

# How *Complex Scalar Field* Dark Matter conspires to facilitate EWBG

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# Cold DM as an ultralight spin-0 boson

Can have favorable astrophysical features:

Jeans/clustering scale may resolve galactic small-scale structure problems

Appear in BSM theories

*Real, pseudoscalars:* cold due to vacuum misalignment

- QCD axion
- Axion-like particles

*Complex, scalar:* cold due to evolution of EOS (dep. on potential)

- Ultralight bosons  $m \ll 10^{-6}$  eV

Real ↔ complex SFDM: similar at late times (structure formation),  
very different at early times

# Genesis of complex SFDM

- (Standard) Inflation gives way to reheating
- Reheating produces SM + DM (ultralight bosons) in thermal EQ
- the latter move readily into their ground state due to their high phase-space density  $\rightarrow$  form BEC
- Ever after described as a complex scalar field ('condensate wave function'), obeying the Klein-Gordon equation in an expanding Universe

# Complex SFDM

*Complex scalar field*  $\psi = |\psi| e^{i\theta}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi^* \partial_\nu \psi - V(\psi) \quad V(\psi) = \frac{1}{2} m c^2 |\psi|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} |\psi|^4$$

units:  $[\mathcal{L}] = [\text{eV}/\text{cm}^3]$ ,  $[\psi] = \text{cm}^{-3/2}$ ,  $\lambda = \hat{\lambda} \frac{\hbar^3}{m^2 c}$

Complex field obeys U(1)-symmetry:

'charge conservation' = conservation of DM abundance

*2-body repulsive interactions only*

$\lambda \geq 0$  is an energy-independent coupling constant

*Fundamental SFDM parameters:*  $m$  and  $\lambda$

# Equations of motion

Klein-Gordon equation for the scalar field  $\psi$

$$g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \psi - g^{\mu\nu} \Gamma^\sigma_{\mu\nu} \partial_\sigma \psi + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi + \frac{2\lambda m}{\hbar^2} |\psi|^2 \psi = 0$$

Einstein field equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

# Background evolution of a $\Lambda$ SFDM universe

(Li,TRD,Shapiro, arXiv:1310.6061)

## 1) Inflaton-domination:

- (Standard) Inflation
- Reheating ( $w=0$ , “CDM-like EOS”)
  - DM bosons form condensate, giving rise to

## 2) SFDM-domination ( $w=1$ , “stiff EOS”):

akin to 'kination': kinetic term due to phase dominates over  $V$

## 3) SFDM morphes from $w=1$ to $w=1/3$ (“radiation-like EOS”): quartic term in $V$ dominates **Radiation-domination** (Radiation dominates over SFDM, but SFDM is still relativistic)

## 4) SFDM morphes from relat. to non-relat. ( $w=1/3 \rightarrow w=0$ “CDM-like EOS”): quadratic term in $V$ dominates: **Matter-domination**

## 5) $\Lambda$ – domination (assuming cosmological constant)

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Relativistic SFDM changes the expansion history in the early Universe

→ constraints from:  $a_{eq}$ , BBN, primordial GWs, other baryonic processes, ..

Take the same cosmic inventory as the basic  $\Lambda$ CDM model,

except that **CDM is replaced by SFDM** →  **$\Lambda$ SFDM**

Cosmological parameters from **Planck results XVI (2013)**:

$$\Omega_m = \Omega_b + \Omega_c$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_r$$

Basic		Derived	
$h$	0.673	$\Omega_m h^2$	0.14187
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02207	$\Omega_r h^2$	$4.184 \times 10^{-5}$
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1198	$z_{eq}$	3390
$T_{CMB}/K$	2.7255	$\Omega_\Lambda$	0.687

assuming SM

neutrinos are

*massless*

TABLE I. Cosmological parameters. The values in the left column ('Basic') are quoted from the Planck collaboration: central values of the 68% confidence limits for the base  $\Lambda$ CDM model with Planck+WP+highL data, see Table 5 in [5]. We calculate those in the right column ('Derived').

