Sterile neutrino as Dark Matter

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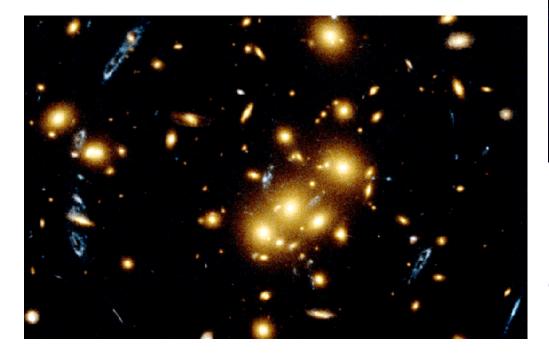
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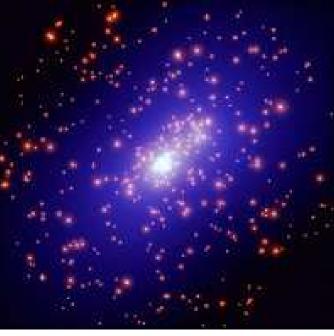
- Dark Matter in the Universe
- Theory of sterile neutrino
- The minimal set of parameters describing sterile neutrino
- Sterile neutrino as Warm DM
- Production of sterile neutrino in early Universe
- Astrophysical observations of sterile neutrino
 - Present bounds
 - Uncertainties in their determination
 - Program of future search

Dark Matter in the Universe

Extensive astrophysical evidence for the presence of the **dark nonbaryonic** matter in the Universe

- Rotation curves of stars in galaxies and of galaxies in clusters
- Distribution of (X-ray bright) *intracluster* gas
- Gravitational lensing data



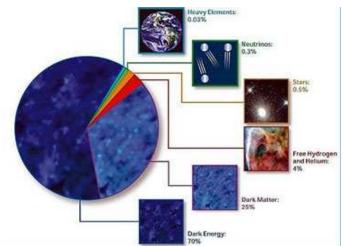


Galaxy cluster CL0024+1654 (z = 0.39) Courtesy of ESA-NASA

Left: Galaxy cluster CL0024+1654 as a gravitational lense Courtesy of HST

- Cosmological evidence for DM:
 - gravitational potential which allows for structure formation from tiny primeval fluctuations
 - gravitational potential which creates
 CMB anisotropy

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \bullet \ \mbox{ In the concordance model} \\ \Omega_\Lambda \simeq 0.74 & \Omega_{\rm DM} \simeq 0.22 \\ \Omega_{\rm baryonic} \simeq 0.04 \end{array}$

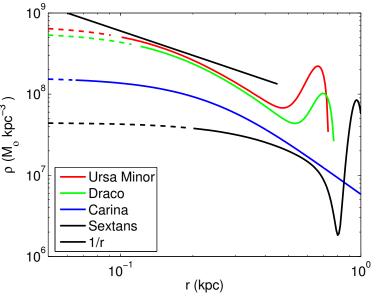


- Currently, there are no SM candidates for the DM
- Any DM candidate must be
 - Produced in the early Universe and have correct relic abundance
 - Very weakly interacting with electromagnetic radiation ("dark")
 - Stable on cosmological time scales

- Non-baryonic DM candidates include
 - Gravitons, mass $\sim 10^{-21}~{\rm eV}$
 - Axions light pseudo-scalars, mass $\sim 10^{-5}~{\rm eV}$
 - Sterile neutrinos mass $\sim 10~\text{keV}$
 - WIMPs particles with masses $\sim 10~{
 m GeV} 10^4~{
 m GeV}$
 - WIMPZILLA particles with mass $\sim 10^{10}~\text{GeV}$
- All this requires some physics beyond the Standard Model
- After the finding and identification of DM particle, a new elementary particle will appear and we will learn about underlying particle theory

Free-streaming length of DM particles

- Modern paradigm (ACDM)
 □ DM is "cold" (CDM)
 - □ Structure formation is *bottom-up* smaller objects formed first: (stars → galaxies → galaxy clusters)
- CDM has its problems:
 - Cuspy profiles
 - Missing satellites problem
- Alternatives? HDM? $\lambda_{FS} = 2^{\circ} \frac{10^6}{2}^{10^6}$ 40 $\left(\frac{M_{\nu}}{30 \text{ eV}}\right)$ Mpc ~ H^{-1} . Top-down $\stackrel{\circ}{\geq} 2^{\circ}$ structure formation, (superclusters $\frac{10^7}{10^7}$ form first). But!
 - □ Galaxy formation starting too late



- Warm DM can cure all these problems.
- Particle candidate? Extension of the SM?
- Experiments on neutrino oscillations (Kamland, SNO, super-K) the most definite signal of physics beyond the SM.
- Sterile neutrinos: the simplest and natural extension of the Minimal SM that describe oscillations. Make leptonic sector of the SM symmetric.
- Break CP and allow for baryogenesis
- Sterile neutrino are good WDM candidates, as they:
 - Can be intensively produced in the Early Universe
 - Can have long life-time.
 - Can have mass in keV range
- Let us see it in details

