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# The imprint of Gas on GWs from LISA IMBH Binaries

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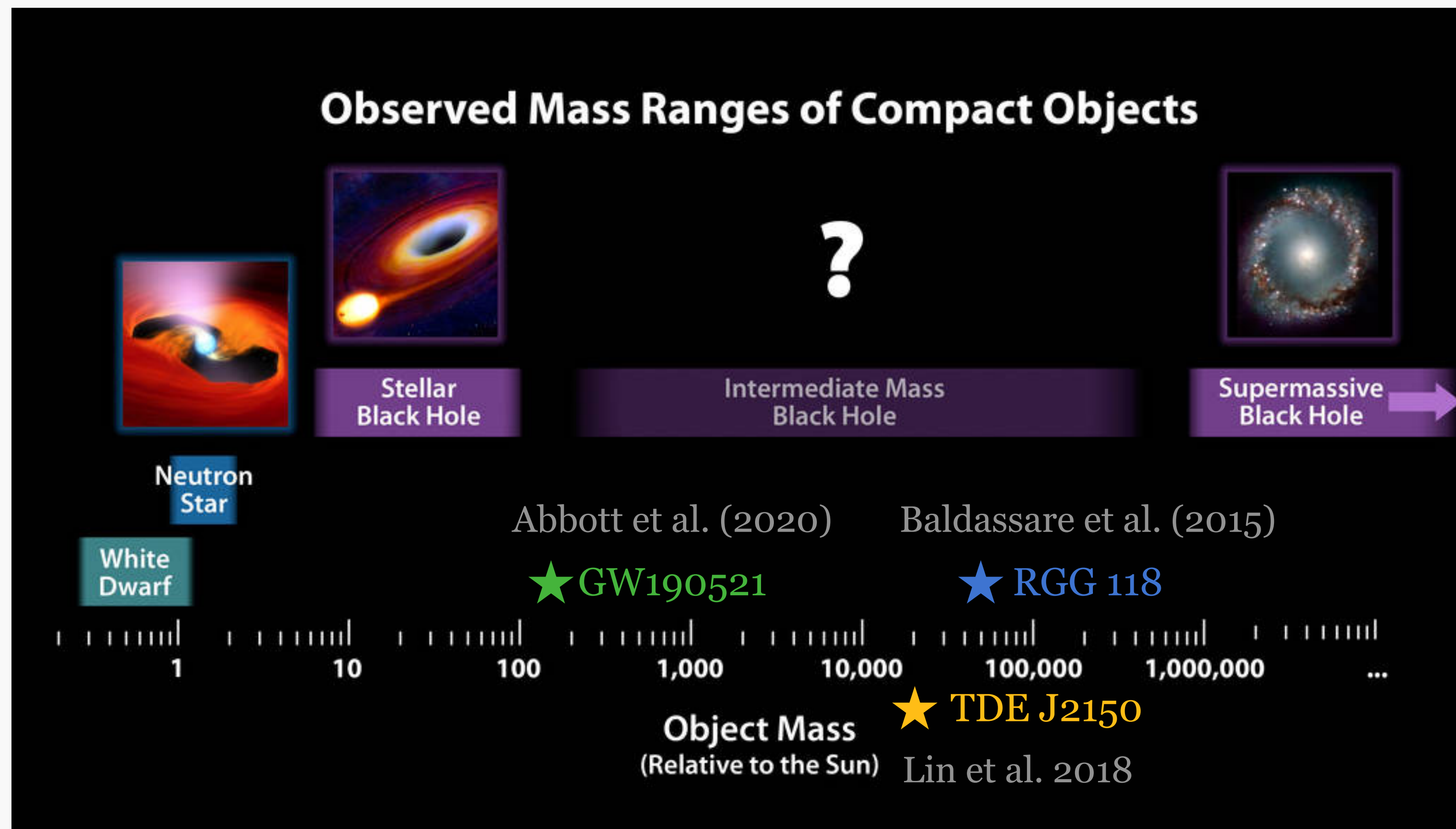
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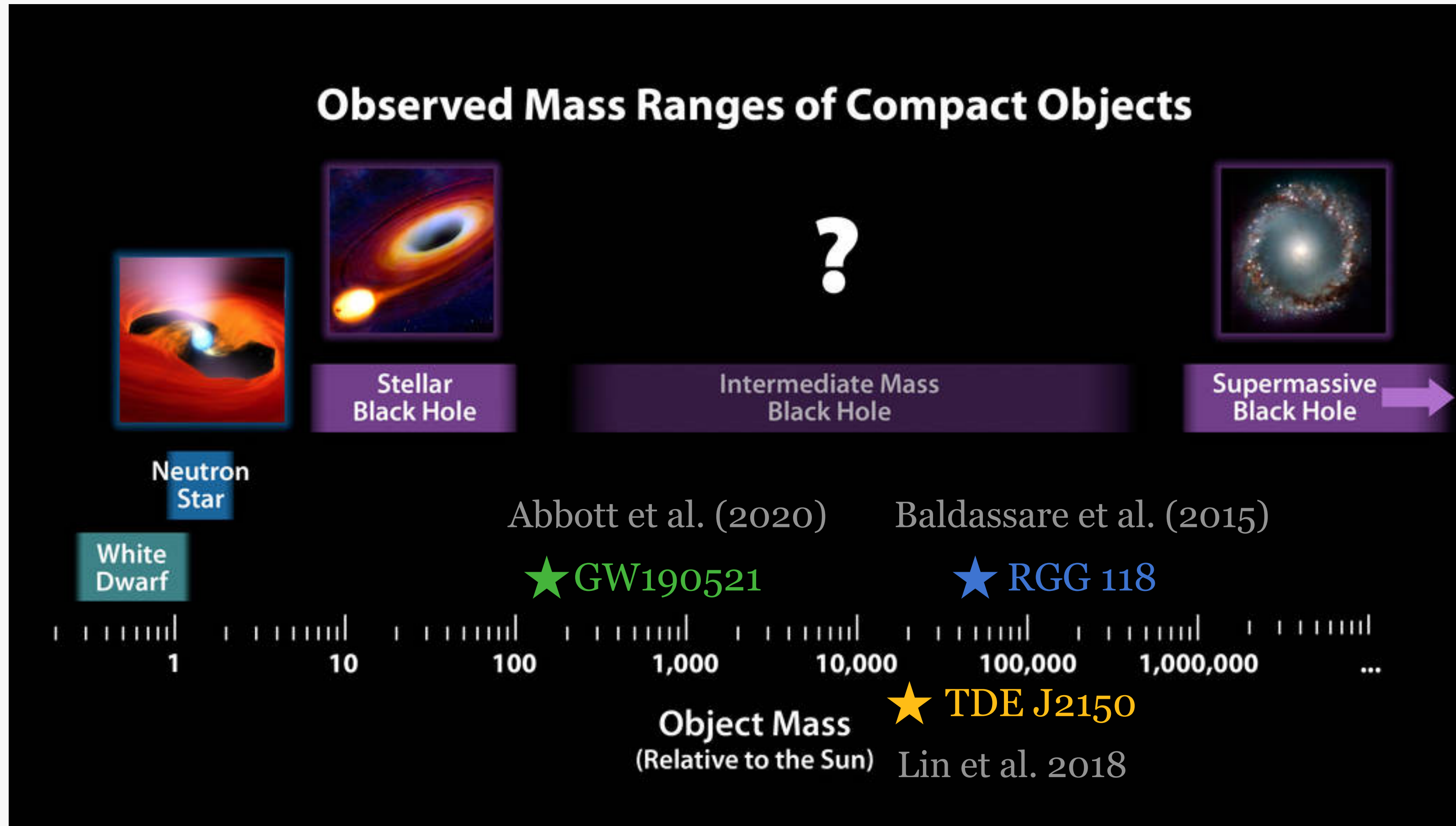
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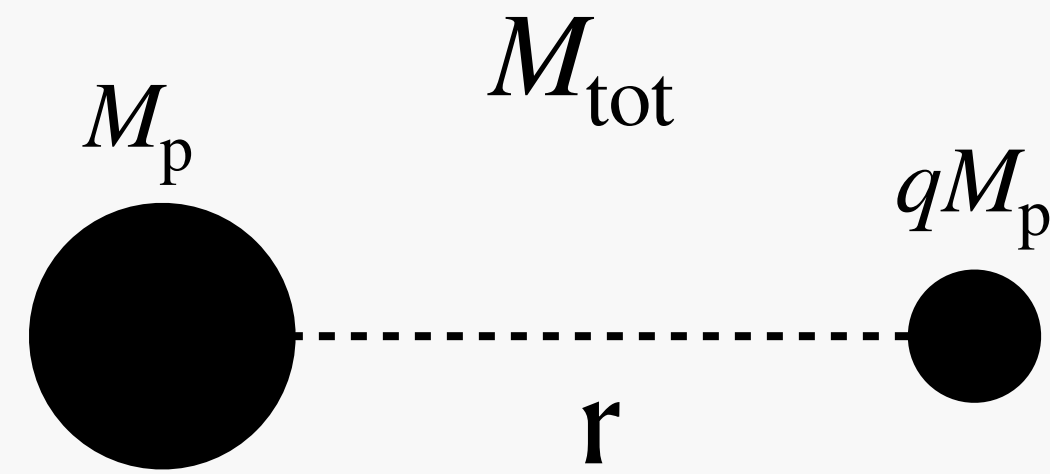
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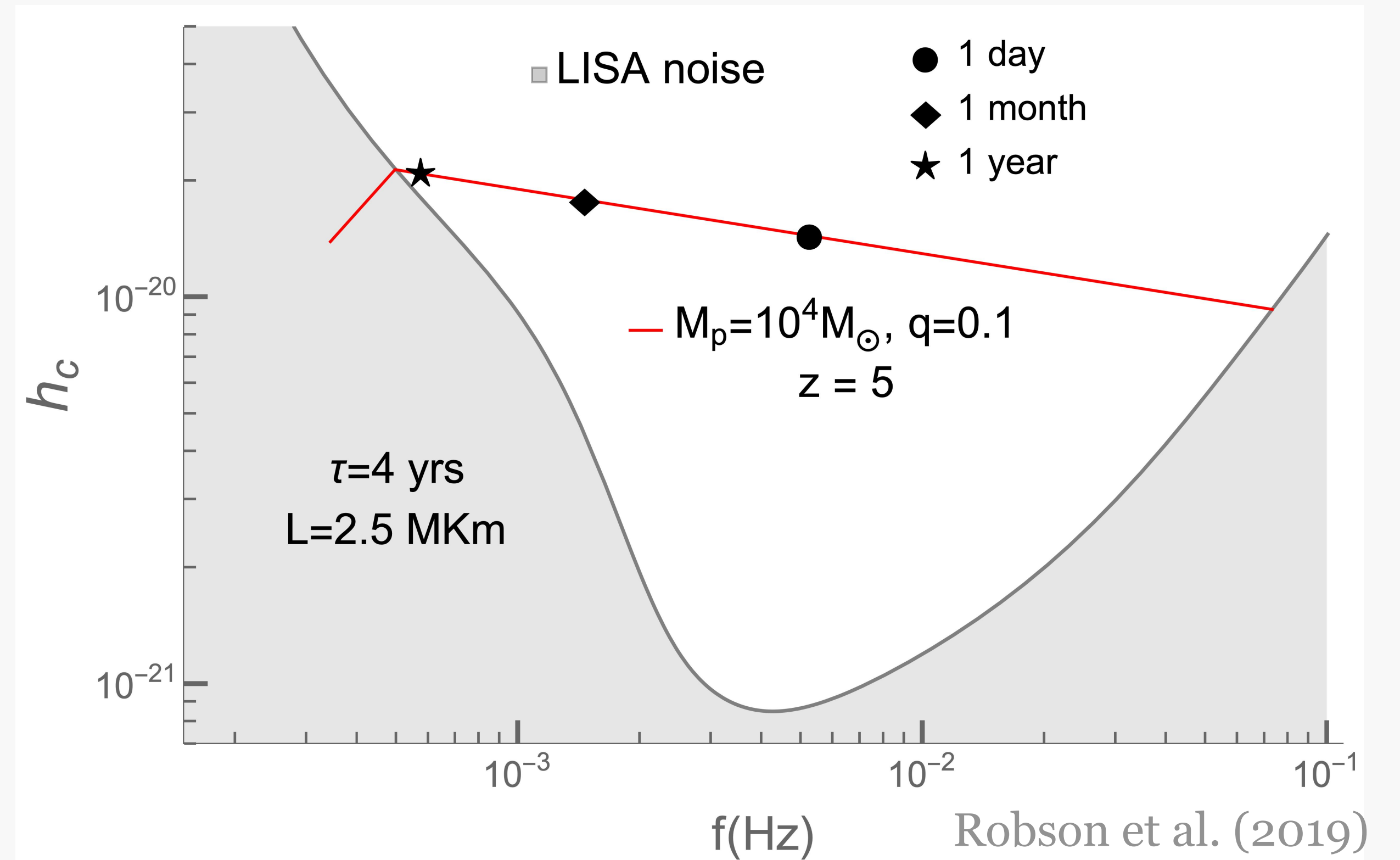
**IMBH Binary  $\equiv$  both IMBHs**

