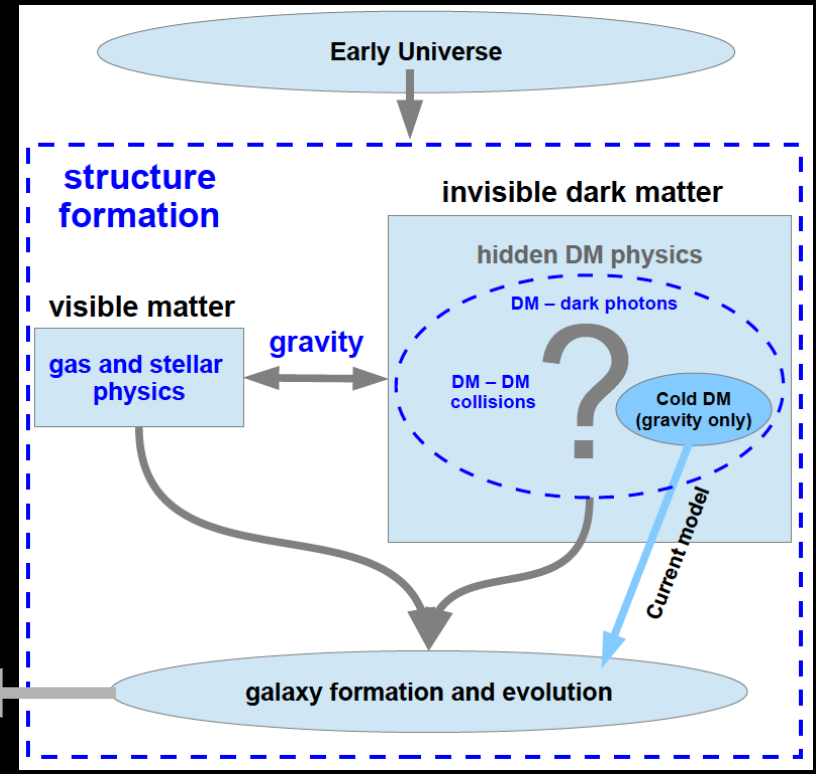
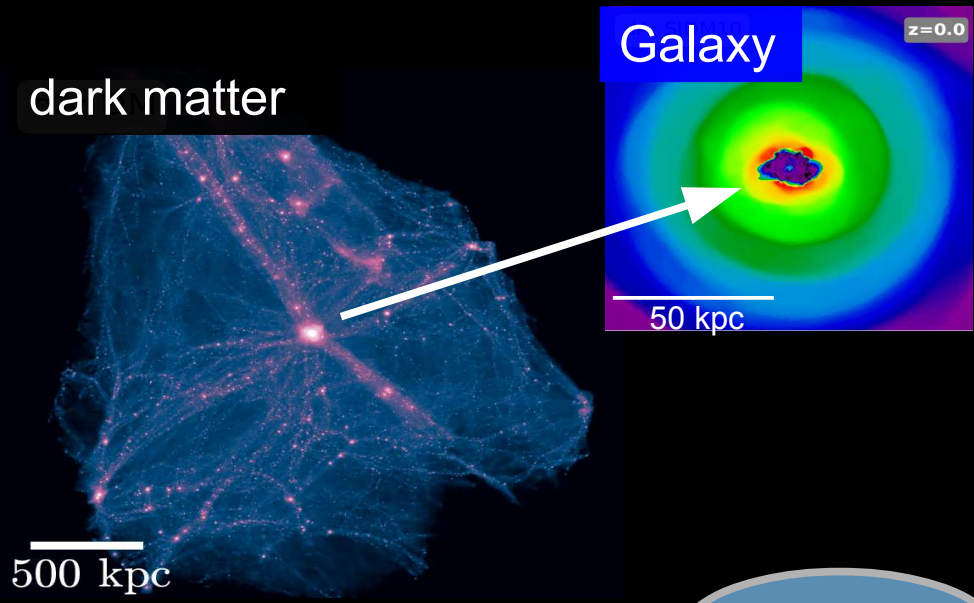


# Perspectives on the Astrophysics of Dark Matter

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# OUTLINE

## Lectures 1 and 2

- **Dark matter and structure formation**
  - **Cold Dark Matter (Lecture 1)**
  - **Non-gravitational DM interactions (Lecture 2)**
- **The synergy between dark and ‘ordinary’ matter in the physics of galaxy formation and evolution**

## Discussion session

- **Perspectives on the future of astrophysics to probe the DM nature: an effective theory of structure formation (ETHOS)**

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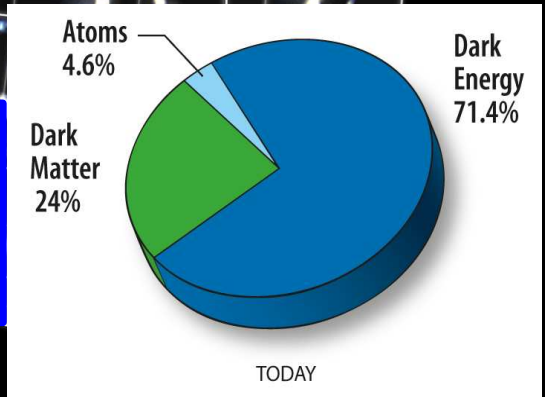
dark energy

DM production?

Big Bang

Andromeda

Independent astronomical observations indicate that ~80% of the matter in the Universe is dark



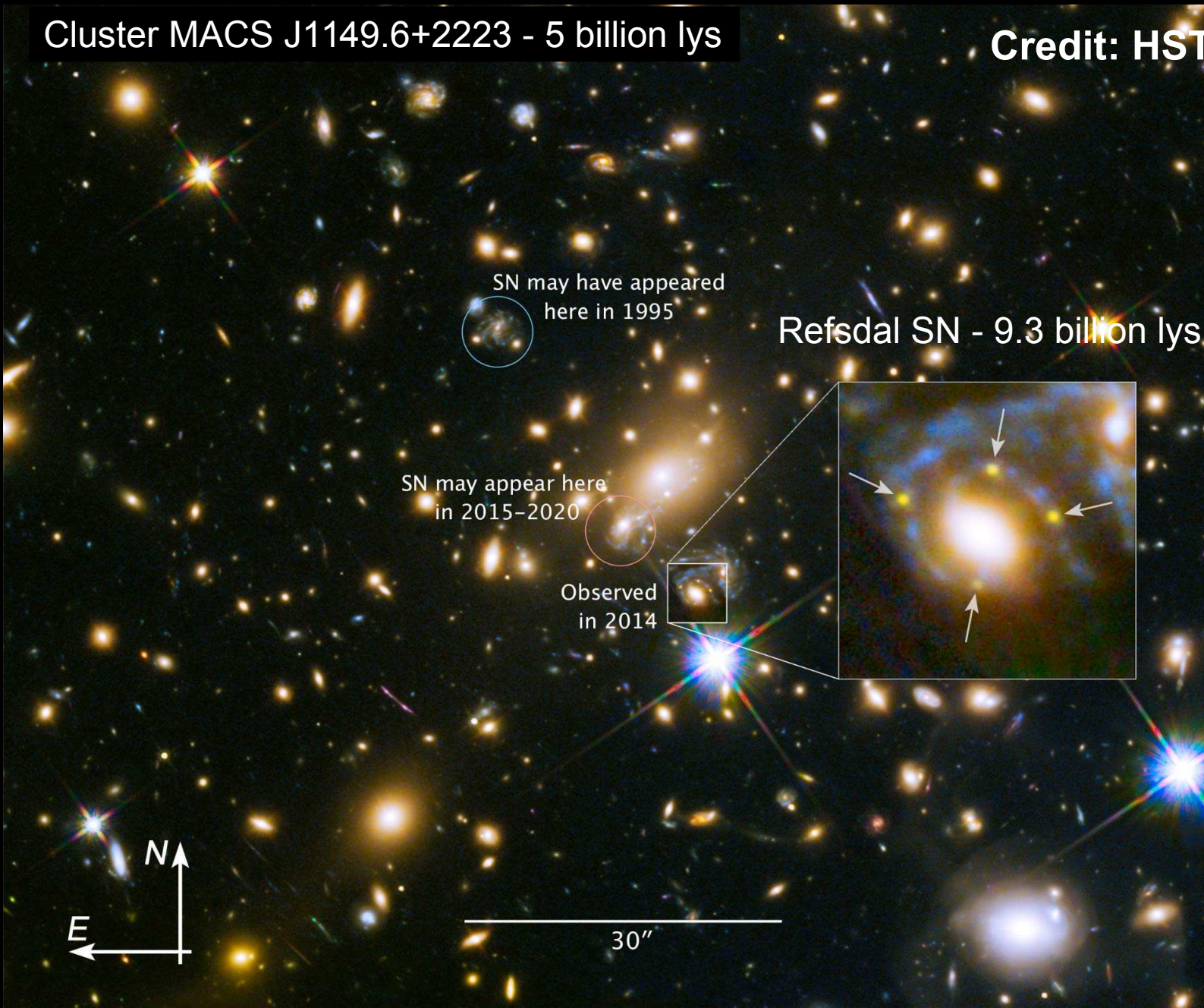
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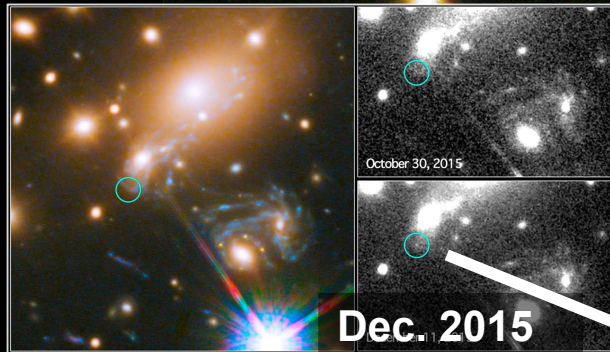




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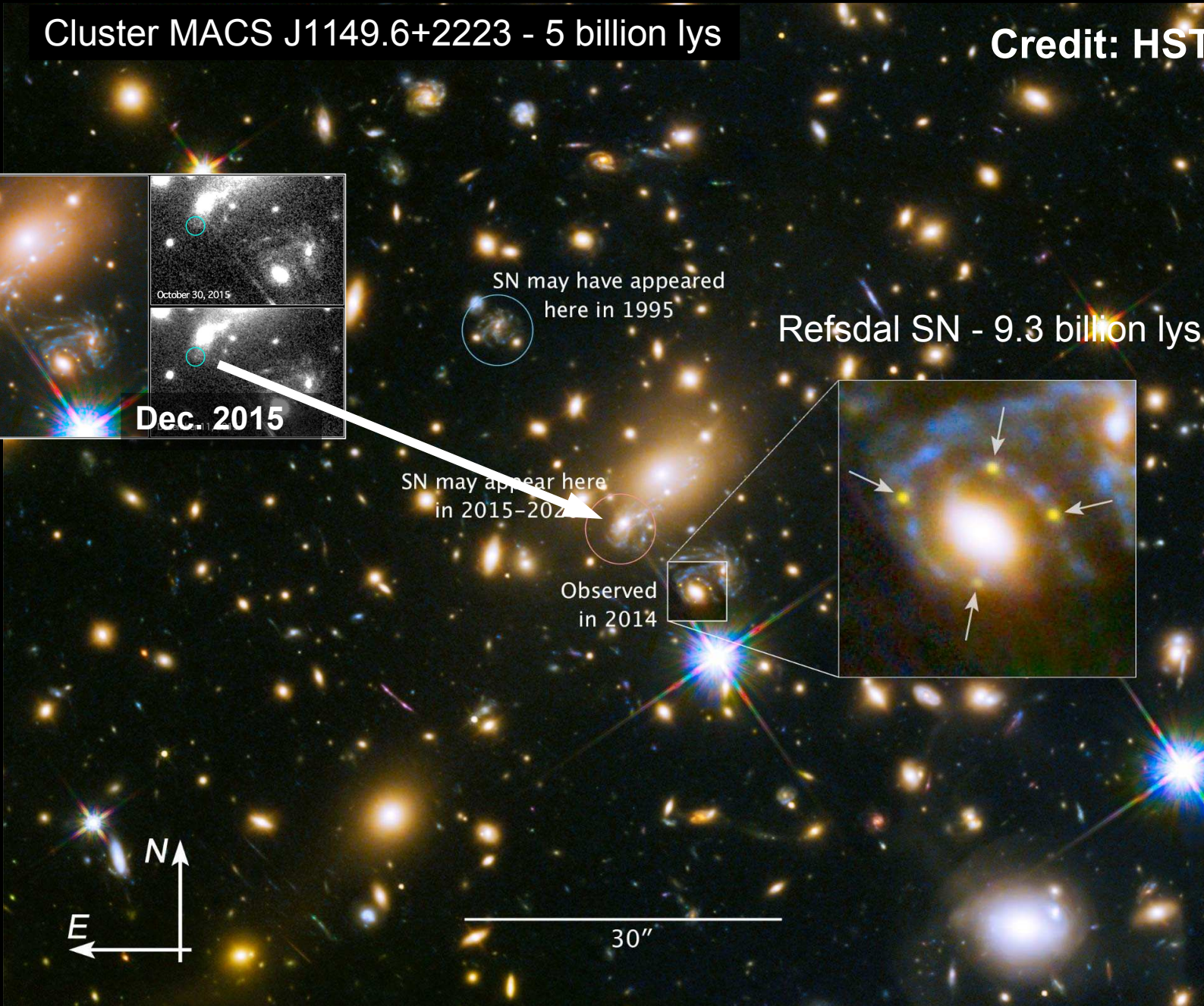
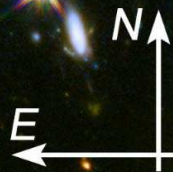


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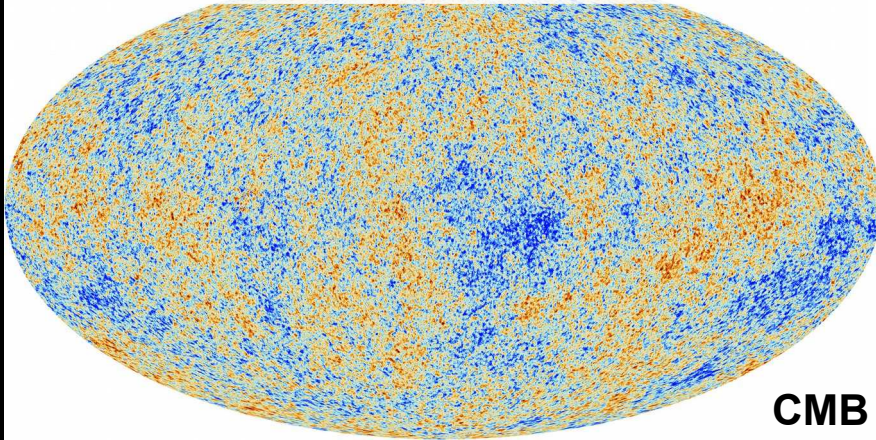
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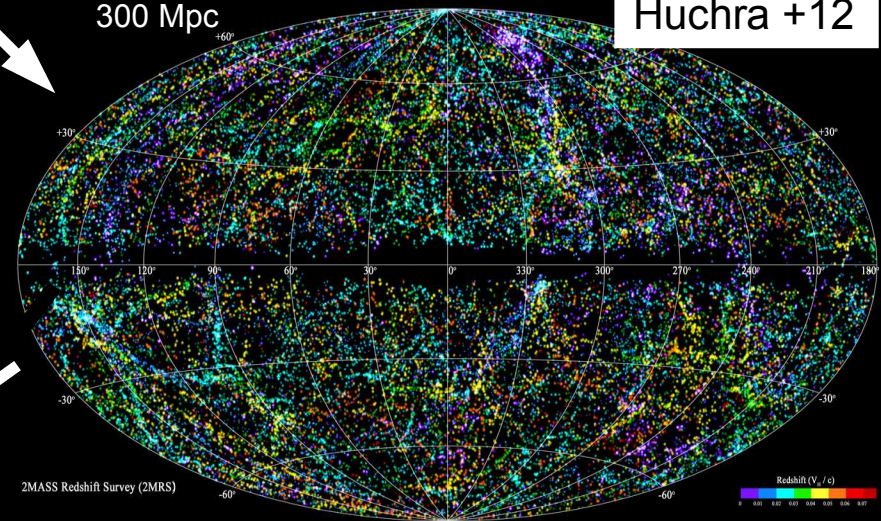
# The **particle DM hypothesis** is seemingly essential to explain the growth of perturbations into the structures we see today

Early Universe ( $t \sim 0.4$  Myrs)



$$\frac{\delta\rho_m}{\rho_m} \sim 10^{-3}$$

Universe today ( $t \sim 13.8$  Gyrs)



2MRS galaxy "map", large-scale structure

$$\frac{\delta\rho_m}{\rho_m} \gtrsim 1$$

Andromeda



$$\frac{\delta\rho_m}{\rho_m} \gg 1$$

galactic scales

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## LINEAR REGIME (cosmological perturbation theory)

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- **DM inhomogeneities** :  $\delta(x, t) = \frac{\rho(x, t) - \rho_B(t)}{\rho_B(t)} \ll 1$

- initial conditions constrained by the CMB
- perturbed FRW metric
- ideal non-relativistic DM fluid
- **CDM hypothesis**: collisionless DM “fluid” with a free streaming length much smaller than characteristic galactic scales

$$\lambda_{fs} \simeq \int_0^{t_{nr}} \frac{v_{pec}(t')}{a(t')} dt' \propto 1/m_{DM} \ll 100 \text{ kpc}$$

# Standard structure formation theory

## LINEAR REGIME (cosmological perturbation theory)

evolution eqs. are linear in this regime



the perturbed density field can be expanded in plane waves with the 'k' individual modes evolving independently

eqs. for DM perturbations

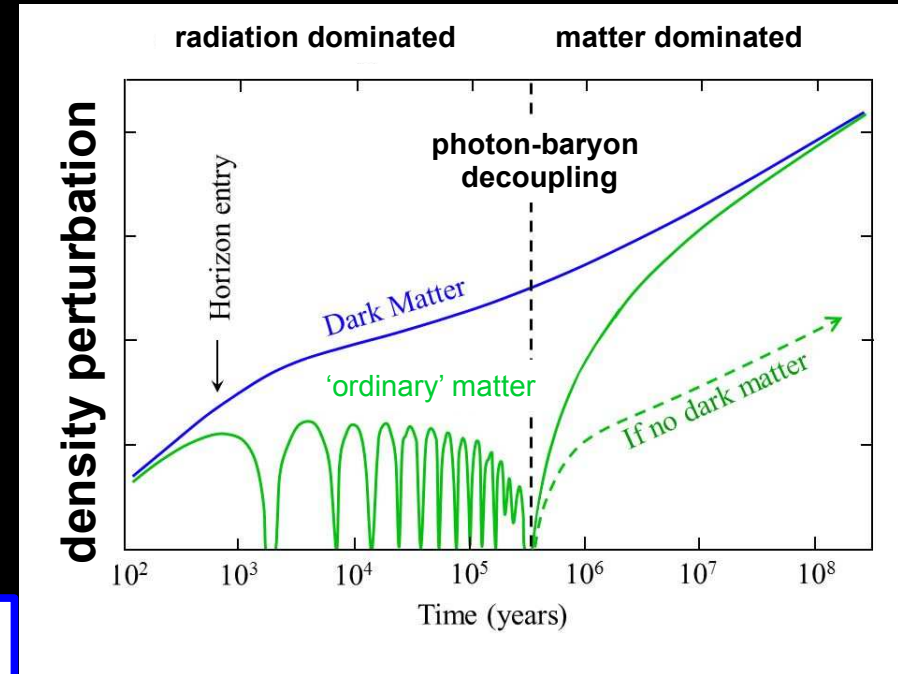
$$\dot{\delta} + \theta - 3\dot{\phi} = 0 \quad (\text{Continuity})$$

$$\dot{\theta} + \mathcal{H}\theta - k^2\phi = 0 \quad (\text{Euler})$$

$$k^2\phi + 4\pi G a^2 \rho_B \delta = 0 \quad (\text{Poisson})$$

$$\theta = \nabla \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$



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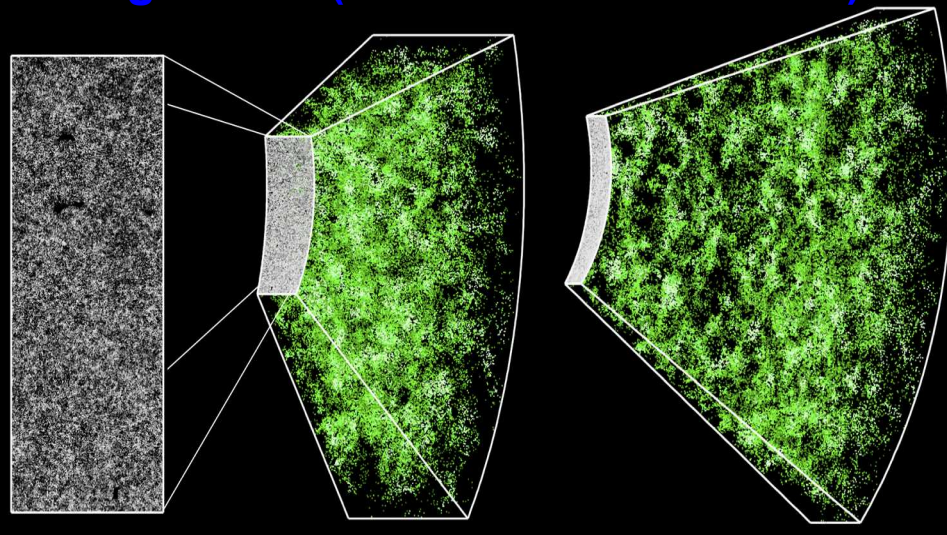


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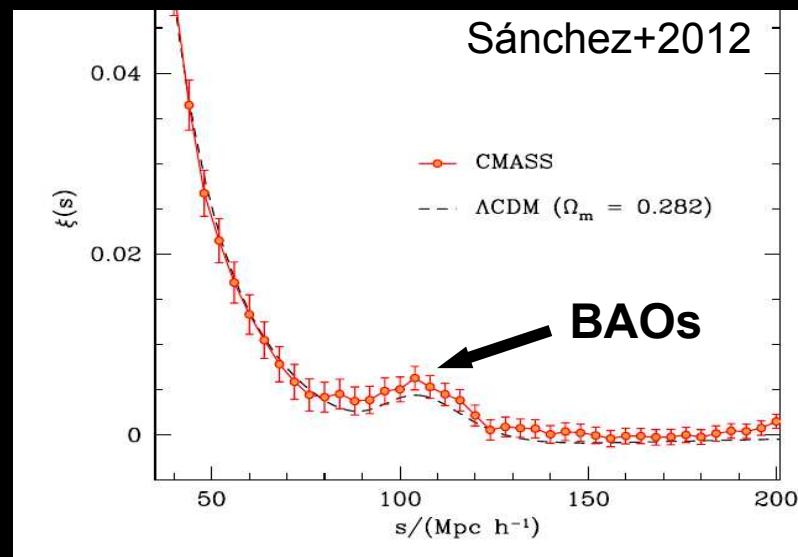
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concept illustration:  
distribution of galaxies

3D reconstruction of the cosmic web of galaxies (SDSS-III collaboration)



2PCF of galaxies



# Standard structure formation theory

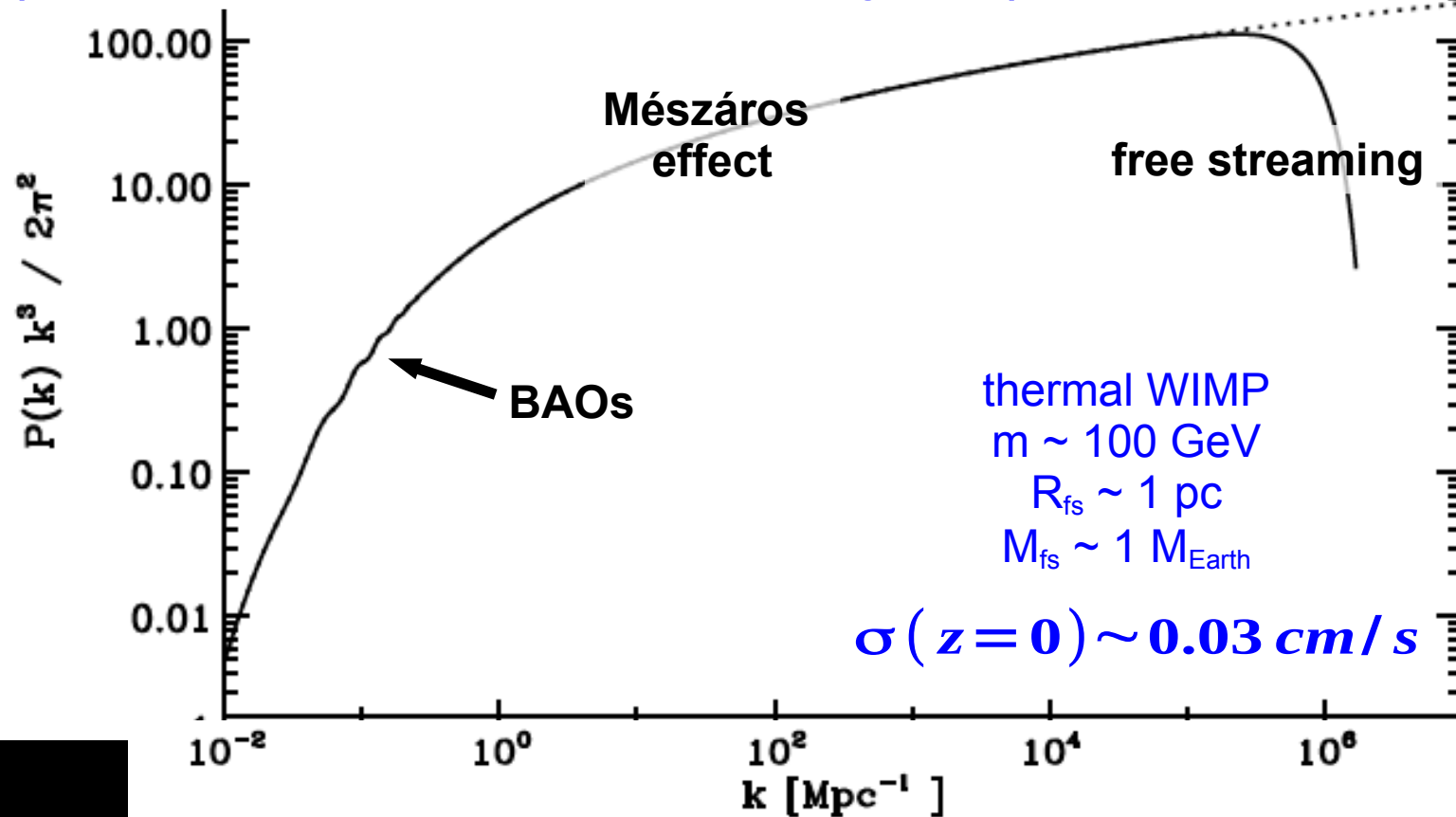
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Angulo & White, 2010

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**linear power spectrum  
(statistical description of the density field)**

amplitude of DM clustering





# Standard structure formation theory

## NON-LINEAR REGIME (N-body simulations)

*If  $\delta(\mathbf{x}, t) \gtrsim 1$  perturbation theory breaks down!!*

**Standard hypotheses:  
DM is cold and collisionless  
(Cold Dark Matter model)**

**the only DM interaction  
that matters is gravity!!**

In principle: solve Collisionless Boltzmann Equation (coupled with the Poisson equation) with the initial conditions given by linear perturbation theory

$$\frac{df}{dt} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

i.e., find the local DM distribution in phase space at all points and at all times:

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{v}, t) d^3 \vec{x} d^3 \vec{v}$$



$$\rho(\vec{x}, t) = \int f(\vec{x}, \vec{v}, t) d^3 \vec{v}$$

In practice however, we can only compute, measure, the DM distribution averaged over a certain macroscopic scale (coarse-grained distribution)

# Standard structure formation theory

## NON-LINEAR REGIME (N-body simulations)

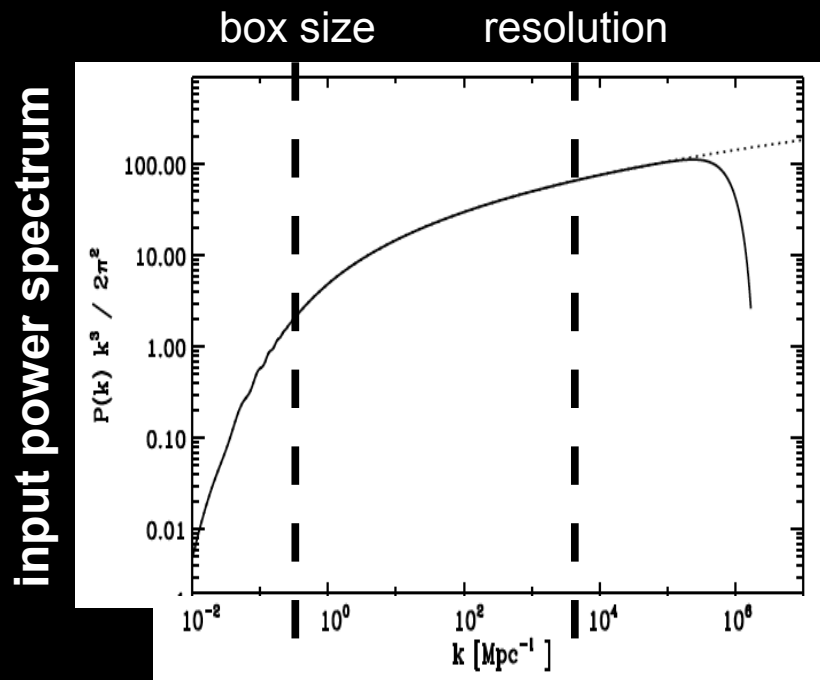
N-body sim: the coarse-grained distribution is given by a discrete representation of N particles:

macro-to-micro-particle mass ratio

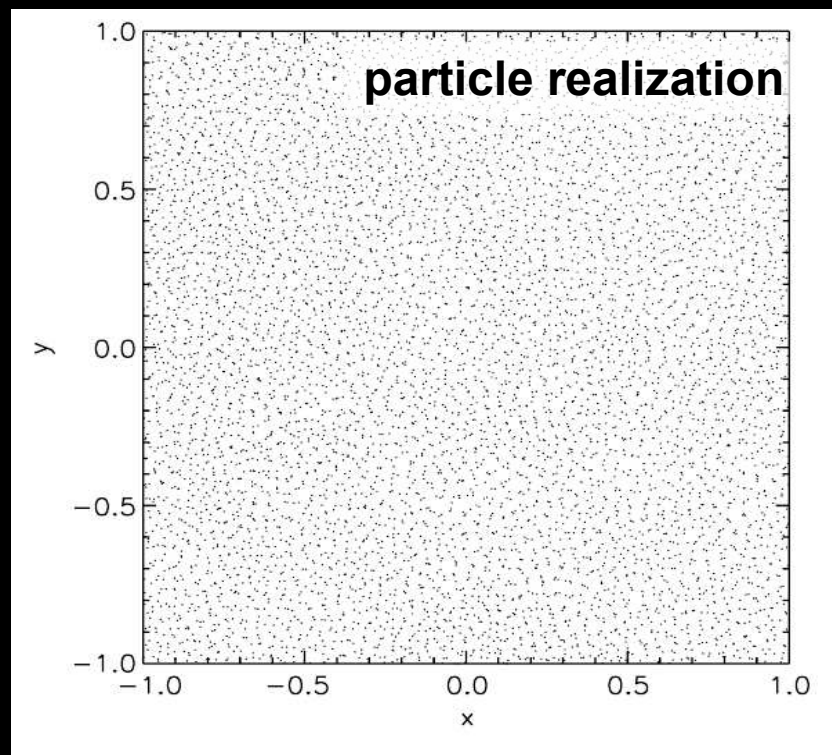
each particle is smoothed in space to give a smooth local density

each macro-particle travels at one speed

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \sum_i (M_i/m) W(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|; h_i) \delta^3(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i)$$



mapping



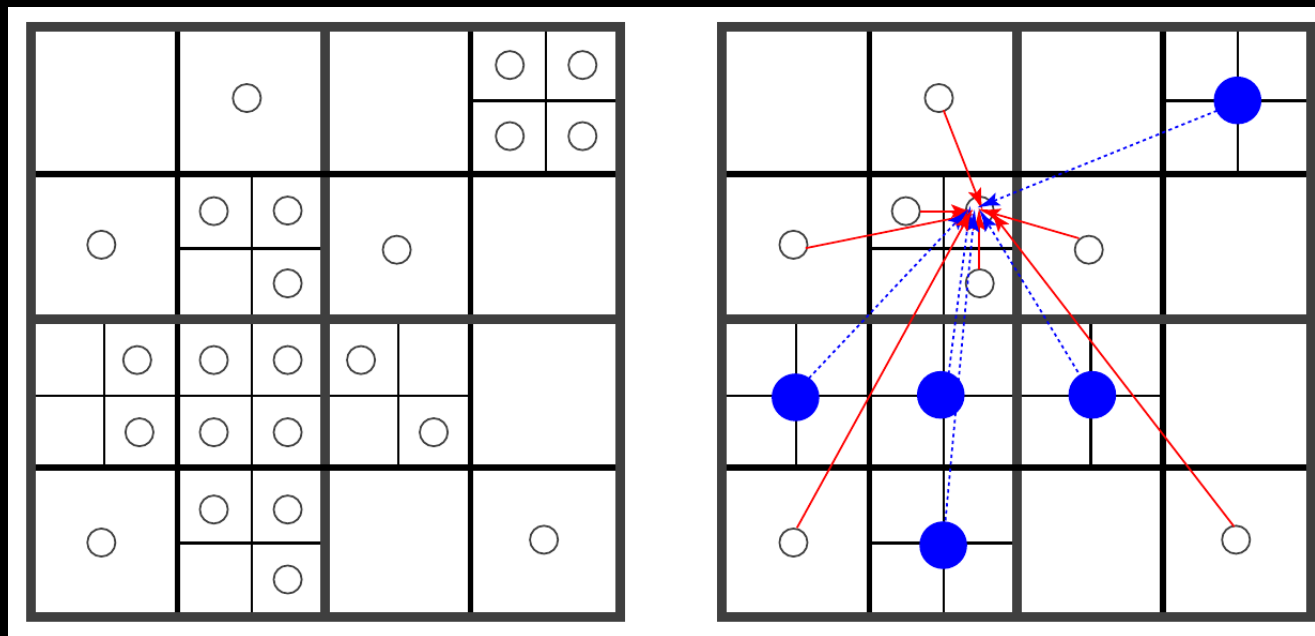
# Standard structure formation theory

## NON-LINEAR REGIME (N-body simulations)

time evolution is simply given by Newtonian gravity  
in an expanding background

a large number of simulated particles is needed to have a realization of cosmological size  
and sufficient resolution to study DM clustering at subgalactic scales

example of N-body method: three algorithm



Ishiyama+2015

to reduce the number of force calculations, a hierarchical  
multipole expansion is used to account for distant group of particles

