Dynamical view on dark matter from globular cluster orbits



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Strong evidence for dark matter in large scale structure (calculable given observed initial conditions).

On large scales, dynamics of dark matter is consistent with that of pressureless dust.





Strong evidence for dark matter in galaxies. Hard to calculate. A lot of data, difficult to interpret.

Note huge separation of scales between LSS (> Mpc) and galaxies (~ kpc).

Many puzzles, plenty of room for surprises in the physics of dark matter.



ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2



Data from: Read, Walker, Steger, 1808.06634









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Stellar velocities probe the mean-field induced by dark matter.

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...A program I will not discuss here: substructure

Dalal & Kochaneck astro-ph/0111456, Vegetti & Vogelsberger 1406.1170, Hezaveh et al 1601.01388, Minor et al 2011.19627,

Bovy 1512.00452, Banik et al 1911.02663,

Nacib, Lisanti, Belokurov 1807.02519, Ravi et al 1812.07578,







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$$\dot{\mathbf{V}} = -\frac{1}{\tau}\mathbf{V} \qquad \tau = \frac{V^3}{4\pi G^2 m_\star \rho C}$$

Coefficient C encodes state of the medium:

$$C_{\rm class} = 4\pi \ln \Lambda \int_0^V dv_m v_m^2 f_v(v_m)$$



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N-body simulation: 30K "star particles" 1 "GC", about 100 times more massive than "stars" Dynamical friction should:

 Cause more massive GCs to sink faster down the potential well (mass segregation),

 Cause GCs near the center to congregate, potentially form nuclear star cluster.



Can we detect this effect in dark matter-dominated systems?

Rest of talk: 3 examples

1. Fornax (a puzzle? an informative hint?)

- 2. Old analysis: stacked dwarf ellipticals (reiteration of Fornax?)
- 3. Ultra-diffuse galaxy with high statistics: *a textbook example?*

Fornax GC timing problem

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Lack of nuclear star cluster in Fornax?

Bar et al (Shao et al) find mild (~null) statistical timing problem, **ignoring the question of NSC.**

Bar et al (Shao et al) find $\sim 50\%$ ($\sim 30\%$) of all GCs should have arrived at r ~ 0 .

In either case, we might have expected an NSC of $\sim 10^6$ solar mass.



Example 1

A dark matter **core** in Fornax — even only in the inner few 100 pc's could solve the GC timing / NSC puzzle. Tremaine 1976, Oh, Lin, Richer 2000, **Petts, Gualandris, Read 2015**, Hui et al 2017, Lancaster et al 2019, Meadows et al 2020, **Bar et al 2021,** Shao et al 2021,...

"Core vs. cusp":

Lack of NSC may add credence to core hypothesis.



What about other galaxies?

...we want GC-rich, dark matter-dominated galaxies.

Lotz et al, 2001 **51 dwarf elliptical galaxies (HST**), up to 20 GCs/galaxy, stacking analysis.

Predicted NSCs more luminous than observed (...where are the missing GCs of the left panel?) **puzzle similar to that of Fornax?**

Example 2

But many assumptions: (1) GCs on circular orbits, (2) GCs started on same distribution as stars, (3) velocity dispersion from V magnitude, (4) scaled radii to 1/2 light radius, (5) semi-analytical DF...



A different system: ultra diffuse dwarf galaxy





Forbes et al 2019, 2020, Muller et al 2020, 2021, Danieli et al 2022, Danieli, Bar, KB 2022,...



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$$\frac{m_*}{m_*^{(0)}} \approx \frac{2\tau^{(0)}}{\Delta t} \left(\ln \langle r_{0,\perp} \rangle - \ln \langle r_{\perp} \rangle \right)$$

$$\tau^{(0)} \approx \frac{30}{C_{\rm DF}} \left(\frac{v}{20 \text{ km/s}}\right)^3 \frac{10^7 \frac{M_{\odot}}{\text{kpc}^3}}{\rho} \frac{10^5 M_{\odot}}{m_*} \text{ Gyr}, \quad \Delta t \approx 10 \text{ Gyr}, \quad \frac{2\tau^{(0)}}{\Delta t} \approx 6$$

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Lack of dark matter, or a low mass halo, comes with small velocity dispersion, and *overshoots* friction. To compensate, need tuned initial conditions.

