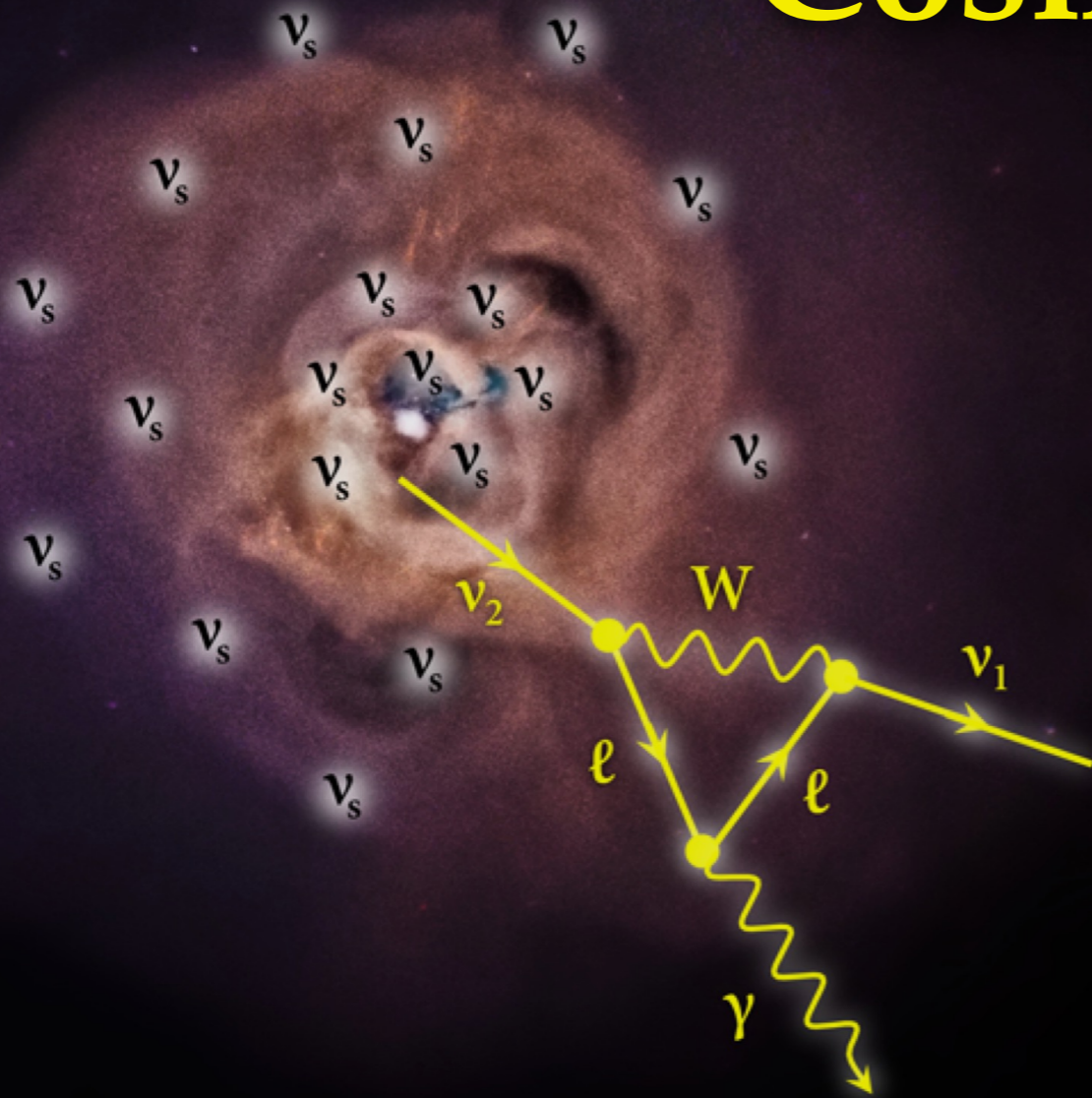


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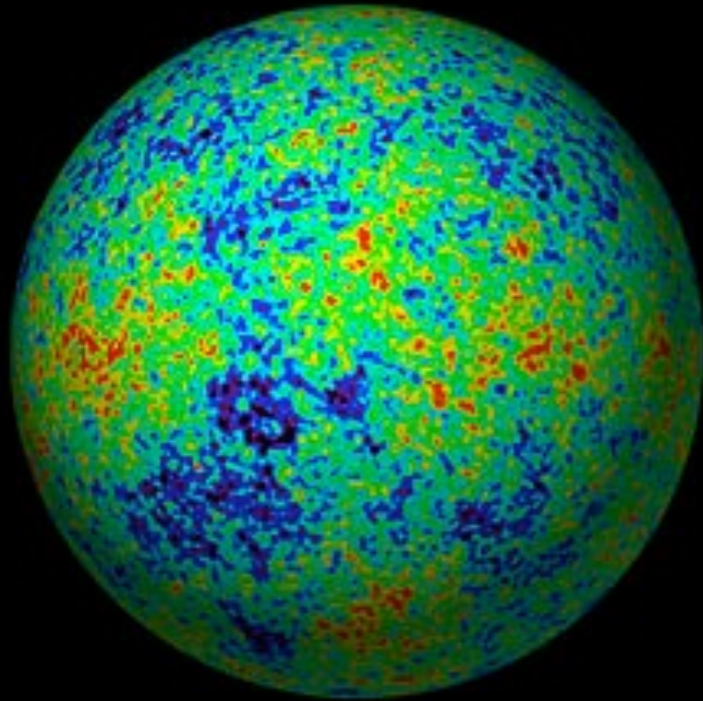
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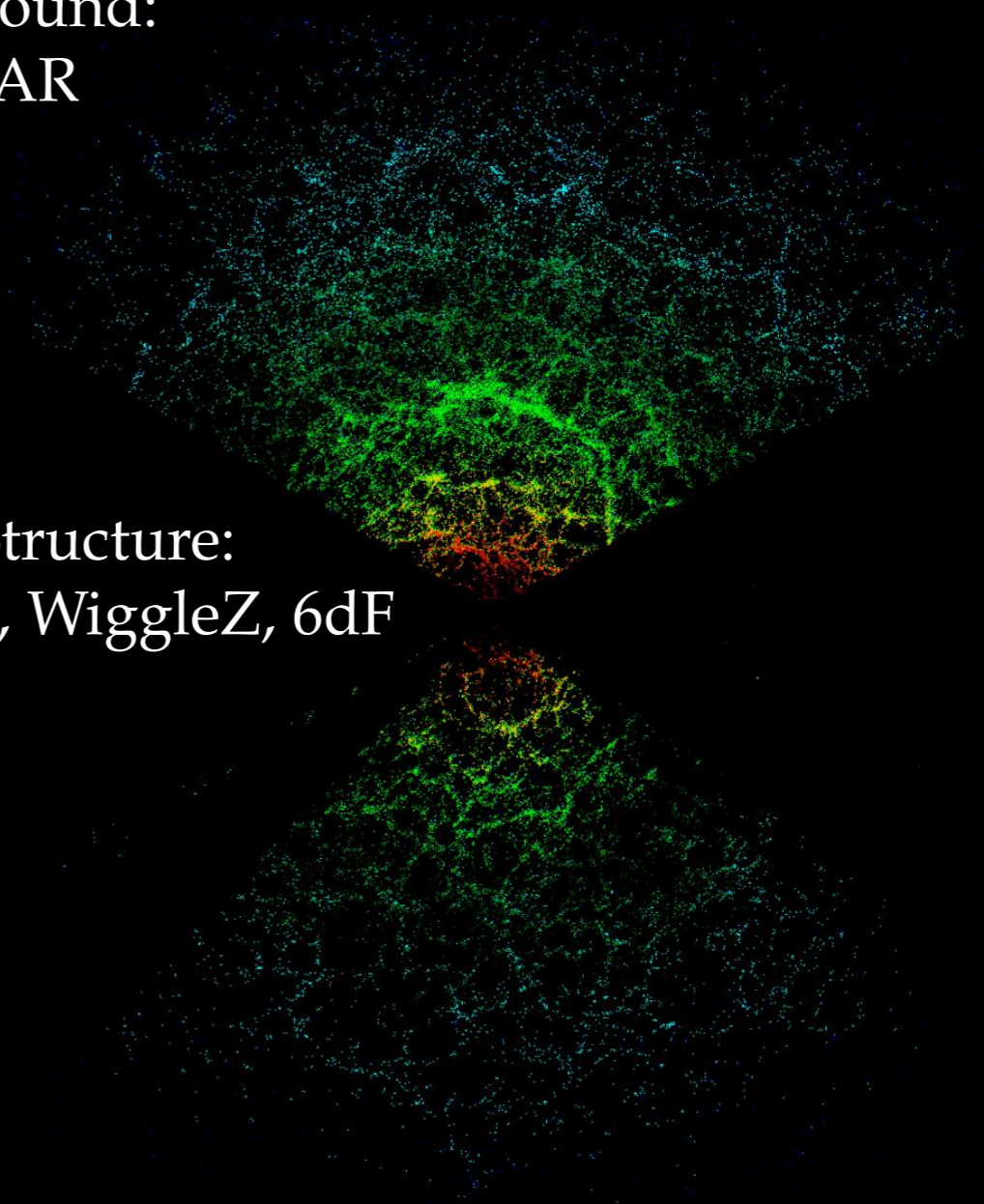
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Dark Matter Today: from large scale cosmology



Cosmic Microwave Background:
Planck, SPT, ACT, PolarBEAR



Large Scale Structure:
SDSS (BOSS), WiggleZ, 6dF

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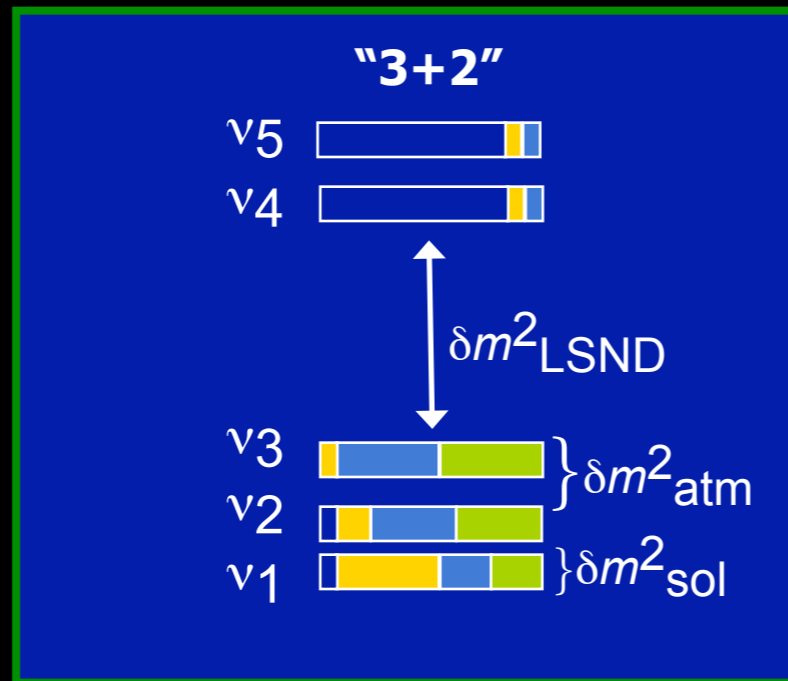
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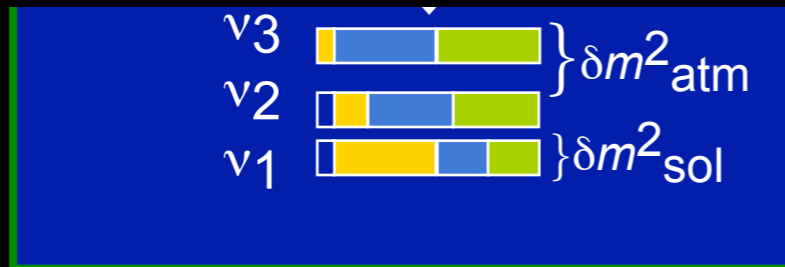
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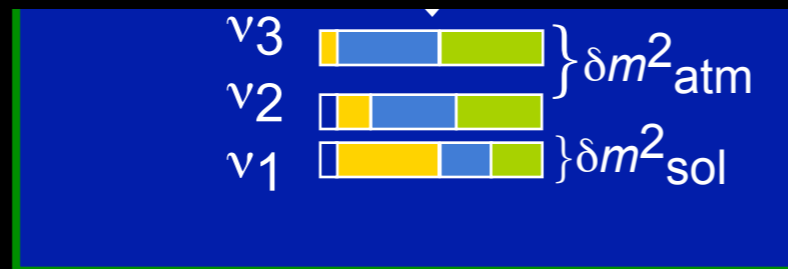
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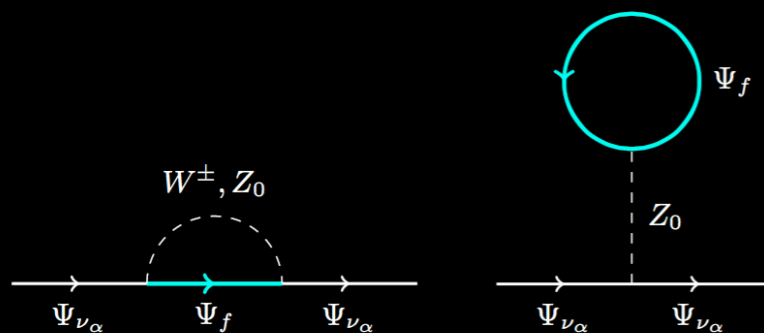
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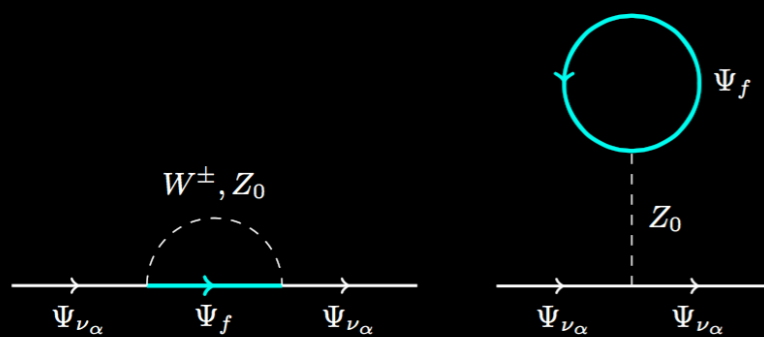
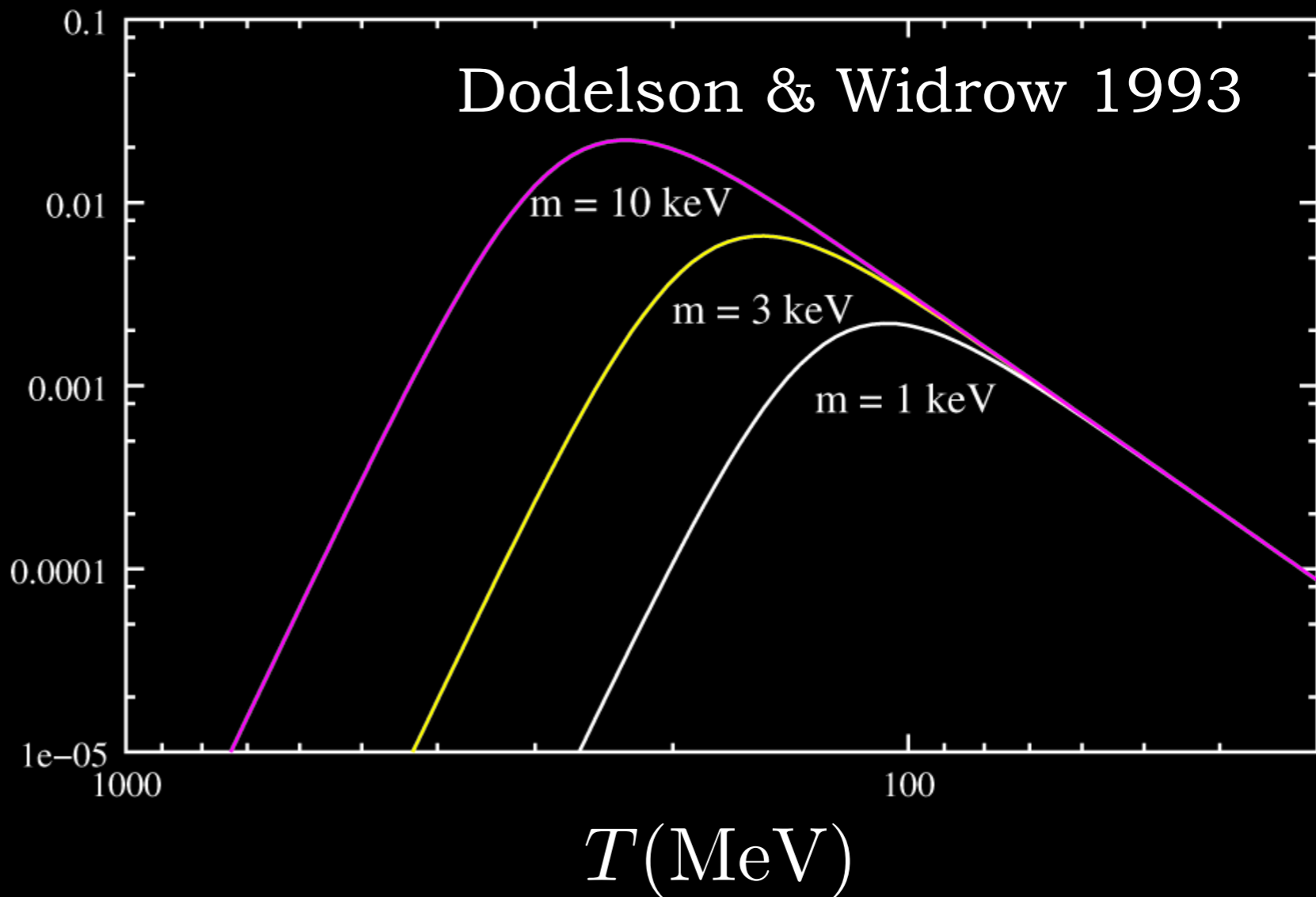
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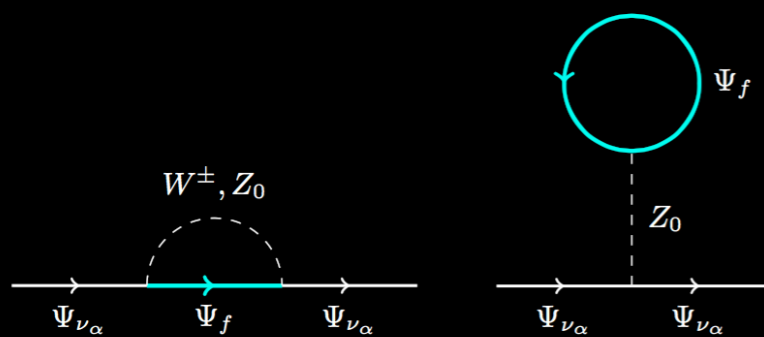
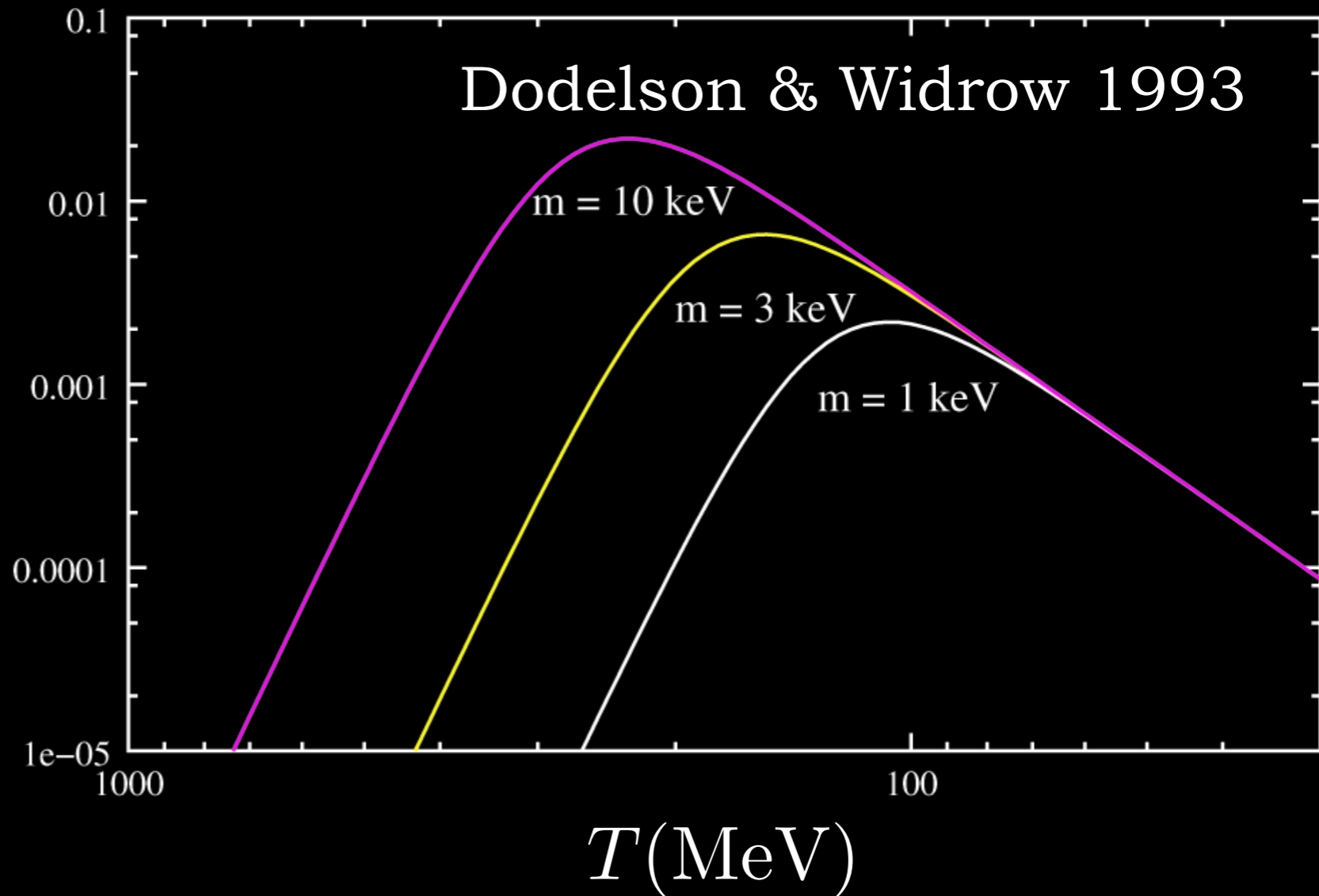
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Resonance: Shi & Fuller 1998

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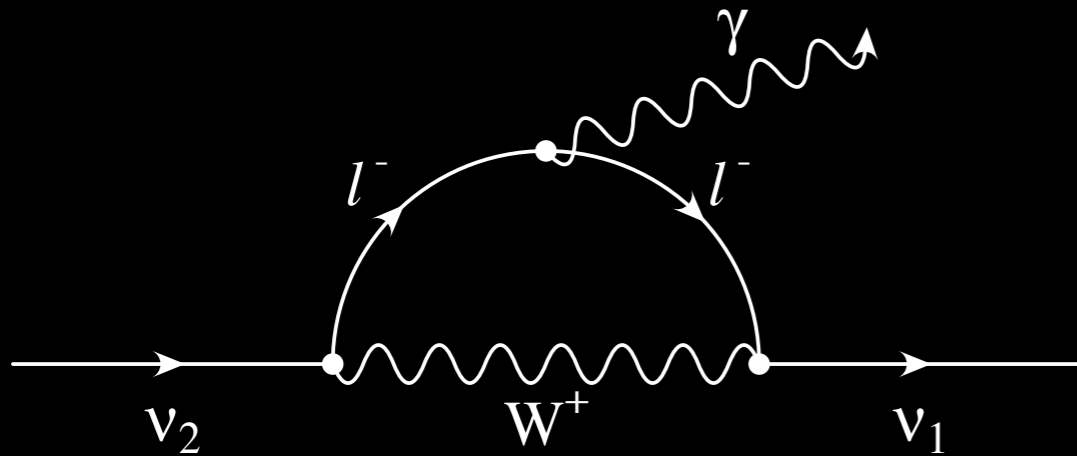
**Resonant & Non-resonant Production
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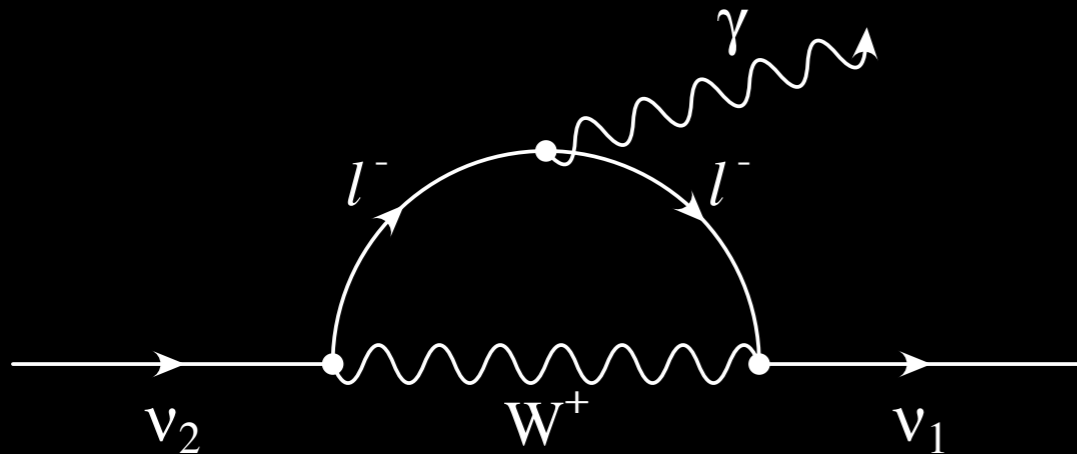


