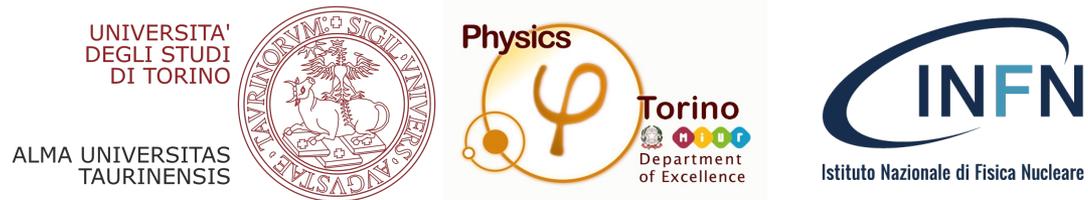


# DARK MATTER PHENOMENOLOGY

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# Outline of the lectures

## Principles of particle cosmology and astrophysics

- Evidences of dark matter
- Production mechanisms in the early Universe
- Connection to particle physics beyond the Standard Model
- Identification of non-gravitational DM signals

## Direct detection

## Charged cosmic-rays signals

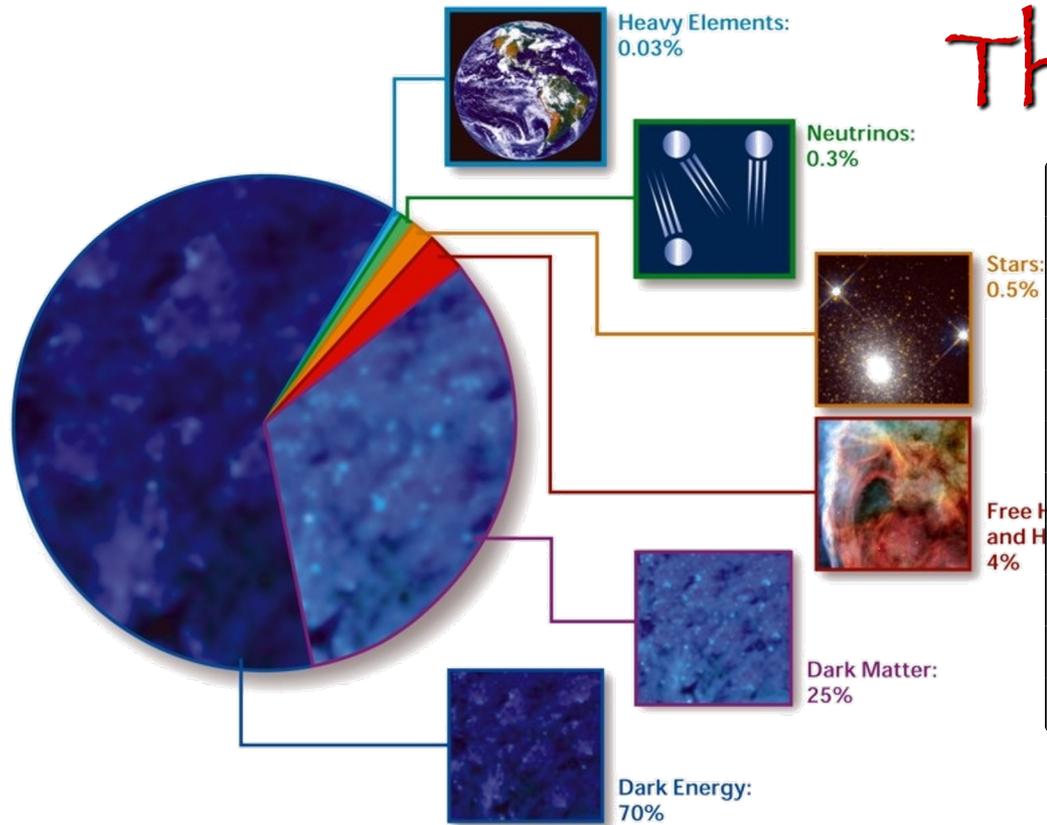
- Electrons and positrons
- Antiprotons
- Antideuterons

## Electromagnetic signals (multi-wavelength)

- Radio
- Gamma-rays
- Anisotropies

## Neutrino signals

# The Dark Universe



|  |                       |            |
|--|-----------------------|------------|
| $1 - \Omega_{\text{TOT}}$              | $-0.0105 \pm 0.061$   | [95% C.L.] |
| $\Omega_{\Lambda}$                     | $0.693 \pm 0.019$     | [68% C.L.] |
| $\Omega_{\text{M}}$                    | $0.307 \pm 0.019$     | [68% C.L.] |
| $H_0$                                  | $67.9 \pm 1.5$        | [95% C.L.] |
| ( $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ ) | $73.8 \pm 2.4$        | [*]        |
|  | $74.3 \pm 2.6$        | [+]        |
| $\Omega_{\text{M}} h^2$                | $0.1414 \pm 0.0029$   | [68% C.L.] |
| $\Omega_{\text{b}} h^2$                | $0.02217 \pm 0.00033$ | [68% C.L.] |
| $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2$               | $0.1186 \pm 0.0031$   | [68% C.L.] |

Ade et al. (Planck Collab.), arXiv: 1303.5076  
 [\*] Riess et al., Ap. J. 730 (2011) 119  
 [+] Freedmann et al., Ap. J. 758 (2012) 24

**Geometry:** the Universe is Flat  
**Dynamics:** the Universe is expanding

- Decelerate for most of its history
- Accelerate since "recent" time and at very "old" times (inflation)

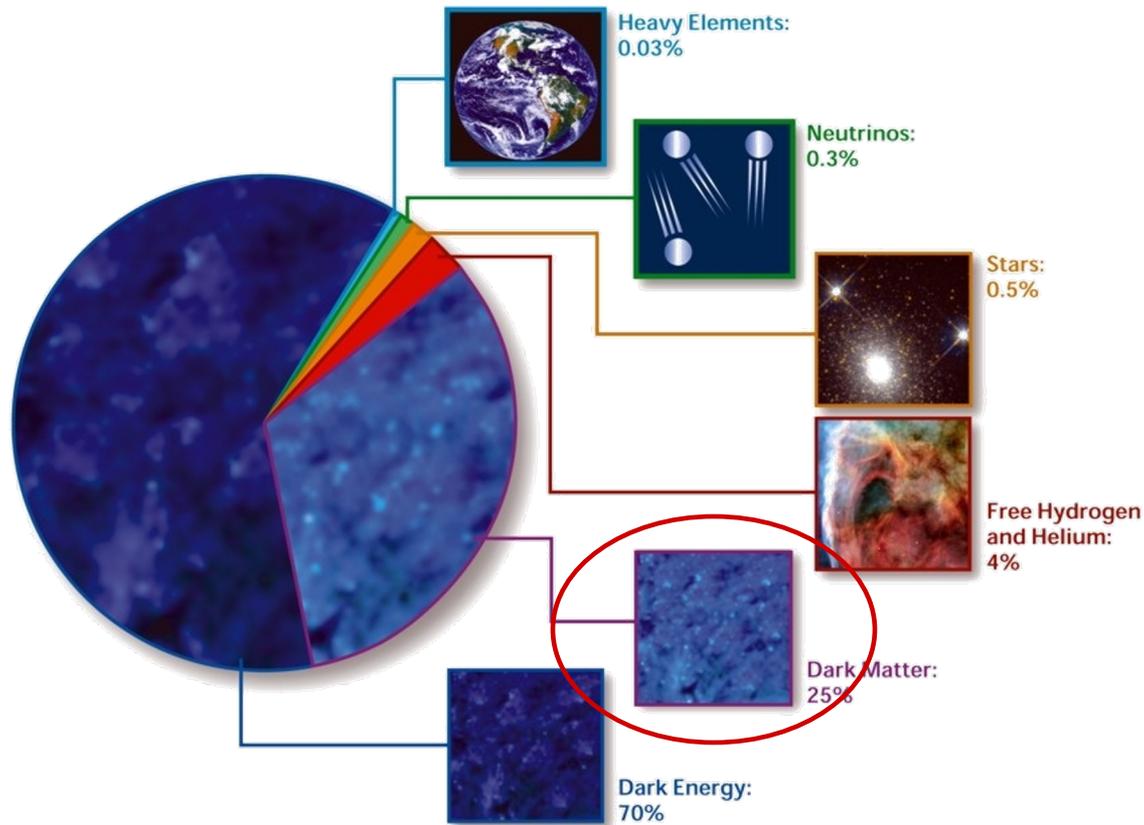
$\Omega_{\text{T}}$  CMB temperature anisotropies

$\Omega_{\Lambda}$  Luminosity distance of high- $z$  SNIa

$\Omega_{\text{M}}$  Clustered mass abundance

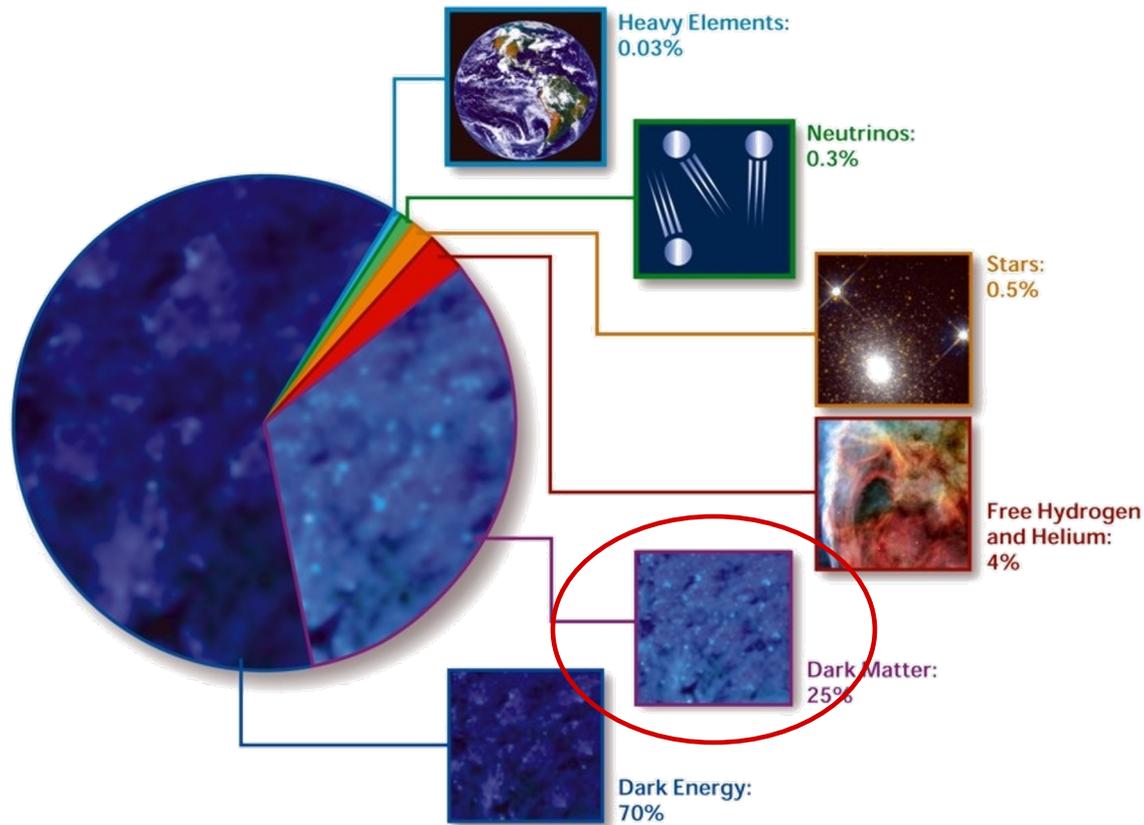
$\Omega_{\text{B}}$  Primordial Nucleosynthesis  
 Amplitude of CMB temperature anisotropies

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Zwicky, 1933

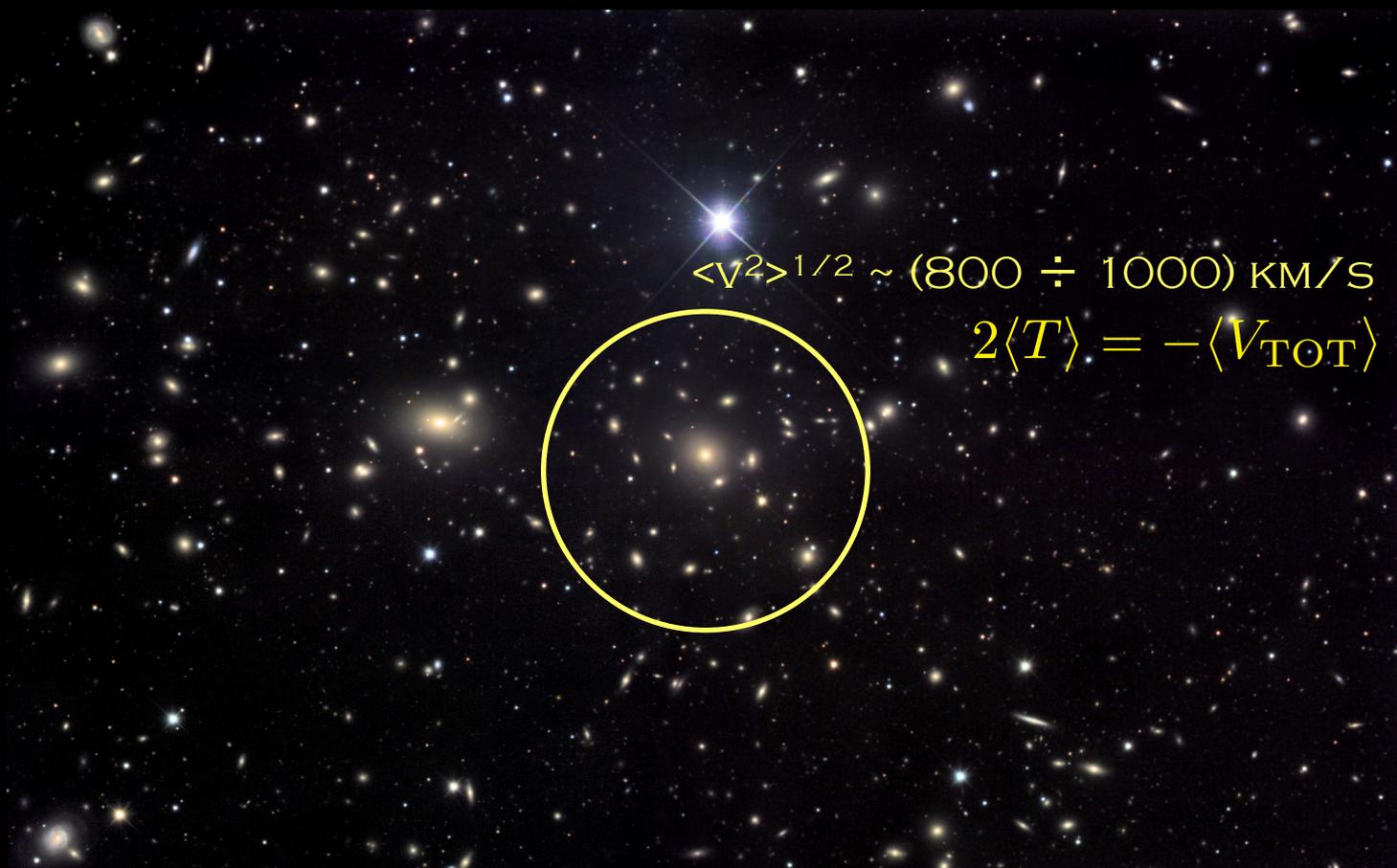


Virial theorem

$$2\langle T \rangle = -\langle V_{\text{TOT}} \rangle$$

# GALAXY CLUSTER

ZWICKY (1933)



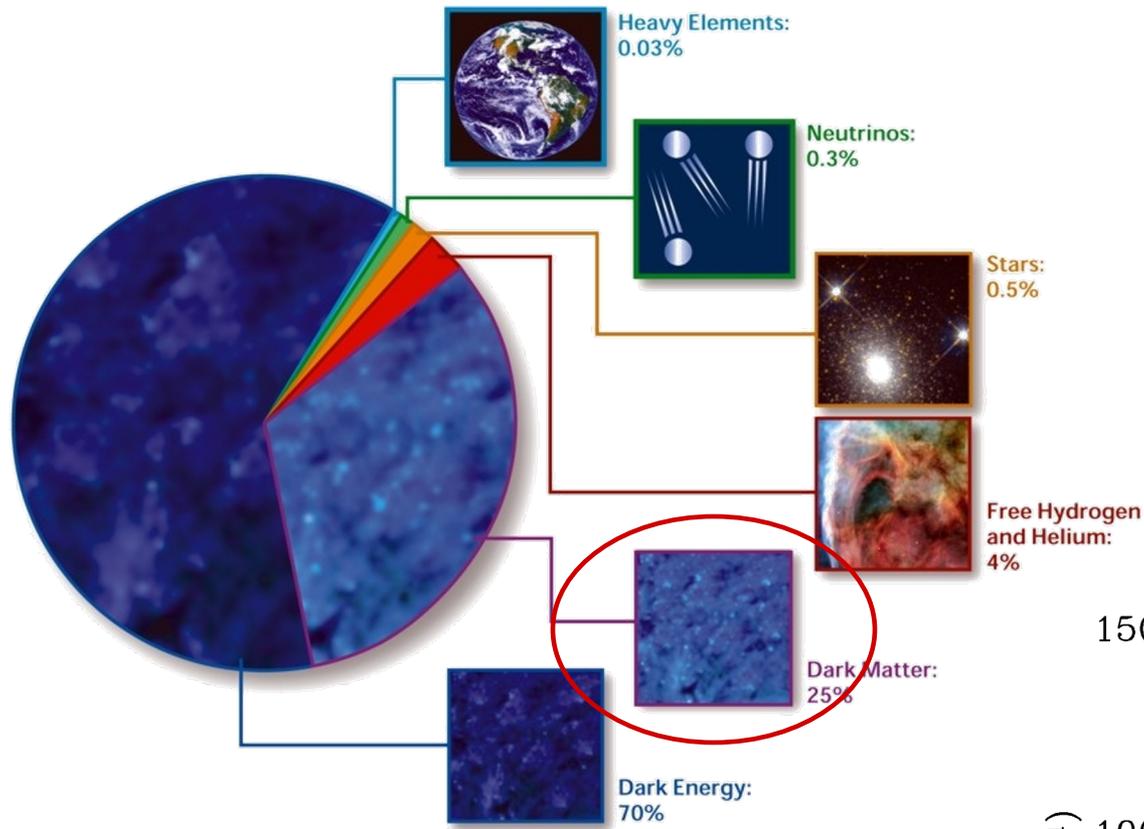
$$\langle v^2 \rangle^{1/2} \sim (800 \div 1000) \text{ km/s}$$

$$2\langle T \rangle = -\langle V_{\text{TOT}} \rangle$$

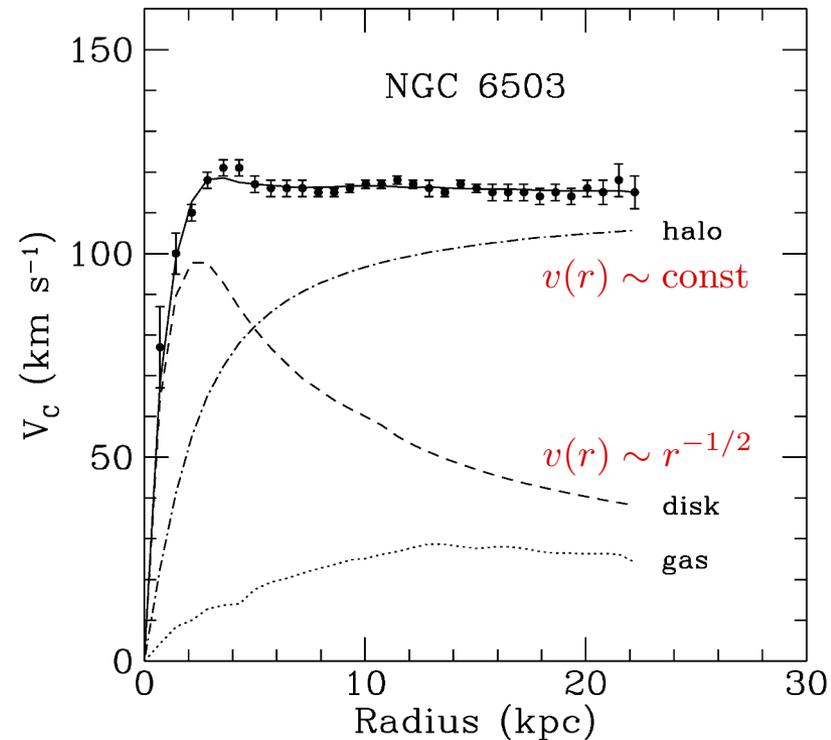
VELOCITY DISPERSION OF GALAXIES IN THE CLUSTER IS TOO LARGE: THE CLUSTER SHOULD “EVAPORATE”

GALAXIES : GAS : DM = 1 : 9 : 90

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$$v(r) \propto \sqrt{M(r)/r}$$

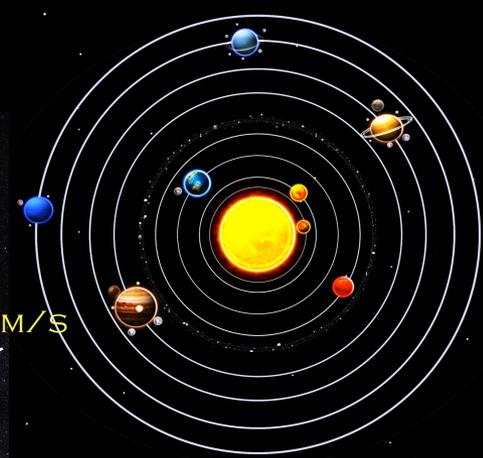
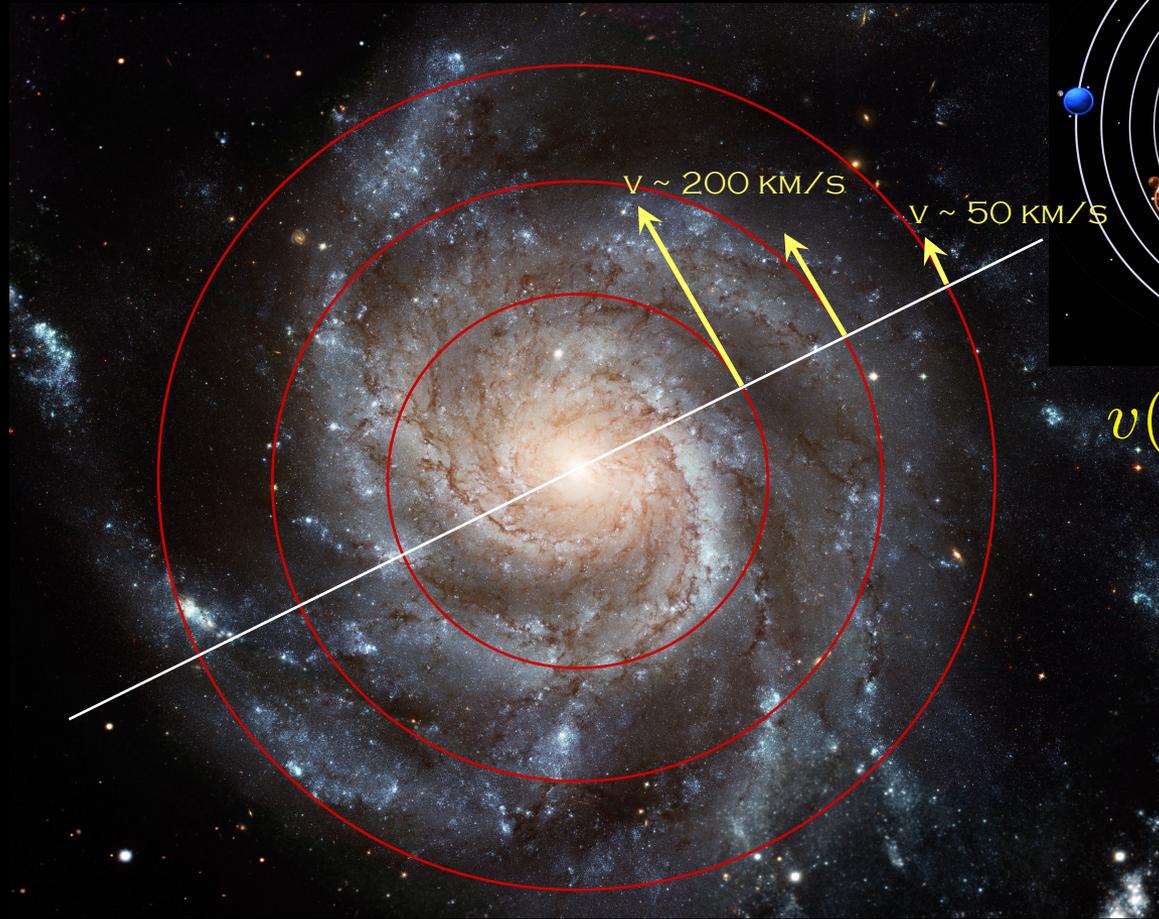


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Rubin, early '70s



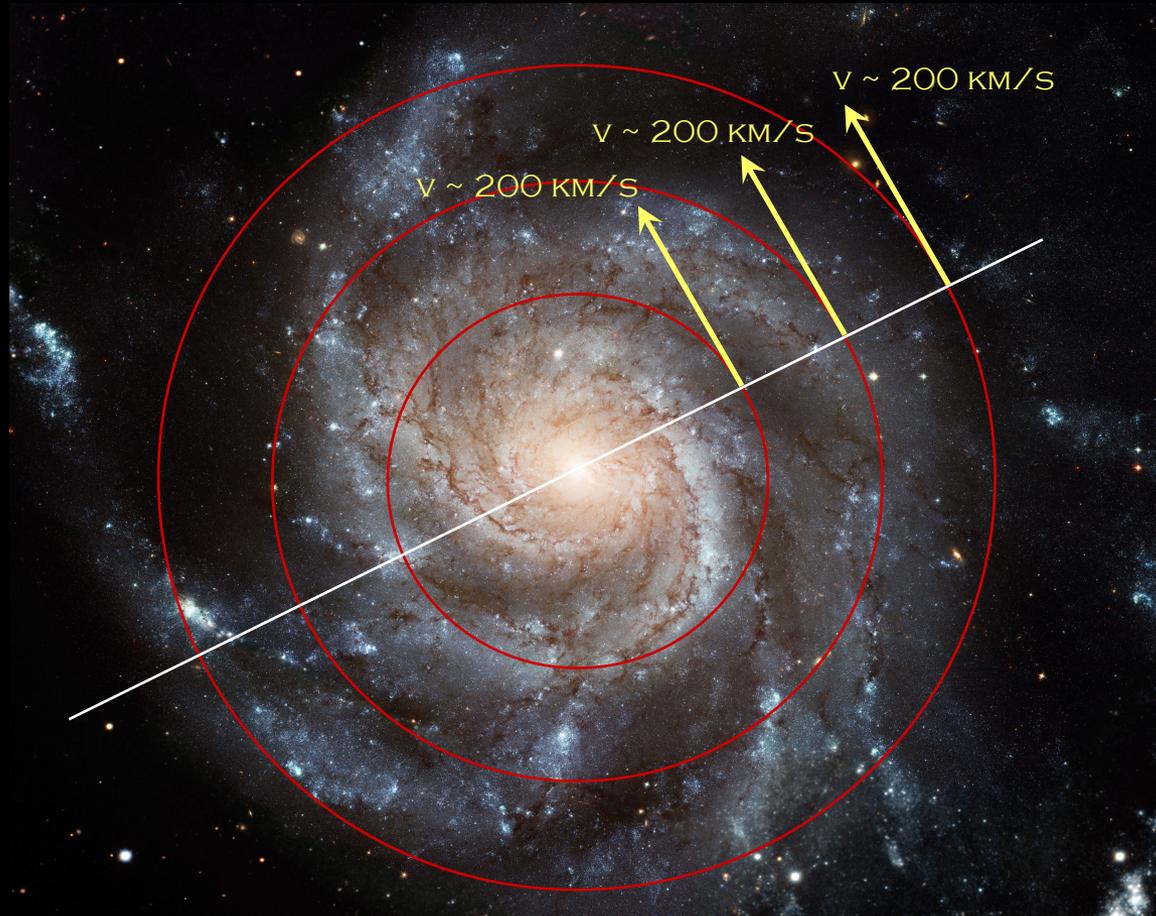
# SPIRAL GALAXY



$$v(r) \propto r^{-1/2}$$

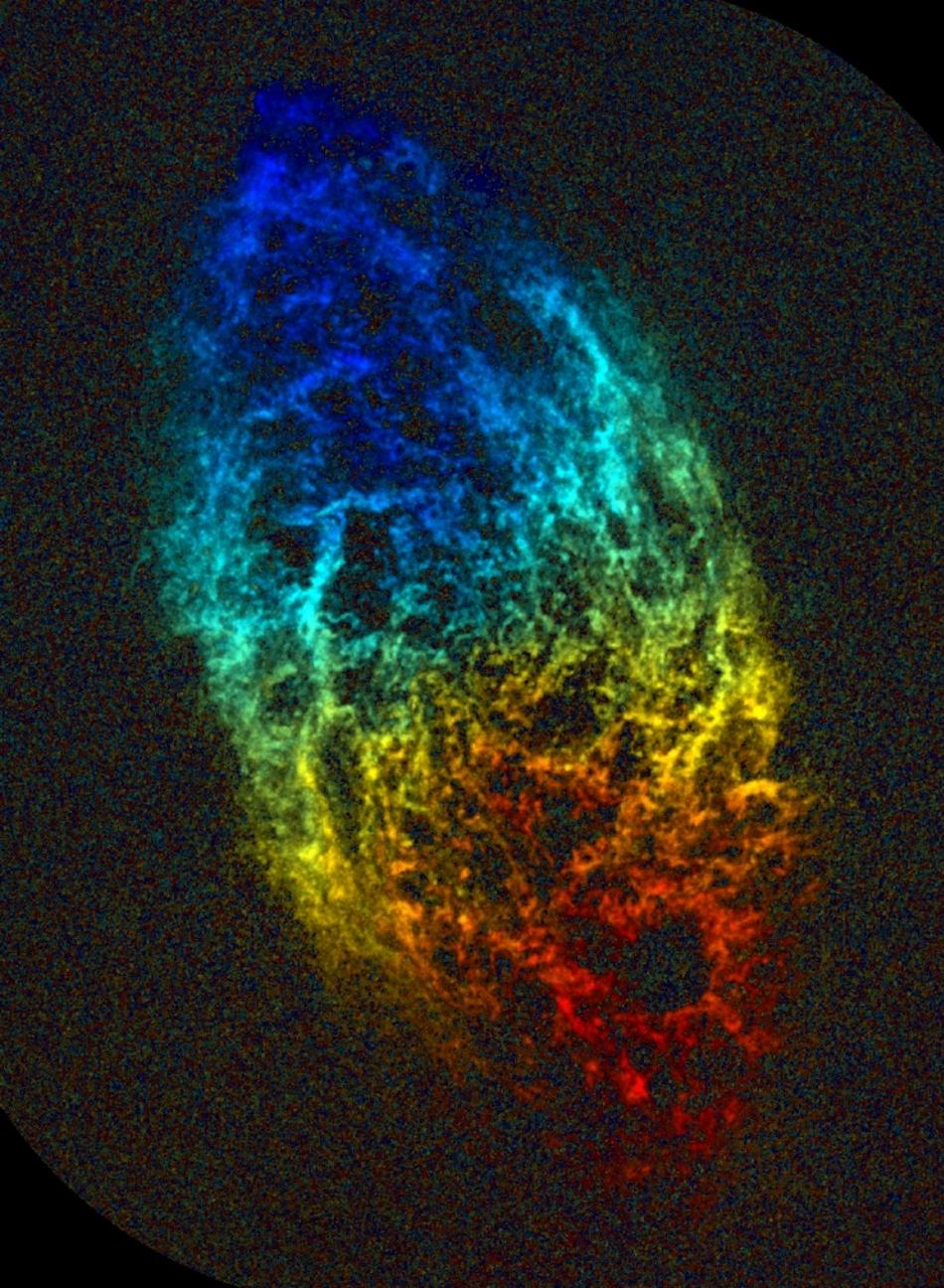
# SPIRAL GALAXY

RUBIN (1970)



