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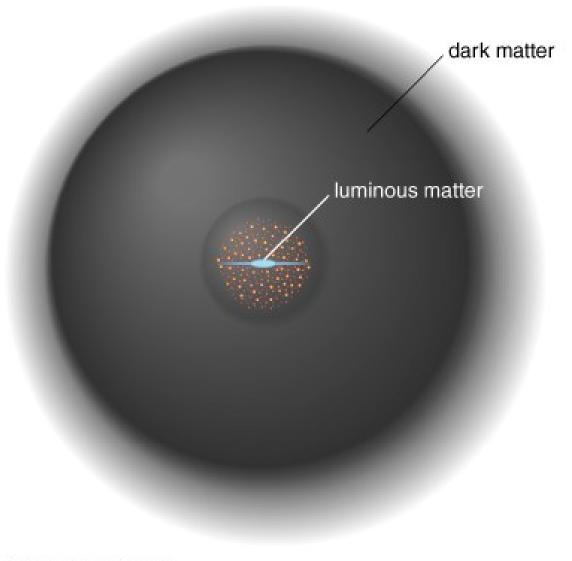
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A Dark Needle in a Bright Haystack Two Stories of Astrophysical Searches for Dark Matter

Revealing the history of the universe with underground particle and nuclear research 2016

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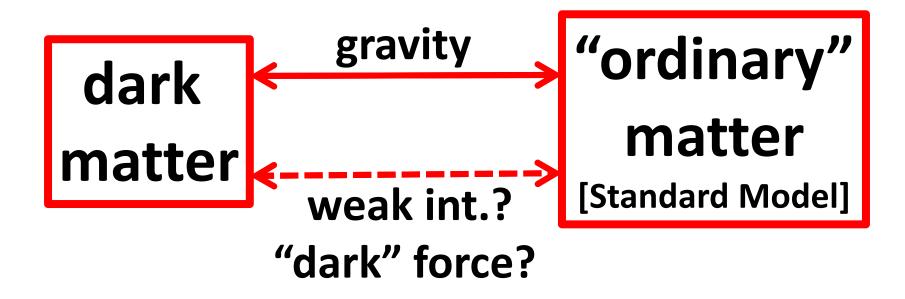
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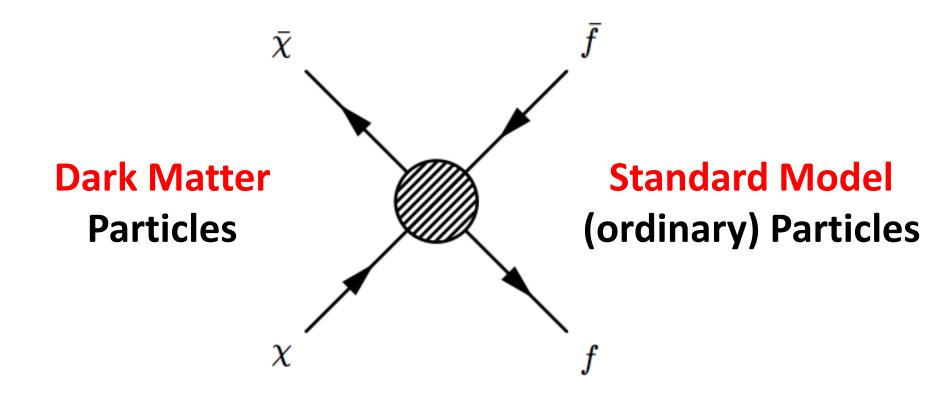


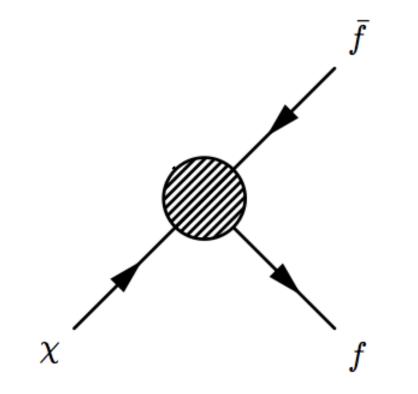
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a new elementary particle







long-lived, but metastable

Detecting the debris of dark matter annihilation or decay

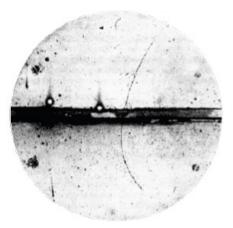
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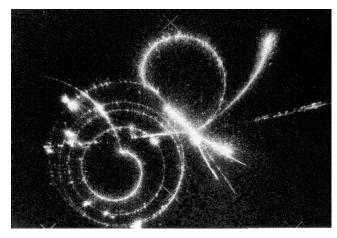
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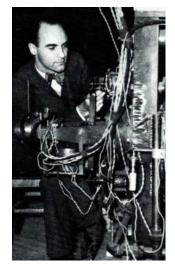
Can we do fundamental physics with astroparticle/astronomical data?



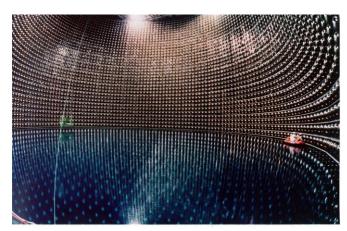
Antimatter (positron, Anderson, 1932)



Pions ("Yukawa" particles) (Lattes, Powell and "Beppo" Occhialini)

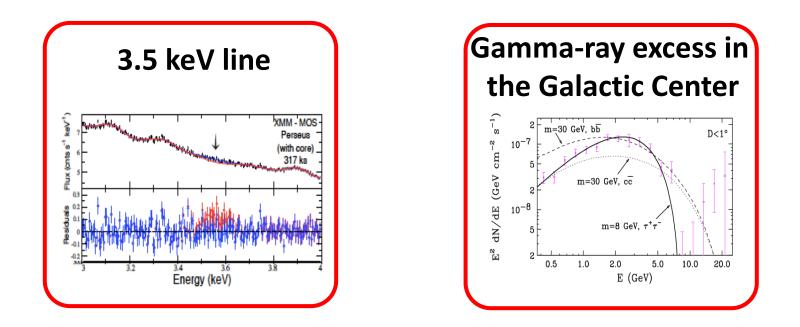


Second Generation (muon, Anderson, 1936)

