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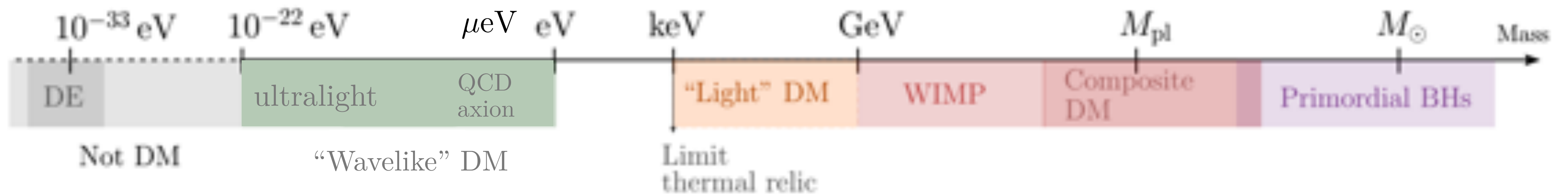
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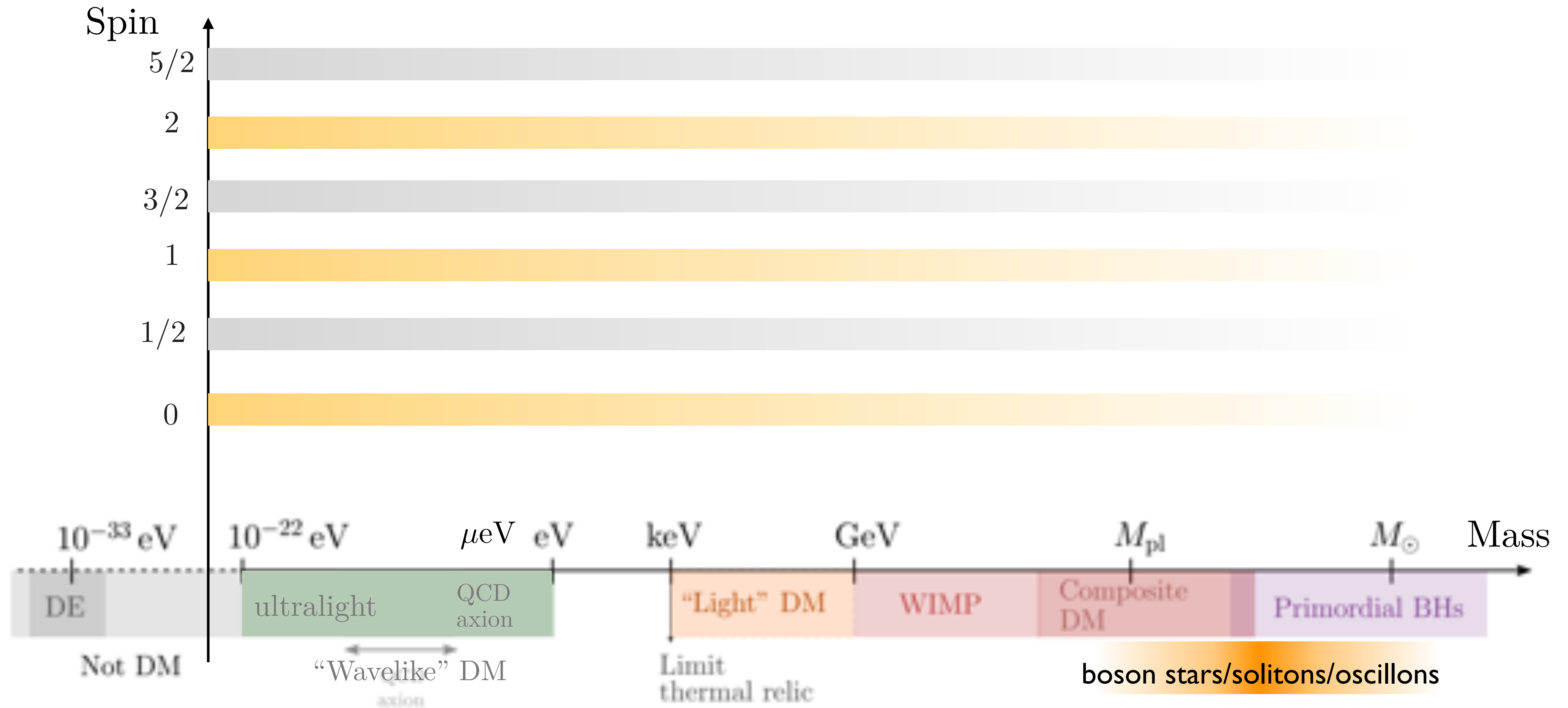


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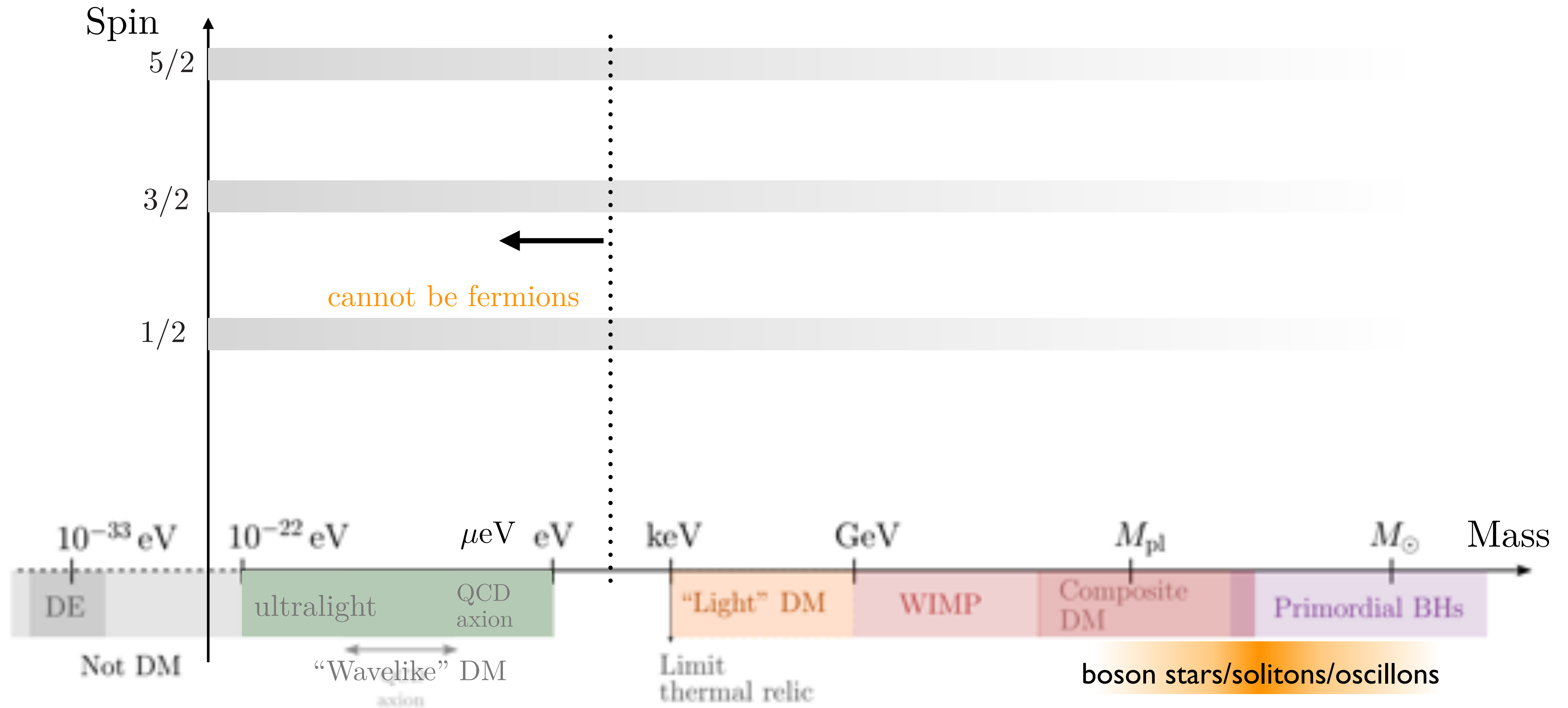
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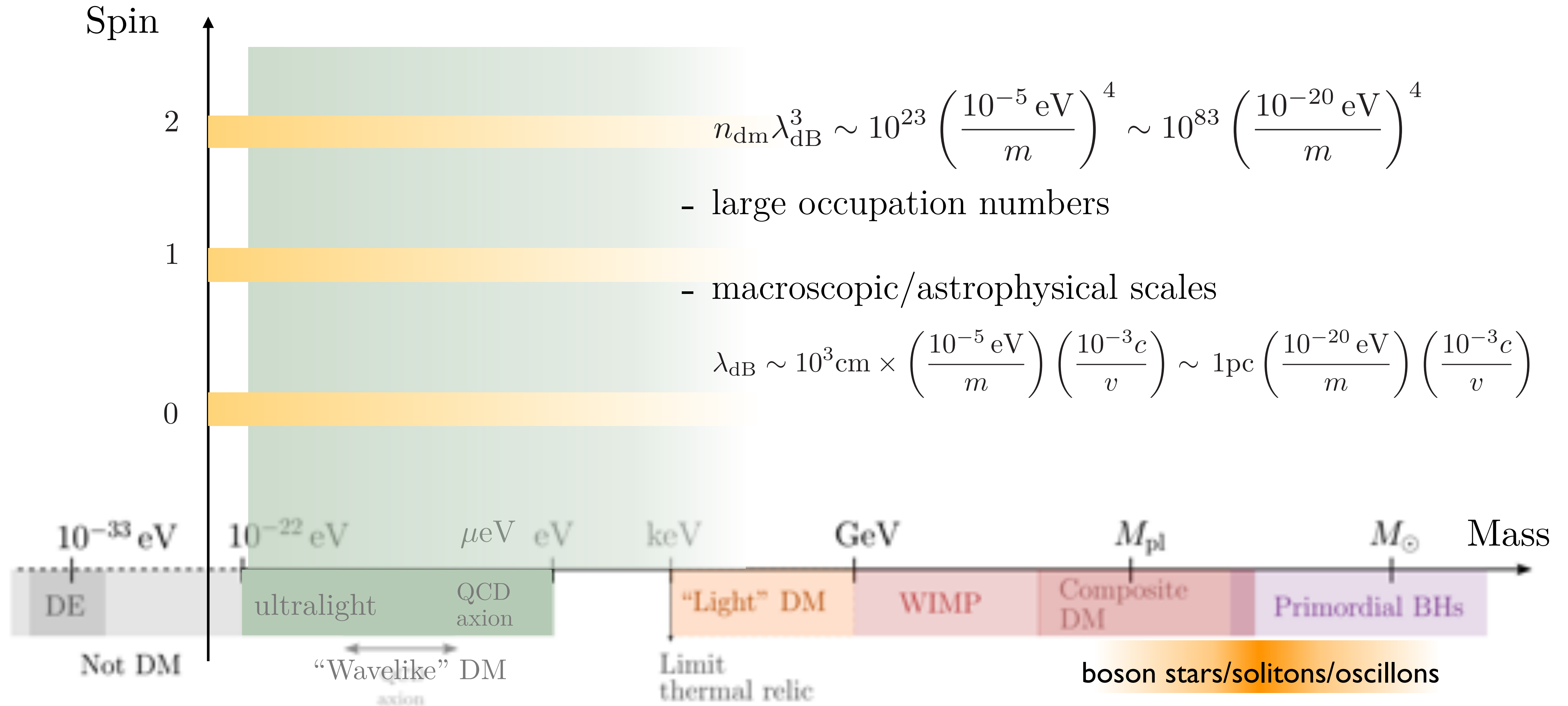
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light, bosonic wave dark matter





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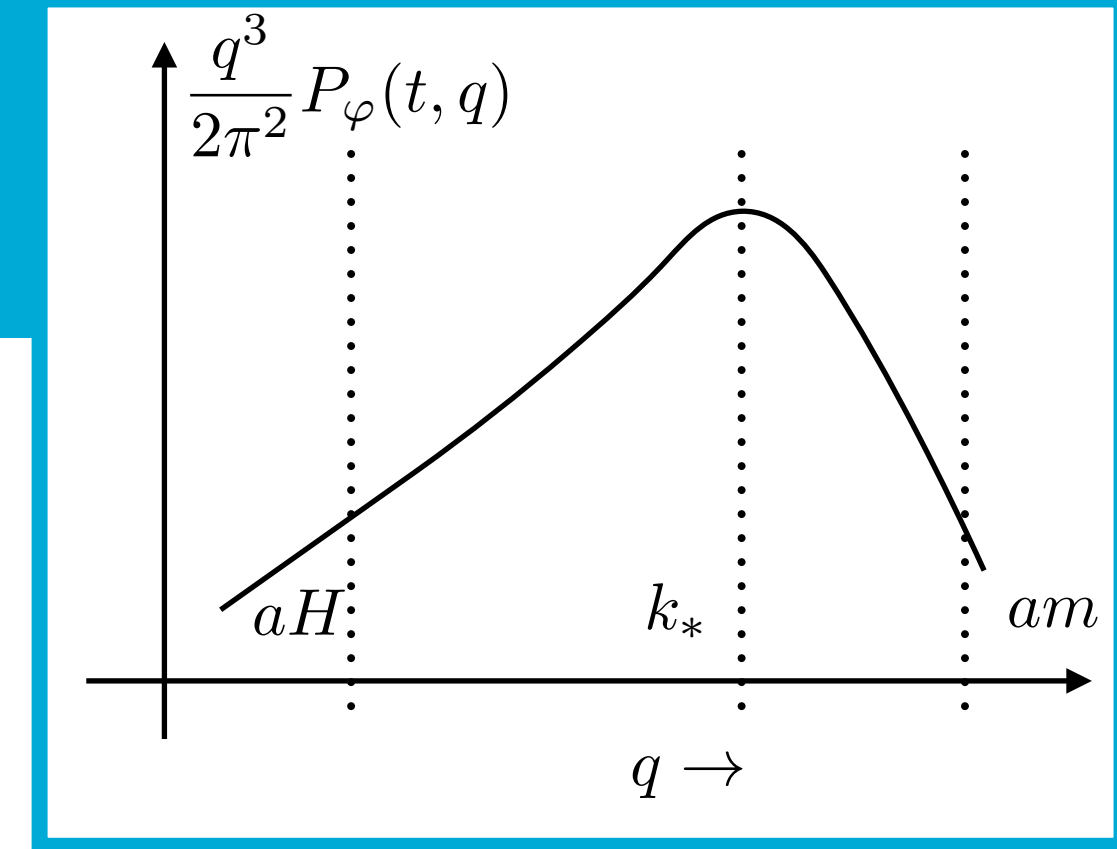
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main point



Dark matter density dominated by **sub-Hubble** field modes

$$\Rightarrow m \gtrsim 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

our argument

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2. **free-streaming** suppression in adiabatic density pert.

1. and 2. not seen for $k < k_{\text{obs}} \sim 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$



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comparison with literature

$$m \gtrsim 2 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

Irsic et. al (2017) — Ly α

$$m \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

Nadler et. al (2021) — MW satellites

$$m \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ eV}$$

Dalal & Kravtsov (2022) — dynamical heating of stars

$$m \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

Powell et. al (2023) — lensing

$$m \gtrsim 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

MA & Mirbabayi (2022)

*Above are model independent constraints, stronger constraints exist for particular models (Irsic, Xiao & McQuinn, 2020)

some details

*to us, results were “intuitively convincing” but quantitative calculation is non-trivial

*analytic calculation of density spectra, see appendix of MA & Mirbabayi (2022)

average density from field

$$\varphi(t, \mathbf{x})$$

light, but non-relativistic scalar field during rad. dom.

$$\bar{\rho}(t) \approx m^2 \int d \ln q \frac{q^3}{2\pi^2} P_\varphi(t, q)$$

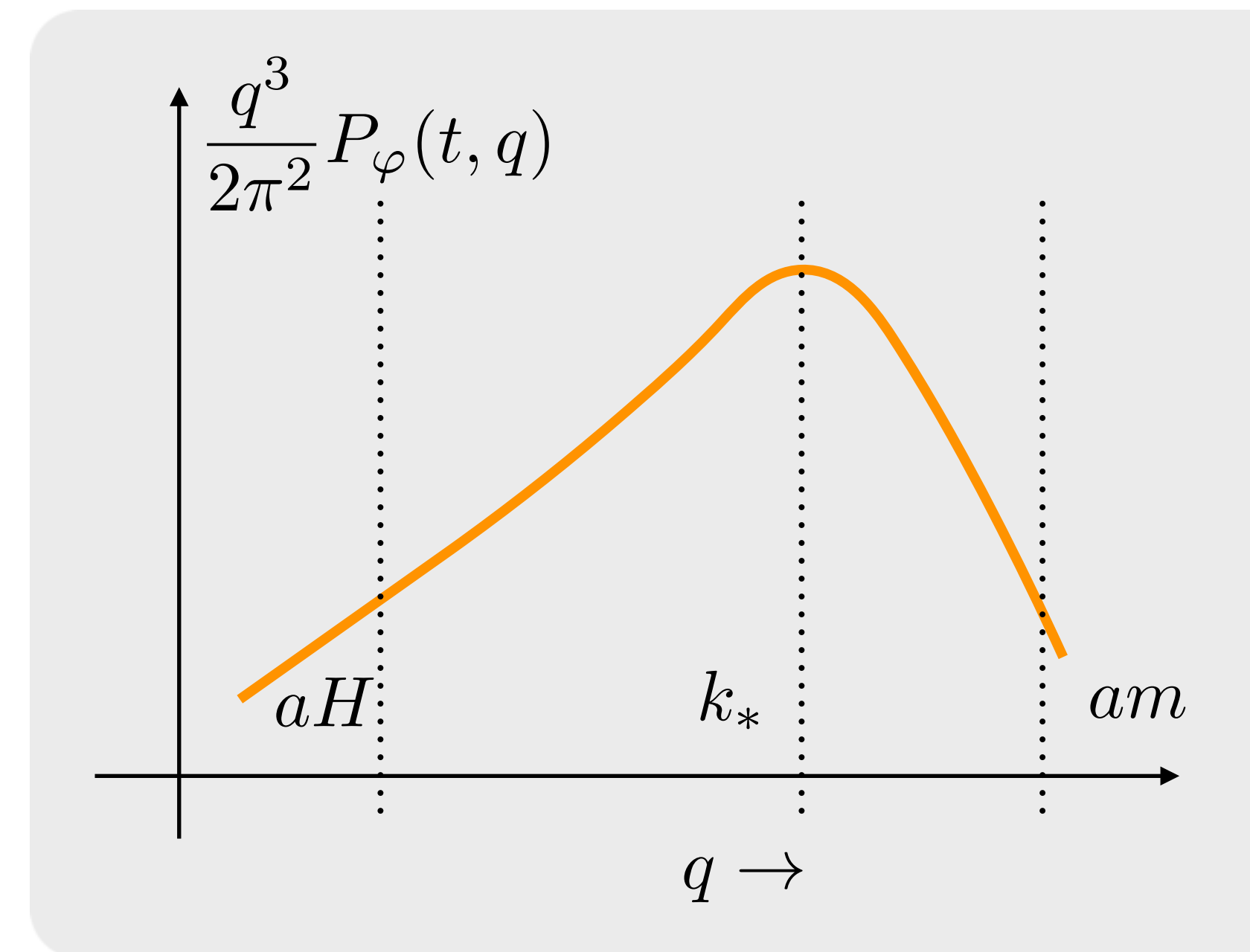
dark matter density close to matter radiation eq.

$$\frac{q^3}{2\pi^2} P_\varphi(t, q)$$

power spectrum of field, peaked at k_*

$a(t)H(t) \ll k_*$ holds for field produced after inflation

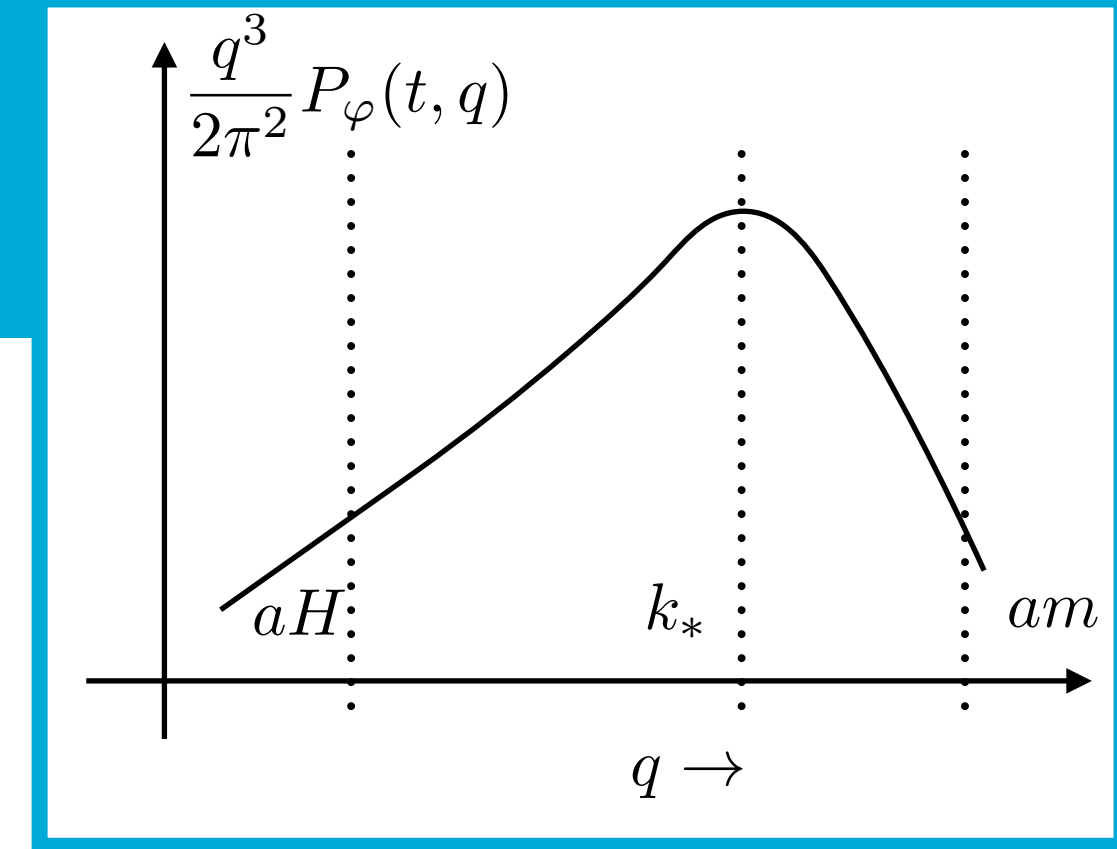
$k_* \ll a(t)m$ eventually non-relativistic to be DM



