

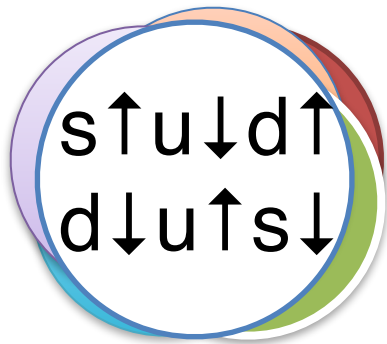
Stable Sexaquark as Dark Matter



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Unique among multi-quark states:

Fermi statistics is compatible with a totally symmetric spatial wave function



S

6-quark, $Q=0$, $B=2$

Spin-0, scalar

Flavor singlet

$m \sim 1.7-2$ GeV

(Most-Attractive Channel)³ :

singlet in:

color

flavor

spin

totally Symmetric in space

Mass of S

- Options for stability ($\tau > \tau_{\text{Univ}}$)

- $M_S < 2 m_p + 2 m_e = 1877.6 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$ **absolutely stable**
- $M_S < m_p + m_e + m_\Lambda = 2054.5 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \Gamma \sim G_F^2 \times (\text{wave function overlap})^2$
 \rightarrow lifetime $\sim 10^{27} \text{ yr}$.

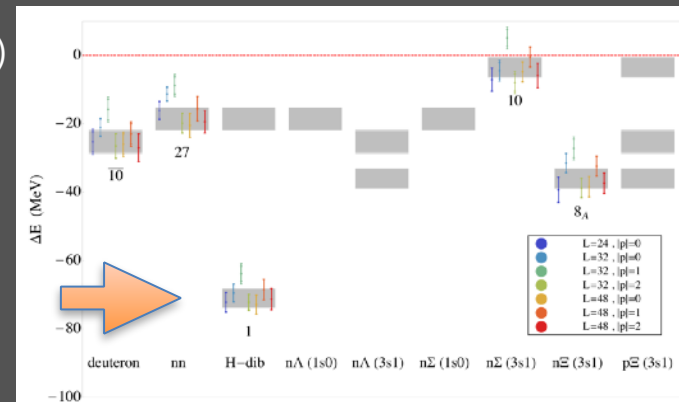
- Is $M_S < 1.7\text{-}2 \text{ GeV}$ reasonable?

- Hyperfine attraction $\Rightarrow M_S < 2 m_\Lambda = 2230 \text{ MeV}$ (Jaffe, 1977) (**Most-Attractive Channel**)³
- Constituent quark model unreliable/inapplicable
 - $m_\pi = 135, 140 \text{ MeV}$; $m_\eta = 958 \text{ MeV}$ (not 600 MeV)
 - Chiral symmetry breaking not necessary for mass of S (unlike baryons)
 - $\pi K K$: same quark content and total mass 1131 MeV
 - Only 16% (10%) binding for $M_S < 2 m_p$ ($m_p + m_\Lambda$)

- Lattice predicts binding (Beane+13)**

- Experiments exclude decaying S**

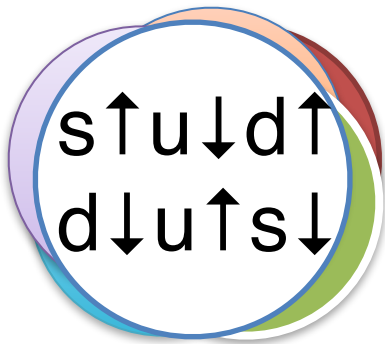
\Rightarrow it must be **STABLE** ! ;-)



Stable Sexaquark

Same quark content as H-dibaryon (Jaffe 1977), but different physics: not a loosely bound di- Λ !

Deeply bound: $m_S \sim 2 m_p$ and stable (or $\tau \gg \tau_{\text{Univ}}$)



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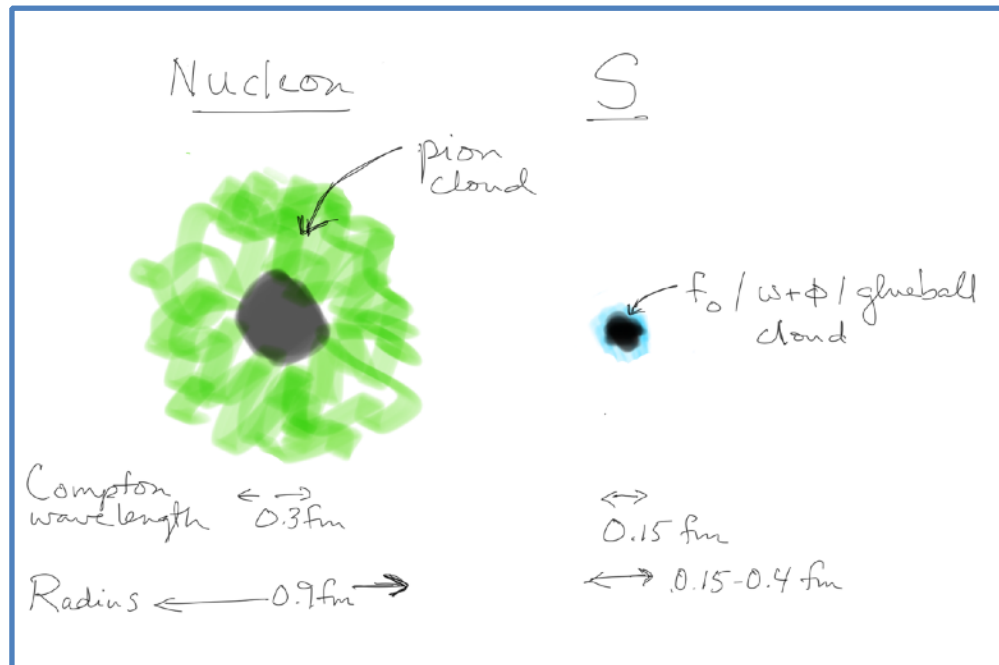
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Crucial features:

S does not couple to pions and is much smaller than usual hadrons (proton, pion,...)



Structure of the S: $u\uparrow u\downarrow d\uparrow d\downarrow s\uparrow s\downarrow$

- Flavor SU(3) singlet \Rightarrow

- no coupling to SU(3) octets π, ρ
- **No pion cloud**

- No pion cloud \Rightarrow

- $r_S \sim$ Compton wavelength \sim **0.15 fm** (compare $r_p = 0.9$ fm)
- **S does not bind to nuclei (no exotic isotopes)**
 “Non-binding of Flavor-Singlet Hadrons to Nuclei”, GRF and G. Zaharijas
 Phys. Lett. B.559: 223-228, 2003.

- Couples to f_0 , glueball, SU(3) singlet $\omega-\phi$

- $r_S \sim$ **0.15 - 0.4 fm** depending on strength of f_0 coupling
- $\sigma_{SN} \sim 5$ to 20 mb (at $v/c \sim 1$; may grow as $v/c \rightarrow 0$, as σ_{NN} does)

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\Rightarrow **Small wave function overlap with 2 nucleons**

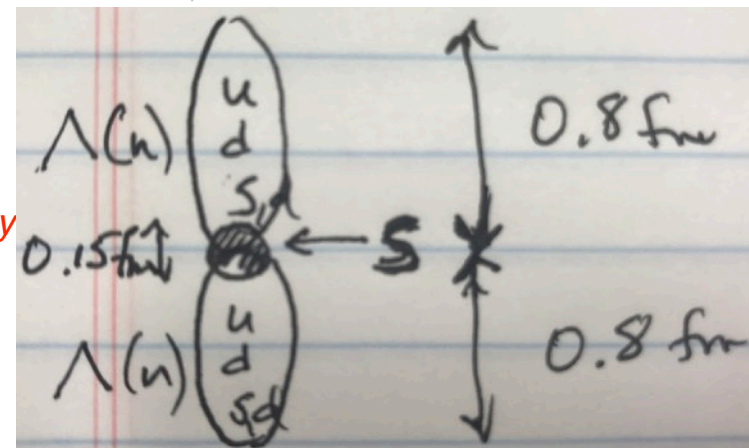
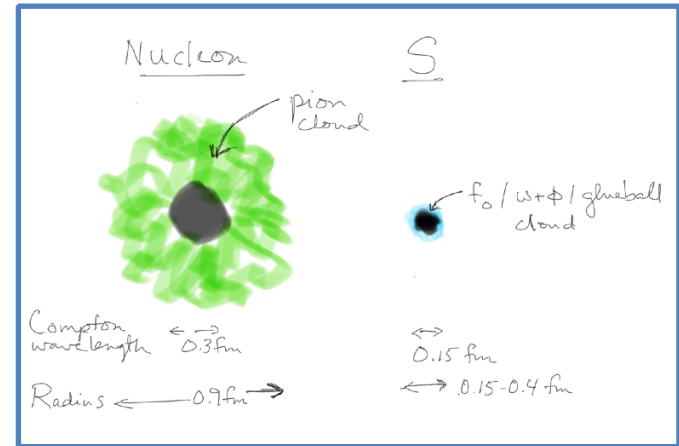
- not created in hypernuclear expts
- Amp (NN \rightarrow S) very suppressed (small wavefunction overlap)

\Rightarrow **Nuclei and neutron stars are stable;**

- **S lifetime can be $>$ age of Universe even if not absolutely stable (doubly-weak decay & wfn overlap)**

- Scalar (spin-0, even parity)

“A STABLE H DIBARYON: DARK MATTER CANDIDATE WITHIN QCD?” Int. J. Theor. Phys. 42:1211-1218, 2003. Also in *Minneapolis 2002, Continuous advances in QCD* 582-590.



S has not been discovered because it is elusive

- **Many negative searches, but all are inapplicable.** They either:
 - looked for H-dibaryon through decays (but S is stable)
 - restricted to mass > 2 GeV (but $m_S < 2$ GeV)
 - required fast production in S=-2 hypernuclei (but small overlap with baryons)

- **Wavefunction overlap with baryons is very small.** Extremely rare fluctuation required for $S \leftrightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$; $S \leftrightarrow NN$ is G_F^2 smaller =>
 - nuclei are stable ($\tau > 10^{29}$ yr)
 - hard to produce in fixed target experiments

- **S is similar to** (much more copious) **neutrons**
- **Promising accelerator detection strategies**

- **Apparent lack of baryon number and strangeness conservation:**

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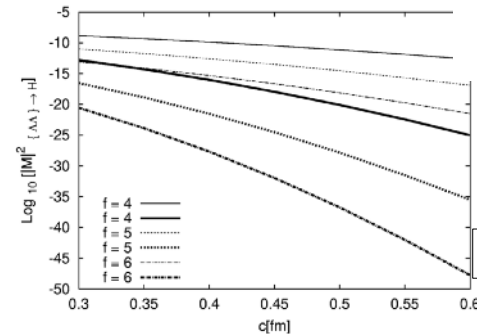
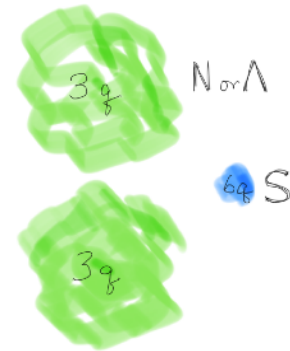


FIG. 1. Log_{10} of $|\mathcal{M}|_{\Lambda\Lambda \rightarrow \pi}^2$ versus hard core radius in femtometers, for ratio $f = R_{\Lambda\Lambda} / R_{\Lambda N}$ and two values of the Isgur-Karl oscillator parameter: $\alpha_0 = 0.406$ GeV (thick lines) and $\alpha_0 = 0.221$ GeV (thin lines).

