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Tightest bounds on PBH abundance with HSC observation of M31

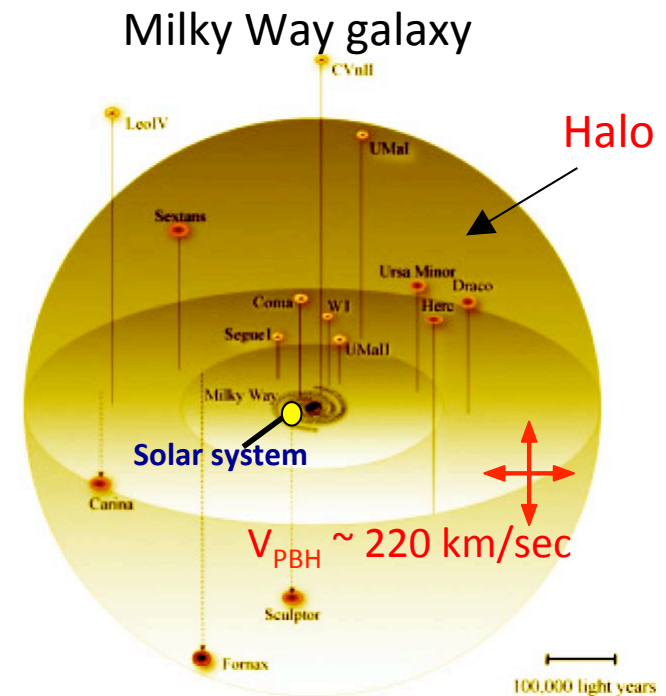
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Target: dark matter in the galactic halo

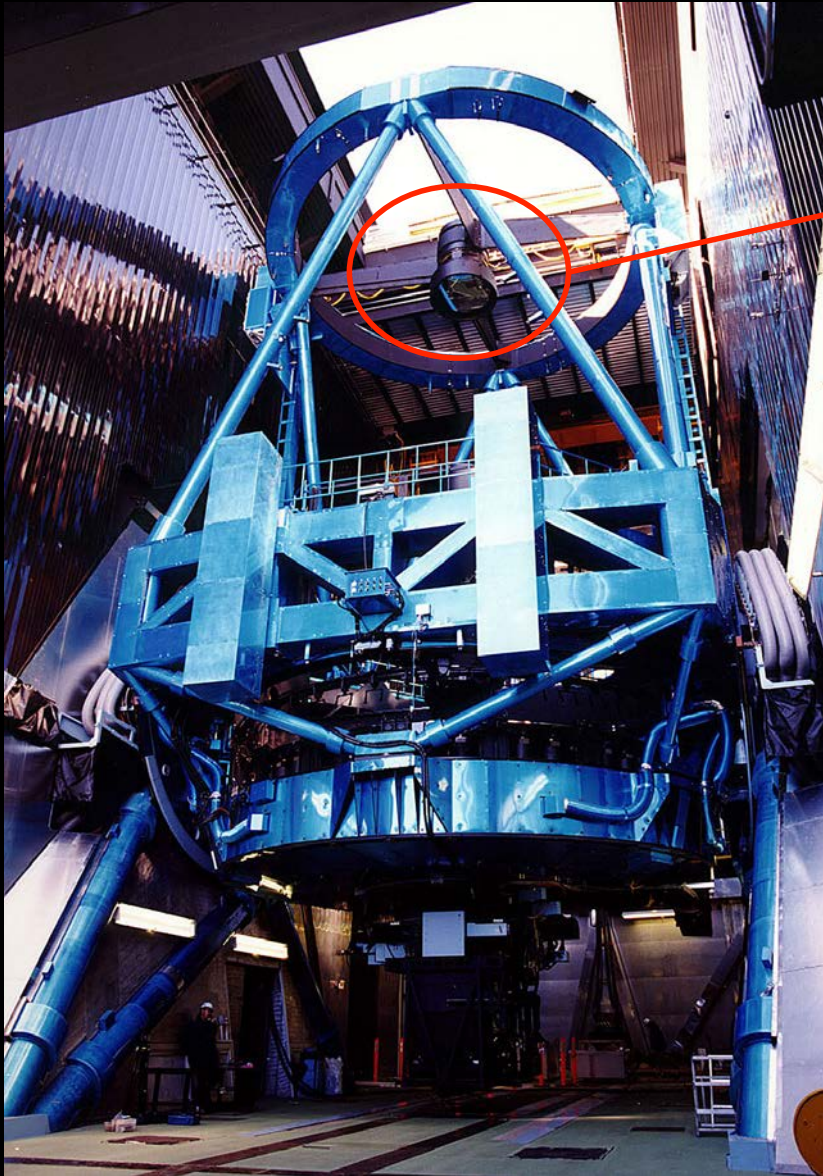
- Searching for dark matter in the local universe
 - Massive Compact Object (MACHO), Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP), Primordial Black Hole (PBH)
- Primordial black hole (PBH)
 - Proposed to be generated in the early universe, and can survive as dark matter today if not evaporated (Hawking 1974)
 - Previous research still leaves some room for PBH to be a part of dark matter
 - This study, the M31 microlensing search, targets PBHs with $10^{-10} M_{\text{sun}}$



Credit: J. Bullock/M. Geha/UCI.

→ Search of magnification event due to microlensing effect

Hyper Suprime-Cam



- largest camera
- 3m high
- weigh 3 ton
- 104 CCDs
(~0.9B pixels)



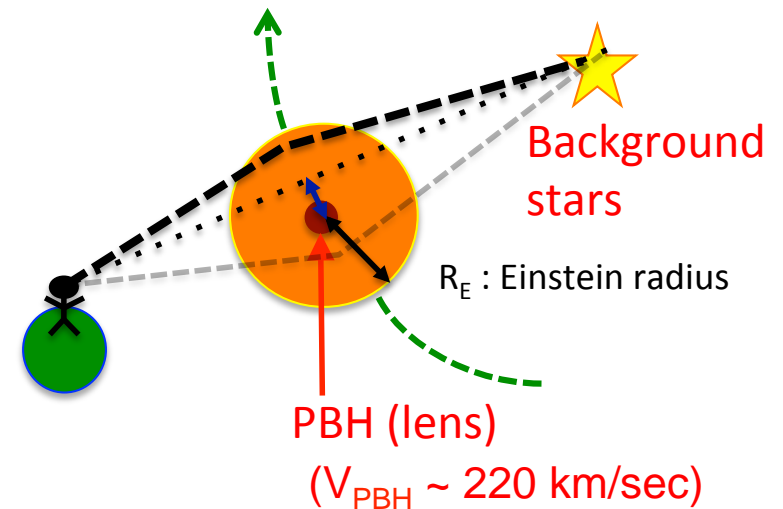
Andromeda Galaxy (M31)

- Large spiral galaxy
- In the northern hemisphere (not accessible from VLT, DES, LSST)
- HSC FoV ~ entire M31
- ~770kpc ($\mu \sim 24.4$)
- HSC can monitor all stars in the bulge and disk regions of M31

HSC Image of M31 (HSC FoV=1.8 sq. degrees)

PBH microlensing effect on M31 stars

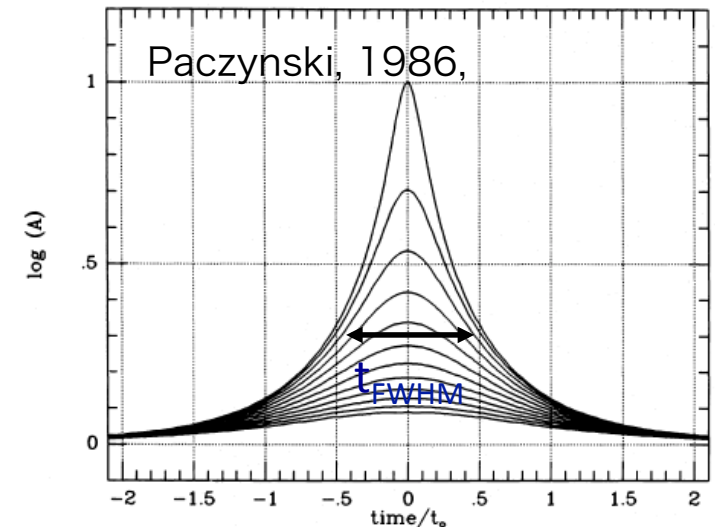
- Only proved by magnification (separation angle of two images is $\sim \mu$ arcsec and cannot be separated)
- Time variance of magnification (light curve) depends on lens mass and impact parameter β .
- Time scale: a few months for MACHO ($1M_{\text{sun}}$), a few hours for PBH ($10^{-7}M_{\text{sun}}$)



$$t_0 = \frac{R_E}{v} \simeq 1.6 \text{hours} \left(\frac{M}{10^{-7}M_{\odot}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x D_s}{100 \text{kpc}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{220 \text{km/sec}}{v} \right)$$

