

# Searching for Dark Matter with X-ray lines



Perseus Cluster  
(Chandra)

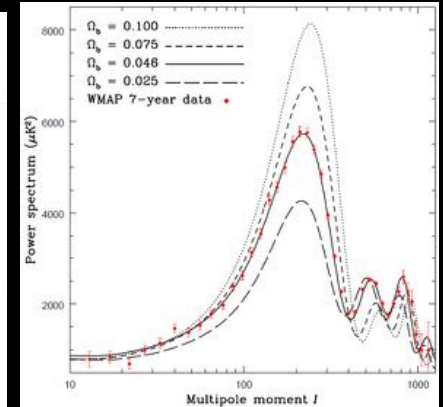
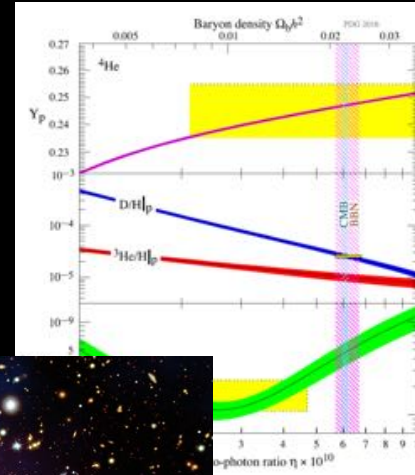


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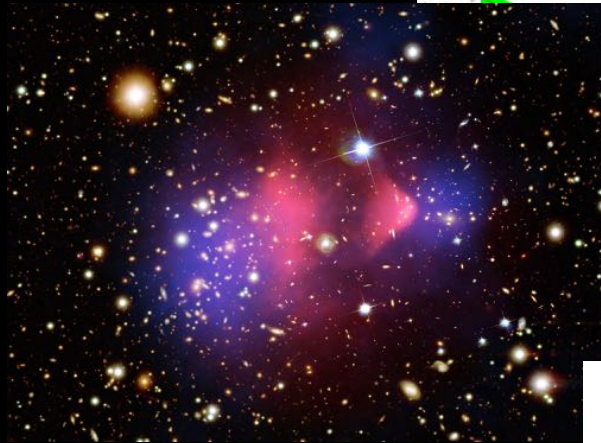


# Dark Matter problem

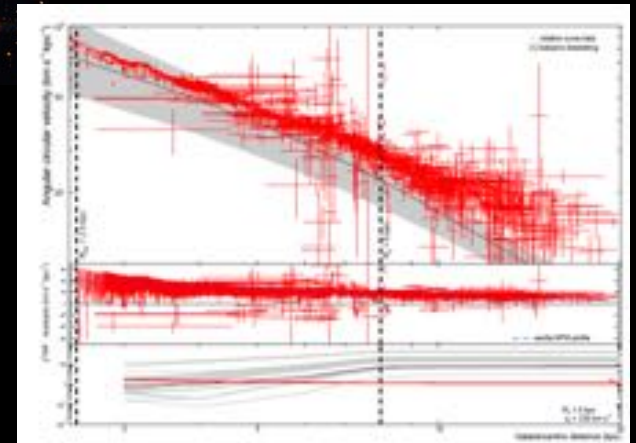
- BBN/ CMB



- Clusters



- Galaxies/Local

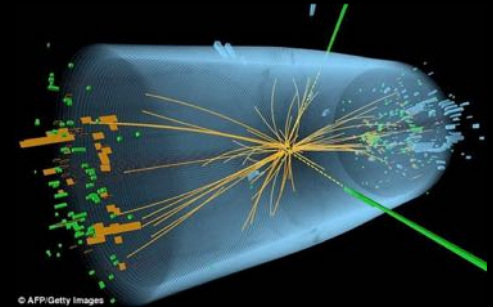


# Dark Matter Detection

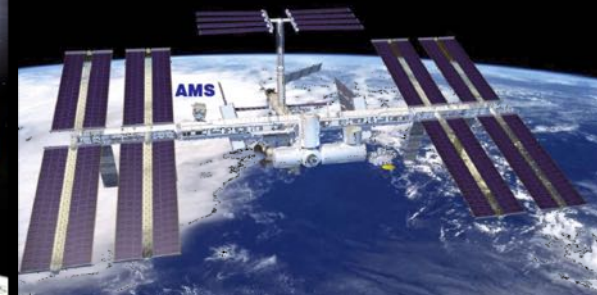
- Direct Detection



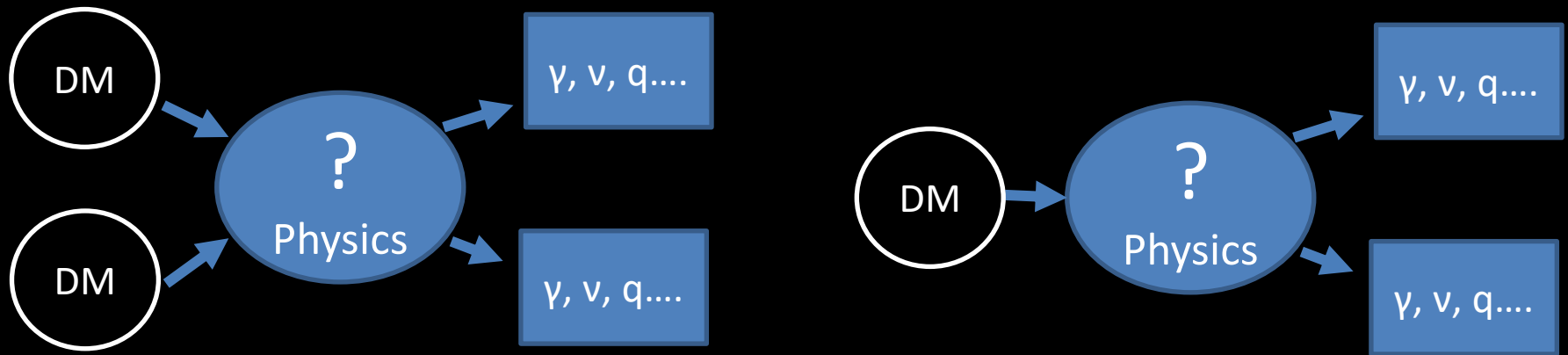
- Collider Search



- *Indirect Detection*



# Dark Matter Indirect Detection



Particle Physics

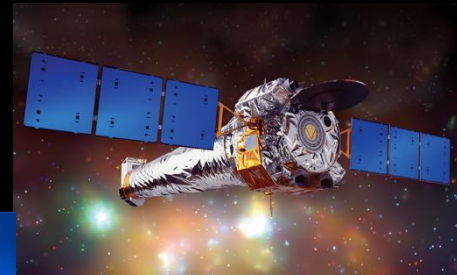
Astrophysics/detector

$$\frac{dF}{dE} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{m_\chi} \frac{dN}{dE} \int d\Omega \int d\ell \rho_\chi[r(\ell)]$$

# X-ray Searches of Dark Matter

- Sensitive instruments
- Well Motivated Candidates
  - *Sterile Neutrino (keV)*
  - Axion-like Dark Matter
  - Gravitino
  - Exciting Dark Matter
  - ++++++

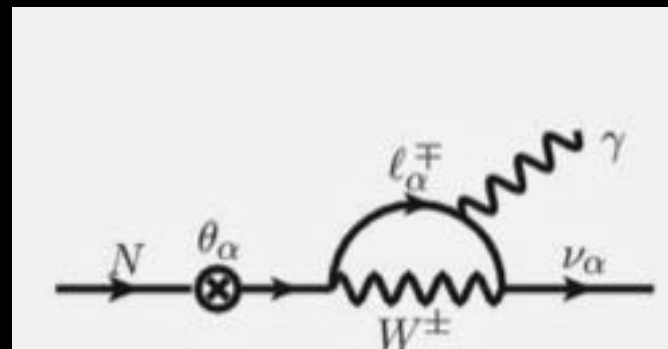
Chandra (1999 - )



XMM Newton (1999 - )



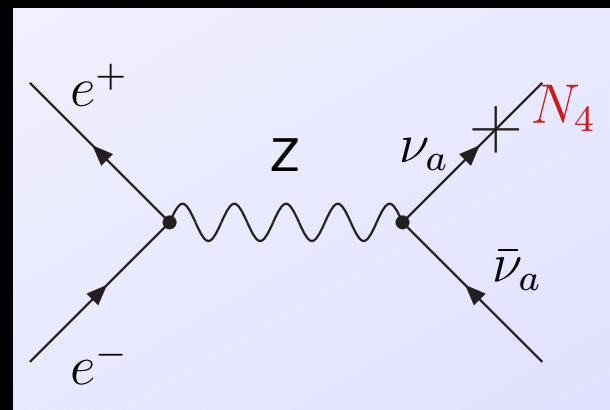
Suzaku (2005 - 2015)





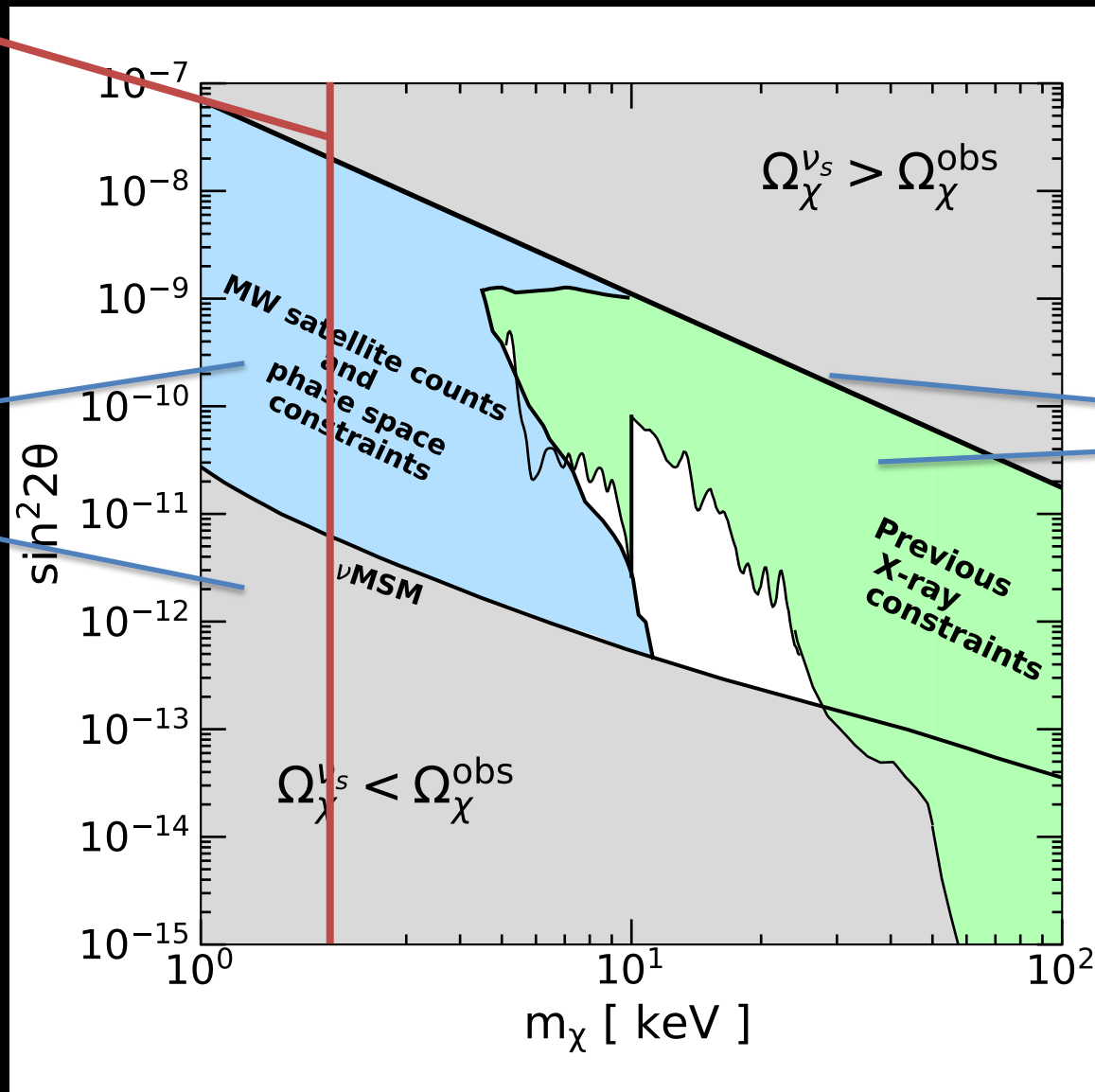
# Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter Production

- Non-resonant production
  - Dodelson Widrow 1994
  - Warm DM
- Resonant production
  - Shi Fuller 1999
  - Modified by primordial lepton asymmetry
  - Cool DM
- Decay of heavy particles
  - E.g., Petraki Kusenko 2008
  - Collider signatures



# Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter

Phase space  
constraint



Model  
Independent

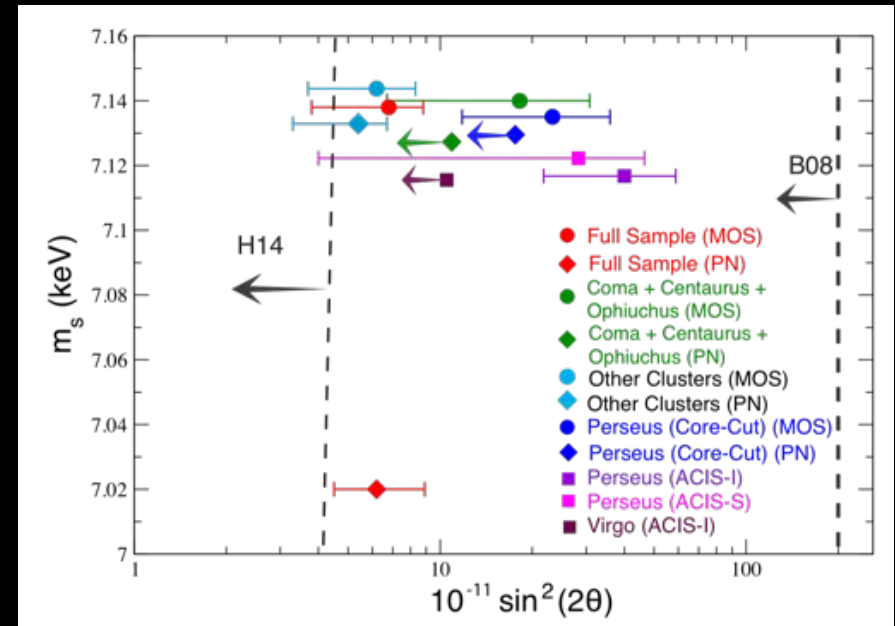
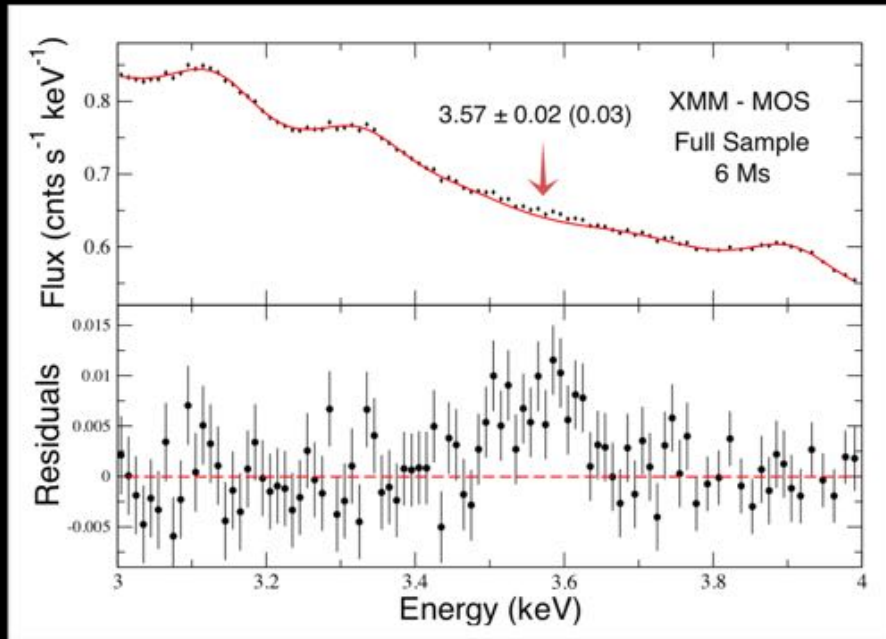
Model  
Dependent  
( $\nu \text{MSM}$ )

Not applicable in,  
e.g.  
0711.4646  
Petraki, Kusenko,  
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Patwardhan et al  
Etc etc

# 3.5 keV line excess!

- Bulbul et al (2014)

*Sterile Neutrino DM*



Stacked 73 clusters XMM-MOS (4-5 $\sigma$ )

