

Title: Optical, Gravitational, and Radio Signatures of DM-induced Neutron Star Implosions

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Abstract:

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of filaments and nodes of dark matter and gas. The filaments are colored in shades of green, yellow, and orange, set against a dark background with scattered stars.

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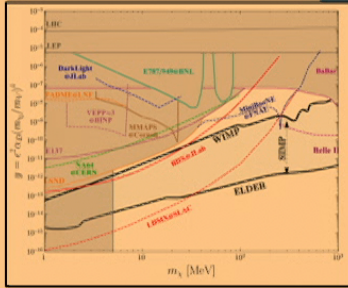
with Joe Bramante, Tim Linden  
arXiv:1706.00001

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

# Ongoing Research

I'm Yu-Dai Tsai,  
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The dark photon-DM constraints & forecast (in Adam or Eder's talk)



## 1 Sub-GeV Thermal DM

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

- **ELDER / ELDER + NFDM**
- Experimental / Observational Signatures

- 1512.04545, 1706.05381...

## 2 $\nu$ 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 ...

## 3 New Lampposts from Astrophysics

- Joseph Bramante
- Tim Linden

Constraints and Probes of **ADM** (and PBH) models through astrophysical observations  
- arXiv: 1706.00001 ...

# Outline

- Intro to DM-induced neutron star (NS) implosions
- Astrophysical Signatures:
  - Kilonova Events and r-Process Elements
  - Optical Signature
  - Gravitational Signature
  - Optical + Merger Signature
  - Radio Signature
- Conclusion and Outlook

# NS Implosion & Asymmetric Dark Matter

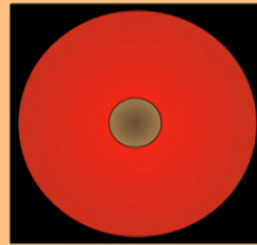
- Asymmetric Dark Matter (ADM): dark matter with particle/anti-particle asymmetry, often linked to baryon / lepton asymmetry.
- The asymmetry often sets the DM relic abundance.
- Dark matter asymmetry allows efficient collection and collapse in stars without annihilating to lighter particles
- See e.g. Goldman and Nussinov 1989, Kouvaris and Tinyakov 2010, Lavallaz and Fairbairn 2010, Kouvaris 2011, ...
- Primordial black holes (PBHs) could also implode NSs through a different process, but among the signatures we study they only have negligible effects, details see arXiv:1706.00001.

# DM-induced NS Implosions

1. DM captured



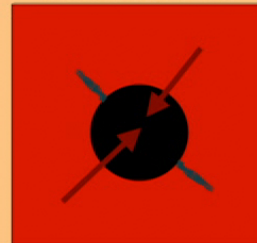
2. DM thermalizes



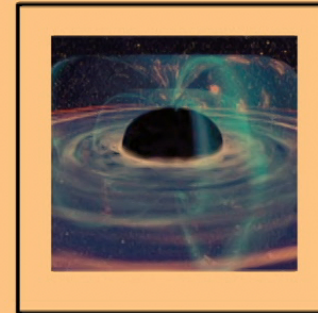
3. DM collapses



4. BH consumes neutron star



5. Form solar mass BH



- Go through the process using **PeV-EeV ( $10^{15}$  -  $10^{18}$ eV) DM** as an example
- **Superheavy ADM**: see e.g. [Bramante, Unwin, 2017](#)
- Other mass ranges: see e.g. [Bramante, Kumar, et al. 2013](#), [Bramante, Elahi 2015](#)

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# Dark Matter Capture

1. DM captured

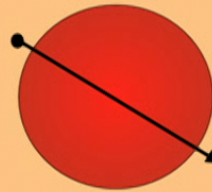


$\longleftrightarrow$   
 $v_x$  velocity  
 $\rho_x$  density  
 in MW halo

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

$$\text{capture rate } C_X \propto \frac{\rho_x \sigma_{nx}}{v_x}$$

= DM density × DM-nucleon cross section  
 DM velocity



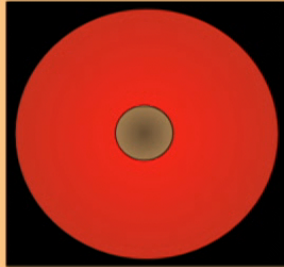
$\sigma_{nx}$   
 determines  
 whether DM  
 scatters,  
 gets trapped

