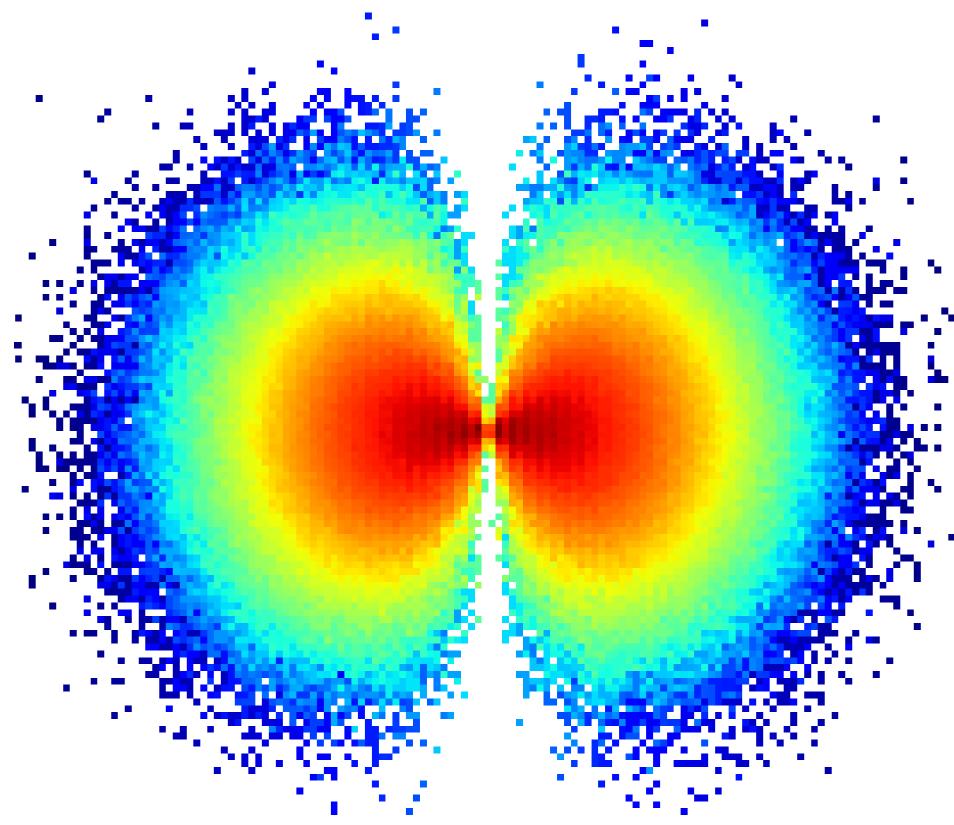


# Loading loss-cone distributions in particle simulations



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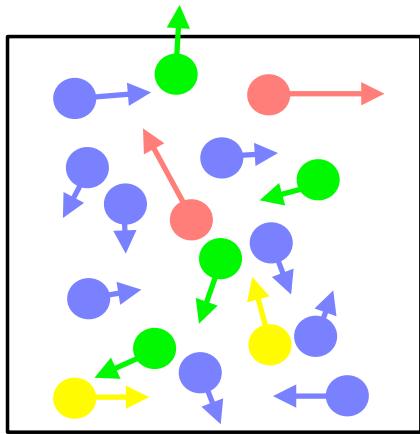
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# Velocity distribution in particle simulation

