Cosmology

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Key Questions

Why is the expansion of the Universe accelerating?
What is the Dark Matter? (covered by Golwala and Pierce yesterday)

- Was there an epoch of primordial acceleration (inflation)? What was the origin of cosmic structure?
- How did galaxies and large-scale structure form?
 See also parallel sessions on Cosmology

Discovery of Cosmic Acceleration from High-redshift Supernovae

Type Ia supernovae that exploded when the Universe was 2/3its present size are $\sim 25\%$ fainter than expected



What causes Cosmic Acceleration?

Three possibilities:

1. The Universe is filled with a negative-pressure component that gives rise to `gravitational repulsion':

Dark Energy

- 2. Einstein's theory of General Relativity (gravity) is wrong on cosmic distance scales.
- 3. The Universe is inhomogeneous and only apparently accelerating, due to large-scale structure.

Components of the Universe



Cosmological Dynamics

Cosmic Scale factor a(t)

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \sum_{i} \rho_i (1 + 3w_i)$$

Friedmann Equation

Equation of state parameter $w_i = p_i / \rho_i c^2$ For acceleration, $w_i < -1/3$ in dominant component Cosmological constant Λ : w = -1

Two simple Dark Energy models to constrain:

1. Λ : w = -1

2. Spatially flat Universe with w = constant

Dark Energy Equation of State parameter w determines Cosmic Evolution



Cosmic Microwave Background



Characteristic angular scale, ~ 1 degree on the sky, set by the distance that sound waves in the ionized photon-baryon fluid can travel just before Hydrogen recombination t_{ls} ~400,000 yrs after the Big Bang: sound horizon s~ $c_s t_{ls}$ ~150 Mpc

Seeing the Sound Horizon









a If universe is closed, "hot spots" appear larger than actual size



b If universe is flat, "hot spots" appear actual size



c If universe is open, "hot spots" appear smaller than actual size

CMB Maps

Current CMB Results



CMB Temperature anisotropy angular power spectrum May 2009: Planck satellite launched & working





SDSS 2.5 meter telescope Apache Point Observatory New Mexico SDSS-I: 2000-5 SDSS-II: 2005-8 SDSS-III: 2008-14



SDSS Galaxy Distribution



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SDSS Galaxy Distribution Luminous Red Galaxies

Their distribution also shows imprint of the sound horizon



Large-scale Correlations of SDSS Luminous Red Galaxies

Redshiftspace Correlation Function

$$\begin{split} \xi(r) &= \\ \left< \delta(\vec{x}) \delta(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) \right> \end{split}$$

Warning: Correlated Error Bars



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations seen in Large-scale Structure: mean

distance to galaxies at $z\sim0.35$

Eisenstein, etal 2005





Supernova Legacy Survey (2003-2008)





- \sim 400+ distant SNe Ia to measure w
- Used CFHT/"Megacam"
- Solution 36 CCDs with good blue response
- 4 filters griz for good K-corrections and color measurement
- Spectroscopic follow-up on 8-10m
- Astier etal (2006): published results based on ~70 SNLS SNe Ia (+Lowz) from 1st season

Megaprime Mosaic CCD camera

The ESSENCE Survey



Determine w to 10% or w!=-1

- 6-year project on CTIO 4m telescope in Chile; 12 sq. deg.
- ✤ Wide-field images in 2 bands
- Same-night detection of SNe
- Spectroscopy
 - 🔹 Keck, VLT, Gemini, Magellan
- ✤ Goal is 200 SNeIa, 0.2<z<0.8</p>

Wood-Vasey, etal (2007), Miknaitis, etal (2007): results from ~60 ESSENCE SNe (+Low-z)

Higher-z SNe Ia from HST

Z=1.39	Z=0.46	Z=0.52	Z=1.23	Z=1.03
HST04Sas	HST04Yow	HST047wi	HST05Lan	HST05Str
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Host Galaxies of Distant Supernovae Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys

50 SNe Ia, 25 at z>1

Riess, etal





Recent Dark Energy Constraints

Improved SN constraints

Inclusion of constraints from Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropy (WMAP) and Large-scale Structure (Baryon Acoustic Oscillations, SDSS)

Only statistical errors shown





assuming flat Univ. and constant *w*

Only statistical errors shown

SDSS DR7 BAO Results



Percival, etal (2009); Reid, etal (2009)

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SNLS Preliminary 3rd year Hubble Diagram



