



Gauged Quintessence

- dark energy with gauge symmetry

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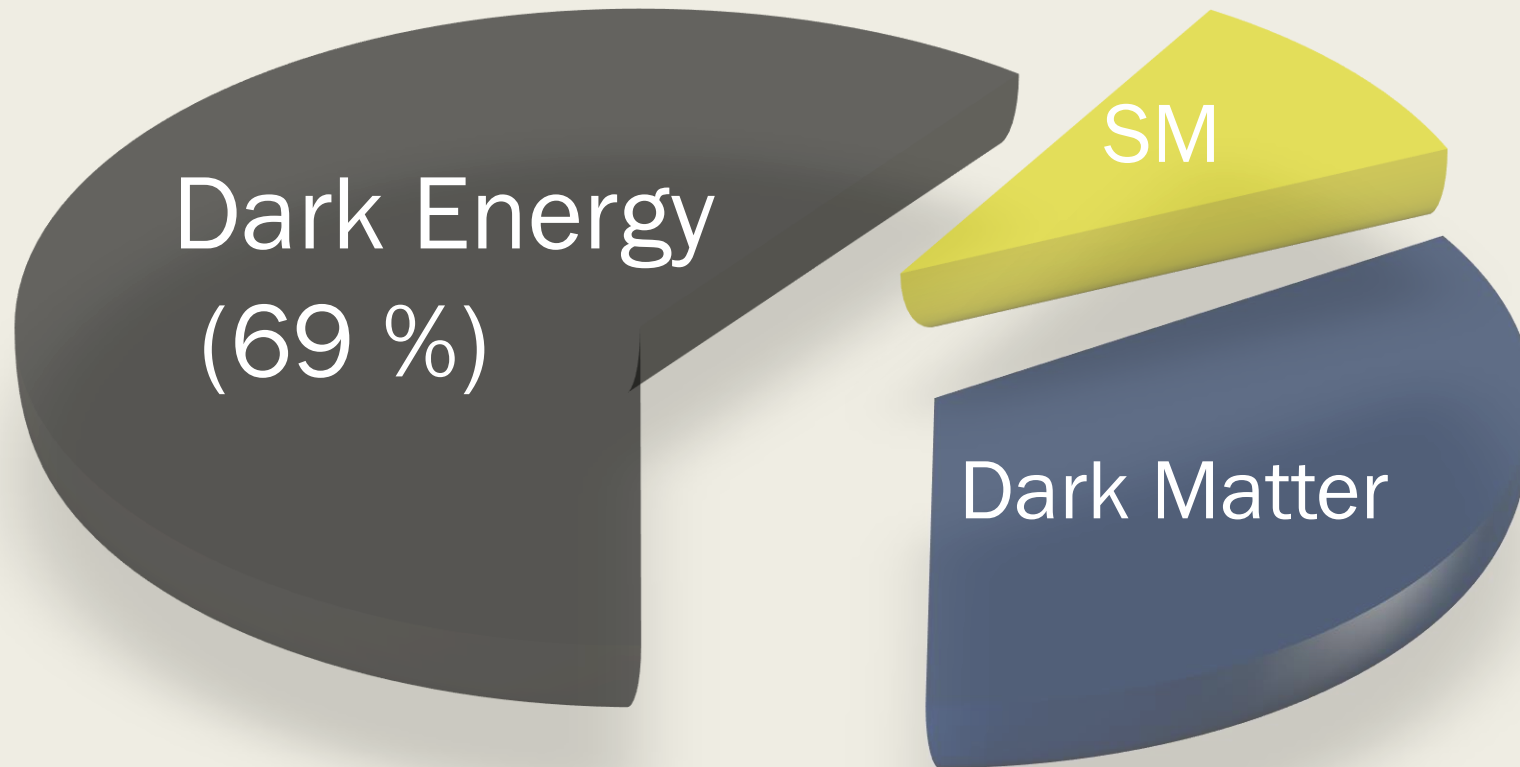
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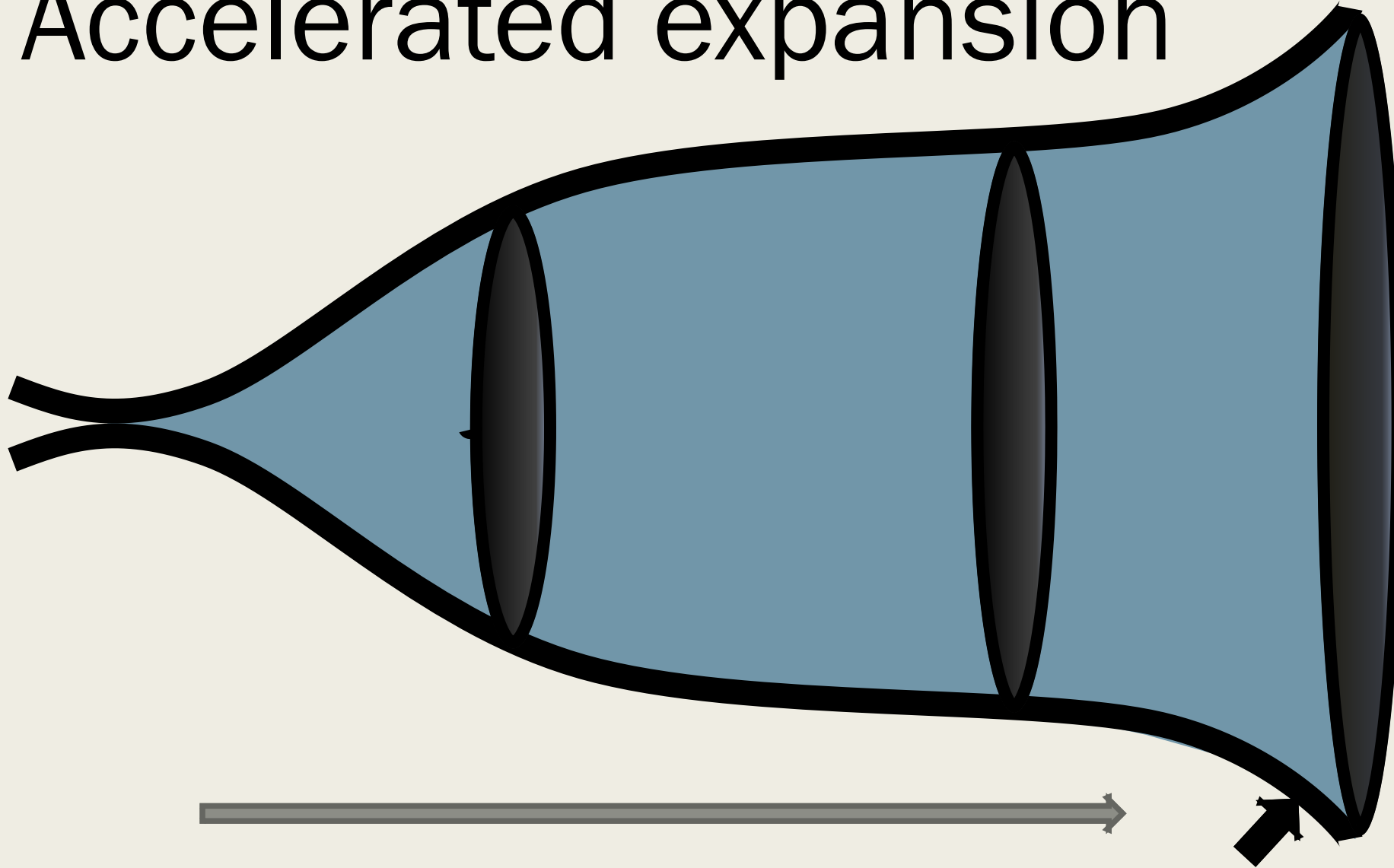




