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with Palmese, Profumo, Jeltema

[arXiv:2007.03686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03686) (JCAP21)

# Multi-messenger Signatures of Dark Matter from Compact Objects

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# New Model Independent Constraints on Dark Matter and Cosmic Neutrinos (while Protecting the Earth)

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& Davide Farnocchia (NASA)


To appear on arXiv next week!

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07674>

To appear on Nature Astronomy!

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038>

Under review by Nature Astronomy

The image shows the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft in the foreground, positioned to approach the dark, rocky surface of asteroid Bennu. The spacecraft is illuminated from the side, highlighting its various instruments and solar panels. In the background, the Milky Way galaxy is visible against the dark space, adding a sense of cosmic scale to the scene.

*“There is always a possibility that **dark matter effects can modify the trajectory of an asteroid**, which could wipe out all life on this planet. The only way these people can get on with their happy lives is that **they do not know about it.**” – An agent warned me about giving this talk.*

# Notes

- **Apologies:** due to my father's health condition & a job interview, I have not gone through a complete reference update.

Please let me know if your relevant works are not mentioned.

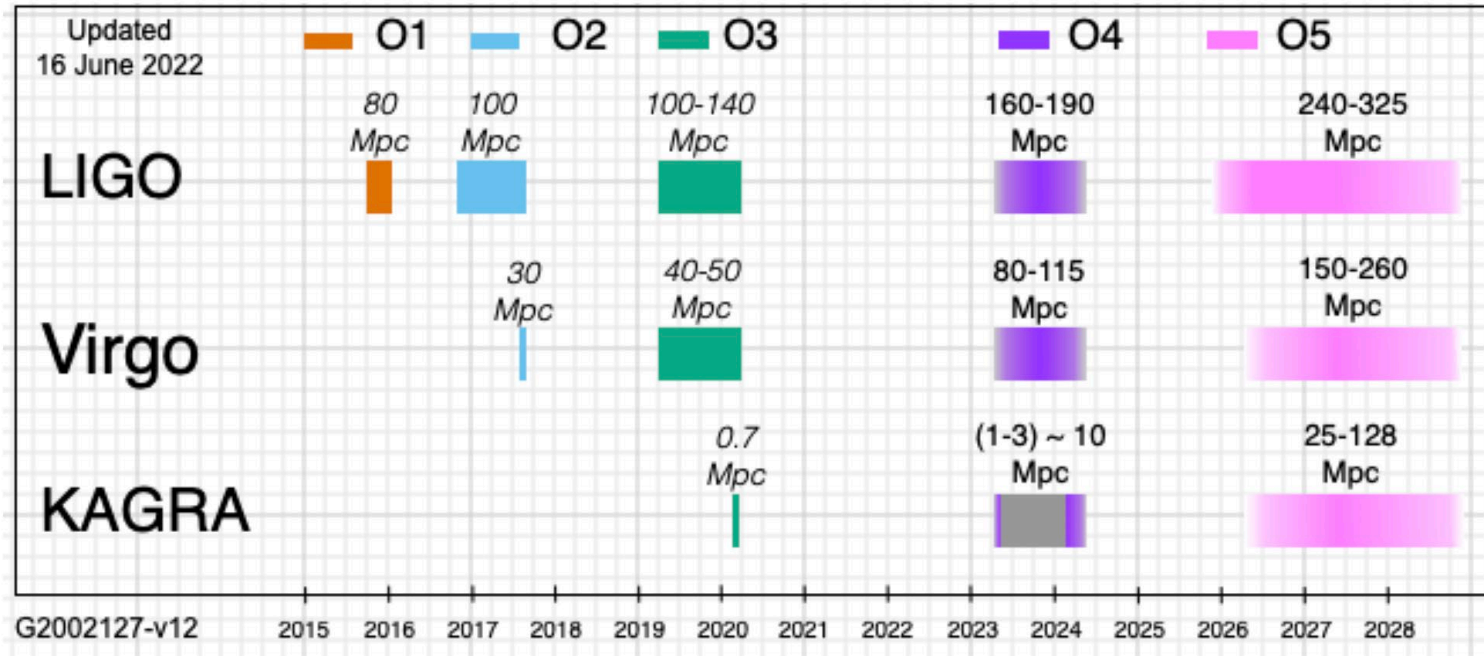
- **This talk will have a bit of an informal flavor**
- See the relevant talks from **Gustavo Marques Tavares, Volodymyr Takhistov, Huangyu Xiao, Dake Zhou, Violetta Sagun, Michael Fedderke, and more** in

<https://www.int.washington.edu/program/schedule/1055/4>

# Outline

- Dark matter (DM) and Astrophysical Motivations
- DM-induced Neutron Star (NS) Implosions: Mechanism
- Signatures & Constraints; Why Multi-messenger?
- Primordial Black Holes: GW170817 as a case study
- Outlook: A Lot More to Come!
- Bridging Planetary Defense, Quantum Technology & Fundamental Physics

# LIGO-Virgo-Kagra (LVK) Observing Runs



- <https://observing.docs.ligo.org/plan/>, expressed in terms of Binary Neutron Star (BNS) range.
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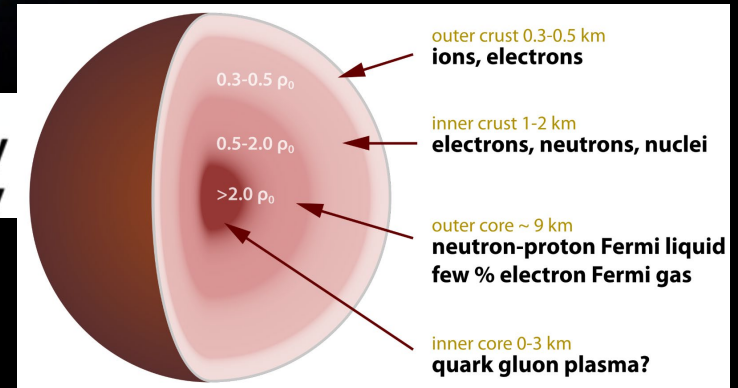
# Topic today: the **capture of dark matter** and implosion of neutron star (and other compact objects)

- DM Scattering with SM particles!  
Replacing the detector with a compact objects
- Allow to go much beyond the direct-detection limits and projections!



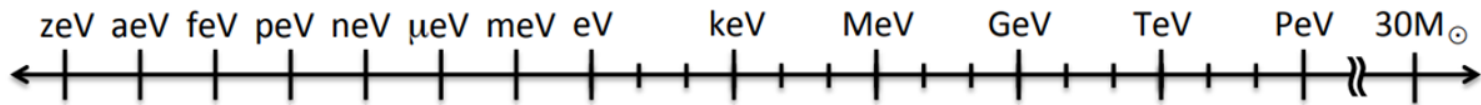
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$v_x$  velocity  
 $\rho_x$  density



# Going Beyond Direct Detection!

## Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

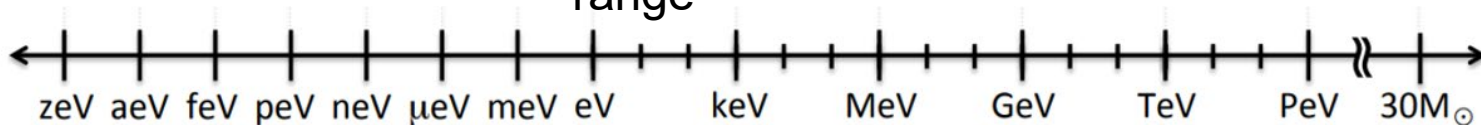


Bramante, Linden, Tsai,

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Can be extended to wider mass range

←→ PeV - EeV



- Astrophysical observations is the **natural habitats** for the DM signatures!
- New astrophysical observations = new opportunities
- **Extreme astrophysical systems** provides probes that is out of reach for **terrestrial experiments**

# Neutron Star & Dark Matter?

- Neutron star (NS) has **high density**: high fiducial mass (event rate) as a DM detector
- The densest stars  $\sim 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3$  (Earth has a density of around  $5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ). Almost a **black hole (BH)**, but the degeneracy pressure is keeping it from collapsing.
- What could **asymmetric DM (ADM)** do to neutron stars? **Implode them.**
- Can gather ADM in a small radius, allowing **collapse/implosion**, to give us various signatures
- **White Dwarf (WD)**  $\sim 10^9 \text{ kg/m}^3$  useful as well, see, e.g., [Graham, Janish, Narayan, Rajendran, Riggins, PRD18](#)



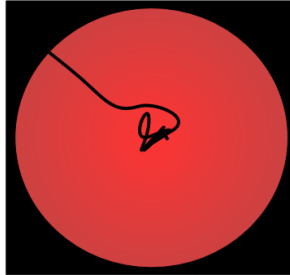
# Dark Matter-Induced Neutron Star Implosions

# NS Implosion & Asymmetric Dark Matter

- Asymmetric Dark Matter (ADM): dark matter with **particle/anti-particle asymmetry in the dark sector**, often linked to **baryon/lepton asymmetry (well motivated!)**.
- The asymmetry often sets the DM relic abundance.
- see, e.g., reviews from [Petraki and Volkas 2013](#), [Zurek 2013](#) ...
- Dark matter asymmetry allows **efficient collection and collapse** in stars without annihilating to lighter particles
- See, e.g., [Goldman and Nussinov 1989](#), [Kouvaris and Tinyakov 2010](#), [Lavallaz and Fairbairn 2010](#), [McDermott, Yu, Zurek 2011](#), [Bell, Melatos, Petraki 2013](#), [Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy 2013](#), ...
- Extend to **Topological Defects (GUT)**, **Q-Ball (SUSY)**, etc. (in progress)

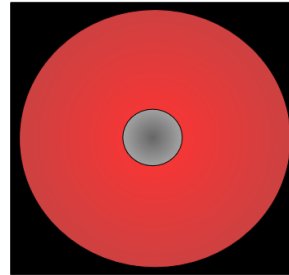
# DM-induced NS Implosions

1. DM captured



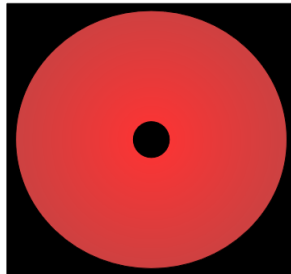
NS capture  
enough DM to  
potentially form  
black hole

2. DM thermalizes



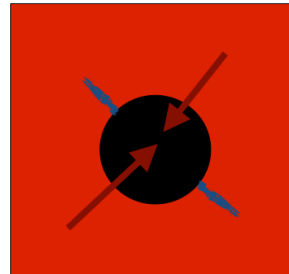
Repeated scattering: DM  
reach the same  
temperature and settle at  
center of neutron star

3. DM collapses



Collapse into  
a black hole

4. BH consumes  
neutron star



Black hole  
consumes the  
neutron star

5. Form solar mass BH



- Consider the implosion using **PeV-EeV ( $10^6$ - $10^9$  GeV) ADM** as an example.

Reference:

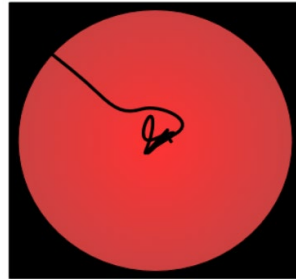
- For **super heavy ADM**: see e.g., Bramante, Unwin, '17 & Bramante, Delgado, Martin, '17
- **Other mass ranges**: see e.g., Bramante, Kumar, et al. '13, Bramante, Elahi '15



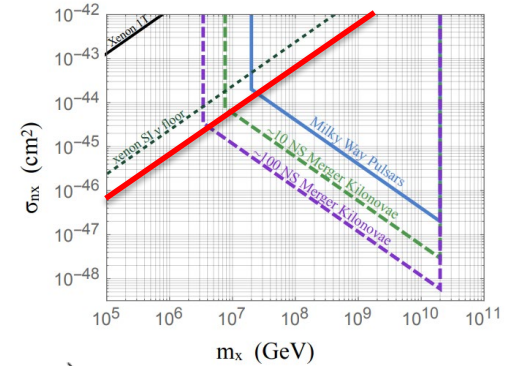
# Dark Matter Capture

$\vec{v}_x$  velocity  
 $\rho_x$  density  
 in MW halo

1. DM captured



$\sigma_{nx}$   
 determines  
 whether DM  
 scatters,  
 gets trapped



DM-nucleon cross section,  $\sigma_{nx} \gtrsim 10^{-45} \text{cm}^2 \left( \frac{m_x}{\text{PeV}} \right)$ ,

implies **maximum mass capture rate**,  $b_{\text{max}} = \left( \frac{2GMR}{v_x^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( 1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1/2}$   
 (DM initial halo kinetic energy scales linearly with  $m_x$ )

R: NS radius  
 M: NS mass

$t_c$  := Dark Matter Capture Time:

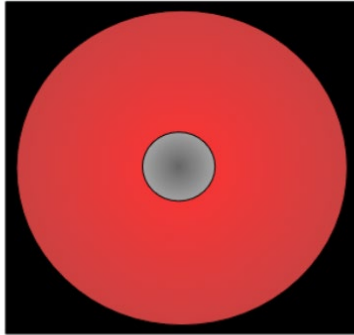
the time for a critical collapsing mass ( $M_{\text{crit}}$ ) to accumulate

$$t_c \propto v_x / \rho_x \cdot \left( t_c \propto \frac{v_x}{\rho_x \sigma_{nx}} \text{ for smaller } \sigma_{nx} \right)$$

