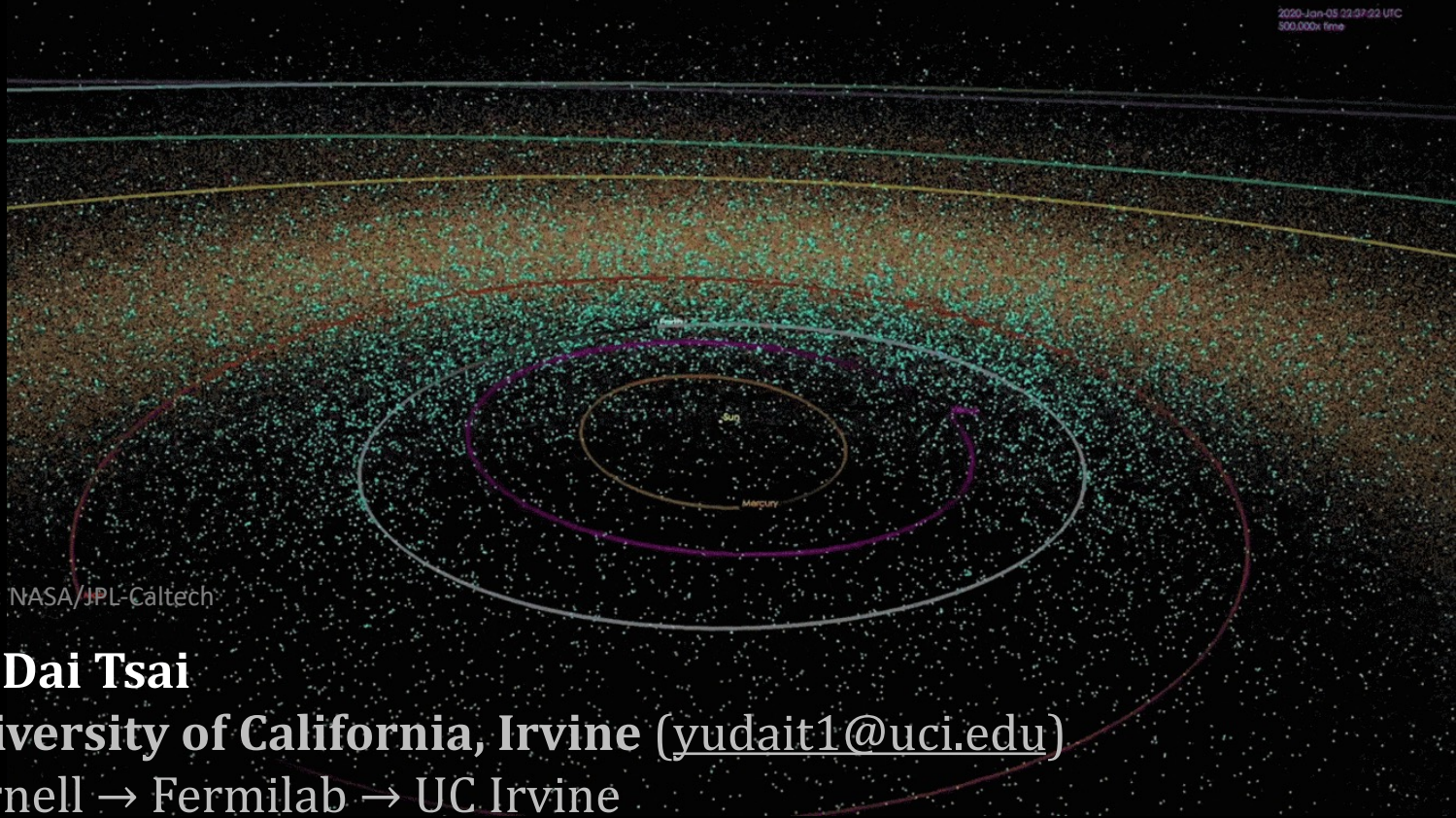


The Elusive Universe: **Dark Matter**, **Cosmic Neutrino**, and **5th Forces**



Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

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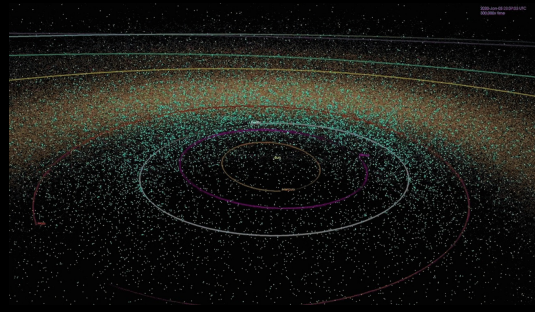
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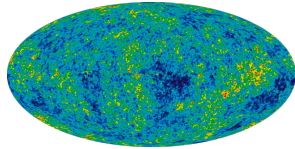
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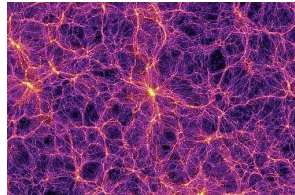
How do we know dark matter exist?

Size



Credit: NASA / WMAP

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



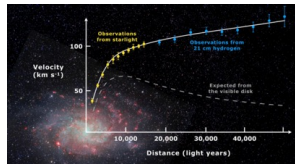
credit: Springel et al. 2015 (10-100 Gpc)

Large Scale Structure



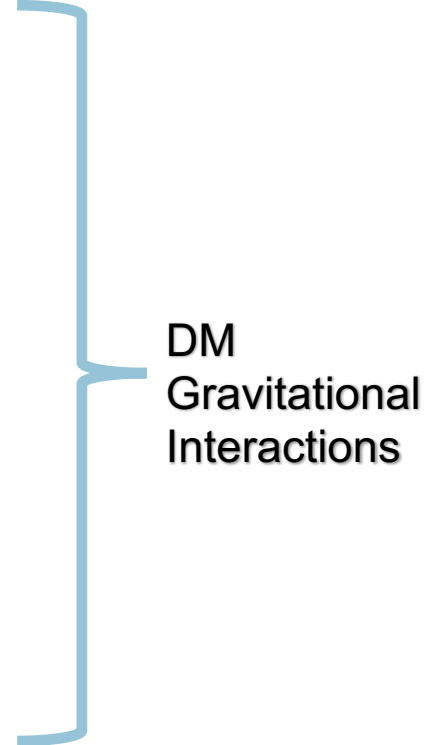
credit: NASA/CXC/M. Weiss (Gpc)

Bullet Cluster Merger



Credit: De Leo-Winkler(10 kpc)

Galactic Rotation Curves

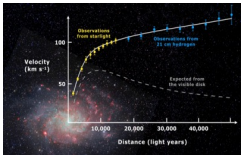
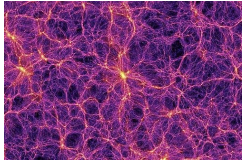
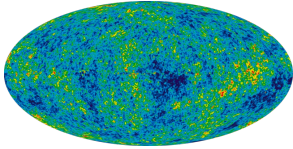


DM
Gravitational
Interactions

Modified from a slide from Tien-Tien Yu (Oregon)

DM Gravity in Smaller Scale?

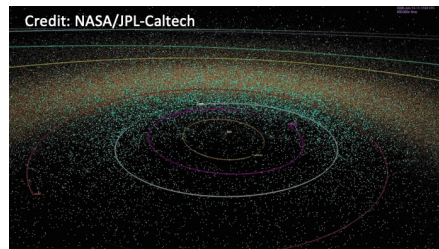
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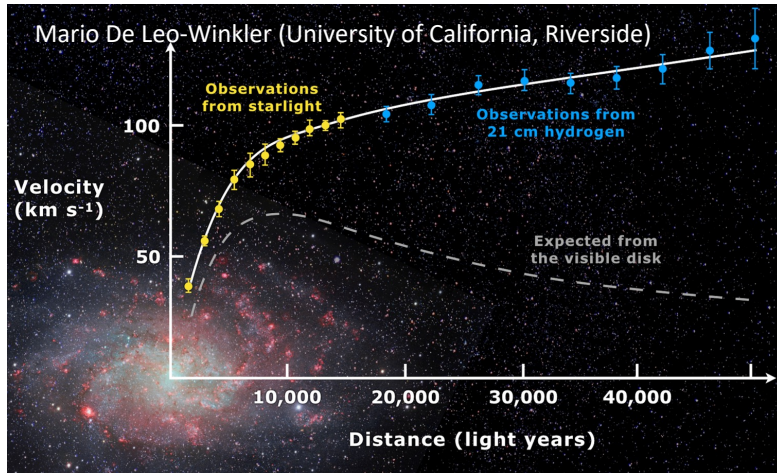
DM Gravitational Interactions

Precision Astrometry

Tsai et al., arXiv:2210.03749
(under review by Nature Astronomy)