$t_c$  := Dark Matter Capture Time  
 (from no DM to when the critical mass  $M_{crit}$  accumulated)

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

See e.g. Bramante, Delgado, Martin, 2017  
 + Baryakhtar, Bramante, Li, Linden, Raj, 2017

## 2. DM thermalizes



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

## 3. DM collapses

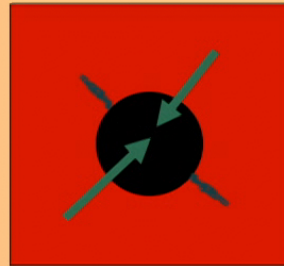


$$M_{crit}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3 / m_X^2 \quad (\sim 10^{-14} M_{\odot} \text{ for PeV DM})$$

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



Bondi accretion from the black hole consumes the host neutron star

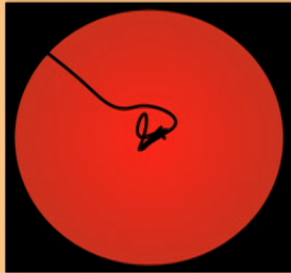
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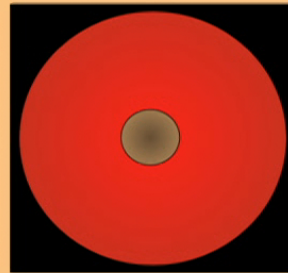
# Determining the Implosion Time

1. DM captured



$t_c$

2. DM thermalizes



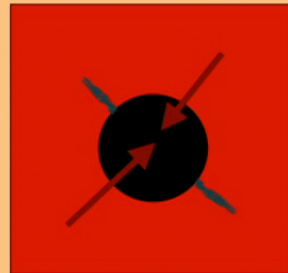
$\tau_{th}$

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
- Appendix of 1706.00001

# Normalized Implosion Time

PeV-EeV

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

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

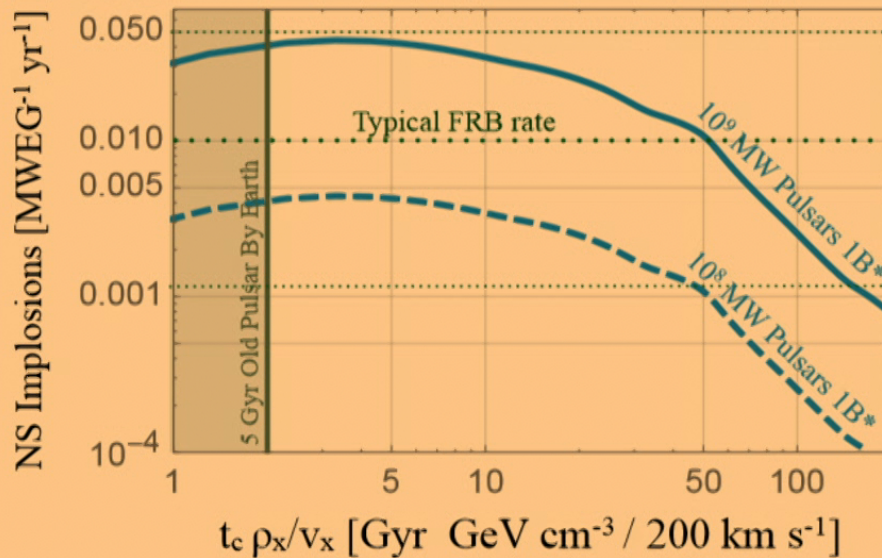
$t_c \propto v_x / \rho_x$ .

