

# Searching for **light** dark matter particles.

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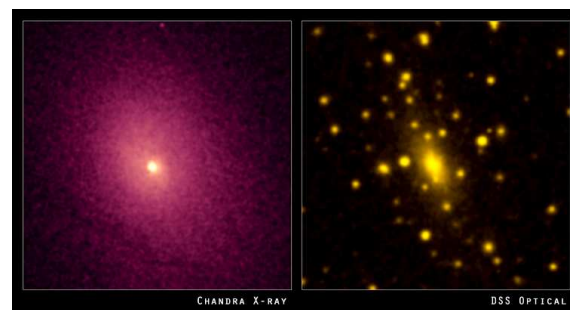
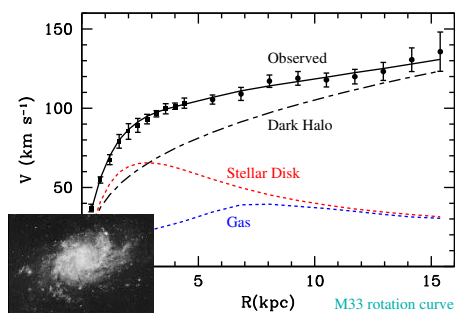
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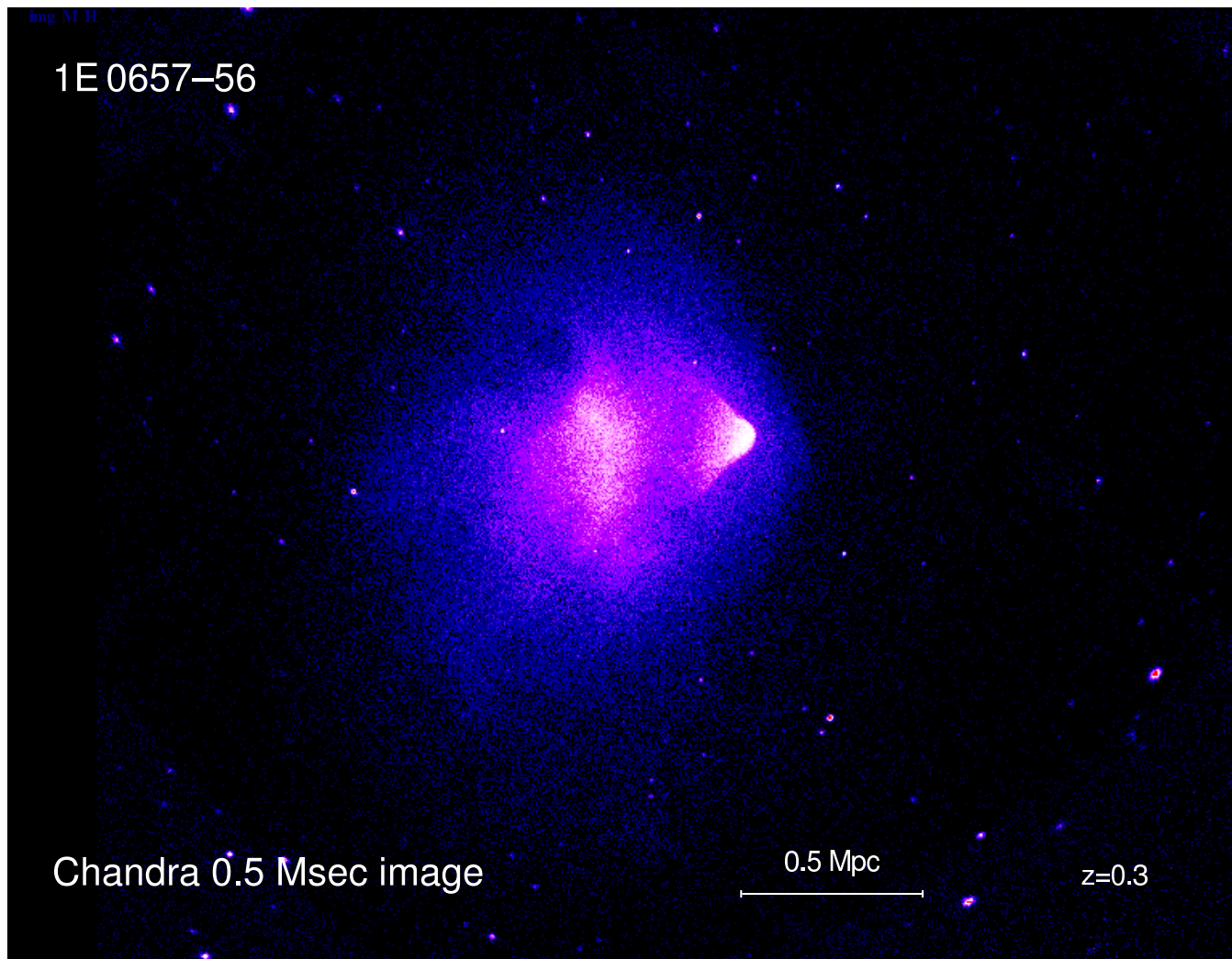
# Dark Matter in the Universe

- Rotation curves of stars in galaxies and of galaxies in clusters
- Distribution of intracluster gas
- Gravitational lensing data

These phenomena are **independent tracers** of gravitational potentials in astrophysical systems. They all show that dynamics is dominated by a matter that is not observed in any part of electromagnetic spectrum.



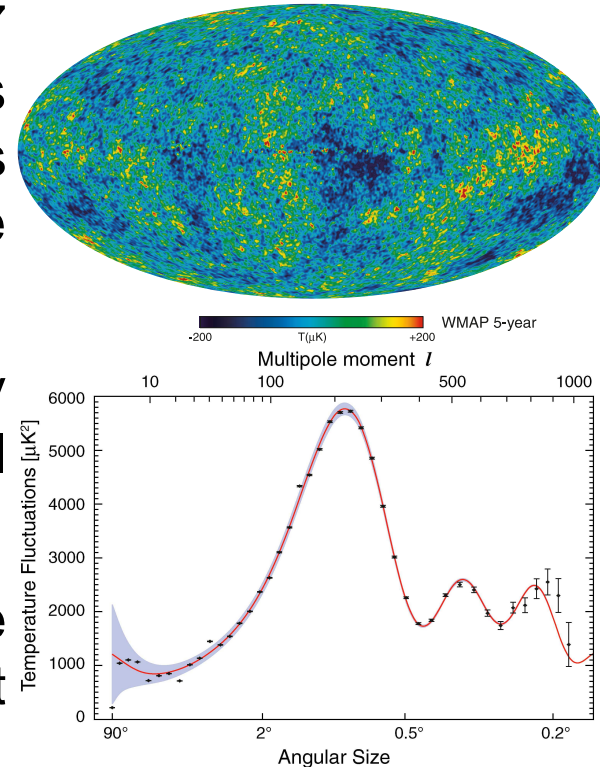
# "Bullet" cluster



Cluster 1E 0657-56  
Red shift  $z = 0.296$   
Distance  $D_L = 1.5$  Gpc

# Cosmological evidence for dark matter

- Universe at large scales is not completely homogeneous
- We see the structures today and 13.7 billions years ago, when the Universe was 380 000 years old (encoded in anisotropies of the temperature of cosmic microwave background)
- All the structure is produced from tiny density fluctuations due to gravitational Jeans instability
- In the hot early Universe before recombination photons smeared out all the fluctuations
- To explain the observed anisotropies **we need DM particles** that started to cluster *before* recombination.



## A few basic questions

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- Is evidence for DM convincing?

**Yes**

There are still other options nevertheless

- Is DM made up of particles?

**Plausible assumption .**

But no **hard** evidence. More exotic possibilities such as primordial black holes or MACHOs are not completely ruled out

- We will study the scenario of **dark matter particle** and its consequences for particle physics.

# Properties of a DM candidate

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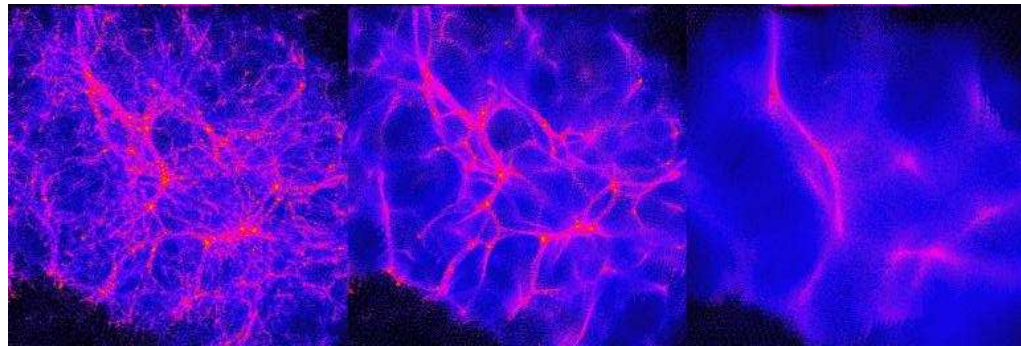
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  - Produced in the early Universe and have correct relic abundance
  - Very weakly interacting with electromagnetic radiation (“dark”)
  - Be stable or cosmologically long-lived
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# Neutrino dark matter

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- DM particles erase primordial spectrum of density perturbations on scales up to the DM particle horizon – **free-streaming length**  $\lambda_{FS}^{co} = \int_0^t \frac{v(t') dt'}{a(t')}$
- **Comoving free-streaming** is approximately equal to the horizon at the **time of non-relativistic transition**  $t_{nr}$  (when  $\langle p \rangle \sim m$ )

- Upper bound on neutrino masses  $\sum m_\nu < 0.58$  eV (WMAP+LSS, 95% CL).



- Neutrinos are relativistic after recombination ( $z_{nr} < 850$ )
- Neutrino DM would homogenize the Universe at scales below  $\lambda_{FS}^{co} > 1$  Gpc. This contradicts to the observed large scale structure and data on CMB anisotropies

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## Interactions of a DM candidate

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- DM interacts with the rest of the matter gravitationally
- Other possible interactions?
- It is possible that DM particles interact only in the early (very) hot Universe with some unknown particles
- To be produced from the SM matter the DM particles should interact
- It may be absolutely stable and interact with SM particles via annihilation only:  $\text{DM} + \text{DM} \rightarrow \text{SM} \dots$
- It may decay with very small rate, ensuring cosmologically long life-time:  $\text{DM} \rightarrow \text{SM} \dots$

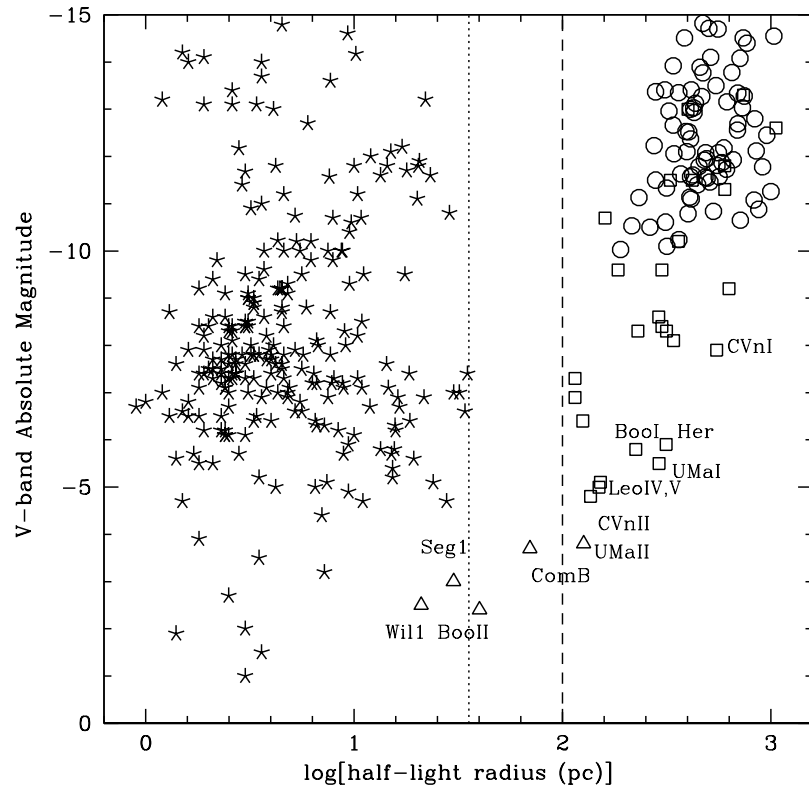
## At what energies to look?

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- The model-independent lower limit on the mass of **fermionic** DM
- The smaller is the DM mass – the bigger is the number of particles in an object with some velocity dispersion  $\sigma$
- For fermions there is a **maximal** phase-space density (degenerate Fermi gas)  $\Rightarrow$  observed phase-space density restricts number of fermions
- Objects with highest phase-space density – dwarf spheroidal galaxies – lead to the **lower bound** on the DM mass  $m \gtrsim 300$  eV
- Active neutrinos with  $m \sim 300$  eV have **primordial** phase-space density  $Q \sim Q_{obs}$ .
- Neutrino DM abundance  $\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{m_\nu}{94 \text{ eV}} \Rightarrow$  Active neutrinos **cannot** constitute 100% of DM

Tremaine,  
Gunn (1979)

# Universal DM bound 2008



- Since 1979 a number of known dwarf spheroidal galaxies more than doubled.

Gilmore et al.  
2007-2008

- New dSph's are very dense  $Q_{obs} = 10^4 - 10^5 M_{\odot} \text{ kpc}^{-3} [\text{km s}^{-1}]^{-3}$ .

- Bound on any fermionic DM improved to become

Boyarsky,  
Ruchayskiy,  
Iakubovskiy'08

$$m_{\text{DM}} > 0.41 \text{ keV}$$

- Can this bound be further improved?

**Yes!**

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# Sterile neutrinos: a minimal unified model of all observed BSM phenomena.

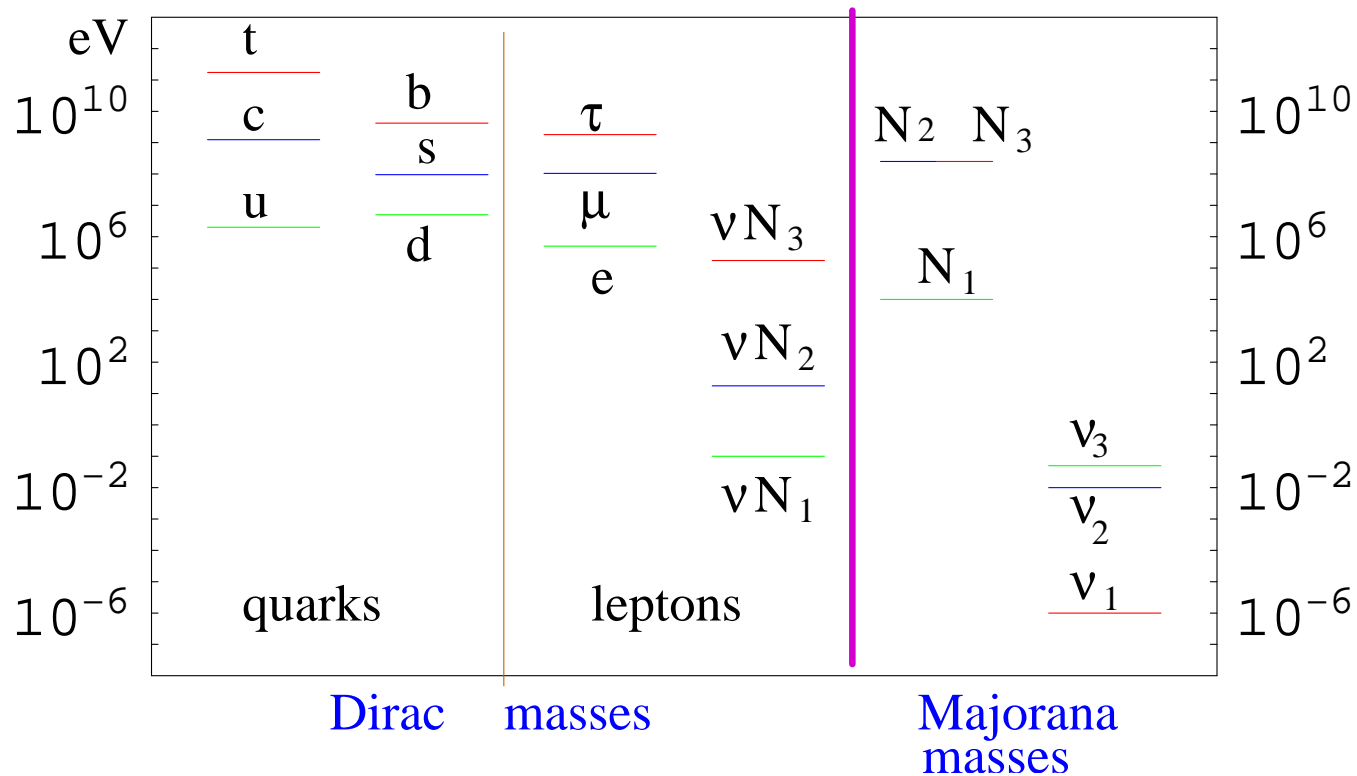
# $\nu$ MSM: all masses below electroweak scale

Just add 3 right-handed (sterile) neutrinos  $N_R^I$  to MSM:

Asaka,  
Shaposhnikov,  
PLB **620**, 17  
(2005)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu MSM} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + i\bar{N}_R^I \not{\partial} N_R^I - \left( \bar{L}_\alpha M_{\alpha I}^D N_R^I + \frac{M_I}{2} (\bar{N}_R^I)^c N_R^I + h.c. \right)$$

## The spectrum of the $\nu$ MSM



## $\nu$ MSM: all masses below electroweak scale

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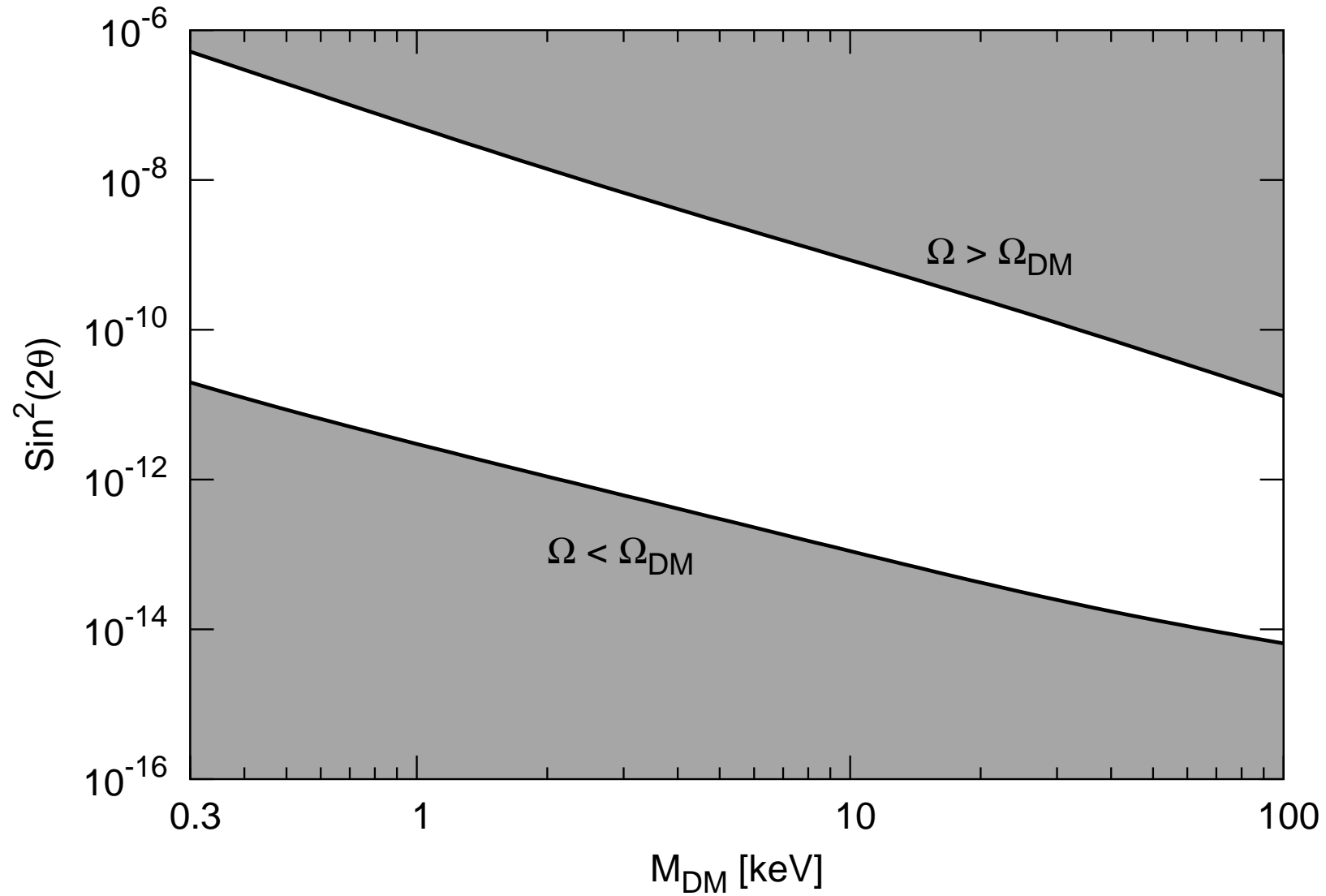
A very modest and simple modification of the SM which can explain **within one consistent framework**

- ✓ ... neutrino oscillations
- ✓ ... baryon asymmetry of the Universe
- ✓ ... provide a viable (warm or cold) Dark Matter candidate

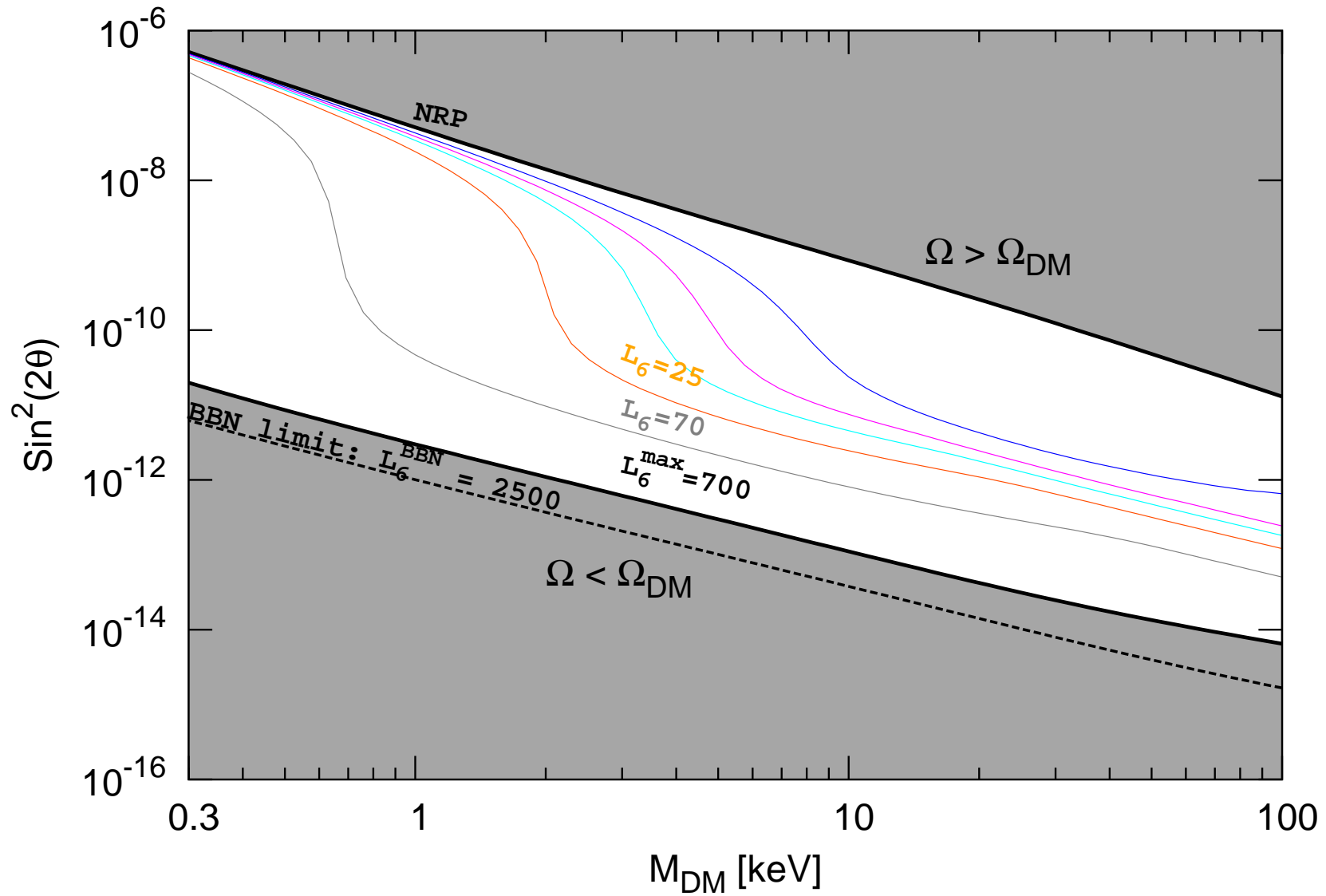
*This model may be verified by existing experimental technologies. It is important to confirm it or rule it out.*