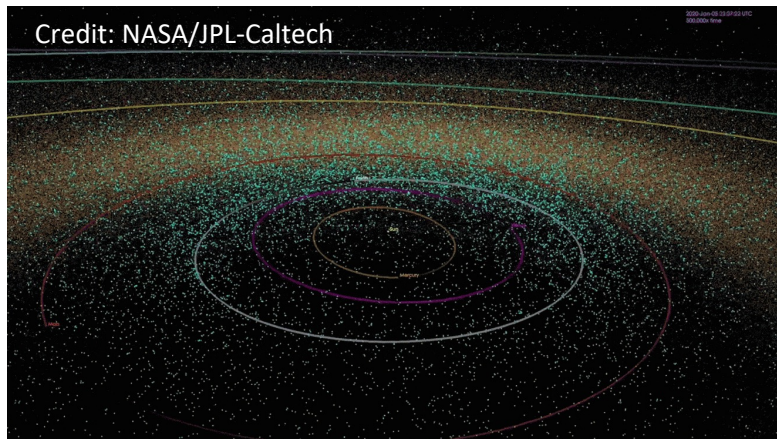
A question we asked



Stars



ρ_{DM} for galaxies



Solar System Objects



$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r)$ for solar system

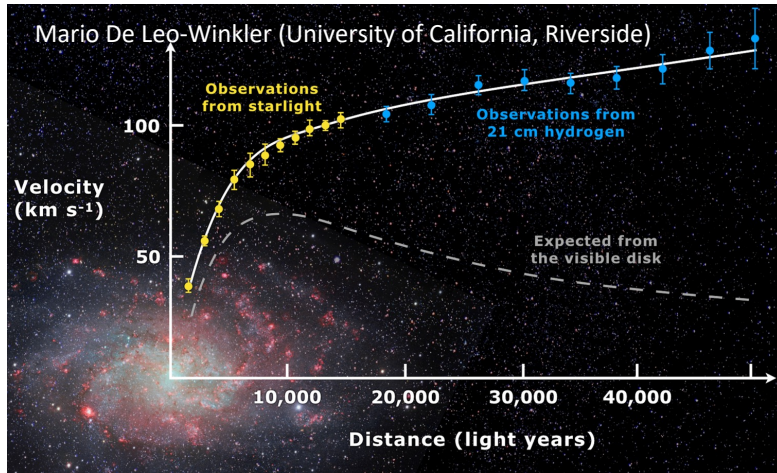
$$\rho_{\text{DM}} \ll \frac{m_{\odot}}{(\text{AU})^3}$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{\text{DM}} = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3, \quad \bar{\rho}_{\text{DM}} \sim 10^{-18} \frac{m_{\odot}}{(\text{AU})^3}$$

Velocity measurements
ineffective

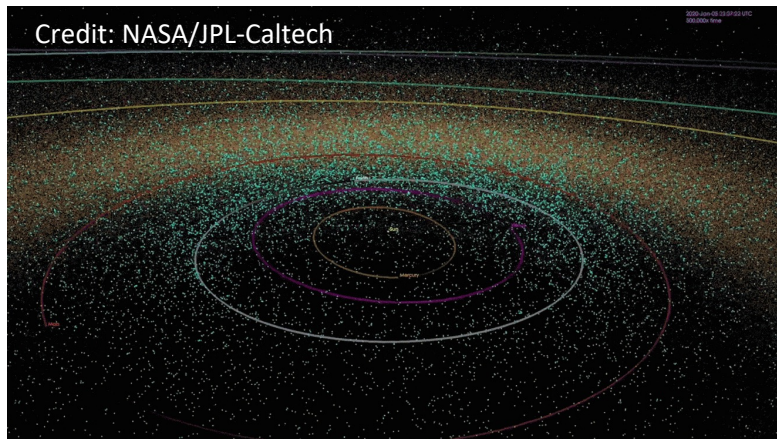
We need to go beyond it!

A question we asked



Stars

→ ρ_{DM} for galaxies



Solar System Objects

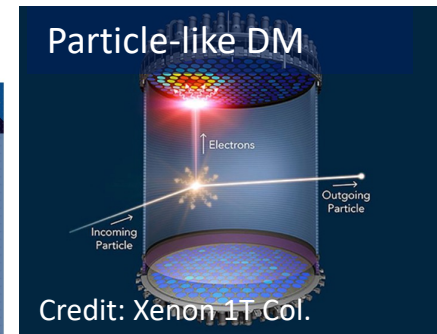
→ $\rho_{\text{DM}}(r)$ for solar system

Crucial for Direct Detection of DM

Wave-like DM



Particle-like DM

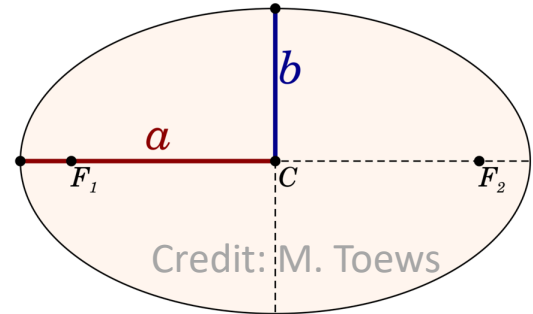


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Beyond Velocity: Perihelion Precession

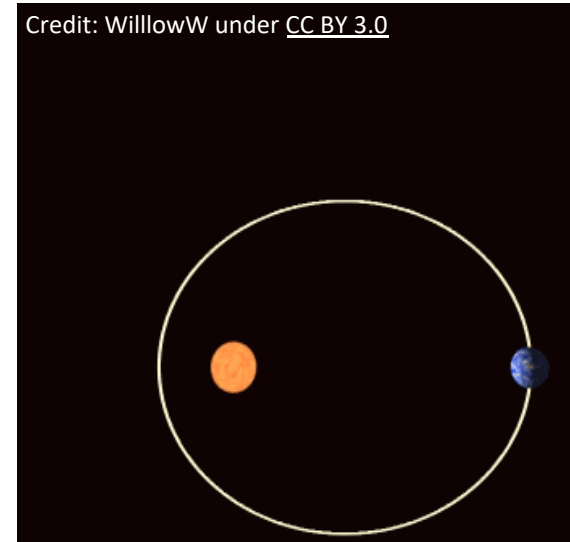
Newton : $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = -G \frac{m_{\odot} m_{*}}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$, no precession.

- a is the semi-major axis
- e is the eccentricity, quantify how non-spherical the orbit is.

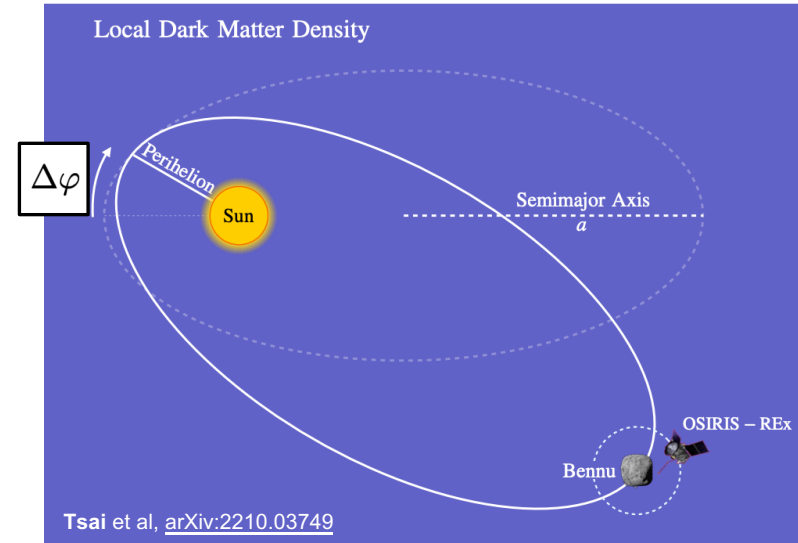
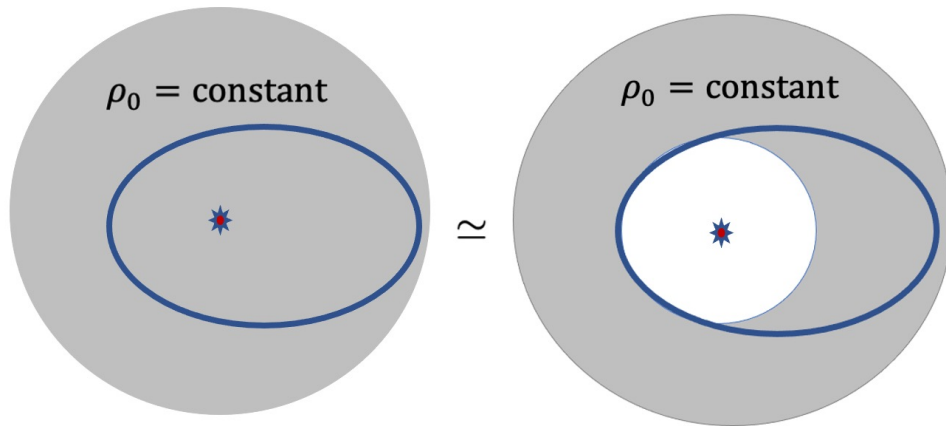