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

$M_{crit}^{ferm} \simeq M_{pl}^3 / m_X^2$	$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} \Big _f = \left( \frac{10 \text{ PeV}}{m_x} \right)^2 15 \text{ Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV/cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}}$
$M_{crit}^{bos} \simeq \sqrt{\lambda} M_{pl}^3 / m_X^2$	$t_c \frac{\rho_x}{v_x} \Big _b = \left( \frac{\lambda}{1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{3 \text{ PeV}}{m_x} \right)^2 20 \text{ Gyr} \frac{\text{GeV/cm}^3}{200 \text{ km/s}}$
$V(\phi) = \lambda  \phi ^4$	

Colpi, Shapiro, and Wasserman, 1986

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



MWEG: Milky Way  
Equivalent Galaxy  
~ (4.4 Mpc)<sup>3</sup>

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

Bramante, Linden,  
YT, 2017

# R-PROCESS AND KILONOVA

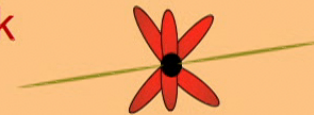
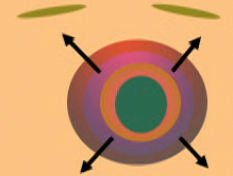
Preferred/Constrained DM-implosion  
Parameter Space

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

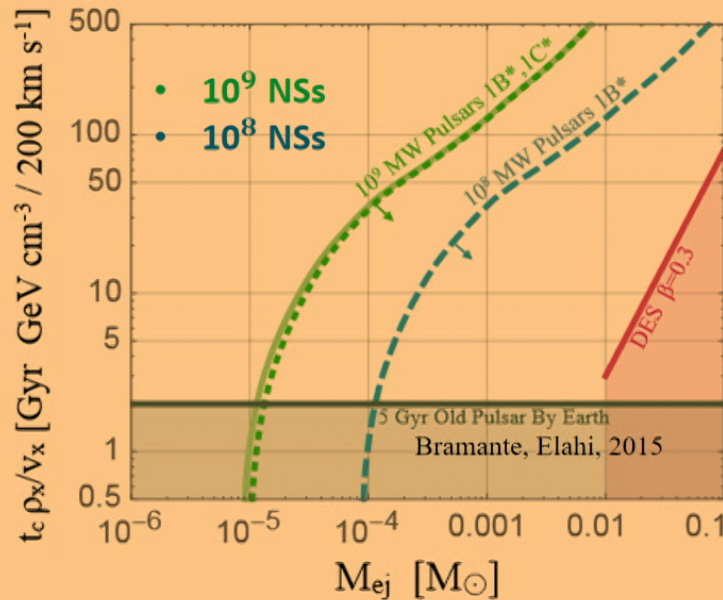
## Possible r-process sources:

- Neutrons ejected by neutrino wind from core collapse supernovae (frequent,  $\sim 1/100$  years)
- Merging neutron star binaries, tidal forces expel dense neutron star fluid (rare,  $\sim 1/10^4$  years)
- Neutron star slurped into a black hole made of dark matter at its core. Implosion tidally spurts 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**  
(see, e.g., Freeke et al, 2014)

# r-Process Element Abundance & Bounds



Two matching curves assume different total neutron star numbers

Bramante, Linden, YJ, 2017

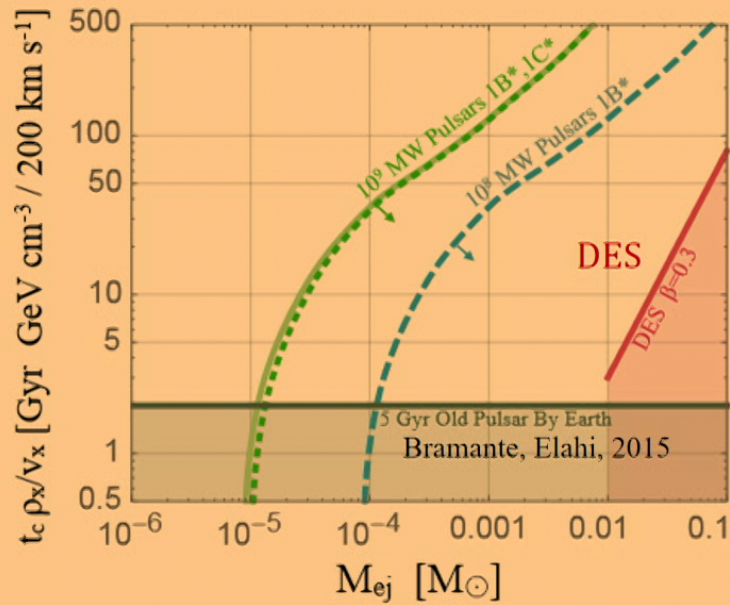
If **NS implosions** are responsible for all the **r-process elements**, we have the “matching” curves and constraints set by requiring total NS mass ejected to  $\leq 10^4 M_{\odot}$  in the Milky Way.

