FERMIONIC WARM DARK MATTER: REVISITING LIMITS FROM THE SMALLEST DWARF GALAXIES

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Limits on Fermionic Warm Dark Matter mass from the smallest dwarf spheroidal galaxies

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ONE-SLIDE RECAP

- Mass-to-Light ratio striking evidence of DM
- (Globular Clusters likely rule out modifications of gravity for DM)
- Cored profile preferred for small galaxies...?





Dwarf Spheroidals



HYPOTHESIS OF DEGENERATE FERMIONIC DARK MATTER HALOS

 Pauli exclusion can forbid a central density cusp fermionic DM can explain cored profiles

The largest density is observed in smallest systems, so we need to focus on the smallest dwarf galaxies

Dwarf galaxies, dark matter dominated, could be quantum degenerate spheres of fermi particles (10⁷⁰ of them)

The particle mass is bounded from below, *à la* Tremaine-Gunn [...,Chavanis+ '97, Bilic+ '99,...,Destri DeVega Sanchez '13; Merafina Alberti '14; Domcke Urbano '14]

JTO GRAVITATING FERMION GAS Spherical symmetry, isothermal. $\phi(r)$: average gravitational potential Poisson equation Fermi Dirac Statistics: $\begin{cases} \frac{d\phi(r)}{dr} = G\frac{M(r)}{r^2} \\ \frac{dM(r)}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) \end{cases}$ $\rho(r) = mn(r) = \frac{gm}{2\pi^2\hbar^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 \, dp \, f \left[\frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu(r)\right]$ $f_{FD}(E) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(E/T_0)}$

r-dependent chemical potential: $\mu(r) = \mu_0 - m\phi(r)$ Thomas-Fermi Equation $\frac{d^2\mu}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r}\frac{d\mu}{dr} = -4\pi Gm\rho(r) = -\frac{2gGm^2}{\pi\hbar^3}\int_0^\infty dp \, p^2 f\left[\frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu(r)\right]$ b.c. $\begin{cases} \frac{d\mu}{dr}(0) = 0 \\ \mu(0) & \text{free parameter: degeneracy at origin} \end{cases}$

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CDM MASS DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSTRUCTURES SUBSTRUCTURES Substructures

unseen low masses

Dramatic slope, if extrapolated to low masses

(btw - impossible to predict annihilation, due to unknown amount of subhalos)



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HOW DOESTHE GALAXY PROFILE CHANGES

fix two parameters

$$\Sigma_0 = 120 \, M_\odot / pc^2$$
$$M_h \simeq 2.6 \times 10^6 M_\odot$$

Only parameter left: mOr: u_0

And let's see if we can discriminate m with the profile.

Recall

 $\nu_0 \lesssim -4$ \blacktriangleright classical

 $\nu_0 \gtrsim -4$ > starts to be degenerate

 $\nu_0 \gtrsim 10$ > highly degenerate, T_0 independent

FIX A GALAXY, VARY DM MASS m



FIX *m*, GALAXIES OF DIFFERENT MASS



i we probe these promes

WE OBSERVE THE STAR VELOCITY DISPERSION (LINE OF SIGHT ONLY, σ_r)

- No: nontrivial problem already to estimate the DM mass
- use Jeans equation for matter, from given mass model M(r)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{2\beta}{r}\right)(n_*\sigma_r^2) = -n_*\frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$$

• Dispersion anisotropy β unknown

$$\beta \equiv 1 - \sigma_{\perp}^2 / \sigma_r^2$$

hard to measure stars for small galaxies

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• Effect of anisotropy, e.g. $\beta=1$

large core gives again a flattish $\sigma_{*,r} \dots !$



Are rising velocity dispersion profiles allowed?

Compare with data



LEO II, WILLMAN I



constrain $R_{\rm h}$, $M_{\rm h}$, m by fitting with predicted profiles





MARGINALIZING BETA β - LEO II



FIG. 4. Stellar velocity dispersion for Leo II. The dashed line represents the best fit, achieved for $\beta=0.7.$





MARGINALIZING BETA β - WILLMAN I



TOTAL MASS LIMITED BY DYNAMICAL FRICTION

Satellites would have fallen in the MW halo... ...due to gravitational friction

• Time: [Chandrasekar formula, e.g. Binney Tremaine 2008 Read+ '06; Just '11, etc]

$$t_{\rm fric} = \frac{10^{10} \text{y}}{\ln \Lambda} \left(\frac{D}{60 \text{kpc}}\right) \left(\frac{v}{220 \text{km/s}}\right) \left(\frac{2 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\odot}}{M_{\rm h}}\right)$$

should be larger than the age of Galaxy $\sim 10^{10}$ y.

