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Supermassive black holes in UCDs as relics of their progenitors





Minniti et al. 1998 Hilker et al. 1999 Drinkwater et al. 2000 Phillipps et al. 2001

UCD

Normal

dwarf

Elevated dynamical M/L of UCDs: Black holes or IMF [Dabringhausen]



McLaughlin et al. 2005, Hasegan et al. 2005, Evstigneeva et al. 2007, Hilker et al. 2007, Mieske et al. 2008 & 2013, Chilingarian & Mamon 2008, Taylor et al. 2010, Chilingarian et al. 2011



Mieske et al. (2013): calculate central BH masses in UCDs needed to elevate M/L

(Mieske, Frank, Baumgardt, Luetzgendorf, Neumayer, Hilker, A&A 2013, 558, 14)



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Massive BHs in UCDs would thus be relics of massive progenitors. (Bekki et al. 2003, Pfeffer & Baumgardt 2013)

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Three ongoing LGS programs to resolve UCD dynamics: Gemini, Keck, VLT [PIs Seth, Brodie, Mieske]





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How tidal erosion has shaped the relation between GC specific frequency and galaxy luminosity (2014 A&A letters, 565, 6)

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Brockamp, Kuepper, Thies, Kroupa, Baumgardt (2014):

"Erosion of globular cluster systems: the influence of radial anisotropy, central black holes and dynamical friction"

See also: Murali & Weinberg 1997 Vesperini 2000 Baumgardt 1998 Fall & Zhang 2001 Vesperini et al. 2003, Sanchez-Janssen et al. 2012 Smith et al. 2013



Mieske et al. (2014):

Fraction of surviving globular clusters after 10 Gyr as a function of mass density for 5 representative galaxy models taken from Brockamp et al. (2014)





Tidal erosion is an important contributor to the u-shaped relation between GC specific frequency and host galaxy luminosity



Mieske, Kuepper, Brockamp 2014, A&A letters, 565, 6

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