- **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
- “Self-detecting” dark matter?

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# Kilonova Bound



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

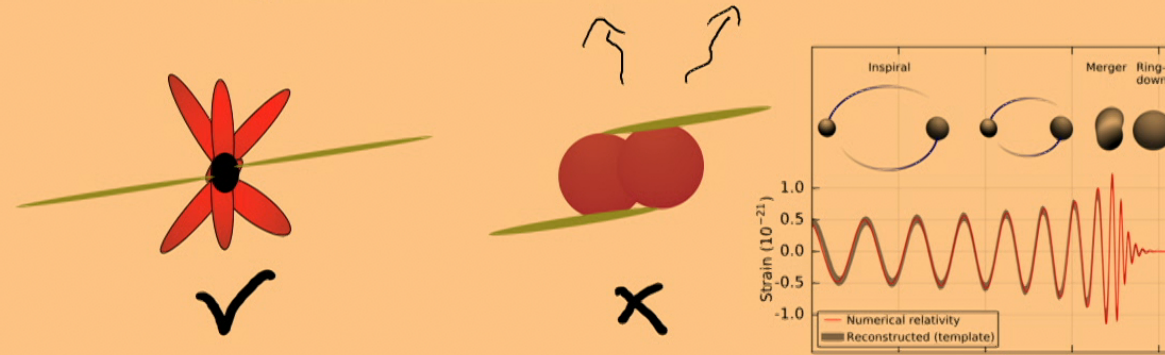
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Kilonova light curves depend mainly on the **mass** and **velocity** of NS fluid ejected (Kasen et al, 2013)

- **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**

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# 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)

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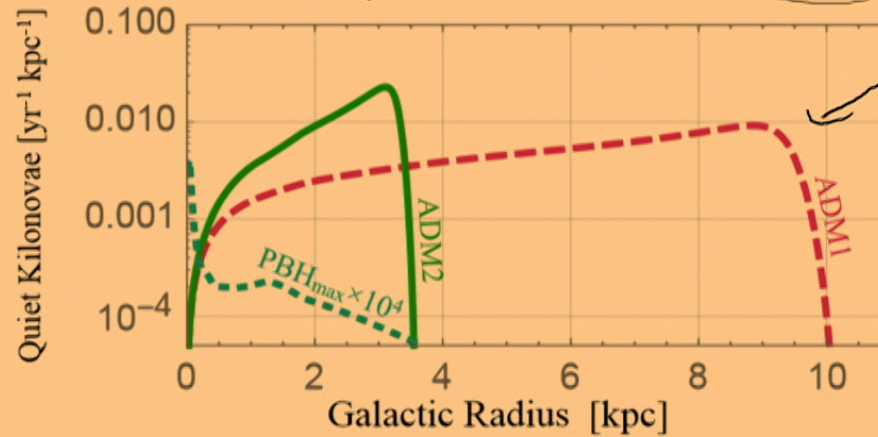
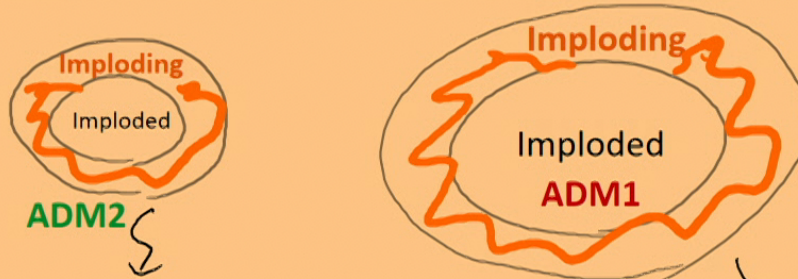
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# Quiet Kilonova Morphology

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

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



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

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

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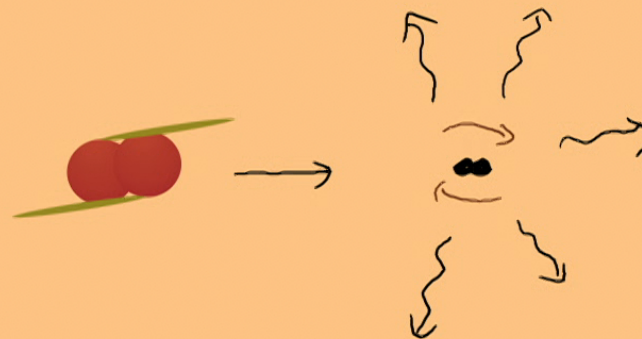
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# BLACK MERGER

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

## G-Wave Signature: Black Mergers

- Putative "mass gap" between NSs ( $m \leq 3 M_{\odot}$ ) and BHs ( $m \geq 5 M_{\odot}$ )
- 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-up, we call them "Black Mergers".



