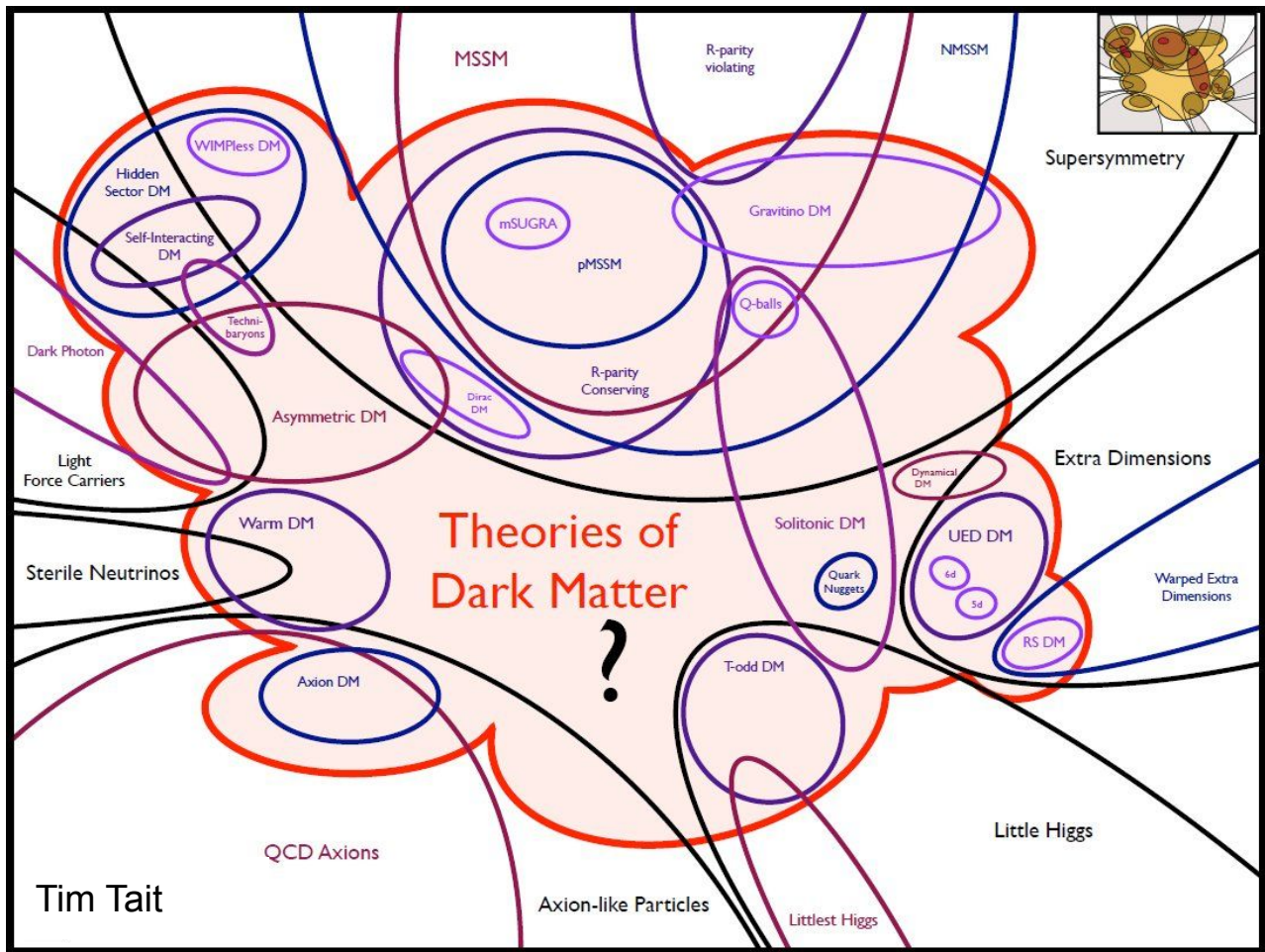


Gaining Insight into PBH Dark Matter *with Compact Stars*

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+ PBH!



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PBH as DM

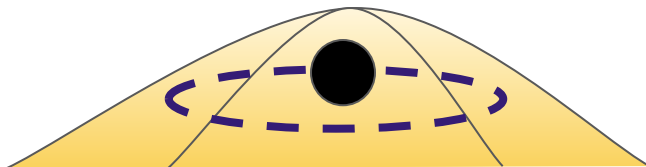
- Black holes
 - astrophysical → old stars
 - primordial → early Universe [Zeldovich, Novikov, 1967; Hawking, 1971; Carr, Hawking, 1974]
- Why get excited about PBH DM ?
 - no clear signs of particle DM
 - GW astronomy [Bird+ 2016; Sasaki, Thorne+ 1997...] [Riotto...]
 - generic in many BSM models [Fuller, Carr, Dolgov, Kawasaki, Kusenko, Gregory*..]
 - help solve astro puzzles (e.g. seed SMBH [Kusenko, Kawasaki...])
 - already might appear in standard cosmology (but unlikely)

Many expert talks...

PBH formation

- “Standard” scenario: large perturbations ($\delta \sim 1$) enter horizon \rightarrow collapse

[Kawasaki, Sasaki ...]