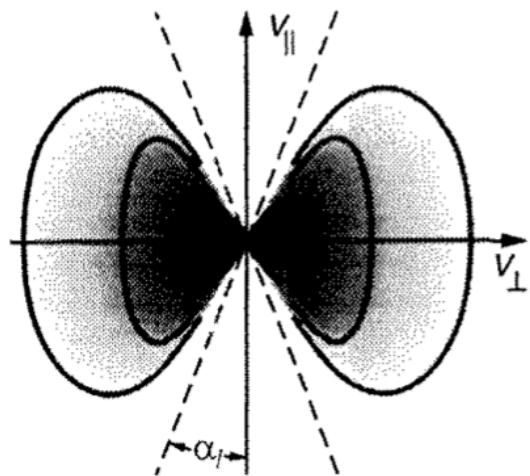


- Maxwell distribution

- Many algorithms are known
- e.g. Box-Muller (1958) method

$$n_1 = \sqrt{-2 \ln U_1} \cos(2\pi U_2)$$

$$n_2 = \sqrt{-2 \ln U_1} \sin(2\pi U_2)$$



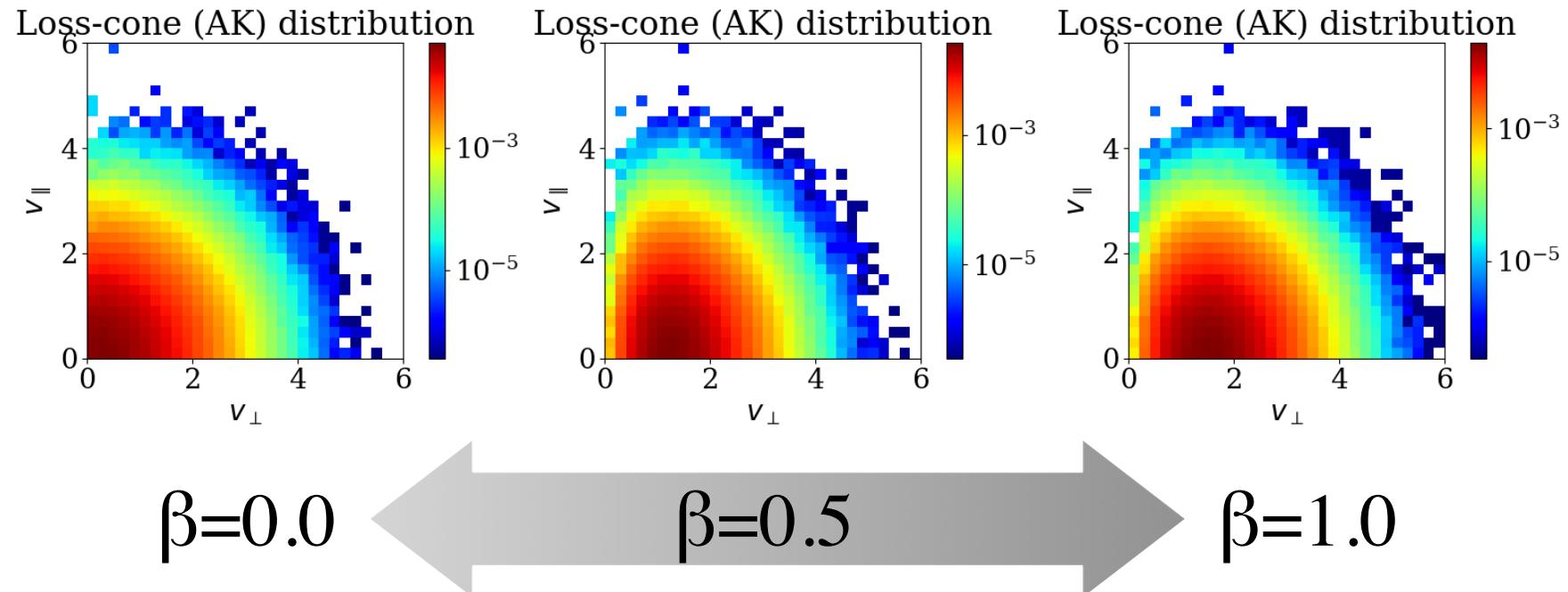
- What about loss-cone distributions?

We offer numerical recipes  
for generating  
loss-cone distributions

# Subtracted Maxwellian

[Ashour-Abdalla & Kennel, 1978]

$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{1/2} \theta_{\parallel}} \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2}\right) \times \frac{1}{\pi \theta_{\perp}^2 (1 - \beta)} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\beta \theta_{\perp}^2}\right) \right\}$$
$$P_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{2} N_0 m \theta_{\parallel}^2, \quad P_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} N_0 m \theta_{\perp}^2 (1 + \beta)$$



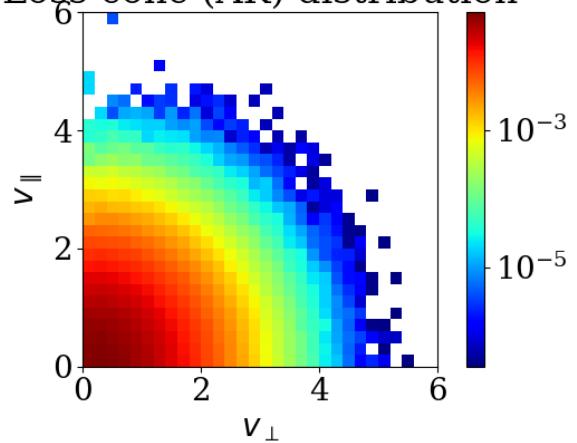
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$$x \equiv v_{\perp}^2 / \theta_{\perp}^2 \quad f_X(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \left( \exp(-x) - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right) \right)$$

