

Bayesian Reconstruction of the WIMP Velocity Distribution Function from Direct Dark Matter Detection Data

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- Formalism

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Summary

Motivation

- Differential event rate for elastic WIMP-nucleus scattering

$$\frac{dR}{dQ} = \mathcal{A} F^2(Q) \int_{v_{\min}(Q)}^{v_{\max}} \left[\frac{f_1(v)}{v} \right] dv$$

Here

$$v_{\min}(Q) = \alpha \sqrt{Q}$$

is the minimal incoming velocity of incident WIMPs that can deposit the recoil energy Q in the detector,

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\rho_0 \sigma_0}{2m_\chi m_{r,N}^2} \quad \alpha \equiv \sqrt{\frac{m_N}{2m_{r,N}^2}} \quad m_{r,N} = \frac{m_\chi m_N}{m_\chi + m_N}$$

ρ_0 : WIMP density near the Earth

σ_0 : total cross section ignoring the form factor suppression

$F(Q)$: elastic nuclear form factor

$f_1(v)$: one-dimensional velocity distribution of halo WIMPs

Reconstruction of the WIMP velocity distribution

- Normalized one-dimensional WIMP velocity distribution function

$$f_1(v) = \mathcal{N} \left\{ -2Q \cdot \frac{d}{dQ} \left[\frac{1}{F^2(Q)} \left(\frac{dR}{dQ} \right) \right] \right\}_{Q=v^2/\alpha^2}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{2}{\alpha} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{Q}} \left[\frac{1}{F^2(Q)} \left(\frac{dR}{dQ} \right) \right] dQ \right\}^{-1}$$

- Moments of the velocity distribution function

$$\langle v^n \rangle = \mathcal{N}(Q_{\text{thre}}) \left(\frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{2} \right) \left[\frac{2Q_{\text{thre}}^{(n+1)/2}}{F^2(Q_{\text{thre}})} \left(\frac{dR}{dQ} \right)_{Q=Q_{\text{thre}}} + (n+1)I_n(Q_{\text{thre}}) \right]$$

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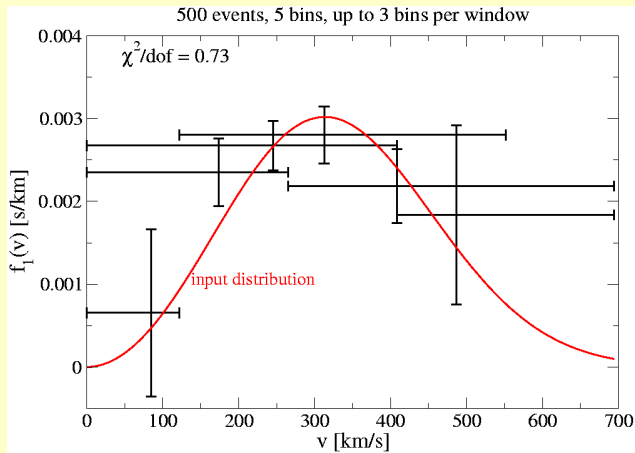
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Reconstruction of the WIMP velocity distribution

- Reconstructed $f_{1,rec}(v_{S,n})$
(^{76}Ge , 500 events, 5 bins, up to 3 bins per window)



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$$p_i(\mathbf{a}_i; \mu_{a,i}, \sigma_{a,i}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_{a,i}} e^{-(a_i - \mu_{a,i})^2 / 2\sigma_{a,i}^2}$$



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$$\mathcal{L}\left(f_{1,\text{rec}}(v_{s,\mu}), \mu = 1, 2, \dots, W; \mathbf{a}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{Bayesian}}\right)$$

$$\equiv \prod_{\mu=1}^W \text{Gau}\left(v_{s,\mu}, f_{1,\text{rec}}(v_{s,\mu}), \sigma_{f_{1,s,\mu}}; \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{N_{\text{Bayesian}}}\right)$$

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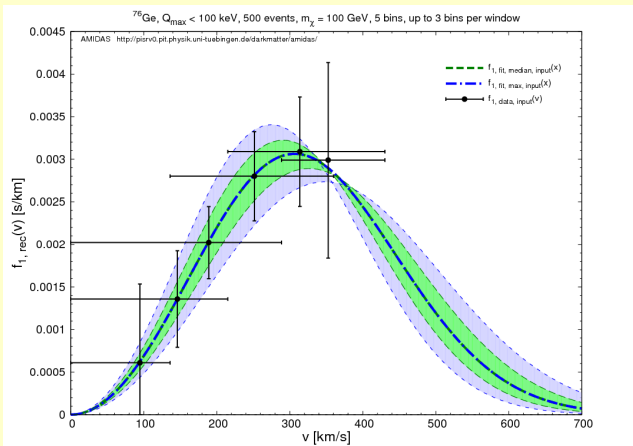
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$$f_{1,\text{Gau},k}(v) = \frac{v^2}{N_{f,k}} \left(e^{-v^2/kv_0^2} - e^{-v_{\text{max}}^2/kv_0^2} \right)^k \quad \text{for } v \leq v_{\text{max}}$$