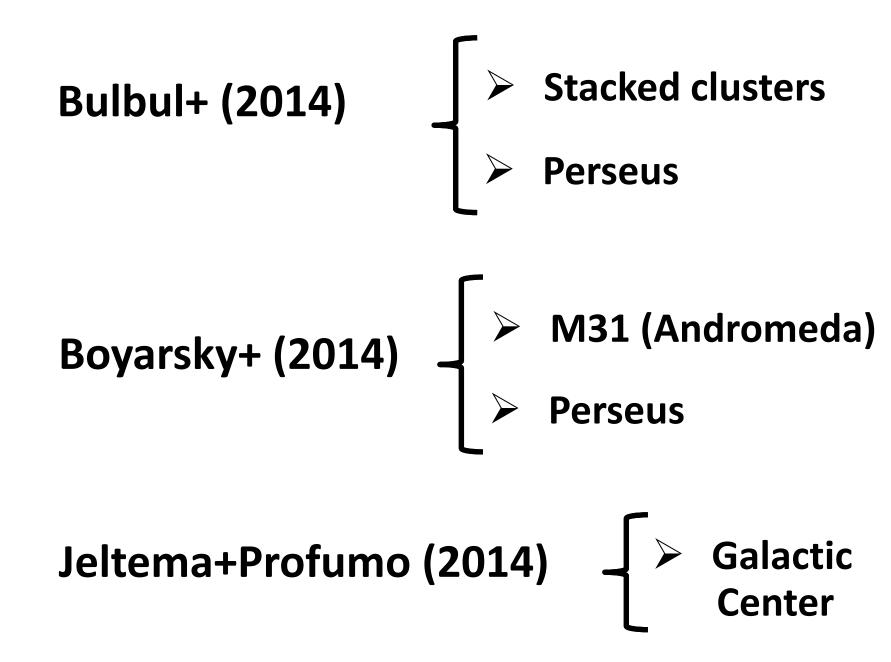


Neutrino Masses/Mixing (2015 Nobel Prize!)

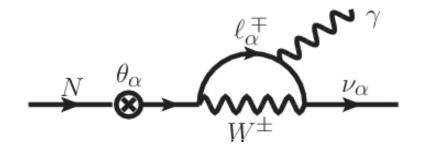
Two tantalizing signals



factor of 1,000,000 apart in energy! ...exemplifies how much we know about the particle nature of dark matter (close to nothing)



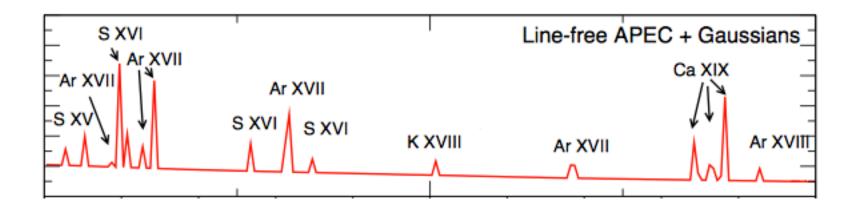
X-ray lines predicted from sterile neutrinos



- SU(2)_L gauge singlet, but (small) mixing angle with active neutrinos
- Viable DM candidates (Dodelson-Woodrow production; "warm" DM)
- Possibly connected with baryogenesis (vMSM)
- Would decay via mixing with active neutrinos

3.5 keV lines (roughly) compatible with this!

X-ray lines also from atomic transitions of highly-ionized Z ~ 20 atoms*



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

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

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

Try to predict K XVIII line brightness using other elemental lines

two key complications:

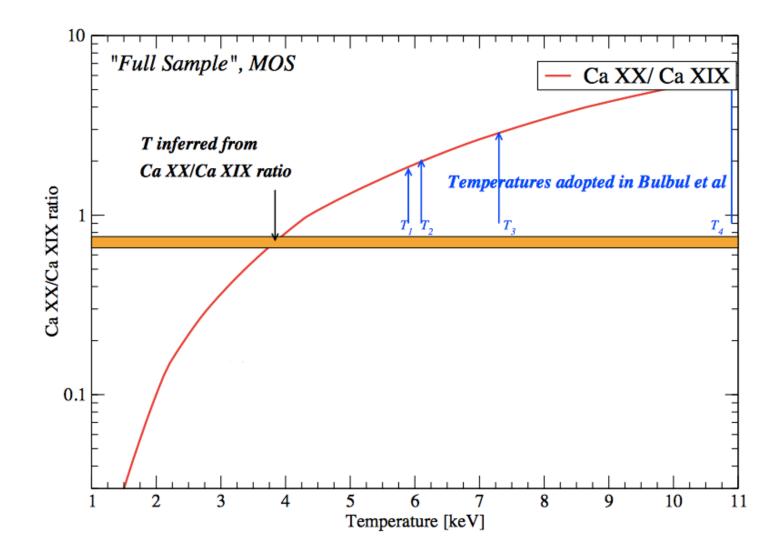
#1 Plasma Temperature#2 Relative Elemental Abundances

