

The Gaseous Halo of NGC 891

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Agenda

- Galaxy Halos
- NGC 891 as an interesting case
- Halo Metallicity
 - X-ray Measurements
 - Metallicity in the cool gas
 - (Possible) Interpretation

Galaxy Halos

Halos are a reservoir of baryons

$R_{\text{vir}} \sim 200\text{-}400 \text{ kpc}$

10-50% of baryons
expected from cosmic infall



$R_{\text{disk}} \sim 10 \text{ kpc}$

10-20% of baryons

Galaxy Halos

Why?

Infalling gas heated to few $\times 10^6$ K
for L_* galaxies

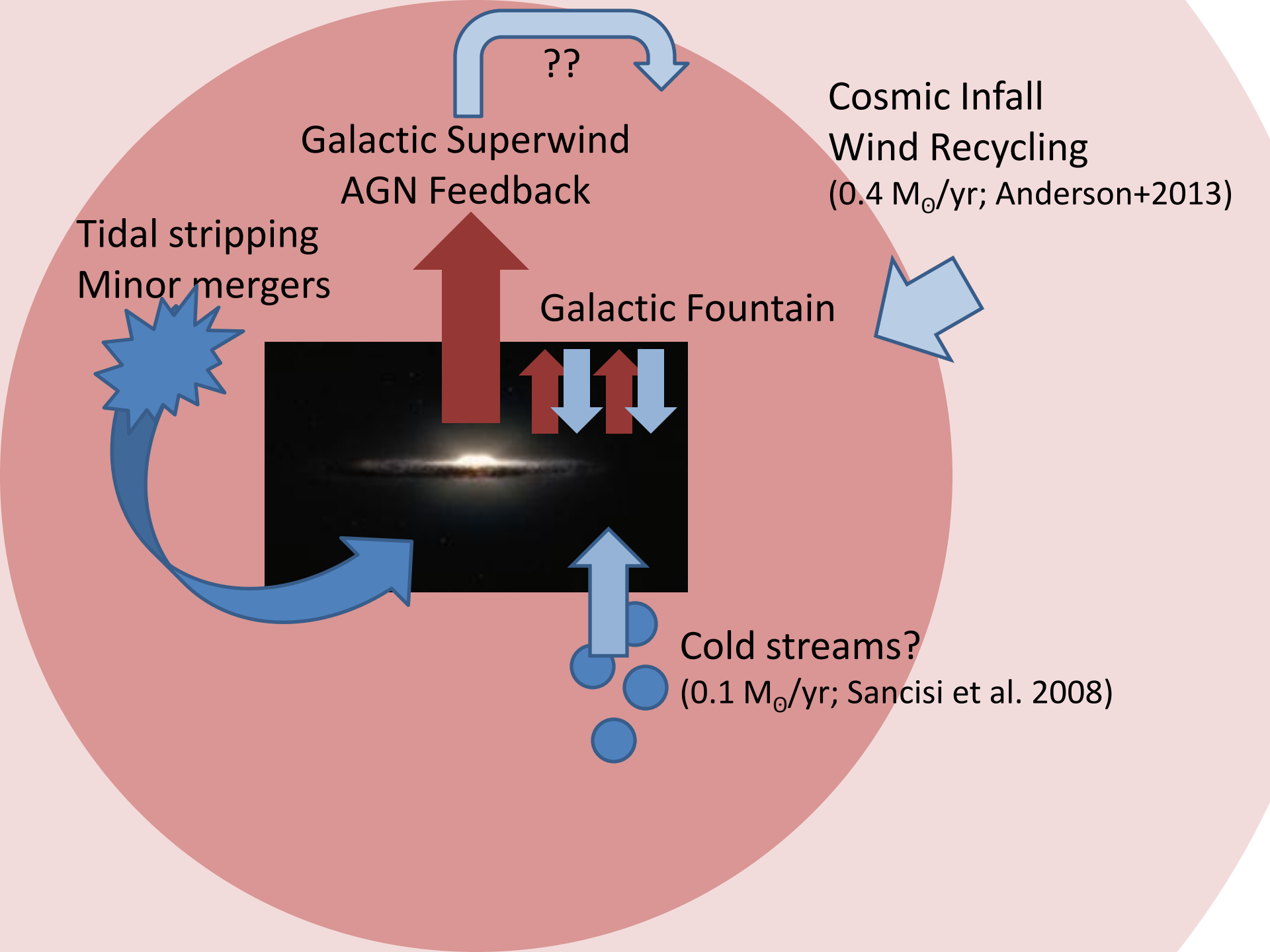
$$t_{\text{cool}} \ll t_{\text{Hubble}}$$



Dynamic halo;
hot+cold gas

Quasi-static halo

$$t_{\text{cool}} \geq t_{\text{Hubble}}$$



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Galactic Superwind
AGN Feedback

Cosmic Infall
Wind Recycling
(0.4 M_⊙/yr; Anderson+2013)

Tidal stripping
Minor mergers

Galactic Fountain

Cold streams?
(0.1 M_⊙/yr; Sancisi et al. 2008)

Galaxy Halos

What is the halo composition?

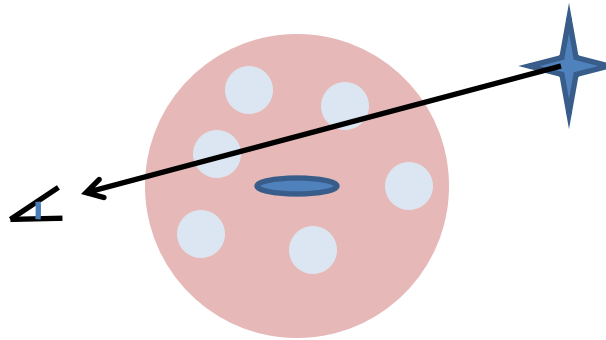
- Inflowing/outflowing material has similar n , T
- Metallicity (Z) distinguishes the two
- But, halo is very tenuous ($n \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) and hard to see

- Is most of the hot material outflow or inflow?
- What is the connection, if any, between the hot and cool components?

Galaxy Halos

What is the halo composition?

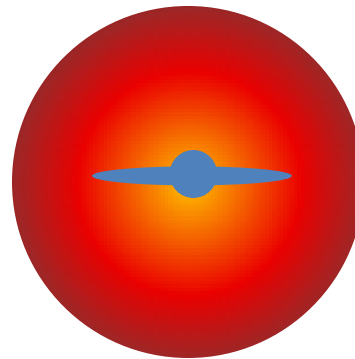
- QSO absorption lines



Metal mass from W_{eq}

- Probes warm/cool gas
- Few quasars near galaxy
- Few galaxies with multiple quasars

- Hot halo emission



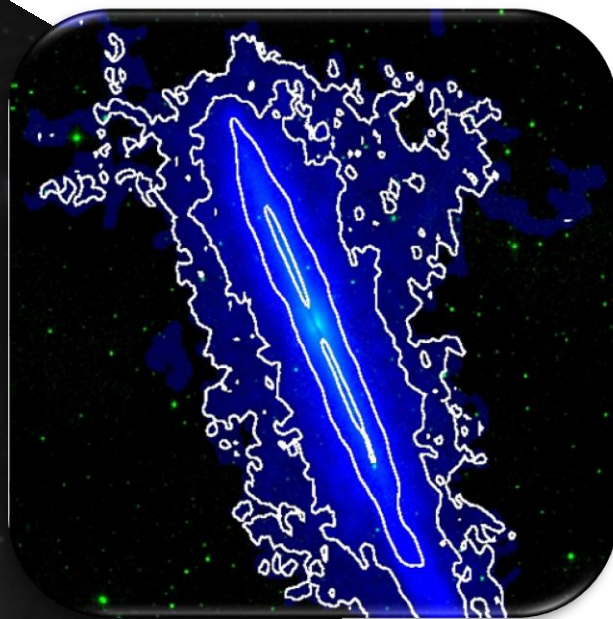
Metallicity from CIE model

- $\text{EM} \propto n_e n_H$ (small)
- Few normal galaxies with X-ray halos
- Probes densest regions

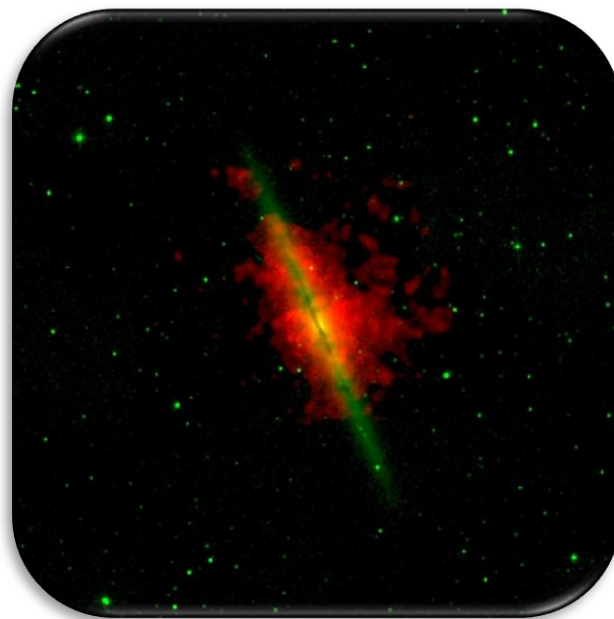
NGC 891

- One of the best objects to study disk-halo cycle:
 - Nearby (10 Mpc), edge-on MW analog
 - X-ray brightest halo of nearby, normal galaxies (Bregman & Pildis 1994)
 - Giant HI halo ($10^9 M_{\odot}$)
 - Halo has exceptional data sets at multiple wavelengths
 - Active star formation ($4 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$; Popescu 2004)