Note: no significant zero mode of the field

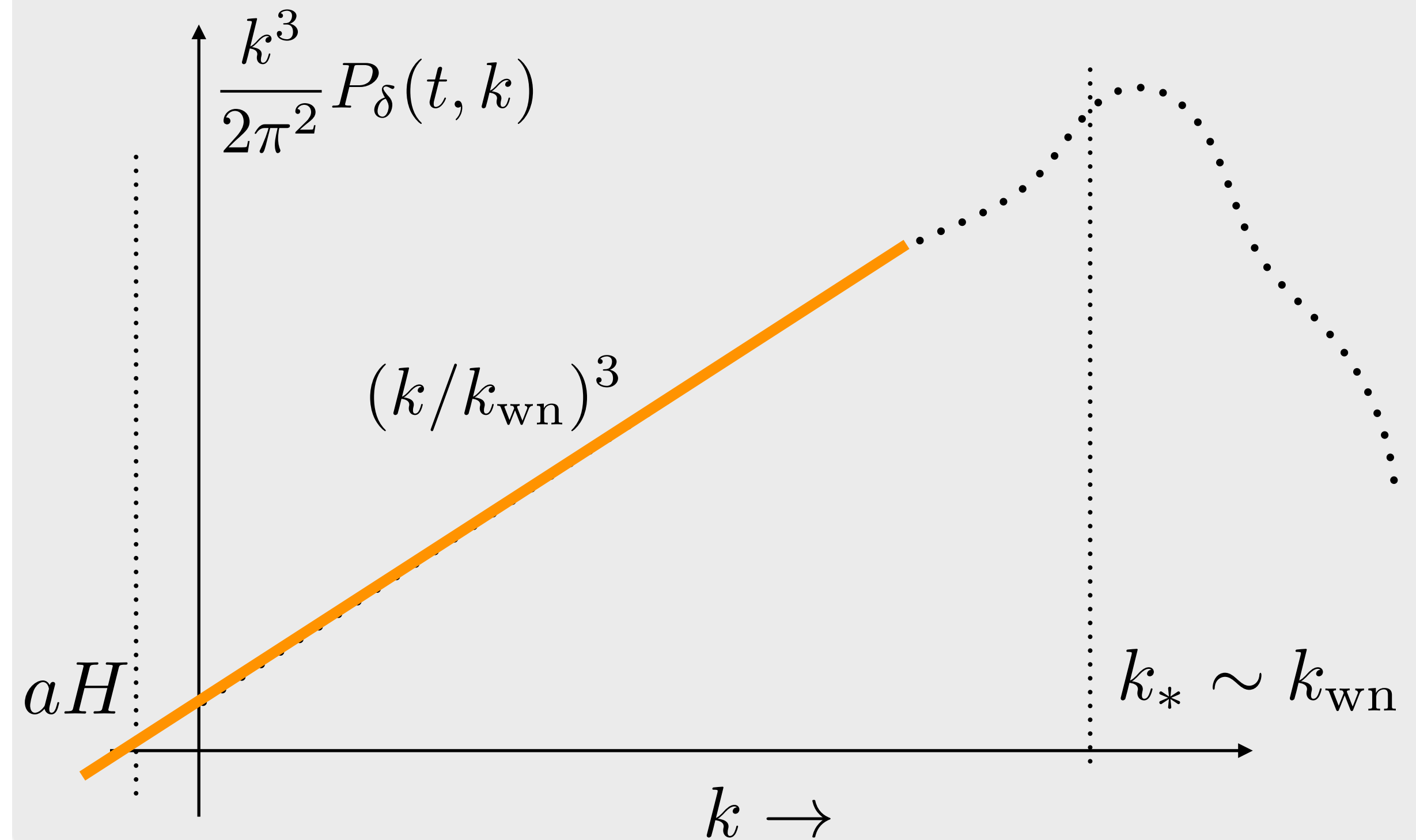
density power spectrum (isocurvature)

$$P_{\delta}^{(\text{iso})}(t, k) \approx \frac{m^4}{\bar{\rho}^2(t)} \int d \ln q \frac{q^3}{2\pi^2} [P_{\varphi}(q, t)]^2 \equiv \frac{2\pi^2}{k_{\text{wn}}^3}$$



independent of k for $k \ll k_*$

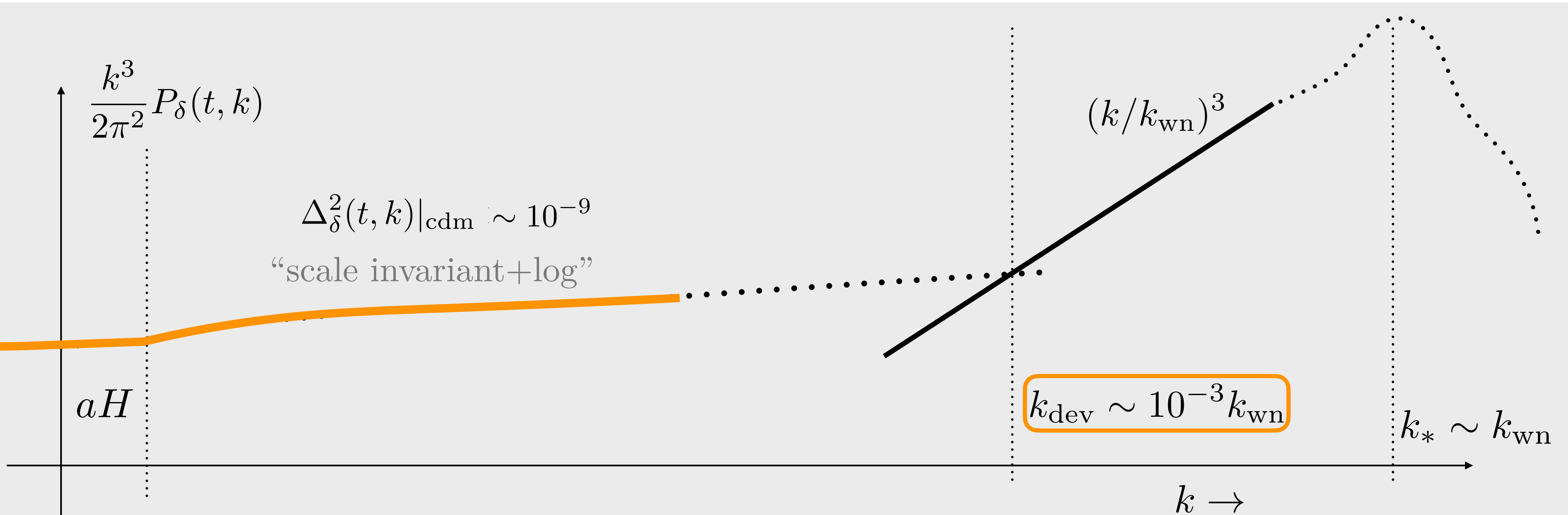
k_{wn} is defined by the above relation



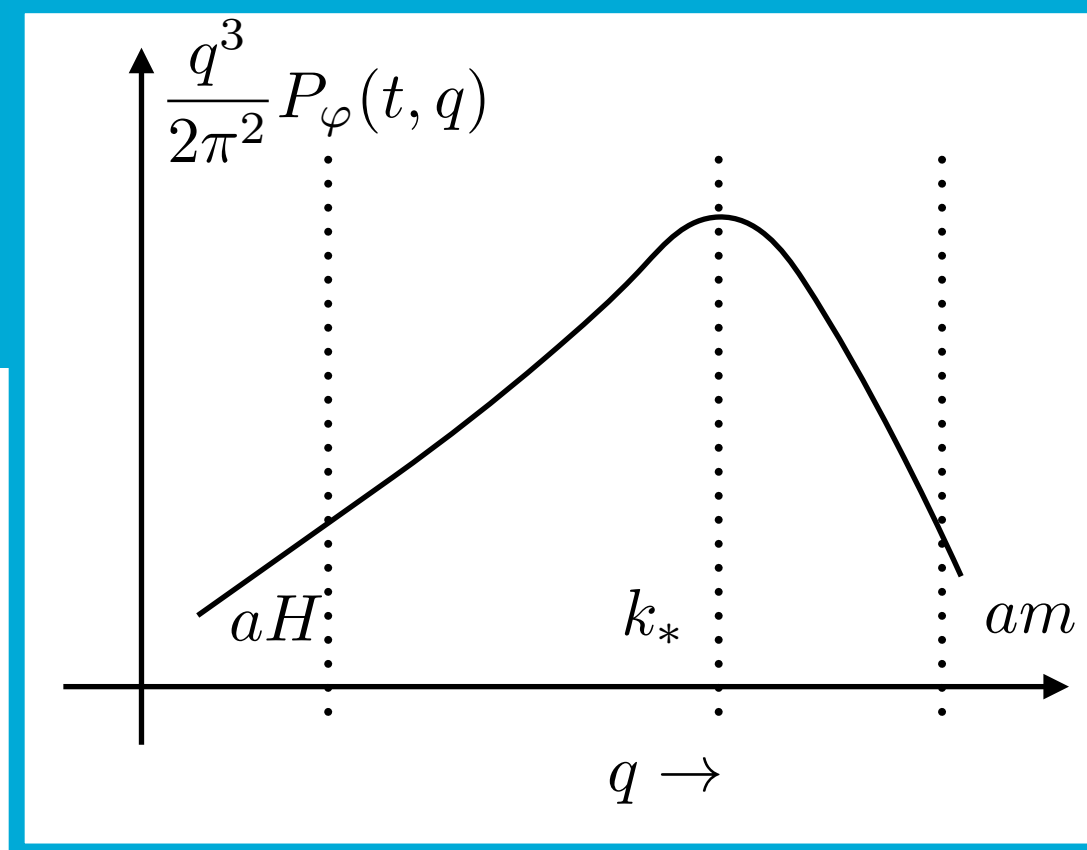
*ignore gravitational potentials on these scales during radiation domination

density power spectrum (adiabatic)

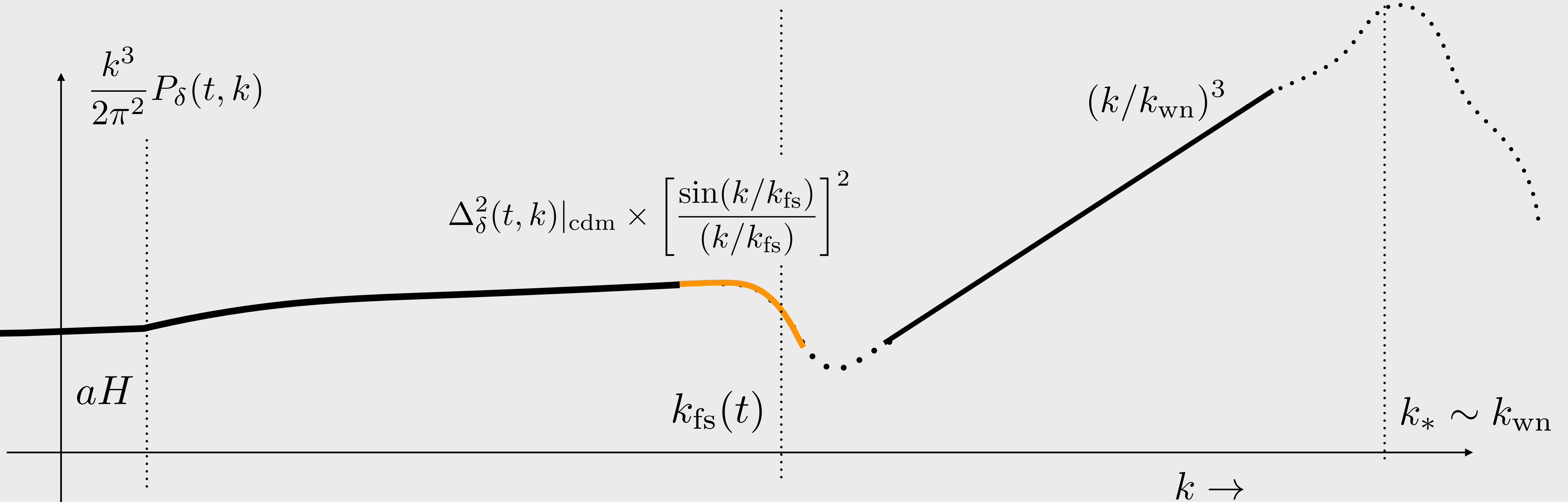
density perturbations in DM sourced by gravitational potentials in rad.



free streaming !



field power at k_* $\implies k_{\text{fs}}(t) \approx \frac{a^2 H m}{k_* \ln(2am/k_*)}$



our argument — quantitative

Dark matter density dominated by **sub-Hubble** field modes



1. **white-noise** isocurvature excess in isocurvature density pert. $k_{\text{dev}} \approx 10^{-3} k_*$
2. **free-streaming** suppression in adiabatic density pert. $k_{\text{fs}}(t) \approx \frac{a^2 H m}{k_* \ln(2am/k_*)}$

1. and 2. not seen for $k < k_{\text{obs}} \sim 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ e.g. $[\text{Ly}\alpha]$

$$k_{\text{dev}}, k_{\text{fs}} \gtrsim k_{\text{obs}}$$



$$m \gtrsim 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

Note that we did not need to know k_* !

strengths

“model independent” -- applies to all gravitationally interacting,
non-relativistic fields (scalar, vector, tensor ...)

“**loophole**” — inflationary production with infrared spectra (not sub-Hubble)
for vectors (and tensors?), even inflationary production leads to sub-Hubble spectra

$$k_{\text{fs}} \ll k_J \sim a\sqrt{mH} \implies \text{stronger bound}$$

$$m_{\text{bound}} \propto k_{\text{obs}}^2 \implies \text{look at MW satellites}$$

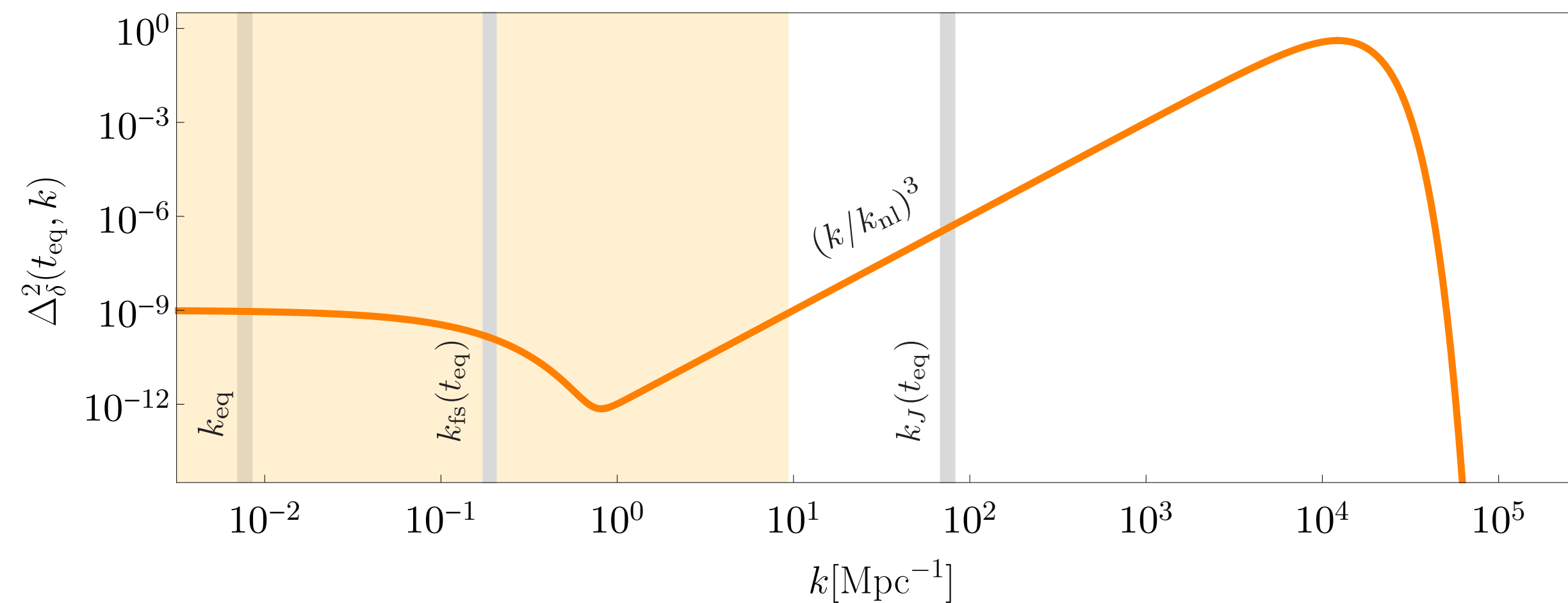
with Nadler and Wechsler

summary

Dark matter density dominated by sub-Hubble field modes

$$\Rightarrow m \gtrsim 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

bound good, detection better



extra small-scale structure

formation of mini-clusters/halos/solitons

some exciting phenomenology related to spin!

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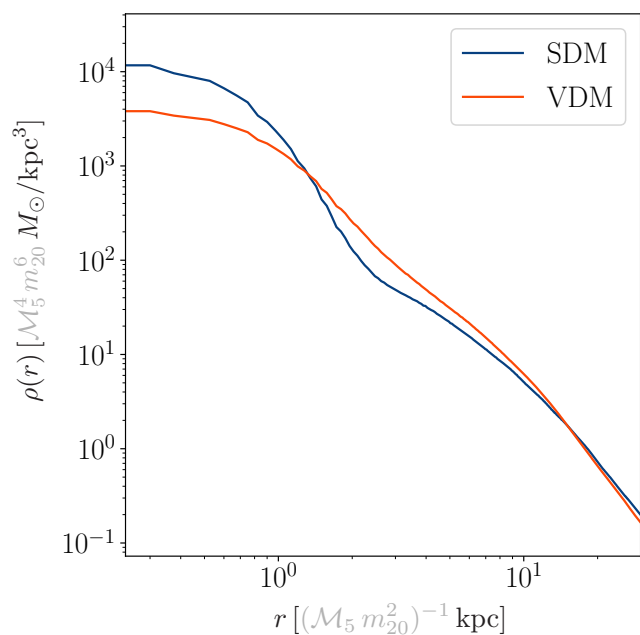
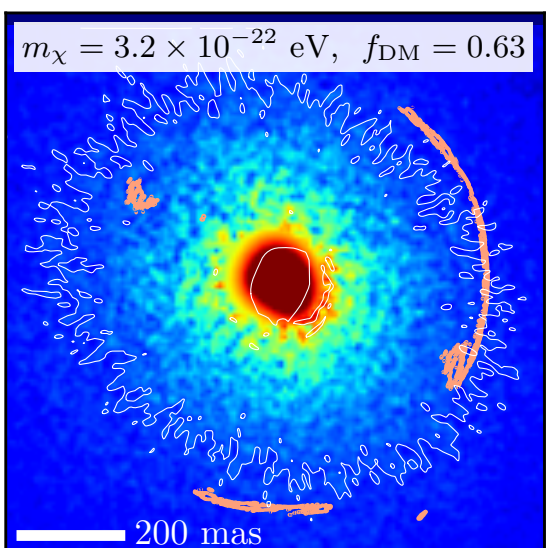
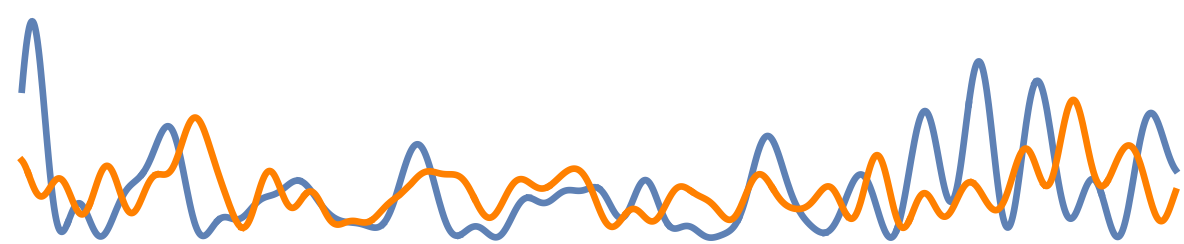


If I forget to mention it, for non-relativistic limit of vector DM, see Adshead and Lozanov (2021). For a nice new production mechanism, see Adshead, Lozanov and Weiner (2023)

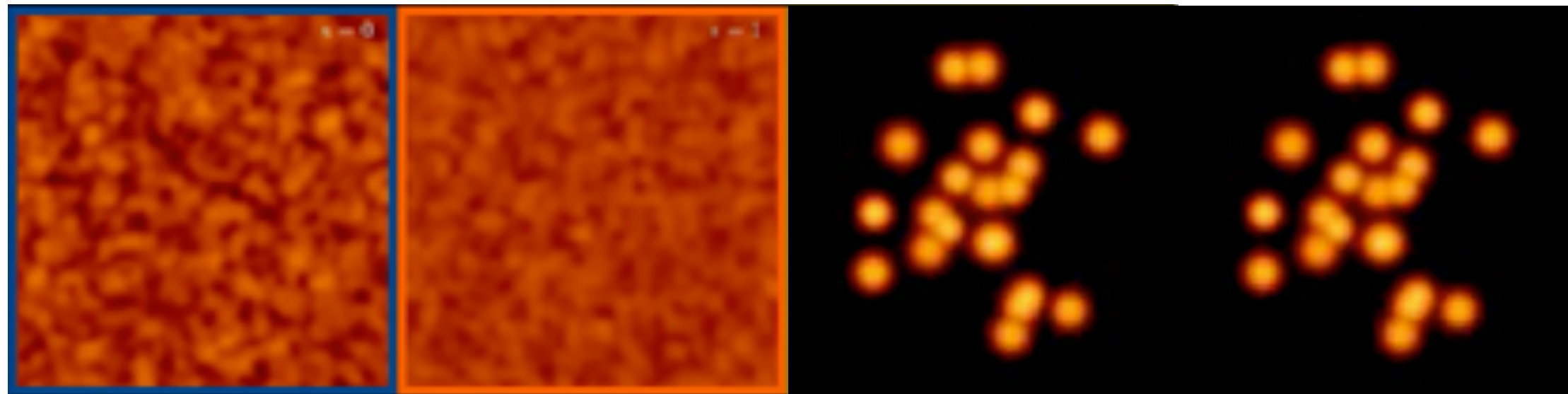
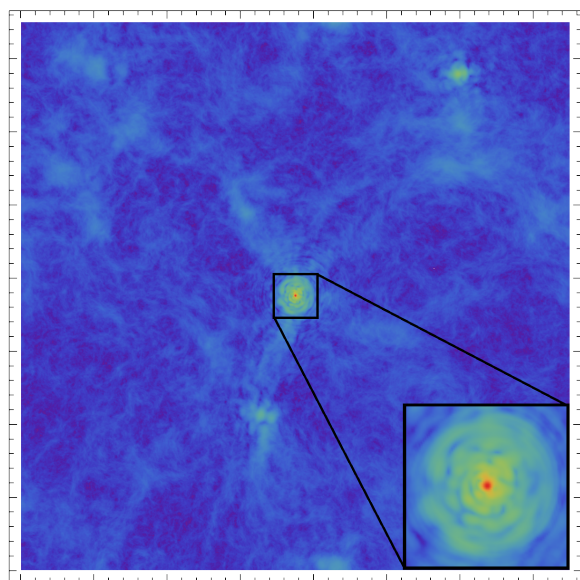
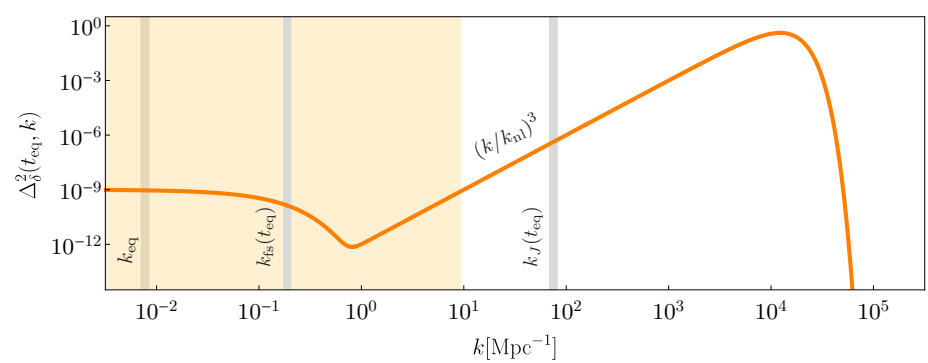
spin and dark matter sub-structure

Phenomenology

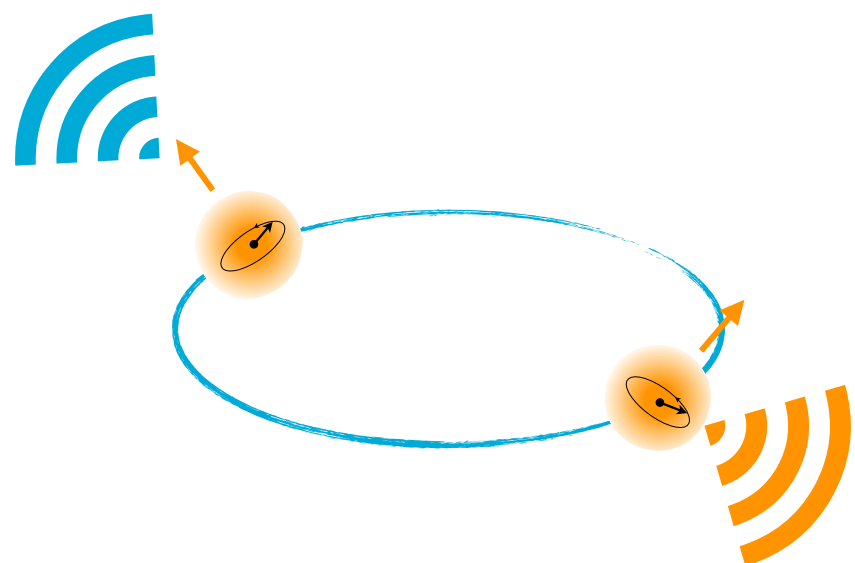
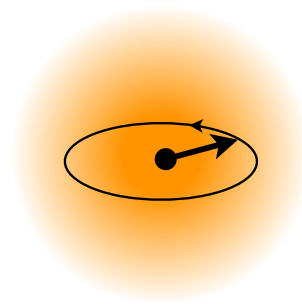
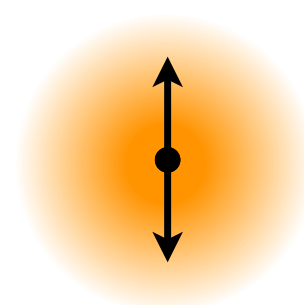
- reduced interference