PERIFERIC STARS ARE FASTER THAN EXPECTED  
FASTER = MORE MASS

MUCH MORE MASS THAN LUMINOUS MASS  
DARK MATTER

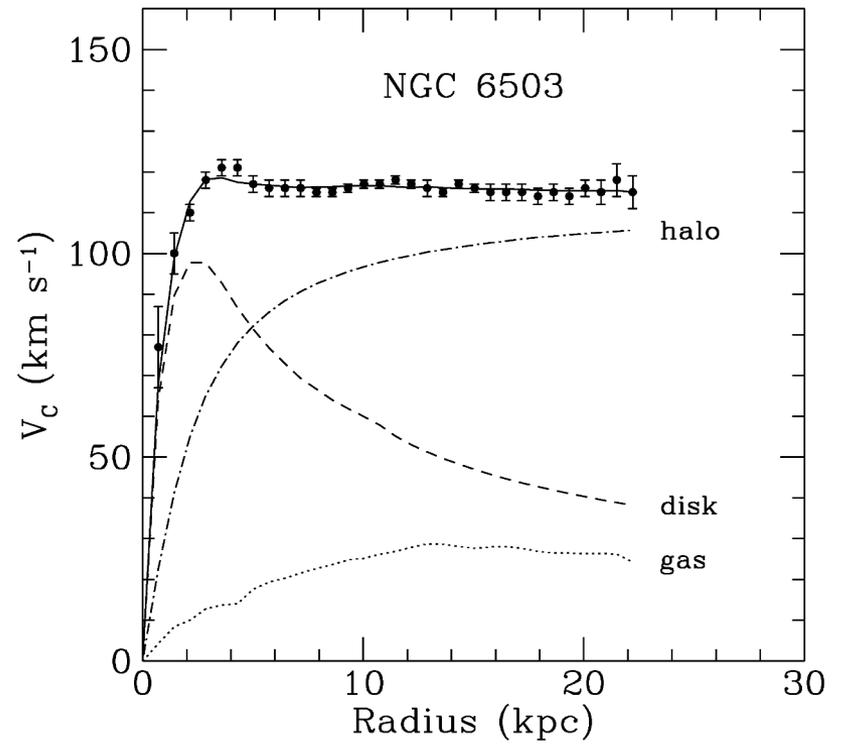


M33

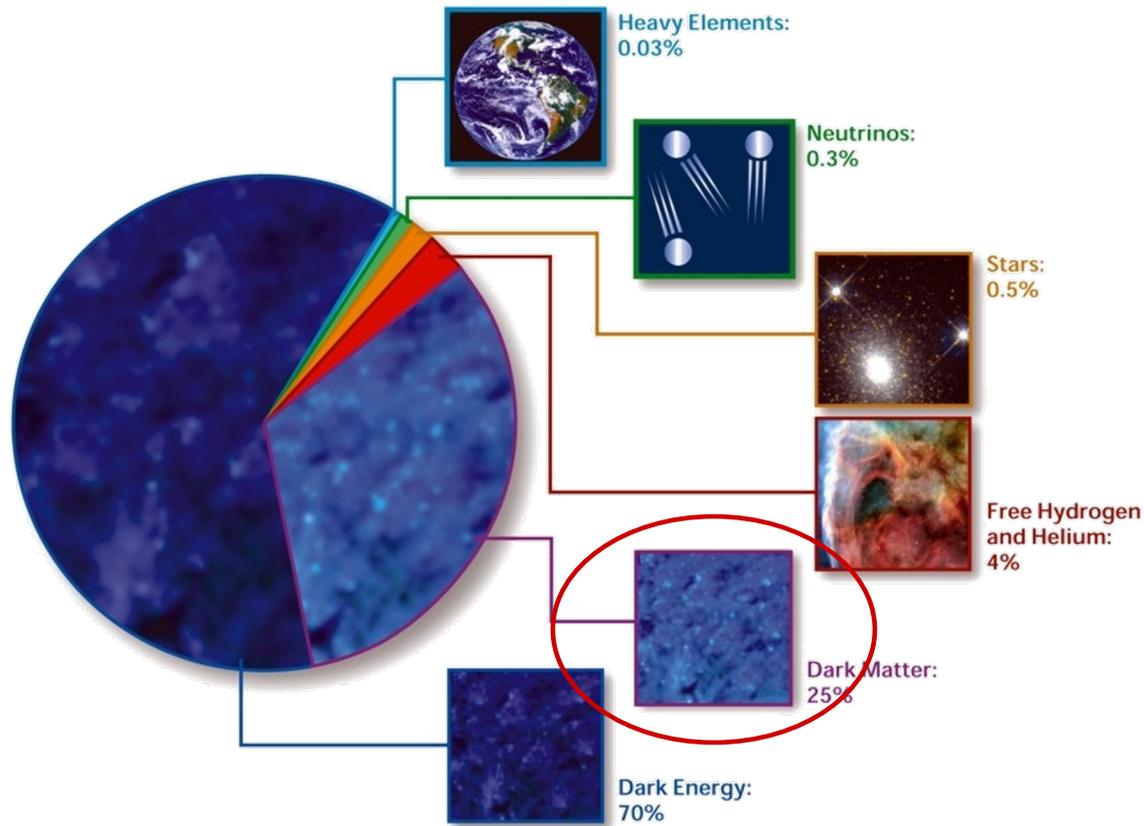
HYDROGEN GAS

DOPPLER IMAGE

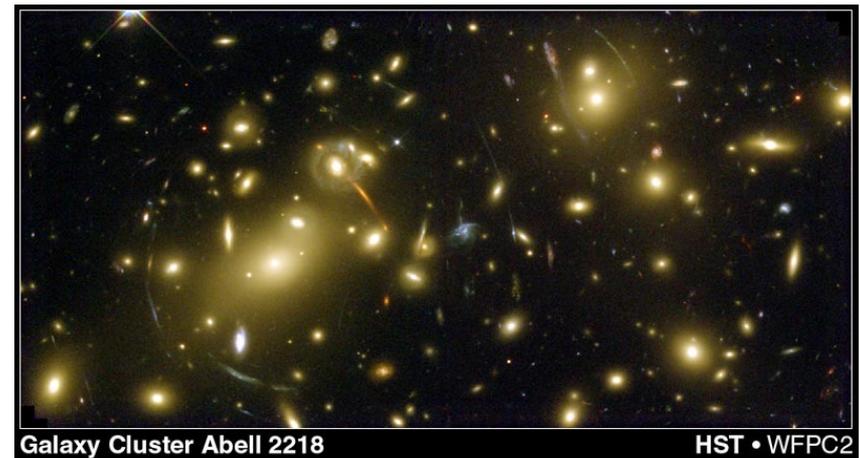
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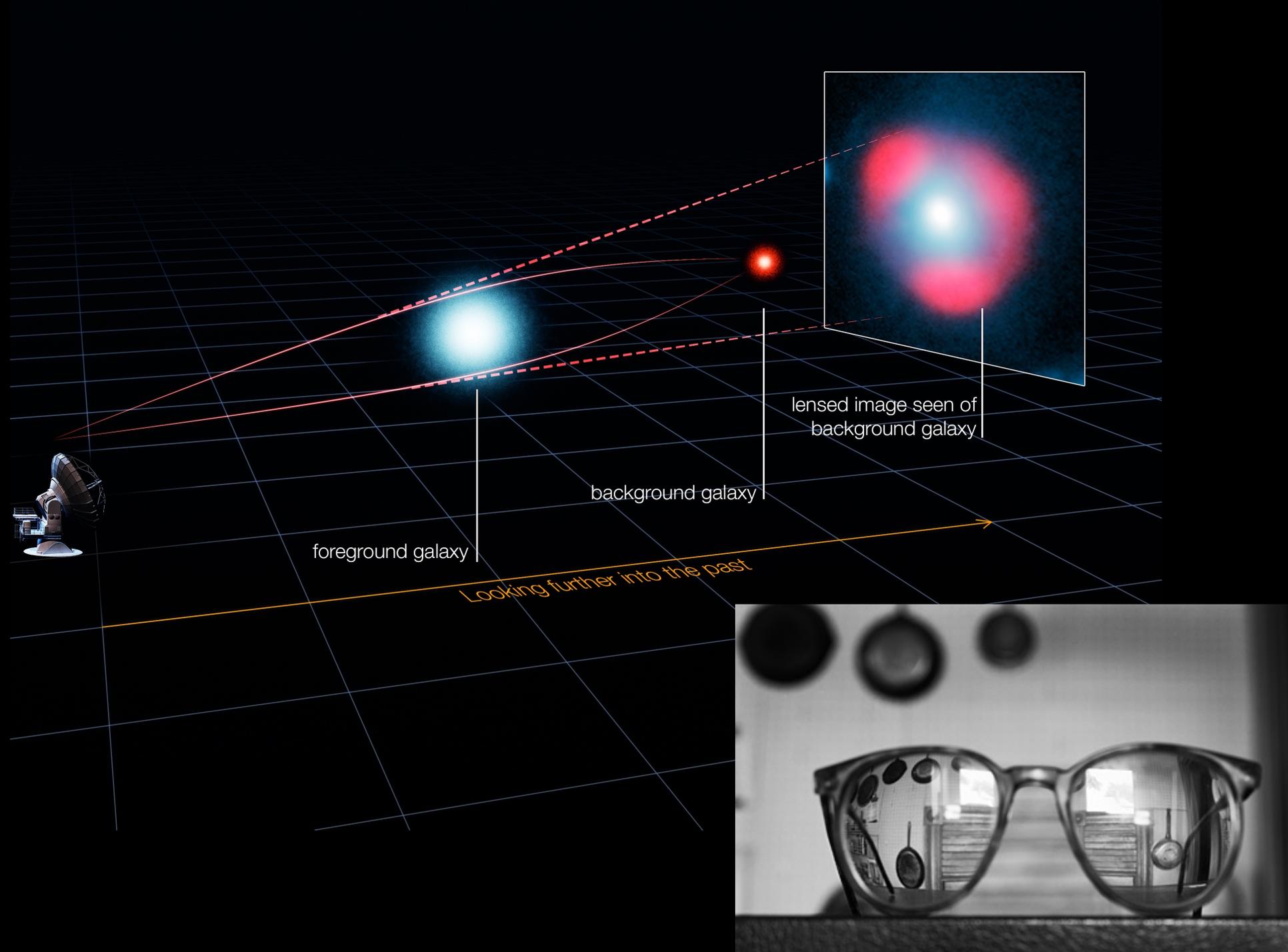


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foreground galaxy

background galaxy

lensed image seen of background galaxy

Looking further into the past



# Lens equation

**Thin lens:** distances involved are much larger than the size of the lens

Lens equation (can have multiple solutions)

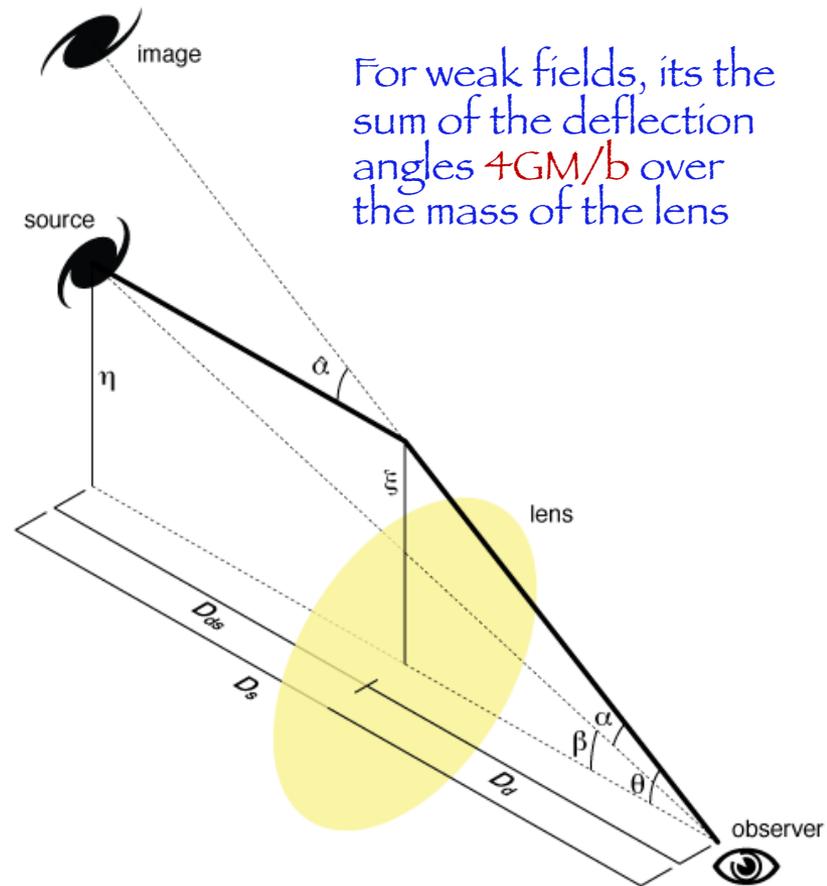
$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \frac{D_{ds}}{D_s} \alpha(D_d \vec{\theta})$$

Deflection angle

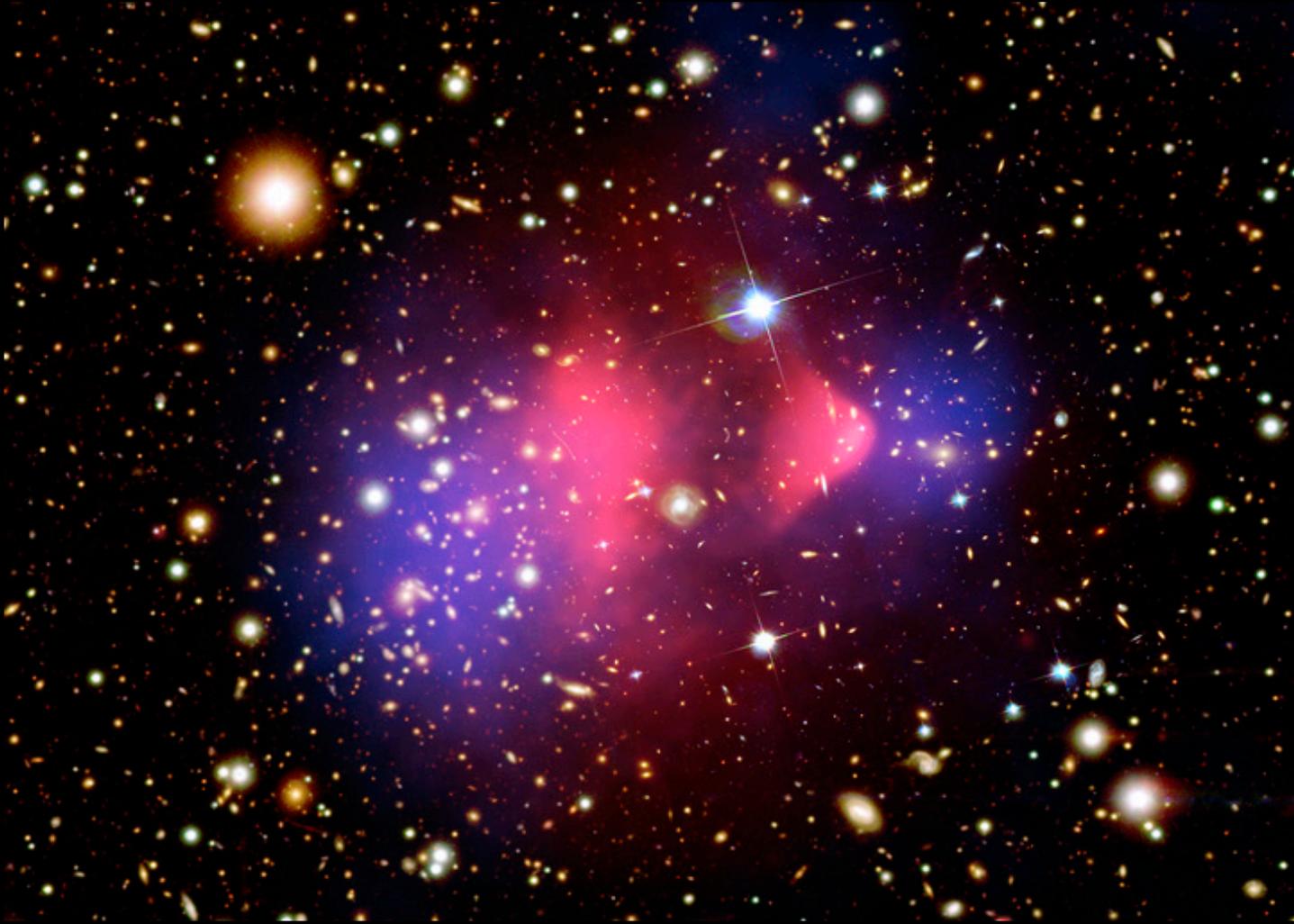
$$\alpha(\vec{\theta}) = 4G \int \frac{(\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}') \Sigma(\vec{\xi}')}{|\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}'|^2} d^2 \xi'$$

Projected mass density

$$\Sigma(\vec{\xi}') = \int \rho(\vec{\xi}, z) dz$$

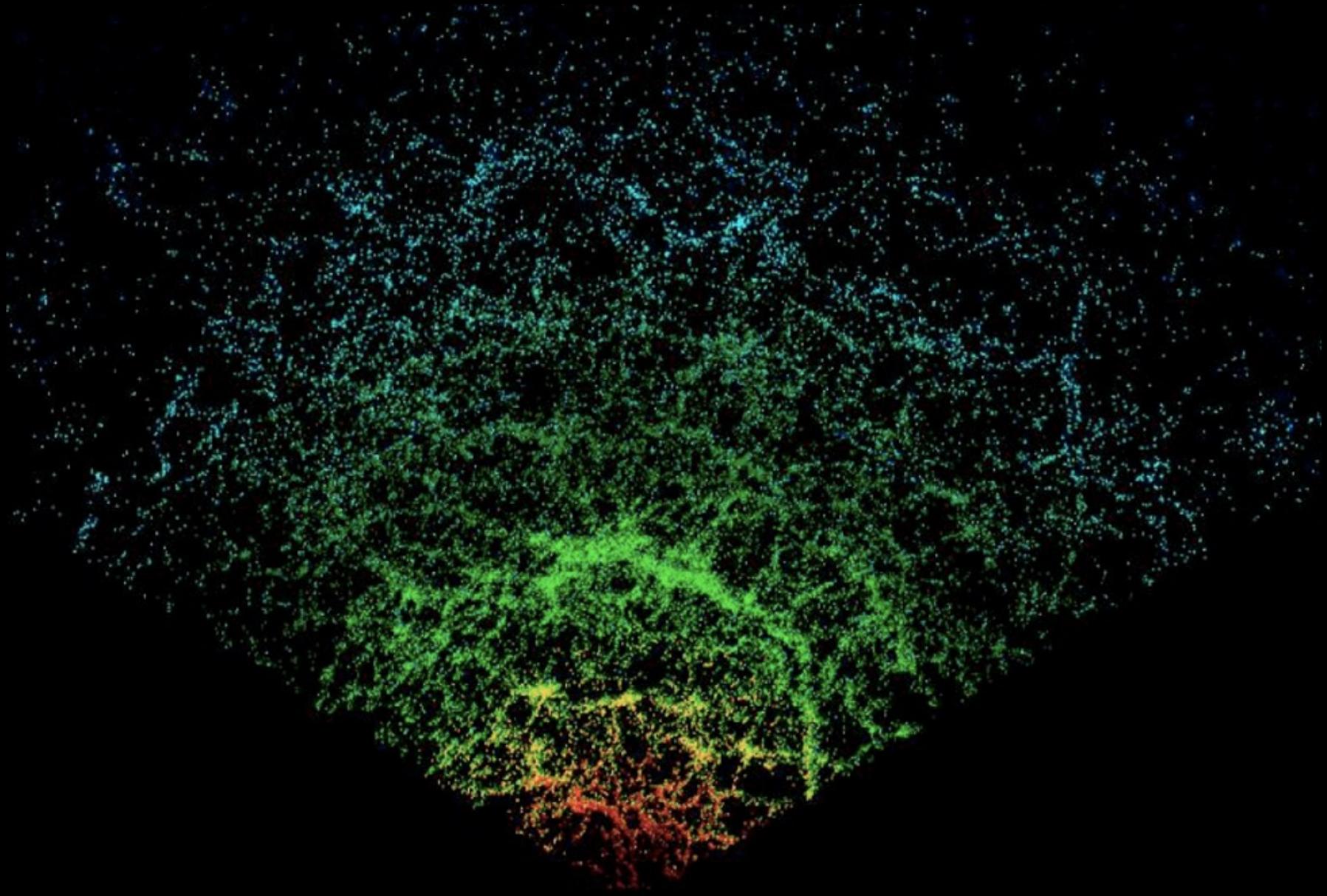


# The "Bullet cluster" (1E 0657-558)

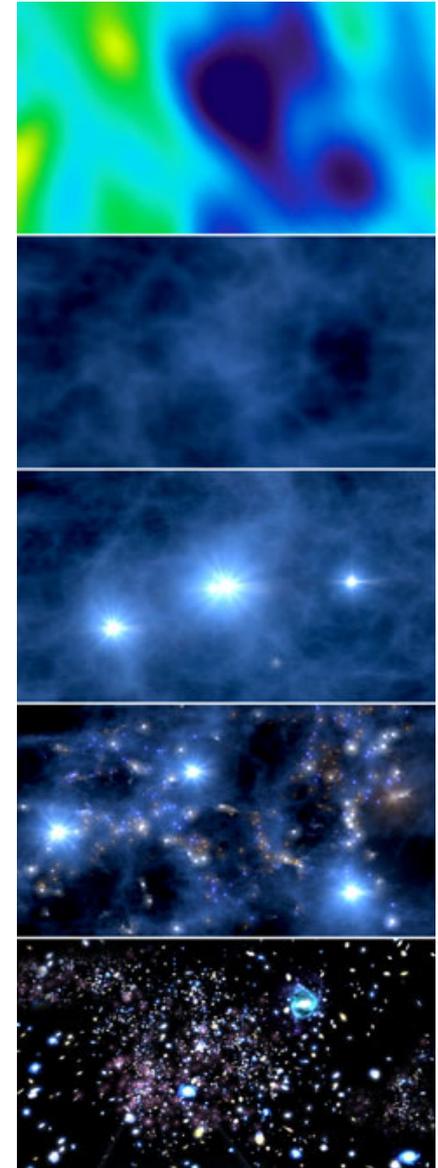
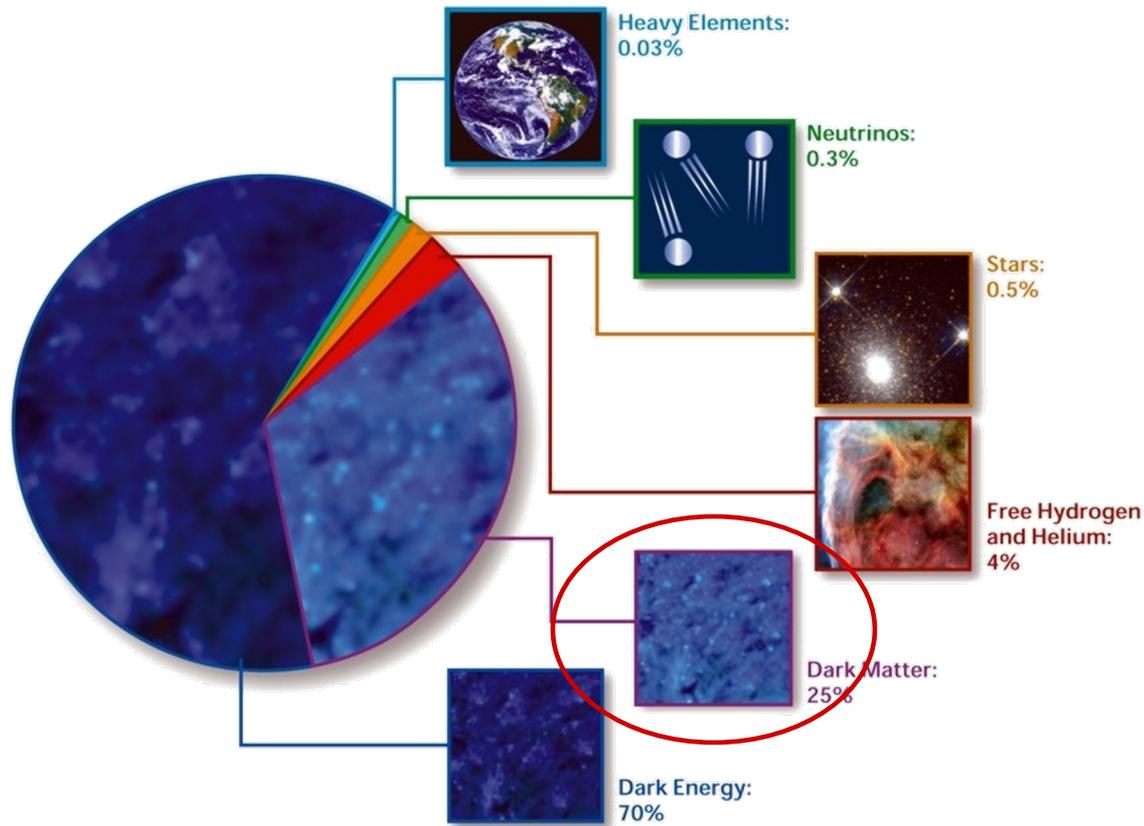


