

# SCALAR FIELD DARK MATTER WITH TWO COMPONENTS: A COMBINED COSMOLOGY AND PARTICLE PHYSICS APPROACH

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# DARK MATTER: FELT BUT NOT SEEN

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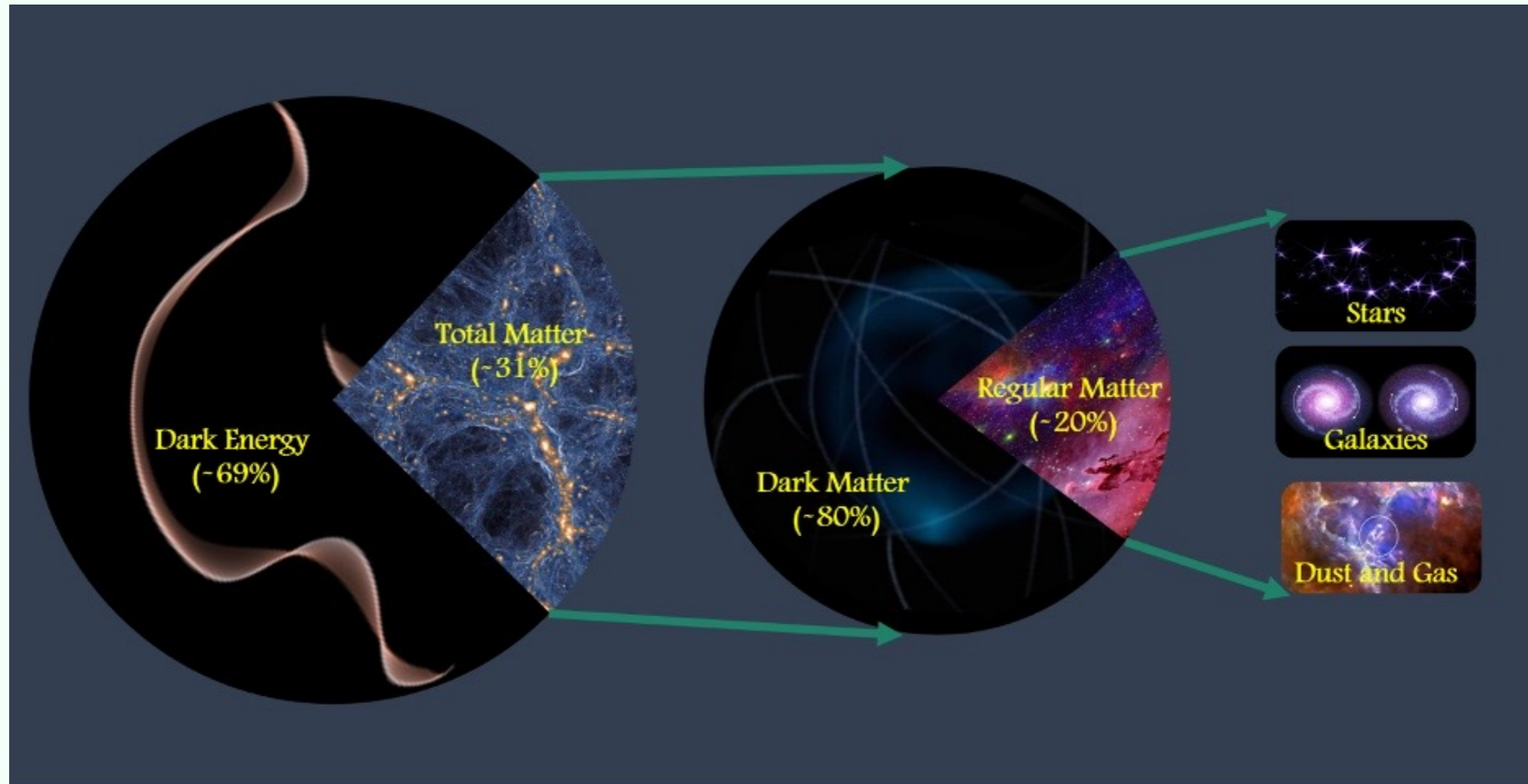
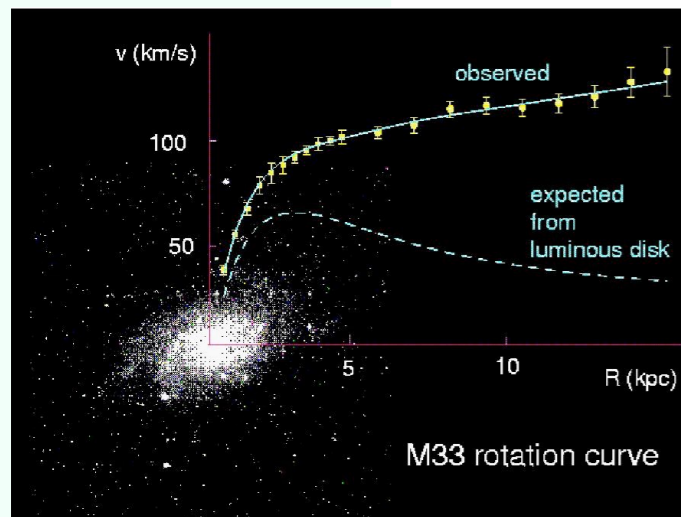
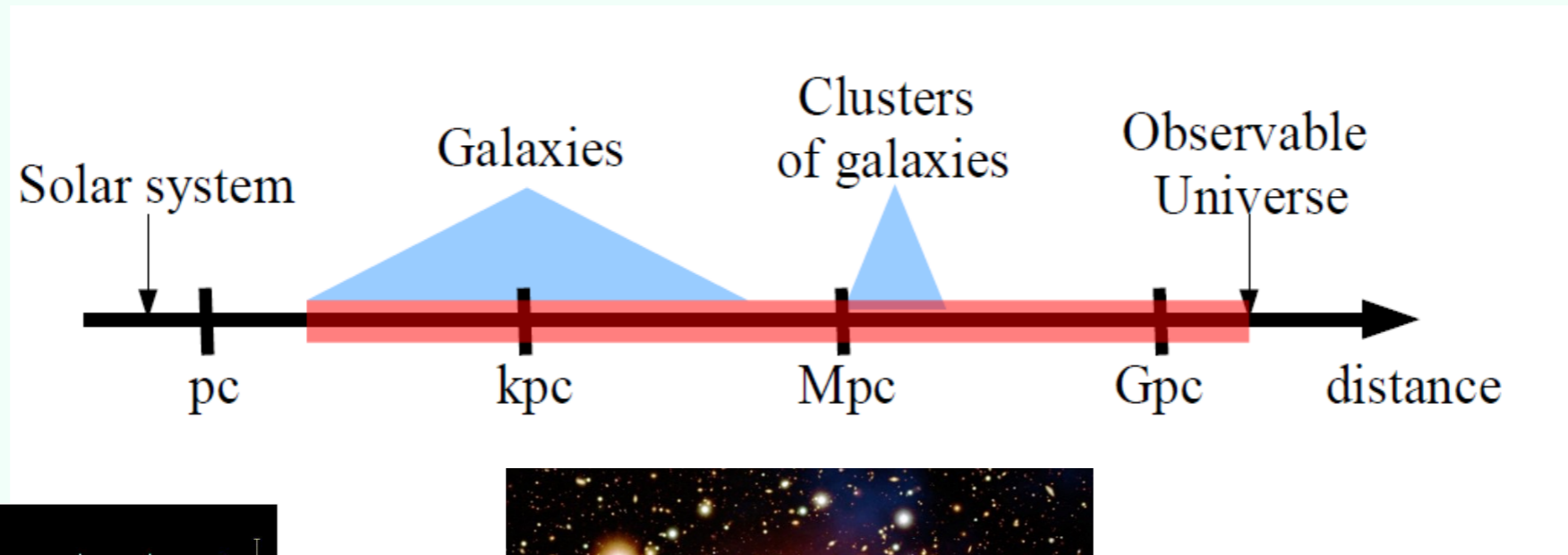


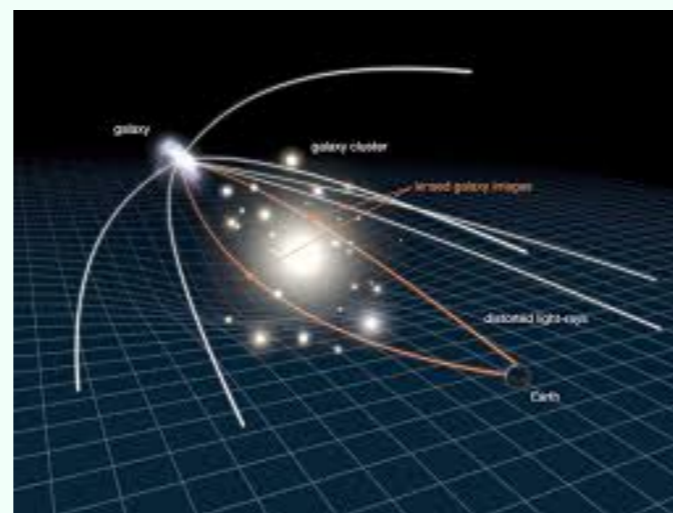
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- Particle Physics  $\rightarrow$  BSM
- Cosmology  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda$ CDM +??

