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# Dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet gravity and Cosmology

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# 1. Modified Gravity beyond Einstein - Is it needed?

## I. Gravity : Theoretical Aspect

- GR is an **effective theory** valid below UV cut-off,  $M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19} GeV$

Ex) String theory  $\xrightarrow{\text{Low Energy}}$  Einstein Gravity + higher curvature terms ( $\alpha'$ -expansion)

- Holography : (asymptotic) AdS (BH) in d+1 dim.  $\leftrightarrow$  Quantum in d dim. (AdS/QCD, CMT etc.)

## II. Standard Model of Cosmology ( $\Lambda$ CDM) - Observational Aspect

**Extreme fine-tuning ( $\Lambda = 2, 9 \times 10^{-122} \ell_P^{-2}$ ) needed**

for Present accelerating Expansion (c.c. or dark energy)

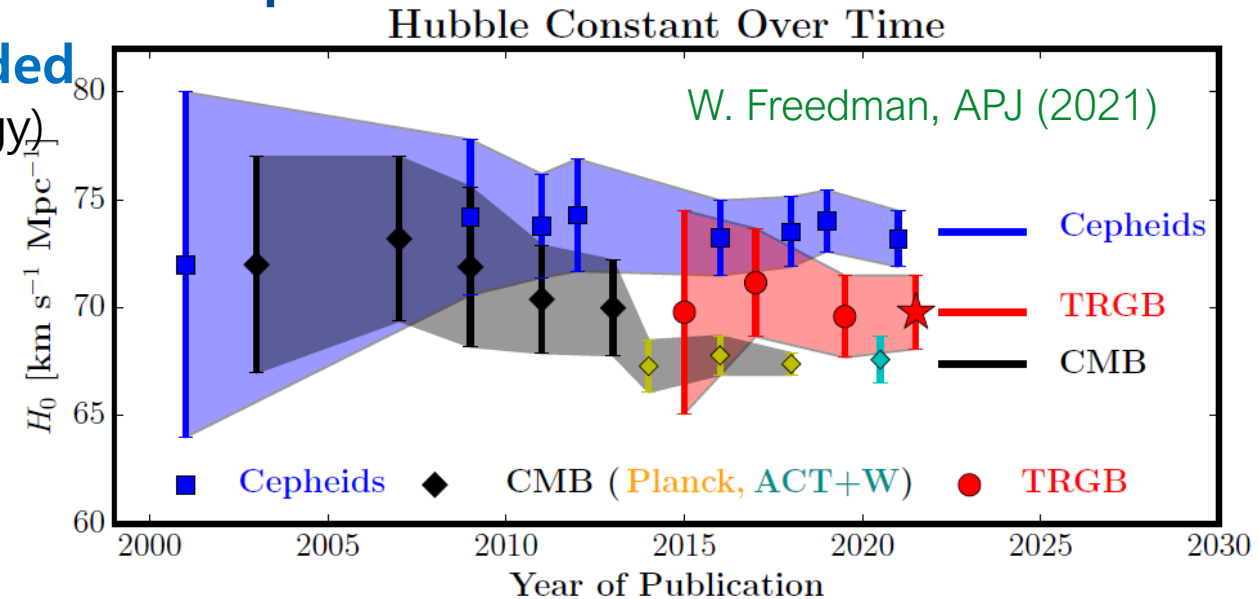
### Observational Cosmic Tension

#### 1) $H_0$ tension

$$H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc (CMB),}$$
$$= 73.5 \pm 1.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc (SN \& Cepheids)}$$

#### 2) Cosmic Birefringence ( $3\sigma$ significance)

#### 3) $\sigma_8(S_8)$ etc.



## III. Modified Gravity beyond Einstein :- Alternatives to $\Lambda$ CDM

**Q : Is it (the dilaton-Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet (dEGB) theory) better working?**

**We investigate 1) the Black Hole properties & 2) the implication to the cosmology.**

# 2. Dilaton Einstein Gauss-Bonnet(DEGB) theory

## Lovelock theory (dim. $D = 2t + 1$ or $2t$ )

Lagrangian with only **1) metric** **2) 2<sup>nd</sup> order e.o.m** (for no ghosts and instabilities) will be in the following form

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \sqrt{-g} \sum_{n=0}^t \alpha_n L^n$$

Ex)  $D$ -dim

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = L^1 = \sqrt{-g} R \quad \text{topological}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = L^1 = \sqrt{-g} R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = L^1 + L^2 = \sqrt{-g}(R + R_{GB}^2) \approx \sqrt{-g} R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = L^1 + L^2 = \sqrt{-g}(R + R_{GB}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_6 = L^1 + L^2 + L^3 = \sqrt{-g}(R + R_{GB}^2 + R_{E.C}^3) \approx \sqrt{-g}(R + R_{GB}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_7 = L^1 + L^2 + L^3 = \sqrt{-g}(R + R_{GB}^2 + R_{E.C}^3)$$

$L^n$  : Lovelock term, topological in  $2n D$   
 Ex)  $L^1 = R$  Einstein-Hilbert term topol in  $2 D$

$$L^2 = R^2 - 4R_{ab}R^{ab} + R_{abcd}R^{abcd} \\ = R_{GB}^2 \quad \text{Gauss-Bonnet term.} \quad \text{topol in } 4 D$$

$$L^m = \frac{1}{2^m} \delta_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots a_m b_m}^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \mu_2 \nu_2 \dots \mu_m \nu_m} R_{a_1 b_1}^{\mu_1 \nu_1} R_{a_2 b_2}^{\mu_2 \nu_2} \dots R_{a_m b_m}^{\mu_m \nu_m} \\ \text{Euler characteristic of dim } 2m \quad \text{topol in } 2m D$$

$$\delta_{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots a_m b_m}^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \mu_2 \nu_2 \dots \mu_m \nu_m} = (2m)! \delta_{[a_1}^{\mu_1} \delta_{b_1}^{\nu_1} \dots \delta_{a_m}^{\mu_m} \delta_{b_m}^{\nu_m]}$$

## 2-1) Lovelock's theorem ( in dim =4 (& 3)

The Einstein eqns (w/ c.c.) are the only possible **2nd-order eqns** derived in 4 dim. **solely from the metric.**

**Modification of GR needs to relax the assumptions of Lovelock's theorem.**  
 → Adding a **new degree of freedom (such as scalars)** other than the metric

## 2-2) Horndeski Theory - the most general scalar-tensor theory w/ 2nd-order field eqn in 4D

$$\mathcal{L} = G_2(\phi, X) - G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi + G_4(\phi, X)R + G_{4X}[(\square\phi)^2 - \phi_{\mu\nu}\phi^{\nu\mu}]$$

$$+ G_5(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\phi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{G_{5X}}{6}[(\square\phi)^3 - 3\square\phi\phi_{\mu\nu}\phi^{\nu\mu} + 2\phi_{\mu\nu}\phi^{\nu\lambda}\phi_{\lambda}{}^{\mu}]$$

higher derivative theories may have ghosts and Ostrogradsky instability :