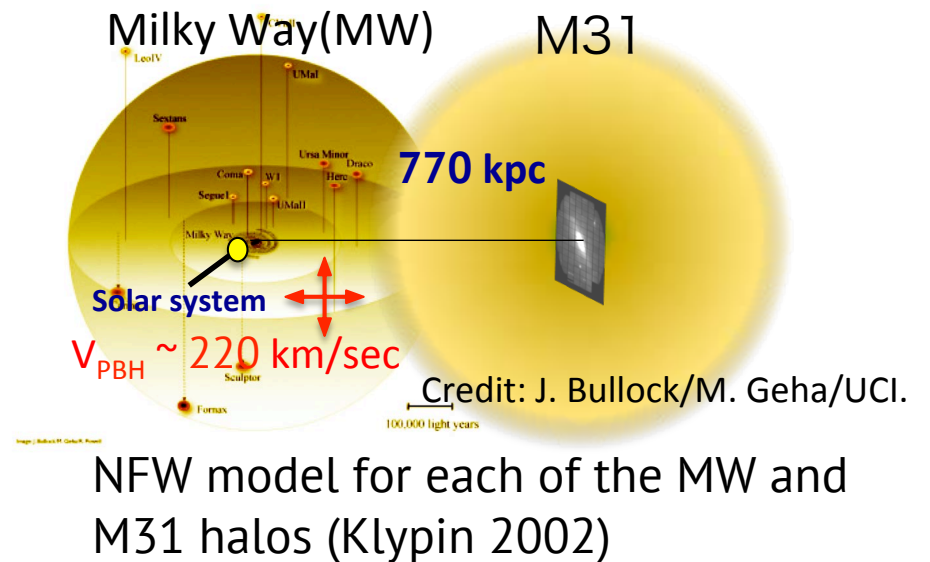
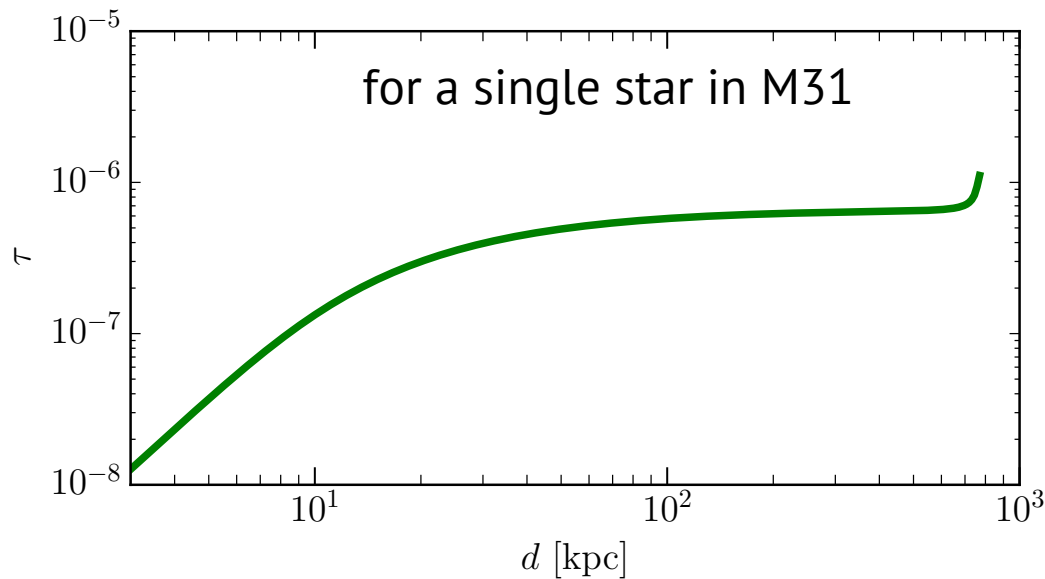
★ *Since M31 contains many stars (>tens of million stars), we can expect high event rates for PBH microlensing*

→ M31 observation expects high event rate



PBH microlensing event rate

- Cumulative optical depth of microlensing for a single star in M31



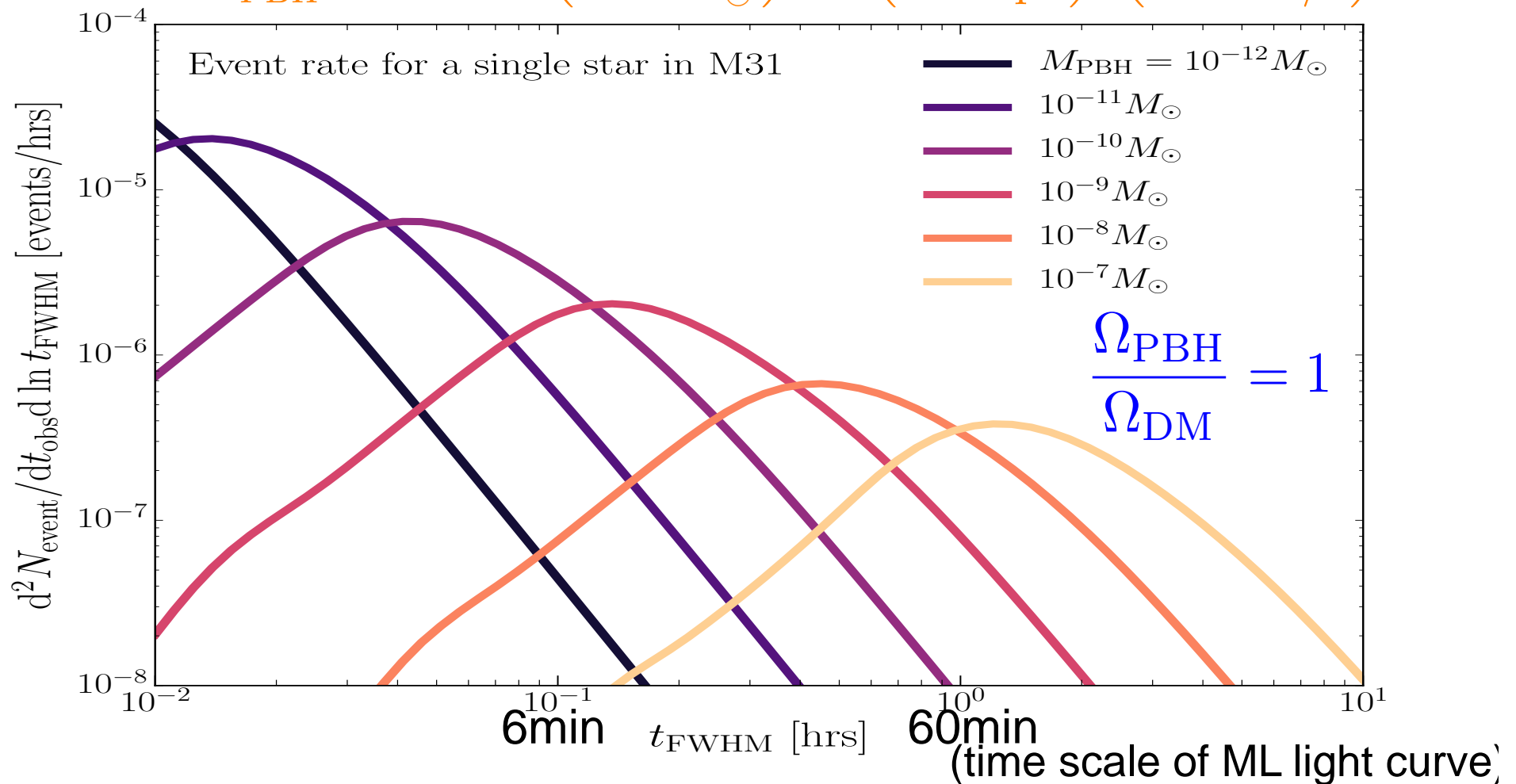
$$\tau = \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \int_0^{d_L} dd \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}(d)}{M_{\text{PBH}}} \pi R_E^2 \quad \text{Assumed} \quad \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} = 1$$

