

# Detecting Dark Matter with the Multi-Messenger Observations of Supermassive Black Holes

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# Outline

- Part I: Searching for the signal of WIMP annihilation in the **shadow** of M87\*. [[JHEP 04\(2022\)018](#)]
- Part II: Detecting the ALP induced **polarization** oscillation with the observations of Sagittarius A\*. [[JCAP 03\(2021\)018](#)]
- Part III: Exploring DM distribution with nanohertz stochastic **gravitational wave** background. [[arXiv:2306.17143](#)]

## **Motivation:**

when a strong gravitational field is present around an SMBH, dark matter with gravitational interactions can congregate and create an environment that is **far more dense** than it would be in other regions.

*Part I: Searching for the signal of WIMP  
annihilation in the **shadow** of M87\**

# Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)

A Global Network of Radio Telescopes

## 2018 Observatories



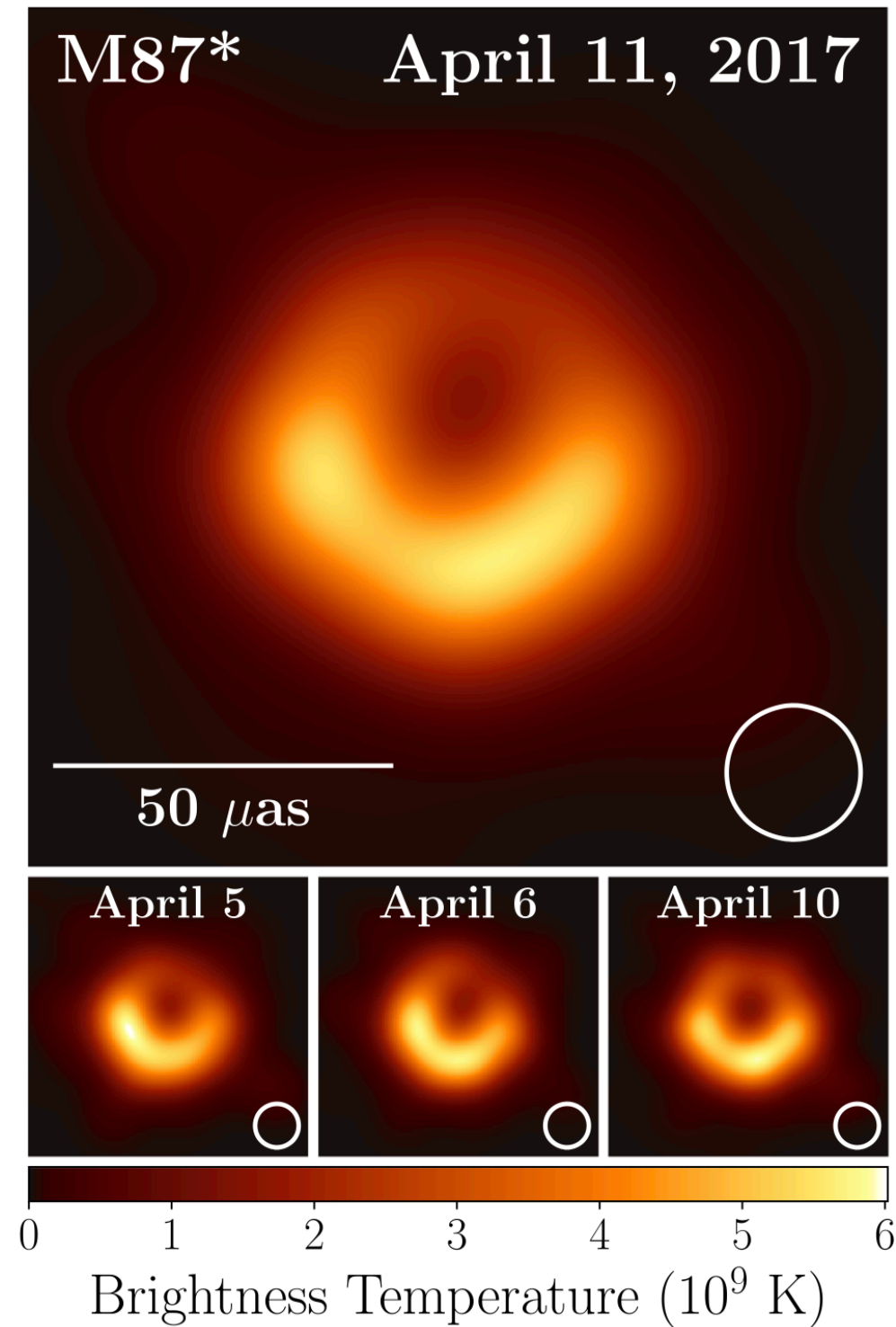
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APEX		Atacama Pathfinder EXperiment CHAJNANTOR PLATEAU, CHILE
30-M		IRAM 30-M Telescope PICO VELETA, SPAIN
JCMT		James Clerk Maxwell Telescope MAUNAKEA, HAWAII
LMT		Large Millimeter Telescope SIERRA NEGRA, MEXICO
SMA		Submillimeter Array MAUNAKEA, HAWAII
SMT		Submillimeter Telescope MOUNT GRAHAM, ARIZONA
SPT		South Pole Telescope SOUTH POLE STATION
GLT		The Greenland Telescope THULE AIR BASE, GREENLAND, DENMARK
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NOEMA		NOEMA Observatory PLATEAU DE BURE, FRANCE

Observing  
in 2020

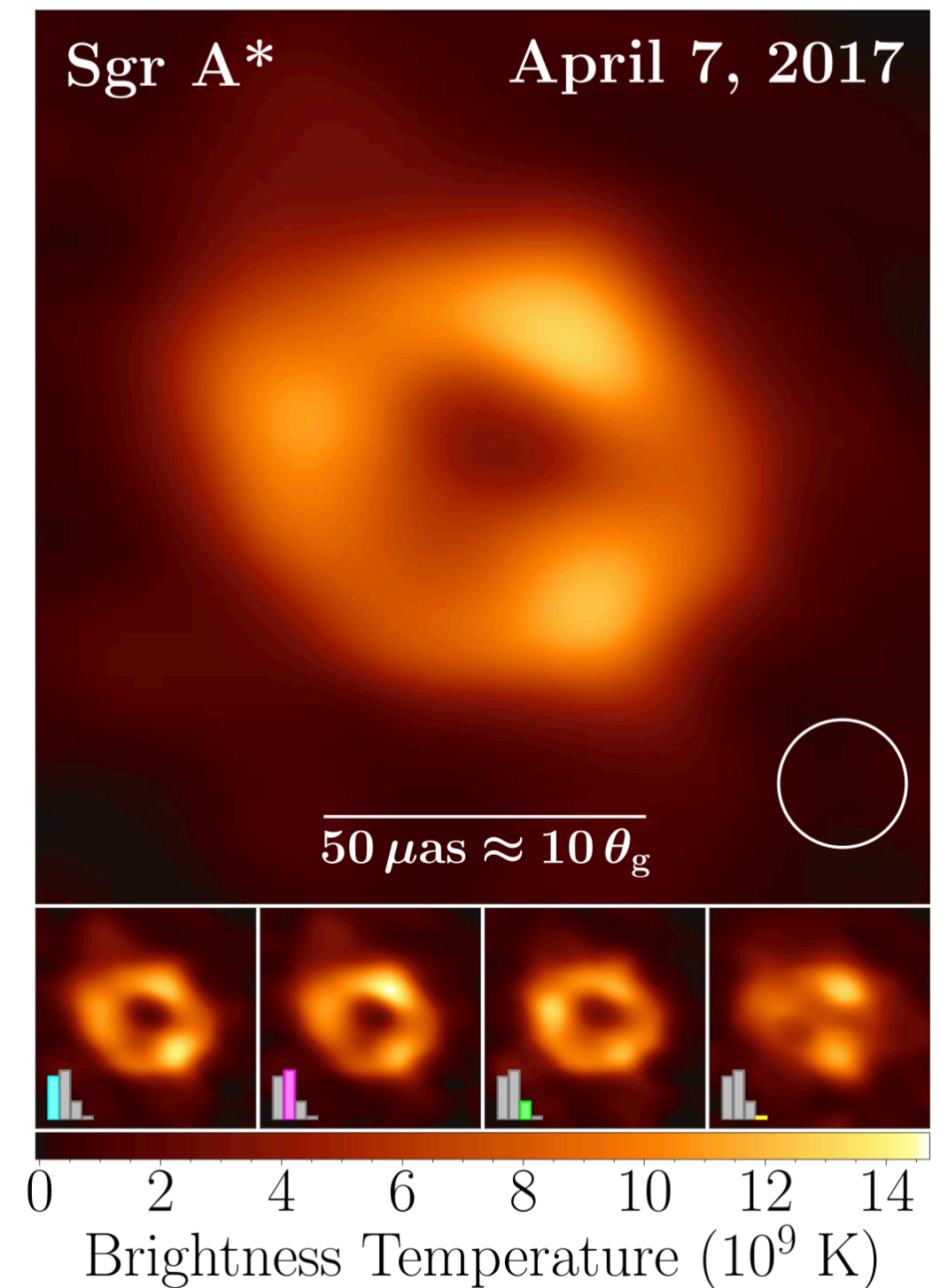




# Milestone Results of Event Horizon Telescope



EHTC+2019



EHTC+2022

We could estimate their mass, distance, magnetic field, temperature, flux, polarization, size.....



