

The Scattering and Dispersion Measures of FRBs by the Intergalactic Medium

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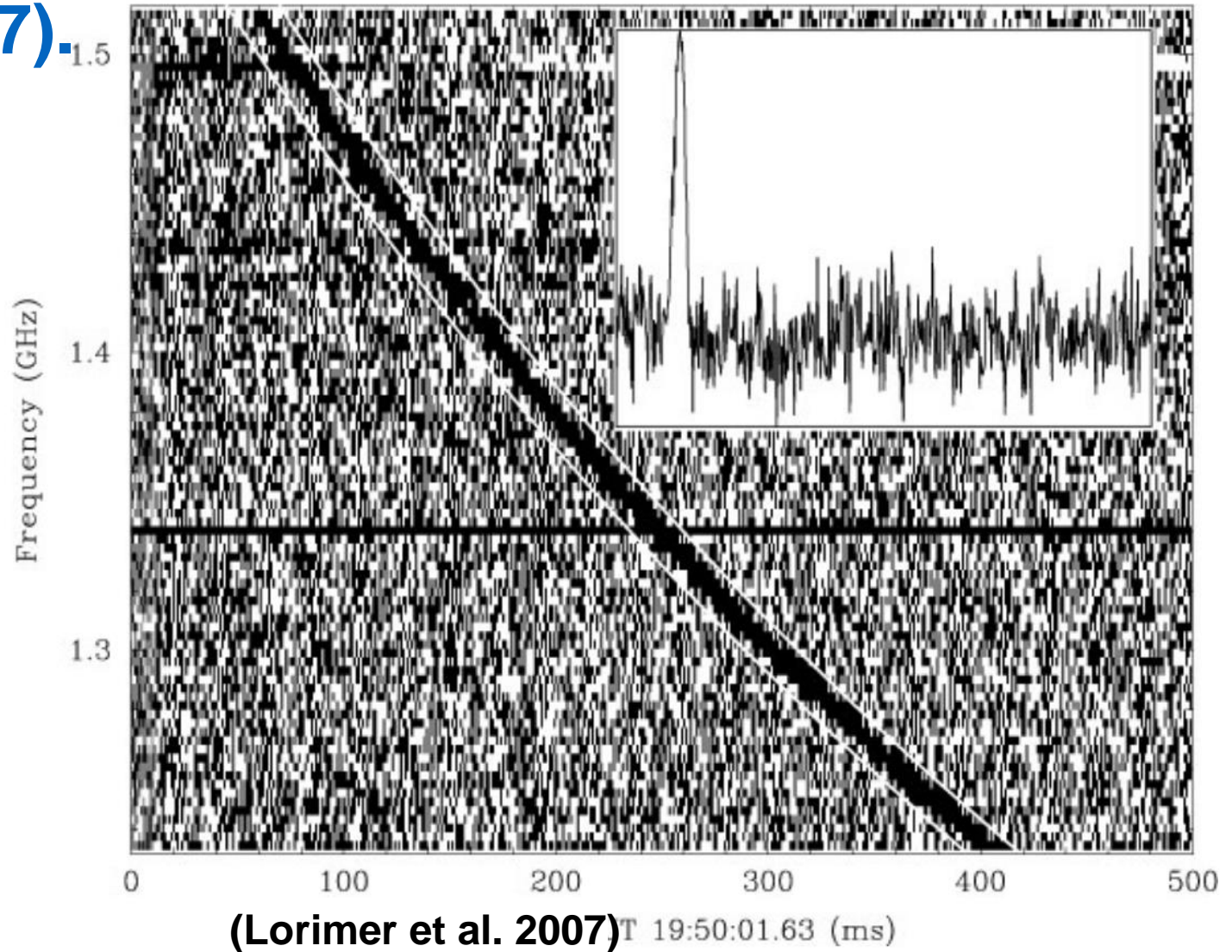
Fast Radio Burst

- Fast radio bursts (FRBs) are a class of millisecond-duration radio transients (Lorimer et al. 2007).