**Note** : Horndeski theory is classified by 4 arbitrary functions  $\{G_i(\phi, X), i = 2,3,4,5\}$ .

### Examples:

(i) Einstein Gravity is obtained by taking  $G_4 = \frac{M_P^2}{2}$  (other  $G_i = 0$ )

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{M_P^2}{2} R \quad \text{Linear in curvature scalar}$$

(ii) Brans-Dicke  $f(R)$ , k-inflation/k-essence, Quintessence gravity, etc

(iii) Gauss-Bonnet Term  $S = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \xi(\phi) R_{GB}^2$  where  $R_{GB}^2 = R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$

can be shown to be realized (at the level of the e.o.m)

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## 2-3) the Dilaton-Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet (DEGB) Gravity

$f(\phi) = \alpha e^{\gamma\phi}$  polynomial etc.

$$S_{dEGB} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} R - \frac{\Lambda e^{\lambda\phi(r)}}{2\kappa} + f(\phi) R_{GB}^2 - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_m^{matt} \right]$$

**Goal** : To understand the physics due to the main parameters

# 3. dEGB theory - Black Holes

## New Properties of the Black Holes

Scalar Hair,

minimum mass  $\rightarrow$  New Phase?

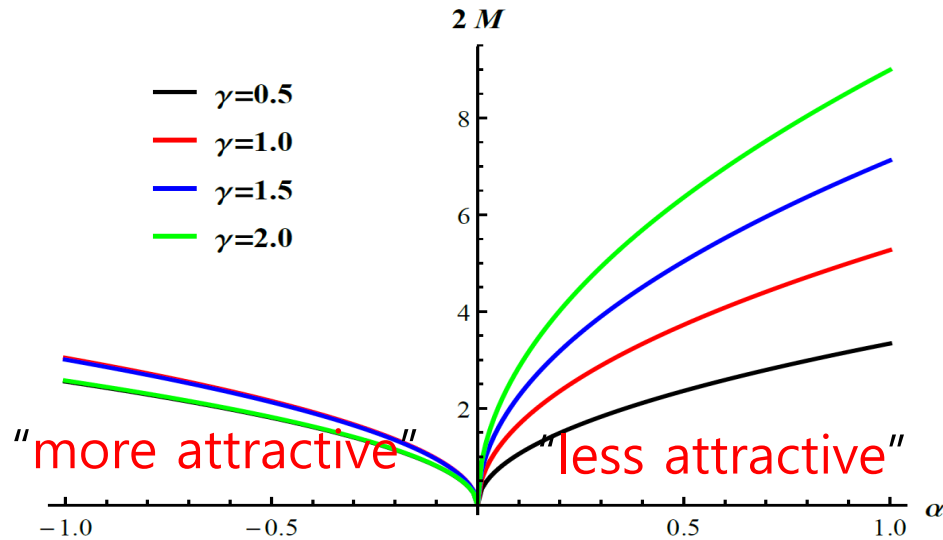
Soliton Star?

Black Holes

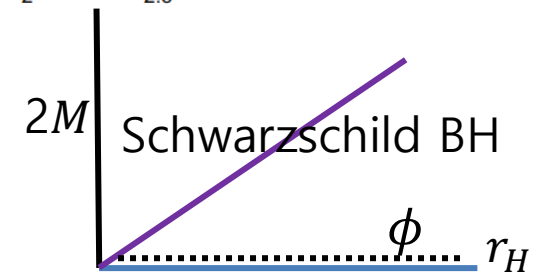
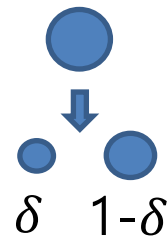
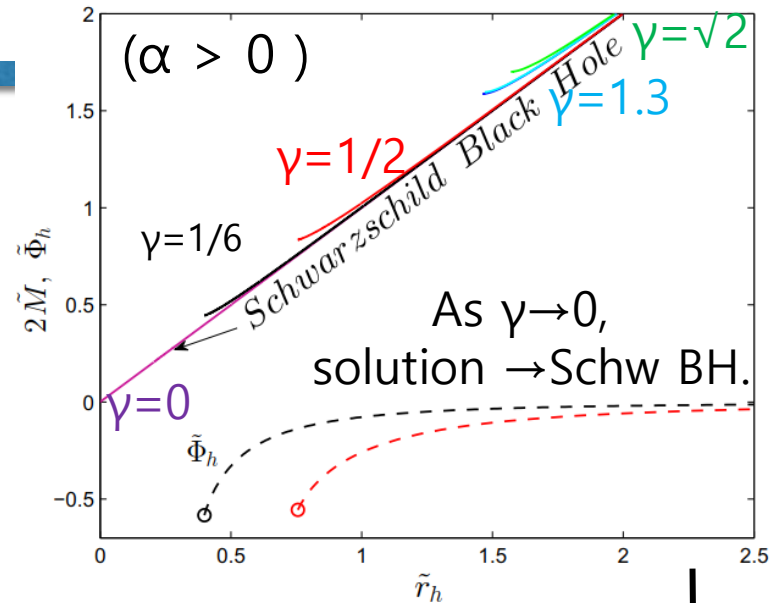
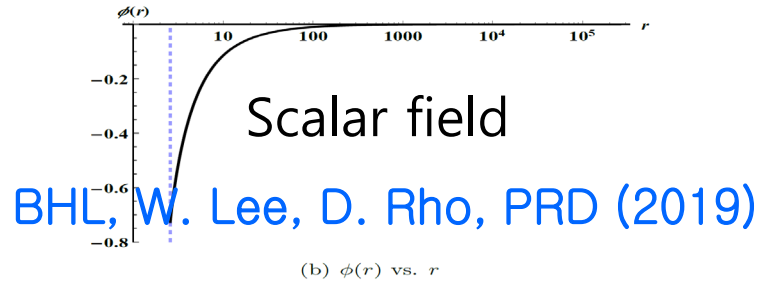
$M=0$