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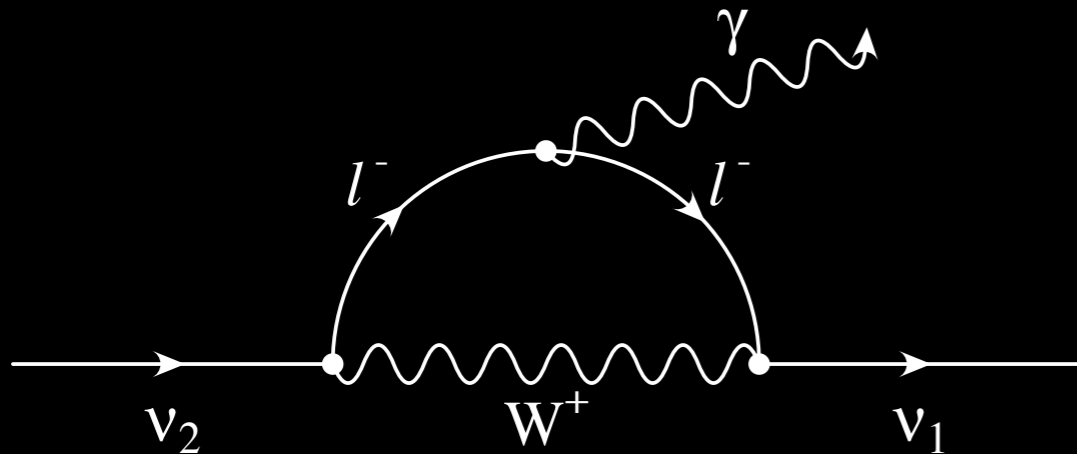
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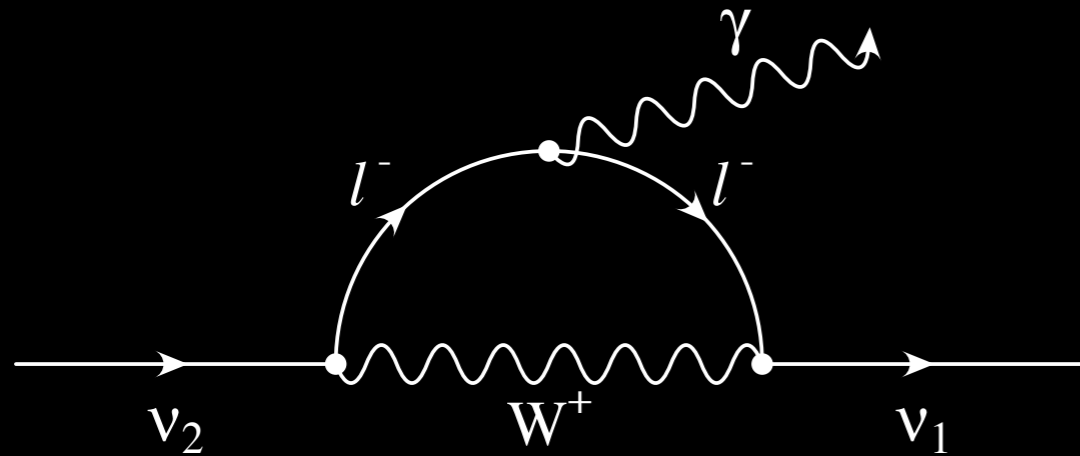
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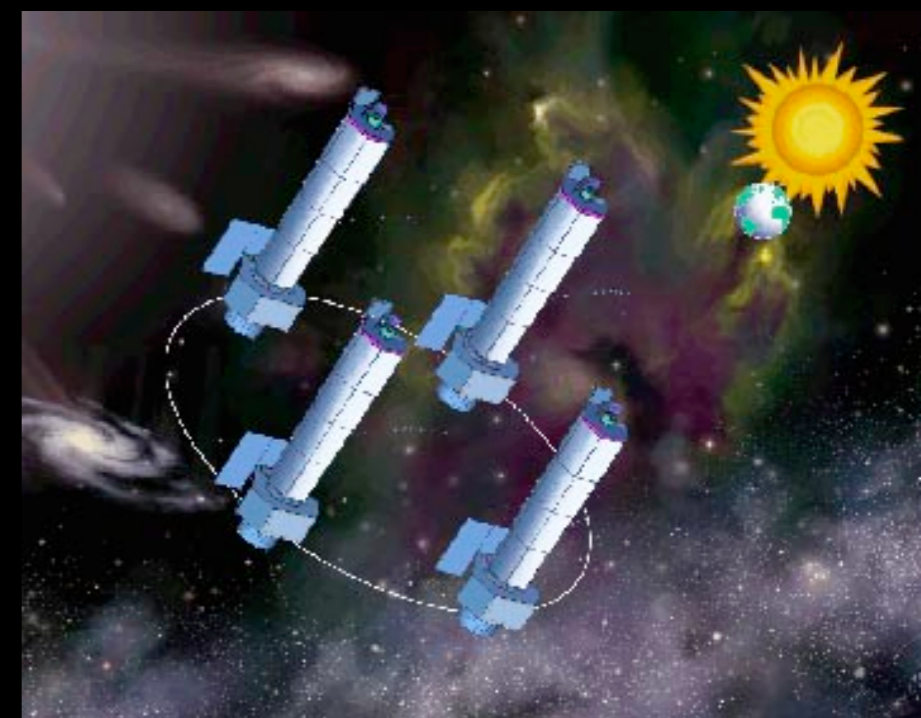
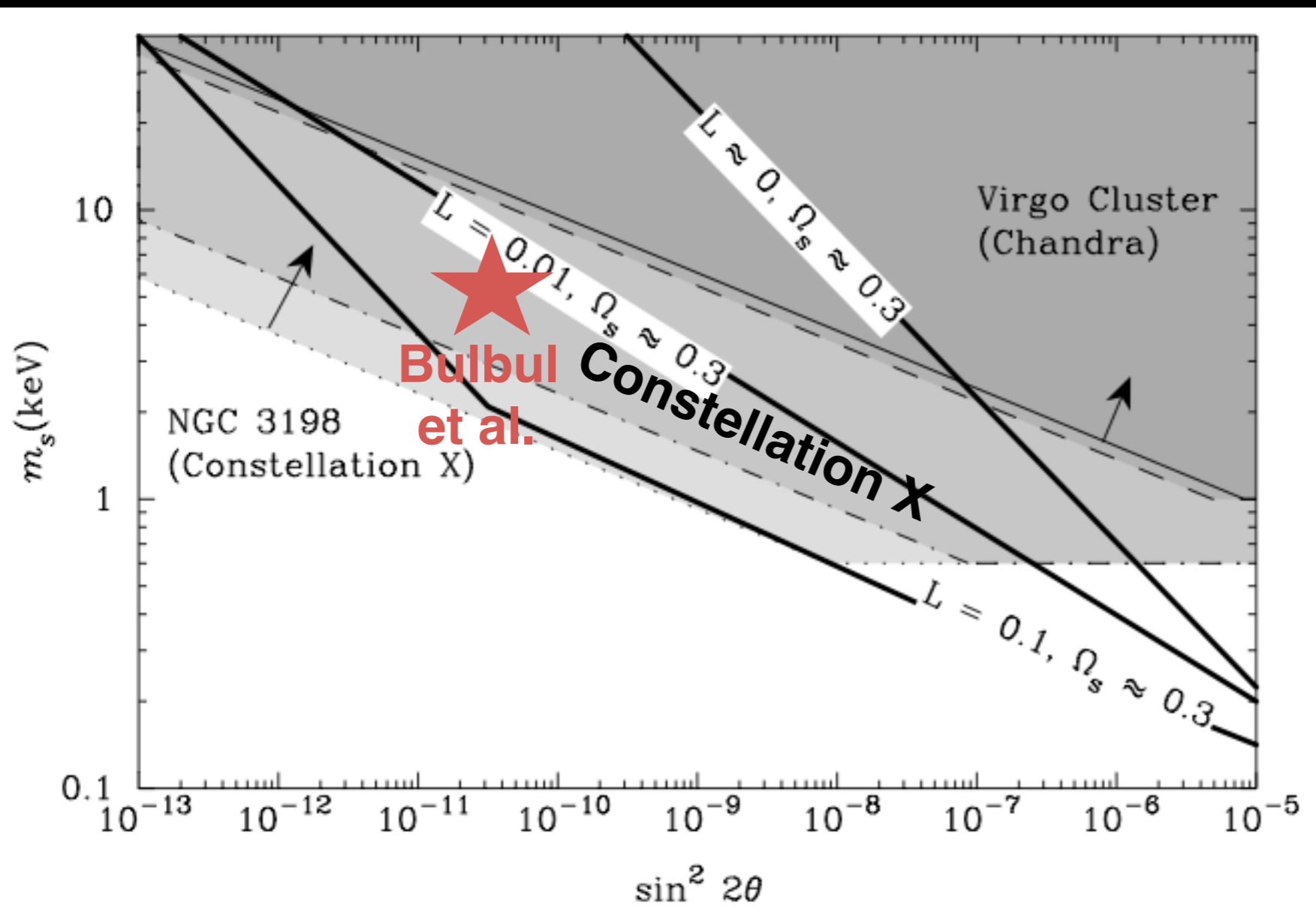
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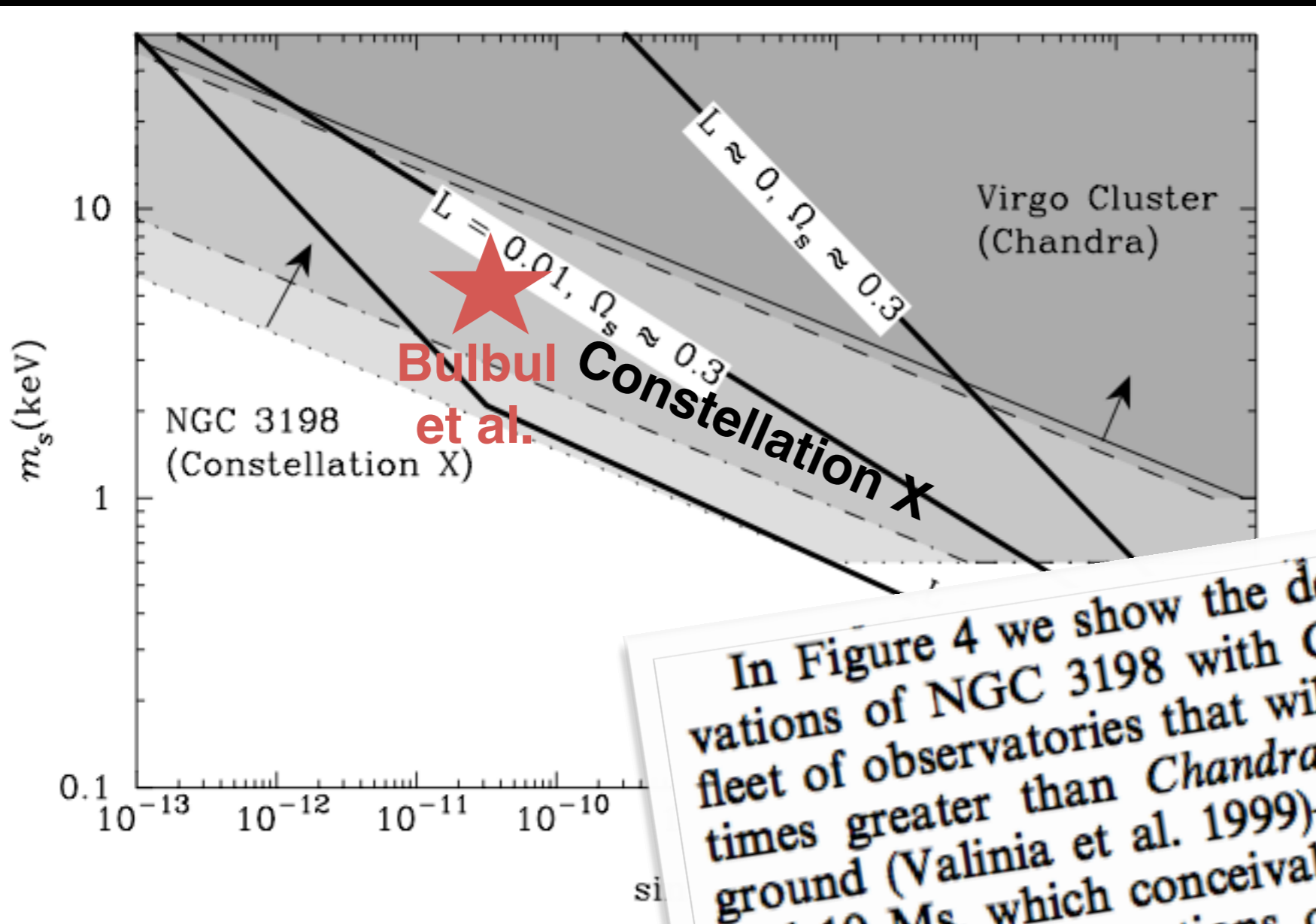
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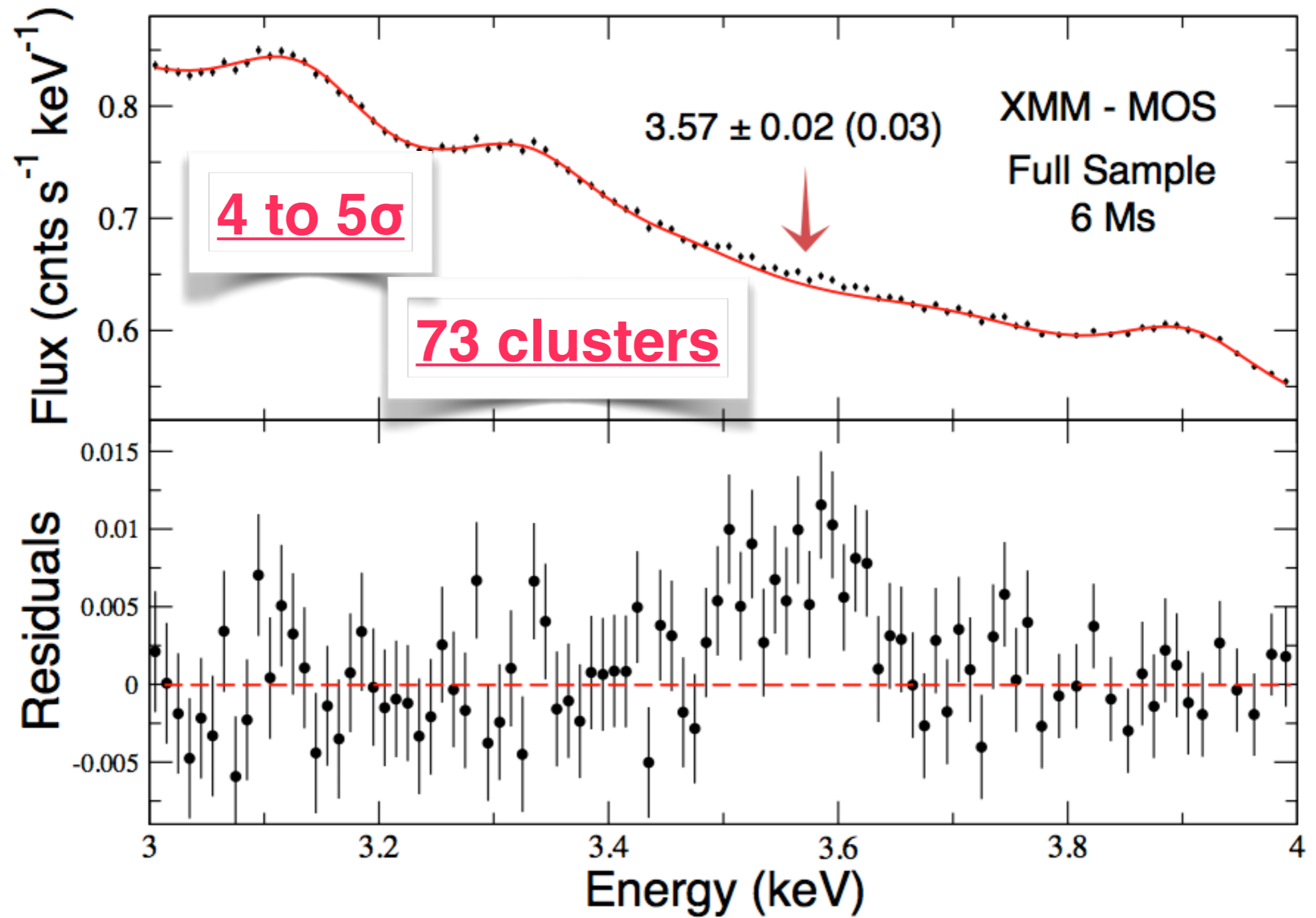
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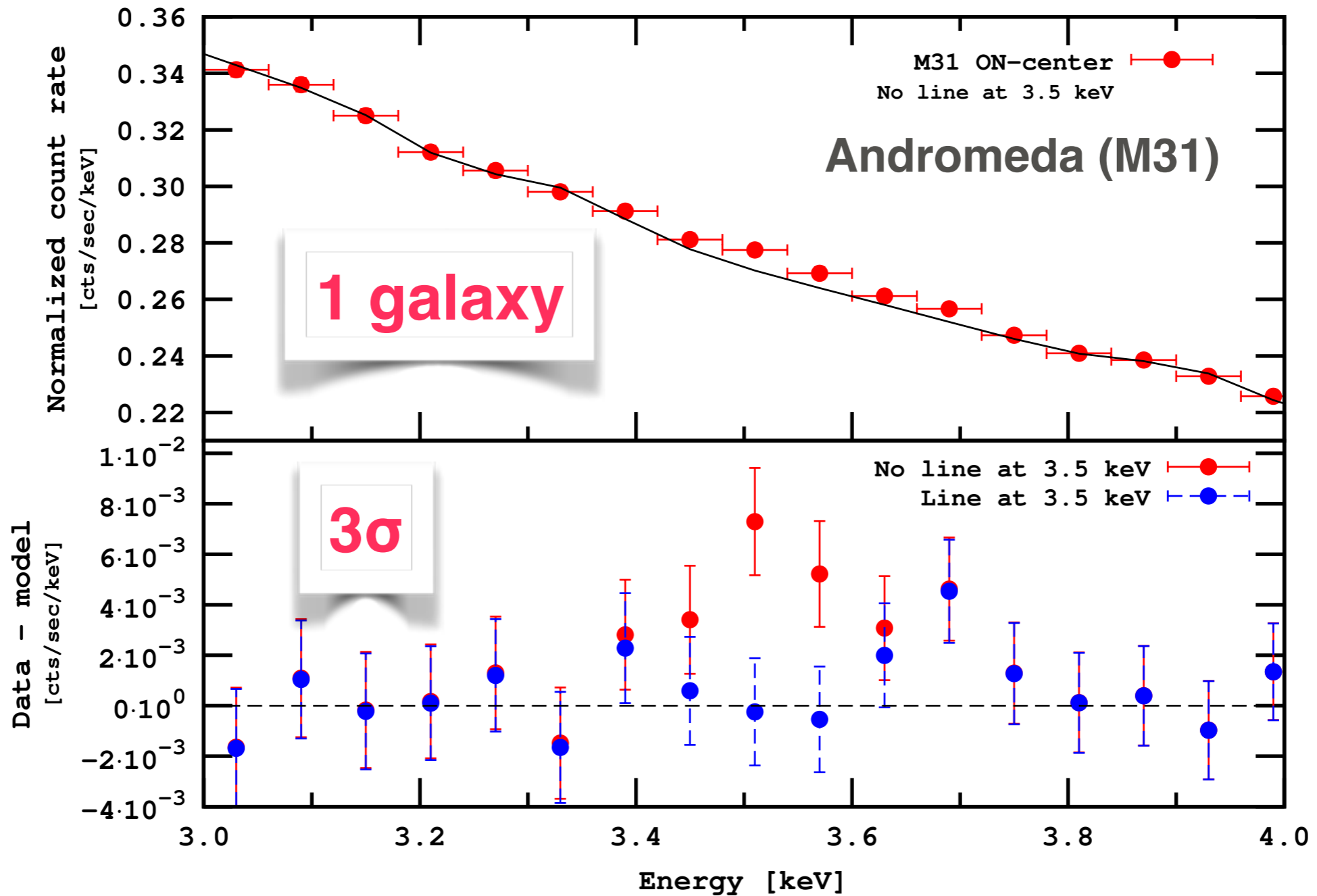


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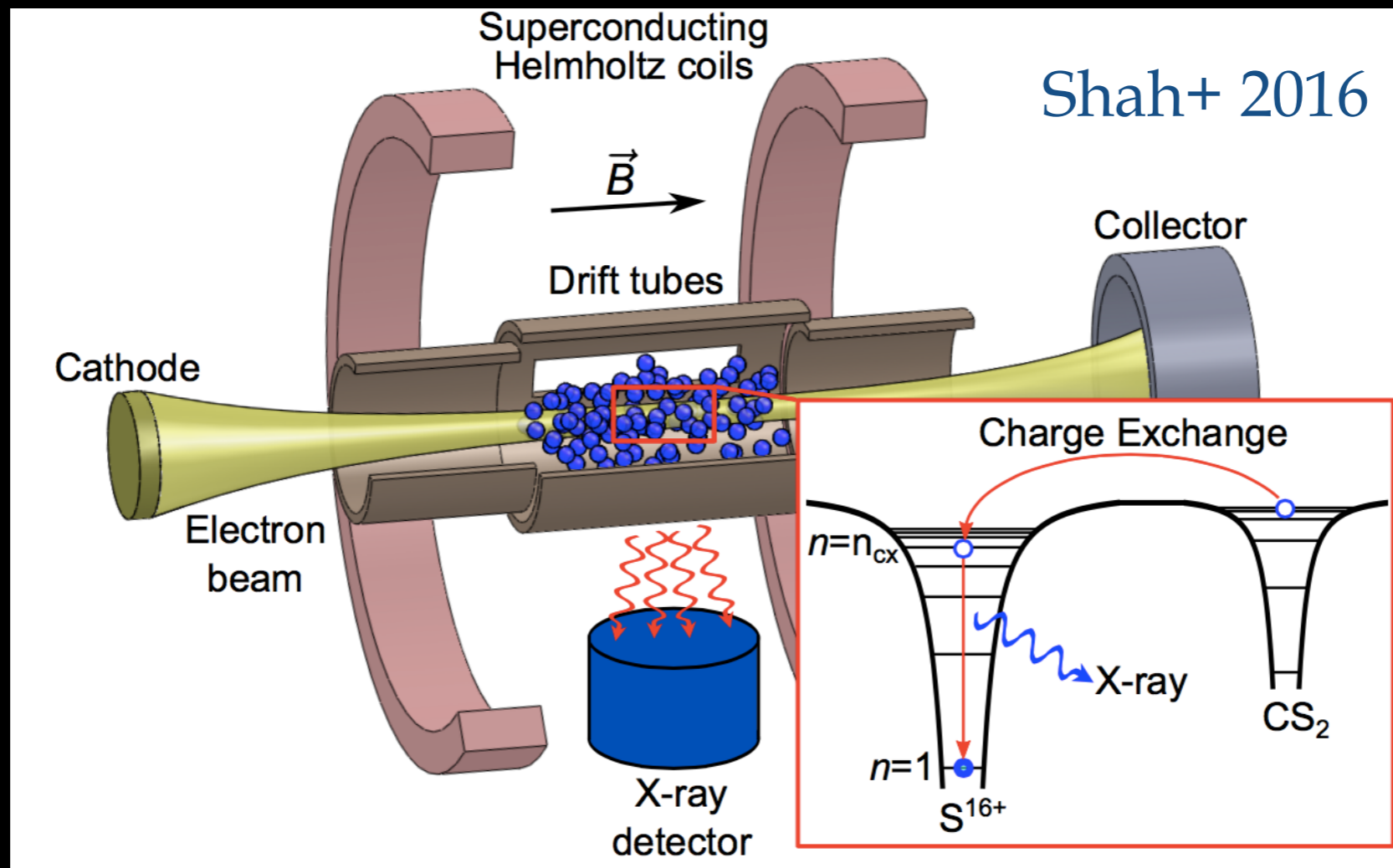
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Betancourt-Martinez+ 2014; Gu+ 2015; Shah+ 2016

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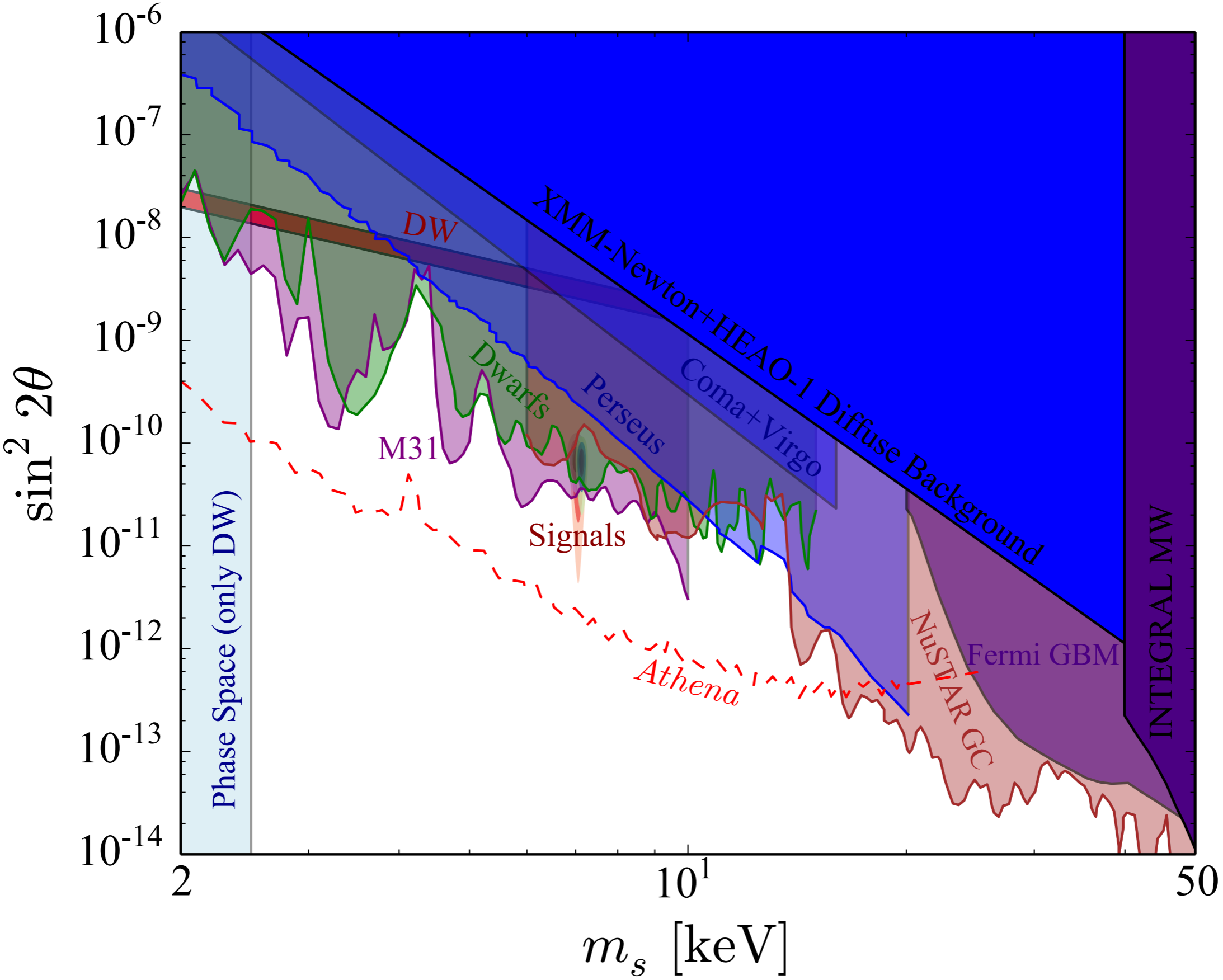
3.55 keV line consistent with DM in field of view seen

