# **Disks in Triaxial Dark** Matter Halos

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#### Cosmological Halo Shapes

Dark matter halos and galaxy merger remnants are strongly triaxial: c/a ~ 0.4; b/a ~ 0.6 (Dubinski & Carlberg 1991, Jing & Suto 2002)

Observations (polar rings, Sgr tidal streams, X-ray halos, lensing, flaring HI disks, TF residuals) generally imply oblate halos b/a ~ 1; c/a > 0.8.



Shape depends weakly on mass <c/a> ~ M-0.05



#### Disk Velocity Field in Triaxial Halo



Large deviations from circular motions adds scatter to TF relation.  $\epsilon \Phi = 0.1$  adds 0.46 mag. of scatter

Franx & de Zeeuw 1992

### Milky Way

#### Law & Majewski 2010



Based on the location and velocities of stars in the Sagittarius stream, MW halo is triaxial with c/a = 0.72 and b/a = 0.99 (pot). Nearly oblate with minor axis in plane of disk Also Martinez-Delgado et al. 2004; Johnston et al. 2005; Helmi 2004





MOND produces rounder potentials than standard Newton and is equally able to explain the velocities of stars in the Sagittarius stream.

Read & Moore 2005

The Promise of Hyper Velocity Stars



Stars kicked out by 3 body interactions with the central SMBG with v ~ 1000 km/s; about 10 are currently known

Gnedin et al. 2005



The inner halo is aligned with the disk, but further out there is no correlation. Halo vertically flattened by disk formation

#### Formation of polar ring galaxies: Evidence for cold accretion







- Persists for ~ 7 Gyr cold flow/stream/filament?
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- merger?
- dark matter halo torque? •

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Also talk by G. Jozsa
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• The angular momentum of massive hot halo reflects some average accreted angular momentum

• The central disk can easily be reoriented by torques from e.g. infalling satellites - in general it is not aligned with the angular momentum of the halo

• Incoming gas encounters the spinning hot halo and is gradually torqued on its way to the center - it materializes as a warp <u>if there is enough</u> <u>accretion</u> and it is aligned with







Since z ~ 2 DM halo has b/a ~ 0.8-0.9 and c/a ~ 0.5-0.7 But there is no coupling between gas angular momentum vector and halo minor axis



The warped disk corresponds to spin of (invisible) hot halo

(Roškar et al. 2010)



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#### Dark Disks



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Breach et al. 2009

### Orbits in Triaxial Halos



Outer long-axis loop

Statler 1987

### Cooling Baryons Effect on Halo Shape

N-body+gas simulations with cooling+star formation [] more spherical shapes in dark matter and stars (e.g Kazantzidis et al.2004)

Gas cools & sinks to the center of the potential

Similar results for mergers of disk galaxies

#### Kazantzidis et al. 2004





Also Dubinski 1994

### Orbital Cause of Shape Changes

What causes the change from Triaxial [] Axisymmetric ?

Chaotic mixing due to scattering of box orbits by the central mass concentration (Norman et al. 1996, Merritt & Quinlan 1998, Valluri & Merritt 1998, Maccio et al. 2007)

Central potential changed from triaxial to spherical. To maintain self consistency  $\Box$  regular orbits change their shapes and orbital types (Hernquist & Barnes 1987, Holley-Bockelmann et al. 2002).

#### Key idea: Chaos 🛛 Irreversibility

Numerical noise in N-body systems ensure that they are dynamically irreversible but with care this can be minimized

Loss of box orbits may affect the annihilation cross section at the center of the MW and may decrease the speed of SMBH mergers

### **Reversibility Experiments**

Experiments ( Adiabatically Then "evapor(







#### Simulations: 3 Models

PKDGRAV experiments with NFW halos.

Phase a : initial triaxial/prolate halos

Halos generated by mergers with Mvir = 6.501011 - 4.501012
 M0 using 4 x 106 particles

Phase b: baryonic component grown adiabatically (5-10Gyr)

• Model SA1: Disk component symmetric about short axis

- Mb= 1.75 □1011 M□ (3.8%), Rb=3kpc

• Model PfB2: softened, point mass (elliptical)

- Mb= 7 □1010 M□ (10%), Rb=3kpc

• Model PIB3: hard, point mass

- Mb= 3.5 □1010 M□ (5.3%), Rb=0.1kpc

Phase c: system after the baryonic component is evaporated

Debattista et al. 2008



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also Kalapotharakos 2008

#### Halo Profile & Kinematics



Baryon growth induces radial anisotropy, except when change is irreversible: then tangential anisotropy



#### Orbital Transformation: Disk Case



#### (x,y)(x,z)(y,z)(x,y)(x,z)(y,z)(x,y)(x,z)(y,z)

X > Y > Z

"Boxy" or "box-like" orbits in SA1 become rounder and sometimes transform to loops but do not appear to become chaotic