$M_{\min}$

$\rightarrow \infty$

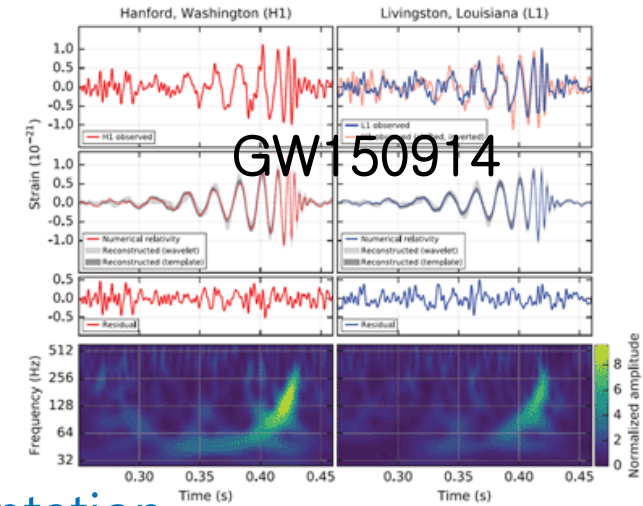
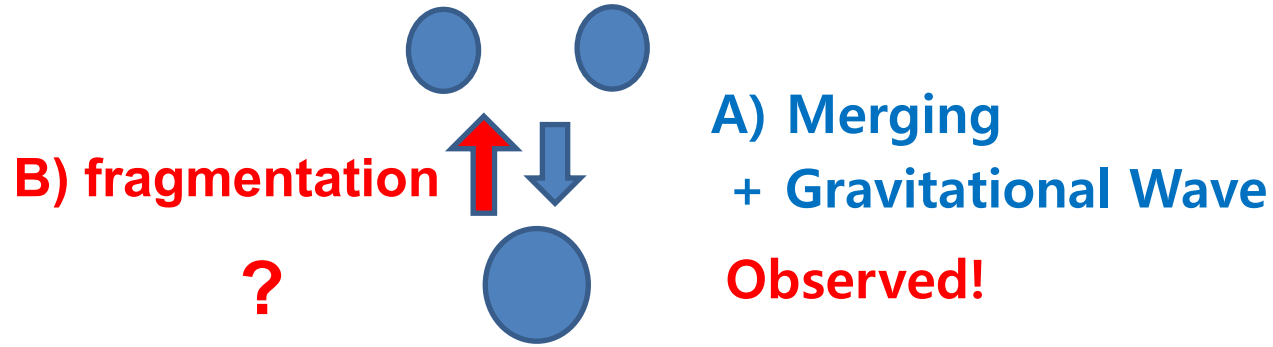


(in)stability under fragmentation



# Stability of the DEGB Blackholes under fragmentation

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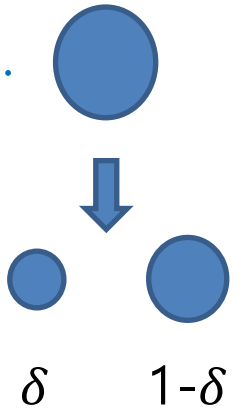


## B) Fragmentation Process : one BHs → two BH ?

Schwarzschild black holes are always stable under the fragmentation, is marginally stable under the fragmentation of shooting off the infinitesimal mass BH .

$$\frac{S_f}{S_i} = \frac{M_1^2 + M_2^2}{(M_1 + M_2)^2} = \frac{(\delta r_h)^2 + ((1-\delta)r_h)^2}{r_h^2} = \delta^2 + (1-\delta)^2 \leq 1$$

(equality only when  $M_1 \cdot M_2 = 0$ )



These phenomena could happen in the theory with the higher order of curvature term with appropriate parameters.



# 4. dEGB Cosmology

## - Effects to Inflation

The duration of inflation gets shorter

## - Reheating parameters in Gauss-Bonnet inflation Models

the reheating parameters are highly sensitive to the presence of the GB term

## - DE dominant era : Doesn't help in resolving the H0 tension

### Constraints from Nuclear & Particle Physics

#### - constraints from the GW signals from BBN merger events

#### WIMP indirect detection

#### - New Cosmological Phases and implication to the GW



### How to test?

- 1) Astroparticle physics
- 2) Grav. Waves, etc.

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# 4. Dilaton-Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet (dEGB) Cosmology

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Action

$$S_{dEGB} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} R + f(\phi) R_{GB}^2 - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_m \right]$$

1) If  $f(\phi) = \text{const}$ , the theory is reduced to a **quintessence model**.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_m^{rad} + \mathcal{L}_m \right]$$

2) If  $f(\phi) = \text{const}$  &  $\phi = \text{const}$ , it is reduced to **Standard  $\Lambda$ CDM**.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} R + \mathcal{L}_m; \right] \quad \mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{L}_{rad} + \mathcal{L}_{matt} + \mathcal{L}_{CDM} - \frac{1}{\kappa} \Lambda$$

$$R_{GB}^2 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$$

( $\kappa \equiv 8\pi G = \frac{1}{M_{PL}^2}$ ) **Gauss-Bonnet term**

$$\mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{CDM} - \frac{1}{\kappa} \Lambda$$

(dEGB  $\xrightarrow{\text{GB term dropped}}$  **Quintessence**)

**Gravity** : Einstein Gravity

**Matter** : Standard Model +(C)DM +DE  
( dEGB  $\xrightarrow{\text{GB and } \phi \text{ dropped}}$   **$\Lambda$ CDM** )

## The Einstein and scalar Eqs.

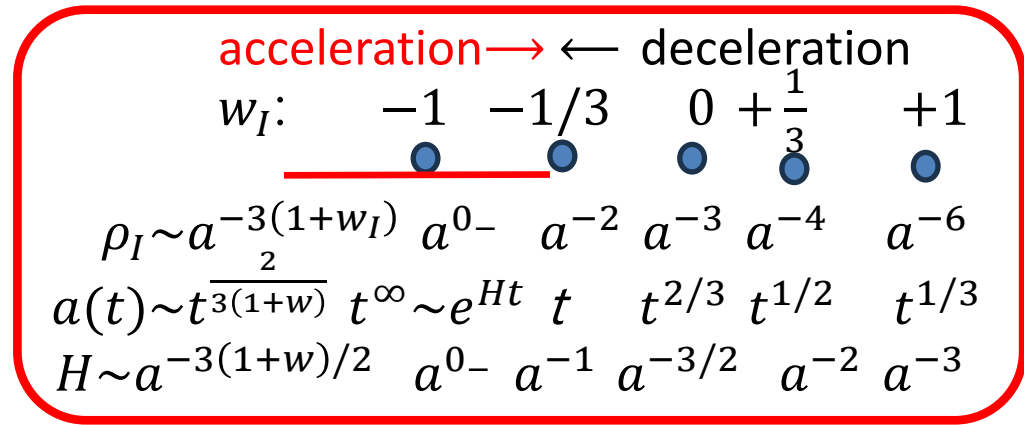
$$H^2 = \frac{\kappa}{3} (\rho_{\{\phi+GB\}} + \rho_m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{H} &= -\frac{\kappa}{2} [(\rho_{\{\phi+GB\}} + p_{\{\phi+GB\}}) + (\rho_m + p_m)] \\ &= -\frac{\kappa}{2} \rho_{tot} (1 + w_{tot}) \quad (w = \frac{p}{\rho} \text{ Eq of state}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) + V'_{GB} = 0$$

The deceleration parameter  $q = -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 3w_{tot})$

