# Introduction to Dark Matter

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### **Cosmic Cake**



# Measure indirectly by Planck

# Angular analysis of the pertubations





 One expects in general grounds that the rotation velocity of galaxies should follow the following scaling:



The further away from  $v \sim \sqrt{\frac{G_N M(r)}{r}}$  the center you are the slower you the center spin





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• Changing the underlying theory of gravity to explain the problem with the rotation of galaxies has lead to a new theory:

Modification Of Newtonian Dynamics

- In its minimal version it introduces a dependence of gravity on the acceleration of the body
- Tuning that value could explain the rotation's curve

- One can try to make a fully covariant theory whose low energy limit is MOND
- There has been some literature on the subject, specially by Bekenstein and his Tensor-Vector-Scalar gravity but it has some problems:
  - It does not explain as well the rotations of galaxies as DM
  - It has some inconsistencies
  - It is unclear if it can explain Planck
  - But it can not explain:



# Bullet Cluster: the center of gravity (blue) differs from the center of gas (red)



- So then we are left with the possibility that the effect is due to matter than we don't see
- Could it be ordinary matter?
  - Cold gas, MACHOs, white dwarfs, black holes are not enough and are actually inconsistent with BBN
  - Neutrinos are hot (relativistic) and its density is constrained by structure formation

- We are left with candidates beyond the standard model
- We are looking for a particle which:
  - Is stable or metastable (in order to be able to explain DM now)
  - Neutral
  - Cold i.e. not relativistic (maybe warm)
  - Whose interactions are such that it leads to the observed density

One of the first candidates proposes is the axion with a mass of around ~10<sup>-5</sup> eV (even lighter than neutrinos by 5 orders)



LIGHT BEAM experiment that would confirm the existence of axions passes a laser beam through a strong magnetic field, converting some photons to axions (green beam). The axions penetrate a wall before passing through another magnetic field that converts some of the particles back to photons, which form an extremely faint spot on the far wall.

- Another possibilities are WIMPS, particles with weak interactations and masses around 100 GeV
- The so-called WIMP miracle occurs because with masses and couplings testable right now you can reproduce the DM abundance thermaly.

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- In an static universe that would mean that DM will eventually desappear into us.
- But the universe is expanding so it leaves a relic density of DM that can not find another DM to annihilate.



if the expansion rate is much faster than the  $\chi \chi \rightarrow ff$  rate,  $\chi$  never find each other.

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# Ways to detect DM