$$\Delta t \propto \nu^{-2}$$

Dispersion
by cold
ionized
plasma

32
FRBs
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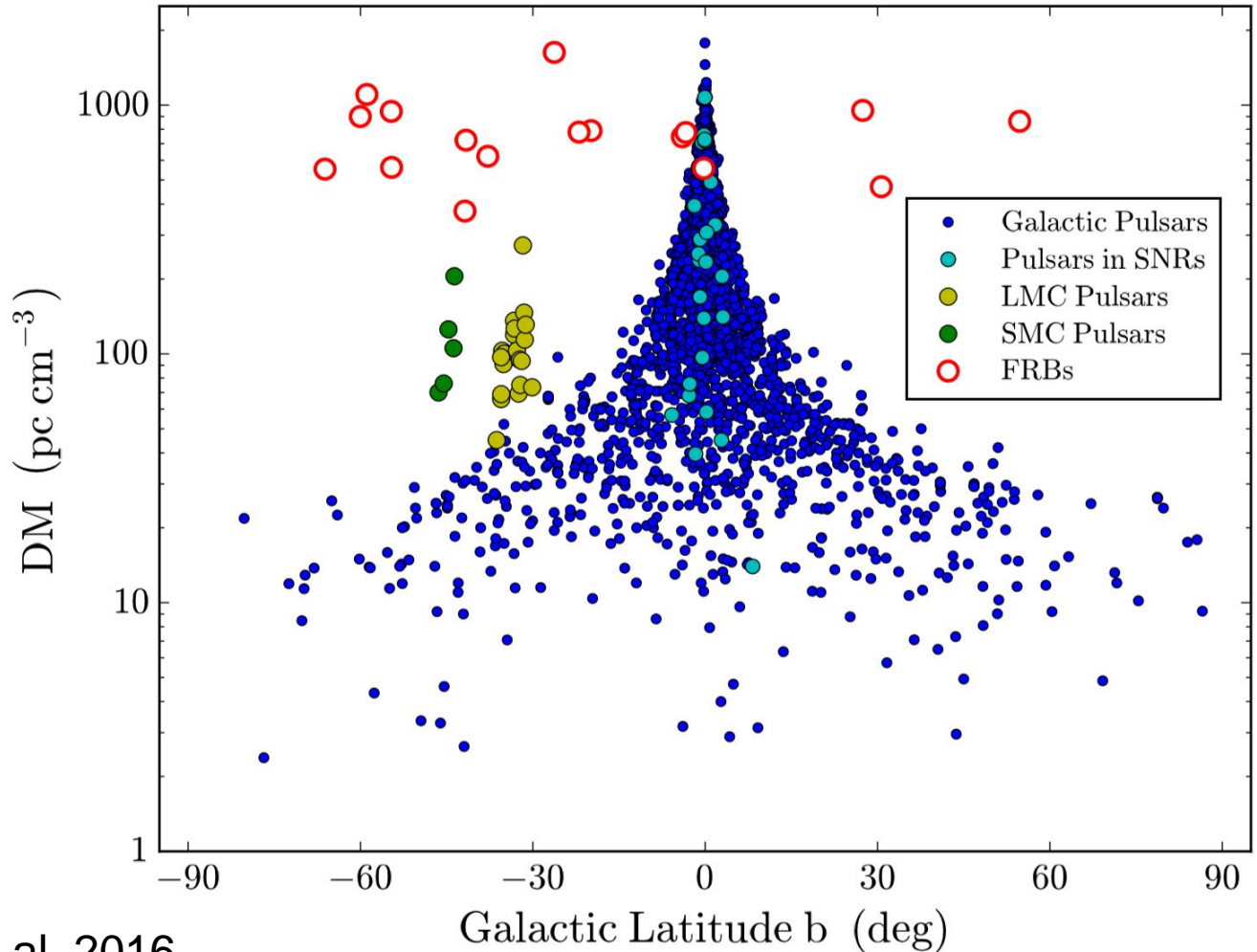


Fast Radio Burst. Cosmological Origin

➤ **Large DM = 177–2596 pc cm⁻³: naturally attributed to the intergalactic plasma** (Cordes et al. 2016, Ioka 2003; Inoue 2004; Deng & Zhang 2014; McQuinn 2014)

➤ **FRB 121102 repeater z~0.193**
(Chatterjee et al. 2017)

➤ **Isotropic**
(Bhandari et al. 2018)



Fast Radio Burst: Models

➤ **Supergiant pulses:**

Short (μs) radio bursts with strong peak (Cordes & Wasserman 2016; Connor et al. 2016)

➤ **Magnetars**

Hyperflares of magnetars , similar to Soft Gamma Ray repeaters (Popov et al. 2010, Murase et al. 2016, Lyutikov 2002)

