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Compact Stars as Primordial Black Hole Laboratories

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→ “suggestive” that regardless of DM origin, some in PBHs

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- Thus, PBHs can span vast mass range (with mass spectrum):

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- Thus, NS-PBH interactions ($\sim \rho_{\text{DM}} \times \rho_{\text{NS}}$) should be rather generic

*What can we learn from
astrophysics of PBH-compact star
interactions ???*

Three Stories of PBHs and Compact Stars

- **How PBHs can make gold** (r-process nucleosynthesis)
- **PBH-induced fireballs and torches** (GRBs and microquasars)
- **Imprints of tiny PBHs from the past** (transmuted GW signals)

PART I:

How PBHs Make Gold

Based on: Fuller, Kusenko, Takhistov [[arXiv:1704.01129](#), PRL (2017)]

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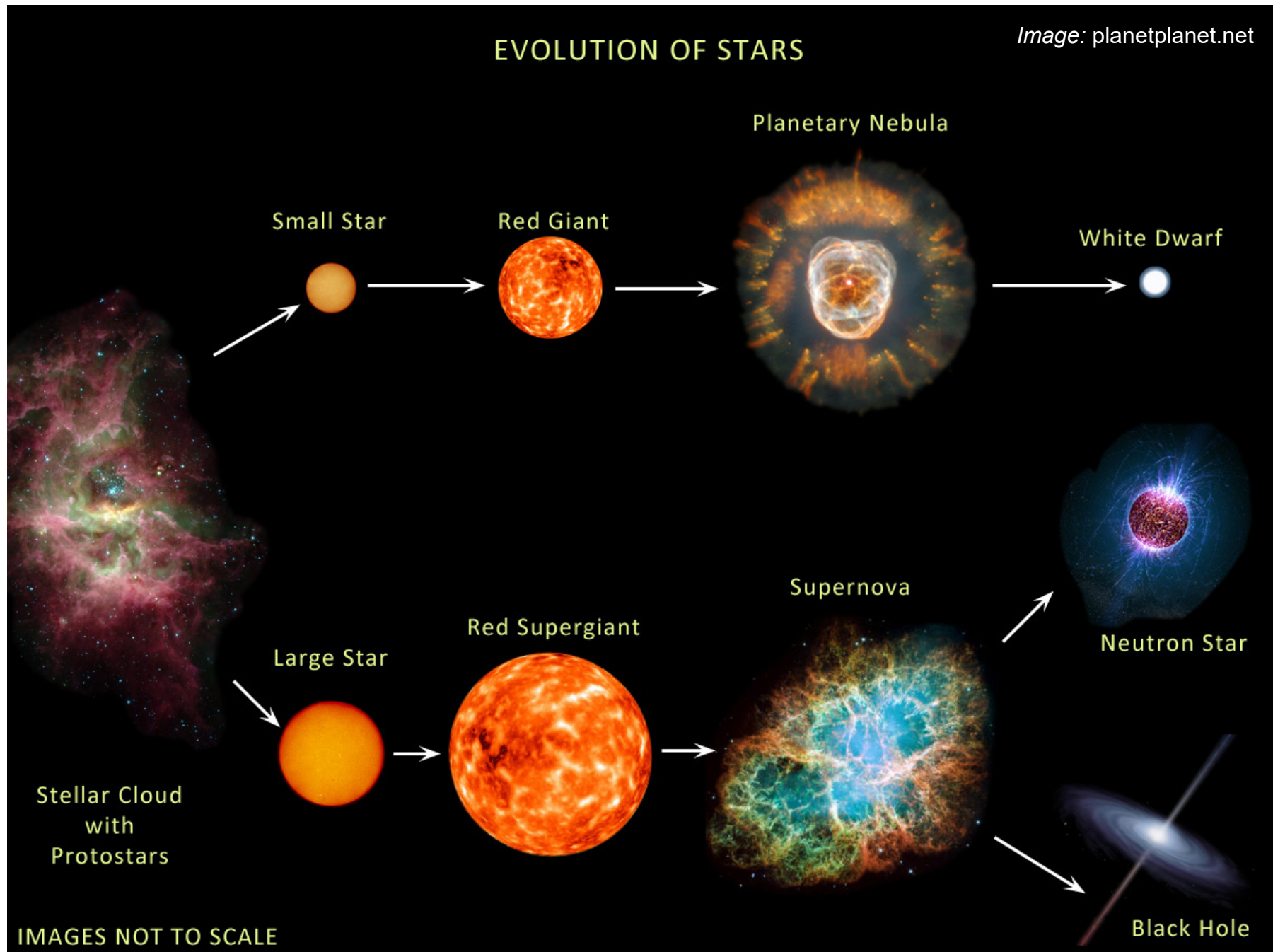
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Compact Star Formation

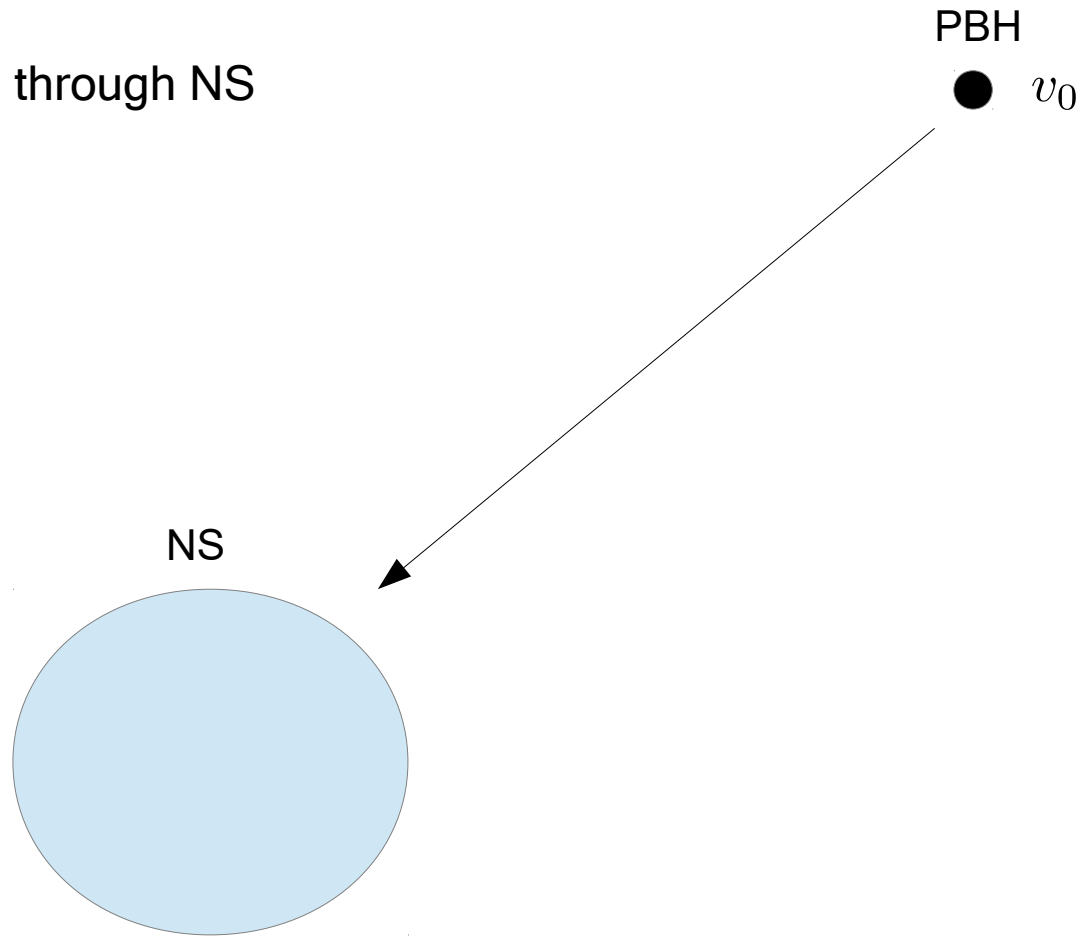


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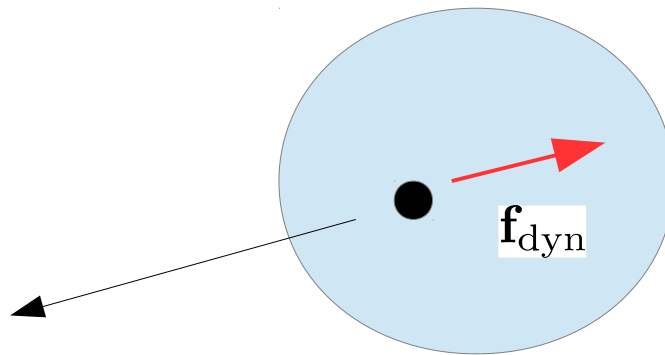
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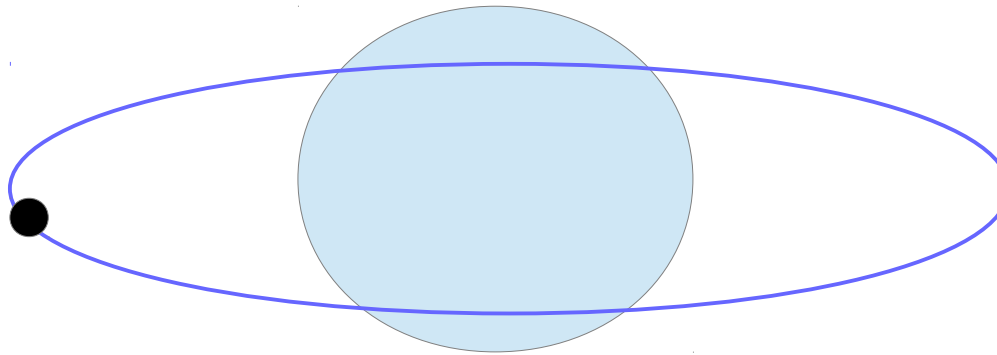