# Standard structure formation theory

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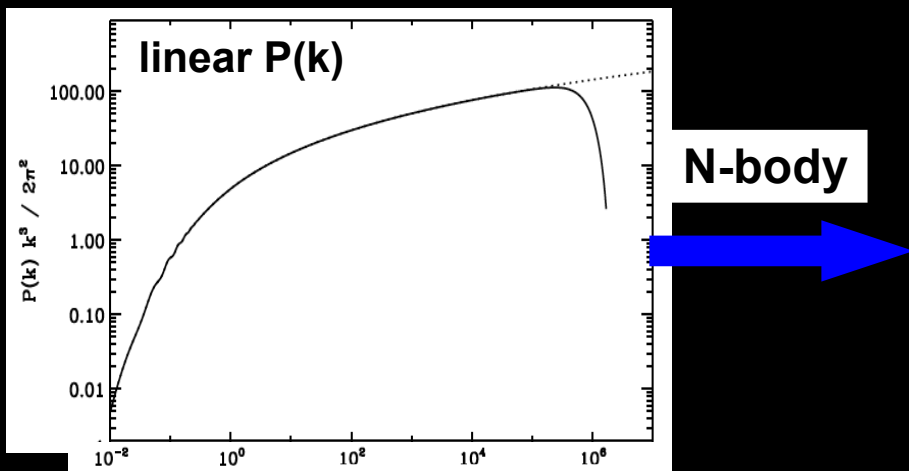


Aquarius Project 2008  
Credit: Volker Springel

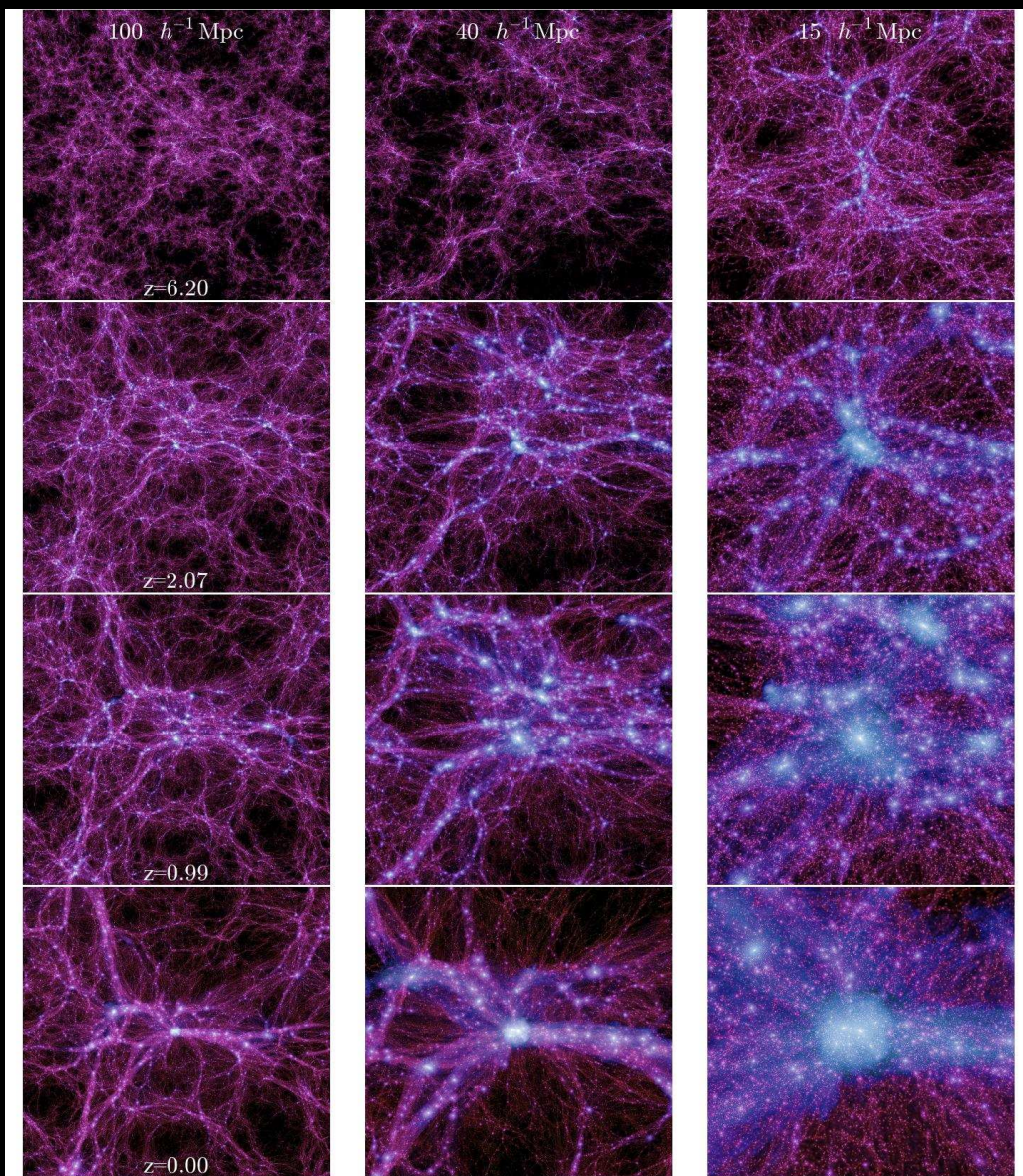


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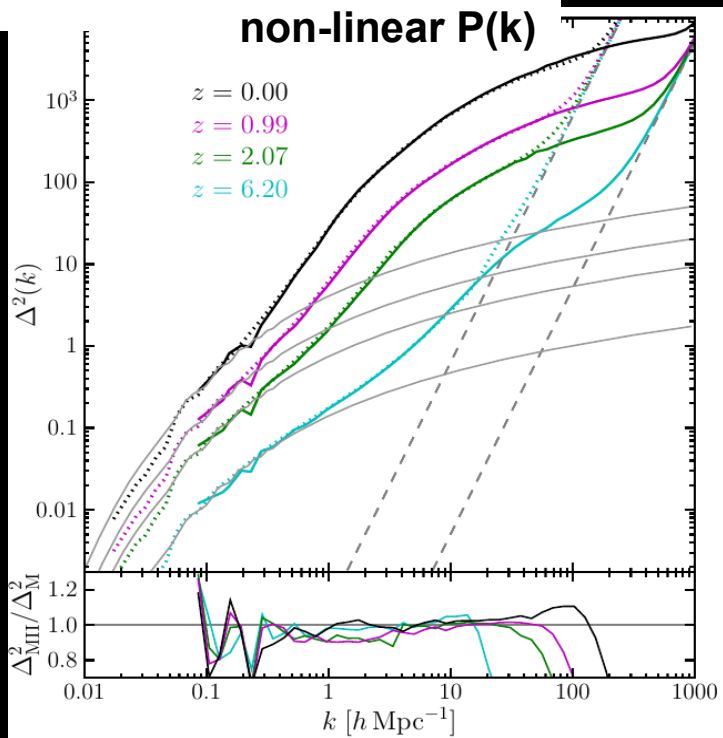
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### Millennium II simulation



Boylan-Kolchin+09





# A sample of state-of-the-art simulations (circa 2012)

from Kuhlen+12

## DM-only simulations

### COSMIC

Name	Code	$L_{\text{box}}$ [ $h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$ ]	$N_p$ [ $10^9$ ]	$m_p$ [ $h^{-1} M_\odot$ ]	$\epsilon_{\text{soft}}$ [ $h^{-1}\text{kpc}$ ]
DEUS FUR	RAMSES-DEUS	21000	550	$1.2 \times 10^{12}$	40.0 <sup>†</sup>
Horizon Run 3	GOTPM	10815	370	$2.5 \times 10^{11}$	150.0
Millennium-XXL	GADGET-3	3000	300	$6.2 \times 10^9$	10.0
Horizon-4 $\Pi$	RAMSES	2000	69	$7.8 \times 10^9$	7.6 <sup>†</sup>
Millennium-II	GADGET-3	100	10	$6.9 \times 10^6$	1.0
MultiDark Run1	ART	1000	8.6	$8.7 \times 10^9$	7.6 <sup>†</sup>
Bolshoi	ART	250	8.6	$1.4 \times 10^8$	1.0 <sup>†</sup>

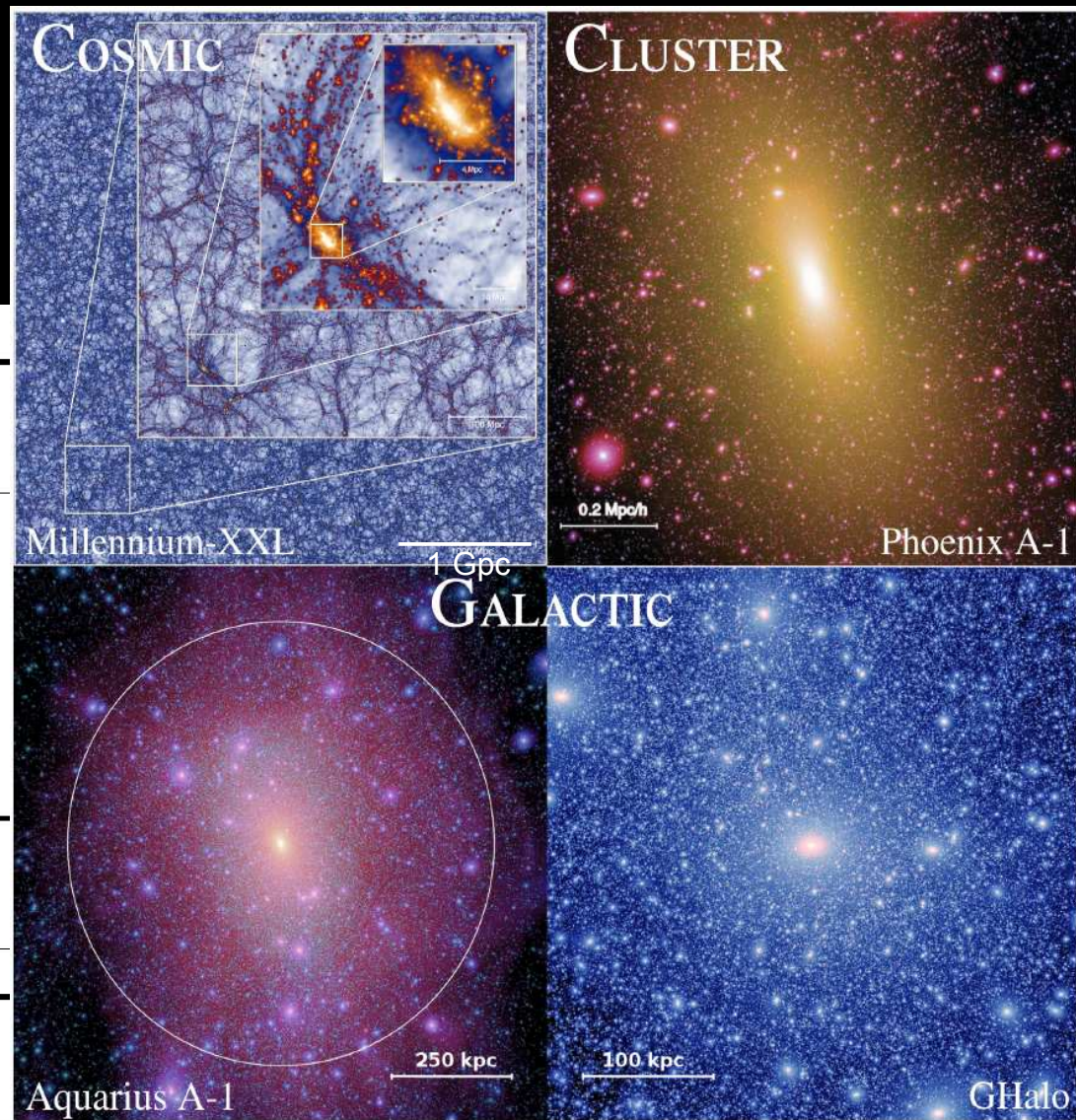
<sup>†</sup>For AMR simulations (RAMSES, ART)  $\epsilon_{\text{soft}}$  refers to the highest resolution cell width.

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Phoenix A-1	GADGET-3	41.2	4.1	$6.4 \times 10^5$	0.15

### GALACTIC

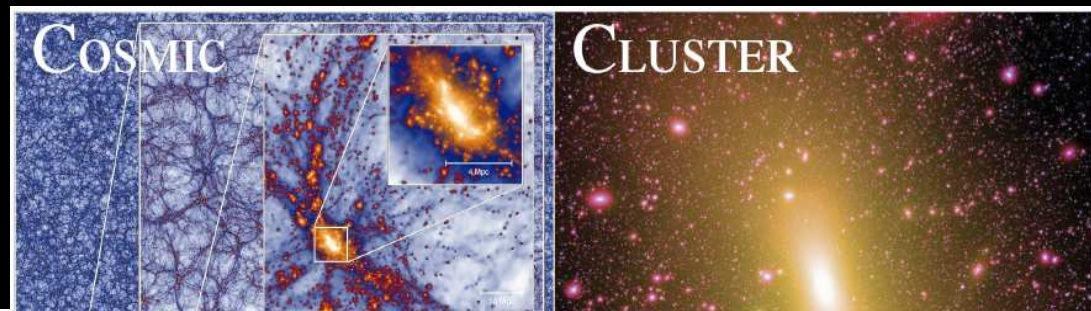
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Aquarius A-1	GADGET-3	5.9	$4.3 \times 10^9$	$1.7 \times 10^3$	20.5
GHalo	PKDGRAV2	3.89	$2.1 \times 10^9$	$1.0 \times 10^3$	61.0
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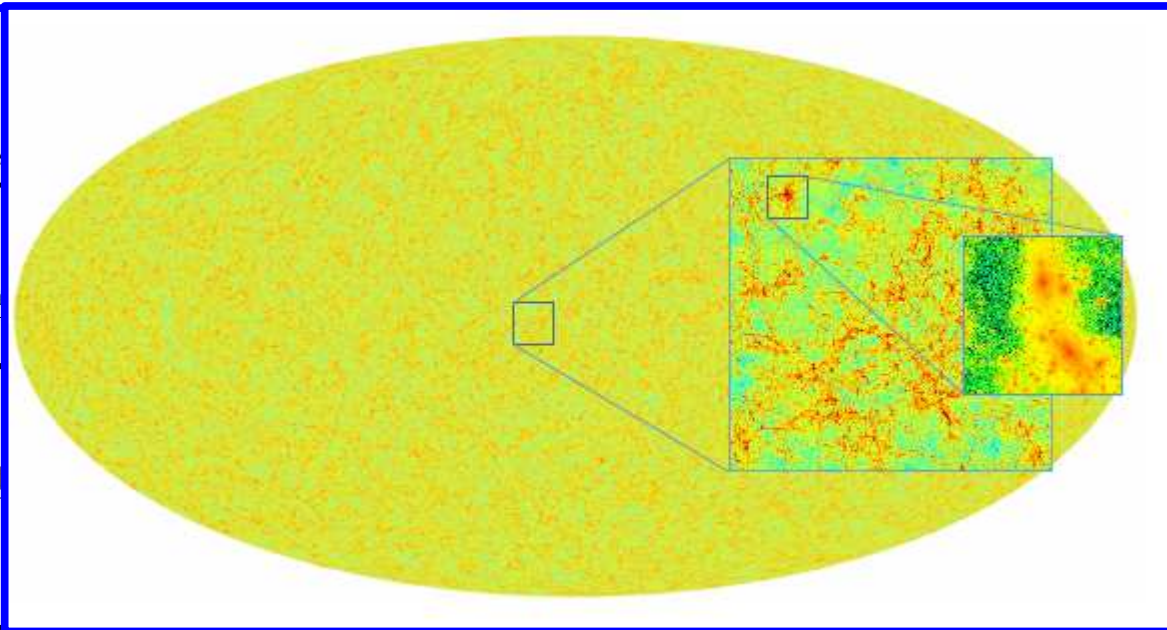


## PKDGRAV3: Beyond Trillion Particle Cosmological Simulations for the Next Era of Galaxy Surveys

Douglas Potter · Joachim Stadel · Romain Teyssier

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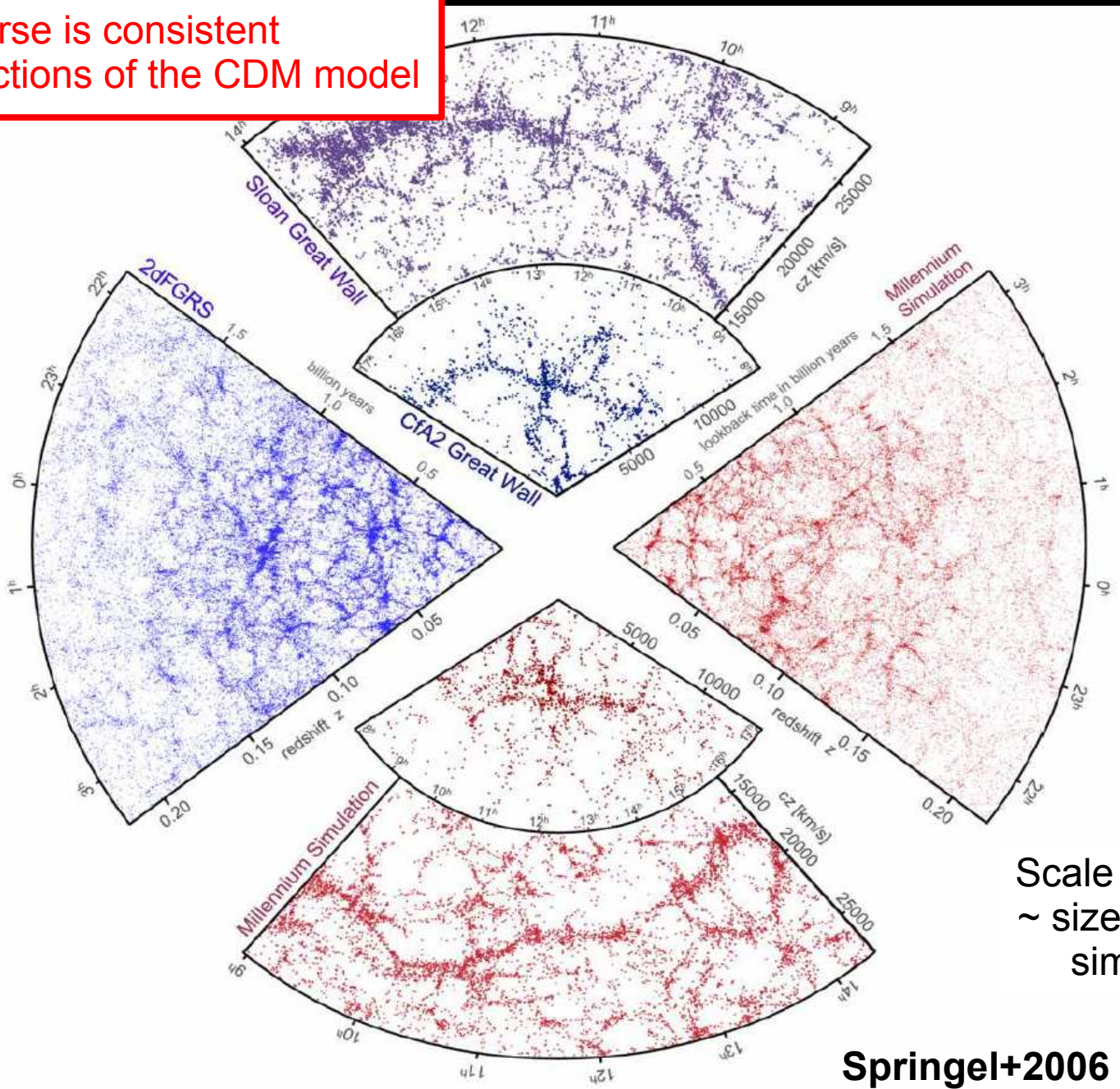


**DM spatial distribution  
(comments on near-universal behaviour)**



# Large-scale structure

the large-scale distribution of the Universe is consistent with the predictions of the CDM model

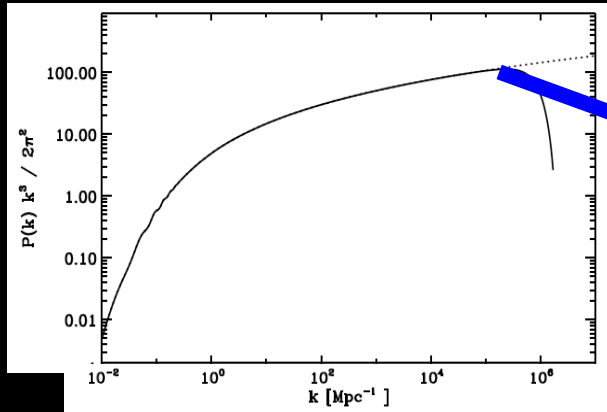


Scale ~400-600 Mpc  
~ size of Millennium simulation box

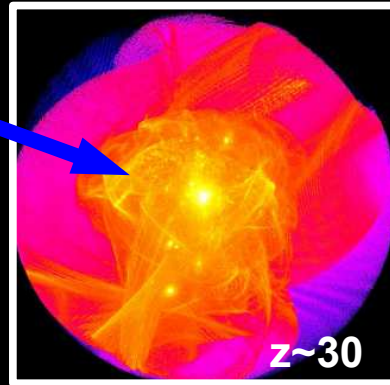
Springel+2006

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DM halo seeds



Anderhalden & Diemand 14

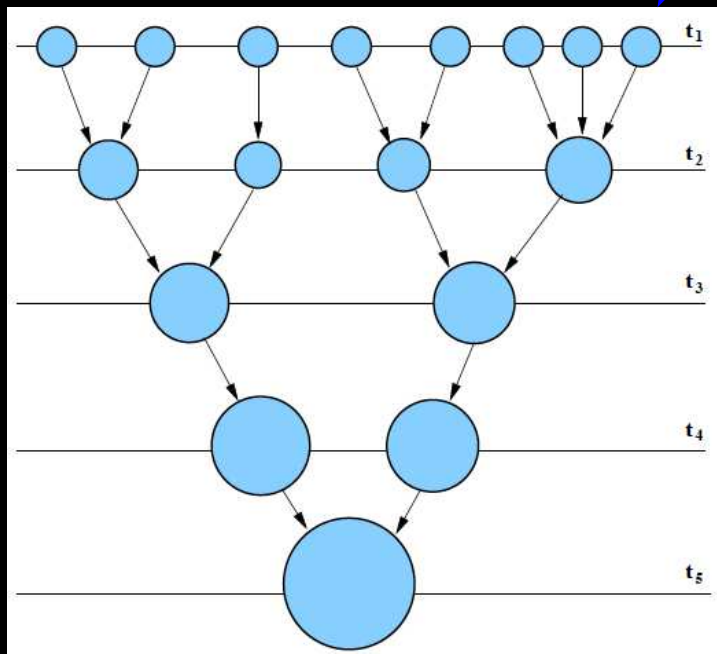
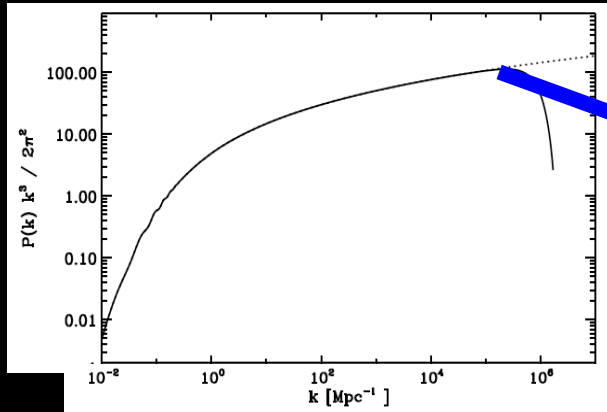


Fig. from Baugh 2006

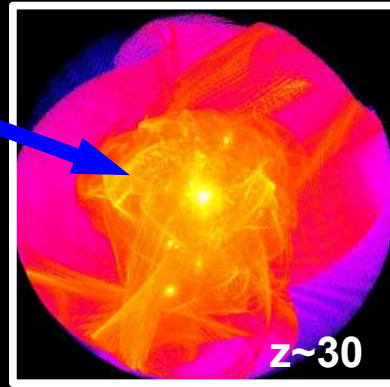


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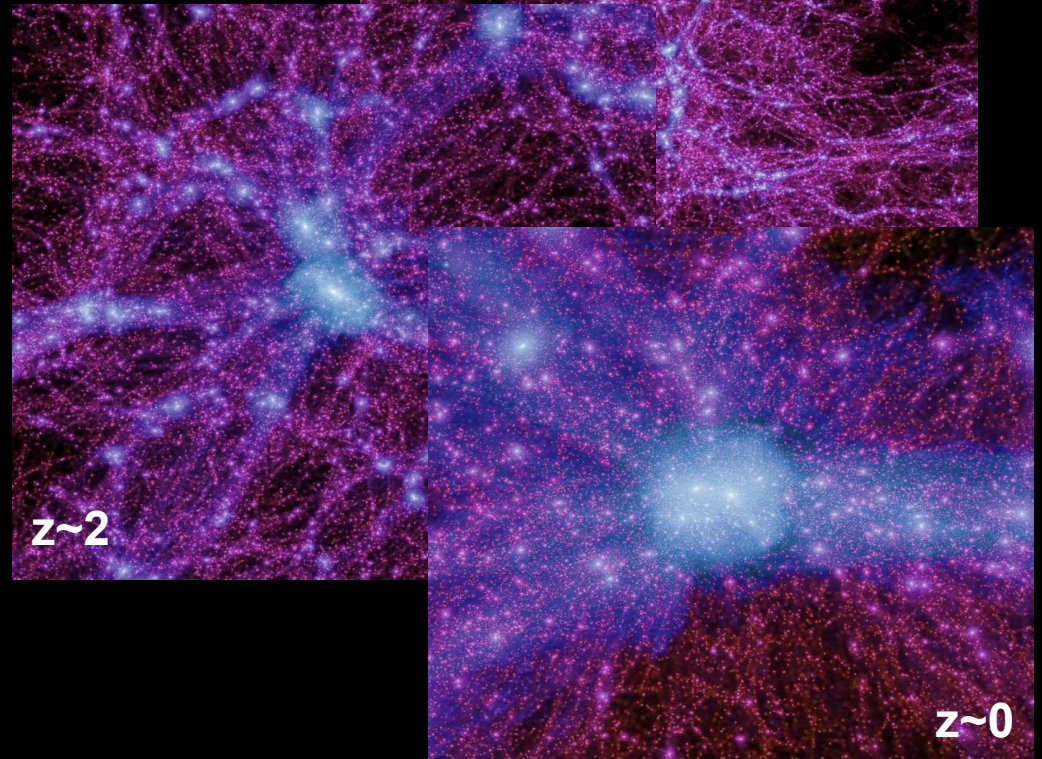
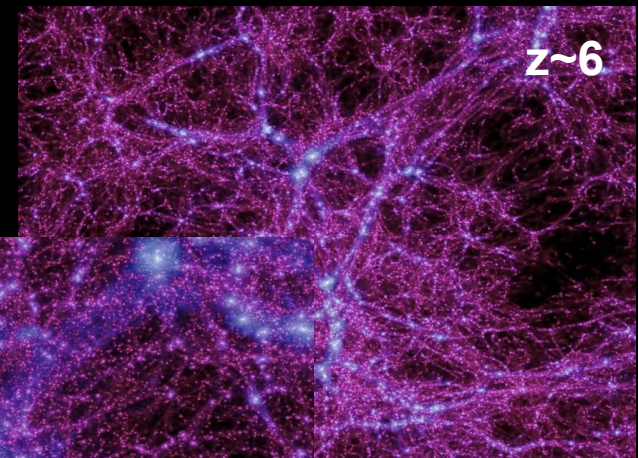
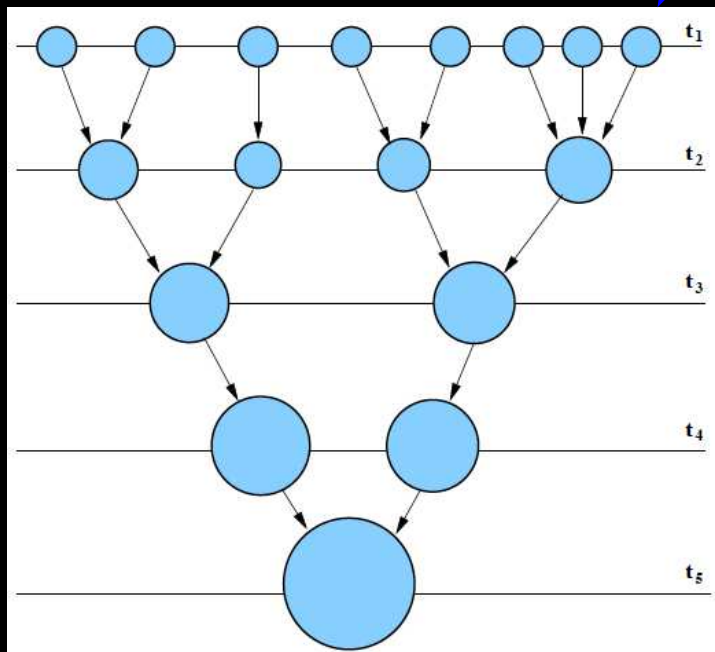


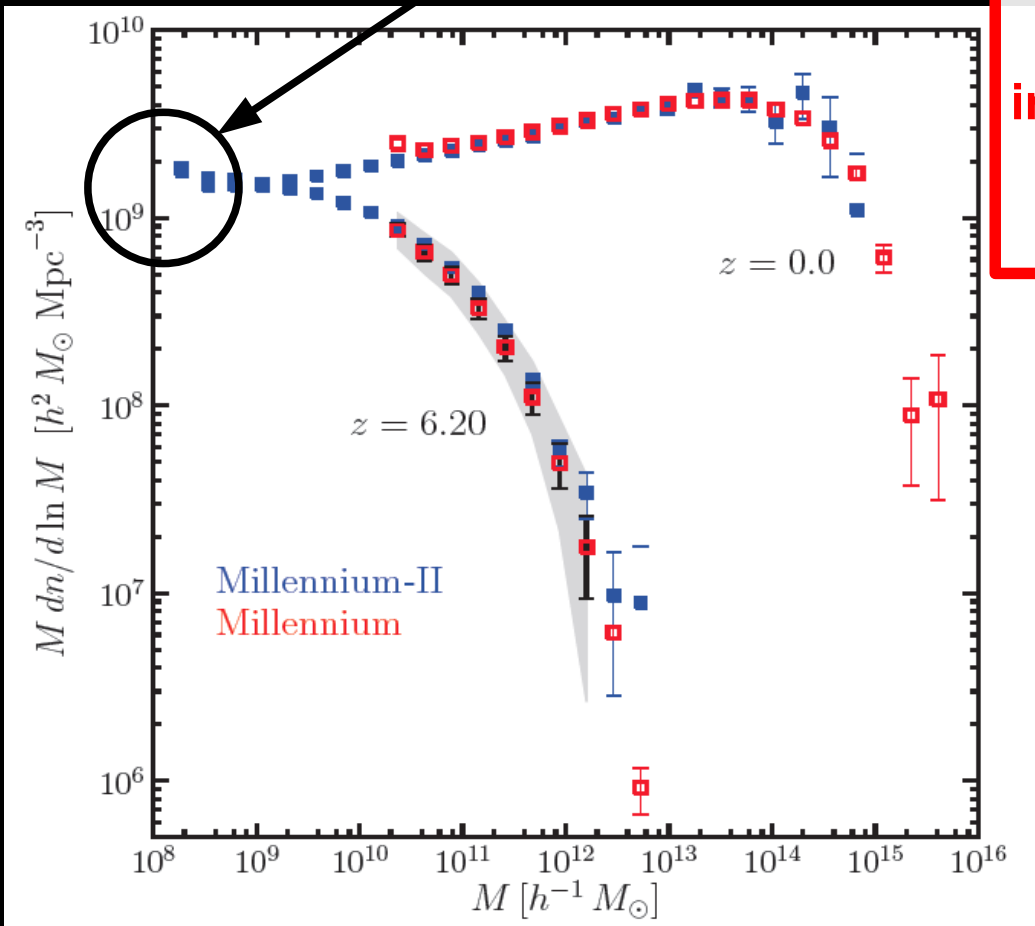
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$$dn/dM \sim M^{-1.9} \text{ (at small masses)}$$



If gravity is the only relevant DM interaction, the abundance of low-mass haloes is ever increasing (down to the free-streaming scale)

Boylan-Kolchin+2009

Minimum halo mass in CDM particle models many orders of magnitude below mass resolution of current simulations!