- “Anomalous” precession of Mercury's perihelion
- One of the first ways to confirm **General Relativity**

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Our Project: (Local) Dark Matter Induce Precession

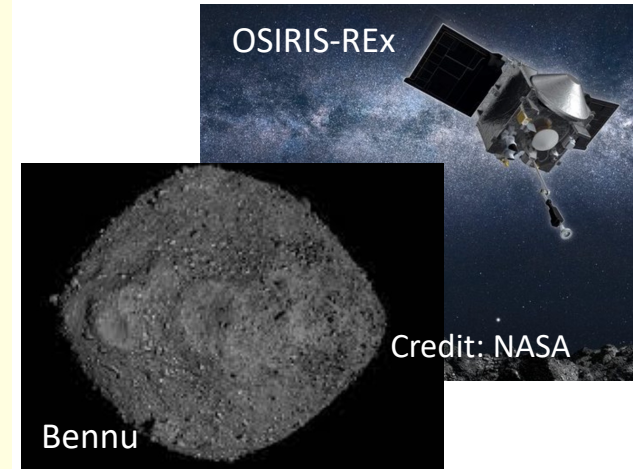
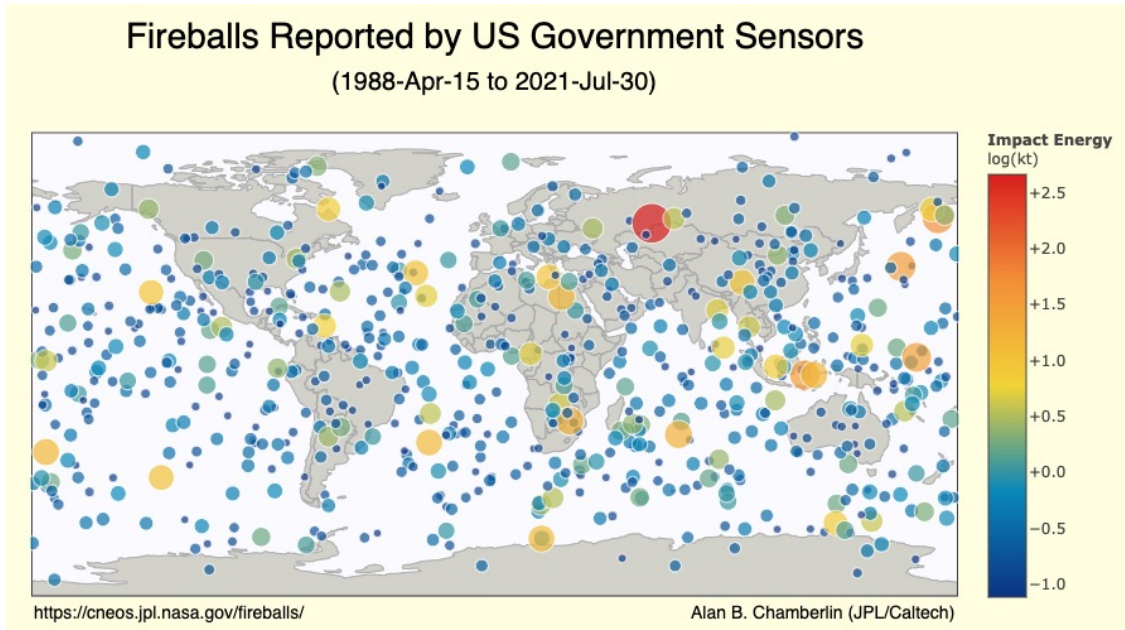


Dark Matter Gravity:
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 \left(\frac{2r_0^3}{r^2} - 2r \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\simeq -\frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 r \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 \frac{r_0^3}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}.$$

Induced Precession:
$$\Delta\varphi \simeq -4\pi^2 \rho_0 a^3 (1 - e^2)^{1/2} / M_\odot$$

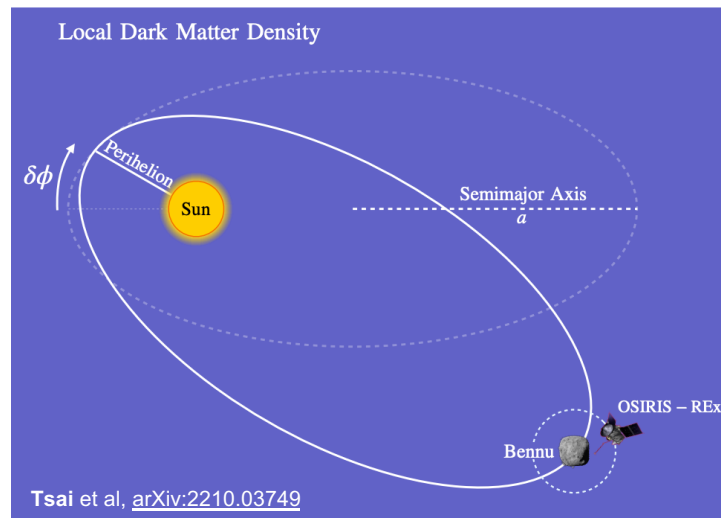
Asteroids & Planetary Defense



- Tracking asteroids is important to our safety
- We have space missions, like OSIRIS-REx, to track dangerous asteroids like Bennu, return sample.
- **NASA Plan:** OSIRIS-REx will track Apophis and become OSIRIS-APEX

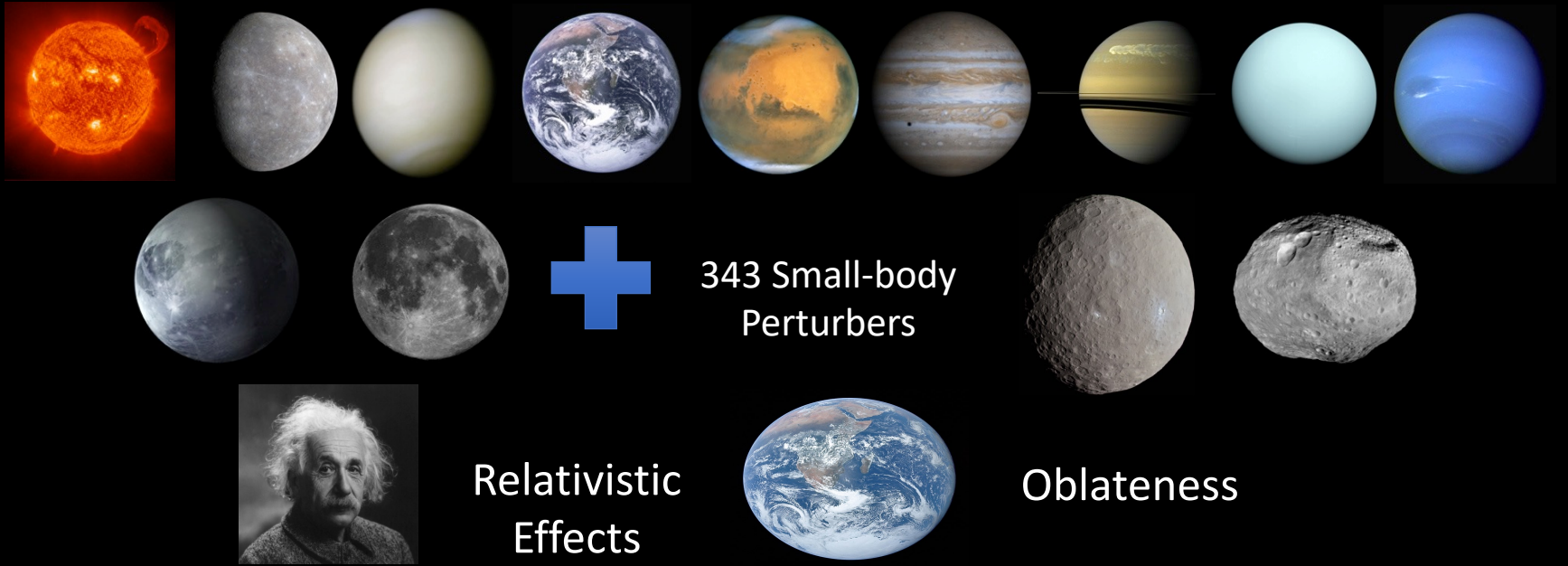
Bennu Data from OSIRIS-REx

- Using OSIRIS-REx X-band radiometric & optical navigation tracking data from December 2018 to October 2020, detailed in, e.g., Farnocchia et al., *Icarus* 369 (2021) 114594.
- Geocentric pseudo-range points for the Bennu barycenter were derived; Each pseudo-range point represents the roundtrip light time from the geocenter to the Bennu barycenter corrected by solar relativistic effects.
- The uncertainty is 15 ns, corresponding to about **2 m**.



