A 3.55 keV Photon Line and its Morphology from a 3.55 keV ALP Line

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2. $\mathrm{DM} \to a \to \gamma$

3. $\mathrm{DM} \to a \to \gamma$ **vs** $\mathrm{DM} \to \gamma$ **morphology**

The 3.55 keV photon line

[Bulbul, Markevitch, Foster, Smith, Loewenstein, Randall '14]

- Stacked data of 73 galaxy clusters ($0.01 < z < 0.4$)
- Detected independently in XMM-Newton PN and MOS instruments at 4-5 sigma
- Detected in all three subsamples (Perseus - also with Chandra, Coma+Ophiuchus+Centaurus, all others)

[Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy, Iakubovskyi, Franse '14]

- Detected in Perseus Cluster and Andromeda galaxy with XMM-Newton MOS data

The observed line

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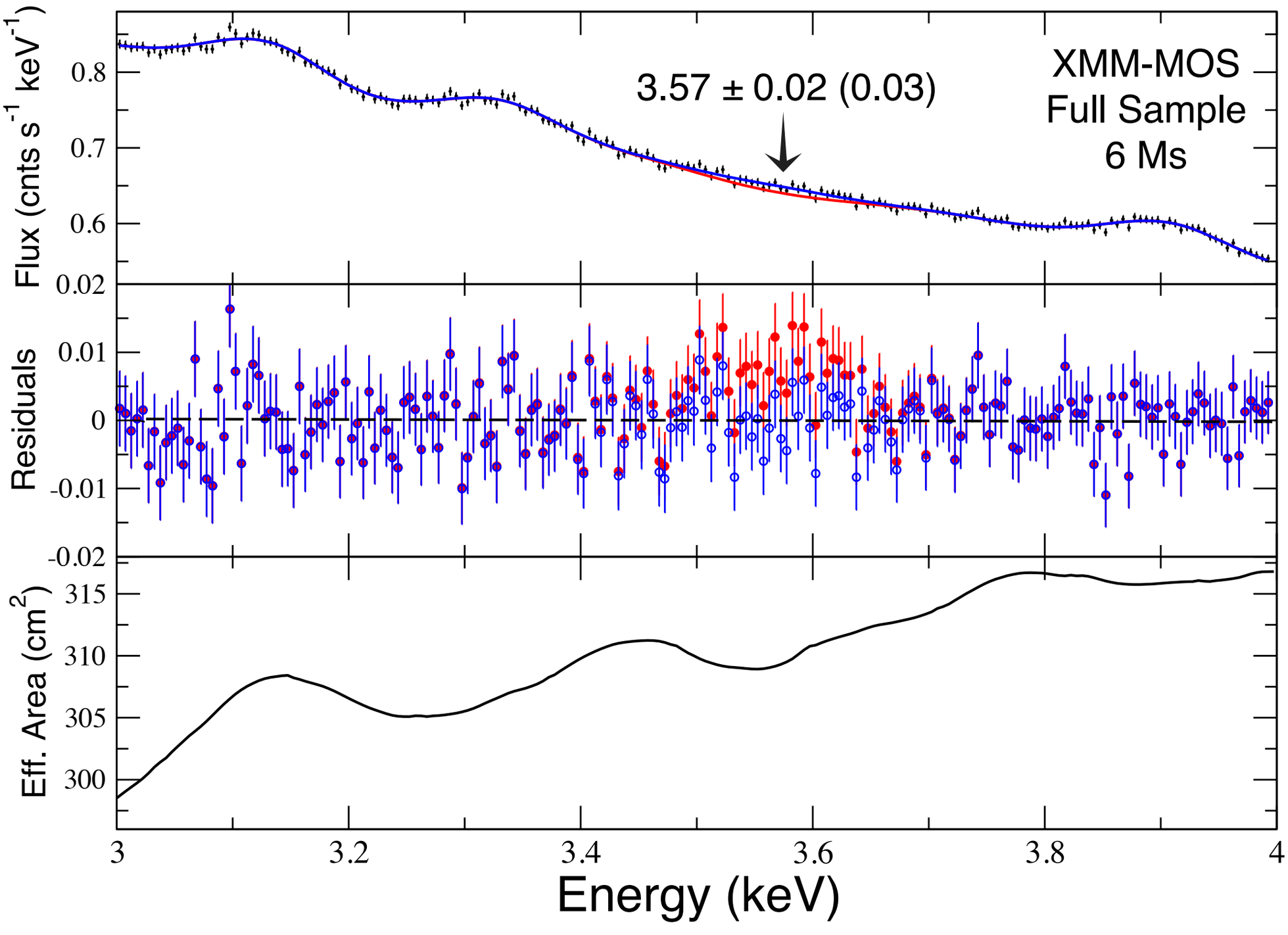

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Atomic line?