GRF+G.Zaharijas 2004

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Discovery Strategy

- Apparent lack of B and S conservation:

- $\Delta B = \pm 2 \quad + \quad \Delta S = \mp 2$

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- $K^- p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} S$ (+ pions) $M_S^2 = (p_{K^-} + p_p - p_{\bar{\Lambda}} - \sum p_{\pi_i})^2$

- $\bar{S} + p, n \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} + K^{+,0}$ $M_S^2 = (p_K + p_{\bar{\Lambda}} - p_p)^2$

or $\bar{E}^{+,0} + \pi$

$$\Upsilon \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda \bar{S} \quad \& \quad \bar{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} S$$

(+ pions)

- Υ is *localized* source of ggg

\Rightarrow production of S is (relatively) enhanced

- Many $\times 10^8$ events collected (CLEO, Babar, Belle)

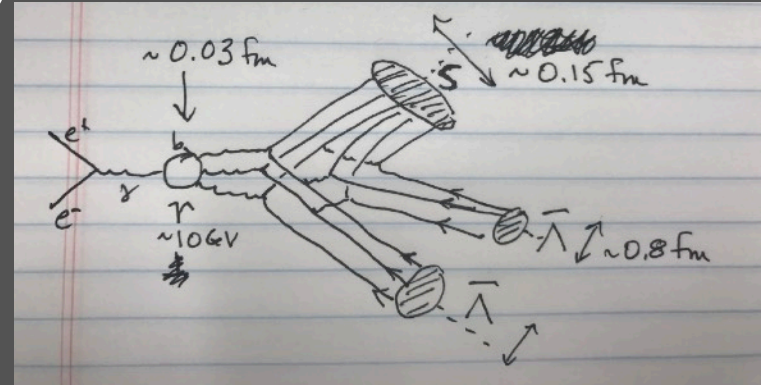
- detectors pretty hermetic, have good mass resolution, $O(10 \text{ MeV})$
- Λ decays quickly to $p\pi^-$ so easy to ID. $c\tau = 8 \text{ cm}$

- Can MEASURE m_S via missing mass

- *Very clean*

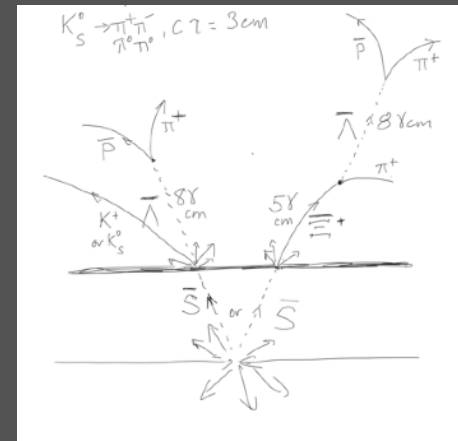
- Main bkg is $K_S K_S K_L K_L$ (+ pions)
 - K_S 's mis-ID'd as Λ 's and K_L 's escaping before decay : *negligible for Belle*
 - rare and can model accurately
 - $K_S K_S K_L K_L$ (+ pions) *is measurable*, from $K^+ K^+ K^- K^-$ (+ pions)
- "Conspiracy" of missed particles producing $\Delta B = \pm 2$, $\Delta S = \mp 2$ very hard

Background does not have narrow peak in missing mass!



Other search options besides Upsilon decay

- Production in accelerator expts
 - fixed target: too low production rate due to small wfn overlap
 - LHC strategies
 - statistical examination of correlation between $\Delta B = \pm 2, \Delta S = \mp 2$
 - 2nd exponential in scattering length distribution of n-like interactions, due to S
 - \bar{S} annihilation in tracker, followed by $\bar{E}^{+,0} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} \pi^{+,0}$ ($c\tau = 5\gamma$ cm) $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p} \pi^+$ (63%, $c\tau = 8\gamma$ cm)



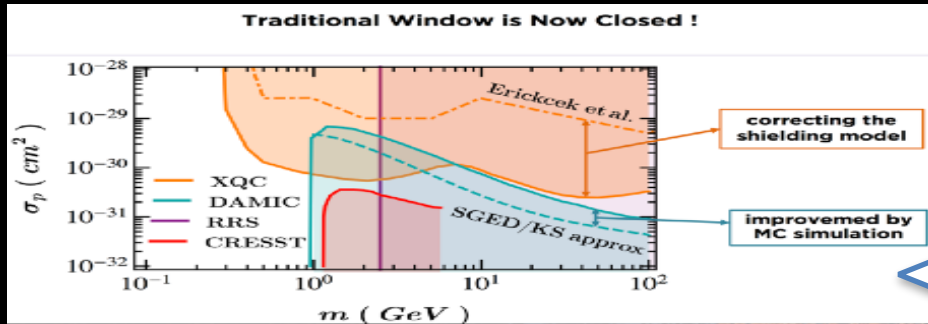
- Production at SuperK or SNOlab (nuclear decay) $p n \rightarrow S e^+ \dots$

Conditions on QCD Dark Matter

- ✓ $\tau_{\text{DM}} > \tau_{\text{Univ}}$, cold, neutral
- ✓ primordial nucleosynthesis
- ✓ Particle must not be already excluded
 - accelerator searches
 - exotic isotopes
 - **DM searches**
 - indirect impacts (heating planets, helioseismology,...)
 - stability of nuclei
 - equation of state of neutron stars (and their stability)
- ✓ Correct relic density (for natural m_{DM} & $\sigma_{\text{f.o.}}$)

Stable S as Dark Matter

$10^{-26} - 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$



Closing the window on $\sim \text{GeV}$ Dark Matter with moderate ($\sim \mu\text{b}$) interaction with nucleons

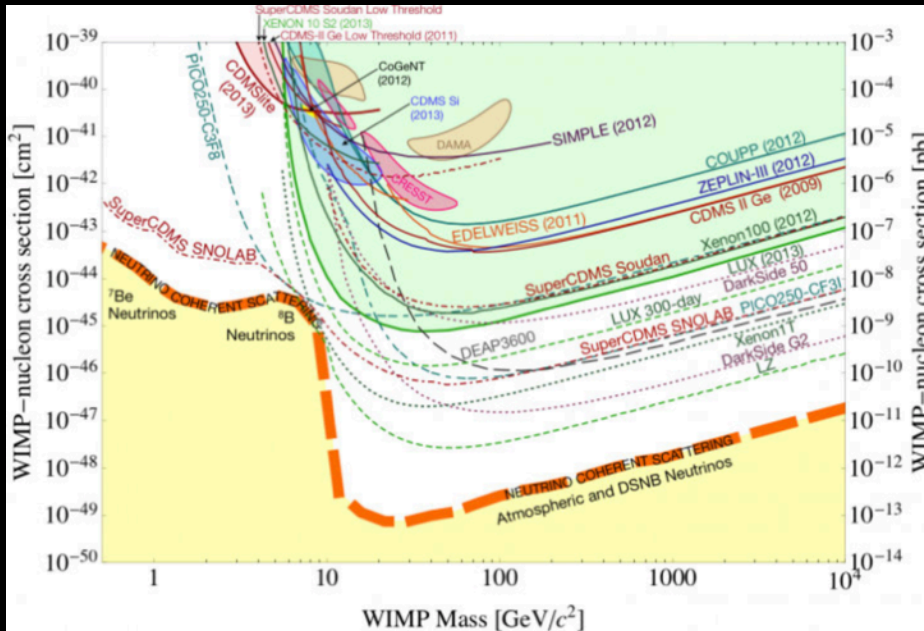
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Shielded (e.g. underground) detectors are not sensitive

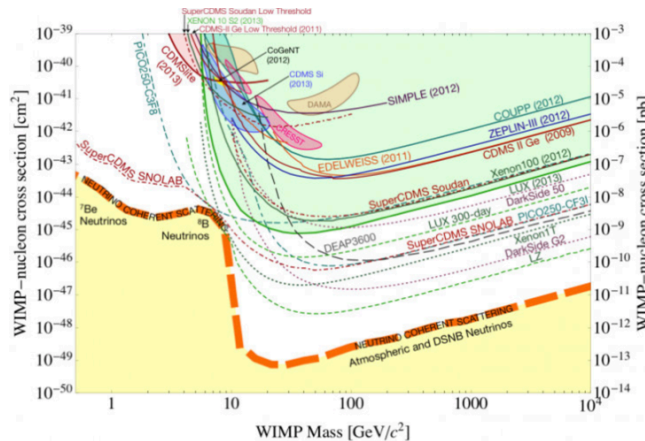


Directly Detecting the S

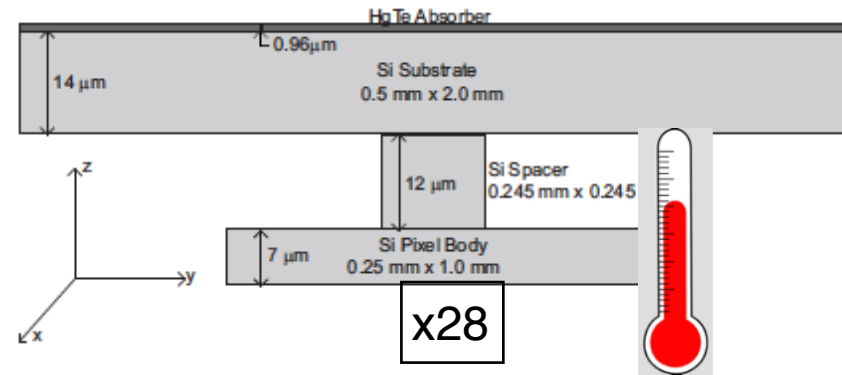
- **Light, slow-moving, strongly interacting DM is not visible in current detectors:**

- $KE_{DM} = 500 \text{ eV} (m_{DM} / 2 m_p) v^2 / (220 \text{ km/s})^2$
- $\langle E_{deposit} \rangle / KE_{DM} = 0.12$ for Si target
 $= 0.02$ for Hg target
 $= 0.44$ for H or He target
- Energy-loss length in Earth crust: $\lambda = 2 \text{ cm} / \sigma_{10mb}$

- **CRESST, Xenon1T, LUX, DAMIC are not sensitive**



X-Ray Quantum Calorimeter (XQC)



- On sounding rocket, 200 km above earth
- Best limit for high x-secn (McCammon+02, Wandelt+02, GF+Zaharijas05, Erickcek+07, Mahdawi & GF 17)
 - sensitive to X-rays with $E \geq 29$ eV
 - 100 sec flight, ~ 100 events
 - nuclear recoil \Rightarrow X-rays, which thermalize (*assumption*)

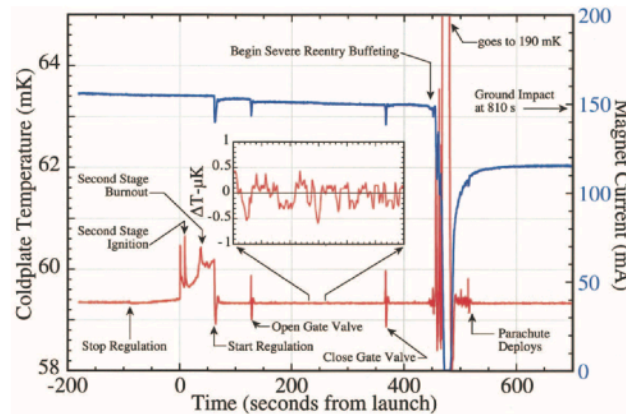
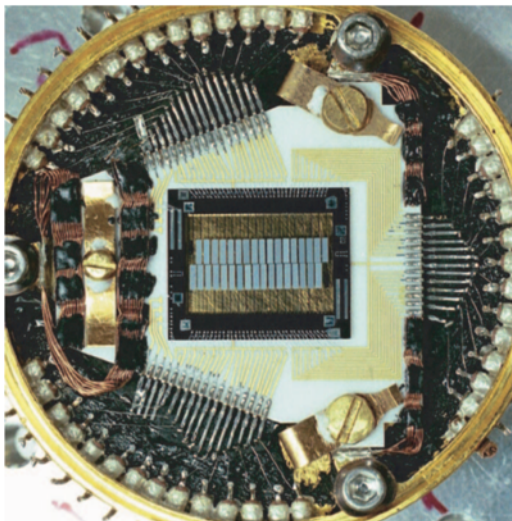
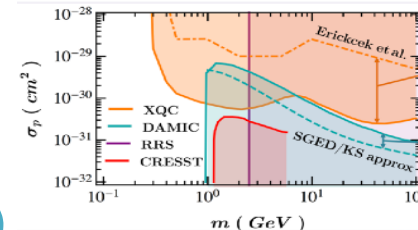


FIG. 7.—In-flight performance of the temperature control system, showing the coldplate temperature and magnet current. Temperature fluctuations during data taking are about 210 nK rms. The gate-valve motor is located on the vacuum jacket and caused the most serious thermal disturbance up to reentry. Accelerations during reentry exceeded 30g with tumbling at ~ 1 Hz, introducing heat to the cold stage faster than it could be removed. Temperature regulation is recovered once tumbling stops, allowing calibration data to be obtained.