Robust Analysis: High-Fidelity Force Model

JPL Planetary Ephemerides DE424



- 1) Yarkovsky effect
- 2) Solar radiation pressure
- 3) Poynting-Robertson drag, Farnocchia et al., Icarus 369 (2021) 114594.

Adding Dark Matter to the Force Model

Force terms considered by
Davide Farnocchia

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = & \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2(\beta + \gamma)}{c^2} \sum_{l \neq i} \frac{\mu_l}{r_{il}} - \frac{2\beta - 1}{c^2} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\mu_k}{r_{jk}} \right. \\ & + \gamma \left(\frac{\dot{s}_i}{c} \right)^2 + (1 + \gamma) \left(\frac{\dot{s}_j}{c} \right)^2 - \frac{2(1 + \gamma)}{c^2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j \\ & \left. - \frac{3}{2c^2} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2c^2} (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ [\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j] \cdot [(2 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - (1 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j] \right\} (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j) \\ & + \frac{3 + 4\gamma}{2c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}} \end{aligned}$$



The **dark matter**
contribution

$$\begin{aligned} F(r) &= \frac{2\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 \left(\frac{2r_0^3}{r^2} - 2r \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \\ &\simeq -\frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 r \hat{\mathbf{r}} \end{aligned}$$

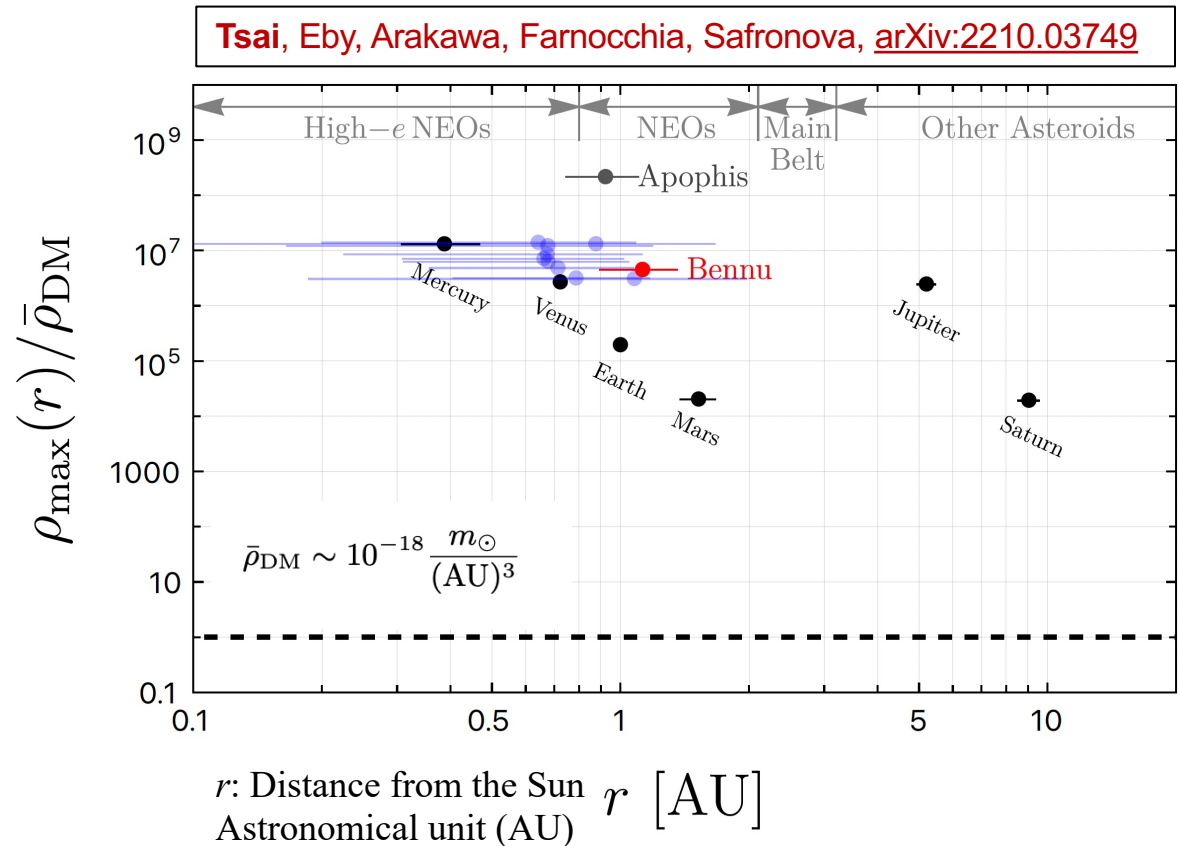
Estimating the ρ_0 parameter

List of additional perturbations considered:

- 1) Errors in planetary trajectories and masses;
- 2) Errors in perturber masses & trajectories;
- 3) Higher order relativistic terms;
- 4) Higher order gravity terms;
- 5) Simplified assumptions in nongravitational force model (non-spherical effects, Yarkovsky, solar torque, physical parameter evolution, etc.);
- 7) Solar mass loss and solar wind;
- 8) Meteoroid impacts, Spacecraft interaction

New Model-Independent Constraints

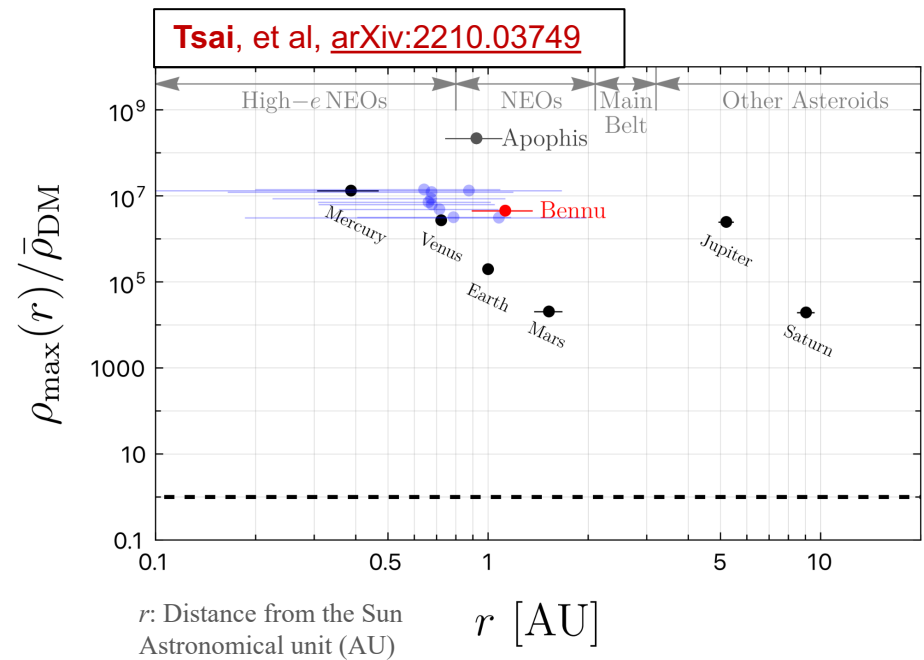
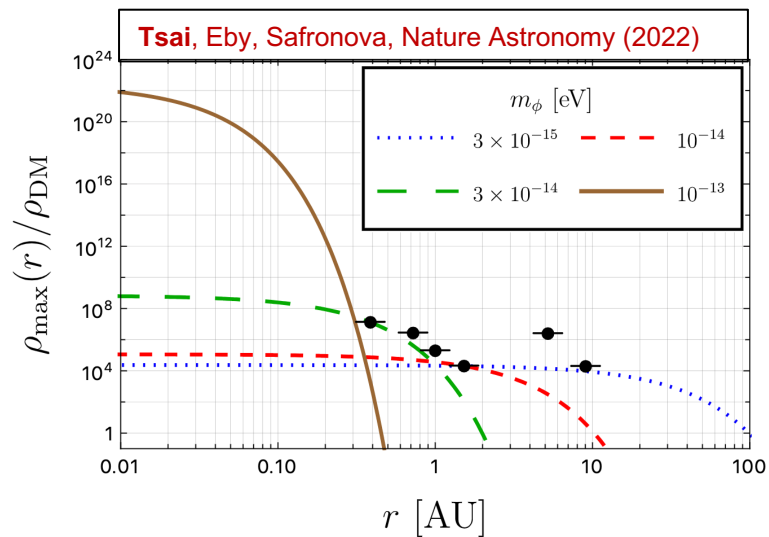
- $\rho_{max}(\mathbf{r})$ is the derived upper bound on DM
- $\bar{\rho}_{DM} = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$
- NEO: Near-Earth Objects



- The **horizontal lines** are NOT error bars, but the **coverage of the constraints**.
- The effects of minor perturbers and other perturbations in backup slides
- Bennu result: $\rho_{DM} \leq 1.1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ kg/m}^3$

Implication of Our Constraints: DM Over-density (I)

1. Strong constraints on DM models predict local over-density in solar system, including **solar halo**, axion mini-cluster, solar basin, etc.

