

# Quest for the Ultimate Theory by Cosmophysics

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# **STRING THEORY AS THE ULTIMATE THEORY**

# Motivations and Candidates of the Ultimate Theory

- Mysteries of SM
- Inflation in the early Universe
- Dark Energy



**UV completion of Einstein gravity**

**Any info on physics beyond SM?**

SST

Riem<sup>2</sup> Gravity

Horava Gravity

Loop QG

**Perturbatively finite**

**Renormalisable with ghosts**

**Renormalisable? Einstein at IR?**

**Not a sensible theory yet**

**Unified theory of all interactions**

**NA**

**Violation of Lorentz inv. No other info on the matter sector**

**NA**

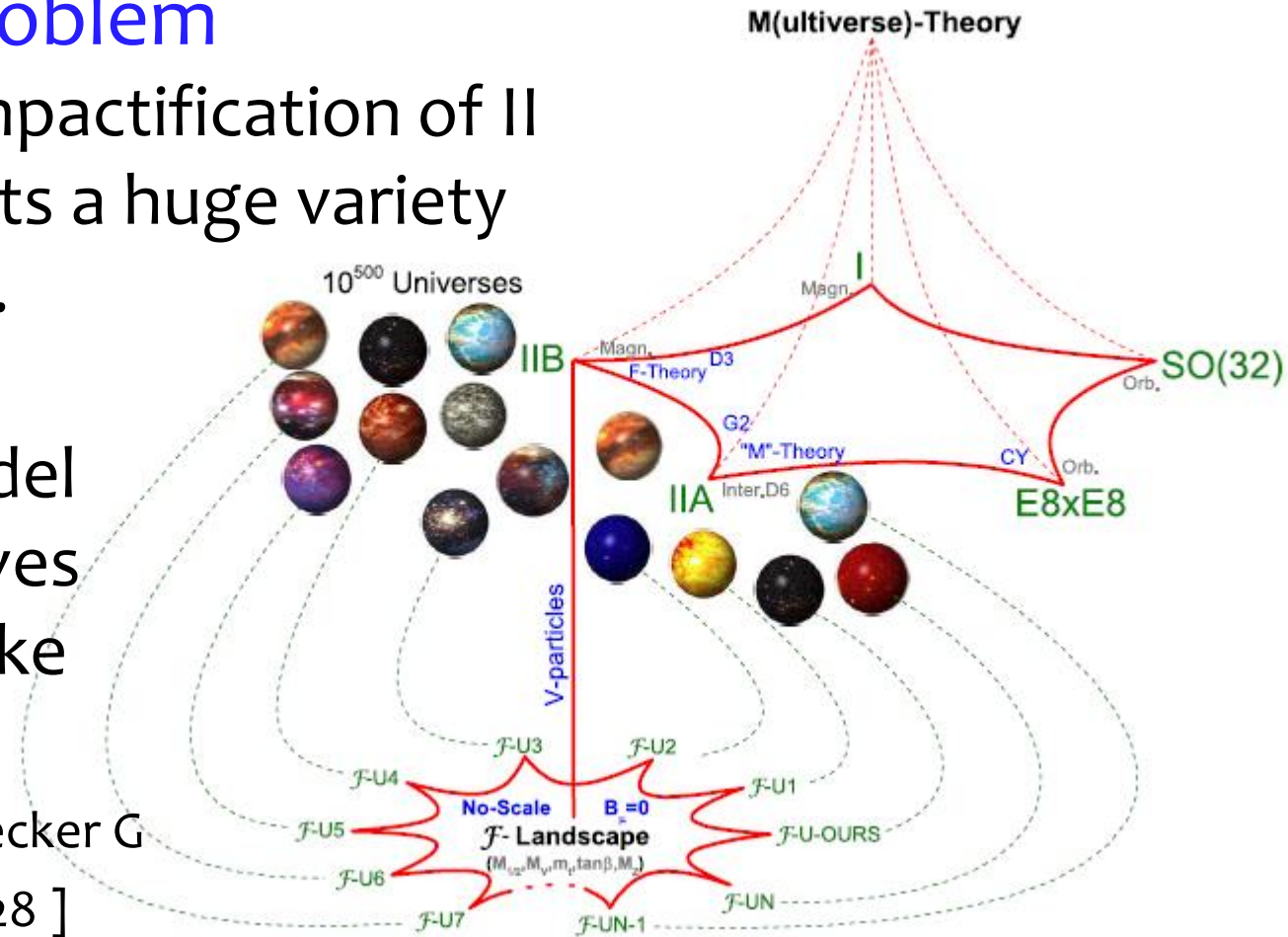
At present, superstring theory and its extension is the only viable candidate of the ultimate theory.

# Does SST actually describe our Universe?

## Landscape Problem

- The flux compactification of IIB SST predicts a huge variety of universes.
- Intersecting D-brane model in IIA SST gives  $10^{15}$  MSSM-like models.

[Gmeiner F, Honecker G  
JHEP 09 (2007) 128 ]



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## Our Universe not in this landscape?

- On the particle physics side:

“Not a single string based model has yet been found which satisfies all known constraints.”

[Heckman JJ: arXiv:1001.0577]
- On the cosmology side:

“A typical analysis collects ‘ingredients’ that are understood to varying degrees in isolation, and assembles them in a single compactification with suitable cosmological properties ... in which the mutual interactions are neglected.”

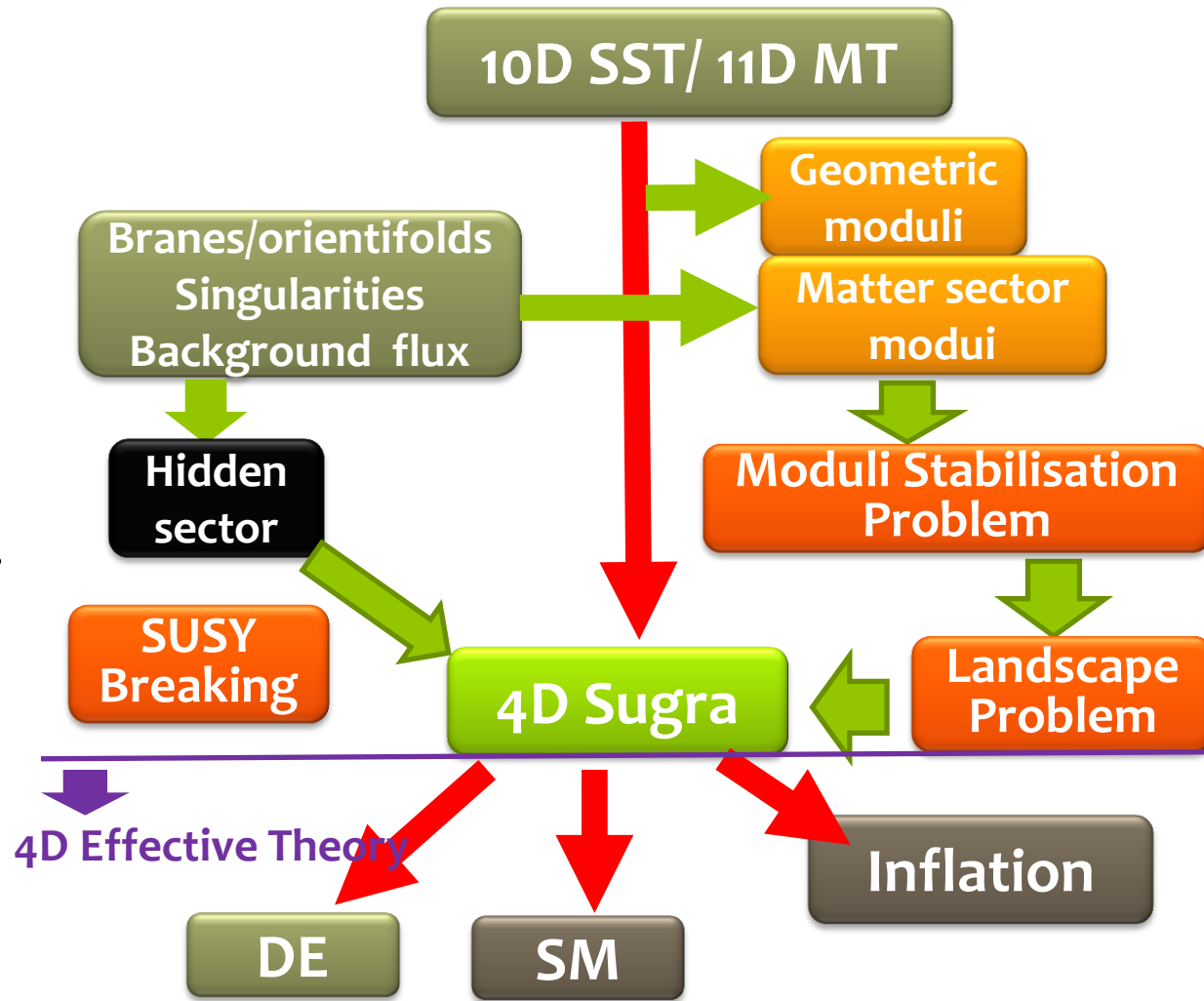
[Burgess CP, McAllister L: CQG28(2011)204002]

**We need more info !!**

# How is Our Universe related to SST?

## Basic features of superstring/M theories

- Consistent only in 10/11-D spacetime.
- Perturbative:
  - Lots of facets: HET-E8xE8, HET-SO(32), I-SO(32), IIA/M, IIB/F
- Only gravity sector in type II/M. Too large gauge group in HET/I.
- A single parameter: almost everything is dynamical !
- Supersymmetric.



