

# Massive hadronic candidates to dark matter



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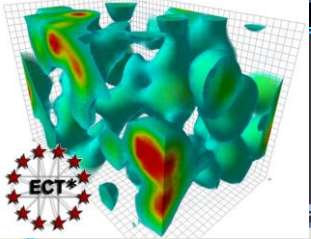


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# The Galaxy rotation curve

**The existence of dark matter halo can explain the rotation speed of the Galaxy (Zwicky, 1933)**

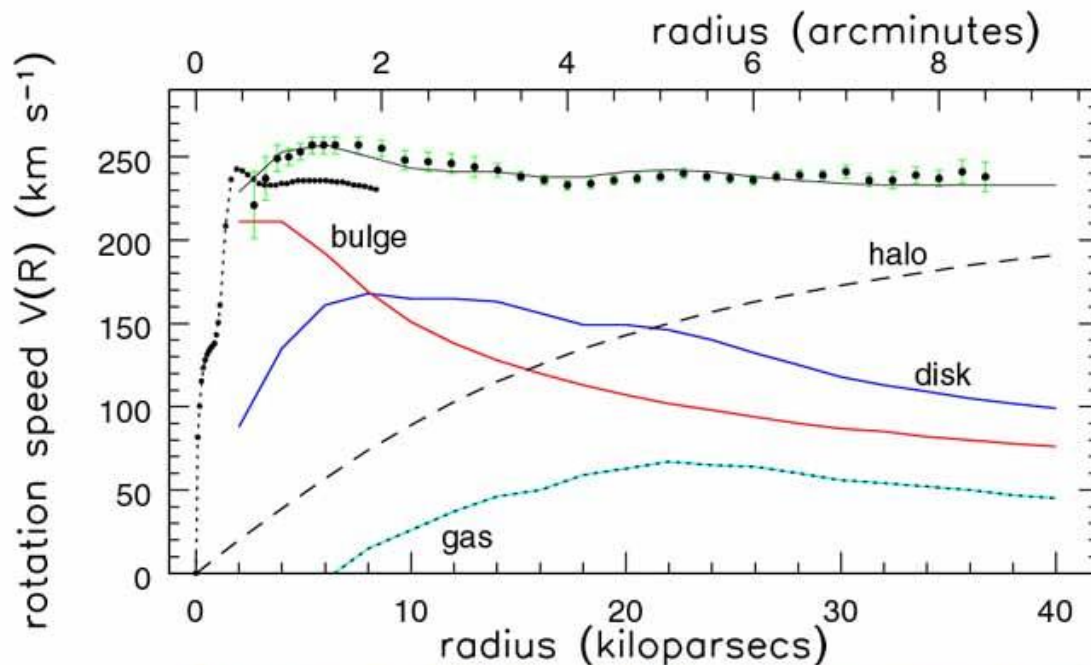
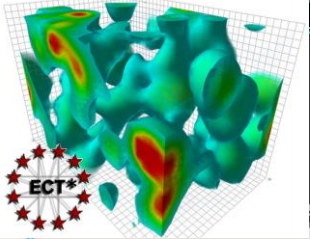


Fig 5.20 (Begeman, Sofue) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007

$$M_{halo} \approx 10 M_{gal}$$

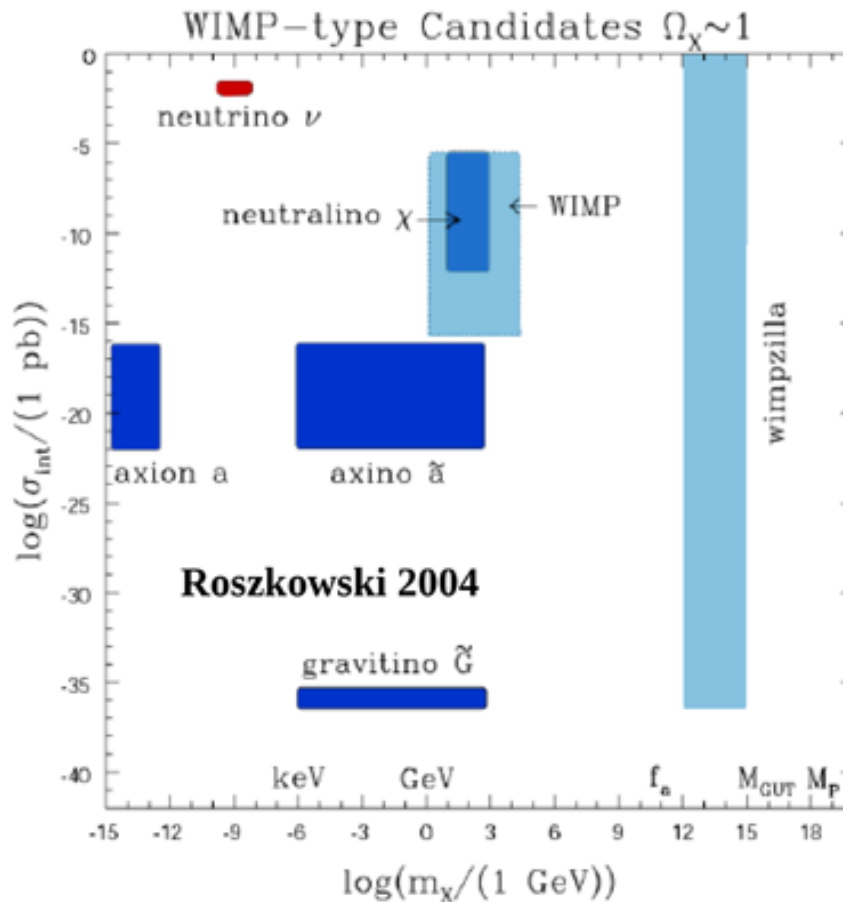
$$R_{halo} \approx 10 R_{gal}$$

**two big questions  
what particle ?  
what mass ?**

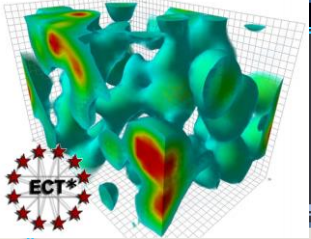


# Possible DM candidates

- A review of the DM candidates zoo (particles only)...



**A wide range of possibilities and hypotheses**



# First possibility: WIMPs

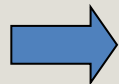
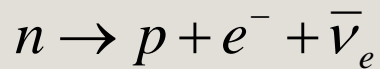
## A VERY SIMPLE CASE

degenerate gas of particles constituting the galactic halo  
 - polytropic model with  $n=3/2$  -

$$M = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{3/2} (2.71406) \frac{\hbar^3}{G^{3/2} m^4} \rho_0^{1/2}$$

$$R = \frac{(9\pi)^{1/6}}{2\sqrt{2}} (3.65375) \frac{\hbar}{G^{1/2} m^{4/3}} \rho_0^{-1/6}$$

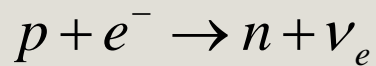
a possible hypothesis due to importance of  $\beta$  decay in stellar equilibrium

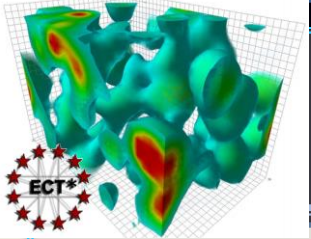


**massive neutrino**



$$m = m_\nu \approx 10 \text{ eV}$$





# Neutrino hypothesis

with  $M_{halo} \approx 10 M_{gal}$      $R_{halo} \approx 10 R_{gal}$

➔  $\rho_0 \approx 10^{-25} \text{ g/cm}^3$

➔  $R \cong 90 \left( \frac{M}{10^{12} M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1/3} \text{ kpc}$

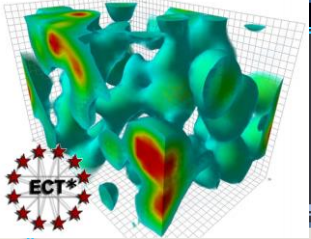
**critical density**

$$\rho_{cr} = \frac{m_{\nu}^4 c^3}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ g/cm}^3 \gg \rho_0$$

**General Relativity? NO**

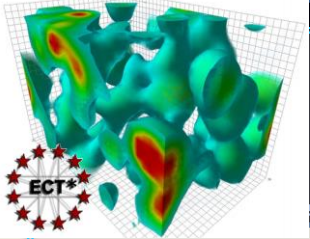
$$\frac{GM}{Rc^2} = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \ll 1$$

**neutrino dark matter halos are nonrelativistic and also Newtonian**



## *Second possibility/hypothesis: SMPs?*

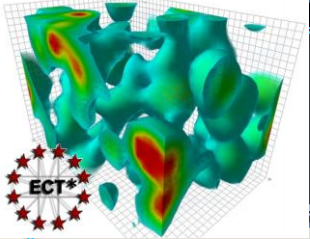
- **SMPs as alternative candidates to WIMPs for dark matter**
- **very massive particles ( $m \sim \text{GeV}$ ), low number density**
  - low effective interaction rate in spite of a not small cross section (dark matter in big bang standard model ?)
- **massive particle lifetime sufficiently large ? stability ?**
  - big bang relics, background ?
- **the role of strangeness**
  - quark configuration with the same (approximate) number of u, d, s
  - chemical potential due to Pauli exclusion principle favourable to stable configurations (strange quark matter conglomerates)
- **quark matter configuration**
  - $\Lambda^*(1405)$  as a possible candidate for dark matter (also in neutron stars?)



