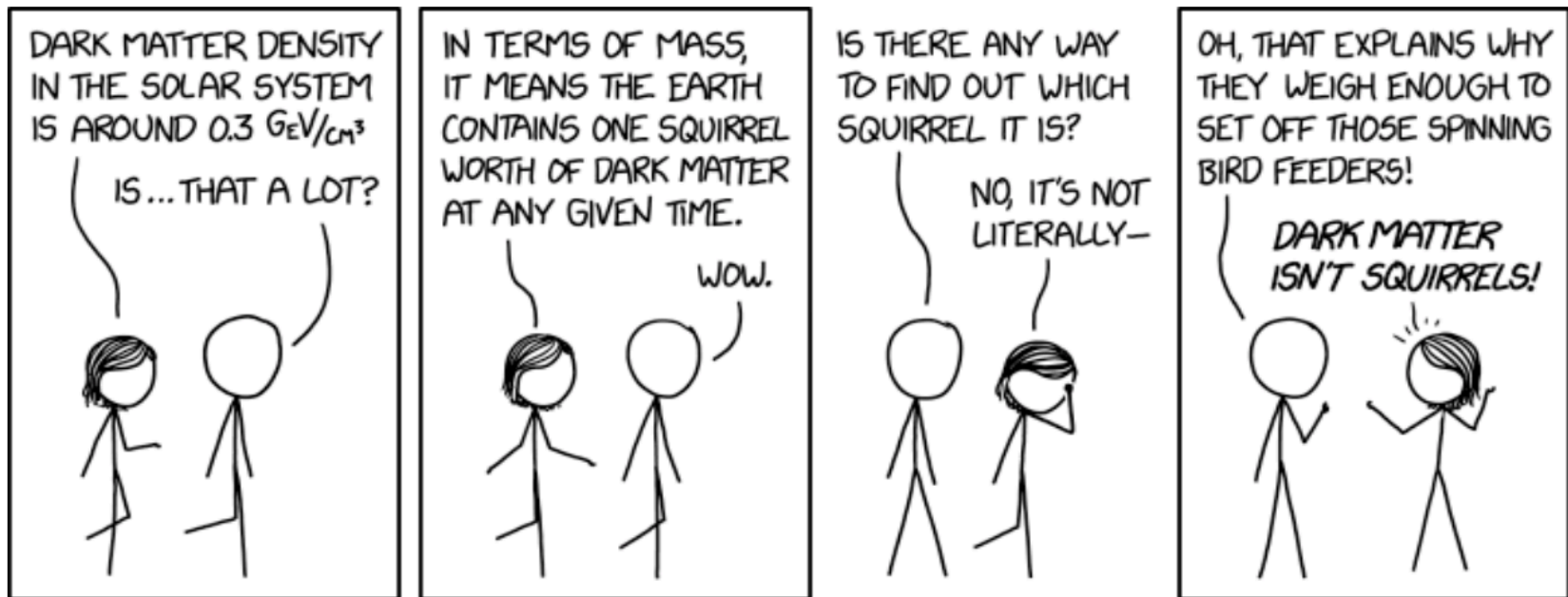


Neutrinos and Dark Matter



We know very little about **what** the **Dark Matter** is

We do know it **isn't squirrels**

One other thing we do know is that
some of it is Standard Model **neutrinos**

How much?

SM neutrinos are **thermal relics**:
their **interaction** rate Γ once were much faster than
the Hubble **expansion** rate H

...i.e., many more than one reaction per Hubble time,
 $\Gamma/H \gg 1$

However, the decline of Γ with temperature was
much faster than for H , so at some point neutrinos
“**decoupled**” from the thermal bath.

Key **idea** of thermal decoupling:
if the **reaction** keeping a species in equilibrium
is **faster** than the **expansion rate** of the universe,
the reaction is in **statistical equilibrium**;
if it is **slower**, the species **decouples** (“freeze-out”)

$$\Gamma \ll H(T) \quad \Gamma(T_{\text{freeze-out}}) = H(T_{\text{freeze-out}})$$

the **reaction rate** (from definition of cross section!)

$$\Gamma = n \cdot \sigma \cdot v$$

(1) borrow **equilibrium number densities** from stat mech

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\text{rel}} &\sim T^3 \quad \text{for } m \ll T, \\ n_{\text{non-rel}} &\sim (mT)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{T}\right) \quad \text{for } m \gg T. \end{aligned}$$

(2) borrow **Hubble rate** from general relativity
(FRW **solution** to Einstein's eq.)

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3} \rho.$$

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GR+SM: **energy density** in radiation

$$\rho \simeq \rho_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \cdot g \cdot T^4 \quad \longrightarrow \quad H \simeq T^2 / M_P$$

$$M_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{8\pi G}}$$

consider a **hot** thermal relic

[language definition: **hot** = relativistic at $T_{f.o}$

cold = $v < c=1$. (actually not by much, typically!)]

calculate the abundance of **relic** SM **neutrinos** (cosmo ν background)

$$\nu + \bar{\nu} \leftrightarrow f + \bar{f},$$

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$$n(T_\nu) \cdot \sigma(T_\nu) = H(T_\nu) \quad \sigma \sim G_F^2 T_\nu^2$$

suppose this is a **hot** relic, $T_\nu \gg m_\nu \dots$ $n \sim T_\nu^3$

$$T_\nu^3 G_F^2 T_\nu^2 = T_\nu^2 / M_P,$$

$$T_\nu = (G_F^2 M_P)^{-1/3} \simeq (10^{-10} \times 10^{18})^{-1/3} \text{ GeV} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$

happy about **two** things in particular:

1. **hot** relic assumption works! $T_\nu \gg m_\nu$.

2. **Fermi** effective theory OK! $T_\nu \ll m_W$

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now, how do we calculate the **relic** thermal **abundance** of this prototypical hot relic?

Introduce $Y=n/s$ (number and entropy **density**, $V=a^3$)

If universe is iso-entropic, $s \times a^3=S$ is conserved

$Y \sim n a^3$ is thus \sim **comoving number density**, and
(without entropy injection)

$$Y_{\text{today}} = Y_{\text{freeze-out}} = Y(T_\nu)$$

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$$n_{\text{today}} = s_{\text{today}} \times Y_{\text{today}} = s_{\text{today}} \times Y_{\text{freeze-out}}$$

$$\rho_{\nu,\text{today}} = m_\nu \times Y_{\text{freeze-out}} \times s_{\text{today}}$$

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\rho_\nu}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} h^2 \simeq \frac{m_\nu}{91.5 \text{ eV}}$$

Cowsik-Mc-Clelland limit

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\rho_\nu}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} h^2 \simeq \frac{m_\nu}{91.5 \text{ eV}}$$

...we know at least two neutrinos are **massive**

$$\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = (7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = (2.44 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

...thus, at a minimum,

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 > \frac{\Delta m_{\text{sol}} + \Delta m_{\text{atm}}}{91.5 \text{ eV}} \simeq \frac{0.058 \text{ eV}}{91.5 \text{ eV}} \simeq 0.00063$$

$$\frac{\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} > 0.53\%$$

However, there is also an **upper** limit to how much Standard Model neutrinos can contribute to the Dark Matter!

Primarily this depends on the **effects** of neutrinos as Dark Matter on the **formation of structure**

Gravitational collapse can only happen when the DM is non-relativistic, i.e. when **$T < m_\nu$**

Neutrinos decouple when $T \gg m_\nu$

Structures can only collapse when $T \sim m_\nu$

(i.e. when things slow down enough for gravitational collapse!)

Structures are cutoff to the **horizon size** at that temperature

$$d_\nu \sim H^{-1}(T \sim m_\nu) \quad d_\nu \sim \frac{M_P}{m_\nu^2}$$

$$H \simeq T^2 / M_P$$

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$$M_{\text{cutoff, hot}} \sim \left(\frac{1}{H(T = m_\nu)} \right)^3 \rho_\nu(T = m_\nu) \sim \left(\frac{M_P}{m_\nu^2} \right)^3 m_\nu \cdot m_\nu^3 = \frac{M_P^3}{m_\nu^2}$$

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How does this compare with **observations**?

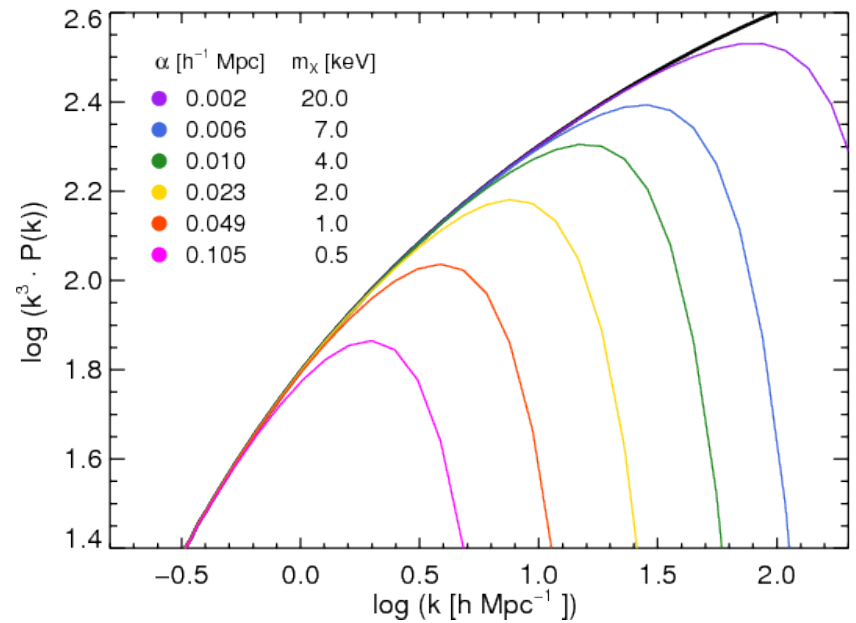
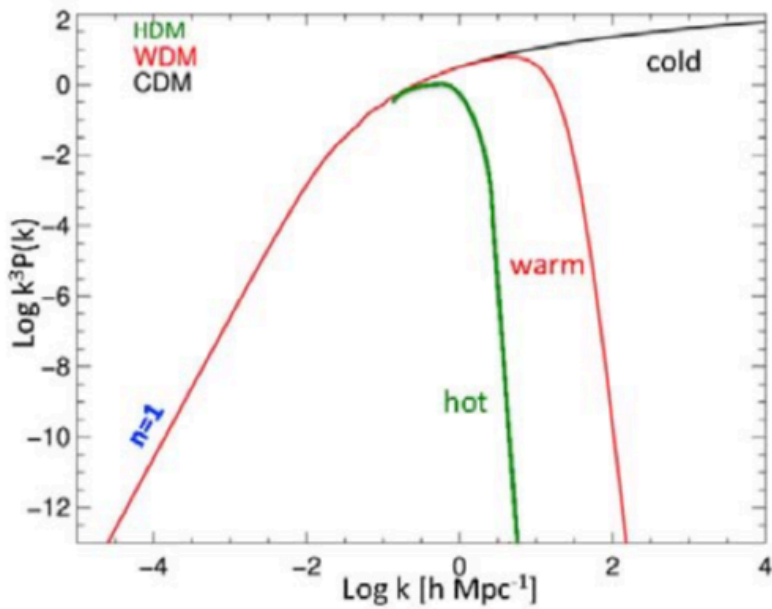
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Observational **constraints** give

$$M_{\text{cutoff}} \ll M_{\text{Ly}-\alpha} \simeq 10^{10} M_\odot$$

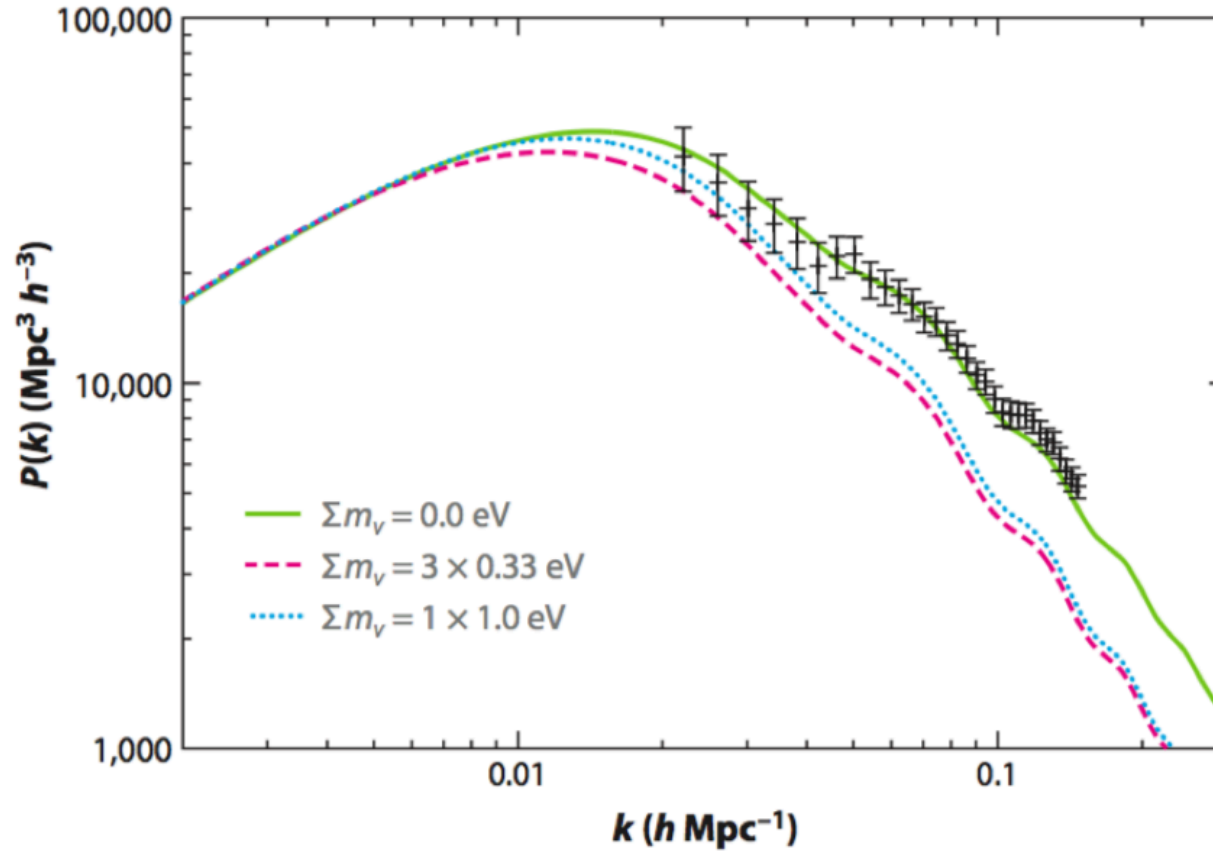
- Neutrinos cannot be **all** of the Dark Matter
- at best Dark Matter can be **keV** scale, if produced thermally

...a bit more quantitatively

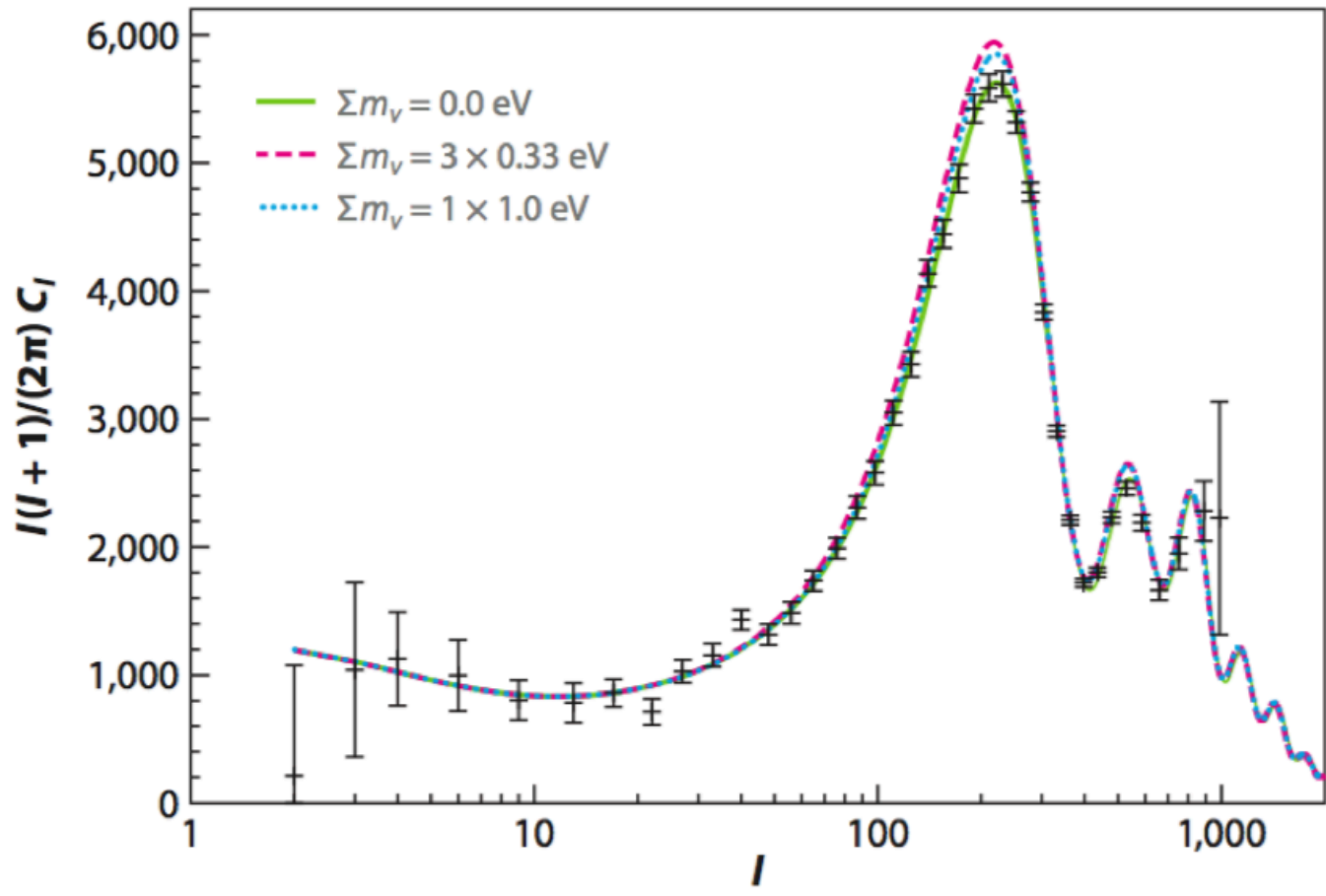


*Frenk+White; **Viel et al

...a bit more quantitatively



Massive neutrinos also affect
CMB anisotropy power spectrum
(see L. Knox's lecture tomorrow!)