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νMSM

• Lagrangian: addition of several sterile neutrino (fields N_I , $I = 1, \ldots, N$) to the *Minimal Standard Model* gives:

$$\mathcal{L}_{
u MSM} = \mathcal{L}_{MSM} + i ar{N}^I \partial \hspace{-0.15cm} N_I - \Bigl(ar{L}_lpha M^D_{lpha I} N_I + rac{M_I}{2} ar{N}_I^c N_I + h.c.$$

• Majorana masses M_I , Dirac mass matrix $M^D_{\alpha I} \equiv F_{\alpha I} \langle \Phi \rangle$ where $\alpha = \{e, \mu, \tau\}$ – mixing between left-handed L_{α} and right-handed neutrinos. $F_{\alpha I}$ – Yukawa couplings, Higgs VEV $\langle \Phi \rangle \simeq 174$ GeV.

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- Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov PLB **631**, 151 (2005)
- The sterile neutrino with I = 1 is chosen to be the lightest one.
- Coupling of N_1 is parameterized via mixing angle θ :

$$heta^2 = rac{1}{M_1^2} \sum_{lpha = \{e\,\mu\, au\}} |M_D|^2_{1lpha}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_{\nu MSM} = \mathcal{L}_{MSM} + i\bar{N}^{I} \partial N_{I} - \left(\bar{L}_{\alpha}M^{D}_{\alpha I}N_{I} + \frac{M_{I}}{2}\bar{N}^{c}_{I}N_{I} + h.c.\right)$$

- *v*MSM includes 18 new parameters (3 Majorana masses, 3 Dirac masses, 6 mixing angle and 6 CP-violating phases)
- Dirac masses $M_D \ll M_I$ (Majorana masses). See-saw formula works
- If scales of $M_{2,3} \sim \mathcal{O}(1-20)$ GeV can explain baryon asymmetry of the Universe

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- $M_I \sim M_W$. No new energy scales, but Yukawa couplings very small: $F_{lpha I} < 10^{-10}$
- M_1 can be as low, as ~ 300 eV (Tremaine-Gunn limit on the mass of fermionic DM)

Back to sterile neutrino properties

How sterile neutrino is produced?

- Sterile neutrino interacts with the rest of the SM matter only via coupling with active neutrinos, parametrized by θ
- For a cosmological scenario 18 new parameters of νMSM are not enough
- Acceptable heta can be so small, that the rate of this interaction Γ is much slower than the expansion ($\Gamma \ll H$)
 - ⇒ Sterile neutrino are not thermalized
 - \Rightarrow One must know **initial conditions** of sterile neutrino at temperatures $T\gtrsim 1~{
 m GeV}$

Therefore:

Definite prediction of the sterile neutrino abundance is not possible as it involves knowledge of physics beyond the SM and even beyond the vMSM

For example, abundance of sterile neutrino can be determined entirely by initial conditions

- To go beyond SM, one can incorporate inflation into ν MSM
- Lagrangian of ν MSM can be coupled with inflaton field χ in the Shaposhnikov natural way:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu \text{MSM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + i\bar{N}_{I} \not \partial N_{I} - F_{\alpha I} \bar{L}_{\alpha} \Phi N_{I} - \begin{pmatrix} f_{I} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \bar{N}_{I}^{c} N_{I} + \text{h.c.} - V(\Phi, \chi)$$

SM without Higgs potential
Inflaton coupling generates Majorana mass M_{I} of sterile
neutrino N_{I} after spontaneous breaking of scale invariance by the
inflaton mass term:

$$V(\Phi,\chi) = - \underbrace{rac{1}{2}M_\chi^2\chi^2}_2 + \lambda \left(\Phi^+\Phi - rac{lpha}{\lambda}\chi^2
ight)^2 + rac{eta}{4}\chi^4$$

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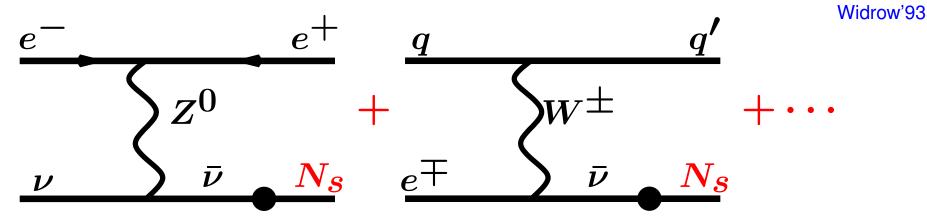
- The lightest sterile neutrino production goes via
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 ightarrow N_1 N_1$
- Parameters of the model (α, β, λ, f_I, (χ)) can be chosen so that:
 Conditions for chaotic inflation are satisfied. Inflaton potential is sufficiently flat and gives correct amplitude of scalar perturbations.
 - Correct Higgs mass is generated
 - □ Model allows for correct baryogenesis (large reheating temperature)
 - Decay of inflaton produces enough light sterile neutrino to account for all the DM

For $m_I \sim 300$ MeV correct Ω_s obtained for $M_s \sim 16-20$ keV For $m_I \sim 100$ GeV correct Ω_s obtained for $M_s \sim 10$ MeV