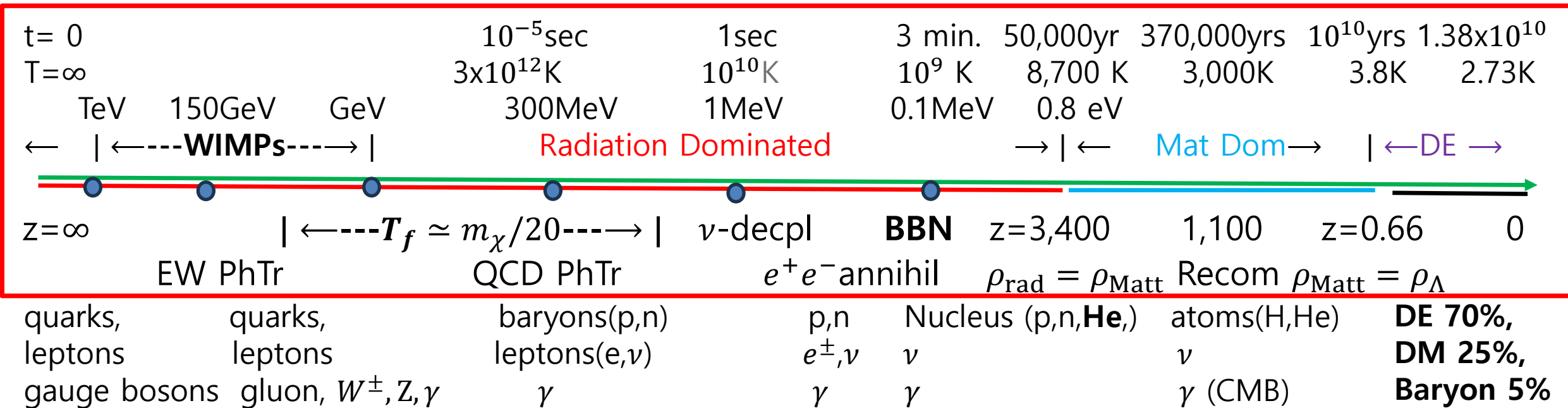
$\rho_{GB}$  &  $p_{GB}$  are NOT necessarily positive.



# 2-2) Overview – Effects of GB

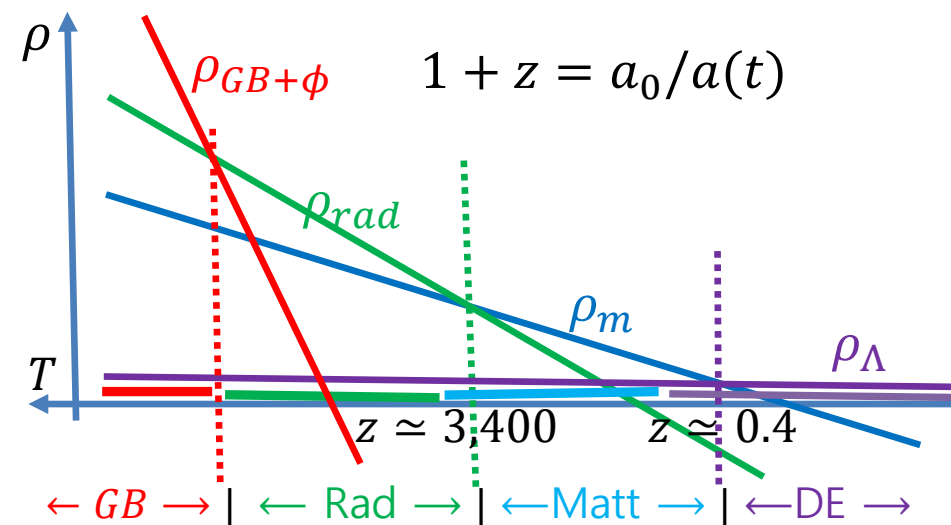
- Effects to the  $\Lambda$ CDM through the different evolution of  $a(t)$   
 Particle & Nuclear Physics in Cosmology Ex) WIMPs

## (1) the Standard $\Lambda$ CDM Cosmology



## (2) New Phases

← GB PHASE →	← Radiation →	← Matt →	← DE →
$w_I = -1/3, +1, 7/3, \text{etc.}$	$1/3$	$0$	$-1$
$\rho_I \sim a^{-3(1+w_I)}$	$a^{-4}$	$a^{-3}$	$a^0$
$a(t) \sim t^{\frac{2}{3(1+w)}}$	$t^{1/2}$	$t^{2/3}$	$t^\infty$
$H \sim a^{-3(1+w)/2}$	$a^{-2}$	$a^{-3/2}$	$a^0$



## 4-4) WIMPs in DEGB cosmology

$$S_{DEGB} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} R + f(\phi) R_{GB}^2 - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_m^{\text{rad}} + \mathcal{L}_{DM}^{\text{WIMP}} \right]$$

**WIMPs** (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle) ( $\text{GeV} \lesssim m_\chi \lesssim \text{TeV}$ ) are the most popular candidates of the Cold Dark Matter (CDM).

### WIMP thermal decoupling scenario - thermal relic density

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma > H \rightarrow | \leftarrow \Gamma < H \\ \text{thermal equil } T > T_f \rightarrow | \leftarrow T < T_f \text{ Decoupled, freezing} \\ T \end{array}$$

the observed **DM relic density** at present,

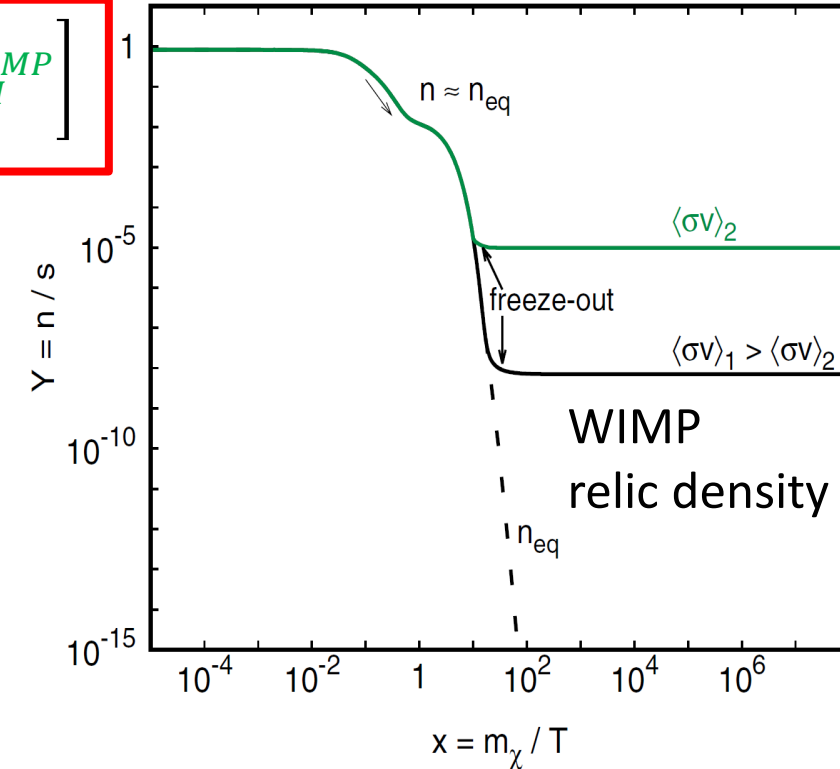
$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = 0.12 \quad (\text{assuming all DM are WIMPs})$$

### dEGB cosmological scenario

**Higher**  $A(T)$  **or**  $H(T)$   $\rightsquigarrow$  **larger**  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_f (= \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{relic}})$ .

