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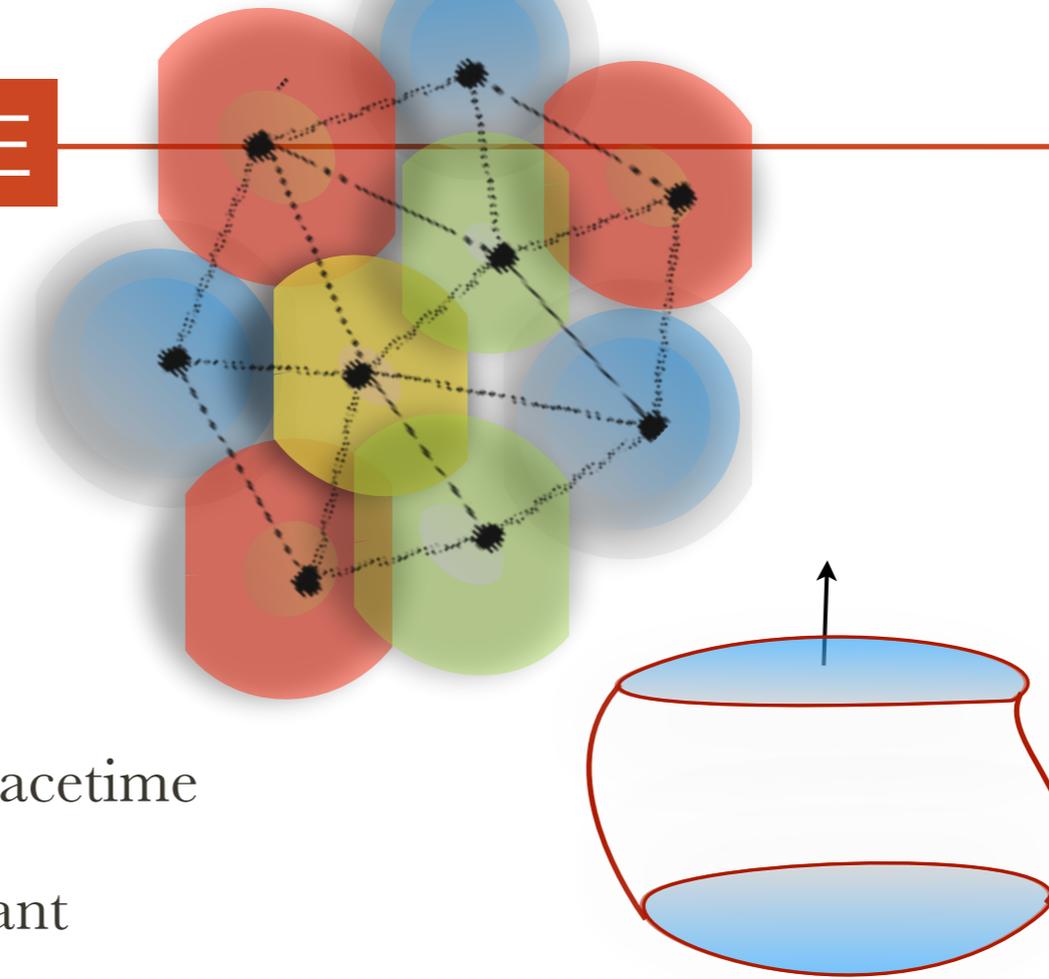
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QUANTA OF SPACETIME



- It is a theory about quanta of spacetime
- Each quantum is Lorentz invariant
- The states are boundary states at fixed time
- The physical phase space is spanned by $SU(2)$ group variables $\vec{L}_l = \{L_l^i\}, i = 1, 2, 3$
gravitational field operator (tetrad) $SU(2)$ generators

$$SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow SU(2)$$

- Geometry is quantized: $A_\Sigma = \sum_{l \in \Sigma} \sqrt{L_l^i L_l^i}$.
- $V_R = \sum_{n \in R} V_n, \quad V_n^2 = \frac{2}{9} |\epsilon_{ijk} L_l^i L_{l'}^j L_{l''}^k|$

- Discrete spectra: minimal non-zero eigenvalue

QUANTIZATION OF THE CLASSICAL ACTION

GR action

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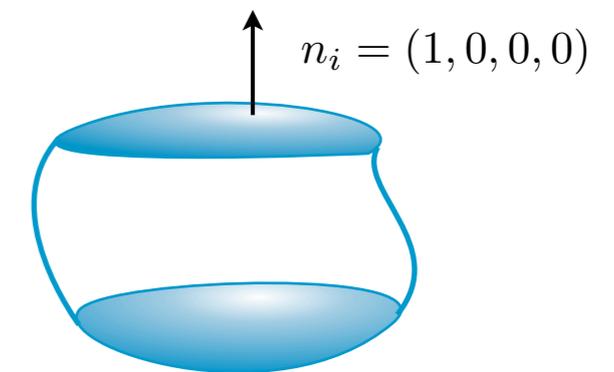
On the boundary

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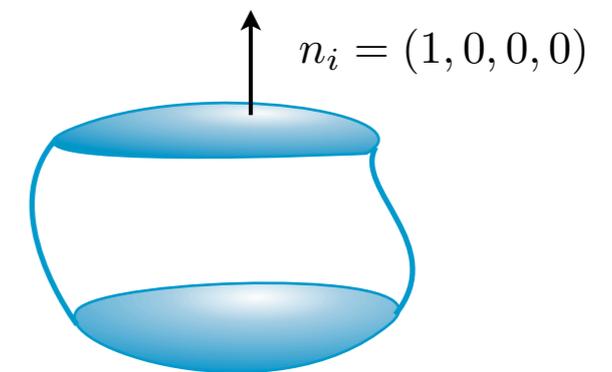
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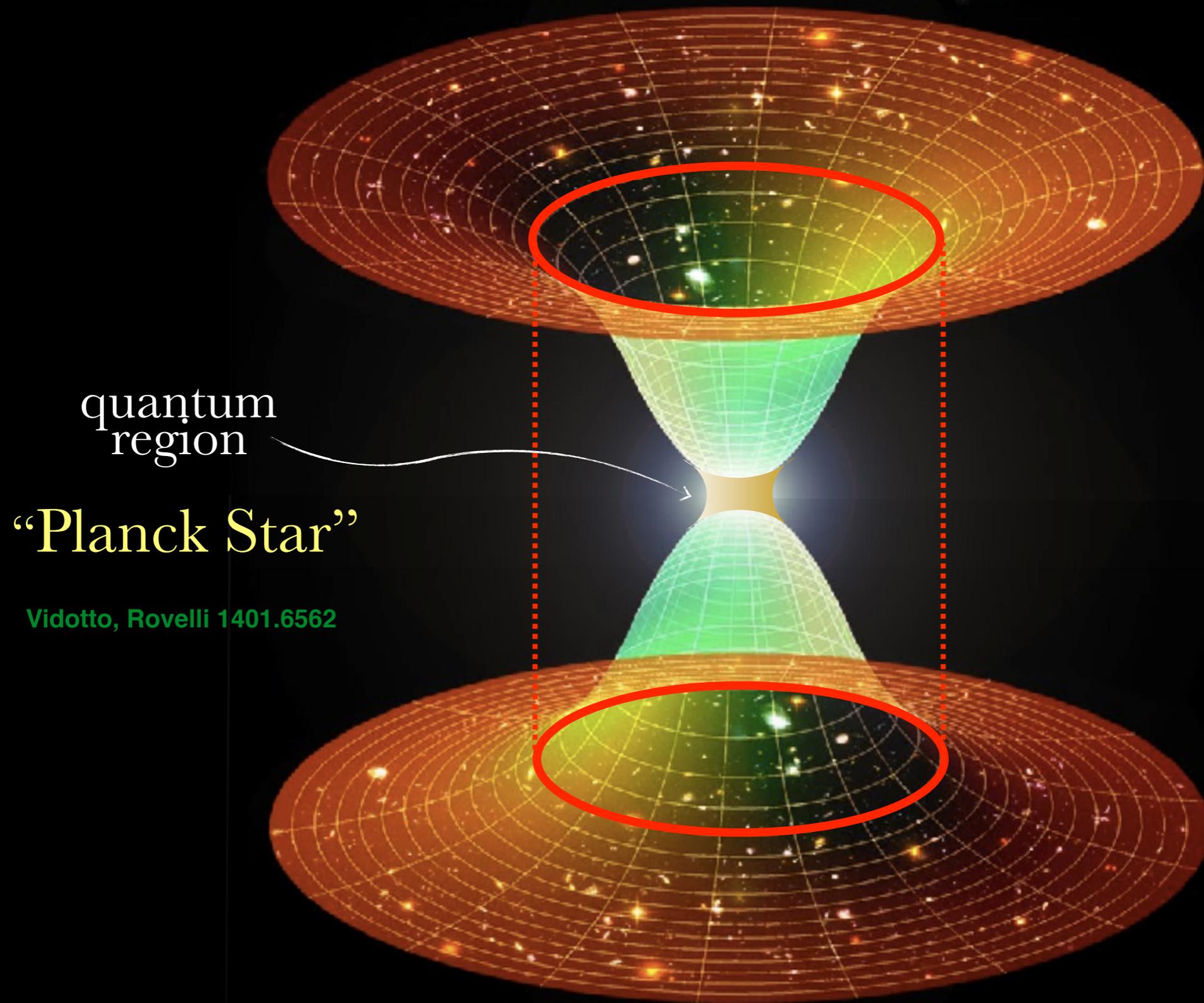
Rotation generator



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- Maximal acceleration: no curvature singularities!
(spacetime can be geodesically incomplete for some artificially patched manifolds **Geroch '68**)