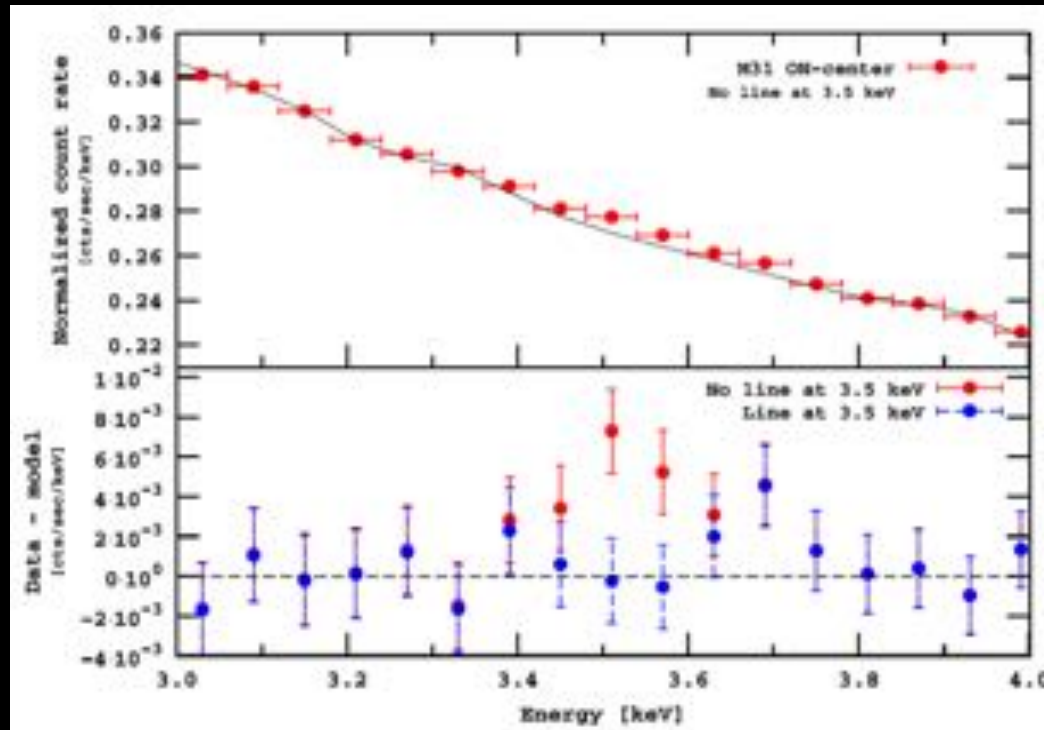
Also

Chandra Perseus 2.5 $\sigma$  and 3.4 $\sigma$






# 3.5 keV line excess!

- Boyarsky et al (2014)



$$\sin^2(2 \text{ theta}) \sim 2\text{-}20 \times 10^{-11}$$

# Follow-up Observations (2014)

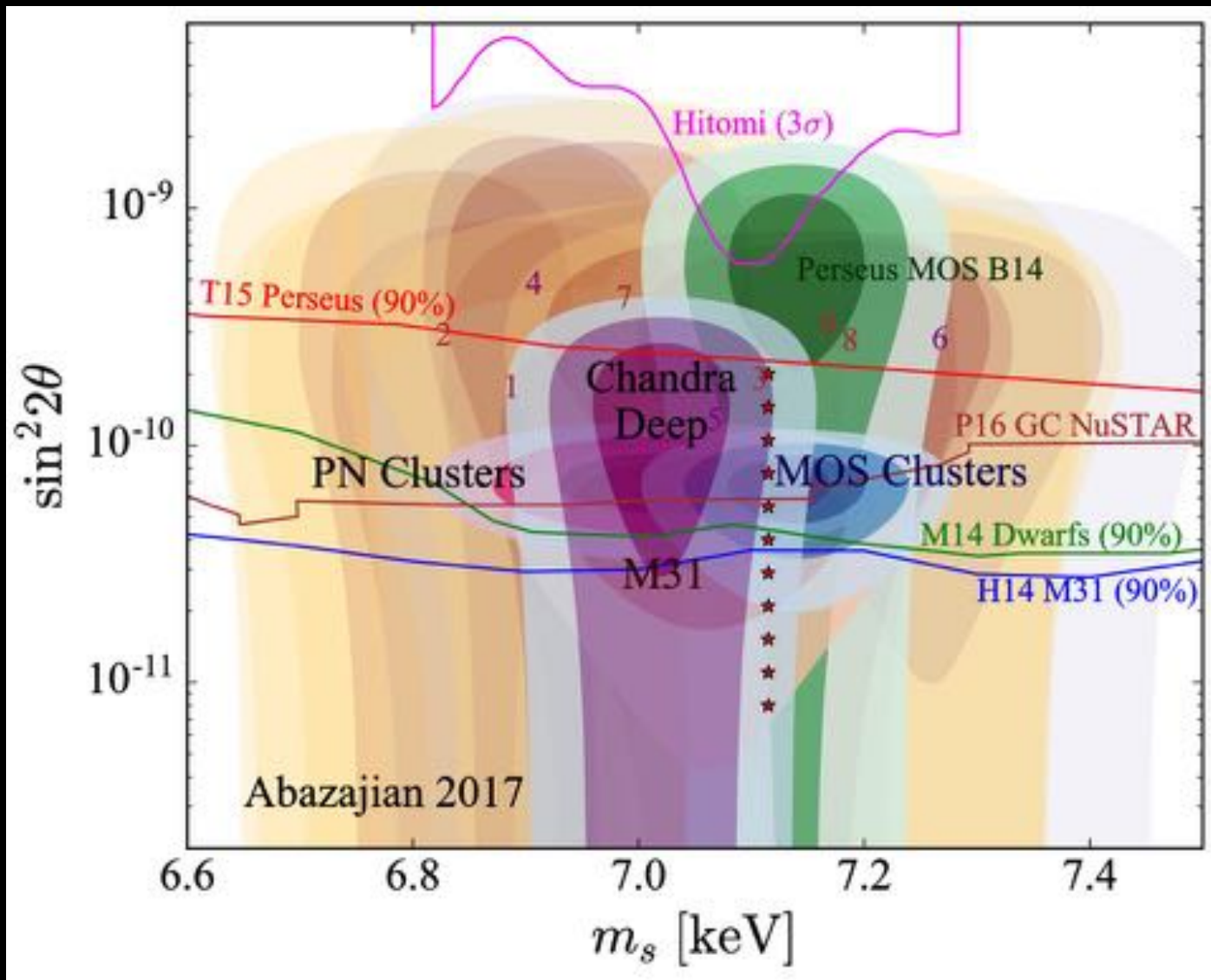
1. Rimer-Sorensen [1405.7943] Chandra GC
2. Jeltema, Profumo [1408.1699] XMM GC 
3. Boyarsky + [1408.2503] XMM GC 
4. Malyshev + [1408.3531] XMM dwarfs
5. Anderson + [1408.4115] Chandra+XMM Galaxies
6. Urban + [1411.0050] Suzaku Clusters 
7. Tamura + [1412.1869] Suzaku Perseus

# Follow-up Observations (15-17)

1. Sekiya+ [1504.02826] Suzaku Diffuse Background
2. *Figueroa-Feliciano+ [1506.05519] XQC MW*
3. Riemer-Sorensen+ [1507.01378] NuSTAR Bullet Clusters
4. Iakubovskiy+ [1508.05186] XMM Individual Clusters 
5. Jeltema Profumo [1512.01239] XMM Draco
6. Ruchayskiy+ [1512.07217] XMM Draco 
7. Franse+ [1604.01759] Suzaku Perseus 
8. Bulbul+ [1605.02034] Suzaku Stacked Clusters
9. Hofmann+ [1606.04091] Chandra Stacked Clusters
  
10. *Neronov+ [1607.07328] NuSTAR MW* 
11. *Aharonian+ [1607.07420] Hitomi Perseus*
12. *Perez+ [1609.00667] NuSTAR GC*
13. Cappelluti [1701.07932] Chandra Deep field 10 Ms   
(3 sigma)

*And some that I may have missed.....*

# Everything



# What is the 3.5 keV line?

- New astrophysical lines
  - Sulphur charge exchange line?  
Gu + 2015, Shah+ 2016
- Atomic abundance/ emissivity
  - Systematics? Urban + 2015 .....
- Particle Physics Models
  - ALP magnetic conversion [B-field]? Cicoli+ 2014.....
  - Exciting Dark Matter [Velocity]? Finkbeiner & Weiner 2014
  - +++++

# What to do next?

- New Instruments?
  - Astro-H (Hitomi)
  - Sounding Rockets
  - NuSTAR
  - Insight/HXMT ??
- New Techniques?
  - Velocity Spectroscopy

other detections (Bul14a, [Franse et al. 2016](#)). Studying the origin of the 3.5 keV line with CCD resolution observations of galaxy clusters and other astronomical objects appears to have reached its limit; the problem requires higher-resolution spectroscopy such as that expected from *Hitomi* (Astro-H).

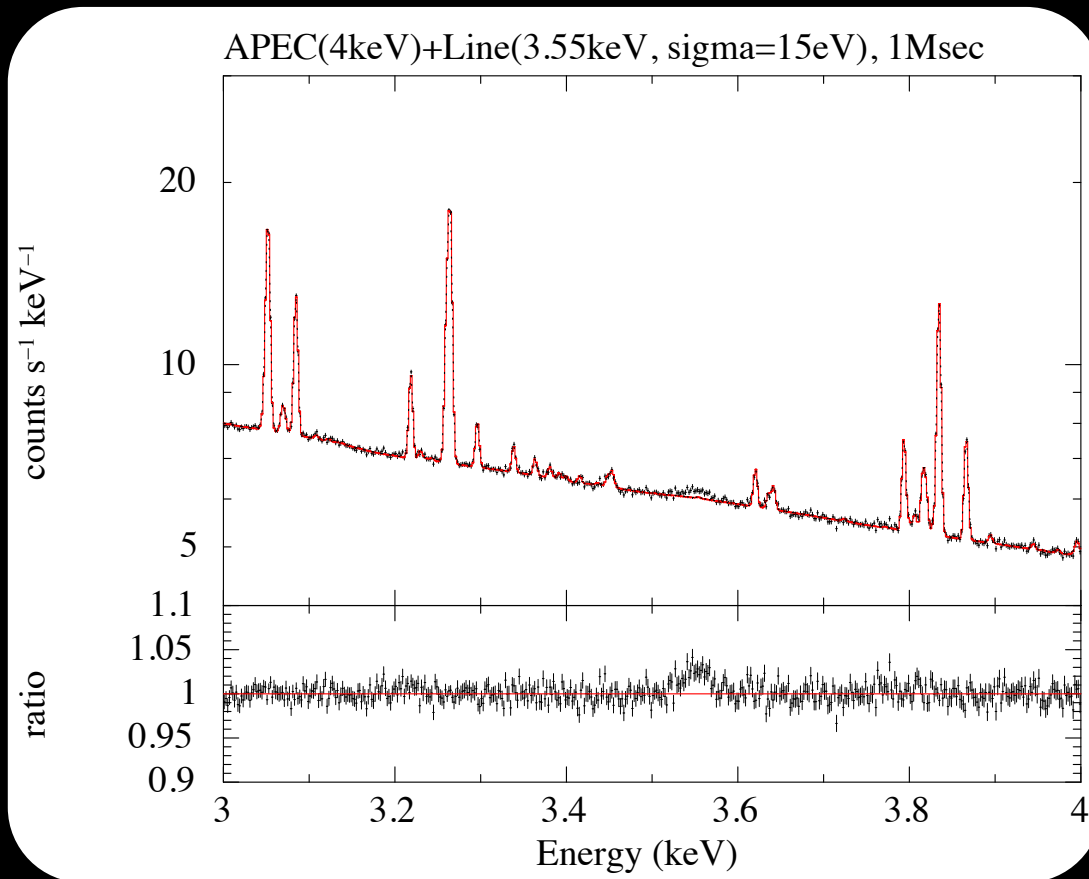
Bulbul+ 2016



# Astro-H (Hitomi)

- Launched in Feb 17, 2016
- $10^{-3}$  energy resolution

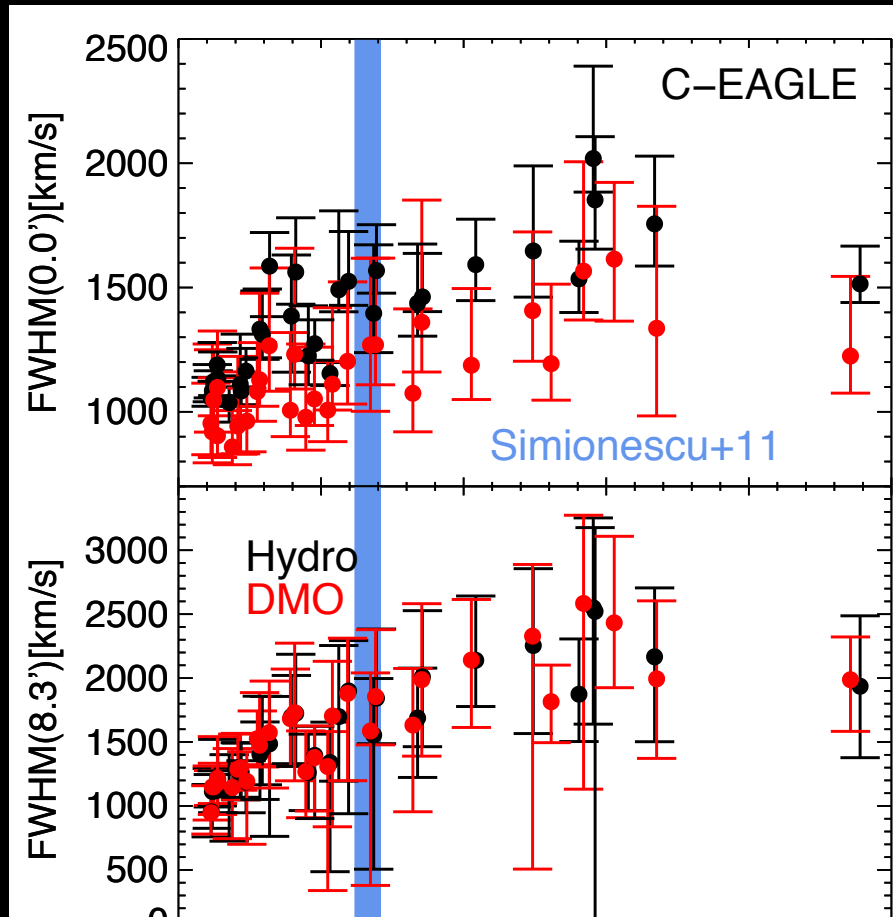
Simulation



Kitayama+  
1412.1176

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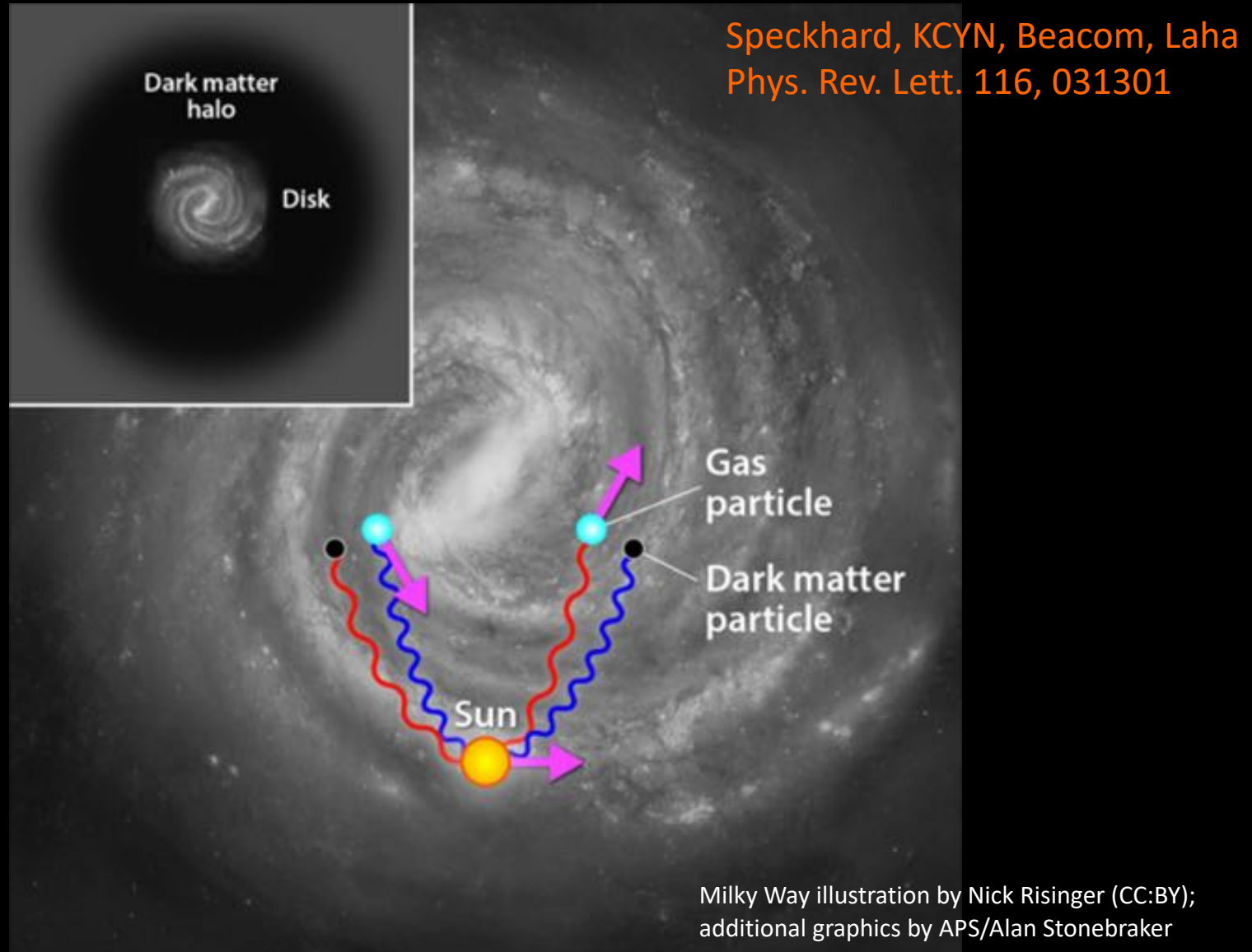


