Dark Matter and the

Electroweak scale:

Are they related?

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2010: First collisions at the LHC

Direct exploration of the TeV scale has started

main physics goal:

What is the mechanism of Electroweak Symmetry breaking?





- one century to develop it
- tested with impressive precision
  - accounts for all data in experimental particle physics

The Higgs is the only remaining unobserved piece and a portal to new physics hidden sectors



#### The Higgs Mechanism

EW symmetry breaking is described by the condensation of a scalar field



The Higgs selects a vacuum state by developing a non zero background value. When it does so, it gives mass to SM particles it couples to.



the puzzle:

We do not know what makes the Higgs condensate. We ARRANGE the Higgs potential so that the Higgs condensates but this is just a parametrization that we are unable to explain dynamically.

Electroweak symmetry breaking: 2 main questions

What is unitarizing the  $W_LW_L$  scattering amplitude?



the Higgs or something else?



What is cancelling the divergent diagrams?

(i.e what is keeping the Higgs light?) : Hierarchy problem



 $\Lambda$  , the maximum mass scale that the theory describes

strong sensitivity on UV unknown physics

need new degrees of freedom & new symmetries to cancel the divergences

supersymmetry, gauge-Higgs unification, Higgs as a pseudo-goldstone boson...

→ theoretical need for new physics at the TeV scale

Addressing the hierarchy problem with a new symmetry

fermion

 $\Psi \to e^{i\theta\gamma_5} \Psi$ 

Ψ massless: protected by chiral symmetry vector

$$A_{\mu} \to A_{\mu} + \partial \theta$$

A<sub>μ</sub> massless: protected by gauge invariance scalarH o H + heta

H massless: protected by a global symmetry

Ψ <---> H

In 5 dimensions:  $H=A_5$ 

Which new physics?

Supersymmetric

Minimally extended (2 Higgs doublets)

Electroweak symmetry breaking

> Composite, Higgs as pseudo-goldstone boson, H=A5

Higgsless, technicolor-like, 5-dimensional

In all explicit examples, without unwarranted cancellations, new phenomena are required at a scale  $\Lambda$ ~[3-5] ×  $M_{Higgs}$ 

## and other variants ...

Composite Higgs ?
Little Higgs ?
Littlest Higgs ?
Intermediate Higgs ?
Slim Higgs ?
Fat Higgs ?
Gauge-Higgs ?
Holographic Higgs ?
Gaugephobic Higgs ?
Higgsless ?
UnHiggs ?
Portal Higgs ?
Simplest Higgs ?
Private Higgs ?
Lone Higgs ?
Phantom Higgs ?

The Hierarchy Problem has been the guideline of theorists for over 30 years

The main goal of the LHC:

Understand why MEW << MPlanck

We are at a turning point. Within the next few years, we will know what is lying behind the EW scale.

# Imagine what our universe would look like if electroweak symmetry was not broken

- quarks and leptons would be massless

- mass of proton and neutron (the strong force confines quarks into hadrons) would be a little changed

- proton becomes heavier than neutron (due to its electrostatic self energy) ! no more stable

-> no hydrogen atom

-> very different primordial nucleosynthesis

-> a profoundly different (and terribly boring) universe

#### • Does a Higgs boson exist ?



If yes :

- ★ is there only one ?
- 🕱 what are its mass, width, quantum numbers ?
- $\blacksquare$  what are its couplings to itself and other particles
- Spin determination
- ☑ CP properties
- 🕅 does it generate EW symmetry breaking and give mass to
- fermions too as in the Standard Model or is something else needed?
- If not, be ready for
  - very tough searches at the (S)LHC (VLVL scattering, ...) or
  - more spectacular phenomena such as W', Z' (KK) resonances, technicolor, etc...

