

# 天文学正在发现

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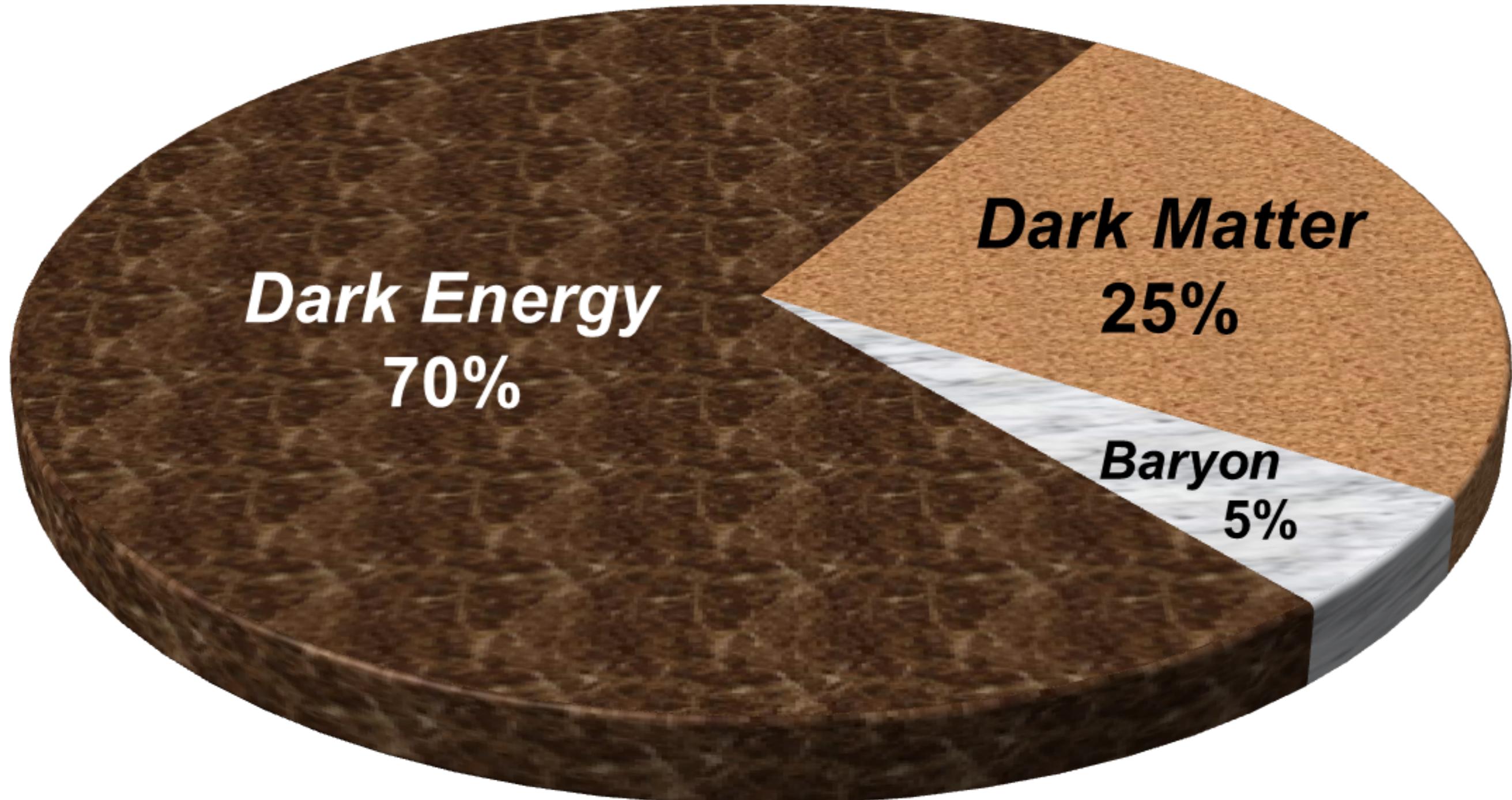
4. 宇宙微波背景辐射的发现

5. 中微子的发现

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8. 宇宙第一缕曙光的“发现”



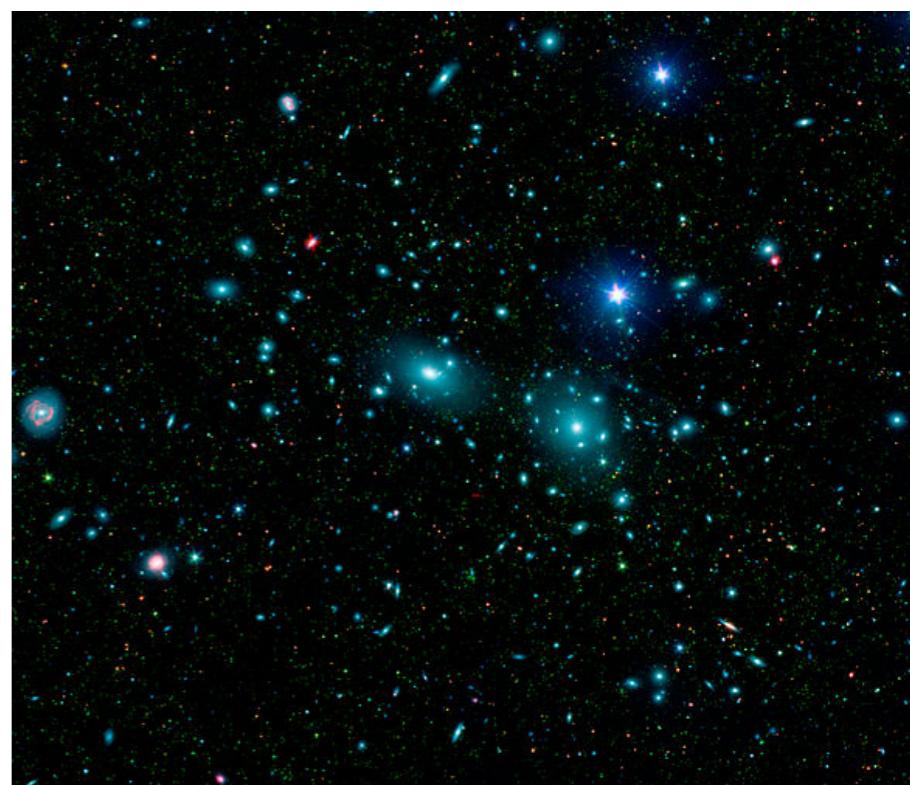
# The “Missing Mass” Problem

- In 1933, Zwicky was studying galaxies and he estimated their total mass by measuring their brightness
- Then, he used a different method of measuring the mass, and came up with a number 400x his estimate
- Nobody did anything about it



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The **Coma Cluster (Abell 1656)** is a large cluster of galaxies that contains over 1,000 identified galaxies