➤ **Other models**

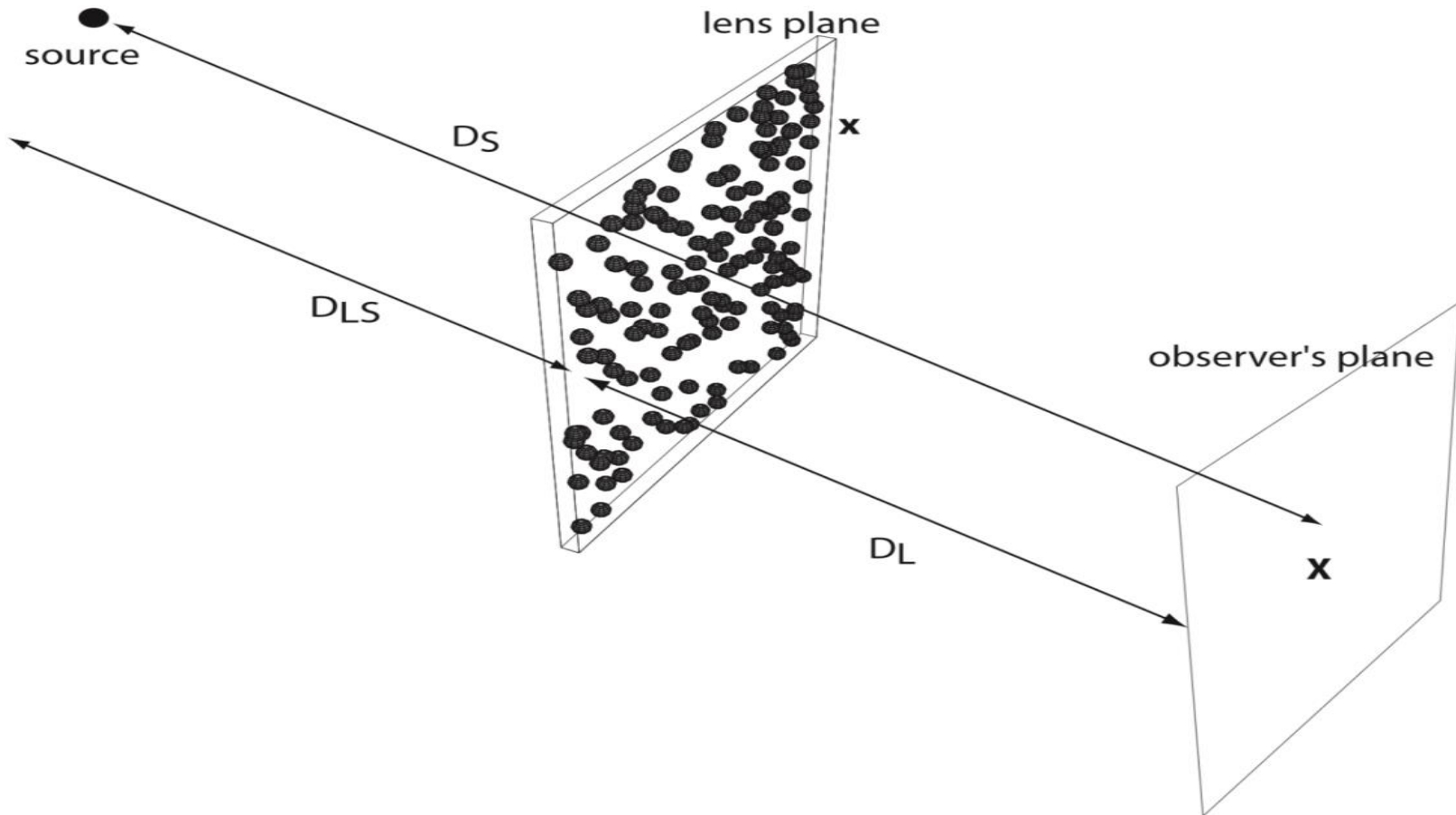
Merging or colliding neutron stars (Totani 2013)

Neutron star collapse (Falcke & Rezzolla 2014)

Collision of asteroids with neutron stars (Dai et al. 2016)

- The temporal smearing (**broadening**) of FRB : τ
 $\sim 1-10$ ms at $\nu \sim 1$ GHz (Petroff 2016) $\tau \propto \nu^{-4}$

$$\tau = \frac{D_L D_S \theta_{\text{scat}}^2}{c D_{LS} (1 + z_L)}$$



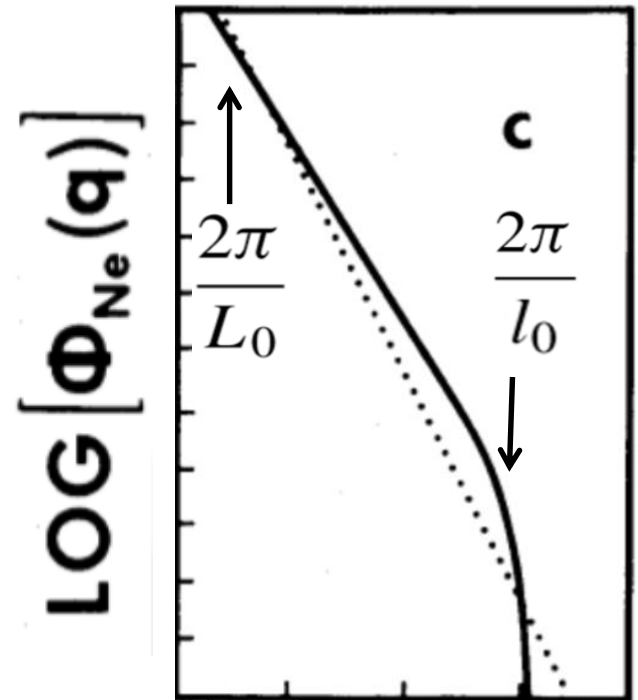
Kolmogorov turbulence

- *Electron energy power spectrum of turbulence*

$$\Phi_{N_e}(\mathbf{q}; l) = C_N^2(l) q^{-\beta} e^{-(ql_0)^2}, \quad q > \frac{2\pi}{L_0}.$$

- **Outer scale L_0 , inner scale l_0**
- **Both simulation and observation can't provide any information between ~ 10 kpc - 10 AU**
- **The scattering measure of FR**

$$\text{SM}_{\text{eff}}(z_s) = \int_0^{z_s} \frac{C_N^2(z) d_H(z)}{(1+z)^3} dz,$$



