# Observational Evidence of Strong Dark Matter Self-Interactions

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## Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

Large scales: very well



- Small scales (dwarf galaxies, sub-halos, galaxy clusters)
  - Core vs Cusp
  - Diversity
  - Too Big To Fail
  - Ultra-diffuse galaxies
  - Dense lensing perturber
  - "Cores" in clusters





### **CDM: Universal Density Profile**



the Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) profile (1996)

#### The unexpected diversity of dwarf galaxy rotation curves

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Colored bands: hydrodynamical simulations of CDM

Rotation curves (matter distributions) are diverse in spiral galaxies

## Self-Interacting Dark Matter

Self-interactions thermalize the inner halo





 $\sigma/m_{\chi}>O(1)$  cm<sup>2</sup>/g (nuclear scale)

 $\Gamma \simeq n\sigma v = (\rho/m_X)\sigma v \sim H_0$  Review: Tulin, HBY (Physics Reports 2017)

## Modelling SIDM Halos

semi-analytical approach

Thermalized

Halo

Inner halo

Ideal gas: PV=nRT

isothermal distribution

 $ho_0 e^{-\Phi_{
m tot}/\sigma_0^2}$ 

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\rm tot} &= \Phi_{\rm dm} + \underline{\Phi}_b \\ & {\rm Known} \\ \nabla^2 \Phi_{\rm tot} &= 4\pi G (\rho_{\rm dm} + \rho_b) \end{split}$$

with Kaplinghat, Keeley, Linden (PRL 2014) with Kaplinghat, Linden (RPL 2015) with Kaplinghat, Tulin (PRL 2016) with Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2017)

Confirmed in hydro simulations: Robertson+(+HBY, MNRAS 2018), Robertson+(MNRAS 2021)

Outer halo

$$\frac{\rho_s}{r/r_s(1+r/r_s)^2}$$

The boundary is set by

rate × time  $\approx \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m} \rho(r_1) t_{\text{age}} \approx 1$ 

$$(\rho_0, \sigma_0) \leftrightarrow (\rho_s, r_s) \leftrightarrow (V_{\max}, r_{\max})$$







w/Ren, Kwa, Kaplinghat (PRX 2018) w/Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2017) w/Creasey, Sameie, Sales+ (MNRAS 2017) w/Roberts, Kaplinghat, Valli (in prep 2024)

### **Gravothermal Evolution**



### Zoom-in Cosmological Simulations



Daneng Yang (UCR)



Ethan Nadler (USC/Carnegie)









- High-resolution zoom-in cosmological simulations; more than 30 million particles
- The main halo mass: ~10<sup>13</sup> M $_{\odot}$ , containing a Milky Way-like halo: ~9imes10<sup>11</sup> M $_{\odot}$

### Isolated Halos and Subhalos



- Strong dark matter self-interactions further amplify the diversity encoded in the scatter of the concentration-mass relation
- Collapsed SIDM subhalos are resilient to tidal disruption
- Evidence of collapsed subhalos?

#### **Detection of a Dark Substructure through Gravitational Imaging**

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- The substructure is extremely dense
  - Compared to the IllustrisTNG simulation, the tension with CDM is at the > 99% CL
- The substructure does not have a detectable luminous component

#### Minor+(MNRAS, 2020)

(MNRAS 2010)

## Dense Strong Lensing Perturber



A slight offset in the subhalo mass: our main halo mass  $10^{13} \, M_\odot$  is on the lower end of the favored range  $10^{13} - 6 \times 10^{13} \, M_\odot$ 

## Stellar Streams of the Milky Way



#### Figure: Khyati Malhan

#### The Spur and the Gap in GD-1: 2019 Dynamical evidence for a dark substructure in the Milky Way halo

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A CDM subhalo of the Milky Way is not dense enough to be a candidate for the GD-I perturber



Collapsed SIDM subhalo increases the mass within 10 pc, a factor of ~10
 The required cross section ~50-100 cm<sup>2</sup>/g in the subhalos

w/Zhang+ (in prep 2024)

### Diverse Satellite Galaxies



- Dark matter distributions are also diverse in the satellite galaxies
- Fornax: shallow density core; Draco: dense core/cusp

w/Valli (Nature Astronomy 2018); Read et al. (MNRAS 2018); w/Kaplinghat, Valli (MNRAS, 2019); w/ Sameie+(PRL 2019); Correa (MNRAS 2020); Turner+(MNRAS 2020); Nishikawa+(PRD, 2020); Silverman+(MNRAS, 2022)...