# *A model independent mass individuation*

- The possible individuation of the mass range for a dark matter particle **must be not strictly connected** with the choice of model that produce it.
- We consider the Akaishi-Yamazaki model as an example that we know to be controversial from the stability point of view **[see Hrtánková et. al., Phys. Lett. B (2018), 785, 90]**.
- Nevertheless it has the quality to produce the correct range of masses relevant in cosmology, deduced by observations and necessary for galactic halos models of dark matter.
- Alternative hadron mass hypotheses concerning models of stable particles in the same range can be equally useful in order to obtain the results here presented, and the cosmological demand of mass particles in the range  $10\div 30$  GeV remains necessary in explaining theoretical models and observations.

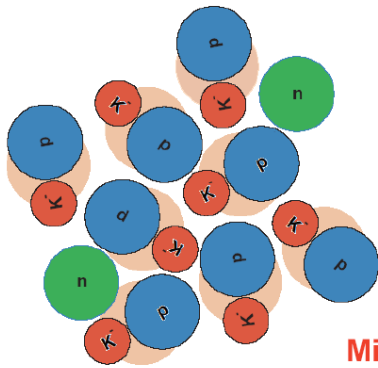
**THEN consider the AY model as an example not crucial for the cosmological conclusions.**



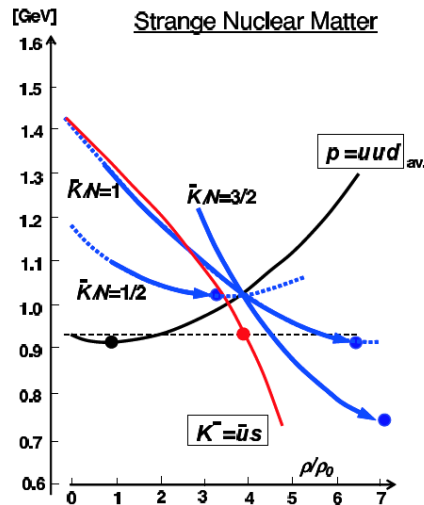
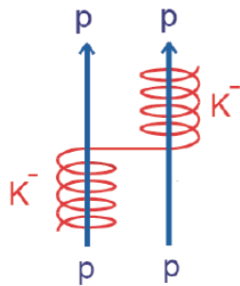
# Strange dark matter ?

## Neutron stars and ... dark matter ?

$\Lambda^* = (\bar{K} \cdot p)_{I=0}$  condensed matter



Migrating real kaons!



one possibility among different  $\bar{K}N$  states:

$$\Lambda^* (1405) \equiv \bar{K}^- p$$

strong decay,  
single  $\Lambda^*$  is unstable



$\Lambda^*$  clusters:

$$Nm_{\Lambda^*} \equiv m^* \sim \text{GeV}$$

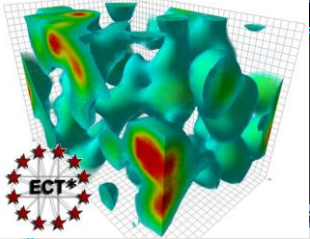
Akaishi & Yamazaki, 2015 (for neutron stars)

Neutron stars:  $\bar{K}^0 n \rightarrow \bar{K}^- p$  ?  $N \ll N_n$  ? **Hyperon stars (cores) ?**

Dark matter:  $\Lambda^* (1405) \equiv \bar{K}^- p$   $N \leq 10$  may be stable?  $m^* \sim 5 \div 10 \text{ GeV}$

**Ultra-dense kaonic nuclear states as partial constituent of dark matter ?**



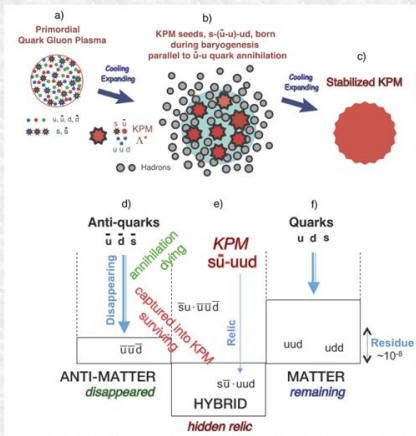


# Strange dark matter

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## Extension from neutron stars to **cosmology**

### Possible cosmological origin of $\Lambda^*$ conglomerates



- before the hadronization stage, in the quark-gluon plasma period, when temperature reaches 100 MeV (order of the  $\Lambda^*$  lifetime) the qq annihilation cross section is of the order of the

$$su + uud \rightarrow \Lambda^* \quad \text{cross section}$$

$\Lambda^*$ s could have been produced on large scale, surviving in conglomerates thanks to the big binding energy.



**Strange dark matter as brick for the formation of galactic halos (halos composed by conglomerates)**



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### Macro Dark Matter Self-gravitating Halos around Galaxies

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**ABSTRACT** – A new family of nonrelativistic, Newtonian non-quantum equilibrium configurations describing galactic halos is introduced taking into account a new possibility to identify particles with masses larger than 1 GeV as components of the dark matter. This possibility may have important implications on the formation of very massive particles during the Big Bang. The obtained results are in agreement with the requested values in mass and radius in order to be consistent with the rotational velocity curve observed in the Galaxy. Additionally, the average density of such dark matter halos is similar to that derived for halos of dwarf spheroidal galaxies, which can therefore be interpreted as downscaled versions of larger dark matter distributions around Milky Way-sized galaxies and hint for a common origin of the two families of cosmic structures.

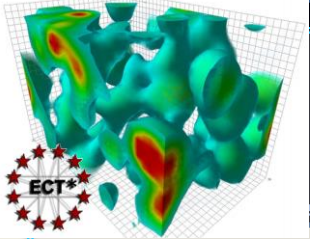
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**We presented this hypothesis one year before!**



# Stability of the conglomerates

$\Lambda^*$  formation today: 90%  $\bar{K}N$  (resonance); 10%  $\Sigma\pi$  (particle)  
Big bang: only the particle  $\Sigma\pi$  is formed at very high density

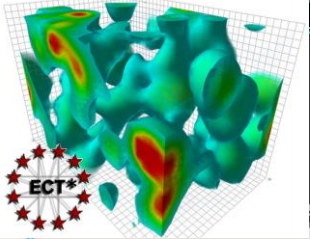
## A POSSIBLE SCENARIO

- Formation of  $\Lambda^*$
- Formation of conglomerates  $\rightarrow$  strong interactions
- Negative energy interaction  $\rightarrow$  effective mass of  $\Lambda^*$  decreases  
from 1405 MeV to 932.5 MeV
- Every allowed decay channels are closed
- Conglomerates become stable

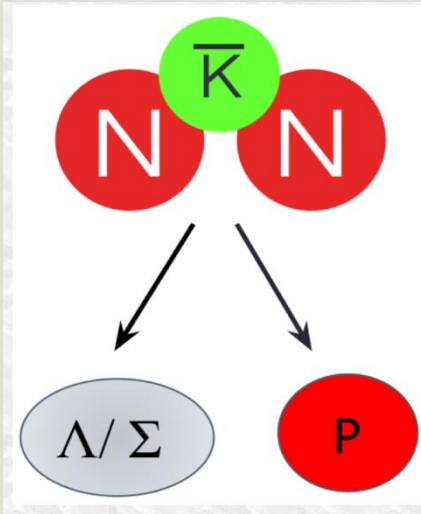
*Problem: if cooling rate and decrease of density of Universe is faster than stabilization rate of conglomerates, the process is not implemented.*

**Collisions among conglomerates**  $\rightarrow$  kinetic energy gives the energy for reaching a new instability  $\rightarrow$  decay in standard model couples  $\rightarrow$  gamma rays