- growth of structure, nucleation time-scales



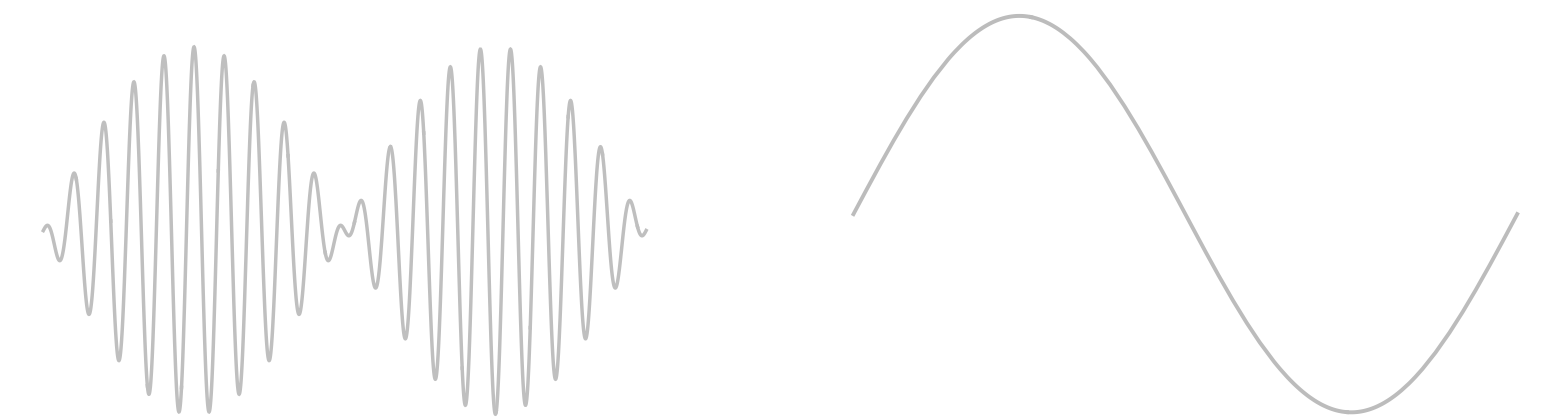
- polarized solitons, with macroscopic spin



non-relativistic limit = multicomponent Schrödinger-Poisson

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} g^{\mu\nu} W_\mu W_\nu + \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} R + \dots \right] + \text{non-grav, interactions}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu W_\nu - \partial_\nu W_\mu$$



non-relativistic limit

$$\mathbf{W}(t, \mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2mc}} \Re \left[\boldsymbol{\Psi}(t, \mathbf{x}) e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{nr} = \int dt d^3x \left[\frac{i\hbar}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \dot{\boldsymbol{\Psi}} + \text{c.c.} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi} + \frac{1}{8\pi G} \Phi \nabla^2 \Phi - m \Phi \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Psi} \right]$$

Spin - 0 eg. Schive et. al (2014)

Spin - 1 Adshead & Lozanov (2021)

Spin - 2s+1 Jain & MA (2021)

non-relativistic limit = multicomponent Schrödinger-Poisson

$$[\Psi]_i = \psi_i \text{ with } i = 1, 2, 3 \quad \text{vector case}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + m \Phi \Psi ,$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G m \Psi^\dagger \Psi$$

$$[\Psi]_i = \psi_i \text{ with } i = 1 \quad \text{scalar case}$$

at this level this is just $2s+1$ equal mass scalar fields
but not when non-gravitational interactions are included!

conserved quantities

$$[\boldsymbol{\Psi}]_i = \psi_i \text{ with } i = 1, 2, 3$$

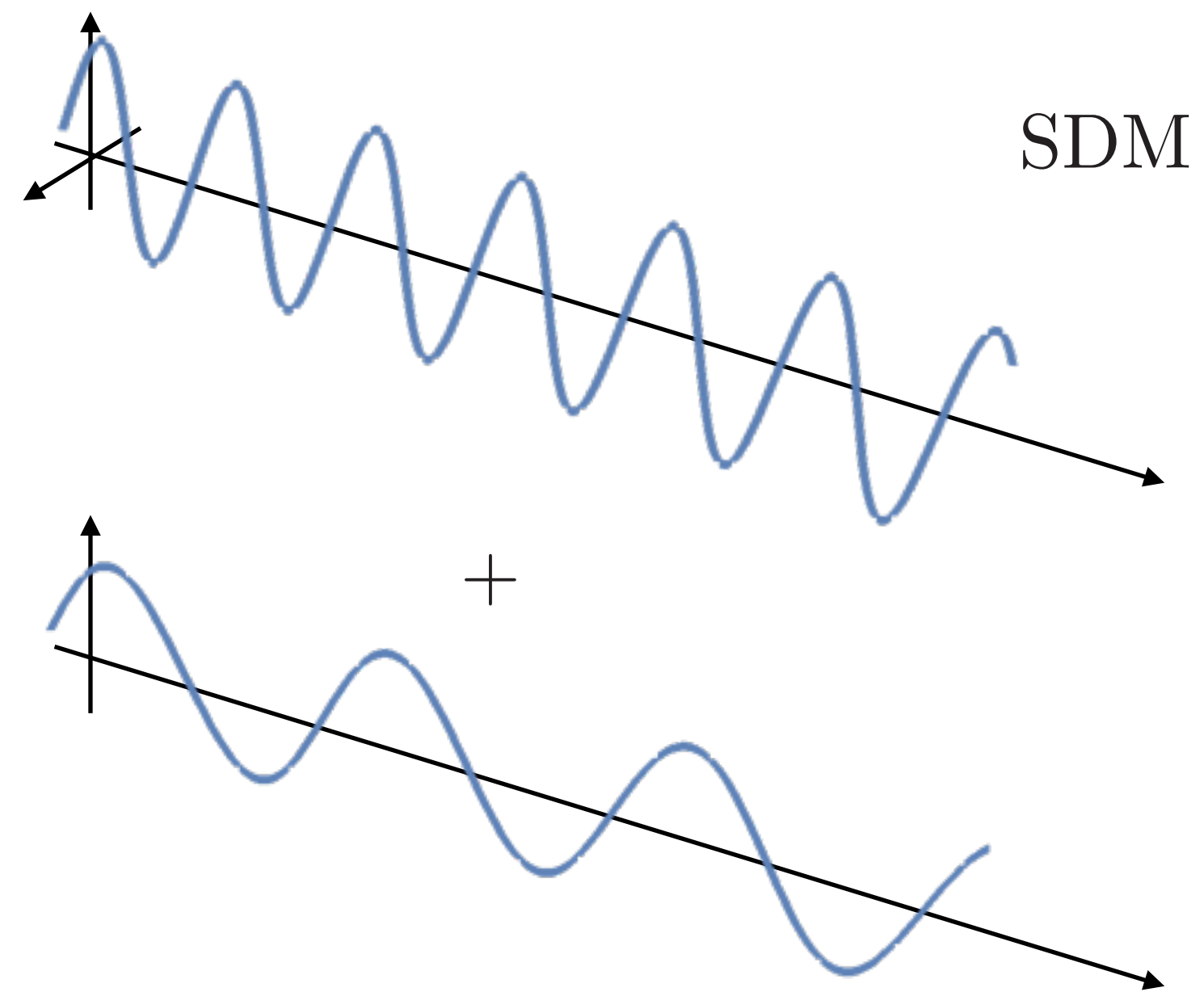
$$N = \int d^3x \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Psi}, \quad \text{and} \quad M = mN, \quad (\text{particle number and rest mass})$$

$$E = \int d^3x \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi} - \frac{Gm^2}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Psi} \int \frac{d^3y}{4\pi|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}|} \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{y}) \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{y}) \right], \quad (\text{energy})$$

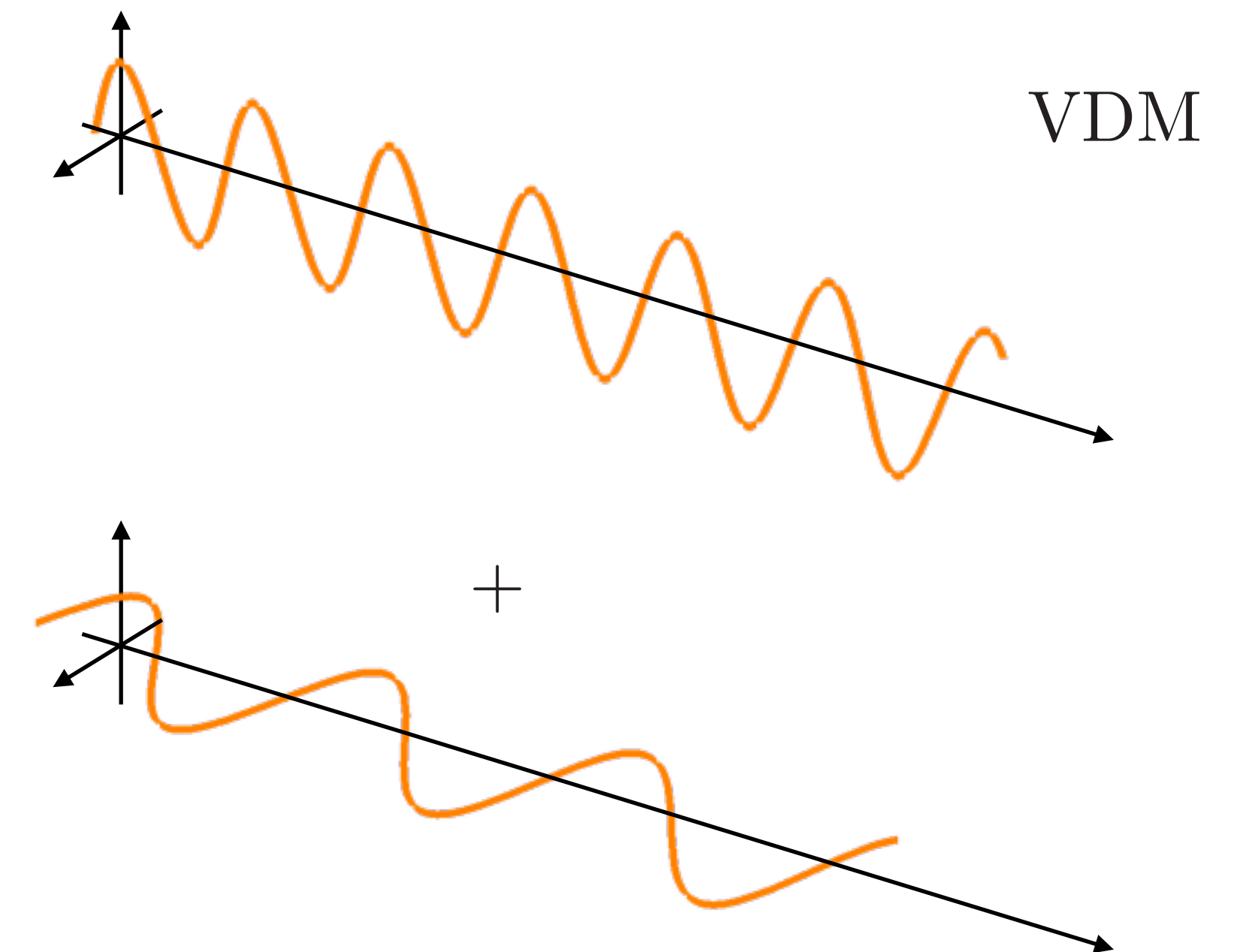
$$\boldsymbol{S} = \hbar \int d^3x i \boldsymbol{\Psi} \times \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger, \quad (\text{spin angular momentum})$$

$$\boldsymbol{L} = \hbar \int d^3x \Re (i \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\dagger \nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi} \times \boldsymbol{x}). \quad (\text{orbital angular momentum})$$

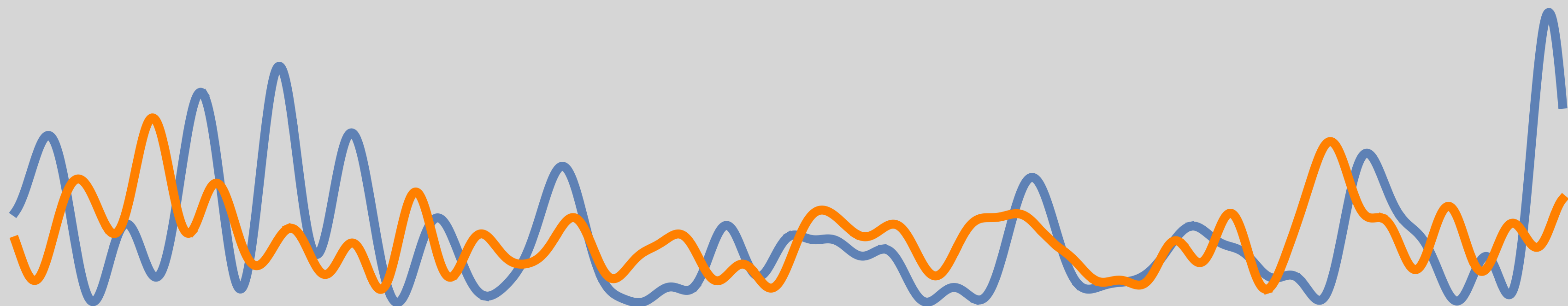
wave interference



$$|\Psi_a(\mathbf{x}) + \Psi_b(\mathbf{x})|^2 \neq |\Psi_a(\mathbf{x})|^2 + |\Psi_b(\mathbf{x})|^2$$

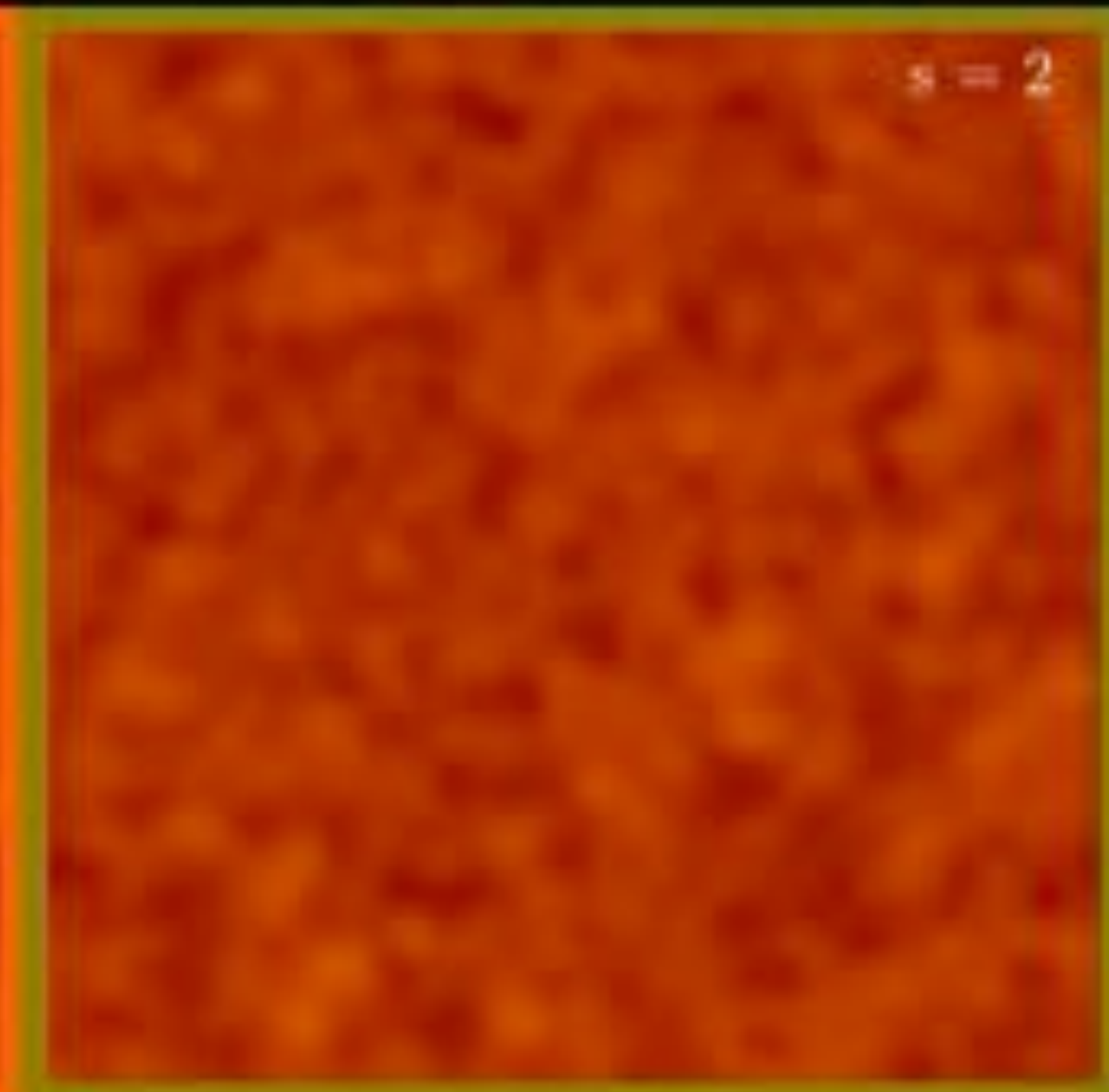
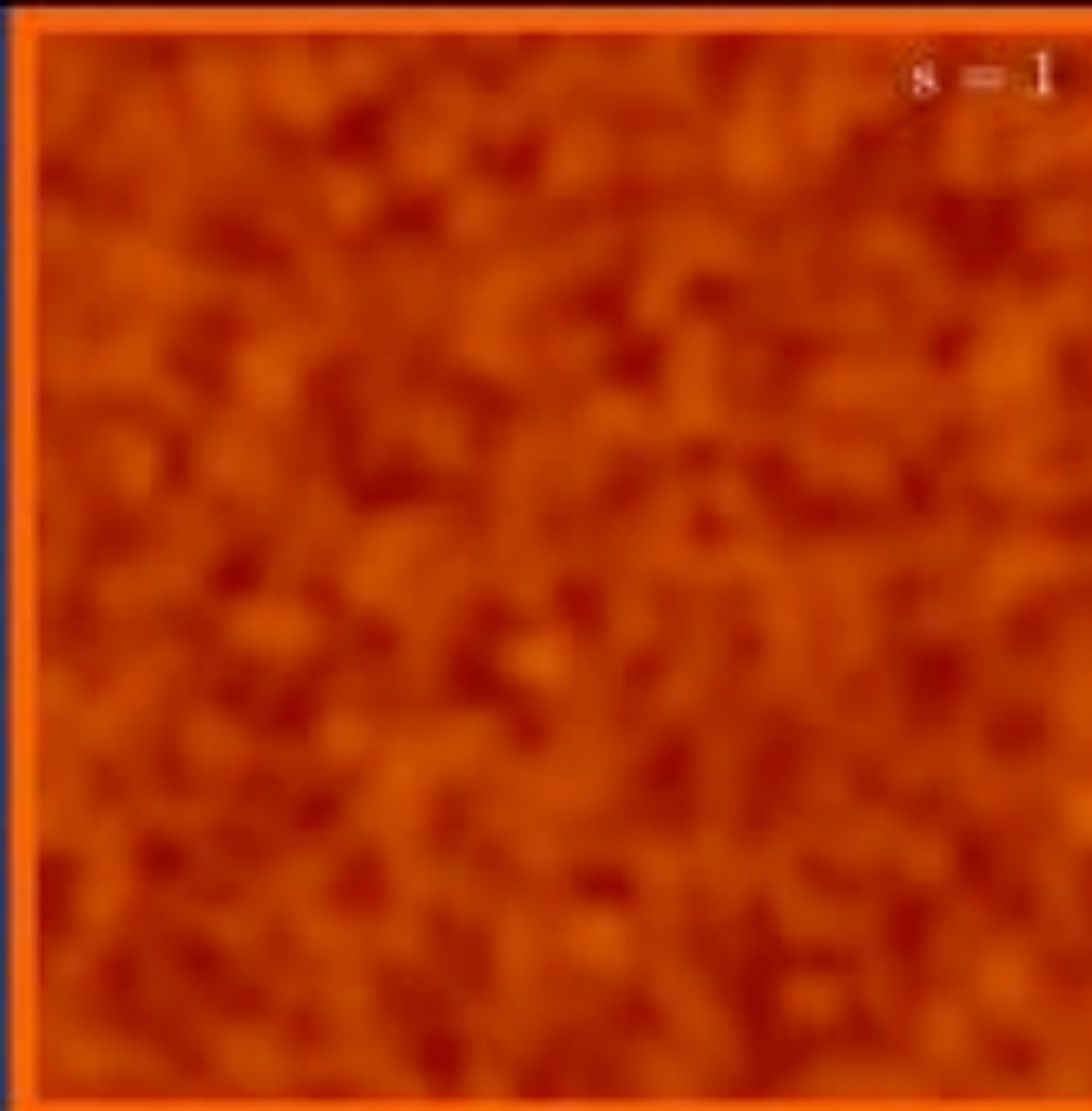
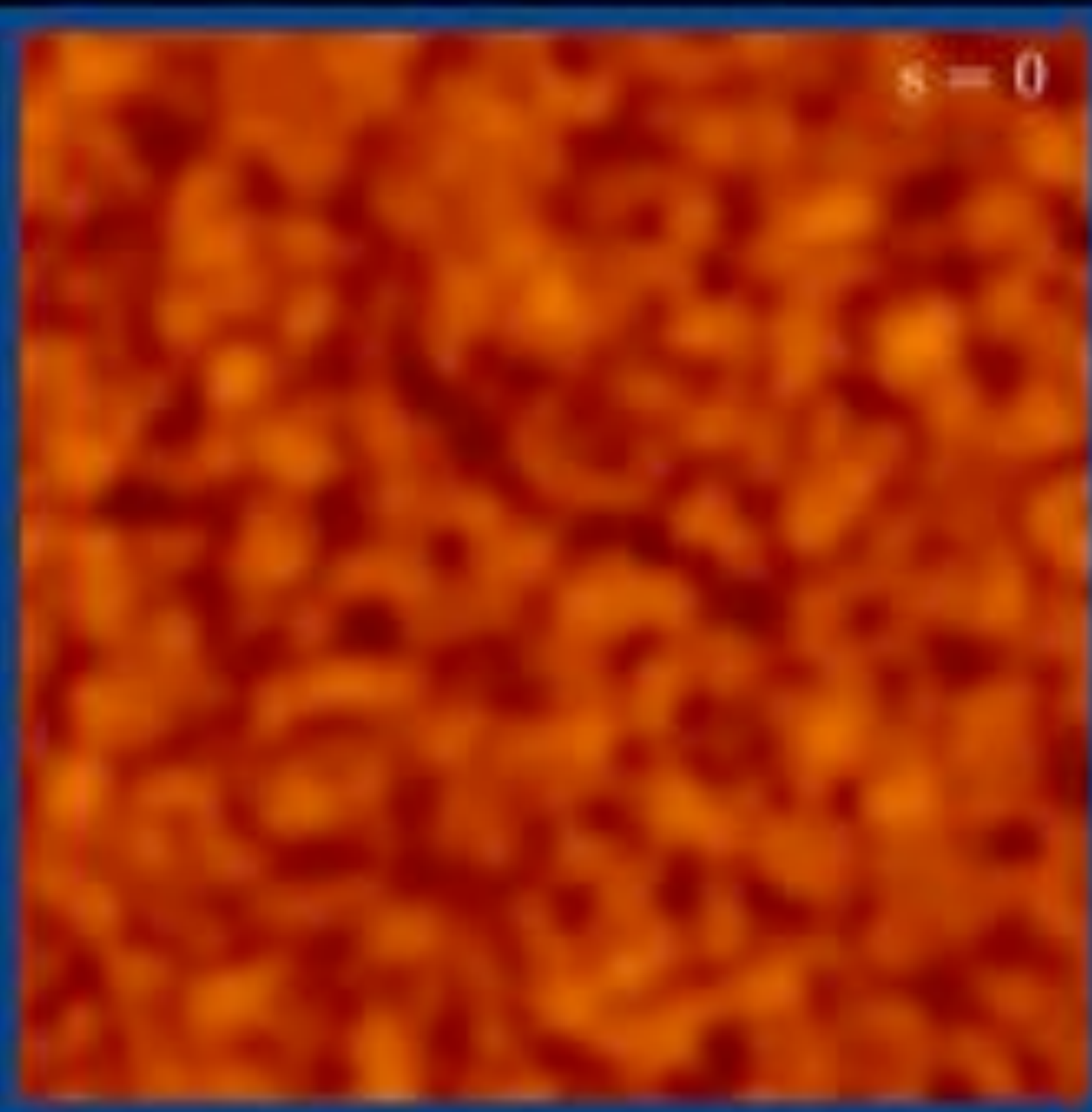