#### • Searches for other new particles: Do they play any role in EW symmetry breaking?



LHC will most likely not provide the final answer

Searching for complementary probes of the EW symmetry breaking mechanism in cosmological observables

## New TeV scale physics



## Cosmological signatures

mainly from

dark matter (this talk)baryogenesis

(see also recent interest in higgs inflation)

2 major observations unexplained by the Standard Model

that may have something to do with new physics at the electroweak scale

• the Dark Matter of the Universe

Some invisible transparent matter (that does not interact with photons) which presence is deduced through its gravitational effects



15% baryonic matter (1% in stars, 14% in gas)

85% dark unknown matter

the (quasi) absence of antimatter in the universe

baryon asymmetry:  $\frac{n_B - n_B^{-10}}{n_B + n_B^{-10}} \sim 10^{-10}$ 

# The existence of (Cold) Dark Matter has been established by a host of different methods; it is needed on all scales



The picture from astrophysical and cosmological observations is getting more and more focussed

DM properties are well-constrained (gravitationally interacting, long-lived, not hot, not baryonic) but its identity remains a mystery

Matter power spectrum

### not baryonic



#### not hot

# Neutrinos



## Why can't dark matter be explained by the Standard Model?



Dark Matter candidates

Two possibilities:

very light & only gravitationally coupled (or with equivalently suppressed couplings) -> stable on cosmological scales

Long-lived (stable on cosmological scales)

 $\tau_{DM} > \tau_{universe} \sim 10^{18} \ s$ 

sizably interacting (but not strongly) with the SM -> symmetry needed to guarantee stability

stable by a symmetry

-> WIMP

The WIMP relic abundance follows from the generic thermal freeze-out mechanism in the expanding universe



→ a particle with a typical EW-scale cross section  $\sigma_{anni} \approx 1$  pb leads to the correct dark matter abundance.

## Dark Matter Candidates $\Omega$ ~1



In Theory Space



# Supersymmetric Dark Matter

stable by R-parity:

$$R_p = (-1)^{3B + L + 2s}$$

under which SM particles are even and superpartners are odd

Primarily introduced to prevent fast proton decay in supersymmetry:



-> The Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (odd) is thus stable

## New symmetries at the TeV scale and Dark Matter

to cut-off quadratically divergent quantum corrections to the Higgs mass



Work out properties of new degrees of freedom

The stability of a new particle is a common feature of many models



Model building beyond the Standard Model: "historical" overview

Big hierarchy addressed

-ittle hierarchy addressed SUSY [70 ies to now]

> ADD [98-99]

RS [99 to now] R-parity→ LSP

the attitude: Naturalness is what matters, dark matter is a secondary issue

Lower your ambition (no attempt to explain the M<sub>EW</sub>/ M<sub>Pl</sub> hierarchy); rather put a ~ TeV cutoff

UED [2001 to now] Little Higgs [2002-2004] KK-parity→ LKP [2002] T-parity→ LTP

parity→LTP [2003]

Big & little hierarchy pbs ignored "Minimal" SM extensions [2004 to now]

assume discrete symmetry, typically a Z<sub>2</sub>

Give up naturalness, focus on dark matter and EW precision tests. Optional: also require unification Dark matter theory

## dark matter model building until ~2004: mainly theory driven

largely motivated by hierarchy pb: SUSY+R-parity, Universal Extra Dimensions + KK parity Little Higgs models+ T-parity

in last few years (post LEP-2)--> questioning of naturalness as a motivation for new physics @ the Weak scale

"minimal approach": focus on dark matter only and do not rely on models that solve the hierarchy problem

+ various "hints" (?...): DAMA, INTEGRAL, PAMELA, ATIC ...



dark matter model building since ~2008: data driven

(The naturalness scale of the Standard Model

Why is the Higgs boson light?

its mass parameter receives radiative corrections



$$\delta m_H^2 = \frac{3\Lambda^2}{8\pi^2 v^2} \left( 2m_W^2 + m_Z^2 + m_H^2 - 4m_t^2 \right) \sim -(0.23 \ \Lambda)^2 \tag{assuming the same $\Lambda$ for all terms }$$

 $\Lambda$  , the maximum mass scale that the theory describes

strong sensitivity on UV unknown physics

A=5 TeV -> cancellation between tree level and radiative contributions required by already 2 orders of magnitude

(The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

Supersymmetry can solve the "big" hierarchy and naturalness is preserved up to very high scales if superparticle masses are at the weak scale

 $\delta m_H^2 \sim -\frac{3 h_t^2}{8 \pi^2} m_{\widetilde{t}}^2 \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_{\widetilde{t}}^2}$ 