**Key point) If**  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_f = \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{relic}}$  is too large, the decay signal in our Galaxy should be detected.

**Goal** : Constrain the **Modified Gravity (dEGB)** based on the physics of **WIMPs decoupling**

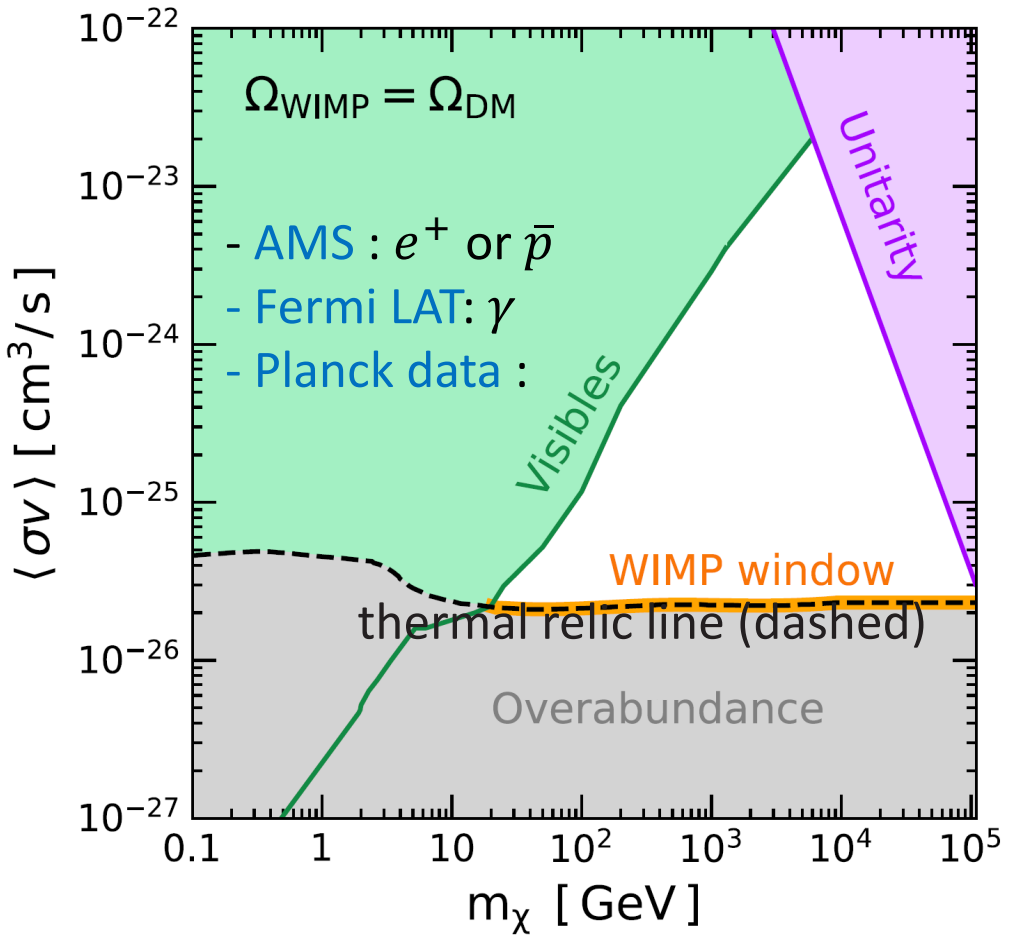


### Indirect detection bounds on WIMP annihilation

- find  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{relic}}$  of  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_f$  (fn  $m_\chi$ ) for  $\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 0.12$
- Nonobservation (of an excess over b.g.) of the WIMP annihilation in the Galaxy today to  $\gamma, e^\pm, p, \bar{p}$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  an upper bound  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{ID}$  on  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{gal}$  (fn of  $m_\chi$ ).

- **The favoured parameters** are those satisfying

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{gal} / \langle \sigma v \rangle_{ID} \lesssim 1$$



**Thermal Relic line**

If  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_f$  larger, then decouples later  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  smaller  $n_\chi(T_f)$  & relic density.

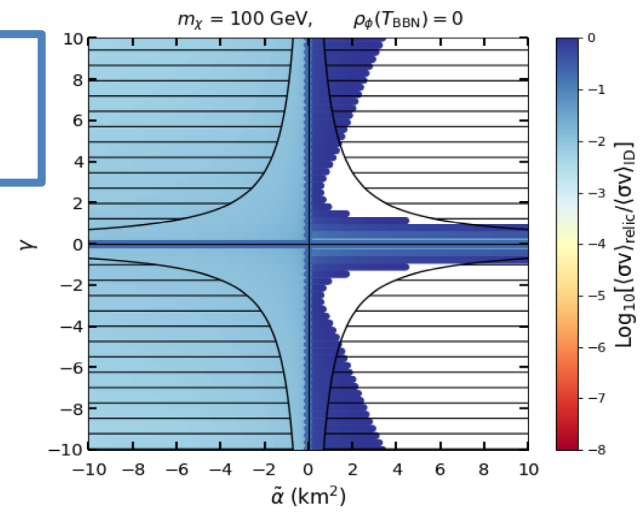
Region below the dotted line is disfavored (**Overabundance**)

**Constraints)**

**1) Indirect detection bounds on WIMP annihilation :**

If  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_f$  too high, then the annihilation signal should be observed. No such signal observed means :  
 Only parameters producing smaller  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$  than the indirect detection upper bound (solid green curve), are favored.

The white regions are excluded by WIMP indirect searches,



**2) the GW forms from Binary BH merger events**

the constraints

$$|f'(\phi(T_L))| \leq \sqrt{8\pi} \alpha_{GB}^{max} \text{ with } \alpha_{GB}^{max} = (1.18)^2 \text{ km}^2$$

- If  $\dot{\phi}(T_{BBN}) = 0$ , then  $|\tilde{\alpha}\gamma| \leq \sqrt{8\pi} \alpha_{GB}^{max}$
- If  $\dot{\phi}(T_{BBN}) \neq 0$ , then  $|\tilde{\alpha}\gamma e^{\gamma \frac{\phi_{BBN}}{H_{BBN}}}| \leq \sqrt{8\pi} \alpha_{GB}^{max}$

Hatched areas of the  $\tilde{\alpha}$ - $\gamma$  parameter space are disallowed by the constraint

# Note

1) As  $m_\chi$  increases for fixed  $\epsilon$ ,  $\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle_f}{\langle\sigma v\rangle_{ID}}$  decreases (more favored).

