

Dark matter

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Fritz Zwicky

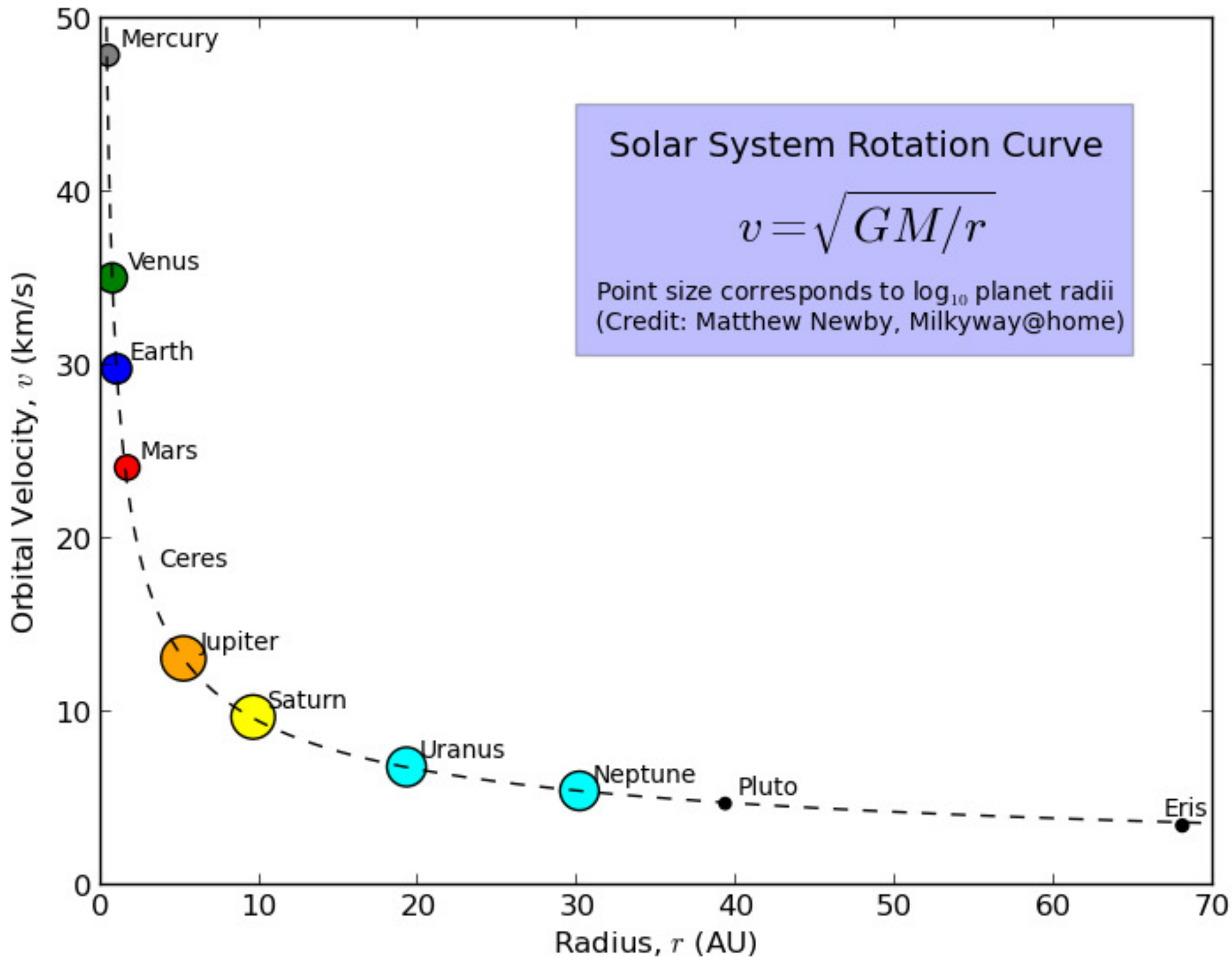
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Coma Cluster: 1000 galaxies
321 million light years away

He measured the speed with which the galaxies in Coma move. To his surprise, he found enormous speeds—thousands of kilometers per second — **fast enough to rip the cluster apart.**

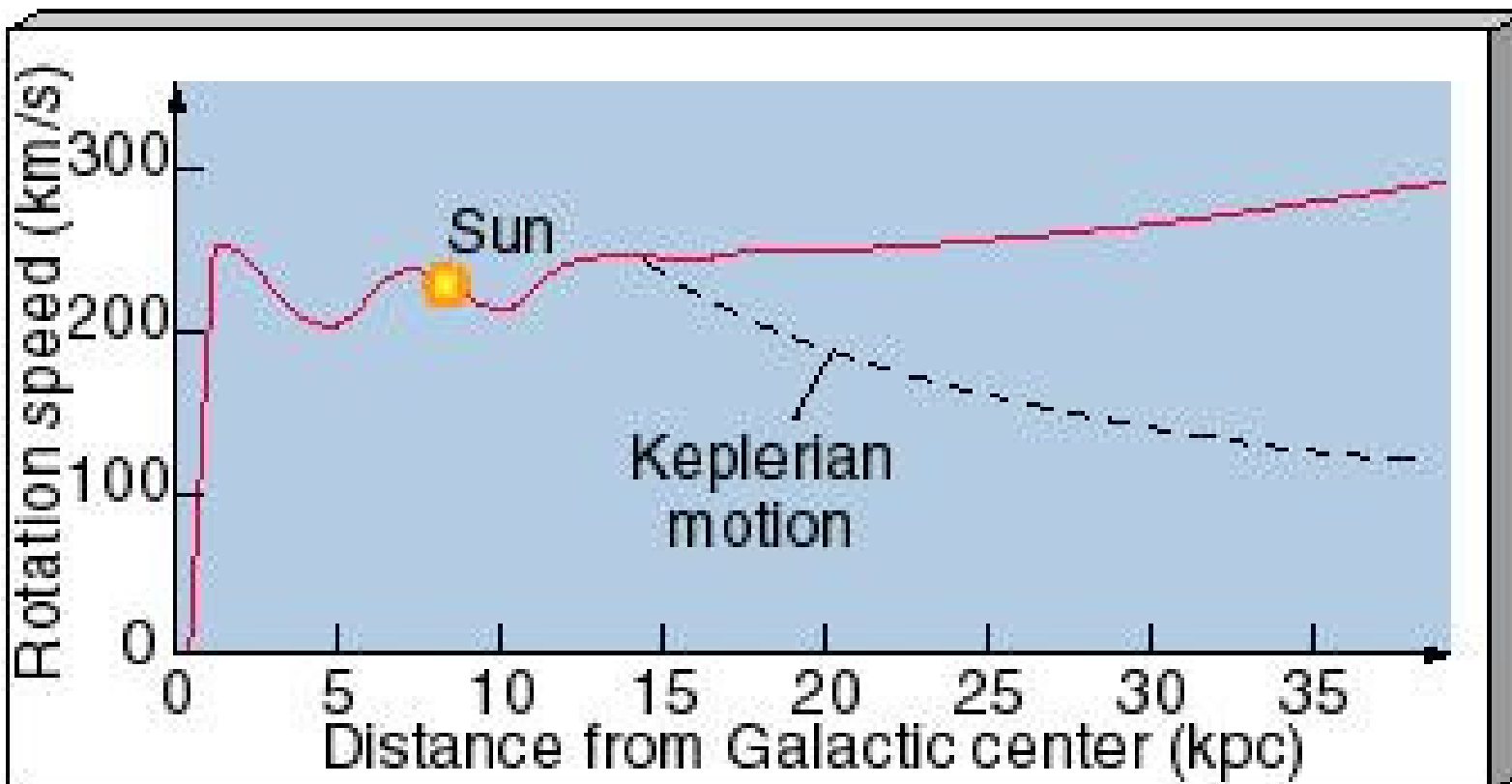
Why was the cluster not tearing itself up? Zwicky concluded that the cluster must be filled with additional unseen matter that holds the galaxies together with its gravitational force.



Problem with galaxy rotation curves

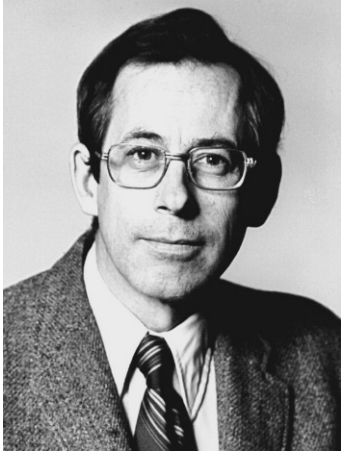
Outer stars in the galaxies do not rotate correctly! The outer stars should behave much like the planets of our solar system.