# Window of parameters of sterile neutrino DM

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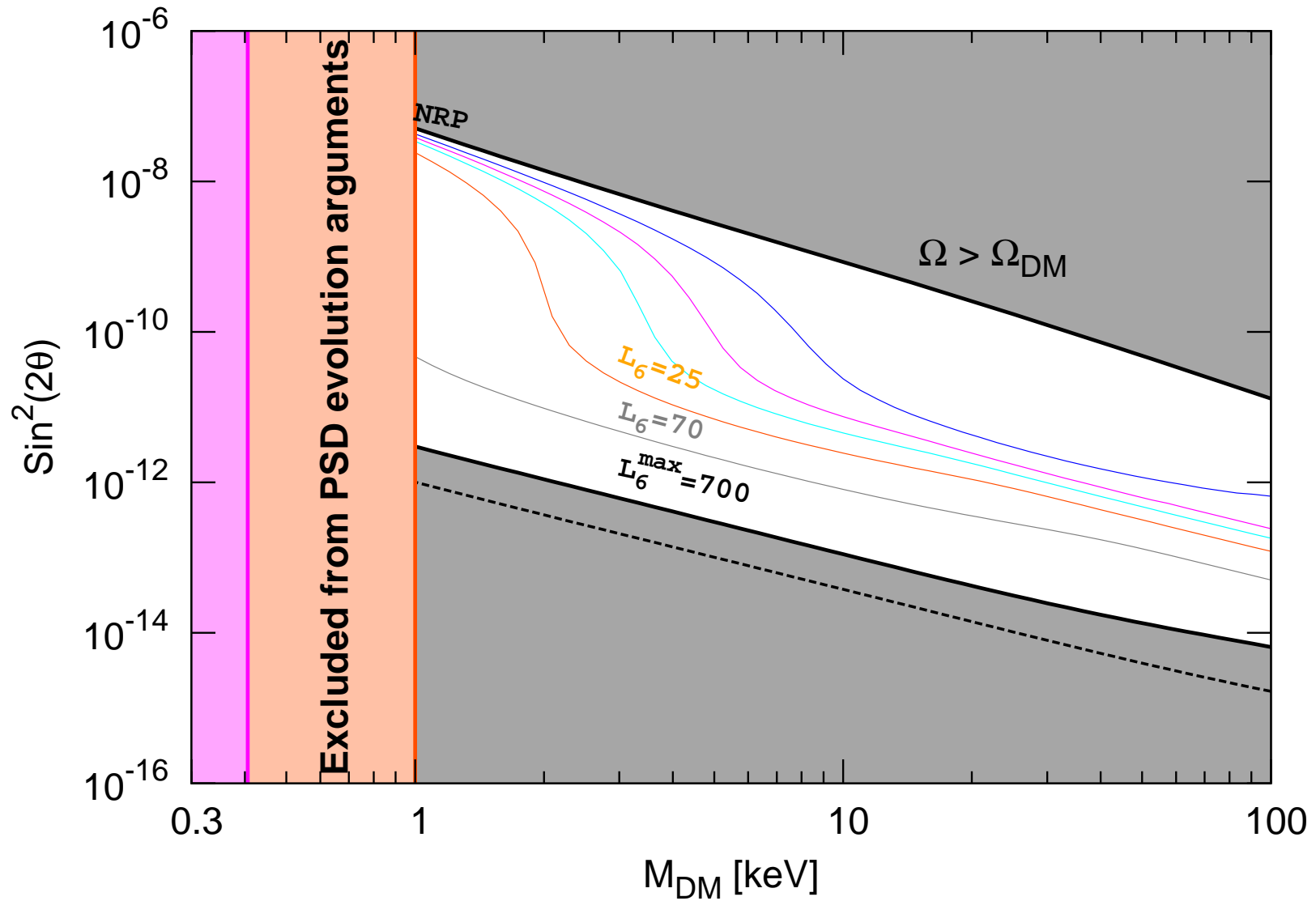


# Allowed range of parameters



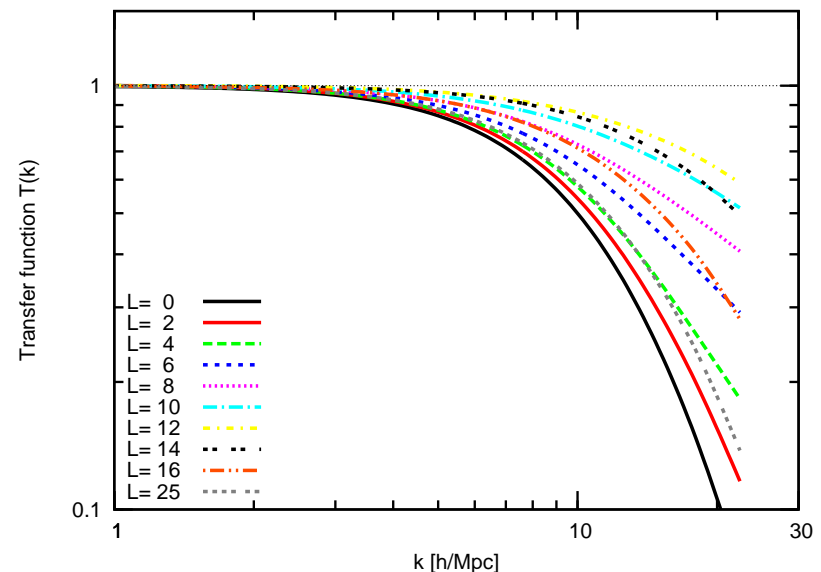
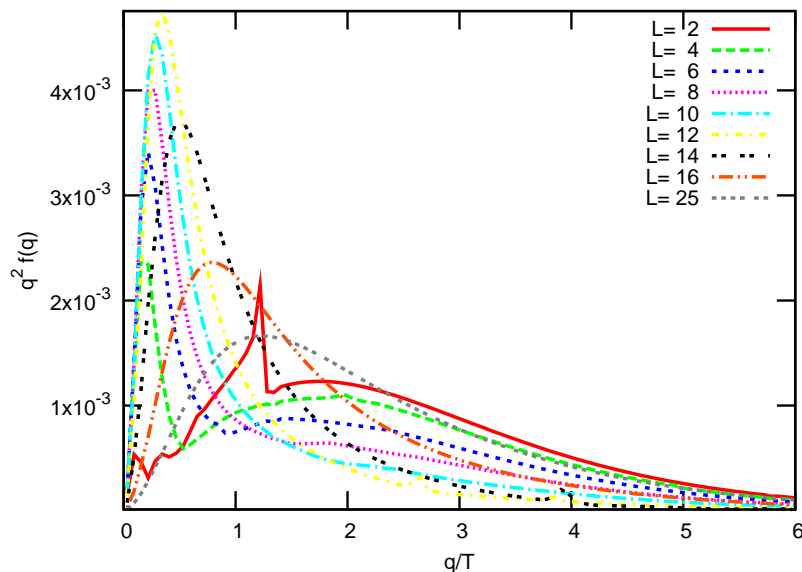


# Allowed range of parameters



# Primordial properties of super-WIMPs

- Feeble interaction strength of super-WIMP DM particles means that in general they have not an equilibrium primordial velocity spectrum
- For super-WIMPs primordial velocity spectrum carries the information about their production
- In case of such DM particles free-streaming **does not** describe the suppression of power spectrum



# Lyman- $\alpha$ forest and cosmic web

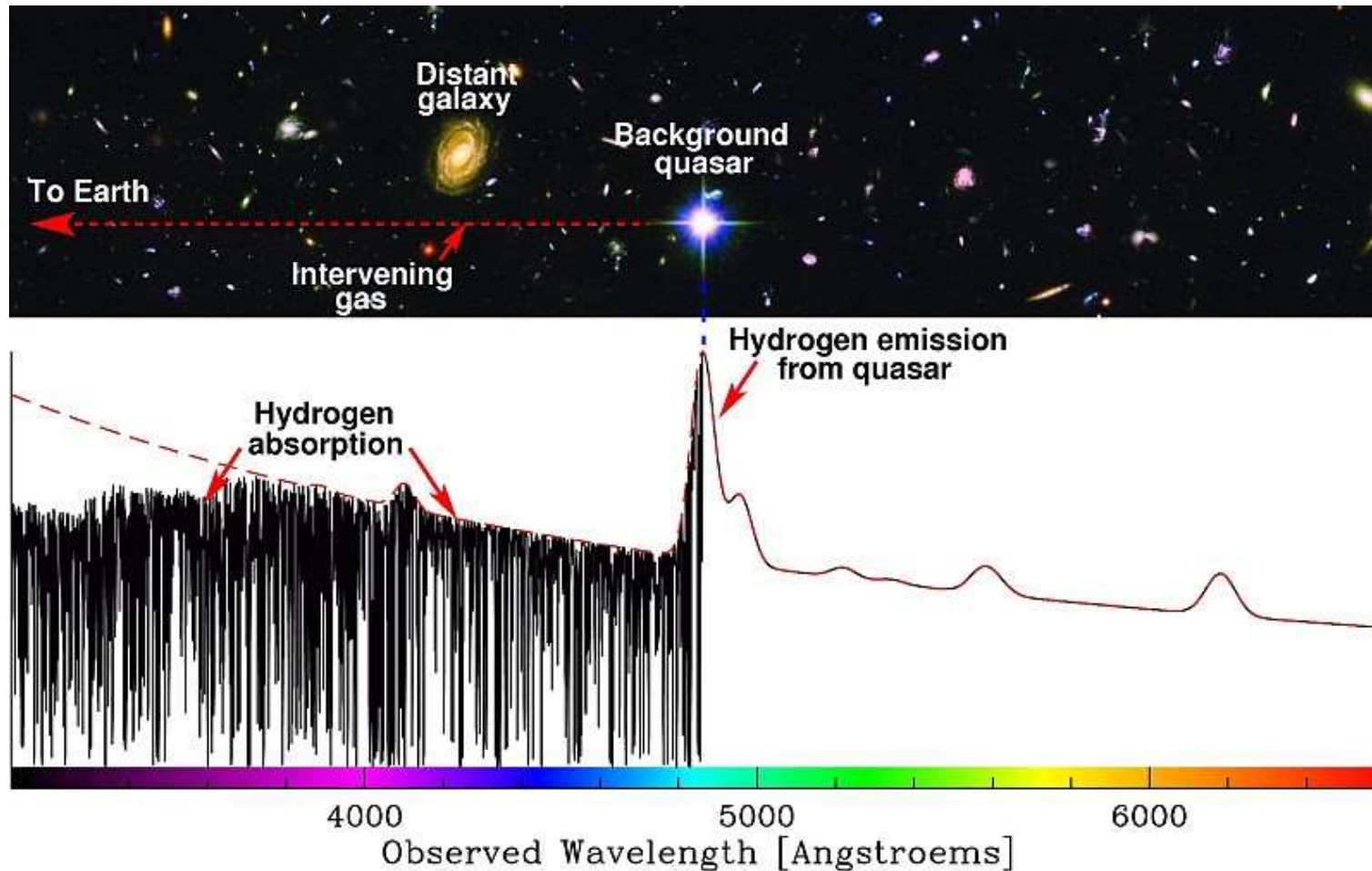


Image: Michael Murphy, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia

Neutral hydrogen in intergalactic medium is a tracer of overall matter density. Scales  $0.3h/\text{Mpc} \lesssim k \lesssim 3h/\text{Mpc}$

## The Lyman- $\alpha$ method includes

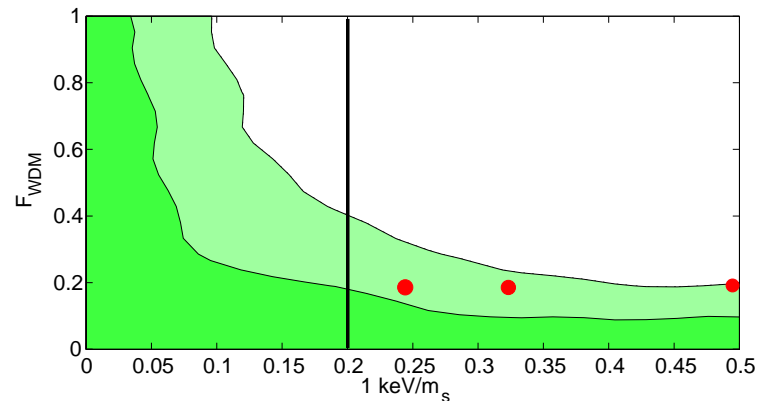
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- Astronomical data analysis of quasar spectra
- Astrophysical modeling of hydrogen clouds
- N-body simulations of DM clustering at non-linear stage
- Solving numerically Boltzmann equations for SM in the early Universe
- Finding global fit to the whole set of cosmological data (CMB, LSS, Ly- $\alpha$ ), using Monte-Carlo Markov chains

**Main challenge:** reliable estimate of systematic uncertainties

# Lyman- $\alpha$ forest and warm DM

- Previous works (**Viel et al.'05-'06**; **Seljak et al.'06**) put bounds on free-streaming  $\lambda_{FS} \lesssim 100$  kpc (“WDM mass”  $> 10$  keV)
- Pure warm DM with such free-streaming would not modify visible substructures
- In **Boyarsky, Lesgourgues, Ruchayskiy, Viel'08** we revised these bounds and demonstrated that
  - The primordial spectra are not described by free-streaming
  - There exist viable models with the mass as low as 2 keV, consistent with the Lyman- $\alpha$

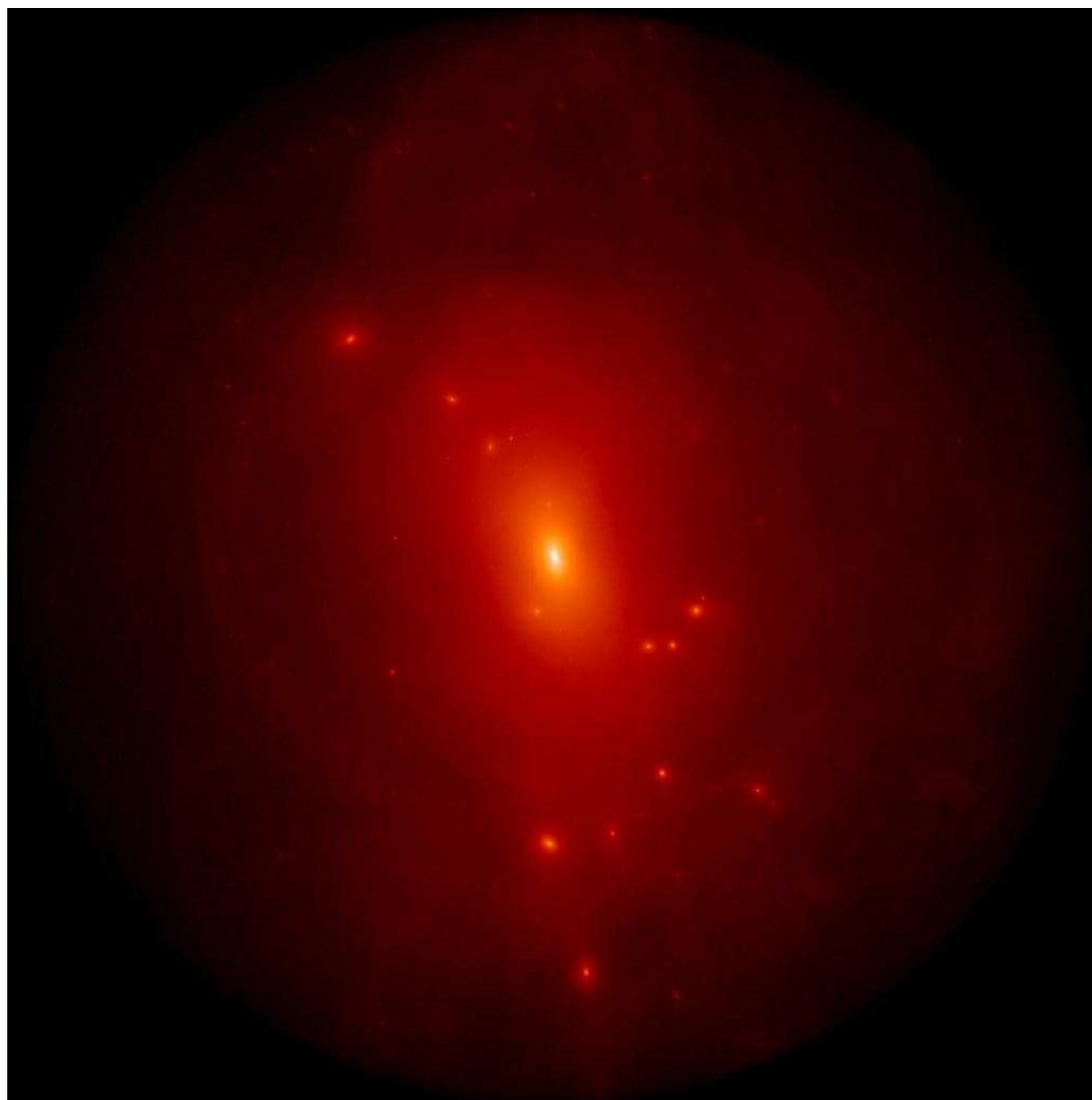


Boyarsky+  
JCAP'09;  
PRL'09

# Halo (sub)structure in CDM+WDM universe

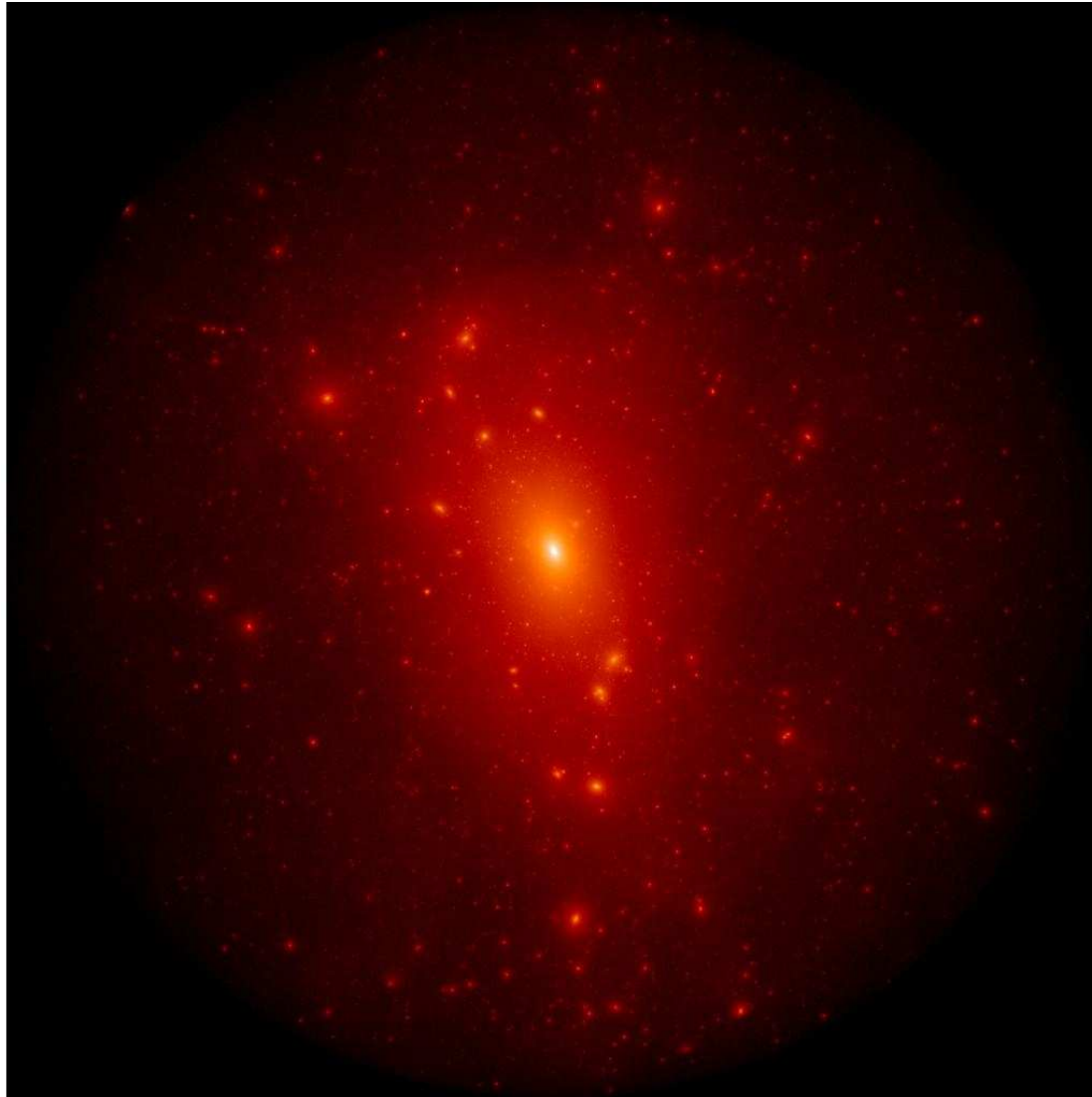
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work in  
progress



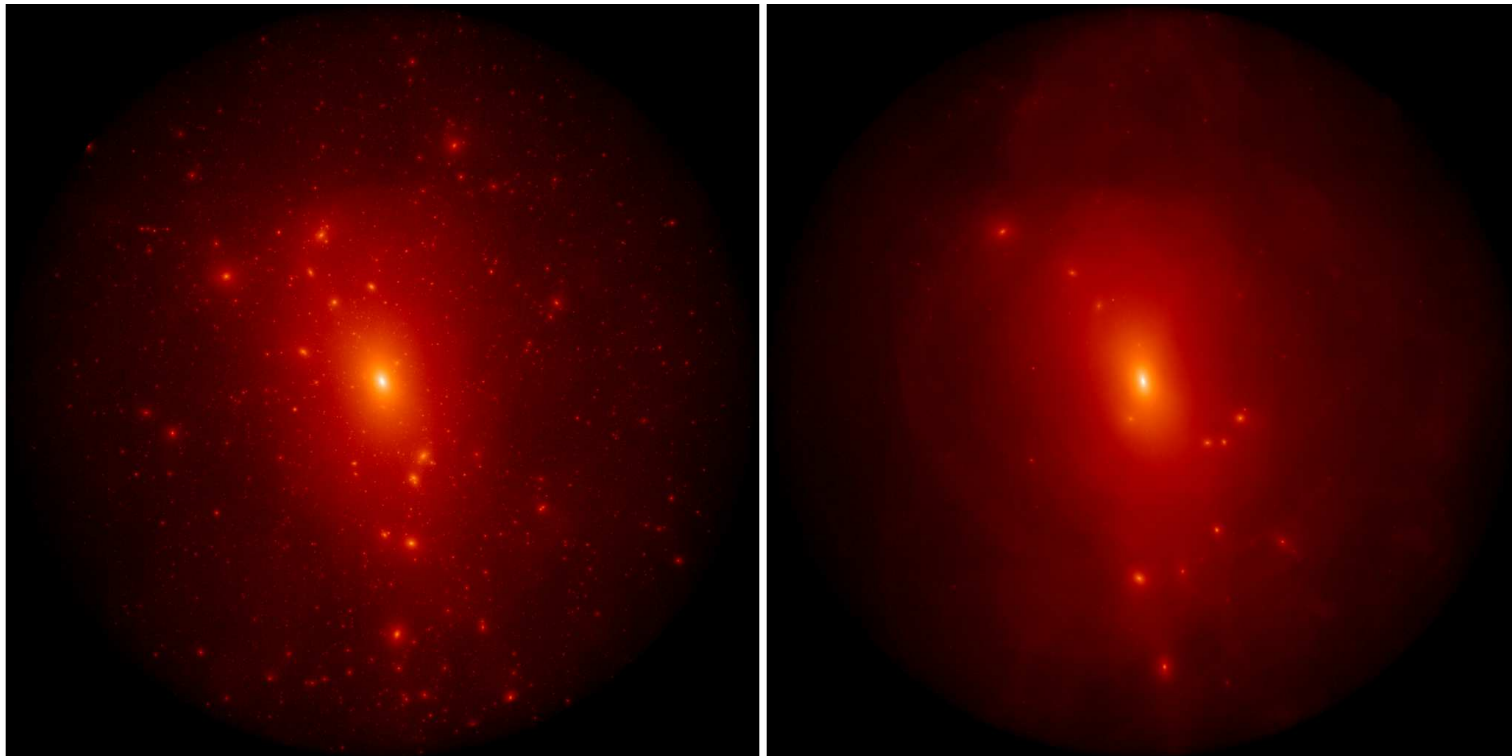
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**PRELIMINARY:** *Aq-A-2 halo* in CDM and CDM+WDM simulations (Gao, Theuns, Frenk, O.R., ...)