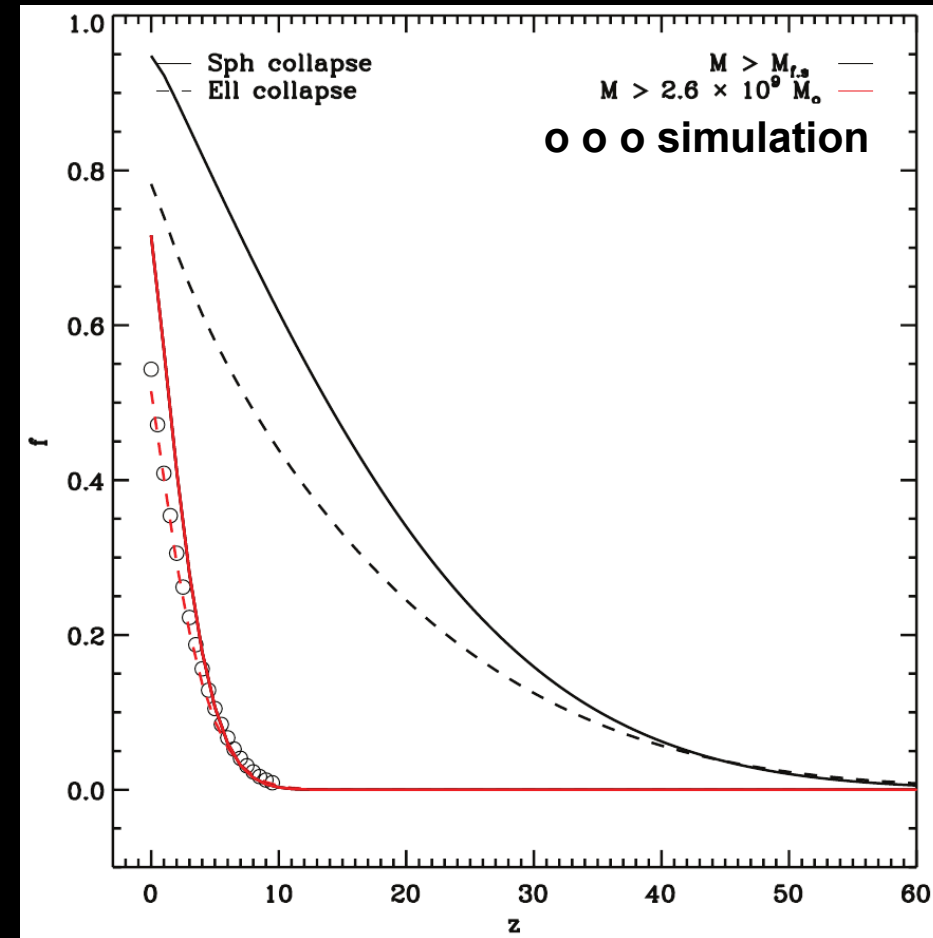
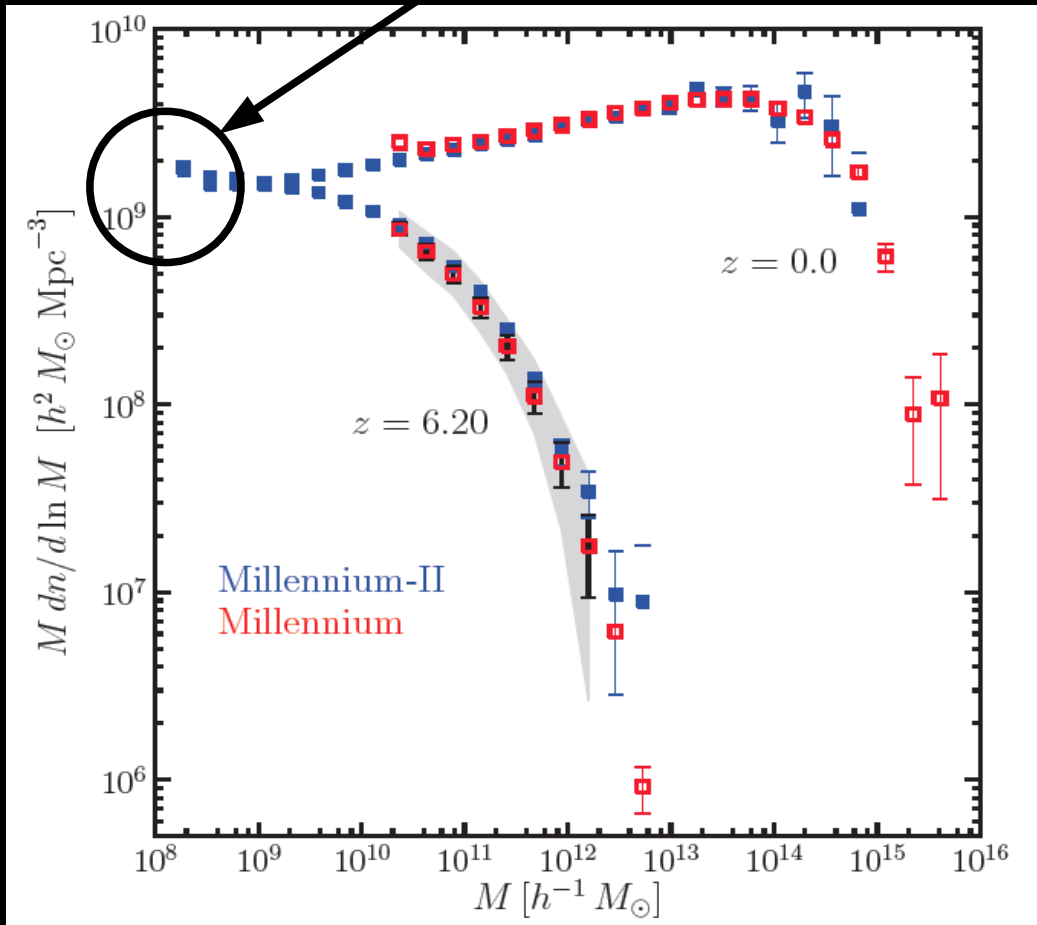
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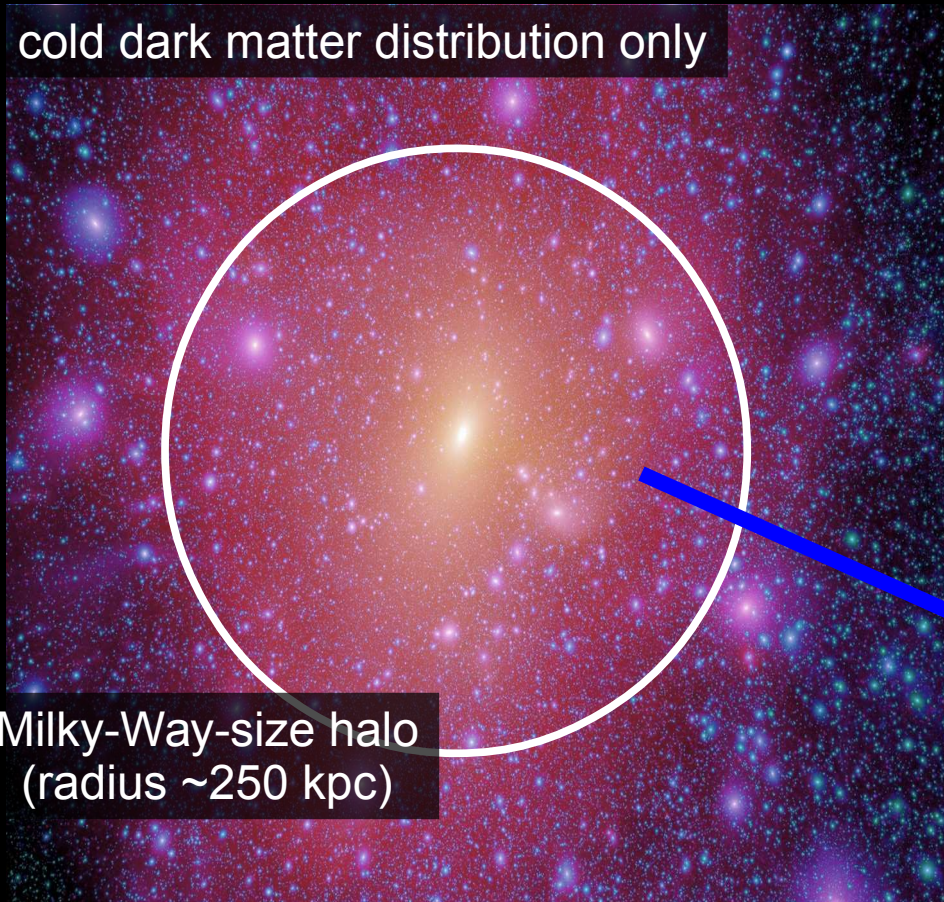
**Not all dark matter is in haloes!**



# Inner structure of DM haloes (smooth distribution)

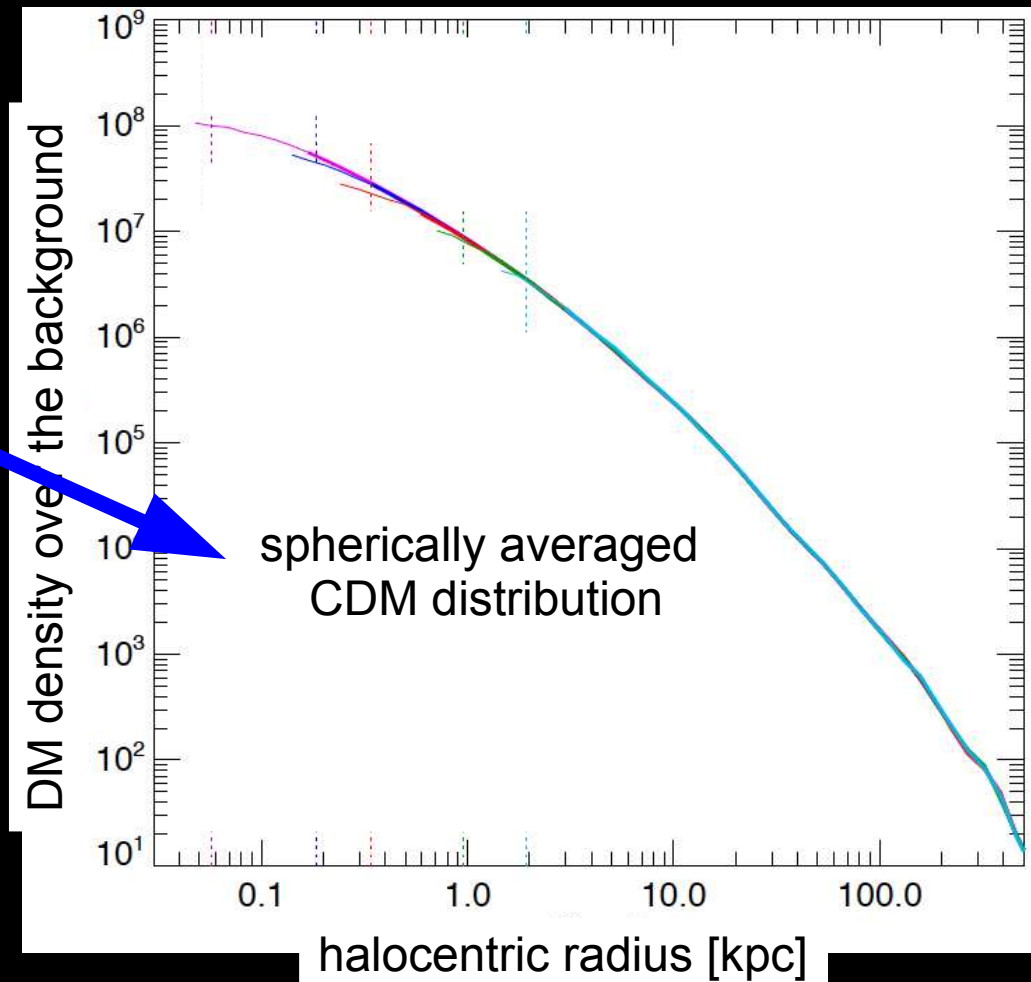
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cold dark matter distribution only



If gravity is the only relevant DM interaction, the central density of haloes is ever increasing

Universality famously known as the Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) profile

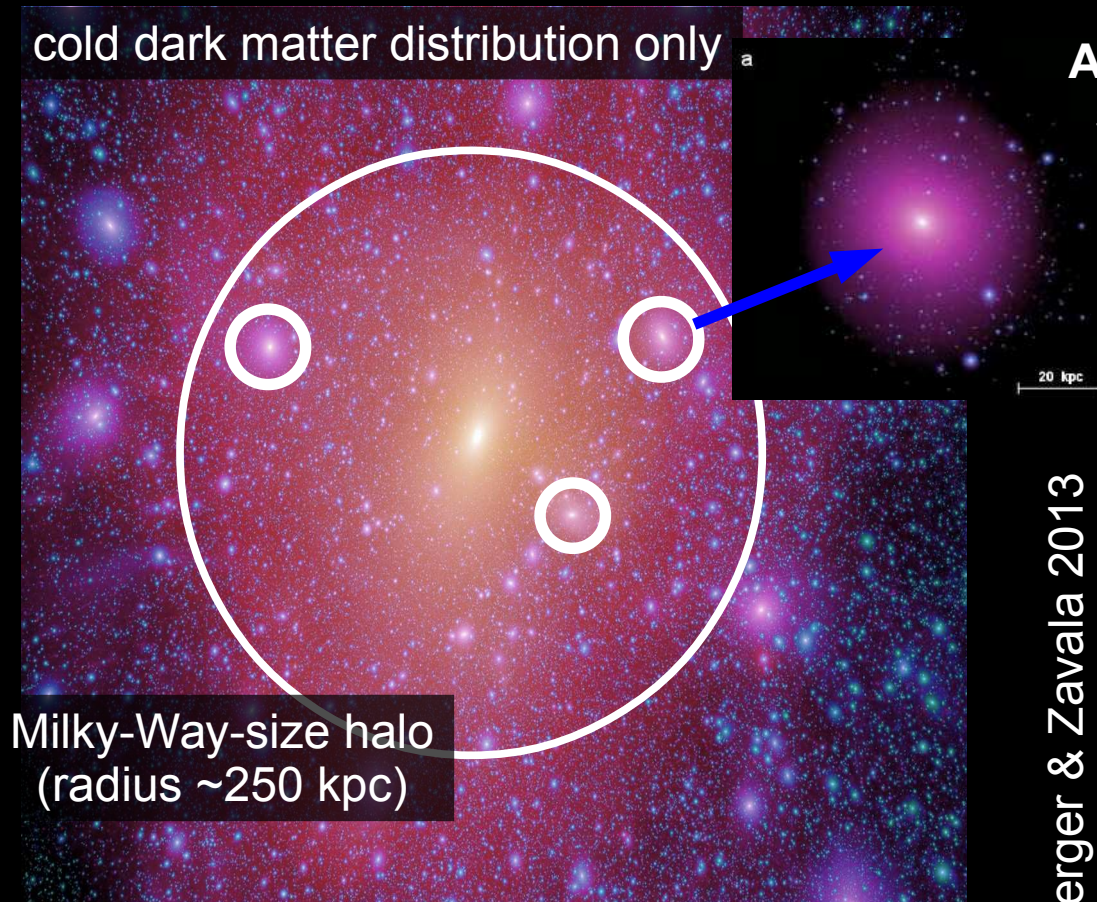




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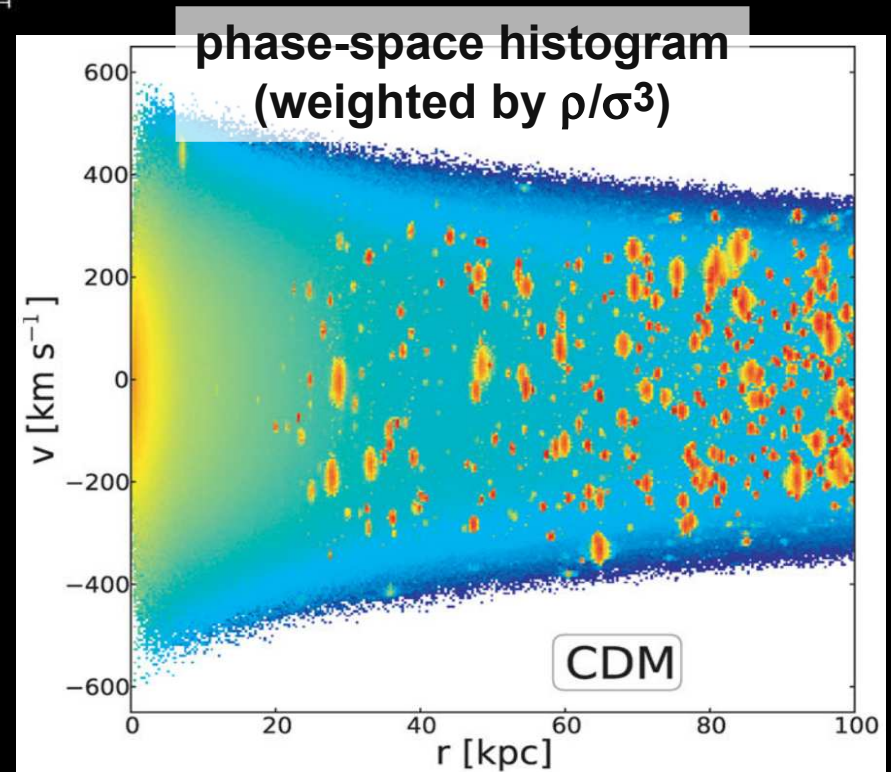
DM self-bound clumps within a host halo



Abundance (mass function) and inner structure (density profile) share the near-universality of the hosts

substructure in phase space

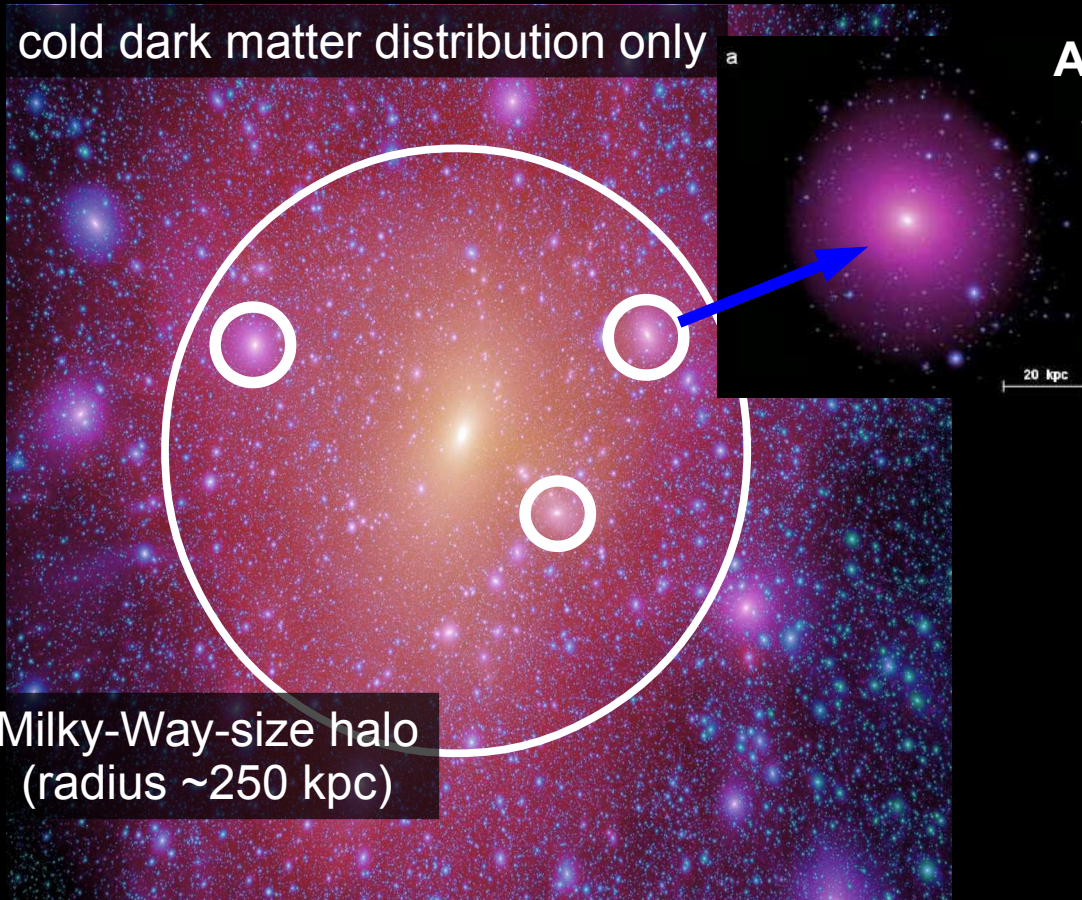
Vogelsberger & Zavala 2013



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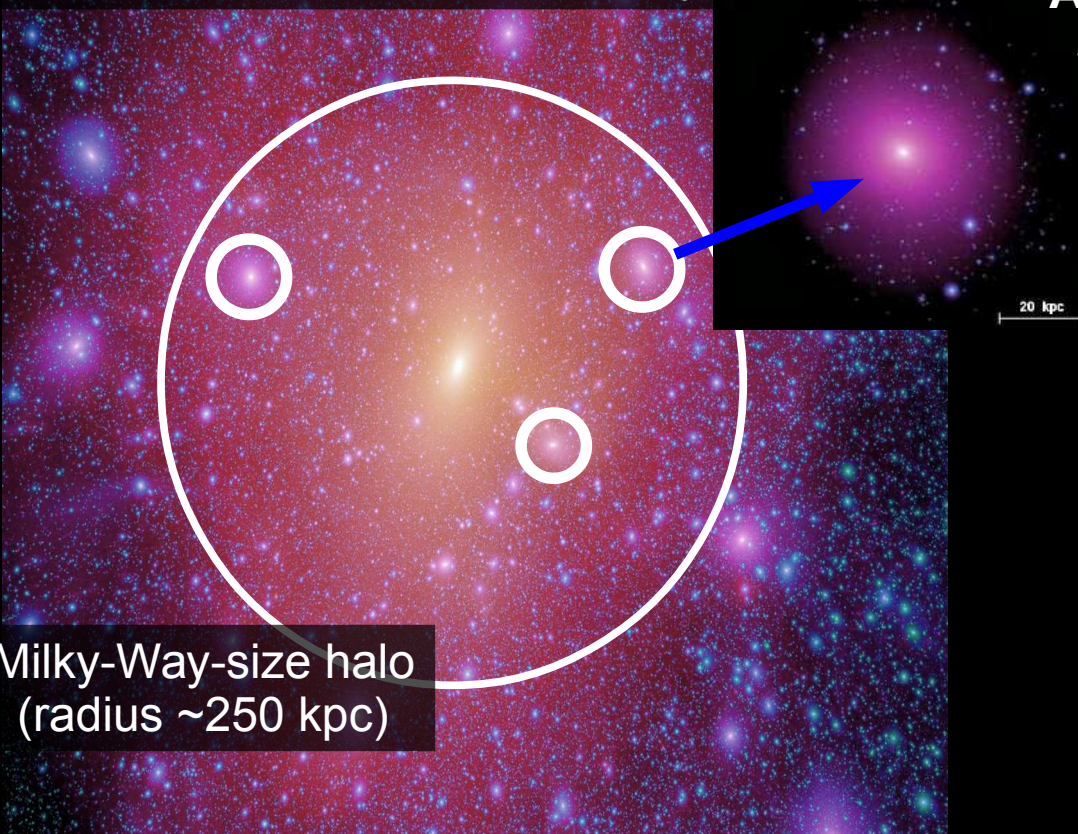


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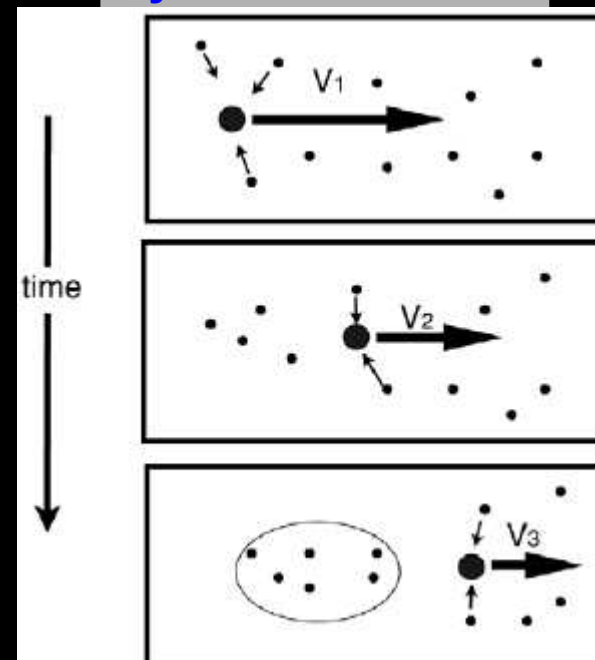


Milky-Way-size halo  
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two mechanisms become important for subhaloes:

dynamical friction



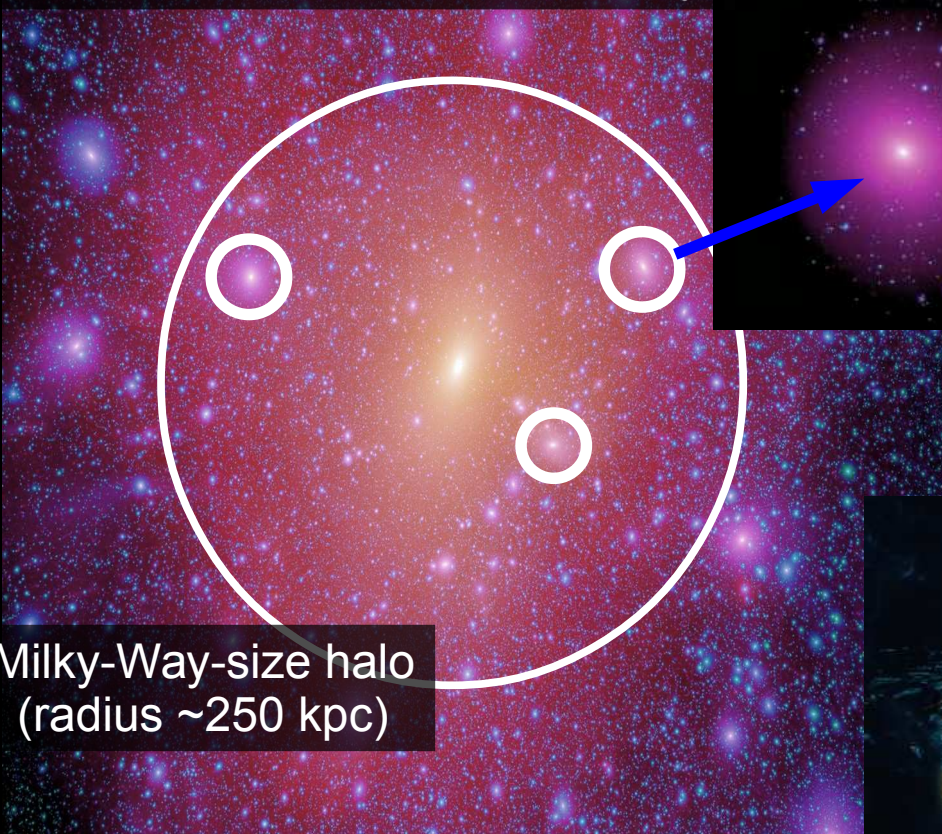
the orbital angular momentum of the subhalo is transferred into the host, the subhalo gradually sinks into the centre of the host

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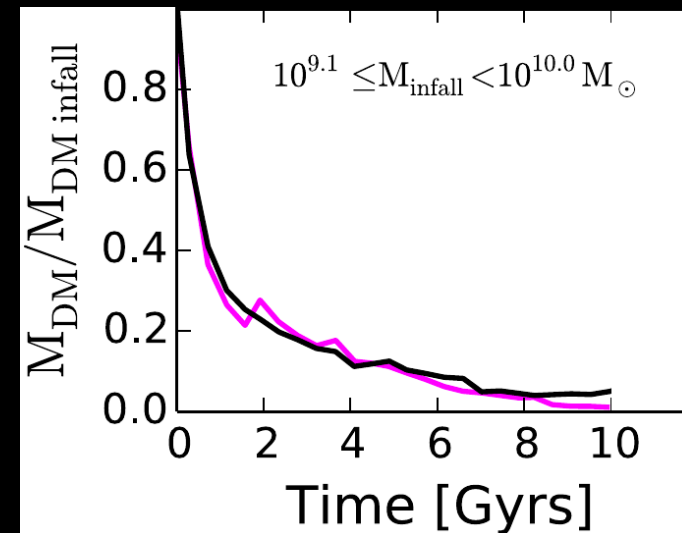


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tidal stripping



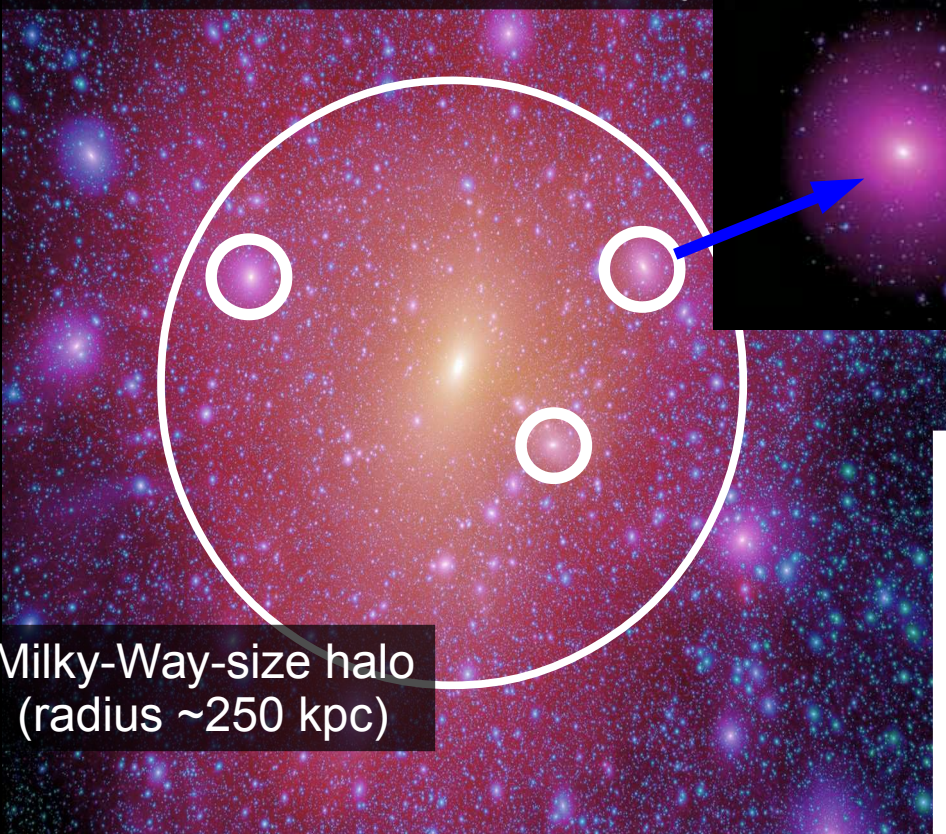


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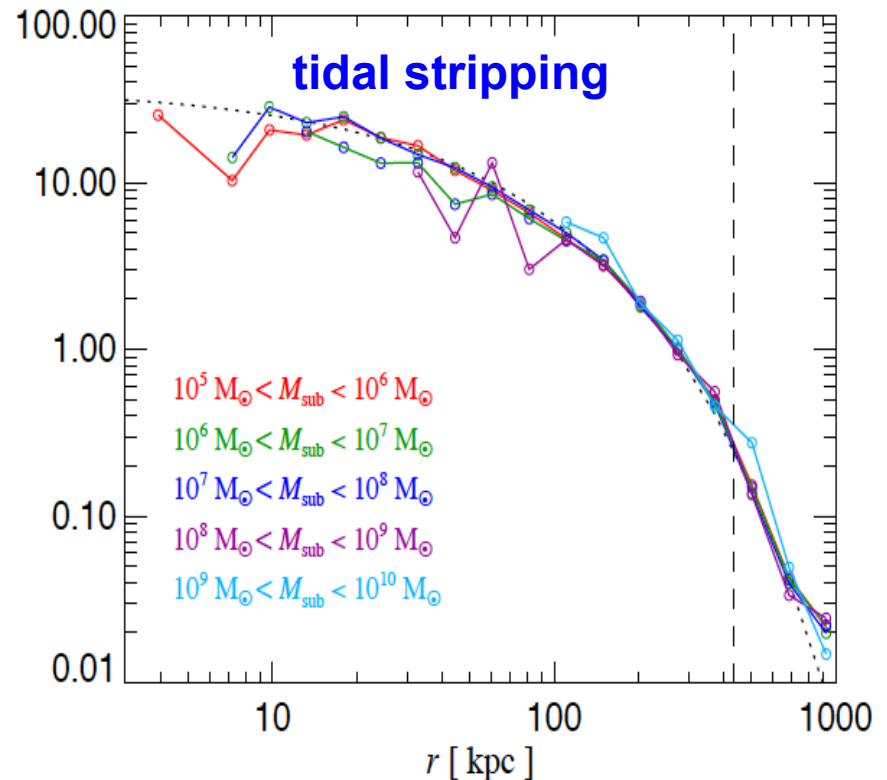


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Radial distribution of subhaloes in a MW-halo

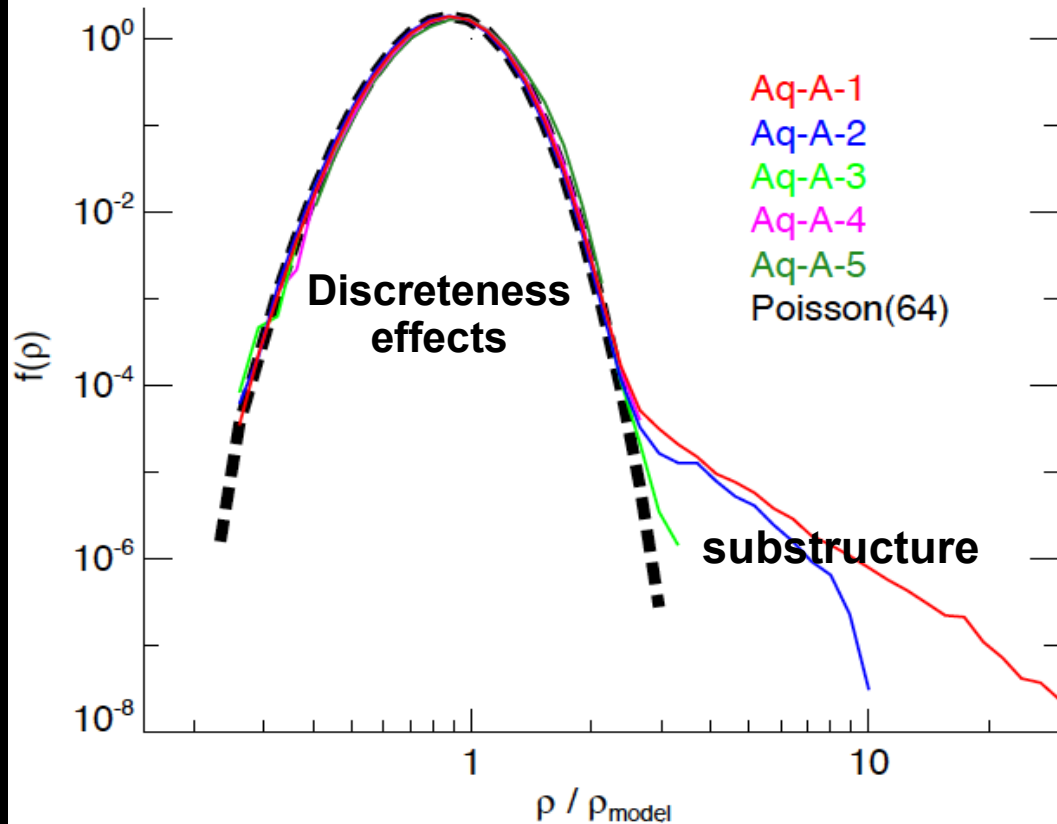


subhaloes are underabundant towards the centre compared to the 'smooth' distribution

# DM distribution at the solar circle

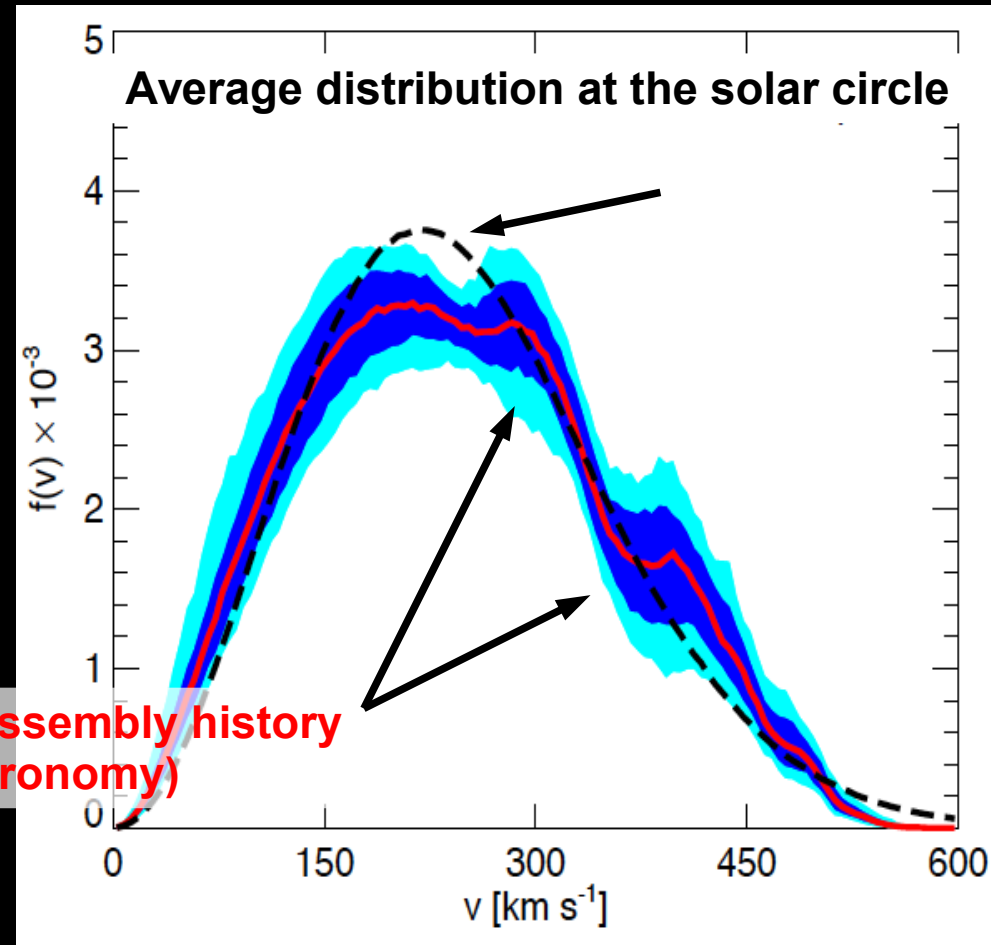
local (average) DM density distribution very smooth  
(chance of the Sun within a subhalo  $\sim 10^{-4}$ )

