



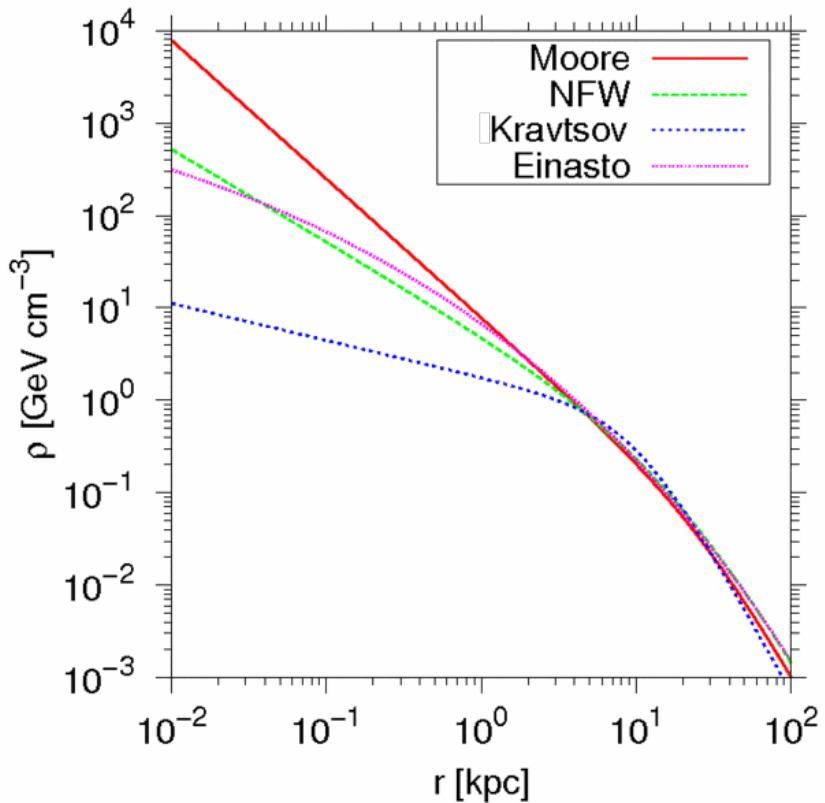
Investigating Dark Matter models with Neutron Stars

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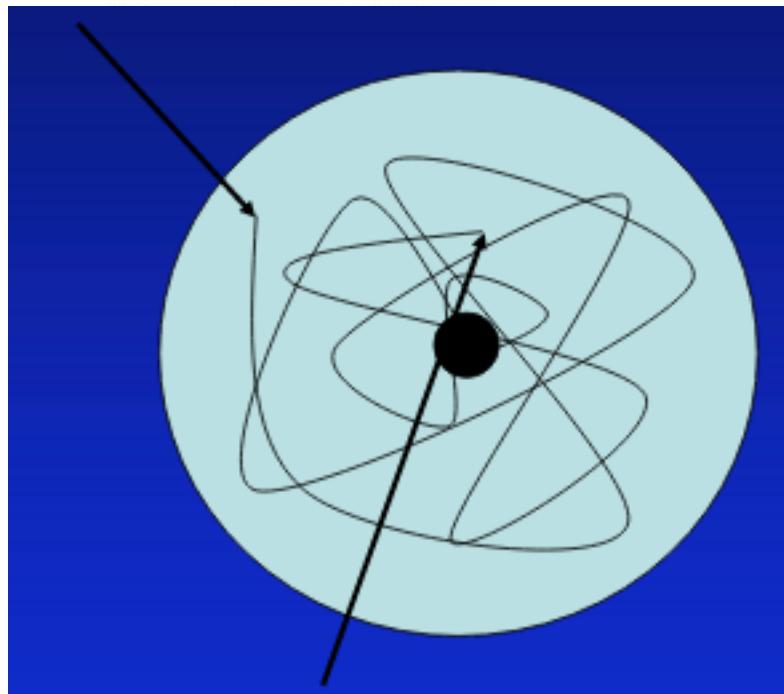
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NSs and accretion of dark matter



In dense stellar environments DM-nucleon i.e DM-n and also DM-e cross section regulates the DM capture.

$$\sigma_{\chi N} > \frac{m_N R^2}{M} \sim 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$$

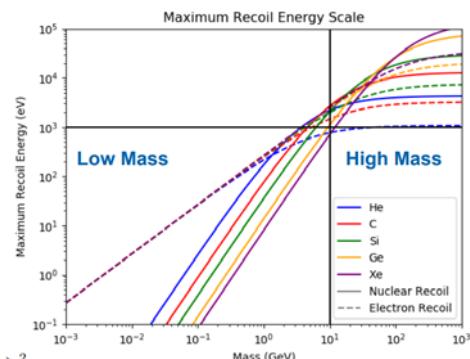
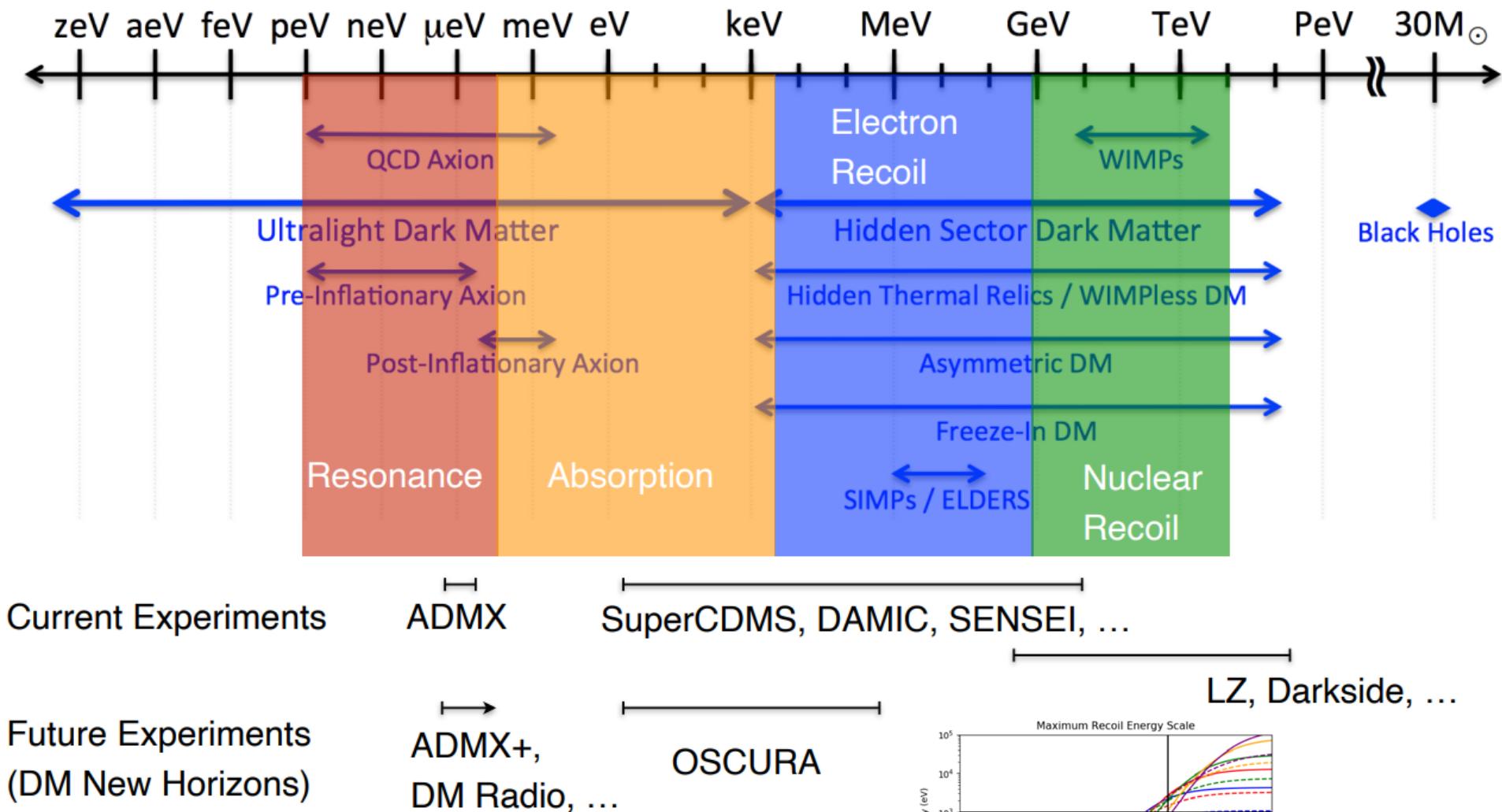


$$R/\lambda_\chi \simeq 8.5 \left(\frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_{\chi n}}{10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2} \right) \left(\frac{\rho_n}{5\rho_0} \right)$$

