



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Physics of Galaxy Clusters

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#### Obiettivi

Corso introduttivo alla fisica degli ammassi di galassie.

L'obiettivo principale è quello di fornire una panoramica delle proprietà generali degli ammassi di galassie e dare una base di partenza per eventuali studi più approfonditi sui singoli argomenti.

#### Contenuti sintetici

Vedi programma esteso

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Title: PHYSICS OF GALAXY CLUSTERS

#### SETTING THE CONTEXT

- The observed Universe:
- Redshift definition and Hubble-Lemaitre law
- Redshift surveys
- Local Large Scale Structure (LSS): from the Milky-Way to Laniakea
- Definition of Group of Galaxies, Cluster of Galaxies, Supercluster, Void
- The primordial Universe and brief Universe's history
- The simulated Universe: simulations of the LSS
- Motivation for the study of galaxy clusters

## **A MULTI-WAVELENGTH VIEW**

- Hubble Diagram and the galactic content in clusters
- Morphology - density relation of galaxies
- Optical Cluster Catalogues and morphological classification from galactic content
- Total mass of clusters from the dynamics of the galaxies (virial theorem)
- Mass-to-light ratio
- Rotation curves in Sp galaxies
- Gravitational lenses: strong and weak lensing effect
- Introduction to the X-Ray Astronomy for galaxy clusters
- Properties of the Intra-Cluster Medium (ICM; cooling, heating)
- X-ray spectra of clusters
- Total mass from the ICM temperature and density profiles
- Matter composition of galaxy clusters
- Baryonic mass fraction
- Clusters mass function
- ICM entropy
- Metal content in the ICM and enrichment mechanisms

## **COOL-CORE CLUSTERS**

- The core properties of dynamically relaxed clusters:
- Cooling time, density, temperature profiles
- Brightest Clusters Galaxies (BCG)
- Cooling flow and gas flow suppression (AGN feedback)
- Spitzer thermal conduction and turbulence
- Fate of the cooling gas

## **MERGERS IN CLUSTERS**

- Properties of the dynamically un-relaxed clusters
- Mergers shocks: the Bullet cluster
- Shock kinematic, Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions
- Energetic of clusters mergers
- Cold Fronts in un-relaxed clusters: merger cold fronts
- Cold fronts in relaxed clusters: gas sloshing
- Diffuse radio emission in clusters: halos, relics, mini-halos
- Group scale accretion in clusters outskirts
- Missing baryon problem and cluster outskirts

## **Prerequisiti**

## **Modalità didattica**

Video lezioni pre-registrate

## **Materiale didattico**

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## **Periodo di erogazione dell'insegnamento**

Marzo-Aprile 2020

## **Modalità di verifica del profitto e valutazione**

Esame orale

## **Orario di ricevimento**

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