If we observe $\sim 10^6$ stars at one time, one star at least should be micro-lensed if PBHs are DM

M31 has $\sim 10^{11}$ stars, highly expected event

PBH microlensing event rate

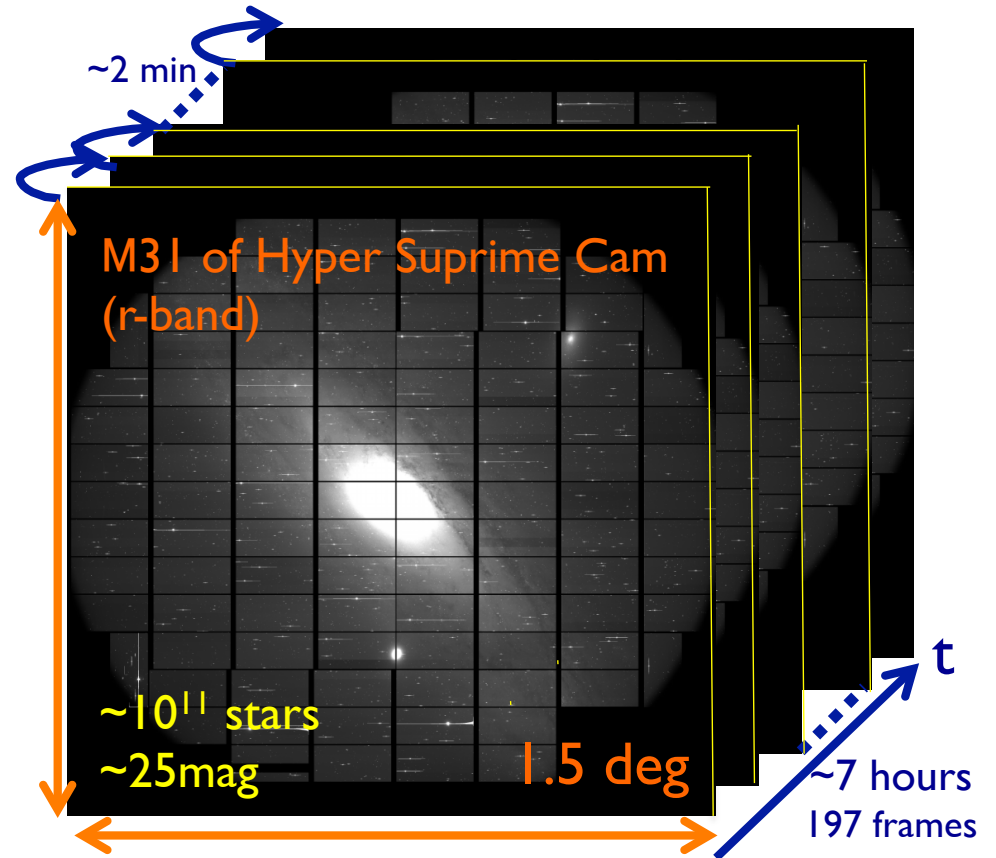
$$t_E \sim \frac{d_L \theta_E}{v_{\text{PBH}}} \sim 34 \text{ min} \left(\frac{M_{\text{PBH}}}{10^{-8} M_\odot} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{d_L}{100 \text{ kpc}} \right) \left(\frac{v_{\text{PBH}}}{200 \text{ km/s}} \right)^{-1}$$



Event rate per unit obs. time and per a single star in M31 for a given timescale of light curve

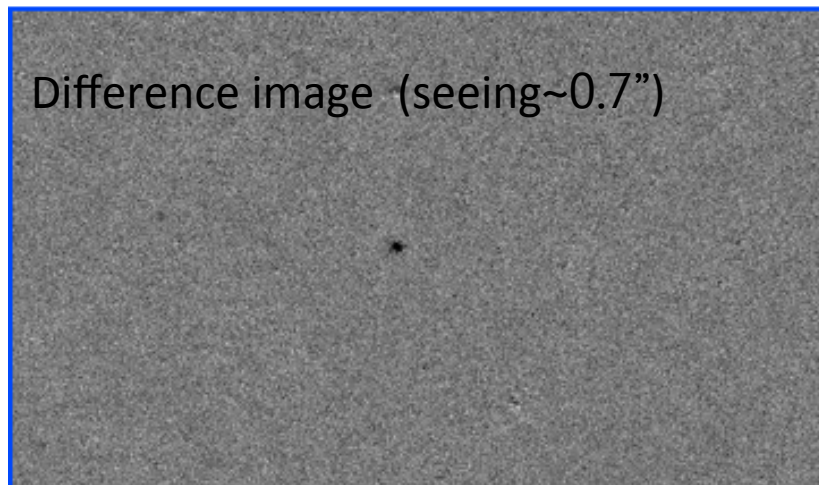
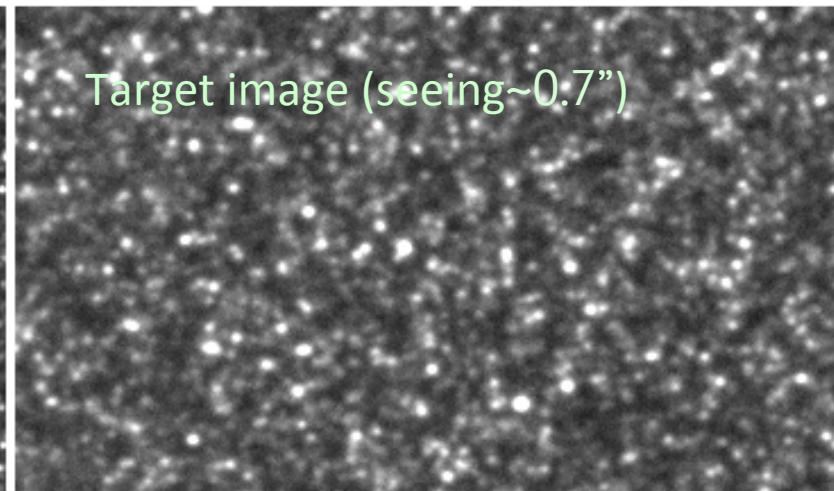
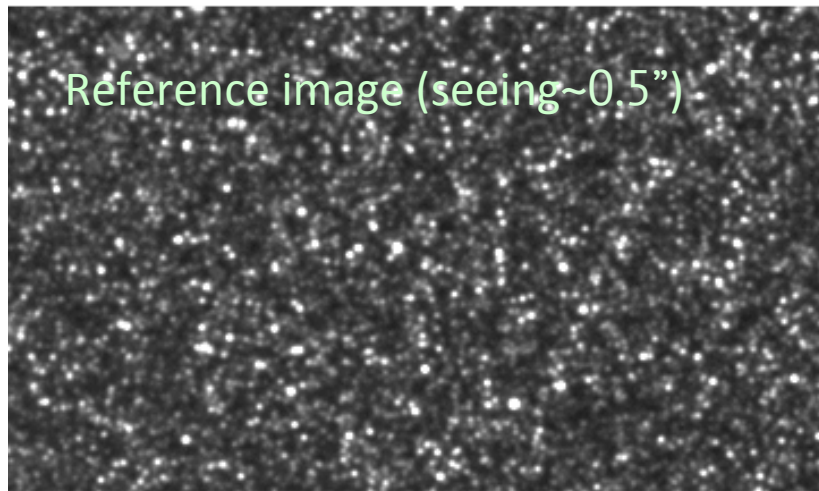
Observation: wide field survey of PBH microlensing search using HSC