# Propagation and Radiation of Electron Around SMBH

DM-induced electron synchrotron radiation around SMBH:

source function come from **WIMP annihilation**

$$q_i(r, p) = \frac{c}{4\pi p^2} Q_i(r, E) = \frac{c}{4\pi p^2} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_i \rho^2(r)}{2m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_{ann}}{dE}(E)$$

spatial diffusion

$$-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r^2 D \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial r} \right] + \boxed{v \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{3r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v) p \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial p}} + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (\dot{p} p^2 f_e) = q(r, p)$$

advection current and energy gain  
due to the adiabatic compression

radiative losses

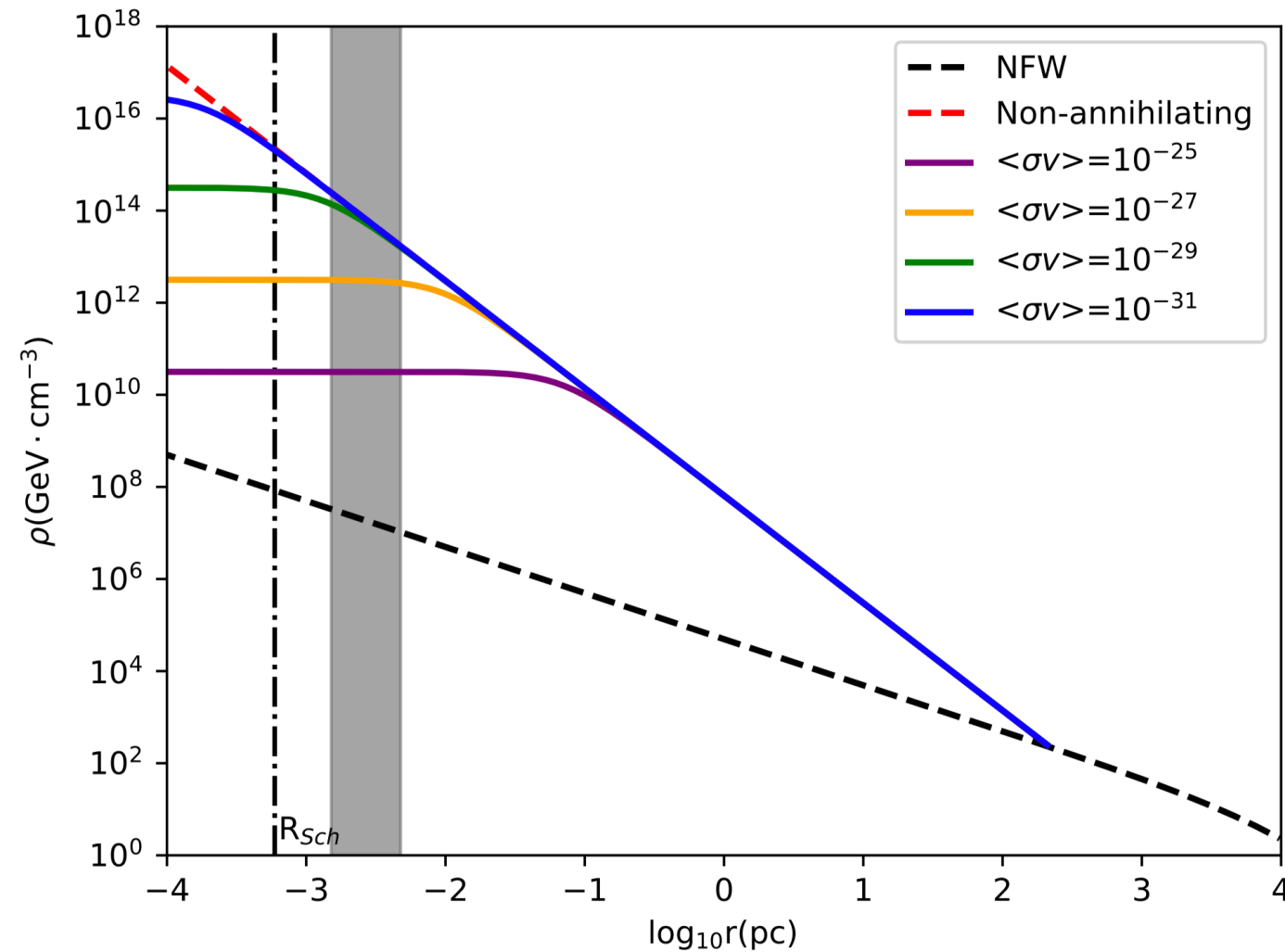
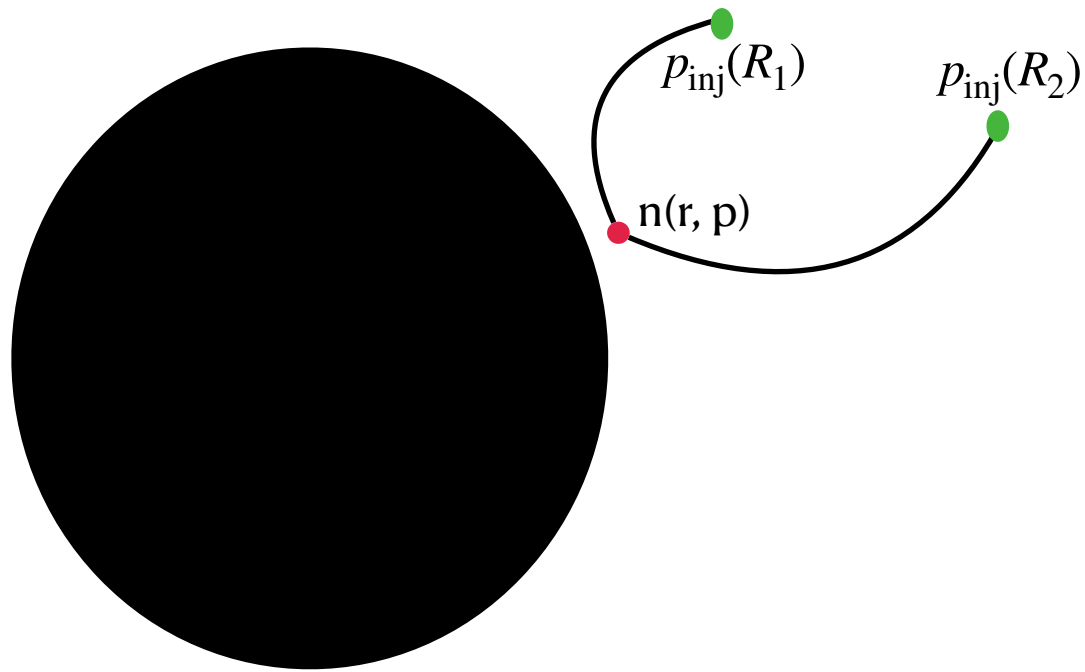
Then, we have the solution of the propagation equation around SMBH:

$$p_{inj}(R_{inj}; r, p) = p \left[ \frac{k_0 R_{Sch}^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{c} R_{inj}^{\frac{3}{2}} p \left( \frac{r}{R_{inj}} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{R_{inj}}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$n_i(r, p) = \int_r^{r_{acc}} \frac{Q_i(R_{inj}, p_{inj})}{v(R_{inj})} \left( \frac{R_{inj}}{R_S} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \left( \frac{p_{inj}}{p} \right)^4 dR_{inj}$$



# The Distribution of WIMP Around SMBH



As the plasma flow onto the central BH, there are two competitive physical processes take place:

- (a) the particles' momentum loss due to **radiative processes**;
- (b) the particles **gain energy in the adiabatic compression**.

Due to the balance of WIMP accretion and annihilation around SMBH, we have the **WIMP 'spike' distribution**:

$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & r < R_{Sch} \\ \frac{\rho_{sp}(r)\rho_{sat}}{\rho_{sp}(r)+\rho_{sat}} & R_{Sch} \leq r < R_{sp} \\ \frac{\rho_0}{(r/r_0)(1+r/r_0)^2} & r \geq R_{sp} \end{cases}$$