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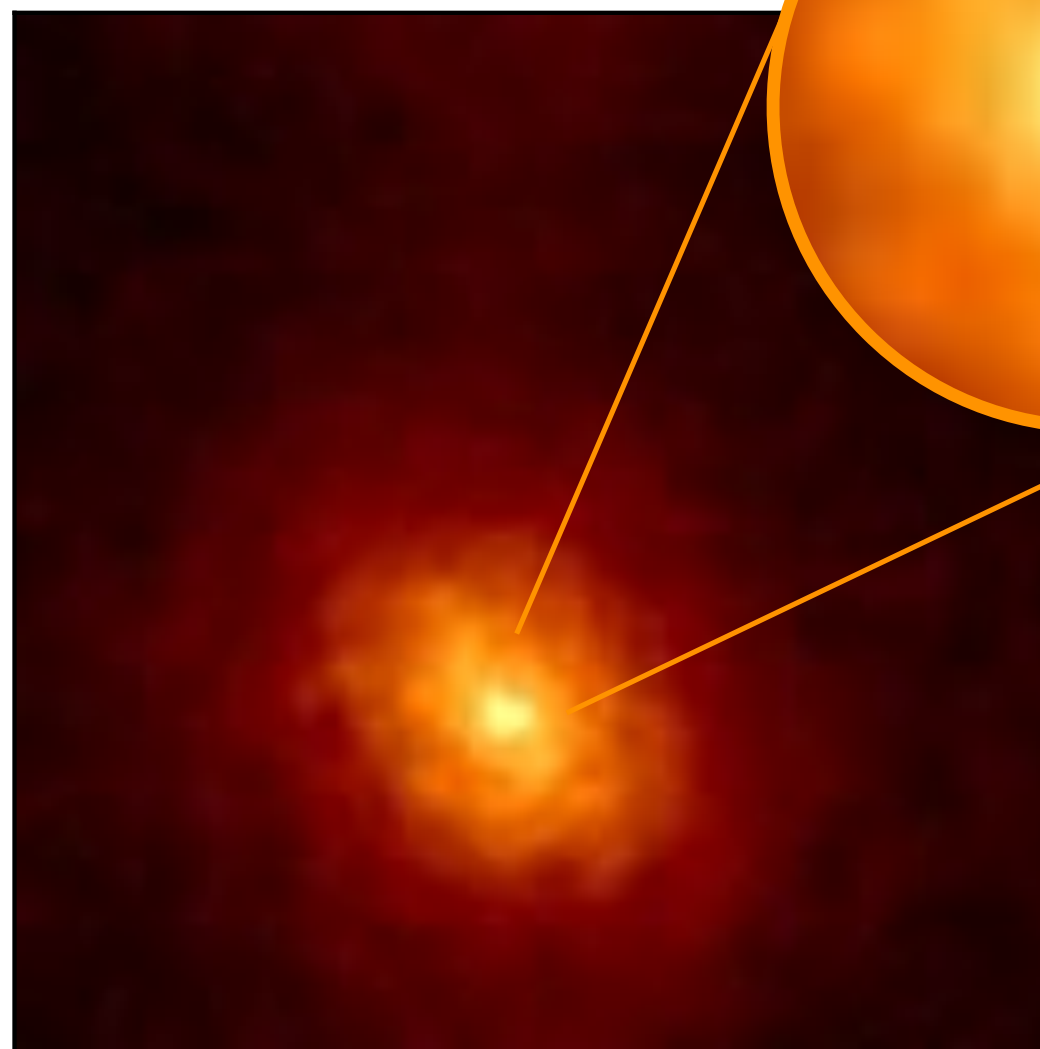
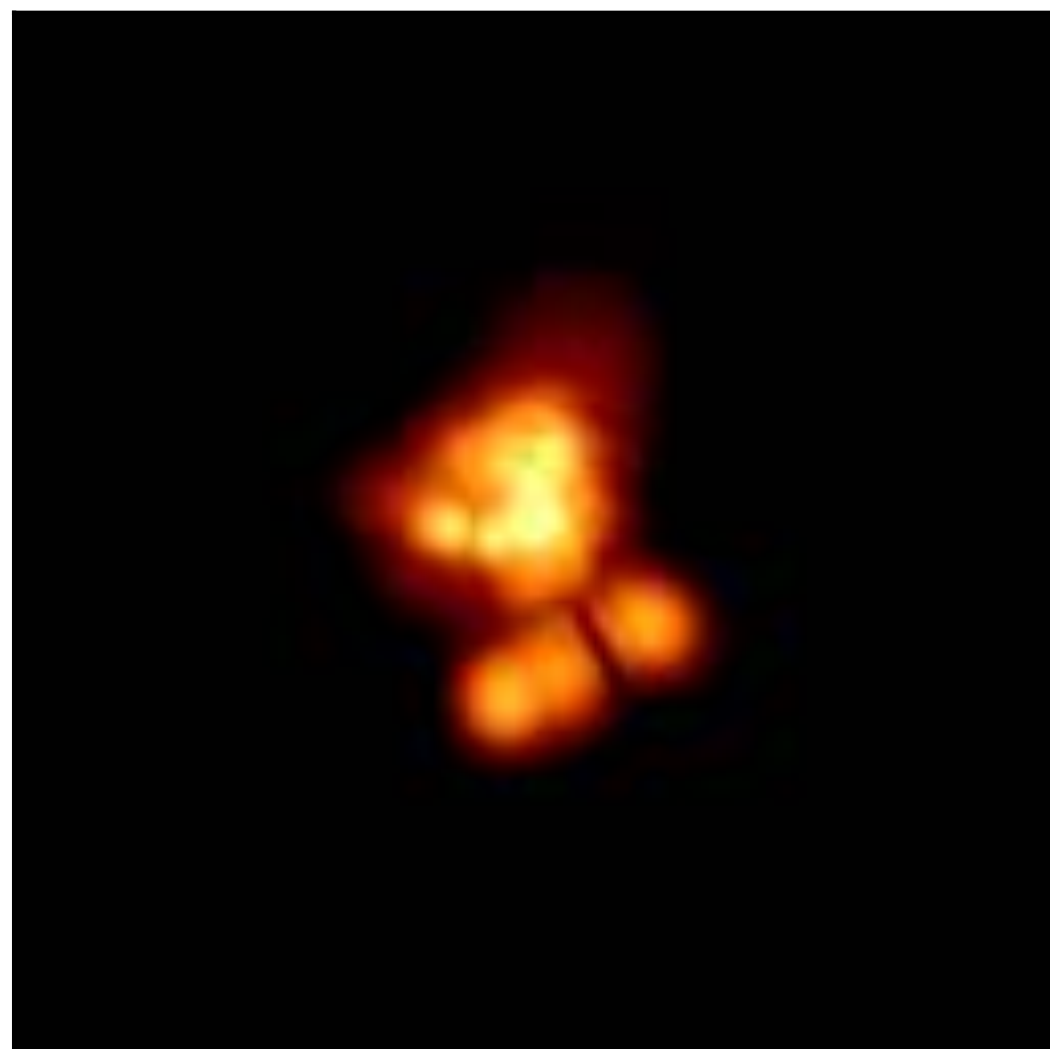


reduced interference

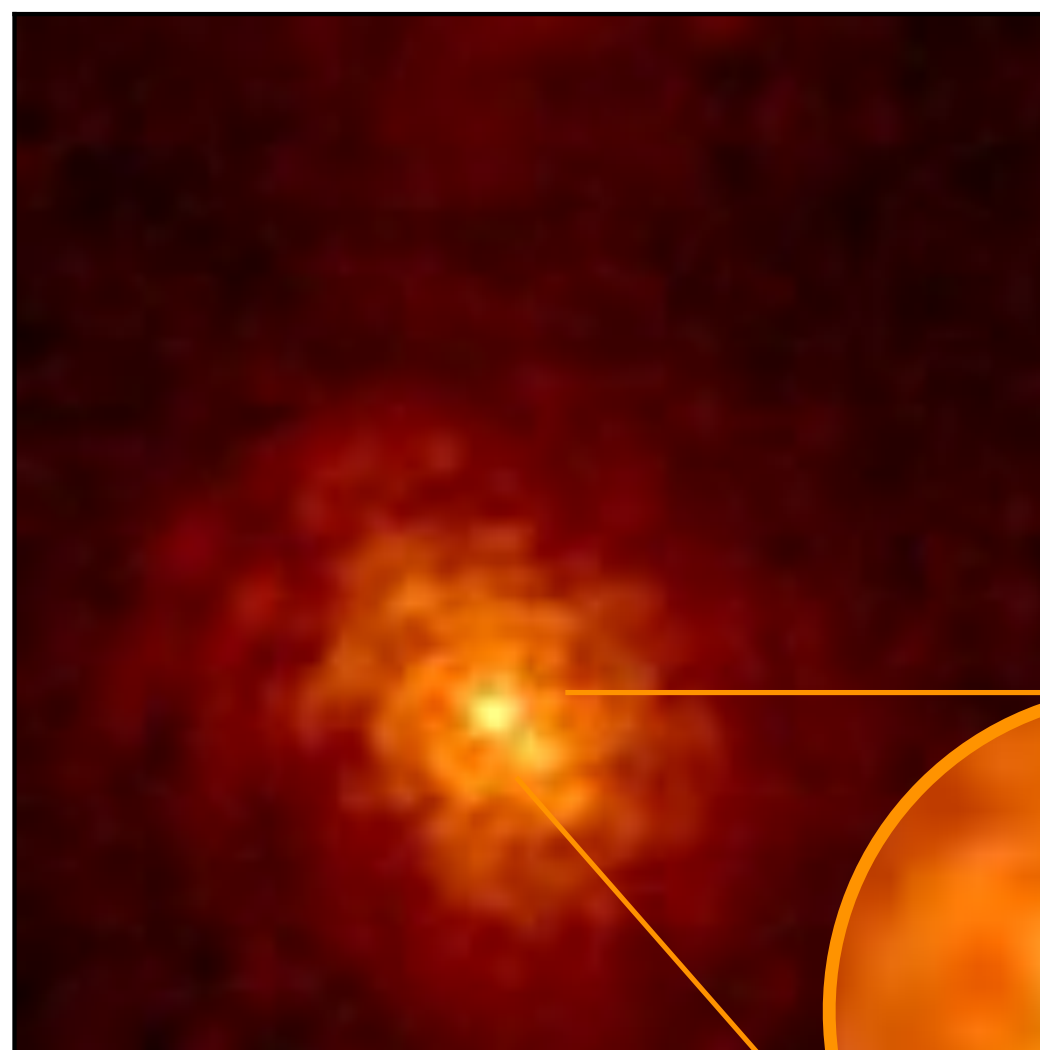
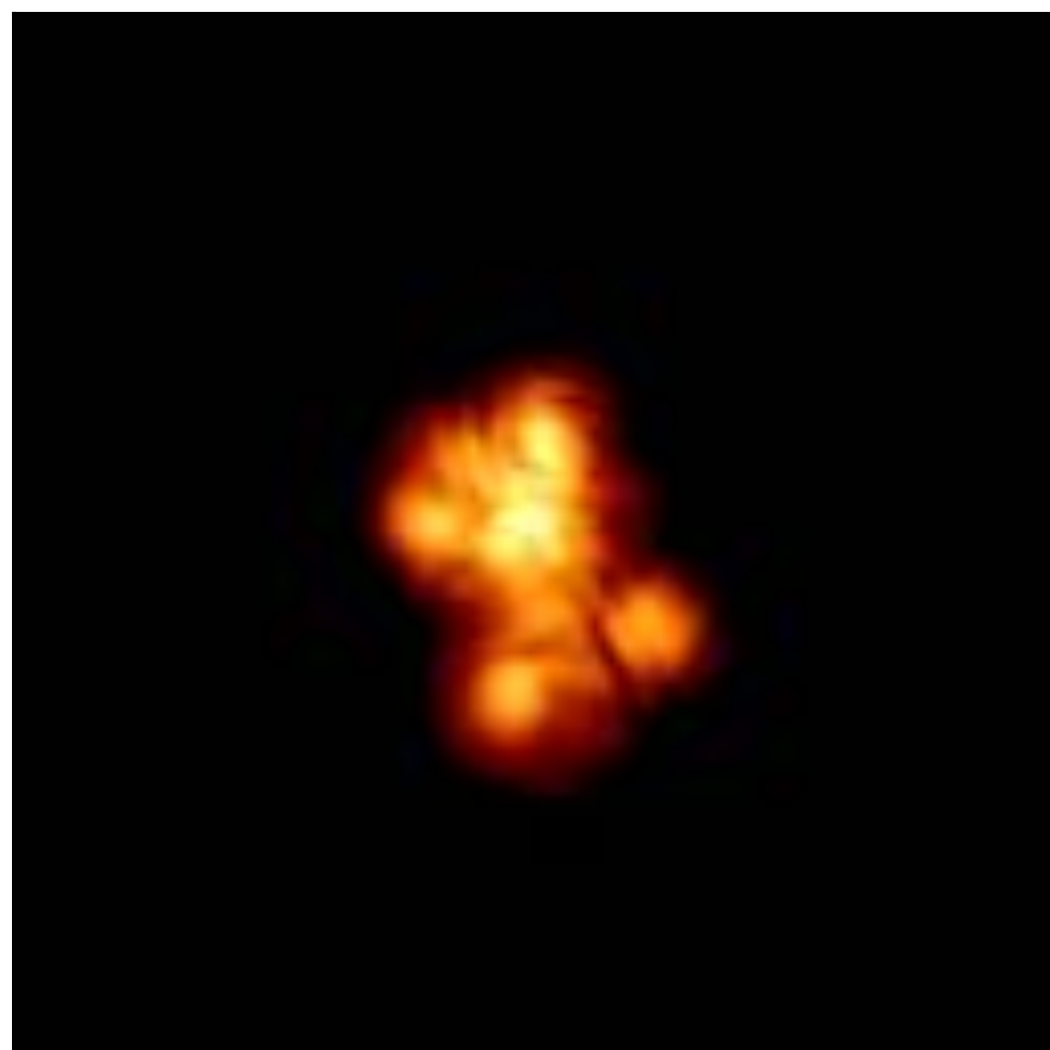
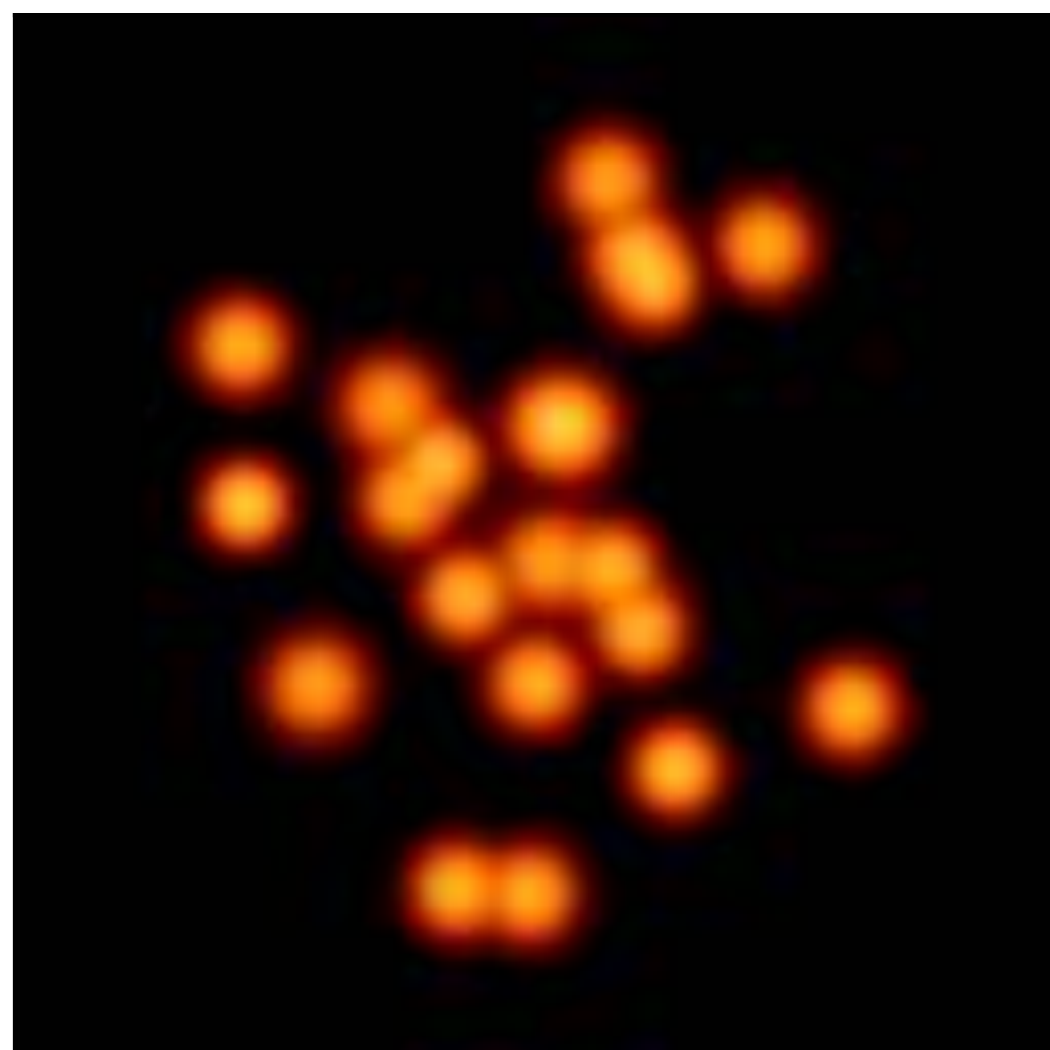
$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2s+1}}$$



VDM



SDM



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0.34

1.36

$t/t_{\text{dyn}} \longrightarrow$

Difference between

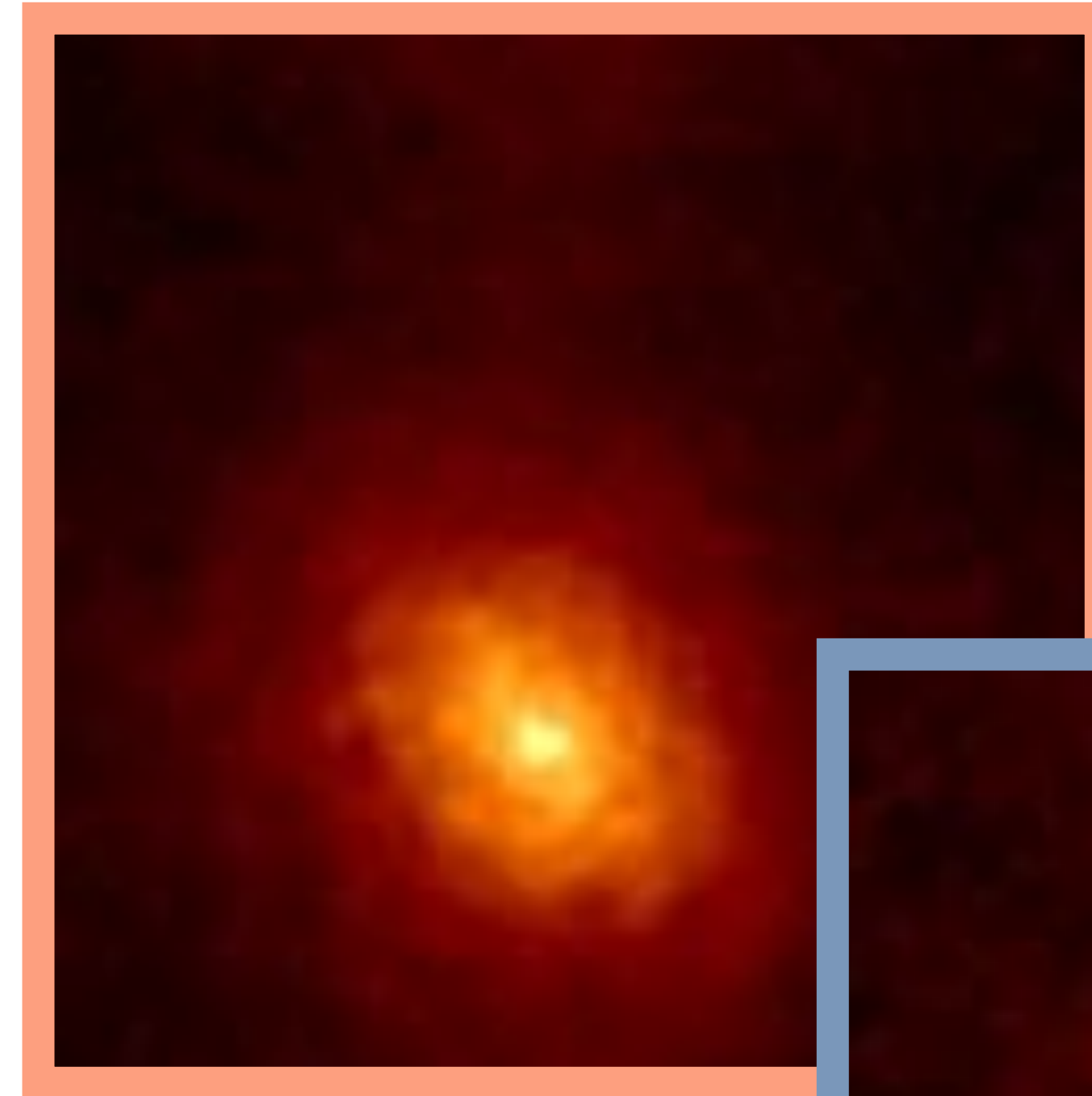
Vector & Scalar Dark Matter

gravitational implications (examples)

- dynamical heating of stars

$$m \gtrsim \frac{1}{(2s+1)^{1/3}} [3 \times 10^{-19} \text{eV}]$$

Dalal & Kratsov (2022)



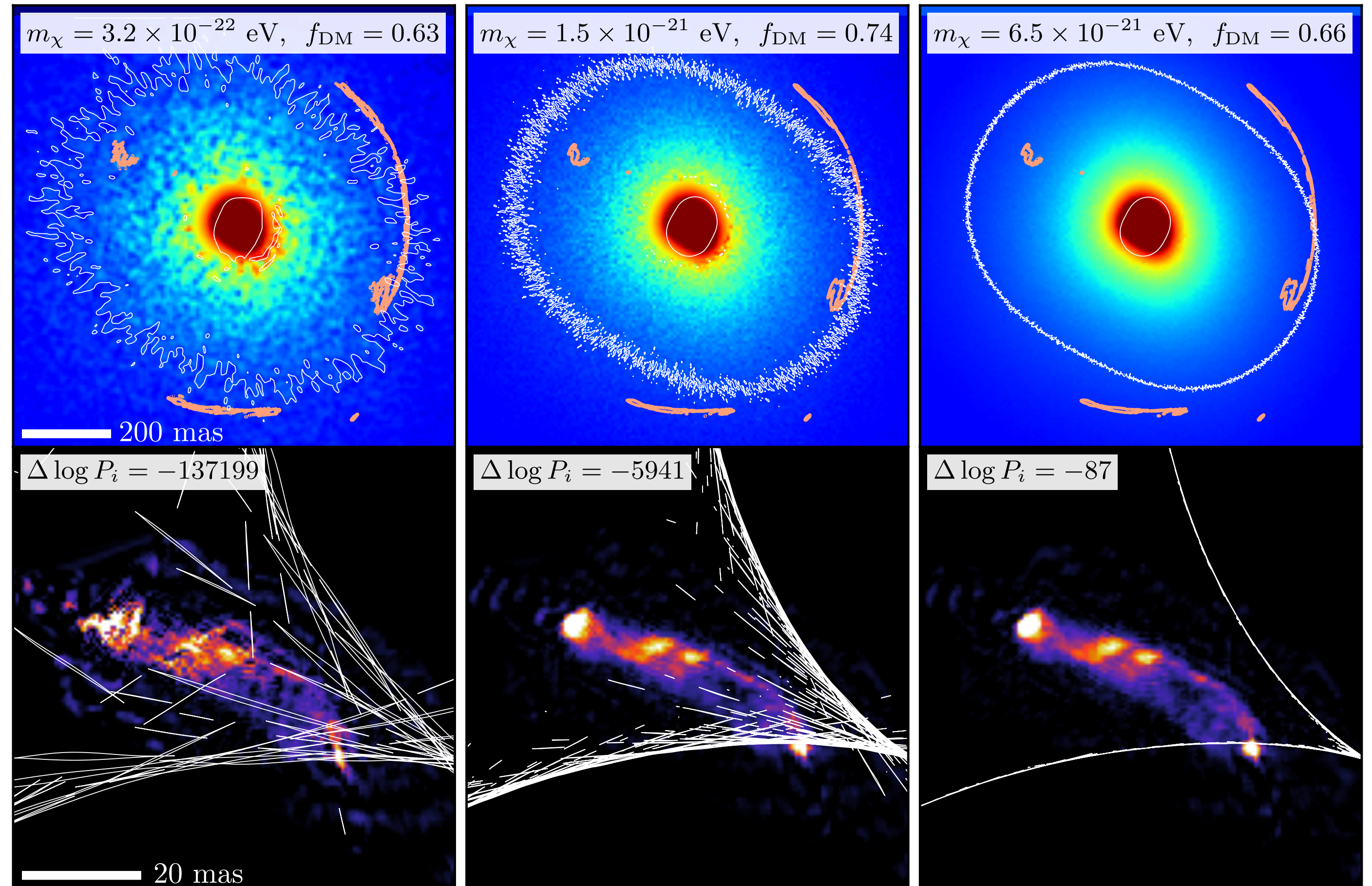
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gravitational implications (examples)