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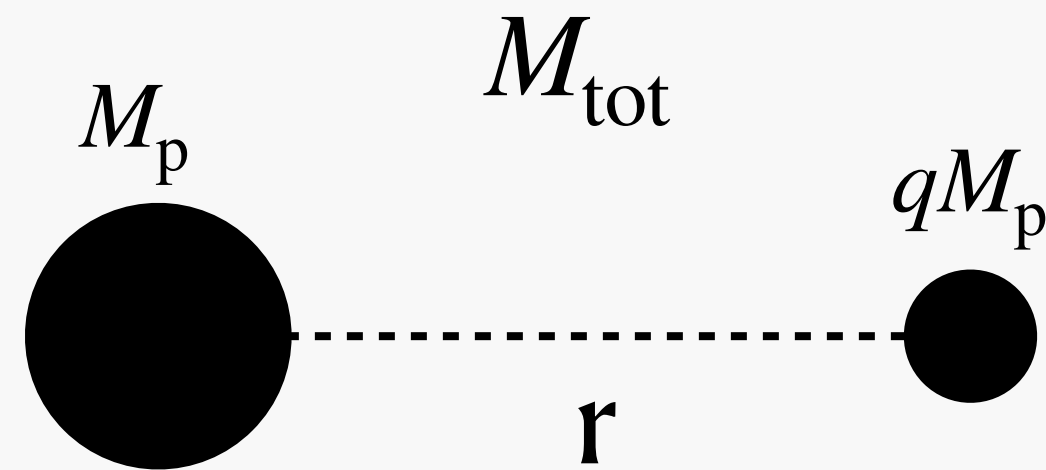