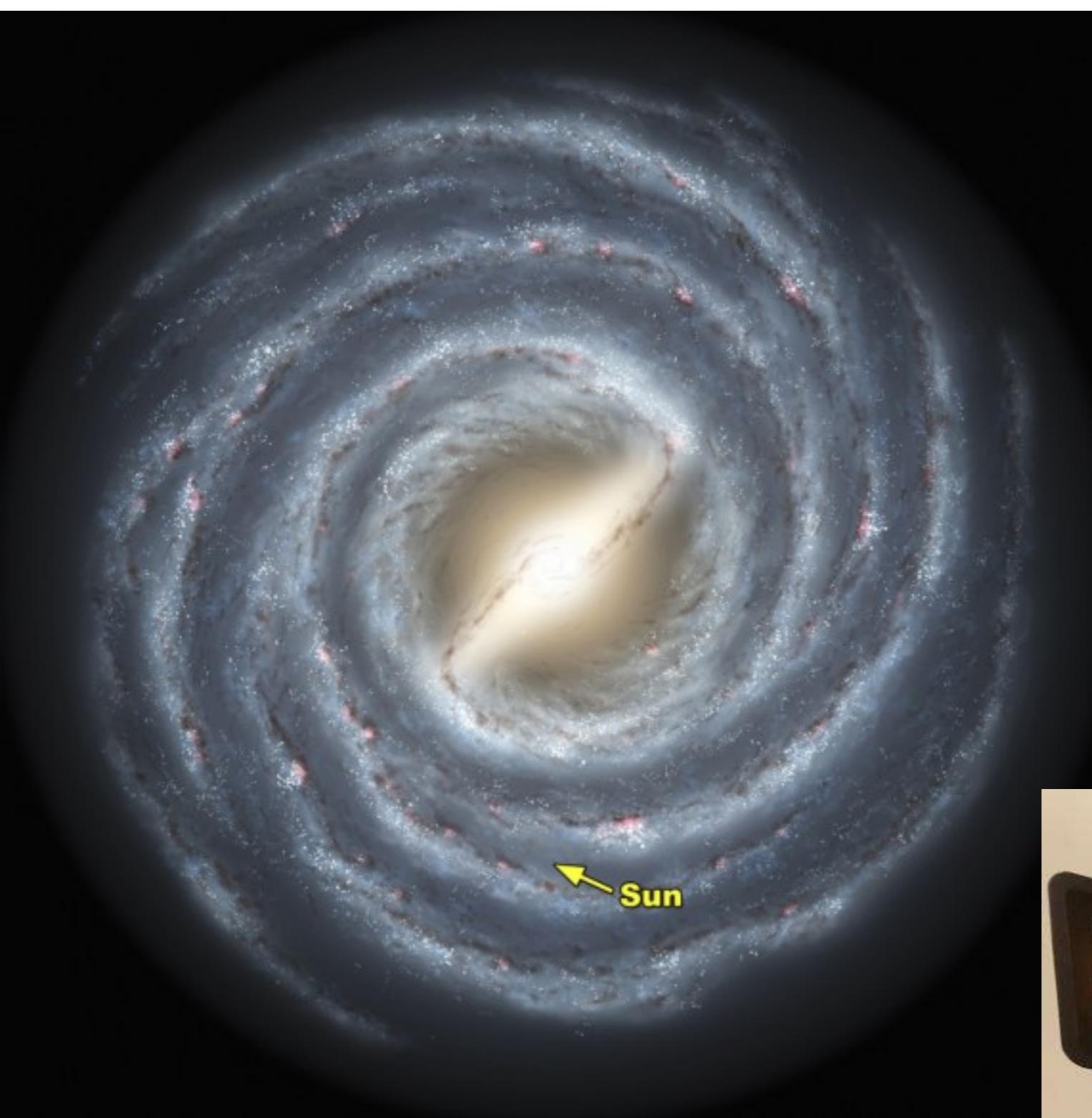


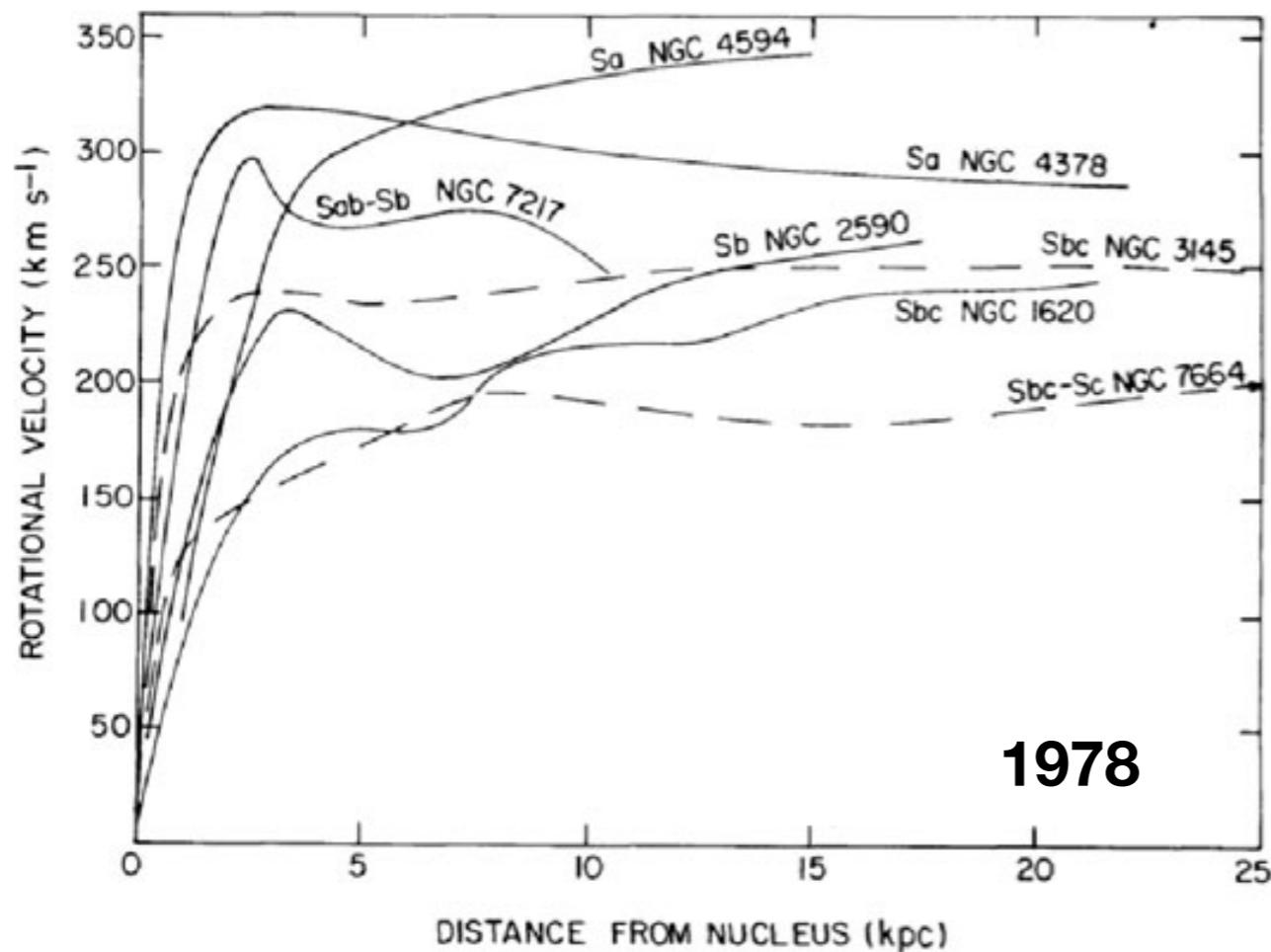
Zwicky used to call other astronomers at the Mount Wilson observatory "Spherical bastards". Why spherical?  
“Because they were bastards, when looked at from any side”.



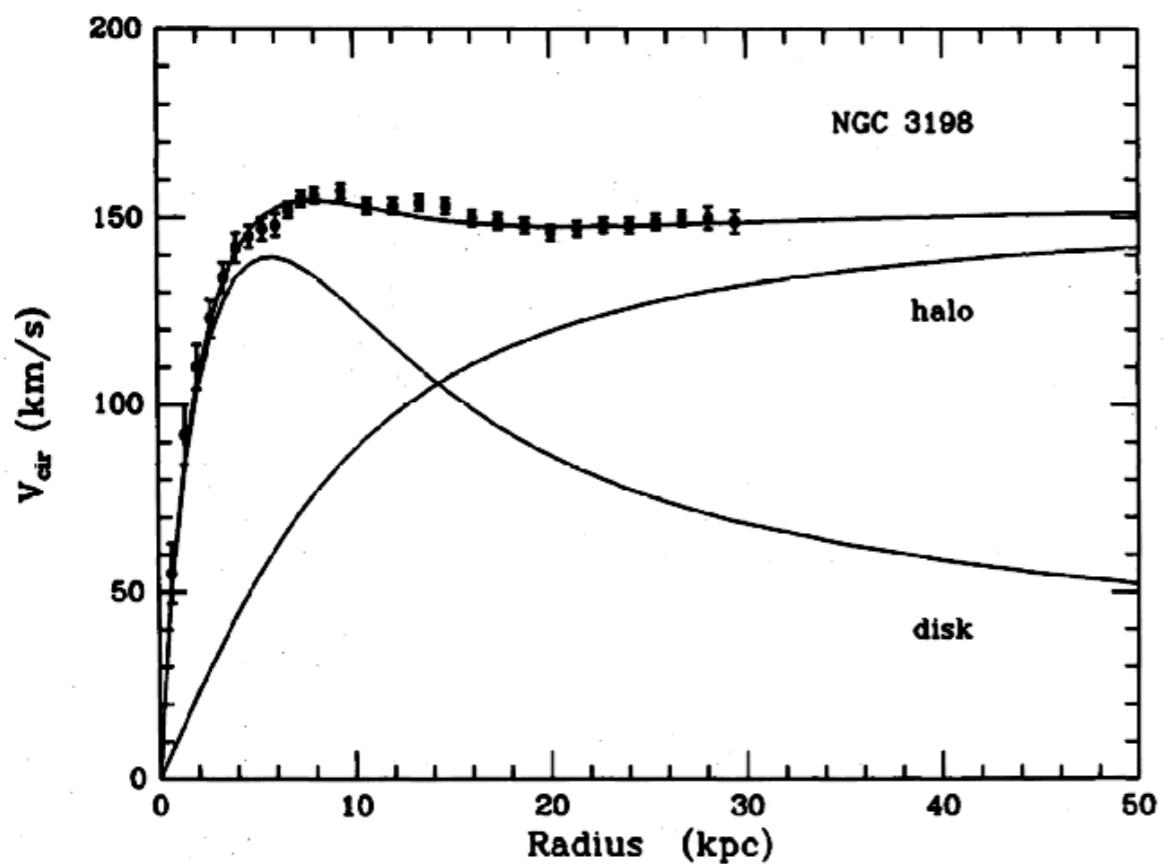
The Zwicky's were once inviting some graduate students for dinner. As the group was ringing the door bell, Zwicky's wife Dorothea opened and called into the house without intending to joke: "Fritz, the bastards are here!".