Density probability distribution at the solar circle



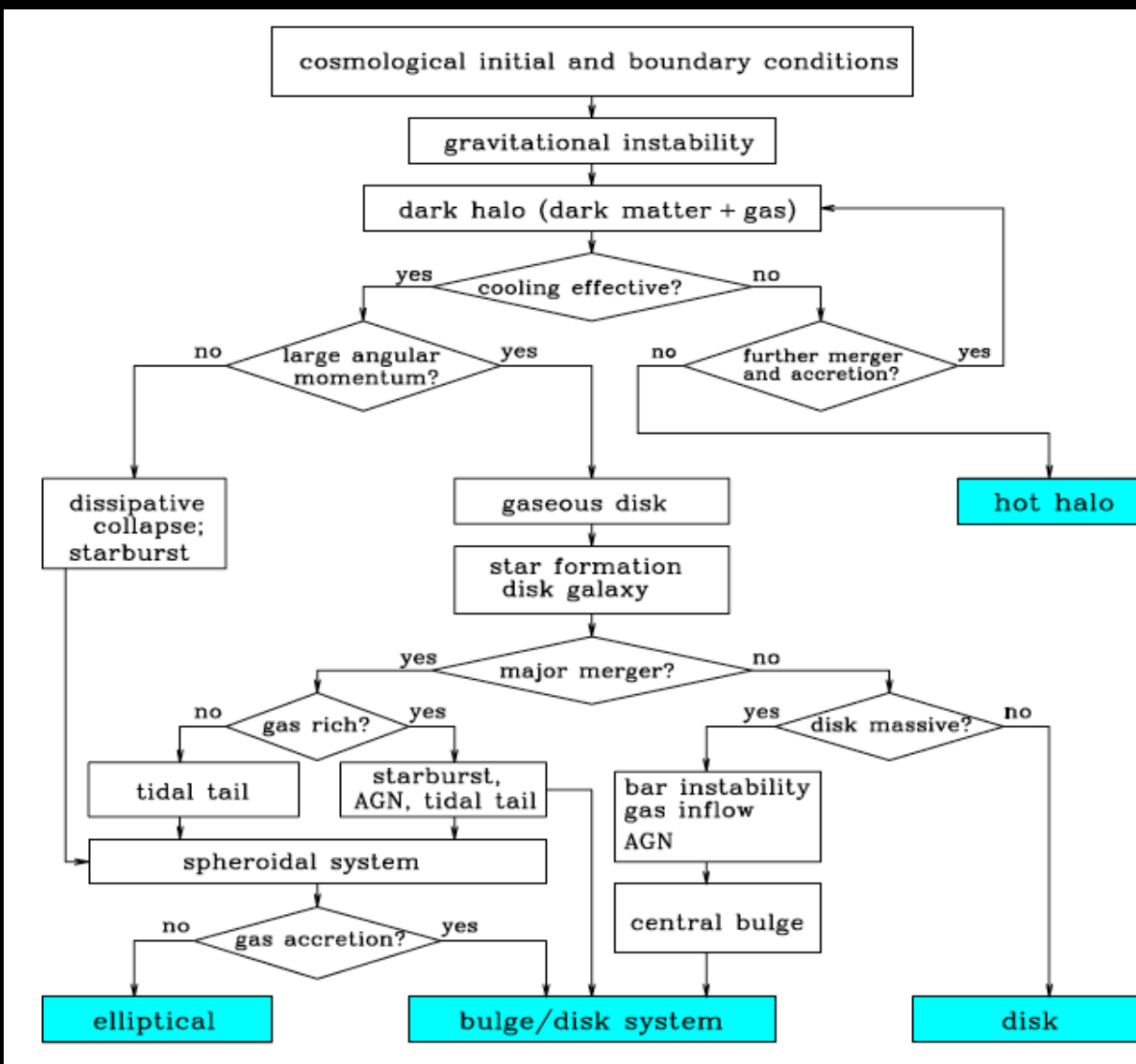
Related to individual assembly history  
(future: DM astronomy)

Velocity distribution is not fully Maxwellian  
(influence on direct detection rates)



# Standard structure formation theory

## NON-LINEAR REGIME (gas and stellar physics)



DM gravity only



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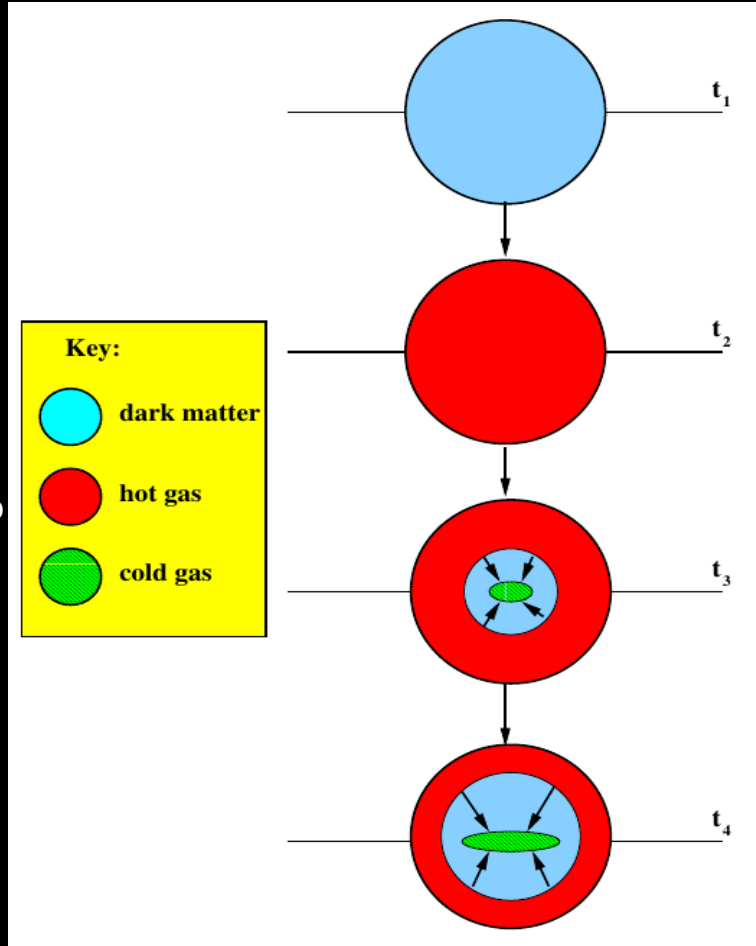


# Standard structure formation theory

## NON-LINEAR REGIME (gas and stellar physics)

- Gas hydrodynamics (shocks, instabilities)
- Radiative cooling (galactic disk formation)

Baugh 2006



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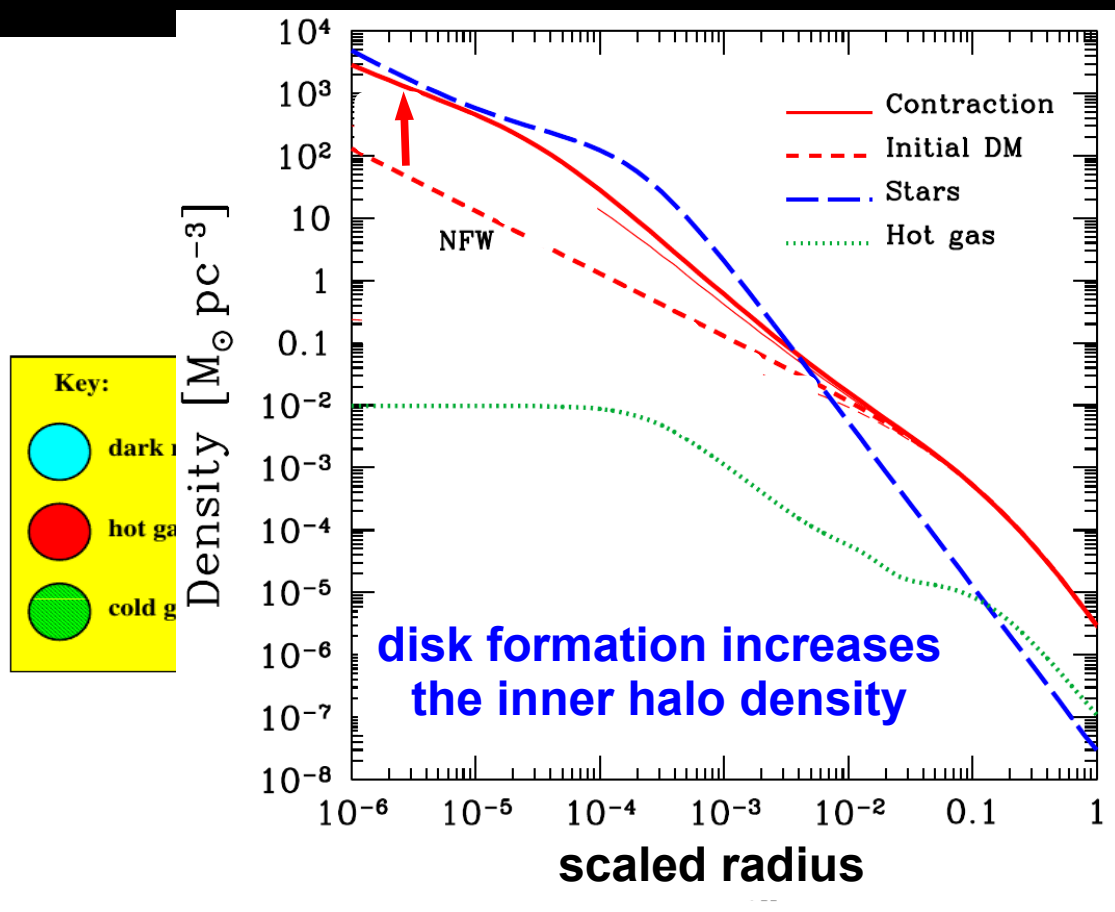


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Baugh 2006



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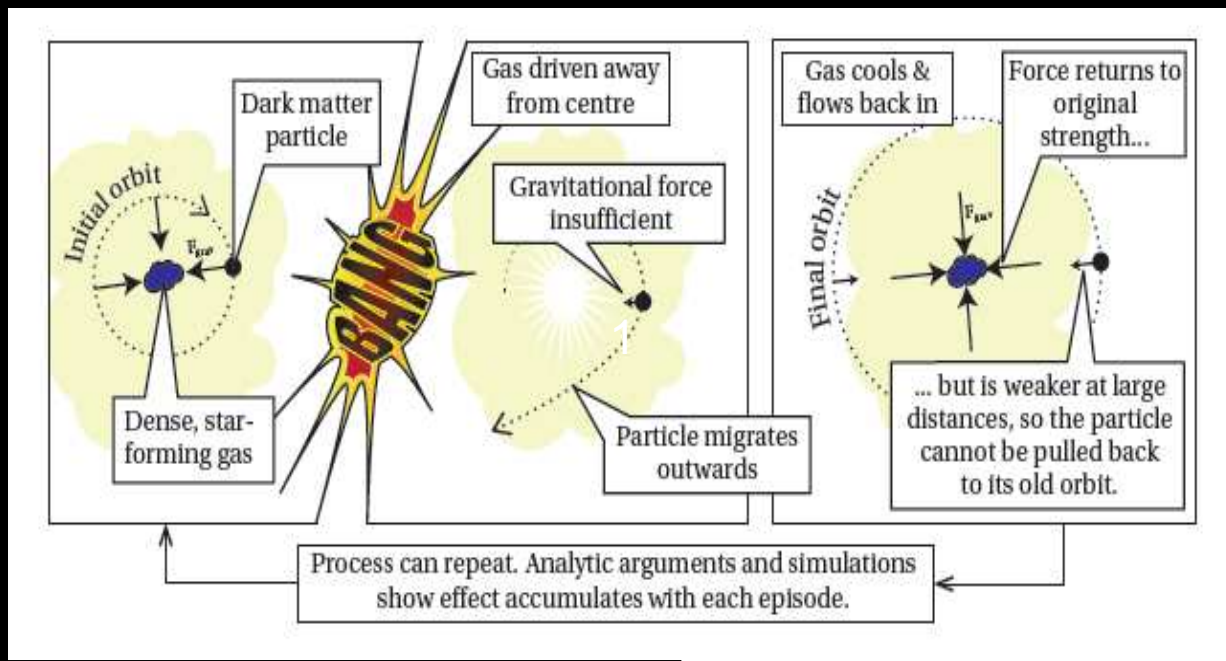
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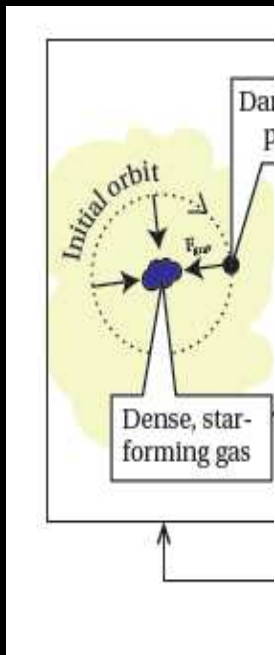




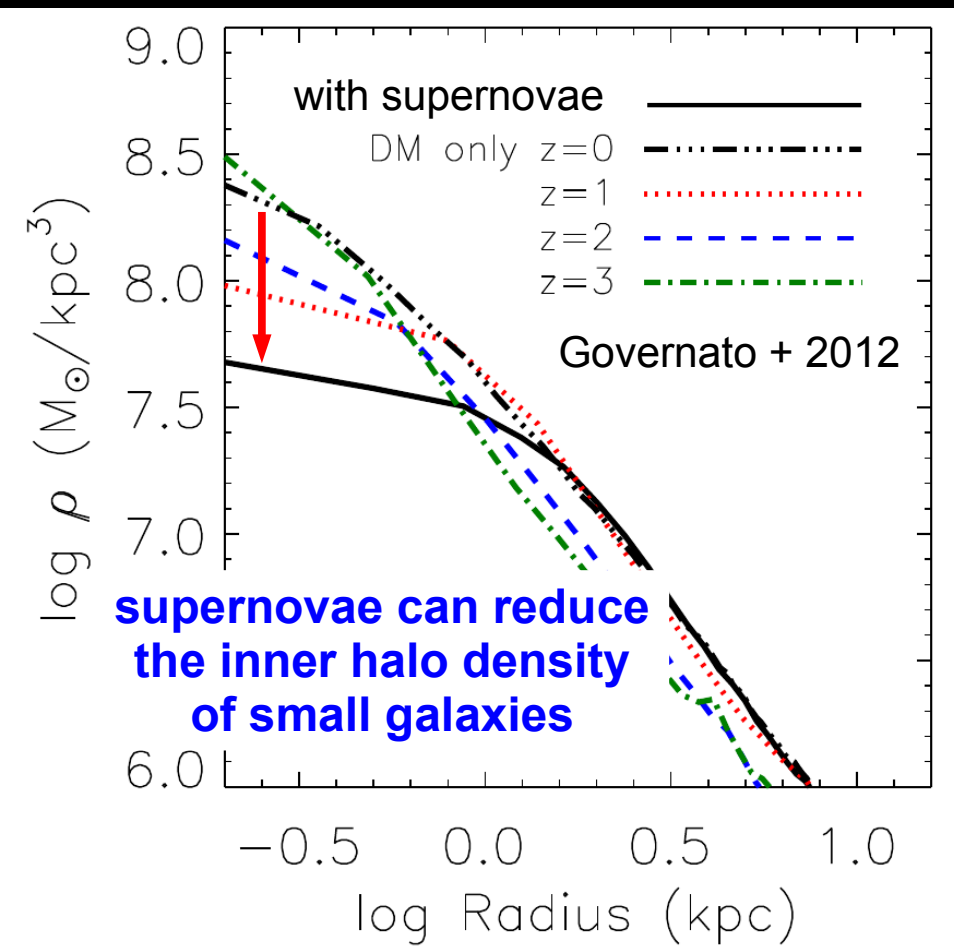
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Pontzen & Governato



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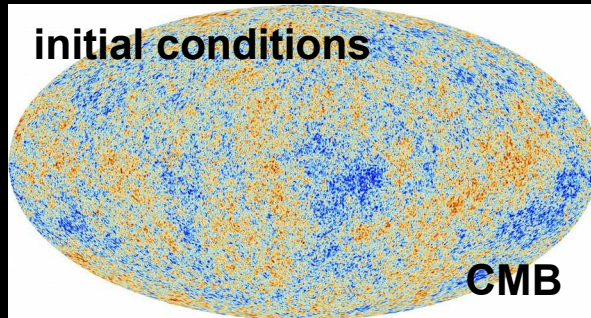


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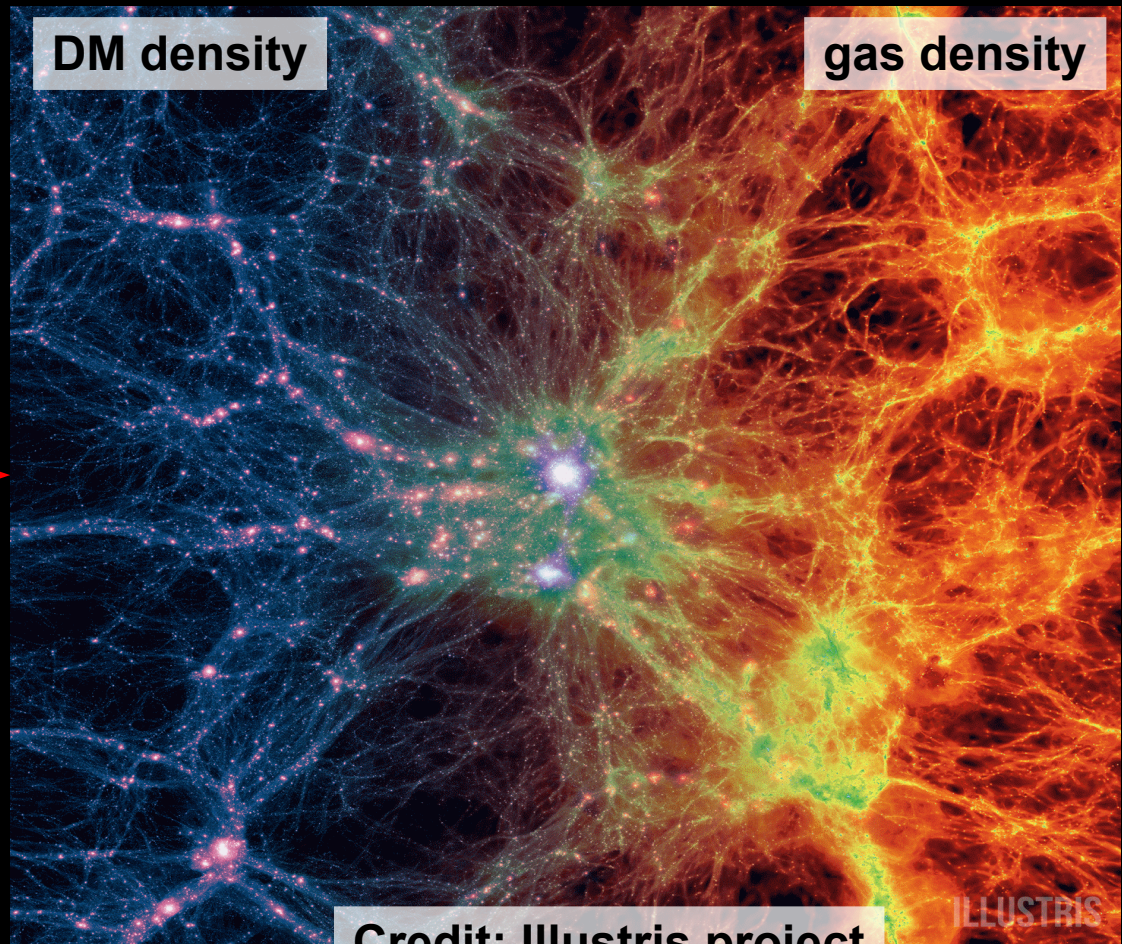


*CDM assumes that the only DM interaction that matters is gravity!!*

cosmological simulations

DM gravity only  
+  
"baryonic" physics  
(radiative cooling,  
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A grey box containing text describing the components of cosmological simulations. It lists 'DM gravity only' and 'baryonic' physics, which includes radiative cooling, gas hydrodynamics, star formation, supernova, and AGN feedback.



**2000 CPU years!!**

Credit: Illustris project

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**EXTRA SLIDES**

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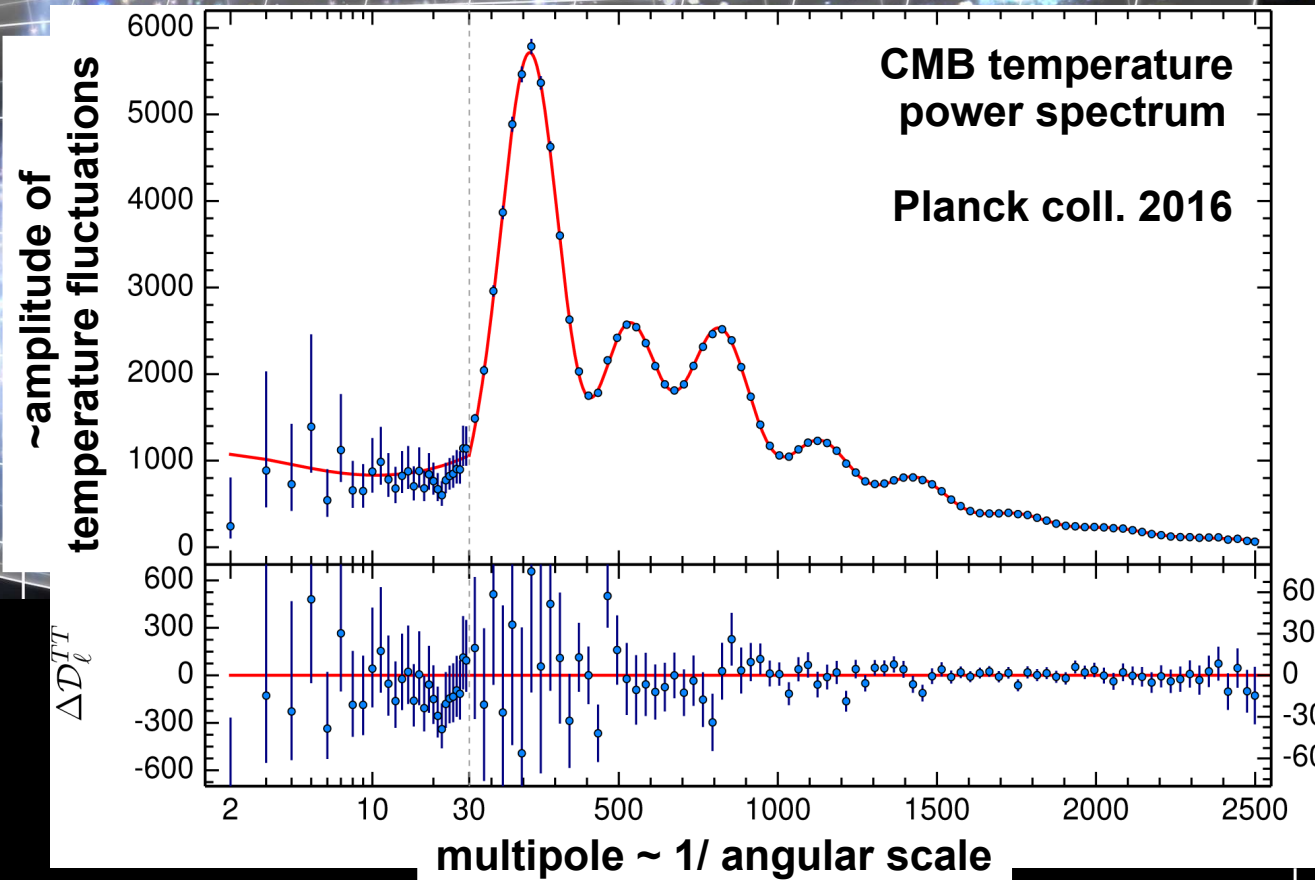
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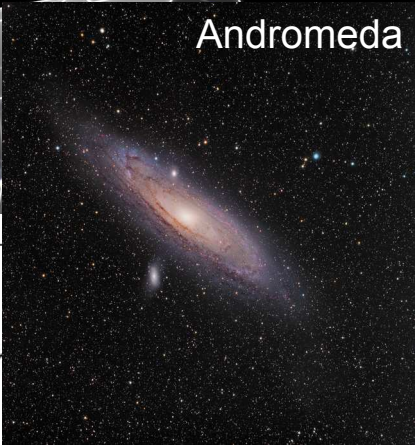
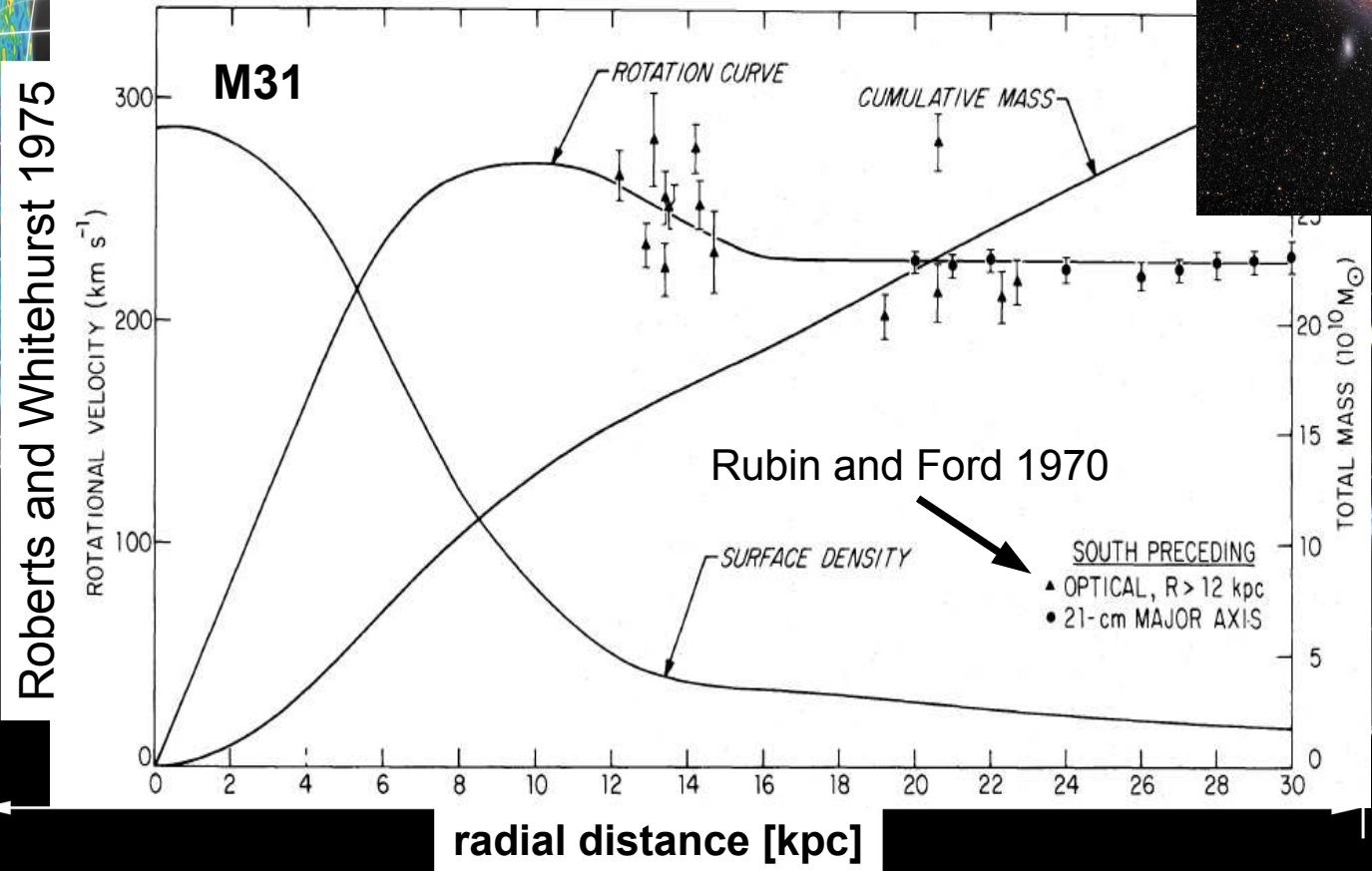
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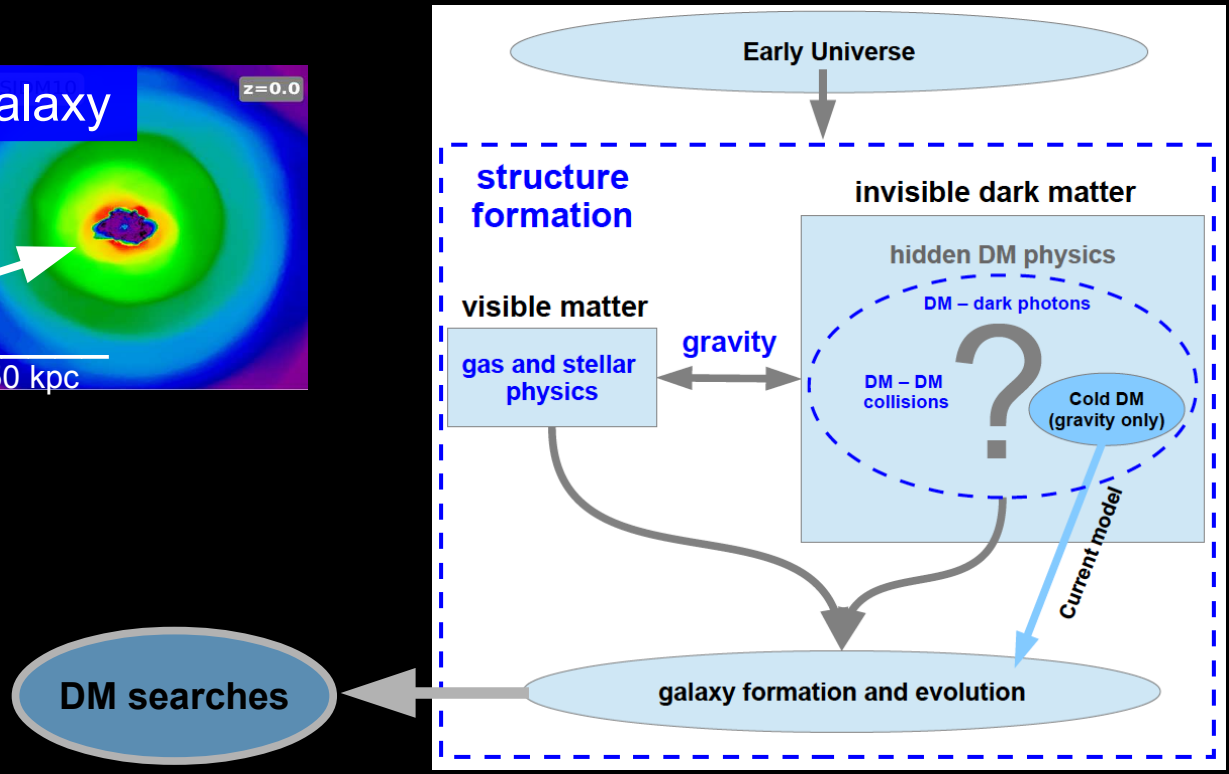
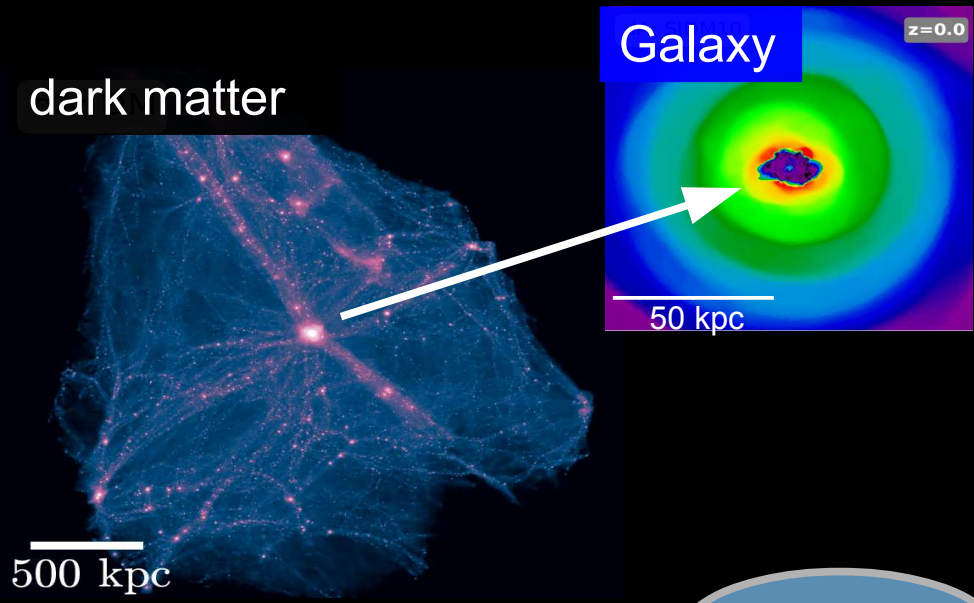




# Perspectives on the Astrophysics of Dark Matter

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# Lecture 2

**non-gravitational DM interactions  
and structure formation**



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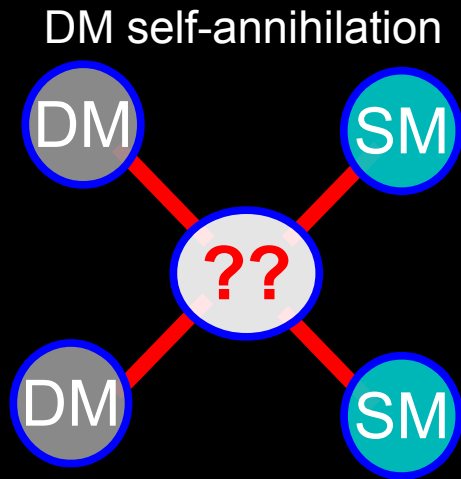
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**What is the mass(es) of the DM particle(s) and through which forces does it interact?**