# How to probe/test it?

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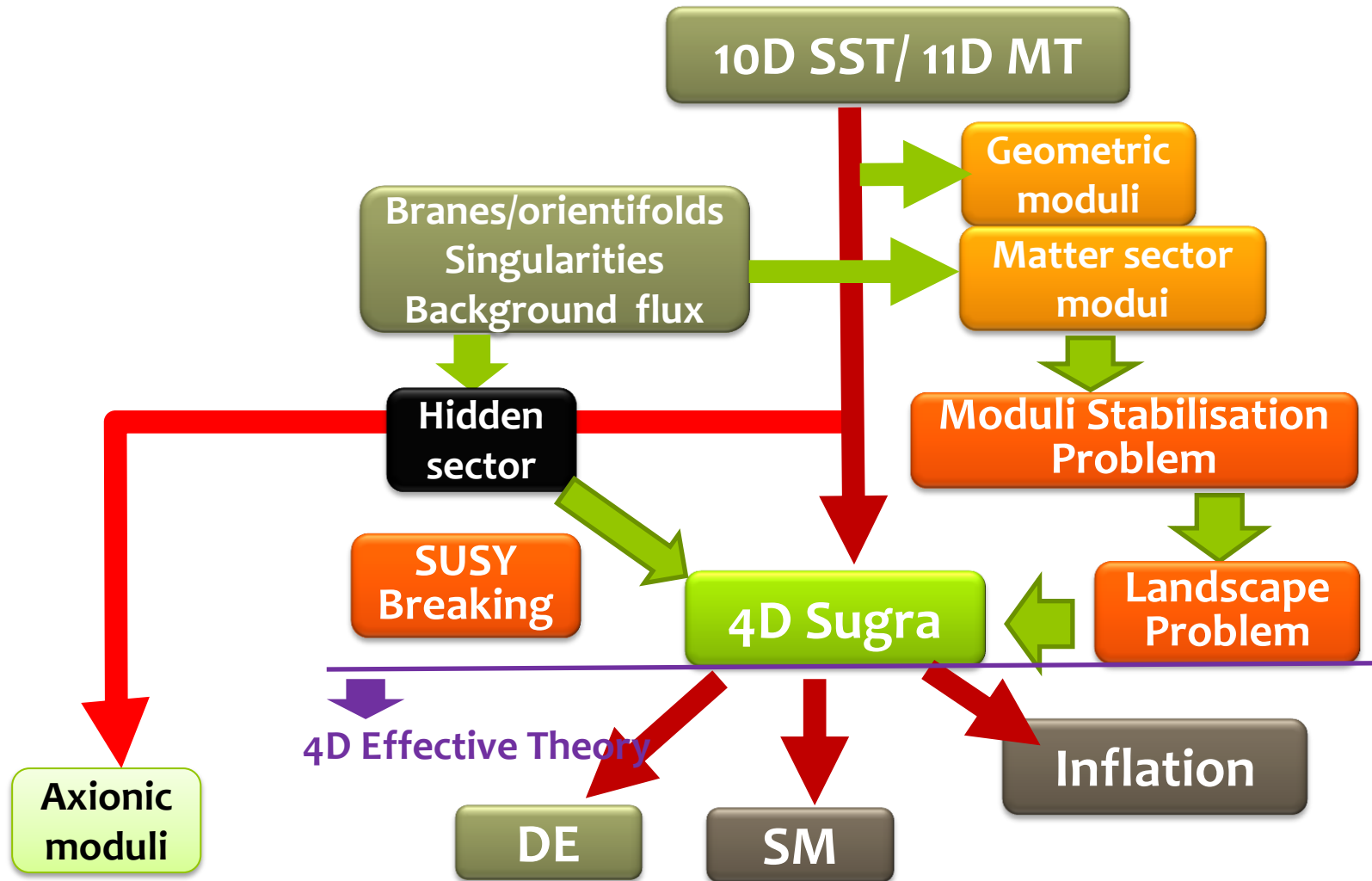
- Observing inflation is not so illuminating.

“Although any such a detection would transform our picture of how inflation works—telling us much about the energy scales responsible for inflation and the mechanism responsible for generating primordial perturbations—unfortunately, with the present state of the art, we learn very little about string theory itself.”

[Burgess CP, McAllister L: CQG28(2011)204002]



# Find phenomena characteristic to string theory!!



**Not  
stabilised**

**AXIVERSE**

# What Is Axion?

Originally,

a psued-Goldstone boson for the Peccei-Quinn chiral symmetry to resolve the strong CP problem.

Basic features of the invisible QCD axion

- **CP violating very weak coupling to matter**

$$g_{aq} a (\bar{q}\gamma_5 q) : \quad g_{aq} \approx m_q/f_a; \quad f_a \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$g_{a\gamma} a F \wedge F : \quad g_{a\gamma} \approx 1/f_a$$

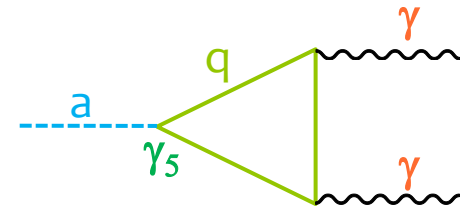
- **Small mass by the QCD instanton effect:**

$$m_a \approx 10^{-3} \text{ eV} (10^{10} \text{ GeV}/f_a)$$

- **Dark matter candidate:**  $\Omega_a \lesssim 0.01 (f_a/10^{10} \text{ GeV})^{1.175}$

General Definition (ALP)

- **A pseudo scalar with tree-level shift symmetry and P/CP violation**

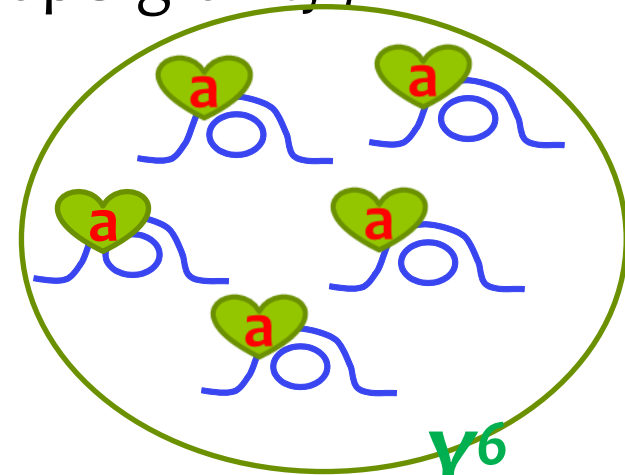


# String axions

- A plethora of string axions are expected to arise from various form fields with Chern-Simons coupling that are characteristic to higher-dimensional supergravity / superstring theories.

$$C = \sum_i a_i(x) \omega_i(y) \Rightarrow a_i(x)$$

$$C \wedge \text{ch}(F) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\hat{A}(\text{TB})}}{\sqrt{\hat{A}(\text{NB})}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f_a} a F \wedge F, \quad \frac{1}{f_a} a \mathcal{R} \wedge \mathcal{R}$$



- The shift symmetry is naturally realised because

$$\omega_i \wedge \text{ch}(F) \cdot \sqrt{\hat{A}(\text{TB})} / \sqrt{\hat{A}(\text{NB})}$$

is a closed form.