# Fiducial SFDM Model

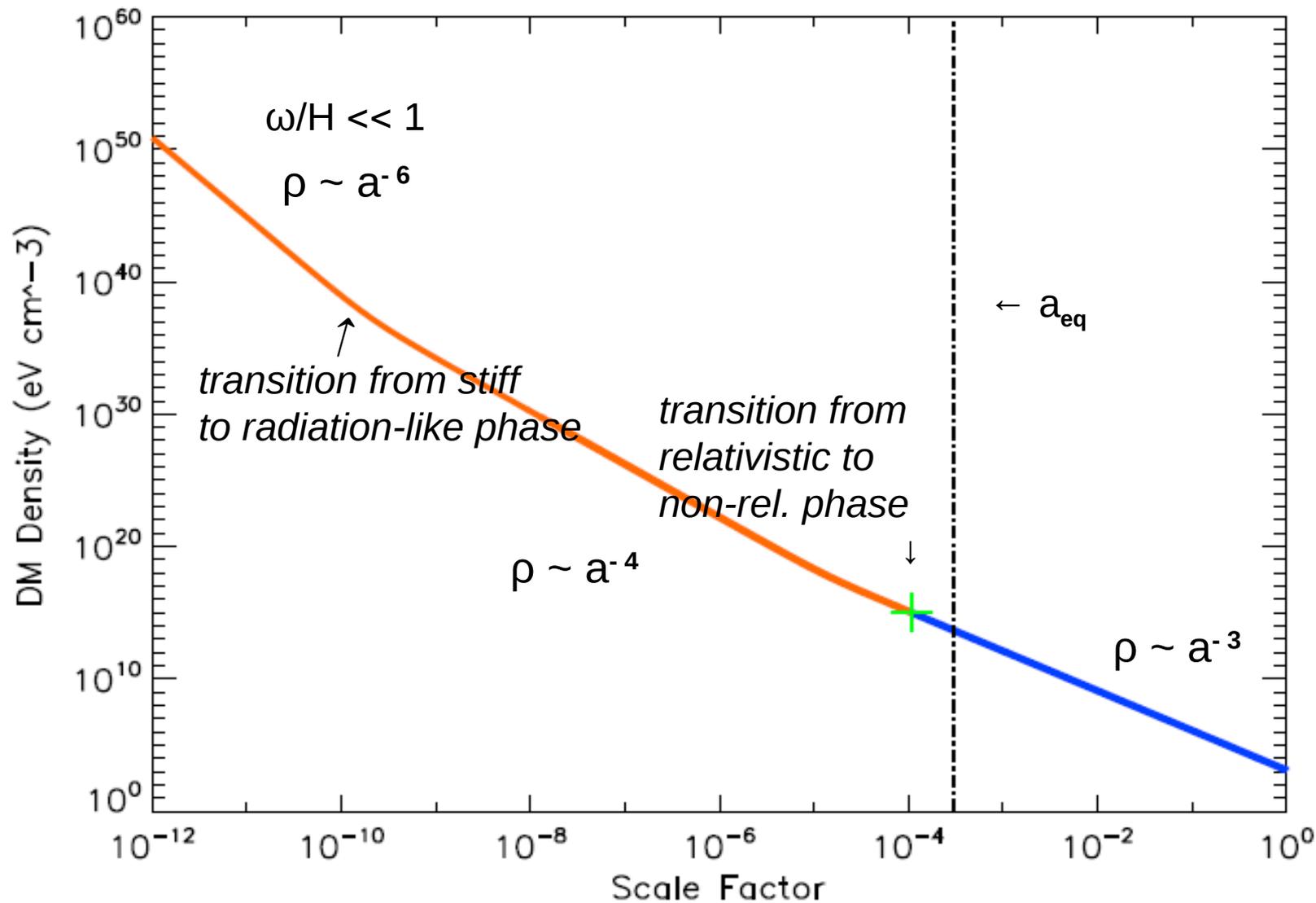
$$(m, \lambda)_{\text{fiducial}} = (3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}/c^2, 1.8 \times 10^{-59} \text{ eV cm}^3)$$

$$\lambda/(mc^2)^2 = 2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^3$$

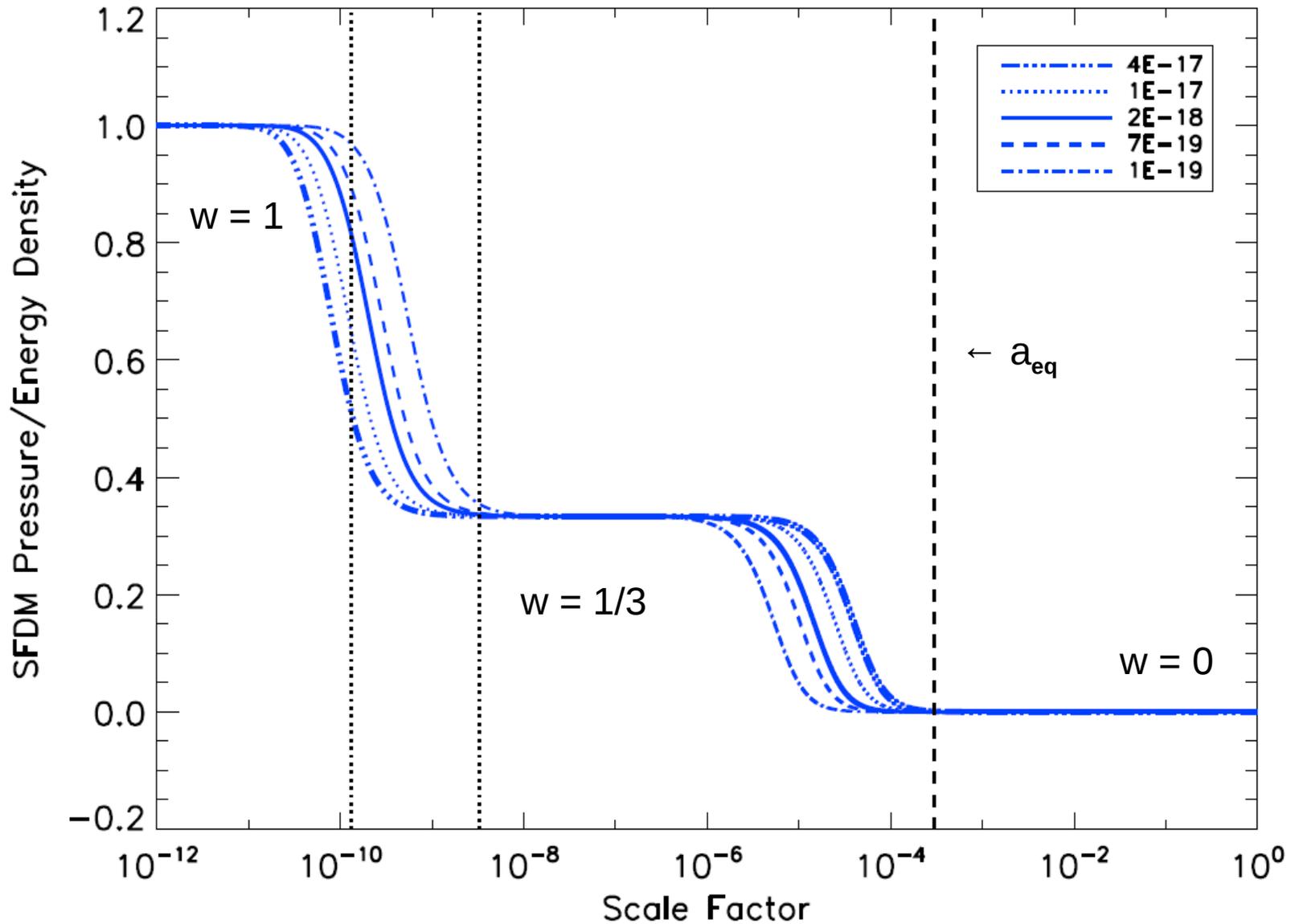
in natural units:  $\hat{\lambda}_{\text{fiducial}} \simeq 10^{-83}$