Consistent with, and independent of stellar and GC kinematics (Forbes et al 2021).

What we hope to learn KB, in prep



Many more UDGs/dwarfs to investigate.



Modak, Danieli, Greene 2211.01384

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Summary

Look for qualitatively new classes of observable phenomena to probe dark matter.

Dynamical friction in dark matter-dominated galaxies: beyond mean-field effect (Bar et al 2021).

Fornax dwarf galaxy: puzzling lack of nuclear star cluster? ...but small statistics... Puzzle extends to other dwarf galaxies? (Lotz et al 2001; but simplified study, should improve!). **Ultra-diffuse GC-rich galaxies: UDG1 — smoking gun?** (Danieli, Bar, KB 2022).

A lot of work to do: many more galaxies to analyze; case of UDG1 must repeat itself; match velocity measurements.

Numerical challenge: develop fast N-body-calibrated semi-analytic sims.





Thank You!

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Exploring the parameter space with fast semianalytic simulations (implementing core stalling, calibrating Coulomb Log)

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$$\dot{\mathbf{V}} = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{1}{\tau}\mathbf{V}$$

NFW 1 30K, Rmx=2kpc 5K, Rmx=1kpc (1) 0.9 5K, Rmx=1kpc (2) 5K, Rmx=1kpc (3) 20K, Rmx=1kpc (1) 0.8 semianalytic 20K, Rmx=1kpc (2) 0.7 $R_{
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For approximately constant (core) density profile: $\alpha \approx 3$

 $\tau \approx \bar{\tau} \approx \text{Const}$

$$r_0(r,\Delta t) \approx e^{\frac{\Delta t}{2\bar{\tau}}}r$$

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For a core density profile:

$$\Delta t(r) = N_0\left(r_0(r,\Delta t)\right) \approx N_0\left(e^{\frac{\Delta t}{2\bar{\tau}}}r\right)$$

$$\langle r_{\perp} \rangle_{\Delta t} \approx e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{2\bar{\tau}}} \langle r_{\perp} \rangle_{0}$$

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Dynamical friction in a massive dark matter halo naturally produces observed mass segregation.

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Figure 1. Surface density profile for Fornax dSph galaxy with overlaid best-





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dy-state,
$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(n\overline{v_{j}}\right)$$

$$+\frac{2\beta}{r}n\overline{v_r^2} = -\frac{GM(r)}{r^2}r$$

bserved:
$$\sigma_{\text{LOS}}^2(r) = \frac{2}{I} \int_r^\infty dy \left(1 - \frac{\beta r^2}{y^2}\right) \frac{y n \overline{v_r^2}(y)}{\sqrt{y^2 - r^2}}$$







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$$\frac{Gm_*}{b} \sim V^2 \qquad \sigma \sim \pi b^2 \sim \frac{G^2 m_*^2}{V^4}$$

$$\Gamma \sim n\sigma V \sim \frac{\rho}{m} \frac{G^2 m_*^2}{V^4} V$$

$$\Delta P = -\Delta p \sim -mV$$

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More generally: Bar, Blas, KB, Kim 2102.11522

$$=-\frac{V^2 D_{||}}{4\pi G^2 m_\star^2 \rho}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df_1}{dt} &= \int \frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} [S(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) f_1(p')(1 \pm f_1(p)) - S(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') f_1(p)(1 \pm f_1(p'))] \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial p^i} [f_1(1 \pm f_1) D_i] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial p^j} (D_{ij} f_1) \pm f_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial p^j} D_{ij} \right] \\ D_i(\mathbf{p}) &= \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} q^i S(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) , \qquad D_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) = \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} q^i q^j S(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) \end{aligned}$$

$$S(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}') \equiv \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2E_p 2E_{p'}} \int d\Pi_k d\Pi_{k'} \delta^{(4)}(p+k-p'-k') \, |\bar{\mathcal{M}}|^2 f_2(k) (1 \pm f_2(k'))$$

In a dark matter-dominated system, observing the imprint of DF is a probe of the ~local~ phase space distribution of DM.