Coles et al. 1987

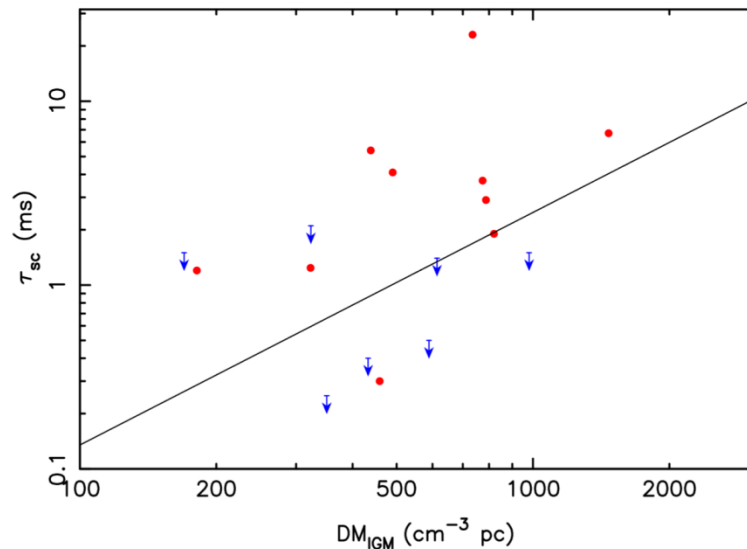
The debate of the broadening of FRB

➤ Host Galaxy?

- The host can cause significant broadening to explain the observation (Cordes et al. 2016)

➤ IGM?

- **Assuming IGM is uniform**, $L_0 \sim 10^{-2}$ pc (Luan & Goldreich 2014, Xu & Zhang 2016).
- ✓ But IGM is **not** uniformly distributed
- ✓ There are significant LOS variations of τ (Macquart & Koay 2013)



Yao et al. 2017

Simulations

- Fixed-grid cosmological hydrodynamical simulation using the code **WIGEON** (Feng et al. 2004; Zhu et al. 2013)

	Box Size (h^{-1} Mpc)	Spatial Resolution h^{-1} kpc	Grid size
B200	200	195	1024^3
B100	100	97.7	1024^3
B050	50	48.8	1024^3

- **$Z=2.5\sim 0$**

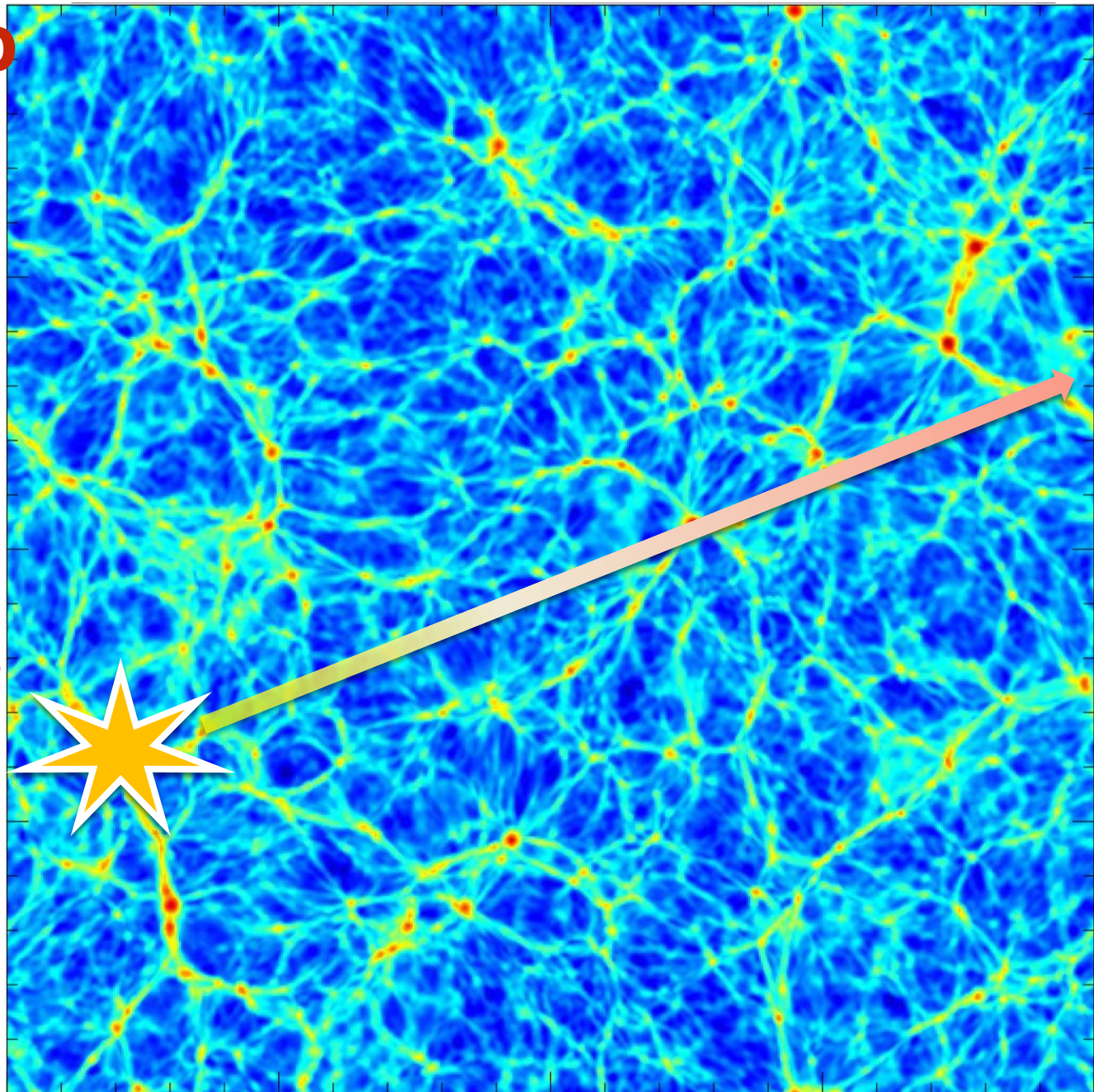
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➤ Voids