#### The feeble giant. Discovery of a large and diffuse Milky Way dwarf galaxy in the constellation of Crater<sup>\*</sup>

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Crater II satellite galaxy

 $2 \ {\rm August} \ 2016$ 



Extremely low dark matter density, and surprisingly large size in the stellar distribution

$$\sigma_{v_{
m los}}$$
 =  $2.7^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$  km s<sup>-1</sup>  $\sim$   $R_{
m h}$   $\sim$  1 kpc  $\sim$   $r_{
m p}$   $pprox$  37.7 kpc

Challenges in CDM, see e.g., Borukhovetskaya, Navarro, Errani, Fattahi (MNRAS, 2022)

### Crater II: the Large, Cold Satellite



- O3 orbit is consistent with Gaia DR3
- The required cross section ~60 cm<sup>2</sup>/g
- For CDM, it is difficult even if we are free to choose the orbit

w/Zhang,Yang,An (ApJL, 2024)

#### More Fun with the MW Satellites



### Gravothermal Collapse



### Seeding Black Holes



Truncated Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$\begin{cases} (e^{-\epsilon/kT} - e^{-\epsilon_c/kT})d^3p(\epsilon) & (\epsilon \le \epsilon_c) \\ 0 & (\epsilon > \epsilon_c), \end{cases}$$

#### Central 3D velocity dispersion>0.57c

Find GR configurations using the TOV equation; Check the GR instability condition

Feng, HBY, Zhong (ApJL 2021, JCAP 2022)

### Seeding Supermassive Black Holes



• The presence of baryons can speed the onset of collapse by a factor of 10–100!

• The mechanism requires the existence of massive halos at high redshift

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#### A population of red candidate massive galaxies ~600 Myr after the Big Bang

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#### Massive galaxies exist in the early Universe at $z \sim 8!$

#### Abstract

Galaxies with stellar masses as high as ~  $10^{11}$  solar masses have been identified  $^{1-3}$  out to redshifts z ~ 6, approximately one billion years after the Big Bang. It has been difficult to find massive galaxies at even earlier times, as the Balmer break region, which is needed for accurate mass estimates, is redshifted to wavelengths beyond 2.5 µm. Here we make use of the 1-5 µm coverage of the *JWST* early release observations to search for intrinsically red galaxies in the first ≈ 750 million years of cosmic history. In the survey area, we find six candidate massive galaxies (stellar mass >  $10^{10}$  solar masses) at 7.4 ≤ z ≤ 9.1, 500–700 Myr after the Big Bang, including one galaxy with a possible stellar mass of ~ $10^{11}$  solar masses. If verified with spectroscopy, the stellar mass density in massive galaxies would be much higher than anticipated from previous studies based on rest-frame ultraviolet-selected samples.

#### The expected halo mass $\sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ at z~8

see, e.g., Boylan-Kolchin (2022); Nadler, Benson, Driskell, Du, Gluscevic (2022)



### SIDM From Dwarf to Cluster Scales



- SIDM can explain diverse dark matter distributions over a wide range of galactic systems (halo masses ~10<sup>8</sup>−10<sup>15</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>)
- Bonus: seeding SMBHs
- Fundamental scales  $\sim 10^{-12}$  cm vs galactic scales  $\sim 10^{22}$  cm
- Measuring particle properties of dark matter without detecting it directly

### Yukawa Potential and SIDM





$$V(r) = -rac{g^2}{4\pi}\,rac{1}{r}\,e^{-\mu r}$$



Application to model dark matter self-interactions w/ Feng, Kaplinghat (PRL 2010)

w/ lbe (PRB 2010) w/Tulin, Zurek (PRL, PRD 2013)

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### **SIDM Direct Detection**



Strong upper limit: the kinetic mixing parameter <10-11-10-10

## Looking Forward



- Strong-lensing systems See Daniel Gilman's talk on Monday
- Satellite galaxies, and stellar streams of the Milky Way
- Better, dedicated modeling and simulations are required

#### **TangoSIDM**



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#### Milky-Way mass







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AIDA SIMULATIONS

Baryon physics is based on IllustrisTNG The results will be released soon

