OVERVIEW: Dark matter structure and simulations (Astrophysical Constraints on Dark Matter)

Hot gas explodes out of young dwarf galaxies

Simulation by Andrew Pontzen, Fabio Governato and Alyson Brooks on the Darwin Supercomputer, Cambridge UK.

Simulation code **Gasoline** by **James Wadsley** and **Tom Quinn** with metal cooling by **Sijing Sheng**.

Visualization by Andrew Pontzen.

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CDM IS AN EXCELLENT MODEL FOR THE LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE



Hlozek et al. (2012)

BUT...

THE SMALL SCALE "CRISIS" OF CDM

- Bulge-less disk galaxies
- The cusp/core problem
- The "Missing Satellites" problem
- Missing Dwarfs
- The "Too Big to Fail" (dense satellites) problem

MY STARTING POINT:

THERE IS NO SMALL SCALE CRISIS

THERE'S JUST A LOT OF POORLY UNDERSTOOD PHYSICS

BUT THAT DOESN'T RULE OUT NEW PHYSICS

THE IMPORTANCE OF BARYONIC PHYSICS



CDM PREDICTS LARGE BULGES ...BUT WE RARELY SEE THEM

- Tidal torques: predict the sizes of disks well
- But over-predict the amount of low angular momentum gas



Outflows!



M_{vir} ~ 10¹⁰ M_{sun} "dwarf galaxy"

Edge-on disk orientation

(arrows are velocity vectors)

Outflows Remove Low Angular Momentum Gas



Brook et al., 2011, MNRAS, 415, 1051

van den Bosch et al. (2001)

THE CUSP/CORE PROBLEM



Parameterize density profile as $\varrho(\mathbf{r}) \propto \mathbf{r}^{-\alpha}$ Simulations predict $\alpha \sim 1$ (a steeply rising central cusp) Observations show $\alpha \sim 0$ (constant-density core)

Creation of a Dark Matter Core



Oh et al., 2011, AJ, 142, 24

Pontzen & Governato (2012)

How are Cores Created?



Pontzen & Governato (2012), MNRAS, 421, 3464, arXiv:1106.0499

CORE CREATION VARIES WITH GALAXY MASS



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WE NEED BARYONS IN ALTERNATIVE DM MODELS

WHAT IS THE SMOKING GUN THAT POINTS TO A GIVEN DM MODEL?

WDM: WALKING A FINE LINE



Lovell et al. (2016)

A TESTABLE PREDICTION OF DELAYED STRUCTURE FORMATION



Governato et al. (2014)

SIDM: THE CONSTRAINTS ARE WEAKENING



results for a 9x10⁹ M_{sun} halo

BUT... BARYONS WIN FIRST



AN OBSERVATIONAL TEST

If galaxies in this mass range are observed to have large cores, then something beyond CDM is necessary



EVEN LIGHTER DM? FUZZY DM SIMULATIONS



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solitonic cores denser than CDM?

THE FUTURE IS DWARFY



Tollerud et al. (2009)

Conclusions

Baryonic physics alleviates the current problems with CDM

But that doesn't mean CDM is the correct model. All dark matter models must also include baryons!

Future observations of dwarf galaxies ($M_{star} < 10^7 M_{sun}$) are the best probes of non-vanilla CDM

To constrain the Dark Matter model, we must understand the impact of baryonic physics on galaxy formation!

see arXiv:1407.7544 for a review

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