$\times X^4$

# String axions

- The shift symmetry of axions is protected from perturbative quantum corrections. Therefore, their masses  $m_a$  can be produced only non-perturbatively,

$$m_a \approx (M^2 / m_{\text{pl}}) \times S_E e^{-S_E/2}$$

and become very tiny naturally. Further,  $\log(m_a)$  is expected to be distributed uniformly.

- If we require that stringy instanton effects are less than the QCD instanton effect on the QCD axion, we obtain

$$S_E \approx 200 \Rightarrow f_a \sim S_E / m_{\text{pl}} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}, \quad m_a \lesssim 10^{-15} \text{ eV}$$

# Characteristic Mass Scales

## Compton wavelength= Horizon size ( $m=3H$ )

- Present  $t=t_0$ :  $m_0=4.5 \times 10^{-33}$  eV  $c/H_0=4.3$  Gpc
- CMB last scattering  $t=t_{ls}$ :  $m_{ls}=0.7 \times 10^{-28}$  eV  $c/H_0=300$  kpc
- Equidensity time  $t=t_{eq}$ :  $m_{eq}=0.9 \times 10^{-27}$  eV  $c/H_0=20$  kpc

## Compton wavelength= BH size ( $1/m=M_{pl}^2/M$ )

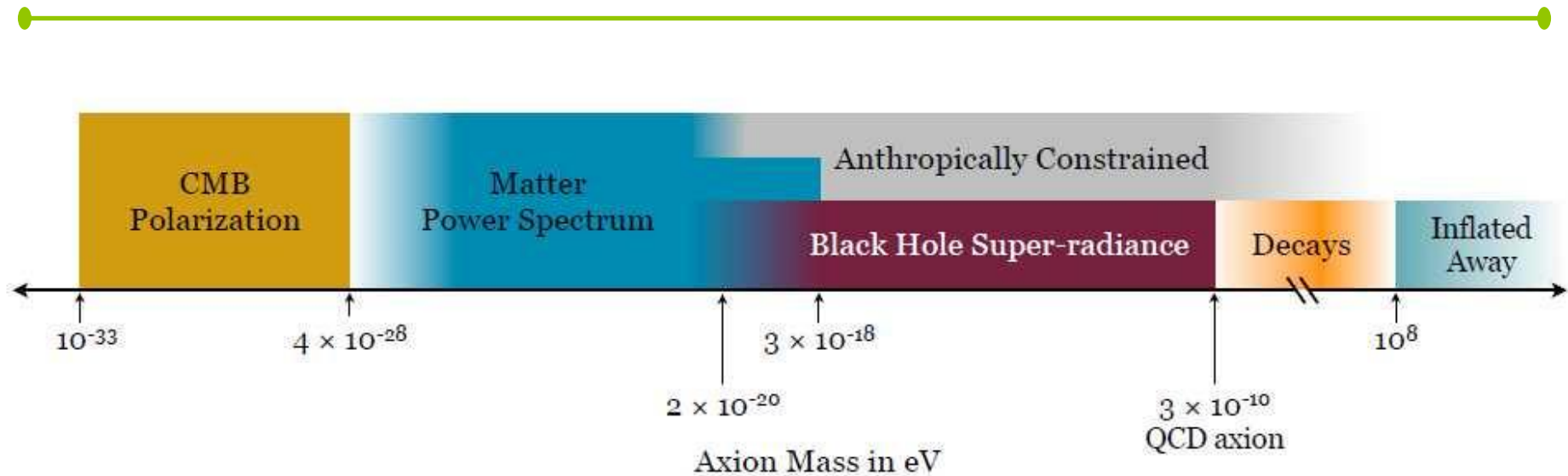
- Supermassive BH  $M=10^{10} M_{\odot}$ :  $m_{bh,max}=1.3 \times 10^{-20}$  eV  $1/m=10^{-3}$  pc
- Solar mass BH  $M=1 M_{\odot}$ :  $m_{bh,min}=1.3 \times 10^{-10}$  eV  $1/m=3$  km

## QCD axion $m \approx \Lambda_{QCD}^2/f_a$

- $f_a=10^{16}$  GeV:  $m \sim 10^{-9}$  eV
- $f_a=10^{12}$  GeV:  $m \sim 10^{-5}$  eV

$$\text{Cf. } m_a = 1\text{eV} \times \left( \frac{6 \times 10^6 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)$$

# Probing the Ultimate Theory by Axion Cosmophysics



**String theories  $\Rightarrow$  superlight axionic fields + QCD axion**

**$\Rightarrow$  String axiverse  $\Rightarrow$  new cosmophysical phenomena.**

[Arvanitaki A, Dimopoulos S, Dubovsky S, Kaloper N, March-Russell, J:  
“String Axiverse” Phys.Rev. D81 (2010) 123530[arXiv: 0905.4720 ]]

# **AXIONIC BOSENOVA**



# Superradiance

On the horizon of a rotating black hole

$\xi = \partial_t$  : spacelike

$\Rightarrow$  The null generator:  $k = \xi + \Omega_h \eta$

For an infalling **bosonic** wave  $\Phi \propto \exp(-i \omega t + im\varphi)$

$$I_{\mathcal{H}^+} \propto i \bar{\Phi} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_k \Phi = 2(\omega - m\Omega_h) |\Phi|^2$$

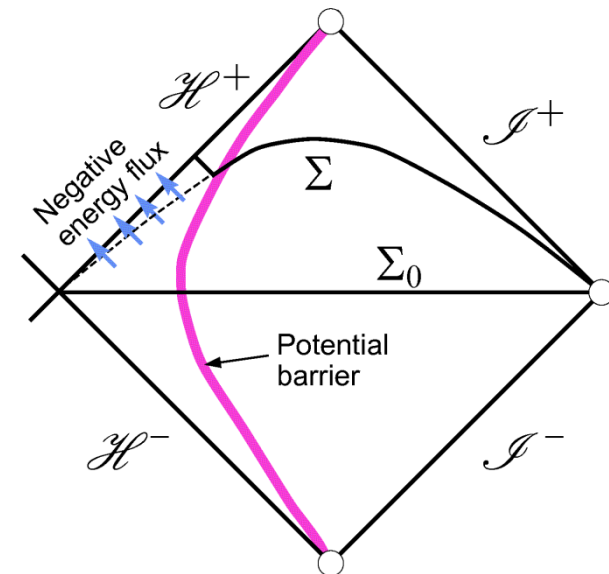
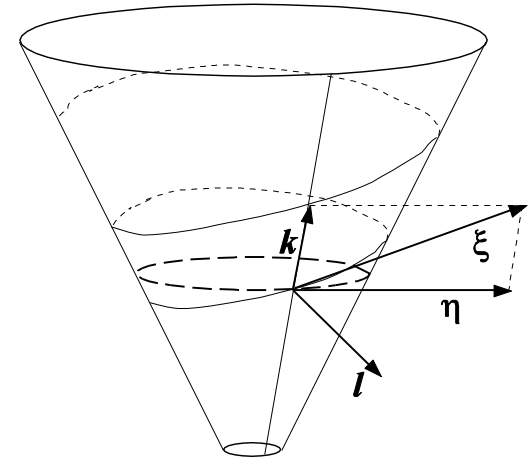
Flux conservation

$$I_{\mathcal{I}^-} = I_{\mathcal{I}^+} + I_{\mathcal{H}^+}$$

$$\omega \langle |A_{\omega,m}^-|^2 \rangle = \omega \langle |A_{\omega,m}^+|^2 \rangle + (\omega - m\Omega_h) \langle |C_{\omega,m}|^2 \rangle$$

Superradiance condition

$$0 < \omega < m\Omega_h \quad \longrightarrow \quad I_{\mathcal{I}^+} > I_{\mathcal{I}^-}$$



# Black Hole Bombs

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## Black hole in a mirror box

[Zel'dovich 1971; Press, Teukolsky 1972; Cardoso, Dias, Lemos, Yoshida 2004]

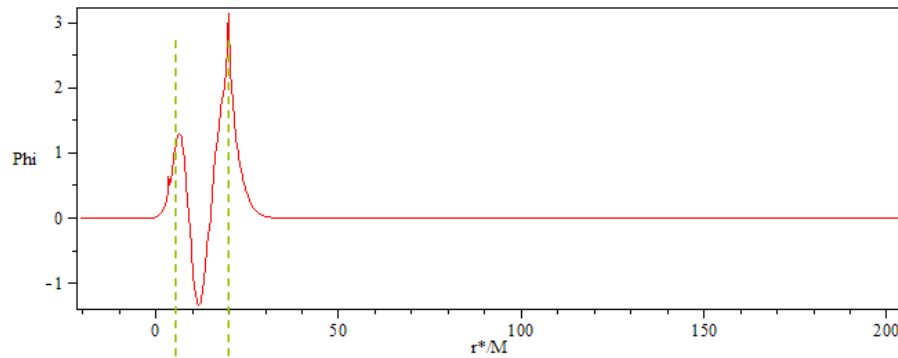
If a rotating black hole is put inside a box with reflective boundary, superradiance provokes infinite growth of massless bosonic field inside the box.