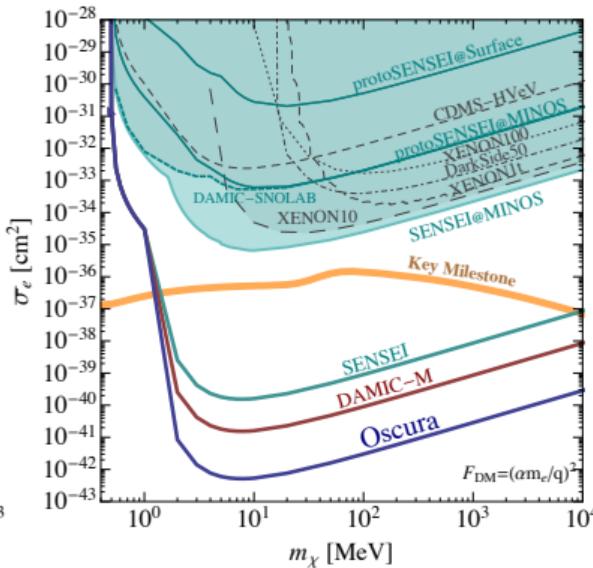
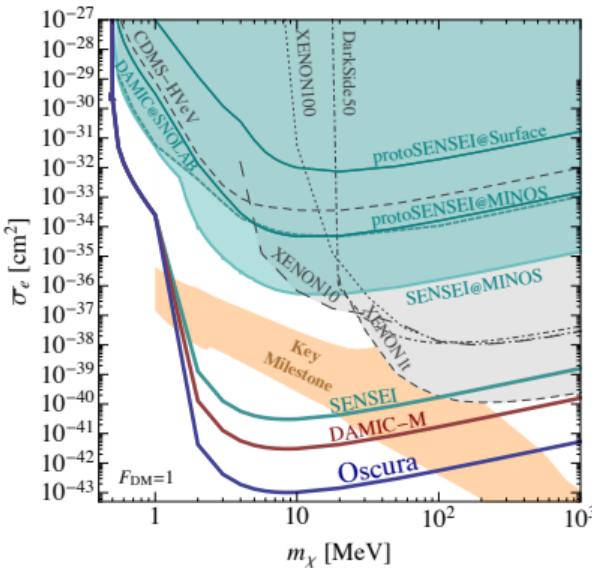
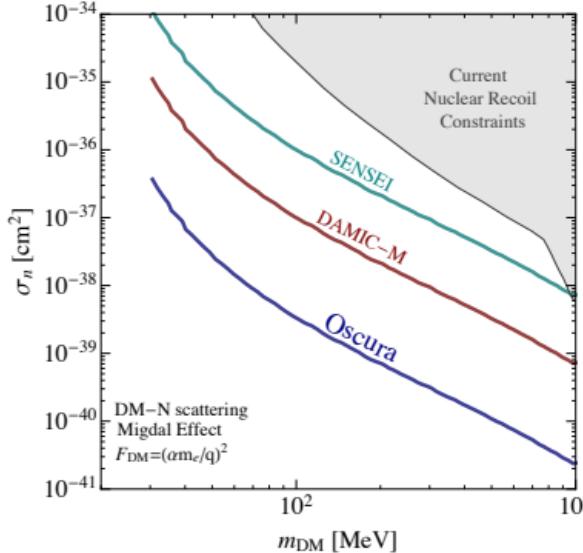
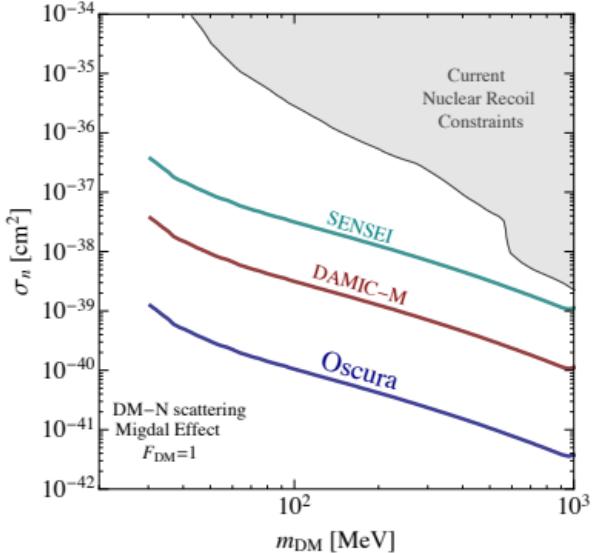
A. Gould, ApJ 321 (1987)
also Fairbain Kouvaris,
Tinyakov, PG.. and many more.



Panorama of DM searches

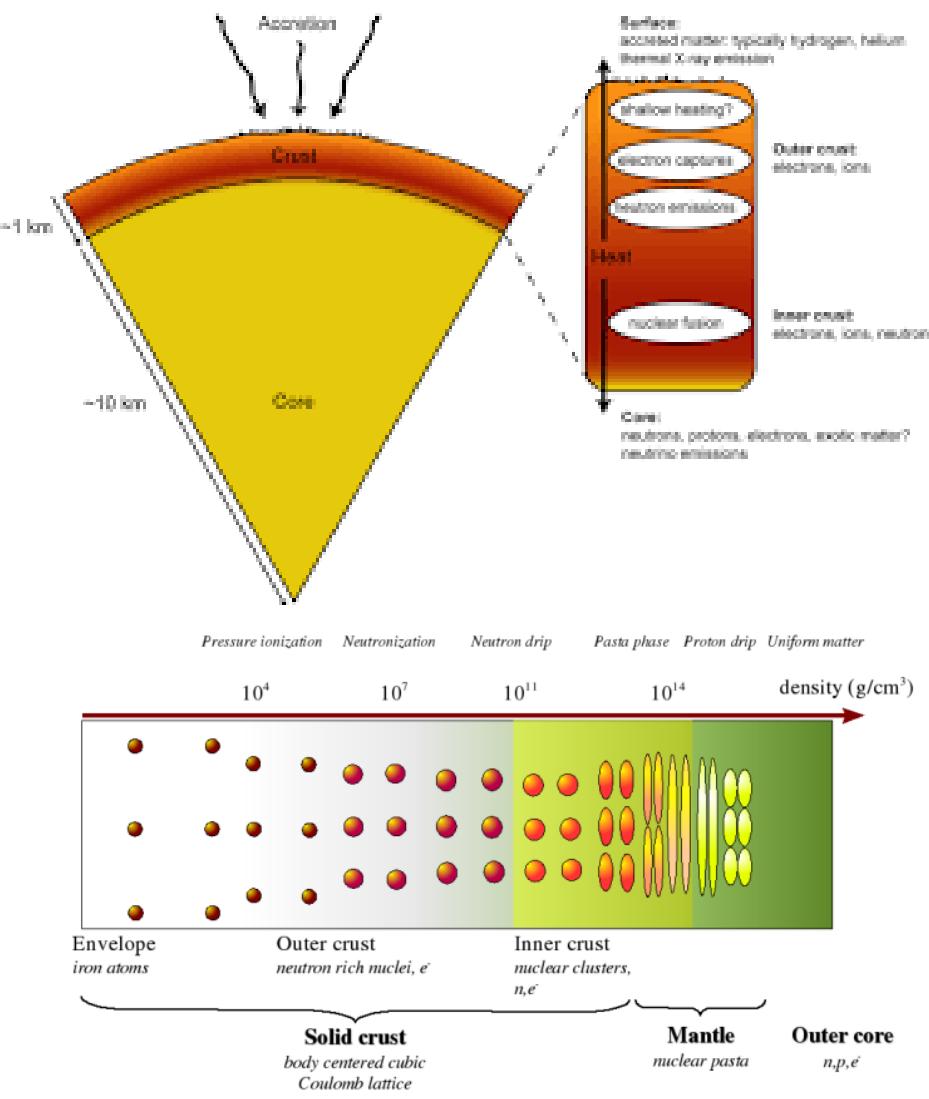


Light DM and projected constraints: n & e





Dark matter accretion in NS



- Layered structure: inhomogeneous crust (crystal and pasta phases) + fluid core.

