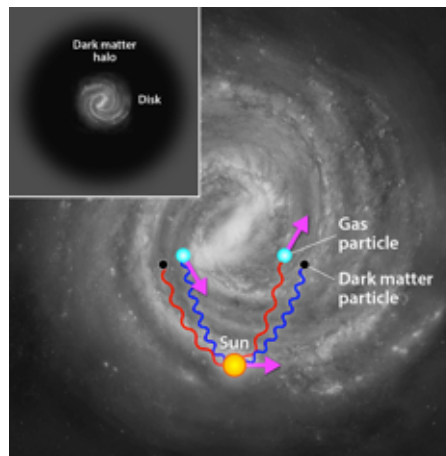




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Low energy probes of new physics

# Dark matter velocity spectroscopy

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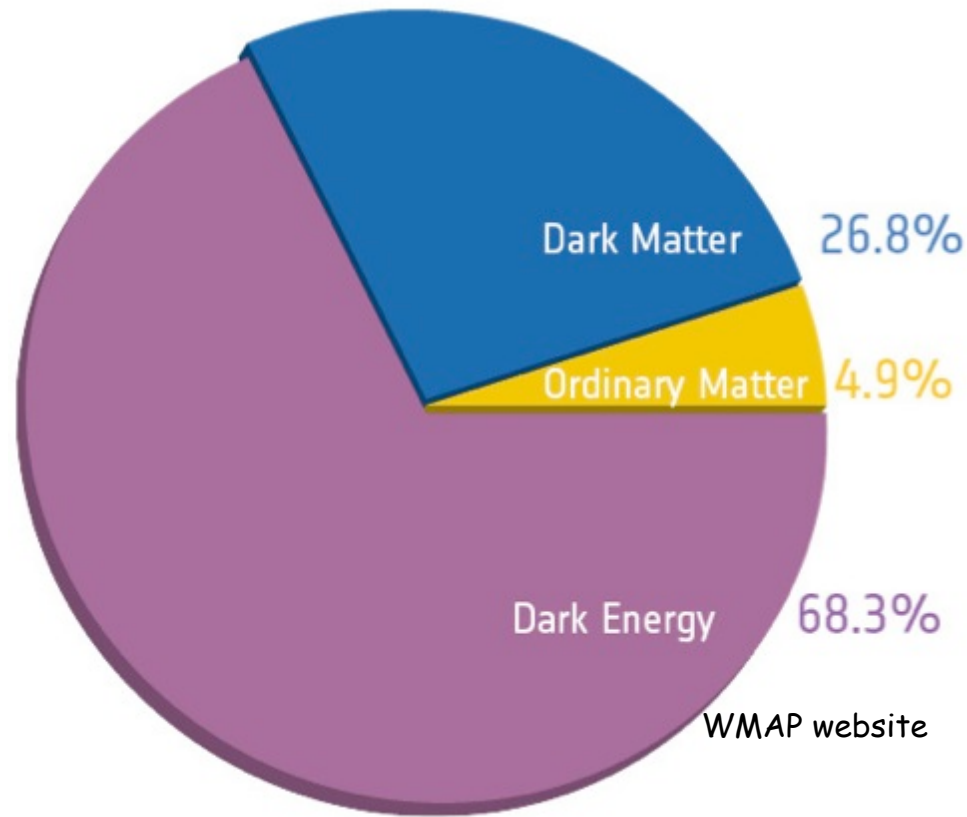
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# Introduction to Dark matter

# The present Universe as a pie-chart

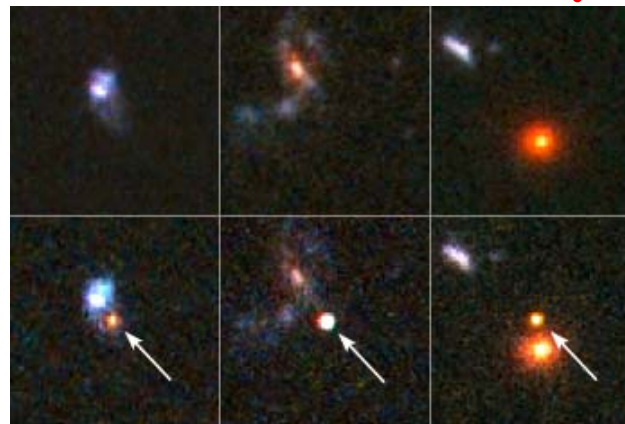
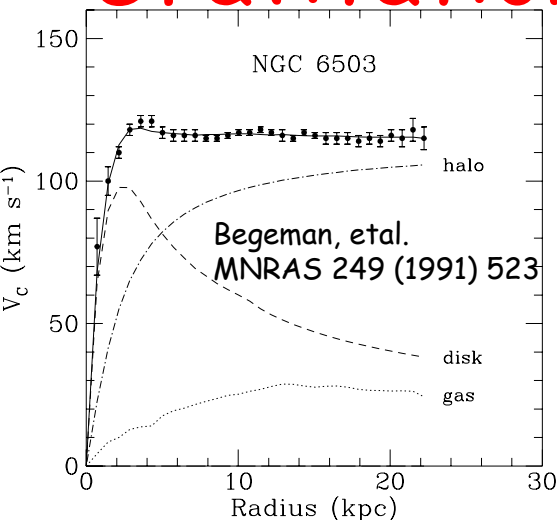


Most of the Universe is unknown

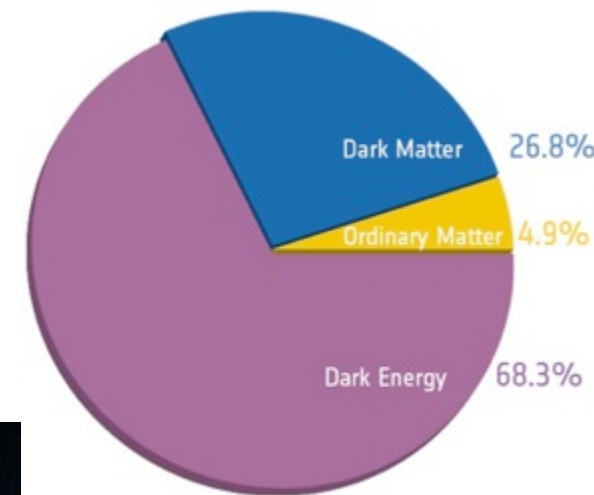
Finding this missing ~ 95% is the major goal of Physics

We concentrate on dark matter

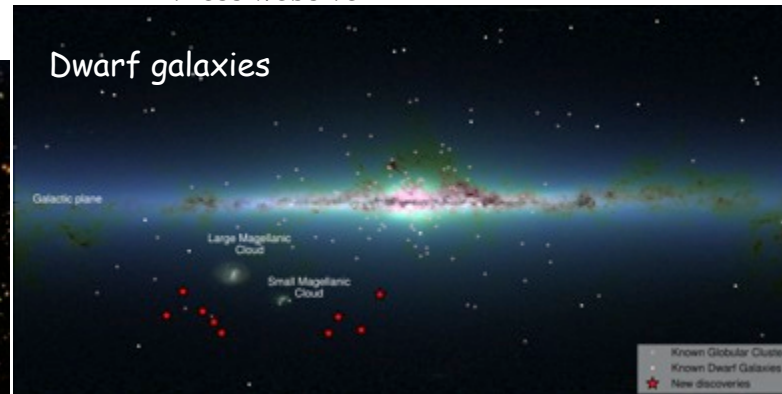
# Gravitational detection of dark matter



A Riess website



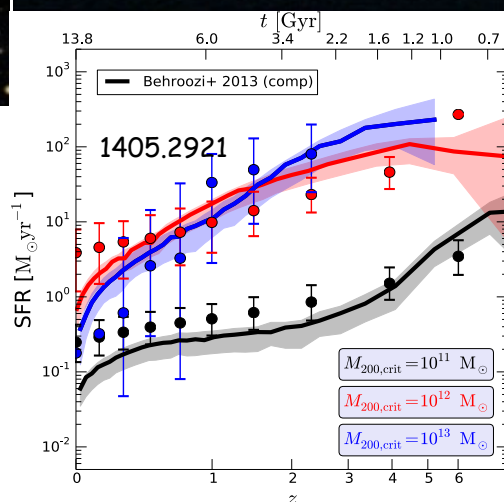
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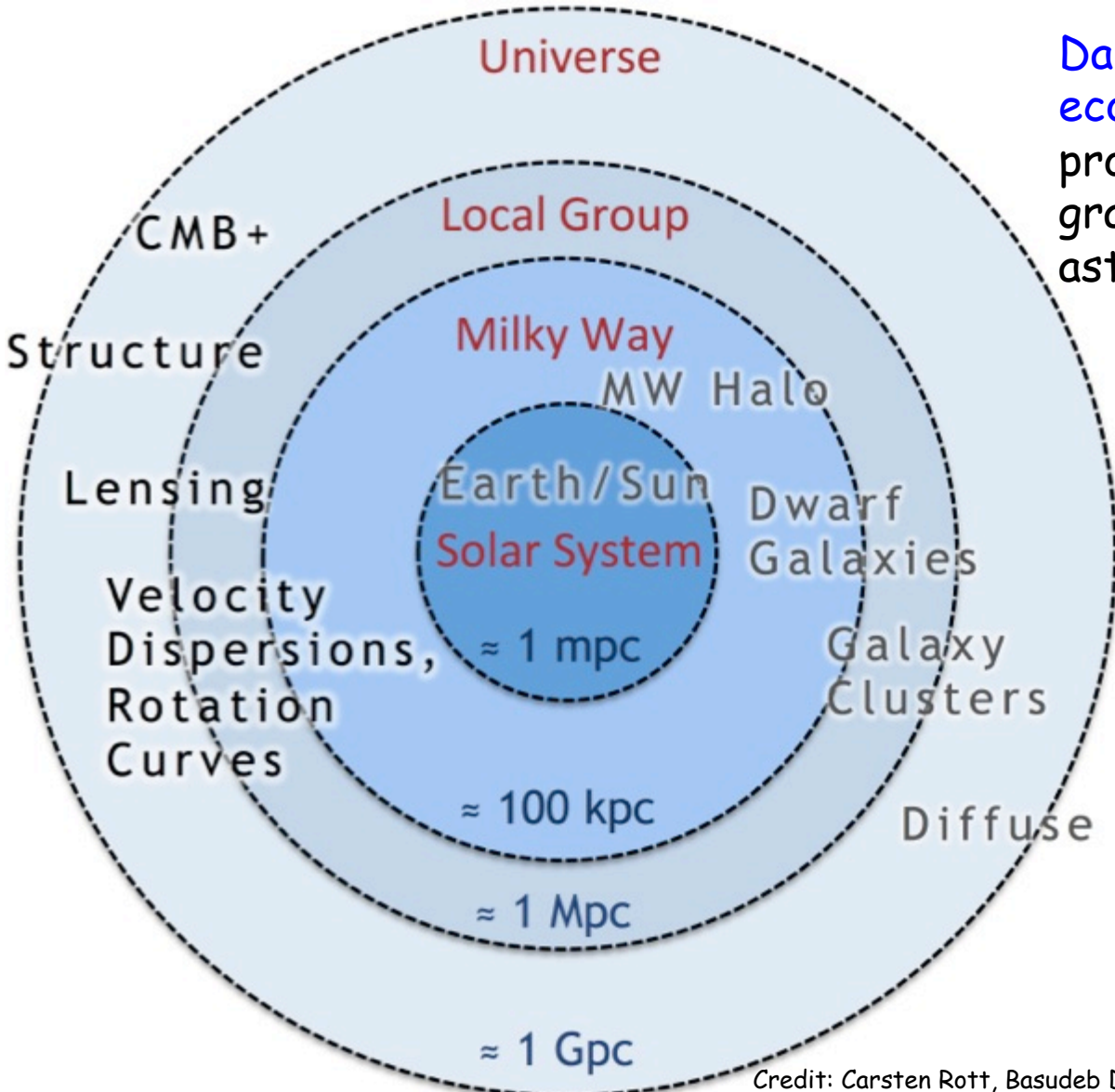
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Real observation from Hubble  
eXtreme Deep Field Observations  
: left side