In galaxies, however, **both inner and outer stars rotate at about the same speed.**



1973: Further evidence for dark matter

Problem with galactic simulations



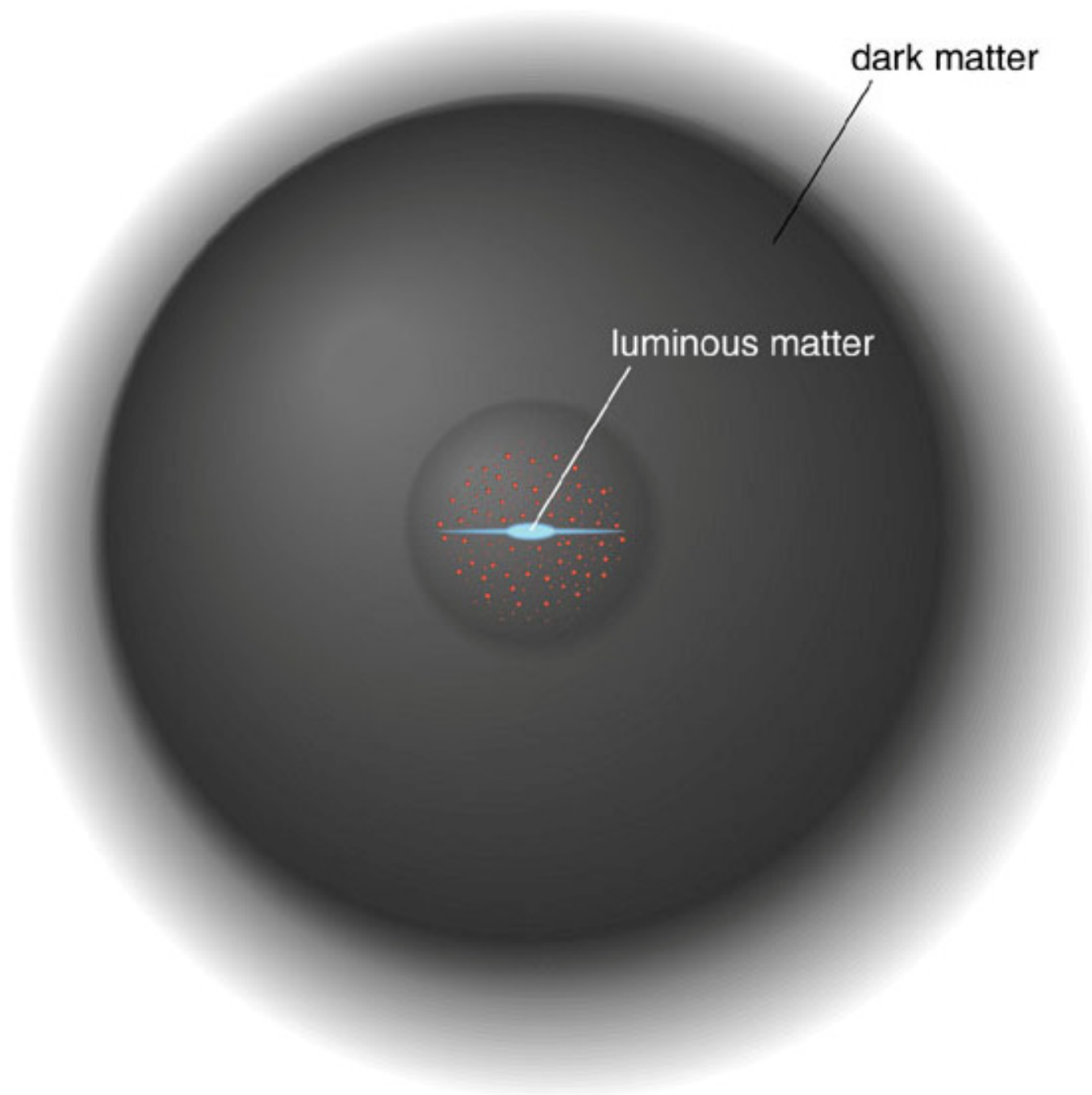
James Peebles Jeremiah Ostriker

Princeton University

Jeremiah Ostriker and James Peebles used numerical simulation to study how galaxies evolve: they programmed 300 mass points into their computer to represent groups of stars in a galaxy rotating about a central point.

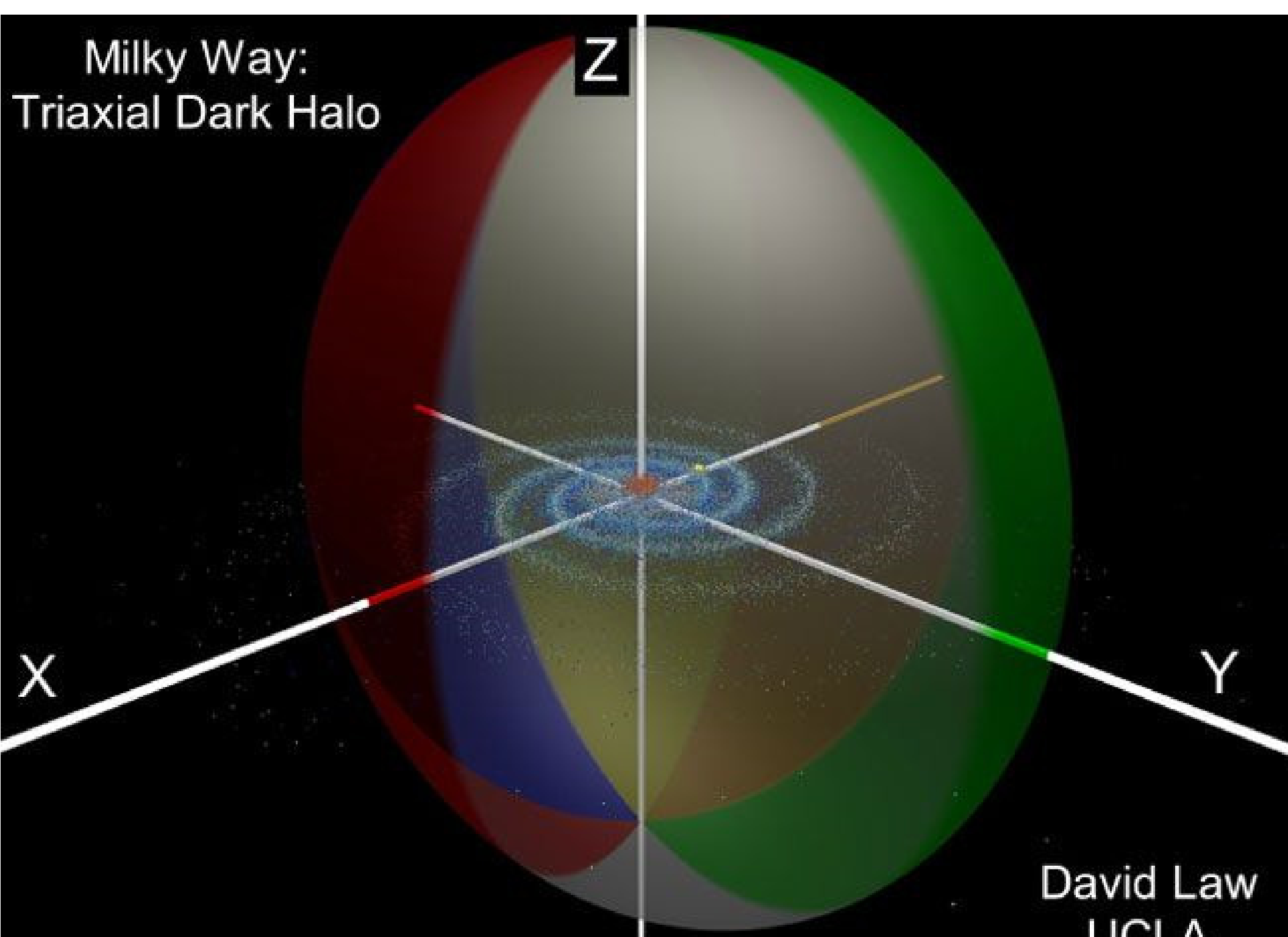
Ostriker and Peebles found that in a time less than an orbital period, most of the mass points would collapse to a bar-shaped, dense concentration close to the center of the galaxy with only a few mass points at larger radii.

However, if they added a static, uniform distribution of mass three to 10 times the size of the total mass of the mass points, they found a more recognizable structure would emerge.



The visible portion of a galaxy lies deep in the heart of a large halo of dark matter.

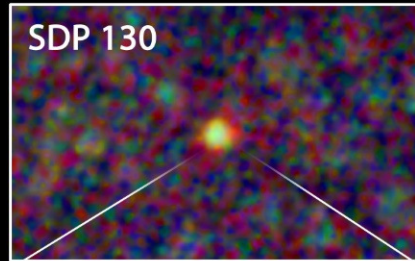
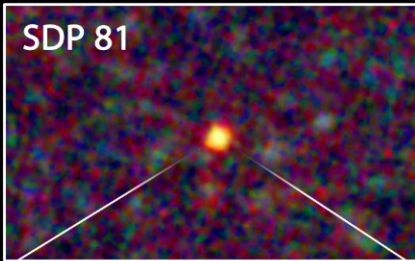
Milky Way:
Triaxial Dark Halo