*Wong

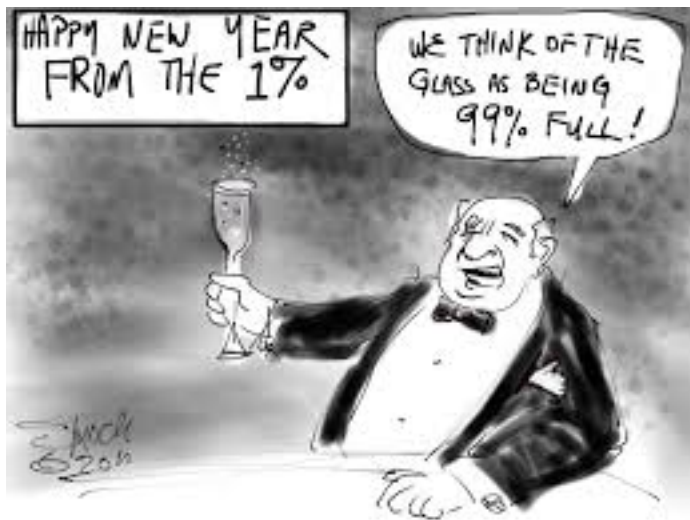
CMB by itself demands $\sum_j m_j \lesssim (0.3 - 1.3) \text{ eV}$.

...adding **LSS** data $\sum_j m_j < 0.170 \text{ eV}$, 95% CL.

...putting the SM component of neutrinos as DM at

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 < \frac{0.170 \text{ eV}}{91.5 \text{ eV}} \simeq 0.0019$$

$$0.5\% < \frac{\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} < 1.6\%$$



Could that 99% ALSO be **neutrinos**?

Sterile neutrino: killing two (or three) birds with one stone

“prendere due (o tre) piccioni con una fava”

SM Neutrinos are strictly **massless**;
however, they are not observed to be!

Simplest addition: set of n singlet fermions N_a , gauge singlets

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + i\bar{N}_a \not{\partial} N_a - y_{\alpha a} H^\dagger \bar{L}_\alpha N_a - \frac{M_a}{2} \bar{N}_a^c N_a$$

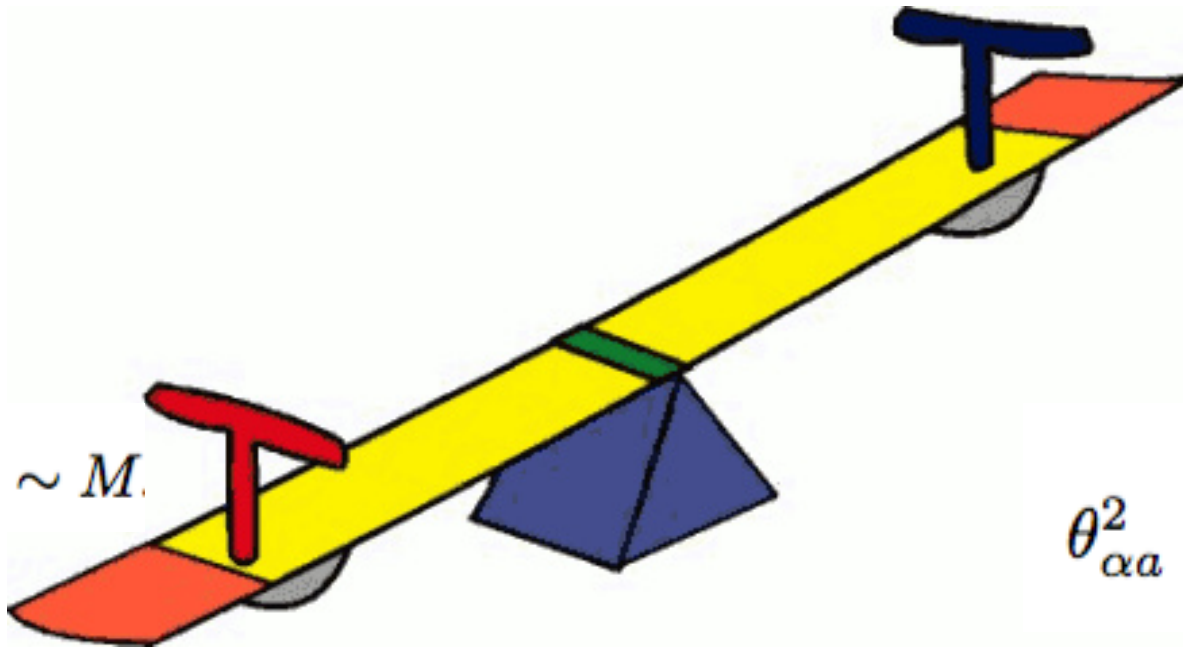
$$M^{(n+3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_{\alpha a} \langle H \rangle \\ y_{\alpha a} \langle H \rangle & \text{diag}(M_1, \dots, M_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

If the following holds $y_{\alpha a} \langle H \rangle \sim yv \ll M_a \sim M$.

“See-saw” mechanism!

$$M(\nu_{1,2,3}) \sim \frac{y^2 v^2}{M}$$

$$m(\nu_a) \sim M.$$



$$\theta_{\alpha a}^2 \sim \frac{y_{\alpha a}^2 v^2}{M^2}$$

Sterile neutrinos mix via explicit (but possibly very small)
mixing with ordinary neutrinos

...as such, they **decay** (into 3 SM neutrinos)

$$\Gamma \sim \theta^2 G_F^2 m^5 \sim \theta^2 \left(\frac{m}{\text{keV}} \right)^5 10^{-40} \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \tau \sim 10^{16} \text{ s } \theta^{-2} \left(\frac{m}{\text{keV}} \right)^{-5}$$

$$\theta^{-2} \left(\frac{m}{\text{keV}} \right)^{-5} \gg 1$$

Also, if these guys have anything to do with DM,
 $m > 100 \text{ eV}$ (e.g. Tremaine-Gunn)

if the DM is a fermion – we know that the **phase space** density is bounded from above (Pauli blocking): $f = gh^{-3}$

Using **observed** density and velocity dispersion of dSph,
Tremaine-Gunn limit (1979): observed phase space density cannot exceed upper bound!
(Liouville theorem)

$$\sigma \sim 150 \text{ km/s} \qquad \rho \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

$$m^4 > \frac{\rho h^3}{[g(2\pi\sigma^2)^{3/2}]} \sim (25 \text{ eV})^4.$$

...actual best limit around **0.1 keV**

How can sterile neutrinos be **produced**?

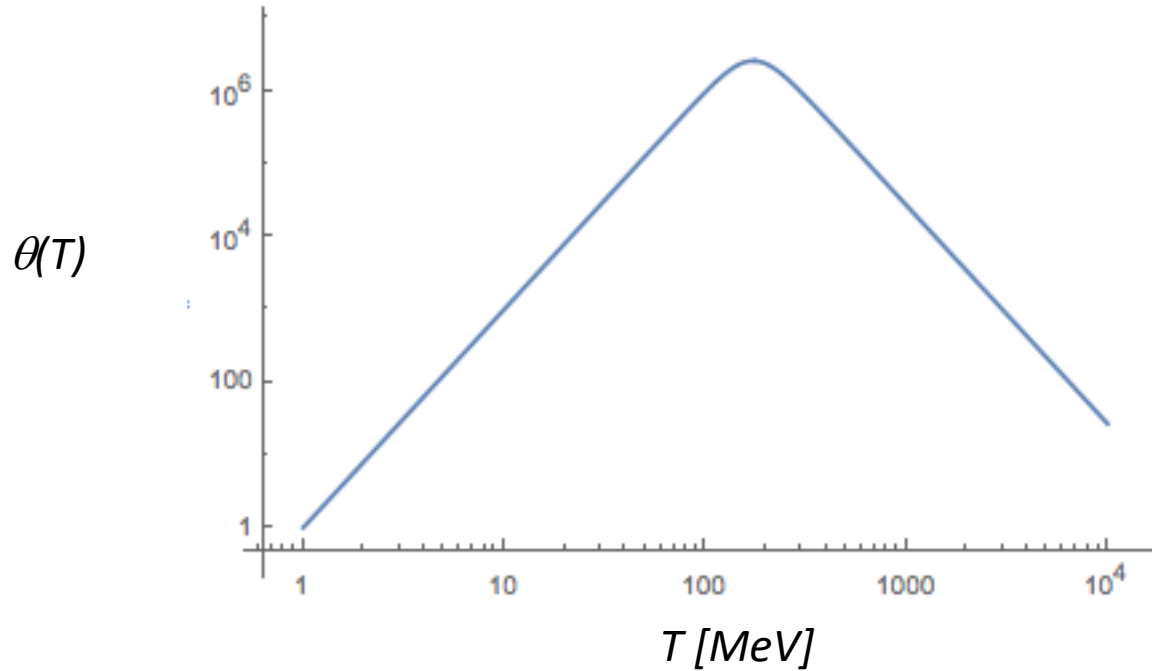
Basically, **freeze-in**: dump out-of-equilibrium sterile ν 's through the universe history

$$\Gamma_{\nu_s} \sim (G_F^2 T^5) \theta^2 (T)$$

Subtlety is **matter effects**, inducing **T -dependence** in the mixing angle

$$\theta \rightarrow \theta_M \simeq \frac{\theta}{1 + 2.4 \left(\frac{T}{200 \text{ MeV}} \right)^6 \left(\frac{1 \text{ keV}}{m} \right)^2}$$

Sterile ν yield **$Y=n/s$** scales as production rate times Hubble time **$t_H=M_P/T^2$**



Maximal yield in **100-200 MeV** range \rightarrow QCD phase transition effects

$$\Omega_{\nu_s} h^2 \sim 0.1 \left(\frac{\theta^2}{3 \times 10^{-9}} \right) \left(\frac{m_s}{3 \text{ keV}} \right)^{1.8}$$

(**Dodelson**-Widrow)

Additional important effect from Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect with large **lepton asymmetries** (**Shi-Fuller** resonant production)

Other possibilities (1): **non-thermal production** from singlet scalar coupling

$$\frac{h_a}{2} S \bar{N}_a^c N_a$$

$$SH^\dagger H \text{ and/or } S^2 H^\dagger H \quad \frac{n_N}{s} \sim \frac{n_S}{s} \tau \Gamma \sim \frac{M_P}{M_S^2} \frac{h^2}{16\pi} M_S$$

$$\Omega_N \sim 0.2 \left(\frac{h}{10^{-8}} \right)^3 \frac{\langle S \rangle}{m_S}$$

Other possibilities (2): **THERMAL** production in **L-R models**
 e.g. in SO(10) GUTs, “sterile” neutrinos belong to the same 16-plet as
 the rest of the SM matter fields

LHC implies $m_{WR} \gg 1$ TeV

Calculation is identical as for ordinary neutrinos, but with $m_W \rightarrow m_{WR}$

$$\sigma \sim G_F^2 T^2 (m_W / m_{WR})^4 \quad \Gamma_N \sim G_F^2 T^5 (m_W / m_{WR})^4$$

$$T_f \sim g_*^{1/6}(T_f) \left(\frac{m_{WR}}{m_W} \right)^{4/3} \text{ MeV}$$

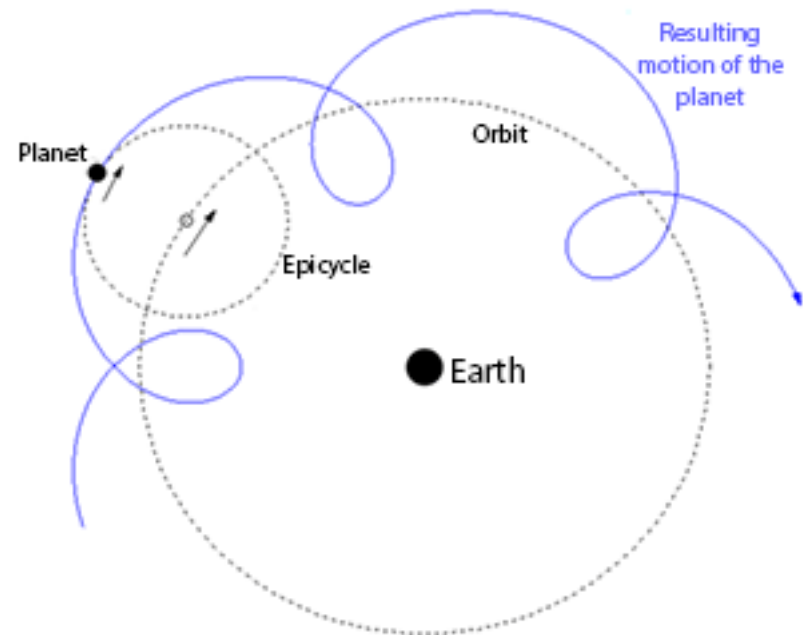
$$\frac{\Omega_N}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} = \frac{1}{S} \left(\frac{10.75}{g_{*s}(t_f)} \right) \left(\frac{M}{\text{keV}} \right) \times 100.$$

Possible entropy dilution effect

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So this doesn't really work...

...unless we attach one or more **epicycles**...



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- Add many, many new particles that **magically vanish** between freeze-out and BBN
- Invent **new interactions** that further deplete N's abundance
- Inject **entropy**, maybe via decay of the next-to-lightest RH neutrino

$$\Omega_{N_1} \simeq 0.265 \left(\frac{M_1}{1\text{keV}} \right) \left(\frac{1.6\text{GeV}}{M_{N_2}} \right) \left(\frac{1\text{sec}}{\tau_{N_2}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{g_*(T_{f,2})}{g_*(T_{f,1})}$$

Sterile neutrino interesting from the standpoint of **structure formation** – remember

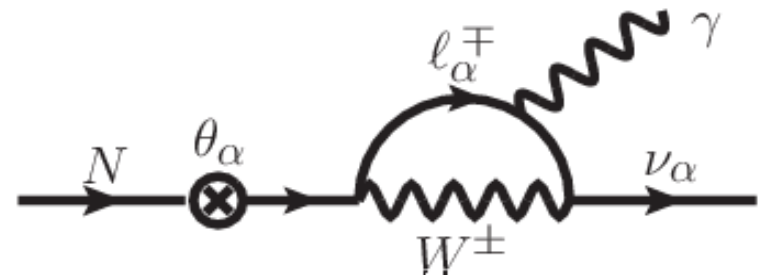
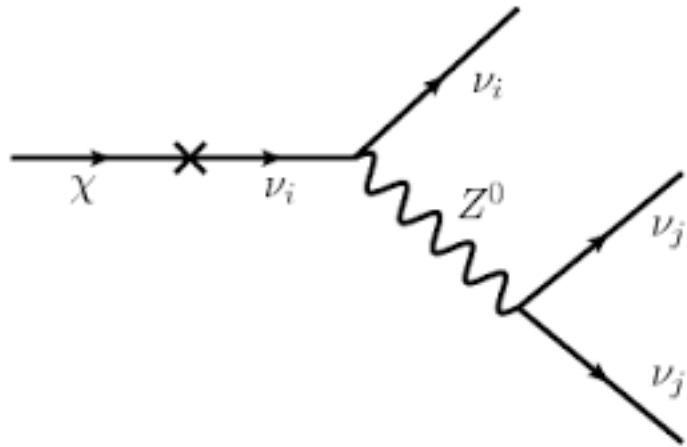
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...and could explain high-velocity **pulsars**!

...and could explain **baryon asymmetry** (M_νSM)!!

