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arXiv:1706.00001 (under review by PRL)

+ many papers to come soon!

Searching for Dark Matter with Neutron Star Mergers and Quiet Kilonovae

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The most exciting time: NOW!

- A **neutron star merger** was just observed. We proposed to apply it to test **dark matter scenarios**
- Let me first give a review of our understanding of dark matter

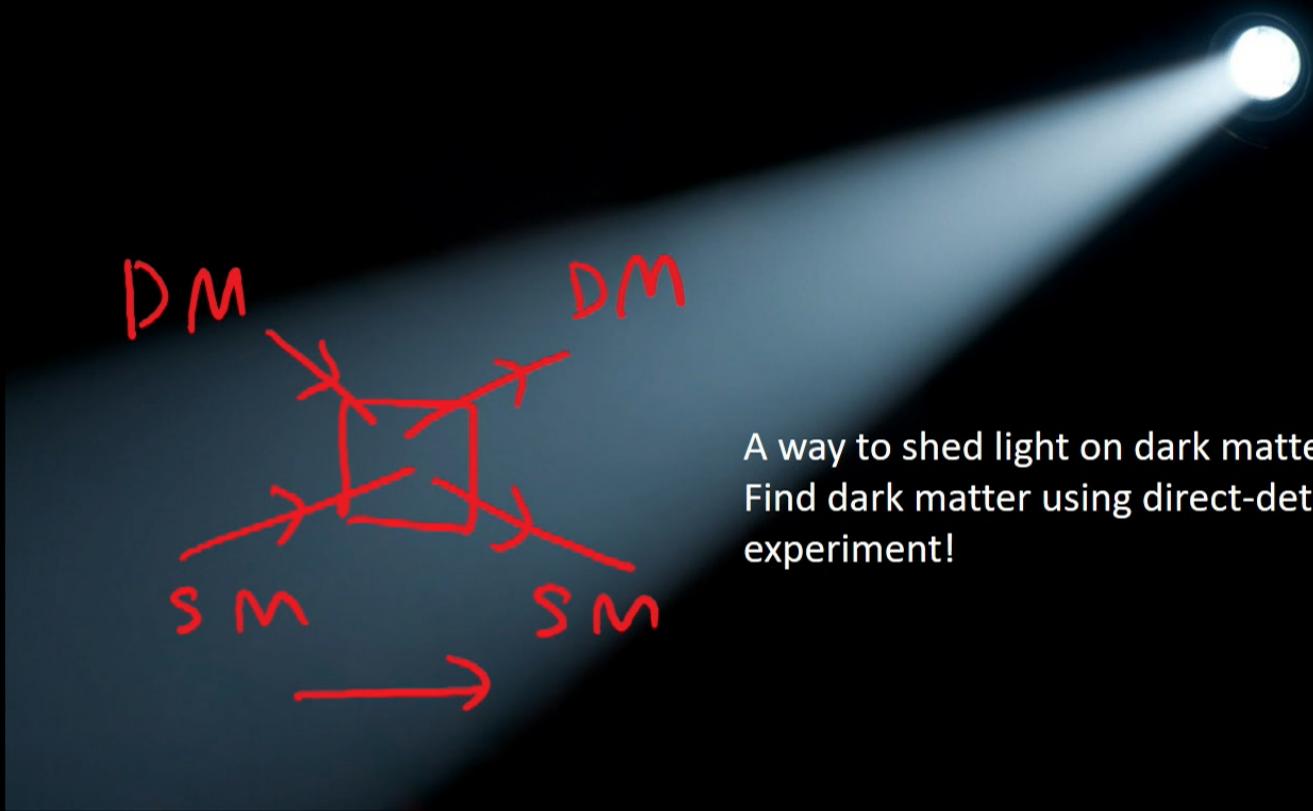
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Overwhelming Observational Astrophysical + Cosmological Evidences

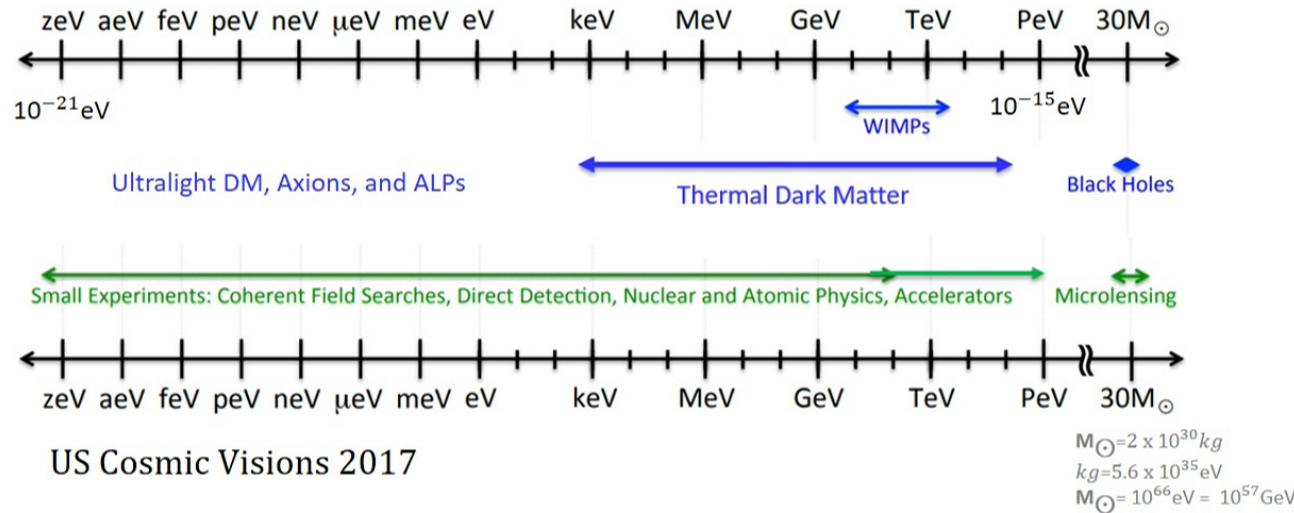
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A way to shed light on dark matter:
Find dark matter using direct-detection
experiment!

Dark Matter/Hidden Particles Exploration

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

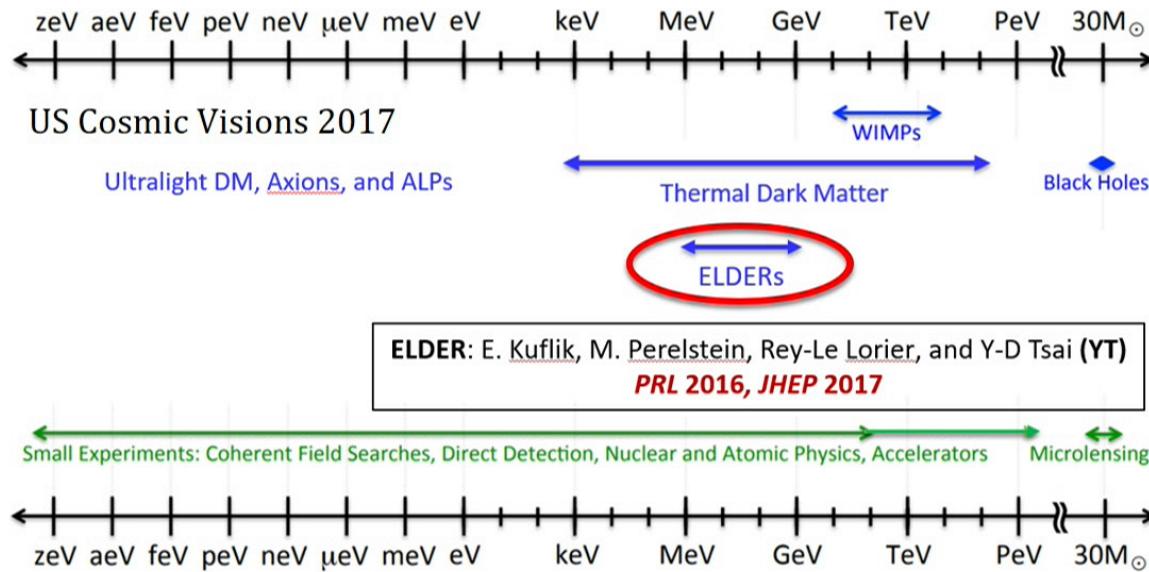


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I mostly work on proposing **dark matter models**,
considering the **experimental/observational signatures**,
and **search methods for DM & hidden particles**

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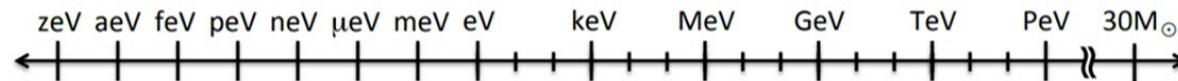
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I spent a lot of my time on proposing/studying
Elastically Decoupling Relic (ELDER) Dark Matter:

- Develop **code for coupled Boltzmann equations**
- **Analytical approach & Thermal averaging**
- **Experimental signatures & Astrophysical constraints (SN)**

Beyond Direct Detection!

