Black holes in star clusters

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Black holes in the Universe





M15

Yes! Newell+ 1976; Gerssen+ 2002 X-ray & cusp in velocity dispersion

Yes! Noyola+ 2008, 2010

Cusp in velocity dispersion

Yes! Lützgendorf+ 2011 $\sigma_0 \sim 25$ km/s

NO! Illingworth & King 1977; Baumgardt+ 2003

Neutron stars

NO! Anderson & van der Marel 2010; Zocchi+ 2017,2019; Baumgardt+ 2019 No cusp in HST proper motions; Degeneracy with stellar-mass BHs and radial velocity anisotropy

NO! Lanzoni+ 2013 $\sigma_0 \sim 17$ km/s



Yes! Perera+ 2017 High pulsar acceleration

NO Gieles+ 2018; Baumgardt+ 2019 High density of white dwarfs

Yes! Kızıltan+ 2017 Velocity dispersion & radial distribution pulsars

NO Hénault-Brunet+ 2020 10% different cluster distance

Radio continuum constraints: $M_{\text{IMBH}} < 10^3 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ in 50 GCs

Strader+ 2012; Tremou+ 2018



Stellar-mass BH populations are long lived!

We used to think: Spitzer instability: rapid ejection of BHs



Now we know: BHs are energy source for GC dynamical evolution



Spitzer 1969

Breen & Heggie 2013

More BHs in GCs: 3 detached binaries with $M_{\bullet} > 4 \text{ M}_{\odot}$



Giesers+ 2018, 2019

A semi-detached binary in 100 Myr cluster: $M_{\bullet} \simeq 11 \ M_{\odot}$



How many BHs can we expect?



How many BHs can we expect in clusters?



10⁵ M •• black hole population in Omega Centauri 5% of total mass!



Some BHs in 47 Tuc



GC structural properties & dynamical modelling



How many BHs can we expect in clusters?



BHs needed to explain size and tidal tails of Pal 5



Gieles+ 2021

R_{eff} and tails as a proxy for BHs



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Prediction for Pal 5: velocity dispersion ~50% elevated



Imprints of BHs in binaries



Origin of gravitational wave sources?



Belczynski+ 2002; de Mink & Mandel 2016; Mandel & de Mink 2016; Marchant+ 2016; Farr+ 2017; Mapelli+ 2017; Schneider+ 2017; Gerosa+ 2018

Portegies & Zwart & McMillan 2000; Rodriguez+ 2015; Farr+ 2017; Silsbee & Tremaine 2017; Antonini+ 2018; Hong+ 2018; Rodriguez & Loeb 2018; Banerjee 2019, 2021; Antonini & Gieles 2020a,b

Charting the demographics of BHs in GCs and open clusters

Individual BHs

Radio

M22, M62, 47 Tuc Strader+ 2012, Chomiuk+ 2013; Miller Jones+ 2015

RV variations

NGC 3201 Giesers+ 2018, 2019 NGC 1850 Saracino+ submitted

Structural properties of GC

Core radius/half-light radius Askar+ 2018; Kremer+ 2019 Degree of mass segregation Peuten+ 2016; Allesandrini+ 2016; Weatherford+ 2018, 2020

Dynamical modelling

Velocity dispersion, LOSVD + multimass DF/*N*-body modelling Peuten+ 2016; Zocchi+ 2017, 2019; Baumgardt+ 2019; Hénault-Brunet+ 2020

Binaries

Binding energy/Period distribution

BH populations