

# Velocity dependent self-interacting dark matter in galaxy cluster mergers

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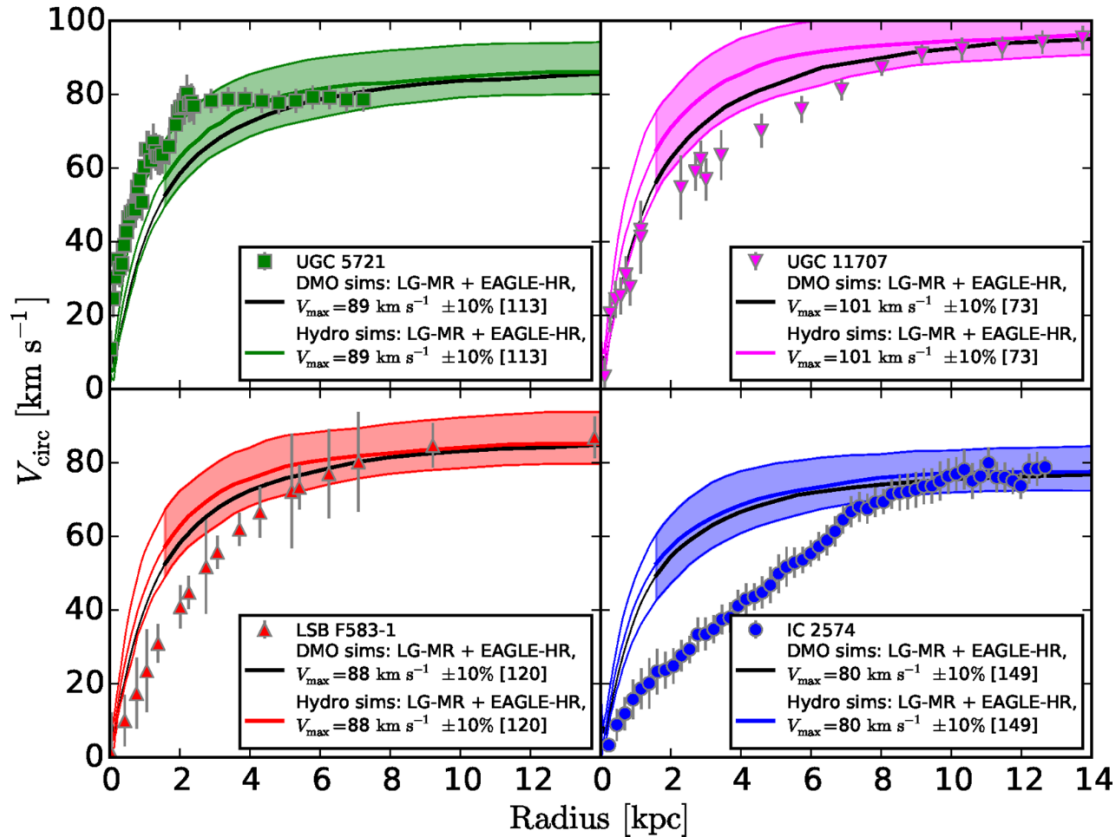
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- Motivation for velocity-dependent SIDM.
- N-Body simulations of angular and velocity dependant self-interactions.
- Galaxy cluster merger simulations.
- Results.

# Diversity problem

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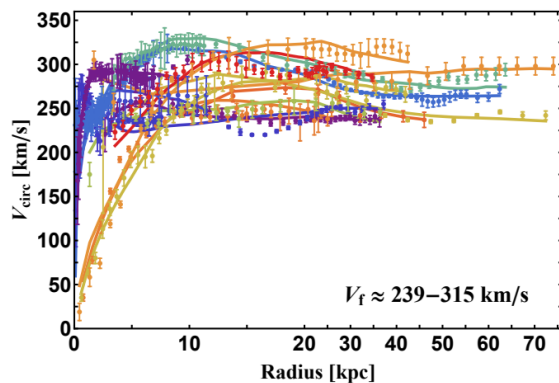
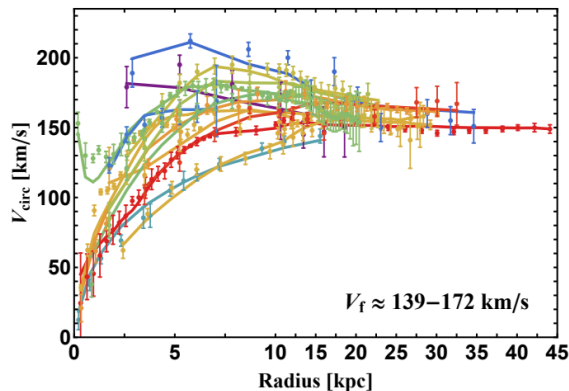
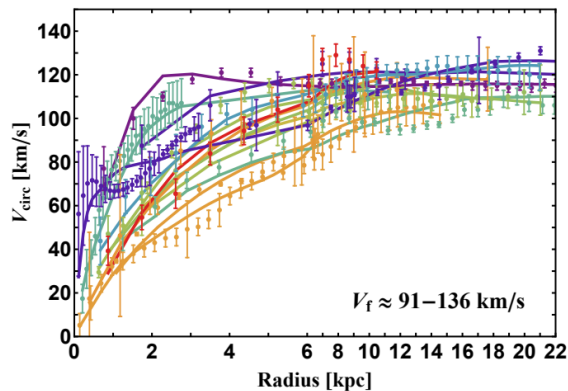
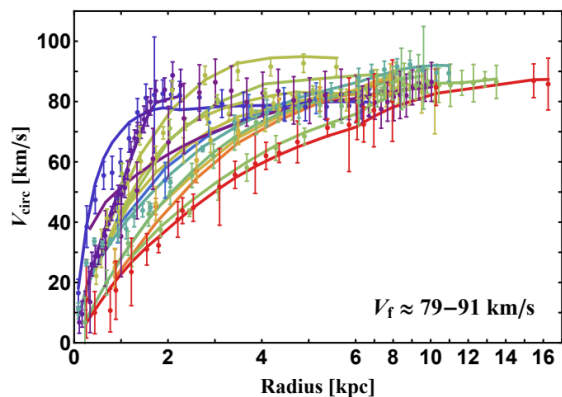
[Oman et. al 1504.01437]

