Detecting Dark Matter in the X-ray

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z=11.9 800 x 600 physical kpc The CDM Ansatz

Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

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Is the Dark Matter slightly Warm?

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Dark matter comes out of the cold

By Jonathan Amos BBC News science reporter

Astronomers have for the first time put some real numbers on the physical characteristics of dark matter.

This strange material that dominates the Universe but which is invisible to current telescope technology is one of the great enigmas of modern science.

That it exists is one of the few things on which researchers have been certain.

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The British team used 23 nights of observing time on the VLT

But now an Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, team has at last been able to place limits on how it is packed in space and measure its "temperature".

"It's the first clue of what this stuff might be," said Professor Gerry Gilmore. "For the first time ever, we're actually dealing with its physics," he told the BBC News website.

Science understands a great deal about what it terms baryonic matter the "normal" matter which makes up the stars, planets and people - but it has struggled to comprehend the main material from which the cosmos is constructed.

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Dwarf Spheroidal Density Profiles from Radial Stellar Velocity Dispersion

- Dwarf spheroidals studied are consistent with NFW and cored profiles, except for UMi, "only consistent with cored profile" [Gilmore et al.,astro-ph/0608528]
- Constant mass halo consistent with M/L-Luminosity relation



Sterile Neutrinos Beyond the Standard Model of Particle Physics

 ν_s Phenomenological Insertion of Majorana & Dirac Mass Terms of Comparable Magnitude (atmos. & solar) (e.g. ν MSM Asaka et al 2006)

- *Vs* Left-Right Symmetric Models (Pati & Salam 1974; Mohapatra & Pati 1975)
- $\frac{\nu_s}{models}$ Higher Dimensional Operators in String-Inspired models (Langacker 1998)
- $\frac{\nu_s}{\Delta DD}$ Bulk Fermions in Large Extra Dimensions (ADD; Dvali & Smirnov 2000)
- Vs Axino in R-parity Violating Minimal Supersymmetric
 Models (Chun & Kim 1999)

Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter Production







Dodelson & Widrow (1994) Abazajian et al (2001) Abazajian (2006) Asaka et al (2006)

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Radiative Decay in the X-ray



 $\nu_i \to \nu_j + \gamma$ $E_{\gamma} = \frac{m_s}{2} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$

Pal & Wolfenstein 1981

$$\Gamma_{\gamma}(m_s, \sin^2 2\theta) = 1.36 \times 10^{-29} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{10^{-7}}\right) \left(\frac{m_s}{1 \text{ keV}}\right)^5$$

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$$\sim 10^{70} \text{ particles}$$

$$Signal:$$

$$F \propto \int d\Omega \text{ [DM density/distance^2]} \propto J[\Delta\Omega(\theta)]$$

$$J[\Delta\Omega(\theta)] = \rho_s \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\theta} \sin \theta' \left[\int_{x_{\min}(\theta')}^{x_{\max}(\theta')} I[\tilde{r}(x)] dx \right] d\theta'$$

 $I_{\rm NFW}\left[\tilde{r}(x)\right] = \frac{1}{\tilde{r}(x)\left[1+\tilde{r}(x)\right]^2}$

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Background:

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- X-ray continuum
- Compact Objects
- Instrumental

$$\begin{split} \hline \mathbf{Signal:} \\ F \propto \int d\Omega \quad \left[\mathrm{DM \ density/distance}^2 \right] \propto J[\Delta\Omega(\theta)] \\ J \left[\Delta\Omega(\theta) \right] &= \rho_s \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\theta} \sin \theta' \left[\int_{x_{\min}(\theta')}^{x_{\max}(\theta')} I[\tilde{r}(x)] \, dx \right] \\ I_{\mathrm{NFW}} \left[\tilde{r}(x) \right] &= \frac{1}{\tilde{r}(x) \left[1 + \tilde{r}(x) \right]^2} \\ I_{\mathrm{BUR}} \left[\tilde{r}(x) \right] &= \frac{1}{\left[1 + \tilde{r}(x) \right] \left[1 + \tilde{r}^2(x) \right]} \end{split}$$

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X-ray Limits: Virgo and M31



X-ray Constraint Summary for DW Model

XMM Newton: The Virgo Cluster

Andromeda Galaxy: Watson et al 2006 $m_s < 3.5 \ {\rm keV}$

Milky Way in CXB: Abazajian et al 2006 $m_s < 5.7 \ {\rm keV}$

Coma + Virgo Clusters: Boyarsky et al 2006 $m_s < 6.3 {\rm ~keV}$

Virgo Cluster: Abazajian et al 2001 $m_s < 8.2 \ {\rm keV}$ X-Ray Background: Boyarsky et al 2006 $m_s < 8.9 \ {\rm keV}$

Chandra Deep Field: Milky Way Halo Limits from the Unresoved X-ray Background



Hickox & Markevitch 2006, 2007

Milky Way Line Flux limits from the Chandra Deep Field of the CXB



Koushiappas & Hickox 2007

The Soft X-ray Background



100.7 sec X-ray calorimeter exposure on sounding rocket flight from White Sands, NM

Using modern X-ray quantum calorimeters Resolution ~9 eV FWHM (McCammon et al., 2002)

The Soft X-ray Background: Spectrum





Constellation-X Observatory - Beyond Einstein









- SDSS 3D P(k) Main Galaxies (Tegmark et al 2003)
- SDSS Lyman-alpha forest (McDonald et al 2005)
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Stringent Lyman-alpha Forest Constraints?



Both depend on the McDonald et al. (2006) SDSS $P_F(k)$ Measurement

Lyman- α Dependence on Thermal History

- CDM with a warmer thermal history can mimic WDM (and vice-versa)
- Thermal broadening of the line and a larger jeans smoothing scale
- Abazajian, Lidz & Dalal (in preparation)



Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter Summary

- Warm Dark Matter has become the "standard alternate" cosmological structure formation scenario, as it may resolve many problems in structure formation
- Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter is a natural, minimal WDM *and* CDM candidate
- Lower-limits mass from the Lyman-alpha Forest are dependent on the thermal history of the universe and uncertain
- Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter, in the standard production scenarios, is detectable or *potentially* excludable with *Constellation-X* satellite