Calibrate with X-rays

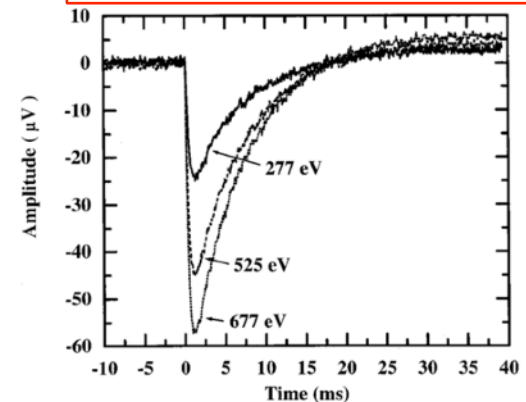


FIG. 8.—Unfiltered X-ray pulses from the gate-valve calibration source.

Challenge to Direct Detection of S

- Taking XQC sensitivity at face value:

XQC above atmosphere is best. $E_{\text{thresh}} = 30 \text{ eV}$

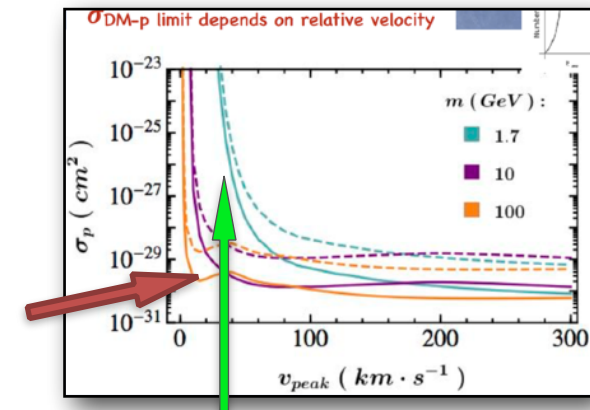
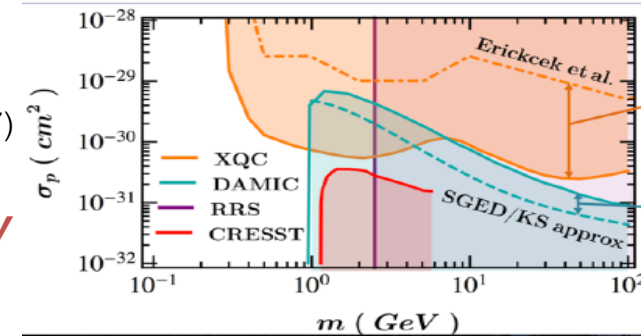
(McCammon+02, Wandelt+02, GF+Zaharijas05, Erickcek+07, Mahdawi+GRF 2017)

- Mahdawi+GRF 2017: $\sigma_{DM} < 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^2$ for standard velocity dispersion — SDM has $\sigma_{DM} \sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ mb}$

- $v_{\text{min},XQC} = 100 \text{ km/s} (2 m_p / m_{DM})^{1/2}$

- **BUT:**

- **velocity distribution?**
 - (gas co-rotates, red vel $\sim 10 \text{ km/s}$)
- **does E_{rec} really thermalize?**



Co-rotation reduces SDM signal

Closer look at XQC sensitivity

Silicon nucleus recoil: $KE_{\max} \sim 500 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow v_{\max} \sim 20 \text{ km/s} \ll v_e \Rightarrow$

- atomic interaction is adiabatic \Rightarrow
- negligible ionization.

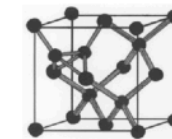
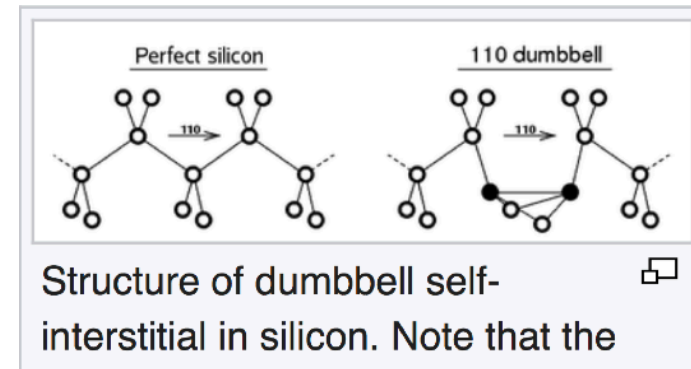
Si atom moving in semiconductor crystal:

- rearranges covalent bonds
- produces interstitial defects
- 500eV atom produces Frenkel pairs (V+I)
 - $E_{\text{Fp_min}} = 5 \text{ eV}$
 - $E_{\text{migration}} \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$
- Cascade energy loss producing
 - $N \sim (KE_{\text{rec}} / 5 \text{ eV})$ Frenkel pairs,

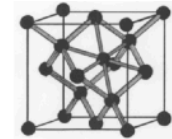
$\leftarrow \sim 2\%$ of KE_{rec} goes to thermalization

$\Rightarrow KE_{\text{rec,min}} > 1.5 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow KE_{\text{DM,min}} > 6 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow$

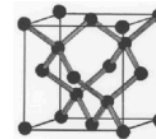
$v_{\text{DM,min}} > 300 \text{ km/s}$



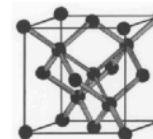
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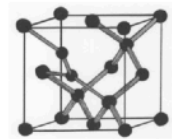
(b) Hexagonal



(c) Perfect crystal



(d) Tetrahedral



(e) Concerted exchange

Figure 1. Illustrations of the split-(110), hexagonal, and tetrahedral self-interstitial defects, together with the perfect crystal and the saddle point of Pandey's concerted exchange.

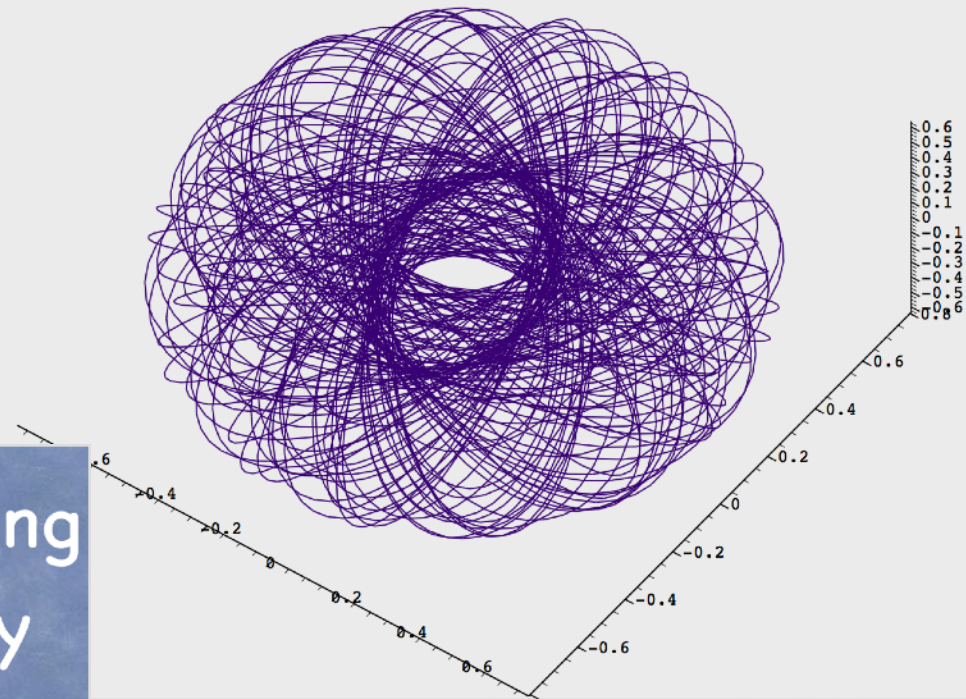
Dark Matter Co-Rotation

Schwarzschild Modelling

1. Choose a potential (NFW)
2. Follow an orbit in this potential

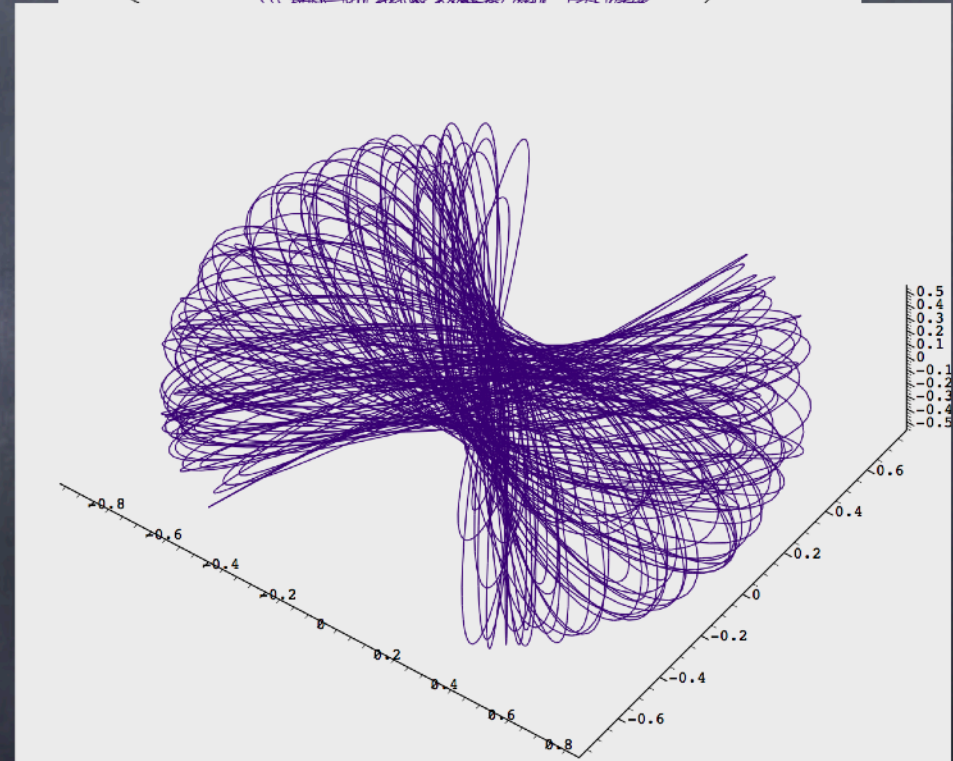
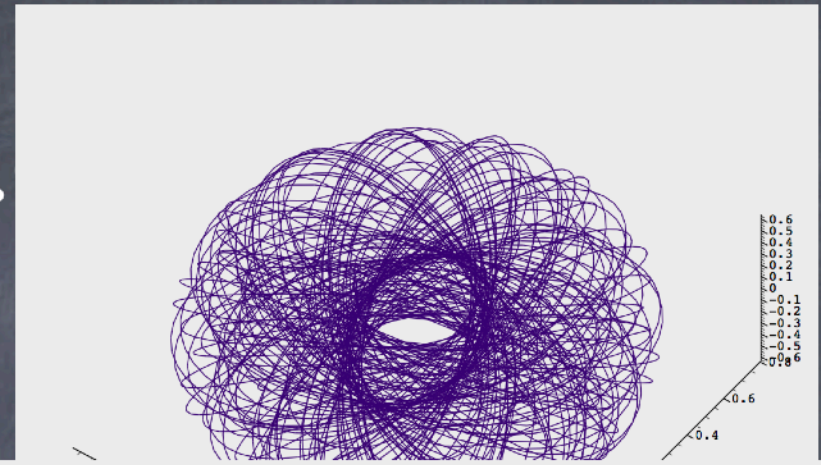
Simulations of DM interacting with gas in the Milky Way

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in collaboration with G. R. Farrar