Dark energy



Accelerated expansion



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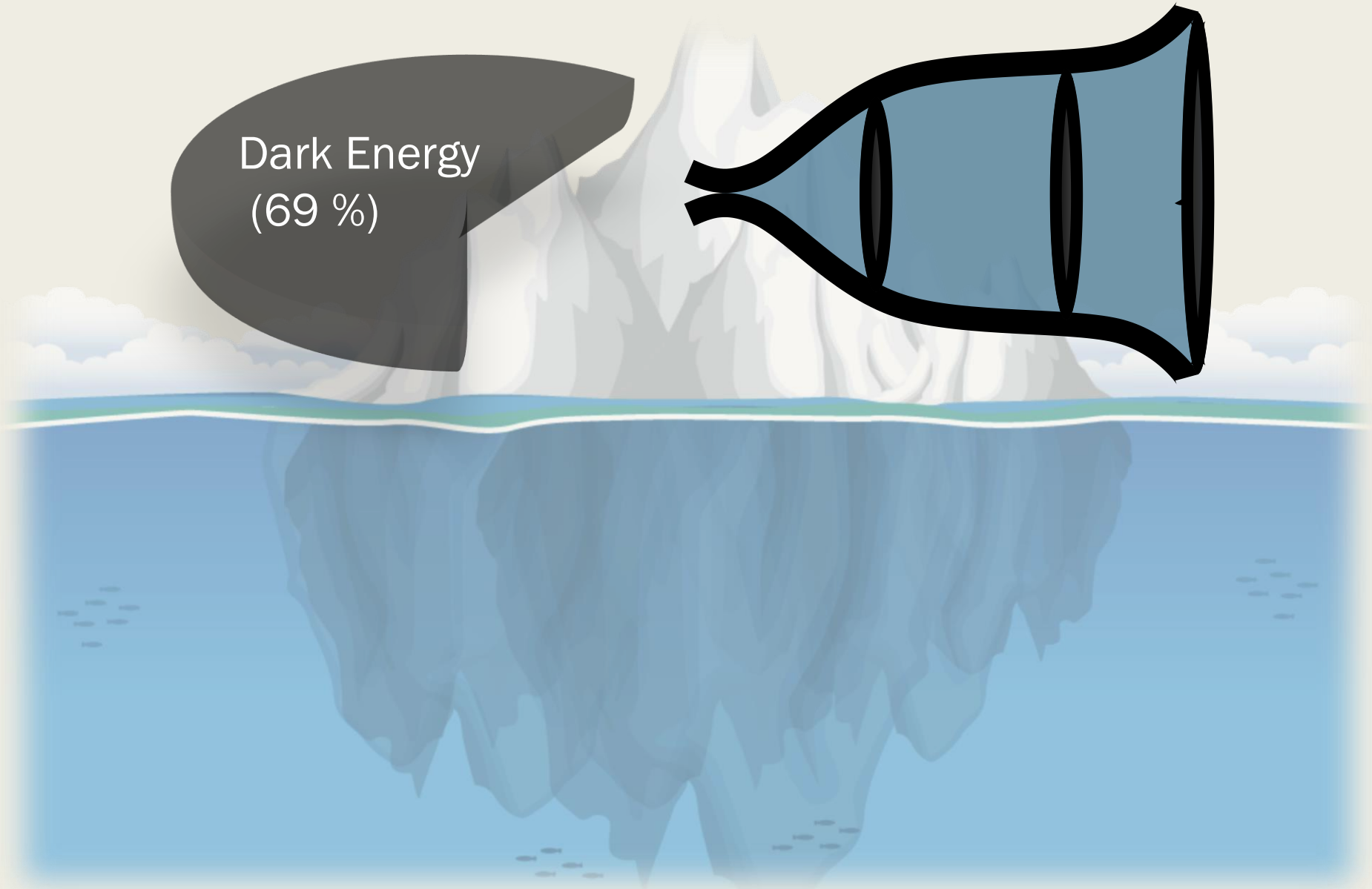


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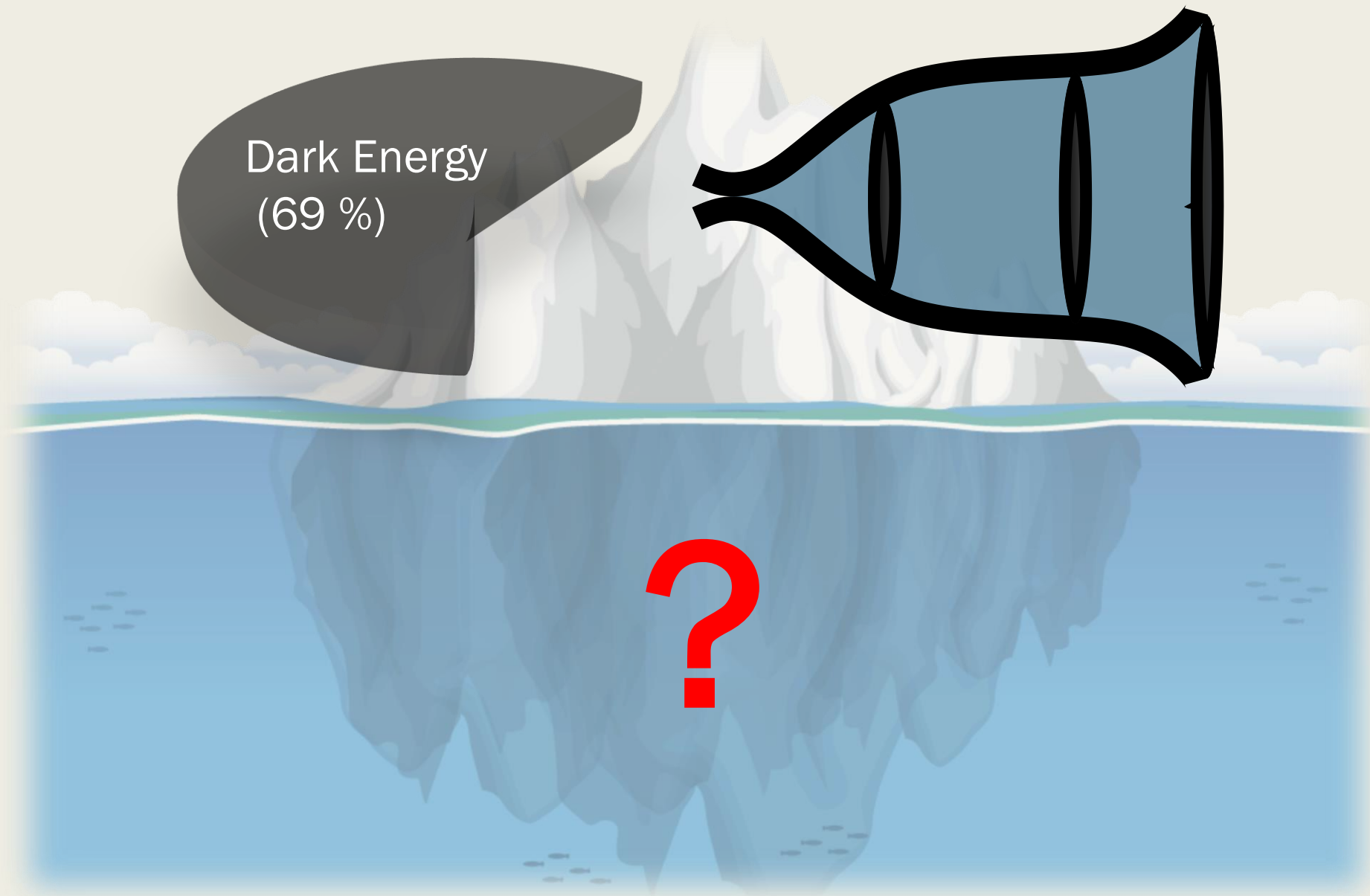
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ACCELERATED EXPANSION