How would we **detect** sterile neutrino dark matter?



$$\Gamma_{\nu_s \rightarrow \gamma \nu_a} \approx \frac{\alpha}{16\pi^2} \theta^2 G_F^2 m^5$$

$$\phi_\gamma = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\nu}}{4\pi} \frac{E_\gamma}{m} \int_{fov} d\Omega \int_{\text{line of sight}} \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m} dr(\psi) = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\nu}}{8\pi m} J(\Delta\Omega, \psi)$$

$$\text{few} \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^2$$

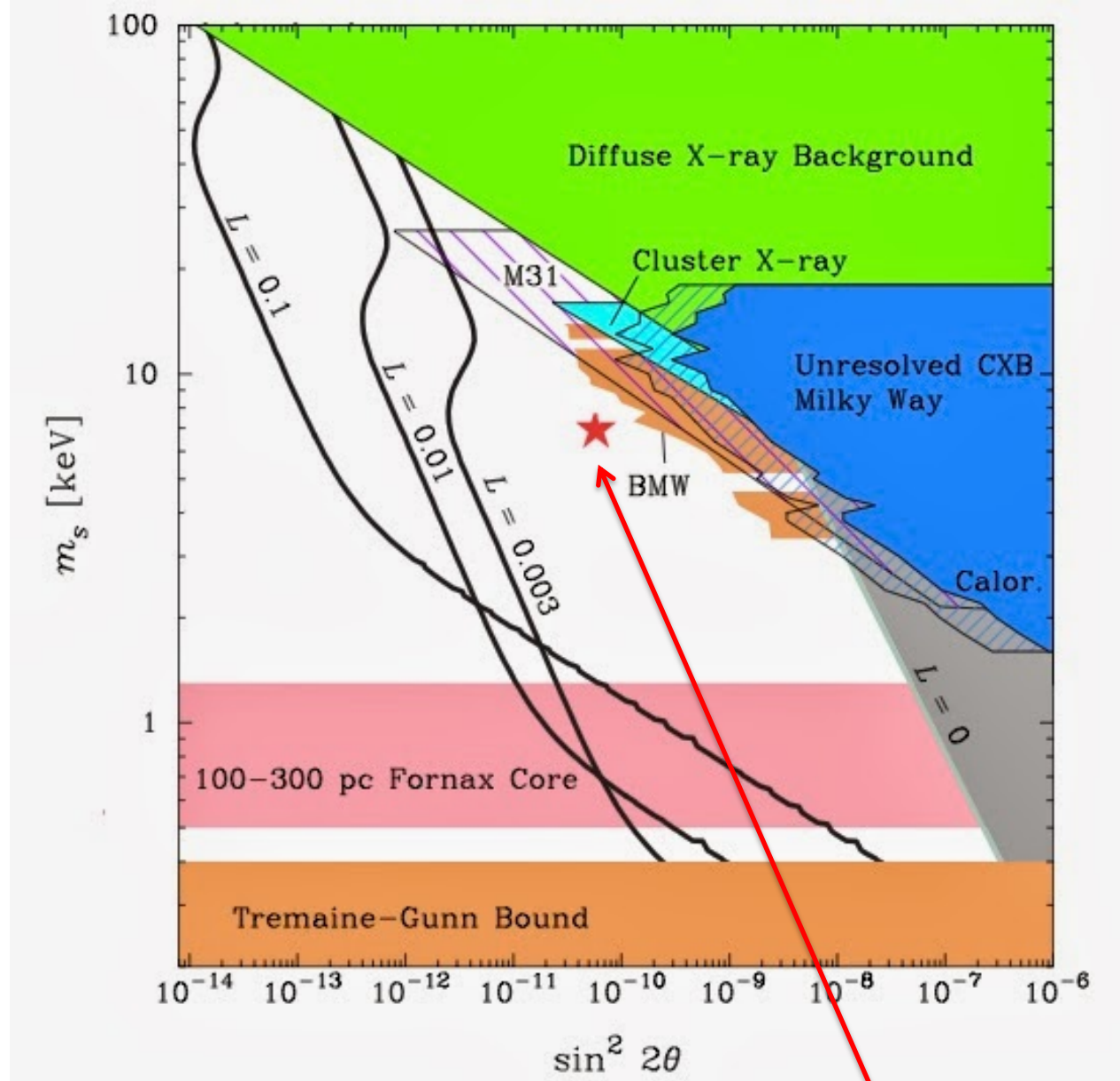
key background: diffuse **cosmic X-ray background**

$$\phi_{\text{CXB}} \sim 9.2 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^{-0.4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ arcmin}^{-2} \rightarrow \sim 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\phi_{\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\nu}}{8\pi} \frac{J}{m} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-7}} \right) \left(\frac{m}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^4 \left(\frac{J}{10^{18} \text{ GeV/cm}^2} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-7}} \right) \left(\frac{m}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^4 \lesssim 1$$

Have we **detected** it?



Was sterile neutrino DM **detected**?

Bulbul+ (2014)

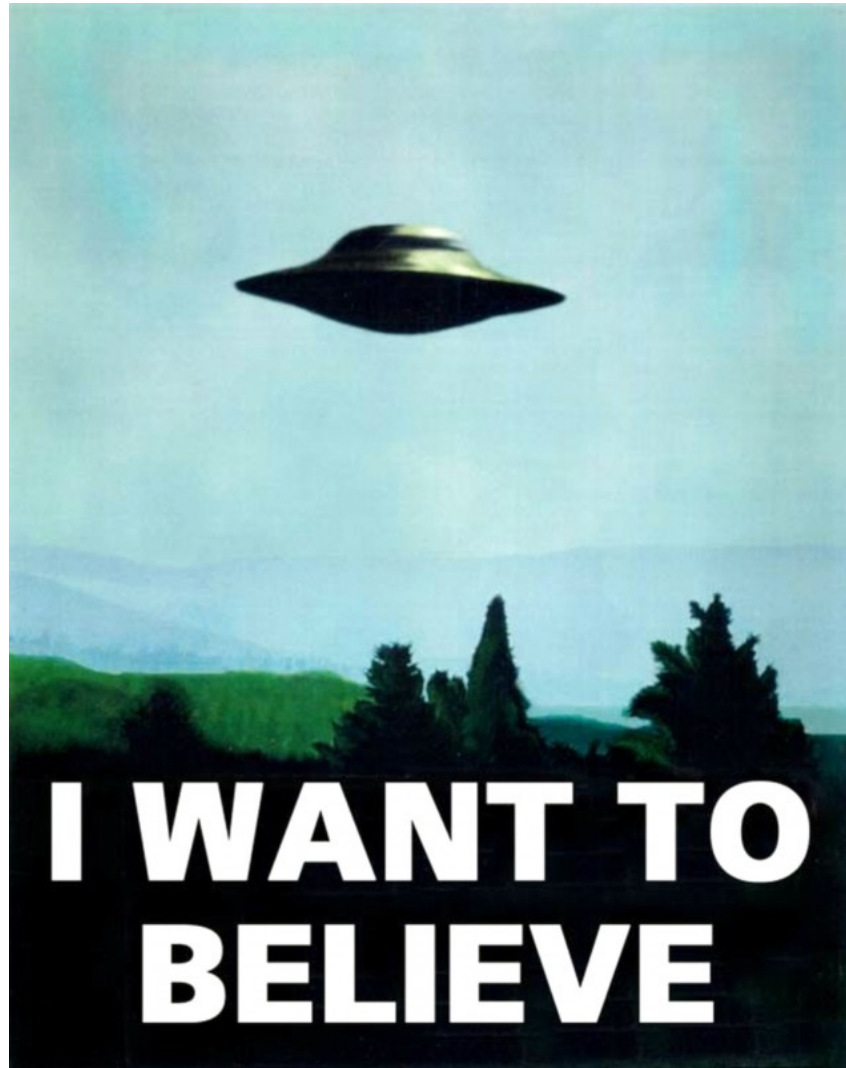
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Boyarsky+ (2014)

- **M31 (Andromeda)**
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Jeltema+Profumo (2014)

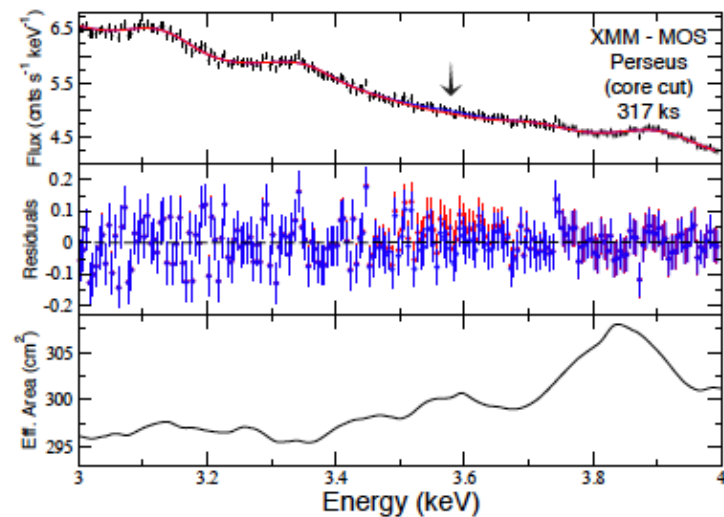
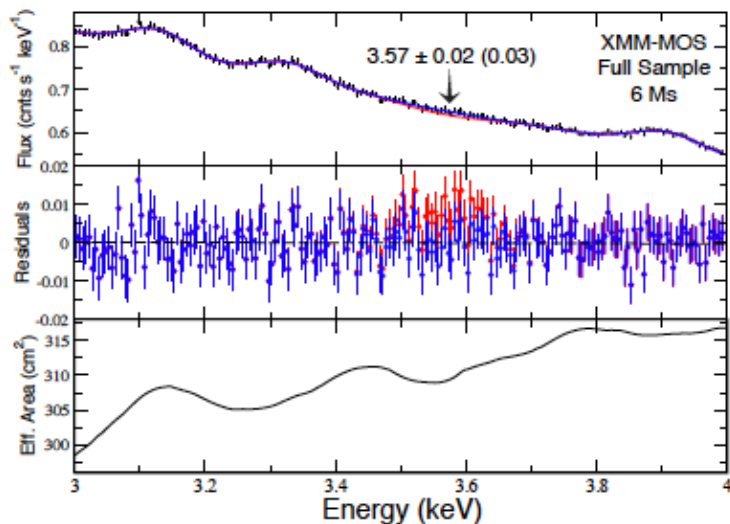
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**I WANT TO
BELIEVE**

Bulbul+ (2014)

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despite the **faint** signal (at most 3σ),
much **hype** (~600 papers), much **press**



Mysterious X-rays Might Hint at Dark Matter

By: Monica Young | July 8, 2014



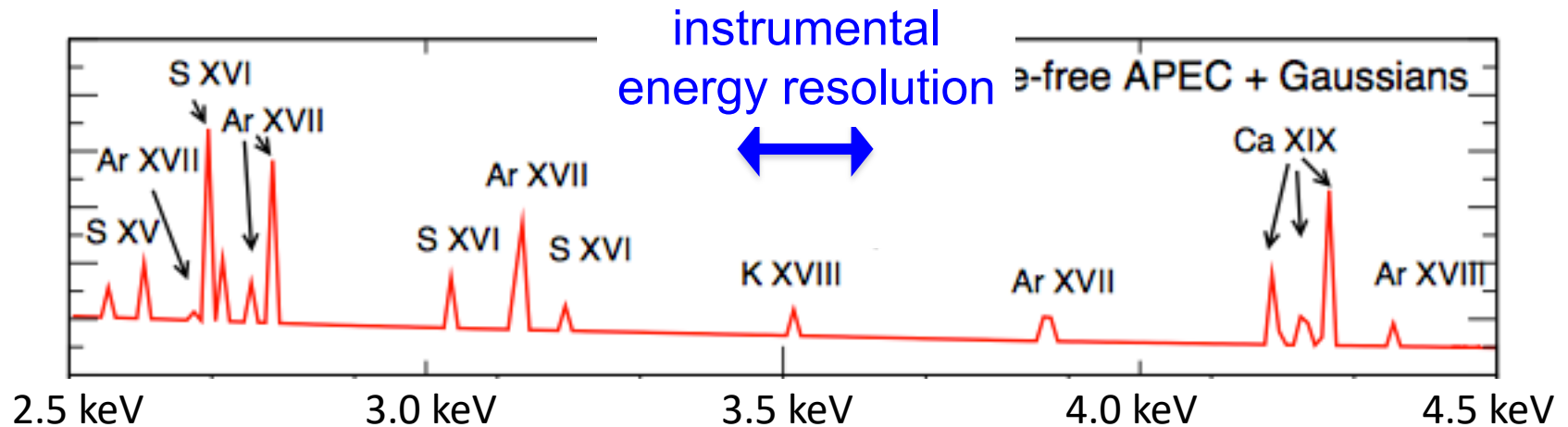
Boffins say dark matter found with X-ray

light on dark matter

By Brian Dodson
March 10, 2014



X-ray lines also from atomic transitions of highly-ionized $Z \sim 16-20$ atoms*



K XVIII has (two) lines near **3.5 keV**
[K ($Z=19$) ion with 18-1 electrons missing, i.e. “He-like”]

* $E_z \sim 13.6 Z^2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow Z \sim (3,500 / 13.6)^{1/2} \sim 16$, but $Z_{\text{eff}} < Z \dots$

How do we tell **K** apart from
sterile ν or other exotica??

Try to **predict** K XVIII line **brightness**
using **other** elemental lines

two key complications:

#1 Plasma Temperature

#2 Relative Elemental Abundances

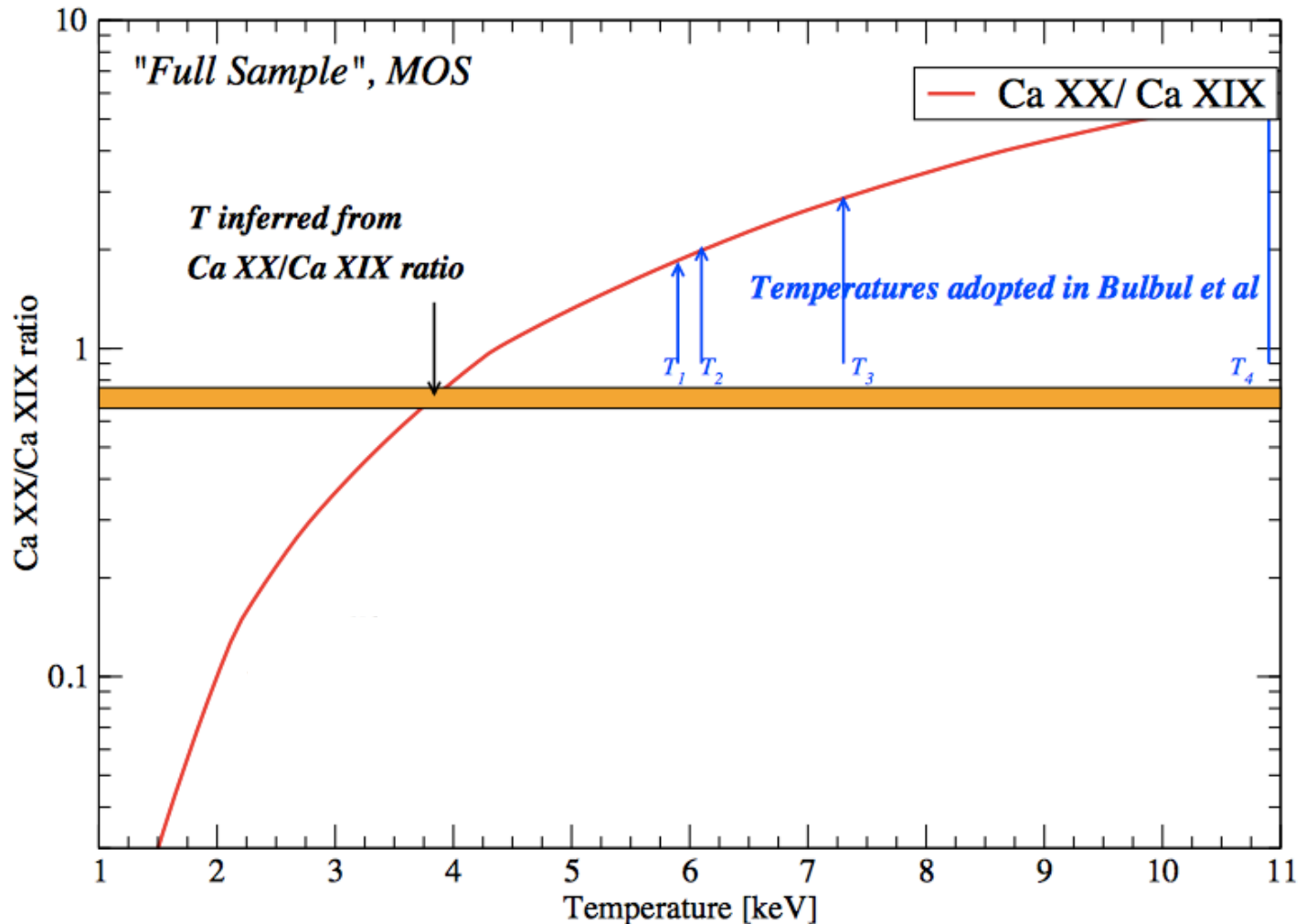
Bulbul+ argues against K XVIII
since prediction for K 3.5 keV line **too low**
(by factors ~ 20 for **solar** abundances)

...but this prediction has two **key issues**:

#1 Plasma Temperature

#2 Relative Elemental Abundances

#1: Bulbul+ uses very **large T** highly **suppresses K** emission!