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

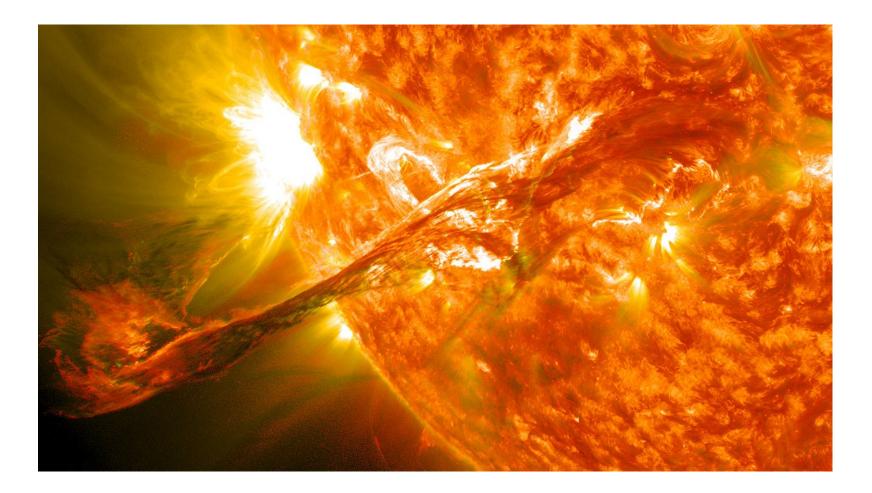
...but this prediction makes two key mistakes:

#1 Plasma Temperature#2 Relative Elemental Abundances

Bulbul+ uses very large T highly suppresses K emission!



also, under-estimate ~10 of K abundance! (Photospheric versus Coronal)



* Phillips et al, ApJ 2015, RESIK crystal spectrometer

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

Other tests?

(1) look elsewhere!

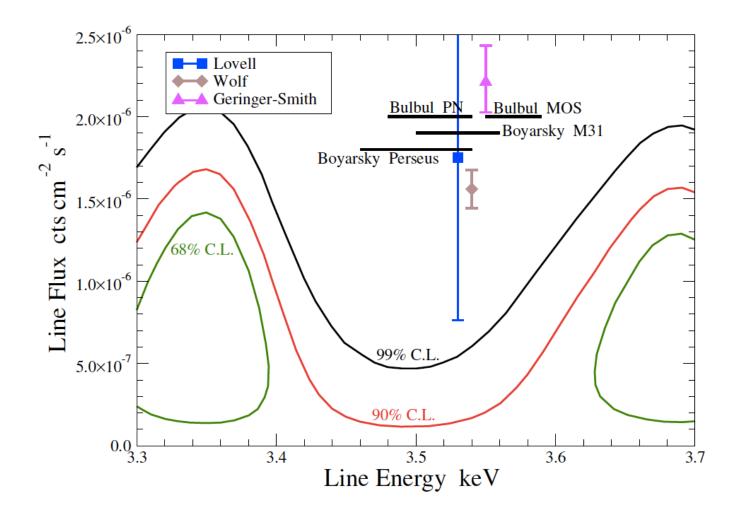
(2) use something different than spectrum!

(1) look elsewhere: depressing

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

*Malyshev et al 2014 ** Anderson et al 2014 *** Jeltema and Profumo 2014

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

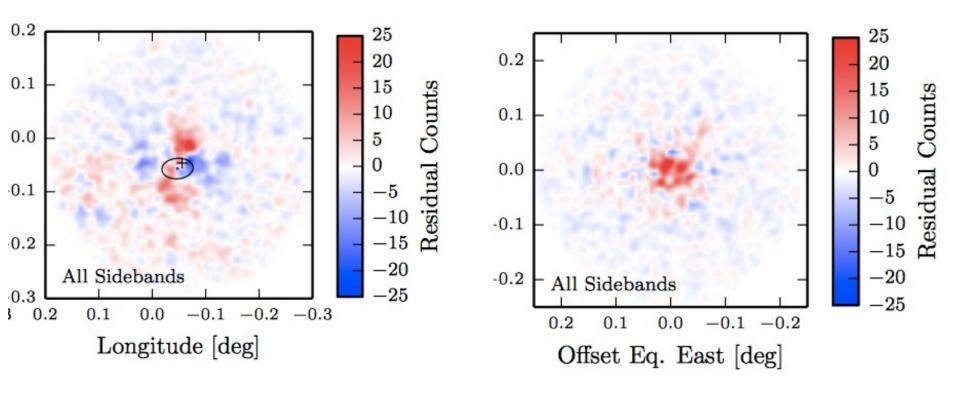


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Morphology!

Look at where the 3.5 keV photons come from!



Milky Way

Perseus

Morphology: looks like thermal line decaying DM strongly disfavored

Carlson, Jeltema and Profumo, JCAP 2015

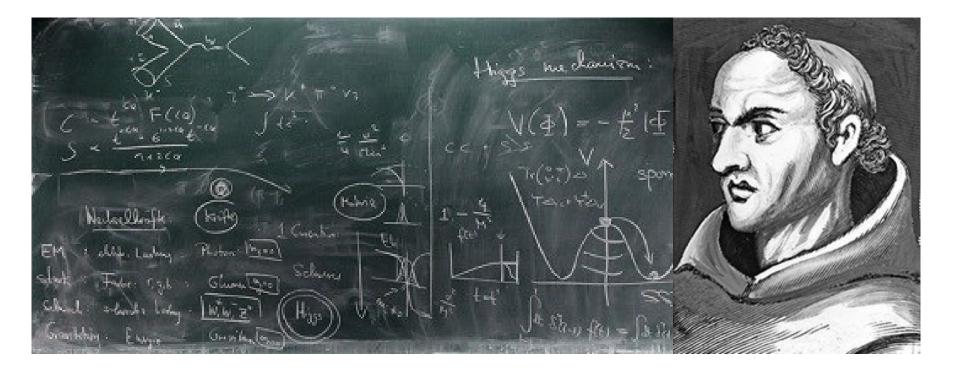
Recap!

	Signal?	Morphology?	K XVIII
Clusters [Perseus]	✓	~Cool core	✓
Galactic Center	~	~Quadrupolar	✓
dSph [Draco]	X	N/A	N/A

Dark Matter, or Potassium?