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



Bramante, Linden, YT, 1706.00001

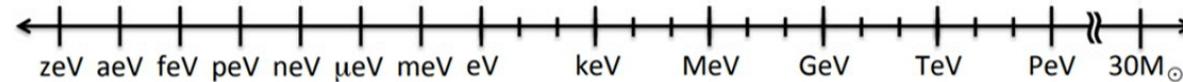
PeV - EeV

- Phenomenology of Super-heavy ADM and Neutron-Star Implosion
Link to NS-NS Mergers!

Bramante, Raj, Baryakhtar, and others + YT

keV - EeV

- More General DM with Neutron-Star Implosion / Neutron-Star Heating



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Unrelated to ELDER dark matter. But DM self interaction could be interesting to consider

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NEW LAMPPOSTS FROM ASTROPHYSICS

Going beyond DM Direct-detection Limits

Outline/Overview

- DM-induced Neutron Star (NS) Implosions
- Astrophysical signatures:
 - **Kilonova Events and r-Process Abundance**
 - Implosion optical signature – **Quiet Kilonova**
speculative radio signature – **Fast Radio Burst**
 - Indirect signature – **Black Merger**
Gravitational + optical signature – **Merger Kilonova:**
NS merger galactic distribution
- I dreamed for a neutron star merger ...

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and we have it now!
GW170817 !!!!!

Golden age for neutron star phenomenology
& multi-messenger probes for new physics

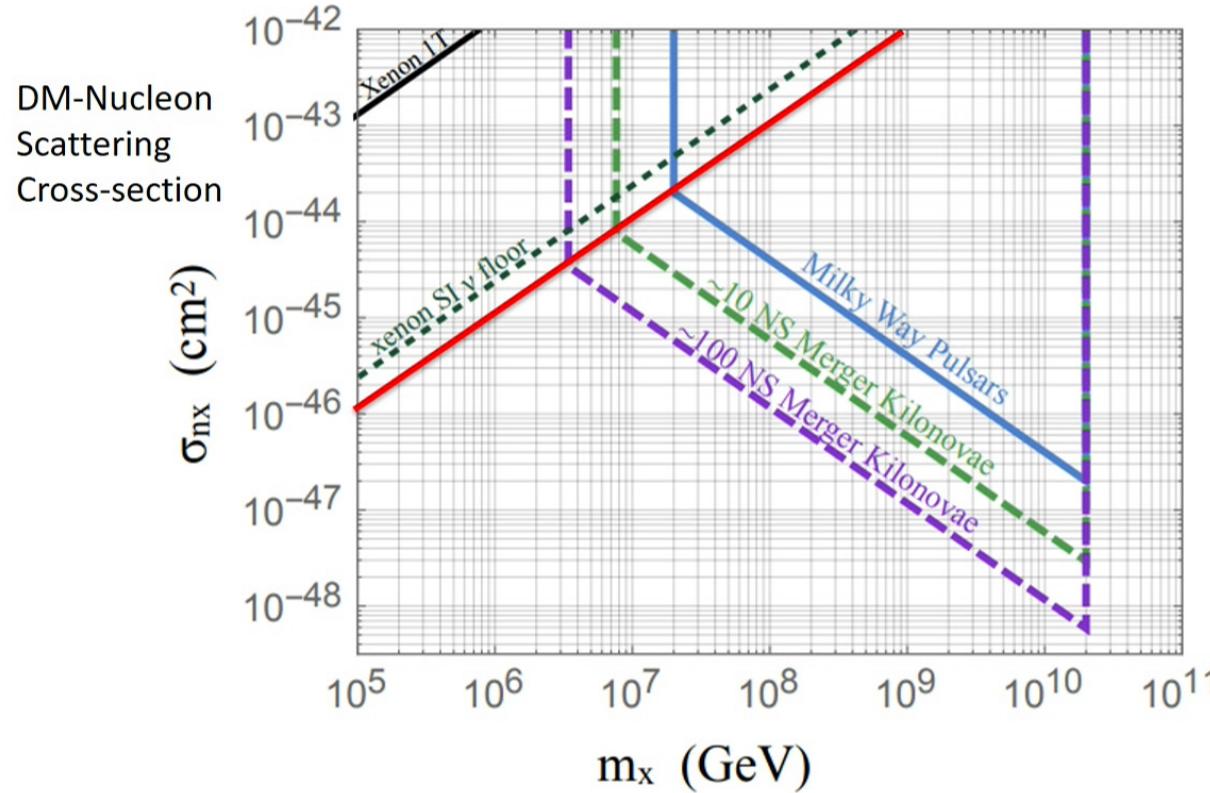
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Why Neutron Star?

- Use neutron star as our direct-detection detector?
It is because the density of the detector is very important! (event rate)
- 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. A teaspoon of neutron star material would weigh around a billion tons.
- Almost a **black hole (BH)**, but the degeneracy pressure is keeping it from collapsing.

Beyond Direct Detection



We will focus on cross-sections above this red curve in this talk

Astrophysical Motivations for DM-induced NS Implosions

Explain Observations/Puzzles:

- **Missing Pulsar Problem**
(Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy, 2013 & Bramante, Elahi, 2015)
- **Explain Fast Radio Burst (FRB)**
(Fuller and Ott, 2014 & Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)
- **Enrichment of r-process elements**
(Bramante, Linden, 16 & Bramante, Linden, YT, 17,
also in progress, considering recent Draco measurement)

New Astrophysical Object:

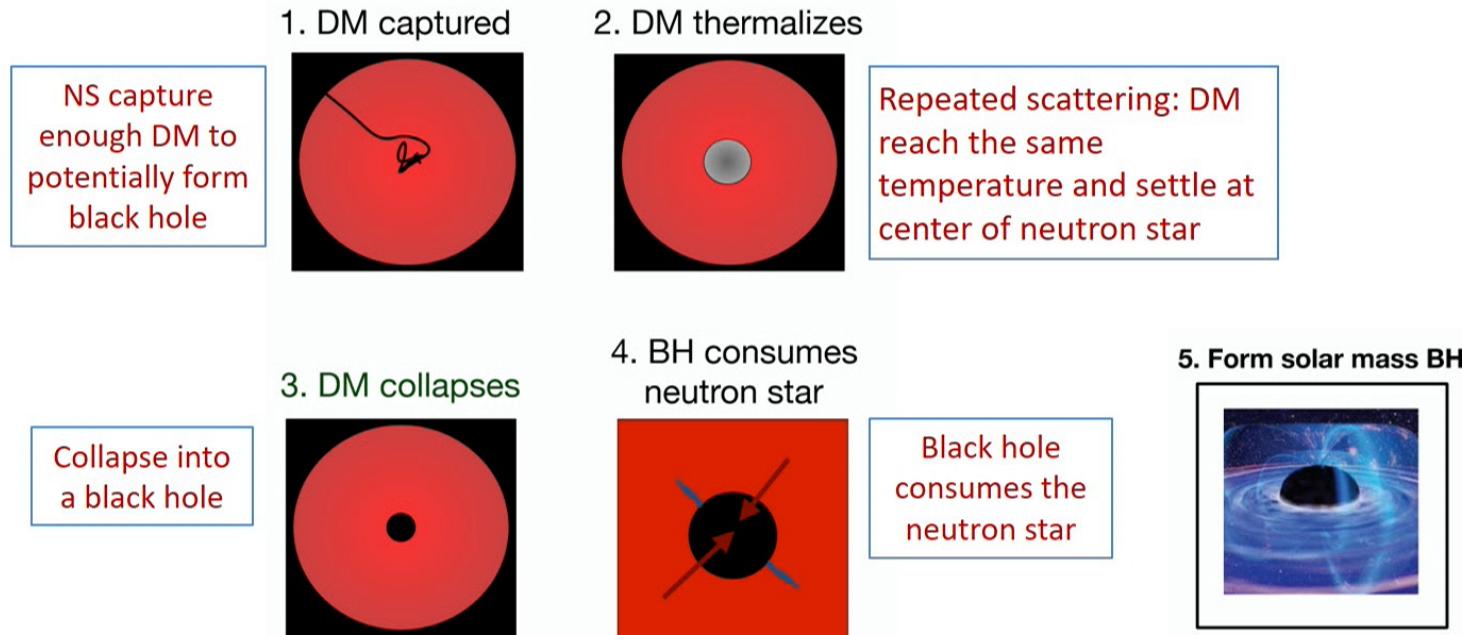
- **Black Merger: NS-mass BH-BH binary merger events** (Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)