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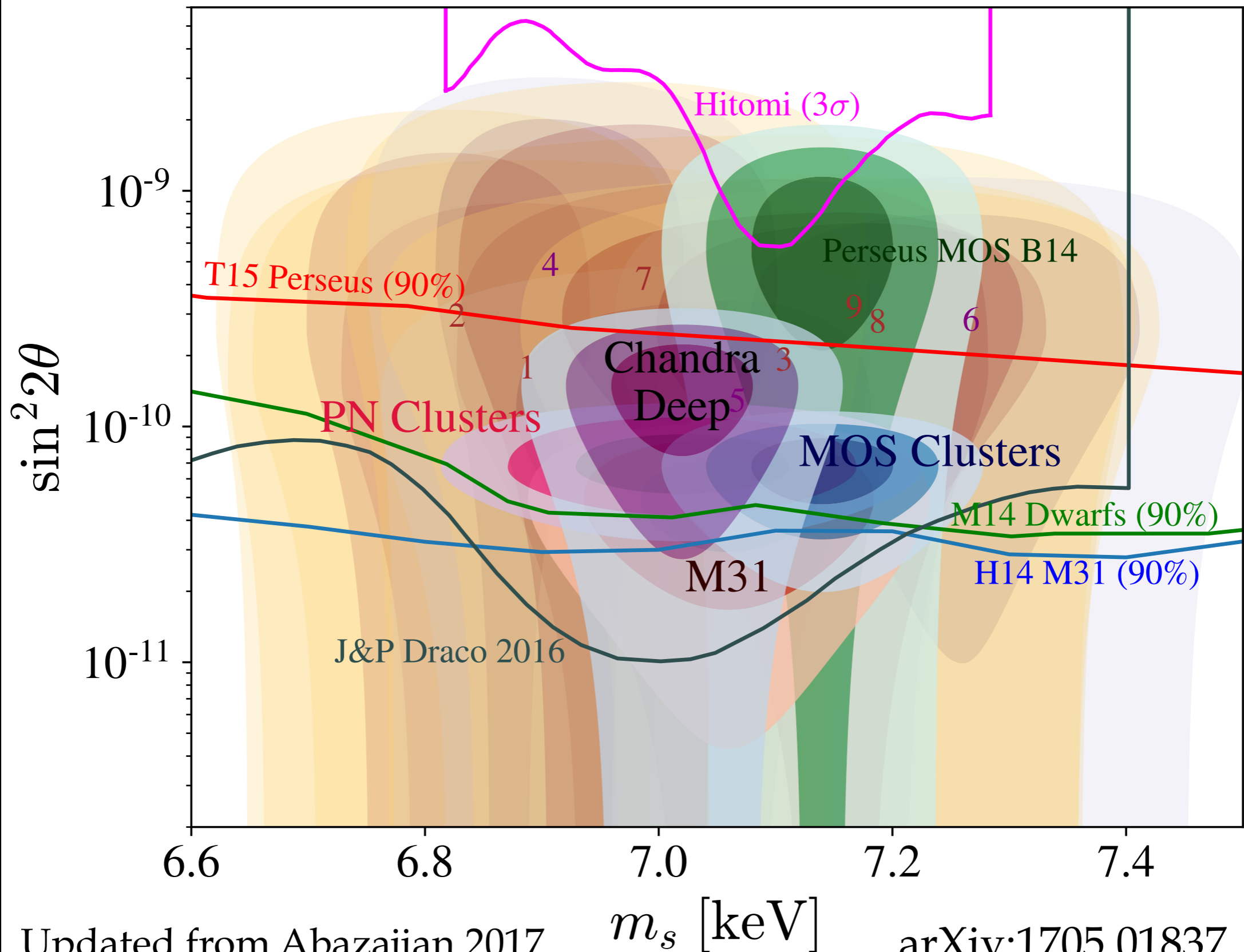
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Boyarsky+ arXiv:1512.07217
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Anderson, Churazov & Bregman arXiv:1408.4115.
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Dessert, Rodd & Safdi arXiv:1812.06976

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Abazajian *Physics Reports* arXiv:1705.01837

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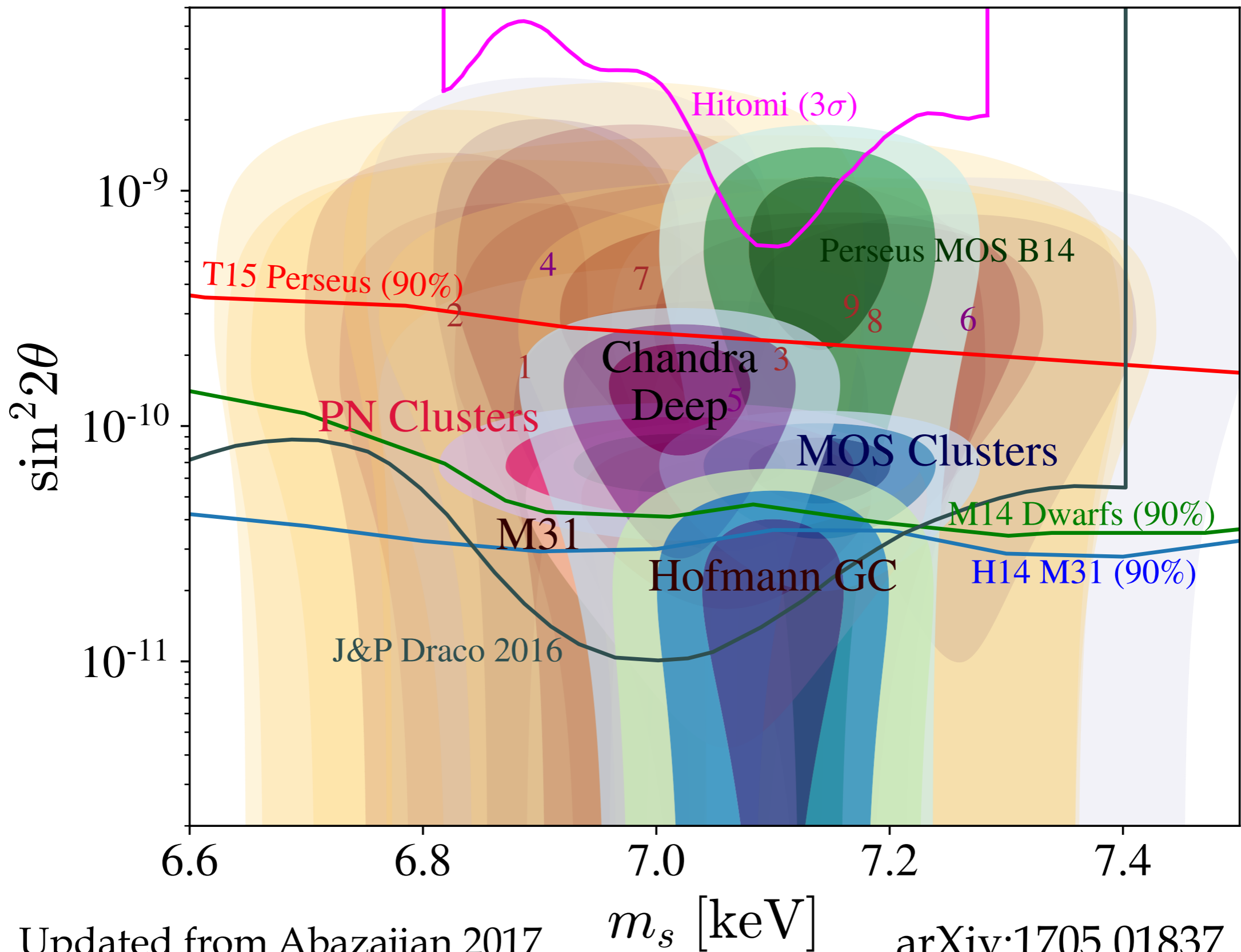


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Visibility of Dark Fermions

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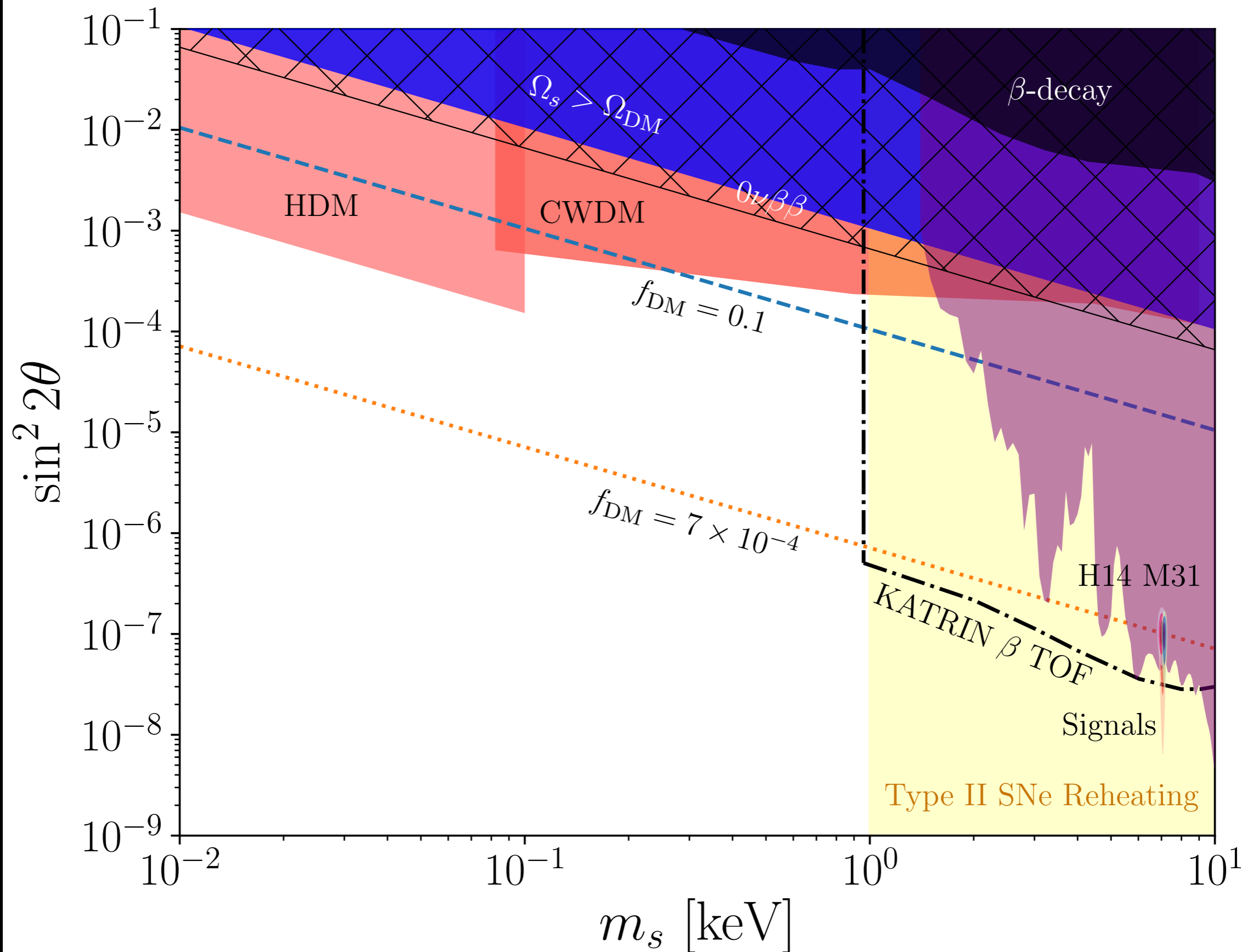
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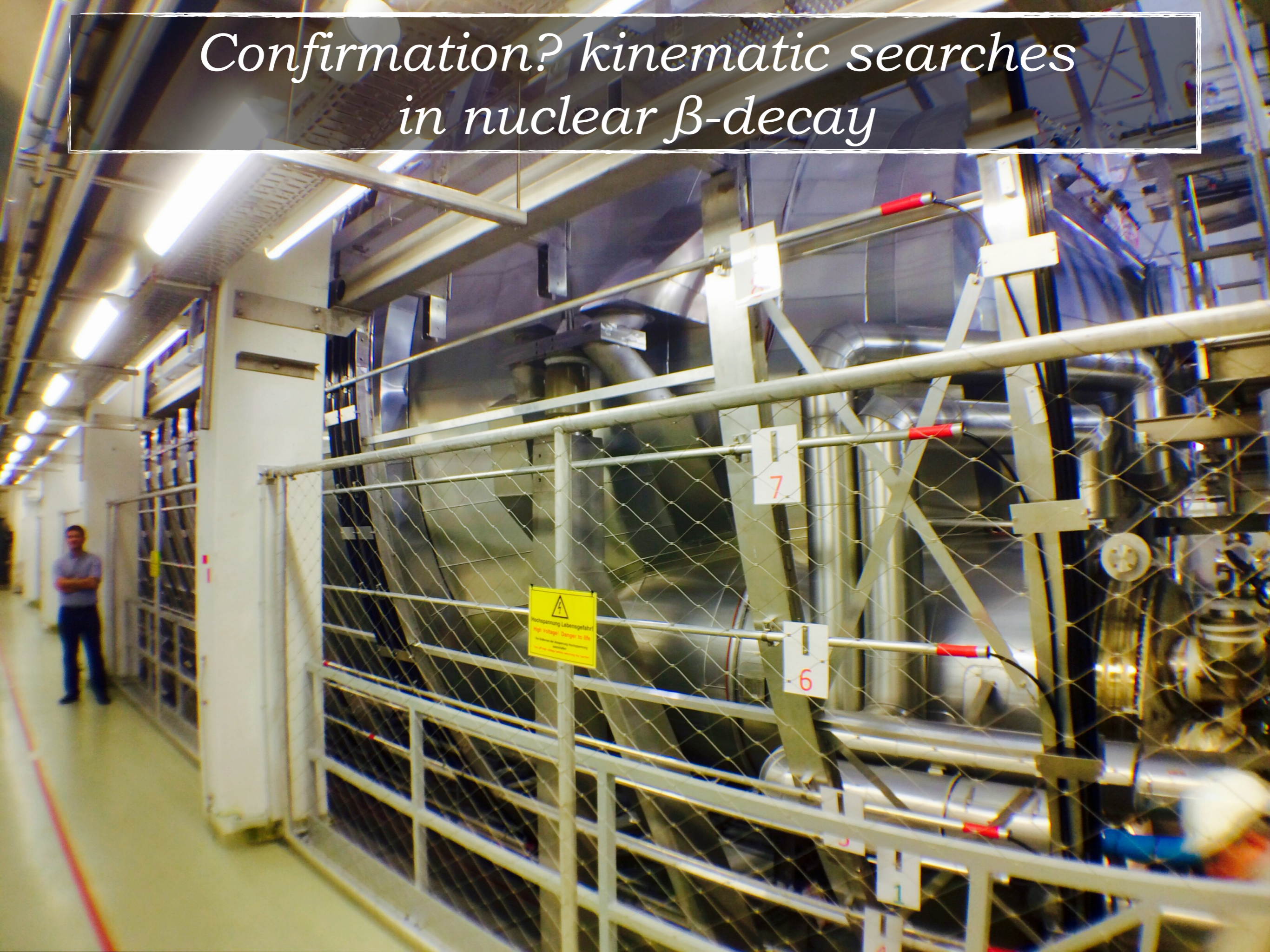
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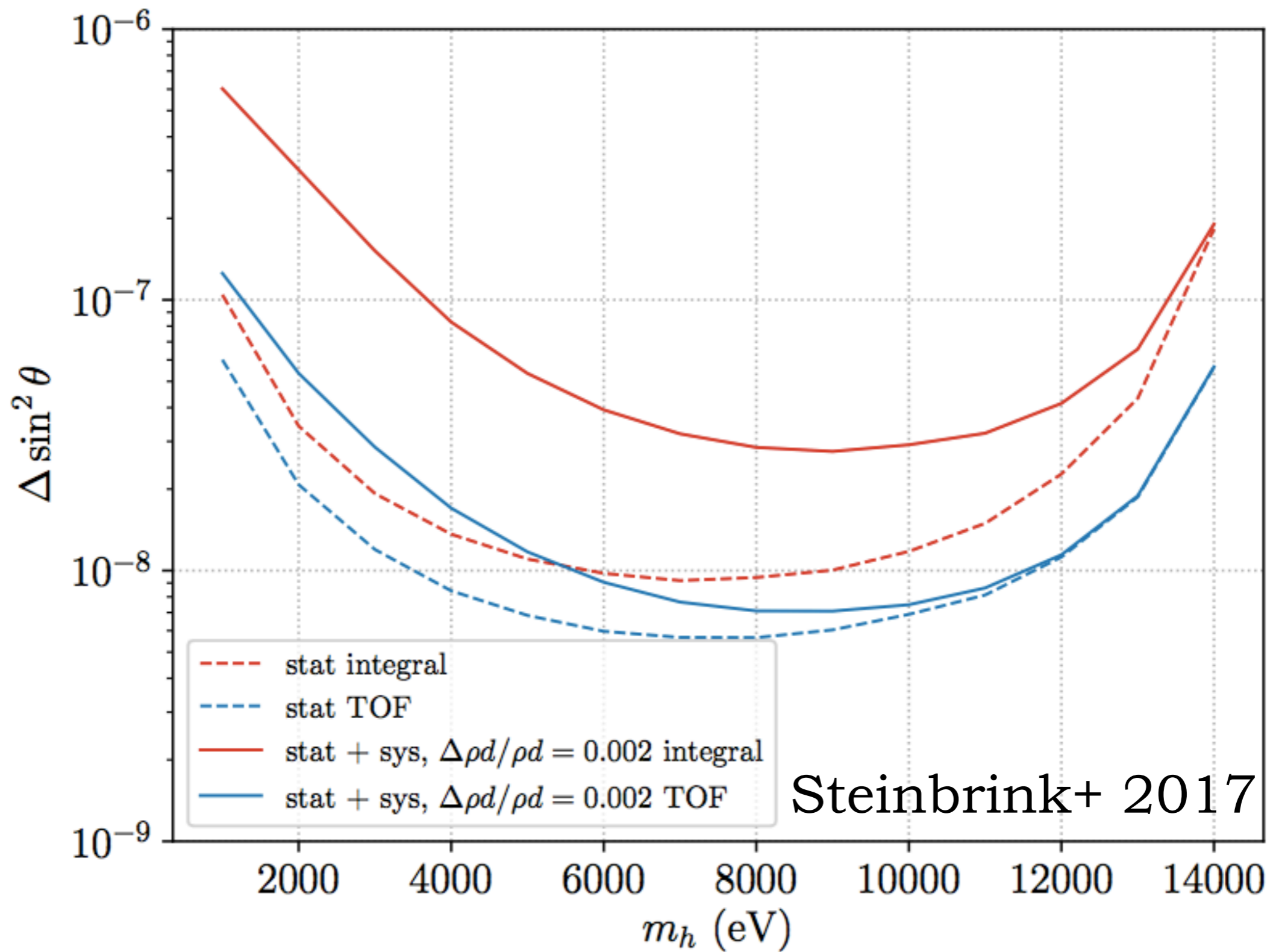
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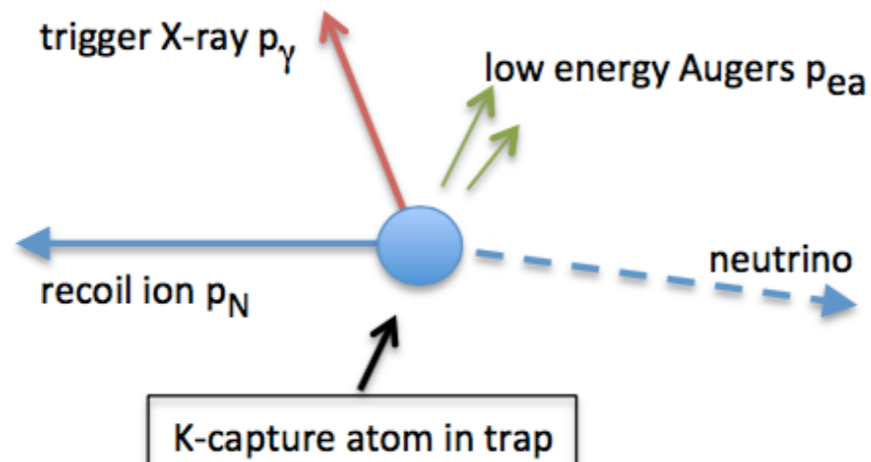


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Laboratory Method: full kinematic reconstruction of K-capture nuclear decay

Beta decay by
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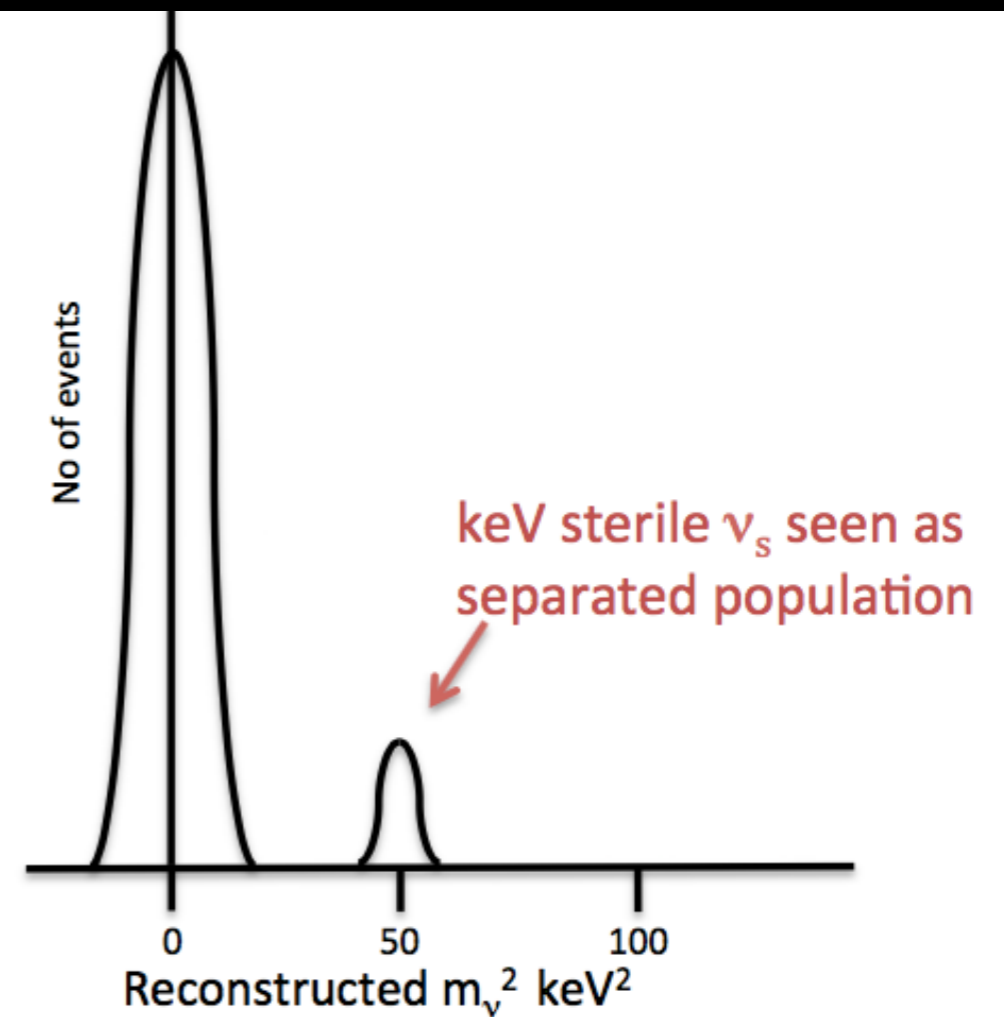
$$m_\nu^2 = [Q - E_a - E_\gamma - E_N]^2 - [\mathbf{p}_\gamma + \mathbf{p}_{ea} + \mathbf{p}_N]^2$$

Original studies: Finocchiaro & Shrock 1992

HUNTER experiment (Heavy Unseen Neutrinos by Total Energy-momentum Reconstruction)

¹³¹Cs Ion trap proposal:

Peter Smith+ arXiv:1607.06876

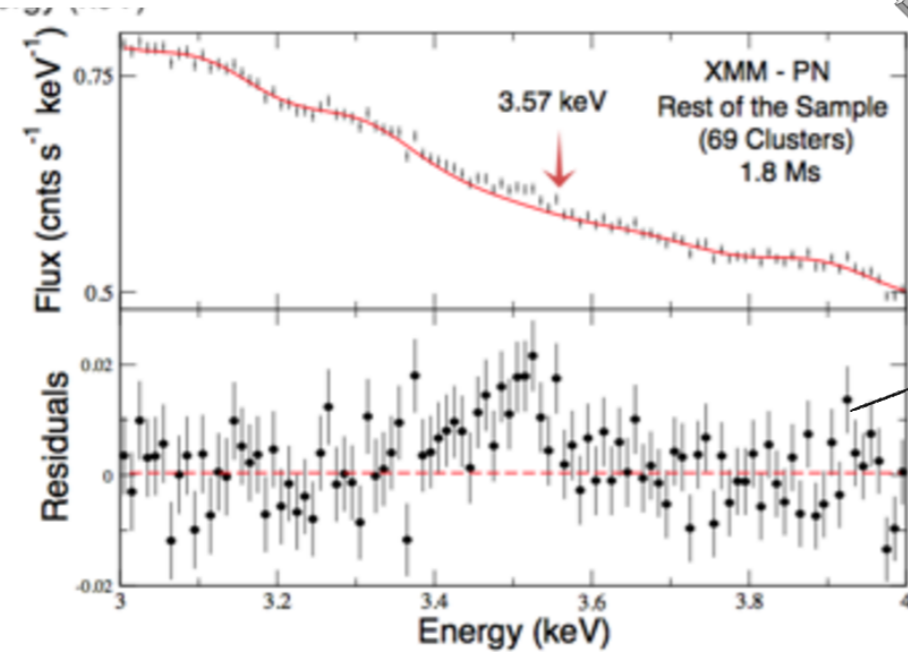


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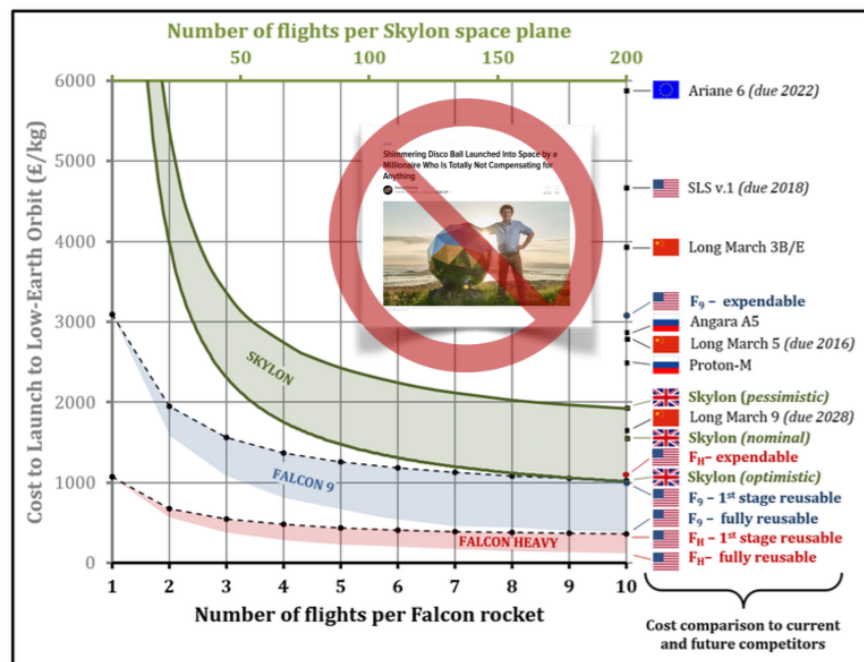
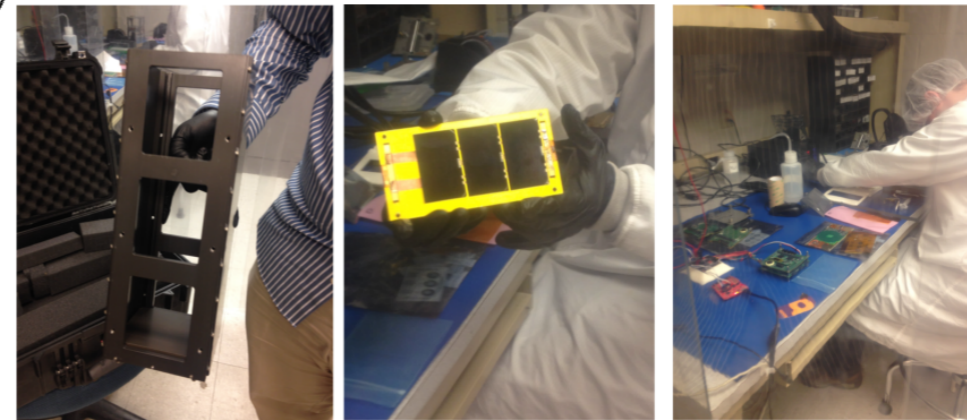
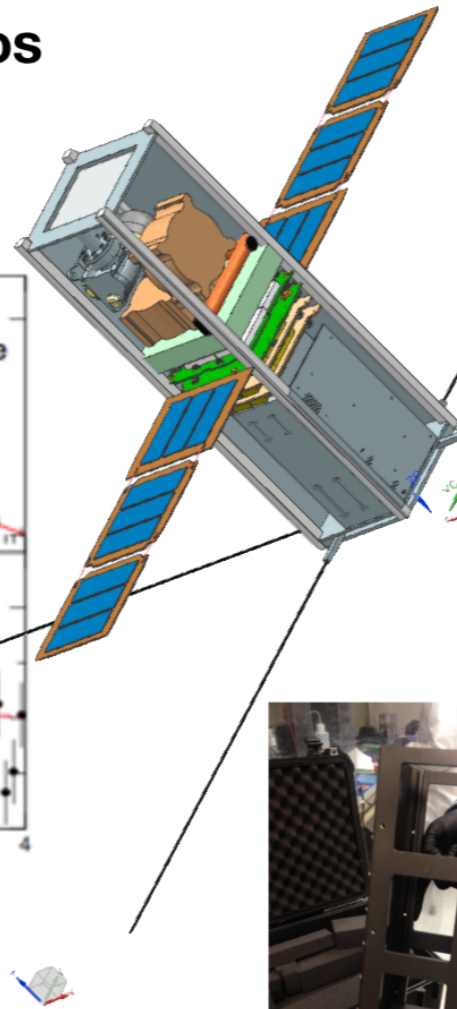
Recent studies show this may now be feasible

New Technology: New CCDs plus CubeSats

observed 3.5 keV X-ray line could be produced by keV sterile neutrinos annihilation.



A cubeSat with a large CCD detector (DESI size) with good energy resolution (maybe skipper) in low earth orbit could go after this signal in our own galaxy. Others (Tali et al) are planning to do this with a “CDMS” detector in a rocket. A couple of summer students work on a conceptual design.



partnership with UIUC (aerospace)



LDRD proposal by S. Timpone

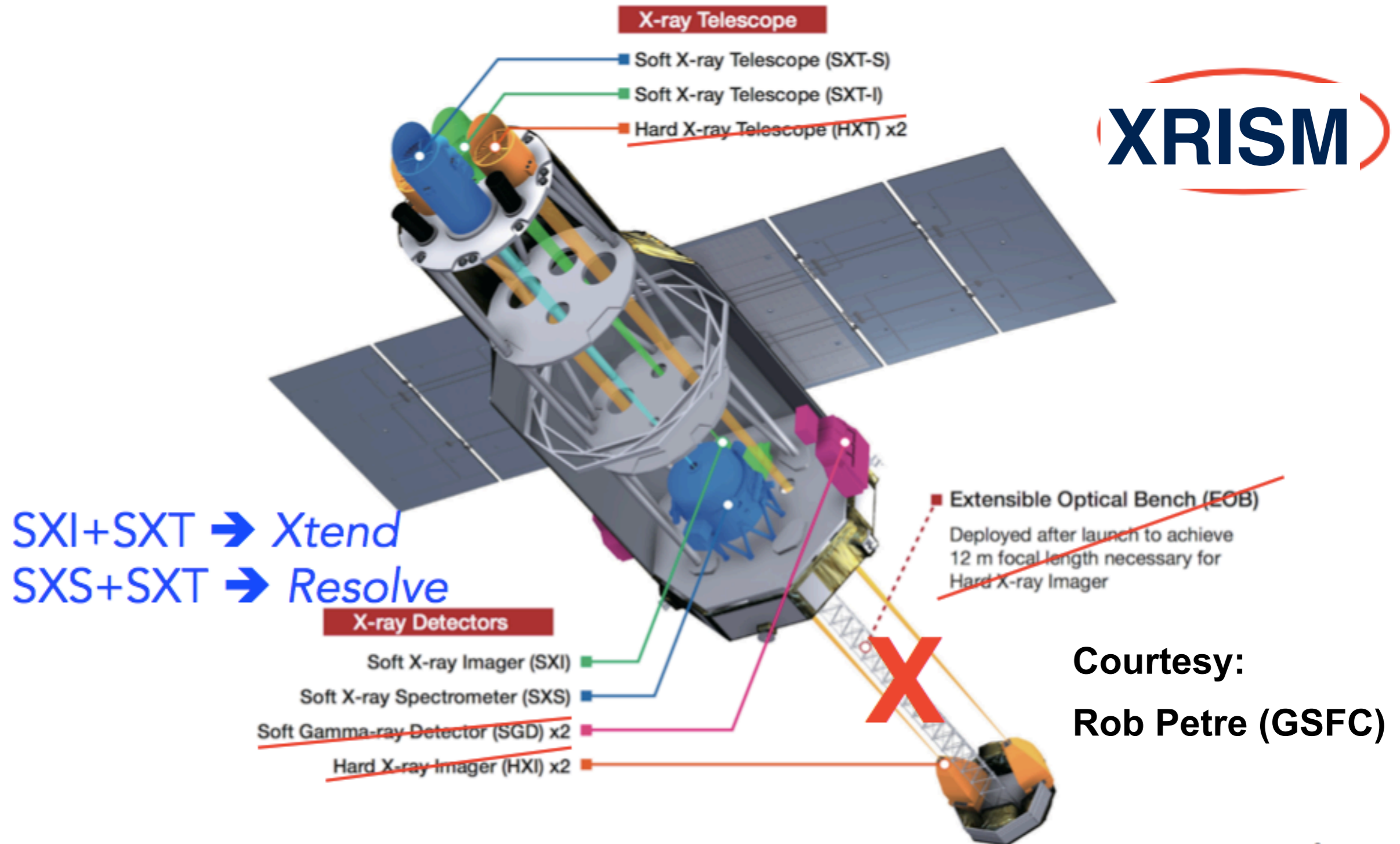
opportunity:

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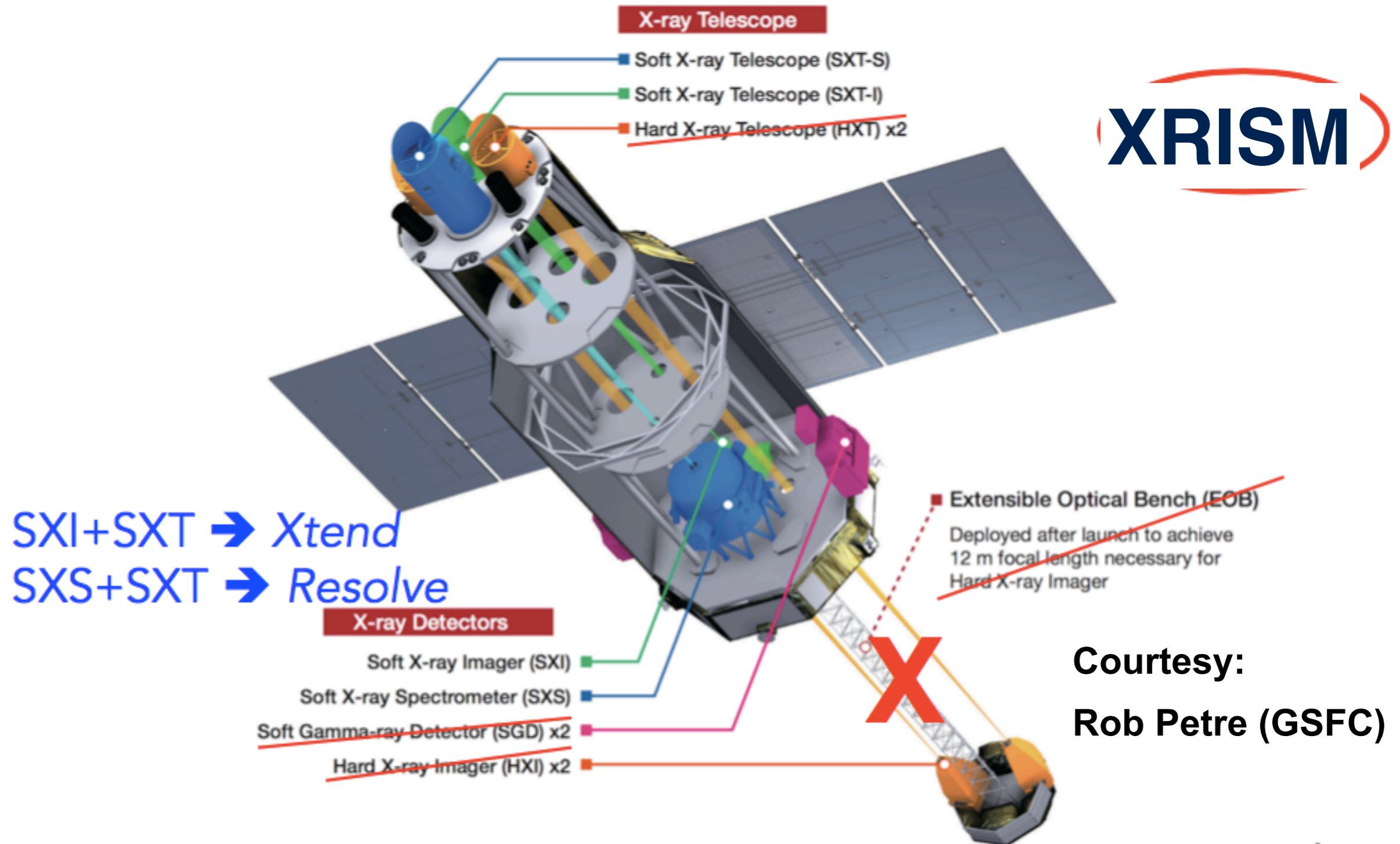
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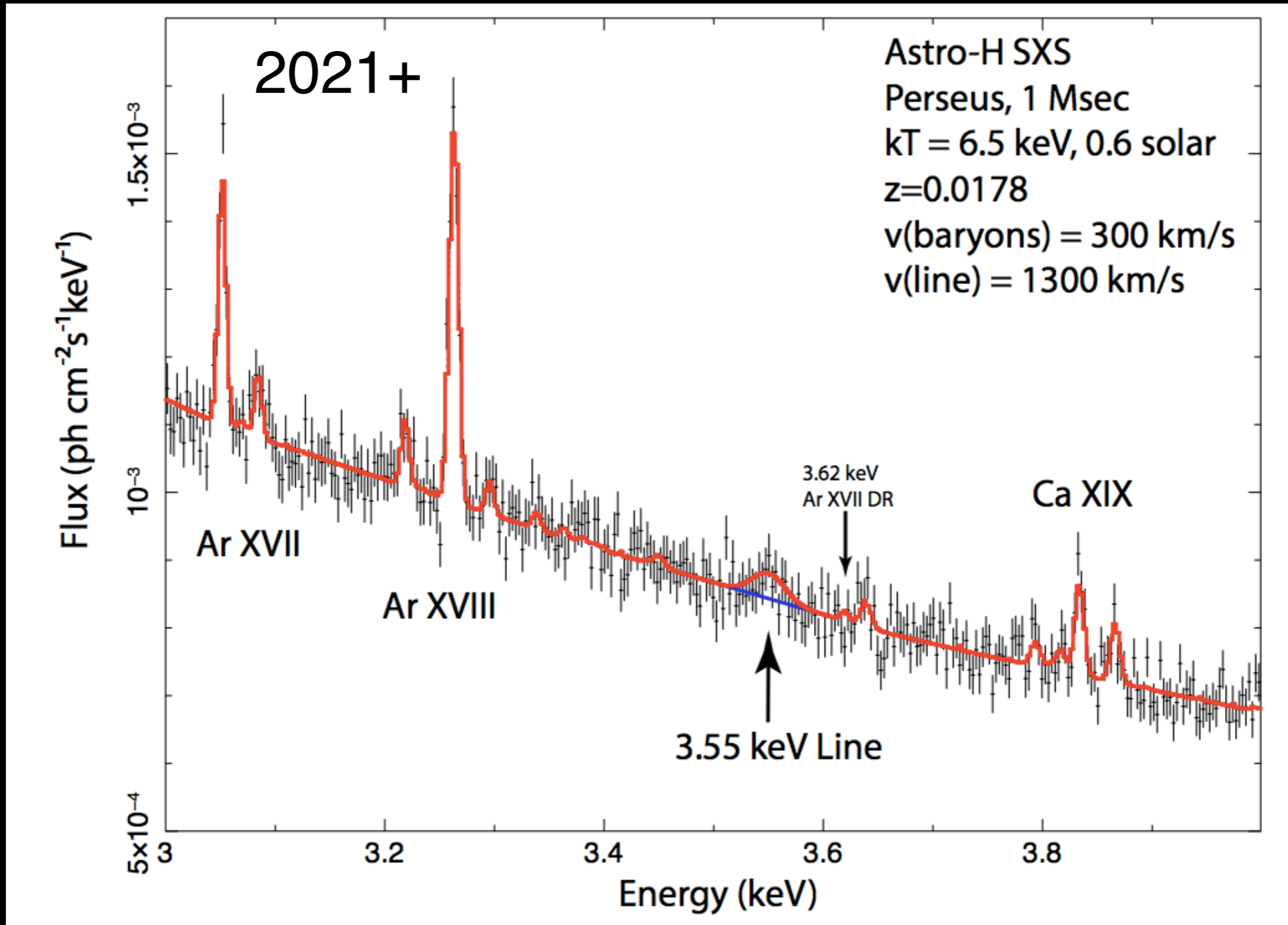
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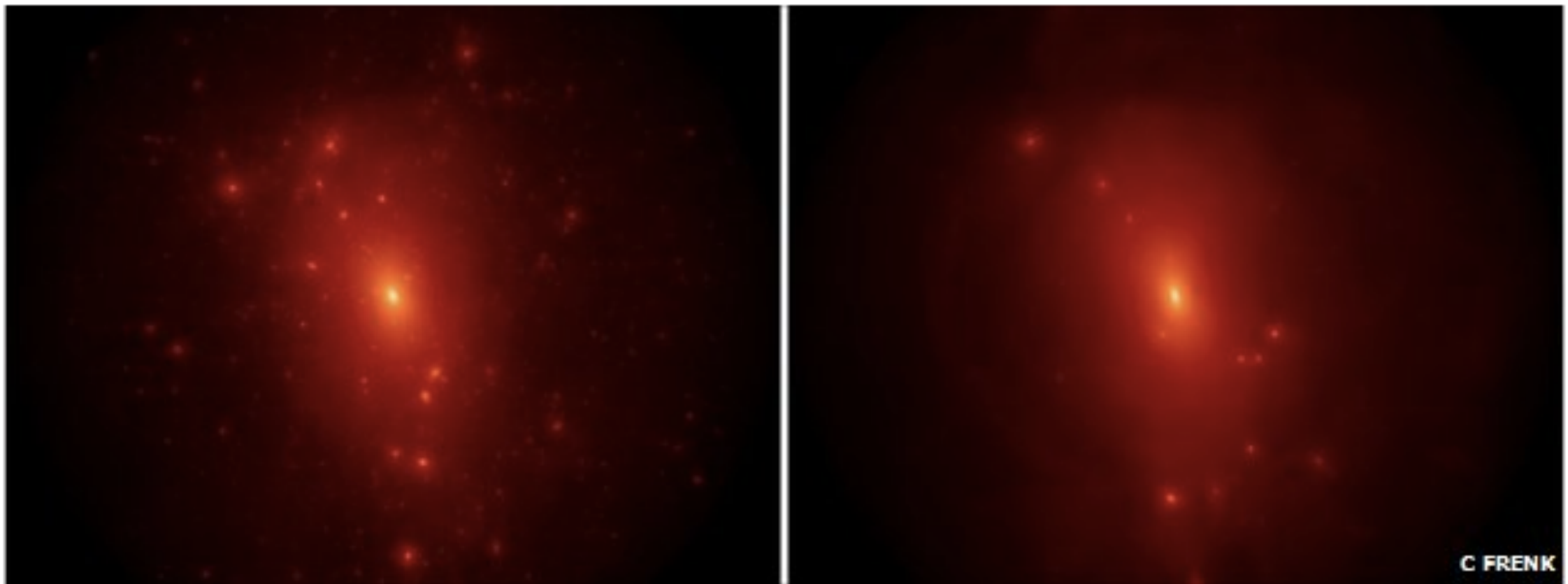
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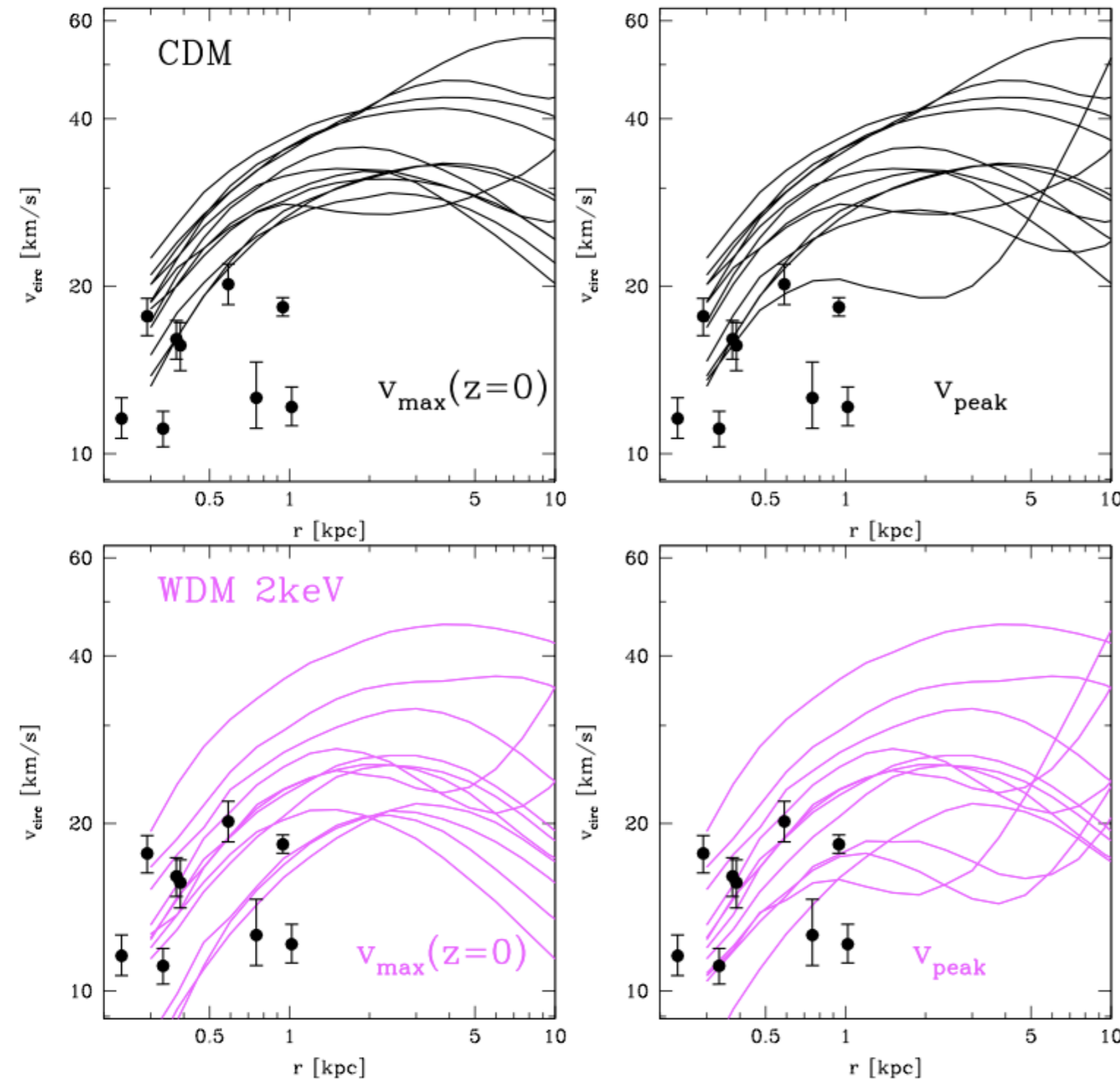


Issues in Cosmological Small-scale Structure?