Colliding galaxy clusters

# Universe at large scales



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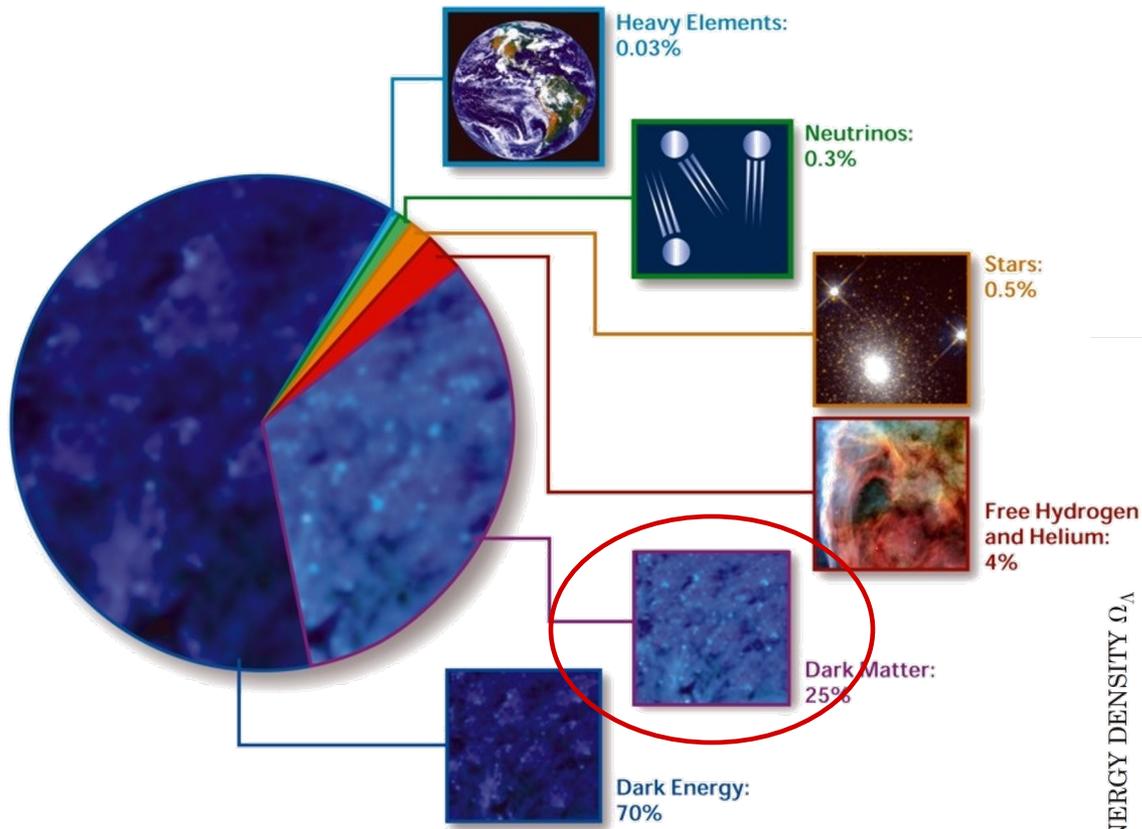


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DM needs to be (mainly) cold  
and (mainly) non-collisional

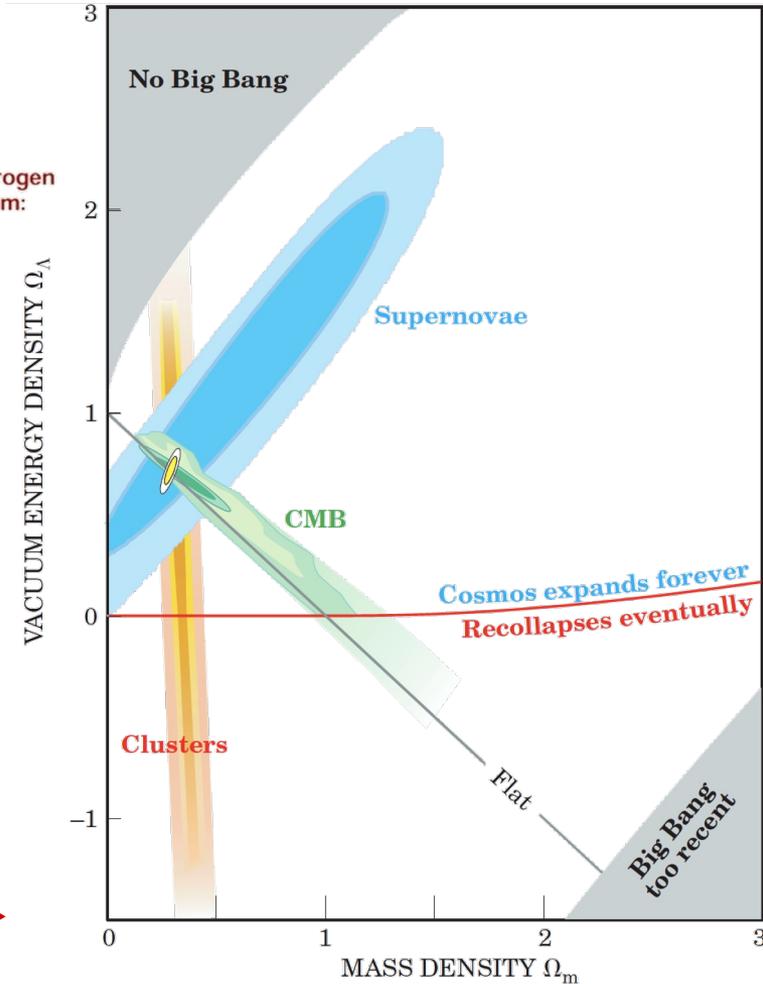


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Concordance model →



# Dark Matter: what's going on?

- Generally Relativity needs to be modified ?
  - The 'anomaly' we call DM is due to a behaviour of gravity on large scales different from what predicted by GR (and its Newtonian limit)
- Relic from the early Universe ?
  - GR works just fine, DM is some new 'stuff'
    - A new elementary particle
    - Primordial Black Holes

# Primordial Black Holes

PBHs are thought to originate from gravitational collapse of large density fluctuations in the early universe (produced by various mechanisms)

Density perturbations  $\delta_H$  entering the cosmological horizon can form a BH if:

$$w = \delta_c < \delta_H < \delta_{\max} = 1$$

The mass grows with the time at which they are produced

$$M \sim \frac{c^3 t}{G} \sim 10^{15} \left( \frac{t}{10^{-23} \text{ s}} \right) \text{ g}$$

Planck time ( $10^{-43}$  s):  $10^{-5}$  g

BBN time (1 s):  $10^5 M_{\text{Sun}}$  ( $M_{\text{sun}} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{33}$  g)

Hawking evaporation: temperature and lifetime

$$T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi k_B G M} \sim 10^{-7} \text{ K} \frac{M_{\odot}}{M}$$

$$\tau(M) \sim 10^{64} \text{ yr} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^3$$

PBH with masses below  $10^{15}$  g have already evaporated

# Primordial Black Holes

Evaporation

Microlensing

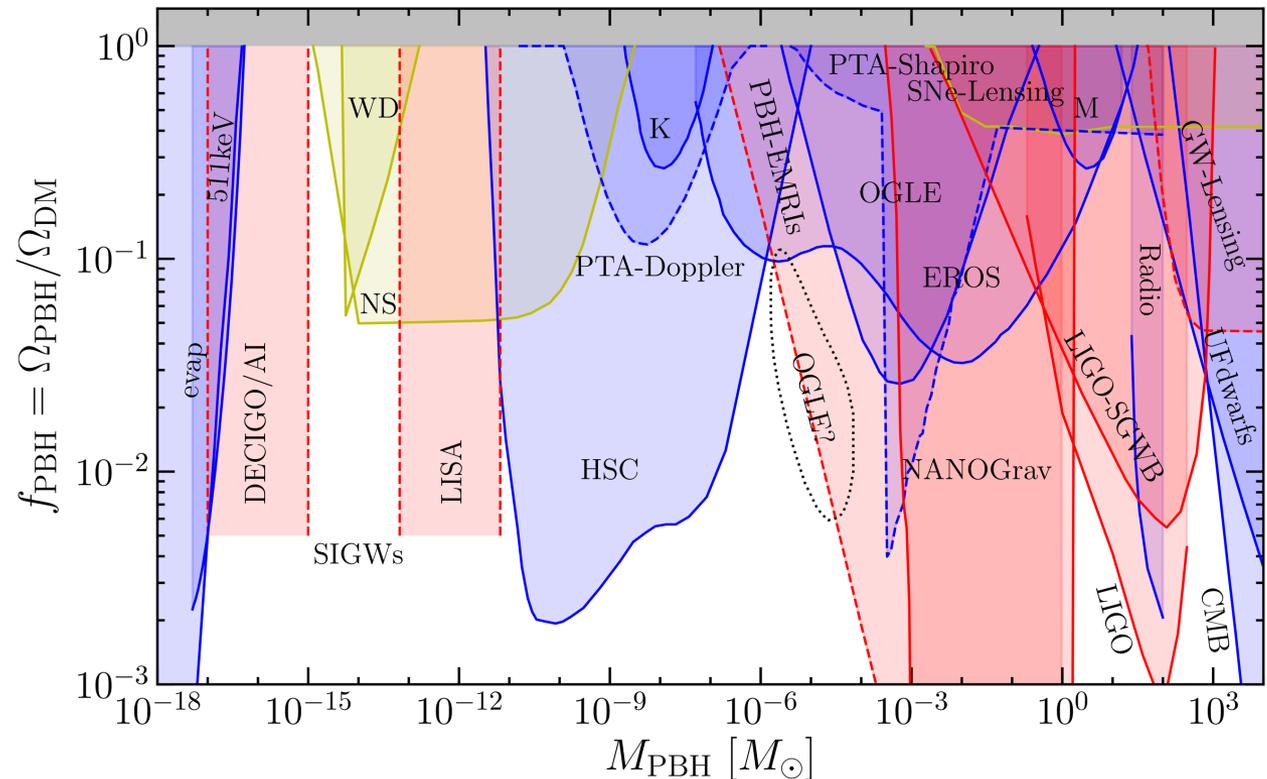
Gravitational waves

Dynamical constraints (heat star clusters by the presence of PBH)

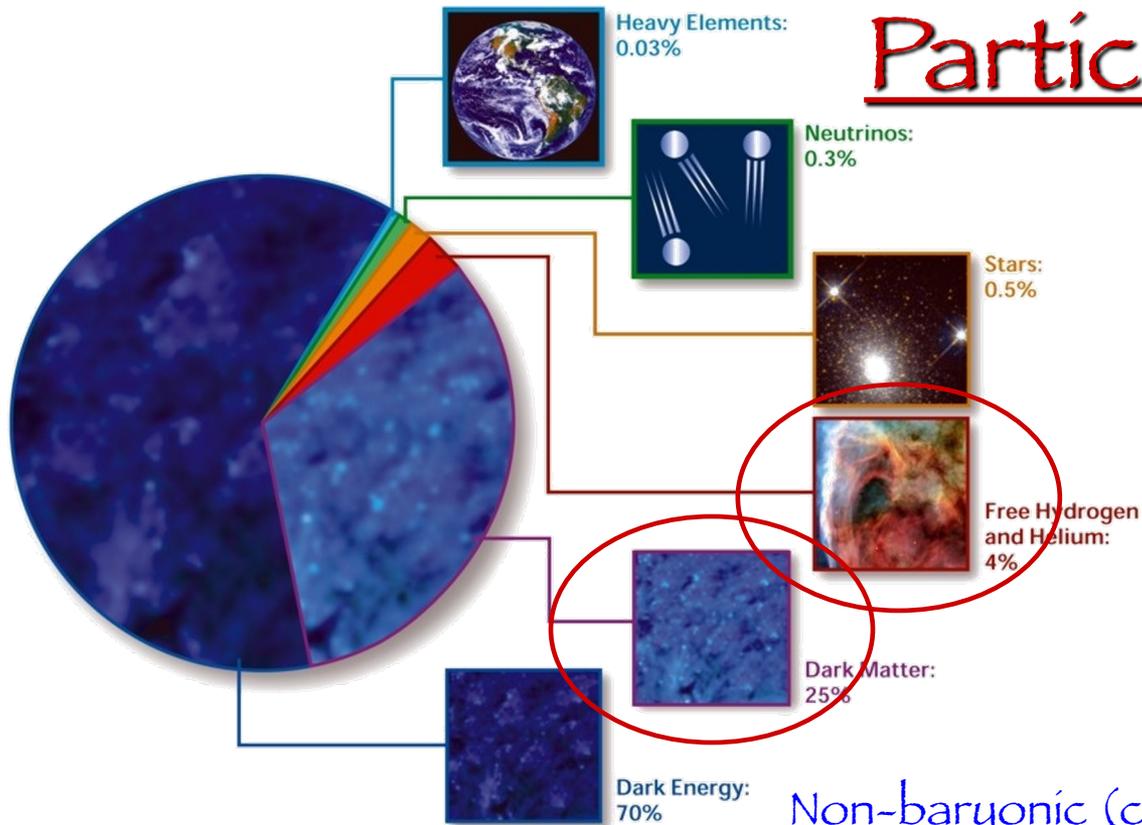
CMB distortions or anisotropies

Ly-alpha

21cm cosmology (PBH can change thermal state of IGM)



# Particle Dark Matter

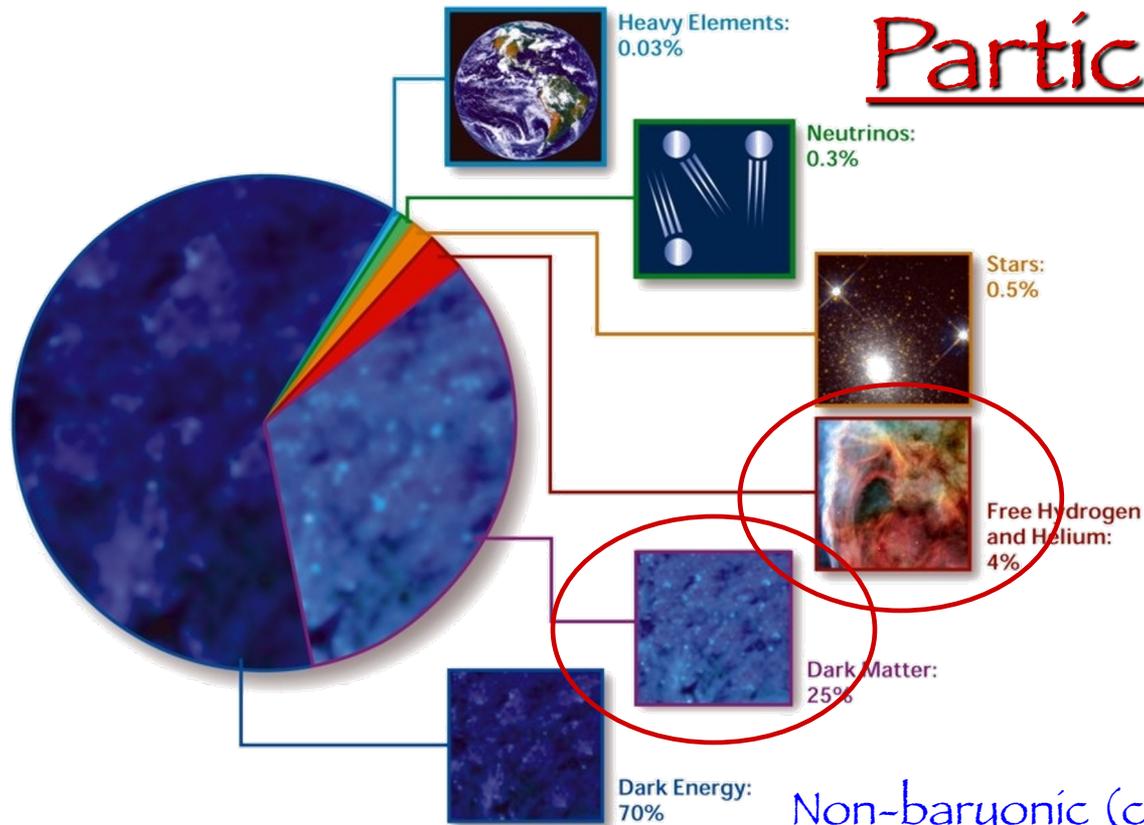


Non-baryonic (cold-ish) dark matter is needed

No candidate in the Standard Model (\*)  
New fundamental Physics

(\*) Standard neutrino:  
Too light: acts as H(-ish)DM, not C(-ish)DM

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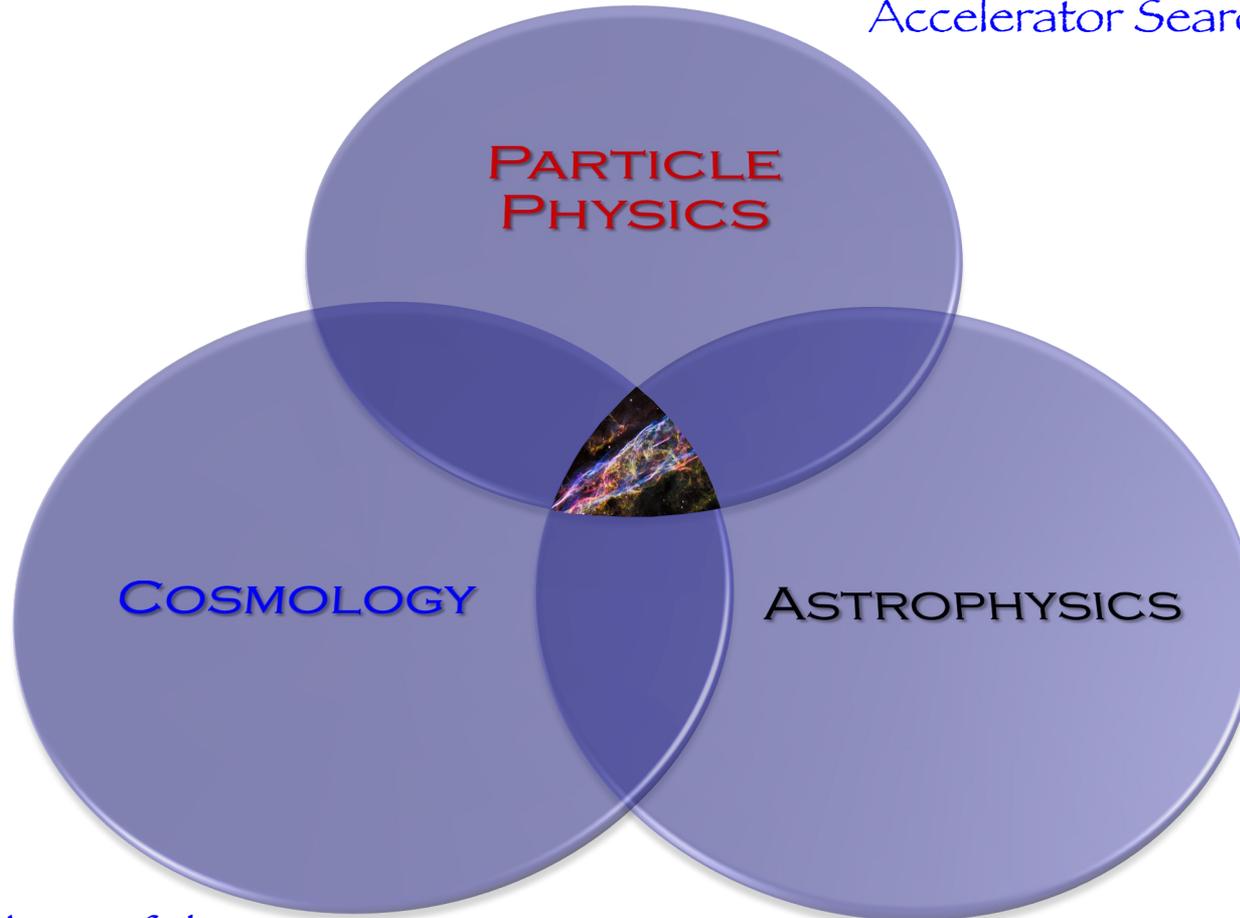
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Two fundamental questions

- Identify the particle candidate
- Identify a non-gravitational signal

# The Particle Dark Matter Crossroad

Particle Candidate: Models of New Physics  
(Supersymmetry, Extra-dimensions, ...)  
Accelerator Searches



Cosmology of the  
Dark Matter Particle

Astrophysical Signals of the  
Dark Matter Particle

# COSMOLOGY OF THE DM PARTICLE

# Standard cosmological model

- Dynamical description U. expansion
  - General Relativity: Einstein equation (gravity)
  - Cosmological principle: the U. is spatially homogeneous and isotropic
- Statistical description Thermal equilibrium and U. temperature  $T$ 
  - The Universe can be described as a self-gravitating, perfect fluid
  - The fluid is multicomponent (radiation, “matter”, ...)
  - Conditions of thermal equilibrium may/may not be met
- Microphysical description Particle cosmology
  - The components of the fluid are elementary d.o.f. (particles)
  - Their physical properties (masses and interactions) determine their behaviour
  - Boltzmann equation

# Einstein equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{3}T_{\mu\nu}$$

gravity (geometry)      matter/energy

The Cosmological Principle determines:

- space-time geometry is determined by a single function  $a(t)$  [the scale factor] and by a curvature parameter  $k$
- the U. can be described by a perfect fluid, which possesses an energy density  $\rho(t)$  and pressure  $p(t)$

Einstein eq. take the form of the Friedmann eq.:



$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho$$

$$[\rho = \sum_i \rho_i]$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p)$$

$$[p = \sum_i p_i]$$

# Geometry is connected to energy content

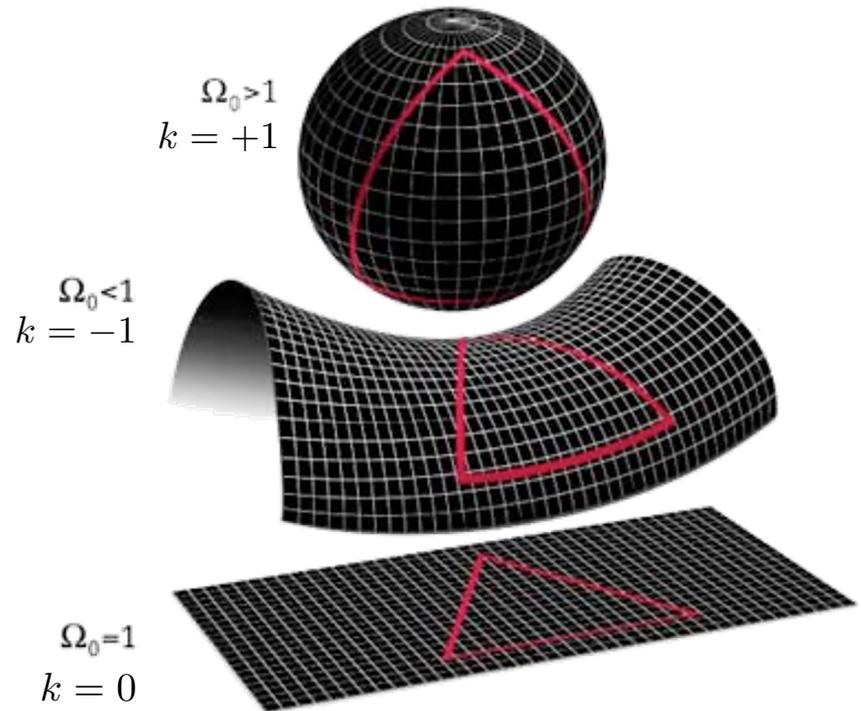
Density parameter  $\Omega_i = \rho_i / \rho_c$

$$\Omega = \sum_i \Omega_i = 1$$

Critical density  $\rho_c = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$

Hubble parameter  $H(t) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$

Hubble constant  $H_0 = H(t_0)$



# Types of fluid and dynamical evolution

Radiation (relativistic component)

$$p = \rho/3$$

“Matter” (non-relativistic component)

$$p = 0$$

Cosmological constant

$$p = -\rho$$

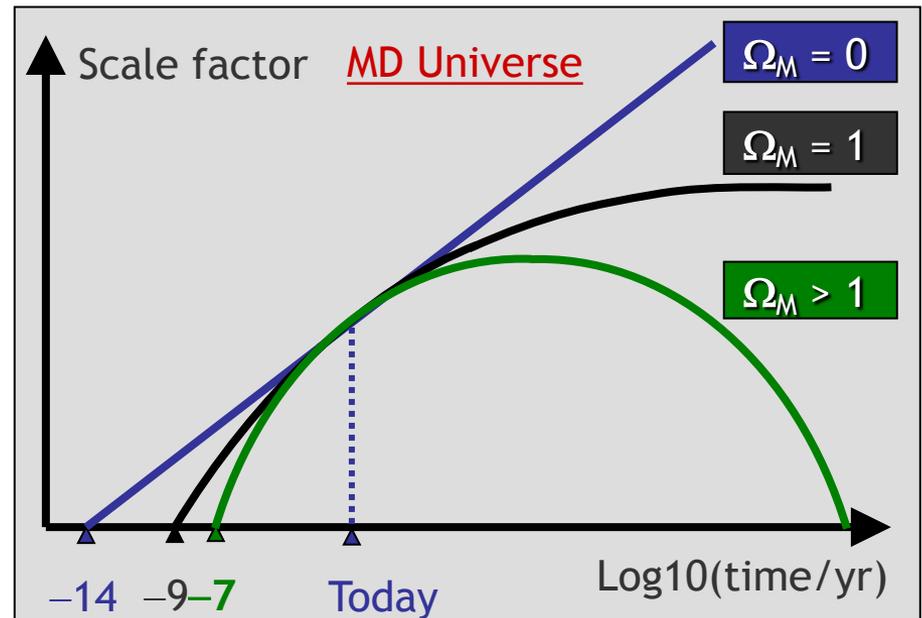
The evolution of the U. (i.e. of the scale factor in time) depends on its content (and on its geometry), and dictated by the Einstein equations

## Flat Universe

RD U.  $a(t) = a_0 t^{1/2}$

MD U.  $a(t) = a_0 t^{2/3}$

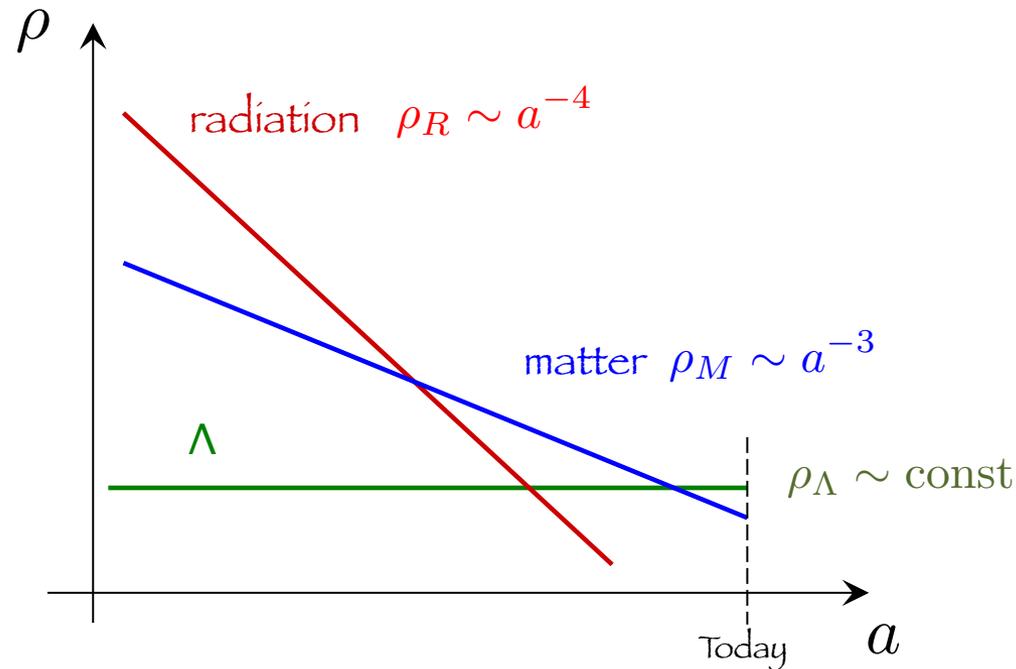
AD U.  $a(t) = a_0 \exp H_0(t - t_0)$



# Evolution of the fluid

Conservation of the stress-energy tensor (i.e. of energy/momentum) determines the evolution of the fluid with the U. evolution (i.e. with  $a(t)$ )

$$T_{\mu\nu} \longleftarrow \rho, p$$



# Statistical properties of the fluid

The fluid is assumed to be in thermal/statistical equilibrium

Each species  $i$  has a phase-space distribution  $f_i(p)$

If equilibrium is met, a temperature  $T$  can be defined and  $f_i(p)$  depend on  $T$