- Search for gravitational lensing effect by **PBH**, a candidate of dark matter (or put **constraint on the abundance of PBH.**)
- The wide and deep imaging with Hyper Suprime-Cam; HSC
 - ★ Can cover the entire disk and bulge regions of M31 with its one pointing
 - ★ 90sec exposure can reach to ~26mag depth for a star
- Observation for **7-hours**, taking images **every 2 minutes** at **M31-disk** region (r-band)



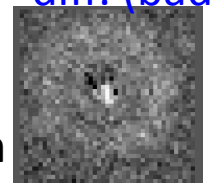
Detection of transients: difference imaging

Pixel lensing regime: multiple stars in each CCD pixel



- tiny objects (< pixel size)
- distorted object
- object with flux distribution
unsimilar to stars

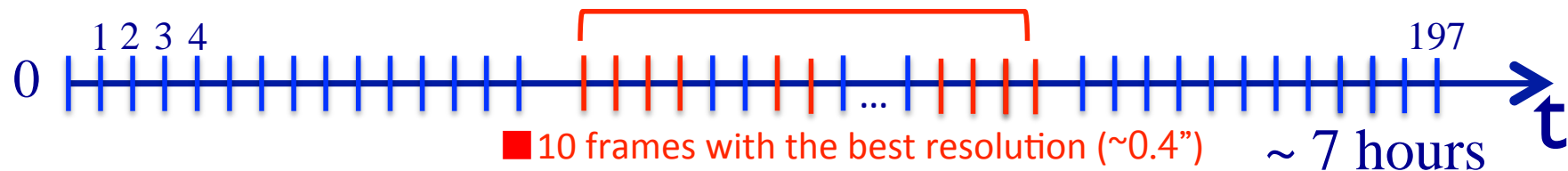
diff. (bad)



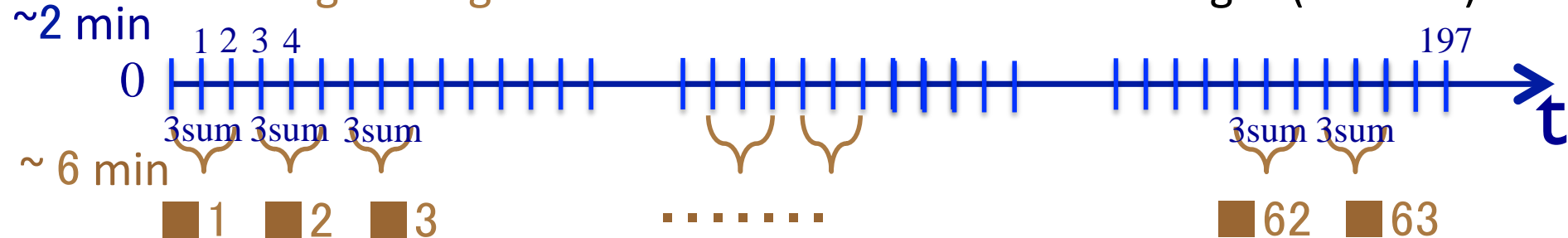
Difference imaging method (time scale > 6 min.)

- Observation: 188 images (+three focusing)

■ **Reference image**: stacked image of the best-seeing 10 frames



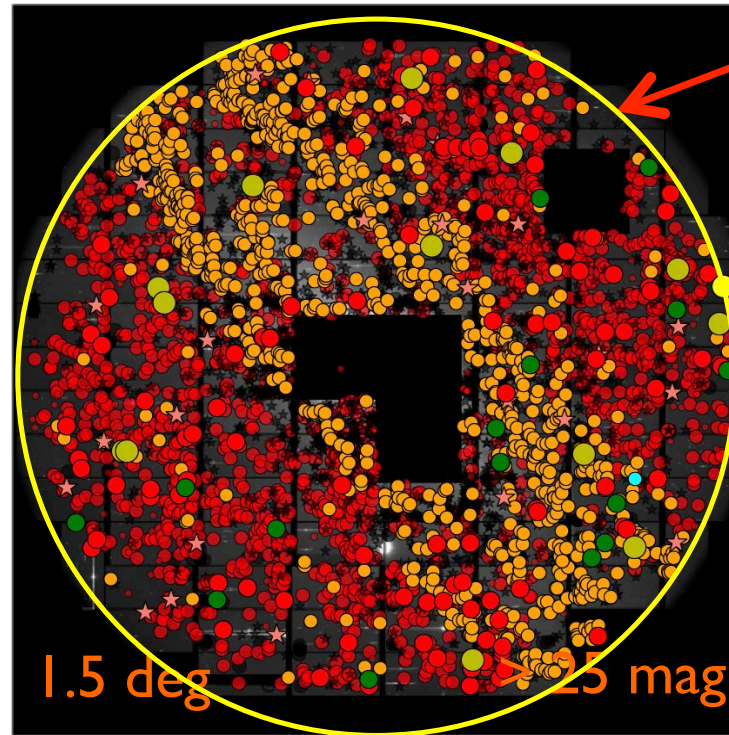
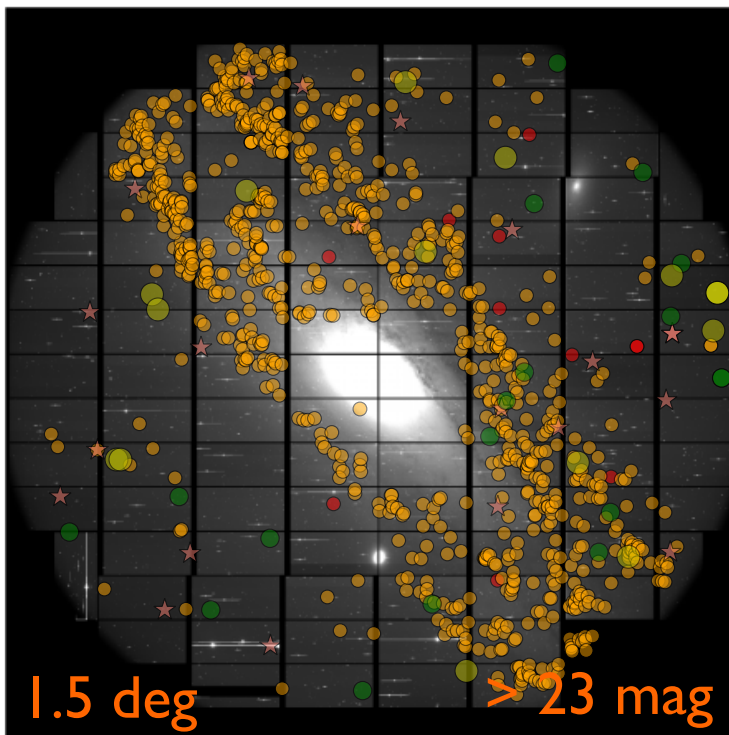
■ **Target image**: consecutive 3 frame stacked images (63 in all)



detect transients on every 63 difference images created from a Reference and Target images.

- Transient candidates are those detected more than twice among 63 difference images (time scale > 6 min.)
- Photometry on one-visit image (194 warp images) for light curves

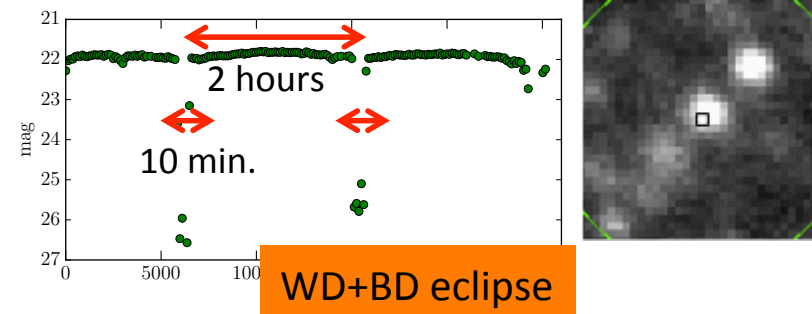
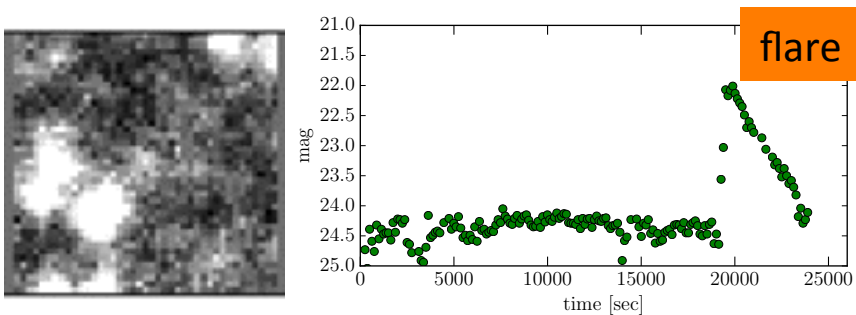
Result: Distribution of transient candidates