**We must search in high density regions where the collisions are probable**



# The question of the stability

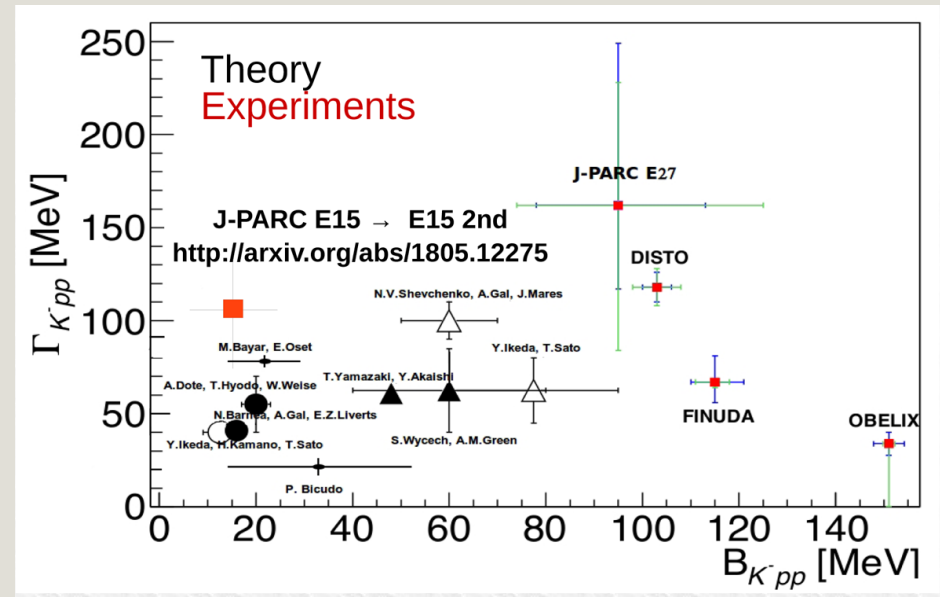


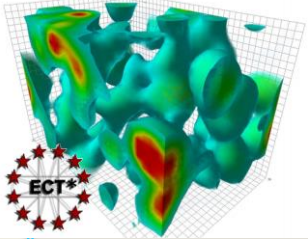
Strongly attractive KN interaction in isospin  $I=0$



$K^-$  nucleon/multi-nucleons bound states predicted  
(Wycech, 1986; Akaishi & Yamazaki, 2002)

Experimentally investigated  
in  $K^-$  nuclei reactions  
**BUT**  
experiments and theory present  
a *very controversial* situation





# Ansatz on hadron system stabilized by $s$ quarks

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Kaon condensation realized in clusters of  $\Lambda^* \equiv K^- p = (s\bar{u}) \otimes (uud)$ , bricks

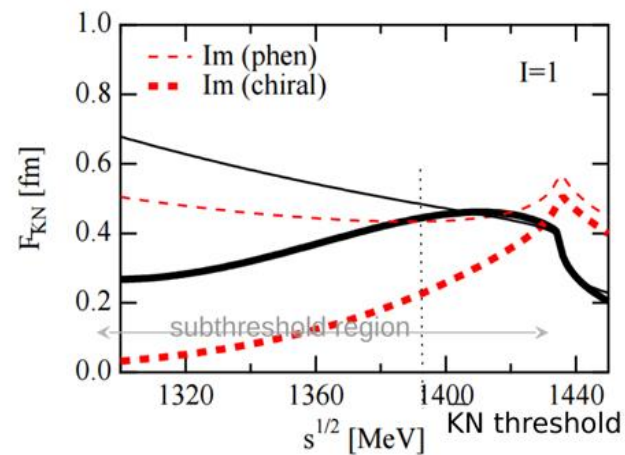
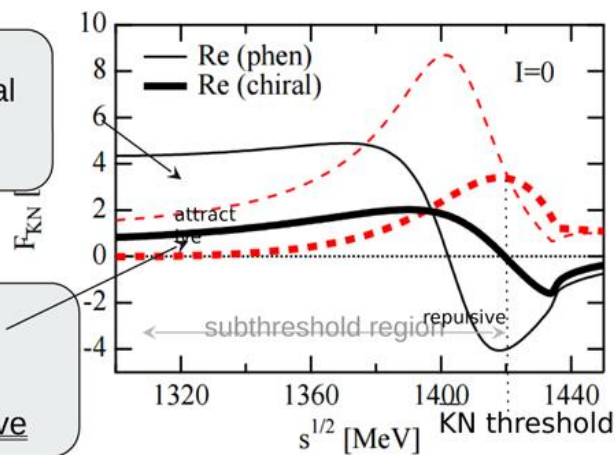
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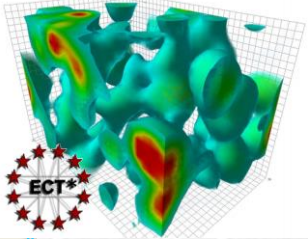
- $K^- p$  is identified with the  $\Lambda^*$  hyperon resonance
- $K^- p$  interaction is strongly attractive  $\rightarrow B_{K^-} = 27\text{MeV}$

Re	Im	Phen.	Chiral
—	- - -	[Y. Akaishi, T. Yamazaki, Phys. Rev. C65, 044005 (2002)]	[Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, W. Weise, Phys. Lett. B706, 63 (2011)]
—	- - -	<b>Phen.</b>	<b>Chiral</b>

Phenomenological potential model

Chiral SU(3) dynamics  
 MUCH less attractive





# Lower limit of conglomerate mass

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- the  $\Lambda^* - \Lambda^*$  interaction is calculated employing the Heitler- London covalent bonding, analog to  $H^0 - H^0$  interaction, but in this case the migrating particle is not  $e^-$  but  $K^-$ . Due to the bosonic nature of the  $K^-$  their wave function is symmetric:

$$\Phi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = N(D)[\phi_a(\vec{r}_1)\phi_b(\vec{r}_2) + \phi_b(\vec{r}_1)\phi_a(\vec{r}_2)],$$

where the two protons sit on sites  $a$  and  $b$ , which are separated by a distance of  $D$ . Then, the exchange interaction is obtained as

$$\Delta U(D) \equiv U(D) - U(\infty) \approx 4|N(D)|^2 \times$$

$$[\langle \phi_a | V_{K-p} | \phi_b \rangle \langle \phi_b | \phi_a \rangle + \langle \phi_b | V_{K-p} | \phi_a \rangle \langle \phi_a | \phi_b \rangle],$$

- consequently the bonding is always additively constructed

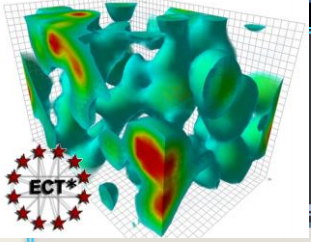
DECAY IS DEFINITELY SUPPRESSED FOR  $N \geq 8$  AND  
conglomerates become stable with respect to strong and weak interactions

**Conglomerate mass:**  $m^* \equiv m[(\Lambda^*)_N]c^2 \approx N \cdot 1405_{[\text{MeV}]} + \frac{N(N-1)}{2} \langle \Delta U \rangle_{av}$

$$\langle \Delta U \rangle_{av} = -135 \text{ MeV}$$



**for  $N \geq 8$ :  $m^* \geq 7.46 \text{ GeV}$**



# Mass and spin

Calculation of  $g=2s+1$   $\longrightarrow$  spin ?

free  $\Lambda^*$  particles

- Spin composition (angular momentum rule)
- Multiplicity of possible values

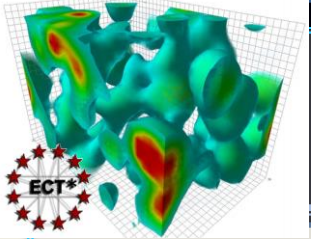
bound system (our case)

- Minimum energy spin configuration
- Strong interaction term depending on spin (not known)

$\longrightarrow$   *$g$  is unknown (not yet investigated)*

we express conglomerate mass  $m^*$  in terms of  $m \cdot g^{1/4}$

> if  $g > 1$ , minimum mass may be larger than 7.46 GeV



# Stability: final considerations

**Alternative hypothesis: larger value at  $N=10$  (Akaishi & Yamazaki)  
based on experimental data (DISTO and E27)**

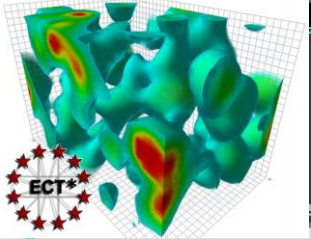
**Theoretical value for binding energy:  
27 MeV for  $K^-p$  state and 52 MeV for  $K^-pp$  state**

**DISTO and E27 experiments: binding energy fixed at 100 MeV  
> not reliable data (Fabbietti, DISTO; Iwasaki, E27)**

**First and unique reliable measurements (E15):  
binding energy at 47 MeV for  $K^-pp$  state**



**Lower limit  $N=8$  determines the absolute stability for conglomerates  
 $m^* \geq 7.46 \text{ GeV}$**



# *Stability: alternative conclusions ?*

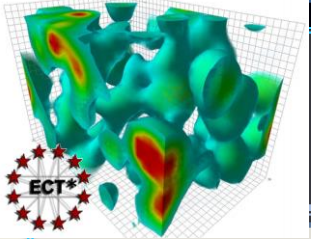
**We can refuse the conclusion concerning the AY model  
because could produce no stable particles  
BUT**

The demand of masses  $m \geq 8$  GeV remains valid and necessary from the cosmological point of view, in spite of the conclusions of J. Hrtánková, N. Barnea, E. Friedman, A. Gal, J. Mareš, M. Schäfer Phys. Lett. B (2018), 785, 90.

The internal structure of particle is not relevant from the gravitational point of view, the mass range, instead, is crucial for morphology.

