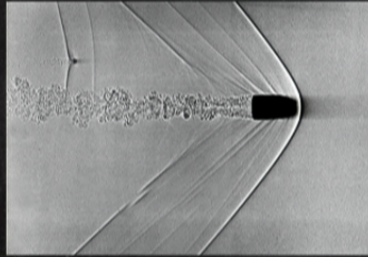
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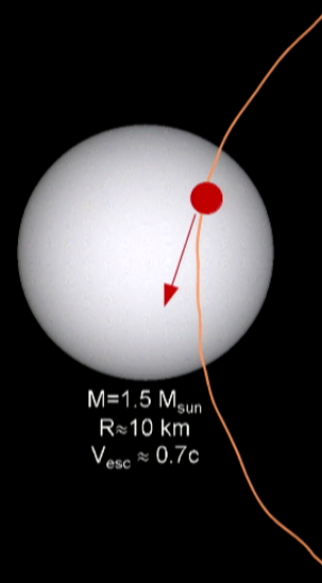
# NS-PBH encounter

## Accretion and dynamical friction

Chandrasekhar, Ostriker



Manhattan  
(spaceimaging.com)



$M = 1.5 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $R \approx 10 \text{ km}$   
 $V_{\text{esc}} \approx 0.7c$

$$\Delta E \sim \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{M}$$

Capela et al., PRD 2013



# NS-PBH encounter

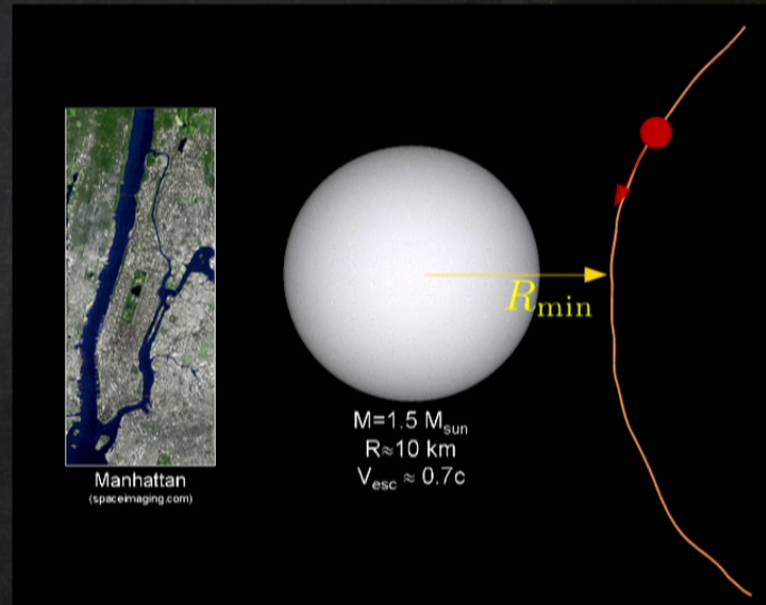
## Tidal heating

$$\Delta E = \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{R} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{R}{R_{\text{min}}} \right)^{2l+2} T_l$$

Press & Teukolsky, ApJ 1977

No tidal disruption!

High- $l$  modes more relevant?



# Enhanced tidal heating

Seismic energy:

Luo et al. ApJ 2012  
Kesden & Hanasoge, PRL 2011

$$\Delta E \equiv \sum_l E_l = \frac{1}{2} \sum_l \frac{|c_l|^2}{\omega_l^2}$$

$$s(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\text{Re} \sum_{nl} \frac{c_{nl}}{\omega_{nl}^2} e^{i\omega_{nl}t} \mathbf{s}_{nl}$$

Fluid displacement

$$c_{nl} = \int dt e^{-i\omega_{nl}t} \int_{\text{star}} d\mathbf{x}^3 \partial_t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{s}_{nl}^*(\mathbf{x})$$