BH EXPLOSION



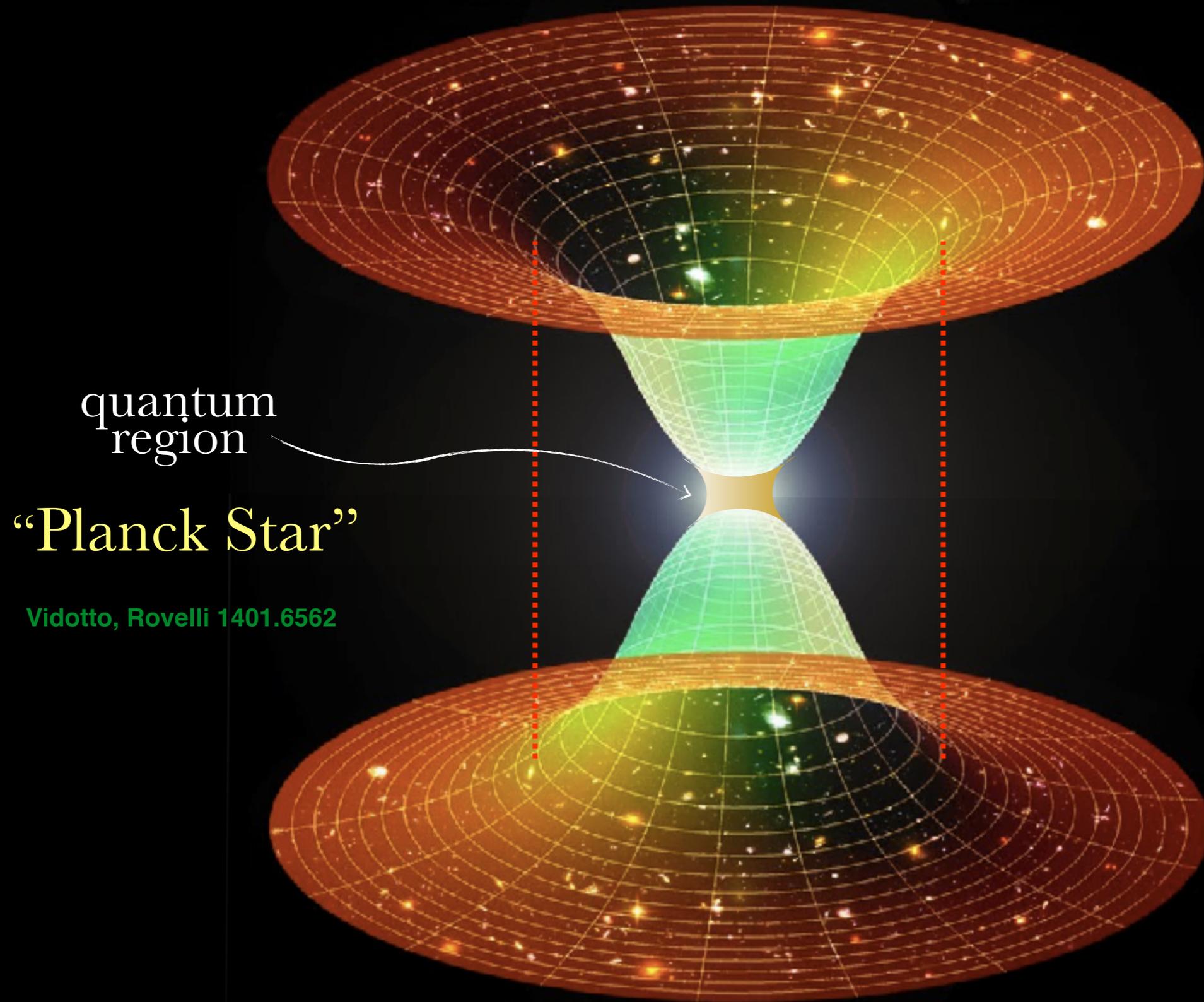
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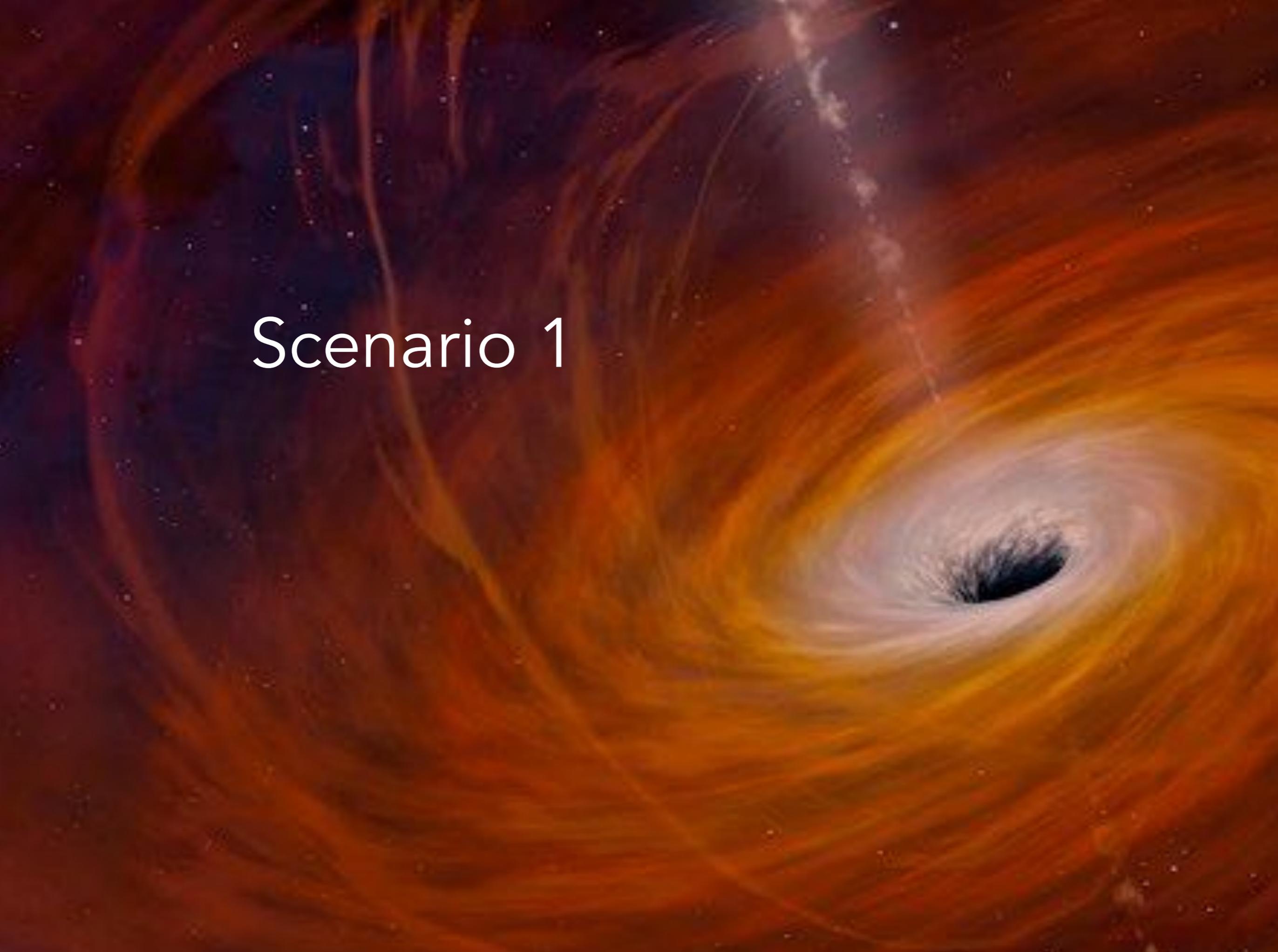


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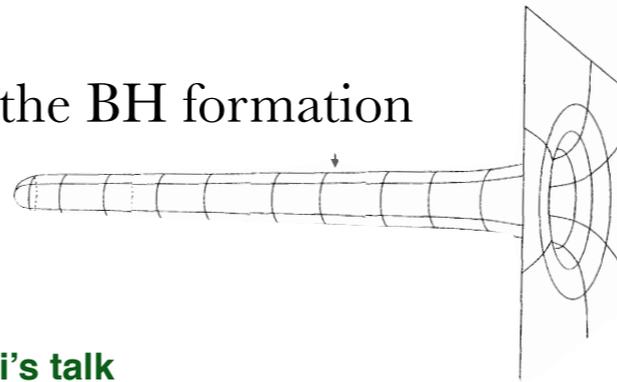
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- **LARGE INTERNAL VOLUME $\sim M_0^4$**

It depends only on the original mass M_0 at the BH formation



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- **REMNANT LIFETIME $\sim M_0^4$ see Bianchi's talk**

Time needed for information to leak out from such a large volume through the small WH surface.

- **BOUNCING BLACK HOLES IN A BOUNCING UNIVERSE**

Planckian PBH remnants from a previous eon (Penrose's **EREBONS**)

Planck size particles can pass through the bounce.

We want $M_0^4 \geq t_{\text{Hubble}}$ for them to survive till today.

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- Inflation dilutes PBH: $\frac{1}{T_H^2} \sim \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \sim \rho_M \quad \rho_b \sim \rho T_H^3 \sim T_H \quad V_{int} = \rho_b V_{WH} > T_H^2$

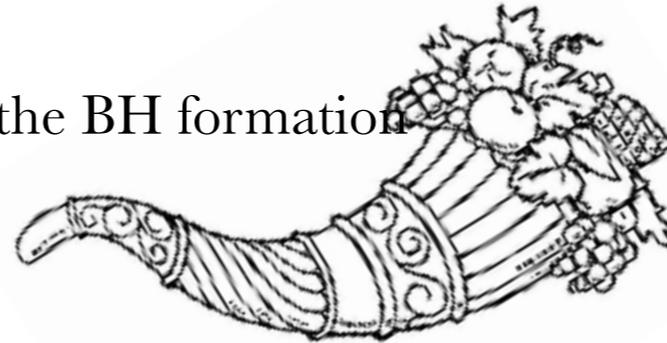
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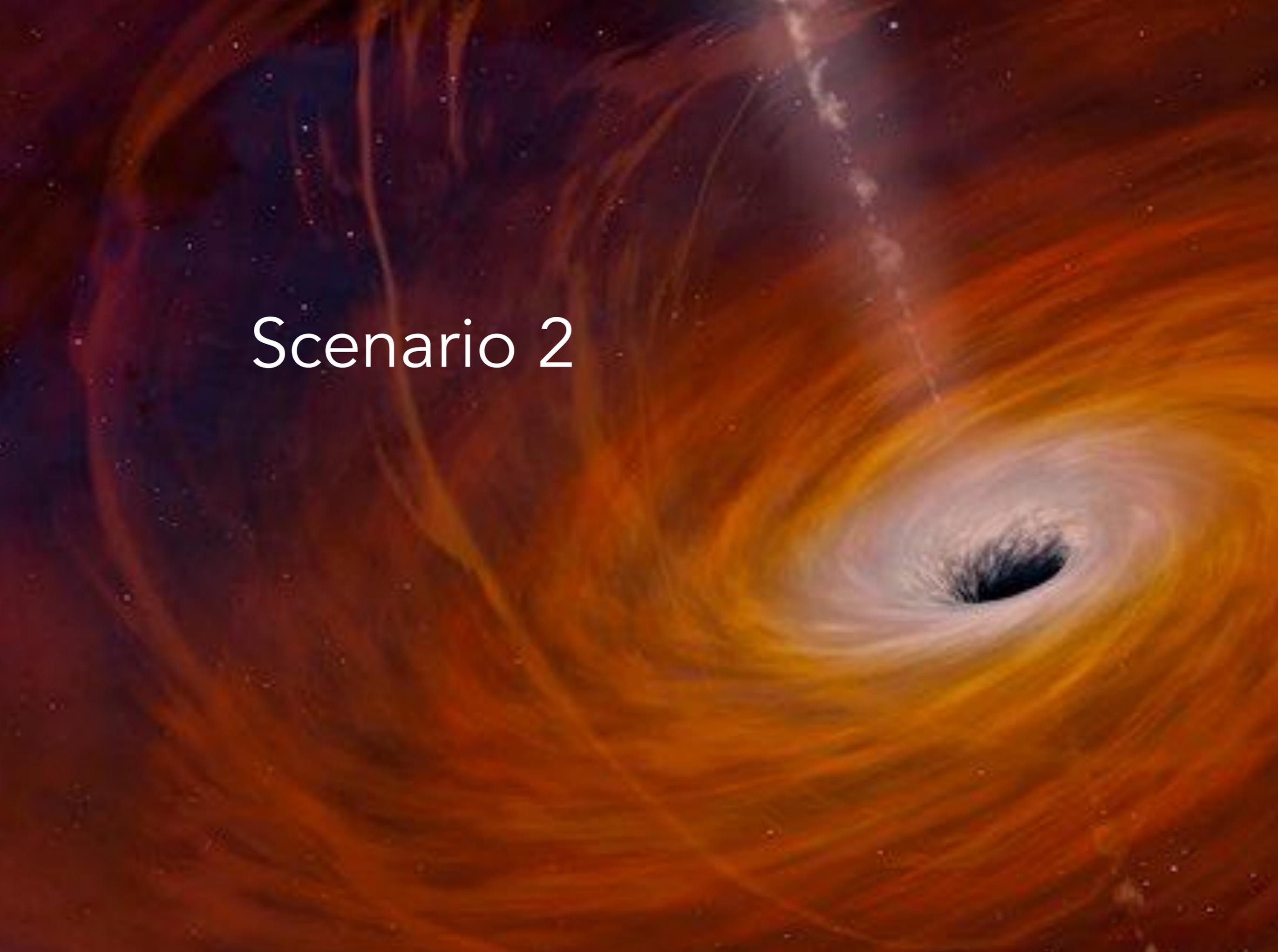
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Scenario 2