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



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

What if it is **Dark Matter**?

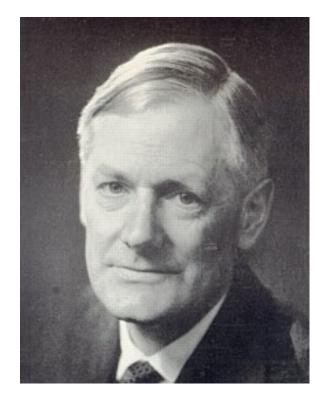
simplest models (sterile neutrino) don't work

every challenge is an opportunity... ...interesting riddle for theorists!

Redman's Theorem

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

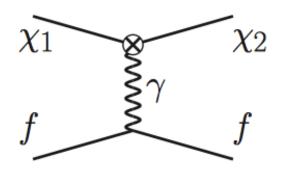
(*) Quoted in M. Longair's "High Energy Astrophysics", sec 2.5.1 "The psychology of astronomers and astrophysicists"



Roderick O. Redman (b. 1905, d. 1975) Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University

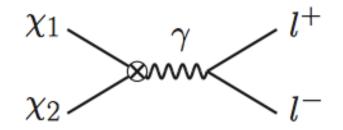
3.5 keV line ...an **excuse** for an exciting, **new mechanism** for a signal from Dark Matter!

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



Signal ~ $\rho_{DM} \mathbf{x} \rho_{gas}$

Good Thermal Relic!



D'Eramo, Hambleton, Profumo and Stefaniak, 1603.04895

Why should you be excited by our model?

1. Brand new indirect detection channel!

2. Unmistakable signature, background free

3. "Good" model: economical, natural UV completion, thermal relic DM

4. Bunch of cool physics!

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A highly falsifiable scenario

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



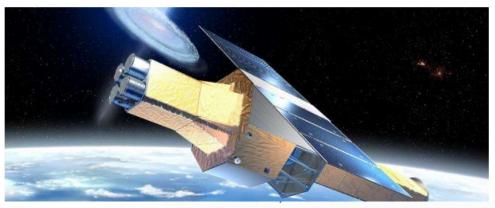
The Japan Times

Astro-H SXS Perseus, 1 Msec kT = 6.5 keV, 0.6 solar z=0.0178 v(baryons) = 300 km/s v(line) = 1300 km/s

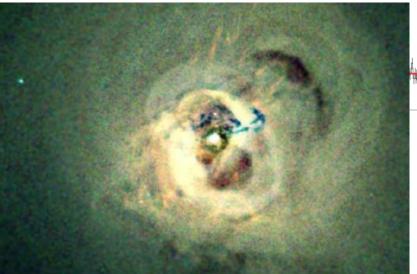


Why X-ray astronomers are anxious for good news from troubled Hitomi satellite

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



on a Japanese rocket in mid-February, could be experiencing a after an unexpected shift in its position may have rendered it u solar power, it said.



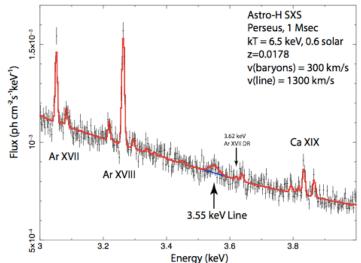
The satellite is supposed to be orbiting about 580 km (360 miles) above the Earth's surface, but JAXA said the satellite may also have deviated from its intended path.

in Ito after Saitama girl, 15, missing two years flees captivity, alerts cops

A highly falsifiable scenario

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

- Unique morphology
- Unique target-dependence



• Lines could appear anywhere from eV (visible) to UV, to X-ray

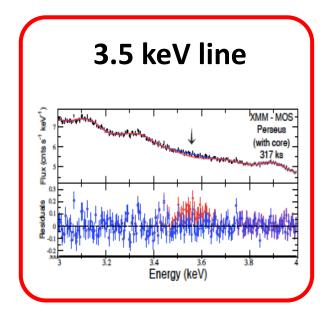
K XVIII remains **Occam**'s razor's fav. option

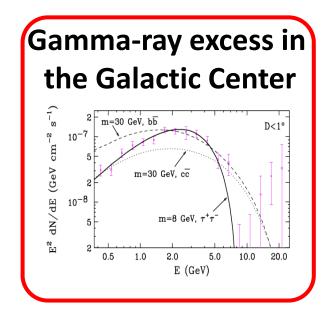
Plasma-excited DM: New mechanism to detect DM

Lines anywhere eV...keV

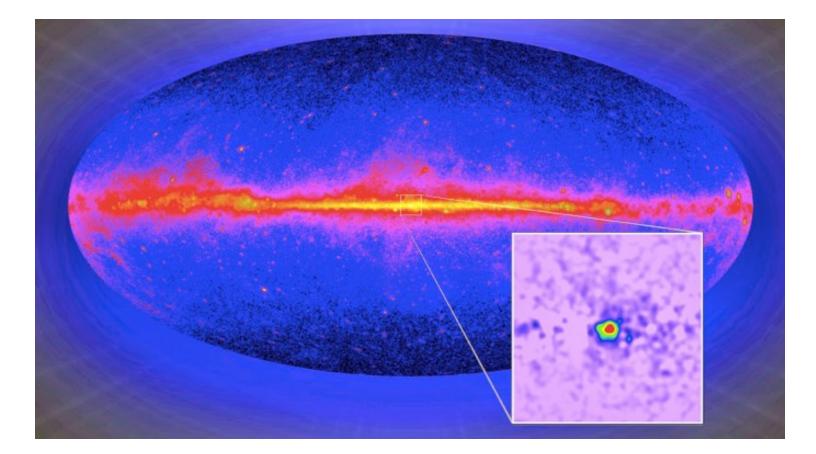
Unique obs. predictions, background "free"