Excitation coefficients

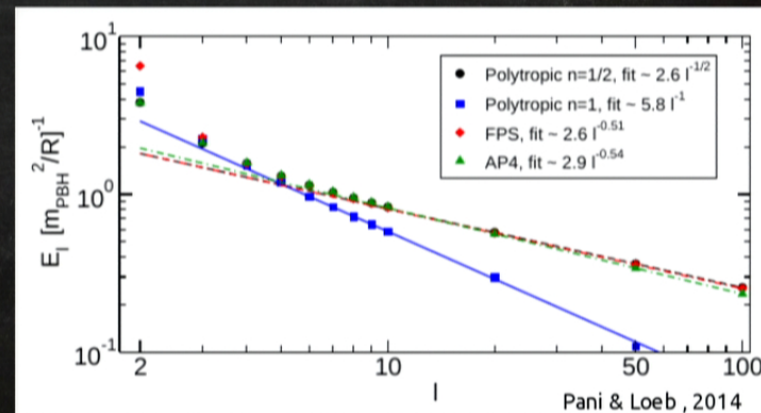
Mass ratio  $< 10^{-8}$  → point particle source

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = m_{\text{PBH}} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p(t)|}$$

$$E_l \sim \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{R} \frac{\gamma}{l^n}$$

"divergence" for stiff EOS

$$P(\rho) = k\rho^{1+1/n}$$



# Enhanced tidal heating

Seismic energy

$$\Delta E \equiv \sum_l$$

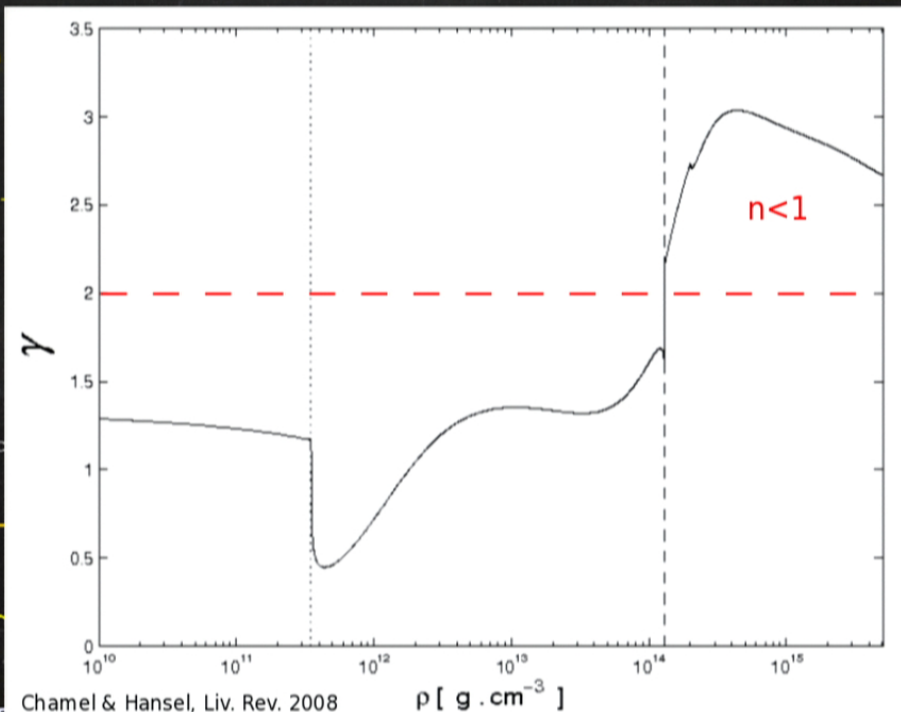
Mass ratio <

$$f(x, t) = m_P$$

$$E_l \propto$$

"divergence" for spin EOS

$$P(\rho) = k\rho^{1+1/n}$$



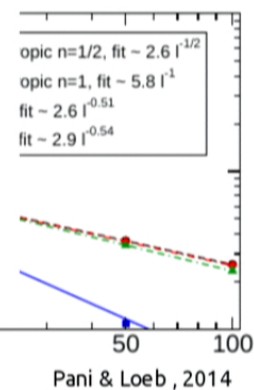
Chamel & Hansel, Liv. Rev. 2008

$$\frac{c_{nl}}{\omega_{nl}^2} e^{i\omega_{nl}t} s_{nl}$$

Fluid displacement

$$f(x, t) \cdot s_{nl}^*(x)$$

Integration coefficients





# Enhanced tidal heating

$$E_l \sim \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{R} \frac{\gamma}{l^n}$$

Incompressible fluid toy model