■ REMNANT LIFETIME COMPATIBLE WITH FORMATION AT REHEATING

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_o^4 &\geq \mathbf{t}_{\text{Hubble}} \\ \mathbf{M}_o^3 &< \mathbf{t}_{\text{Hubble}} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 10^{10} gr \leq \mathbf{M}_o^3 < 10^{15} gr. \Rightarrow 10^{-18} cm \leq R_o < 10^{-13} cm$$

■ PROCESSES

1. BH volume increase & WH volume decrease
2. White to black instability
3. Hawking evaporation
4. Black to white tunnelling

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} B(m, v) \\ W(m, v) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} m + 3\sqrt{3} i\pi m_o^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} - i \frac{\hbar^2}{m^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} & b \frac{\hbar}{m} \\ c \frac{\hbar}{m} e^{-m^2/\hbar} & m - 3\sqrt{3} i\pi m_o^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}$$

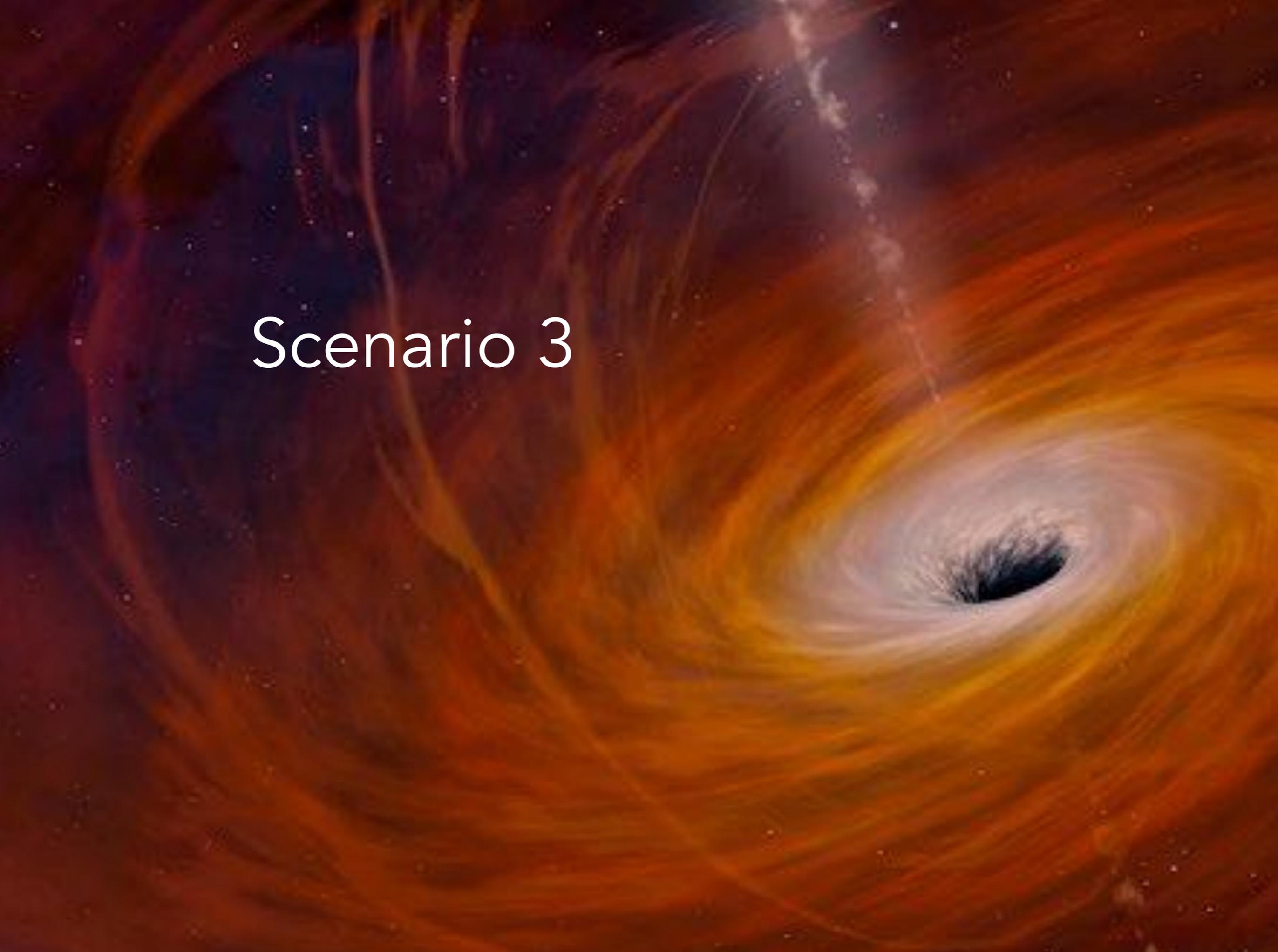
■ STABILITY

The minimal area yields a minimal mass!

$$\mu \equiv \frac{3^{\frac{1}{4}}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{G}} \Rightarrow H = \begin{pmatrix} \mu & \frac{b\hbar}{\mu} \\ \frac{a\hbar}{\mu} & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|R\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} |B, \mu\rangle - |W, \mu\rangle}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{b}}}$$

oscillation between
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hole states

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Scenario 3

UNIVERSALITY OF BLACK HOLE EXPLOSION?

■ LARGE EXTRA DIMENSIONS

1st order topological phase transition from black string to black hole occurring because of the Gregory-Laflamme metric instability

Casadio and Harms 2000/01
Gubser 2002, Kol 2002
Gregory and Laflamme 2002

■ BRANES

Large black holes localized on infinite Randall-Sundrum branes:
period of rapid decay via Hawking radiation of CFT modes

Emparan, Garcia-Bellido, Kaloper 2003

Quantum effects shorten the lifetime of black holes!

FIREWALL NO-GO THEOREM

■ Assumptions:

Almheiri, Marolf, Polchinski, Sully 1207.3123

- General Relativity: Equivalence Principle
- Quantum Mechanics: Unitary Evolution
- QFT in Curved Spacetime (fixed background)

■ Firewall argument

after the Page time i.e. when about half of black-hole mass has evaporated particles emitted needs to break entanglement releasing an enormous energy

■ Black Hole Lifetime

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Quantum Gravity effects should manifest before the Page time
 \implies the hole lifetime must be shorter or of the order of $\sim m^3$

■ See also Quantum Break Time

Dvali, Gomez 1112.3359

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■ Black-to-White Tunnelling

- In the quantum world, things happen as soon as they can!
- Indications from a full LQG computations.