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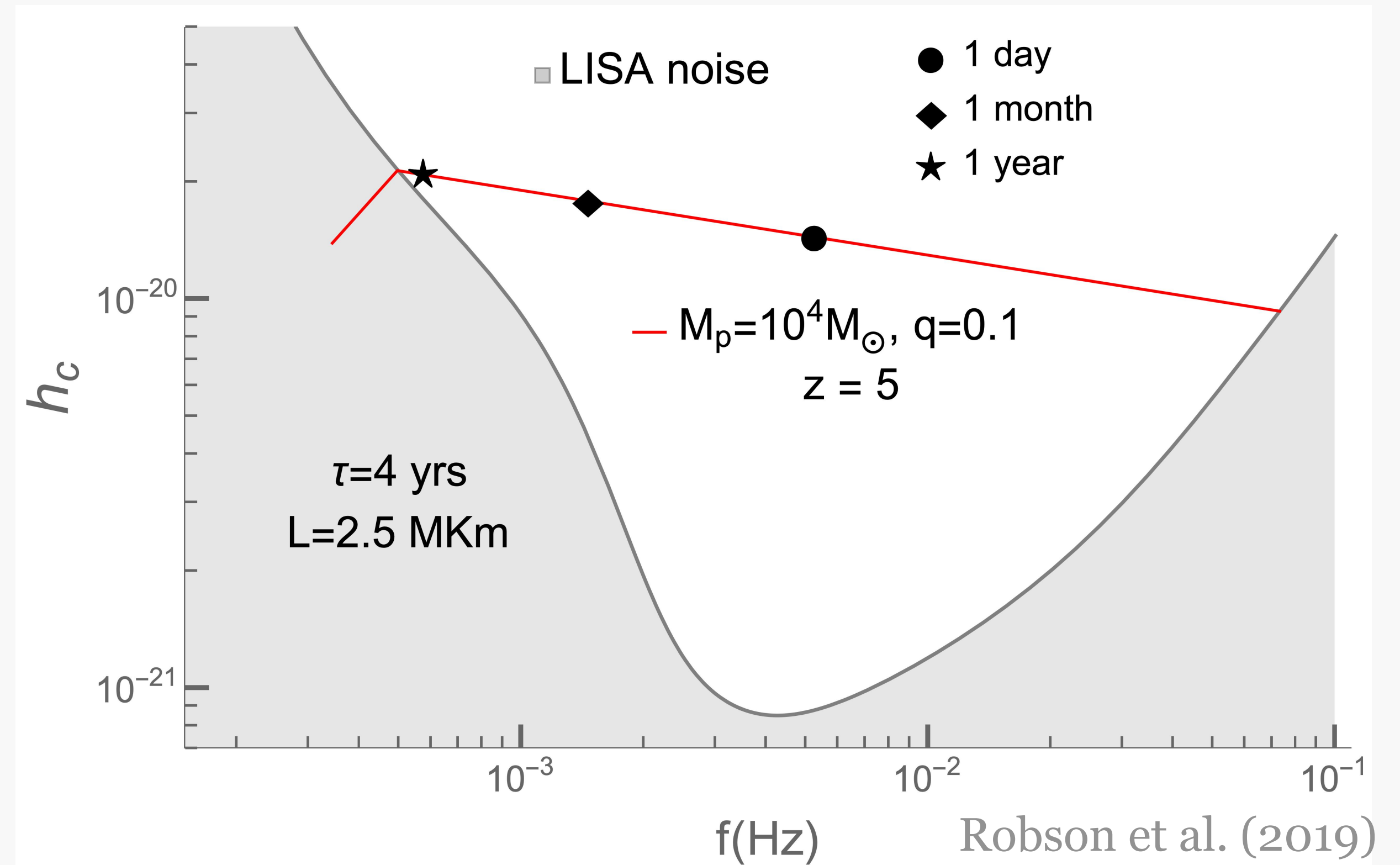


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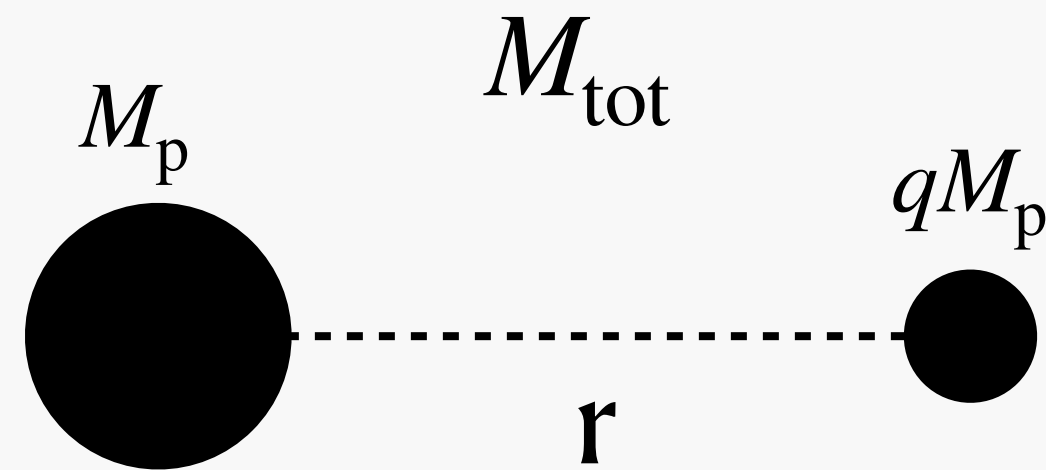
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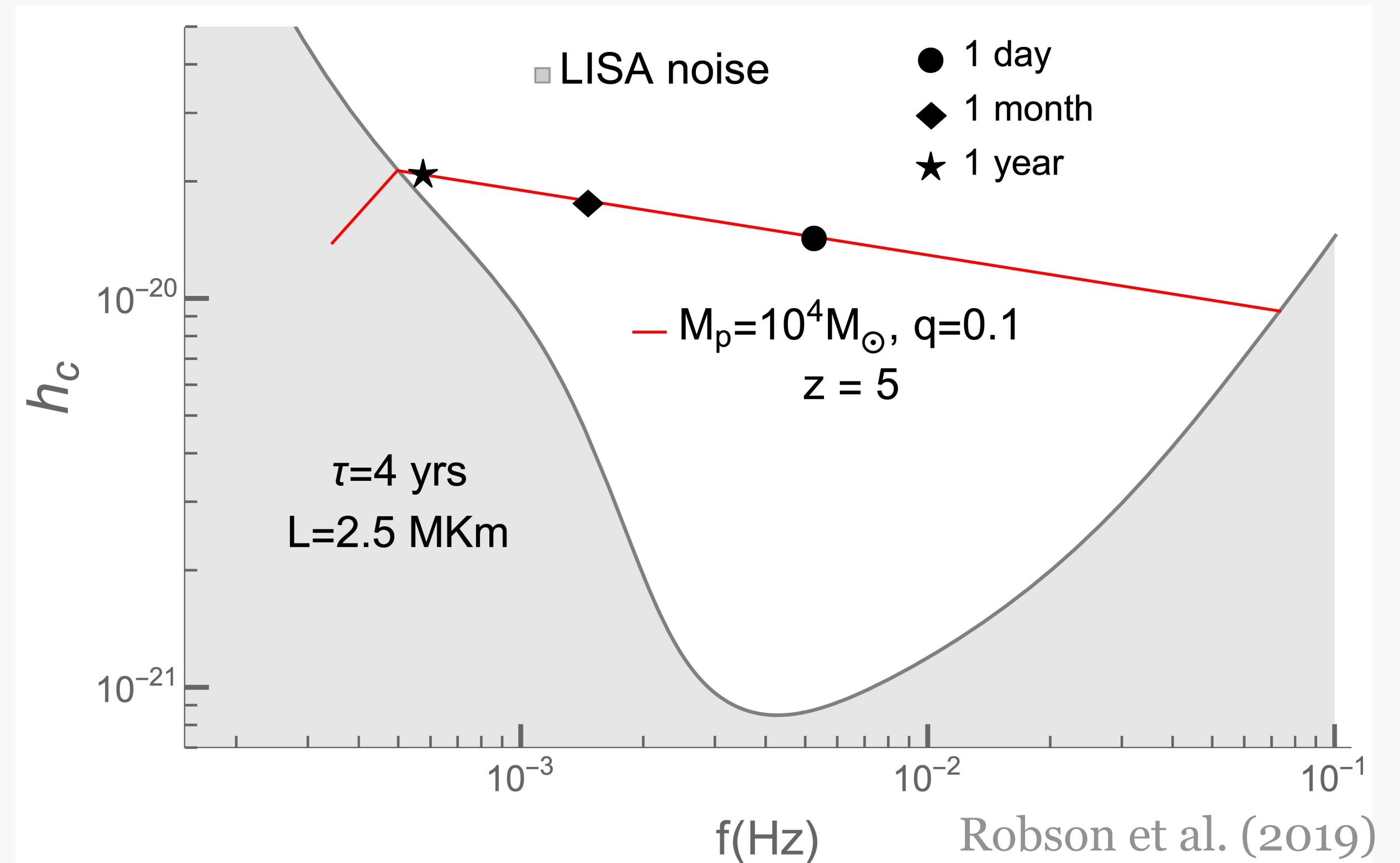


