

## THE CASE FOR DARK MATTER

Laura Covi







- Introduction & global evidence
- Dark Matter: local evidence
- Dark Matter and perturbations
- Dark Matter: particle properties
- Outlook

### INTRODUCTION

#### EINSTEIN'S LEGACY: ENERGY IS GEOMETRY

$$\mathcal{R}^{\nu}_{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \delta^{\nu}_{\mu} \mathcal{R} = 8\pi G_N T^{\nu}_{\mu} + \Lambda \delta^{\nu}_{\mu}$$

Einstein's Tensor: Geometry of Space-time

Energy-momentum Tensor: ALL the Physics content

The birth of Cosmology as a science: the Universe's dynamics and fate is determined by its Energy (Particle) content, both the known and the unknown....

### STANDARD COSMOLOGY

Cosmological Principle (nowadays also experimental result...): The Universe is homogeneous and isotropic on large scales (i.e. larger than ~100 Mpc)

It is described by the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker Metric:

$$ds^{2} = dt^{2} - a^{2}(t) \left(\frac{dr^{2}}{1 - \kappa r^{2}} + r^{2}d\Omega\right)$$

Only one dynamical variable: the scale factor
One constant parameter: the spatial curvature

К

#### FRIEDMANN EQUATION:

$$H^{2} \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^{2} = \frac{8\pi G_{N}}{3}\rho + \Lambda - \frac{\kappa}{a^{2}}$$

 The energy density & curvature decree the time evolution of the scale factor
 Key parameter is the critical density:

$$\rho_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G_N} \qquad \Omega_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_c}$$
$$\Omega_i : \text{density in } \sim 10^4 \text{eV/cm}^3$$
$$\sim 10 \text{ protons/m3}$$



#### **DIFFERENT ENERGY TYPES**

Depending on the pressure and the equation of state, the energy densities give different expansion rates:



#### Different epochs of the Universe history

# HOW CAN WE MEASURE THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSE ?

### Standard Candle Measuring Distances with Standard **Light Bulbs** 1 metre 0.5 metre An Object becomes fainter by the square of its distance



## ENERGY CONTENT



#### with traces of photons,



## DARK MATTER: LOCAL EVIDENCE

#### **CLUSTER SCALES:**

The early history of Dark Matter: In 1933 F. Zwicky found the first evidence for DM in the velocity dispersion of the galaxies in the COMA cluster... Already then he called it **DARK MATTER** !



#### **CLUSTER SCALES:**

Nowadays even stronger result from X-ray emission: the temperature of the cluster gas is too high, requires a factor 5 more matter than the visible baryonic matter...



Even more impressive: strong gravitational lensing SEES DM, e.g. in the BULLET CLUSTER 1E 0657-56



#### **CLUSTER SCALES:**

Systems like the Bullett cluster allow to restrict the self-interaction cross-section of Dark Matter to be smaller than the gas at the level



#### $\sigma \le 1.7 \times 10^{-24} cm^2 \sim 10^9 pb$

#### [Markevitch et al 03]

One order of magnitude stronger contraint by required a sufficiently large core... [Yoshida, Springer & White 00]



of the galaxies is much more uncertain...

#### GALACTIC SCALES:

Many profiles, inpired by data or numerical simulations: Isothermal, NFW, Moore, Kratsov, Einasto, etc....

 $\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{(r/R)^{\gamma} [1 + (r/R)^{\alpha}]^{(\beta - \gamma)/\alpha}}$ 



#### Critical for indirect detection !

Other important fact: DARK MATTER is still here ! It is either stable or extremely long-lived. The decay into photon or charged particles must have a lifetime above 10^26 s, into neutrinos it can be a couple of orders of magnitude shorter.

#### GALACTIC SCALES:

Faint planets, MACHOS ? No evidence from the EROS collaboration between  $10^{-7}$ and 20 solar masses.

Still clumps of Dark Matter, which are much less concentrated may be there...