See Bramante, Linden, **YT**, '17 (1706.00001)

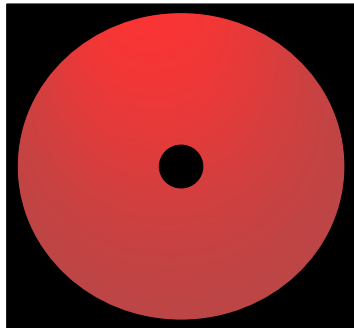
also Bramante, Delgado, Martin, '17 (multi-scattering, 1703.04043)

## 2. DM thermalizes



Repeated scattering results in DM with same temperature and settle at center of neutron star

## 3. DM collapses

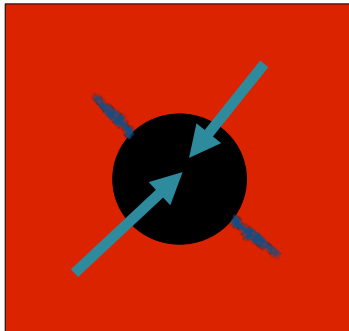


$$M_{crit}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3/m_X^2 \quad (\sim 10^{-14} M_{\odot} \text{ for PeV DM})$$

DM will collapse to a black hole if the accumulated mass exceeds its own degeneracy pressure

( $M_{crit} \gg M_{self-gravitate}$  for PeV-EeV mass DM)

## 4. BH consumes neutron star



Accretion from the black hole consumes the host neutron star

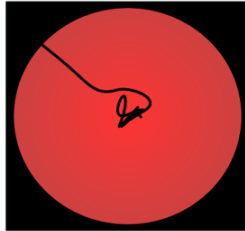
$$M_{crit}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3/m_X^2$$

$$M_{crit}^{bos} \simeq \sqrt{\lambda} M_{pl}^3/m_X^2$$

$$V(\phi) = \lambda|\phi|^4$$

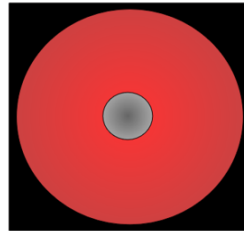
# Time scales

1. DM captured



$t_c$

2. DM thermalizes



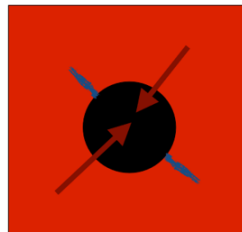
$\tau_{th}$

3. DM collapses



$\tau_{co}$

4. BH consumes neutron star



$\tau_{Bondi}$

For PeV-EeV ADM:

$$t_c \sim 10 \text{ Gyrs}$$

$$\tau_{th} \sim 8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ yrs}$$

$$\tau_{co} \sim 4 \times 10^5 \text{ yrs}$$

$$\tau_{Bondi} \sim 0.1 \text{ yrs}$$

[Bramante, Linden, YT, 1706.00001](#)

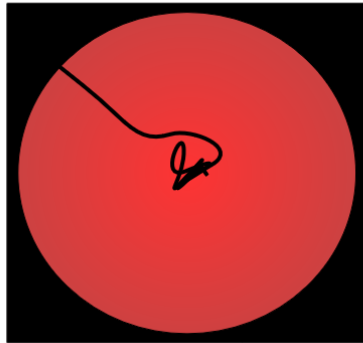
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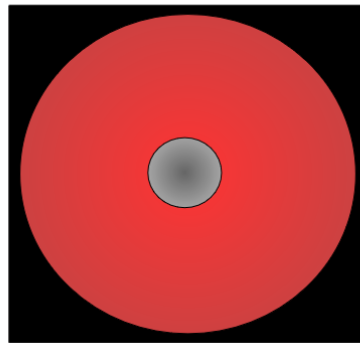
# Determining the Implosion Time

1. DM captured



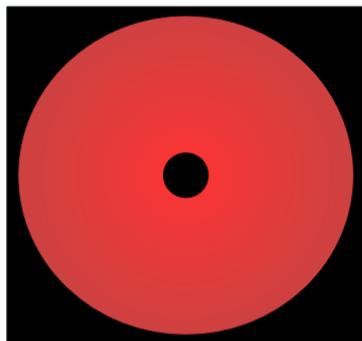
$t_c$

2. DM thermalizes



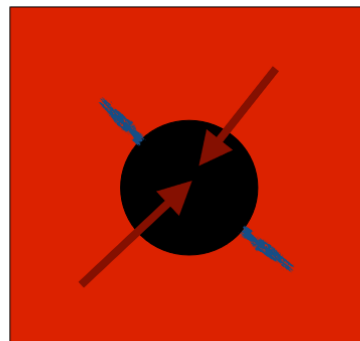
$\tau_{th}$

3. DM collapses



$\tau_{co}$

4. BH consumes neutron star



$\tau_{Bondi}$

For PeV-EeV ADM:

$$t_c \gg \tau_{th}, \tau_{co}, \tau_{Bondi}$$

- So, the capturing sets the implosion time.
- Easy to parameterize
- **We will care most about capture time from now**
- **That's part of the reason why we discuss PeV - EeV**
- Appendix of 1706.00001

# Thermalization Radius

- Consider DM thermalization radius [see, e.g., Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy, 1309.1721].
- As the DM thermalizes, it collects within a sphere of radius  $r_{th}$  given by the virial theorem

$$\frac{GM(r_{th})m_{\chi}}{r_{th}} \approx \frac{3}{2}T, \quad r_{th} \approx 2.2 \text{ m} \left( \frac{T}{10^5 \text{ K}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^{1/2}.$$

- where  $M(r_{th})$  is the mass of the neutron star enclosed within a radius  $r_{th}$ : it is stellar density dependent!
- T is the temperature of the neutron star.
- $r_{th}$  is too large and DM density is too small to collapse for heavy but less dense objects, e.g., Sun, white dwarf, etc.

# Normalized Implosion Time (NIT)

PeV-EeV

✓  
**Heavy** dark matter, fermionic or bosonic —  
 fewer particles required for collapse.

For  $\sigma_{nx} \gtrsim 10^{-45} \text{cm}^2 \left( \frac{m_x}{\text{PeV}} \right)$ , saturates the capture rate

$t_c \propto v_x / \rho_x$ . We propose this **normalized implosion time**,

$$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} = \text{Constant} \times \left[ \text{Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}} \right]$$

Fermion:

$$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} \Big|_f = \left( \frac{10 \text{ PeV}}{m_x} \right)^2 15 \text{ Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}}$$

Boson:

$$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} \Big|_b = \left( \frac{\lambda}{1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{3 \text{ PeV}}{m_x} \right)^2 20 \text{ Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}},$$

R=10 km,  
 M=1.4  $M_\odot$

Colpi, Shapiro, and Wasserman, 1986

$$V(\phi) = \lambda |\phi|^4$$



# Some Key References

1. [Dark Matter In Extreme Astrophysical Environments](#), Baryakhtar, ... Tsai, et al
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[Search for Subsolar-Mass Binaries in the First Half of Advanced LIGO's and Advanced Virgo's Third Observing Run](#), LVK, PRL 22
3. [Improved Treatment of Dark Matter Capture in Neutron Stars](#), Bell, Busoni , Robles, Virgato, JCAP 20
4. [Test for the Origin of Solar Mass Black Holes](#), Volodymyr Takhistov, George M. Fuller, Alexander Kusenko, arXivZ:2008.12780
5. [Fate of a neutron star with an endoparasitic black hole and implications for dark matter](#), East, Lehner, arXiv:1909.07968

# Astrophysical Motivations for DM-induced NS Implosions

**Explain Observations/puzzles** (fun to speculate!):

- **Missing Pulsar Problem**

Dexter & O'Leary, '13, Bramante, Elahi, '15, see Violetta's talk

- **Explain Fast Radio Burst (FRB)**

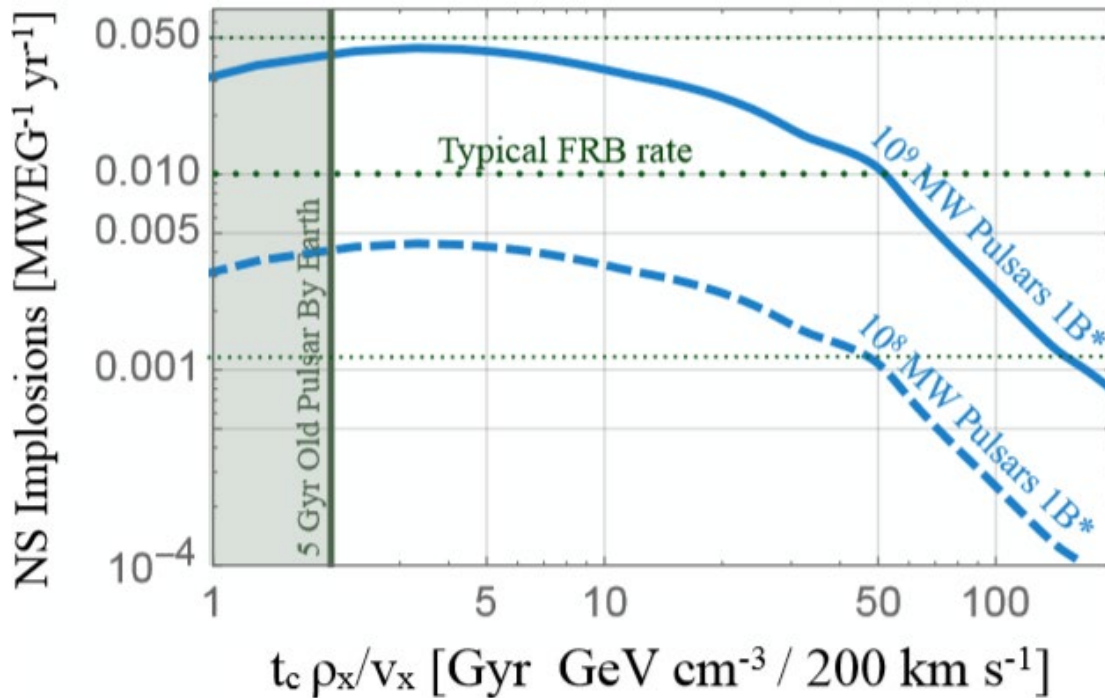
Fuller & Ott, 2014, Bramante, Linden, **Tsai**, 2017

- **Quiet Kilonova & (Early and Diverse) Enrichment of r-process Elements**

**DM:** Bramante, Linden, 2016, Bramante, Linden, **Tsai**, 1706.00001;

**PBH:** Fuller, Kusenko, Takhistov, 2017

# Total NS Implosion Rate in terms of $t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x}$



MWEG: Milky Way  
Equivalent Galaxy  
 $\sim (4.4 \text{ Mpc})^3$

Could match  
**FRB energy/rate!**  
[Fuller and Ott, 2014].

Incorporates **NS  
birthrates in Milky Way**,  
capture rate for position in  
galaxy  
[Hopkins and Beacom, 06,  
Sartore et al, 09]

- Bramante, Linden, **YT**, 2017
- **FRB** rate estimated from surveys  
[arXiv:1505.00834 and 1612.00896]
- Needs an update after recent FRB  
observations!!



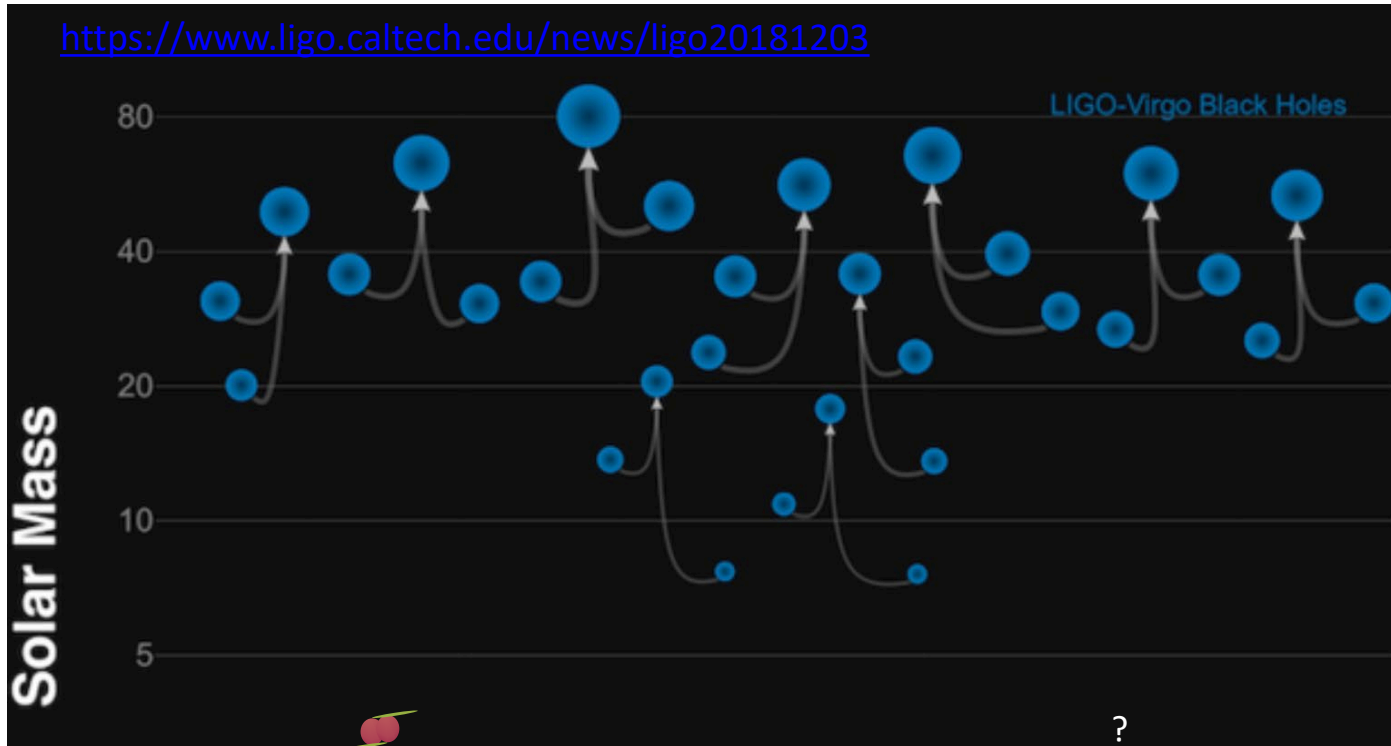
# Potential Signatures

- I) NS-mass BHs and their mergers (G-wave)
- II) NS merger galactic spatial distribution  
(G-wave + Optical Signature)
- III) Quiet (orphan) kilonova & r-Process abundance  
from NS implosions

