## New views of the Universe

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Illustris simulation

## Moj put u svemir

- Odrastao u Sarajevu; Druga Gimnazija matematika, fizika, kompjuteri
- Pohađao programe u Petnici 1991-e (četiri puta!)
- Proveo ~1 godinu dana planirajući studije u Americi (biblioteka američkog centra u Sarajevu)
- Napustio Sarajevo cargo-avionom u Aprilu 1992, (u Beograd), zatim u Ameriku
- Dodiplomski studiji na MIT-u (1996), doktorat na University of Chicago (2001)
- Profesor na University of Michigan od 2007



#### Ann Arbor, Michigan

#### Michigan Stadium (115,000)





## Three key questions in cosmology







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CMB temperature is uniform to 1 part in 100,000 over ~10,000 independent patches - why?? Answer: inflation

### Extremely successful theory of post-BB universe: Inflation! Alan Guth (1981)





#### Guth's office at MIT

Alan Guth



Figure credit Wayne Hu

Inflation "flattens" curved space ⇔ verified by CMB observations!



## Inflation fits data fabulously well



## Three big questions in cosmology



## Dark Matter



Coma cluster of galaxies Coma cluster of galaxies

Fritz Zwicky "Dunkle Materie",1933



## Dark Matter is in "halos" around galaxies (and also around clusters)

(invisible) Dark Matter halo

(visible) light from galaxy

### DM "imaged" using gravitational lensing



## Modern evidence for Dark Matter



$$\Omega_{\text{dark matter}} h^2 = 0.1193 \pm 0.0014$$
  
 $\Omega_{\text{baryons}} h^2 = 0.0222 \pm 0.0001$ 



Planck 2015

### DM cannot be one of these!

### Elementary Particles



## Three Families of Matter

- Hadrons: particle made of quarks
  - baryons: 3 quarks
  - mesons: 2 quarks
- Leptons and force carries are not made of quarks



 $\pi^+$ 

Examples:



## Direct and Indirect Searches for Dark Matter:

Direct detection - wait for WIMP to scatter off of nuclei in underground detectors

Indirect detection: detect products - "normal" particles - of WIMP annihilation in the center of Galaxy (or other galaxies)



#### Sanford Underground Research Facility (SD)







### Direct searches: Cross-section vs mass constraints



#### Indirect detection

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Numerous alarms about "bumps" in spectra seen from Galaxy, and from dwarf galaxies (Reticulum, etc)

So far, none are convincing or truly statistically significant

Exciting and fast-developing field, but will be hard to have a convincing detection of DM just from indirect detection

#### Indirect detection through γ-rays from DM annihilation

![](_page_24_Picture_1.jpeg)

Fermi-LAT (Fermi Large Area Telescope)

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H.E.S.S. & H.E.S.S.-2

![](_page_24_Picture_5.jpeg)

VERITAS

![](_page_24_Picture_7.jpeg)

CTA (Cherenkov Telescope Array)

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## Nobel Prize in Physics 2011

![](_page_26_Picture_1.jpeg)

Saul Perlmutter, Age 52 Lawrence Berkeley Lab

![](_page_26_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### Adam Riess Age 41 Johns Hopkins University

![](_page_26_Picture_5.jpeg)

Brian Schmidt, Age 44 Australian National University

![](_page_26_Picture_7.jpeg)

## Type la Supernovae

A white dwarf accretes matter from a companion.

![](_page_27_Picture_2.jpeg)

### Evidence for Dark energy from type Ia Supernovae

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Makeup of universe today

**Baryonic Matter** (stars 0.4%, gas 3.6%)

Dark Matter (suspected since 1930s established since 1970s)

> Also: radiation (0.01%)

![](_page_30_Figure_4.jpeg)

## Dark Energy: Two Grand Mysteries

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## Fine Tuning Problem II: "Why so small"?

Vacuum Energy: Quantum Field Theory predicts it to be cutoff scale

$$\rho_{\rm VAC} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\rm fields} g_i \int_0^\infty \sqrt{k^2 + m^2} \, \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \simeq \sum_{\rm fields} \frac{g_i k_{\rm max}^4}{16\pi^2}$$

Measured:  $(10^{-3} \text{eV})^4$ SUSY scale:  $(1 \text{ TeV})^4$ Planck scale:  $(10^{19} \text{ GeV})^4$ 

60-120 orders of magnitude smaller than expected!!

# Theoretical explanation for DE: many ideas, no successful ones!

Steven Weinberg:

`Right now, not only for cosmology but for elementary particle theory, this is the bone in our throat"

Frank Wilczek:

``... maybe the most fundamentally mysterious thing in all of basic science"

Ed Witten:

`... would be the number 1 on my list of things to figure out"

Michael Turner:

"... the biggest embarrassment in theoretical physics"

# Why is DE so small relative to theoretical prediction (and yet not zero)?

![](_page_35_Picture_1.jpeg)

Is there a cancellation mechanism that sets vacuum energy to nearly but not precisely zero?

Is there a huge number of universes with Kolb & Turner, "Early Universe", footnote on p. 269: "It is not clear to one of the authors how a concept as lame as the "anthropic idea" was ever elevated to the status of a principle"

![](_page_35_Picture_4.jpeg)

## (Bizarre) Consequences of DE

- Geometry is not destiny any more! Fate of the universe (accelerates forever vs. recollapses etc) depends on the future behavior of DE
- In the accelerating universe, galaxies are leaving our observable patch -> the sky will be empty in 100 billion years
  - Under certain conditions we will have a Big Rip galaxies, stars, planets, our houses, atoms, and then the fabric of space itself will rip apart!

### Ongoing or upcoming DE experiments:

### • Ground photometric:

- Dark Energy Survey (DES)
- Pan-STARRS
- Hyper Supreme Cam (HSC)
- Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

### • Ground spectroscopic:

- Hobby Eberly Telescope DE Experiment (HETDEX)
- Prime Focus Spectrograph (PFS)
- Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

### • Space:

- Euclid
- Wide Field InfraRed Space Telescope (WFIRST)

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## Dark Energy Survey

- New camera on 4m telescope in Chile Observations 2013-2019 >400 scientists worldwide
- Analyses in progress (first major papers Aug 2017)

## Summary

- •Huge variety of various observations in cosmology (since 1992) is revolutionizing our understanding of the universe
- Inflation: period of accelerated expansion ~10<sup>-35</sup> sec after Big Bang; spectacular agreement with data; more details to discover
- Dark Matter: probably a massive particle (but not a baryon!); still undetected; worldwide search ongoing
- Dark Energy: perhaps the most puzzling problem in physics - why is the expansion of the universe today accelerating?