During an observation night at the Mount Wilson, when the turbulences of the air were disturbing, Zwicky has told his assistant to shoot with the gun into the turbulent air. His hope was that the bullet would smooth the turbulences. The gun was indeed shot but the turbulences stayed... This story illustrates that Zwicky was ready to try unusual ways for solutions.



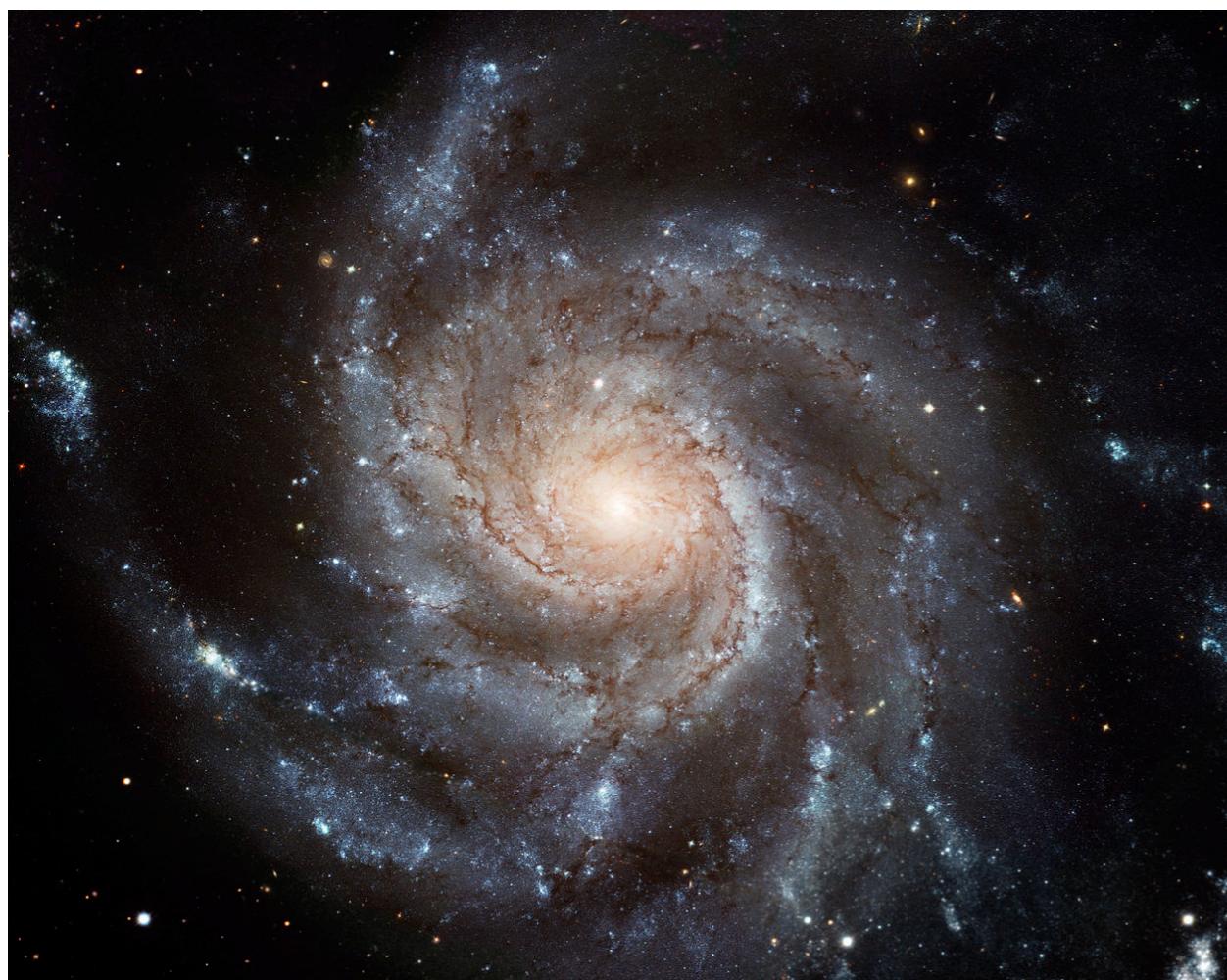


DISTRIBUTION OF DARK MATTER IN NGC 3198

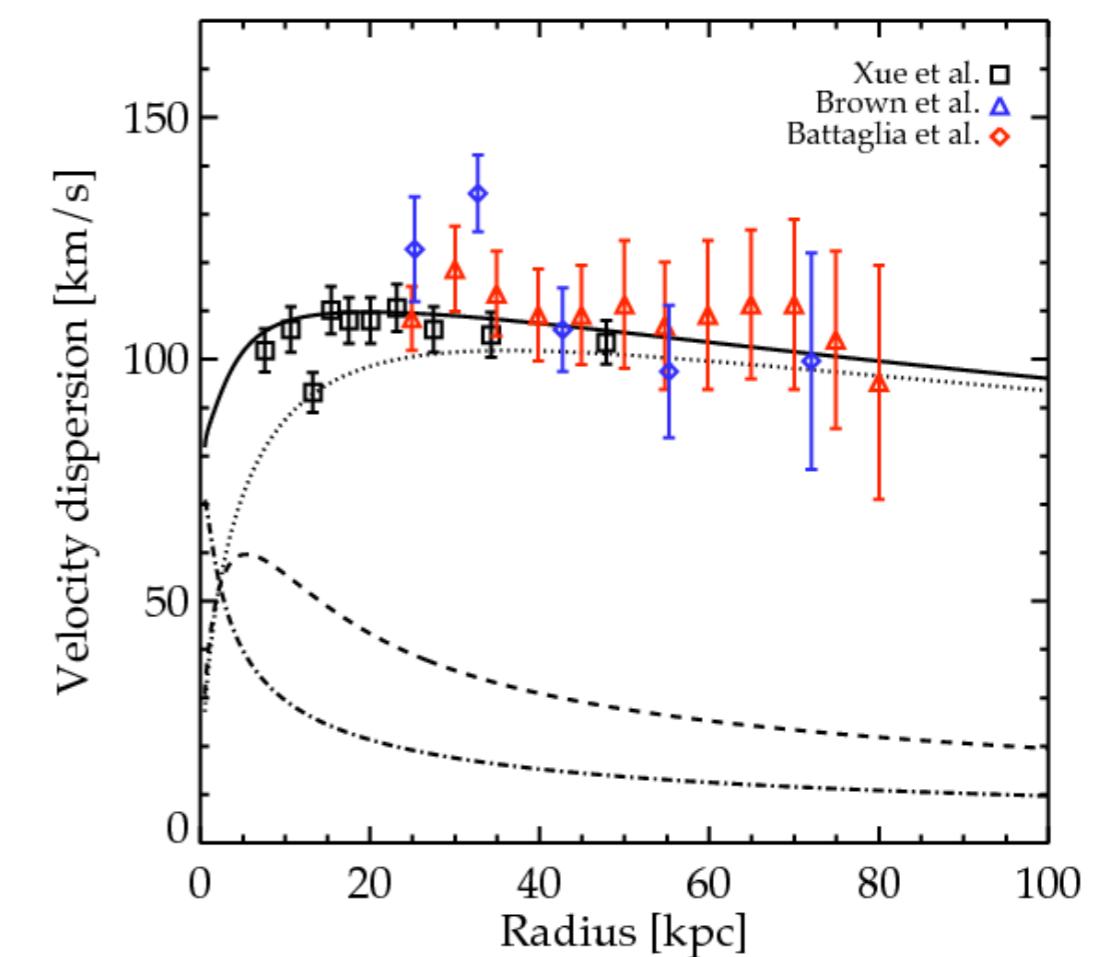
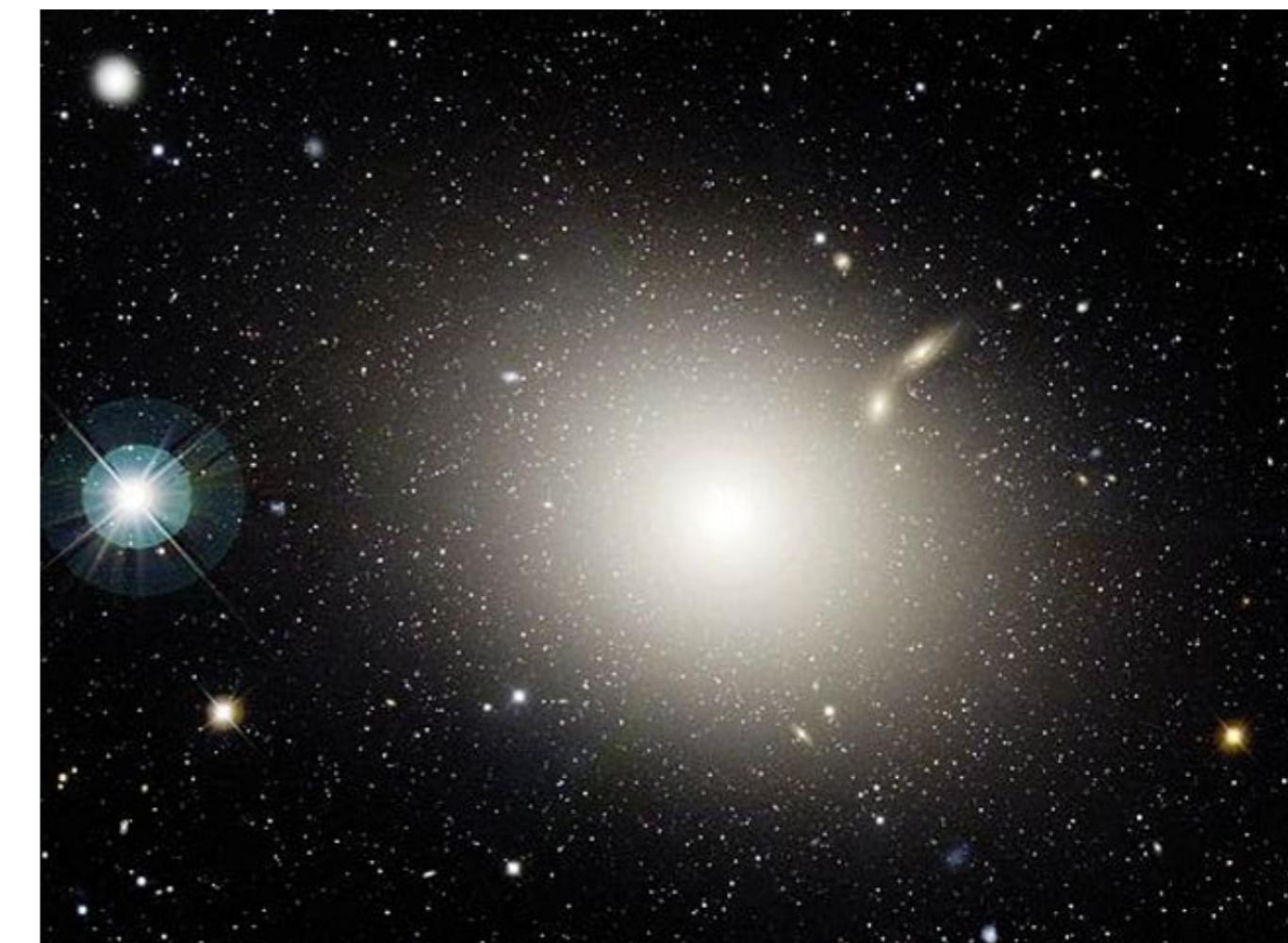
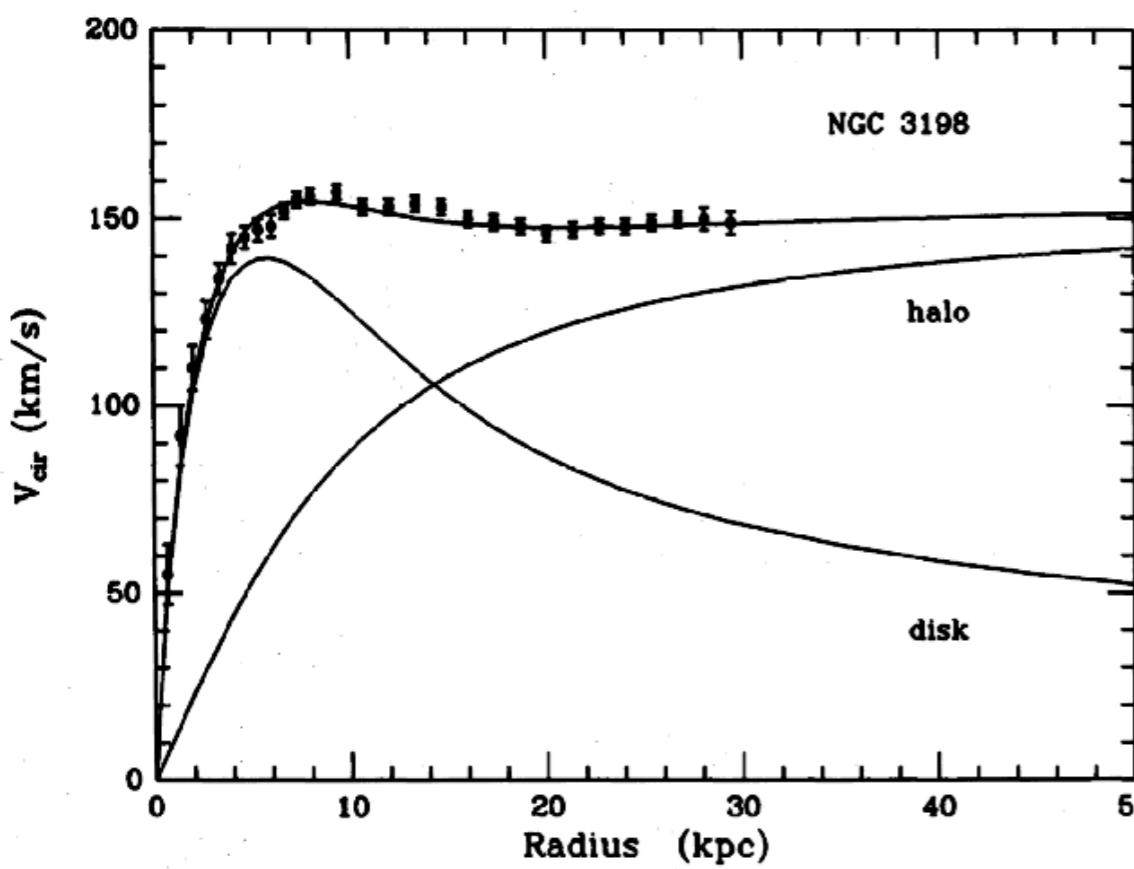


Vera Rubin



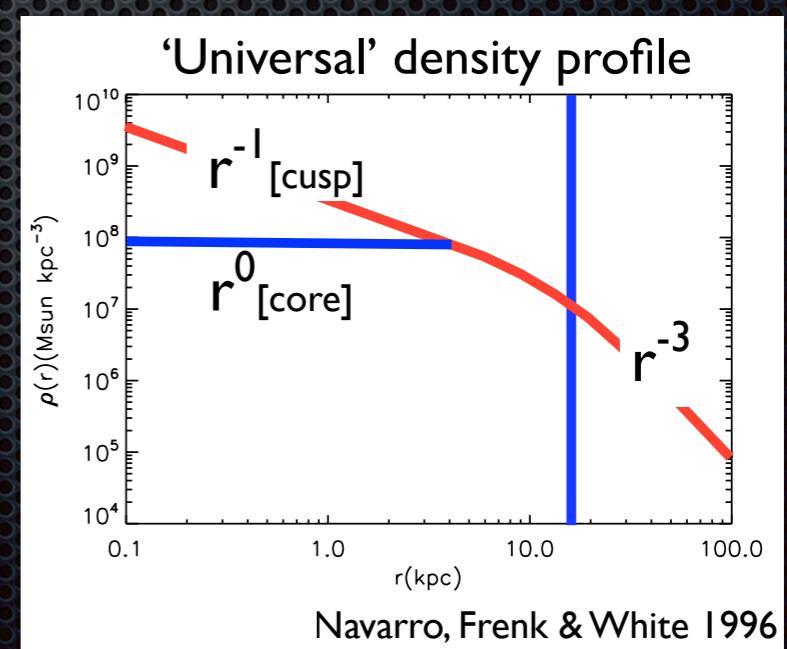
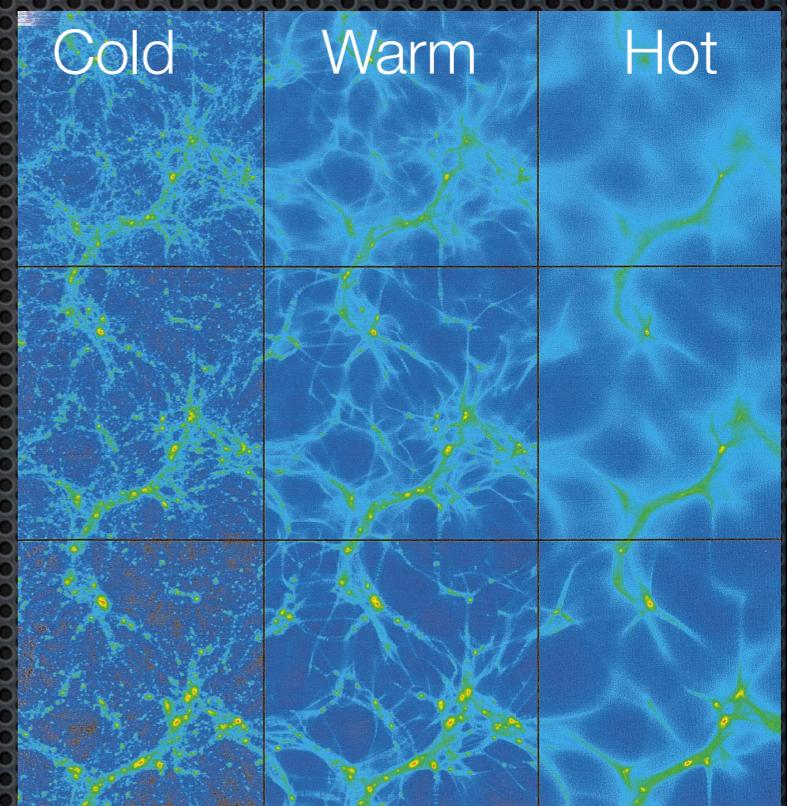