Dwarf galaxies around the Milky Way are less dense than they should be if they held cold dark matter

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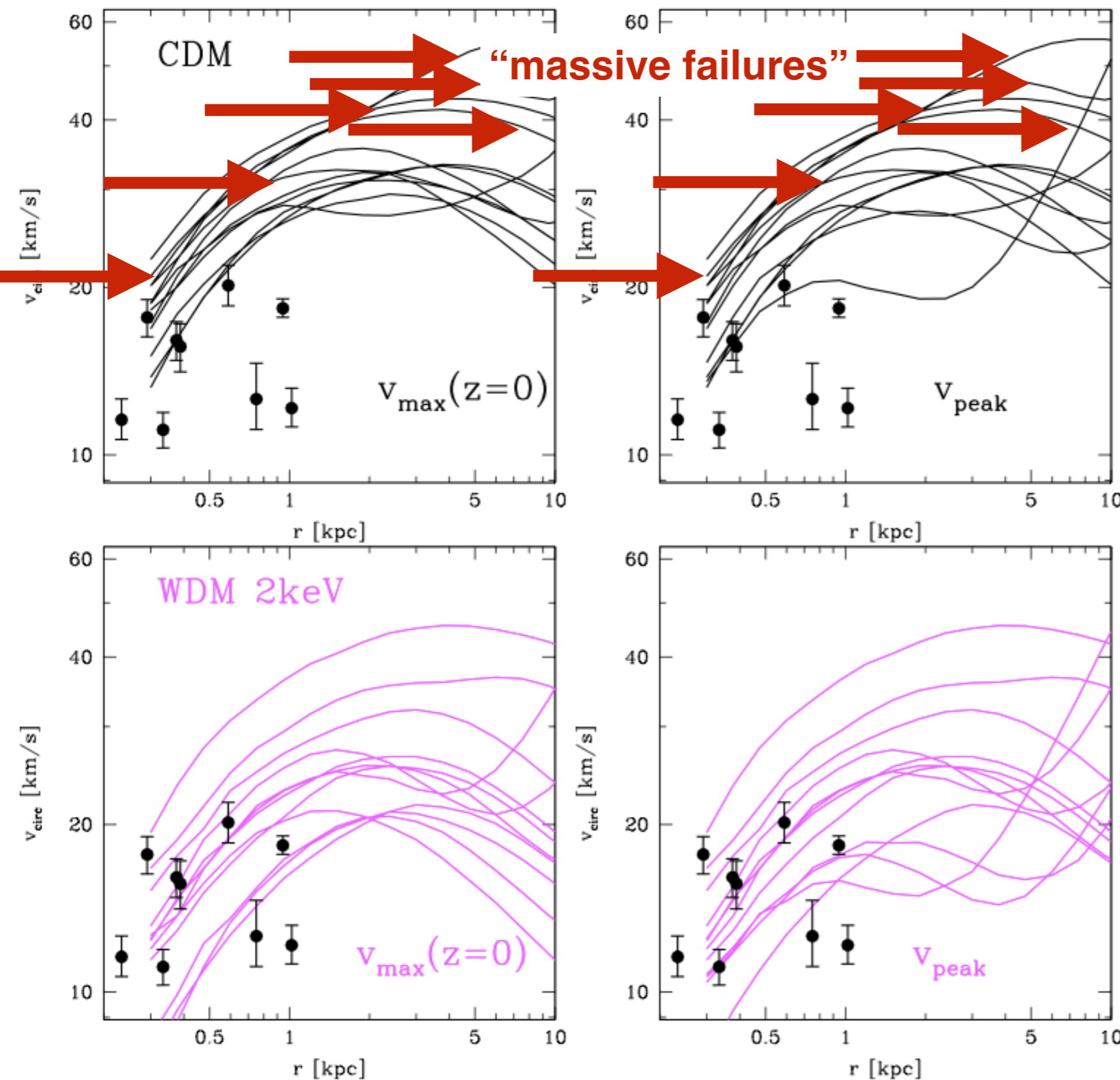


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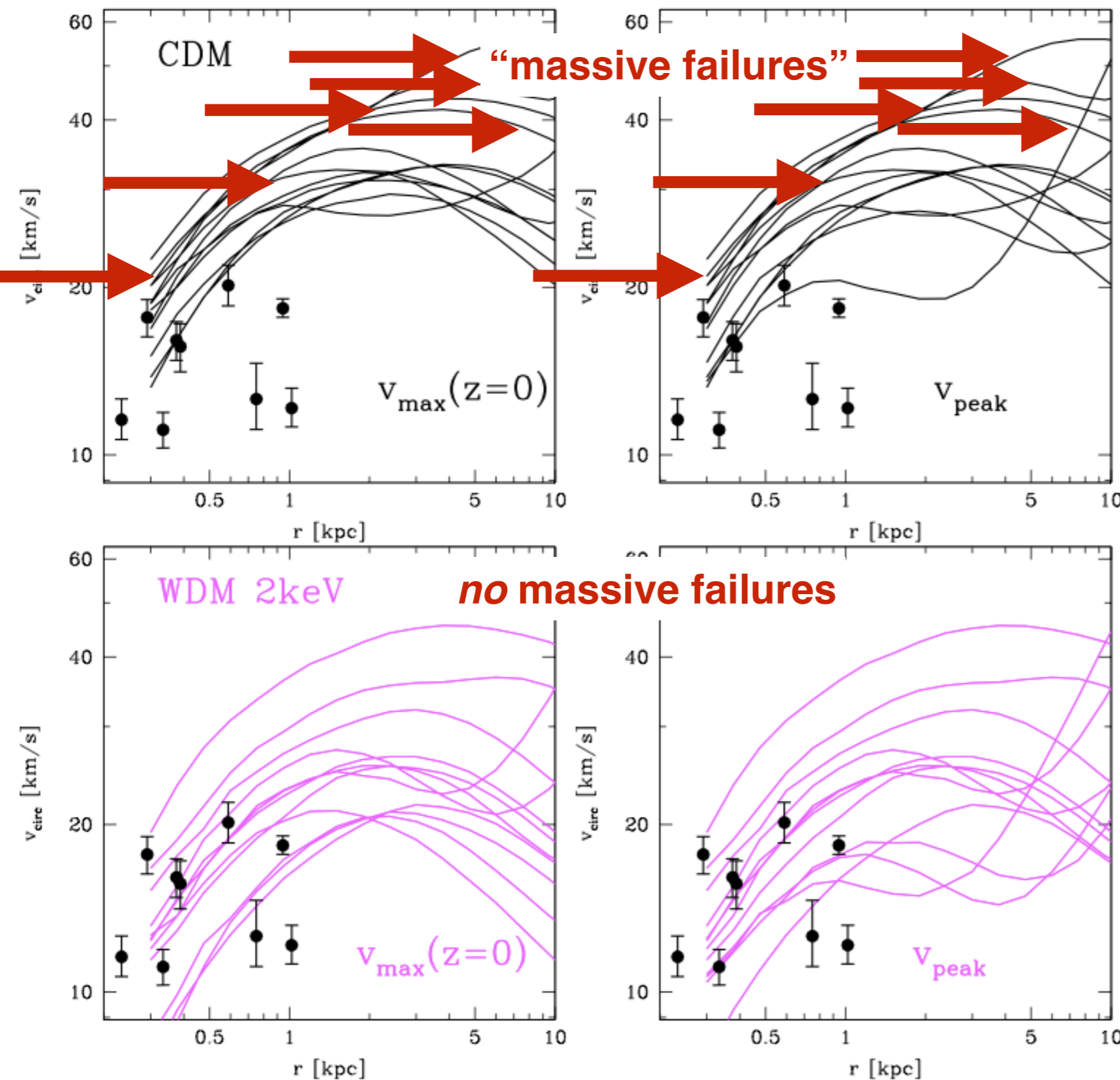
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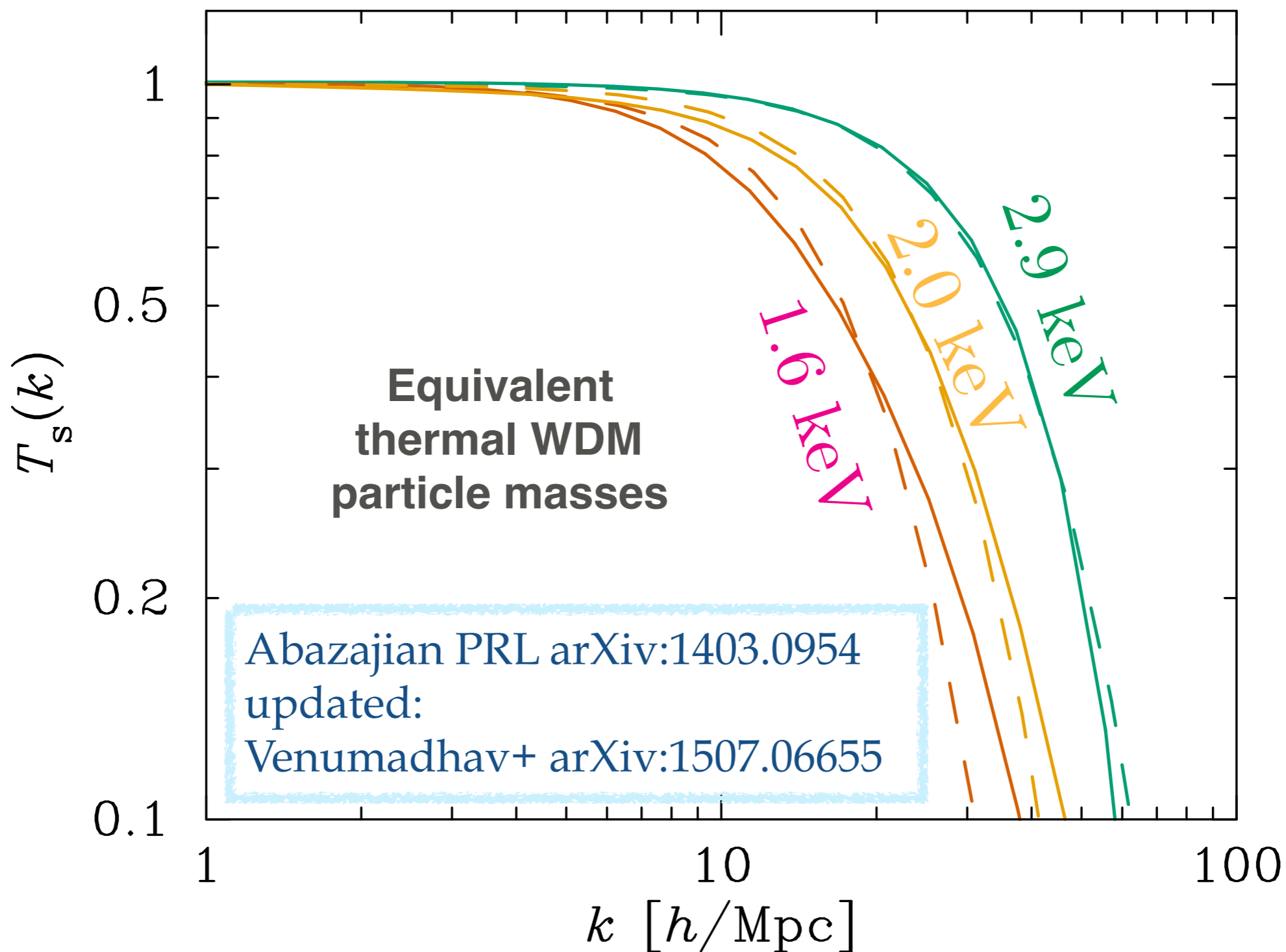
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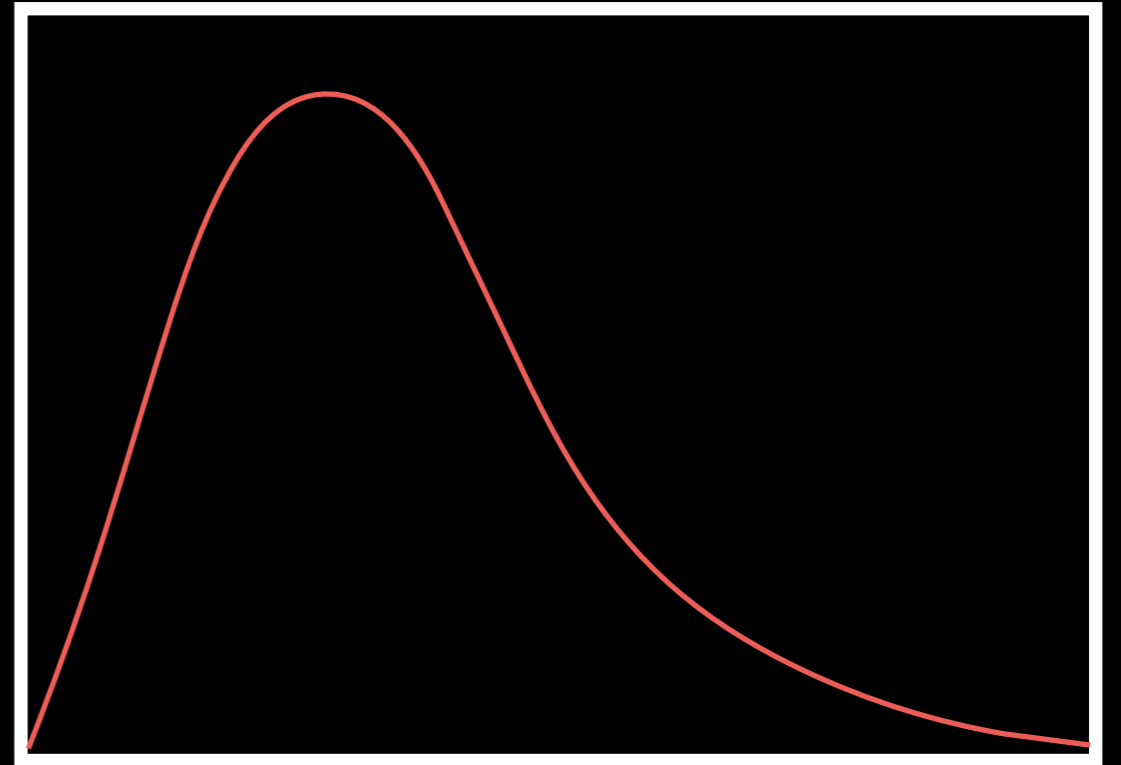
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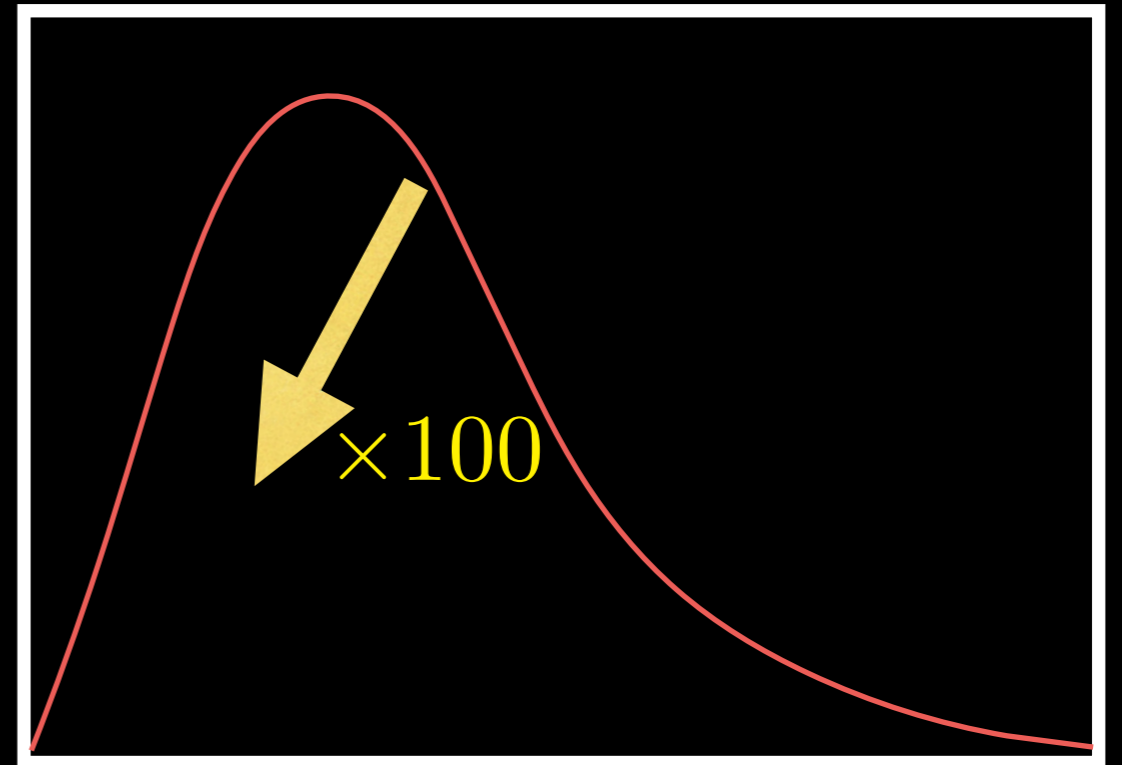
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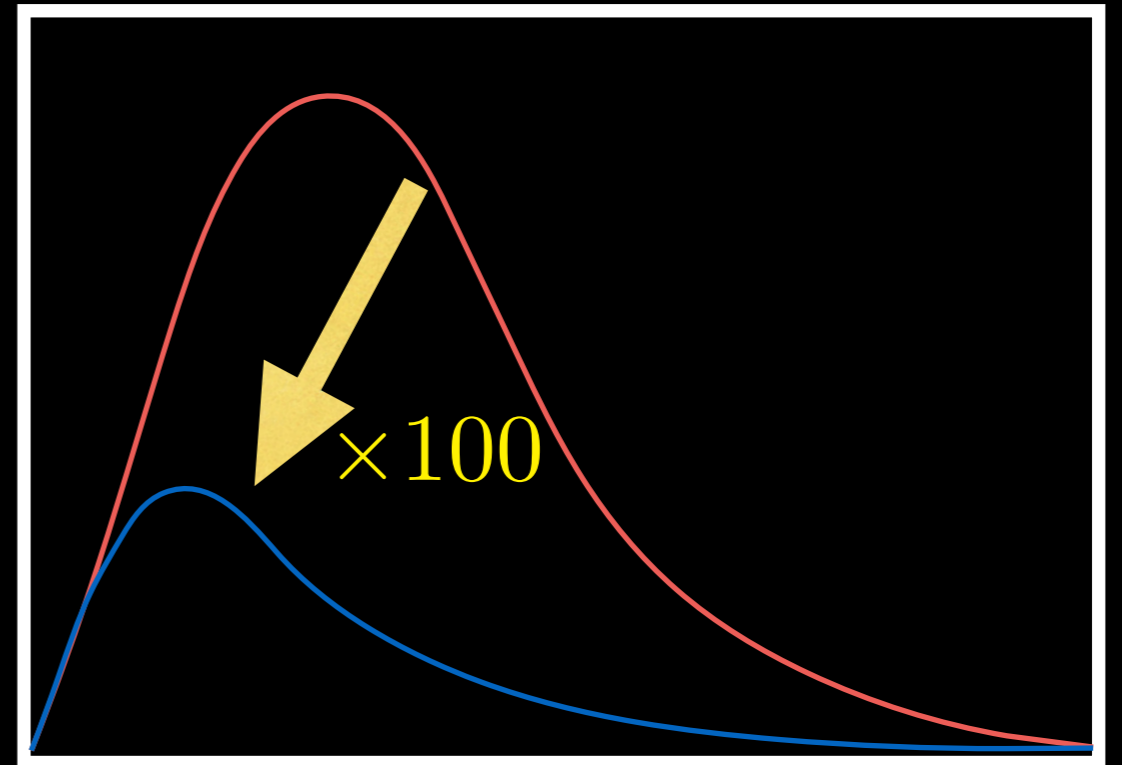
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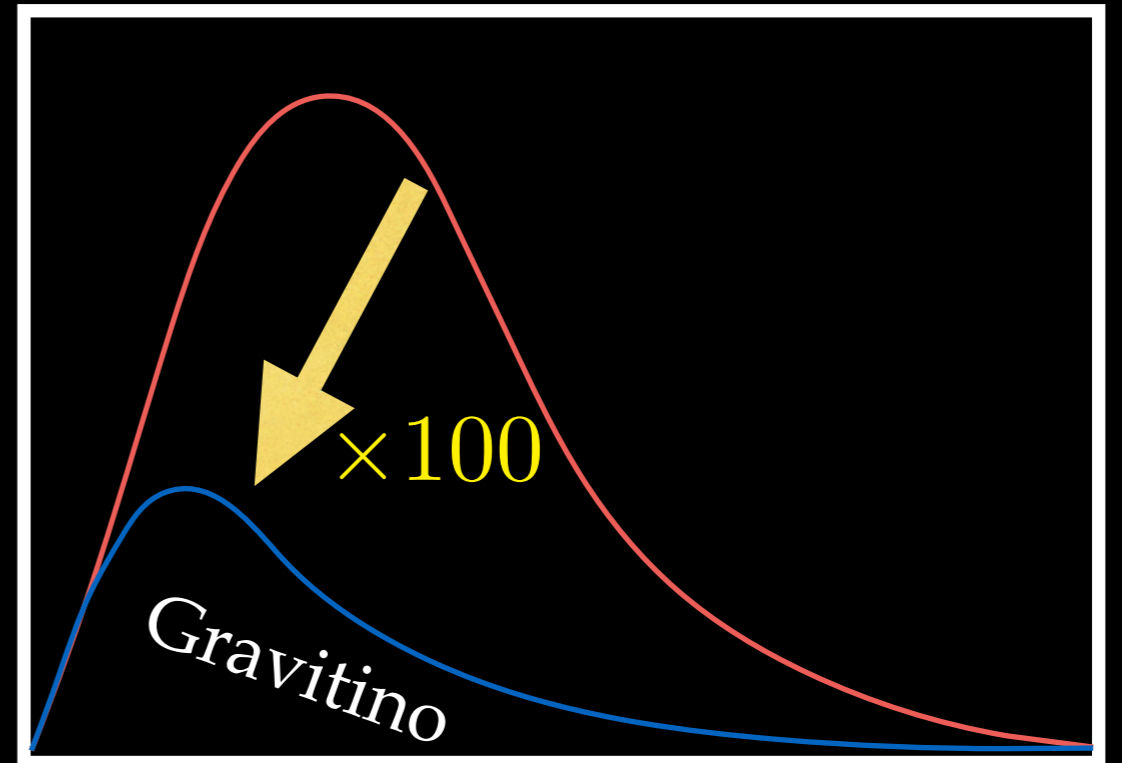
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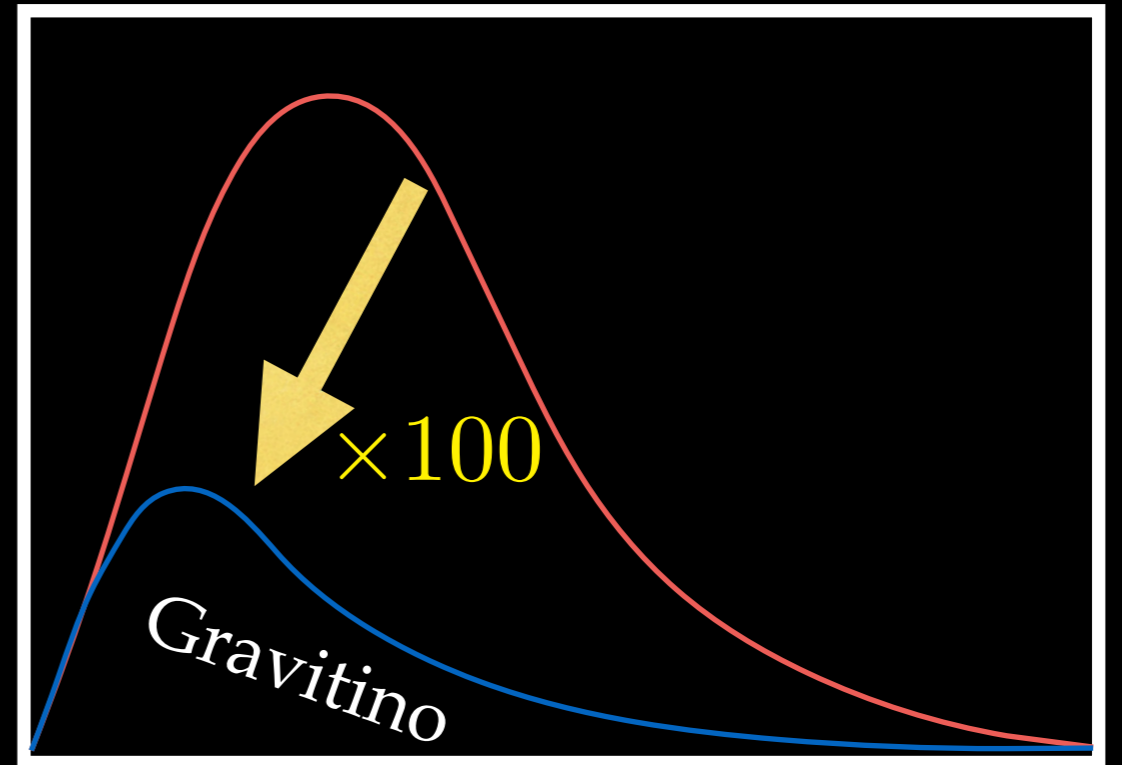