# (I) Light Black Holes and their Mergers

Gravitational-Wave Signature from  
Converted **BNS** or **NSBH** Merger

# “Mass gap” between BH & NS



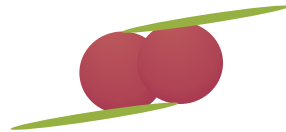
- There is a postulated mass gap between lightest BH and heaviest NS.
- Observationally (historically), BH mass ( $> 3.8 M_{\odot}$  or  $3.3 M_{\odot}$ , Thompson et al, '19) and BBH mergers are ( $> 18.5 M_{\odot}$ ). Standard Astro processes **hard to produce BH with mass  $< 3M_{\odot}$** ; need updates with current measurements!

# Light Mass Black Hole from ADM

- NS can be converted into BH, through **ADM-induced Implosion**, creating a  **$m \sim 1 - 2 M_{\odot}$  (NS-mass) BH**, **violating the putative mass gap** and has a **distinctive prediction of mass range!**
- Sharp prediction of the spectrum (comparing to light primordial black hole):  
tracing neutron star and DM distribution,  $O(1)$  fraction of neutron star can be converted.  
Always  **$\sim 1 - 2 M_{\odot}$**
- See e.g., [Bramante, Linden, Tsai, 2017](#),

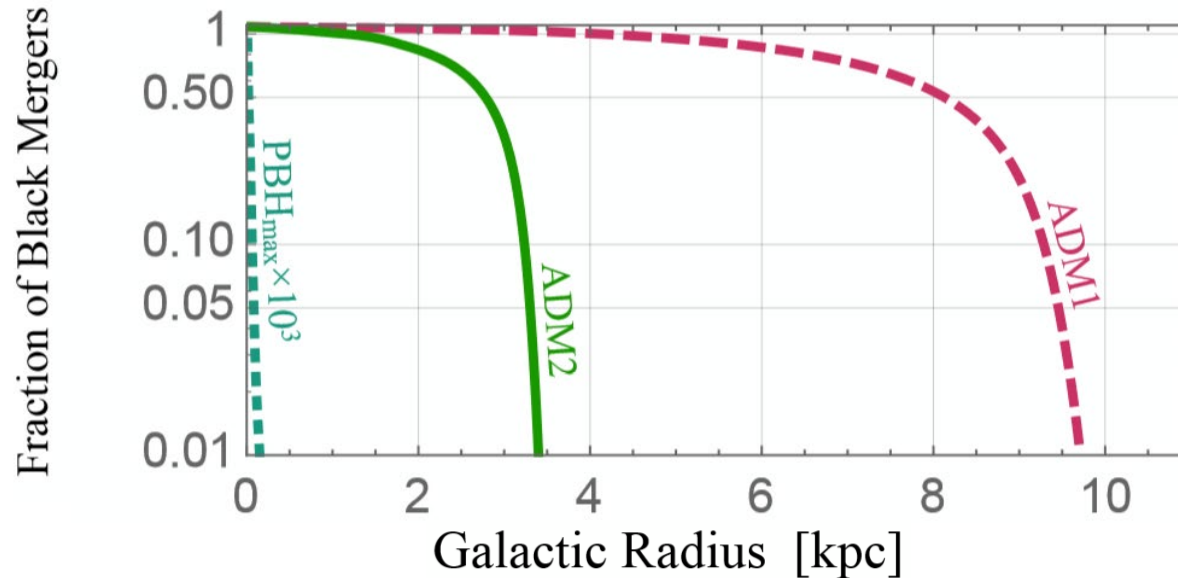
# (I-1) G-Wave Signature: Converted BBH Mergers

- BNS can also be converted into BBH, creating **NS-mass BBH mergers**, again violating the putative mass gap.
- These are **NS-mass mergers WITHOUT optical follow-on**, we call them “**Black Mergers**”, or “**Light Black Hole Mergers**”
- Bramante, Linden, **YT**, 2017





# (I-1) G-Wave Signature: Converted BBH Mergers



**ADM1: Faster Implosions** ( $t_c \rho_x / v_x = 3 \text{ Gyr/cm}^3 (200 \text{ km/s})^{-1}$ )

**ADM2: Slower Implosions** ( $t_c \rho_x / v_x = 15 \text{ Gyr/cm}^3 (200 \text{ km/s})^{-1}$ )

- Can use **LIGO/Virgo** to see merger signatures, that confirm that they are without optical signatures by, e.g., **DES, BlackGEM** telescopes
- Black Merger rate  $\sim$  NS Merger rate for certain model parameter!  
(Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)

## (I-2) Exotic NSBH: NS-mass BH in NSBH

- GW170817 still could be **exotic NSBH!**  
**with a BH from NS implosion?**
- ADM could implode one of the NS in BNS system, but the rate is small.
- Exotic NSBH can also come from PBH (2nd part of the talk)
- **The exotic NSBH scenario is not fully investigated yet.**

# Astrophysical objects and rates:

<b>Light BBH (black merger)</b>	O(1) fraction of normal BNS rate
<b>Light (exotic) NSBH</b>	very rare
<b>One heavy-one light BBH</b>	O(1) of normal NSBH

- **Red**: converted from normal BNS
- **Green**: converted from normal NSBH

See interesting updates on these searches from LIGO-Virgo-Kagra (LVK)

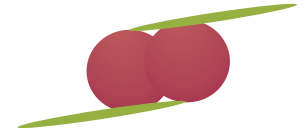
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## (II) BNS Merger Spatial Distribution

Use the **depleted BNS merger galactic spatial distribution** to test DM scenarios

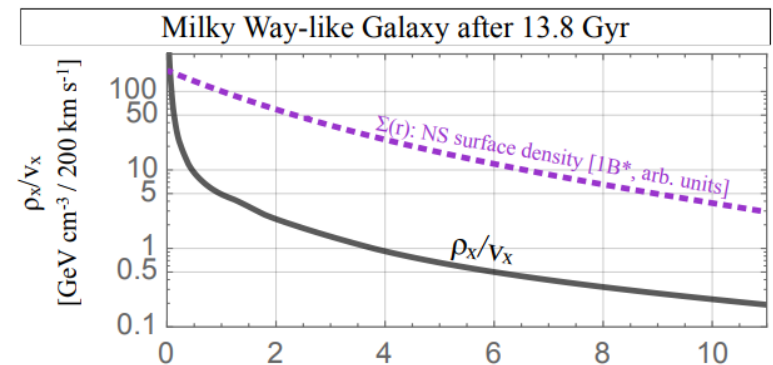
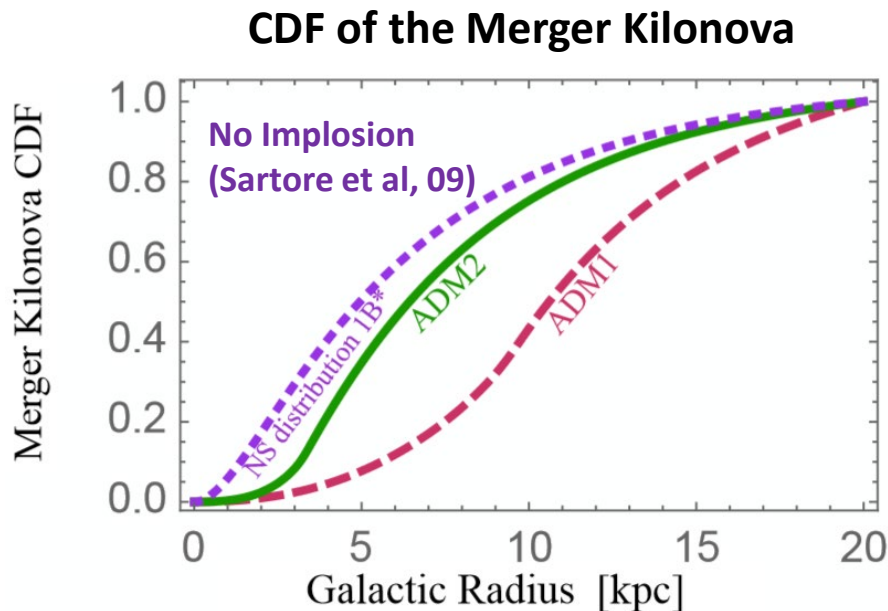
Need localization; **Multi-messenger!**

# Distribution of NS Mergers



## BNS mergers

- In-spiral/merger signatures detectable by LIGO/Virgo
- The associated Kilonova event can be seen by optical telescopes, e.g., DES, BlackGEM, Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF), ...
- Having *Black Mergers* means the usual NS-NS mergers have can the **distribution altered by NS implosions**



**ADM1: Faster Implosions**

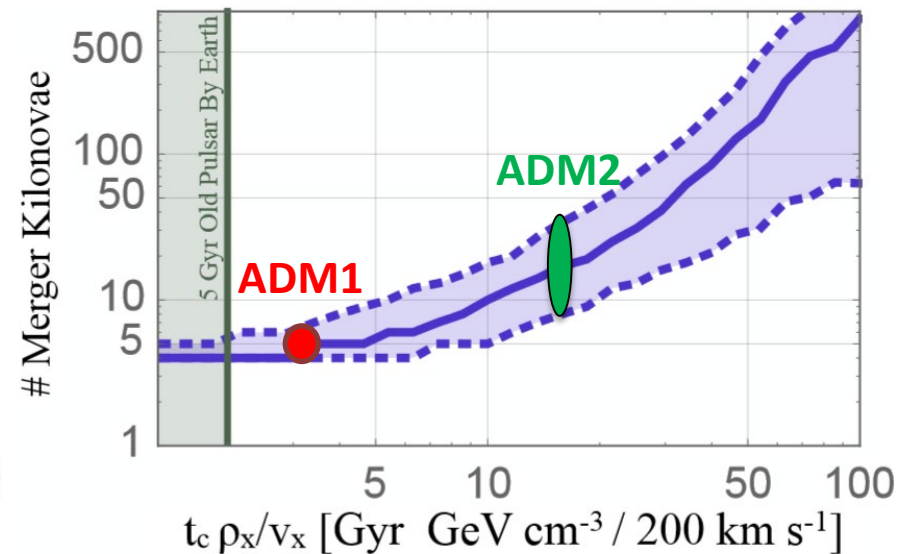
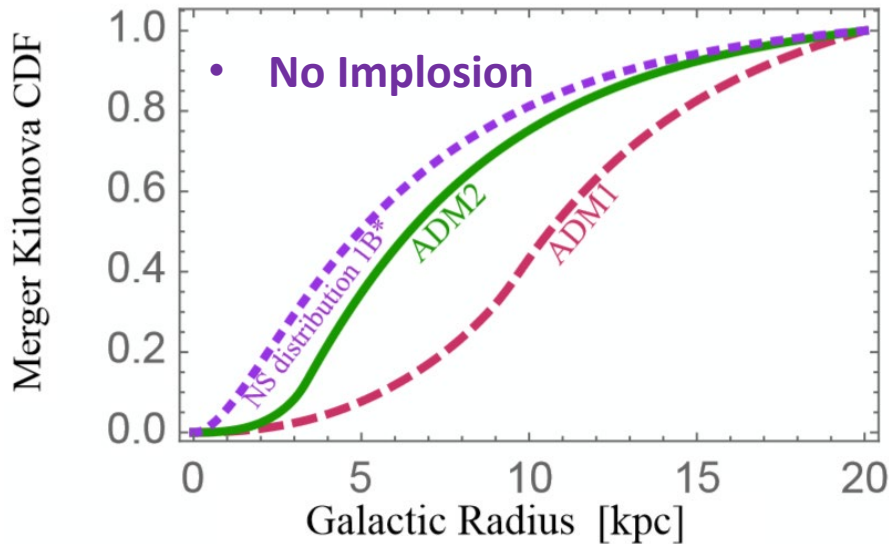
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**ADM2: Slower Implosions**