- Need to fine tune inflaton potential

\rightarrow sensitive to restrictions on field behavior

- **Example:** “string swampland conjectures” [Kawasaki, VT, PRD, 2018]

PBH formation

- Attractive new general scenario: **scalar field fragmentation** → **A. Kusenko**

[Cotner, Kusenko, PRL, 2016]

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[Cotner, Kusenko, VT, PRD, 2018]

[Cotner, Kusenko, Sasaki, VT, JCAP, 2019]

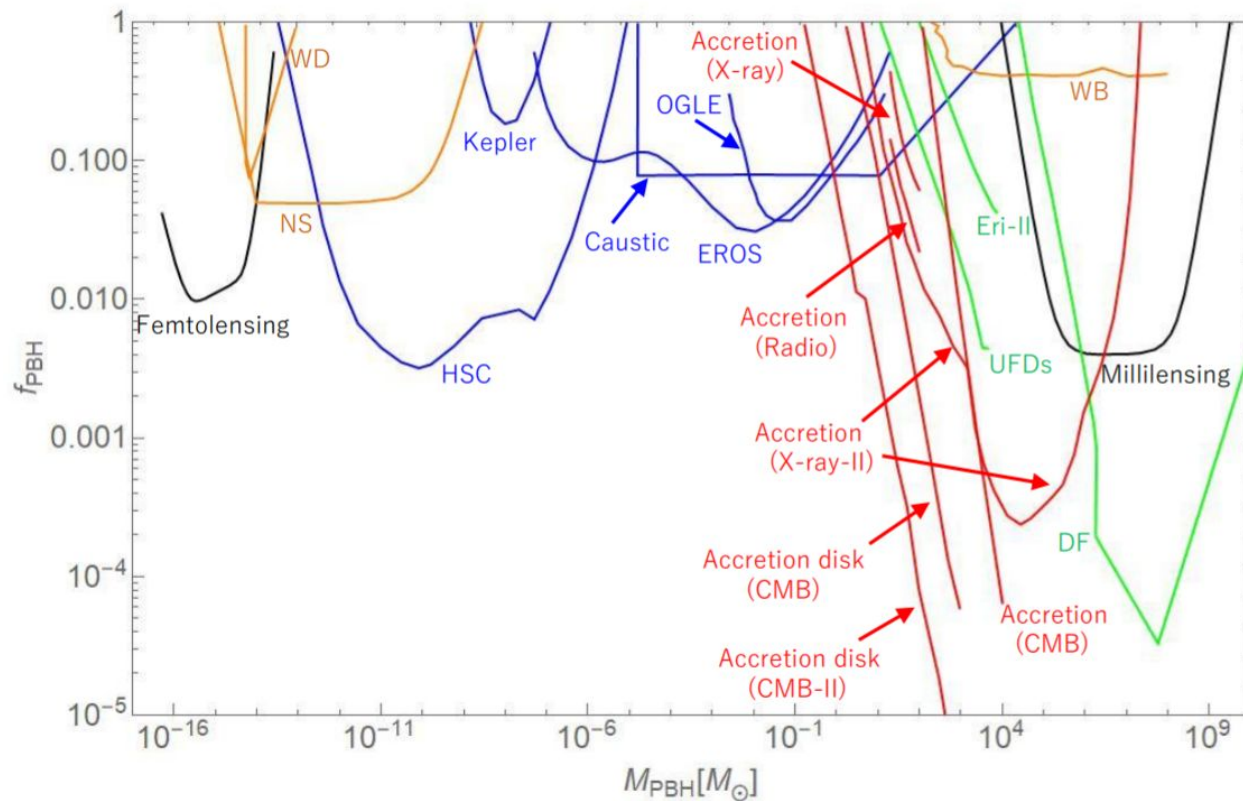
→ many exciting things to explore further !

... fragmentation could be very generic, in line with lore that gravity is weakest force

[Kusenko, VT, Yamada, Yamazaki, 2019]

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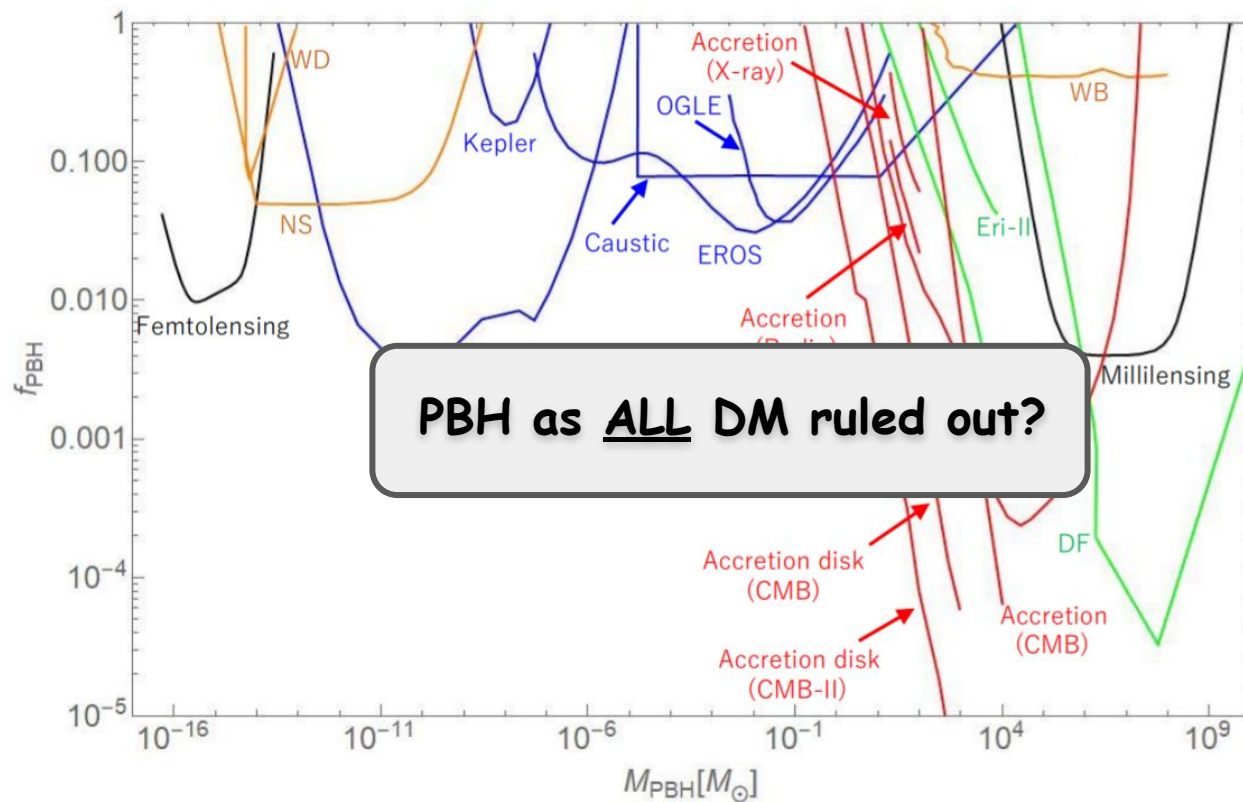
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[Sasaki+, 2017]

