Self-Interacting Dark Matter and Diverse Galactic Rotation Curves

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Review for Physics Reports: Tulin & HBY (2017)

Beyond the WIMP Paradigm



Some guidance

- Theory-driven: different production mechanisms
- Technology-driven: what can we do with current technologies?
- Observation-driven: how can we determine the particle nature of DM from astrophysical observations?

- Note the WIMP is a typical collisionless cold dark matter (CDM) candidate
- CDM works very well on large scales, >O(100) kpc

Core vs Cusp Problem

DM-dominated systems (dwarfs, LSBs)



Many dwarf galaxies prefer a shallow density core, instead of a steep density cusp

Flores, Primack (1994), Moore (1994)...

The Diversity Problem



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Colored bands: hydrodynamical simulations of ΛCDM

A Big Challenge to ΛCDM



The unexpected diversity of dwarf galaxy rotation curves

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The diversity is expected if dark matter has strong self-interactions

Self-Interacting Dark Matter

• Self-interactions thermalize the inner halo, not the outer halo



Modelling SIDM Halos



with Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2016)

Addressing the Diversity Problem

• DM self-interactions thermalize the inner halo



DM-dominated galaxies: Lower the central density and the circular velocity

Isothermal $\rho_X \sim e^{-\Phi_{\rm tot}/\sigma_0^2} \sim e^{-\Phi_X/\sigma_0^2}$ distribution

with Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2016)

Addressing the Diversity Problem

• DM self-interactions tie DM together with baryons



Thermalization leads to higher DM density due to the baryonic influence

$$\rho_X \sim e^{-\Phi_{\rm tot}/\sigma_0^2} \sim e^{-\Phi_{\rm B}/\sigma_0^2}$$



with Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2016)



- Scatter in the halo concentration-mass relation ($\sim 2\sigma$)
- Scatter in the baryon distribution
- SIDM thermalization ties DM and baryon distributions

Isolated N-body simulations: with Creasey, Sameie, Sales et al. (MNRAS 2016)

Hydro SIDM Simulations



With Robertson, Massey, Eke, Tulin, et al. (MNRAS Letters, 2017)

- The SIDM distribution is sensitive to the final baryon distribution
- But, it is not sensitive to the formation history

Predicted in Kaplinghat, Keeley, Linden, HBY (PRL 2013)

Strong Feedback vs SIDM



Santos-Santos et al. (2017)

with Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2016)

Gray: NIHAO CDM simulations

"strong/violent" feedback

Observed scatter: ~ 4 (3 σ away) Simulations: ~ 2 Solid lines: SIDM fits (~ 2σ in the c₂₀₀-M₂₀₀ relation)



Radial Acceleration Relation



With Kaplinghat, Kwa, Ren (in prep)

McGaugh, Lelli, Schombert (PRL 2016)

$$g_{\text{tot}} = \frac{g_{\text{bar}}}{1 - e^{-\sqrt{g_{\text{bar}}/g_{\dagger}}}}$$
 I35 galaxies

SIDM from Dwarfs to Clusters

Galaxies: $M_{halo} \sim 10^9 - 10^{12} M_{\odot}$

Clusters: $M_{halo} \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} M_{\odot}$

Bullet Cluster: $< \sim 2 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

With Kaplinghat, Tulin (PRL, 2015)



DM halos as particle colliders

Using the data from Newman et al. (2013)

Measuring Dark Matter Mass

Self-scattering kinematics determines SIDM mass



with Kaplinghat, Tulin (PRL 2015)

Particle Physics of SIDM

• Familiar examples in the visible sector



Terrestrial Experiments



With Del Nobile, Kaplinghat (2015) With Ren et al., the PandaX-II collaboration (2018)



SIDM at the LHC

WIMP: Mono-X+Missing Energy

With Ren, Tsai, Xu (in prep)

Shepherd, Tait, Zaharijas (PRD 2009)

An, Echenard, Pospelov, Zhang (PRL 2015)

Tsai, Wang, Zhao (PRD 2015)

Summary



- SIDM provides a unified explanation to the stellar kinematics from dwarf galaxies to galaxy clusters.
- It simultaneously explains the diversity and the uniformity of the galactic rotation curves.
- There is a strong hint that the inner halo is thermalized.