$i =$  fermion: Fermi-Dirac

$i =$  boson: Bose-Einstein

Number density  $n_i(T) = \int d^3p f_i(p, T)$

Energy density  $\rho_i(T) = \int d^3p E f_i(p, T)$

Pressure  $p_i(T) = \int d^3p \frac{p^2}{3E} f_i(p, T)$

# Temperature dependence

|                          | Relativistic<br>Bosons           | Relativistic<br>Fermions                                  | Non-relativistic<br>(Either)                           |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| $n_i$                    | $\frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_i T^3$ | $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_i T^3$ | $g_i \left(\frac{m_i T}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} e^{-m_i/T}$ |
| $\rho_i$                 | $\frac{\pi^2}{30} g_i T^4$       | $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_i T^4$       | $m_i n_i$  |
| $p_i$                    | $\frac{1}{3} \rho_i$             | $\frac{1}{3} \rho_i$                                      | $n_i T \ll \rho_i$                                     |
| Entropy density<br>$s_i$ | $\frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_i T^3$      | $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_i T^3$      |  |

$$\rho(T) = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_*(T) T^4$$

$$s(T) = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_{*S}(T) T^3$$

$$S = sa^3 = \text{const}$$

# Microphysical properties of the fluid

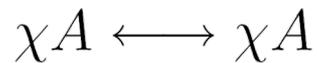
The fluid, at the microphysical level, is composed by elementary d.o.f. (particles)

The various components of the fluid may (or may not) be in thermal equilibrium

Equilibrium is determined by the occurrence of mutual interactions

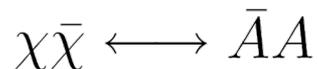
(for 2-to-2 processes)

elastic scattering



kinetic equilibrium

inelastic scattering



chemical equilibrium

# Particle thermalization in the early Universe

Thermalization processes

$$\chi A \longleftrightarrow \chi A$$

$$\chi \bar{\chi} \longleftrightarrow \bar{A} A$$

|          | Relativistic<br>Bosons           | Relativistic<br>Fermions                                  | Non-relativistic<br>(Either)                           |
|----------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| $n_i$    | $\frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_i T^3$ | $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_i T^3$ | $g_i \left(\frac{m_i T}{2\pi}\right)^{3/2} e^{-m_i/T}$ |
| $\rho_i$ | $\frac{\pi^2}{30} g_i T^4$       | $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_i T^4$       | $m_i n_i$  |
| $p_i$    | $\frac{1}{3} \rho_i$             | $\frac{1}{3} \rho_i$                                      | $n_i T \ll \rho_i$                                     |

$\Gamma = n \langle \sigma v \rangle$  : interaction rate

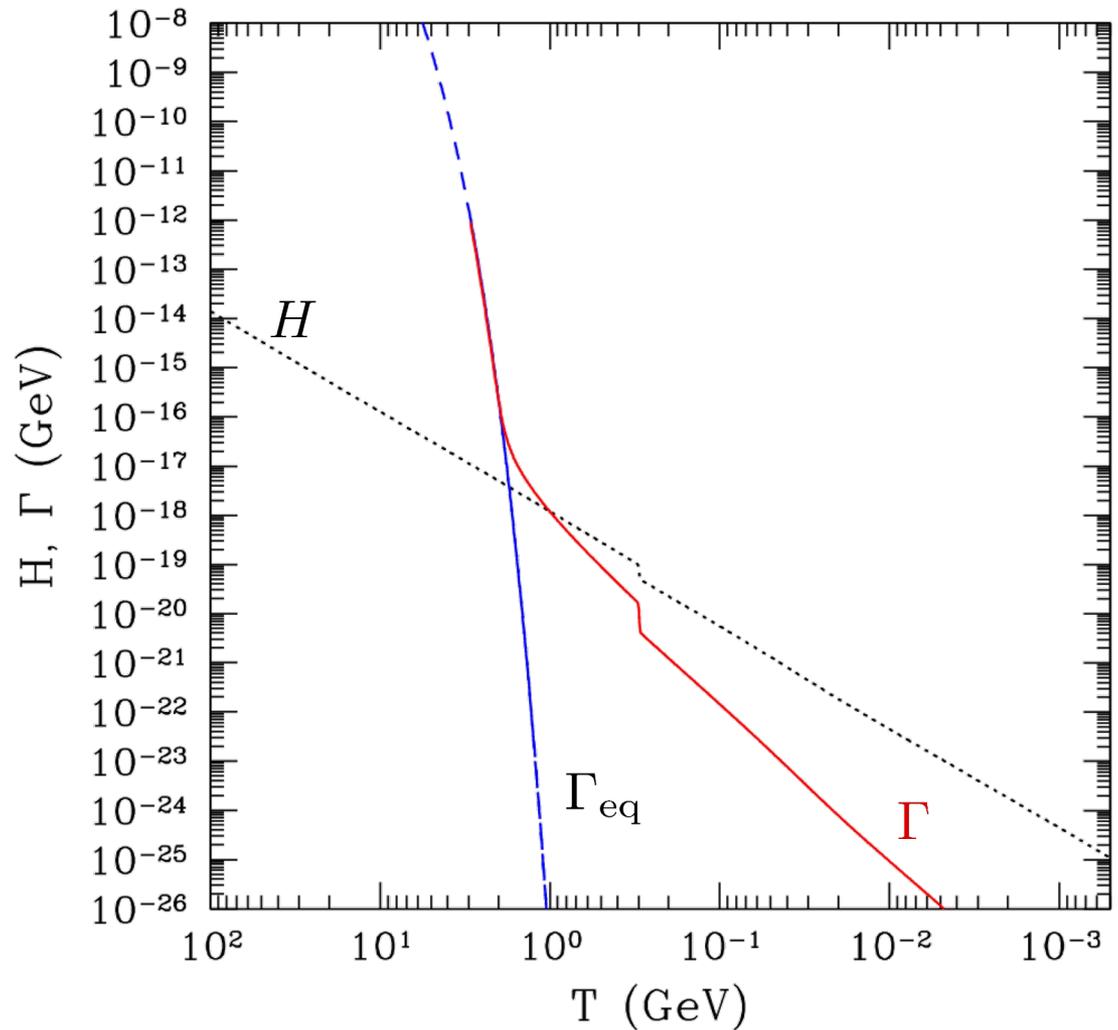
$H = \dot{a}/a$  : expansion rate

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \frac{\int d^3 p_i d^3 p_j f_i(E) f_j(E) \sigma_{ij} v_{ij}}{\int d^3 p_i d^3 p_j f_i(E) f_j(E)}$$

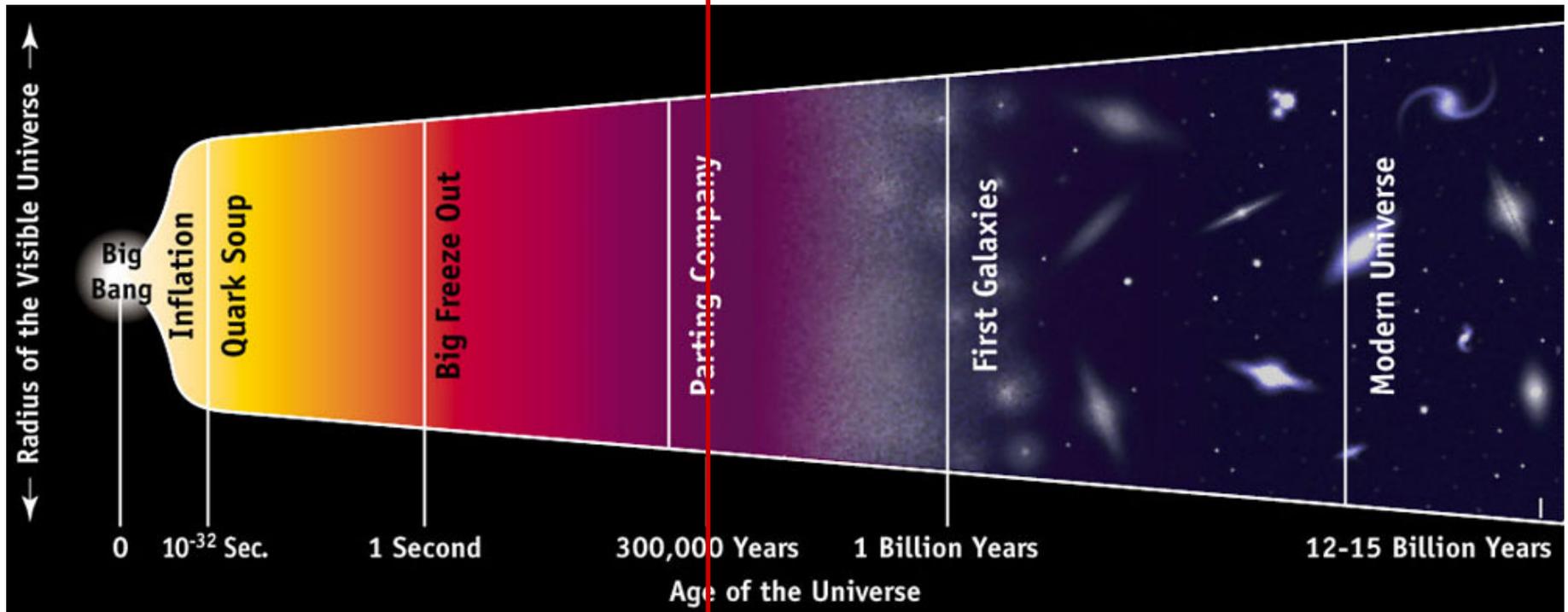
# Particle thermalization in the early Universe

$\Gamma > H$  equilibrium

$\Gamma \leq H$  out of equilibrium



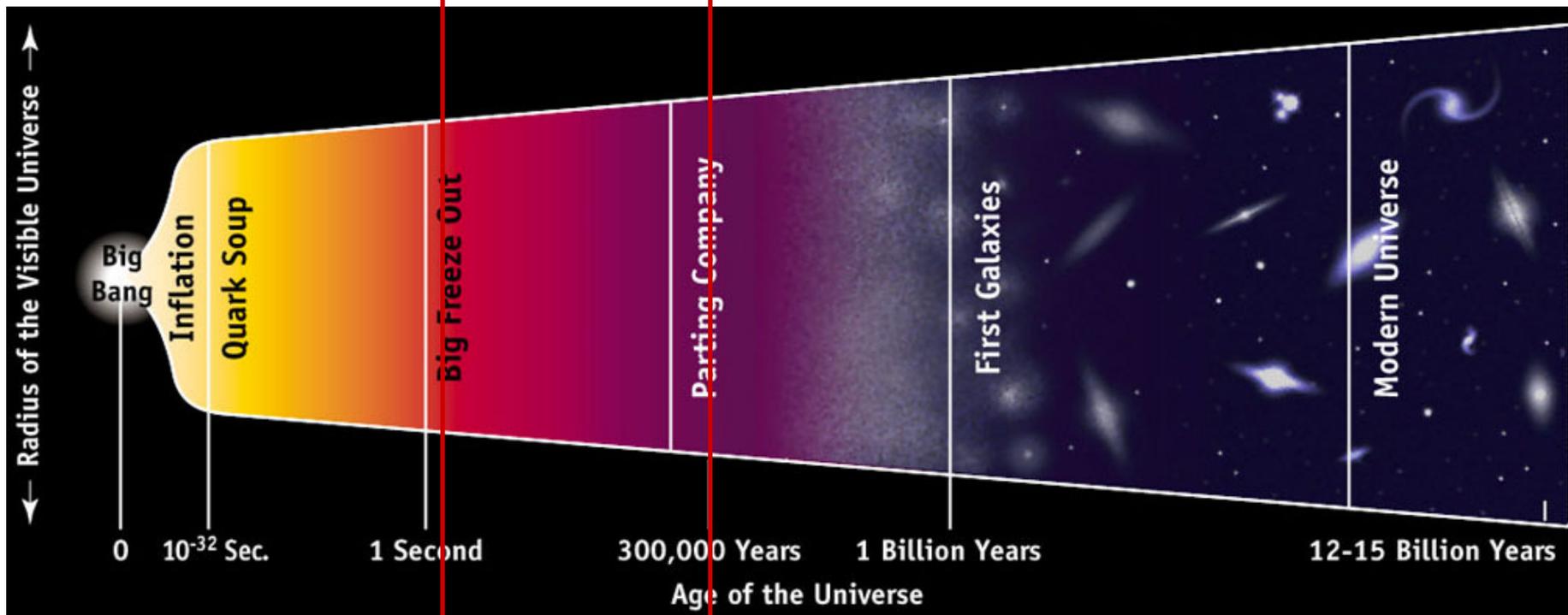
# Thermal history of the Universe



Plasma phase

In this primordial phase, U. evolution is determined by particle interactions

In this phase, U. evolution is determined only by gravity



T

$10^{16}$  GeV

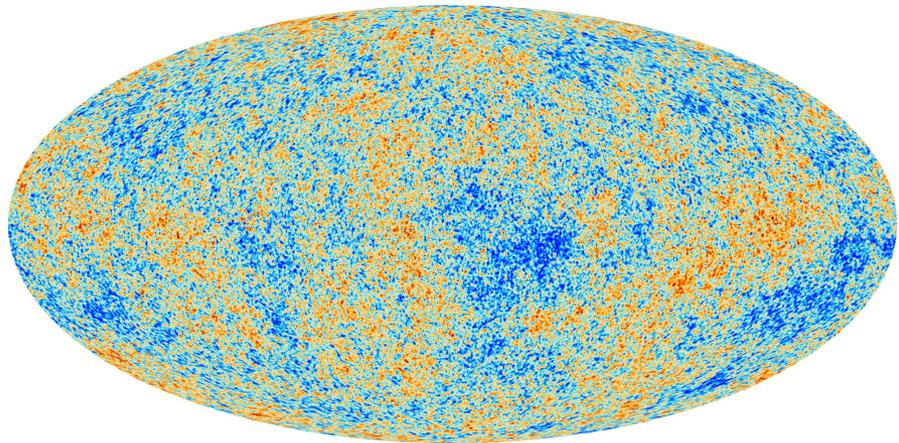
1 MeV

0.23 eV

BBN

CMBR

primordial H, D,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$



# Detailed evolution of the particle

The detailed evolution of each species in the fluid is governed by the Boltzmann equation:

$$L[f_i] = C[f_i; f_j, f_k, \dots]$$

Liouville operator                  Collision operator

For the Friedmann U.

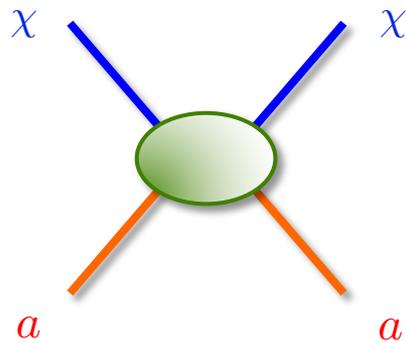
$$L[f_i] = E \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} - \frac{\dot{a}}{a} |\vec{p}|^2 \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial E}$$

The collision operator contains the detailed information on all possible interactions of the  $i$  species with all other species in the plasma

$$C[f_i; f_j, f_k, \dots] = C_{\text{elastic}}[f_i; f_j, f_k, \dots] + C_{\text{inelastic}}[f_i; f_j, f_k, \dots]$$

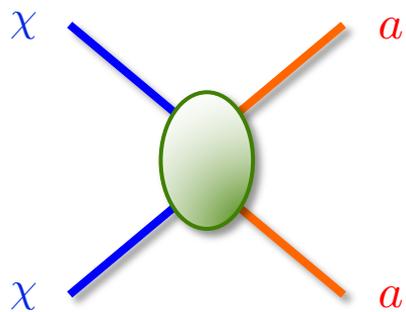
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Elastic process

kinetic equilibrium



Inelastic process

chemical equilibrium

Both processes are able to modify the phase-space distribution  $f_i(p, T)$

Elastic processes: do not modify the number density  $n_i(T)$

Inelastic processes: do modify the number density  $n_i(T)$

# Boltzmann eq. for the number density

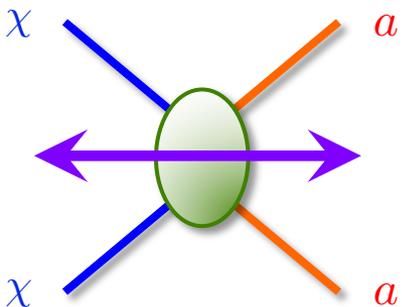
After integration over momenta (and some mathematical manipulation) a Boltzmann eq. for the number density can be cast in the form:

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -3Hn - \langle \sigma v \rangle (n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

dilution due to expansion

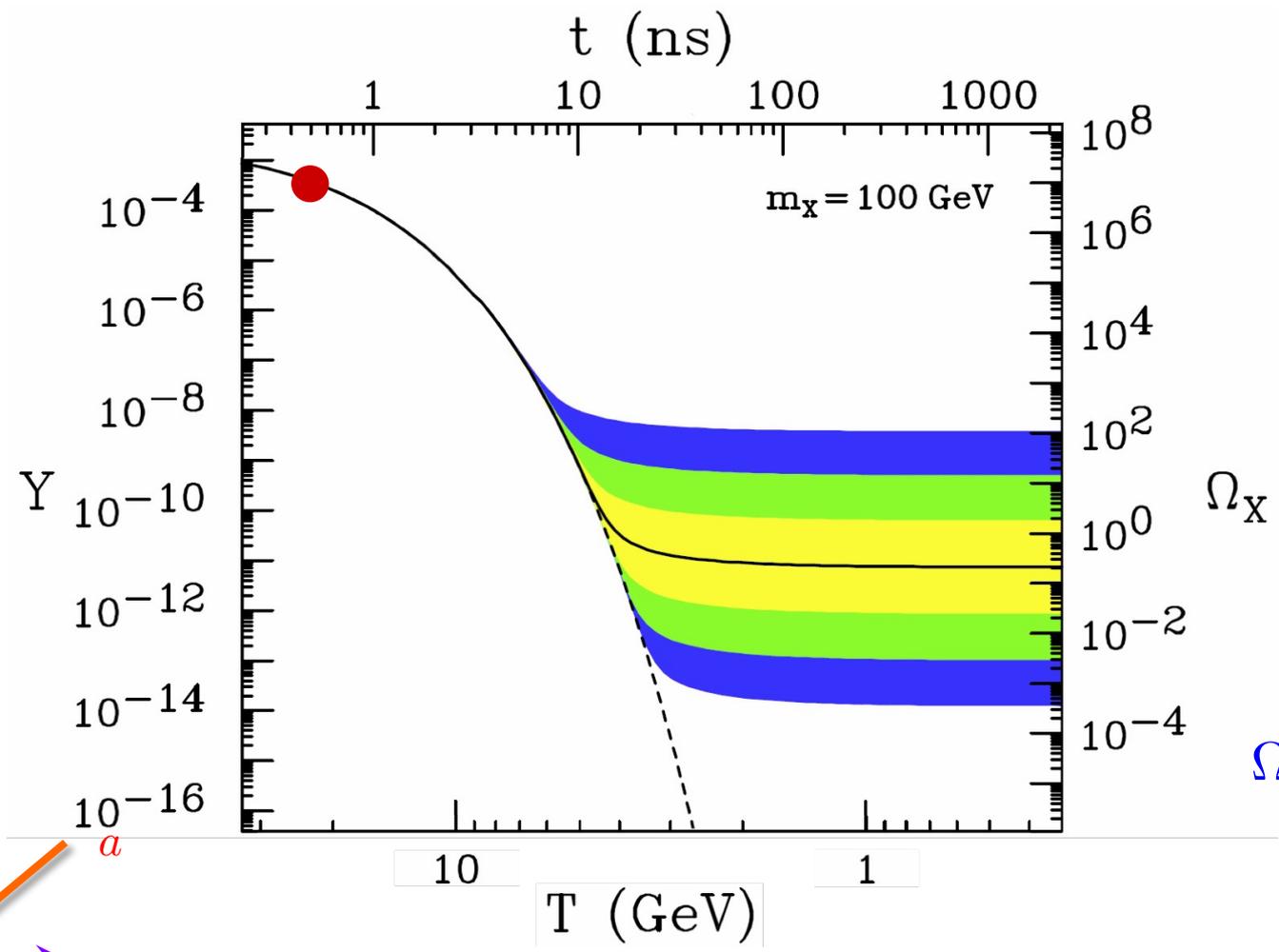
dilution due to annihilation

production due to inverse annihilation

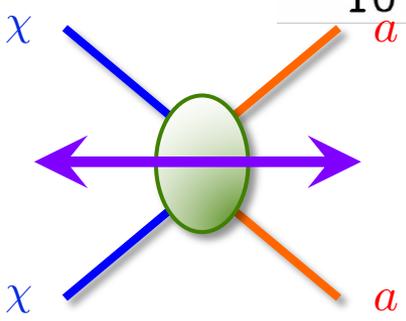


# Abundance evolution

$$Y = n/s$$



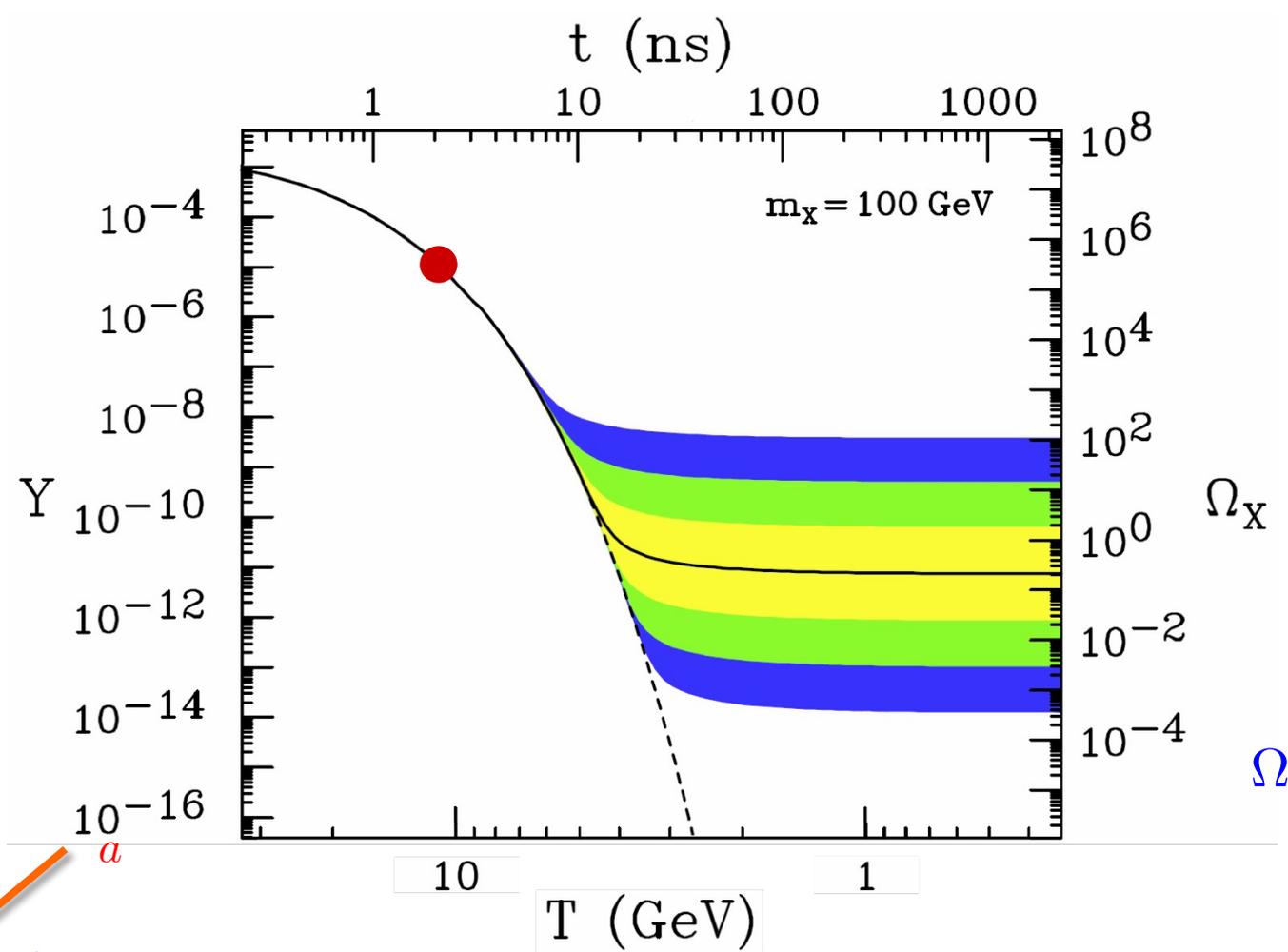
$$\Omega_x = \frac{\rho_x}{\rho_C}$$



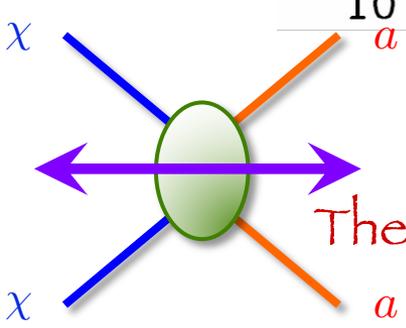
particle in equilibrium

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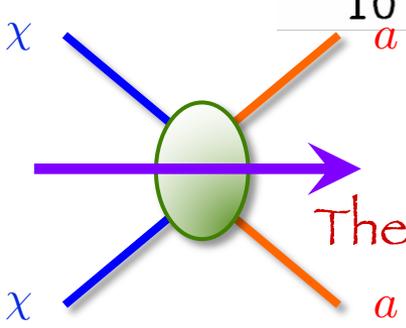
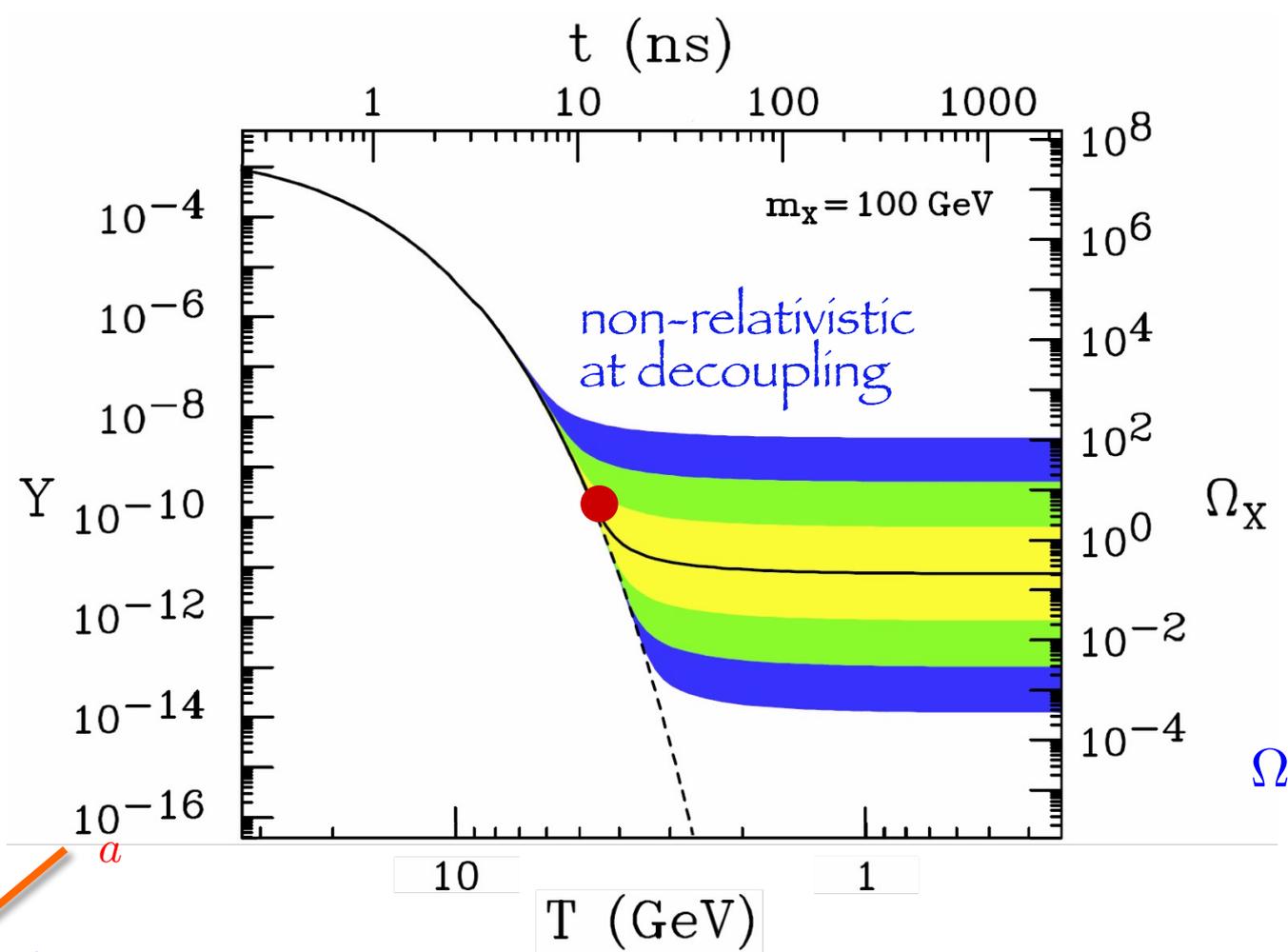