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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, Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy 2013, ...
- Extend to **Topological Defects (GUT)**,
Q-Ball (SUSY), etc (Bramante, YT, just started)
- Primordial black hole (different process), see e.g. Fuller, Kusenko, Takhistov, 17

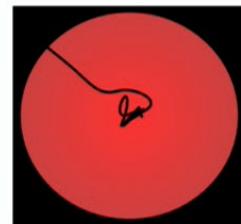
DM-induced NS Implosions



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

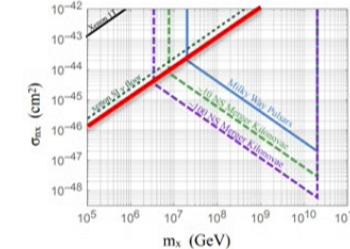
Dark Matter Capture

1. DM captured



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, $b_{\max} = \left(\frac{2GMR}{v_x^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1/2}$
(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_{crit}) to accumulate

$$t_c \propto v_x / \rho_x. \quad (\text{assume NFW profile throughout the talk})$$

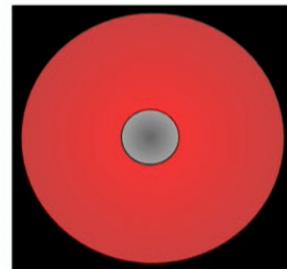
See also Bramante, Linden, YT, 1706.00001

+ Bramante, Delgado, Martin, 2017 (multi-scattering)

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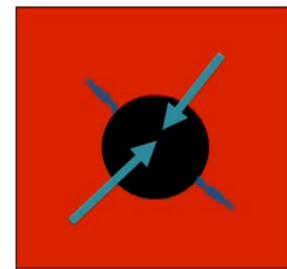
2. DM thermalizes



3. DM collapses



4. BH consumes neutron star



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

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

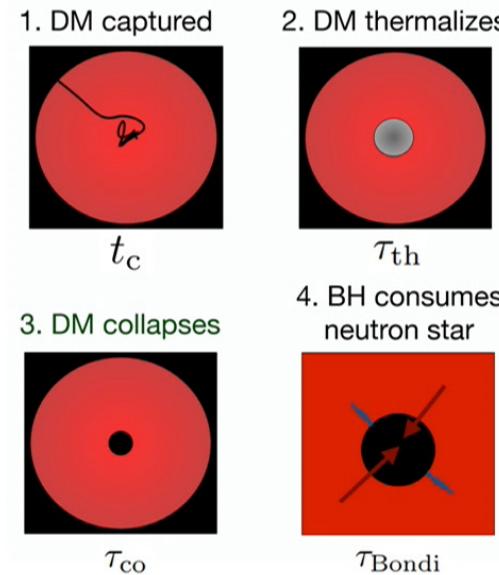
DM will collapse to a black hole if the accumulated mass exceeds its own degeneracy pressure

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

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} M_{crit}^{ferm} &\simeq M_{pl}^3/m_X^2 \\ M_{crit}^{bos} &\simeq \sqrt{\lambda} M_{pl}^3/m_X^2 \\ V(\phi) &= \lambda |\phi|^4 \end{aligned}}$$

Bondi accretion from the black hole consumes the host neutron star

Time scales



For PeV-EeV ADM:

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

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

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

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

Bramante, Linden, YT, 1706.00001

Normalized Implosion Time (NIT)

PeV-EeV

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

$$\text{For } \sigma_{nx} \gtrsim 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{m_x}{\text{PeV}} \right), \quad b_{\max} = \left(\frac{2GM}{v_x^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R} \right)^{-1/2}.$$

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

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

Fermion:

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

R=10 km,
M=1.4 M_⊙

Boson:

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

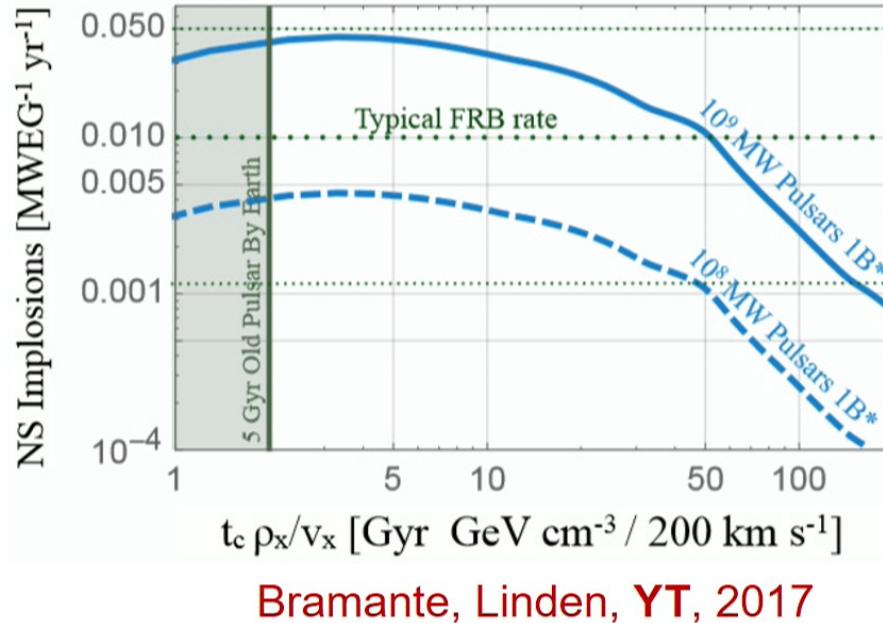
Colpi, Shapiro, and Wasserman, 1986

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

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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,
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position in galaxy

Could match
FRB energy/rate
(Fuller & Ott, 2014)

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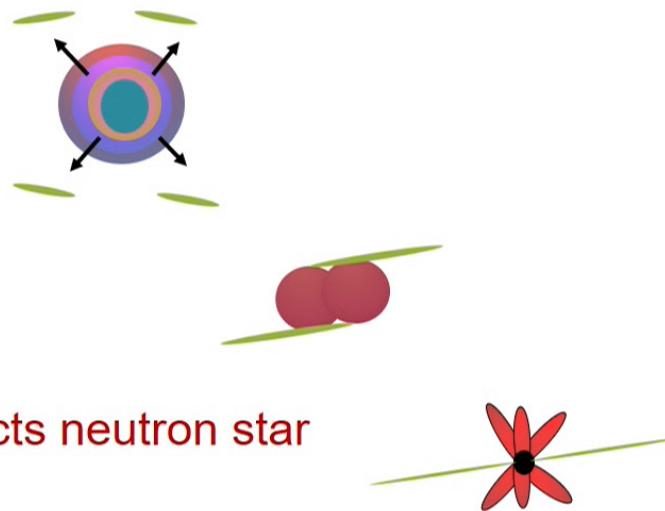
R-PROCESS AND KILONOVA