HSC-M31 focal plane

More than 10,000 transient candidates in one field-of-view of HSC. (6 min.-)

- fake (incl. RR-Lyrae)
- Cepheid variable
- asteroid
- ★ stellar flare
- eclipsing binary
- contact binary



Analysis: Selection of microlensing candidates (6 min.-4 hours)

Follow selection method by Griest et al., 2014 (Kepler)

Total number of events : 15,571

of candidates

11,703

Noise threshold ($S/N > 5$ for 3 consecutive visits)

Apart from CCD edge **fake events, binary stars**

Fitting of ML lightcurve model
(for lightcurves in difference images)

227

Symmetric shape of peak around the peak in the light curve **flare stars, fake events**

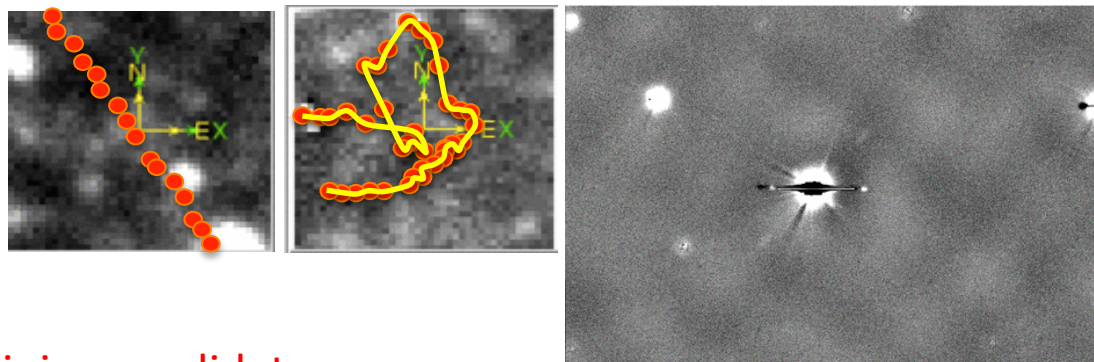
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significant peaks **noisy events**

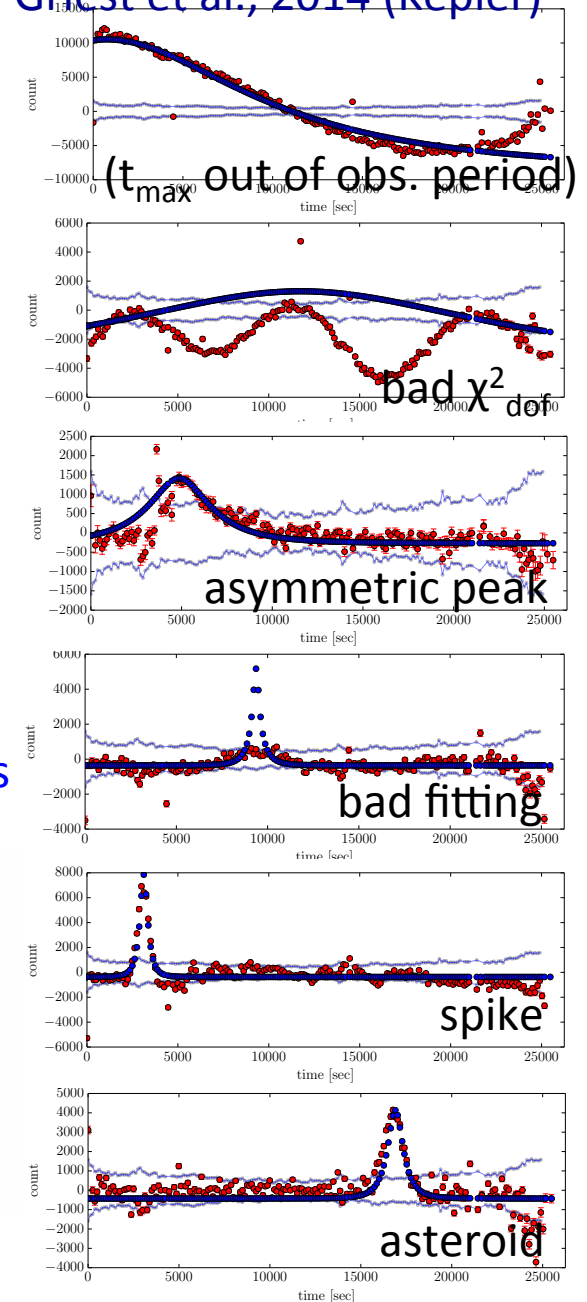
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Visual inspection **spikes, asteroid or some defects**

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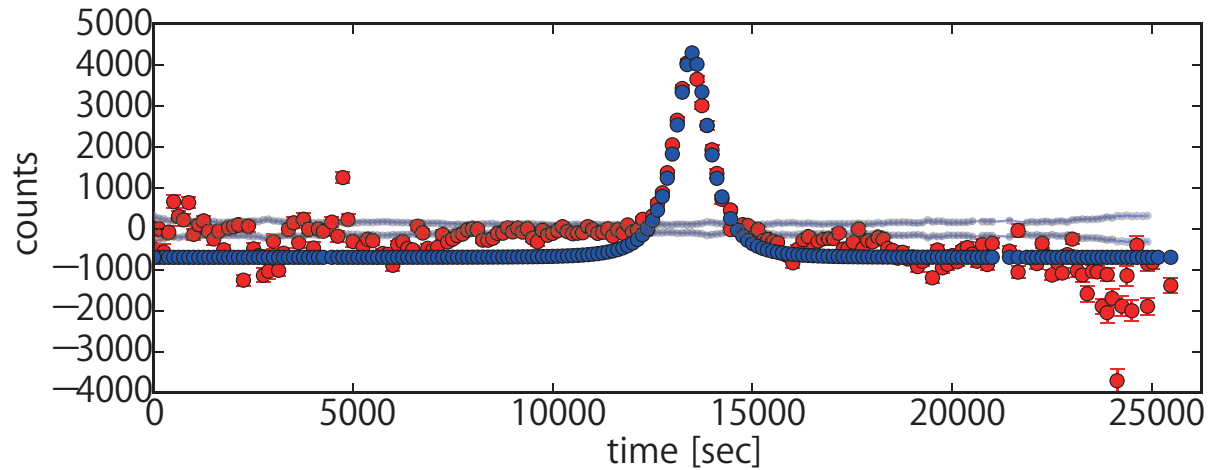


One remaining candidate

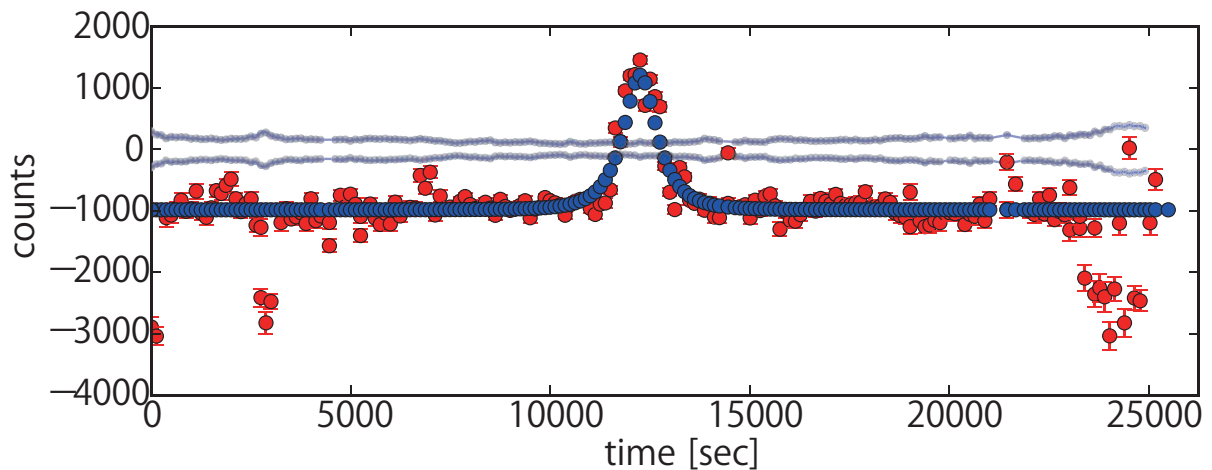
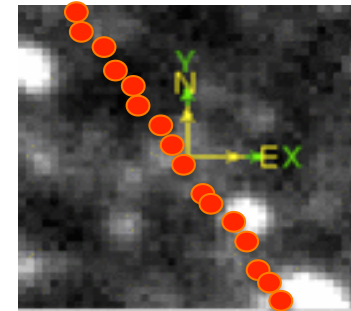


Visual inspection...