The universe cools down

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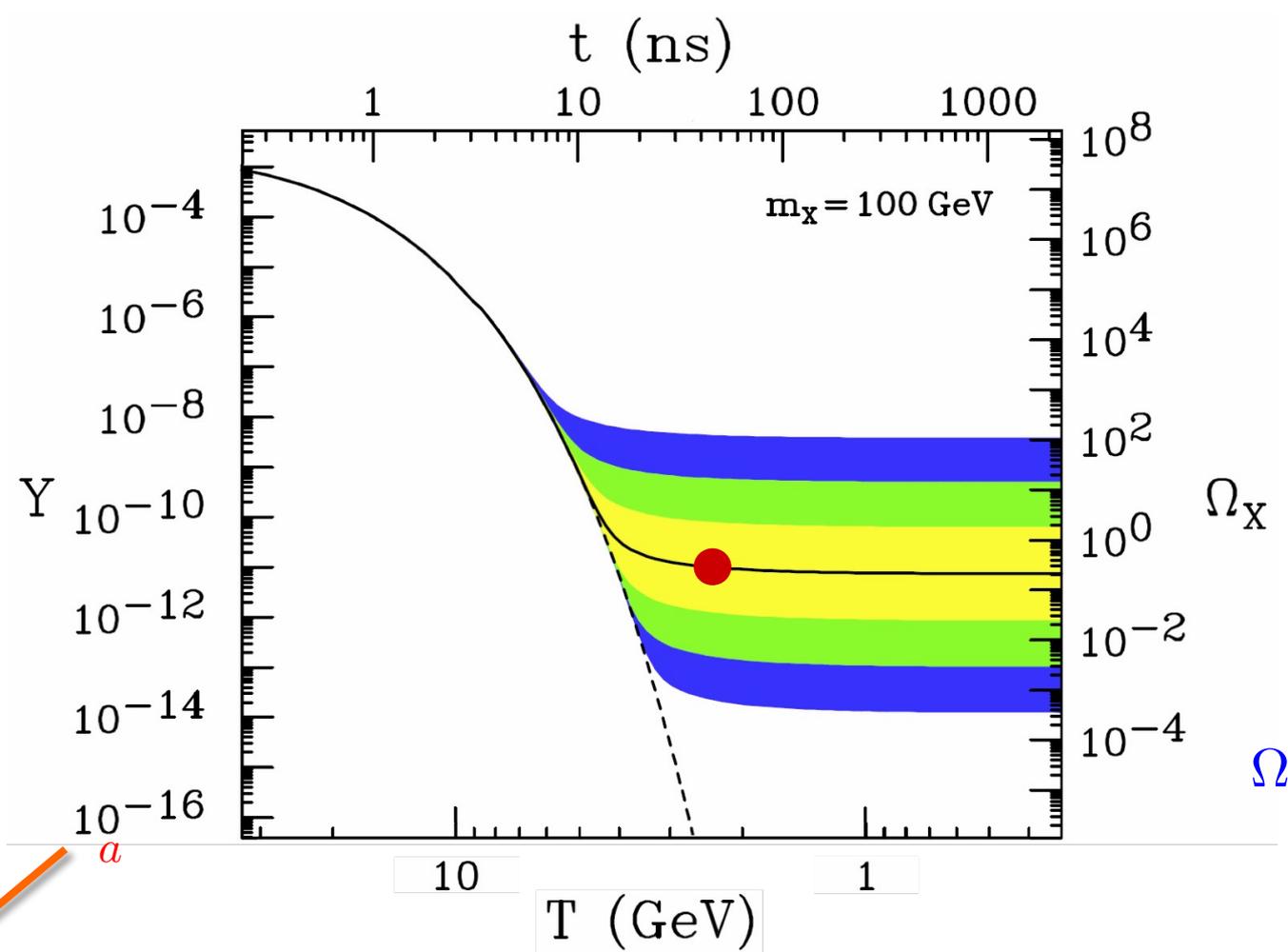


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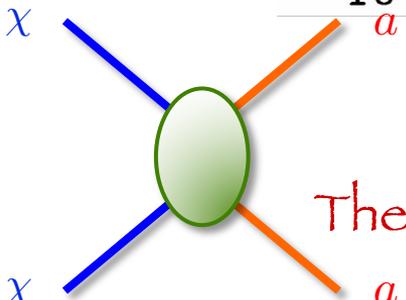
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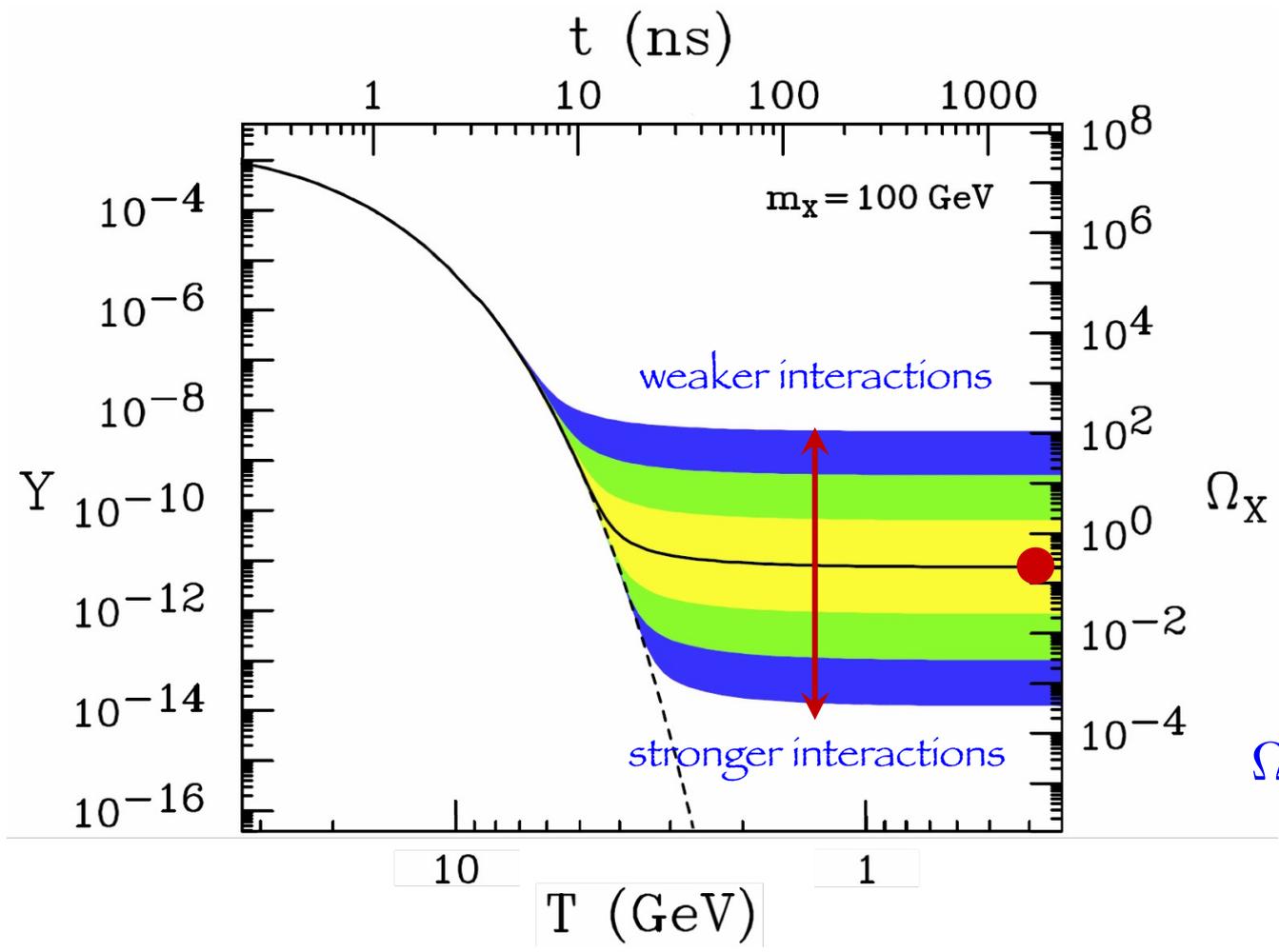


The universe cools down

particle detaches from the plasma  
“freeze-out” of its abundance

# Abundance evolution

$$Y = n/s$$



The universe cools down

abundance today (relic)

# Freeze-out mechanism

Freeze-out temperature

$$x_f = \ln[(0.246)(0.145) m_{DM} M_P g g_\star^{-1/2}(x_f) \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle_{(x_f)} x_f^{-1/2}]$$
$$(x_f = m_{DM}/T_f)$$

Relic abundance today

$$\Omega h^2 = 8.5 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{g_\star^{1/2}(x_f)}{g_\star S(x_f)} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}^{-2}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle_{\text{int}}} \right)$$

# The WIMP “miracle”

WIMP: Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

$$m_\chi \sim (\text{GeV} \div \text{TeV})$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim (\xi G_F)^2 m_{\text{DM}}^2 \sim 10^{-10} \xi^2 \left( \frac{m}{\text{GeV}} \right)^2 \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

*weak type*

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim \frac{10^{-10}}{(\Omega h^2)_{\text{CDM}}} \sim 10^{-9} \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

*naturally*

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim 0.1$$

$$x_f \sim (10 \div 30)$$

| $m_{\text{DM}} (\text{GeV})$ | $\xi$ |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1                            | 4     |
| 10                           | 0.4   |
| 100                          | 0.04  |
| 1000                         | 0.004 |

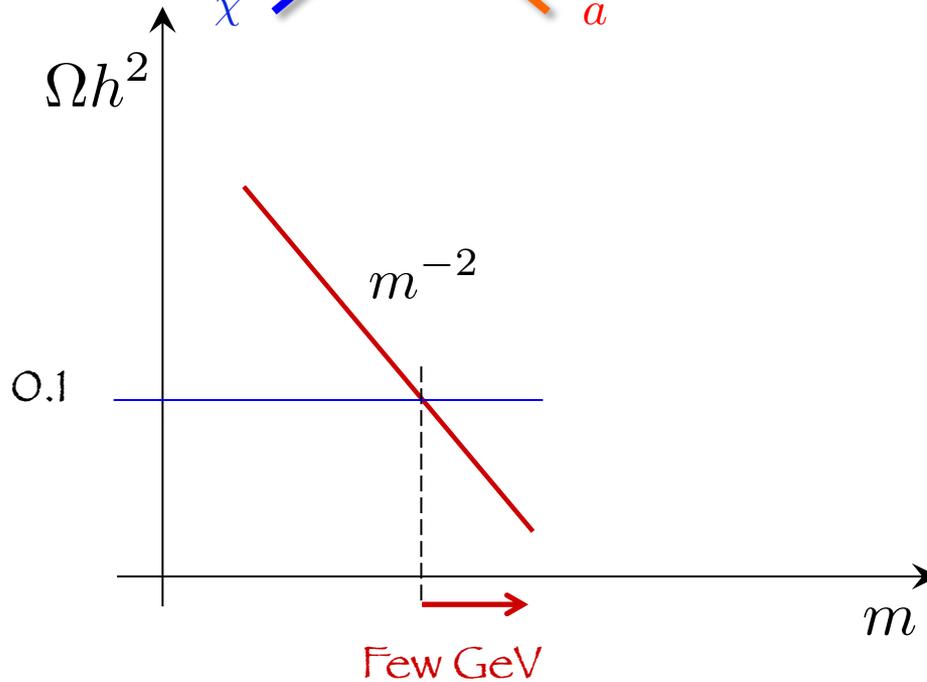
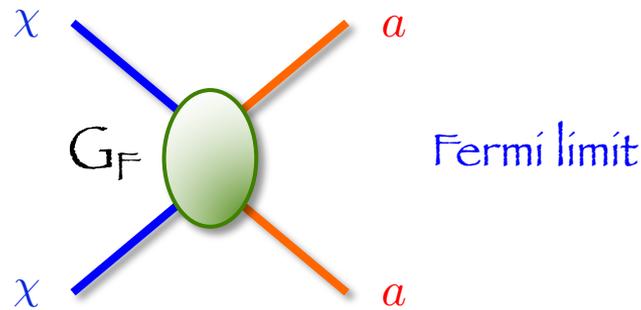
# In more details

$$m \ll m_Z$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim G_F^2 m_{\text{DM}}^2$$

$$s = q^2 \sim (2 m_{\text{DM}})^2$$

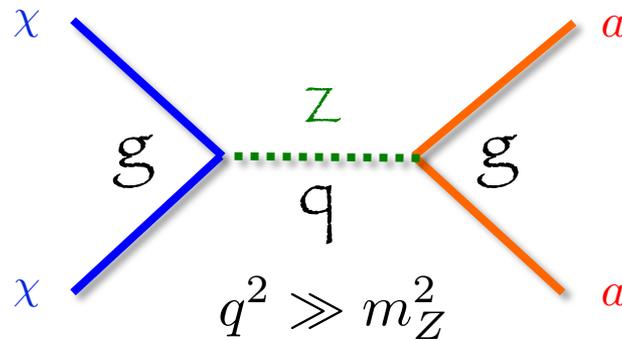
non-relativistic  
 $\langle E \rangle \sim m_{\text{DM}}$



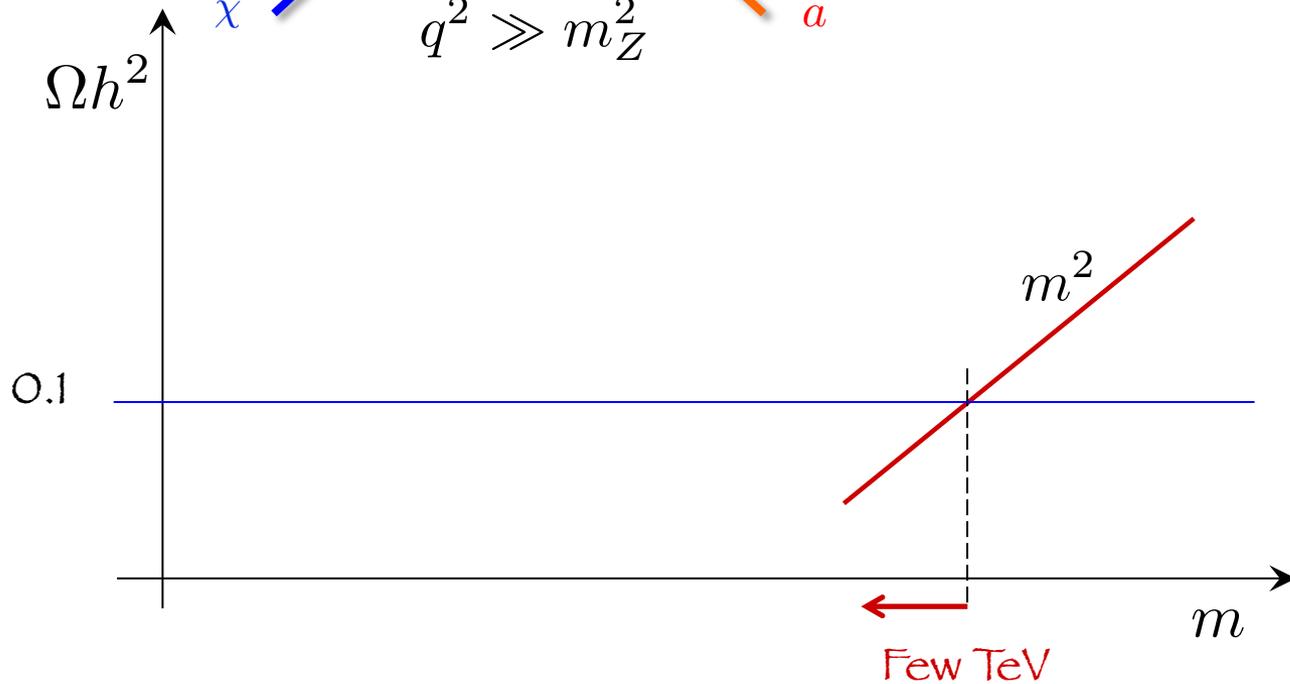
Lee-Weinberg bound

# In more details

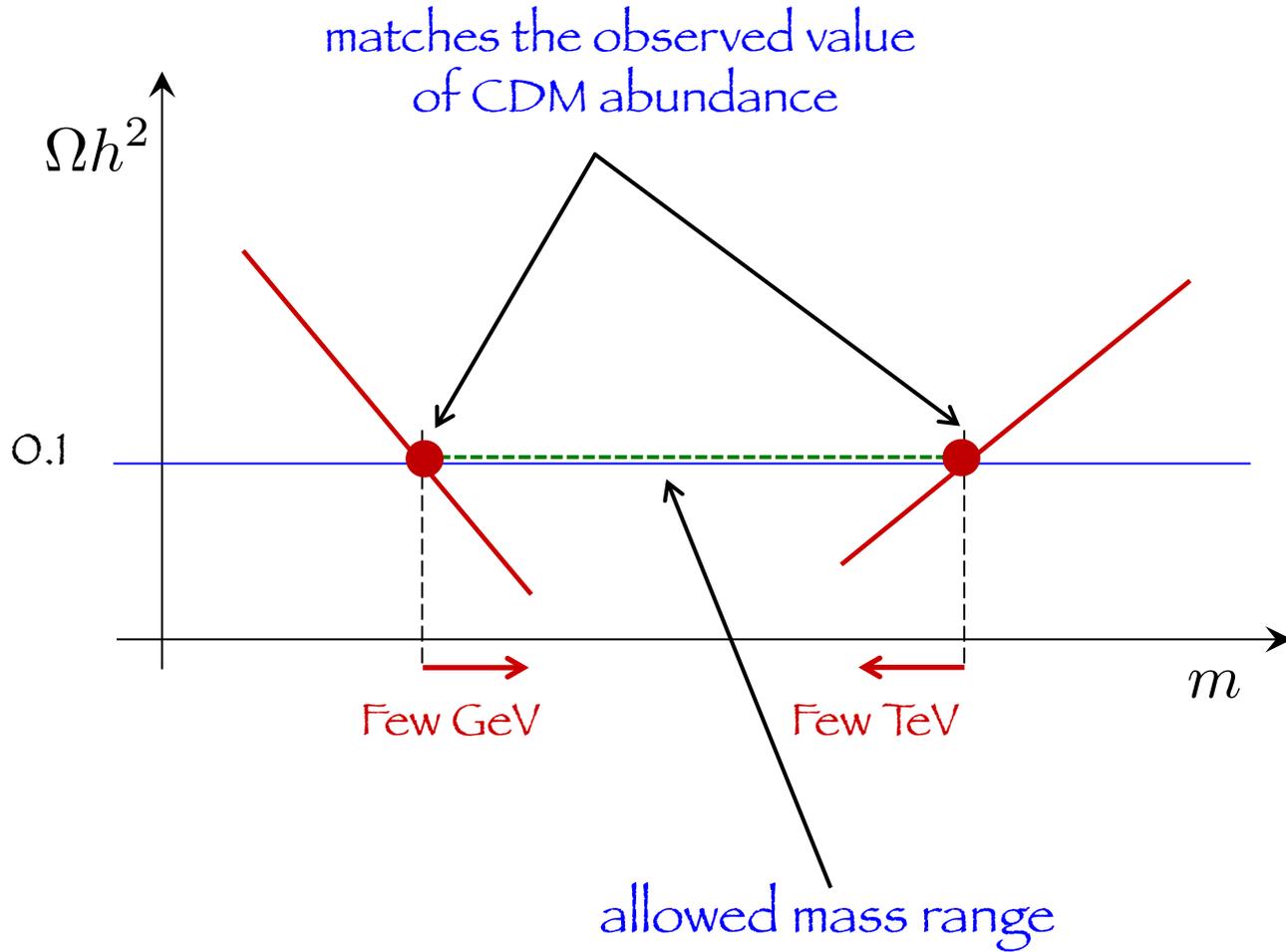
$m \gg m_Z$        $\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim \frac{g^4}{m_{\text{DM}}^2}$        $s = q^2 \sim (2 m_{\text{DM}})^2$



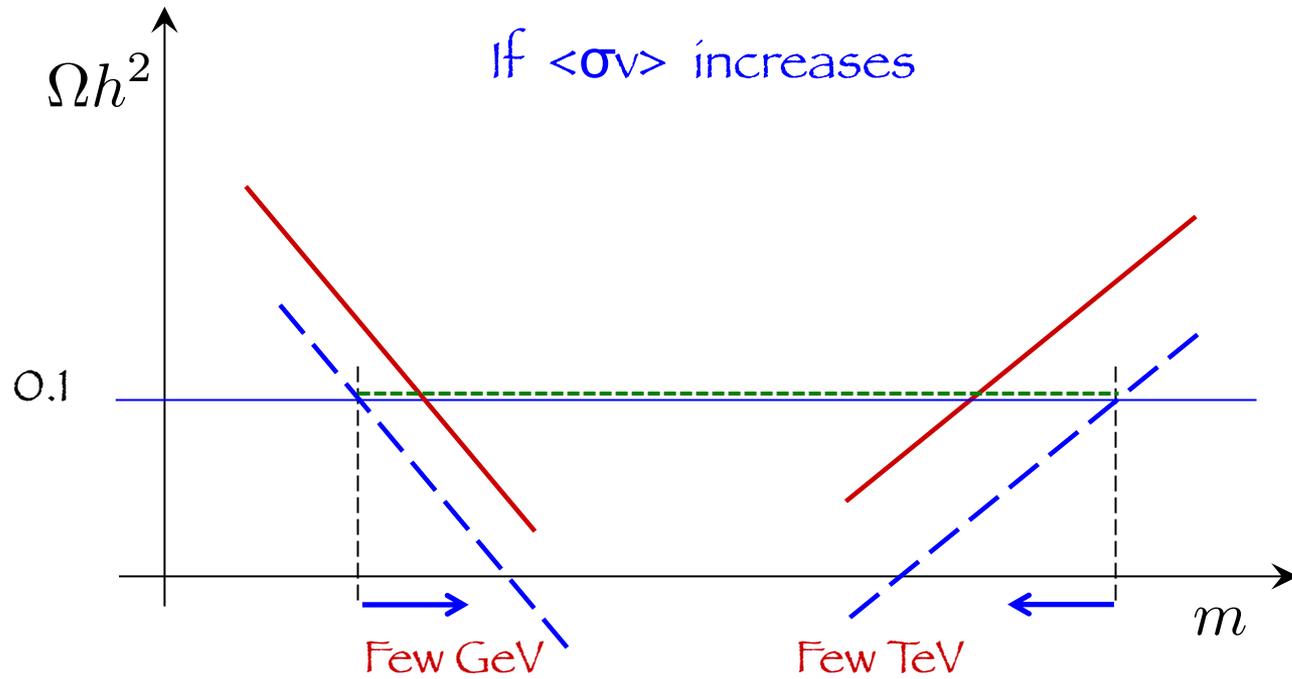
Effectively massless Z



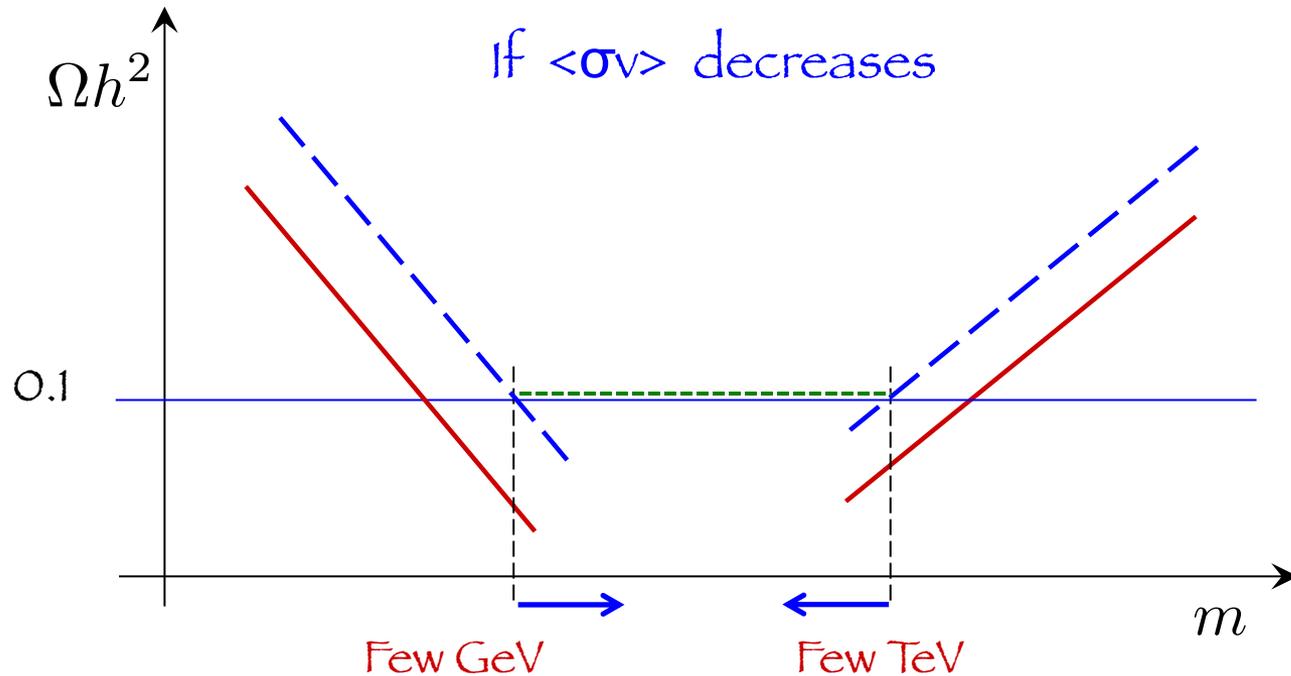
# Summarizing



# Dependencies



# Dependencies



Additional features

Poles (Z, H, others)

Coannihilations

Sommerfeld enhancements

$$m_{\text{DM}} \sim m_Z/2, m_H/2$$

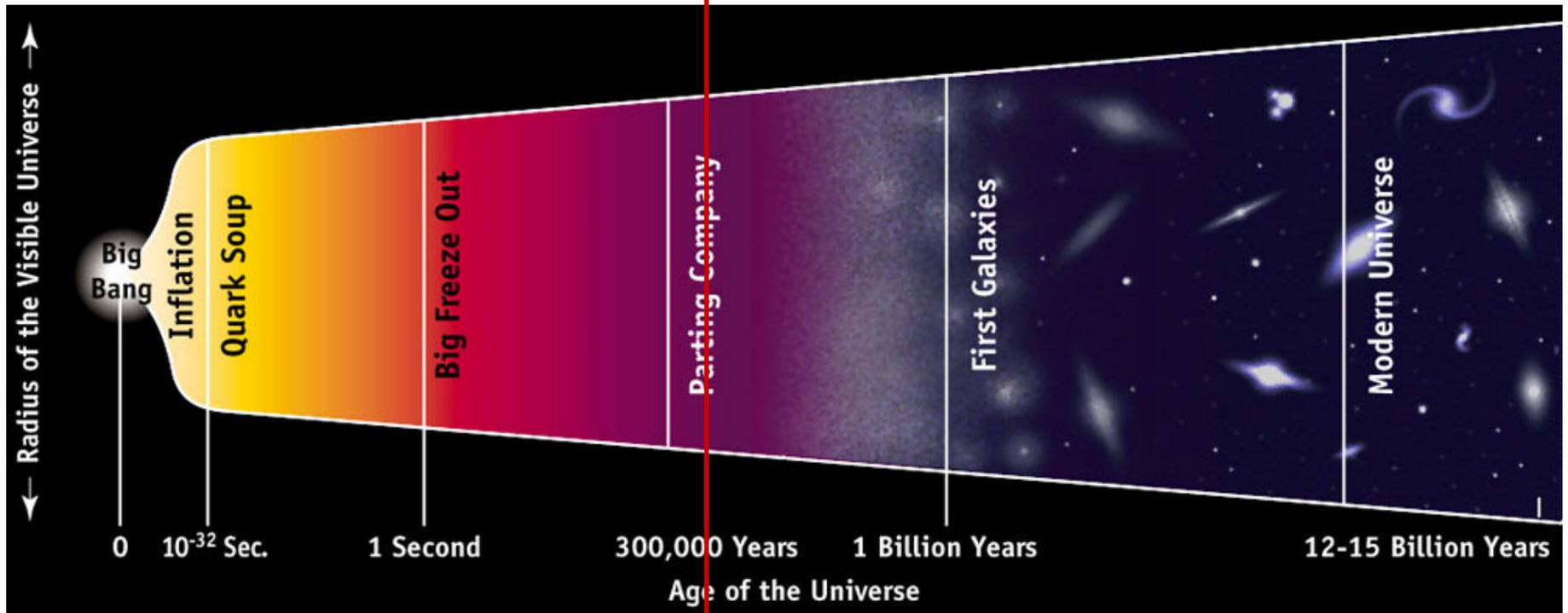
$m_{\text{DM}} \sim m_{\text{slightly heavier state}}$   
light mediator

# The WIMP “miracle”

Loosely speaking a WIMP with:

- Mass: slightly sub-GeV to multi-TeV
- Interactions: weak type

can successfully explain the observed abundance (and structure) of dark matter in the Universe