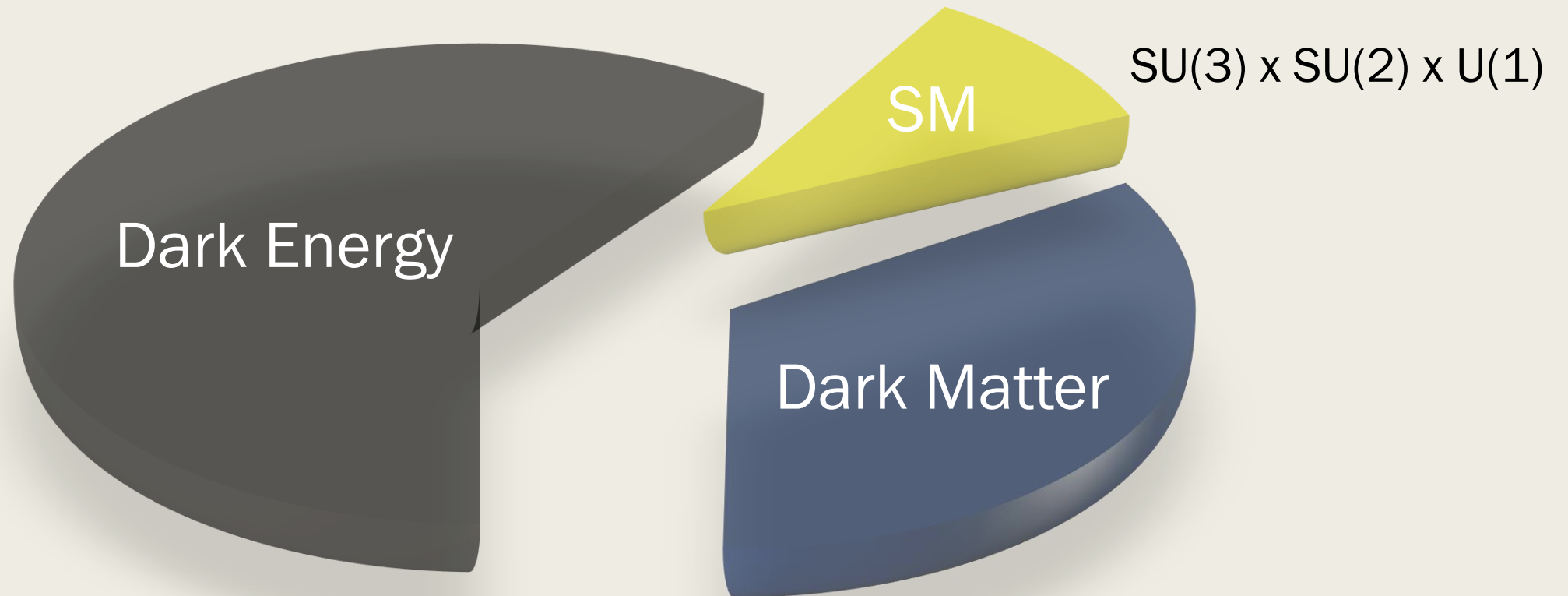
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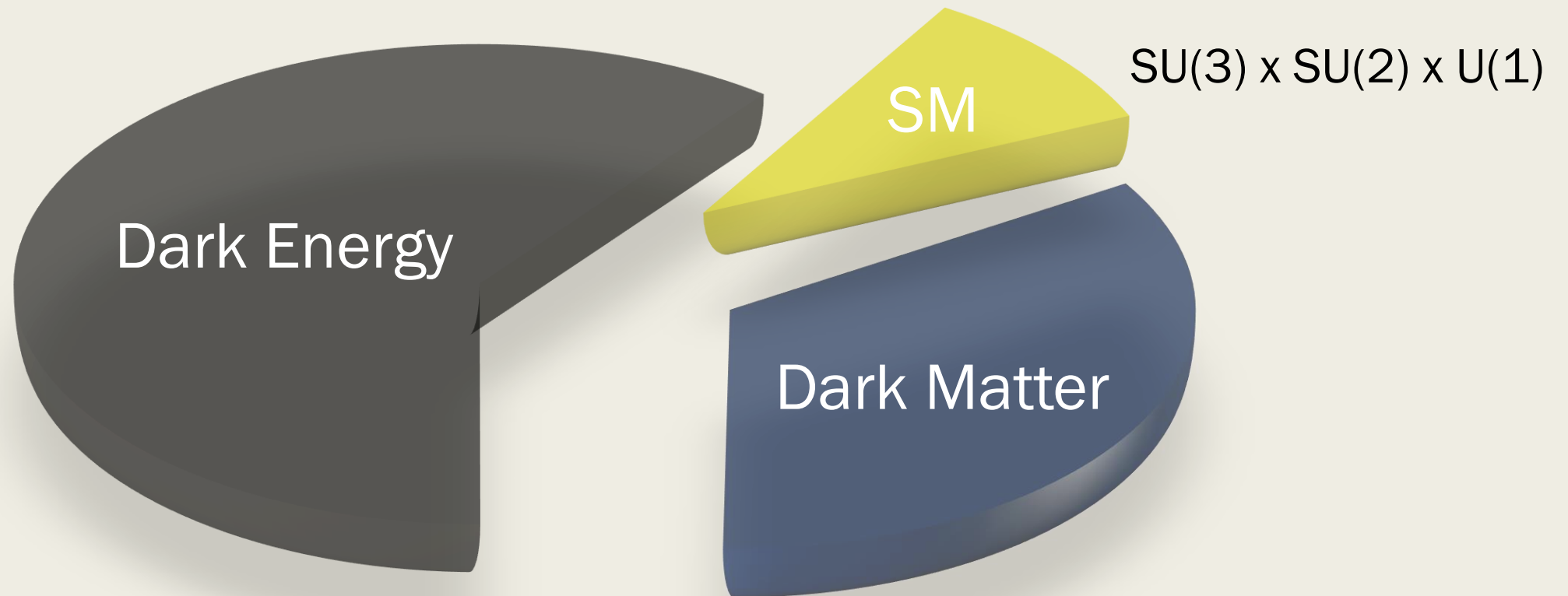
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SM gauge symmetry



Dark energy with gauge symmetry



Dark energy under the gauge symmetry.
What would be interesting phenomenology?

Quintessence Dark energy

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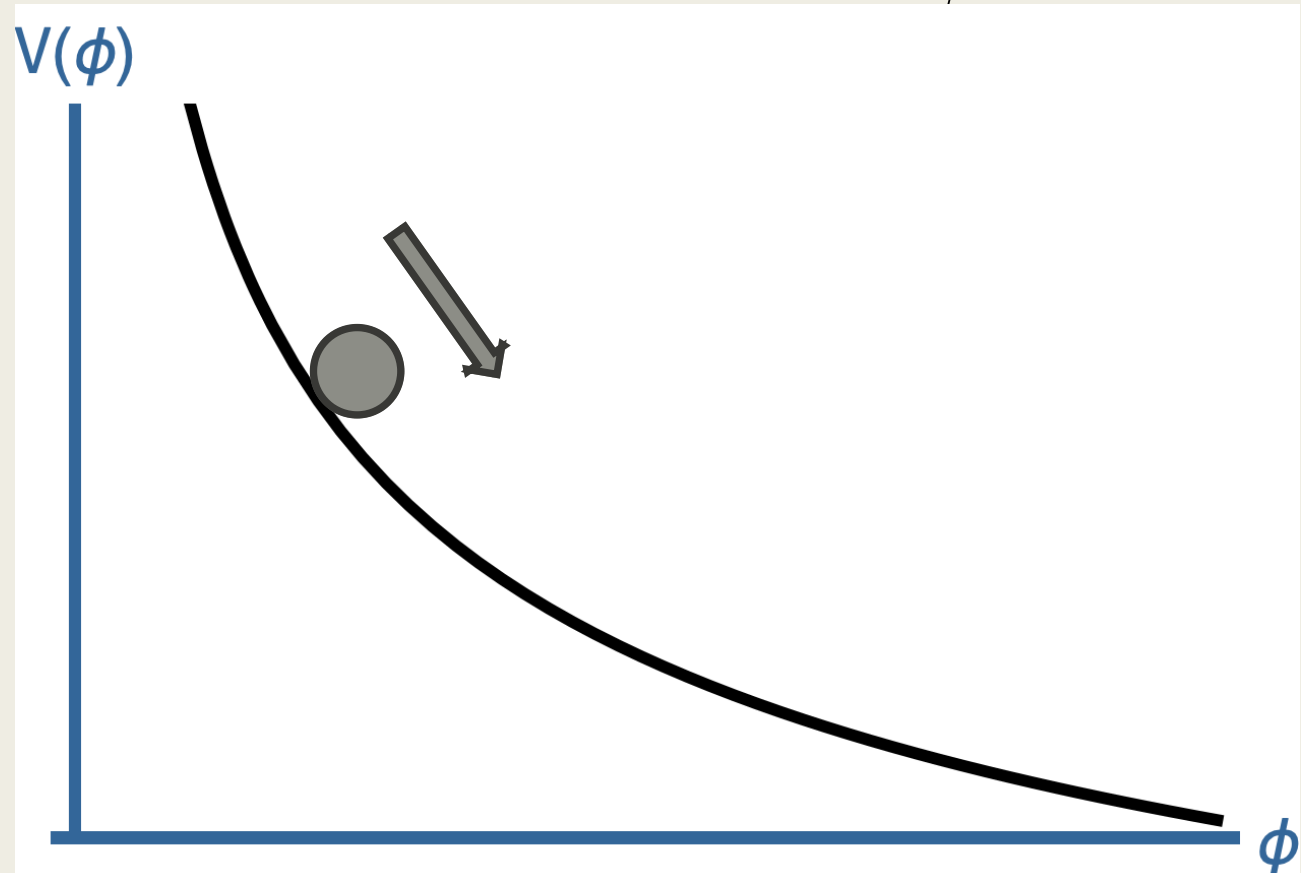
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B Ratra and P J E Peebles (1988)