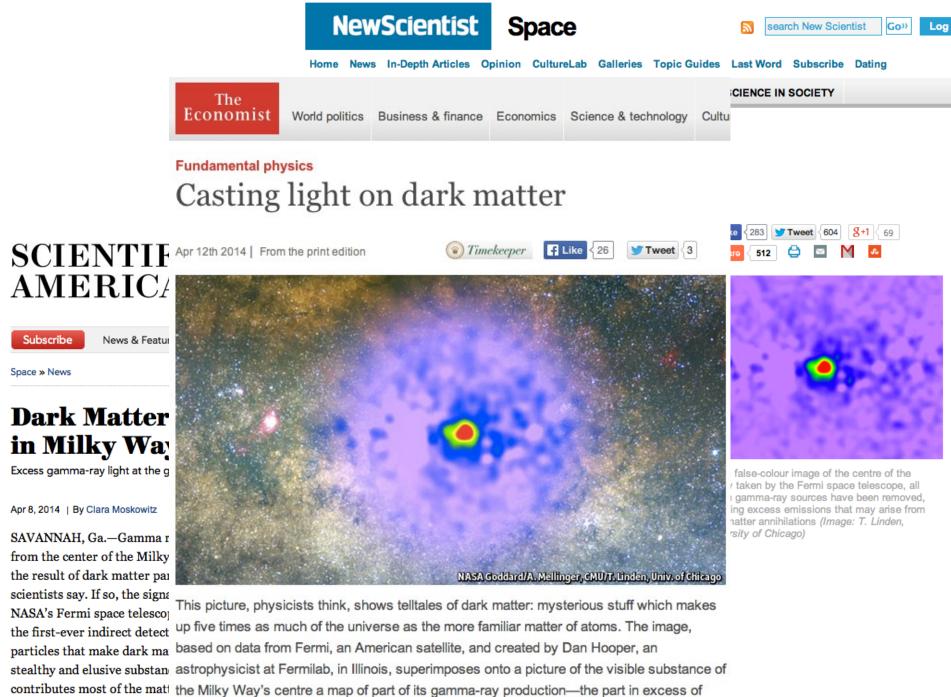
Structure formation? Small-scale structure?





After early reports (primarily by Hooper et al) Galactic Center Excess reported independently, and with a variety of different assumptions for background etc, by Daylan et al (Harvard+MIT+Fermilab); Abazijian et al (UCI); Macias and Gordon (NZ)



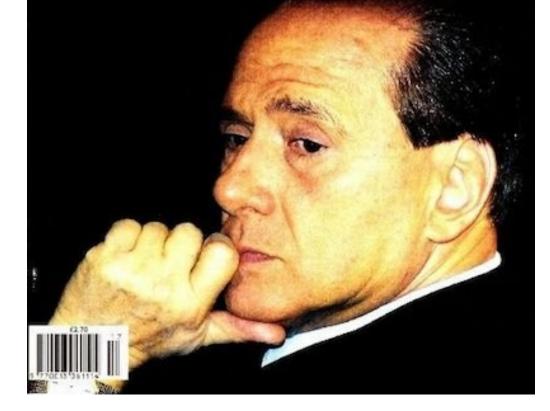


universe.

The Economist has the tendency to get things right









What produces the Galactic Center excess?

Fitting the excess with Dark Matter Annihilation not problematic

- ✓ Morphology ~OK
- ✓ Spectrum ~OK
- Constraints from dSph, radio, CMB
 ~sort of OK

What produces the Galactic Center excess?

Most obvious astrophysical counterpart (unresolved pulsars) does not work

- ✓ Morphology NOT OK
- ✓ Spectrum NOT OK
- ✓ Not enough!

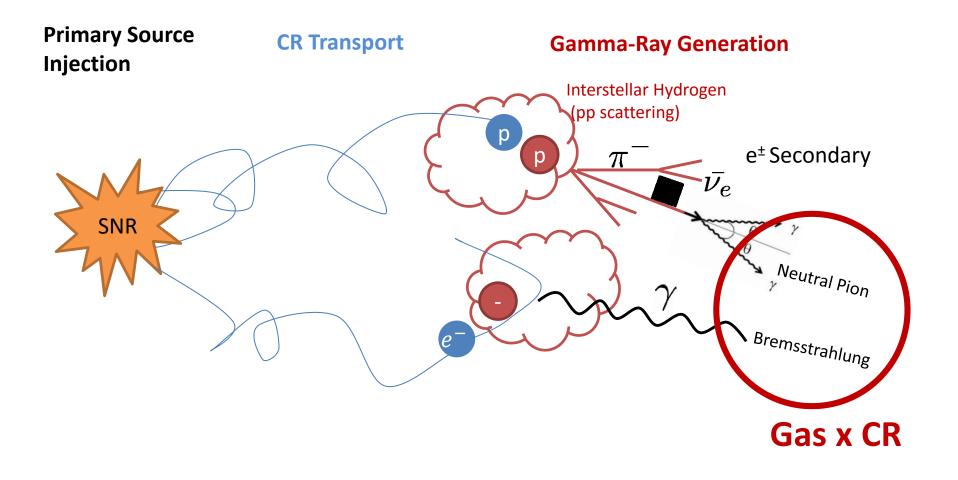
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WRONG QUESTION!

Rather: is the excess indeed there?

Are models of diffuse emission adequate to current data?