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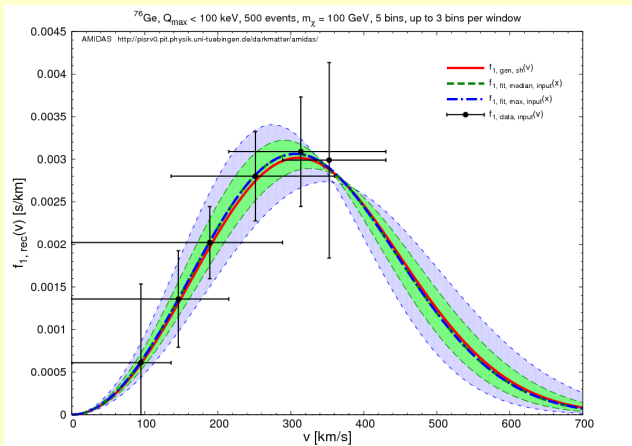
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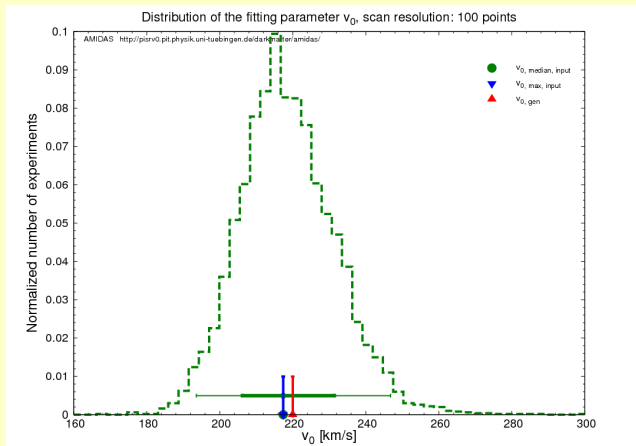


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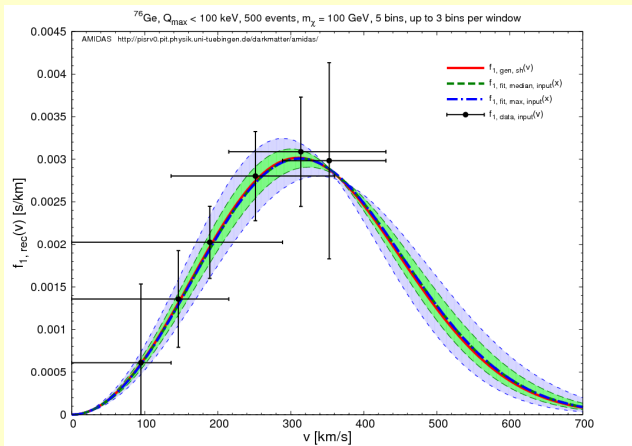
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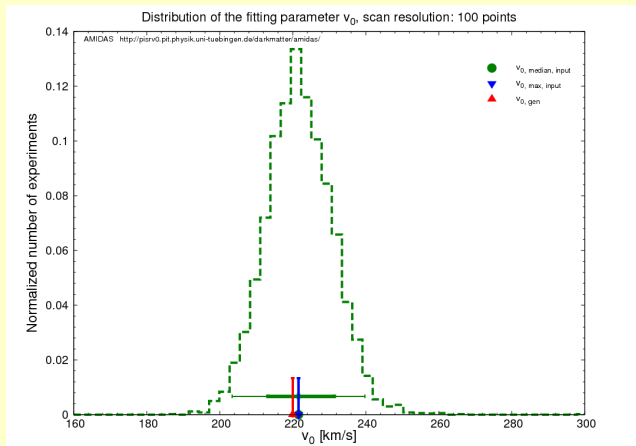