$$V(\phi) = \frac{M^{4+\alpha}}{\phi^\alpha}$$



Quintessence Dark energy

- Energy density, Pressure, Equation of state

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V(\phi) \quad p_\phi = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} - V(\phi) \quad w = \frac{p_\phi}{\rho_\phi}$$

- Dark energy condition (accelerated expansion)

$$w < -1/3$$

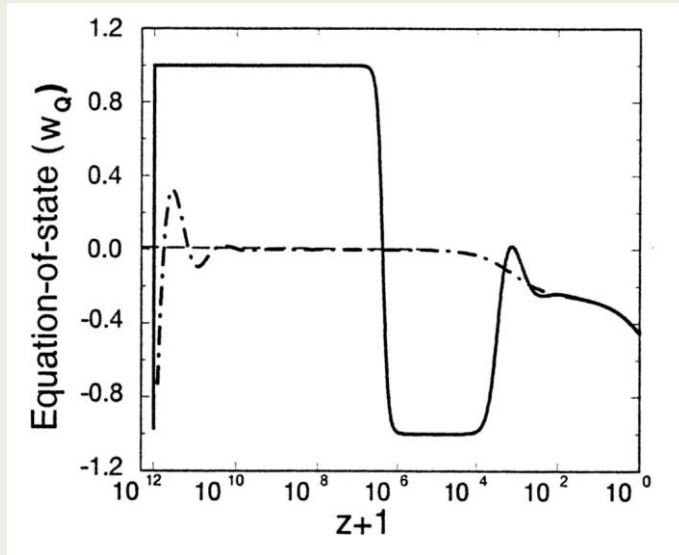
$$\left(w \rightarrow \frac{-V(\phi)}{V(\phi)} = -1 \right)$$

$\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} \ll V(\phi)$

$$(\Lambda\text{CDM} : w = -1)$$

Tracking solution

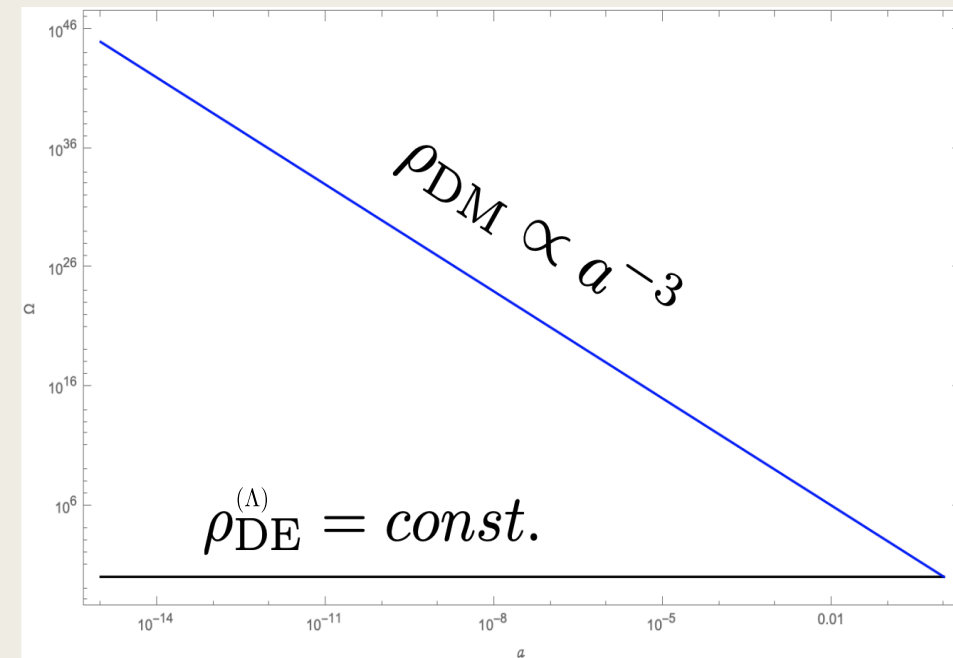
- Some of the potentials can give “Tracking solution” [Steinhardt, Wang, Zlatev \(1999\)](#)



< Late time solution converges

- Coincidence problem

Fine tuning of the initial condition is not required.



Gauged Quintessence

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- In Unitary gauge, ($\eta = 0$, $X_\mu = \mathbb{X}_\mu + \frac{1}{g_X} \partial_\mu \eta$)

$$-\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - V_0(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} X_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_X^2 \phi^2 X_\mu X^\mu$$

Quintessence (scalar)

Gauge boson

Quantum corrections

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_0 + \frac{1}{2}g_X^2 X_\mu X^\mu \phi^2 + \frac{\Lambda^2}{32\pi^2} V_0'' + \frac{(V_0'')^2}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{V_0''}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{3(m_X^2|_0)^2}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_X^2|_0}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{5}{6} \right)$$

$$m_\phi^2 = V_0'' + g_X^2 X_\mu X^\mu + \frac{\Lambda^2}{32\pi^2} V_0'''' + \frac{V_0'' V_0''''}{32\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{V_0''}{\Lambda^2} - 1 \right) + \frac{9g_X^2 m_X^2|_0}{16\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_X^2|_0}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