Mark

May not 100% answer the  
dark matter question

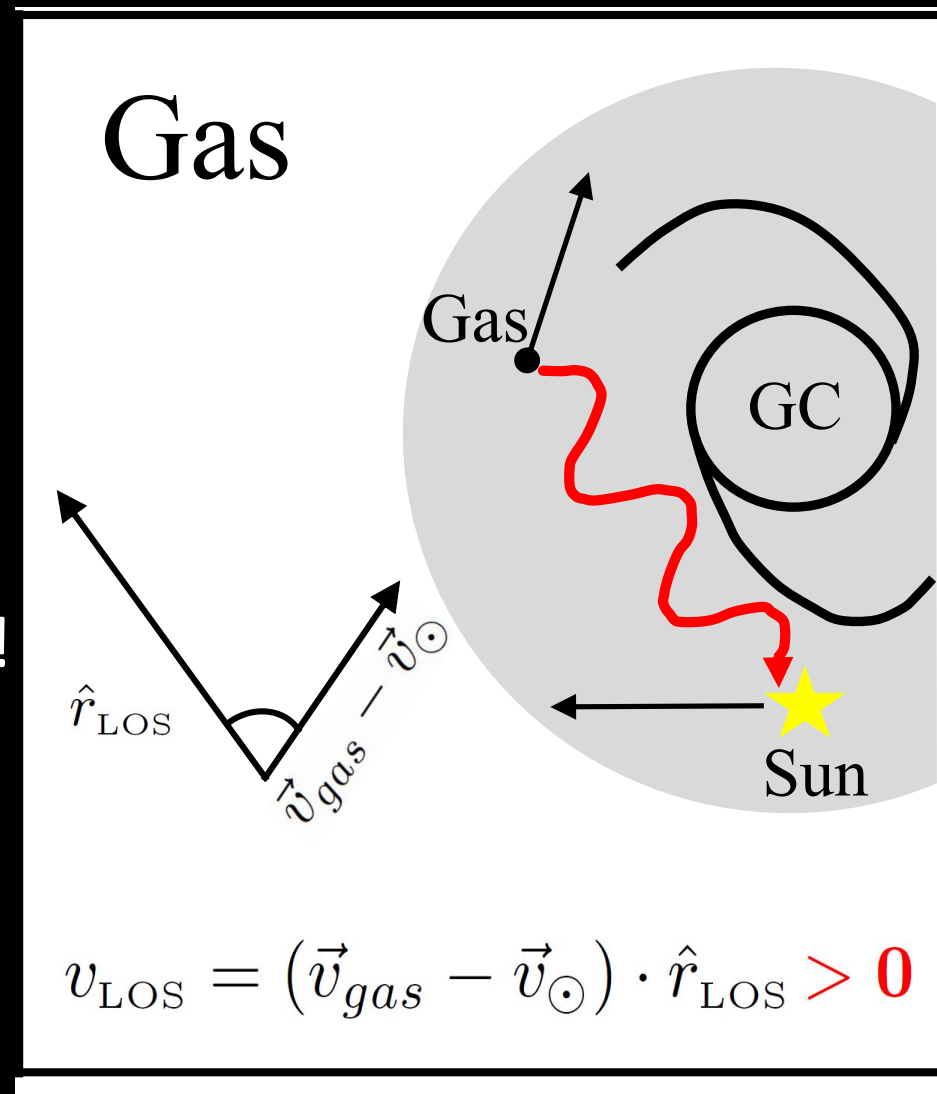
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# Dark Matter Velocity Spectroscopy



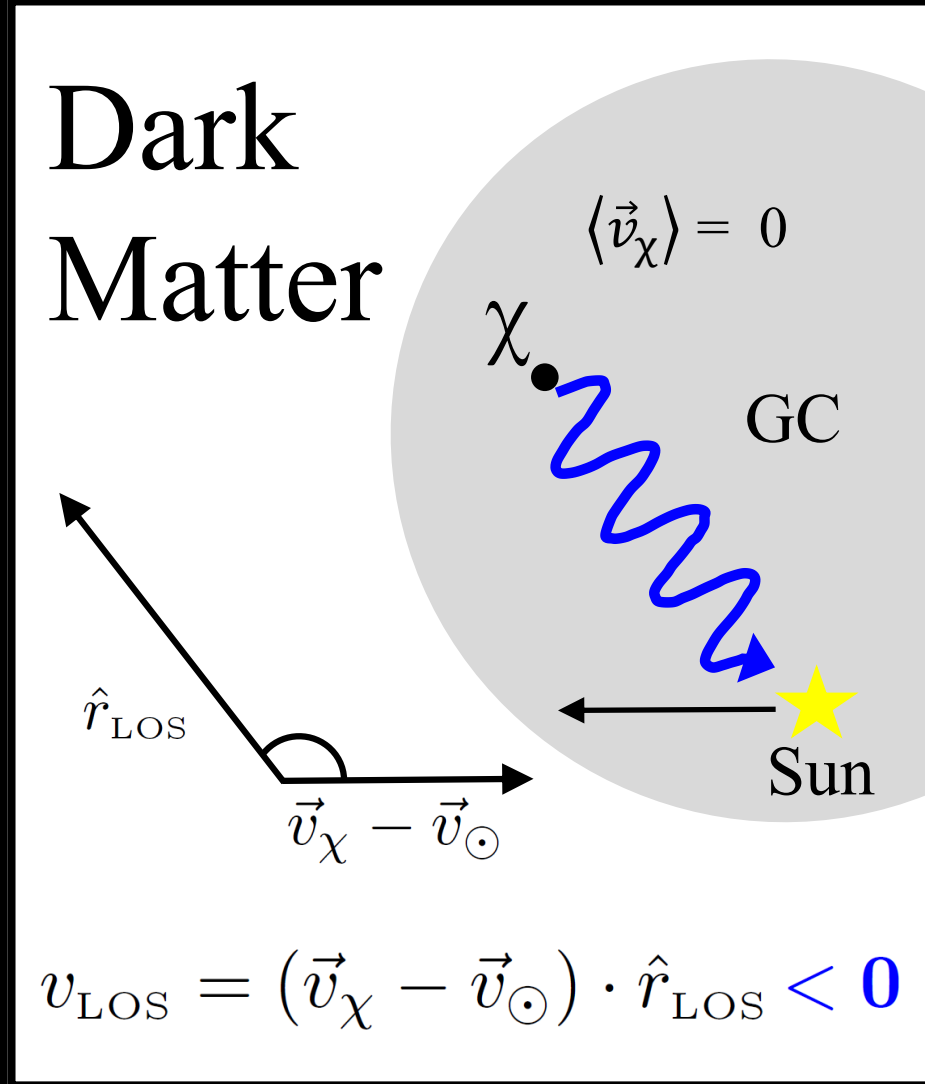
# Milky Way Gas (Background)

- Gas and the Sun co-rotate in a disk
  - $V^2 \sim GM/r$
- Astro-physical line
  - Red shifted in + longitude!



# Milky Way DM

- Velocity of the Sun
  - (+)220km/s, +longitude
- Mean dark matter velocity  $\sim 0$
- DM line
  - Blue shifted for +longitude



# Dark Matter Velocity Spectroscopy

- Need to model both line shifts and line widths

$$\frac{dF}{dE} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{m_\chi} \frac{dN}{dE} \int d\Omega \int d\ell \rho_\chi[r(\ell)]$$

Line shift

Atomic tomography

$$\frac{1}{R_\odot \rho_\odot} \int ds \rho_\chi(r[s, \psi]) \frac{d\tilde{N}(E - \delta E_{\text{MW}}, r[s, \psi])}{dE}$$

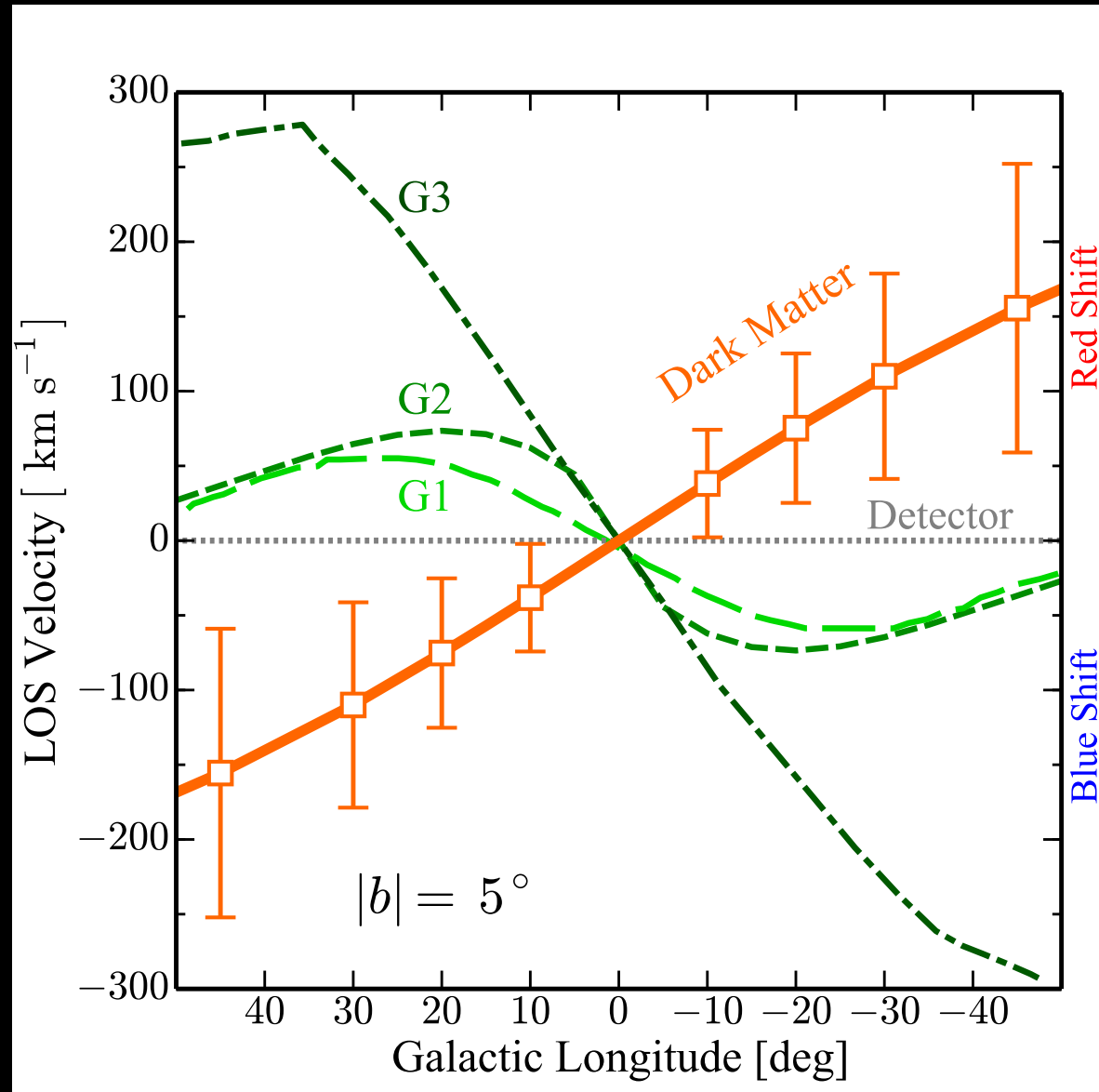
Line dispersion

- MW Gravitational potential



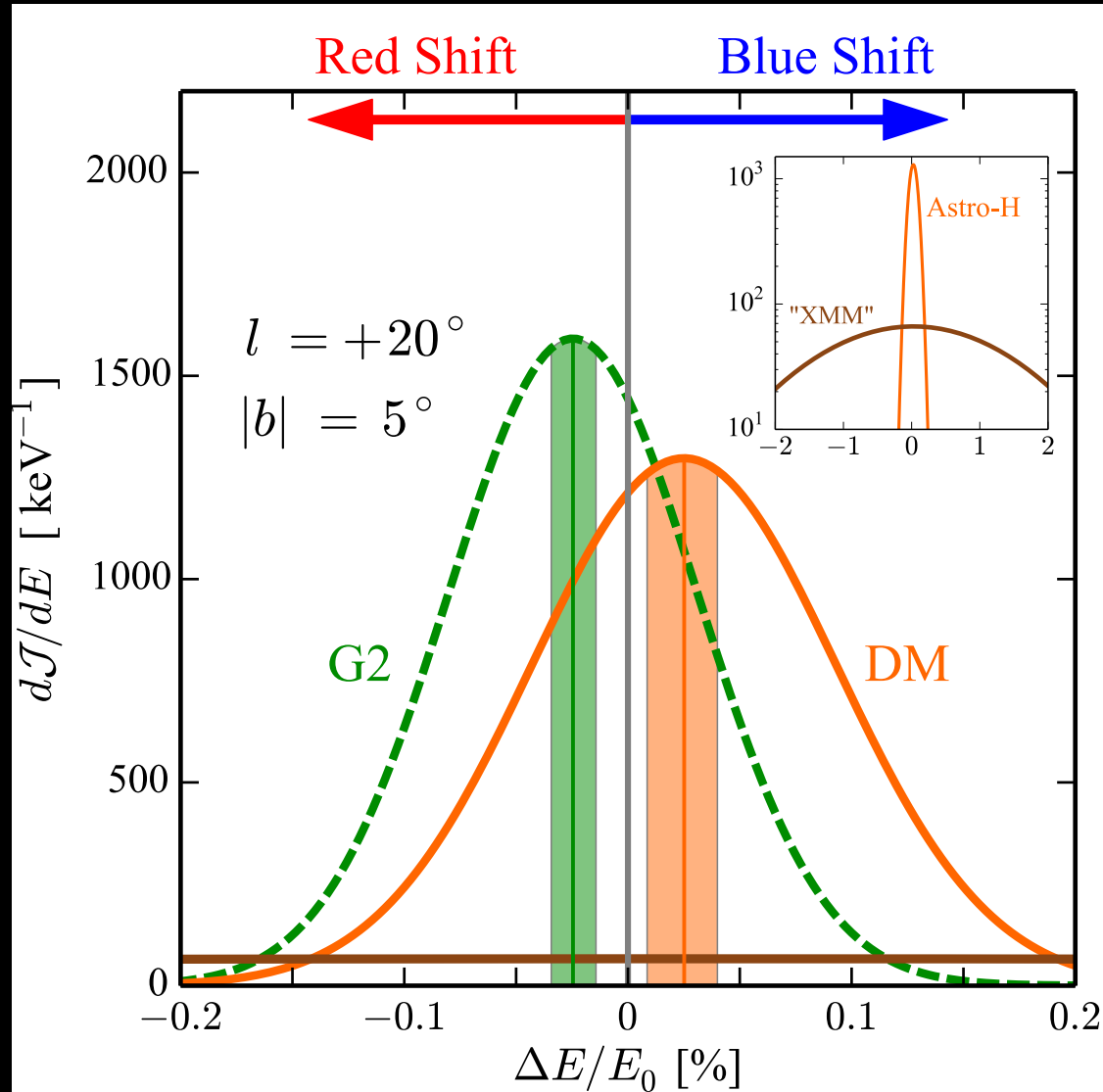
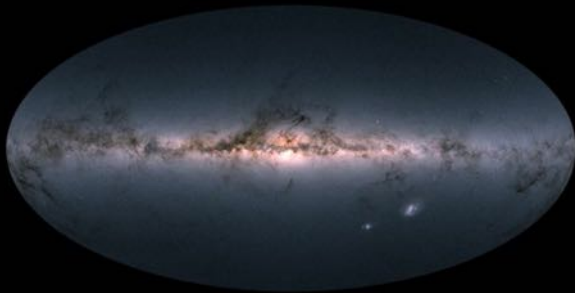
# DM – Astro Separation (MW)

- Clean separation
  - DM
  - Astro
  - Detector effect
- Two obs.  $\rightarrow 3.6\sigma$
- Minimal theoretical uncertainty



# Spectrum

- 2Ms Astro-H observation  
— > 5 sigma detection
- Taken into account both intrinsic and detector line dispersion.