#2: under-estimate ~ 10 of K abundance! (Photospheric versus Coronal)



* Phillips et al, ApJ 2015, RESIK crystal spectrometer

**Jeltema+Profumo (2014) showed that
for **clusters**, and for our **Galaxy**
KXVIII could explain the 3.5 keV line**

Other tests?

(1) look **elsewhere!**

(2) use **something different than **spectrum!****

(1) look elsewhere: **depressing**

- no signal from **dSph***
- no signal from stacked **galaxies** and **groups, low-T plasma****
- no signal from **M31*****

*Malyshev et al 2014

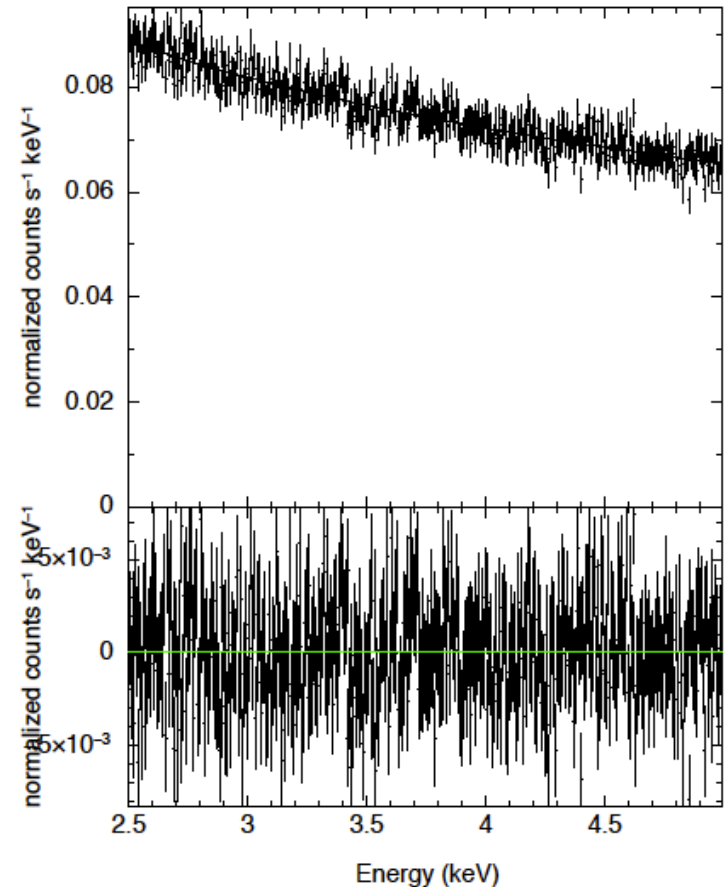
** Anderson et al 2014

*** Jeltema and Profumo 2014

➤ **no signal** from dedicated **1.4 Ms**
XMM observation of **Draco dSph***

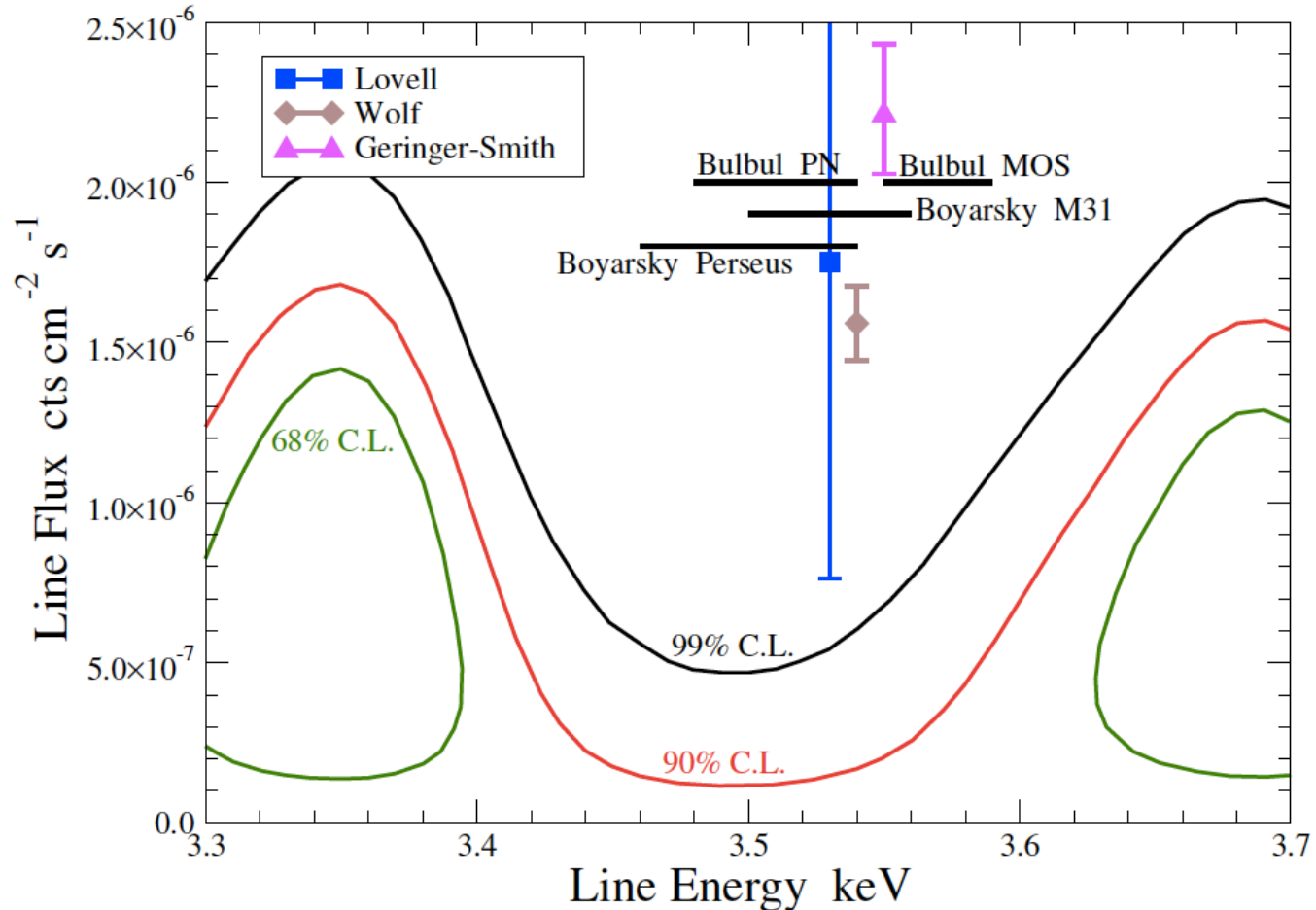
- Draco dSph observed for 1.66 Msec with XMM (19 days)
 - **no expected plasma emission**
- Spectrum **well fit by simple power law background** in 2.5-5 keV band

Stacked MOS Spectrum



* Jeltema and Profumo, MNRAS (2015)

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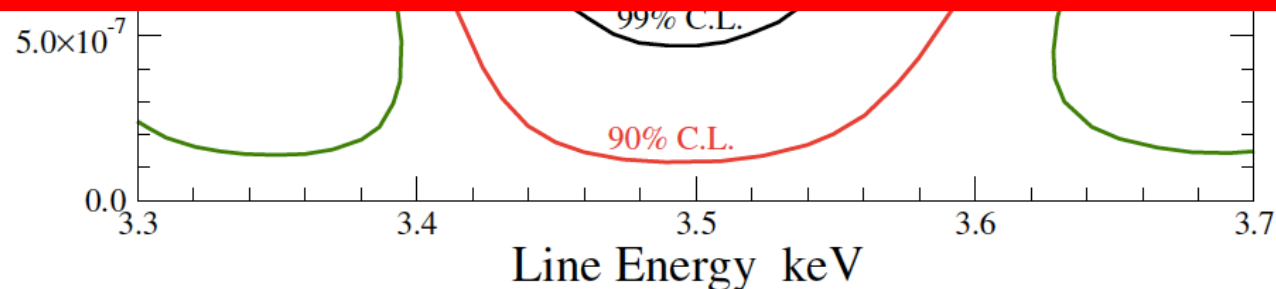


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An example of a **zealous Referee**:

“Finally, I would like to let you know that, after I was asked to referee this paper, I decided to **download the data and examine the spectrum myself**. I largely agree with your conclusions regarding the **absence of a notable feature at ~3.5 keV**, as well as your **limits** on the line flux in this region.”



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**(2) use something
different than spectrum!**

Morphology!

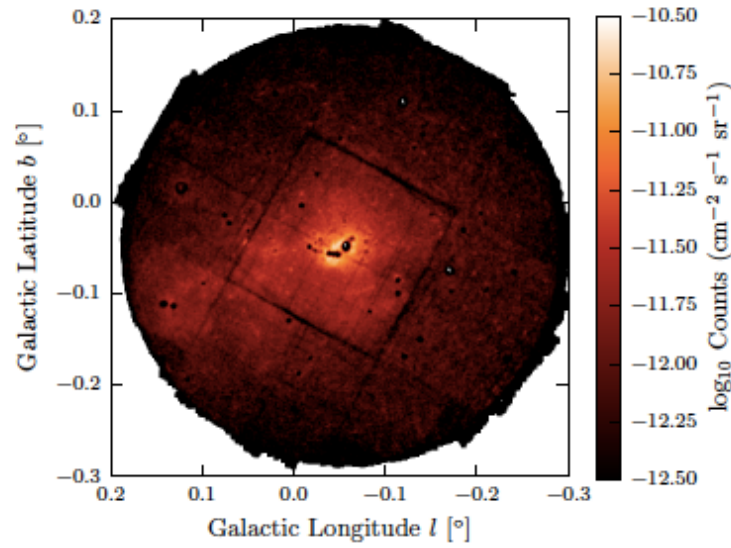
**Look at where the
3.5 keV photons come from!**

Where are the 3.55 keV photons? A Morphological study of the Galactic Center and of Perseus

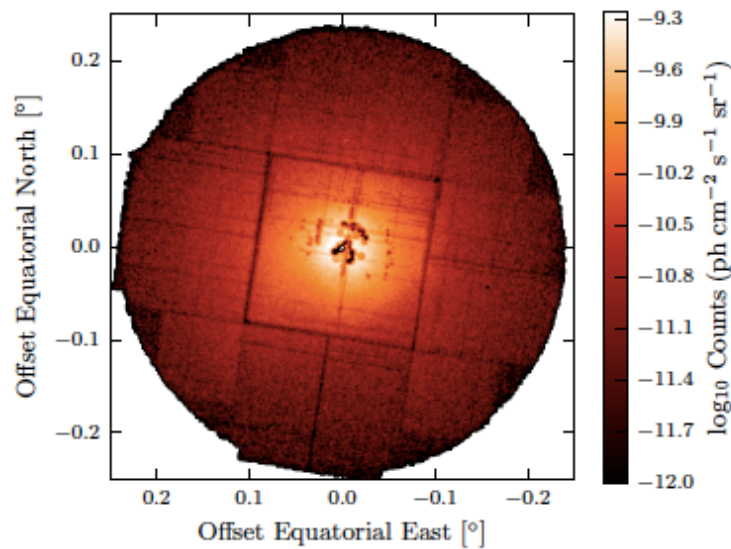
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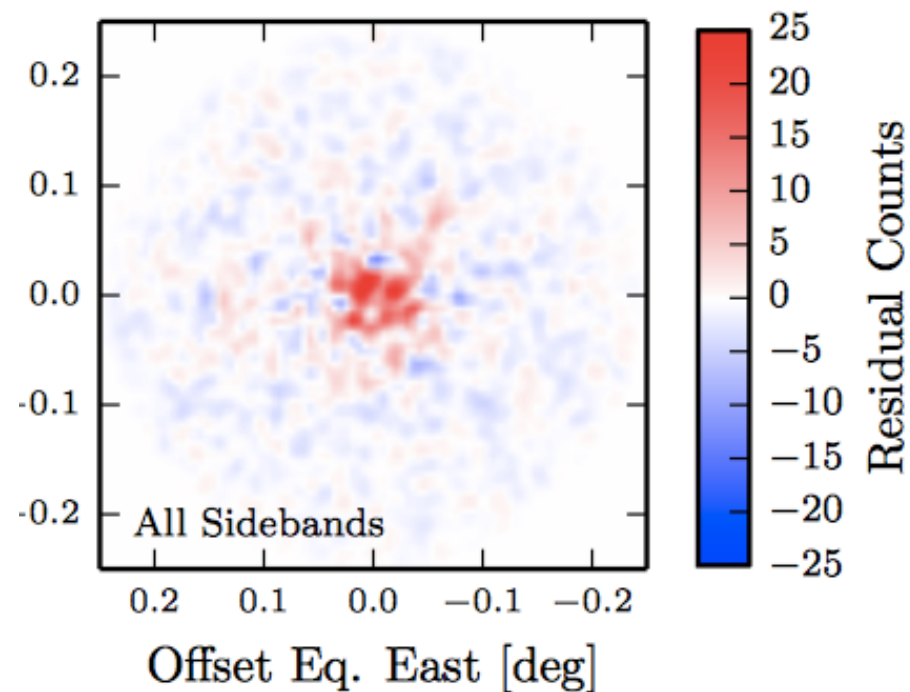
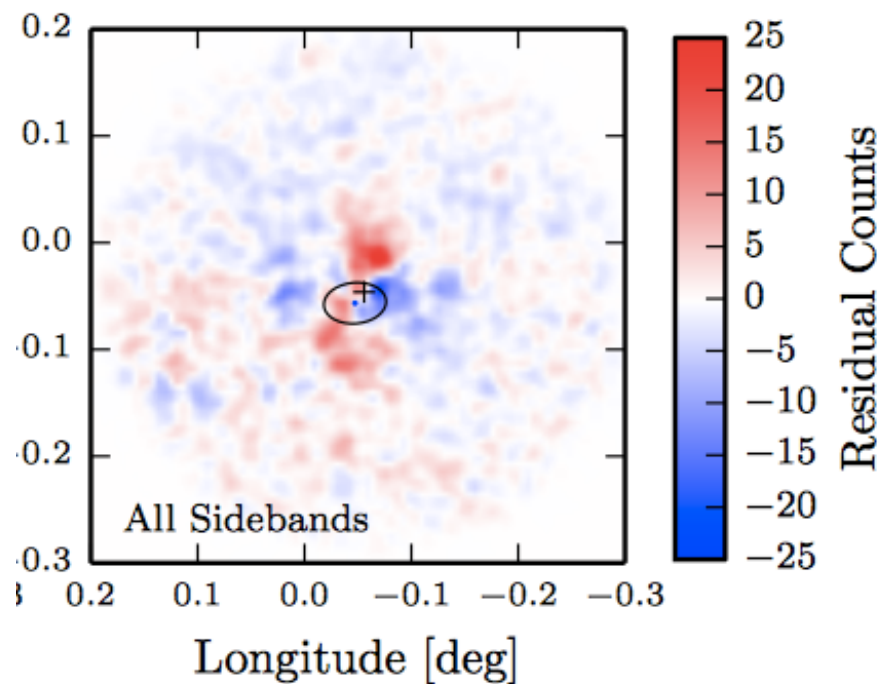
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(a) Galactic Center