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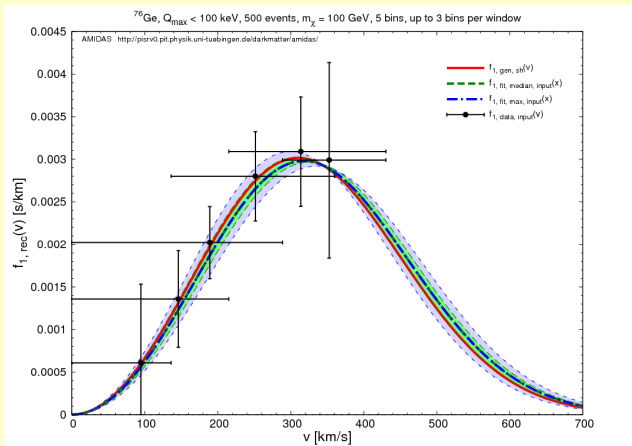
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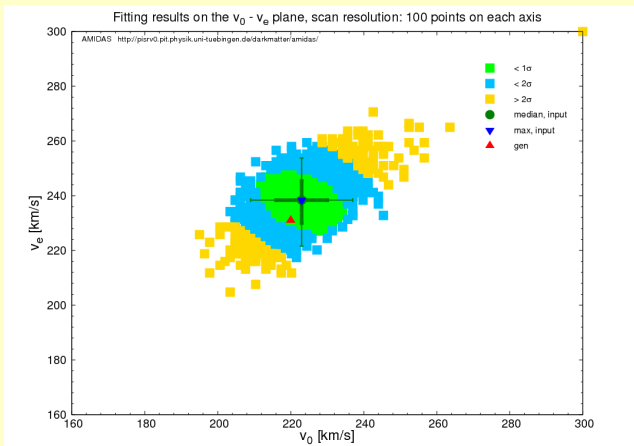


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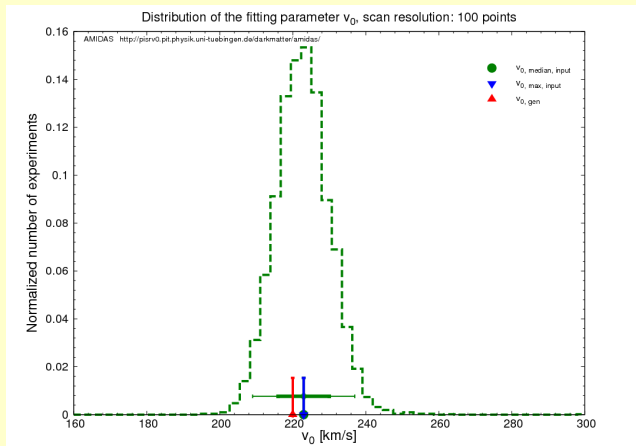


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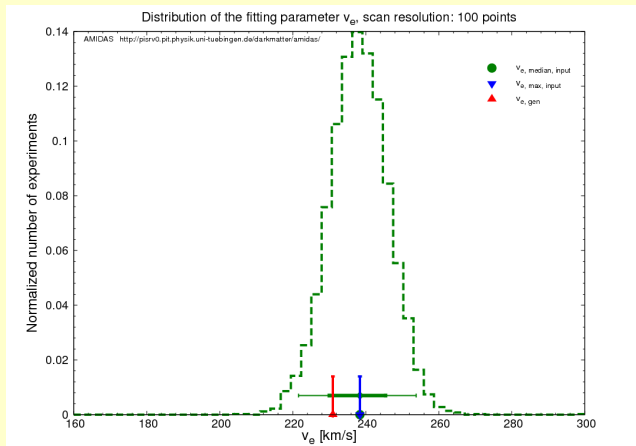


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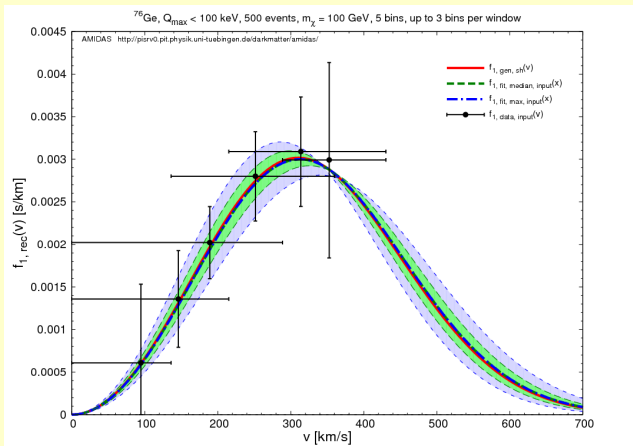
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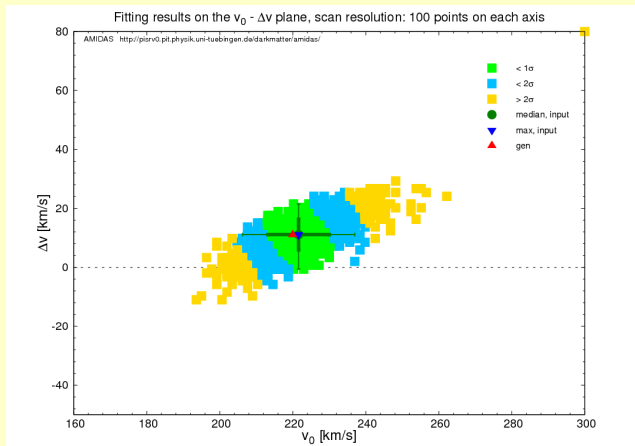


