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## inVisibles

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## DARK MATTER

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### Hot questions about Dark Matter

- 1. What is dark matter?
- 2. How do we know that it exists?
- 3. How much is there?
  - 4. Where is it?
  - 5. Could it be normal stuff?
  - 6. How is it distributed?
  - 7. Why should we care?
  - 8. How to search for dark matter?
  - 9. Then what?

## 1. What is dark matter?

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#### "Empty" portion of sky



#### Dense region of the Universe



"The world is full of things which nobody by any chance ever observes."

#### **Sherlock Holmes**





#### Is it something evil...?





#### Not Dark Matter.



## 2. How do we know that it exists?



Count up what you see and figure out how much it weighs.

#### but.... light has not to be in the same place as mass



#### Use gravity!





Measure the speed at which planets orbit around the Sun mass of the Sun



 $\frac{GM_{galaxy}}{R^2}$  $v^2$  $\overline{R}$ 

Measure the speeds of stars — determine the mass of their host galaxy

#### Fritz Zwicky



Identified the presence of missing matter (dark matter) in the Coma cluster (1933 & 1937)

#### Vera Rubin



Studied the variation of the velocities of stars with distance from the center of the Andromeda galaxy (1970)





#### Most of the mass is invisible!



Extra "dark" matter around every galaxy (and cluster of galaxies)

#### DARK MATTER HALO

# Measure the expansion rate of the Universe

## More mass pulls things together and slows the expansion down



### Measure the growth of structures

#### More mass pulls things together and makes them clumpier



### Age of the Universe

#### The Universe is 13.8 billion years old

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**History of the Universe** 

### How did the Universe look like in his youth?



#### Planck satellite





## The 380.000 years old Universe observed by Planck satellite

density fluctuations are 1/100.000



Red color: the Universe was a little bit denser Blue color: a little less dense at that time Very tiny density fluctuations!!



### How does the Universe look like today?

A lot of structures! The universe is very very clumpy

galaxy outskirts are 200 x as dense
a person is 10<sup>30</sup> x as dense
core of the sun is 10<sup>32</sup> x as dense

as the average density of the Universe



#### How the Universe evolves depends on what it is made of!







## 3. How much is there?








# 95% of the Universe is totally different stuff of the content of the periodic table!



### 5. Could it be normal stuff?

## 3 possibilities:

1) Galaxies are mostly made up of very non-luminous objects (MACHOs: black holes, neutron stars, white dwarf stars, large planets, etc.)

2) We don't understand gravity: Gravity does not work in galaxies and clusters the way it does on Earth or in our Solar System

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## Gravitational lensing



Massive objects can be detected as gravitational lenses, even if they are themselves nonluminous





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#### MOND fails in explaining the growth of structures Bullet cluster: evidence for dark matter



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## 6. How is it distributed?

Structure formation depends on:

- The initial density fluctuations
- The total amount of matter
- The type of matter (how much normal matter and how much dark matter)
- What the dark matter is











Galaxies form by gravity in the regions where we have most dark matter We can predict where galaxies form in our simulated Universe



From the simulation we have the right amount of clumpiness.

We needed the dark matter to get the structure forming up as we see them.

BUT we also know that the dark matter cannot be made of normal stuff.



### What we know so far about dark matter

- 1) Not made of normal stuff (i.e. baryons: protons, neutrons)
- 2) Doesn't cool (does not condense to the center of galaxies)3) Does not significantly emit, reflect, or absorb light (electrically neutral)
- 4) Stable on cosmological scales (or lifetime  $>> t_U \sim 13.7$  Gyr)
- 5) Massive (26% of the energy content of the Universe)



#### Best idea: it's a subatomic particle we don't know its mass we don't know how it interacts with other particles



#### Many candidates have been proposed!



#### But... wait...

#### Michele just taught us about some interesting particles!



#### Many candidates have been proposed! There are known particles with most of the properties required, the neutrinos

sneutrino

WIMP

WIMPzillas

gravitino



A key feature of dark matter particles: how fast they move.

HOT dark matter: particles move very fast in terms of the speed of light COLD dark matter: particles are much slower than light



Everything we saw about structure formation makes the assumption that the dark matter is COLD

The measurements indicate the neutrinos can only have a small mass. This makes it rather hard for gravity to slow them down.

Neutrinos are too light and quick moving to make up the dark matter !!!

In general, particles with near-zero rest masses (including neutrinos) are a constituent of hot dark matter. cold

warm

hot



# Hot dark matter is ruled out, but dark matter could be a little bit WARM



CDM

WDM

#### Instead of faint stars, re-imagine the dark matter as a gas of weakly interacting particles, which we will call WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles)

# 8. How to search for WIMPs?





### Direct detection

1) Go deep underground and wait for WIMPs to hit your detector









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No dark matter candidate yet Some interesting hints BUT most likely is just something known which mimics a dark matter signal



Photons and Electrons scatter from the Atomic Electrons

### Indirect detection

2) Use "telescopes" to look for energetic particles that are produced when dark matter particles interact with themselves





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#### $\gamma$ -ray anisotropies from dark matter in the Milky Way: the role of the radial distribution

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#### ABSTRACT

The annihilation of dark matter particles in the halo of galaxies may end up into  $\gamma$ -rays, which travel almost unperturbed till to their detection at Earth. This annihilation signal can exhibit an anisotropic behavior quantified by the angular power spectrum, whose properties strongly depend on the dark matter distribution and its clumpiness. We use high resolution pure dark matter N-body simulations to quantify the contribution of different components (main halo and satellites) to the global signal as a function of the analytical profile adopted to describe the numerical results. We find that the smooth main halo dominates the angular power spectrum of the  $\gamma$ -ray signal up to quite large multipoles, where the sub-haloes anisotropy signal starts to

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No dark matter candidate yet Constraints on dark matter properties Many candidates already ruled out





## Production at colliders

3) Create it using a particle accelerator

Maybe at very very high energies, dark matter interacts with normal matter. Accelerators: recreate conditions of primordial Universe

#### Large Hadron Collider (LHC) @ CERN, Geneva





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Caveat: even if new particle is discovered, must be cross-checked with direct/indirect detection experiments







# Hot questions about Dark Matter

- 1. What is dark matter?
- it's something we cannot see; it could be made by "cold" weakly interacting massive particles.
- 2. How do we know that it exists? several compelling cosmological evidences.
- 3. How much is there?
  - around 26 % of the energy content of the Universe!!!
- 4. Where is it?
  - everywhere. Even here in this room.
- 5. Could it be normal stuff? NO.
- 6. How is it distributed?
  - it forms halos and it is very clumpy.
- 7. Why should we care?
  - galaxies would not have formed as they are, we would not be here now.
- 8. How to search for dark matter?
- direct, indirect detection and production at colliders.
- 9. Then what?

good chances of discover it in the next years.

# Dark Matter in the XXI century

#### Dark matter's nature remains a mystery!



# Dark Matter in the XXI century

### DARK MATTER



LIGHT

**DARK MATTER** is the name given to material in the Universe that does not emit or reflect light but is necessary to explain observed gravitational effects in galaxies and stars. Dark matter, along with dark energy, totals 96% of the Universe, yet it remains a mystery as to what exactly it *is*.

Acrylic felt, wool felt, and fleece with gravel fill for maximum mass. Packaged in a black opaque bag designed for concealing contents.

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