

Effect of Gravitational Cooling on Ultralight Dark Matter System Compared to Dynamical Friction

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Does ACDM explain our Universe well?

For Large Scale: ~O(Mpc)



• ACDM could explain the observed large-scale structure of our Universe well.

For Small Scale: ~O(kpc)



- Some problems can be solved by adding baryonic matter in ΛCDM simulation, but still not enough.
- Alternative Dark Matter model is required to solve!

[h⁻¹ Mpc]

UltraLight Axion Dark Matter(ULDM)



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu} \phi) (\partial_{\nu} \phi) - V(\phi), \qquad V(\phi) = m^2 f_a^2 \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f_a} \right) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 + \cdots$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{m}{f_a} \right)^2$$

• The relic density of ALP today is:
$$\Omega_{axion} \sim 0.1 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{17} \text{GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{eV}} \right)^{1/2} \text{[L.Hui et al. 2016]}$$

All interaction terms of $\sim f_a^{-1}$ are negligible!

This simplifies ALP system to $V(\phi) \simeq \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2$

Weak-Gravity Limit
$$ds^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right)c^2dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right)\eta_{ij}dx^idx^j$$

Nonrelativistic Limit $\phi = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^3c}{2m}}\left(\psi e^{-i\frac{mc^2t}{\hbar}} + \psi^* e^{i\frac{mc^2t}{\hbar}}\right)$ $(1 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + m\Phi\psi = i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}$
 $\nabla^2\Phi = 4\pi Gm|\psi|^2$

Madelung Formalism of SP eq.

• *Q* roles the quantum pressure, which resists to the gravitational collapse of ULDM system.

$$Q = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^2} \left(\frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right)$$

Dynamical Friction of CDM/ULDM

• An object of mass *M* traveling inside a particle field of density $\bar{\rho}$ with velocity v experiences the dynamical friction as below:

$$F_{\rm DF} = 4\pi\bar{\rho} \left(\frac{GM}{v}\right)^2 C_{\rm DF}$$

DF Coefficient!

1. For Classical Particles (CDM)



 The object loses its kinetic energy by gravitational interactions with surrounding field particles. [Chandrasekhar 1943]

• For sufficiently large
$$v...$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}_{M}}{dt} = -4\pi G^{2} M m_{a} n \log \Lambda \frac{\vec{v}}{v^{3}} \quad [Binney \\ \& \text{ Tremaine}]$$

$$C_{\text{DF}} = \log \Lambda = \log \frac{b_{\text{max}}}{\max(r_{\text{h}}, GM/v^{2})}$$

2. For Ultralight Dark Matter



Gravitational Cooling Effect of ULDM

What is Gravitational Cooling Effect of ULDM?

• A relaxation process of the unstable configuration, through the emission of DM particles. The wave nature allows high-k modes with high energy $\epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$ to escape from the potential well.



Solitonic Core and ULDM Halo

• The most stable ground-state solution of SP eq.

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Some Results of Numerical Simulations

Schrodinger-Poisson eq. Solver

- PyUltraLight : Code for solving SP equation using Pseudospectral Method with periodic boundary condition [F.Edwards et.al. 2018]
- PyUltraLight2 : SP equation coupled with N-body particles solved by 4th order Runge-Kutta method [W.Wang et.al. 2021]

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + m(\Phi_{\rm U} + \Phi_{\rm N})\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \\ \nabla^2 \Phi_{\rm U} = 4\pi G |\psi|^2 \end{cases} \oplus \begin{cases} \Phi_{\rm N}(\vec{x}) = -\sum_j \frac{GM_j}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j|} \\ \frac{d^2 \vec{x}_j}{dt^2} = -\nabla_j \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{GM_k}{|\vec{x}_j - \vec{x}_k|} - \nabla \Phi_{\rm U}(\vec{x}_j) \end{cases}$$

• Timestep is chosen to prevent the artifact from being canceled out by constructive interference of ψ when $\arg(\psi) \ge \pi$.

$$\Delta t = \frac{m}{\hbar} \frac{\Delta x^2}{\pi}$$



1. Head-on Collision of same-mass Halos

[H.Koo et al. 23XX.XXXX]

 $v_0^{\rm rel} = 225.56 \,{\rm km/s}$

• Each CDM/ULDM(FDM) halo has a mass of $M = 2\pi \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ & ULDM particle mass $m = 10^{-22} \text{eV}/c^2$



 $v_0^{\rm rel} = 112.78 {\rm km/s}$

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1. Head-on Collision of same-mass Halos

[H.Koo et al. 23XX.XXXXX] FDM CDM $q \equiv \frac{m}{mvr_{1/2}}$ $q = 0.103 \sim 0.360$ $v = 100 \sim 350 \text{km/s}$ For Low Velocity... $|\Delta v_{\rm ULDM}| > |\Delta v_{\rm CDM}|$ Gravitational Cooling on ULDM makes it more dissipative than CDM. $\left|\frac{\Delta v}{v}\right|_{\text{CDM}} = A_c q^2 (-\log q + B_c) \begin{cases} A_c = 15.93 \pm 0.126\\ B_c = -0.169 \pm 0.008 \end{cases}$ $\left|\frac{\Delta v}{v}\right|_{\text{ULDM}} = A_u q^3 (1 + B_u q^2) \begin{cases} A_u = 3.692 \pm 0.041 \\ B_u = 15.63 \pm 0.294 \end{cases}$ For High Velocity... Fitting Function Derived from [D.Bak et al. 2010.14738] $|\Delta v_{\text{ULDM}}| \sim |\Delta v_{\text{CDM}}|$

