Secular evolution of stellar cluster @GC

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The case of quasi-Keplerian systems

- Describe the secular evolution driven by finite-N effects for a quasi-Keplerian system
 - inhomogeneous
 - dynamically degenerate
 - stable
 - self-gravitating
 - ▶ discrete

How efficiently are BHs fed?

- Some references:
 - ► Rauch, Tremaine (1996): Resonant relaxation
 - ► Meritt et al. (2011): Schwarzschild barrier



 $\mathcal{R} = (\boldsymbol{J}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathrm{s}})$

Actions+slow

angle

Quasi-Keplerian systems

- BH dominates the dynamics: $\varepsilon = M_{\star}/M_{\bullet} \ll 1$
 - \implies Keplerian orbits are **closed**.
 - Dynamical degeneracy: $\forall J, n \cdot \Omega_{\text{Kep}}(J) = 0$.
 - \implies Delaunay variables
 - $\boldsymbol{J} = \left(I = J_r + L, L, L_z \right) ; \boldsymbol{\theta} = \left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\dagger} \right)$ $, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{s}$ Fast J^{f} Slow J^{s} Kep. Int. of phase motion $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathrm{Kep}} = (\Omega_{\mathrm{Kep}}, 0, 0).$



- Orbits characterised by **wires' coordinates** $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = (\boldsymbol{J}, \boldsymbol{ heta}^{\mathrm{s}})$.
- System **phase-mixed** w.r.t. the Kep. phase $F(\boldsymbol{J},\boldsymbol{\theta})\simeq\overline{F}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}})$.
- Keplerian wires **precess** in θ^{s}



- ► Bar-Or, Alexander (2014, 2016): η -formalism
- Sridhar, Touma (2016): Gilbert's method for Landau
- ► Fouvry, Pichon, Magorrian (2016): BBGKY approach



BBGKY Hierarchy

truncation @ 3 pt function

• BBGKY-n=1 equation

$$\frac{\partial \overline{F}}{\partial \tau} + [\overline{F}, \overline{\Phi} + \overline{\Phi}_{a}] + \frac{1}{N} \int d\mathcal{R}_{2} [\overline{C}(\mathcal{R}_{1}, \mathcal{R}_{2}), \overline{U}_{12}]_{(1)} = 0$$

• BBGKY
$$-n=2$$
 equation

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial C}{\partial \tau} + \left[\overline{C}(\mathcal{R}_{1},\mathcal{R}_{2}),\overline{\Phi}(\mathcal{R}_{1}) + \overline{\Phi}_{a}(\mathcal{R}_{1})\right]_{(1)} + \frac{\left[\overline{F}(\mathcal{R}_{1})\overline{F}(\mathcal{R}_{2}),\overline{U}_{12}\right]_{(1)}}{(2\pi)^{d-k}} + \int d\mathcal{R}_{3}\overline{C}(\mathcal{R}_{2},\mathcal{R}_{3})\left[\overline{F}(\mathcal{R}_{1}),\overline{U}_{13}\right]_{(1)} + (1\leftrightarrow 2) = 0.$$
(50)

using averaging over fast angle





The degenerate Balescu-Lenard equation



- Some properties:
- $\overline{F}(J,\tau)$: Orbital distorsion.
- $\triangleright \quad \partial \tau : \tau = t M_{\star}/M_{\bullet}, \text{ BH dominance.}$
- \blacktriangleright 1/N: 1/N resonant relaxation.
- ► $\partial/\partial J_1^s$: Adiabatic conservation.
- $\delta_{\rm D}$: Resonance on precessions.
- $1/\mathcal{D}_{m_1^{s},m_2^{s}}$: Self-gravity.







Individual stochastic diffusion

- Self-consistent diffusion of the **system as a whole**
 - \implies Anisotropic Balescu-Lenard equation

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \overline{F}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial J^{\mathrm{s}}} \cdot \left[\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{J},\tau) \,\overline{F}(\boldsymbol{J},\tau) + \boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{J},\tau) \cdot \frac{\partial \overline{F}}{\partial J^{\mathrm{s}}} \right]}.$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}}}{\mathrm{d}\tau} = \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}},\tau) + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{J}},\tau) \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\tau)$$