The vertical force in the solar neighbourhood

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The force-equation

• We explore the vertical force-equation:

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}z} \equiv F_z = \frac{\sigma_z^2}{\nu} \frac{\mathrm{d}\nu}{\mathrm{d}z} + \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_z^2}{\mathrm{d}z} + \frac{\mathrm{cov}(v_R, v_z)}{R} \left[1 - \gamma_{\nu,R} - \gamma_{\mathrm{cov}(v_R, v_z),R}\right]$$

where:

$$\gamma_{Q(x),x} = -\frac{x}{Q(x)} \frac{\mathrm{d}Q(x)}{\mathrm{d}x}$$

• The surface mass density is approximated by:

$$\Sigma(z) \approx \frac{|F_z(z)|}{2\pi G}$$

The vertical force equation & dark matter

- Near the mid-plane, the baryonic surface density is expected to be dominant over a possible DM surface density.
- Therefore, to constrain a DM density we need to probe up to sufficiently large galactic heights.



Data



- TGASxRAVE = 6D phase-space information for about 200.000 stars!
- Selection Criteria: parallax > 0 parallax_error / parallax < 0.2
- Parallaxes are either taken from TGAS or from RAVE DR5: the measurement with the best relative error on the parallax is used.
 RAVE radial velo
 - RAVE radial velocities if: eHRV < 8 km/s CorrelationCoeff > 10
 - RAVE distances only if: ALGO_CONV != 1 SNR > 20

The effect of the maximum relative parallax errors on the sample



We choose a maximum of 20% relative distance error

Distribution of stars in our sample



20% parallax error sample: ~110000 stars 30% parallax error sample: ~175000 stars

Sun at R = 8.3 kpc & z=+14 pc vLSR = 228.5 km/s (U,V,W) = (11.1, 12.24,7.25) km/s $\langle v_{\phi} \rangle$





12

9

6

3

0

-3

-6

-9

-12

-15





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Vertical velocity dispersion at the solar radius.





Contribution of the individual terms



The implied surface mass density



Mass model

• We model the stellar contribution in the solar neighbourhood by a single disk:

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M_{\rm disk} = 4.5 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}
h_R = 2.5 \, {\rm kpc}
h_z = 0.3 \, {\rm kpc}
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• We allow for a dark matter component by assuming a constant dark matter density.





 $\rho_{DM}(R = R_{\odot}, z = 0) = 0.007 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^{3}$ $\text{error}(\rho_{DM,R_{\odot}}) = 0.003 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^{3}$









30% parallax error sample









Varying (h_R, h_z), 30% sample





Summary

- We attempted to model the DM density by a single disk component.
- We obtain large errors and are looking at the data, to see why we obtain different results.
- Errors on disk parameters can have a significant influence on the implied dark matter density at the solar position.
- Gaia DR2: more & accurate proper motions, distances and radial velocities.

Questions