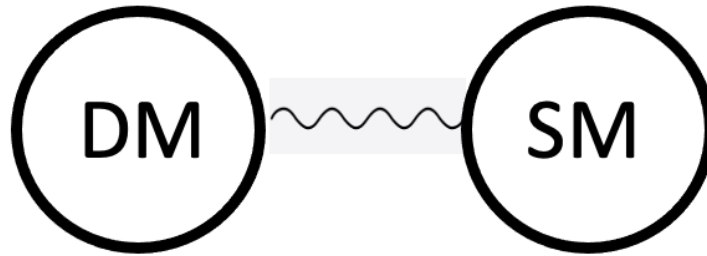


r : Distance from the Sun
Astronomical unit (AU)

r [AU]

Implications of the Constraints (II)

2. Strong constraints on **DM-SM long-range interaction**,
only **~ 4-6 order stronger than gravity: very strong bound**



$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{DM-SM}}(\mathbf{r}) \simeq -\tilde{\alpha}_D \frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho'_0 r \hat{\mathbf{r}}.$$

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} \lesssim \bar{\rho}_{\text{DM}} (6 \times 10^6 / \tilde{\alpha}_D), \text{ Benuu.}$$

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} \lesssim \bar{\rho}_{\text{DM}} (3 \times 10^4 / \tilde{\alpha}_D), \text{ Saturn.}$$

Constraints on particle physics and cosmology motivated models,
Tsai, et al, in progress

Implications of the Constraints: CvB (III)

3. Close-to-leading constraints on **cosmic neutrino background (CvB)** over-density profile.

$$\eta \equiv n_\nu/\bar{n}_\nu \lesssim 3.4 \times 10^{11} (0.1 \text{ eV}/m_\nu), 95\% \text{ CL [Planets]}$$

Tsai, et al, [arXiv:2210.03749](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.03749)

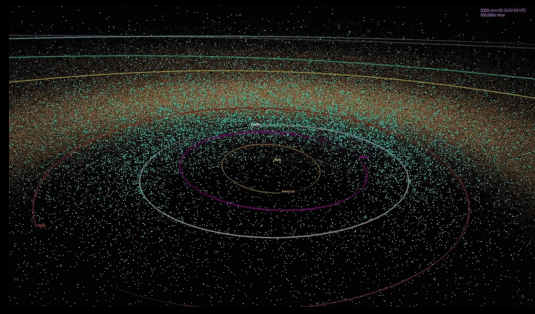
$\eta \leq 1.1 \times 10^{11}$ (95% CL), from $\nu_e + {}^3\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{H}_e^+ + e^-$
KATRIN Col., *PRL* (2022), the leading lab constraint.

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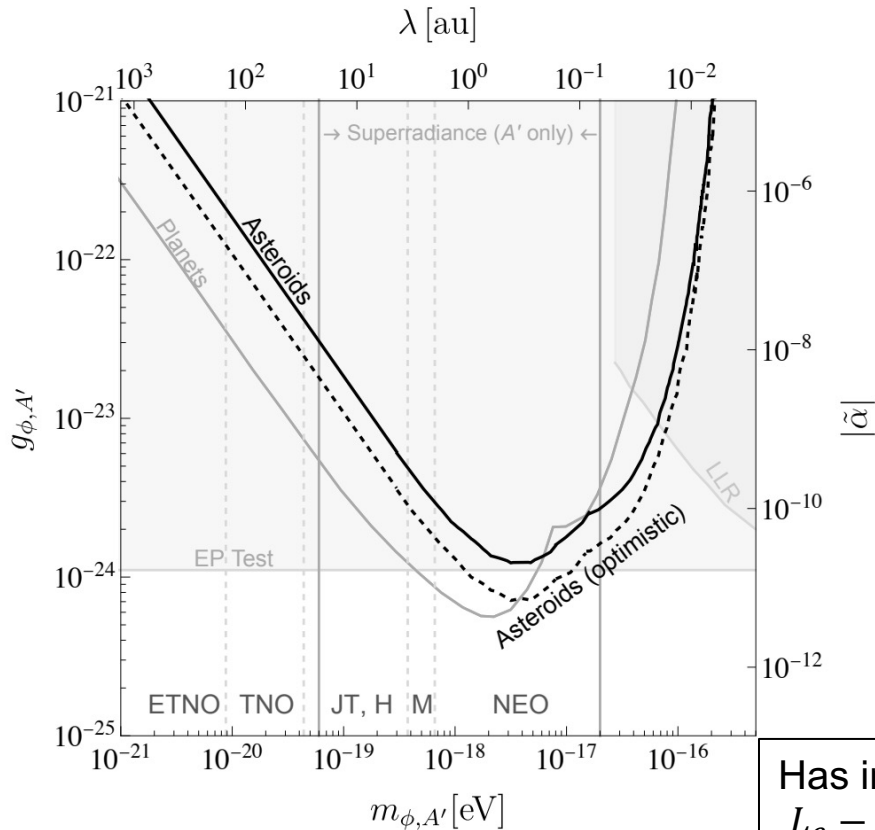
Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech



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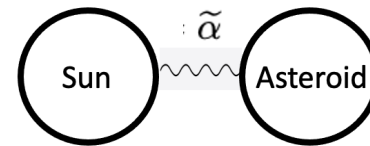
Our Results: Fifth Forces

Tsai, Wu, Vagnozzi, Visinelli, JCAP (2023)
2107.04038



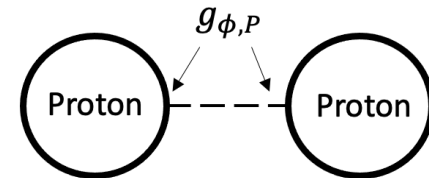
$$V(r) = \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot} M_*}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda}\right),$$

Model Independent Parametrization:



$$V(r) = \mp \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{Q_{\odot} Q_*}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{mc^2}{\hbar c} r\right),$$

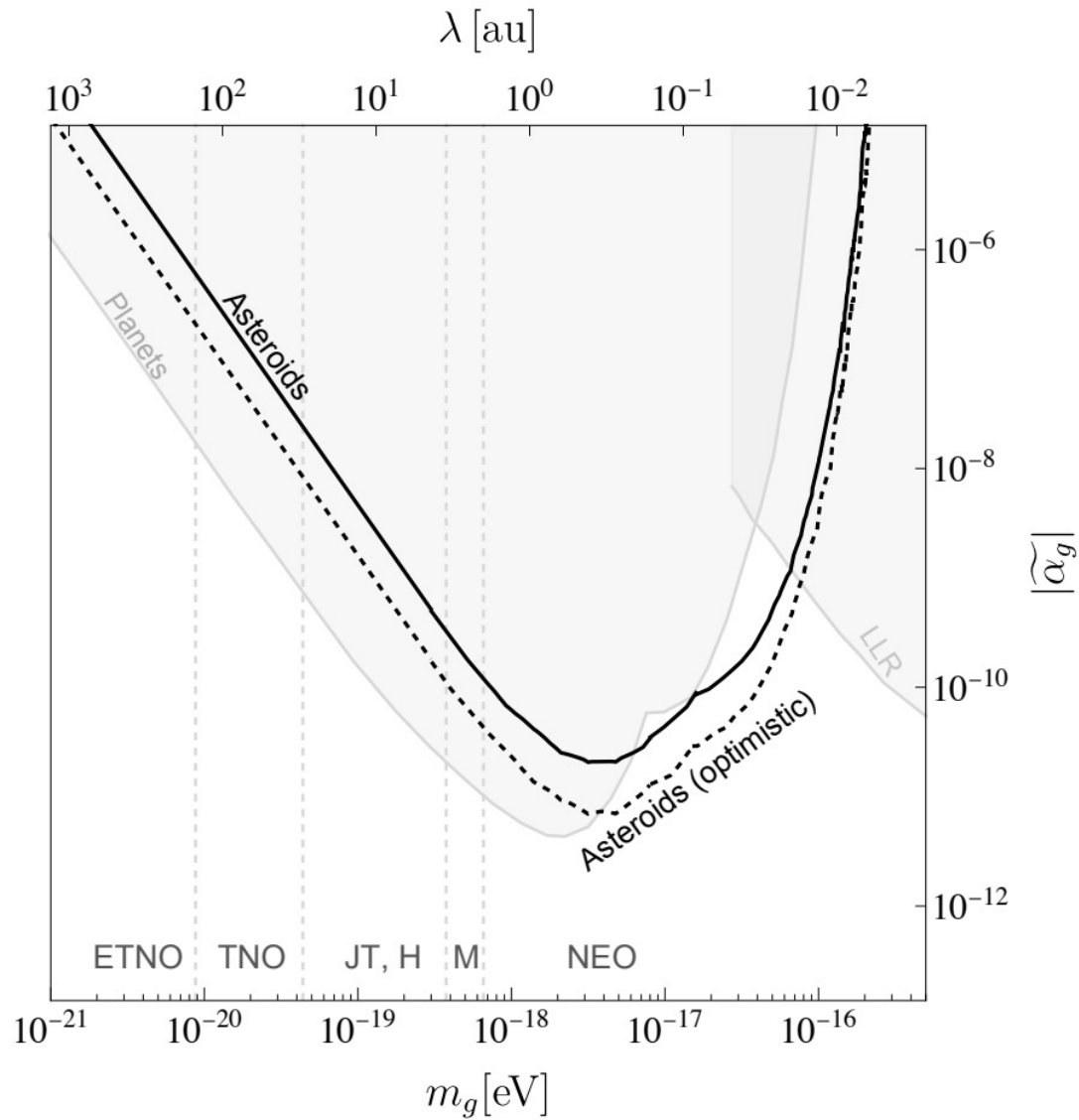
Model Specifics:



Has implications on **ultralight/fuzzy dark matter**,
 $L_e - L_{\mu, \tau}$ gauge theories, dark energy models, etc.

For LLR, see, e.g., Williams, Turyshev, Boggs, PRL (2004)

“Yukawa” Gravity Parametrization

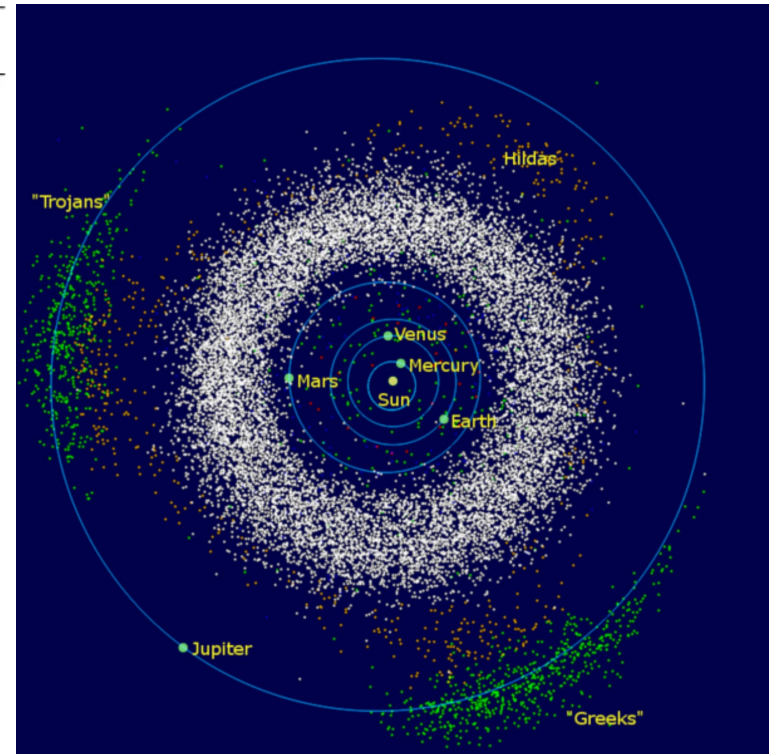


Objects of Interest

Minor Planets	a [au]	\sim Numbers
Near-Earth Object (NEO)	$< 1.3^*$	> 25000
Main-Belt Asteroid (M)	$\sim 2 - 3$	~ 1 million
Hilda (H)	$3.7 - 4.2$	> 4000
Jupiter Trojan (JT)	5.2	> 9800
Trans-Neptunian Object (TNO)	> 30	2700
Extreme TNO (ETNO)	> 150	12

TABLE I. Targets for our future studies, for which exciting opportunities are provided by sheer numbers and observational programs, classified roughly based on their typical semi-major axes.

*NEOs are defined as having perihelia $a(1 - e) < 1.3$ au.



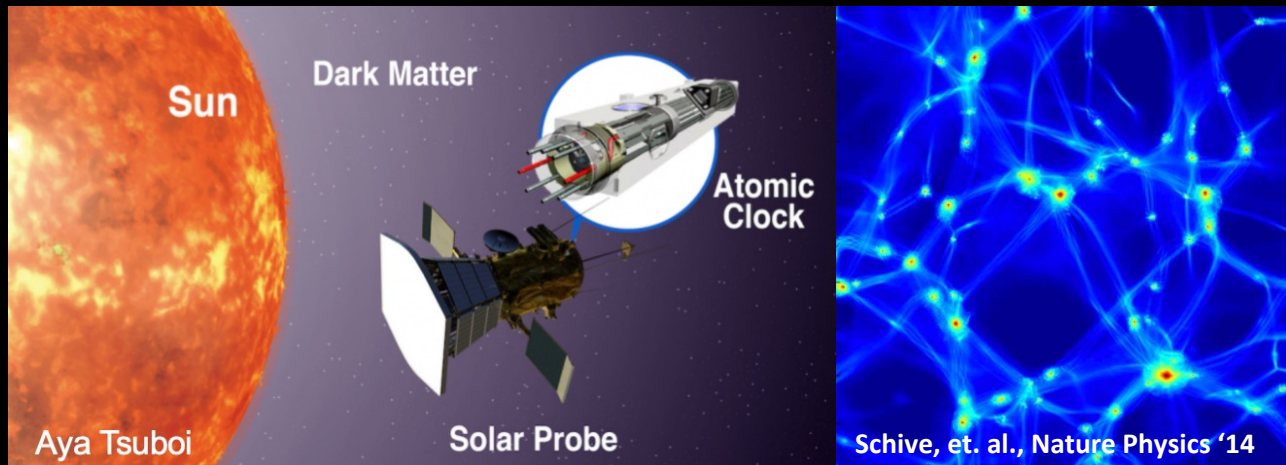
Summary of High-Energy Theory Targets

- GR Test:
$$\Delta\varphi = \frac{6\pi GM_{\odot}}{a(1-e^2)c^2} \left[\frac{4-\beta}{3} \right] \propto a^{-1}$$
- Fifth Forces:
$$|\Delta\varphi_{\phi,A'}| \simeq a(1-e) \left[\left(\frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{g^2}{4\pi Gm_p^2} \frac{2\pi}{1 + \frac{g^2}{4\pi Gm_p^2}} \right] \propto a$$

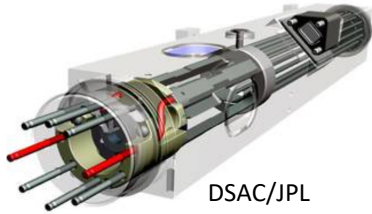
(light mediator limit $m \ll \hbar/ac$)
- Dark Matter:
$$\Delta\varphi \simeq -4\pi^2 \rho_0 a^3 (1-e^2)^{1/2} / M_{\odot} \propto a^3$$
- Particle theory inputs are crucial
- Calling for modern data-analysis approaches

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NASA DSAC & Parker Solar Probe



DSAC/JPL
29 × 26 × 23 cm (17.5 kg)

- **NASA Deep Space Atomic Clock (DSAC)** loses one second every 10 million years, proven in controlled Earth tests.
- The clock has operated for more than **12 months in space**; demonstrated **long-term fractional frequency stability of 3×10^{-15}**
Burt et al., Nature 595 (2021) 43.
- Exceeds previous space clock performance by up to an order of magnitude



