## The Role of Dark Matter in the Large-Scale Structures of the Universe



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#### Introduction

- Evidences of missing matter. Can Dark Matter be the answer?
- Concept introduced in the 30's but accepted until 70-80's
- Studied from Cosmological point of view
- Gap between cosmology and galaxy studies

## Types of matter

- Baryonic
  - Matter that forms atoms
  - Can contribute to the missing matter: black holes, neutron stars, white dwarfs, ...
- Non-baryonic
  - No emits, absorbs, scatter radiation
  - Gravitational interaction with normal matter

#### Dark matter

- What's Dark Matter?
  - Nobody really knows
  - No emits, absorbs or scatter radiation
  - About 95% matter of the universe

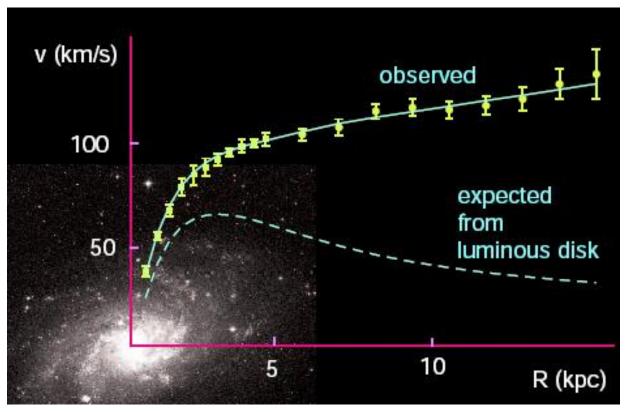


#### Dark Matter

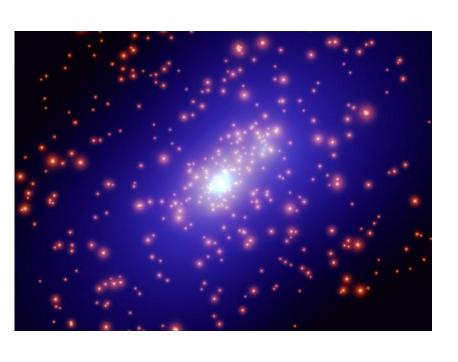
- Idea proposed in the 30's by Fritz Zwicky.
  Why?
  - Speed of Galaxies in large cluster too large
  - Other evidences:
    - Rotation curves
    - Structure of galaxy groups and clusters
    - Etc.

#### Dark Matter

Example of rotation curve discrepancy



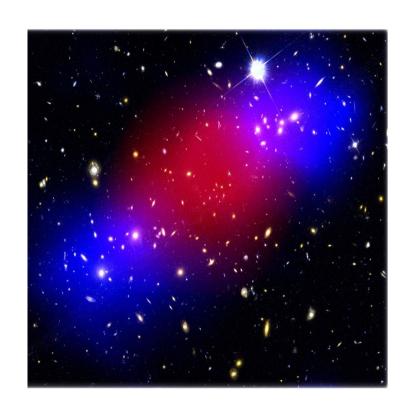
## Dark Matter: Types of Dark Matter



- Two main types
  - Hot Dark Matter (HDM)
  - Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

#### Dark Matter: Hot Dark Matter

- Light neutrinos that decoupled when they had relativistic velocities
- Free streaming: Eliminate fluctuations in density smaller than superclusters  $\sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$
- Top-down process: Fragmentation



#### Dark Matter: Hot Dark Matter

- Good points
  - Structure of filaments is formed
- Bad points
  - Structures form to late
  - More inhomogeneous distribution than observed

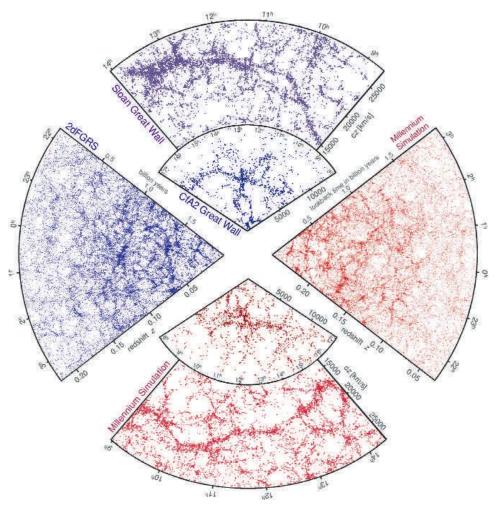
#### Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter

- Particles with Non-relativistic speed
- Possible candidates:
  - WMIP
  - Axions
- Perturbations at all scales survived, even small ones
- Bottom-up process: Hierarchical clustering

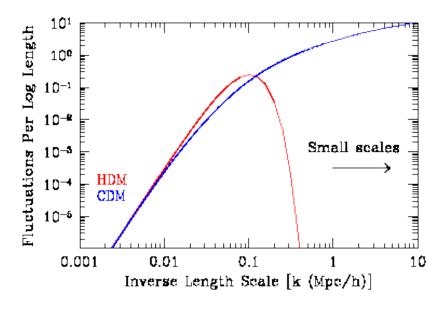
#### Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter

- Good points
  - Predicted distribution of galaxies agrees better with observations
- Bad Points
  - Missing satellite galaxies
  - Cuspy halo problem

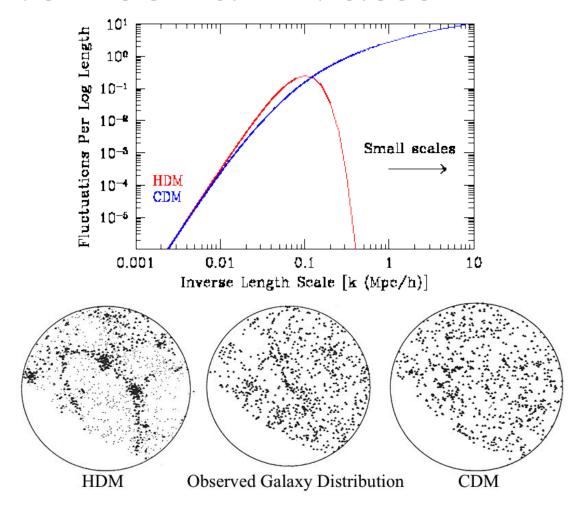
## Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter



### Cold vs Hot Dark Matter



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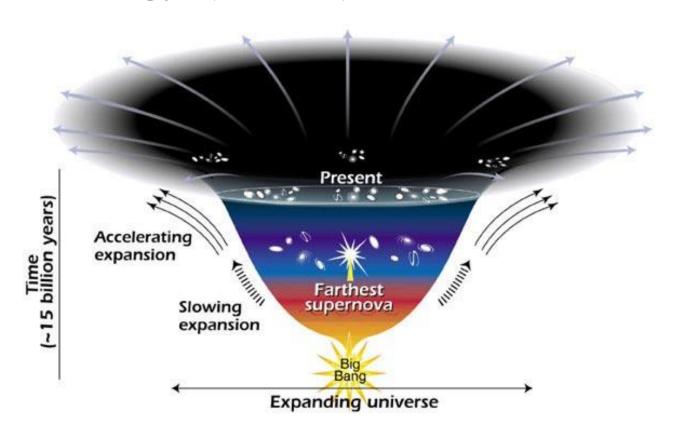
#### Dark Matter: Cold Hot Dark Matter

- Enough neutrino mass to take into account
- Small fluctuations can survive, just their grow rates are decreased
- About 20-30% of total matter is HDM
- Large matter density  $\Omega_{\rm m=1}$

# Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter and Dark Energy (ACDM)

- Inclusion of Dark Energy
- What is Dark Energy?
  - Some kind of negative pressure. Increase expansion rate of the universe
  - Evidences from Supernova Ia observations
- $\Omega_{\rm m}$ ~1/3  $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ ~2/3  $\Omega_{\rm m}$ + $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ =1
- Observational data gives evidences favouring \CDM

# Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter and Dark Energy (ACDM)



#### More models and theories

- ACHDM
  - Include neutrino mass (HDM) into the ΛCDM
- Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND)
  - Gravity depends on the scale of study

#### Conclusions

- ACDM is the most accepted model
- ACHDM seems very promising
- Gap between Cosmological and smaller scale studies. Need to study this field

## Thank you!!

Questions?:)