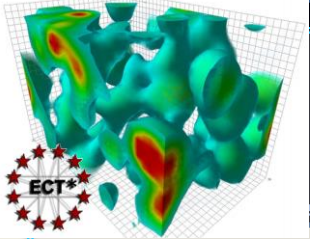
**The hunt for the right particle for dark matter halos remains open**





# Statistics: semidegenerate gas?

- For calculating selfgravitating equilibrium configurations of dark matter halos, **the internal structure of the single  $\Lambda^*$  cluster is not relevant**. Nevertheless we could expect  $\rho > 10^{15} \text{ g/cm}^3$  in the internal structure of the  $\Lambda^*$  cluster.
- We consider  $\Lambda^*$  cluster like a massive particle of mass  $m^*$  only gravitationally interacting with the other  $\Lambda^*$  clusters composing the halo.
- The existence of stable  $\Lambda^*$  clusters is an **open question**, nevertheless we may explore the possibility of having halos composed by strange dark matter.
- The first possibility is to consider a **semidegenerate gas** of particles with mass  $m^* \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ .
- We search for halos with masses  $M \sim 10^{12} M_\odot$  and  $R \sim 100 \text{ kpc}$ , then the mean density  $\langle \rho \rangle$  is of the order of  $10^{-26} \text{ g/cm}^3$ .



# Gravitational equilibrium

For a mass  $m^* = 10 \text{ GeV}$  we have

$$\rho_{cr} = \frac{m^{*4} c^3}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ g/cm}^3 \gg \langle \rho \rangle; \quad \frac{GM}{Rc^2} = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \ll 1$$

**ALSO**

**strange dark matter halos are nonrelativistic and Newtonian**

**Semidegenerate Fermi distribution function with cutoff in energy:**

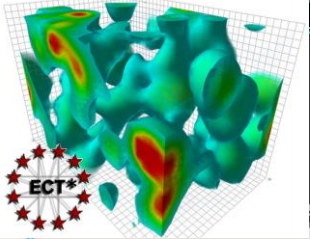
$$\begin{cases} f(\varepsilon) = \frac{g}{h^3} \frac{1 - e^{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_c)/kT}}{e^{(\varepsilon - \mu)/kT} + 1} & \text{for } \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_c \\ f(\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{for } \varepsilon > \varepsilon_c \end{cases}$$

**cutoff:**  
 $\varepsilon_c = m(\phi_R - \phi)$

**mass density:**  
 $\rho = m \int f \, d^3q$

**Poisson equation for gravitational equilibrium:**

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G \rho \quad \text{with} \quad \phi'(0) = 0; \quad \phi(0) = \phi_0$$



# Dimensionless quantities

by imposing  $r = \eta x$  with  $\eta = \left( \frac{gm^4 \sigma G}{h^3} \right)^{-1/2}$  and  $\sigma^2 = \frac{2kT}{m}$

$\rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} \left( x^2 \frac{dW}{dx} \right) = -8 \pi \hat{\rho}$ 
 with  $W'(0) = 0; W(0) = W_0$

$$R = \eta \hat{R}; \quad M = \frac{\sigma^2 \eta}{G} \hat{M}; \quad \rho_0 = \frac{\sigma^2}{G \eta^2} \hat{\rho}_0; \quad W = \frac{\varepsilon_c}{kT}; \quad g = 2s + 1$$

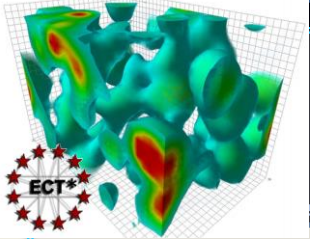
**dimensionless quantities depend on  $W_0$  and  $\theta_R$**

$\rightarrow \hat{\rho} = 2\pi \int_0^W g_s(z, W, \theta_R) z^{1/2} dz; \quad \hat{M} = 4\pi \int_0^{\hat{R}} \hat{\rho} x^2 dx = -\frac{1}{2} \left( x^2 \frac{dW}{dx} \right)_{x=\hat{R}}$

where

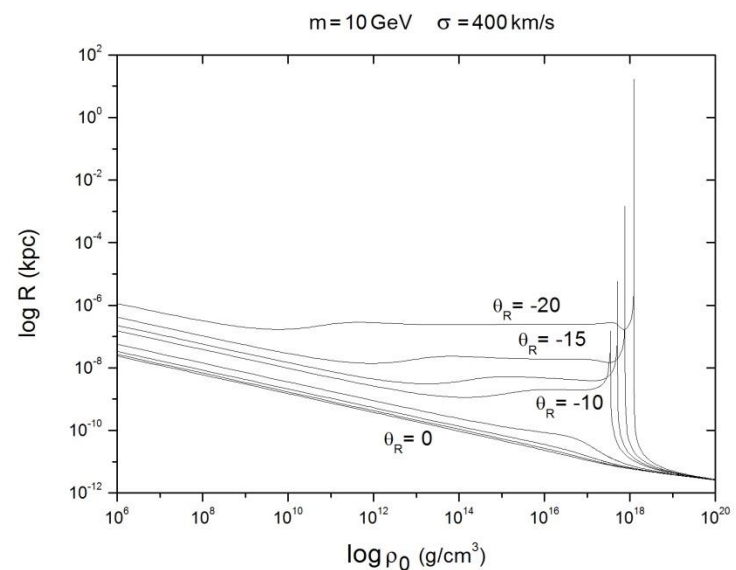
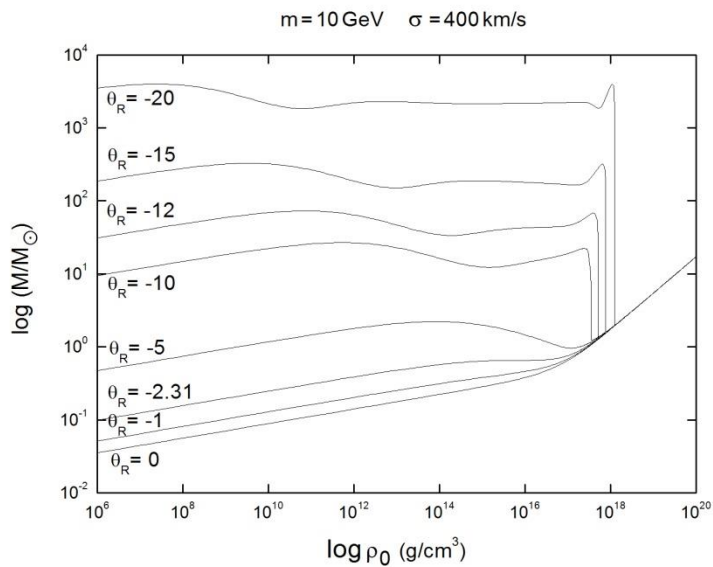
$$z = \frac{\varepsilon}{kT}; \quad f(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \frac{g}{h^3} g_s(z, W, \theta_R); \quad g_s(z, W, \theta_R) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - e^{z-W}}{e^{z-W-\theta_R} + 1} & \text{for } z \leq W \\ 0 & \text{for } z > W \end{cases}$$

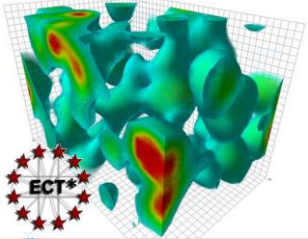
with  $\theta = \frac{\mu}{kT}$  and  $\theta_R = \theta - W \leq 0$  (MM&Alberti, 2014)



# Equilibrium configurations

- By integrating the Poisson equation, we obtain different equilibrium configurations at different values of  $W_0$  and  $\theta_R$ .
- The solutions also depend on  $m$  (mass of the particle) and  $\sigma$  (surface velocity dispersion) through scaling laws.
- The results are summarized in  $M$  vs  $\rho_0$  and  $R$  vs  $\rho_0$  diagrams for  $m=10\text{GeV}$  and  $\sigma=400\text{km/s}$





# Non quantum (classical) statistics ?

The mass  $m^* = 10\text{GeV}$  doesn't allow to obtain the expected values of central density, mass and radius for a galactic halo

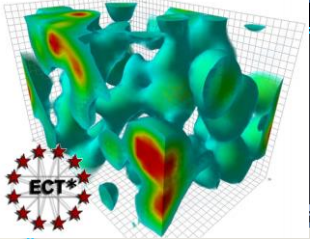
In fact we have:  $\rho_0 \sim \sigma^3 m^4$  ;  $M \sim \sigma^{3/2} m^{-2}$  ;  $R \sim \sigma^{-1/2} m^{-2}$   
 The densities are too large, masses and radii too small



Semidegenerate regime is not appropriate to describe strange dark matter halos: we need  $\theta_R$  values much more negative, typical for a classical regime

➔ Boltzmann (King) distribution function with cutoff in energy

On the other hand, for  $-\theta_R \gg 1$   $f(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \frac{g}{h^3} e^{\mu/kT} \left( e^{-\varepsilon/kT} - e^{-\varepsilon_c/kT} \right)$  for  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_c$   
 and  $g_s(z, W, \theta_R) \Rightarrow e^{\theta_R} g_K(z, W)$  with  $g_K(z, W) = \left( e^{W-z} - 1 \right)$  for  $z \leq W$



# Equilibrium in classical regime

**THEN**

**strange dark matter halos are nonrelativistic, Newtonian and do not follow quantum statistics**

In order to obtain halos with appropriate densities, masses and radii, we calculate equilibrium configurations at fixed central density ( $\rho_0 = 10^{-24} \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) and particle mass ( $m^* = 10 \text{ GeV}$ ), while increasing the value of  $-\theta_R$  until to reach  $M \sim 10^{12} M_\odot$  and  $R \sim 100 \text{ kpc}$ .

