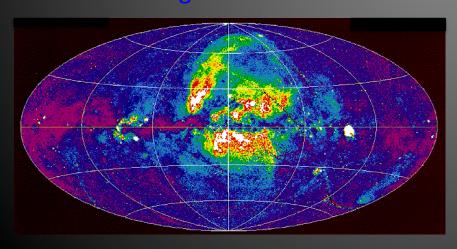


Norbert S. Schulz & the MIT/CAT/Micro-X Team

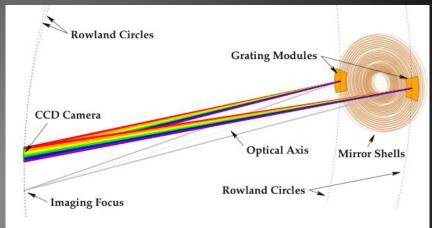


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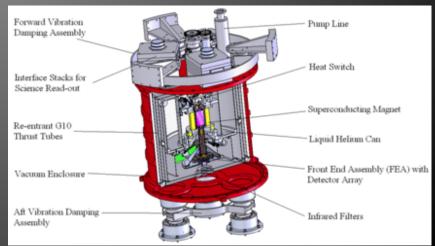
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#### **Transmission Grating Development**



#### Micro-Calorimeter Development

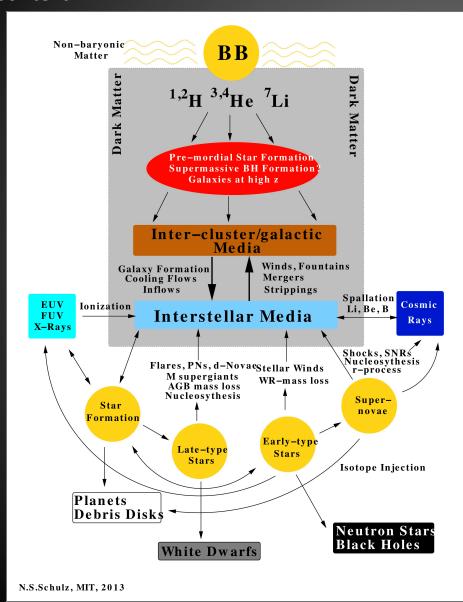


MKI, Cambridge MA,, May 7 2013





#### Context:



#### • Chemical Abundance:

Elements: C, O, Ne, Mg, Si, S, Ar, Ca Fe, Ni

Molecules:  $CO_2$ , CO,  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ....  $C_sH_6O$ ,  $CH_2O_2$ ,......

**Dust: Structure & Depletion** 

Ionization Fractions:

Neutral Abundances Ionized Abundances

Star Formation Rates
Missing matter (WHIM)

Dynamics





#### History and Context:

• EINSTEIN:

Detection of O K edge substructure: 1s-2p resonance in Crab (Schattenburg & Canizares 1986) with SPC



First All-Sky X-ray Survey 1990 – 1992

Range: 0.2 – 2.4 keV

Resolution: 2 - 5

Sensitivity: > 10<sup>-16</sup> ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>

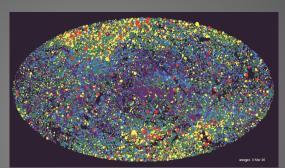
Catalog: ~ 10<sup>5</sup> X-ray sources

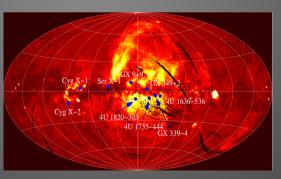
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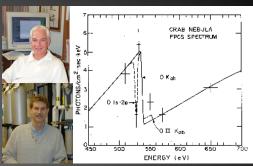
Bright Galactic X-ray Sources

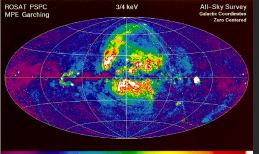
Range: 0.2 – 8 keV (1.5 keV RGS)

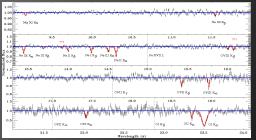
Resolution: 200 - 1200











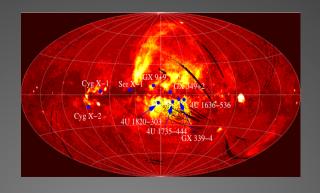




#### Near Future:

Chandra & XMM-Newton:
 Bright Galactic X-ray Sources
 Range: 0.2 – 8 keV (1.5 keV RGS)

