Into this wilde Abyss, The Womb of nature and perhaps her Grave, Of neither Sea, nor Shore, nor Air, nor Fire, But all these in their pregnant causes mixt Confus'dly, and which thus must ever fight, Unless th' Almighty Maker them ordain His dark materials to create more Worlds, Into this wilde Abyss the warie fiend Stood on the brink of Hell and look'd a while, Pondering his Voyage; for no narrow frith He had to cross.

— Milton, Paradise Lost, Book 2, lines 910–920

Dark Matter



Dark Energy

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Dark Matter Clues

I. Galaxies in the galaxy clusters move faster than expected

Coma cluster

~ 1000 galaxies 320 Mly away 10^14-10^15 solar masses

Motion of those galaxies from Doppler effect.





Main sequence masses



Luminous matter insufficient to explain galactic motions in clusters

Dark Matter Clues

- I. Galaxies in the galaxy clusters move faster than expected
- 2. The outer parts of spiral galaxies rotate faster than expected

Disk's spiral structure



The structure of the Milky Way's disk

Figure 23-16a

Reconstructing spiral arms from 21cm



• Hydrogen clouds 1 and 3 are approaching us: They have a moderate blueshift.

• Hydrogen cloud 2 is approaching us at a faster speed: It has a larger blueshift.

• Hydrogen cloud 4 is neither approaching nor receding: It has no redshift or blueshift.

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M33 Rotation Curve



Galaxy rotation curves





Figure 23-19

M33 Rotation Curve



Dark Matter Clues

- I. Galaxies in the galaxy clusters move faster than expected
- 2. The outer parts of spiral galaxies rotate faster than expected
- 3. Dark matter doesn't form compact objects.

MACHO = MAssive Compact Halo Object

"big objects" : brown dwarfs, black holes, old white dwarf or neutron stars, rogue planets

... observe with gravitational lensing

WIMP = Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

subatomic particle yet unknown to physics

Gravity = curvature of spacetime.



Looking for MACHOs



When the brown dwarf is directly between us and the distant star [near position 4 in (a)], it acts as a gravitational lens and makes the distant star appear brighter.



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Microlensing is observed, but...

... is too rare and too small for MACHOs to be a significant portion of the dark matter

Dark Matter Clues

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- 2. The outer parts of spiral galaxies rotate faster than expected
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- 4. Dark matter doesn't interact with gas (it's not atoms!)

Expanding universe & the Big Bang



Thermal history of the Universe







info on grav. potential @ recombination



Forces on an overdensity





Statistics of hot/cold spots



Normal matter has gravity, exerts pressure Dark matter has gravity, no pressure

Dark Matter Clues

- I. Galaxies in the galaxy clusters move faster than expected.
- 2. The outer parts of spiral galaxies rotate faster than expected.
- 3. Dark matter doesn't form compact objects.
- 4. Dark matter doesn't interact with gas (it's not atoms!)
- 5. Dark matter hardly interacts with itself, if at all.

Lensing mass map





"Bullet cluster"





0.5 Mpc

z=0.3

Bullet cluster



Composite image of galaxy cluster 1E0657-56 R I V U X G showing visible galaxies, X-ray-emitting gas (red) and dark matter (blue)

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Dark Energy Clues

I. The universe contains much more mass-energy density than just normal and dark matter

Measuring curvature (= weighing the universe)







more matter



Dark Energy Clues

- I. The universe contains much more mass-energy density than just normal and dark matter
- 2. The universe's expansion is accelerating!

Expansion history/future

... based on Einstein's model for gravity.



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... based on Einstein's model for gravity.



Dark Energy Clues

- I. The universe contains much more mass-energy density than just normal and dark matter
- 2. The universe's expansion is accelerating!
- 3. Structure formation slows down as the universe starts to accelerate.

Cosmological matter simulation



z = 2.97 Universe 2.2 billion years old

z = 0.99 Universe 6.0 billion years old

z = 0.00 Universe 13.7 billion years old

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CMB-lensing result



Conclusions

The universe is mostly (95%) made of unknown substances

Dark matter (20%) has normal gravity but no pressure or substantial interactions. Observed in galaxies, clusters, and the microwave background.

Dark energy (75%) has repulsive gravity but is otherwise mysterious. Observed in the expansion of the universe and in the suppression of structure.