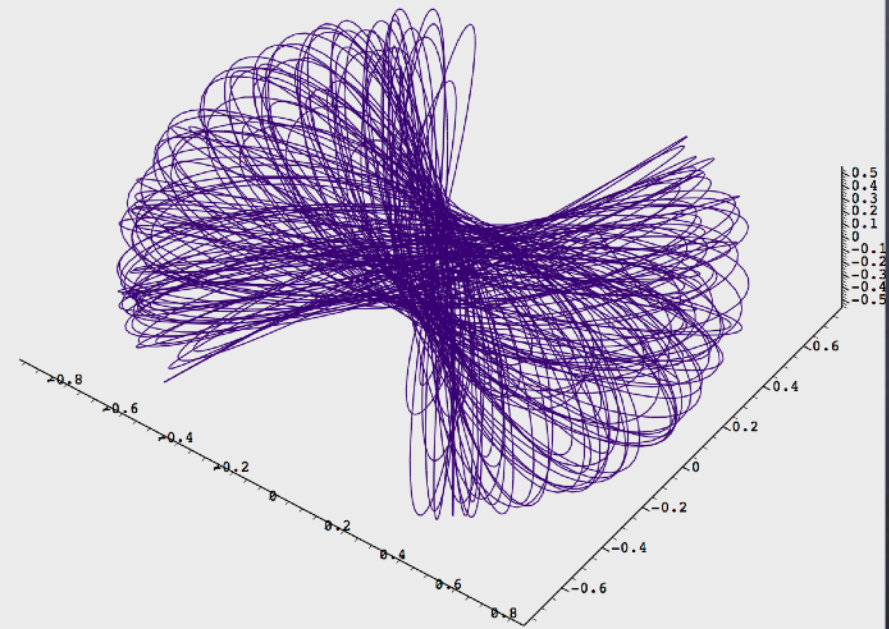
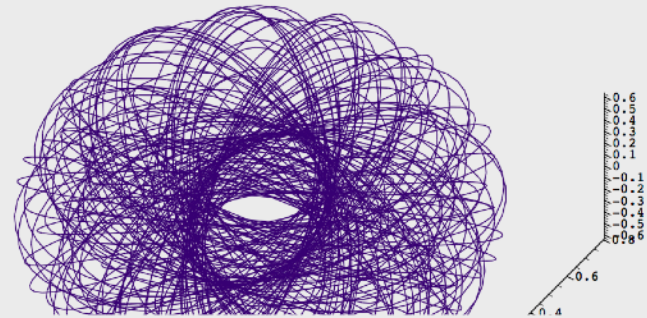
Schwarzchild

1. Choose a potential (NFW)
2. Follow an orbit in this potential
3. Generate a library of orbits



Schwarzschild

1. Choose a potential (NFW)
2. Follow an orbit in this potential
3. Generate a library of orbits
4. Weighted sum of orbits gives density corresponding to NFW

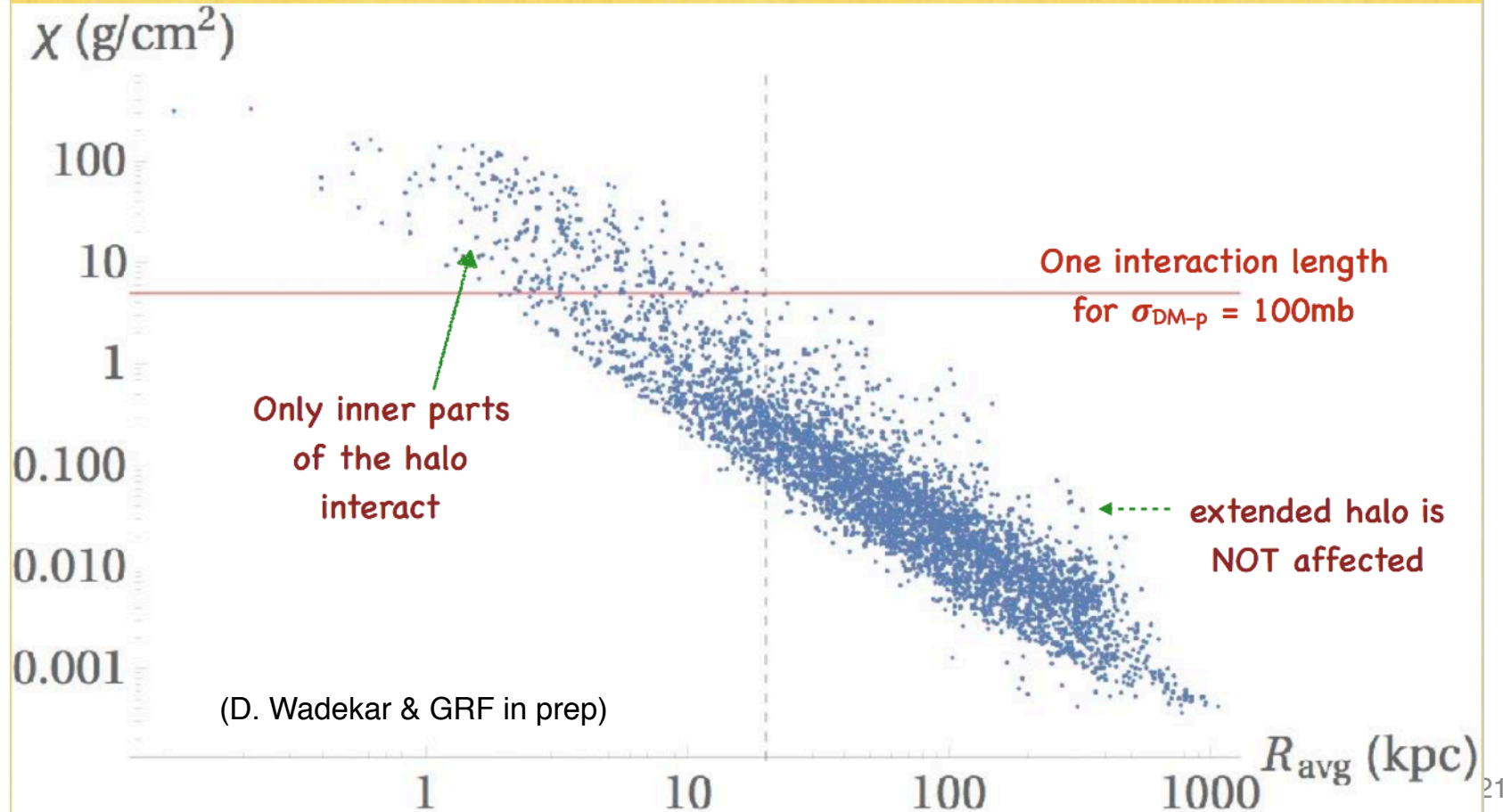


Dark Matter-Gas Scattering

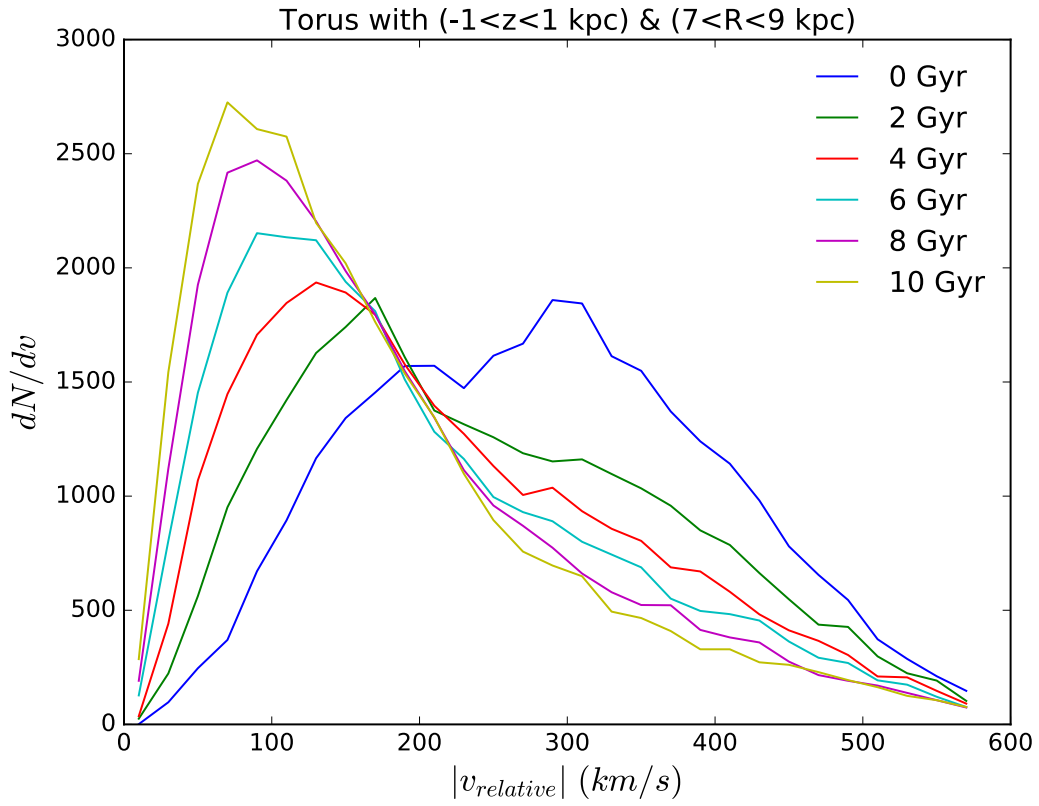
$v_f \sim (2/3)^N v_i \Rightarrow$ only a few interactions are enough for co-rotation scenario to work

Integrated Column Density
for NFW orbits 10 Gyr

$$\chi = \int_0^l dl' \rho_{\text{gas}}(r)$$



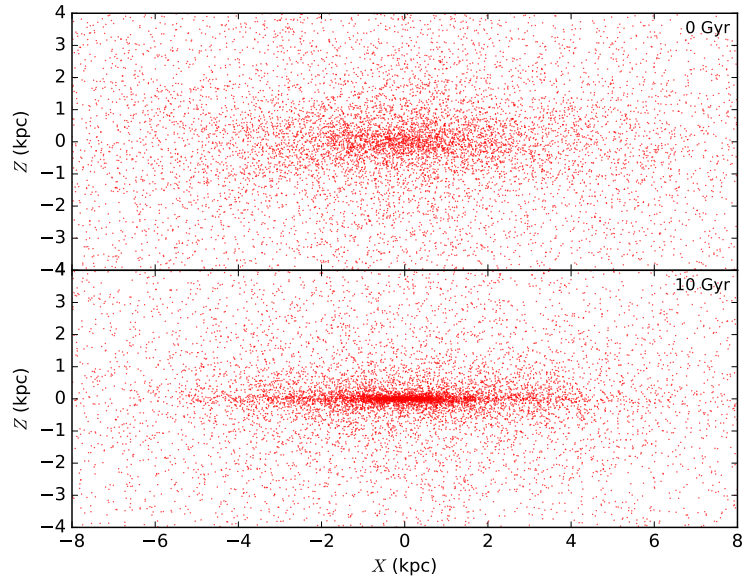
- Select a DM particle and follow its orbit
- Monte-carlo choose its scattering point on gas
- Isotropically scatter \rightarrow kinematics of new orbit