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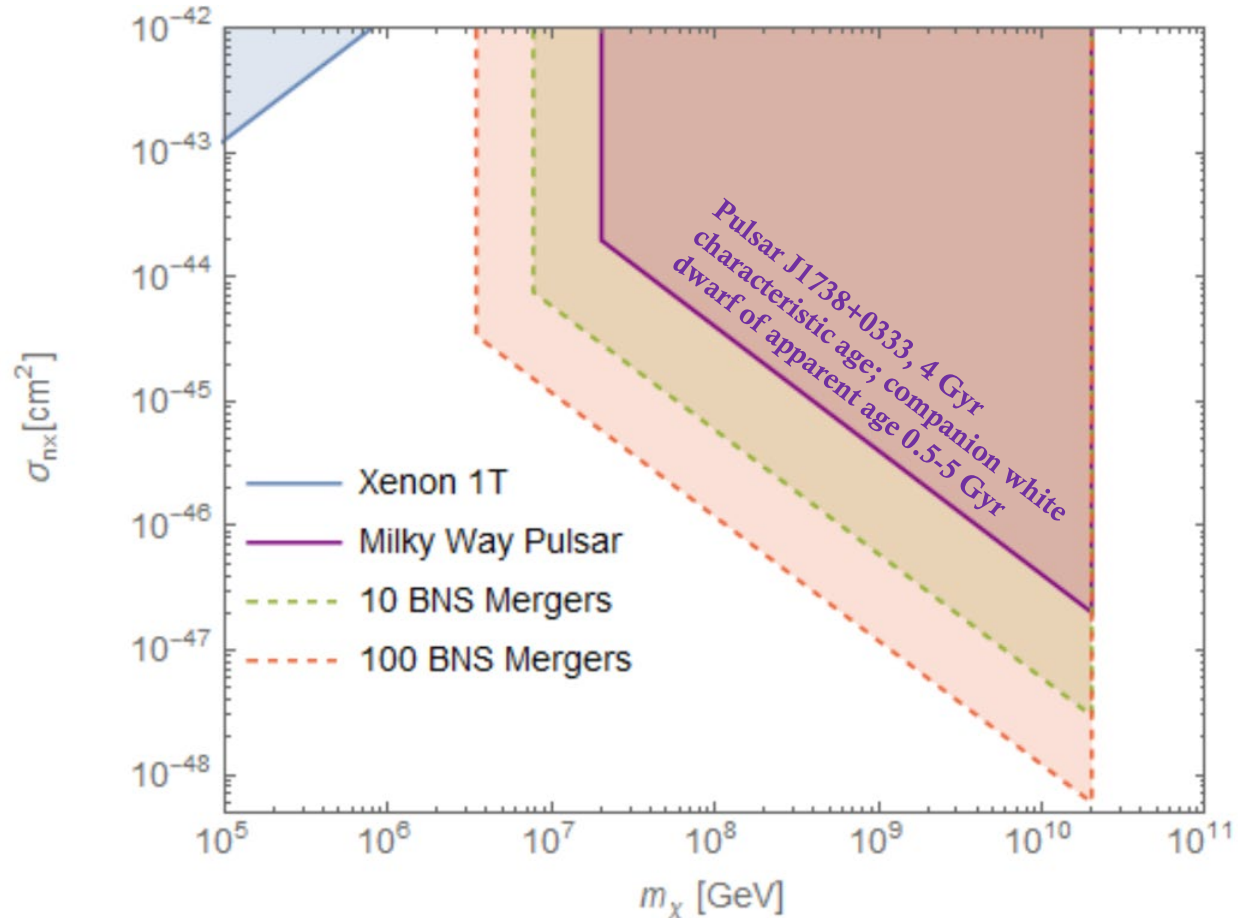


# Statistics of Merger Kilonova Events



- Apply **Kolmogorov–Smirnov test** for randomly generated events based on  $t_c \rho_x / v_x$
- (Right) **Purple band** indicate number of events needed for **2σ significance** in testing the ADM model parameters
- **Dashed**: upper and lower quartile; **Solid**: the median based on the repeated experiments.
- **Update with realistic NS merger distributions/host galaxies (NGC 4993-like? Elliptical?)**

# Beyond Direct Detection



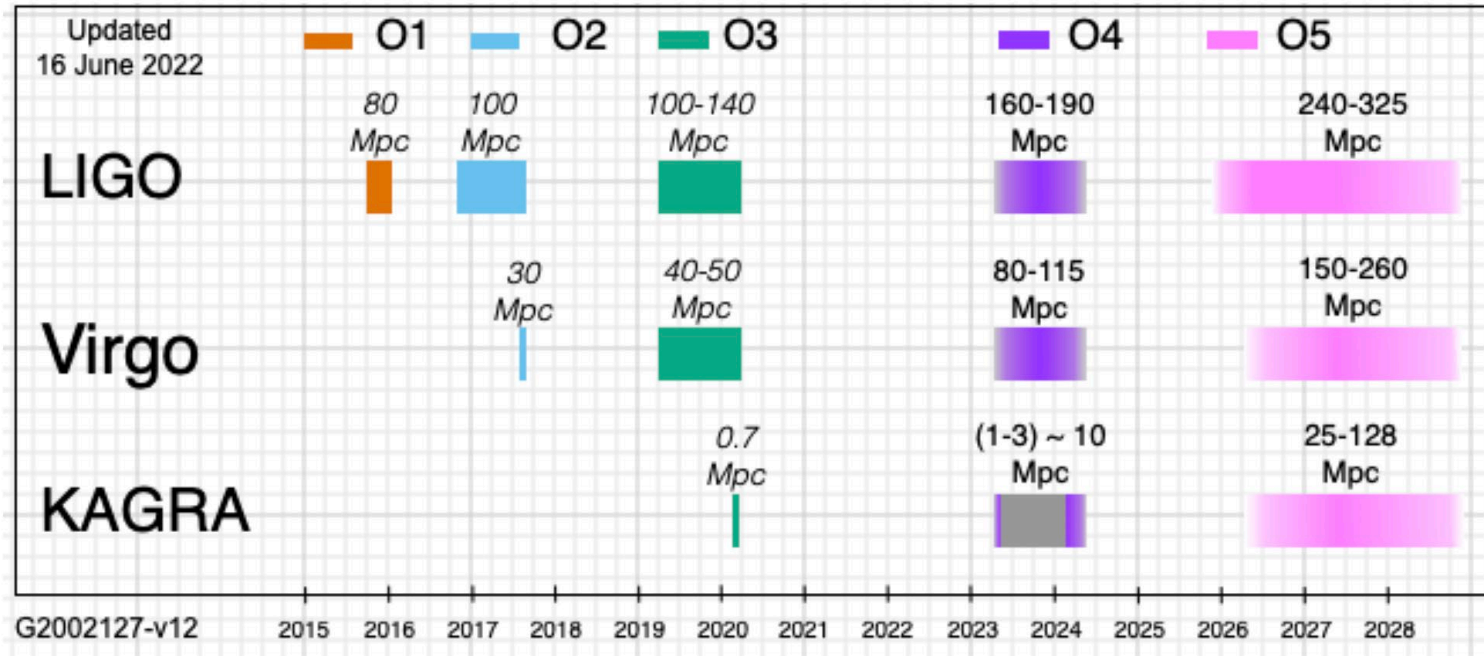
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$$M_{cret}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3 / m_X^2,$$

$$E_k \propto m_X v_x^2.$$

- **Left:** black hole not formed yet
- **Right:** Black hole formed would be too small and evaporate

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# Why Multi-messenger? Localization!

GW170817 is as important as SN1987A  
These are just words; I will explain why.

# GW170817 & PBH Case Study



# Question time

- How far away is the NS merger event, GW170817, from the center of the host galaxy NGC 4993?
- NGC 4993 elliptical galaxy: ? Mpc away from us
- Observation angle: ? arcsec (arcsec = 1/3600 of a degree)
- Answer: ? kpc

# NS merger distance from host galaxy

- NGC 4993 elliptical galaxy: 40 Mpc away from us.
- Observation angle:  $10.31 \pm 0.0100''$ .
- Answer: **2 kpc !!!**
- Really near the center of the galaxy!

GW170817 has nice localization based on the optical signature

- The environment of GW170817 can be found in [arXiv:1710.05444](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.05444)

# Can GW170817 be a NSBH Merger?

- The possibility of GW170817 being an NSBH merger is first considered in [Hinderer et al., PRD19](#), which finds a 40% chance for the event
- Further studies show that NSBH can account for the multi-messenger signatures involving AT2017gfo and GRB170817A, [Coughlin & Dietrich, PRD19](#).
- **Can GW170817 be a NS-PBH merger?**  
[Tsai, Palmese, Profumo, and Jeltama, JCAP21, arXiv:2007.03686](#)



# NGC4993 Environment

NGC 4993 is a nearby ( $z = 0.009680 \pm 0.000150$ ) early-type galaxy with stellar mass  $M_{\star} = (3.8 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ,

$$M_{\text{halo, NGC4993}} = 194_{-70}^{+120} \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$$

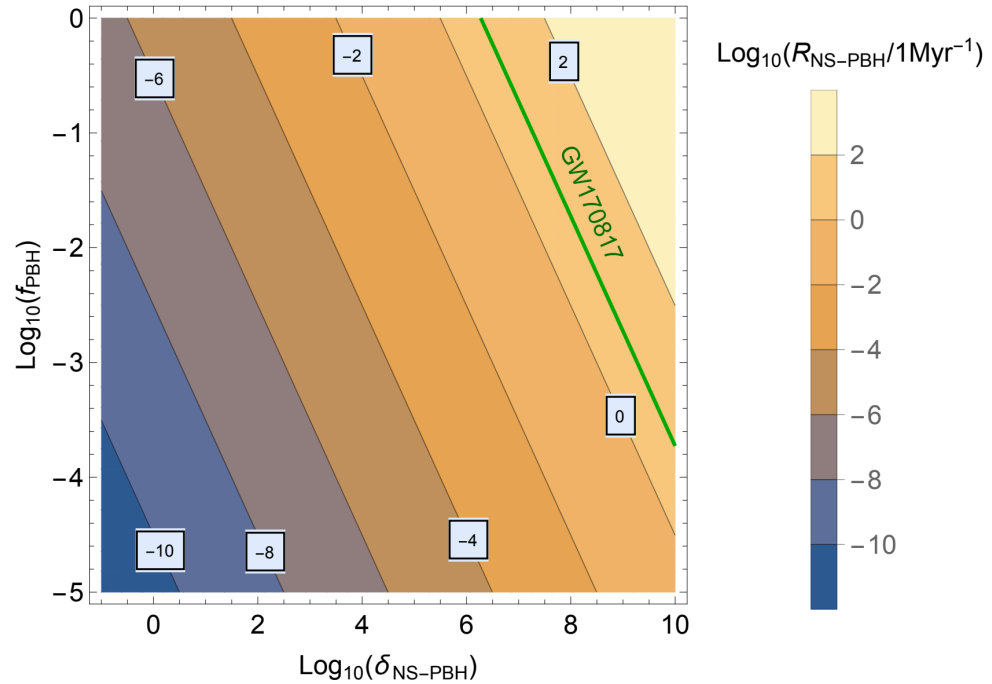
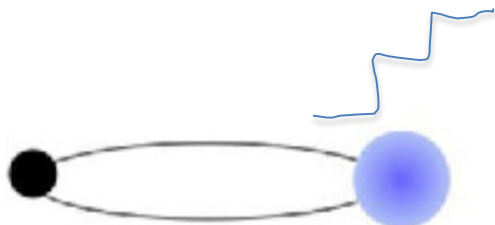
concentration  $c_{200} = 7.52^{+2.17}_{-2.07}$ . This implies a scale radius  $R_s = 20.7$  kpc, Tsai, Palmese, Profumo, and Jeltema, JCAP21, [arXiv:2007.03686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03686), Levan, Lyman, Tanvir, APJ 17

$$\rho_{\text{NS}}(r) = \rho_{\text{NS}}^0 \frac{r}{R_0} \exp(-r/R_0),$$

$$N_{\text{NS}} = 6.7 \times 10^7. \quad R_0 = 4.5 \text{ kpc, Paczynski, APJ 1990.}$$

- There is a lot of environmental information one can use for new physics studies

# Dynamical Formation of PBH-NS Merger



$$R(m_1, m_2) = 4\pi \int_0^{R_{\text{vir}}} r^2 dr \langle \sigma v \rangle (r, m_1, m_2) \frac{\rho_1(r)}{m_1} \frac{\rho_2(r)}{m_2},$$

velocity-averaged cross-section for binary formation

where  $\rho_i$  is the mass density distribution for species  $i$ , and  $R_{\text{vir}}$  is the virial radius.

$$R_{\text{NS-PBH}} \simeq 3.2 \times 10^{-6} f_{\text{PBH}} \delta_{\text{NS-PBH}} \text{ Myr}^{-1},$$

[arXiv:2007.03686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03686) (JCAP21)

# Outlook

- **O4 and O5 projections important!** update O4 plan?  
See Ryan Foley's letter: <https://tinyurl.com/O4positive>
- Explore other theoretical models that could have signatures in neutron stars & compact mergers
  - New physics studies with GW170817 & other mergers
  - Other new physics to be studied by compact objects & mergers
- **New works alert!** “Why multi-messenger? New Physics and GW170817”, **Tsai, Sathyaprakash +**, in preparation.