(b) Perseus Cluster



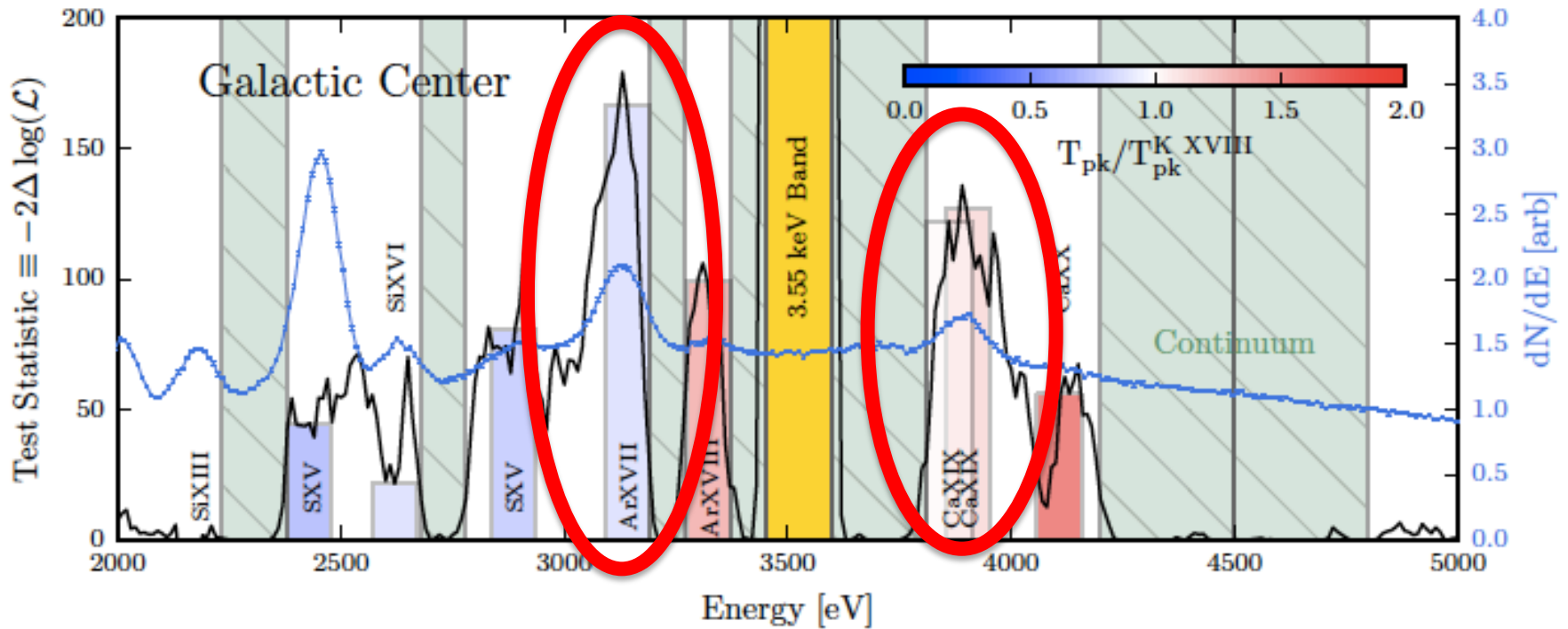
Milky Way

Perseus

Morphology: looks like thermal line
decaying DM strongly disfavored

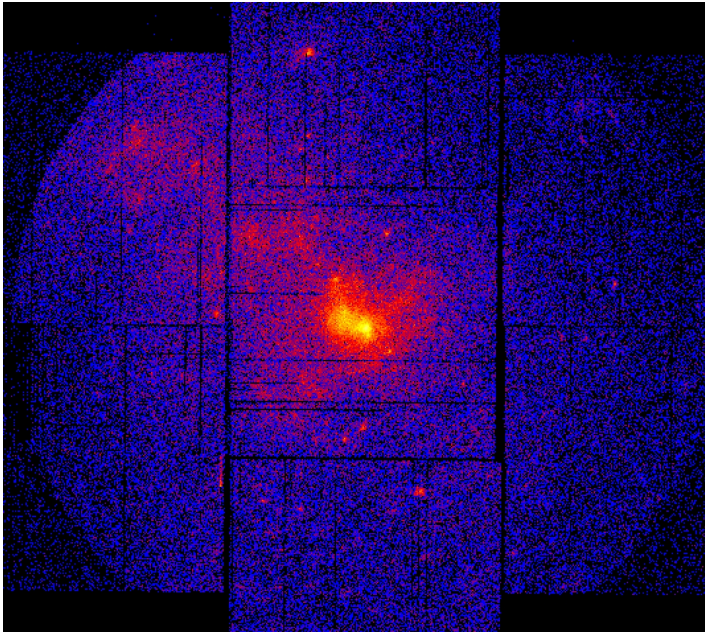
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Galactic Center



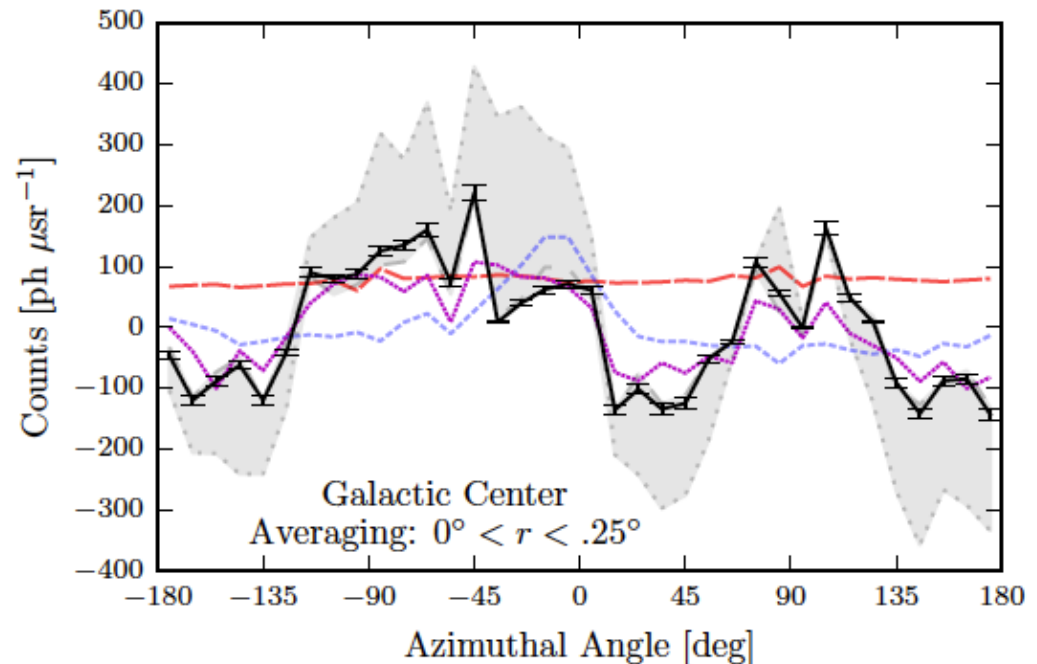
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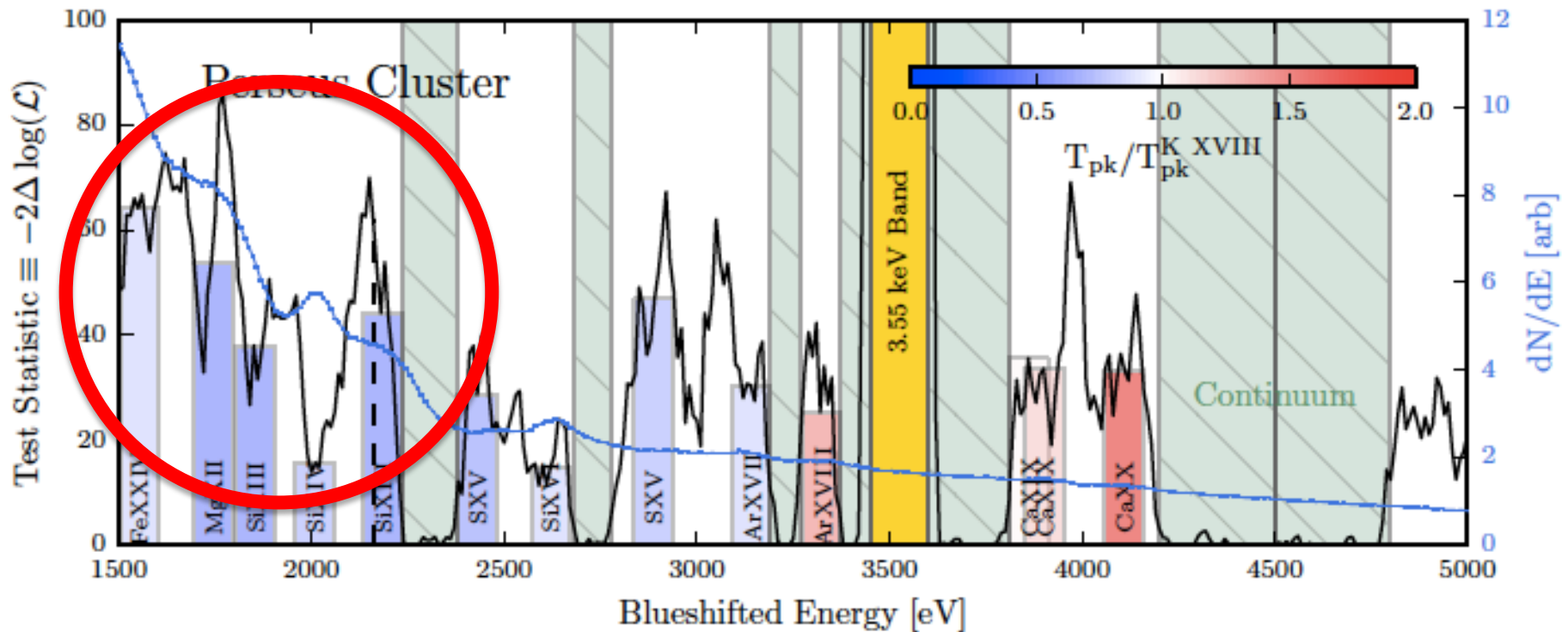
➤ The 3.5 keV emission is asymmetric with a distribution similar to nearby plasma lines

- DM
- - - S-XV-2430
- Ar-XVIII-3323
- ... High-Energy Residual
- · - Neighbor Residual
- ⊓ All Residual

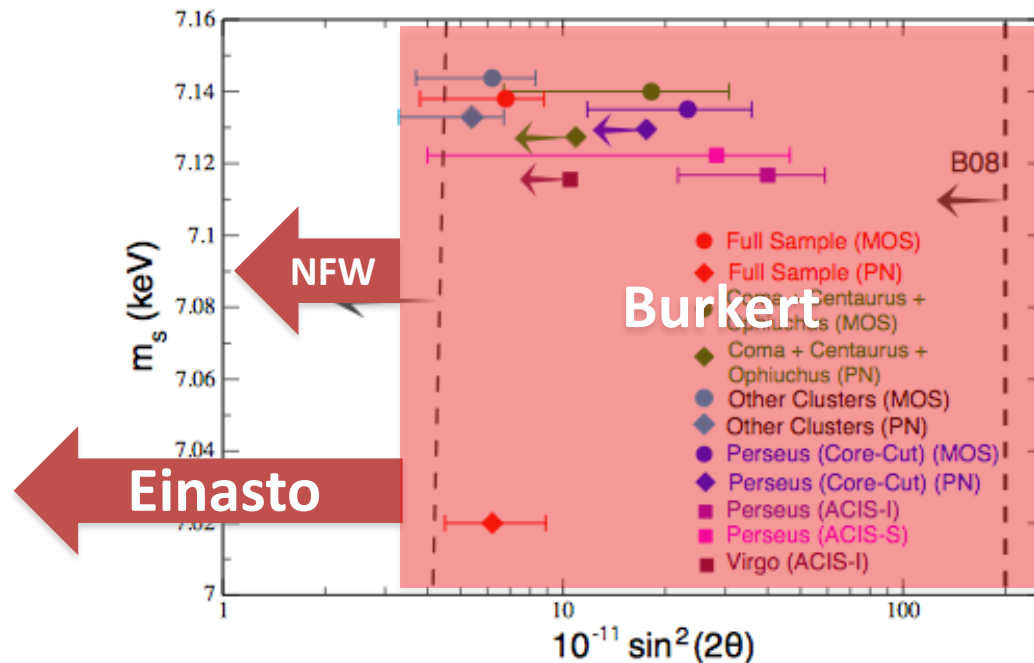


Scanning Window Template

Perseus Cluster

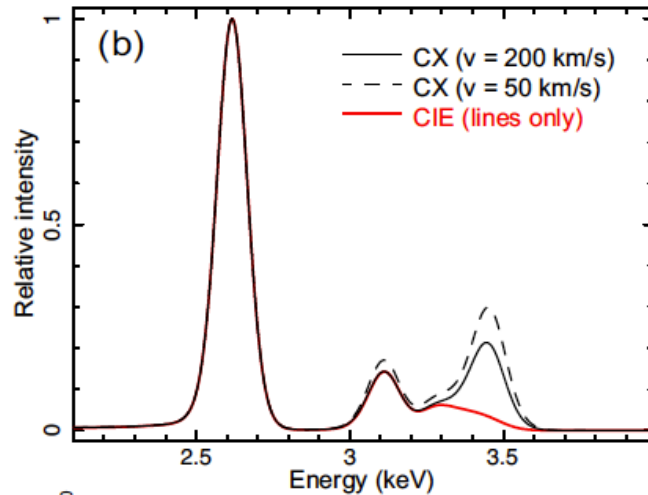


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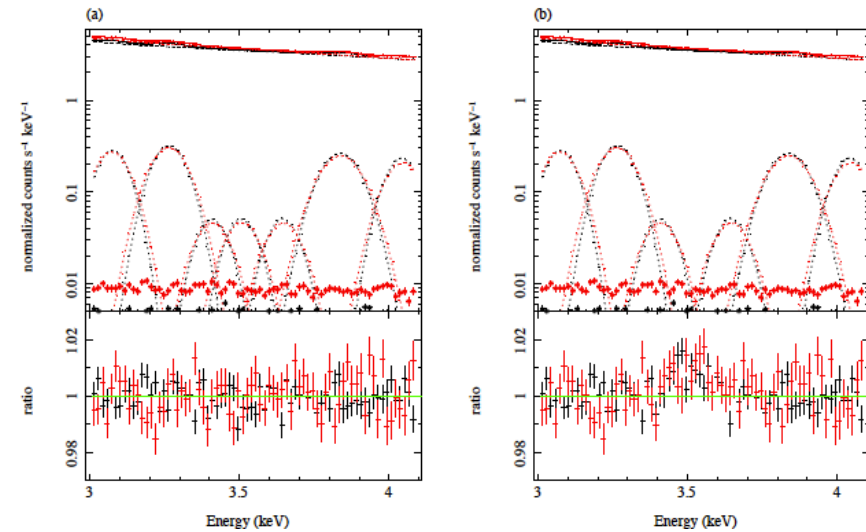


Are there plausible **alternatives?**

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3.47 keV line has no collisional only line!

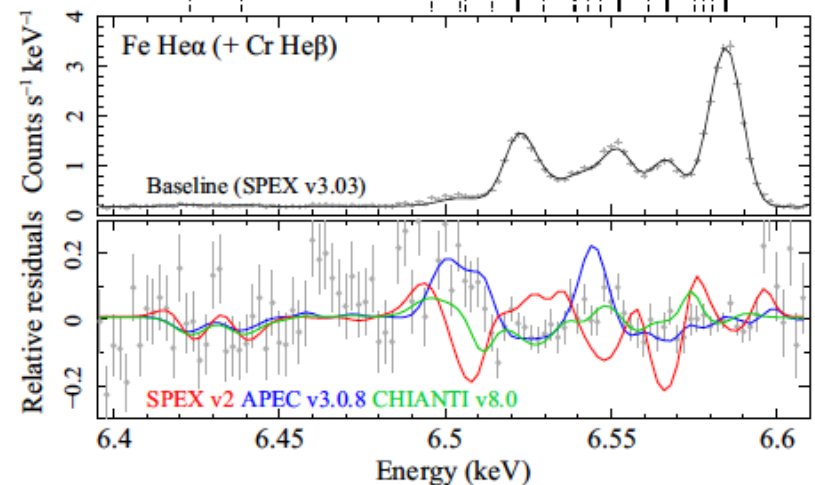
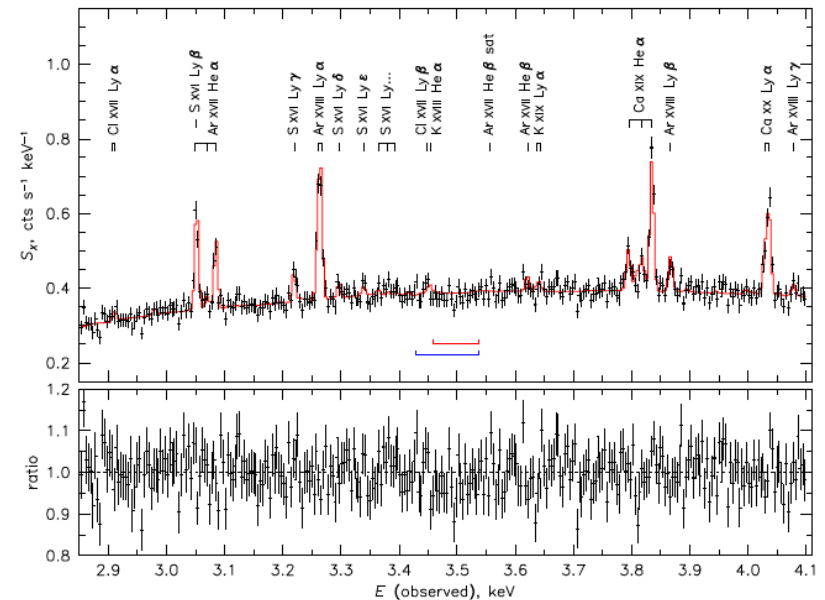


over-subtracting lines leads to introducing fake features!