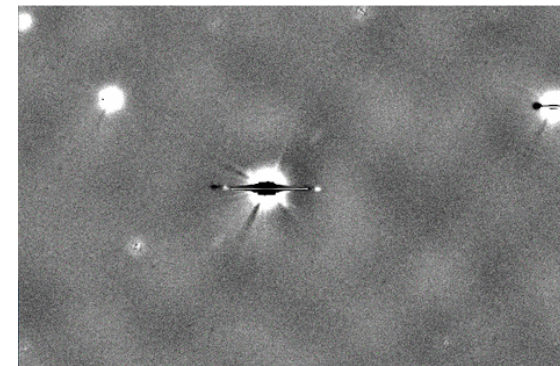
Visual inspection of 66 candidates to identify junks...



asteroid



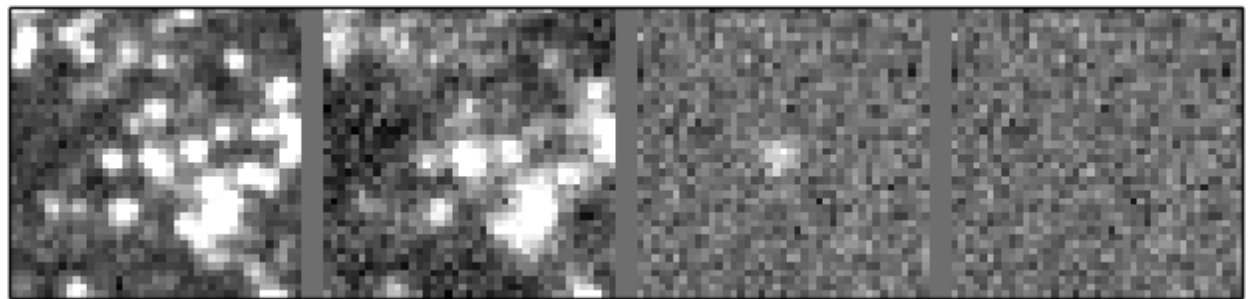
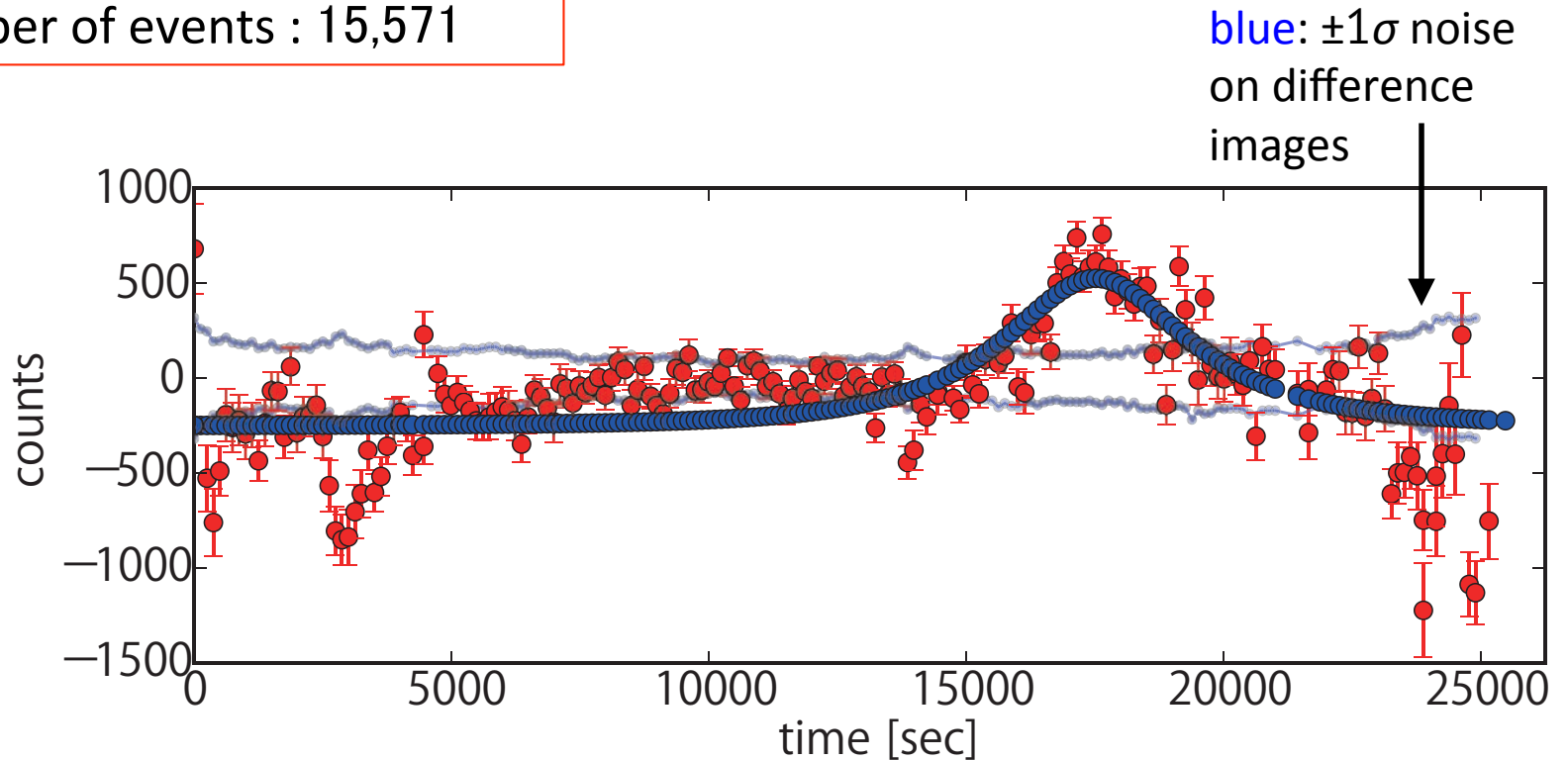
spike around a bright star



66 ⇒ 65 junks

One remaining candidate..