# Studying Dark Matter with Asteroids & Space Quantum Sensor

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**To appear on arXiv next week!**

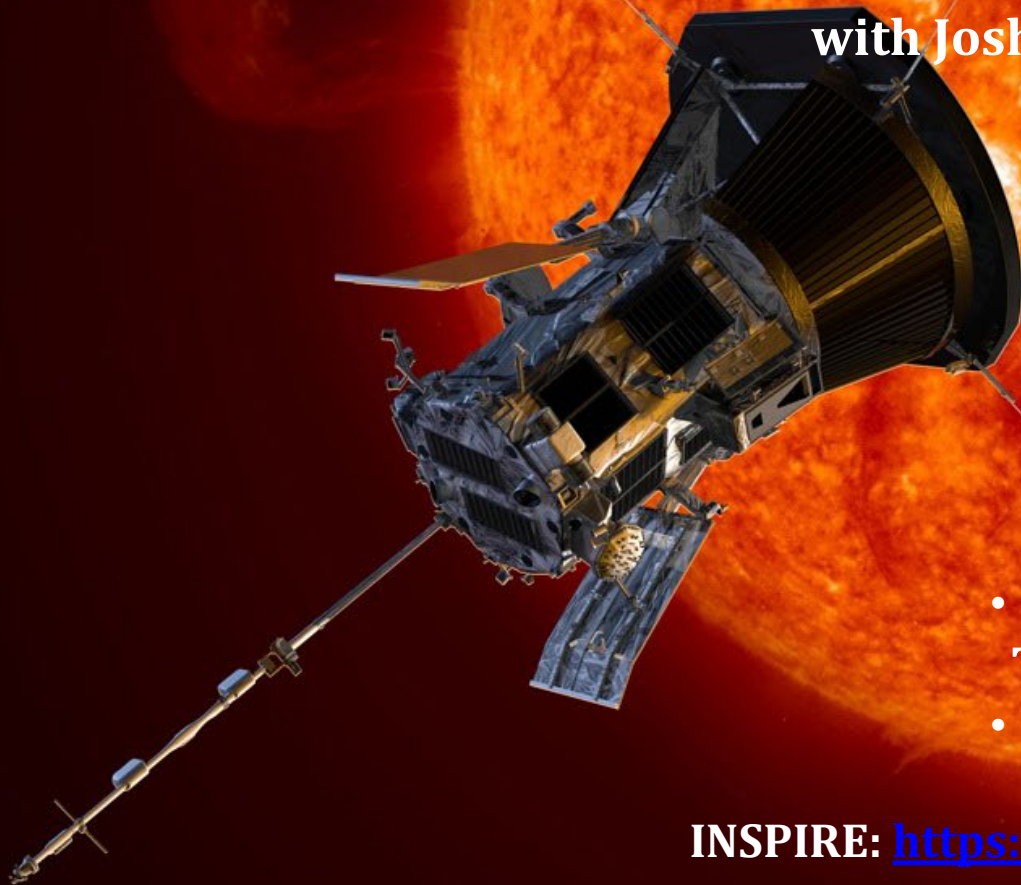
• <https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07674>

**To appear on Nature Astronomy!**

• <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038>

**Under review by Nature Astronomy**

**INSPIRE: <https://inspirehep.net/authors/1274923>**



# Big Questions

- Can planetary data set meaningful constraints on  
**Dark matter?**  
**General Relativity?**  
**5th forces?**
- Can we use current or future **Space Quantum Technologies** to study fundamental physics?
- **Warning: a lot of real-life consequences & applications**

# Answers

- Can planetary data set meaningful dark matter constraints?  
General Relativity?  
5th forces?  
**Yes! Many opportunities**
- Can we use current or future space Quantum Technology to study fundamental physics?  
**Yes! I will show you an example today.**
- **Robust analyses underway utilizing NASA Sentry-II asteroid program & OSIRIS-REx data**

# Model-Independent Constraints on Dark Matter

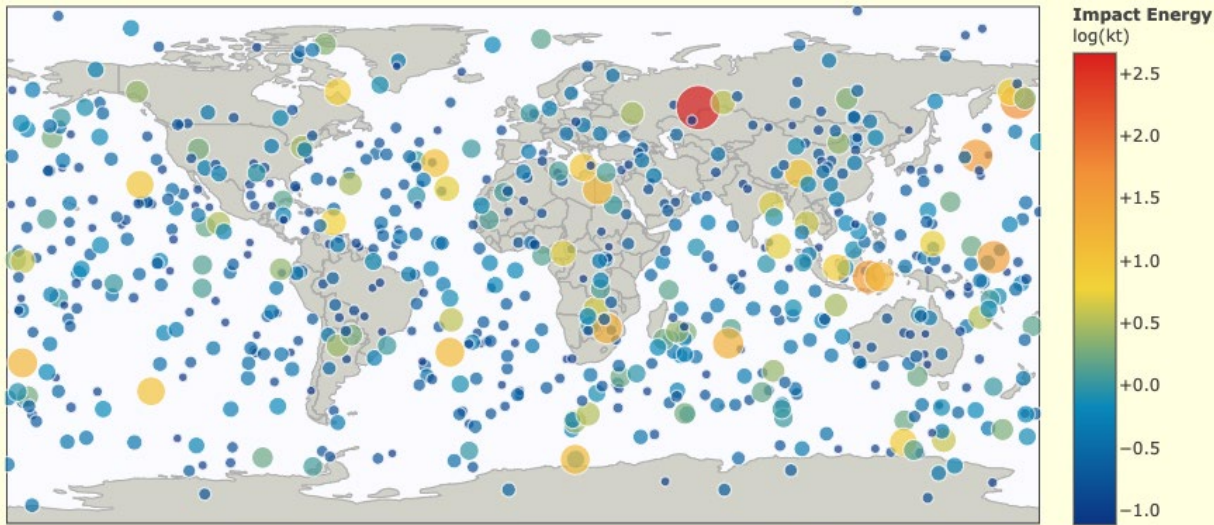
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# Asteroids hitting the Earth

## Fireballs Reported by US Government Sensors

(1988-Apr-15 to 2021-Jul-30)

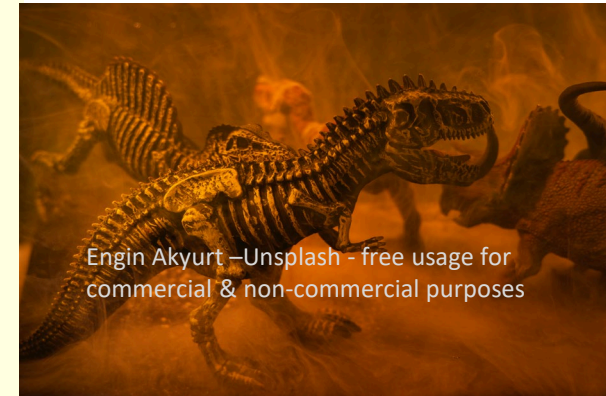


<https://cneos.jpl.nasa.gov/fireballs/>

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**Don't Please Look Up**

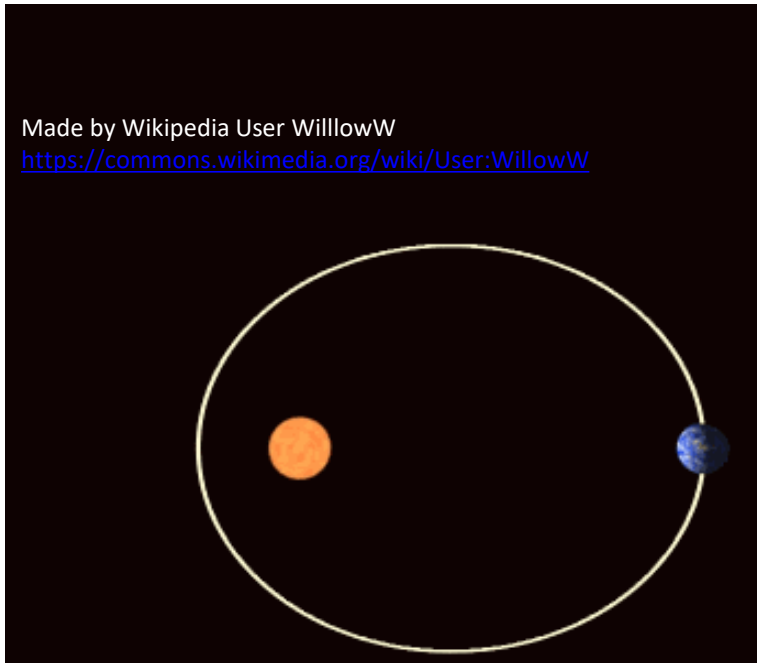


~ 65 million years ago

Tracking asteroids is extremely important  
e.g., unexpected 2013 Chelyabinsk meteor injured >1500 people  
Also, near-Earth asteroid search accidentally found 'Oumuamua

# Perihelion Precession: Einstein's Success

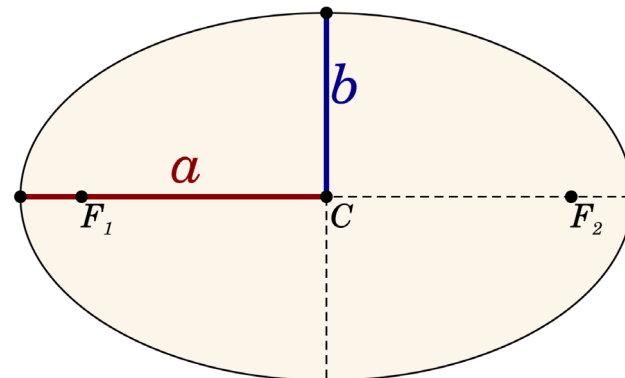
## Precession of Mercury's perihelion (closest point to the Sun)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal\\_precession#/media/File:Precession\\_Kepler\\_orbit\\_280frames\\_e0.6\\_smaller.gif](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal_precession#/media/File:Precession_Kepler_orbit_280frames_e0.6_smaller.gif) under [CC BY 3.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/)

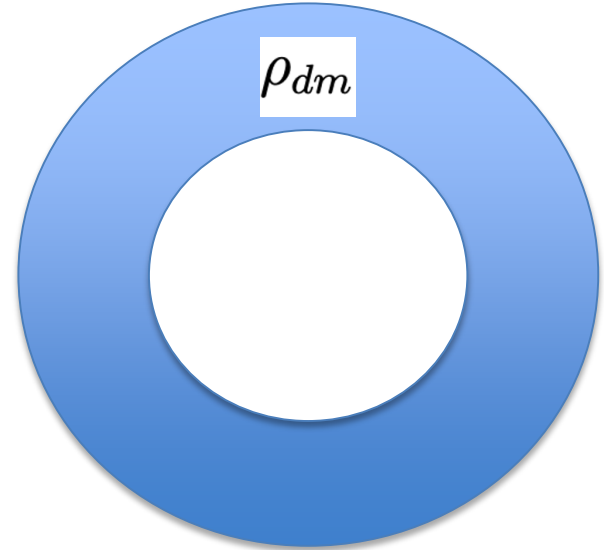
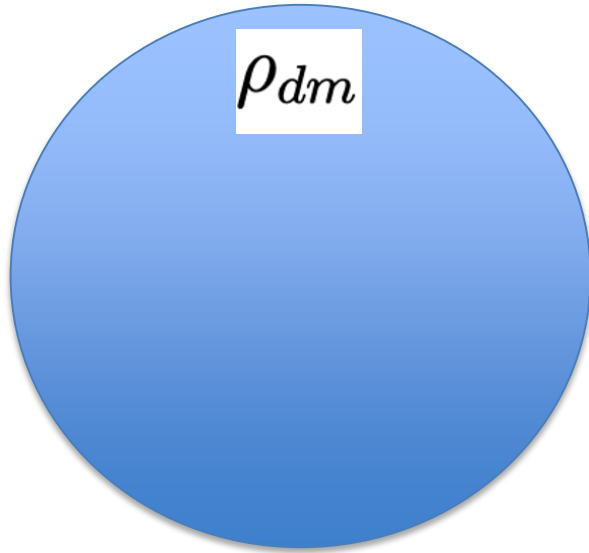
$$\frac{d^2u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \boxed{\frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2}u^2}. \quad (\text{GR})$$

- Consider planar motion and fix  $\theta = \pi/2$ .
- Define inverse radius variable  $u \equiv 1/r = u(\varphi)$
- $a = \frac{L^2}{M_{\odot}(1-e^2)}$ ,  $a$  is the semi-major axis



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# Dark Matter Profile & Planetary Precession



Dark matter

$$F(r) = \frac{2\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 \left( \frac{2r_0^3}{r^2} - 2r \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$
$$\simeq -\frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 r \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$



# Adding Dark Matter to the Force Model

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2(\beta + \gamma)}{c^2} \sum_{l \neq i} \frac{\mu_l}{r_{il}} - \frac{2\beta - 1}{c^2} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\mu_k}{r_{jk}} \right. \\ \left. + \gamma \left( \frac{\dot{s}_i}{c} \right)^2 + (1 + \gamma) \left( \frac{\dot{s}_j}{c} \right)^2 - \frac{2(1 + \gamma)}{c^2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3}{2c^2} \left[ \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2c^2} (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ [\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j] \cdot [ (2 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - (1 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j ] \right\} (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j) \\ + \frac{3 + 4\gamma}{2c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}}$$