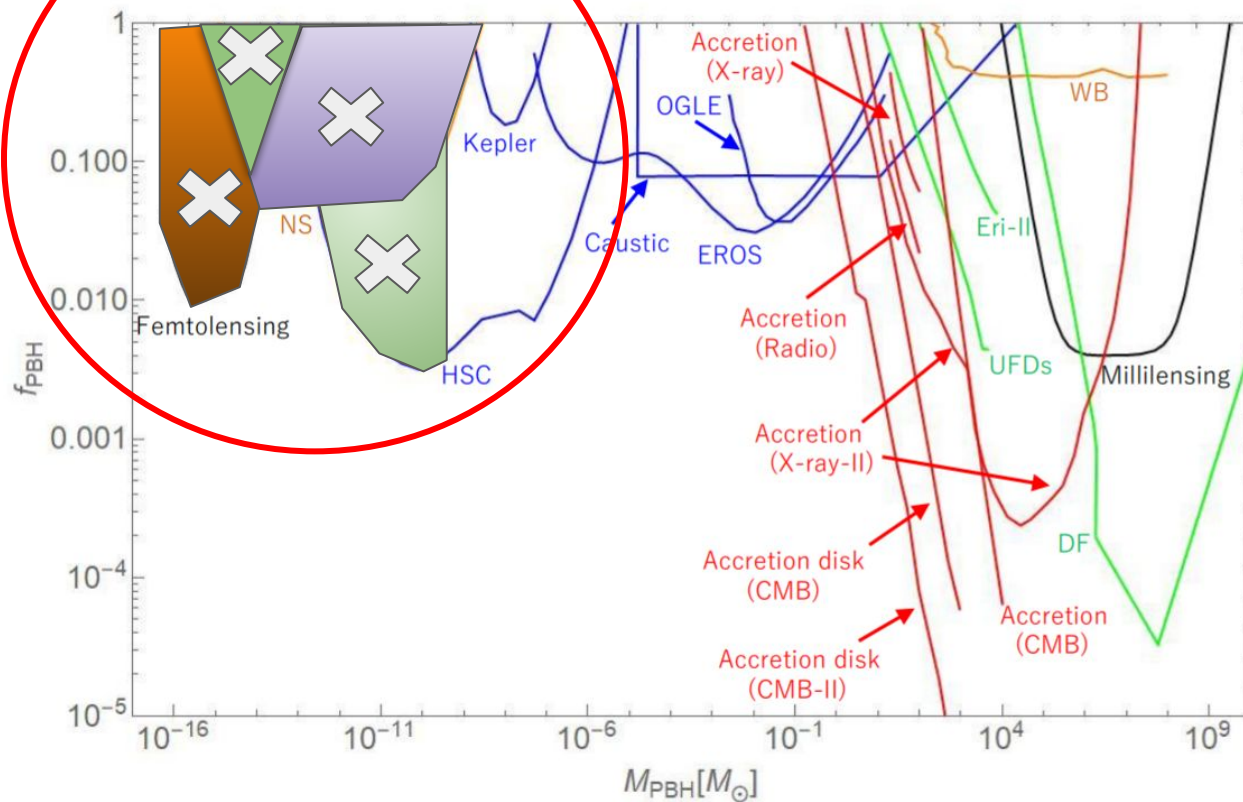
→ important to consider particle DM + PBH mix [Koushiappas]

