## QUEST FOR NEW PHYSICS DRIVEN BY EXPERIMENT AND SIMPLICITY



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As a particle physicists we want to build "**The Theory**" such that > All observed phenomena are explained

- ▷ All predicted particles are discovered
- > The resulting theory is mathematical self-consistent

## Are we there yet?

### All predicted particles are found!



# Century long quest came to its end – all predicted particles have been found!

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#### Theory is mathematically consistent!



Mass of the Higgs boson  $\sim 126$  GeV means that the Standard Model is a consistent weakly-coupled theory up to very high scales (probably to the Planck scale)

Bezrukov et al. "*Higgs boson mass and new physics*" [1205.2893] AlSO Degrassi et al. [1205.6497] SM valid up to the Planck scale?



- $\checkmark$  All predicted particles of the Standard Model have been found  $\overleftrightarrow$
- ✓ The theory behind these particles and their interactions stays mathematically consistent to very high energies

# Did we just had the last Nobel Prize in particle physics?

Particle physics: neutrino oscillations

**Cosmology and astrophysics:** particle physics (coupled to Einstein gravity) applied to the Universe as a whole faces the challenges of

- dynamics of gravitating objects at scales from galactic to cosmological (dark matter?)
- absence of primordial asymmetry of the Universe

### Possibly

- initial conditions for the Universe (inflation?)
- accelerated expansion of the Universe (dark energy?)

- Unsolved problems  $\Rightarrow$  new particles should exist
- We did not detect them ⇒ they are heavy
- How heavy can they be? Not too much!



•  $\Rightarrow$  New physics should be about electroweak scale?

#### Searches for new physics at LHC



- Unsolved problems  $\Rightarrow$  **new particles should exist**  $\checkmark$
- We did not detect them ⇒ they are -heavy- light but very weakly interacting
- Higgs mechanism gives mass to all the particles

No heavy particle  $\implies$  No corrections to the Higgs boson mass

# Is it possible to resolve the BSM problems with light very weakly interacting particles?

▷ Complete *(testable?)* theory, valid up to Planck scale?

#### Two directions







Neutrino oscillations mean that there exist new particles!

#### Oscillations $\Rightarrow$ new particles!



## **Right components of neutrinos?!**

Scale of sterile neutrino masses?



#### Properties of sterile neutrino



Sterile neutrinos behave as superweakly interacting massive neutrinos with a smaller Fermi constant  $\vartheta \times G_F$ 

• This mixing strength or mixing angle is

$$\vartheta_{e,\mu,\tau}^{2} \equiv \frac{|M_{\text{Dirac}}|^{2}}{M_{\text{Majorana}}^{2}} = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{active}}}{M_{\text{sterile}}} \approx 5 \times 10^{-11} \left(\frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{M_{\text{sterile}}}\right)$$
  
• Another name  $\Rightarrow$  heavy neutral leptons (or HNL)

### If sterile neutrinos exist – how to find them?





**Ya. Zel'dovich:** The Universe is the poor man's accelerator: experiments don't need to be funded, and all we have to do is to collect the experimental data and interpret them properly

## Why?

- Primordial plasma could have reached the densities and temperatures unachievable in the lab for the longest possible times
- ⇒ Especially relevant if we are after some effects due to veryweakly-interacting particles/rare processes

• Mode that always exists  $N \to \nu \bar{\nu} \nu$ 



For illustration only! The width of the line can be even larger

#### Sterile neutrino and BAU



Red stripes: ranges of masses where generation of BAU is possible (approximate)

Sterile neutrinos with their Majorana masses + CP phases in the Yukawa matrix satisfy all three Sakharov conditions and generate baryon asymmetry of the Universe (via **leptogenesis**) Lifetime of  $\tau_N$ 



- Very long-lived particles ⇒ dark matter?
- Take  $M_N \sim 1$  keV. Lifetime  $\tau_N \sim 10^{24} \sec$  is this long enough?
- Fraction of decayed DM particles:  $\frac{\mbox{Age of the Universe}}{\tau_N} \sim 10^{-6}$

#### Lifetime of $\tau_N$

- But! in a galaxy like Andromeda or Milky Way (total mass  $M_{gal} \sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ ) there would be  $10^{75}$  DM particles with the mass 1 keV
- Subdominant (Br $\sim \frac{1}{123}$ ) decay channel:  $N \rightarrow \nu + \gamma$



- Therefore, decay of a small fraction of  $10^{75}$  particles releases  $\sim 10^{40} \, {\rm erg/sec}$  in  $0.5 \, {\rm keV}$  photons
- The entire X-ray luminosity of Andromeda galaxy in the range 0.1 2.4 keV is  $L_X \sim \text{few} \times 10^{39} \text{ erg/sec}$  (90% of which is coming from point sources)

#### Dark matter and neutrino oscillations



- Two neutrino mass splitting  $\Rightarrow$  need (at least) two sterile neutrino
- Are they Dark matter? ⇒ No way! Very short lifetime
- Third sterile neutrino? ⇒
   Yes! Great DM (its exact properties depend on two other sterile neutrinos)

## Sterile neutrino is a viable dark matter candidate in a model with at least two other sterile neutrinos



Review: Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy, Shaposhnikov Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. (2009), [0901.0011]

#### Search for Dark Matter decays in X-rays



All types of individual objects/observations have been tried: galaxies (LMC, Ursa Minor, Draco, Milky Way, M31, M33,...); galaxy clusters (Bullet cluster; Coma, Virgo, ...) with all the X-ray instruments