Chistodoulou, Rovelli, Speziale, Vilensky 1605.05268

NON-SINGULAR BLACK HOLES

■ QUANTUM REPULSION

Non-perturbative effect

Effective theory: quantum repulsion

■ TIME DILATATION

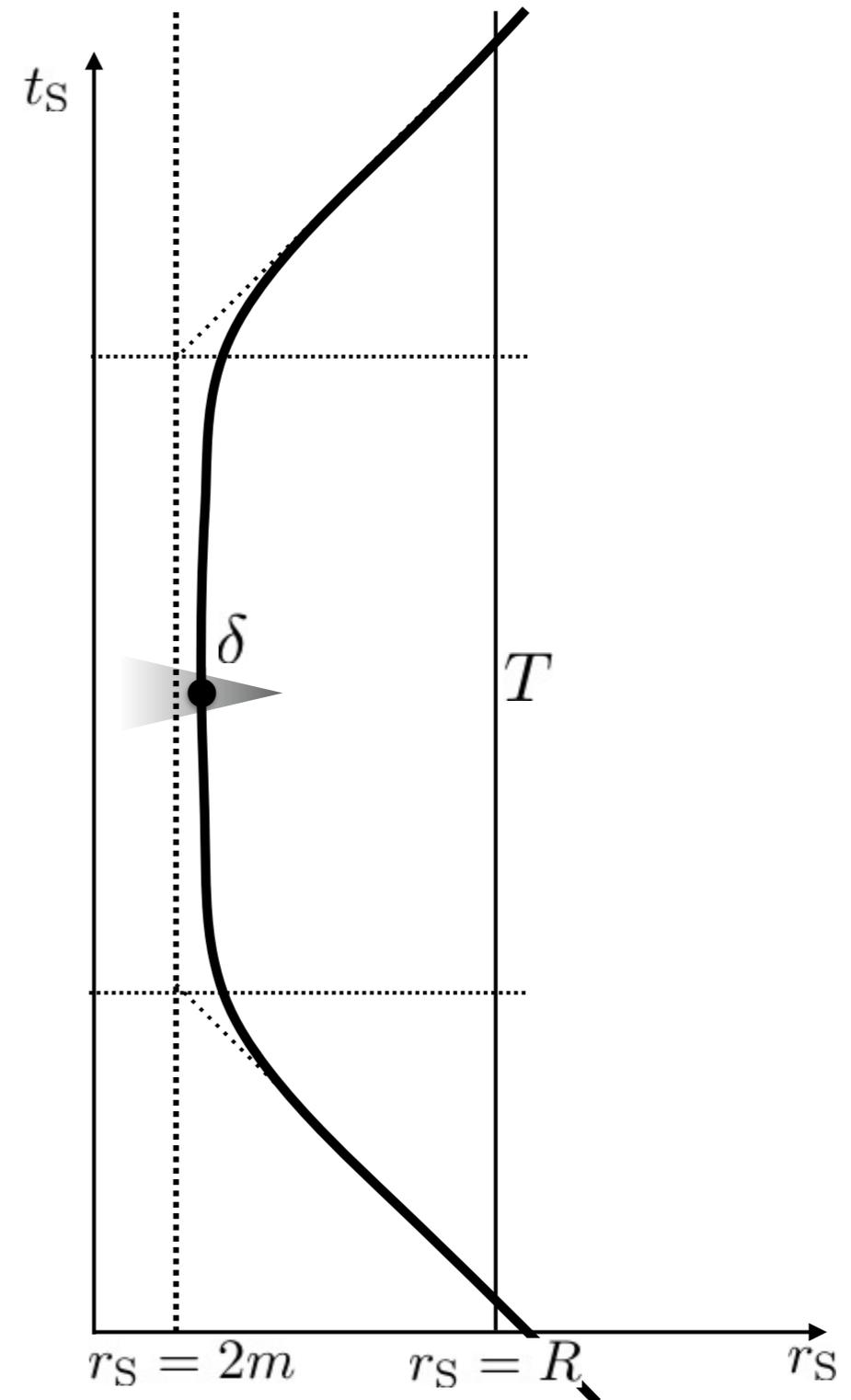
Bounce time $\sim M \sim \text{ms}$ for M_{\odot}

Asymptotic time $\sim M^2 \sim 10^9$ for M_{\odot}

■ LIFETIME $\sim M^2$

to be compared with the evaporation time $\sim M^3$

(no information paradox)



A vibrant, swirling vortex of colors, primarily in shades of orange, red, and yellow, with a dark, almost black center. The swirling pattern suggests a galaxy core or a nebula. The text "Can we observe it?" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

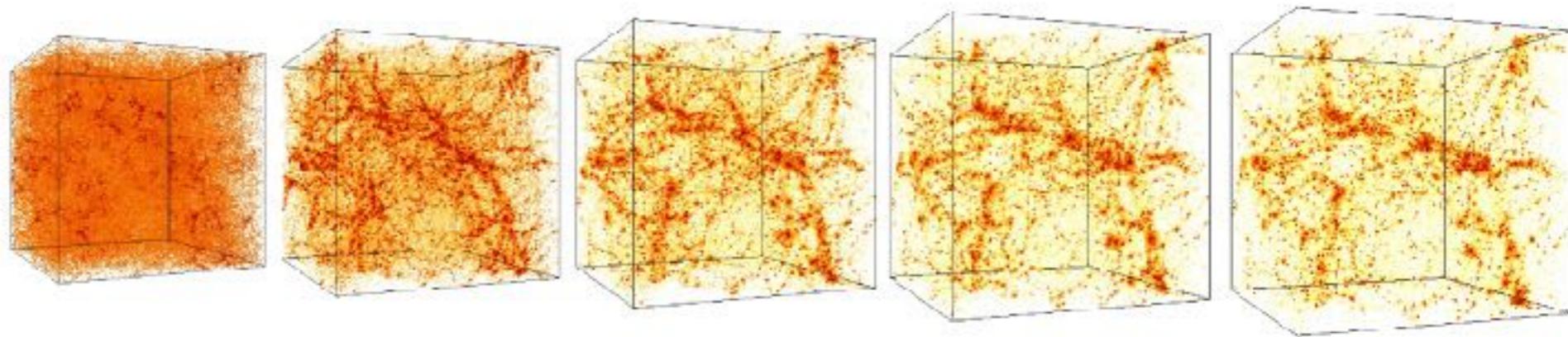
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PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES

- All black holes are subject to quantum effects.
- An explosion observed today, requires old black holes: primordial.
- **(Quantum) PBH dark matter:**
 - Today, black holes smaller than $m(t)|_{t=t_H}$ have already exploded.
 - It decreases with time.
(but for later accretion/merging)
- **Caution with constraints!**
 - Constraints from Hawking evaporation do not apply.
 - PBH could exist, but not necessarily constitute all DM.

■ Structure formation

Bellomo, Bernal, Chluba, Cholis, Raccanelli, Verde, Vidotto WIP



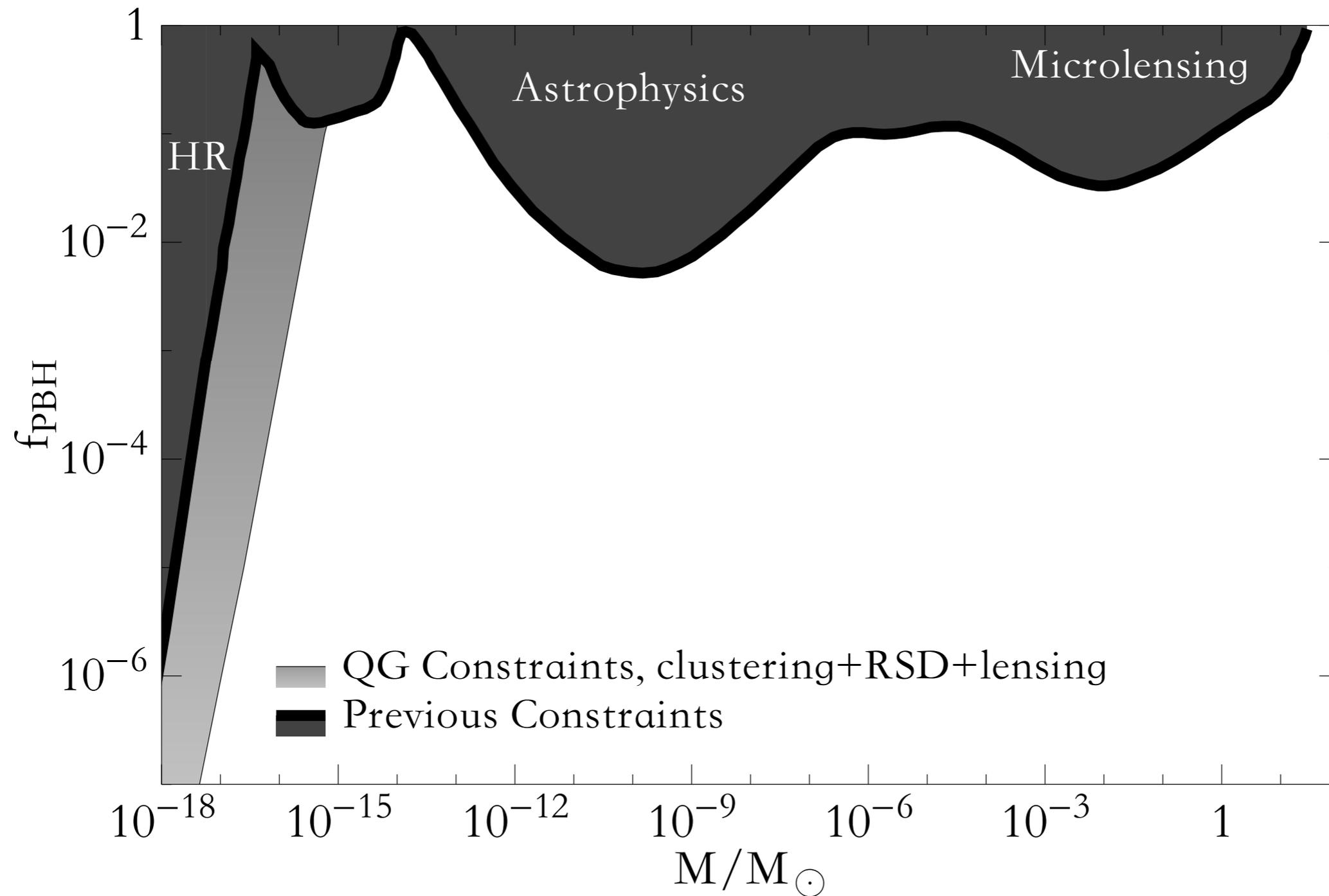
Result: Planck Stars compatible with constraints from early cosmology

■ First stars & Supermassive black holes

- Primordial black holes inside first-generation stars can provide the seeds for supermassive black holes.