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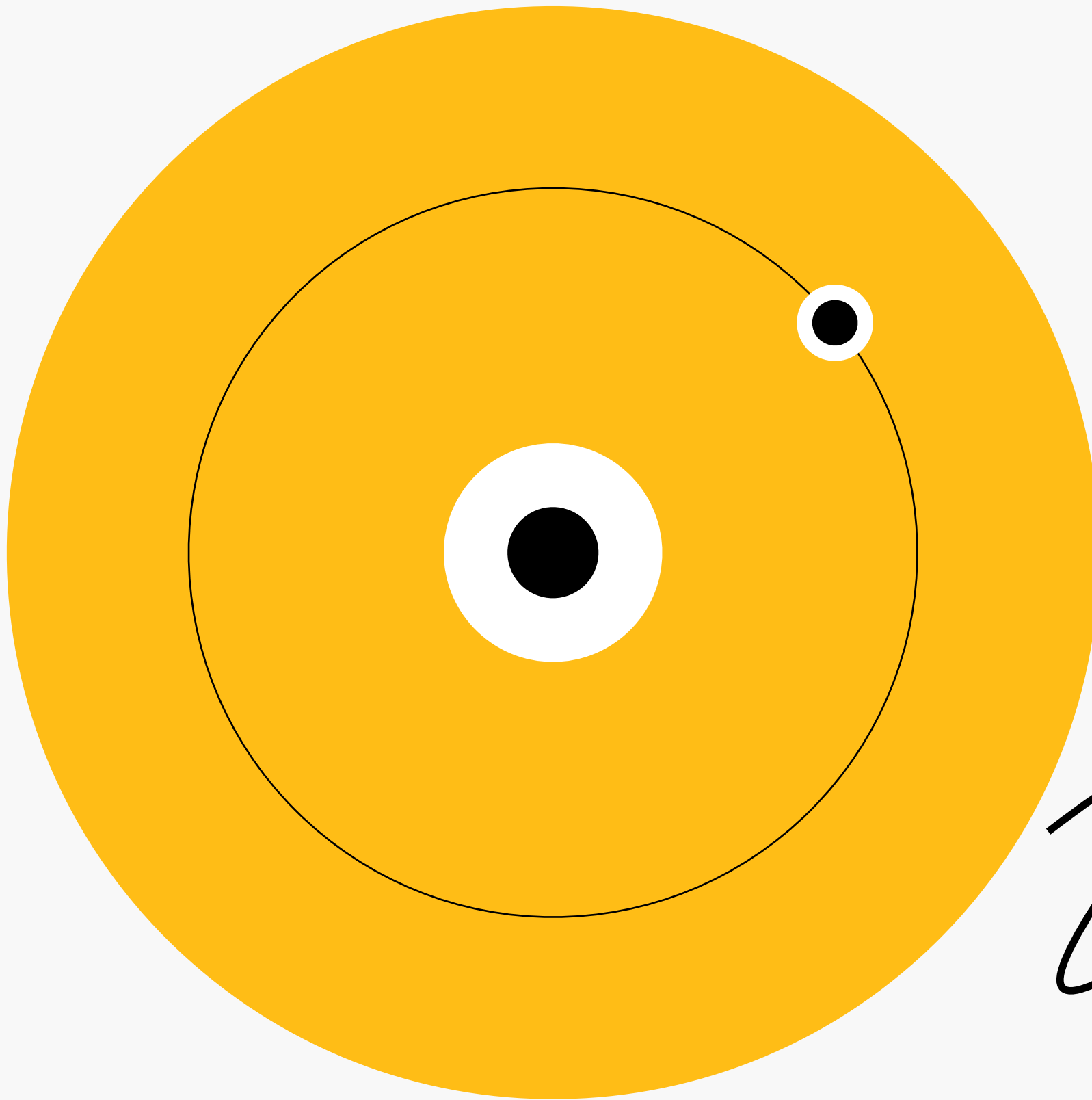


Only **circular** case!