T

$10^{16}$  GeV

1 MeV

0.23 eV

BBN

CMBR

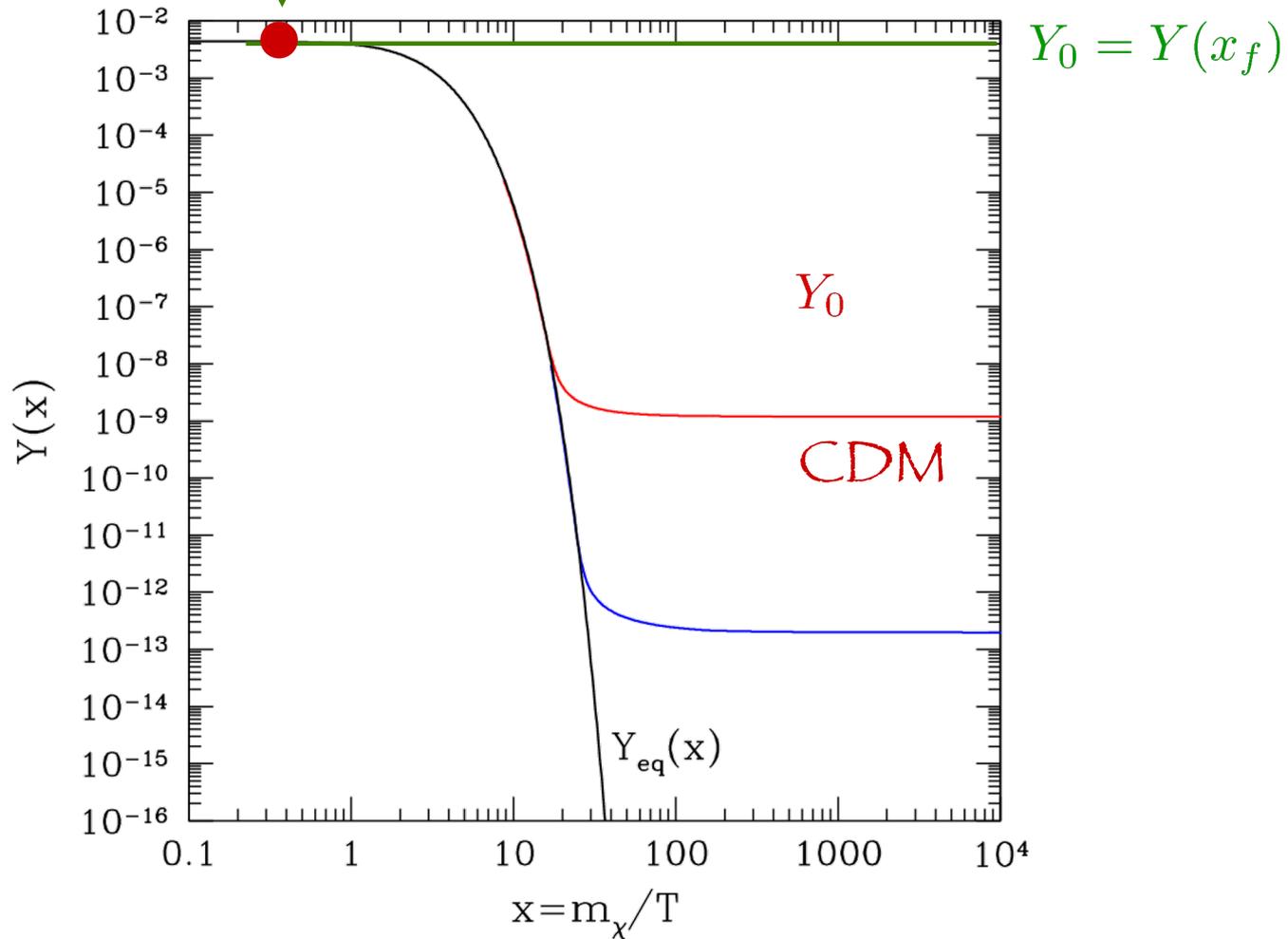
CDM

$T_{dec}$  of the order of 100 MeV – 100 GeV

# Light thermal relics

relativistic at decoupling

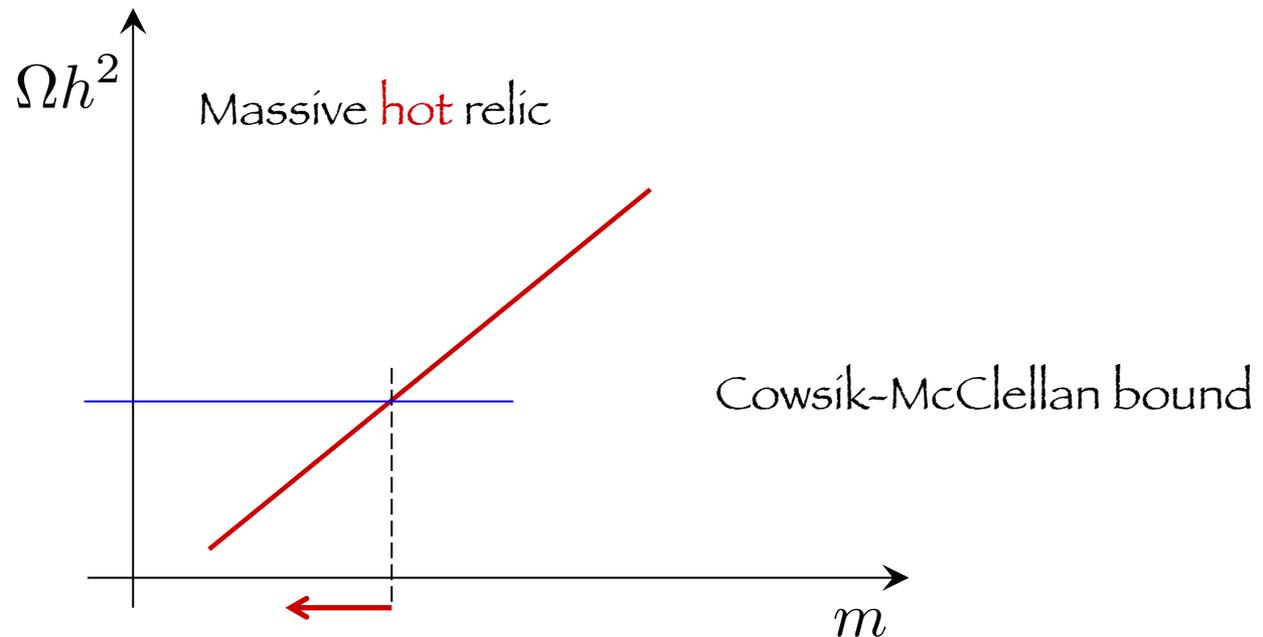
HDM



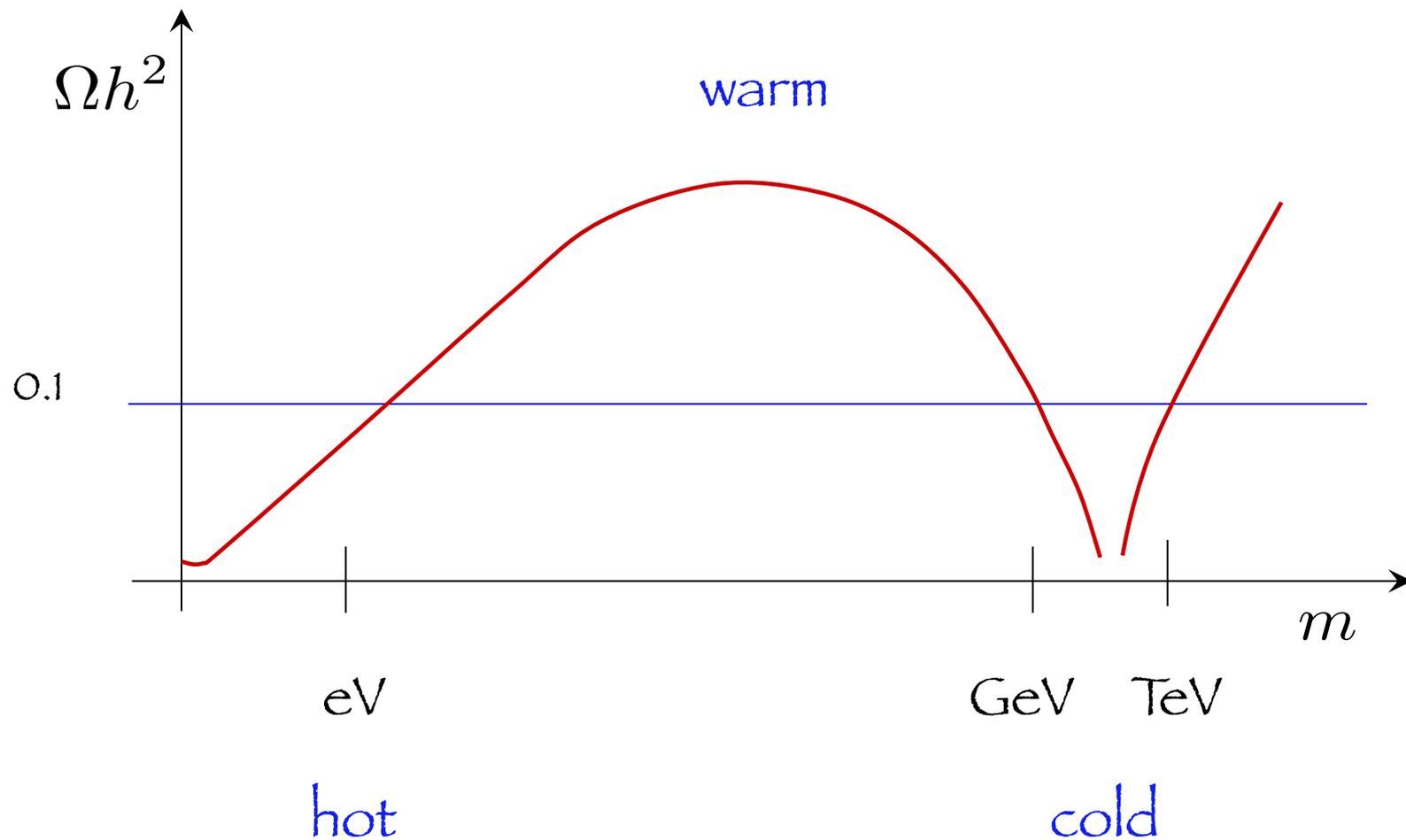
# Light relics as HDM (e.g. neutrinos)

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_i m_i}{93 \text{ eV}}$$

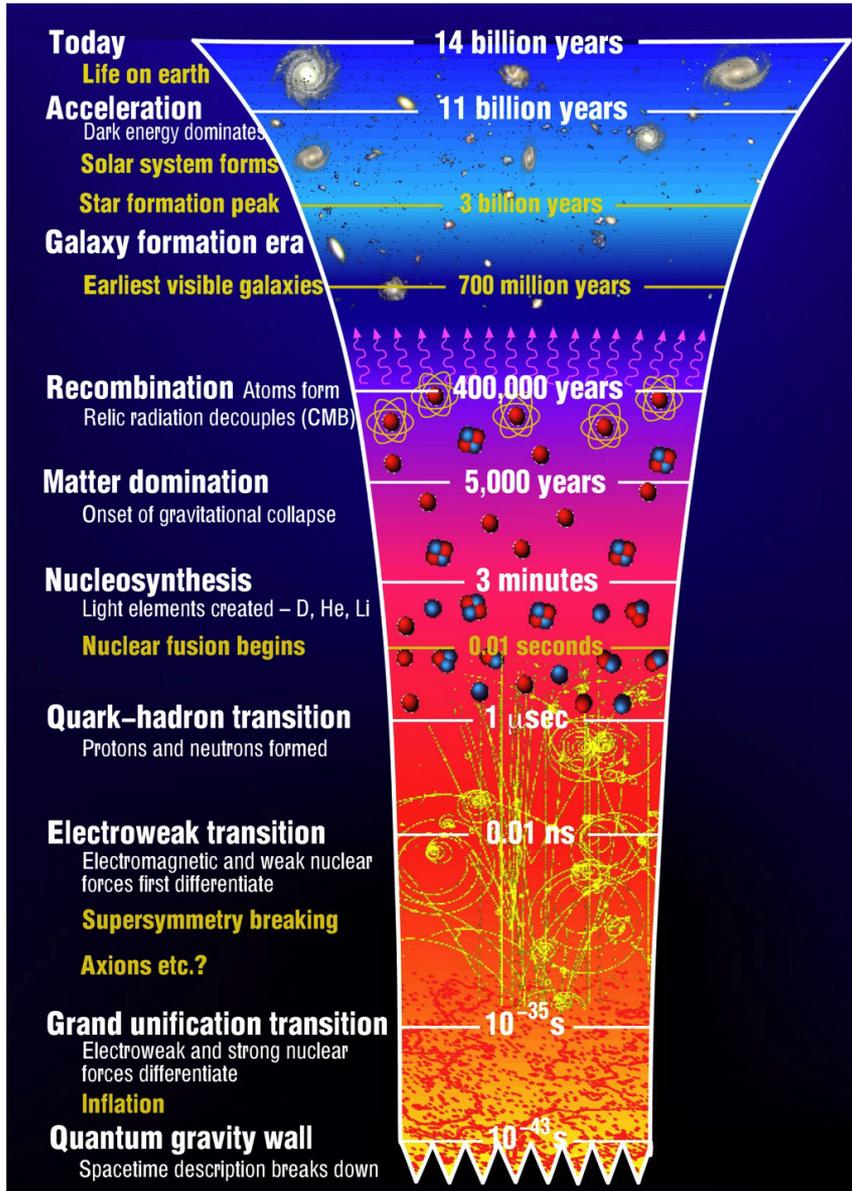
$$\Omega_\nu h^2 \leq (\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2) = 0.13 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_i m_i \leq 12 \text{ eV}$$



# Summary for a thermal relic



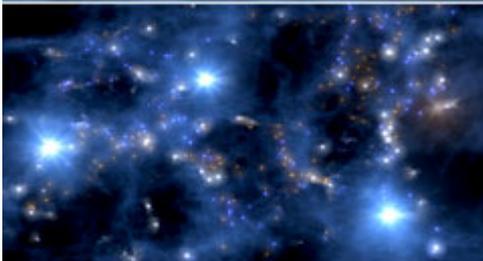
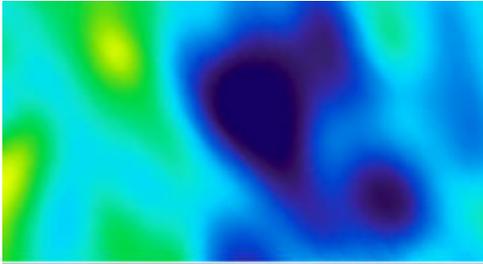
# Early Universe



Gravity Phase

Plasma phase

Particle can be thermally excited



## PRIMORDIAL FLUCTUATION AT CMB



GROWTH OF PERTURBATION BY  
GRAVITATIONAL INSTABILITIES



**DARK MATTER** ACTS AS  
KEY ELEMENT (AND IS  
REQUIRED TO BE  
**EFFECTIVELY COLD**)

STRUCTURE FORMATION  
(GALAXIES, CLUSTERS, FILAMENTS, VOIDS)

# Why cold? Power Spectrum

Describes the density contrast of the Universe as a function of scale

large scales: linear

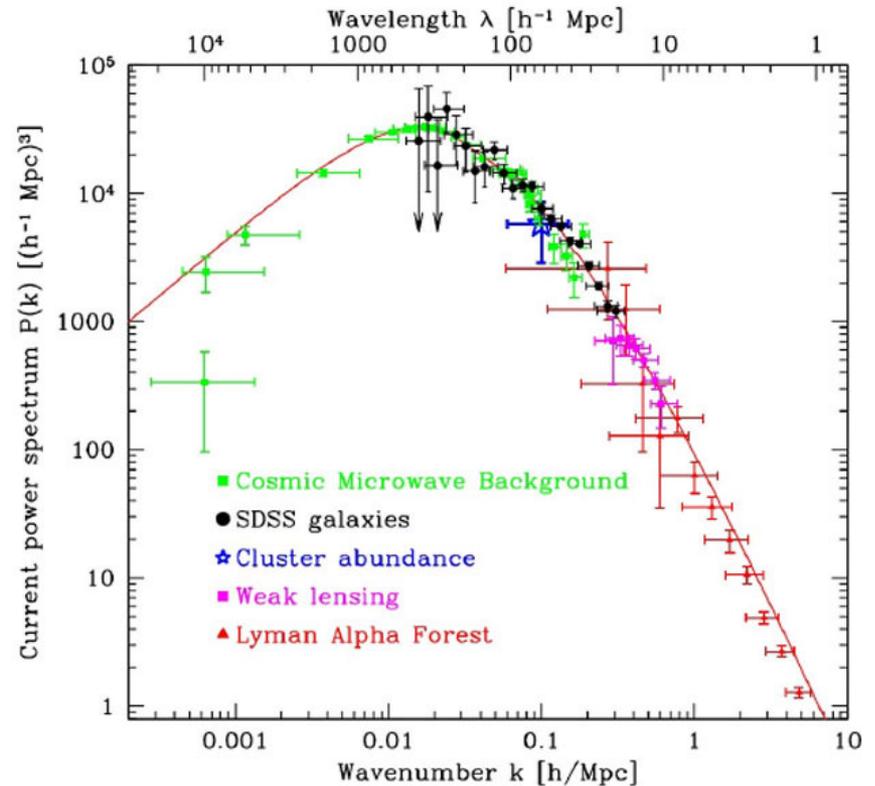
small scales: non-linear

$$\delta(\vec{x}) = \frac{\rho(\vec{x}) - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}$$

FT

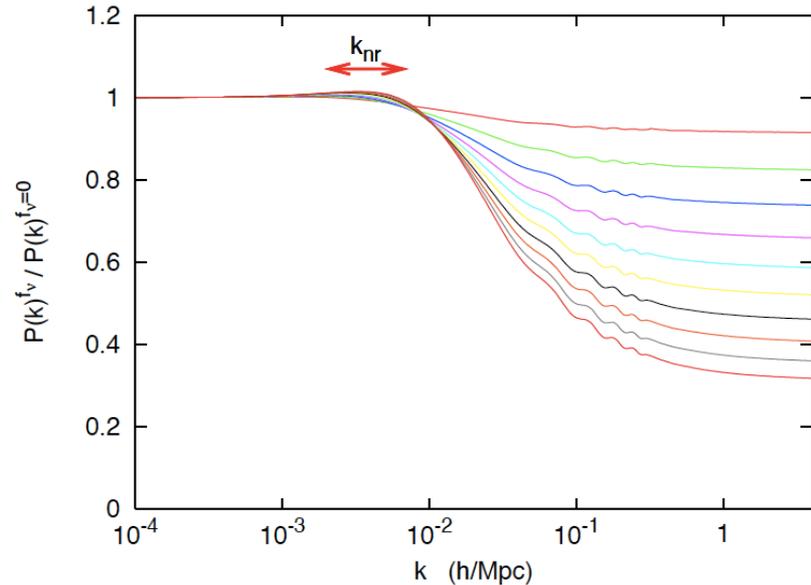
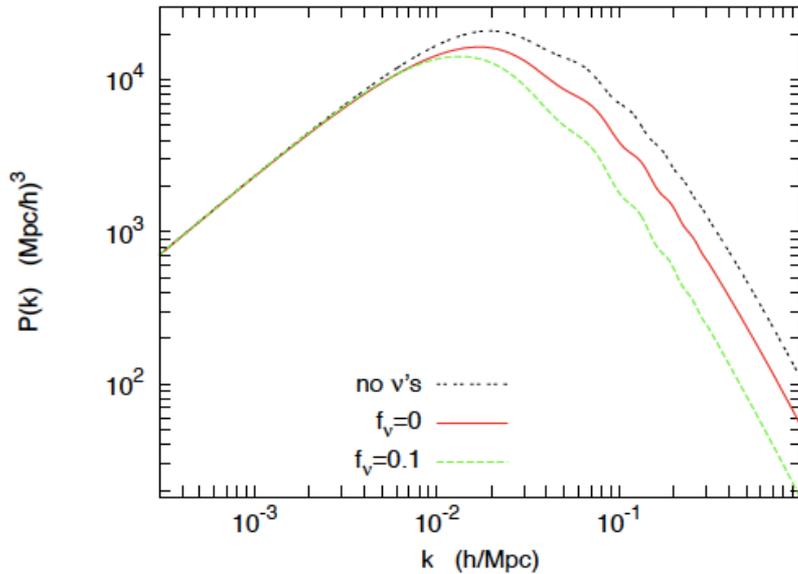
$$\langle \delta(\vec{k}) \delta(\vec{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') P(k)$$

Measures the variance of the density contrast



# Neutrinos as HDM

HDM: erases density contrast (structure) on scales smaller than the free-streaming scale



Dominant HDM is in contradiction with observations (SDSS, 2dF)  
Neutrinos may contribute, but only subdominantly

CMB+SDSS+2dF

$$\sum_i m_i \leq (0.9 \div 1.7) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Omega h^2 \leq (0.0097 \div 0.018)$$

Atm. neutrinos

$$\sqrt{\Delta m_{13}^2} = 0.047 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Omega h^2 \geq 0.0005$$

# Successful DM candidate - Recap

- Needs to be produced in the early Universe
- Needs to be “cold” (or, at least, “warm” enough)
  - For thermal production: weakly interacting and massive (WIMP)

$$\Omega h^2 \sim \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}}^{-1} \longrightarrow \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}} = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$$

unless coannihilation occurs

- If light, it nevertheless needs to act as “cold”
- Needs to be neutral
- Needs to be stable (or, if it decays, it needs a lifetime larger than the age of the Universe)

# Alternative mechanisms

The standard paradigm for WIMP CDM is a *thermal symmetric* relic (i.e. particle and antiparticles have the same number density)

## Partial thermalization

- Freeze-in, E-WIMP, FIMPs

## Asymmetry between particle/antiparticle

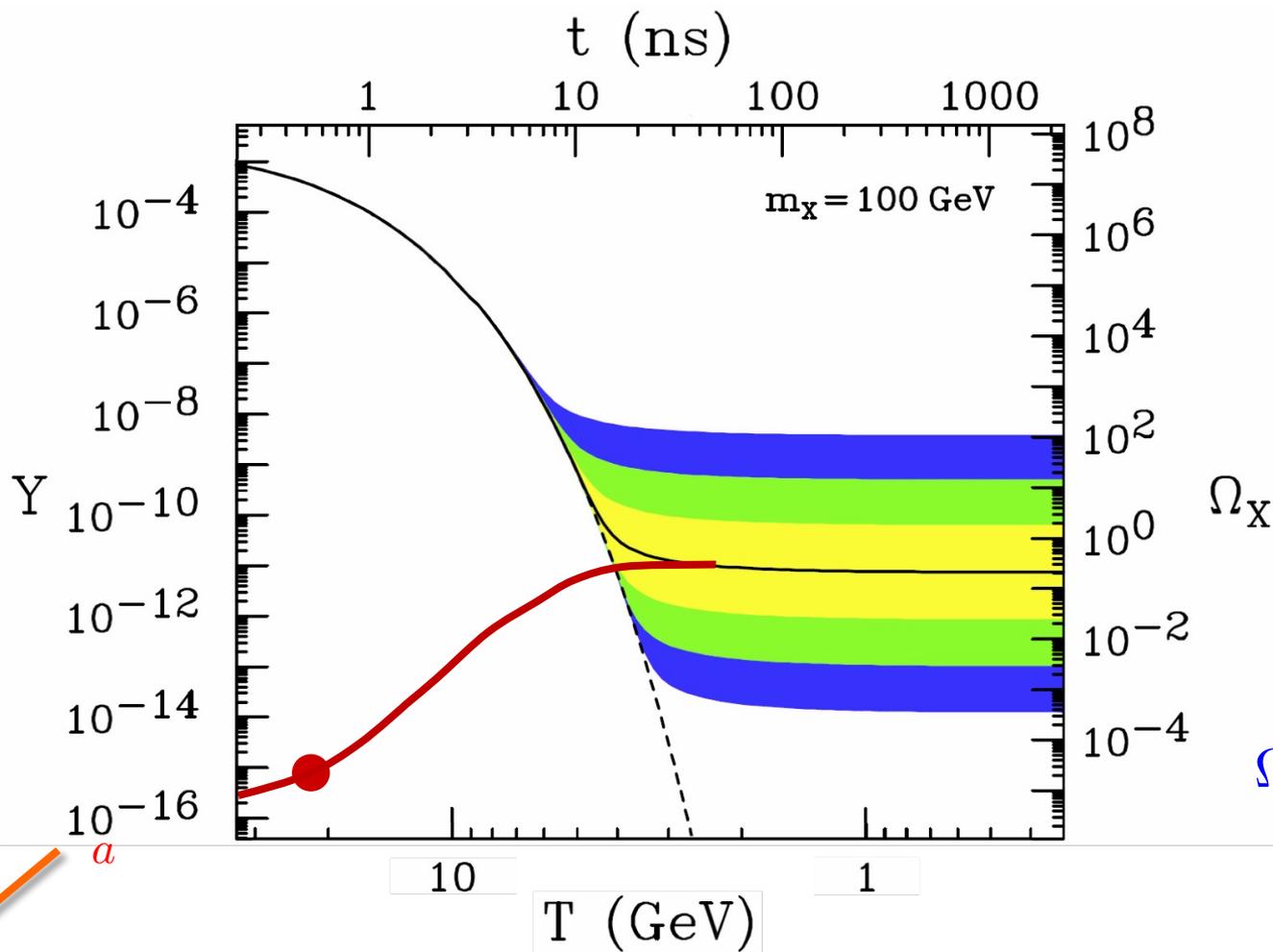
- The relic abundance is set by the asymmetry, not thermal freeze-out
- This may link DM abundance to baryon asymmetry

## Non-thermal production

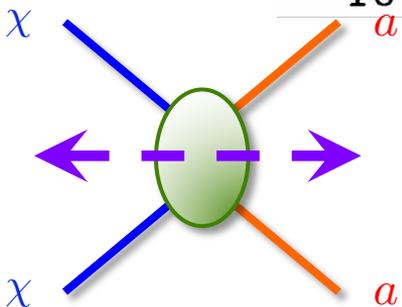
- DM produced by the *decay* of a heavier particle
- Peculiar cosmological dynamics (e.g.: *misalignment* for axions)
- *Oscillations* from “friendly” states (e.g. sterile neutrinos)

# Freeze-in mechanism

$$Y = n/s$$



$$\Omega_x = \frac{\rho_x}{\rho_C}$$

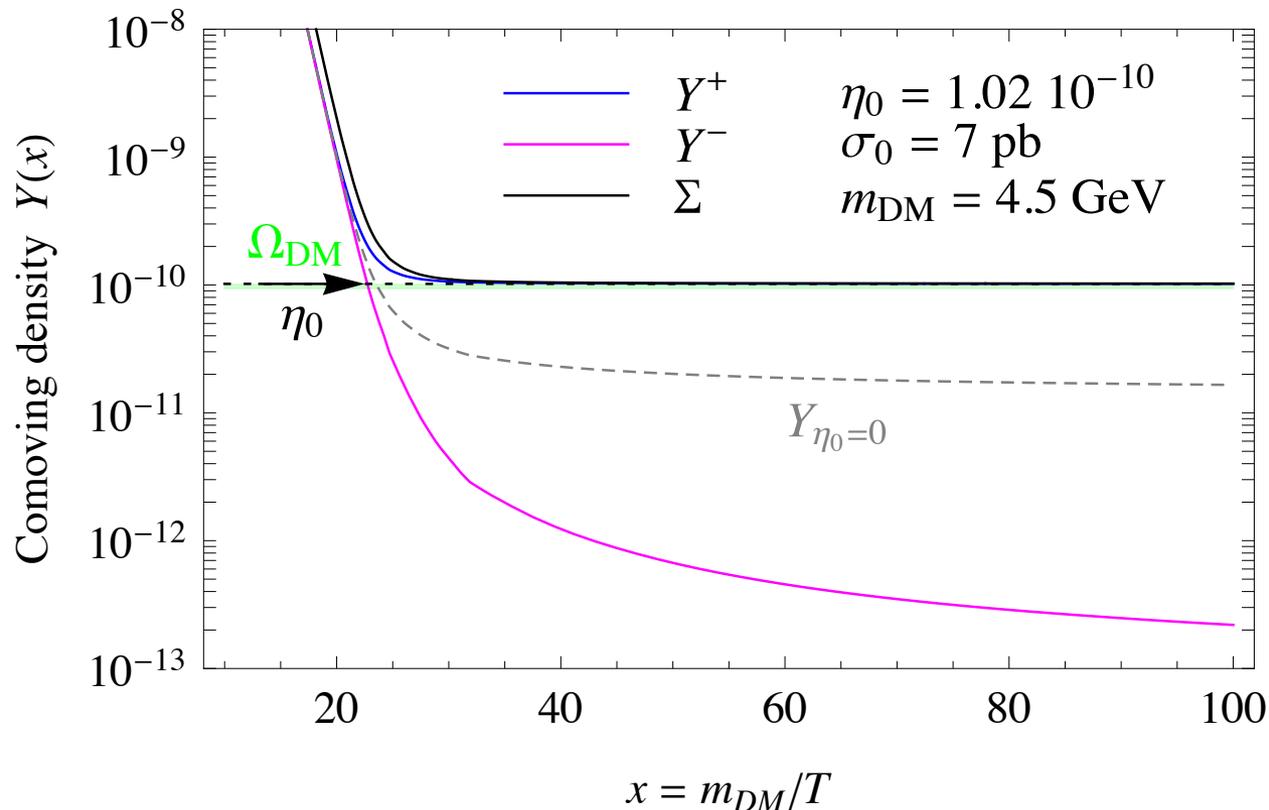


particle never in full equilibrium

# Asymmetric DM

Asymmetry can arise because of:

- Initial conditions (quite fine tuned)
- Sakharov conditions (like for baryo/lepto genesis; maybe related to them ?)



