Neutrino Ocillations and Astroparticle Physics (4)

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Dark Matter Searches

Evidence for Matter Density

- Galaxy Dynamics
- Strong Gravitational Lensing

Searches

 Astronomy Dark Matter Candidates (Baryonic) Brown Dwarfs White Dwarfs
 Particle Dark Matter Candidates Neutrinos Axions Neutralinos: Direct and Indirect Searches

Composition of Universe



Universe flat: average density = critical density

Galaxy Rotation



Gravity: $G M(r) / r^2 = v^2 / r$ enclosed mass: $M(r) = v^2 r / G$



Luminous stars only small fraction of mass of galaxy

Mass in a typical galaxy



Gravitational Lensing by Dark Matter





Reconstructed matter distribution





Dark Matter and Structure Formation

Big Bang gravity

Present Structures



Dark Matter is dominant matter in universe : so dominates gravitational interactions in structure formation

Two extreme forms of dark matter possible: hot and cold hot dark matter (eg. Neutrinos) relativistic cold dark matter (eg. Neutralinos) non-relativistic

Relativistic particles escape from structure formation: no galaxies form ! Simulation indicate most dark matter in cold form : CDM

Simulations of Structure Formation



 $\mathbf{Z}=2$

Z=1

Z=0, now

Simulations of Structure Formation



3D Simulation with 'CDM' scale 150 Mpc

Matter/Energy in the Universe



Dark Matter: Astrophysical Candidates



Brown Dwarfs (stars mass <0.1 M_{sun} no fusion)
- some but not enough
White Dwarfs (final states of small stars)
- some but not enough
Neutron Stars/Black Holes (final states of big stars)
- expected to be rarer than white dwarfs
Gas clouds
- 75% visible matter in the universe, but observable

Gravitational Lensing Searches for Brown Dwarfs





Gravitational Microlensing





Brown Dwarfs are part of baryonic dark matter in the

White Dwarfs

Final state of small stars



38 white dwarfs recently found in old plates : fast moving => belong to the halo population old (i.e. cold) => first population of stars in our Galaxy

White dwarfs may compose 3% to 35% of the halo

Dark Matter: Particle Candidates

Neutrinos

Expectes to exist as Big Bang fossil 300 / cm³ = 0.002 if m ~ 0.1eV (as much mass as visible stars) Could not explain all DM because escape during galaxy formation

Axions

Invoked to clean up 'Strong CP Violation' problem in SM Can be Dark Matter if $10^{-5} < m_a < 10^{-2}$ eV Tough to detect

WIMPS (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles)

Neutralino : lightest super-symmetric particle Many searches

Neutrinos as Dark Matter

Neutrino contribution to density fraction: $\Omega_v \approx \Sigma \text{ m} / 46 \text{ eV}$

Neutrino Oscillation : most likely solution



Axions

CP is not an exact symmetry

Violated in weak interaction : observed in K⁰ and B systems

- theory can predict it after experimental discovery

Unfortunately QCD predicts violation in strong interactions
not observed, limits from electron dipole moment
Peccei and Quinn propose another U(1) symmetry
Goldstone boson of this U(1) is the axion

Searches for decades but not found must be very light $m_a < 0.01$ ev Couples so weakly to other particles so it behaves like Cold Dark Matter

Experiments still looking in mode: a



Axion contribution to density fraction: $\Omega_a \approx (5 \ 10^{-6} \ eV/m_a)^{1.2}$

Masses 10⁻⁵ to 10⁻³ interesting as dark matter

US Large Scale Axion Search Microwave Cavity