➤ Walls

➤ Filaments

➤ Clusters



DM, SM and temporal smearing

$$\text{DM}(z_s) = \int_0^{z_s} \frac{n_e(z)}{1+z} dl,$$

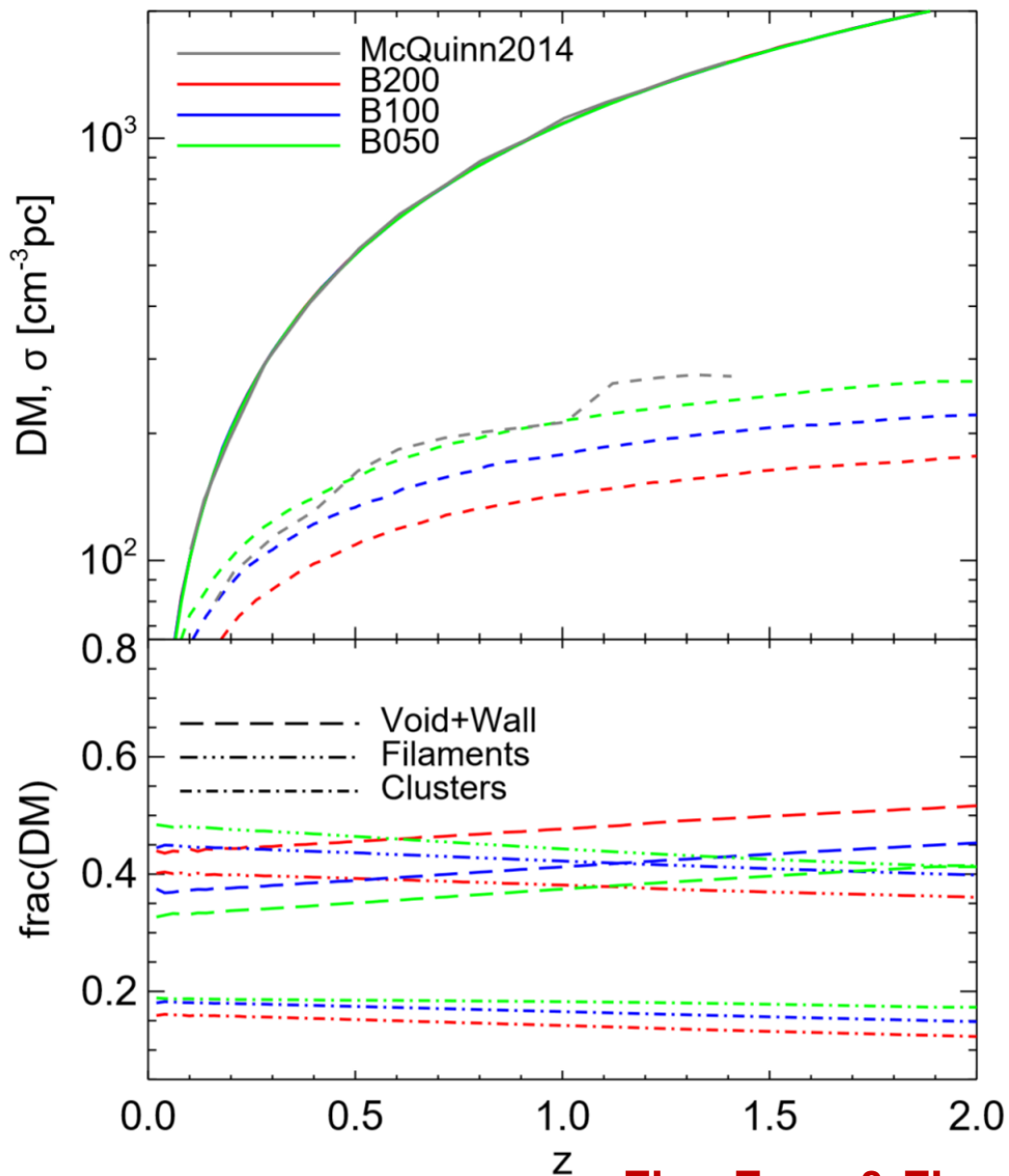
$$\begin{aligned} \text{SM}_{\text{eff}}(z_s) &\approx 1.31 \times 10^{13} m^{-17/3} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{\Omega_b}{0.049}\right)^2 \left(\frac{L_0}{1\text{pc}}\right)^{-2/3} \\ &\times \int_0^{z_s} (\rho_b(z)/\bar{\rho}_b(z))^2 \frac{(1+z)^3}{[\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_m(1+z)^3]^{1/2}} dz. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= 3.32 \times 10^{-4} (1+z_L)^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{30\text{cm}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{D_{\text{eff}}}{1\text{Gpc}}\right) \\ &\times \left(\frac{\text{SM}_{\text{eff}}}{10^{12} m^{-17/3}}\right) \left(\frac{l_0}{1\text{AU}}\right)^{-1/3} m\text{s}, r_{\text{diff}} < l_0, \end{aligned}$$

