Exotic Dark Matter Candidates

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Even more candidates

- Q-Balls, mirror particles, CHArged Massive Particles (CHAMPs), self interacting dark matter, D-matter, cryptons, superweakly interacting dark matter, brane world dark matter, heavy fourth generation neutrinos, etc.

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