Loss-cone (AK) distribution



$$\beta=0.0$$

• Exponential distribution

$$f_X(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$x \leftarrow -\log U_1$$

$U_1$ : Uniform random variate

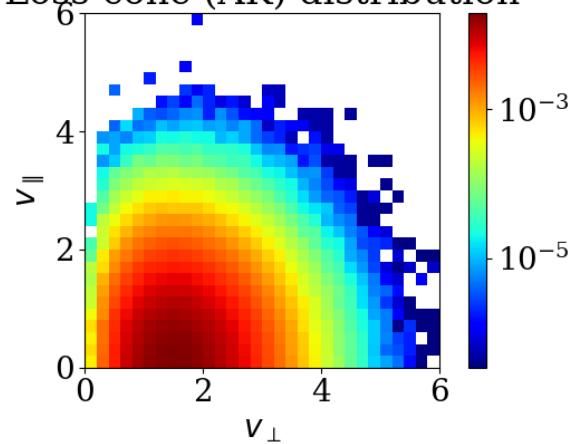
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Loss-cone (AK) distribution



$$\beta = 1.0$$

• Gamma (Erlang) distribution

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{e^{-x} - e^{-x/\beta}}{1 - \beta} \right) = \left( \frac{d}{d\beta} e^{-x/\beta} \right) \Big|_{\beta=1} = x e^{-x}$$

$$x \leftarrow -\log U_1 - \log U_2$$

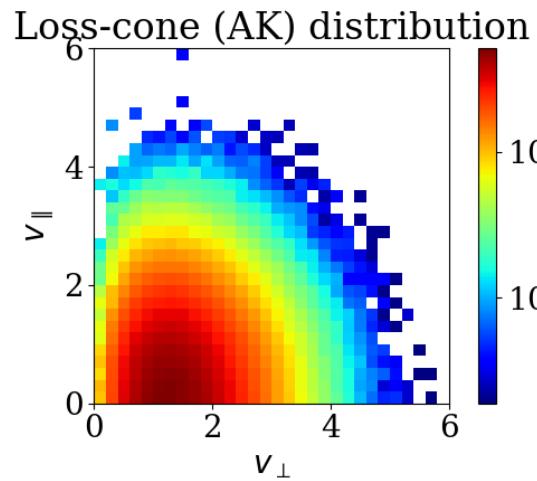
$U_1, U_2$ : Uniform random variates

# Subtracted Maxwellian

$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{1/2} \theta_{\parallel}} \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2}\right) \times \boxed{\frac{1}{\pi \theta_{\perp}^2 (1 - \beta)} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\beta \theta_{\perp}^2}\right) \right\}}$$



$$x \equiv v_{\perp}^2 / \theta_{\perp}^2 \quad f_X(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \left( \exp(-x) - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right) \right)$$



$$0.0 < \beta < 1.0 \quad \cdot \text{ Consistent with two limits}$$

$$x \leftarrow -\log U_1 - \beta \log U_2$$

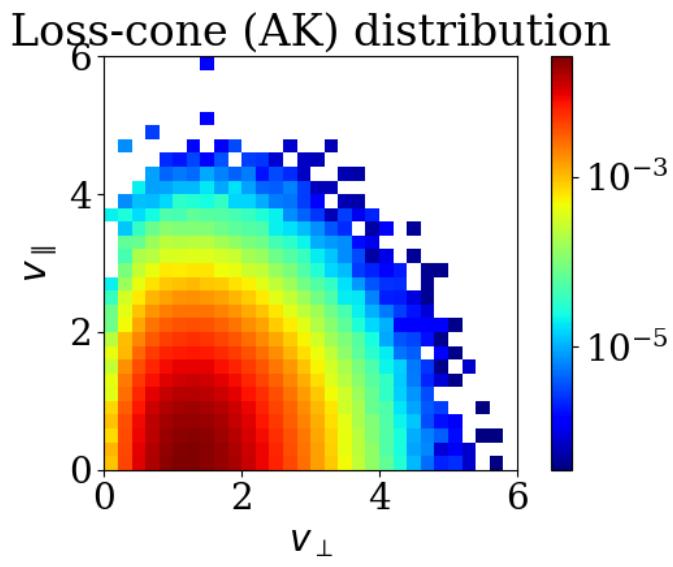
$$s \sim G_s(s) = \exp(-s), \quad s \geq 0$$