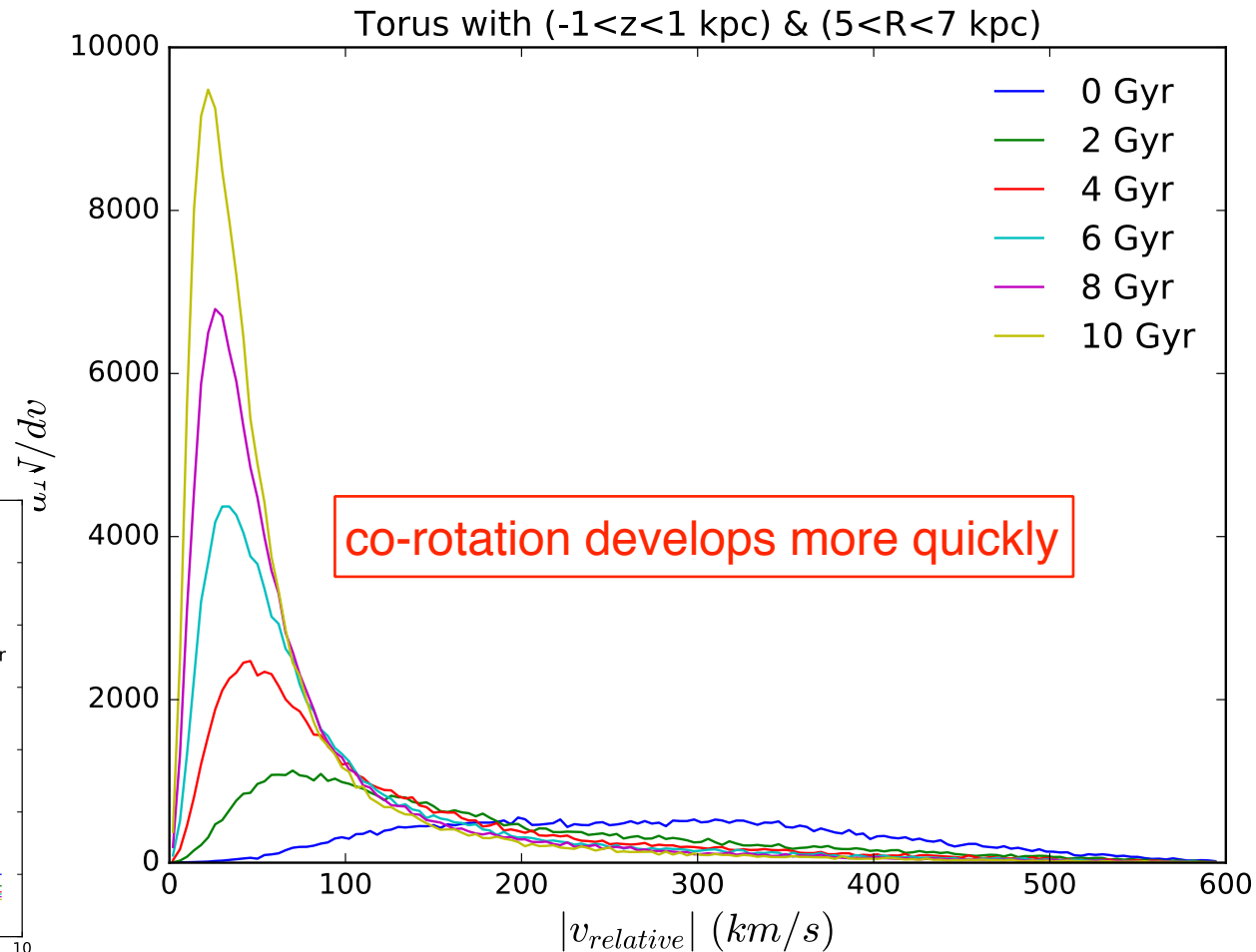
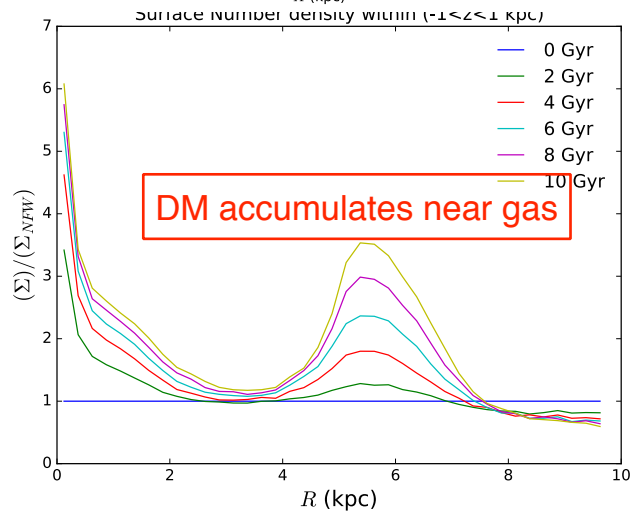
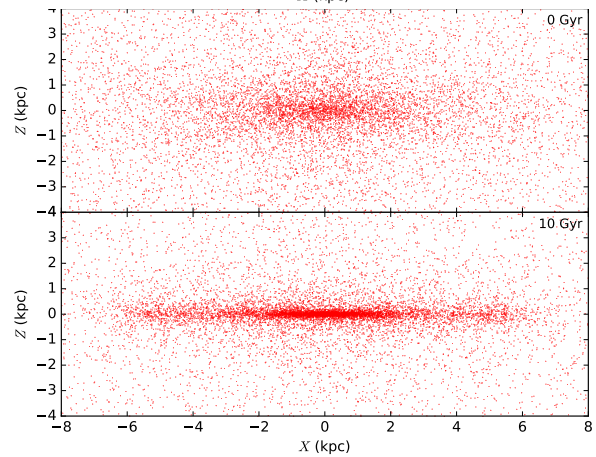
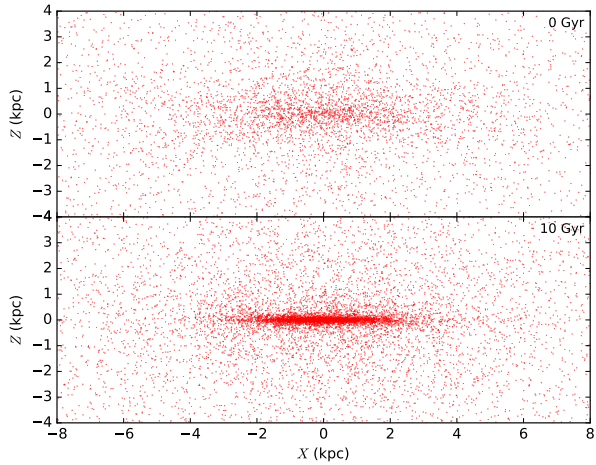
Highly idealized analysis:

- static potential & gas
- actually grows by accretion
- c.f. Bruch-Read+
- proof of concept, shows cross-section needed is reasonable.

Tends to Co-rotation.
For large enough σ , forms disk



DM distribution follows gas?
in realistic galaxies, gas is inhomogeneous \Rightarrow
test with extra torus



Rotation Curves \Leftrightarrow DM reflects gas

Swaters+12: precise rotation curves & baryons, for dozens of galaxies

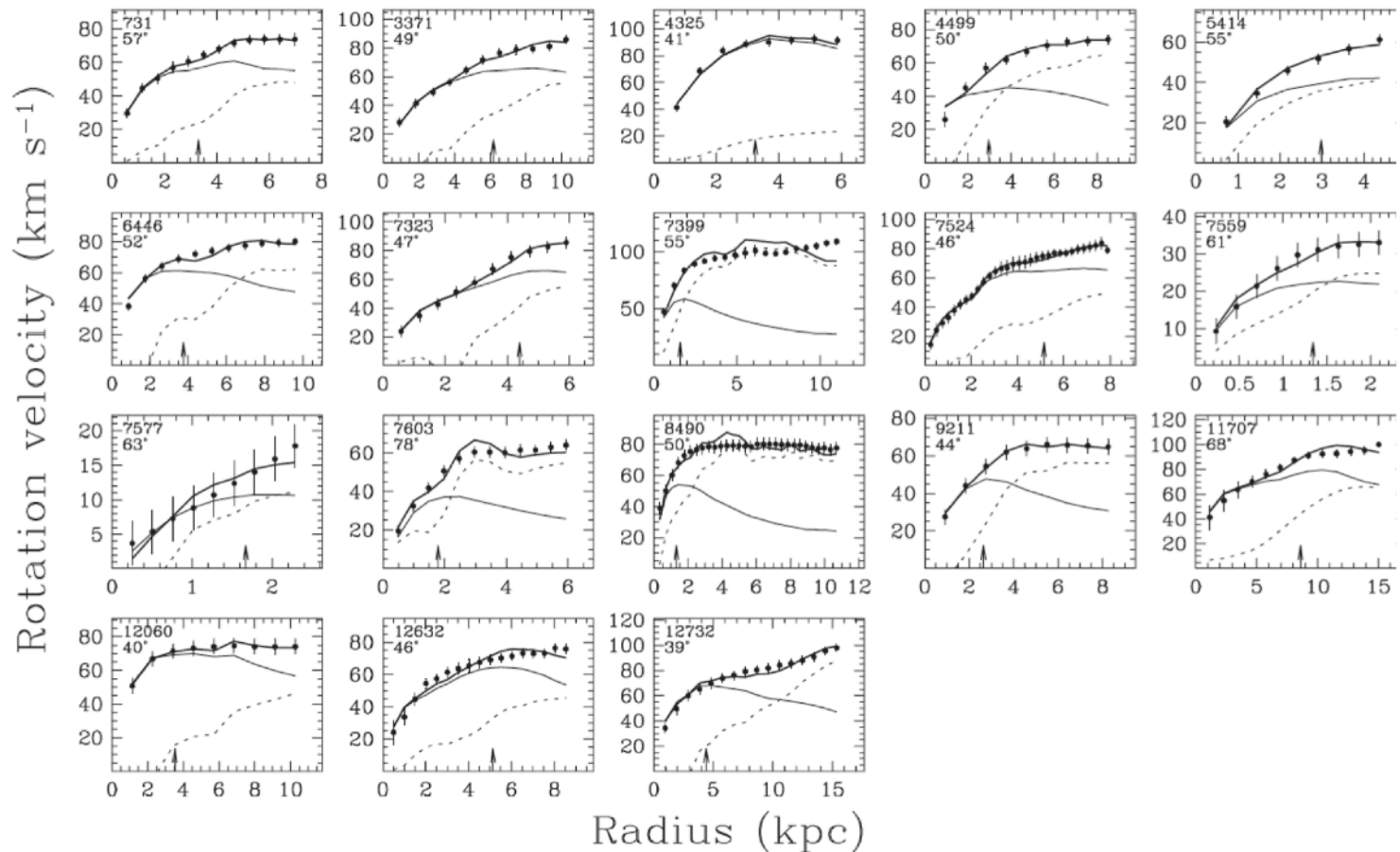
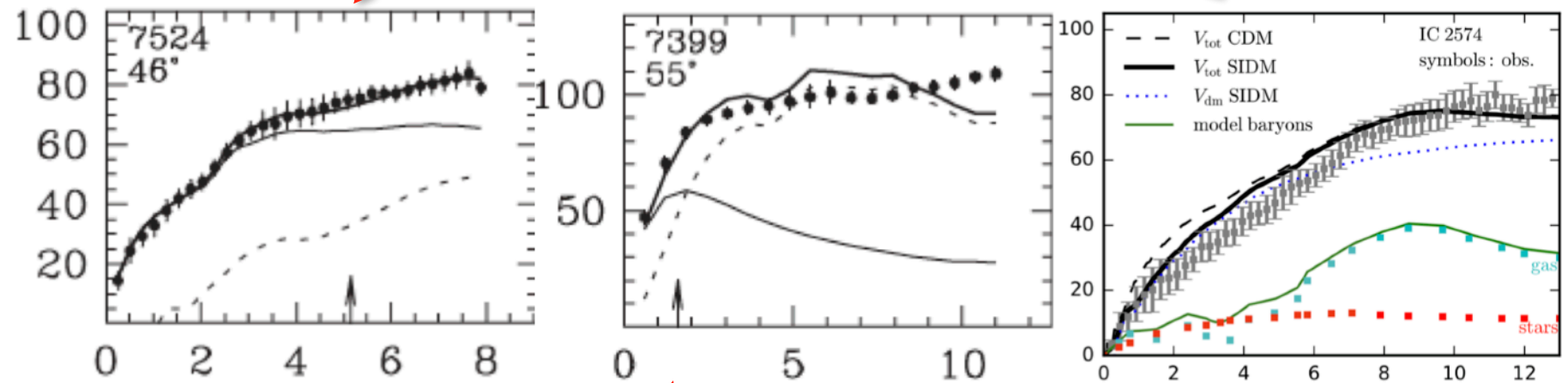


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Rotation Curves \Leftrightarrow DM reflects gas

Sharp increases in overall RC, amplifying structure in gas



But not always... !