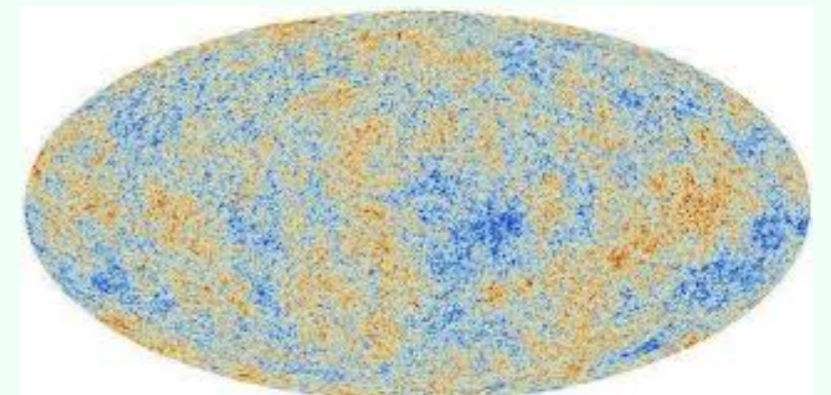
# EVIDENCE OF DARK MATTER AT DIFFERENT SCALES IN THE UNIVERSE



*F. Zwicky, 1933  
galaxy clusters*



*V. Rubin y K. Ford, 1960  
galaxies*

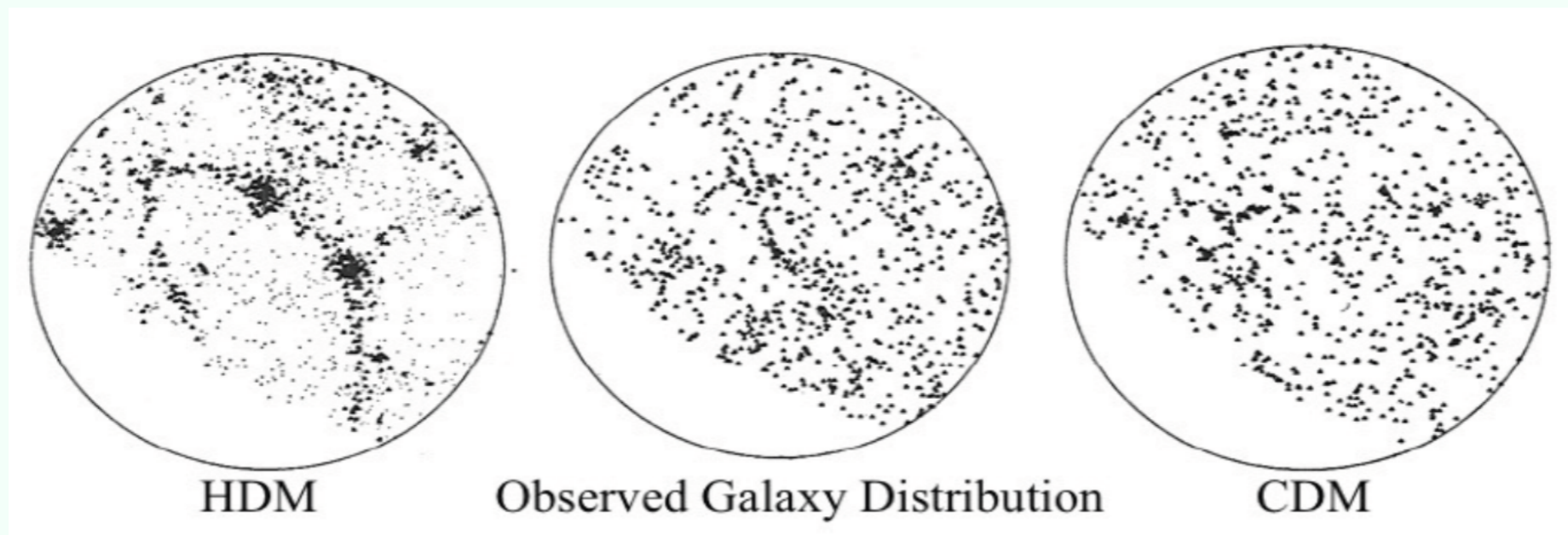


*Temperature anisotropies  
CMB ~2012*

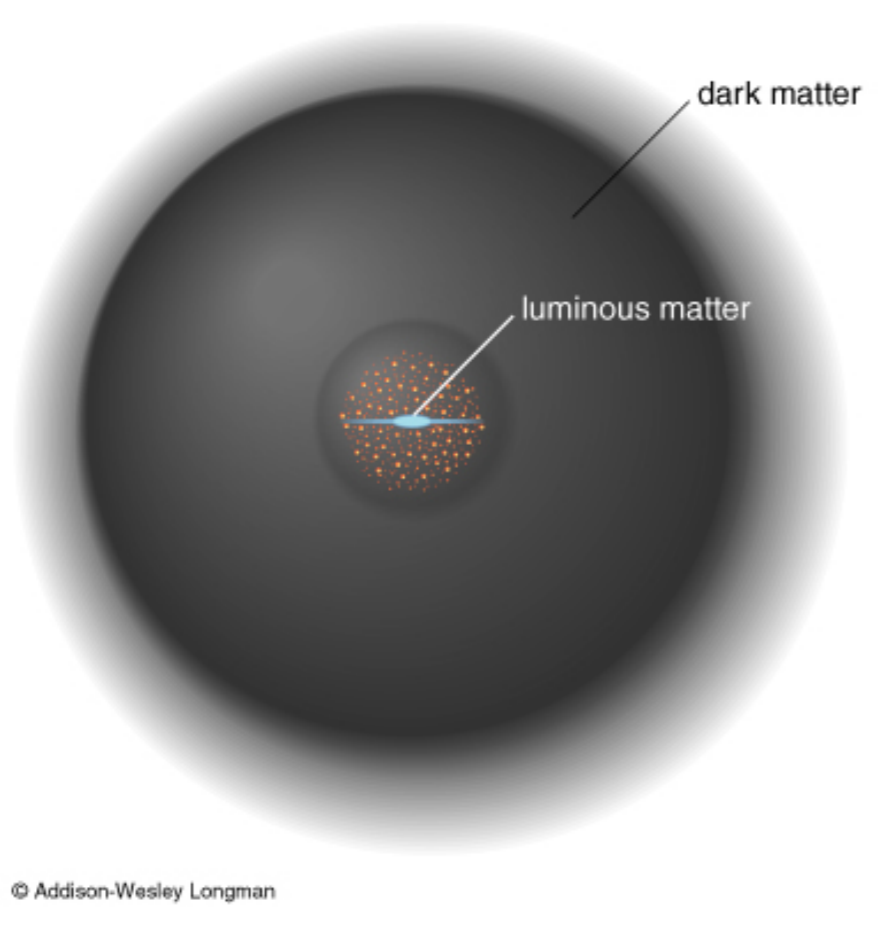
# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT DM?