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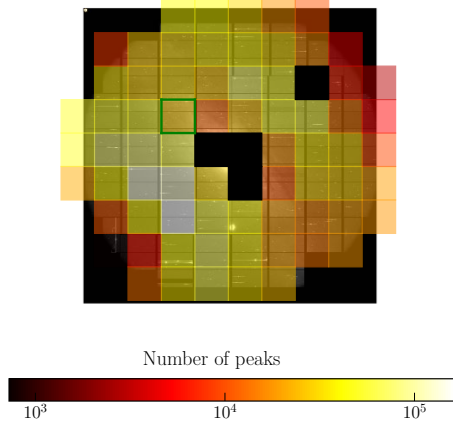
One remaining candidate

Discussion: Constraint on the PBH abundance

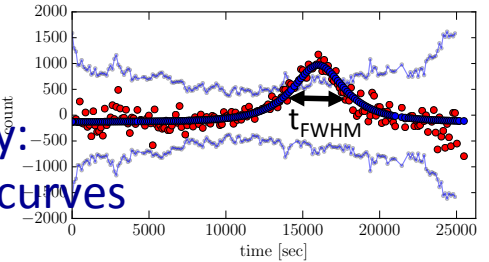
★ The expected number of events (from 7-hour observation)

$$N_{\text{exp}}(M) = E \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\hat{t}}(\hat{t}, M) \epsilon(\hat{t}) d\hat{t}$$

The number of stars at HSC-M31 region: evaluated as the number of peaks ($10^5/\text{patch}$)

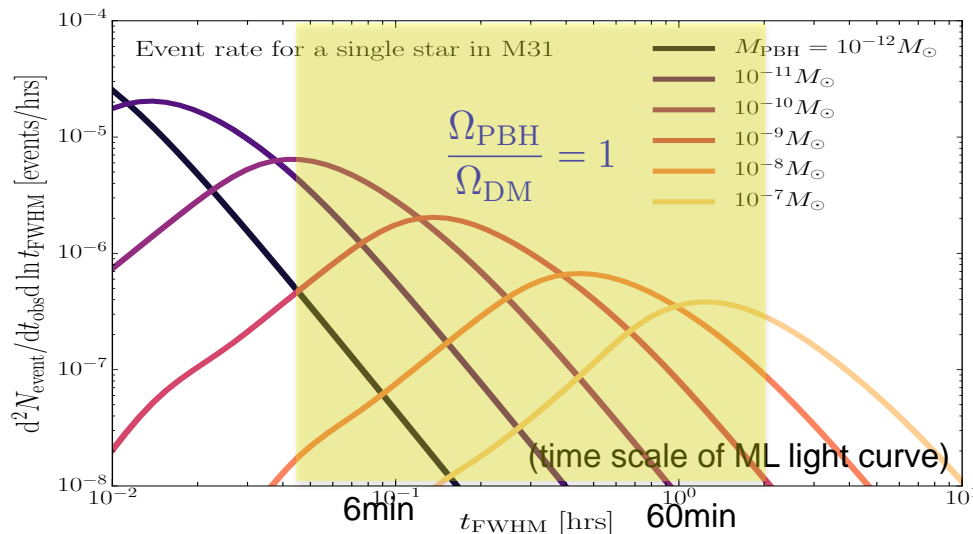


detection efficiency: simulation of light curves

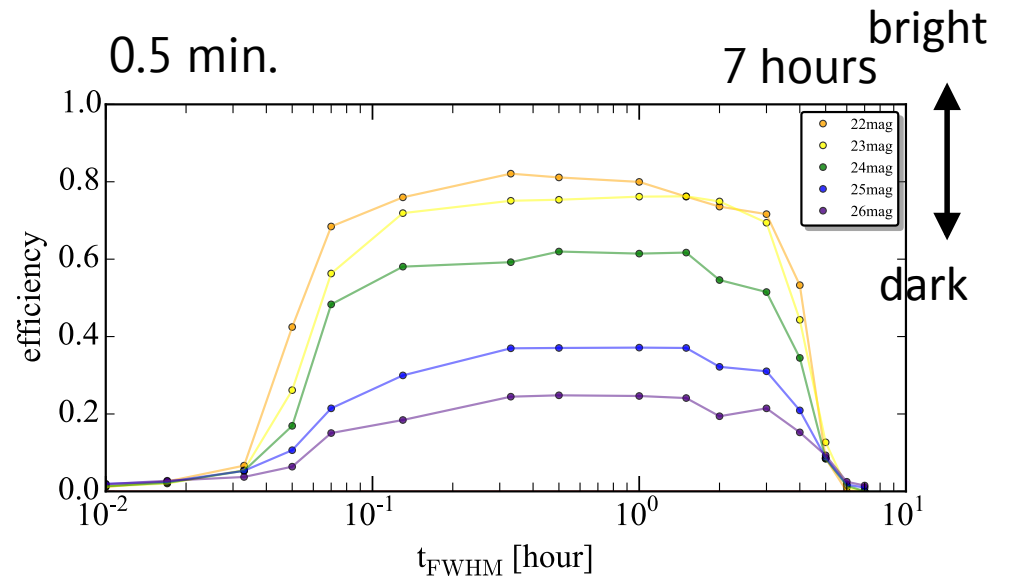


Event rate:

Higher event rate for PBHs with 10^{-7} - $10^{-9} M_{\text{sun}}$

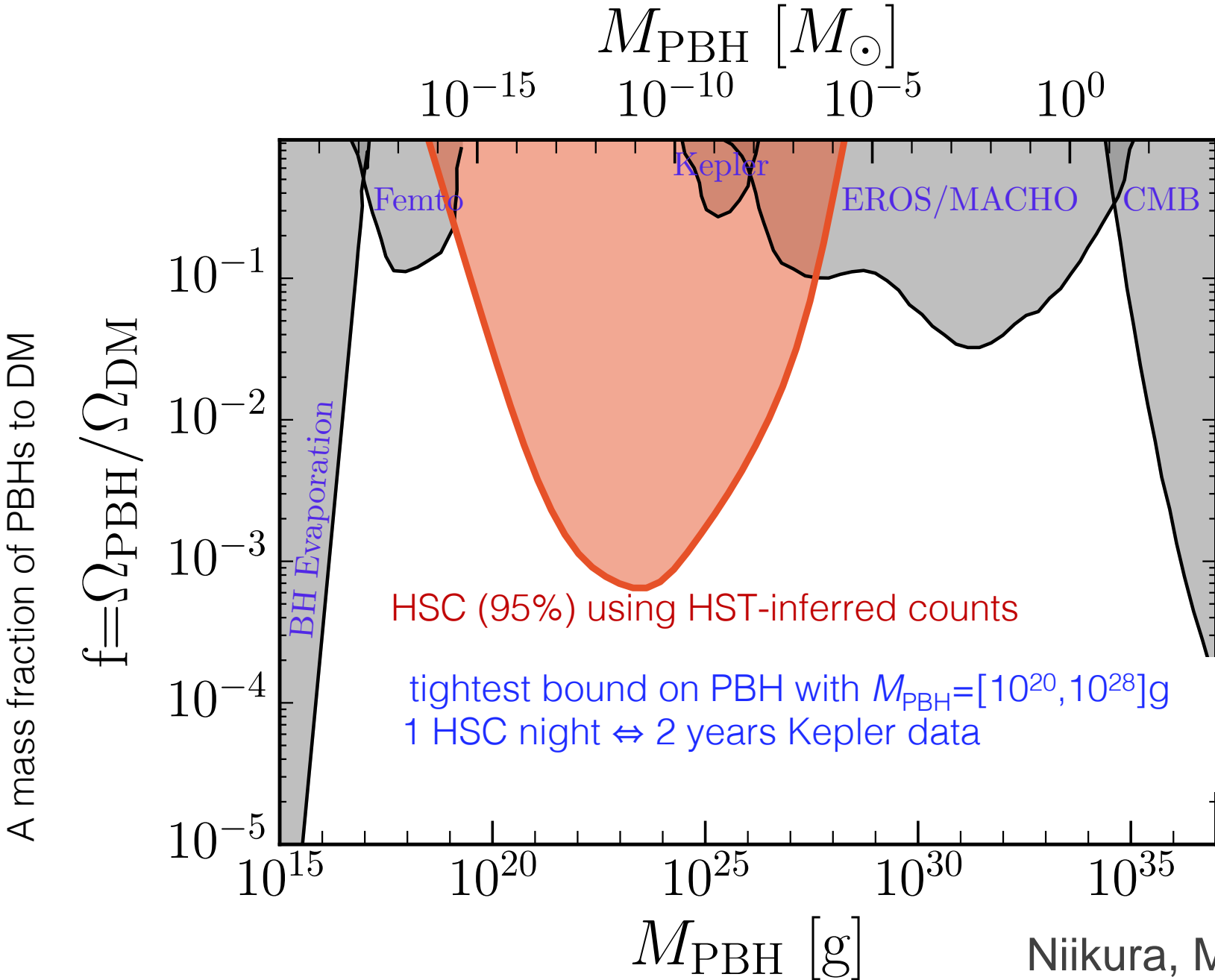


Event rate of microlensing (per background star)

