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Optical, Gravitational-wave, and Radio Signatures of DM-induced NS Implosions

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of filaments and nodes of matter in space. The filaments are colored in shades of blue, green, and orange, with a dark background. The nodes are represented by bright, multi-colored spots.

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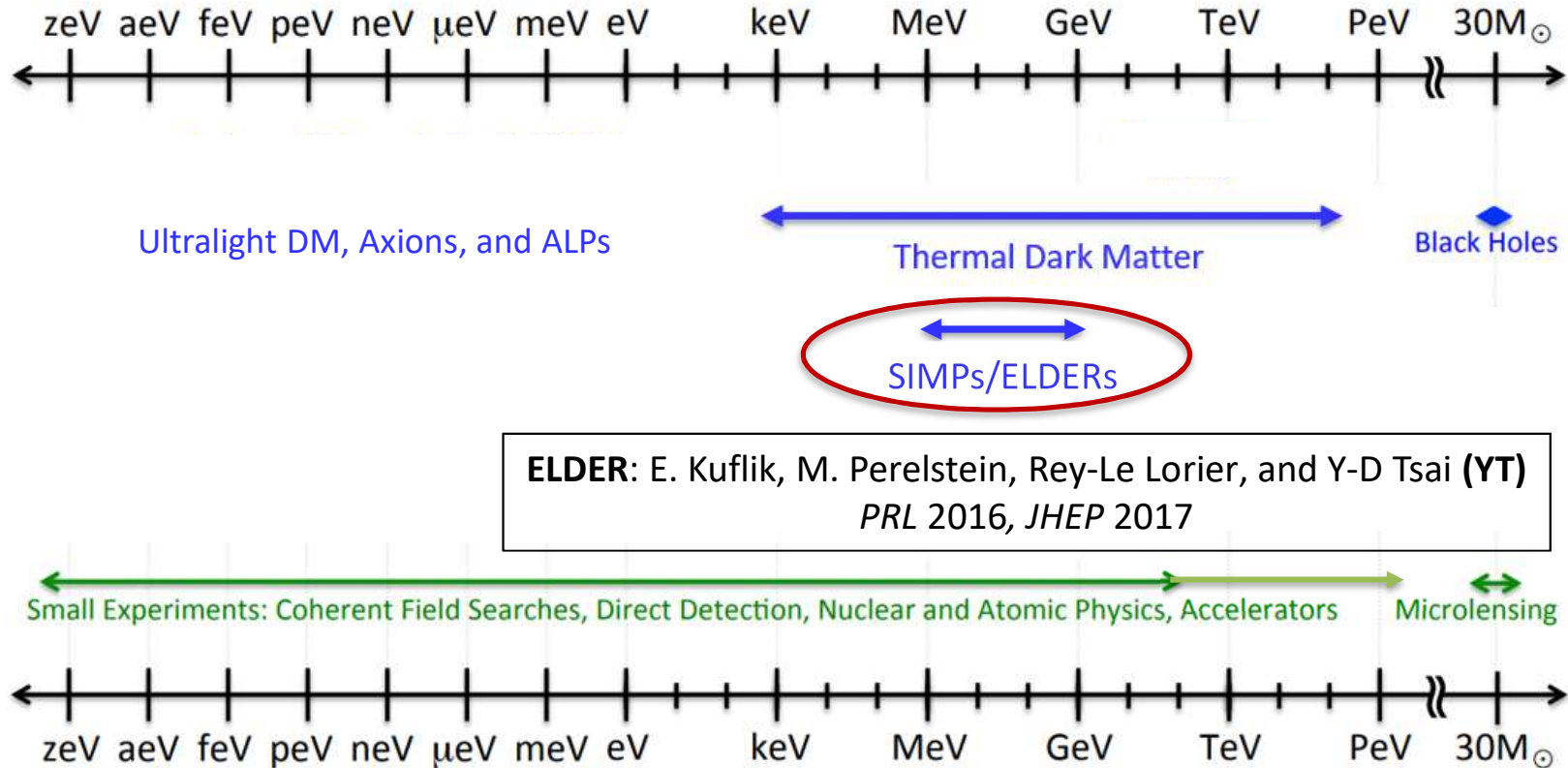
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Or, Self-detecting Dark Matter (I will explain)

Also allow me to take some questions afterward since I have a lot to say

Beyond WIMP/CDM!

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

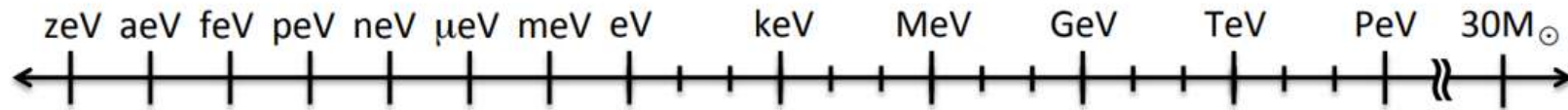


US Cosmic Visions 2017

I am super excited about dark matter direct detections (especially sub-GeV), and hidden particle searches (e.g. LDMX talk by Prof. Hitlin)

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Beyond Direct Detection!



Ultralight DM, Axions, and ALPs

Thermal Dark Matter

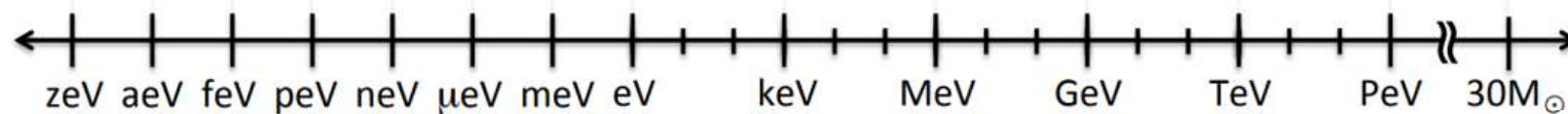
Black Holes

SIMPs/ELDERs

ELDER: Kuflik, Perelstein, Rey-Le Lorier, YT
PRL 2016, JHEP 2017

Small Experiments: Coherent Field Searches, Direct Detection, Nuclear and Atomic Physics, Accelerators

Microlensing



Bramante, Linden, YT, 1706.00001

PeV - EeV

Phenomenology of Super-heavy ADM and Neutron-Star Implosion

NS-NS Merger Alert!

Bramante, Raj, Baryakhtar, and others + YT

keV - EeV

Neutron-Star Implosion / Neutron-Star Heating

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NEW LAMPPOSTS FROM ASTROPHYSICS

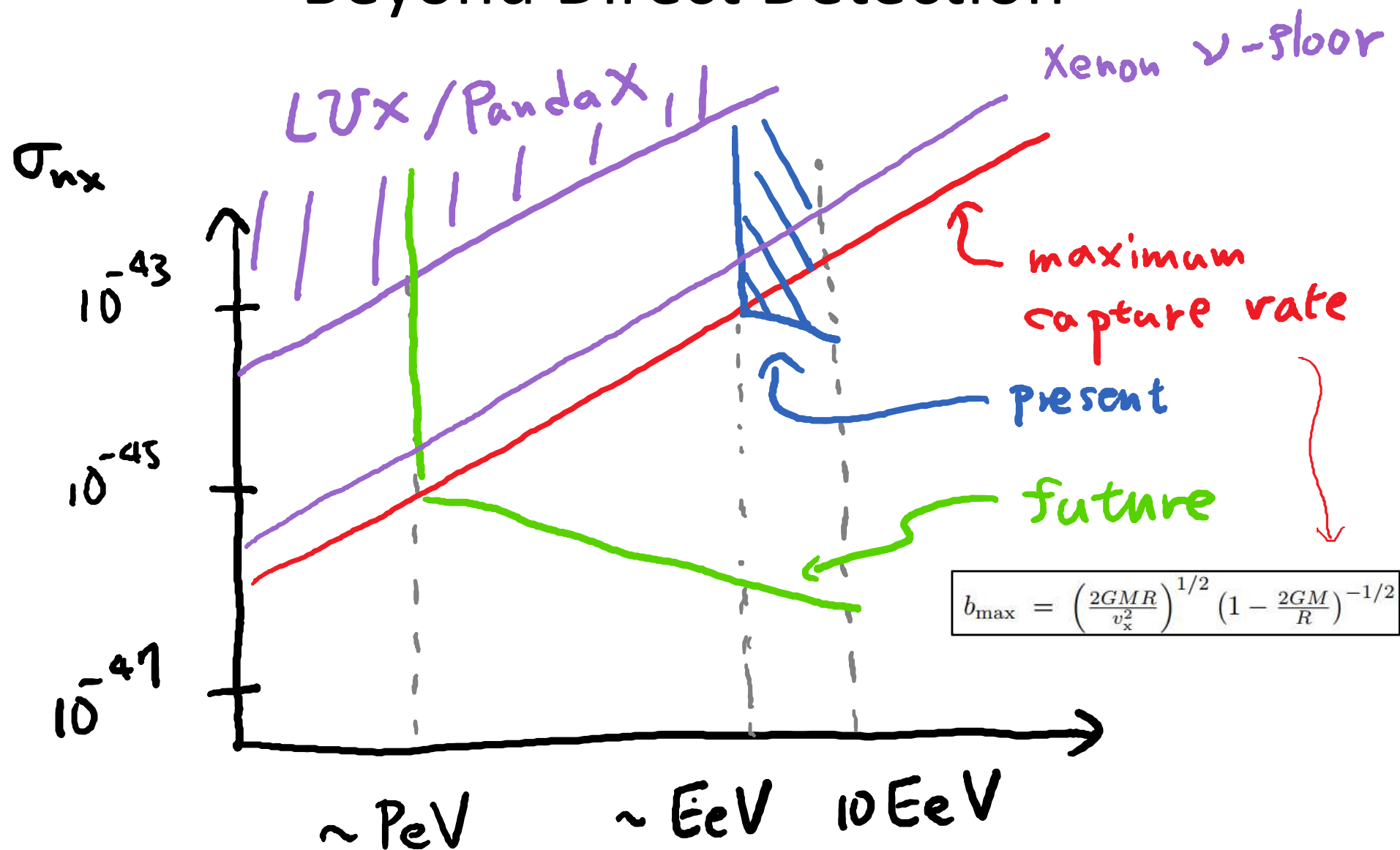
Going beyond Direct-detection Limits

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Why Neutron Star?