Cf. No instability for fermions.

## Massive bosonic fields around a black hole

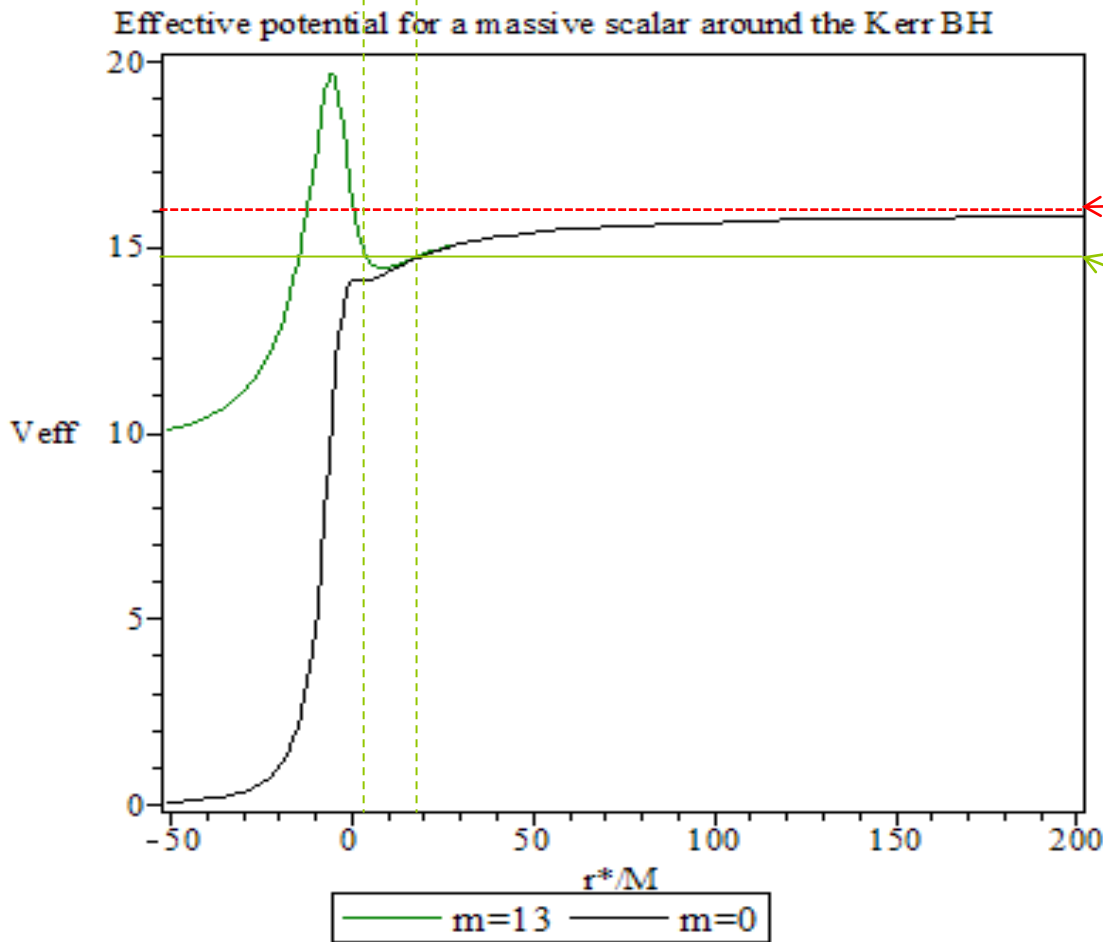
[Damour, Deruelle, Ruffini 1976;]

**A similar instability occurs for massive bosonic fields!**



WKB wavefunction  
for a bound state

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dr^{*2}} + [\omega^2 - V(r, \omega)] u = 0$$



# Superradiance Instability

The growth timescale of the SR instability

$$\frac{\tau}{GM} \approx \begin{cases} 10^7 e^{1.84\alpha_g} & ; \alpha_g \gg 1, a/M = 1 \\ 24 \left(\frac{a}{M}\right)^{-1} (\alpha_g)^{-9} & ; \alpha_g \ll 1, \end{cases}$$

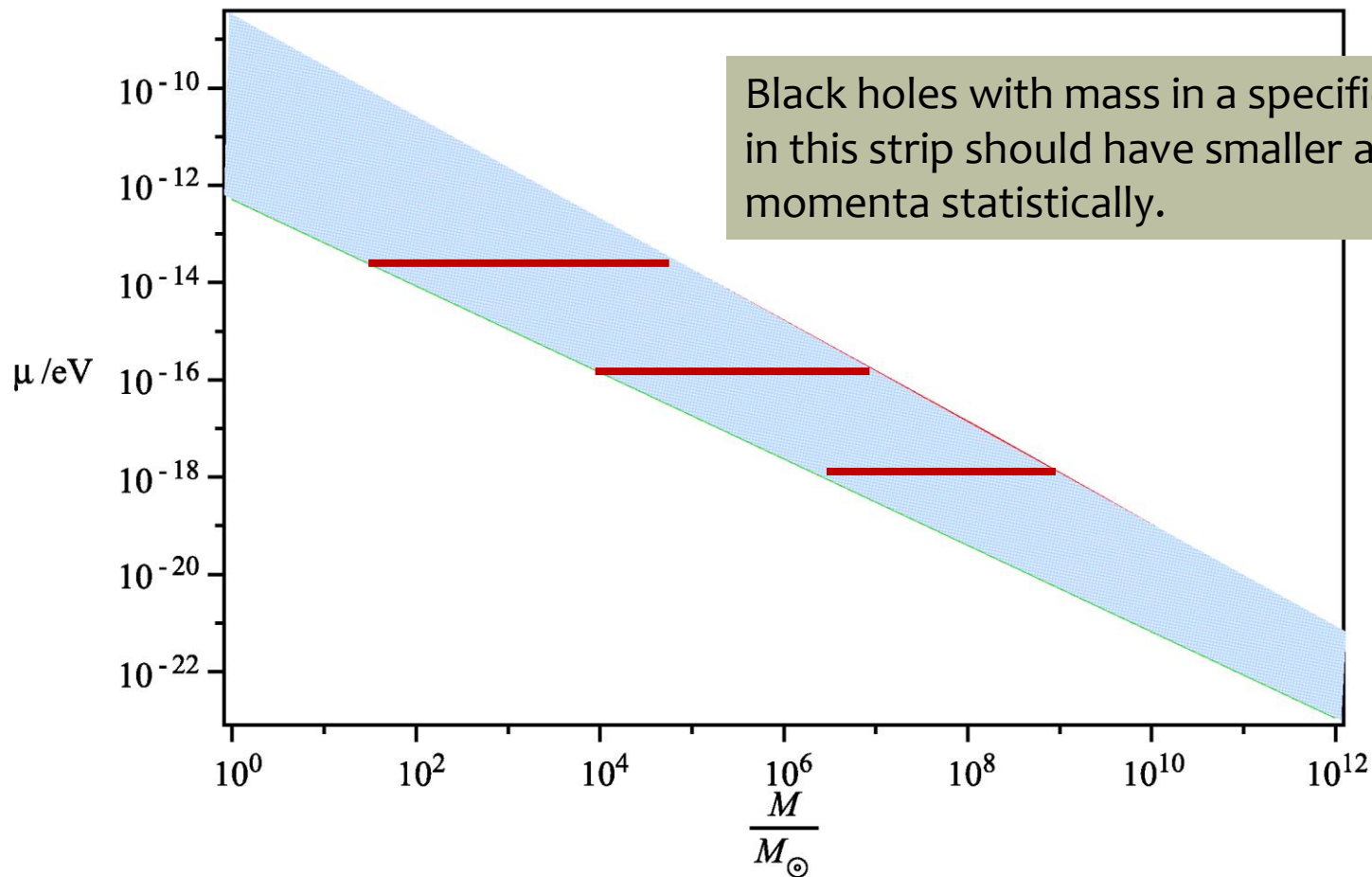
where

$$\alpha_g := GM\mu = \frac{\mu}{1.34 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{eV}} \cdot \frac{M}{M_\odot}.$$