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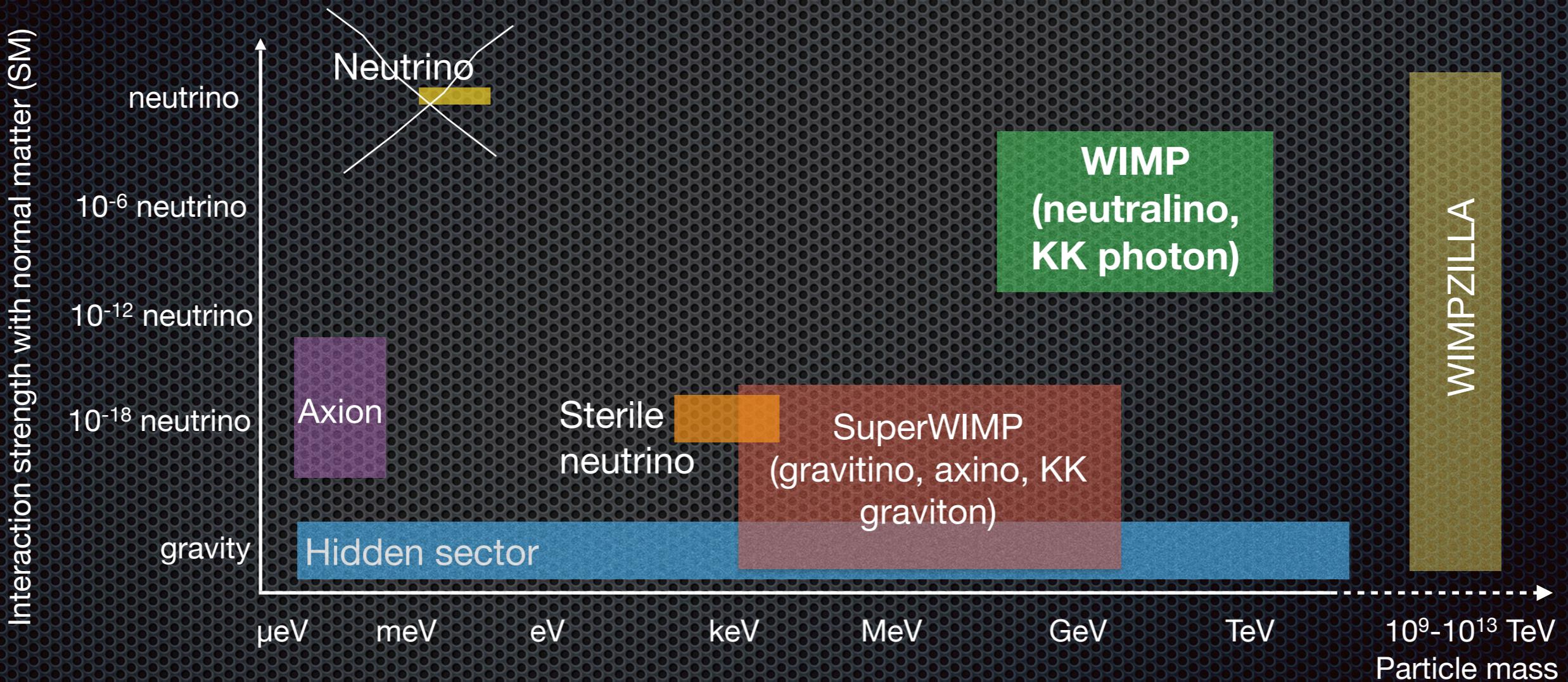
# What do we know about dark matter?

- So far, we mostly have “negative” information (constraints from astrophysics and searches for new particles):
  - No colour charge
  - No electric charge
  - No strong self-interaction
- Stable, or very long-lived
- *Not a particle in the Standard Model of particle physics*



# What do we know about dark matter?

- The mass and cross section range span many orders of magnitude
- *Strong guidance from theorists to us experimentalists*



I will mostly focus on axions and WIMPs

# WIMP, Axion, MACHO

## WIMP (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle)

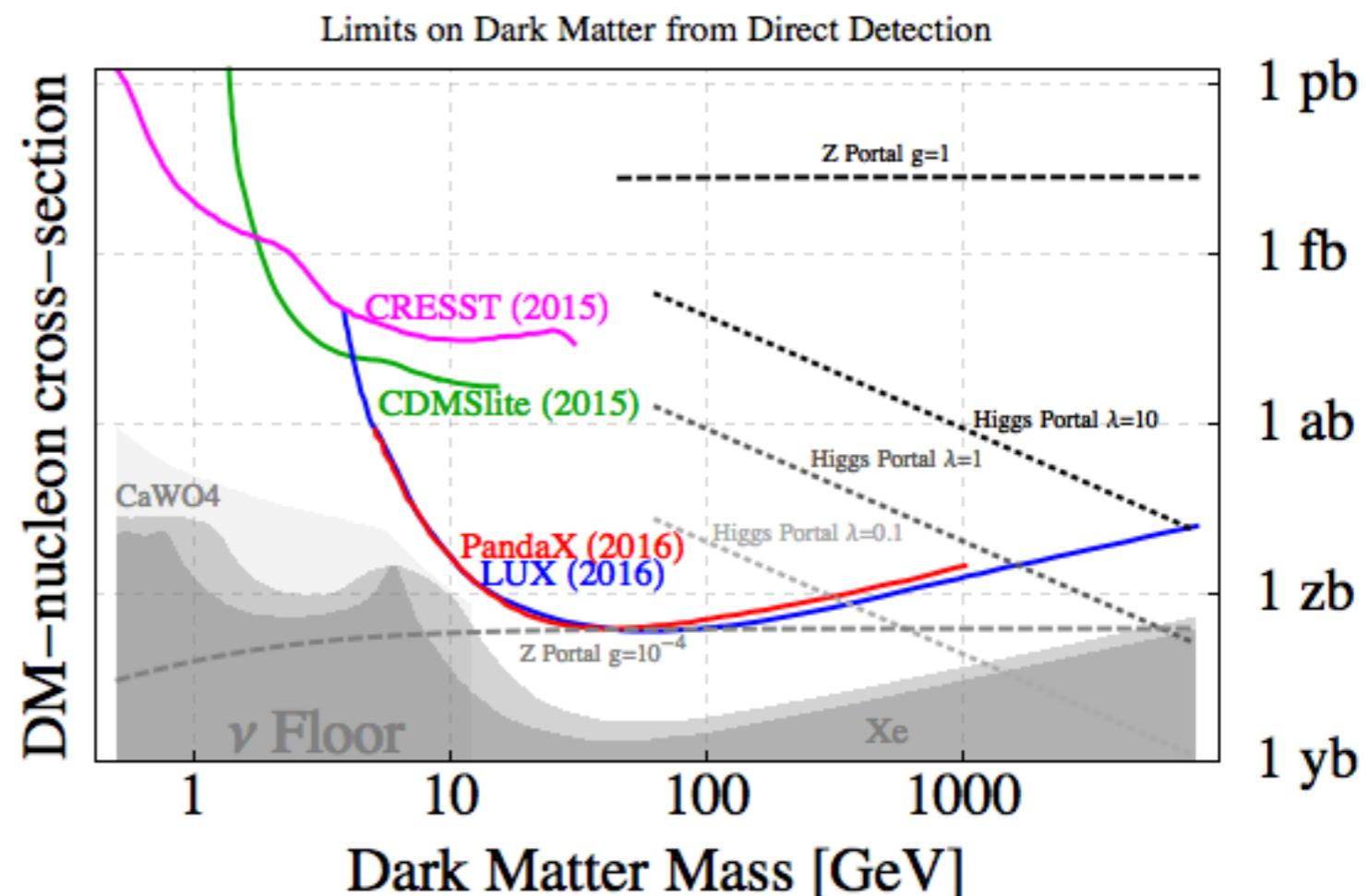
WIMPs: in thermal equilibrium in the early Universe, freeze-out when annihilation rate drops below expansion rate and  $M_{\text{WIMP}} > \approx T$  ('cold')