Preferred/Constrained
NS Implosion Parameter Space

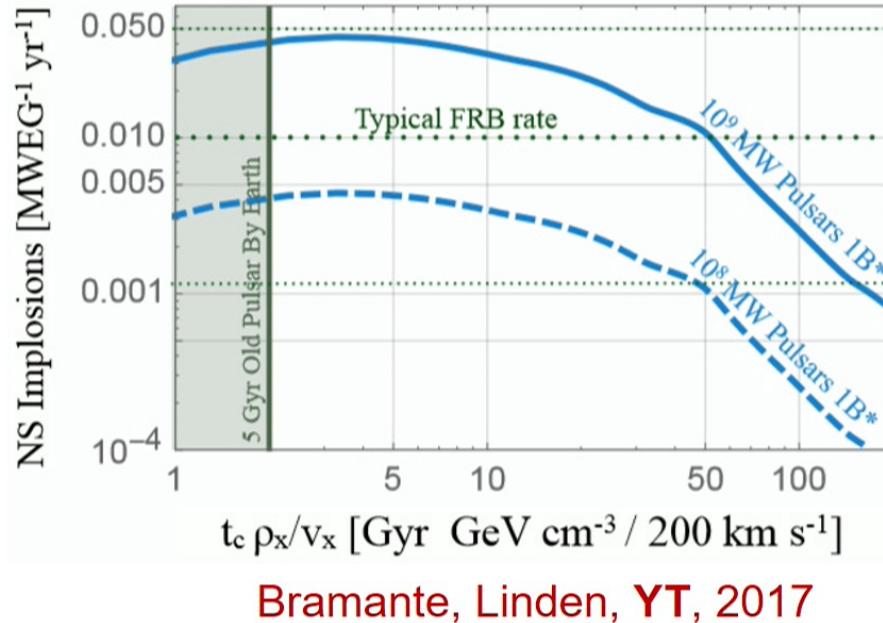
r-Process (Rapid Neutron Capture Process)

Postulated r-process sources:

- Core collapse supernovae
- Merging neutron star binaries
- Neutron star implosion tidally ejects neutron star fluid (rate see e.g. 1706.00001)



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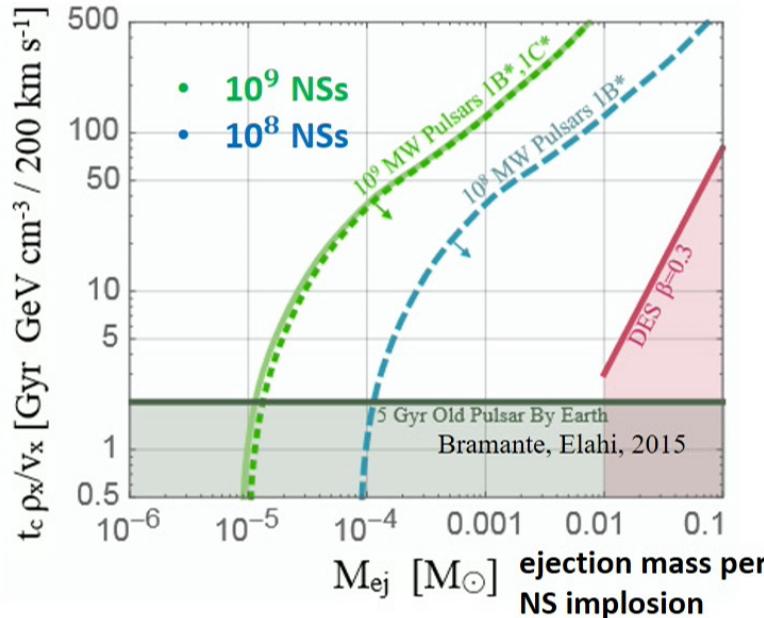
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r-Process Element Abundance & Bounds



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

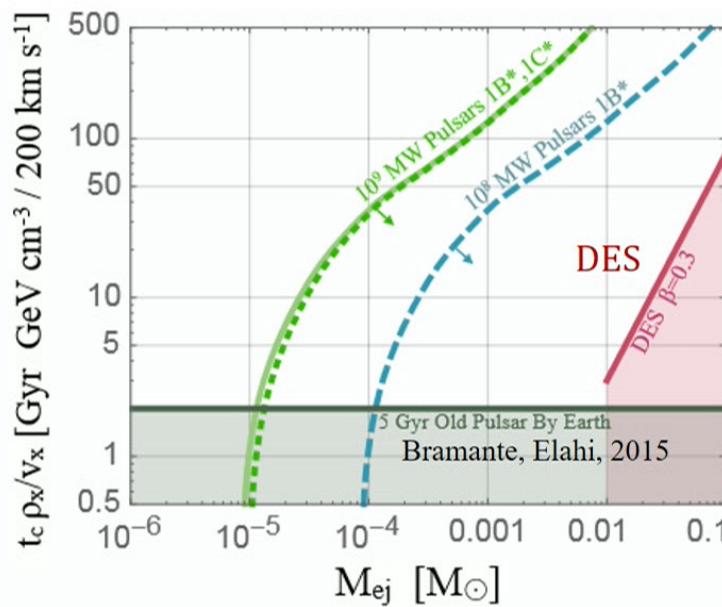
If **NS implosions** are responsible for all the **r-process elements**, we have the “matching” curves and constraints set by requiring **total NS mass ejected to $\leq 10^4 M_\odot$ in the Milky Way**.

- x-axis: **ejection mass per NS implosion**
- y-axis: **implosion parameter** $t_c \rho_x / v_x$
- **Plan to develop numerical simulation of the NS implosion**

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

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Kilonova Bound



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

Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

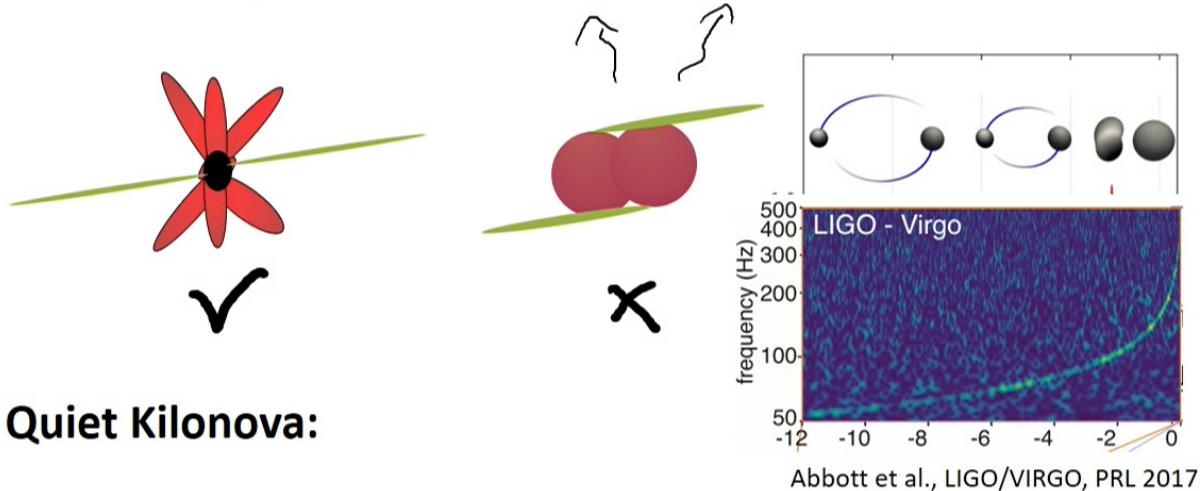
Kilonova light curves depend mainly on the **mass** and **velocity** of NS fluid ejected (Barnes & Kasen, 2013)

- **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:

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

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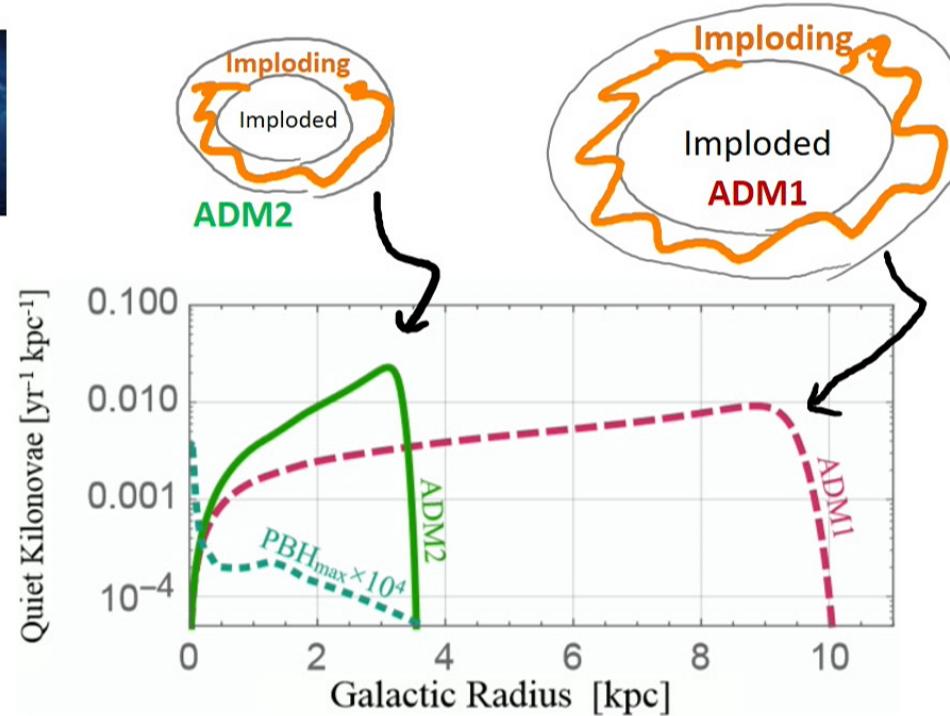
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Quiet Kilonova/NS Implosion Morphology

... or “Quilonova Donut”



- ADM1 implosion faster than ADM2;
- ADM1 is the larger donut;
- DM use NFW profile.
- Finding them with the assist of FRBs (Fuller and Ott, 2014, Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017, new work in progress)



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Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

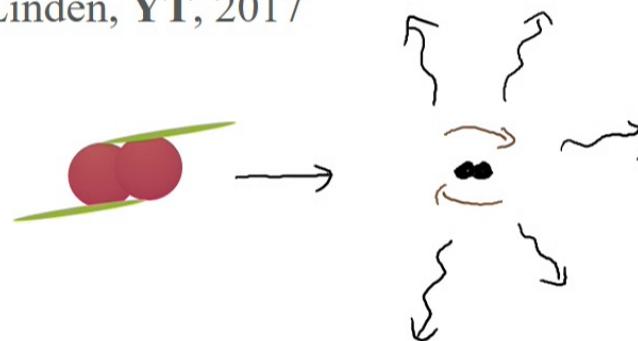
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BLACK MERGER

Gravitational-wave Signature form
Converted NS-NS Merger

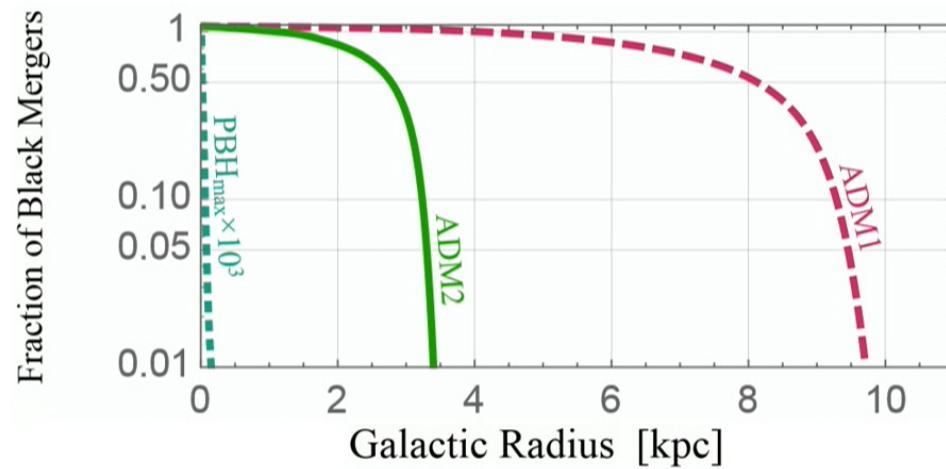
G-Wave Signature: Black Mergers

- There is a postulated mass gap between lightest BH and heaviest NS ($< 3 M_{\odot}$)
- Black Hole (BH) mass: BH ($> 8 M_{\odot}$) and BH-BH mergers are ($> 18 M_{\odot}$) observationally
- NS-NS mergers are converted into BH-BH mergers, creating $m \sim 2 - 3 M_{\odot}$ (neutron-star-mass) BH-BH mergers, violating the putative mass gap.
- These are NS-mass merger events WITHOUT optical follow-on, we call them “Black Mergers”.
- Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017



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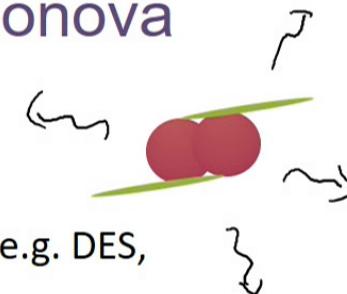
- **No NS-NS merger in the Galactic Center**
- Can use **LIGO/Virgo** to see merger signatures, that are without optical signatures by **BlackGEM** telescope
- **Not easy to confirm a black merger**
- Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017, Yang, East, Lehner, (PI) 2017

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MERGER KILONOVA (NS-NS MERGER DISTRIBUTION)

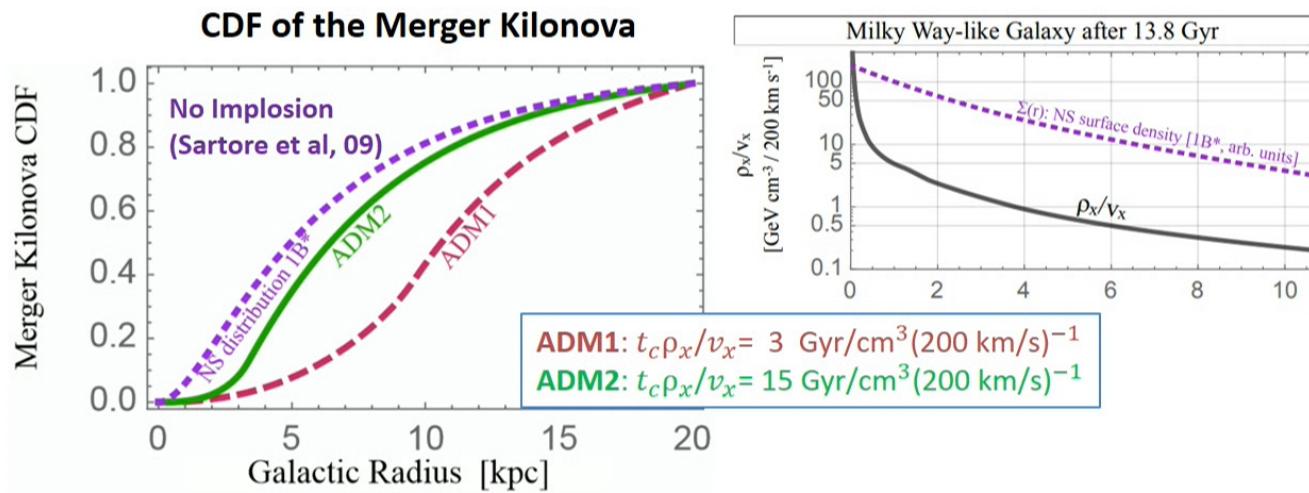
Using the altered NS-NS galactic merger distribution to test DM-induced implosions

