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Cores or cusps in dwarf galaxies?

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CMB map from the full *Planck* mission



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Planck Collab'n 2015

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The mass profiles of massive galaxy clusters



- The mean density profile of rich clusters has the predicted ΛCDM shape
- This is effectively a one-parameter fit (the mean cluster mass)

Stacked weak lensing profiles for LBG's



Dark matter effects on galaxy formation?

Lovell et al 2014.



"Milky Way" halos in CDM and WDM. Note, the Ly α forest 2σ lower limit gives a limiting halo mass 6.5 times <u>smaller</u> than assumed here. real IC's are ~ Λ CDM on essentially all scales relevant to galaxies

Detecting substructures with no stars...



Dwarf galaxy rotation curves: cusps vs cores



Many dwarf galaxies have rotation curves that fit ACDM predictions well

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Many others fail dramatically to fit ACDM predictions. "Cores" from: (i) DM properties? (ii) Baryon effects? (iii) Incorrect modelling?



V_{circ} (2 kpc) versus V_{max} for ACDM halos



V_{circ} (2 kpc) versus V_{max} for ACDM galaxies



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V_{circ} (2 kpc) versus V_{max} for observed dwarfs



Oman et al 2017



"Field" dwarfs are chosen from the Apostle suite of zoom simulations of Local Group like volumes with 60 km/s < $V_{circ,max}$ < 120 km/s

Their global properties are a relatively good match to observation.



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However, the m=3 amplitudes in real dwarfs seem smaller than in the simulated dwarfs.

A core in the Sculptor dwarf spheroidal?





- Sculptor has 2 populations
- Counts for both show cores
- MR stars less extended and cooler than MP
- Both cusped and cored potentials can fit

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Walker & Penarrubia 2011 ~ 1500 stars

Two populations separated statistically. $r_{1/2}$, M($r_{1/2}$) estimated for each. An NFW potential is excluded

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3D motions in the Sculptor dwarf galaxy as a glimpse of a new era

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Here we report, based on data from the Gaia space mission⁸ and the Hubble Space Telescope, a new precise measurement of Sculptor's mean proper motion. From this we deduce that Sculptor is currently at its closest approach to the Milky Way and moving on an elongated high-inclination orbit that takes it much farther away than previously thought. For the first time we are also able to measure the internal motions of stars in Sculptor. We find $\sigma_R = 11.5 \pm 4.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\sigma_T = 8.5 \pm 3.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ along the projected radial and tangential directions, implying that the stars in our sample move preferentially on radial orbits as quantified by the anisotropy parameter, which we find to be $\beta \sim 0.86^{+0.12}_{-0.83}$ at a location beyond the core radius. Taken at face value such a high radial anisotropy requires abandoning conventional models⁹ for the mass distribution in Sculptor. Our sample is dominated by metal-rich stars



Massari et al 2017



with the transverse dispersions estimated from 15 stars and the l.o.s. dispersion from just 10 stars!

Models for a stellar population in a given potential

Strigari et al 2017

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{x(1+x)^2},$$

with corresponding gravitational potential

$$\Phi(r) = \Phi_s \left[1 - \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \right],$$

where we define $\Phi_s = 4\pi G \rho_s r_s^2$ and $x = r/r_s$.

f(E,J) = g(J)h(E),

N.B. these are spherical models in equilibrium

$$\begin{split} g(J) &= \left[\left(\frac{J}{J_{\beta}} \right)^{\frac{b_0}{\alpha}} + \left(\frac{J}{J_{\beta}} \right)^{\frac{b_1}{\alpha}} \right]^{\alpha}, \\ h(E) &= \begin{cases} NE^a (E^q + E_c^q)^{d/q} (\Phi_{lim} - E)^e & \text{for } E < \Phi_{lim} \\ 0 & \text{for } E \ge \Phi_{lim}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Two parameters for the potential and eleven for *each* stellar population can be varied using MCMC to find acceptable fits to the observational data.

Two stellar populations in Sculptor?





Data from Walker & Penarrubia (2011).

W is the directly measured indicator of metallicity.

The red line is the split which maximizes the difference in radial distribution between "metal-rich" (W > 0.35) and "metal-poor" (W < 0.35) stars

Two population fits to the MP11 data for Sculptor



Good simultaneous fits can be found to the star count and velocity dispersion data from WP11 for both MR and MP stars

The fits for cored (Burkert) and cusped (NFW) potentials are equally good

The parameters found for NFW profiles are consistent with those expected from simulations of the standard Λ CDM model

Transverse dispersions predicted in the HST fields by models fit to the WP11 data



Strigari et al 2018

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Conclusions?

- Apparent cores in dwarfs may in many cases be due to non-circular motions caused by non-axisymmetric halos
- Simulations and observations show deviations from circular motion of similar morphology but different amplitude
- Current data on Sculptor cannot distinguish between an (NFW) cusp and a (Burkert) core, even including PMs
- It may be possible to tell the difference with dispersion profile measures over a broad range in radii and with an accuracy for individual points of 0.5 km/s or less
- This will require measurement of ~10⁴ radial velocities and/or proper motions with high individual accuracy
- Good data in the inner regions (<100pc) are particularly important