Mock observation from Illustris  
: right side



# Gravitational evidence of dark matter at all scales



Dark matter is the most economical solution to the problem of the need of extra gravitational potential at all astrophysical scales

Many different experiments probing vastly different scales of the Universe confirm the presence of dark matter

Modifications of gravity at both non-relativistic and relativistic scales are required to solve this missing gravitational potential problem --- very hard --- no single unified theory exists

# What do we know?

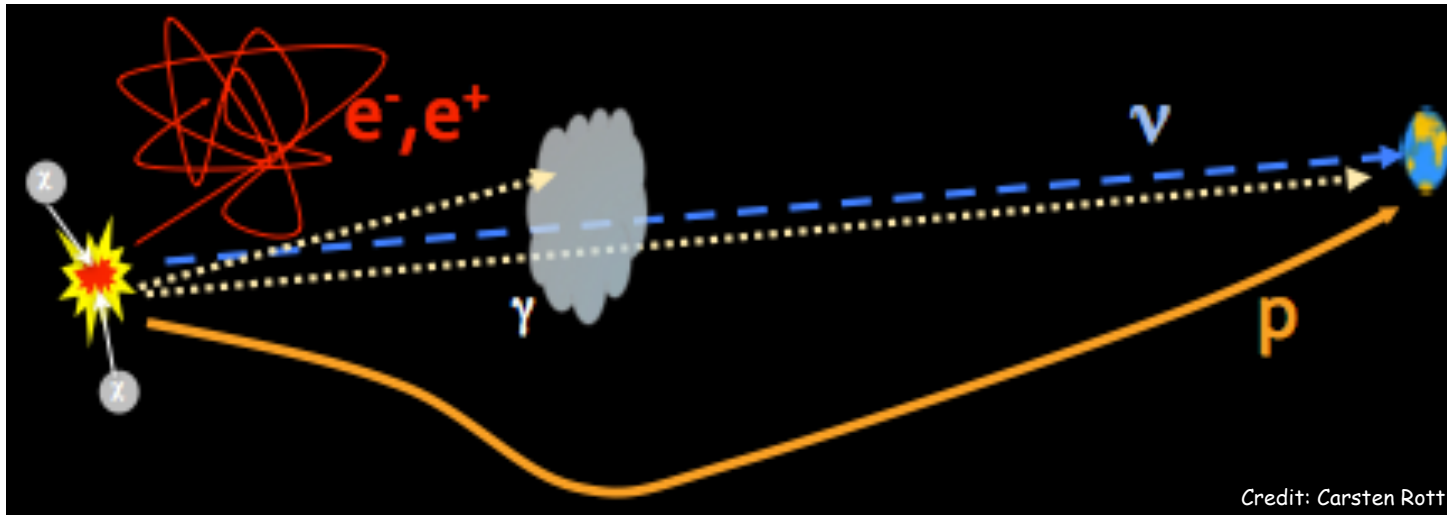
- Structure formation tells us that the particle must be **non-relativistic**
- Experiences "**weak**" interactions with other Standard Model particles
- The **lifetime** of the particle must be longer than the age of the Universe

# What do we want to know?

- **Mass** of the particle
- **Lifetime** of the particle
- **Interaction strength** of the particle with itself and other Standard Model particles



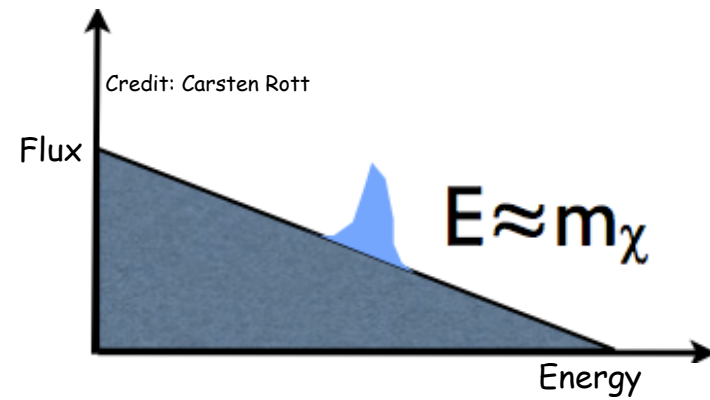
# Indirect detection of dark matter



- Search for **excess** of Standard Model particles over the **expected** astrophysical background

$$\gamma \quad \nu \quad e^+ \quad \bar{p}$$

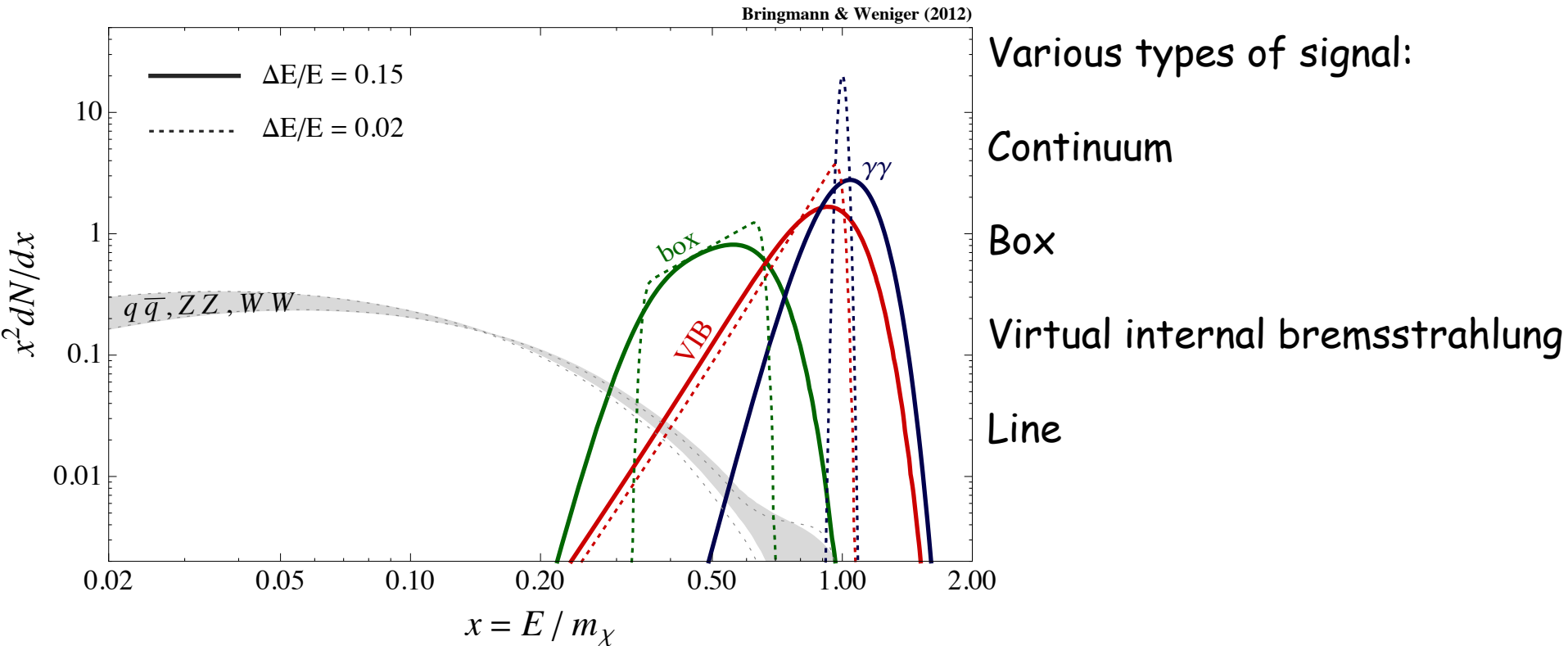
- **Spectral** features help --- astrophysical backgrounds are relatively smooth --- nuclear and atomic lines problematic