R_{diff} diffractive length scale

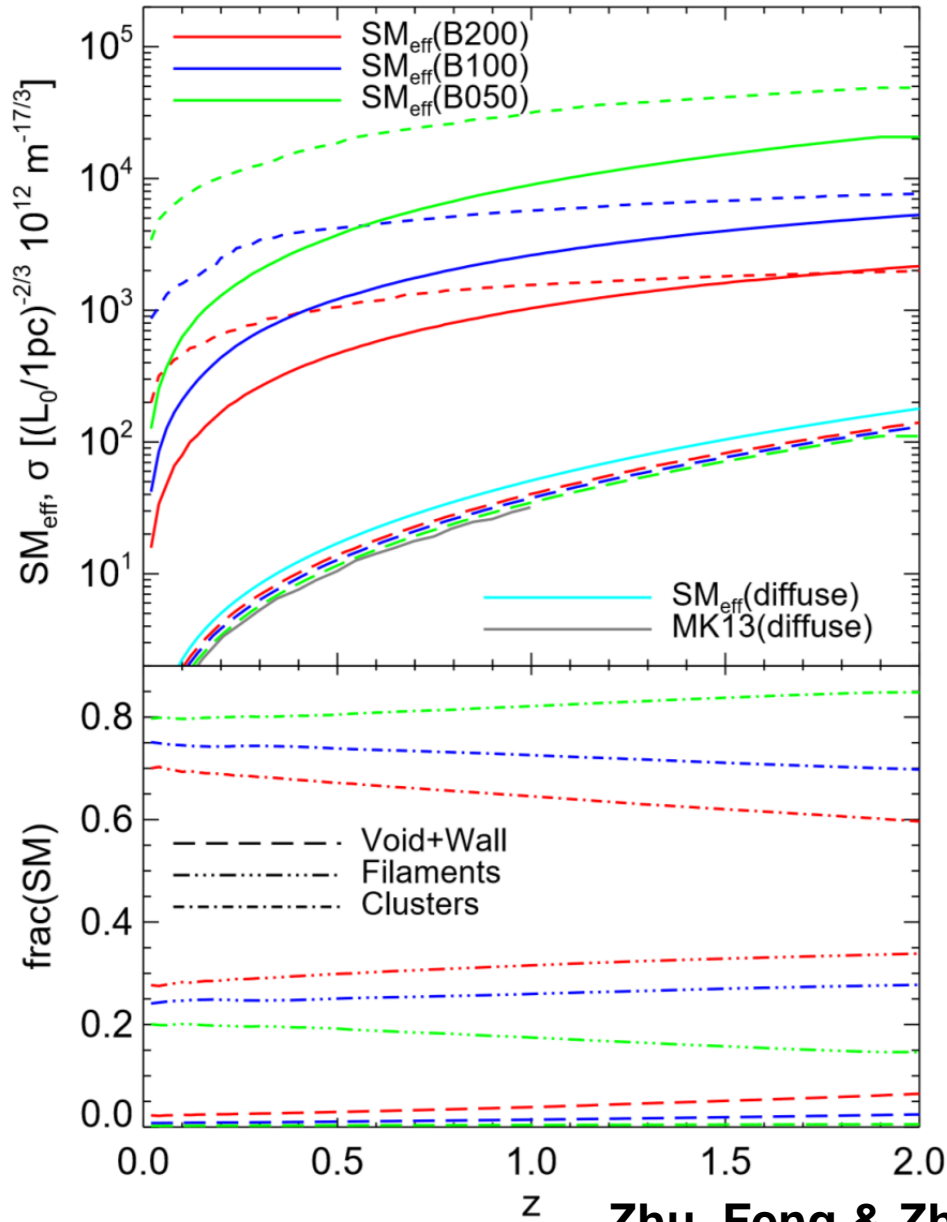
$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= 9.50 \times 10^{-4} (1+z_L)^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{30\text{cm}}\right)^{22/5} \left(\frac{D_{\text{eff}}}{1\text{Gpc}}\right) \\ &\times \left(\frac{\text{SM}_{\text{eff}}}{10^{12} m^{-17/3}}\right)^{6/5} m\text{s}, r_{\text{diff}} > l_0, \end{aligned}$$