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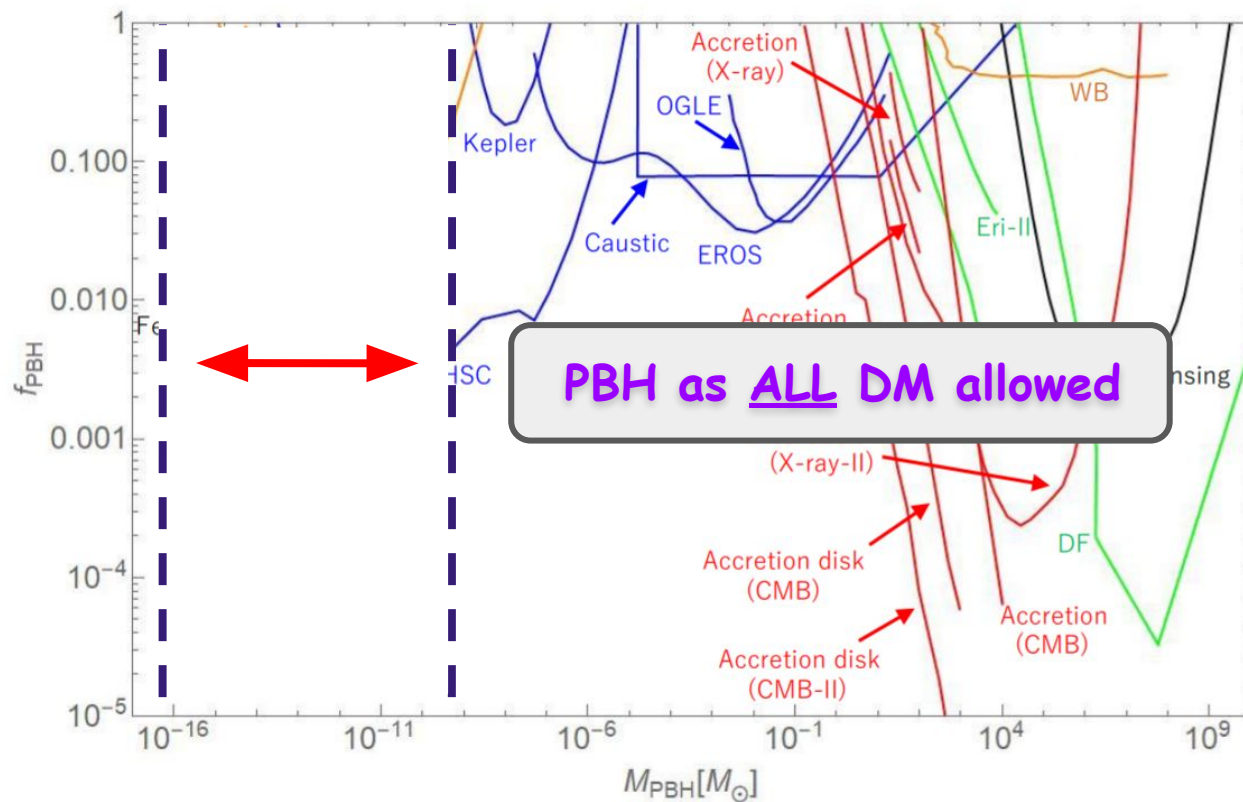
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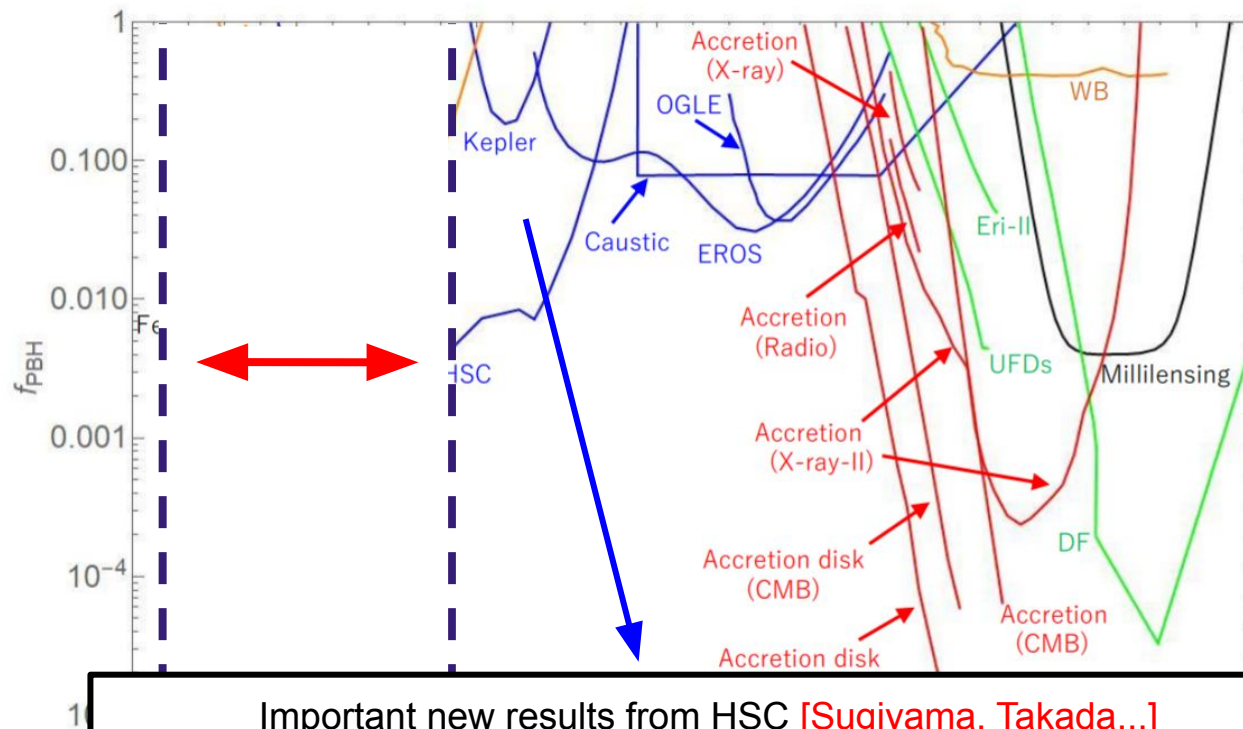
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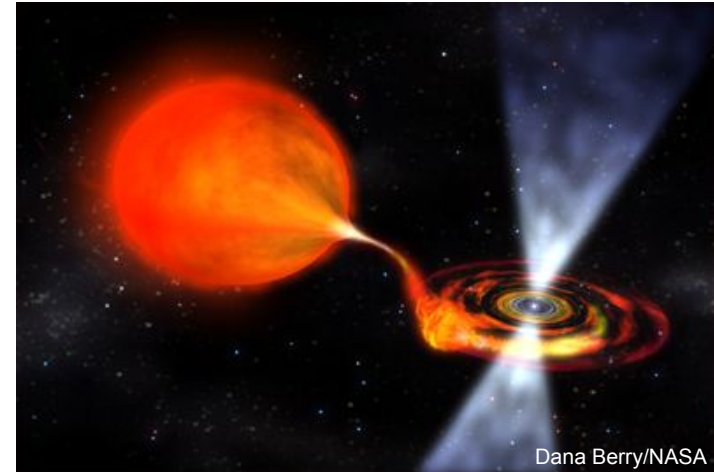
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Important new results from HSC [Sugiyama, Takada...]
*can test interesting models [Vitagliano]

