

# MAIN CONNECTIONS BETWEEN COSMOLOGY & PARTICLE PHYSICS

THE EARLY UNIVERSE

O2 ACDM MODEL

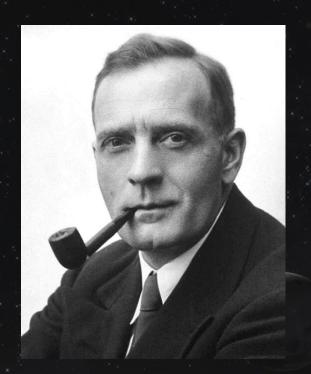
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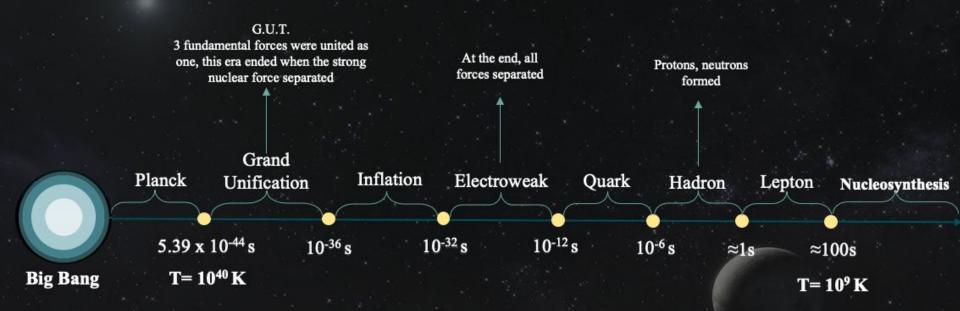


Georges Lemaître 1927 Hypothesis of the Primeval Atom



**Edwin Hubble** 

### Radiation Era $\approx 50.000$ years



Source: Author's own graph

<sup>\*</sup> The strong nuclear force is responsabile for the strong bond between neutrons and protons in atomic nuclei

<sup>\*</sup> Weak nuclear force is responsible for the radioactive decay processes and the nuclear fusion inside stars

### I. PARTICLE BEHAVIOR IN THE EPOCHS

### I. ELECTROWEAK

- Quark-gluon plasma
- Large numbers of exotic particles (W, Z, Higgs Bosons)

### II. BETWEEN ELECTROWEAK-QUARK

■ Baryogenesis (baryon asymmetry problem—- quarks dominate)

### III. QUARK

- Quarks, electrons, neutrinos form
- Quarks not bound in Hadrons!

### IV. HADRON

Protons, neutrons formed

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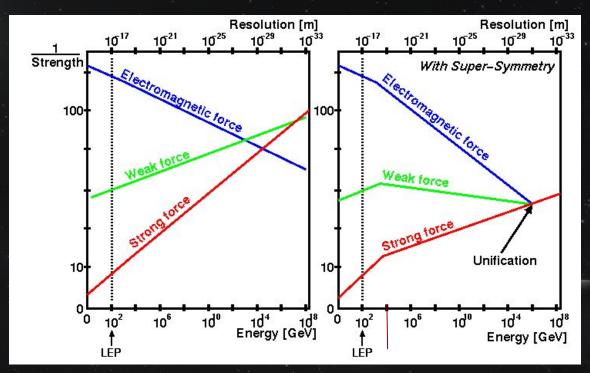
### V. LEPTON

■ Leptogenesis (dominance of leptons over anti-leptons)

### VI. NUCLEAR

- Atomic nuclei formed
- Energy dominated by photons

### II. FUNDAMENTAL FORCES



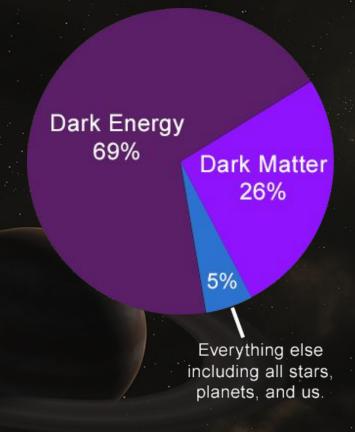
**Figure 1**: Strength reciprocal vs. energy graph not taking into account SUSY (left) and taking it (right)

Source: CERN, "Particle Physics Education CD-ROM," 1999.

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### ACDM MODEL





How do they work?