Combined Signature: Merger Kilonova



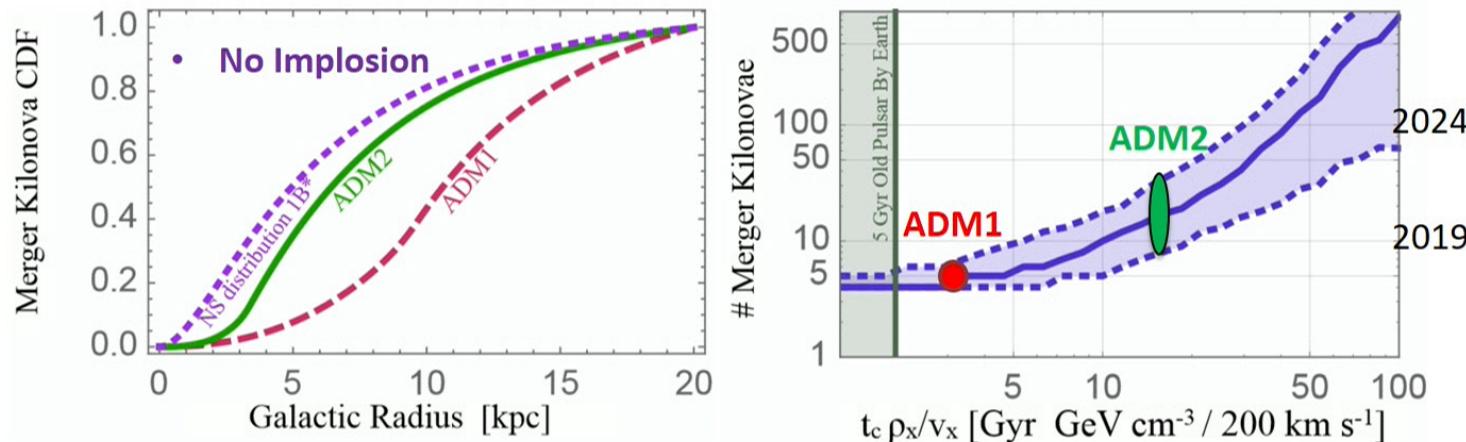
Merger Kilonova: NS-NS mergers

- Merger signatures detectable by LIGO/Virgo
- The associated Kilonova signature can be confirmed by, e.g. DES, BlackGEM, ZTF, ...
- Having *Black Mergers* means the usual NS-NS(BH) mergers have the **distributions altered by NS implosions**



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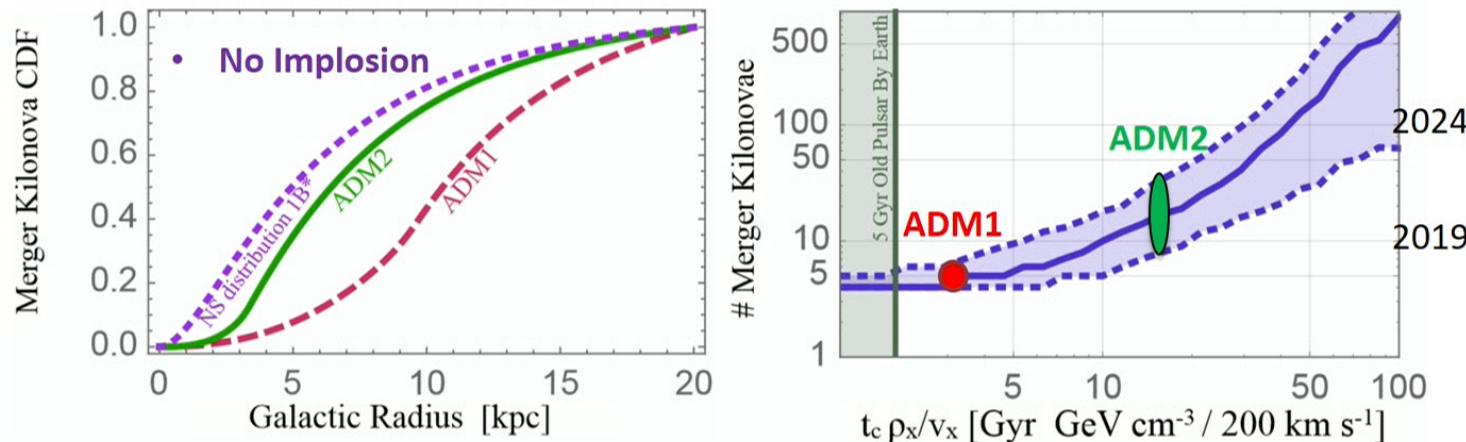
Statistics of Merger Kilonova Events



- 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 **2σ 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**
- This was done just for MWEG with NFW profile.
- Different galaxy would need modification (e.g. NGC 4993 elliptical galaxy)

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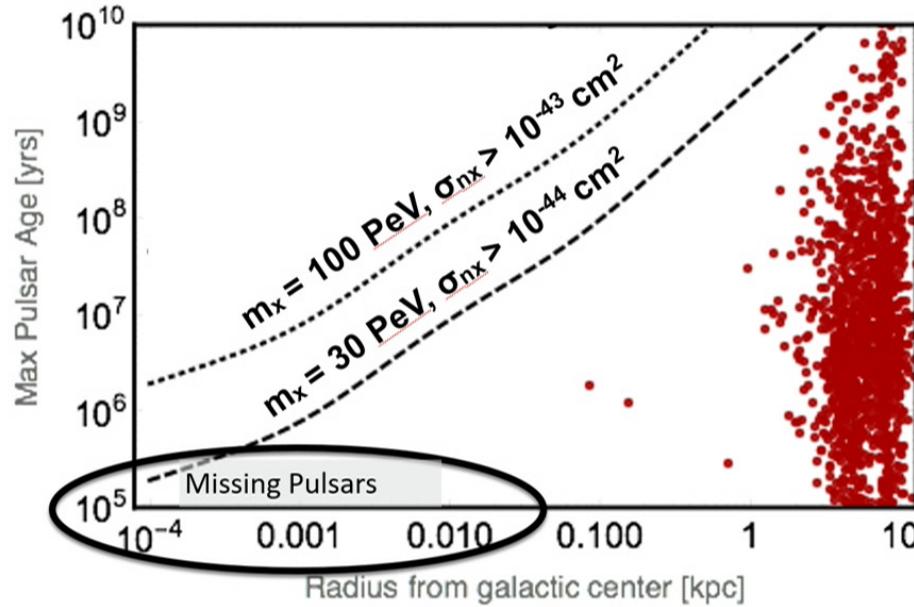
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- Can use **pulsars** to do the similar analysis, but hard to see near the center. NS implosion consistent with “**missing pulsar problem**”

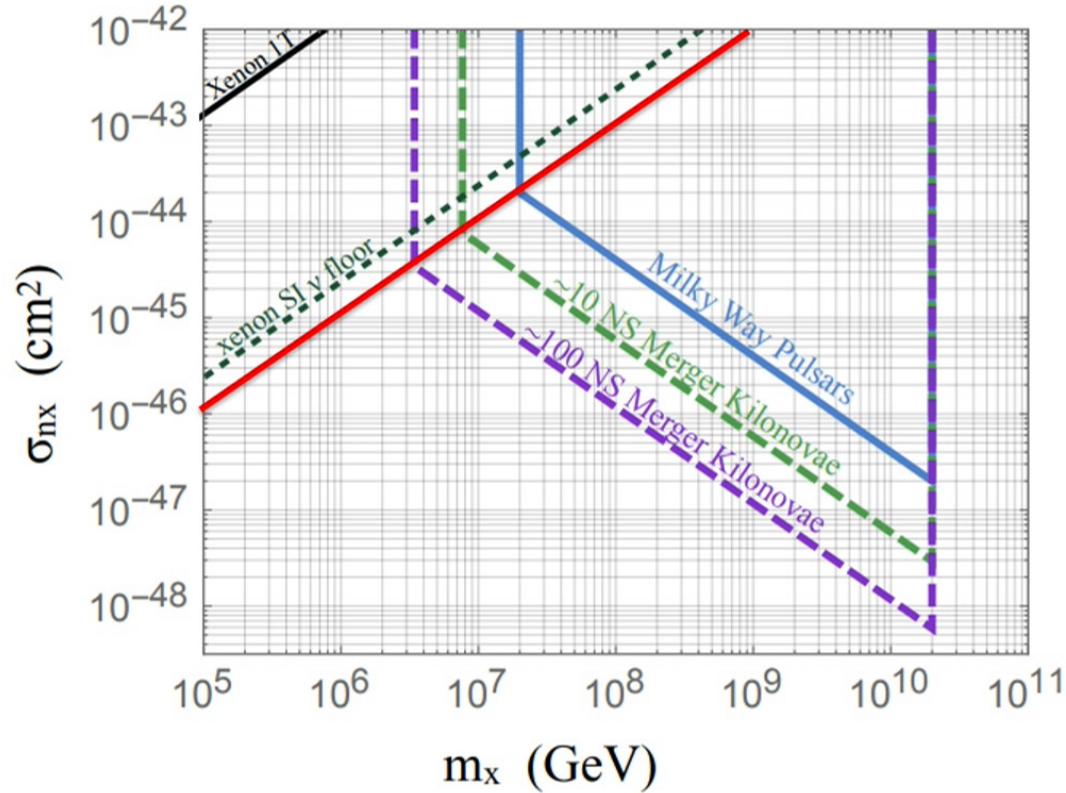
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Dark Matter and Maximum Pulsar Age Curves



- 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!**
- Milky Way's 1-500 pc center surveyed in the next decade by FAST, SKA.