- **Targets:** Sun, Milky Way (Center & Halo), Dwarf galaxy, Galaxy clusters

# Signal and background in indirect detection

# Signals: continuum, box, lines, etc.



**Continuum:**  $\chi\chi \rightarrow q\bar{q}, Z\bar{Z}, W^+W^- \rightarrow \text{hadronisation/decay} \rightarrow \gamma, e^+, \bar{p}, \nu$

**Box:**  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi; \phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

**Virtual internal bremsstrahlung:**  $\chi\chi \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$

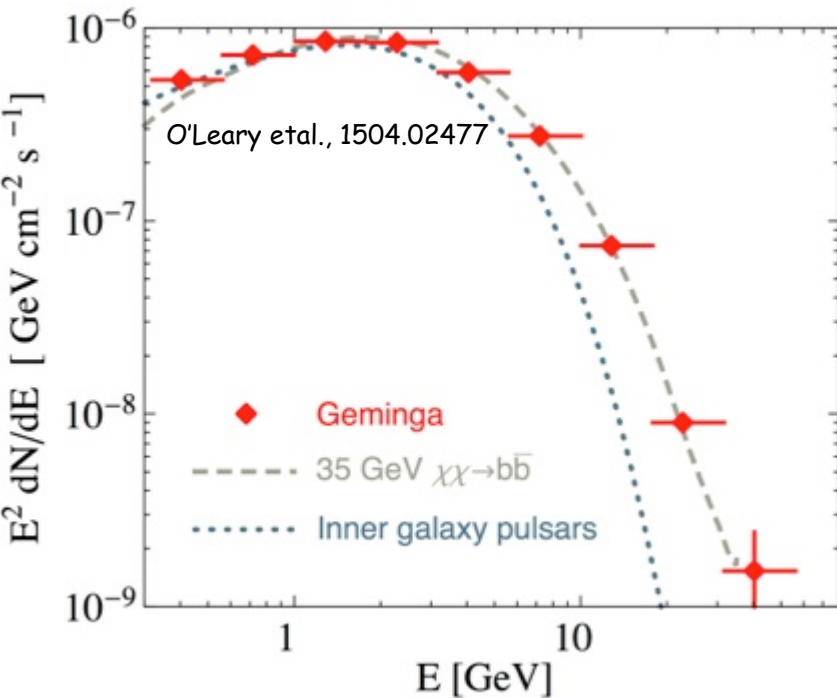
**Line:**  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu\gamma$

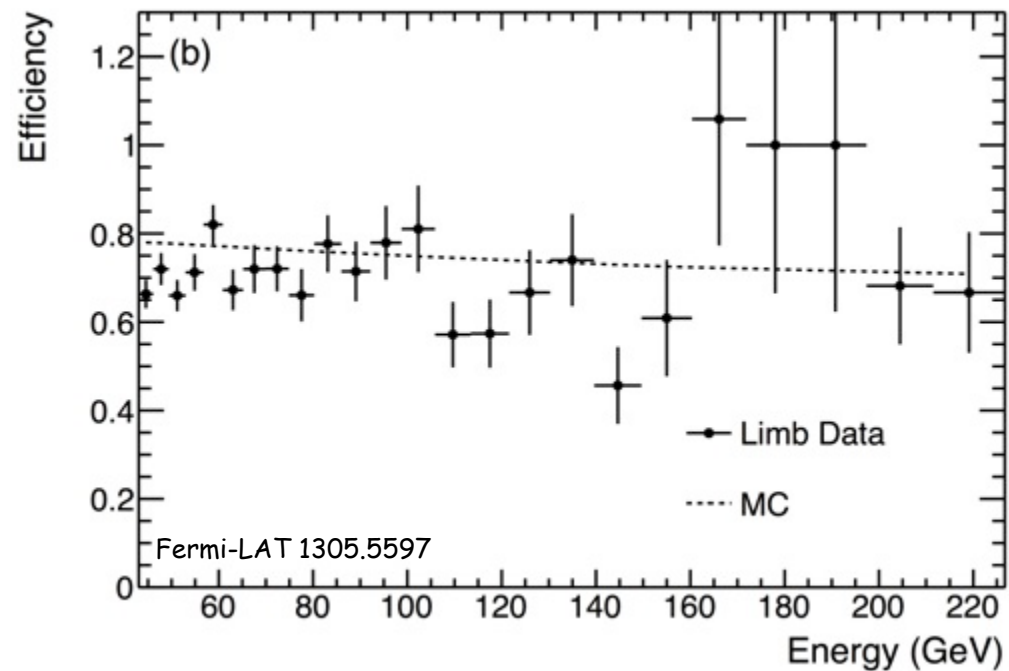
Distinct kinematic signatures  
important to distinguish from  
backgrounds

# Backgrounds: astrophysical, instrumental

Due to the faint signal strength, astrophysical backgrounds can easily mimic the dark matter signal



Instrumental features can mimic signal



Ongoing controversy about the origin of the 3.5 keV line: dark matter or astrophysical

# Confusion between signal and background

- Confusion between signal and background is prevalent in dark matter indirect detection
- Kinematic signatures are frequently used to distinguish between signal and background
- Is there a more distinct signature that we can identify?
- Yes, use high energy resolution instruments to see the dark matter signal in motion

# Dark matter velocity spectroscopy

arXiv 1507.04744

Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 031301 (Editors' Suggestion)

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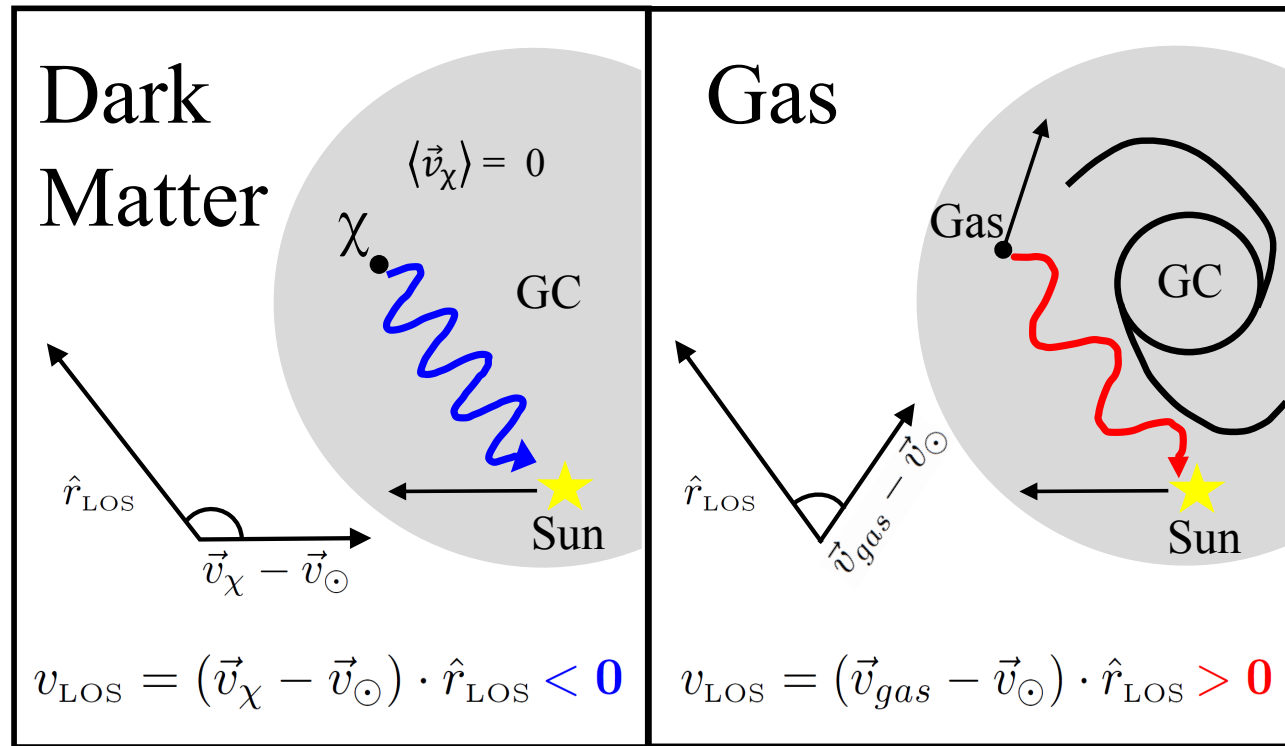
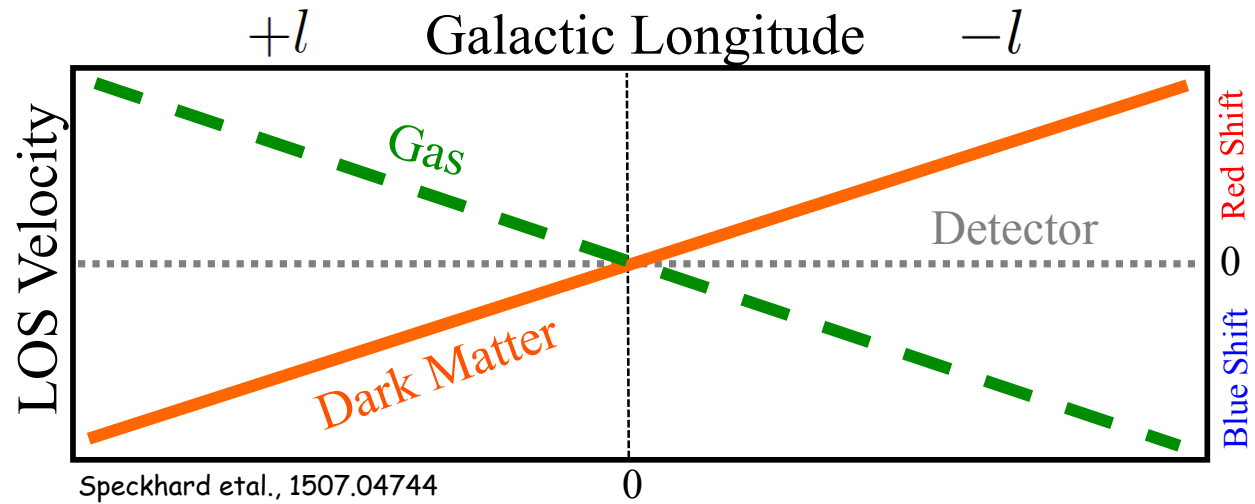
- Dark matter halo has **little angular momentum**