- Dark energy conditions

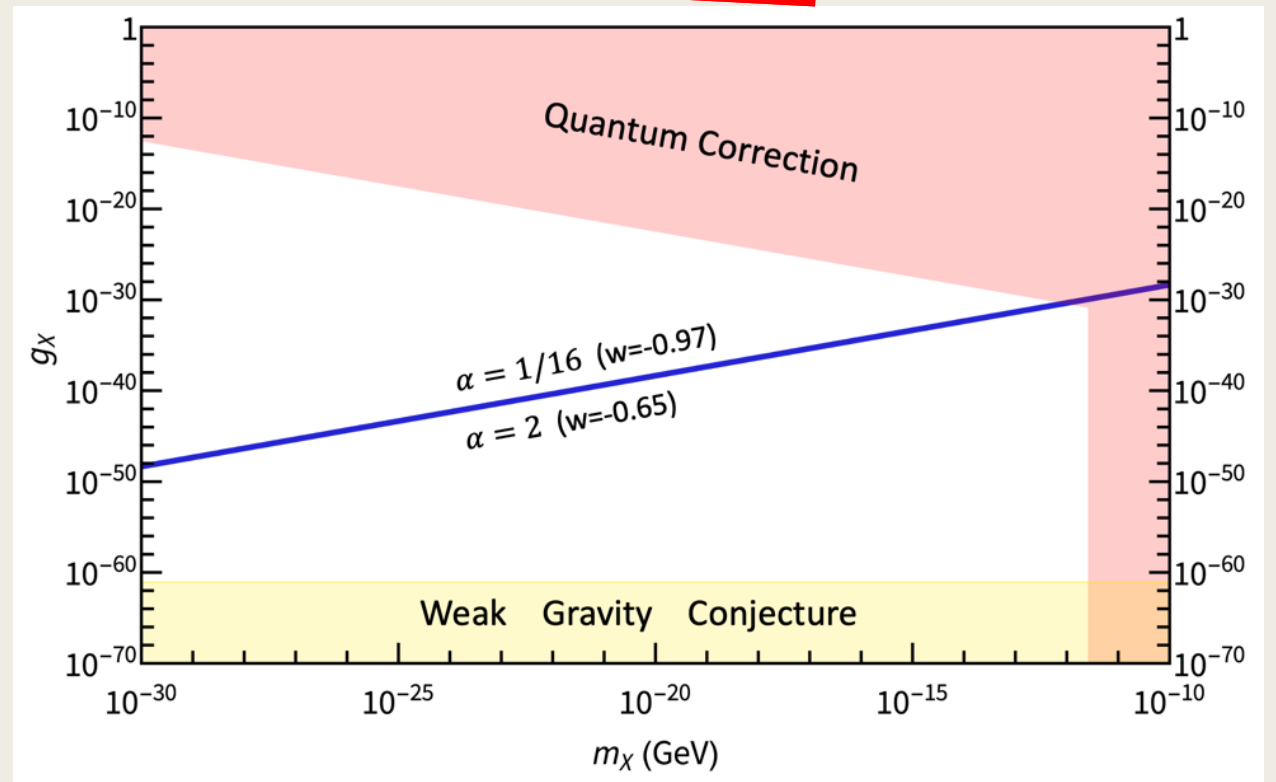
$$V_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^{-123} M_{Pl}^4 \sim 3 \times 10^{-47} \text{ GeV}^4$$

$$m_\phi \lesssim H_0 \sim 10^{-42} \text{ GeV}$$

- Weak Gravity conjecture

[Arkani-Hamed et al. \(2007\)](#)

$$\frac{m_\phi}{M_{pl}} \lesssim g_X$$



Gauge Potential & Gauge boson mass

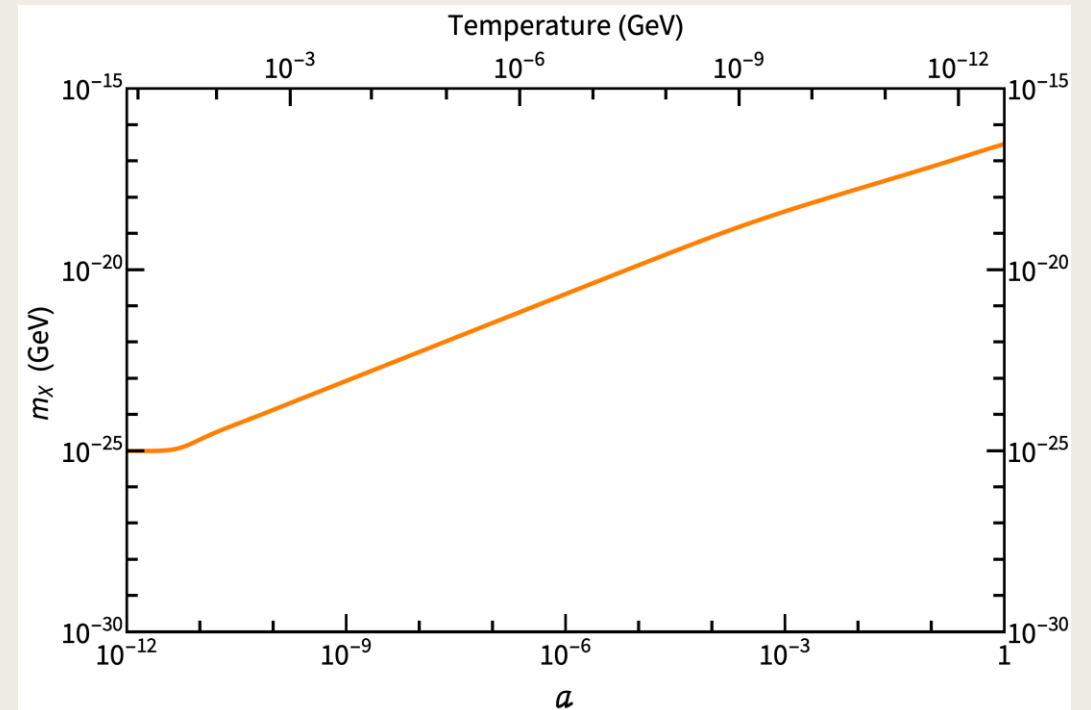
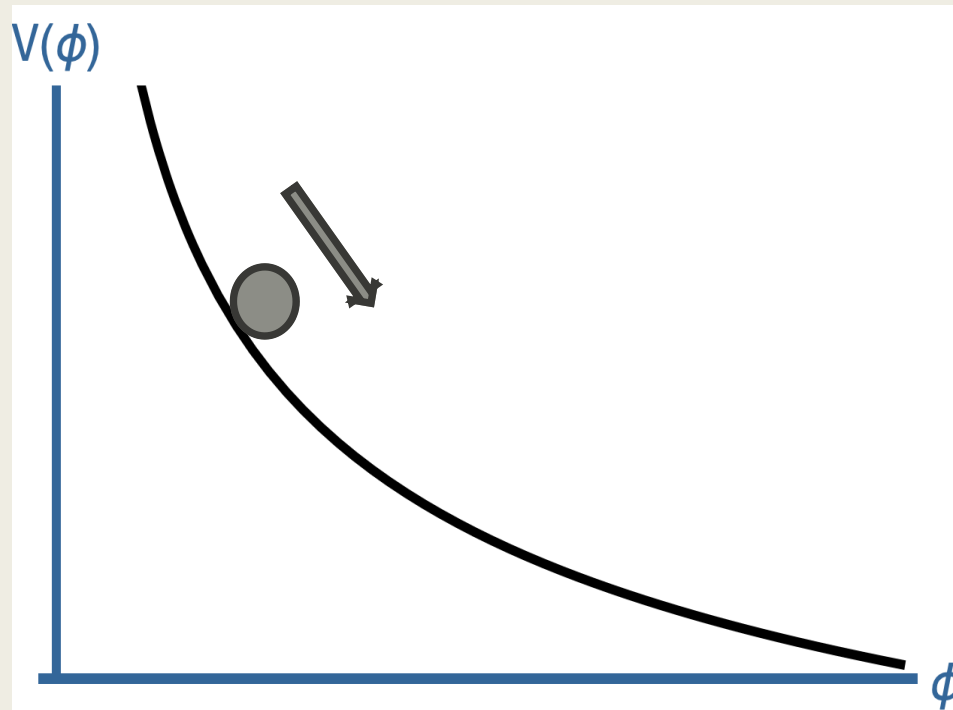
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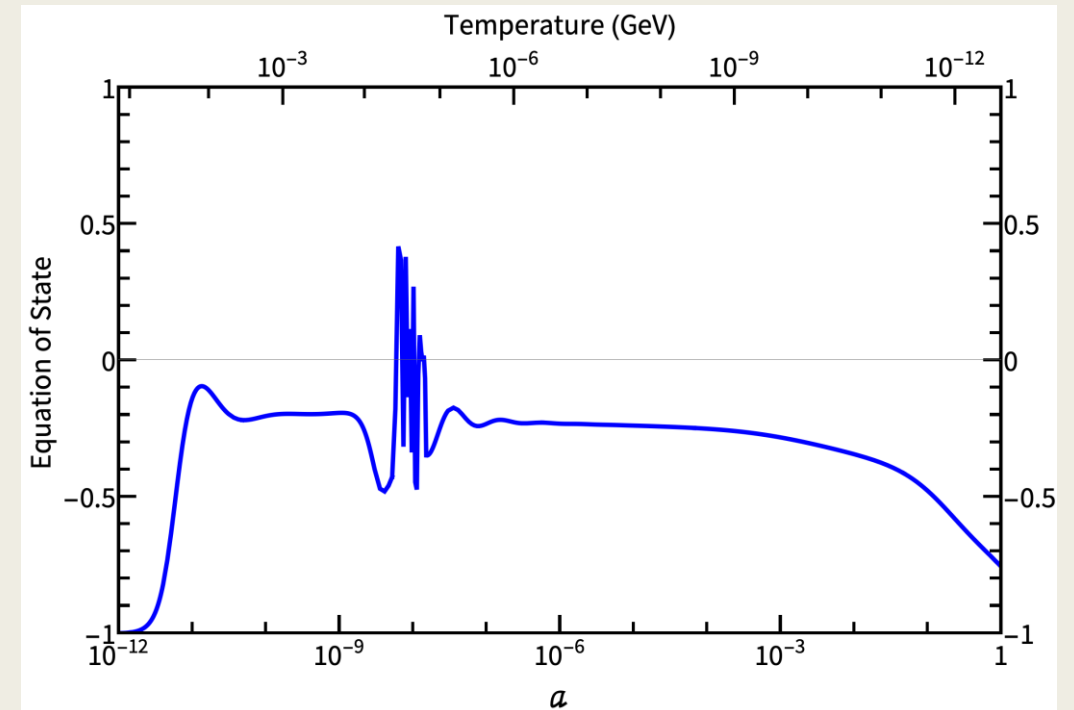
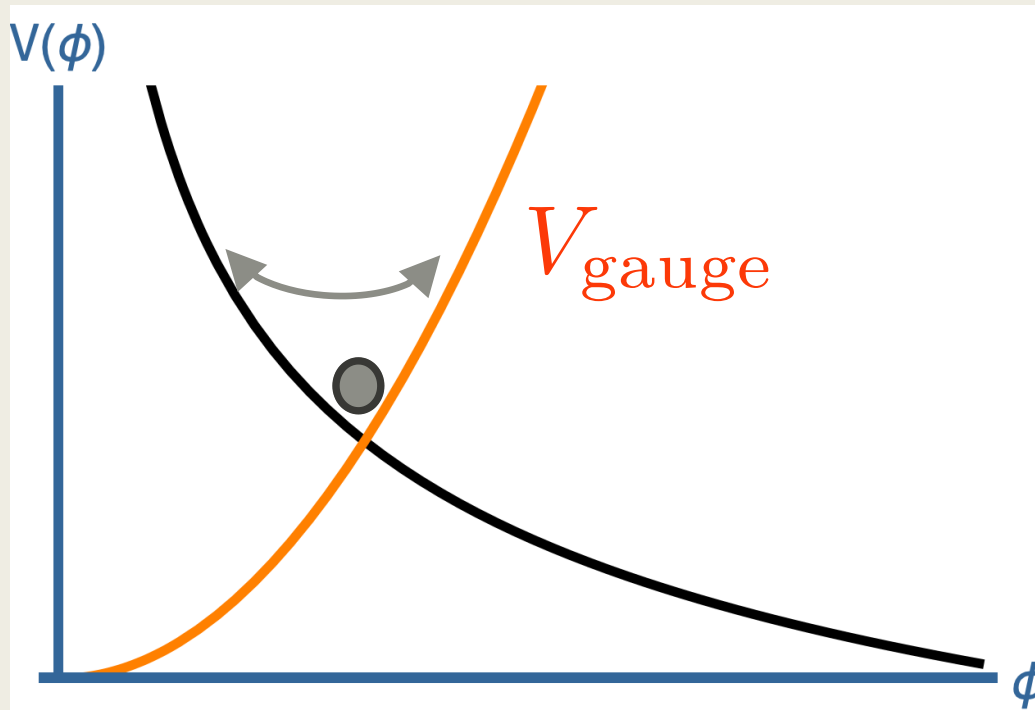
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Coupled dynamics