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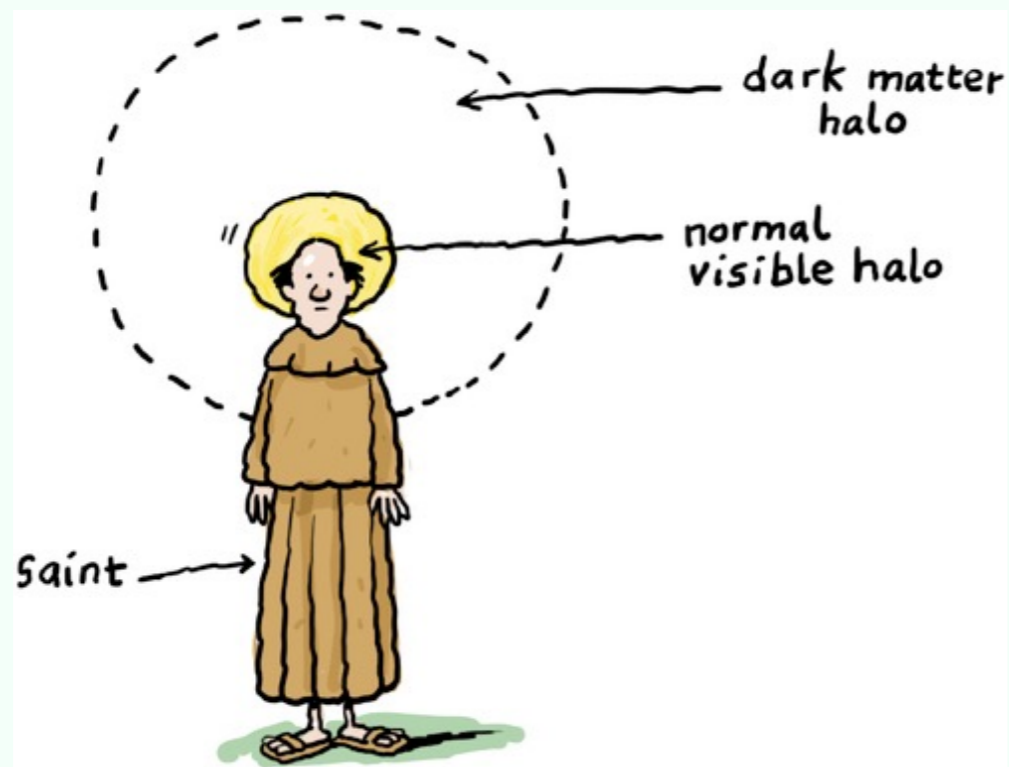
- Electrically neutral
- Non-baryonic (not made of protons or neutrons)
- Moved very slowly during formation of first structures
- Has mean lifetime longer than the age of the Universe



# DARK MATTER: PARTICLE PHYSICS



- First proof that there is new physics
- None of the SM particles can account for 100% of DM
- Better explanation requires new particles



# WHAT DO WE KNOW OF DM FROM PARTICLE POINT OF VIEW?

Citation: K. Nakamura et al. (Particle Data Group), JPG 37, 075021 (2010) (URL: <http://pdg.lbl.gov>)

## LIGHT UNFLAVORED MESONS ( $S = C = B = 0$ )

For  $I = 1$  ( $\pi, b, \rho, a$ ):  $u\bar{d}, (u\bar{u}-d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}, d\bar{u}$ ;  
for  $I = 0$  ( $\eta, \eta', h, h', \omega, \phi, f, f'$ ):  $c_1(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}) + c_2(s\bar{s})$

$\pi^\pm$

$$I^G(J^P) = 1^-(0^-)$$

Mass  $m = 139.57018 \pm 0.00035$  MeV ( $S = 1.2$ )  
Mean life  $\tau = (2.6033 \pm 0.0005) \times 10^{-8}$  s ( $S = 1.2$ )  
 $c\tau = 7.8045$  m

$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \gamma$  form factors [a]

$$F_V = 0.0254 \pm 0.0017$$

$$F_A = 0.0119 \pm 0.0001$$

$$F_V \text{ slope parameter } a = 0.10 \pm 0.06$$

$$R = 0.059^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$$

$\pi^-$  modes are charge conjugates of the modes below.

For decay limits to particles which are not established, see the section on Searches for Axions and Other Very Light Bosons.

| $\pi^+$ DECAY MODES       | Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )             | Confidence level | $P$<br>(MeV/c) |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| $\mu^+ \nu_\mu$           | [b] (99.98770 $\pm$ 0.00004) %             |                  | 30             |
| $\mu^+ \nu_\mu \gamma$    | [c] ( 2.00 $\pm$ 0.25 ) $\times 10^{-4}$   |                  | 30             |
| $e^+ \nu_e$               | [b] ( 1.230 $\pm$ 0.004 ) $\times 10^{-4}$ |                  | 70             |
| $e^+ \nu_e \gamma$        | [c] ( 7.39 $\pm$ 0.05 ) $\times 10^{-7}$   |                  | 70             |
| $e^+ \nu_e \pi^0$         | ( 1.036 $\pm$ 0.006 ) $\times 10^{-8}$     |                  | 4              |
| $e^+ \nu_e e^+ e^-$       | ( 3.2 $\pm$ 0.5 ) $\times 10^{-9}$         |                  | 70             |
| $e^+ \nu_e \nu \bar{\nu}$ | < 5 $\times 10^{-6}$                       | 90%              | 70             |

## DARK MATTER

$$J = ?$$

Mass  $m = ?$   
Mean life  $\tau = ?$

| DECAY MODES | Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ ) | Confidence level | $P$<br>(MeV/c) |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ?           | ?                              | ?                | ?              |

PDG, Particle Data Group

# WHY GO BEYOND?

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- The hierarchy problem
- Neutrino masses
- Origin of gauge interactions
- Dark matter
- Matter over anti-matter abundance
- Cosmological constant
- Inflation

- Higgs sector not natural
- Fermion masses vastly different
- Origin of electroweak symmetry breaking unknown
- Dirac or Majorana neutrinos
- Strong CP problem
- Number of generations

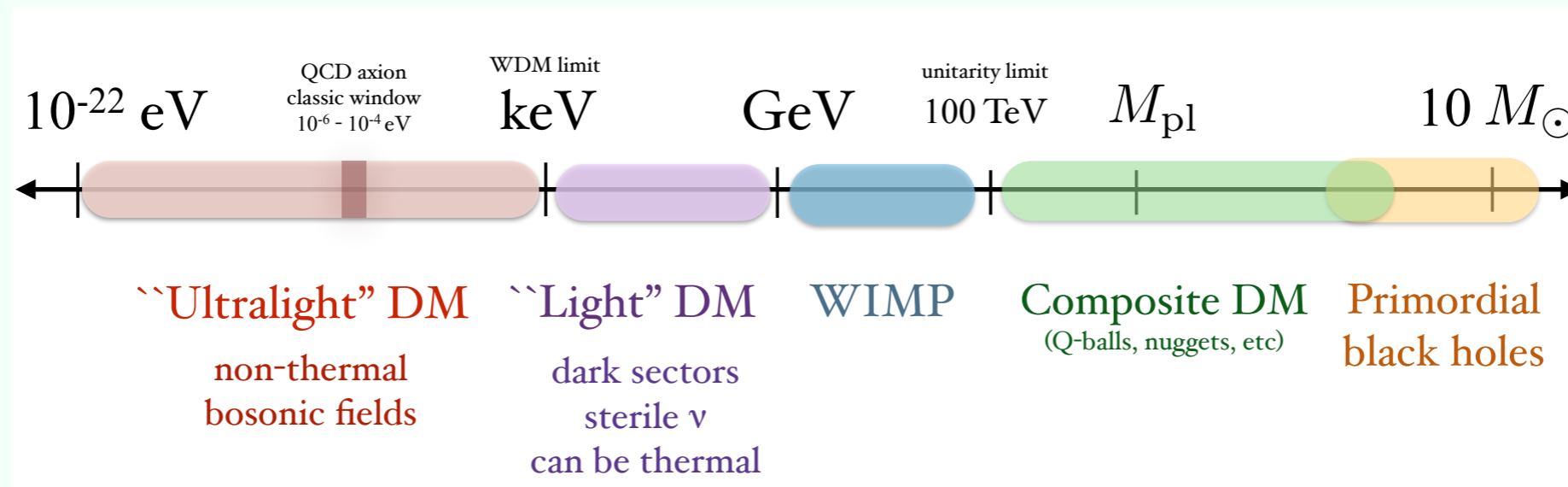


- Not enough CP in SM for Baryogenesis
- Value of cosmological constant
- Inflation inconsistent with non-zero baryon number
- If DM a particle, then which, is it only one?

