Simple self-consistent prediction methods for the phase space of dark matter: from galactic dynamics to phenomenology

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Phase-space distribution of dark matter: source of theoretical uncertainties

Direct searches

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}E} \propto \rho_\odot \int_{v_{\rm min} \leqslant |\vec{v}| \leqslant v_{\rm esc}} \frac{f_\odot(\vec{v})}{|\vec{v}|}\, \mathrm{d}^3 v$$

Impact at low masses

$v_{\rm min} \sim v_{\rm esc}$

Speed-dependent annihilation

- $\langle \sigma v \rangle (r) \propto \langle v_{\rm r}^2 \rangle$ **p-wave**
  $\sigma v = s_1 v_{\rm r}^2 \Rightarrow \langle \sigma v \rangle \equiv \langle \sigma v \rangle (r)$

  $$\langle \sigma v \rangle (r) = s_1 \int \mathrm{d}^3 v_1 \mathrm{d}^3 v_2\, f_r(\vec{v}_1)\, f_r(\vec{v}_2)\, v_{\rm r}^2$$

- $\langle \sigma v \rangle (r) \propto \langle 1/v_{\rm r} \rangle$ or $\langle 1/v_{\rm r}^2 \rangle$
  Sommerfeld

Primordial black holes

- Gravitational microlensing event rates (EROS, MACHO)

  $$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}t} \propto \rho(r) \int v\, f(\vec{v}, \vec{r})\, \mathrm{d}^3 v$$

- Merger rates (gravitational waves)

+ DM substructures (test masses), disruption of stellar binaries

Standard approaches 1: "Standard halo model"

Standard halo model (SHM)

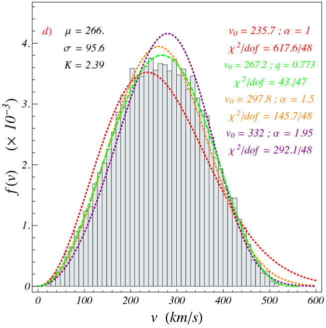
Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$f(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{v_c^3 \pi^{3/2}} \, e^{-\left(\frac{\vec{v}}{v_c}\right)^2}$$

Oversimplification

- Isothermal sphere
- Infinite system
- Ad hoc truncation at v_{esc}

Standard approaches 2: direct fits to simulations



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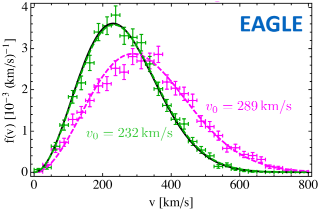

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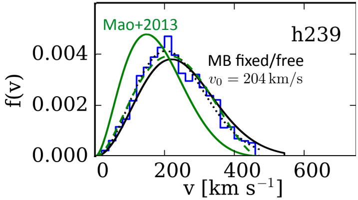

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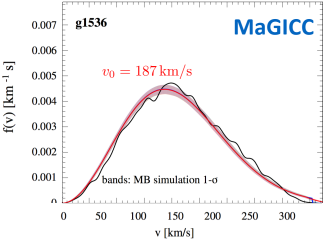

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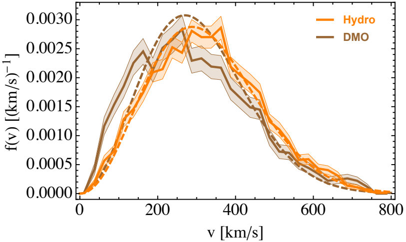
Standard approaches 2: direct fits to simulations

General insight

Generic features found in simulations (e.g., cusp/cores)

But insufficient approach

- Extrapolations based on fits at 8 kpc
- MW constrained systems (e.g., Gaia)
- Subgrid physics (recipes for star formation, ...)



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Self-consistent approach required

Eddington-like methods: next-to-minimal approach

Phase space of dark matter from first principles

Phase-space distribution $f(\vec{v},\vec{r})$: closed system

- Collisionless Boltzmann equation, steady state

$$\{f,H\} = \vec{v}\cdot\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{r}} - \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\vec{r}}\cdot\frac{\partial f}{\partial\vec{v}} = 0$$

$\longrightarrow$ Jeans' theorem: $f \equiv f(I_1,\ldots,I_N)$ where $\{I_i,H\} = 0$

- Poisson equation

$$\Delta\Phi = 4\pi G\rho \;\; \text{with} \;\; \rho = \int f(\vec{v},\vec{r})\mathrm{d}^3v$$

Eddington's inversion formula (Eddington 1916)