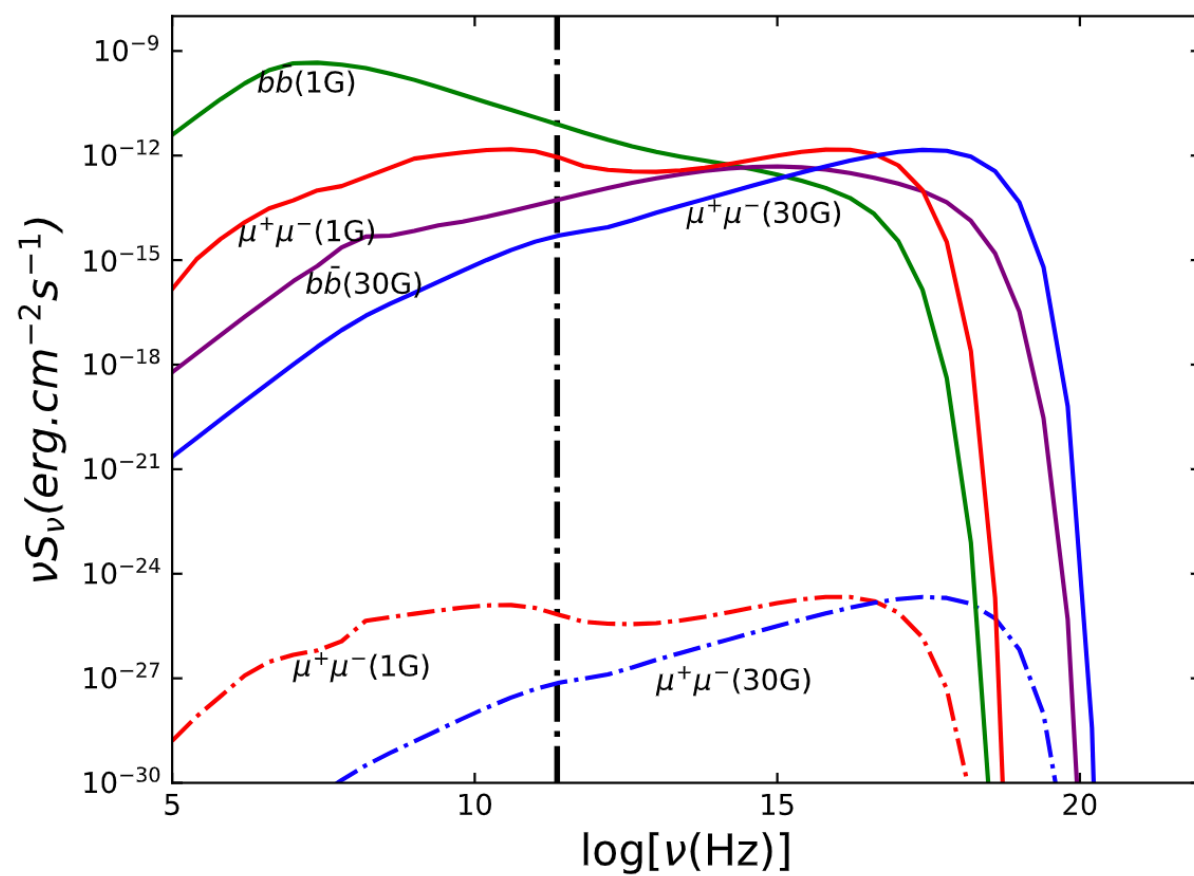


# Flux Predicted by WIMP Annihilation

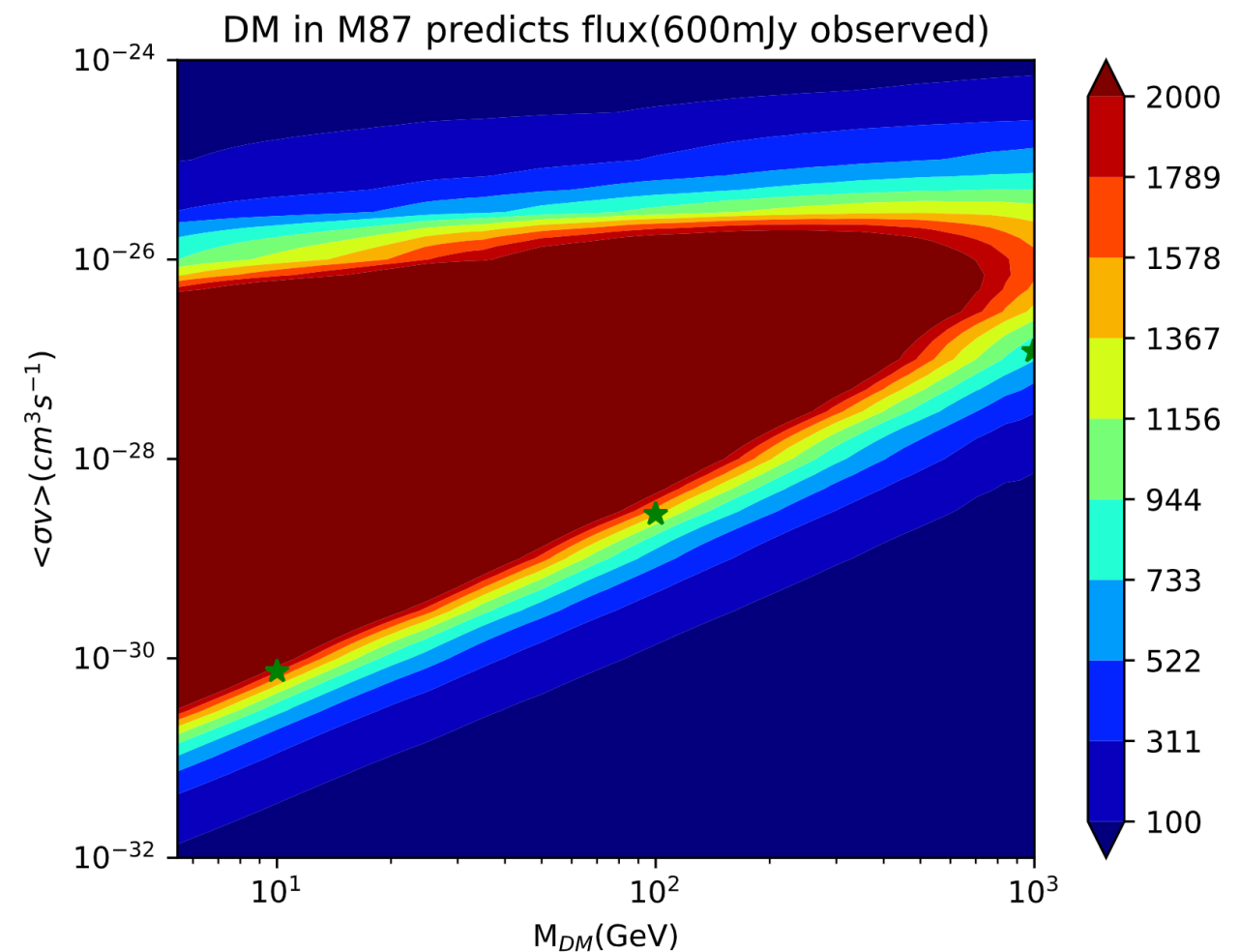
The synchrotron emissivity annihilated from WIMP per unit frequency at  $\nu$  by an electron of energy  $E_e$  present in a magnetic field  $B$  is

$$P_{\text{syn}}(\nu, E_e, B, \theta) = \frac{\sqrt{3}e^3 B \sin \theta}{m_e c^2} \frac{\nu}{\nu_c} \int_{\nu/\nu_c}^{\infty} dy K_{5/3}(y).$$

$$j_{\text{syn}}(\nu, r) = 2 \int_{m_e}^{M_\chi} dE \langle P_{\text{syn}} \rangle(\nu, E, B) n_e(r, E)$$