- As we just learned from Yue, the density of the detector is very important!
- The densest stars. They have densities of 10^{17} kg/m^3
- (the Earth has a density of around $5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and even **white dwarfs** have densities over a million times less) meaning that a teaspoon of neutron star material would weigh around a billion tons.
- Almost a **Black Hole**, but the degeneracy pressure is keeping it from collapsing.

Beyond Direct Detection



VERY PRELIMINARY!

Outline

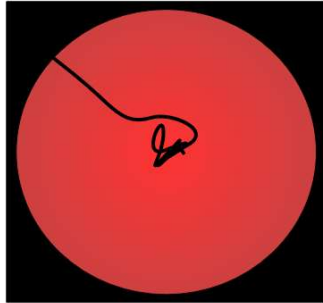
- Intro to DM-induced neutron star (NS) implosions
- Astrophysical Signatures:
 - Kilonova Events and r-Process Elements
 - Optical Signature – **Quiet Kilonova**
 - Gravitational Signature – **Black Merger**
 - Optical + Gravitational Signature – **Merger Kilonova**
 - Possible Radio Signature – **Fast Radio Bursts**
(may skip the radio signature due to time limit)
- Conclusion and Outlook

NS Implosion & Asymmetric Dark Matter

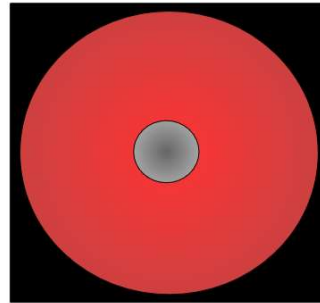
- Asymmetric Dark Matter (ADM): dark matter with particle/anti-particle asymmetry in the dark sector, often linked to baryon/lepton asymmetry.
- The asymmetry often sets the DM relic abundance.
- see, e.g., reviews from Petraki and Volkas 2013, Zurek 2013 ...
- Dark matter asymmetry allows efficient 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 ...

DM-induced NS Implosions

1. DM captured

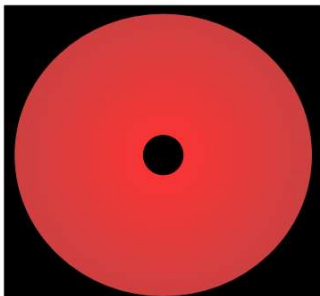


2. DM thermalizes



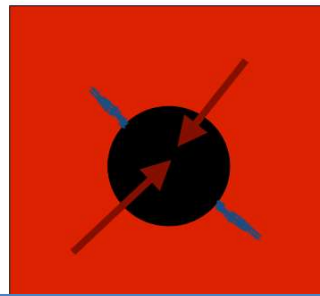
Repeated scattering: DM reach the same temperature and settle at center of neutron star

3. DM collapses



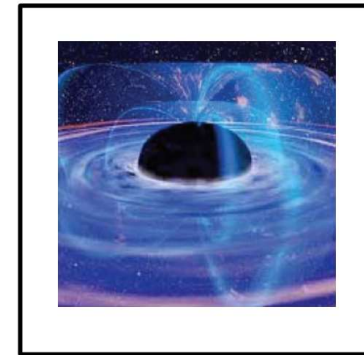
Collapse into a black hole once reach critical mass

4. BH consumes neutron star



Black hole Bondi accretes inside the neutron star

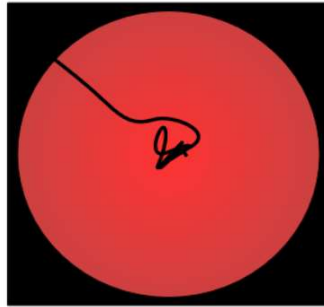
5. Form solar mass BH



- Consider the implosion using **PeV-EeV (10^6 - 10^9 GeV) DM** as an example
- **Super heavy ADM**: see e.g. [Bramante, Unwin, 2017](#)
- Other mass ranges: see e.g. [Bramante, Kumar, et al. 2013](#), [Bramante, Elahi 2015](#)

Dark Matter Capture

1. DM captured



\vec{v}_x velocity
 ρ_x density
in MW halo

σ_{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, since DM initial halo
kinetic energy scales linearly with m_x

t_c := Dark Matter Capture Time:

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

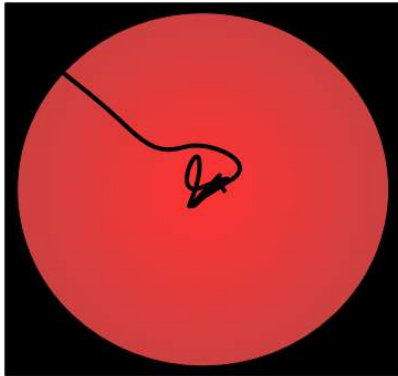
$$t_c \propto v_x / \rho_x.$$

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

+ [Bramante, Delgado, Martin, 2017 \(multi-scattering\)](#)

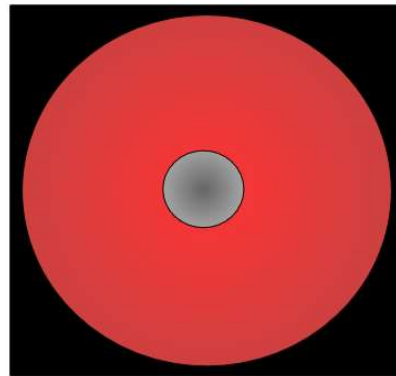
Determining the Implosion Time

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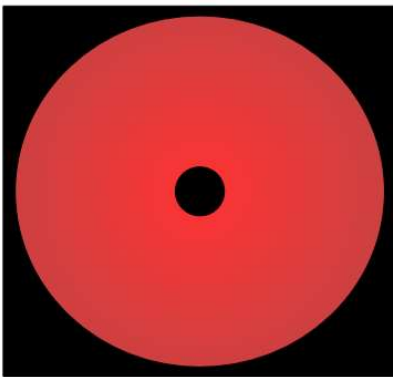
t_c

2. DM thermalizes



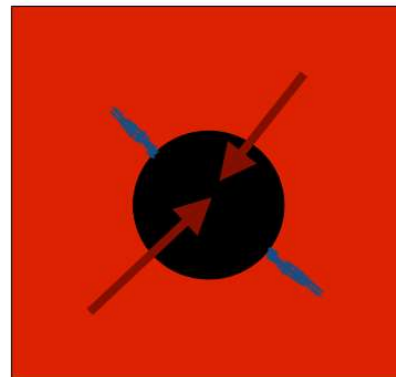
τ_{th}

3. DM collapses



τ_{co}

4. BH consumes neutron star



τ_{Bondi}

For PeV-EeV ADM:

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

- So the capturing sets the implosion time.