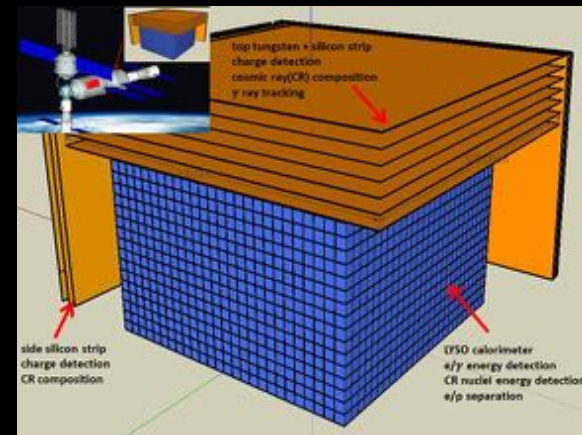


# DM Velocity Spectroscopy

- Extra handle for testing line-like signal
  - The “smoking gun” sometimes is not enough



- If DM decay/annihilation produces a line.
  - HERD (GeV-TeV)
    - Photons and electrons
    - 2020?



- Dark astronomy/cosmology

# A Series of Unfortunate Events.....



# A new Mission!

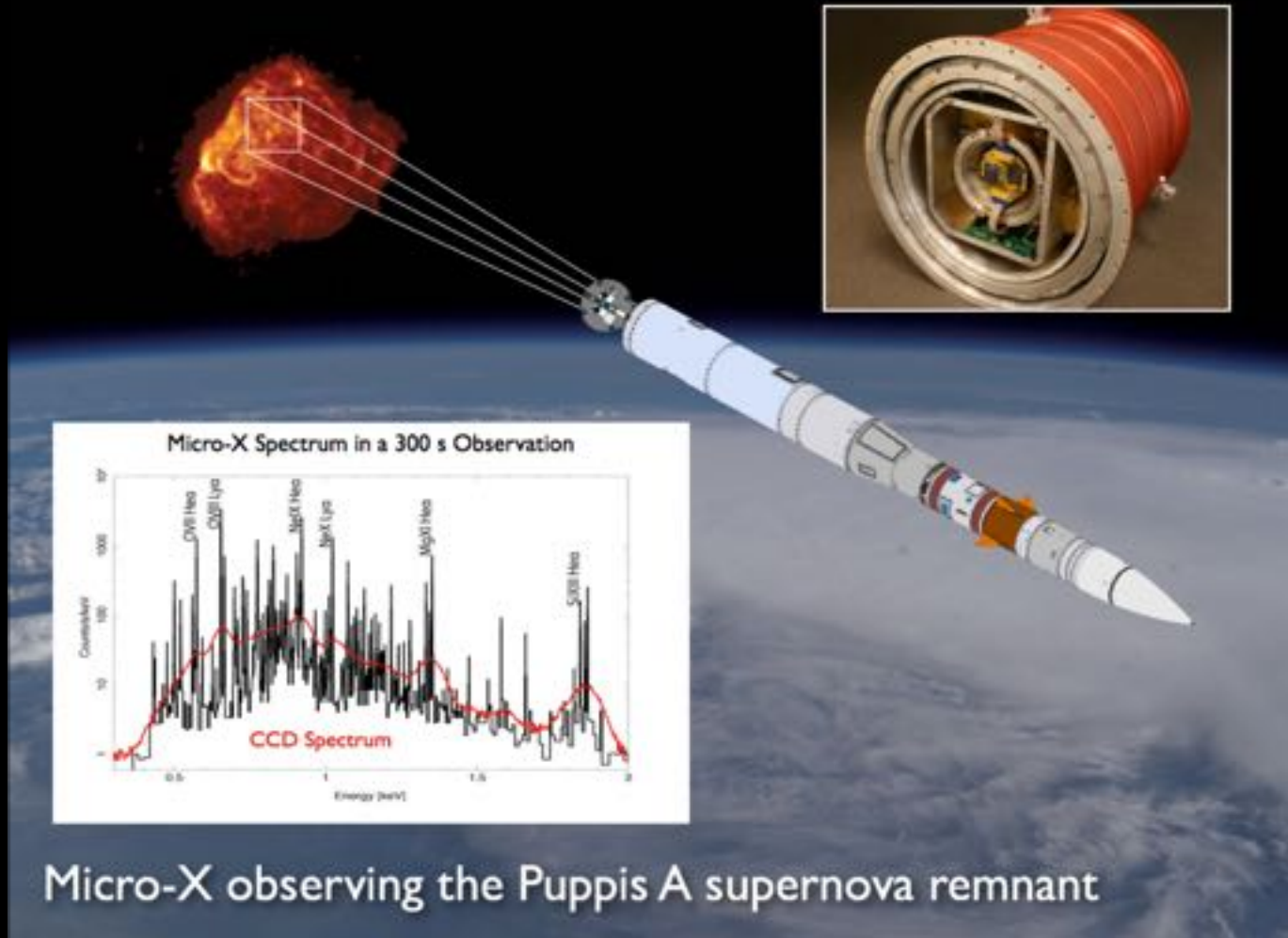
- Two detectors
- 2020-2021?

## **The XRISM project initiated by JAXA**

JAXA has established the project team for X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM, p spectroscopy capability of ASTRO-H, which had been in preparation under the name X-ray Astro held in June, JAXA confirmed that all aspects of project implementation, including the managem mitigation system are all satisfactory, and that the necessary countermeasures for the ASTRO-H project team dated 2018 July 1.

XRISM is scheduled for launch during the Japanese Fiscal Year 2020 (April 2020-March 2021).

# Sounding rocket (XQC, Micro-X)



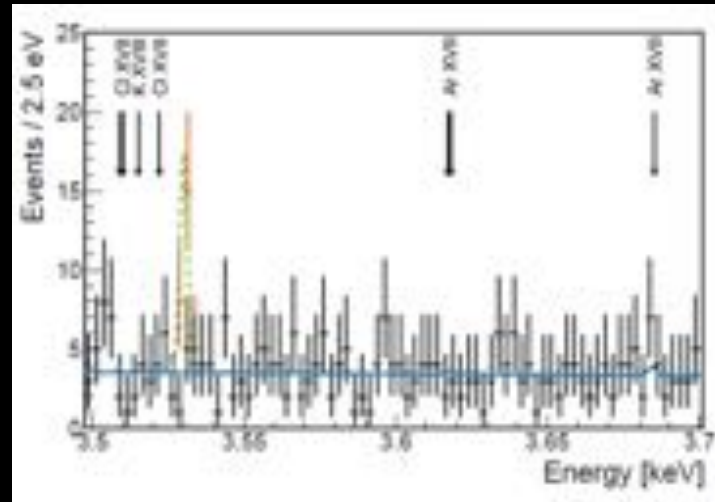
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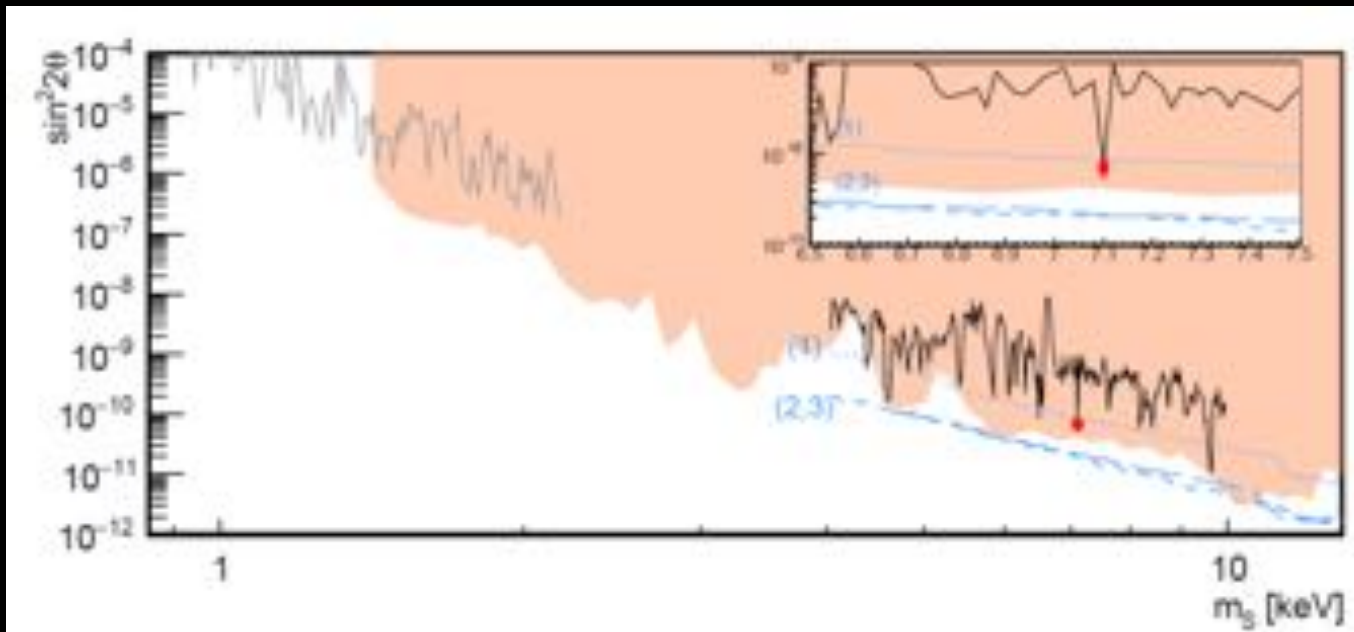
# Sounding Rockets

- XQC (2011, 106s)
- Micro-X
  - Will likely detect the line!

Figueroa-Feliciano+ [1506.05519]

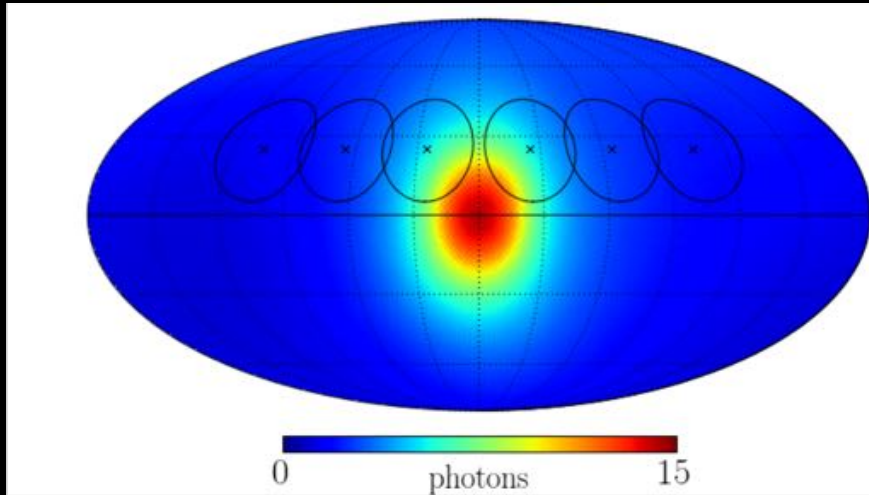


Mock  
Data



# Velocity Spectroscopy with Micro-X?

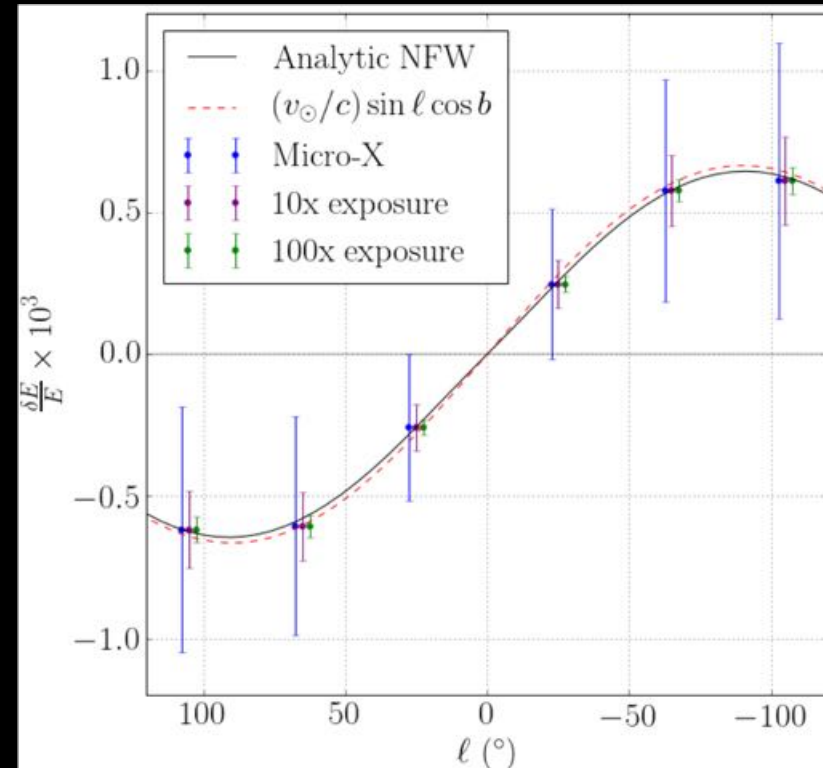
- Wide FOV



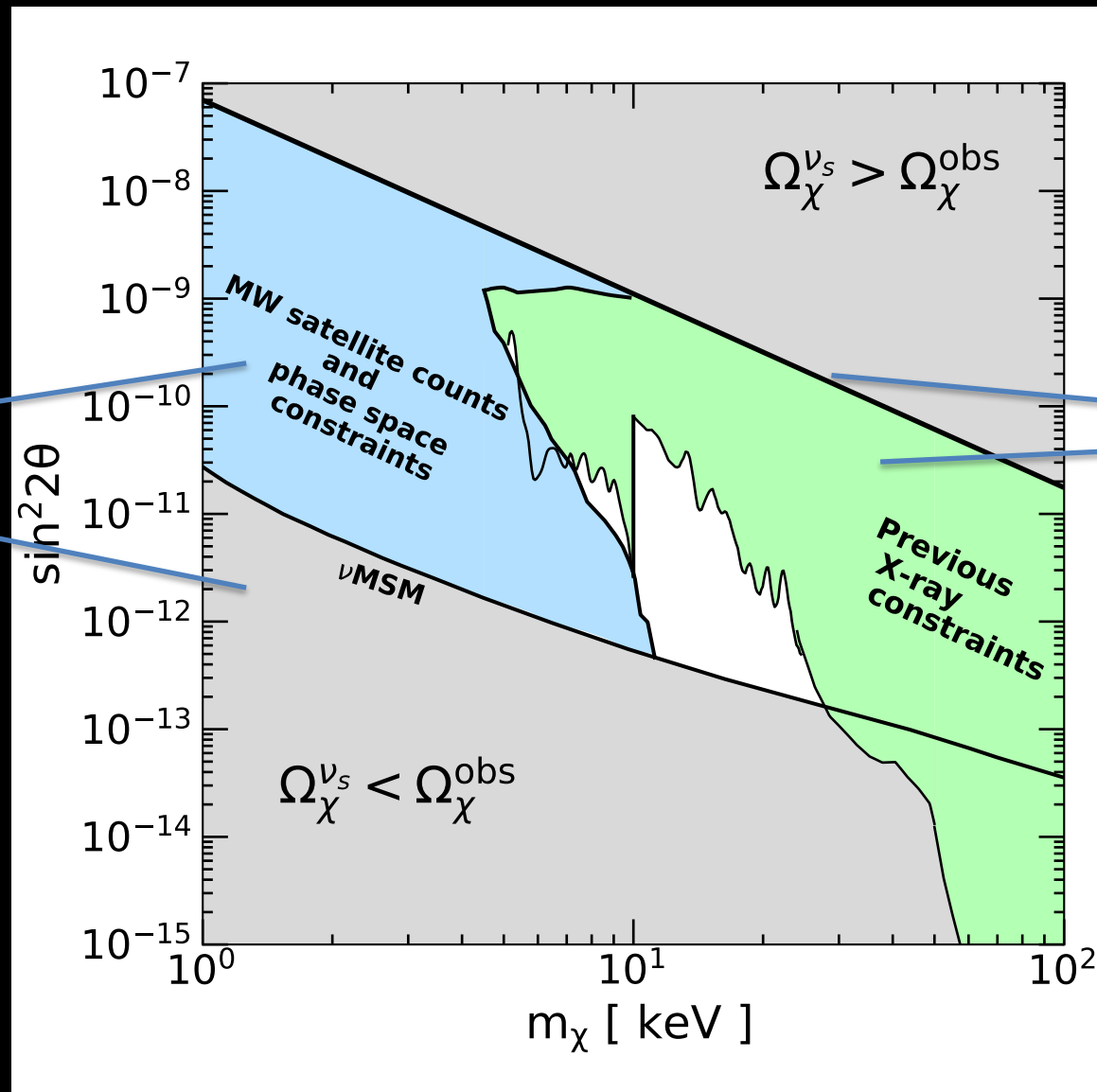
1611.02714

Powell, Laha, KCYN, Abel

- Tested with Nbody simulation
  - Micro-X
  - 6 obs,  $>3\sigma$
- Looks promising!



# Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter



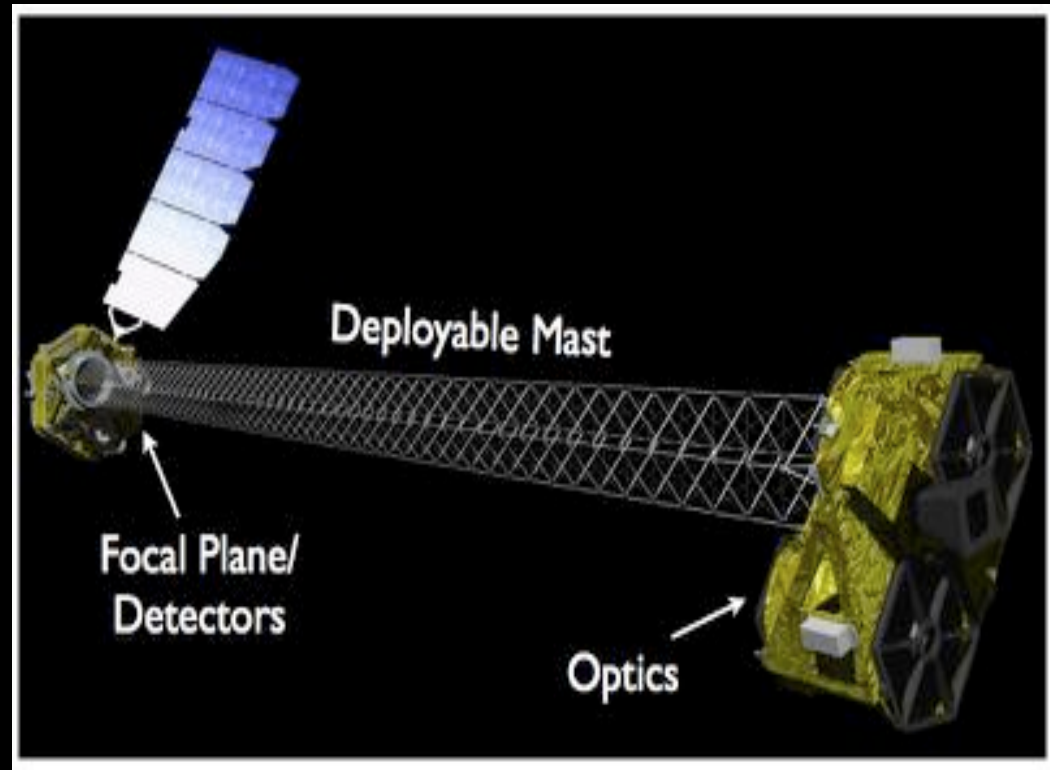
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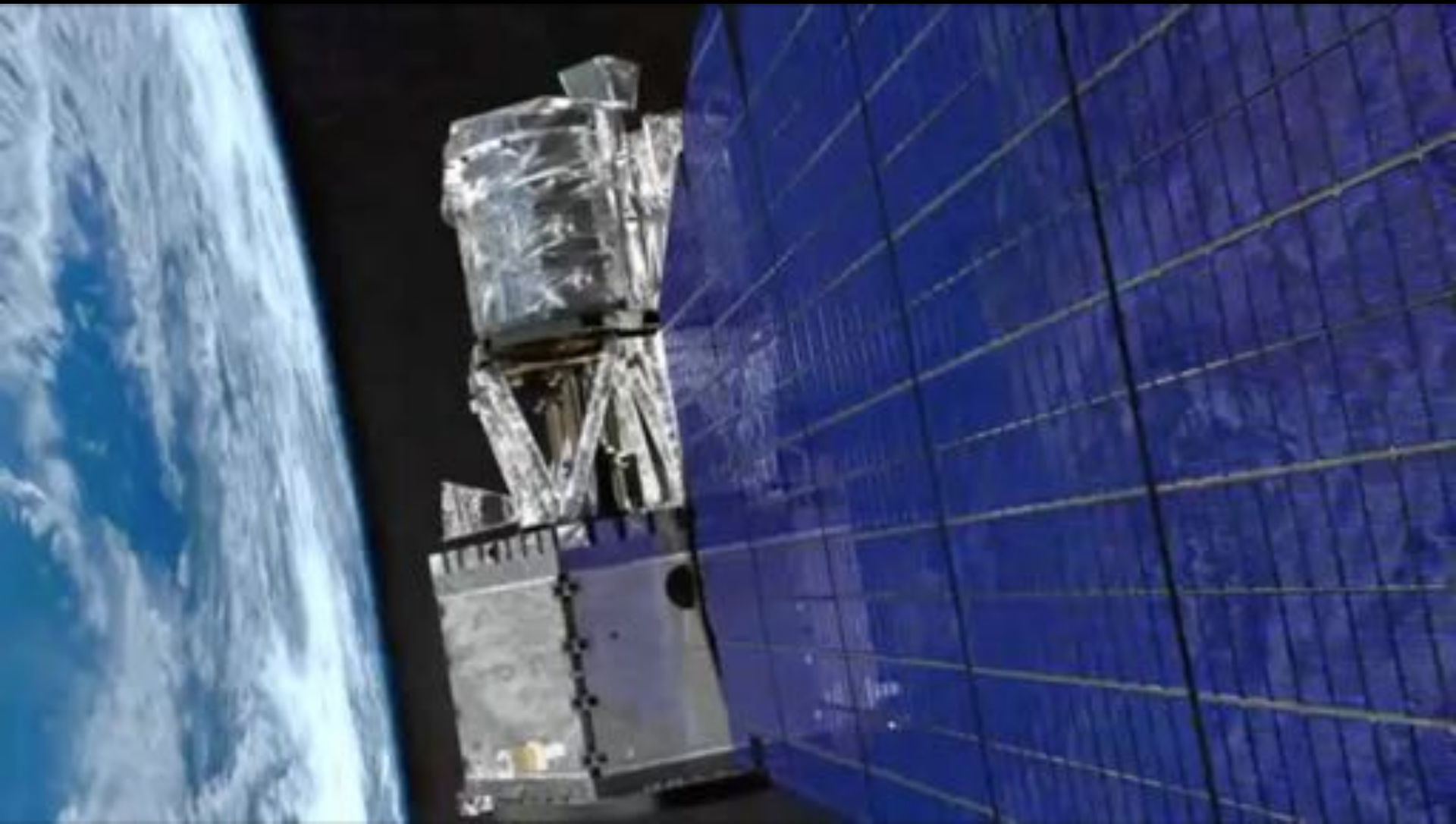
Model  
Independent

# NuSTAR

- **N**uclear **S**pectroscopic **T**elescope **A**rray
  - Neronov, Malyshev, Eckert [1607.07328]
    - Diffuse sky, MW halo
  - Perez, KCYN, Beacom, Hersh, Horiuchi, Krivonos [1609.00667]
    - Galactic Center



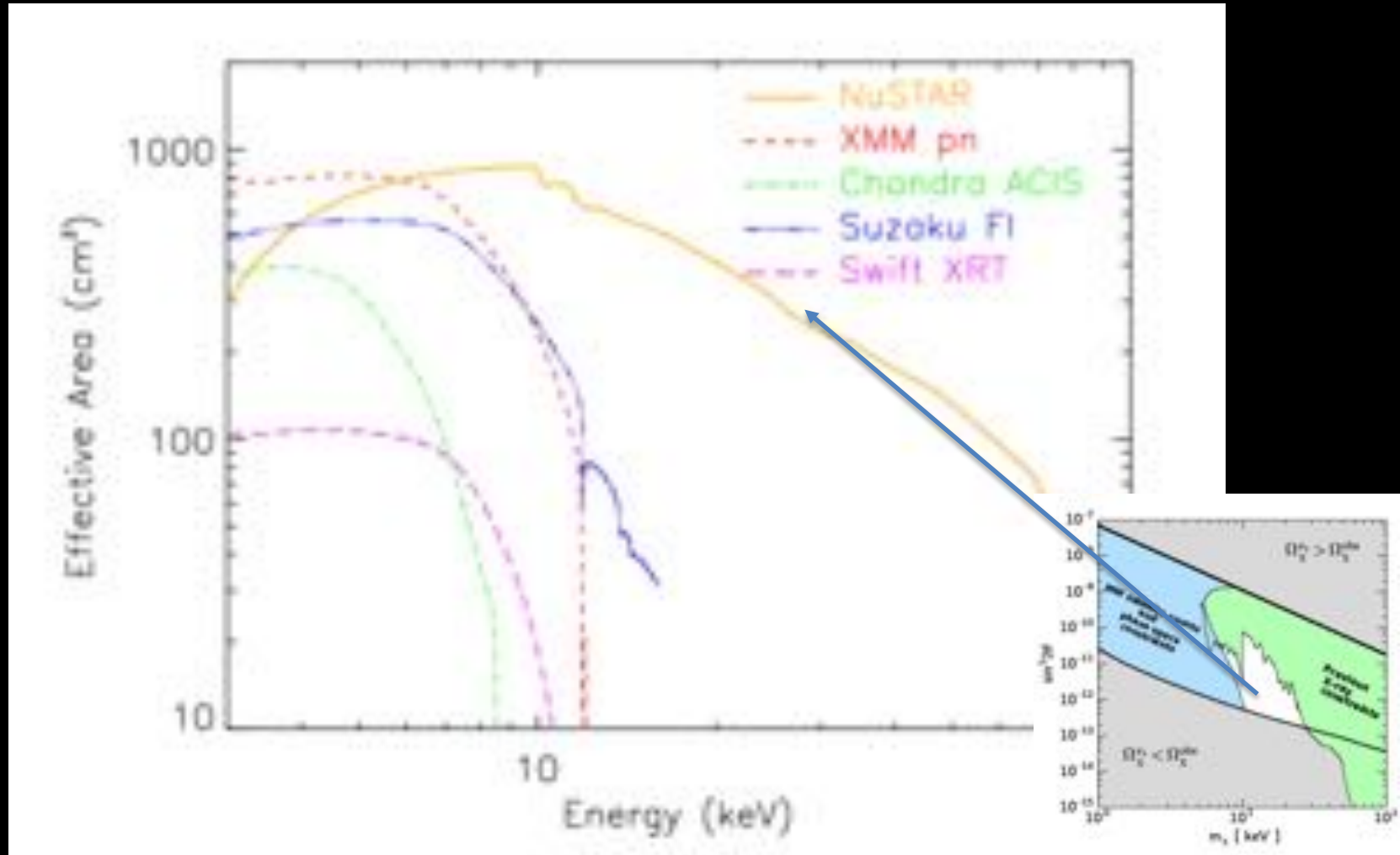






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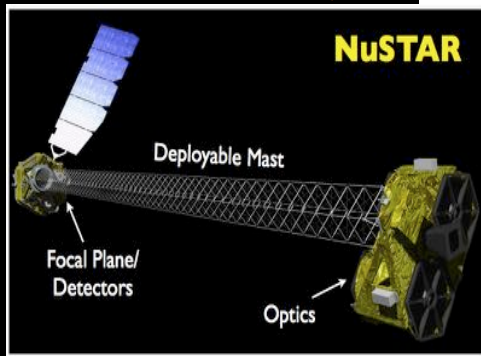
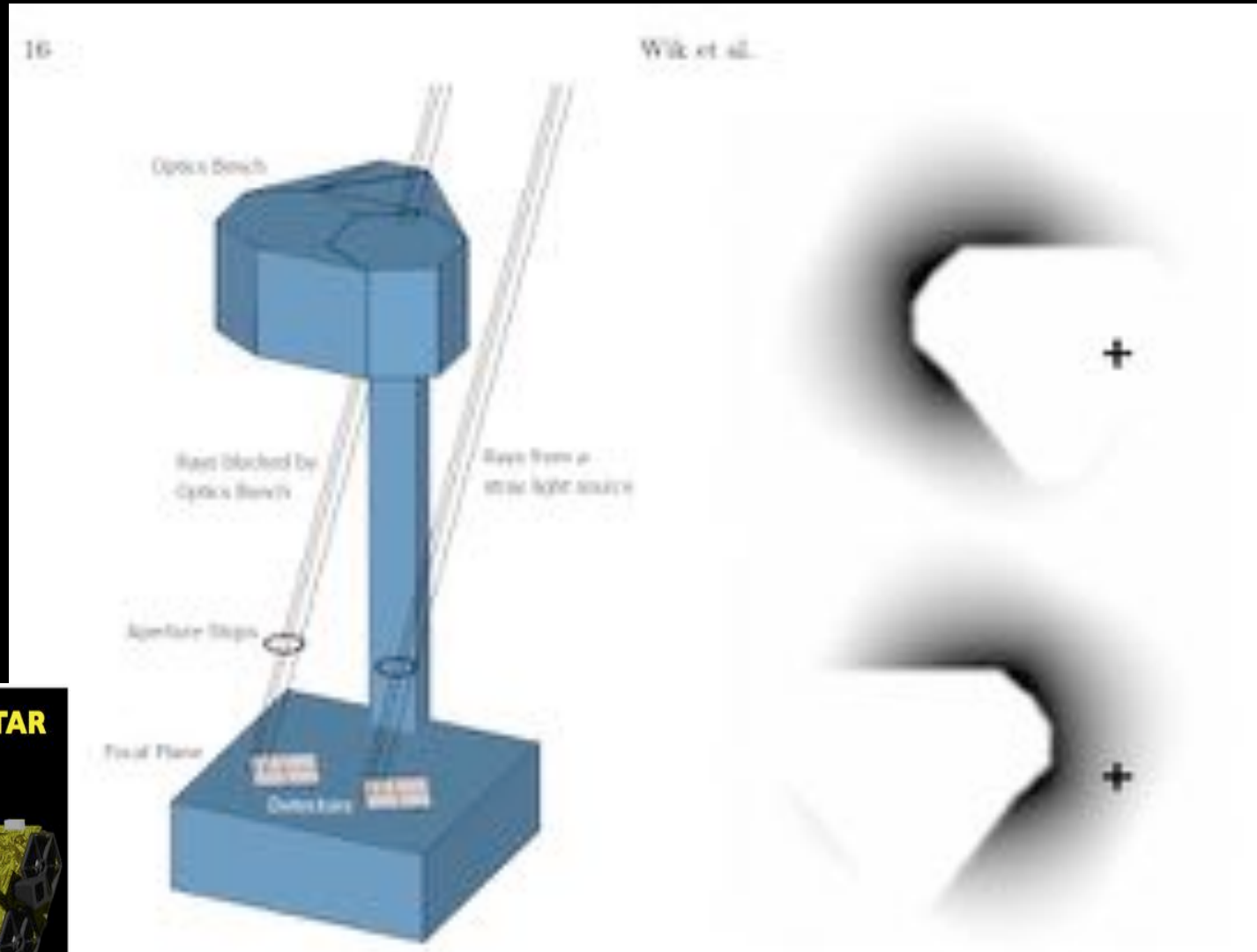
- Focusing observations



# Zero Bounce Photons



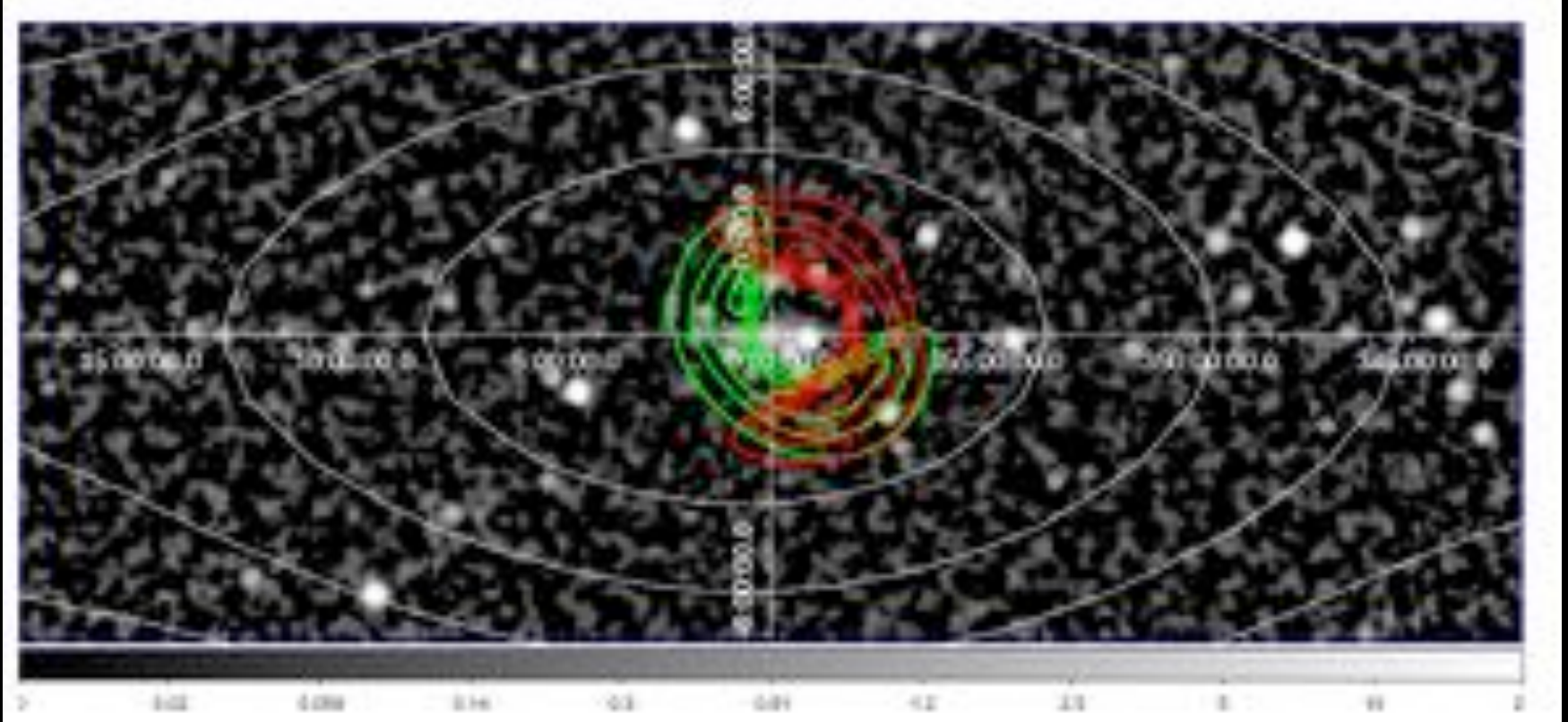
- 1000cm<sup>2</sup>  
-> 10cm<sup>2</sup>
- 0.1deg  
-> 2deg
- Diffuse Dark Matter ✓