$$c_l^{\text{ext}} = \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}(l+1)\sqrt{Ml}}{\sqrt{3\pi}R^2} E_N(z)$$

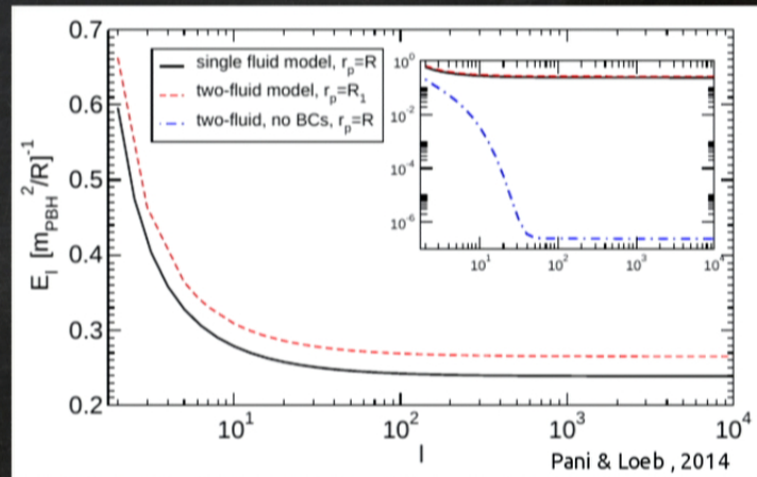


$$E_l \rightarrow \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{R}$$

Constant energy at large  $l$

Same results for the BH case

Davis et al. PRD 1972



- Different from dynamical friction
- Unrelated to the PBH motion
- Insensitive to core-crust transition

see comment by Capela et al, 2014

# Enhanced tidal heating

Finite-size cutoff

$$l_{\max} \sim \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{R}{2m_{\text{PBH}}} \right) \gg 1$$

Davis et al. PRD 1972

$$\Delta E = \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}^2}{R} \frac{2\gamma}{(1-n)} l_{\max}^{1-n}$$

Total energy loss due to tidal heating

- If  $n < 1 \rightarrow$  dominant energy loss mechanism
- Depends on the NS composition  $\rightarrow$  cohesive effect
- Similar result for different realistic EOS
- Requires compact stars and a small PBH (no tidal disruption)