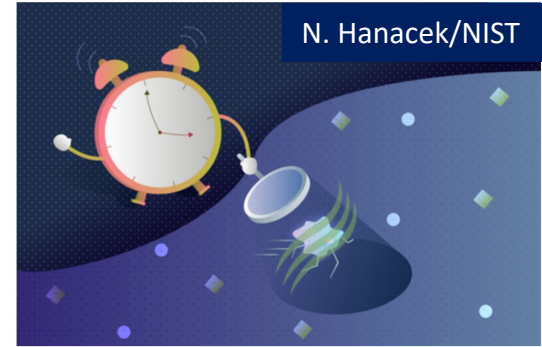
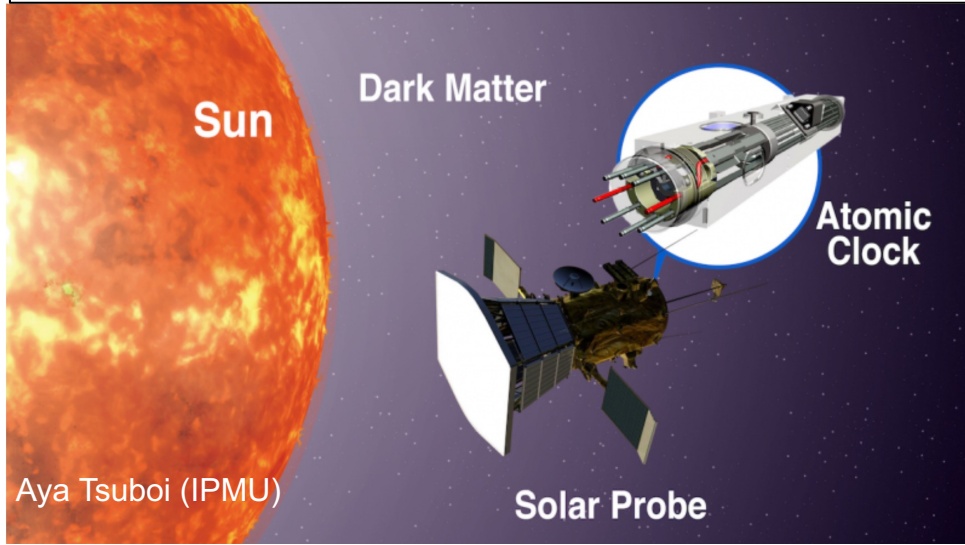
Credit: NASA
Size of PSP ~ 1.0 × 3.0 × 2.3 m
(685 kg → 555 kg)

- **Parker Solar Probe (PSP)**
see, “Probing the energetic particle environment near the Sun,” McComas, William Matthaeus et al, Nature (2019).
- **Excited to learn from the experts!**

**My Question: Why don't we put a quantum clocks on a solar probe?
What fundamental physics can we study?**

SpaceQ Mission Concept

Tsai, Eby, Safronova, Nature Astronomy (2022)



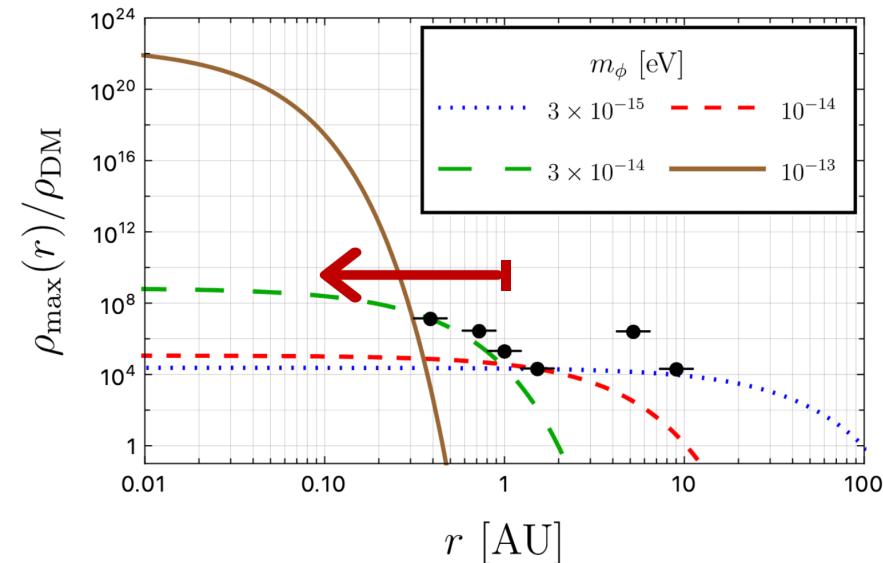
Credit: N. Hanacek/NIST

$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t - \vec{k}_\phi \cdot \vec{x} + \dots).$$

(Non-relativistic solution)

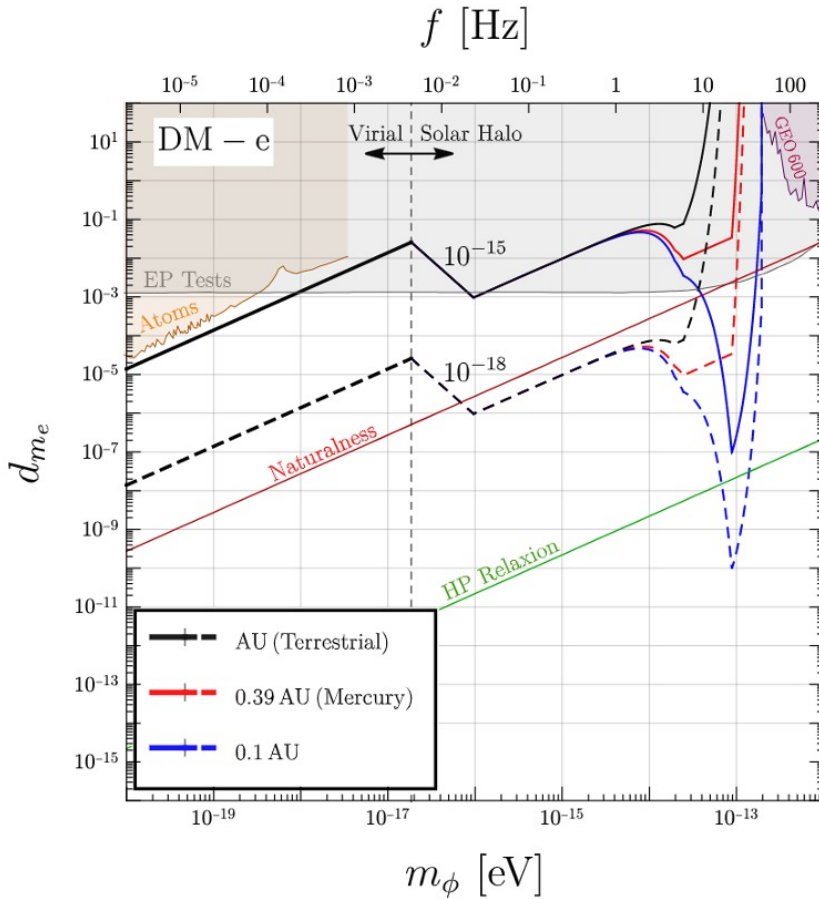
$$\omega \simeq m_\phi.$$

- **Oscillation frequency \sim dark matter mass**
- **Propose a two-clock comparison experiment onboard a future Solar Probe**



Projected Sensitivity for ULDM

Tsai, Eby, Safronova, Nature Astronomy (2022)



0.1 AU: motivated by the Parker Solar Probe

$\mathcal{L} \supset g_e \phi \bar{e} e$ (+ photon & gluon couplings)



AMO convention

Motivate
Novel Clocks!

$$\mathcal{L} = \kappa \phi (d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e} e)$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt{4\pi}/M_P \text{ with } M_P = 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV.}$$

$m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ is just a normalization.

Naturalness condition:

$$\frac{g_e^2 \Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \lesssim m_\phi^2, \quad \Lambda = 4\pi v_{EW} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV.}$$

Spatial Variation of Fundamental Constants

Tsai, Eby, Safronova, Nature Astronomy (2022)

$$k_X \equiv c^2 \frac{\delta X}{X \delta U}. \quad X = \alpha, \mu, \text{ or } m_q / \Lambda_{QCD}.$$

fine-structure constant quark and QCD parameters
electron to proton mass ratio

δU : change in gravitational potential .

$$\delta U / c^2 \simeq 3.3 \times 10^{-10}, \quad \text{Earth variation.}$$

Safronova et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2018)

Lange et al, PRL (2021)

$$\delta U / c^2 \sim 9 \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{from Earth to Solar probe at 0.1 AU.}$$

- Achieve constraints on k_X that are a factor of ~ 300 stronger!