Isotropic system + spherical symmetry: $f(\vec{v},\vec{r}) \equiv f(\mathcal{E})$

with $\mathcal{E} = \Psi(r) - \frac{v^2}{2}$ and $\Psi(r) = \Phi(R_{\rm max}) - \Phi(r)$

$$f(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}\pi^2}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\rho}{\mathrm{d}\Psi}\right)_{\Psi=0} + \int_0^{\mathcal{E}}\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\rho}{\mathrm{d}\Psi^2}\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}-\Psi}}\right]$$

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Extensions

Anisotropic systems

E.g. constant anisotropy, Osipkov-Merritt (radial anisotropy)

Going beyond spherical spherical symmetry

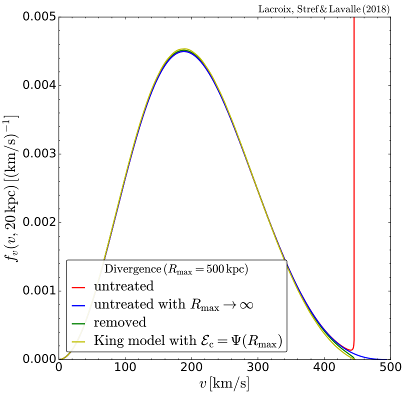
- Angle-action coordinates more suitable coordinate system if no spherical symmetry
  Binney & Tremaine 1987
- Best way to account for complexity revealed by Gaia
- Level of refinement not necessarily required for DM searches
  $\rightarrow$ Evaluate astrophysical uncertainties
- Eddington: lower level of technicalities to account for dynamical constraints
  $\rightarrow$ Study validity range in detail

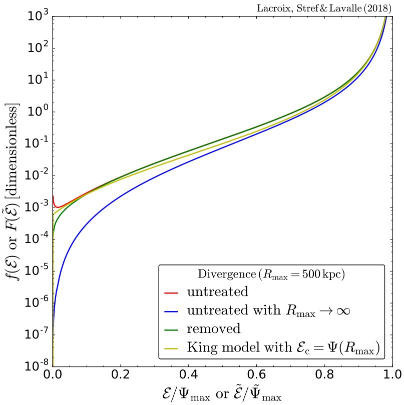
Eddington: method applied blindly to direct searches so far

Theoretical consistency and radial boundary

Imposing a radial boundary

- Finite system ($R_{\rm max}$) $\Rightarrow$ divergence of $f(\vec{r},\vec{v})$ at $v_{\rm esc}$ (from $1/\sqrt{\mathcal{E}}$)
- Phase-space compression
- $v_{\rm esc}$ crucial (direct DM searches at low masses, stellar surveys)





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Proper treatment critical for self-consistency

Removing divergence by hand?

- Approach no longer self-consistent (Poisson equation)
- Poor reconstruction of density and mass in outer regions

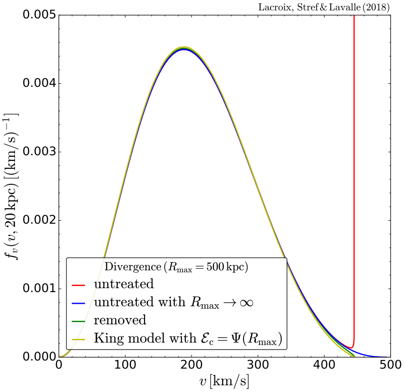
Even more critical for radial anisotropy

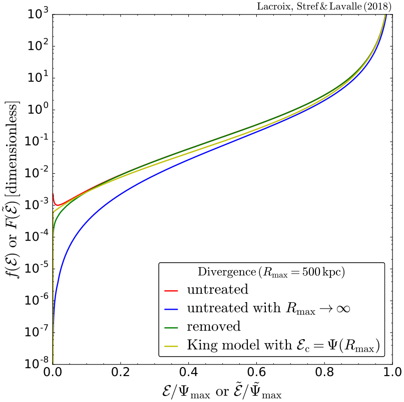
Very large discrepancy between original and reconstructed mass

Theoretical consistency and radial boundary

Regularization

- Modified profile, flat at R_{max}
- Energy cutoff (King)





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Not possible for radial anisotropy

Theoretical consistency: instabilities

Validity range of the method

- Standard criterion:
  $f \geqslant 0$
- Antonov instabilities for some DM-baryon configurations
- Stable solution if $\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{E}} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\rho}{\mathrm{d}\Psi^2} > 0$
  Doremus+ 1971, Kandrup & Sygnet 1985
- Select mass models