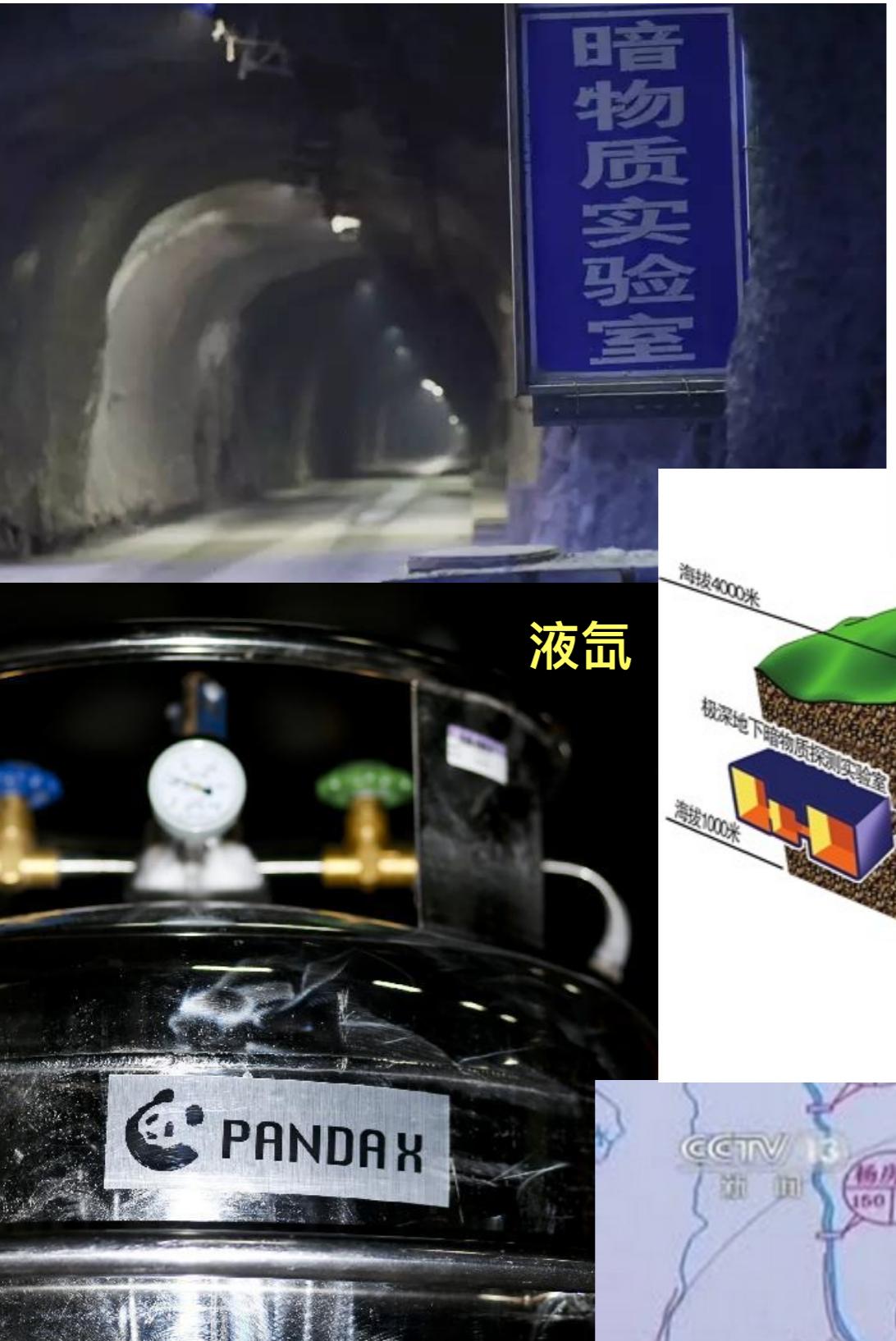
Their relic density can account for the dark matter if the *annihilation cross section is weak* ( $\sim$  picobarn range)

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}$$

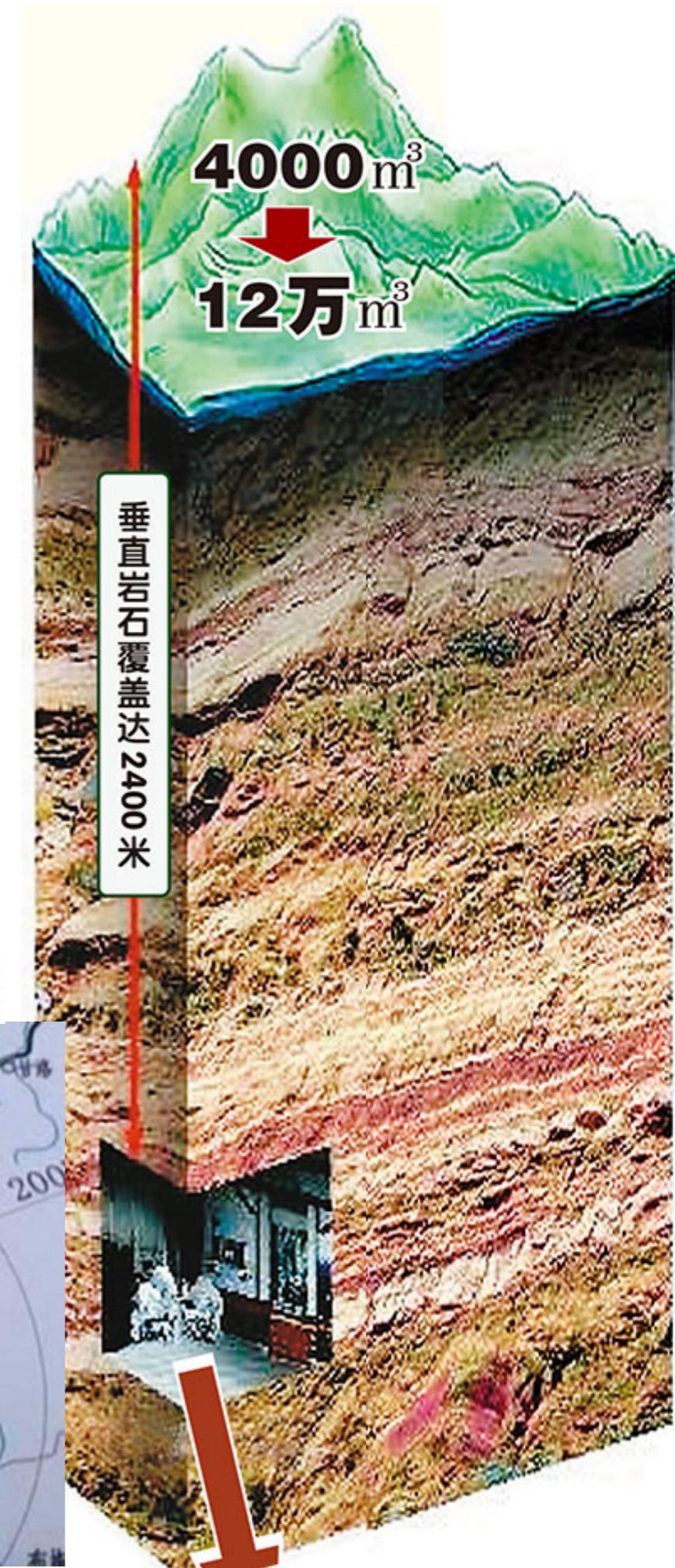
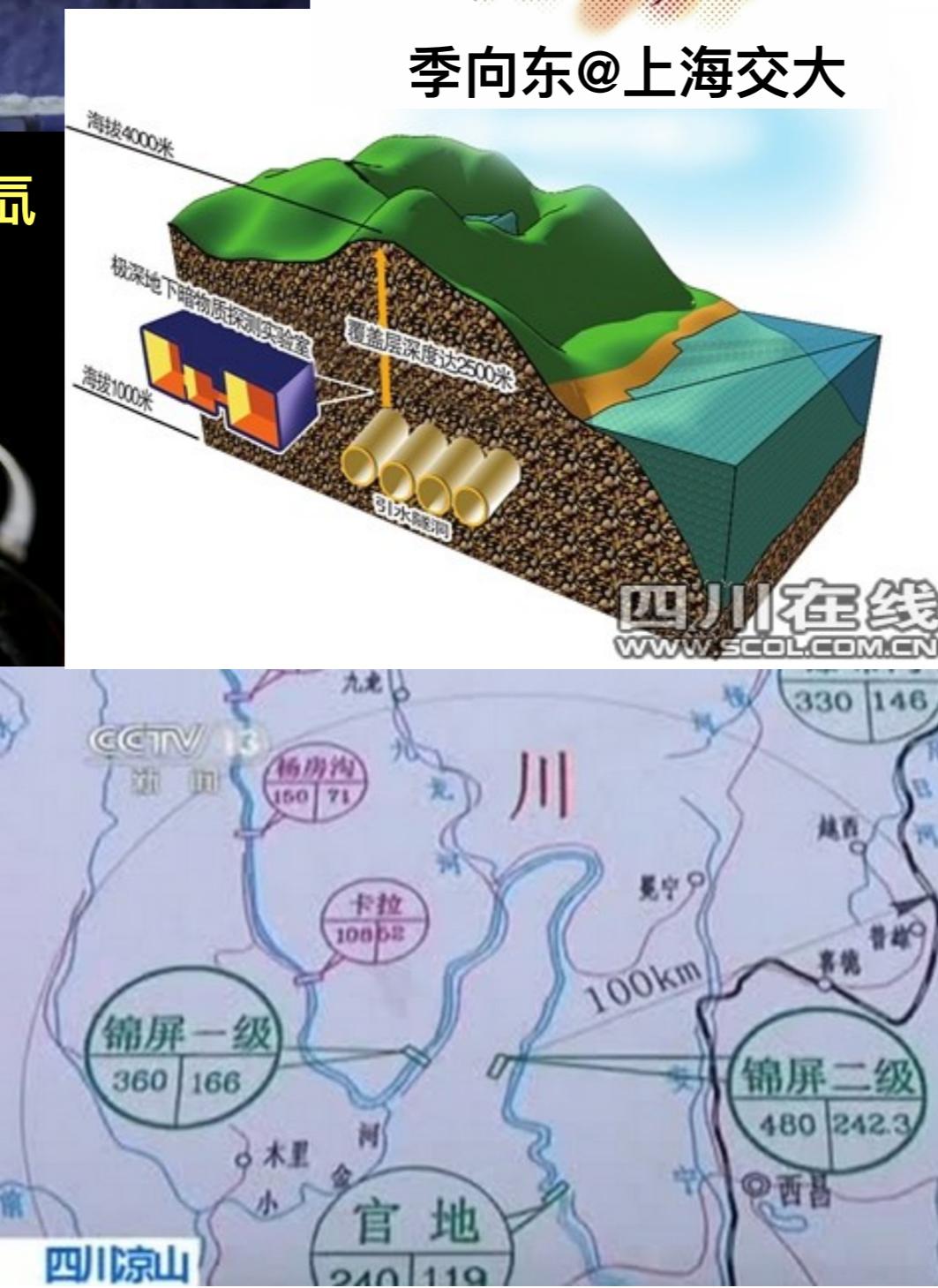
$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = \Omega_{\text{cdm}} h^2 \simeq 0.1143 \Rightarrow \langle \sigma v \rangle \simeq 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$$