Resolution: 200 - 1200

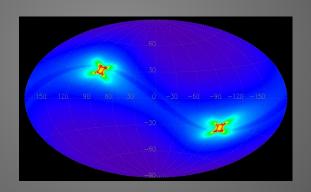




• eROSITA:

Soft & Hard All-Sky Survey 2014 – 2017

Range: 0.2 – 15 keV Resolution: 6 – 60 (16) Sensitivity: 25x RASS





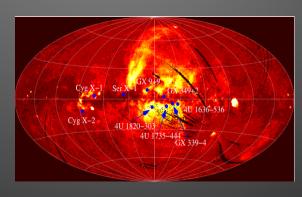
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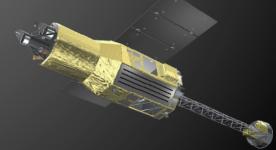
Bright Galactic X-Ray Sources

Range: 0.3 – 12 keV

Resolution: 200 – 3000

Sensitivity: 1.5 – 3 x Chandra

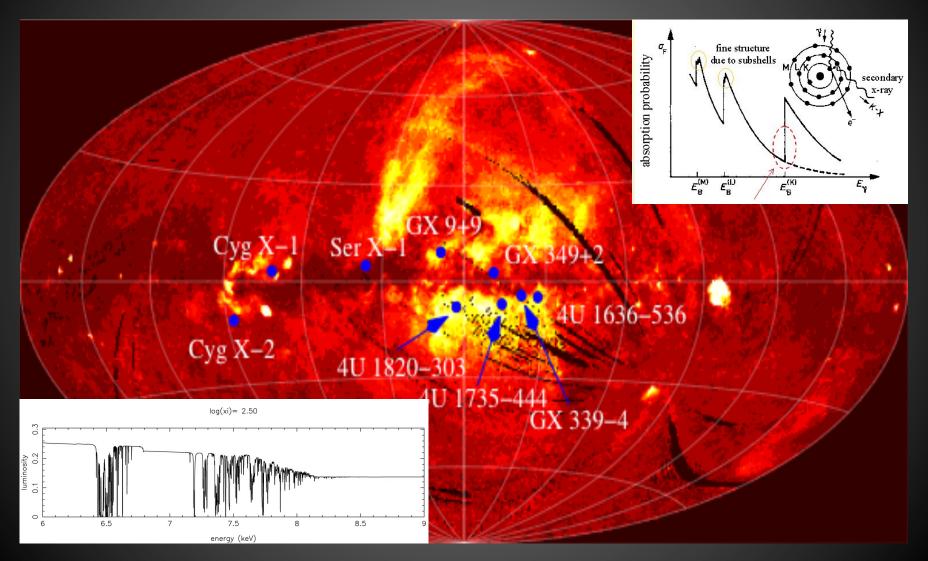








#### Photoelectric and Warm Absorption in Bright X-Ray Binaries:





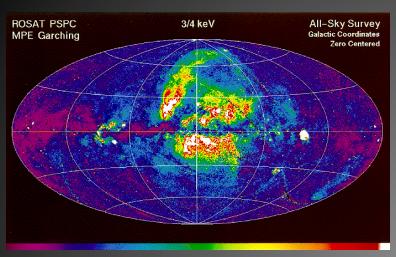


# Q: What do we learn from Photoelectric and Warm X-Ray Absorption:

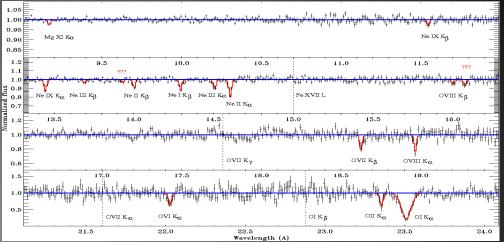
- State and Consistency of Atomic and Molecular Matter
- Absolute Matter Abundances: Neutral, Ionized Matter
- Cold, Warm, Hot Properties: Density, Temps, Kinematics
- Solid State Properties of Matter, Dust
- Accurate Redshifts up to z = 4
- No other waveband can offer all these simultaneously