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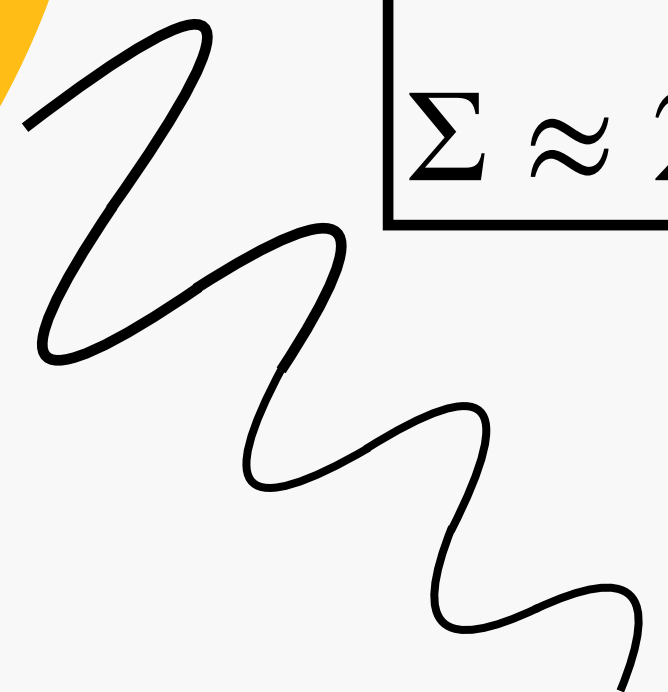
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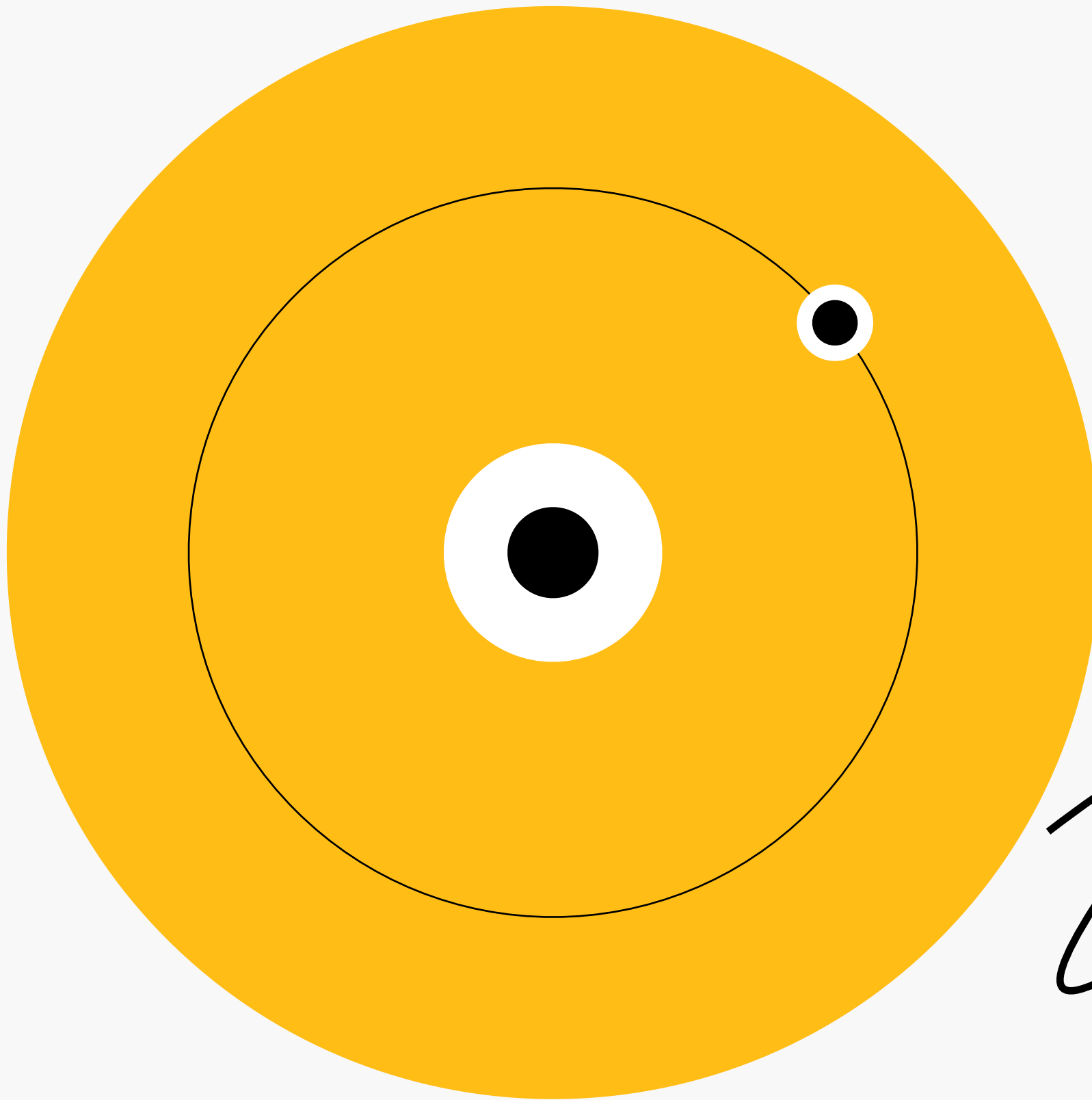
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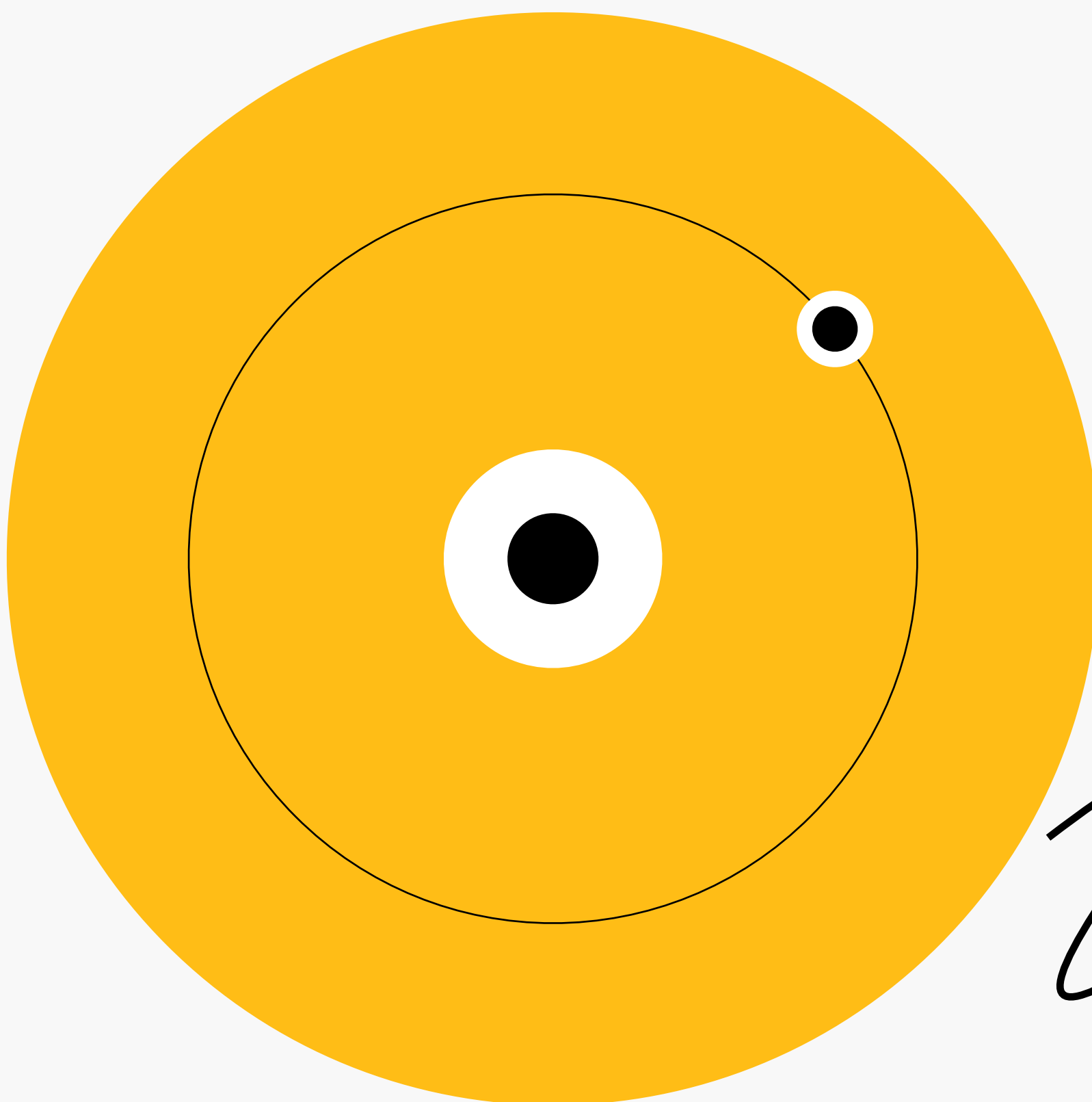
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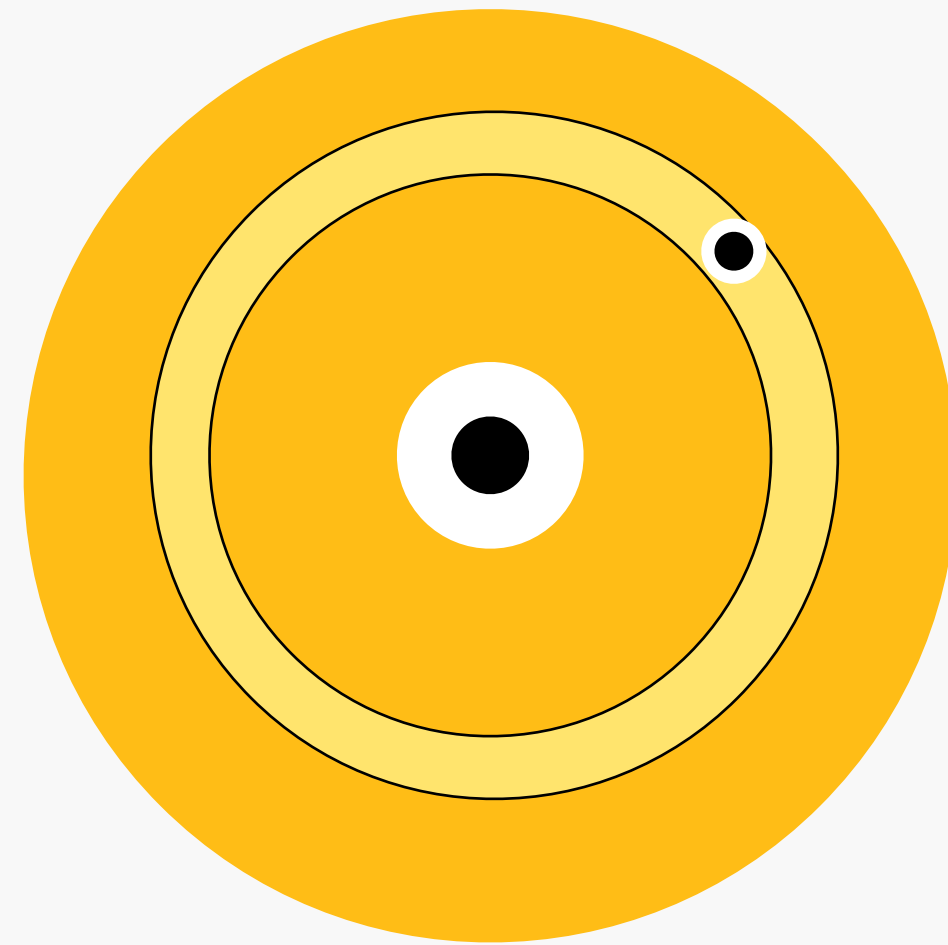