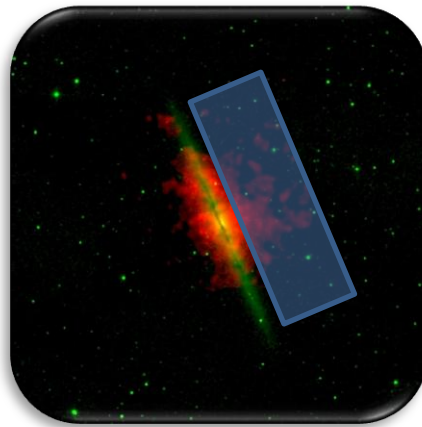
HI



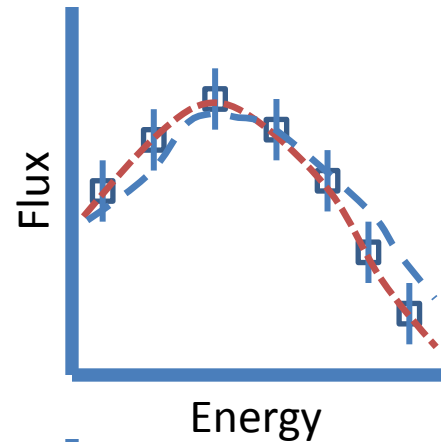
0.3-2 keV



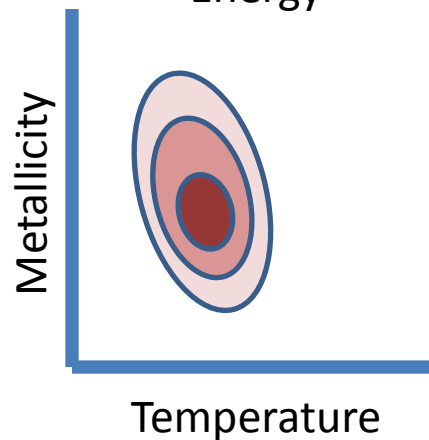
Hot Halo Metallicity



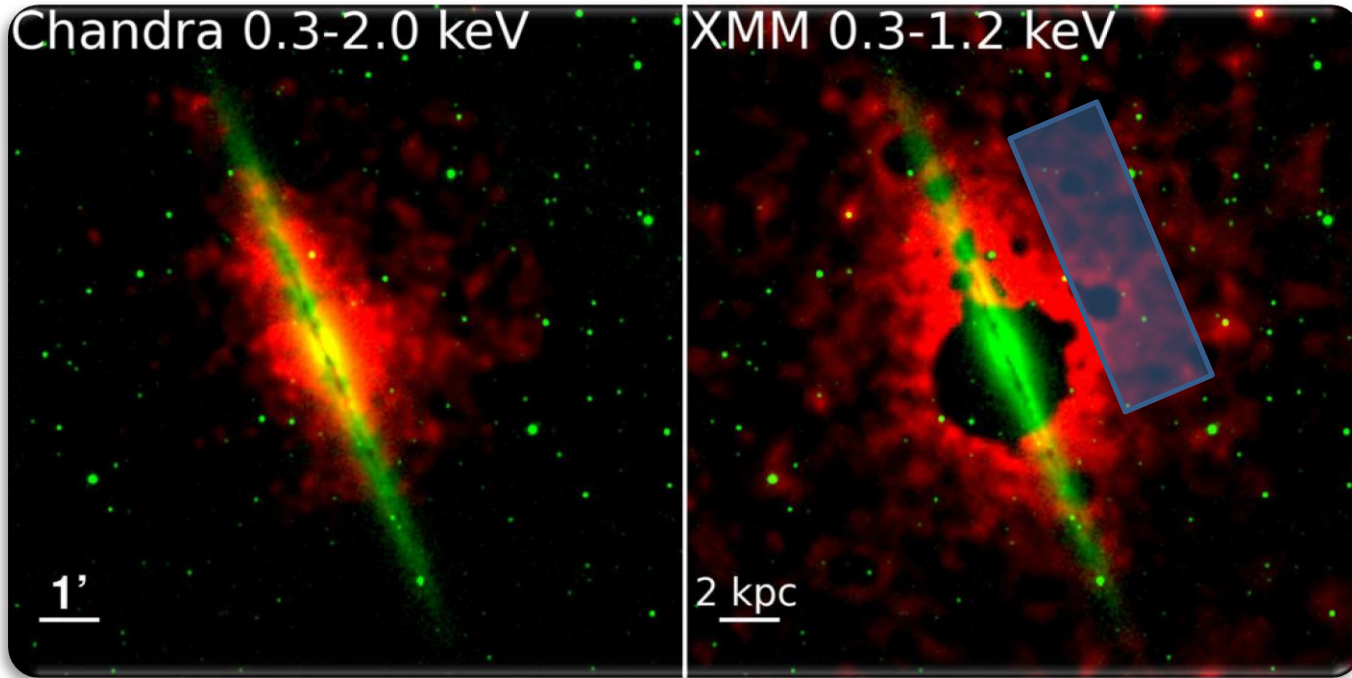
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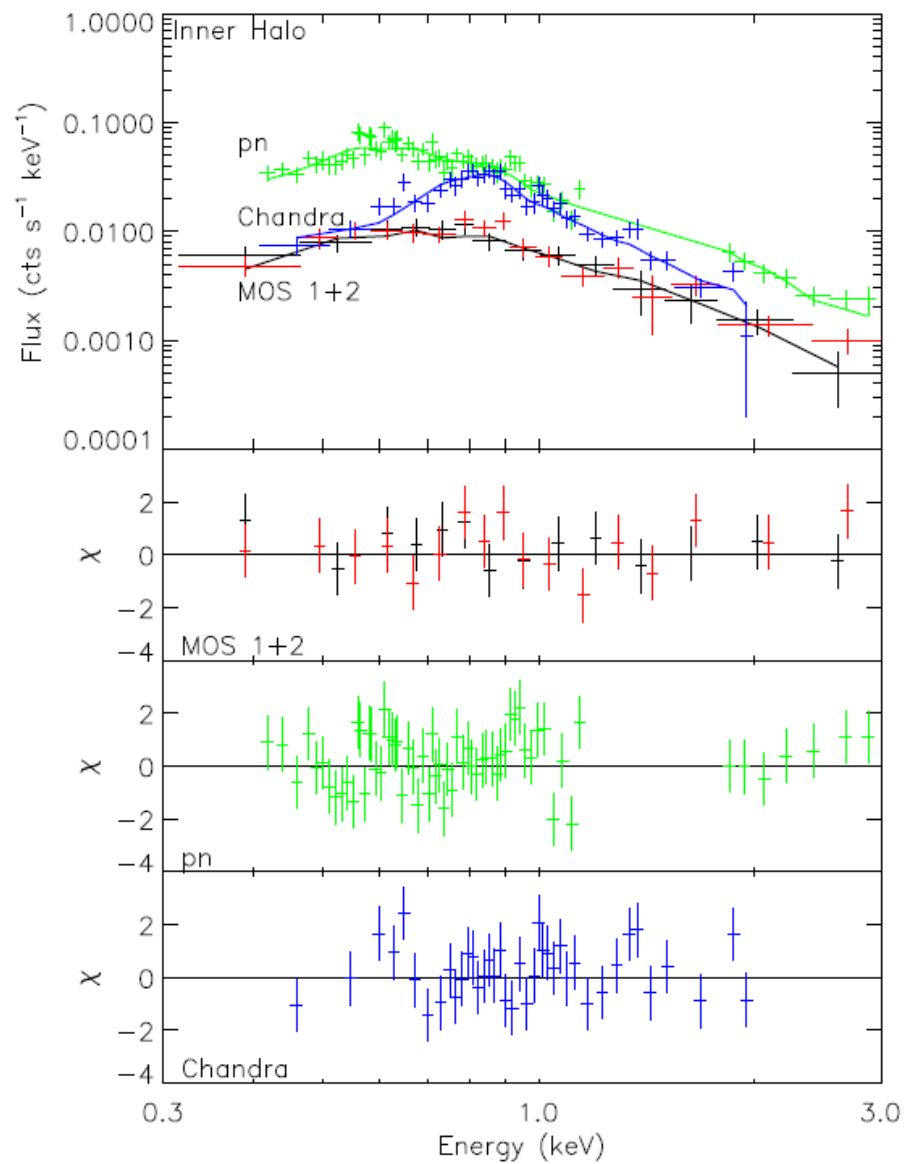
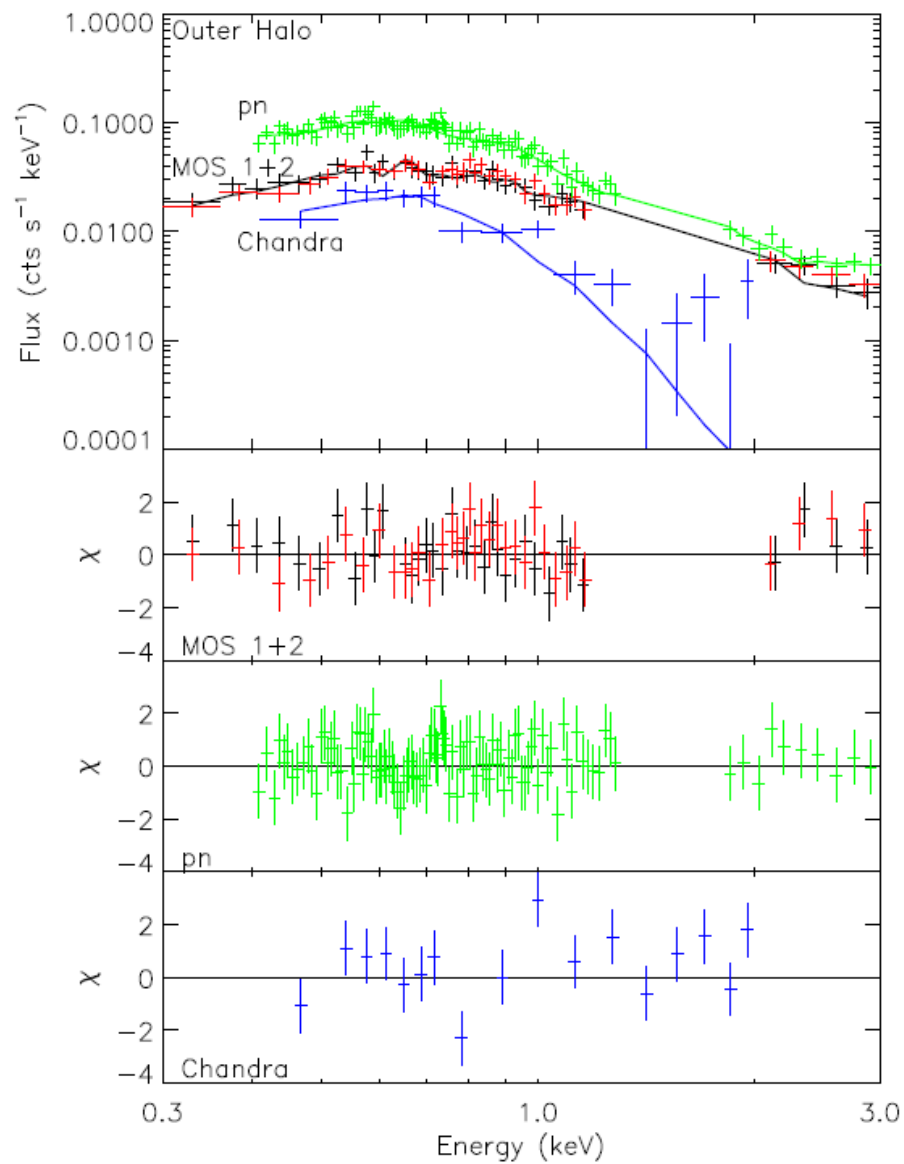
2. Fit with thermal model

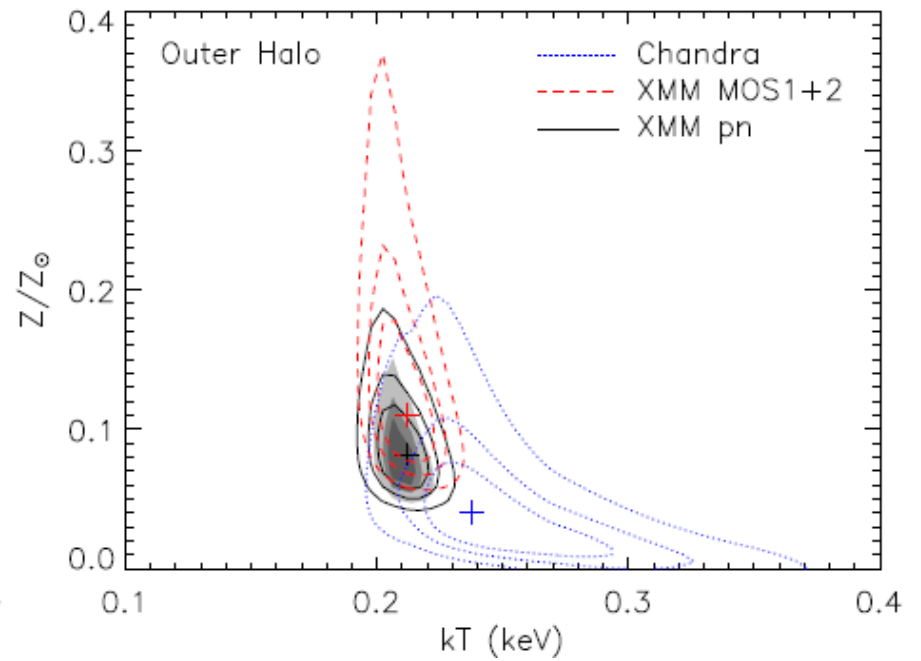
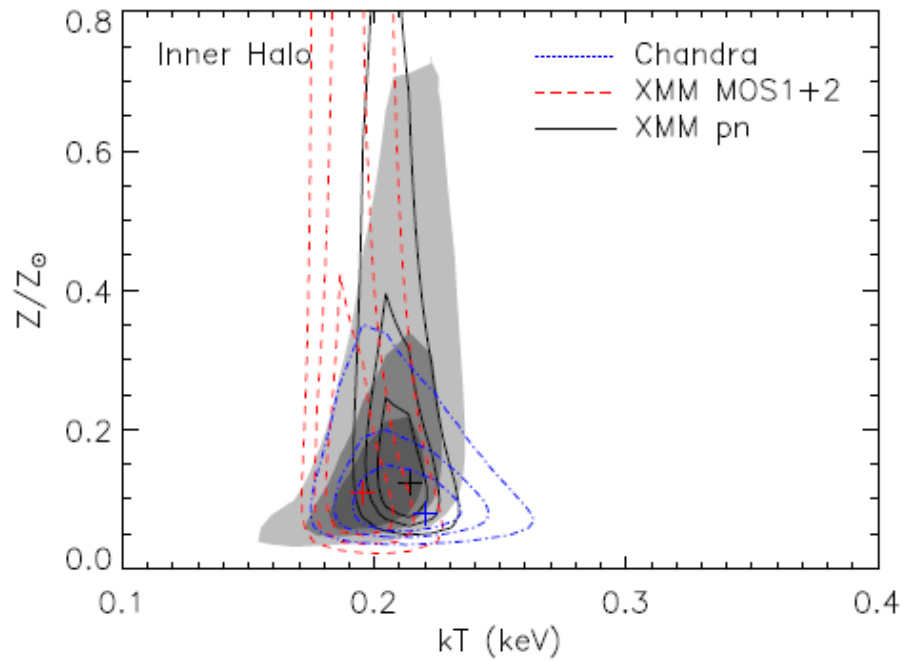