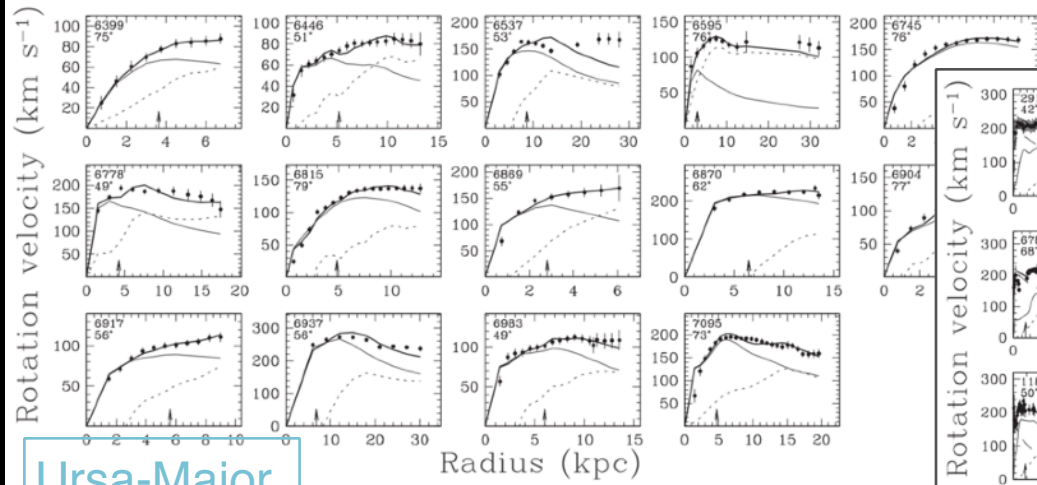


Figure 2. Same as Fig. 1 but for the galaxies in the Ursa Major sample.

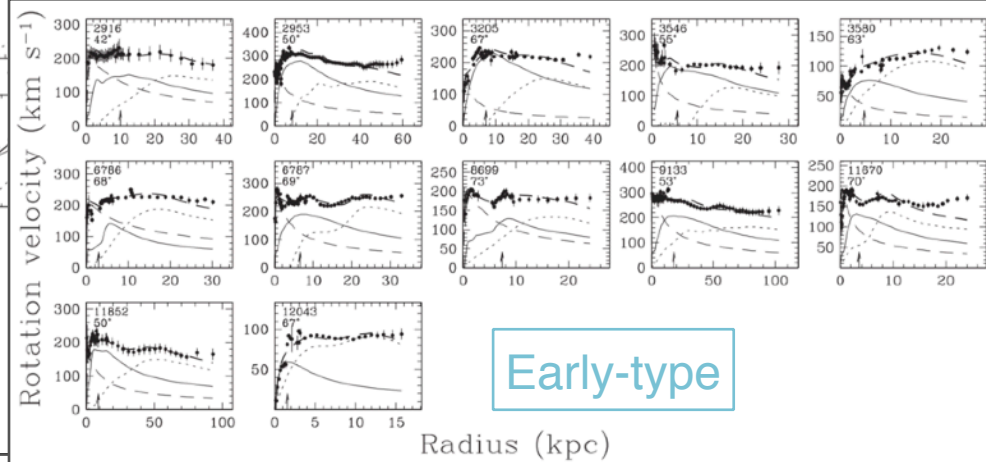


Figure 3. Same as Fig. 1 but for the early-type galaxies. The long-dashed line represents the contribution of the stellar bulge.

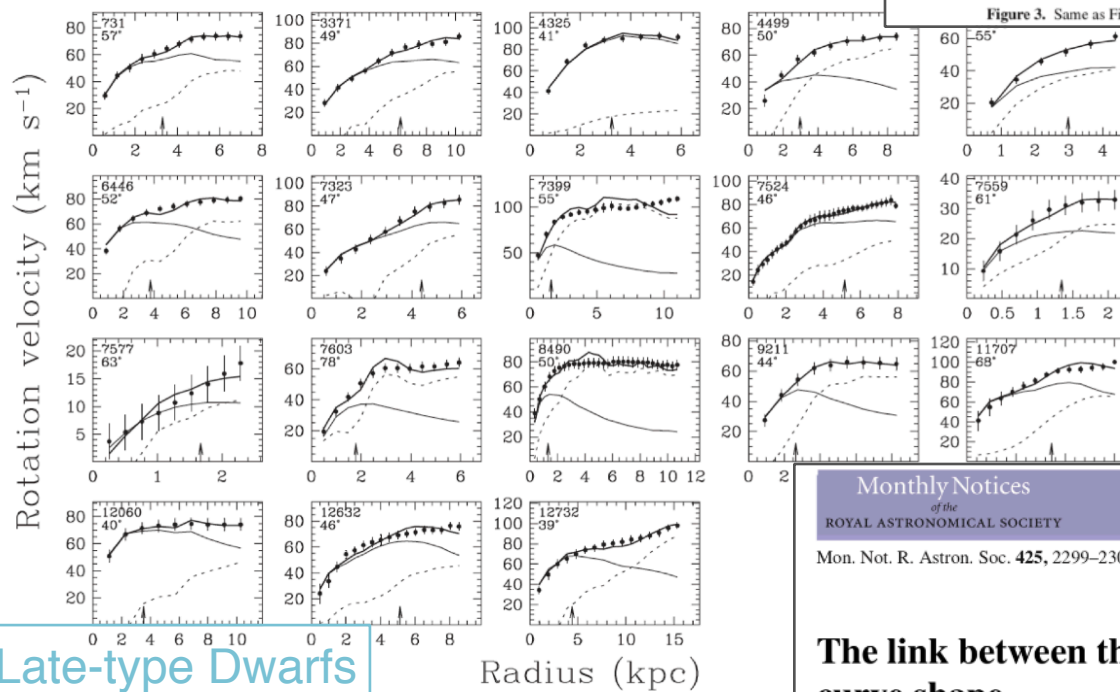


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The link between the baryonic mass distribution and the rotation curve shape

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SDM provides a natural explanation for the exceptions: major merger

Swaters+12

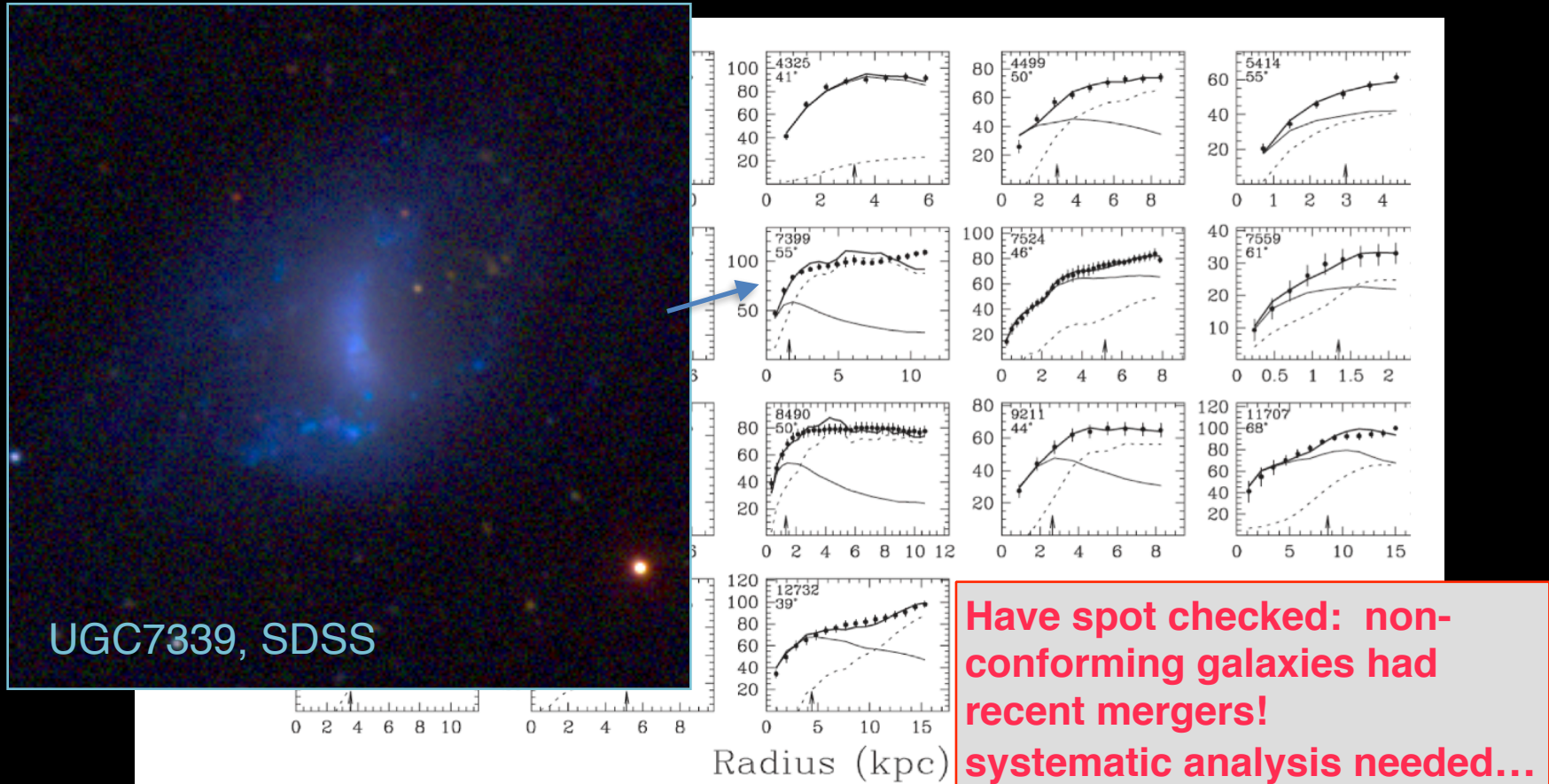


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Cosmology & structure formation

- **DM-baryon interaction: momentum transfer => *slight drag on DM during structure formation***
 - Dvorkin, Blum, Kamionkowski (2014):
 - **Ly-alpha forest: $\sigma < \sim 10$ mb if v-indepedt**
 - Buen-Abad, Marques-Tavares, Schmaltz (2015):
 - **momentum transfer helps reconcile H_0 & σ_8**
 - Problem or opportunity? To be determined...
- **S-S self interactions + S-baryon interactions:**
 - expect similar benefits as Self Interacting DM
 - resolves core-cusp, “too-big-to-fail” & missing sub-halos problems.

Galaxies & Clusters

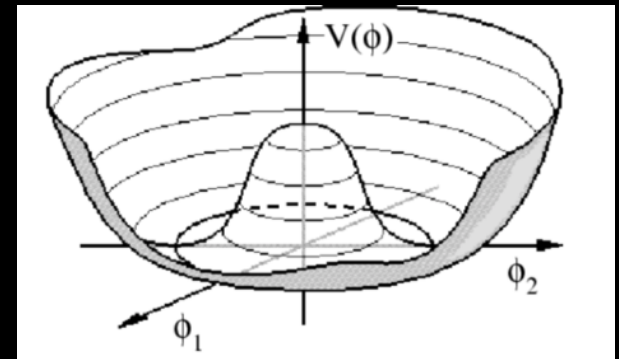
DM-gas scattering provides a source of heating, needed for:

- Milky Way's extended hot gas halo — 2×10^6 K
- Quenching star formation
- Avoiding “cooling flow catastrophe” in X-ray clusters

Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe

- S described by complex scalar field, like the Higgs
 - may have VEV in early Universe
 - phase rotates at no cost in energy \Rightarrow
 - **Non-zero baryon number density is generic**

$$n_B \sim \langle \phi_S^\dagger \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_t \phi_S \rangle$$



Baryon number is non-zero. After reheating it looks like it was just an initial condition.