- High compactness:

$$\frac{GM}{Rc^2} \text{ sun : } 10^{-6} \text{ NS : } 10^{-1}$$

- Capture of DM proceeds: incoming flux

$$F_\chi = \frac{C_\chi}{4\pi R^2} \sim 10^{14} \left(\frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right) \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Layer 1: DM Scattering in the NS crust:phonons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{I}} = \sum_{N=n,p} g_{s,N} \chi \bar{\chi} N \bar{N} + g_{v,N} \chi \gamma^\mu \bar{\chi} N \gamma_\mu \bar{N},$$

Cermeño, PG & Silk, PHYSICAL REVIEW D 94, 023509 (2016),
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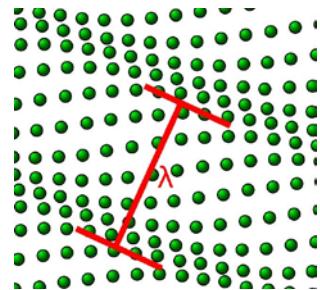
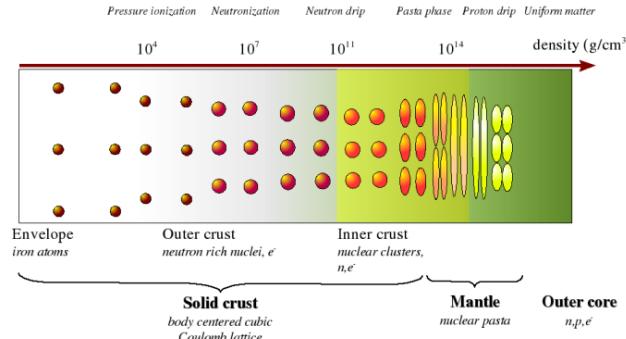
- Large boost factor $v \approx v_\infty + \sqrt{2GM/Rc^2} \sim 0.7c$

- Coupling strengths $g_{v,N}/M_\phi^2 \sim 1/\Lambda_v^2$ $g_{s,N}/M_\phi^2 \sim m_q/\Lambda_s^3$

$$\Lambda_v > 1 \text{ TeV} \quad \Lambda_s > 100 \text{ GeV}.$$

- Interaction rate to produce quantum vibrations in the nuclei network (**phonons**) given by Fermi Golden rule

$$R_{\vec{k},\lambda} = 2\pi\delta(E_f - E_i) |\langle f | \mathcal{V} | i \rangle|^2$$





Modelling the lattice and DM scattering

DM feels nuclear potential at lattice sites

$$\mathcal{V}(\vec{r}) = \sum_j \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j) v_0$$

Finite potential allows Born approximation for scattering amplitude

$$f(\vec{p}_\chi, \vec{p}'_\chi) \simeq -\frac{m_\chi}{2\pi} \int e^{i(\vec{p}_\chi - \vec{p}'_\chi)\vec{r}'} \mathcal{V}(\vec{r}') d^3\vec{r}',$$

Obtaining a coherent response

$$\int_{-1}^1 2\pi d(\cos \theta_\chi) |\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\chi A}|^2 \simeq m_A^2 \left(\frac{Z}{m_p} \sqrt{|\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_p|^2} + \frac{(A-Z)}{m_n} \sqrt{|\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_n|^2} \right)^2$$

and an integrated cross section

$$\sigma_{A,\chi} = 4\pi a^2 = m_A^2 \frac{\left(\frac{Z}{m_p} \sqrt{|\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_p|^2} + \frac{(A-Z)}{m_n} \sqrt{|\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_n|^2} \right)^2}{16\pi(m_\chi + m_A)^2}$$

recovering the low E limit

$$\sigma_{A,\chi} \rightarrow \frac{\mu_{\chi A}^2}{\pi} (Z g_{s,p} + (A-Z) g_{s,n})^2$$



Single phonon excitation rate

The single phonon excitation rate
from ground state

$$R_k^{(0)} = \frac{n_\chi n_A^2 V}{4(2\pi)^3 m_\chi^3 m_A c_l} \frac{|\gamma_{NS} m_\chi - |\vec{k}| c_l|}{\sqrt{\gamma_{NS}^2 - 1}} a^2.$$

Where the boost factor is peaked around $E_\chi = \gamma_{NS} m_\chi$

And the phonon dispersion relation is linear $\omega_{k,\lambda} = c_{l,\lambda} |\vec{k}|$

with $c_l = \frac{\omega_p/3}{(6\pi^2 n_A)^{1/3}} \sim 10^{-3} c$ the sound velocity



Results: LDM scattering vs neutrinos

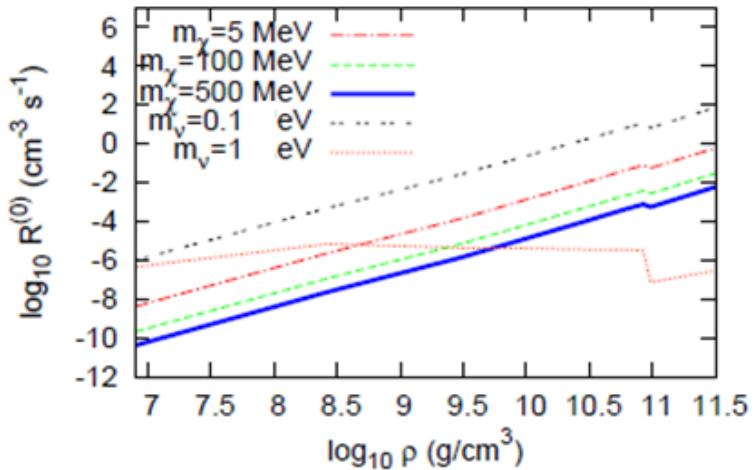


FIG. 1. Single phonon excitation rate per unit volume as a function of density in the outer crust. DM particle masses $m_\chi = 500, 100$ and 5 MeV are used and $n_\chi/n_{0,\chi} = 10$. Neutrino contribution at $|\vec{k}| \rightarrow 0$, $R_{\nu 0}$, is also shown for $m_\nu = 0.1, 1$ eV. See text for details.

$$m_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow R_\nu^0(|\vec{k}|) = R_{\nu 0} e^{\left(\frac{-1754|\vec{k}|}{1 \text{ eV}}\right)}$$

$$m_\nu = 1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow R_\nu^0(|\vec{k}|) = R_{\nu 0} e^{-\left(\frac{2561.3|\vec{k}|}{1 \text{ eV}}\right)}$$

Light DM more efficient than
eV cosmological neutrinos in
phonon excitation

Astrophysical consequences: thermal conductivity

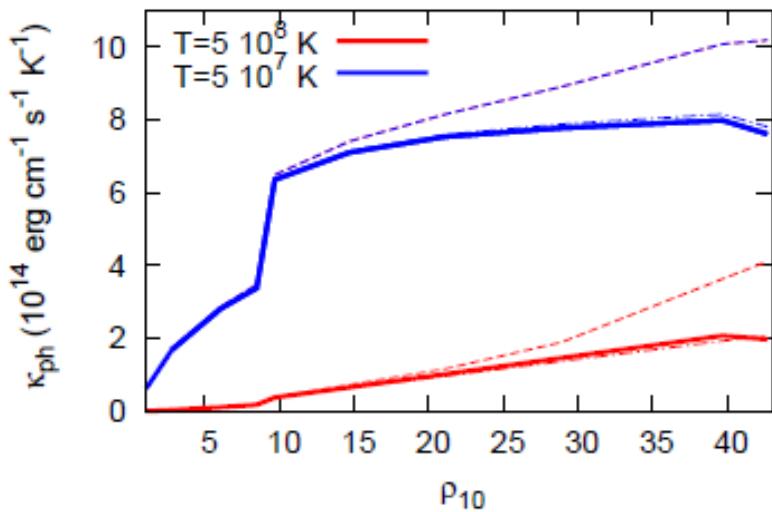


FIG. 2. Phonon thermal conductivity as a function of density (in units of 10^{10} g/cm^3) for temperatures $T = 5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ K}$ (blue), $5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ K}$ (red) and $m_\chi = 100 \text{ MeV}$. Dash-dotted and dashed lines depict the impact of a LDM density $n_\chi/n_{0\chi} = 10, 100$. Solid lines are the standard thermal result with no DM for each case. See text for details.