It becomes maximum at  $\alpha_g \sim 1$ :

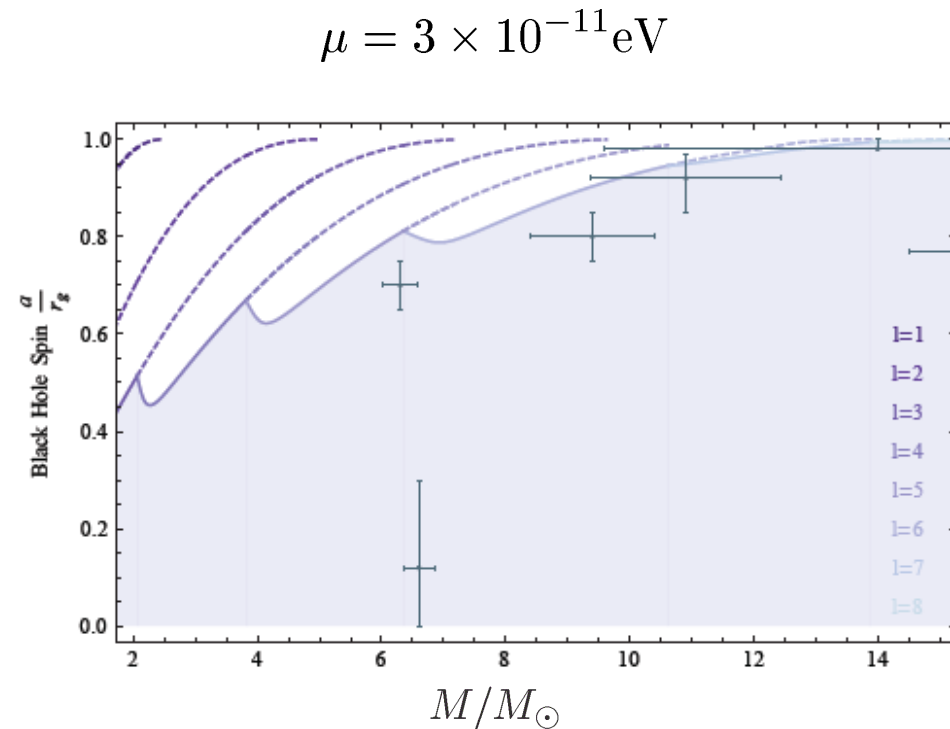
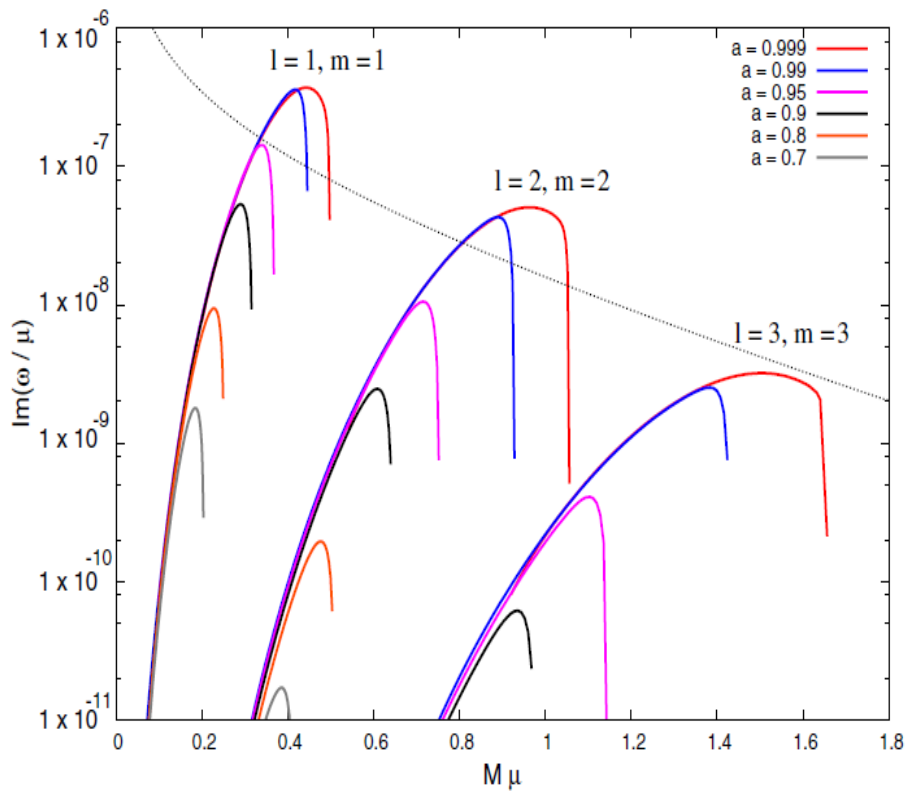
$$\tau_{\text{sr}} \approx 0.2 \cdot 10^7 GM; \quad \alpha_g \simeq 0.44, \quad a/M \simeq 0.999.$$

# SR instability strip in the $M$ - $\mu$ plane



Black holes with mass in a specific range in this strip should have smaller angular momenta statistically.