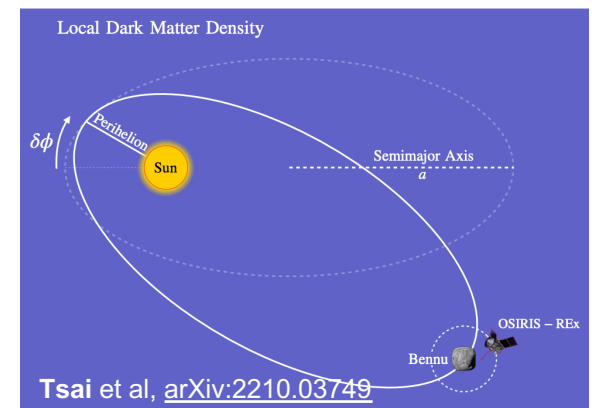
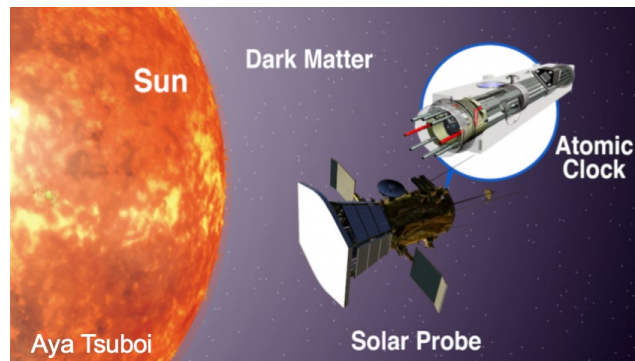
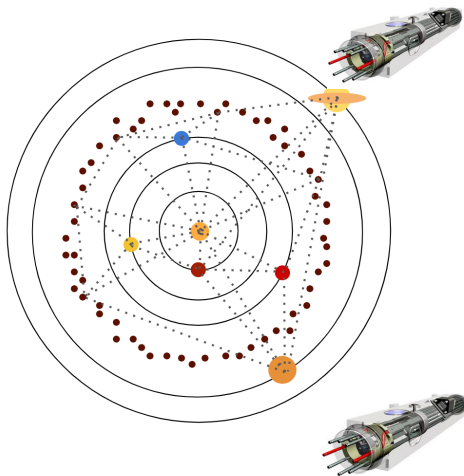


Frederick Reines

Nobel Prize Laureate; Professor at UC Irvine

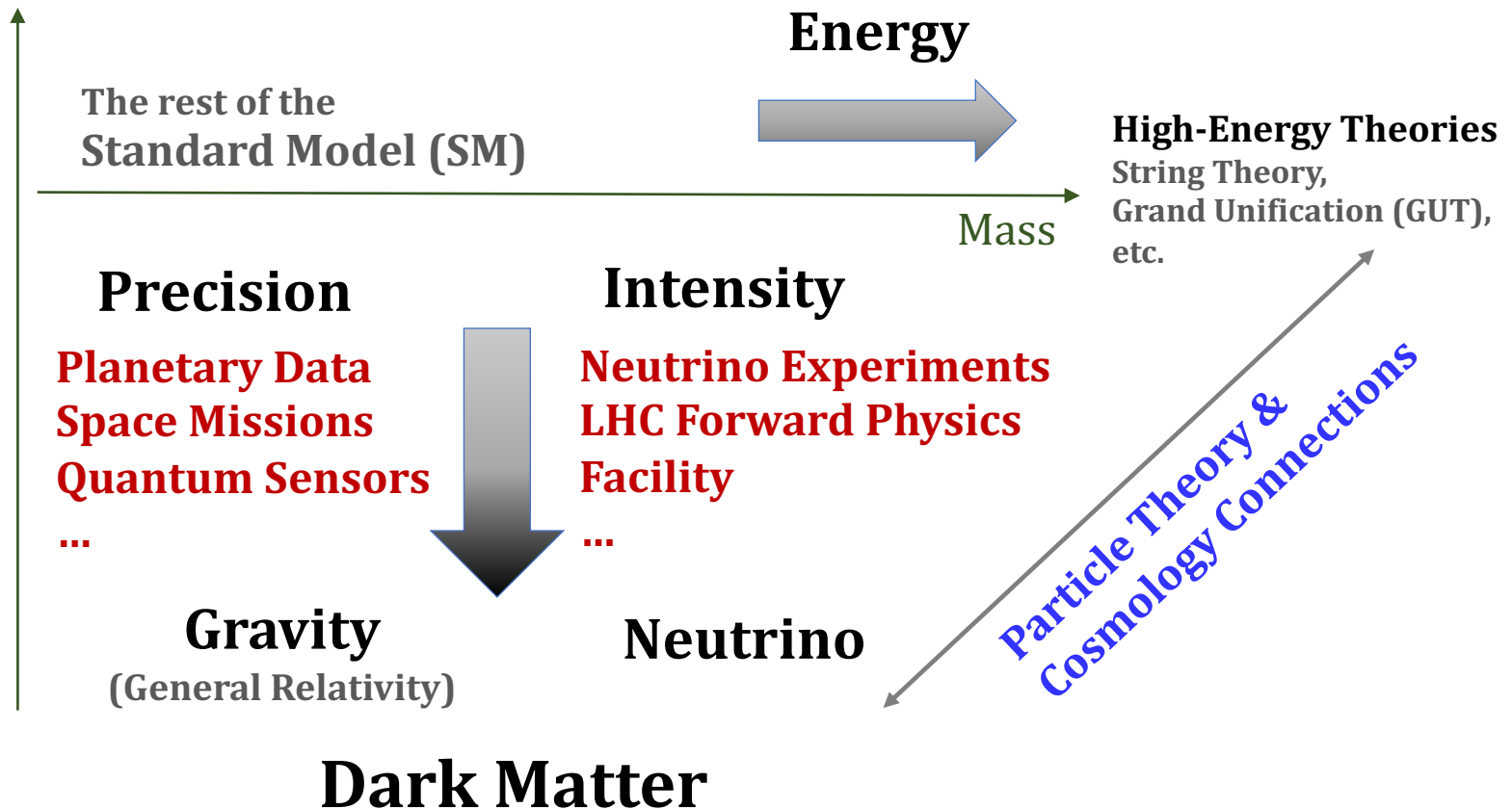
Utilized a **nuclear reactor** to study free neutrinos

The Elusive Universe is at the horizon
We have a **practical roadmap forward**
to explore it **wide & deep**
Thank you for listening!

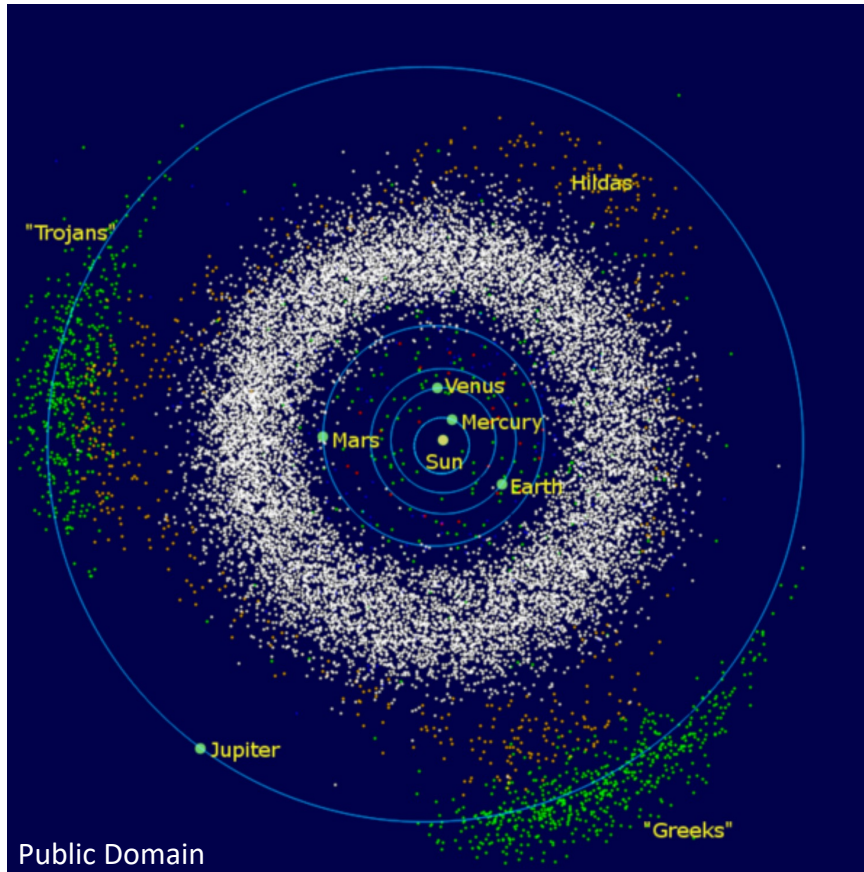


A Strong Probe of the Elusive Universe

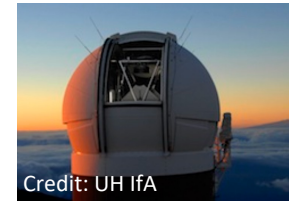
Coupling strength



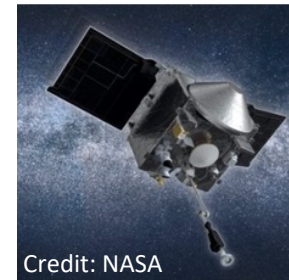
Asteroids & Other Solar System Objects



Radar (Goldstone)



Optical (Pan-STARRS)



Space Missions

Use **millions of solar-system objects** to study many **fundamental physics topics**.
Need **theory** & **data** expertise to realize the full potential of the dataset.