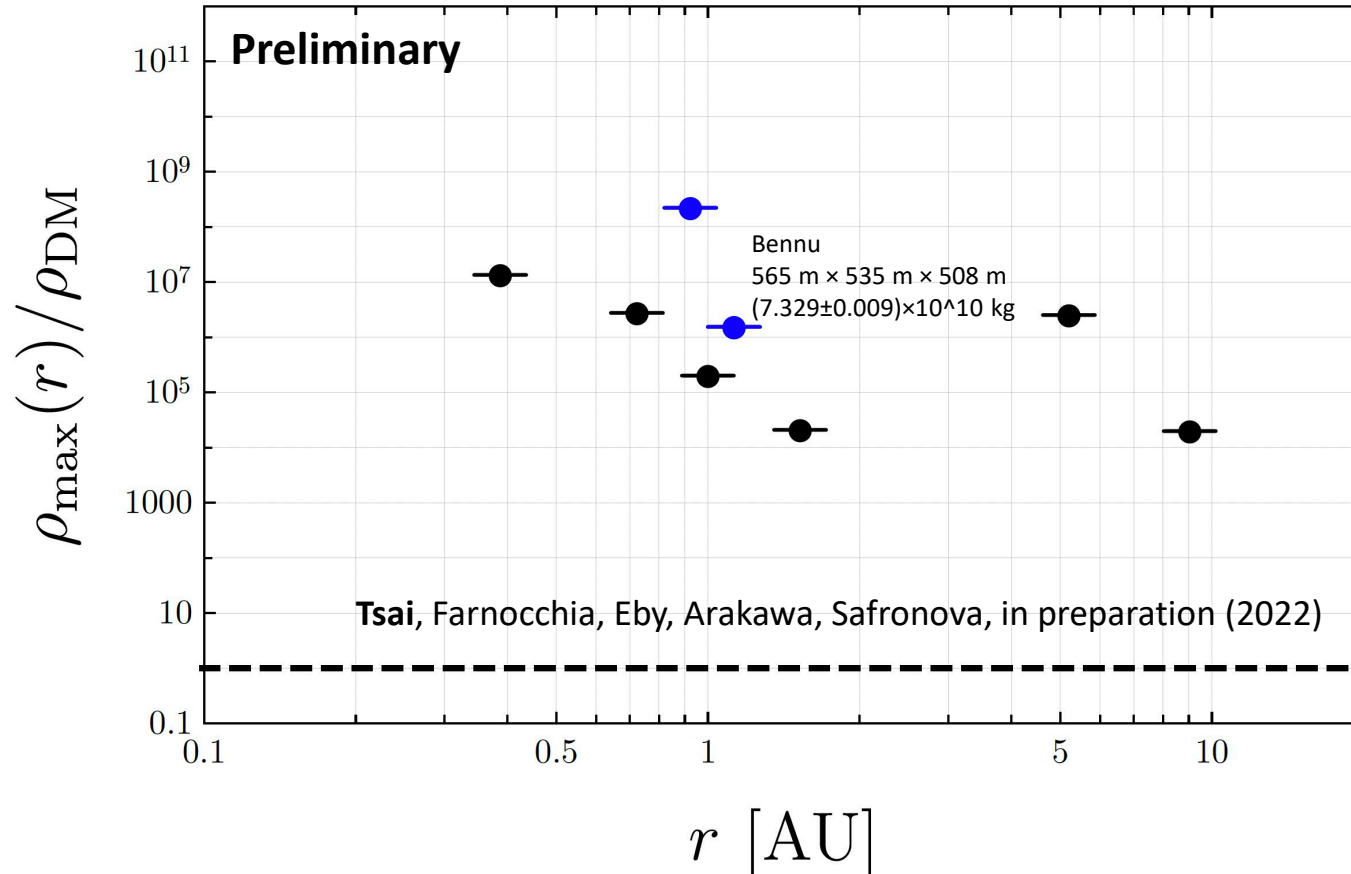
From Dr. Davide Farnocchia's  
(NASA, JPL) slide



Dark matter

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# New Project: New Model Independent Constraints!

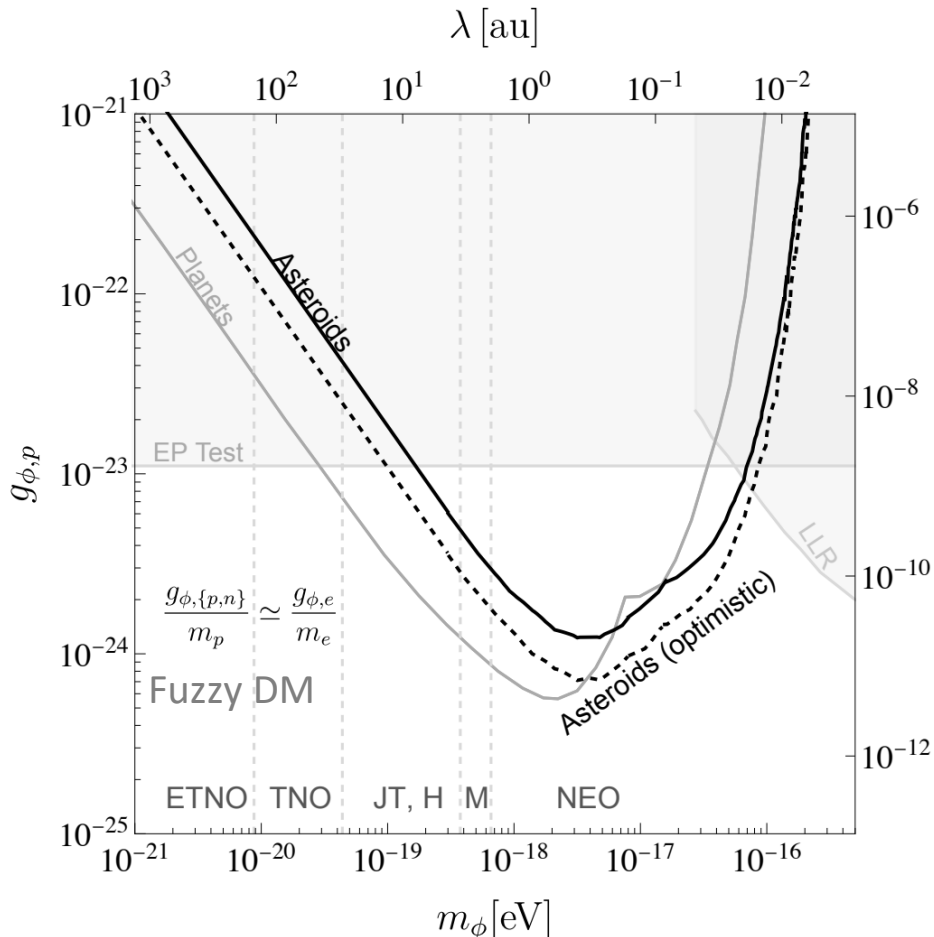


Tsai, Farnocchia, Eby, Arakawa, Safronova, in preparation

Obtained results from NASA JPL Sentry-II code & OSIRIS-Rex+ data

Can be applied to ideas like **Solar-Basin** & **Axion Mini-cluster** (more refs in paper)

# Asteroid Constrain EP Conserving 5<sup>th</sup> forces



- **LLR: Lunar Laser Ranging**  
Williams, Turyshev, Boggs, PRL 04
- **Planets:**  
Poddar, Mohanty, Jana, EPJC 21
- **Asteroidal / Planetary / Lunar Probes are the strongest for equivalence principle conserving fifth forces.**

Tsai, Wu, Vagnozzi, Visinelli, [arXiv:2107.04038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038)

We are conducting a **detailed study** using **MONTE** with people from **JPL & ESA**

# Searching for Dark Matter and Test Variation of Fundamental Constants with Space Quantum Sensors

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# NASA DSAC & Parker Solar Probe



- **Deep Space Atomic Clock loses one second every 10 million years**, as proven in controlled tests on Earth.
- The clock has operated for more than **12 months in space; demonstrated long-term fractional frequency stability of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$**   
**Burt, Prestage, Tjoelker, Enzer, Kuang, Murphy et al., Nature 595 (2021) 43.**

- Exceeds previous space clock performance by up to an order of magnitude



(1.0 m × 3.0 m × 2.3 m)

## Parker Solar Probe

**Kasper, Klein, Lichko, Huang, Chen, Badman et al.,**

Parker solar probe enters the magnetically dominated solar corona, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)

- **Why don't we put a quantum clock on a solar probe?  
What can we do with that?**

# Scalar DM Halo

Stable solution can be supported by external potential

$$V_{\text{ext}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{r} & \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}, \\ -\frac{3 G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{2 R_{\text{ext}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{r}{R_{\text{ext}}} \right)^2 \right] & \text{for } R_\star \leq R_{\text{ext}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\rho(r) \simeq \rho_\star \exp(-2r/R_\star), \quad \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}$$

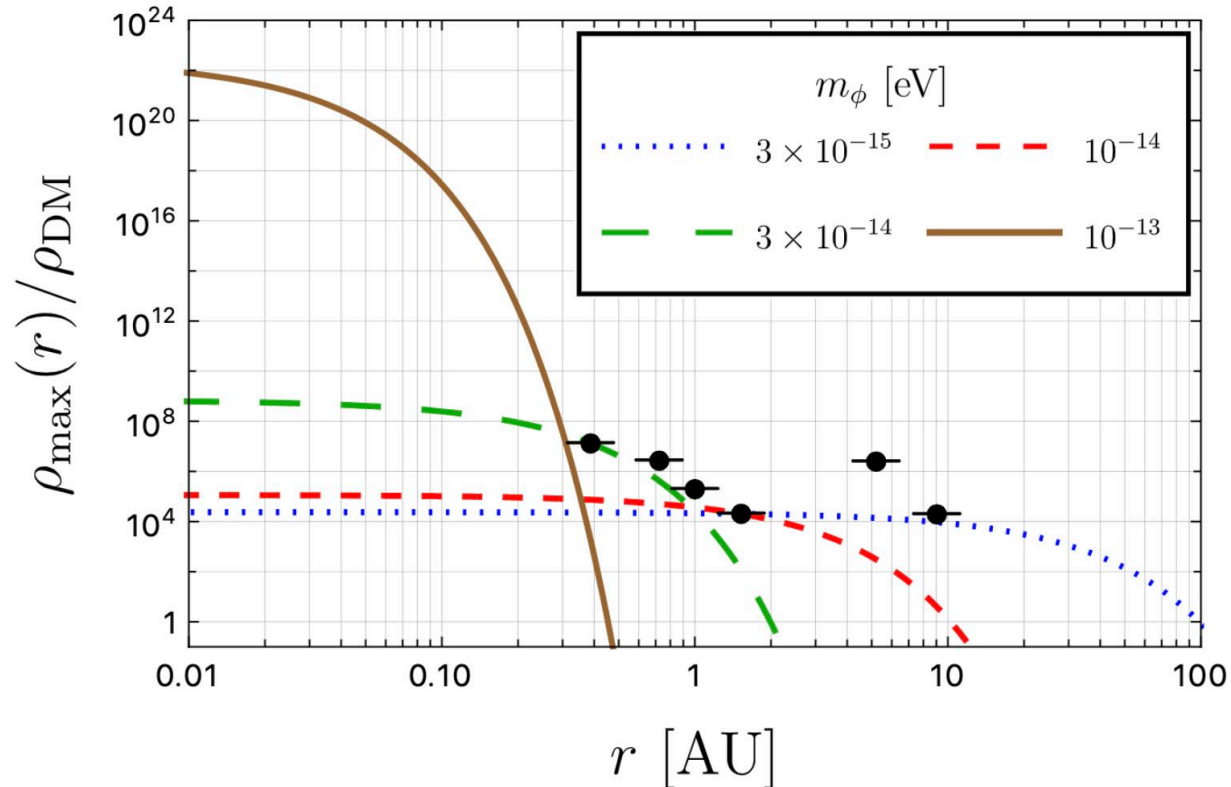
$$R_\star \simeq \frac{M_P^2}{M_{\text{ext}} m_\phi^2}, \quad \text{where } M_{\text{ext}} = M_\odot \text{ is the mass of the external host body;}$$

note that  $R_\star$  is independent of the total mass in the halo

$$v_\star = (m_\phi R_\star)^{-1},$$

Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Flambaum, Kim, Matsedonskyi, and Perez, 1912.04295