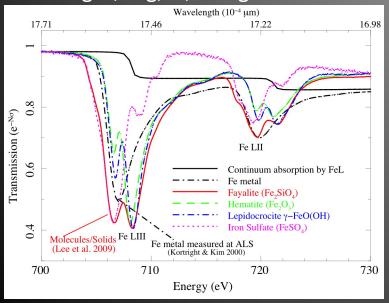


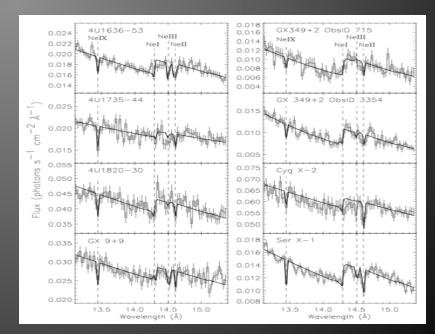


#### Cold, Warm, and Hot phases of ISMs: C, N, O, and Ne -K edges



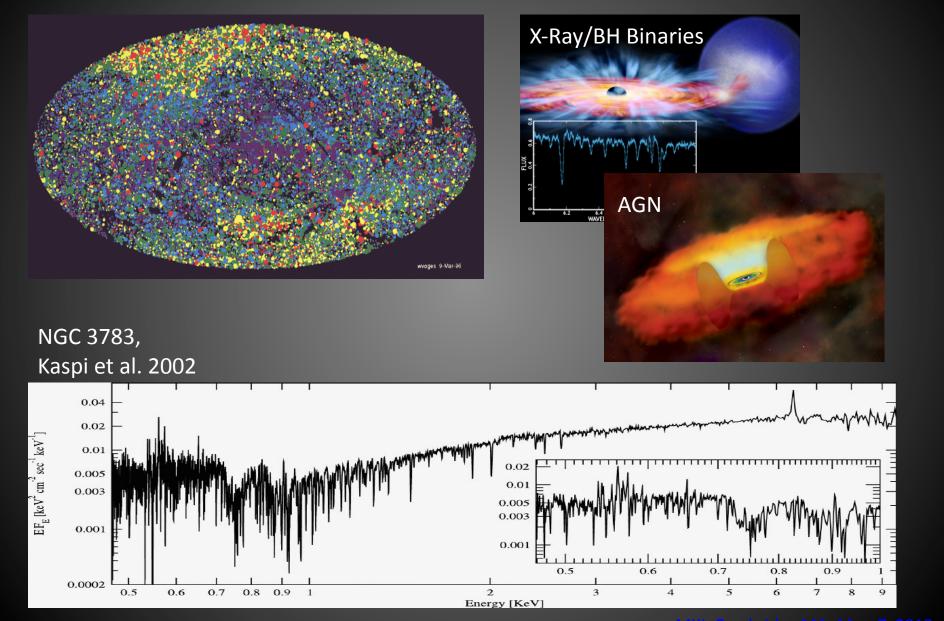
#### Fe L edges, Mg, Si, S edges: dust





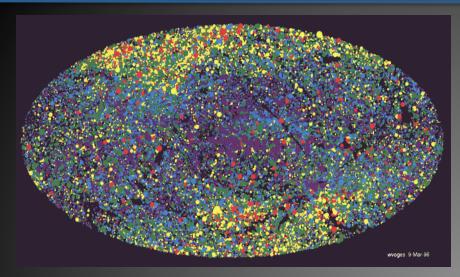








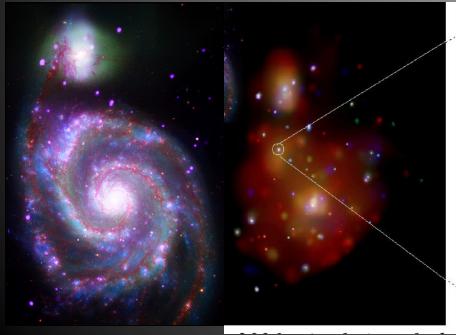


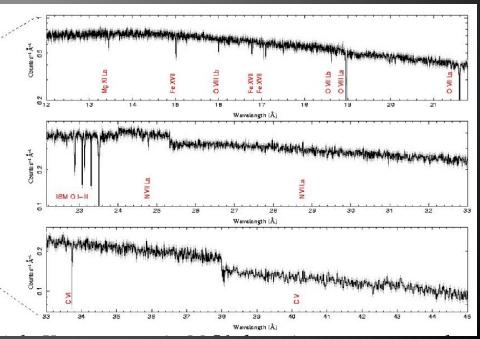


~5000 Galactic Sources:  $log f_x = [-9, -13]$  $log f_x = [-9, -13]$ 

~  $10^{2.2}$  Nearby Galaxies/AGN: Log  $f_x > -13$ ] <exposure> > 30 ks

> >  $10^3$  Deep Survey Sources:  $log f_x = [-10 - 14]$  $log f_x = [-10 - 14]$