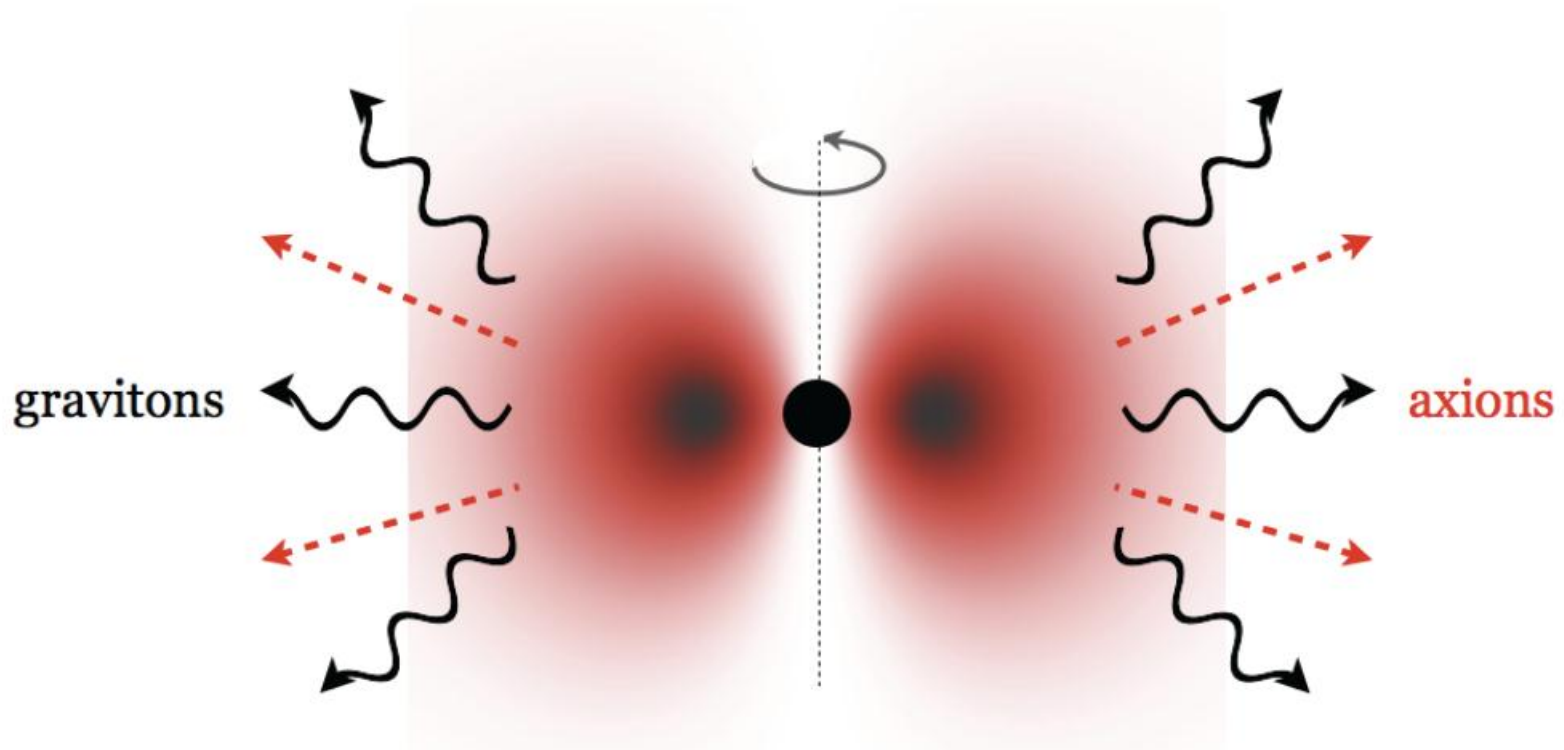
# Black Hole Spin



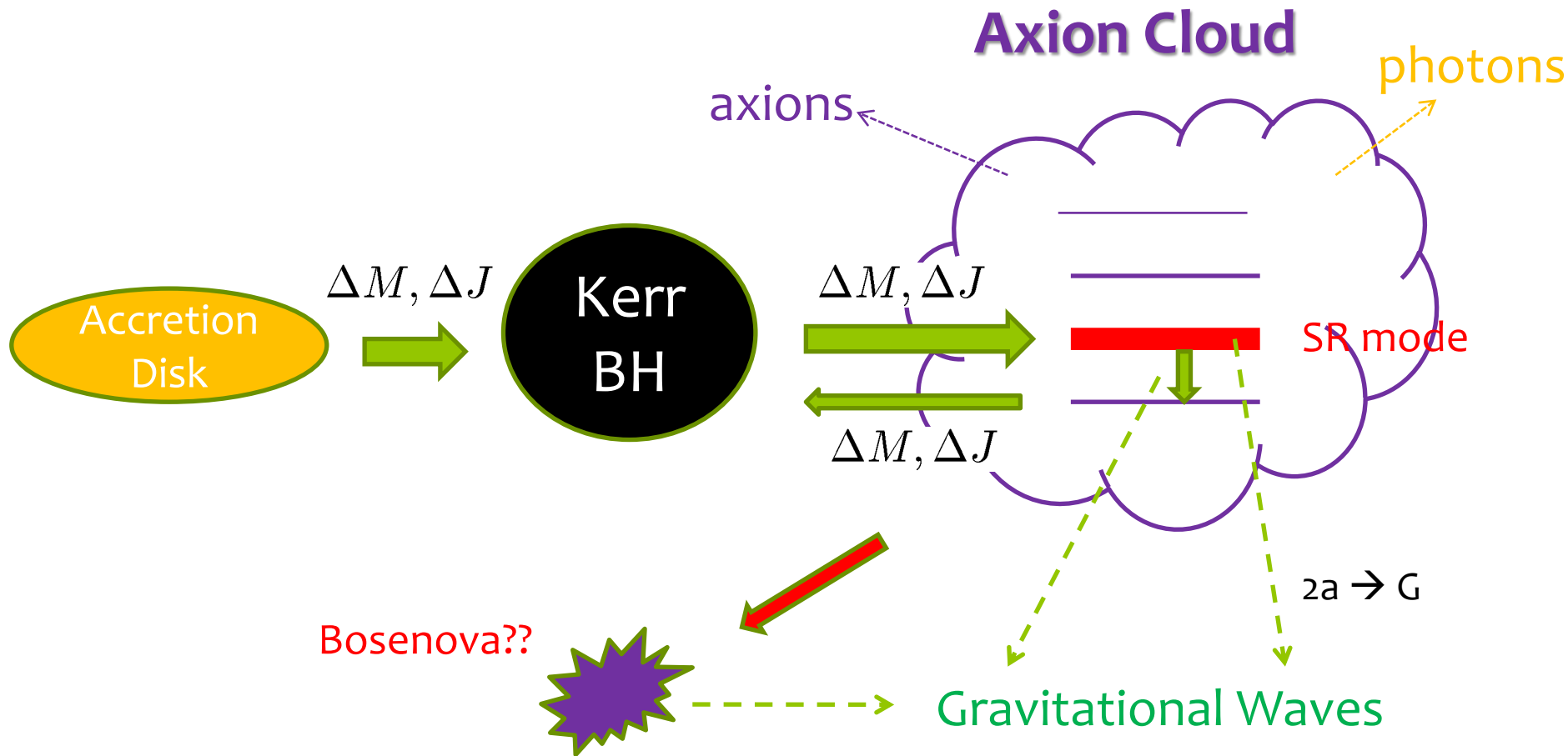
# G-Atom

SR unstable states are quantum  
for near extremal cases !!

$$\mu r \sim 4\alpha_g \left( \frac{r_h}{a} \right)^2 \sim 1$$

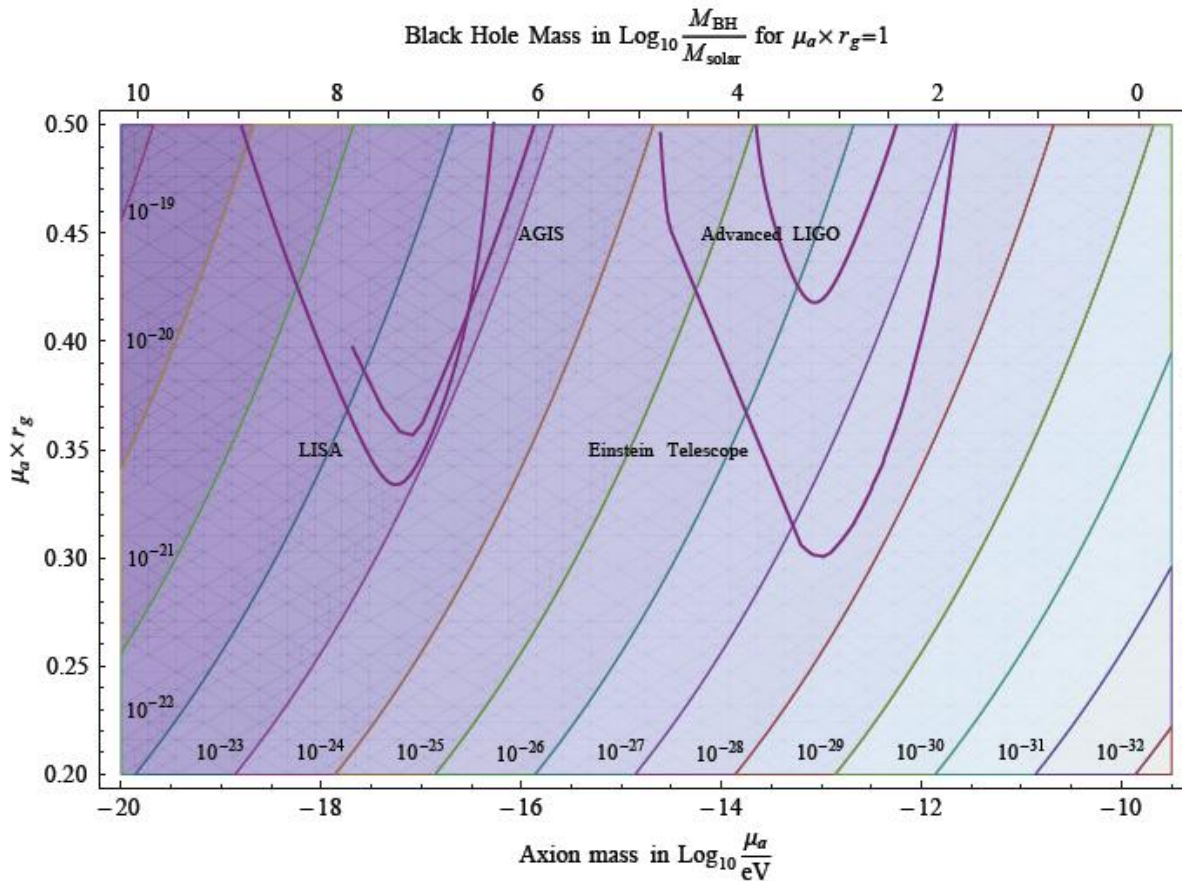


# Fate of G-Atom?





# GW estimation: 2a (2p) → G



$$h \sim 10^{-22} \alpha_g^7 \epsilon \left( \frac{10 \text{Mpc}}{d} \right) \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\odot}} \right)$$

$$\nu \approx 30 \text{kHz} \times \alpha_g \left( \frac{2 M_{\odot}}{M_{\text{BH}}} \right)$$

Figure 11: The contour plot of constant gravitational wave signal from axion annihilations in the 2p level for a black hole located at 20 Mpc away from the Earth. The projected sensitivity curves assume  $10^6$  seconds of a coherent integration time for LISA [41], AGIS, Advanced LIGO and Einstein Telescope.

