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Ghost Dark Matter

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We revisit ghost dark matter, the possibility that ghost condensation may serve as an alternative to dark matter. In particular, we investigate the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker (FRW) background evolution and the large-scale structure (LSS) in the \$\Lambda\$GDM universe, i.e. a late-time universe dominated by a cosmological constant and ghost dark matter. The FRW background of the \$\Lambda\$GDM universe is indistinguishable from that of the standard \$\Lambda\$CDM universe if \$M\gtrsim 1 {\rm eV}\$, where \$M\$ is the scale of spontaneous Lorentz breaking. From the LSS we find a stronger bound: \$M\gtrsim 10 {\rm eV}\$. For smaller \$M\$, ghost dark matter would have non-negligible sound speed after the matter-radiation equality, and thus the matter power spectrum would significantly differ from observation. These bounds are compatible with the phenomenological upper bound \$M\lesssim 100 {\rm GeV}\$ known in the literature.

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