$$\kappa_{ph} \equiv \kappa_{ii} = \frac{1}{3} k_B C_A n_A c_l L_{ph}$$

$$C_A = 9 \left(\frac{T}{T_D} \right)^3 \int_0^{T_D/T} \frac{x^4 e^x dx}{(e^x - 1)^2}$$

$$L_{ph}^{-1} \sim N_{k\lambda} \simeq N_{0,k\lambda} + R_k^{(0)} (1 - N_{0,k\lambda} e^{(\omega_{k,\lambda} + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v})/K_x}) \delta V \delta t$$

$$N_{0,k\lambda} = (e^{\omega_{k\lambda}/k_B T} - 1)^{-1}$$

Light DM enhances thermal conductivity up to 100% in the few kpc galactic central regions



Thermal conductivity: LDM vs electrons

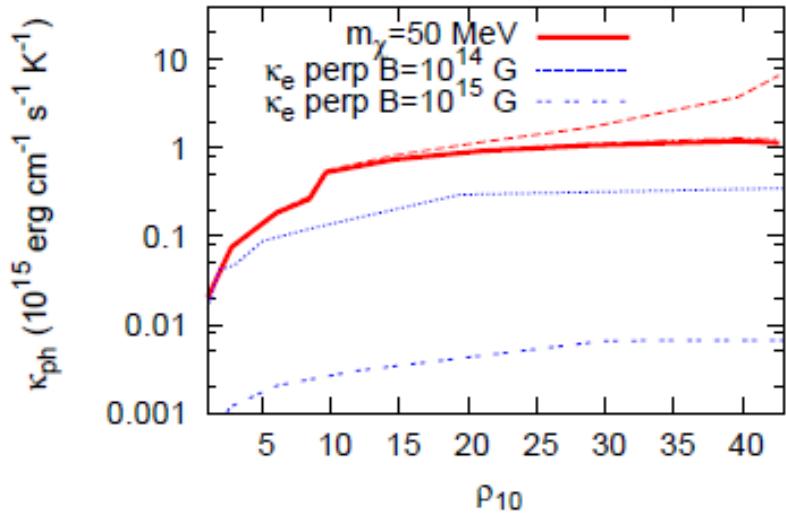


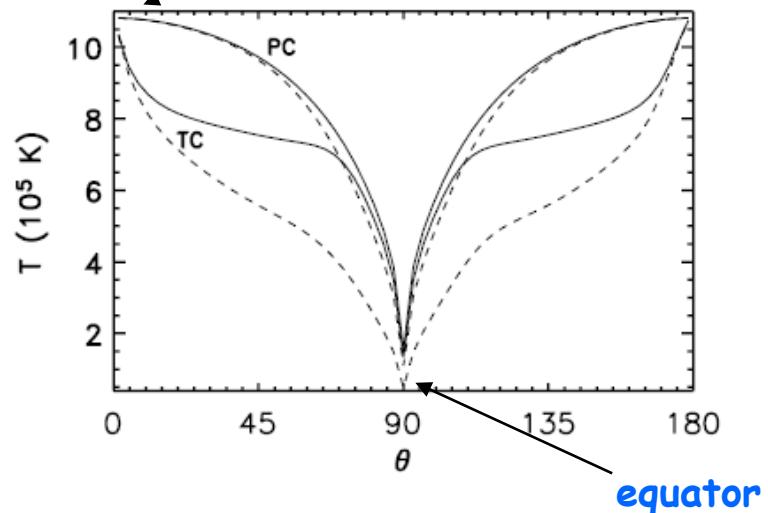
FIG. 3. Phonon thermal conductivity as a function of density (in units of 10^{10} g/cm 3) at $T = 10^8$ K and $m_\chi = 50$ MeV. Solid, dot-dashed and dashed lines correspond to cases with no DM, $n_\chi/n_{0,\chi} = 10, 100$. Perpendicular electron thermal conductivity is also shown for $B = 10^{14}, 10^{15}$ G.

$$\kappa = \kappa_e + \kappa_{ph}$$

$$k_{e\parallel} \sim 10^{17} - 10^{19} \text{ erg cm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Light DM enhancement above
thermal and electron contribu
tions perpendicular to a B field

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Azorín, A&A 451
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Expected surface T anisotropy
smoothed by DM enhancement

Layer 2: DM scattering and trapping in the NS core

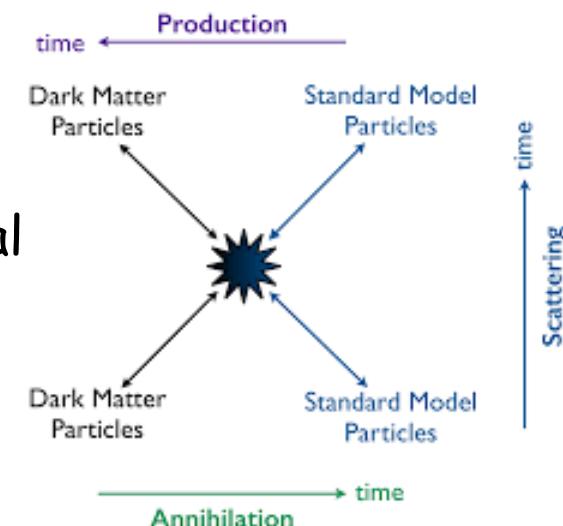


Inside the Neutron stars DM can thermalize during its lifetime provided its strong (SIMP) or weakly interacting nature (WIMP) and mass > few MeV.

For constant density NS a Gaussian distribution can be obtained with a thermal radius defined as

$$n_\chi(r) = n_{0,\chi} e^{(r/r_{th})^2}$$

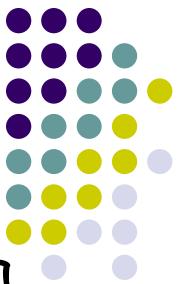
$$r_{th}(t) = \left(\frac{3k_B T_c(t)}{2\pi G \rho_c(t) m_\chi} \right)^{1/2},$$



-Fermion/Boson DM can lead to gravitational collapse

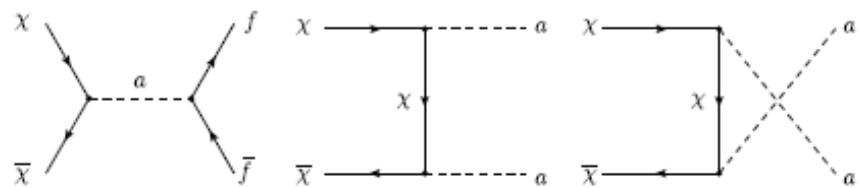
-Self-annihilating DM may lead to indirect SM probes (photons, neutrinos)

Secluded models: Neutrino production from Coy DM



$$\mathcal{L}_I = -i \frac{g_\chi}{\sqrt{2}} a \bar{\chi} \gamma_5 \chi - i g_0 \frac{g_f}{\sqrt{2}} a \bar{f} \gamma_5 f,$$

C. Boehm et al, JCAP
1405 (2014) 009



Cermeño, Perez-Garcia, Lineros, ApJ 863:157 (2018)

$$m_\chi < m_{Higgs}; m_a < m_\chi$$

Model	m_χ [GeV]	m_a [GeV]	g_χ	g_0
A	0.1	0.05	7.5×10^{-3}	7.5×10^{-3}
B	1	0.05	1.2×10^{-1}	2×10^{-3}
C	30	1	6×10^{-1}	5×10^{-5}

Table 1: Parameters used Coy DM. Flavour-universal $g_f = 1$.