#### (radiative) EW symmetry breaking in the MSSM

(associated to the top Yukawa coupling)

The Higgs sector consists of two SU(2)<sub>L</sub> doublets

soft SUSY breaking
parameters

 $V = (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2)|H_u^0|^2 + (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2)|H_d^0|^2 - (bH_u^0H_d^0 + c.c) + \frac{1}{8}(g^2 + g'^2)(|H_u^0|^2 - |H_d^0|^2)^2$ 

The minimization of the higgs potential leads to:

$$\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = -\mu^2 + \frac{m_{H_d}^2 - m_{H_u}^2 \tan^2 \beta}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} \qquad \text{with} \quad \tan \beta \equiv \langle H_u^0 \rangle / \langle H_d^0 \rangle$$

terms in r.h.s much larger than M

 $M_Z^2$ 

non trivial cancellation among them needed unless masses of SUSY particles are low. However:

The LEP bound on the Higgs mass , m<sub>h</sub> ≥ 115 GeV forces the stop mass to be large

The naturalness problem of the MSSM

The biggest problem for the MSSM: we did not see the Higgs

$$\begin{split} \Delta(m_{h^0}^2) &= \stackrel{h^0}{\longrightarrow} - \stackrel{t}{\longrightarrow} - + \stackrel{h^0}{\longleftarrow} - \stackrel{t}{\bigwedge} + \stackrel{h^0}{\longrightarrow} - \stackrel{t}{\bigwedge} + \stackrel{h^0}{\longrightarrow} - \stackrel{t}{\bigwedge} + \stackrel{h^0}{\longrightarrow} - \stackrel{t}{\bigwedge} + \stackrel{h^0}{\longrightarrow} + \stackrel{t}{\longrightarrow} + \stackrel{$$

to make h heavy enough, increasing fine-tuning and superpartners increasingly harder to see

State of mSUGRA



[Giudice & Rattazzi, '06]

#### [Strumia, '11]



 $m_h^2 \stackrel{\text{tree level}}{\to} M_Z^2 \approx 0.2m_0^2 + 0.7M_3^2 - 2\mu^2 = (91 \text{ GeV})^2 \times 35(\frac{M_3}{650 \text{ GeV}})^2 + \cdots$ 

Beyond the weakly coupled elementary supersymmetric Higgs boson paradigm:

The strongly coupled "Higgs": Composite Higgs or Higgsless (e.g. technicolor)

Assumption: there is a new strongly interacting sector at the Tev scale responsible for EW symmetry breaking.

if replica of QCD at the TeV scale, Higgs= <Q'Q'> condensate

-> no light scalar playing the role of the higgs: Higgsless ->main objection: conflict with EW precision tests ->a solution: a composite light higgs arising as a pseudogoldstone boson The Higgs as a kind of pion from a new strong sector?

Quantum numbers of the Goldstones fixed by the symmetry breaking pattern in the strong sector: G-> H Higgs scalars as pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons of new dynamics above the weak scale

QCD:  $SU(2)_L \stackrel{\text{symme}}{\times} SU(2)_R \xrightarrow{\text{strong int.}} SU(2)_V \stackrel{\text{strong int.}}{\times} SU(2)_V \stackrel{\text{strong$ Composite global symm. on Higgs:  $SO(6) \times U(1)_x$  - $SU(N_c) \rightarrow SO(5) \times U(1)_Y$   $SU(N_c) \rightarrow 11$ H, S SO(5)/SO(4) -> SM associated SO(6)/SO(5) -> SM + S LHC tests SO(6)/SO(4) -> 2 HDM

New strong sector endowed with a global symmetry G spontaneously broken to H → delivers a set of Nambu Goldstone bosons

$$\Psi \xrightarrow{\text{strong}}_{\text{sector}} W^{a}_{\mu}, B_{\mu} \xrightarrow{\text{G}} H \supset SO(4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = A_{\mu}J^{\mu} + \Psi O + h.c.$$