EFFECTS IN THE LATE UNIVERSE

Raccanelli, Vidotto, Verde 1708.02588



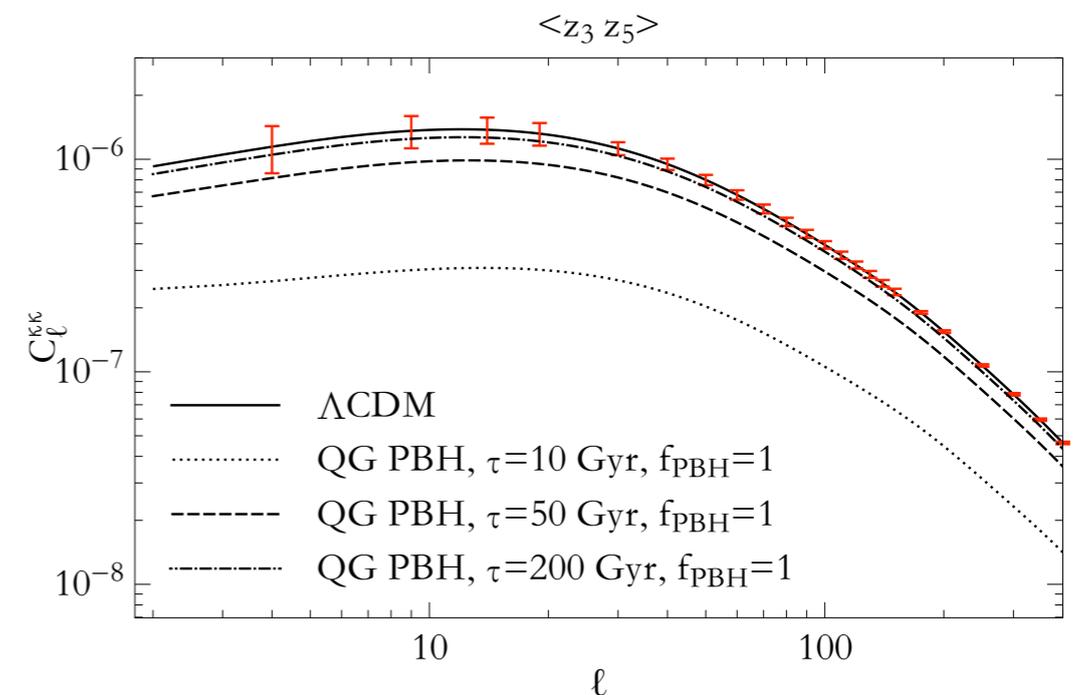
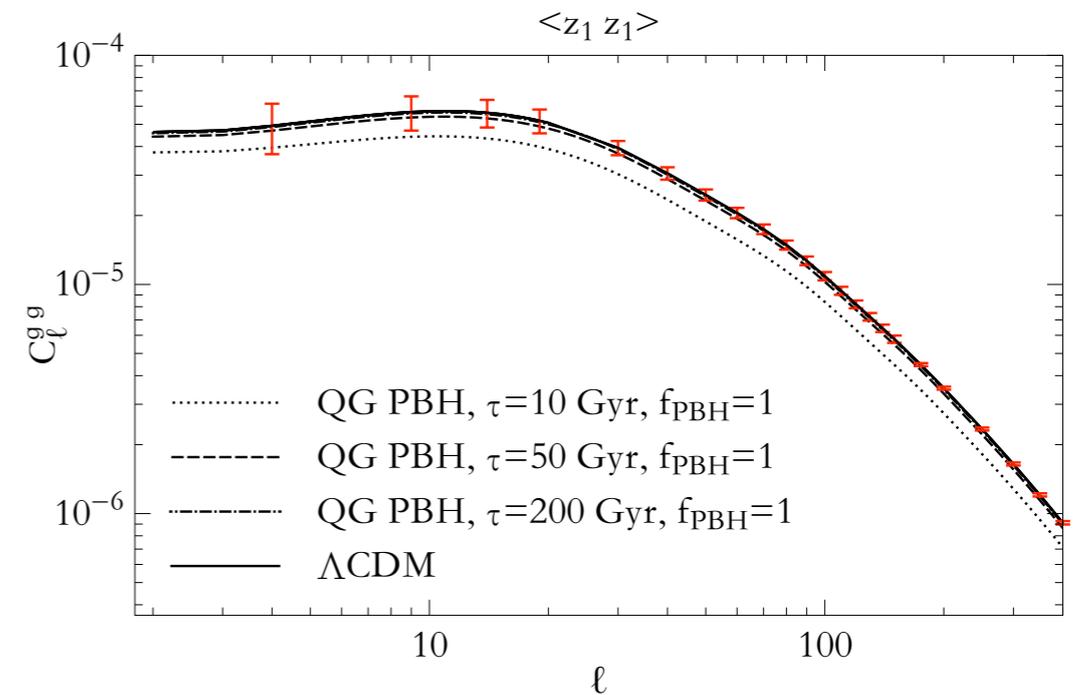
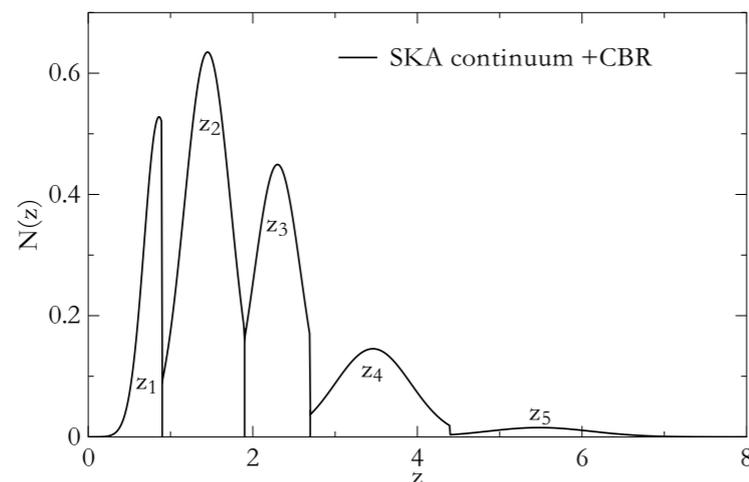
EFFECT ON GALAXY CLUSTERS

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$$C_{\ell}^{XY}(z_i, z_j) = \left\langle a_{\ell m}^X(z_i) a_{\ell m}^{Y*}(z_j) \right\rangle$$

- angular positions and redshifts perturbed by peculiar velocities, gravitational lensing and potentials

- Choice of redshift distribution:



EXPECTED SIGNALS

Barrau, Rovelli, Vidotto 1409.4031

- fast process (few milliseconds?)
- the source disappears with the burst
- very compact object: big flux $E = mc^2 \sim 1.7 \times 10^{47}$ erg
- exploding today: $m = \sqrt{\frac{t_H}{4k}} \sim 1.2 \times 10^{23}$ kg $R = \frac{2Gm}{c^2} \sim .02$ cm
- **LOW ENERGY:** size of the source \approx wavelength $\lambda_{predicted} \gtrsim .2$ cm (?)
- **HIGH ENERGY:** energy of the particle liberated $\approx Tev$
- **SYNCHROTRON EMISSION**
- **GRAVITATIONAL WAVES**

Kavic &al. 0801.4023

FAST RADIO BURSTS



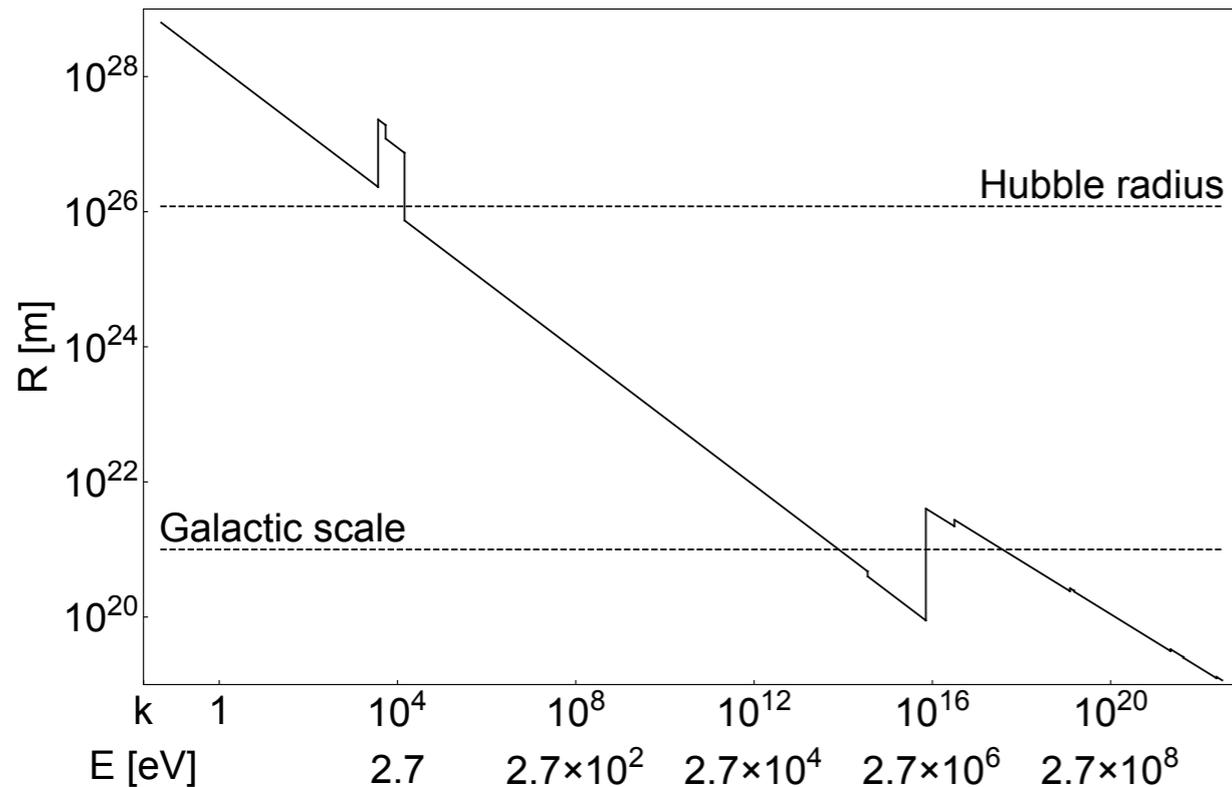
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- Electron-positron pairs traveling trough a magnetic field
- Repetition can be due to:
 - reflection of the signal due to plasm walls
 - region dense of PBH
- **LOW ENERGY:** size of the source \approx wavelength $\lambda_{predicted} \gtrsim .2$ cm
- We may have missed a factor in our rough calculation!
- We may be seeing only the a window in a distribution of event Barrau &al. 1801.03841