*...can we gain some insight
into this interesting open region?*

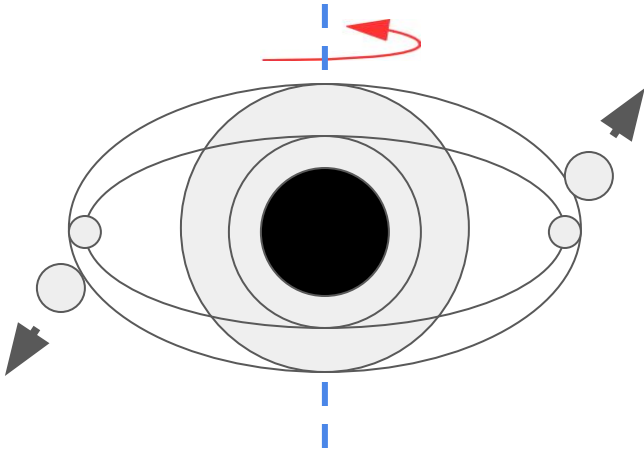
Compact stars as PBH laboratories

- Small PBHs can be effectively captured by NS/WD in DM-rich environments (e.g. Galactic Center)
- Captured PBH settle and grow inside, destroy star
→ **new signals, potential open problem solutions**
 - r-process nucleosynthesis, 511 keV, FRBs
[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL, 2017]
+ *Viewpoint Highlight* by H.-T. Janka
 - solar-mass BHs, GRBs, microquasars
[VT, PLB, 2017; VT, PLB, 2018]



Dana Berry/NASA

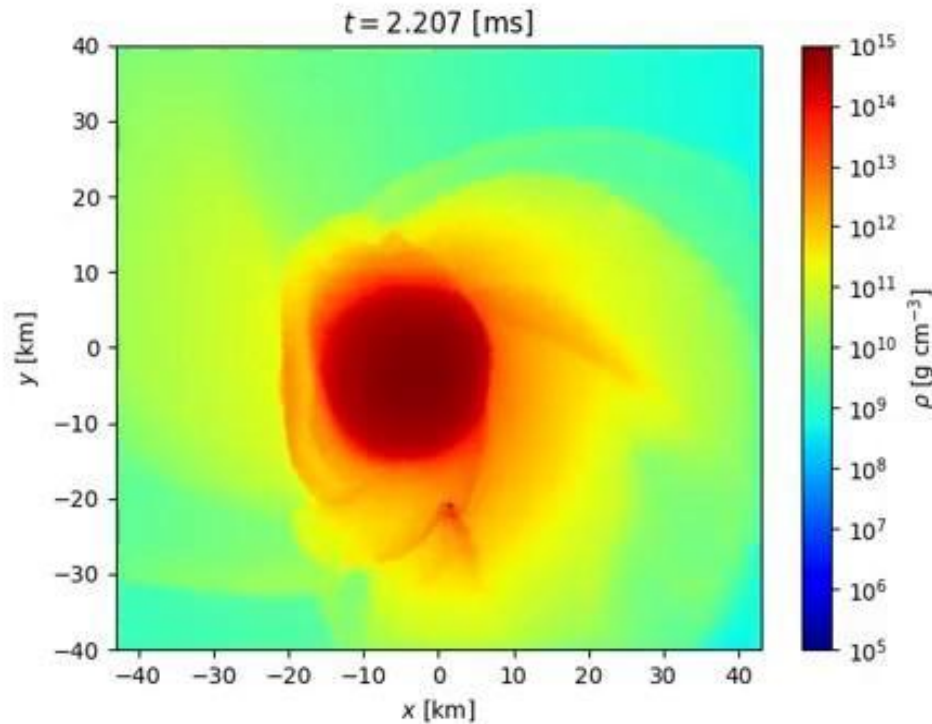
PBH in millisecond pulsar



- MSP spins near mass-shedding limit
→ stretched spheroid (analytic Roche lobe model)
- Add PBH: star consumed → contracts → spins up
- Matter exceeds escape velocity at equator

→ **neutron-rich material ejecta**

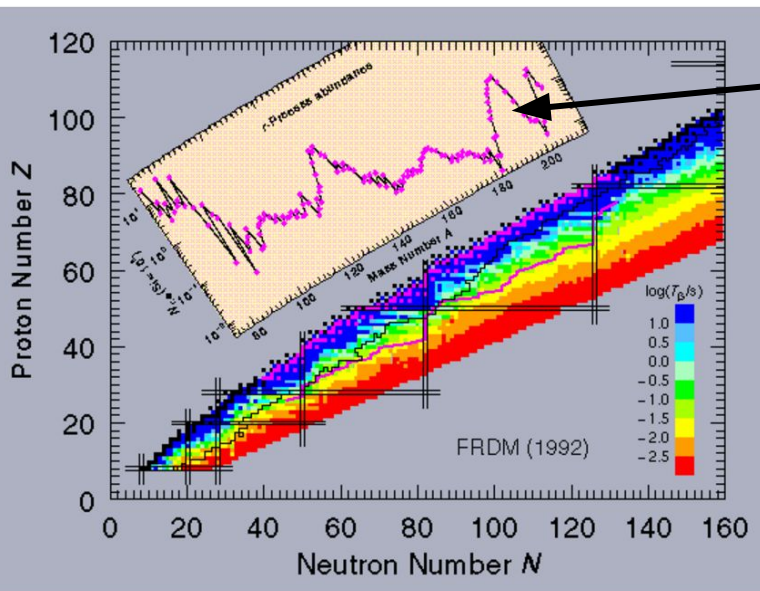
Neutron-rich material emission



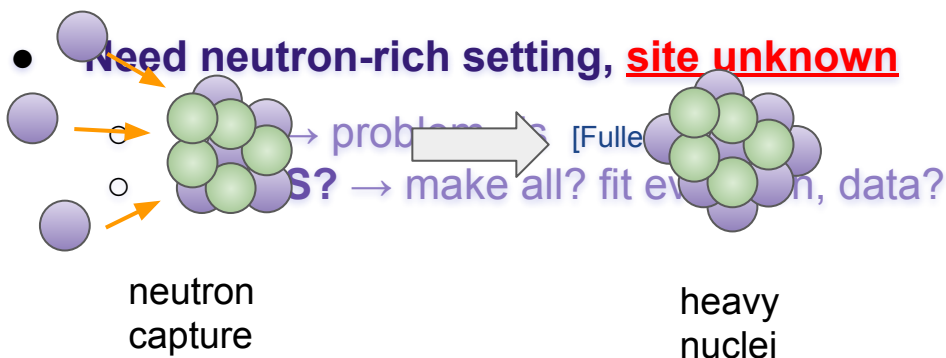
preliminary
simulations by
David Radice
(Penn State)

