#### Dark Matter in the Time of Gravitational Waves

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#### Gravitational Wave Astronomy

The observation of Gravitational Waves provides a new method to explore the universe.



#### Gravitational Wave Astronomy



- GW messenger can pass regions that are opaque to electromagnetic waves, thus carry information from early universe and dense environments.
- GWs can be detected alongside multi-messenger counterparts
- GWs are measured with **time-domain** information.

#### **Propagation Effect**

We can use GW to probe new physics that modifies the propagation of GWs — probing properties of the DM halo



# **Propagation Effect**

 The viscosity from DM halo is studied for the effect in reducing the intensity of GWs by modeling the DM as fluids.
 G. Goswami, G.K. Chakravarty, S. Mohanty, A.R. Prasanna

• For DM mean free path smaller than the GW wavelength, the DM system is effectively described by collisionless matter.

R. Flauger, S. Weinberg, PRD (2018)

PRD (2017)

- The dominant effect on GW propagation is the change in GW velocity. The effect is proportional to the kinetic energy density of the local DM.
  Suppressed for non-relativistic CDM in the late universe.
  \* Warm DM and primordial GWs leads to stronger effects, but still below the detection limit.
- The propagation effects can also be generated by massive graviton model, and wave DM model. *This talk will focus on wave DM*.

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Mass range of wave DM:

$$10^{-22} \text{ eV} \lesssim m \lesssim 1 \text{eV}$$

structures at small scales

occupation number

\* note this is still different from fuzzy DM

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DM mass & density

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The speed of GW is slower than the speed of light in BEC,

$$v_{\rm GW} = \frac{c}{1 + \delta n_g} < c$$
   
Delay of GW arrival time:  $\Delta t \simeq t \times \delta n_g$ 

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- *lower-right:* the relaxation time scale is longer than the age of the Universe.

$$\lambda > 10^{-15} \left(\frac{m}{\text{eV}}\right)^{7/2}$$

Viable parameter space for the modification of GW velocity.



- Choose a binary event where GWs from the inspiral phase and the merger phase are observed.
- Compare time delay between the inspiral GWs and the merger GWs.



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- We can compare GWs emitted during different time of a single event to test the effect.

Let's first look at the strain evolution without the time delay, shape is similar to production



#### without BEC halo

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#### GW rainbow in time domain





Strong BEC effect may completely change the temporal relation of a GW event when it is observed. Interesting feature for the matched filtering of LIGO data.



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constant time shifts fail to fit the EMRI waveform

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- The timing information can be used to understand the merger process. Deviation from the astrophysical model also probe new physics.



- Choose a neutron star merger event where both EM and GW emissions are observed.
- Compare time delay of the GWs compared with the speed of light (timestamp from photons)
- We try to map the DM halo with timing measurements.

Table 1: Expected detections per year (*N*), number detected with a resolution of < 1, < 10 and < 100sq. deg. ( $N_1$ ,  $N_{10}$  and  $N_{100}$ , respectively) and median localization error (*M* in sq. deg.), in a network consisting of LIGO-Hanford, LIGO-Livingston and Virgo (HLV), HLV plus KAGRA and LIGO-India (HLVKI) and 1 Einstein Telescope and 2 Cosmic Explorer detectors (1ET+2CE).

Network	Ν	$N_1$	$N_{10}$	$N_{100}$	М
HLV	48	0	16	48	19
HLVKI	48	0	48	48	7
1ET+2CE	990k	14k	410k	970k	12

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For a BNS event from the direction {*b*, *l*}, time delay is proportional to the integral of the DM density along the line-of-sight



independent of DM density

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preliminary

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a new method to probe halo profile through comparing time delay of BNS events from different directions

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#### Anisotropy of time delay (percentage compared to the GC direction)



- Largest time delay coming from the GC direction—higher DM density  $\Delta t \propto \rho_{\rm BEC}$
- $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  deviation from the GC direction can be seen within a set of binary NS events.
- Feature of DM-induced effects from the correlation to the MW halo.



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- Time delay effect can still be induced when the wave DM relic abundance is a sub-fraction of total DM. New method to probe the wave DM component.
- **Precise timing and localization** of future GW observation and GRB observation are needed.

#### Next step: localization

In the geometrical optics limit, we can use Snell's law to model the propagation of GWs.

The propagation direction of GWs is modified compared to photons, especially for future EMRIs and binary white dwarf events.





#### Summary

- Gravitational Wave astronomy opens new opportunities to probe new physics with precise measurements of the GW timing and localization.
- Propagation of GWs in the DM halo can probe the nature of DM. Wave DM can induce an effective refractive index for GWs, which causes a delay in the arrival time of GWs.
- We study time-delay between GWs of different frequencies and strain strengths, and time-delay between GW and EM waves. If positive signals are detected, the directional distribution measures the DM halo density profile.



Thank you!