## DARK MATTER AND PERTURBATIONS

#### 1/2 Physics Nobel Prize 2006 to G. Smoot for COBE: The Universe is NOT perfectly homogeneous !

Tiny ripples on the black body spectrum at level of 0.01%...

#### HORIZON SCALES:

From the position and height of the CMB anisotropy acoustic oscillations peaks we can determine very precisely the curvature of the Universe and other background parameters.





HORIZON SCALES:

Moreover Dark Matter must be non-baryonic, decoupled from the baryon-photon plasma and also not all neutrinos.

DARK MATTER



#### FOLLOWING THE FLUCTUATIONS



These small fluctuations are amplified by gravity &

#### FOLLOWING THE FLUCTUATIONS

#### What happens after such perturbations "re-enter" the horizon ?

In the Newtonian limit we have for the density perturbations of a matter fluid  $\delta = \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho}$ 

$$\ddot{\delta}_k + 2H\dot{\delta}_k + \left(\frac{c_s^2 k^2}{a^2} - 4\pi G\rho\right)\delta_k = 0,$$

where  $c_s = \delta p / \delta \rho$  is the sound speed in the plasma. Again a linear equation with a negative "mass" term... The fluctuations with negative mass grow and those have k below  $k_J$ , i.e. a physical wavelength larger than the Jeans length:

$$\lambda_J = rac{2\pi a}{k} = c_s \sqrt{rac{\pi}{G
ho}} \simeq rac{c_s}{H} \quad {
m sound \ horizon}$$

How strongly do they grow ? The growing solution is

$$\delta_k \sim C_1 H \int \frac{dt}{a^2 H^2} + C_2 H \sim C_1 t^{2/3} + C_2 t^{-1}$$
 for matter dominance

NOTE: much weaker than exponential due to the expansion friction term  $\propto H$  ! Also if the expansion is dominated by radiation, the growth is inhibited and at most only logarithmic in time. We need a long time of matter dominance to make initial fluctuations become large... Non Linear regime

### STRUCTURE FORMATION

#### V. Springel @MPA Munich

Yoshida et al 03



#### WDM & THE POWER SPECTRUM



#### MEASURE FLUCTUATION ON ALL SCALES



## DARK MATTER: PARTICLE PROPERTIES

### DARK MATTER PROPERTIES

- Interacts very weakly, but surely gravitationally (non-baryonic & decoupled from the baryon-photon plasma, electrically neutral !)
- It must have the right density profile to "fill in" the galaxy rotation curves.
- No pressure and small free-streaming velocity, it must cluster & cause structure formation.



### DARK MATTER PROPERTIES

 Electrically neutral, non-baryonic, possibly electroweak interacting, but could even be only gravitationally interacting.

- It must still be around us: either stable or very very long lived, i.e. it is the lightest particle with a conserved charge (R-, KK-, T-parity, etc...) or its interaction and decay is strongly suppressed !
- If it is a thermal relic, must be sufficiently massive to be cold..., but it may even be a condensate...

LOOK FOR PARTICLE DM CANDIDATES !

### NEUTRINO AS (PROTOTYPE) DM

Massive neutrino is one of the first candidates for DM discussed; for thermal SM neutrinos:

$$\Omega_{\nu}h^2 \sim \frac{\sum_i m_{\nu_i}}{93 \text{ eV}}$$

but  $m_{\nu} \leq 2 \text{ eV}$  (Tritium  $\beta$  decay) so  $\Omega_{\nu}h^2 \leq 0.07$ 

Unfortunately the small mass also means that neutrinos are HOT DM... Their free-streaming is non negligible and the LSS data actually constrain

NEED to go beyond the Standard Model !

## OPEN QUESTIONS & OUTLOOK

#### OUTLOOK

Since the discovery of Zwicky, we have learned a lot about Dark Matter, in particular what it is not: not baryonic, not hot, not made of neutrinos, etc... The next decade hopefully should bring us

some more clear answers:

Accelerator and DM direct detection experiments may find out if Dark Matter is supersymmetric...

Indirect detection may discover if DM in the halo is annihilating or decaying...

EXCITING TIMES ARE JUST BEGINNING...