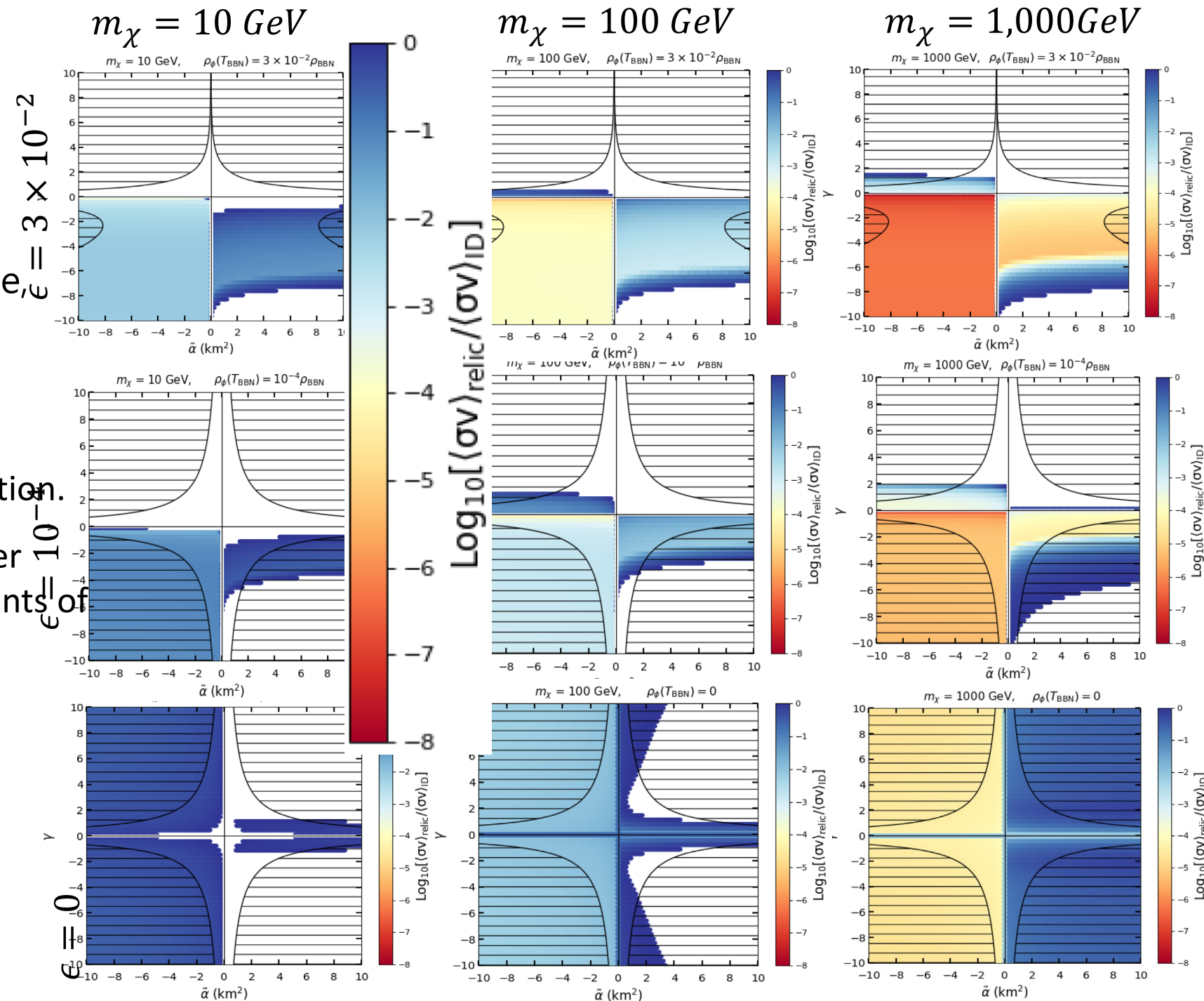
2) As  $\epsilon$  increases for fixed  $m_\chi$ ,  $\langle\sigma v\rangle_f/\langle\sigma v\rangle_{ID}$  usually increase. However, can also decrease in some parameter region.

- White regions ( $\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle_{relic}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle_{ID}} > 1$ ) are disfavoured by WIMP indirect detection.

- Hatched areas of the  $\tilde{\alpha}$ - $\gamma$  parameter space are disallowed by the constraints of GWs in BBH merge.

The **white regions** are excluded by **WIMP indirect searches**,

the **hatched ones** are ruled out by the **GW detection from compact binary mergers**.



