Dark matter: direct searches with underground detectors

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Concordance Model

Una bella immagine che però è fuorviante: il 99,5% dell'Universo è invisibile.

Credit: credit: NASA, ESA, G. Illingworth, D. Magee, and P. Oesch (University of California, Santa Cruz), R. Bouwens (Leiden University), and the HUDF09 Team



Pilastri della creazione: Nebulosa della Carena (luce visibile)



Pilastri della creazione: Nebulosa della Carena (luce infrarossa)



- L'Universo visibile:
 - su larga scala ci appare omogeneo ed isotropo
 - le galassie lontane mostrano una velocità di recessione direttamente proporzionale alla distanza (legge di Hubble)
 - radiazione di fondo nella banda delle microonde isotropa (Cosmic Microwave Background, CMB)
 - contiene più ⁴He di quanto possa essere stato prodotto all'interno delle stelle per processi di fusione nucleare



$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (T_{\mu\nu} + \rho_A g_{\mu\nu})$



dalla relatività generale









Time since the Big Bang

il destino dell'Universo





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Breakthrough of the Year Cosmic Convergence

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Supernovae come candele standard







La misura contemporanea di velocità e distanza, per galassie a distanze diverse molto lontane nel passato, permette di misurare il tasso di accelerazione dell'Universo, e di predirne l'evoluzione futura!



Un'altra finestra sull'Universo primordiale: la radiazione cosmica di fondo

Big Bang TIME and of Inflation. Formation of 0 & HE CMB Spectrum Fixed adiation - Matter 20,00 Energy CMB Last Scattering PRESENT 13.7 Billion Years after the Big Bang

The cosmic microwave background Radiation's "surface of last scatter" is analogous to the light coming through the clouds to our eye on a cloudy day.

We can only see the surface of the cloud where light was last scattered

Fossile delle fluttuazioni quantistiche 10-34 secondi dopo il Big Bang, congelate dopo l'inflazione e manifeste nelle fluttuazioni di temperatura nell'Universo





WMAP

la mappa della radiazione cosmica di fondo





Storia dell'Universo

NASAWMAP Science Team



Dark Matter + Dark Energy = Double Dark Theory

(Il modello standard della cosmologia)

Big Bang Data Agrees with Double Dark Theory!



Il modello standard della cosmologia ACDM: Double Dark Theory

La distribuzione della Materia conferma la teoria ACDM a tutte le scale



Convergenza cosmica: il parametro di densità Ω

Dalle osservazioni: Radiazione cosmica di fondo (CMB) Struttura su grande scala dei cluster di galassie (BAO) Supernovae (SNe) \bigcup due componenti principali materia totale $\Omega_m \sim 0.3$ energia oscura Ω_{Λ} ~0.7





Il contenuto dell'Universo

Formazione delle strutture: simulazioni N-body



Evoluzione delle perturbazioni assumendo un universo piatto in cui il 30% della densità è dovuto alla materia e il 70% all'energia del vuoto. La maggior parte della materia si suppone nella forma di CDM - particelle massive non interagenti e "fredde" (ossia non-relativistiche). Vi sono circa due miliardi di particelle nella scatola (140 milioni di anni luce). Il filmato mostra l'evoluzione in coordinate comoventi.



One is only micrometers wide. The other is billions of light-years across. One shows neurons in a mouse brain. The other is a simulated image of the universe. Together they suggest the surprisingly similar patterns found in vastly different natural phenomena. DAVID CONSTANTINE



Mark M

Mark Miller, a doctoral student at Brandeis University, is researching how particular types of neurons in the brain are connected to one another. By staining thin slices of a mouse's brain, he can identify the connections visually. The image above shows three neuron cells on the left (two red and one yellow) and their connections.



Virgo Consortium

An international group of astrophysicists used a computer simulation last year to recreate how the universe grew and evolved. The simulation image above is a snapshot of the present universe that features a large cluster of galaxies (bright yellow) surrounded by thousands of stars, galaxies and dark matter (web).