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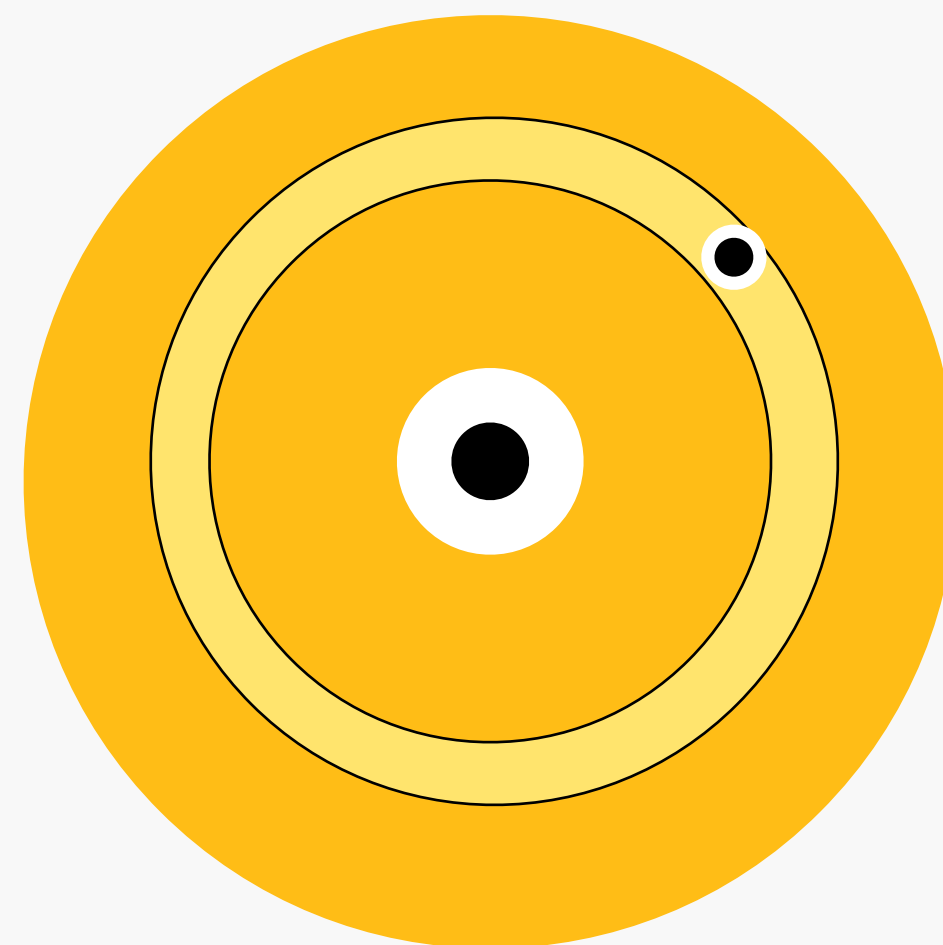
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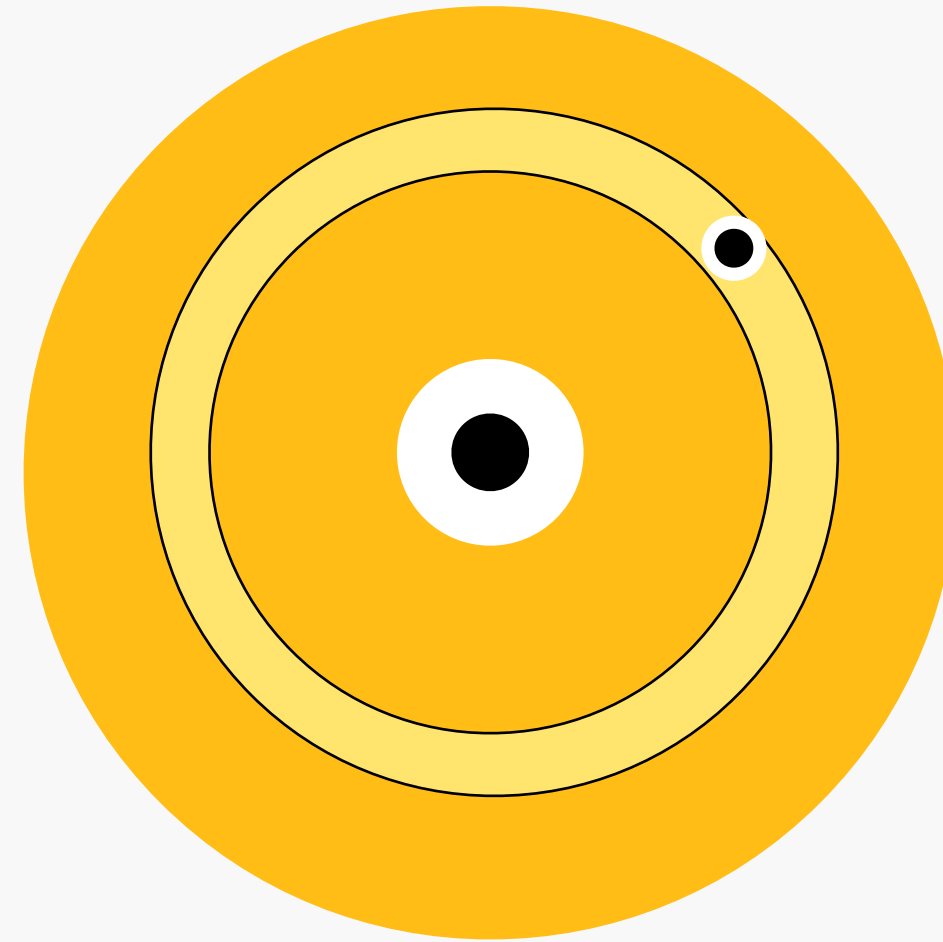
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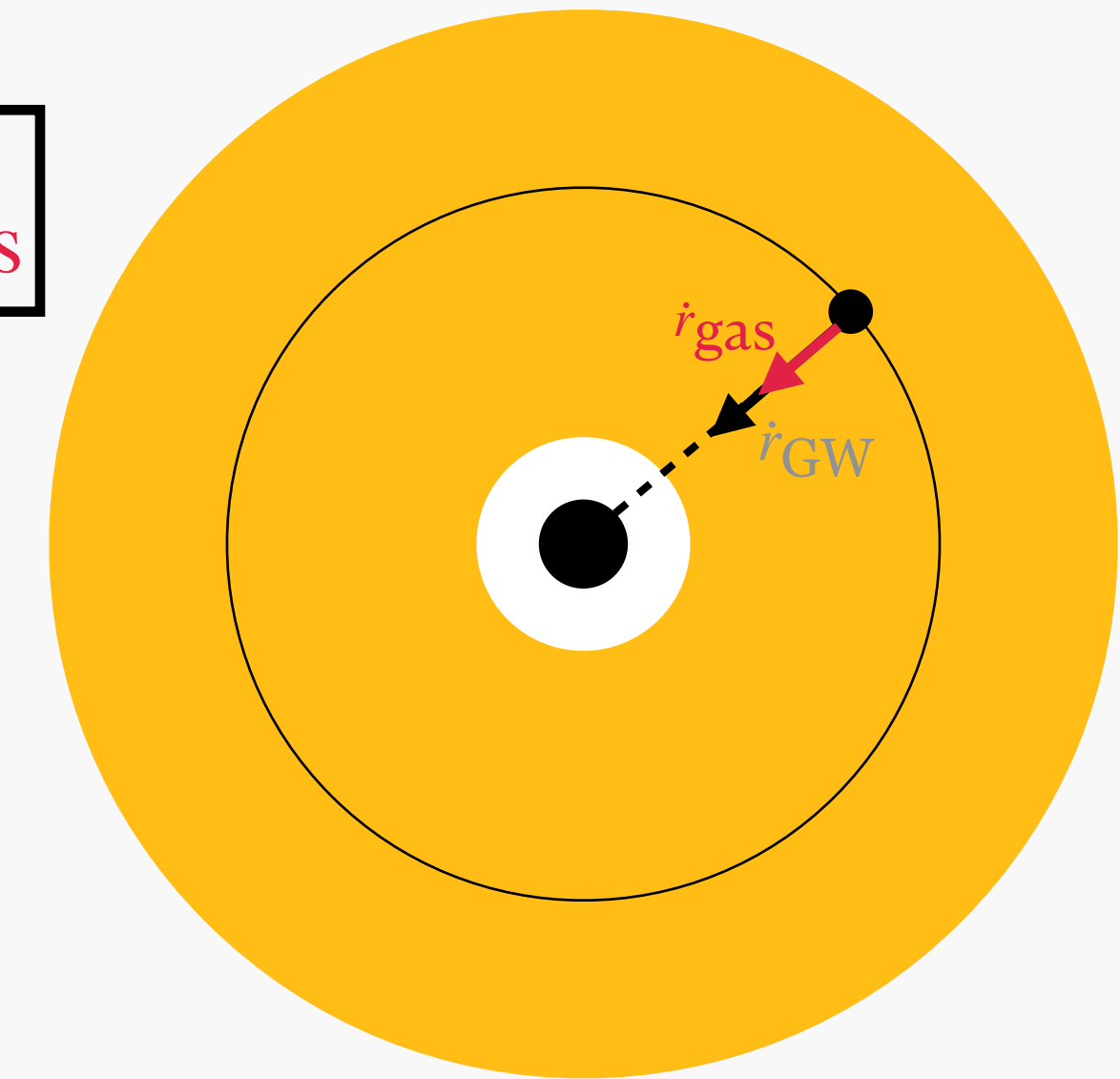
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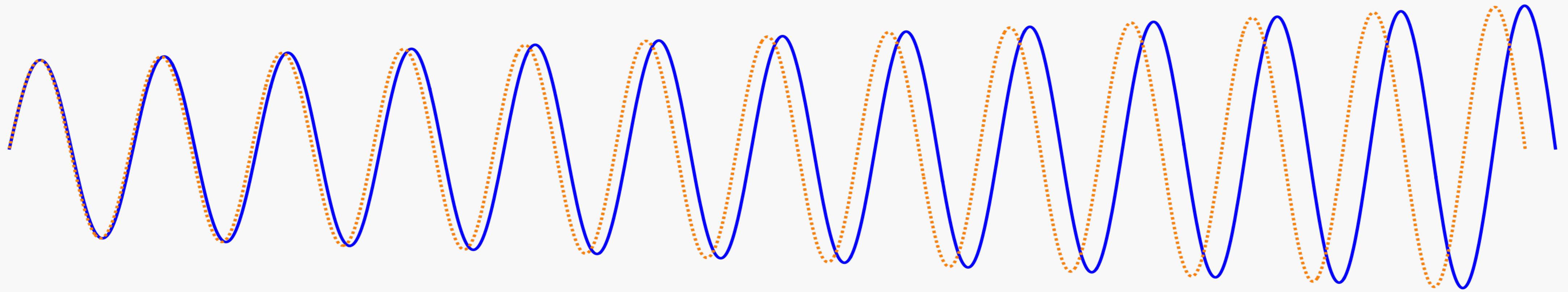
We assume **inwards**  $\dot{r}_{\text{gas}}$  only!