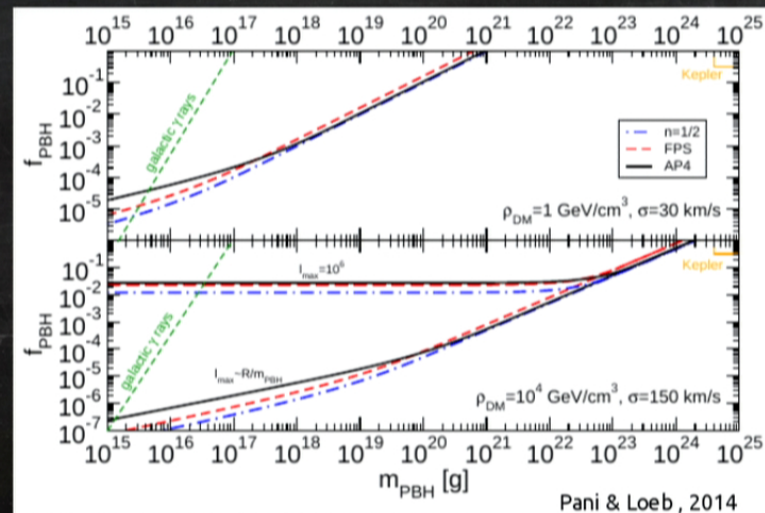


# Tidal capture of PBHs by a NS

$$t_{\text{loss}} \sim 2\pi \frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{\Delta E} \sqrt{Mr_{\text{max}}^0} \longrightarrow m_{\text{PBH}} \gtrsim 10^{16} \left( \frac{10^6}{l_{\text{max}}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{M}{1.4M_{\odot}} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{R}{12\text{km}} \right) \text{g}$$

capture time scale

Capture rate: 
$$F = \sqrt{6\pi} \frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}}{m_{\text{PBH}}} \frac{2MR}{\sigma(1-2M/R)} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{3\Delta E}{m_{\text{PBH}}\sigma^2}} \right]$$
 [Kouvaris 2007]



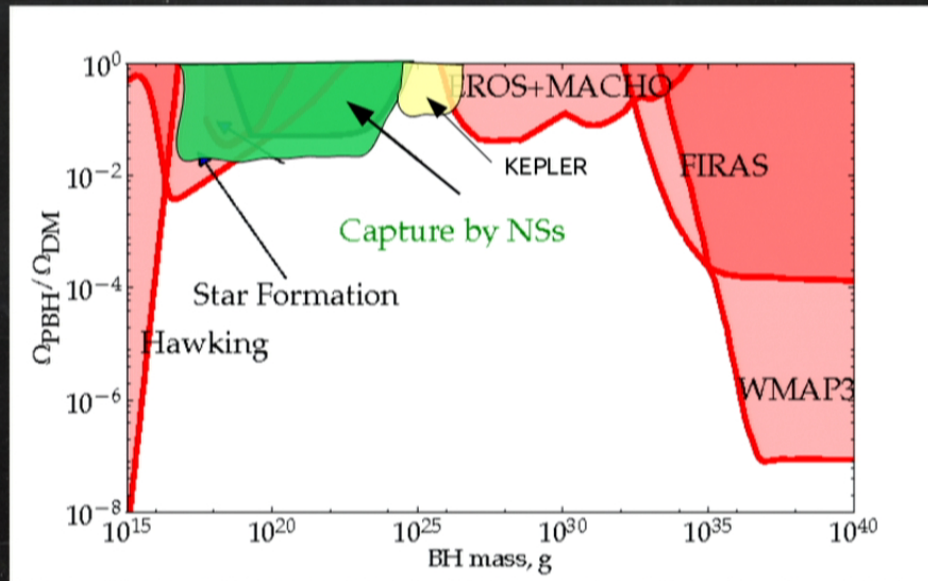
$$f_{\text{PBH}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}}{\rho_{\text{DM}}}$$

