Cosmology and gravitation: the grand scheme for high energy physics Part 3

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Plan

A (not so) brief history of cosmology The days where cosmology became a quantitative science: Cosmic Microwave Background Light does not say it all (1): the violent Universe Light does not say it all (2): dark matter Light does not say it all (3) : dark energy The beginning and the end

Light does not say it all (2): dark matter



Fritz Zwicky



Coma cluster

Studying the velocity distribution of Galaxies in the Coma cluster and using the virial theorem



F. Zwicky shows in 1933 that there is 400 times more mass than expected from the luminosity.



rotation curves of galaxies





Vera Rubin, 1975

Collections of ~10^{11~} 10¹² Stars





Bullet cluster

Clowe, Randall, Markevitch astro-ph/0611496



Dark matter Gravitational lensing Ordinary matter X-rays (Chandra)

A powerful cosmological probe of Dark Matter: gravitational lensing





Abell 2218: A Galaxy Cluster Lens, Andrew Fruchter et al. (HST)

Gravitational lensing





Finally, we have seen that, at the level of the whole Universe,

$$\Omega_{\rm M}$$
 ~ 0.3

whereas luminous matter can only account for $\Omega_{\text{luminous}} \sim 0.04$

What is dark matter?

Not luminous matter

Not neutrinos because their random motions (free streaming) would wash out any density fluctuations and prevent the formation of galaxies (hot dark matter)

We need cold dark matter (i.e. particles with smaller free streaming length), most probably in the form of weakly interacting massive particles or wimps.

Models for dark matter



INDIRECT versus DIRECT DETECTION



Annihilation in the heart of the Sun or at the centre of our Galaxy

Detection in underground labs

Direct detection

Underground labs (mines, tunnels...)









Annual modulation





Indirect detection



Líght does not say ít all (3) : dark energy

Vacuum energy:

Classically, the energy of the fundamental state (vacuum) is not measurable. Only differences of energy are (e.g. Casimir effect).

Einstein equations:
$$R_{\mu\nu} - R g_{\mu\nu}/2 = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

geometry energy

Hence geometry may provide a way to measure absolute energies i.e. vacuum energy:

 $R_{\mu\nu} - R g_{\mu\nu}/2 = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi G < T_{\mu\nu} > vacuum energy$

similar to the cosmological term introduced by Einstein :

$$R_{\mu\nu}$$
 - $R g_{\mu\nu}/2 = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + \lambda g_{\mu\nu}$

Einstein equations \rightarrow Friedmann equation

c = 1

 $H = \dot{a}/a$

H² = (8 πG ρ + λ)/3 - k/a²

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Introduce h

Planck length
$$l_{\rm P} = \sqrt{8\pi G_{\rm N}\hbar/c^3} = 8.1 \times 10^{-35} {\rm m}$$

Planck	$l_{\rm P} \sim 10^{-34} {\rm m}$	$m_{\rm P} \sim 10^{27} {\rm eV}$
λ	$l_{\Lambda} \sim 10^{26} \mathrm{m}$	$m_{\Lambda} \sim 10^{-33} eV$

$$mc^2 \equiv \frac{\hbar c}{l} = \frac{200 \text{ MeV.fm}}{\ell}$$

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A very unnatural value for a Universe which presumably started in a quantum state!

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Cosmological constant problem : where the two ends meet

Central question : why now? why is our Universe so large, so old?



Cosmic coincidence problem:

Why does the vacuum energy starts to dominate at a time $t_{\Lambda} (z_{\Lambda} \sim 1)$ which almost coincides with the epoch t_{G} of galaxy formation $(z_{G} \sim 3)$?



Are there more general ways than a cosmological constant to account for the acceleration of the expansion?



Friedmann equation : $H^2 = 8 \pi G \rho / 3 - k/a^2$



The observational case

Supernovae of type Ia may be used as standard candles to test the geometry of spacetime



Distant supernovae appear less bright than in an expanding universe

 \rightarrow accelerated expansion





luminosity distance
$$d_L = l_{H0} z (1 + \frac{1-q_0}{2} z + ...$$

q₀ deceleration parameter

$$q_0 = - a \ddot{a} / \dot{a}^2$$



Could this be explained by a cosmological constant ?