$$\dot{r} = \dot{r}_{\text{GW}} + \dot{r}_{\text{gas}} \text{ due to } \dot{r}_{\text{gas}} \ll \dot{r}_{\text{GW}}$$

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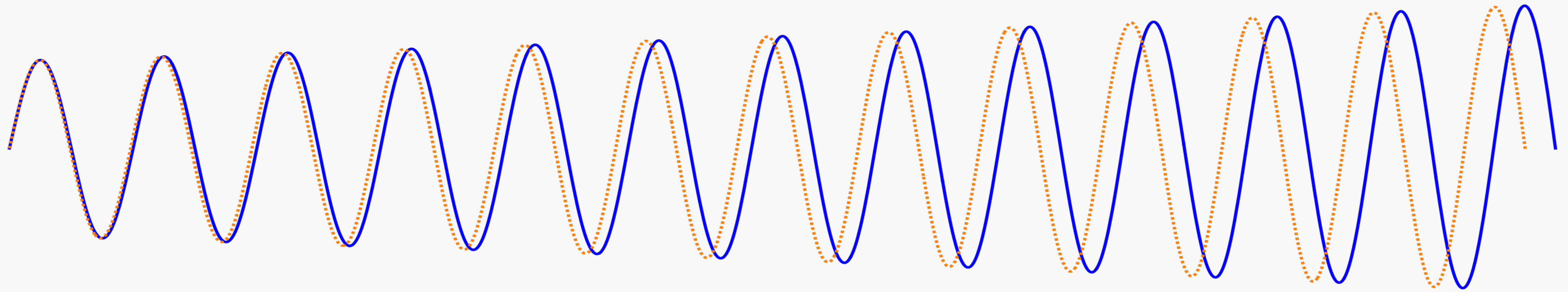