- We consider Coy DM in a stellar astrophysical scenario.
- SD momentum dependent and SI one-loop
- Annihilation reactions to pair of fermions (neutrinos)
- Flavour-universal couplings, DD and relic density constr.

$$XX \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}$$

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Standard processes with neutrinos

Table 11.1 Examples of neutrino emitting processes in neutron star cores^a



Name	Process	Emissivity ^b (erg cm ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	
Modified Urca (neutron branch)	$n + n \rightarrow n + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{21} \mathcal{R} T_9^8$	Slow
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Modified Urca (proton branch)	$p + n \rightarrow p + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{21} \mathcal{R} T_9^8$	Slow
	$p + p + e^- \rightarrow p + n + \nu_e$		
Bremsstrahlung	$n + n \rightarrow n + n + \nu \bar{\nu}$		
	$n + p \rightarrow n + p + \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 10^{19} \mathcal{R} T_9^8$	Slow
	$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \nu \bar{\nu}$		
Cooper pair formations	$n + n \rightarrow [nn] + \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 5 \times 10^{21} \mathcal{R} T_9^7$	
	$p + p \rightarrow [pp] + \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 5 \times 10^{19} \mathcal{R} T_9^7$	
Direct Urca	$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{27} \mathcal{R} T_9^6$	Fast
	$p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$		
π^- condensate	$n + <\pi^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{26} \mathcal{R} T_9^6$	Fast
K^- condensate	$n + <K^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{25} \mathcal{R} T_9^6$	Fast

D. Page et al,
NPA (2004) 777

^a Table from [54].

^b For each process the “control coefficient” $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(T/T_c)$ is introduced to take into account the extra temperature dependence due to pairing [92].



Neutrino emissivity from DM

The energy emissivity (energy per unit volume unit time)

$$12 \rightarrow 34 \quad Q_E = 4 \int d\Phi(E_1 + E_2) |\bar{\mathcal{M}}|^2 f(f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)$$

Phase space element

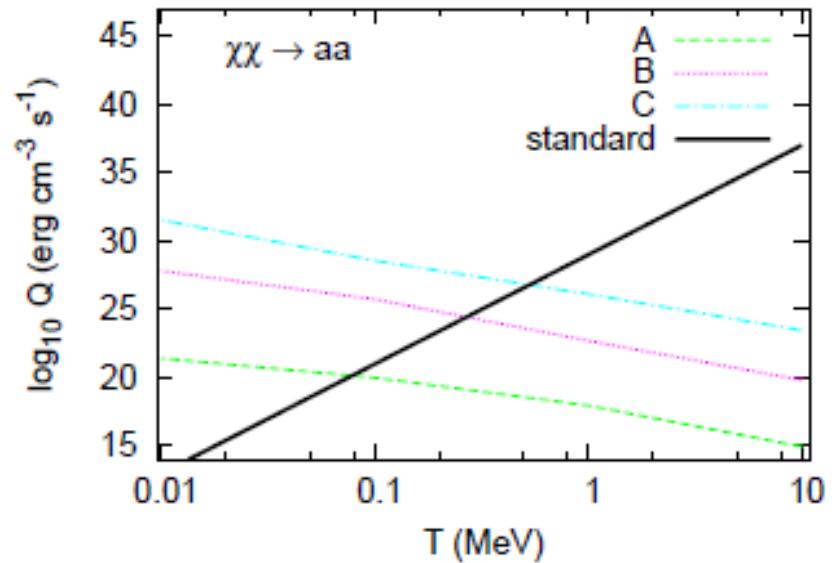
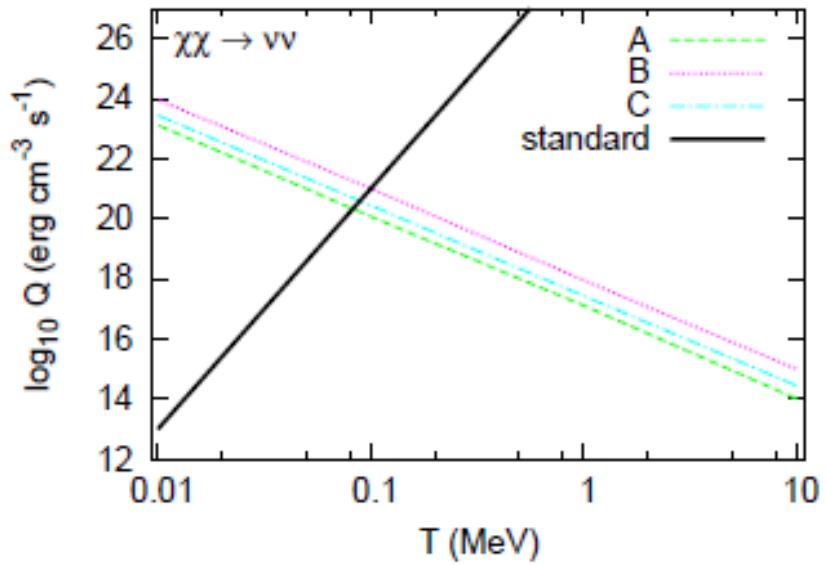
$$d\Phi = \frac{d^3 p_1}{2(2\pi)^3 E_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{2(2\pi)^3 E_2} \frac{d^3 p_3}{2(2\pi)^3 E_3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{2(2\pi)^3 E_4} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4)$$

The matrix element

$XX \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$

$$|\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{f\bar{f}}|^2 = \frac{g_\chi^2 g_f^2}{4} \frac{s^2}{(s - m_a^2)^2 + E_{\vec{q}}^2 \Gamma^2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{aa}|^2 &= \frac{-g_\chi^4}{2} \left[\frac{(t - m_a)^2 - m_\chi^2(m_\chi^2 + 2m_a^2)}{(t - m_\chi^2)^2} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{(u - m_a)^2 - m_\chi^2(m_\chi^2 + 2m_a^2)}{(u - m_\chi^2)^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{(s - 2m_\chi^2)(2m_a^2 - s) + 2m_\chi^2(m_\chi^2 + 2m_a^2 - 2s)}{(t - m_\chi^2)(u - m_\chi^2)} \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{2(t - m_a^2)^2}{(t - m_\chi^2)(u - m_\chi^2)} + 2\frac{2m_\chi^2 - s}{(u - m_\chi^2)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



The radial fraction where most energy deposition takes place is described by the thermal-to-core radius ratio

$$\xi = (\sqrt{2}r_{\text{th}}/R_b)$$

$T=1 \text{ MeV}$

$$\xi \in [0.03, 0.42]$$

$T=0.1 \text{ MeV}$

$$\xi \in [0.01, 0.14]$$

Neutrino emissivities from Coy DM have genuinely different T behavior than MURCA+ SM processes

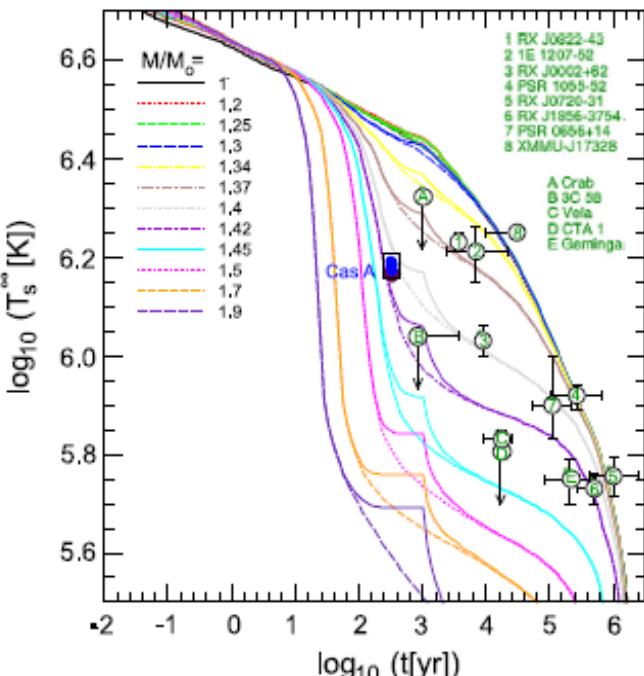
Cooling behaviour in the NS for a LDM case



When considering the previous model in cooling calculations (SF and hadronic model)

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda-2\Phi}}{4\pi r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(e^{2\Phi} L \right) = -Q + Q_h - \frac{c_V}{e^\Phi} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t},$$

$$\frac{L}{4\pi K r^2} = e^{-\lambda-\Phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (T e^\Phi)$$



$$Q_h \equiv Q_{\chi\chi}(T) = 10^\alpha \left(\frac{T}{0.1 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-3} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1},$$

with $19 < \alpha < 21$.