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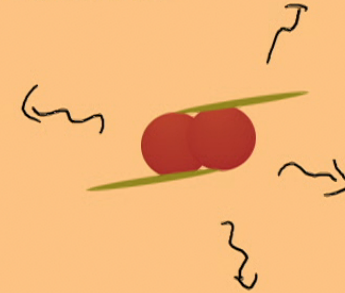
# MERGER KILONOVA (BRIGHT MERGER)

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

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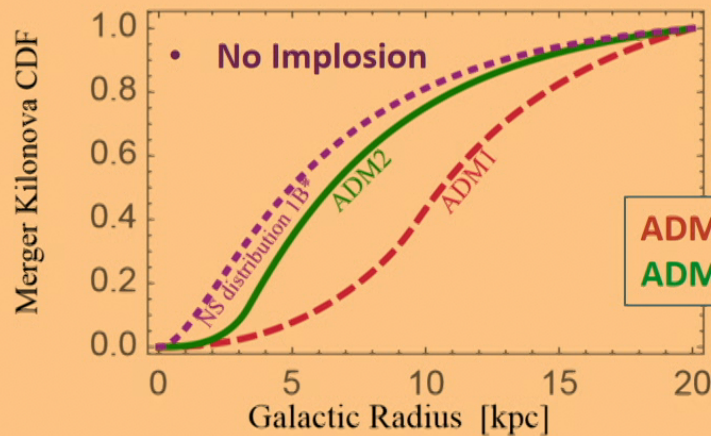
# Combined Signature: Merger Kilonova

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



**Merger Kilonova:** NS-NS(BH) mergers

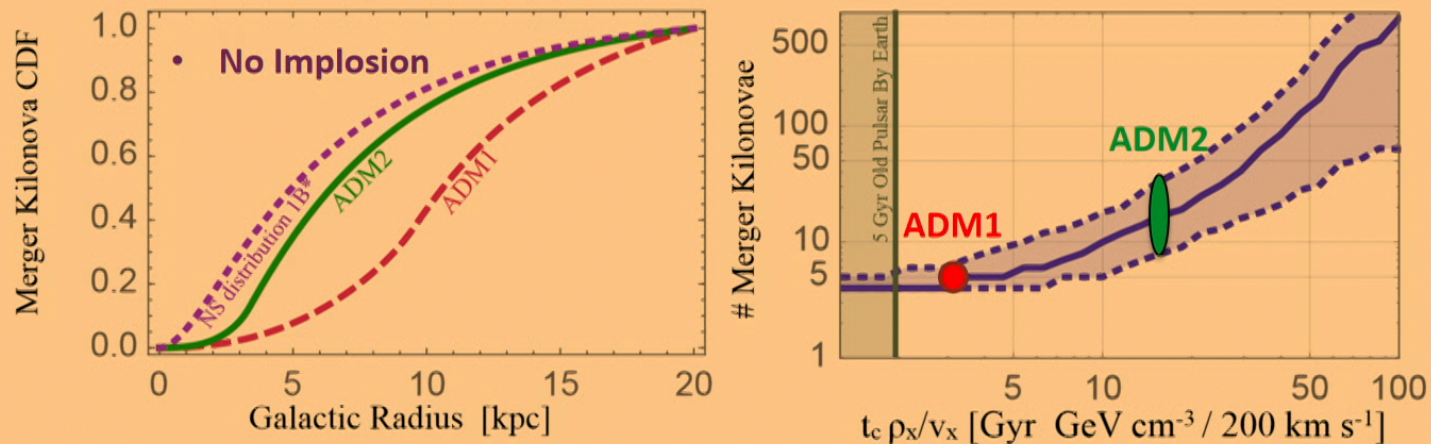
- Merger signatures detectable by LIGO/VIRGO
- The associated Kilonova signature can be confirmed by BlackGEM