• Puts a bound on halo mass $M_{
m h}$

[Gerhard Spergel '92]

BOUND ON DM MASS m?



dSph may be larger... Tremaine Gunn

saved by Dynamical Friction

> ... substantially weakened to $m \ge 100 \text{ eV}$?

(even if one does not accept ≥ kpc size)

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Nothing stronger from Dwarf Disk galaxies [Little Things '15 HI survey]



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is there more space for sterile neutrinos?

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That's all from data.

Then, a serious question is

Are degenerate fermionic galaxies physical?

PHASE TRANSITION TO DEGENERATE?

possible, because gravity is attractive [Hertel Thirring '71]



PHASE SPACE DISTRIBUTIONS

 For classical models

 (~maxwellian, intermediate momenta dominate)

• To be compared with degenerate FD

Lower momenta, Denser.

Will the distribution collapse? How?

Figure 2. "Phase-space" distribution of halo particles before and after imposing the disk potential (upper and lower panel, repectively). The solid line in each panel shows the escape velocity



[Navarro Eke Frenk '96]

RELAXATION IN GALACTIC DYNAMICS

 Encounters? No - play a role only for few objects (T = Tcrossing 0.1 N/logN, here N~10^70, very large) Thus, we are collisionless

 Phase mixing? Relaxation for ignorance.
 Probably not relevant to get degeneration (phase space has to be fully filled)



• Violent relaxation?

changes energy per unit mass (i.e. independent of mass) (collision independent - assumes motion in a changing potential)

RELAXATION IN GALACTIC DYNAMICS

What about for fermions?

- Fermions interact only with near-fermi-surface states, so even reduced encounters? (and slow ones bounce off)
- Violent relaxation only possibility? (collisionless interaction) But are timescales of Potential variation sufficiently long? Still an open problem it seems [Chavanis '01-'03]
- BTW: violent relaxation leads to Fermi Dirac like distribution, even for bosons..... [Lynden-Bell '67] (thus, we may say it's compatible)

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Looking forward for quantum simulations?

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 Thanks!

2. Production Mechanisms



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Figure 13. Constraints on the sterile neutrino model from the literature. Our full-sample MOS line detection (assuming that the line is from sterile neutrino and that all dark matter is in sterile neutrino) is shown by red symbols in both panels; error bar is statistical 90%. Left: historic constraints from Abazajian (2009). Red curves show theoretical predictions for the Dodelson-Widrow mechanism assuming sterile neutrinos constitute the dark matter with lepton numbers L=0, 0.003, 0.01, 0.1. See Abazajian (2009) for explanation of the various observational constraints that come from Tremaine & Gunn (1979); Bode et al. (2001); Boyarsky et al. (2006); Strigari et al. (2006); Abazajian et al. (2007). Right: most recent X-ray constraints (reproduced from Horiuchi et al. (2014)), based on deep Chandra (Horiuchi et al. 2014) and XMM-Newton (Watson et al. 2012) observations of M31 and Suzaku observations of Ursa Minor (Loewenstein et al. 2009). The red band marked "Dodenson & Widrow" is same as the L = 0 curve in left panel. Our measurement lays at the boundary of the constraints from M31.

DETECTION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED EMISSION LINE IN THE STACKED X-RAY SPECTRUM OF GALAXY CLUSTERS

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SOME MEANING OF Σ_0 ?