- The equations of motion

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \phi} + g_X^2 X_\mu X^\mu \phi = 0,$$

$$\partial_\mu X^{\mu\nu} + 3H X^{0\nu} - g_X^2 \phi^2 X^\nu = 0$$

Originated from V_{gauge}

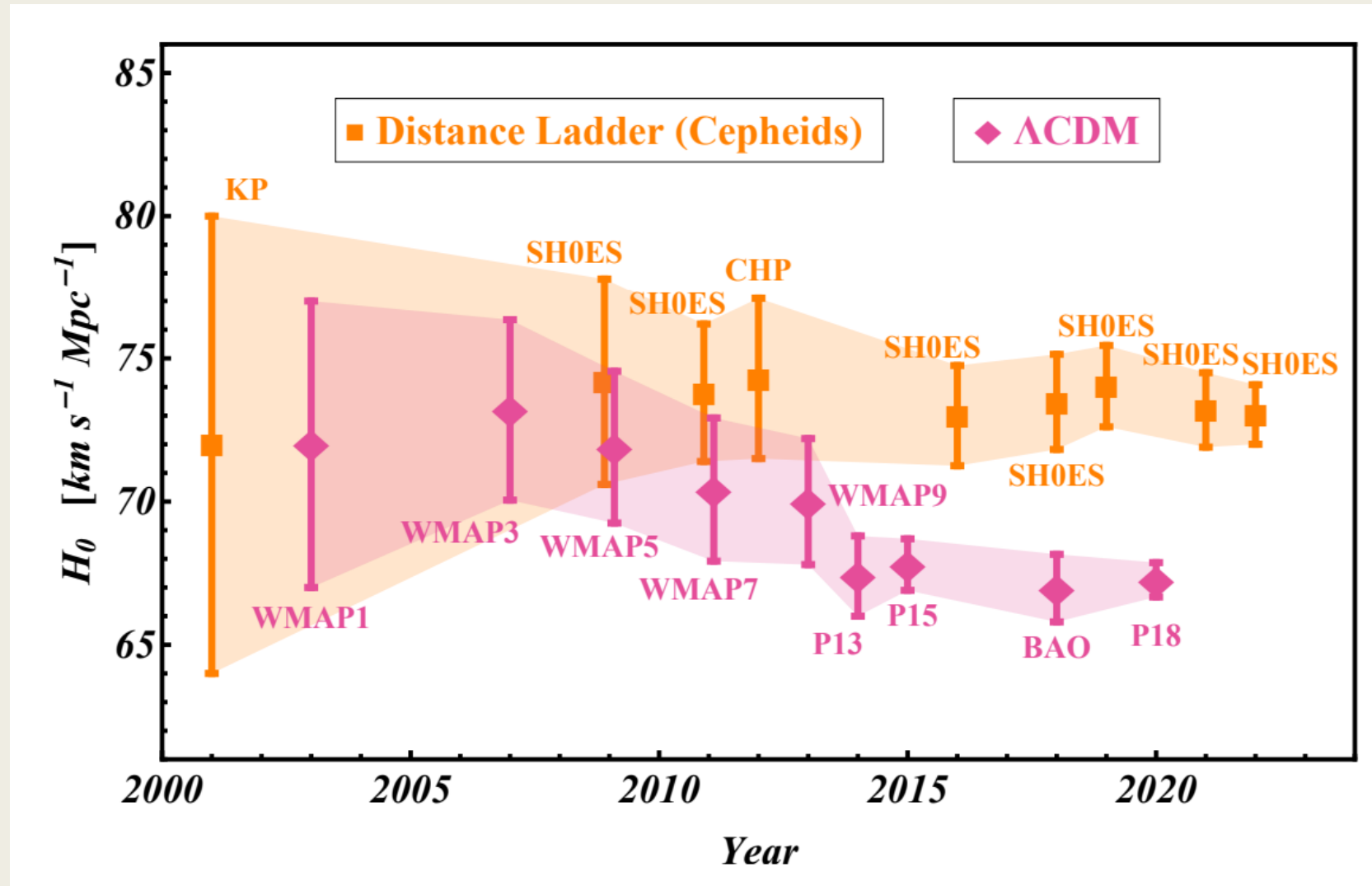
- ❖ Gauge potential mediates energy flow between quintessence and dark gauge boson

$$\dot{\rho}_\phi + 3H(\rho_\phi + p_\phi) = -2 \frac{\dot{m}_X}{m_X} V_{\text{gauge}}$$