- Approximately the same  $V_{\text{max}}$
- Rotation curves are diverse
- $\Rightarrow$  Diverse density profiles

$$V(r) \propto \sqrt{GM(r)/r}$$

# Diversity problem with SIDM

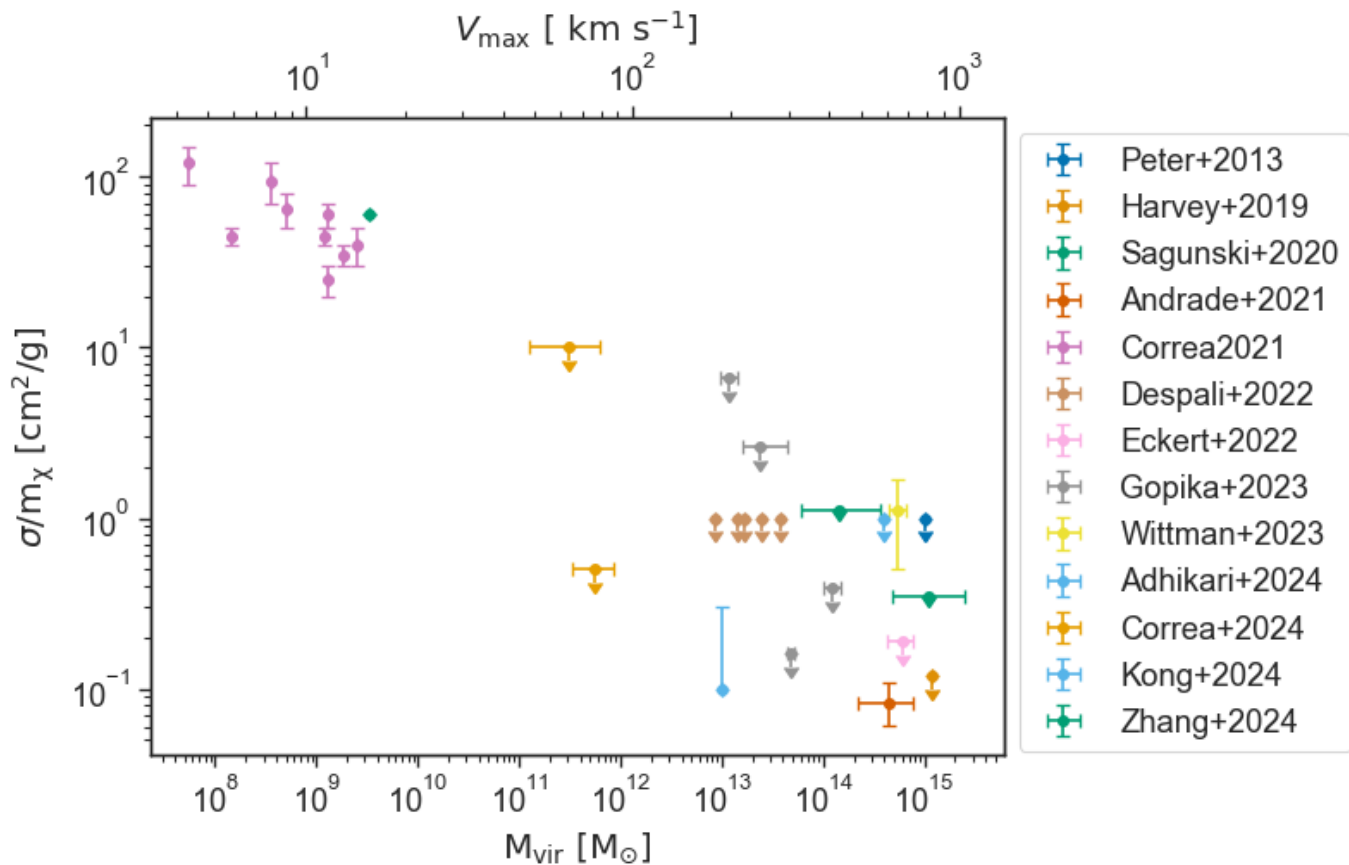
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[Ren et. al 1808.05695]

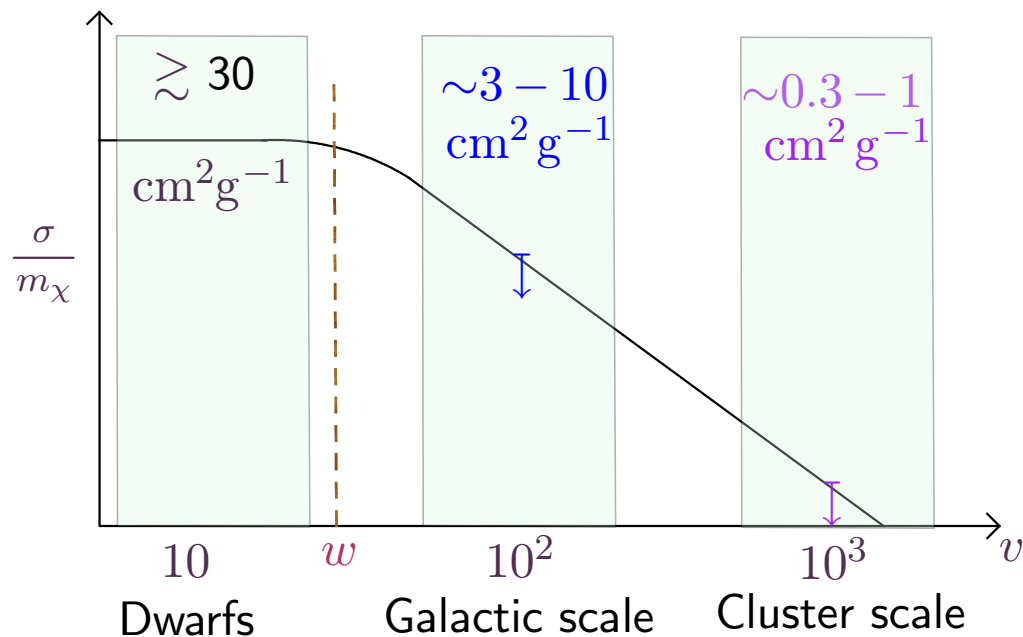
- 125 Galaxies from SPARC
- $\sigma / m = 3 - 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$
- Fitting SIDM density profile parameters