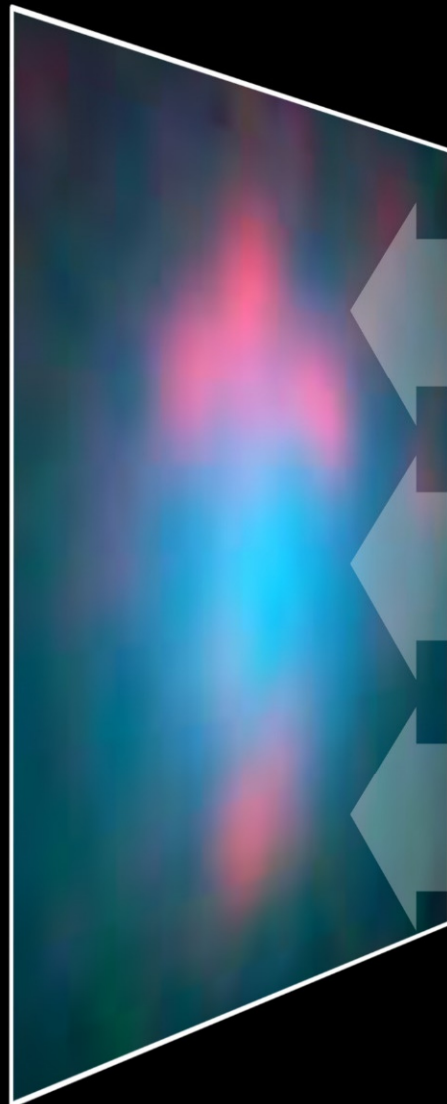
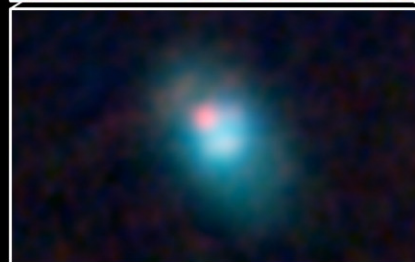
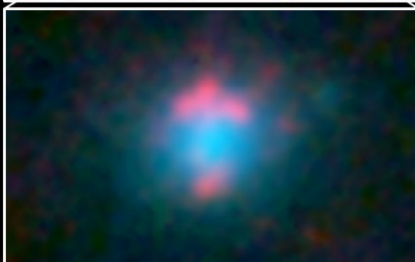
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Gravitational lensing

Herschel:



Keck & SMA:



DISTANT GALAXY

FOREGROUND GALAXY

EARTH

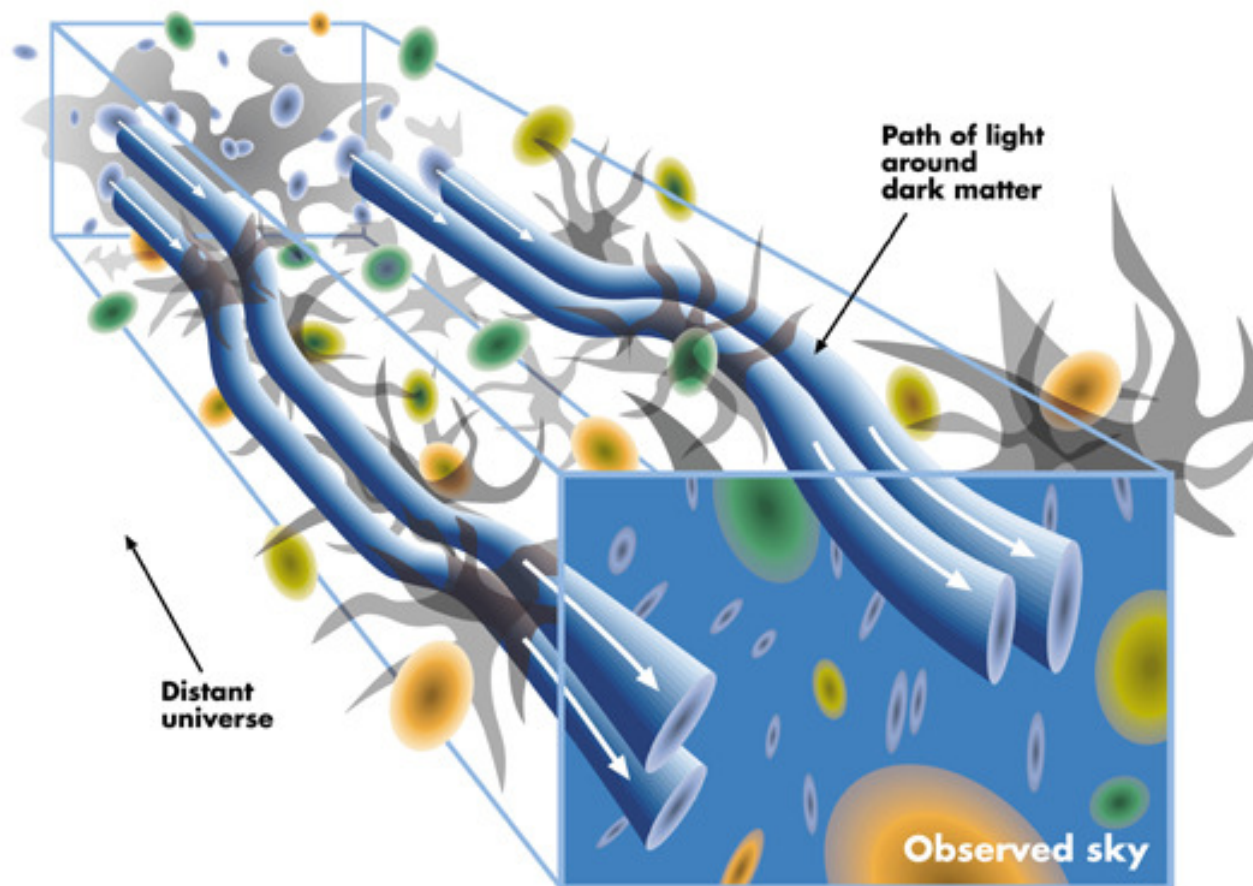
LENSED IMAGES OF DISTANT GALAXY

3 BILLION YEARS

11 BILLION YEARS

Gravitational lensing by dark matter

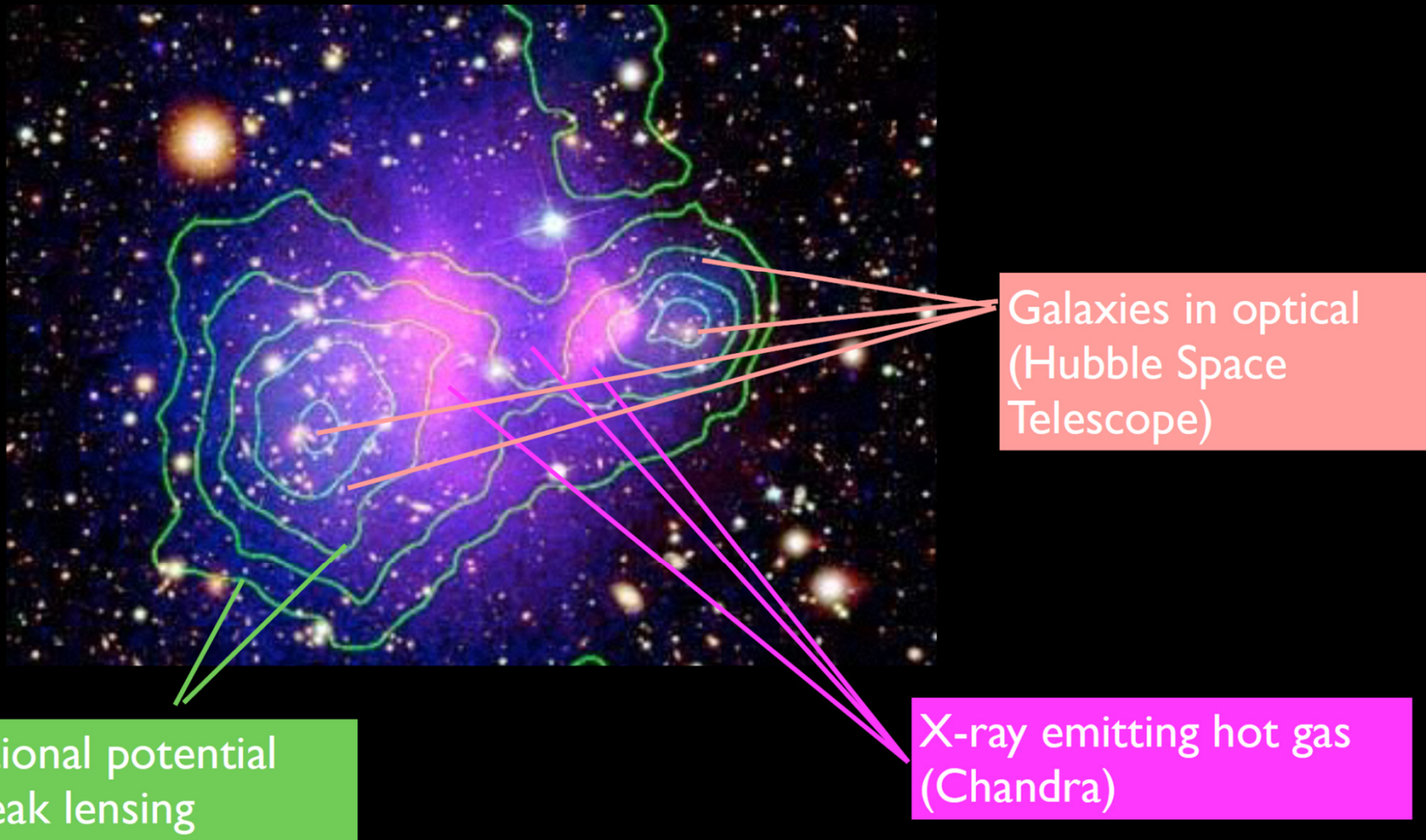
By measuring the distortion of the galaxies, one can “weigh” the dark matter. Result: dark matter accounts for 90% of the mass of the universe.