- Easy to parameterize

- Appendix of 1706.00001

Normalized Implosion Time

PeV-EeV

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

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

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

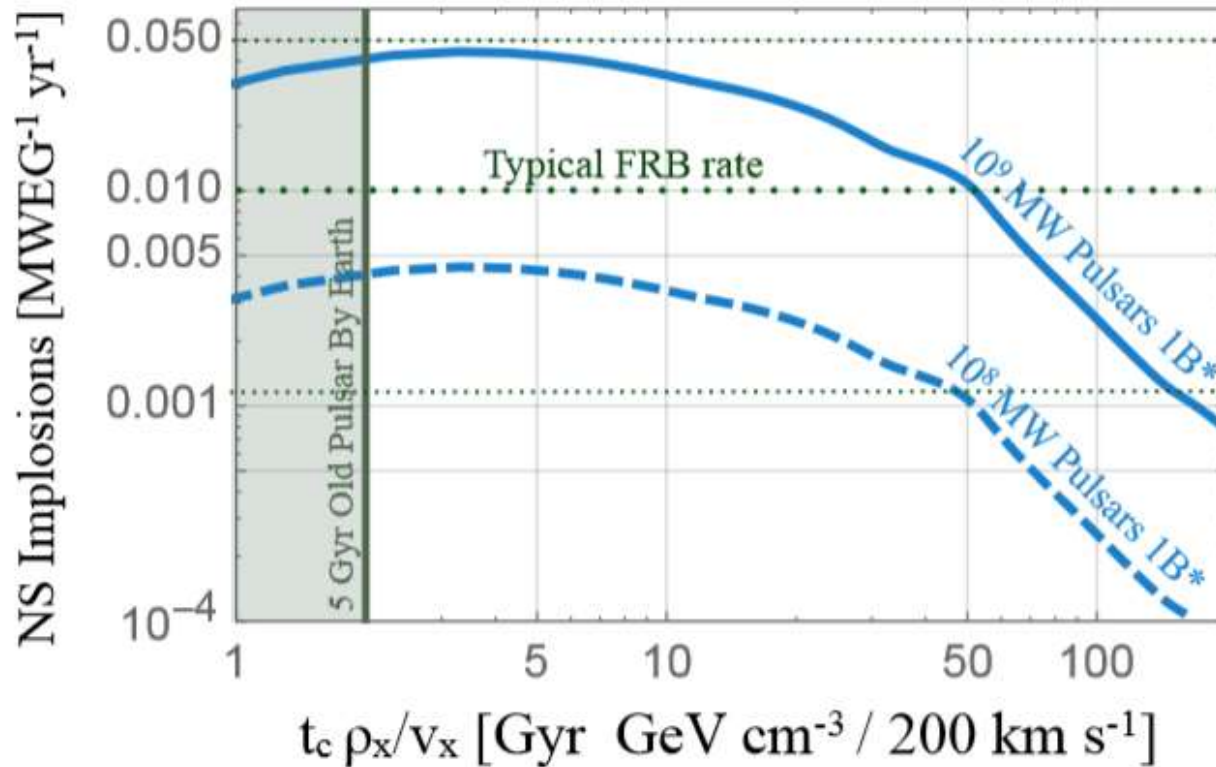
$$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} = \text{Constant} \times \left[\text{Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV/cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}} \right]$$

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

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

Colpi, Shapiro, and Wasserman, 1986 $V(\phi) = \lambda|\phi|^4$

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



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

Incorporates NS birthrates in Milky Way, capture rate for position in galaxy

Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

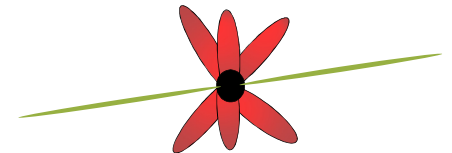
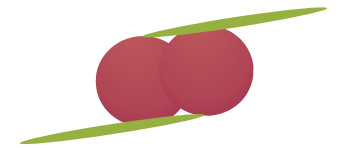
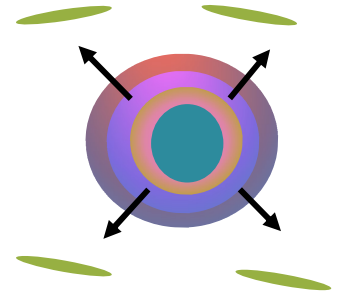
R-PROCESS AND KILONOVA

Preferred/Constrained DM-implosion
Parameter Space

r-Process (Rapid Neutron Capture Process) & Kilonova Events

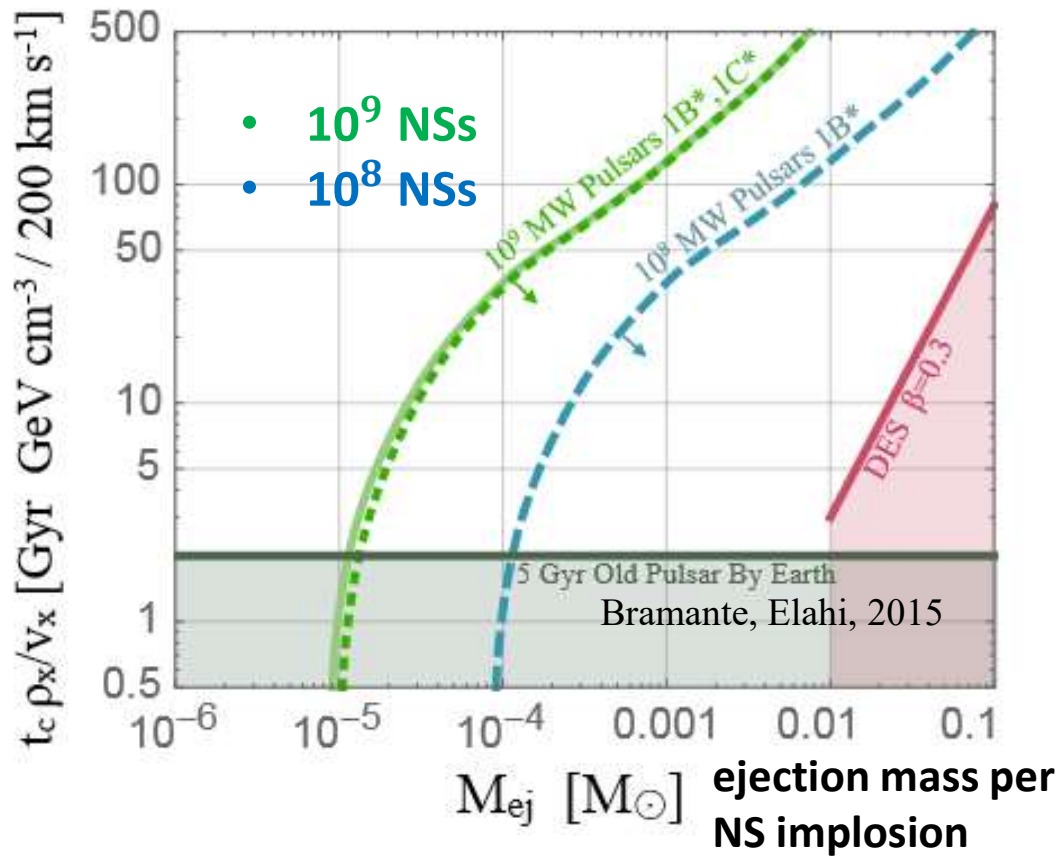
Postulated r-process sources:

- Core collapse supernovae (frequent, $\sim 1/100$ years)
- Merging neutron star binaries (rare, $\sim 1/10^4$ years)
- Neutron star implosion tidally ejects neutron star fluid (rate see e.g. 1706.00001)



Neutron-rich fluid then beta decays, create **kilonova events**, and forms heavy neutron-rich elements, **total $10^4 M_{\odot}$ r-process elements produced in Milky Way** (e.g. **Gold**, **Xenon**, **Germanium**, and Uranium) (see, e.g., Freeke et al, 2014)

r-Process Element Abundance & Bounds

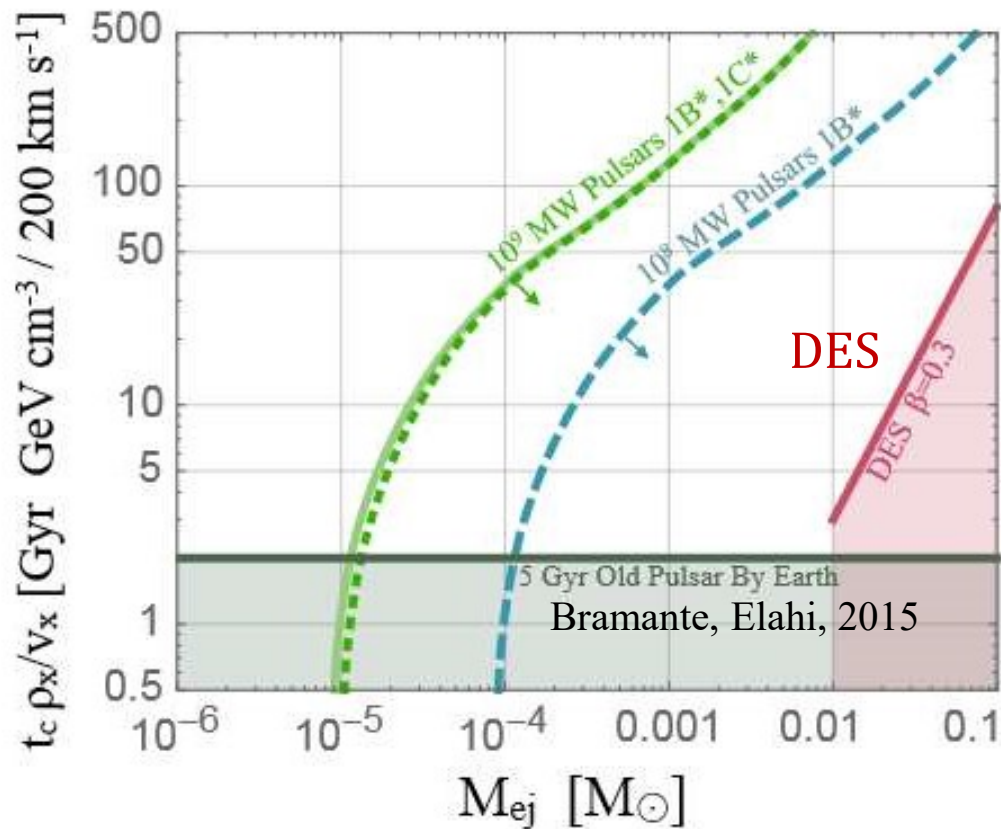


Bramante, Linden, **YT**, 2017

If **NS implosions** are responsible for all the **r-process elements**, we have the “matching” curves and constraints set by requiring **total NS mass ejected to $\leq 10^4 M_{\odot}$** in the Milky Way.

