

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY SEMINAR

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"Snow and the Seven Thousand White Dwarfs"

Abstract

Using the Hubble Space Telescope our group has built an unprecedented sample of nearly seven thousand white dwarfs in the globular cluster 47 Tucanae. I will describe how we use these white dwarfs to measure dynamical relaxation in the core of the cluster, constrain the epoch of mass loss in the post-main sequence evolution of solar-like stars, probe the cross-section of neutrinos in the keV regime, constrain the properties of the axion and maybe even see stars snowing.

Friday April 7, 2017 1:00 p.m. Clearihue Building Room A207