$$t \sim G_t(t) = \frac{1}{\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\beta}\right), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) &= \int_0^x G_s(s) \cdot G_t(x-s) \, ds = \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^x \exp\left(-\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}s - \frac{x}{\beta}\right) \, ds \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\beta} \left\{ \exp(-x) - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Subtracted Maxwellian - Recipe

$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{1/2} \theta_{\parallel}} \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2}\right) \times \frac{1}{\pi \theta_{\perp}^2 (1 - \beta)} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\beta \theta_{\perp}^2}\right) \right\}$$



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## Algorithm 2

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generate  $U_1, U_2, U_3 \sim U(0, 1)$  Uniform variate

generate  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  Normal variate

$x \leftarrow -\log U_1 - \beta \log U_2$

$v_{\perp 1} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{x} \cos(2\pi U_3)$

$v_{\perp 2} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{x} \sin(2\pi U_3)$

$v_{\parallel} \leftarrow \theta_{\parallel} \sqrt{1/2} N$

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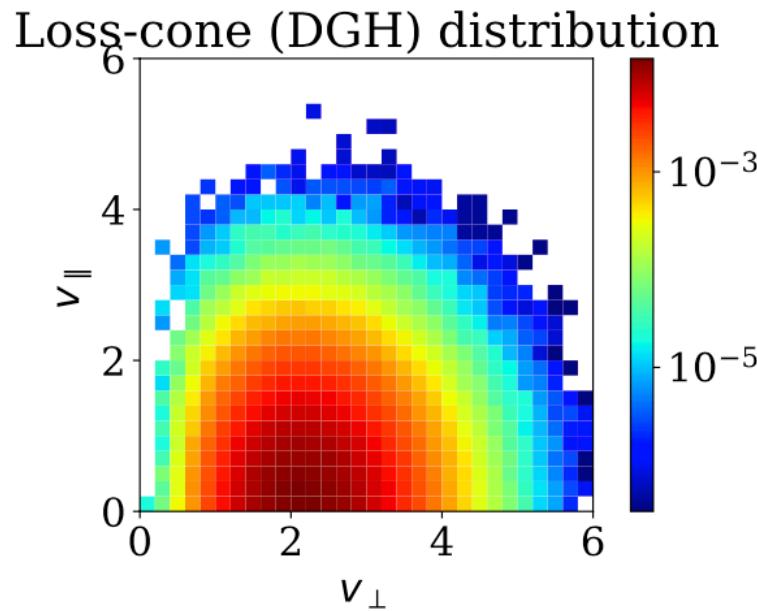
**return**  $v_{\perp 1}, v_{\perp 2}, v_{\parallel}$

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# Dory-type loss-cone distribution

[Dory et al., 1965]

$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{3/2} \theta_{\parallel} \theta_{\perp}^2 \Gamma(j+1)} \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{\theta_{\perp}} \right)^{2j} \exp \left( -\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2} - \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2} \right)$$