- **x-axis: ejection mass per NS implosion**
- **y-axis: implosion parameter $t_c \rho_x / v_x$**
- **The constraints are stronger if NS implosions not responsible for all r-process elements**

Kilonova Bound



x-axis: ejecta mass per NS implosion
 y-axis: implosion parameter $t_c \rho_x / v_x$

Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

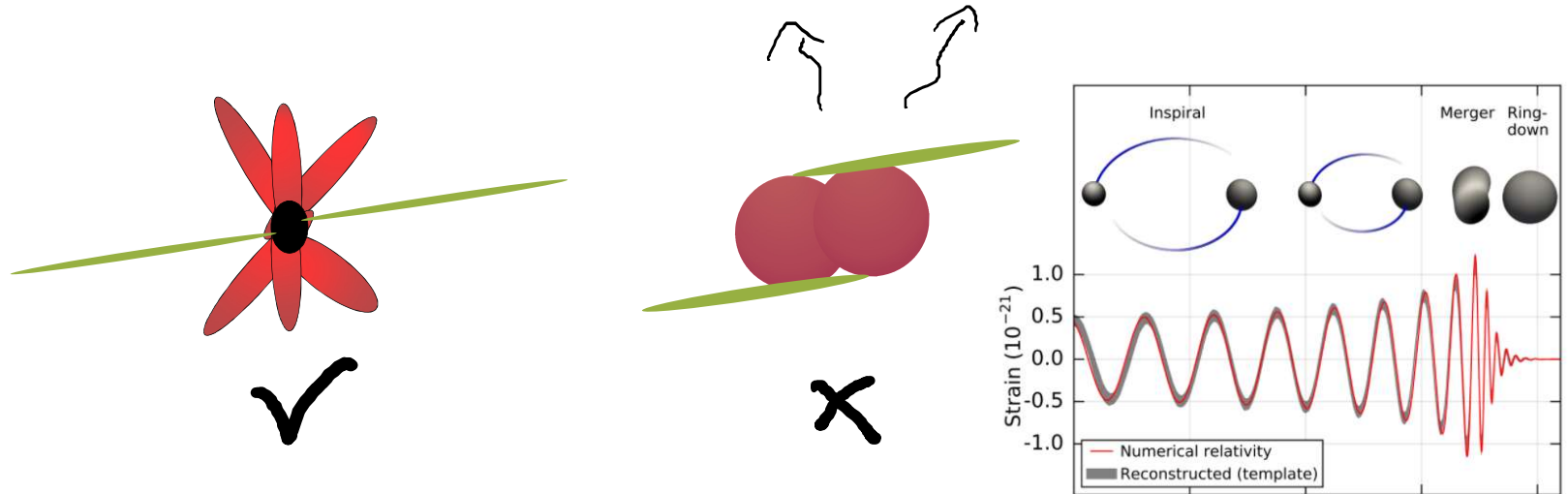
Kilonova light curves depend mainly on the **mass** and **velocity** of NS fluid ejected (Kasen et al, 2013)

- **Dark Energy Survey (DES)** published a null wide field optical search for kilonovae (**Doctor** et al., DES, 2017)
- We set **bounds from (not-seeing) kilonova events by DES**, assuming ejection velocity $\beta = 0.3c$
- **The kilonova bound may eventually exclude the r-process matching curves**

QUIET KILONOVA AND ITS MORPHOLOGY

Optical Signature from NS Implosions

Quiet Kilonova



Quiet Kilonova:

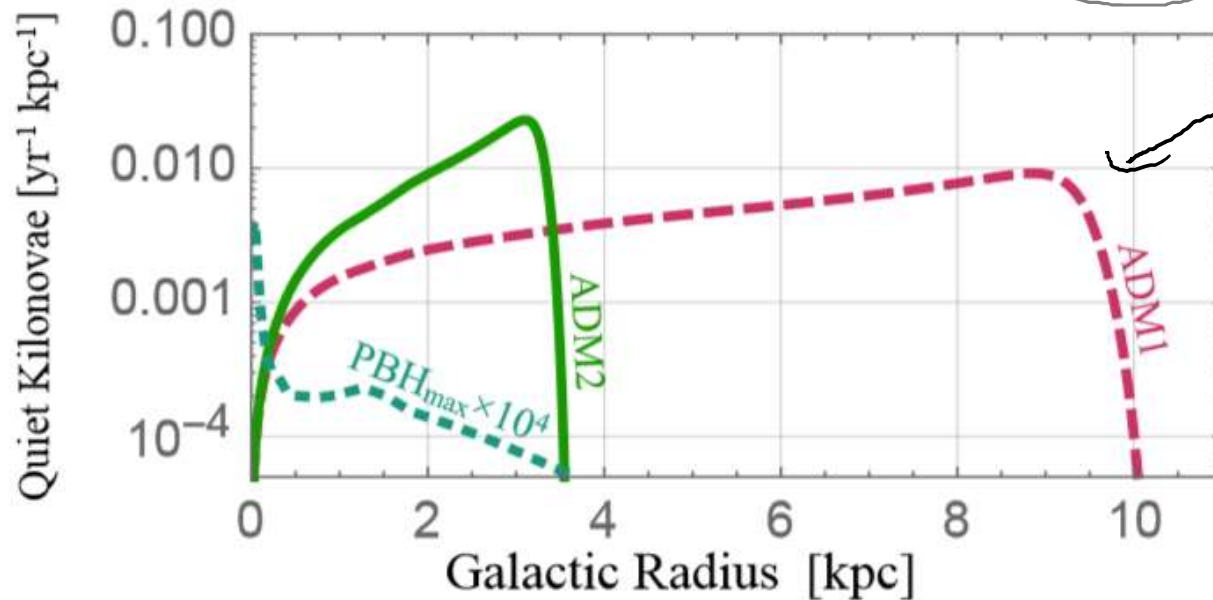
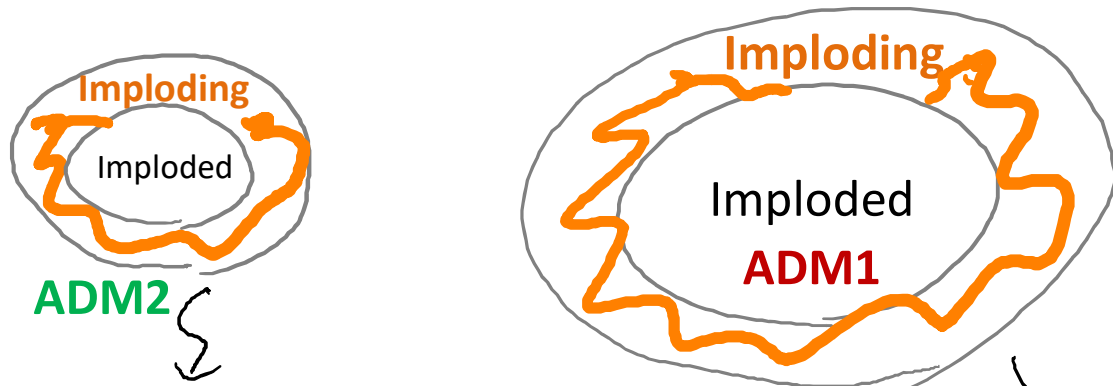
Abbott et al., LIGO/VIRGO, PRL 2016

- **Kilonova events from NS implosions**, but NOT from the NS-NS or NS-BH mergers.
- **WITHOUT detectable merger signatures**, so we call them “Quiet Kilonova” (Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)

Quiet Kilonova Morphology

... or “**Gold Donut**”, since its related to r-process that can give you gold

- **ADM1** implosion faster than **ADM2**;
- **ADM1** is the larger donut



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

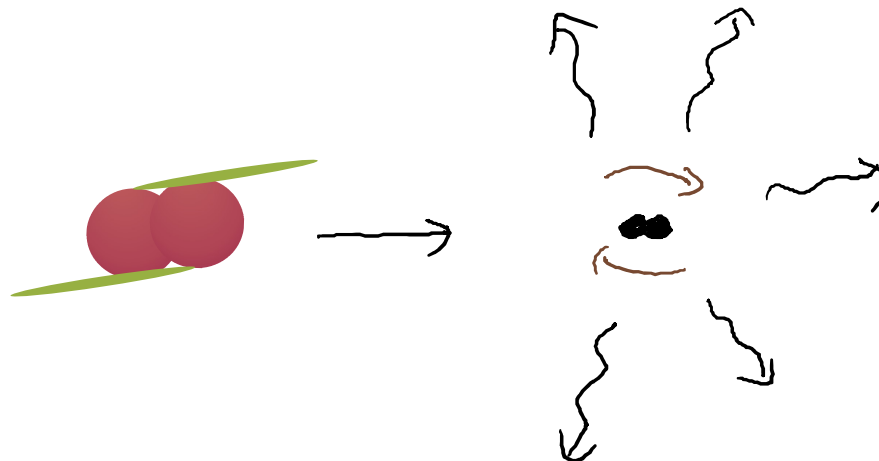
ADM2: $t_c \rho_x / v_x = 15 \text{ Gyr/cm}^3 (200 \text{ km/s})^{-1}$