Figure 2: Content of the universe

Source: <a href="https://chandra.harvard.edu/darkuniverse/">https://chandra.harvard.edu/darkuniverse/</a>

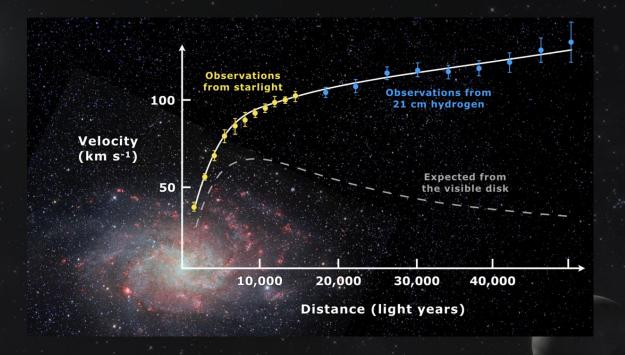


Figure 3: Observed vs expected galaxy velocities
Source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rotation\_curve\_of
\_spiral\_galaxy\_Messier\_33\_(Triangulum).png



Vera Rubin



Fritz Zwicki

## DARK MATTER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

[. WIMPS

(Weakly interacting massive particle)

II. AXIONS

STERILE NEUTRINOS

# THEWIMPS

Heavy, electromagnetically neutral subatomic particle that is hypothesized to make up most dark matter and therefore some 22% of the universe

### Characteristics:

- They don't absorb/emit light
- They don't interact strongly with other particles

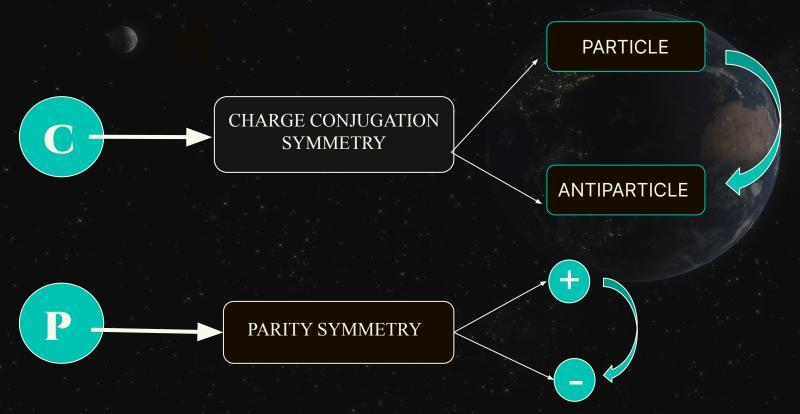
# AXIONS

Axions are another well-motivated dark matter candidate. They were proposed to resolve the strong CP problem.

#### Characteristics:

- No electric charge
- Very small mass
- Very low interaction for strong and weak forces

### **CP PROBLEM**



Source: Author's own graph

# STERILE NEUTRINOS

A special kind of neutrino that has been proposed to explain some unexpected experimental results, but they have not been definitively discovered. Scientists are looking hard for them in many different experiments.

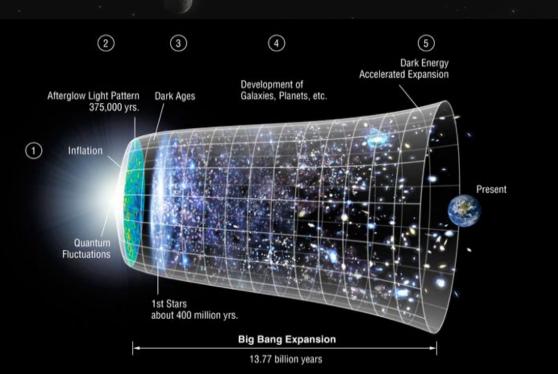
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**EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSE** 



### **ACDM MODEL OF COSMOLOGY**



**Figure 4:** Big Bang Expansion https://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov/education/graphic\_history/univ\_evol.html