# SOME CANDIDATES



Juan Francisco Estrada



Audley Harrison

- Axions and “axion-like”: From ultra-light to light  $10^{-22}$  eV to keV
- WIMPS Weakly Interacting Massive Particles: Neutralinos, Kaluza-Klein particles, Higgses, sterile neutrinos few GeV - 100 TeV
- Superheavy: primordial black holes, WIMPzillas super-heavy particles or compact objects



# SCALAR DM IN PARTICLE PHYSICS

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- Multi-Higgs models
- Kaluza-Klein models
- Axion and axion-like models
- Usually stabilized by a discrete symmetry
  - Put by hand or
  - Residual symmetry
- Check DM relic density
- Decaying DM also studied
  - lately advocated to relieve  $H_0$  tension

*Many of these*

They can come all the way from strings or just above SM energy scale

*e.g. Ibarra et al 2013, Lester et al 2021; Anchordoqui 2021; etc*

# FROM PARTICLES

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- one or more candidates
  - WIMPS, non-WIMPS, standard, exotic
  - decaying DM
  - combination of all the above
- Direct searches: nothing
  - Indirect searches: nothing
    - Astrophysical gamma rays, cosmic rays, etc
  - Production: LHC nothing
- But we are all convinced it is there

# SCALAR FIELD FROM COSMOLOGY/GRAL RELATIVITY

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➤ Modelling DM as a scalar field with corresponding potential

➤ Can describe galactic halo

Matos, Guzmán, *Class.Quantum.Grav.*17, 2000

Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten, *PRD*95, 2017

Ureña-López, *Front.Astron.Space Sci* 6, 2019

➤ Different approaches: from GR or from strings

➤ Avoid overabundance of satellites (halos) from WIMPS

➤ Reproduce large scale fibre structure

➤ Harmonic structure of perturbations

➤ Ultra-light (very ultra), fuzzy dark matter

# ULTRA-LIGHT DM

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- Very light bosons, axions

$$m \sim 10^{-22} - 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

- Large de Broglie wavelength surpasses small-scale structure

- Early work potential considered

Matos, Guzmán, *Class. Quantum Grav.* 17 (2000)

$$V(|\phi|) = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \sigma^2 |\phi|^4$$

$\mu$  related to the mass, **very** small parameter and self-interaction  $\sigma = 0$

- Possible also to model it with complex scalar field (**better**)

B. Li, T. Rindler-Daller, and P. R. Shapiro, *Phys. Rev. D* 89(2014); A. Suarez and P.-H. Chavanis, *Phys. Rev. D* 95(2017)

- Allow for  $\sigma \neq 0$ , which is the gravitational length scale (ultra-long), strongly constrained by  $\sigma^2 / \mu^4$

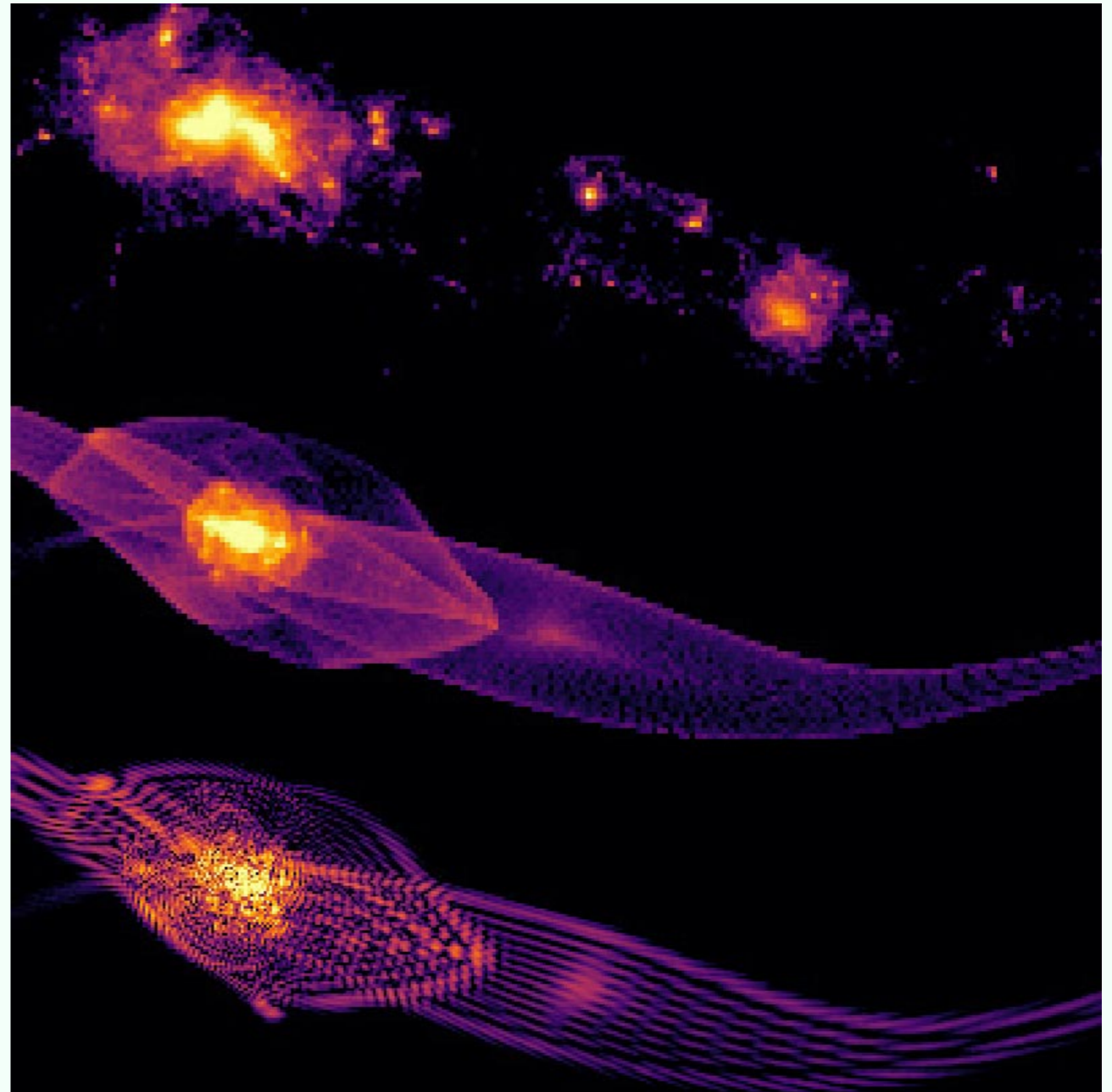
$$m_\phi > 10^{-21} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

- This is a classical approach → **classical** field

# STRINGS — FUZZY DARK MATTER

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- ▶ Ultra-light scalar axion-like particles  
 $m \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$
- ▶ Bosons, form condensates
- ▶ Leave footprint in structure formation



*Early galaxy formation:  
CDM (top), warm DM (middle), fuzzy (bottom)*

# ULTRA-LIGHT AND PARTICLE DM

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- Ultra-light or fuzzy DM
  - Gravitational models with scalar field
  - We will refer to it as “classical”
  - Stringy models with ultra-light axion-like particle  
lots of possible candidates come out
  - Modeled like a fluid
- Scalar particle, “normal” particle physics
  - Higgs-like
  - Axion-like
- Different descriptions

# OUR FIRST ATTEMPT: COMBINE BOTH APPROACHES (SOMEHOW)

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- We will assume that DM can be a combination of two different scalar fields:
  - one classical
  - one scalar from particle physics
- We take some classical limit for the particle candidate
- We model it like a fluid, using particle type scalar potential
- We put some cosmological constraints
- We see what comes out



[https://boxrec.com/media/index.php/Weight\\_divisions](https://boxrec.com/media/index.php/Weight_divisions)

Heavyweight Primo Camera & Flyweight Frankie Genaro

# FIRST PP CANDIDATE: AN AXION

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- Axion/axion-like candidate, from particle physics (KSVZ, DFSZ).