BLACK MERGER

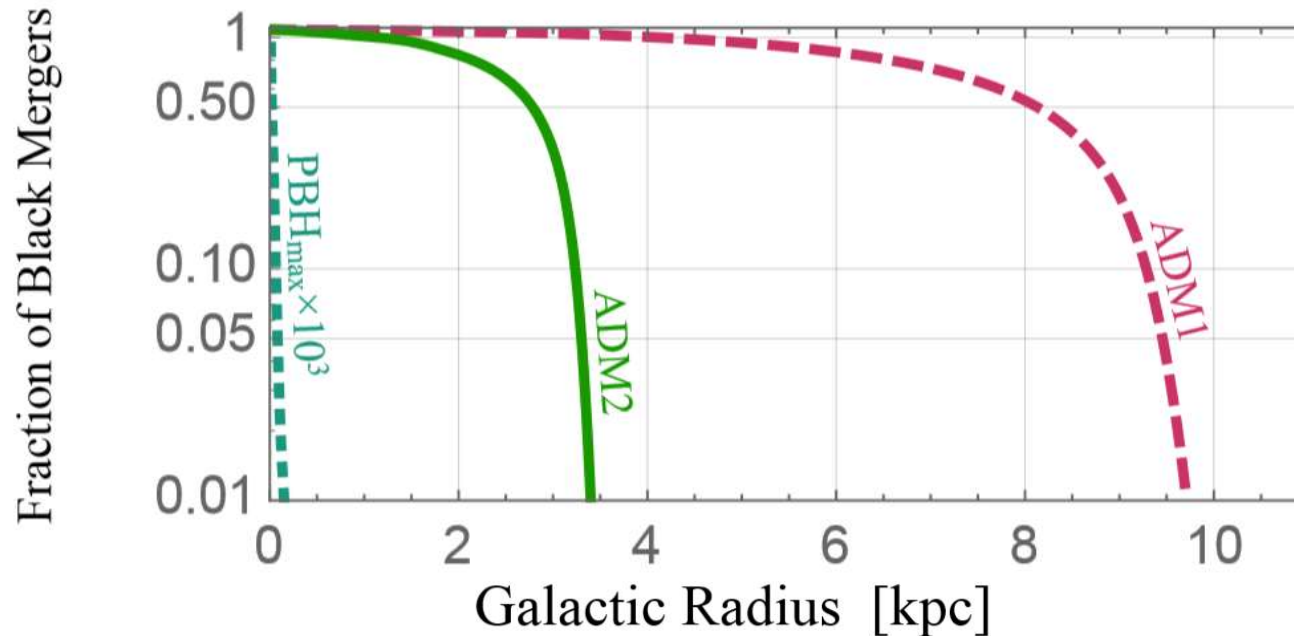
Gravitational-wave Signature from
Converted NS-NS(BH) Merger

G-Wave Signature: Black Mergers

- As we heard from Prof. Mavalvala, BH ($> 8 M_{\odot}$) and BH mergers are ($>30 M_{\odot}$)
- NS-NS or NS-BH mergers are converted into BH-BH mergers, creating $m \leq 3 M_{\odot}$ solar-mass BH-BH mergers, violating the mass gap
- These are merger events WITHOUT optical follow-on, we call them “**Black Mergers**”.



G-Wave Signature: Black Mergers



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

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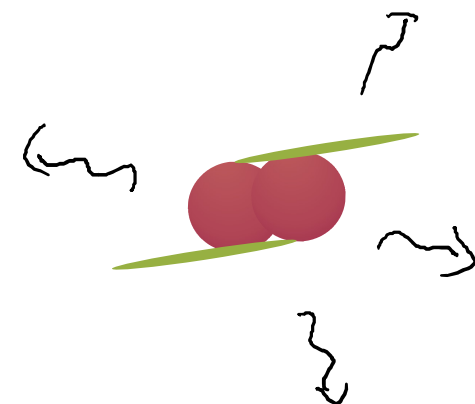
- **No NS-NS merger in the Galactic Center**
- Can use **LIGO/VIRGO** to see merger signatures, that are without optical signatures by **BlackGEM** telescope
- **Not easy to confirm a black merger**

MERGER KILONOVA (BRIGHT MERGER)

Using the altered NS-NS(BH) galactic merger distribution to test DM-induced implosions

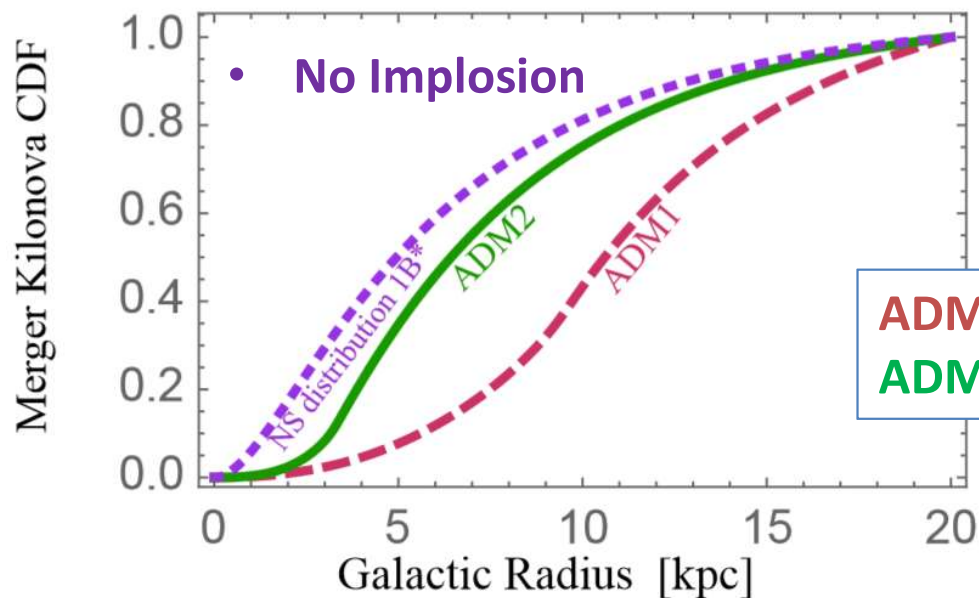
Combined Signature: Merger Kilonova

Having *Black Mergers* means the usual NS-NS(BH) mergers have the **distributions altered by NS implosions**



Merger Kilonova: NS-NS(BH) mergers

- Merger signatures detectable by LIGO/VIRGO
- The associated Kilonova signature can be confirmed by BlackGEM

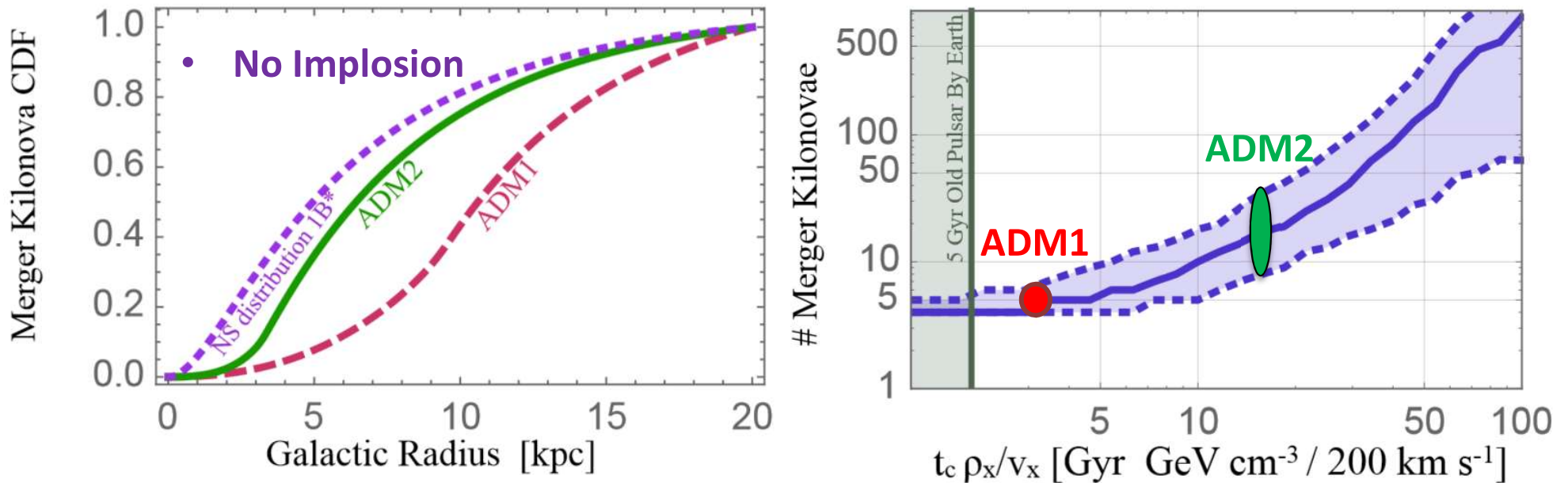


- CDF(Cumulative distribution function) of the Merger Kilonova
- Sartore et al, 09

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

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

Statistics of Merger Kilonova Events



- Apply K-S test for randomly generated events based on the implosion parameter $t_c \rho_x / v_x$
- (Right) **Purple band** indicate number of events needed for **2 σ significance** in testing the ADM model parameters
- **Dashed**: upper and lower quartile; **Solid**: the median based on the repeated experiments.
- **Different NS-distribution models does not change the result much**

Neutron-star Merger Alert?