for comparison  $\hat{\lambda}_{\text{QCDaxion}} \simeq 10^{-57}$

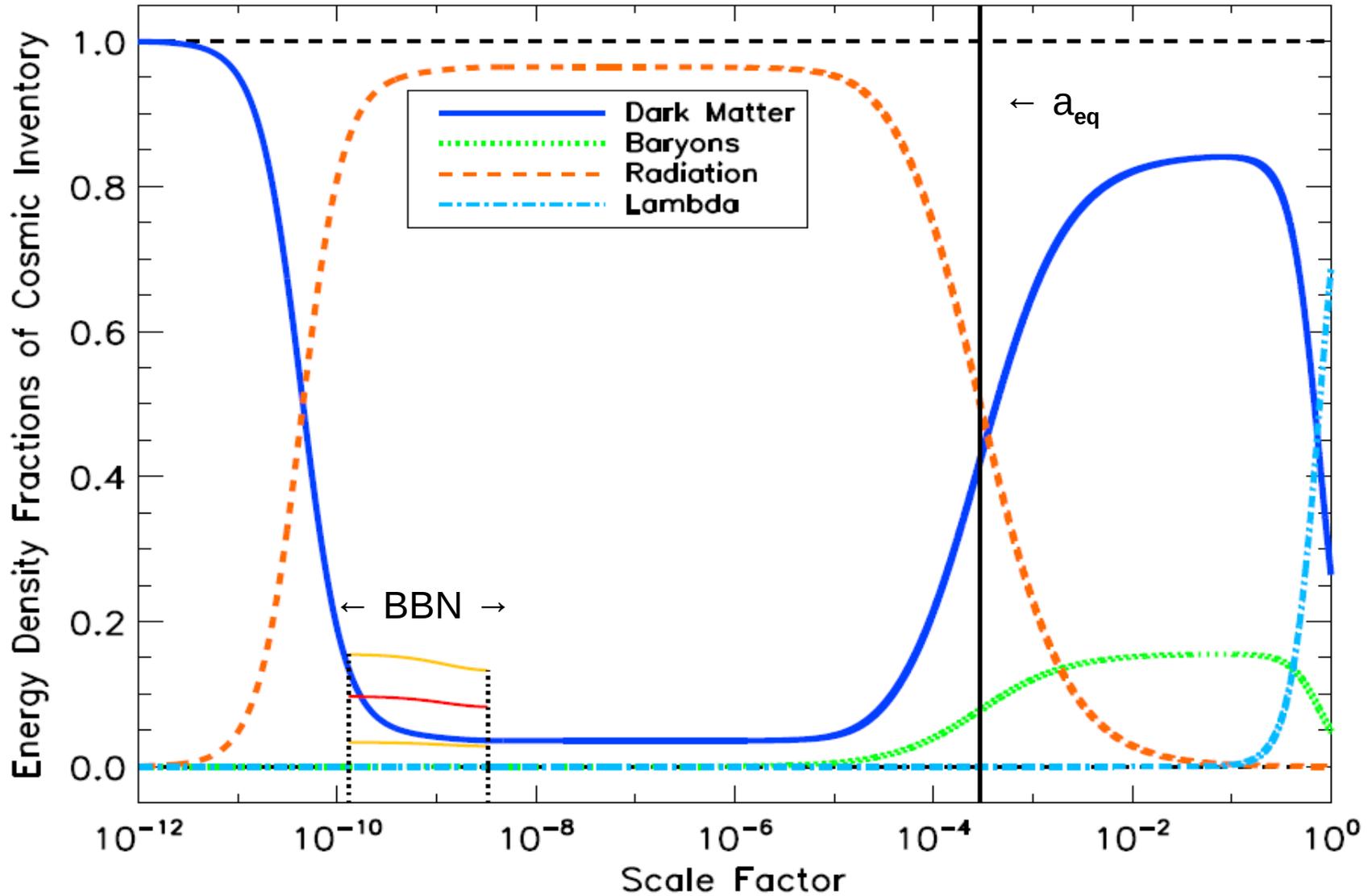
# Evolution of SFDM energy density



The larger  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$ , the longer lasts the radiation-like phase



# Evolution of $\Lambda$ SFDM universe



We impose a conservative constraint: the  $N_{\text{eff}}$  during BBN *be all the time* within the **1 $\sigma$  confidence limits** of

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.71^{+0.47}_{-0.45} \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta N_{\nu} = 0.66^{+0.47}_{-0.45} \quad (\text{Steigman 2012})$$