Dark Matter Relic Abundance

- Reheating: production of photons & fragmentation of $\langle \phi_S \rangle$ into particles

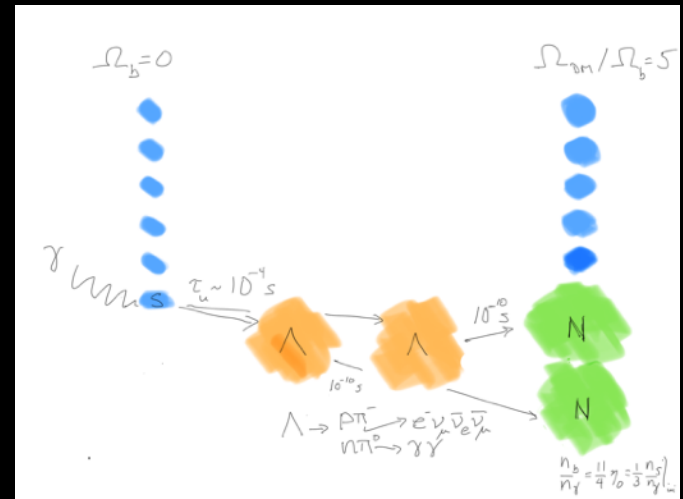
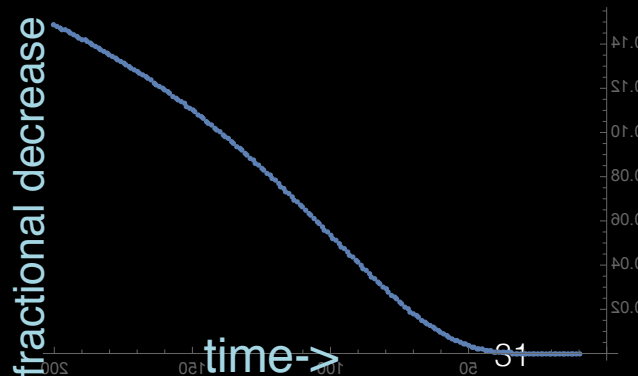
- Breakup: $\gamma + S \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda$

$$\frac{dn_S}{n_S dT} = -\Gamma(\gamma + S \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda) \frac{dt}{dT}$$

$$\Gamma(\gamma + S \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda)(T) = \langle n_\gamma(T) \sigma_{\gamma+S \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda}(T) v(T) \rangle$$

- ~16% of S's are broken up before freeze out \Rightarrow

$\Omega_{DM} / \Omega_b = 5$. Natural!



Strategies to detect DM if DM is comprised of S's

- With $v_{\text{rel}} = 30 \text{ km/s}$, $KE_{\text{DM}} \sim 10 \text{ eV}$

- $\langle E_{\text{deposit}} \rangle / KE_{\text{DM}} = 0.12$ for Si target
- $= 0.02$ for Hg target
- $= 0.44$ for H or He target

- Energy-loss length of S in Earth crust:

$$\lambda = 2 \text{ cm} / \sigma_{10mb}$$

- Present detectors shielded or too high threshold (new CRESST expt has $E_{\text{th}} = 19 \text{ eV}$, but 30 cm shielding \Rightarrow not sensitive)

- Heating rate liquid He: $\sim \text{nW/mol} \sim \text{CR muon energy deposit rate}$.

- can't *shield* muons & other CRs: veto? but what about neutrons?

Results on MeV-scale dark matter from a gram-scale cryogenic calorimeter operated above ground

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Abstract. Models for light dark matter particles with masses below $1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ are a natural and well-motivated alternative to so-far unobserved weakly interacting massive particles. Gram-scale cryogenic calorimeters provide the required detector performance to detect these particles and extend the direct dark matter search program of CRESST. A prototype 0.5 g sapphire detector developed for the ν -clue experiment has achieved an energy threshold of $E_{\text{th}} = (19.7 \pm 0.9) \text{ eV}$. This is one order of magnitude lower than for previous devices and independent of the type of particle interaction. The result presented here is obtained in a setup above ground without significant shielding against ambient and cosmogenic radiation. Although operated in a high-background environment, the detector probes a new range of light-mass dark matter particles previously not accessible by direct searches. We report the first limit on the spin-independent dark matter particle-nucleon cross section for masses between $140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $500 \text{ MeV}/c^2$.

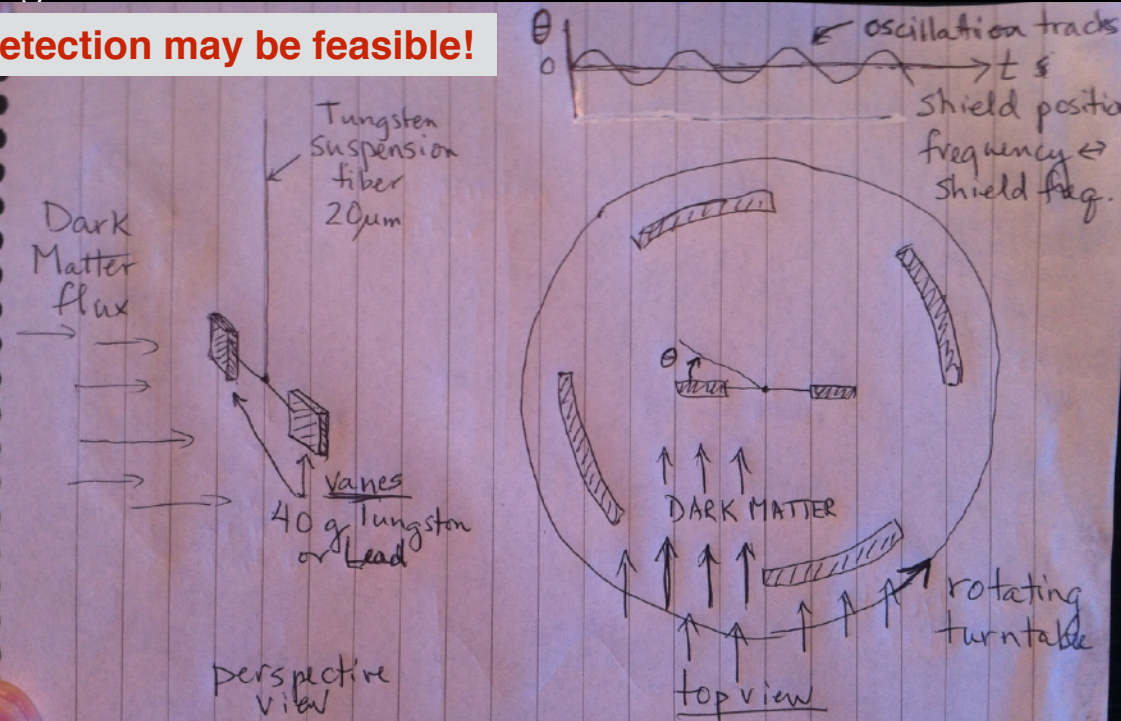
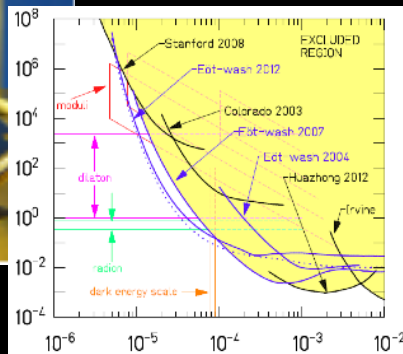
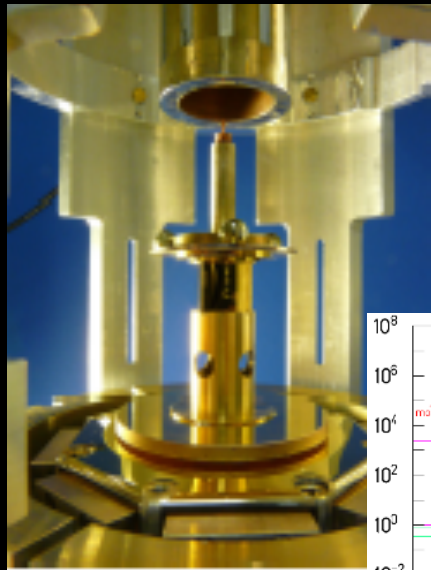
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S dark matter detection with a torsion balance on the ISS

W. Terrano & GRF, in preparation

- Individual S collision deposits too little E to detect, but an S flux exerts a tiny pressure.
- Torsion balance: (Eotwash) 1 yr torque sensitivity $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-11}$ dyne-cm (erg)
- Modulate DM pressure by rotating absorber

directional S-detection may be feasible!



Key points to take home

- **There may a tightly bound 6-quark state $S = uuddss$**
 - Unique, symmetric structure \Rightarrow other hadrons don't provide guidance
 - mass is not driven by chiral symmetry breaking (unlike baryons)
 - constituent quark model probably completely misleading
 - **If $M_S < 2 m_p + 2 m_e$, S is absolutely stable**
- **If S is stable, its an excellent Dark Matter candidate**
 - Relic abundance is natural.
 - Usual WIMP detection strategy isn't applicable.
 - Baryon asymmetric Universe is expected
 - May reconcile tension in H_0 & σ_8 and explain astrophysics puzzles ("quenched", core-cusp, DM rotation curves...)
- **S may be waiting to be discovered in existing Υ -decays or LHC experiments... mass can be accurately measured in Υ -decay exclusive final states.**
- **SDM will be challenging to detect, but not impossible. Astrophysical and cosmological effects may allow it to be constrained, excluded or confirmed.**

Backup Slides

Sexa vs Hexa...

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Numeral_prefix

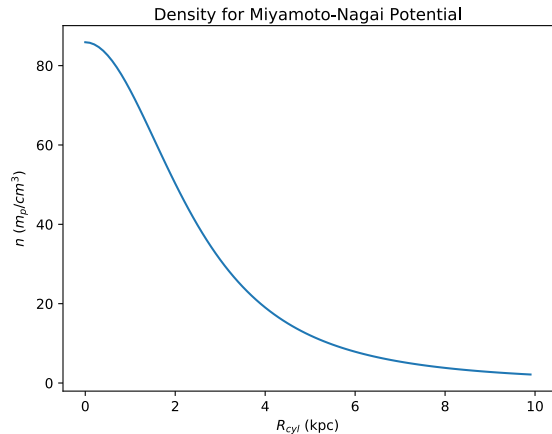
- If sexaquark is DM it, should be renamed R for Rubin!

Number	Latin prefixes				Greek prefixes**			Sanskrit ^[1]
	Cardinal	Multiple	Distributive	Ordinal	Cardinal	Multiple Proportional Quantitative	Ordinal	
6	sexa- ^[19]	–	sen- ^[20]	sext- ^[21]	hex- ^[22]	hexakis- hexaplo- hexad- e.g. hexahedron	hect- ^[23] hectaio-	shat-

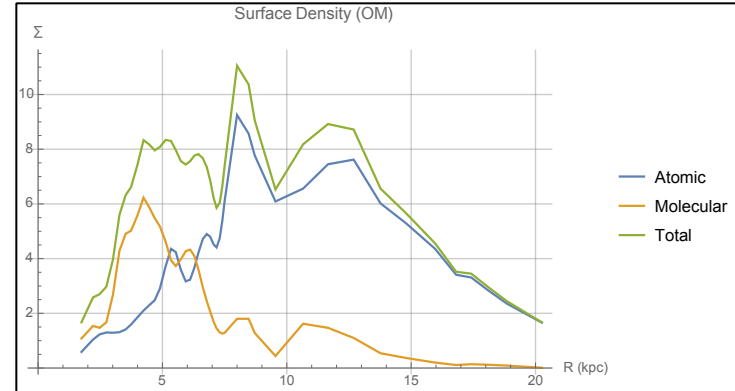
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Sensitivity to gas density structure

