

Can LCDM survive another decade?

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Can Sino-US relations survive calls for more scrutiny of Chinese investment in America?

Will the United States Survive Until 2022?

Property Rebate – Can The Standard Model Survive?









6 parameters: amazing!

- Dark-matter density
- Baryon density
- vacuum-energy density
- Fluctuation amplitude
- Fluctuation spectral index
- Reionization optical depth

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Cosmic.....

Controversy? Tension? Anomaly? Stress? **Discrepancy**? **Disparity**? **Inconsistency**? **Problem?** Crisis?

Dwarf galaxies?

Study plunges standard Theory of Cosmology into Crisis

New insights into Milky Way satellite galaxies raise awkward questions for cosmologists

Missing satellite problem? Too big to fail problem?



Missing satellite problem





• Dwarf satellites of Milky way are ideal for DM research

Durham University

$\sigma_{\rm s}$ Poplam

On the tension between Large Scale Structures and Cosmic Microwave Background

Marian Douspis, Laura Salvati, Nabila Aghanim

Primordial fluctuation amplitudes inferred from CMB and from the galaxy distribution disagree??



CMB Anomalies after Planck

Dominik J. Schwarz, Craig J. Copi, Dragan Huterer, Glenn D. Starkman

(Submitted on 27 Oct 2015)

Several unexpected features have been observed in the microwave sky at large angular scales, both by WMAP an by Planck. Among those features is a lack of both variance and correlation on the largest angular scales, alignment of the lowest multipole moments with one another and with the motion and geometry of the Solar System, a hemispherical power asymmetry or dipolar power modulation, a preference for odd parity modes and an unexpectedly large cold spot in the Southern hemisphere. The individual p-values of the significance of these features are in the per mille to per cent level, when compared to the expectations of the best-fit inflationary Λ CDM model. Some pairs of those features are demonstrably uncorrelated, increasing their combined statistical significance and indicating a significant detection of CMB features at angular scales larger than a few degrees on top of the standard model. Despite numerous detailed investigations, we still lack a clear understanding of these large-scale features, which seem to imply a violation of statistical isotropy and scale invariance of inflationary perturbations. In this contribution we present a critical analysis of our current understanding and discuss several ideas of how to make further progress.

Lensing anomaly? More smoothing of peaks than expected?





Cosmology is in crisis – but not for the reason you may think

by Thomas Kitching, Ucl, The Conversation



Our tendency to see what we want to see is the biggest threat to cosmology. Credit: NASA/wikimedia

Hubble tension





Verde, Treu, & Riess 2019



Late-time solutions

- Modify late-time expansion history to reduce comoving distance to surface of last scatter
- E.g., phantom energy (w<-1)
- Induce inconsistency with BAO

Early-time solution

- Reduce sound horizon
- Does not mess with BAO
- E.g., increase N_{eff} (but induces tension with small-scale CMB)

Early Dark Energy

(Karwal, MK 2016; Poulin, Smith, Karwal, MK 2018; Agrawal et al. 2019; Lin et al. 2019)

Behaves like cosmological constant before recombination and then redshifts away faster than radiation



Scalar field EDE



MK, Pradler, Walker 2014; Poulin, Smith, Grin, Karwal, MK [arxiv:1806.10608] Poulin, Smith, Karwal, MK 2018

EDE fits CMB++ with higher H₀



Testable with future small-scale CMB polarization



Poulin et al [1811.04083]

Recurring periods of DE domination?

e.g. Dodelson et al, astro-ph/0002360, Griest, astro-ph/0202052, MK, Pradler, Walker, 1409.0549 Oscillating dark energy? String axiverse?



Power Dipole?

Lopsided Map of the Cosmos Offers New Clues to the Universe's Origins

BY NATALIE WOLCHOVER, SIMONS SCIENCE NEWS 06.25.13 1:29 PM



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Isotropic power



A power dipole



Two options

- Modulate density-perturbation amplitude; not easy, but can be done with isocurvature (Erickcek, MK, Carroll 2008; Erickcek, Hirata, MK 2009)
- Modulate parameters that map density perturbation to temperature fluctuation (Dai, Jeong, MK, Chluba 2013)

"Models" that fit I<60 asymmetry



Dai et al 2013

Can be distinguished by polarization



Lensing anomaly?



Can try to explain with wiggles in primordial P(k), but not easy to come by in inflation (Domenech, MK 1905.04323)

Even if we chalk it all up to systematics..... can LCDM survive another decade?

Can LCDM survive another decade?

• Probably

Can LCDM survive indefinitely?

• Absolutely not

LCDM

COTION LIVONAVINO



a real theory



What is dark matter?

- WIMPs?
- Axions?
- Ultra-low-mass fields (fuzzy)?
- Primordial black holes



Dark-matter candidates



Why does the vacuum weigh?

- Quintessence?
- Alternative gravity
 - f(R)?
 - Gauss-bonet?
 - Massive?
 - Braneworlds?
- Strange neutrino interactions?
- Phantom energy?
- Landscape?
- Or is that just the way it is?

Why are there baryons?

What is the physics responsible for inflation?

• Natural, chaotic, supersymmetric, supergravity, axion, hilltop, SSB, multi-field, supernatural, new, old, ghost, helical-phase, quintessential, galileon, quartic, locked, stochastic, solid, k-flation, power-law, eternal, inflection-point, Higgs, warm, WIMPflation, two-field, critical-Higgs, gaugeflation, BSI, Gauss-Bonnet, Brans-Dicke, f(R), Starobinsky, attractor, ALP, brane,

How to Deal with STRESS AND TENSION



Cosmological consistency

- independent measurements and analyses
- Complementary measurements and crosschecks
- Precise questions and answers
- (testable) physical models for anomalies