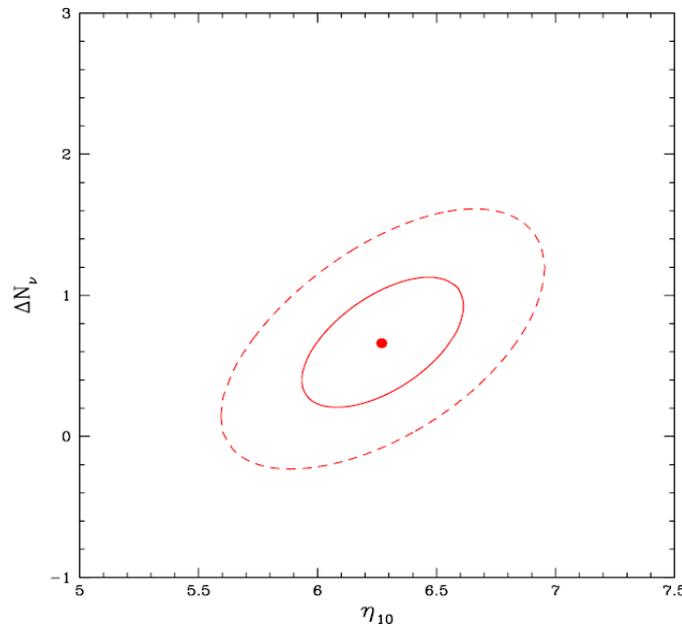
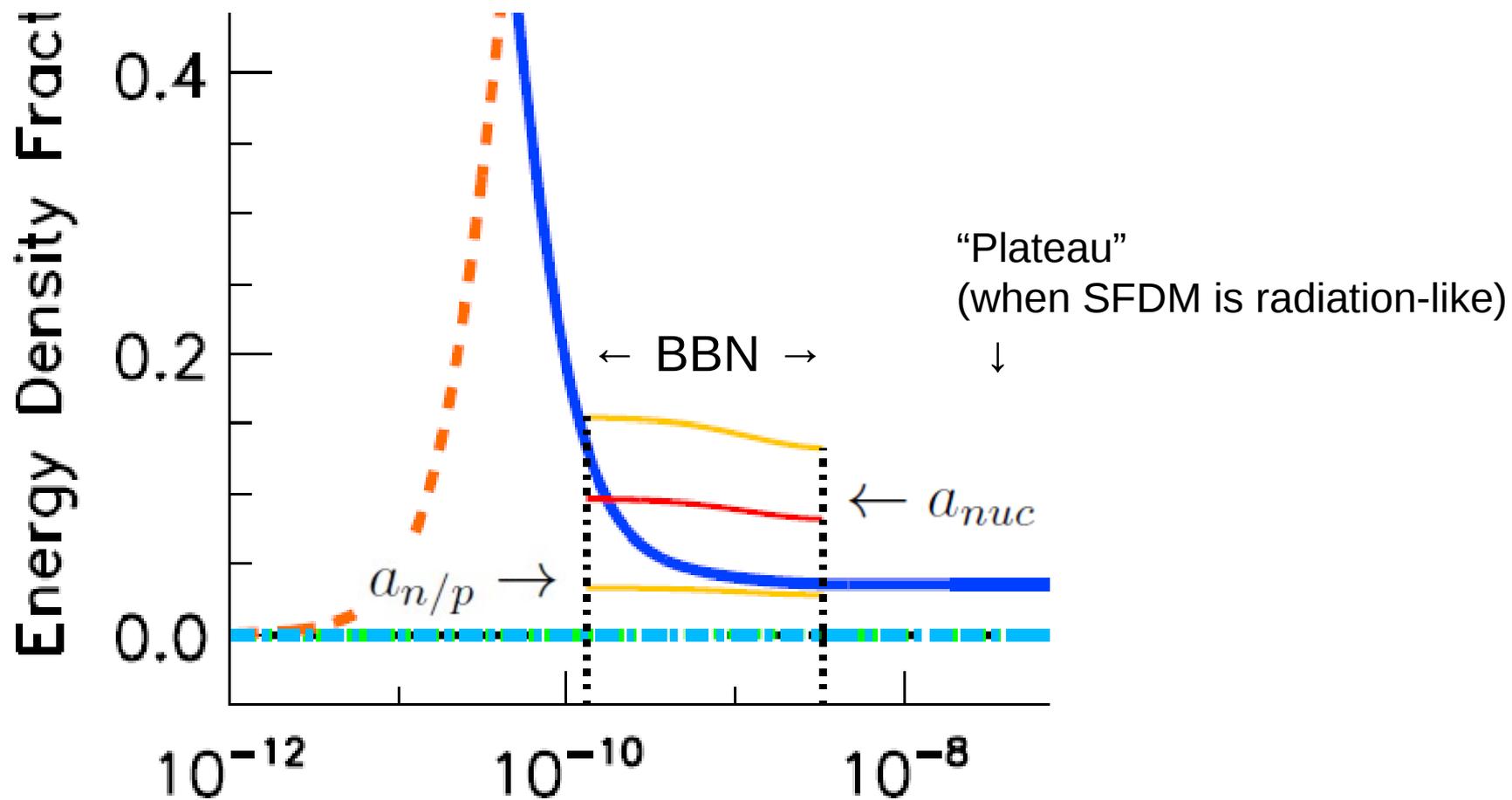


Figure 4: The BBN-inferred 68% (solid) and 95% (dashed) contours in the  $\Delta N_{\nu} - \eta_{10}$  plane derived from D and  ${}^4\text{He}$  assuming that  $\xi = 0$ .

