Galactic rotation curves vs. ultra-light dark matter: Implications of the soliton — host halo relation

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• Density fraction:

 $\Phi \sim f$ after inflation

$$\blacktriangleright \quad \Omega_{\Phi} \simeq 0.05 \times \left(\frac{f}{10^{17} \text{GeV}}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{eV}}\right)^{1/2}$$

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focus of this talk: $m \sim 10^{-22} \div 10^{-18} \text{eV}$

NB. Can be axion-like particle, but *not* QCD axion

Challenges to particle CDM at sub-kpc scales ?

- cores vs. cusps
- missing satellites
- too big to fail



from Oh et al., arXiv: 1502.01281

perhaps are explained by baryonic physics

Dynamics of ULDM in the Newtonian limit



leads to suppression of fluctuations at short scale --- "quantum pressure"

Probing ULDM with galactic rotation curves

ULDM in the halo

Schive, Chiueh, Broadhurst, arXiv: 1406.6586





Schive, Chiueh, Boardhurst, arXiv:1407.7762

Properties of the soliton

$$\psi(x,t) = \left(\frac{mM_{pl}}{\sqrt{4\pi}}\right)e^{-i\gamma mt}\chi(x)$$





 $\chi_{\lambda}(r) = \lambda^2 \chi_1(\lambda r)$ $x_{c\lambda} = \lambda^{-1} x_{c1}$

$$M_{\lambda} = \lambda M_1$$

$$\gamma_{\lambda} = \lambda^2 \gamma$$
$$\rho_{c\lambda} = \lambda^4 \rho_{c1}$$

Soliton - host halo relation

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$$M \approx 1.4 \times 10^9 \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \,\mathrm{eV}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{M_h}{10^{12} \,\mathrm{M}_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$$



Exercise for NFW halo



predictions

VS

data





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PARC data ontd



Conclusion:

ULDM with
$$m \simeq (10^{-22} \div 10^{-21}) \text{eV}$$

is disfavoured by rotation curves of disk galaxies



cannot play a role in solving small-scale problems of LambdaCDM

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- Accretion on supermassive black hole
 - negligible for $m \lesssim 10^{-21} {\rm eV}$ and $M_{\rm SMBH} < 10^{10} M_{\odot}$, but quickly increases with the mass of the field

Future: probing higher masses

• Inner dynamics of the Milky Way





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Outlook

- Further understanding of structure formation with ULDM (baryonic effects, supermassive black hole)
- More probes: Inner Milky Way, 21 cm, pulsar timing (see *talk by Diego Blas*)