Source: Mark Miller, Brandels University: Virgo Consortium for Cosmological Supercomputer Simulations; www.visualcomplexity.com

Observational evidence for DM

CMB

Structure

Supernovae

Lensing

Galaxies

MATERIA OSCURA : evidenze dinamiche

Consideriamo una particella di prova orbitante attorno ad una massa M

La misura di velocità di un corpo rappresenta una stima della massa a cui è legato

Applicazione "semplice" : velocità dei pianeti nel sistema solare

>> Applicazioni generali :

M-_d

- Distribuzione di velocità delle galassie negli ammassi F.Zwicky Helv.Phys.Acta 6(1933) 110
- Emissione termica di gas galattico / intergalattico

➤ Conclusione:. materia oscura > 10 volte la materia luminosa

MATERIA OSCURA : evidenze dinamiche

→ Curve rotazionali delle galassie

Cosa ci aspettiamo in maniera naif? Dove c'e luce c'e materia :

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Per } r < R & : \rho(r) = \text{cost} & r > R : \ \rho(r) = 0 & & & \\ & M(r) \propto r^3 & & M(r) = \text{cost} & & & \\ & v(r) \propto r & & v \propto 1/r^{1/2} & & & & \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \text{Osserviamo: } M(r) \propto r \\ & \rho(r) \propto 1/r^2 \\ & v(r) = \text{cost} \end{array}}$

C'è un alone di materia oscura che si estende ben oltre i pochi Kpc del disco, ma non è chiaro quale debba essere il suo profilo per r $\rightarrow 0$ e per r $\rightarrow \infty$

Dark Matter in the Milky Way

Lensing gravitazionale

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Bullet Cluster 1E 0657–558 WEAK-LENSING MASS RECONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERACTING CLUSTER 1E 0657–558:

DIRECT EVIDENCE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF DARK MATTER¹

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ABSTRACT

We present a weak-lensing mass reconstruction of the interacting cluster 1E 0657–558, in which we detect both the main cluster and a subcluster. The subcluster is identified as a smaller cluster that has just undergone initial infall and pass-through of the primary cluster and has been previously identified in both optical surveys and X-ray studies. The X-ray gas has been separated from the galaxies by ram pressure–stripping during the pass-through. The detected mass peak is located between the X-ray peak and galaxy concentration, although the position is consistent with the galaxy centroid within the errors of the mass reconstruction. We find that the mass peak for the main cluster is in good spatial agreement with the cluster galaxies and is offset from the X-ray halo at 3.4σ significance, and we determine that the mass-to-light ratios of the two components are consistent with those of relaxed clusters. The observed offsets of the lensing mass peaks from the peaks of the dominant visible mass component (the X-ray gas) directly demonstrate the presence, and dominance, of dark matter in this cluster. This proof of dark matter existence holds true even under the assumption of modified Newtonian dynamics (MOND); based on the observed gravitational shear–optical light ratios and the mass peak–X-ray gas offsets, the dark matter component in a MOND regime would have a total mass that is at least equal to the baryonic mass of the system.

More Evidence Against MOND

and also against Self-Interacting DM: Markevich et al. 2004, ApJ, 606, 819

In a purely baryonic MOND universe the X-ray and galaxy centroids would still be separated as the galaxies are still collisionless particles in the interaction. However, because the X-ray halo is the dominant mass component of the visible baryons in the cluster, in the absence of a dark mass component the vast majority, $\sim 85 - 90\%$, of the mass of the subclump would be with the X-ray gas. Thus, any direct method to measure the mass of the system would detect a higher mass about the stripped X-ray halo than around the galaxies. This is not what is observed in this system

1E 0657-56

This composite image shows the galaxy cluster 1E 0657-56, also known as the "bullet cluster." This cluster was formed after the collision of two large clusters of galaxies, the most energetic event known in the universe since the Big Bang.

Hot gas detected by Chandra in X-rays is seen as two pink clumps in the image and contains most of the "normal," or baryonic, matter in the two clusters. The bullet-shaped clump on the right is the hot gas from one cluster, which passed through the hot gas from the other larger cluster during the collision. An optical image from Magellan and the Hubble Space Telescope shows the galaxies in orange and white. The blue areas in this image show where astronomers find most of the mass in the clusters. The concentration of mass is determined using the effect of so-called gravitational lensing, where light from the distant objects is distorted by intervening matter. Most of the matter in the clusters (blue) is clearly separate from the normal matter (pink), giving direct evidence that nearly all of the matter in the clusters is dark.

The hot gas in each cluster was slowed by a drag force, similar to air resistance, during the collision. In contrast, the dark matter was not slowed by the impact because it does not interact directly with itself or the gas except through gravity. Therefore, during the collision the dark matter clumps from the two clusters moved ahead of the hot gas, producing the separation of the dark and normal matter seen in the image. If hot gas was the most massive component in the clusters, as proposed by alternative theories of gravity, such an effect would not be seen. Instead, this result shows that dark matter is required.

Gravitational lensing on galaxy clusters: the bullet cluster

optical from Magellan and HST (orange and white)

X-ray from CHANDRA (pink)

weak lensing (blue)

Cosa è la materia oscura?