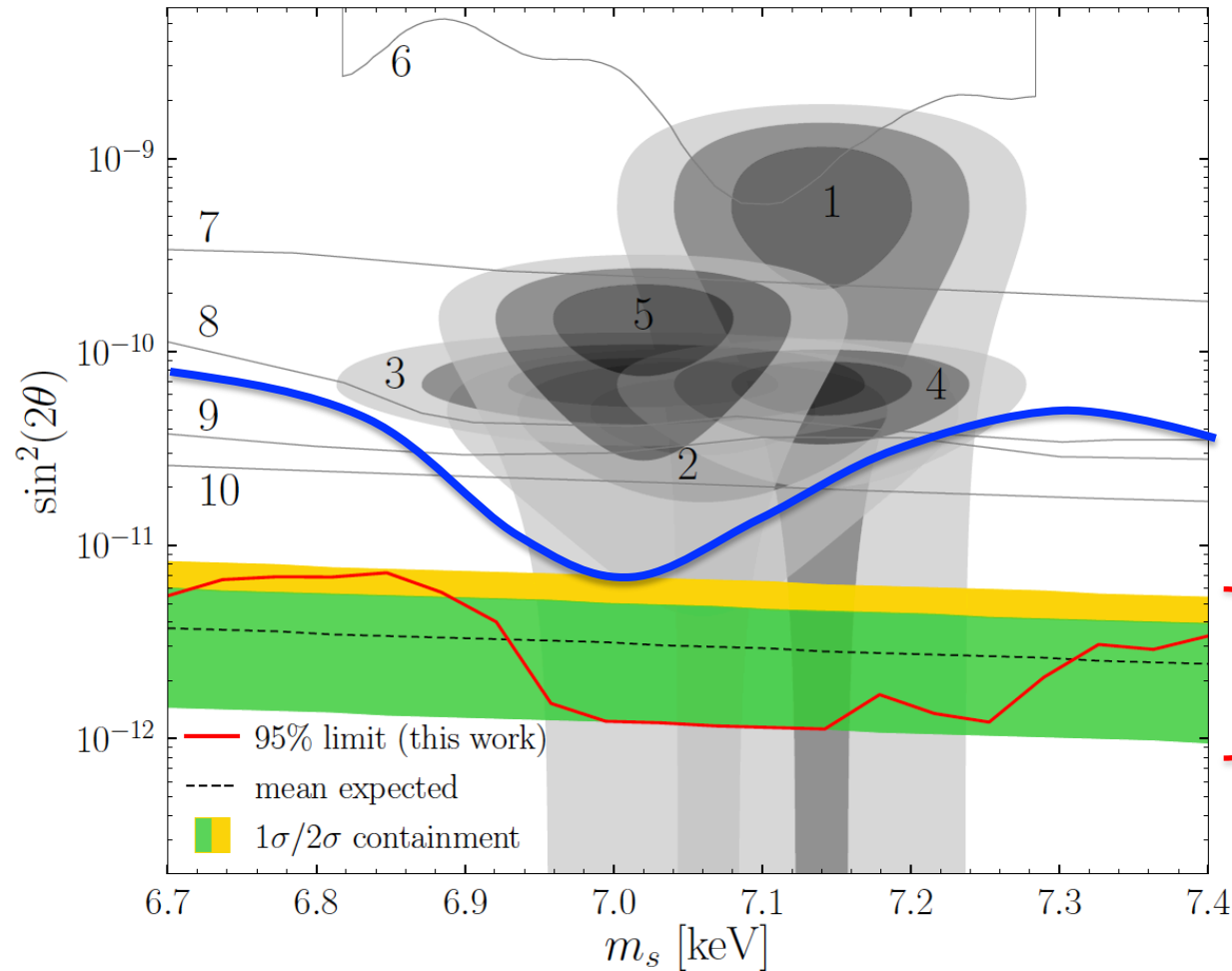
Perseus observations with **Hitomi**

Reveals the **challenges** and **opportunities** of high spectral resolution...

- No **3.5 keV** line detection (OK with KXVIII and DM interpr.)
- Hint of **SXVI charge exchange?** (1.6s)
- Differences seen between **atomic codes** point to need for improved modeling and laboratory measurements



Summary of Current Constraints



1. Perseus (Boyarsky+ 14)
2. M31 (Boyarsky+ 14)
3. stacked clusters MOS (Bulbul+ 14)
4. stacked clusters PN (Bulbul+ 14)
5. Chandra deep fields (Cappelluti+ 18)
6. Hitomi (Aharonian+ 17)
7. Perseus Suzaku (Tamura+ 15)
8. stacked dwarfs (Malyshev+ 14)
9. M31 (Horiuchi+ 14)
10. stacked galaxies (Anderson+ 15)

Draco (Jeltema & Profumo 16)

**XMM blank fields
(Dessert+ 18)**

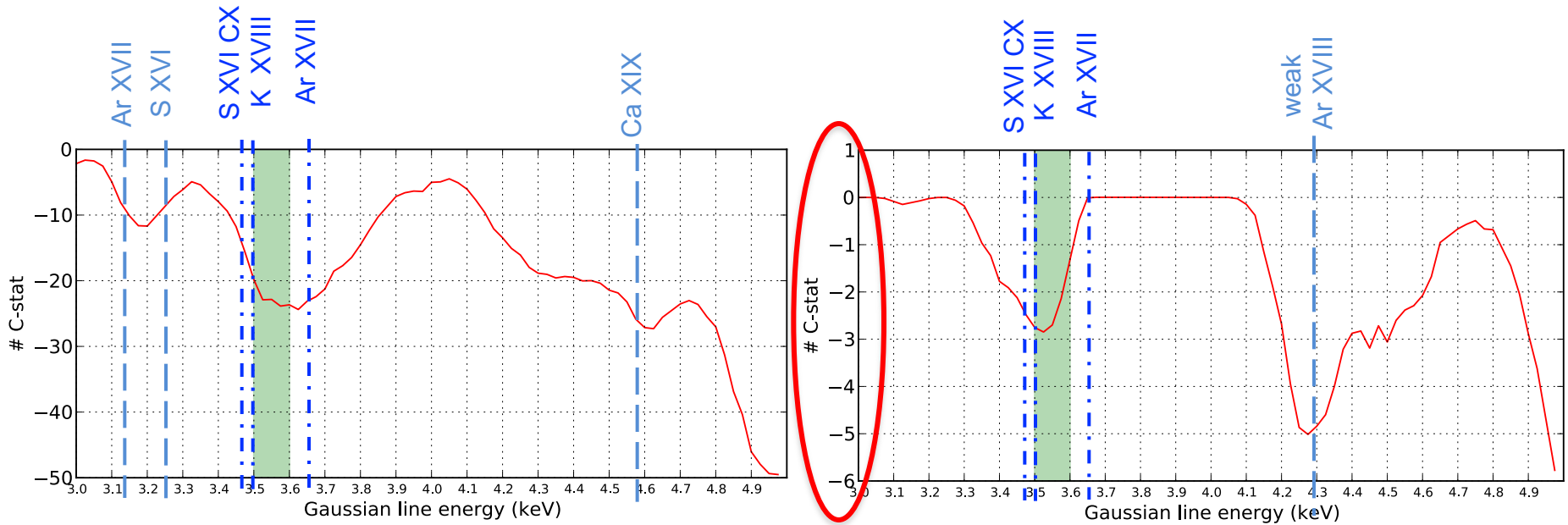
New Cluster Analysis

Bhargava, Jeltema et al., in prep.

- Joint fitting of 144 clusters from the XMM Cluster Survey
- Bin by X-ray temperature with 20-30 clusters per bin

T_x bin (keV)	No. of clusters	T_X average (keV)	$M_{500,DM}$ average ($10^{14} M_\odot$)	$M_{500,DM}/d_L^2$ average ($10^{10} M_\odot/\text{Mpc}^2$)	Total SNR (0.3 – 7.9 keV)
≤ 3	20	2.43	1.14	0.01	1254
3 – 4	29	3.50	2.11	0.03	2435
4 – 5	23	4.63	3.31	0.04	2389
5 – 6	22	5.44	4.23	0.02	2339
6 – 7	19	6.57	5.95	0.04	2856
≥ 7	31	9.50	12.4	0.18	3140

New Cluster Analysis



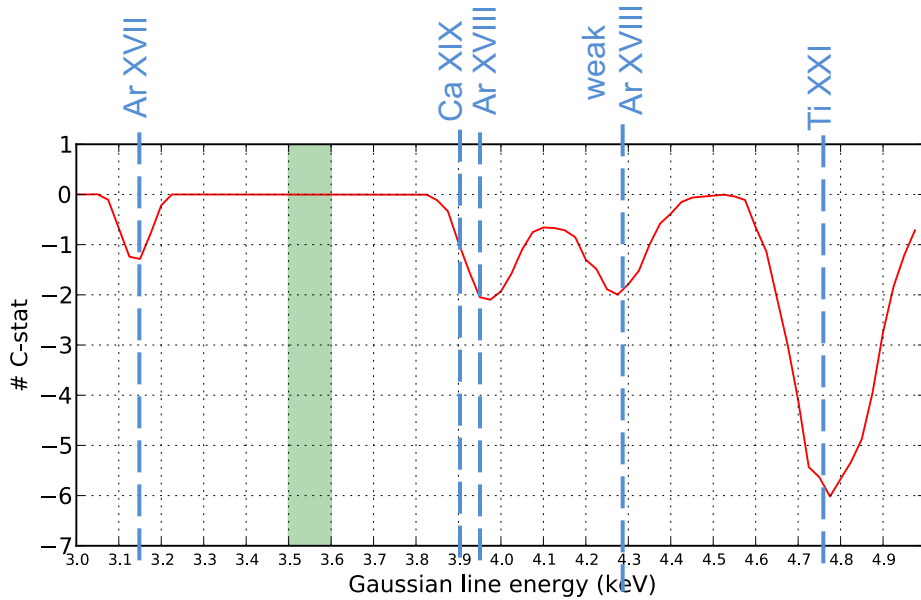
$T_x < 3 \text{ keV}$

Not significant

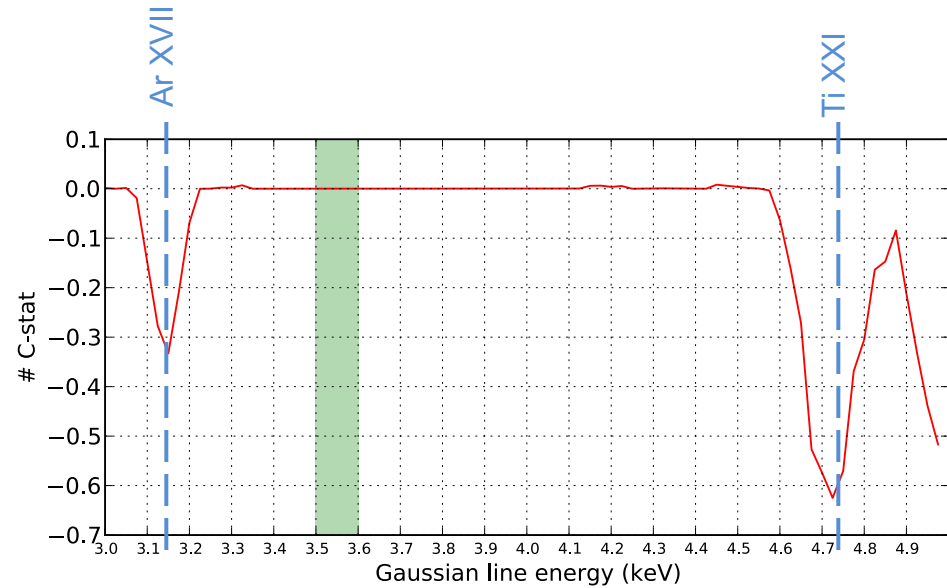
$4 \text{ keV} < T_x < 5 \text{ keV}$

- Line near 3.5 keV significantly improves fit in **lowest T_x bin**, 1-2 sigma in next two T_x bins
- Other features of mild/moderate significance indicating imperfect line/continuum modeling

New Cluster Analysis



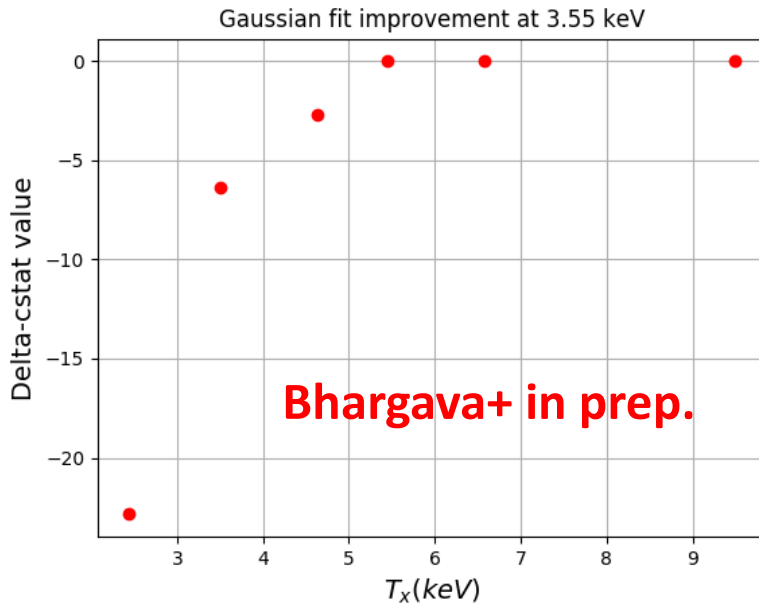
$6 \text{ keV} < T_x < 7 \text{ keV}$



$T_x > 7 \text{ keV}$

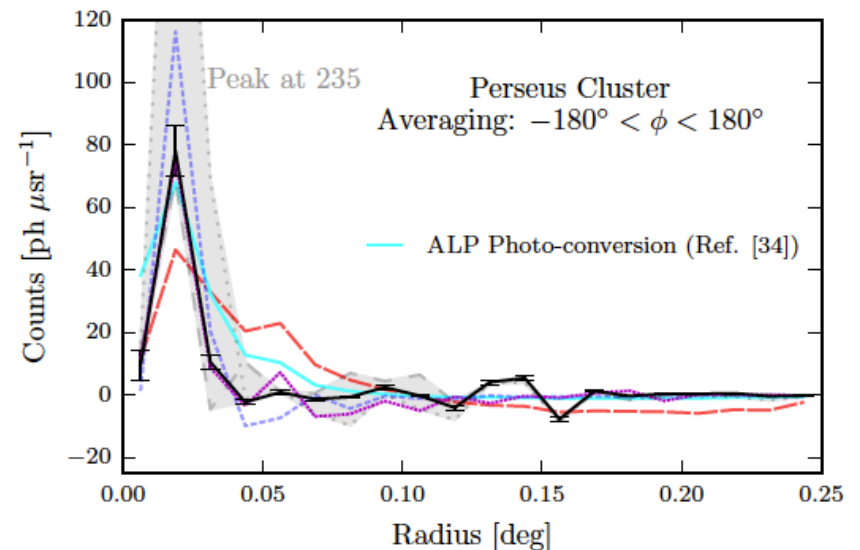
➤ **No 3.5 keV line in the three highest T_x bins!**

Plasma or Dark Matter?



- 3.5 keV feature only at lowest T_x
- Not seen in bins with largest expected DM flux

- 3.5 keV feature also correlates with **cool core** in Perseus cluster
- Likely associated to plasma



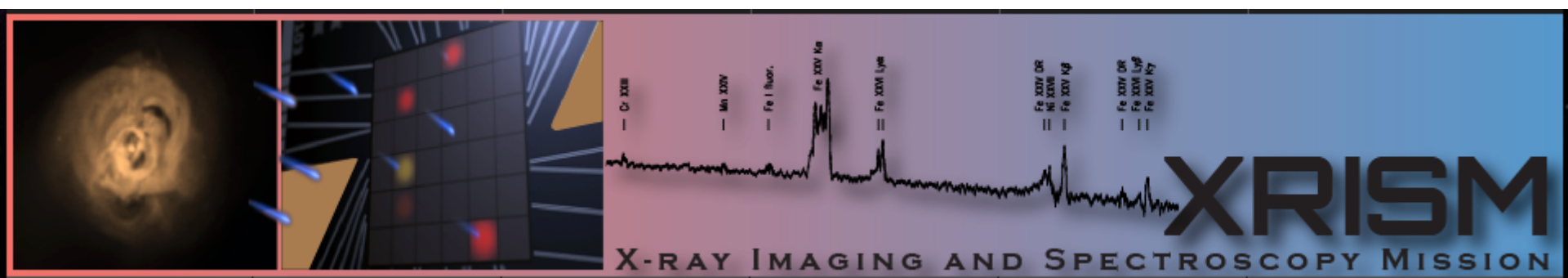
Carlson+ 2015

3.5 keV Line Summary

- A simple **DM decay** origin is **inconsistent** with:
 - non-detection in **Draco** and **blank fields**
 - **GC morphology**
 - scaling with **cluster mass/temperature**
- The signal correlates with **plasma physics**
 - Present for **low T_x clusters** not high T_x clusters
 - Present in systems with **hot plasma** (clusters, GC) and not in systems **without** (Draco, M31)

- Around **1%** of the DM is **Standard Model Neutrinos**
 - ✓ Theory work needed to control systematics in non-linear matter power spectrum calculation (L. Knox's lecture tomorrow)
 - ✓ New observations can pinpoint exactly how much of the DM is SM neutrinos – and how much neutrinos weigh! (L. Knox's lecture tomorrow)

- **Sterile neutrinos** are fine DM candidates, detectable with **X-ray observations**
 - ✓ We (very probably) haven't detected DM at 7.1 keV
 - ✓ XRISM (successor to Hitomi) slated to launch in 2021 (then Lynx, Athena+)



Recap!