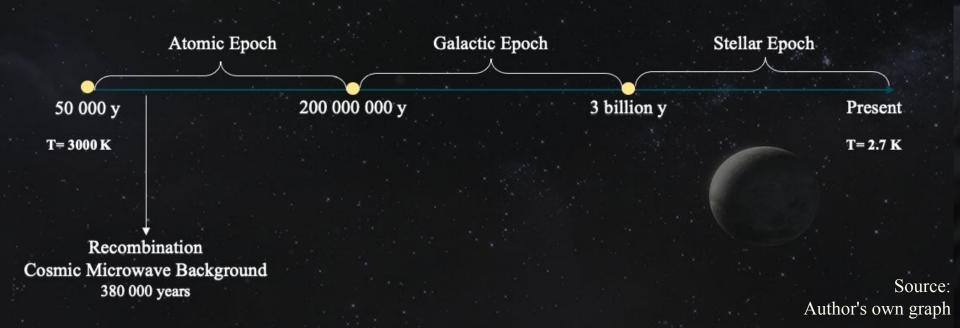
This model proposes specifically cold matter, such as:

- 1. Non baryonic
- 2. Cold
- 3. Dissipationless
- 4. Collisionless

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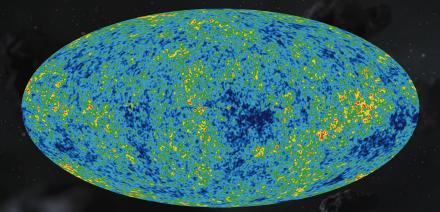
COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

### Matter Era – until today



### COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

- Isotropic photon background with a blackbody spectrum (T=2.725 K)
- Before recombination: hot, dense plasma of particles (photons scattered off, Thomson scattering)
- Proves that photons/baryons **must** have existed in a highly interacting thermal state
- Small irregularities: Random quantum fluctuations before recombination



**Figure 5**: Cosmic Microwave Background (blue spots colder than red spots) Source: *WMAP* 

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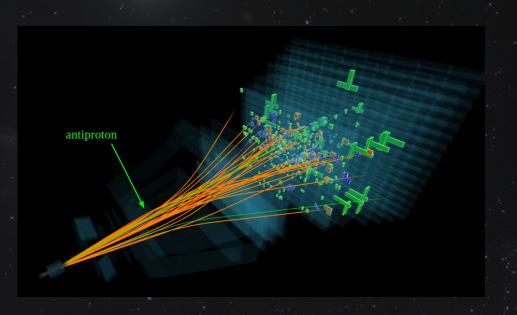
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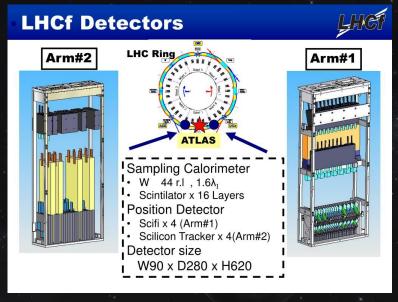
I. LHCB/LHCF

II. ALICE

III. OTHERS (ATLAS, CMS, ELENA/AD)

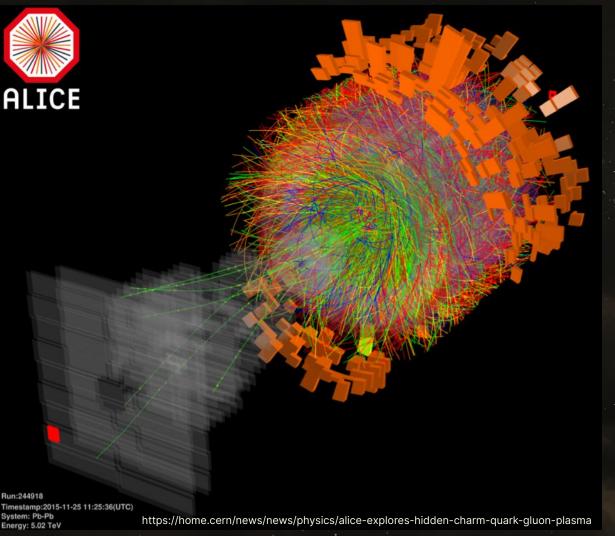
# LARGE HADRON COLLIDER BEAUTY LARGE HADRON COLLIDER FORWARD





**Figure 6**: proton-proton collision at LHCb <a href="https://home.web.cern.ch/news/news/physics/lhcb-reveals-secret-antimatter-creation-cosmic-collisions">https://home.web.cern.ch/news/news/physics/lhcb-reveals-secret-antimatter-creation-cosmic-collisions</a>

**Figure 7**: LHCf Detectors <a href="https://www.slideserve.com/varick/lhcf-detectors">https://www.slideserve.com/varick/lhcf-detectors</a>





What is the quark-gluon plasma state?



What happens at ALICE?

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