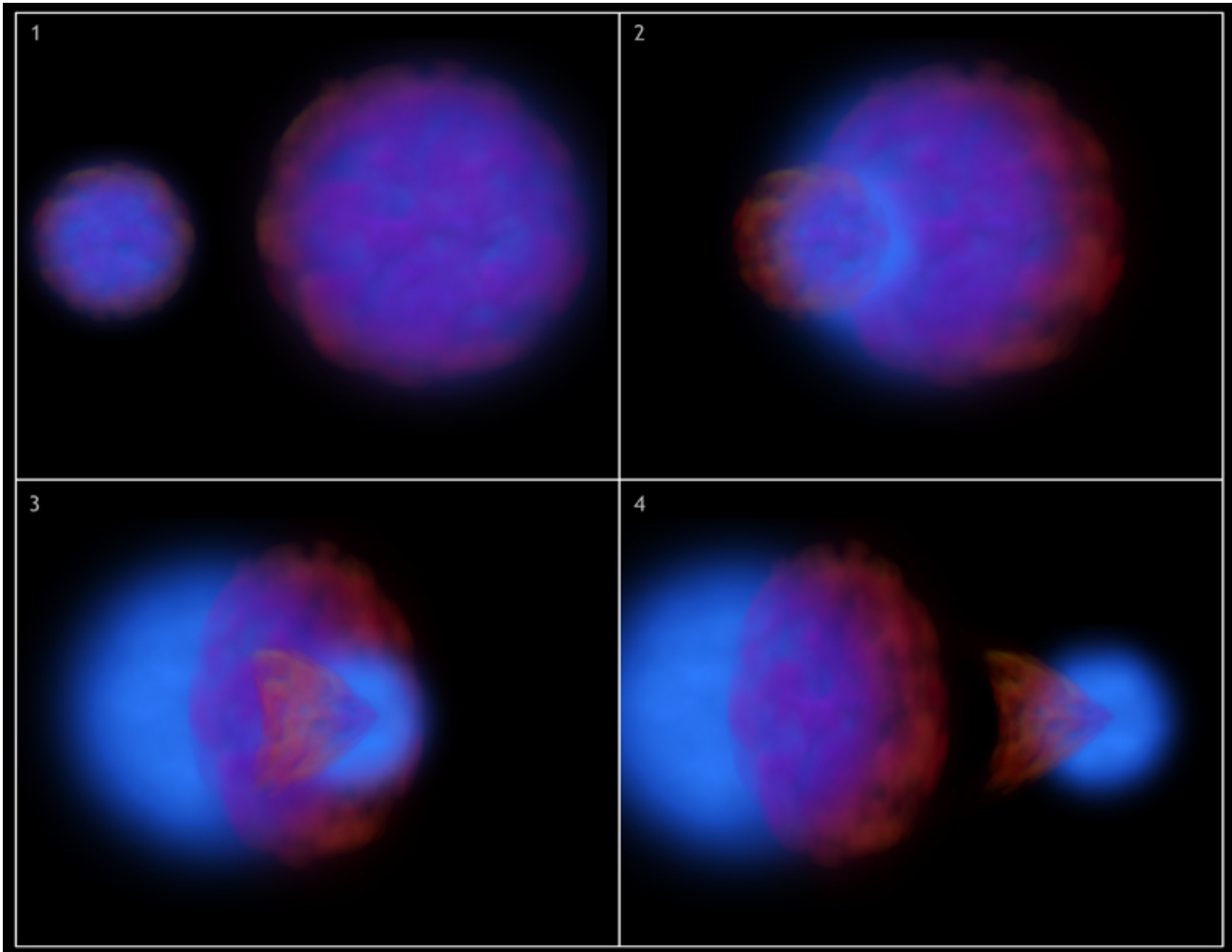
Cosmic shear: the light from distant galaxies is distorted by dark matter.

2006: Bullet cluster

The **hot gas in each cluster was slowed by a drag force**, similar to air resistance, during the collision. In contrast, the **dark matter was not slowed by the impact** because it does not interact directly with itself or the gas except through gravity.



Bullet cluster collision



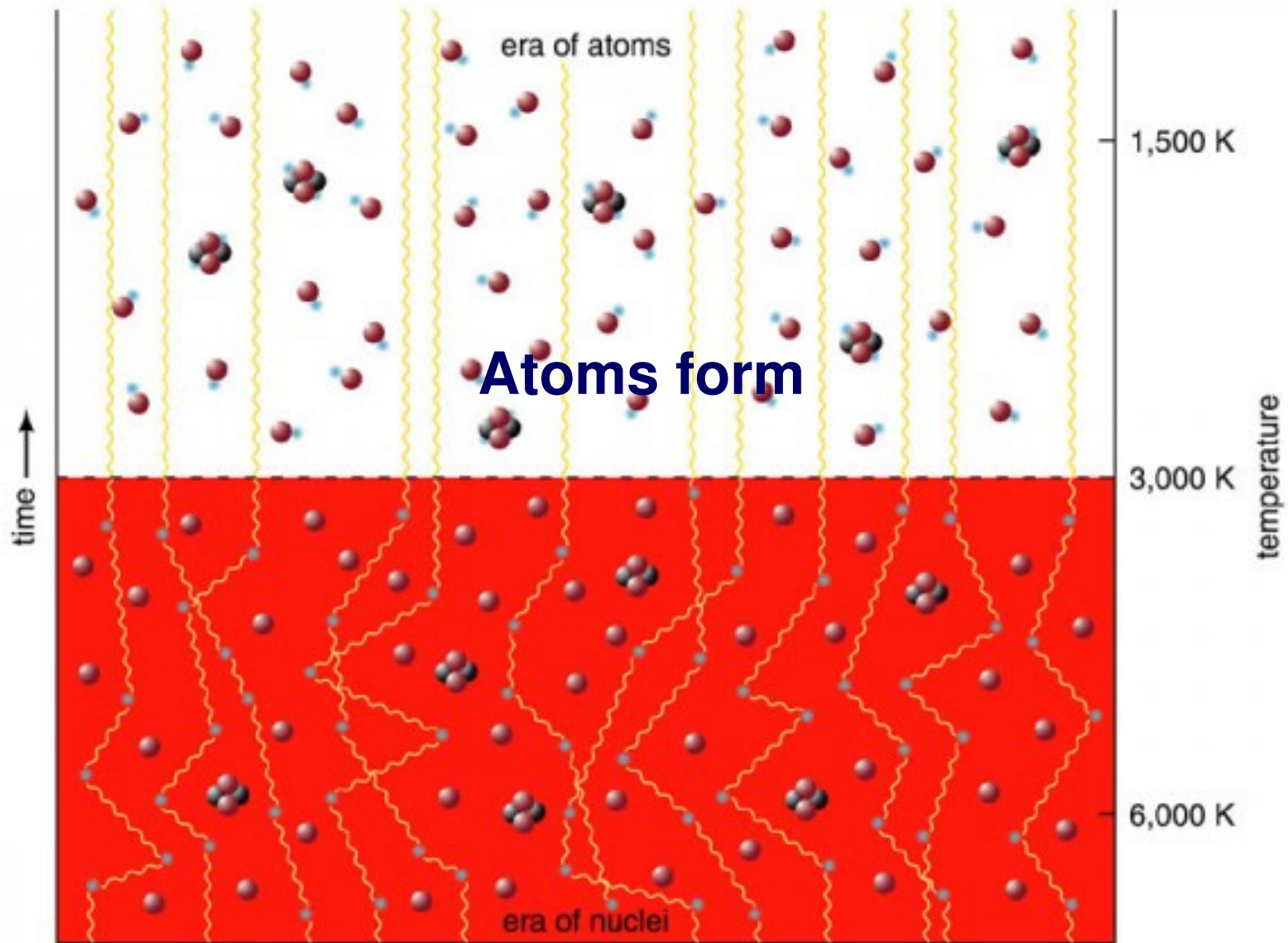
Pink clumps: "normal matter"

Blue clumps: dark matter

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

The photons started to travel freely through space rather than constantly being scattered by electrons and protons.