No specific model considered, “axion-like”

Chadhan-Day, Ellis & March, Sci.Adv.8 (2022)

- We take as potential:

$$V_a(\Phi_a) = \frac{1}{2} \left( m_a^2 \Phi_a^2 - \frac{1}{12} \frac{m_a^2}{f_a^2} \Phi_a^4 \right)$$

$f_a$  scale of U(1) breaking, which is first two terms in Taylor expansion around the minimum of the potential generated by instantons

- Mass protected, self interactions and interactions with SM suppressed
- Light (less than meV), weakly interacting, long lived



# AXION AND AXION-LIKE

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- Usually  $f_a \lesssim M_{pl} \sim 10^{19}$

Graham & Rajendran, PRD88 (2013); Marsh, Phys.Rept.643 (2016); Chadhan-Day, Ellis & March, Sci.Adv.8 (2022)

- Production:

- Decay of parent particle
- Decay of topological defect
- Thermal population from radiation
- Vacuum misalignment

*axion photon conversion*

$$\mathcal{L}_{A\gamma\gamma} = g_{A\gamma\gamma} \Phi_a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

- Possible explanation to

- Anomalous excessive cooling of stars
- Anomalous transparency of Universe to UHE cosmic rays

# HIGGS-LIKE CANDIDATE

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- Ubiquitous in BSM in multi-Higgs models
- Usually one inert Higgs plus discrete symmetry(ies) can be dark matter
- Can be SU(2) doublet or singlet
- WIMP electroweak interactions with SM particles, null vev

$$\Phi_h = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi^+ \\ \Phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 + i\Phi_2 \\ \Phi_3 + i\Phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_h(\Phi_h) = m_h^2 (\Phi_h^\dagger \Phi_h) + \frac{\lambda_h}{2} (\Phi_h^\dagger \Phi_h)^2$$

# DM INERT HIGGS MODELS

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- Acquire mass through the breaking of some symmetry
- DM is the lightest neutral scalar or pseudoscalar
- Protected from decaying to SM by some discrete symmetry
- WIMPS: only eW interactions with SM
- e.g. inert 2HDM, one complex doublet is the SM field, the other one is inert, no vev, no coupling to gauge bosons

$$M_{H_0}^2 = \mu_2^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v^2/2$$

$$M_{A_0}^2 = \mu_2^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5)v^2/2$$

Scalar and pseudoscalar masses differ through their interaction terms  $\lambda_i$  in  $V$  after eW symmetry breaking

*Lopez-Honorez et al, JCAP 02 (2007)*

# THE CLASSICAL LIMIT

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- We make use of the effective action approach

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (-i)^n \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x_1)} \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x_2)} \cdots \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x_n)} Z[J] \Big|_{J=0}$$

*G is n-point Green function, Z is the generating functional, J is an external source  
Z[J] generates all diagrams*

- The connected generating functional W[J] is related to Z by

$$Z[J] = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} W[J]}$$

- The effective action Gamma from W is

$$\Gamma[\bar{\phi}] = W[J] - \int d^4x \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(x)} J(x)$$

*Where  $\frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(x)} \equiv \bar{\phi}$  and  $\bar{\phi}$  is called the average or classical field*

# EFFECTIVE ACTION

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- The effective action can be expressed as a series expansion in loops

$$\Gamma[\bar{\phi}] = I[\bar{\phi}] + \frac{1}{2}i\hbar \ln \det(i\mathcal{D}^{-1}) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

- where  $I$  is the tree level action, and  $\mathcal{D}$  is the propagator for a modified action: the original action expanded around  $\phi$  and keeping only terms of second and higher order  $\phi$  *Jackiw,PRD9 (1984)*
- In the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  we recover the classical action

# TWO SCALAR FIELD COSMOLOGICAL MODEL

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- We combine our two complex fields, assuming both obey classical field equations
- Gravitate via minimal coupling, action

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} R + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2} \right)$$

$$2\mathcal{L}_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2} = -\nabla^\mu \Phi_1^* \nabla_\mu \Phi_1 - \nabla^\mu \Phi_2^* \nabla_\mu \Phi_2 - V(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$$

- We minimize the action, assume separate potentials (no interaction among fields) and add a pressure term for each field

# AFTER MINIMIZATION OF THE ACTION

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- We are left with a system of coupled complex differential equations
- The variation with respect to the fields gives

$$\square\Phi_1 - \frac{dV}{d|\Phi_1|^2}\Phi_1 = 0,$$

$$\square\Phi_2 - \frac{dV}{d|\Phi_2|^2}\Phi_2 = 0.$$

- And the tt component of the variation respect to the metric is

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3c^2} [\rho_r(t) + \rho_b(t) + \rho_\Lambda(t) + \rho_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2}]$$

*where  $H$ , Hubble parameter,  $\rho_i$  are the densities of radiation, baryonic matter, dark energy, and the fields*

- The solution to the Einstein eqs. is the Friedman-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker metric

# EQUATIONS OF STATE FOR SCALARS

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➤ In

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3c^2} [\rho_r(t) + \rho_b(t) + \rho_\Lambda(t) + \rho_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2}]$$

➤ Density and pressure

$$\rho_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2} = \frac{1}{2c^2} |\partial_t \Phi_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2c^2} |\partial_t \Phi_2|^2 + \frac{1}{2} V(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$$

$$p_{\Phi_1, \Phi_2} = \frac{1}{2c^2} |\partial_t \Phi_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2c^2} |\partial_t \Phi_2|^2 - \frac{1}{2} V(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$$

➤ Define eq.state  $w$  as ratio of density to pressure  $w = p/\rho$

➤  $V = V1 + V2$ , similarly for  $\rho$  and  $p$ .

Eqs of motion imply  $\partial_t \rho_1 + 3H(\rho_1 + p_1) = 0$

$$\partial_t \rho_2 + 3H(\rho_2 + p_2) = 0$$



# SOLVE SYSTEM OF DIFF EQUATIONS

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- The domain is split in 3: both fast oscillating, one field fast other slow, both slow oscillating
- 2 complex Klein-Gordon eqs plus Friedman eq

$$\dot{a} = aH_0 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_r}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_b}{a^3} + \Omega_\Lambda + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} + \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_{\text{crit}}}}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_1}{da} = -3\frac{2\rho_1 - A_1}{a},$$

$$\frac{dA_1}{da} = \pm \frac{B_1}{\dot{a}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\lambda_1}{m_1^4} A_1},$$

*If  $\lambda > 0$ , take the upper sign. If  $\lambda < 0$  both signs are possible.*

$$\frac{dB_1}{da} = -3\frac{B_1}{a} + 2m_1^2 \frac{1}{\dot{a}} \left[ 2(\rho_1 - A_1) - \frac{m_1^4}{2\lambda_1} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\lambda_1}{m_1^4} A_1} \mp 1 \right)^2 \right]$$

$$A_1 = \rho_1 - p_1, \quad A_2 = \rho_2 - p_2, \quad B_1 = m_1^2 \partial_t |\Phi_1|^2, \quad B_2 = m_2^2 \partial_t |\Phi_2|^2$$

# EVOLUTION

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- A characteristic of the scalar field is its oscillating behaviour

*Turner, Pays.Rev.D18 (1983)*

- Models with complex scalar as DM give a consistent description of the Friedman homogeneous Universe.

Angular oscillation frequency  $w/H \gg 1$

Rapid oscillation regime  $\rightarrow$  CDM fluid

*Li, Rindler-Daller, Shapiro, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014); Suárez, Chavanis, Phys.Rev.D.95 (2017)*

- We evolve from the present time  $z=0$  to the past

- At  $z=0$  we use as initial condition the observed abundance of DM  $\Omega_{\text{DM}}$

In the past

- Effective number of neutrinos  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at BBN,

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.56 \pm 0.23, \quad \Delta N_{\nu} = 0.5 \pm 0.23$$

taking  $\Delta N_{\nu}(a)$  places constraints on  $m$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $f_a$

- Scalar field solutions reach a matter like behavior at  $z_{\text{eq}} \approx 3365$ ,

$w(z_{\text{eq}}) \leq 0.001$ , measured by CMB *Li, Rindler-Daller, Shapiro, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014)*

# OUR CANDIDATES — THE CLASSICAL APPROX FOR PP

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- Our Higgs field acquires mass through the breaking of some symmetry. In the classical limit  $A_0$  and  $H_0$  are degenerate. Describe it as one complex scalar field.

Behaves like CDM fluid, oscillates rapidly

*A. Suarez and P.-H. Chavanis, Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017)*

- In QFT axions described by real scalar field.