Ingredients of diffuse emission



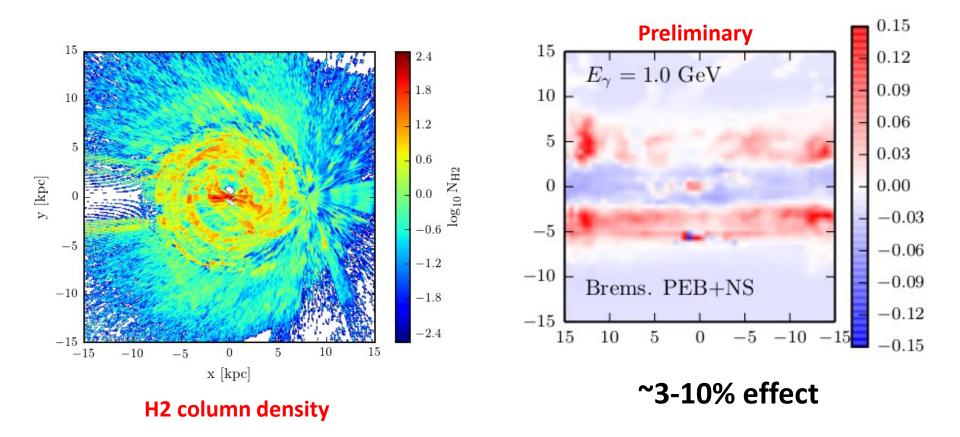
All groups that find an excess assume:

- 1. 2-D Gas Density Distribution
- 2. 2-D Cosmic-Ray Propagation
- 3. Steady State
- 4. Simplistic Cosmic-ray source distribution

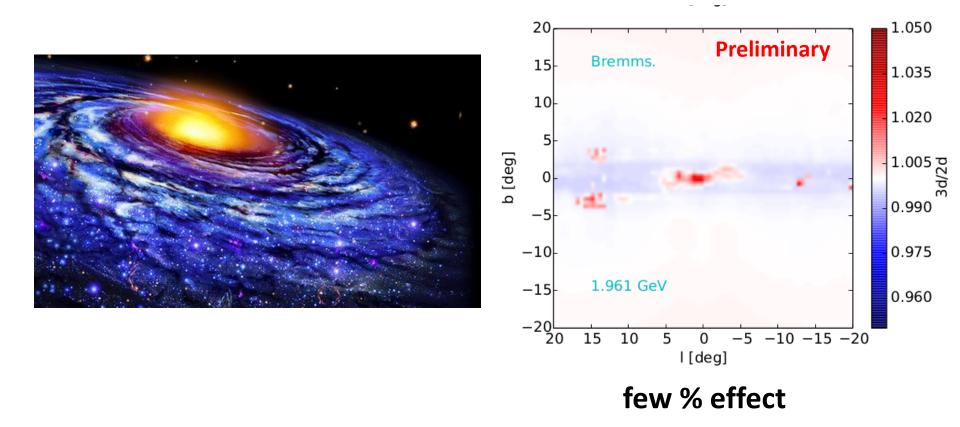
Every assumption costs a systematic effect of the same order as the excess! Towards the next generation of diffuse gamma-ray models

- 1. **3-D Gas Density Distribution**
- 2. **3-D Cosmic-Ray Propagation**
- **3. Cosmic Ray Bursts/Transients**
- 4. Physically motivated Cosmic-ray source distributions

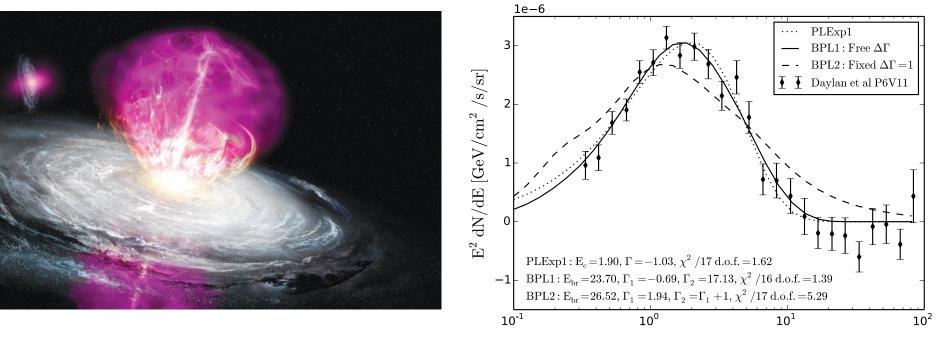
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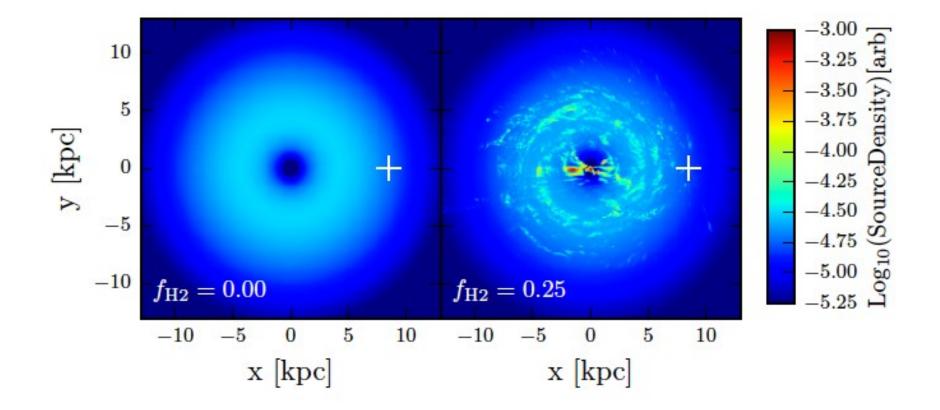
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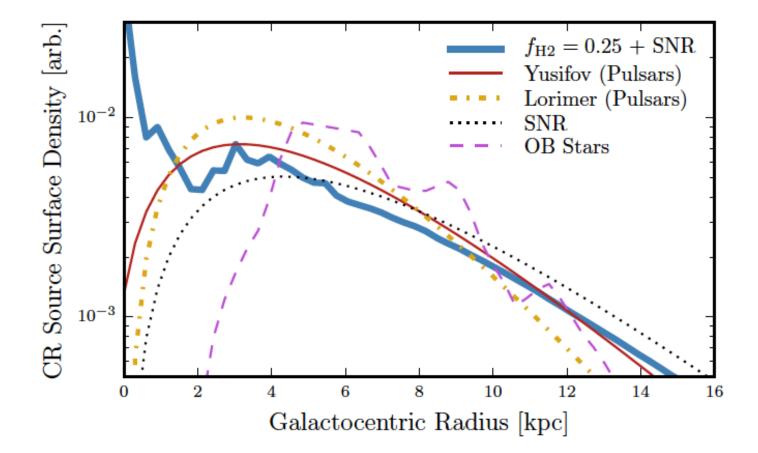
Energy [GeV]