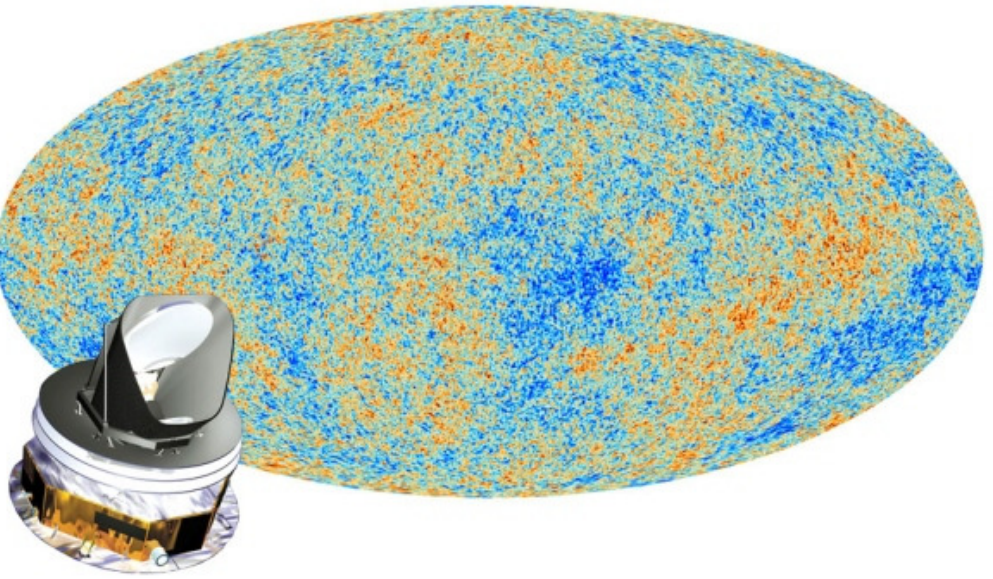
Universe expands and cools down



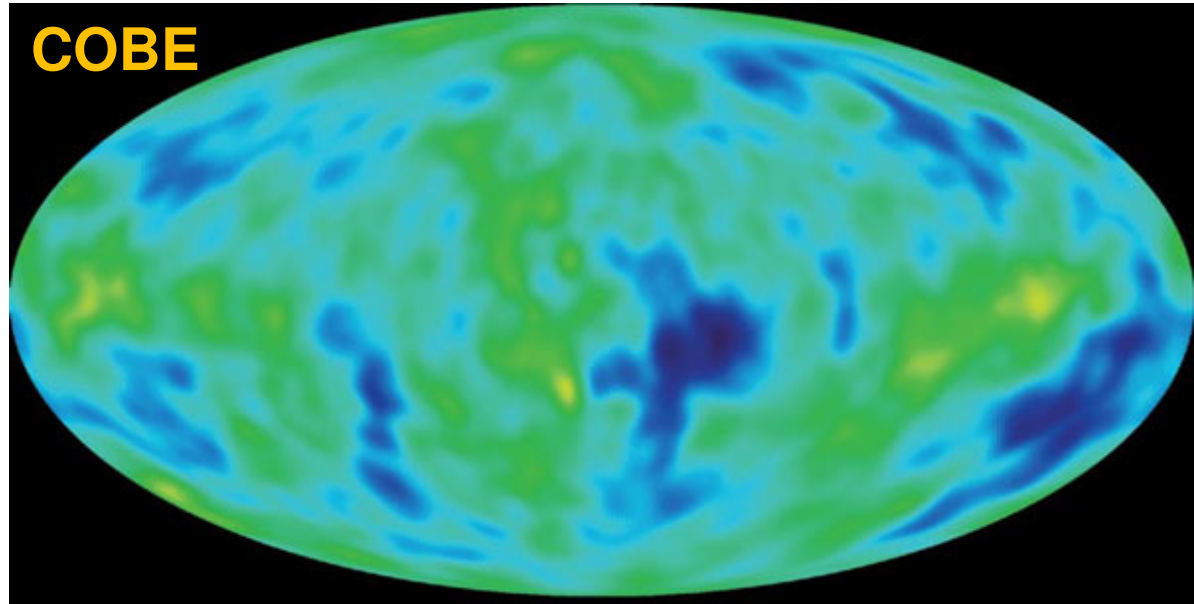
CMB observations

PLANCK - a space observatory operated by the European Space Agency (ESA) from 2009 to 2013.

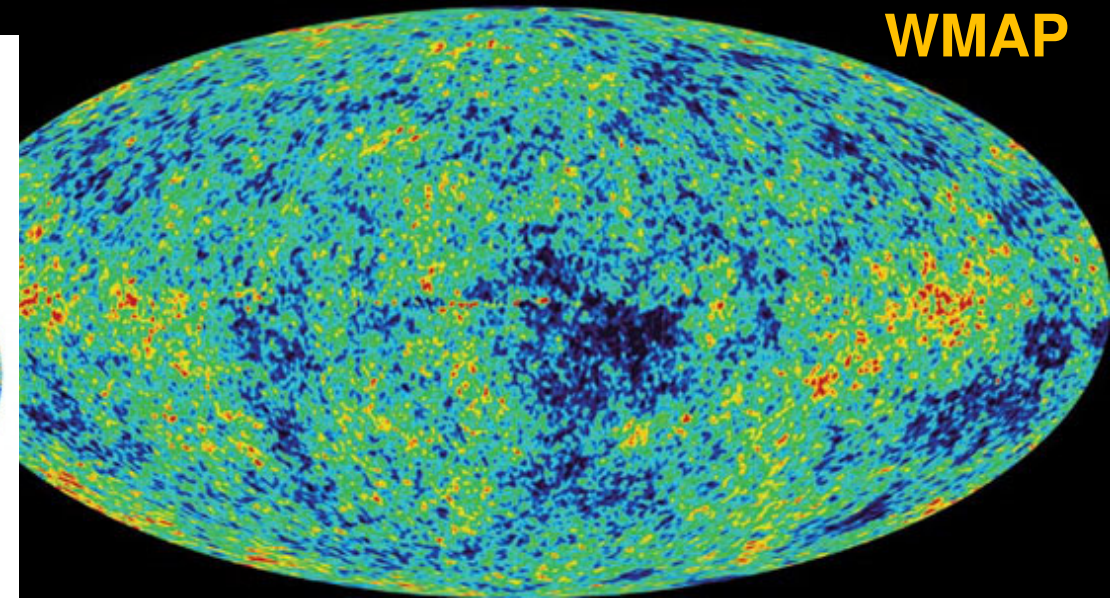
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WMAP



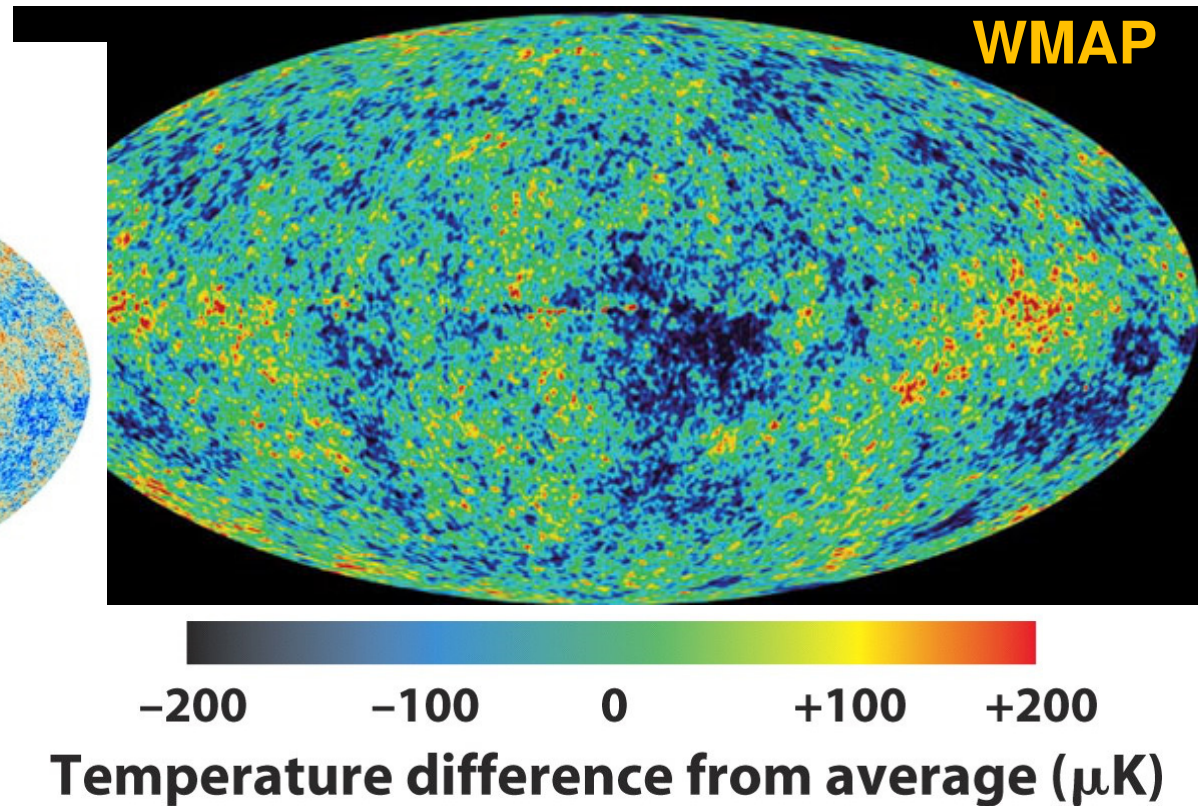
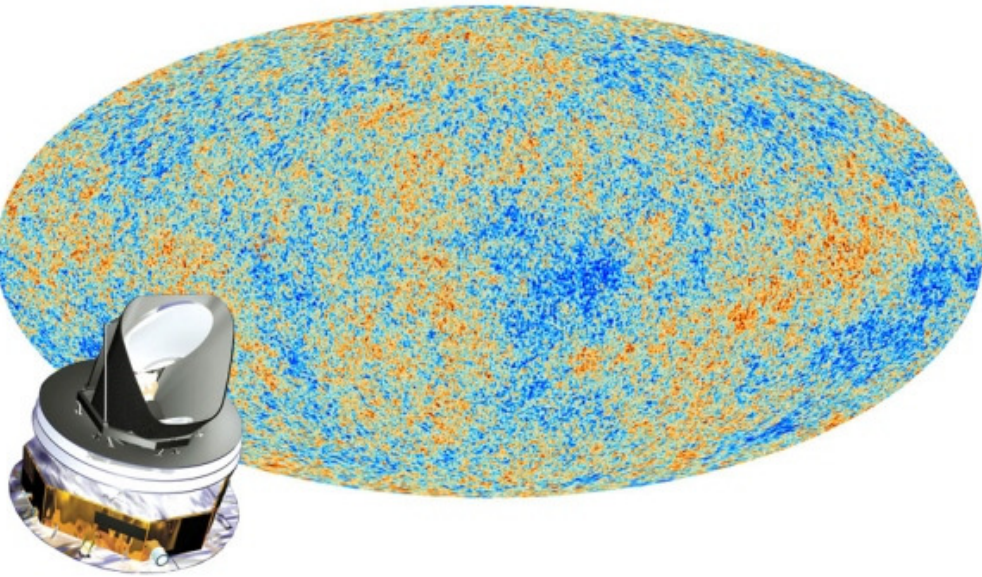
Temperature difference from average (μK)

CMB observations

Without dark matter, fluctuations are too small to gravitationally grow into galaxies in the given 13 billion years.