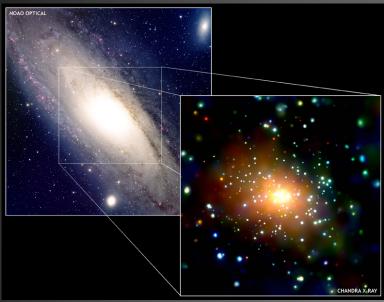




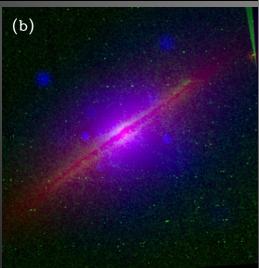




# Map X-ray sources in Local group Galaxies



Diagnose X-ray emissions From galactic halos:



# Kinematics and matter properties of starburst galaxies



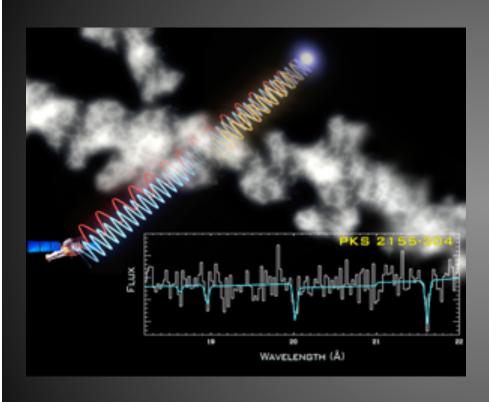
Kinematics and matter properties of X-ray

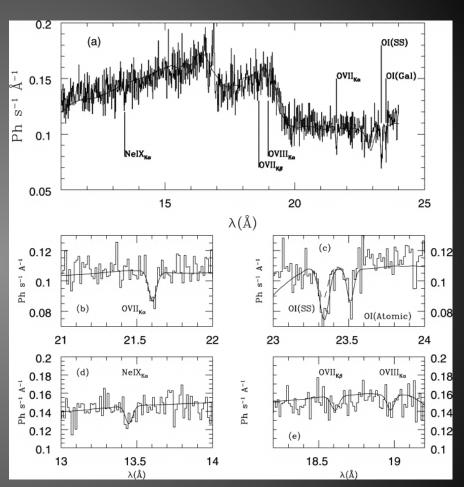






#### WHIM: baryonic matter absorption









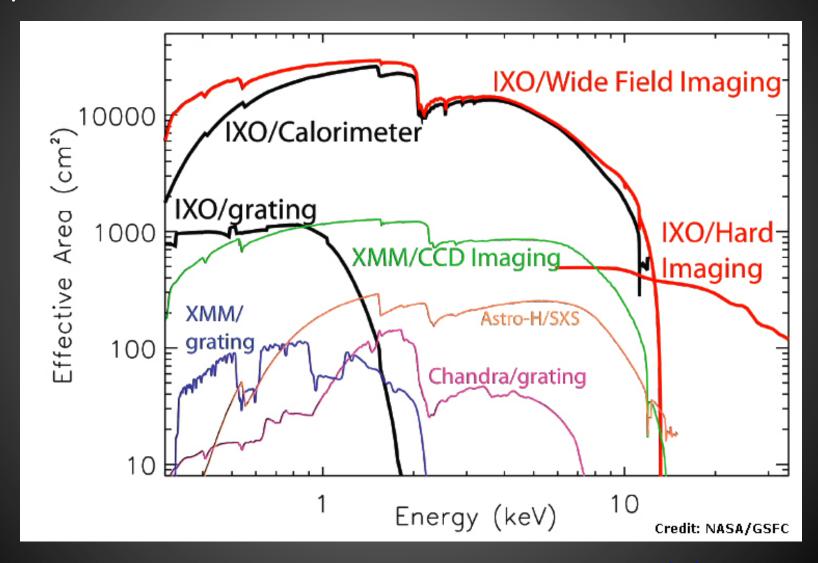
# Q: What instrumentation do we need to realize effective X-ray absorption studies:

- →high efficiency X-ray optics (segmented) with optical performance < 0.1" 5"
- → high resolution X-ray gratings with R > 3000 for E < 1.5 keV
- → X-ray micro-calorimeters with R > 2000 for E > 1.5 keV
- → Need R > 10000 to resolve thermal line properties





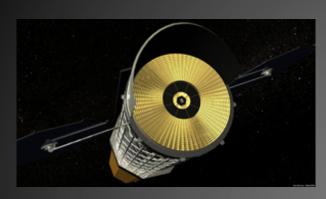
## -> Required Sensitivities (within the next decade):



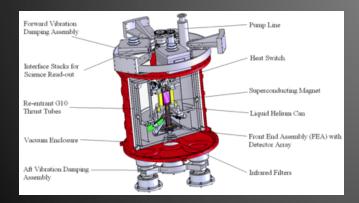




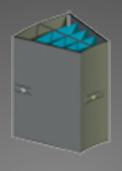
# → Technology development is well under way:

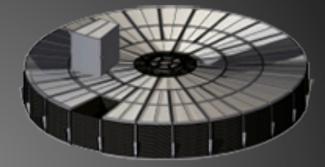


Large segmented slumped glass optics (IXO-type)



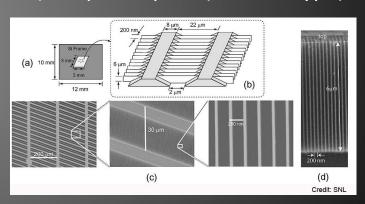
Micro-calorimeter developments



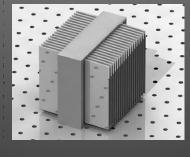


Large (piezo) adaptive optics (Smart-X-type)

Critical angle



Off-plane



X-Ray grating developments





## Q: What can we do in the coming years/decades:

- → Within the next 5 7 years we might utilize sub-orbital rockets to pursue specific science goals in the above categories and obtain sufficient technology readiness but should have at least some small explorer opportunities (i.e. Micro-X type)
- → Within the next 12 -15 years medium explorer mission opportunities should be realized to pursue some limited surveys
- → Beyond 15 years we should be able to perform proper and deep surveys with the power of a Generation-X-type X-ray observatory





# -> Generation X-type Observatory (beyond the next decade):

BaselineEffective Area (@1 keV)

**Angular Resolution** 

Energy Resolution (@1 keV)

Background (< 2.0 keV)

**Energy Range** 

Field of View

**Time Resolution** 

**Sky Availability** 

Calibration

**Launch Vehicle and Orbit** 

**Launch Date** 

50 m<sup>2</sup>

0.1" HPD

E/dE=10,000

0.004 cts/ks/arcsec<sup>2</sup>

0.1 - 10 keV

5 arcmin radius

50 ms

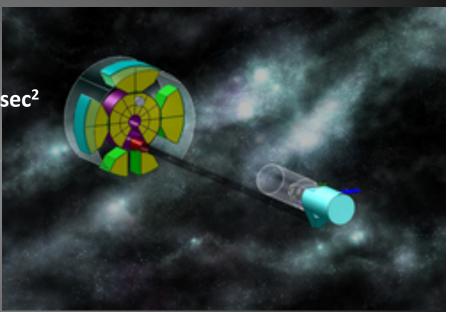
90%

3% absolute

Ares V to

Sun-Earth L2

2030+







### Concluding Remark:

X-ray absorption spectroscopy is a powerful tool to study existing forms of matter in our Universe. The roadmap for the next 30 years needs to lead to means and strategies which allows us to perform such absorption surveys as effectively as surveys are now or in very near future quite common in astronomy pursued in other wavelength bands such as optical, IR, and sub-mm.