- LIGO/Virgo, optical telescopes, and gamma-ray telescopes altogether could make this possible soon!
- Thanks Professor Mavalvala for the great talk yesterday!
- Will we have our **first robust data point** next Monday?
- Next ten years will be the **golden age** of neutron-star physics (phenomenology)!
(no pun intended)

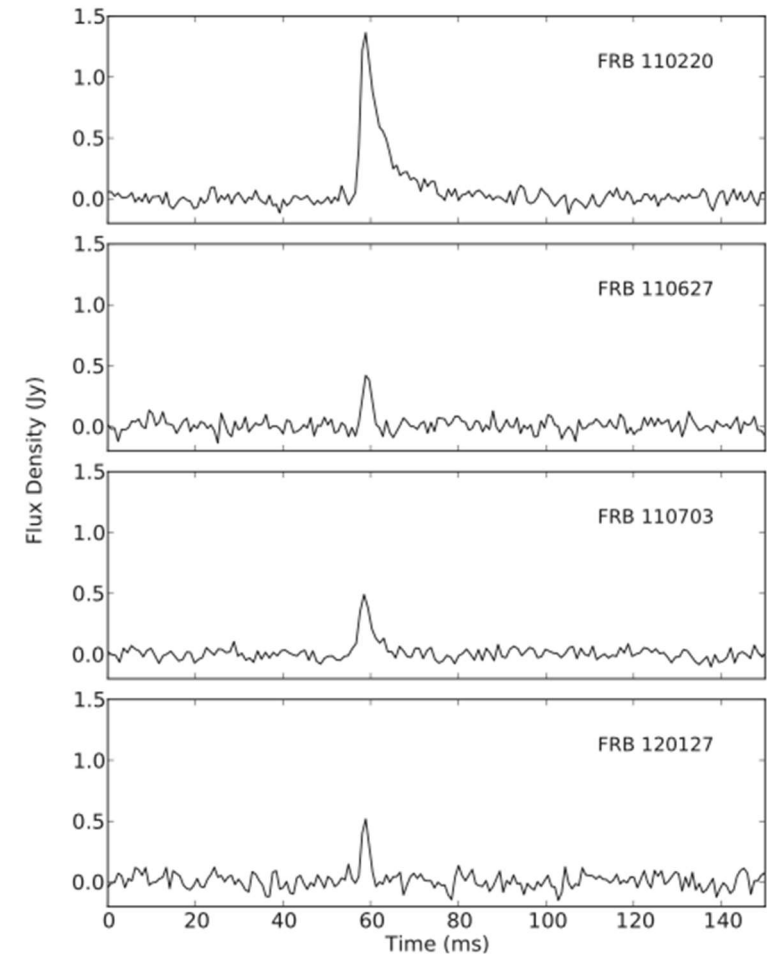
FAST RADIO BURSTS

A Possible Radio Signature

Fast Radio Burst and DM Implosions

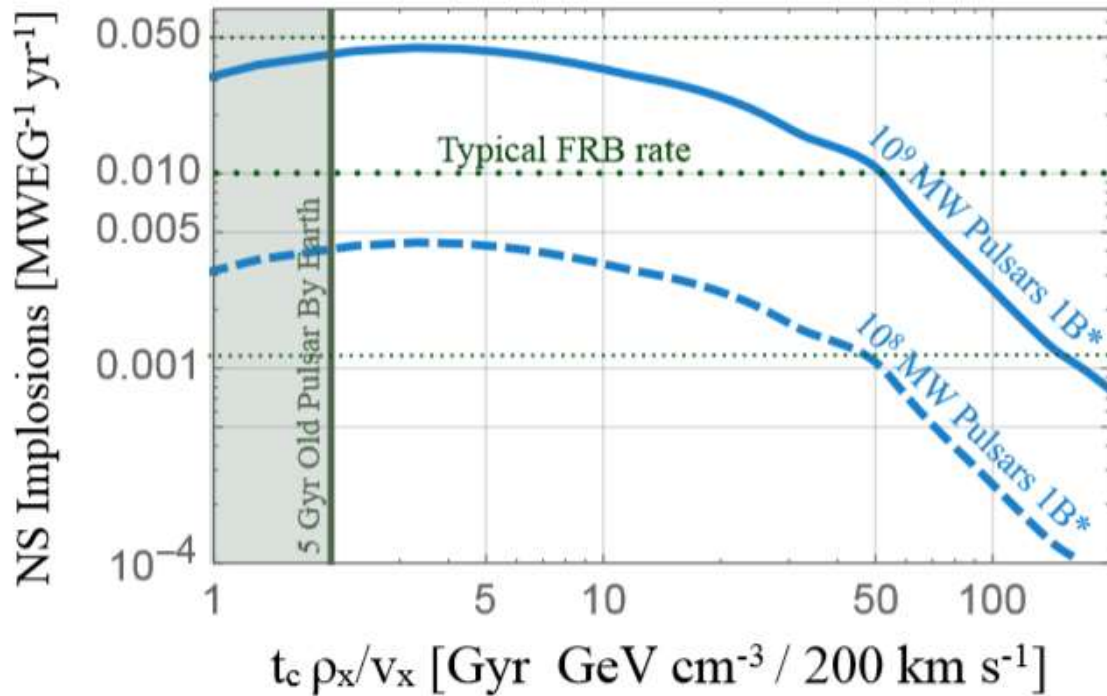
Fast radio bursts (FRBs) from DM:

- millisecond-length & \sim Ghz radio pulses
 - all sky rate $\sim 10^4$ /day.
 - The source is not determined.
 - DM-induced NS implosions may be the source of FRBs.
 - The EM energy released by a NS implosion matches what is required for an FRB [Fuller and Ott, 2014].
- ❖ We improve on the rate calculations by using a realistic star formation history [Hopkins and Beacom, 06] and NS distribution [Sartore et al, 09]



- Thornton et al., 2013

Match NS Implosion Rate to the FRB Rate



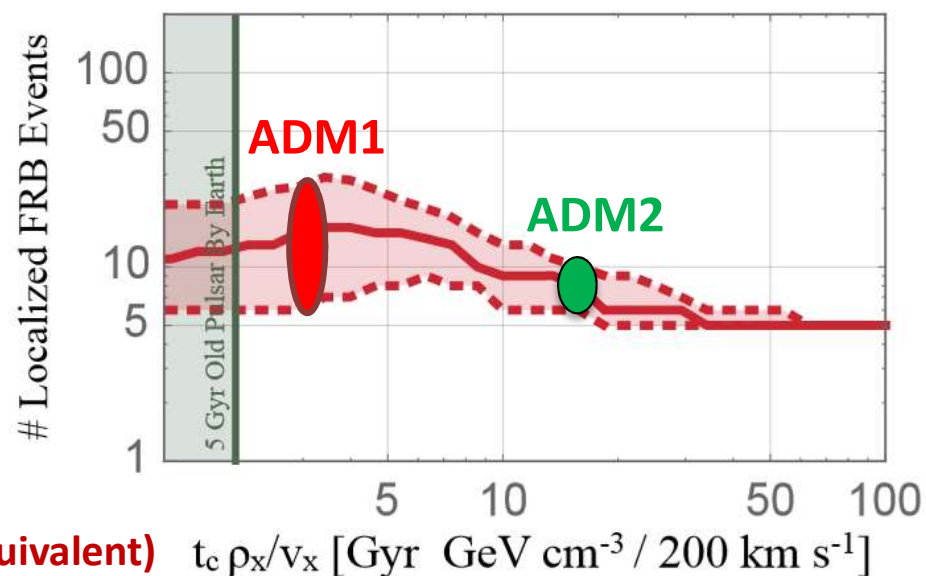
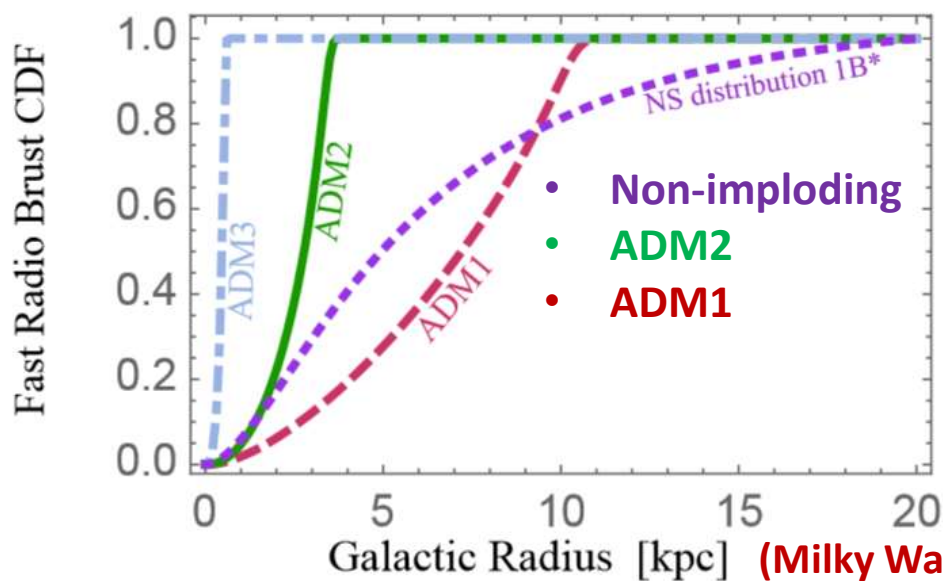
Incorporate **NS birthrates** in Milky Way & **capture rate** for given position in galaxy

Bramante, Linden, **YT**, 2017

- The dotted lines indicate high, median, and low **FRB** rate estimates from surveys [arXiv: 1505.00834 and 1612.00896].