**In the physics of galaxies, is gravity the only dark matter interaction that matters?**

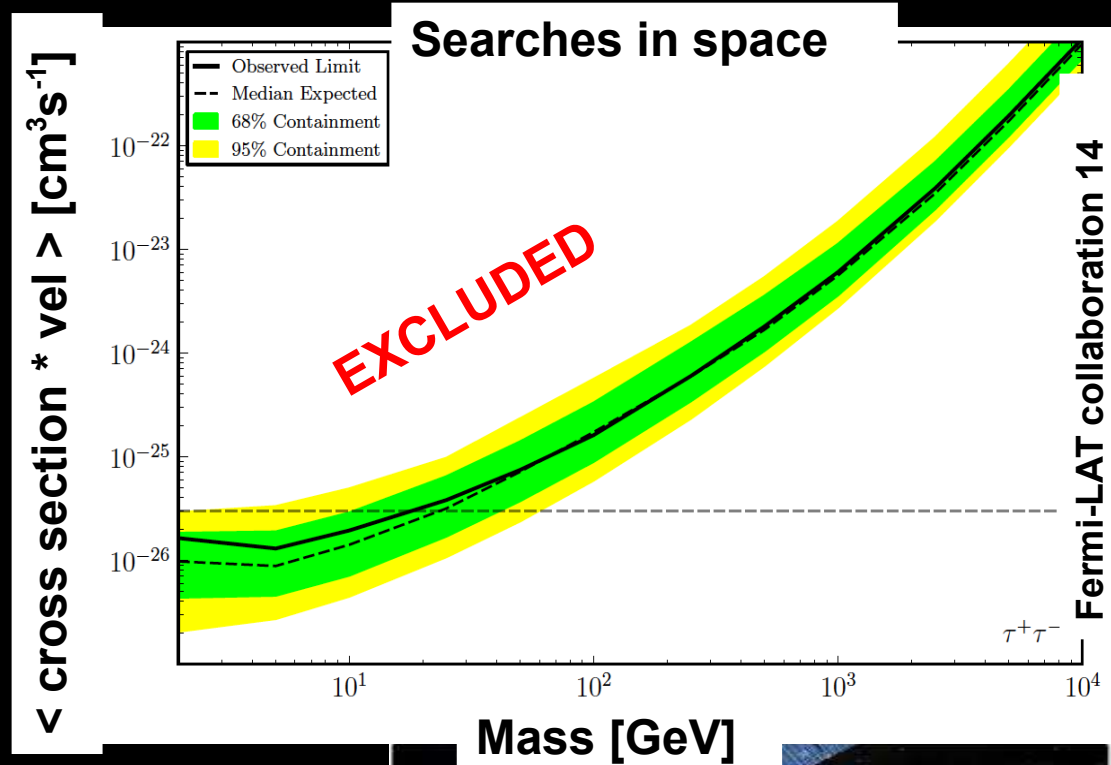
***Although there is no indisputable evidence that the CDM hypothesis is wrong, there are reasonable physical motivations to consider alternatives***

# What is the nature of dark matter?



analogous to  $e^+e^-$  annihilation

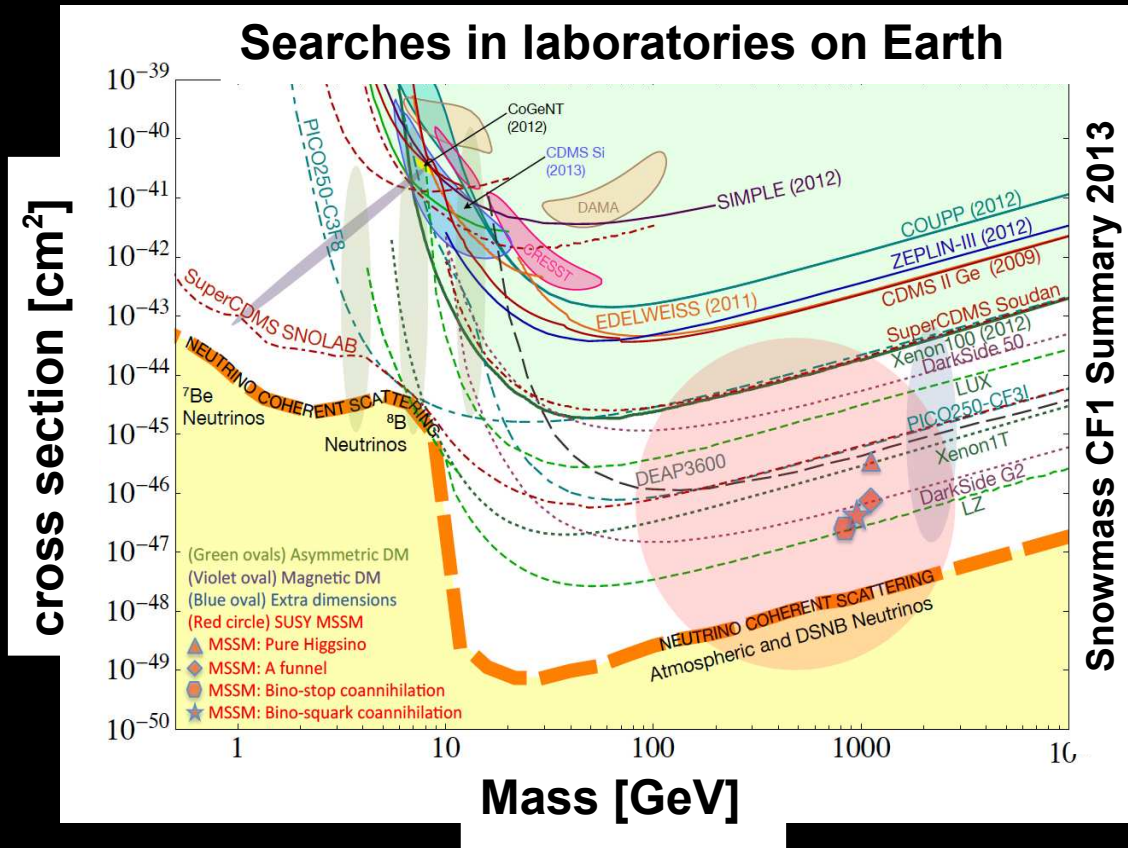
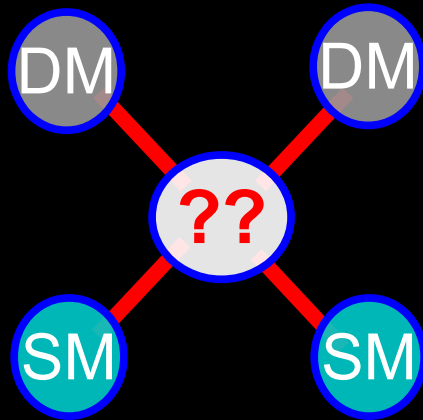
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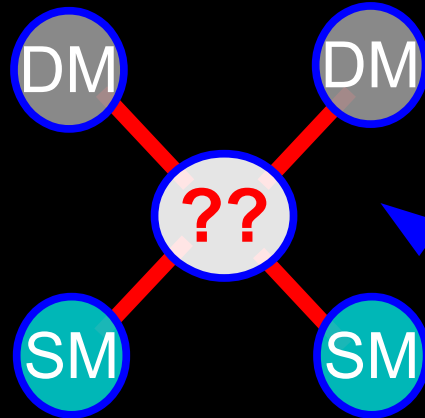
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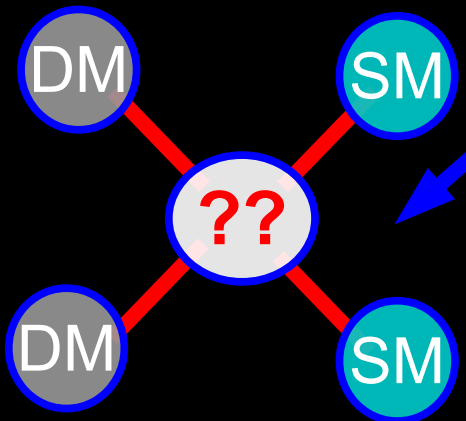
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**Does DM interact with visible particles?**

DM self-annihilation



*Interactions with visible particles are too weak to impact galaxy formation/evolution*

Cross section $\sigma/m_\chi$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /gr]	Characteristic velocity $\tilde{v}$ [km/s]
SI $\chi$ -nucleon $\lesssim 10^{-23}$	$\sim 200$
$m_\chi \in (0.1 - 5)$ TeV	(local halo)
LUX	
$\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b} \lesssim 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10$
$m_\chi \in (0.1 - 1)$ TeV	(dSphs)
Fermi-LAT	

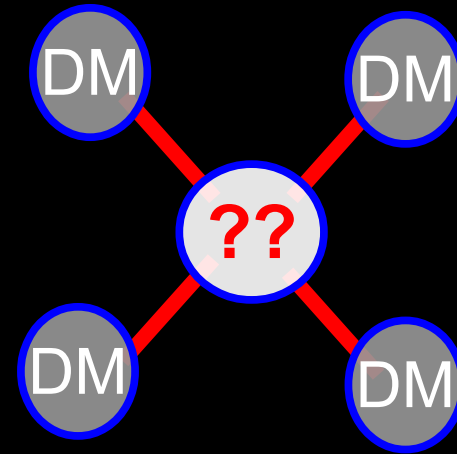
1 cm<sup>2</sup>/g  $\sim$  2 barns/GeV

dark matter is quite "dark" (invisible)

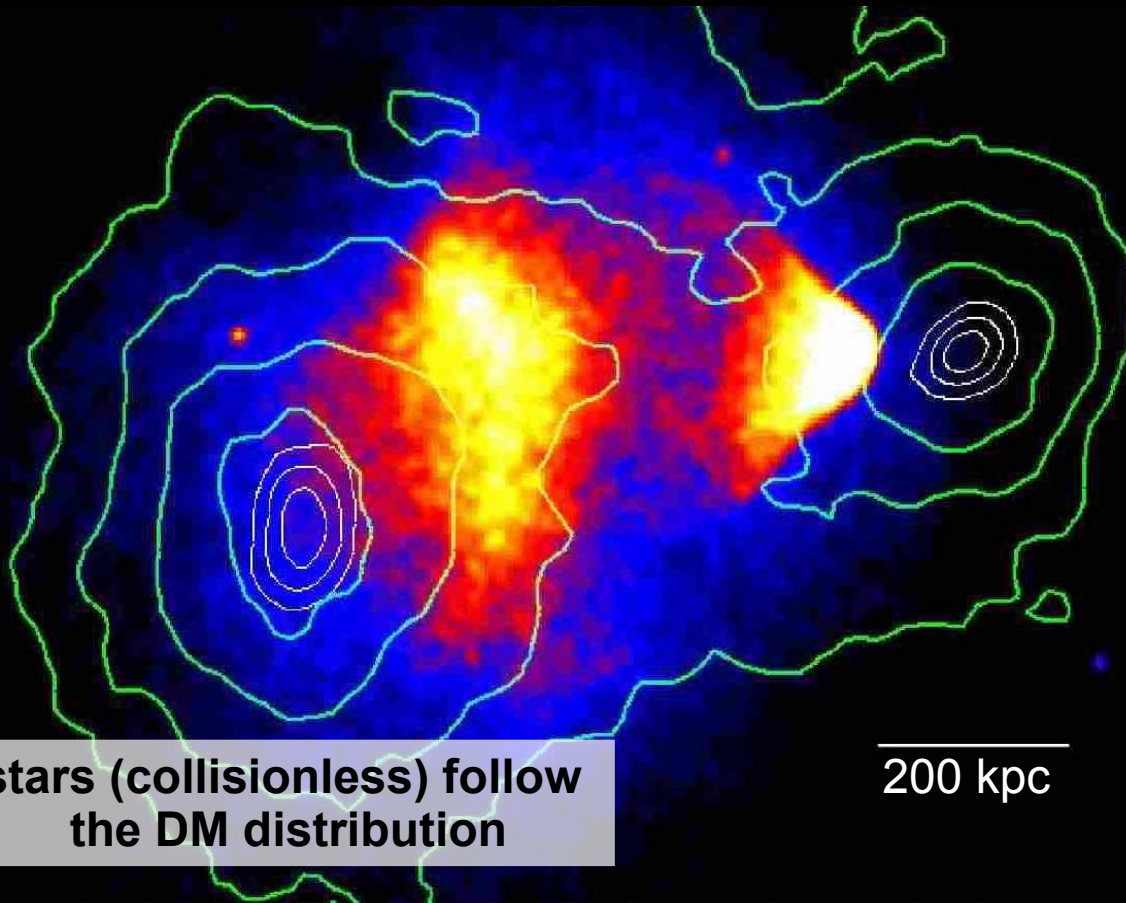
**nucleon-nucleon elastic scattering:  
 $\sim 10$  cm<sup>2</sup>/gr**

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Bullet Cluster (Clowe +06)



stars (collisionless) follow the DM distribution

constraint on DM self-collisions

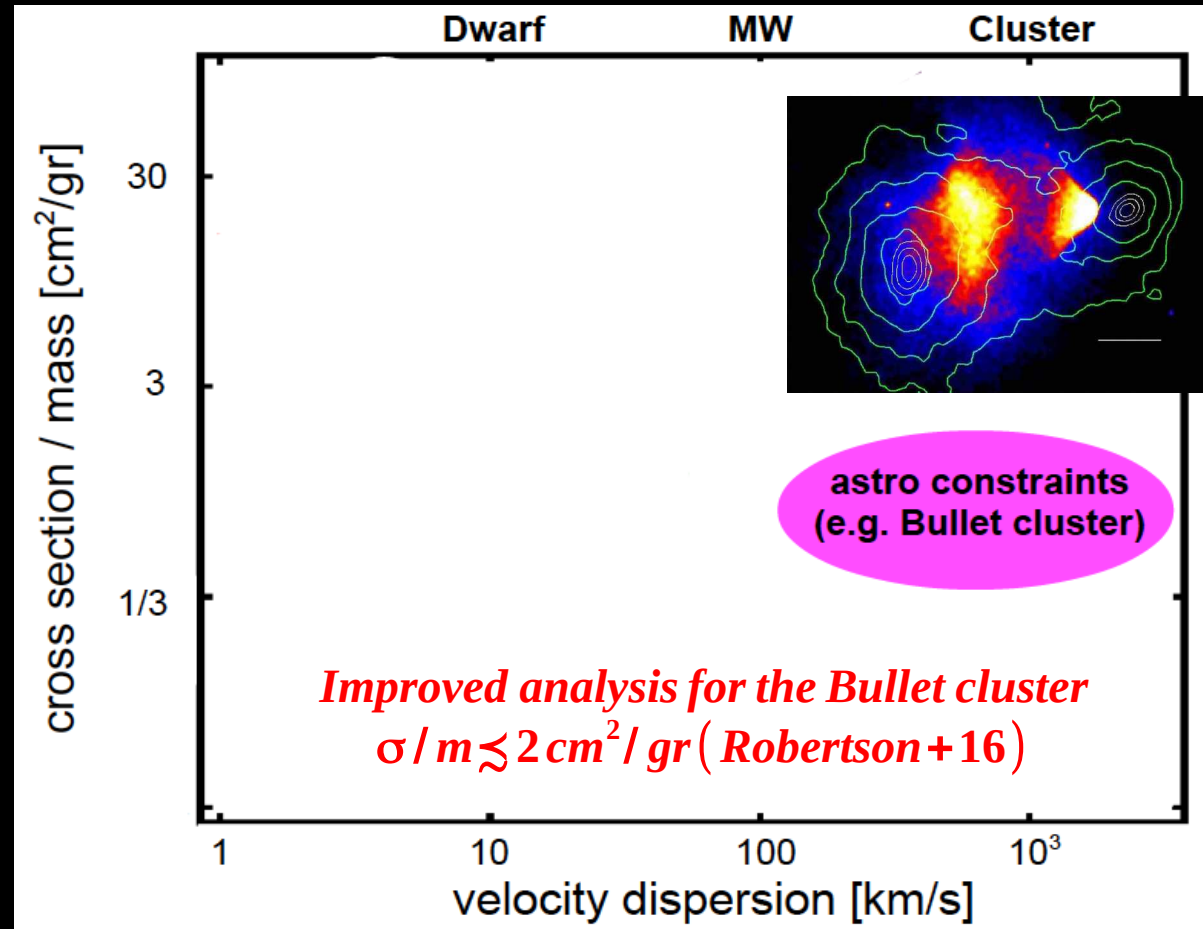
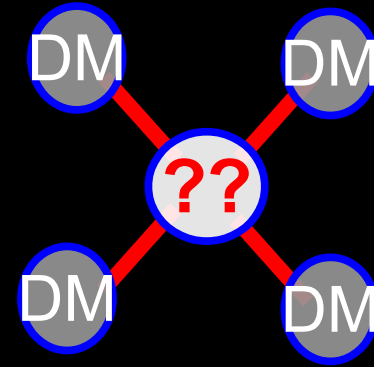
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Robertson+2016

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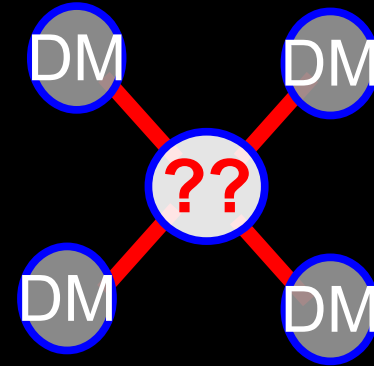
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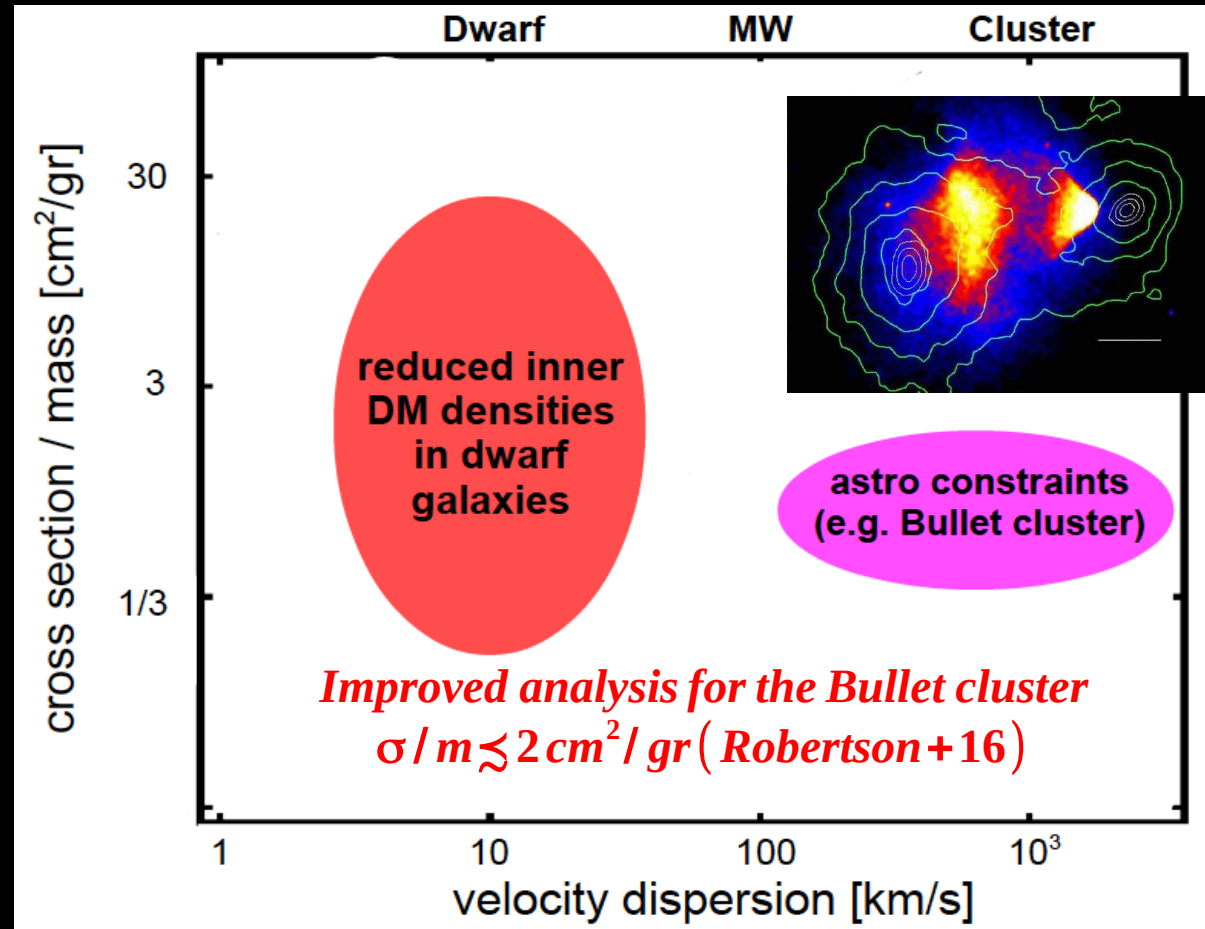
constraints allow collisional DM that is astrophysically significant in the center of galaxies:

average scattering rate per particle:

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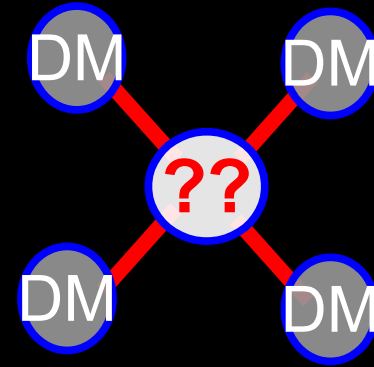
~ 1 scatter / particle / Hubble time

Neither a fluid nor a collisionless system:  
~ rarefied gas  
(Knudsen number =  $\lambda_{mean}/L > \sim 1$ )



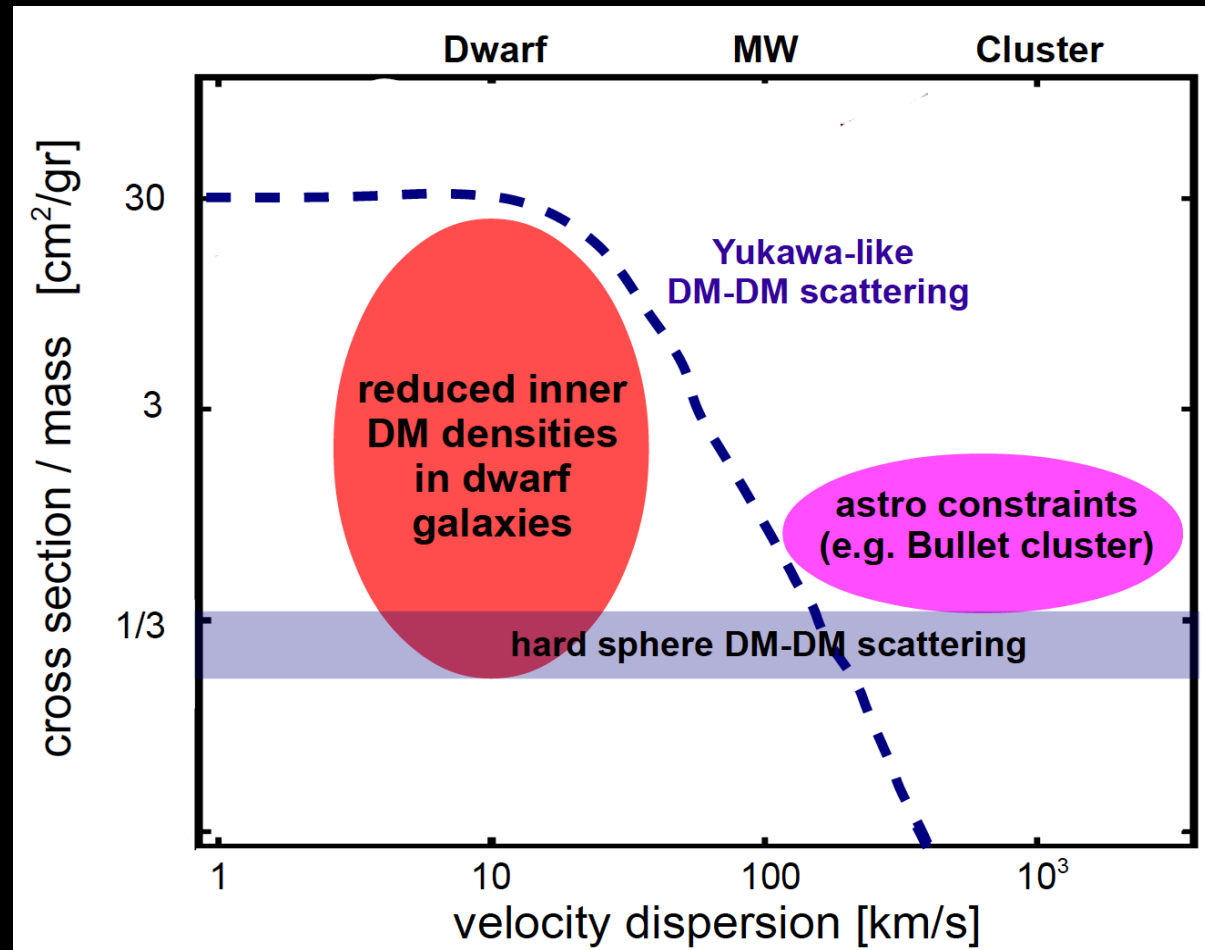
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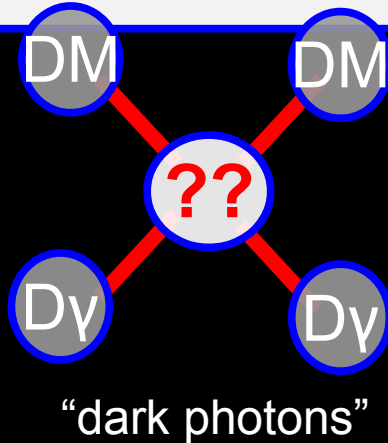
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velocity-dependent models (motivated by a new force in the “dark sector”) can accommodate the constraints e.g. Yukawa-like, Feng+09, Loeb & Weiner 2011,...



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Can DM particles interact with other “dark” particles?

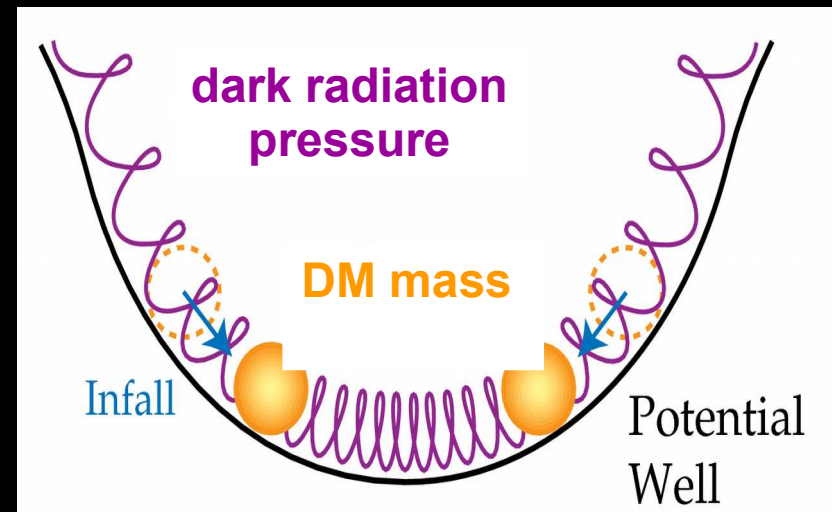
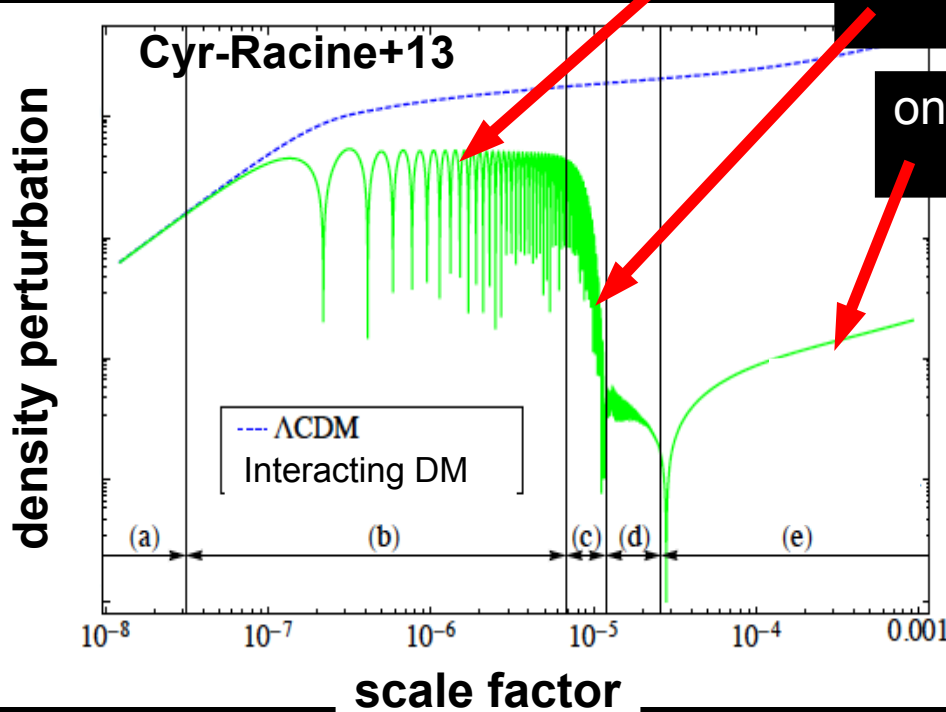


Allowed interactions between DM and relativistic particles (e.g. “dark radiation”) in the early Universe introduce pressure effects that impact the growth of DM structures (phenomena analogous to that of the photon-baryon plasma)

dark radiation pressure counteracts gravity creating “dark acoustic oscillations”

diffusion (Silk) damping can effectively diffuse-out DM perturbations

once kinetic decoupling (DM-DR) occurs DM behaviour is like CDM





# What is the nature of dark matter? (summary)

**The search for visible byproducts of  
DM interactions continues**

dark matter is quite dark (invisible)

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# Beyond CDM: exploring new dark matter physics with astrophysics

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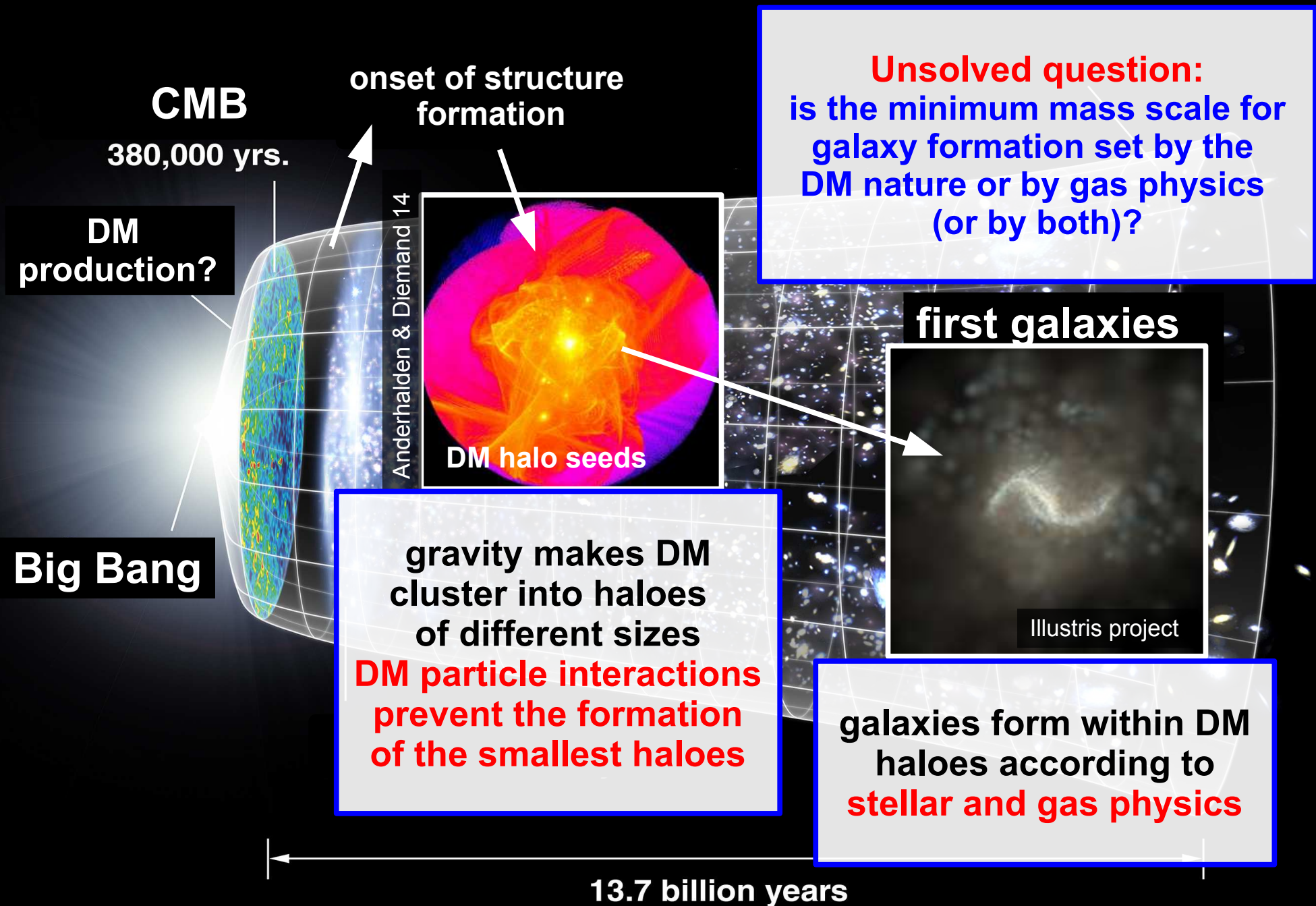
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**These questions go beyond the “standard” DM model for the formation and evolution of galaxies**