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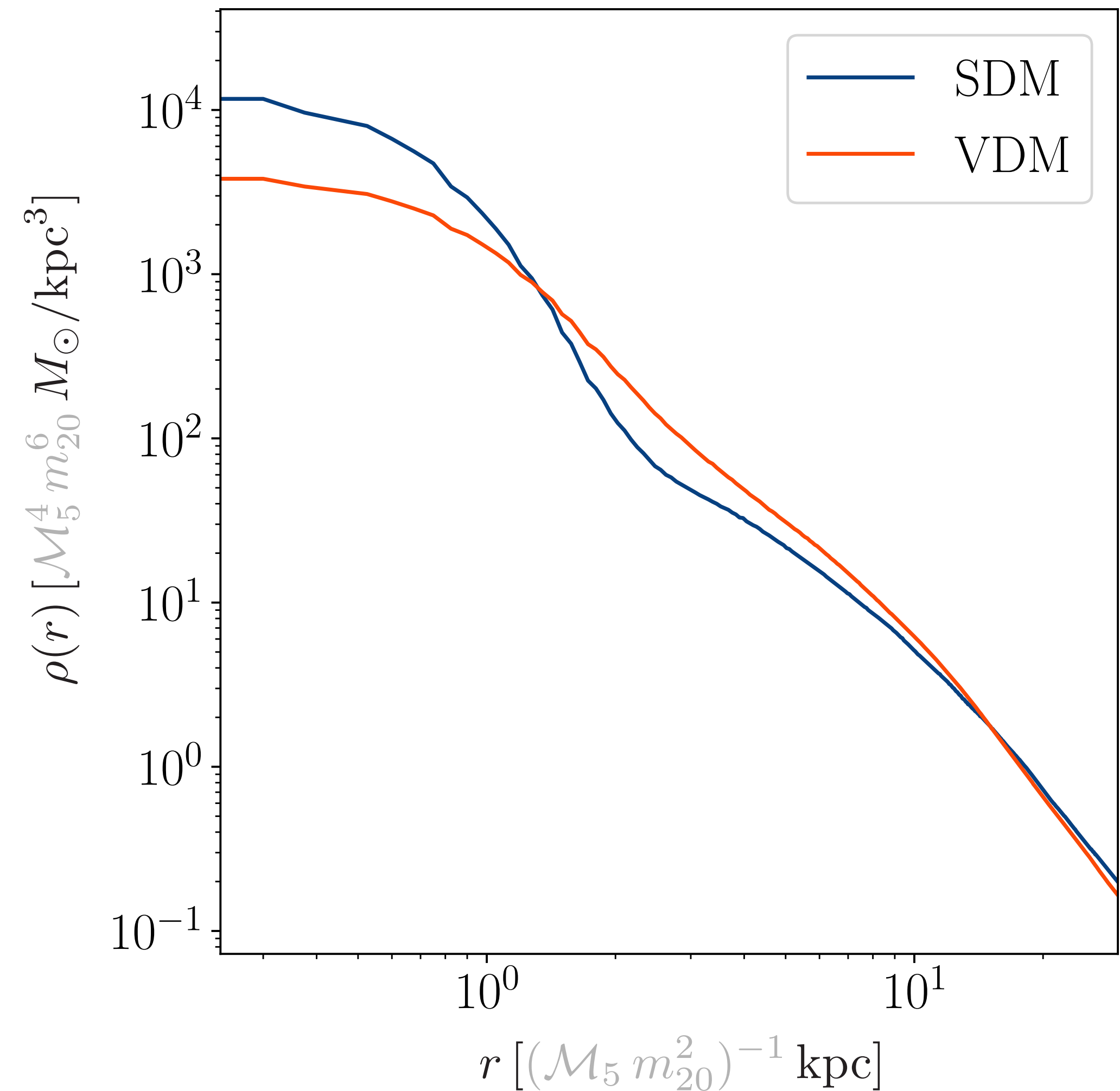
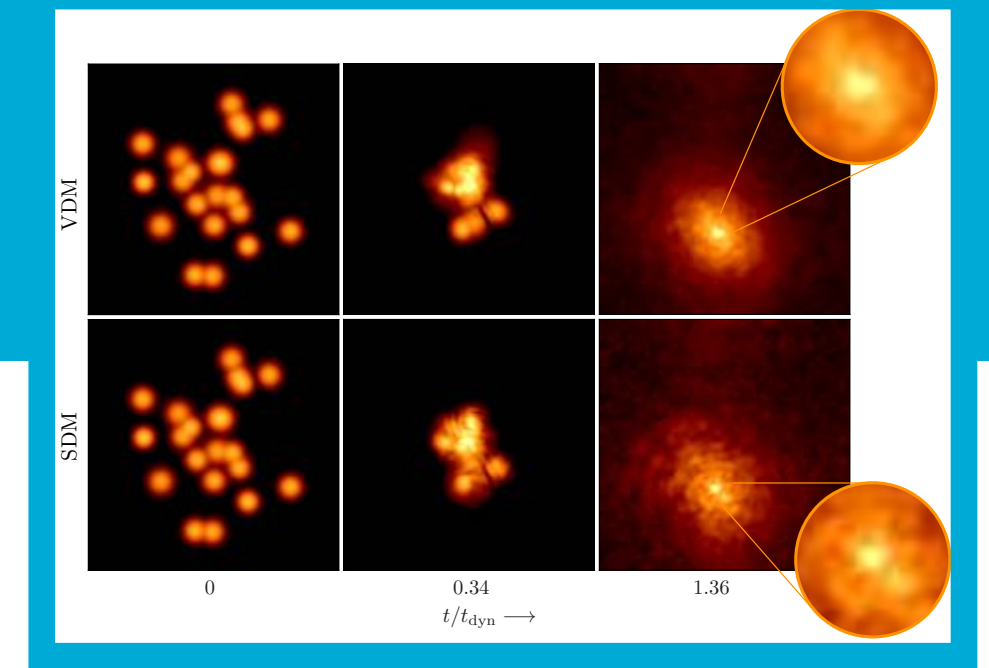
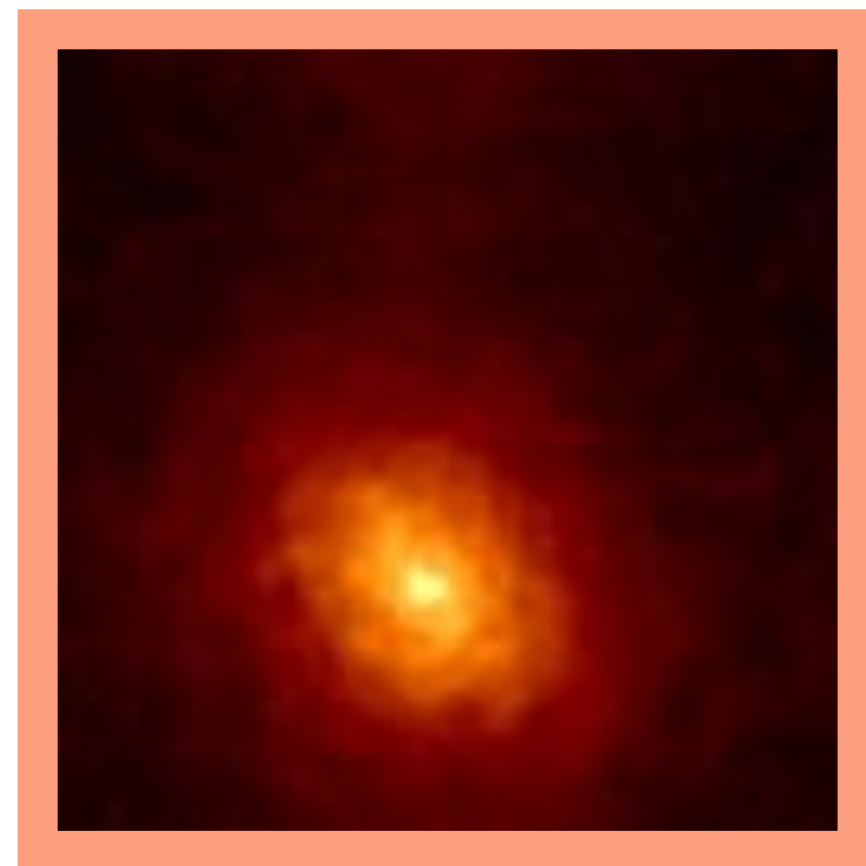
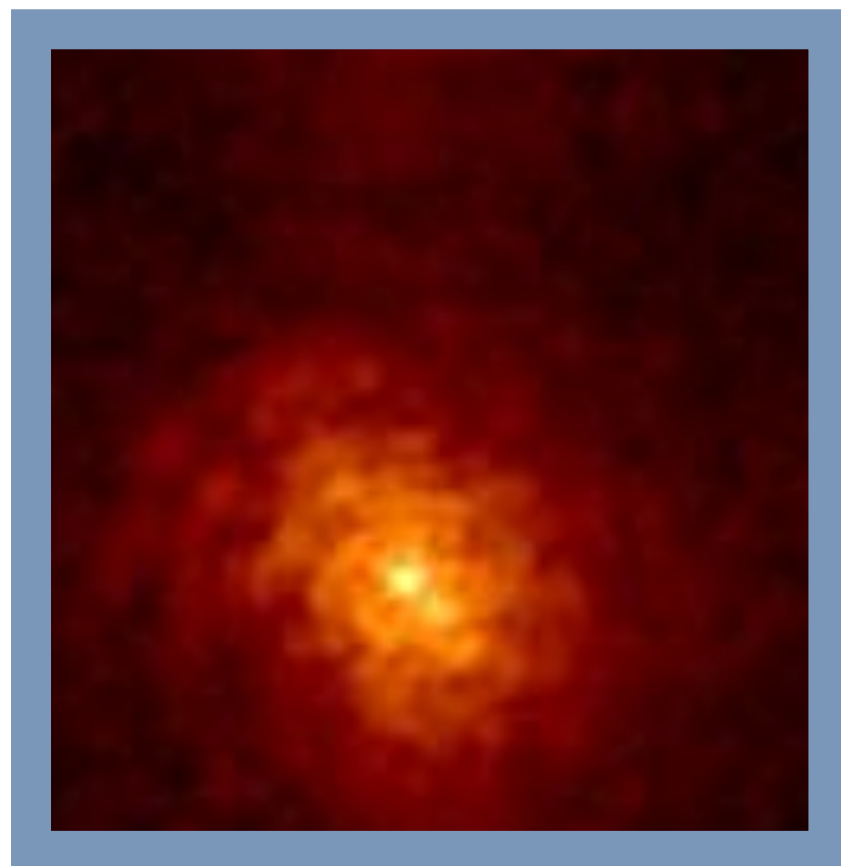
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radial density profiles

scalar vs. **vector** dark matter

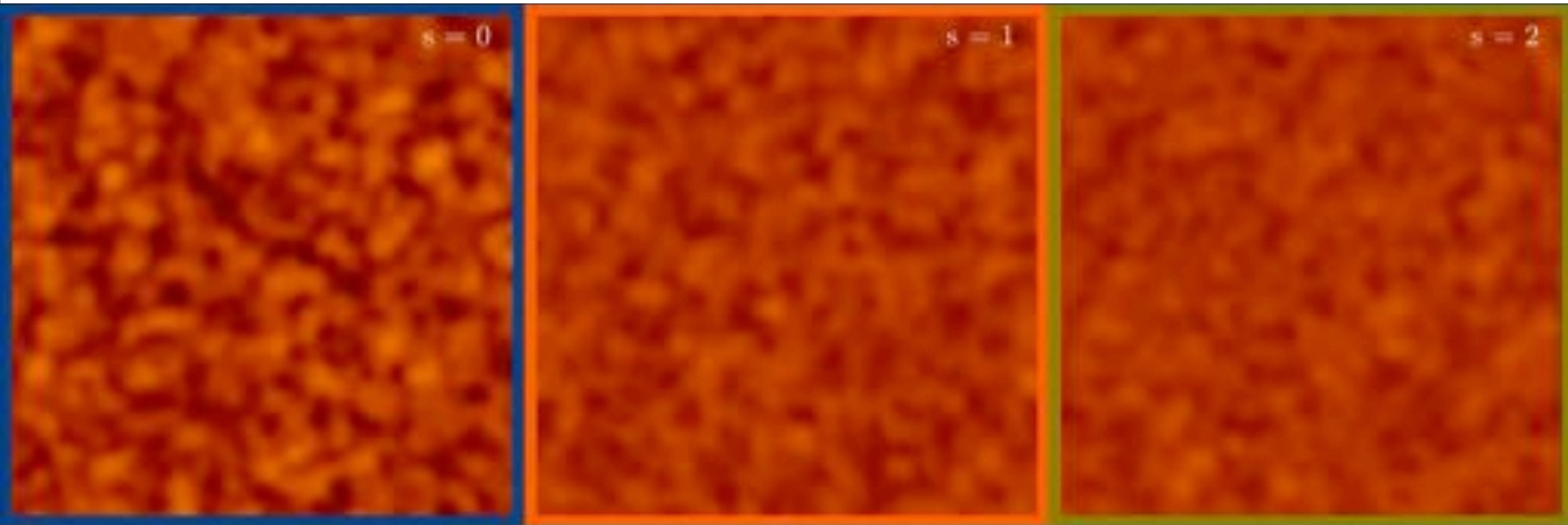
- less dense & broader core
- smoother transition to $r^{-(2-3)}$ tail



condensation in the kinetic regime



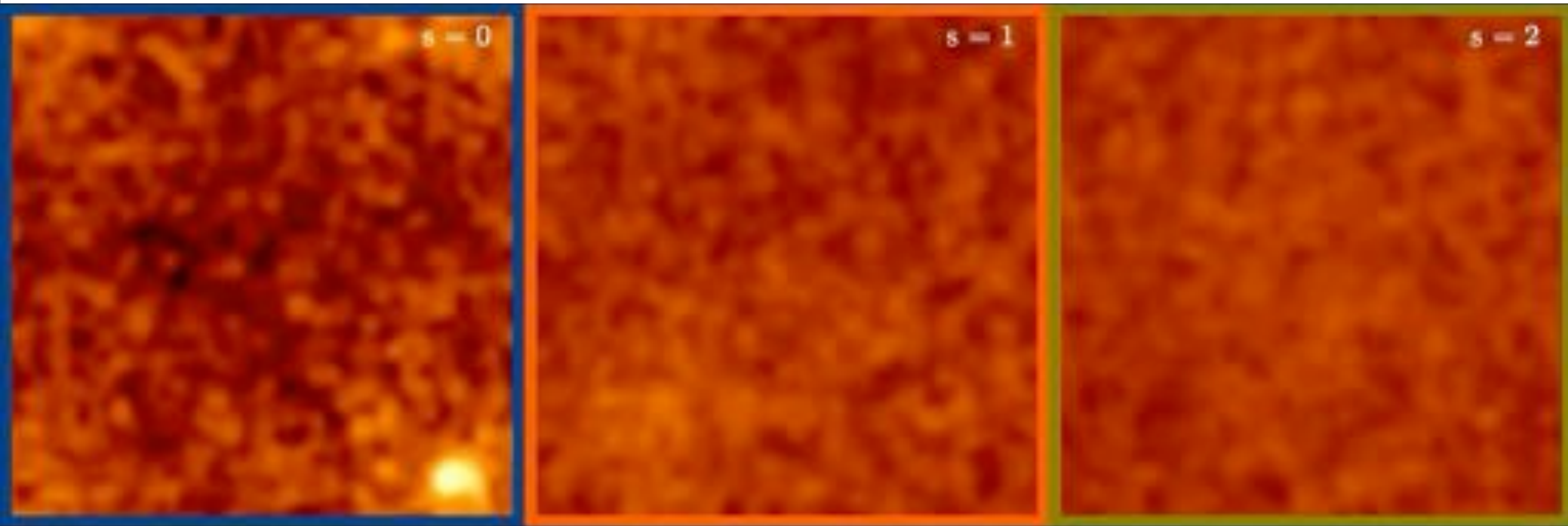
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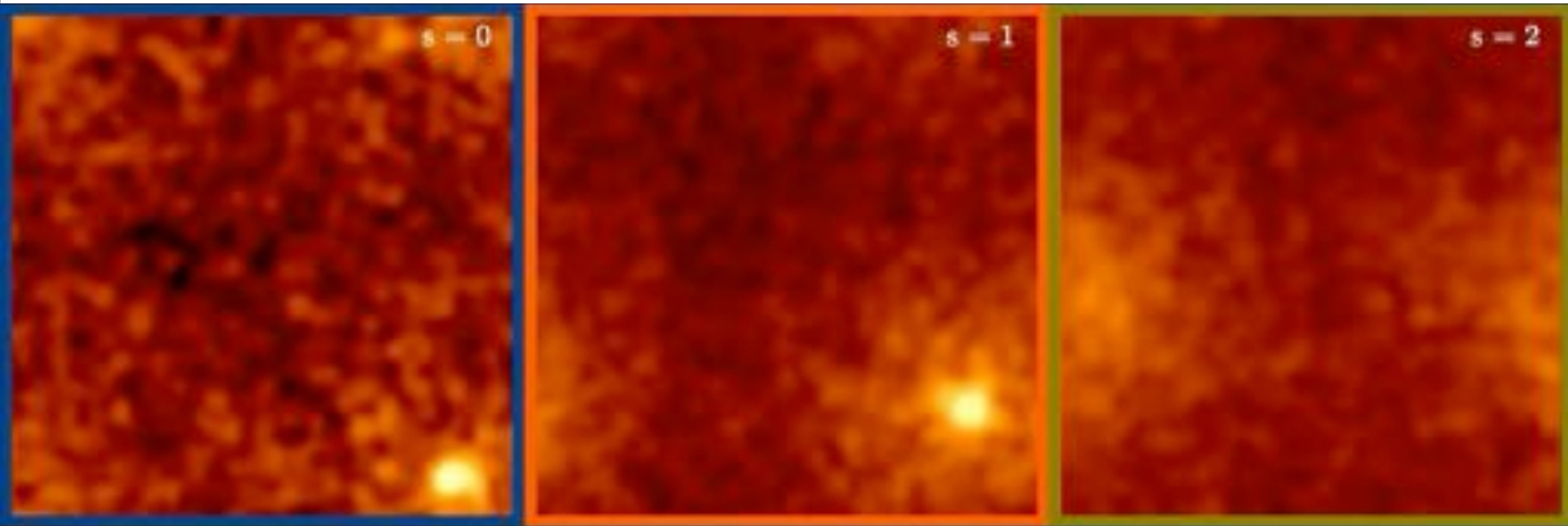
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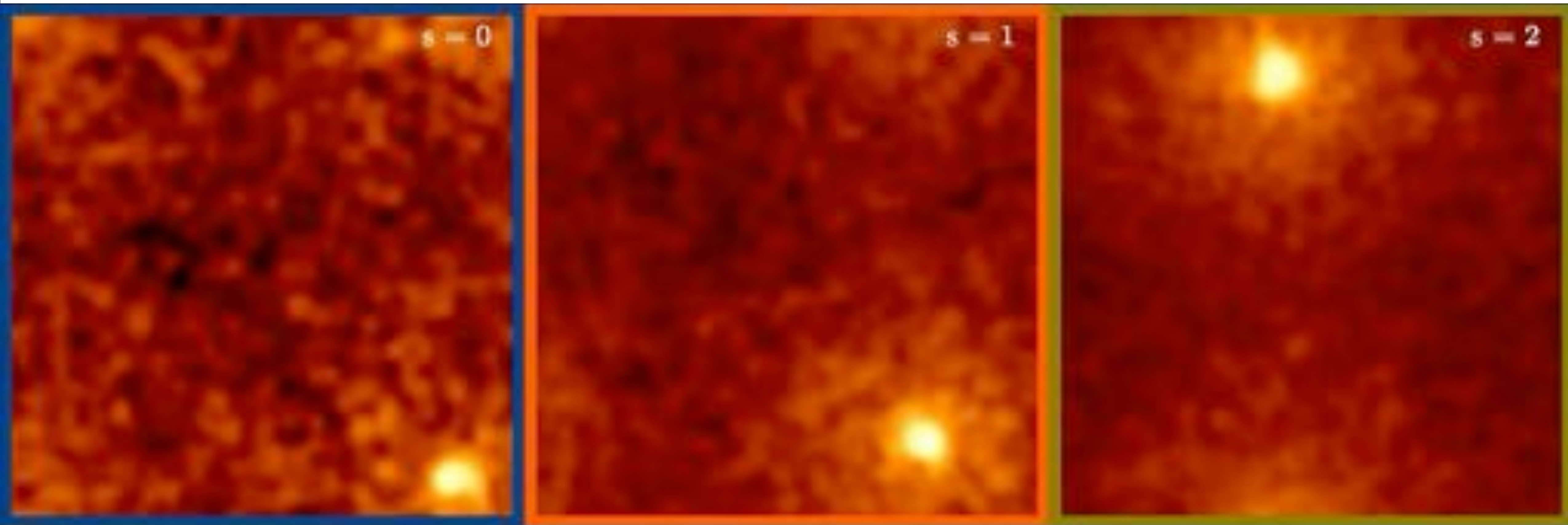
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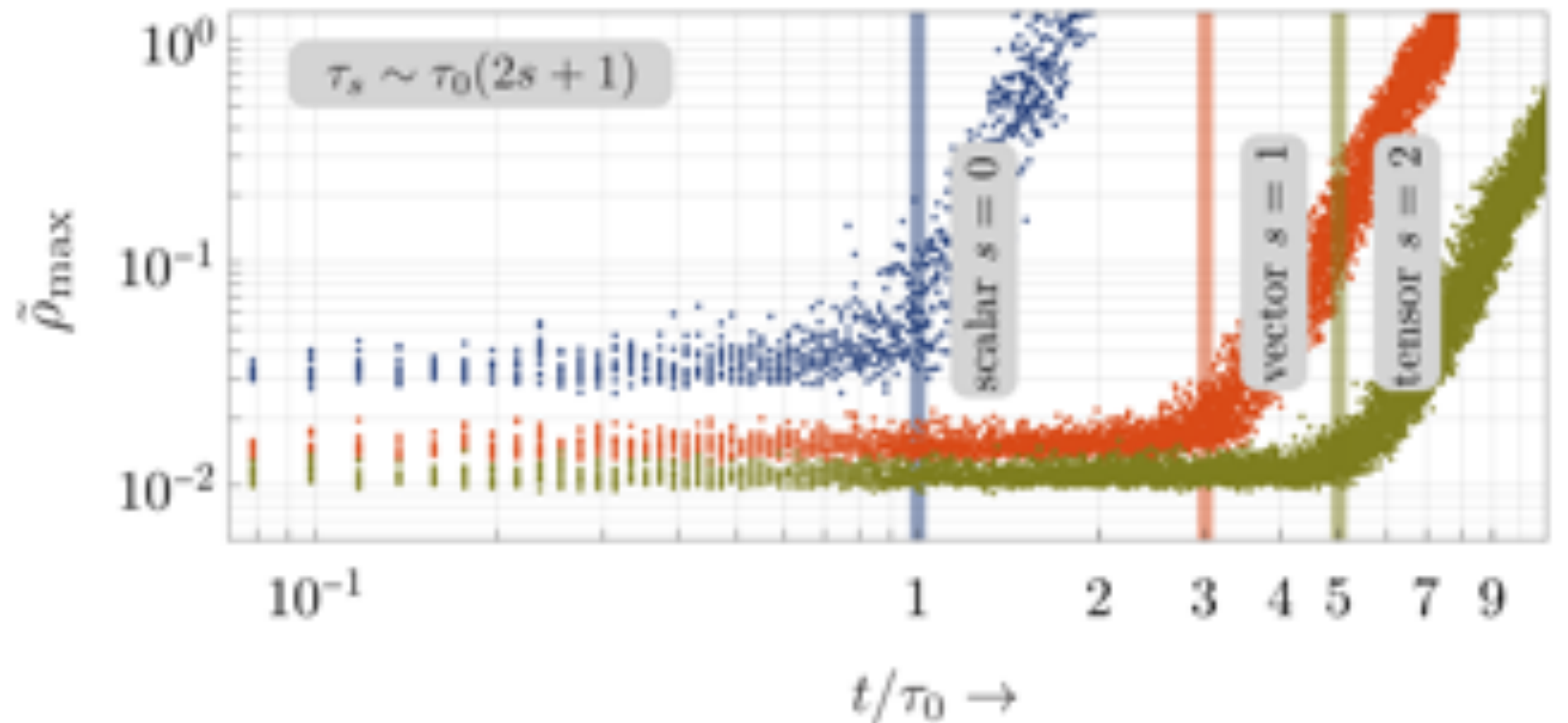
condensation in the kinetic regime