Beyond Direct Detection



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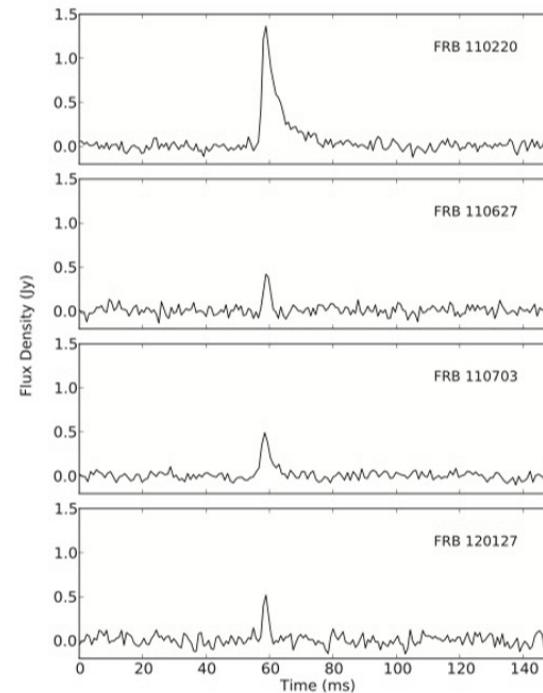
FAST RADIO BURSTS

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 could match 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]

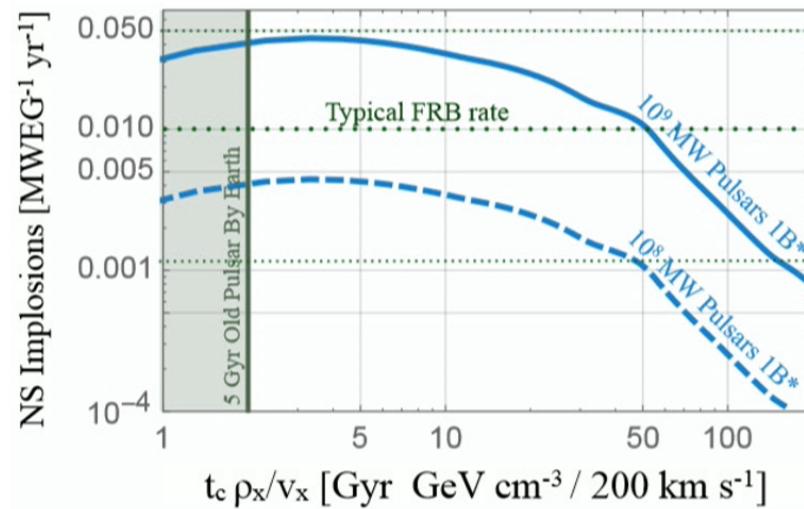


- Thornton et al., 2013

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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].

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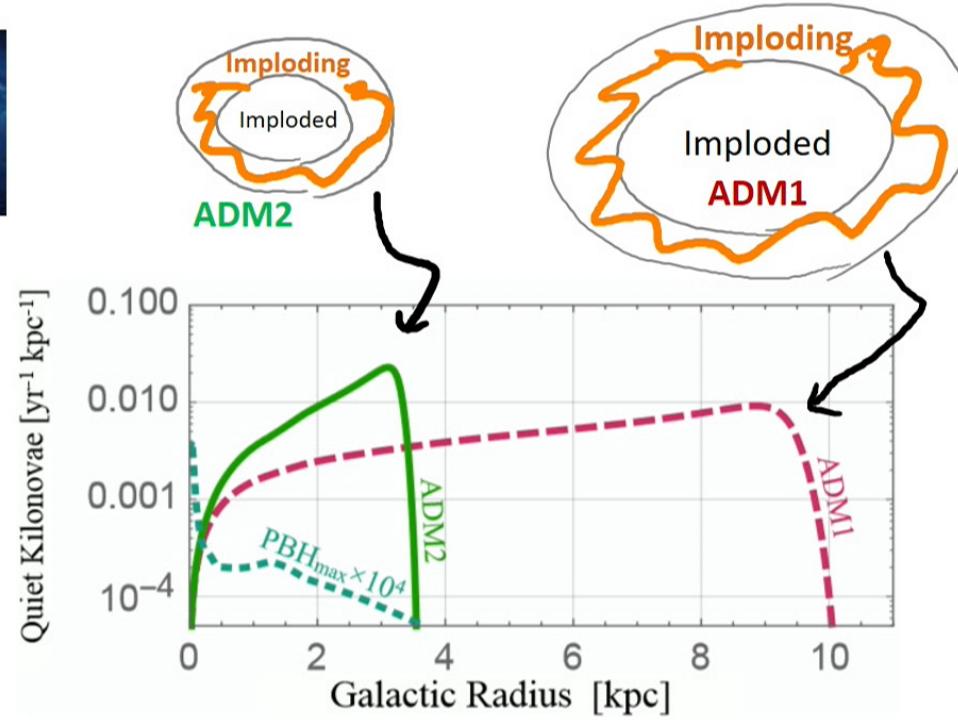
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FRB/NS Implosion Morphology

... or "FRB Donut"



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Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017

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Linking FRBs to NS-Implosions

- The energy contained in the magnetosphere can be estimated as

$$E_M \sim 10^{42} \text{ erg } B_{12}^2,$$

- where B_{12} is the dipole field strength in units of 10^{12} G.
The radio emission from the NS implosion scenario is similar to that described in Falcke & Rezzolla (2014) (FR14), examining **the collapse of an isolated and magnetized supramassive rotating neutron star (SURON)** to a BH.
- **During the collapse, electrons/positrons bound to field lines generate coherent radiation as the field reconfigures. If $\sim 10^{-3}$ of the field energy is emitted as radiation near GHz frequencies, an FRB can be generated (Fuller & Ott, 2014).**

Linking FRB to NS-Implosions

- To describe the emission, they use a basic relativistic curvature radiation model (Gunn & Ostriker 1971; Ruderman & Sutherland 1975) over radius R ($R = r_{10}$ 10 km its radius)

$$\nu_{\text{curv}} = \frac{3c\gamma^3}{4\pi R} \simeq 7.2 \gamma^3 r_{10}^{-1} \text{ kHz.}$$

- However, for the radio emission to propagate through the plasma, the radiation has to be above the plasma frequency for a e+ /e - pair plasma:

$$\nu_p = \frac{\omega_p}{2\pi} \sim 40 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\gamma_{\min} \gtrsim 175.3 .$$

Linking FRB to NS-Implosions

- Also, requiring that no more power is radiated than is available in the magnetosphere as discussed in FR14, one need to require that the fraction of relativistic electrons with $\gamma \geq \gamma_{\min}$ should not be higher than

$$\eta_{e,\max} \lesssim 0.3 \% \quad \gamma_{\min} \gtrsim 175.3$$

- E.g. if we assume that the **energy distribution of electrons in the shock front** is a power-law of the form