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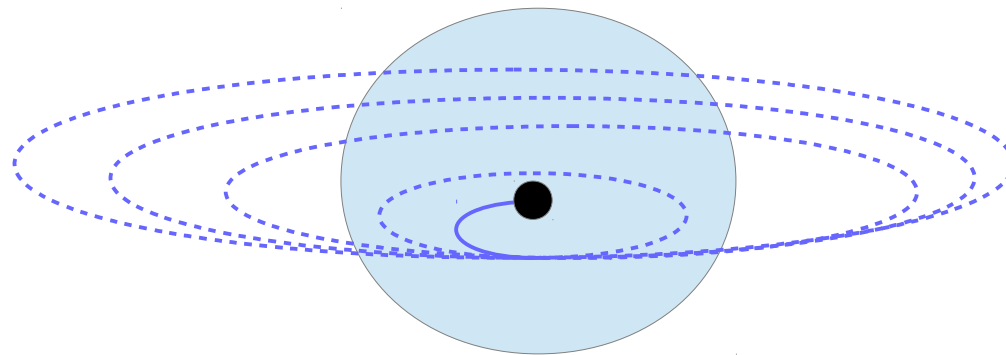


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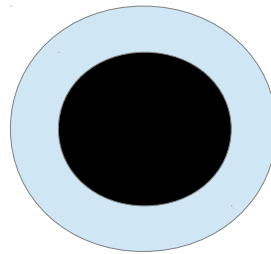
Stage 2: PBH in NS

→ captured PBH continues passing through NS, until it settles inside



Stage 3: PBH grows

→ PBH inside NS grows via Bondi accretion, consuming the host star



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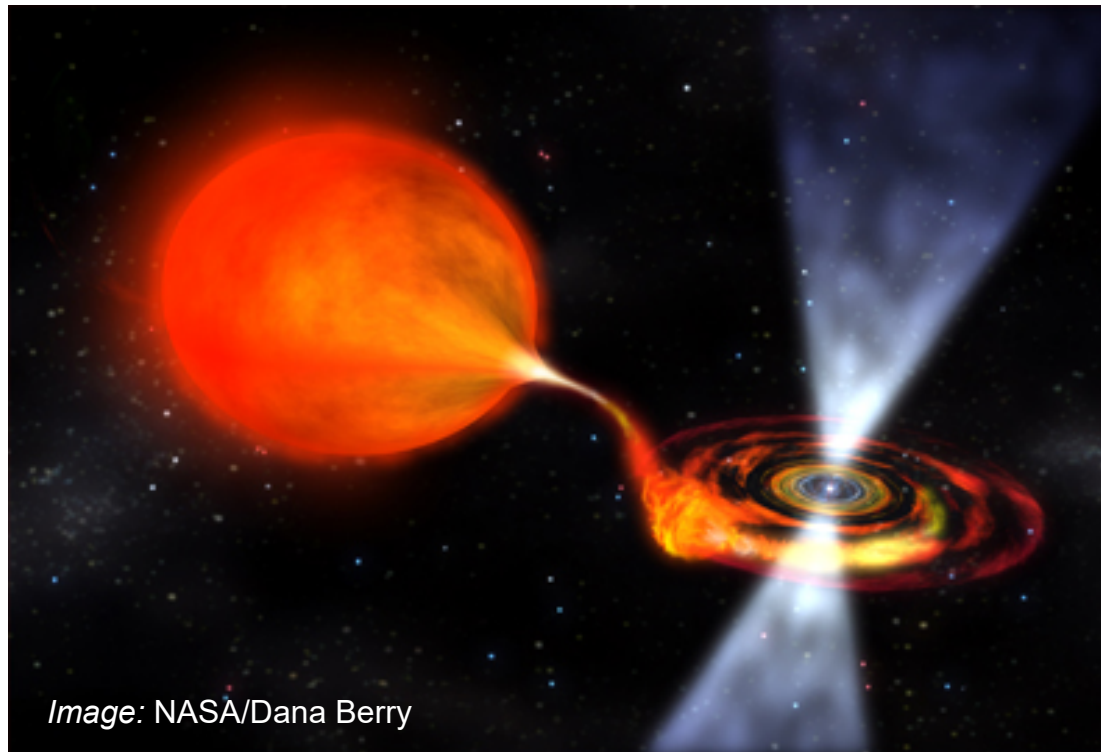
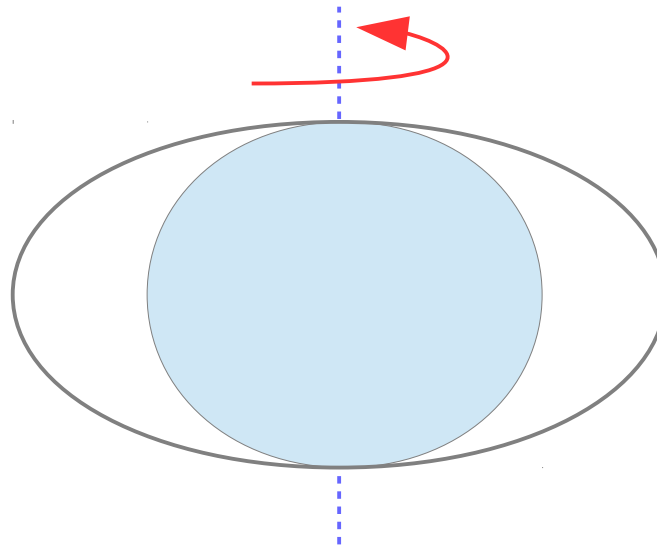


Image: NASA/Dana Berry

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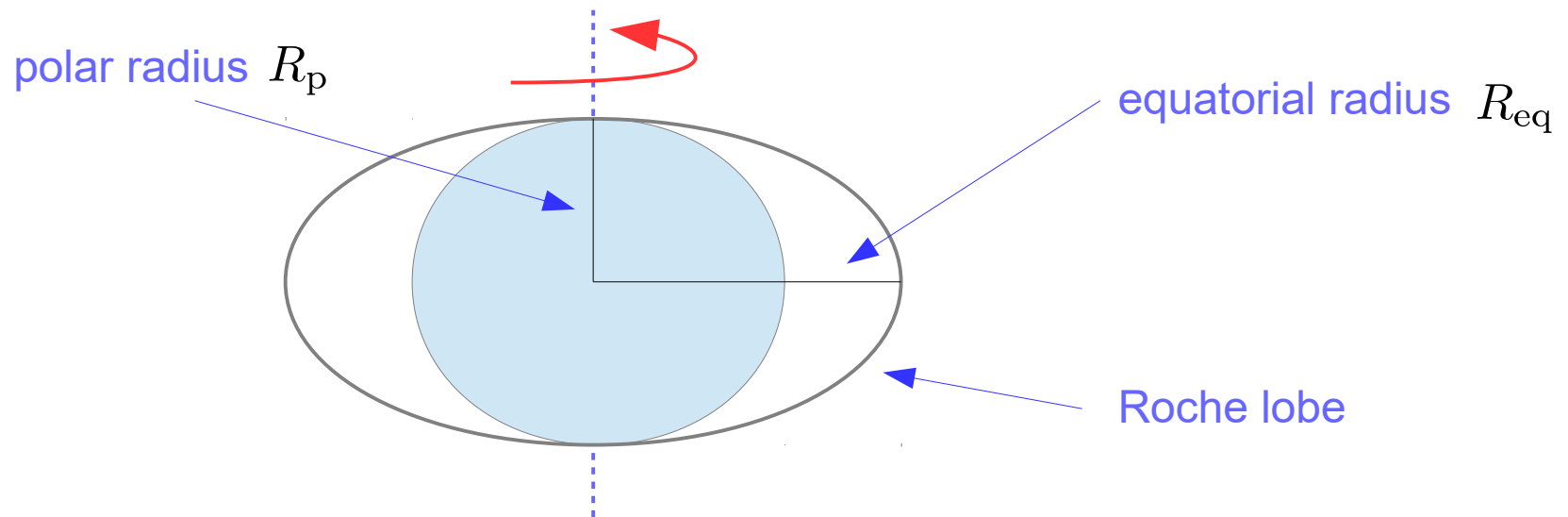
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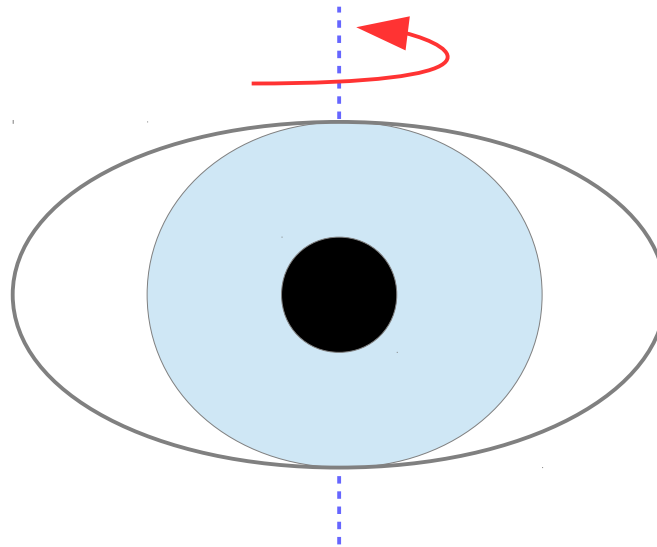
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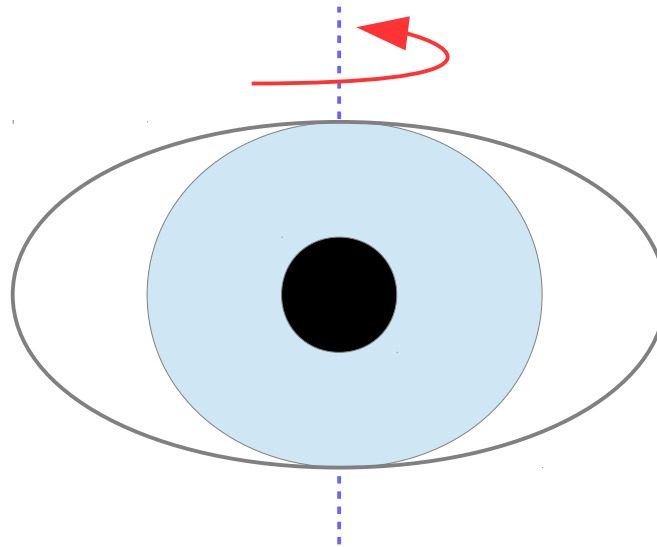


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10 x more than from NS-NS !!!