- nucleation time scale

$$\tau_s \sim (2s + 1) \tau_{s=0}$$

$$\tau_{s=0} = [n \sigma_{\text{gr}} v \mathcal{N}]^{-1}$$

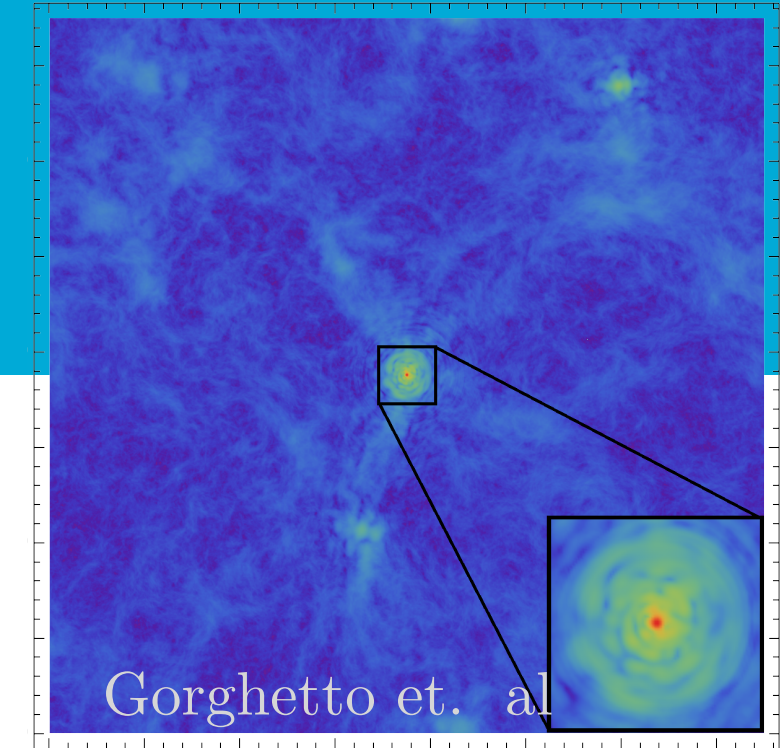
$$\sigma_{\text{gr}} \sim (Gm/v^2)^2, \quad \mathcal{N} \sim n \lambda_{\text{dB}}^3$$



$$\tau_0 \sim \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\sigma}{100 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^6 \left(\frac{10^8 M_{\odot} \text{ kpc}^{-3}}{\bar{\rho}^3} \right)^2 \times 10 \text{ Gyrs}$$

see Levkov et. al (2018) for scalar case

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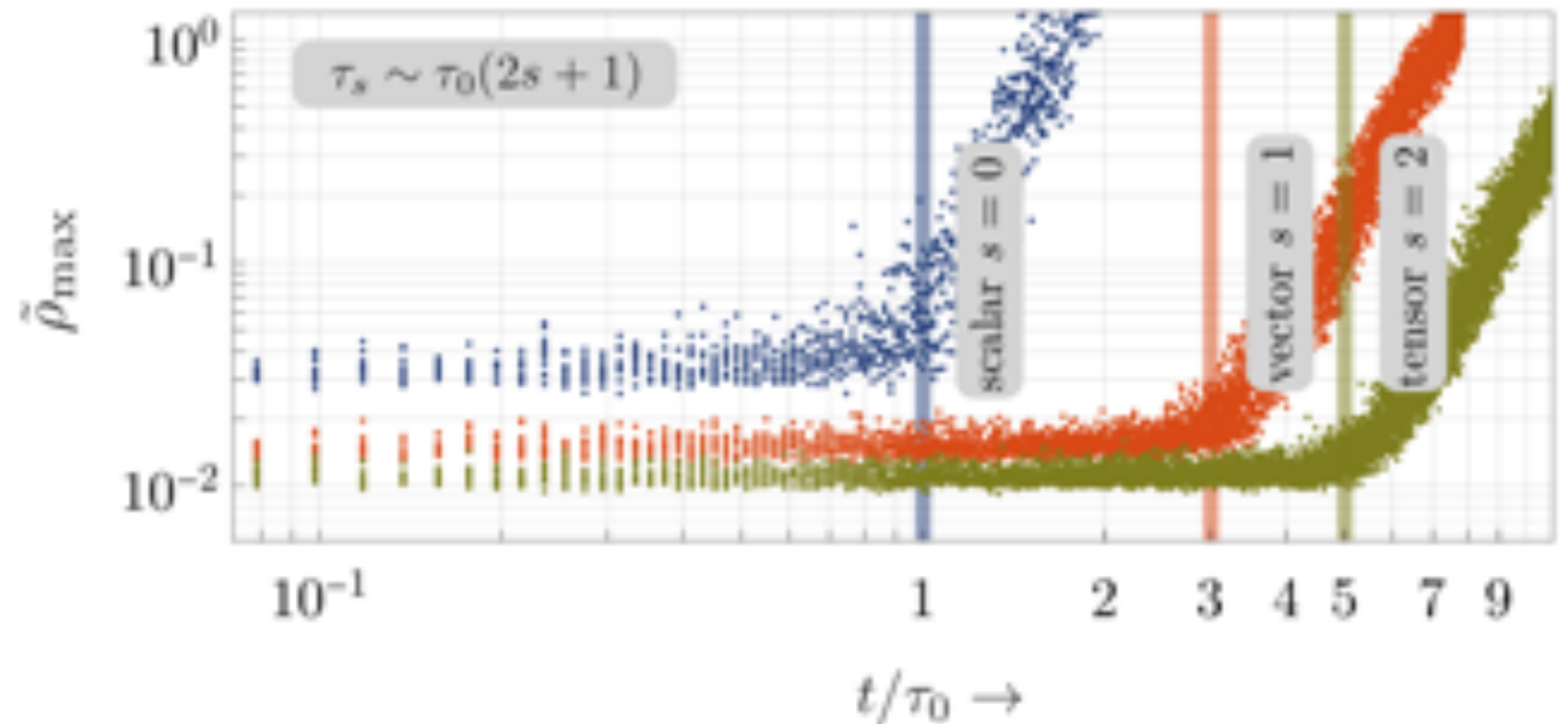


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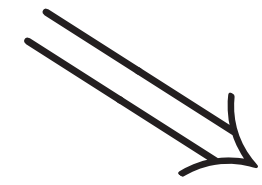
kinetic nucleation of solitons — multi-component case



Jain, MA, Thomas, Wanichwecharungruang (2023)

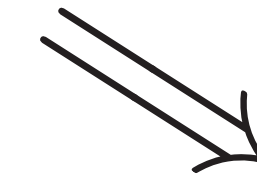
$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_a = -\frac{1}{2m_a} \nabla^2 \psi_a + m_a \Phi \psi_a$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \sum_a m_a \psi_a^* \psi_a.$$

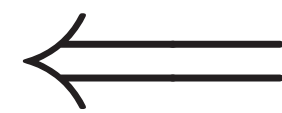


$$\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{v}_a}^a}{\partial t} = \sum_b m_b^3 \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{(4\pi m_a m_b G)^2}{m_a} \nabla_{v_a^i} \left[\frac{\mathcal{D}_{ij}^{ab}}{2m_a} \nabla_{v_a^j} f_{\mathbf{v}_a}^a + \frac{\mathcal{F}_i^{ab}}{m_b} f_{\mathbf{v}_a}^a \right]$$

where $\mathcal{D}_{ij}^{ab} = \int \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_b}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_b}^b \frac{\delta_{ij} - \hat{u}_i \hat{u}_j}{u} f_{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_b}^b$ and $\mathcal{F}_i^{ab} = f_{\mathbf{v}_a}^a \int \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_b}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\hat{u}_i}{u^2} f_{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_b}^b$

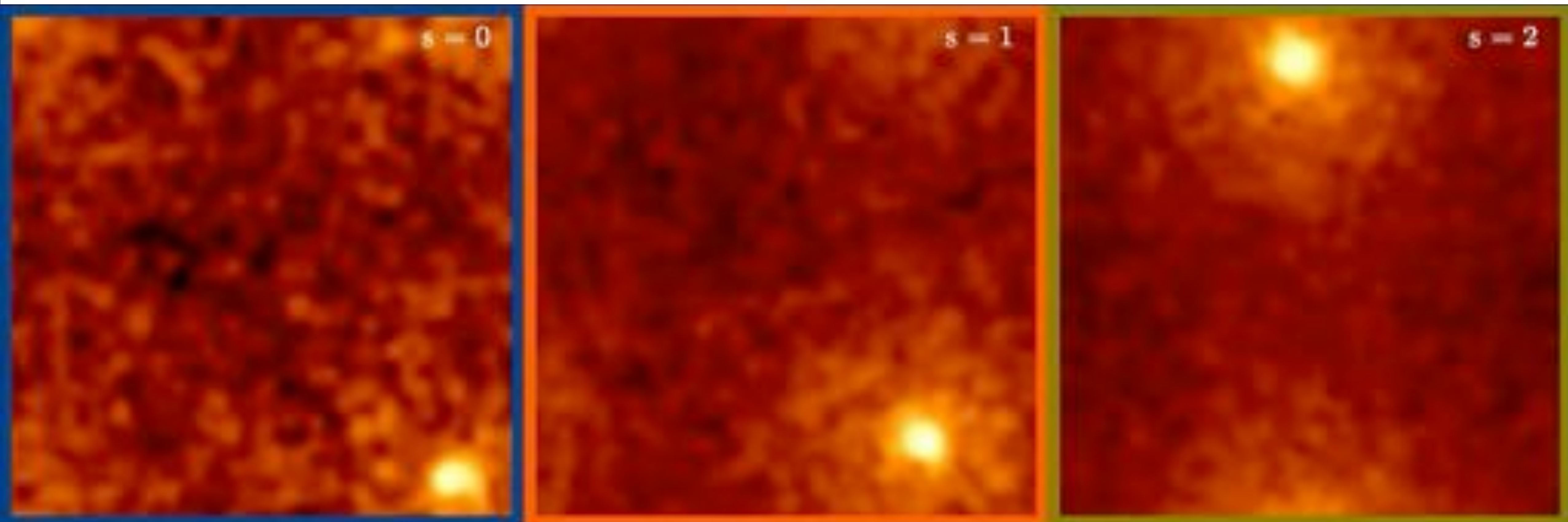


$$\Gamma_{(s)} = \Gamma_0 / (2s + 1)$$

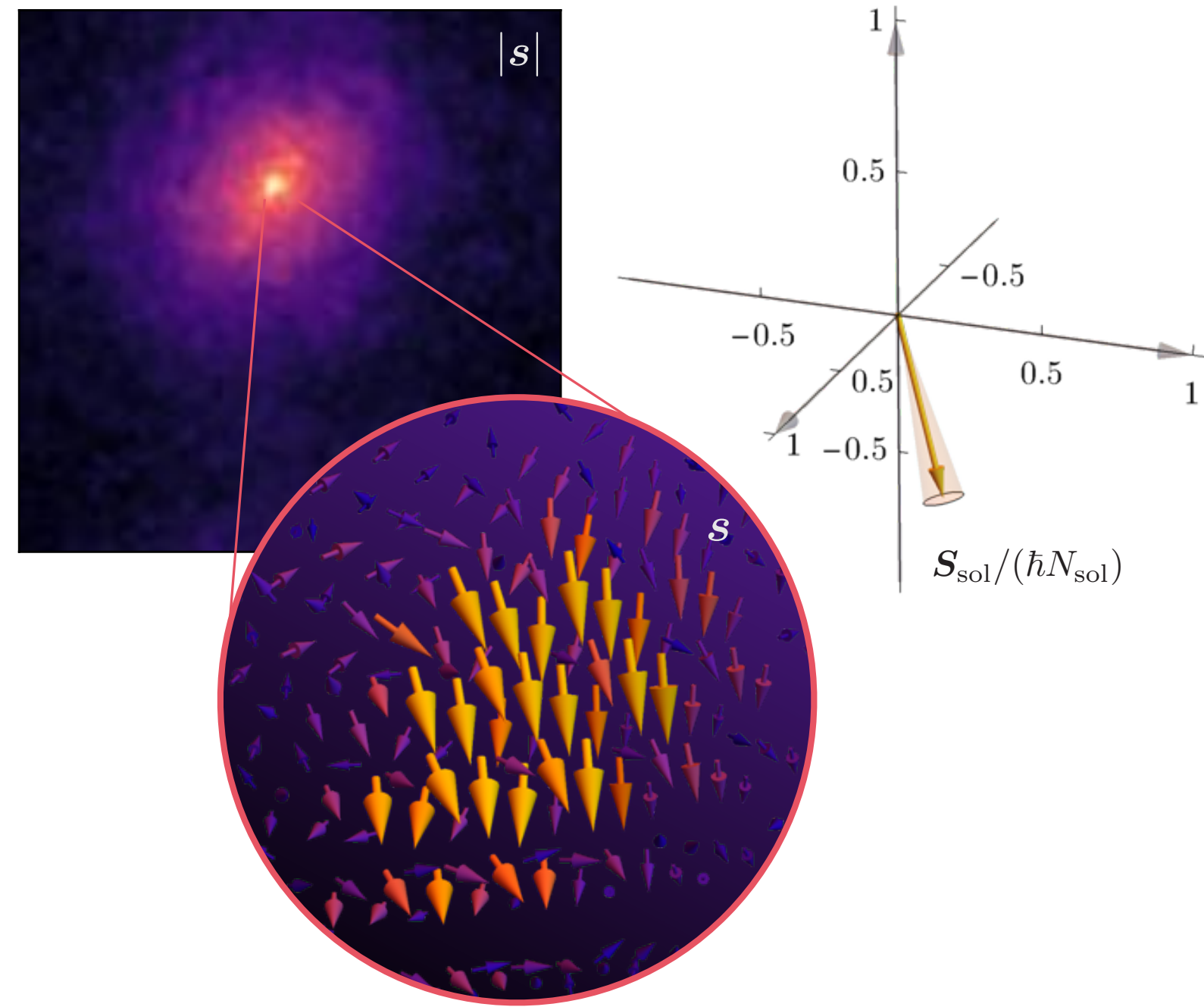
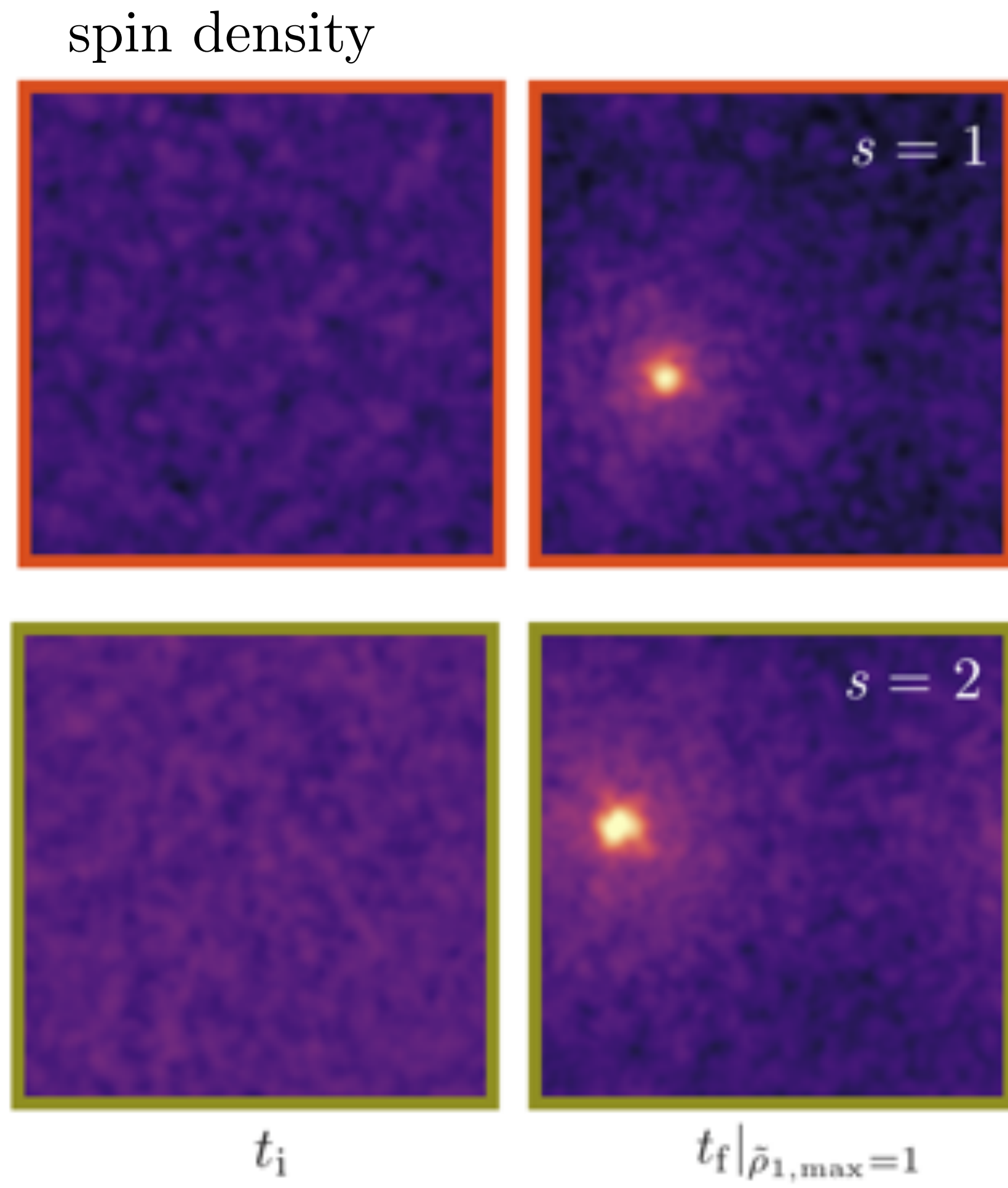


$$\Gamma_a = \sum_b \frac{\Lambda (4\pi G)^2 \bar{\rho}_b}{\sigma_a^3 \sigma_b^3} \left[2 \frac{\bar{\rho}_a}{m_a^3} - \beta_{ab} \frac{\bar{\rho}_b \sigma_a}{m_b^3 \sigma_b} \right]$$

what are these blobs?



born to spin !



$$S_{\text{core}} \sim \hbar \frac{M_{\text{core}}}{m}$$

Even when initial total spin is negligible

MA, Jain, Karur & Mocz (2022)

Jain, MA, Thomas, Wanichwecharungruang (2023)

“polarized” vector solitons (with macroscopic spin)

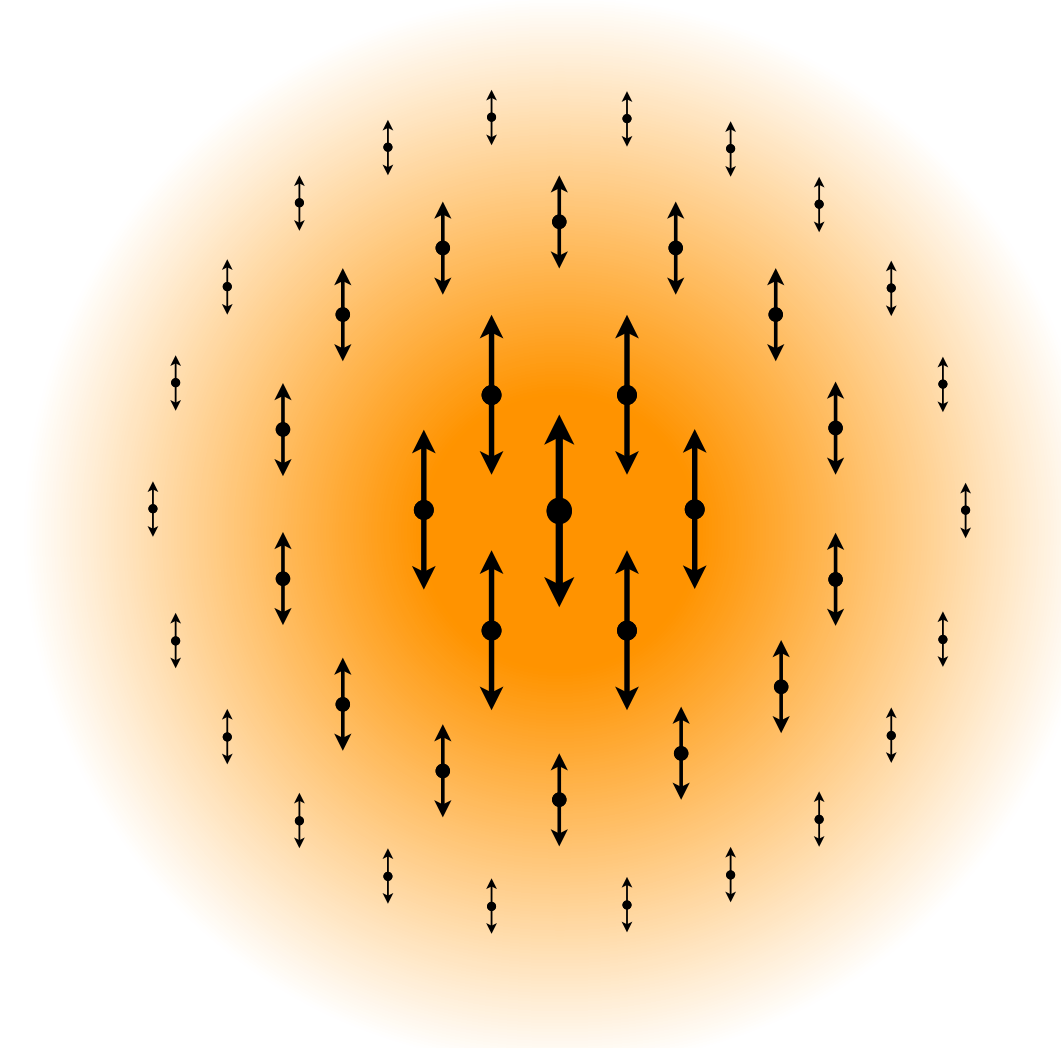
$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{sol}} = i(\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\dagger) \frac{M_{\text{sol}}}{m} \hbar$$

macroscopic spin

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}}/\hbar = \lambda N \hat{z}$$

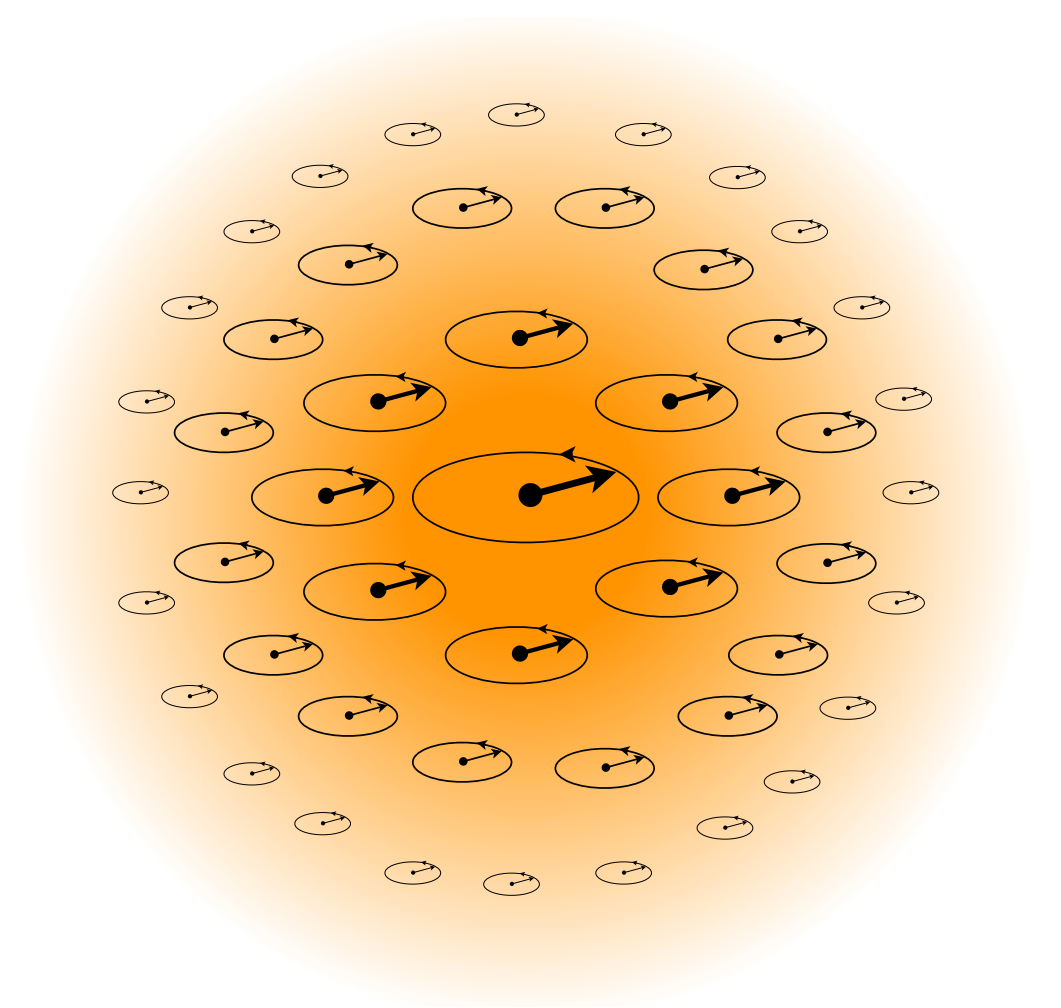
$N =$ # of particles in soliton

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$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{1,\hat{z}}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}} = 0\hat{z}$$



$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{1,\hat{z}}^{(\pm 1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}} = \hbar \frac{M_{\text{sol}}}{m} \hat{z}$$