# Existing constraints



# Connecting the dots - Velocity dependence

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- Solid line - Generic form

$$\sigma_{0m} \left( 1 + \frac{v^2}{w^2} \right)^{-2}$$

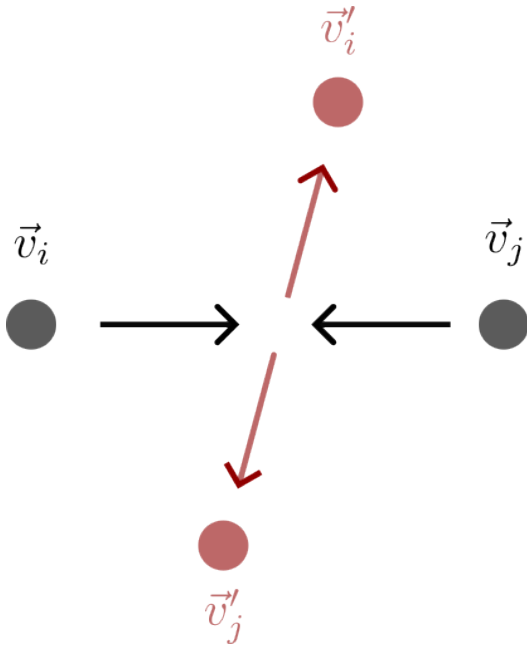
[Gilman et al. 2207.13111] , [Yang et al. 2205.02957]

# Angular Dependence

# Angular dependance - Isotropic case (rare.)

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- Standard implementation for SIDM [[Adhikari et. al 2207.10638](#)]



- Scattering probability,

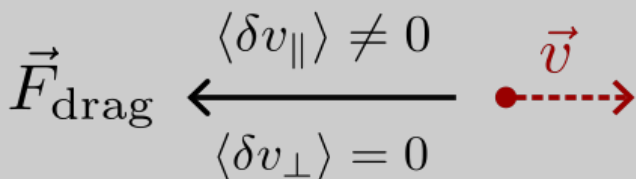
$$P_{ij} \propto \frac{\sigma_{\text{Tot}}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \Delta t$$

- Computationally expensive for SIDM models with,

$$\sigma_{\text{Tot}} \rightarrow \infty, \text{ leads to } \Delta t \rightarrow 0$$



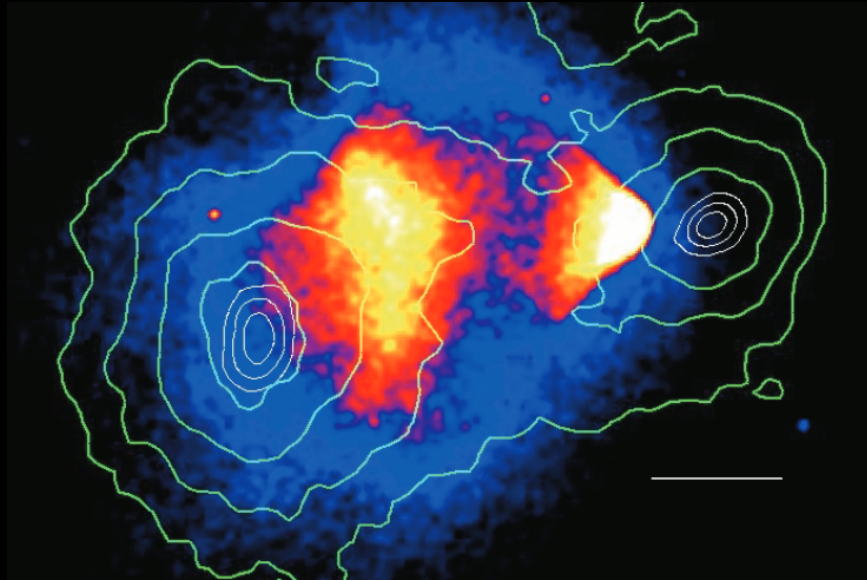
Effective description of self-interactions as given in [\[Kahlhoefer et al. 1308.3419\]](#)

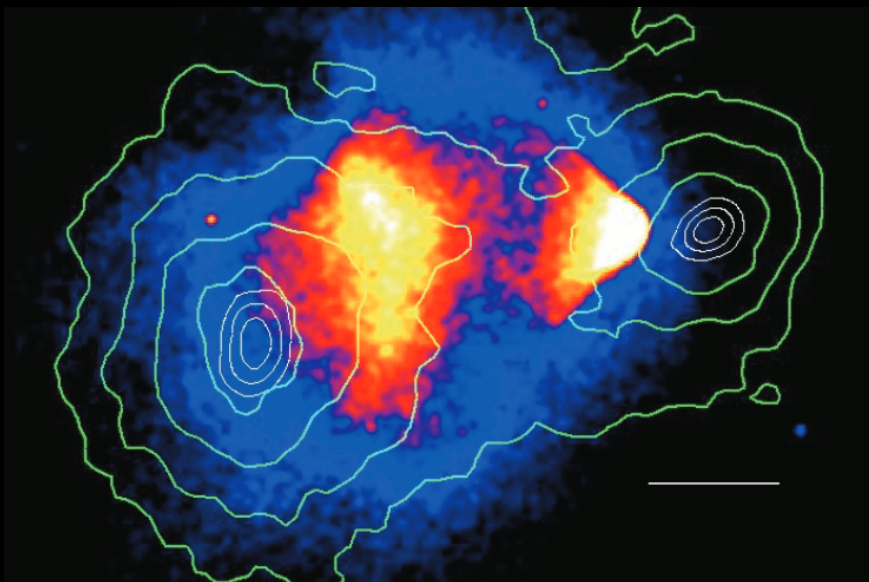


A diagram illustrating the drag force and velocity. On the left, a grey oval contains the text  $\vec{F}_{\text{drag}}$  followed by a double-headed arrow pointing left. Above the arrow is the expression  $\langle \delta v_{\parallel} \rangle \neq 0$  and below is  $\langle \delta v_{\perp} \rangle = 0$ . To the right of the arrow is a red dashed arrow pointing right, labeled  $\vec{v}$ .