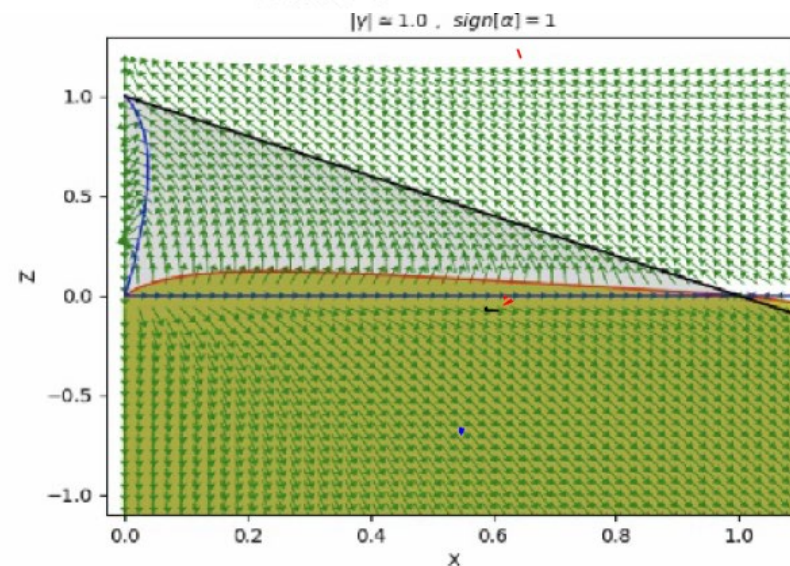
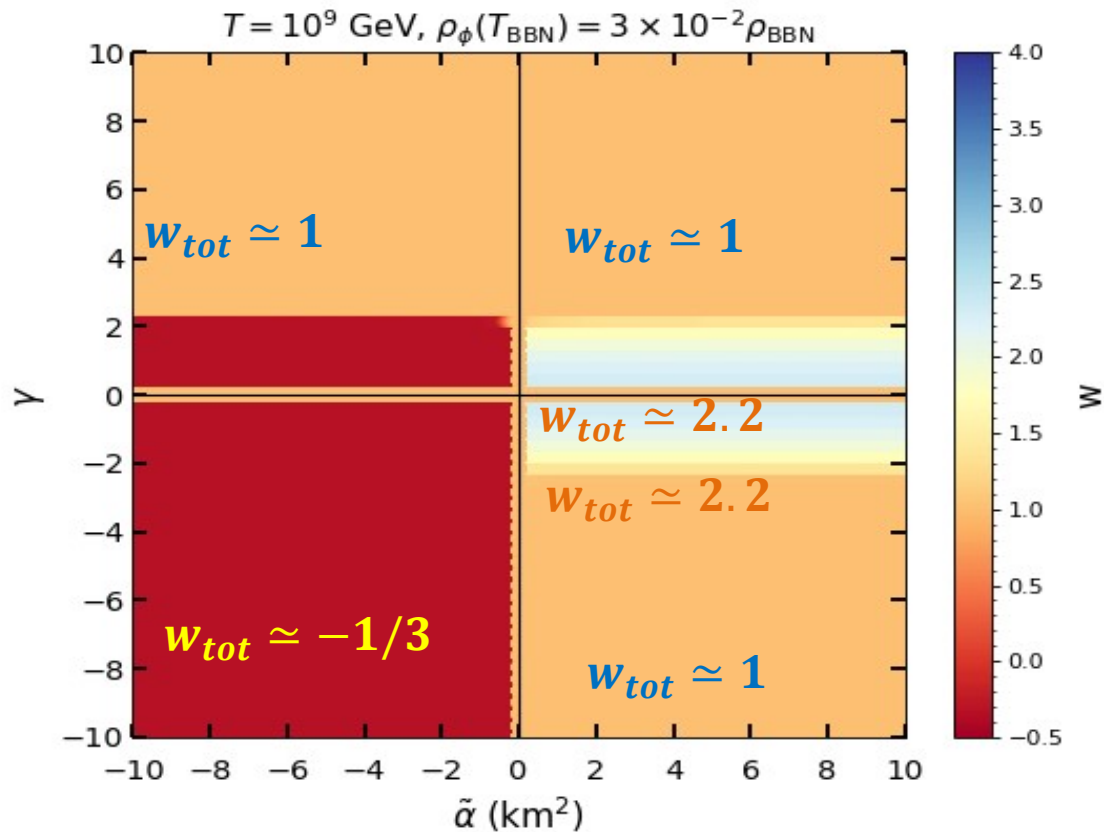
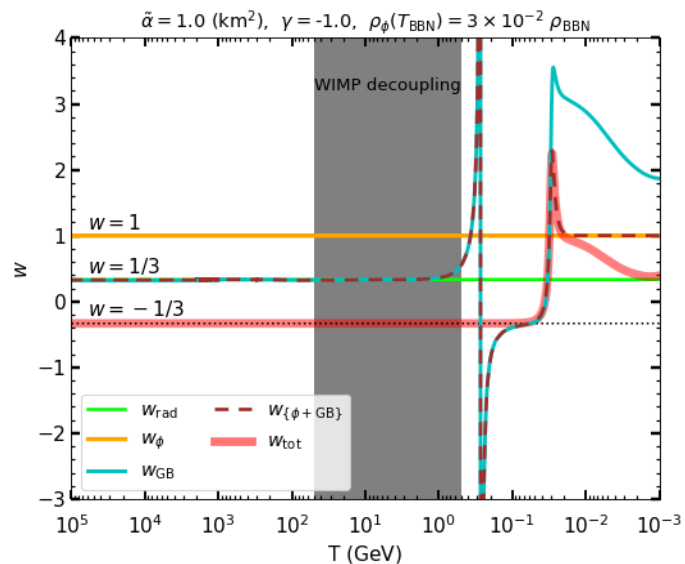
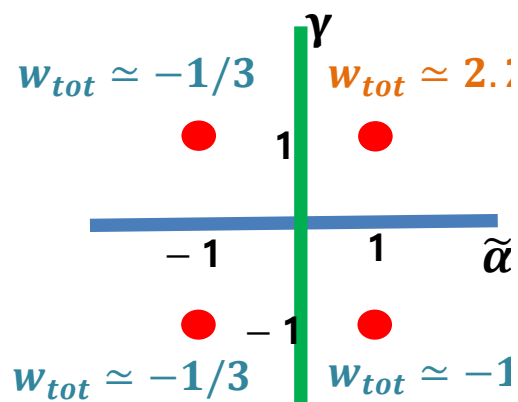


# High T behavior of dEGB cosmology

NEW PHASEs → | ← Rad Dom → | ← Matt → | ←  $\Lambda$ (DE) →



- 1) New Phases appear
  - Ex) Super Kination phase ( $w > 1$ )
  - Kination Phase ( $w = 1$ )
  - Slow rolling phase ( $w \approx -1/3$ )
- 2) These are attractor/fixed point solutions)
- 3) May affect observation -New Physics
  - Ex) GWs



# 5. Summary

Ex) The String theory at low Energy

→ Einstein Grav + higher curvature terms

## Modified Gravity beyond Einstein needed?

### Theoretical Aspect

- an **effective theory** below UV cut-off,  $M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19} GeV \rightarrow$  Einstein Grav + **higher curvature** terms
- Is Standard Cosmology ( $\Lambda$ CDM) satisfactory? extremely fine-tuned ( $\Lambda = 2,888 \times 10^{-122} \ell_p^{-2}$ )
- Holography

Observational Aspect -  $H_0$  tension, Cosmological Birefringence etc.

### Modification of GR - needs to introduce additional d.o.f.

- higher than 2<sup>nd</sup> order theories have generically, ghosts & Ostrogradsky instability :

**Horndeski theory** is the most general scalar-tensor theory w/ 2nd-order field eqn in 4 dim. (no ghost or instability, as a result), classified by 4 arbitrary functions  $\{G_i(\phi, X), i = 2,3,4,5\}$ .

the **Dilaton-Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet (dEGB) Gravity** belongs to Horndeski theory

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We chose

$$f(\phi) = \alpha e^{\gamma\phi}$$



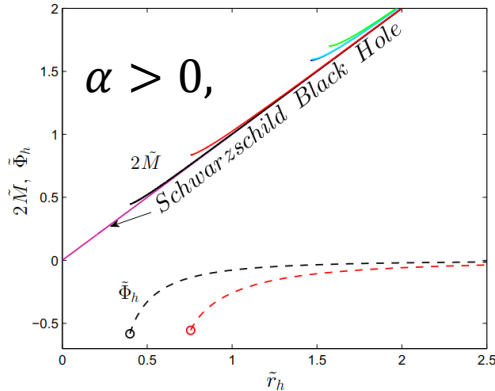
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## DEGB hairy Black Hole

(with Dilaton, Gauss-Bonnet term and cosmological constant)

- There exists **minimum mass**.
- BHs have hairs (shown to be consistent with the no hair theorem).

- The BH solution & its properties are strongly dependent on the signature of the Gauss-Bonnet term (as well as  $\Lambda$ ).



When the scalar field on the horizon is the maximum, the DGB black hole solution has the minimum horizon size.

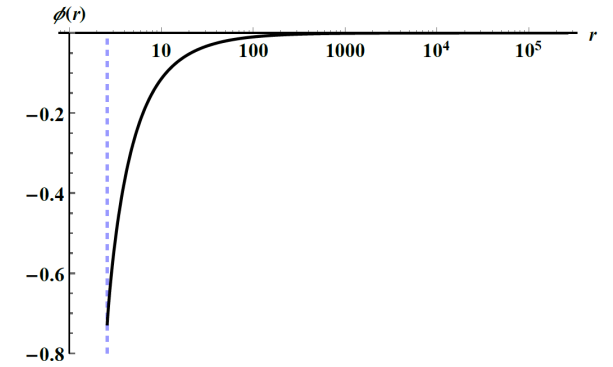
The amount of black hole hair decreases as the DGB black hole mass increases.