Bett, Eke, et al., "The angular momentum of cold dark matter haloes with and without baryons";  
Kimm et al., "The angular momentum of baryons and dark matter revisited"

- Sun moves at  **$\sim 220$  km/s**

- Distinct **longitudinal dependence** of signal

- Doppler effect**



# Order of magnitude estimates

$$v_{\text{LOS}} \equiv (\langle \vec{v}_\chi \rangle - \vec{v}_\odot) \cdot \hat{r}_{\text{LOS}}$$

$\langle \vec{v}_\chi \rangle$  is negligible in our approximation

$$v_\odot \approx 220 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

For  $v_{\text{LOS}} \ll c$ ,  $\delta E_{\text{MW}}/E = -v_{\text{LOS}}/c$

$$\delta E_{\text{MW}}(l, b)/E = +(v_\odot/c) (\sin l) (\cos b)$$

$$\frac{\delta E_{\text{MW}}}{E} \approx 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{sign}(\delta E_{\text{MW}}) \propto \sin l, \text{ for } l \in [-\pi, \pi]$$



# Example with dark matter decay

$$\text{Differential intensity} \left\{ \frac{dI(\psi, E)}{dE} = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi m_\chi} \underbrace{\frac{dN(E)}{dE}}_{\text{Energy spectrum}} \int ds \rho_\chi(r[s, \psi]) \right.$$

$\Gamma$  = Dark matter decay rate      Dark matter mass      Dark matter profile      Line of sight

$dN(E)/dE$  is independent of dark matter profile

$$\frac{d\tilde{N}(E, r[s, \psi])}{dE} = \int dE' \frac{dN(E')}{dE'} G(E - E'; \sigma_{E'})$$

modified energy spectrum      Gaussian

total mass inside a radius  $r'$

$$\sigma_E = (E/c) \sigma_{v_{\text{LOS}}}$$

$$\sigma_{v,r}^2(r) = \frac{G}{\rho_\chi(r)} \int_r^{R_{\text{vir}}} dr' \rho_\chi(r') \frac{M_{\text{tot}}(r')}{r'^2}$$

width of Gaussian

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

# Instruments with $\sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)\%$ energy resolution

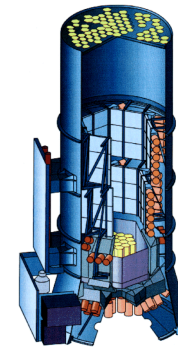
Past



Hitomi/ Astro-H

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \approx \frac{1.7 \text{ eV}}{3.5 \text{ keV}}$$

Present



INTEGRAL/ SPI

2.2 keV (FWHM) at 1.33 MeV

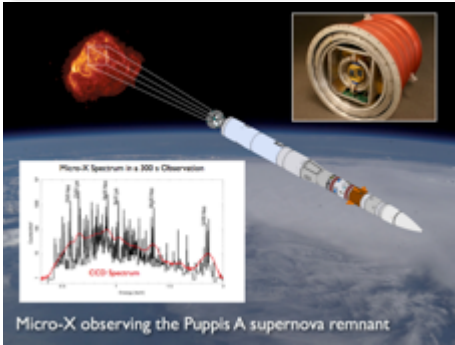
<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/integral/instruments-spi>

Future

Micro-X

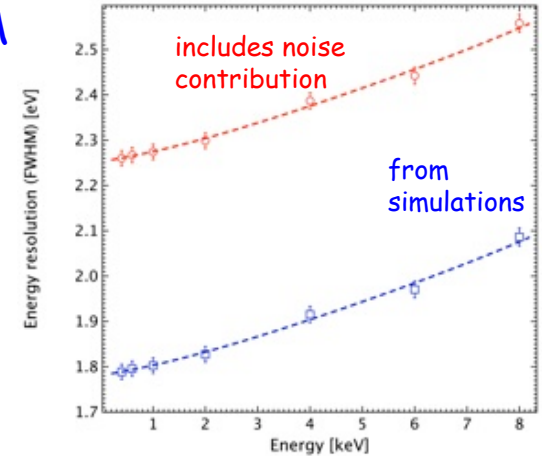
FWHM of 3 eV at 3.5 keV

Figueroa-Feliciano et al. 2015

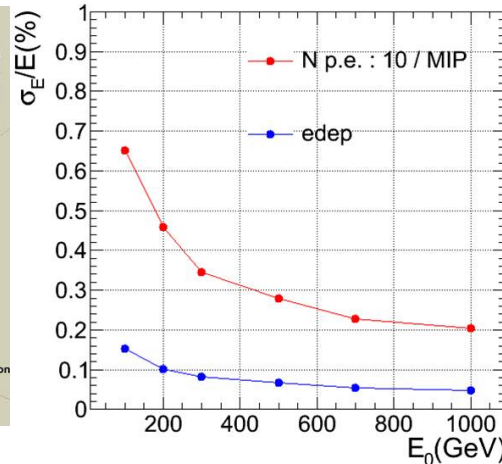
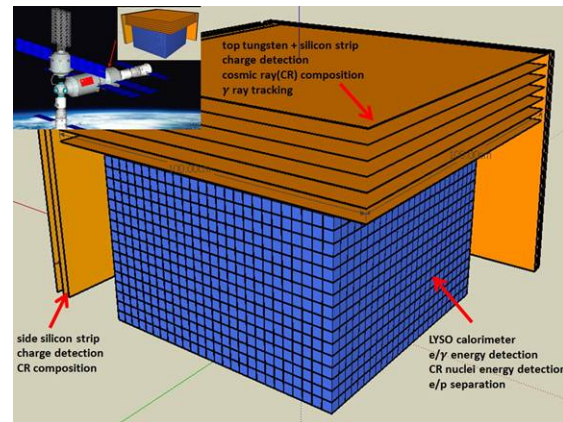


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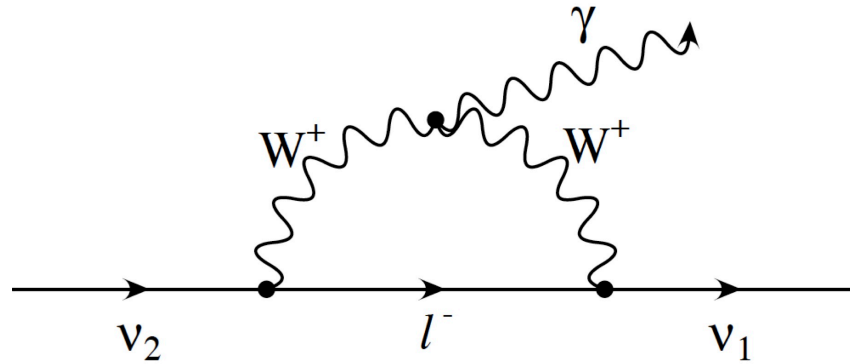
HERD: High Energy Cosmic Radiation Detection



Energy resolution for electrons and gamma will be  $< 1\%$  at 200 GeV

Wang & Xu Progress of the HERD detector

# Sterile neutrino



$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_a + \gamma$$

$$E_\gamma = \frac{m_s}{2}$$

$$\Gamma_\gamma \approx 7 \times 10^{-33} \text{ s}^{-1} \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{10^{-10}} \left( \frac{m_s}{\text{keV}} \right)^5$$

An excellent dark matter candidate --- right handed component of the active neutrino

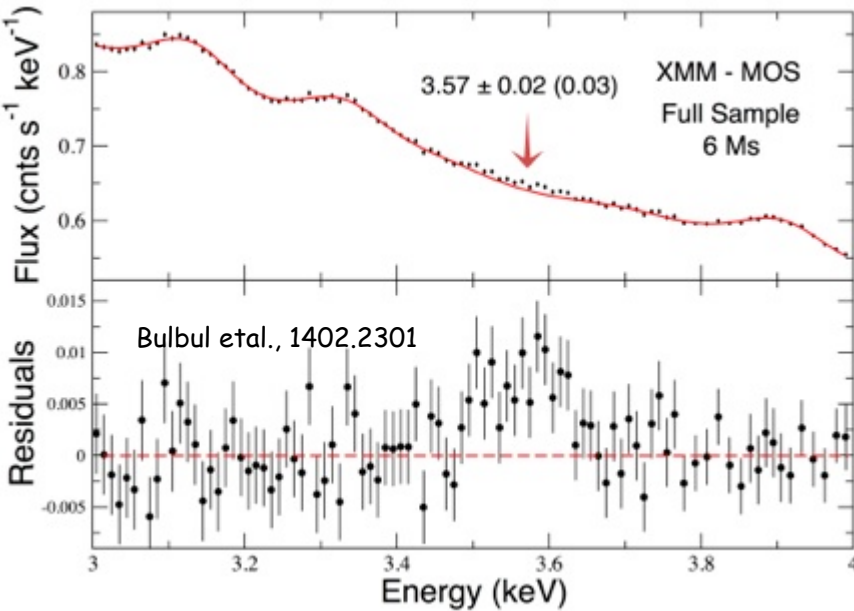
Production scenarios:

[Dodelson - Widrow mechanism](#) (similar to vacuum oscillations of neutrinos)

[Shi - Fuller mechanism](#) (similar to MSW transitions of neutrinos)

