

Astroparticle Theory

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Lecture 1

- 1. A short introduction to cosmology
- 2. The early Universe thermal history
- 3. Boltzmann equations for thermal relics

Main reference:

Kolb & Turner, "The Early Universe" (1988) Chapters 1-3, 5

Hubble's law

Velocity (determined by Red Shift)

CMB Blackbody spectrum

The evolution of the Universe

Cosmology Concordance

Thermal decoupling (freeze-out)

Cold relic history very sensitive to details of decoupling because of rapid variation of $Y_i \longrightarrow$ Sensitivity to new physics through:

- Interaction rate, *i.e.* interaction type
- Number of relativistic d.o.f for the evolution of $H(T)$

Thermal decoupling (freeze-out)

Three exceptions in the calculation of the relic abundance

- 1. Co-annihilation with other particles degenerate in mass (5% —10%); coupled Boltzmann equations
- 2. Dark matter mass slightly below mass threshold to open up a new channel
- 3.Annihilation close to a pole of the cross section, i.e. resonant annihilation Griest & Seckel, Phys.Rev.D 43 (1991) 319

Edsjo & Gondolo, Phys.Rev.D 56 (1997) 1879[hep-ph/9704361]

How to…

MicrOMEGAS: a code for the calculation of Dark Matter Properties

including the relic density, direct and indirect rates in a general supersymmetric model and other models of New Physics

https://lapth.cnrs.fr/micromegas/

http://www.darksusy.org/

Lecture 2

- 1. Observational evidence for Dark Matter
- 2. Fundamental properties of Dark Matter
- 3. Searches for Dark Matter

References in the slides

1. Observational evidence for dark matter

Dark matter gravitational evidence

Rotation curves

Galaxy clusters

Large Scale structures

Cosmic microwave background

Flat galactic rotation curves

RUBIN, FORD, AND THONNARD

Data are well described by an additional component, dominating the mass profile at distances much larger than the visible mass scale.

Dark matter in the Coma Cluster

Pioneering application of the virial theorem in astronomy

> F. Zwicky, Helvetica Physica Acta (1933) 6, 110–127; ApJ (1937) 86, 217

$$
2\langle T \rangle + \langle U_{\text{tot}} \rangle = 0 \qquad U(r) \propto r^{-1}
$$

$$
T = N \frac{m}{2} \langle v^2 \rangle
$$

$$
\langle U_{\text{tot}} \rangle \sim -\frac{3}{5} \frac{G_N M^2}{R}
$$

gravitational potential of a selfgravitating homogeneous sphere of radius R

$$
M \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \frac{R \langle v^2 \rangle}{G_N} \sim 3 \times M_{\rm visible}
$$

X-rays and gravitational lensing

Figure 2. An x-ray image of the Coma cluster obtained with the ROSAT satellite, showing both the main cluster and the NGC4839 group to the south-west. (Credit: S L Snowden, High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center, NASA.)

Mass in clusters is in the form of hot, intergalactic gas, which can be traced via X rays: X-luminosity and spectrum constrain the mass profile

Strong gravitational lensing around galaxy cluster CL0024+17, demonstrating at least three layers projected onto a single 2D image.

Massey, Kitching & Richard, Rept.Prog.Phys. 73 (2010)

Lewis, Buote & Stocke, ApJ (2003), 586, 135

Segregation of matter in clusters

Bullet Cluster (1E 0657-56) Clowe+, ApJ 604 (2004) 596-603; Clowe+ ApJ, 648 (2006) L109

James Jee+, ApJ 783 (2014) 78

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

Success of Big Bang hypothesis and thermal history of the Universe.

Accurate prediction of abundance of light elements.

Independent measure of abundance of baryonic matter in the Universe.

T ~ MeV nuclear physics (BBN)

$$
\Omega_b h^2 \sim 0.02
$$

Cosmic Microwave Background

$$
\Omega_i \equiv \frac{\bar{\rho}_i}{\rho_c}
$$

Abundance species *i*

Critical density (average density of a flat Universe)

$$
\rho_{\rm c}\equiv\frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G_N}
$$

10 protons per cubic meter $[1 \text{ GeV} \sim 10^{-24} \text{ g}]$

 $\bar{\rho}_{\rm DM} \simeq 0.3 \rho_c \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \bar{\rho}_{\rm DM} \sim 10^{10} \frac{\rm M_{\odot}}{\rm Mpc}$ $\rm Mpc^3$ $\sim 10^{-6} \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3}$ cm^3

Galaxy clusters: 10⁵ denser! Galaxies: 106 denser!

$$
\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \gg 1
$$

The Universe today is highly non-linear!