DM fraction in PBHs



# New constraints on DM PBHs

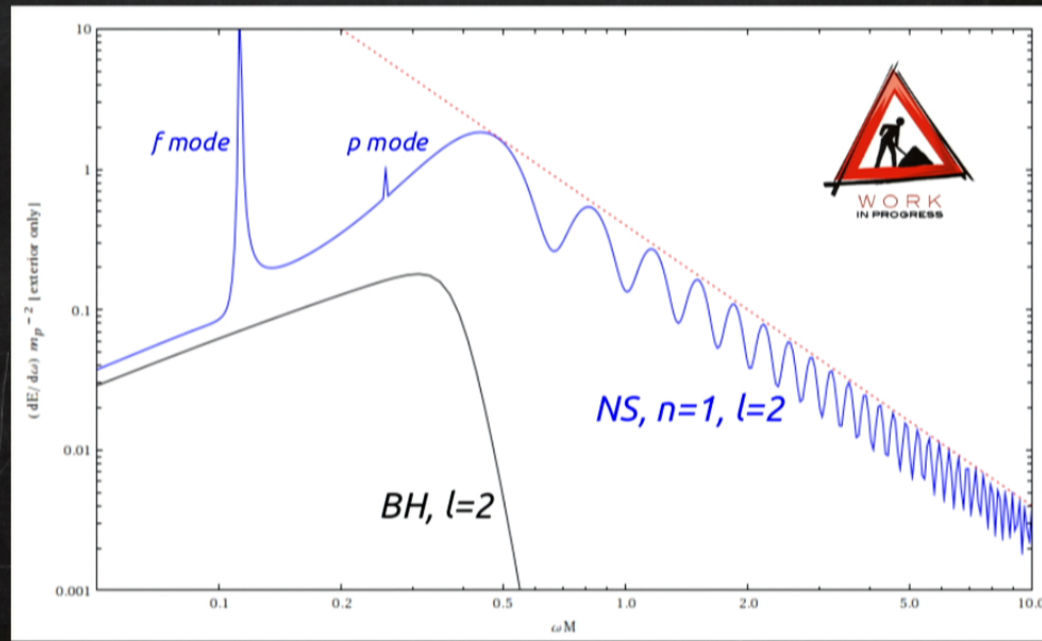
Pani & Loeb, 2014



Adapted from Capela et al., PRD 2013

A *very unlikely* gravitational solution to a gravitational problem

# Relativistic analysis





# Conclusions & Outlook

- Compact objects are **unique labs** for beyond-SM physics and extensions of GR
- Competitive constraints can **already** be derived
- Upcoming (EM and GW) facilities will open **new unexplored territories**
- **Environmental effects**: compromise the potential of strong-gravity constraints?  
Barausse, Cardoso, PP 2014
- Superradiance **beyond linear level**
  - **Backreaction effects** East & Pretorius, 2013, Okawa et al. 2013-2014
  - **Non-uniqueness of BH** Herdeiro & Radu, 2014
- NSs as DM probes: **relativistic effects, simulations**
- Magnetic fields, accretion disks, fermions, ergoregion instability...



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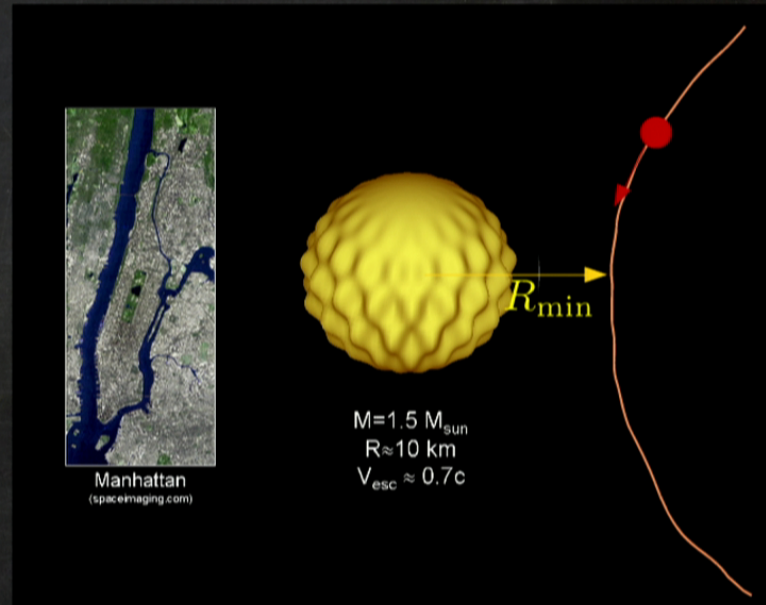
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Energy mostly deposited in **surface f-modes**  $\rightarrow \omega_l^2 \sim \frac{8\pi l(l-1)\rho_c}{3(2l+1)}$