# Asymmetric DM

$$n_\chi \neq n_{\bar{\chi}}$$

$$\Omega h^2 \sim |n_\chi - n_{\bar{\chi}}| m_\chi$$

Example:  $\frac{\Omega_\chi}{\Omega_b} \sim 5$

$$|n_\chi - n_{\bar{\chi}}| \sim (n_b - n_{\bar{b}}) \sim n_b \quad (\text{baryon asymmetry})$$

$$\frac{\Omega_\chi}{\Omega_b} = \frac{|n_\chi - n_{\bar{\chi}}| m_\chi}{n_b m_N} \sim k \frac{m_\chi}{m_N} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{model dependent} \\ \text{link (DM, B) needed} \end{array}$$

If  $k \sim 1$ :  $m_\chi \sim 5 m_N \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$

Asymmetry may occur also without a link between DM and B

# From decay



N heavier than X

Example: N can reach thermal equilibrium  
Then freezes-out an abundance  
Then decays out of equilibrium

$$n_N \longrightarrow n_X$$

$$\rho_X = m_X n_X = m_X \frac{\rho_N}{m_N}$$

$$\Omega_X = \frac{m_X}{m_N} \Omega_N$$

(depends on  $\langle \sigma_{N\nu} \rangle$ )

# From oscillations

$\nu_S$  sterile neutrino

Needs to be very weakly mixed

$$\sin^2(2\theta) \sim 10^{-11} - 10^{-12}$$

$$m_{\nu_S} \sim 10 \text{ KeV}$$

**PARTICLE DM AND  
PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD  
MODEL**

# Standard Model

$$SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$$

| Normal particles/fields          |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Symbol                           | Name         |
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| $g$                              | gluon        |
| $W^\pm$                          | $W$ -boson   |
| $B$                              | $B$ -field   |
| $W^3$                            | $W^3$ -field |
| $H^0$                            | Higgs boson  |

No viable DM candidate present !

# DM strength of interactions

- Weak

- Light (standard) neutrinos, (heavier) RH neutrinos (...)
- **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)** paradigm for thermal CDM
- (...)

- Strong-type

- Mirror DM
- Technicolor DM
- (...)

- Gravitational-type

- Gravitino
- (...)

- Electromagnetic

- Open window if  $100(q_x/e)^2 < m_x < 10^8(q_x/e) \text{ TeV}$  ?

# DM stability (or significantly long-lived)

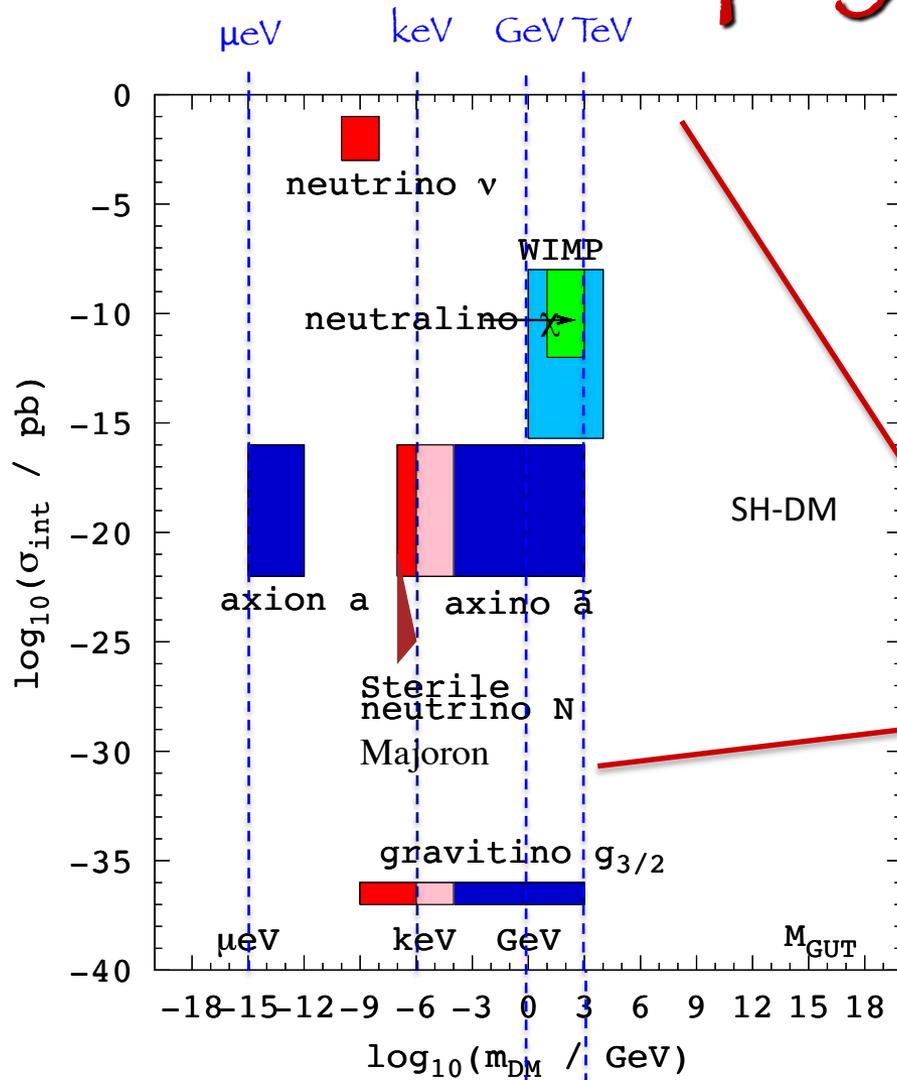
- Accidental/automatic/just-so stability

- Neutrino
- Minimal DM
- Axion
- (...)

- Discrete symmetry imposed

- R-parity: supersymmetric models
- KK-parity: extra-dimensional models
- T-parity: “little-higgs” models
- $Z_2$ -symmetry: inert doublet models, (...)
- (...)

# Particle physics scales



"Strong (-ish)"

Self-interacting

Technicolor DM

...

"EM (-ish)"

Millicharged DM

Electric/magnetic dipole

...

Weak

WIMP

Gravitational



**"I can't tell you what's in the dark matter sandwich. No one knows what's in the dark matter sandwich."**

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# SUSY extension of the Standard Model

SUPERSYMMETRY: FERMION  $\longleftrightarrow$  BOSON

| Normal particles/fields          |              | Supersymmetric partners    |           |                            |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Symbol                           | Name         | Interaction eigenstates    |           | Mass eigenstates           |            |
| Symbol                           | Name         | Symbol                     | Name      | Symbol                     | Name       |
| $q = d, c, b, u, s, t$           | quark        | $\tilde{q}_L, \tilde{q}_R$ | squark    | $\tilde{q}_1, \tilde{q}_2$ | squark     |
| $l = e, \mu, \tau$               | lepton       | $\tilde{l}_L, \tilde{l}_R$ | slepton   | $\tilde{l}_1, \tilde{l}_2$ | slepton    |
| $\nu = \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ | neutrino     | $\tilde{\nu}$              | sneutrino | $\tilde{\nu}$              | sneutrino  |
| $g$                              | gluon        | $\tilde{g}$                | gluino    | $\tilde{g}$                | gluino     |
| $W^\pm$                          | $W$ -boson   | $\tilde{W}^\pm$            | wino      | $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^\pm$   | chargino   |
| $H^-$                            | Higgs boson  | $\tilde{H}_1^-$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $H^+$                            | Higgs boson  | $\tilde{H}_2^+$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $B$                              | $B$ -field   | $\tilde{B}$                | bino      | $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2,3,4}^0$ | neutralino |
| $W^3$                            | $W^3$ -field | $\tilde{W}^3$              | wino      |                            |            |
| $H_1^0$ scalar                   | Higgs boson  | $\tilde{H}_1^0$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $H_2^0$ scalar                   | Higgs boson  | $\tilde{H}_2^0$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $H_3^0$ pseudoscalar             | Higgs boson  |                            |           |                            |            |

2 Higgs doublets

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix} \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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| $W^3$                            | $W^3$ -field                | $\tilde{W}^3$              | wino      |                            |            |
| $h$                              | scalar<br>Higgs boson       | $\tilde{H}_1^0$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $H$                              | scalar<br>Higgs boson       | $\tilde{H}_2^0$            | higgsino  |                            |            |
| $A$                              | pseudoscalar<br>Higgs boson |                            |           |                            |            |

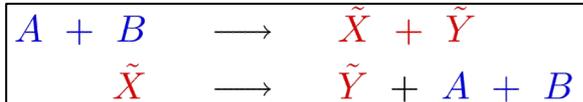
Neutral particles: sneutrinos, neutralinos [gravitinos]

SUSY breaking  $\longrightarrow$  massive SUSY partners

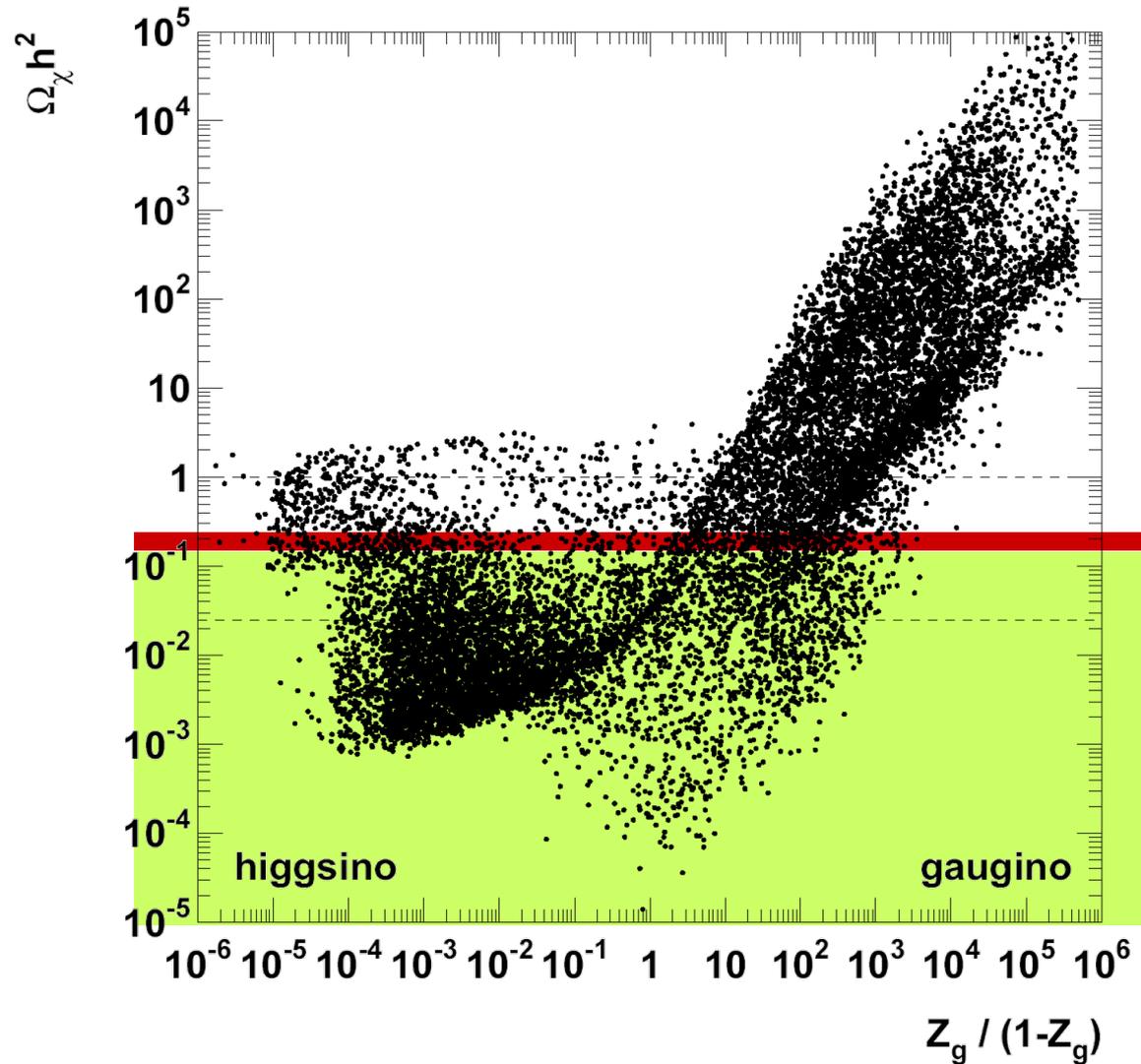
R PARITY

LSP: stable

$$P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$$

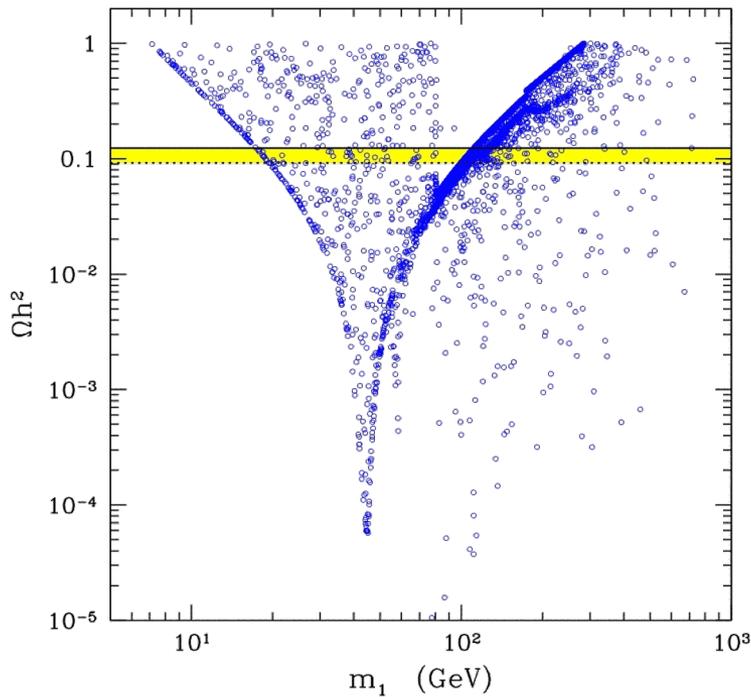


# Neutralino in a generic MSSM

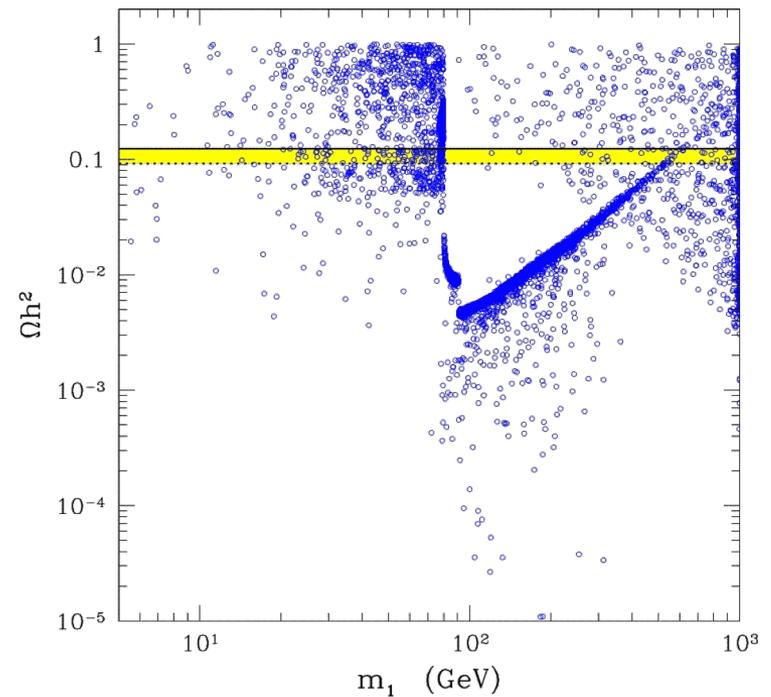


# Sneutrino dark matter

MSSM at the EW scale with terms that induce neutrino masses  
(May) Address DM + neutrino mass in the same sector



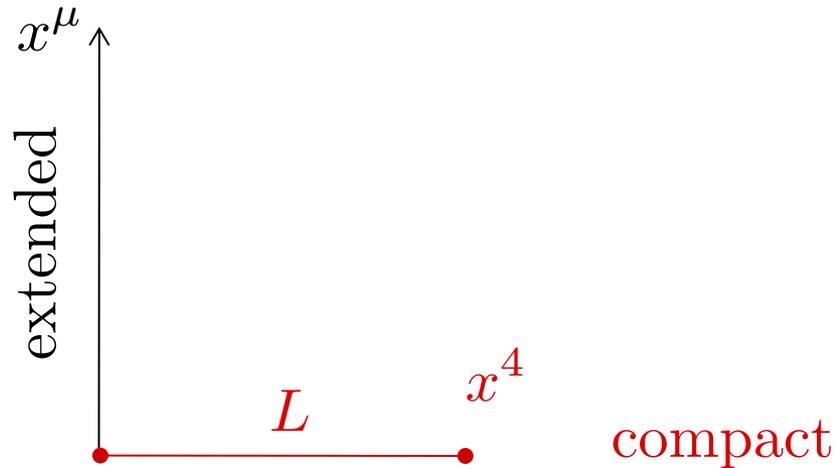
Left+Right models



“Majorana” models

# Extra dimensions (Kaluza Klein theories)

5D spacetime :  $x^M = (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$



$$m_n^2 = m_0^2 + \frac{n^2}{L^2}$$

$n = 0$  SM  
 $n = 1, 2, \dots$  KK states

KK parity



LKP: stable

# Minimal models

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + c \begin{cases} \bar{\mathcal{X}}(i\not{D} + M)\mathcal{X} & \text{Fermion multiplet} \\ |D_\mu \mathcal{X}|^2 - M^2 |\mathcal{X}|^2 & \text{Scalar multiplet} \end{cases}$$

| Quantum numbers<br>SU(2) <sub>L</sub> U(1) <sub>Y</sub> Spin | DM can<br>decay into | DM mass<br>in TeV | $m_{\text{DM}^\pm} - m_{\text{DM}}$<br>in MeV | Events at LHC<br>$\int \mathcal{L} dt = 100/\text{fb}$ | $\sigma_{\text{SI}}$ in<br>$10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$ |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| 2 1/2 0  | <i>EL</i>            | $0.54 \pm 0.01$   | 350   | $320 \div 510$   | 0.2  |
| 2 1/2 1/2  | <i>EH</i>            | $1.1 \pm 0.03$    | 341   | $160 \div 330$   | 0.2  |
| 3 0 0  | <i>HH*</i>           | $2.0 \pm 0.05$    | 166   | $0.2 \div 1.0$   | 1.3  |
| 3 0 1/2  | <i>LH</i>            | $2.4 \pm 0.06$    | 166   | $0.8 \div 4.0$   | 1.3  |
| 3 1 0  | <i>HH, LL</i>        | $1.6 \pm 0.04$    | 540   | $3.0 \div 10$  | 1.7  |
| 3 1 1/2  | <i>LH</i>            | $1.8 \pm 0.05$    | 525   | $27 \div 90$   | 1.7  |
| 4 1/2 0  | <i>HHH*</i>          | $2.4 \pm 0.06$    | 353   | $0.10 \div 0.6$  | 1.6  |
| 4 1/2 1/2  | ( <i>LHH*</i> )      | $2.4 \pm 0.06$    | 347   | $5.3 \div 25$  | 1.6  |
| 4 3/2 0  | <i>HHH</i>           | $2.9 \pm 0.07$    | 729   | $0.01 \div 0.10$                                       | 7.5  |
| 4 3/2 1/2  | ( <i>LHH</i> )       | $2.6 \pm 0.07$    | 712   | $1.7 \div 9.5$   | 7.5  |
| 5 0 0  | ( <i>HHH*H*</i> )    | $5.0 \pm 0.1$     | 166   | $\ll 1$  | 12   |
| 5 0 1/2  | –                    | $4.4 \pm 0.1$     | 166   | $\ll 1$  | 12   |
| 7 0 0  | –                    | $8.5 \pm 0.2$     | 166   | $\ll 1$  | 46   |

Renormalizable decay modes absent:

Fermions:  $n \geq 5$

Scalars:  $n \geq 7$

# Further models and candidates

- Models with additional scalars
  - Singlet
  - Doublet (e.g.: 2 higgs doublet model)
  - Triplet
- Models based on extended symmetries
  - GUT inspired
  - Discrete symmetries
- Mirror dark matter
- Sterile neutrinos [keV, non WIMP, warm]
- Axion [ $\mu\text{eV}$ , non WIMP, cold]
- ALP (axion-like-particles, light scalars)

# Axion

- Axions arise as a dynamical way to solve the strong-CP problem
- Being particles, they can have a cosmological role
- They can be DM:
  - Thermally produced: HDM
  - Non-thermally produced: CDM

# The CP Problem of Strong Interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_q \bar{q}(i\not{D} - m_q e^{i\theta_q})q - \frac{1}{4}G_a^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^a - \theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}G_a^{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$$

CP-odd

No effect in perturbative QCD

Remove phase of mass term by chiral transformation of quark fields

$$q \rightarrow e^{i\gamma_5\alpha}q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_q \bar{q}(i\not{D} - m_q)q - \frac{1}{4}G_a^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^a - [\theta - \theta_q] \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}G_a^{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$$

$$\bar{\theta} = [\theta - \theta_q] \rightarrow [\theta - \arg \det M_q]$$

QCD      Flavor

# The CP Problem of Strong Interactions

This term can induce a neutron electric dipole moment (T-violating quantity)

$$d_n \sim \frac{e|\bar{\theta}|m_\pi^2}{m_n^3} \sim 10^{-16}|\bar{\theta}| e \text{ cm}$$

Experimental bound

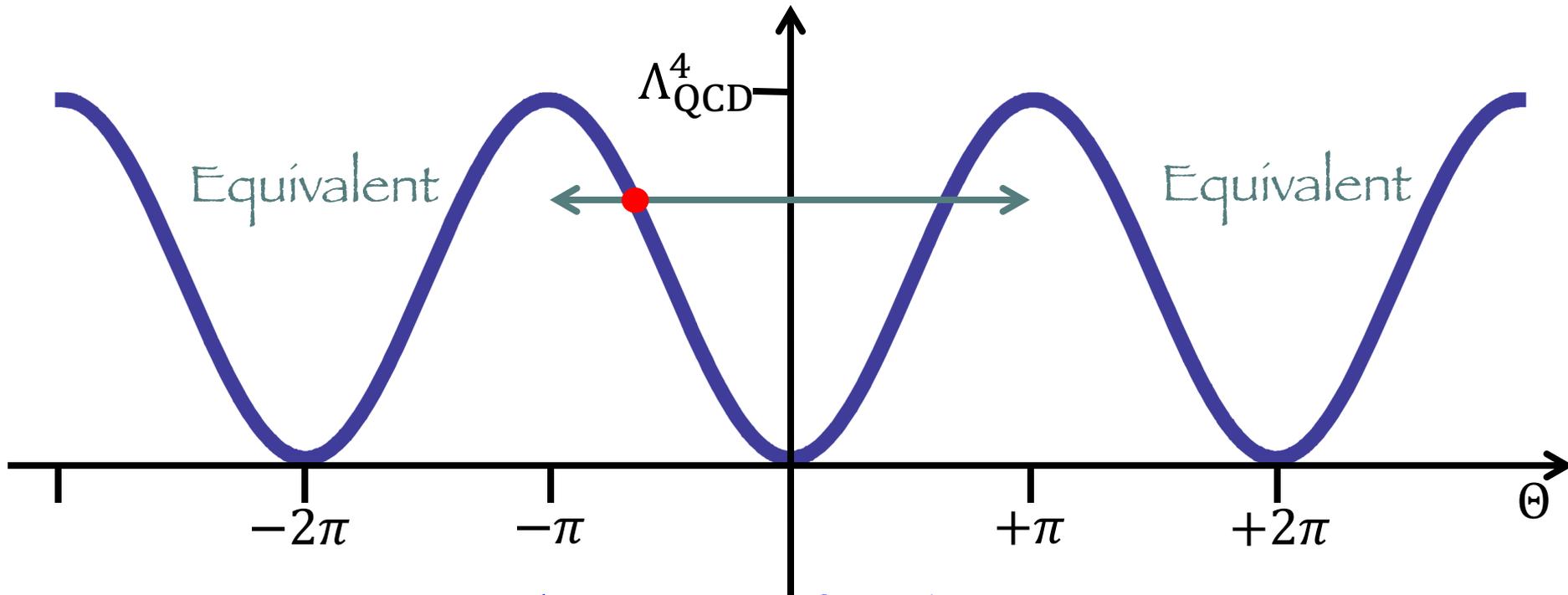
$$d_n \lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$$

The theta-parameter has to be extremely small – Why?

$$|\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

# Strong CP Problem

QCD vacuum energy  $V(\theta)$



CP conserving vacuum has  $\theta = 0$  (Vafa and Witten 1984)

QCD could have any  $-\pi \leq \theta \leq +\pi$ , is “constant of nature”

Energy can not be minimized:  $\theta$  not dynamical

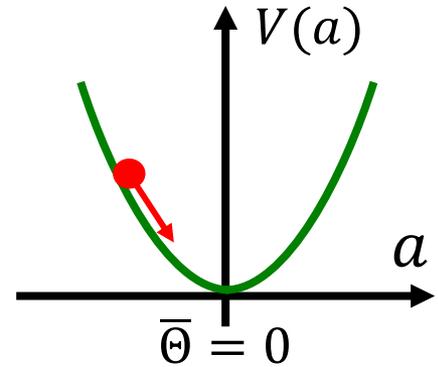
Peccei-Quinn solution:

Make  $\theta$  dynamical, let system relax to lowest energy

# Dynamical Solution

Peccei & Quinn 1977, Wilczek 1978, Weinberg 1978

Solution: re-interpret  $\bar{\theta}$  as a dynamical variable, which is driven to zero by dynamics



Assume a global  $U(1)_{PQ}$  symmetry which is spontaneously broken

axion  $a(x)$  pseudo scalar field

pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson of the symmetry breaking

$\theta_{\text{eff}}$  Set to zero by QCD dynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \left( \bar{\theta} + \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu a \partial_\mu a + (\dots)$$



$$a(x) \rightarrow \langle a \rangle + a(x) \quad \langle a \rangle = -\bar{\theta} f_a$$

$$\frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$$

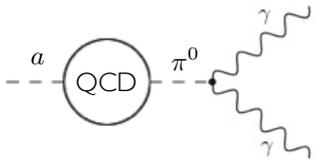
This induces axion properties

# Axion properties

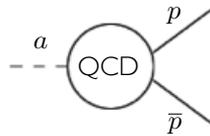
## Axion mass

$$\begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{---} \end{array} \text{---} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \text{QCD} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ a \end{array} \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{f_a^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_a \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 / f_a \simeq 0.1 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{10^8 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)$$

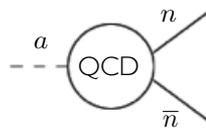
## Axion coupling to photons, protons, neutrons and electrons



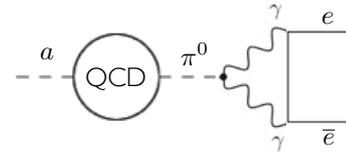
$$C_\gamma = -1.92(4)$$



$$C_p = -0.47(3)$$



$$C_n = -0.02(3)$$



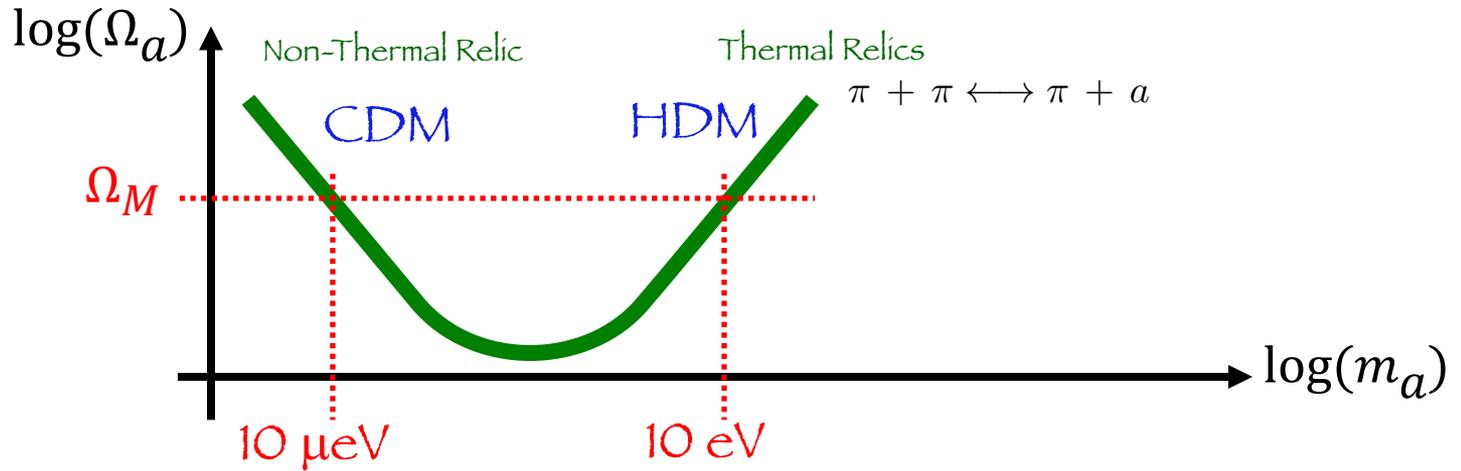
$$C_e \simeq 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{C_\gamma}{f_a} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