Low-energies, classical, non-relativistic effective field theory described by a complex scalar field

*H. Zhang, Symmetry 12, 25 (2019)*

- In this limit we do not take into account:

- Decay of heavy Higgs into lighter ones
- Interaction with SM particles
- Interaction among the PP candidates

# SCALAR POTENTIALS V

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- For the  $\lambda$  axion-like we take:

$$V_a(\Phi_a) = m_a^2 |\Phi_a|^2 - \frac{m_a^2}{12 f_a^2} |\Phi_a|^4$$

*f<sub>a</sub> scale of symmetry breaking*

- For the Higgs-like:

$$V_h(\Phi_h) = m_h^2 (\Phi_h^\dagger \Phi_h) + \frac{\lambda_h}{2} (\Phi_h^\dagger \Phi_h)^2$$

*$\lambda$  is self-interaction,  $-4\pi < \lambda < 4\pi$ ,  $m_h$  in GeV region*

- For the classical one

$$V(|\phi|) = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \sigma^2 |\phi|^4$$

*$\sigma$  is self-interaction*

# MODELS

| SINGLE MODEL                  | Free parameters  | $m$  | $\lambda$           | Representative cases ( $m, \lambda$ )                    | Viability |        |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|--|-----------|--------|
|                               |                  |  |                     |  | (i)       | (ii)   |
| <b>Axion</b> ( $\Phi_a$ )     | $f_a$            | $5.69 \left( \frac{10^9 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \text{ meV}$ | $-m_a^2 / (6f_a^2)$ | $(5.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}, -5.4 \times 10^{-82})$ | ×         | ✓ [37] |
| <b>Higgs</b> ( $\Phi_h$ )     | $m_h, \lambda_h$ | $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$   | $(-4\pi, 4\pi)$     | $(100 \text{ GeV}, 1)$                                   | ×         | ✓ [30] |
| <b>Classical</b> ( $\Phi_c$ ) | $m_c, \lambda_c$ | $\lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$  | $> 0$               | $(3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}, 4.2 \times 10^{-86})$    | ✓         | NA     |

| DOUBLE MODEL | Description       |
|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>I</b>     | Classical + Higgs |
| <b>II</b>    | Axion + Higgs     |
| <b>III</b>   | Classical + Axion |

➤ Viability in single models:

(i) Complies with  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at BBN and  $z_{\text{eq}}$  constraint Marsh, Phys.Rept.643 (2016)

(ii) Consistent with DM relic density Abe et al (LHC DM working group), Phys. Dark Univ. 27 (2020)

➤ Double models: same range of parameters

➤ Viability in double models:  $N_{\text{eff}} + z_{\text{eq}}, \Omega_{\text{DM}}$

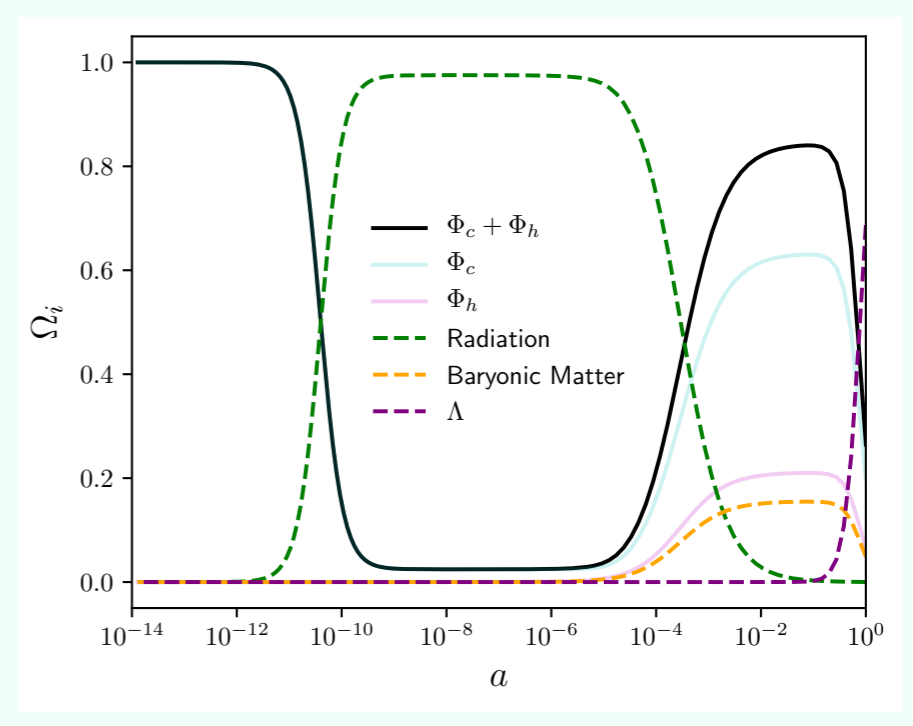
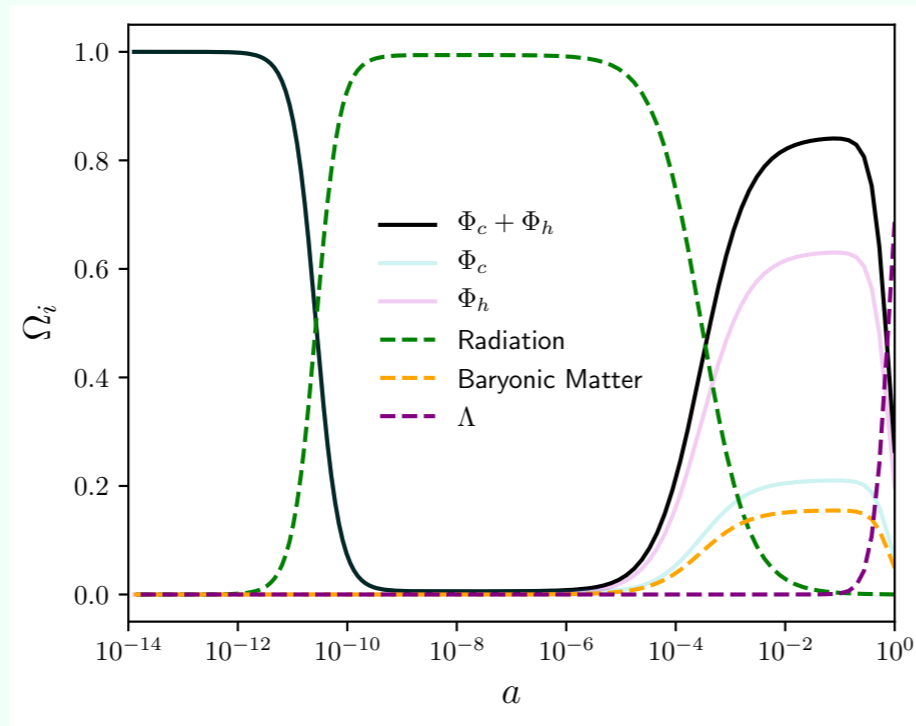
➤  $\eta$  is the fraction of the lightest field at present time with respect to total DM density