LDM $m_\chi=100$ MeV is considered

More massive NS could lead to a temporary Temperature plateau halt

Degeneracy for interpretation cooling with admixed DM or only SM processes

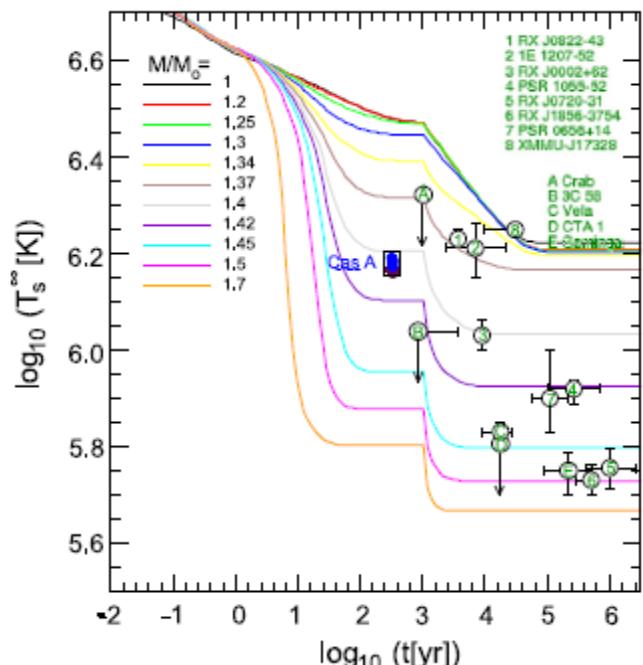


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$$\frac{L}{4\pi \kappa r^2} = e^{-\lambda-\Phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (T e^\Phi)$$



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Conducting LDM may lead to hotter NS for a given age

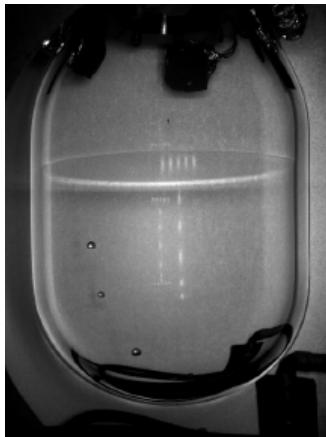
$$\kappa_\chi \sim v_\chi \lambda_\chi n_\chi \text{ where } v_\chi = \sqrt{3T/m_\chi}$$

Bubble nucleation: Trojan Horse mechanism. Photon injection in the NS

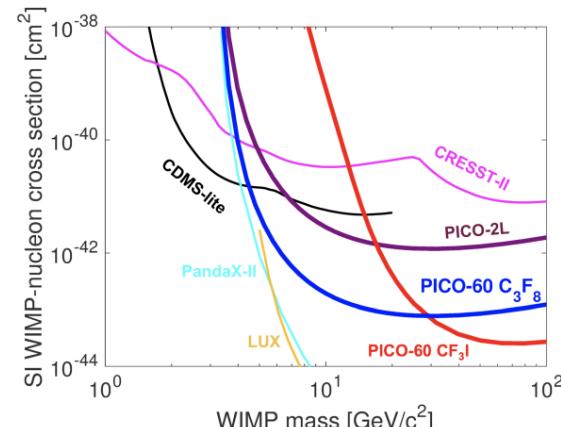


Inside inner core NS Self-annihilating GeV+ DM could release fractions of energies to impact quark confinement.

$$XX \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow N\gamma$$

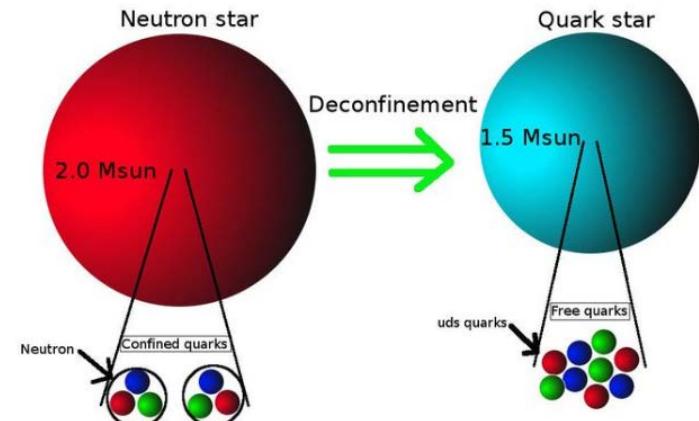


Superheated liquids in PICO underdoing DM-nuclei scattering yields constraints of DM nature



PICO collab, PRL 118 (202-17)

In NS we propose a hadronic system could suffer a phase transition from a metastable phase (Hadron) to a more stable one (Quark-gluon) if right thermodynamical conditions



Hadron phase

In dense stellar core of NSs baryons and leptons are believed to be the main ingredient

$$P = P_H + P_L, \quad \varepsilon_{tot} = \varepsilon_H + \varepsilon_L, \quad n_b = \sum_B n_B$$

with $P_H = -\varepsilon_H + \sum_B n_B \mu_B,$

$$P_L = -\varepsilon_L + \sum_l n_l \mu_l, \quad \mu_B = \sqrt{k_{F,B}^2 + M_B^2} + g_{\omega B} \omega_0 + g_{\rho B} \tau_{3B} \rho_{30}$$

and

$$\varepsilon_H = \mathcal{U}(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho_{30}^2 \quad \text{Serot \& Walecka' 86}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_B M_B^4 \left[(2t_B^2 + 1)t_B \sqrt{1 + t_B^2} - \ln \left(t_B + \sqrt{1 + t_B^2} \right) \right],$$

$$\varepsilon_L = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_l m_l^4 \left[(2t_l^2 + 1)t_l \sqrt{1 + t_l^2} - \ln \left(t_l + \sqrt{1 + t_l^2} \right) \right],$$

$$t_i = k_{F,i}/m_i$$

Deconfined quark phase

- We consider a deconfined (uds) quark content phase with thermodynamic potential with MIT Bag model Chodos, Jaffe et al '74 with QCD corrections

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_q = & -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left[\mu_q (\mu_q^2 - m_q^2)^{1/2} \left(\mu_q^2 - \frac{5}{2}m_q^2 \right) + \frac{3}{2}m_q^4 \ln \left(\frac{\mu_q + (\mu_q^2 - m_q^2)^{1/2}}{m_q} \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^3} \left\{ 3 \left[\mu_q (\mu_q^2 - m_q^2)^{1/2} - m_q^2, \ln \left(\frac{\mu_q + (\mu_q^2 - m_q^2)^{1/2}}{m_q} \right) \right]^2 \right. \\ & \left. - 2(\mu_q^2 - m_q^2) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