Ejected mass:

- Population averaged: $\langle M_{\text{ej}} \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(0.2) M_{\odot}$
- Neutron rich \rightarrow **a site of r-process nucleosynthesis**

- (R)apid-process nucleosynthesis: [long list (Meyer, Schramm, *others*)]
 - dominant mechanism for heavy element production
 - neutrons capture on seed nuclei faster than β -decay → build up heavy elements
 - very sensitive to environment
- Leading production sites: SN, compact object mergers (COM)
 - ... each has problems

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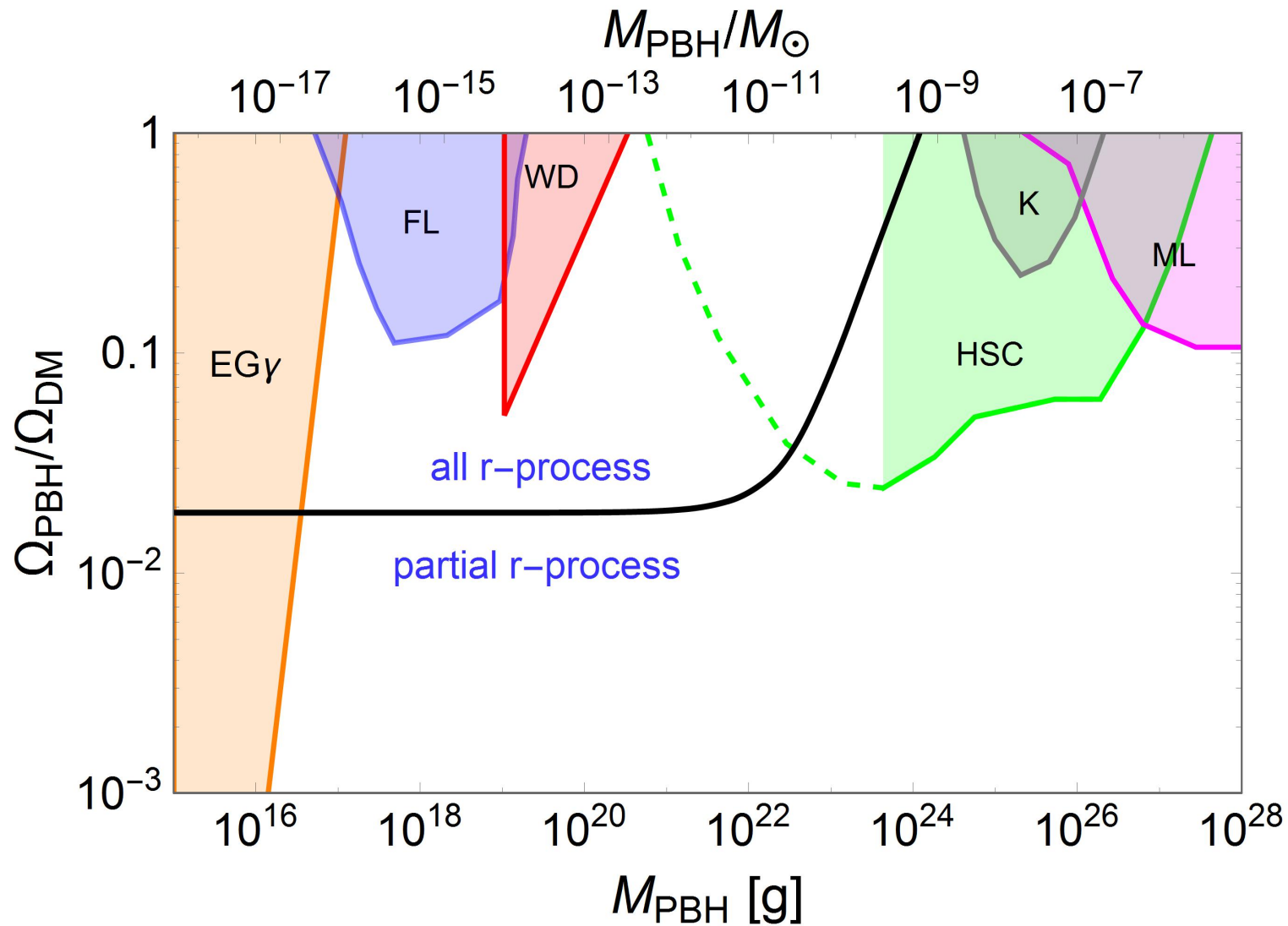
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Can also obtain:

- Kilonova
- 511 keV GC line
- FRB

.. without accompanying strong GW or neutrino signals

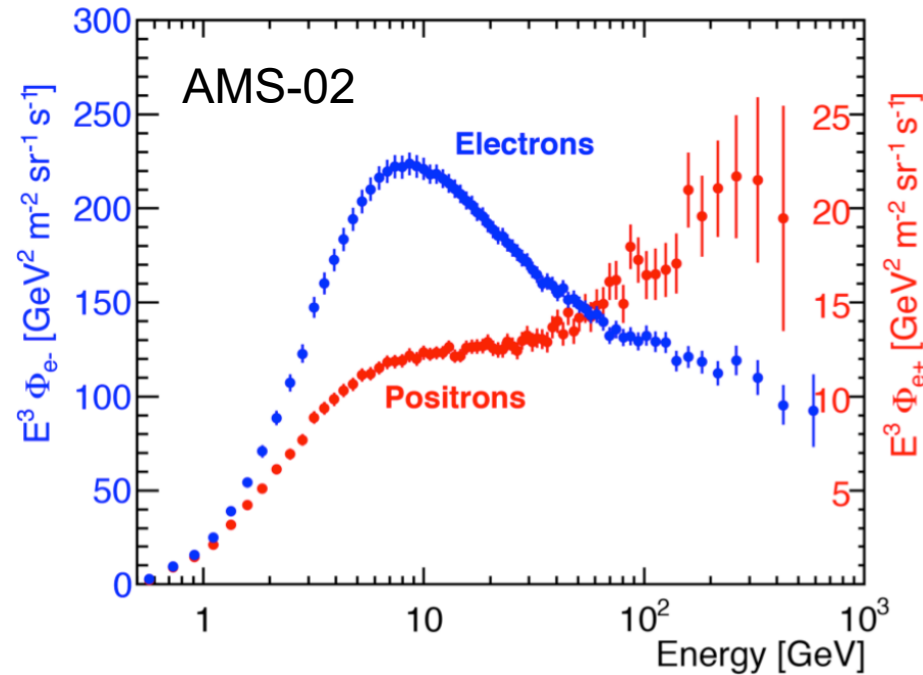
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Positrons from PBH Fireballs (and Torches)

Based on: Takhistov [arXiv:1710.09458]

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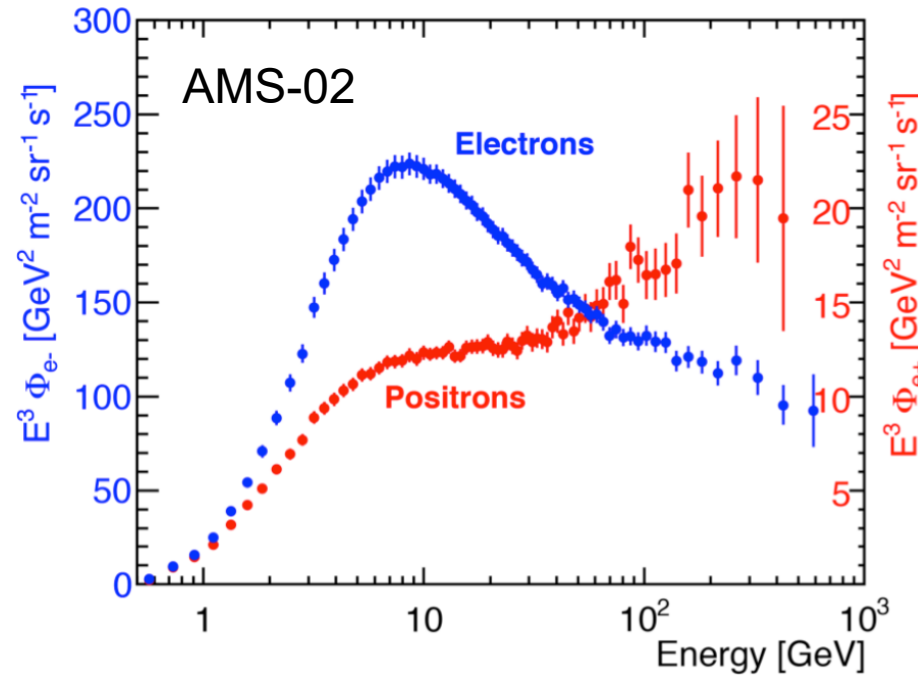
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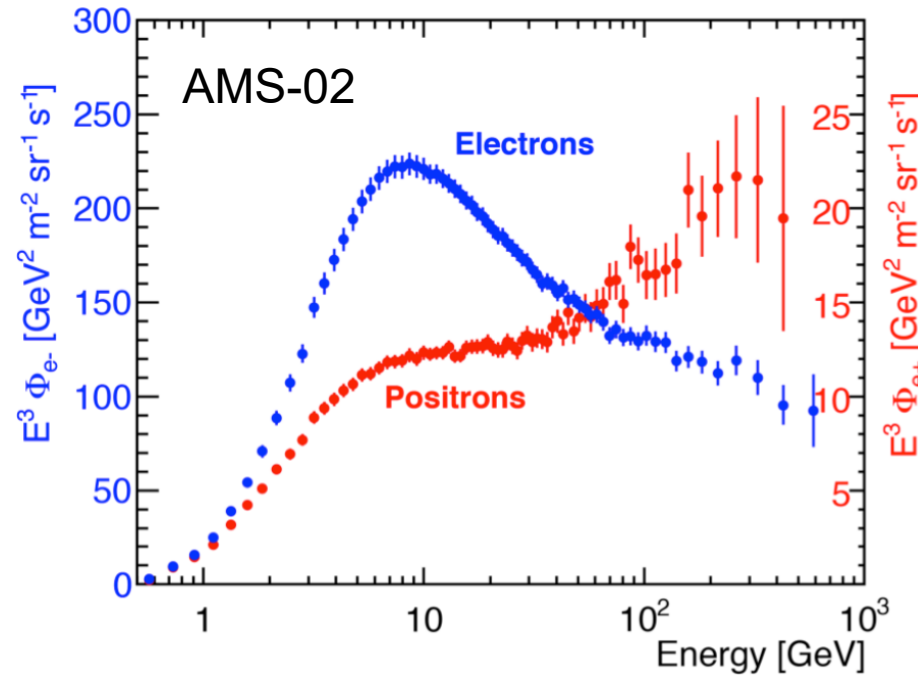