## Orbital Transformation: PfB2, PIB3

Elliptical

Hard Center



Untransformed orbits

# Orbital Transformation: PfB2, PIB3

PfB2

PIB3



Transformed orbits

### Orbital Frequency Analysis

Regular orbits are quasi-periodic

Fourier Transform yields  $\Box k$  and Ak

All frequencies are integer linear combinations of 3 fundamental frequencies of motion  $\Box$ i

Frequencies can be used:

To identify chaotic orbits

To classify regular orbits into major orbit families:

- Box orbits
- Short axis (z) tubes
- Long axis (x) tubes
- Resonant and Periodic orbits

To map the phase space



#### **Orbital Frequency Analysis**

Grainy N-body potential causes noise

All orbits in a spherical potential are regular. Frequency drift in spherical potential: measure of non-linearity due to graininess

Frequencies computed over two time series  $\pm 1$ ,  $\pm 2 \log(\Box f) = \log |[\Box (\pm 1) - \Box (\pm 2)]/\Box (\pm 1)|$ .

99% of orbits in spherical NFW halo

have Log( $\Box$ f) < -1.2. Orbits defined as *CHAOTIC* if Log( $\Box$ f) > -1.2

Analyze orbits in frozen potential

necessary for obtaining accurate frequencies necessary for accurate orbit classification



### Frequency at the 3 Stages



When a disk (SA1) or elliptical galaxy (PfB2) is grown - frequency changes are well behaved

Hard point mass produces a great deal of scattering in frequencies

Fractional Frequency Change



Permanent change in frequencies (TOP) small (< 10% for >90% of orbits) except in case of hard point mass

Median change of orbital frequency (BOTTOM) independent of type of baryonic component – all three distributions have peak ~ 0.65

#### **Orbital Classification**

Orbit classification (Carpintero & Aguilar 1998)

Search for rational ratios of fundamental frequencies

Initial state (phase a)

Model SA1 (triaxial) - box orbit dominated (83%); X-tubes (11%)

Models PfB2/PIB3 (prolate)- X-tubes (77%); box orbits (15%)

With baryonic component (phase b)

SA1 - 57% of boxes become Z-tubes & chaotic orbits (34% of orbits formally chaotic)

PfB2/PIB3 - X-tube fraction only slightly changed

Post-evaporation (phase c):

SA1 orbit populations revert to original type distribution

PfB2/PIB3 X-tubes convert to Z-tubes and boxes

Permanent orbit type change is not adequate to explain change in halo shapes

Relatively large chaotic fraction in SA1b (34%) does not lead to permanent shape change! Why?

Orbit Type	Run SA1			Run PfB2			Run PIB3		
	Phase a	Phase b	Phase c	Phase a	Phase b	Phase c	Phase a	Phase b	Phase c
Box	0.83	0.35	0.82	0.15	0.08	0.28	0.15	0.02	0.21
X-Tube	0.11	0.08	0.12	0.77	0.71	0.53	0.77	0.76	0.59
Z-Tube	0.02	0.23	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.15	0.07	0.11	0.14
Chaotic	0.04	0.34	0.03	0.01	0.13	0.04	0.01	0.11	0.06



1998 Merritt প্র Valluri

Frequency Maps

Plots of ratios of fundamental frequencies can show the full structure of phase space.

Orbits cluster around stable resonances due to resonant trapping

Unstable resonances appear as blank lines - unstable regions of frequency space are depopulated

In SA1 phase b 34% of orbits are chaotic – but the model returns to its original shape. Why no chaotic diffusion?



Like a Poincare surface of section integrate ~10,000 orbits at a single energy for frequency map.

Frequency Map of SA1



Orbits span full range of energies (binned in 3 equal energy intervals)
3 Global resonances appear in phase b (over wide range of energies)
Large fraction of orbits resonantly trapped around 3 main resonances
60% of chaotic orbits have frequency ratios within ±10% of these resonances and therefore do not diffuse chaotically

#### Bars and Triaxial Halos



Berentzen et al. 2006

Bars are weakened inside triaxial halos, unless the disk is massive enough to weaken the halo triaxiality (Berentzen et al. 2006) but Machado & Athanassoula (2010) stress the importance of disk initial conditions





Increasing figure rotation increases the fraction of chaotic space in triaxial Dehnen models ( $\gamma = 1$ )

Diebel & Valluri 2010

Conclusions

• Dark matter halos that form hierarchically are in general strongly prolate/triaxial. A variety of observational constraints, one of the strongest of which is the TF relation, suggest quite round halos. Better constraints expected in future (eg HVSs).

• Warps may be an important diagnostic of the angular momentum of the hot gas halo, which torques up any misaligned infalling gas. SF on the warp can lead directly to thick disk formation.

• The condensation of baryons to the centres of triaxial halos changes their shapes and kinematics, but the underlying orbits supporting triaxiality are not scattered (for most baryon distributions) but transformed. Most orbits that become chaotic remain confined near resonances and do not diffuse.