# NuSTAR MW GC Observation

Perez, KCYN, Beacom, Hersh, Horiuchi, Krivonos 2016  
(1609.00667)

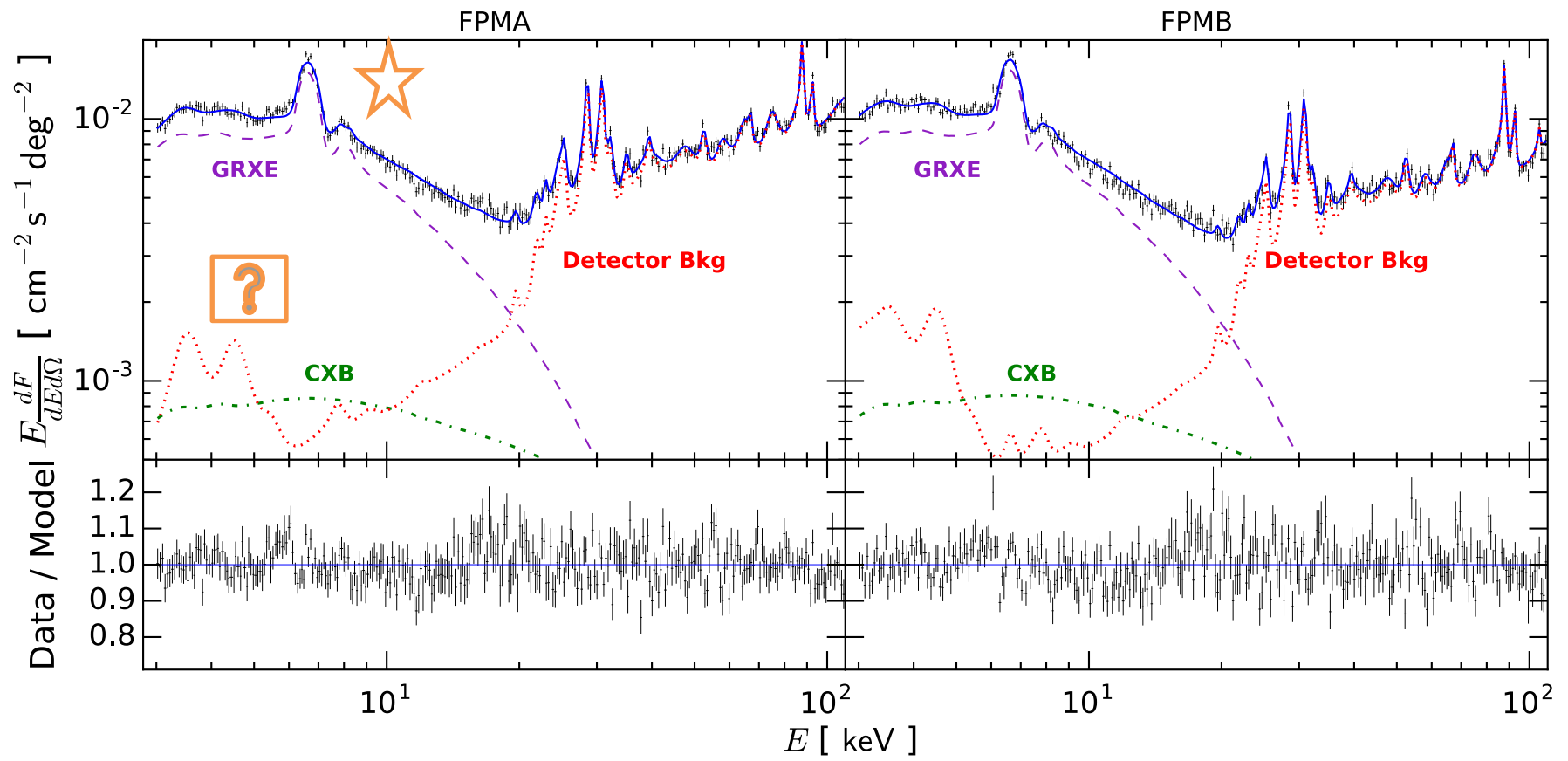
- 6 observations  $\sim 0.5$ Ms combining two detectors



# Spectra

- A + B detector

Perez+ 2016



# NuSTAR Background Model?

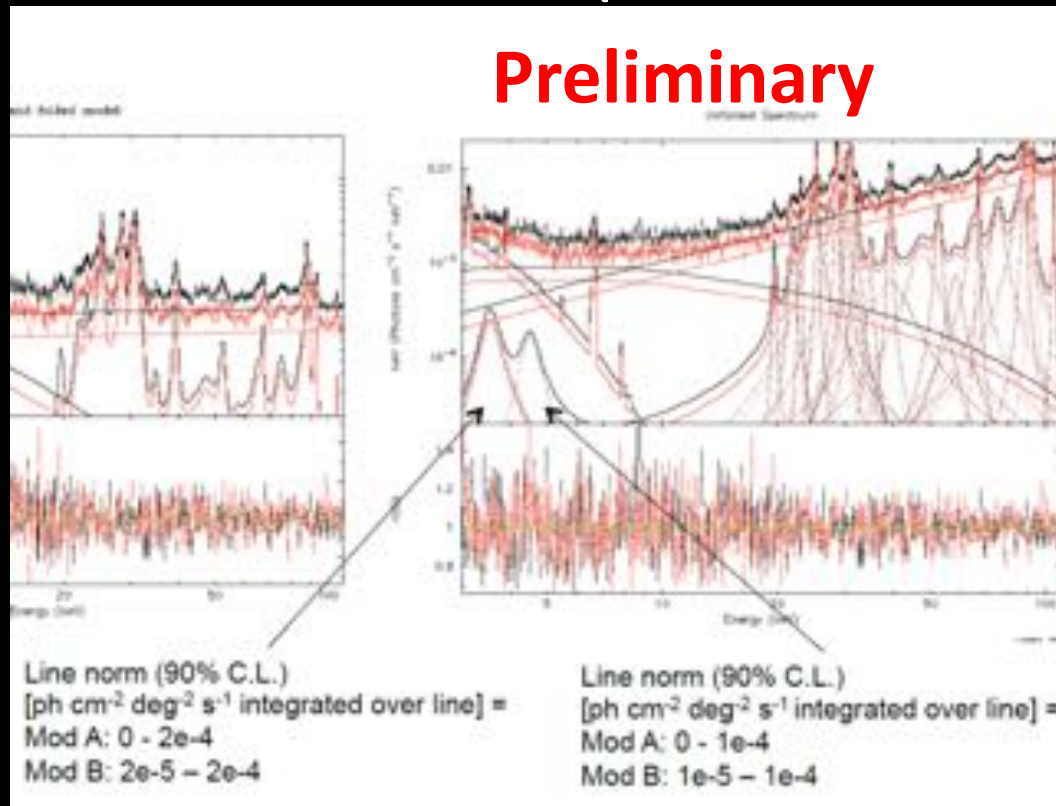
- Default background model from Wik et al 2014
- Phenomenological model

Neronov+ 2016

Line energy, keV	Significance $\sigma$	Width, keV	$F_{\text{line}}$ $10^{-5}$ cts/cm <sup>2</sup> /s	$F_{\text{continuum}}$ $10^{-4}$ cts/cm <sup>2</sup> /s	Sun?	Ghost?	Comments
<b><math>3.51^{+0.02}_{-0.02}</math></b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b><math>0.08 \pm 0.03</math></b>	<b><math>7.7 \pm 1.3</math></b>	<b><math>10 \pm 2.5</math></b>			<b>lower edge of sensitivity band</b>
$4.46^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	15.7	$0.12 \pm 0.03$	$5.9 \pm 0.5$	$3.7 \pm 0.5$	Y		Ti K $\alpha$
$4.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	9.8	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$8.9 \pm 1.8$	$8.2 \pm 1.9$			
$6.32 \pm 0.08$	6.7	0.	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.66 \pm 0.23$	Y		Fe K $\alpha$ ?
$7.96 \pm 0.06$	4.0	0.	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.23 \pm 0.18$	Y		Cu K $\alpha$ ?
$10.44^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	8.9	$0.2 \pm 0.05$	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$			W L-edge residuals [50]
$14.2 \pm 0.1$	3.3	0.	$0.51 \pm 0.18$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$			Sr K $\alpha$ ?
$14.75 \pm 0.05$	5.9	0.	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$		Y?	23 keV ghost?
$15.7 \pm 0.1$	3.7	0.	$0.57 \pm 0.16$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$		Y?	24.5 keV ghost, Zr K $\alpha$ ?
$16.7 \pm 0.1$	5.5	0.	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$		Y?	25.3 keV ghost, Nb K $\alpha$ ?
$19.66^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	9.3	$0.06 \pm 0.14$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$		Y?	28.5 keV ghost?

# Checking 3.5 keV in more detail

- Occulted data in GC obs (Earth blocked)

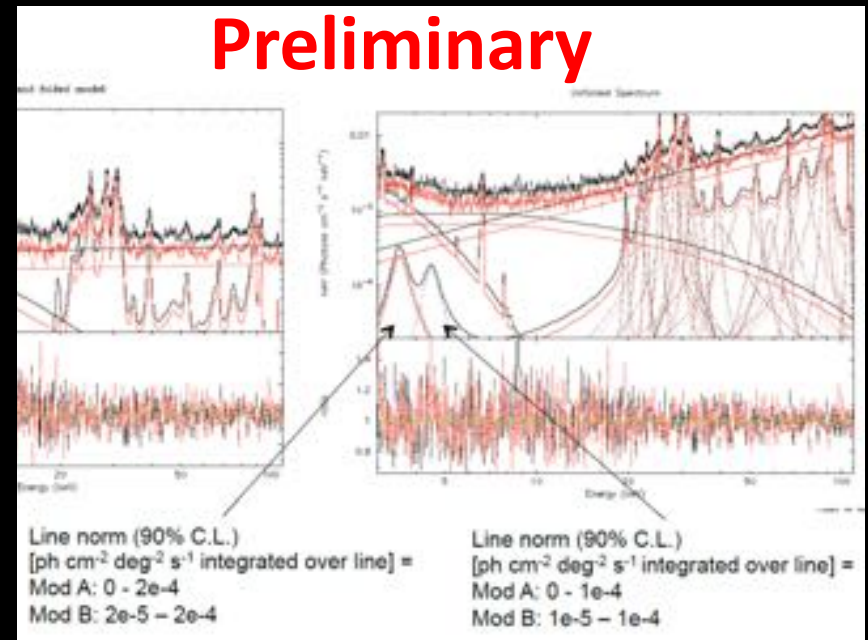


- Not as significant (less statistic)
- Flux consistent



# 3.5 keV in NuSTAR

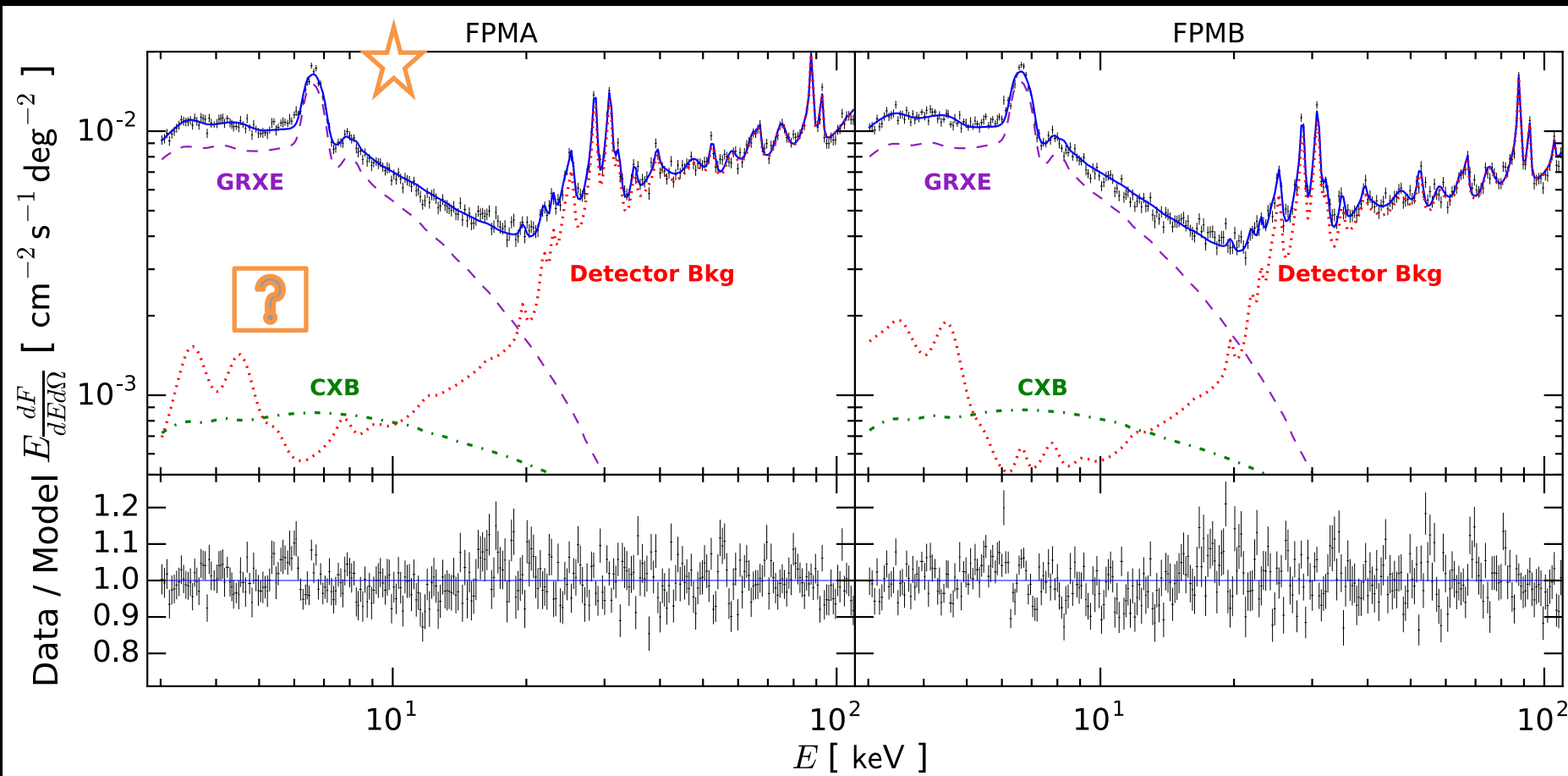
- Work in progress
- But this suggest:
  - Detector artifact
  - Detector emission
  - Maybe Solar
- Not sure about the other instruments
  - Very different detector design!