Cosmic Microwave Background

 $T > T_{CMB}$ tight coupling between photons and baryons and presence of primordial overdensities $\delta > 0$

Gravitational vs radiation pressure => acoustic oscillations

$$
\frac{\delta n_{\gamma}}{n_{\gamma}} \sim 3 \frac{\delta T}{T} \sim \frac{\delta n_{b}}{n_{b}} \equiv \delta \qquad n_{\gamma} \propto T^{3}
$$

$$
\frac{\Delta T}{T} \sim 10^{-5} \qquad \text{on Mpc scales} \text{ @ } z_{\text{CMB}} \sim 1100
$$

in a matter

$$
\frac{\Delta n_{b}}{n_{b}} \sim 10^{-5} (1 + z_{\text{CMB}})^{-1} \sim 0.01 \qquad \text{dominated}
$$
Universe

→ With baryonic matter only, structure formation would be very different! We need a non-baryonic component that decouples from photons early enough to create deep potential wells.

Growth of structures: cartoon

2. Fundamental properties of dark matter

Properties of dark matter

What fundamental properties can we infer from this astro/cosmo evidence?

How much dark matter at cosmological scales?

 $\Omega_{\rm CDM} \sim 0.26$ Planck 2015, 68% CL

The dominant component of dark matter in the Universe should be:

- 1. Non-relativistic at decoupling, i.e. cold
- 2. Stable or long-lived
- 3. Sufficiently heavy, to behave "classically"
- 4. Smoothly distributed at cosmological scales
- 5. Dark and dissipationless
- 6. Collisionless, i.e. not very collisional

DM evidence requires new physics, beyond current theories => new d.o.f., appealing from a particle physics perspective

Non-relativistic @ decoupling (CDM)

Primordial density fluctuations modified by non-linear effects: gravitation, pressure, dissipation, etc. => N-body simulations are needed to follow the growth in non-linear regime.

Collisions-less species (neutrinos, DM): free stream from overdense to underdense regions and wash out perturbations => damping of small scale density perturbations

3. Dark Matter in the Milky Way

Galactic rotation curve

$$
v_c^2(
$$

 $v_{\rm LSR}^{\rm los}(R) = \Big(\frac{v_c(R)}{R/R}\Big)$ R/R_{\odot} $-v_{\odot}$ \setminus cos *b* sin *l*

Doppler shift from masers, gas and stars

+ distance information (e.g. photospectroscopy for stars)

Visible components of the Milky Way

 $\phi_{\text{baryon}} = \phi_{\text{bulge}} + \phi_{\text{disk}} + \phi_{\text{gas}}$

Evidence for additional contribution to the total gravitational potential?

Credit: M. Pato

Galactic rotation curve

Iocco+ Nature Physics'15100 Rotation curve data **Baryonic bracketing** Angular circular velocity (km s⁻¹ kpc⁻¹) 50 20 .5 kpc $\omega_c = v_c/R$ $\overline{\mathsf{N}}$ \blacksquare R_{cut} $10¹$ x^2 /dof 5σ $10⁰$ $R_0 = 8$ kpc v_0 = 230 km s⁻¹ 10^{-2} 3 5 10 20 Galactocentric radius (kpc)

Comparison between expectation from visible matter and rotation curve data (new compilation) \longrightarrow Additional (dark) component needed within the solar circle.

Reconstructing the dark matter distribution

Non-parametric reconstruction: approach free of profile assumptions, but uncertainties are large and hinder discrimination power between different radial behaviours. Pato&Iocco+ ApJ'15; Salucci+A&A'10

Reconstructing the dark matter distribution

$$
\omega_{\rm dm}^2 = \frac{G}{R^3} \int_0^R dr \, 4\pi r^2 \, \rho_{\rm dm}(r)
$$

$$
\rho_{\rm dm}(R_{\odot}) \equiv \rho_{\odot}
$$

 $\rho_{\rm dm} \propto (r/r_s)^{-\gamma} (1 + r/r_s)^{-3+\gamma}$ NFW

 $\rho_{\rm dm} \propto \exp(-2((r/r_s)^{\alpha} - 1)/\alpha)$

Reconstructing the dark matter distribution

Parametric reconstruction: strong profile assumptions, "global" method to derive local DM density.

e.g: Pato+ JCAP'15; McMillan+ MNRAS'16; Iocco&Benito PDU'17

A full parametric reconstruction of the DM profile should properly account for correlations among parameters.