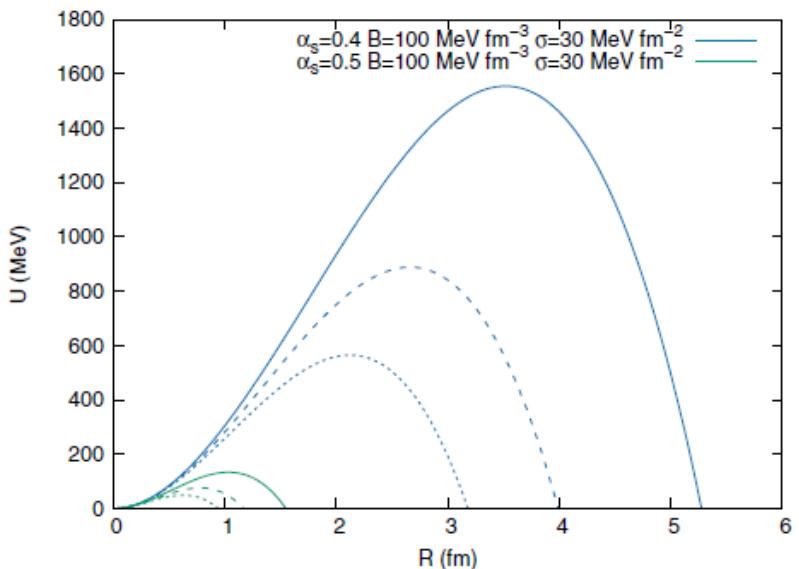
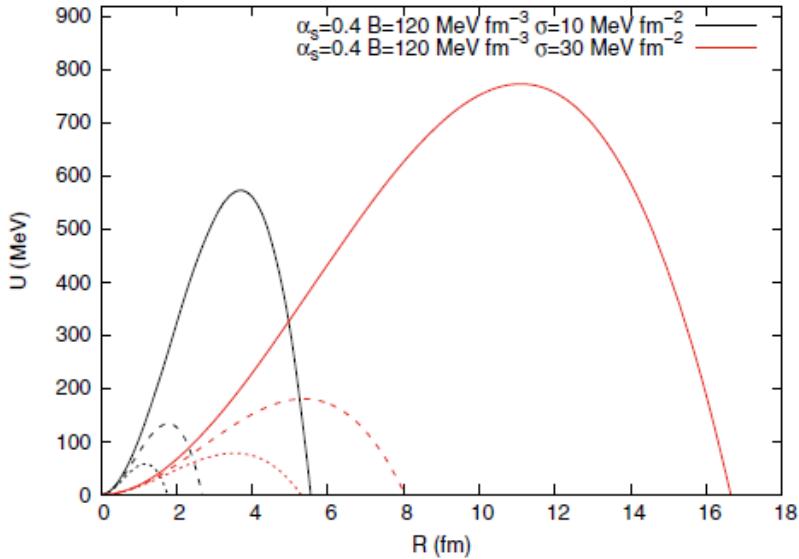
- With pressure and energy density $P_Q = - \sum_q \Omega_q - B$ $P = P_Q + P_L$

$$\varepsilon_{tot} = \varepsilon_Q + \varepsilon_L,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_Q = & \sum_q (\Omega_q + \mu_q n_q) = \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) (\mu_u^4 + \mu_d^4) + \frac{3}{8\pi^2} m_s^4 [x_s \eta_s (2x_s^2 + 1) - \ln(x_s + \eta_s)] \\ & - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^3} m_s^4 \left\{ 2x_s^2 (x_s^2 + 2\eta_s^2) - 3 [x_s \eta_s + \ln(x_s + \eta_s)]^2 \right\} + B, \end{aligned}$$

$$x_s = \sqrt{\mu_s^2 - m_s^2}/m_s, \eta_s = \sqrt{1 + x_s^2},$$

Confining potentials in LK theory in the NS core



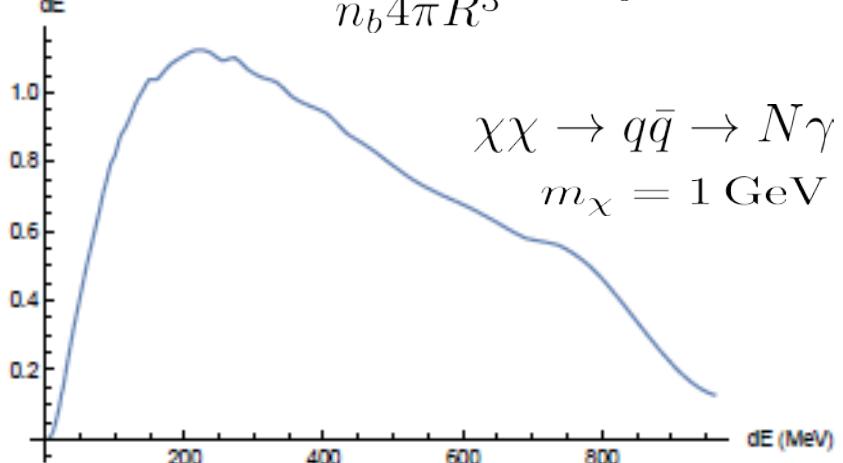
$$70 \leq B \leq 150 \text{ MeV fm}^{-3}$$

$$10 \leq \sigma \leq 30 \text{ MeV fm}^{-2}$$

fm size bubbles

Potential barrier lower as pressure goes larger than transition density at $n_b|_H = 5.5n_0$
 QCD corrections drive smaller barriers.

$$E = \frac{\xi m_\chi}{n_b 4\pi R^3} \quad \xi \leq 0.6$$



Probability of induced nucleation

Oscillation frequency of the fundamental state



$$\nu_0^{-1} = \frac{dI}{dE} \Bigg|_{E=E_0}, \quad I(E) = \frac{2}{c} \int_{R_-}^{R_+} \sqrt{[2M(R)c^2 + E - U(R)] [U(R) - E]} dR$$

and the probability with (WKB approx)

$$p_0 = \exp\left(-\frac{A(E)}{\hbar}\right),$$

The inject. energy per unit baryon charge inside the baryon bag determines the energetic level of confined Q content