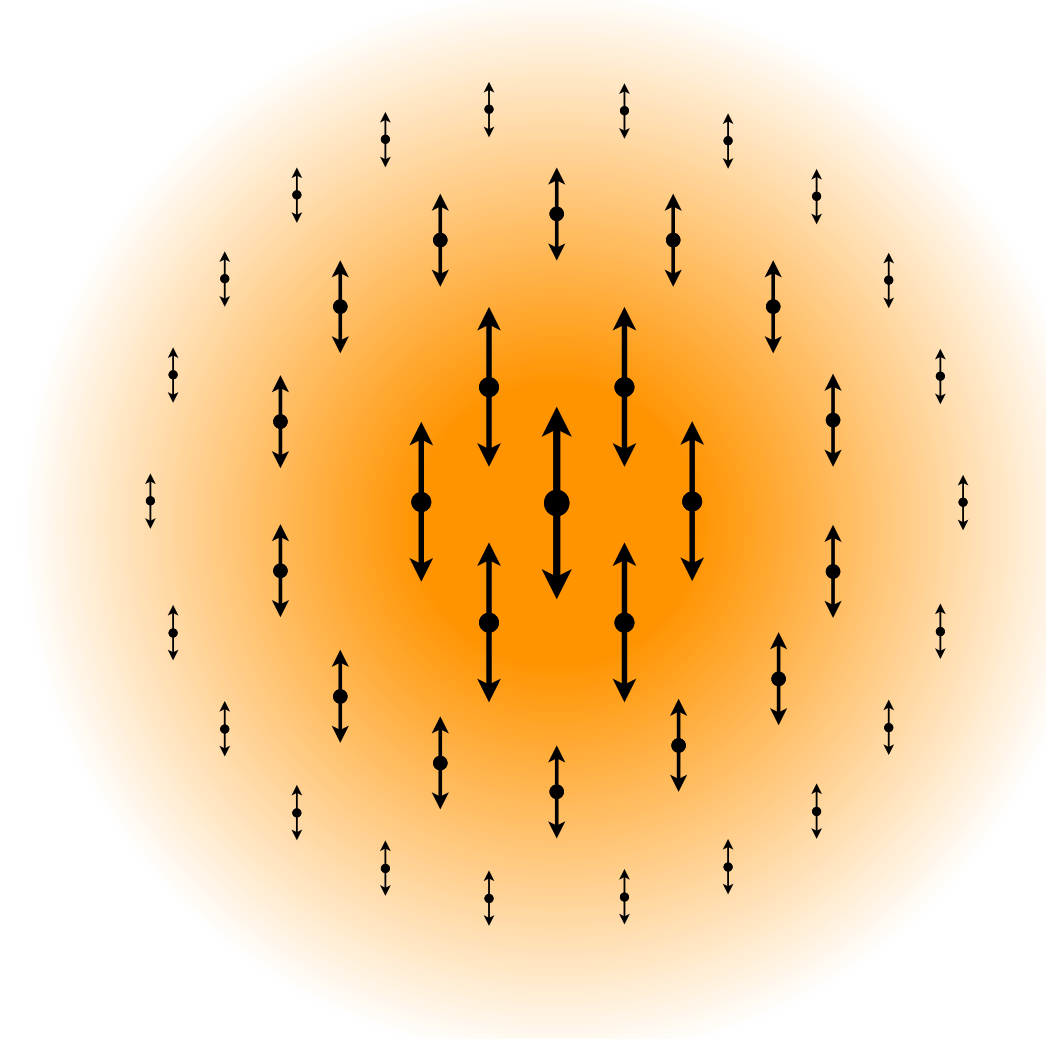
“polarized” vector solitons

$$W(t, \mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2mc}} \Re \left[\boldsymbol{\Psi}(t, \mathbf{x}) e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar} \right]$$

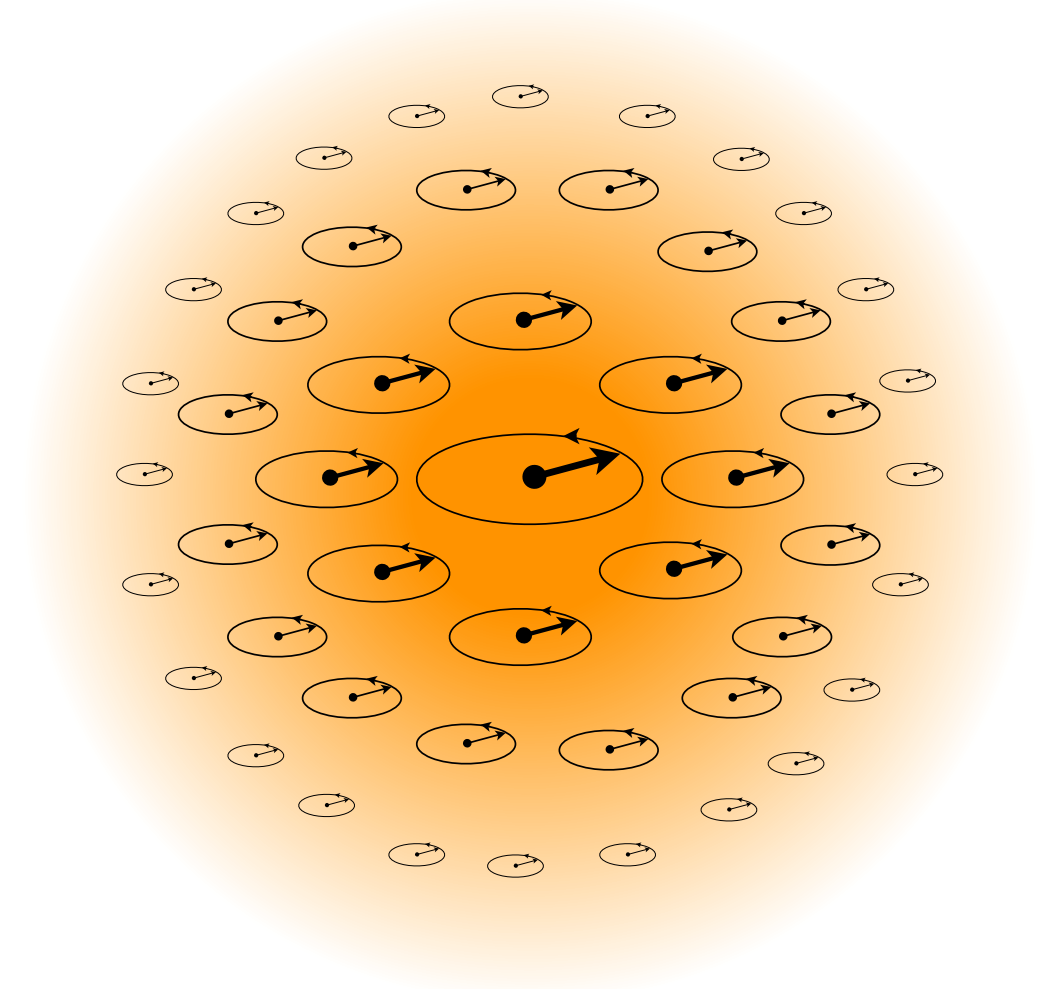
macroscopic spin

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}} = \hbar \frac{M_{\text{sol}}}{m} \hat{z}$$

- all lowest energy for fixed M
- bases for partially-polarized solitons

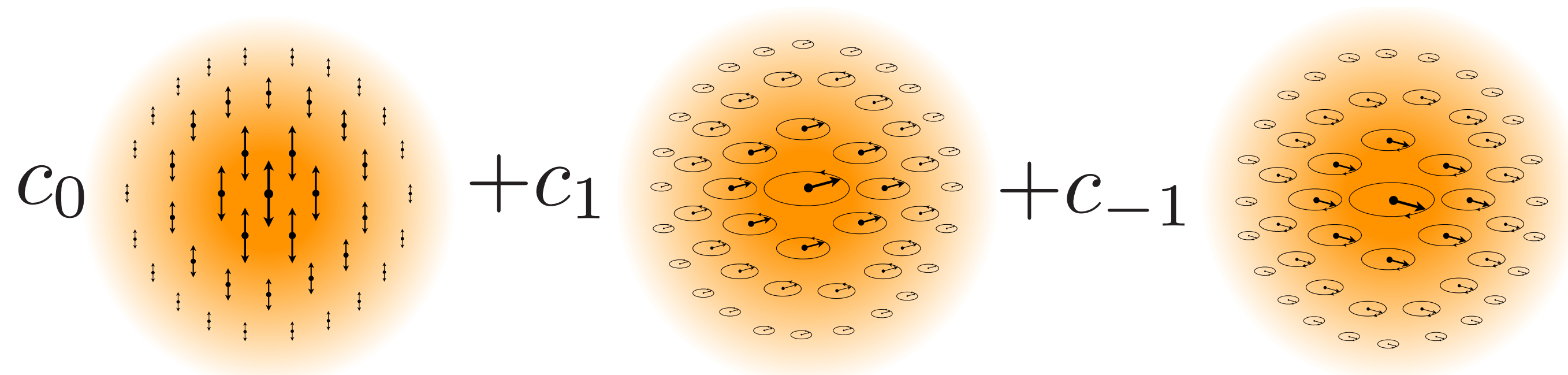


$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}} = 0 \hat{z}$$



$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}} = \hbar \frac{M_{\text{sol}}}{m} \hat{z}$$

$$0 \leq |\mathbf{S}_{\text{tot}}| \leq \frac{M_{\text{sol}}}{m} \hbar$$



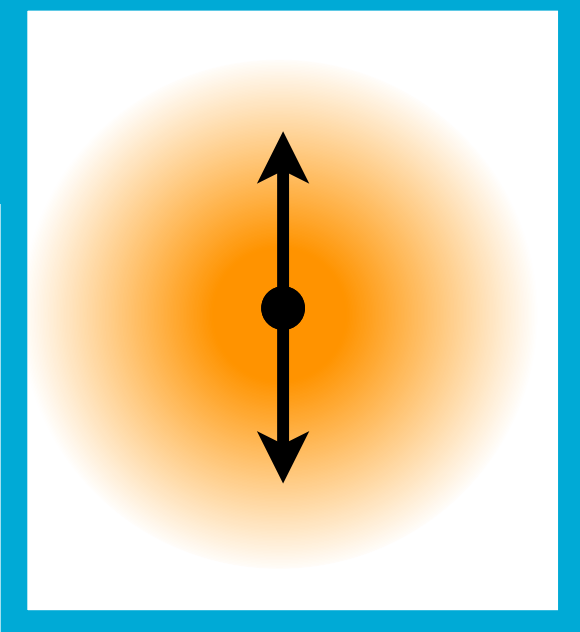
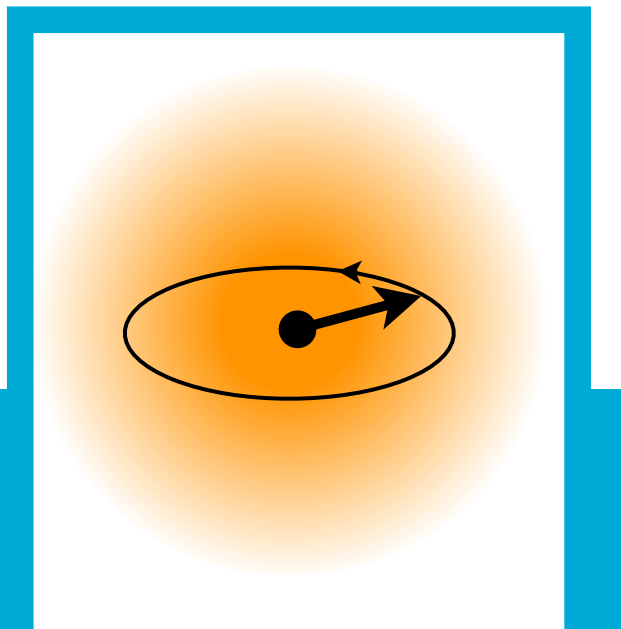
degeneracy lifted by self-interactions



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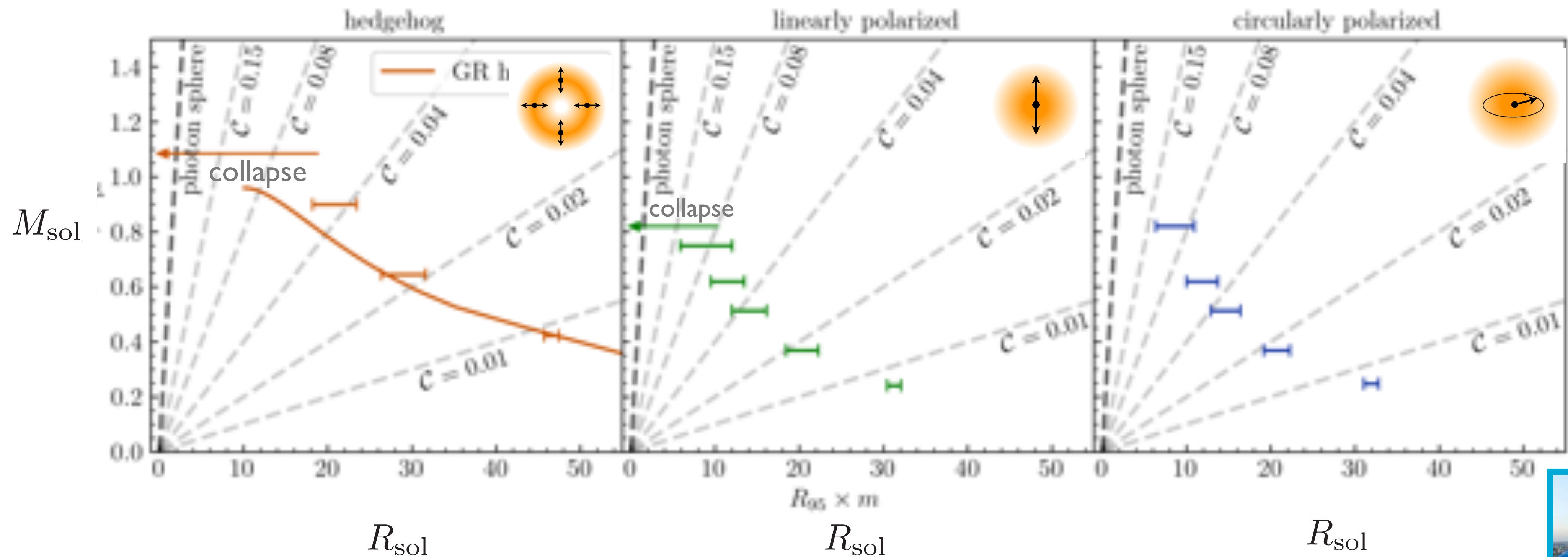
probing intrinsic spin of solitons



compactness of polarized solitons

more resistance to collapse to BH for circularly polarized stars

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{hedgehog}} < \mathcal{C}_{\text{linearly polarized}} < \mathcal{C}_{\text{circularly polarized}}$$

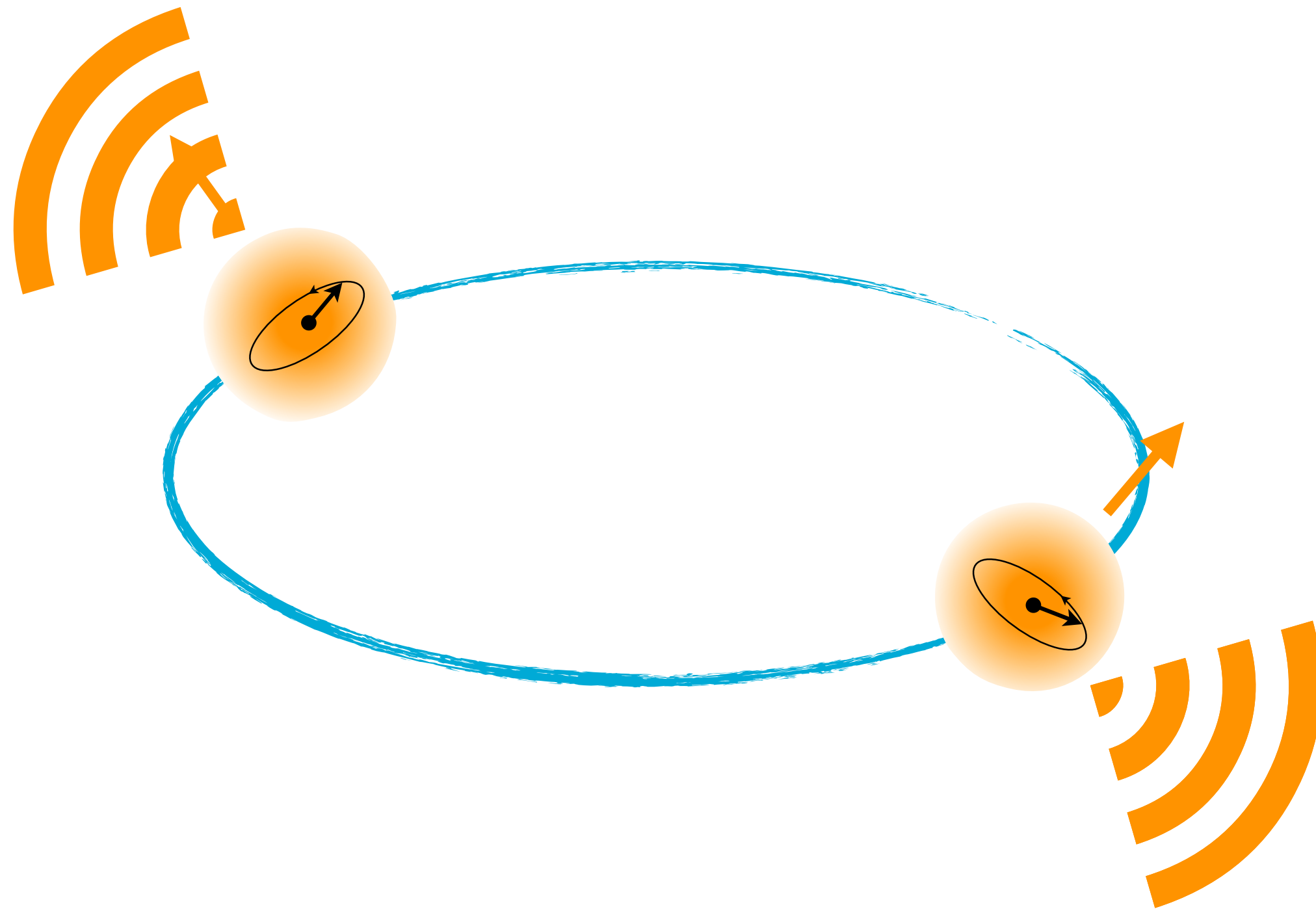


$$\mathcal{C} = GM/Rc^2$$

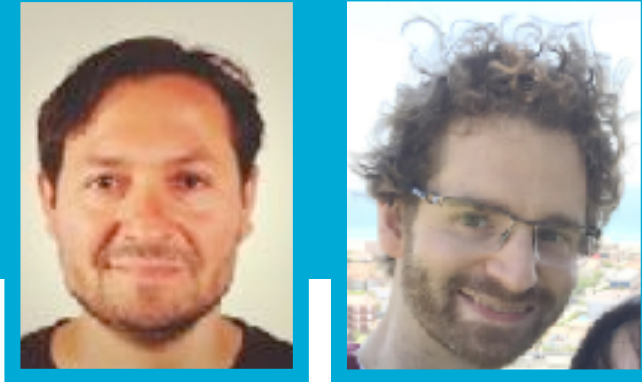
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gravitational waves and spin

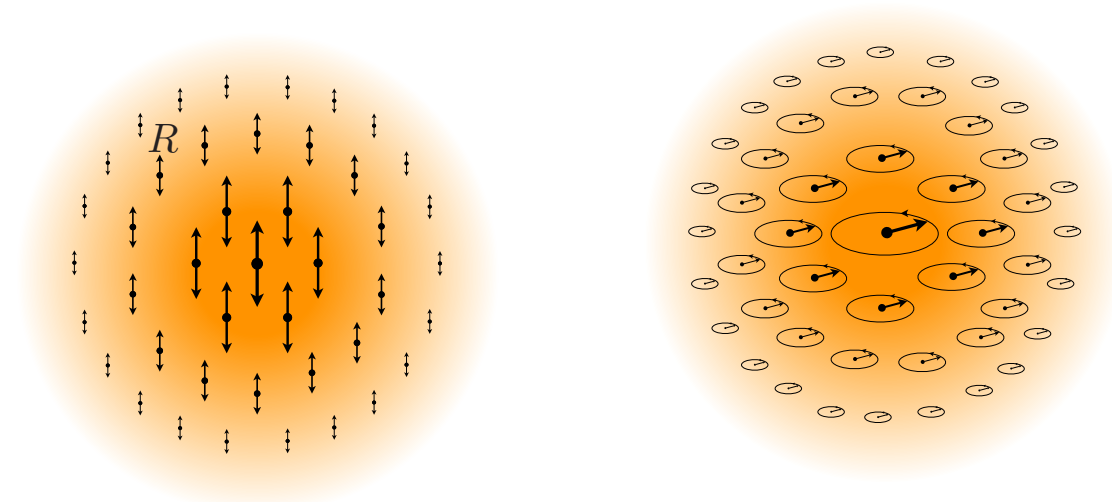
$$V = -\frac{GM_1M_2}{r} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/c^2) - \frac{2}{rc} [\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2)] \cdot \sum_{a=1}^2 \frac{\mathbf{S}_a}{M_a} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{r^2 c^2} \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{S}_1}{M_1} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{S}_2}{M_2} - 3 \left(\frac{\mathbf{S}_1}{M_1} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right) \left(\frac{\mathbf{S}_2}{M_2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right) + \sum_{a=1}^2 \frac{C_{ES^2}^{(a)}}{2M_1M_2} [S_a^2 - 3(\mathbf{S}_a \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})^2] \right\} + \dots \right]$$



spin of soliton & polarization of photons



with Schiappacasse & Long (2022)



$$\mathcal{O}_1 = -\frac{1}{2}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}(X \cdot X)$$