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### Algorithm 3

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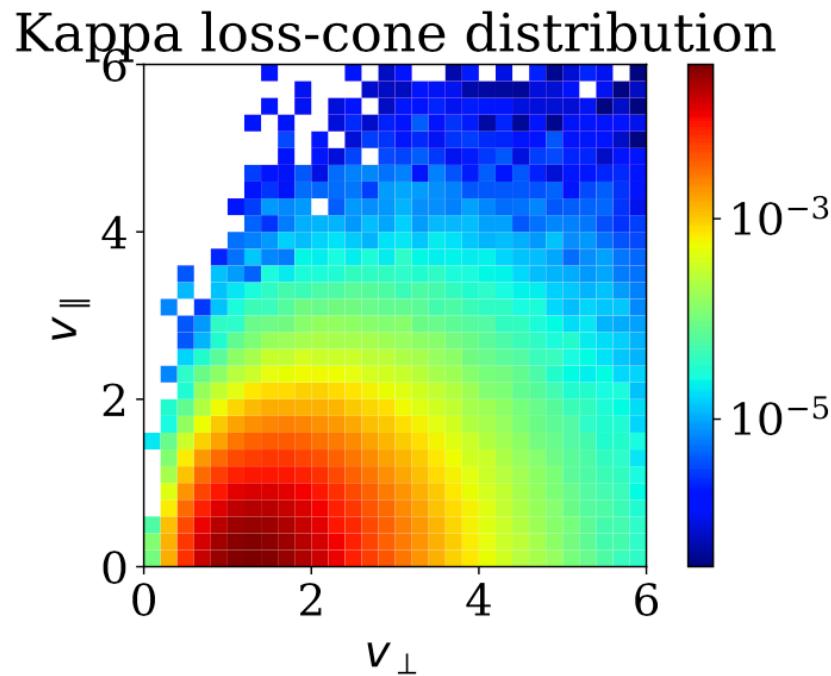
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generate  $X \sim \text{Ga}(j+1, 1)$ 
// generate uniform  $Y_1 \dots Y_{j+1} \sim U(0, 1)$ 
 $\// X \leftarrow -\log(\prod_{k=1}^{j+1} Y_k)$ 
generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$ 
generate  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ 
 $v_{\perp 1} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{X} \cos(2\pi U)$ 
 $v_{\perp 2} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{X} \sin(2\pi U)$ 
 $v_{\parallel} \leftarrow \theta_{\parallel} \sqrt{1/2} N$ 
return  $v_{\perp 1}, v_{\perp 2}, v_{\parallel}$ 
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# Kappa loss-cone distribution

[Summers & Thorne 1991]

$$f(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{3/2} \theta_{\parallel}^2 \kappa^{j+3/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa + j + 1)}{\Gamma(j + 1) \Gamma(\kappa - 1/2)} \times \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{\theta_{\perp}} \right)^{2j} \left( 1 + \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\kappa \theta_{\parallel}^2} + \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\kappa \theta_{\perp}^2} \right)^{-(\kappa+j+1)}$$



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#### Algorithm 4

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generate  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

generate  $Y \sim \text{Ga}(\kappa - 1/2, 2)$  Gamma variate

generate  $X \sim \text{Ga}(j + 1, 2)$  Gamma variate

generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$

$v_{\perp 1} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{\kappa X} \cos(2\pi U) / \sqrt{Y}$

$v_{\perp 2} \leftarrow \theta_{\perp} \sqrt{\kappa X} \sin(2\pi U) / \sqrt{Y}$

$v_{\parallel} \leftarrow \theta_{\parallel} \sqrt{\kappa N} / \sqrt{Y}$

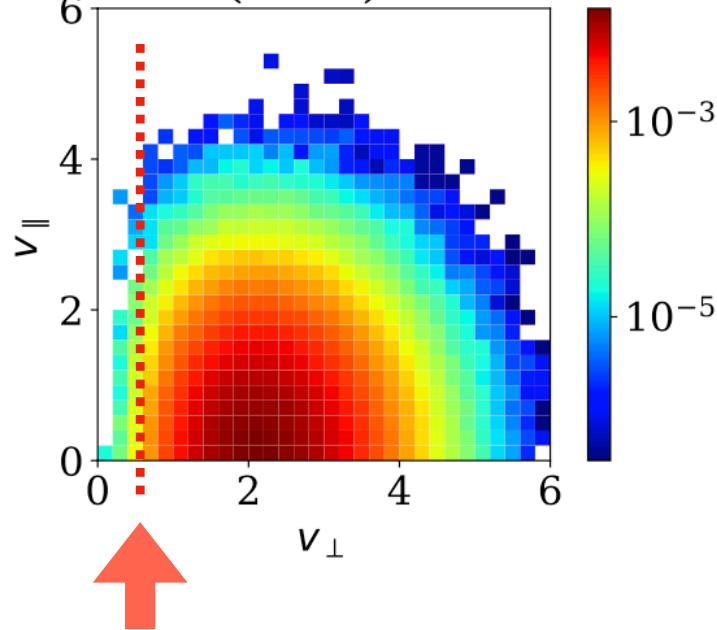
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**return**  $v_{\perp 1}, v_{\perp 2}, v_{\parallel}$