- Simulated CWDM model (right) is fully compatible with the Lyman- $\alpha$  forest data but provides a structure of Milky way-size halo different from CDM (left)

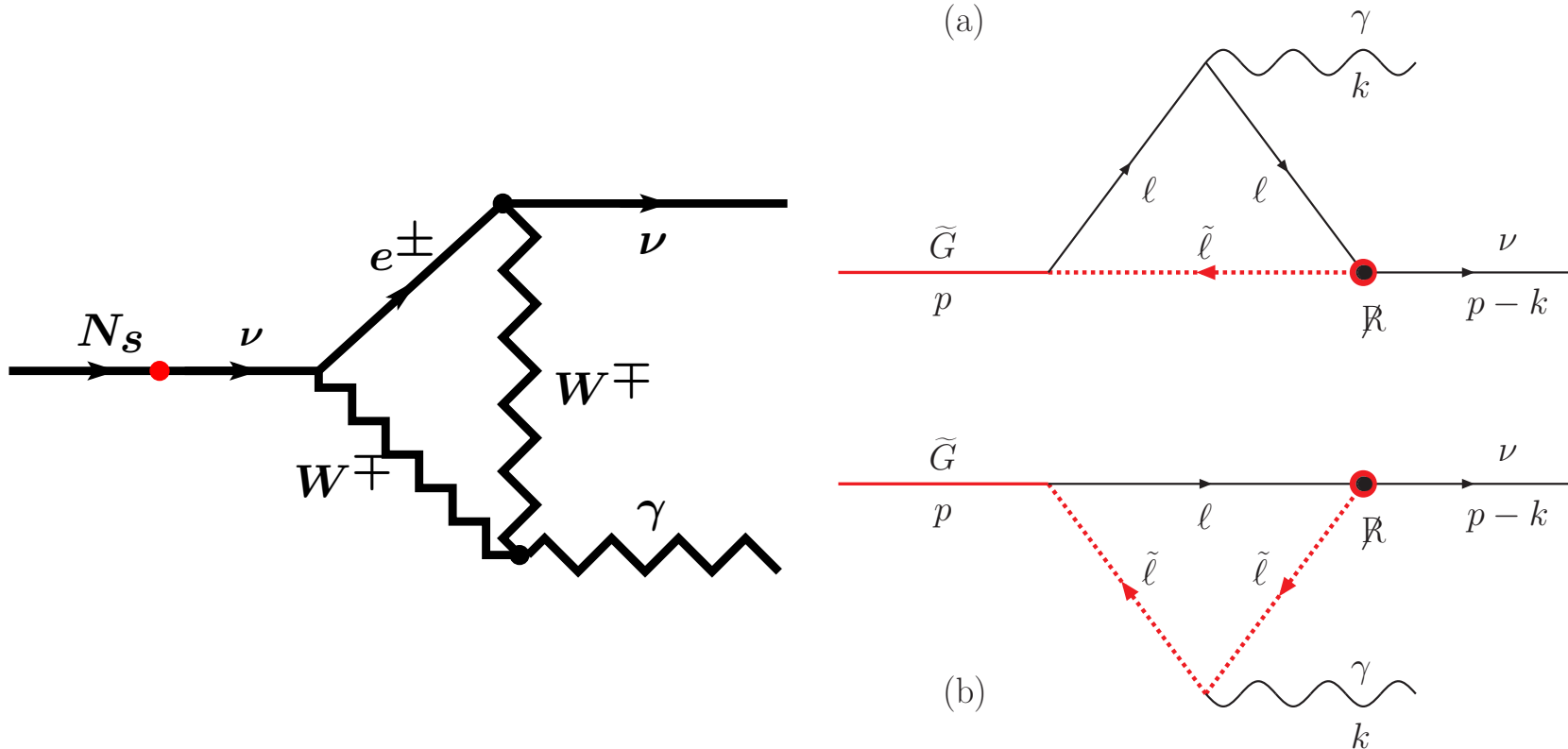


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# Searching for decaying dark matter

# Decaying DM

DM with **radiative signatures**:  $\text{DM} \rightarrow \gamma + \nu, \gamma + \gamma, e^+ + e^- \dots$



Appears in many models:

**Right-handed neutrino**

Dodelson & Widrow'93;  
Asaka, Shaposhnikov et al.'05

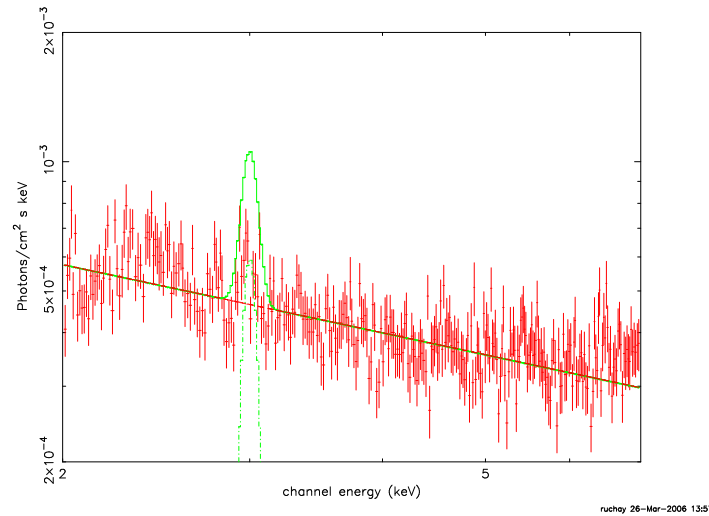
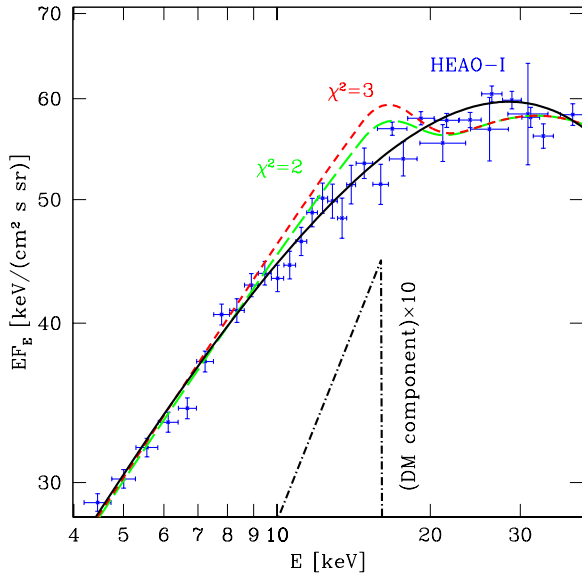
**Gravitino with broken R-parity**

Takayama & Yamaguchi'00  
Buchmüller'07

**Volume Modulus**

Quevedo'07

# Constraints from X-ray observations



DM decay should produce a line in X-ray spectra of various objects.

It should be visible against e.g power law spectrum of diffuse extragalactic background.

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim \begin{cases} 10^{-2} & \text{Galaxy cluster} \\ 10^{-3} & \text{Milky Way} \\ 10^{-4} & \text{dSph} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{XMM/Chandra:} & \Delta E/E \sim 10^{-2} \\ \text{SPI:} & \Delta E/E \sim 10^{-3} \\ \text{Fermi:} & \Delta E/E \sim 10^{-1} \end{array}$$

## Properties of decaying DM

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- The properties of decaying DM are much less studied.
- Crucial property: the flux from DM decay

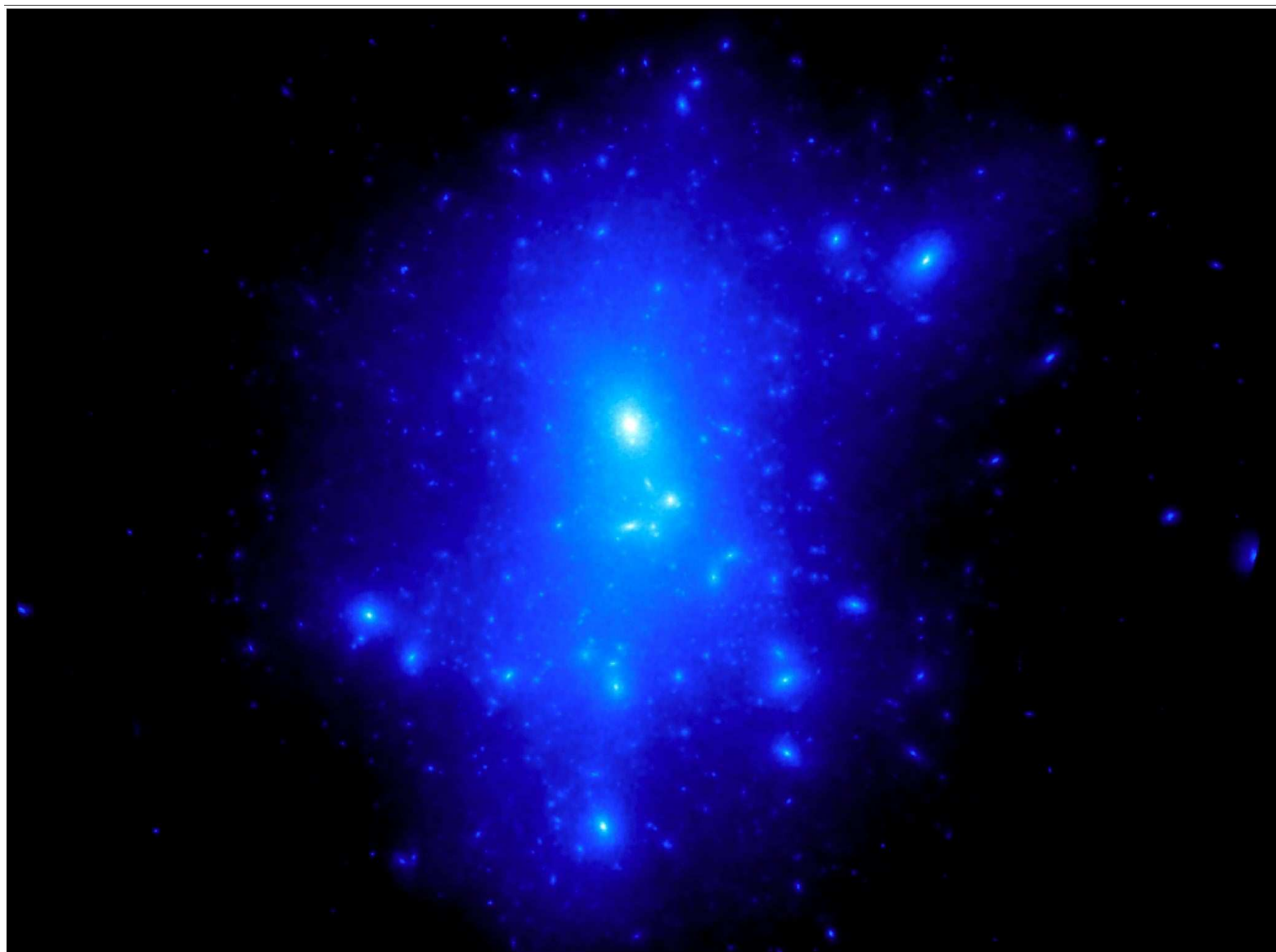
$$F_{\text{DM}} = \frac{E_\gamma}{m_{\text{DM}}} \frac{\Gamma \mathcal{M}_{\text{DM}}^{\text{fov}}}{4\pi D_L^2} \approx \frac{\Gamma \Omega_{\text{fov}}}{8\pi} \int_{\text{line of sight}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) dr \quad (z \ll 1, \quad \Omega_{\text{fov}} \ll 1)$$

- The flux  $F_{\text{DM}} \sim \int \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) dr$  and **NOT** to  $\int \rho_{\text{DM}}^2(r) dr$ , as in the case of **annihilating** DM.
- The difference is **HUGE**.

# Decay signal from MW-sized galaxy

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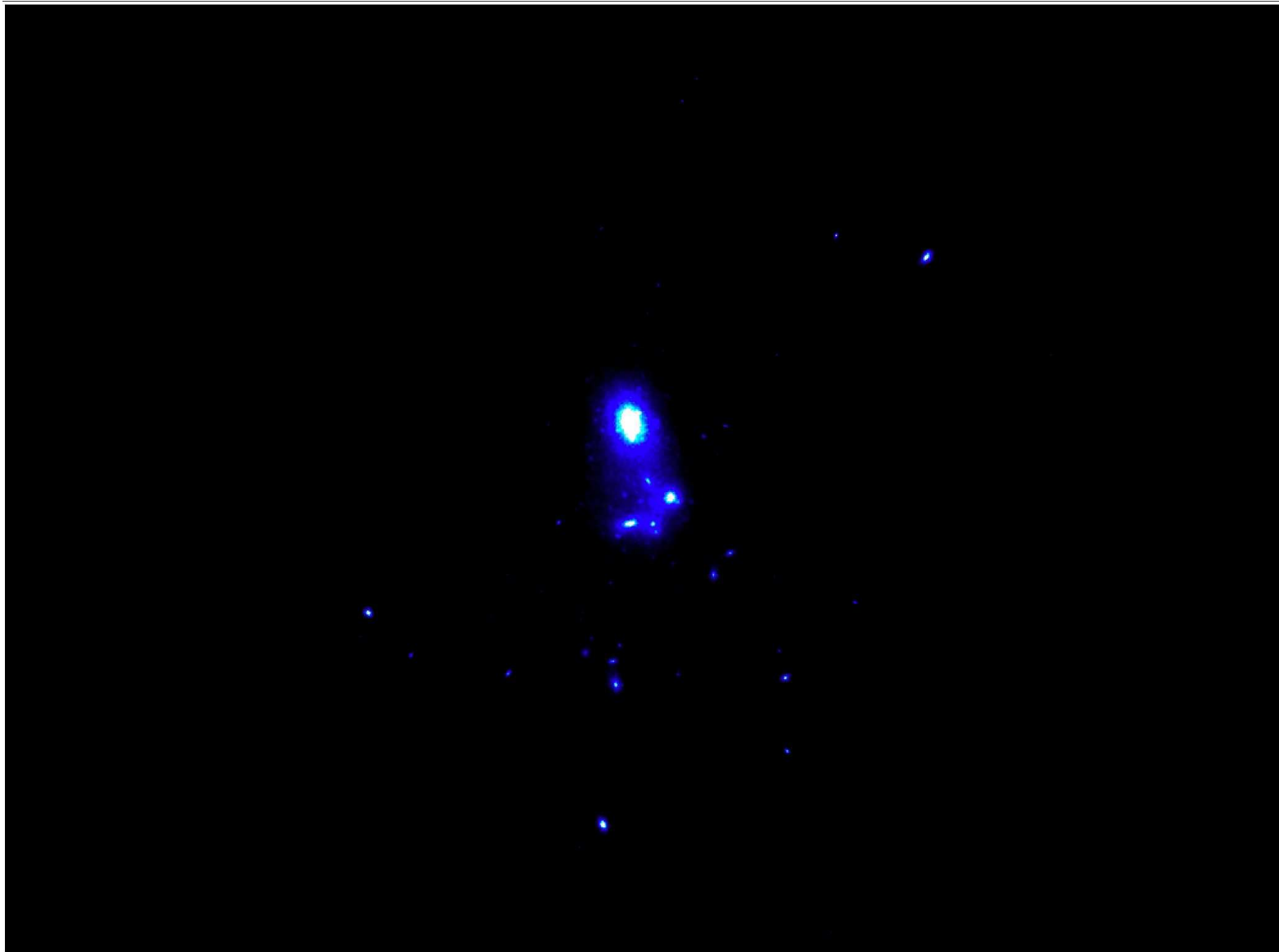
Moore et al.  
2005



# Annihilation signal from MW-sized galaxy

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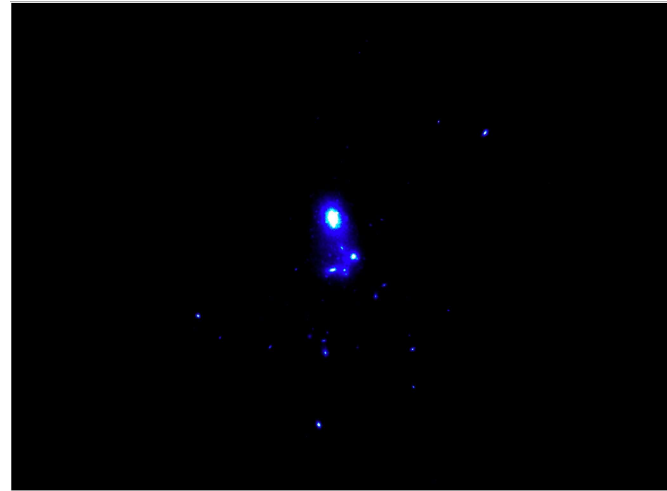
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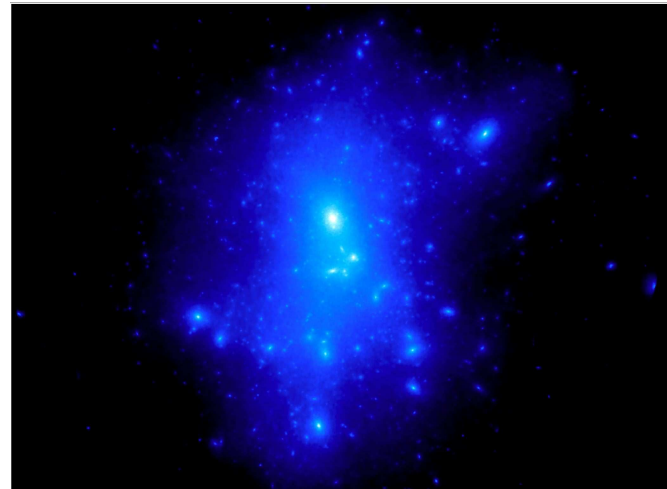
## Decay vs. annihilation

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- In the case of decaying Dark Matter the signal, if detected, is easy to distinguish from astrophysical backgrounds



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- We have a lot of freedom in choosing observation targets and, therefore, can unambiguously check DM origin of a suspicious signal.



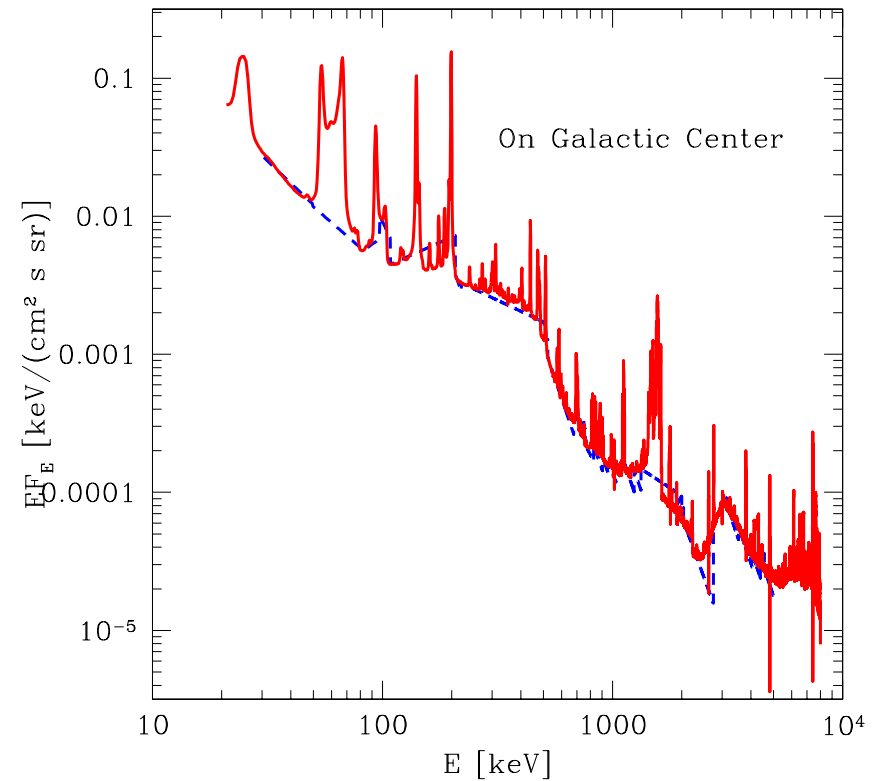
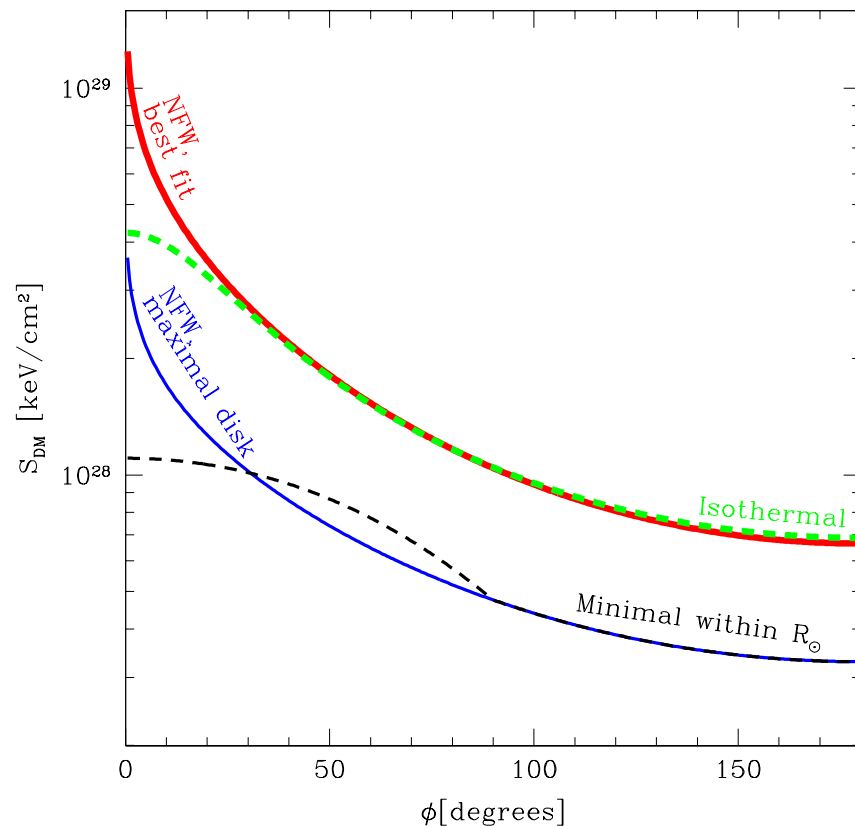
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For decaying DM "indirect"  
search becomes very  
promising!