Carlson and Profumo, PRD 2014

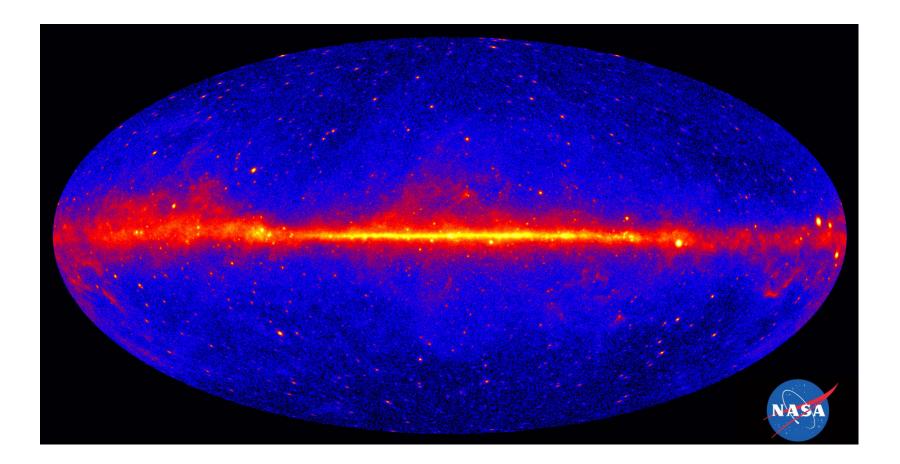
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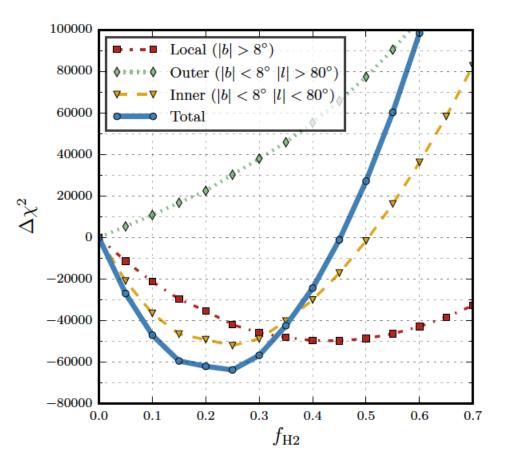
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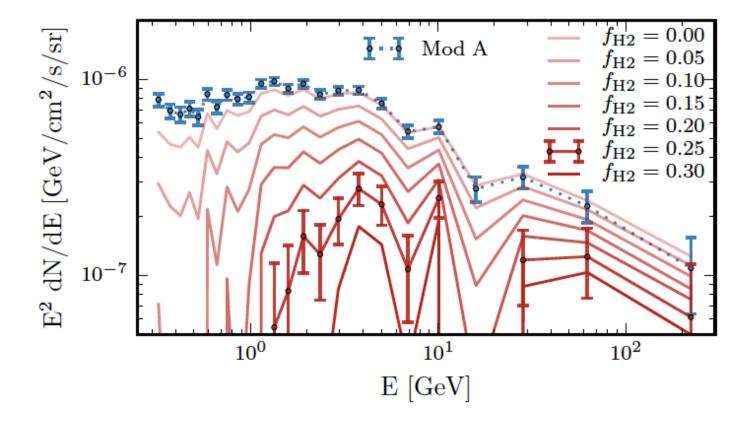


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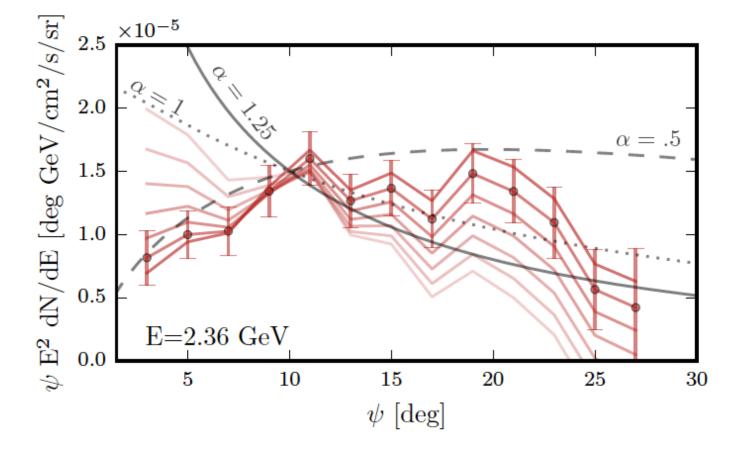


* Carlson, Linden, Profumo 1510.04698, sub. to Phys.Rev.Lett.

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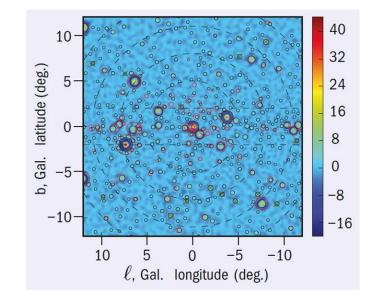
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We are making significant progress towards understanding Galactic gamma rays

Cosmic-Ray injection and **3D** models are key!