☒ No known atomic line at this energy. Apart from known lines exceeding expectation by factor ~20

☒ Line also detected in Andromeda (no hot gas!)

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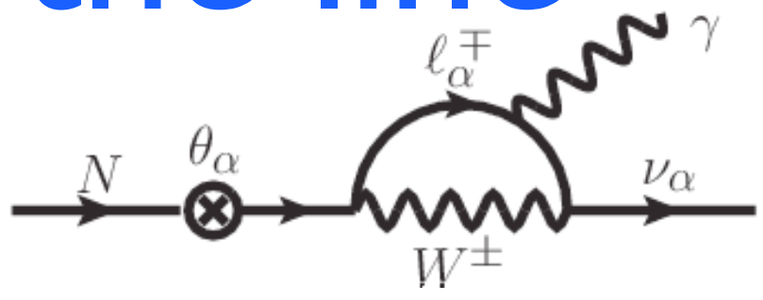
Dark matter decay/annihilation?



- Sterile neutrinos (compatible with previous bounds)
- ALP (Axion Like Particle) DM, Axinos, excited states of DM, Gravitinos, ...

[Bulbul, Markevitch, Foster, Smith, Loewenstein, Randall;
Czerny, Hamaguchi, Higaki, Ibe, Ishida, Jeong, Nakayama, Takahashi, Yanagida, Yokozaki;
Jaeckel, Redondo, Ringwald;
El Asiati, Hambye, Scarna;
Dudas, Heurtier, Mambrini (see L.Heurtier's talk);
Bomark, Roszkowski (see NE.Bomark's talk);
Frandsen, Sannino, Shoemaker, Svendsen;
Kolda, Unwin; Finkbeiner, Weiler;
Kubo, Lim, Lindner; Choi, Seta;
Baek, Okada, Toma; Lee, Park, Park]

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- Signal in Perseus ~8 times stronger than in full sample
- Half of the Perseus Signal is within the central 20 kpc but $R_{DM} \simeq 360$ kpc

$\Rightarrow$ Dark matter to photon may not fit the morphology

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Dark matter to axion decays

DM is a scalar

Decay via $\frac{\Phi}{\Lambda}\partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a$ with lifetime

$$\tau_\Phi = \left(\frac{7.1\ \mathrm{keV}}{m_\Phi}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10^{17}\ \mathrm{GeV}}\right)^2 1.85 \times 10^{27}\ \mathrm{s}$$

or DM is a fermion (cosmological moduli problem, unless [Linde '96, Takahashi, Yanagida '11])

Decay via $\frac{\partial_\mu a}{\Lambda}\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi$ with lifetime