MAXIMAL DISTANCE

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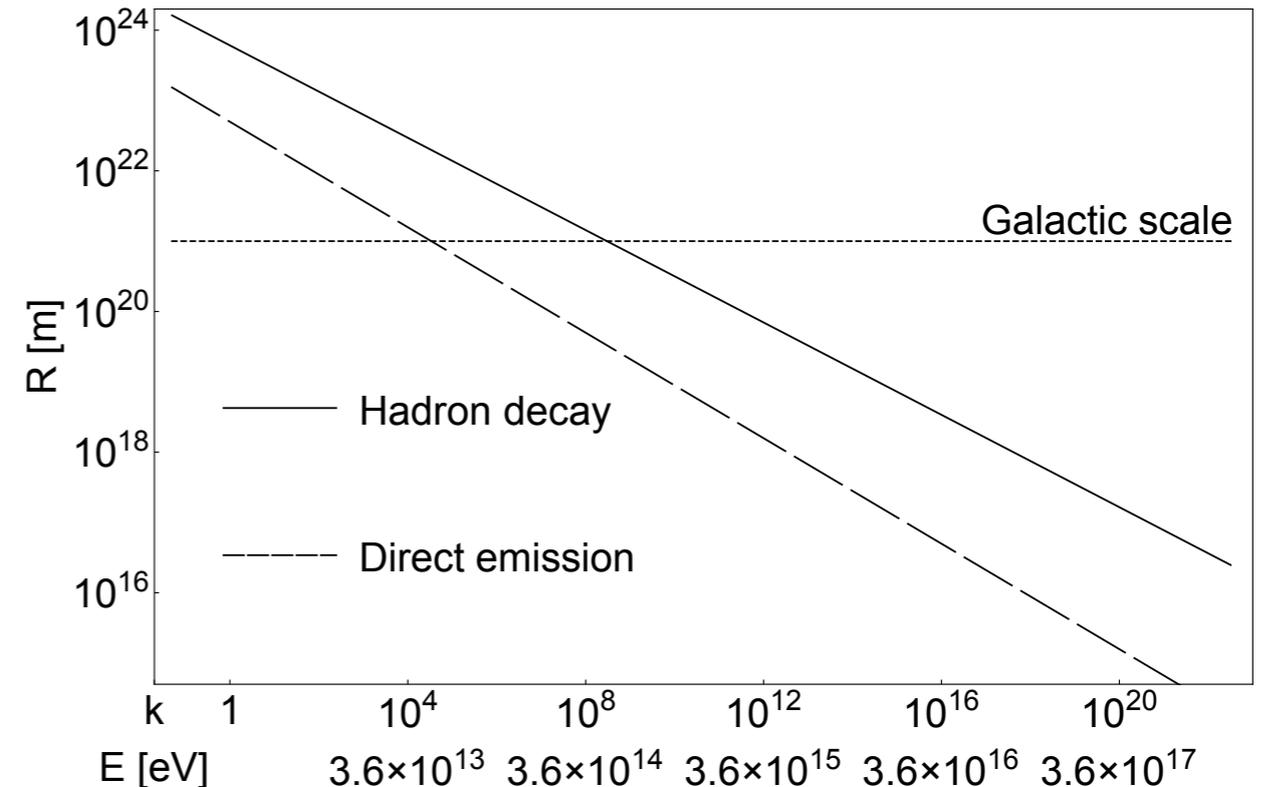
■ shorter lifetime — smaller wavelength