#### Detection of An Unidentified Emission Line

### DETECTION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED EMISSION LINE IN THE STACKED X-RAY SPECTRUM OF GALAXY CLUSTERS

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#### [1402.2301]

#### An unidentified line in X-ray spectra of the Andromeda galaxy and Perseus galaxy cluster

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[1402.4119]

#### Unidentified spectral line at $E\sim 3.5~{ m keV}$

	Boyarsky et al. 2014	[1402.4119]
M31 galaxy	XMM-Newton, center & outskirts	
Perseus cluster	XMM-Newton, outskirts only	
Blank sky	XMM-Newton	
		[1402.2301]

Bulbul et al. 2014			
73 clusters	XMM-Newton, central regions		
	of clusters only. Up to $z = 0.35$ ,		
	including Coma, Perseus		
Perseus cluster	Chandra, center only		
Virgo cluster	Chandra, center only		

**Position:**  $3.52 \pm 0.02$  keV.

Lifetime:  $\sim 10^{28}$  sec (uncertainty  $\mathcal{O}(10)$ )

**Significance:** Between  $4\sigma$  and  $5\sigma$  (global, taking into account trial factors)

#### Surface brightness profile (Perseus)

[1402.4119]



#### Surface brightness profile (M31)

[1402.4119]



#### This can be anything

The 3.5 keV X-ray line from decaying gravitino dark matter. Axino dark matter in light of an anomalous X-ray line. The Quest for an Intermediate-Scale Accidental Axion and Further ALPs. keV Photon Emission from Light Nonthermal Dark **Matter.** X-ray lines from R-parity violating decays of keV **sparticles**. Neutrino masses, leptogenesis, and **sterile neutrino** dark matter. A Dark Matter Progenitor: Light Vector Boson Decay into (Sterile) Neutrinos. A 3.55 keV Photon Line and its Morphology from a 3.55 keV ALP Line. 7 keV Dark Matter as X-ray Line Signal in Radiative Neutrino Model. X-ray line signal from decaying **axino** warm dark matter. The 3.5 keV X-ray line signal from **decaying moduli** with low cutoff scale. X-ray line signal from 7 keV axino dark matter decay. Can a millicharged dark matter particle emit an observable gamma-ray line?. Effective field theory and keV lines from dark matter. Resonantly-Produced 7 keV Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter Models and the Properties of Milky Way Satellites. Cluster X-ray line at 3.5 keV from axion-like dark matter. Axion Hilltop Inflation in Supergravity. A 3.55 keV hint for decaying axionlike particle dark matter. The 7 keV axion dark matter and the X-ray line signal. An X-Ray Line from **eXciting Dark Matter**. 7 keV sterile neutrino dark matter from split flavor mechanism.

#### Sterile neutrino and 3.5 keV line



Sterile neutrino DM with such parameters is not completely cold and would leave its imprints in the formations of structures

#### Resonant enhancement





Conversion of  $\nu$  to N is enhanced whenever "levels" cross and virtual neutrino goes "on-shell" (analog of MSW effect but for active-sterile mixing)

Shi & Fuller [astroph/9810076]

Laine & Shaposhnikov [0804.4543]

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$$\mathsf{Lifetime}_{N} = \left(\frac{\vartheta^{2} G_{F}^{2} M_{N}^{5}}{86\pi^{3}}\right)^{-1}$$
$$\approx 0.3 \sec\left(\frac{1 \, \mathsf{GeV}}{M_{N}}\right)^{4}$$

- Third sterile neutrino?  $\Rightarrow$  Can be dark matter
- Lepton asymmetry needed for its production can be created by two other sterile neutrinos

#### Early Universe with heavy neutral leptons



#### dedicated experiment Α

[arXiv:1310.17 W. Bonivento, A. Boyarsky, H. Dijkstra, U. Egede, M. Ferro-Luzzi, B. Goddard, A. Golutvin, D. Gorbunov, R. Jacobsson, J. Panman, M. Patel, O. Ruchayskiy, T. Ruf, N. Serra, M. Shaposhnikov, D. Treille

**Proposal to Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons at the SPS** Expression of Interest. Endorsed by the CERN SPS council Magnet yoke Magnet coil Electromagnetic calorimeter Veto chambers Decay volume Ab Muon filter for Hidden Muon detector

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Tracking chambers

#### Open collaboration meeting



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- Observable beyond-the-Standard-Model puzzles mean that new particles should exist
- ▷ These particles can be either **heavy** or **super-weakly interacting**
- Neutrino oscillations suggest that sterile neutrinos (heavy neutral leptons) can exist
- Such particles can explain baryon asymmetry of the Universe, provide dark matter candidate and explain neutrino oscillations
- $\triangleright$  The resulting model (the  $\nu$ MSM) looks like Standard Model from the point of view of todays' experiments
- $\triangleright$  To distinguish  $\Rightarrow$  intensity frontier experiments and "poor man's accelerator"

## Thank you for your attention

#### Perseus galaxy cluster



Bulbul et al. took only 2 central XMM observation –  $14^\prime$  around the cluster's center

We took 16 observations **excluding** 2 central XMM observations to avoid modeling complicated central emission

#### Andromeda galaxy (zoom 3-4 keV)



[1402.4119]

#### Full stacked spectra



and

Bulbul et al.

[1402.2301]

XMM-PN

2 Ms



From M. Shaposhnikov's talk at TLEP-7 workshop