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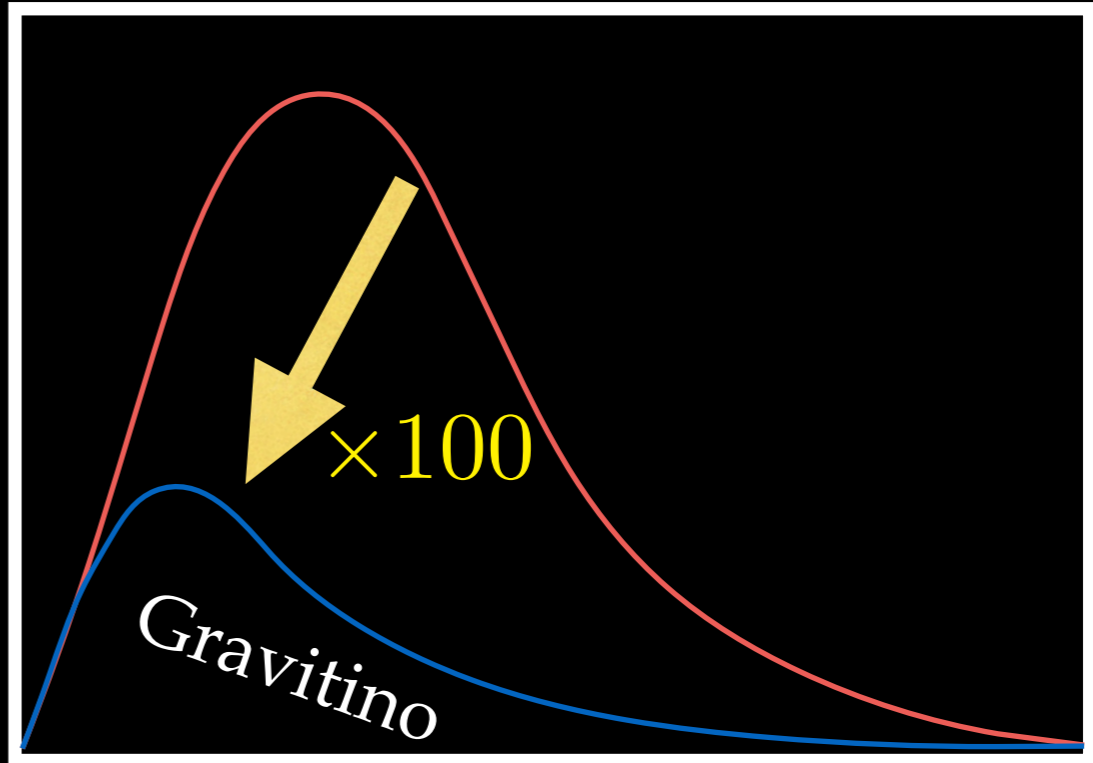
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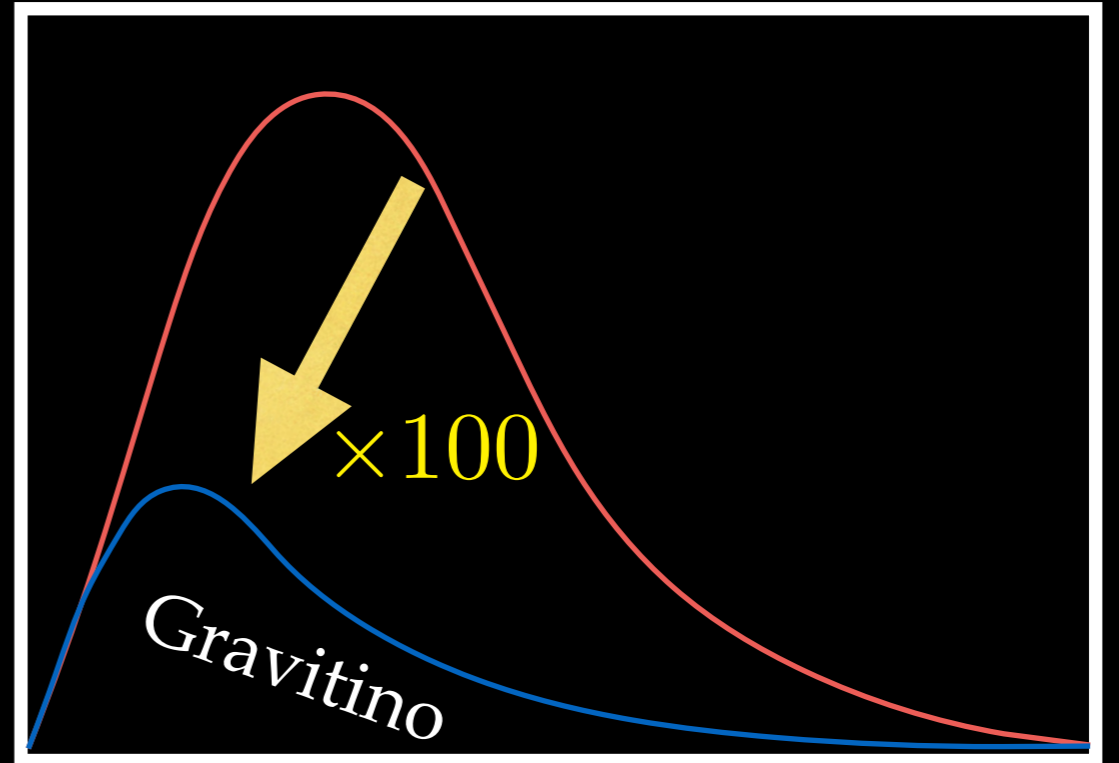
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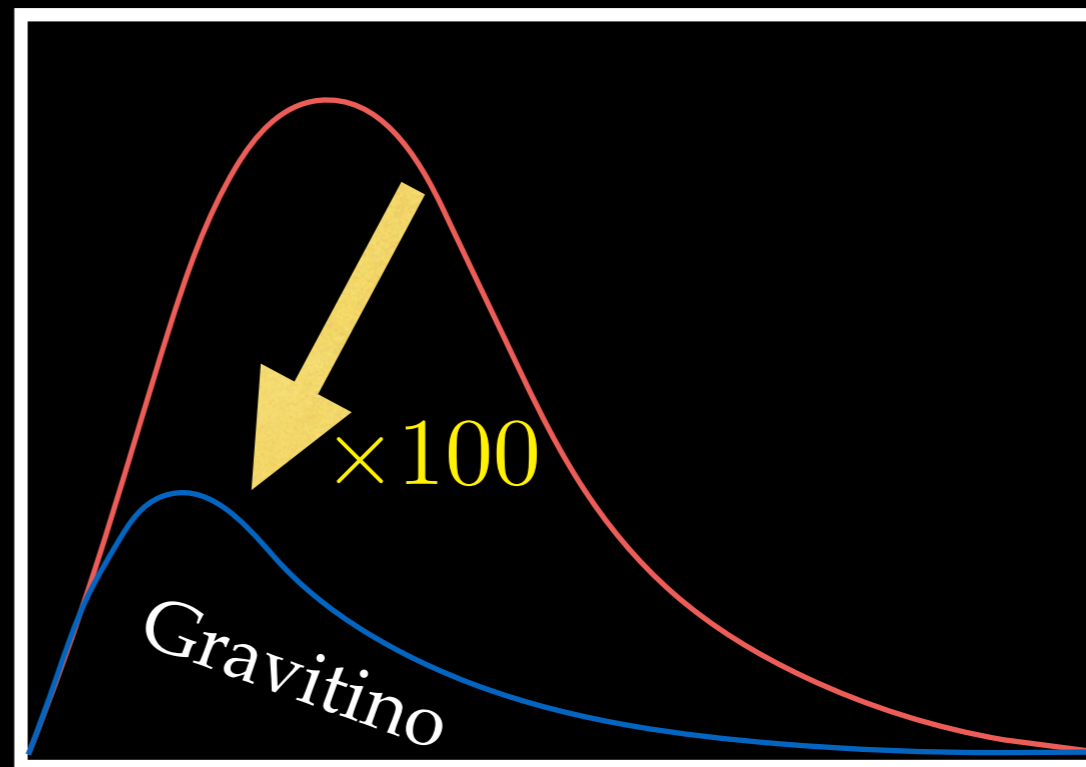
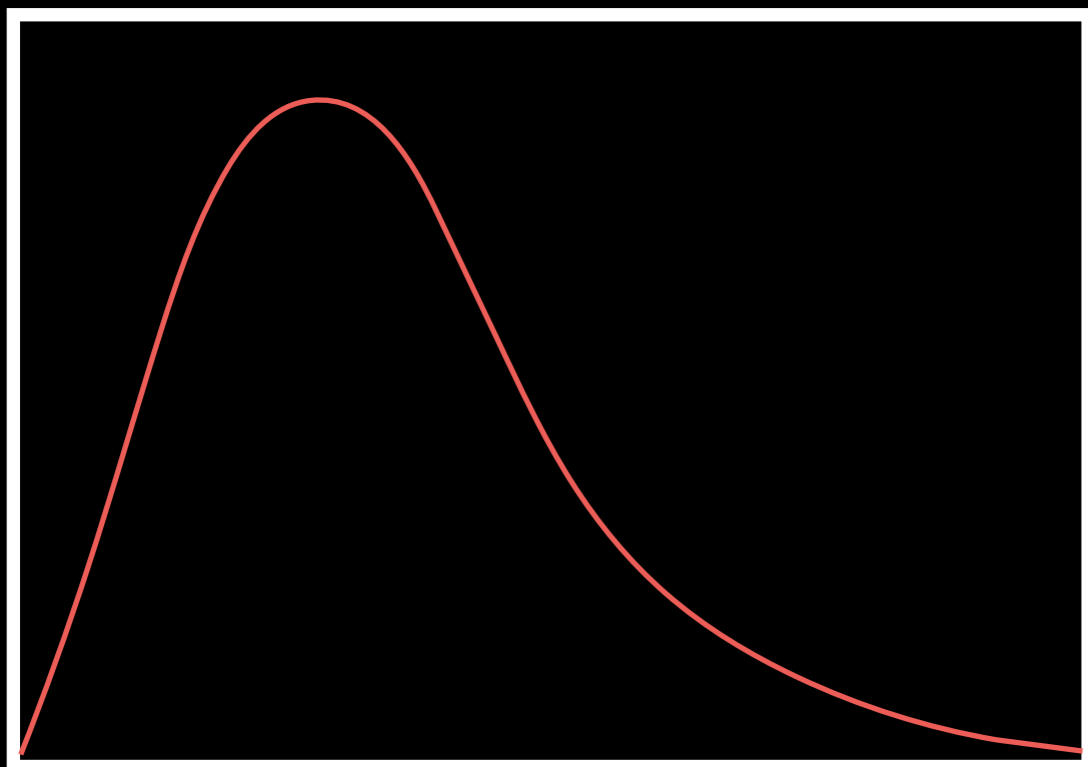
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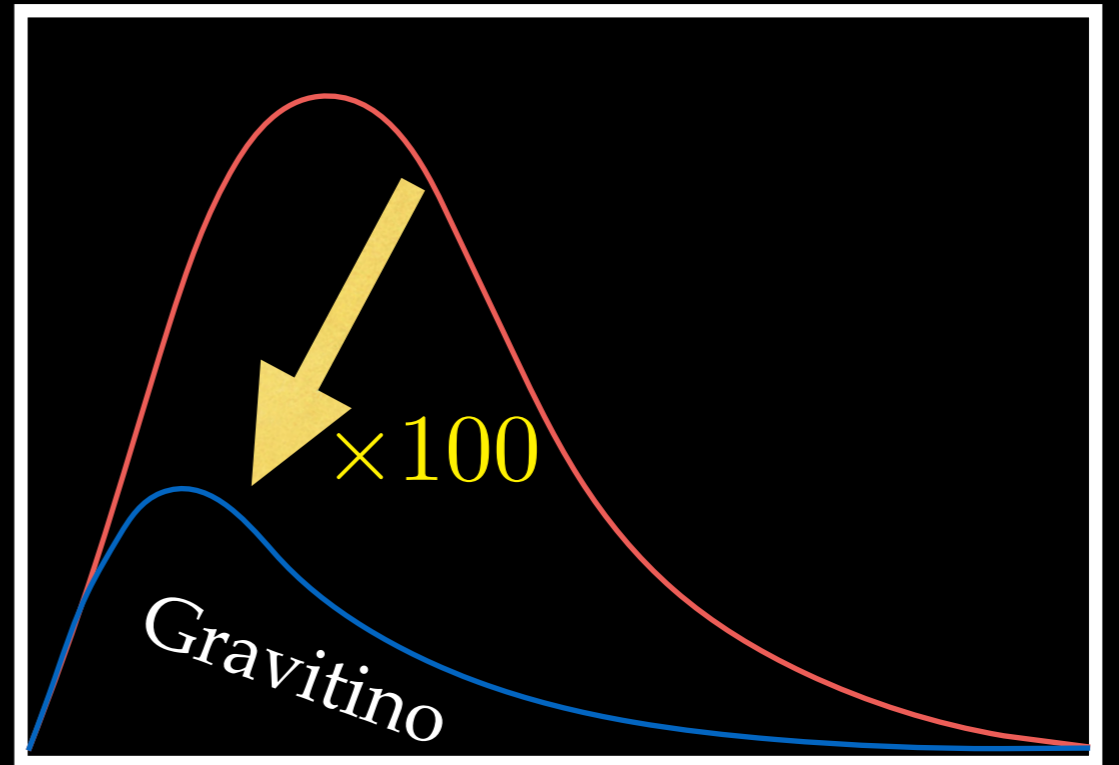
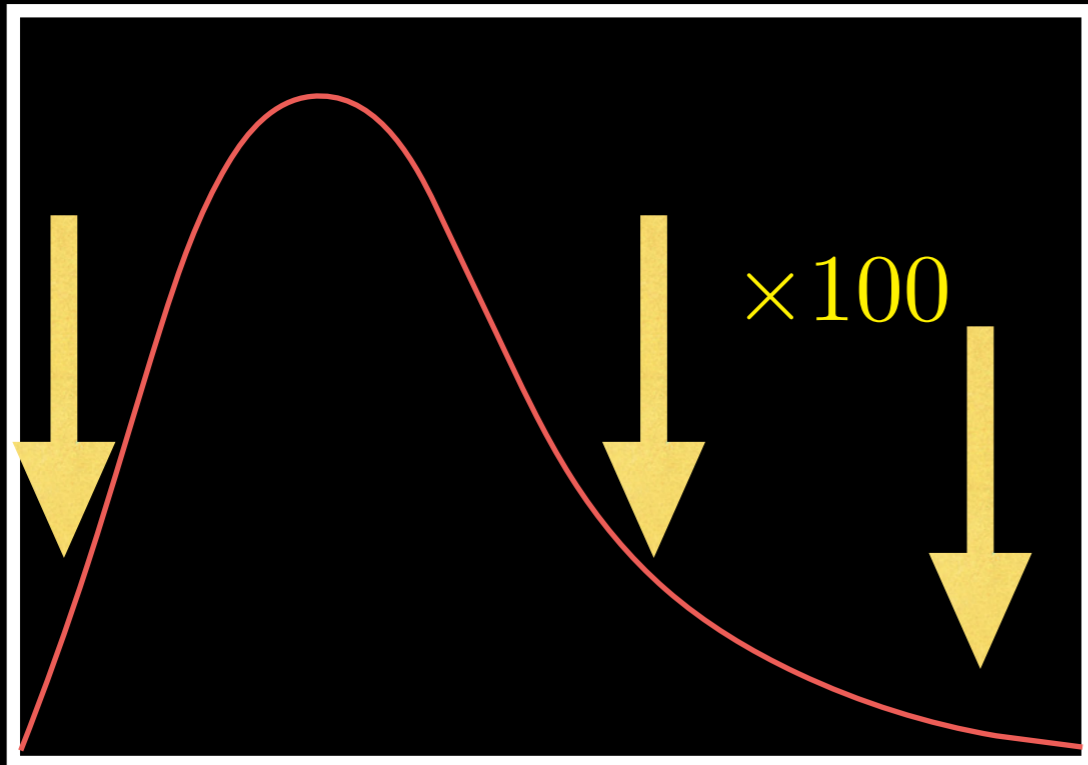
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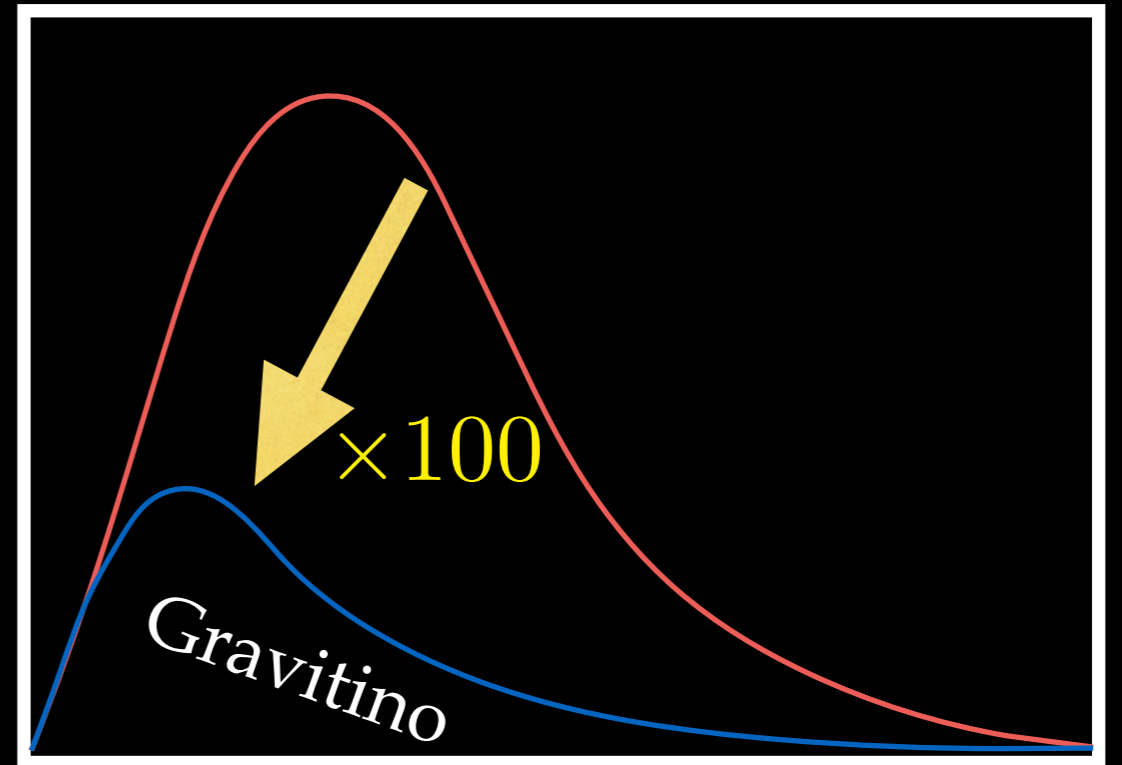
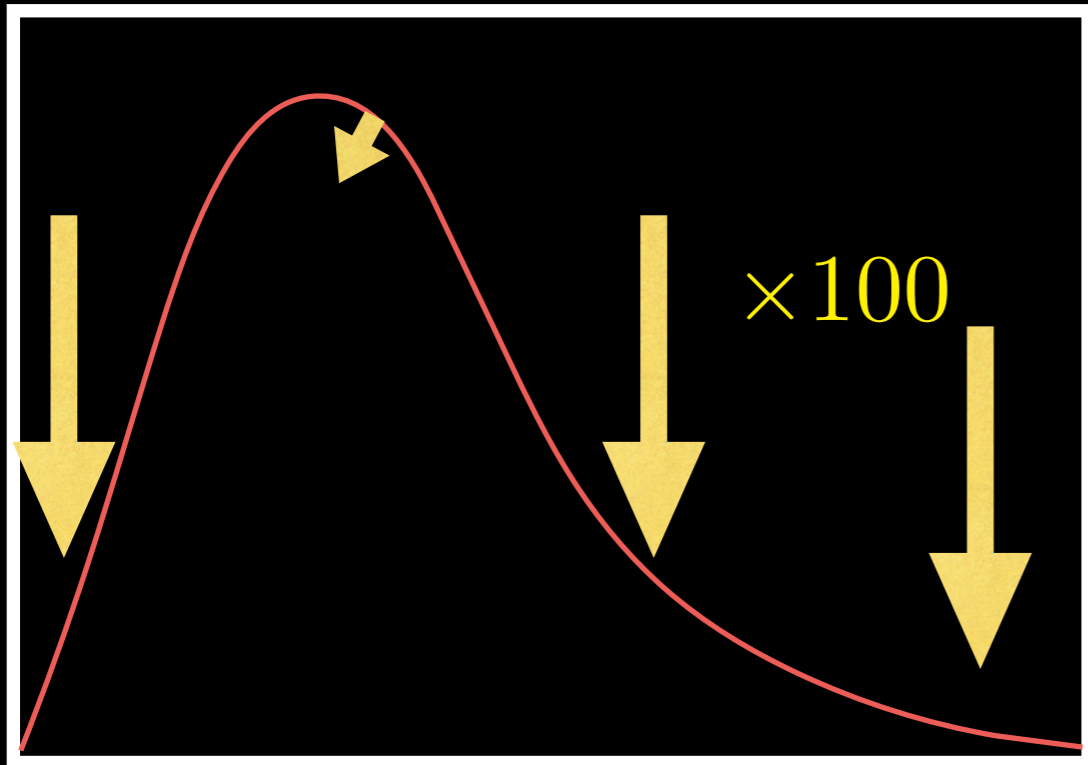
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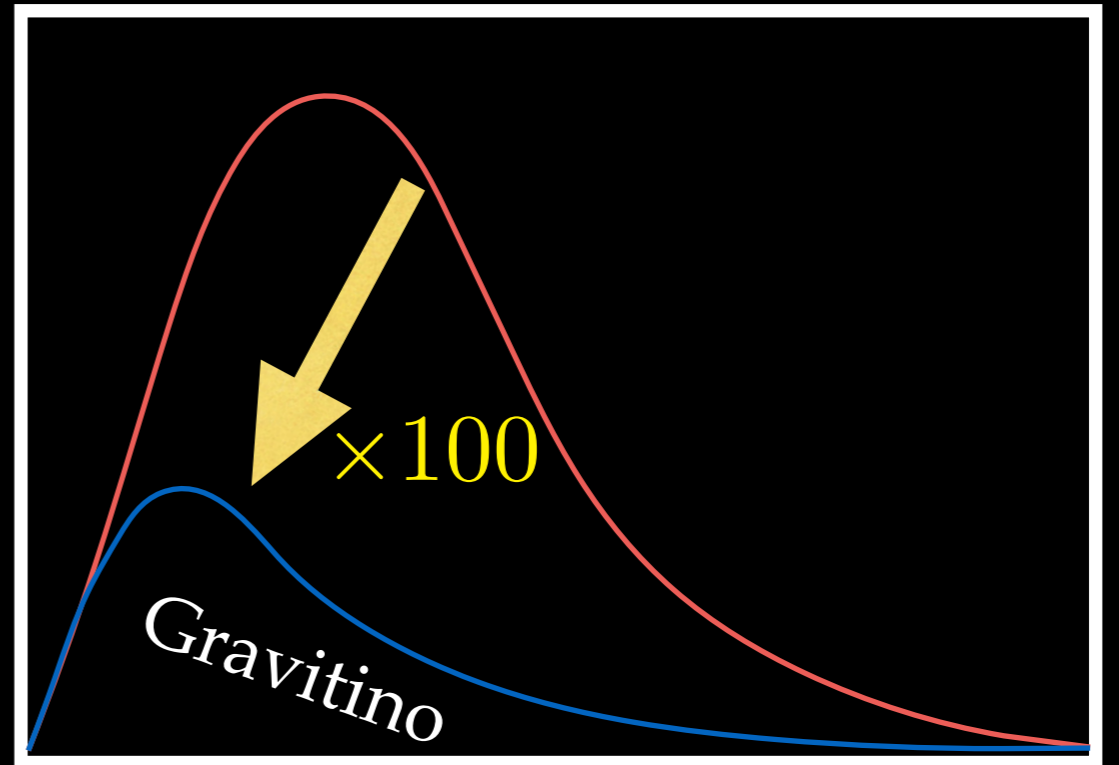
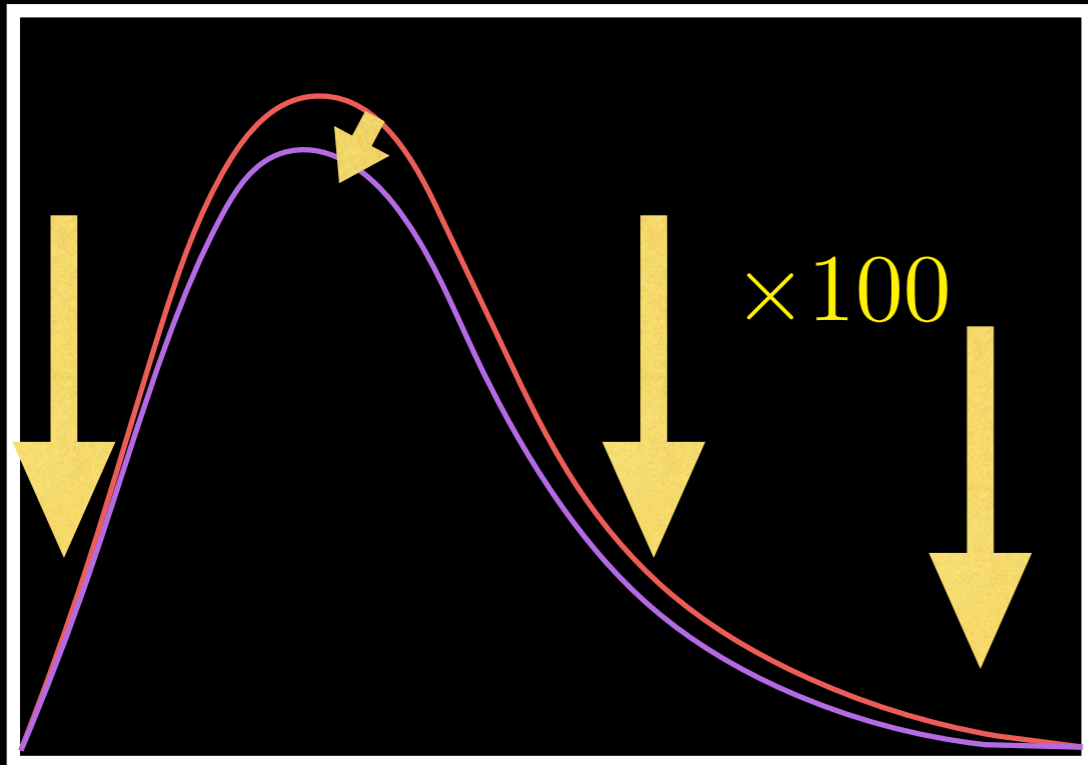
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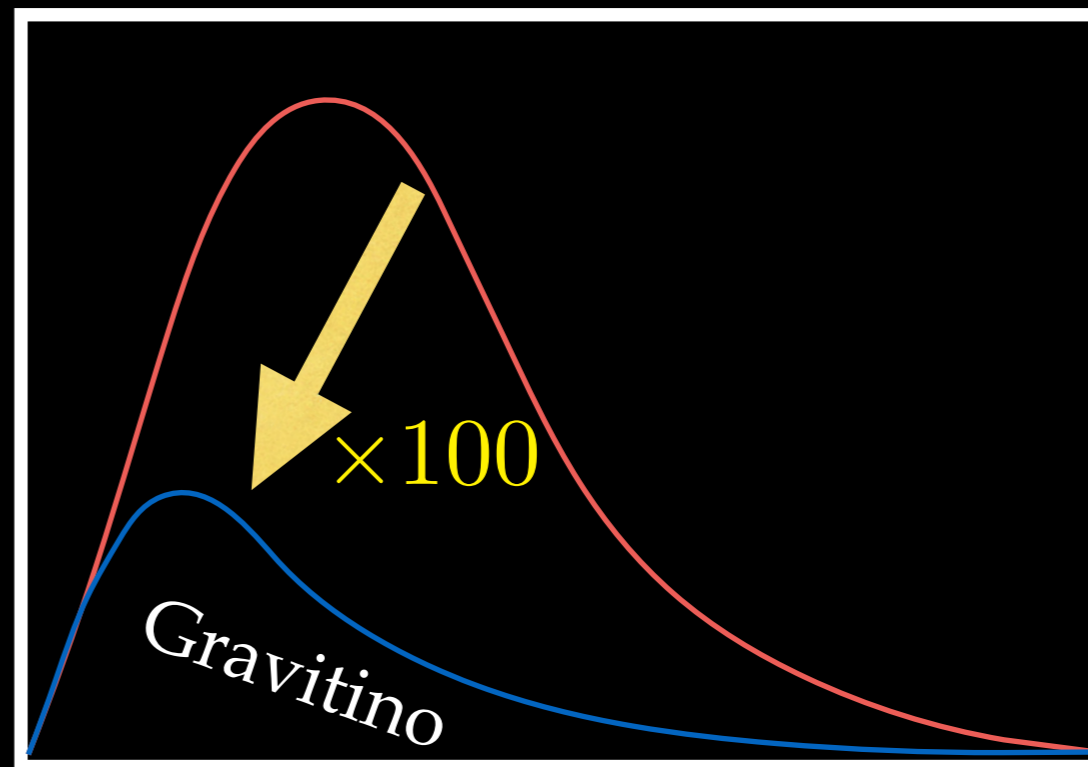
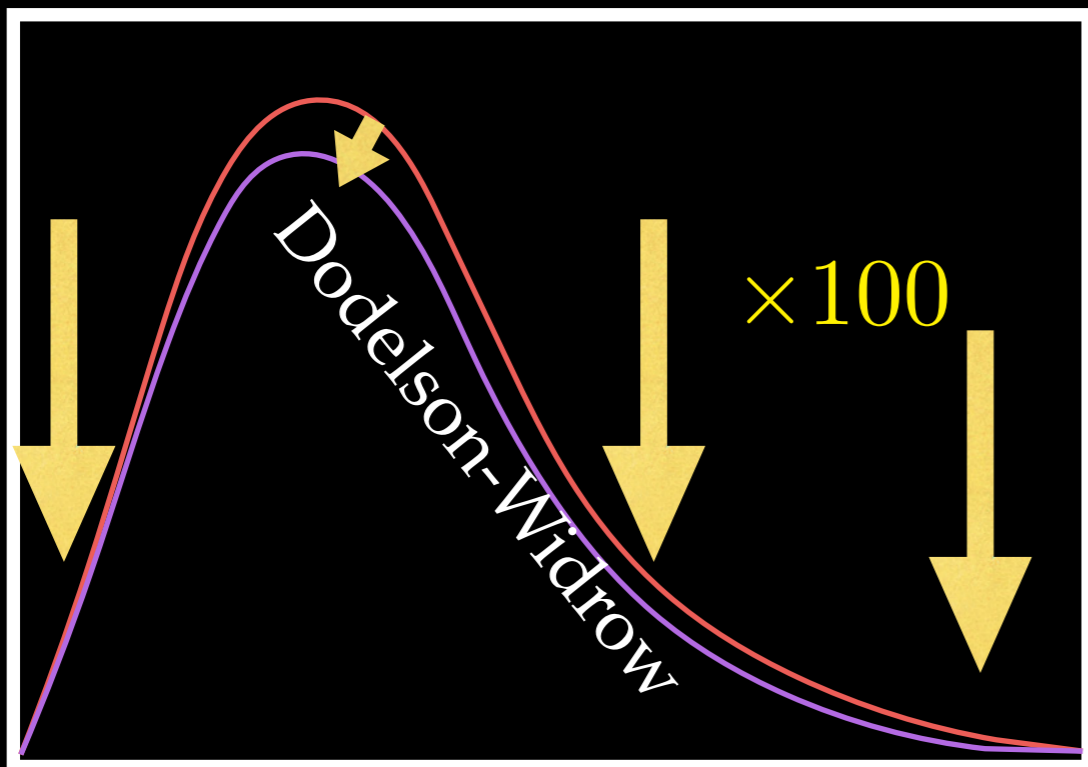
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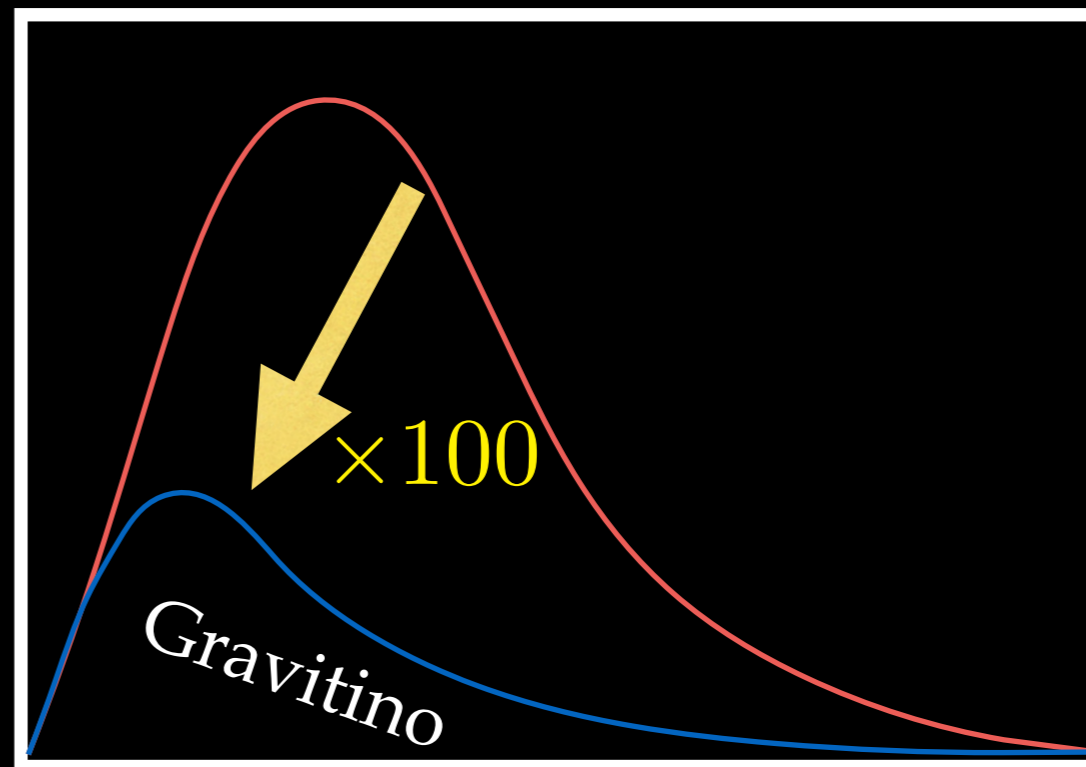
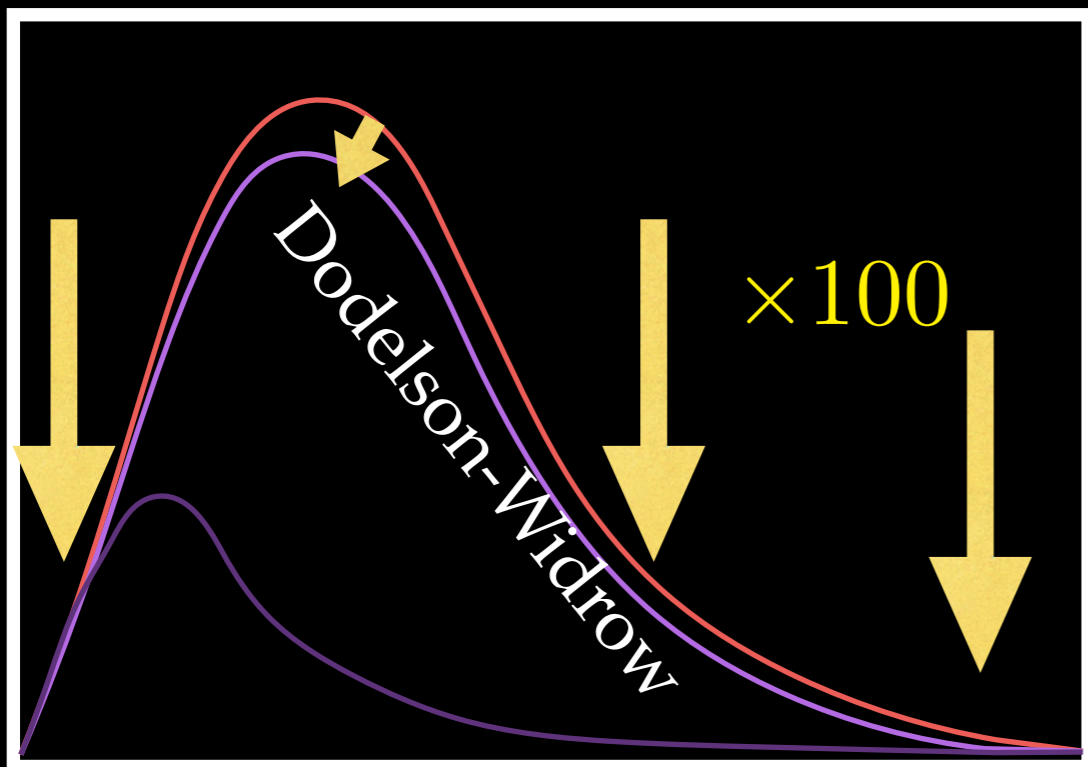
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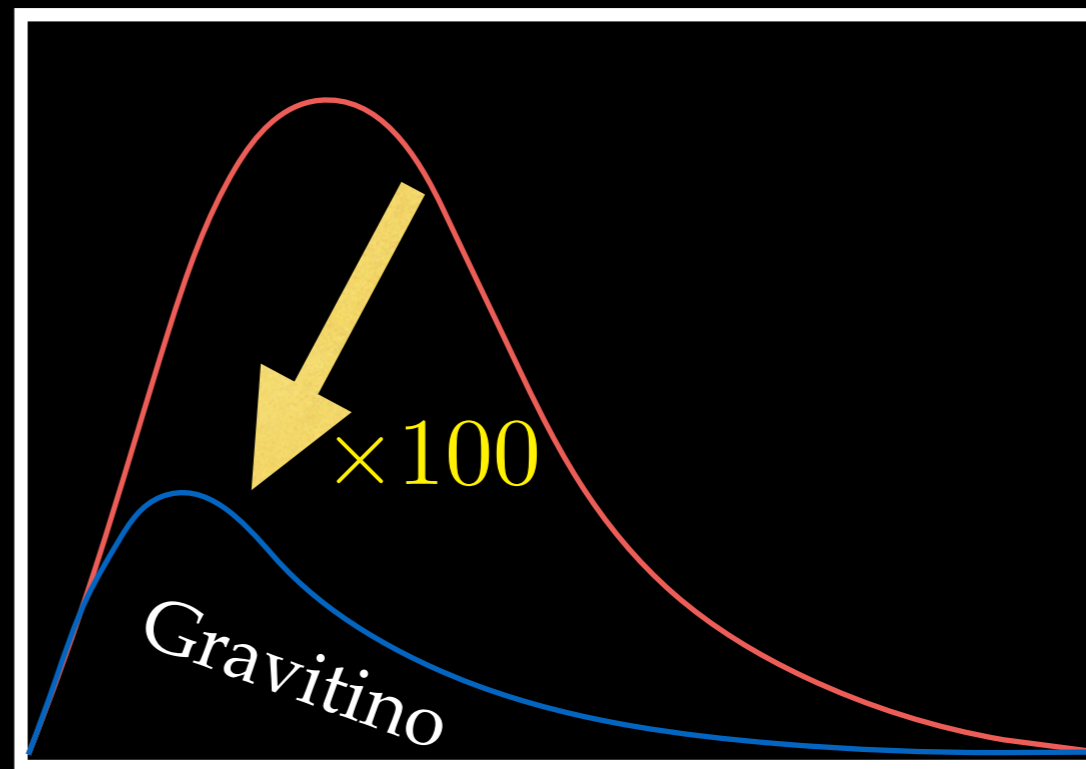
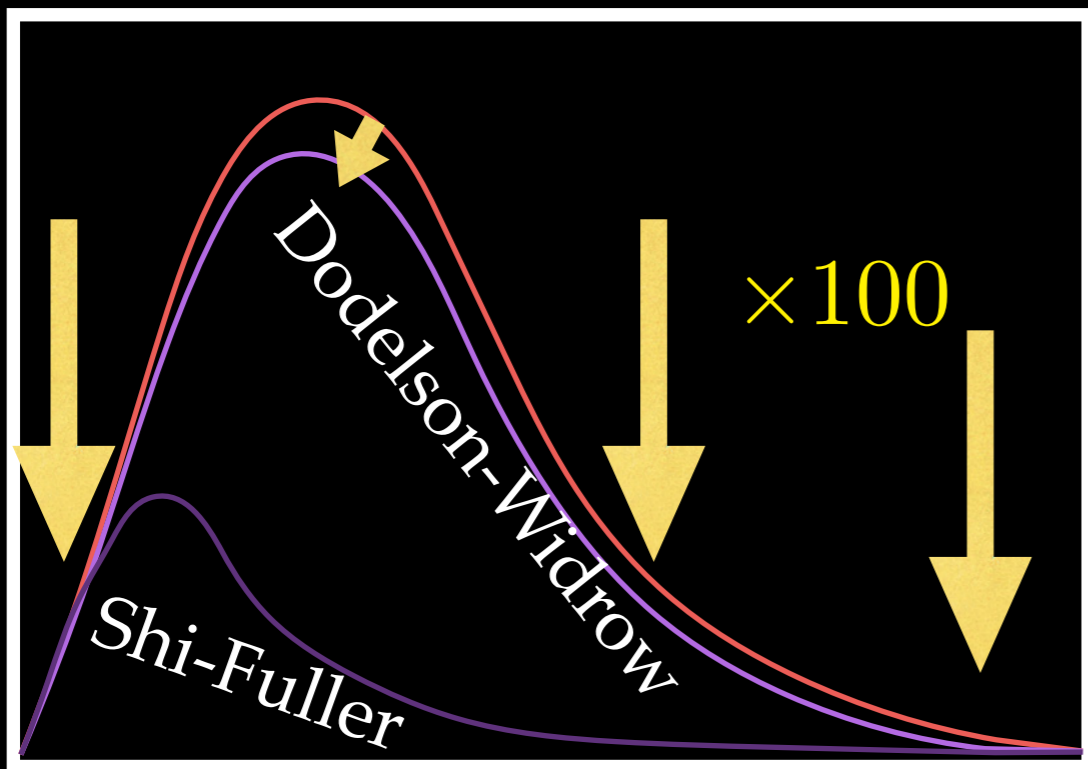
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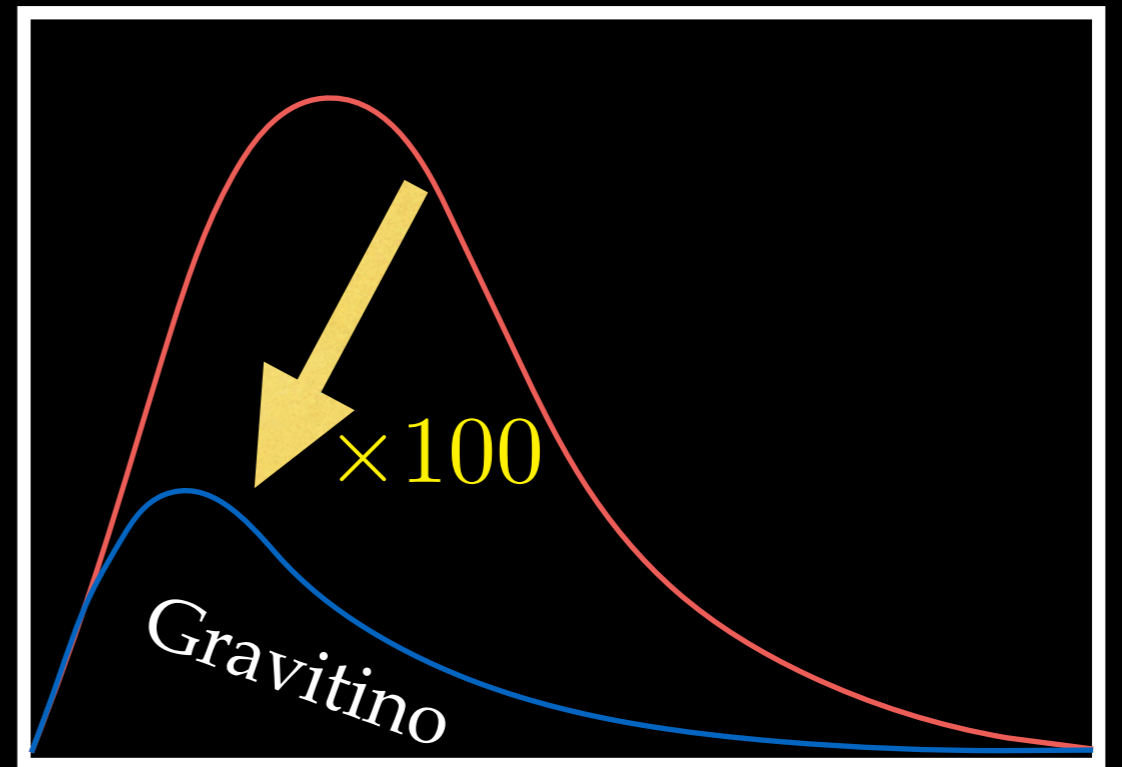
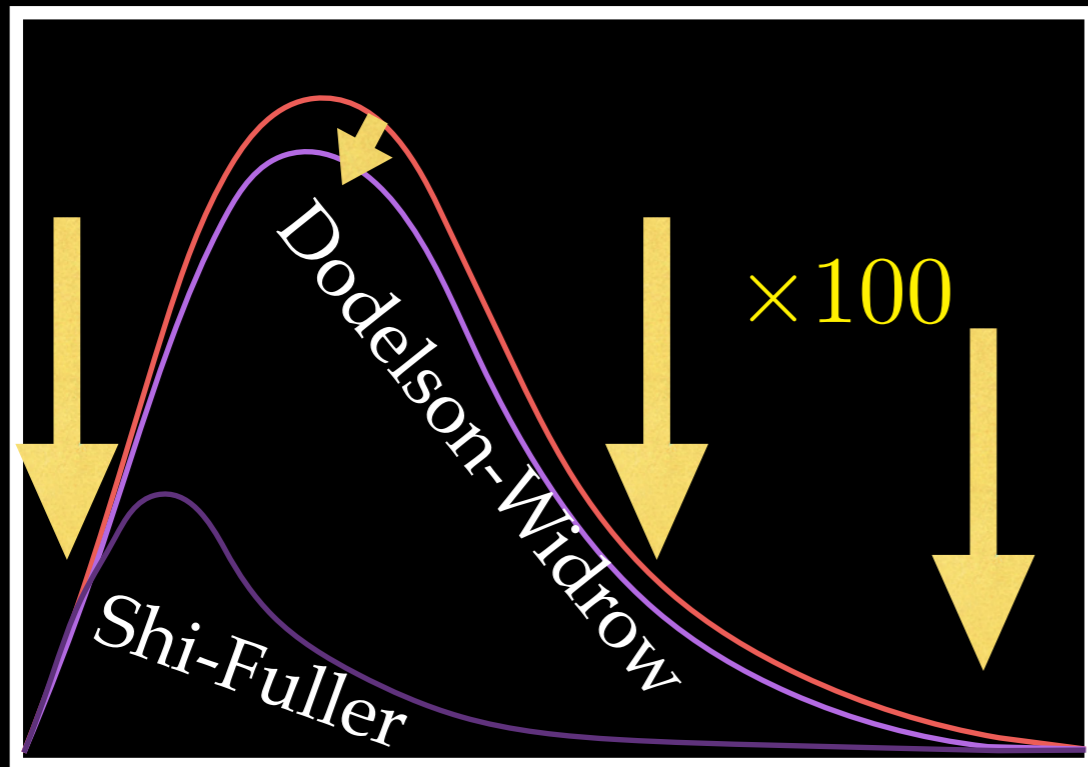
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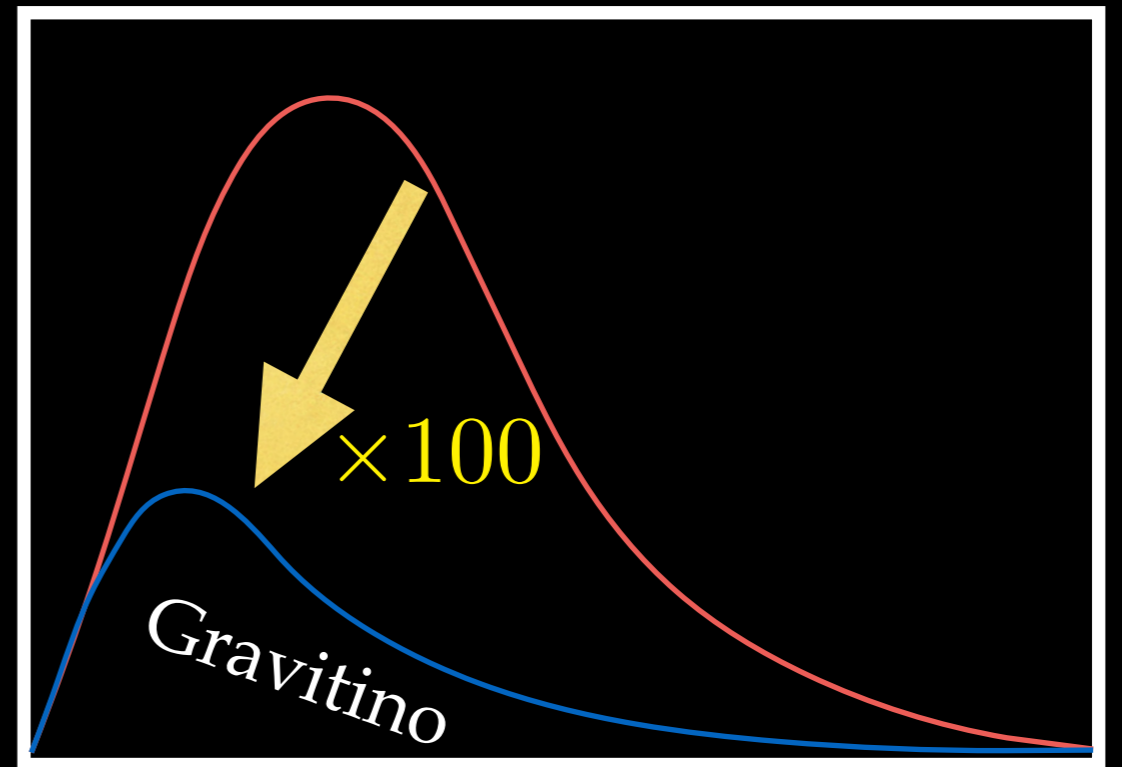
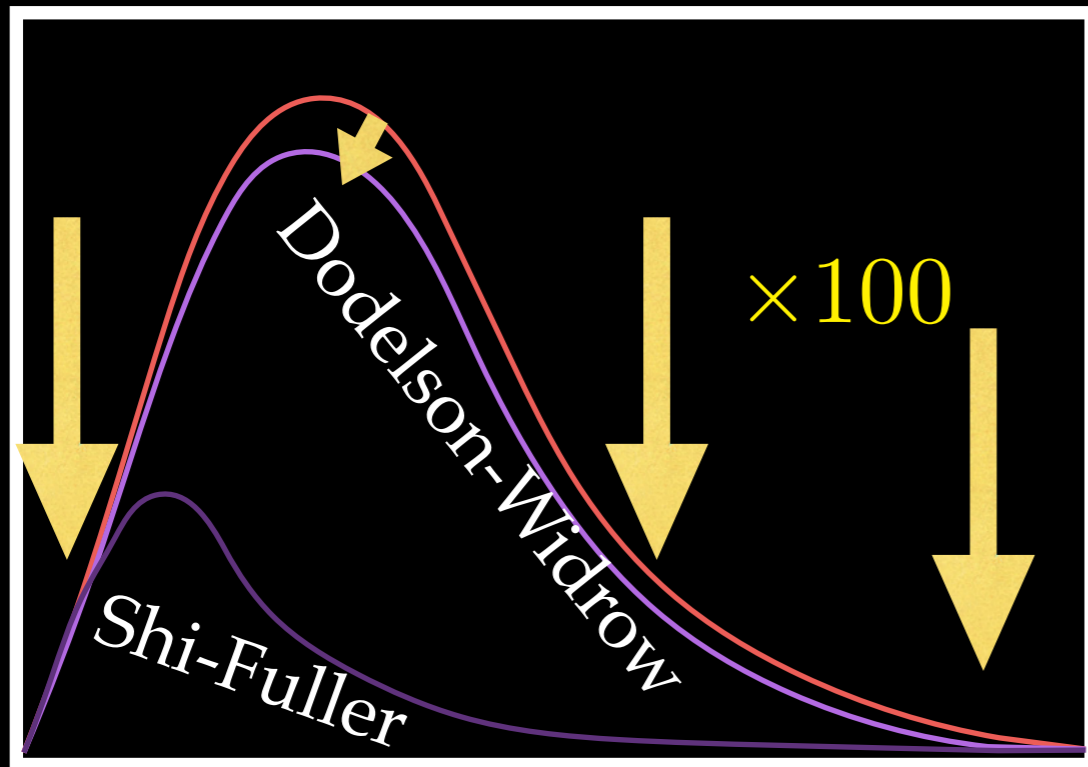