# Evolution of $\Lambda$ SFDM during BBN



# Constraints on SFDM from BBN

effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom / neutrinos:  $N_{\text{eff}}$

the relation between  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\Omega_{\text{SFDM}}$  is analytic during the „plateau“ (i.e. during the radiation-like phase) *if* SFDM reaches it before  $a_{\text{nuc}}$ :

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.71^{+0.47}_{-0.45} \quad \rightarrow \quad 0.028 \leq \Omega_{\text{SFDM,plateau}} \leq 0.132$$

the higher  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$ , the higher the “plateau”

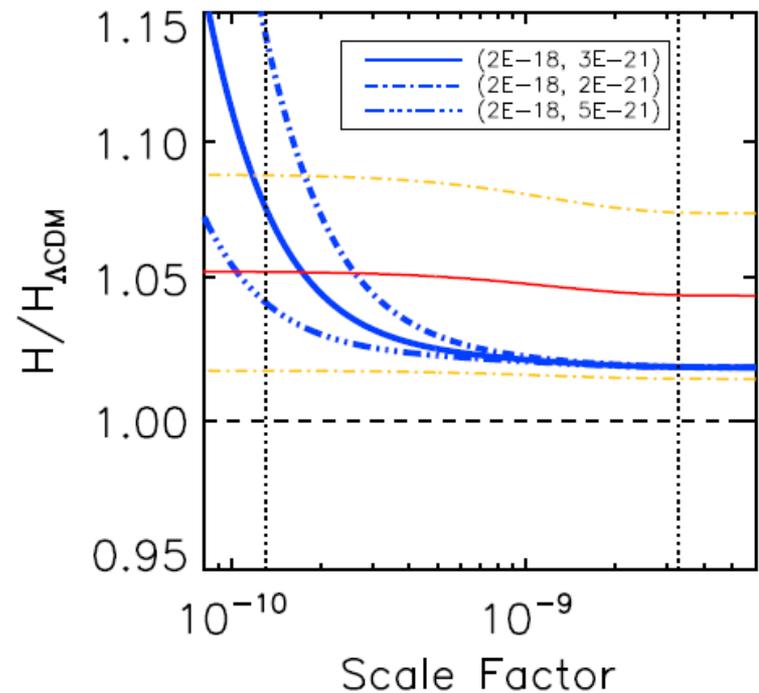
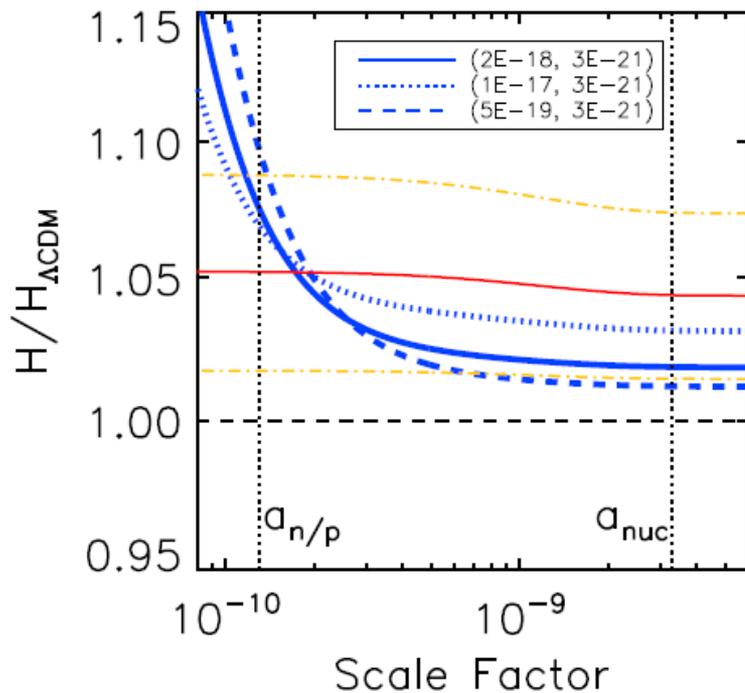
$\rightarrow$  *constraint on  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$*

$$9.5 \times 10^{-19} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^3 \leq \lambda/(mc^2)^2 \leq 1.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^3$$