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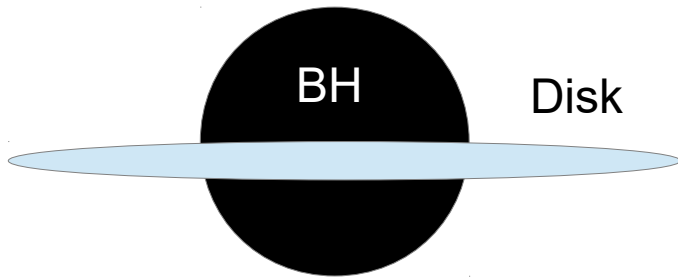
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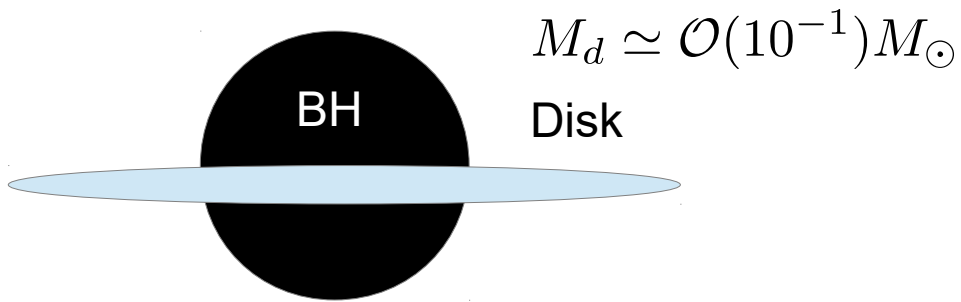
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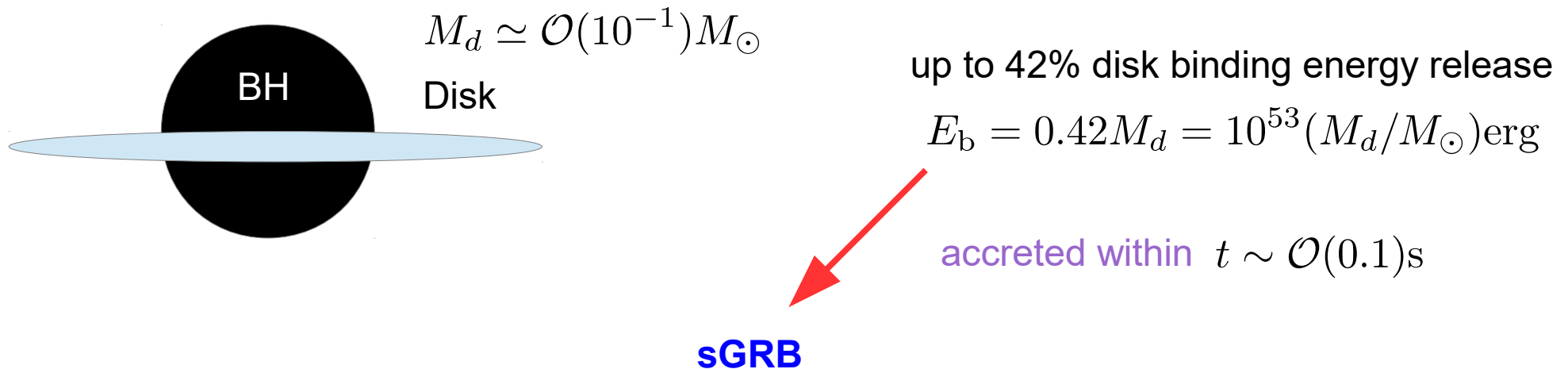


up to 42% disk binding energy release

$$E_b = 0.42M_d = 10^{53}(M_d/M_\odot)\text{erg}$$

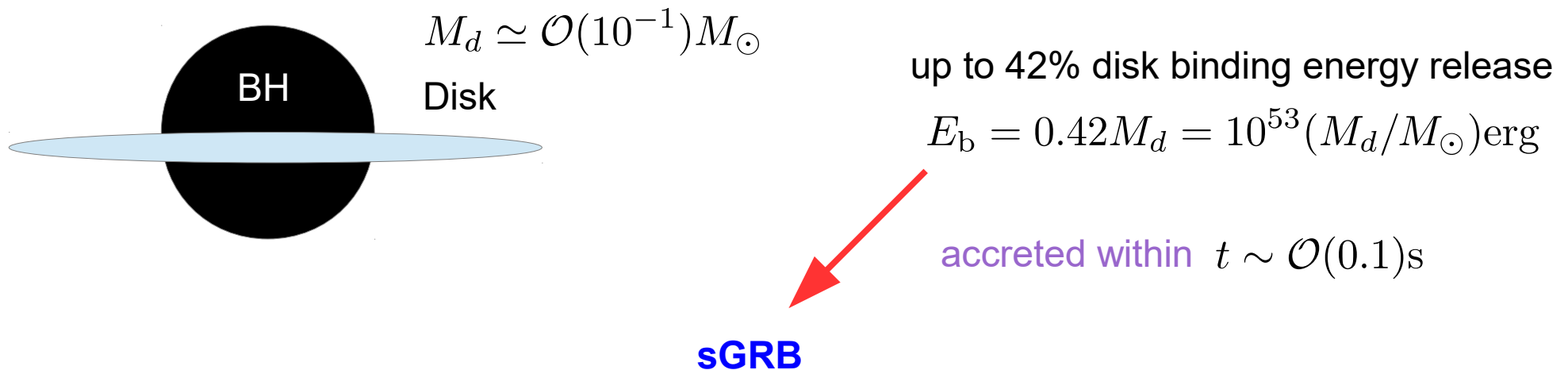
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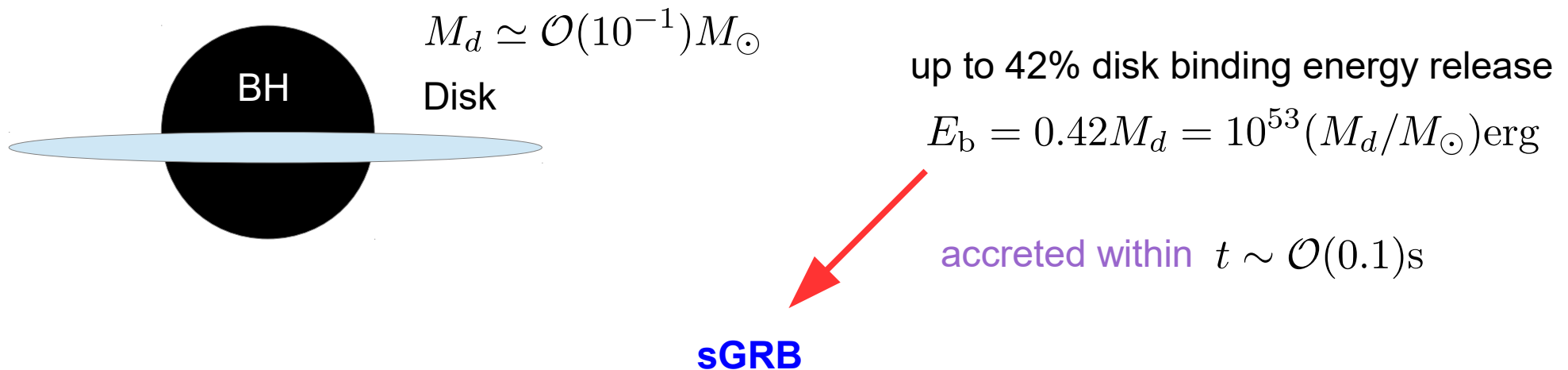
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PBH-star systems as sources of sGRBs!!