- With Cos. Const :

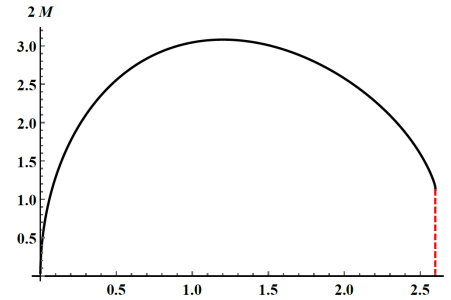
$$\Phi(r) \rightarrow \Phi_\infty (\text{Constant}) \quad \text{only when } \gamma + \lambda = 0, \text{ \& } \Lambda = \frac{3\lambda}{8\kappa\alpha\gamma} e^{-(\gamma+\lambda)\Phi_\infty}$$

## Fragmentation instability of black holes:

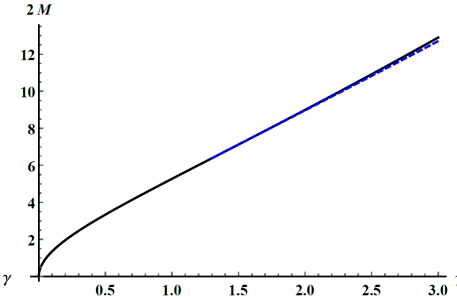
For some parameter range, the dEGB BH is unstable under fragmentation, even if these phases are stable under perturbation.



(b)  $\phi(r)$  vs.  $r$



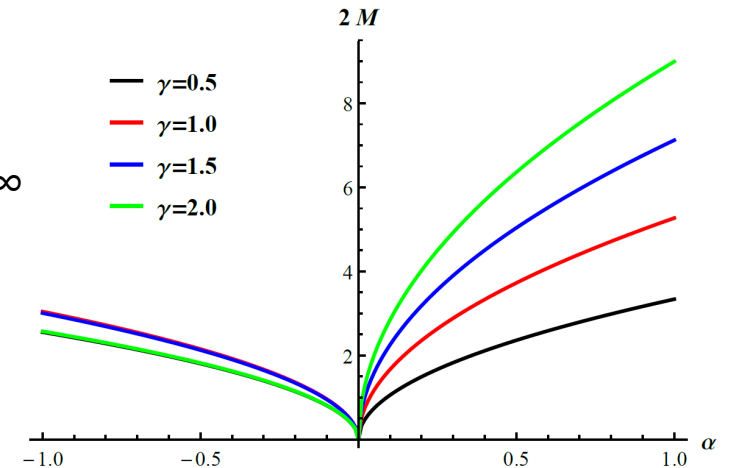
(a) The black hole mass vs.  $\gamma$  with  $\alpha = -1$ .



(b) The black hole mass vs.  $\gamma$  with  $\alpha = 1$ .

"attractive"

"repulsive"



## 5. Summary (continued)

### Cosmological implications-Inflation, reheating, rad-dom period, etc

- Inflation : Smaller e-folding; The blue-tilt of the spectrum could be realized
- Reconstruction of the Scalar Field Potential in Inflationary Models : "inverse scattering method"
- Reheating parameters are sensitive to the Gauss-Bonnet term
- **WIMPs** put some constraints to the DEGB cosmology parameters

WIMP indirect detection

The favoured parameters of the dEGB cosmology by WIMP indirect

detection are those satisfying  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{gal} / \langle \sigma v \rangle_{ID} \lesssim 1$

where  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{ID}$ , the upper bound on the present annih  $\sigma$  in the Milky Way

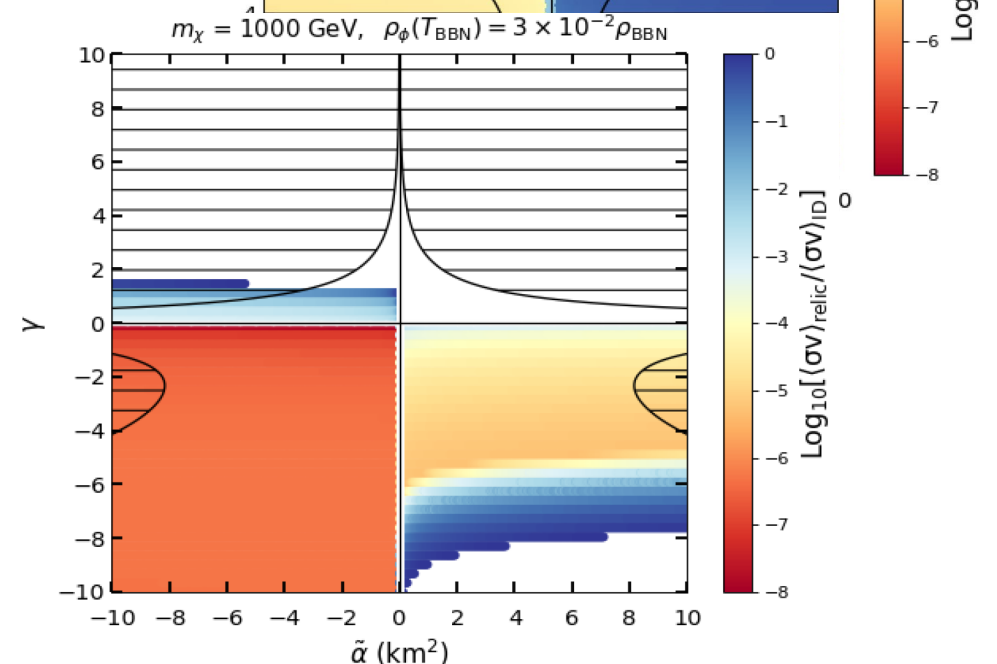
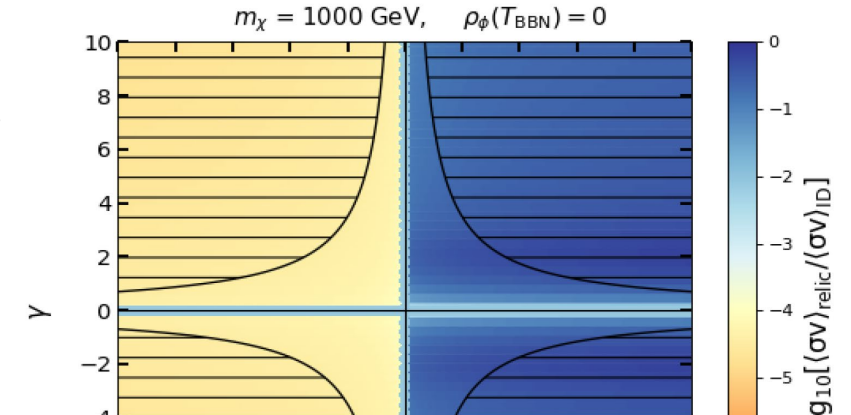
White regions in the figures are disfavored.

Bounds from GWs of BH-BH & BH-NS mergers

Hatched areas of the  $\tilde{\alpha}$ - $\gamma$  space are disallowed by the BBHs

**NEW PHASEs** → | ← Rad Dom → | ← Matt → | ←  $\Lambda$ (DE) →

New Phases exists at high enough temperature



Thank you!