### custodial SO(4) $\cong$ SU(2)×SU(2)

# to avoid large corrections to the T parameter

G	Н	$N_G$	NGBs rep. $[H] = $ rep. $[SU(2) \times SU(2)]$
SO(5)	SO(4)	4	f 4=(f 2,f 2) -> Agashe, Contino, Pomarol'05
SO(6)	$\mathrm{SO}(5)$	5	${f 5}=({f 1},{f 1})+({f 2},{f 2})$
SO(6)	$SO(4) \times SO(2)$	8	$4_{+2} + \overline{4}_{-2} = 2  imes (2, 2)$
SO(7)	SO(6)	6	$6 = 2 \times (1, 1) + (2, 2)$
SO(7)	$G_2$	7	${f 7}=({f 1},{f 3})+({f 2},{f 2})$
SO(7)	$SO(5) \times SO(2)$	10	${f 10_0}=({f 3},{f 1})+({f 1},{f 3})+({f 2},{f 2})$
SO(7)	$[SO(3)]^{3}$	12	$({f 2},{f 2},{f 3})=3 imes({f 2},{f 2})$
$\operatorname{Sp}(6)$	$\operatorname{Sp}(4) \times \operatorname{SU}(2)$	8	$(4, 2) = 2 \times (2, 2), (2, 2) + 2 \times (2, 1)$
SU(5)	$SU(4) \times U(1)$	8	${f 4}_{-5}+ar{f 4}_{+f 5}=2 imes ({f 2},{f 2})$
SU(5)	SO(5)	14	${f 14}=({f 3},{f 3})+({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 1})$

[Mrazek et al, 1105.5403]

Extra-Dimensional point of view: Warped Geometry

Space-time is a slice of AdS<sub>5</sub>



Radius stabilisation using bulk scalar (Goldberger-Wise mechanism)

Like in QCD, spectrum of resonances (Kaluza-Klein states)



 Most natural DM candidate: The lightest Technibaryon can be stable by TechniBaryon Number conservation (as baryons in QCD). In addition to new degrees o freedom which could play the role of dark Matter, these models may exhibit a different cosmology at the weak scale.

For instance, it is not clear we can assume a radiation-dominated universe up to very high temperatures as is commonly assumed.

What is the nature of the electroweak phase transition ?

or

first-order

smooth cross over?



LHC will provide insight as it will shed light on the Higgs sector

Question intensively studied within the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM). However, not so beyond the MSSM (gauge-higgs unification in extra dimensions, composite Higgs, Little Higgs, Higgsless...) Nature and properties of the EW phase transition reflect information on the dynamics behind EW symmetry breaking (e.g weakly or strongly interacting).

Out -of-equilibrium dynamics during the EW phase transition may be relevant for theories of baryogeneis and dark matter production

Which experimental tests of a strong 1st order phase transition?

**Randall-Servant'06** 

### Smoking gun signature

Konstandin, Nardini, Quiros'10



Detection of a GW stochastic background peaked in the milliHertz: a signature of near conformal dynamics et the TeV scale

Typically large deviations to the Higgs self-couplings

where

 $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\overline{m_{H}^{2}}}{2}H^{2} + \frac{\mu}{3!}H^{3} + \frac{\eta}{4!}H^{4} + \dots$ 



at a Hadron Collider

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 $\mu = 3 \frac{m_H^2}{---} +$  $v_0$  $\eta = 3 \frac{m_{H}^{2}}{v_{2}^{2}} + 36$ 

The dotted lines delimit the region for a strong 1rst order phase transition

deviations between a factor 0.7 and 2

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Testing the WIMP paradigm

## Producing Dark Matter at LHC = "Missing Energy" events

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## Typical SUSY decay chain

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

Lots of jets Lots of leptons Lots of missing energy

easily mimicked by Kaluza-Klein decay chain:

![](_page_46_Figure_4.jpeg)

## Event rate

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

 $L \sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ 

 $\sigma \sim O(10) \text{ pb} \longrightarrow \sim 10^5 \text{ wimps/year}$ 

Detecting large missing energy events will not be enough to prove that we have produced dark matter (with lifetime > H<sup>-1</sup>~10<sup>17</sup> s) LHC: not sufficient to provide all answers

LHC sees missing energy events and measures mass for new particles

but what is the underlying theory? Spins are difficult to measure (need for e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> Linear Collider)

Solving the Dark Matter problem requires

1) detecting dark matter in the galaxy (from its annihilation products)