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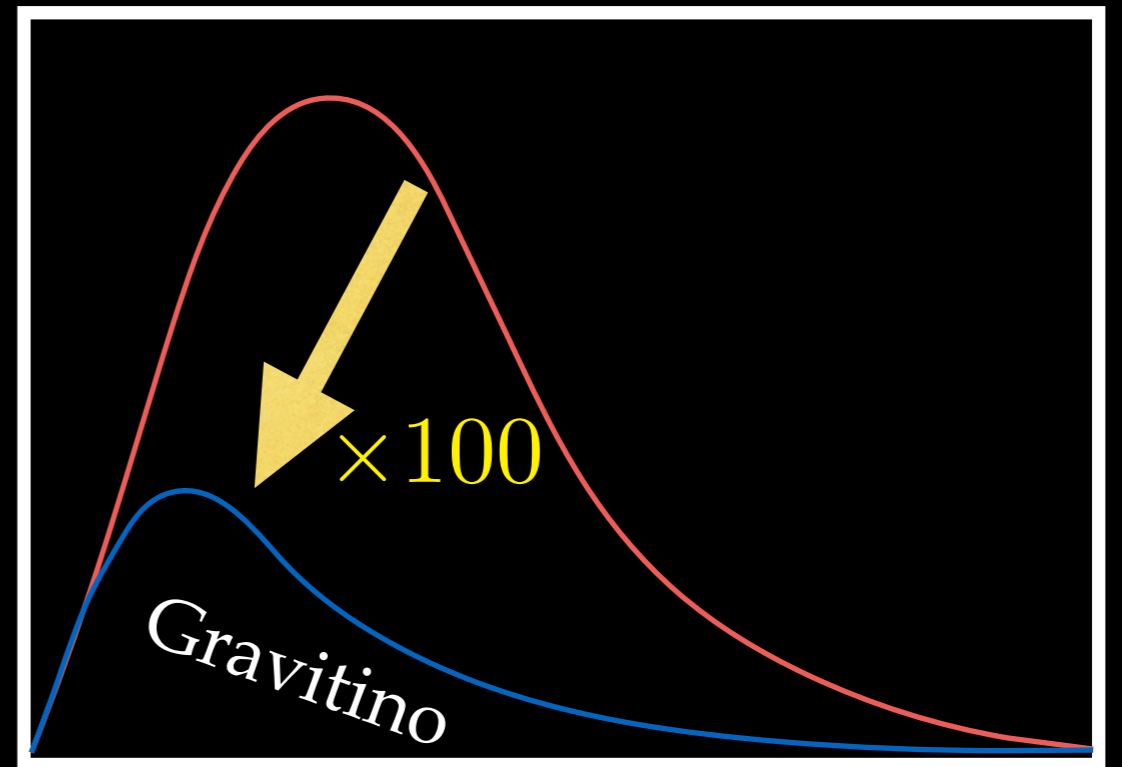
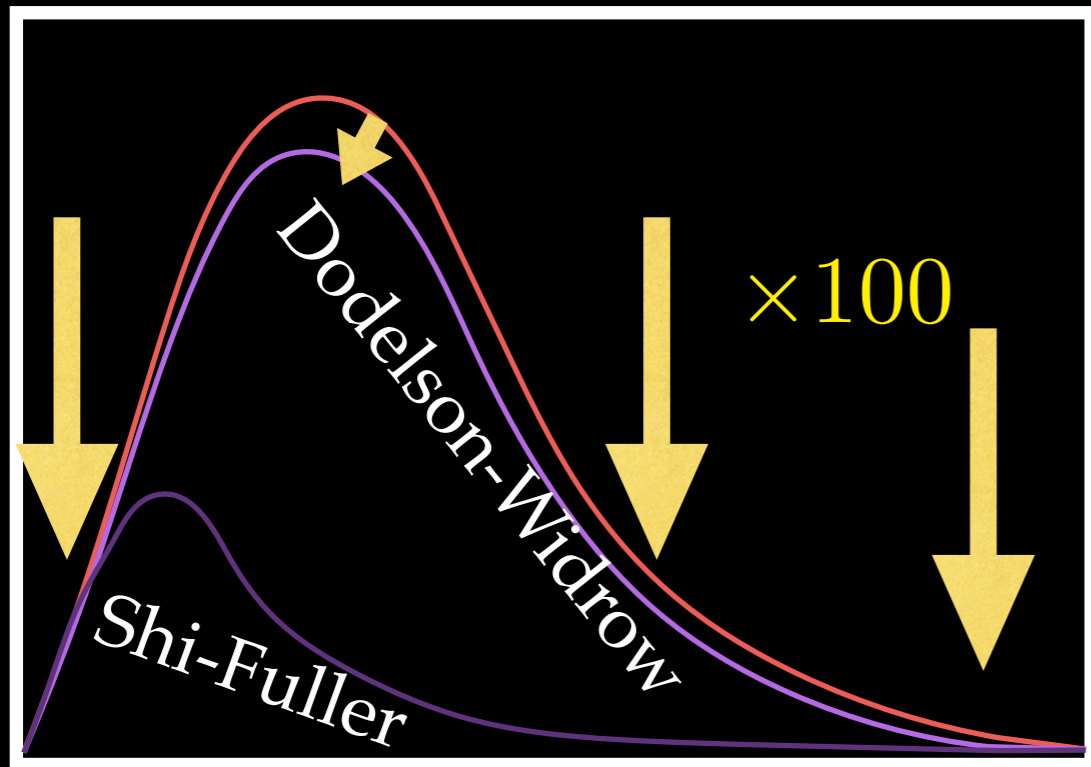
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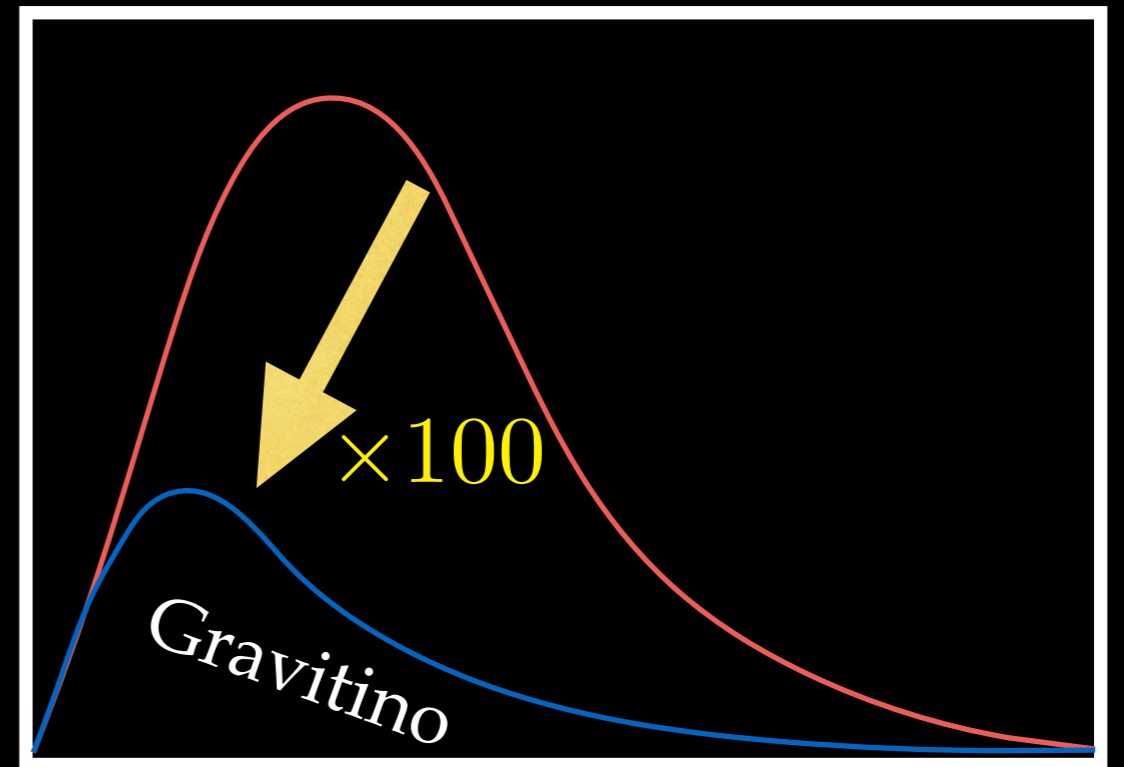
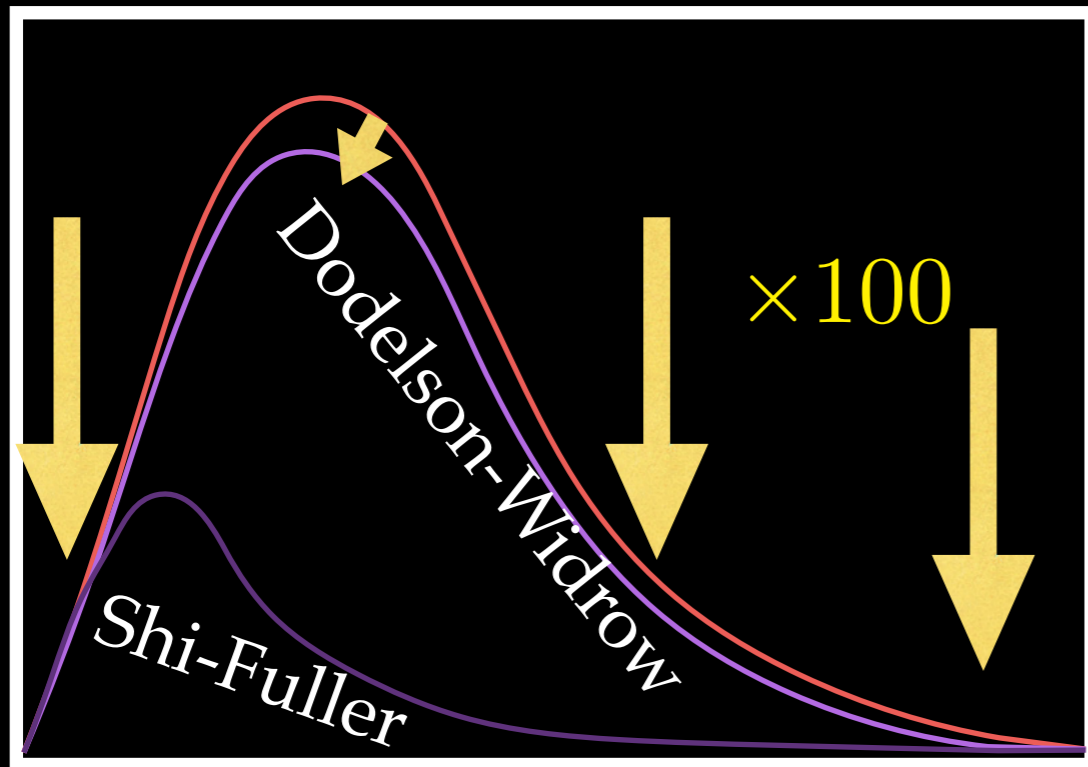