The local dark matter density

- Local measures use the vertical kinematics of stars (tracers) near the Sun: few assumptions but larger errors. e.g: Garbari+ MNRAS'12; Silverwood+MNRAS'16
- Global measures extrapolate DM mass profile from the rotation curve: small errors but strong assumptions on Galactic halo shape. e.g: Pato&Iocco JCAP'15
- Combined measurements can probe local shape (oblate/prolate halo)

The local dark matter density

Gaia will move us to precision measurement of the local DM density

The MW dark matter distribution

Rotation curve can only probe DM spatial distribution down to a few kpc.

We need to rely on simulations of galaxy formation, which include baryon effects.

The standard halo model

WIMP in the halo of the Galaxy are expected to form a Maxwellian distribution of non-relativistic particles

[Thermal equilibrium reached during formation of Galaxy: WIMP are "frozen" into highest-entropy configuration when mixed by the violently changing gravitational potential during gravitational collapse, "violent relaxation". Confirmed lately by simulations] Lynden-Bell, MNRAS 126 (1967) 101

The velocity distribution

$$
f(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}_{\odot}, \mathbf{v}) / \rho(\mathbf{x}_{\odot})
$$

It is possible to infer f(v) under some symmetry conditions

Binney & Tremaine, "Galactic dynamics"

 $\rho_{\rm DM}({\bf x}) \equiv$ z
Zanada
Zanada $d^3v F({\bf x},{\bf v})$ Invert and evaluate F at the solar position

$$
v_{\text{tot}}^2 = \frac{GM_{\text{tot}}(r)}{r}
$$
 Tot = Visible + DM

Steady state solution to collisionless Boltzmann equation. Jean's theorem: steady-state solutions depend on phase space only through integral of motions (E, angular momentum components)

In case of spherical symmetry:

$$
F(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v})\equiv F(E)
$$

The Eddington's equation

Introducing two new variables (relative energy and potential) it is possible to invert the equation * => Eddington's equation

$$
\epsilon = \psi - \frac{1}{2}v^2
$$

$$
F(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi^2}} \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \int_0^{\epsilon} \frac{d\rho}{d\psi} \frac{d\psi}{\sqrt{\epsilon - \psi}}
$$

Application to isothermal sphere:

$$
\rho(r) = \rho_0 (r_0/r)^2 \qquad \psi = \sigma^2 \log(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}) \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \rho(\psi) = \rho_0 e^{\frac{\psi}{\sigma^2}}
$$

Eddington's equation

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$
F(v) \propto e^{-\frac{3}{2}\frac{v^2}{v_{\text{rms}}^2}} = e^{-\frac{v^2}{v_c^2}} \qquad \langle v^2 \rangle \equiv v_{\text{rms}}^2 \equiv 3\sigma^2
$$

4. Detection strategies for dark matter

How to identify dark matter?

- In order to define a search strategy, we first need to better define the dark matter candidate of interest (input from theory) => **DM zoology**!
- Once the theoretical context is defined, we can engage in identification strategies which can be more or less model dependent (there is always some theoretical prejudice in DM searches)

Conrad & Reimer, Nature Physics 13 (2017) 224-231

WIMP detection strategies

Lewin & Smith, Astropart.Phys.6 (1996) 87(1996); Fitzpatrick+ JCAP 1302 (2013) 004

Direct detection: differential event rate

$$
\frac{dR}{dE} \sim N_A \frac{\rho_{\rm DM}}{m_{\rm DM}} \int_{v>v_{\rm min}} d^3 v f(\mathbf{v}) v \frac{d\sigma}{dE}
$$

Differential rate

 $E \equiv E_R \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100) \,\text{keV}$

$$
v_{\rm min} = \sqrt{\frac{E_R m_A}{2\mu}}
$$

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{dE} \propto \frac{\sigma_0}{v^2} \longrightarrow \frac{dR}{dE} = \underbrace{\rho_{\text{DM}} \frac{\sigma_0 F^2(E)}{2m_{\text{DM}} \mu^2}}_{\text{Particle} } \int_{v > v_{\text{min}}} d^3 v \frac{f(\mathbf{v})}{v}
$$
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$$
\eta(v_{\text{min}}) \equiv \int_{v > v_{\text{min}}} d^3 v \frac{f(\mathbf{v})}{v} \qquad \text{Halo integral}
$$

Direct detection: exclusion limits

Hp: Maxwellian velocity distribution

 $f(\mathbf{v}) \propto e^{-v^2/v_c^2}$ $\longrightarrow \eta(v_{\min}) \propto e^{-v_{\min}^2/v_c^2}$ $f(\mathbf{v}) \propto e^{-v^2/v_c^2}$

- For large DM masses, the halo integral is almost independent on the mass.
- For small DM masses, the expected rate decreases as $exp(-1/m_{DM})$
- Peak of sensitivity @ target mass

$$
\frac{dR}{dE} = \rho_{\rm DM} \frac{\sigma_0 F^2(E)}{2m_{\rm DM} \mu^2} \int_{v > v_{\rm min}} d^3 v \frac{f(\mathbf{v})}{v}
$$

Two key-assumptions:

1)Dark matter exists and is the main responsible for the gravitational potential inferred in galaxies, clusters and cosmo.