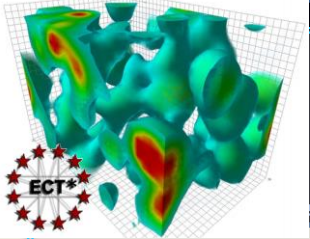
Using the expression of surface velocity dispersion  $\sigma$  in function of  $\rho_0$

$$\sigma = \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}_0} \frac{h^3}{g m^4 e^{\theta_R}} \right)^{1/3} \rho_0^{1/3},$$

the expressions of M and R become

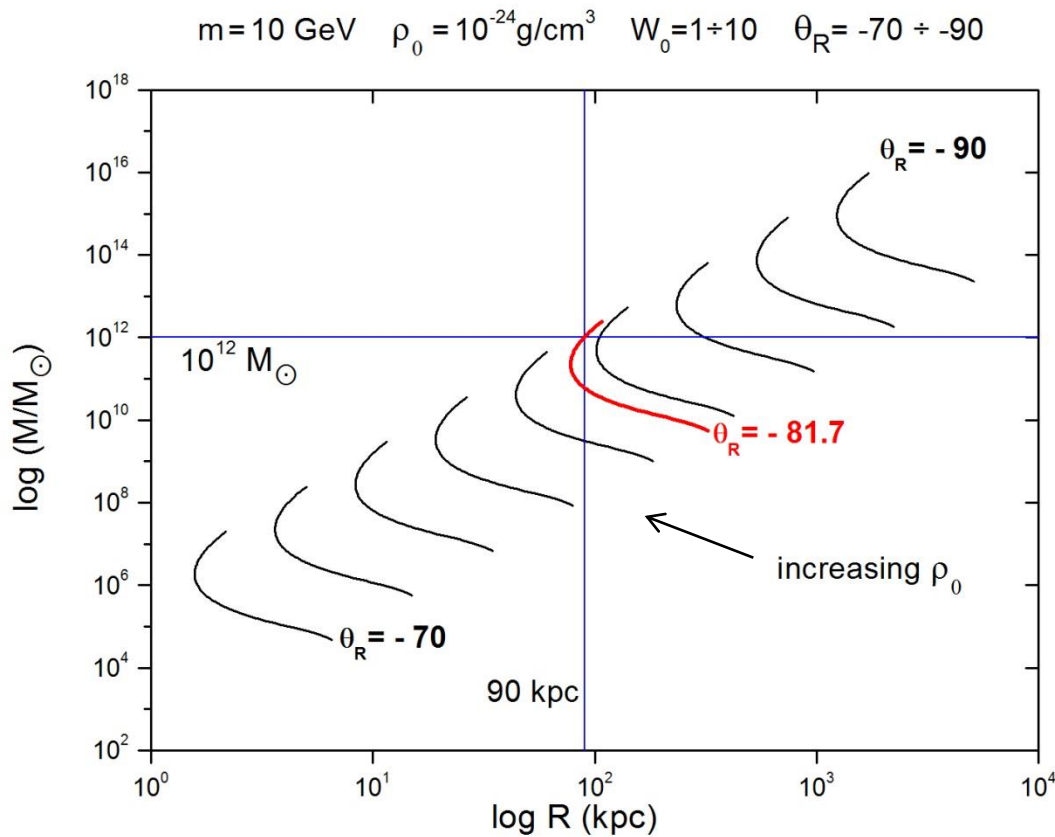
$$M = \frac{\hat{M}}{\hat{\rho}_0^{1/2}} \frac{h^3}{g m^4 e^{\theta_R} G^{3/2}} \rho_0^{1/2}; \quad R = \hat{R} \hat{\rho}_0^{1/6} \frac{h}{g^{1/3} m^{4/3} e^{\theta_R/3} G^{1/2}} \rho_0^{-1/6}$$

**now dimensionless quantities depend on  $W_0$  only**



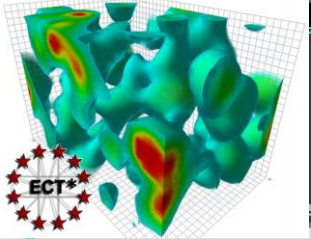
# Individuating the value of $\theta_R$

We calculated solutions in the range  $W_0=1\div 10$  (for globular clusters the most significant values are between 4 and 8; for galactic halos we expect even less)



**In this regime, the dependence on  $\theta_R$  become a scaling law.**

**It is possible to make a tuning by varying the central density  $\rho_0$  and the parameter  $\theta_R$  in order to match the requested values in  $M$  and  $R$ , also at different values of  $W_0$**



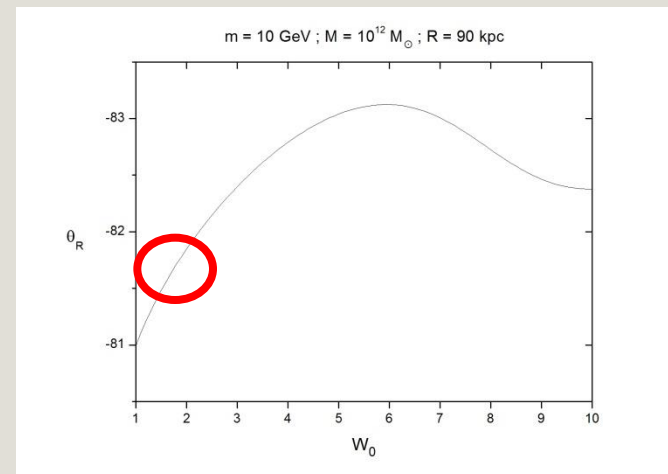
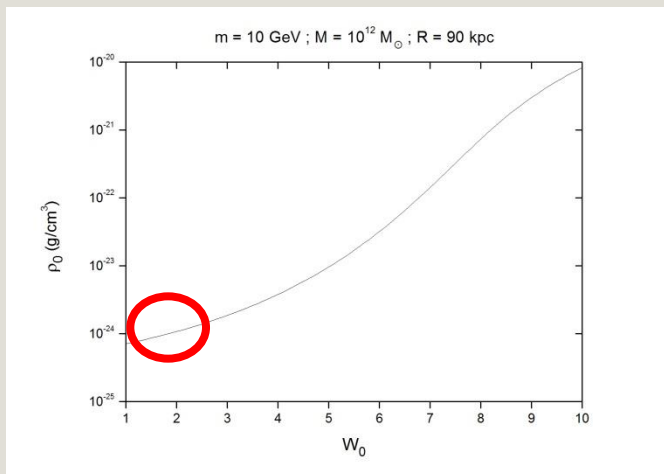
# Changing parameters

We can fix  $m$ ,  $M$  and  $R$  and study the behavior of the other parameters at different values of  $W_0$

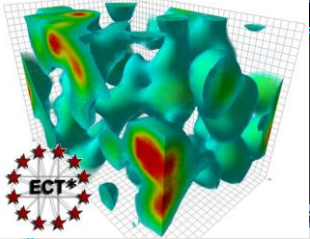
$$\rho_0 = \frac{\hat{R}^3 \hat{\rho}_0}{\hat{M}} \frac{M}{R^3}; \quad \theta_R = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\hat{M} \hat{R}^3}{M R^3} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{h^3}{g m^4 G^{3/2}} \right)$$