**Pursuing them, will either confirm the standard model or unveil a fundamental DM property**

# The nature of dark matter and the first galaxies



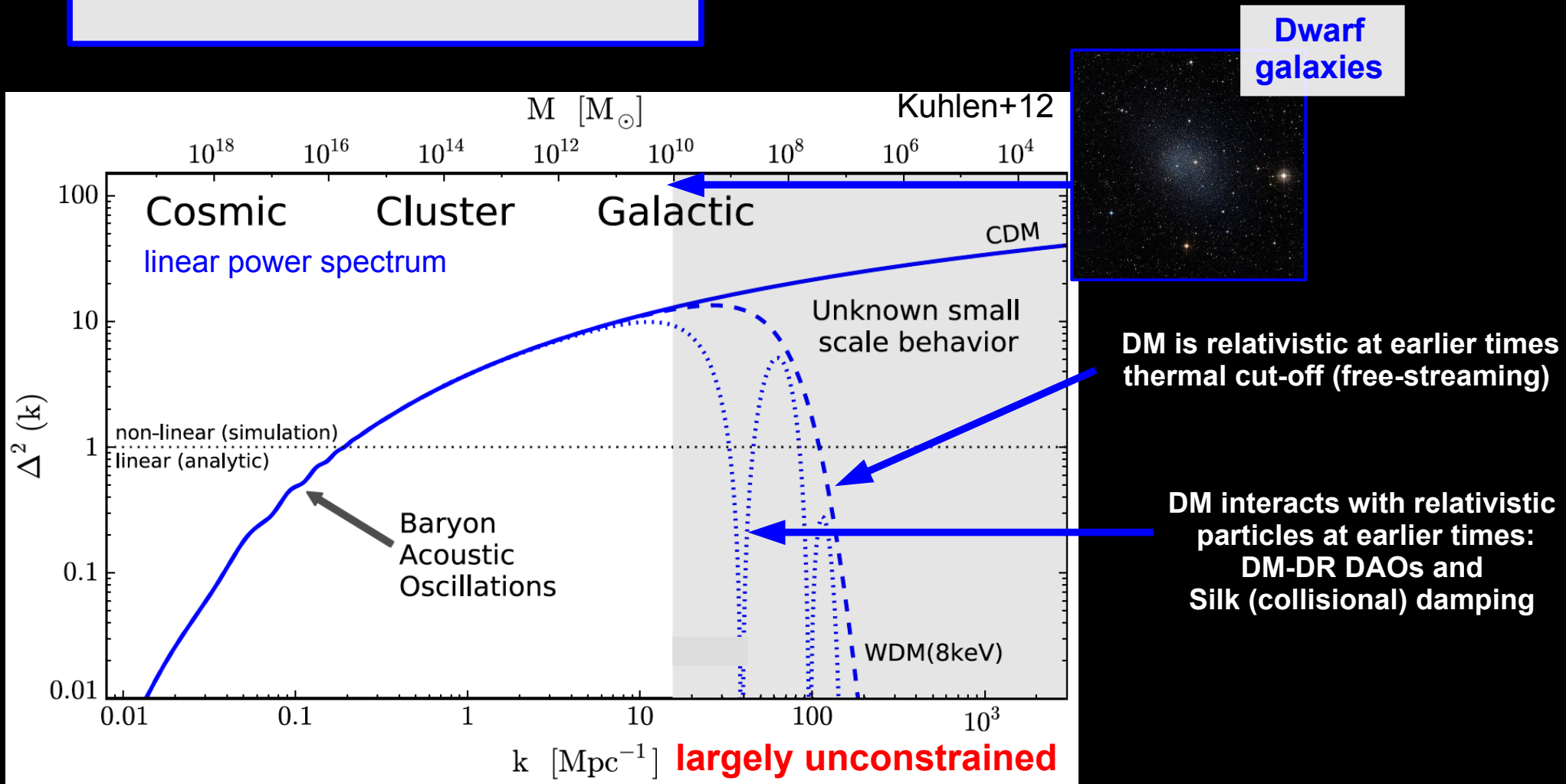


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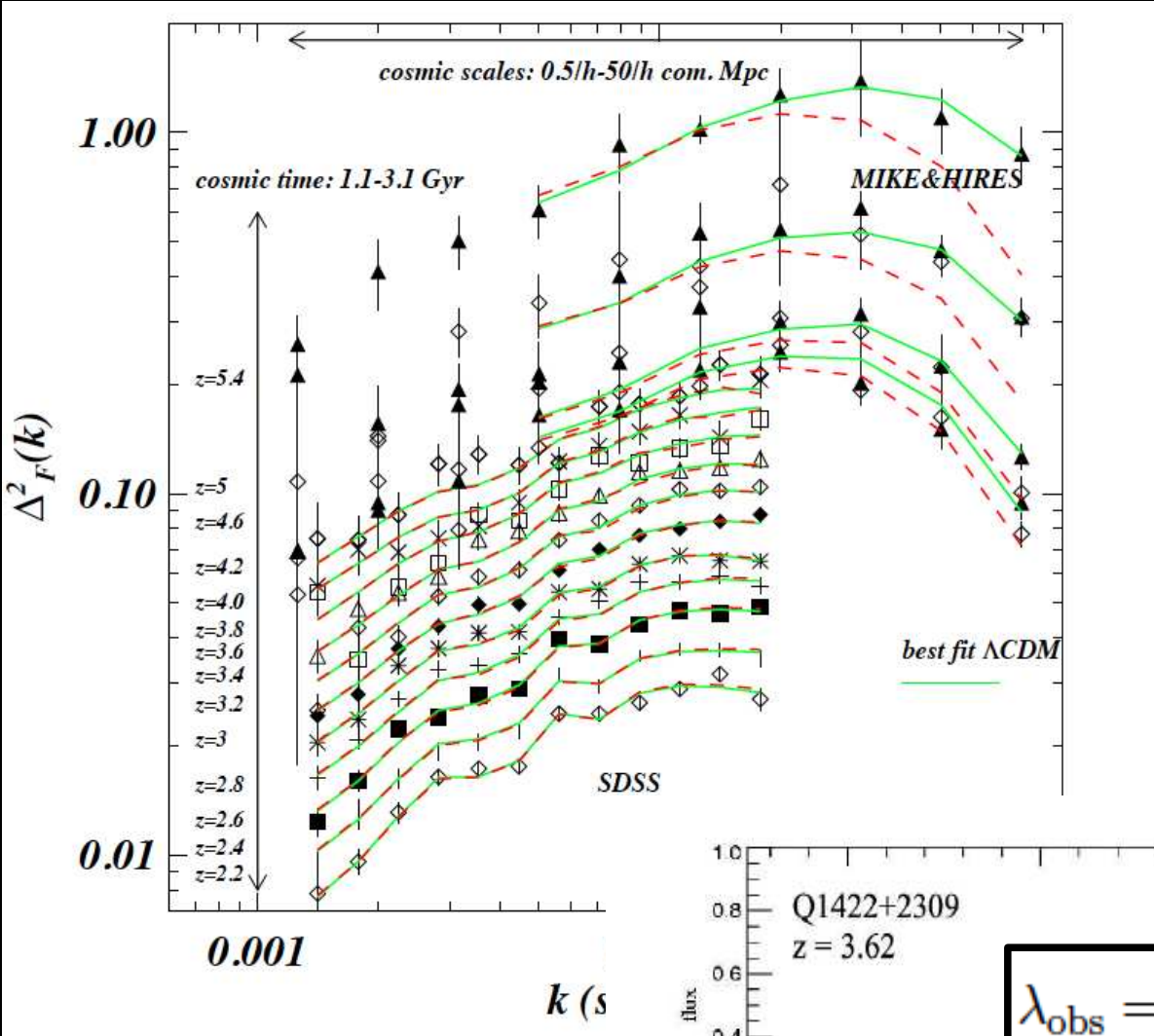
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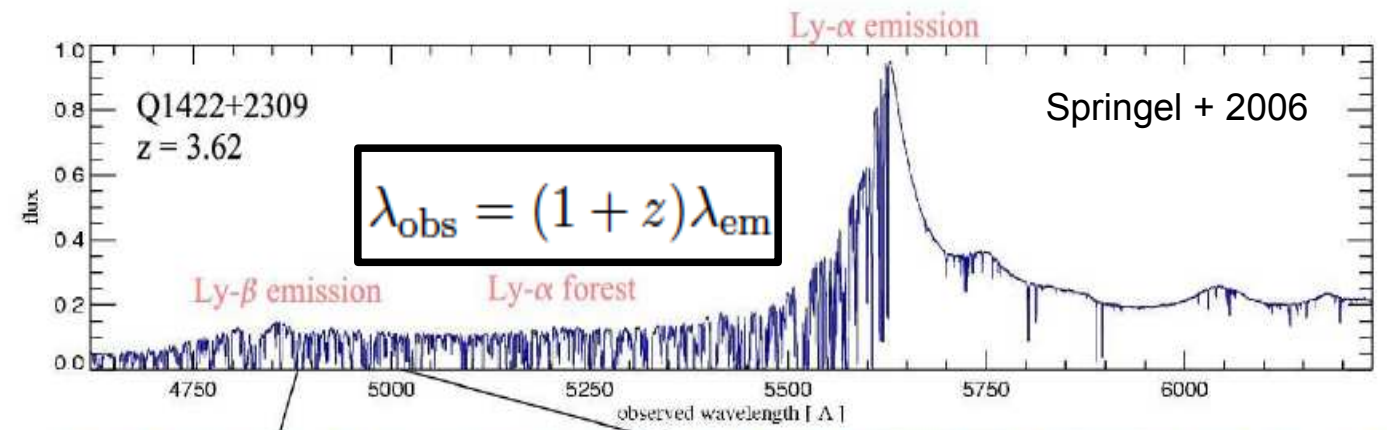
Observations have yet to measure the clustering of dark matter at the scale of the smallest galaxies



# (e.g. Ly- $\alpha$ forest constraints)



DM power spectrum – IGM connection



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# DM self-collisions in N-body simulations

Far from the fluid and collisionless regimes  
(Knudsen number =  $\lambda_{\text{mean}}/L \gtrsim 1$ )



Collisional Boltzmann equation  
(elastic)

$$\frac{Df(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)}{Dt} = \Gamma[f, \sigma]$$

$$= \int d^3\mathbf{v}_1 \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_1| [f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}', t)f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}'_1, t) - f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}_1, t)]$$

$|\vec{v}_{\text{rel}}| = |\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}| = |\vec{v}'_1 - \vec{v}'|$

**Rate of scattered particles into phase-space patch**

**Differential cross section**

**Rate of scattered particles out of phase-space patch**

Ansatz for N-body simulation: same solution for “coarse-grained” distribution function

$$\frac{D\hat{f}}{Dt} = \int d^3\mathbf{v}_1 \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_1| [\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}', t)\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}'_1, t) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}_1, t)]$$

# DM self-collisions in N-body simulations

The coarse-grained distribution is given by a discrete representation of N particles:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \sum_i (M_i/m) W(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|; h_i) \delta^3(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i)$$

**Algorithm: Gravity + Probabilistic method for elastic scattering**

in pairs:

$$P_{ij} = \frac{m_i}{m_\chi} W(r_{ij}, h_i) \sigma_T(v_{ij}) v_{ij} \Delta t_i$$

total for a particle:

$$P_i = \sum_j P_{ij} / 2$$

**discrete version of the collisional operator**

A collision happens if:  $x \leq P_i$ , where x is a random number between 0 and 1

sort neighbours by distance and pick the one with:

$$x \leq \sum_i^l P_{ij}$$

**Elastic collision:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_i &= \vec{v}_{cm} + (\vec{v}_{ij}/2) \hat{e} \\ \vec{v}_j &= \vec{v}_{cm} - (\vec{v}_{ij}/2) \hat{e} \end{aligned}$$

**randomly scattered**

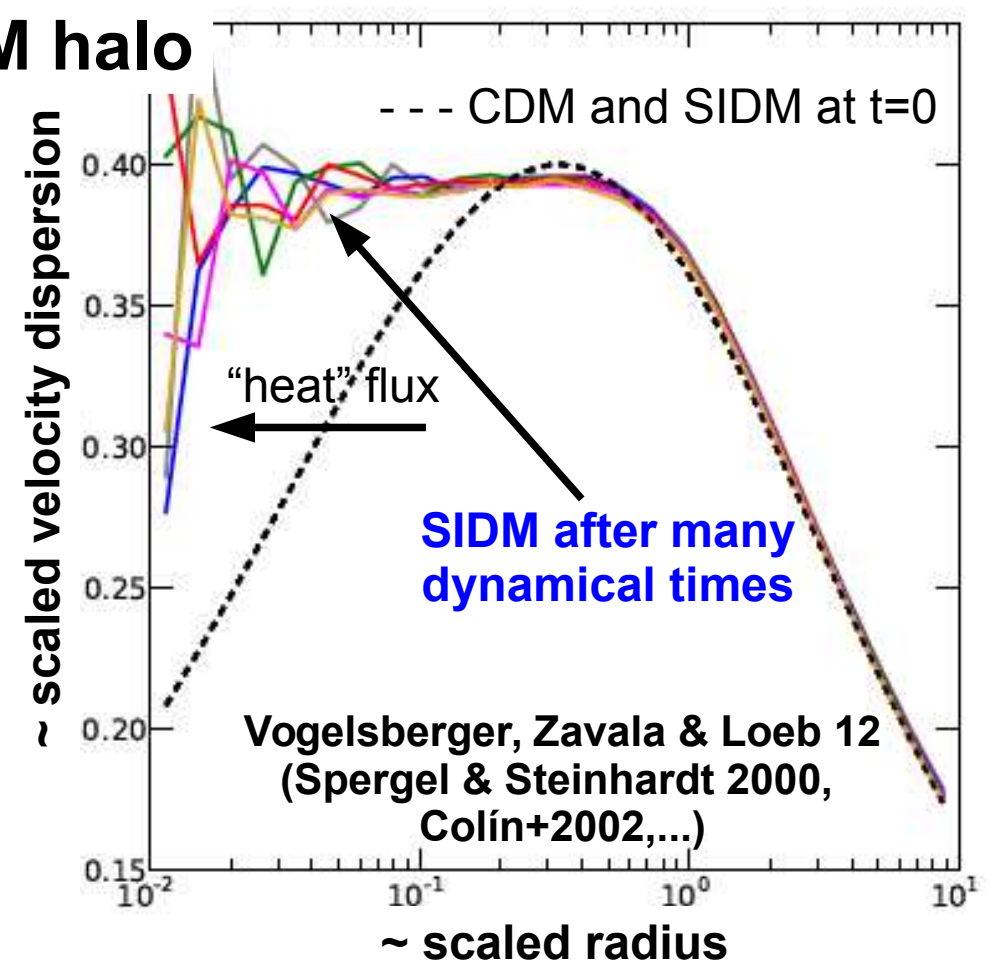
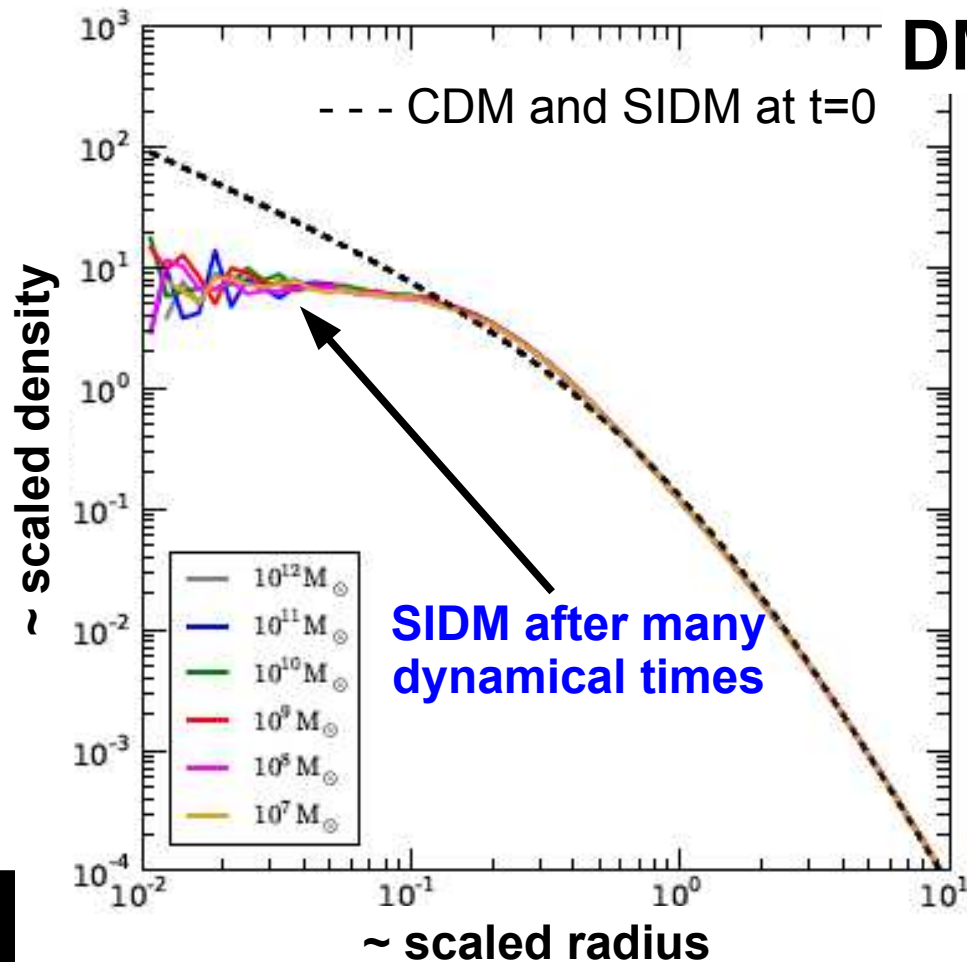
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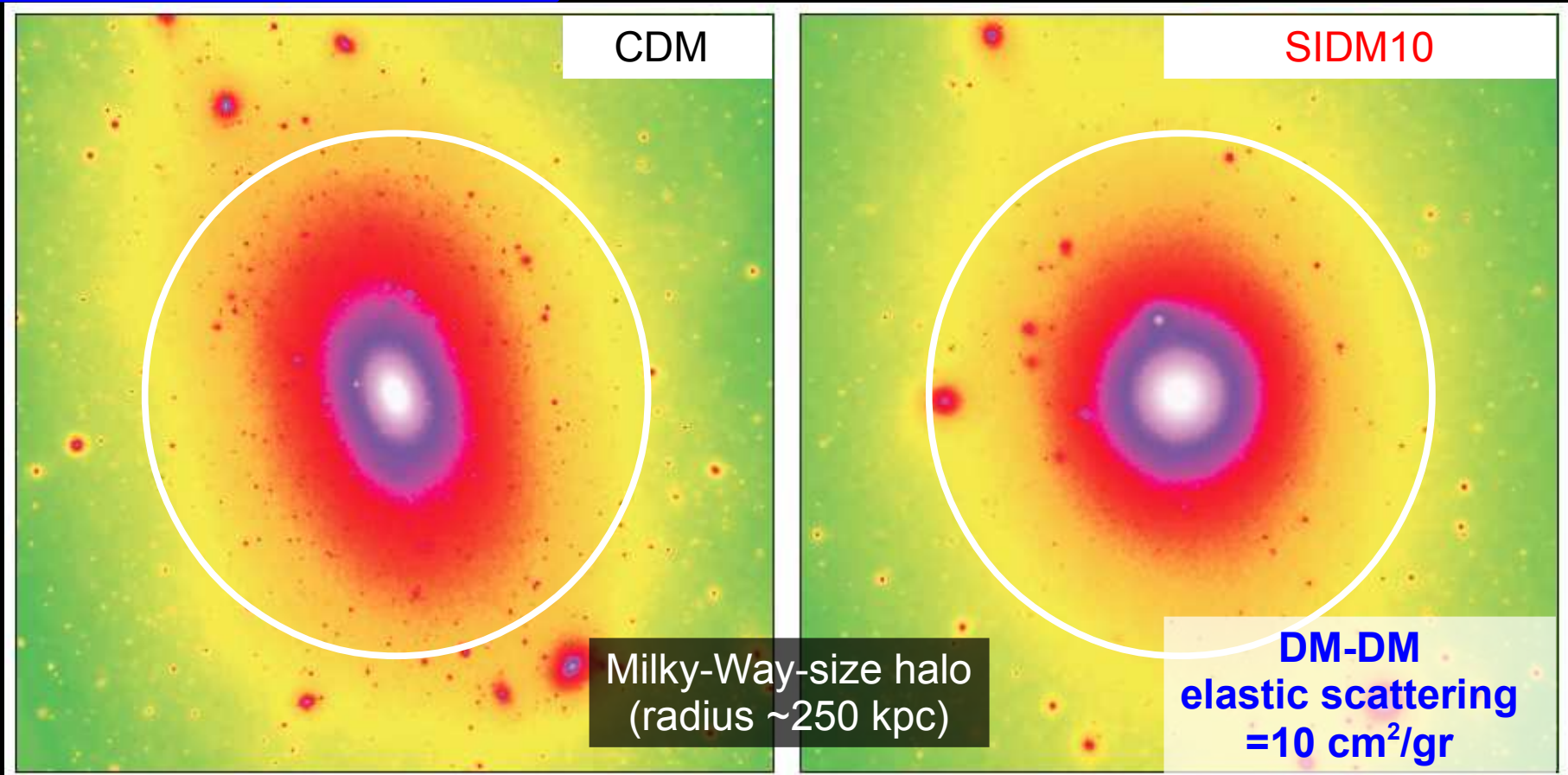
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DM-only simulations

(Carlson+92, Spergel & Steinhardt 00, Yoshida+00, Davé+01, Colín+02, Rocha+13, Peter+13....)

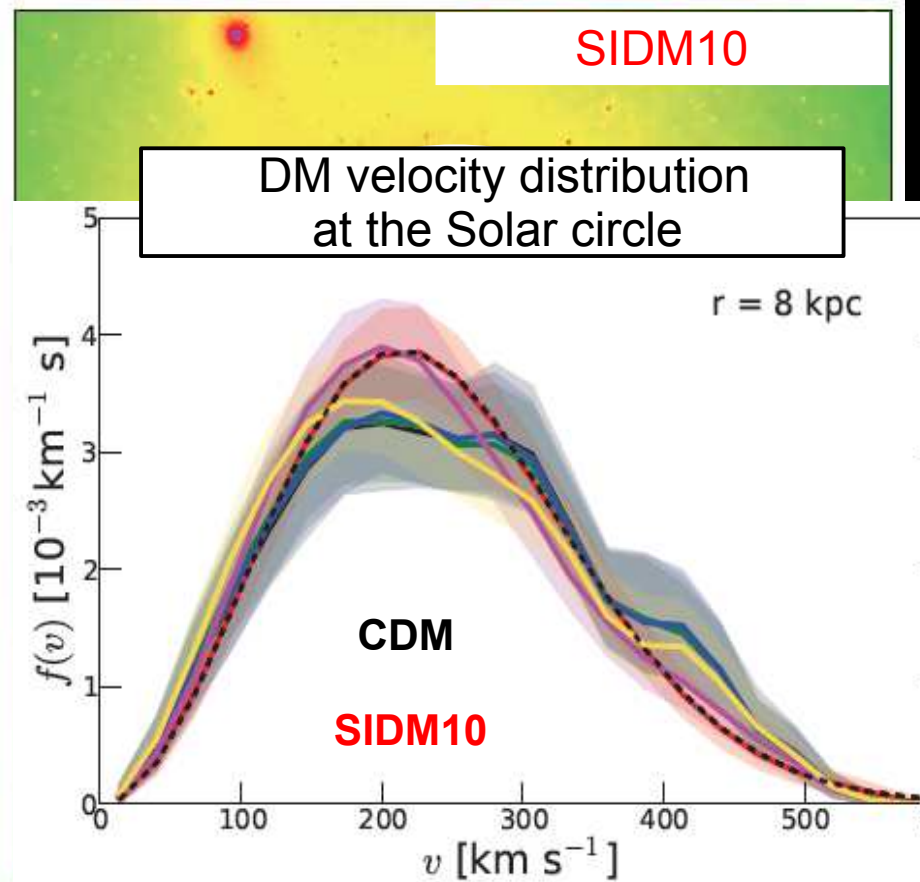
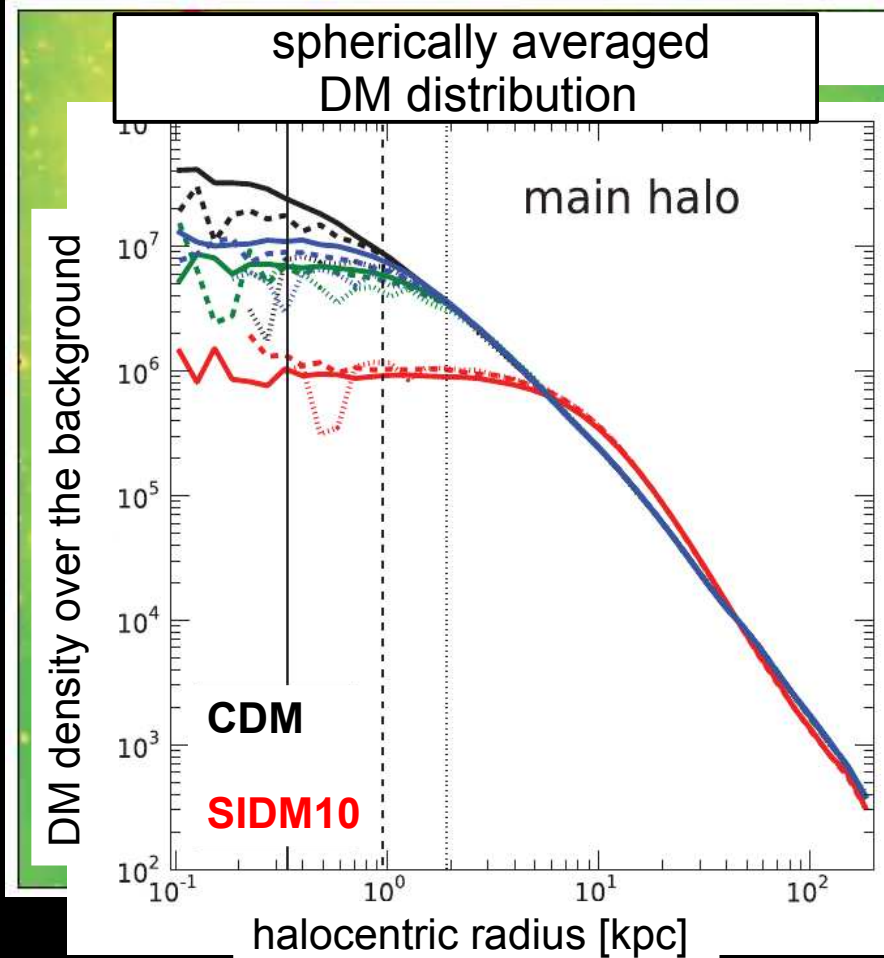
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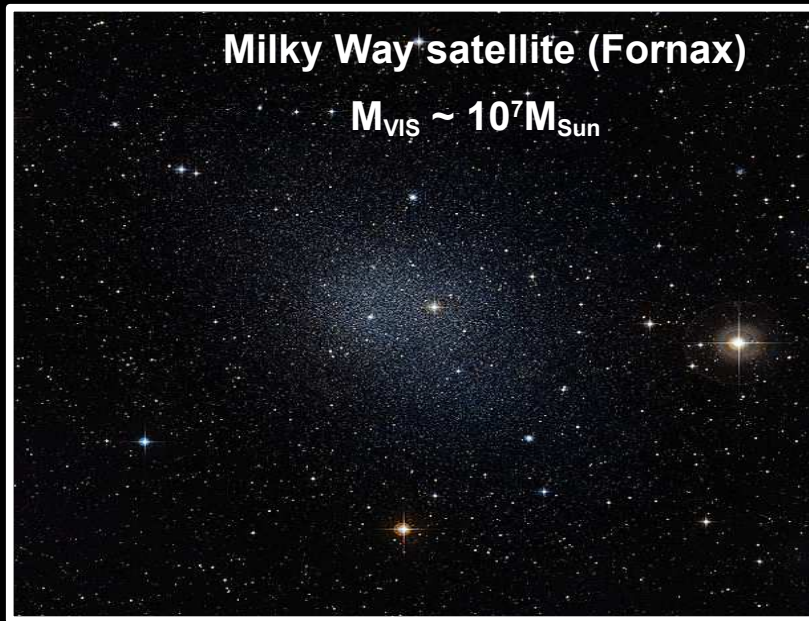


Vogelsberger & Zavala 2013

relevant to particle DM searches

# Clues of new DM physics from dwarf galaxies?

Dwarf galaxies:  
 most DM-dominated systems:  $M_{DM} > 10 M_{VIS}$   
 (ordinary matter is less dynamically relevant)



The stellar dynamics is simplified  
 and the underlying DM  
 distribution can be more easily  
 constrained

radial Jeans equation

$$\frac{d(\rho_{st} \sigma_r^2)}{dr} + 2 \frac{\beta}{r} \rho_{st} \sigma_r^2 \simeq -\rho_{st} \frac{d\phi_{DM}}{dr}$$

$$\beta = 1 - (\sigma_t / \sigma_r)^2$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = 0$$

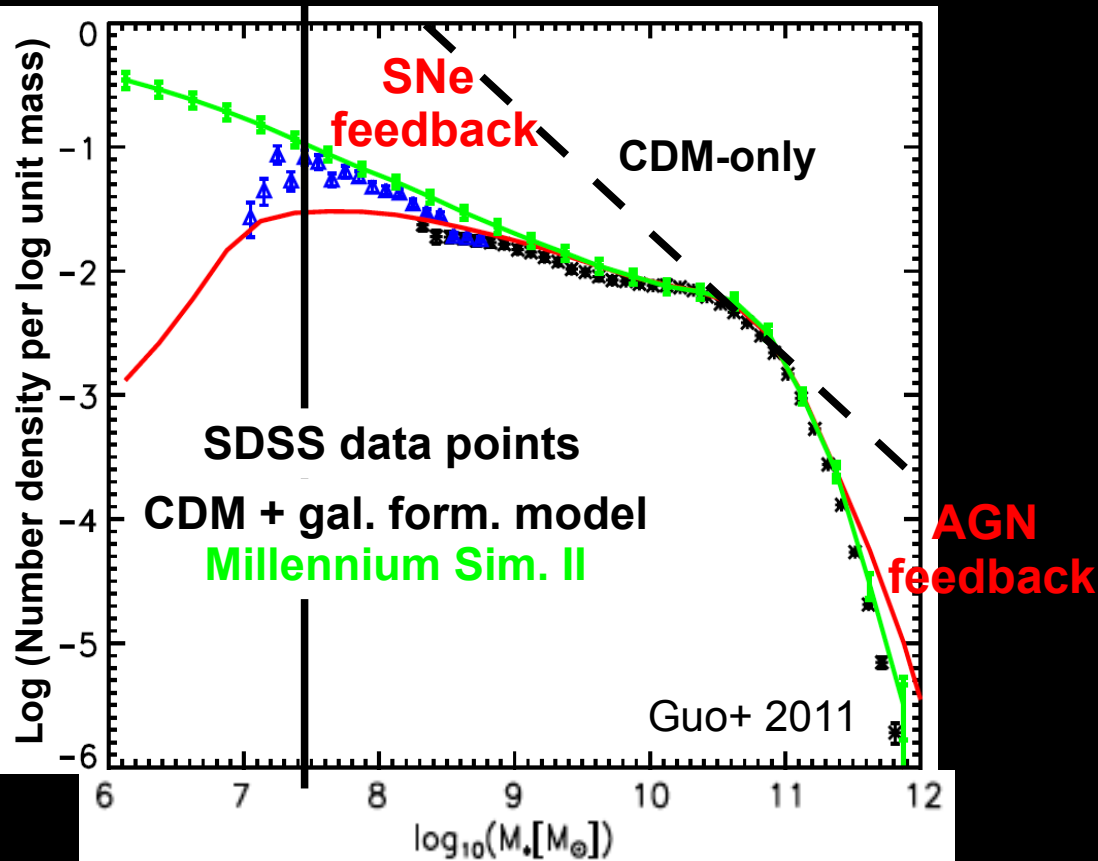
CBE + steady-state  
 + spherical symmetry

“Optimal” dynamical DM detectors

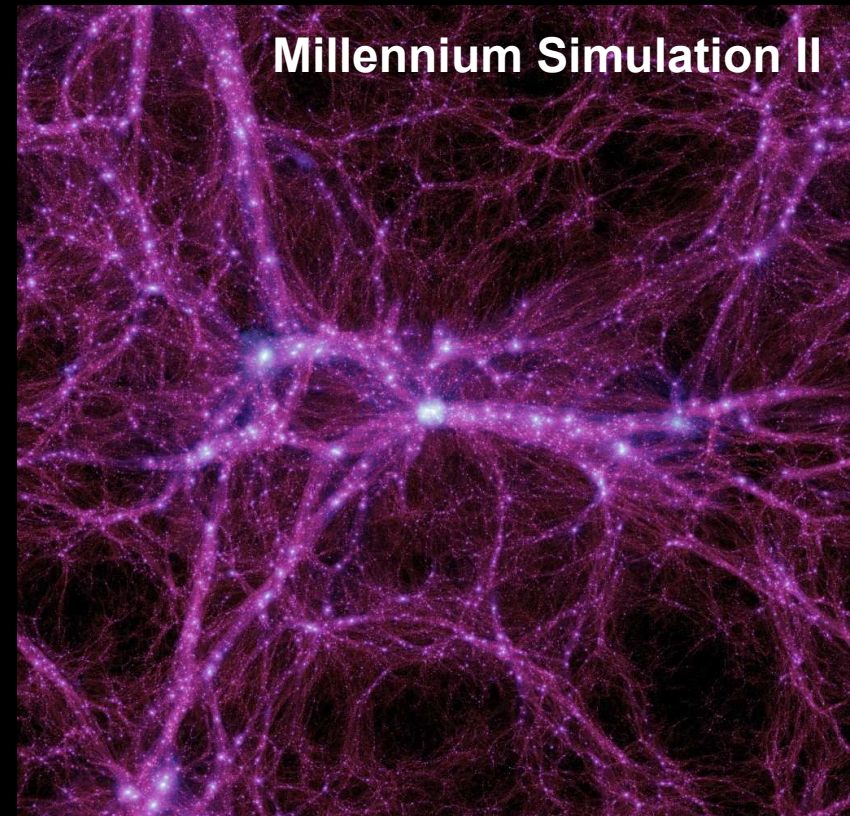


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Abundance according to stellar mass

