completeness corrections and the small scale issues of the Milky Way

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GAIA DR1 sky map

Two fundamental predictions of CDM





Nearly scale-free hierarchy of DM halos to Earth-mass scales!

missing satellites problem

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DM only simulations of the Milky Way O(100) satellites

Garrison-Kimmel+ 2017







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survey area





completeness corrections for each dwarf observed, with brightness M_{ν} , radial distribution completeness (plotted as a CDF) radius $R(M_{\rm v})$ percent observed within r radial No missing satellites! completeness (Kim+ 2018) orrection r (kpc) area sum for completeness total dwarfs each dwarf, correction with $M_{\rm V}$ MW total survey area

completeness corrections

for each dwarf observed, with brightness M_{ν} , dispersion σ_* ,



radial distributions



corrected velocity function









Dooley+ 2017, Barber+ 2014







predictions from simulations











implications for SIDM



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Read+2016, Robles+ 2017

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shape of corrected velocity function strongly dependent velocity uncertainties more precise measurements needed!

EXTRAS: MSP

corrected luminosity function



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dependence on reionization redshift











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Stars typically live in the centers of subhalos, and thus are sensitive to the presence of central cores vs. cups!