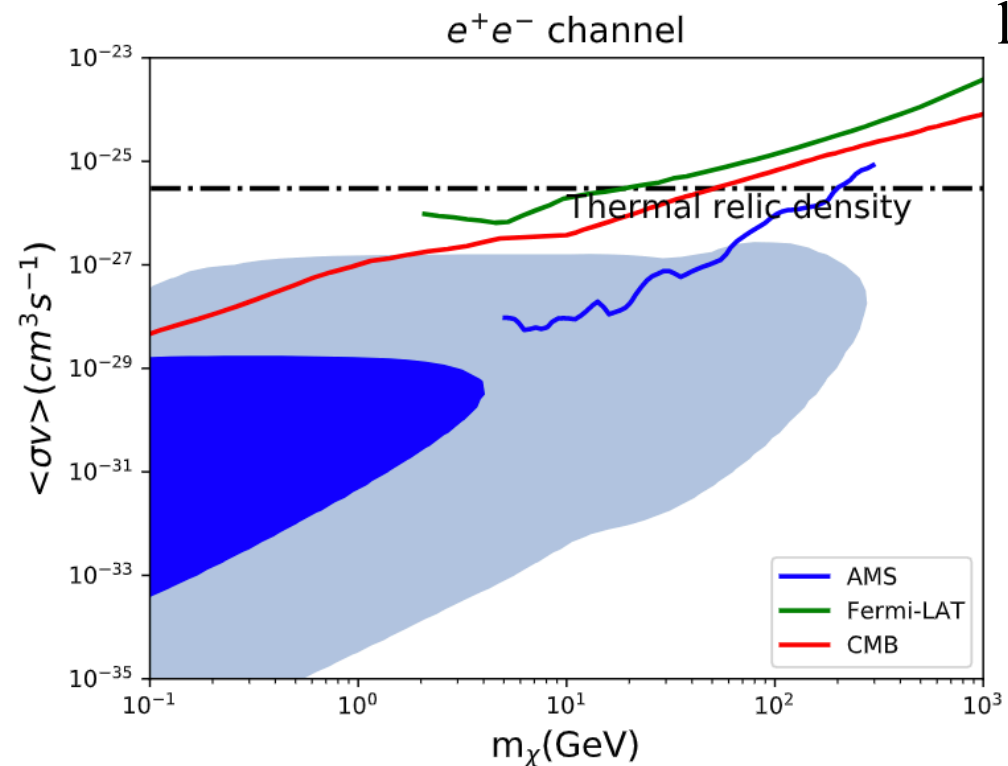
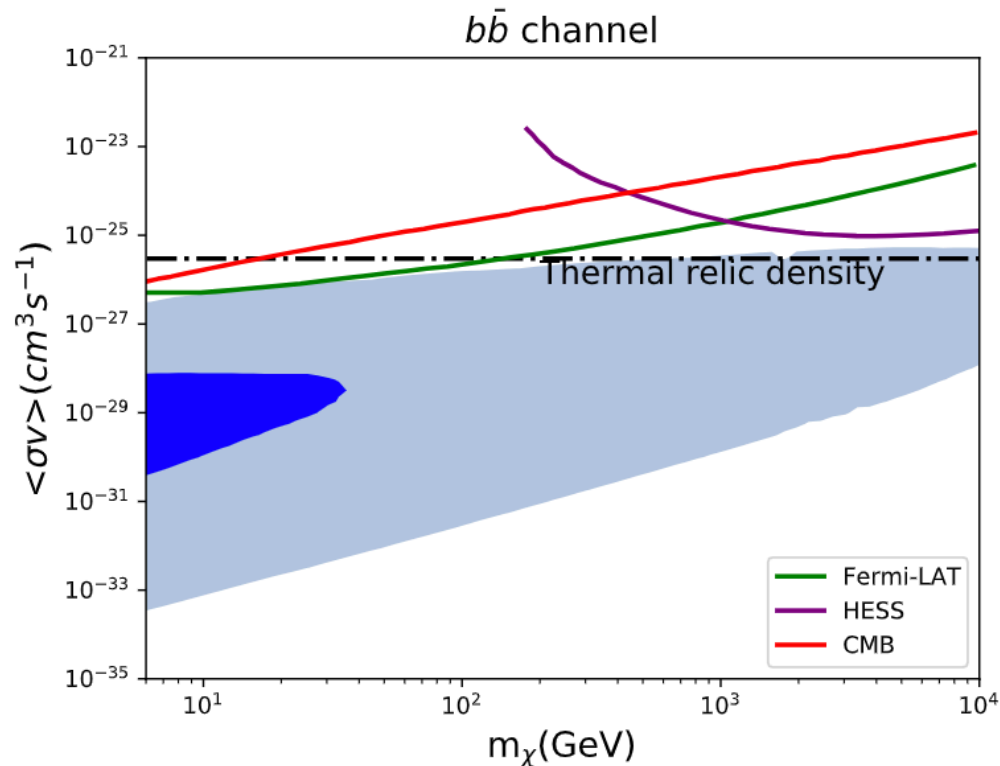
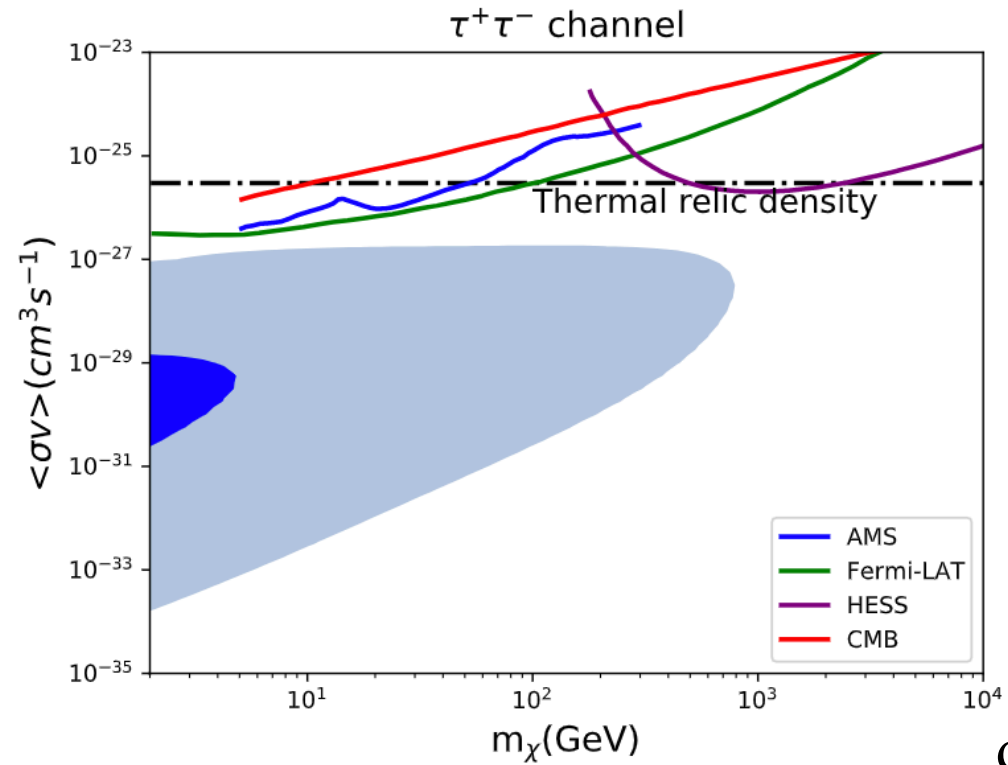
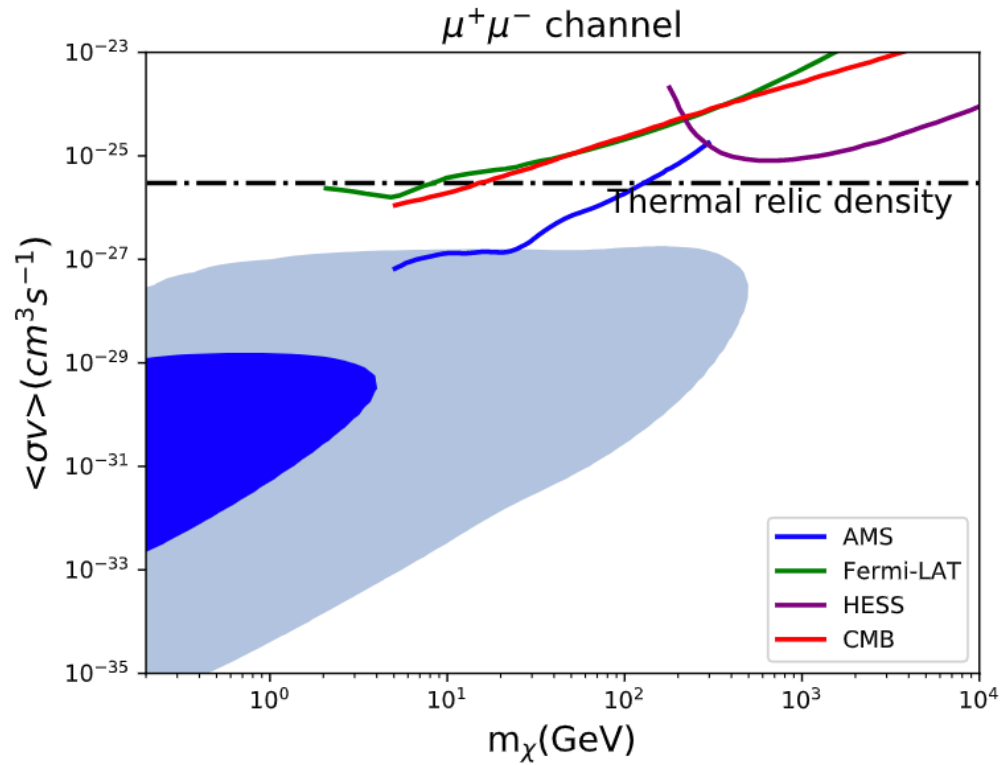


Spectra of synchrotron emission



Flux predicted by WIMP annihilation around M87\*

# M87\* Limitation for Different WIMP Annihilation Channels



dark blue contour(30G)  
light blue contour(1G)



*Part II: Detecting the ALP induced **polarization** oscillation with the observations of Sagittarius A\**

# Axion/ALP Birefringence Effect

The axion or axion-like particle (ALP) field can interact with the electromagnetic field and give rise to a rotation effect on the photon polarization, which is called the birefringence effect. The relevant Lagrangian terms include

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\partial_\mu a\partial^\mu a - m^2 a^2\right) + \boxed{\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}}$$

The dispersion relation of EoM induce two polarization states propagate:

$$w_\pm = k\sqrt{1 \pm \frac{g_{a\gamma}(\dot{a} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \nabla a)}{k}} \approx k \pm \boxed{\frac{1}{2}g_{a\gamma}\partial_0 a}$$

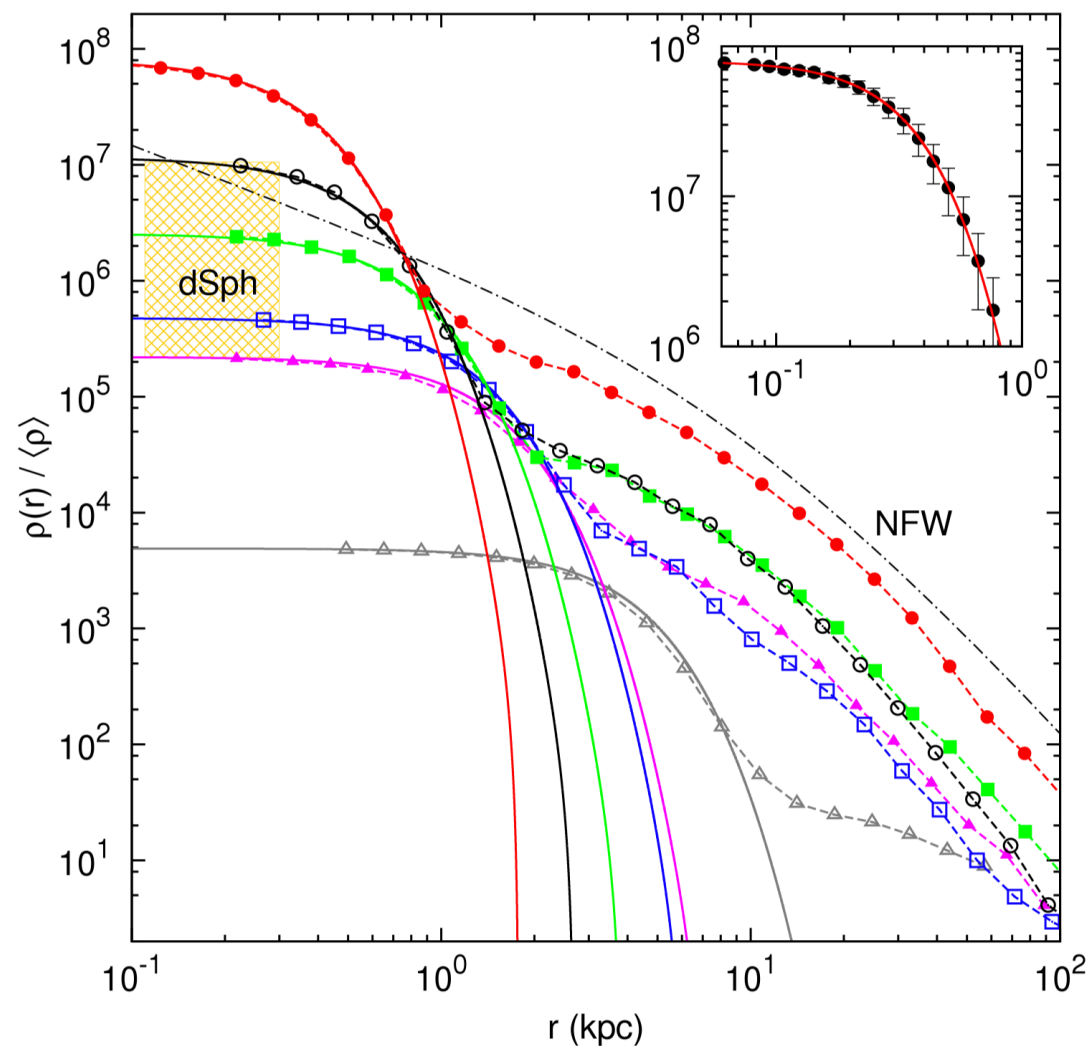
The difference between the frequencies of the two polarization components is translated into the change of the polarization angle for a linearly polarized emission:

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{1}{2}\int_{t_{emit}}^{t_{obs}} (w_+ - w_-) dt = \frac{1}{2}g_{a\gamma}\int_{t_{emit}}^{t_{obs}} \partial_0 a dt = \frac{1}{2}g_{a\gamma}\left[a(t_{obs}, \mathbf{x}_{obs}) - a(t_{emit}, \mathbf{x}_{emit})\right]$$

Where the  $a(t_{obs}, \mathbf{x}_{obs})$  and  $a(t_{emit}, \mathbf{x}_{emit})$  are the ALP amplitude in observation and emission points, respectively.