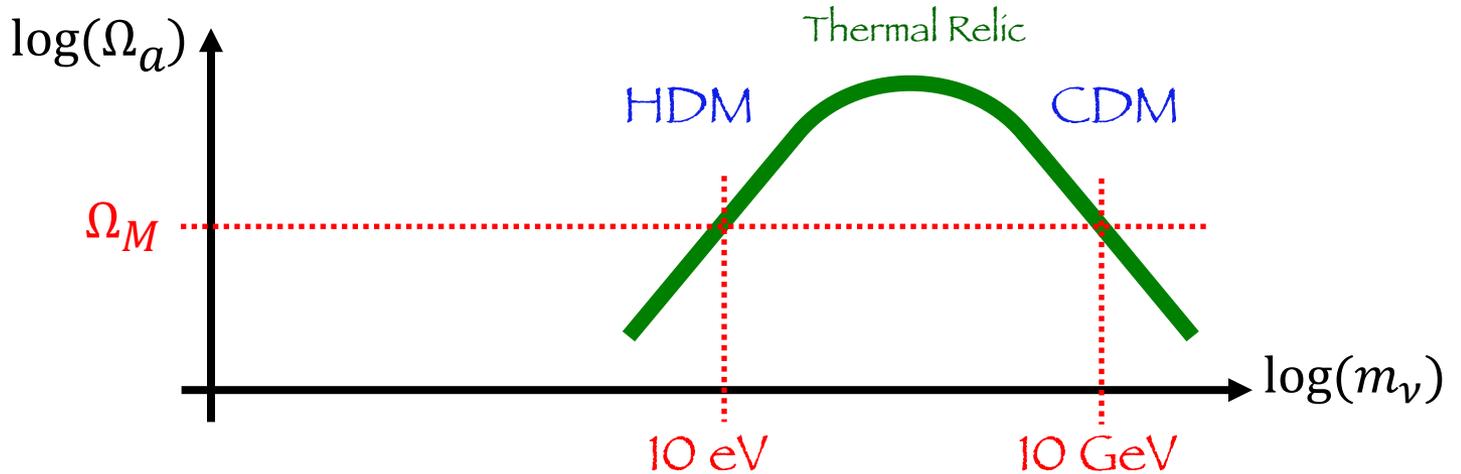
$$C_\Psi m_\Psi \frac{a}{f_a} [i\bar{\Psi}\gamma_5\Psi] \quad (\Psi = p, n, e)$$

# Cosmological abundance

Axions



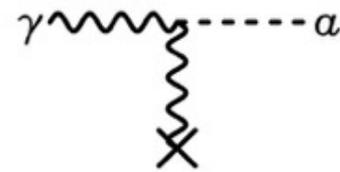
Neutrinos  
WIMPs



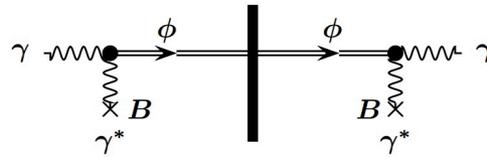
# Axions/ALP search strategies

Searches typically rely on the axion-photon coupling, which can produce axion-photon conversion in a magnetic field (Primakoff effect):

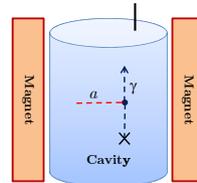
$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F \cdot \tilde{F} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$



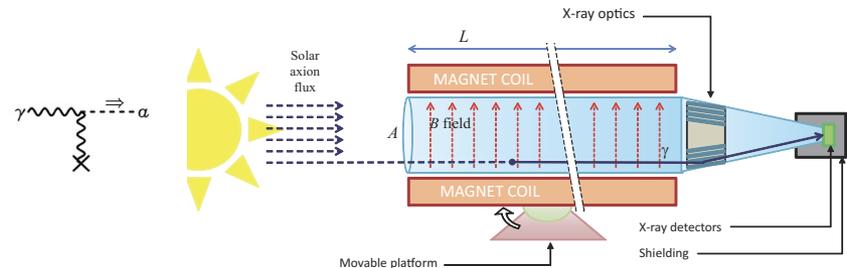
Light shining through walls



Haloscopes (axion DM)

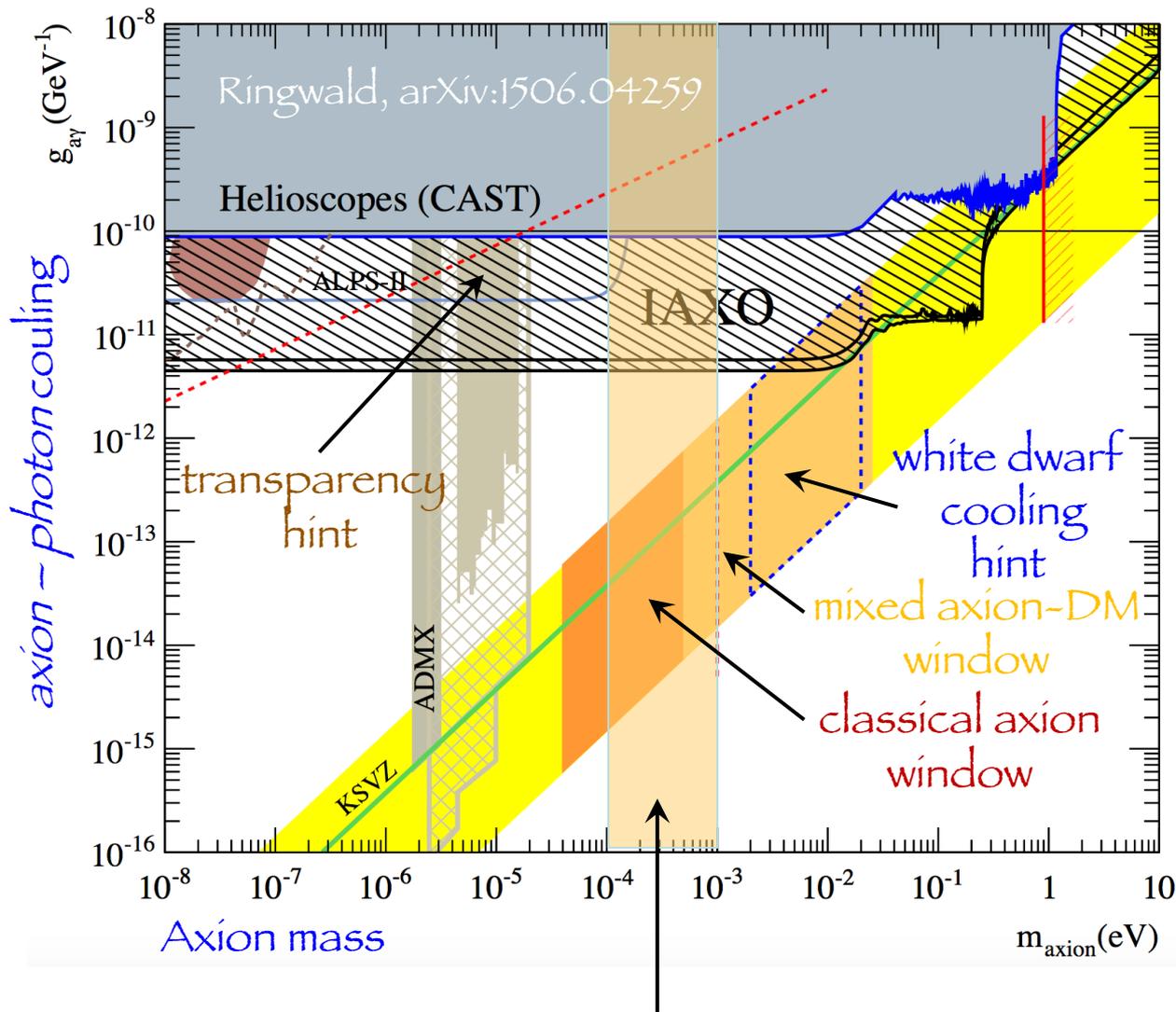


Helioscopes (axions from the Sun)



Cooling of stars  
(...)

# Axions and ALPs

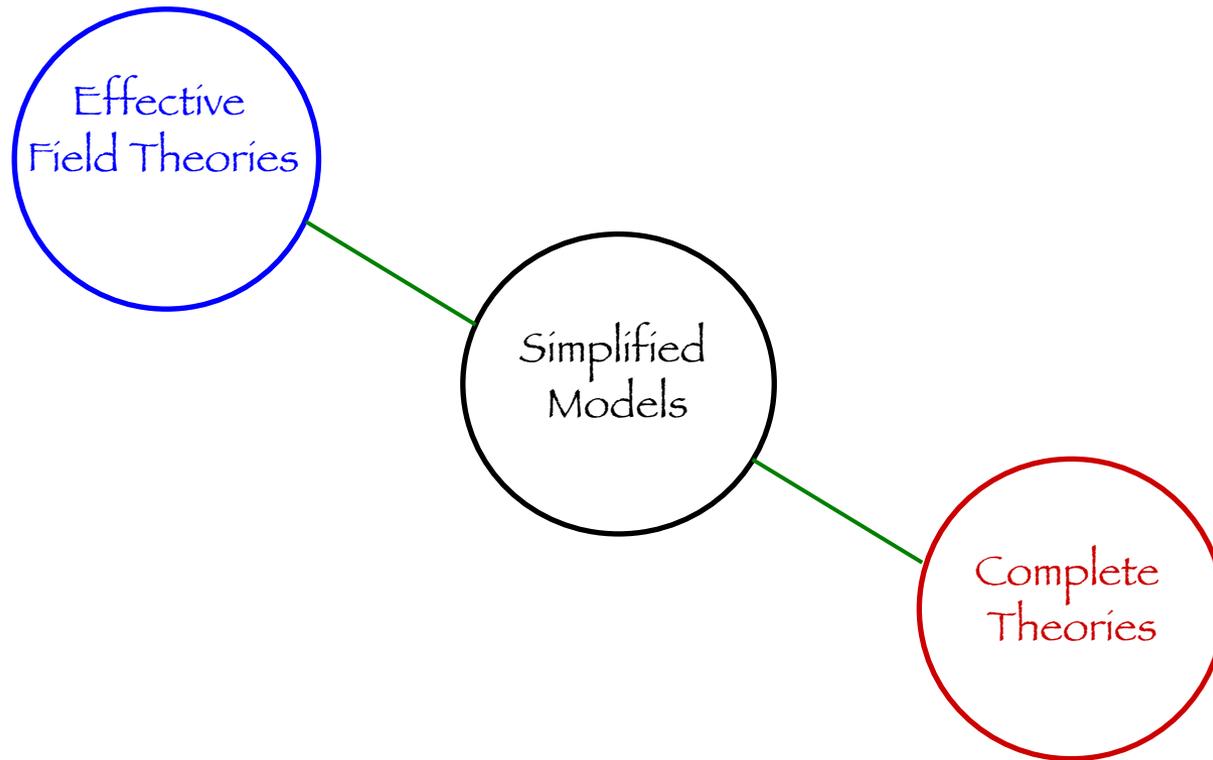


- Techniques:
- Shine through wall (ALPS, OSQAR)
  - Helioscopes (CAST, IAXO)
  - Haloscopes (ADMX)
  - Magnetic resonance (CASPEr)

QUAX: high-frequency magnetometer  
axion-electron coupling

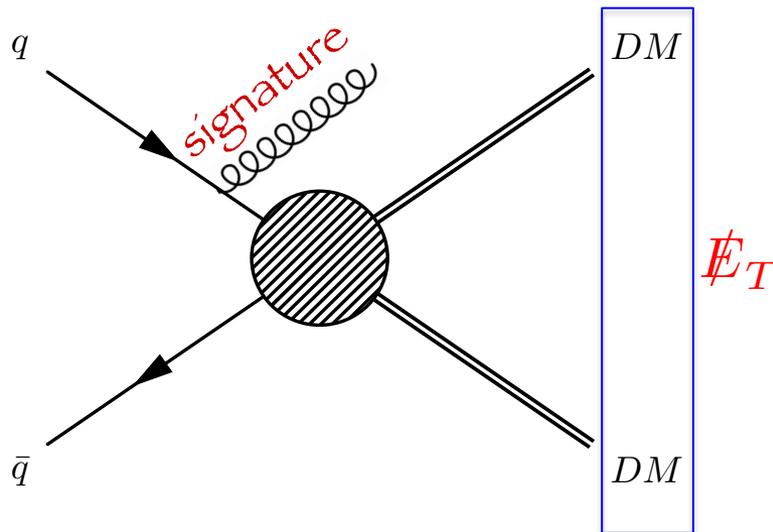
# LABORATORY SEARCHES

# WIMPs at accelerators



# Effective Field Theory

- Systematic study of the Effective Field Theory approach
- Mono-X + missing ET where X = photon, Z, higgs, top, ...



DM type: S, F, V (...)

$g_{(DM,q)}$   $m_{DM}$   
coupling structure (s, v, t)

$\Lambda$ : EFT scale and validity

# Set of operators

| Name | Operator  | Coefficient        |
|------|---|--------------------|
| D1   | $\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$  | $m_q/M_*^3$        |
| D2   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}q$                                    | $im_q/M_*^3$       |
| D3   | $\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$                                    | $im_q/M_*^3$       |
| D4   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$                            | $m_q/M_*^3$        |
| D5   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$                       | $1/M_*^2$          |
| D6   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$               | $1/M_*^2$          |
| D7   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$                | $1/M_*^2$          |
| D8   | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$        | $1/M_*^2$          |
| D9   | $\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$              | $1/M_*^2$          |
| D10  | $\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}q$ | $i/M_*^2$          |
| D11  | $\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$                               | $\alpha_s/4M_*^3$  |
| D12  | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$                       | $i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$ |
| D13  | $\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$                       | $i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$ |
| D14  | $\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$               | $\alpha_s/4M_*^3$  |

| Name | Operator   | Coefficient        |
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| C3   | $\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q$        | $1/M_*^2$          |
| C4   | $\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5q$ | $1/M_*^2$          |
| C5   | $\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$                  | $\alpha_s/4M_*^2$  |
| C6   | $\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$          | $i\alpha_s/4M_*^2$ |
| R1   | $\chi^2\bar{q}q$   | $m_q/2M_*^2$       |
| R2   | $\chi^2\bar{q}\gamma^5q$                                 | $im_q/2M_*^2$      |
| R3   | $\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$                            | $\alpha_s/8M_*^2$  |
| R4   | $\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$                    | $i\alpha_s/8M_*^2$ |

D: Dirac fermions

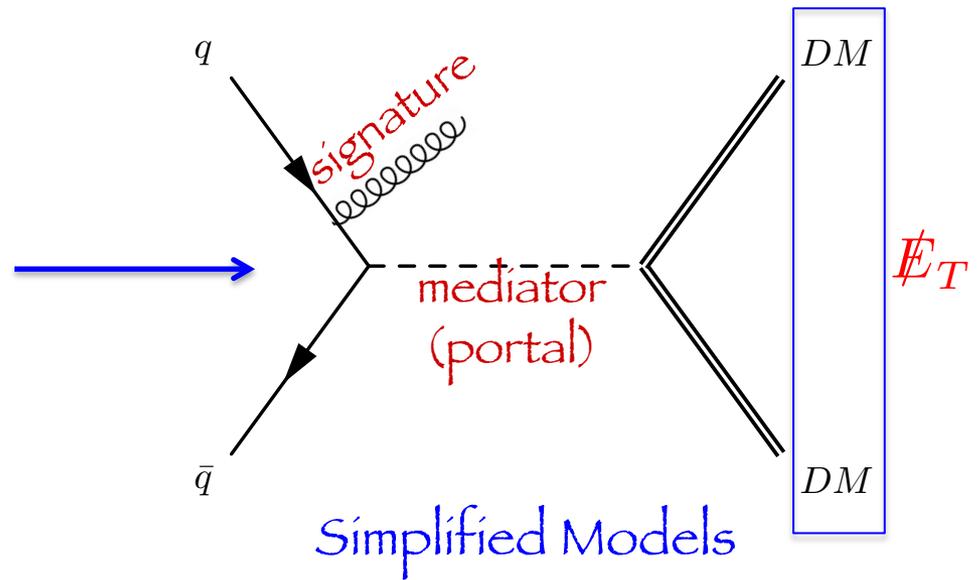
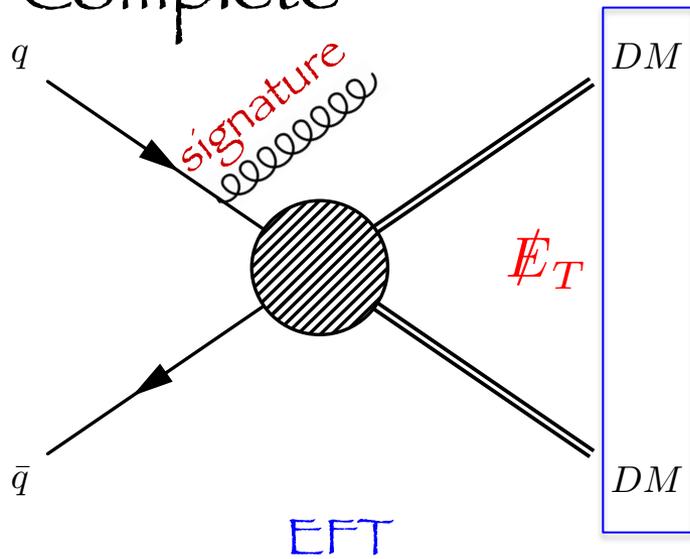
C: Complex scalars

R: Real scalars

# Simplified models

- EFT  $\longrightarrow$  Complete

Simplified Models  $\dashrightarrow$  UV



DM type: S, F, V (...)

Portal: S, F, V, T

$g_{(DM, med)}$   $m_{DM}$

$g_{(med, q)}$   $\Gamma_{med}$   $m_{med}$  channel

# Complete models: e.g. SUSY

|                     |                          |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| mSUGRA              | 4 parameters             | High-energy related | Very constrained         |
| Non-Universal SUGRA | 4+2, 4+5, 4+N parameters | High-energy related | Somehow less constrained |
| MSSM                | 115 parameters           | Low energy          | Maximal freedom          |
| pMSSM               | 20 parameters            | Low energy          | Very free                |
| (...)               | (...)                    | (...)               | (...)                    |

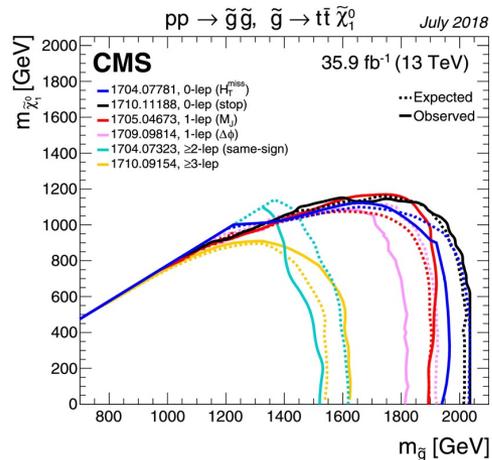
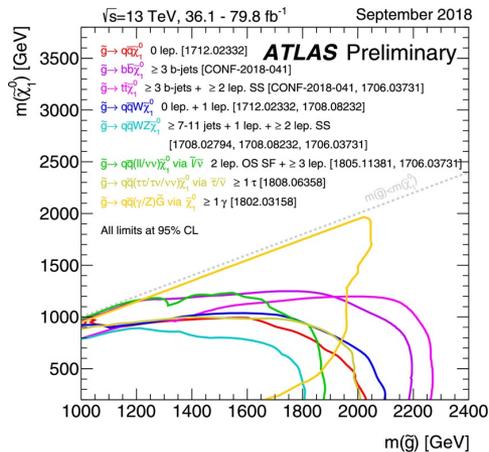
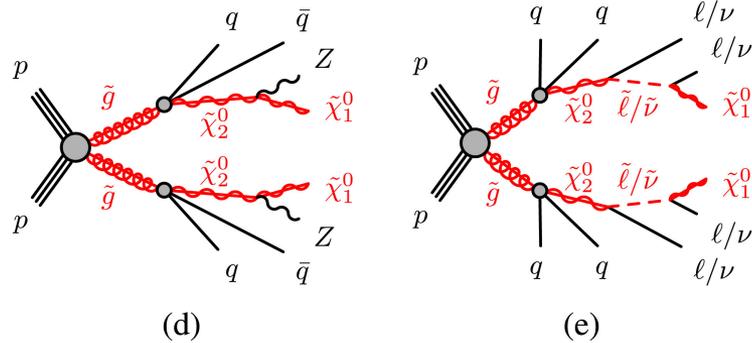
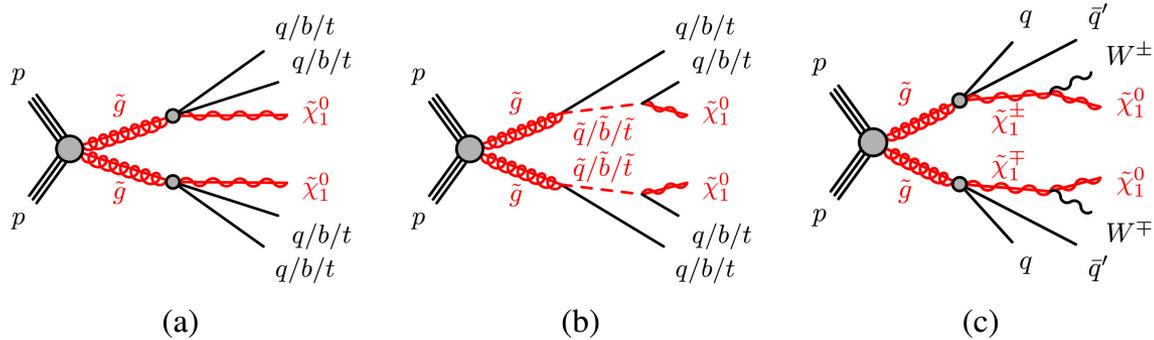
To have DM:

Neutralino or sneutrino need to be the LSP

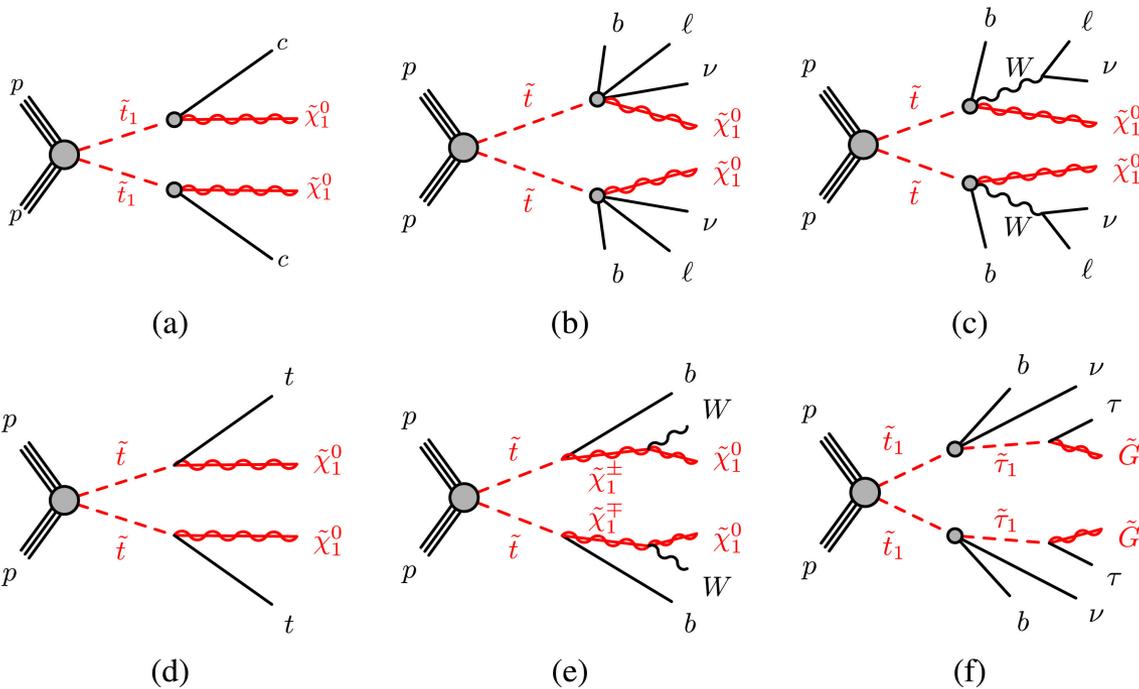
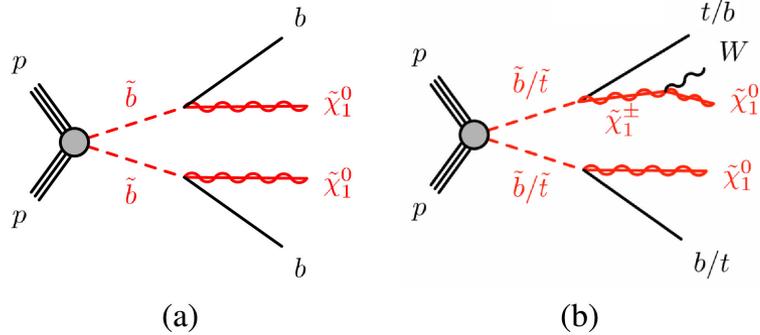
R-parity needed to ensure the LSP is stable

LSP relic abundance need to match (or be smaller) than observed value

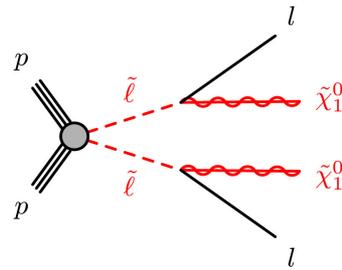
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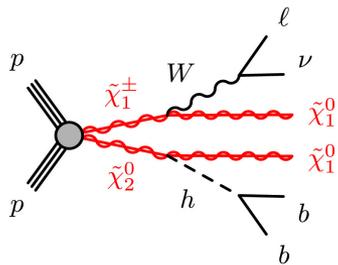
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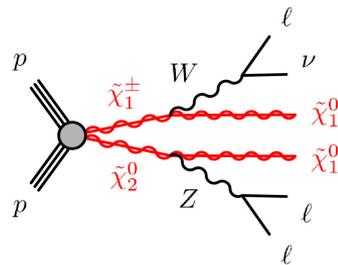
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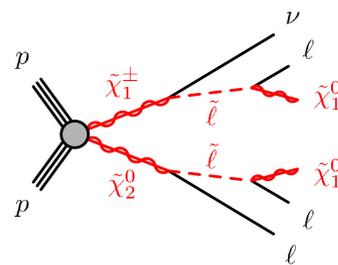
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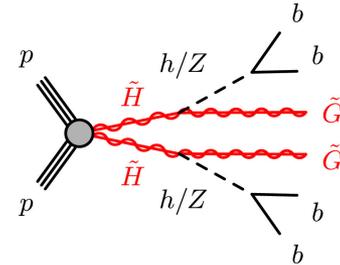
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(b)



(c)



(d)

# Non-WIMPs at accelerators

- Light DM at the MeV-GeV scale:
  - Dirac or Majorana fermions
  - Scalars or pseudoscalars
  - Asymmetric LDM
  - Dark photons
- Mediators:
  - Vector portal
  - Higgs portal
  - Neutrino portal
  - Axion portal
- Search of visible decays ( $e^+e^-$ ) and invisible decays
- Rich experimental program:
  - Hadronic beams
  - Electron beams
  - Meson decays

# Electron beams

- LNF: PADME + BDX (Beam Dump eXperiment)
  - Linac at 1-1.2 GeV, up to  $10^{20}$  EOT/year
- JLab: BDX (HPS, APEX, DarkLight)
  - Beam: 12 GeV,  $10^{22}$  EOT/year
- MAINZ (MESA): BDX
  - Beam: 150 MeV,  $10^{22}$  EOT/year
- Cornell: PADME-like
  - Beam: 5 GeV
- Belle:
  - Trigger mono-jet to search for “heavy photons”