- Strongly anisotropic cross-sections
- Drag force leads to deceleration of the DM particle
- $R_{\text{dec}} = \frac{\rho v \sigma_T}{2 m_{\text{DM}}}$
- Implemented in OPEN-GADGET3 [\[Fischer et al. 2012.10277\]](#)

# Galaxy Cluster Mergers

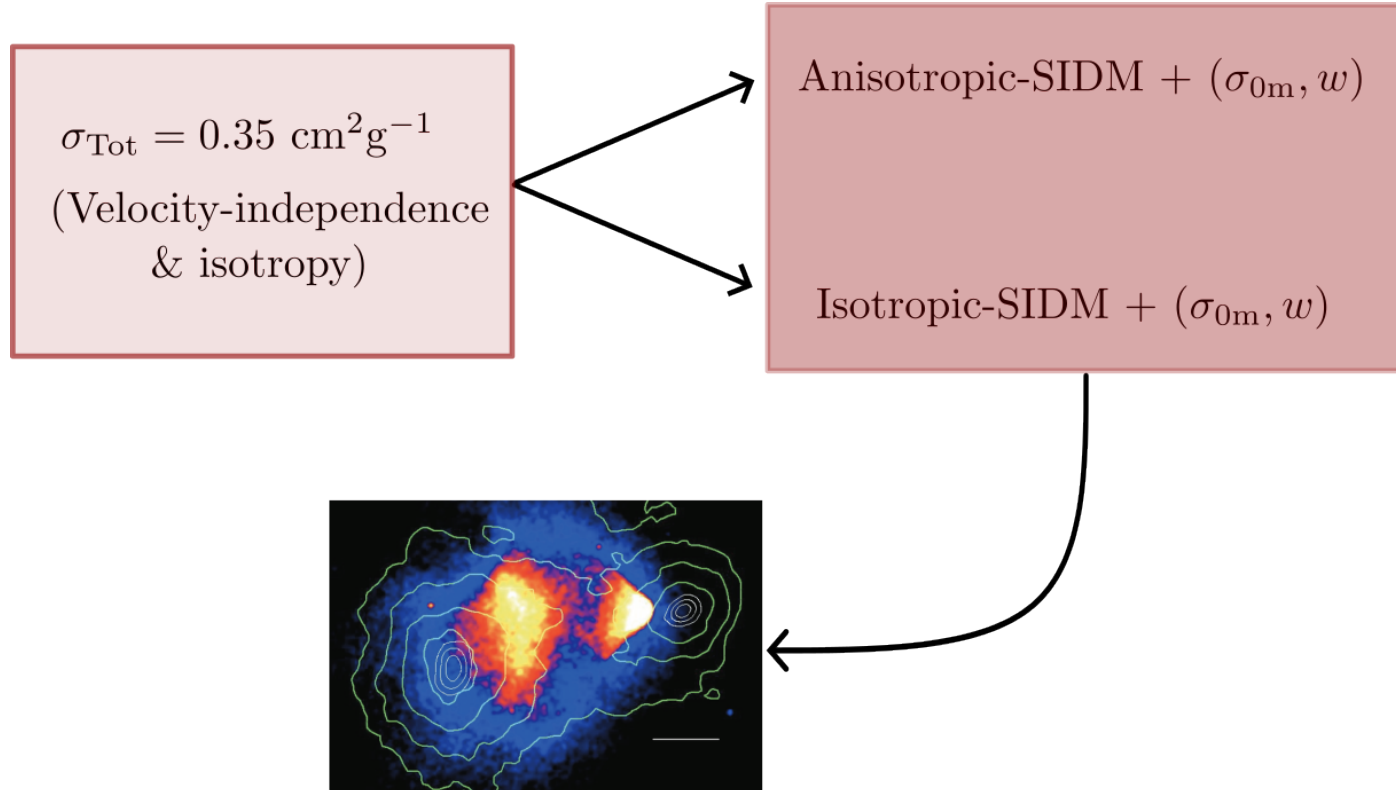




- Qualitative features in velDep mergers !
- Is it possible to have observable offsets given the current bounds ?

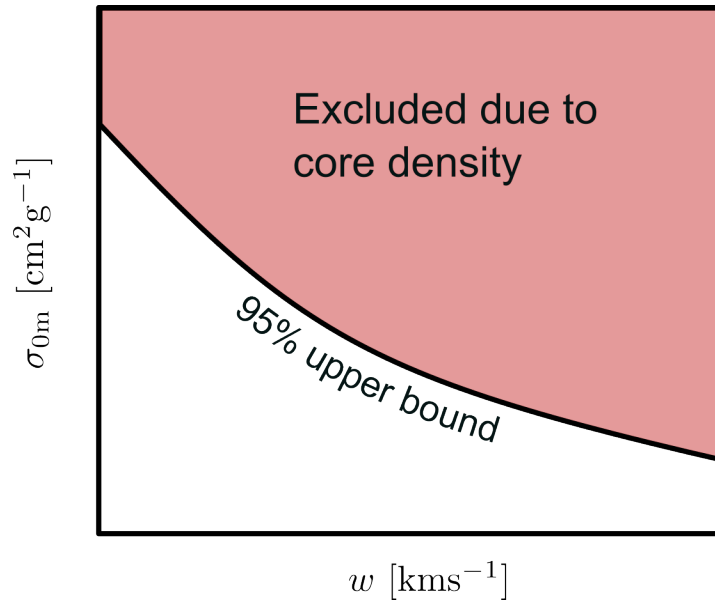
Setup :

- Simulations with  $10^6$  particles
- DM, Gal, BCG



How large of an offset ?

- Stringent bounds from core densities [Sagunski et al. 2006.12515, Andrade et al. 2012.06611]
- Simulate isolated haloes with velocity dependence that has similar central density.