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Relative Velocity Decrease Δ v [km/s]

40

30

20

10

ΔVFDM - ΔVCDM 0 21 0 21

100

150

200

250

Initial Relative Velocity v_{rel} [km/s]

300

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350

2. Supermassive BH Binary in ULDM Halo



[H.Koo et al. 2311.03412]

$$m = 10^{-21} {
m eV}/c^2$$

 $M_{
m s} = 10^9 M_{\odot}$
 $M_{
m bh} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$

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Can ULDM solve the Final Parsec Problem?



• Final Parsec Problem : Numerical simulations with Λ CDM show that SMBHBs typically stall out at 10^{-2} pc < r < 1pc and take longer than the age of the universe to reach the era of gravitational radiation.



• For $10^5 M_{\odot} \le M_{\rm bh} \le 10^7 M_{\odot}$ inside ULDM soliton, the Gravitational Cooling Effect gives a hint for SMBHs to survive from the timescalebottleneck!

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Summary

- Ultralight Axion Dark Matter of $m \sim 10^{-22} \text{eV}/c^2$ and $\lambda_{\text{dB}} \sim O(\text{kpc})$ could solve some problems that Λ CDM encounters.
- The Gravitational Cooling Effect of ULDM system is a sort of relaxation through the emission of DM particles from potential well. This is significant for ULDM halo dynamics, rather than the dynamical friction.
- The Gravitational Cooling also could give a hint to solve Final Parsec Problem.
- Adding self interaction $\mathcal{L}_{I} \sim \lambda \phi^{4}$ is expected to give more precise constraint!

Appendix 1: $C_{\rm DF}$ for ULDM

1. From Linear Perturbation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0 \\ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla\right) \vec{v} = -\nabla \Phi - \nabla Q \\ \nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \rho \end{cases} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \rho = \bar{\rho}(1+\alpha) \\ \vec{v} = v_0 \hat{z} + \delta \vec{v} \\ \psi_0(\vec{x}) = \sqrt{\bar{\rho}} e^{i\frac{mv_0 z}{\hbar}} \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \nu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^2 \alpha - \nabla^2 \Phi + \frac{\hbar^2}{4m^2} \nabla^4 \alpha = 0$$
$$\alpha(\tilde{R}, \tilde{z}) = \frac{4\beta}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\tilde{k}_R \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\tilde{k}_Z \frac{\tilde{k}_R J_0(\tilde{k}_R \tilde{R}) e^{i\tilde{k}_Z \tilde{z}}}{\tilde{k}^4 - 4\tilde{k}_Z^2}$$



• Dynamical friction from overdensity $F_{\rm DF} = \bar{\rho} \int d^3 \vec{x} \alpha(\vec{x}) (\hat{x}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla) \Phi(\vec{x})$ leads to $C_{\rm DF}$ as:

$$C_{\rm DF}(\tilde{b}) = -\int_0^{\tilde{b}} d\tilde{R} \int_0^{\sqrt{\tilde{b}^2 - \tilde{R}^2}} d\tilde{z} \int_0^2 du \frac{\tilde{R}\tilde{z}J_0(\sqrt{2u - u^2}\tilde{R})}{(\tilde{R}^2 + \tilde{z}^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{\sin \tilde{z}u}{u}$$

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2. From direct solution of SP eq. with Point-Mass $\psi(\tilde{R}, \tilde{z}) = \sqrt{\bar{\rho}} e^{i\tilde{z} + \frac{\pi}{2}\beta} |\Gamma(1 - i\beta)| \times M \left[i\beta, 1; i\left(\sqrt{\tilde{R}^2 + \tilde{z}^2} + \tilde{z}\right)\right]$

Where M is the confluent hypergeometric function.

$$\alpha(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{\rho(\vec{x})}{\bar{\rho}} - 1 = \frac{|\psi|^2}{\bar{\rho}} - 1$$

We samely put α into $F_{\rm DF} = \bar{\rho} \int d^3 \vec{x} \alpha(\vec{x}) (\hat{x}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla) \Phi(\vec{x})$, then could get:

$$C_{\rm DF}(\tilde{b},\beta) = \frac{1}{2\beta} e^{\pi\beta} |\Gamma(1-i\beta)|^2 \int_0^{2\tilde{b}} d\tilde{q} |M(i\beta,1;i\tilde{q})|^2 \left(\frac{\tilde{q}}{\tilde{b}} - 2 - \log\frac{\tilde{q}}{2\tilde{b}}\right)$$
$$\approx \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} \tilde{b}^2 \left(\tilde{b} \ll 1\right) \\ \log(2\tilde{b}) - 1 + \operatorname{Re}\Psi(1+i\beta) \left(\tilde{b} \gg 1\right) \end{cases}$$

Appendix 2 : Decay Timescale inside ULDM Halo



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