Dark matter fluctuations, uncoupled to the plasma, start growing early and have enough time to grow into galaxies

PLANCK



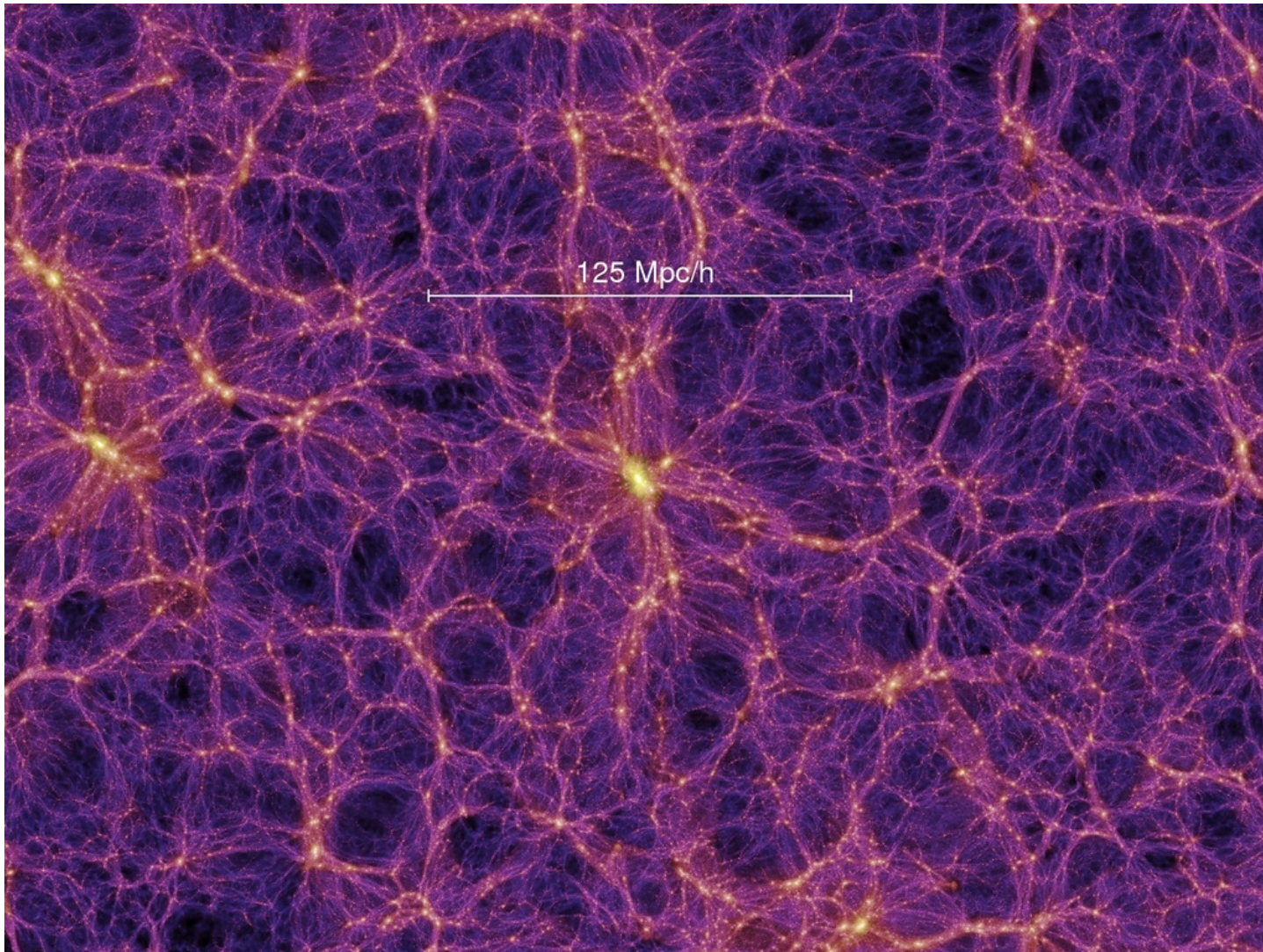
Dark Universe Planetarium Show: Dark Matter

<https://www.slac.stanford.edu/~kaehler/homepage/visualizations/dark-matter.html>

Millennium Simulation

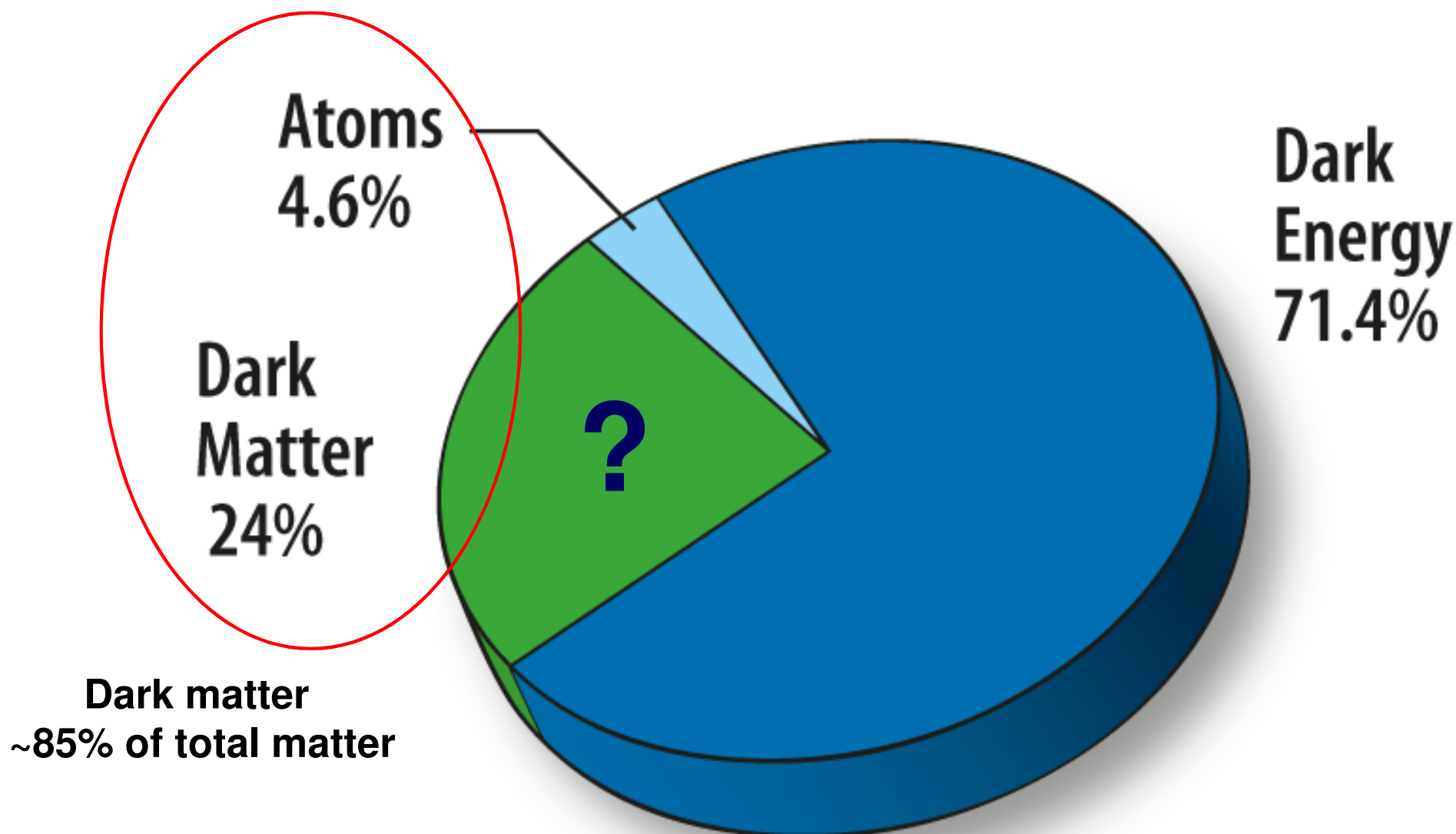
<http://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/galform/virgo/millennium/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9yQOb94yI0>



Summary of dark matter evidence: 85% of matter in the universe is of unknown nature

Normal matter: ~15% of total matter

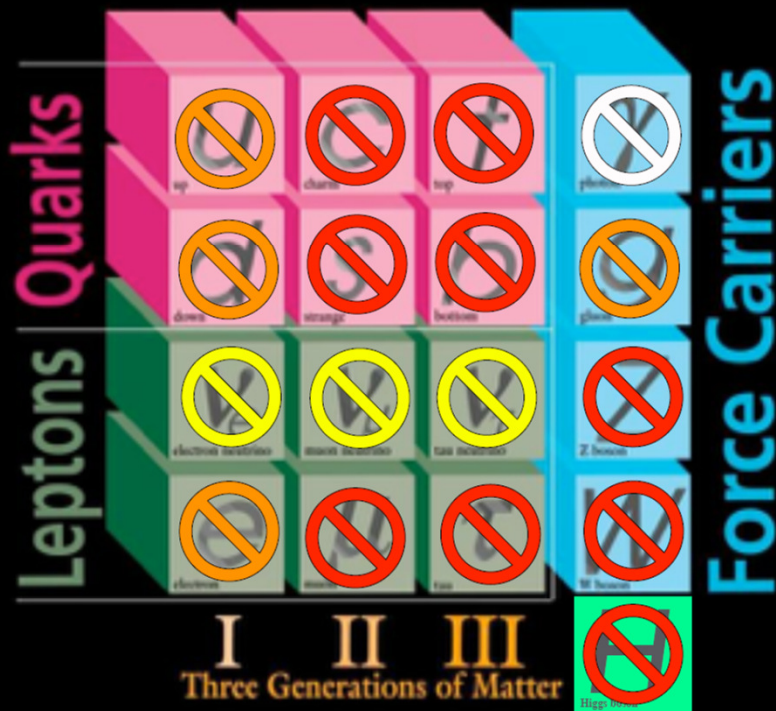


Dark matter
~85% of total matter

We know it is out there but we do not know what it is.