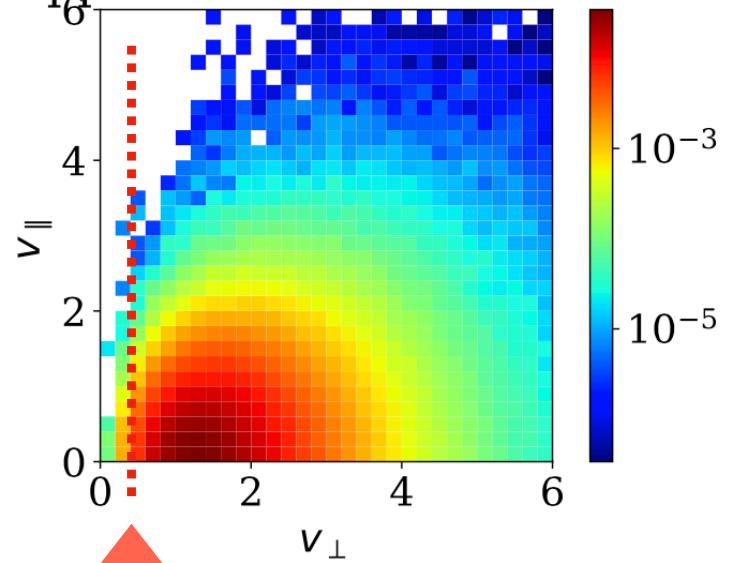
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# Loss-cone?

Loss-cone (DGH) distribution



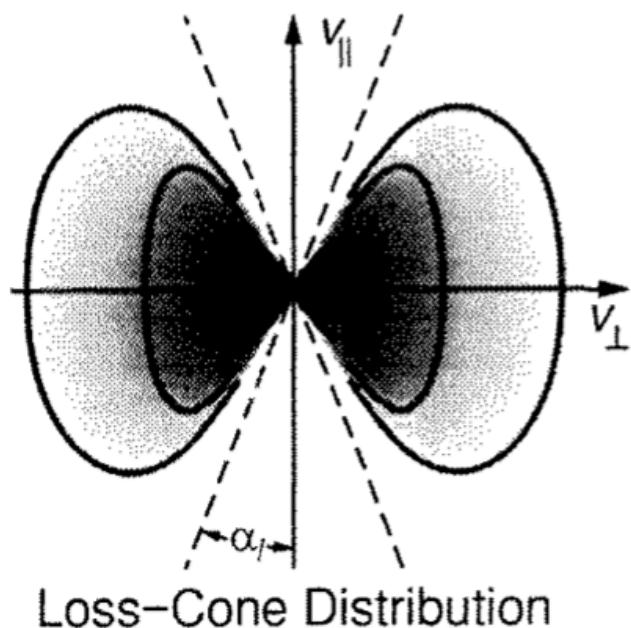
Kappa loss-cone distribution



$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{3/2} \theta_{\parallel} \theta_{\perp}^2 \Gamma(j+1)} \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{\theta_{\perp}} \right)^{2j} \exp \left( -\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2} - \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2} \right)$$

$$f(v) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{3/2} \theta_{\parallel} \theta_{\perp}^2 \kappa^{j+3/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa+j+1)}{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(\kappa-1/2)} \times \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{\theta_{\perp}} \right)^{2j} \left( 1 + \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\kappa \theta_{\parallel}^2} + \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\kappa \theta_{\perp}^2} \right)^{-(\kappa+j+1)}$$

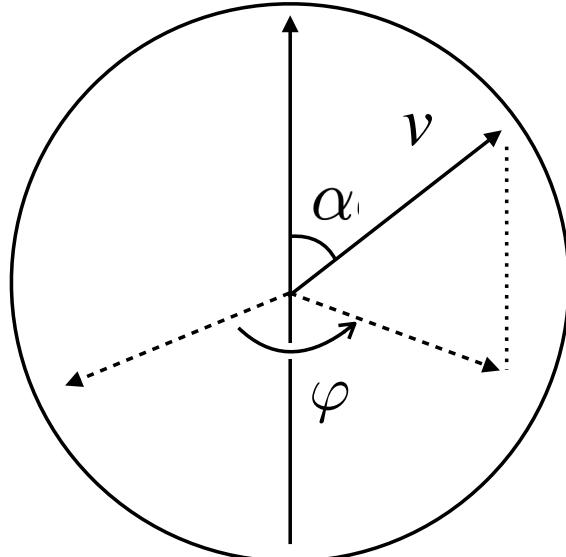
## Pitch-angle (PA) type distribution



$$\propto (\sin \alpha)^{2j}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \propto \left(\frac{v_{\perp}}{v}\right)^{2j}$$