Dispersion Measure of FRB by IGM



- **DM increase with z**
- **Clusters: 15%-20%**
- **Filaments: 35-45%**
- **VOIDS & WALLS: 35-45%**

Scattering Measure of FRB by IGM



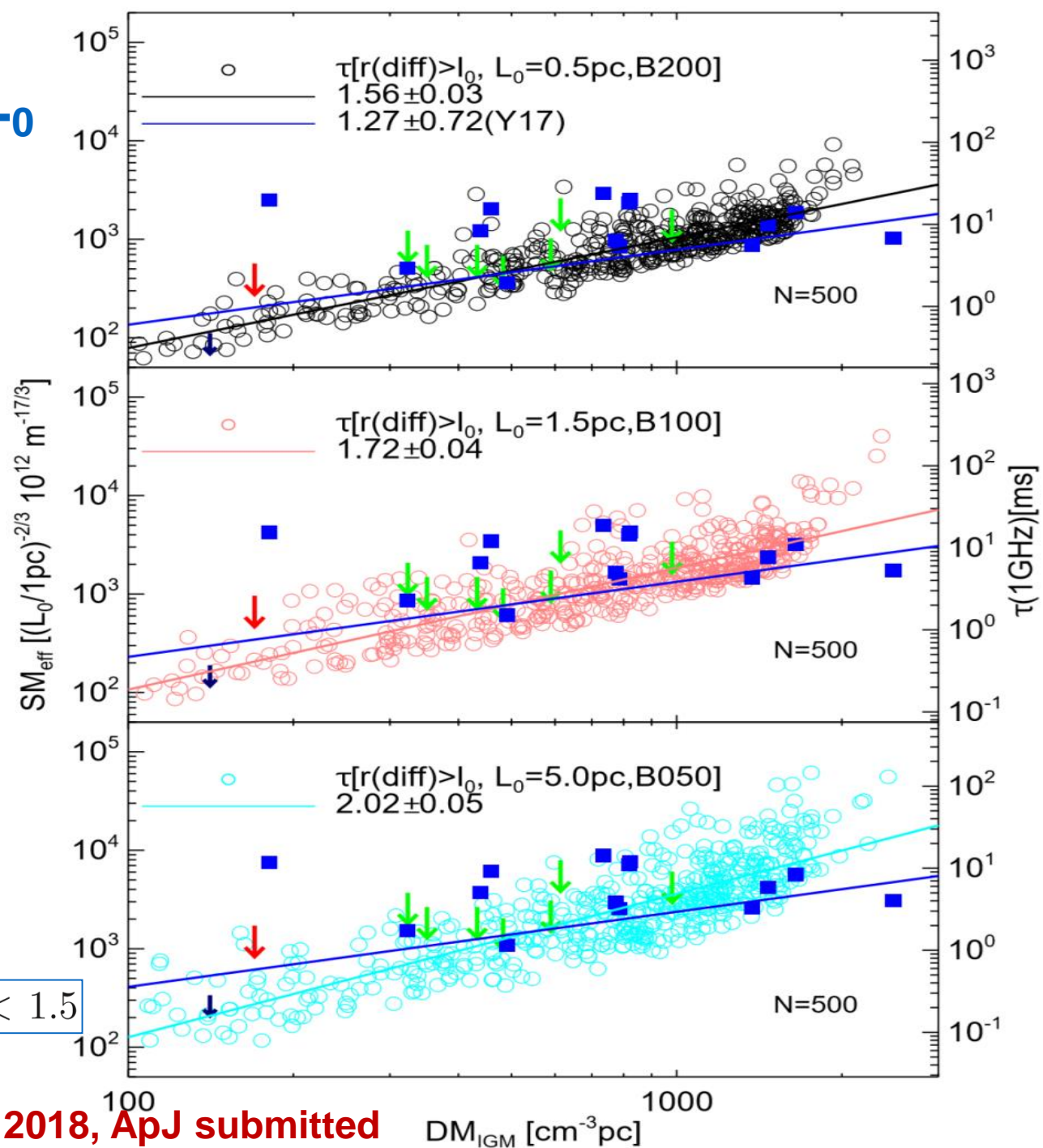
- The SM show significant LOS variations
- Clumpy IGM increase the SM by 20 times
- Increase with resolution
- Void & Wall: 4-5%
- Filaments: 20-30%
- Clusters: 65-80%