# Search for decaying DM: main challenges

- Control of astrophysical and instrumental background

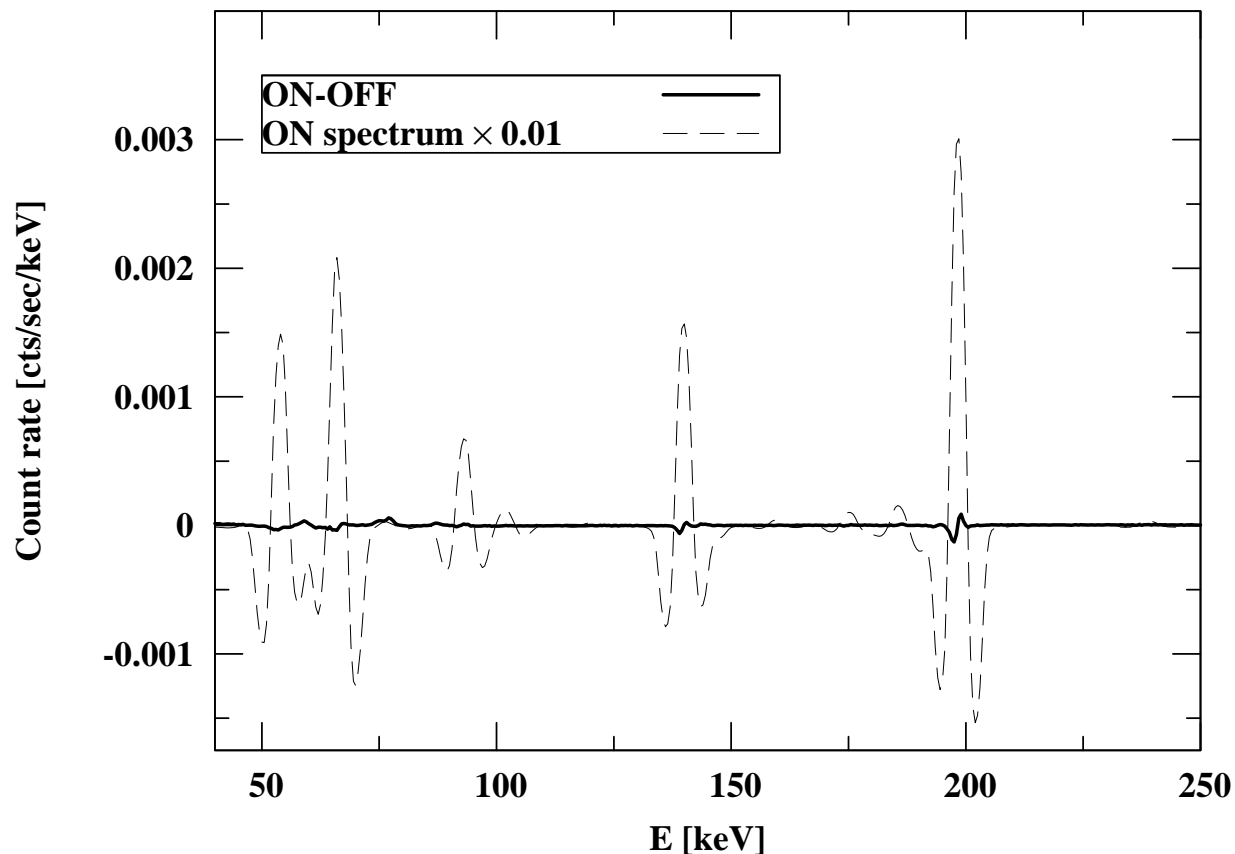


- Reliable determination of dark matter content of an object

# SPI background subtraction

- Find observation off-GC “close in time”
- Normalize by count rate of 198 keV (strong instrumental line)

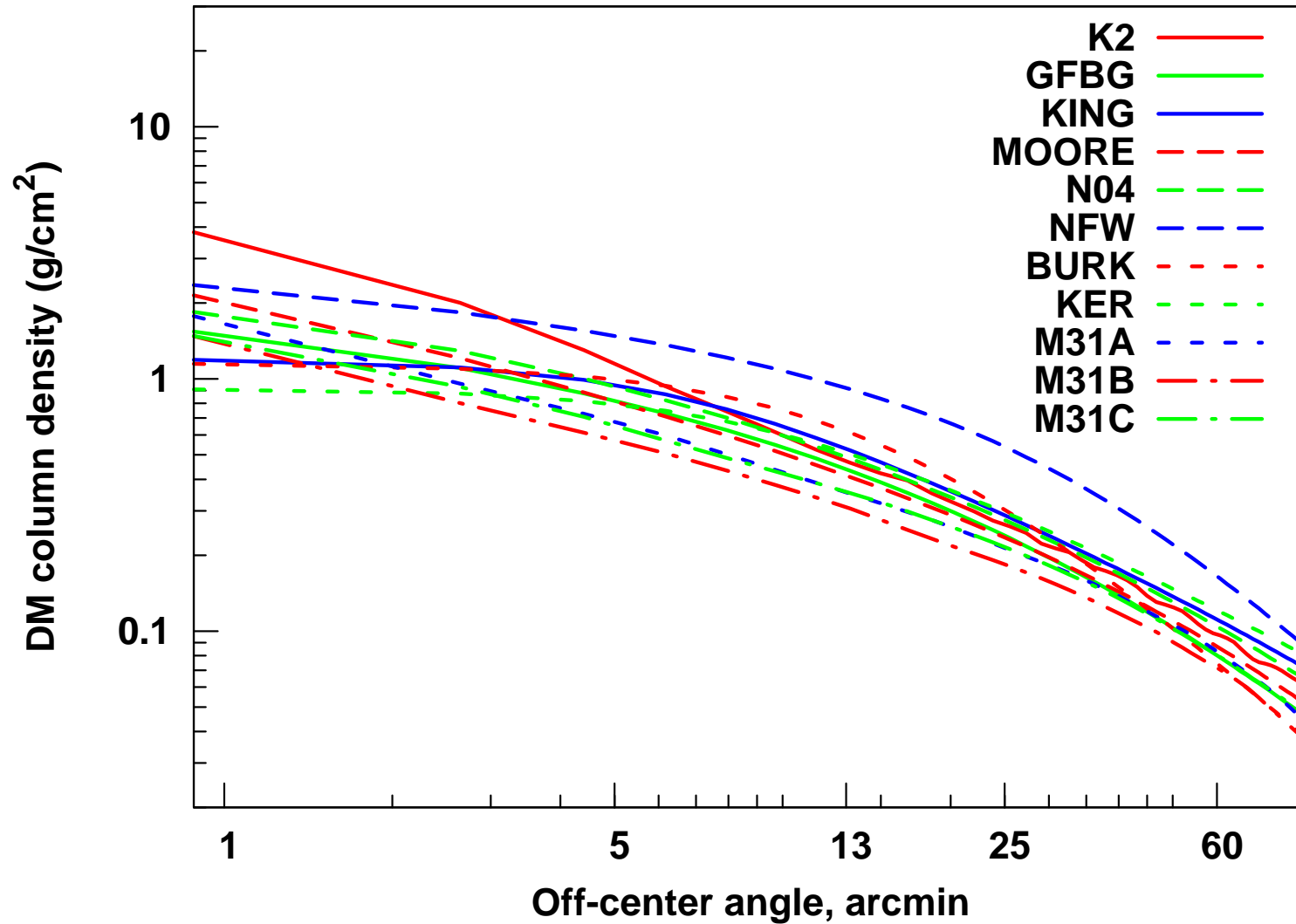
Teegarden  
Watanabe  
2006



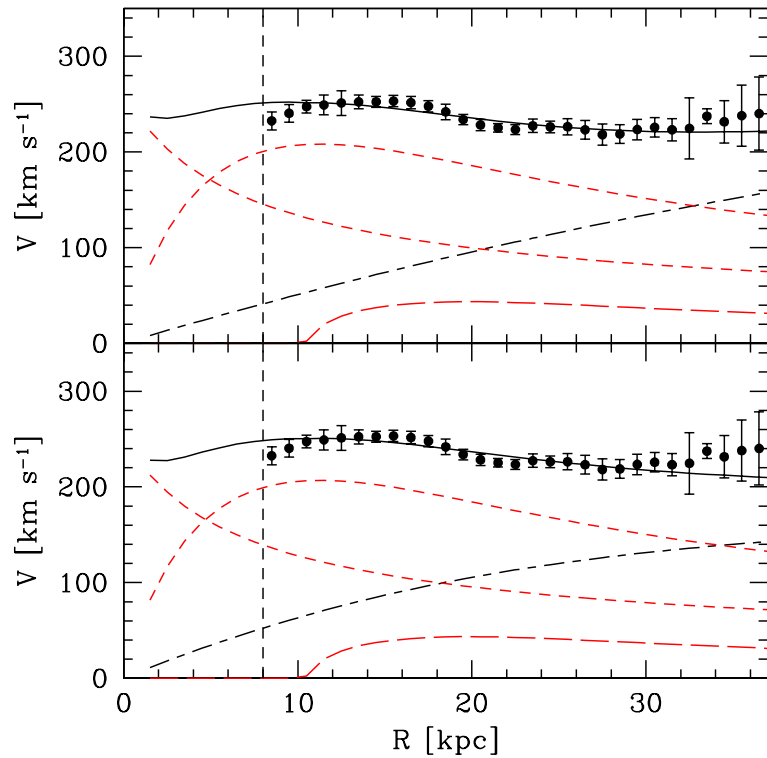
- Hundreds of lines cancel better than 1% by fixing only **one number**
- Line at 511 keV remains visible at  $\sim 50\sigma$
- No other lines above  $3 - 4\sigma$

# DM in Andromeda galaxy (2007)

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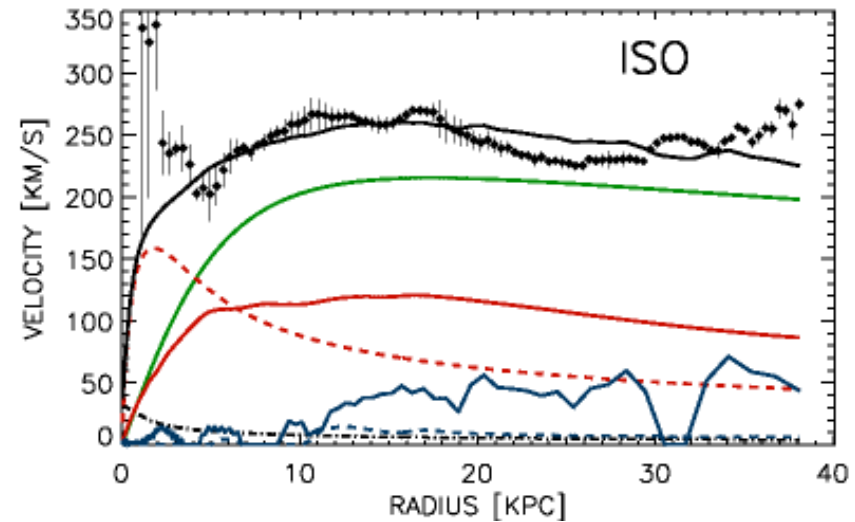


# Mass-to-light ratio in Andromeda galaxy?



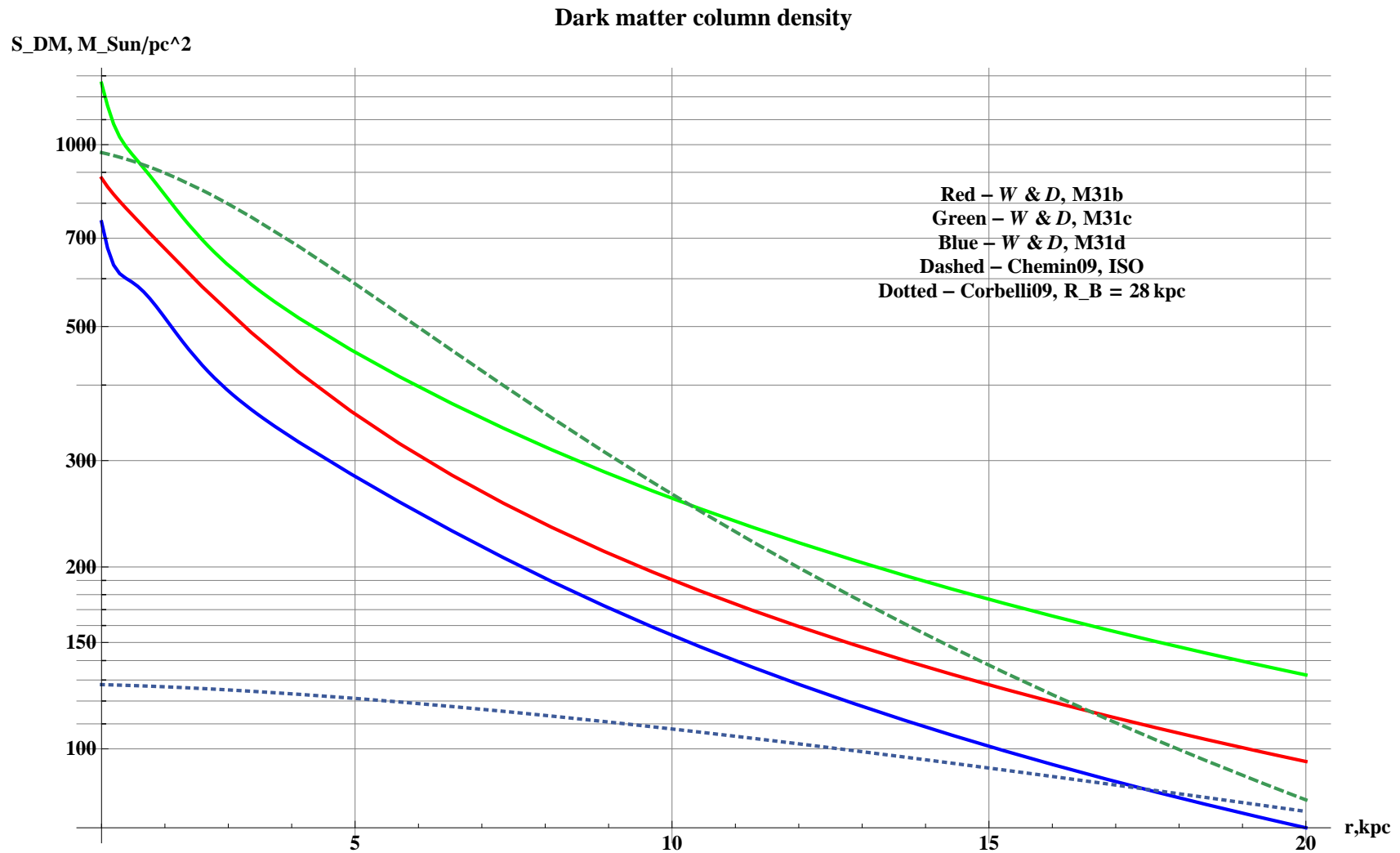
Corbelli et al. A&A 2009

Mass-to-light ratio of bulge and disk components vary by a factor  $\sim 4$



Chemin et al. ApJ 2009

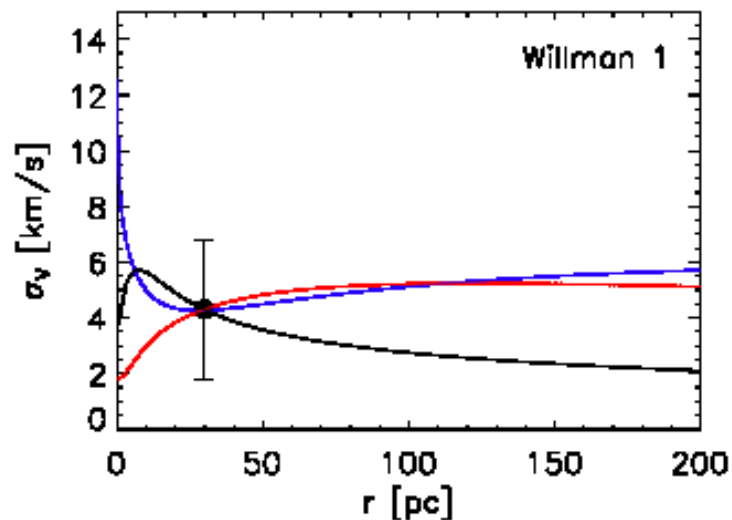
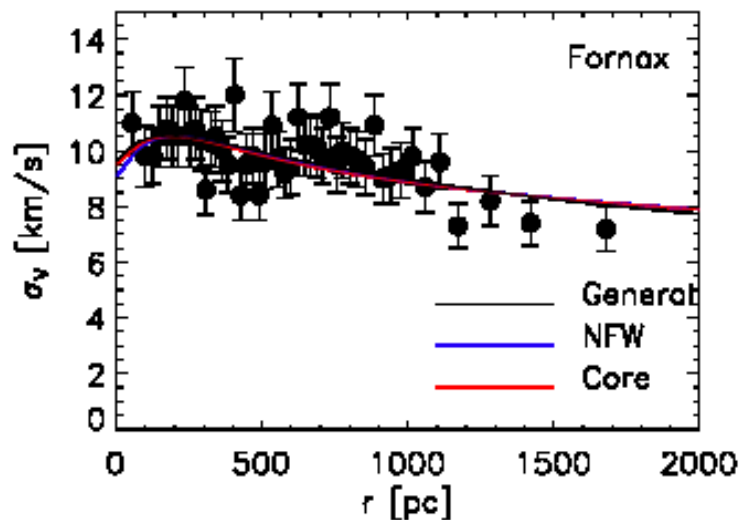
# DM in Andromeda galaxy (2010)



## DM distribution in individual objects

- Knowledge of dark matter distribution in individual objects is crucial for astrophysical searches of decay/annihilation signals
- Dark matter column density is uncertain within a factor of few (much more for  $\int \rho^2 dl$ )
- Uncertainty in modeling of the baryonic contribution
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

PRL'06



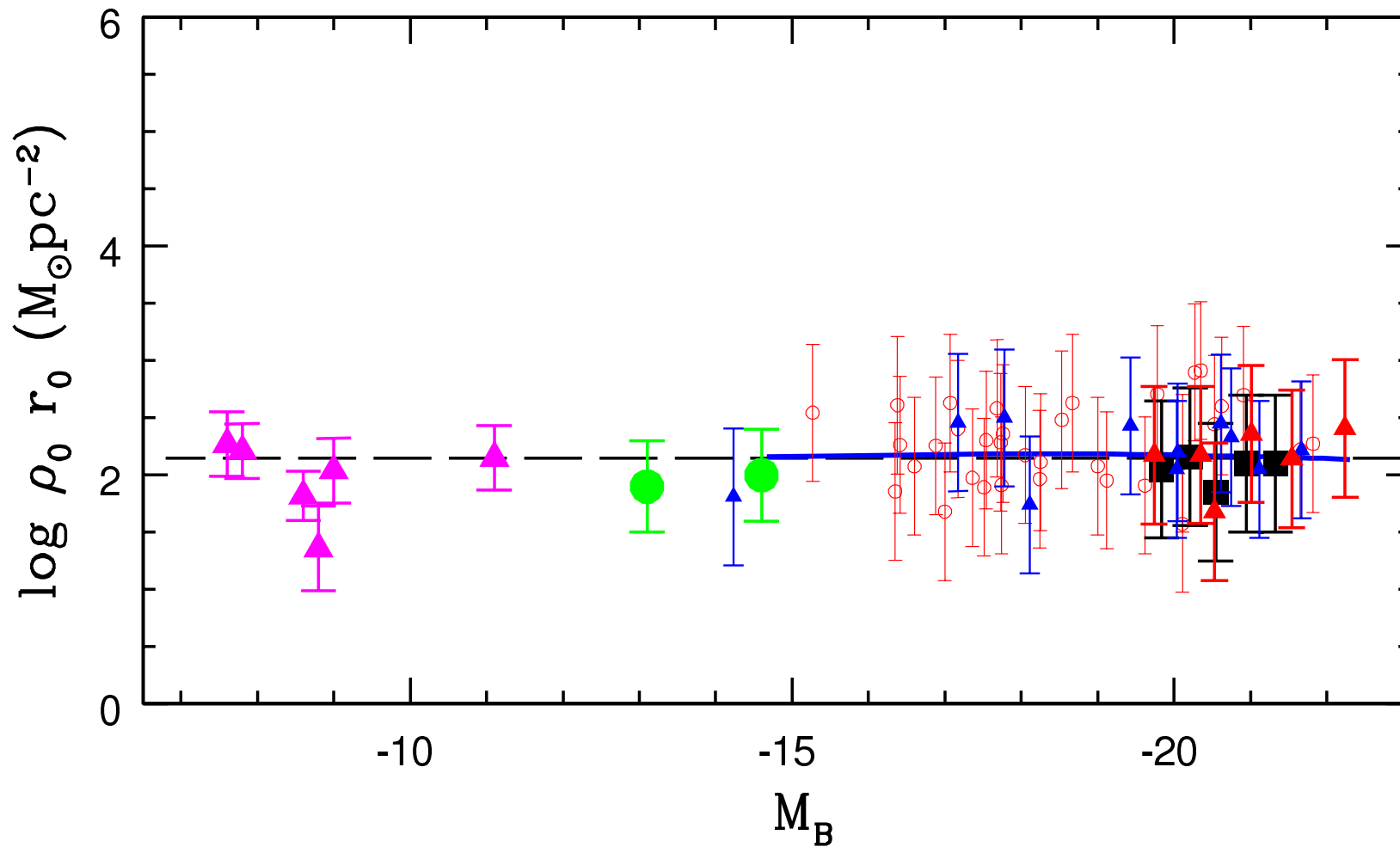
## Universal properties of DM distribution

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- Fortunately, it is possible to minimize the dependence of the results on astrophysical uncertainties related to individual objects.
- One can exploit **a universal property of DM distributions.**