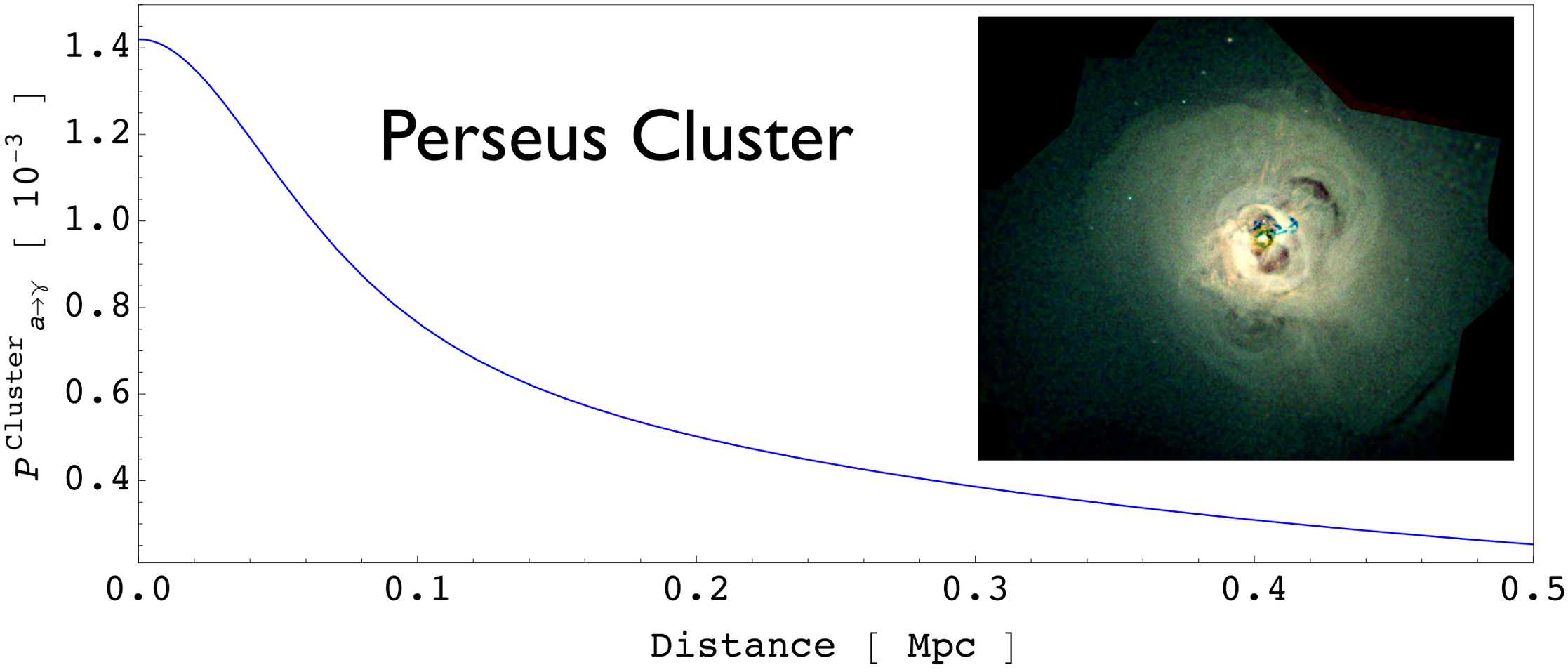
$$\tau_\psi = \left(\frac{7.1\ \mathrm{keV}}{m_\psi}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10^{17}\ \mathrm{GeV}}\right)^2 0.92 \times 10^{27}\ \mathrm{s}$$

Axion-photon conversion

Operator $\frac{a}{M}\mathbf{E}\cdot\mathbf{B}$ induces $P_{a\to\gamma}^{\rm cluster} \sim \frac{B^2\, L\, R_{\rm cluster}}{M^2}$

[Raffelt, Stodolsky '87]

[see talks by G.Raffelt, A.Powell, F.Day]



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Predictions: Cluster morphology