Application to 3.5 keV line

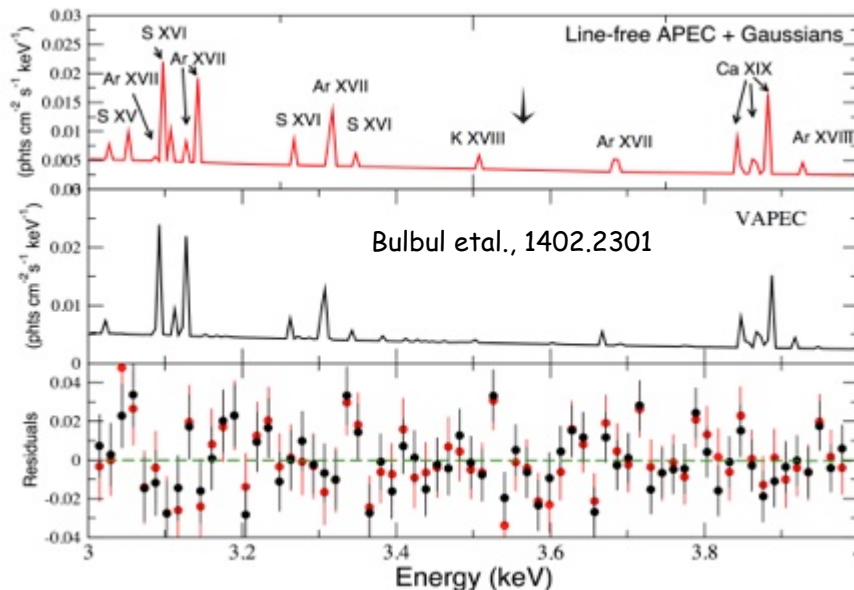
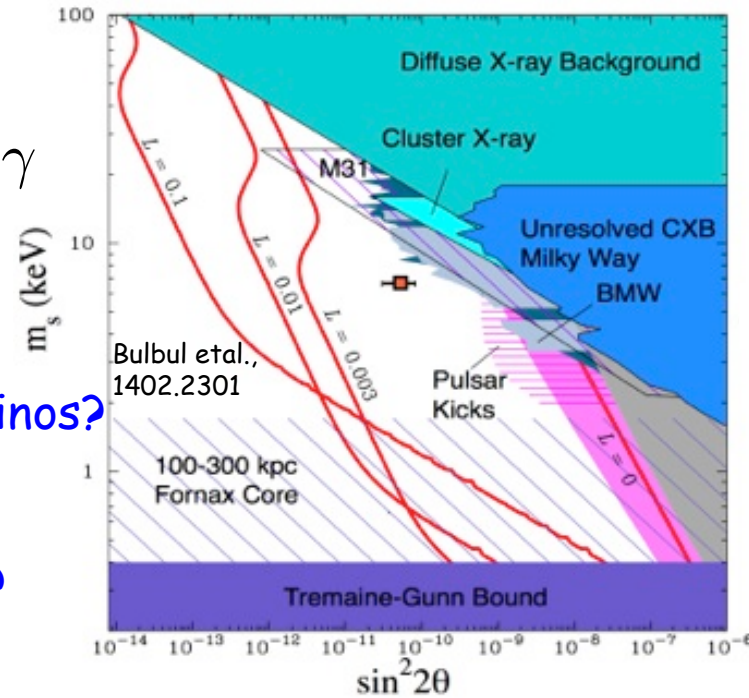
# 3.5 keV



$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_a + \gamma$$

Sterile neutrinos?

Baryonic astrophysics?



Stacking of 73 galaxy clusters

Redshift  $z = 0.01$  to  $0.35$

4 to 5 $\sigma$  detection with XMM-Newton and

2 $\sigma$  in Perseus with Chandra

2.3 $\sigma$  in Perseus with XMM-Newton

3 $\sigma$  in M31 with XMM-Newton

Combined detection  $\sim 4\sigma$

Conflicting results in many different studies

# 3.5 keV controversy

Riemer-Sorensen 2014 Milky Way via [Chandra](#) ✗

Jeltema and Profumo 2014 Milky Way via [XMM-Newton](#) ✗ (Contested by Bulbul et al., 2014 and Boyarsky et al., 2014)

Boyarsky et al. 2014 Milky Way via [XMM-Newton](#) ✓

Anderson et al., 2014 Local group galaxies via [Chandra](#) and [XMM-Newton](#) ✗