Discrimination between unresolved point sources and diffuse emission^{*,**} also highly dependent on emission model!



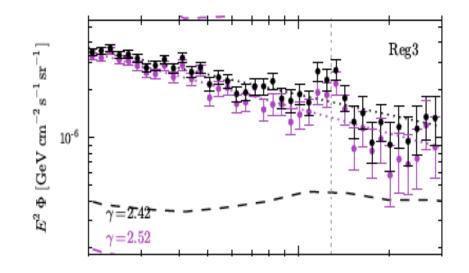
* Bartels et al, 2016, PRL 116 051102, ** Lee et al, 2016, PRL 116 051103

I remain skeptic about establishing a conclusive Dark Matter detection signal from the Galactic Center

Is DM detection with gamma rays possible at all? Yes.

A monochromatic gamma-ray line with a diffuse morphology has no astrophysical counterparts*

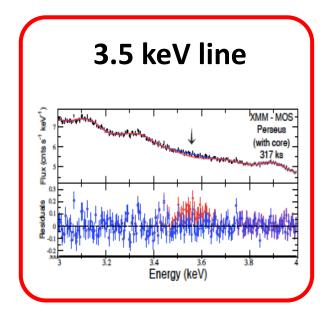
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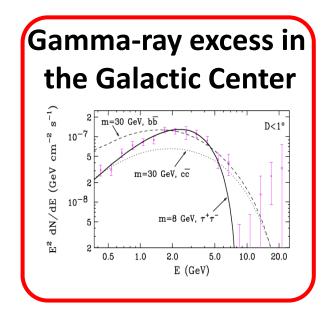


Unfortunately, the 130 GeV line was a statistical fluke

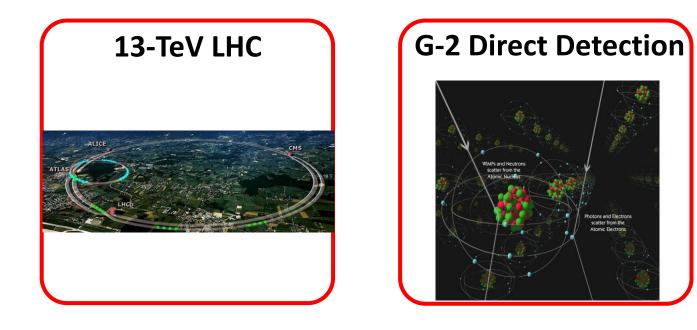
- too narrow right off the bat
- significance did not increase with time
- Pass 8 does not see any line

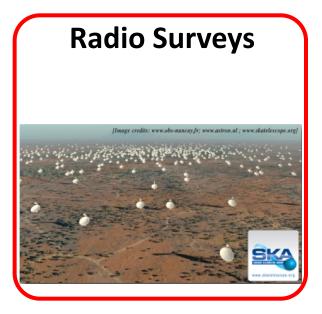
* Weniger 2012





what else, then?









...an appropriate adage for dark matter detection :

"Everything we see hides another thing,

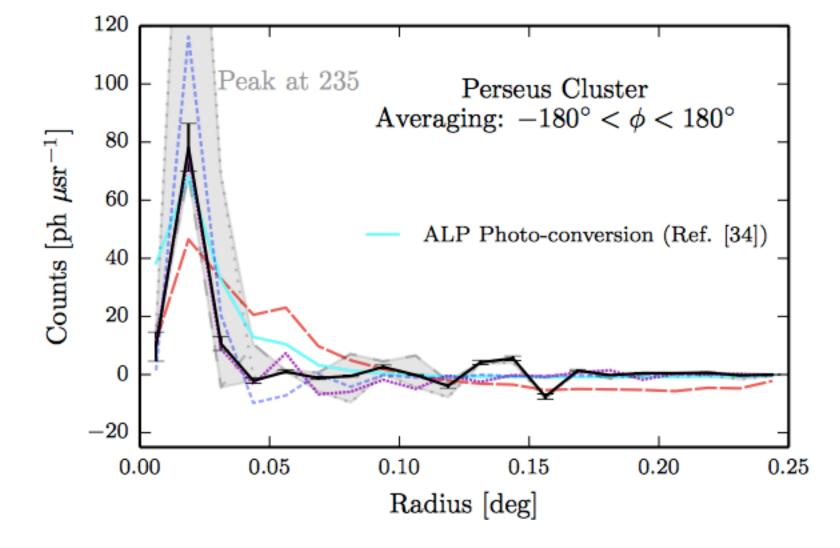
we always want to see what is hidden by what we see"

R. Magritte

The promenades of Euclid

Summary: "Exotic" 3.5 keV line Models

Example Model	Signal Morph.	ОК?
Sterile v	ρ _{dm}	NO (morph, dSph)
axion-like particles (ALP)	ρ _{DM} x B ²	Yes! (but weak link to DM)
Plasma-Excited Dipole	ρ _{DM} x ρ _{gas}	Yes! (and OK thermal relic!)



axion-like particles survive the morphology test decaying DM strongly disfavored

Carlson, Jeltema and Profumo, 2015

much hype (~300 papers) for the discovery of a 3.5 keV X-ray line

Mysterious X-rays Might Hint at Dark Matter

By: Monica Young | July 8, 2014



Boffins say dark matter found with X-ray

light on dark matter

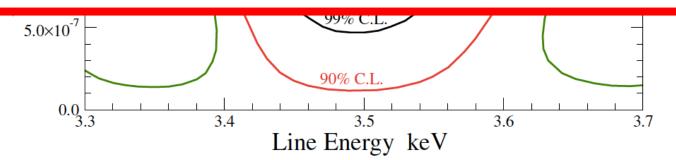
By Brian Dodson March 10, 2014



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An example of a zealous Referee:

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



* Jeltema and Profumo, MNRAS (2015)