3. Assess fit/
Constrain Z



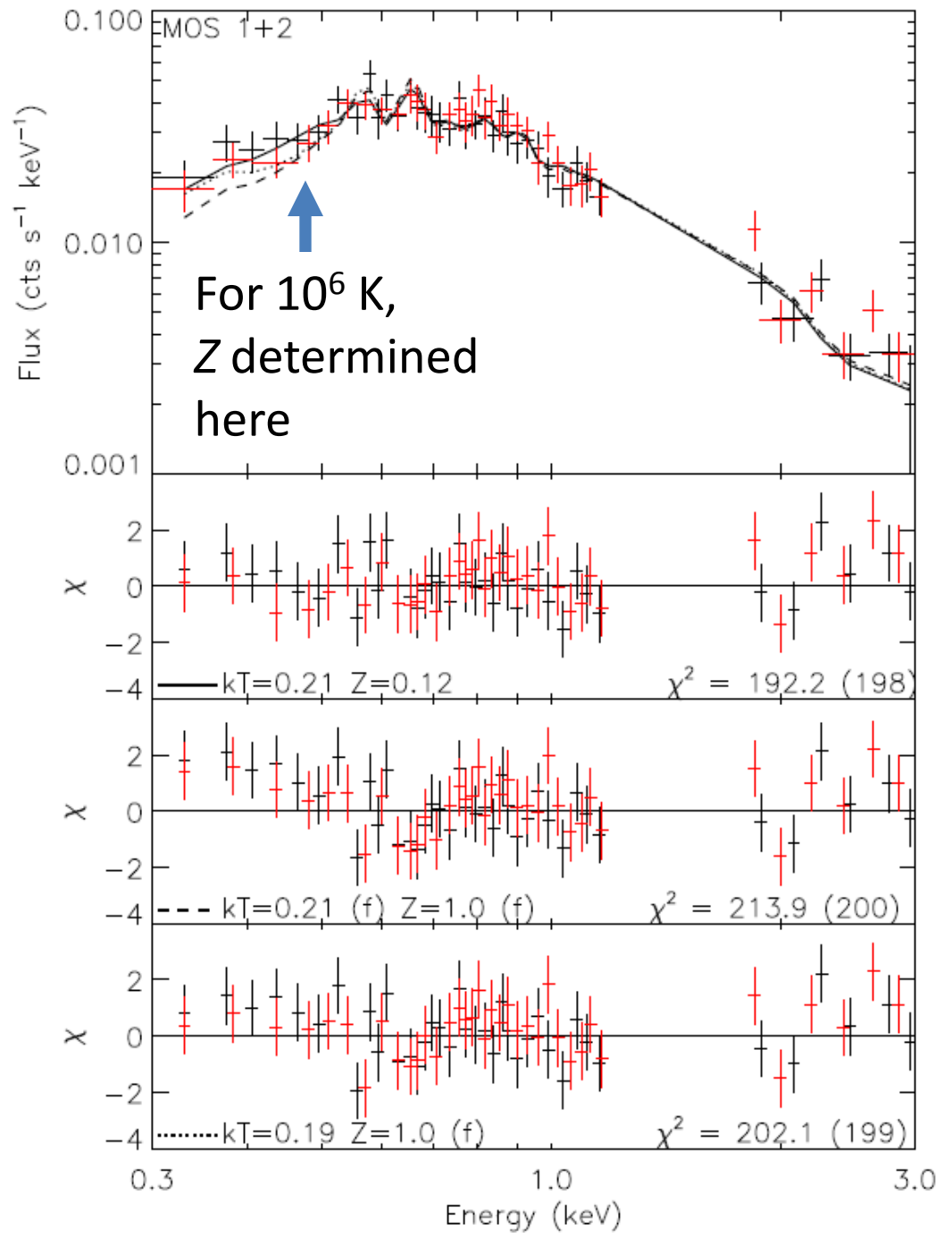
- Brighter, inner X-rays associated with bulge and star forming regions, also have high N_{H}
- A cleaner test obtained in the “outer halo” seen by *XMM-Newton*





1T fits to XMM+CXO spectra prefer $Z < Z_{\odot}$ to 3σ (5σ joint fit)

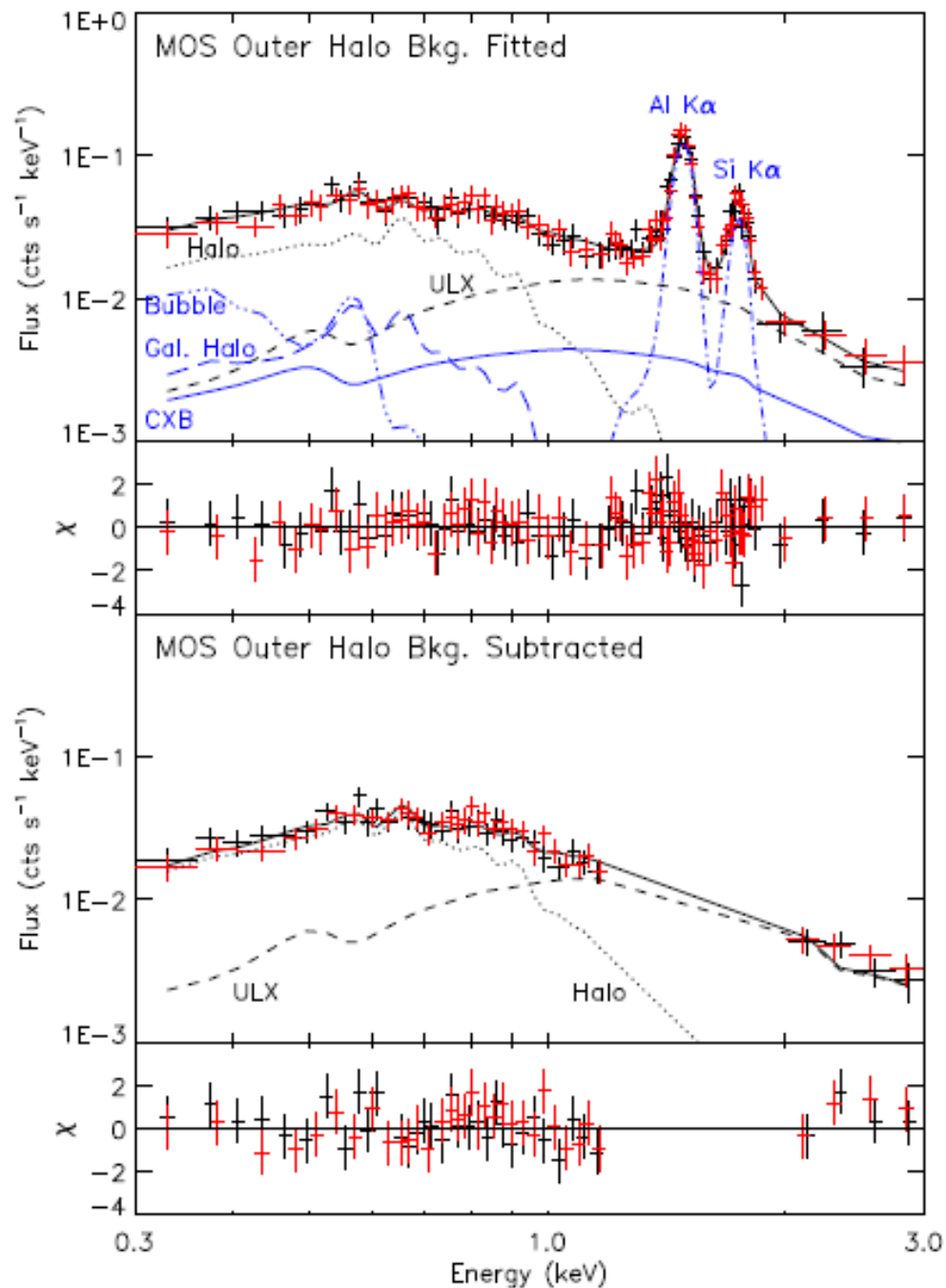
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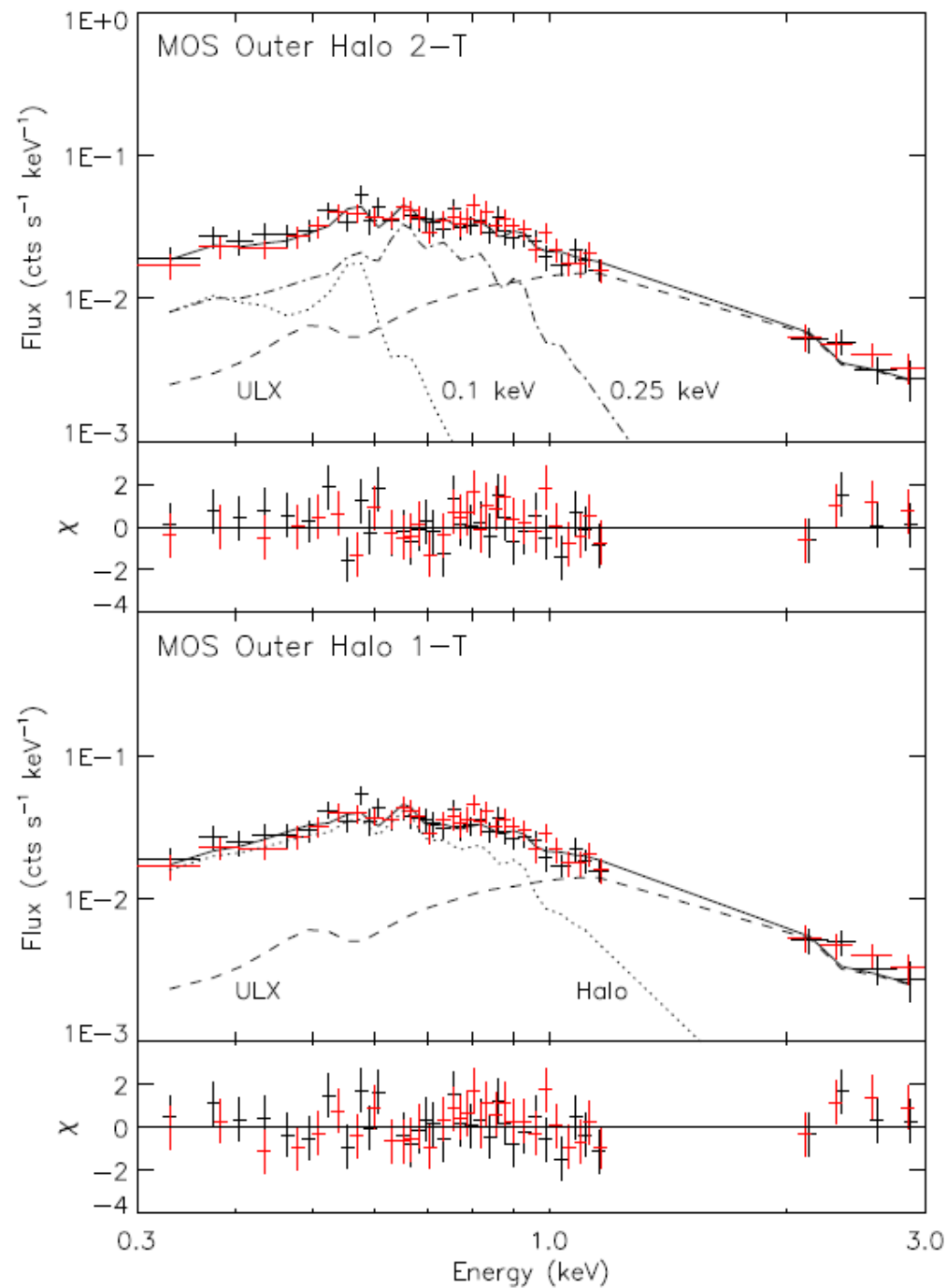
Apparent low Z not likely caused by these systematics:

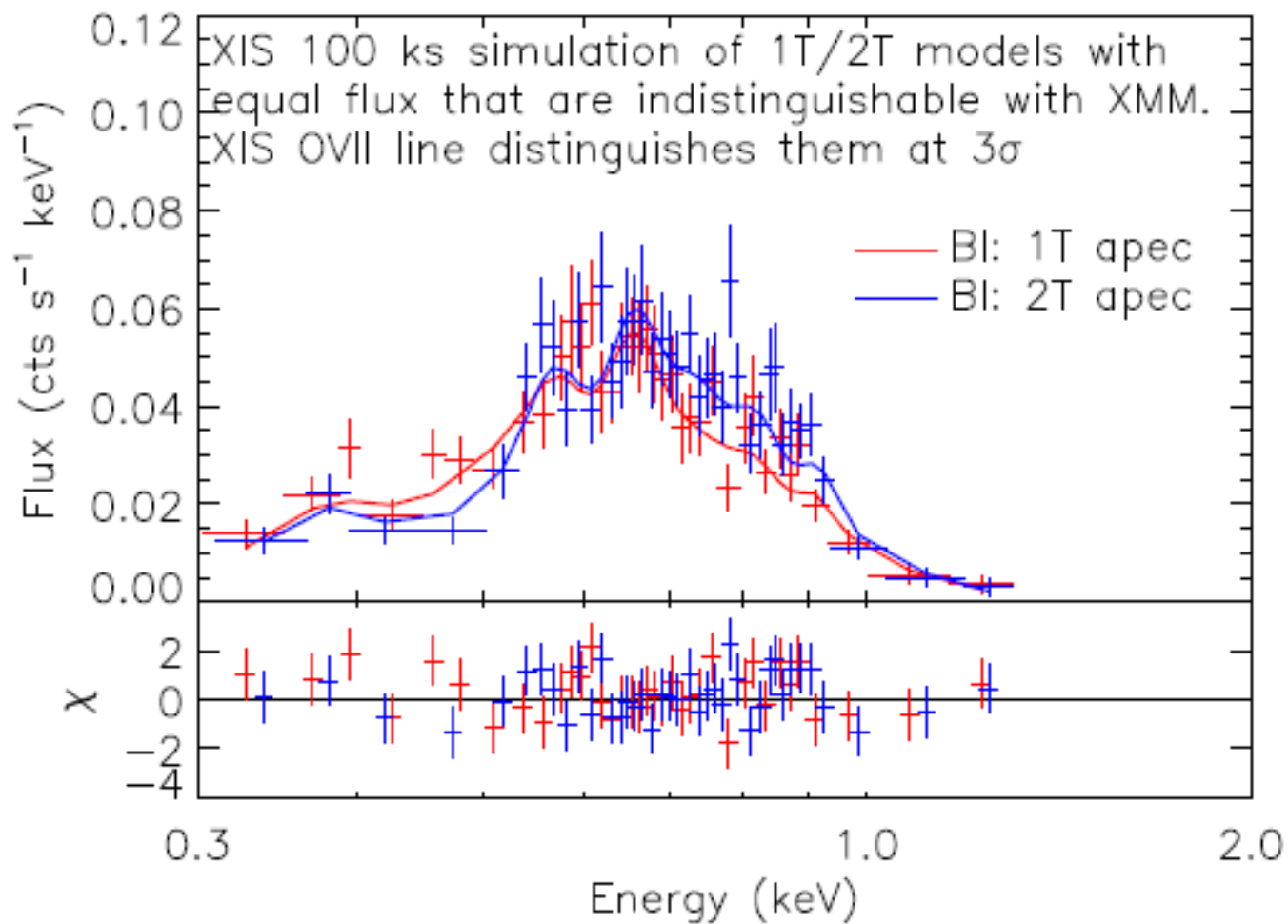
- Unaccounted bkg
- Abundance table
- Absorption model
- Calibration issues
- Energy resolution

- But, we have a *Suzaku* program to confirm



Hot Halo Metallicity





Hot Halo Metallicity

“Reality checks” favor 1T model

- Limit on cooling rate from UV
 - O VI from Otte et al. 2003 indicates $< 2\text{-}3 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ (2T model expects >3)
- Observed vs. expected scale height
 - H_{obs} (4-5 kpc) measured assuming hydrostatic equilibrium
 - H_{exp} from cooling time (3 kpc for 2T)
- Are we really hiding most of the emission behind Galactic HI column??

Model	kT (keV)	\dot{M} ($M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	0.01 – 3.0 keV L_X (erg s^{-1})	H (kpc)	M_{tot} (M_{\odot})
1-T	0.2	0.4	6×10^{39}	5 ± 2	3×10^8
2-T	0.1	3	4×10^{40}	3 ± 1	1×10^8
2-T	0.25	< 0.05	$< 2 \times 10^{39}$	6 ± 2	$< 10^8$

Cool Halo Metallicity

But... UV indicators suggest solar
metallicity in *cool* gas

- Bregman+2013 find $\sim Z_{\odot}$ in quasar absorption lines with an impact parameter of 5 kpc
- We also developed a new method to constrain Z in an imaging sense using dust-scattered light
- Halos are dusty (Menard+2010); dust visible in:
 - Emission (mid-IR; sky is bright; stars)
 - Extinction (optical; Ménard+2010)
 - Scattering (σ_{scat} high in UV; sky is dark)



Cool Halo Metallicity

Galaxy Spectrum + Dust Type =
Observed Spectrum

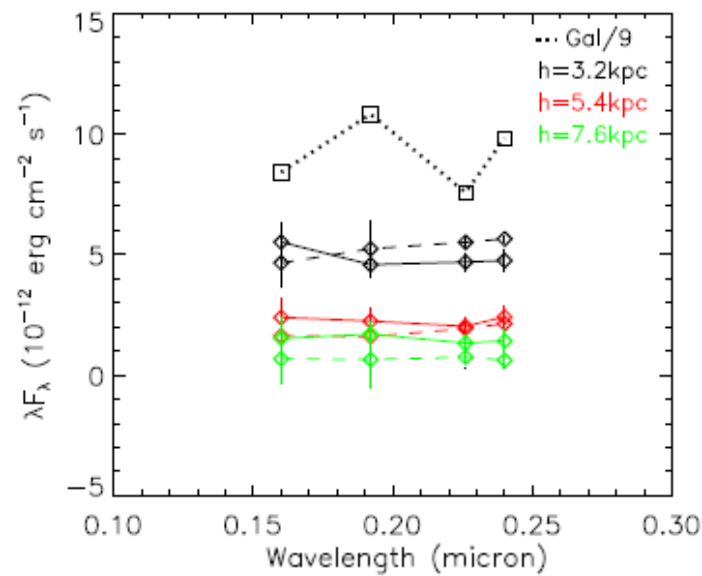
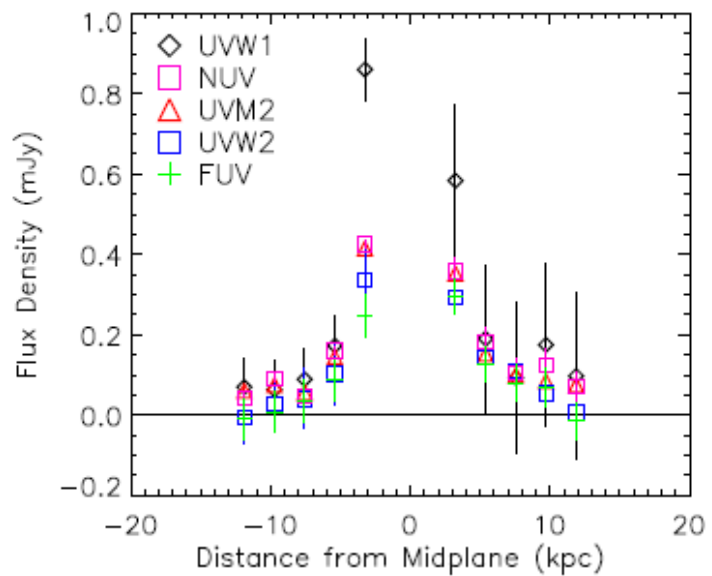
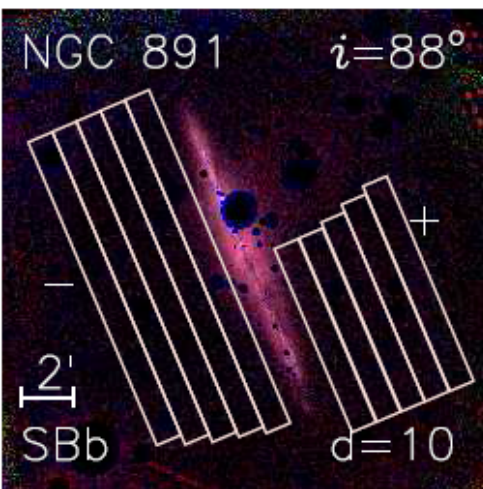
$$L_{halo}(\lambda) = L_{gal}(\lambda)(1 - e^{-\tau(\lambda)})$$

$$\approx L_{gal}(\lambda)\tau(\lambda)$$

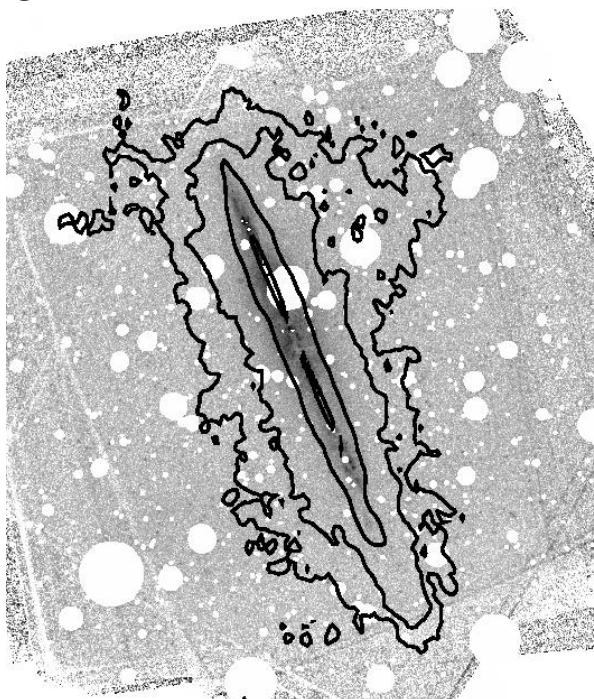
$$= L_{gal}(\lambda)\sigma_{scat}(\lambda)N_H \frac{M_{dust}}{M_{gas}}$$

Fit model SED to data
(galaxy template+dust model)