Malyshev et al., 2014 satellite dwarf galaxies via [XMM-Newton](#) ✗

Tamura et al., 2014 Perseus via [Suzaku](#) ✗

Urban et al., 2014 Perseus via [Suzaku](#) ✓

Urban et al., 2014 Coma, Virgo, and Ophiuchus via [Suzaku](#) ✗

Carlson et al., 2014 [morphological studies](#) ✗

Philips et al., 2015 [super-solar abundance](#) ✗

Iakubovskiy et al., 2015 [individual clusters](#) ✓

Jeltema and Profumo 2015 [Draco dwarf](#) ✗

Bulbul et al., 2015 [Draco dwarf](#) ✓

Franse et al., 2016 [Perseus cluster](#) ✓

Bulbul et al., 2016 [stacked cluster](#) ✓

Hofman et al., 2016 [33 clusters](#) ✗

HITOMI 2016 [Perseus cluster](#) ✗

Shah et al., 2016 [Laboratory](#) ✗

Conlon et al., 2016 [Perseus](#) ✓

Gewering-Peine et al., 2016 [Diffuse](#) ✗

Cappelluti et al., 2017 [Diffuse](#) ✓

# Solutions to the 3.5 keV line controversy?

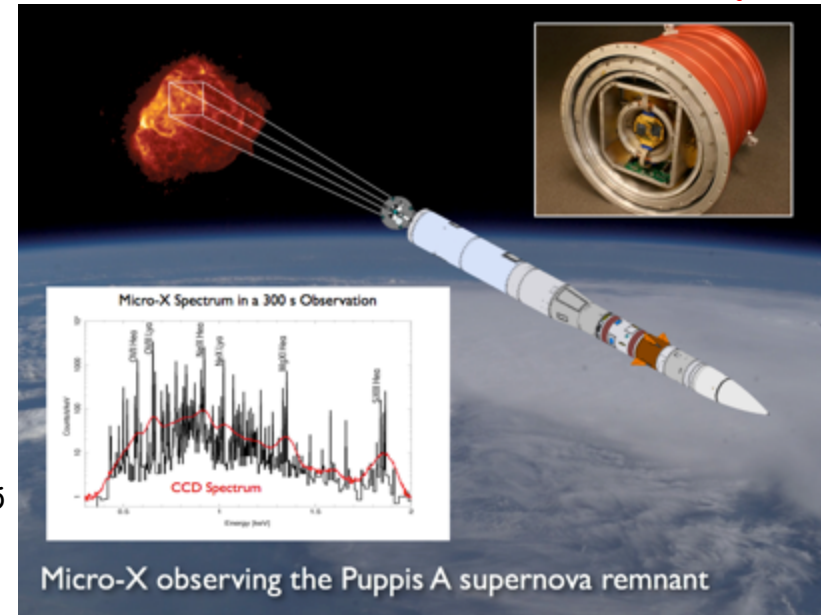
- **Micro-X**

Wide field of view

Rocket

$\sim 10^{-3}$  energy resolution near 3.5 keV

Figuroa-Feliciano et al. 2015



- **SXS - Hitomi (Astro-H)**

Narrow field of view

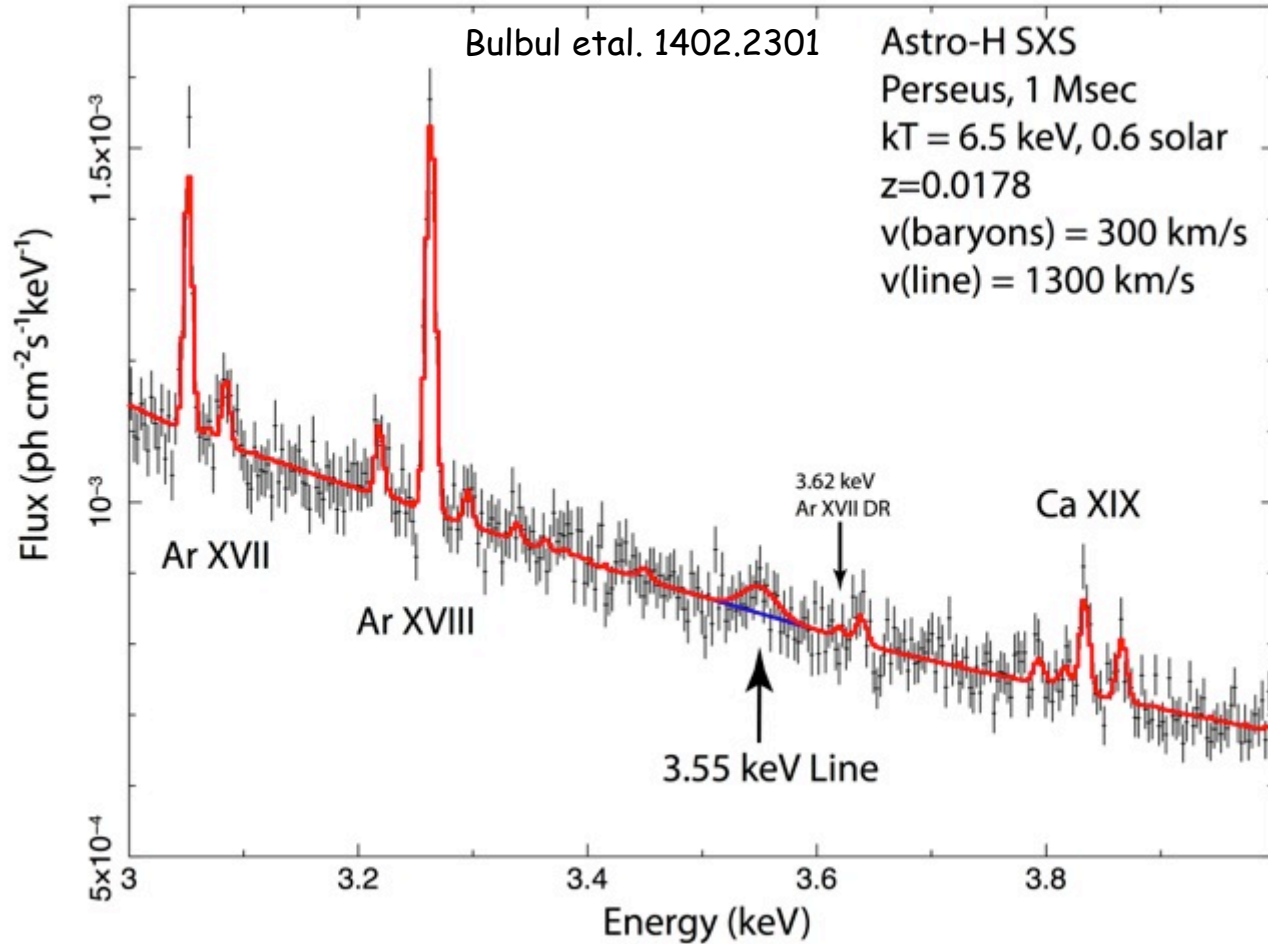
Satellite

$\sim 10^{-3}$  energy resolution at  $\sim 3.5$  keV

Lost due to technical failure 😞



# Looking at clusters

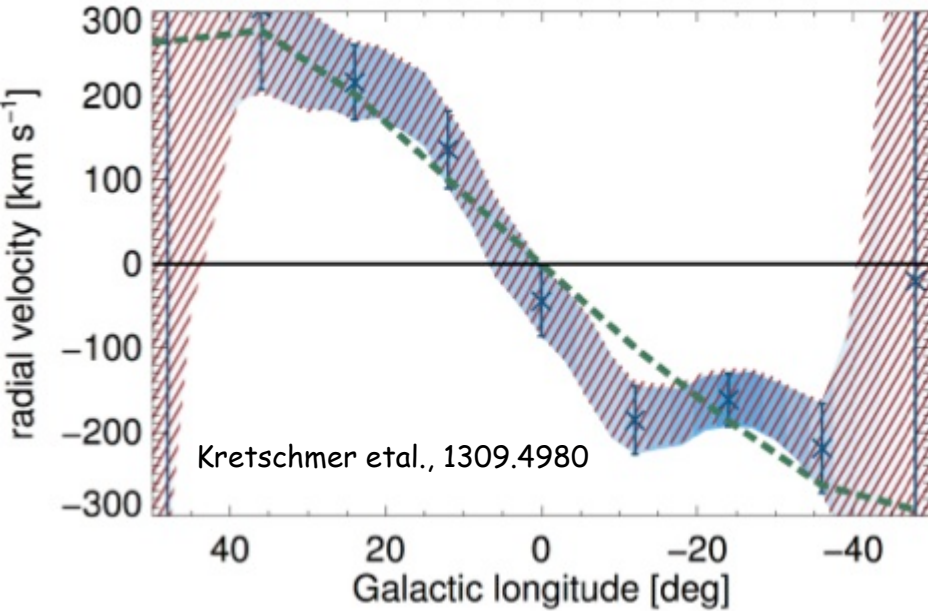


Dark matter line **broader** than plasma emission line

**Plasma emission lines** are broadened by the turbulence in the X-ray emitting gas



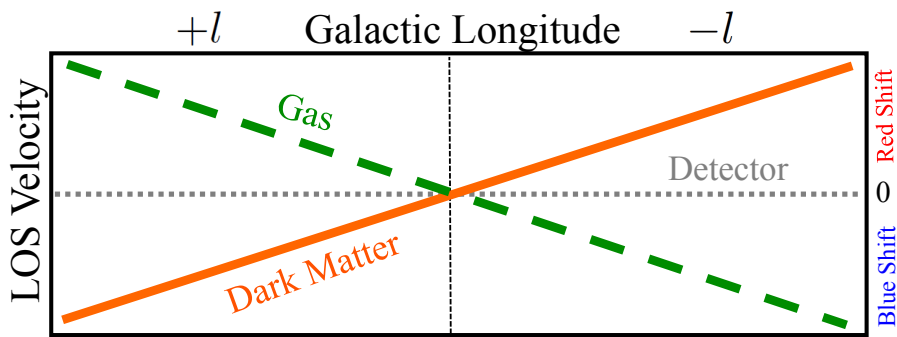
# Rotation of baryonic matter



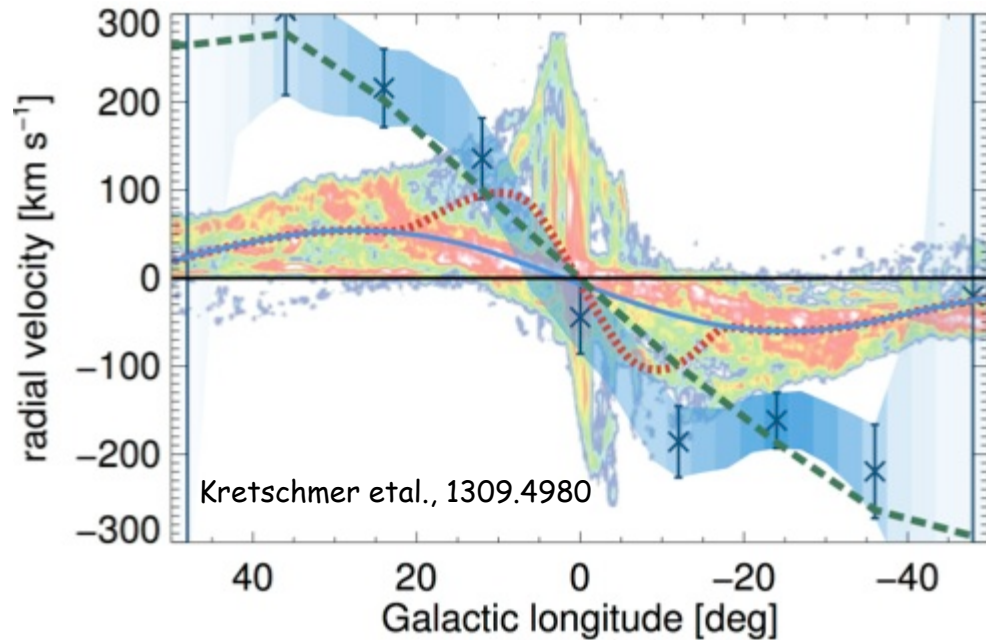
Radial velocity of gas as measured by <sup>26</sup>Al

1808.65 keV line

Measurement by INTEGRAL/ SPI



Follows the trend explained earlier



# Shift and broadening of spectrum

$$E_0 = 3.5 \text{ keV}$$

2 Ms 1800 cm<sup>2</sup> arcmin<sup>2</sup>  
observation 5 $\sigma$  detection

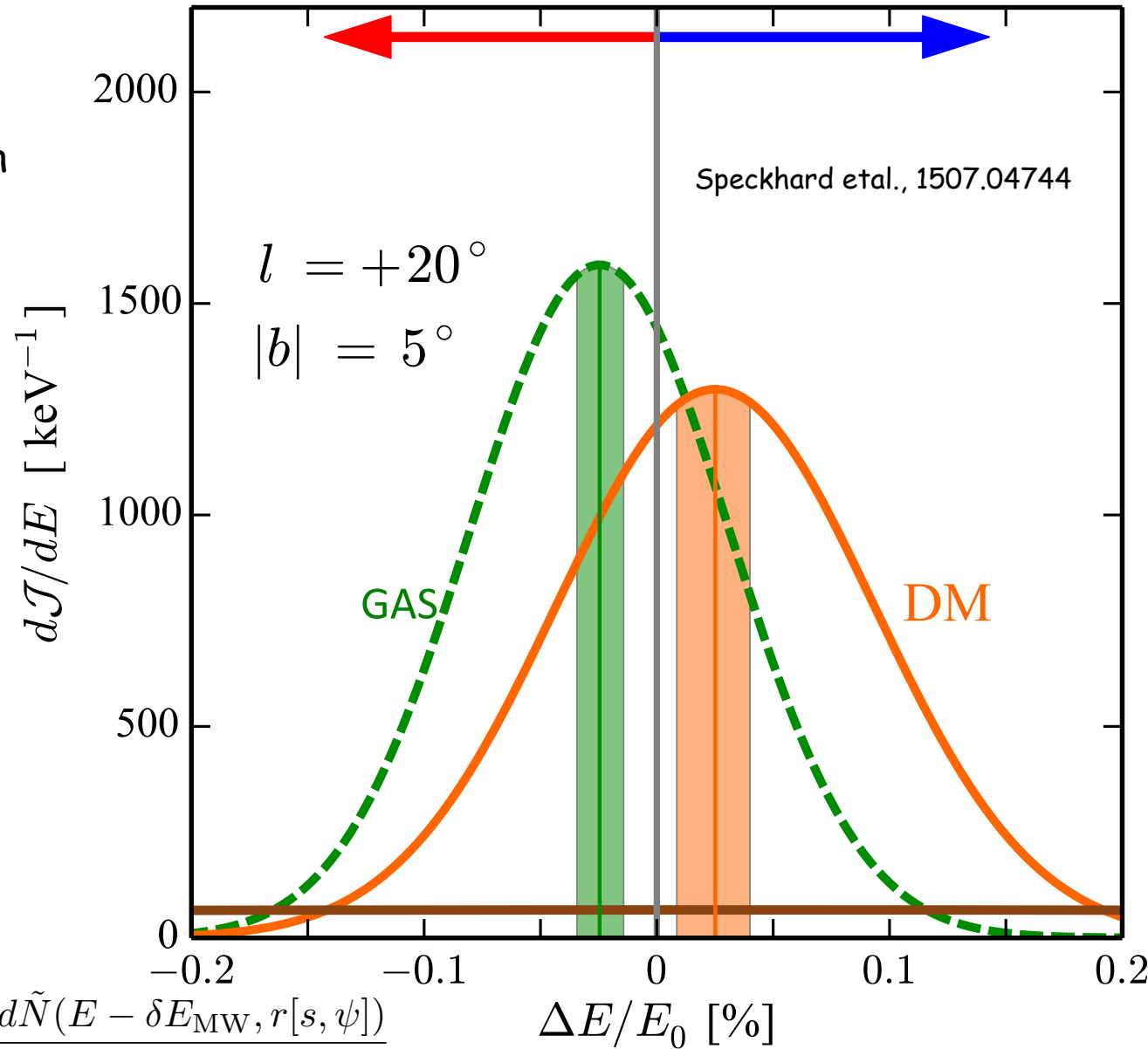
Broadening of line due to  
finite velocity dispersion