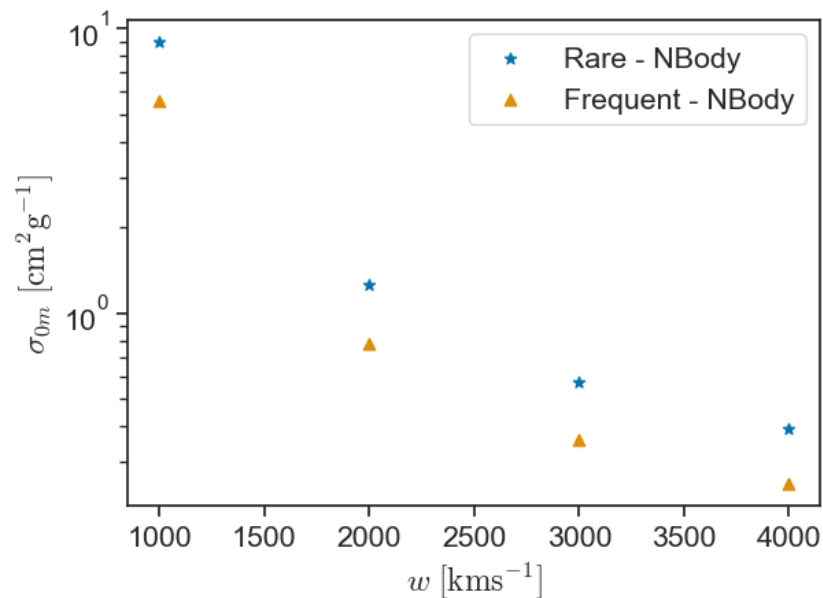
At a given  $w$ ,

$$\sigma_{0m} \uparrow \implies \rho_{\text{core}} \downarrow$$

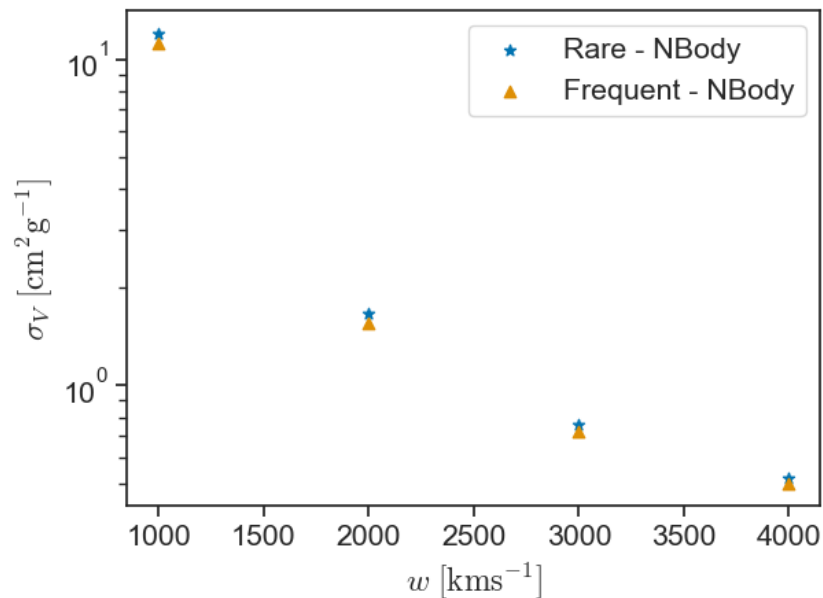
$$\sigma_{0m} \uparrow \implies d_{\text{DM-BCG}} \uparrow$$

# Mapping the constraint-II

$\sigma_{0m}$  vs.  $w$

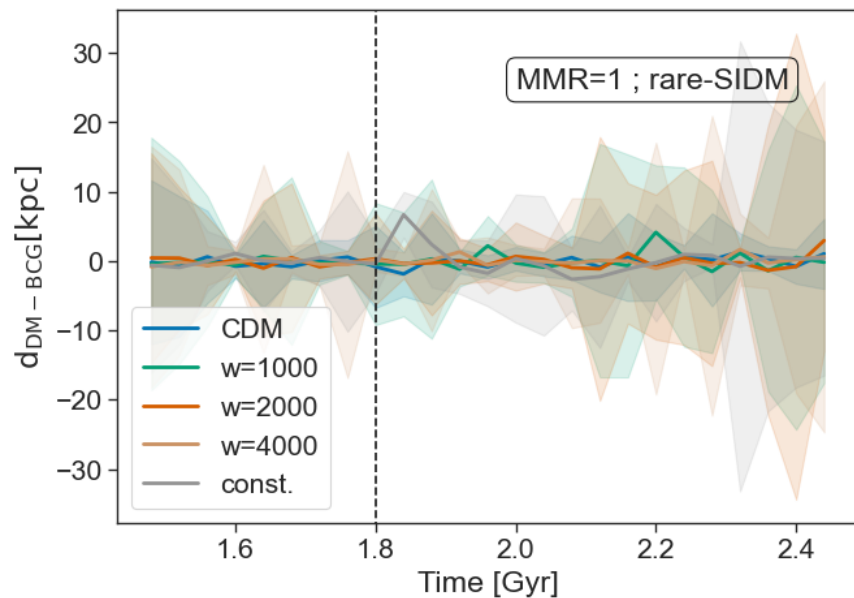
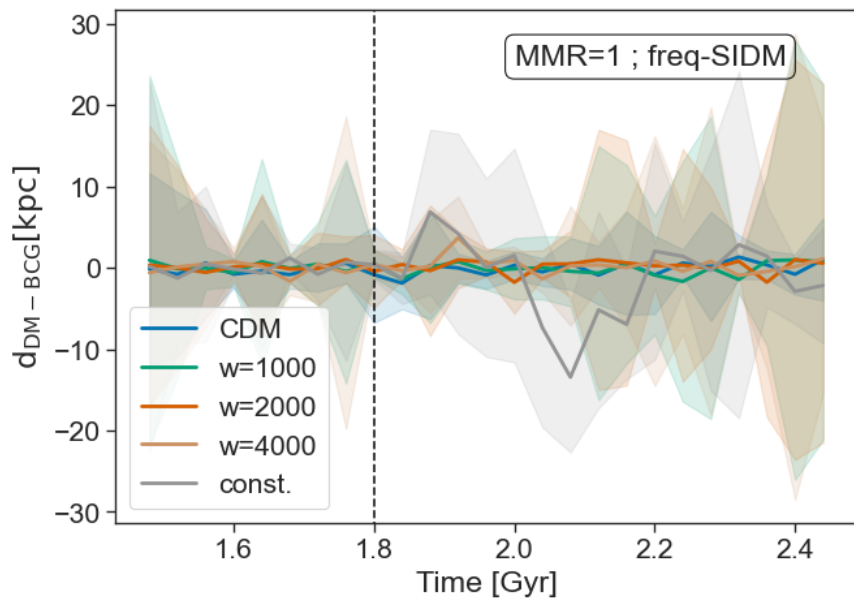