- Conley et al (2009): results with \sim 252 SNLS SNe (to be submitted)
- Independent analyses with 2 light-curve fitters: SALT2, SiFTO



Use the SDSS 2.5m telescope

- September 1 November 30 of 2005-2007
- Scan 300 square degrees every 2 days
- Obtain densely sampled multi-color light curves
- Results today from 2005 season

Kessler, et al 09; Lampeitl et al 09; Sollerman et al 09







Hubble Diagram



Hubble Diagram with SDSS SNe

103 SNe Ia from first season that pass stringent light-curve quality cuts

Kessler etal (2009) Lampeitl etal (2009) Sollerman etal (2009)







SDSS DR7 BAO+SN Results



Consistency of BAO and SN Distances

Carnegie Supernova Project

- ✤ Goal: ~75 SN Ia in redshift range 0.2 - 0.7
- Photometry in nearinfrared bands (Y + J) using Magellan 6.5m
- Gives rest-frame i-band flux near max.
- Reduce systematics due to dust extinction.
- Augment with optical
 +NIR observations at
 low-redshift



First Rest-frame i-band Hubble Diagram to z=0.7



CSP Dark Energy Constraints



w = -1.05 ± 0.13(stat)±0.09(sys)
(assuming k=0 and BAO)



Dark Energy Constraints

Find best-fit dust parameter $R_V = 1.7$ by minimizing scatter in the Hubble diagram

Similar *R_V* result from CSP Low-z

Hicken etal



Number of Type Ia Supernova Discoveries



Systematic Errors (and Controls)

- Dust and SN color variation (multi- λ , NIR, high S/N)
- Selection effects (artificial SNe, Monte Carlo simulations)
- Population evolution (SN properties vs host environment)
- Photometric calibration (system calibration (lasers, etc) & cross-calibration of systems)
- Sample purity (spectroscopy)
- All (subdivide large samples to cross-check)
- Clear pathway to progress

Improved Measurement of H₀



HST Distances to 240 Cepheid variable stars in 6 SN Ia host galaxies $H_0 = 74.2 \pm 3.6 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$

Clusters and Dark Energy

Number of clusters above observable mass threshold

 Volume depends on history of expansion rate
 n(z) depends on growth rate of LSS

Need observable proxy *O* that can be used as cluster mass estimate:

p(O|M,z)

Primary systematic:

Uncertainty in bias & scatter of mass-observable relation



Chandra/ROSAT X-ray Cluster Results



Vikhlinin etal 2009

The Dark Energy Survey

- Study Dark Energy using
 4 complementary* techniques:

 Cluster Counts
 Weak Lensing
 Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
 Supernovae
- Two multiband surveys: 5000 deg² g, r, i, z,Y smaller area repeat (SNe)
- Build new 3 deg² camera and Data management sytem Survey 2011-2016 (525 nights) Response to NOAO AO

Blanco 4-meter at CTIO



*in systematics & in cosmological parameter degeneracies *geometric+structure growth: test Dark Energy vs. Gravity



DES Instrument: DECam





Synergy with South Pole Telescope





SPT will carry out Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) survey of clusters over most of the DES survey area

First SZ-discovered Galaxy Clusters



Staniszewski et al (2009) South Pole Telescope



To detect Gravitational Waves, Measure CMB Polarization



Compton scattering of unpolarized anisotropic radiation produces polarization

- Require Quadrupole (small before *t=400,000* yrs)
- Require Compton scattering (rare after *t=400,000* yrs)
- Signals factor of 10 smaller than temperature anisotropies

Recent CMB Results



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Extra Slides

Understanding Type Ia Supernovae



Thermonuclear explosions of White Dwarf stars

White Dwarf accretes mass from or merges with a companion star, growing to a critical mass~ $1.4M_{sun}$

A violent explosion is triggered at or near the center, and the star is completely incinerated within seconds

In the core of the star, light elements are burned in fusion reactions to form Nickel. The radioactive decay of Nickel and Cobalt makes it shine for a couple of months



Four Current Models of Type Ia Supernovae



3D Simulations of GCD Model for Single-Bubble Initial Conditions



Jordan et al. (2008)

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Comparison of Predicted and Observed Light Curves and Spectra



Moving into an era where comparisons of high-fidelity, 3D, whole-star stimulations and high-quality observations will allow us to discriminate among proposed explosion mechanisms

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