# Soliton Core+NFW Dark Matter Profile



$$i \left( \partial_t + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) \psi = \left( -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 + m\Psi \right) \psi$$

$$i\partial_t\psi = \left( -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 + m\Psi \right) \psi, \quad \nabla^2\Psi = 4\pi G\delta\rho$$

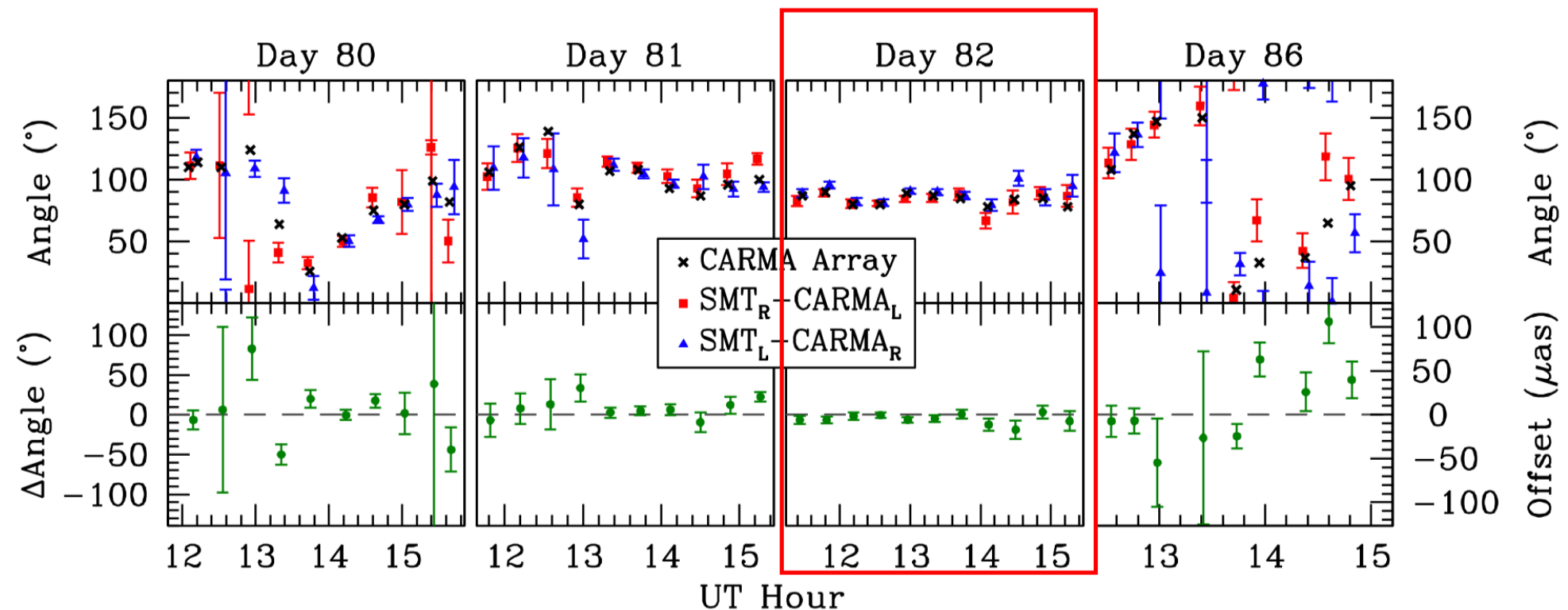
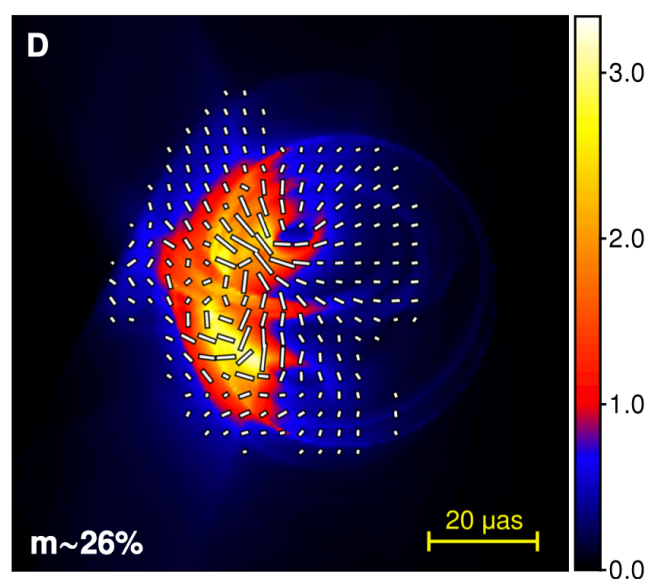
Soliton core for ultralight ALP

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = \begin{cases} 190 \times \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-18} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{r_c}{1 \text{ pc}} \right)^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}, & \text{for } r < r_c \\ \frac{\rho_0}{r/R_g(1+r/R_g)^2}, & \text{for } r > r_c \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta\phi \simeq 5^\circ \sin \left( 2\pi \frac{t}{T} + \delta(\mathbf{x}) \right) \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{2 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{m}{10^{-18} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1}$$

# Data Analysis

The least  $\chi^2$  fitting  $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(\phi_{\text{obs},i} - \phi(t_i))^2}{\sigma_i^2}$ , with  $\phi(t) = \Delta\phi(t) + \phi_{\text{bkg}}$

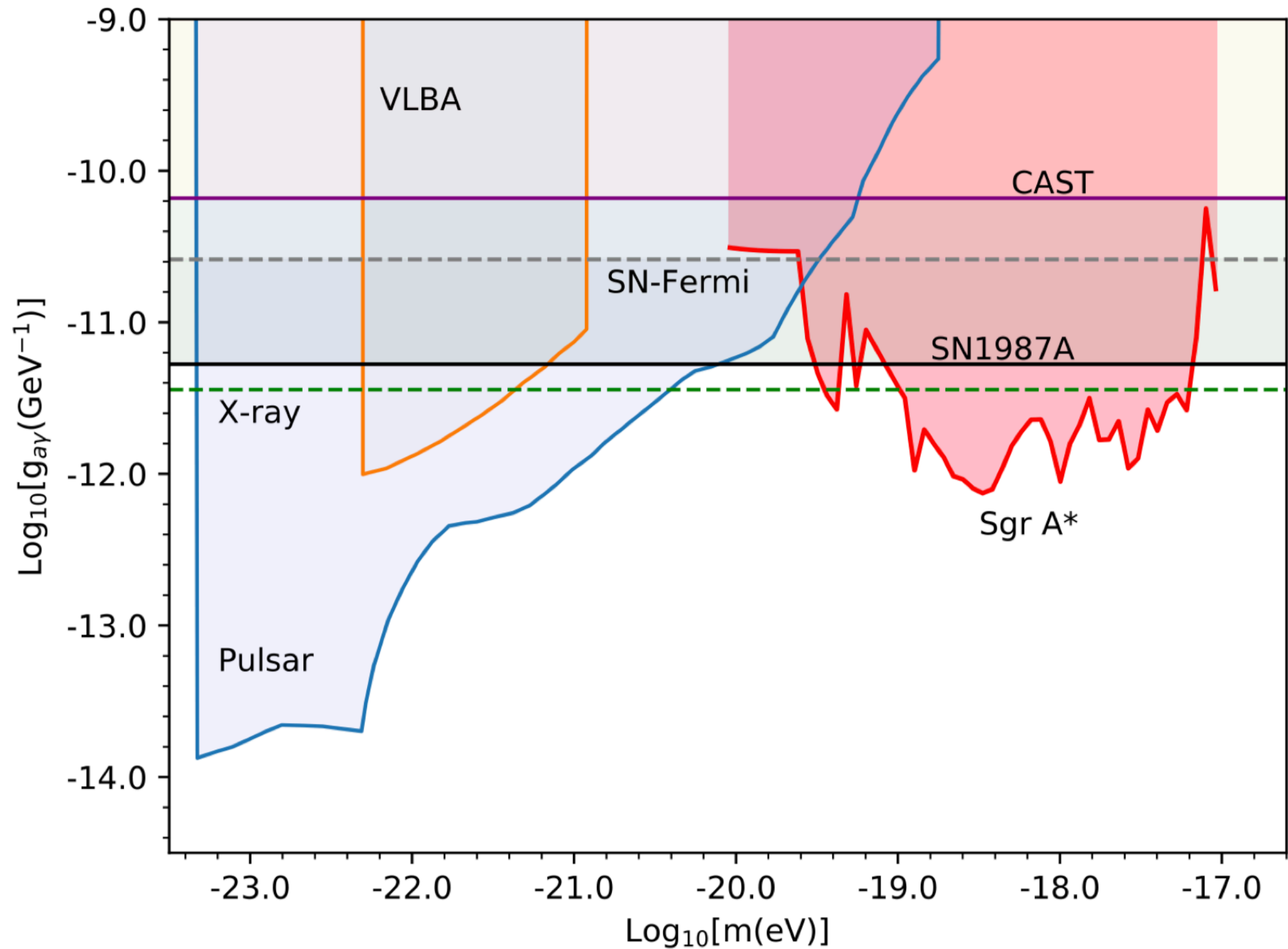


**Polarization Data from M.Johnson et al. Fig 3 and Fig.S8**

According to the axion typical oscillation period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{m_a} \simeq 4 \times 10^3 \left( \frac{10^{-18} \text{eV}}{m_a} \right) \text{sec}$ , we could get the experimental sensitivity mass range  $(2.9 \sim 29.2) \times 10^{-19} \text{eV}$ .