Micorphysics of DM can have an imprint.

$$|\bar{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = \frac{1}{2s+1} \frac{(16\pi G)^2 m^4 M^4}{[(q^0)^2 - \mathbf{q}^2]^2}$$





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...expect:
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For approximately power law density profile: (e.g. NFW $\beta \approx 2$, $\alpha \approx 2$)

$$\tau = \bar{\tau} (r/\bar{r})^{\beta}$$

There is a **critical radius**:

$$r_{\rm cr} = \bar{r} \left(\frac{2\beta}{1+\alpha} \frac{\Delta t}{\bar{\tau}} \right)^{1/\beta}$$

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GCs that start at r<rer at t=0, arrive at r=0 by t= Δt

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$$r_0(r;\Delta t) = r_{\rm cr} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_{\rm cr}}\right)^{\beta}\right)^{1/\beta}$$

= $r_{\rm cr} \left(1 + \frac{1+\alpha}{2\beta^2} \frac{\tau(r)}{\Delta t} + \cdots\right)^{\beta}$

Cumulative count of GCs (CDF):

$$N_{\Delta t}(r) \approx N_0(r_{\rm cr}) + \frac{1+\alpha}{2\beta^2} N_0'(r_{\rm cr}) r_{\rm cr} \frac{\tau(r)}{\Delta t} + \dots$$



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Nuclear cluster?! Fornax does not seem to have one...

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But only works for $m < 10^{-21}$ eV (Lancaster et al 2019), in tension w/ LSBGs, Ly- α which suggest $m > 10^{-21}$ eV



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Dalal, Kravstov 2203.05750: would have dispersed star cluster in Segue-I?

$$m_{\rm eff} \approx 430 \ \mathrm{M}_{\odot} \left(\frac{10 \ \mathrm{km/s}}{\sigma}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\rho}{10^7 \ \mathrm{M}_{\odot}/\mathrm{kpc}^3}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-20} \ \mathrm{eV}}{m}\right)^3$$





It was suggested that Milky Way dwarf satellite galaxies may point to degenerate fermion dark matter with $m \sim 200 \text{ eV}$

Domcke, Urbano, 1409.3167 Randall, Scholtz, Unwin, 1611.04590



The collision operator:

$$C[f_1] = \int rac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3} \Big[S(\mathbf{p}',\mathbf{p}) f_1(p') (1 \pm f_1(p) - S(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}') f_1(p) (1 \pm f_1(p')) \Big],$$

Transfer function S:

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Reddy, Prakash, Lattimer, astro-ph/9710115 Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy, 1309.1721 **Bar et al, 2102.11522**

$$C_{\rm DF} \rightarrow \frac{V^3}{v_F^3}$$
, instead of the classical gas result: $C_{\rm DF} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}V^3}{3\sqrt{\pi}\sigma^3}$

Examples how it could (have) become very interesting — light fermion dark matter

Bar et al, 2102.11522



DDM must be hot at high redshift due to unavoidable degeneracy pressure.

The minimal possible velocity dispersion can be compared with "standard" hot dark matter.

Ly- α limit m > 2.96 eV (Baur et al, 1512.01981) rules out dwarf galaxy cores as proposed in Domcke, Urbano, 1409.3167; Randall, Scholtz, Unwin, 1611.04590



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Saifollahi et al, 2201.11750: Coma cluster UDGs