c.f. Kennel 1966

# Utilizing Beta distribution



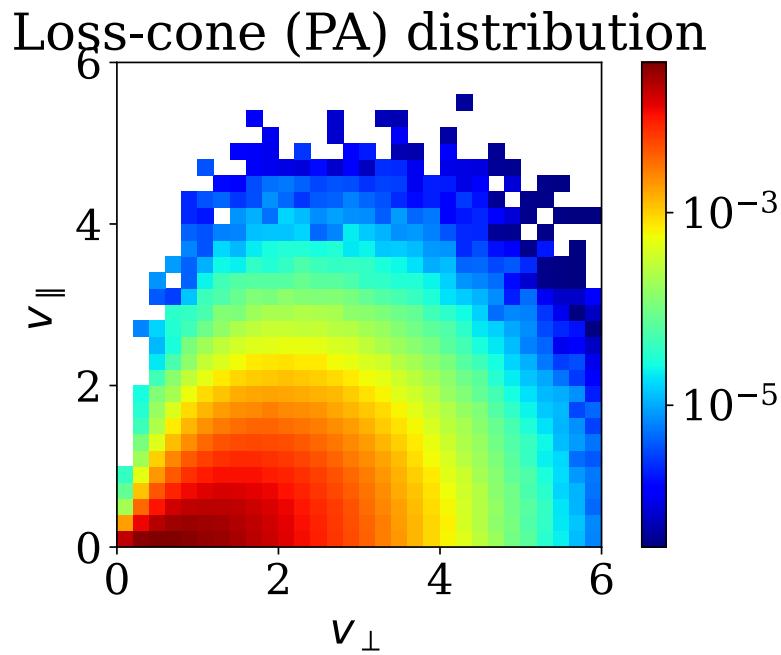
$$\iiint f_0(v) (\sin \alpha)^{2j} d^3 v = 4\pi \left( \int_0^\infty v^2 f_0(v) dv \right) \left( \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin \alpha)^{2j+1} d\alpha \right)$$

$$x \equiv \cos^2 \alpha \\ \rightarrow \frac{B(1/2, j + 1)}{2} \left\{ \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - x)^j x^{-1/2}}{B(1/2, j + 1)} dx \right\}$$

Beta distribution

- One can transform isotropic distributions to loss-cone distributions via **Beta random variate**.

# PA-type loss-cone distribution



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## Algorithm 5.3: Loss-cone distribution

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generate  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

generate  $X_1 \sim \text{Ga}(3/2, 1)$

generate  $X_2 \sim \text{Ga}(j + 1, 2)$

generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$

$$v_{\perp 1} \leftarrow \theta \sqrt{X_1} \sqrt{\frac{X_2}{N^2 + X_2}} \cos(2\pi U)$$

$$v_{\perp 2} \leftarrow \theta \sqrt{X_1} \sqrt{\frac{X_2}{N^2 + X_2}} \sin(2\pi U)$$