Back to sterile neutrino DM properties

Go to the DW scenario

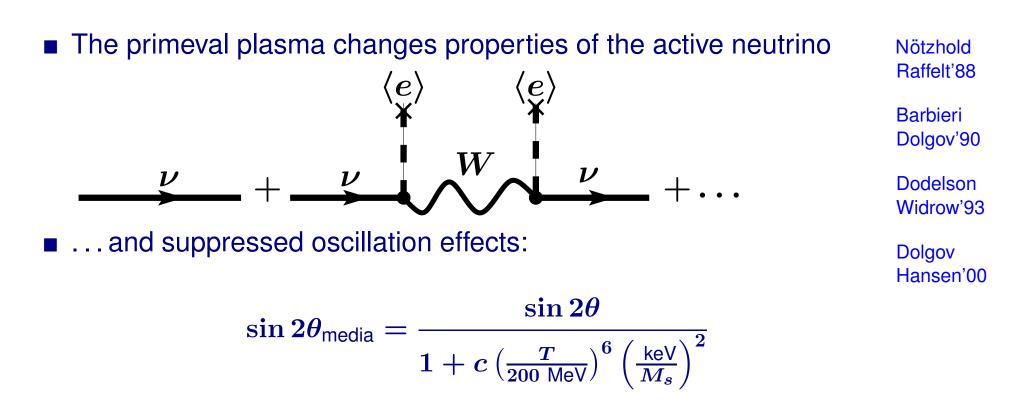
 Sterile neutrino in the early Universe interact with the rest of the SM matter via *neutrino oscillations:*



■ Naively, rate of production

$$\Gamma\sim\sigma n v, \qquad \sigma\sim G_F^2 heta^2T^2, \quad n\sim T^3
onumber \ rac{\Gamma}{H}\sim G_F^2 heta^2T^3M_{ extsf{Pl}}\gg 1 \quad ext{at} \quad T\sim M_W \qquad ext{(for } heta\gtrsim 10^{-7})$$

■ This estimate is however wrong by many orders of magnitude!



numeric coefficient $c \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Production is sharply peaked at

$$T_{
m max} \simeq 130 \left(rac{M_s}{
m keV}
ight)^{1/3} \, {
m MeV}$$

Example II: Dodelson-Widrow scenario

Interaction of the sterile neutrino with the rest of the SM particles effectively takes place only *around temperatures*

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- For interesting values of mixing angle θ the interaction rate is not enough to thermalize sterile neutrino
- To compute abundance of sterile neutrino one needs to know initial conditions at temperatures above $\sim~{\rm GeV}$
- Asaka, Laine,
 Even if one ad hoc assumes zero initial conditions, reliable Shaposhnikov computations are still not possible, as production takes place 2006
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- Models with zero initial conditions which used some heuristic ways to treat quark contributions around T_{QCD} are ruled out by direct astrophysical observations (see below)

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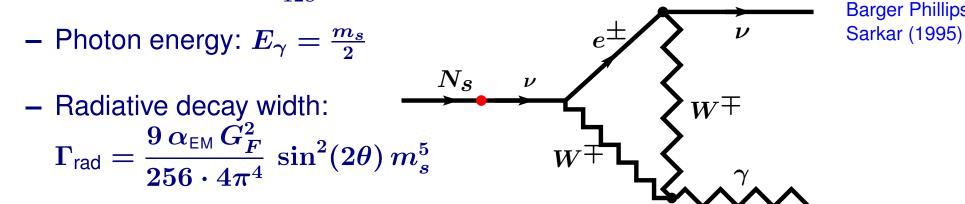
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Properties of sterile neutrino

- Dominant decay channel for sterile neutrino (for masses below $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$) is $N_s \to 3\nu$. Life-time $\tau = 5 \times 10^{26} \text{sec} \times \left(\frac{\text{keV}}{M_s}\right)^5 \left(\frac{10^{-8}}{\theta^2}\right)^2$
- Subdominant (BR $\sim \frac{1}{128}$) radiative decay channel



- Sterile neutrino DM is not completely dark
 - Flux from DM decay:

$$F_{
m DM} = rac{E_{\gamma}}{m_s} rac{\Gamma_{
m rad} M_{
m DM}^{
m fov}}{4\pi D_L^2} pprox rac{\Gamma_{
m rad} \Omega_{
m fov}}{8\pi} \int
ho_{
m DM}(r) dr$$

Dolgov Hansen (2000

Wolfenshtein

Pal (1982)

Abazajian Fuller Tucker (2001)

Boyarsky et al (2006)

Back to sterile neutrino DM properties

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- Sterile neutrinos:
 - the simplest and natural extension of the SM that describe neutrino oscillations.
 - Break CP and allow for baryogenesis
- Lightest sterile neutrino is *good WDM candidates*, as it
 - ✓ Can be intensively produced in the Early Universe **But** there are *no definite prediction of abundance* Ω_s as a function of $(M_s, \sin^2(2\theta))$, as it involves in essential way the knowledge of physics beyond the ν MSM
 - $\checkmark\,$ Can have mass in $\rm keV$ range
 - ✓ Can have cosmologically long life-time
 - ✓ Sterile neutrino DM is dark enough
 But it has *signature decay* with a very narrow line
- DM sterile neutrino are parameterized by two numbers: mass M_s and mixing angle $\sin^2(2\theta)$.