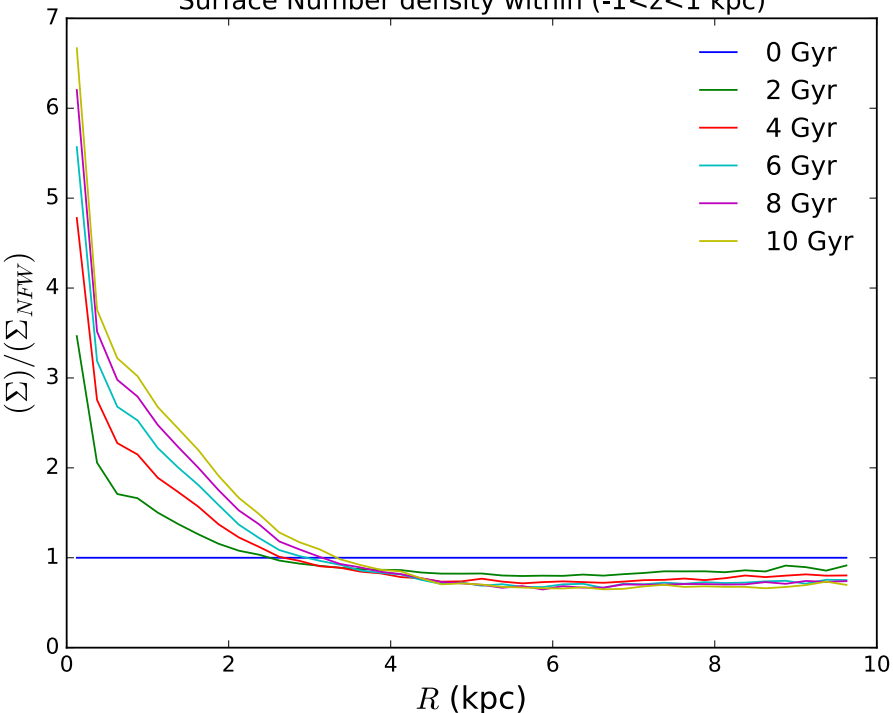
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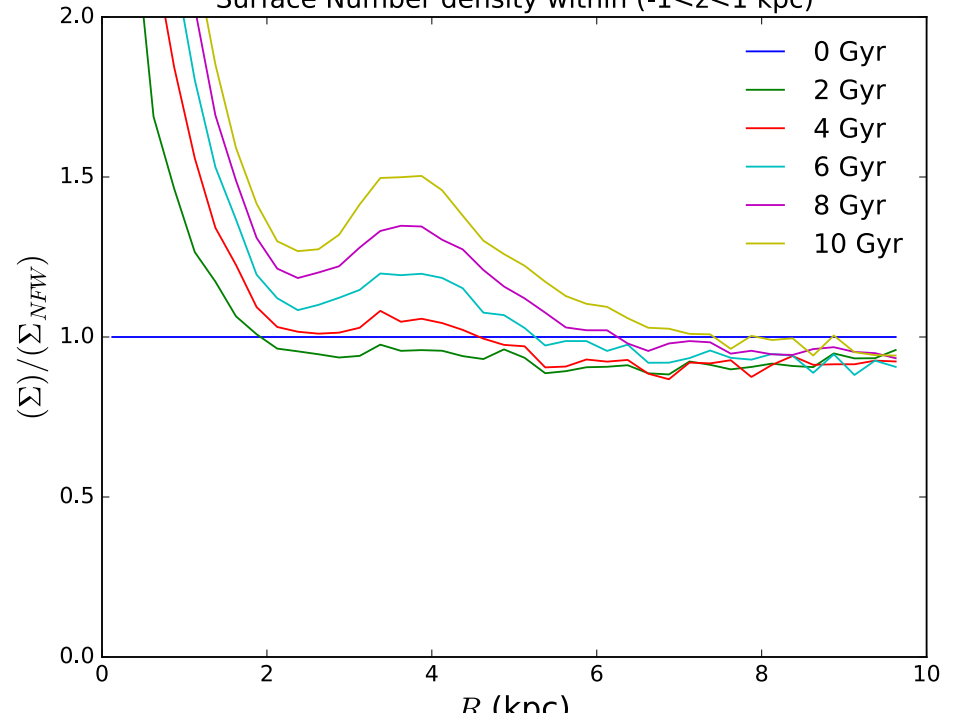
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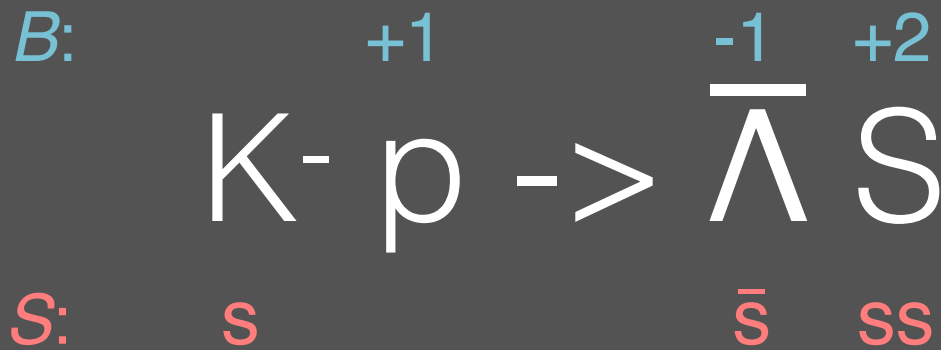


Surface Number density within ($-1 < z < 1$ kpc)



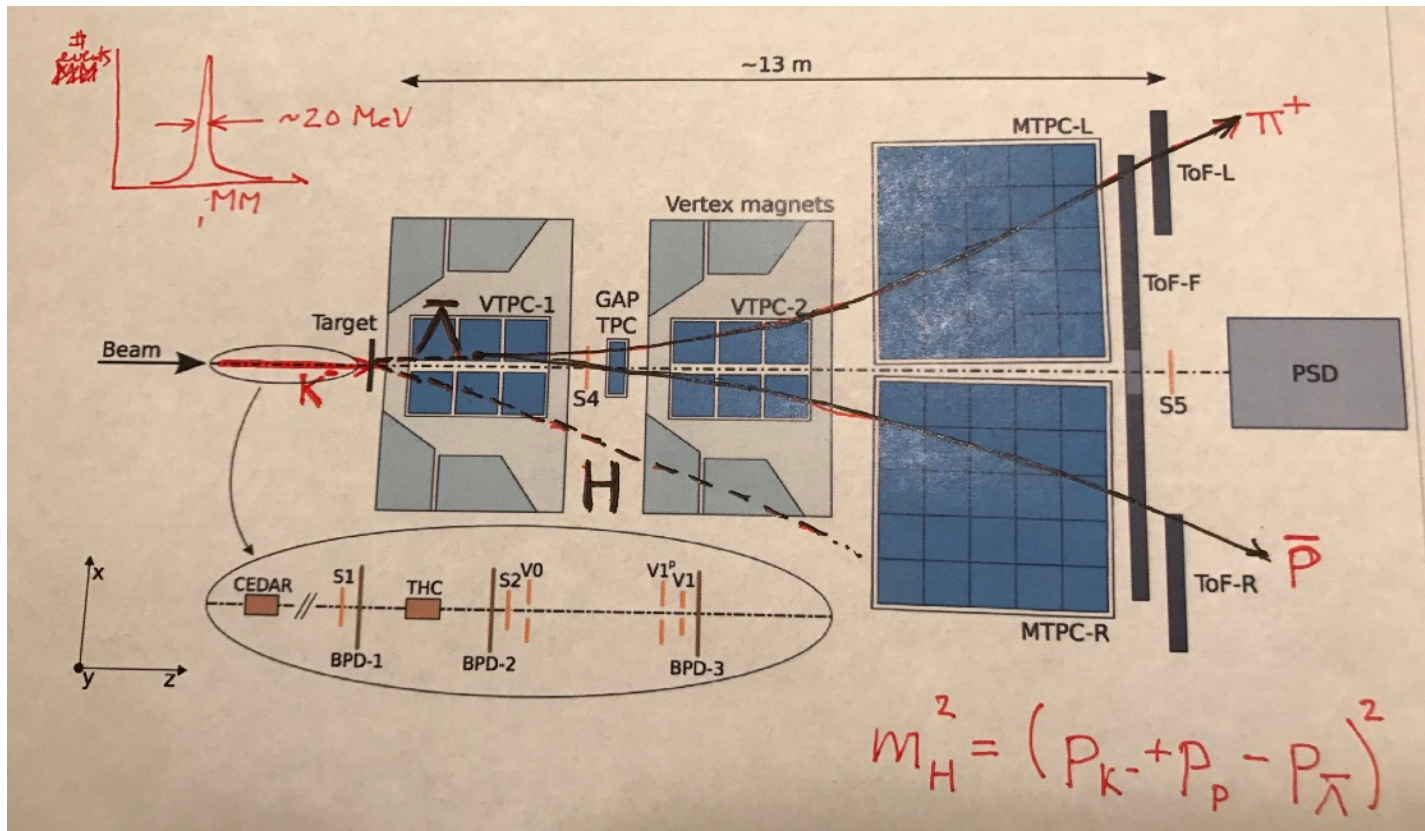
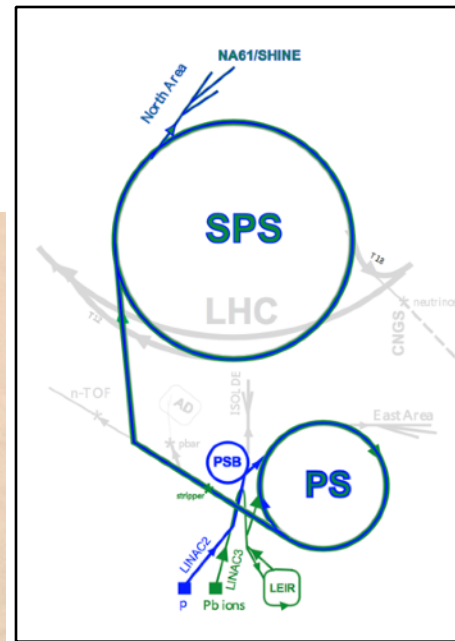
Surface Number density within ($-1 < z < 1$ kpc)





- $\overline{\Lambda}$ is a gold-plated signature : $\overline{\Lambda} \rightarrow \pi^+ \overline{p}$
 - Easy to ID & reconstruct 4-momentum
 - $c\tau = 8 \text{ cm}$ all $\overline{\Lambda}$ are ID'd
- S: undetected, but 4 momentum determined
 - $p_S = p_K + p_p - p_{\overline{\Lambda}}$
 - NA61: est. $\sim 20 \text{ MeV}$ accuracy on “missing-mass” of S
 - For $p_{\text{beam}} < 5.35 \text{ GeV}/c$, no conventional source of $\overline{\Lambda}$'s
- NA61: 9 GeV/c K- beam, need trigger to

NA61/SHINE



$$M_H^2 = (P_{K^-} + P_p - P_{\Lambda})^2$$

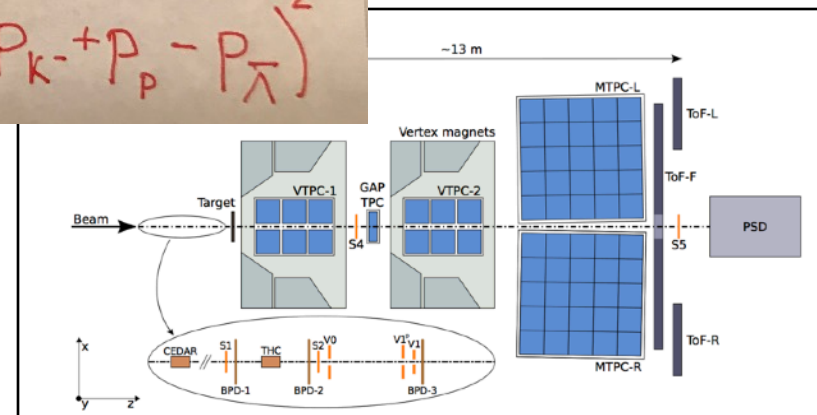


Figure 1. Schematic layout of the NA61/SHINE experiment at the CERN SPS (horizontal cut in the beam plane, not to scale). The beam and trigger counter configuration used for data taking on

NA61

- Trigger rate ~ 100 Hz $\Rightarrow 10^7$ events per day
 - GEANT: $\sim 0.5\%$ K^0 n + neutrals \Rightarrow must refine trigger
- Schedule mostly fixed till shutdown in 2018; restarts 2020.
- *? short K-p run at 9 GeV/c before shutdown, to evaluate rejection efficiency and background?*
- Maybe 9 GeV/c beam is ok! \Rightarrow longer run in 2020...

Background to $K^- p \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} R_H$

- $K^- p \rightarrow K^0 n + \text{neutrals}$

↪ $\pi^+ \pi^-$

DANGER: mis-ID π^- as \bar{p} & interpret $n + \text{neutrals}$ as **H**.

- NA61: *good rejection of K^0 faking $\bar{\Lambda}$*
 - ToF, dEdX, kinematic cuts to reject in dangerous regions
 - GEANT sims running to quantify...

“Armenteros Podolanski” plot