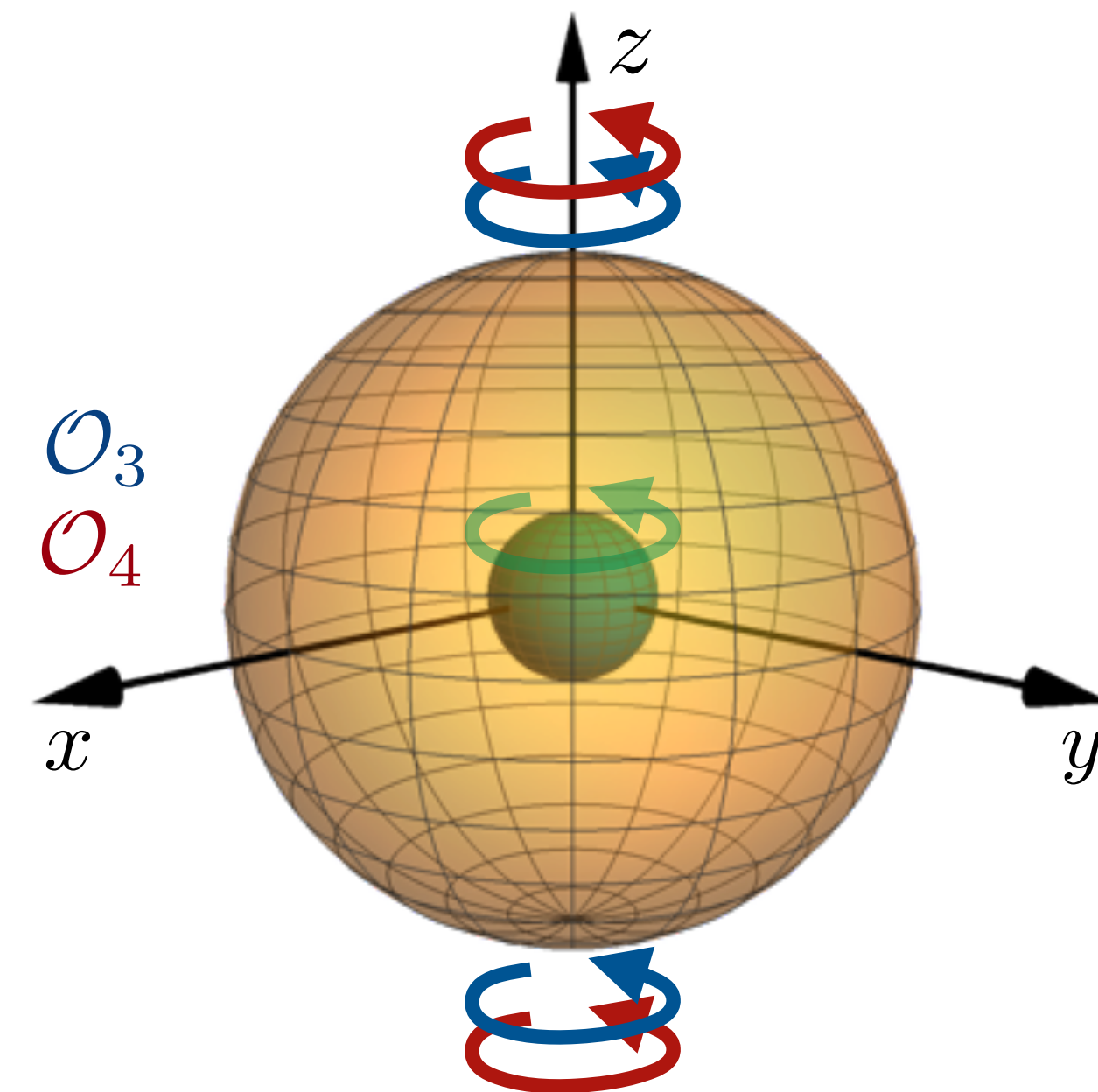
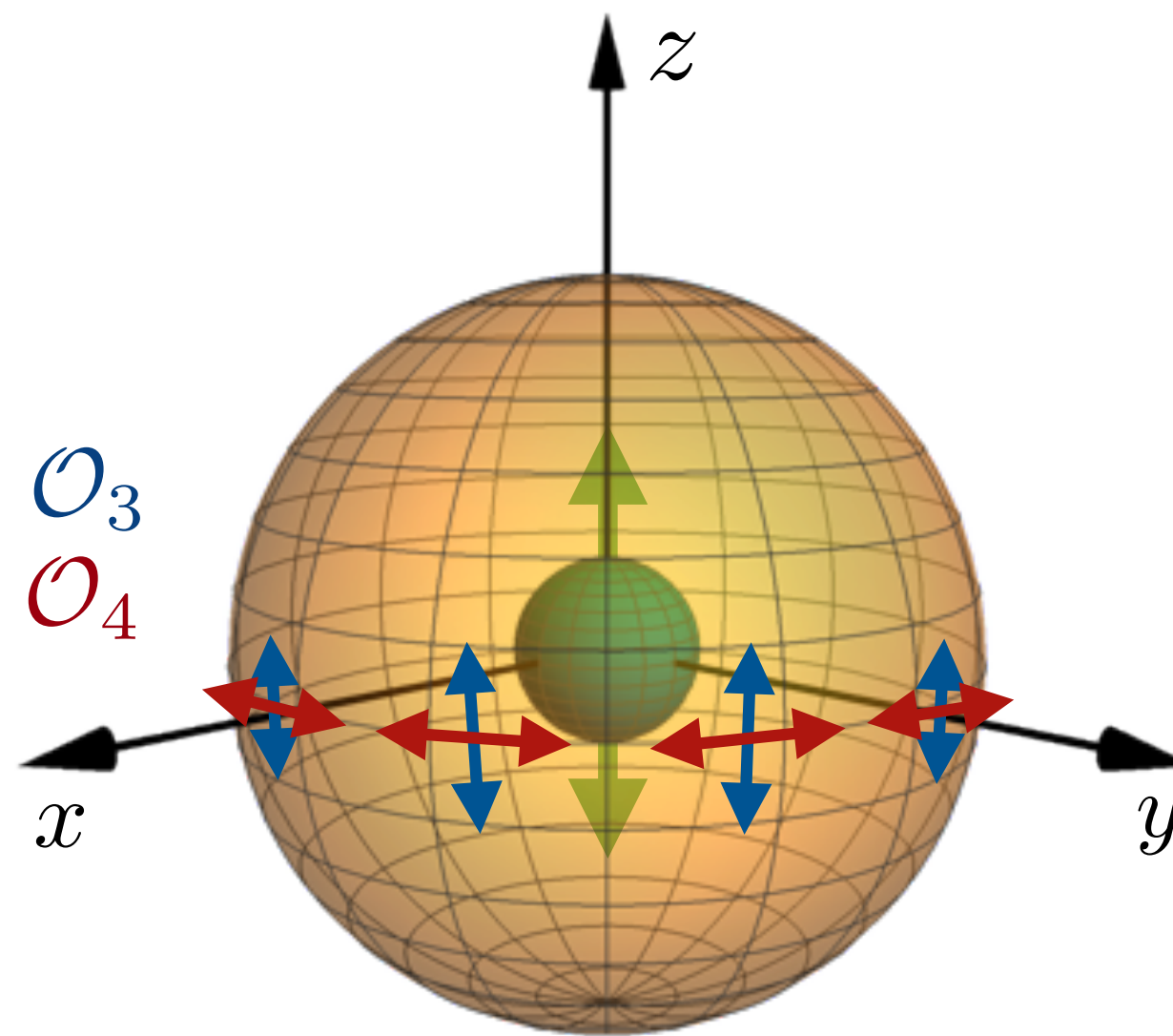
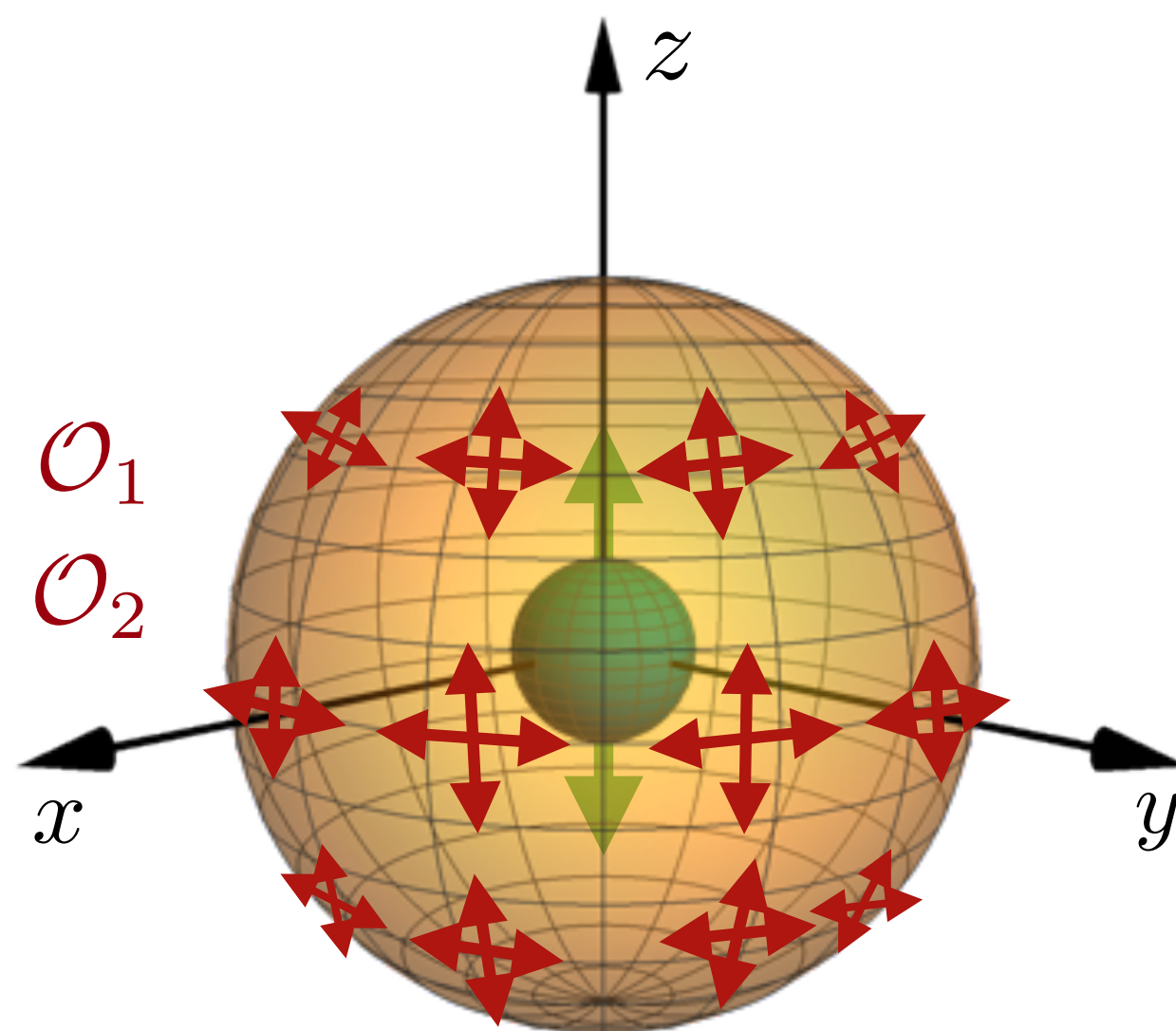
$$\mathcal{O}_2 = -\frac{1}{2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}(X \cdot X)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = F_{\mu\rho}F^{\nu\rho}X^\mu X_\nu$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = \tilde{F}_{\mu\rho}\tilde{F}^{\nu\rho}X^\mu X_\nu$$

explosive photon production (under certain conditions)

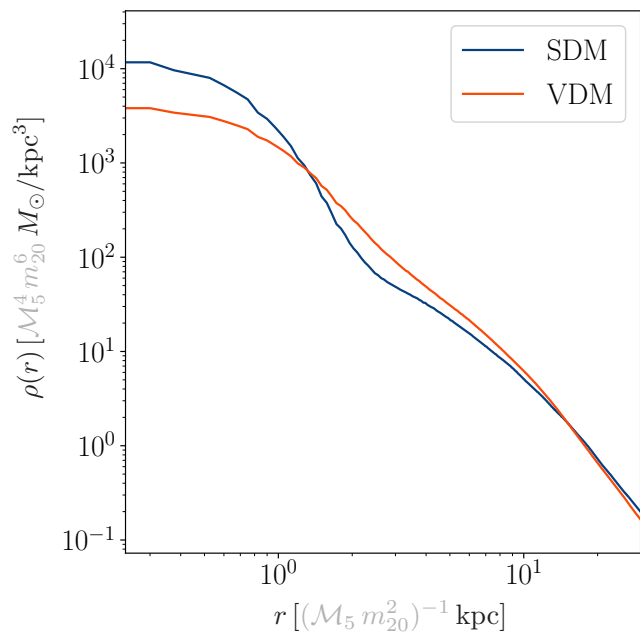
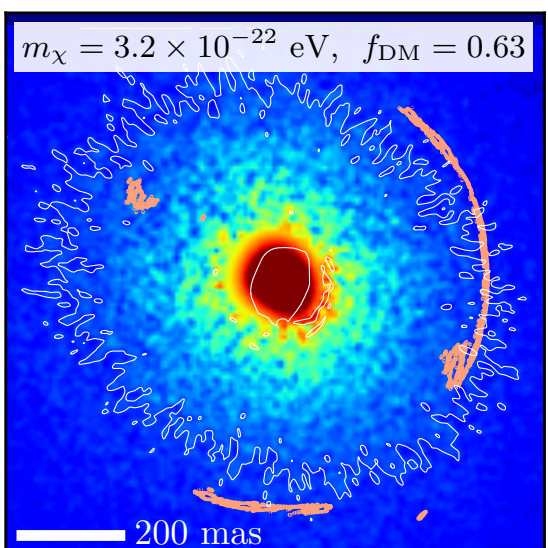
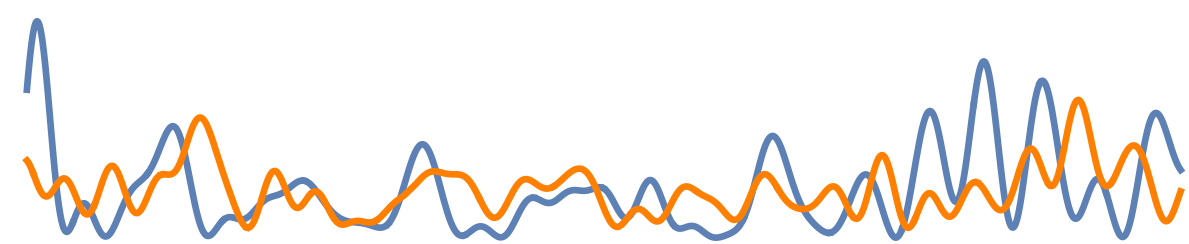
$$\mu R \gtrsim 1, \quad \mu \sim g^2 X^2 m$$



spin and dark matter sub-structure

Phenomenology

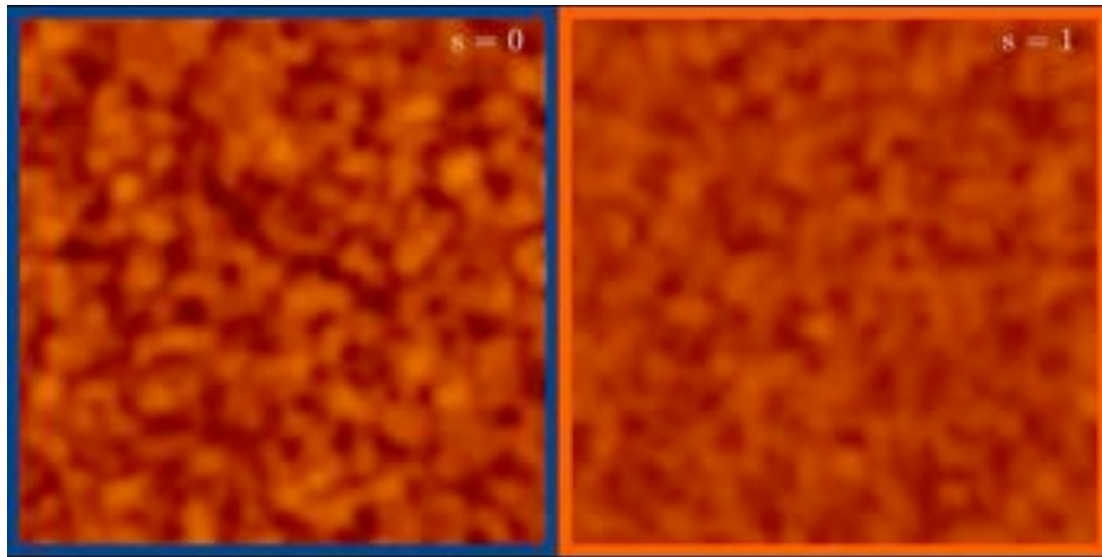
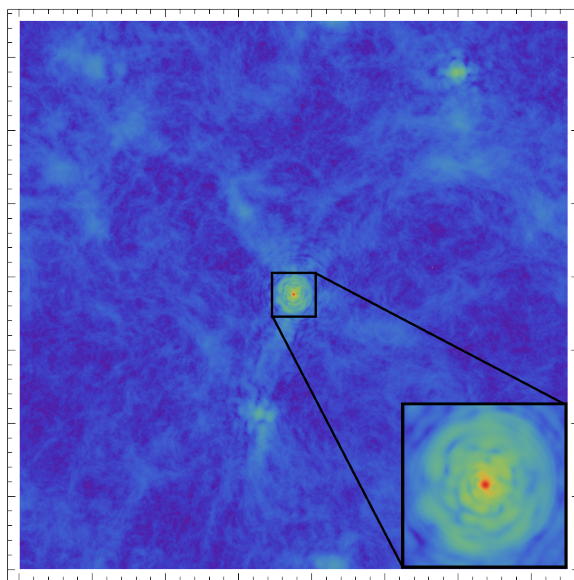
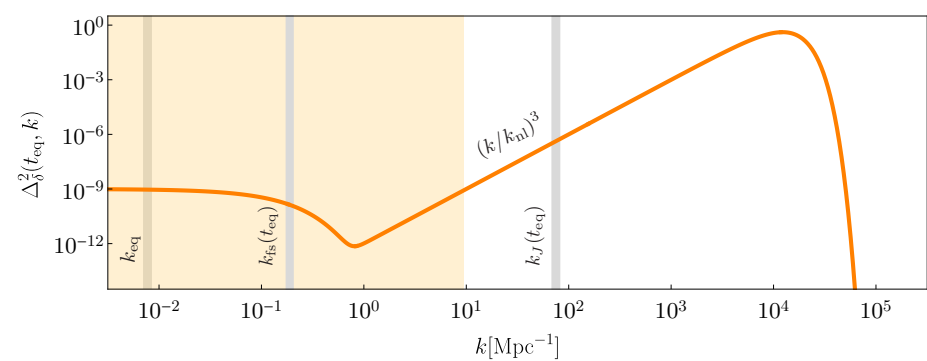
- reduced interference



- polarized solitons, with macroscopic spin



- growth of structure, nucleation time-scales





i-SPin: An integrator for multicomponent Schrodinger-Poisson systems with self-interactions

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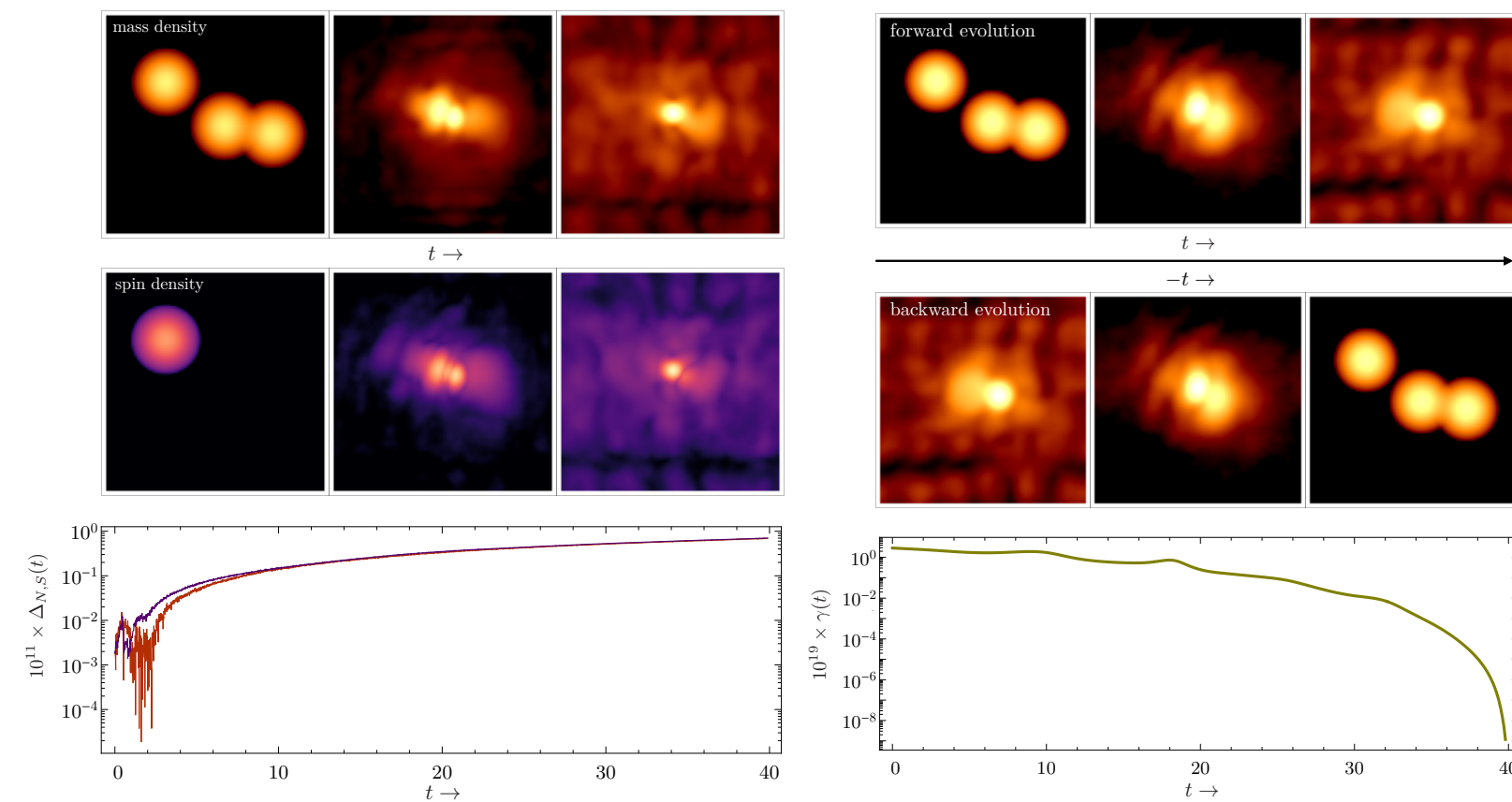
i-SPin: An algorithm (and publicly available code) to numerically evolve multicomponent Schrodinger-Poisson (SP) systems, including attractive/repulsive self-interactions + gravity

problem: If SP system represents the non-relativistic limit of a massive vector field, non-gravitational self-interactions (in particular, *spin-spin* type interactions) introduce new challenges related to mass and spin conservation which are not present in purely gravitational systems.

solution: Above challenges addressed with a novel analytical solution for the non-trivial ‘kick’ step in the algorithm (sec 4.3.2)

features: (i) second order accurate evolution (ii) spin and mass conserved to machine precision (iii) reversible

generalizations: n -component fields with $SO(n)$ symmetry, an expanding universe relevant for cosmology, and the inclusion of external potentials relevant for laboratory settings



$$i\hbar \partial_t \Psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + m \Phi \Psi - \frac{\lambda(\hbar c)^3}{4(mc^2)^2} [(\Psi \cdot \Psi) \Psi^\dagger + 2(\Psi^\dagger \cdot \Psi) \Psi]$$

$$V_{\text{rel}}(\rho, \mathcal{S}) = -\frac{\lambda(\hbar c)^3}{8(mc^2)^2} \left[3\rho^2 - \frac{(\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})}{\hbar^2} \right]$$

$$\text{number density } \rho = \Psi^\dagger \Psi$$

$$\text{spin density } \mathcal{S} = i\hbar \Psi \times \Psi^\dagger$$

i-SPin 2: An integrator for general spin-s Gross-Pitaevskii systems

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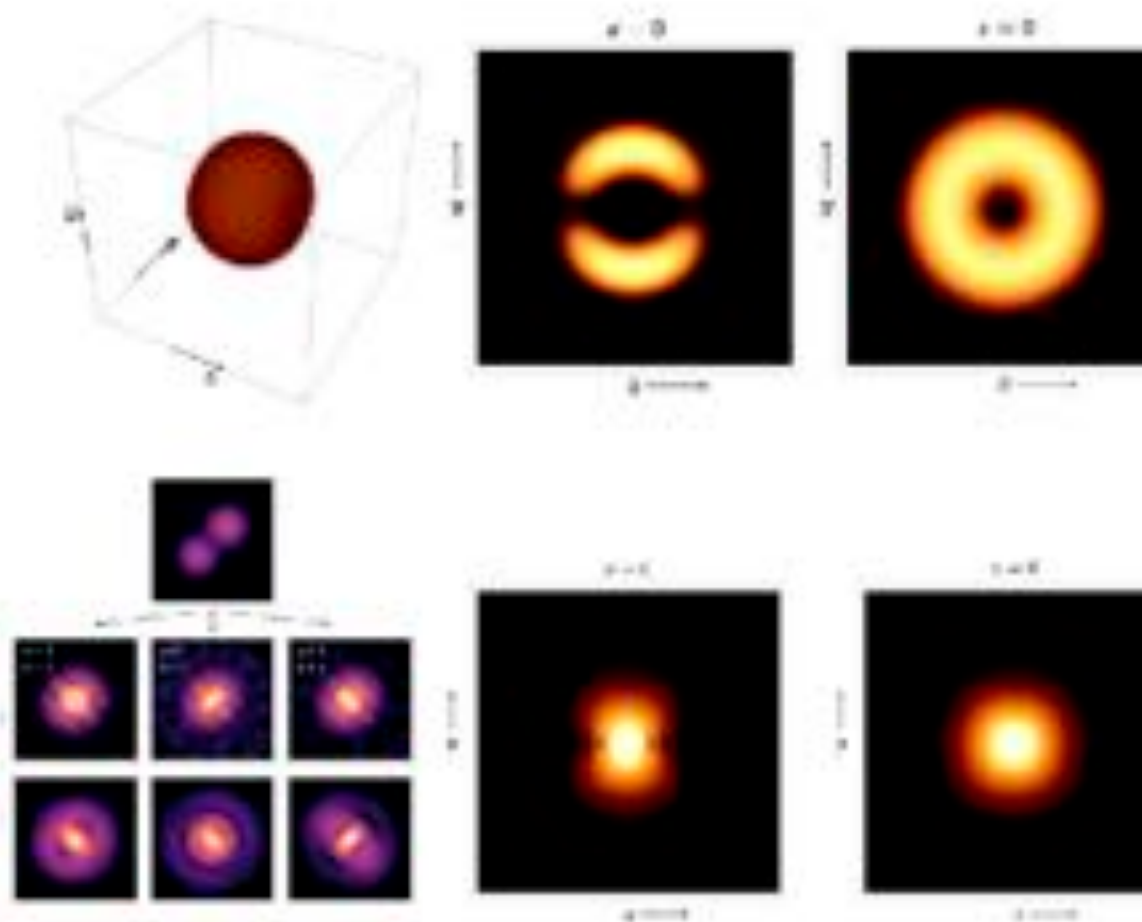
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i-SPin 2: An algorithm for evolving general spin-s Gross-Pitaevskii / non-linear Schrodinger systems carrying a variety of interactions, where the $2s+1$ components of the ‘spinor’ field represent the different spin-multiplicity states.

Allowed interactions: Nonrelativistic interactions up to quartic order in the Schrodinger field (both short and long-range, and spin-dependent and spin-independent interactions), including explicit spin-orbit couplings. The algorithm allows for spatially varying external and/or self-generated vector potentials that couple to the spin density of the field.

Applications: (a) Laboratory systems such as spinor Bose-Einstein condensates (BECs). (b) Cosmological/astronomical systems such as self-interacting bosonic dark matter.

Numerical features: Our symplectic algorithm is second-order accurate in time, and is extensible to the known higher-order accurate methods.



$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}} = \int dt d^3x \left[\frac{i}{2} \psi_a^\dagger \dot{\psi}_a + \text{c.c.} - \frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla \psi_a^\dagger \cdot \nabla \psi_a - \mu \rho V(\mathbf{x}) - \gamma \mathcal{S} \cdot \hat{D}(\mathbf{x}, t) - V_{\text{ext}}(\rho, \mathcal{S}) - \frac{\xi}{2} \frac{1}{(2s+1)} |\nabla \psi_a \cdot \hat{A}_{\text{ext}}|^2 + i g_{ij} \psi_a^\dagger [\hat{S}_i]_{\text{ext}} \nabla_j \psi_a \right],$$

with $\hat{D}(\mathbf{x}, t) = f(t) \hat{D}(\mathbf{x})$, and

$$V_{\text{ext}}(\rho, \mathcal{S}) = -\frac{1}{2\mu^2} [\lambda \rho^2 + \alpha (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})].$$

$$\text{number density } \rho = \psi_a^\dagger \psi_a$$

$$\text{spin density } \mathcal{S} = \psi_a^\dagger \hat{S}_{\text{ext}} \psi_a$$