2)Dark matter is non-gravitationally coupled to standard matter.

DM annihilation/decay leads to production of observable fluxes of stable particles.

Disclaimer:

- 1) Not necessarily signatures at the GeV-TeV-scale
- 2) DM at the electroweak scale is one among possible valuable solutions

Indirect searches

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Indirect dark matter signals

Expected values? We know where to look for…

$$
\tau_{\rm DM} \sim 10^{26}\,{\rm s}\, \left(\frac{\rm TeV}{m_{\rm DM}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{M}{10^{15}\,{\rm GeV}}\right)^4
$$

Eichler, PRL 1989

Connection with early Universe and observed relic abundance

oserved relic abundance \overline{a} As for the proton, DM stability due
(not always trivial) \overline{a} an accidental symmetry to an accidental symmetry

Dark matter source term $[GeV^{-1}s^{-1}]$

Annihilation

$$
Q_i^{\text{ann}}(r, E) = \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \times N_{\text{pairs}}(r) \times \sum_f B_f \frac{dN_i^f}{dE}(E)
$$

$$
N_{\text{pairs}}(r) = s \times N(r) = s \times \frac{\rho^2(r)}{m^2} \qquad s = \left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}
$$

Majorana
Dirac

Decay

$$
Q_i^{\text{dec}}(r, E) = \Gamma_{\text{dec}} \times N(r) \times \sum_f B_f \frac{dN_i^f}{dE}(E)
$$

$$
N(r) = \frac{\rho(r)}{m}
$$

Energy distribution into final state particles

- Energy fraction going into photons and electrons (±) with respect to the total. - Energy fraction into hadronic final states with respect to photons and electrons.

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- Production and decay of neutral pions
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Multiwavelength emission

Spectra of prompt "secondary" photons

$$
Q_i^{\text{ann}}(r, E) = \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \times N_{\text{pairs}}(r) \times \left(\sum_f B_f \frac{dN_i^f}{dE} (E) \right)
$$

100% Branching ratio (independent on PP model)

The prompt photon emission

Bringmann & Weniger (2012)

DM sub halos

How to…

Analytical fitting functions: Fornengo, Pieri, Scopel, PRD 2004 Cembranos et al., PRD 2011

Numerical codes for computation of DM spectra:

DarkSUSY <http://www.fysik.su.se/~edsjo/darksusy/> Gondolo+ JCAP'04

MicrOMEGAs <https://lapth.cnrs.fr/micromegas/> Belanger+ JCAP'05

PPC 4 DM ID <http://www.marcocirelli.net/PPPC4DMID.html> Cirelli+ JCAP 2012

For dependence on event Monte Carlo generators see, e.g., Cembranos+ JHEP'13

Radiative emission from leptons

$$
\chi\,\chi\,\rightarrow\,\left\{\begin{array}{c}ZZ,\,W^+W^-,\,\gamma\gamma\\q\bar{q},\,l^+l^-,\,\nu\bar{\nu}\end{array}\right\}\,{\rm hadronization}\,\overbrace{\rm{decays}}^{\rm{r\rightarrow\,}}\gamma\overbrace{\rm{e^{\pm}}\rm{,}}\mu^{\pm},\,p/\bar{p},\,\pi^{\pm},\,\nu/\bar{\nu},\,\ldots
$$

Inverse Compton scattering on CMB, star-light, infrared-light

Bremsstrahlung onto gas of interstellar medium

Synchrotron radiation magnetic field $\mathscr{O}(\mu \text{Gauss})$ for e^{\pm} of GeV-TeV —> MHz-GHz radio signal

G. Rybicki and A.P. Lightman, 1979, 'Radiative Processes in Astrophysics', John Wiley & Sons Inc. M. S. Longair, 2011, 'High Energy Astrophysics', Cambridge University Press.

Multi-wavelength DM spectrum

Multi-wavelength spectrum from radio to gamma-ray given by the prompt and secondary DM-induced emissions.

Multi-wavelength astronomy