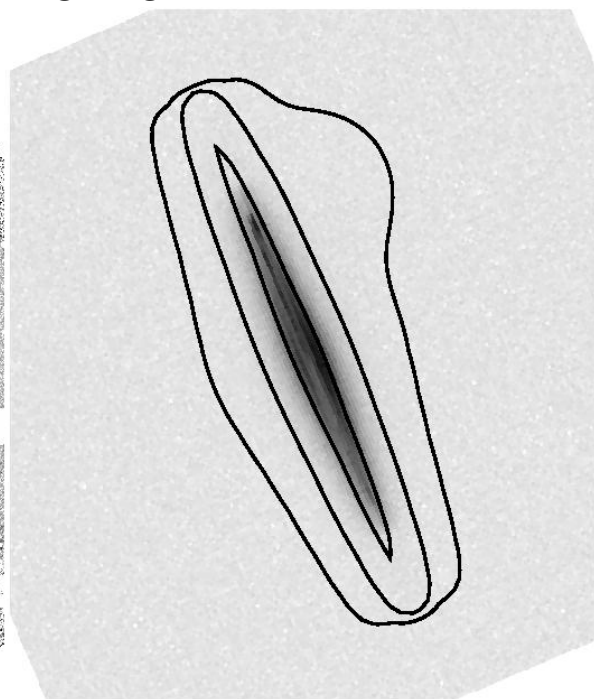
MCRT model/infer
intrinsic L_{gal}



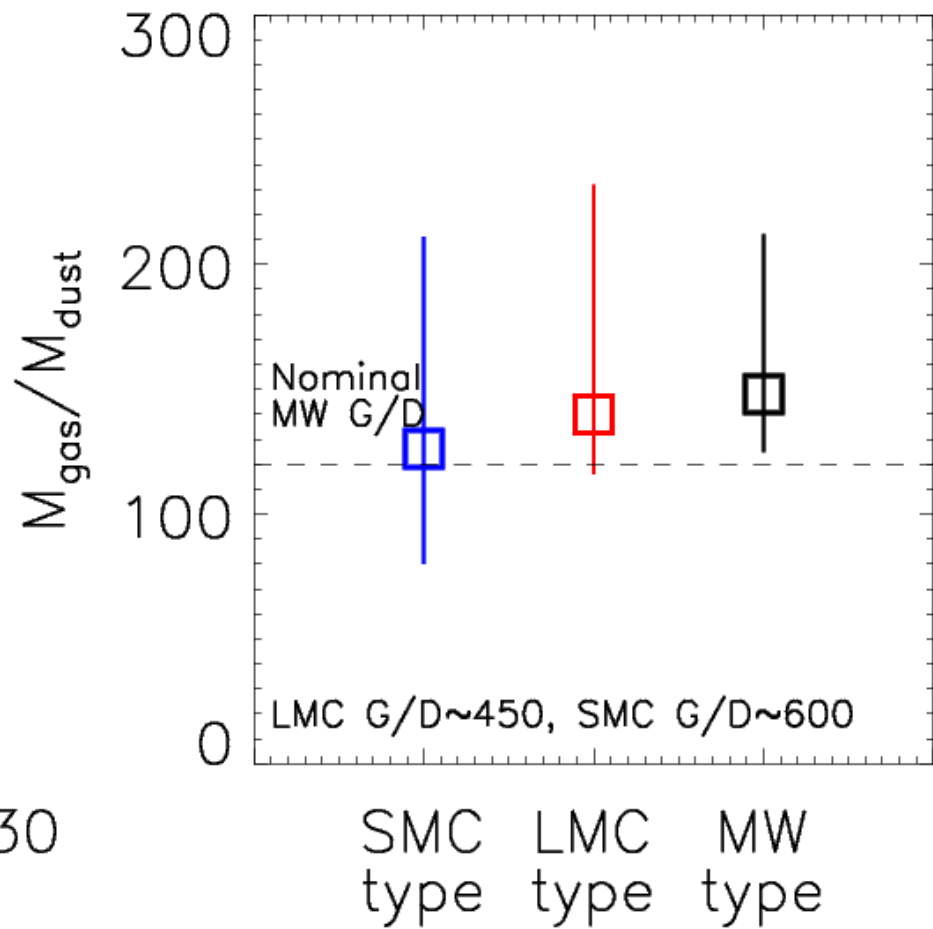
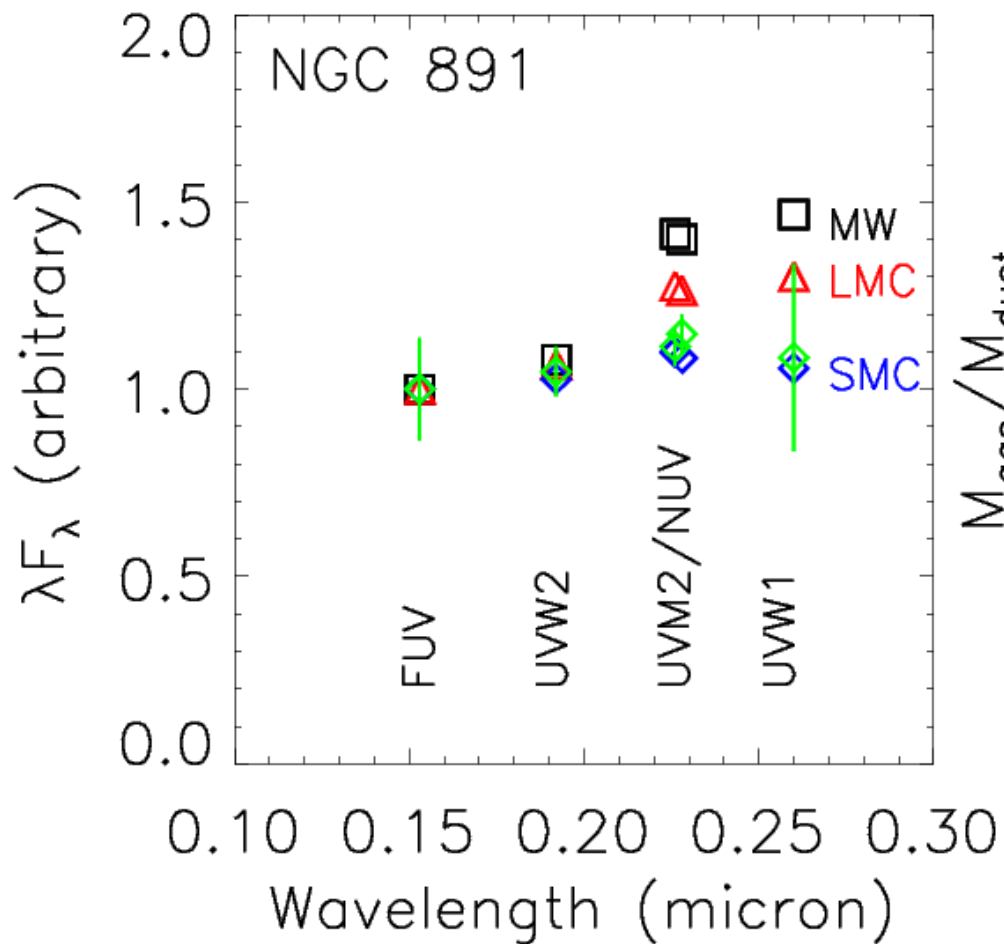
UVM2 + HI



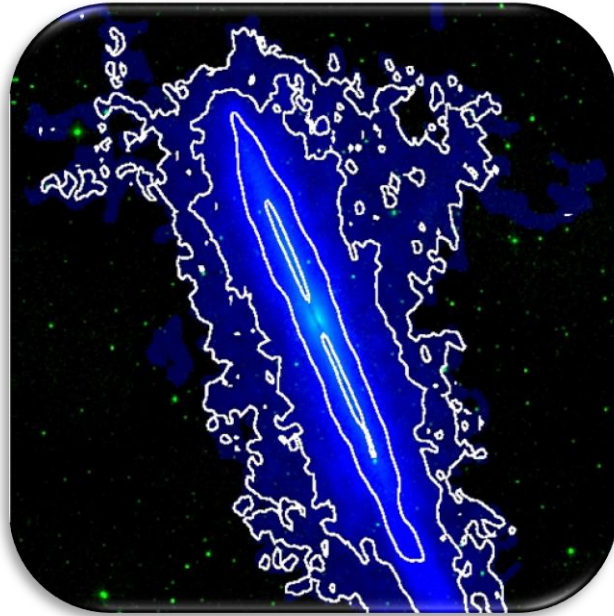
MCRT UVM2 + HI



Contours:
 10^{19} , 10^{20} ,
 10^{21} , 10^{22} cm^{-2}



If the cool gas originated in the galaxy, where is the hot gas that put it into the halo?

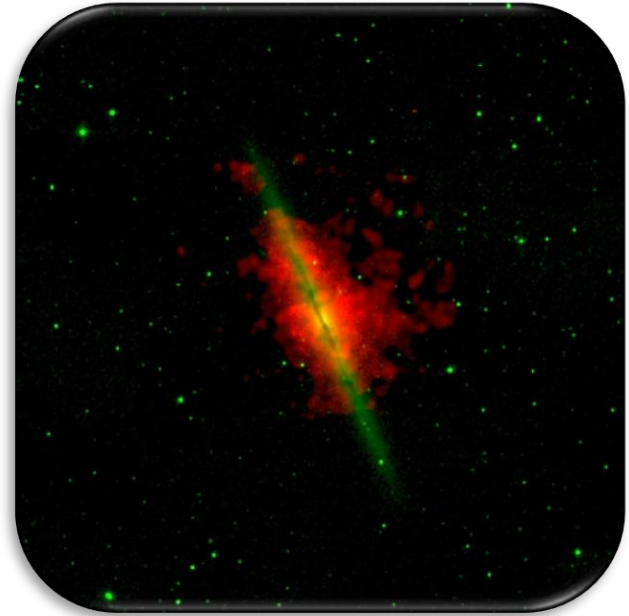


Cold Halo

$$M \approx 1.2 \times 10^9 M_{Sun}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} \approx 30 M_{Sun} / yr$$

$$Z \approx Z_{Sun}$$



Hot Halo

$$M \approx 3 \times 10^8 M_{Sun}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} \approx 0.4 M_{Sun} / yr$$

