DARK MATTER

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TODAY

- GALACTIC STRUCTURE

- Oort Constants
- TERMINAL VELOCITIES
- MW POTENTIAL FROM SATELLITES
- EPICYCLE APPROXIMATION





Galactic mass distribution: bulge/bar, stellar disk, gas disk, dark matter





Milky Way model illustrating baryonic mass components



The Tangent-Point Method

Look at gas clouds in the Milky Way. Using 21-cm radio emission, we can get their radial velocity via the doppler shift.

Imagine looking at some line of sight through the galaxy and observing the gas clouds:



So $v(C) = v(R_{min}) = v(R_0sin(l))$.

Maximum velocity at minimum radius along line of sight at Galactic longitude $\boldsymbol{\ell}$



terminal velocities







The tangent point method only works inside the solar circle. Need to measure distances as well as velocities for $R > R_0$.

One approach is to use Blue Horizontal Branch stars in the Galactic halo



BHB stars provide population of approximate standard candles so distance can be estimated as well as velocity



LMC $M_{MW}(< 50 \text{ kpc}) = 5.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ M}_{\odot}$ other $M_{MW}(< 100 \text{ kpc}) = 1.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ M}_{\odot}$ Leo I $M_{MW}(< 263 \text{ kpc}) = 2.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ M}_{\odot}$

The LMC may be a non-negligible perturbation to the outer halo, which may not remain spherical.



sparsely sampled mass estimator

$$M = \frac{C}{G} \langle V_{los}^2 R \rangle \approx \frac{C}{G} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_{los,i}^2 R_i$$

$$C \approx \frac{32}{\pi}$$

give or take a factor of 2 depending on the orbital isotropy and the shape of the potential

Orbits of individual stars: the epicycle approximation

guiding center