and, consequently,

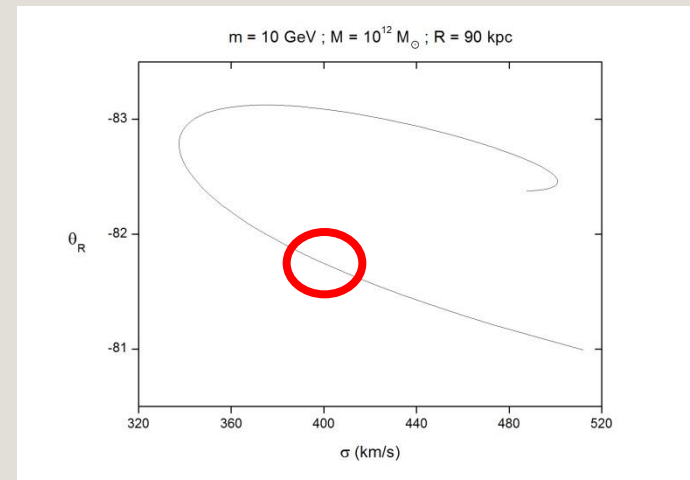
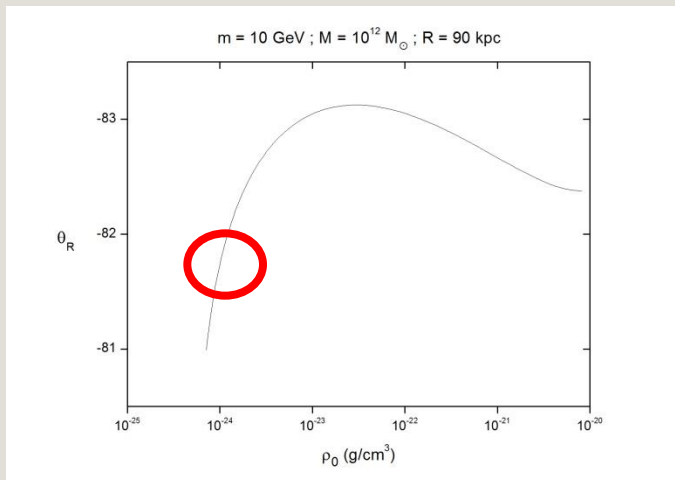
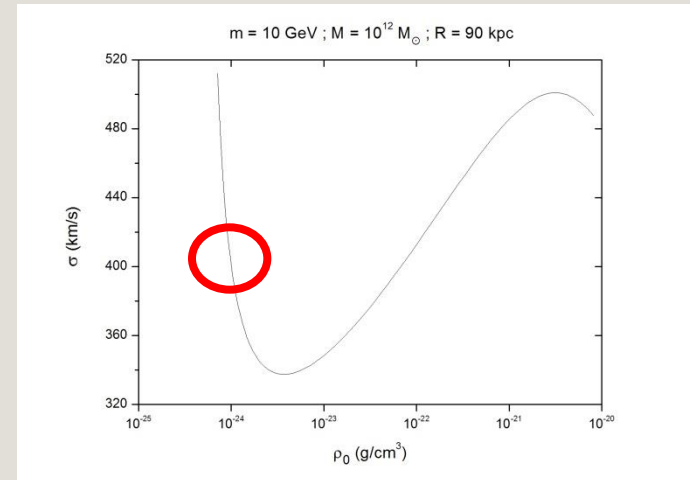
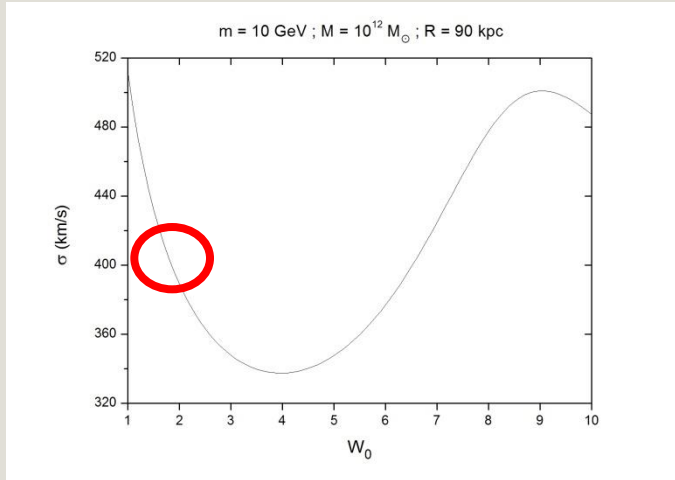
$$\sigma = \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}_0} \frac{h^3}{g m^4 e^{\theta_R}} \right)^{1/3} \rho_0^{1/3}$$

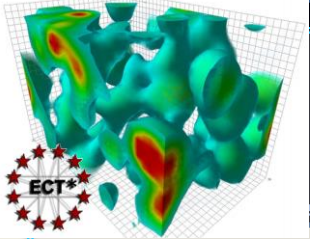






# Other quantities





# Results

For  $m^* = 10\text{GeV}$  and  $\rho_0 = 10^{-24}\text{ g/cm}^3$  we get

$$\theta_R = -81.7; W_0 = 1.8; M = 9.98 \cdot 10^{11} M_\odot; R = 89.41\text{ kpc}$$

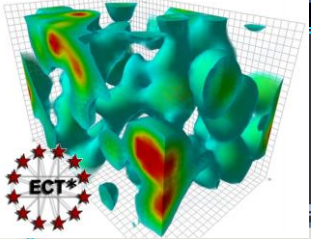
$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3} = 2.26 \cdot 10^{-26}\text{ g/cm}^3; \sigma = 405\text{ km/s}$$

**The obtained values are very satisfying !**

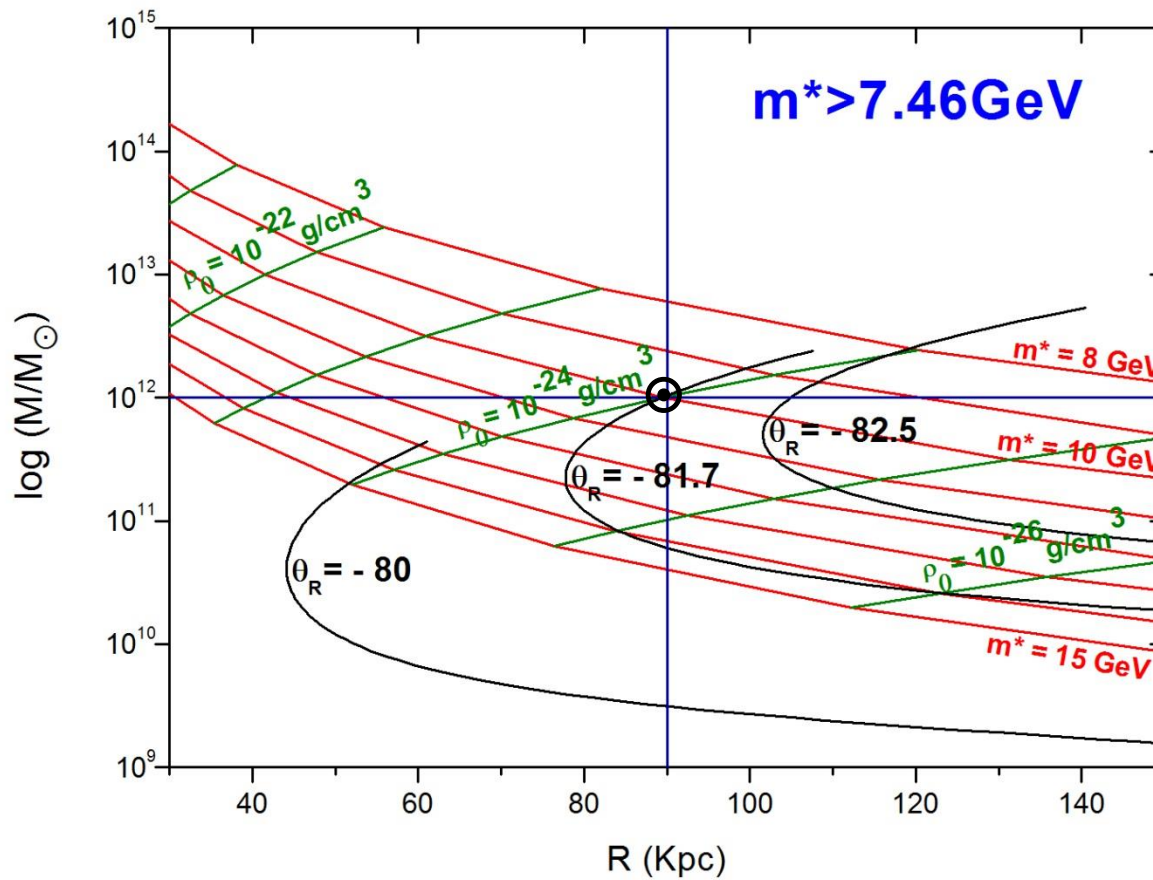
The other solutions are obtained by scaling laws involving the total mass  $M$  and the radius  $R$

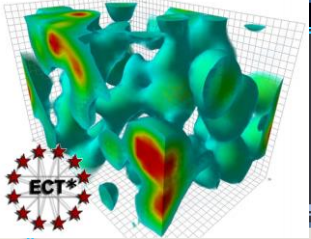
$$M = 9.98 \cdot 10^{11} \left( \frac{\rho_0}{10^{-24}\text{ g/cm}^3} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m^*}{10\text{GeV}} \right)^{-4} M_\odot$$

$$R = 89.41 \left( \frac{\rho_0}{10^{-24}\text{ g/cm}^3} \right)^{-1/6} \left( \frac{m^*}{10\text{GeV}} \right)^{-4/3} \text{ kpc}$$