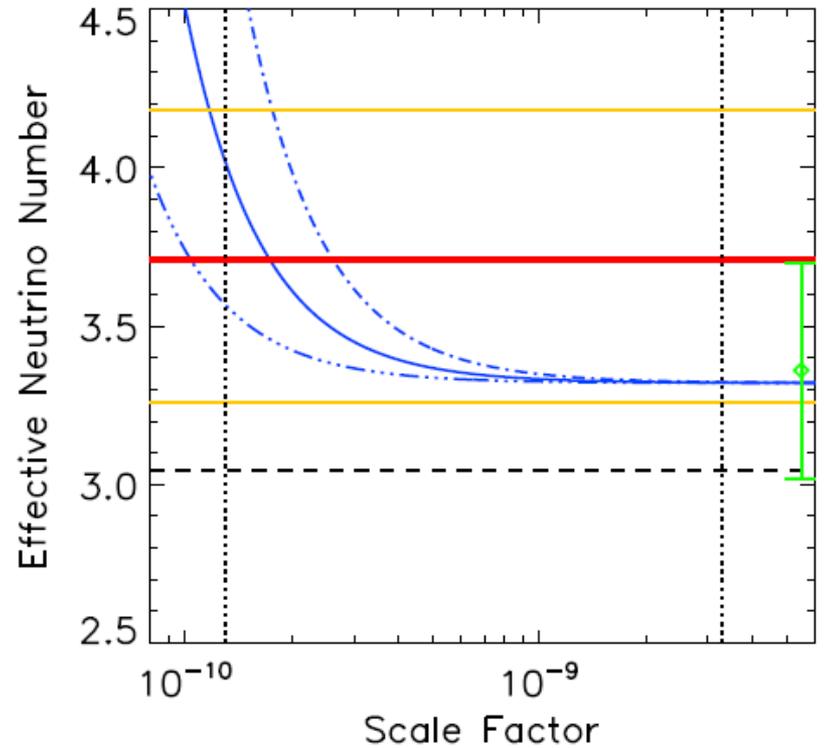
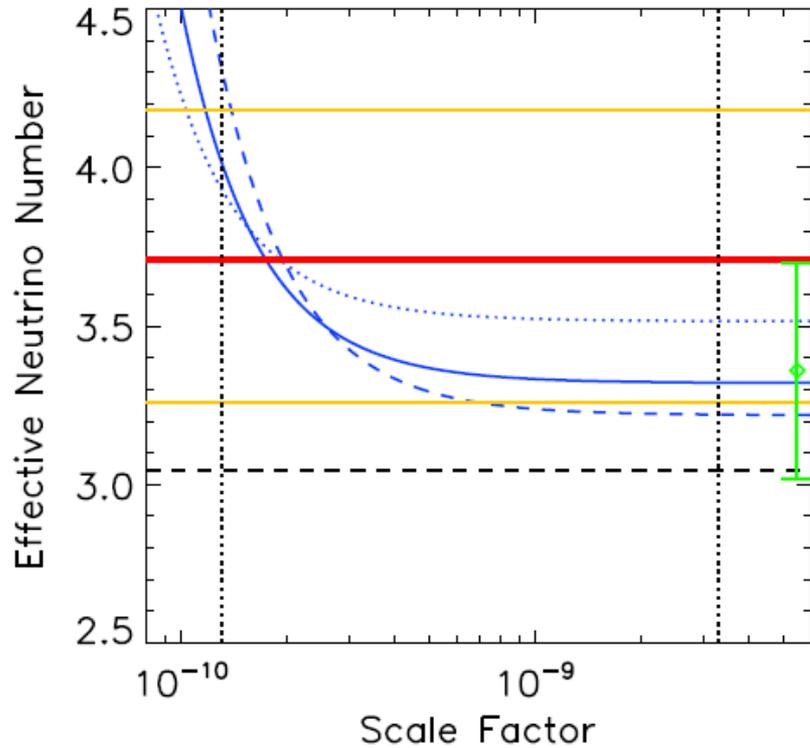
# Constraints on SFDM from BBN

Meanwhile, earlier at  $a_{n/p}$ , the transition from the stiff to the radiation-like phase may not have finished and the value of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  can be higher than at the plateau – this is a function of *both*  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$  and  $m$

→ *constraint on  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$  and  $m$*

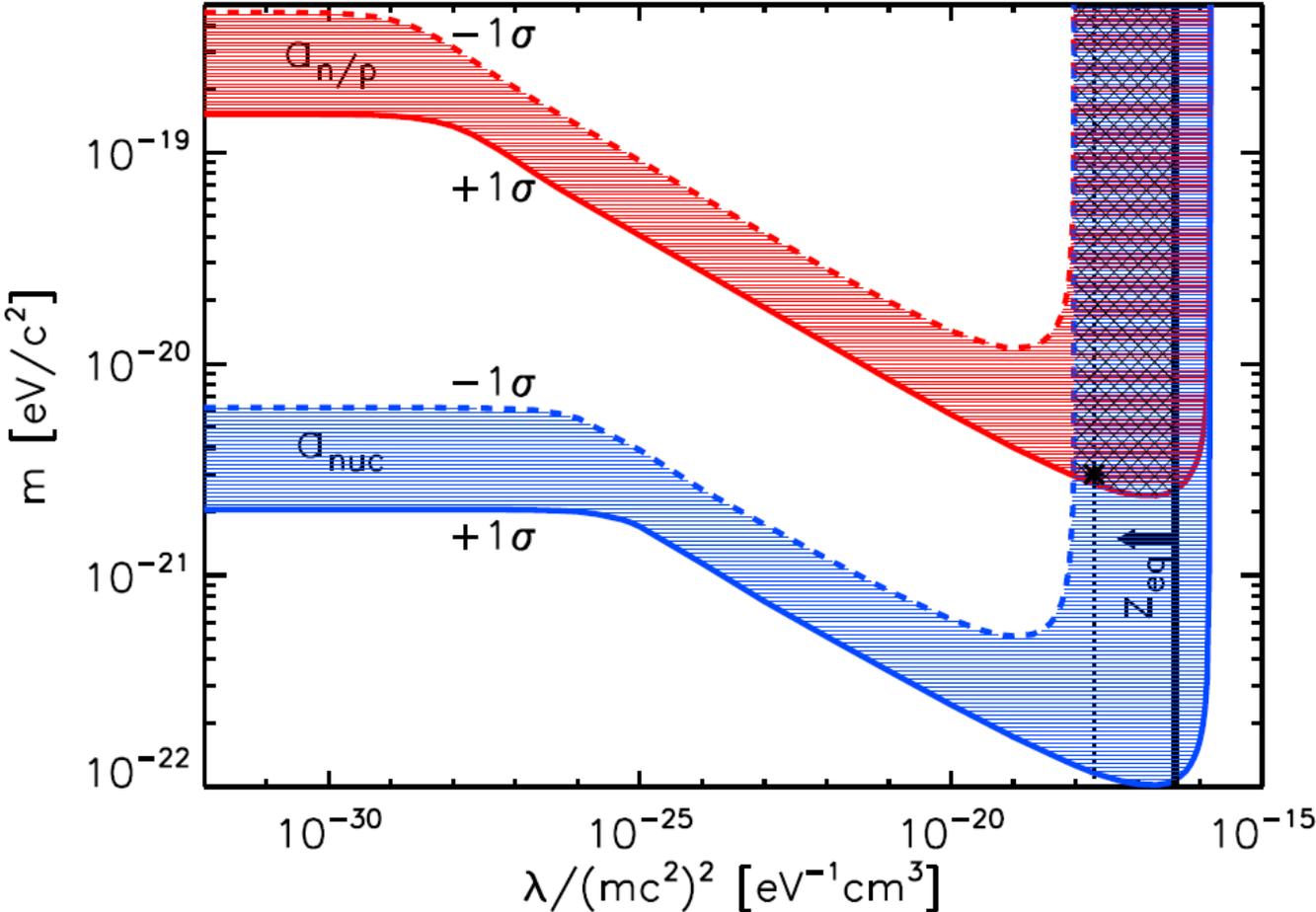


# Constraints on SFDM from BBN



compare:  $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.36 \pm 0.34$  (green bar) from CMB alone (Planck+WP+highL)