Basic Virial estimate:

$$\frac{E_{grav} \sim -2 E_{kin}}{\frac{GM_h^2}{r_h} \sim Nmv^2 \sim M_h v^2 \sim M_h \sigma^2}$$

Gives velocity dispersion

$$\sigma^2 \sim \frac{GM_h}{r_h}$$

But, for cored profile

$$\begin{cases} \rho_0 \sim M_h / r_h^3 \\ \sigma^2 \simeq P / \rho_0 \end{cases}$$

thus the observed constant surface density $\Sigma_0 \sim \frac{M_h}{r_h^2}$

implies a Constant Pressure (?)

$$P \sim G \Sigma_0^2$$

THOMAS FERMI - DIMENSIONLESS

$$r = l_0 \xi$$
 , $\mu(r) = T_0 \nu(\xi)$ $y = p/\sqrt{2mT_0}$

$$\frac{d^2\nu}{d\xi^2} + \frac{2}{\xi}\frac{d\nu}{d\xi} = -I_2(\nu) \qquad I_2(\nu) = 3\int_0^\infty y^2 \, dy \,\Psi(y^2 - \nu)$$

b.c.
$$\begin{cases} \nu'(0) = 0 \\ \nu_0 & \text{only one free parameter} \end{cases}$$

determines the dimensionless potential $\nu(\xi)$

...and all solutions will be just rescalings.

REPRESENTATIVE DM PROFILES



NFW

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{\frac{r}{R_s}(1 + \frac{r}{R_s})^2}$$

Burkert

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0 r_h^3}{(r+r_h)(r^2+r_h^2)}$$

Isothermal

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \frac{r_h^2}{(r^2 + r_h^2)}$$



 $M_h \sim \Sigma_0 r_h^2$ continuous lines Σ_0 fixed $M_h \sim \frac{\hbar^6}{G^3 m^8} \frac{1}{r_h^3}$ dashed, degeneration limit m fixed





THERMODYNAMIC QUANTITIES

$$P(r) = \frac{g}{6\pi^2 m\hbar^3} \int_0^\infty dp \, p^4 f \left[\frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu(r)\right]$$

- non relativistic DM

- f(E)

$$\sigma^{2}(r) = \frac{1}{3} \langle v^{2} \rangle(r) = \frac{1}{3m^{2}} \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} dp \, p^{4} f\left[\frac{p^{2}}{2m} - \mu(r)\right]}{\int_{0}^{\infty} dp \, p^{2} f\left[\frac{p^{2}}{2m} - \mu(r)\right]}$$



Thomas-Fermi automatically includes

)
$$P(r) = \frac{1}{3} \langle v^2 \rangle(r) \, \rho(r) = \sigma^2(r) \rho(r)$$
 Local eq of state

2) $\frac{dP}{dr} + \rho(r)\frac{d\phi}{dr} = 0$ Idrostatic equilibrium (newtonian)

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$$r = l_0 \xi$$
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$T_0 = temperature$

 $l_0 =$ characteristic length scale

$$l_{0} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{8G}} \left(\frac{2}{g}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{9\pi I_{2}(\nu_{0})}{m^{8}\rho_{0}}\right]^{\frac{1}{6}} =$$

$$= R_{0} \left(\frac{2 \, keV}{m}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \left(\frac{2}{g}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{I_{2}(\nu_{0})}{\rho_{0}} \frac{M_{\odot}}{pc^{3}}\right]^{\frac{1}{6}} \qquad R_{0} = 7.425 \, pc$$

$$I_{n}(\nu) = (n+1) \int_{0}^{\infty} y^{n} \, dy \, \Psi(y^{2}-\nu) \quad , \quad n = 1, 2, .$$

g=2 for spin 1/2 particles

$\nu(\xi)$ associated to (chemical) potential



 $\nu_0 \gtrsim -4$ > degeneration starts to appear

Back to physical units $\begin{cases}
\nu(\xi) & \nu'(\xi) \\
I_2(\nu(\xi)) & I_4(\nu(\xi))
\end{cases} \quad \rho(r), M(r), \sigma(r), P(r)$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{m^{\frac{5}{2}}}{3\pi^2\hbar^3} (2T_0)^{\frac{3}{2}} I_2(\nu(\xi)) = \rho_0 \frac{I_2(\nu(\xi))}{I_2(\nu_0)}$$