# Constant surface density?

Kormendy,  
Freeman'94;  
Donato et al.  
2009;  
**PRL'06**

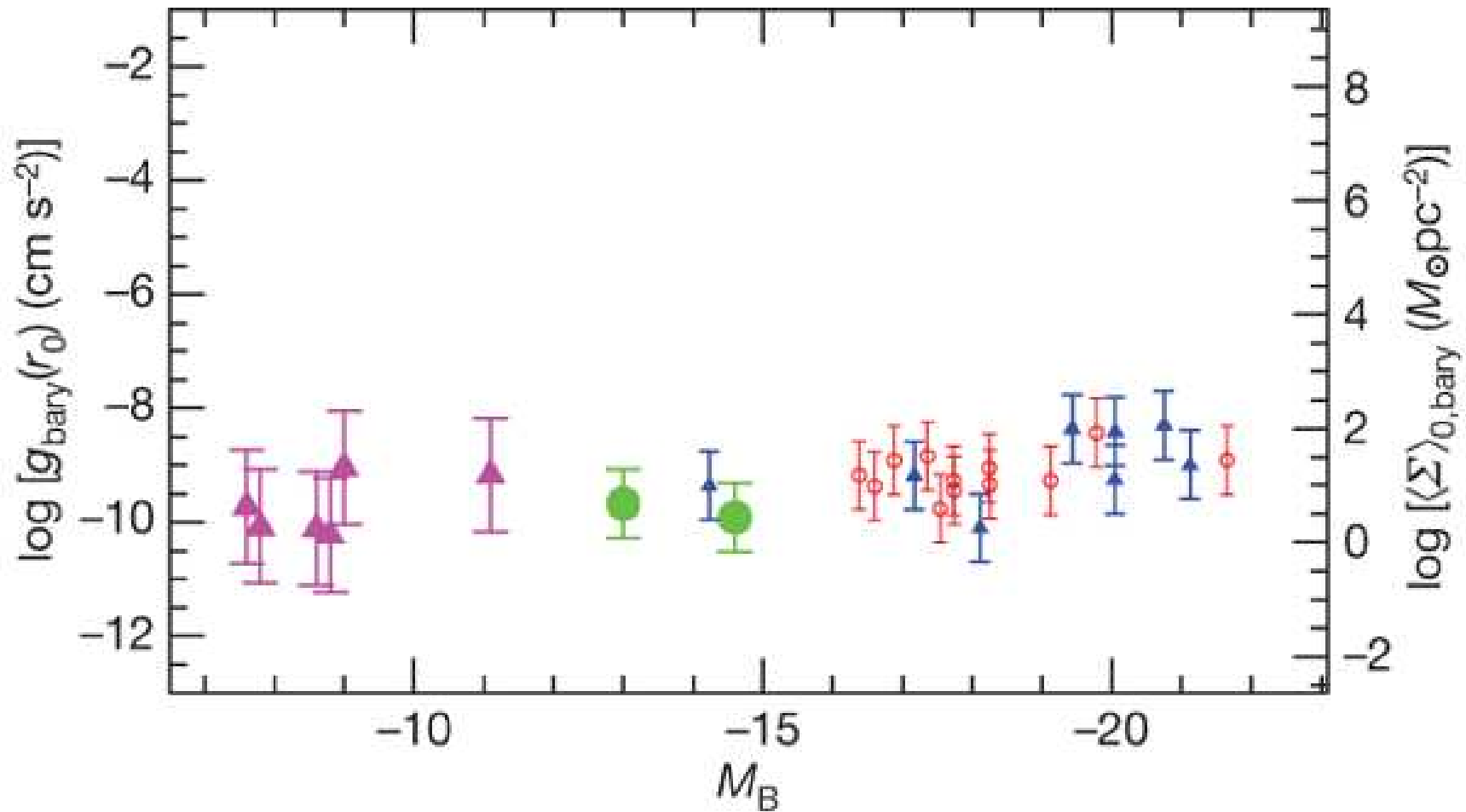


Dark matter surface density remains for different types of galaxies?



# An evidence in favor of MOND?

Gentile et al.  
Nature'09



Baryonic surface density for different types of galaxies.

# Universal properties of DM distributions?

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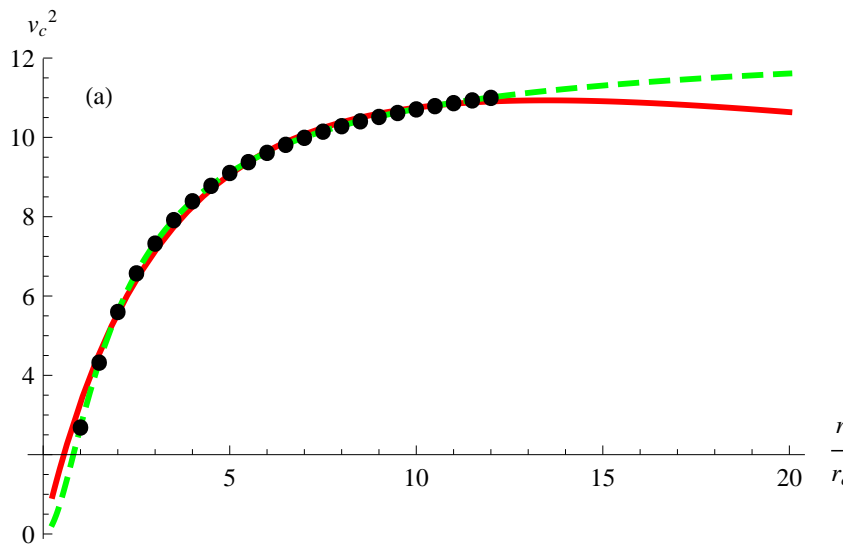
- Going through the literature we collected a “catalog” of  $\sim 1000$  DM density profiles for  $\sim 300$  individual objects, ranging from dwarf spheroidal satellites of the Milky Way to galaxy clusters
- Different methods (rotation curves, X-rays, weak lensing, ...). Different observational groups fit the mass distribution with different velocity profiles (isothermal sphere, Navarro-Frenk-White, Burkert, ...)
- Important questions:
  - What properties to compare?
  - Often fits to different DM density profiles exist for the same object. How to relate their parameters?
  - Any universality is observed?

Boyarsky et al  
0911.1774

# Comparing DM density profiles

- Fitting the same (simulated) data with two different profiles one finds a relation between parameters of two DM density distribution, fitting the same data

0911.1774



– NFW vs. ISO :

$$r_s \simeq 6.1 r_c; \rho_s \simeq 0.11 \rho_c$$

– NFW vs. BURK :

$$r_s \simeq 1.6 r_B \quad ; \quad \rho_s \simeq 0.37 \rho_B$$

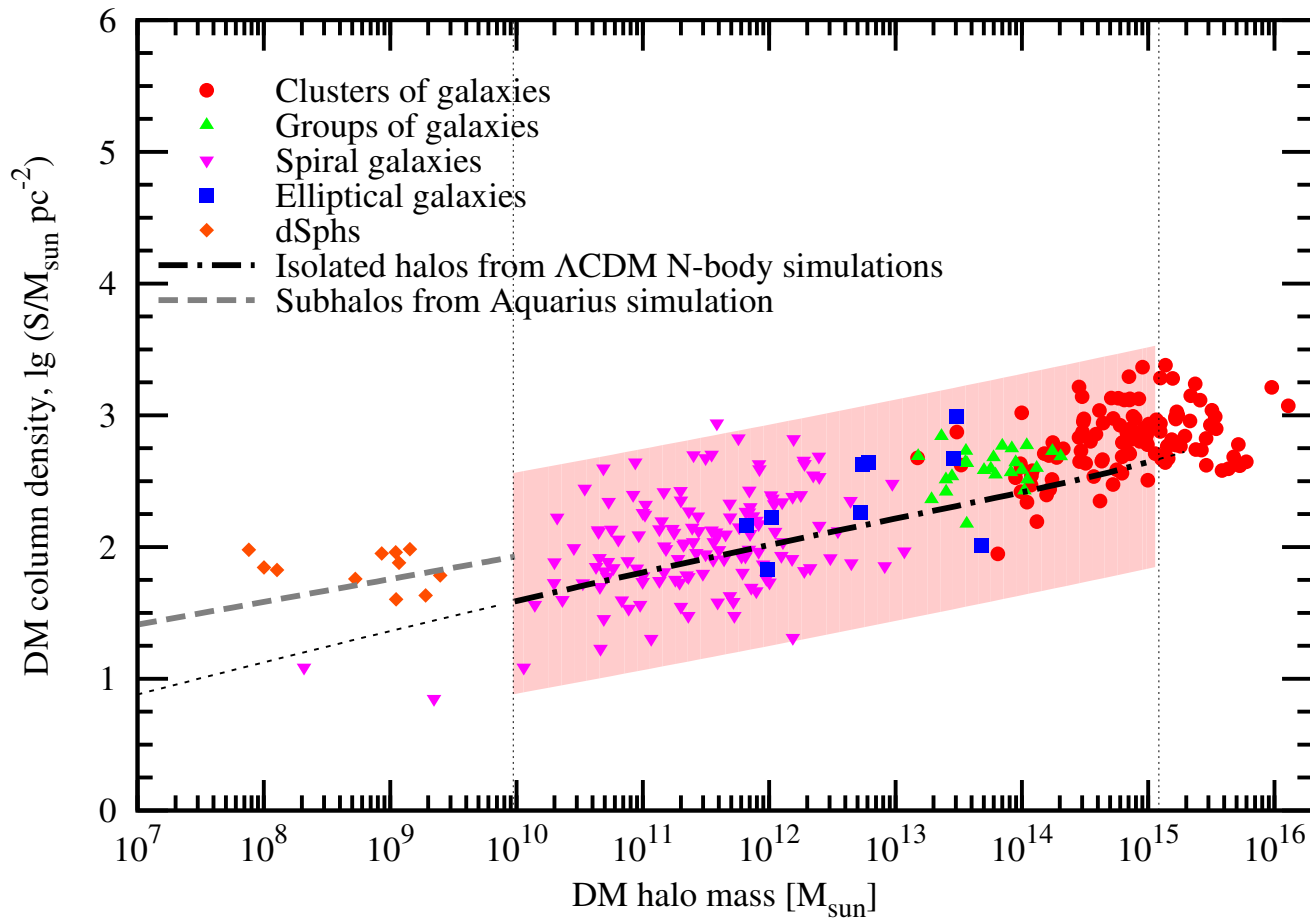
– For most observed objects  
 $\rho_\star r_\star = \text{const}$

- Observable not sensitive to the choice of dark matter density profile
  - **Dark matter column density**

$$\mathcal{S} = \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) dl \propto \rho_\star r_\star$$

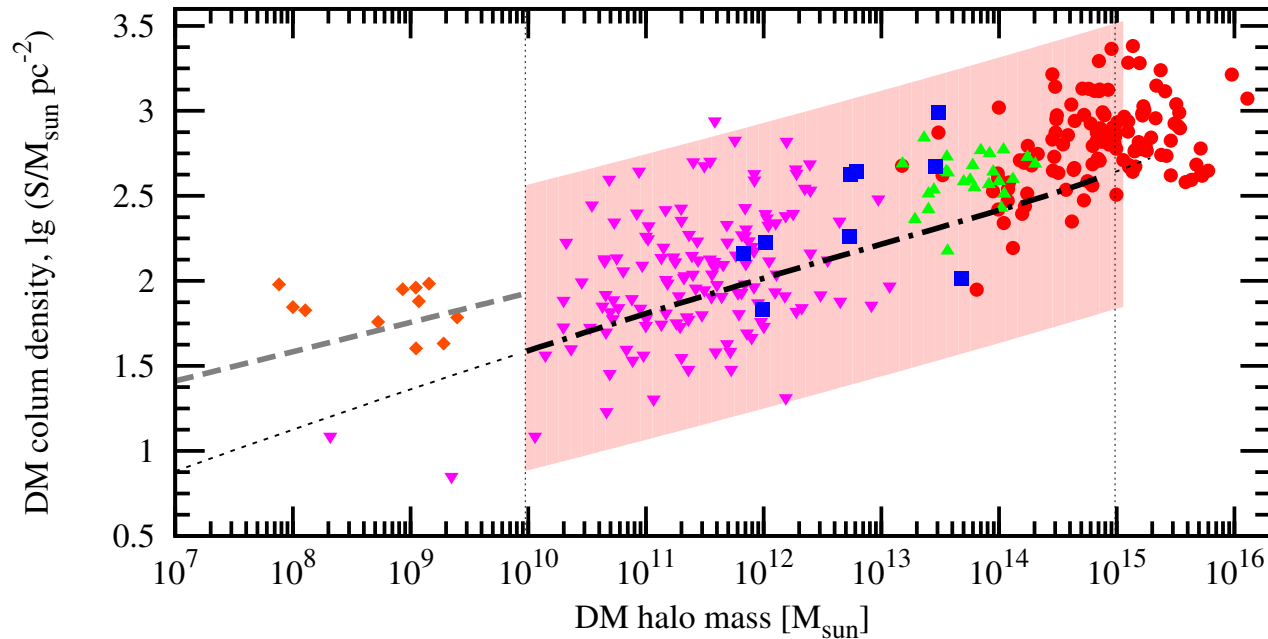
# Observations vs. simulations

0911.1774  
 $\mathcal{S}$  changes slowly.  
There is a universal scaling.



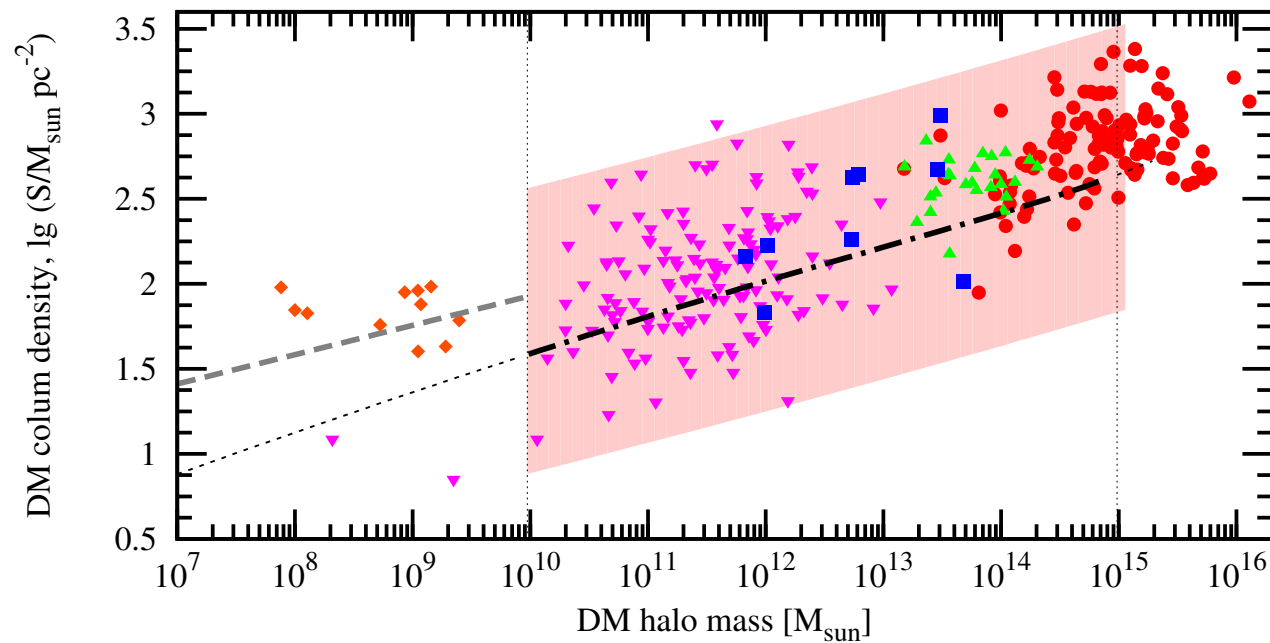
$$\mathcal{S} \sim (M_{\text{halo}})^{\approx 0.2}$$

# Universal scaling of DM column density



- The relation between  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $M_{\text{halo}}$  is observed for isolated halos of [0911.1774](#) all scales (for all observed halo masses from  $10^8 M_{\odot}$  to  $10^{15} M_{\odot}$ ).
- Slope of subhalos (Aquarius simulation) is reproduced
- Median value and scatter coincide remarkably with **pure DM** simulations.

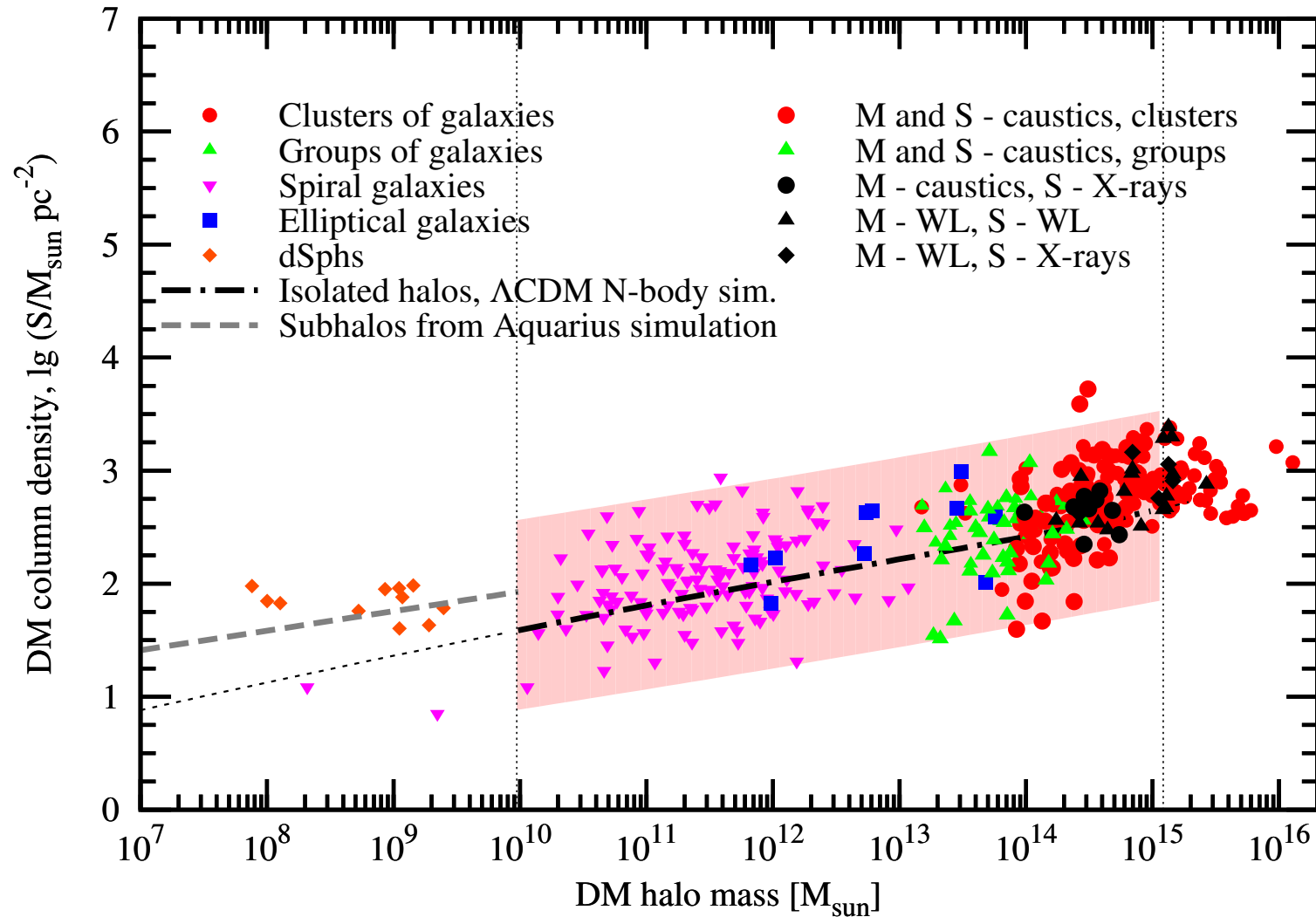
# Universal scaling of DM column density



- No visible features – universal (**scale-free**) dark matter down to the lowest observed scales and masses
- No deviations from CDM down to  $M_{\text{halo}} = 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- **new proof that dark matter exists!**

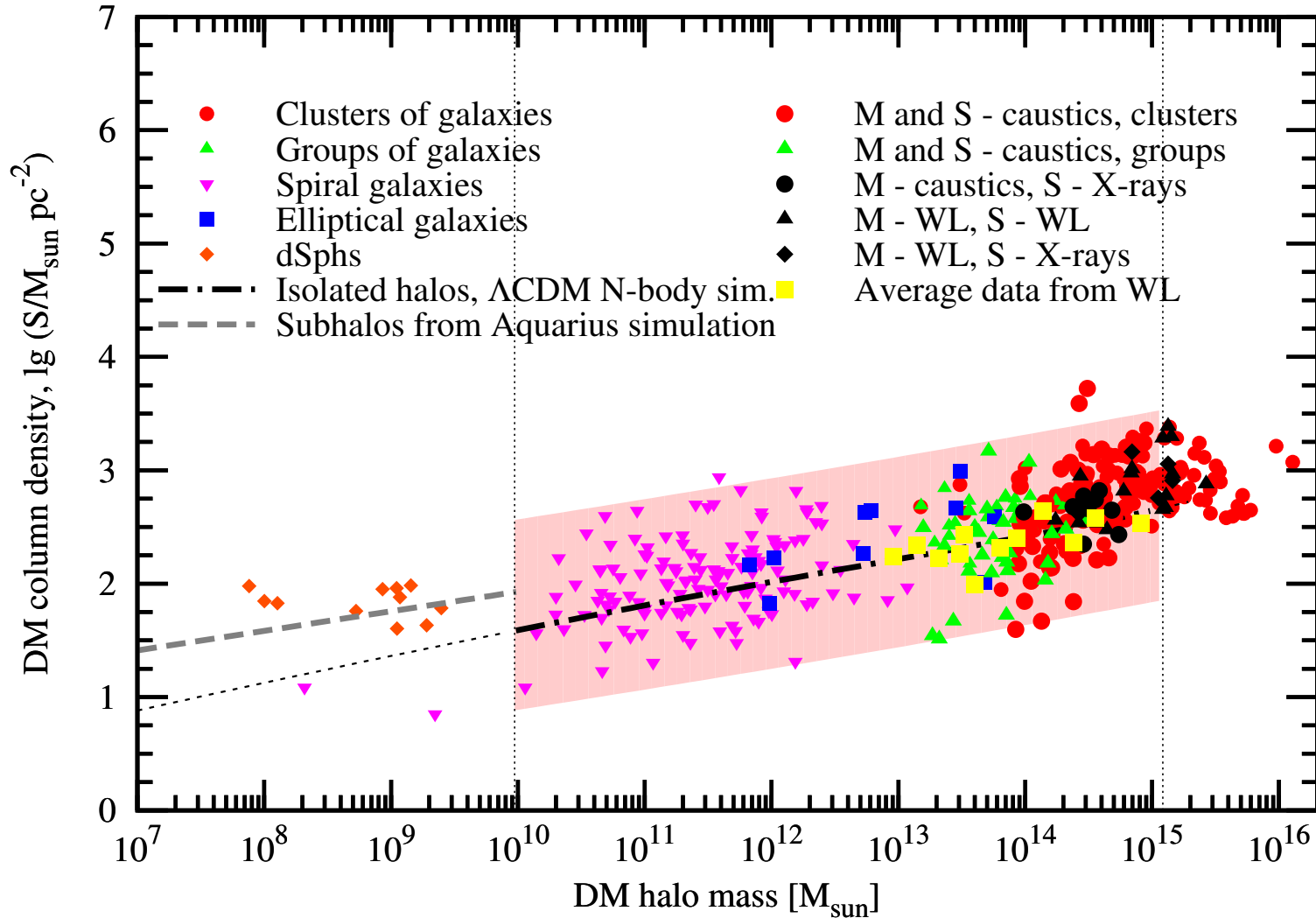
# Independent determination of mass

work in  
progress  
Rines &  
Diaferio 2006,  
2010



# Independent determination of mass

Mandelbaum  
et al. JCAP 8  
(2008) 6





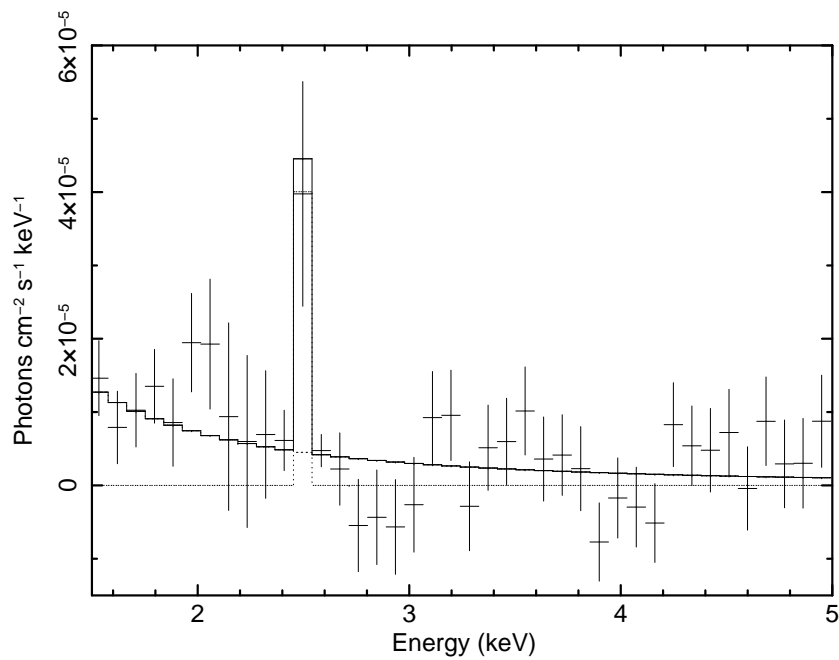
## Direct astrophysical detection.