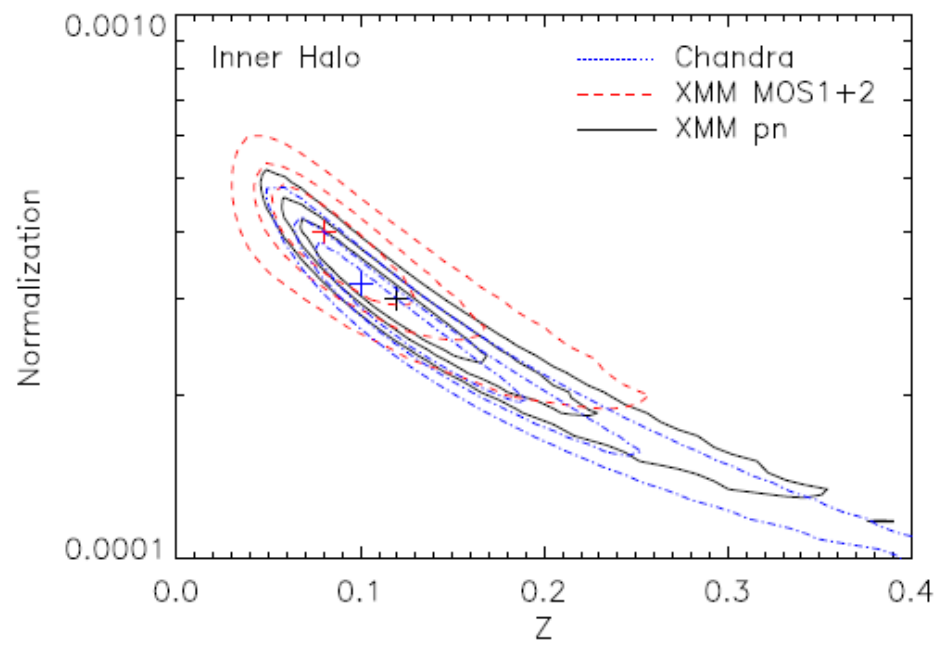
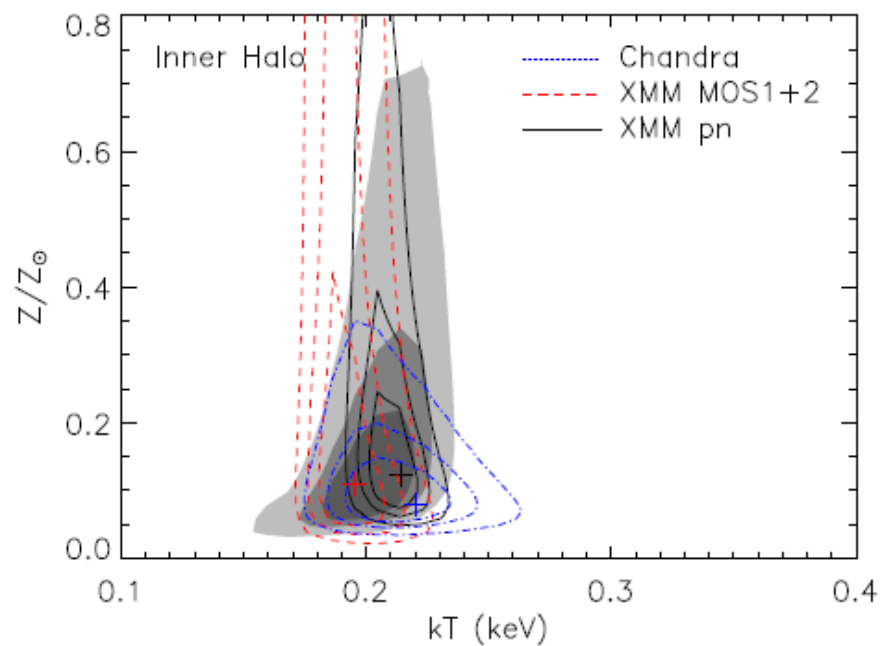
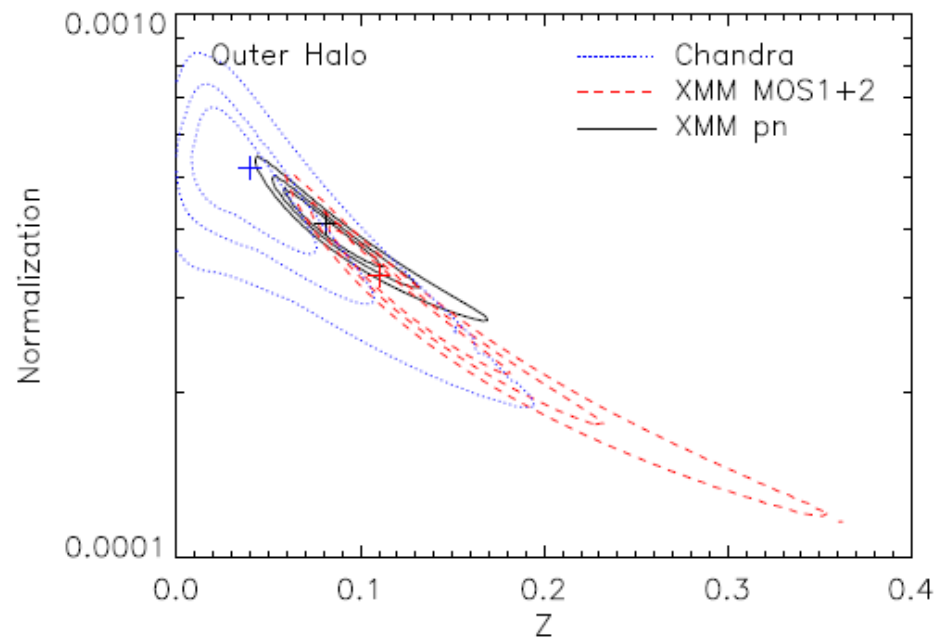
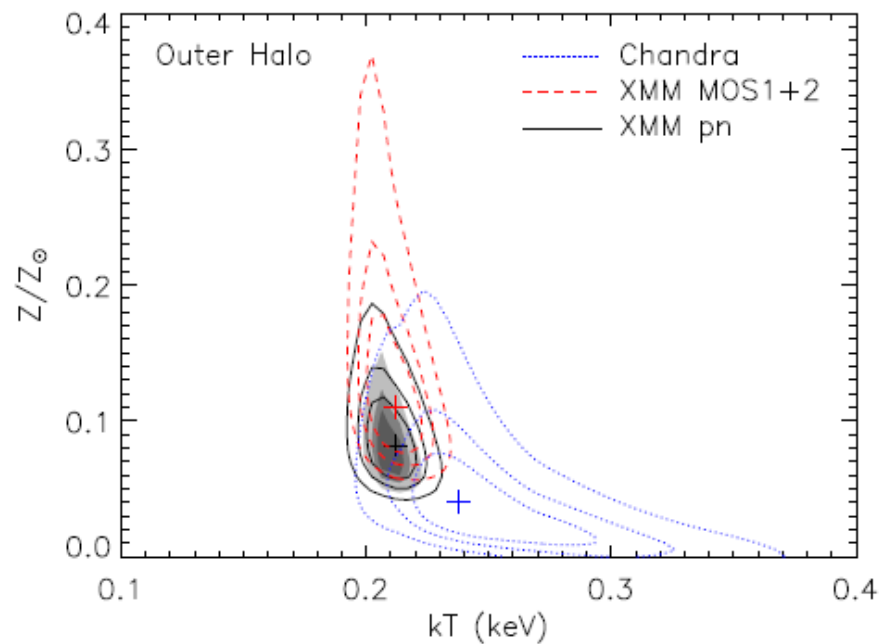
$$Z \approx 0.1 Z_{Sun}$$

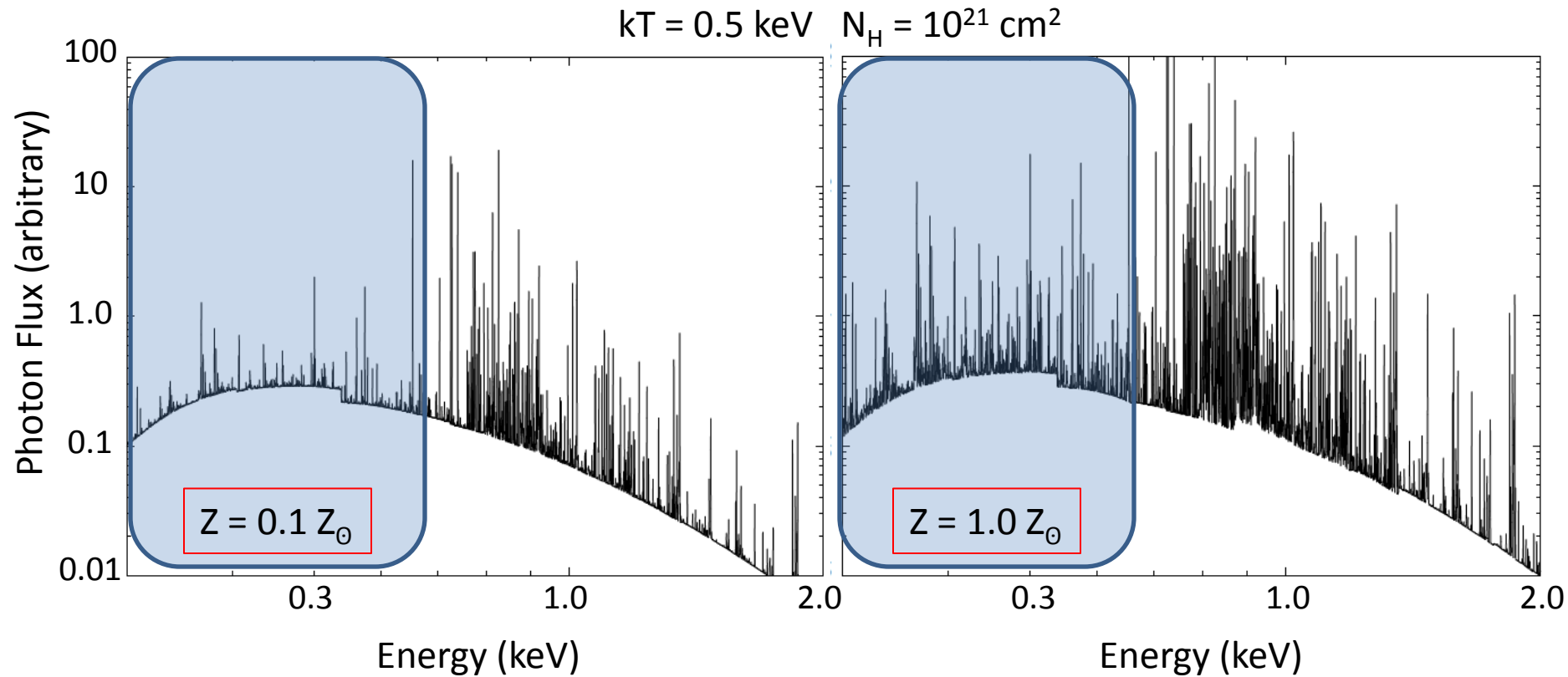
How are hot and cold halos related?

- Is the X-ray metallicity wrong (cf. Li & Wang 2013)?
- Are metals in the hot gas depleted onto dust?
- Did a small amount of accretion trigger a large amount of star formation (halo may not be in a steady state)?
- ... are they unrelated?

Summary

- NGC 891 is a Milky Way analog with a giant HI halo and bright X-ray halo
- The hot halo appears to be accreted material (calorimeter could settle debate)
- If so, the hot halo out to 200+ kpc is likely accreted
- The cold halo is not accreted, and it is not clear how the gas got there
- NGC 891 is an important object, but the disk—halo cycle is messy



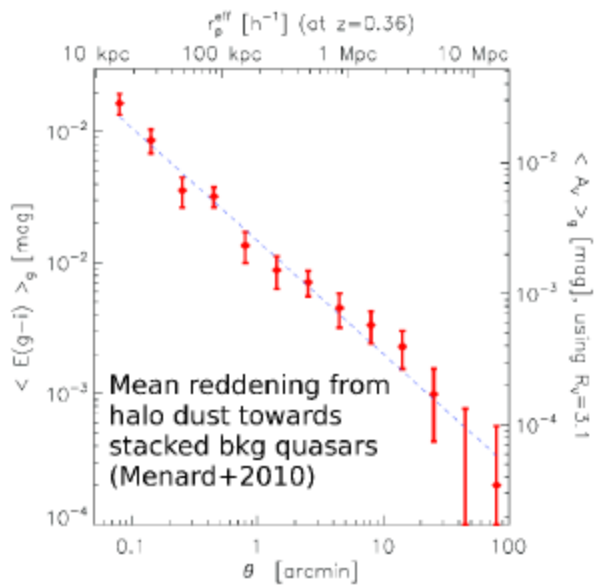


- Metallicity is a key indicator that is directly measurable in the X-rays
- At CCD resolution, good S/N needed to distinguish spectral *shape*