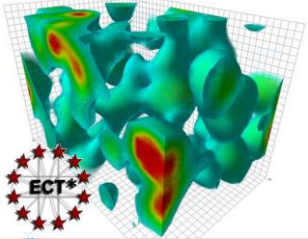
# Strange dark matter halos





# *Dwarf Spheroidal (dSph) Galaxies*

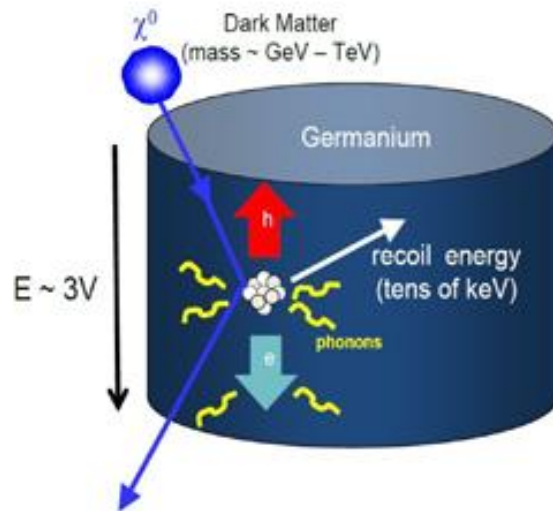
- dSph galaxies are the most interesting objects for indirect detection of self-interacting dark matter.
- Very high estimates of M/L ratios make these objects the most dark-matter dominated sources.
- Gamma-ray fluxes expected by the presence of such particles.
- In spite of the very difficult detection due to the faintness of such sources (and possible presence of background), there are some compelling observations of gamma-ray fluxes originating from dSph galaxies.
- Among the dSph galaxies located in the neighbors of Milky Way, it is necessary to take into account those producing a gamma-ray signal consistent with dark matter annihilation/decay.



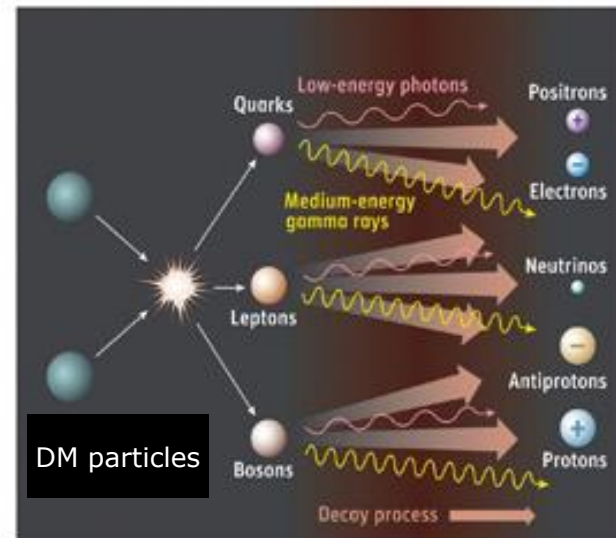
# DM detection

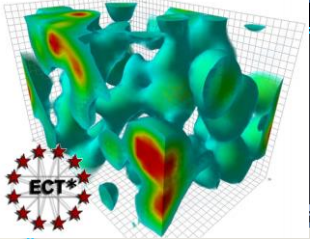
- Since DM cross section for interaction with baryonic matter is extremely small, events of dark-baryonic matter interaction (*direct detection*) are very rare!
- *Indirect detection* looks instead for production of gamma rays from DM self-interaction (annihilation or decay), so it can be attempted with gamma detectors.

## DIRECT DET.



## INDIRECT DET.





# Observative targets

- Main targets of observation:

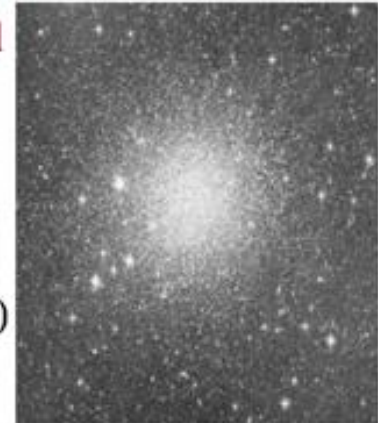
## Milky Way center & MW “ridge”

(very close, but risk of high bkg due to Galactic Sources + central BH)



## Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

(high  $M/L$  and almost no bkg, but small halos under current angular resolution)



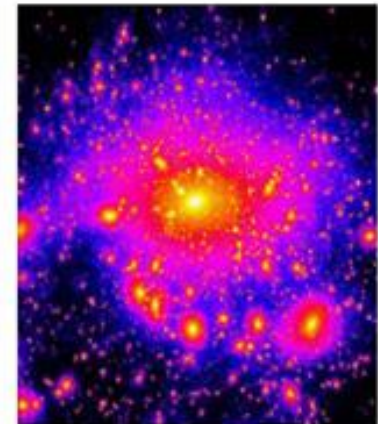
## Galaxy clusters

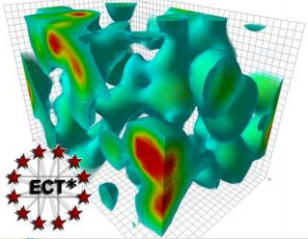
(high DM content, but far and maybe contaminated by bkg due to hot ICM & AGN activity)



## Dark clumps

(conceptually dSphs without stars, but same issues + their existence only theoretical so far)

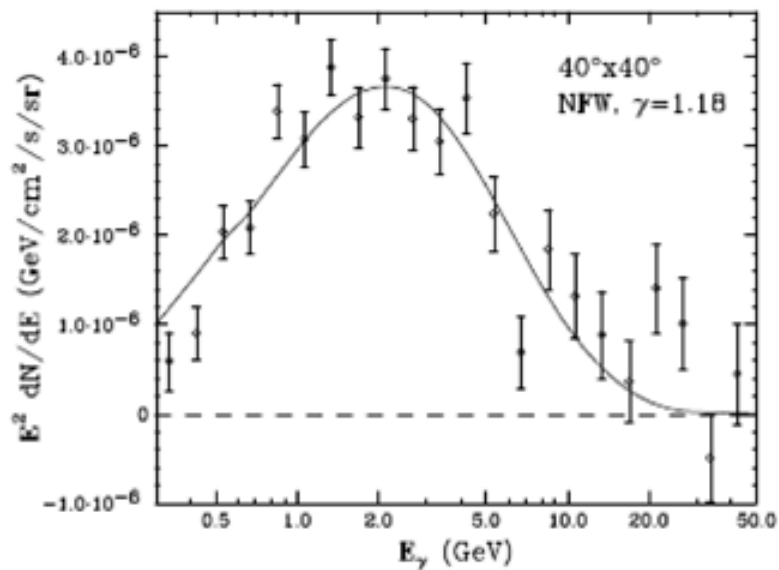




# Observational data

- Some recent clues from *Fermi* data (still controversial)...

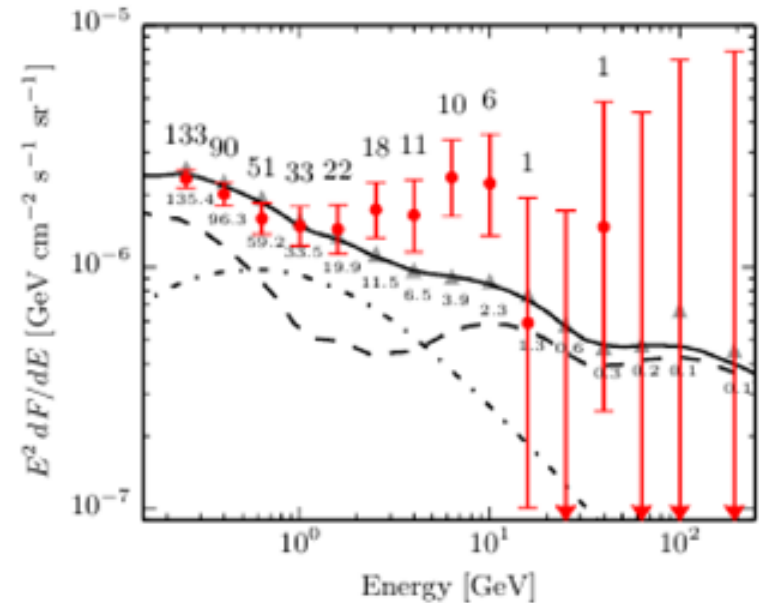
MILKY WAY CENTER (Daylan+ 2014)



$$m_\chi = 43.0 \text{ GeV}$$

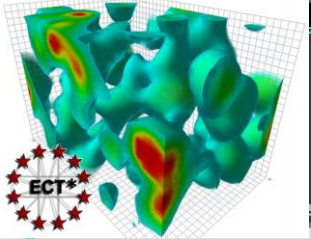
$$\langle\sigma v\rangle = 2.25e-26 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

dSph Ret II (Geringer-Sameth+ 2015)



$$m_\chi = 25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$J\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 1e-6 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$$



# Spheroidal Galaxies

DM halos of elliptical galaxies well reproduced by simulations with strange DM  
⇒ **Can strange DM reproduce smaller halos too?**

Let's make a quick estimate:

**Projected DM density for annihilation processes in point-like sources  
(astrophysical factor J)**

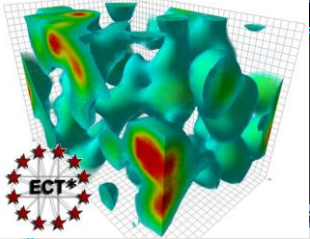
$$J(\Delta\Omega) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_l \rho^2(l, \Omega) dl \quad \Rightarrow \quad J_{pls} = \int_l \rho^2(l) dl = \langle \rho^2 \rangle D$$

Assuming point-like sources ...

