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Outline

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 - -a) The Structure of the Milky Way and its Satellites-
 - b) Direct Dark Matter Detection Experiments
 - c) Indirect Dark Matter Detection

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I. Dark Matter Simulations: The State Of The Art



AQUARIUS A-1 (Springel et al. 2008) 4.3 billion particles, 1,700 M_o





Via Lactea II/GHALO vs. Aquarius



Via Lactea II, GHALO: **PKDGRAV2m** Aquarius: **Gadget-3** Once appropriately scaled, VL-II, GHALO, and Aquarius agree with each other.

Via Lactea II/GHALO vs. Aquarius



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Some differences remain, e.g. in the radial distribution of subhalos.



Possible explanations:

> Slightly different cosmology? σ_8 =0.76, n_s=0.96 in VL2/GHALO

 σ_8 =0.9, n_s=1 in Aquarius

- Different subhalo finders? 6DFOF vs. SUBFIND
- > Different sample selection? V_{max} vs. M

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Low-mass WIMPs 5-50GeV (with no coupling to Z⁰)

DAMA, CoGENT, CDMS, CRESST-II, XENON10/100



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See also: Hansen et al. (2005), Vogelsberger et al. (2009)

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Velocity Direction in Halo Rest Frame





... in Earth Rest Frame v_{min}= 0 km/s





... in Earth Rest Frame v_{min}= 500 km/s



Sample Sphere #001

Sample Sphere #004 (containing a subhalo)



... in Earth Rest Frame v_{min}= 500 km/s



At v_{min} =500 km/s the hotspot is more than 10° away from the direction of Earth's motion in ~80% of all cases!



Conclusions

- The number of subhalos resolved in the to-date largest simulations (Via Lactea II, GHALO, Aquarius) is ever increasing: >300,000 at latest count.
- The simulations indicate copious DM velocity substructure from subhalos and tidal streams. Corresponding stellar streams are being discovered: will there be a Missing Streams Problem?
- Velocity substructure in the DM distribution function might noticeably affect DM direct detection experiments, especially for DM models or experimental setups that are sensitive to high velocity DM particles: e.g. inelastic DM, light DM, directionally sensitive experiments.
- > At high velocities (>500 km/s) the direction of incoming DM particles is more than 10° away from the direction of Earth's motion in ~80% of all cases!
- The annihilation boost factor from substructure depends on radius: at the GC or at the Sun it's not likely to be important.