- smaller than atom
- mass range in GeV~TeV



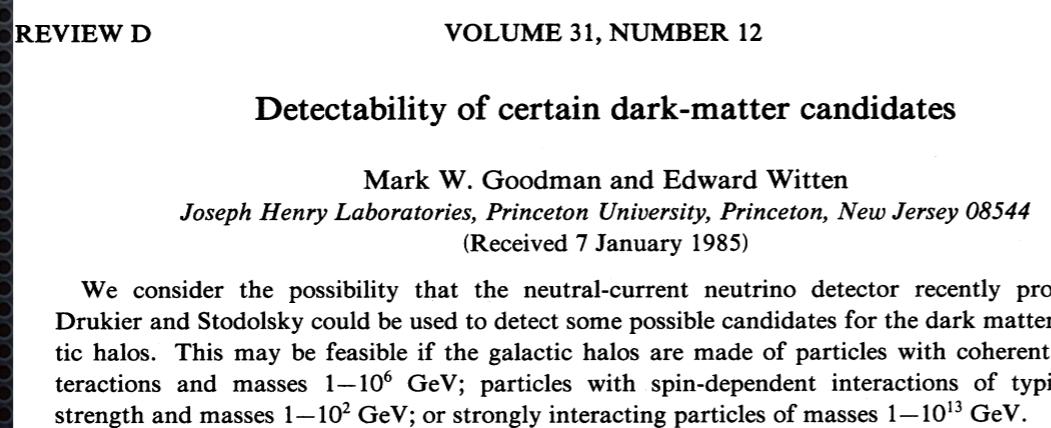
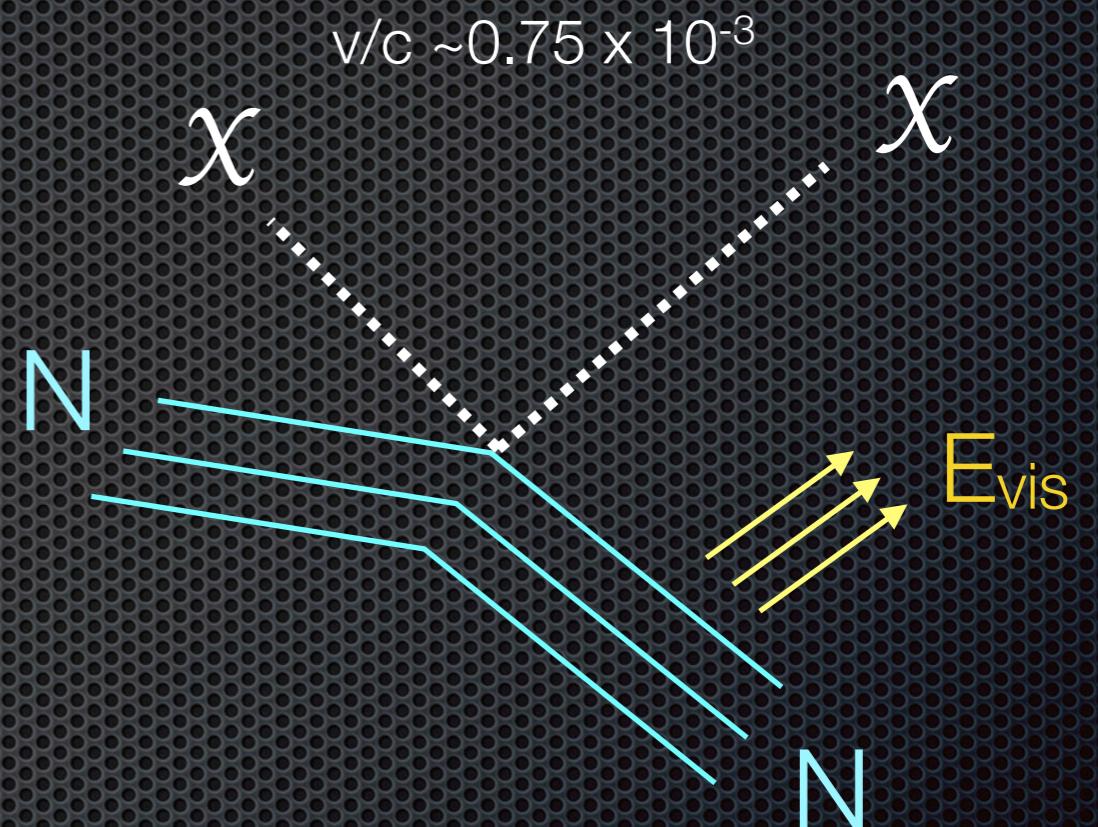


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# How to directly detect WIMPs in the laboratory?