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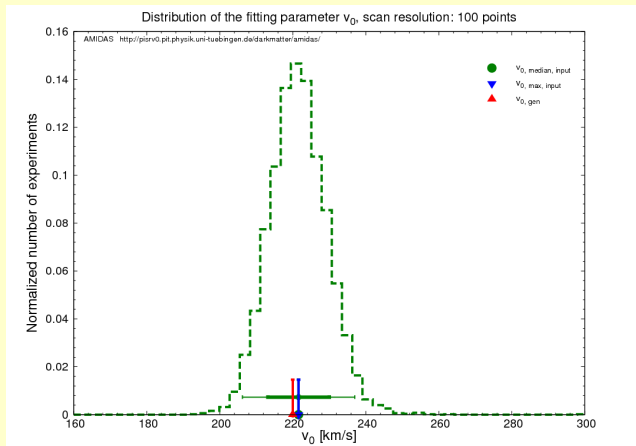


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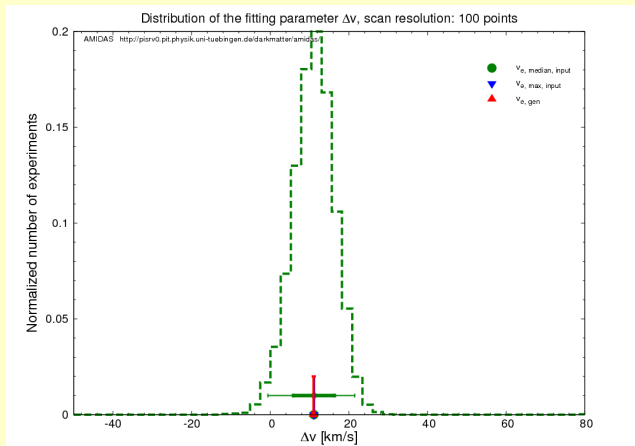


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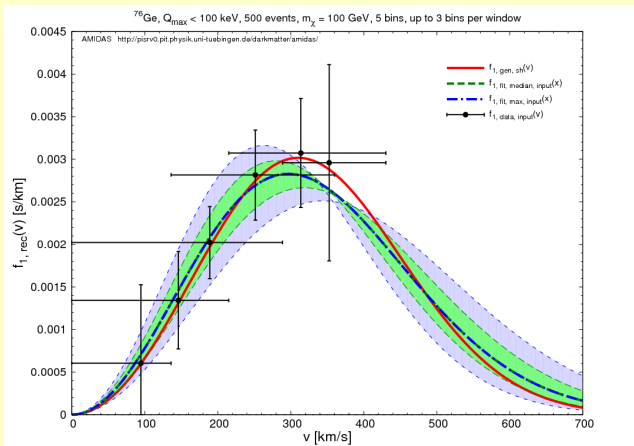
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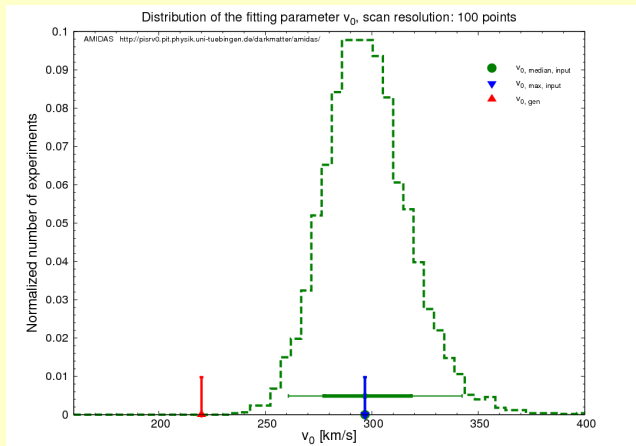


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