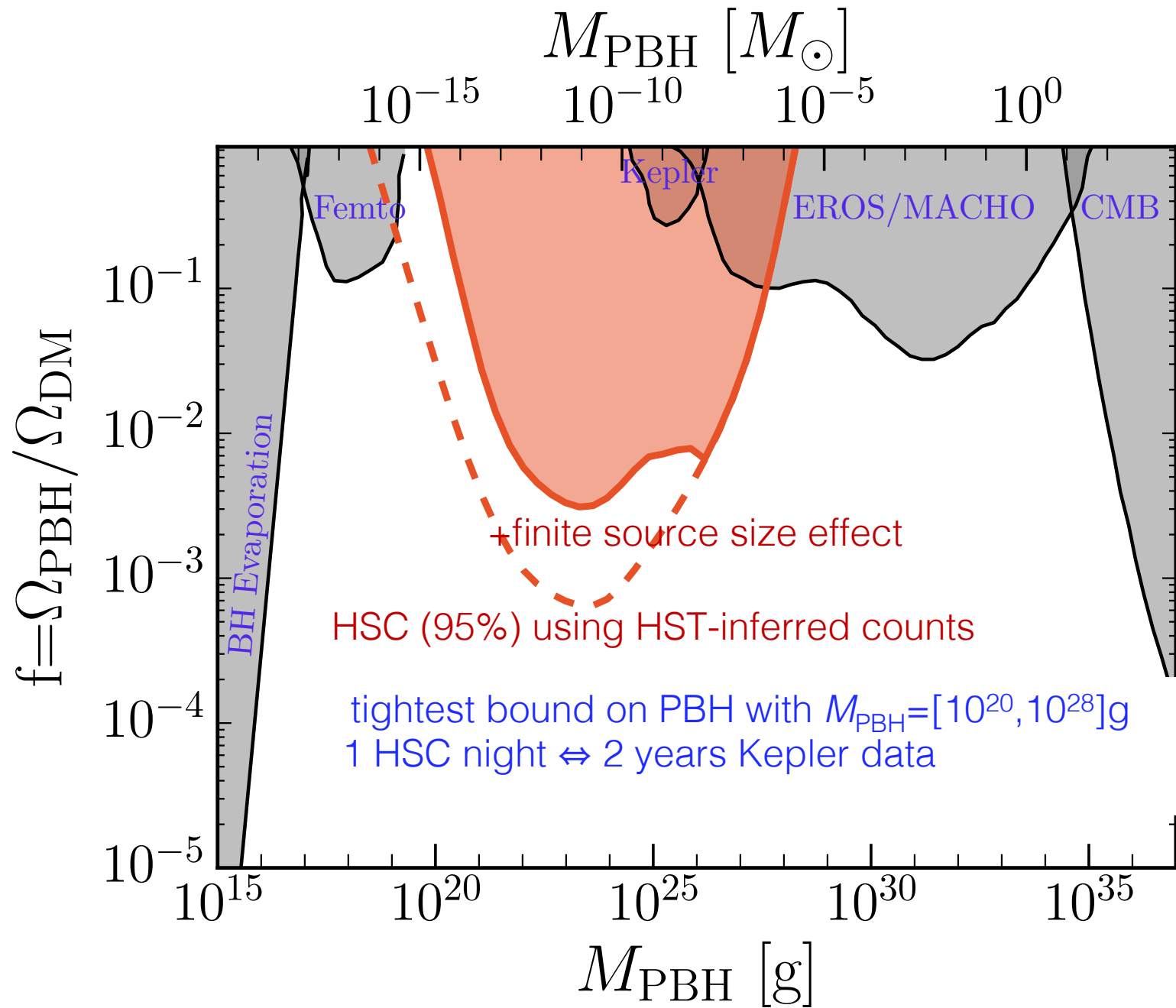


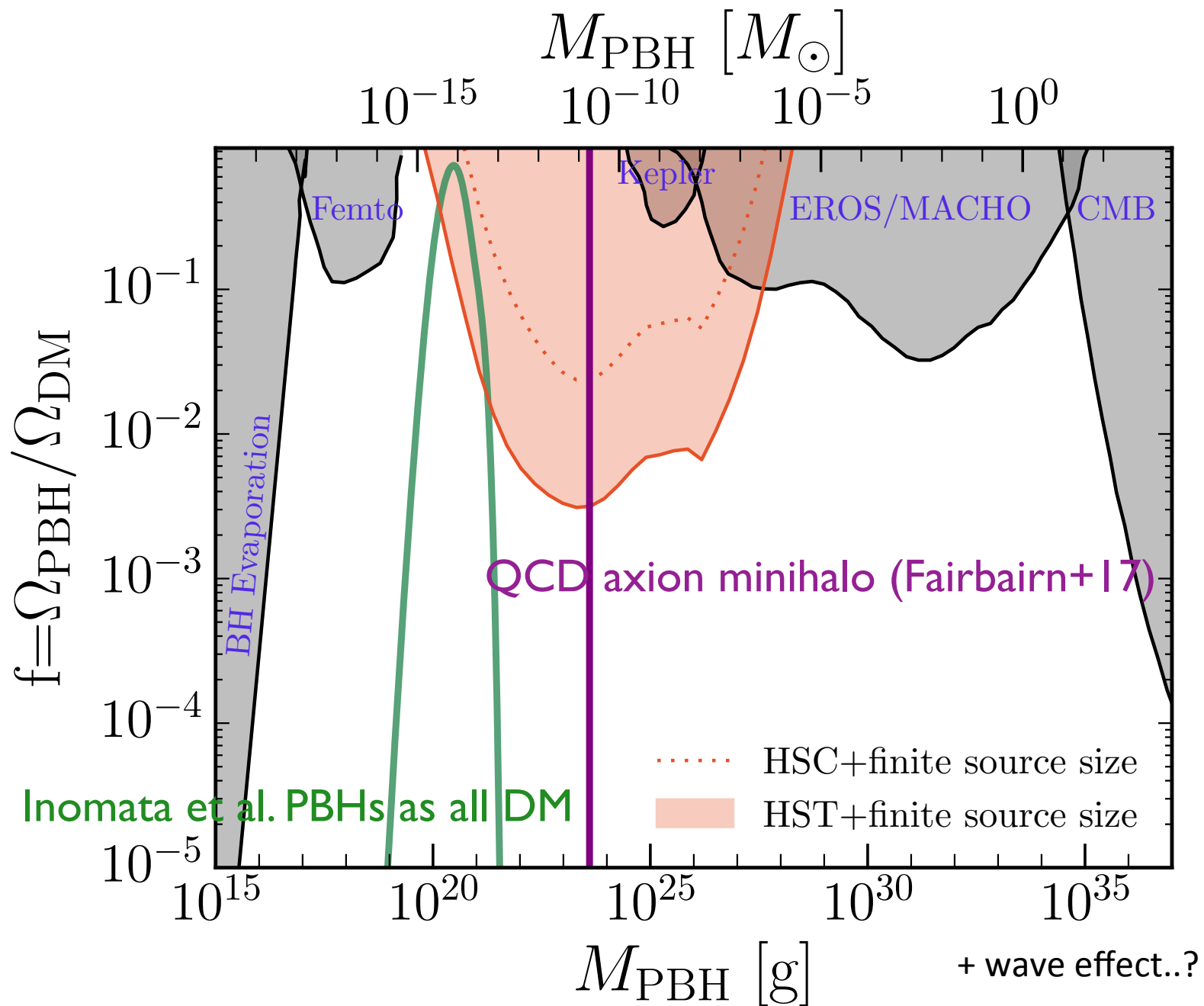
detection efficiency

Results: New bound on PBH abundance



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Summary

- Used the image difference technique to identify variable star candidates; indeed found many secure variable stars (>3,000) such as stellar flares and contact/eclipse binaries
- One remaining candidate of PBH microlensing; need additional observation to reveal the nature of the candidate
- Use the microlensing search results to obtain **the tightest upper bound on the abundance of PBHs**
- When combined with other observational constraints, our results rule out almost all the window of PBH mass scales



Future works :

- Test the variability of the one remaining candidate (analysis ongoing..)
- Superstring microlensing, $O(10)$ PBHs,..



Thank you very much for listening!