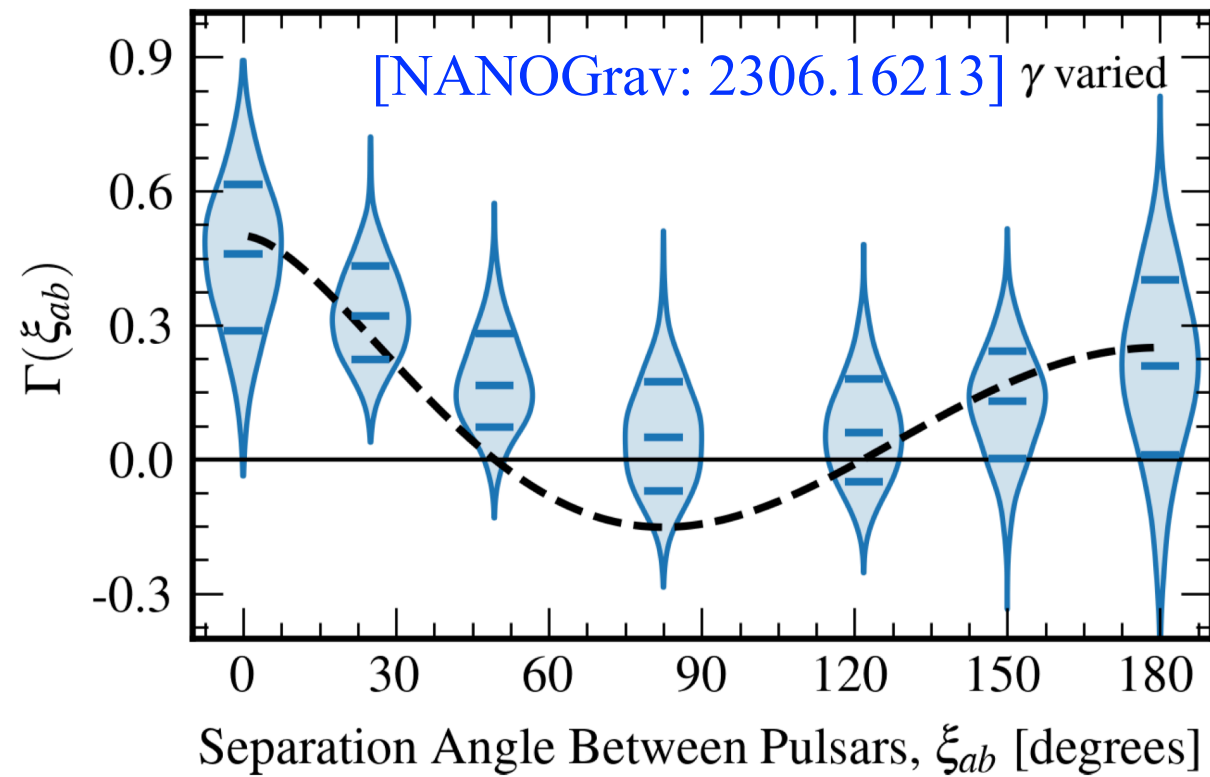
# Results



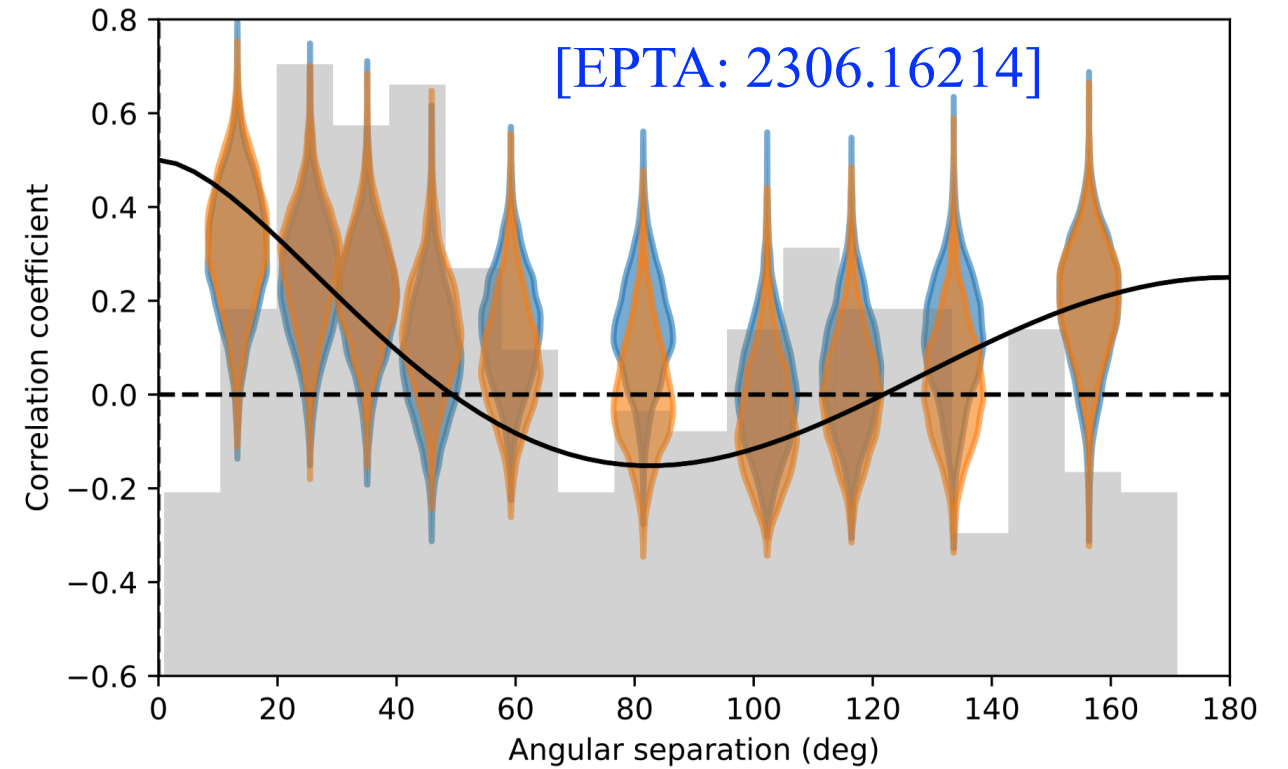
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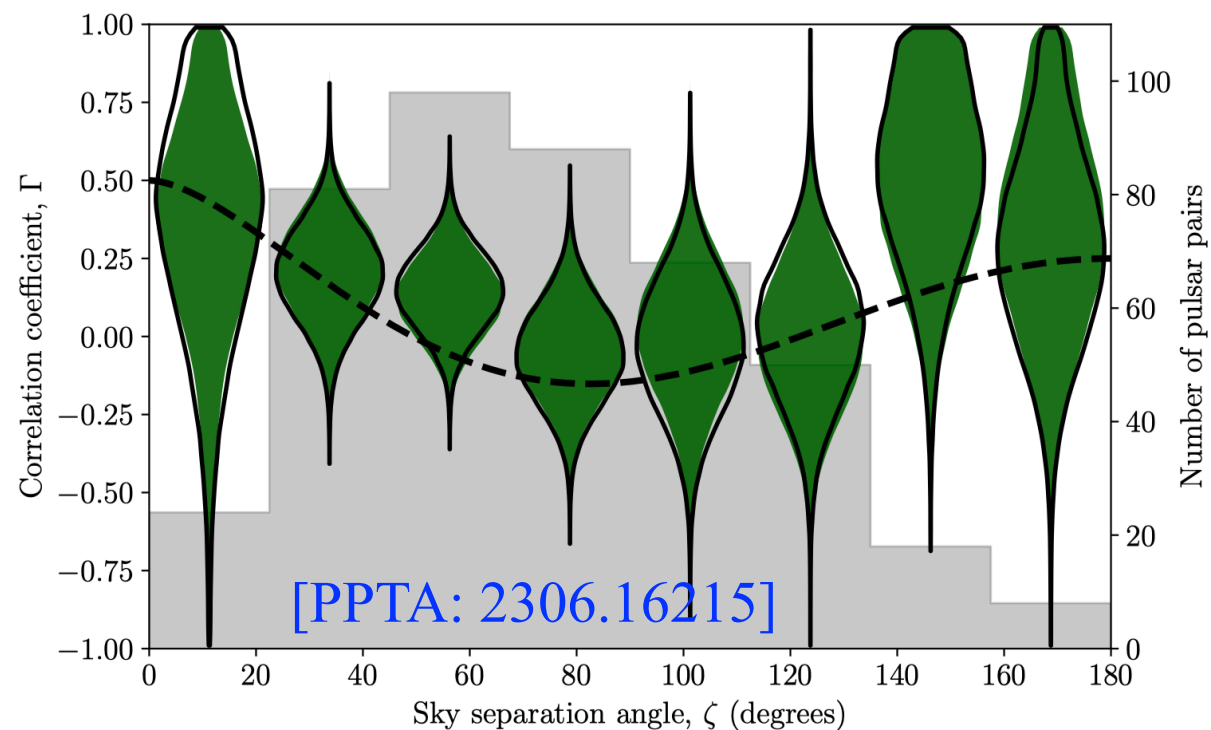
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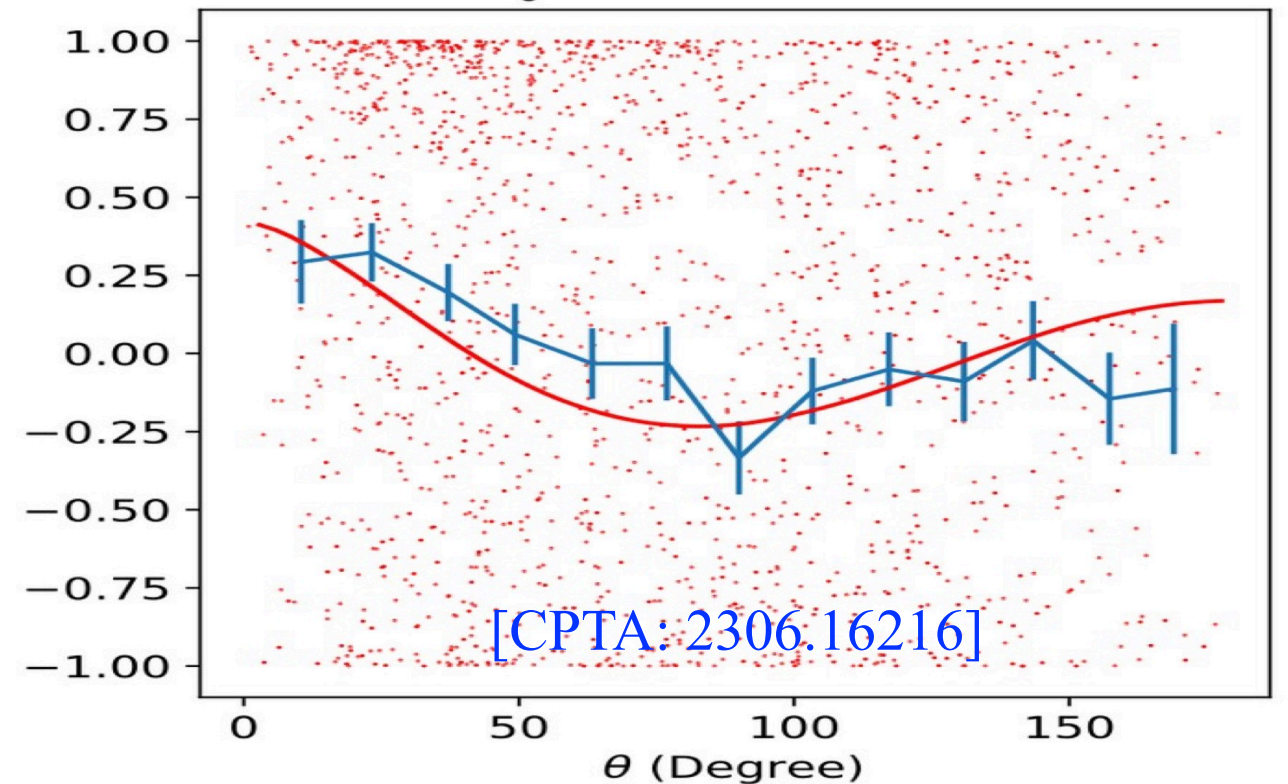
**NANOGrav 15yr  $> 3.5\sigma$**