***** sensitive to
input conditions,
need more studies**

R-process nucleosynthesis: stellar gold factories



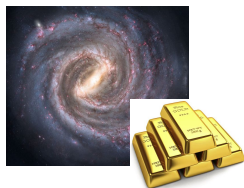
- Neutrons **rapidly** captured before β -decay
- Main producer of heavy astro-elements



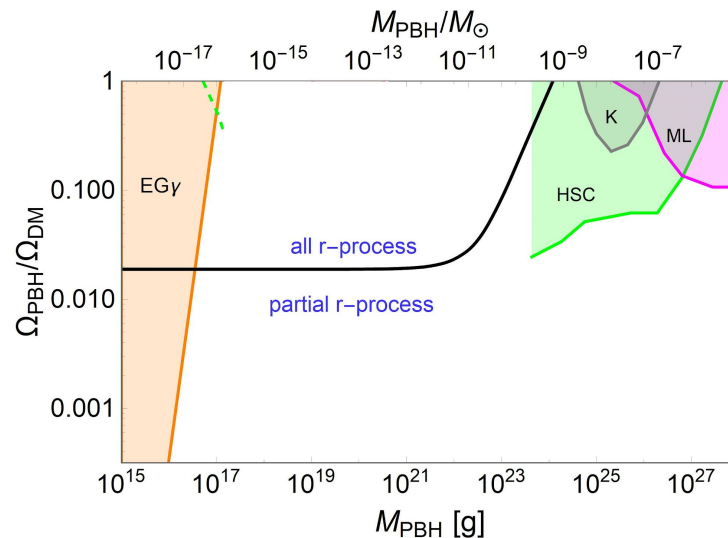
Making gold with *black holes*

- Heavy element abundance

- Milky Way - contains $10^4 M_{\odot}$
- UFDs - 1 in 10 (Reticulum II) shows excess [Ji+, Nature 2016]



→ can explain with PBH-NS !



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL, 2017]

PBH-NS laboratory: orphan kilonovae

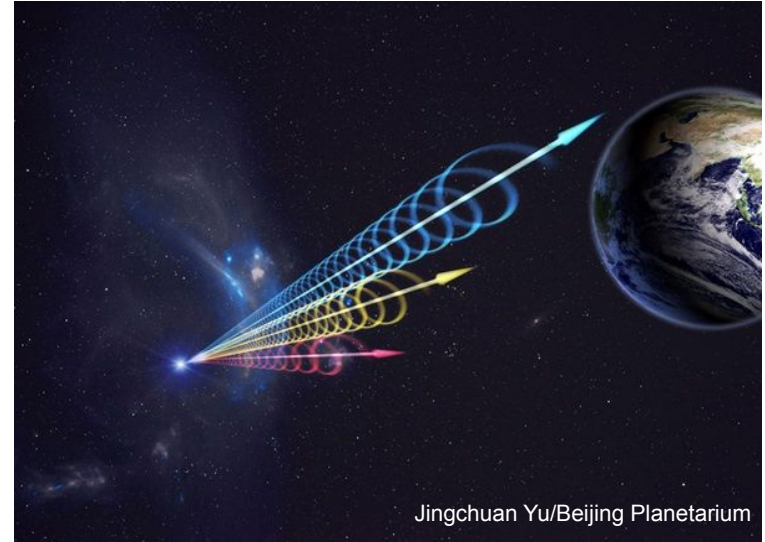
- **Kilonova:** afterglow from ejecta
- PBH-NS vs. mergers
→ “**orphan kilonova**” (w/o merger GWs)



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL, 2017]

PBH-NS laboratory: fast radio bursts

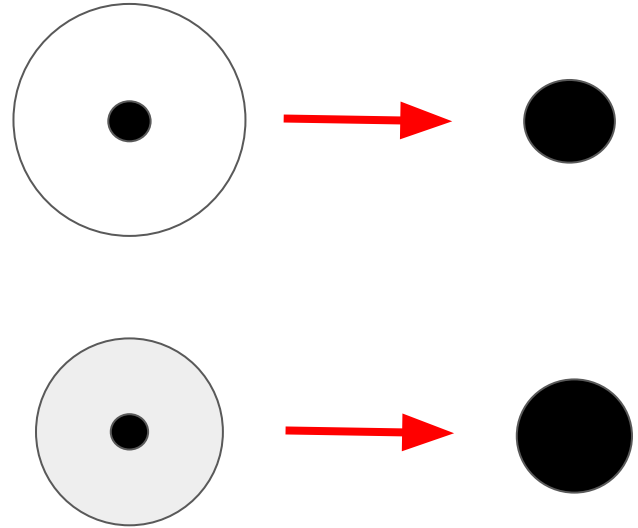
- **Fast radio bursts:** brief radio pulse
 - origin unknown
 - >100 found, few repeaters [Amiri+, [Nature](#) 2019]
- Release % of NS magnetic field energy due to PBH-NS consumption as radio
→ ***non-repeating FRB***



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL, 2017]

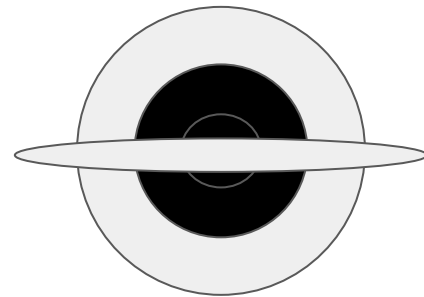
PBH-NS/WD laboratory: new solar-mass BHs