Astrophysical search for sterile neutrino and restrictions on its parameters M_s and θ

Where to look for DM decay line?

•	Extragalactic diffuse X-ray background (XRB)	Dolgov & Hansen, 2000; Abazajian et al., 2001 Mapelli & Ferrara, 2005; Boyarsky et al. 2005
•	Clusters of galaxies	Abazajian et al., 2001 Boyarsky et al. astro-ph/0603368
•	DM halo of the Milky Way. Signal increases as we increase FoV!	Boyarsky et al. astro-ph/0603660 Riemer-Sørense et al. astro-ph/0603661 Boyarsky, Nevalainen, O.R. (in preparation)
•	Local Group galaxies	Boyarsky et al. astro-ph/0603660 Watson et al. astro-ph/0605424
•	"Bullet" cluster 1E 0657-56	Boyarsky, Markevitch, O.R. (in preparation)
•	Cold nearby clusters	Boyarsky, Vikhlinin, O.R. (in preparation)
•	Soft XRB	Boyarsky, Neronov, O.R. (in preparation)
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Need to find the best ratio between the DM decay *signal* and object's X-ray emission

Size does not matter: signal from the Milky way halo comparable with that of clusters like Coma or Virgo

$$egin{aligned} F_{\mathsf{DM}} &= rac{E_{\gamma}}{m_s} rac{\Gamma_{\mathsf{rad}} M_{\mathsf{DM}}^{\mathsf{fov}}}{4 \pi D_L^2} \ &pprox rac{\Gamma_{\mathsf{rad}} \Omega_{\mathsf{fov}}}{8 \pi} \! \int \!
ho_{\mathsf{DM}}(r) dr \ & ext{ line of sight } \end{aligned}$$

- DM flux from e.g. Draco, Ursa Minor is 3 times stronger than that of the Milky Way halo.
- **Dwarfs** are really dark (M/L ~ 100)
- Continuum X-ray emission from Milky Way is about 2 orders weaker than that of a cluster
- The signal is stronger than XRB by a factor $E/\Delta E = 20 \div 50$ for modern X-ray satellites.

Boyarsky, Neronov, O.R. Shaposhnikov, Tkachev astro-ph/0603660 DM distribution can be conservatively described by isothermal (cored) *model*

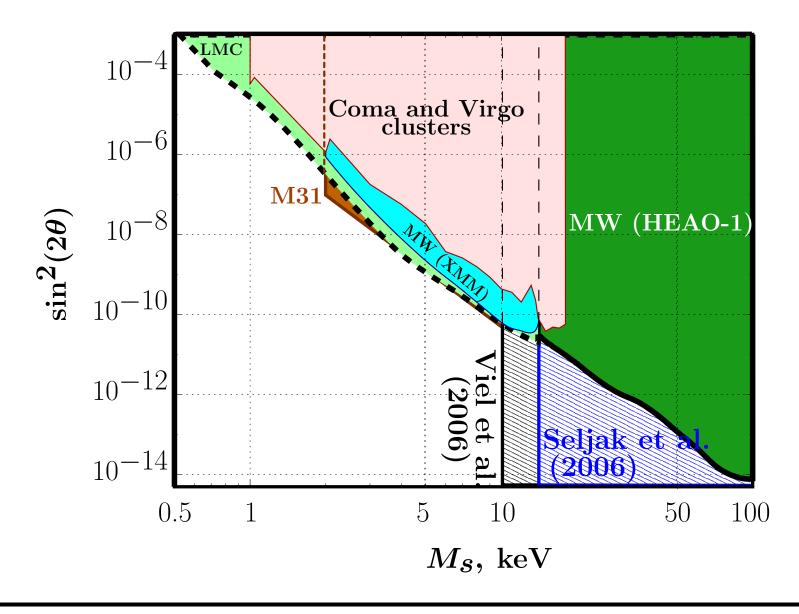
$$ho_{\mathsf{halo}}(r) = rac{v_h^2}{4\pi G_N} rac{1}{r_c^2 + r^2}$$

- Milky Way DM halo isothermal profile describes rotation curve for $r\gtrsim 3$ kpc ($v_hpprox 170$ km/sec, $r_cpprox 4$ kpc)
- **Dwarfs** (Draco, Ursa Minor): $v_h pprox 22$ km/sec, $r_c pprox 0.1$ kpc
- LMC: $v_h pprox 50$ km/sec, $r_c pprox 1$ kpc
- Although these objects have quite different range of masses $(10^7 10^{12} M_{\odot})$ they have similar $\int \rho(r) dr$ give comparable DM signal
- Assuming NFW (cusped) profile instead of isothermal (cored) one, increases the estimated DM flux by about 30%.