**EPTA DR2  $> 3\sigma$**

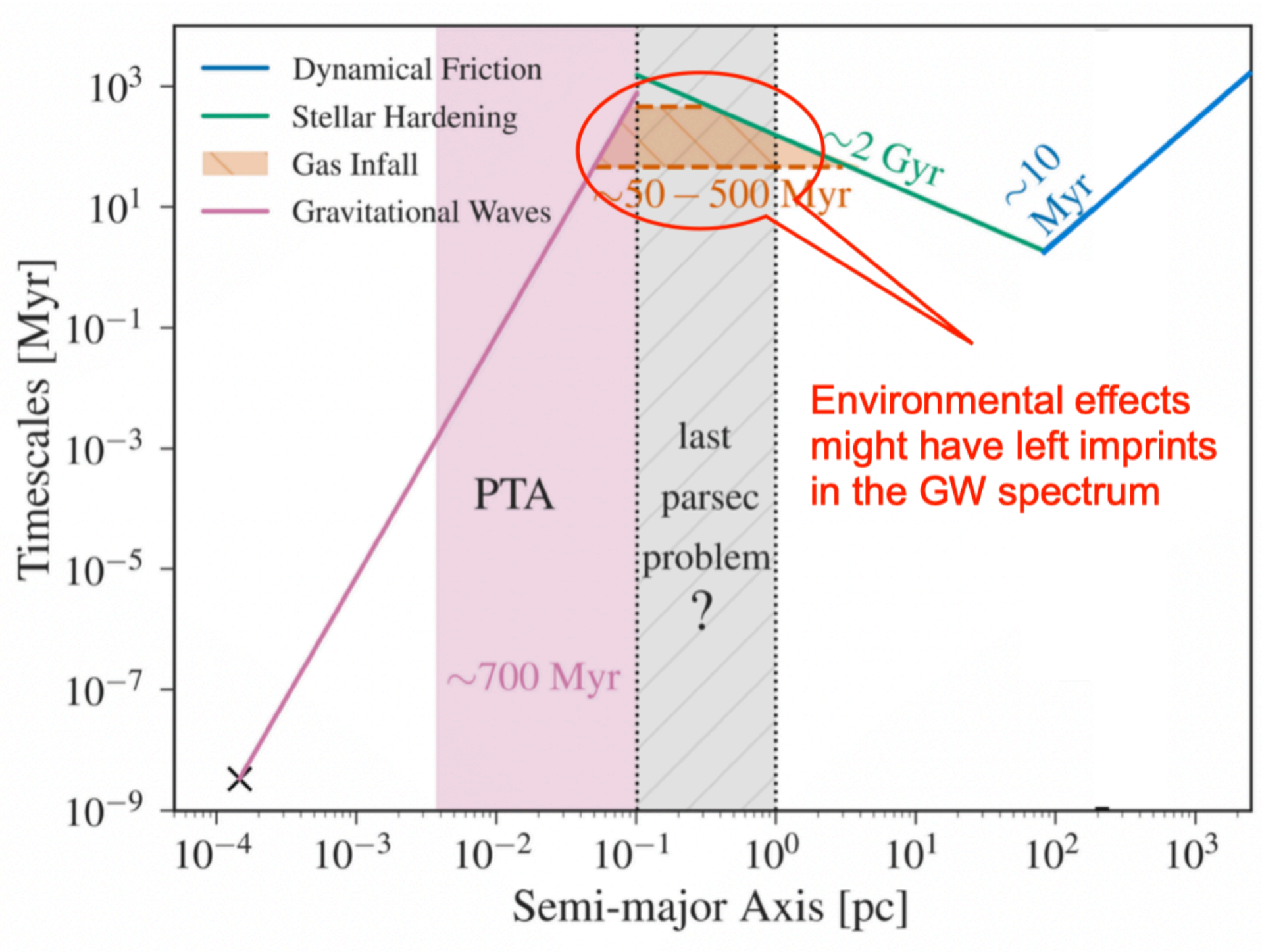


**PPTA DR3  $\sim 2\sigma$**



**CPTA DR1  $\sim 4.6\sigma$**

# Orbital Evolution of SMBH Binary



[J. Weaver: Astrobites (2019)]

Dynamical friction

- Drag force

Stellar Hardening

- Stellar loss-cone scattering

Gas infall

- Viscous circum-binary disk interaction

GW inspiral

- Decouple from astro environment
- GW-driven orbital evolution

Lose energy and angular momentum



Time



# Theoretical Analysis

typical time scale associated with the viscous circumbinary gas and disk interaction on GW spectrum can be parametrized as [8, 9]

$$t_{\text{env}} \equiv -\frac{R}{\dot{R}} \propto R^\beta \propto f_r^{-2\beta/3}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\beta$  is determined by the environment model and in general well below the benchmark value 4, as shown below Eq. (14). Since

$$\frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{d \ln f_r} = \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} \frac{dt}{d \ln f_r} = \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} \frac{dt}{d \ln R} \frac{d \ln R}{d \ln f_r} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} t_{\text{env}}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt}$  is calculated by Eq. (11), which is only determined by GW dynamics. We also used Kepler's law,  $f_r \sim R^{-3/2}$  and the definition of  $t_{\text{env}}$ . The energy spectrum of GWs is calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\text{gw}}(f_r) &\sim h_c^2(f_r) \sim \int dz dm_1 dm_2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2 \partial z} \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{dE_{\text{gw}}}{d \ln f_r} \\ &= \int dz dm_1 dm_2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2 \partial z} \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{2}{3} \frac{dE_{\text{gw}}}{dt} t_{\text{env}} \\ &= \int dz dm_1 dm_2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2 \partial z} \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{2}{3} \frac{dE_{\text{gw}}}{dt} t_{\text{GW}} \frac{t_{\text{env}}}{t_{\text{GW}}} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