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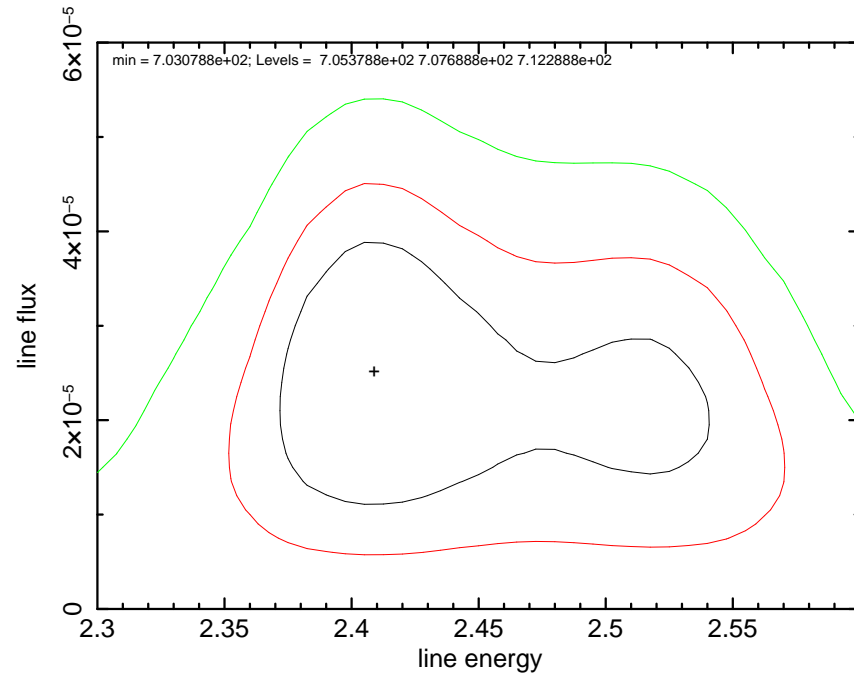
- As column density does not vary too much, decaying DM produces an all-sky signal with some hot spots.
- Objects of different scales and nature can be used to put robust bounds.
- Once a candidate line is found, spacial distribution can be compared with DM column density map.
- DM origin can thus be unambiguously checked.

For decaying DM  
"indirect" search becomes  
"direct" !

# Example: Spectral feature in Willman 1



[Loewenstein & Kusenko [0912.0552]]



68%, 90% and 99% confidence intervals

## Dark matter decay signal

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- If the signal found in Willman 1 is due to DM decay – we expect **detectable** signals from other objects.

- Decay flux is proportional to average **DM column density** within the FoV:

$$S = \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) dl$$

- Expected flux from another object:

$$F_X = F_{\text{Wil 1}} \times \frac{S_X}{S_{\text{Wil 1}}}$$

- (Signal/Noise)  $\propto S_X \times \sqrt{\text{Time} \cdot \text{Area} \cdot \Omega_{\text{fov}} \cdot \Delta E}$   
⇒ *XMM-Newton* usually provides an improvement in (Signal/Noise)  
Collection area of EPIC cameras  $\sim 4$  times larger; FoV  $\sim 13'$

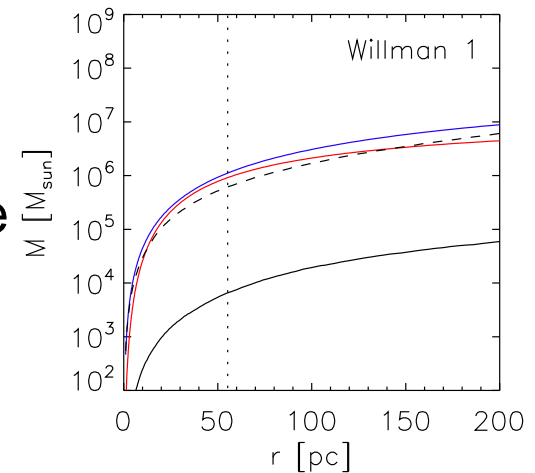
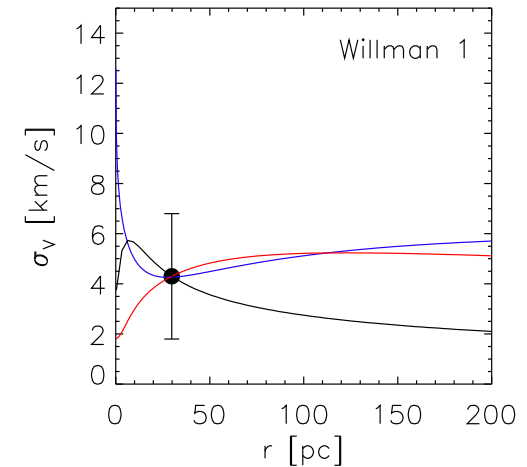
# Observational targets

$$\Delta(\text{Signal/Noise}) \propto \frac{\mathcal{S}_X}{\mathcal{S}_{\text{Wil 1}}} \times \sqrt{\text{Time} \times \text{Area} \times \Omega_{\text{fov}} \times \Delta E}$$

- DM content in Willman 1 (adopted in [Loewenstein & Kuzenko'09])

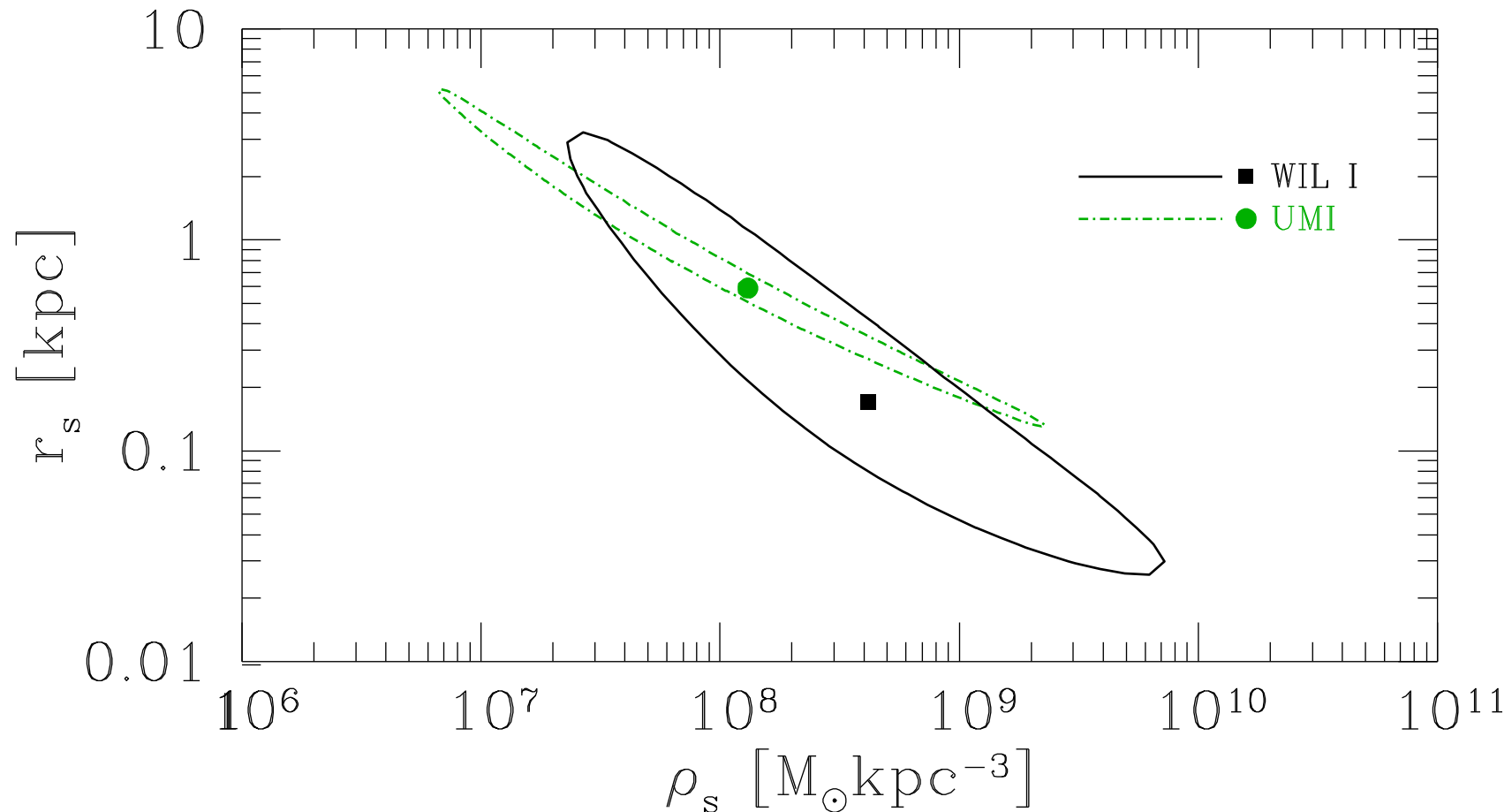
$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{Wil 1}} \simeq 210 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$$

- This estimate is based on [Strigari et al.'08]
- In [arXiv:1001.0644] we used this estimate to be conservative



# DM in Willman 1

Strigari et al.'08

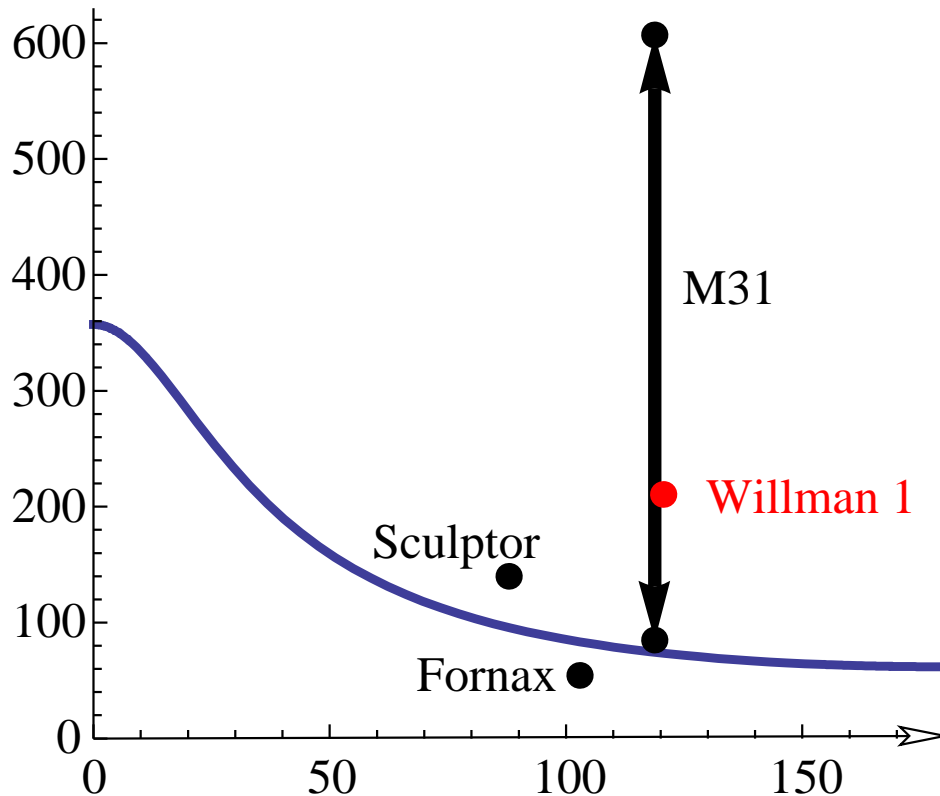


Uncertainty in  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{Wil}1}$  is factor 2-3; for Ursa Minor  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{UM}i}$  changes by about 50% (within 90%CL).

**The one-parameter fit assuming the relation between the NFW parameters predicted by the  $\Lambda$ CDM N-body simulations**

# Observational targets

$S_{MW} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{pc}^2$



Objects for which archival data is available (used in [\[arXiv:1001.0644\]](#))

■ **Fornax dSph (XMM)**

$$S_F = 54.4 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$$

■ **Sculptor dSph (Chandra)**

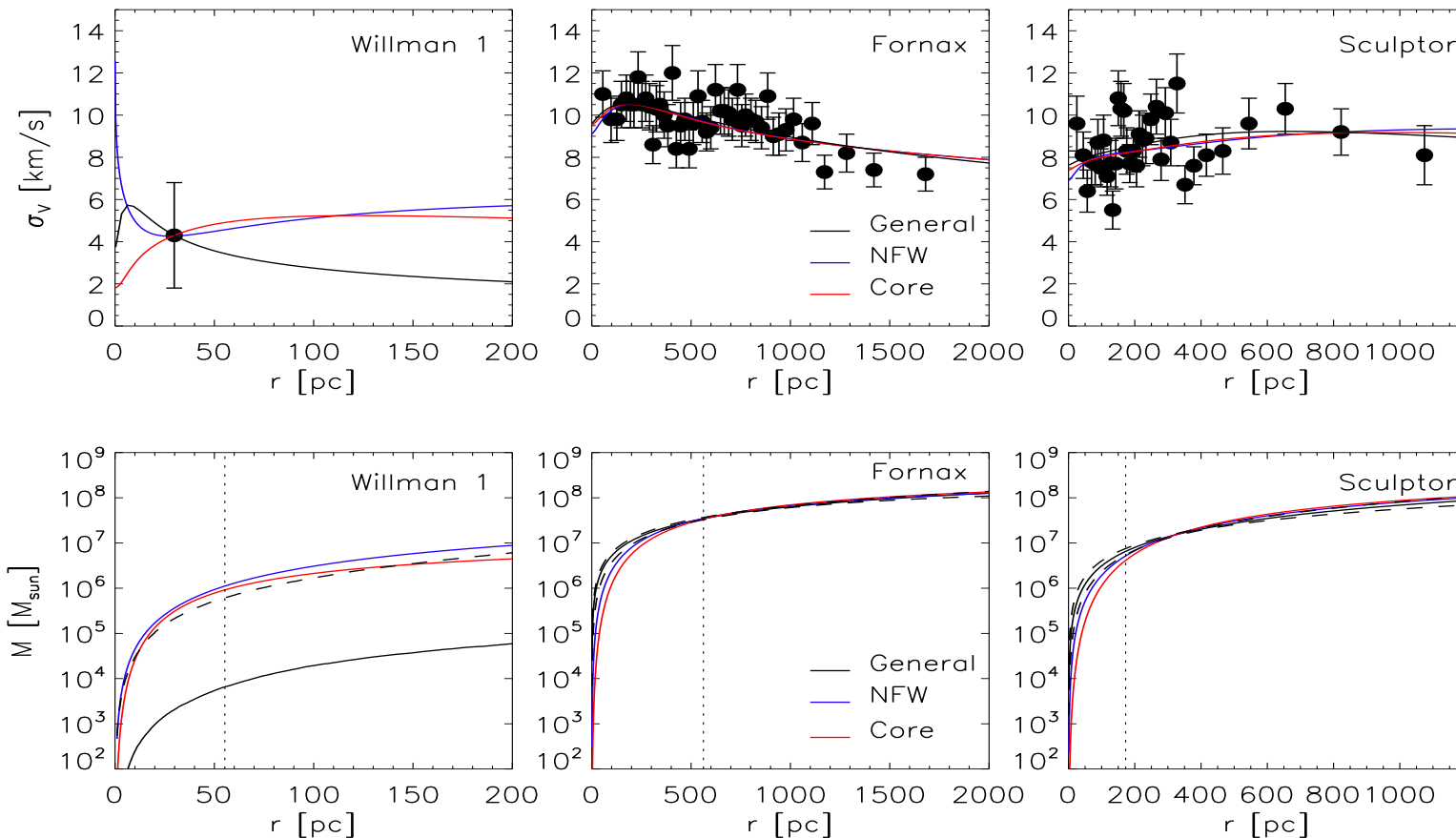
$$S_{Sc} = 140 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$$

■ **Andromeda galaxy (M31) :**  $90 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2} < S_{M31} < 600 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$

■ **Milky Way :**  $70 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2} \lesssim S_{MW} \lesssim 95$

[\[Boyardsky et al. PRL'06; A&A'07\]](#)

# DM in Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



DM content in “classical” dSphs is much more certain. Very low diffuse emission in X-rays. Not much baryons. Classical dSphs – preferred observational targets.

[Boyarsky et al. PRL'06]

## Checking for DM line in dSphs

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- $E_{\text{line}} = (2.51 \pm 0.07) \text{ keV}$ 
  - 2.44 keV – 2.58 keV ( $1\sigma$ )
  - 2.30 keV – 2.72 keV ( $3\sigma$ )
- **Line flux  $F_{\text{Wil1}} = (3.53 \pm 1.95) \times 10^{-7} \text{ photons/cm}^2/\text{sec}$  (68% CL)**
- No significant lines were found in spectra of dSphs
- We obtain the following exclusions

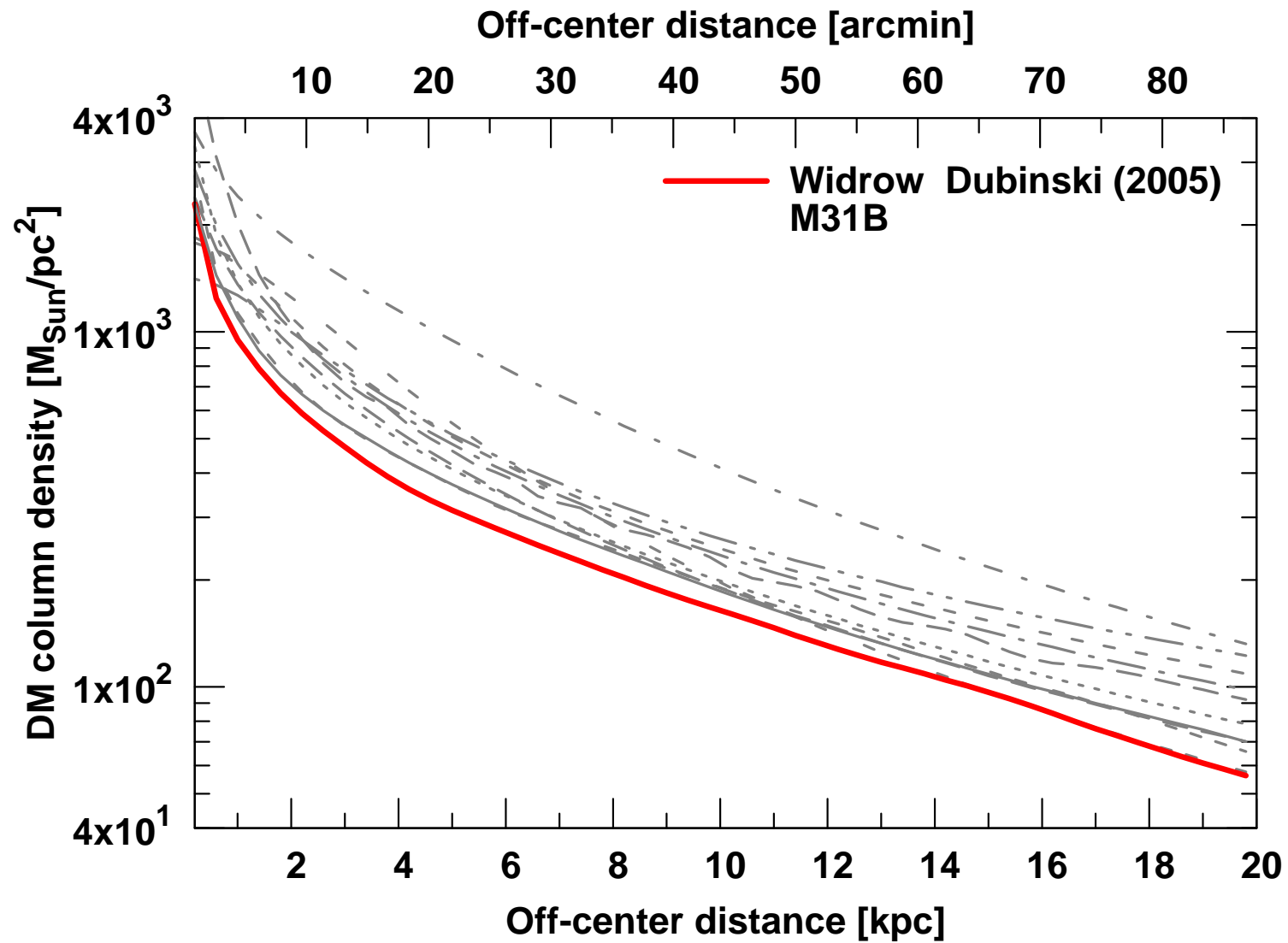
|                          | 2.44 – 2.58 keV | 2.30 – 2.72 keV |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Fornax dSph:</b>      | 5.1 $\sigma$    | 3.3 $\sigma$    |
| <b>Sculptor dSph:</b>    | 3.0 $\sigma$    | 2.5 $\sigma$    |
| <b>Fornax + Sculptor</b> | 5.9 $\sigma$    | 4.1 $\sigma$    |

- In case of the DM decay origin of the line we were expecting about  $4\sigma$  detection from Fornax. However adding the line makes fit worse.