- By searching for collisions of invisibles particles with atomic nuclei =>  $E_{\text{vis}}$  ( $q \sim$  tens of MeV)
- Need *very low energy thresholds*
- Need *ultra-low backgrounds*, good background understanding (no “beam off” data collection mode) and discrimination
- Need *large detector masses*



$$E_R = \frac{q^2}{2m_N} < 30 \text{ keV}$$

M. Goodman & E. Witten, 1985

# Axions

G. Raffelt & L. Rosenberg  
PDG 2012

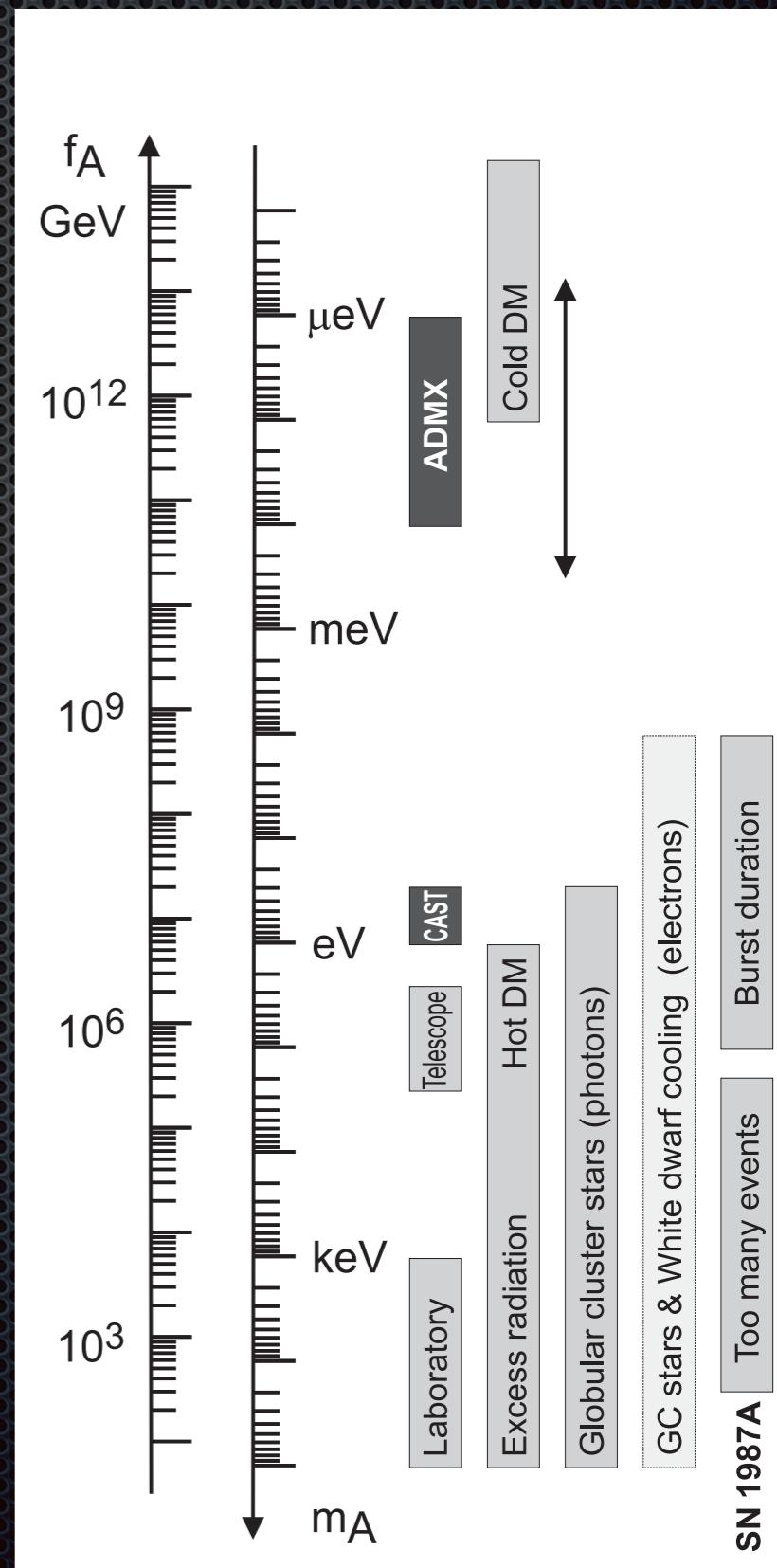
- Introduced by Peccei & Quinn as a solution to the strong CP problem: a global U(1) symmetry is spontaneously broken below an energy scale  $f_a$  (originally the weak scale  $f_a \approx 200 \text{ GeV} \sim f_{EW}$ )
- Weinberg & Wilczek: PQ solution implies the existence of a light pseudoscalar, the axion
- No axion detection so far; ‘invisible axion’ models (with arbitrary large  $f_a$ ) are still viable:

$$m_a \simeq 6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$

← corresponds to the  
observed  
dark matter density

- Constraints from astrophysics, cosmology and laboratory searches restrict the mass of a QCD dark matter axion to:

$$\sim 1 \mu\text{eV} \leq m_a \leq 3 \text{ meV}$$

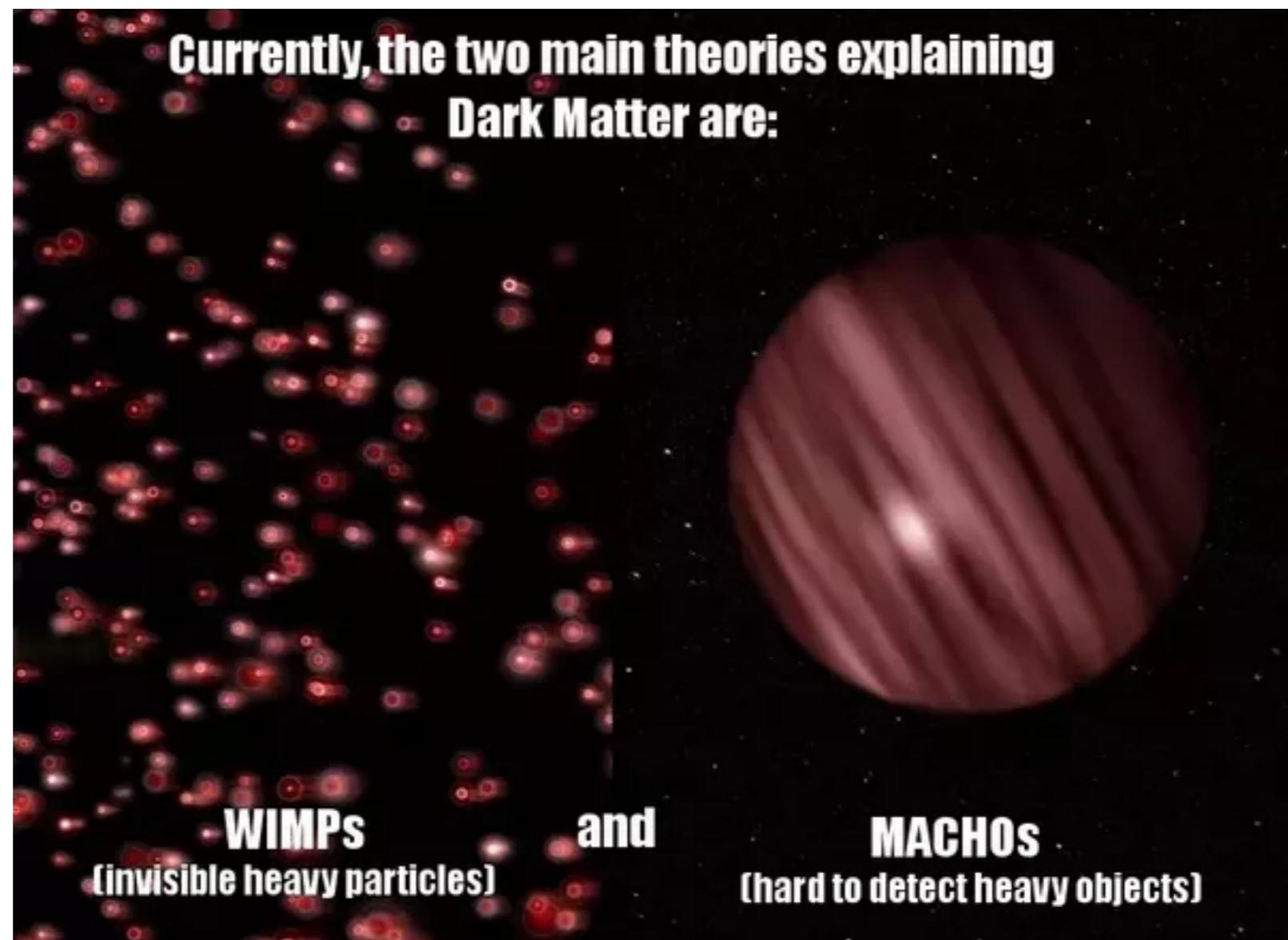


# MACHO (Massive Astrophysical Compact Halo Object)

-primordial black hole  $\sim 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$  (Jupiter mass)

-brown dwarf  $\sim 0.08 M_{\odot}$

$$M_{\odot} \sim 10^{66} eV$$



**problem-3:** 暗物质都有哪些探测手段? (物理实验 / 直接探测, 天文观测 / 间接探测)

**problem-4:** 冷 / 热 暗物质模型, 在宇宙大尺度结构形成 (如星系形成) 过程中有何不同?