Signal?

Morphology?

K XVIII

Clusters
[Perseus]

~Cool core

Galactic
Center

~Quadrupolar

dSph
[Draco]

X

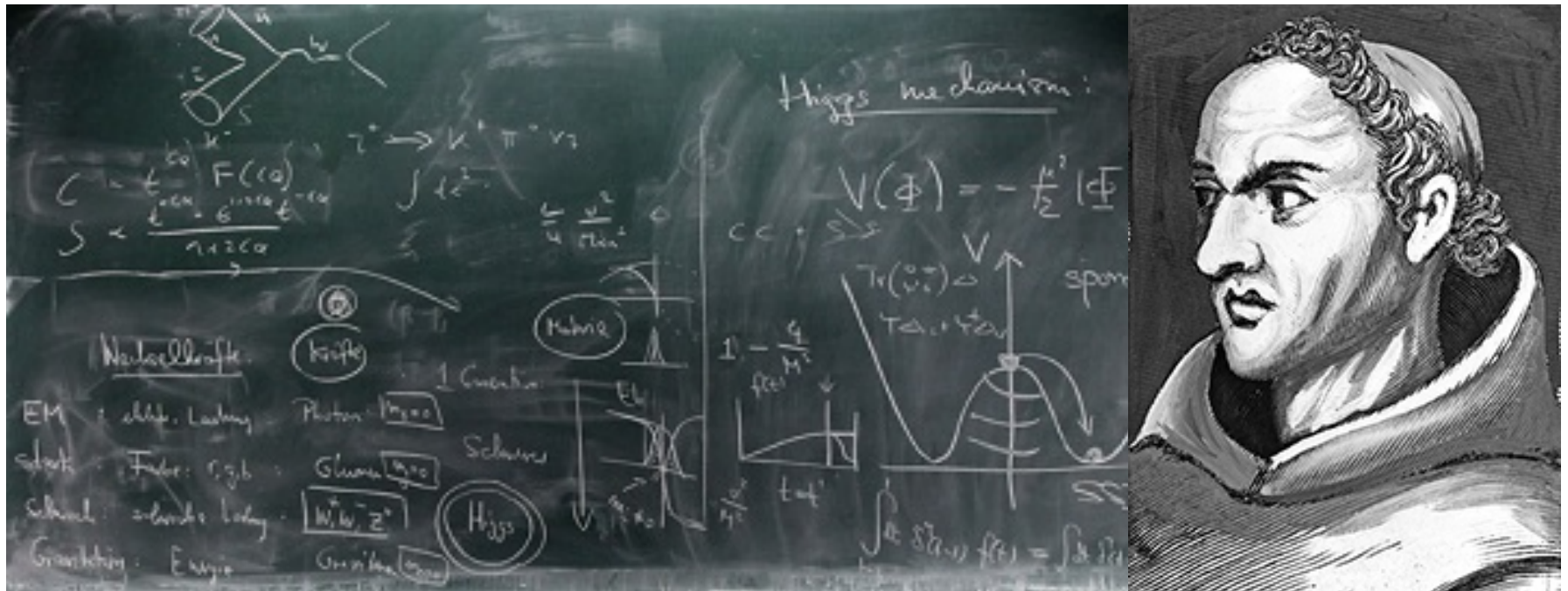
N/A

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Dark Matter, or Potassium?



Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem
(William of Occam, c. 1286-1347)



Rare picture of William of **Occam**, perplexed by **XXI century particle theorists** working on **dark matter**

What if it is **Dark Matter**?

simplest models (**sterile neutrino**) **don't work**

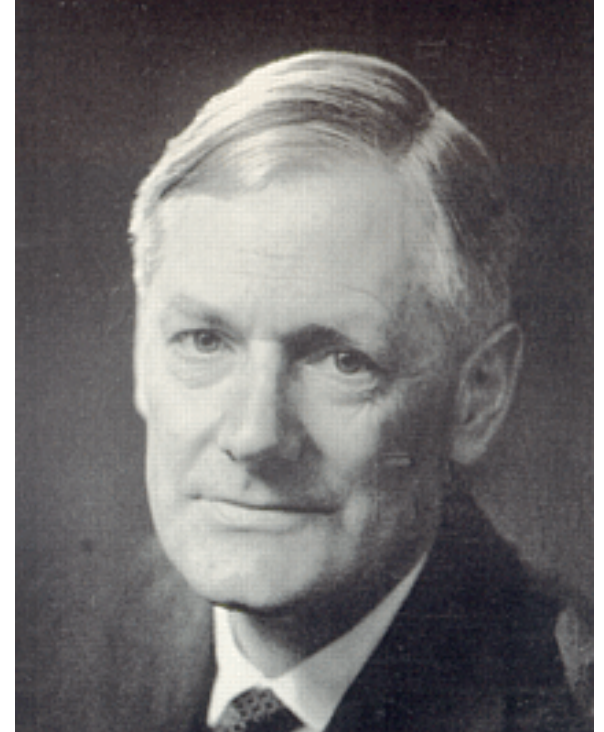
every **challenge** is an **opportunity**...

...interesting **riddle** for **theorists**!

Redman's Theorem

**“Any competent theoretician
can fit any given theory
to any given set of facts” (*)**

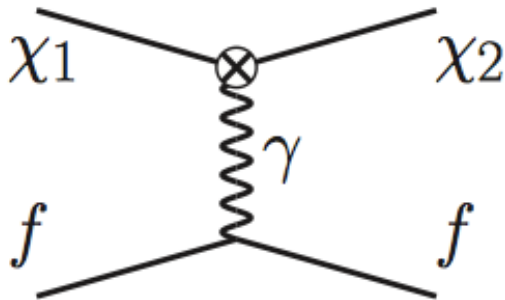
() Quoted in M. Longair's
“High Energy Astrophysics”, sec 2.5.1
“The psychology of astronomers
and astrophysicists”*



*Roderick O. Redman
(b. 1905, d. 1975)
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at Cambridge University*

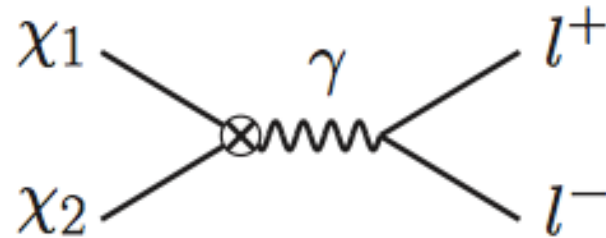
**3.5 keV line ...an excuse for an exciting,
new mechanism for a signal from Dark Matter!**

$$\chi_1 f \rightarrow \chi_2 f \longrightarrow \chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 \gamma$$



Signal $\sim \rho_{\text{DM}} \times \rho_{\text{gas}}$

Good Thermal Relic!

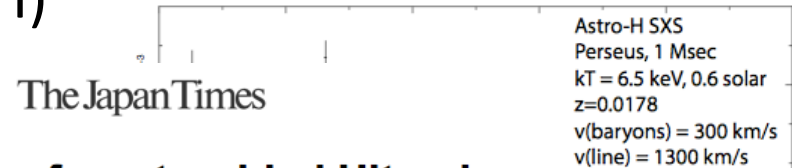


Why should you be **excited** by **our model**?

1. Brand **new** indirect **detection channel**!
2. **Unmistakable** signature, **background free**
3. “**Good**” model: economical, natural
UV completion, **thermal relic DM**
4. Bunch of **cool physics**!

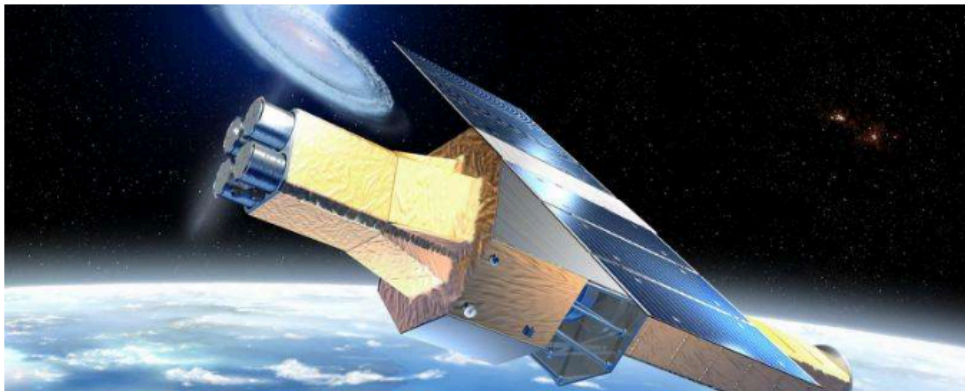
A highly falsifiable scenario

- Line **Shape** – geometric average of thermal, DM velocities (can be resolved by Hitomi/Astro-H)



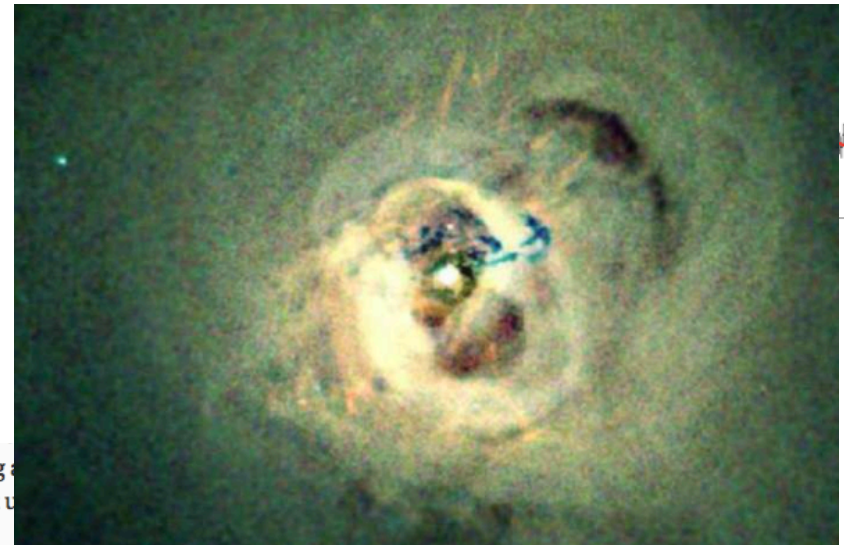
Why X-ray astronomers are anxious for good news from troubled Hitomi satellite

April 5, 2016 by Kevin Schawinski, Swiss Federal Institute Of Technology Zurich, The Conversation



on a Japanese rocket in mid-February, could be experiencing
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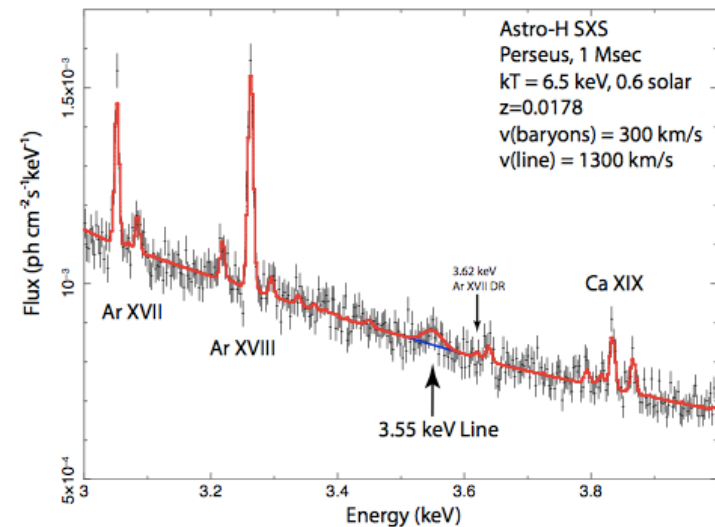
The satellite is supposed to be orbiting about 580 km (360 miles) above the Earth's surface, but JAXA said the satellite may also have deviated from its intended path.



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15, missing two years
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A highly **falsifiable** scenario

- Line **Shape** – geometric average of thermal, DM velocities (can be resolved by Hitomi/Astro-H)
- Unique **morphology**
- Unique **target**-dependence
- **Lines** could appear **anywhere** from eV (**visible**) to **UV**, to **X-ray**



K XVIII remains **Occam's** razor's fav. option

Plasma-excited DM:
New mechanism to detect DM

Lines anywhere eV...keV

Unique obs. predictions, **background "free"**

Structure formation? **Small-scale** structure?

Examining the 3.5 keV Line

Discovery of a 3.5 keV line in the Galactic Center and a Critical Look at the Origin of the Line Across Astronomical Targets

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→ spectral analysis of the Galactic Center (and reanalysis of M31)

spectral analysis of → very deep Draco data

Deep XMM Observations of Draco rule out at the 99% Confidence Level a Dark Matter Decay Origin for the 3.5 keV Line

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Where do the 3.5 keV photons come from? A morphological study of the Galactic Center and of Perseus

→ morphology of 3.5 keV emission in the GC and Perseus

Eric Carlson,^{a,b} Tesla Jeltema,^{a,b} Stefano Profumo^{a,b}

New: Joint fitting of 144 clusters as a function of temperature - Bhargava et al., in prep.



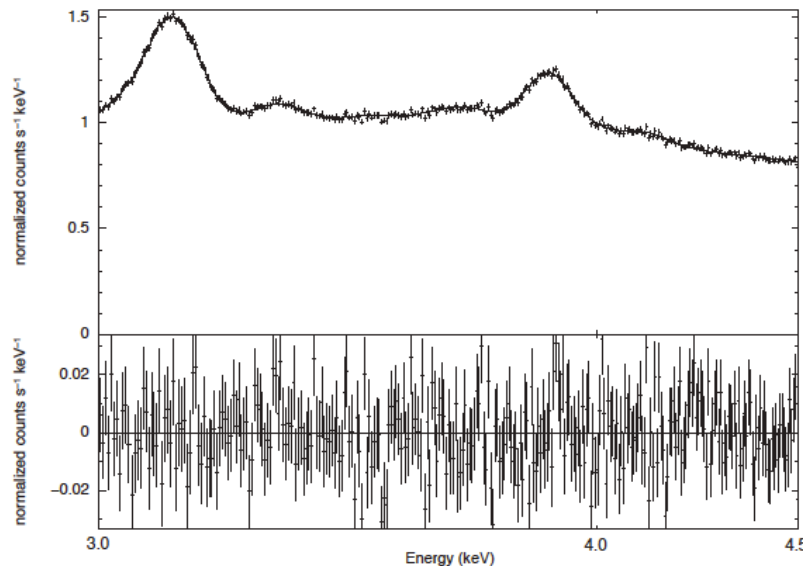
Galactic Center Spectrum

Analysis of XMM Galactic Center data

=> There is a **line at 3.5 keV**

Line is compatible with an **atomic emission**;

Line is also **compatible** with **DM** interpretation

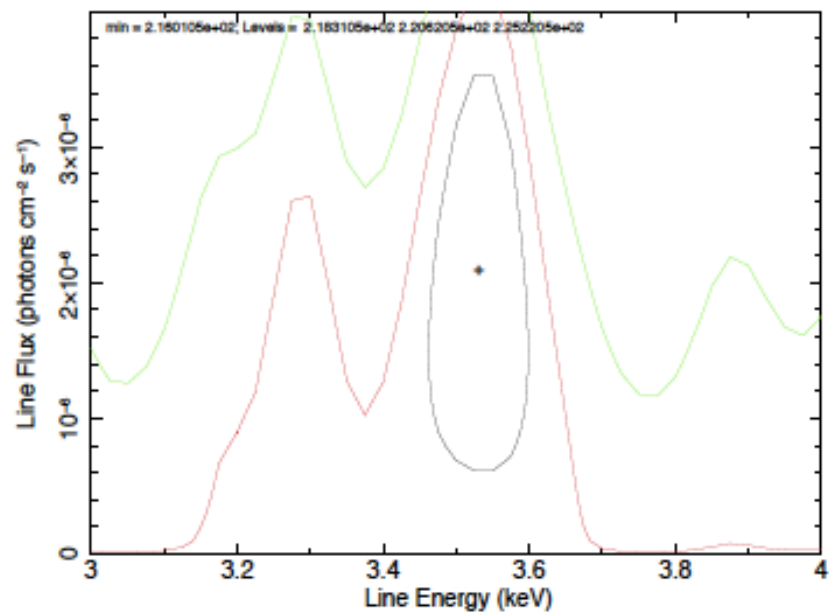
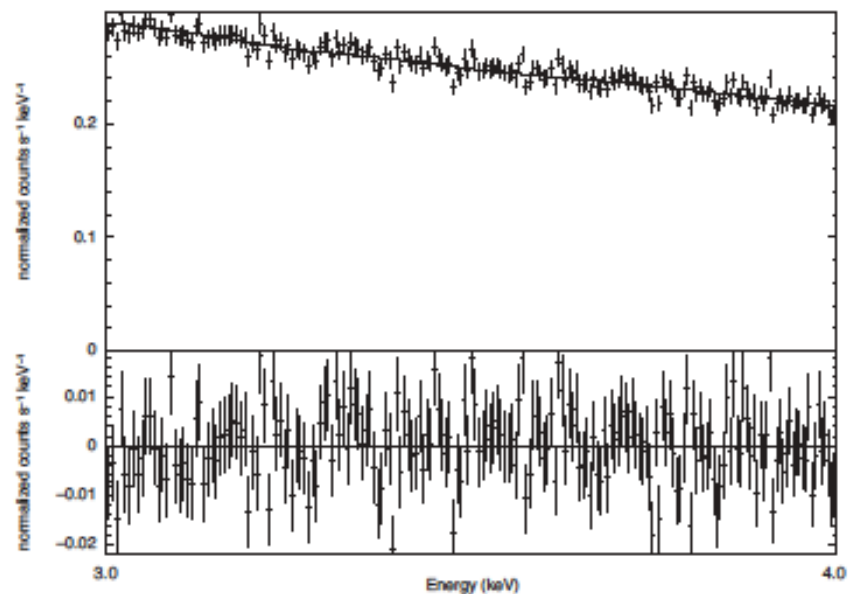