Viscosity cross-section  $\sigma_V$  vs.  $w$



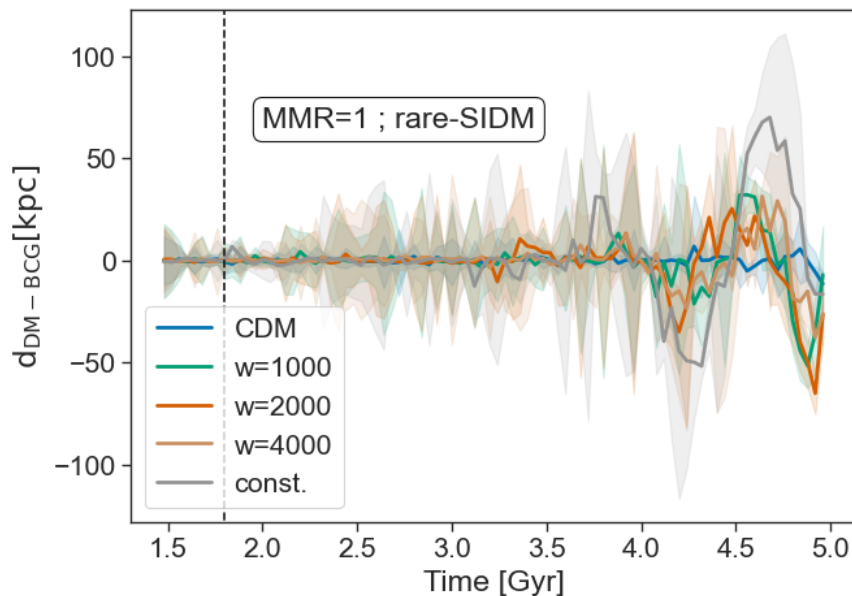
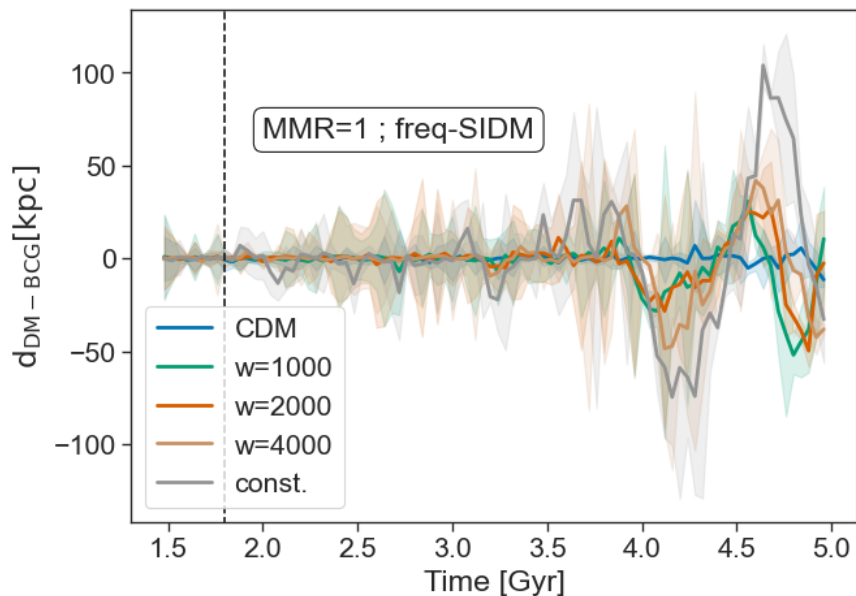
# DM-BCG offset at first pericentre passage

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# Offsets between DM and BCG at later stages

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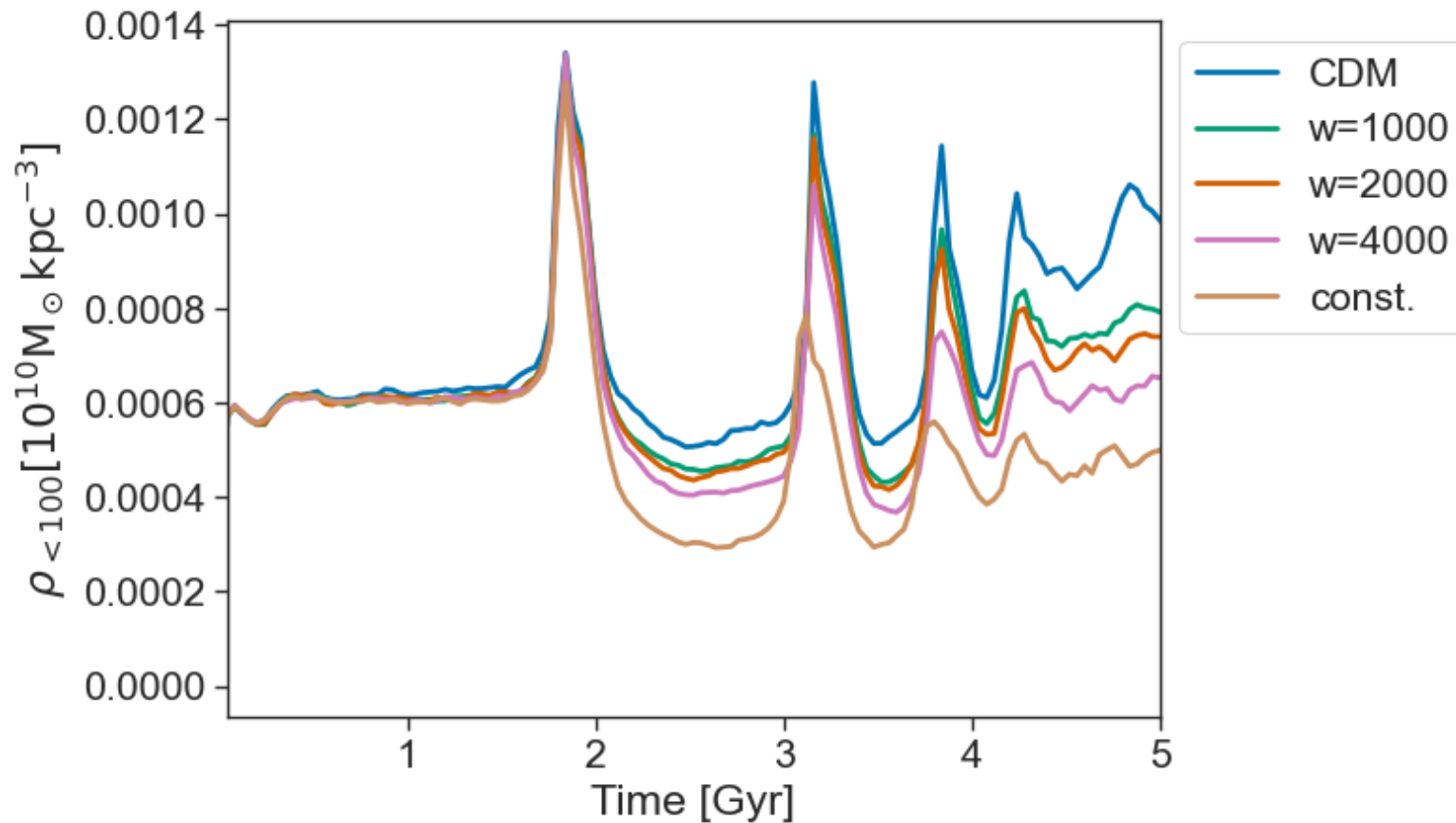
BCG oscillations have different behaviour due to evolving central densities at late stages.