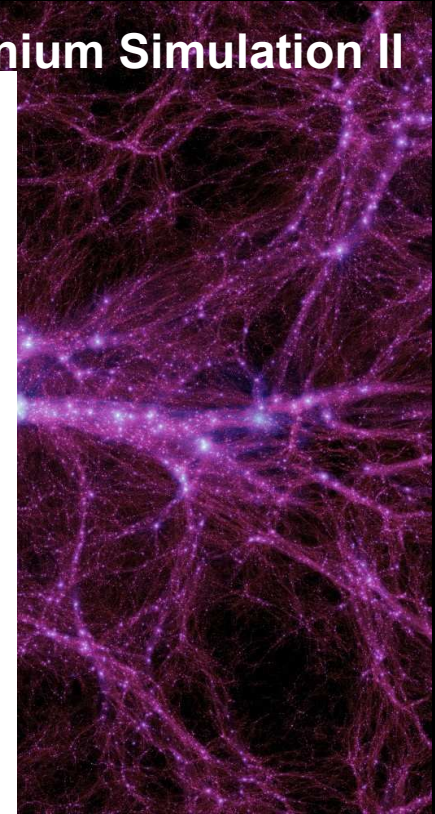
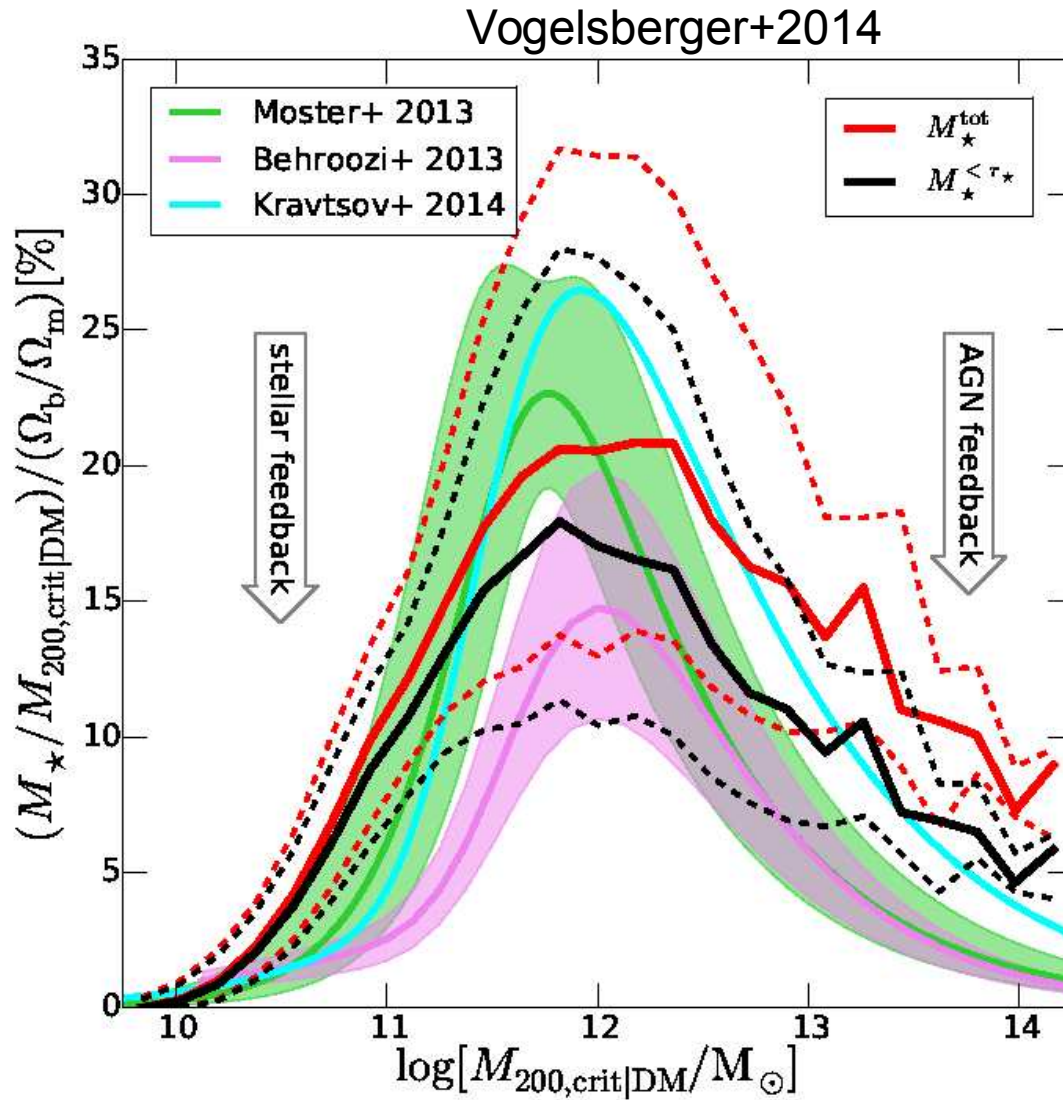
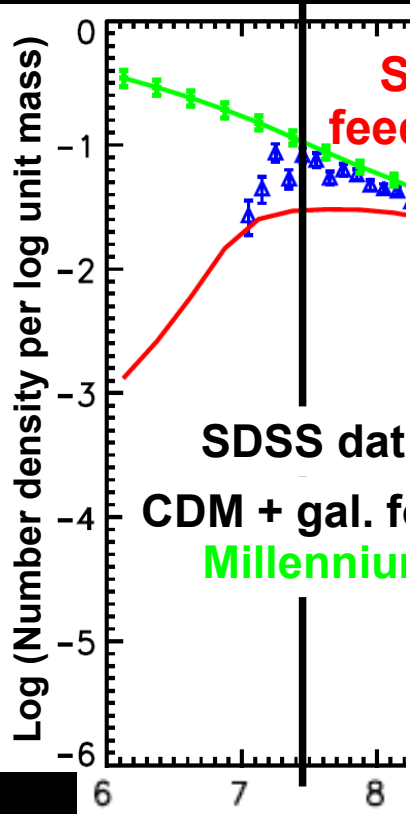


Boylan-Kolchin+ 2009

Galaxy formation and evolution modifies the DM-only prediction

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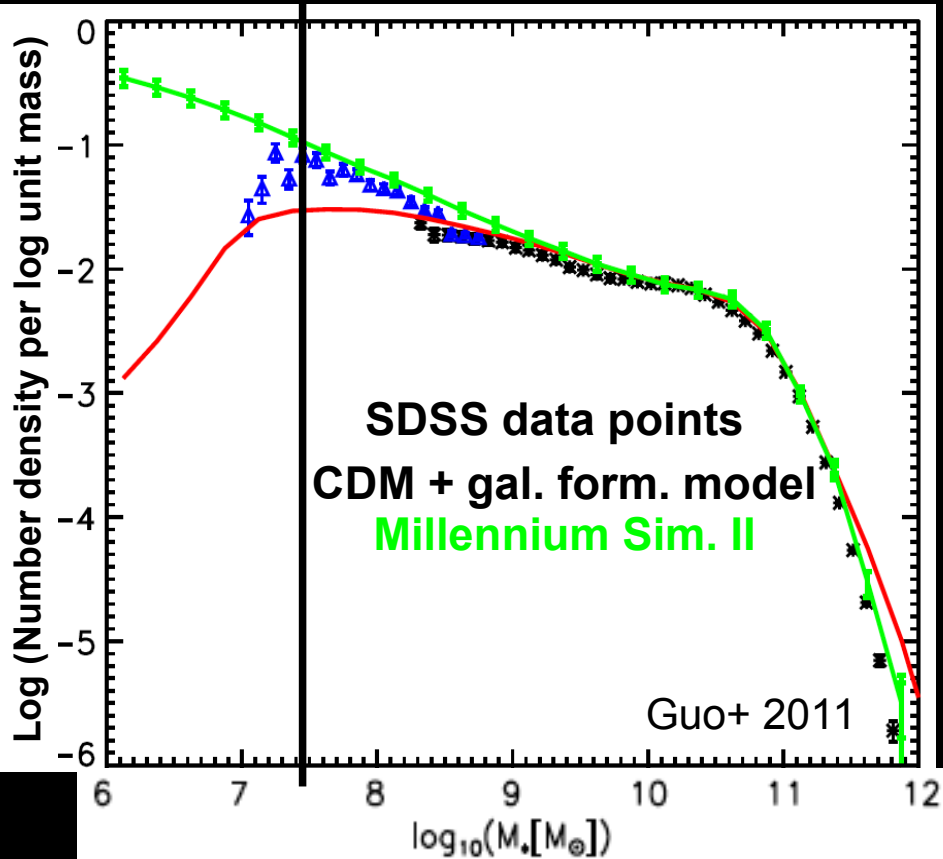


100 Mpc/h

Galaxy formation is quite inefficient!!

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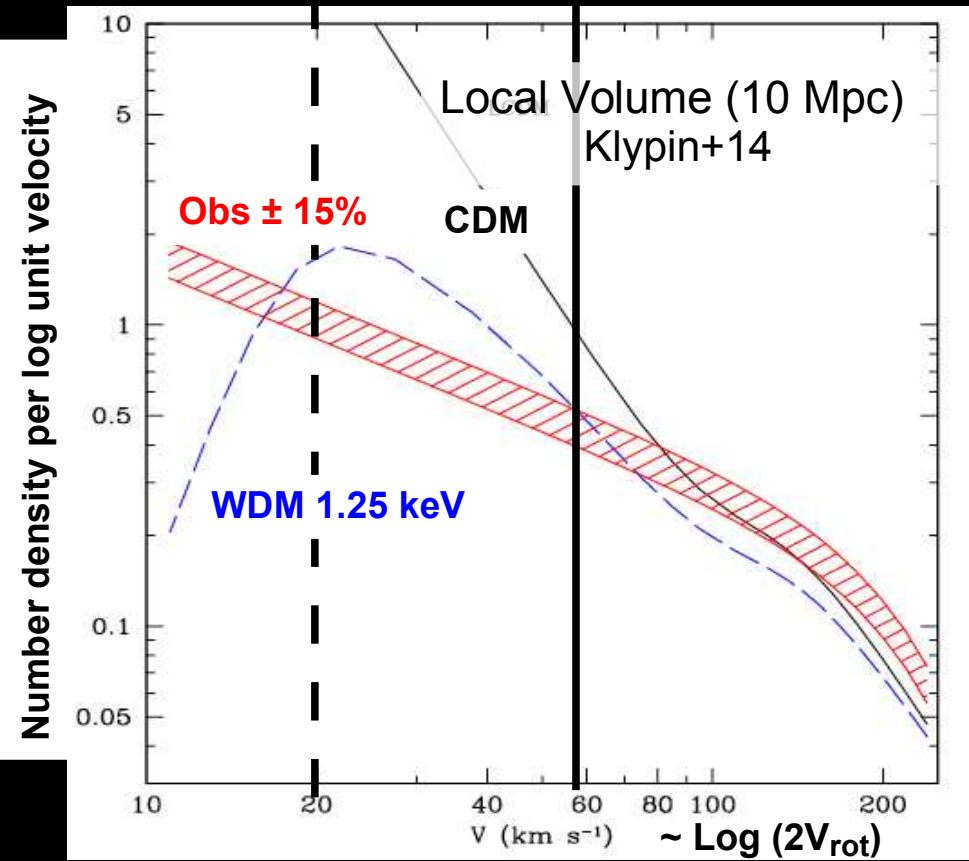
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Abundance according to **stellar mass**

90% complete

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Abundance according to **global rotation**

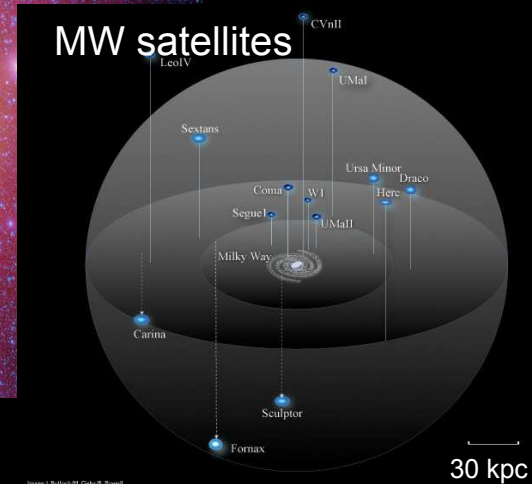
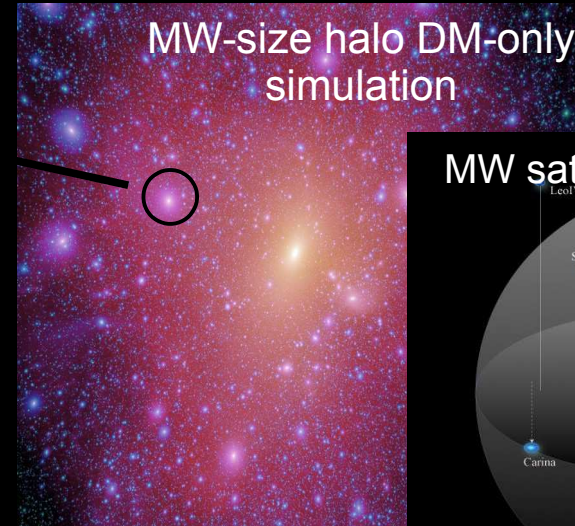
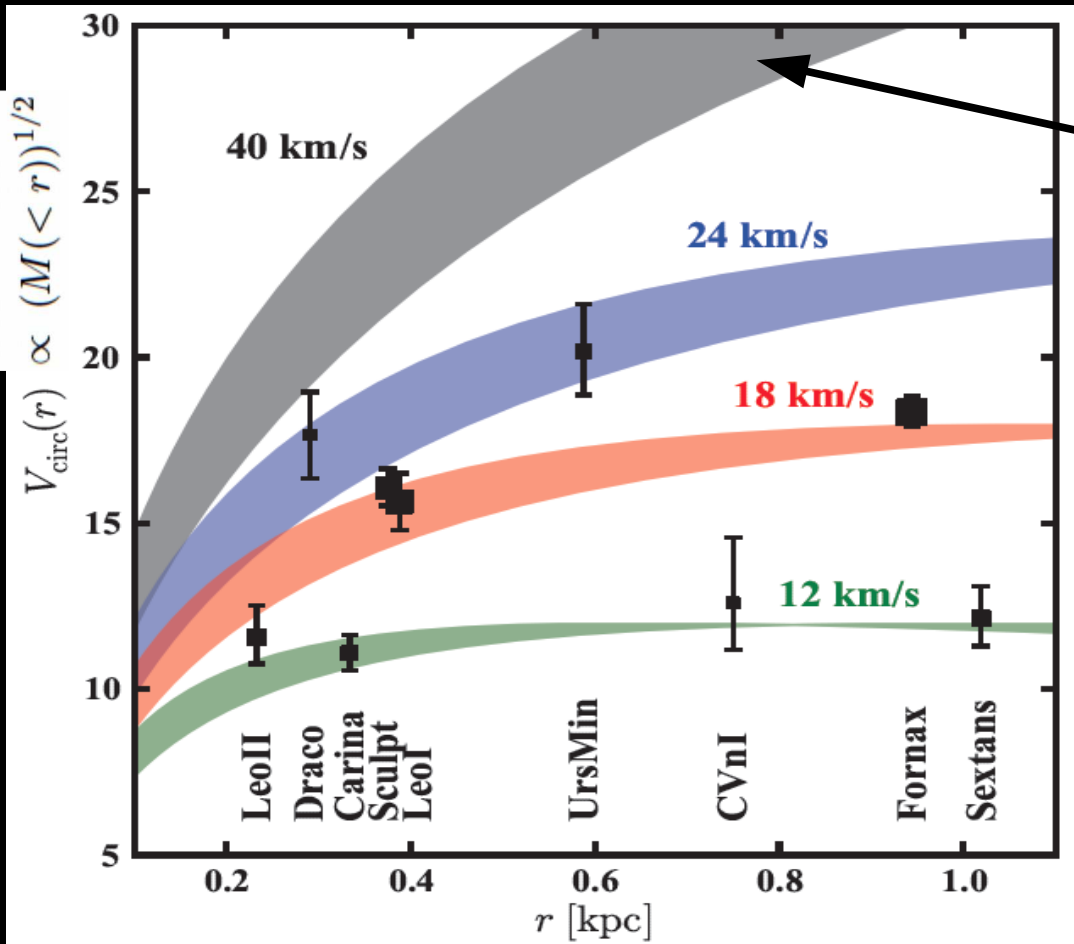
**CDM + current** gal. form. models  
overpredict the abundance of field dwarfs  
(Zavala+09, Papastergis+11, Klypin+14)

Missing satellite problem (is not really a problem in CDM)  
**Missing isolated dwarfs (is an unsolved problem in CDM)**

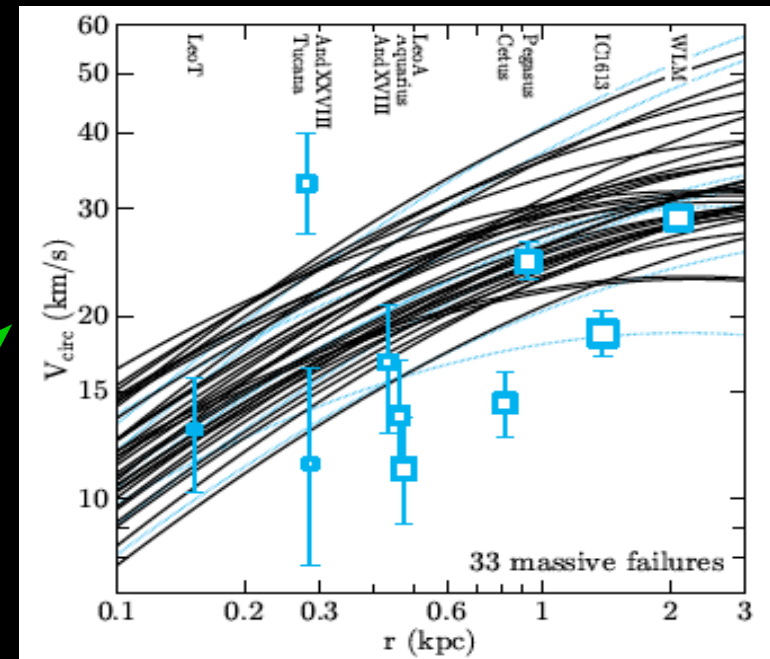


# DM distribution in the MW satellites: The “Too Big to Fail” problem

Boylan-Kolchin+12



Garrison-Kimmel+14



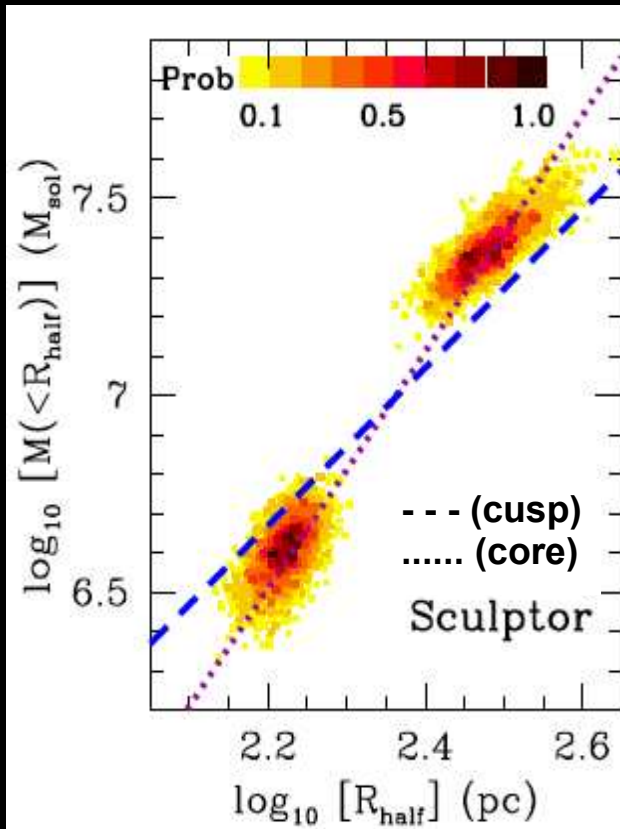
The most massive CDM-MW-subhaloes seem to be too centrally dense to host the MW dSphs (problem extends to LG)

Unsolved problem in CDM!!



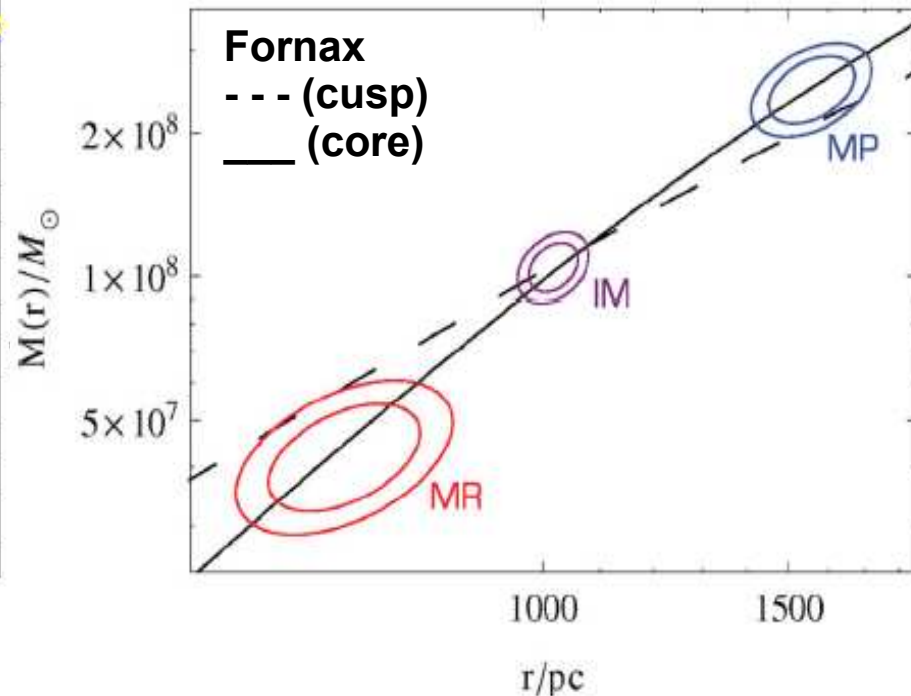
# DM distribution in the MW satellites: the core-cusp problem

Walker & Peñarrubia 2011



Different stellar subcomponents provide an estimate of the slope of the mass profile:

**cores seem favoured over cusps**



Amorisco, Agnello and Evans 2013

Other analysis suggest that **both cores and cusps can fit the data** (e.g. Breddels & Helmi 13, Richardson & Fairbairn 14, Strigari, Frenk & White 14)

**Controversial issue in CDM!!**

# Clues of new DM physics from dwarf galaxies?

Isolated dwarf (DDO 154)

$M_{\text{VIS}} \sim 10^8 M_{\text{Sun}}$

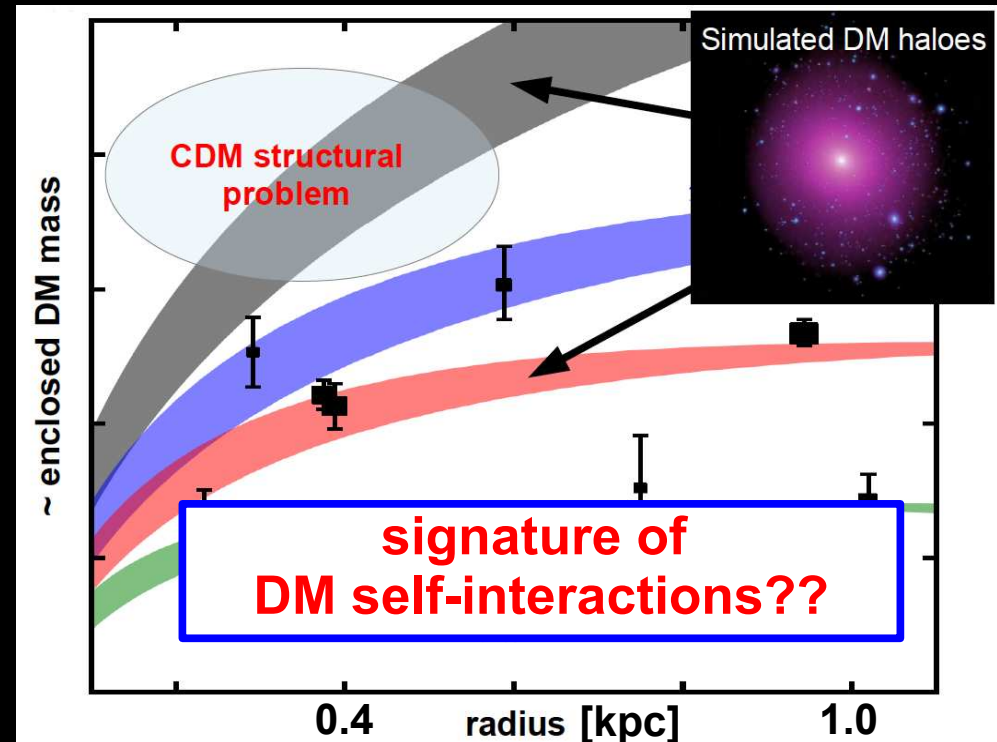
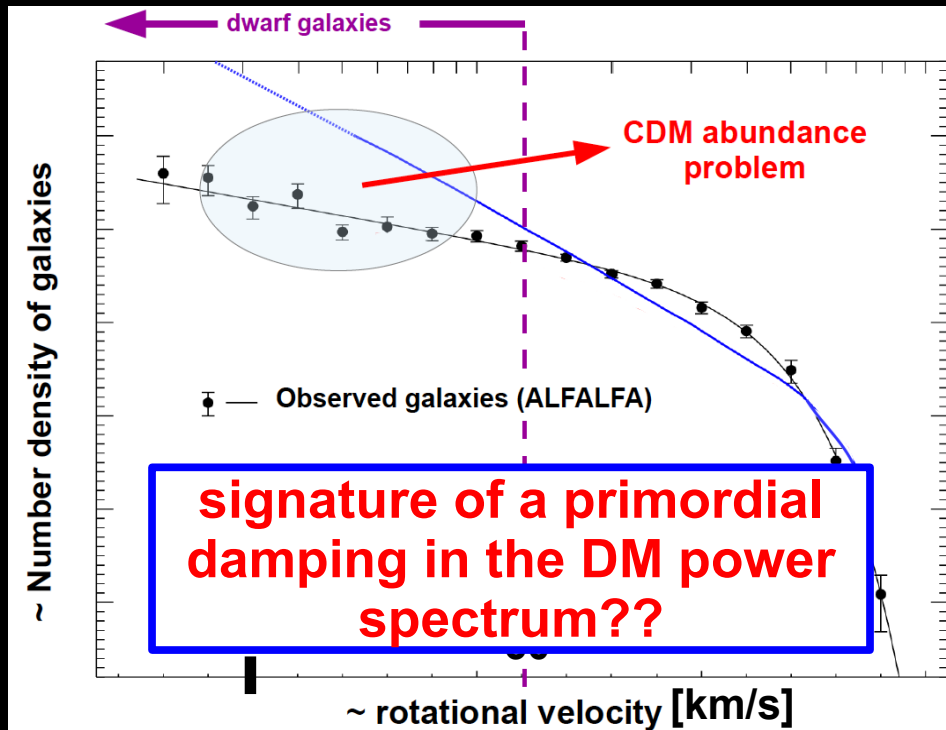
The properties of the smallest galaxies observed **today** are a challenge if gravity is the only DM interaction that matters

Milky Way satellite (Fornax)

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**Abundance problem**  
(Zavala+09, Klypin+15)

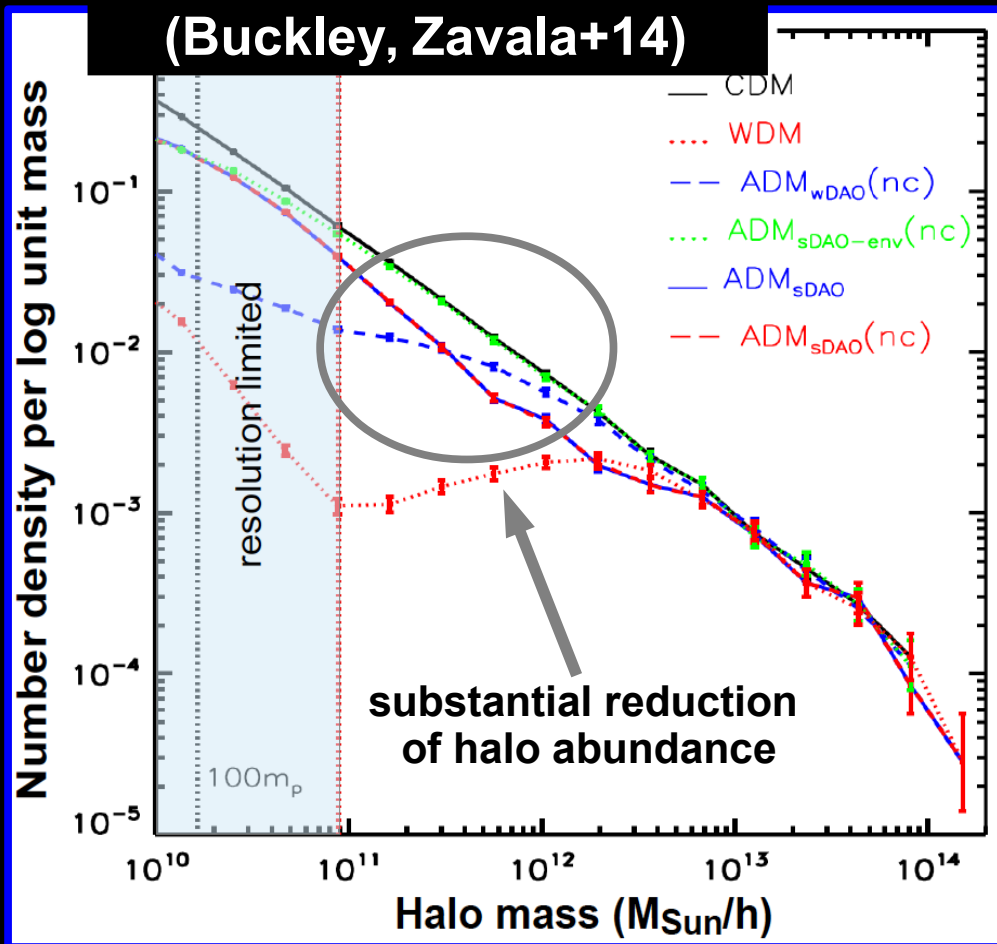
**Structural problem**  
(Boylan-Kolchin+11, Papastergis+14)



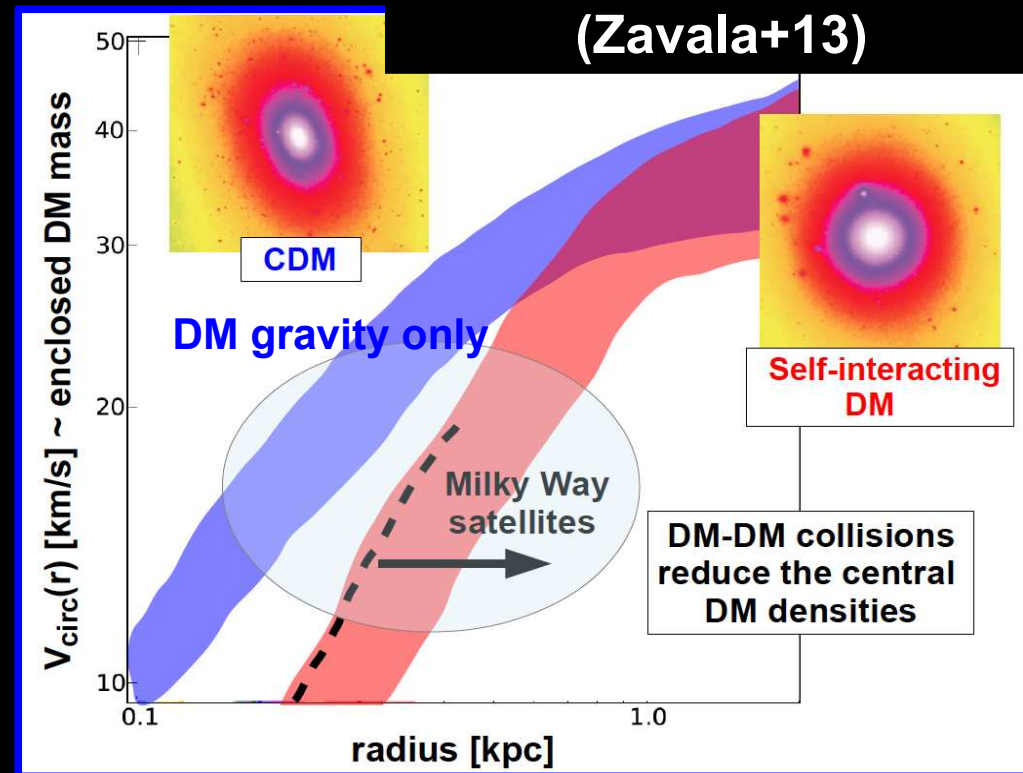
# Structure formation in a universe with new dark matter interactions

The abundance and structural problems of the smallest galaxies might be solved with **new DM interactions**

Abundance of DM haloes  
(Buckley, Zavala+14)



DM content in DM haloes  
(Zavala+13)



DM self-interactions

$$\sigma/m \sim 1.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$$

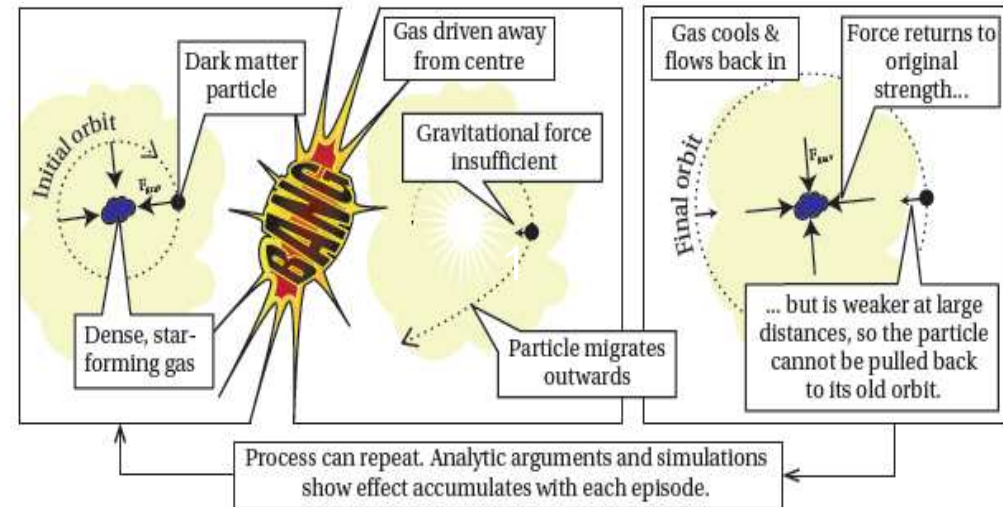
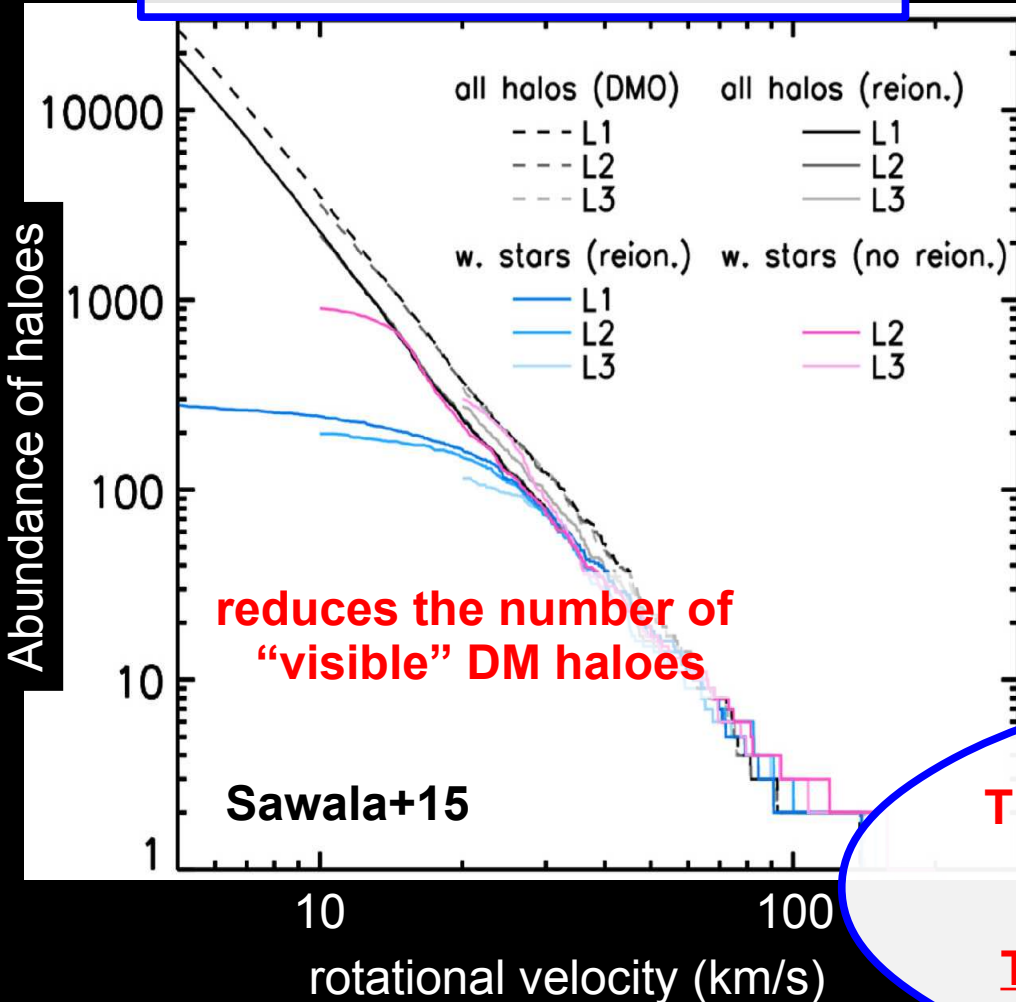
interactions between DM and dark radiation