Plot $(\Omega_{\Lambda}, \Omega_{M})$:

 $\Omega_{\Lambda}\!=\!\rho_{\Lambda}\!/\rho_{c}$, $\Omega_{M}\!=\!\rho_{M}\!/\rho_{c}$

Concordance model

Note: if this is so, the vacuum energy takes the value expected in the context of gravity. Associated energy scale : $\Lambda \sim 10^{-3} \, \text{eV}$



The energetic budget of the Universe



Dark energy

Assume the existence of a new component assmilated to a perfect fluid with pressure p and energy density ρ :

equation of state $p = w \rho$

Note: vacuum energy has w=-1

Friedmann equation at late epochs :

$$H^{2} = H_{0}^{2} [\Omega_{m} (1+z)^{3} + \Omega_{DE} (1+z)^{3(1+w)}]$$

$$\Omega_{\mathrm{DE}} \sim 1 - \Omega_{\mathrm{m}}$$

In the case of z dependent w, w in previous formula is some averaged value

Acceleration of the expansion : $3\ddot{a}/a = -4\pi G (\rho+3p)/3$

Then redshift at beginning of acceleration :

$$1 + z_{acc} = [(3 \text{ w}(z_{acc}) + 1)(\Omega_m - 1)/\Omega_m]^{-1/3w}$$



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Angular diameter distance



w = -1.8, ..., -0.2

When combined with measurement of matter density constrains data to a line in $\Omega_{\rm M}$ -w space



Baryon oscillations are really discriminating for dark energy

Acoustic oscillations are seen in the CMB . Look for the the same waves in the galaxy correlations.





SNLS SuperNova Legacy Survey

Confidence Contours





BAO: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (Eisenstein et al 2005, SDSS)

fit	parameters (stat only)
$(\Omega_{\rm M}, \Omega_{\Lambda})$	$(0.31 \pm 0.21, 0.80 \pm 0.31)$
$(\Omega_M-\Omega_\Lambda,\Omega_M+\Omega_\Lambda)$	$(-0.49 \pm 0.12, 1.11 \pm 0.52)$
$(\Omega_{\rm M}, \Omega_{\Lambda})$ flat	$\Omega_{\rm M} = 0.263 \pm 0.037$
$(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) + BAO$	$(0.271 \pm 0.020, 0.751 \pm 0.082)$
$(\Omega_{\rm M}, w)$ +BAO	$(0.271 \pm 0.021, -1.023 \pm 0.087)$



Why scalar fields to model dark energy?

Scalar fields easily provide a diffuse background

Speed of sound $c_s^2 = (\delta p / \delta \rho)_{adiabatic}$

In most models, $c_s^2 \sim 1$, i.e. the pressure of the scalar field resists gravitational clustering :

scalar field dark energy does not cluster

Example (quintessence)



The problems of scalar field models of dark energy

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 ϕ exchange would provide a long range force : ϕ has to be extremely weakly coupled to ordinary matter (more weakly than gravity!)



A rich experimental program will allow to test the models of dark energy through tests of the theory of gravity



Atomic clocks...







MICROSCOPE



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Space missions

Expected Planck performance on dark energy equation of state



Back to the cosmologícal constant

A multitude of universes?



Eternal inflation



String theory



Consider regions (universes) with different values of t_G and t_Λ :

• when ρ_{Λ} starts to dominate (at t_{Λ}), the Universe enters a de Sitter phase of exponential expansion

• galaxy formation (at t_G) must precede this phase (otherwise no observer available)

Hence $t_G \le t_\Lambda$

• Regions with $t_{\Lambda} \gg t_{G}$ have not undergone yet any de Sitter phase of reacceleration and are thus phase space suppressed compared with regions with $t_{\Lambda} \sim t_{G}$. Hence $t_{\Lambda} \gtrsim t_{G}$



But

• the precise prediction for λ is larger than what is observed

• the argument does not involve h

Conclusion

A rich array of proposed models

Not so many are complete (problem of interactions of dark energy with the rest of matter)

A rich program of observations and experiments

A lot of interests invested

The issue of dark energy will contribute to the development of large and deep surveys: expect progress for cosmology at large

The identification of dark energy does not solve the problem of the vacuum energy

THE END

Other possibility: our observations are prejudiced because we leave in a local inhomogenity

We may live in a « void » of size of a few Gpc

Geometry described locally by a Lemaître-Tolman-Bondi Universe which is isotropic but non-homogeneous

Leads to a dimming of the distant supernovae

We must be close to the centre of the void.