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# Central density evolution - freq. SIDM

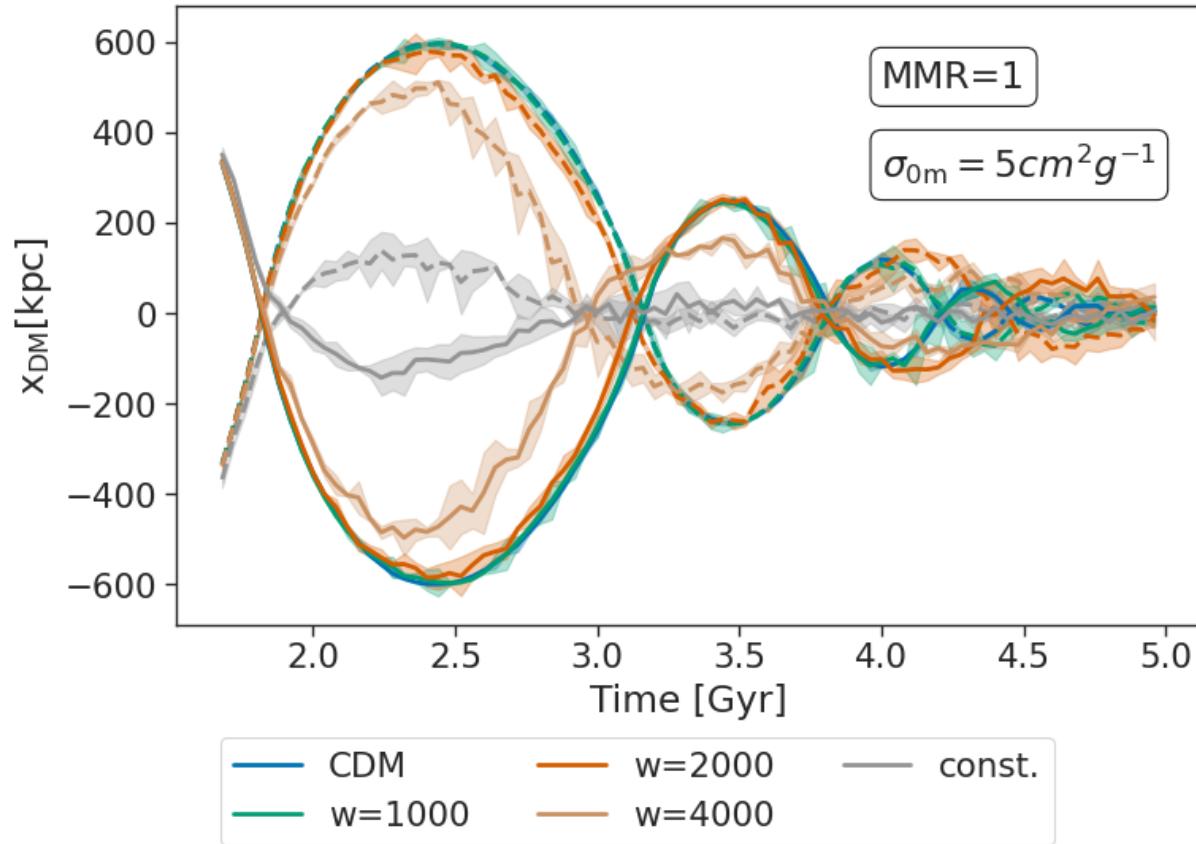
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- Constraints at different velocity scales  $\rightarrow$  Velocity dependent SIDM
- Simulations with isotropic and strongly anisotropic cross-sections have been performed.
- Qualitative differences between CDM, cSIDM and vSIDM seen in BCG oscillations.
- Offsets in simulations after first pericentre are not large enough to be measured given typical astronomical uncertainties.