Low energy channel



- detection of arbitrarily far signals
- better single-event detection

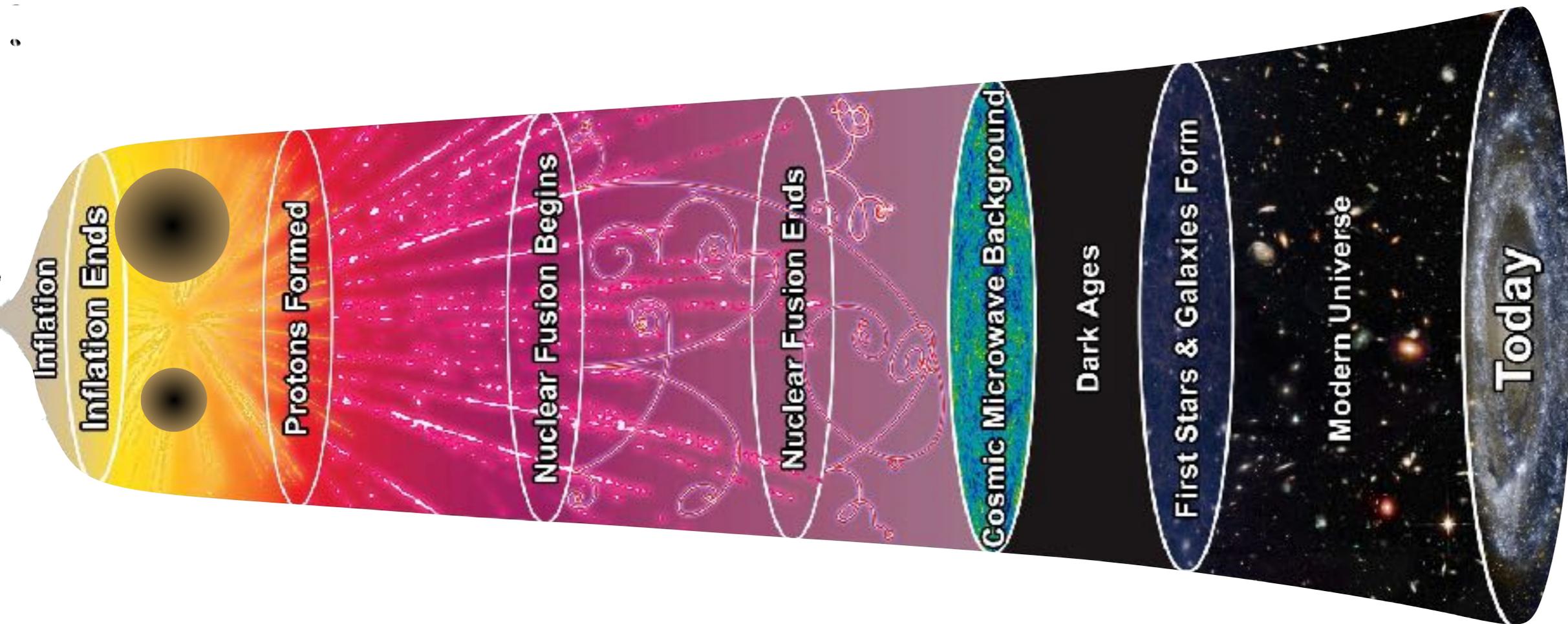
High energy channel



- PBH: mass - temperature relation
- different scaling

THE SMOKING GUN: DISTANCE/ENERGY RELATION

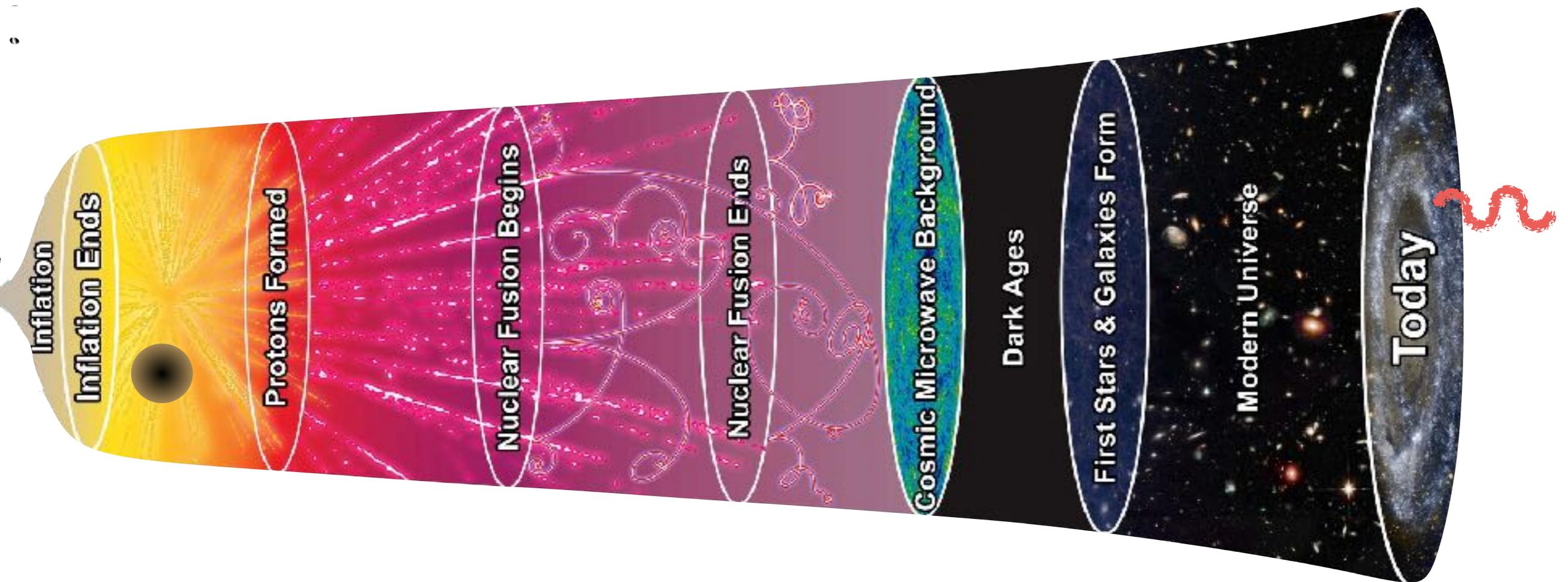
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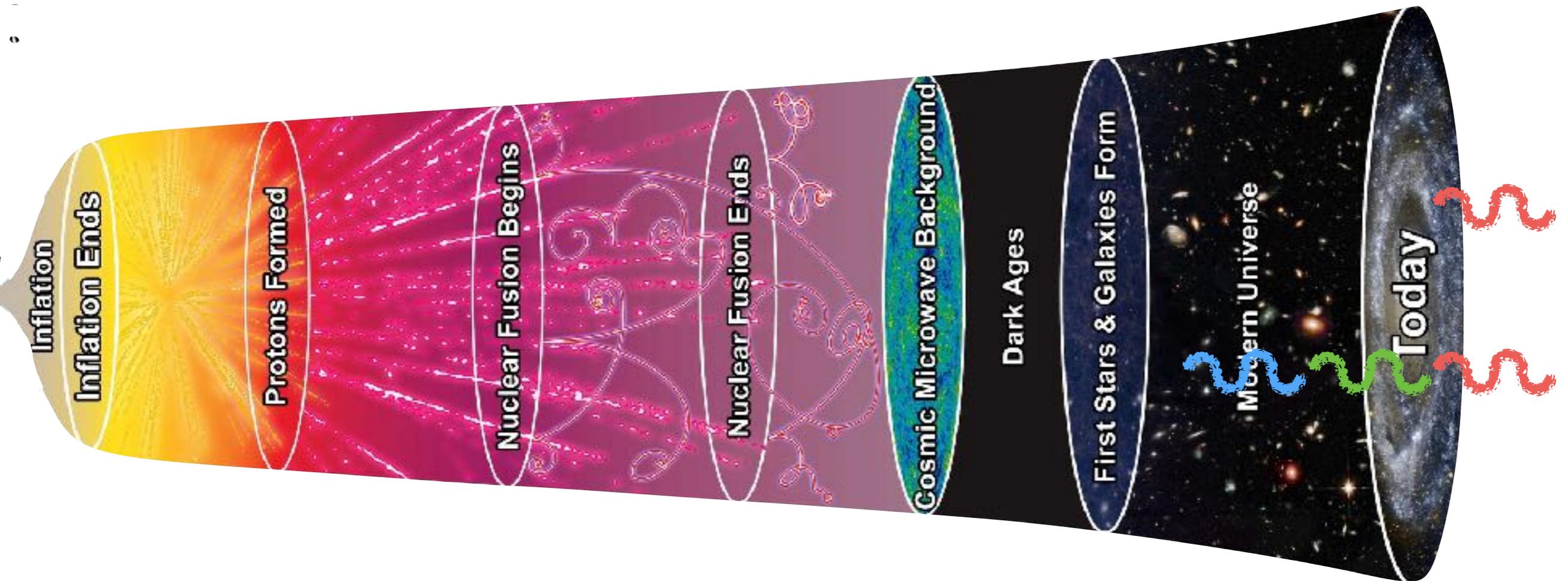
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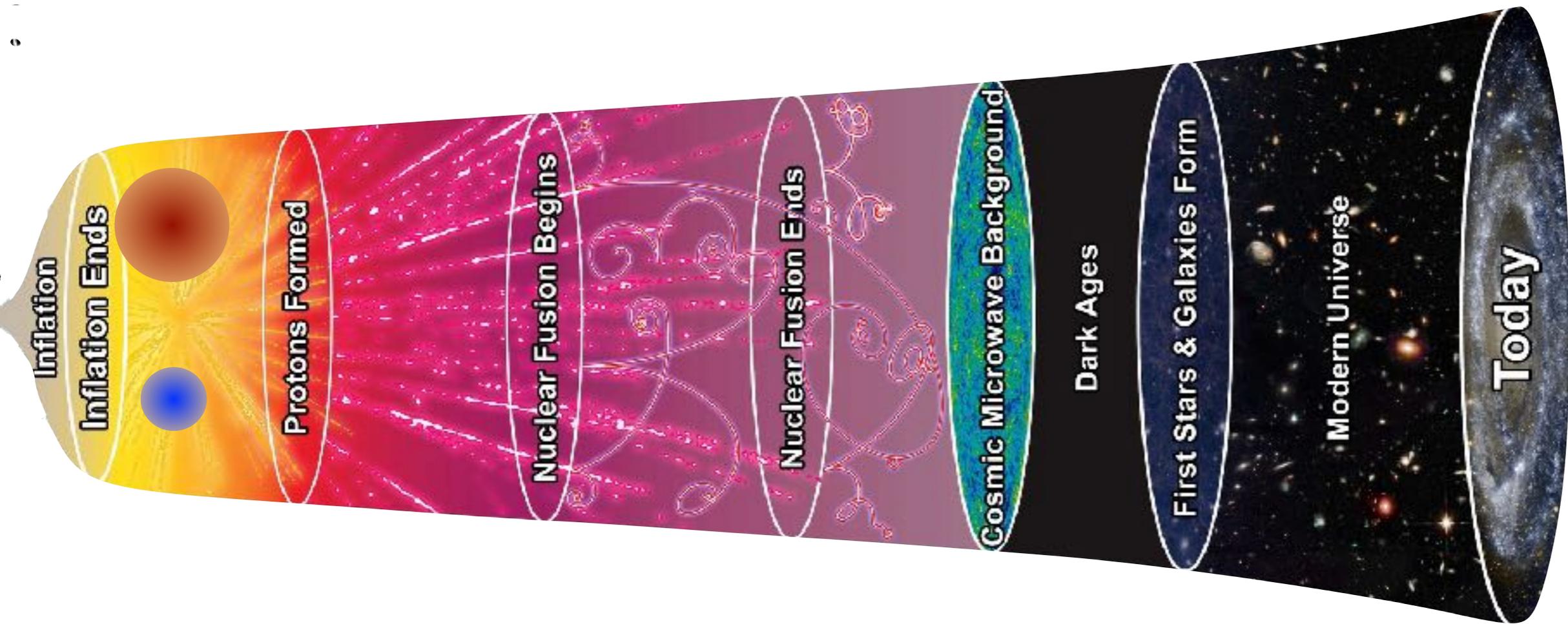
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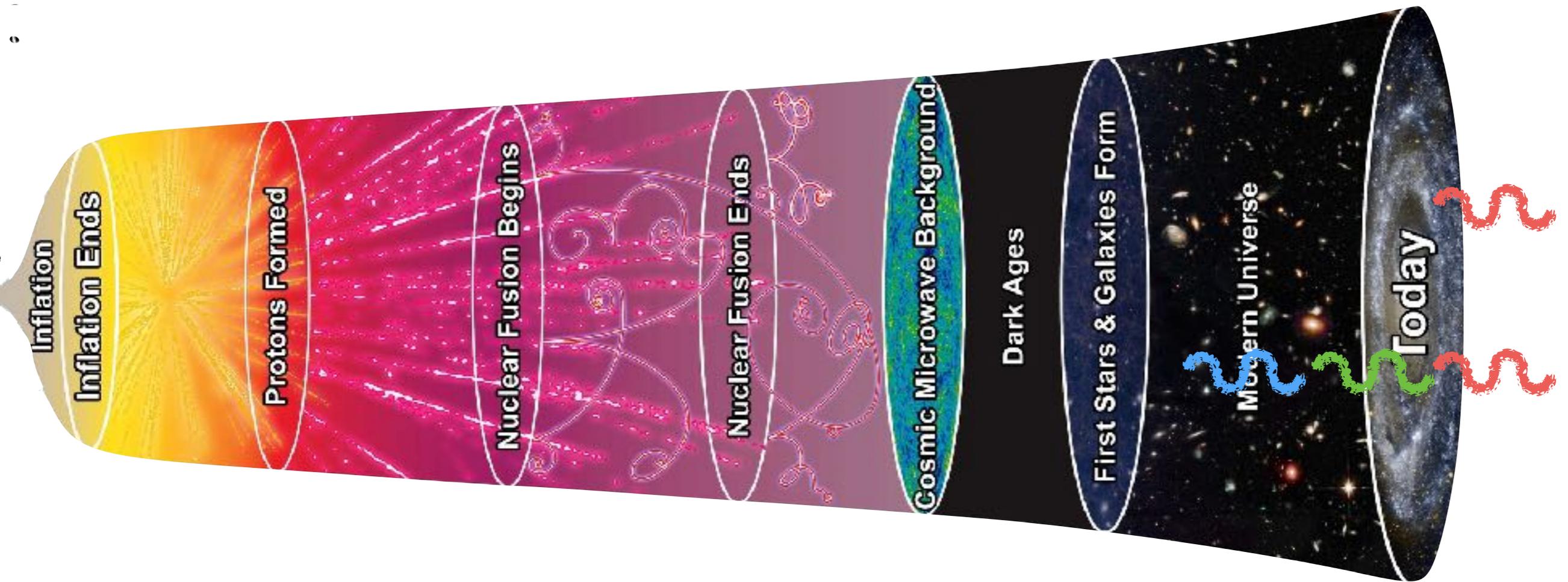


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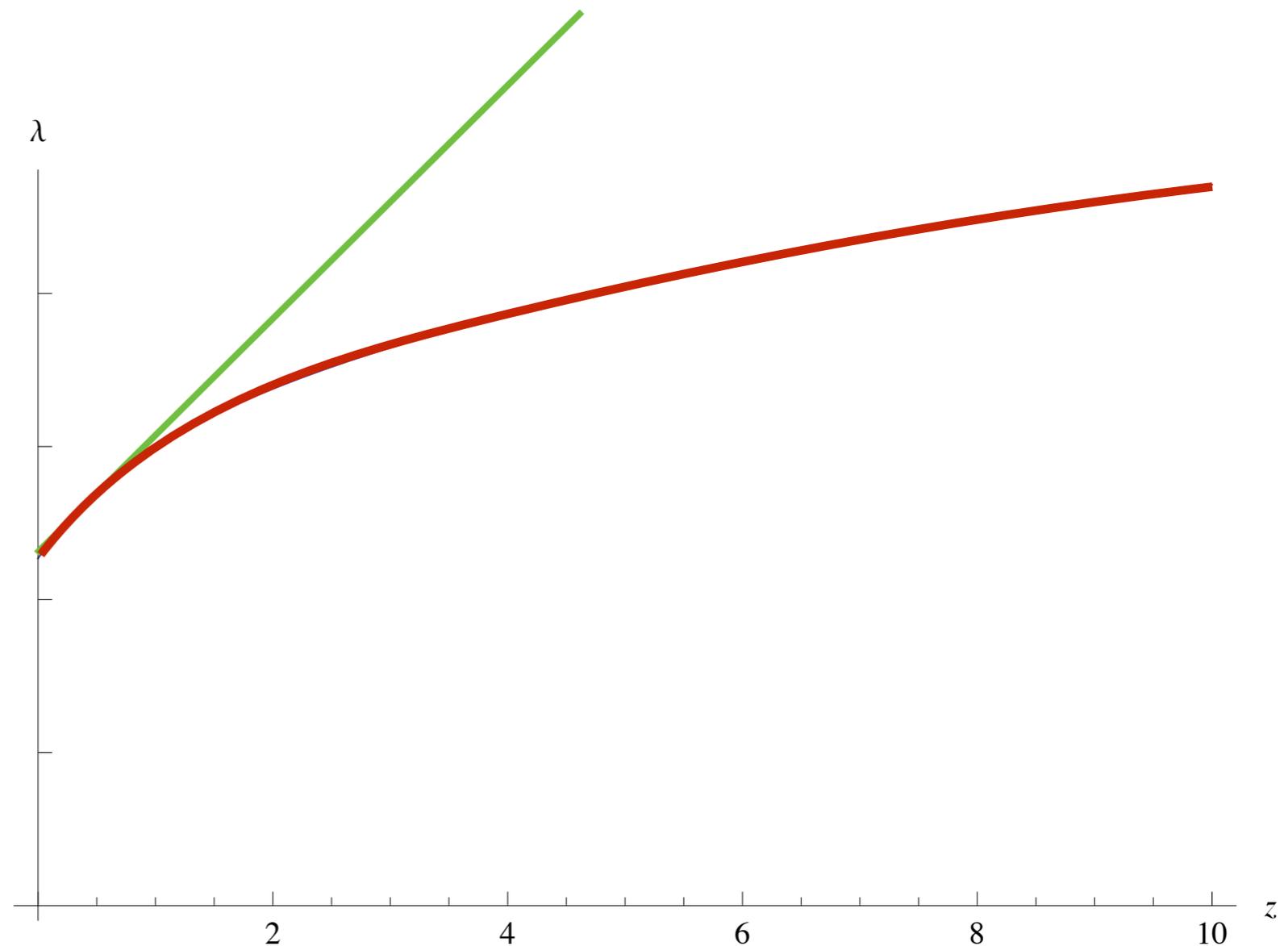
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$$\lambda_{obs}^{other} = (1+z)\lambda_{emitted}^{other} \longrightarrow \lambda_{obs} \sim \frac{2Gm}{c^2}(1+z) \sqrt{\frac{H_0^{-1}}{6k\Omega_\Lambda^{1/2}} \sinh^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_M} \right)^{1/2} (z+1)^{-3/2} \right]}$$

- distance $\propto 1/\text{wave length}$
- taking into account the **redshift** the resulting function is very slowly varying