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

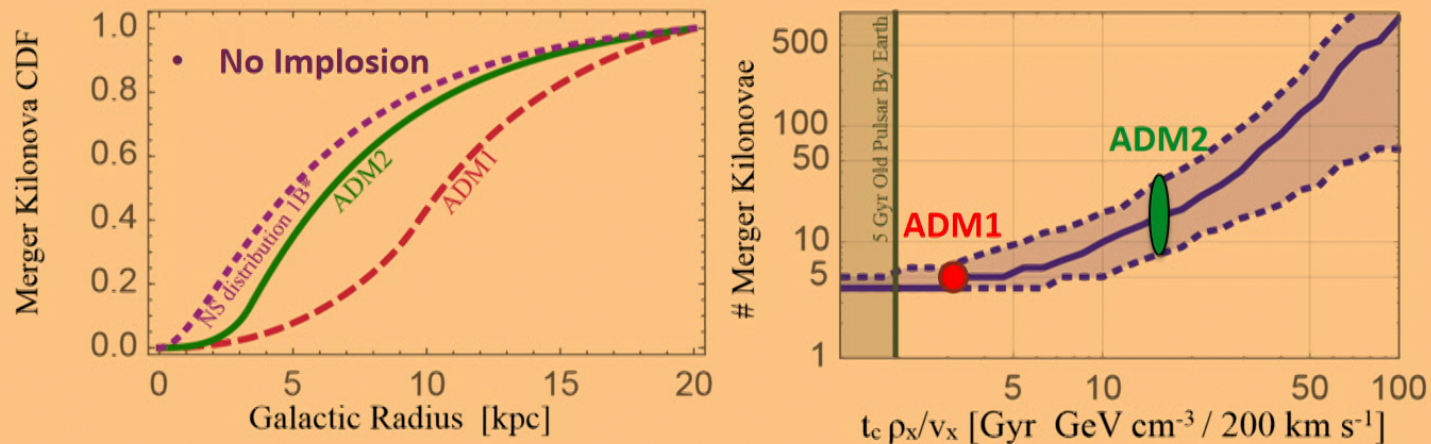
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# Statistics of Merger Kilonova Events



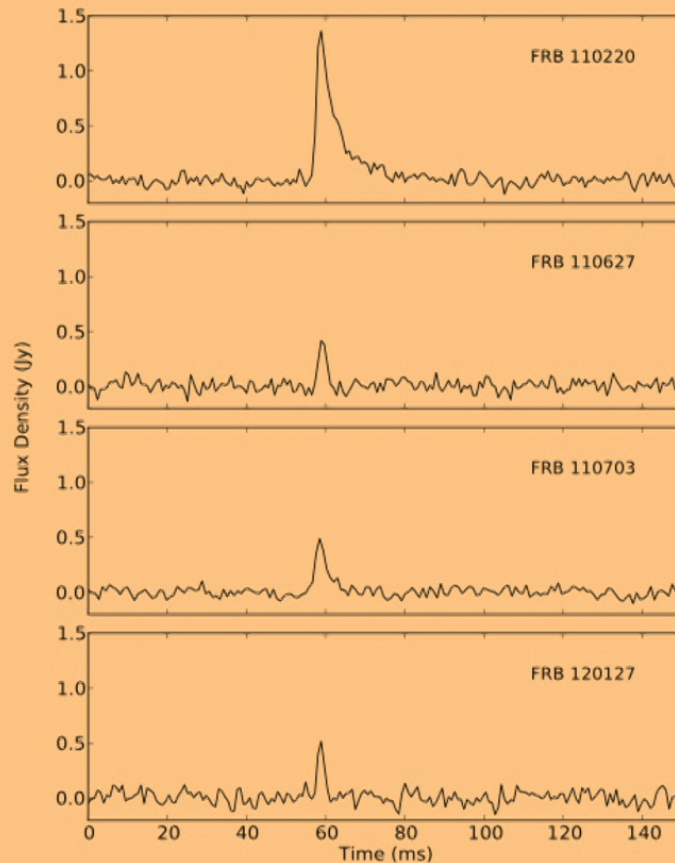
- Apply K-S test for randomly generated events based on the implosion parameter  $t_c \rho_x / v_x$
- (Right) **Purple band** indicate number of events needed for **2 $\sigma$  significance** in testing the ADM model parameters
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## Radio Signatures: Fast Radio Bursts



The jansky (symbol jy) =  $10^{-26}$  watts per square metre per hertz.

