



Universidade do Minho



Curricular Unit

Advanced Physics Topics 1

Module

Dark Energy, Dark Matter & Gravity (DEDMG)

Type

Lecture course

Contact hours

18

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Summary of Contents

Recent observational evidence arising from the cosmic microwave background radiation (CMB), from type Ia supernovae (SNe-Ia), from baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO), etc, indicate that the expansion of the Universe is accelerating, and that matter that can be observed through the electromagnetic radiation cannot account for the formation of galaxies, cluster and superclusters of galaxies. These observations suggest that, on large scales, the dynamics of the Universe is dominated by a smooth uniformly distributed form of energy, dark energy, and that structure formation requires a substantial amount of a new form of matter, dark matter. The nature and the characterization of these dark components are central issues in contemporary cosmology. Of course, a relevant related question is whether the observations can be accounted by alternative theories of gravity. Thus, in these lectures, observational and theoretical ideas and proposals to unravel these open questions will be discussed.

References

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Evaluation

Essay and oral presentation; Final grading= 0.25 grading of presentation + 0.75 grading of an essay

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