Inverting formula for  $\rho$  and using estimated  $J \sim 4 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ GeV}^2 / \text{cm}^5$   
for Ret II dSph, with  $\langle \sigma v \rangle = 3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{s}$  (Geringer-Sameth+ 2015)  
and  $D = 30 \text{ kpc}$  (distance) we obtain similar results

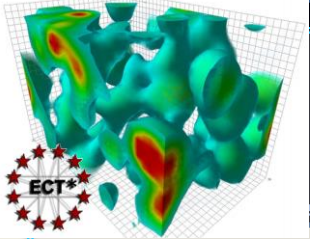
$$\rho_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{J_{pls}}{D}} \approx 3.7 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ g/cm}^3$$



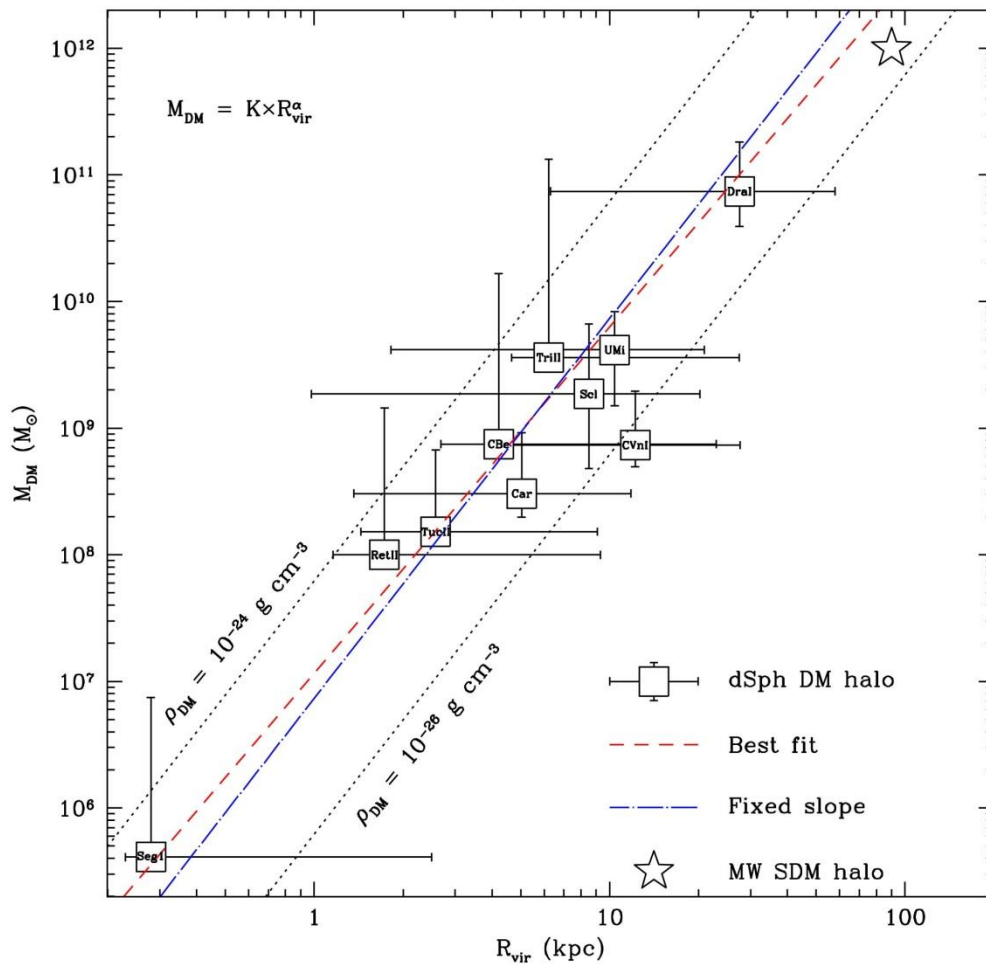


## *Signals from different conglomerates*

- The considered example shows that the particles originating the gamma-ray fluxes have  $m_{\text{DM}} \sim 25$  GeV (Reticulum II).
- A similar signal excess originated in dSph Tucana III (recently discovered by the survey DES Y2) and associated to annihilation in the channel  $\tau^+\tau^-$  for a particle of mass  $m_{\text{DM}} \sim 15$  GeV has been also detected.
- Therefore, all these signals confirm the possibility of a common cosmological origin for the formation of  $\Lambda^*$  clusters, which could be an important component of the dark matter in the galactic structures of Universe.
- However, the way of formation and the stability of the  $\Lambda^*$  clusters remain still uncertain as well as the actual mass of such DM particles.



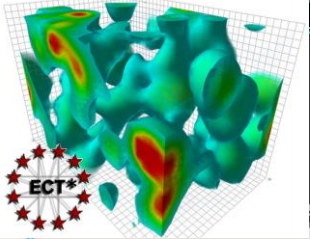
# Halo densities



$$\rho_{\text{MW halo}} \sim \rho_{\text{dSph}}$$

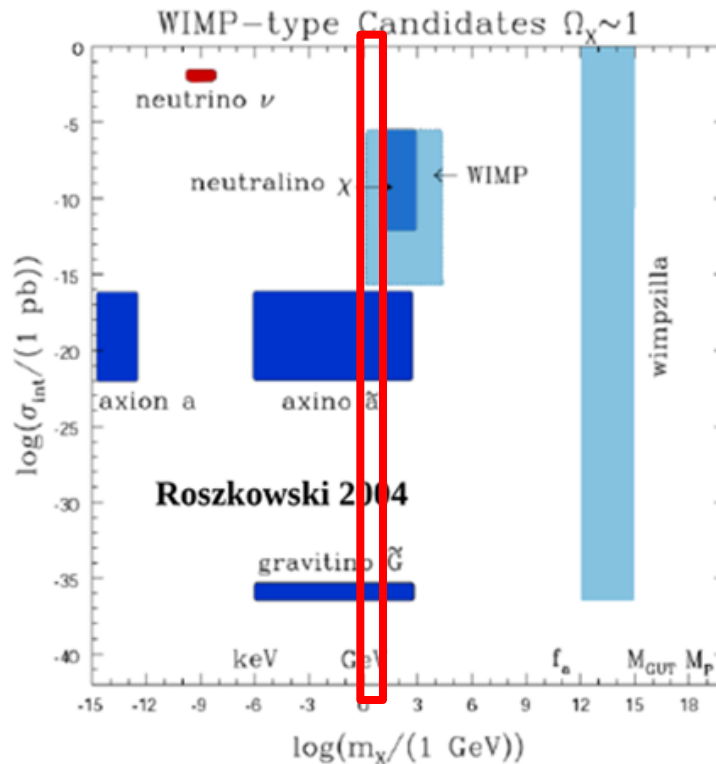
**AMAZING COINCIDENCE  
OF RESULTS  
suggesting  
cosmological hypothesis  
on DM component  
distribution in halos**

**Increasing data on  
dSphs in coherence  
with the hypothesis of  
strange dark matter**



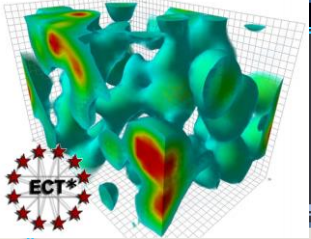
# A model independent result

- A review of the DM candidates zoo (particles only)...



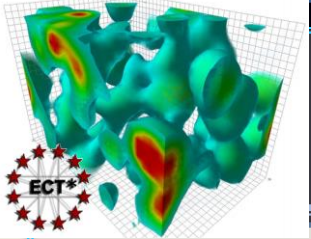
**Only the mass range  
is important**

**EUCLID mission  
data from more than  
400 dwarf galaxies  
in order to confirm  
these conclusions**



# Conclusions

- We obtained the relevant parameters for constructing equilibrium configurations of selfgravitating halos composed by macro component ( $m^* \sim \text{GeV}$ ) deriving from strange dark matter.
- If  $\Lambda^*$  clusters are stable, galactic halos reproducing the same rotation velocity curve in spiral galaxies are possible, in alternative to WIMP-composed halos.
- Numerical calculations also show that such particles can reproduce both halos of elliptical galaxies (large scales) and dSphs (small scales).
- Galactic halos are completely Newtonian (only Poisson equation is needed), non relativistic (velocity dispersion  $\sigma \sim 400 \text{ km/s}$ ) and do not follow quantum statistics ( $\theta_R \sim -80$ ).
- The existence of stable  $\Lambda^*$  clusters or particles with equivalent masses, if confirmed, may have strong implications in the standard big bang model.
- Gamma rays produced by DM self-interaction are the future observing channel to probe DM.



Thank you