- Materia invisibile (DM) è necessaria per spiegare gli effetti gravitazionali
- DM costituisce il 23% della densità massa-energia dell'Universo
- DM è circa l'85% della materia totale nell'Universo
- deve essere:
 - non-barionica (cioè fatta di materia diversa da protoni e neutroni),
 - **neutra** (non emette né assorbe radiazione)
 - **non interagente** (ossia interagente con se stessa e con le altre particelle solo attraverso la gravità) e
 - fredda (cioè non-relativistica all'epoca dell'equivalenza radiazione-materia T~3eV)

Materia oscura particellare

Il Modello Standard delle particelle elementari:

- Una teoria di successo, descrive tutte le osservazioni fino a \approx 1 TeV
- Però è una teoria efficace alle basse energie, ci aspettiamo nuove particelle e fenomeni ad energie più alte
- Nessuna delle particelle del modello standard è un buon candidato per la materia oscura!

La Supersimmetria fornisce un candidato "naturale" per la DM:

LSP (lightest super-symmetric particle)

LSP creato al Big Bang ha circa la corretta abbondanza relica

SUSY in a nutshell

WIMPs

Particelle non-barioniche, relitti freddi del Big Bang sono candidati perfetti per DM

- le masse dovrebbero essere circa 10-1000 GeV e
- le interazioni alla scala elettrodebole

Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

Cold Thermal Relics and the Weak Scale

• if a massive, weakly interacting particle (WIMP) existed in the early Universe

$$\chi + \overline{\chi} \leftrightarrow X + \overline{X}$$

it was in equilibrium as long as the reaction rate was larger than the expansion rate

 $\Gamma \gg H$

after Γ drops below H ⇒ "freeze-out", we are left with a relic density

- ⇒ the relic density and mass point to the weak scale
- ⇒ the new physics responsible for EWSB likely gives rise to a dark matter candidate
- ⇒ examples: LSP (neutralino), LKP (KK-partner of photon, or KK-partner of Z-boson)

WIMP detection

in space

underground

at accelerators

ricerca delle WIMP galattiche

- I0⁵ al sec attraversano un pollice
- I0¹⁵ al giorno attraversano il corpo, solo 5 interagiscono
- come possiamo rivelarle?

From Cosmology: Dark matter and dark energy Robert Caldwell & Marc Kamionkowski Nature 458, 587-589(2 April 2009) doi:10.1038/458587a

Rivelazione delle WIMP galattiche

WIMP direct detection

$\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$ elastic scattering off nuclei

M. Goodman, E. Witten, PRD 1985

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}m_{\chi}c^2\beta^2$$

$$r = \frac{4m_{\chi}m_N}{\left(m_{\chi} + m_N\right)^2}$$

$$E_R = E_0 r \frac{\left(1 - \cos\theta\right)}{2}$$

 $\beta \approx 10^{-3}$ m_{\chi} \approx 100 GeV

Nucleus recoil energy < 100 keV

Spin Independent: χ scatters coherently off of the entire nucleus A: $\sigma \sim A^2$

<u>Spin Dependent:</u>

only unpaired nucleons contribute to scattering amplitude: $\sigma \sim J(J+I)$

 $easurement = (1 - \cos\theta) \le 50 \ keV$

Expected rate

 m_N

 E_R

 $2\boldsymbol{m}_N$

Sun's velocity around the galaxy $\langle v \rangle \approx 230$ km/s WIMP energy density $\rho_{\chi} \approx 0.3$ GeV/cm³

Integral rate (as a function of E_R) <1 ev/kg/yr

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R}\Big|_{Ideal} = \frac{R_0}{E_0 r} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_0}\right)$$

Ideal

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R}\Big|_{True} = \frac{dR}{dE_R}$$

 $\times | S(E_R)|$

Background

from natural radioactivity: $\gamma e^{-} \rightarrow \gamma e^{-}$ $nN \rightarrow nN$ $N \rightarrow N' + \alpha, e^{-}$

nuclear recoils

electron recoils

• Gamma ray interactions:

mis-identified electrons mimic nuclear recoil signals

Neutrons:

 α , n

γ, e⁻

 (α,n) , U, Th fission, cosmogenic spallation

• Contamination:

²³⁸U and ²³²Th decays, recoiling progeny mimic nuclear recoils

Underground labs

reduction of muon flux by:

Vanilla model: exclusion plot

Exponential behavior is very similar to that of bckg of various origins.

coherent interaction $\rightarrow C = A^2$

The interesting region for σ_p,m_χ

 $\sigma_p(cm^2)$

Our goal: theoretical predictions for SUSY

The interesting region for σ_ρ,m_χ

 $\sigma_p(cm^2)$

Current experimental limits

A low mass signal?

Annual flux modulation

Energy deposition in detector

Expected variation of WIMP count rate ± 3%

La ricerca mondiale delle WIMP

The current status