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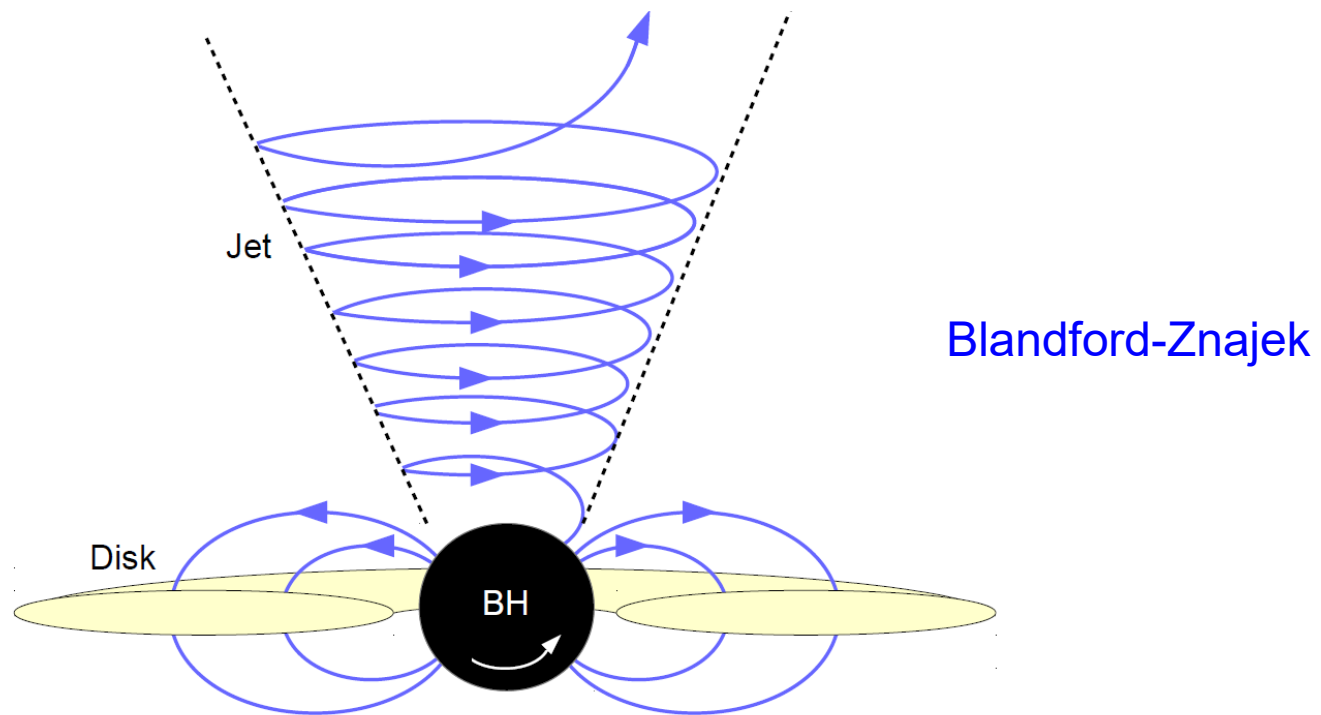
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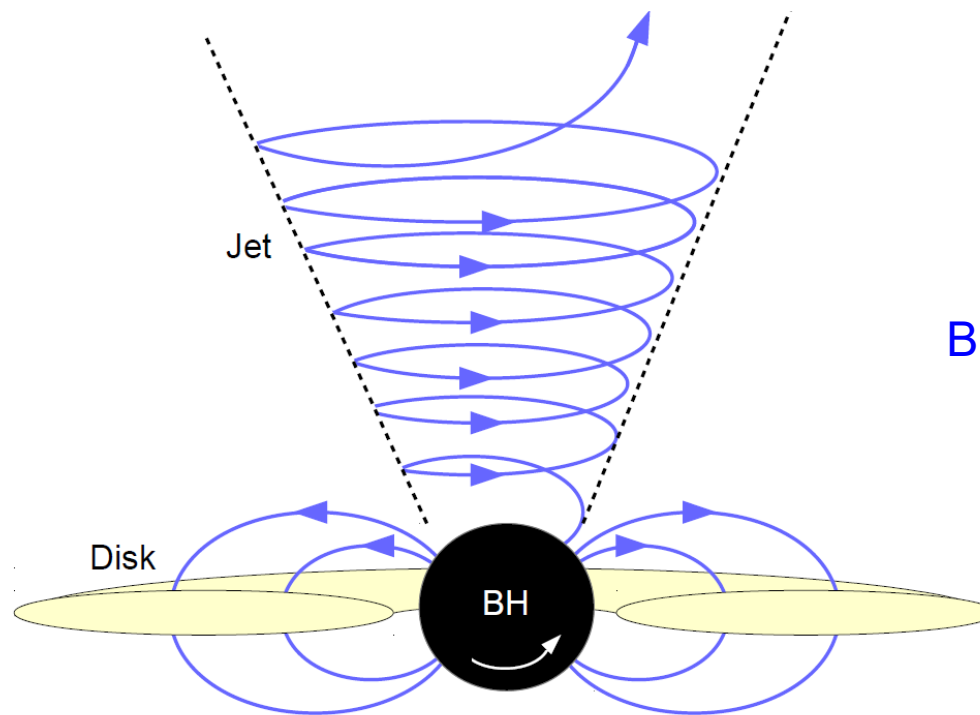
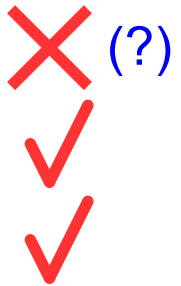
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Accelerated Positrons

[Ioka,08;
Bertone,Kusenko+,04]

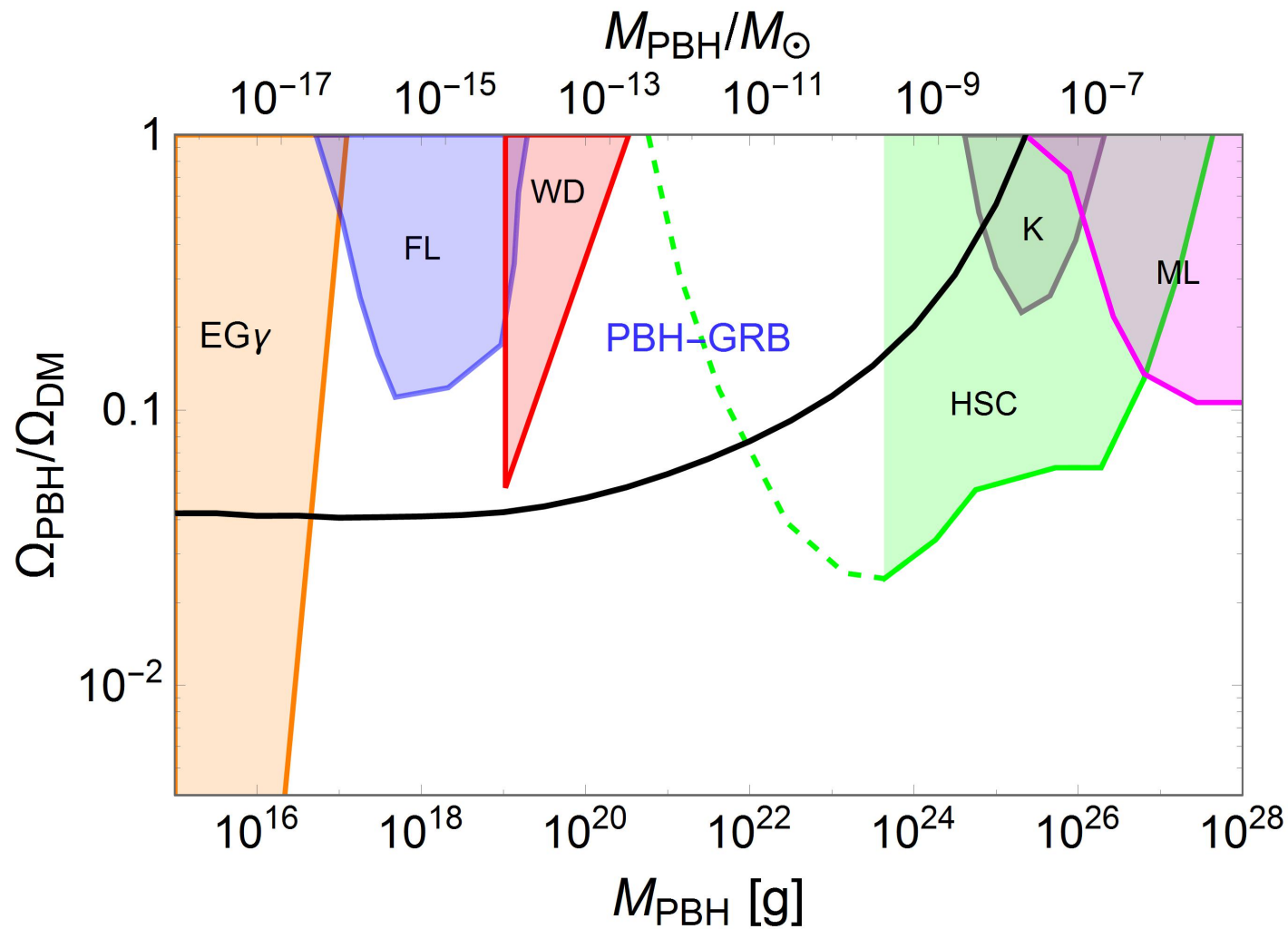
- Jet relativistic → result in GeV-TeV accelerated positrons

- Positrons diffuse, for 100 GeV diffusion time $t \sim 10^6 \text{ yrs}$

[Strong,Moskalenko,Reimer,04]

- GRBs can account for excess if occurred during diffusion time [Ioka,08]
(alternatively, a continuous micro-quasar jet shining for the duration)

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PART III:

Imprints of Tiny PBHs from the Past

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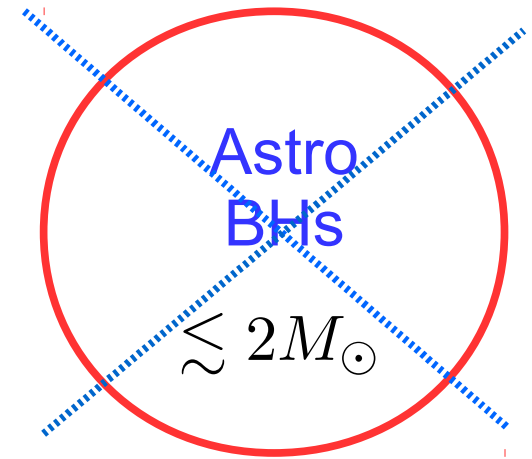
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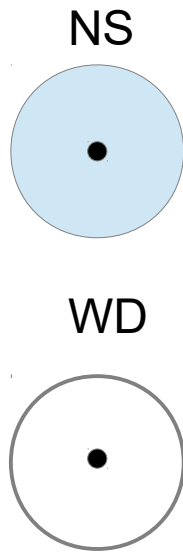
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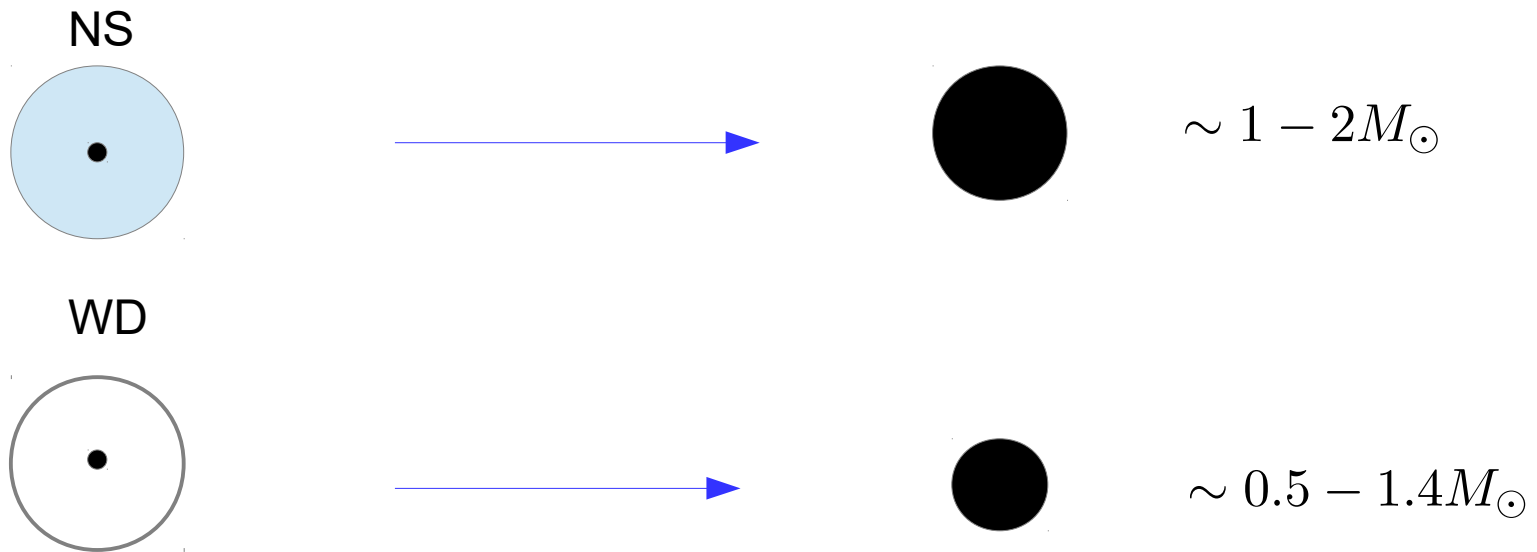
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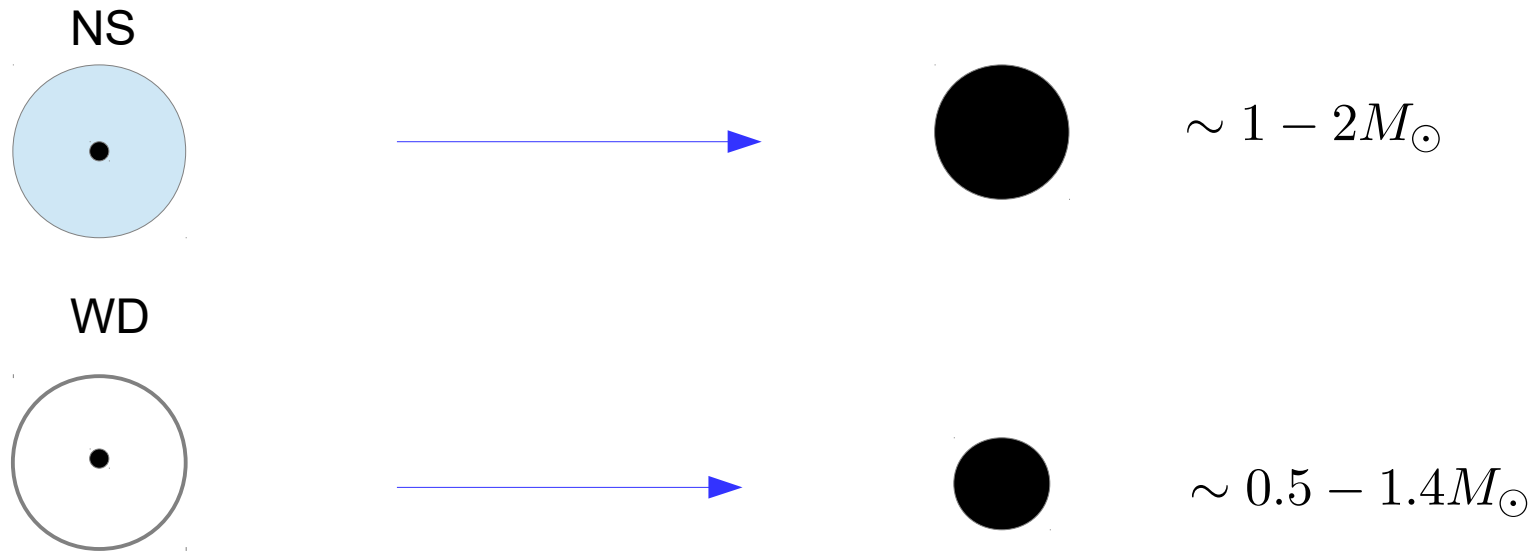
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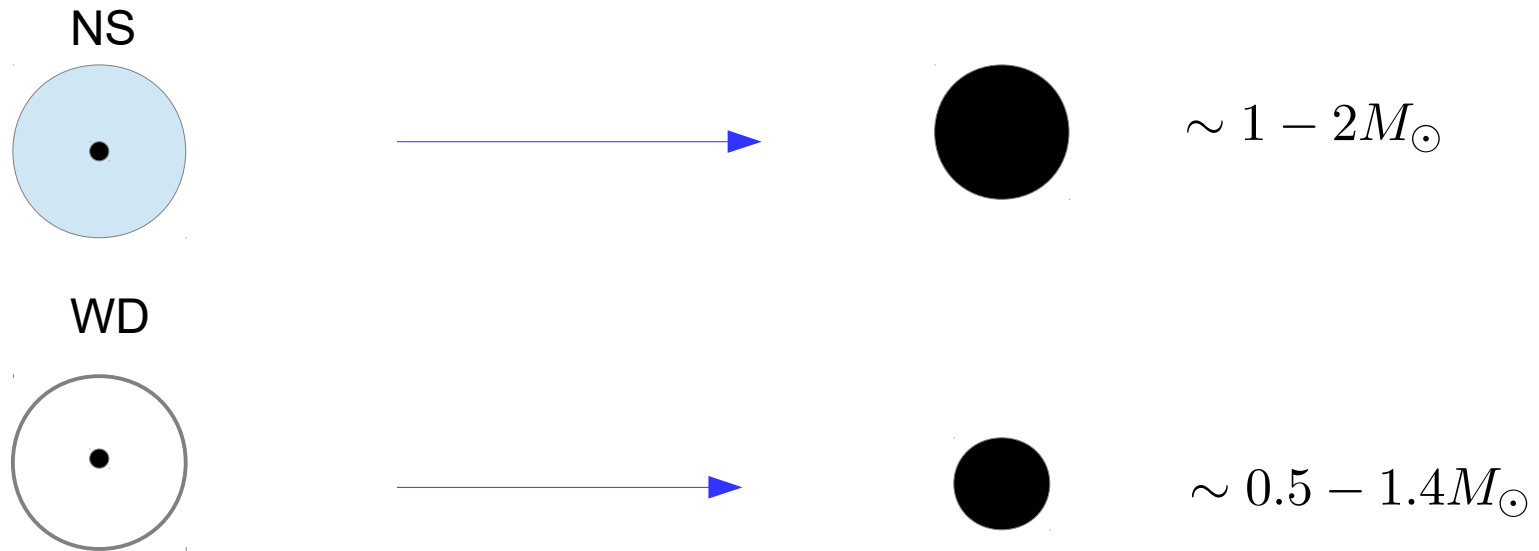
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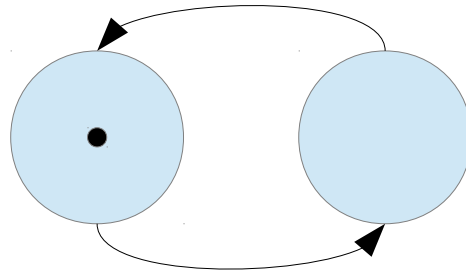