# Spectra

- A + B detector

Perez+ 2016



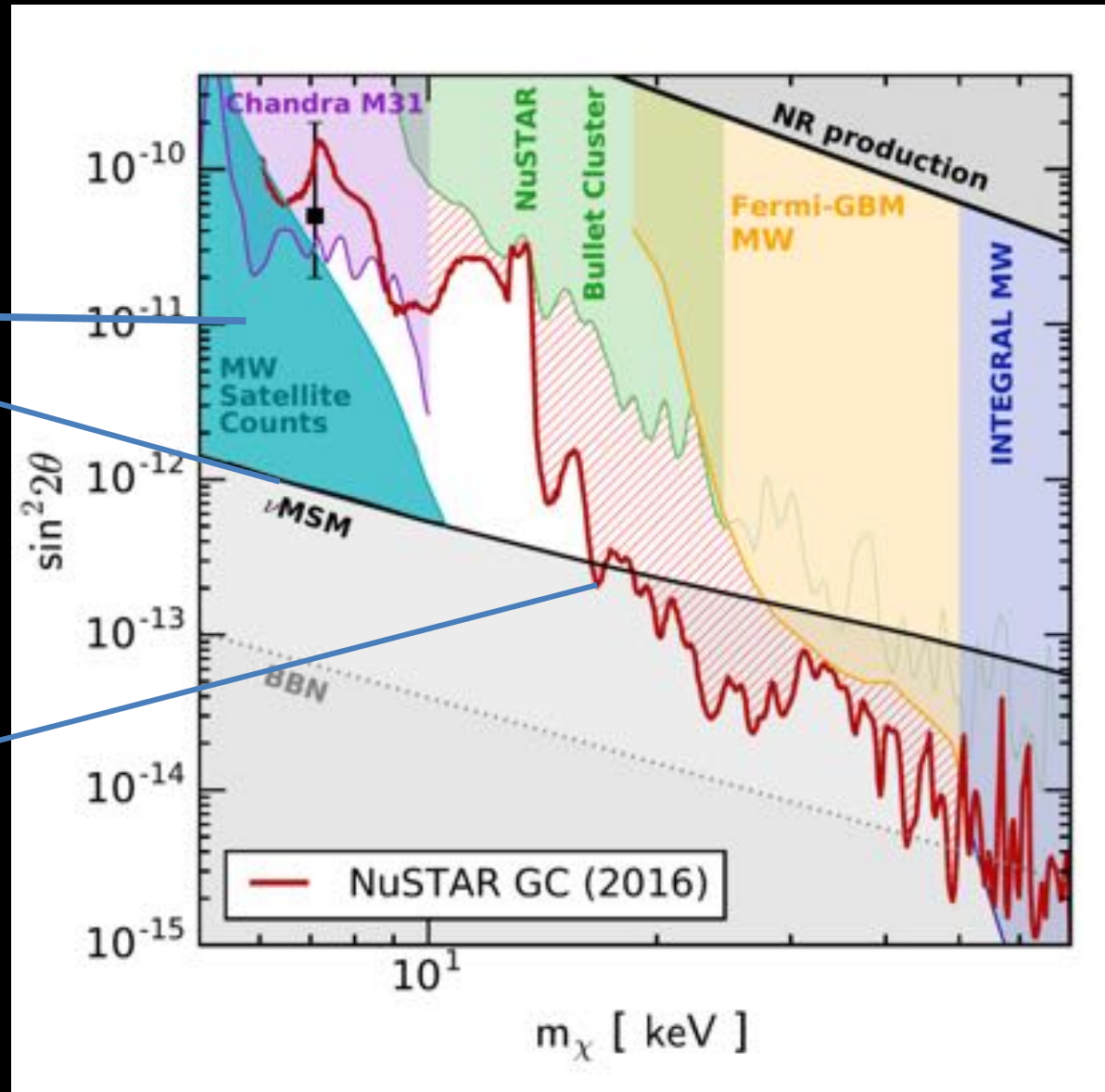


# Dark Matter Limit

Perez+ 2016

Resonantly produced  
Sterile Neutrino  
Dark Matter in  
 $\nu$ MSM

Strong limits above  
 $\sim 10\text{keV}$

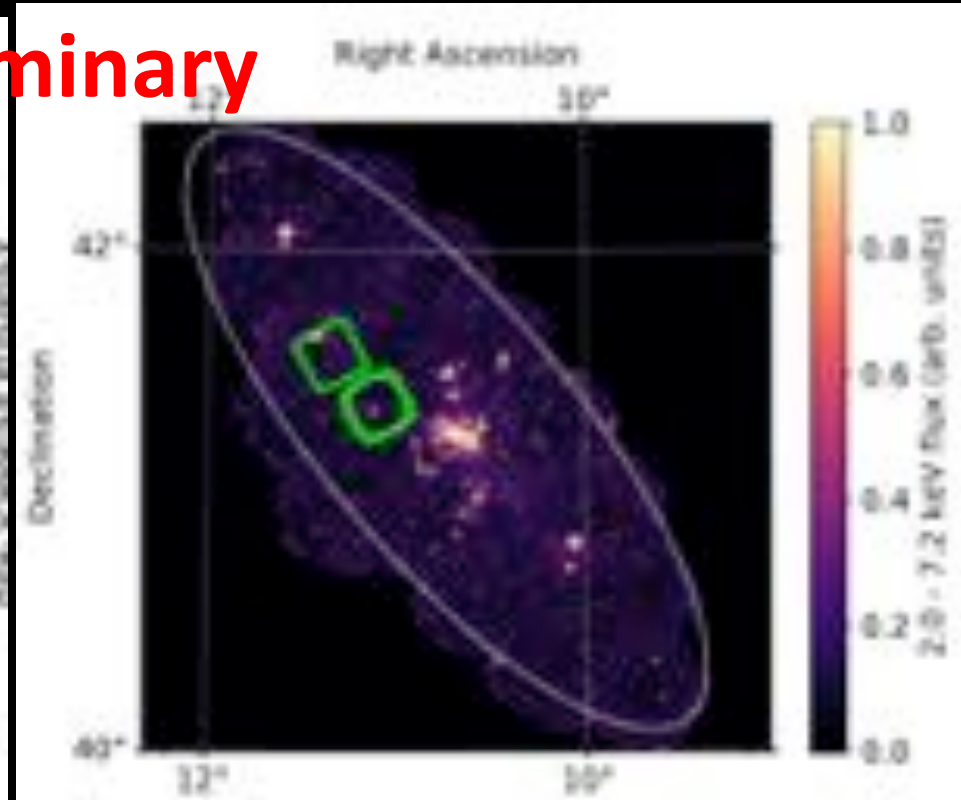
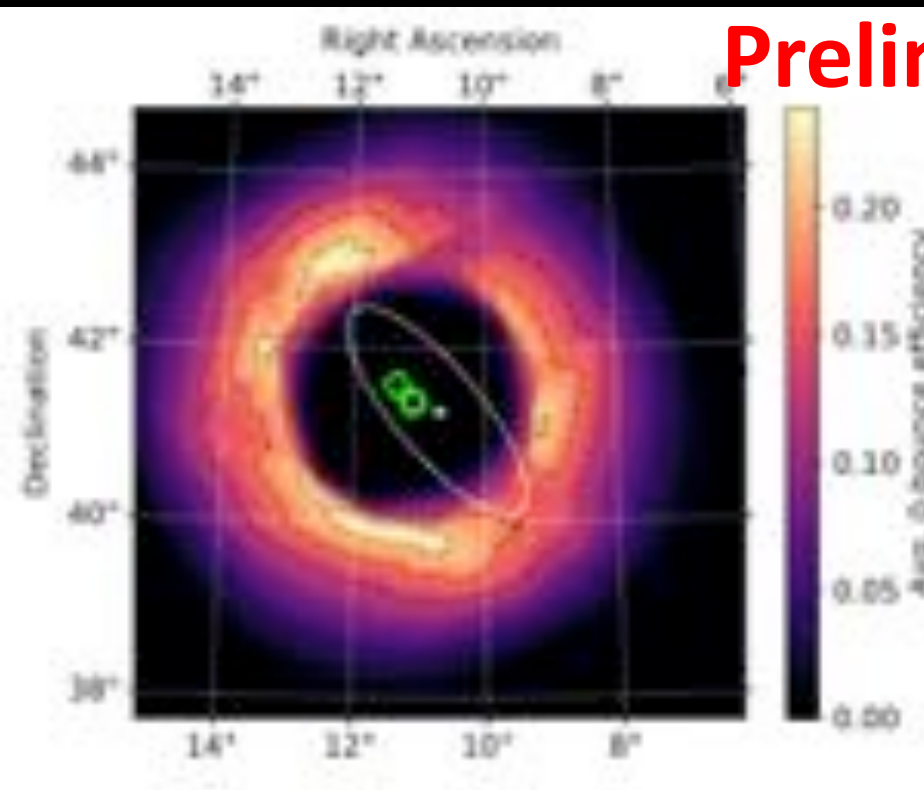


# NuSTAR Andromeda

- 8 observations
- 1.2 Ms (A + B module)

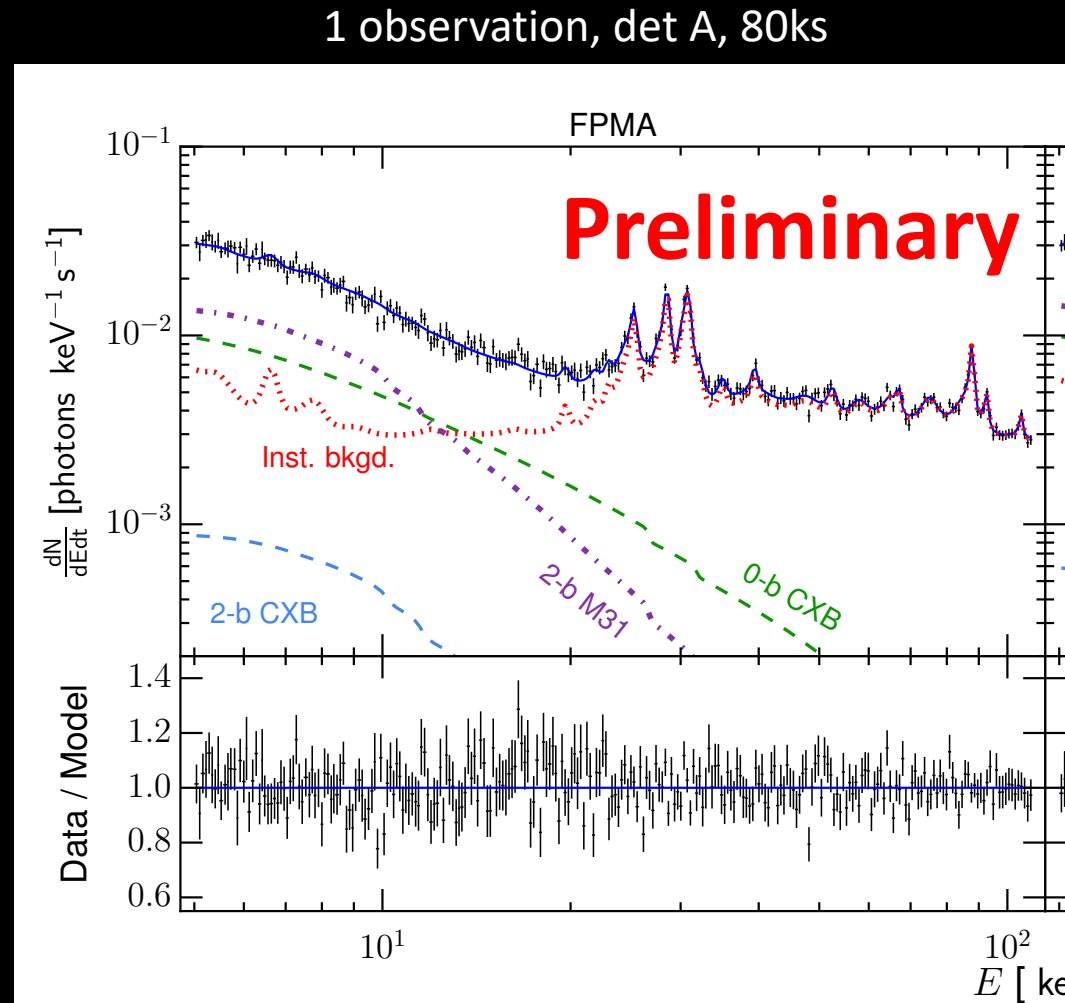
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Horiuchi, Krivonos, Wik  
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Preliminary



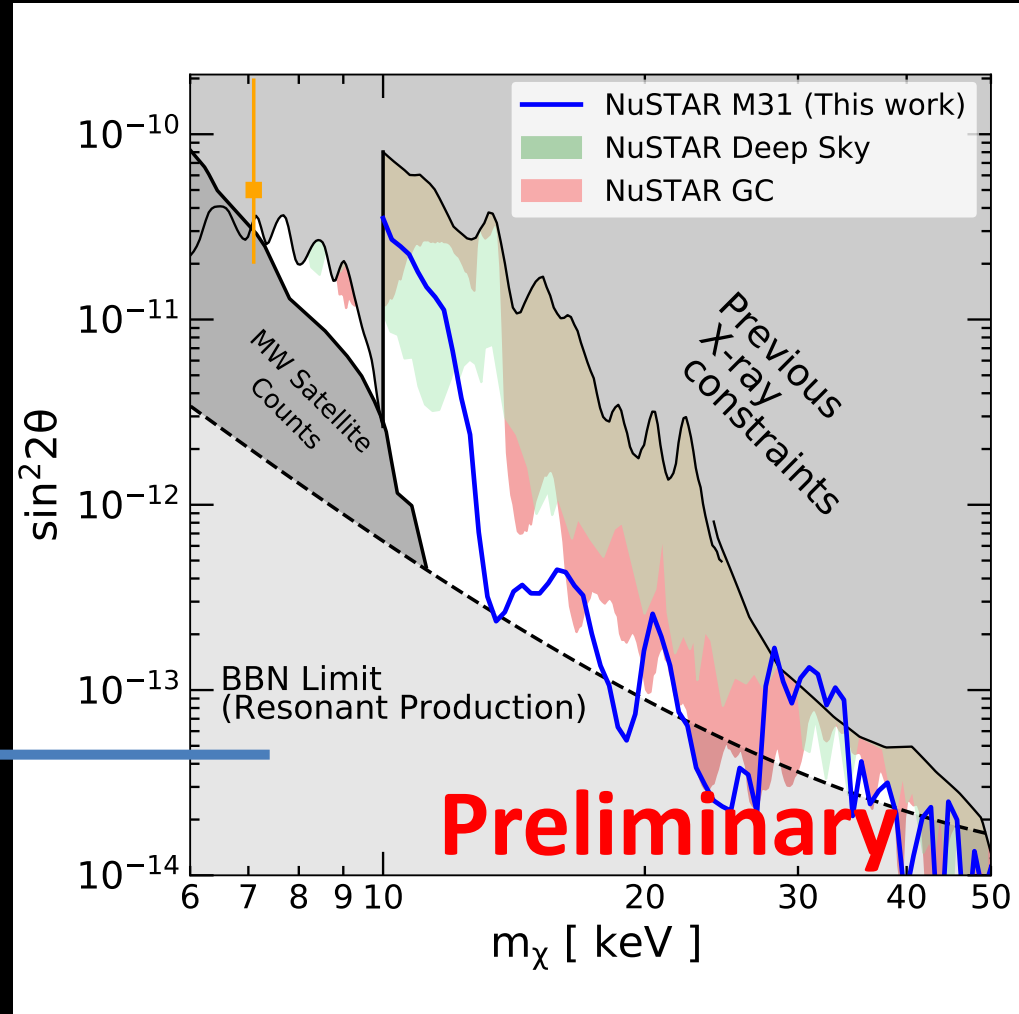
# NuSTAR M31 Spectrum

- 0-bounce + 2 bounce!
  - 1.5x (decay) – 2.5x (ann.) signal boost
- > 5keV
  - Understanding the low energy background (in prep.)
- Lower astrophysical background
- Statistically combined (not stacked)



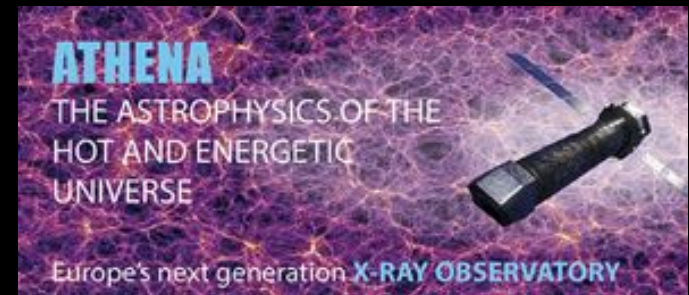
# NuSTAR M31 Constraints

- Closing in the nuMSM window
  - New production method for SnuDM
- Updated production computation
  - Venumadhav et al. 2016