Flow of energy

$\dot{m}_X > 0$:	$\phi \rightarrow X$
$\dot{m}_X < 0$:	$X \rightarrow \phi$

Hubble tension

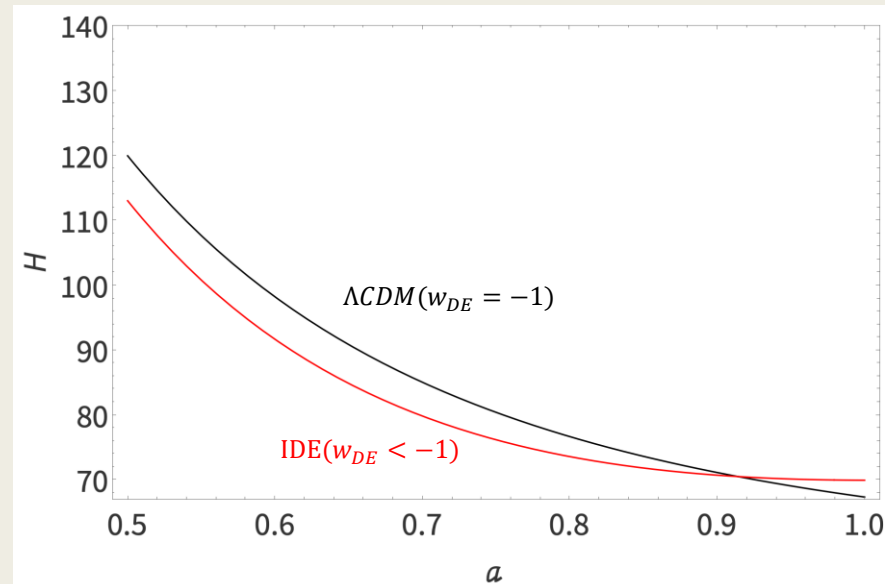


$\sim 5 \sigma$

Interacting dark energy and Hubble tension

- The energy can flow between dark energy (DE) \leftrightarrow dark matter (DM).
- The late-time expansion rate of the universe can be modified.
- H_0 increases, when Energy flows from DE \rightarrow DM ($w_{DE} < -1$).

[BH Lee et al. \(2022\)](#)
[E D Valentino, A Melchiorri, O Mena \(2017\)](#)



Gauged quintessence on H_0 tension

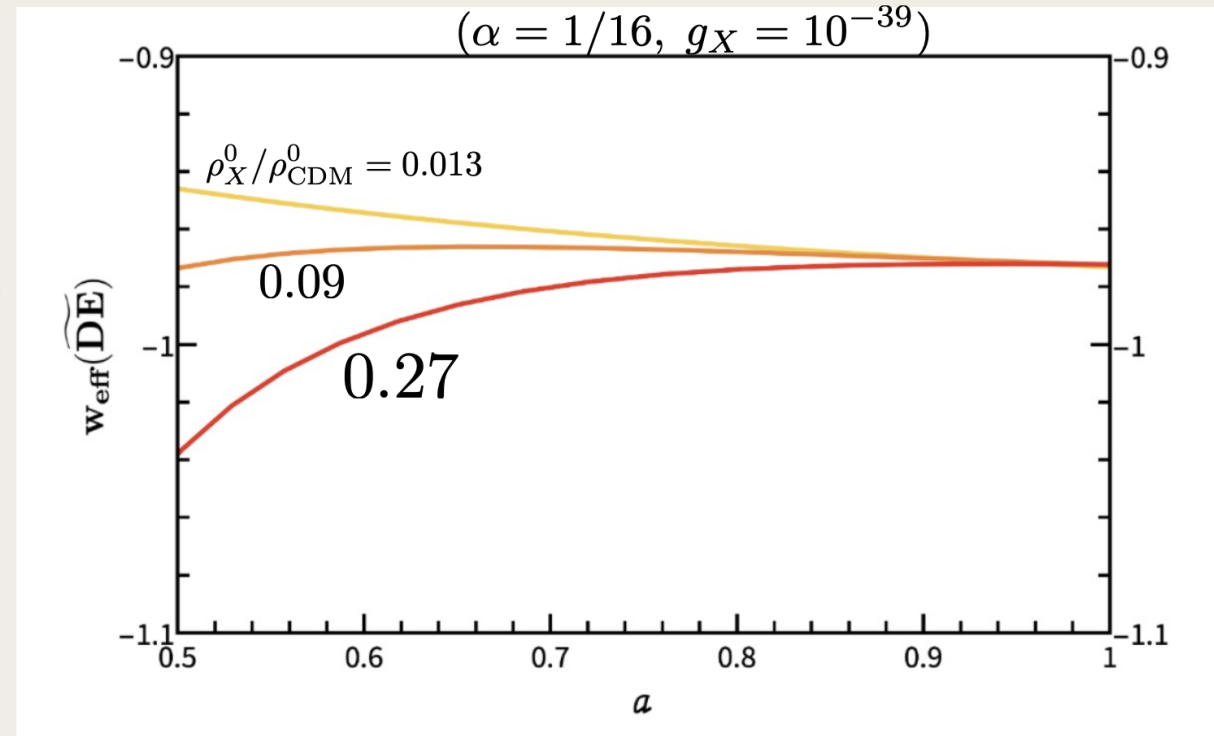
- Effective dark energy S Das, P S Corasaniti, J Khoury (2006)

$$\rho_{\widetilde{CDM}} \equiv \frac{\rho_X^0 + \rho_{\text{CDM}}^0}{a^3}$$

$$\rho_{\widetilde{DE}} \equiv \rho_\phi + \left(\frac{m_X}{m_X^0} - 1 \right) \frac{\rho_X^0}{a^3}$$