Is dark matter an elementary particle?

ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



☹ is the particle of light

☹ couples to the plasma

☹ disappears too quickly

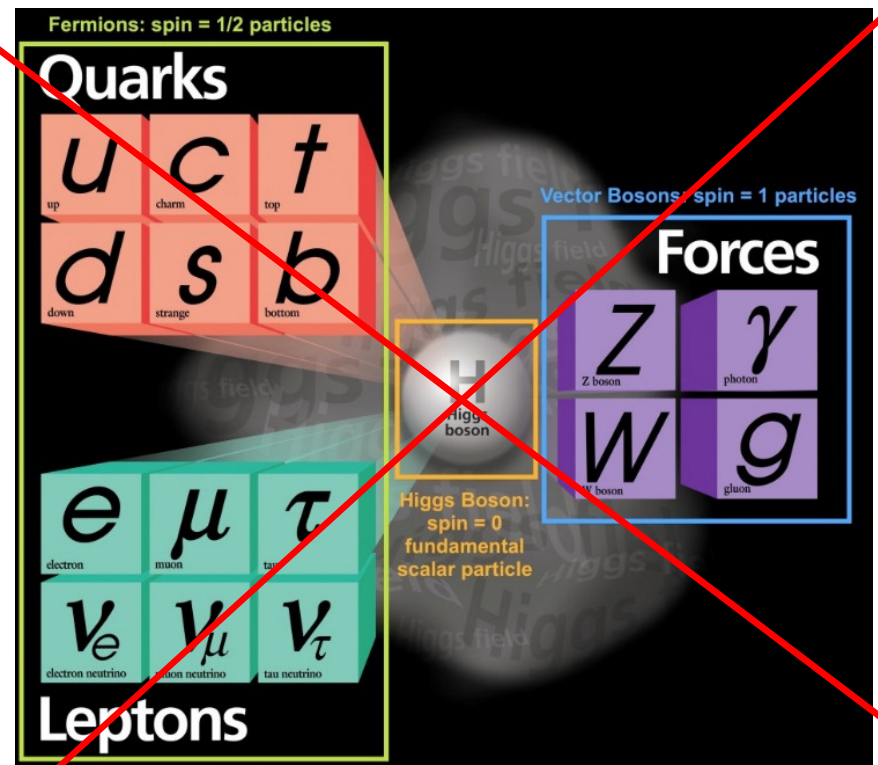
☹ is hot dark matter

No known particle can be nonbaryonic cold dark matter!

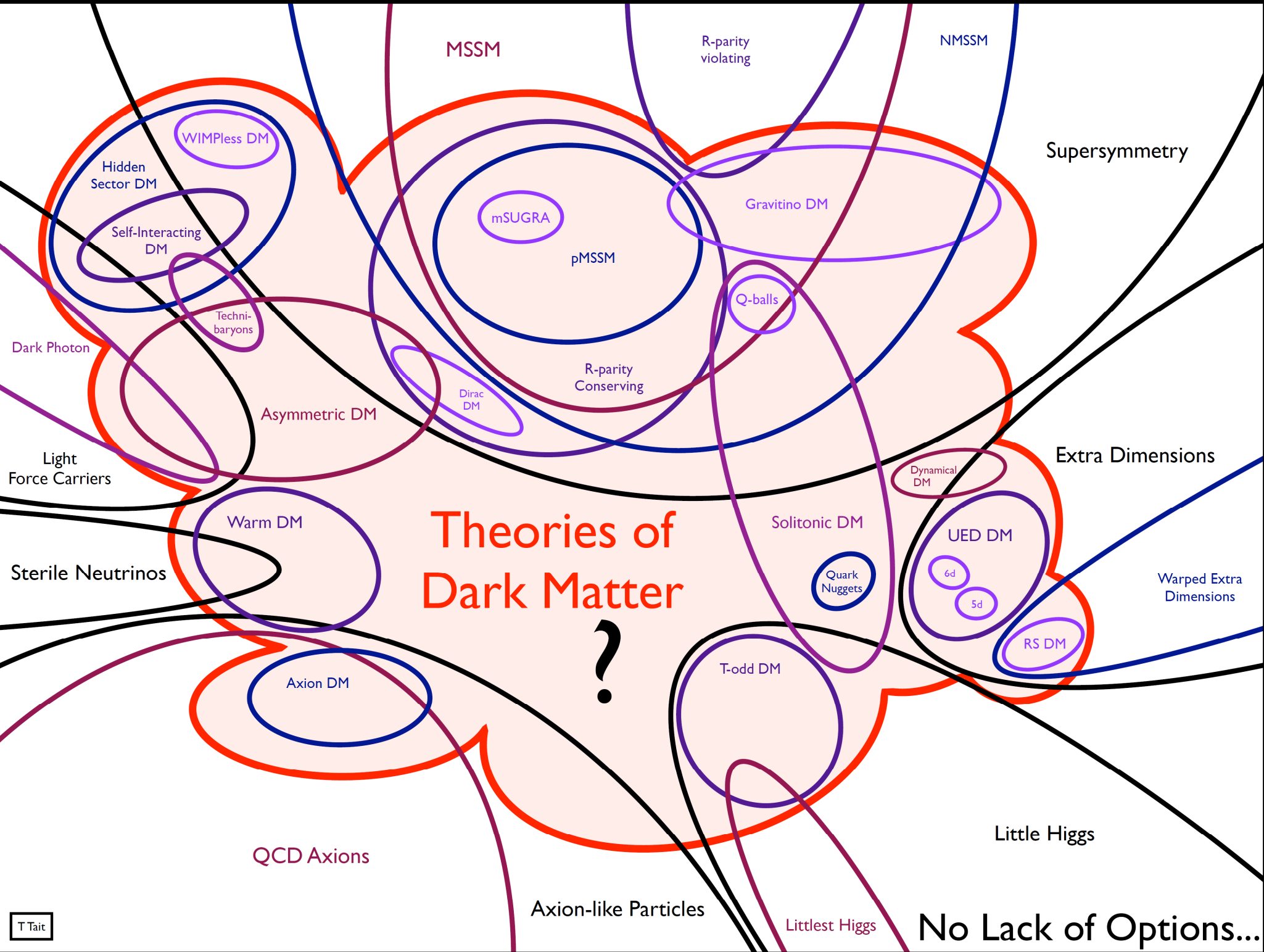
What do we know about dark matter?

Mostly have “negative” information from astrophysics and searches for new particles:

- No electric charge
- No colour charge (property of quarks and gluons that is related to the particles' strong interactions)
- No strong self-interaction
- Does not seem to decay: stable, or very long-lived
- *Not a particle in the Standard Model of particle physics*



Theories of Dark Matter



Approaching dark matter theories

Top down:

Begin with theory motivation (hierarchy problem, strong CP problem.)
develop model (SUSY [supersymmetry], axion) look for stable, neutral particle (LSP [light supersymmetric particle], axion)

Bottom up:

Motivated often by specific experimental anomalies, theories constructed. Implications for other experiments (and often SUSY)

