# Is the core cusp problem a matter of perspective?

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#### The core-cusp problem of dwarf galaxies?



- Cold dark matter (CDM) simulations predict that the inner density slopes of dark matter halos are close to -1 (cusp).
- Dynamically modelling of real observed dwarf galaxies suggest close to 0 inner slopes (core).

#### > How to explain:

- alternative dark matter model (SIDM)?
- baryonic physics?

#### The core-cusp problem of dwarf galaxies?

Stellar feedback can only form cores for relatively bright dwarfs. (e.g. Hayashi, et al., 2020; Read, et al., 2018)



- Do we understand systematics behind dynamical modelling?
- Violations of some model assumptions might mistakenly result in core inner slopes (Genina, et al, 2018)

Hayashi, et al., 2020

#### Validate model assumptions with numerical simulation

- > ~30 dwarf galaxies selected from Auriga (Grand et al. 2018).
- > Half star-forming, half quiescent 6 are Sagittarius dSph-like systems.



#### The dynamical method (JAM): Jeans Anisotropic Multi Gaussian Expansion modelling

(e.g. Watkins, et al., 2013 Zhu et al., 2016)

- ➤ Feature of JAM:
- Axis-symmetric
- Can be applied to both radial velocity and proper motions
- Can fit any functional form of the underlying potential model through Multi-Gaussian Expansion (MGE)
- Can model observational errors
- Can model a constant fore/background



# **Bias correlates with SFR**



~30 dwarf galaxies from Auriga

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- The best-fits are ensemble unbiased, but the signs and amount of bias depend on the star formation rate.
- > The mass within half-mass radius is constrained better.

# **Bias correlates with dynamical status**



The bias in best fits depends on the dynamical status of the systems.

 x-axis is the median of the radial action angle distribution:
 0.5 means in steady state.

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## How to get precise constraints on inner slopes?

#### Multiple populations

#### ➢ Focus on ensemble averaged results

#### Selecting steady state systems



It has long been known that binary orbital motions act to increase the observed velocity dispersions of galaxies.

It is not a problem for MW-mass galaxies and massive classical dwarfs.

But maybe a problem for ultra faint dwarfs.

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## **Modeling of Draco**



# Summary

- It is difficult to get good constraints on the inner density slopes for individual dwarf systems due to deviations from steady states.
- Global contraction under estimates in inner density
  Global expansion over estimates in inner density
- Total mass within the half-mass radius of tracers can be constrained the best.
- Using ensemble averaged results over a large sample of steady-state systems is a secure approach to constrain inner density profiles of dwarf galaxies.
- Global contractions are possible to be detected for nearby systems.
- Binary orbital motions can deflate the dynamically constrained inner densities.

## How to get precise constraints on inner slopes?



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