TABLE 3
1-T HALO MODEL FITS

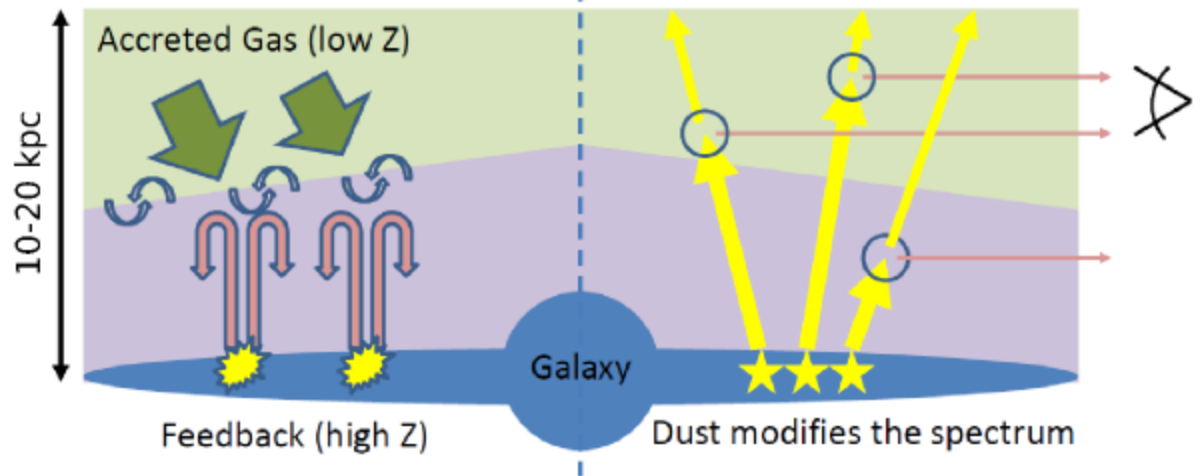
Spectrum	$N_{H,1}$ (10^{20} cm $^{-2}$)	kT_1 (keV)	Z_1 (Z_\odot)	$N_{H,2}$ (10^{20} cm $^{-2}$)	kT_2 (keV)	Z_2 (Z_\odot)	χ^2
OUTER HALO ($z > 2.8$ KPC)							
Chandra	6.5(f)	$0.24^{+0.07}_{-0.03}$	$0.04^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	-	-	-	102.6 (105)
MOS 1+2	6.5(f)	0.21 ± 0.02	$0.11^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	-	-	-	164.5 (180)
pn	6.5(f)	$0.21^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.08^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	-	-	-	166.1 (175)
Joint	6.5(f)	0.21 ± 0.02	0.08 ± 0.03	-	-	-	426.2 (460)
INNER HALO ($0.6 < z < 2.8$ KPC)							
Chandra	10^{+20}_{-4}	0.22 ± 0.02	$0.12^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$	77^{+12}_{-10}	$0.58^{+0.06}_{-0.03}$	1.0(f)	74.0 (79)
MOS 1+2	24^{+27}_{-18}	0.19 ± 0.05	$0.10^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	77(f)	0.58 (f)	1.0(f)	155.5 (152)
pn	18^{+22}_{-12}	0.19 ± 0.04	$0.11^{+0.40}_{-0.07}$	77(f)	0.58 (f)	1.0(f)	117.2 (97)
Joint	16^{+16}_{-7}	0.21 ± 0.02	$0.11^{+0.11}_{-0.06}$	78^{+11}_{-10}	0.58 ± 0.05	1.0(f)	342.15 (328)

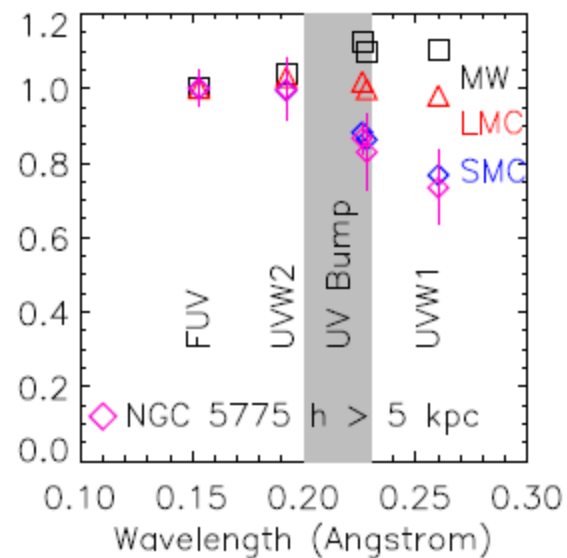
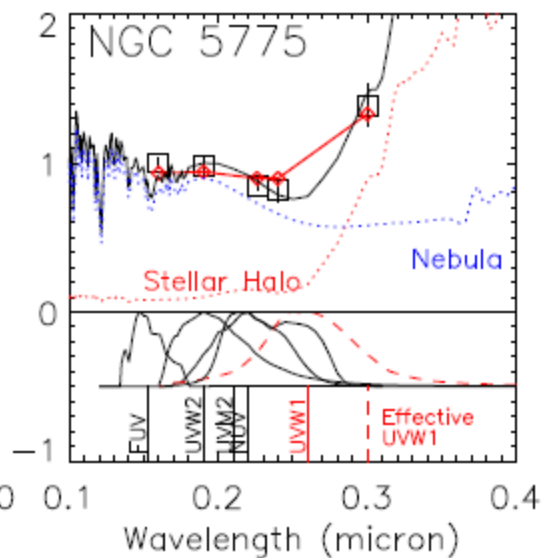
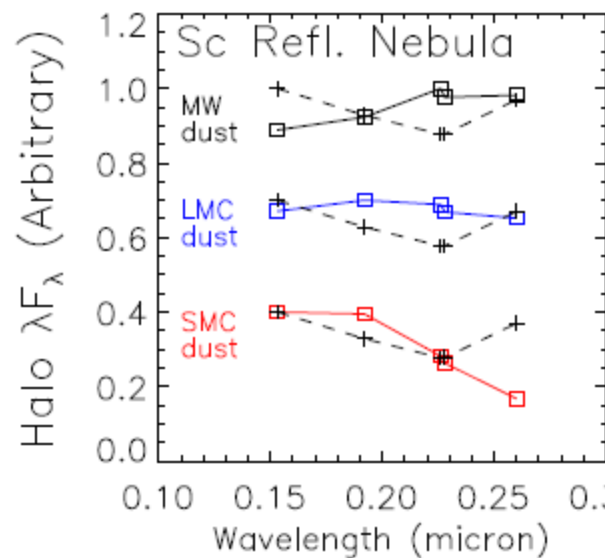
NOTE. — The MOS and pn fits include a TBABS*DISKPBB component with all parameters except flux frozen as described in the text. The fits corresponding to these models are shown in Figure 6. Errors are quoted at the 90% confidence interval based on the *Xspec* task *steppar*, and (f) designates a frozen parameter.

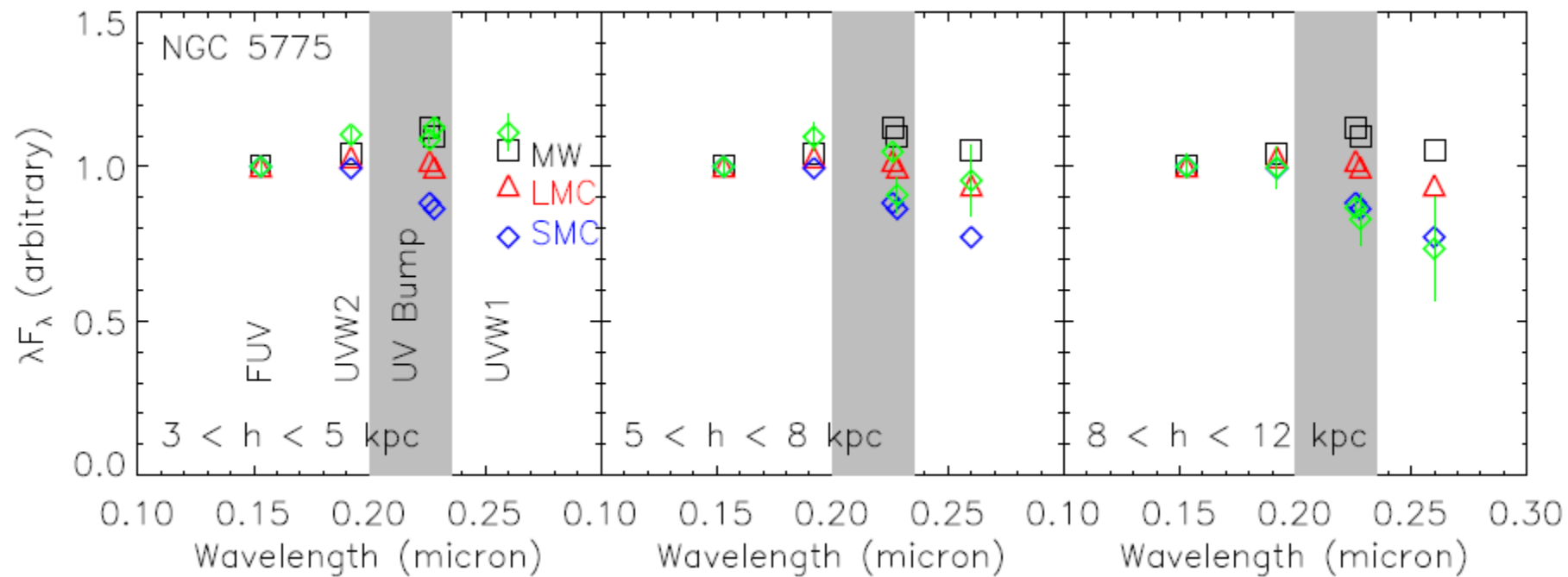


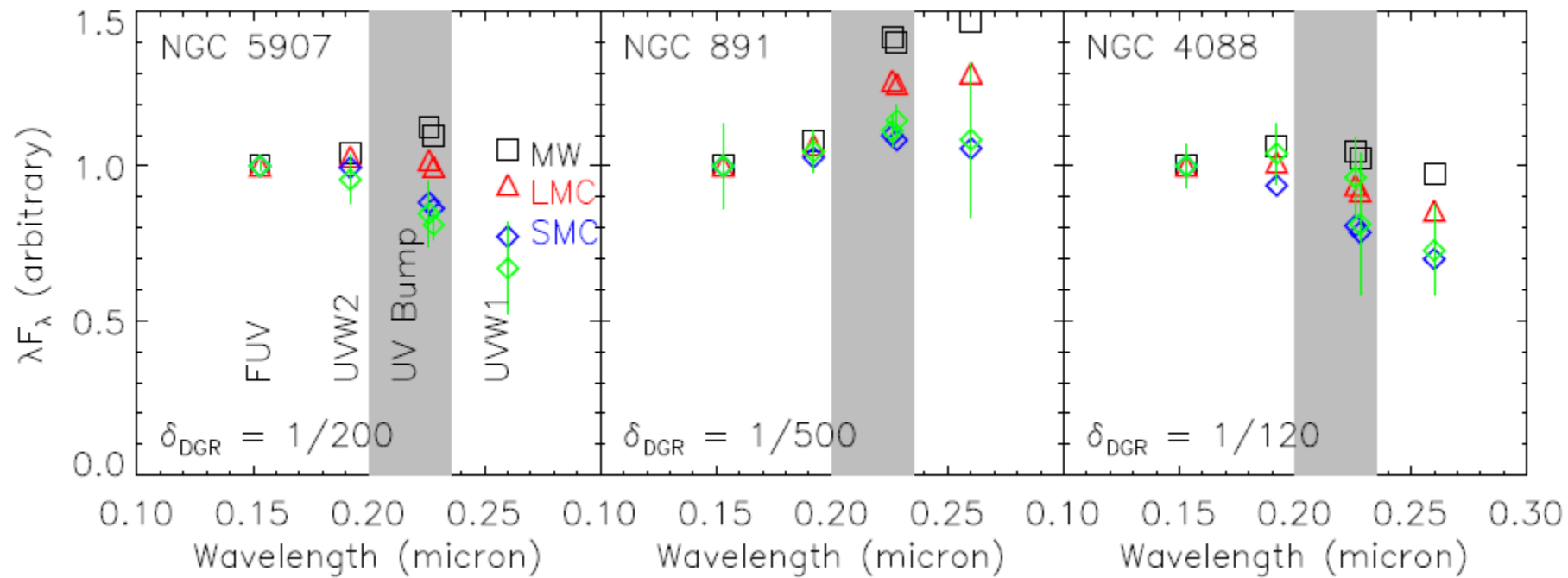
Halo components differ in origin and metallicity (Z)