2) studying its properties in the laboratory

3) being able to make the connection between the two

Need complementarity of particle astrophysics (direct/indirect experiments) to identify the nature of the Dark Matter particle

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WIMP indirect detection

number of annihilation events between two wimps from the local halo

N ~ n<sup>2</sup> σ v . V. T n ≈ 3 10<sup>-3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> if m≈100 GeV σ v ~ 1 pb . 10<sup>-3</sup> ~ 10<sup>-12</sup> GeV

-> N/year ~  $10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (GeV.cm)<sup>-3</sup>. V

(1 s ~ 10<sup>24</sup> GeV<sup>-1</sup> and GeV.cm~ 10<sup>14</sup>)

-> N /year/km<sup>3</sup> ~  $10^{-13}$ 

--> look at regions where n is enhanced and probe large regions of the sky

![](_page_52_Picture_0.jpeg)

Searches focus on regions of the sky where DM clumps: Galactic Center, dwarf galaxies...

# Astrophysical uncertainties on the DM density profile

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Indirect Detection

#### Search for neutrinos in the South Pole

![](_page_53_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### In the Mediterranean

![](_page_53_Picture_4.jpeg)

Antarès

![](_page_53_Picture_6.jpeg)

Search for antiprotons in space

Indirect Detection

...................................

#### Search for dark matter photons on Earth

![](_page_54_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### and in space

![](_page_54_Picture_5.jpeg)

Fermi

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## Seeing the light from Dark Matter

 detected from the ground (ACTs) and from above (FERMI)

![](_page_56_Picture_3.jpeg)

• The position and strength of lines can provide a wealth of information about DM:

![](_page_56_Figure_5.jpeg)

 $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  line measures mass of DM

→ relative strengths between lines provides info on WIMP couplings

→ observation of γH would indicate WIMP is not scalar or Majorana fermion Jackson et al. '09

 $\rightarrow$  if other particles in the dark sector, we could possibly observe a series of lines

[the "WIMP forest", Bertone et al. '09]

liggs in Space!

 $\gamma$ -ray lines from the Galactic Center  $\Delta\Omega$ = 10<sup>-5</sup> sr

![](_page_57_Figure_2.jpeg)

## The Dark Matter Decade

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

beyond the standard WIMP paradigm ...

Are the Dark Matter

and baryon abundances related?

74% Dark Energy 22% Dark Matter 4% Atoms

 $\Omega_{DM} \approx 5-6 \Omega_{baryons}$ 

![](_page_60_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Similarly, Dark Matter may be asymmetric

Does this indicate a common dynamics?

If 
$$n_{dm}-\overline{n}_{dm}\propto n_b-\overline{n}_b$$

then  $\frac{\Omega_{dm}}{\Omega_b} \sim \frac{(n_{dm} - \overline{n}_{dm})m_{dm}}{(n_b - \overline{n}_b)m_b} \sim C \frac{m_{dm}}{m_b}$ 

conservation of global charge: if efficient annihilations:

 $\frac{\Omega_{dm}}{\Omega_{h}} \sim 5$ 

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\rm DM} (n_{\overline{\rm DM}} - n_{\rm DM}) &= Q_b (n_b - n_{\overline{b}}) \\ \frac{\Omega_{dm}}{\Omega_b} \sim \frac{Q_b}{Q_{dm}} \frac{m_{dm}}{m_b} \longrightarrow & \text{typical expected} \\ \text{mass ~ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

mass ~ GeV

two possibilities:

1) asymmetries in baryons and in DM generated simultaneously 2) a pre-existing asymmetry (either in DM or in baryons) is transferred between the two sectors

Sakharov's conditions for baryogenesis (1967)

1) Baryon number violation

(we need a process which can turn antimatter into matter)

2) C (charge conjugation) and CP (charge conjugation ×Parity) violation (we need to prefer matter over antimatter)

### 3) Loss of thermal equilibrium

In thermal equilibrium, any reaction which destroys baryon number will be exactly counterbalanced by the inverse reaction which creates it. Thus no asymmetry may develop, even if CP is violated. And any preexisting asymmetry will be erased by interactions