Strategy to optimize signal/noise ratio

- One way to improve S/N ratio is to reduce the noise, i.e. find astrophysical objects with very faint X-ray background
 ⇒ Dwarf galaxies
- **But** there is another way to improve S/N ration.
- Galaxy and galaxy clusters can be fairly bright in X-ray. But feature we are looking for is a narrow line. Astrophysical background can be strong, yet described with the good precision by the power-law. Adding a thin line on top of such a power-law...
- Depending on the data one of these methods ("full flux" and "statistical") can be used.
- Studies of different objects and types of objects is important, as it reduces the uncertainties of DM modeling

Fine print: all results subject to intrinsic factor ~ 2 uncertainty!



MW (HEAO-1) Boyarsky et al 2005

Coma and Virgo clusters Boyarsky et al 2006a

LMC+MW(XM Boyarsky et al 2006b

MW (Chandra) Riemer-Søorensen et al. 2006

M31 Watson et al. 2006

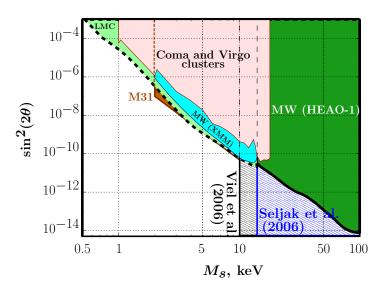
Ly-\alpha data Vie et al. 2006; Seljak et al. 2006

Dilution of sterile neutrino abundance

- Do Lyman- α results mean that any mass below $M_s \simeq 10$ keV $(M_s \simeq 14 \text{ keV})$ are excluded for all θ ?
- No, the actual result reads: $M_{\text{lower limit}} = \frac{\langle p_a \rangle}{\langle p_s \rangle} M_{\text{Ly}-\alpha}$
- uMSM also contains two heavy sterile neutrino $N_{2,3}$ with masses $M_{2,3} \sim \mathcal{O}(1-10)$ GeV.
- Asaka et al. Their Yukawa couplings can be chosen such that they are PLB 638 thermalized at $T_D \sim \mathcal{O}(20)$ GeV and decay at $T \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ MeV ⁽²⁰⁰⁶⁾ (after the lightest sterile neutrino has been produced)
- This leads to the entropy production $S \sim \mathcal{O}(1-100)$.
- Entropy production leads to the dilution DM sterile neutrino abundance: $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \to \frac{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}{S}$
- It also leads to momentum distribution and $\langle p_s \rangle$ red-shifting by $S^{1/3}$

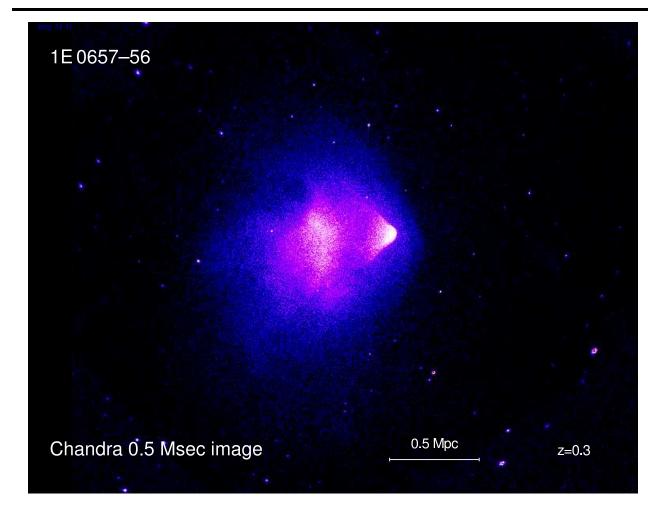
• Therefore
$$M_{\text{lower limit}} = rac{M_{\text{Ly}-lpha}}{S^{1/3}}$$

- All these restrictions subject to uncertainties of the DM determination
- The uncertainty of the DM mass determination is typically factor of 2
- DM decay flux for different DM profiles differs by about 30%.



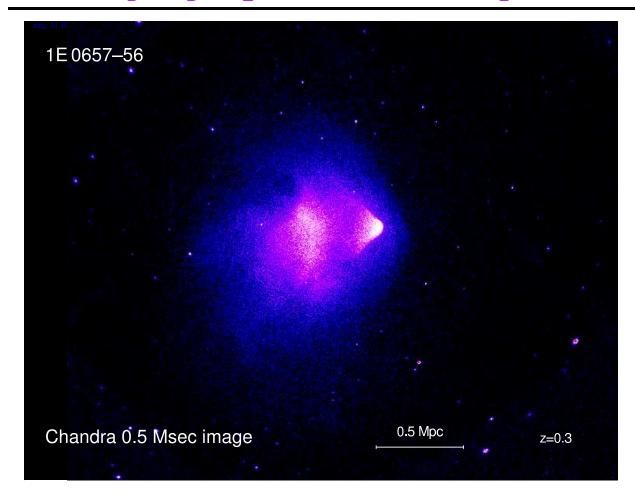
- Paper of Abazajian-Koushiappas (2006) misinterpreted results of Van der Marel et al. (ApJ 124 (2002) on LMC DM mass and results of Boyarsky et al. on LMC)
- Various ways of DM determination
 - Velocity distribution
 - X-ray hydrostatic equilibrium
 - Gravitational lensing
- It is important to study various astrophysical objects, with DM mass determined via different methods