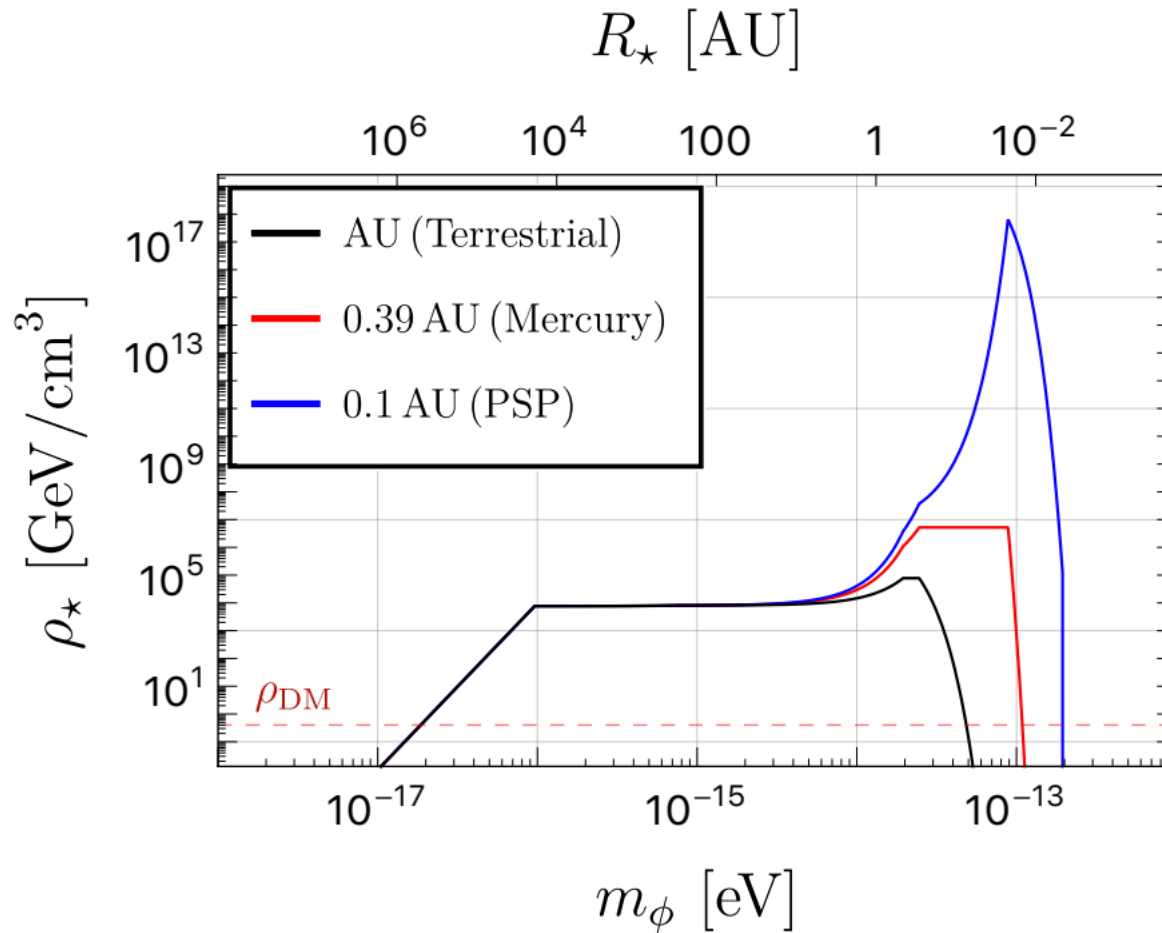
# Dark matter in solar system? **Planetary constraint!**



- **Black data points are model-independent constraints!**
- **Dark matter induce precessions to the planets**  
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn  
[Pitjev, Pitjeva, 1306.5534, Astronomy Letters '13](#)  
[Tsai, Eby, Safronova, 2112.07674](#)



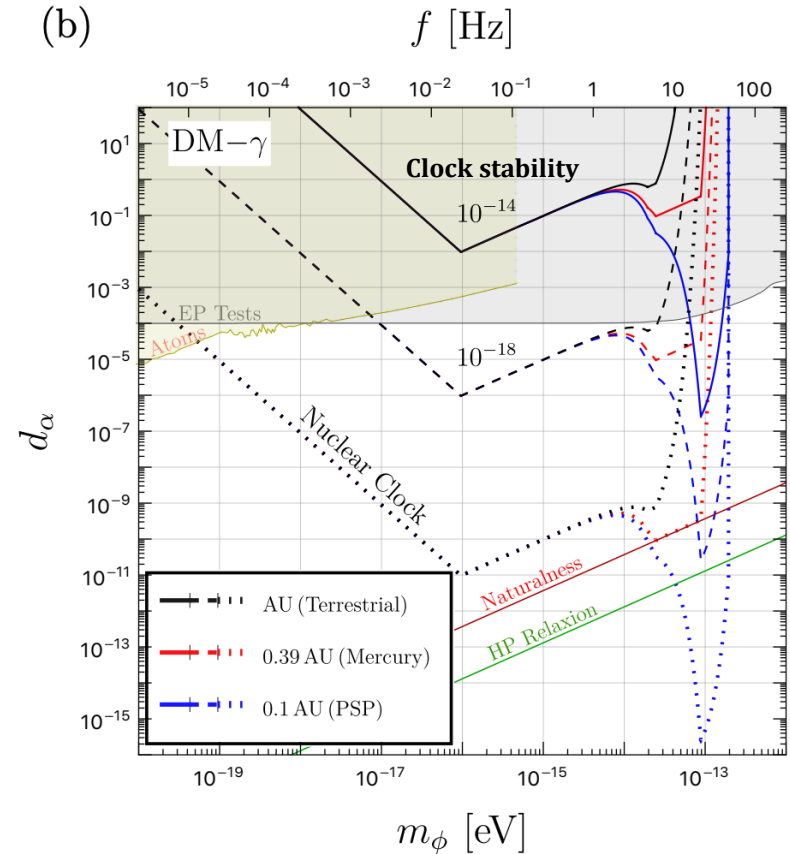
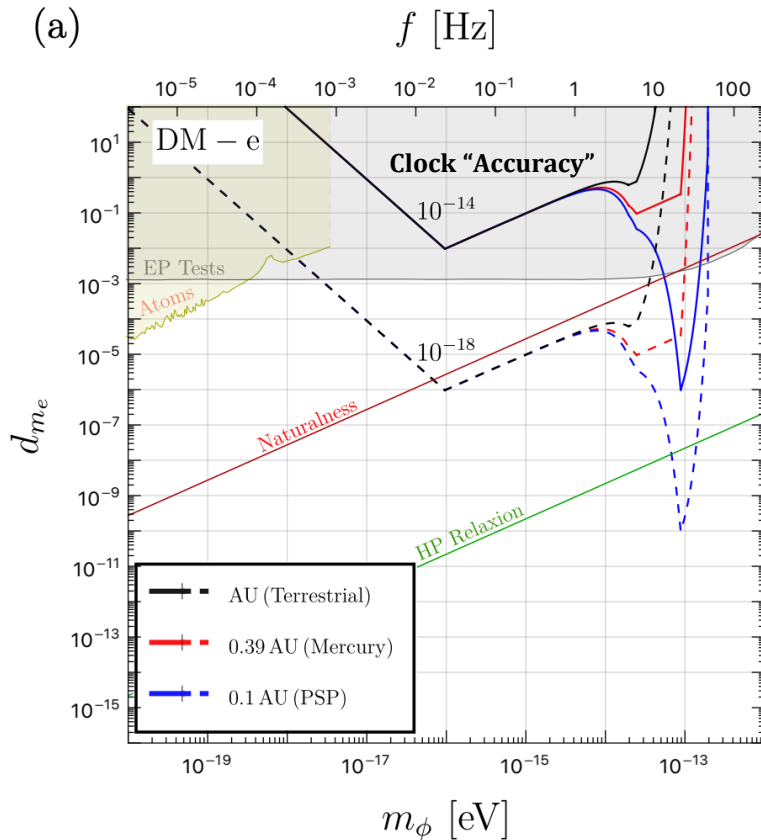
# Enhancement of the DM Density



**PSP: Parker Solar Probe**

Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXiv:2112.07674

# Results



- Motivate **Specific Frequency Region!**
- Motivate **Nuclear Clocks!**
- **Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXv:2112.07674**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa\phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e}e + \frac{d_{\alpha}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{g_e^2 \Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \lesssim m_{\phi}^2, \quad \Lambda = 4\pi v_{EW} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV.}$$

Naturalness condition

# Spatial Variation of Fundamental Constants

$$k_X \equiv c^2 \frac{\delta X}{X \delta U}. \quad X = \alpha, \mu, \text{ or } m_q / \Lambda_{QCD}.$$

$\delta U$ : change in gravitational potential .

$$\delta U / c^2 \simeq 3.3 \times 10^{-10}, \quad \text{Earth variation.}$$

$$\delta U / c^2 \sim 9 \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{from Earth to Solar probe at 0.1 AU.}$$

- Achieve constraints on  $k_X$  that are a factor of  $\sim 300$  stronger!

## We can also discuss & collaborate on ...

- Planetary defense/asteroidal astrometry & space quantum sensors (clocks) to study fundamental physics with [Safronova et al](#)
- Fixed-target searches for dark matter & long-lived particles (**FerMINI** & LongQuest) with [Pospelov et al.](#)
- LHC Forward Experiments: Forward Physics Facility, **FORMOSA** (a millicharge experiment I proposed), with [Feng et al.](#)
- Dark matter model building (dark sector QCD, Strongly Self-Interacting Dark Matter, SIMP/ELDER), with [Murayama, Slatyer, Perelstein et al.](#)
- Neutrino physics (cosmic neutrino background) & neutrino BSM, with [Shoemaker et al.](#)
- Collaborating with **many awesome early-career collaborators.**

**Invisible disabilities cultivate diverse abilities**

# THANK YOU!



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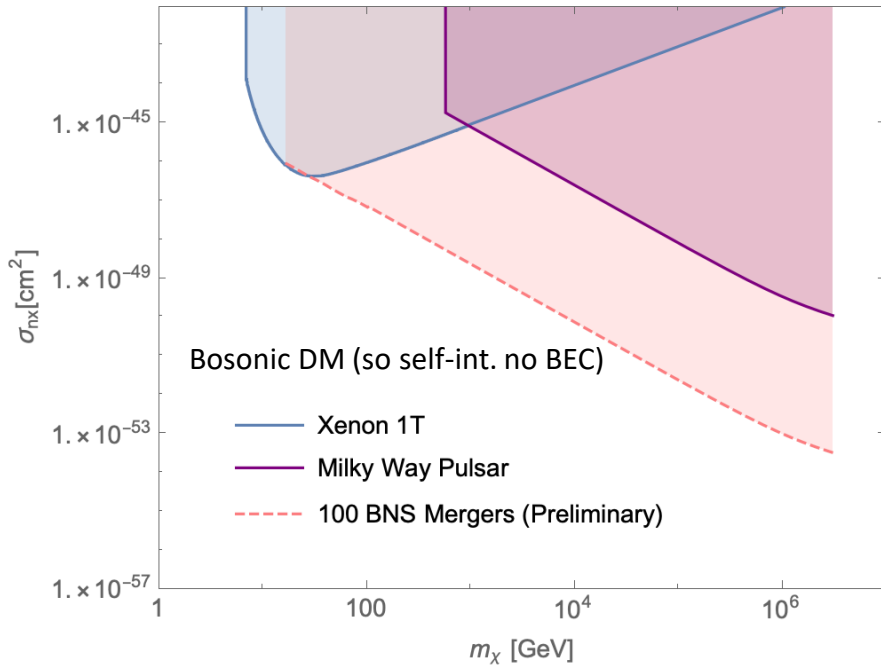


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# Bosonic DM (Preliminary)



$$\frac{dM_{BH}}{dt} = \frac{dM_{BH}}{dt}|_{NS} + \frac{dM_{BH}}{dt}|_{DM} + \frac{dM_{BH}}{dt}|_{Hawking}.$$

$$\frac{dM_{BH}}{dt}|_{Hawking} = -\frac{1}{15360\pi G^2 M_{BH}^2}.$$

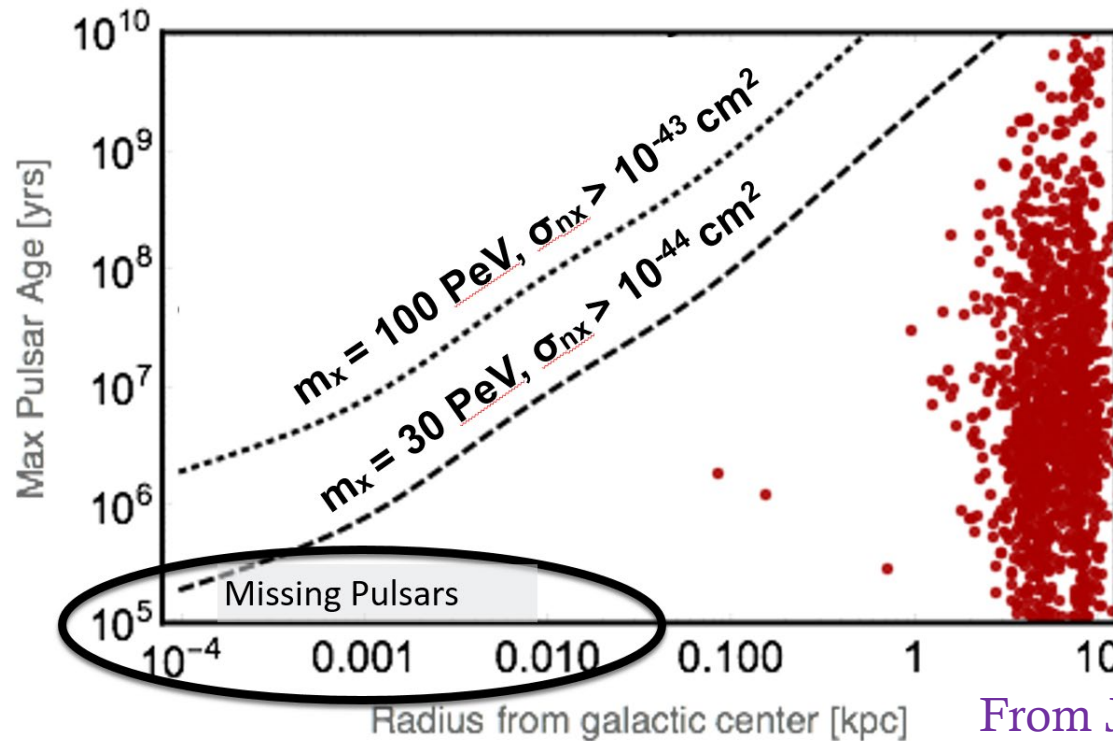
- BHs evaporate too fast when

$$m_\chi \gtrsim 3 \times 10^6 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for bosons with no - BEC}$$

$$m_\chi \gtrsim 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for fermions.}$$