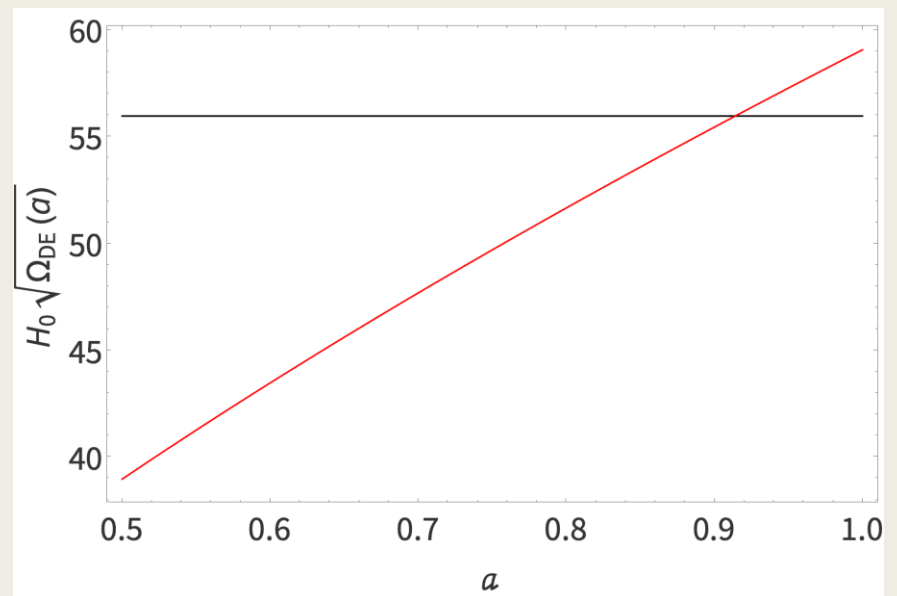
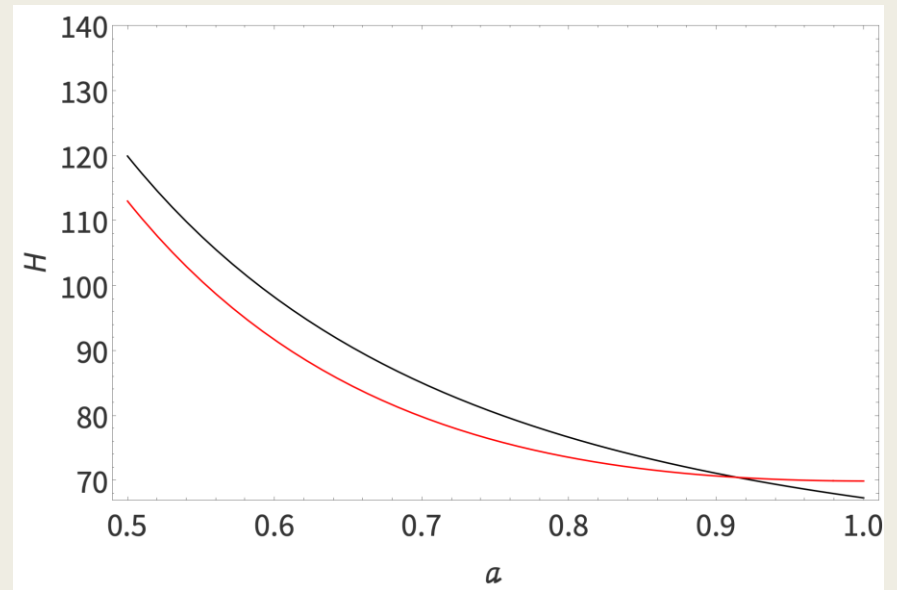
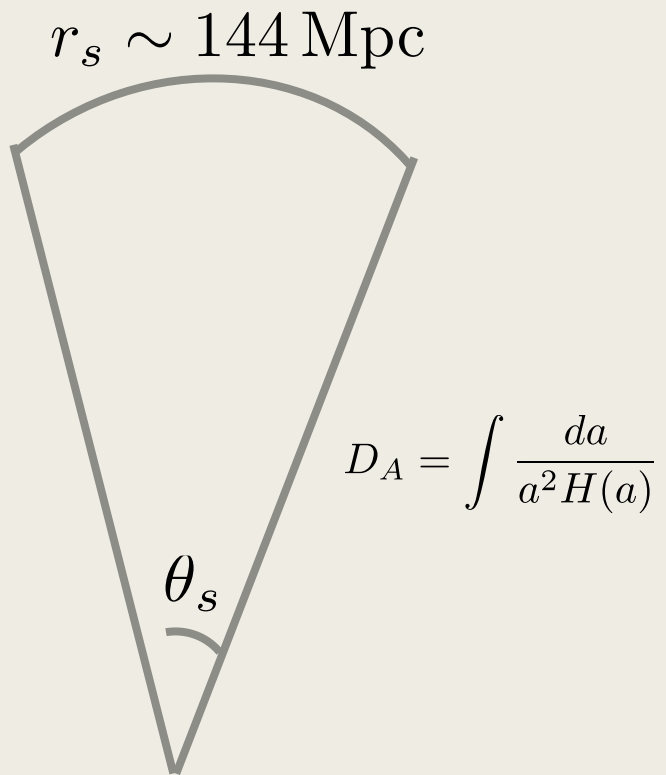
$$w_{\text{eff}}(\widetilde{DE}) = -1 + \frac{1}{\rho_{\widetilde{DE}}} \left((1 + w_0)\rho_\phi + \left(\frac{m_X}{m_X^0} - 1 \right) \frac{\rho_X^0}{a^3} \right)$$

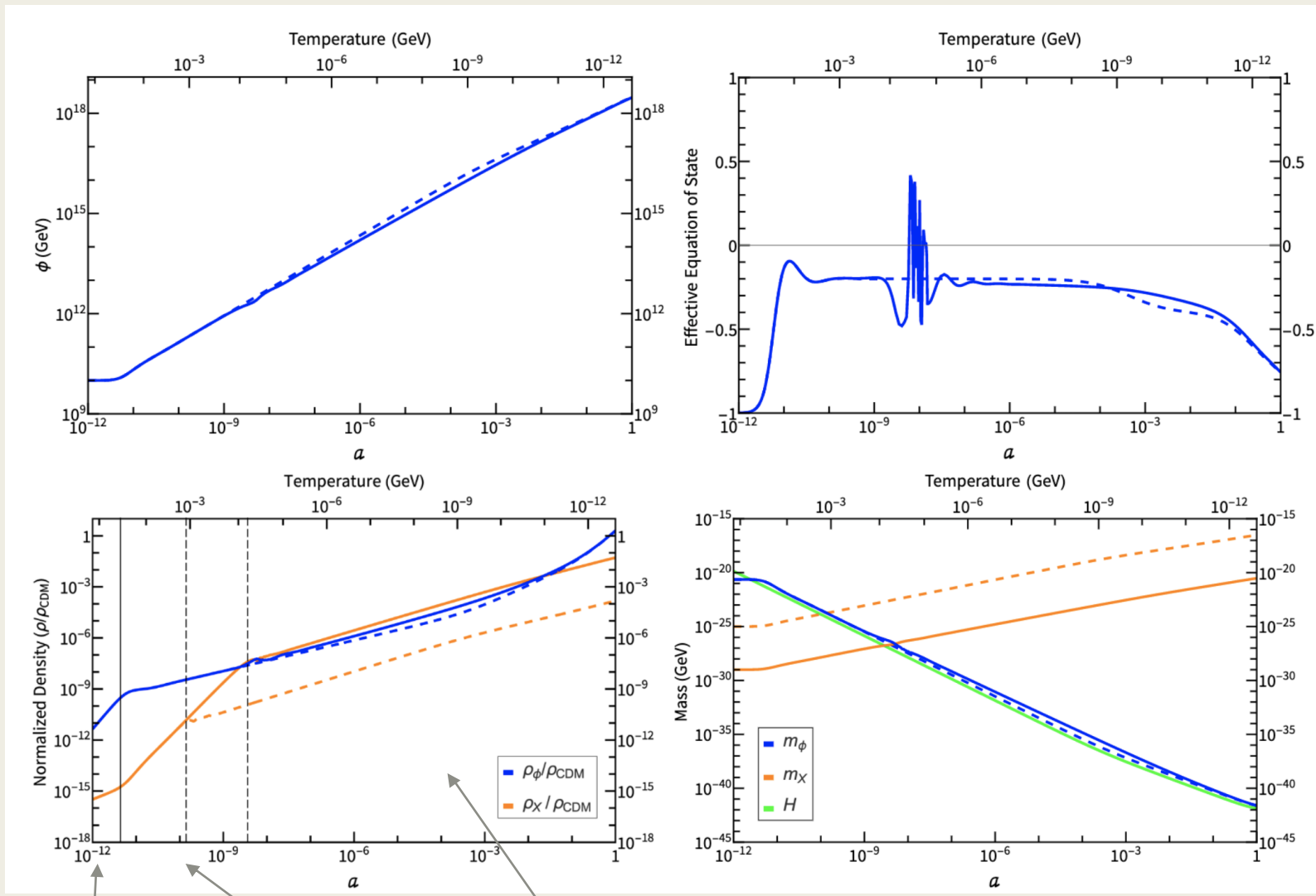
- If $\dot{m}_X > 0$, $w_{\text{eff}}(\widetilde{DE})$ is lower than uncoupled quintessence
- ✓ Possibility of alleviating H_0 tension



Summary

- Gauged quintessence: quintessence + $U(1)$ gauge symmetry (dark gauge boson)
- Mass varying gauge boson, quintessence & dark gauge boson interaction
- Possibility of alleviating the Hubble tension (We need further investigation!)





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 H &\gg m_\phi \\
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