If we don't consider the impact of the environment, the energy spectrum

$$\Omega_0 \sim \int dz dm_1 dm_2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2 \partial z} \frac{1}{1+z} \frac{2}{3} \frac{dE_{\text{gw}}}{dt} t_{\text{GW}} \quad -\frac{dE_{\text{orb}}}{dt} = \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} + \frac{dE_{\text{env}}}{dt}$$

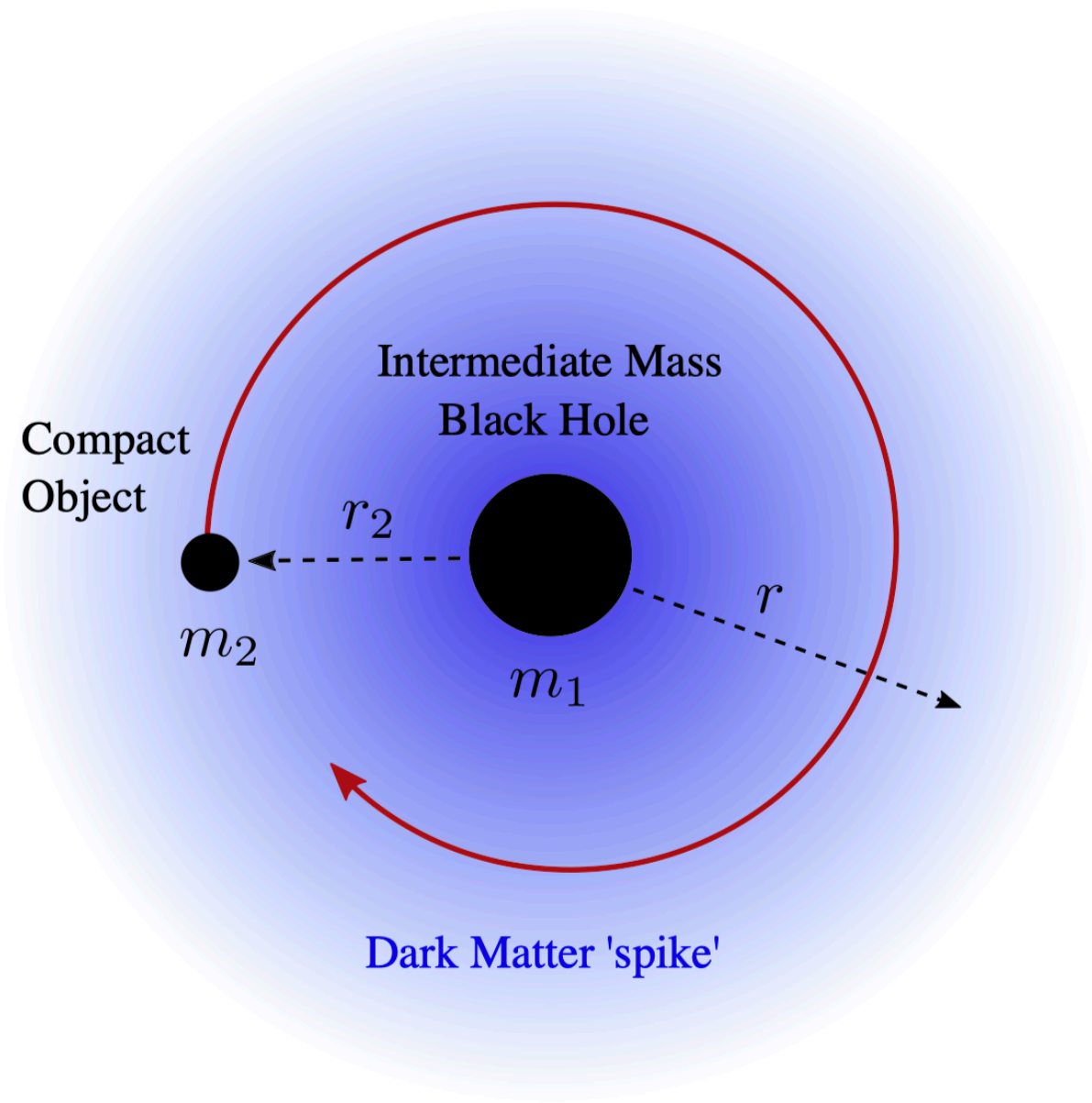
The emitted power  $\frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt}$  is solely determined by the masses of the objects involved and the geometry of their orbit, thus  $\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f_r)$  can be expressed as [9]

$$\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f_r) = \Omega_0(f_r) \frac{t_{\text{env}}}{t_{\text{GW}}}, \quad (20)$$

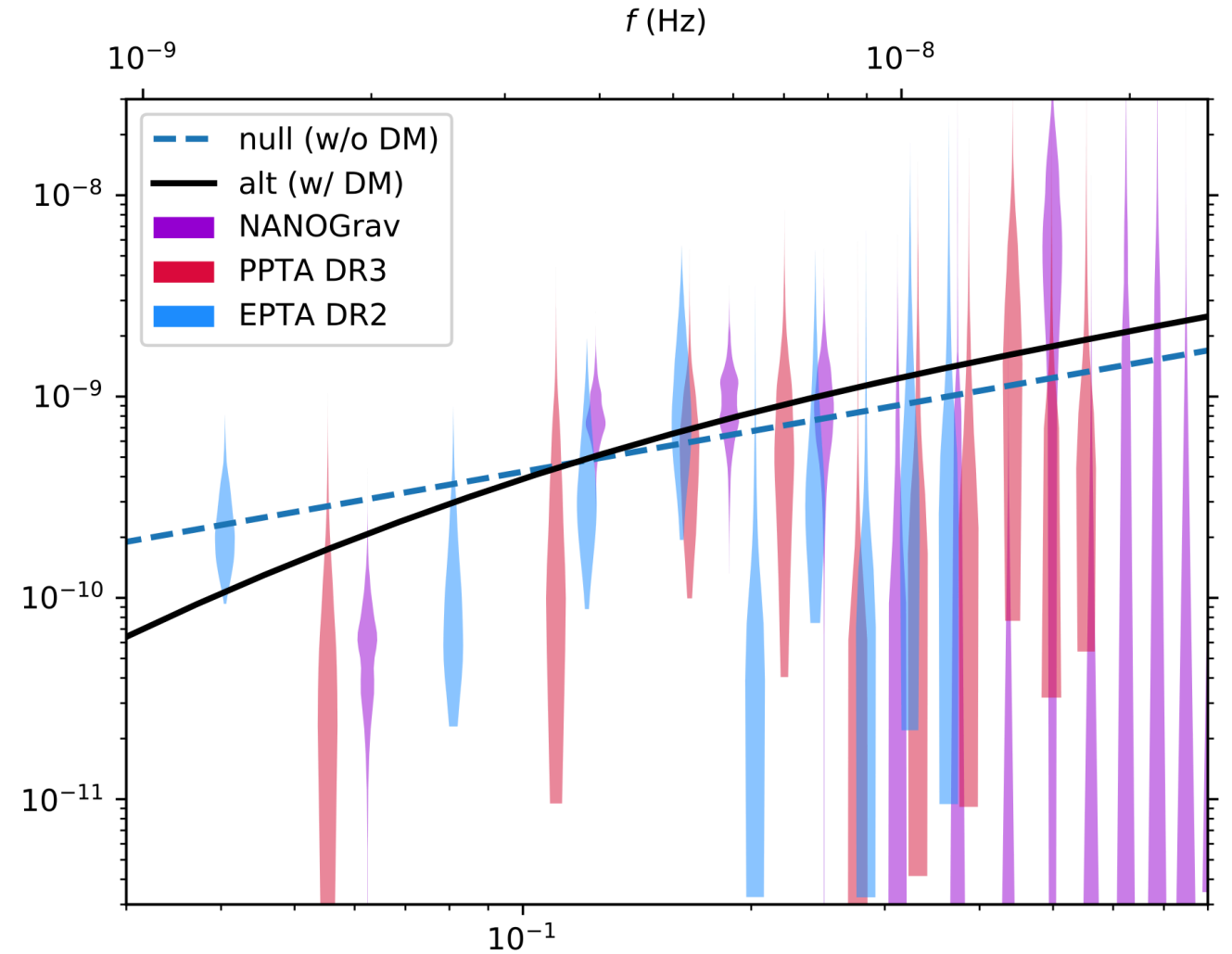
where  $\Omega_0(f_r)$  refers to the pure GW case, given by  $\Omega_0(f_r) = A_{\text{gw}}^2 \frac{2\pi^2}{3H_0^2} \left( \frac{f_r}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .



# Dark Matter Surrounding SMBHB enhance SGWB



Braadly Kavanagh, et al, PRD(2020)



$$-\frac{dE_{\text{orb}}}{dt} = \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} + \frac{dE_{\text{env}}}{dt}$$

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$$\left| \tilde{h}_+(f) \right| = \frac{1}{2d_L} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2(t)R^2(t)}{c^4} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ddot{\Phi}(t)}} \frac{1 + \cos^2 \iota}{2},$$

$$\left| \tilde{h}_\times(f) \right| = \frac{1}{2d_L} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2(t)R^2(t)}{c^4} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ddot{\Phi}(t)}} \cos \iota,$$

# Summary

Combine two important topics

**Observations involved SMBH  
Such as: EHT/PTA**

**Dark Matter Detection—  
WIMP/ALP**

Muti-messenger era  
BH Physics  
Formation&Evolution

Annihilation  
Oscillation  
Accretion  
Density

**Searching for the possible signals of DM  
candidates in the observations of SMBH**

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Analyze the phenomenological behavior of **DM candidates**  
in **SMBH observations** by **Statistical Analysis**

Our findings can not only shed light on the role that dark matter played in the formation and evolution of SMBH, but they can also offer fresh physical motivation of future multi-messenger observations of SMBH.

***Thanks for Your Attention!***