"Bullet" cluster



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

Merging system in the plane of the sky

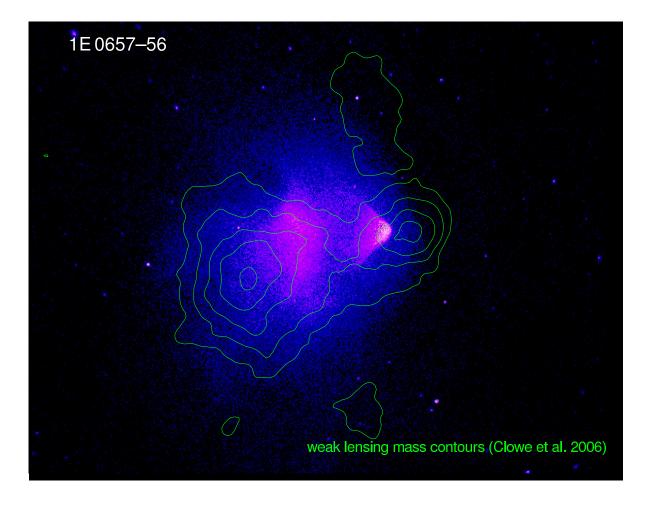


 ★ Subcluster (right) passed through nearly the center of the main cluster.

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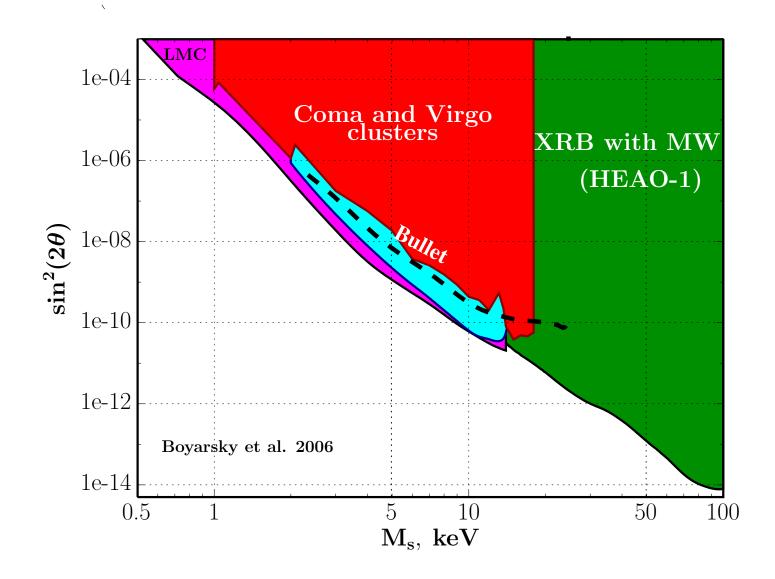
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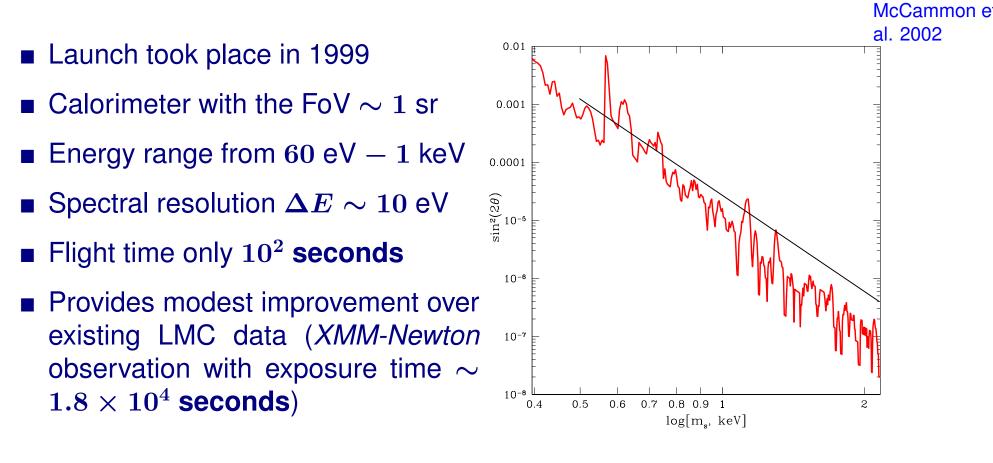
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★ The mass of the DM is determined via weak gravitational lensing

★ Velocity distributions agree with weak lensing data



Soft XRB with calorimeter data



- Provides restrictions in the energy range down to Tremaine-Gunn limit (i.e. down to $M_s \sim 300 \ {\rm eV}$)
- Demonstrates potential of non-imaging large-FoV calorimeters