➤ The required L_0
0.2-5pc

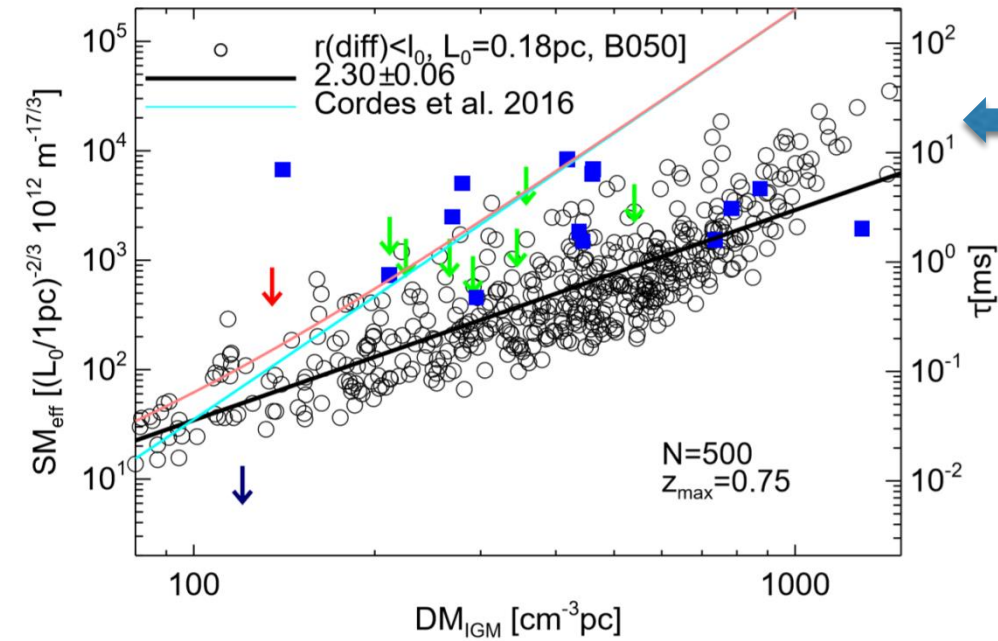
➤ 100 larger
than if
assuming
smoothed IGM

➤ Increase with
the resolution

$$\tau_{\text{IGM}} \propto \text{DM}_{\text{IGM}}^{1.6-2.1} \text{ at } z < 1.5$$



Contribution from host and IGM



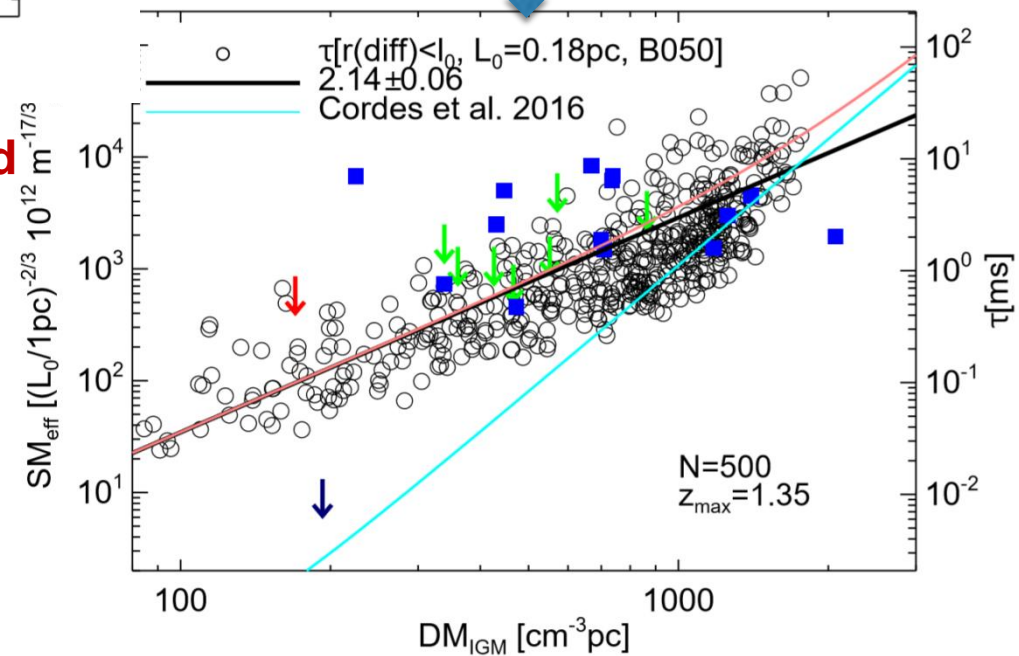
DM(Host)=50%

DM(Host)=20%

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$$\hat{\tau}(\text{DM}) = 2.98 \times 10^{-7} \times \text{DM}^{1.4} \times (1 + 3.55 \times 10^{-5} \times \text{DM}^{3.1}) \text{ ms.}$$

Cordes et al. 2016



Conclusions

- The scattering of FRBs by IGM is explored using cosmological hydrodynamical simulations
- Scattering of FRB by IGM
 - Voids & walls: weak, filaments & clusters: strong
 - Significant LOS variation
 - Some FRBs may be explained by IGM, while others by host
- The outer scale $L_0 \sim 5$ pc is required to explain the observed scattering. But it increases with the resolution scale.
- Some FRBs can be useful tools to probe the gas in clusters and filaments.



Thank you!~~~

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