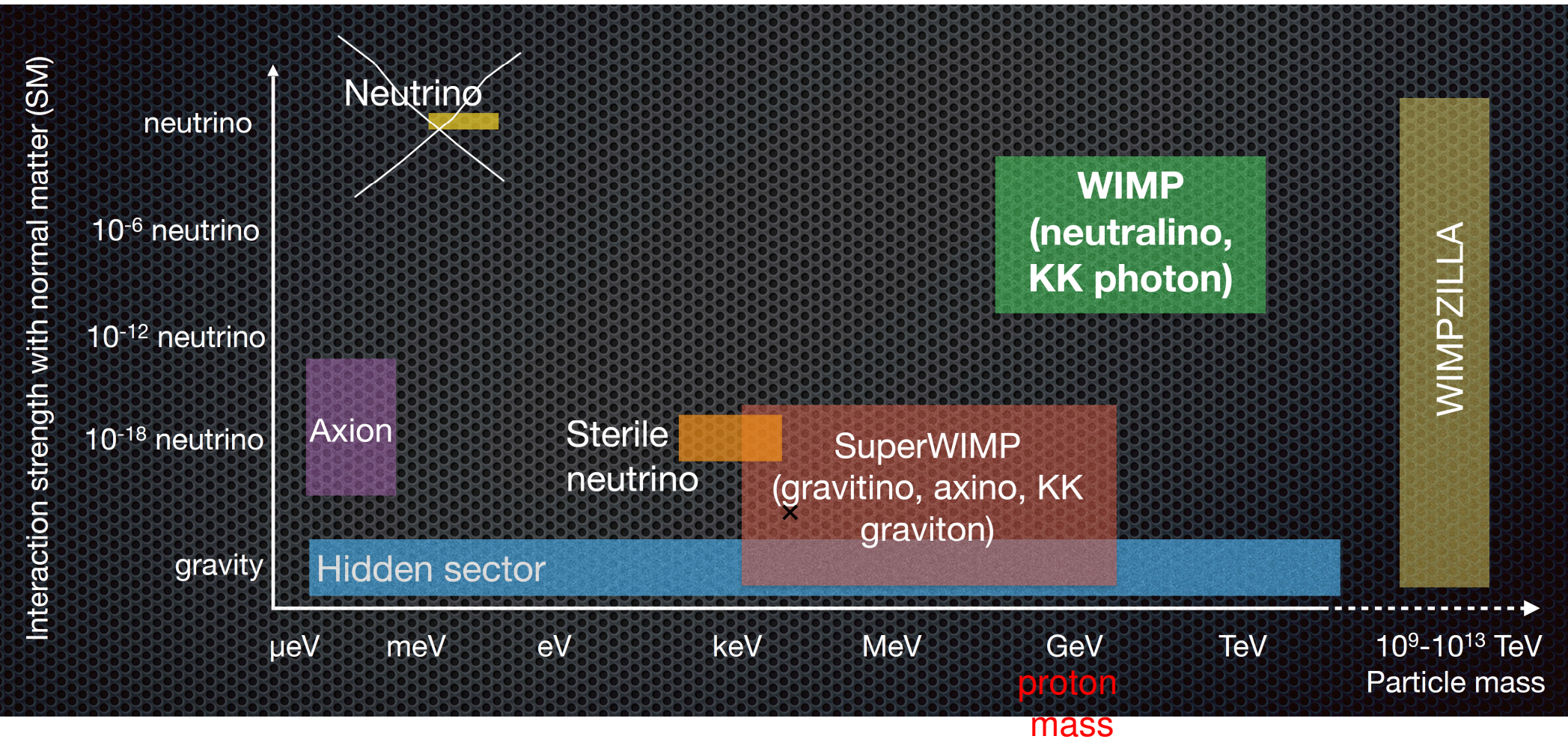
Phenomenological: Motivated by considering whether a viable and detectable model could exist of a certain type.

Our most conservative idea for dark matter:
Some exotic particle that we have not yet detected
[note: it does not have to be just one particle]

Two most important parameters of such particles

(1) Mass and **(2) Strength of interaction with normal matter**

Dark matter candidate particle zoo



WIMP: Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

SuperWIMPS: superweakly-interacting massive particles produced in the late decays of other particles

Axion, Peccei–Quinn symmetry

Kaluza-Klein (KK) photon and graviton are from universal extra dimension models

Neutralino and gravitino are particles of supersymmetric models

WIMPZILLA (nonthermal dark matter)

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Three basic categories of dark matter:

Reasonable

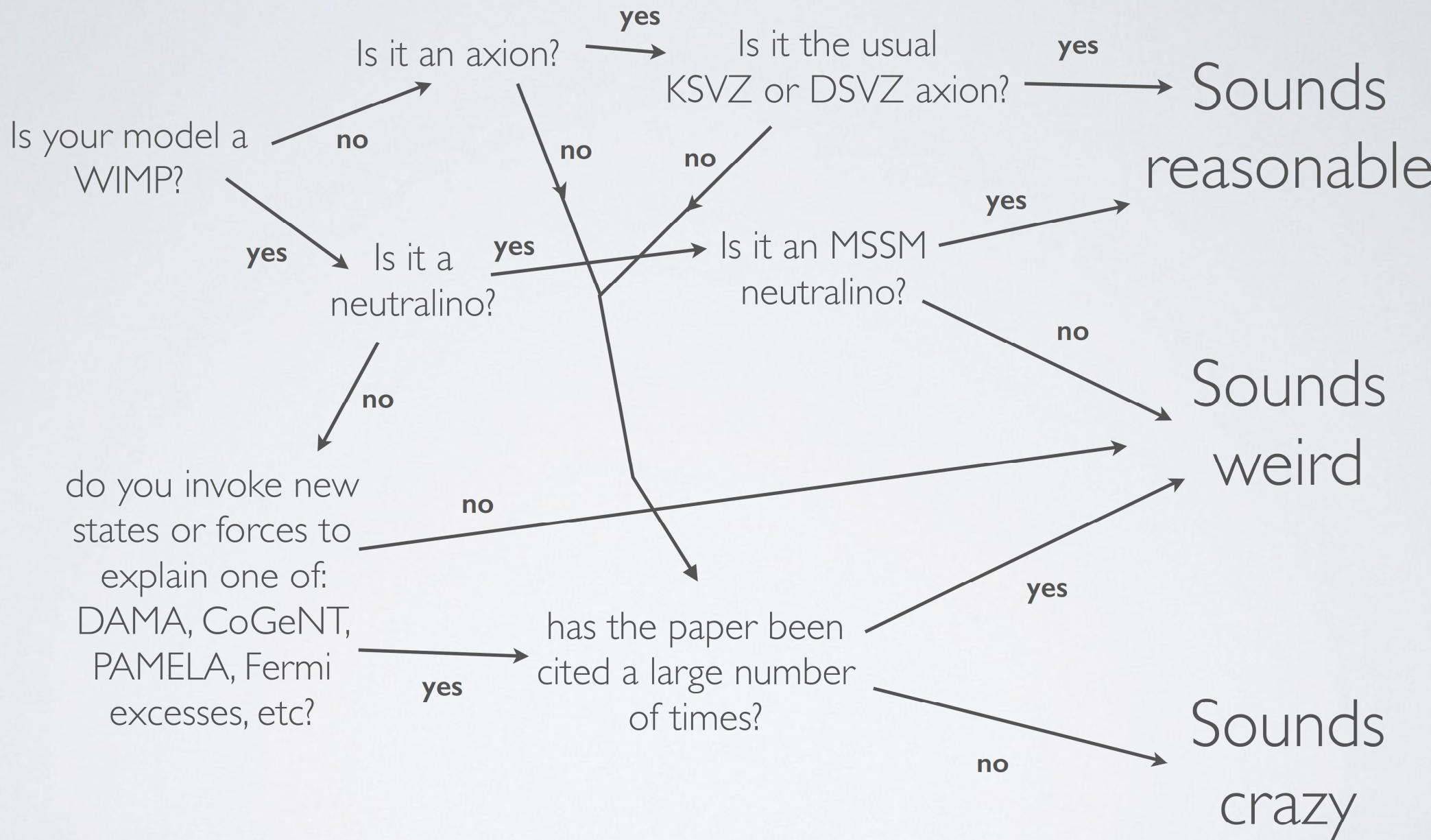
Weird

Crazy

sometimes also
called “normal”



(also “obviously wrong”)



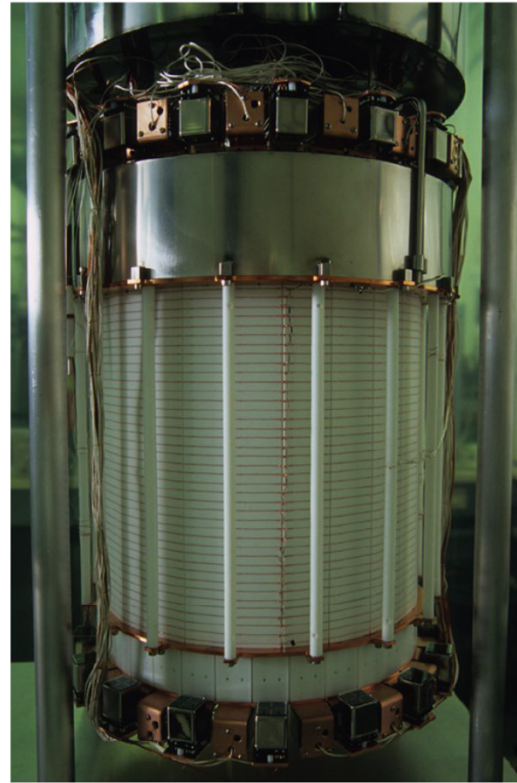
How to search for dark matter particles

- Indirect detection

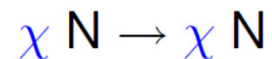


Search for things
dark matter can decay to
 $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-, p\bar{p}$

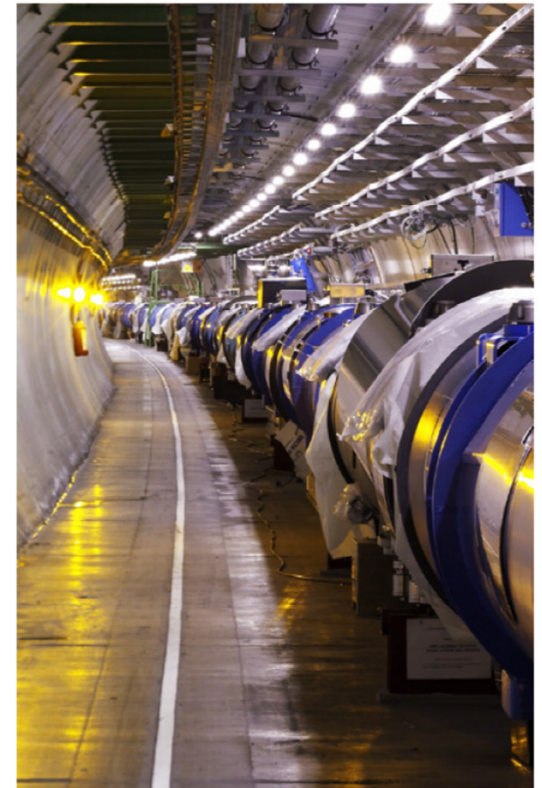
- Direct detection



Build a trap for dark matter



- Production at LHC



Make dark matter particles