- No astro BHs $\lesssim 2 M_{\odot}$
- PBH + NS/WD: **new $\sim 0.5\text{--}2 M_{\odot}$ BHs**
- Novel double binary signals possible
(e.g. double kilonova)
- Small population of solar-mass BHs made in late Universe, on top of asteroid-mass PBH DM



PBH-NS laboratory: orphan GRBs

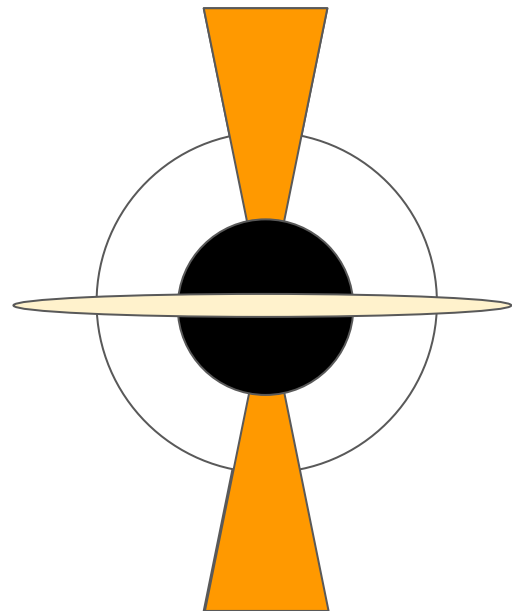
- “**Standard**” short gamma-ray burst progenitor: **BH + disk**
→ disk accreted, binding energy released
- If disk forms, could be from PBH-NS
→ “**orphan GRB**” (w/o merger GWs)



[VT, PLB, 2018]

PBH-WD laboratory: baby microquasars

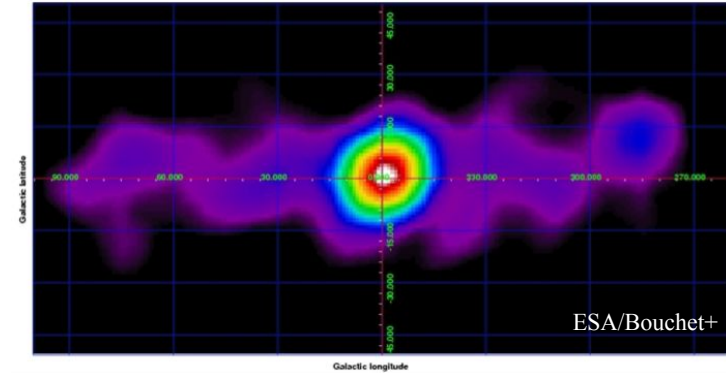
- WDs have non-relativistic jets $L_{\text{jet}} \sim \frac{1}{R}$
 - **WD + PBH** → solar-mass BH accretor
 - radius ↓, luminosity ↑
- continuous jet **“baby” microquasar**



[VT, PLB, 2018]

511 keV Galactic Center excess

- Extensive observations (SPI/INTEGRAL) show Galactic Center shines in 511 keV γ -rays
 - consistent w/ e^+ annihilation [Beacom, Yuksel, 2006]
 - source unknown



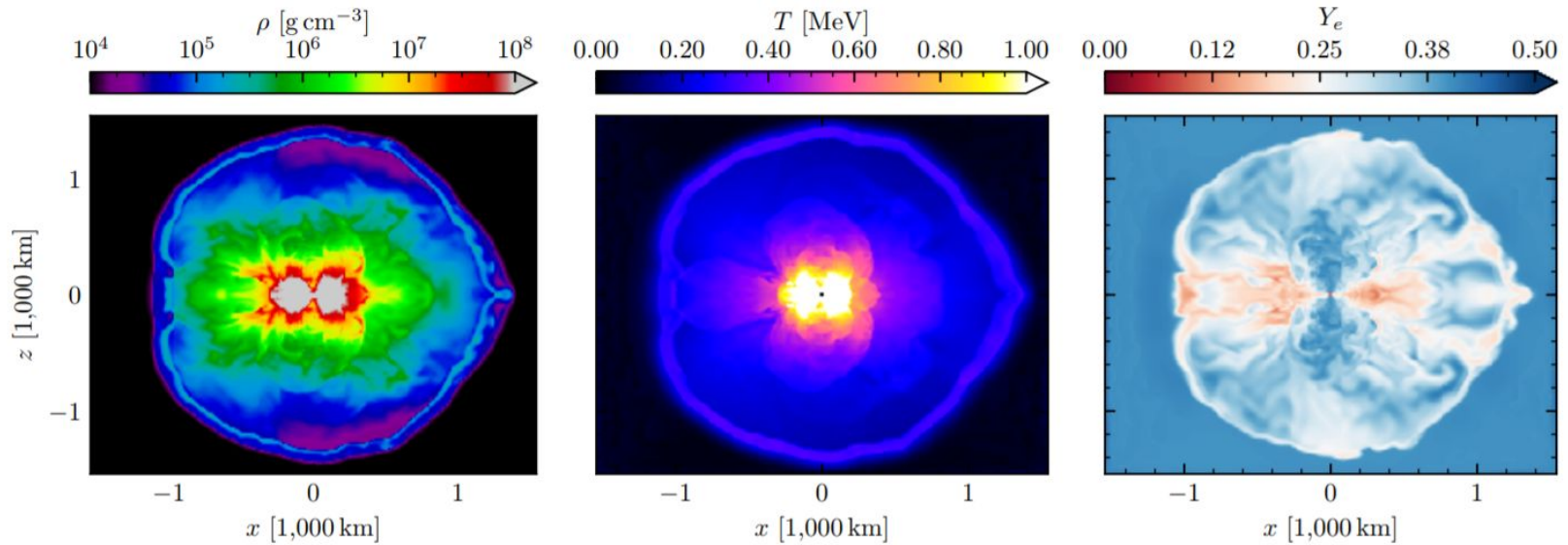
→ can be explained by ejecta production from PBH-NS!