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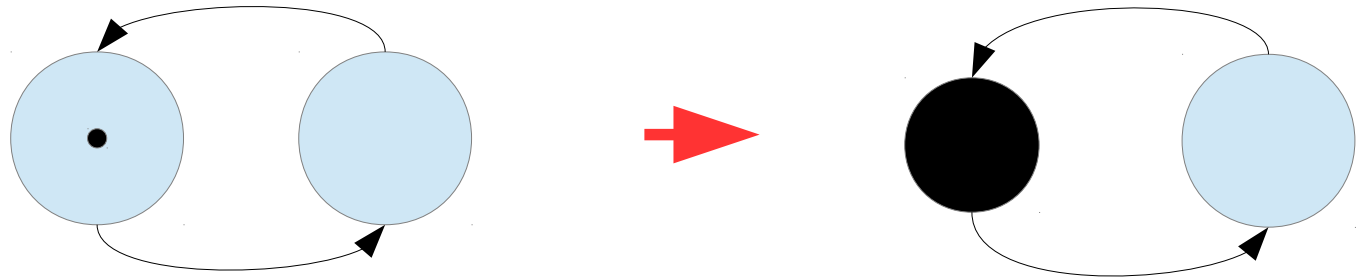
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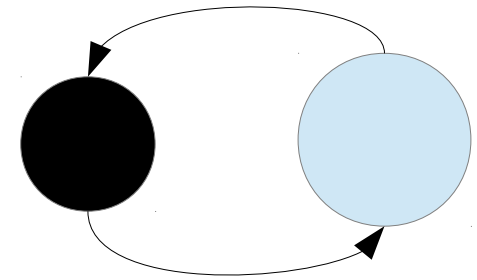
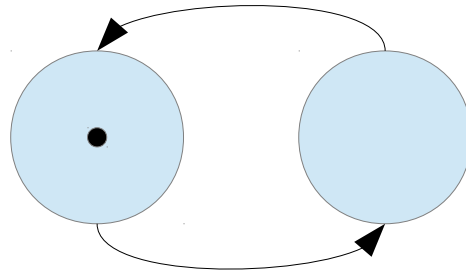
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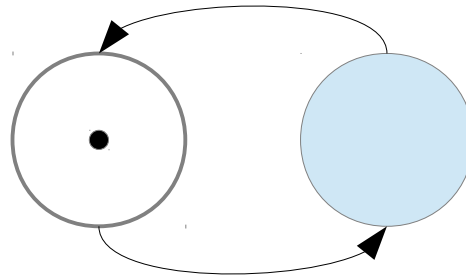


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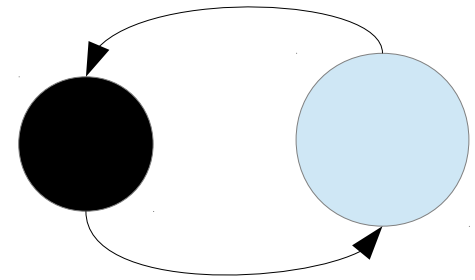
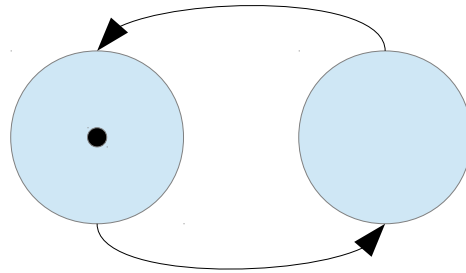


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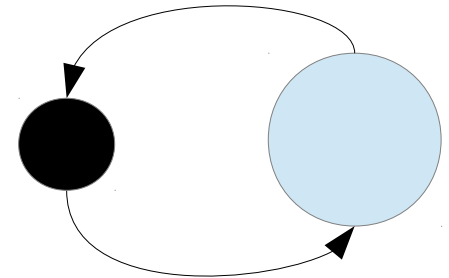
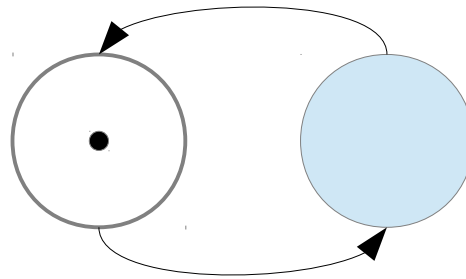


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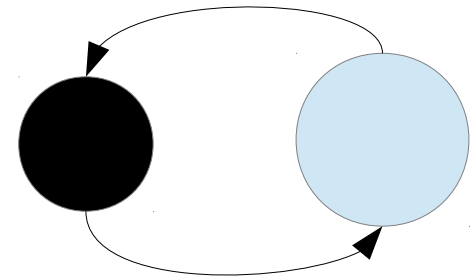
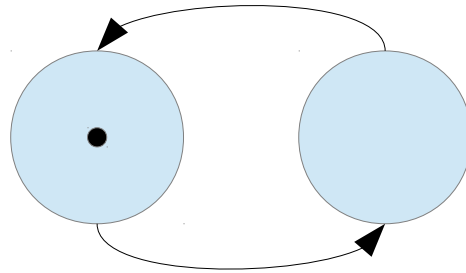


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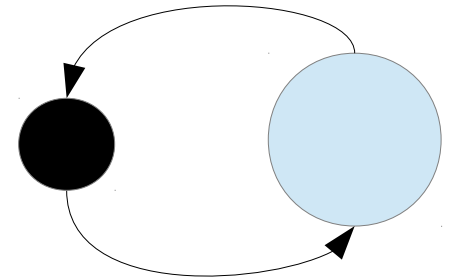
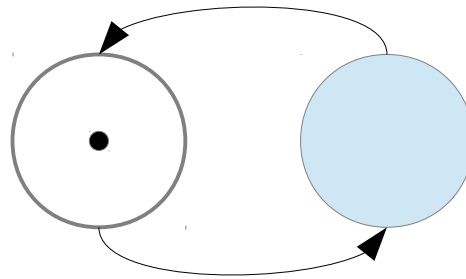


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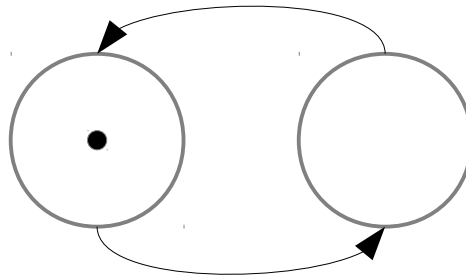
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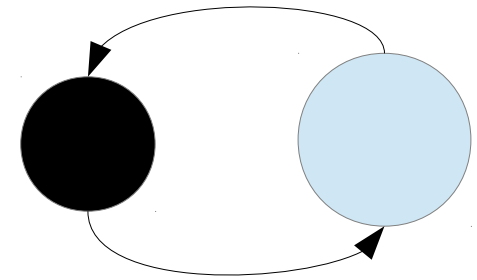
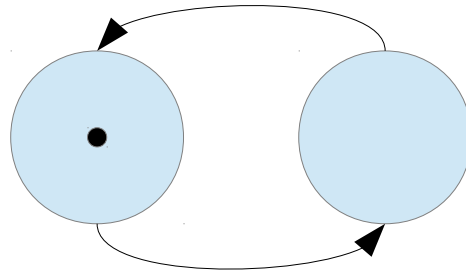


interacting WD-WD
(cataclysmic variable)

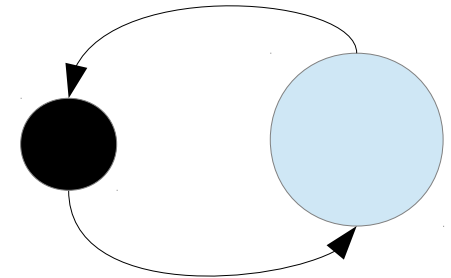
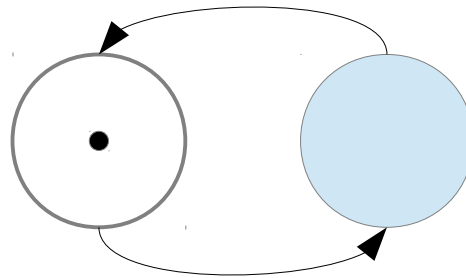


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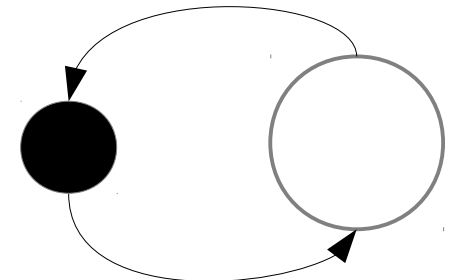
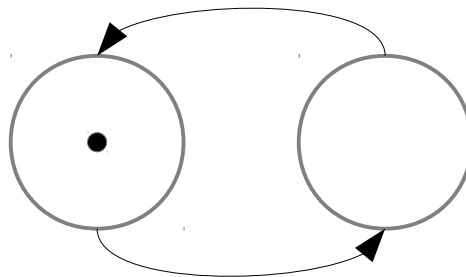
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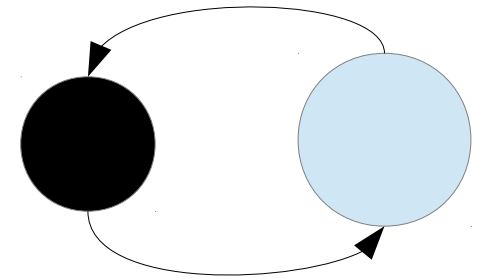
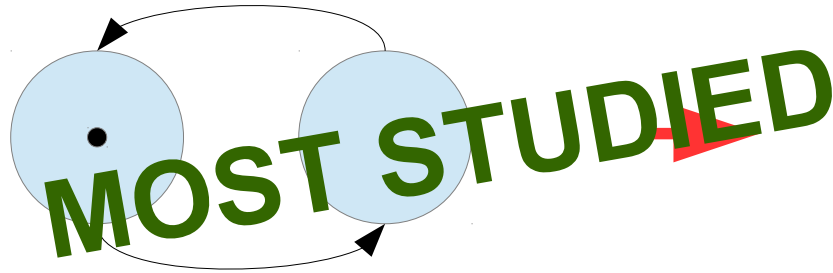


interacting WD-WD
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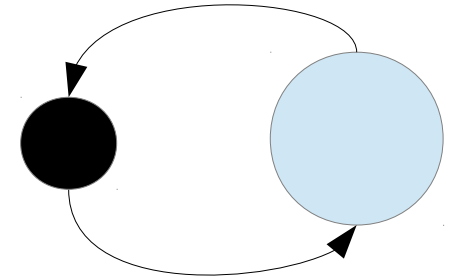
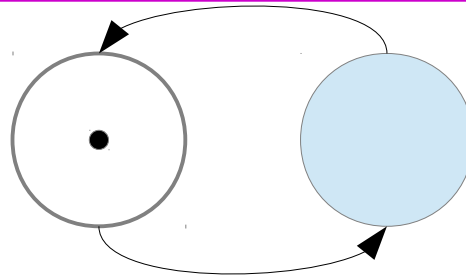