# Non-linear Effects

## Axion Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - \frac{\mu^2 f_a^2}{2} \sin^2 (\phi/f_a) \right]$$

## Non-relativistic effective action

$$\phi \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} (e^{-i\mu t} \psi + e^{i\mu t} \psi^*)$$



Averaging S over a time scale  $\gg 1/\mu$

$$S_{\text{NR}} = \int d^4x \left[ i\psi^* \partial_t \psi - \frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \psi^* - \mu \Phi_g \psi^* \psi + \frac{1}{16f_a^2} (\psi^* \psi)^2 - \dots \right]$$

Attractive interaction



## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2001

Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle, Carl E. Wieman

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2001

Nobel Prize Award Ceremony

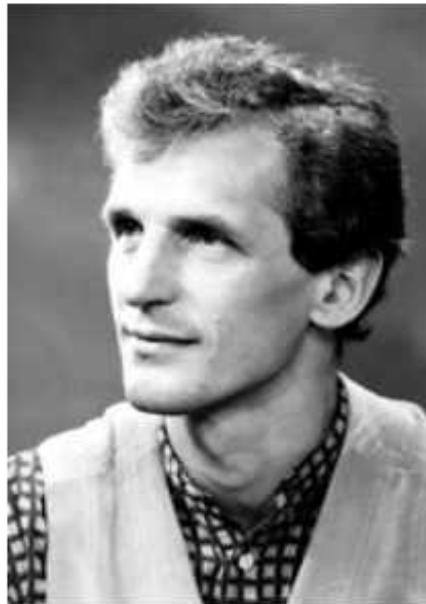
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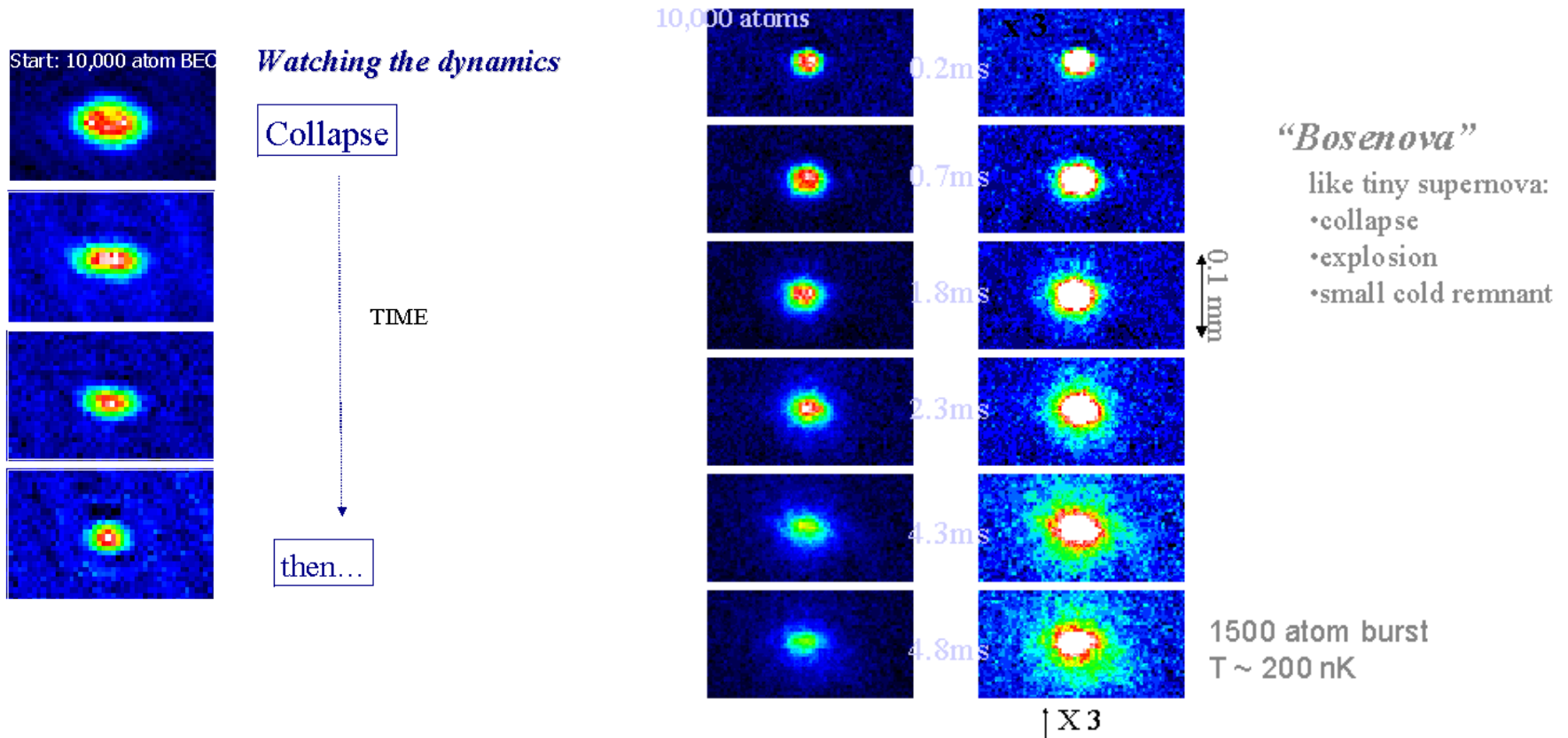


Carl E. Wieman

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2001 was awarded jointly to Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle and Carl E. Wieman *"for the achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in dilute gases of alkali atoms, and for early fundamental studies of the properties of the condensates"*.

# Bosenova in condensed matter physics

<http://spot.colorado.edu/~cwieman/Bosenova.html>



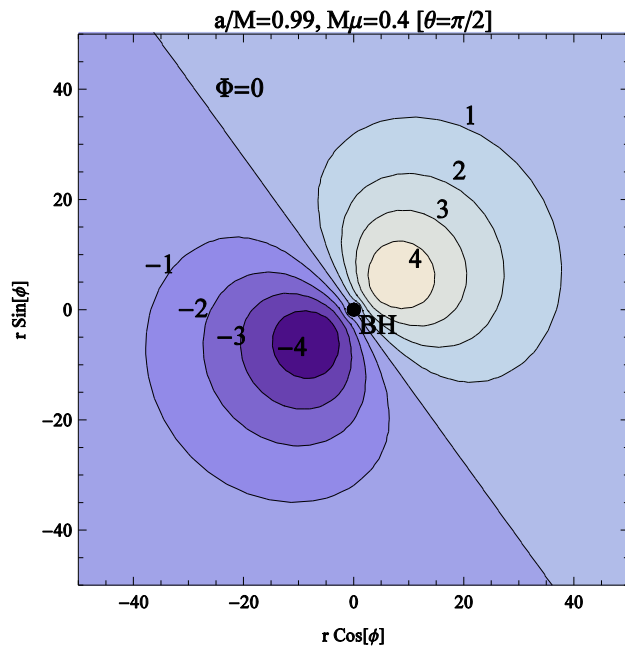
BEC state of Rb85 (interaction can be controlled)  
Switch from repulsive interaction to attractive interaction

Wieman et al., Nature 412 (2001), 295

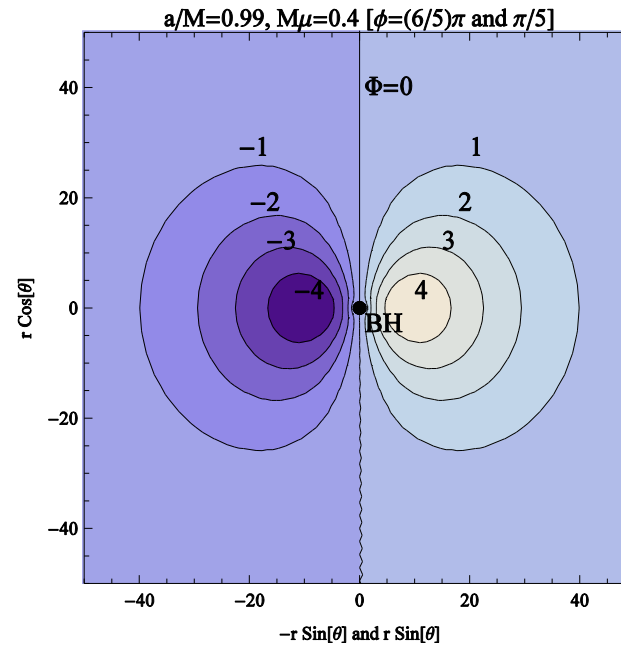
# Numerical Simulation

Simulations	Initial condition	$\beta$	Nonlinearity
(A)	KG bound state, $\phi(A)_{\text{peak}(0)} = 0.60$	0.46	weak
(B)	KG bound state, $\phi(B)_{\text{peak}(0)} = 0.65$	0.52	moderate
(C)	KG bound state, $\phi(C)_{\text{peak}(0)} = 0.70$	0.6	strong