(we need an irreversible process since in thermal equilibrium, the particle density depends only on the mass of the particle and on temperature --particles & antiparticles have the same mass , so no asymmetry can develop)

 $\Gamma(\Delta B > 0) > \Gamma(\Delta B < 0)$ 

Baryogenesis without B nor L nor CPT

#### Possible if dark matter carries baryon number

Farrar-Zaharijas hep-ph/0406281 Agashe-Servant hep-ph/0411254 Davoudiasl et al 1008.2399

In a universe where baryon number is a good symmetry, Dark matter would store the overall negative baryonic charge which is missing in the visible quark sector Generalization: DM & baryon sectors share a quantum number (not necessarily B)

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carried by baryons

carried by antimatter

Assume an asymmetry between b and b is created via the out-of-equilibrium and CP-violating decay :

Charge conservation leads to

$$Q_{\rm DM}(n_{\overline{\rm DM}} - n_{\rm DM}) = Q_b(n_b - n_{\overline{b}})$$

If efficient annihilation between DM and  $\overline{DM}$ , and b and b :

$$\rho_{\rm DM} = m_{\rm DM} n_{\overline{\rm DM}} \approx 6 \rho_b \to m_{\rm DM} \approx 6 \frac{Q_{\rm DM}}{Q_b} \,\,{\rm GeV}$$

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(DM carries B number)

Kitano & Low, hep-ph/0411133 (X and DM carry Z2 charge) West, hep-ph/0610370 asymmetry between b and b is created via the out-of-equilibrium and CP-violating decay :

![](_page_65_Picture_1.jpeg)

 $Q_{\rm DM}(n_{\overline{\rm DM}} - n_{\rm DM}) = Q_b(n_b - n_{\overline{b}})$ 

out-of equilibrium and CP violating decay of X sequesters the anti baryon number in the dark sector, thus leaving a baryon excess in the visible sector

If efficient annihilation between DM and  $\overline{DM}$ , and b and  $\overline{b}$   $\rho_{\rm DM} = m_{\rm DM} n_{\overline{\rm DM}} \approx 6\rho_b \to m_{\rm DM} \approx 6 \frac{Q_{\rm DM}}{Q_b} \,\, {\rm GeV}$ A unified explanation for DM and baryogenesis  $\Omega_b \approx \frac{1}{6}\Omega_m$ 

turns out to be quite natural in warped GUT models...

GUT baryogenesis at the TeV scale !

Agashe-Servant-Tulin in progress

# $Z_3$ symmetry in the SM:

**Agashe-Servant'04** 

![](_page_66_Figure_2.jpeg)

conserved in any theory where baryon number is a good symmetry

any non-colored particle that carries baryon number will be charged under Z<sub>3</sub>

e.g warped GUTs

## Z<sub>2</sub> versus Z<sub>3</sub> Dark Matter

Agashe et al, 1003.0899

Many Dark Matter models rely on a Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry. However, other symmetries can stabilize dark matter. Can the nature of the underlying symmetry be tested?

![](_page_67_Figure_3.jpeg)

### What controls the Dark Matter abundance?

#### a preview of this afternoon lecture:

#### 1 Standard Cosmology

- 1.1 Standard thermal freeze-out: WIMP candidates beyond the SUSY neutralino 1.1.1 WIMPs from extra dimensions: KK excitations, radion, branon, spin-

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- 1.3.1Gravitational production $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$ 1.3.2production from decays $\rightarrow$  superWIMPs $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$  $\ldots$
- 1.3.2 production from decays  $\rightarrow$  super winners . . . .
- 1.3.4 Production from quantum mechanical oscillations: sterile neutrinos .
- 1.3.5 production during preheating or bubble collisions . . . . . . . . . .

#### 2 Non-standard cosmology

- 2.1 A modified expansion rate (i.e. a modified Friedmann equation) . . . . . .
- - 2.2.2 scalar field decay (moduli, Affleck-Dine field, Q-ball) . . . . . . .

Conclusion

Within the next 10 years, we will probe experimentally the electroweak symmetry breaking sector as well as the WIMP paradigm and its variations

If no detection: interest will move to other candidates: axions, sterile neutrinos

[lectures by G. Raffelt & M. Shaposhnikov ]