- **Left:** black hole not formed yet
- **Right:** Black hole formed would be too small and evaporate

# Dark Matter and Maximum Pulsar Age Curves



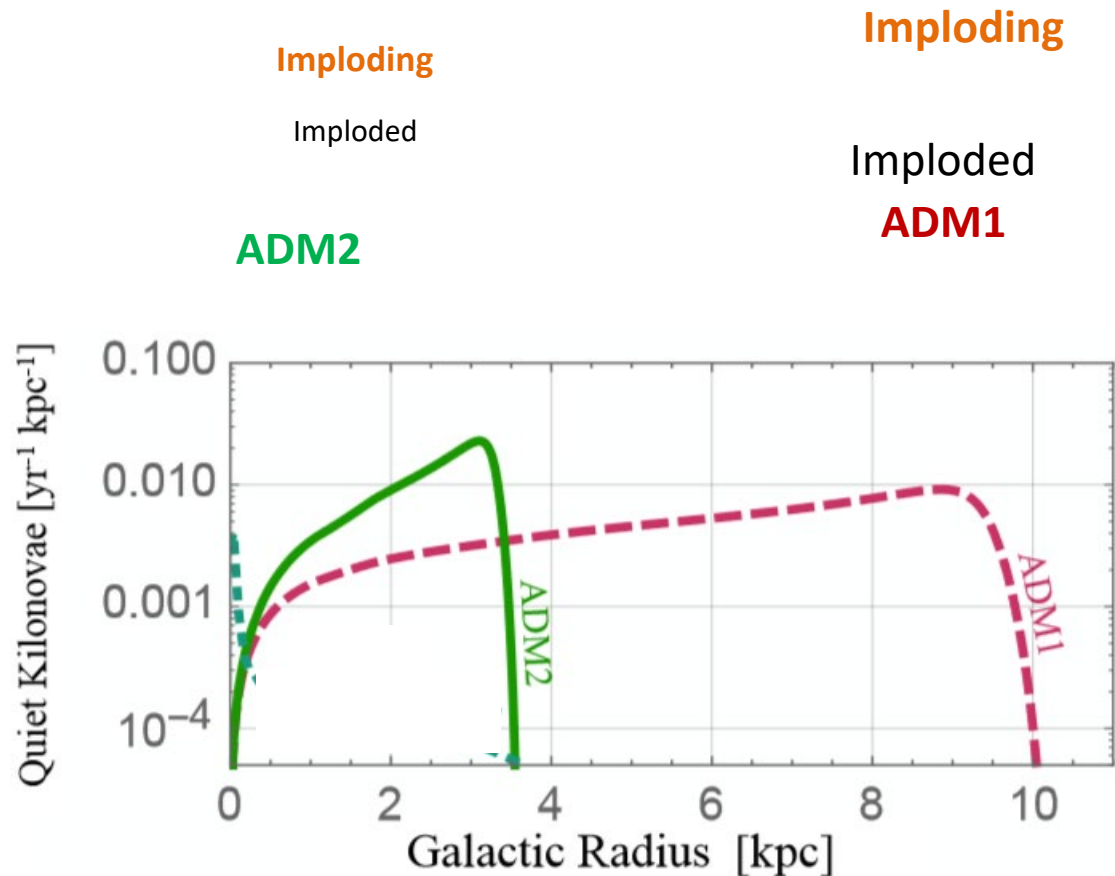
- **ATNF Pulsar Catalogue Overlaid, ages from pulsar timing**
- Based on the number of GC pulsar progenitor stars, GC radio surveys should have already found  $O(10)$  pulsars in the central parsec. However, none have been observed. **Missing Pulsar Problem!** (Only a few  $\sim 10^4$  age young magnetars found so far. Maybe pulses broadened by electron scattering?)
- **Milky Way's 1-500 pc center surveyed in the next decade by FAST, SKA. Worth an updated analysis now!**

# (III) Quiet Kilonova / NS Implosion Morphology (skip)

... or “Quilonova Donut”



- **ADM1** and **ADM2** are implosions with two NIT/model parameters
- **ADM1** implosion faster than **ADM2**
- **ADM1** is the larger donut
- DM use **NFW profile**. Finding them with the assist of **FRBs**?

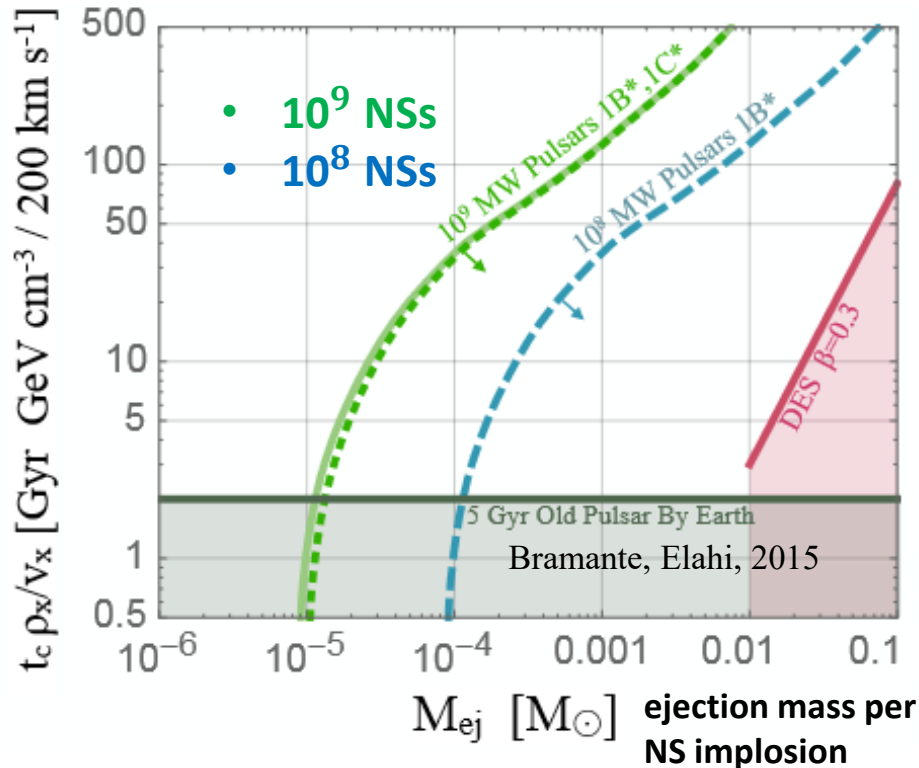


**ADM1:**  $t_c \rho_x / v_x = 3 \text{ Gyr/cm}^3 (200 \text{ km/s})^{-1}$   
**ADM2:**  $t_c \rho_x / v_x = 15 \text{ Gyr/cm}^3 (200 \text{ km/s})^{-1}$

Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017



# r-Process Abundance Implications



- Numerical simulation of the NS implosion to determine the mass ejection. (With the help of D. Siegel)

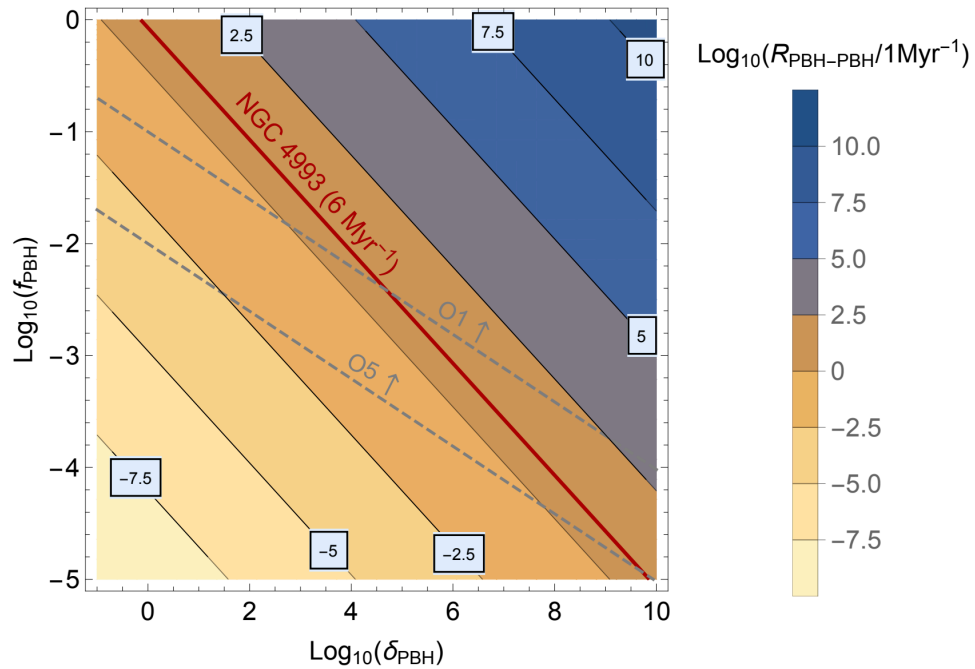
- x-axis: ejection mass per NS implosion
- y-axis: NIT,  $t_c \rho_x / v_x$  (related to the rate)

Assuming NS implosions are responsible for all the r-process elements, get the “matching” curves and constraints from setting total NS mass ejected to  $\leq 10^4 M_{\odot}$  in MW.

- The constraints are stronger if NS implosions only partially responsible for all r-process elements

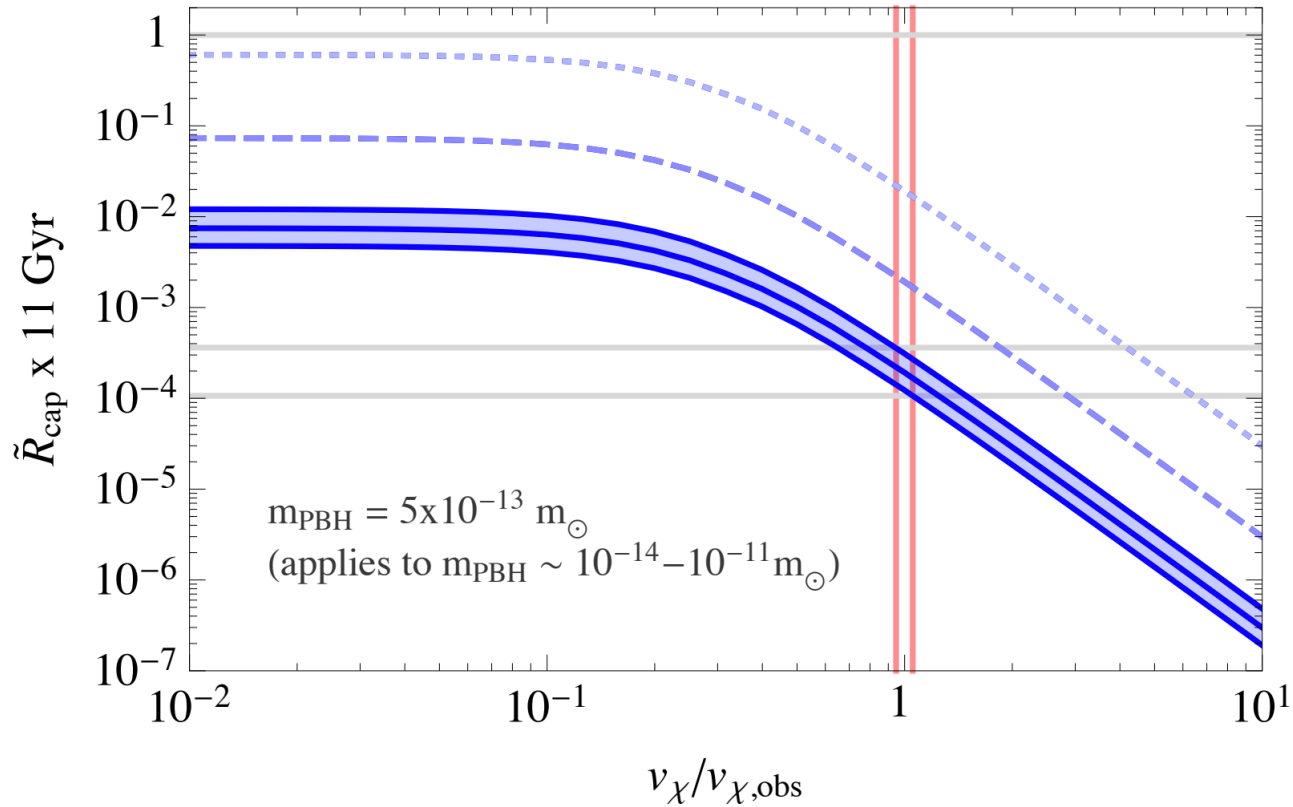
Bramante, Linden, '16 & Bramante, Linden, YT, '17

# PBH Capture or Implosion



Tsai, Palmese, Profumo, and Jeltema,  
JCAP21, [arXiv:2007.03686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03686),

# PBH Imploded One of NS of GW170817?



Tsai, Palmese, Profumo, and Jeltima,  
JCAP21, [arXiv:2007.03686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.03686),