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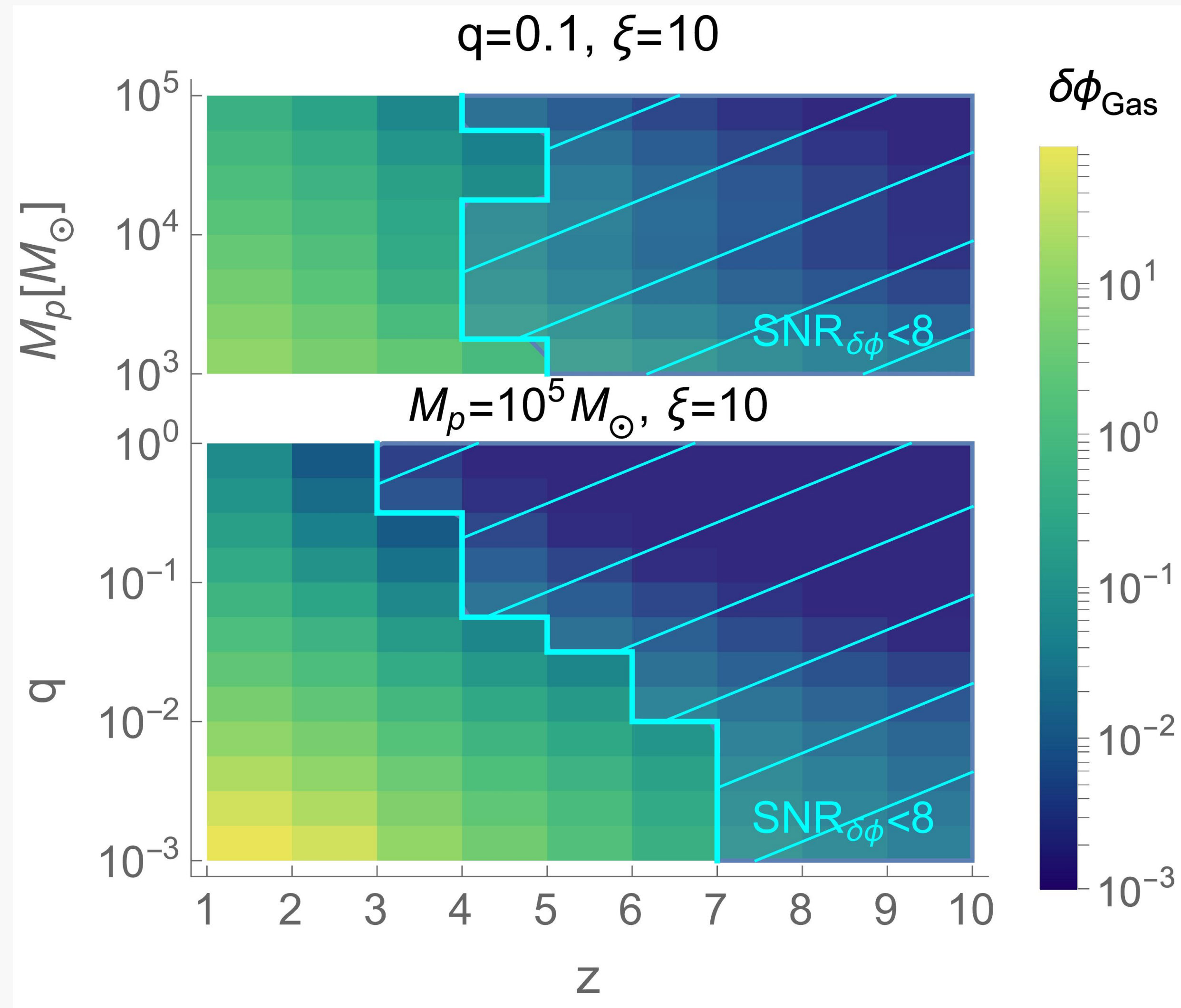
Dephasing for EMRIs

Detectable for a **subset of EMRIs**  
 at  $z \lesssim 1$

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# Dephasing in IMBHBs due to **gas**

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## Two sets of IMBHBs

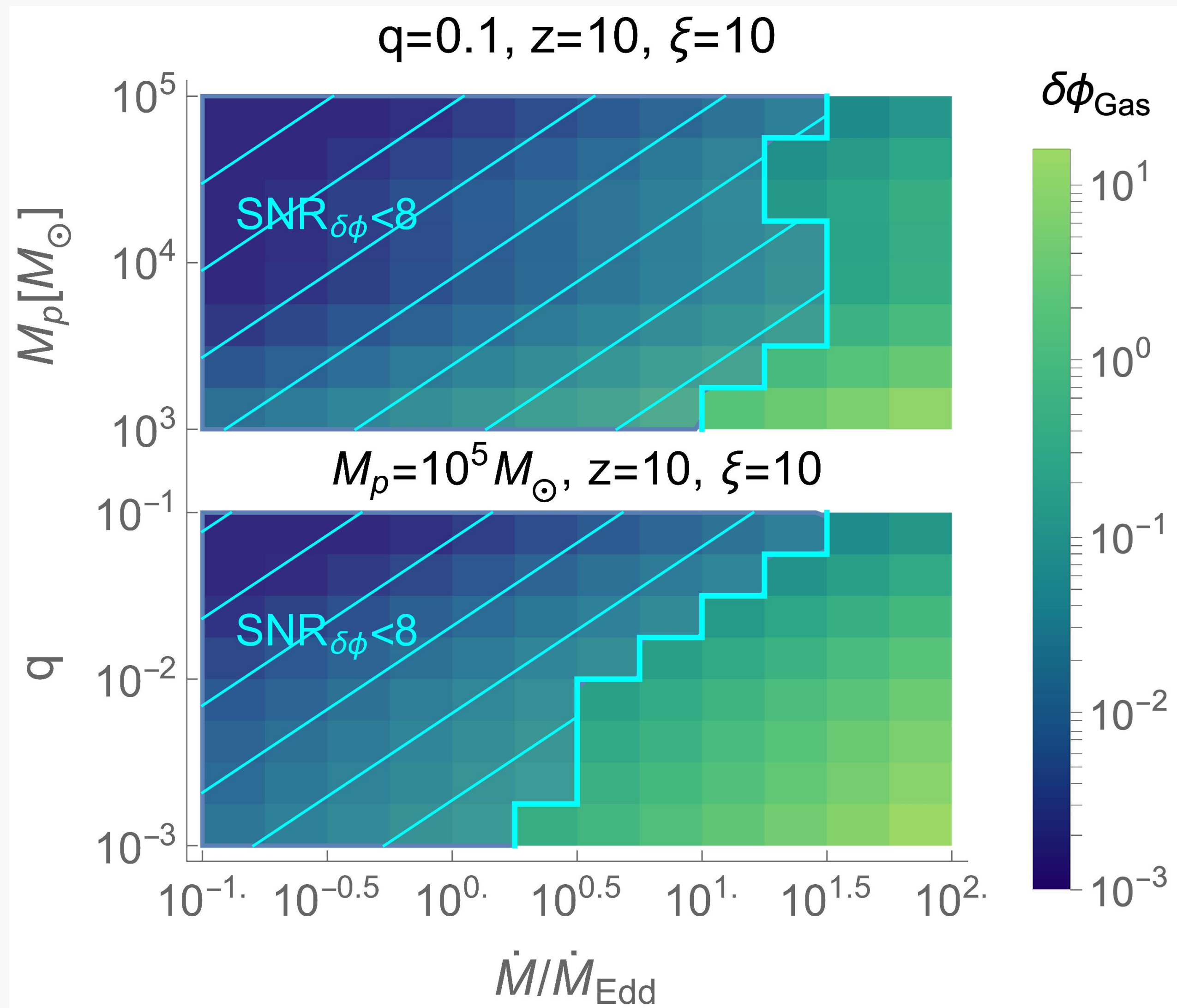
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## Detectable dephasing

Up to  $\sim 96$  radians or  
 $\sim 15$  GW cycles

# What about **high $z$** IMBHBs?

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Simply scaling  $\Gamma_{\text{vis}} = \dot{M} r^2 \Omega$



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