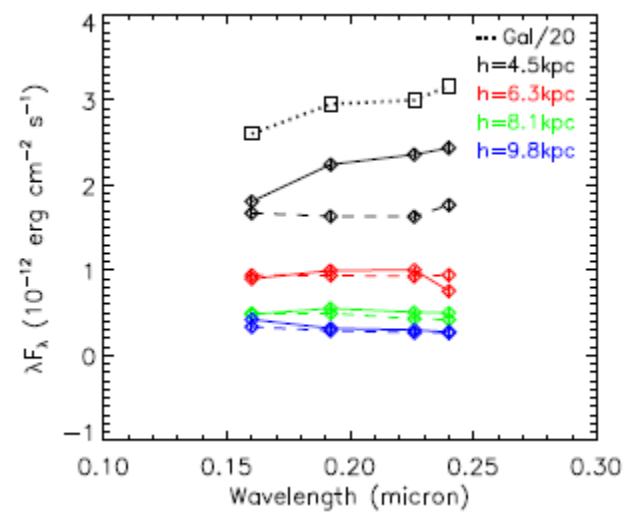
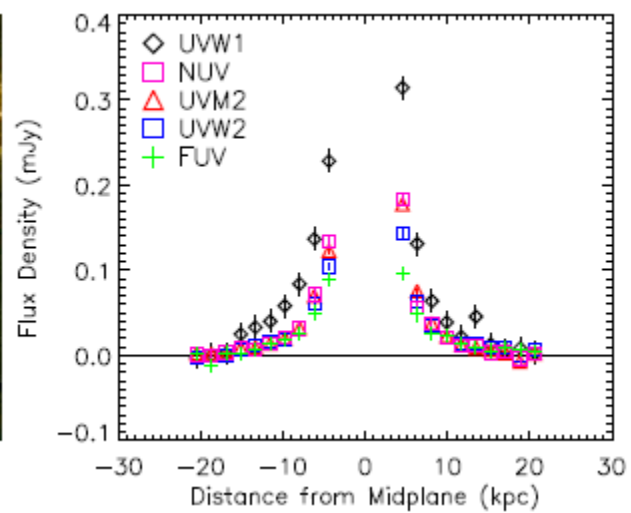
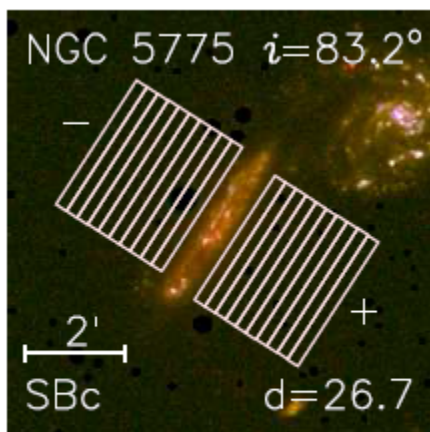
Halo dust scatters light (reflection nebula)

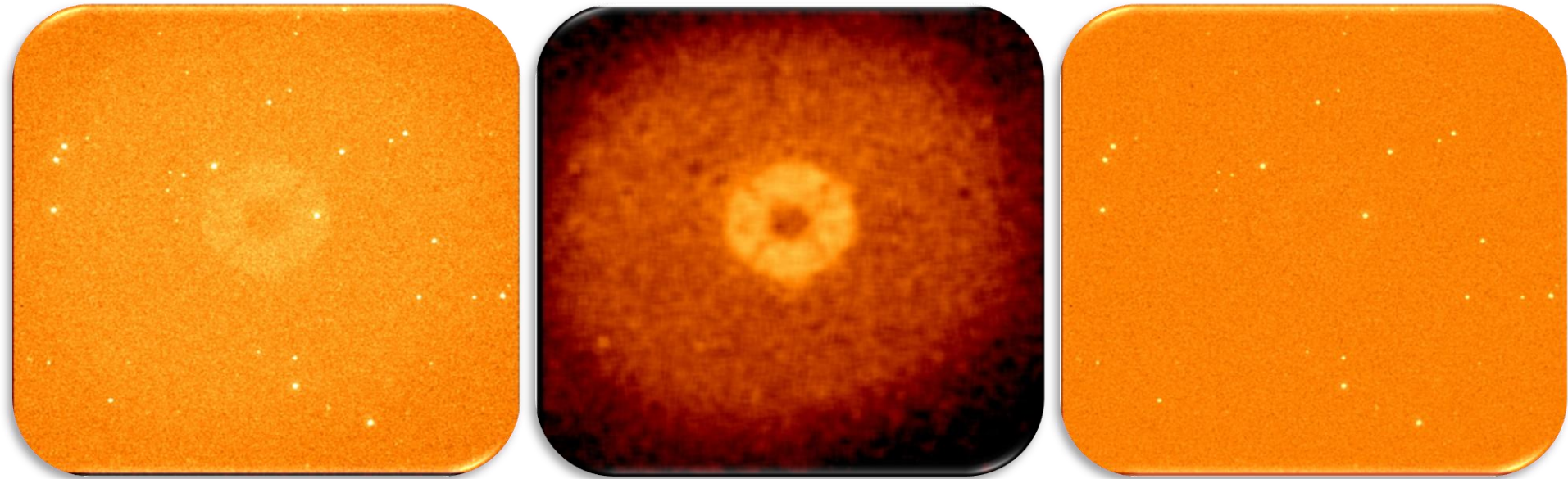






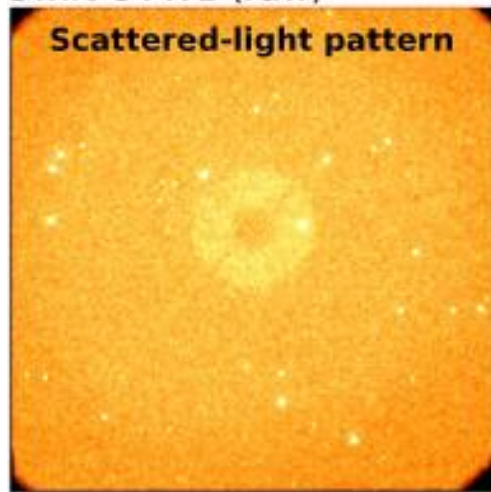




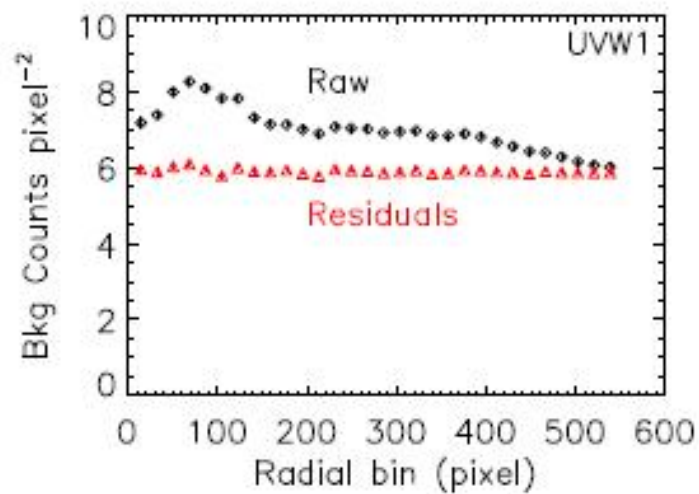
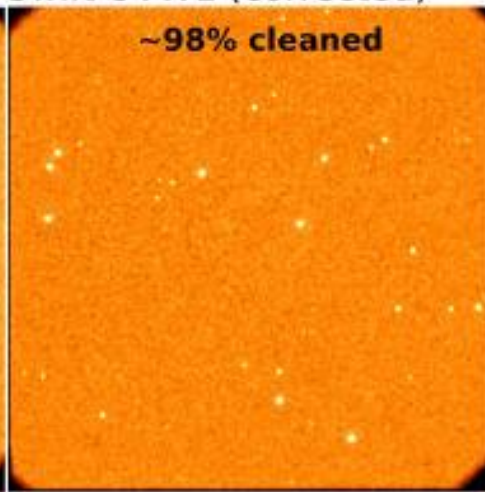


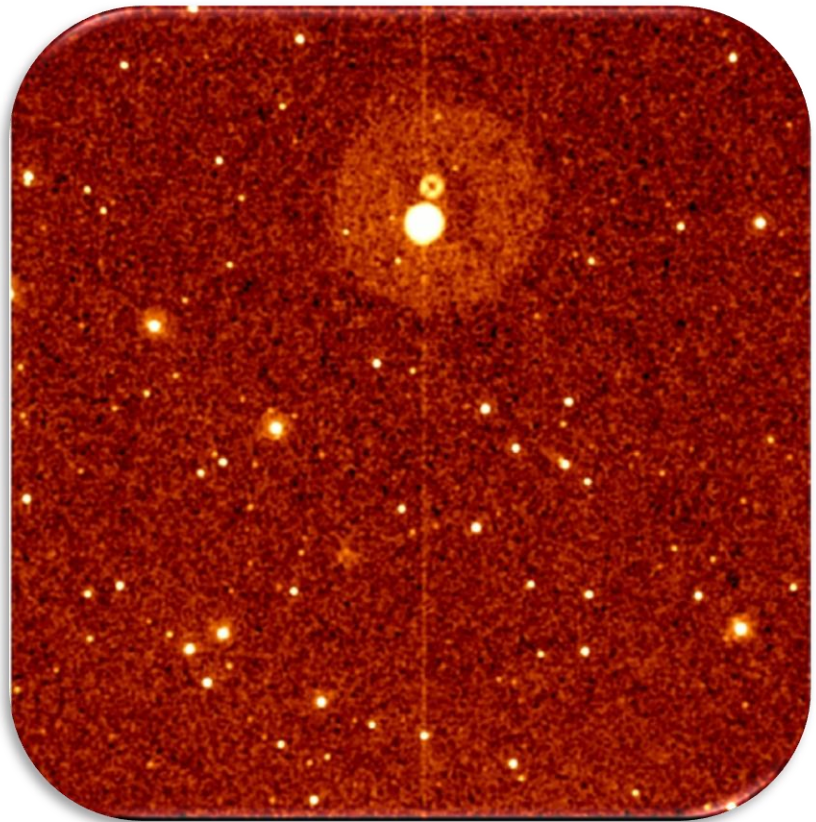
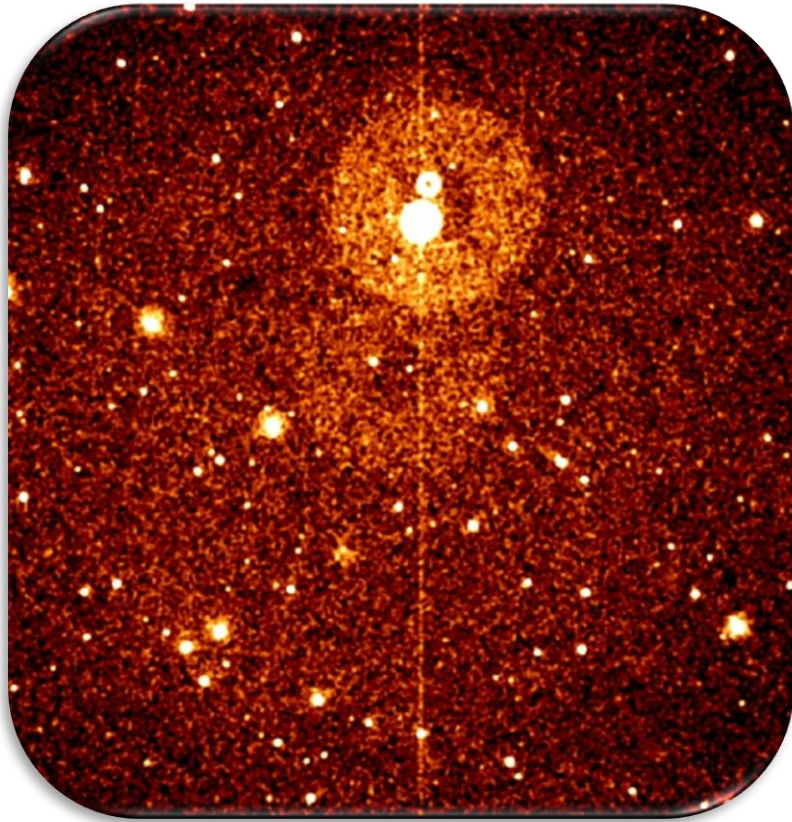
- Galex and Swift UVOT sensitivity limited by cirrus, foreground fluctuations
- Swift UVOT has persistent scattered-light artifacts, but these can be corrected by subtracting scaled templates in each filter

Swift UVW1 (raw)



Swift UVW1 (corrected)





- Bright sources also produce their own rings (ghost images) that must be removed separately