Reionization

and the High-Redshift Galaxy UV Luminosity Function with Axion Dark Matter

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Galaxy-scale Challenges for ACDM

- ACDM extremely successful on large scales
- Challenges on smaller scales
 - `Missing satellites' theoretical predictions of many more lowmass dark haloes than visible satellite dwarf galaxies around the Milky Way (Moore et al 1999; Klypin et al 1999)
 - Too Big to Fail' predictions of massive dark sub-haloes of Milky Way mass dark haloes that should form stars but are not visible (Boylan-Kolchin et al 2011, 2012)
 - Core vs Cusp' predictions of rising density profile to central regions of dark haloes whereas cores are favoured (e.g. Gilmore, Wilkinson, RW et al 2007; Walker & Penarrubia 2011; Oh et al 2015)
 - Bulgeless disk galaxies and old thick disks predictions of active merger histories lead to massive bulges and young thick disks (e.g. Toth & Ostriker 1992; Wyse 2001)

Baryonic Physics or Dark Matter Physics?

Much ongoing effort to craft baryonic solutions

- Star formation efficiency, feedback
- Constrained by stellar populations e.g. bursty starformation to erase cusps (e.g. Onorbe et al 2015)

Challenges point to too much small-scale power

- Modify dark matter power spectrum to suppress small scale power
- Need to be careful not to erase too much power and delay galaxy formation too much e.g. very old stars in dwarf satellites, observed high-redshift galaxies, limits from reionization redshift and optical depth

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Fuzzy Dark Matter

- Low enough mass particle that quantum physics wave-nature is manifest on scales of astrophysical interest: $\lambda = h/(mv)$
- Virial Theorem for dark matter halo : v² ~ GM/R, get minimum radius R_{min} ~ λ ~ 1kpc (10⁹M_☉/M)(10⁻²²eV/m)²
- Scaling M ~1/R plus critical density for collapse → minimum mass increases with redshift, suppress small scales earlier
- Redshift-dependent effective sound speed → Jeans length,
 ℓ_J ~ (1+z)^{1/4}, growth suppressed on smaller scales
- Matches CDM on larger scales
- Ultra-low-mass axion m ~ 10⁻²²eV is fuzzy DM that can create cores in dwarf galaxies → what about other constraints?

Hu, Barkana & Gruzinov 00; Ostriker 15; Marsh & Silk 15; Marsh & Pop 15

Halo mass function as a function of redshift, 50% dark matter in ultra-low-mass axions, $m=10^{-22}eV$, 50% CDM: Suppression of small-scale structure compared to 100% CDM



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High Redshift UV Luminosity Function

- Abundance matching to go from halo mass function to UV luminosity 10° z = 6
- Cumulative luminosity function
- Data point from Bouwens et al 15
- Exclude axion masses < 10⁻²³eV from contributing more than 50% of dark matter → too few faint galaxies



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Reionization Constraints: Optical Depth to Thomson Scattering

- Estimate ionizing photon flux from UV luminosity function following e.g. Kuehlen & Faucher-Giguere 2012
- Escape fraction typically 20%
- $m_a \sim 10^{-23} \text{ eV}$ excluded
- m_a ~ 10⁻²² eV consistent with Planck limits
- m_a ~ 10⁻²¹ eV also consistent



Conclusions

- Ultra-low-mass axions of mass ~ 10⁻²² eV consistent with high-redshift galaxy luminosity function – need to push fainter!
- Also consistent with Thomson optical depth
- Reionization completed more rapidly than WIMP CDM

 Δz ~ 2 compared to Δz ~ 2.7, for very similar
 median redshift ~ 9.5 may be testable with e.g.
 AdvACT
- Same mass of axion DM produces cores in dwarf galaxies, as observed (Schive et al 14, Marsh & Pop 15)
- Large-scale successes of WIMP CDM retained, answers (these) small-scale challenges

What about the Lyman Alpha Forest?

- Proposed suppression of small-scales by (thermal) Warm Dark Matter constrained by Lyman-alpha forest data to masses > 3.3 keV (Viel et al 2013)
- Matching scale at which suppression is 50% would imply axion mass of > 10^{-20.5} eV
- But Fuzzy Axion Dark Matter has different (steeper) small-scale cut-off than WDM



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Lyman-alpha: linear power matching

- Ratio of power on given scale for axion
 DM relative to thermal
 WDM that meets Ly α constraints
- Ratio greater than unity on scales of interest implies that axion DM also meets constraints
 - → 1.5x10⁻²¹eV
- 5x10⁻²²eV axion matches WDM of 2keV
- Next step: non-linear evolution



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5x10⁻²²eV axion matches WDM of 2.25keV