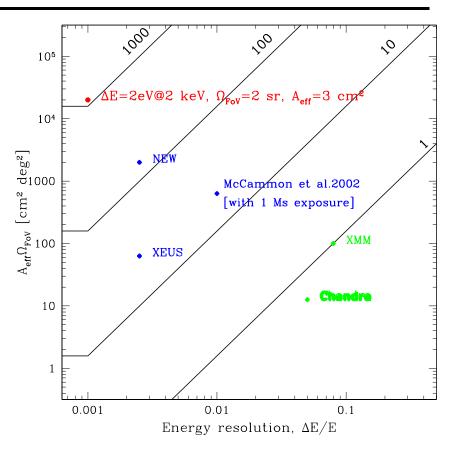
Boyarsky, Neronov, O.R. in progress

- Sterile neutrino with the mass in keV range is a viable DM candidate
- It can be described by two parameters mass M_s and mixing angle $\sin^2(2\theta)$.
- vMSM is enough to reliably compute abundance of DM. Mass and mixing angle should be treated as independent parameters
- Sterile neutrino possesses radiative decay channel and one can put restrictions on its decay width from astrophysical observations
- Study of various DM dominated objects allow to reduce uncertainties of DM modeling.
- Preferred objects are either those with the smallest X-ray background for a given $\int \rho(r) dr$ or those, whose continuous X-ray emission is described by a featureless spectra (like power-law)

- Over the past year the bounds has been improved by several orders of magnitude
- New types of objects were analyzed and new search strategies has been developed
- Further improve constraints via reduction of the statistical errors due to prolonged observations (especially important for dark objects). Search for other "exotic" like the bullet cluster
- Study soft X-ray closing the window of large mixing angle and small (down to the Tremaine-Gunn limit) masses
- Chandra and XMM-Newton cover range of masses 1 keV $\lesssim M_S \lesssim$ 20 keV. For higher masses one can use non-imaging missions (e.g. INTEGRAL)
- It is very hard to detect and identify DM decay line with missions, whose spectral resolution is at least order of magnitude above the line's width

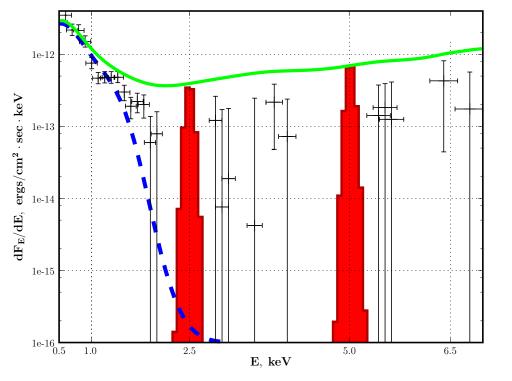
Future missions

- New data from *Chandra* and *XMM-Newton* can hardly improve constraints by more than a factor of 10
 - Improvement of spectral resolution is needed (width of DM line is $\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-3}$ in the MW halo).
 - Bigger FoV better statistics.
 This is mostly important for the case of MW halo



- Future missions like XEUS or Constellation X will have better spectral resolution but very small FoV
- For the DM search one does not need imaging capabilities
- A promising mission being developed right now is NEW by SRON
- When planning for new missions take into account DM search!

The End

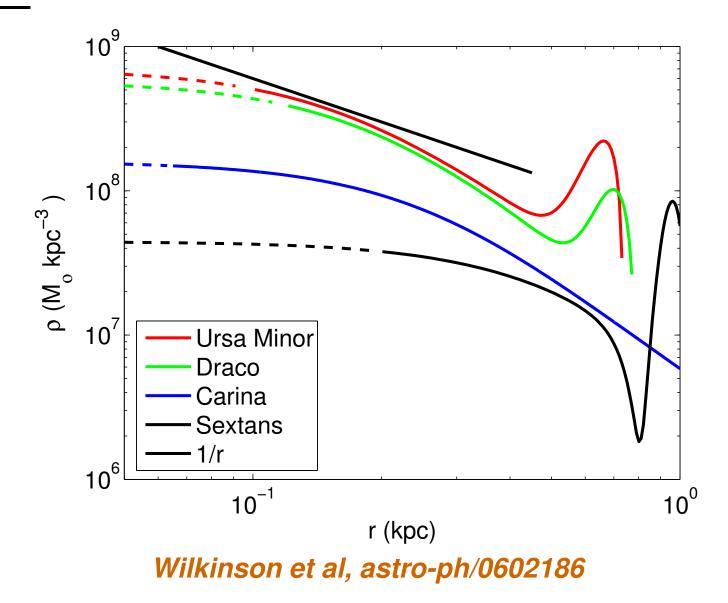


X-ray emission from LMC [Boyarsky et al. astro-ph/0603660]