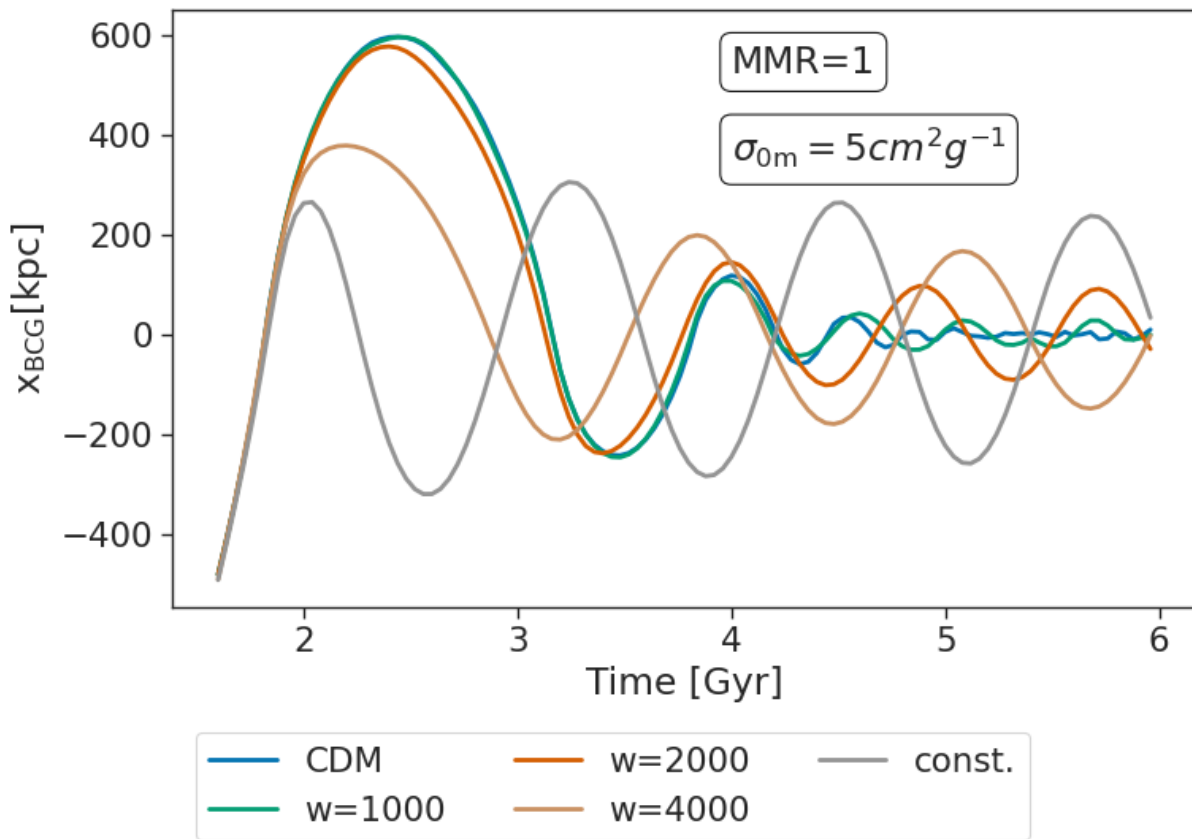
# Backup slides

# Varying $w$ : DM peaks



- Anisotropic cross-section

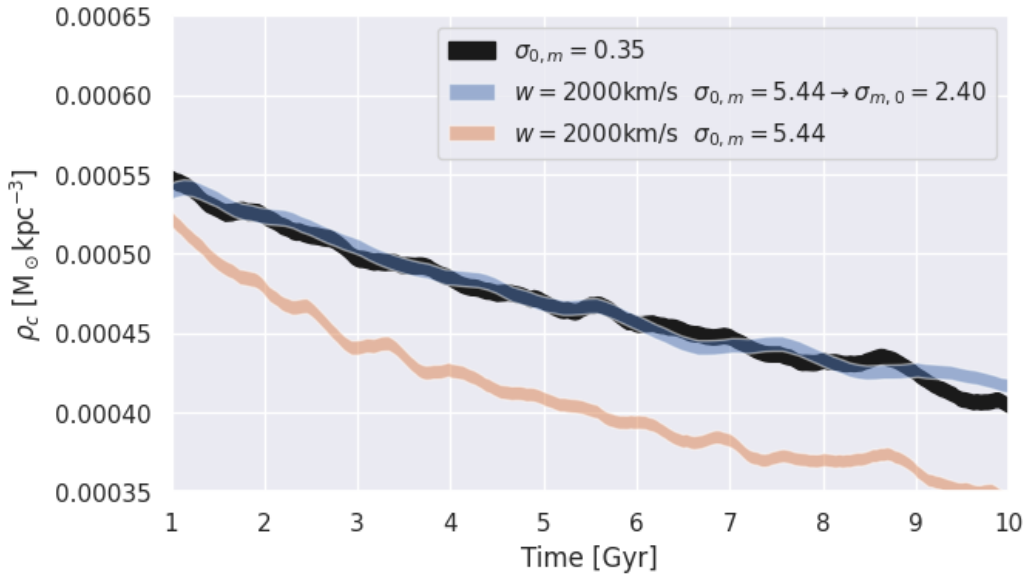
# Varying $w$ : BCG Oscillations



- BCG oscillations have different behaviour due to evolving central densities

Total	Momentum-transfer	Viscosity
$\sigma_{\text{Tot}} = \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} d\Omega$	$\sigma_T \propto \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} (1 -  \cos\theta ) d\cos\theta$	$\sigma_V \propto \int d\cos\theta \sin^2\theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}$

For cross-section with  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\sigma_T \rightarrow \text{finite}$ ,  $\sigma_V \rightarrow \text{finite}$



- Central density matching [Balberg et. al 0110561 ] [Yang et. al 2205.03392]

- $t_{\text{fac}} = \frac{\sigma_{0,m}(\text{guess})}{\sigma_{0,m}(\text{new})}$

- Initial guess should not be way too off

- Ballpark estimate for  $\sigma_{0,m}$  : solve for  $\sigma_{0,m}$  in the equation  $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 0.35$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \propto \int v^2 dv d\cos\theta v^5 \sin^2\theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}(\sigma_{0,m}) \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{4\sigma_{1D}^2}\right) [\text{Yang et. al 2205.03392}]$$

- Effective cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{(n)} \propto \int v^2 dv d\cos\theta v^n \sin^2\theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}(\sigma_{0,m}) \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{4\sigma_{1D}^2}\right) \text{ [Yang et. al 2205.03392]}$$

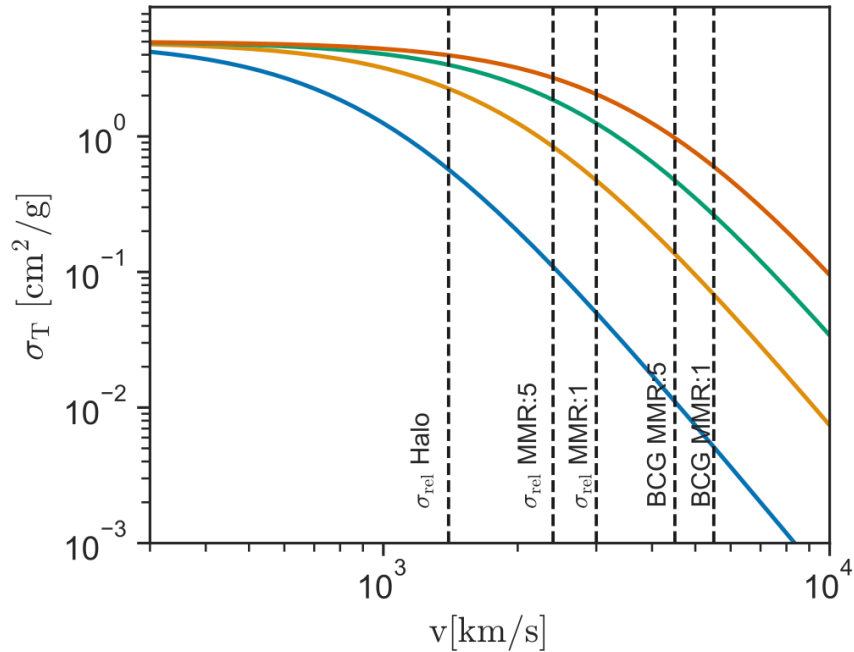
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$$\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{(n)}(\text{freq.}) = \sigma_{\text{eff}}^{(n)}(\text{rare.}) \Rightarrow \sigma_{0m}(\text{freq.}) = \frac{2}{3}\sigma_{0m}(\text{rare.})$$



# Relevant velocity scales in the system

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- Different velocity scales
- Internal velocity dispersion
- Merger collision velocity