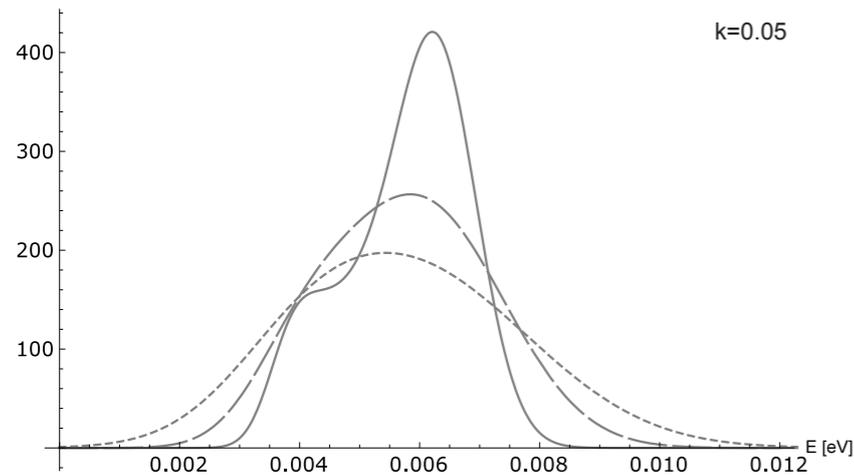
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INTEGRATED EMISSION

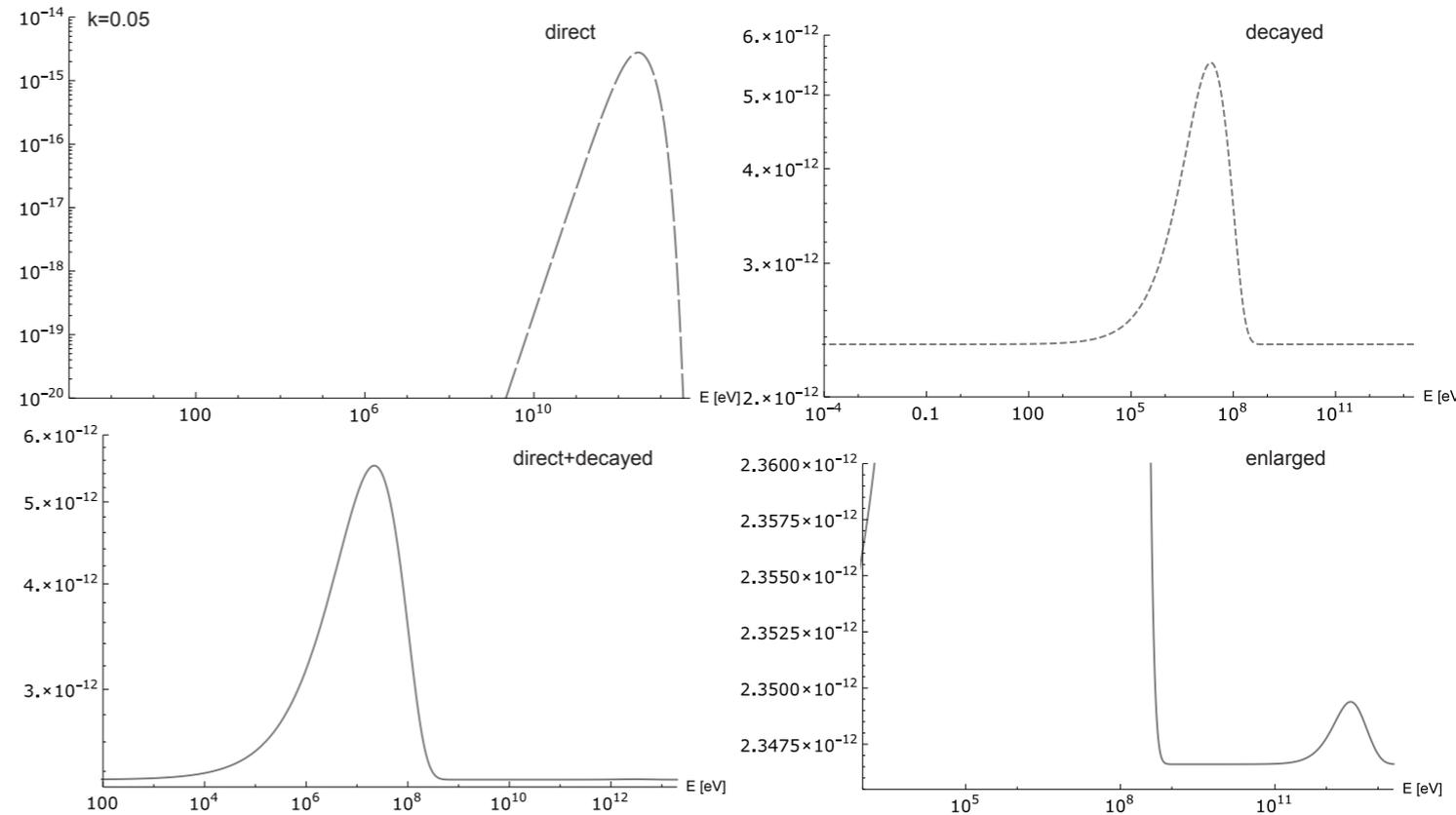
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$$\tau \sim m^2$$

Low energy channel



High energy channel



$$\frac{dN_{mes}}{dE dt dS} = \int \Phi_{ind}((1+z)E, R) \cdot n(R) \cdot Acc \cdot Abs(E, R) dR$$

- characteristic shape: distorted black body
- depends on how much DM are PBL

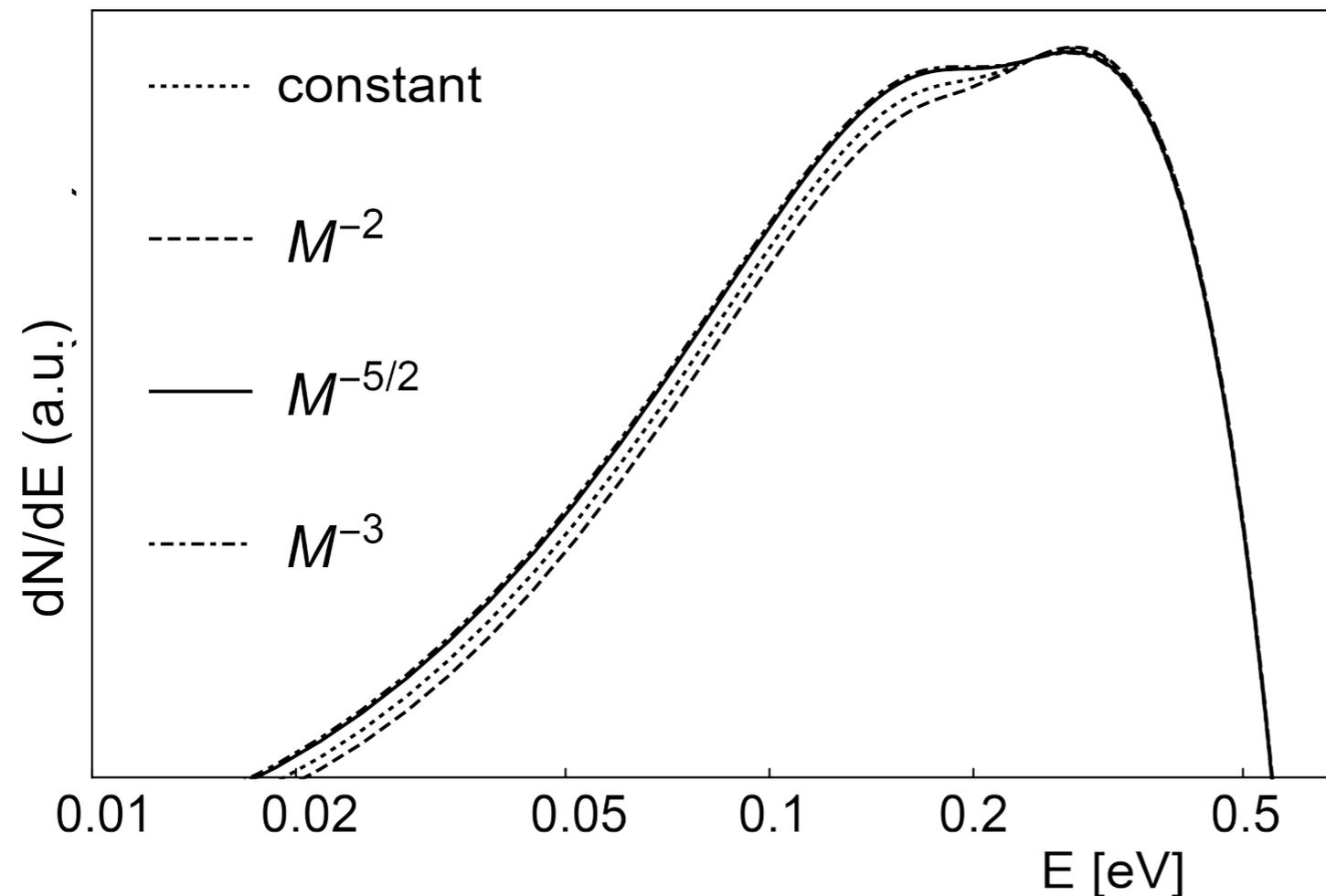
PBH MASS SPECTRUM

$$n(R) = \int_{M(t)}^{M(t+\Delta t)} \frac{dn}{dM dV} dM$$

$$n(R) \approx \frac{dn}{dM dV} \frac{\Delta t}{8k}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dM dV} = \alpha M^{-1 - \frac{1+3w}{1+w}}$$

Low energy channel



Different mass spectra gives qualitatively same diffuse emission...

SUMMARY ON REMNANTS

1. **BOUNCE²**: Bouncing BH in a Bouncing Universe

- Planckian remnants pass through the bounce and are viable dark matter
- large “old” volume inside remnants make up all the volume of the universe
- * solve the problem with the Past Hypothesis in a perspectival manner

2. **REMNANTS AS DARK MATTER**

- * compatible with PBH formation at reheating
- * **STABILITY OF THE REMNANTS** via minimal area/mass

1. **PHENOMENOLOGY** depends mainly on the lifetime
given as a function of the mass: as short as $\mathbf{m^2}$
* interesting to check prediction by different QG frameworks!
2. **NEW EXPERIMENTAL WINDOWS** for quantum gravity
* new experimental window for quantum gravity
 - signals in the sub-mm, radio & TeV
 - direct detection & diffuse emission
 - peculiar energy distance relation
3. **PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES**
 - new features
 - Also for late-universe observations

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