The 3.5 keV Line in M31

Re-analysis of XMM M31 data

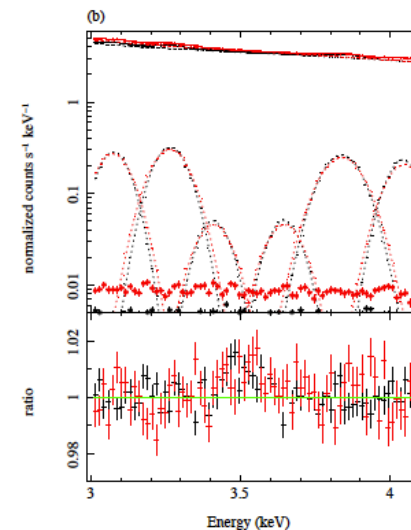
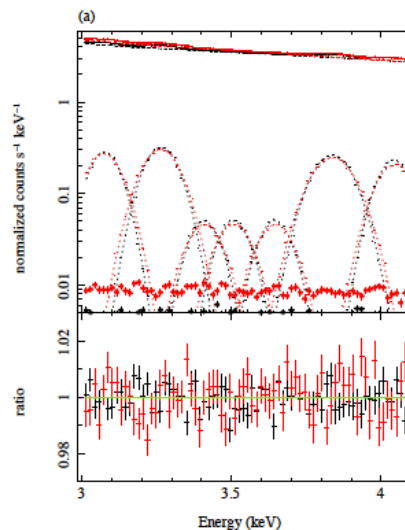
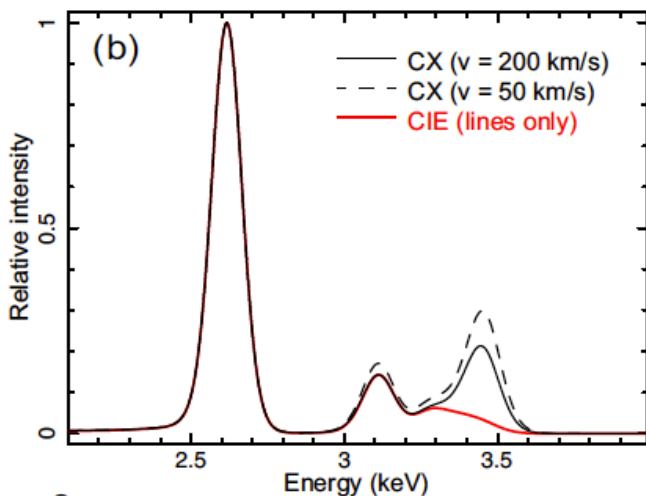
=> No significant line found





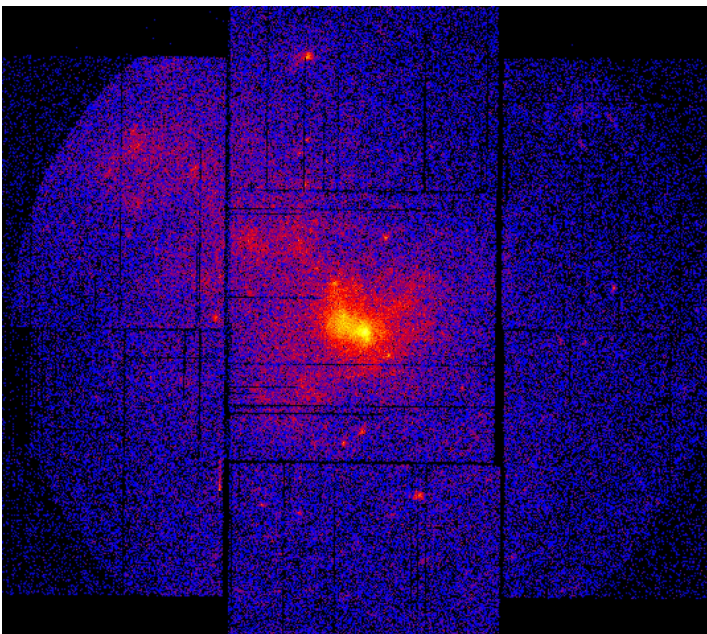
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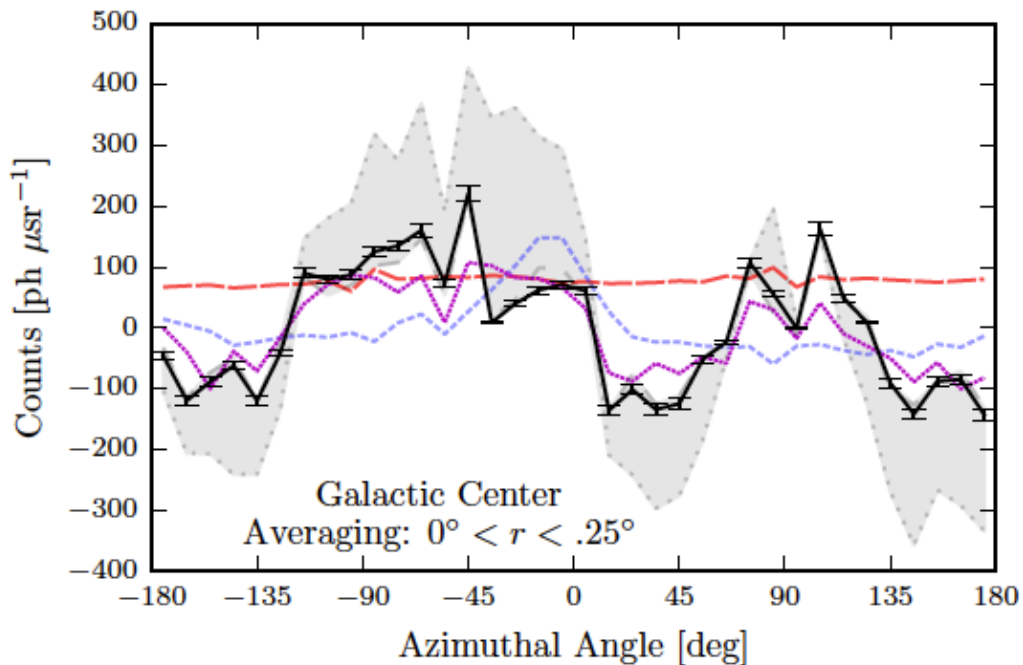


Galactic Center Morphology



- DM
- S-XV-2430
- Ar-XVIII-3323
- High-Energy Residual
- . Neighbor Residual
- [H] All Residual

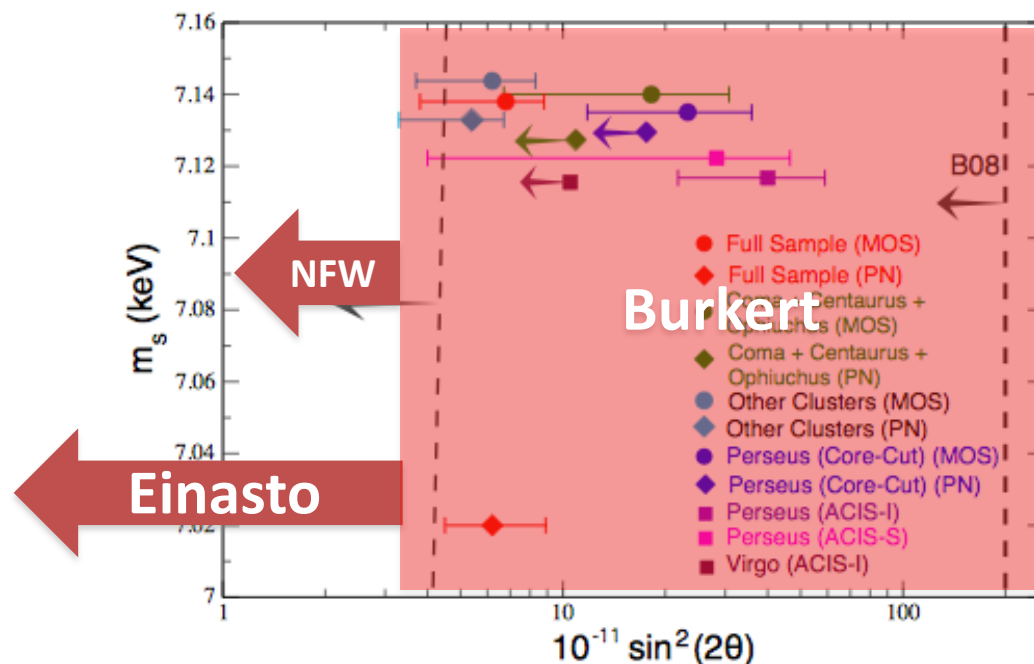
➤ The 3.5 keV emission is asymmetric with a distribution similar to nearby plasma lines





3.5 keV Line Morphology

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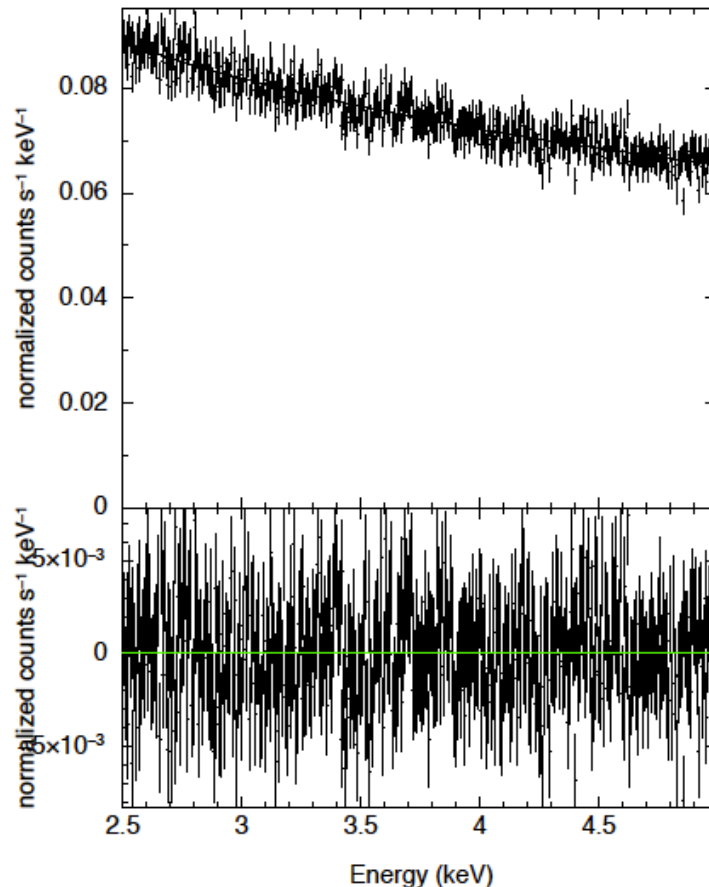




Deep Observations of Draco

- Draco dSph observed for 1.66 Msec with XMM (19 days)
 - no expected plasma emission
- Spectrum well fit by simple power law background in 2.5-5 keV band

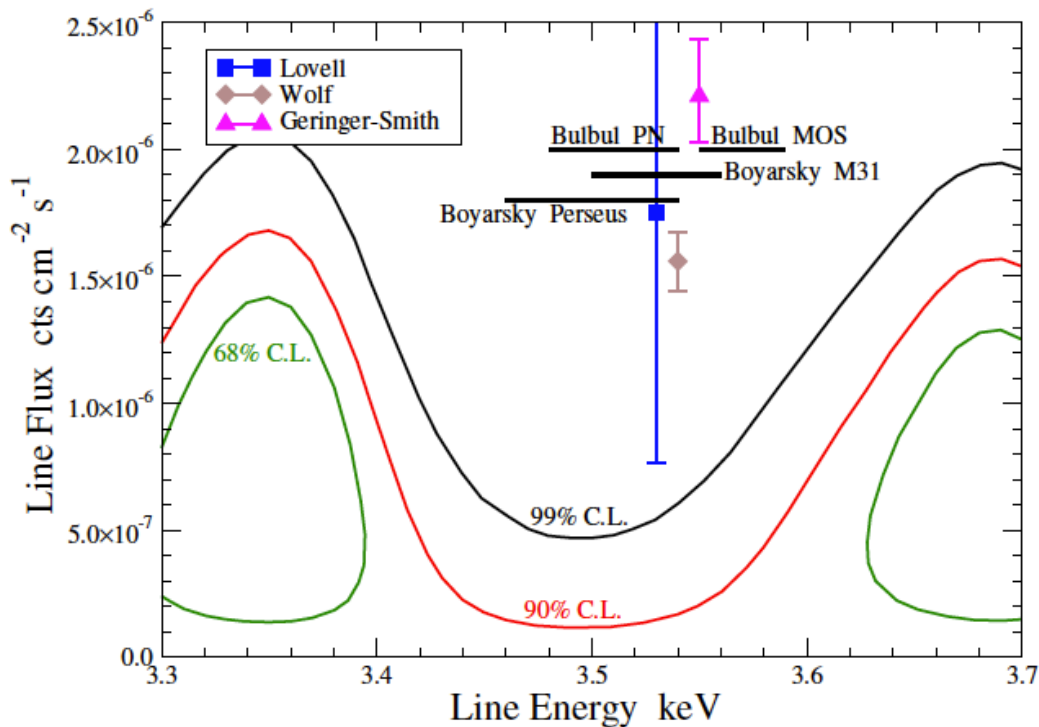
Stacked MOS Spectrum



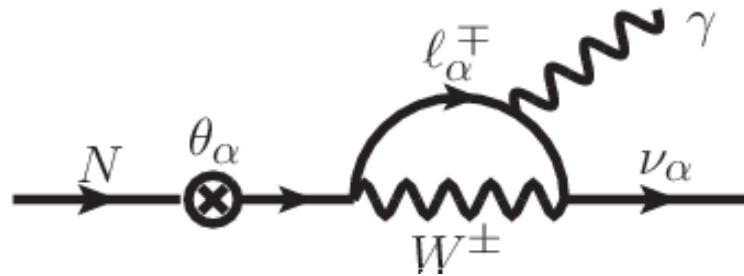


Deep Observations of Draco

- Non-detection inconsistent with flux observed from clusters and GC for DM decay origin
- Dark matter decay excluded at $> 99\%$



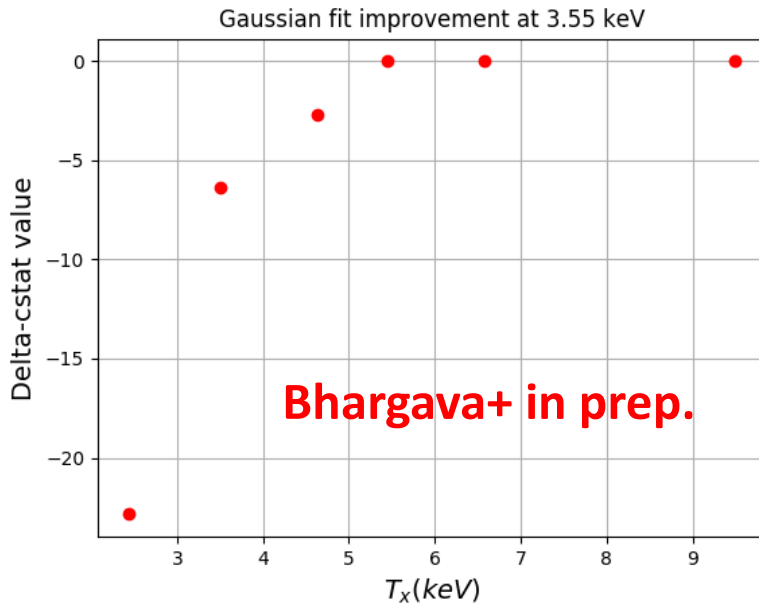
X-ray lines predicted from **sterile neutrinos**



- $SU(2)_L$ **gauge singlet**, but (small) **mixing** angle with **active neutrinos**
- Viable DM candidates (Dodelson-Woodrow production; “**warm**” DM)
- Possibly connected with **baryogenesis** (ν MSM)
- Would **decay** via mixing with active neutrinos

3.5 keV lines (roughly) compatible with this!

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Imperfections in modeling of relative line intensities at low T?
Charge exchange?