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- Unexplained  $\sim$  ms long radio pulses (spanning a large range of radio frequencies)
- First identified in 2007, in archived 2001 data recorded by the Parkes Observatory
- $\sim$  20 detected so far
- figure from Thornton et al., 2013

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# Fast Radio Burst and DM Implosions

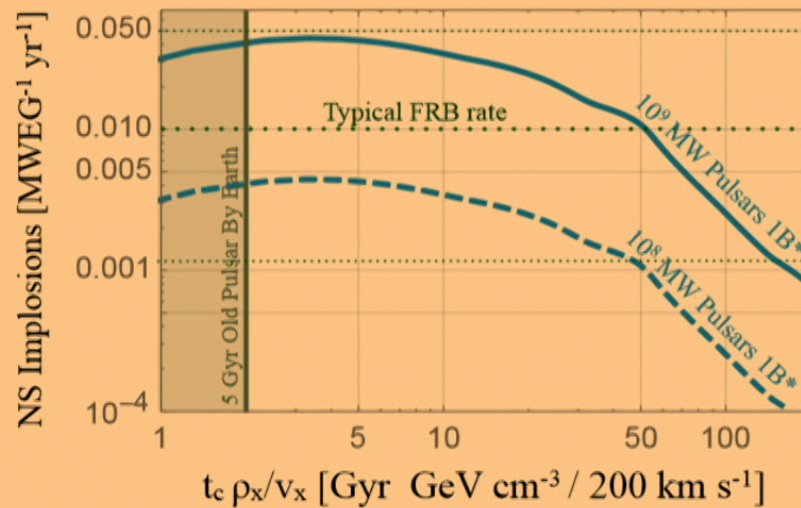
## **Fast radio bursts (FRBs) from DM:**

FRBs: millisecond-length &  $\sim$ GHz radio pulses, found to distances of 2 Gpc with an all sky rate  $\sim 10^4$ /day. The source is not fully 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]**

## Match NS Implosion Rate to the FRB Rate



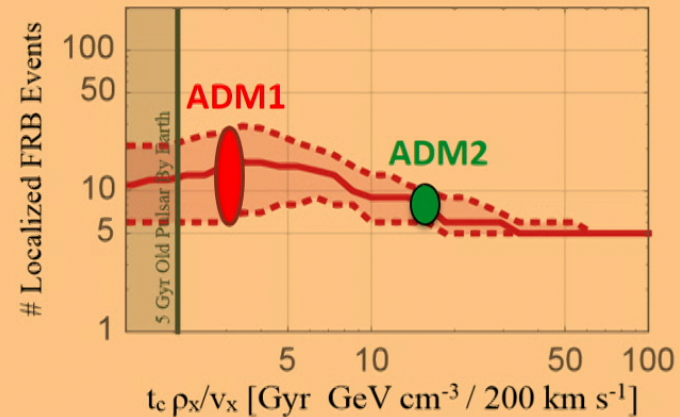
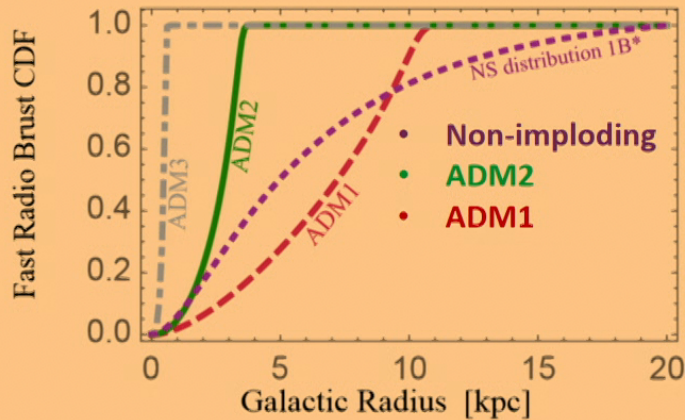
Incorporate **NS birthrates** in Milky Way & **capture rate** for given position in galaxy