[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL, 2017]

Novel generic signal of neutron star mergers

511 keV radiation

Start with NS-NS simulations

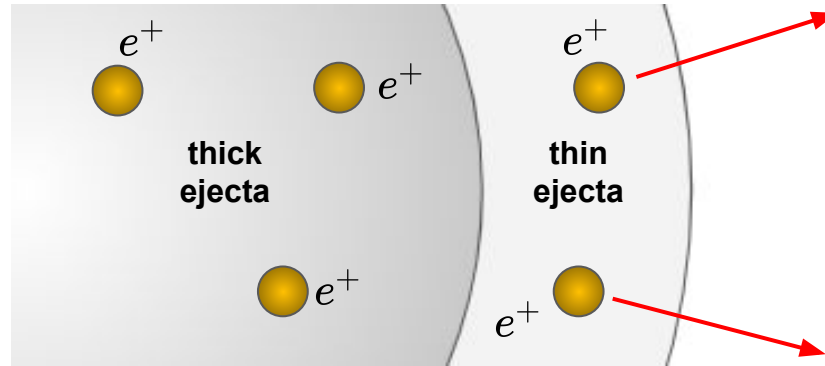


$t = 10$ ms

[Fuller, Kusenko, Radice, VT, PRL, 2019]

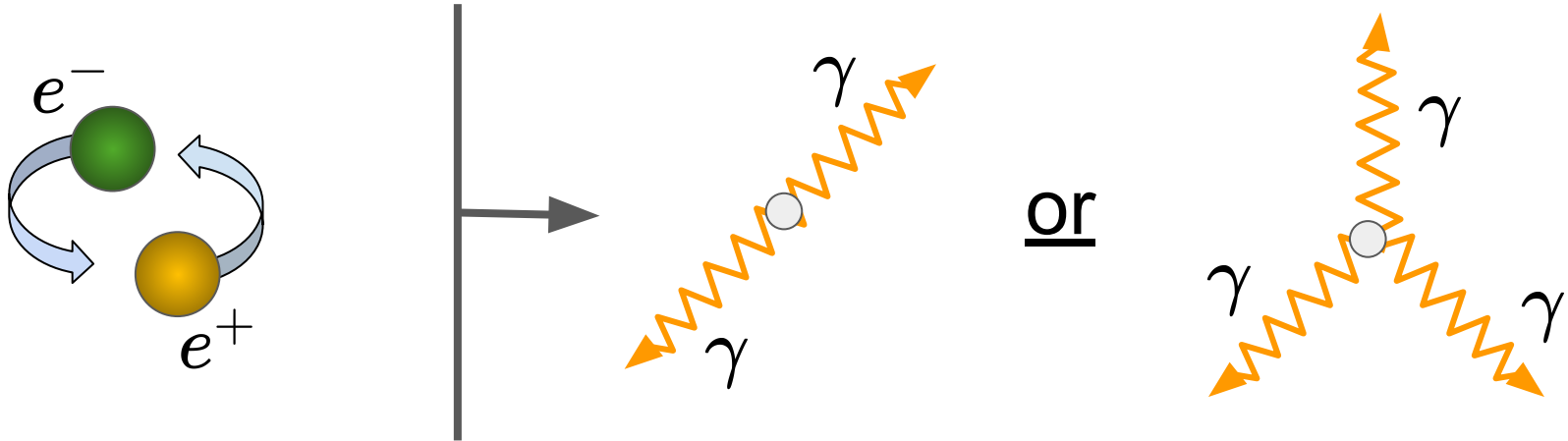
Positron production

- Expanding ejecta heated to $\sim \text{MeV}$ \rightarrow lots of thermal positrons produced
- Magnetic confinement in ejecta not perfect
 \rightarrow some positrons escape from “*optically thin*” outer layers



511 keV radiation

- Escaping \sim MeV positrons annihilate via positronium bound state formation (as desired for GC excess) \rightarrow **511 keV radiation** ✓

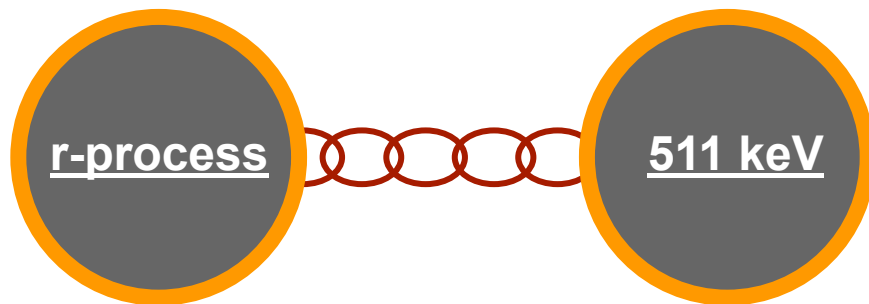


Galactic Center emission

- Take LIGO merger rates → 511 keV emission consistent with GC excess ✓
- NS binary kicks → expect some signal in Galactic disk, not only bulge ✓
 - consistent with GC excess, difficulty for other proposals

A smoking gun signal !

- Proposal directly links r-process and 511 keV



- Observations of **Reticulum II** dwarf galaxy show heavy elements **AND** 511 keV
[Ji, Frebel+, *Nature*, 2016; Siebert+ 2016]

→ **new smoking gun signal of merger emission !**

Summary

- Renaissance era in PBH research → synergy with multi-messenger astronomy
- **Compact stars as PBH laboratories**
 - new observables to study DM
 - new venues to pursue open problems

Astroparticle physics naturally connects early Universe and observations