

Searching for IMBHs in GCs with SINFONI

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+ IMBHs in GCs: several fingerprints predicted

(Baumgardt et al. 2005; Miocchi 2007; Heggie et al. 2007; Trenti et al. 2007, 2010; Dukier & Bailyn 2003; Maccarone 2004, 2007; Gill et al. 2008; Vesperini & Trenti 2010; Noyola & Baumgardt 2011; Umbreit & Rasio 2013; ...)

- 1) shallow density cusp at the very centre
- 2) steep inner cusp in the velocity dispersion (VD) profile
- 4) a few stars accelerated to very high-velocities (even v ~ 100 km/s)
- 3) universal & large ratio of core to half-mass radii ($r_c/r_h > 0.1$)
- 5) quenching of mass segregation
- 6) X-ray and radio emission





+ IMBHs in GCs: not confirmed yet

- non univocal fingerprints:
 - density cusp during evolution also in GCs with no IMBH (Vesperini & Trenti 2010)
 - VD cusp due to pressure anisotropy (Alice Zocchi talk)
 - quenching of mass segregation: degeneracy with binaries (Gill et al. 2008
 - high-velocity stars or non-cluster members?
 - uncertainties on expected X-ray and radio emission (gas density? accretion efficiency?) → Tom talk
- challenging observations (sub-arcsec BH sphere of influence)

especially for the detection of a **central VD cusp**...





CONVINCING detection of an IMBH



an IMBH is the MOST LIKELY (if not THE ONLY) explanation of what we observe

NGC 6388



integrated-light spectra (ARGUS: seeing-limited IFU)

VELOCITY MAP



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Lützgendorf et al. 2011

RV of the 3 bright stars fixed to the measured values (Lutzgendorf et al. 2015)



SINFONI OBSERVATIONS

SINFONI SIMULATIONS





simulations wrt observations:

- much larger "halos"
- faint stars less defined

(Lutzgendorf et al. 2015)

incorrect PSF (PSF wings over-estimated)

How to measure velocity dispersion (VD) in Galactic GCs?

1) no gas => only stellar velocity dispersion

2) close to Earth => stars are resolved

(with **a few** bright giants in the spectrograph slit/FOV)

VD from the line broadening in **integrated-light** spectra: prone to bias



proper motions of **individual** stars (VD on the plane of the sky)

radial velocities of **individual** stars (VD along the line of sight)





VD from proper motions (PMs) or radial velocities (RVs) of individual stars

* **large samples** of measures (PMs or RVs)

IMBHs: VD cusp **at r<1"-2**" from the cluster centre



Central VD from individual radial velocities in Galactic GCs

AO-assisted IFU spectroscopy (SINFONI@VLT, OSIRIS@Keck)

Unconventional use → extract a spectrum for each resolved star (=> AO) (instead of integrated-light spectroscopy)

SINFONI RECONSTRUCTED IMAGE



AO-assisted IFU, 0.1" spatial resolution, FoV=3.2"x3.2"

SINFONI



SEEING-LIMITED IFU (ARGUS)

AO-assisted IFU, 0.1" spatial resolution, FoV=3.2"x3.2"

SINFONI

SINFONI RECONSTRUCTED

HST/ACS-HRC (0.027 arcsec/pix)



(central 3"X3" of NGC 6388)



AO-assisted IFU, 0.1" spatial resolution, FoV=3.2"x3.2" **K-band** grating (1.95-2.45 μ m) \rightarrow **CO band-heads**



NGC 6388 ($r_c=7$ ", $\rho_0=2.3 \ 10^5 \ L_{\odot}/pc^3$)

 \rightarrow RVs of 52 individual stars at r<2" (~0.13 pc) !!!

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NGC 2808 (r_c =15", ρ_0 = 0.5 10⁵ L_☉/pc³)

mosaic of 7 SINFONI fields



→ RVs of 800 individual stars at r<12" (~0.6 pc) !!!



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NGC 6441 ($r_c = 8$ ", $\rho_0 = 1.8 \ 10^5 \ L_{\odot}/pc^3$)

mosaic of 2 HR + 5 LR SINFONI fields



→ RVs of 700 individual stars at r<17" (~ 1pc) !!!

ENTIRE radial profile: a MULTI-INSTRUMENT approach



THE DATA-SET

+ ESO Large Programme 193.D-0232 (PI: Ferraro):

194 hoursKMOS + FLAMES30 Milky Way GCs2/3 acquired and 1/3 partially analyzed

+ ESO Large Programme 195.D-0750 (PI: Ferraro):

101 hours SINFONI 15 high-density Milky Way GCs ½ acquired

+ a few additional programmes @Keck: OSIRIS + MOS-FIRE + DEIMOS





THE TARGETS (~30)



- + massive (M > $5 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}$)
- + spanning large ranges of log $\boldsymbol{\rho}$, c and relaxation times
- covering different stages of dynamical evolution, including PCC
- + spanning different environmental conditions (bulge/disk & halo populations)



NGC 6388



NGC 2808 (preliminary)



HSTPROMO PMs (Watkins et al. 2015)



NGC 6441 (preliminary)



NGC 6441 (preliminary)



NGC 6441: PMs (Watkins et al. 2015)



tangential anisotropy effect?

CONCLUSIONS

- RVs of individual stars with AO-assisted IFU spectroscopy: very effective to determine central (few arcsec) VD
- + No evidence of central VD cusp (NGC6388, NGC2808, NGC6441)
- + Interesting features are emerging (central VD drop: NGC6441, NGC2808)
- + Synergy with PM measurements is crucial \rightarrow 3D kinematics!

Thank you for your attention!