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Colombi, Dodelson & Widrow astro-ph/9505029;

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Other mechanisms of production, and effects on structure

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Kusenko 2006; Petraki & Kusenko 2007
- **Split See-Saw Out of Equilibrium Production:**
Kusenko, Takahashi, & Yanagida 2010
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(Adhikari+ 2017)
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keV Miracle Higgs Decay

$$V(H, S) = \mu_H^2 |H|^2 + m_2^2 S^2 + \lambda_3 S^3 \\ + \lambda_{HS} |H|^2 S^2 + \lambda_S S^4 + \lambda_H |H|^4,$$

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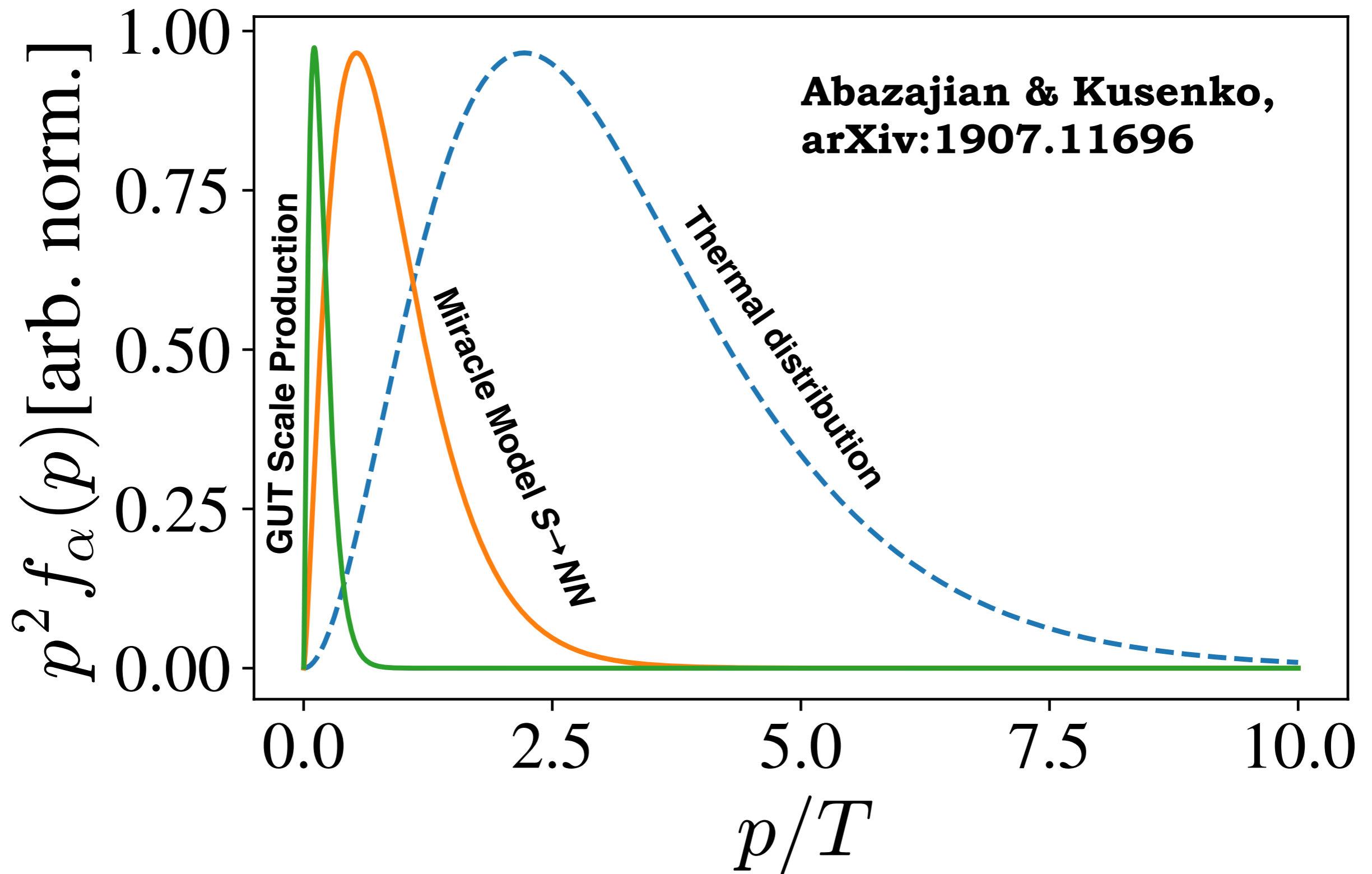
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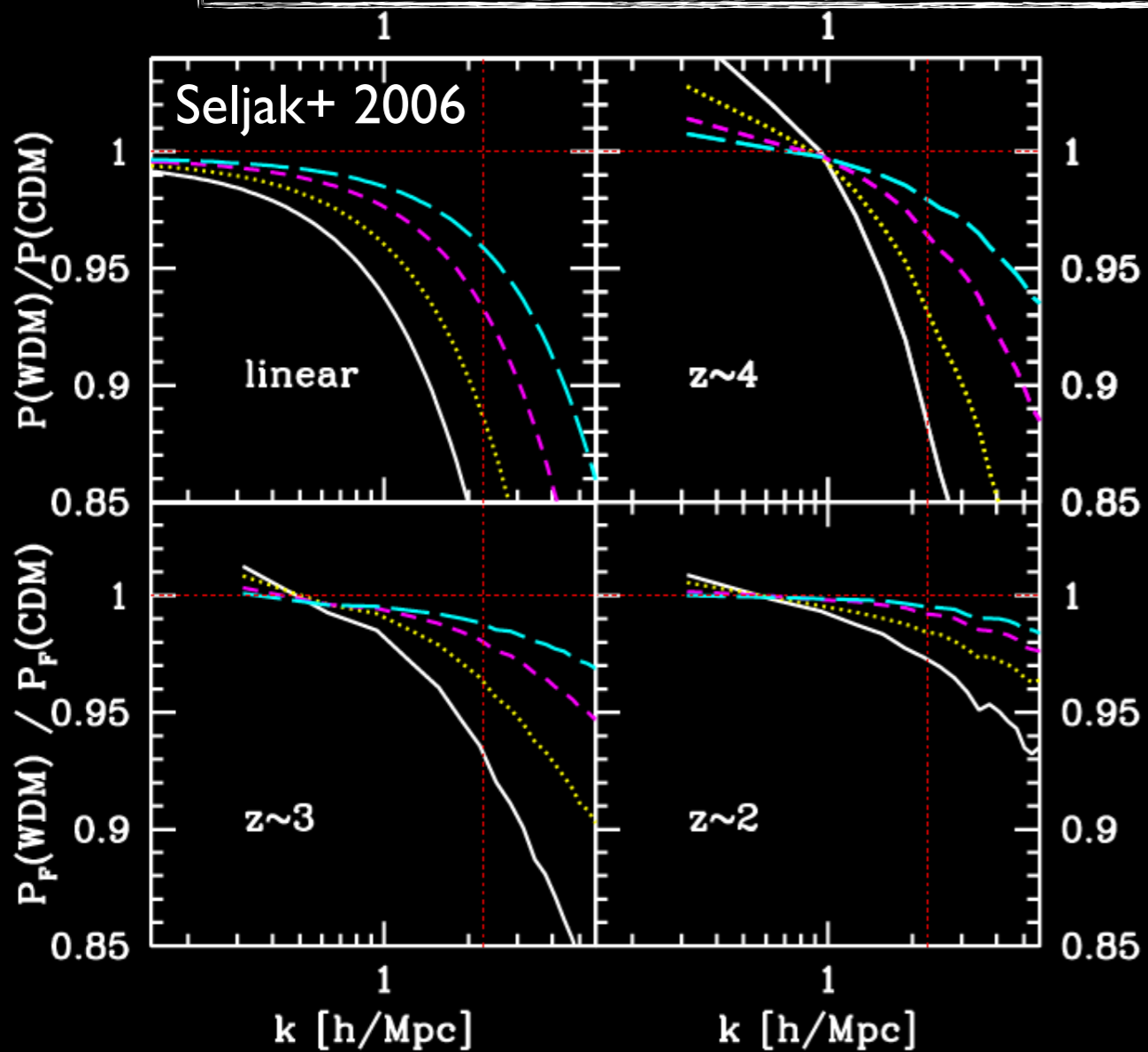
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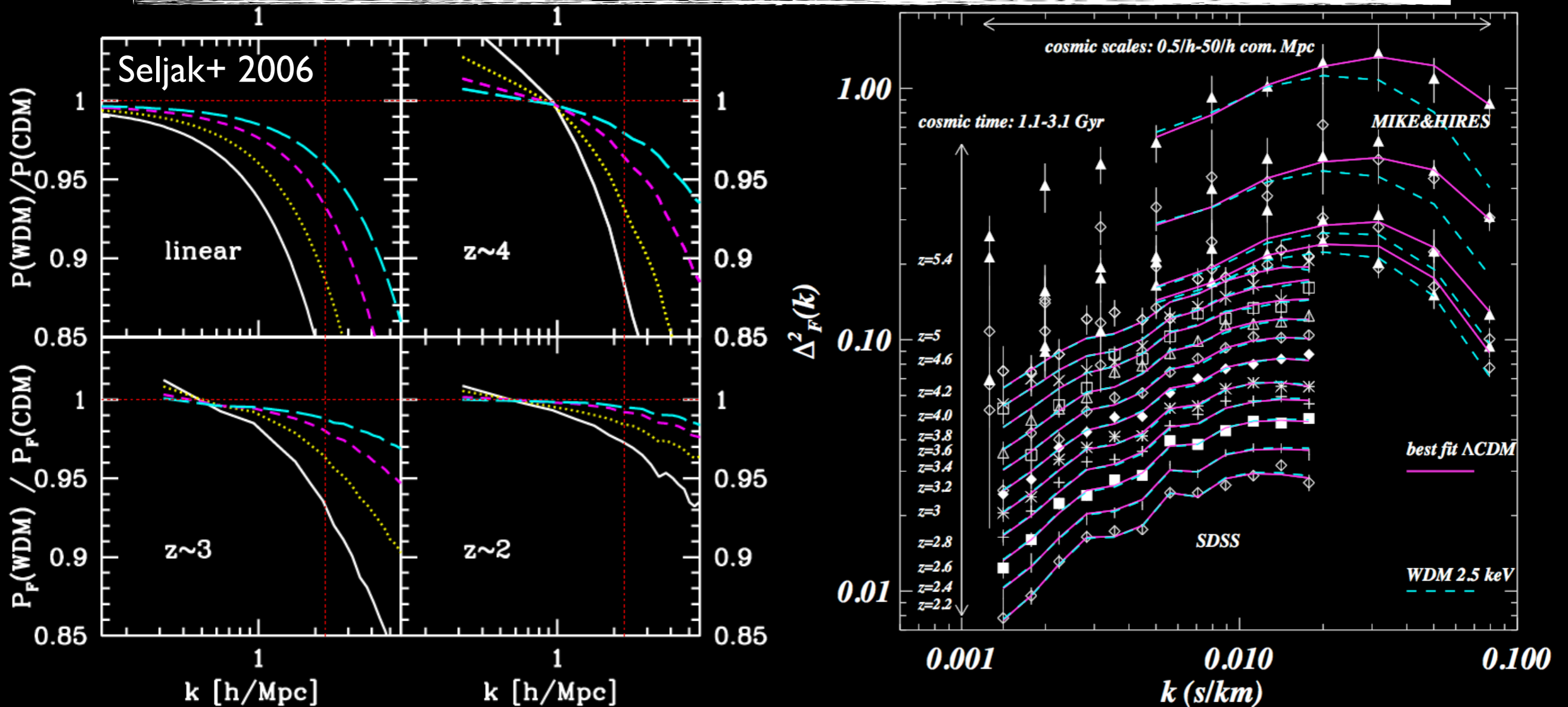
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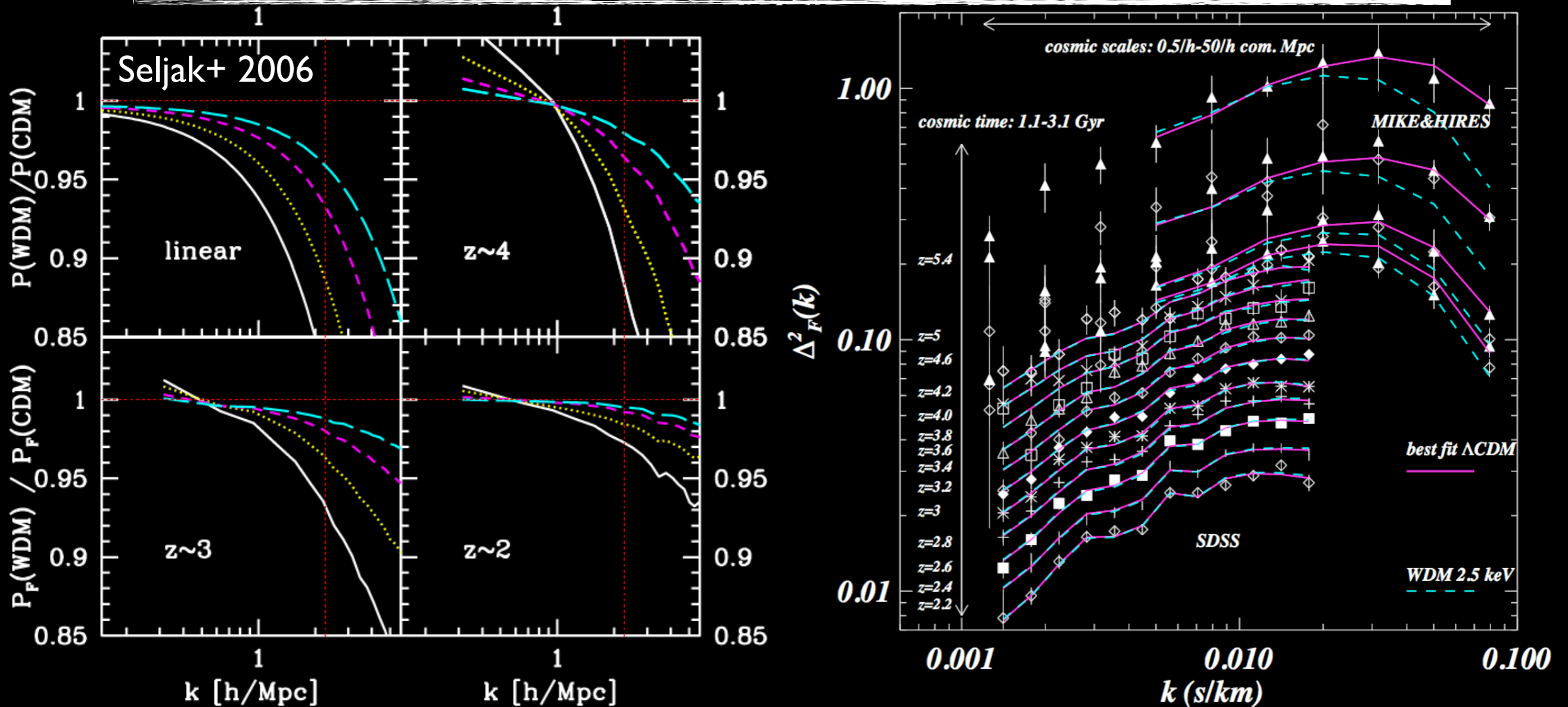
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- At least two nuclear physics laboratory experiments are following up sterile neutrino dark matter interpretations.
- The signal crosses a transition from “cold” dark matter to “warm” dark matter, at a cutoff scale of great interest in galaxy formation
- Future Follow up observations:
 - 2020: *eROSITA*
 - 2021: *Micro-X*, *XQC*, X-ray CubeSAT
 - 2022: *XRISM*
 - 2030+: *ATHENA*, *Lynx*