# RESULTS: DENSITY FRACTIONS

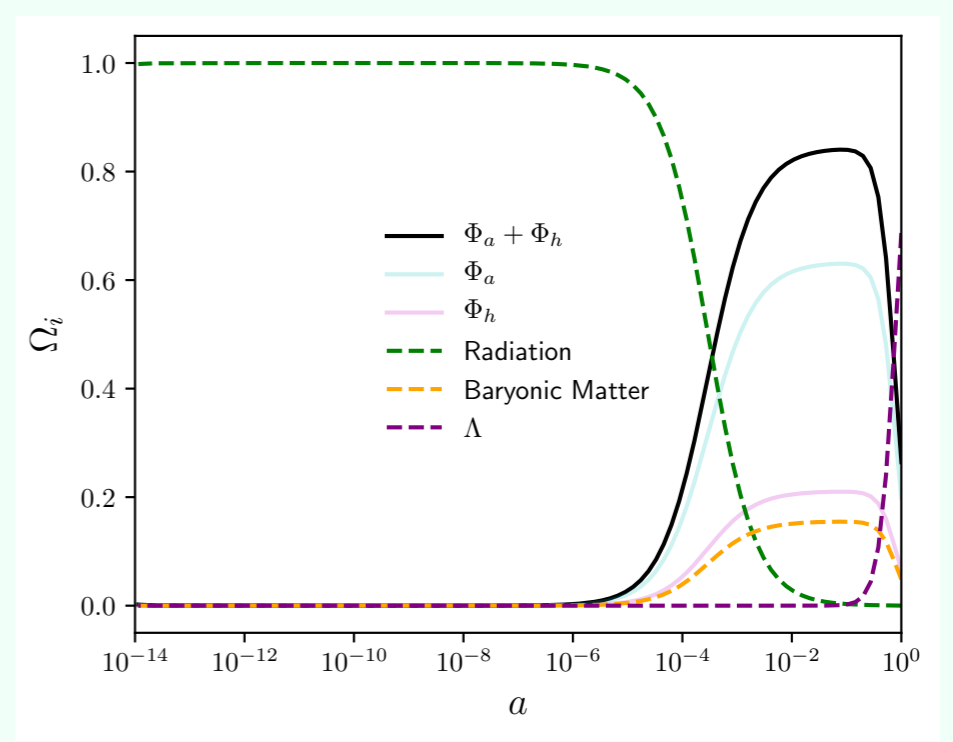
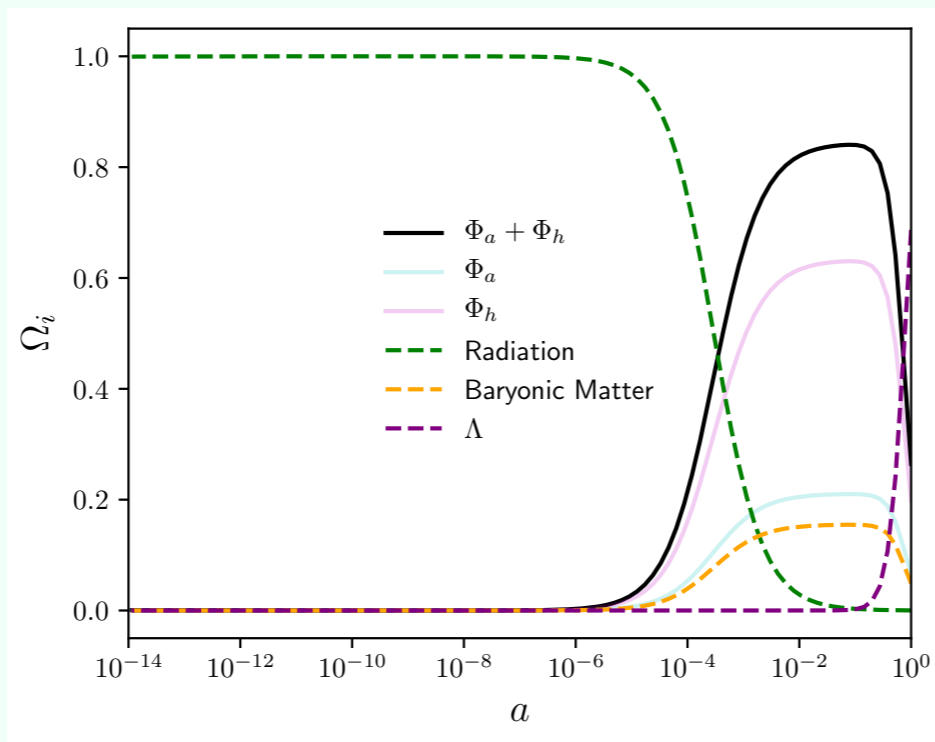
$\eta = 0.25$

$\eta = 0.75$

Model I  
Classical + Higgs



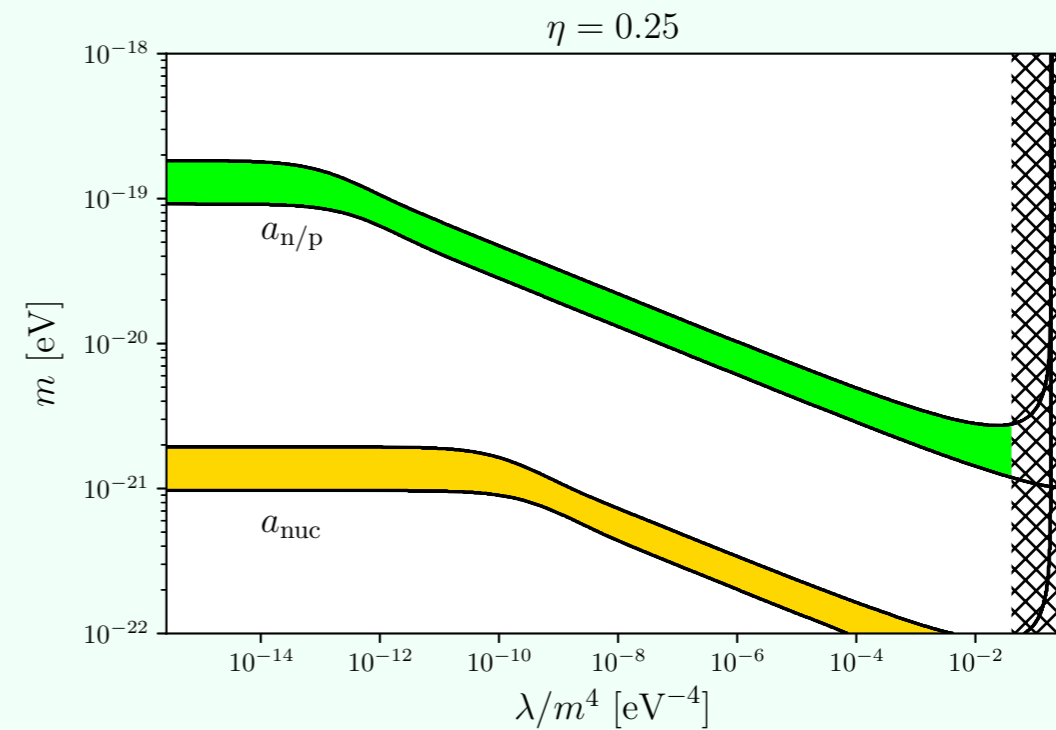
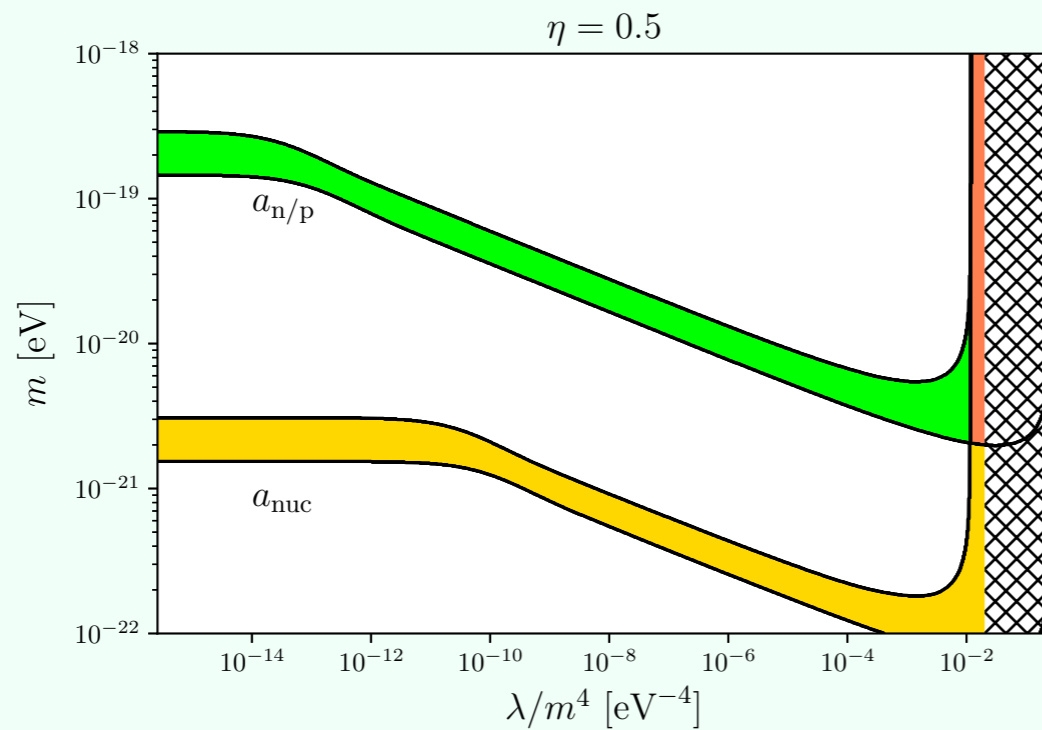
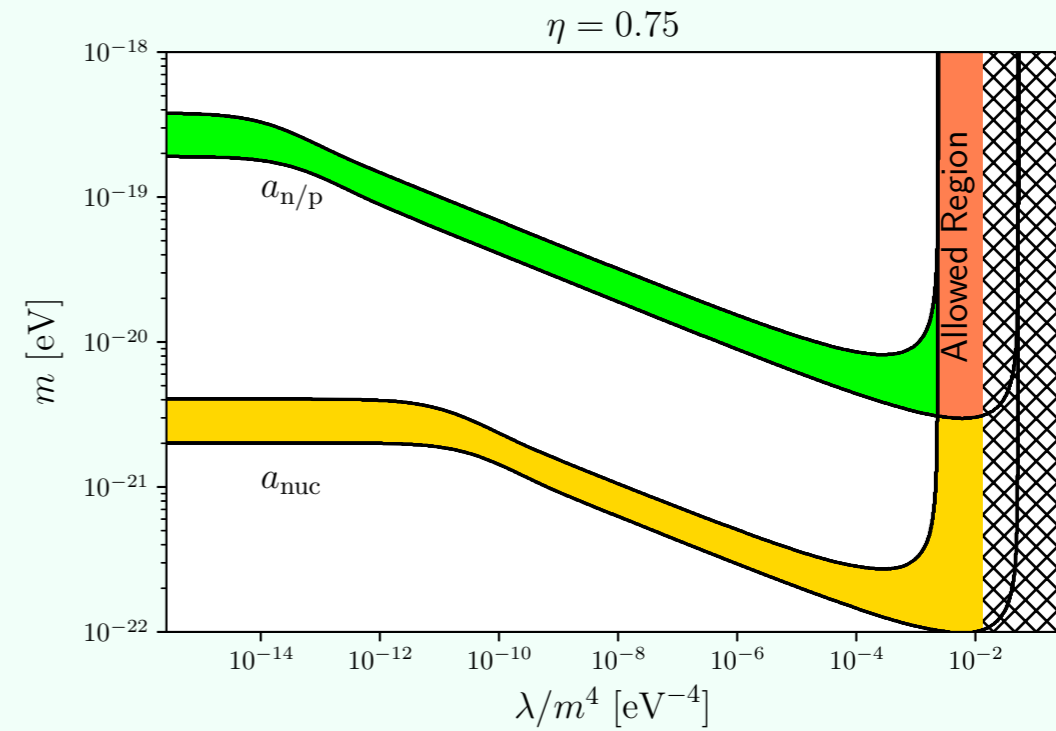
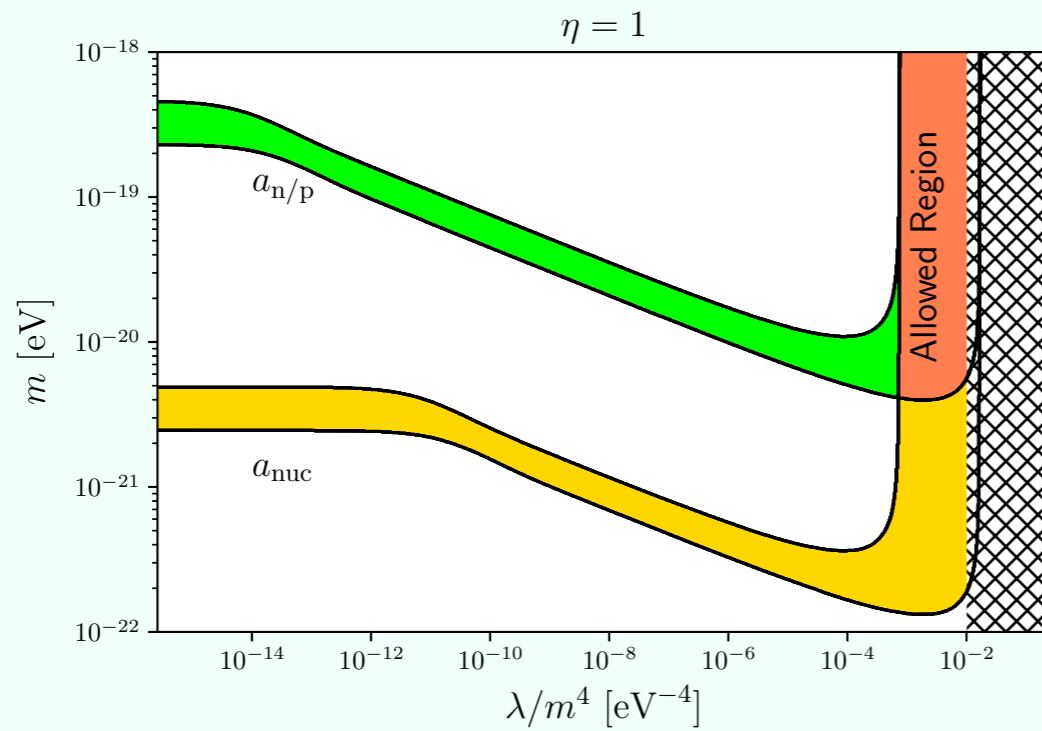
Model II  
Classical + axion