# DM in Andromeda galaxy (2008)

Boyarsky,  
O.R. et al.  
MNRAS'08



## Checking for DM line in M31

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|                         |                 |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Exclusion from          | 2.44 – 2.58 keV | 2.30 – 2.72 keV |
| Fornax + Sculptor dSph: | 5.9 $\sigma$    | 4.1 $\sigma$    |

### Andromeda galaxy

- Diffuse spectrum above 2 keV is a featureless power law

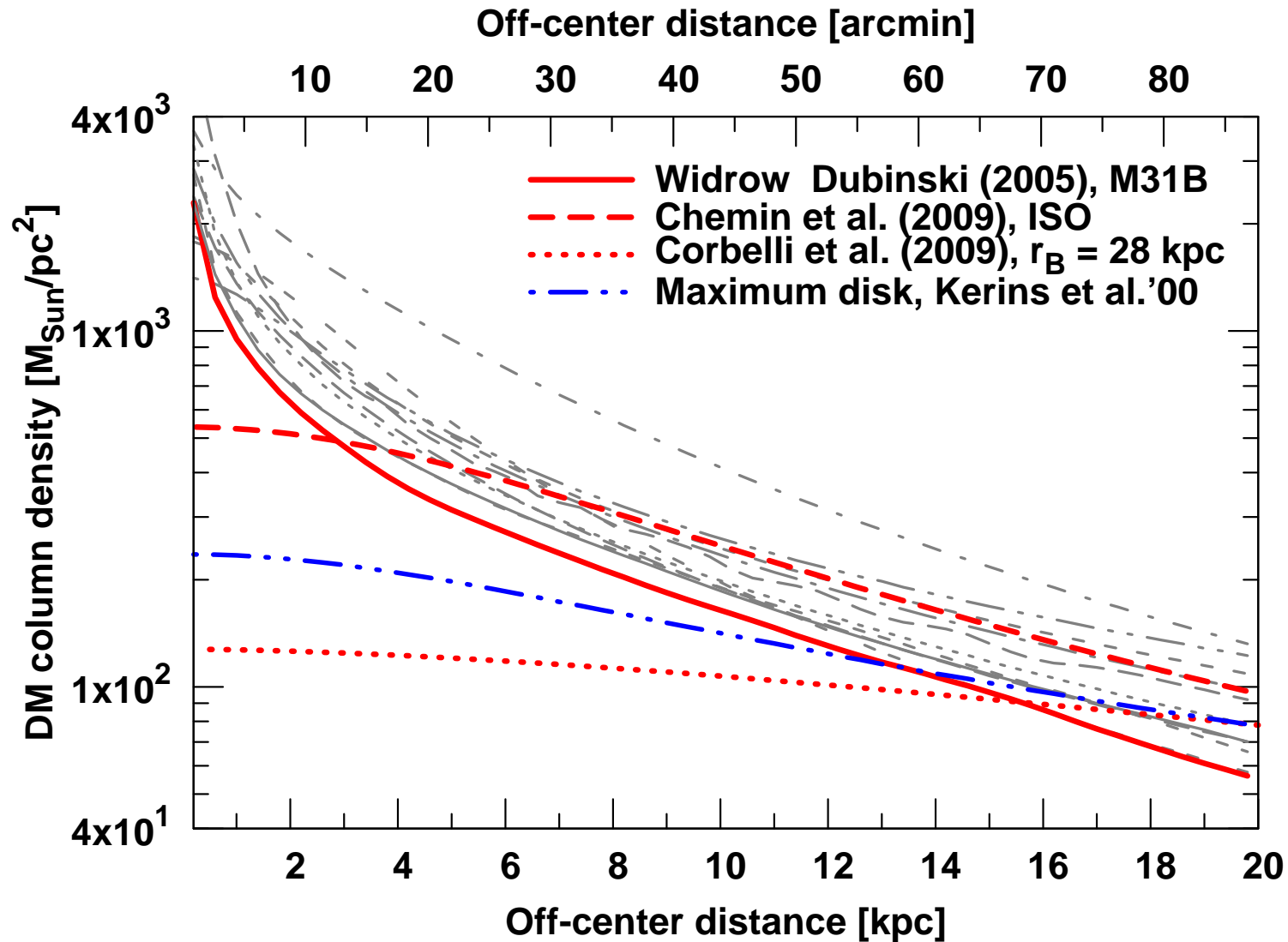
MNRAS'08  
[0709.2301]

|   |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | 2.44 – 2.58 keV | 2.30 – 2.72 keV |
| M31, 1kpc < $R$ < 3kpc:                       | 22.7 $\sigma$   | 20.1 $\sigma$   |
| M31, 5 kpc off-center:<br>circle radius 3 kpc | 10.4 $\sigma$   | 10.4 $\sigma$   |
| M31, both regions                             | 24.9 $\sigma$   | 23.3 $\sigma$   |

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- Extremely significant exclusion from central 8 kpc of Andromeda!
- All bounds are based on the conservative DM estimate from [Widrow & Dubinski'05]!

# DM in Andromeda galaxy (2010)



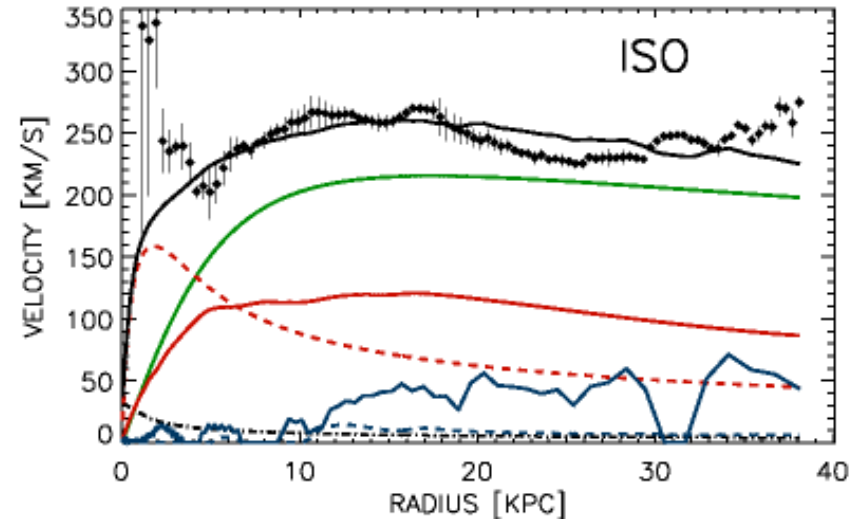
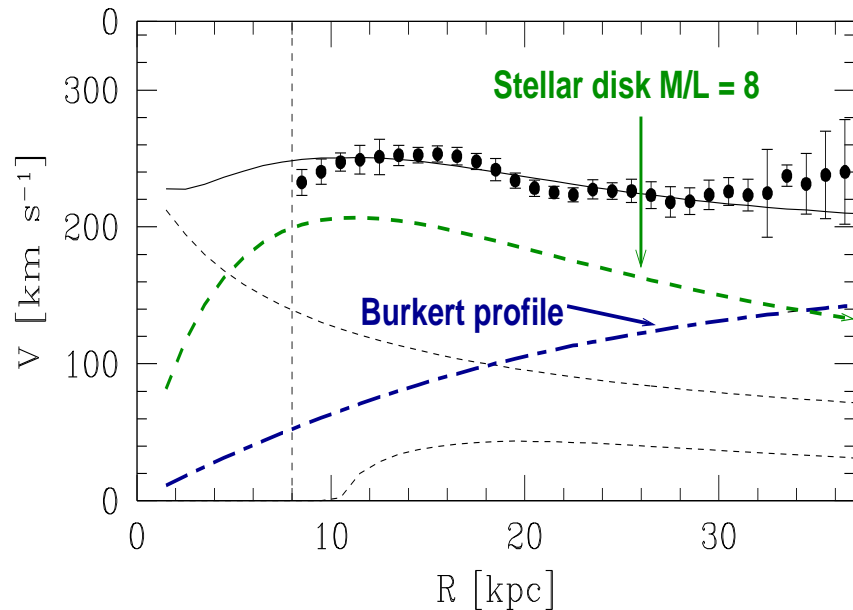
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MNRAS'08

Chemin et al.  
0909.3846

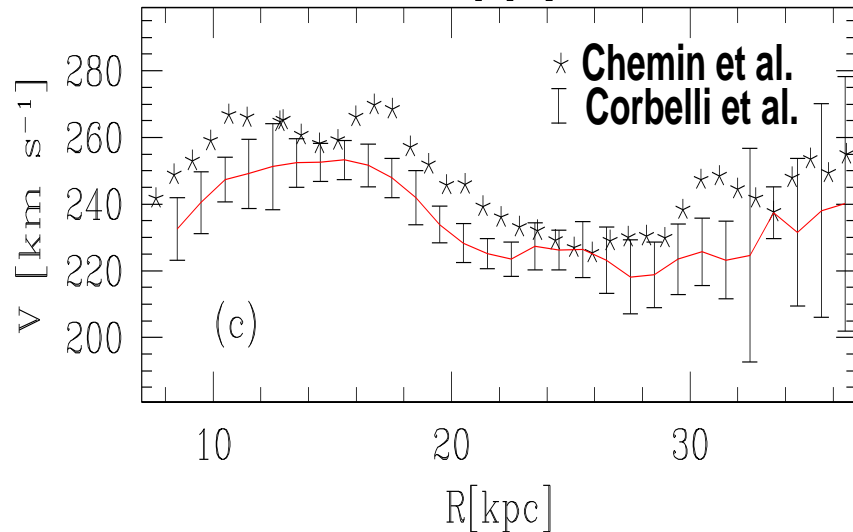
Corbelli et al.  
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Kusenko &  
Loewenstein  
1001.4055

# New data and mass-to-light ratio in M31



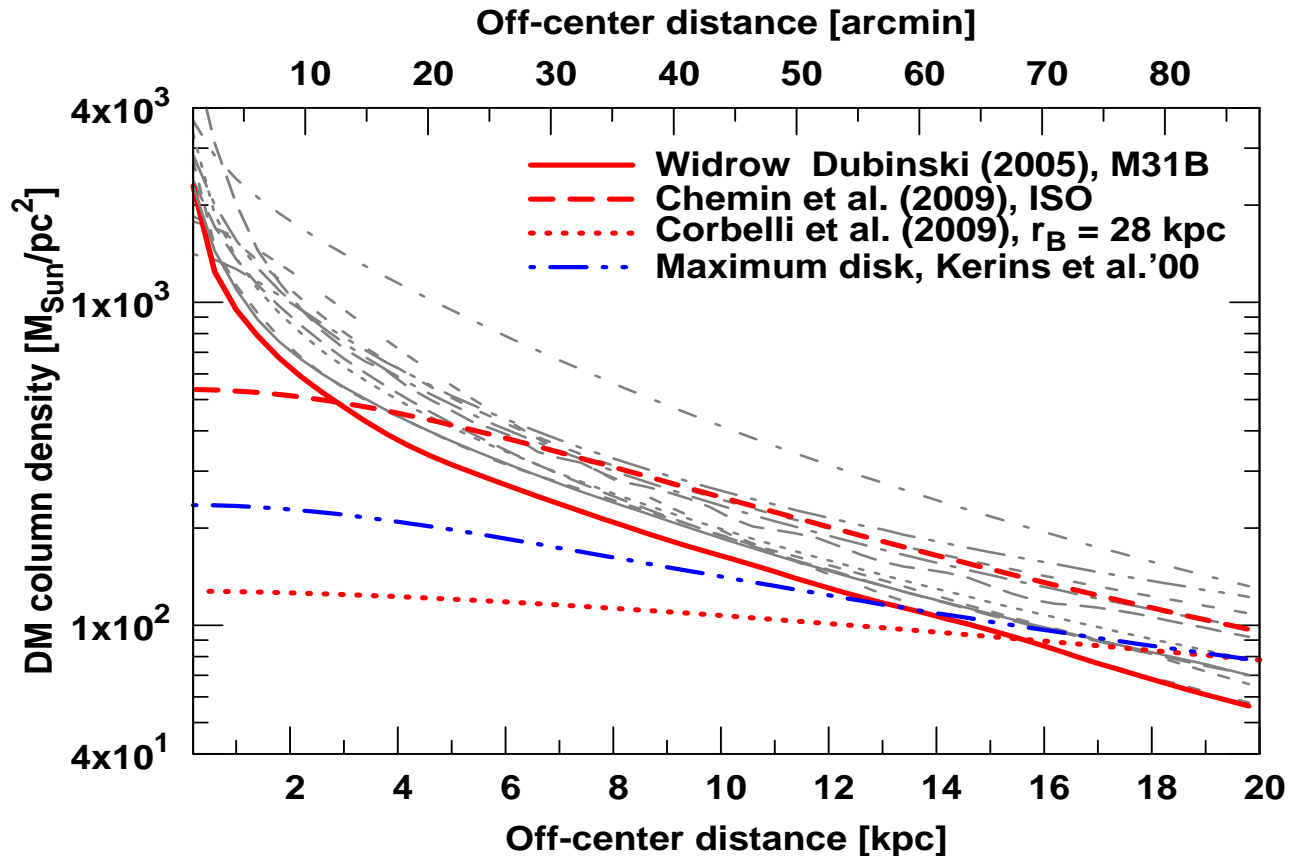
Chemin et al. ApJ 2009 [0909.3846]



- New precise HI data resolve features within inner 5–8 kpc
- Chemin et al. model this region
- Corbelli et al. exclude this region from the analysis

Corbelli et al. A&A 2009 [0912.4133]

# DM in Andromeda galaxy



- Bounds in [\[arXiv:1001.0644v1\]](#) are from 1–3 kpc and 2–8 kpc (based on the model by [\[Widrow & Dubinski'05\]](#))
- To be conservative in the final version we repeat the analysis for [\[Corbelli et al.'09\]](#) and added data from 10-20 kpc.

# Checking for DM line in M31

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- Exclusion from Fornax and Sculptor dSphs:

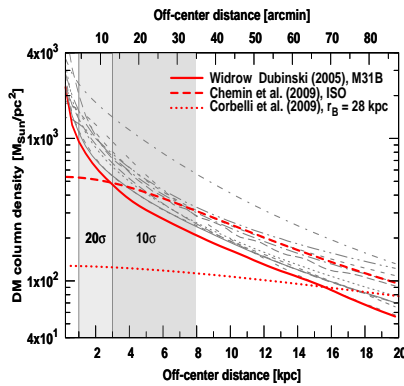
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| 2.44 – 2.58 keV |  | 2.30 – 2.72 keV |
| $5.9\sigma$     |  | $4.1\sigma$     |

- Exclusion from **central 8 kpc of Andromeda**:

|                 |  |                 |  |                        |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| 2.44 – 2.58 keV |  | 2.30 – 2.72 keV |  | DM model               |
| $24.9\sigma$    |  | $23.3\sigma$    |  | [Widrow & Dubinski'05] |
| $7.9\sigma$     |  | $6.9\sigma$     |  | [Corbelli et al.'09]   |

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# Summary of exclusions



“Consensus model”  
(Widrow & Dubinski, M31B)

Minimal DM amount  
(Corbelli et al., Burkert  
profile,  $r_B = 28$  kpc,  
 $M/L = 8$ )

68% CL:  
2.44 keV –  
2.58 keV

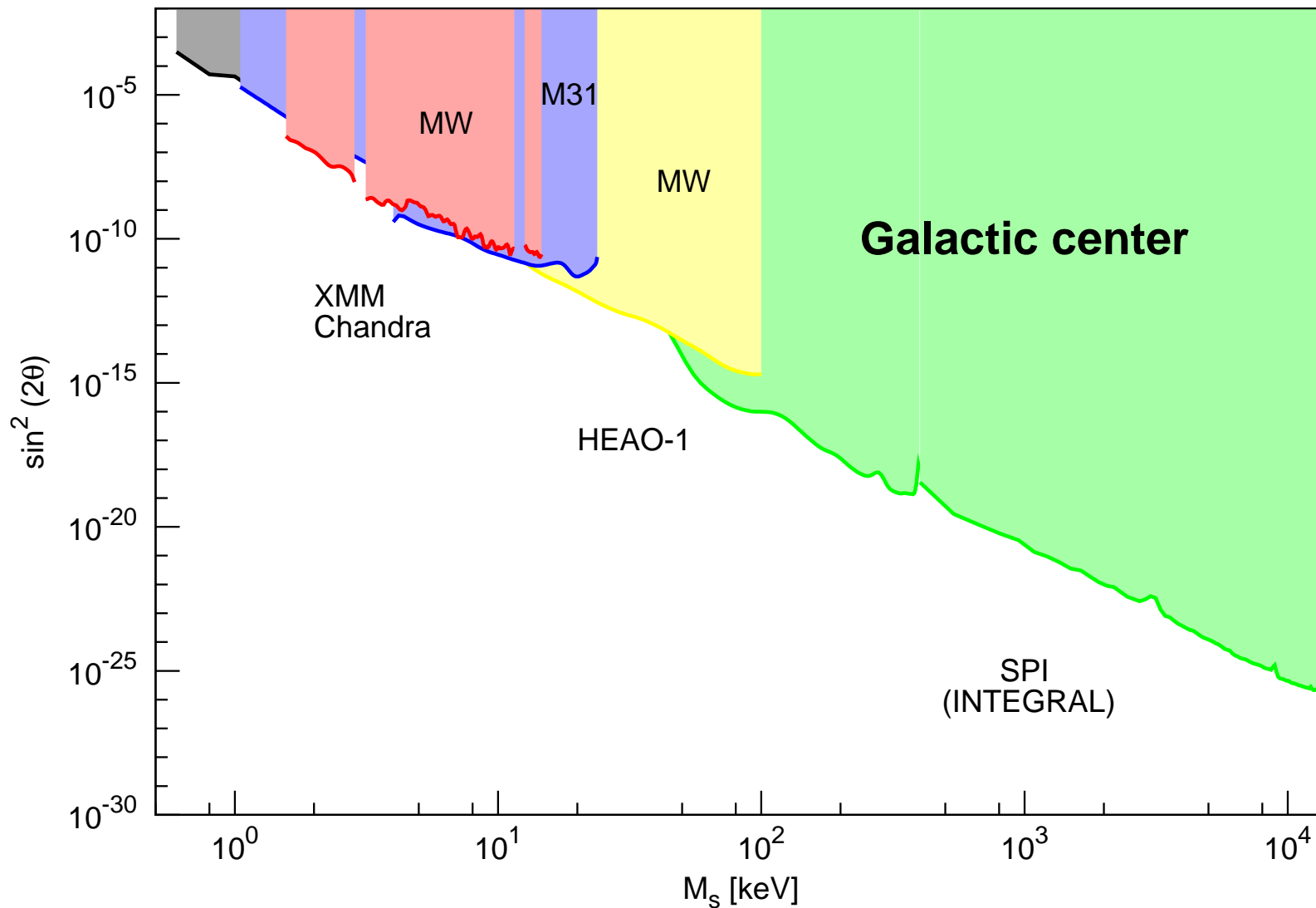
99%CL:  
2.30 keV –  
2.72 keV

|                             | 68%CL        | 99%CL        | 68%CL        | 99%CL        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| M31<br>within 8 central kpc | $24.9\sigma$ | $23.3\sigma$ | $7.9\sigma$  | $6.9\sigma$  |
| M31<br>10–20 kpc off-center | $12.0\sigma$ | $10.7\sigma$ | $11.7\sigma$ | $10.6\sigma$ |
| All M31 obs.                | $28.2\sigma$ | $26.2\sigma$ | $13.6\sigma$ | $13.2\sigma$ |
| All M31 + Fornax            | $29.0\sigma$ | $26.7\sigma$ | $15.2\sigma$ | $14.0\sigma$ |

- The DM origin of the spectral feature in Willman 1 at  $\sim 2.5$  keV is **excluded with  $14\sigma$  significance!**

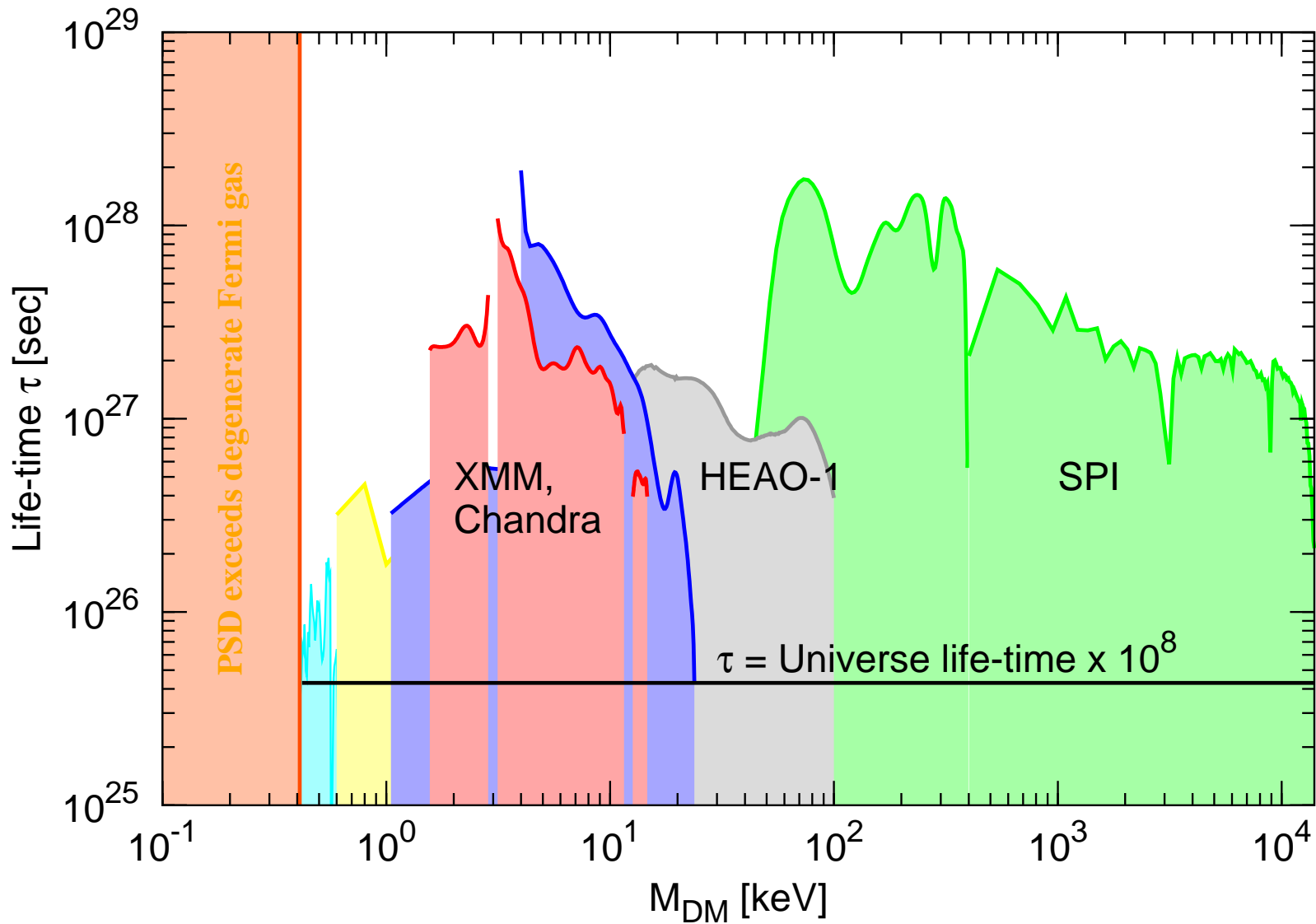
# Restrictions on sterile neutrino DM

Boyarsky et al  
MNRAS-2008





# Restrictions on life-time of decaying DM



Boyarsky+ :  
**XR**B **HEAO-1**  
 2005;