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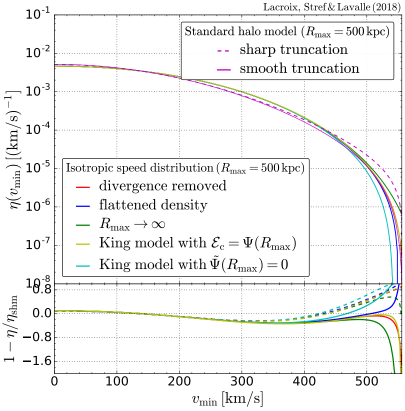
For anisotropic systems criteria against radial perturbations only
Doremus+ 1973

Impact on predictions for DM searches

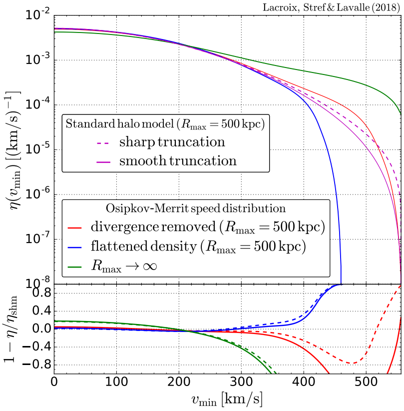
Event rate proportional to

$$\eta(v_{\min}) = \int_{v_{\min} \leqslant v \leqslant v_\oplus + v_{\rm esc}} \frac{f_{\vec{v},\oplus}(\vec{v})}{v}\, d^3v$$

Isotropic



Osipkov-Merritt



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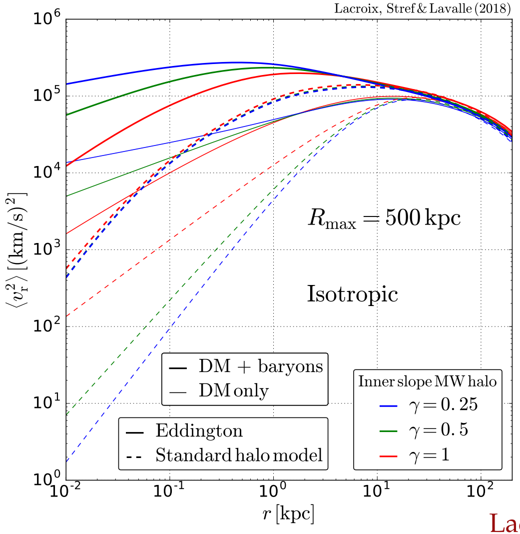
Impact on predictions for DM searches

Prototypical case: p-wave annihilation

$\langle \sigma v \rangle(r) \propto \langle v_r^2 \rangle$



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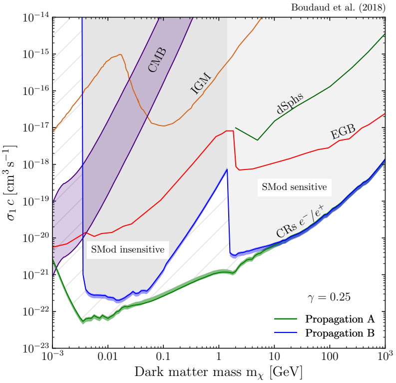
Application: p-wave annihilation

$$\sigma v = \sigma_1 v_{\rm r}^2 \Rightarrow \langle \sigma v \rangle \equiv \langle \sigma v \rangle (r)$$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle (r) = \sigma_1 \int \mathrm{d}^3 v_1 \mathrm{d}^3 v_2 f_r(\vec{v}_1) f_r(\vec{v}_2)\, v_{\rm r}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{\rm e} \neq \langle \sigma v \rangle \int \rho^2(r)\, \mathrm{d}^3 r$$

- Very strong e^+ constraints (Voyager, AMS-02)
- Justifies focusing on Eddington's methods
- Treatment of theoretical uncertainties



Boudaud+ 2018, in prep.

Summary and outlook

Eddington's inversion method

- A few physical assumptions
- Moderate level of technicalities
- Mass model direct input
- Better control astrophysical uncertainties for DM searches
- Dramatic changes wrt Maxwell-Boltzmann

Self-consistency: theoretical validity range

- Radial boundary (direct searches)
- Positive DF + stability

Actual predictivity?

- Testing the method against cosmological simulations
- Not direct fits!
- Eddington globally better than SHM Lacroix+ 2018b, in prep.
- See A. Núñez's talk on Thursday

Thank you for your attention!