$a = \text{scale factor, today } a=1$

# CONSTRAINTS FROM $Z_{\text{EQ}}$ AND $N_{\text{EFF}}$ AT 1 SIGMA

# MODEL 1



Yellow and green bands comply with  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at  
 $n/p$  = neutron to proton freeze out, nuc = first nuclei production  
Crosshatched not allowed by  $Z_{\text{eq}}$

Orange region allowed

# RESULTS

| DOUBLE MODEL | Description       | $\eta$ constraint | Viability |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| I            | Classical + Higgs | $\gtrsim 0.423$   | ✓         |
| II           | Axion + Higgs     | ×                 | ×         |
| III          | Classical + Axion | NA <sup>a</sup>   | ✓         |

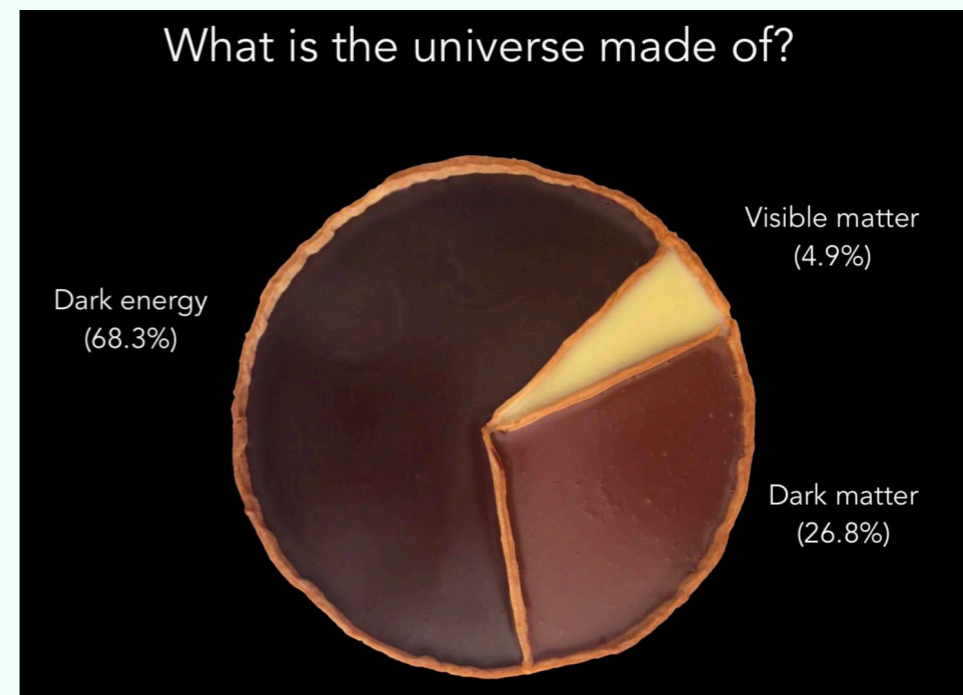
- Model I — Classical + Higgs
  - $\eta > 0,423$  to satisfy the constraints
  - Higgs always stays in the fast oscillating regime, behavior indistinguishable for CDM
- Model II — Axion + Higgs
  - No set of parameters satisfy the constraint on  $N_{\text{eff}}$   
Not at  $1\sigma$  or  $2\sigma$
  - Similar to the single axion case
- Model III — Classical + Axion
  - 4 free parameters, complete analysis not ready yet
  - Same restrictions as I apply for viability,  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $z_{\text{eq}}$



# CONCLUSIONS

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- DM is probably a lot more complicated than we think
- Halo composition may be a combination of seemingly different objects
- In different proportions...
- This will impact analysis in direct and indirect searches
- Expected flux might be smaller than expected
- Combination of classical+axion or classical+Higgs a possibility



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