Statistics of Located FRBs

- FRB caused by **DM-induced NS-implosions** vs FRB come from a **non-imploding population of NSs**, at 2σ significance.
- Need localized to ~ 1 kpc in a host galaxy
- FRBs could possibly be **located** by CHIME - The **C**anadian **H**ydrogen **I**ntensity **M**apping **E**xperiment & HIRAX- The **H**ydrogen **I**ntensity and **R**eal-time **A**nalysis **e**Xperiment



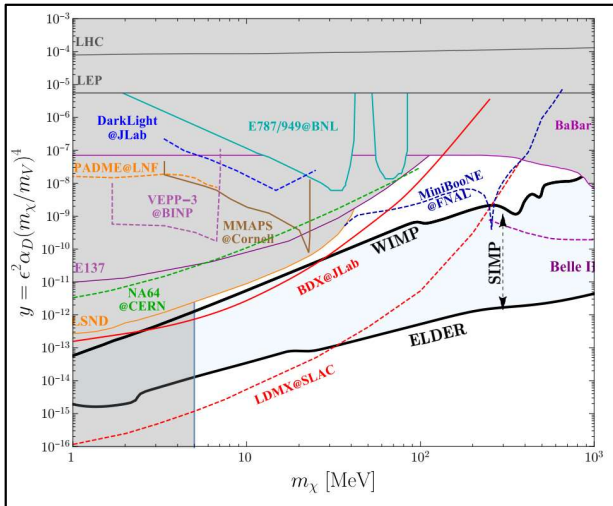
FRB donuts
 ADM2
 ADM1

Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

Conclusion and Outlook

- (Asymmetric) Dark Matter implodes neutron stars and give novel astrophysical signatures.
 - **Kilonova events** seen by telescopes like Dark Energy Survey (DES) and BlackGEM
 - **Merger signatures** by LIGO/VIRGO
 - **located FRBs** by radio arrays like CHIME and HIRAXcan be applied to test the DM implosion scenarios.
- Explore similar/different models, extend to other mass ranges for NS-implosions and conduct more detailed analysis

The dark photon-DM constraints & forecast, also shown by Prof. Hitlin



1 Sub-GeV Thermal DM

- Perelstein
- Kuflik
- Lorier
- Slatyer
- Xue
- Liu

- ELDER / ELDER + NFDM
- Experimental / Observational Signatures

- 1512.04545, 1706.05381...

Ongoing Research

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ν Hopes for New Physics

- Maxim Pospelov
- Gabriel Magill
- Ryan Plestid

Constraints and signatures of new physics in **neutrino detectors**, including **BoreXino**, **LSND**, SBND,

Mini/MicroBooNE, and SHiP

-arXiv: 1706.00424 ...


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New Lampposts from Astrophysics

- Joseph Bramante
- Tim Linden

Constraints and Probes of **ADM** (and PBH) models through astrophysical observations

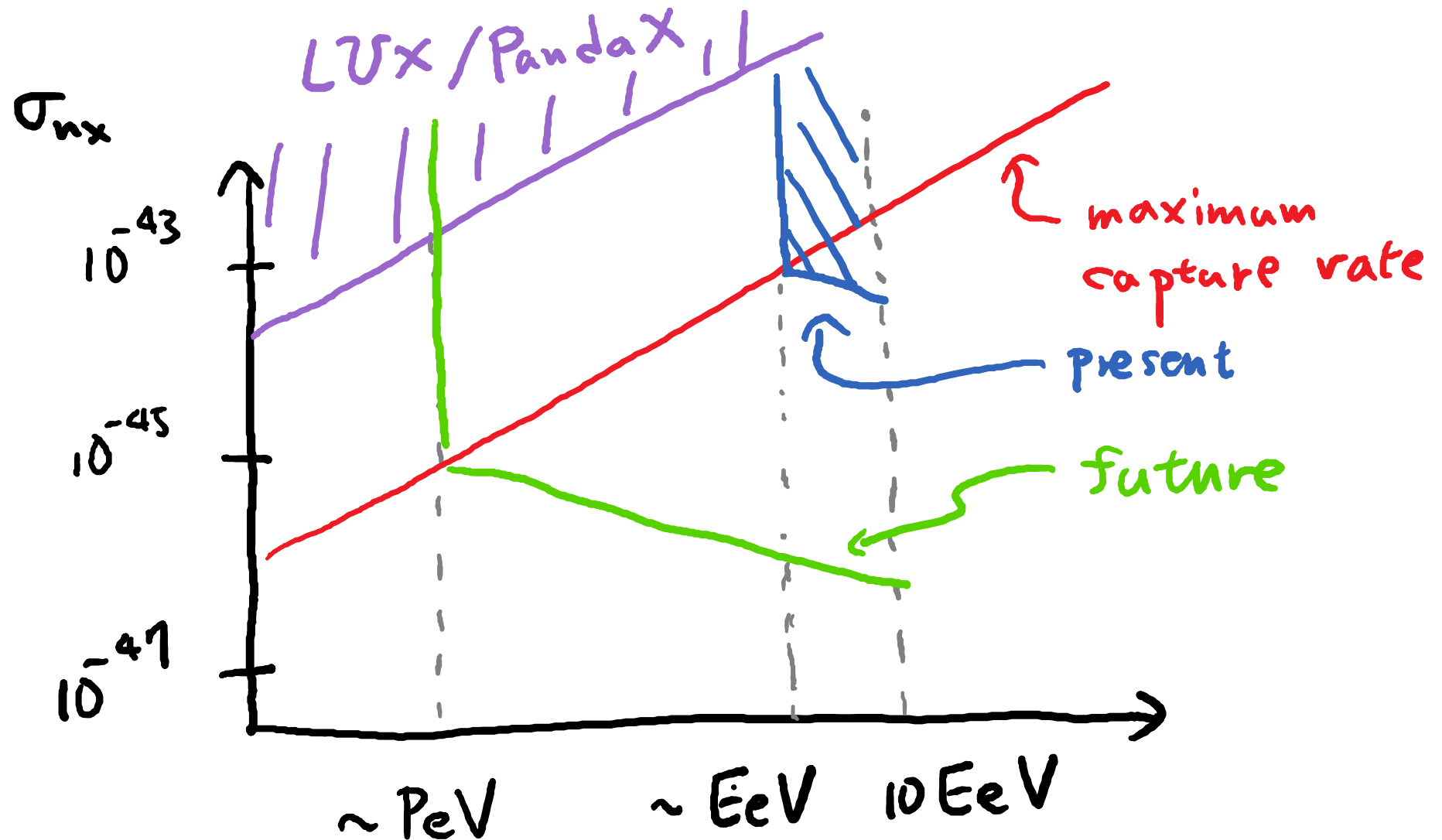
- arXiv: 1706.00001 ...



‘We are all in the gutter, but some of us
are looking at the stars.’
– Oscar Wilde, on searching for new physics

Thanks you! Special thanks go to Joe and Tim.