Shift of the centroid of  
line due to Doppler  
effect

Shift of the center of  
dark matter line is  
opposite to that of the  
shift of the center of  
baryonic line

Red Shift

Blue Shift



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

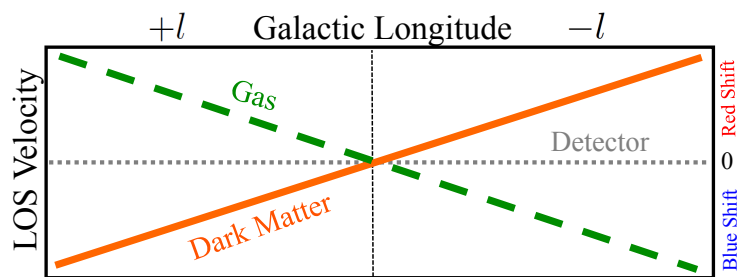
# Dark matter and baryonic emission line separation

Shift in centroid of dark matter and baryonic line

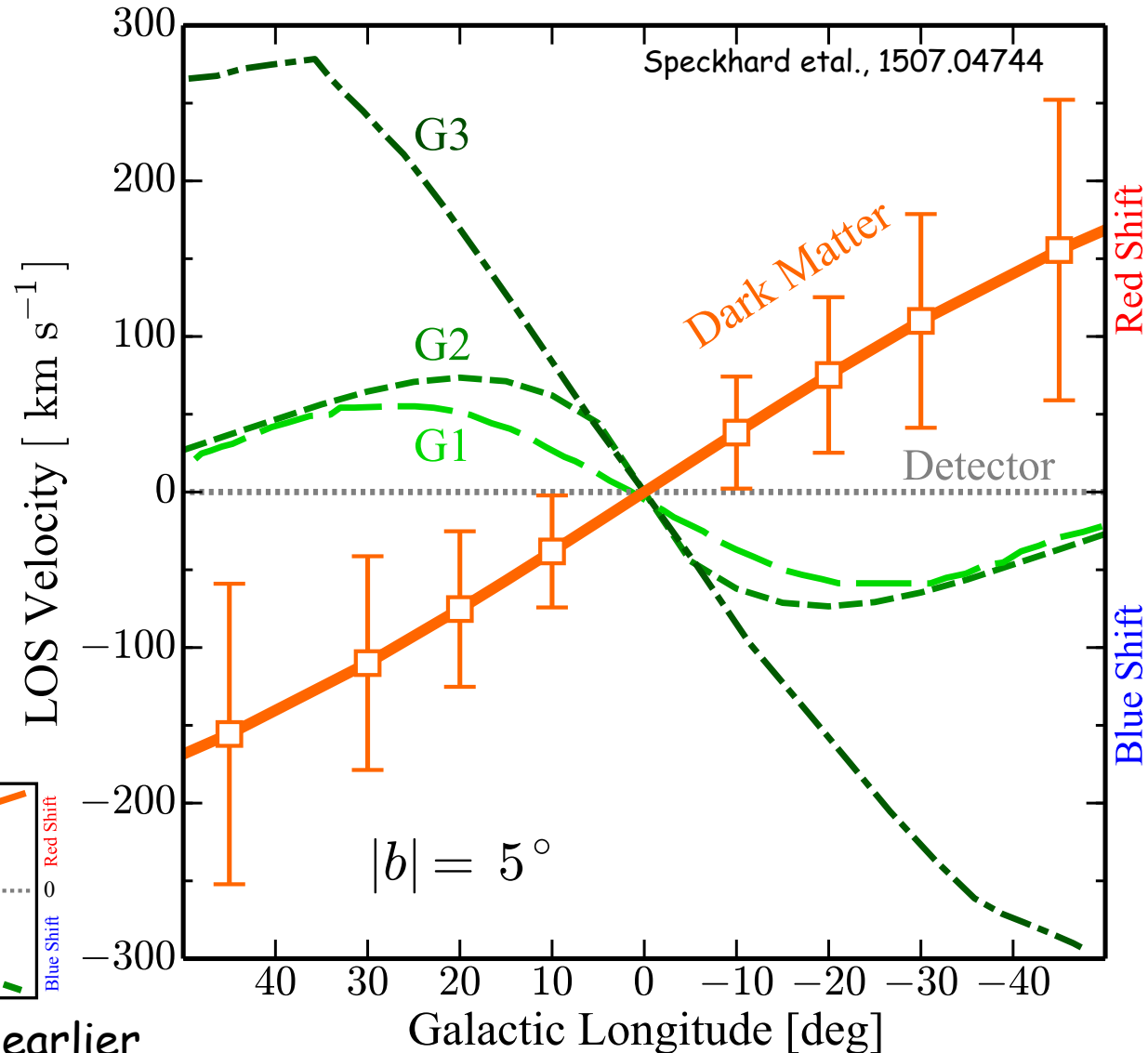
G1: distribution of free electrons

G2: hot gas distribution of MW

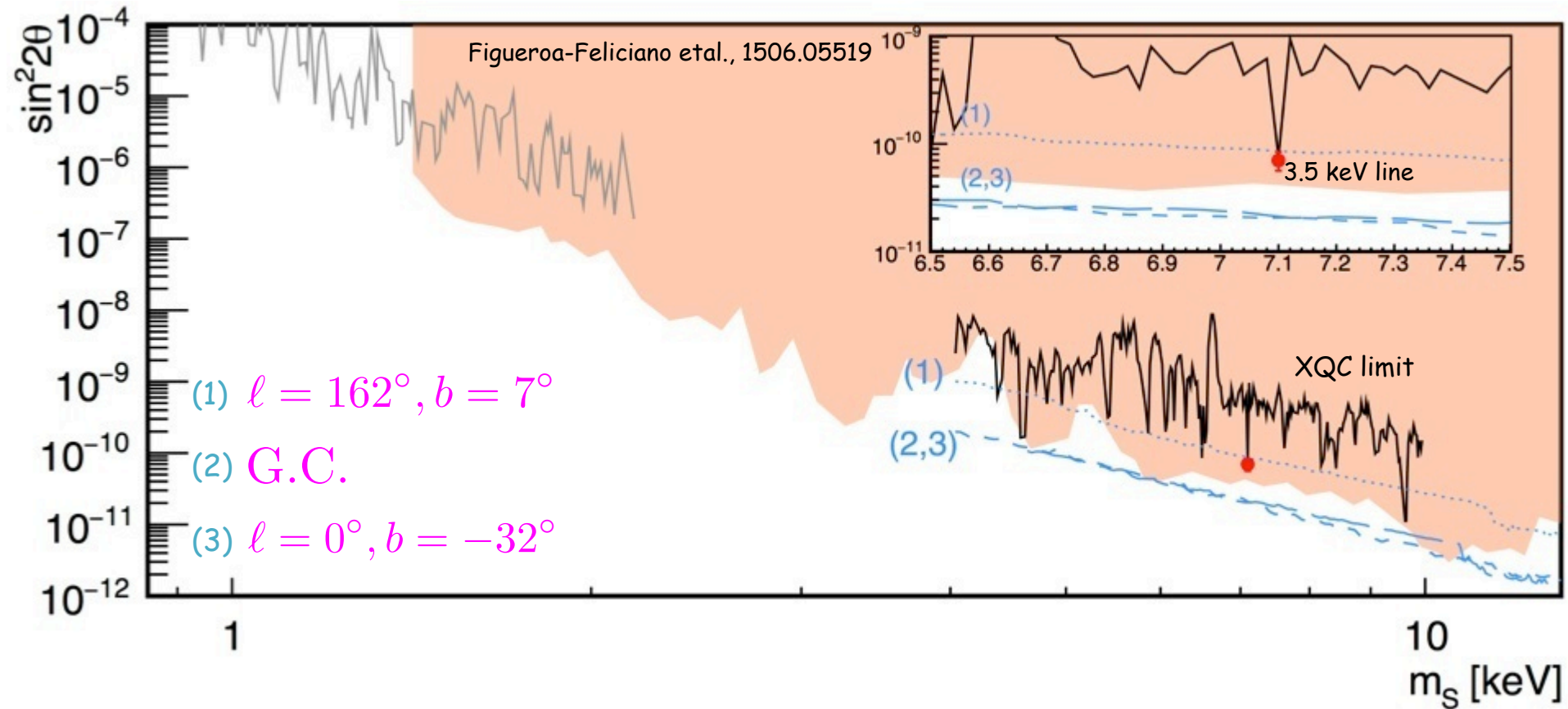
G3: observed distributions of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  gamma-rays