$$dN_e(\gamma)/d\gamma \propto \gamma^{-p},$$

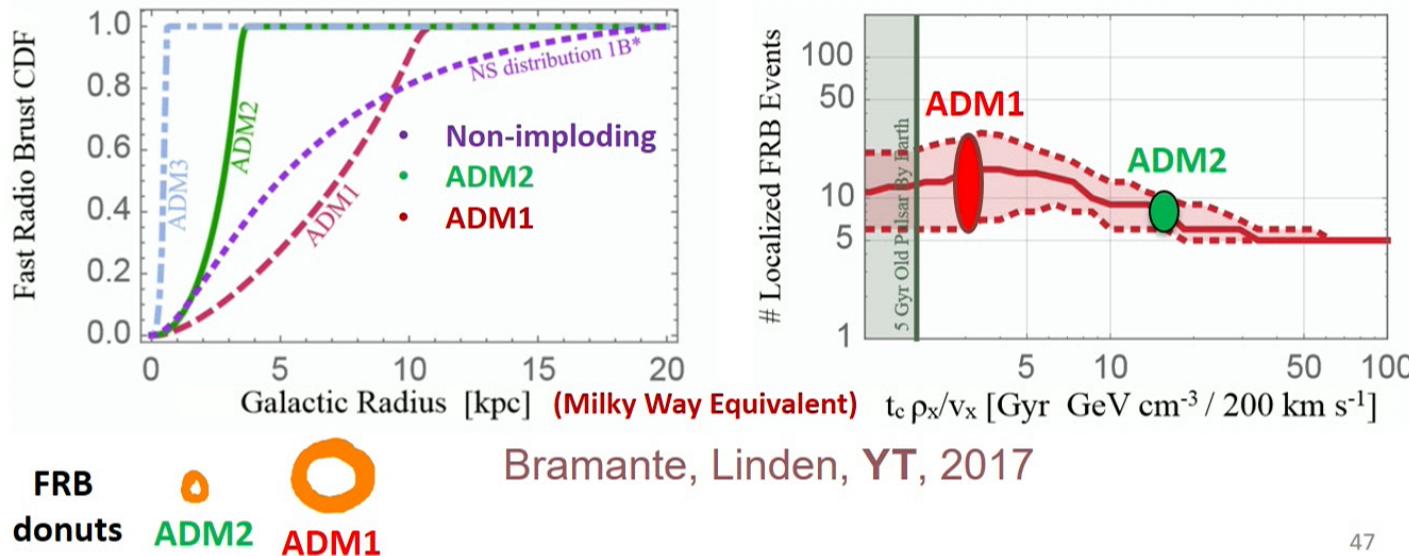
with $1 < \gamma < \infty$,

$$\eta_{e,\max} = N(\gamma \geq \gamma_{\min})/N(\gamma \geq 1) = \gamma_{\min}^{1-p}.$$

- Hence, after requiring that $\gamma_{\min} \geq 175$ and that $\eta_{e,\max} < 0.3\%$, it was concluded conclude that $p \geq 2.1$ as a electron distribution criterion for the FRB.

Statistics of Located FRBs (+Quilonova)

- FRB caused by **DM-induced NS-implosions** vs FRB come from a **non-imploding population of NSs**, at 2σ significance.
- Need localized to $\sim 1 \text{ kpc}$ in a host galaxy
- FRBs could possibly be **located** by CHIME - The Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment & HIRAX- The Hydrogen Intensity and Real-time Analysis eXperiment



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in the **next few years**.
- **Extend to a wider mass-range and coupling strength.**
- **Many other rich phenomena one could explore!**

Astrophysical Motivations for DM-induced NS Implosions

Explain Observations/Puzzles:

- Missing Pulsar Problem
(Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy, 2013 & Bramante, Elahi, 2015)
- Explain Fast Radio Burst (FRB)
(Fuller and Ott, 2014 & Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)
- Enrichment of r-process elements
(Bramante, Linden, 16 & Bramante, Linden, YT, 17,
also in progress, considering recent Draco measurement)

New Astrophysical Object:

- Black Merger: NS-mass BH-BH binary merger events
(Bramante, Linden, YT, 2017)

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- Study **Topological Defects (GUT)**, **Q-ball (SUSY)** models!
- Plan to think about **neutrino signatures**

Outlook

- Understanding **neutron star** and **nuclear physics** better!
- The golden age of **neutron star phenomenology** (no pun intended)
- **Multi-messenger Astrophysical Probes for New Physics:** Imagine O(100) SN 1987A
- NS implosion/collapse simulation

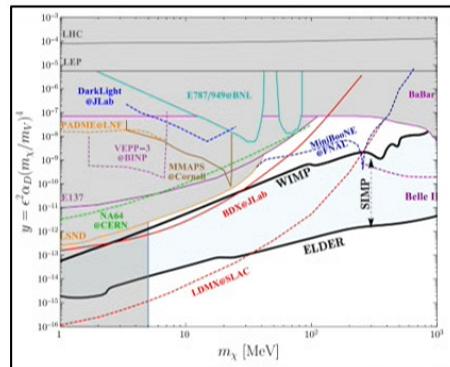
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Ongoing Research

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



1 Sub-GeV Thermal DM

- Perelstein
 - Slatyer
 - Kuflik
 - Xue
 - Lorier
 - Liu
- **ELDER / ELDER + NFDM**
- Experimental /Observational Signatures

- 1512.04545, 1706.05381...

v Hopes for New Physics

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- 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 ...

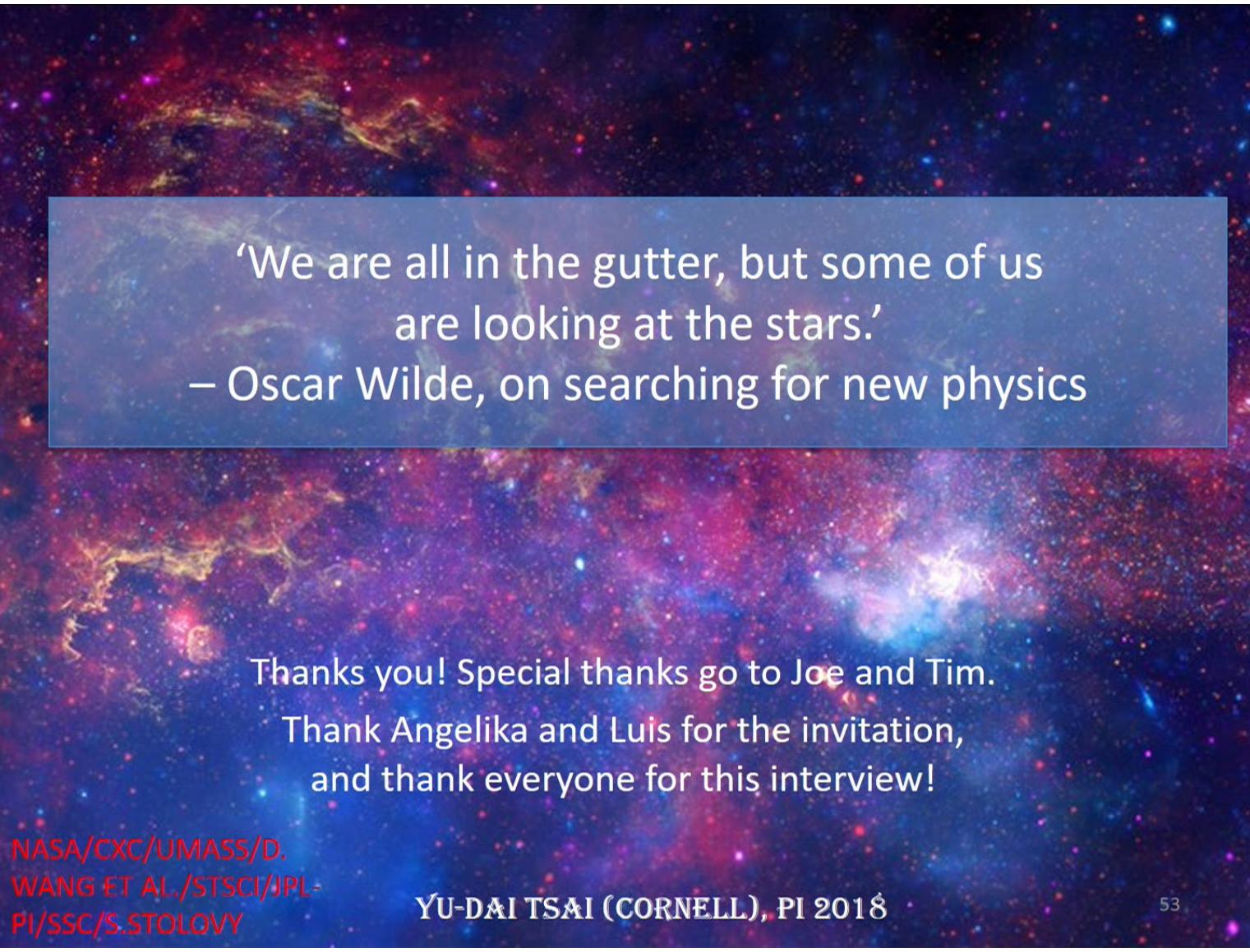
New Lampposts from Astrophysics

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- 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

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