**Bullet cluster**  
**Chandra** 2006;

**LMC XMM**  
**MW XMM**  
 2006-2007

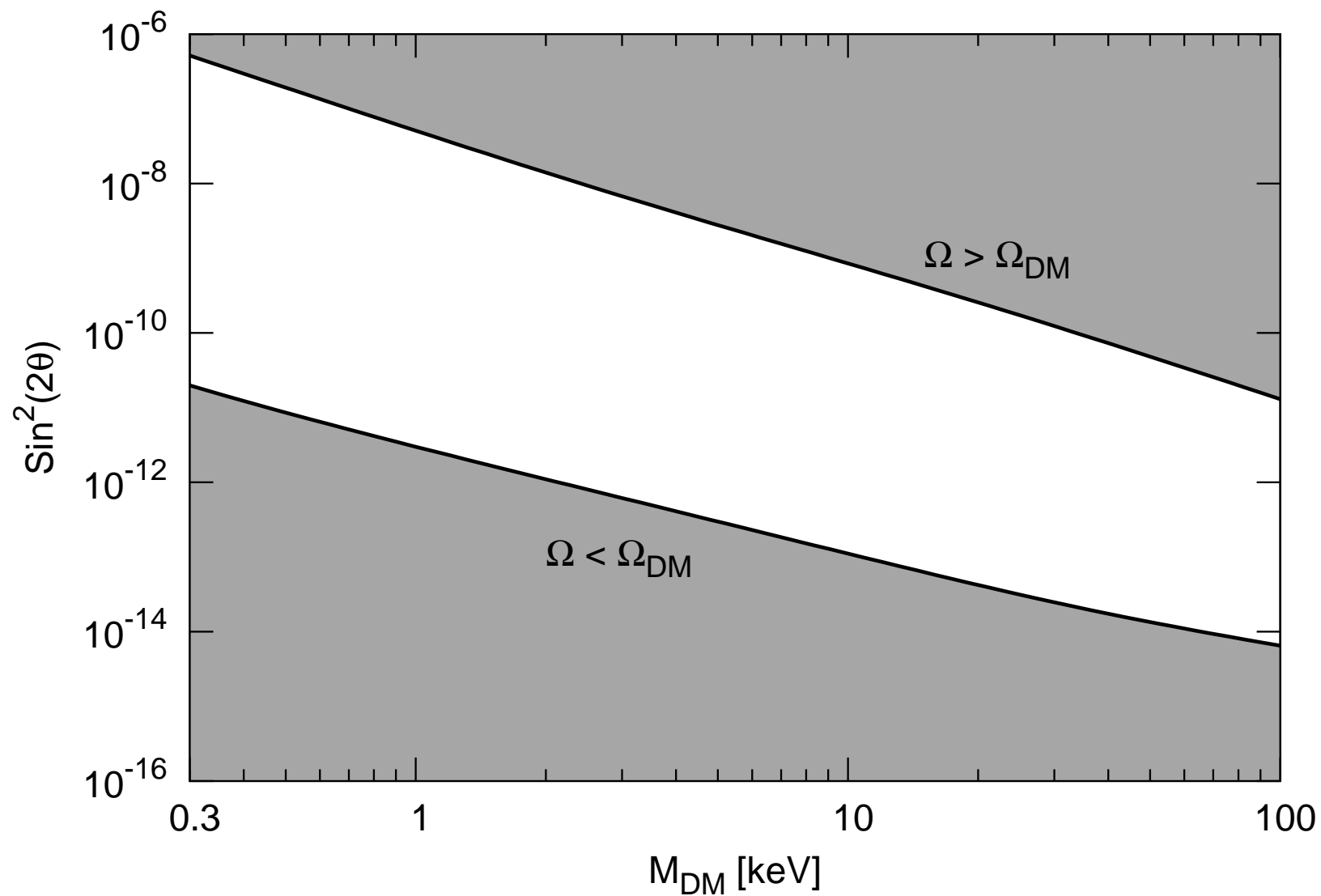
**MW Chandra**  
 Riemer-  
 Sørensen+.;  
 Abazajian+ 2007

**M31**  
 Watson+ 2006;  
 Boyarsky+ 2007

**dSps(UMi,**  
**Draco, W1, Sc,**  
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**Chandra, XMM**  
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 2006,2010;  
 Loewenstein,  
 Kusenko  
 2008-2009

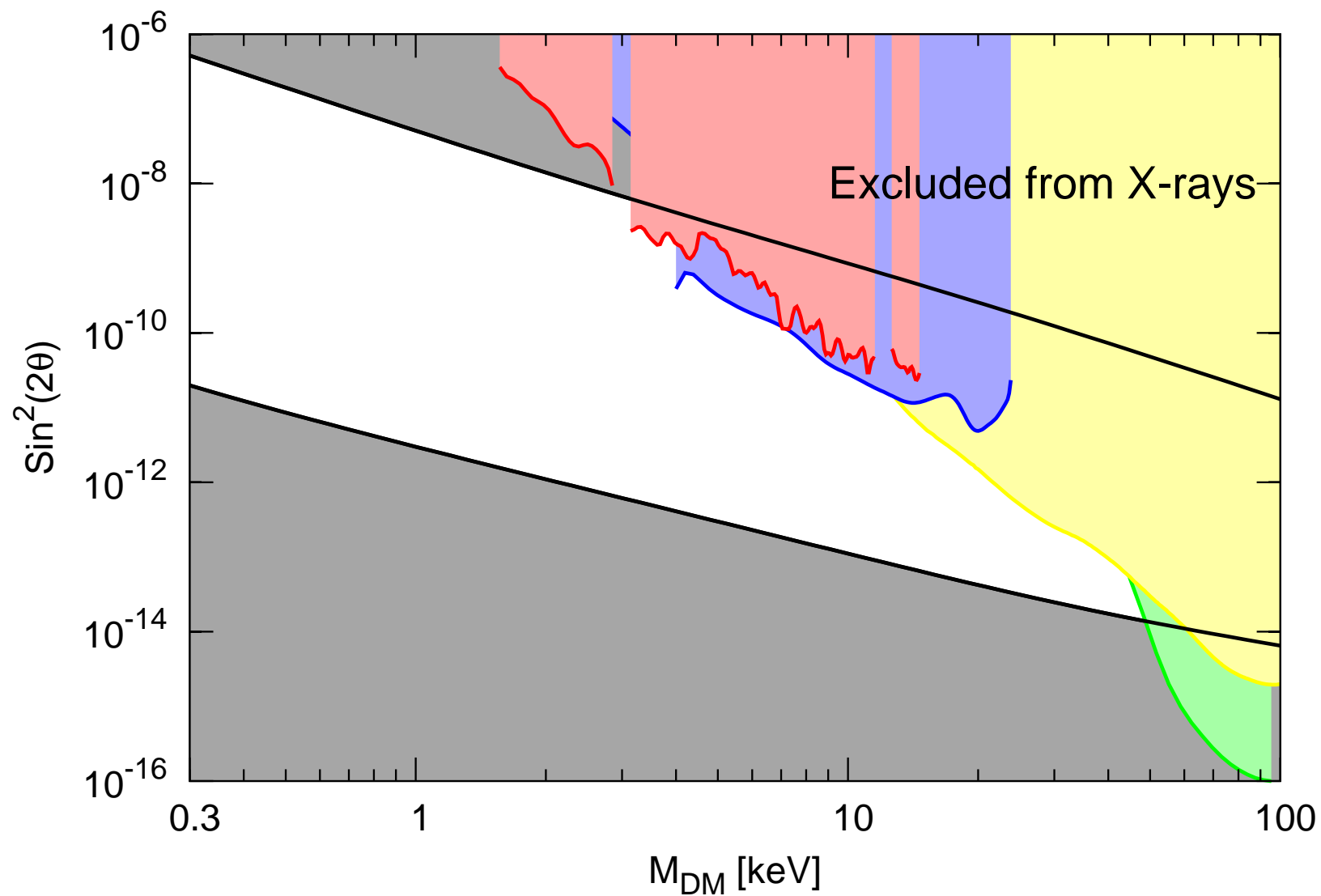
# Window of parameters of sterile neutrino DM

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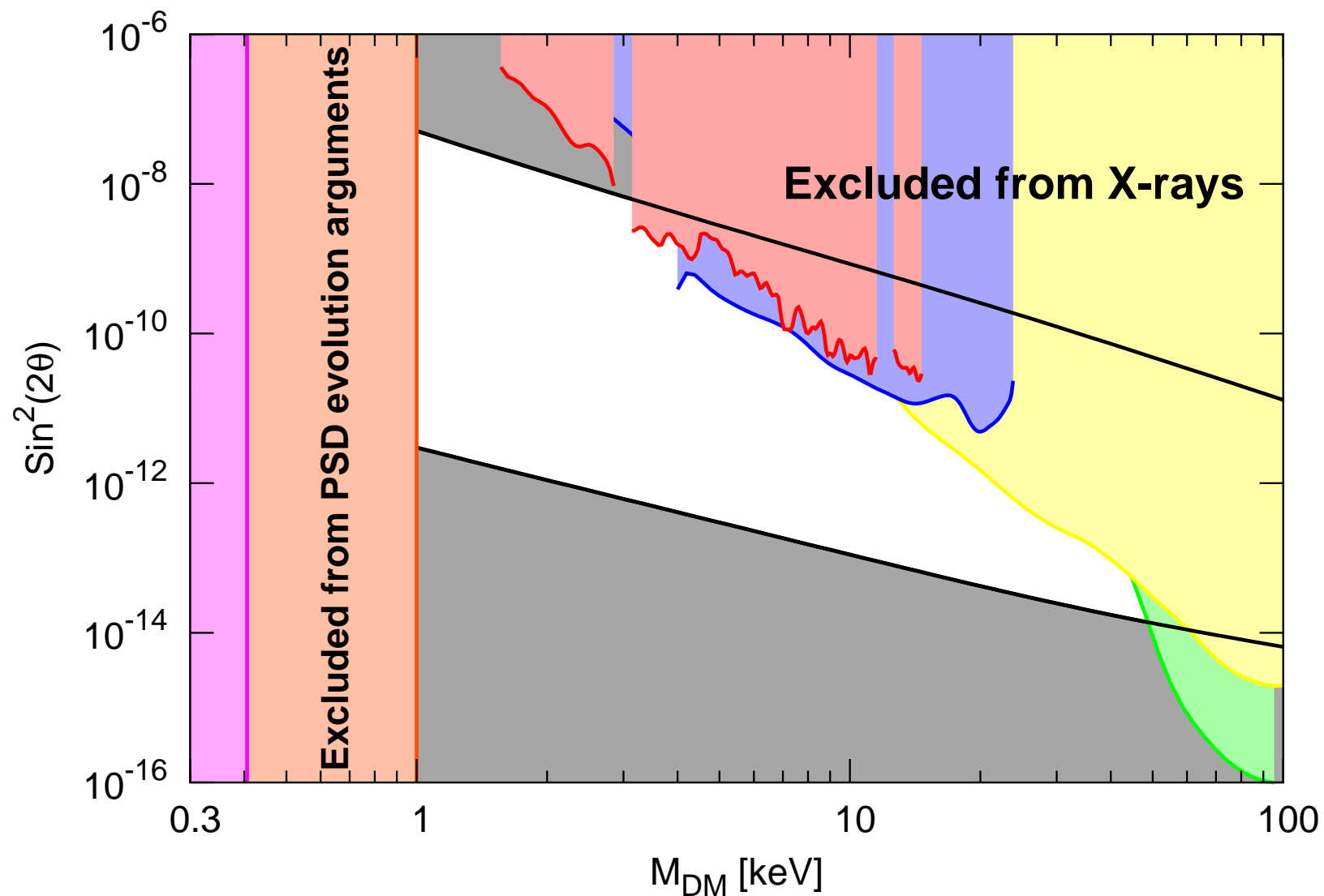
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Boyarsky,  
Ruchayskiy et  
al. 2005-2008

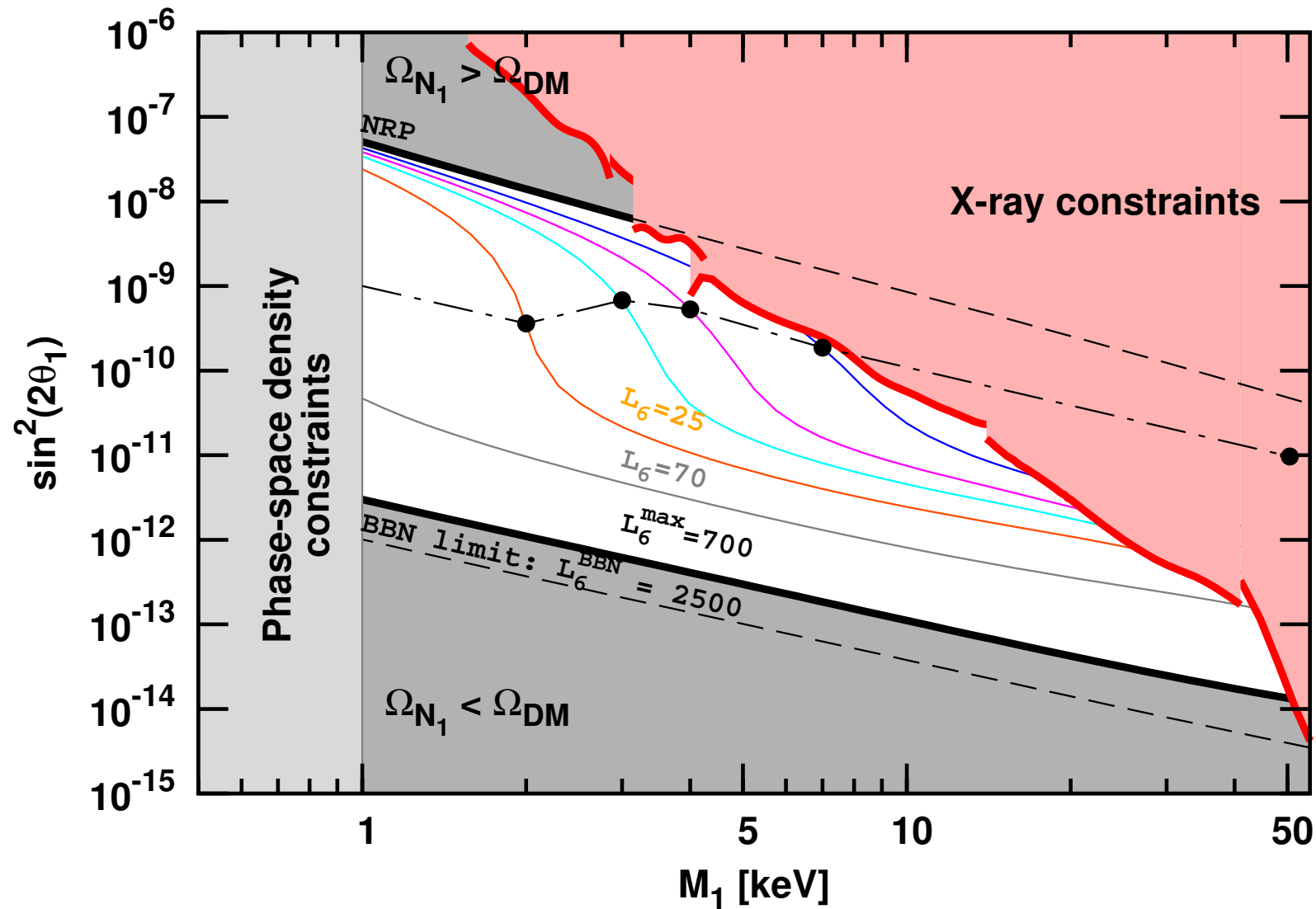


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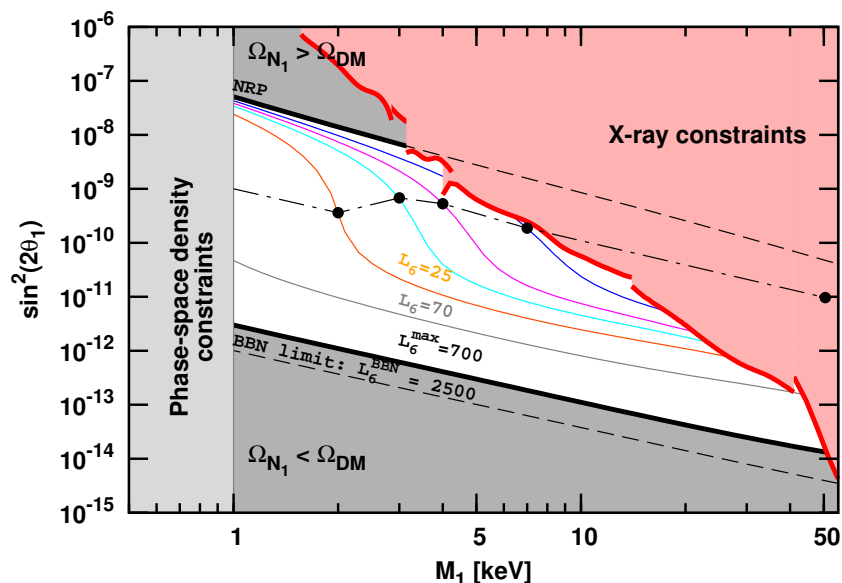
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Boyarsky,  
Ruchayskiy,  
Lesgourgues,  
Viel  
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Ruchayskiy,  
Shaposhnikov  
[0901.0011]

# Window of parameters of sterile neutrino DM



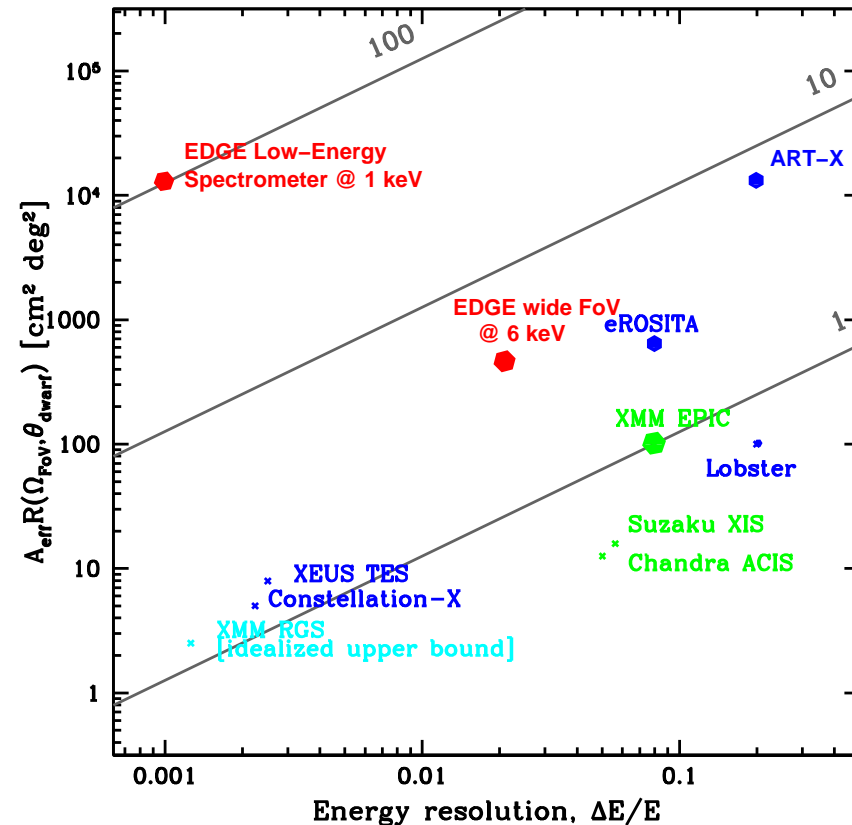
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- Sterile neutrino is still viable and very attractive DM candidate. The  $\nu$ MSM should be verified.
- To explore the allowed window, more theoretical efforts, both on **particle physics and astrophysics** sides, and new methods of analysis of the full set of the cosmological and astrophysical data is needed.

# New mission: EDGE/XENIA

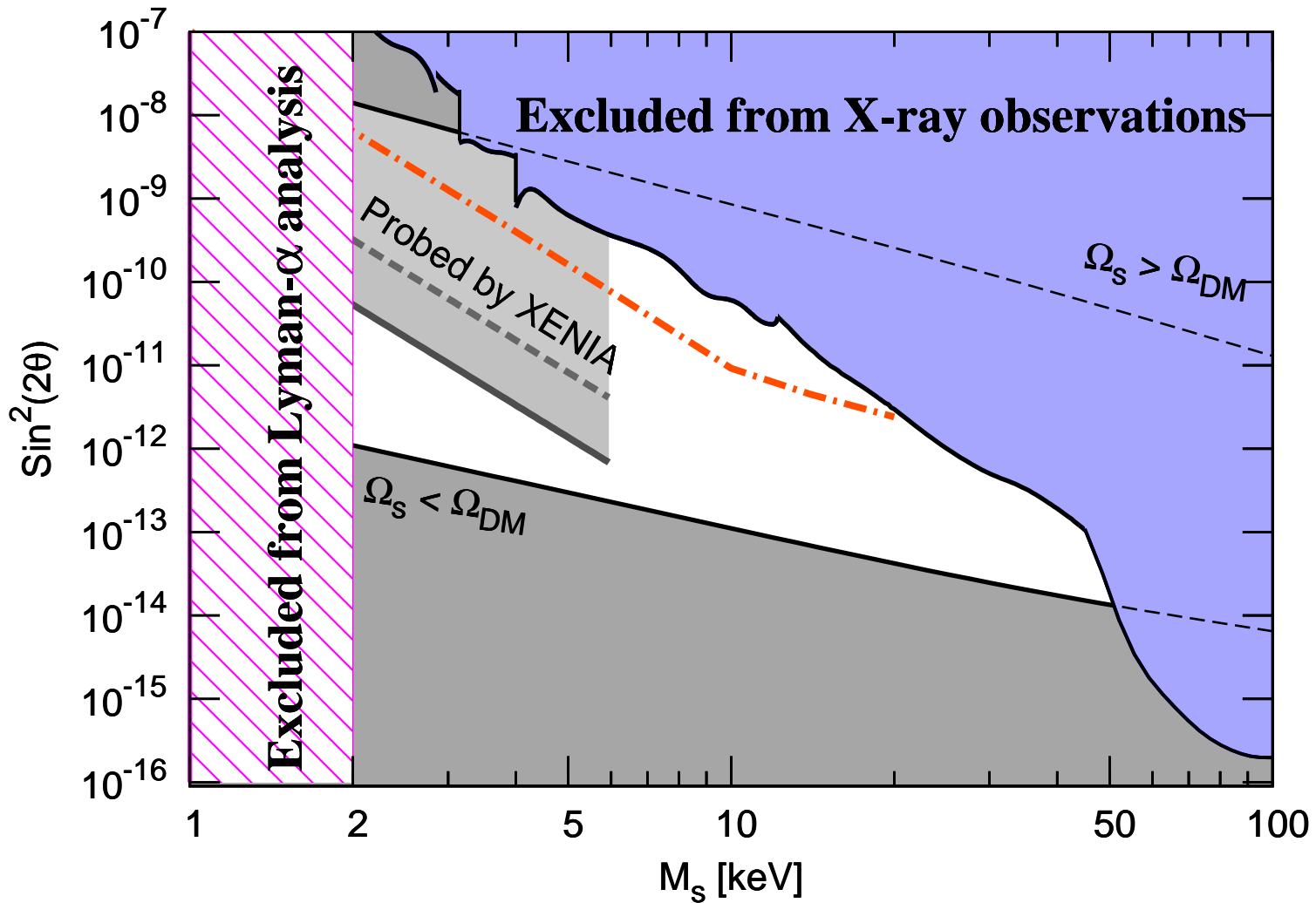
- Spectrometers with big FoV and spectral resolution better than  $10^{-3}$  are needed
- Future missions (*XEUS* or *Constellation X*) will have better spectral resolution but very small FoV
- XENIA (former EDGE), proposed for NASA's *Cosmic Origins* by the team from NASA/MSFC, INAF, SRON + ISDC, EPFL, ...).



A. Boyarsky, et al. (2007)



# Improved bounds on DM decay





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