$$v_{\parallel} \leftarrow \theta \sqrt{X_1} \frac{N}{\sqrt{N^2 + X_2}}$$

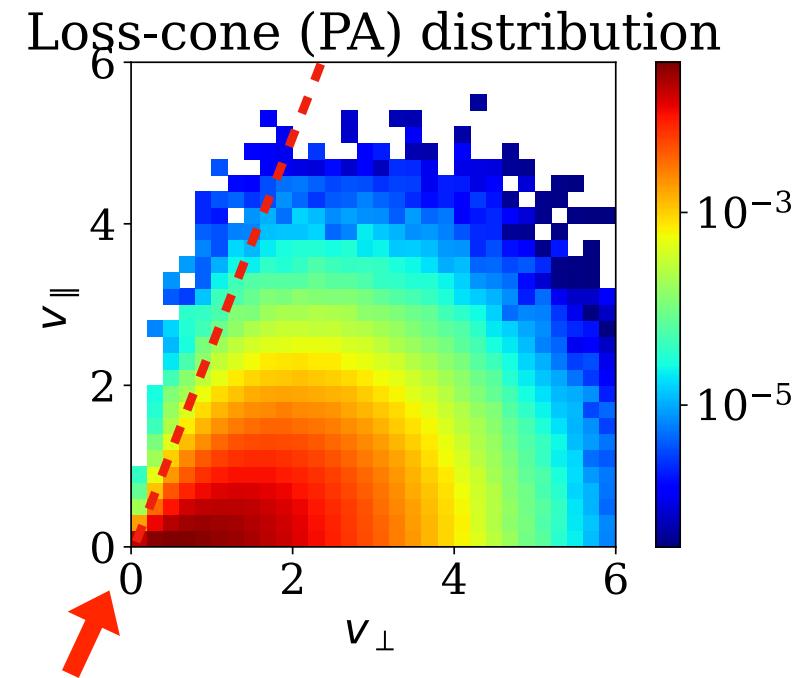
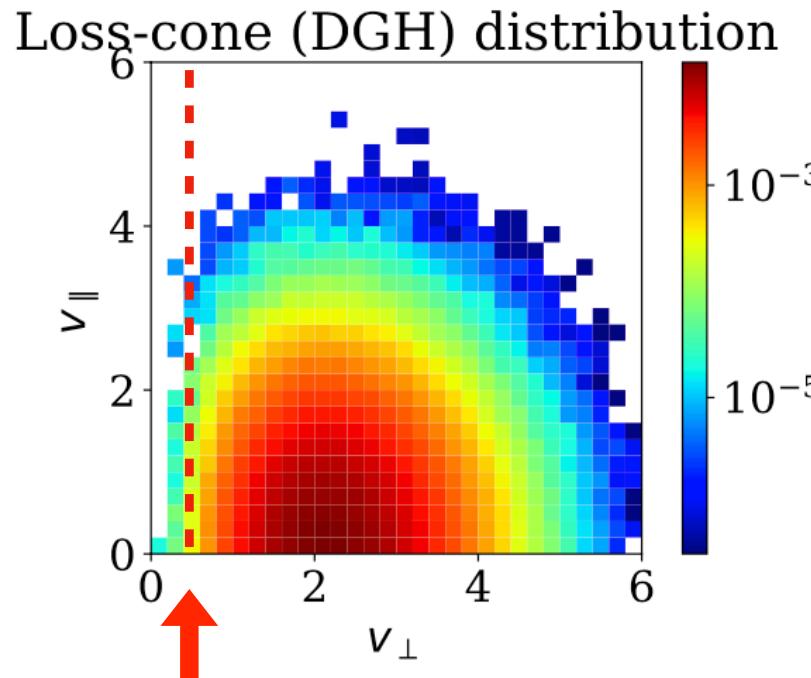
**return**  $v_{\perp 1}, v_{\perp 2}, v_{\parallel}$

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Loss-cone  
transform  
(Beta variate)

$$f(v) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^2 \theta^3} \frac{2\Gamma(j + 3/2)}{\Gamma(j + 1)} \left(\frac{v_{\perp}}{v}\right)^{2j} \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{\theta^2}\right)$$

# Old ( $V_{\perp}$ -type) vs New (PA-type)



$$f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^{3/2} \theta_{\parallel} \theta_{\perp}^2 \Gamma(j+1)} \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{\theta_{\perp}} \right)^{2j} \exp \left( -\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{\theta_{\parallel}^2} - \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\theta_{\perp}^2} \right)$$

$$f(v) = \frac{N_0}{\pi^2 \theta^3} \frac{2\Gamma(j+3/2)}{\Gamma(j+1)} \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{v} \right)^{2j} \exp \left( -\frac{v^2}{\theta^2} \right)$$

# Summary

- 1. Numerical procedures for loss-cone distributions
  - Subtracted Maxwellian
  - Dory-type loss-cone distribution
  - Kappa loss-cone distribution
- 2. Pitch-angle type distributions
  - Loss-cone transform, via Beta random variate
  - PA-type loss-cone distributions
- Advantages (not presented)
  - Flexibility - Loss-cone index  $j$  and kappa index  $\kappa$  can be non-integer
  - SIMD/SIMT friendly - No branching, no rejection
- Reference:
  - S. Zenitani & S. Nakano, Loading Loss-Cone Distributions in Particle Simulations, JGR: Space Physics 128, e2023JA031983 (arXiv:2309.06879)