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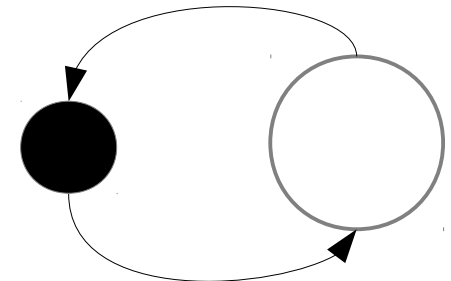
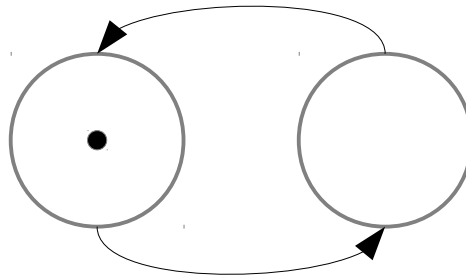
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Compact Object Mergers

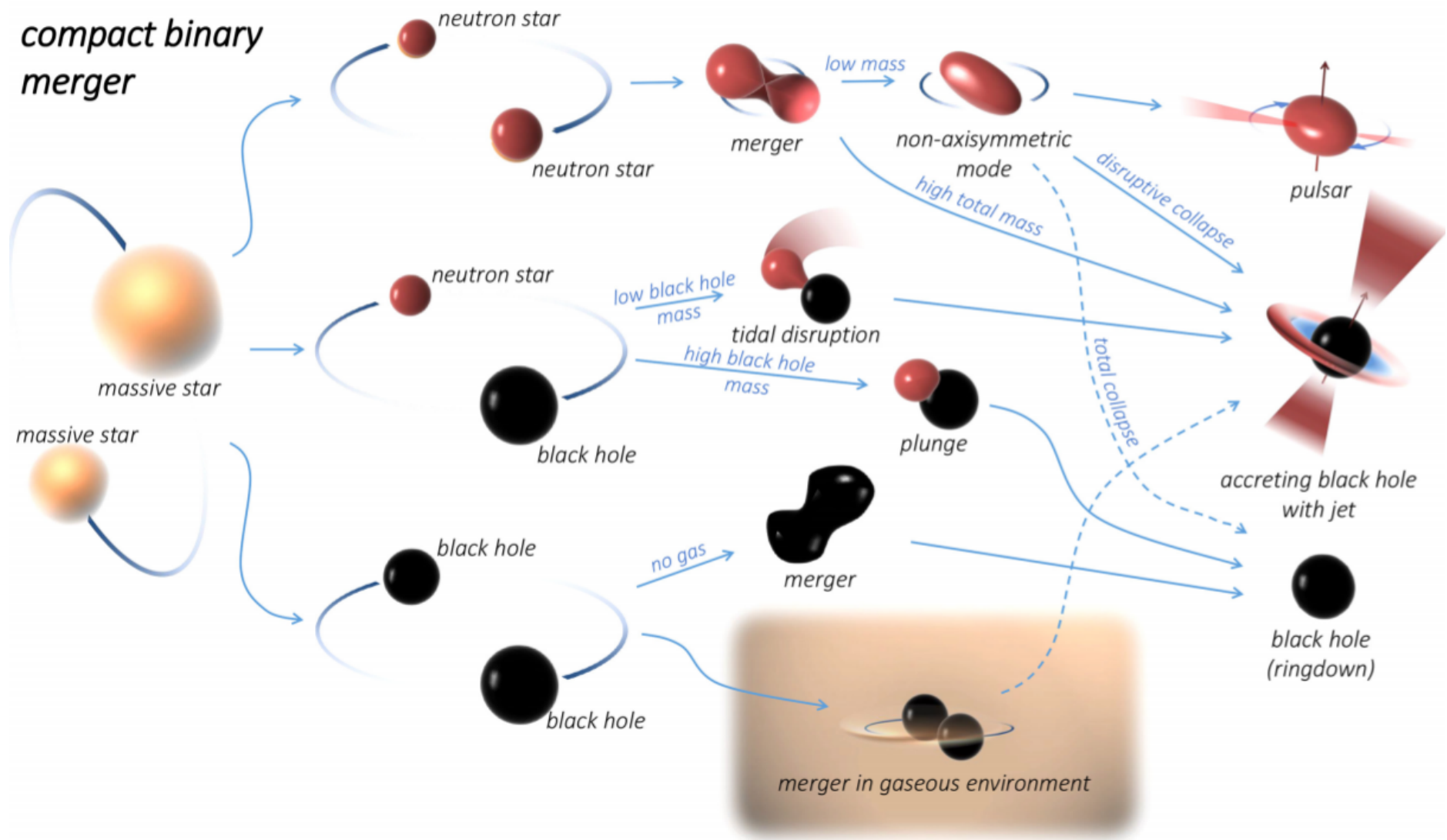


Image: Bartos, Kowalski, "Multimessenger Astronomy"

Transmuted GW Signals

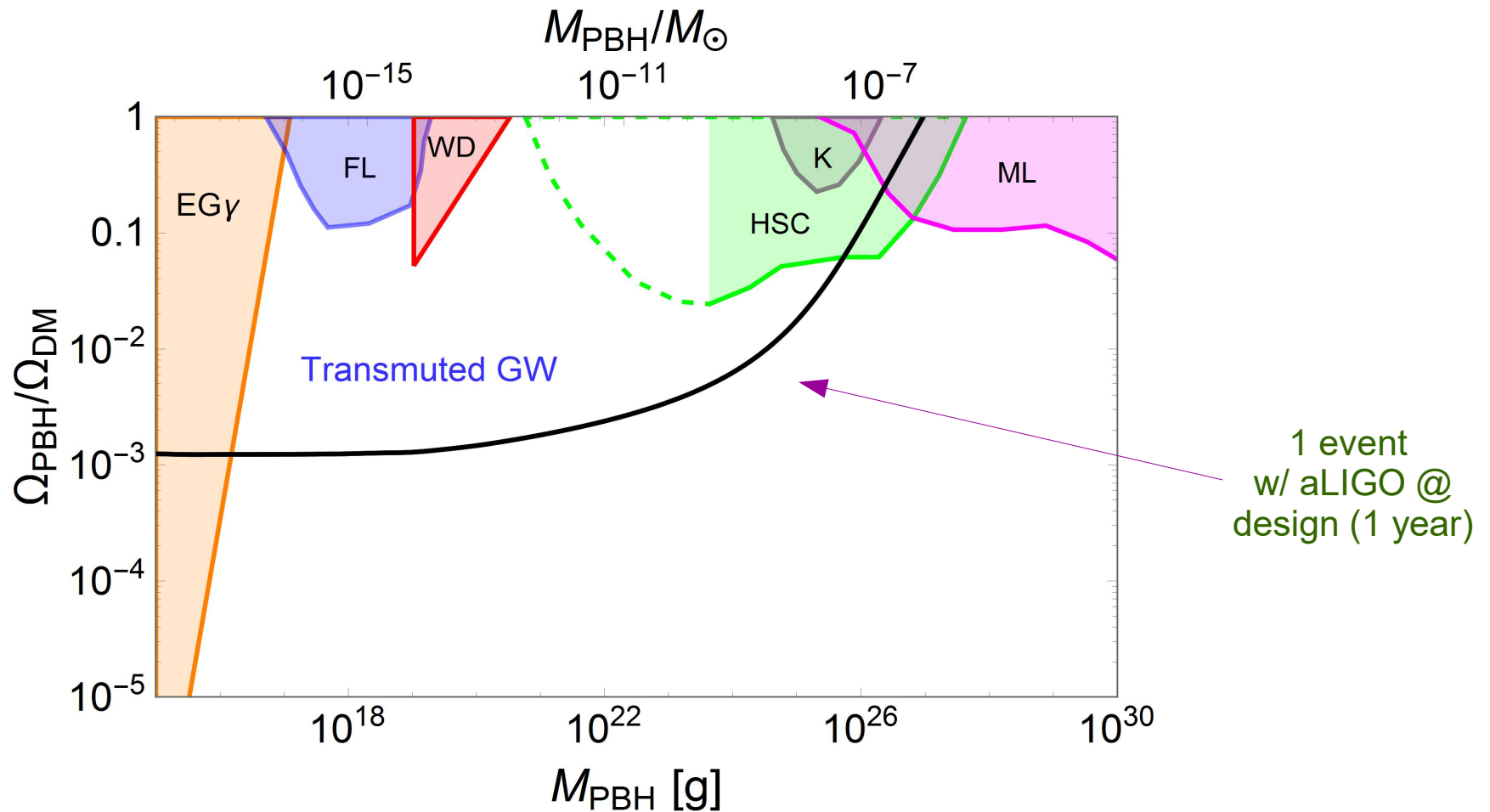
- General features (e.g. merger time, GW luminosity)
 - depend on chirp mass $\mathcal{M}_c(M_1, M_2)$ → will change with non-zero ejecta
- Distinguishing signatures
 - merger / ringdown
 - coincidence signals (double kilonova)

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solar BH mass important PBH probe !

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Compact Stars as PBH Laboratories

Can Aid with Major Astronomy Puzzles !

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- GC 511 keV line
- fast radio bursts
- missing GC pulsars
- GRBs
- positron excess

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New Signals ... New Lamp-posts

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- New GW signals from binaries
- New kilonova, w/o GWs
- sGRBs w/o GWs
- Double signals (kilonovas, sGRBs...)
- New solar micro-quasars
- Discrete events → differentiate with WIMP capture

Thank You for Attention!