Wavefunction for the SR unstable bound state:  $l=m=1$



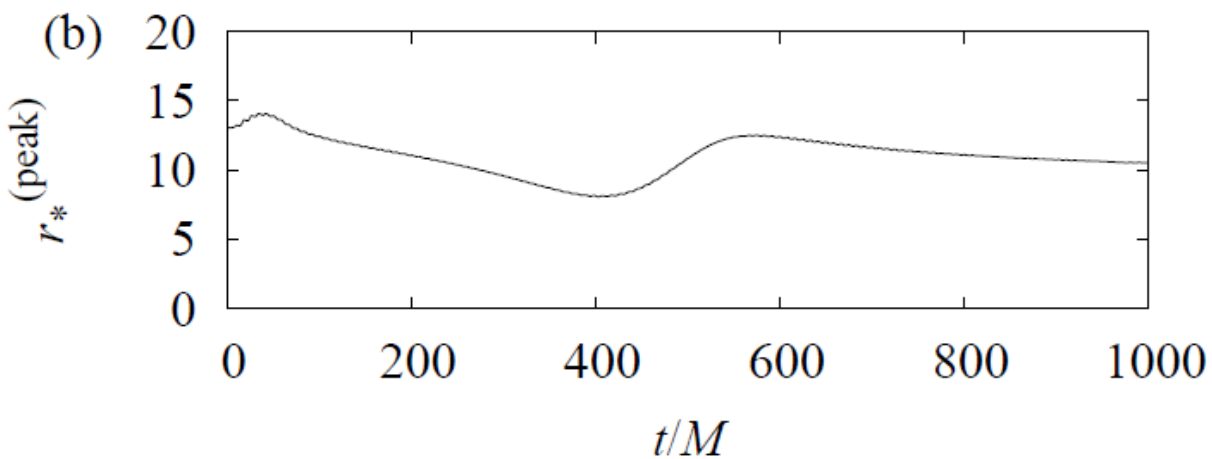
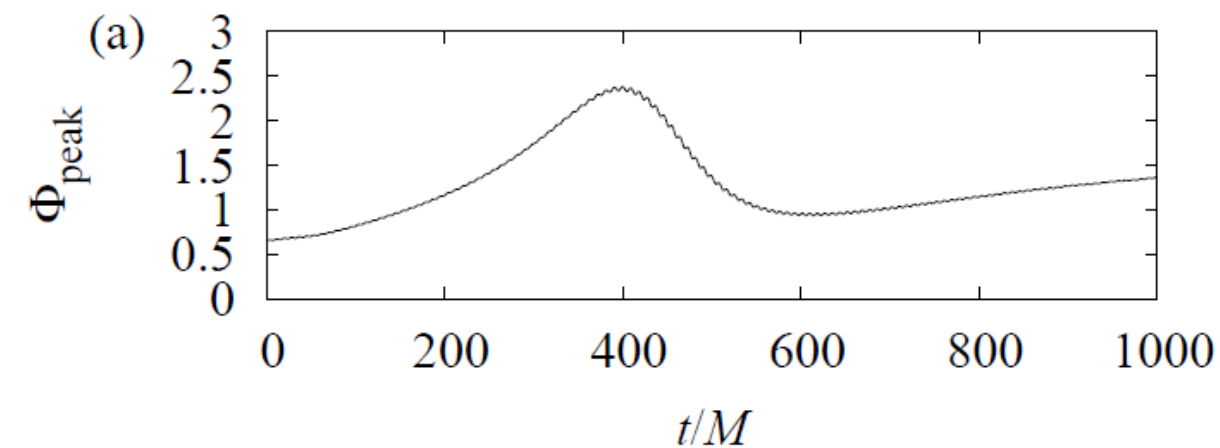
Equatorial plane



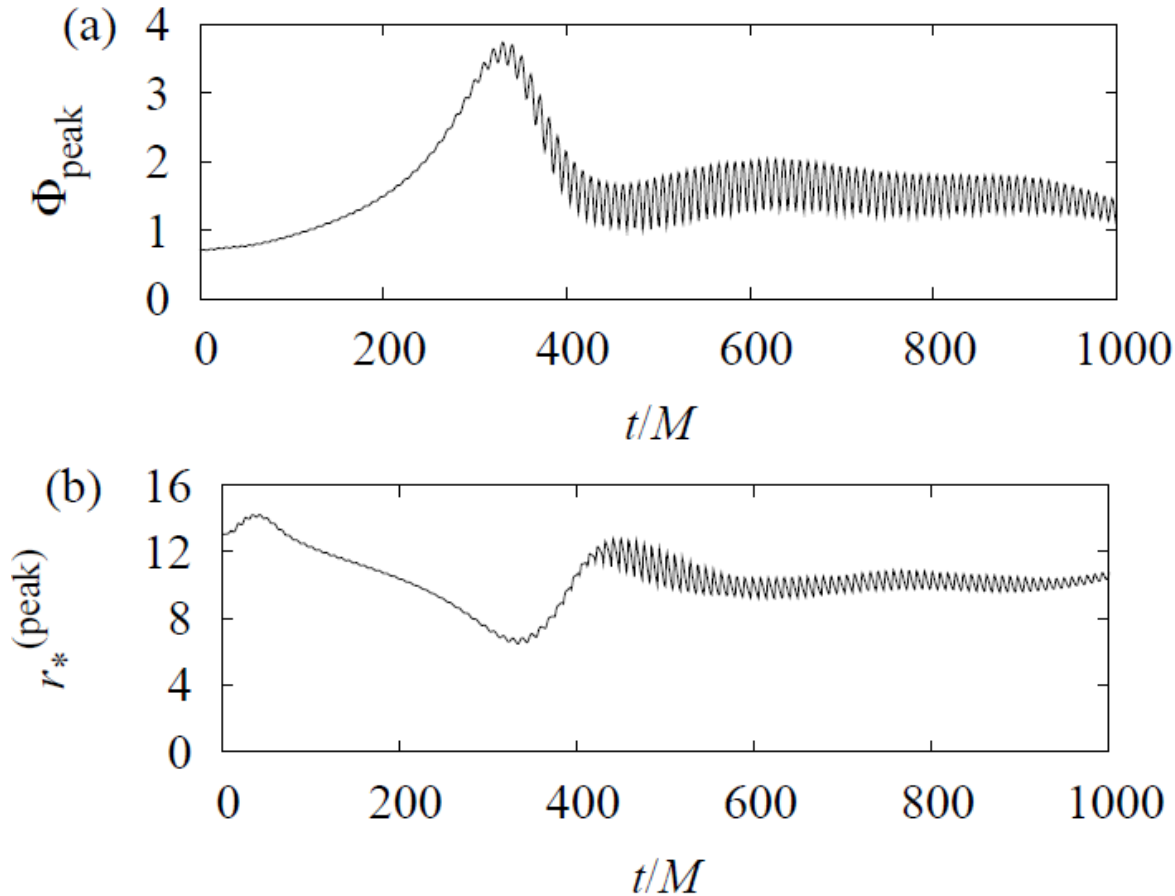
r-z plane

# Model (B)

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# Model (C)



# Results and Implications

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- **Bose nova really happens for a G-atom** of sine-Gordon axion formed by SR instability around a Kerr BH.
  - The occurrence of this phenomenon is controlled by the parameter  $\alpha_g = GM\mu$ .
  - Characteristics of that dynamics can be semi-quantitatively understood in terms of an effective theory for collective coordinates.
- **Bosenova of a G-atom is expected to produce bust-like GW emissions**, but details are yet to be studied.
- Interactions of the axionic cloud with magnetic fields of a black hole-accretion disk system are expected to provoke other interesting phenomena.



**CONCLUSION**

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- Superstring theory predicts the existence of a plethora of super-light axionic fields in the present universe.
  - Such superlight axions/moduli can produce a variety of new observable phenomena in the universe, and also may explain the fundamental mysteries of the universe such as dark matter, dark energy and inflation.
  - Observational discoveries of such cosmophysical phenomena give a very distinctive evidence for the superstring theory to be behind the nature and provide a valuable probe for the structure of string compactification.

**Let's explore the hidden sector !!**