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

# Statistics of Located FRBs

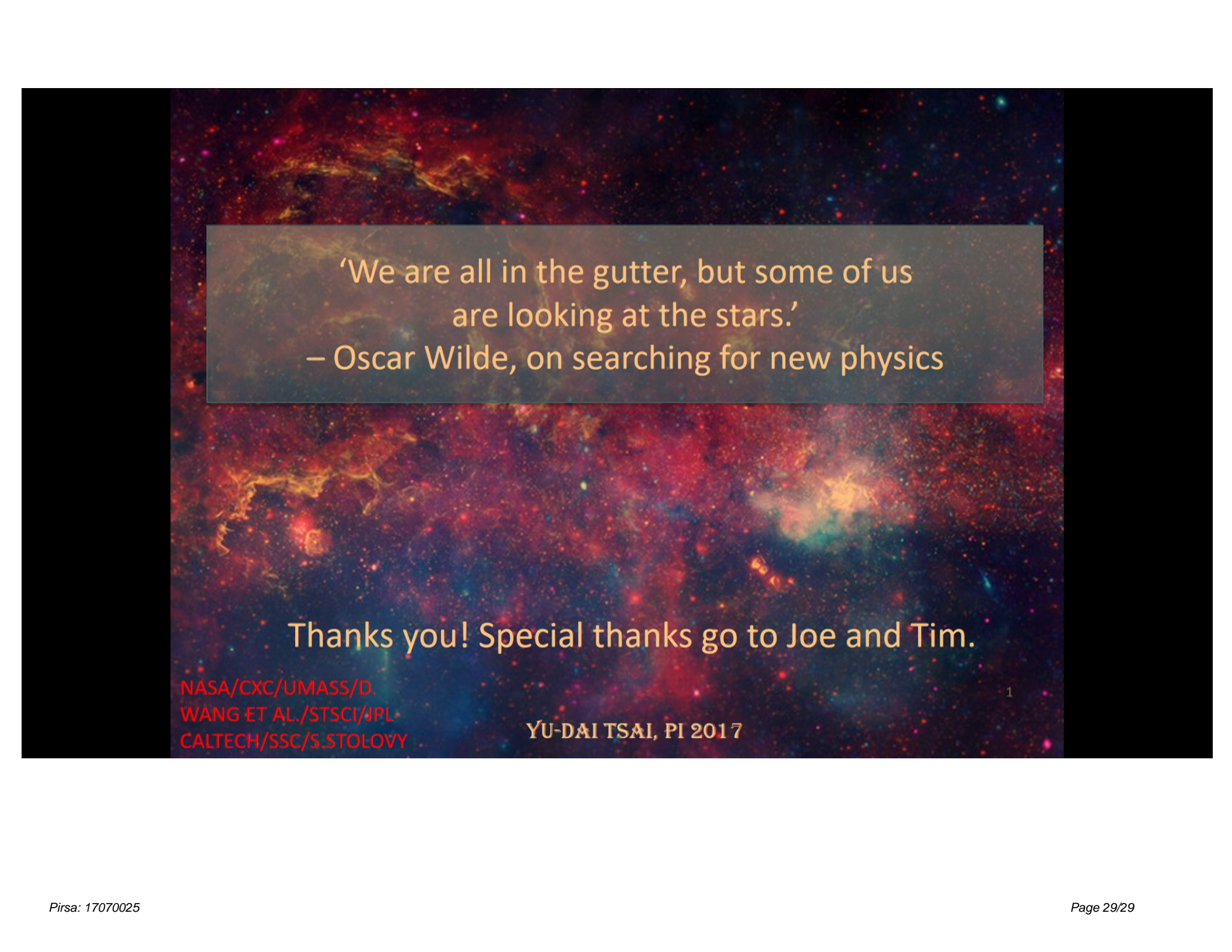
- FRB caused by **DM-induced NS-implosions** vs FRB come from a **non-imploding population of NSs**, at  $2\sigma$  significance.
- Need localized to  $\sim 1$  kpc in a host galaxy
- FRBs could possibly be **located** by  
CHIME - The **C**anadian **H**ydrogen **I**ntensity **M**apping **E**xperiment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



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# 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 for NS-implosions and conduct more detailed analysis



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

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