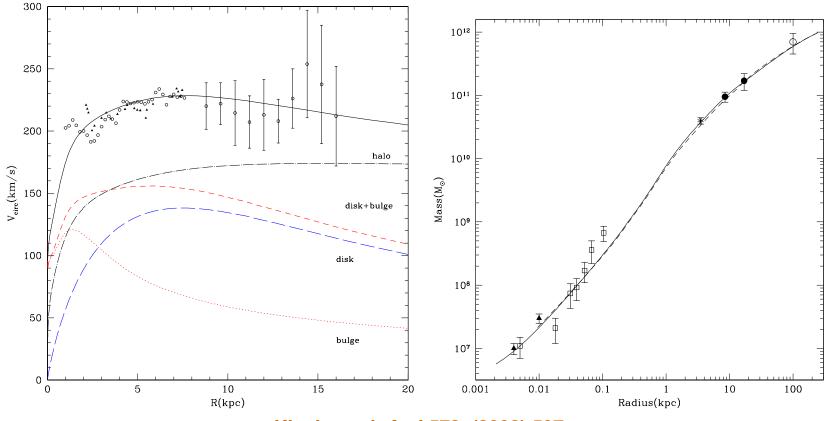
Back to preferred targets

- X-ray emission from LMC is zero within statistical uncertainty for $E \gtrsim 2$ keV.
- LMC is fairly "bright" (massto-light ratio ~ 3)
- X-ray emission should be much smaller for dwarfs like Ursa Minor or Draco (M/L ~ 100).

Dwarf DM profile



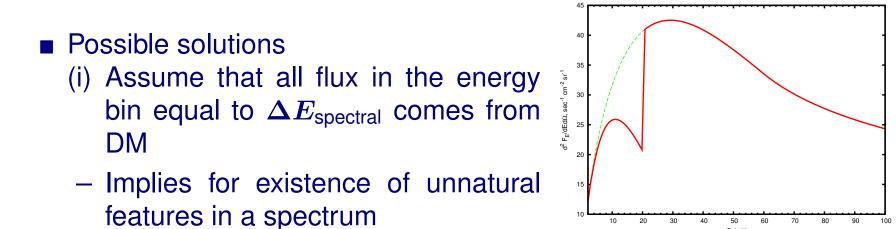
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Klypin et al. ApJ 573, (2002) 597

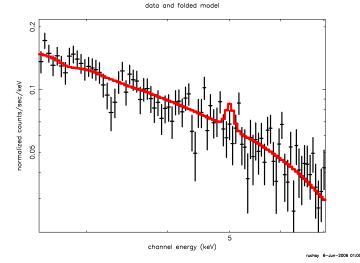
Uncertainties of the mass determination for the MW DM halo (for $r>r_{\odot}$) are within 30%

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- (ii) Add a thin line against existing powerlaw spectrum. Allow fit to be worsened by several sigma
 - Works best in data is described by a power law-like spectrum

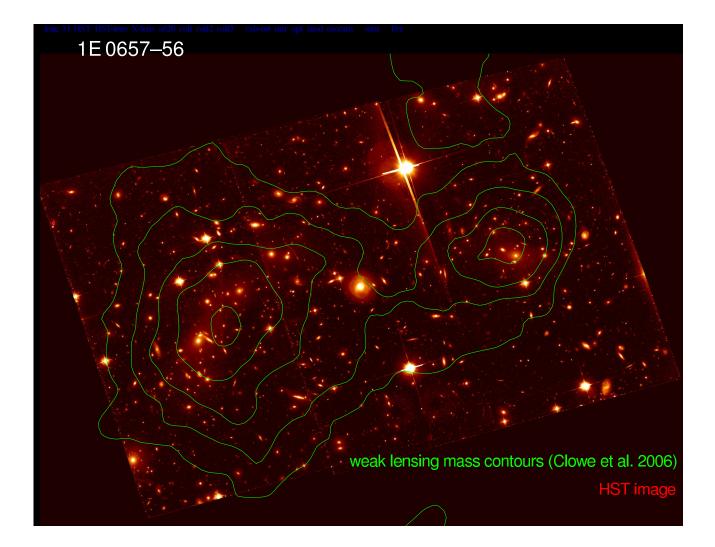
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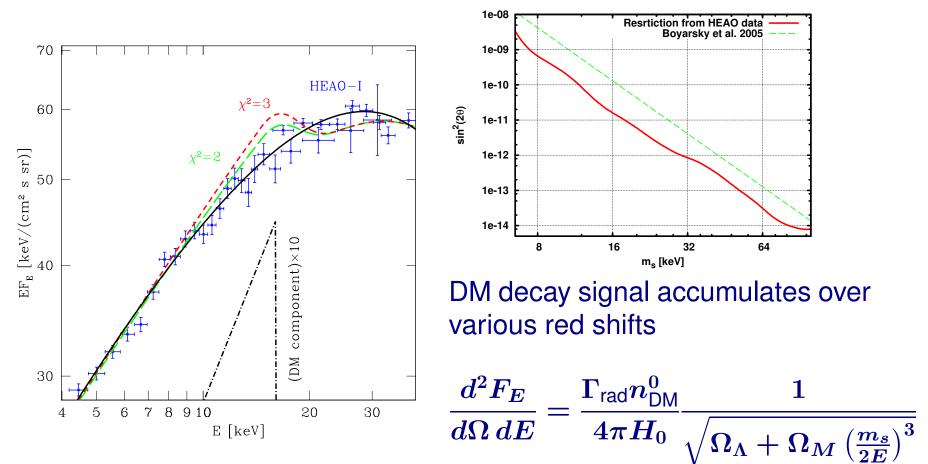
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Weak lensing mass contours



Constraints from diffuse X-ray bgnd



Boyarsky, Neronov, O.R., Shaposhnikov, astro-ph/0512509

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