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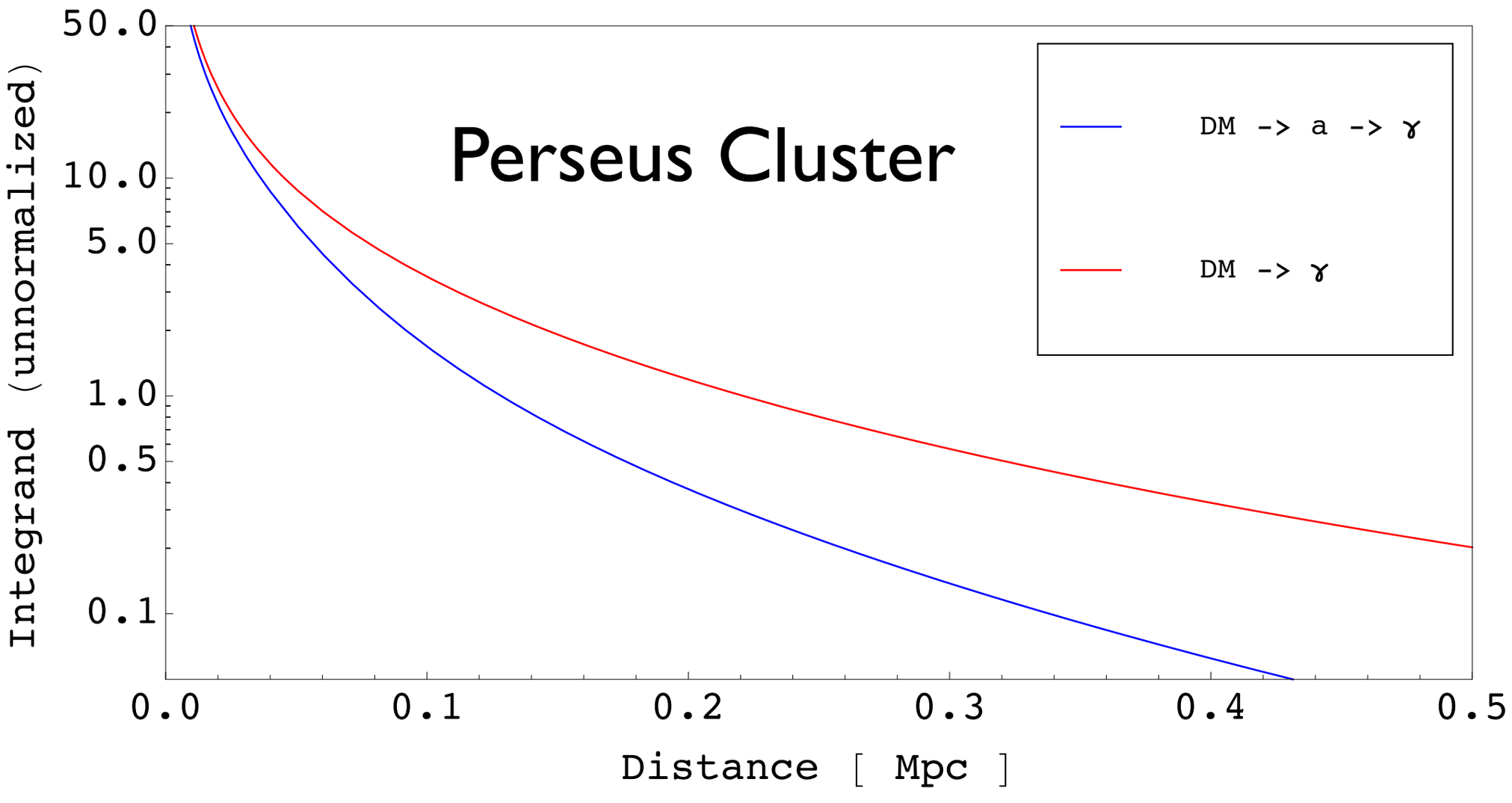
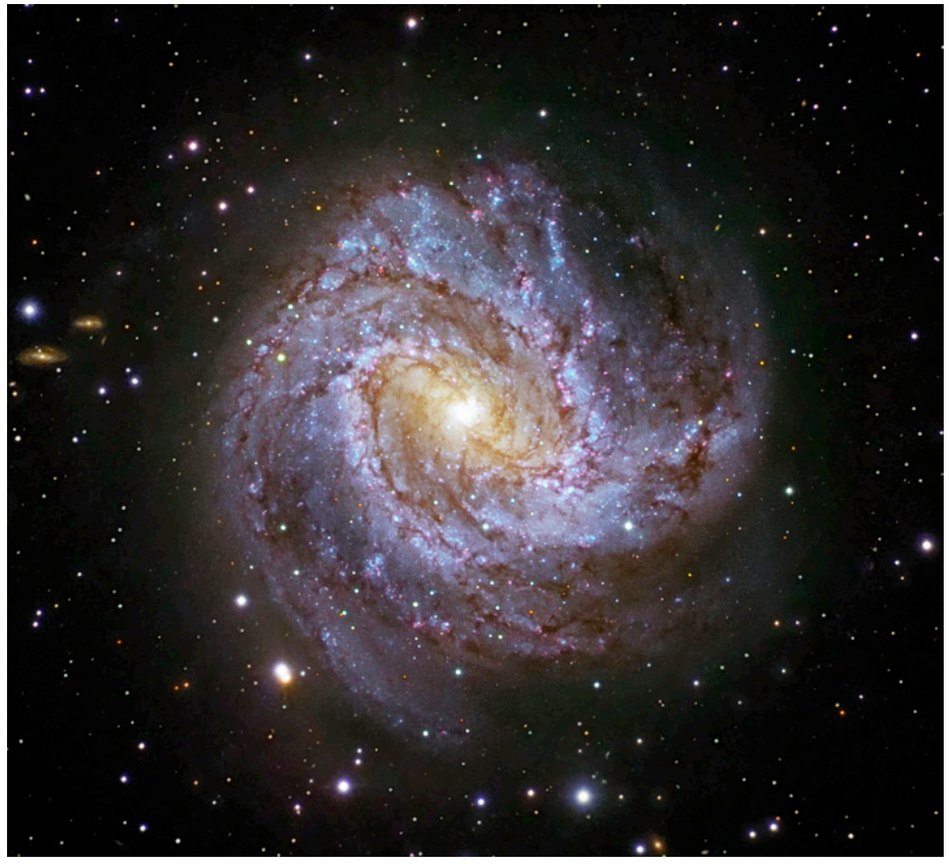


Predictions: Galaxies



- Signals from **edge on** galaxies should be stronger than from **face on**
- What about the Milky Way, Andromeda? (F.Day's talk)

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