Beyond Direct Detection



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Kilonova and Supernova

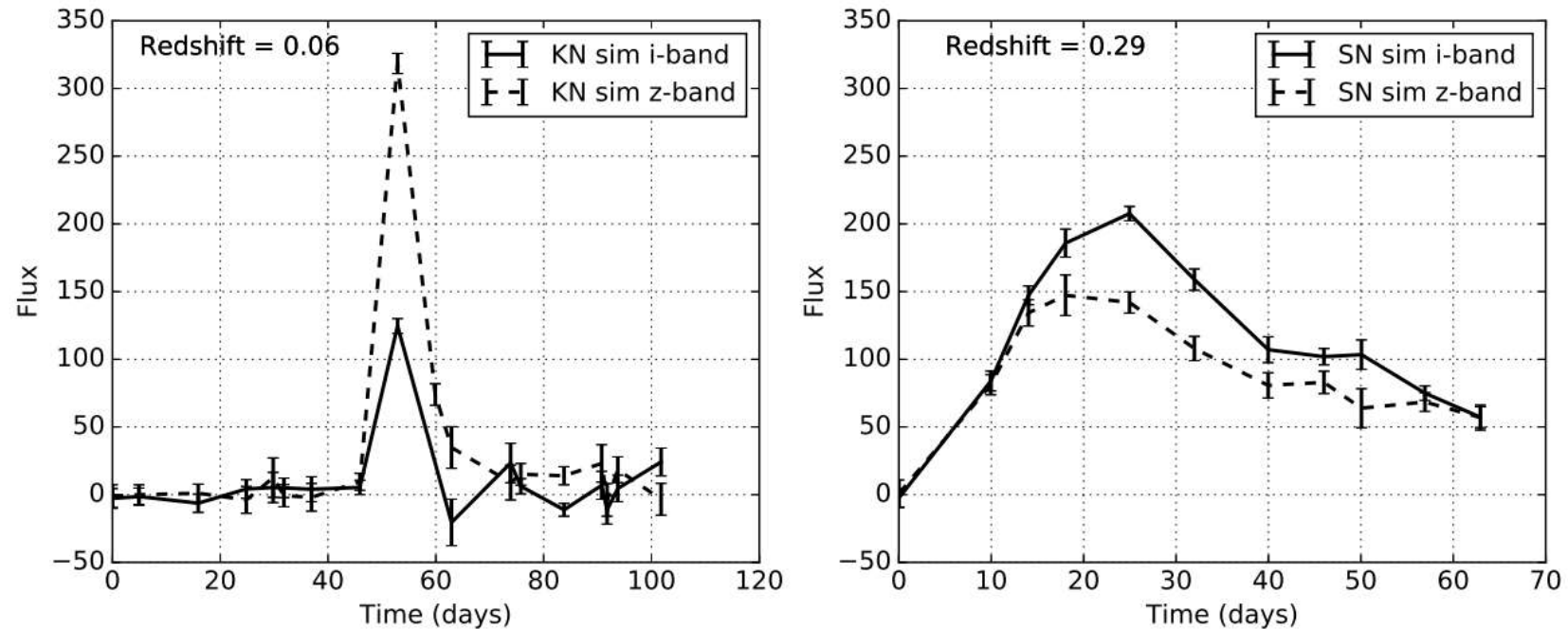
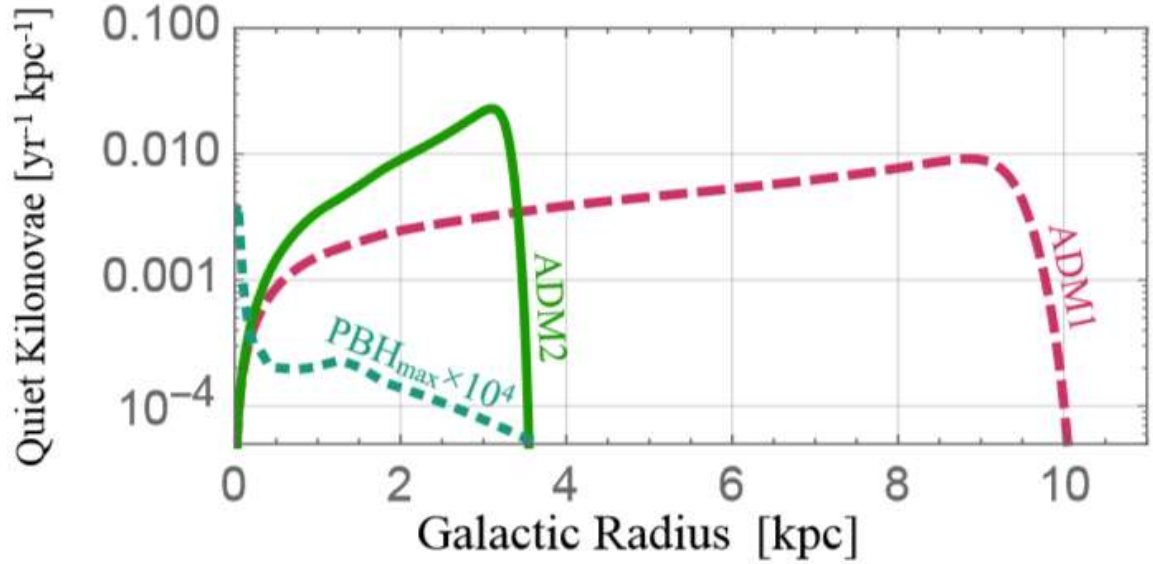
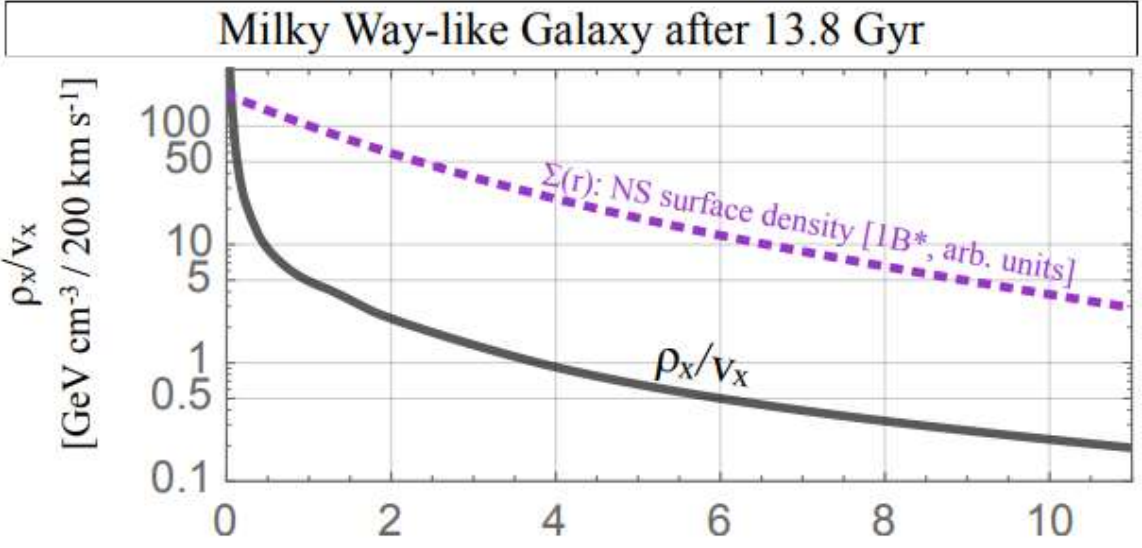


Figure 2. Observed KN and SN light curves in the i and z filters, as simulated with *SNANA*. The KN is based on the BK13 model with $\beta = 0.3$, $M = 0.1M_{\odot}$ and redshift $z = 0.06$. The SNIa is simulated with SALT-II color $c = 0.03$, stretch parameter $x_1 = -0.75$, and redshift $z = 0.29$. Magnitudes are given by $27.5 - 2.5 \log_{10}(\text{Flux})$; e.g., the shallow-field detection limit of $\text{mag}=23.5$ corresponds to $\text{Flux}=40$. The error bars show the simulated flux and uncertainties for each observation; the lines connect these simulated points to guide the eye.

- For DES-SN, the telescopes were used to make repeated observations of ten 3 deg^2 fields.
- Each field was observed in **griz** bands with central wavelengths of 4830, 6430, 7830, 9180 \AA , respectively.
- Study done on NS mergers: BK13 ([Barnes, Kasen, APJ 2013](#))
- ejecta masses $\sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-1} M_{\text{sun}}$
- ejecta velocities $\sim 0.1 - 0.3 c$.

Directly from [Doctor et al., DES, APJ 2017, 1611.08052](#)

NS Distribution



Neutron Star Wiki

Neutron Star temperature:

- The temperature inside a newly formed neutron star is from around 10^{11} to 10^{12} kelvin.^[16] However, the huge number of neutrinos it emits carry away so much energy that the temperature of an isolated neutron star falls within a few years to around 10^6 kelvin.^[16]
- At this lower temperature, most of the light generated by a neutron star is in X-rays.

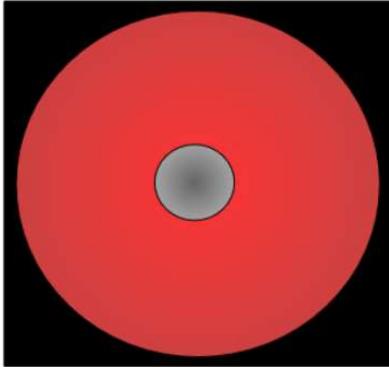
Neutron Star density

- They have densities of 10^{17} kg/m³ (the Earth has a density of around 5×10^3 kg/m³ and even white dwarfs have densities over a million times less) meaning that a teaspoon of neutron star material would weigh around a billion tons.

Neutron Star age

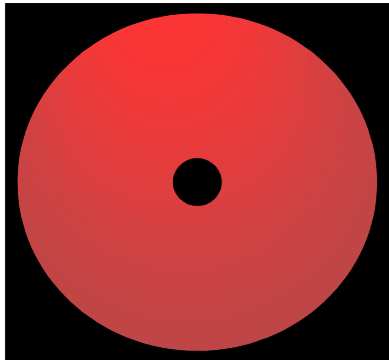
- Billions of years old. Age determination difficult. Oldest ~ 5 Gyr

2. DM thermalizes



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

3. DM collapses

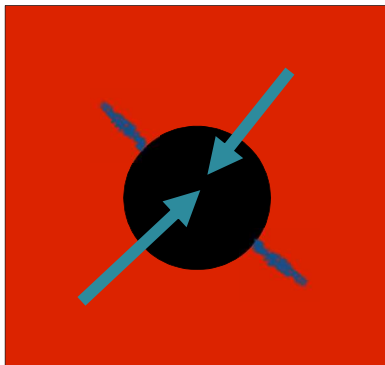


$$M_{crit}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3/m_X^2 \quad (\sim 10^{-14} M_{\odot} \text{ for PeV DM})$$

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

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

4. BH consumes neutron star



Bondi accretion from the black hole consumes the host neutron star

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

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

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