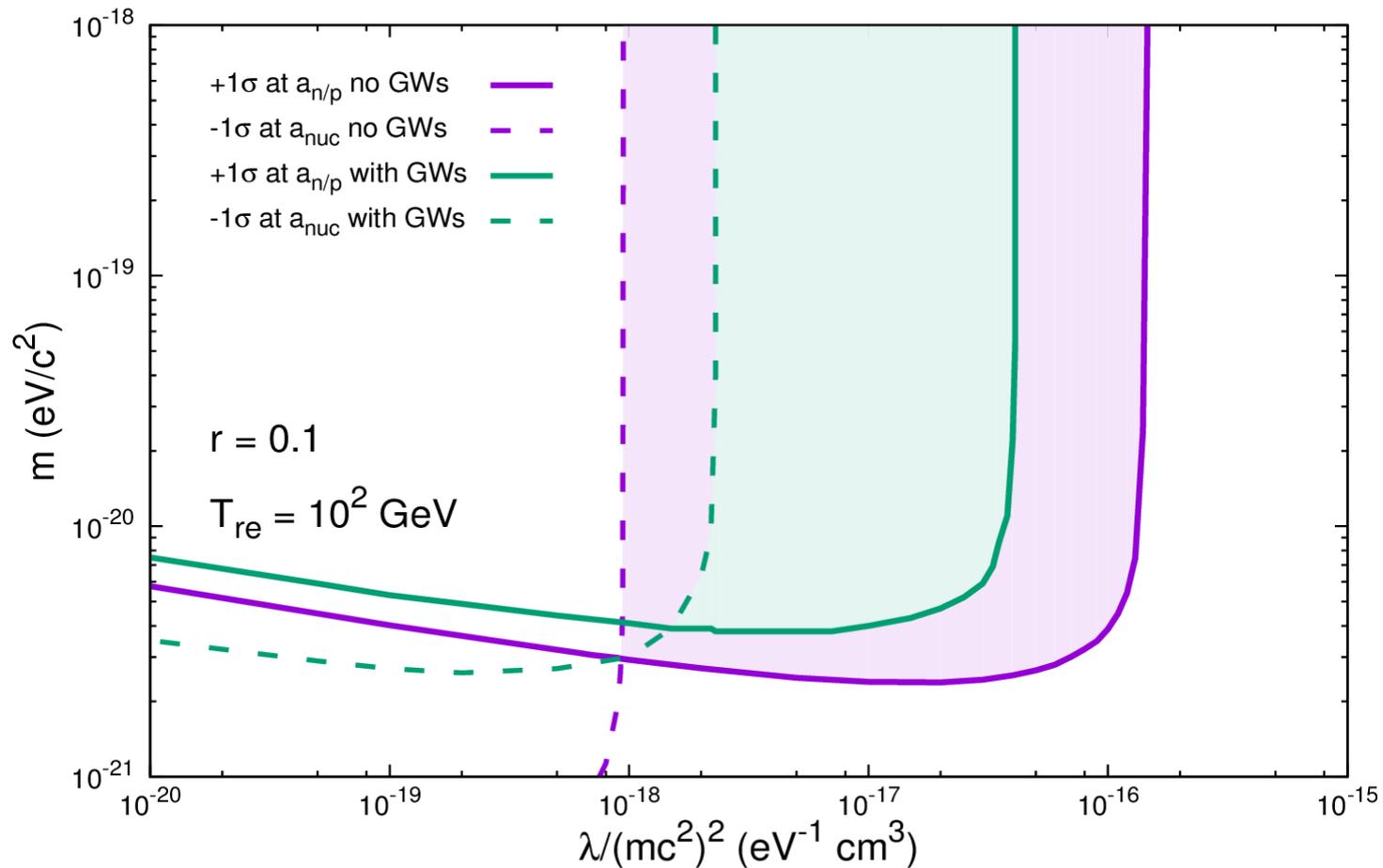
# Allowed parameter space for SFDM from $a_{eq}$ plus BBN



# Allowed parameter space for SFDM from $a_{\text{eq}}$ plus (updated) BBN plus GWs

(Li,TRD,Shapiro,in prep)

## SFDM Parameter Space



# Background evolution of a $\Lambda$ SFDM universe with GWs

(Li,TRD,Shapiro, in prep)

- SFDM is compatible with  $T_{\text{rh}}$  higher than the EW scale
- However, higher  $T_{\text{rh}}$  implies a higher lower-bound limit on the SFDM particle mass

e.g.  $T_{\text{rh}} = 100 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow m > \sim 3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$

1 TeV  $\rightarrow$   $3 \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$

This is for a given value of  $r = 0.1$ . If  $r < 0.1$ , the bounds will be relaxed.

- $T_{\text{rh}}$  is mostly a constraint on the SFDM mass  $m$ , while it is the  $N_{\text{eff}}$  during BBN which constrains  $\lambda/m^2$  most.