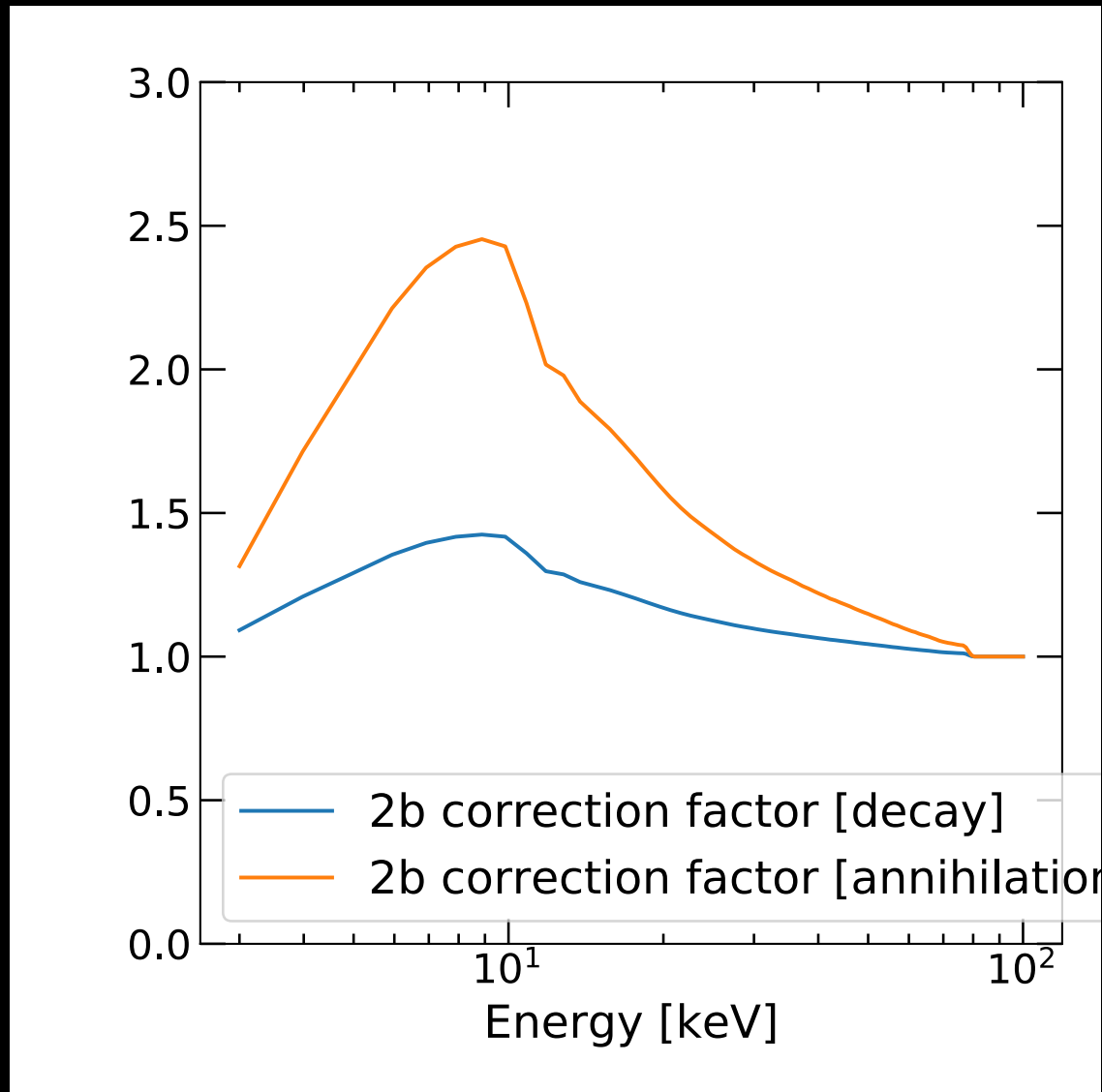
# Conclusion

- Jury is still out for the 3.5 keV line.
- New Hitomi (maybe 2021)
  - Apply Velocity Spectroscopy
- Micro-X (1 flight launched Jul 2018)
- NuSTAR may be surprisingly powerful at 3.5keV
  - Or maybe not
- NuMSM under siege
- Athena (~ 2029) .....



# Thanks you!

# Correction factor



# NuSTAR

- Focusing observations

TABLE 2  
KEY OBSERVATORY PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS.

Parameter	Value
Energy range	3 – 78.4 keV ✓
Angular resolution (HPD)	58''
Angular resolution (FWHM)	18''
FoV (50% resp.) at 10 keV	10' ?????????
FoV (50% resp.) at 68 keV	6'
Sensitivity (6 – 10 keV) [ $10^6$ s, $3\sigma$ , $\Delta E/E = 0.5$ ]	$2 \times 10^{-15}$ erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
Sensitivity (10 – 30 keV) [ $10^6$ s, $3\sigma$ , $\Delta E/E = 0.5$ ]	$1 \times 10^{-14}$ erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
Background in HPD (10 – 30 keV)	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ cts s $^{-1}$
Background in HPD (30 – 60 keV)	$8.4 \times 10^{-4}$ cts s $^{-1}$
Spectral resolution (FWHM)	400 eV at 10 keV, 900 eV at 68 keV ✓
Strong source ( $> 10\sigma$ ) positioning	1.5'' (1 $\sigma$ )
Temporal resolution	2 $\mu$ s
Target of opportunity response	< 24 hr
Slew rate	0.06° s $^{-1}$
Settling time	200 s (typ)

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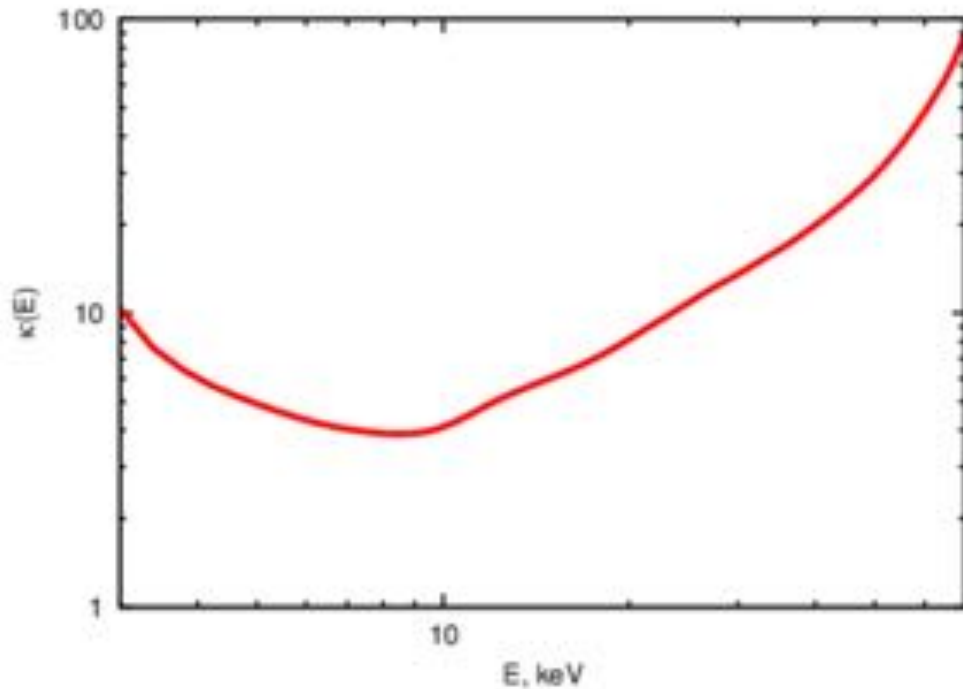
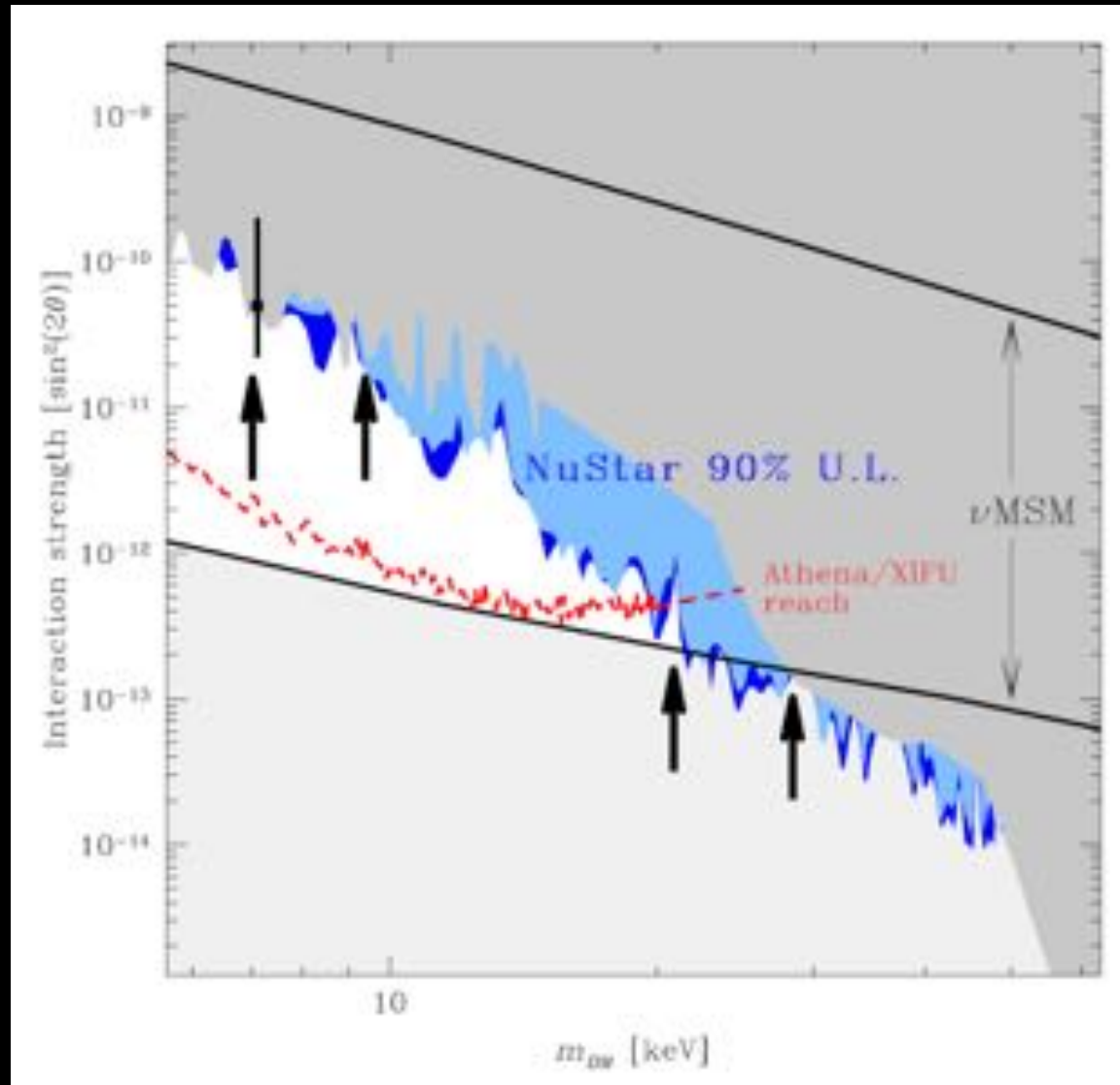


FIG. 2: The ratio of the aperture and the focused parts of the dark matter signal as a function of energy.

Neronov+ 2016

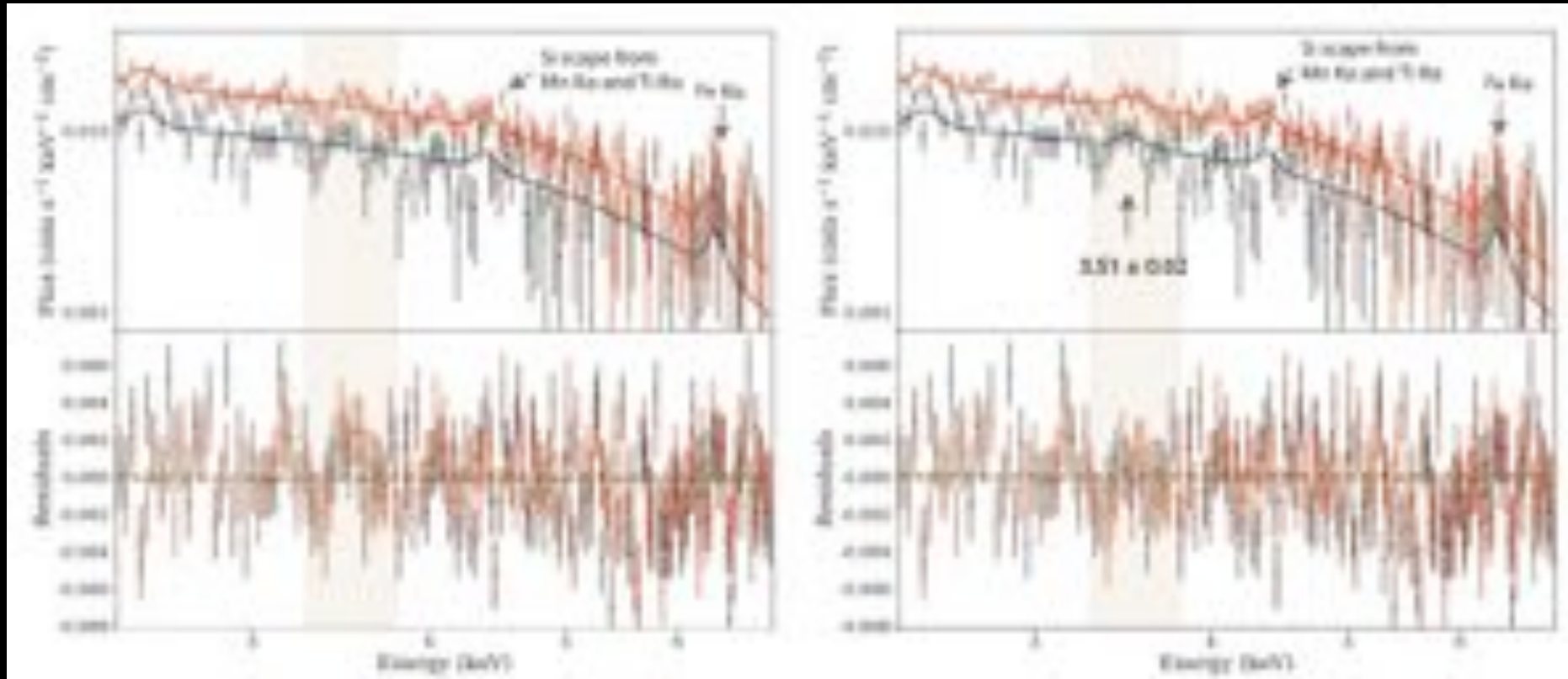


# NuSTAR diffuse MW



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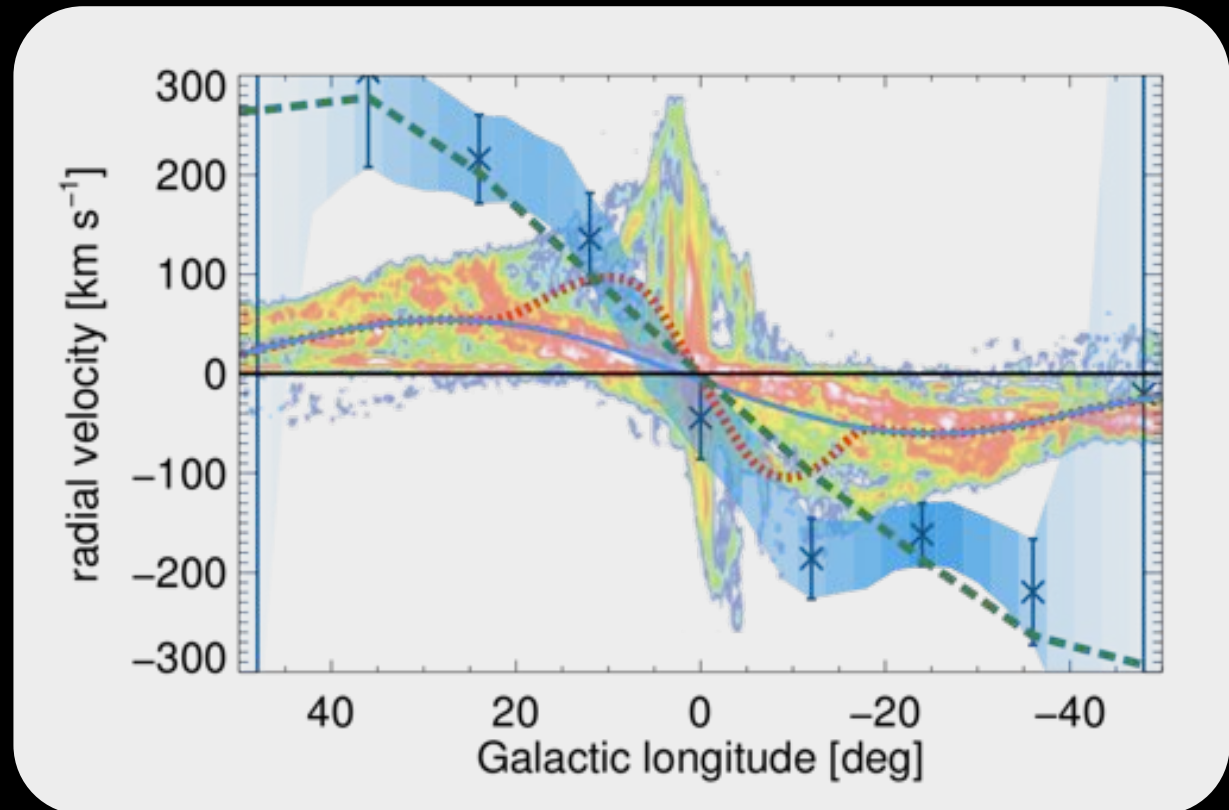


- $\sim 3$  sigma detection

# Velocity Spectroscopy

- $10^{-3}$  E resolution  $\leftrightarrow$  Typical MW velocity ( $\sim 100\text{km/s}$ )
  - Velocity effects become important!

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- Morphology consistent with NFW
- Consistent rates