 $\rho_0 = \frac{m^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3\pi^2\hbar^3} (2T_0)^{\frac{3}{2}} I_2(\nu_0) \quad \text{connection between } \rho_0 \text{ and } T_0$

three free parameters



Pressure

$$P(r) = \frac{m^{\frac{3}{2}}}{15\pi^{2}\hbar^{3}} (2T_{0})^{\frac{5}{2}} I_{4}(\nu(\xi)) = \frac{1}{5} (9\pi^{4})^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{\hbar^{6}}{m^{8}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[\frac{\rho_{0}}{I_{2}(\nu_{0})}\right]^{\frac{5}{3}} I_{4}(\nu(\xi))$$

Velocity dispersion

$$\sigma^{2}(r) = \frac{P(r)}{\rho(r)} = \frac{2T_{0}}{5m} \frac{I_{4}(\nu(\xi))}{I_{2}(\nu(\xi))}$$

nontrivial dependence only on u_0

Enclosed mass

$$M(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r r^2 dr \rho(r) = 4\pi \frac{\rho_0 l_0^3}{I_2(\nu_0)} \int_0^\xi dx \, x^2 I_2(\nu(x))$$

$$=4\pi \frac{\rho_0 l_0^3}{I_2(\nu_0)} \xi^2 \left|\nu'(\xi)\right|$$

$$= M_0 \xi^2 |\nu'(\xi)| \left(\frac{2 \, keV}{m}\right)^4 \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{I_2(\nu_0)} \frac{pc^3}{M_\odot}}$$

with $M_0 = 4\pi M_\odot \left(\frac{R_0}{pc}\right)^3 = 5.144 \, 10^3 \, M_\odot$



$$\rho(r) = \left(\frac{2^9 G^3 m^8}{9\pi\hbar^6}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \left[\frac{\Sigma_0}{\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)}\right]^{\frac{6}{5}} I_2(\nu(\xi))$$
$$= 28.1967 \frac{I_2(\nu(\xi))}{[\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)]^{\frac{6}{5}}} \left(\frac{m}{2\,keV}\right)^{\frac{8}{5}} \left(\frac{\Sigma_0 \, pc^2}{120\,M_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{6}{5}} \frac{M_{\odot}}{pc^3}$$

$$M(r) = 4\pi \left(\frac{9\pi\hbar^6}{2^9 G^3 m^8}\right)^{\frac{2}{5}} \left[\frac{\Sigma_0}{\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)}\right]^{\frac{3}{5}} \xi^2 |\nu'(\xi)|$$
$$= \frac{27312 \xi^2}{[\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)]^{\frac{3}{5}}} |\nu'(\xi)| \left(\frac{2 \, keV}{m}\right)^{\frac{16}{5}} \left(\frac{\Sigma_0 \, pc^2}{120 \, M_\odot}\right)^{\frac{3}{5}} M_\odot$$

$$\sigma^{2}(r) = \frac{11.0402}{\left[\xi_{h}I_{2}(\nu_{0})\right]^{\frac{4}{5}}} \frac{I_{4}(\nu(\xi))}{I_{2}(\nu(\xi))} \left(\frac{2\,keV}{m}\right)^{\frac{8}{5}} \left(\frac{\Sigma_{0}\,pc^{2}}{120\,M_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{4}{5}} \left(\frac{km}{s}\right)^{2}$$

$$P(r) = \frac{8\pi}{5} G \left[\frac{\Sigma_0}{\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)} \right]^2 I_4(\nu(\xi)) = \frac{311.310}{[\xi_h I_2(\nu_0)]^2} I_4(\nu(\xi)) \left(\frac{\Sigma_0 \, pc^2}{120 \, M_\odot} \right)^2 \frac{M_\odot}{pc^3} \left(\frac{km}{s} \right)^2$$

in general, or in classical regime 3 parameters

quantum degenerate limit 2 parameters







VIRIAL MASS & RADIUS

 $M_{\rm vir}$

 $r_{\rm vir}$





both could identify m

...unfortunately, not directly measurable.



high vo



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...unfortunately, not directly measurable.

Still, prediction: a lower limit on total mass



so Bimodal profile of dispersion velocity inside and outside the core, for *degenerate galaxies*

a) Quantum drives the dispersion in the core $\sigma = \frac{\hbar}{m^{\frac{4}{3}}} \rho_0^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b) Classical dispersion in the halo: $\sigma = \sqrt{T_0/m}$

Recall, small *m* galaxies are more degenerate



by looking at profiles - could we find m ?