## Change of exp.history → implications for PTs in early Universe

Criteria for successful EWBG / strong enough 1st order PT:

- 1) sphalerons be out-of-equilibrium in the broken phase
  - need high enough expan.rate during EW symmetry breaking
- 2) sufficient CP violation to result in observed amount of baryon asymmetry

Concern ourselves only with 1)

# Change of exp.history → implications for PTs in early Universe: Idea exploited before

Joyce 97, Joyce & Prokopec 98:

“Kination” driven by a real, relic scalar field with the desired  $V$

Implies *modified (weaker) bounds* on:

- Sphaleron energy
- Expansion rate
- Ratio of Higgs vev to  $T_c$  to be a strong enough 1st order PT

$$\frac{v_c}{T_c} > \left( \frac{v_c}{T_c} \right)_{\Lambda\text{CDM}} - \frac{0.06}{\mathcal{B}} \ln \frac{H_{\Lambda\text{SFDM}}}{H_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}}$$

# Implication of a $\Lambda$ SFDM universe on EWBG

(TRD, Lewicki, Wells, in prep)

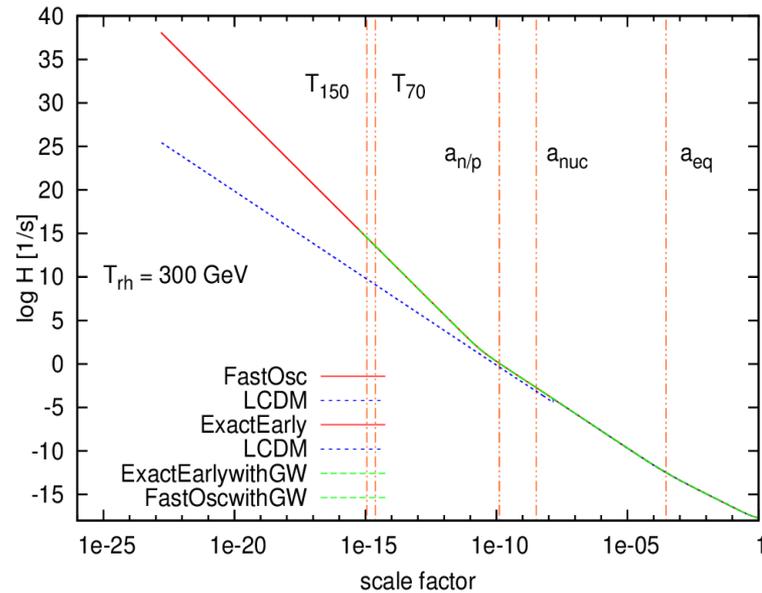
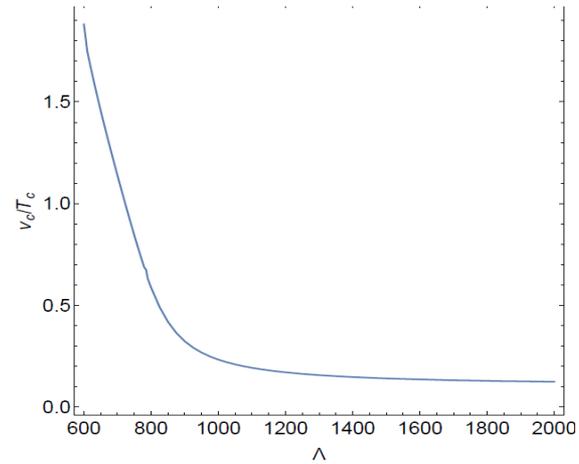
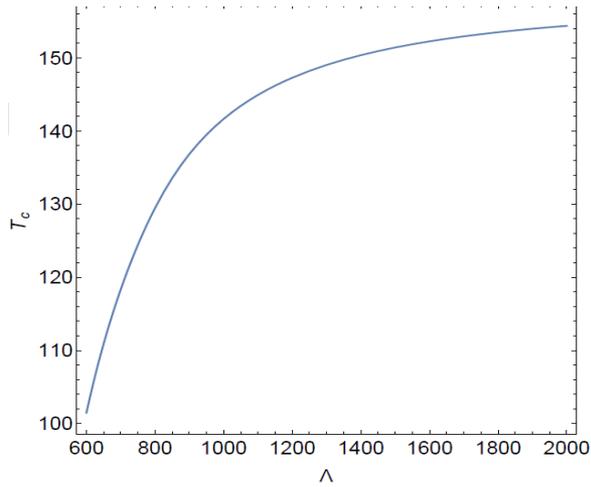
- In our model, it is the *dynamical evolution of Dark Matter (SFDM)* which is responsible for the change in the expansion rate
- Implication for single Higgs doublet (SM EWBG)
- Implication for single Higgs doublet with *modified Higgs self-interactions* (Grojean, Servant, Wells 05; Delaunay, Grojean, Wells 08)

$$V(H) = -\frac{m^2}{2}|H|^2 + \lambda|H|^4 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}|H|^6$$

for a Higgs mass of 125 GeV

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# Conclusions

- Complex SFDM is a good dark matter candidate so far → but work in progress whether that remains true for structure formation
- We constrained the allowed parameter space severely (compared to previous literature), by considering only the evolution of the background universe
- There remains a semi-infinite stripe in the parameter space which is in accordance with current observations, including parameter sets which are able to resolve the small-scale problems of CDM
- Complex SFDM with self-interaction provides a natural explanation of why  $N_{\text{eff}}$  during BBN is higher than that inferred from the CMB from Planck data
- Much higher expansion rate due to 'stiff phase' of early SFDM-domination may facilitate baryonic 1st order phase transitions, notably EWBG