$$E = \frac{\xi m_\chi}{n_b 4\pi R^3}$$

The number of nucleation centers is given by the stable bubble size

$$N_C = \frac{V_{th}}{V_B} \sim \left(\frac{r_{th}}{R_B}\right)^3.$$

and the bubble formation time
is corrected as $\tau_N = \tau/N_C$

$$\tau^{-1} = \nu_0 p_0$$

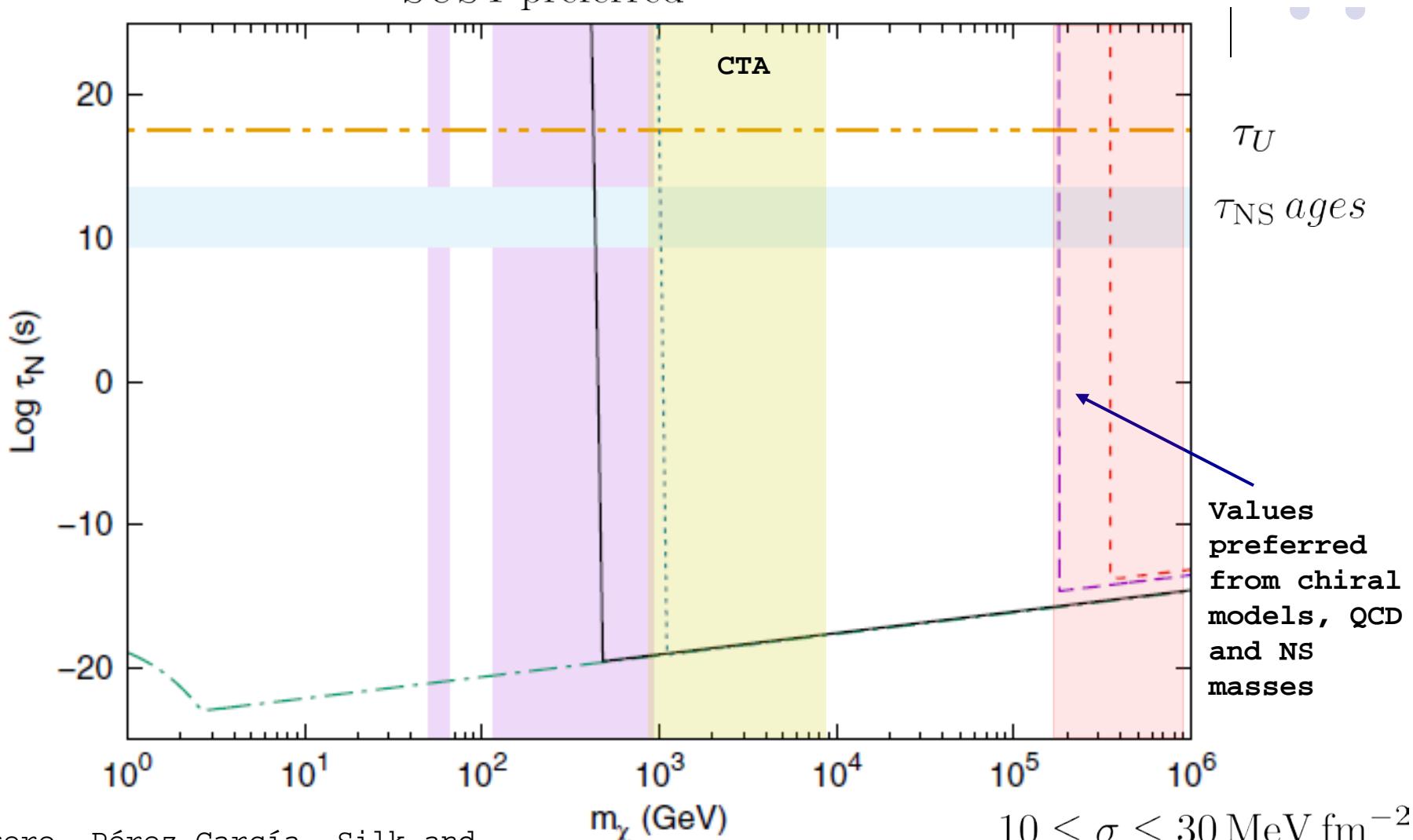


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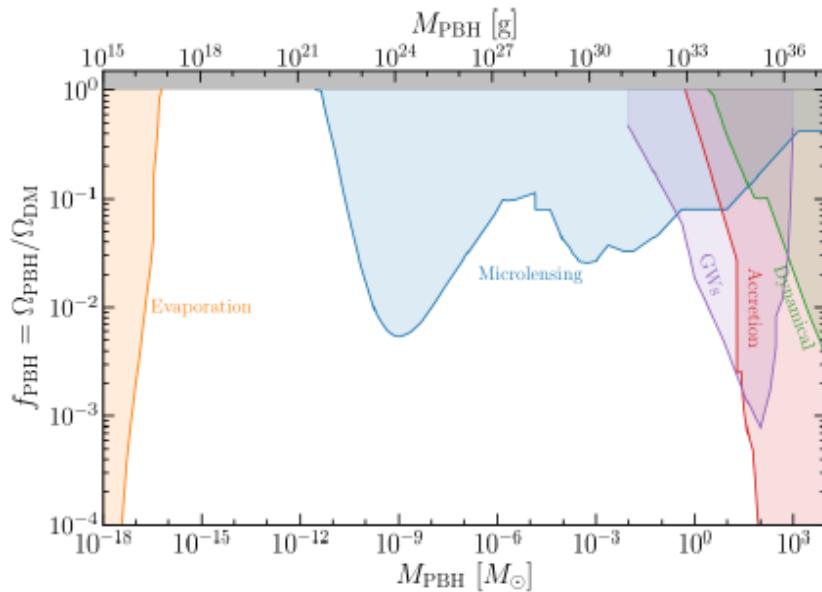
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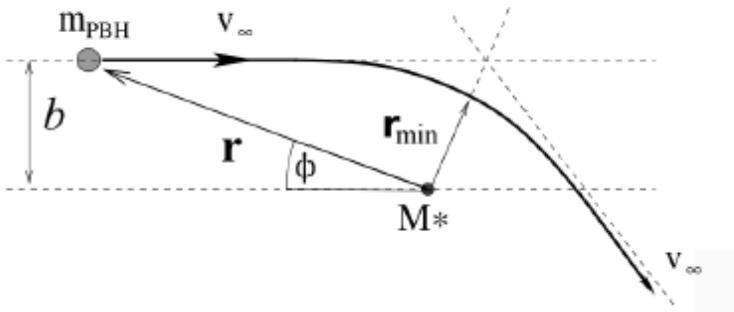


Primordial Black holes and NSs



We investigate PBH in allowed window scattering regular NS.

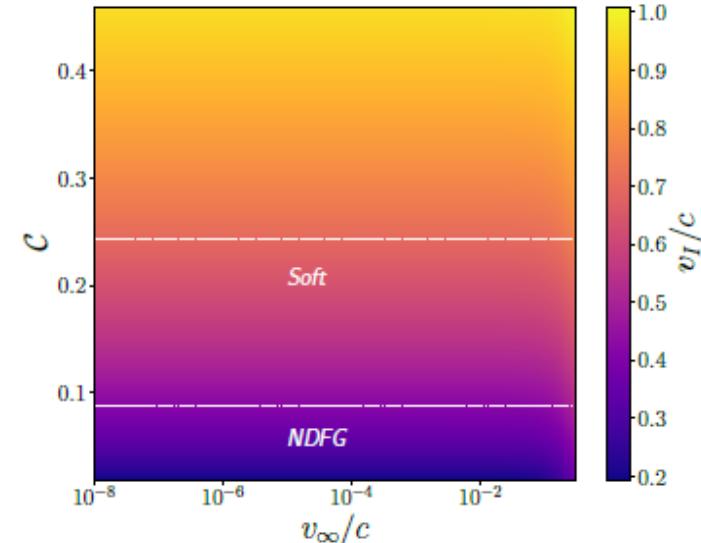
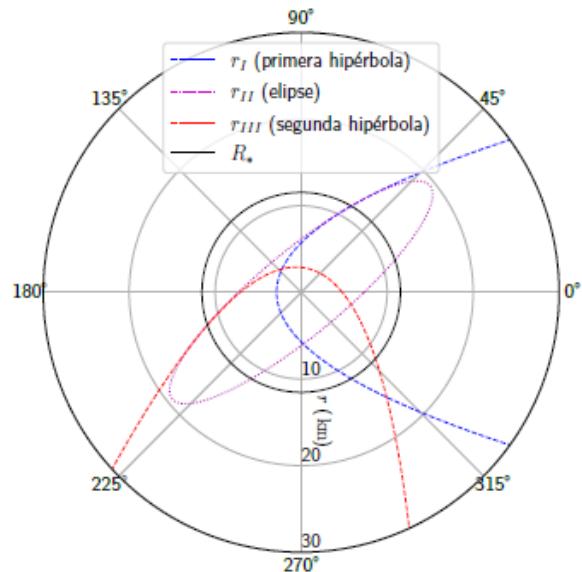
Angular momentum, energy conserved.



$$\begin{aligned}
 r_I(\phi) &= \frac{a(e^2 - 1)}{1 + e \cos(\phi - \psi_0)} & (\phi \leq \phi_0) \\
 r_{II}(\phi) &= \frac{\alpha_-}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2 \cos^2(\phi - \psi_1)}} & (\phi_0 < \phi < \phi_1) \\
 r_{III}(\phi) &= \frac{a(e^2 - 1)}{1 + e \cos(\phi - \psi_2)} & (\phi_1 \leq \phi).
 \end{aligned}$$

PBHS and NSs

- Due to changing grav. potential an idealized set of curves (elipses and hyperbolas) are described.



Martin, Albertus, Pérez-García, in prep. 2022.

- Relativistic corrections are included
- Beyond pure GR dynamics must include:
 - Dynamical friction
 - Accretion force

$$\vec{F}_{DF} = -4\pi G^2 \frac{P + \epsilon}{c^2} m_{PBH}^2 \ln \Lambda \frac{\vec{v}}{v^3} \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^2 \gamma^2.$$

Barausse, 2007

$$\vec{F}_{ac} = -\pi \gamma^2 v n m_n b_{n,\min}^2 \vec{v} = -4\pi n m_n \frac{G^2 m_{PBH}^2}{c^2} \tilde{b}_{n,\min}^2 \frac{\vec{v}}{v} \quad v > c_s,$$

Capela+, 2013



PBHs and NSs

- Colliding or fly-by PBHs may induce changes in rot. frequency

$$|\Delta\nu| = \frac{|\Delta L_{PBH}|}{2\pi I_*} \leq \frac{m_{PBH} b v_\infty}{2\pi I_*}$$

- Typical glitches or anti-glitches can be measured to

$$|\Delta\nu|/\nu = 10^{-12}$$

- So that preliminary estimates for Soft EoS yield numbers around 10 times this values for ms pulsars

$$|\Delta\nu| = \frac{|\Delta L_{PBH}|}{2\pi I_*} \leq \frac{m_{PBH} b v_\infty}{2\pi I_*} \sim \frac{1 \times 10^{22} \text{ g} \times b_c \times 10^{-8} c}{2\pi \times 1,5392 \times 10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2} \simeq 2,49 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Hz},$$

Incoming PBH flux may additionally impact these numbers. Work in progress.