Follows the trend explained earlier



# Micro-X observations



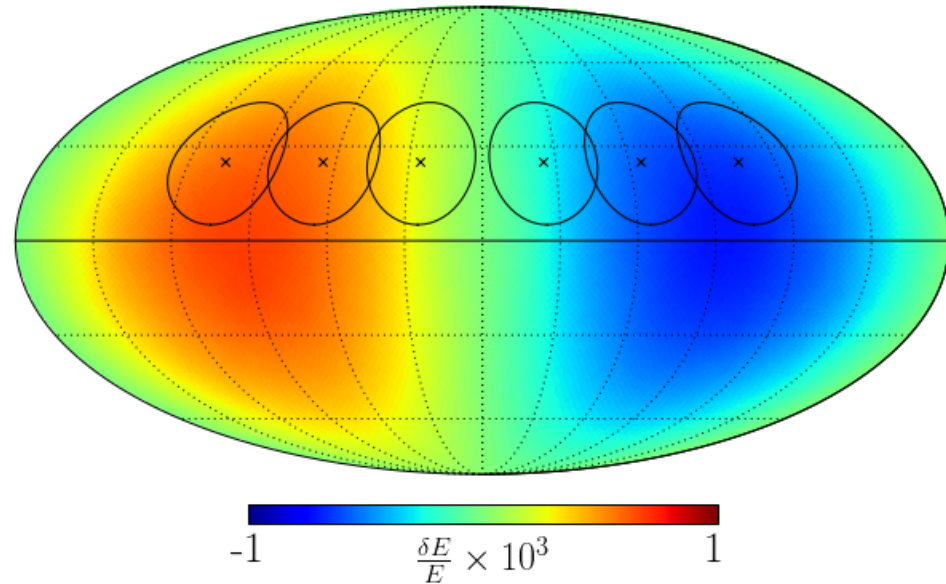
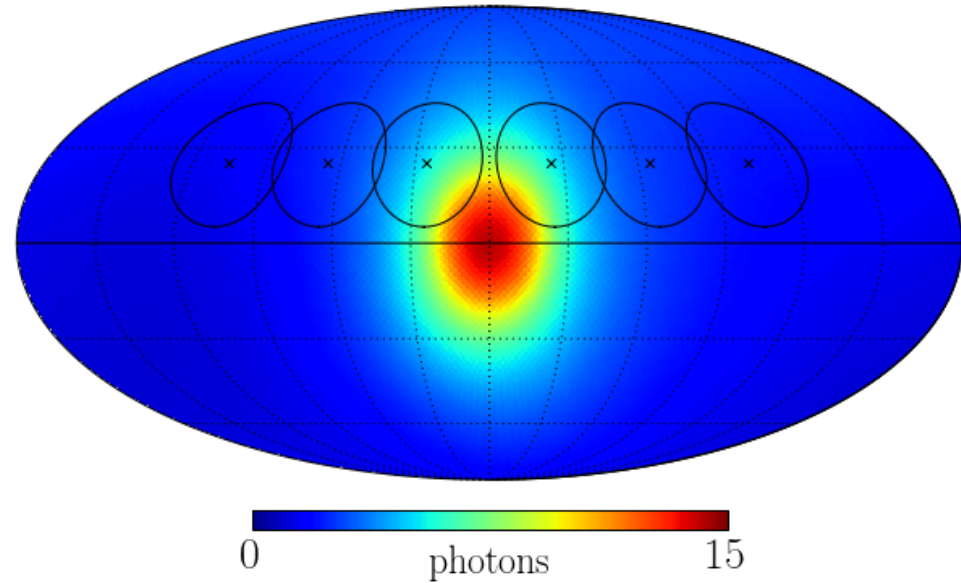
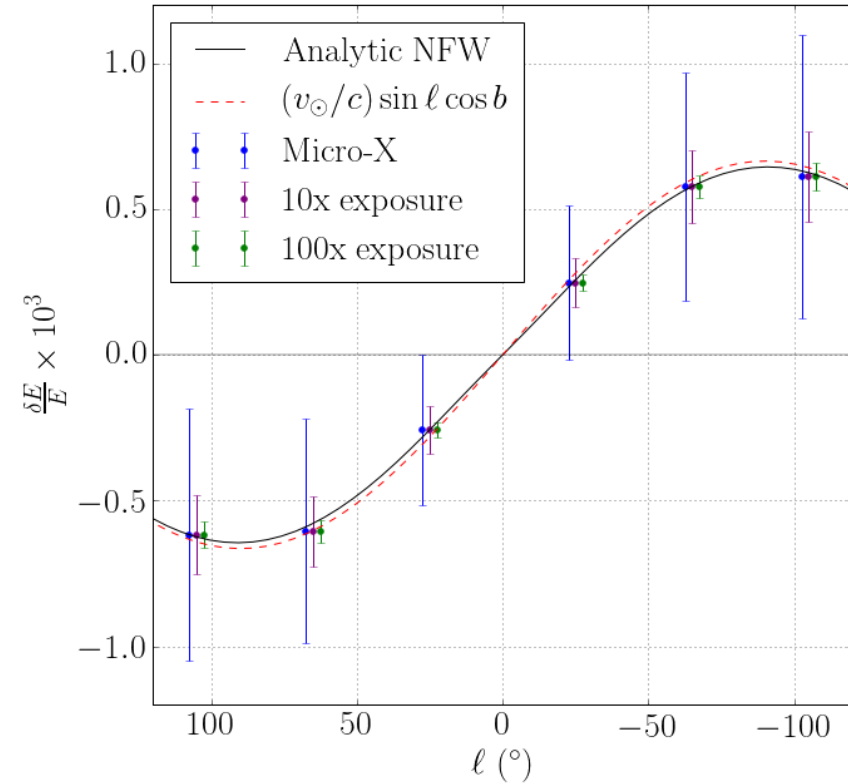
Field of view: 20° radius

Very promising reach

Time of observation: 300 sec

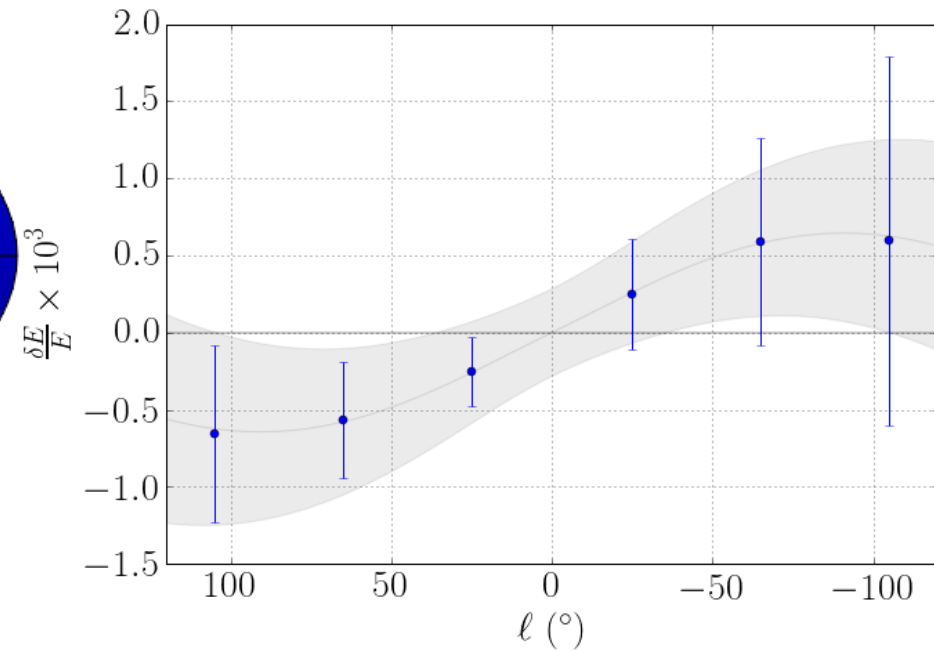
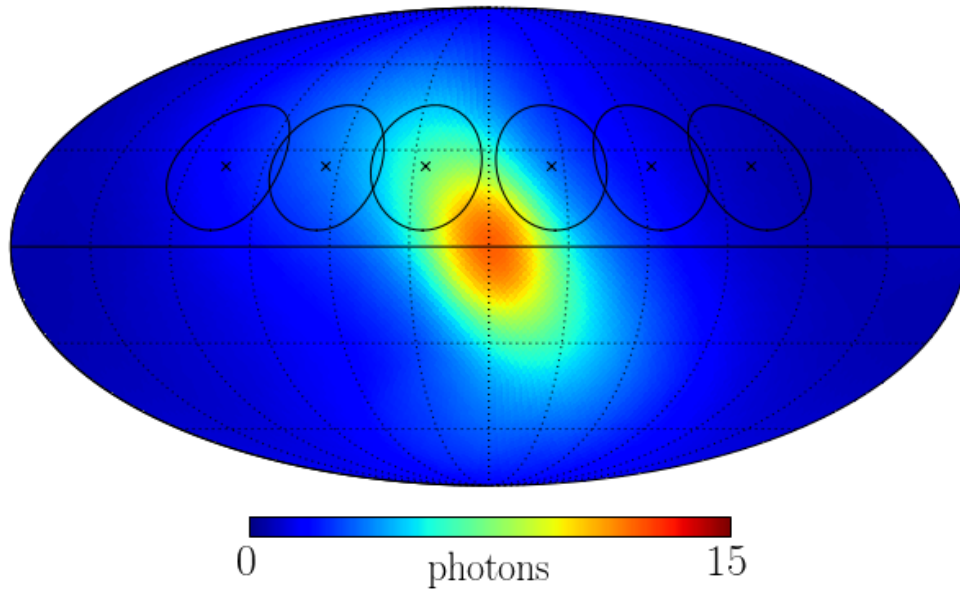
Multiple observations in multiple flights

# Velocity spectroscopy using Micro-X



A wide field of view instrument like Micro-X can also perform dark matter velocity spectroscopy

# Effect of triaxiality



Triaxiality can make the line shift **asymmetric**

The **significance decreases** in the presence of triaxiality, but the main effect is still present

The technique can be used to probe **triaxiality**

# Conclusion

- Dark matter velocity spectroscopy is a promising tool to distinguish signal and background in dark matter indirect detection
- We see smoking gun in motion
- Immediate application to the 3.5 keV line
- Future improvements in the energy resolution of telescopes at various energies will result in this technique being widely adopted