# Or... the complexity of gas and stellar physics

Gas heating (UV background from first generation of stars/galaxies)

Gas and DM heating through supernovae



Credit: Pontzen & Governato 2014

reduces the inner density of DM haloes

These mechanisms are certainly there, but how efficient they are remains unclear

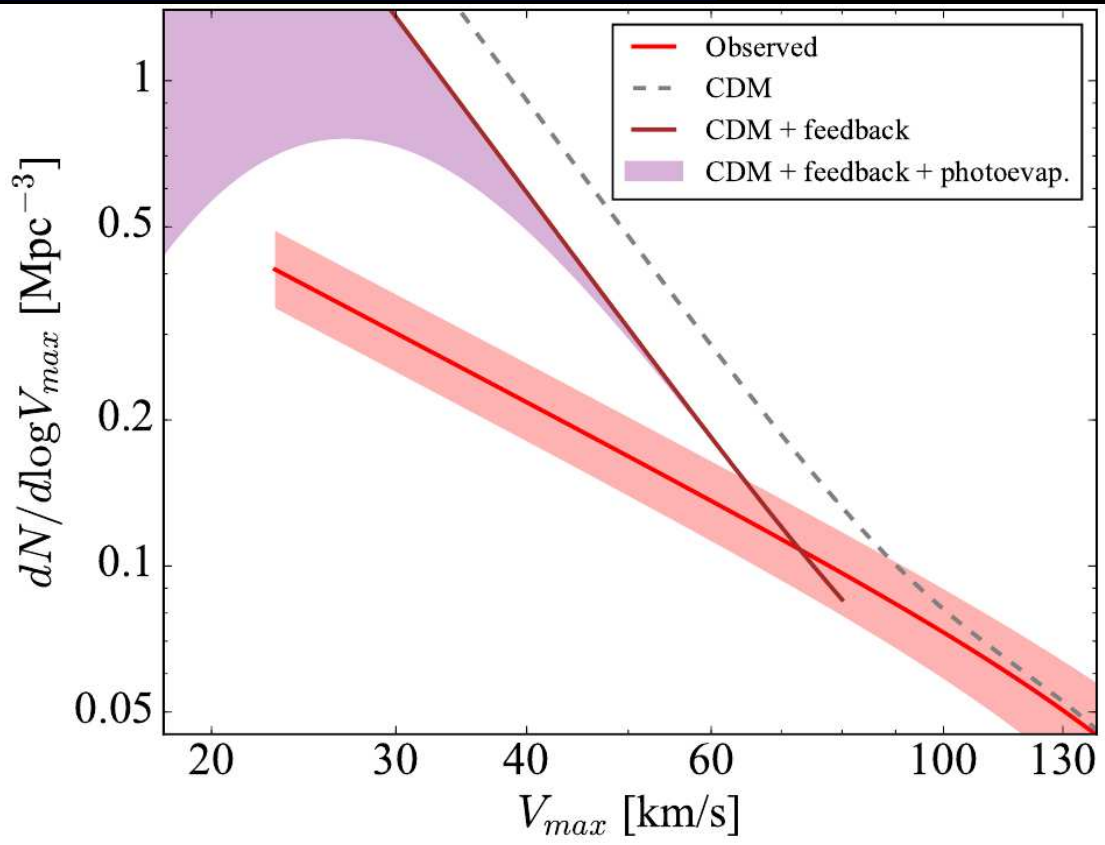
To some extent, they are degenerate with new DM physics

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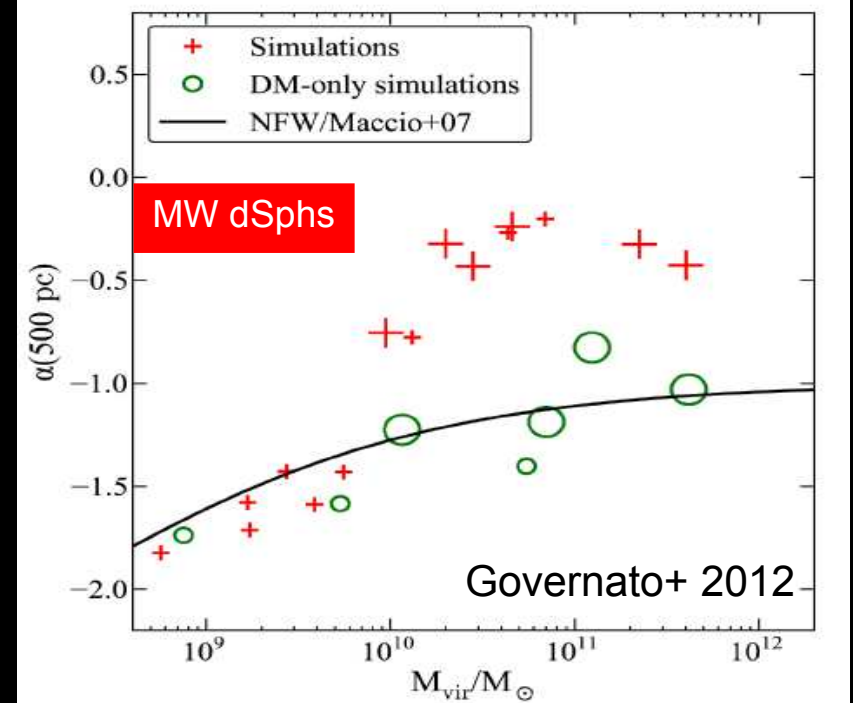
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## Abundance problem



## Core-cusp problem



SN feedback in MW dSphs:  
likely insufficient for dSphs  
e.g. Peñarrubia+ 2012, Garrison-Kimmel+13

# Clues on new DM physics at other scales?

claimed detection of  $\sim 1.6$  kpc offset between the stars and DM centroids of elliptical galaxy N1

Cluster Abell 3827 (Massey +15)

stars are (mostly) collisionless

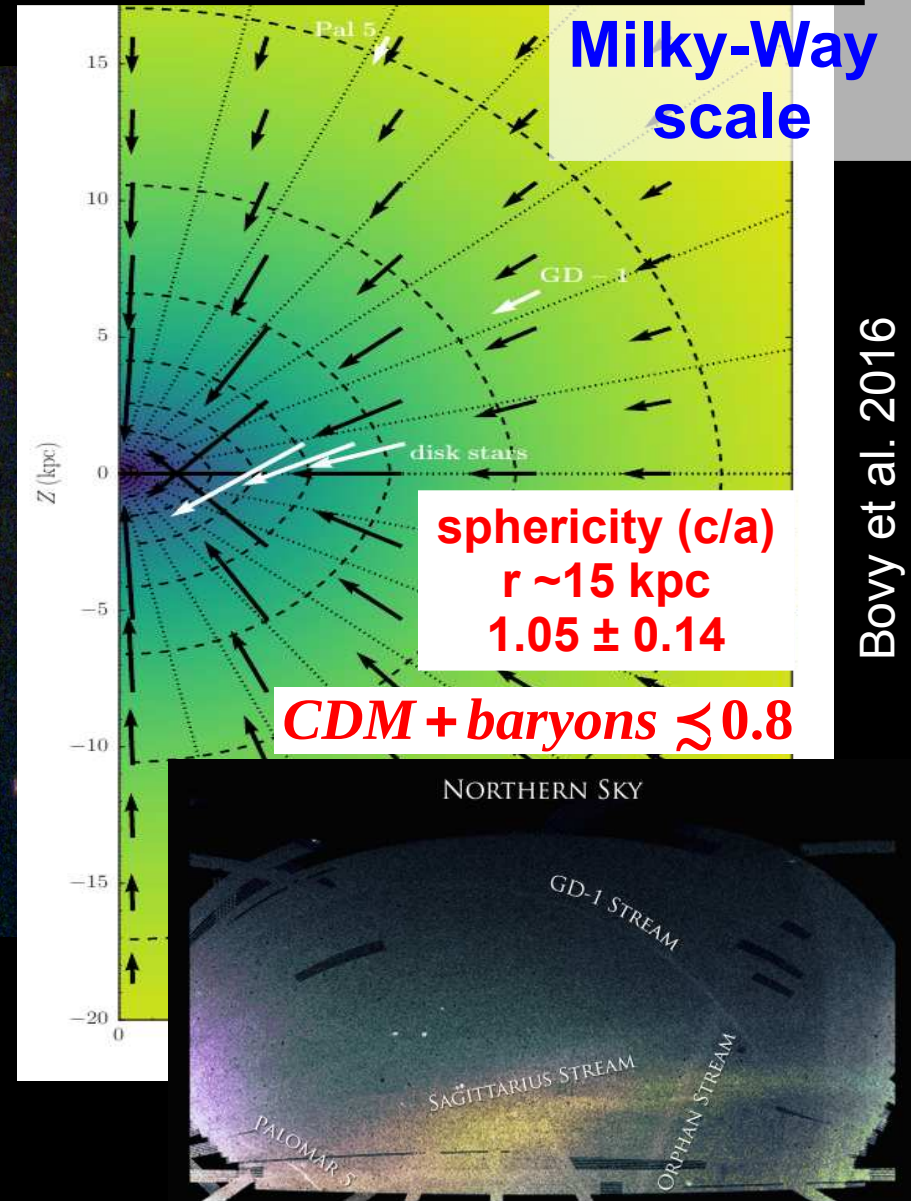
N1

$\sigma/m \sim 1.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$   
(Kahlhoefer+15)

nucleon-nucleon  
elastic scattering:  
 $\sim 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$

Cluster scales

reconstruction of the gravitational field in the MW using phase-space data from stellar tidal streams





# Lecture 3

Towards an Effective Theory Of  
Structure formation (ETHOS)

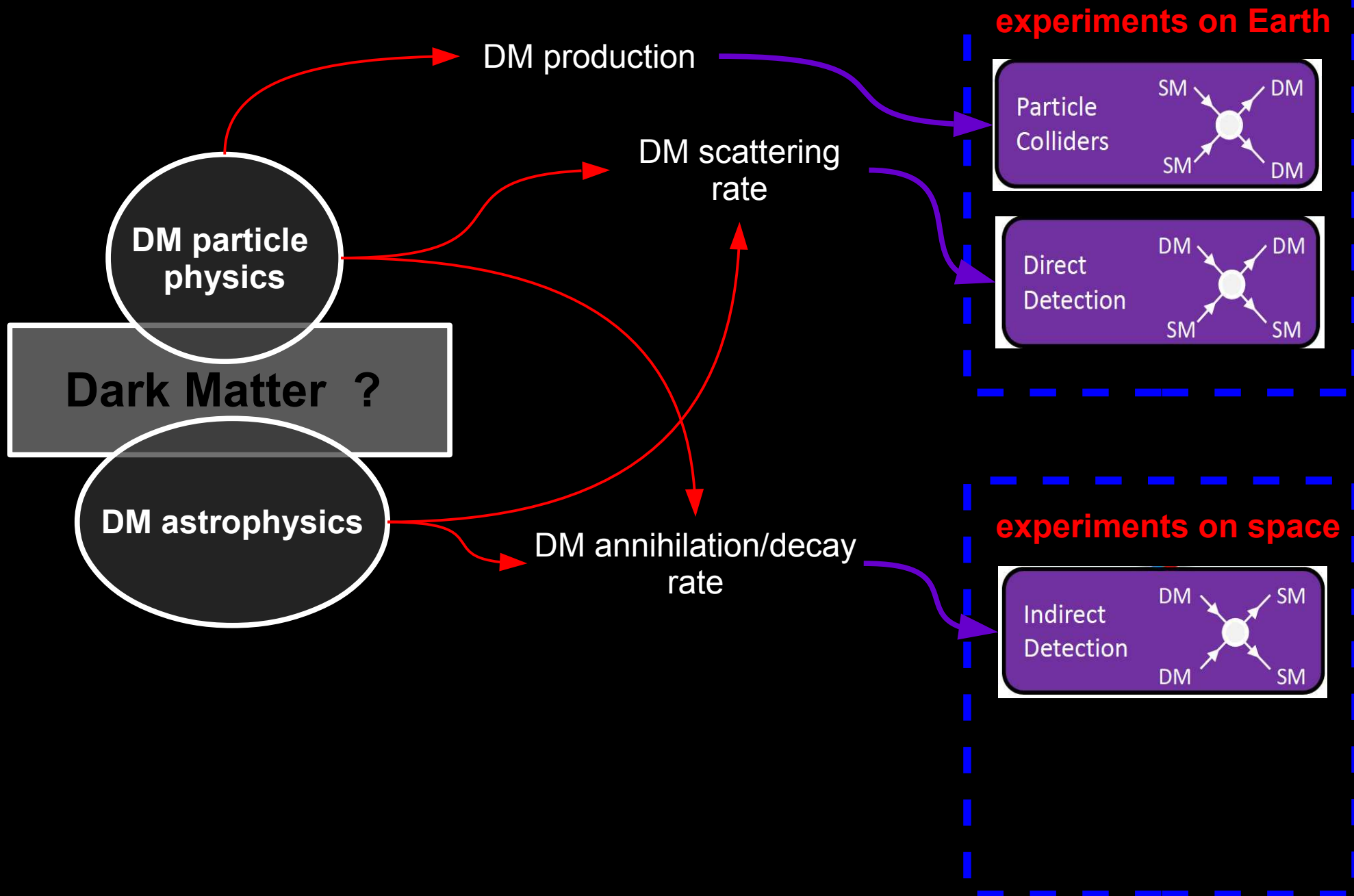
**CDM + current galaxy modelling are successful in reproducing several properties of the galaxy population but:**

**uncertain gas and stellar physics**

**outstanding challenges at the scale of the smallest (dwarf) galaxies**

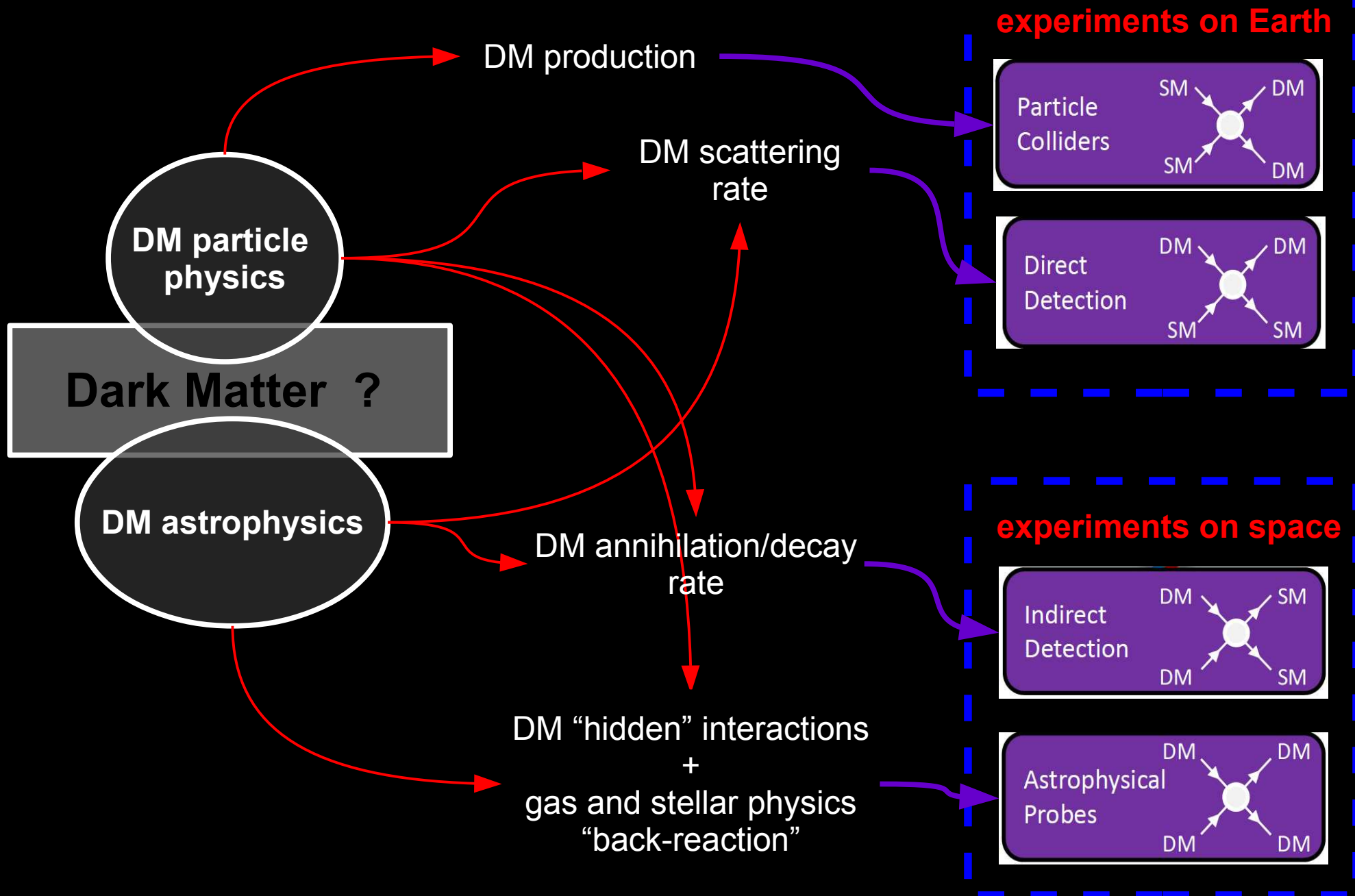
**the current situation offers an opportunity to approach the dark matter problem from a broader perspective...**

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below this value, the behaviour is the same as CDM



above this value constraints are strong (at cluster scales)

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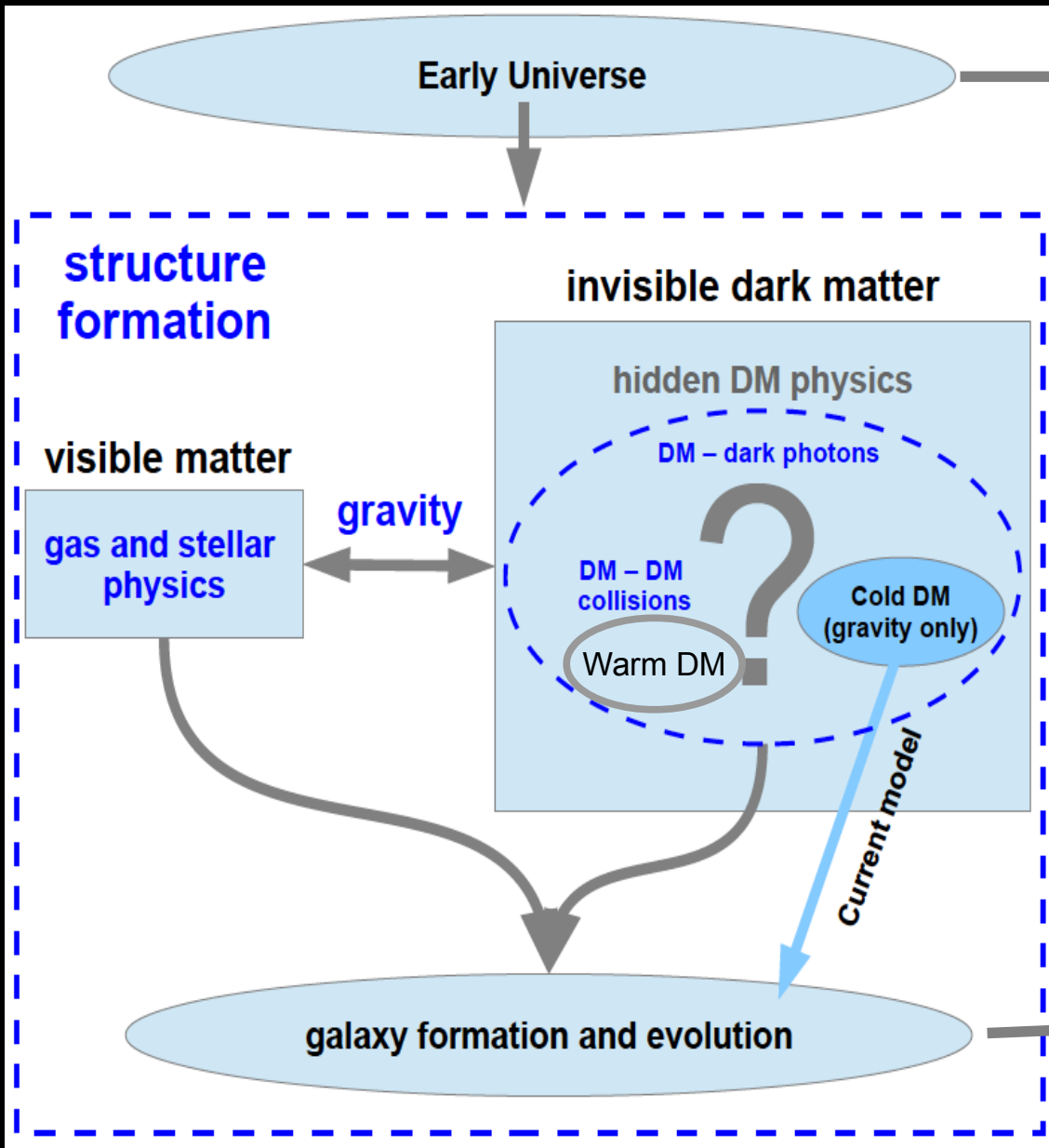


below this value galaxy formation is highly suppressed



above this value DM clustering must be as in CDM

# Towards an Effective Theory Of Structure formation (ETHOS)



DM production mechanism  
(verify consistency with global DM abundance)

Generalize the theory of structure formation (CDM) to include **a broader range of allowed DM phenomenology** coupled with our knowledge of galaxy formation/evolution

Signatures of non-gravitational DM interactions (dynamical, visible byproducts)

# Developing ETHOS

**DM interactions with relativistic particles  
in the early Universe**

**+**

**DM-DM self-scattering in the late Universe**

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**ETHOS I:**

**Cyr-Racine, Sigurdson, Zavala +16  
(arXiv:1512.05349)**

**ETHOS II:**

**Vogelsberger, Zavala +16  
(arXiv:1512.05344)**



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DR to CMB  
temperature  
at  $z=0$

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(parameterize the collisional term of the Boltzmann eq.)

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(relative to early-time evolution)

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$$\omega_{\text{DR}} \equiv \Omega_{\text{DR}} h^2$$

DM self-scattering  
(relevant for late-time evolution)

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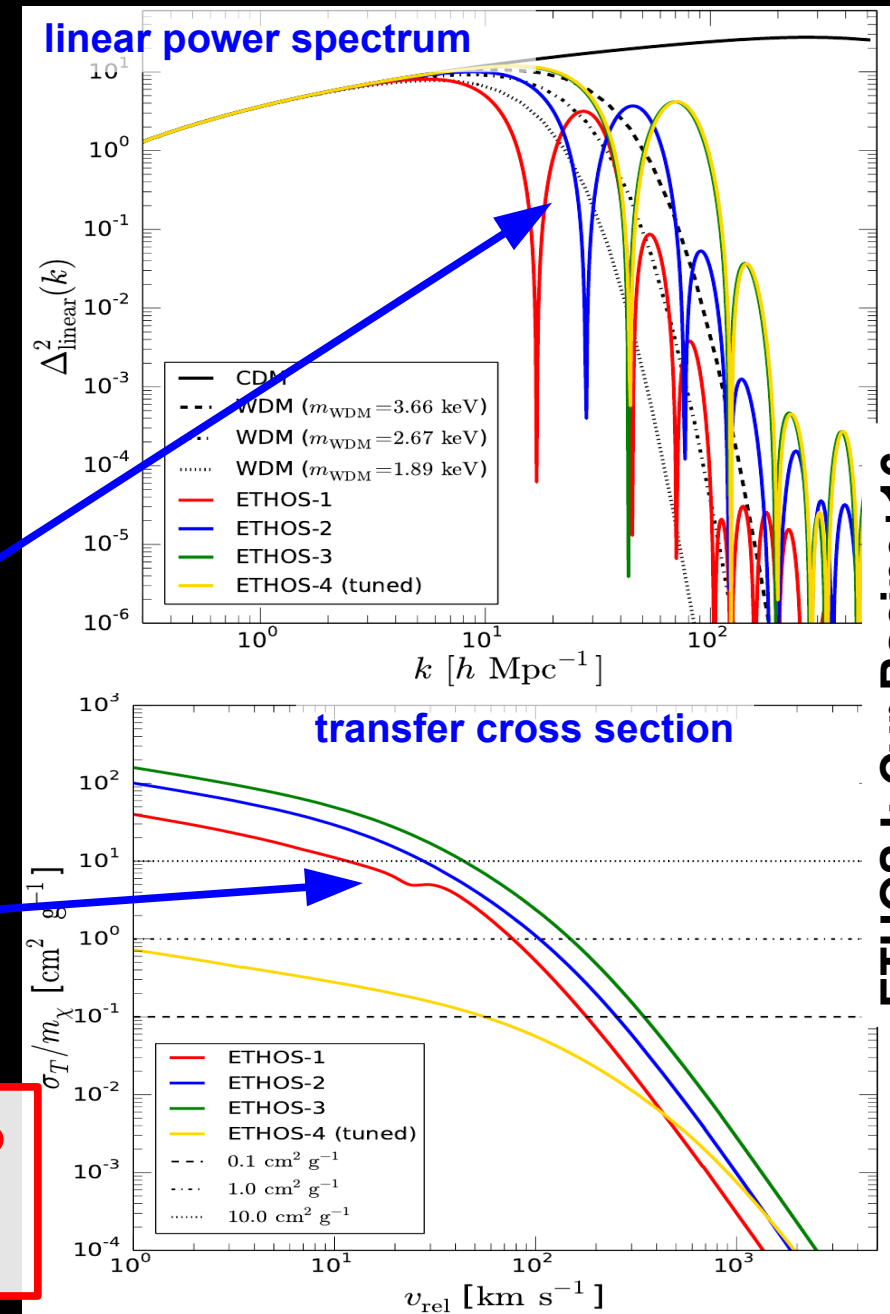
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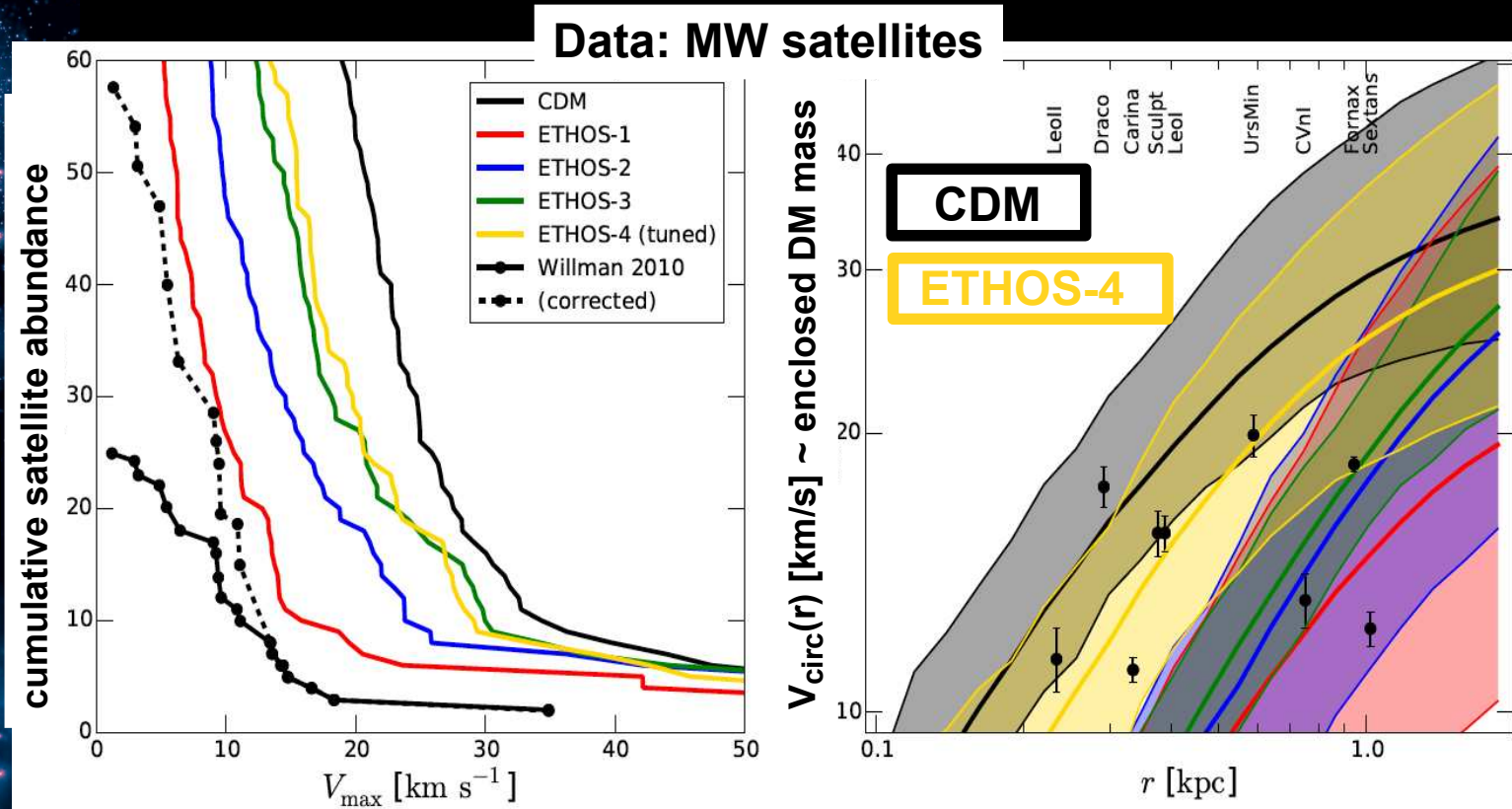
# ETHOS application: non-linear regime with N-body simulations and the CDM challenges

CDM

Both CDM abundance and structural “problems” can be alleviated *simultaneously*

MW-size halo DM-only simulation

ETHOS-4



DM-dark radiation interactions suppress/delay the formation of small haloes (galaxies)

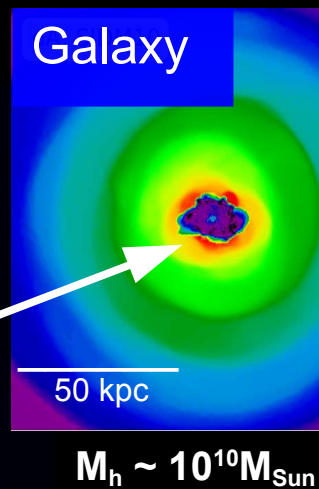
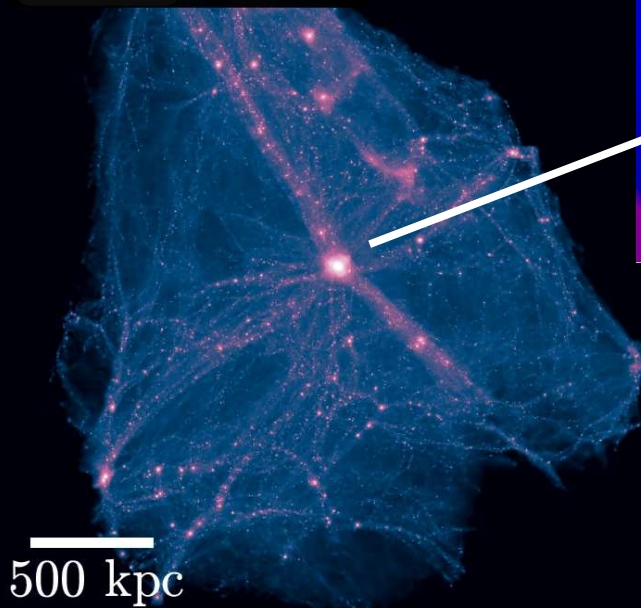
DM self-interactions reduce the central DM densities of haloes

# Developing ETHOS (self-scattering DM + baryonic physics)

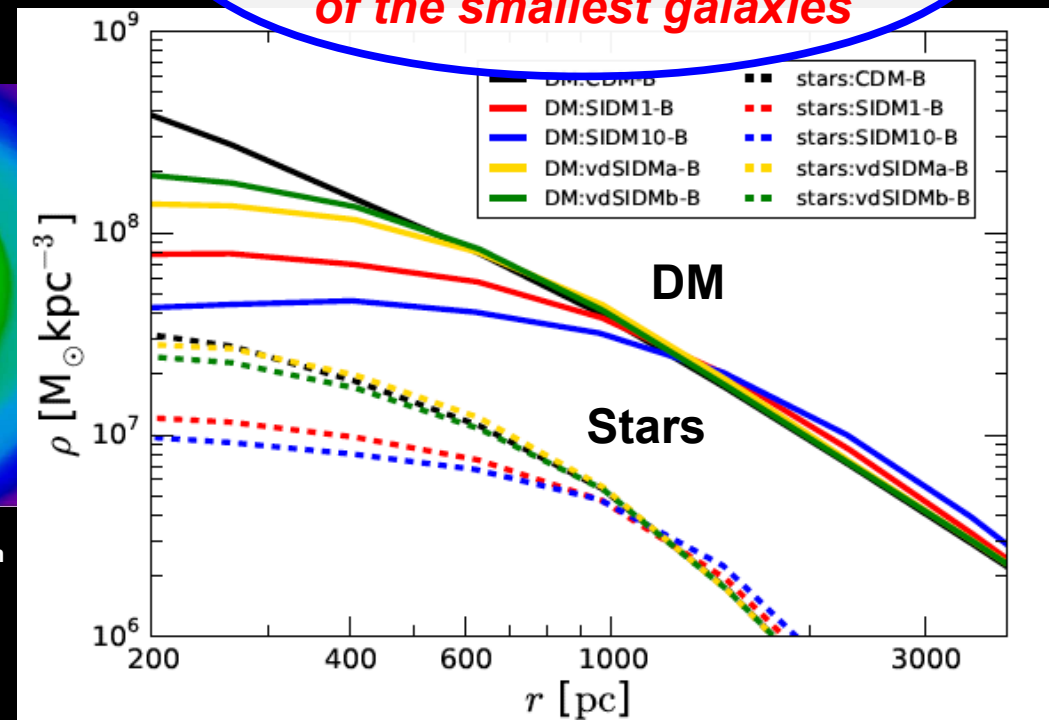
“baryonic physics”: hydrodynamics, radiative cooling of gas, stellar population modelling, SNe feedback

simulation of a galaxy in  
Self-Interacting DM  
(Vogelsberger, Zavala +14)

dark matter



*The signature of DM collisions could be imprinted in the stellar distribution of the smallest galaxies*

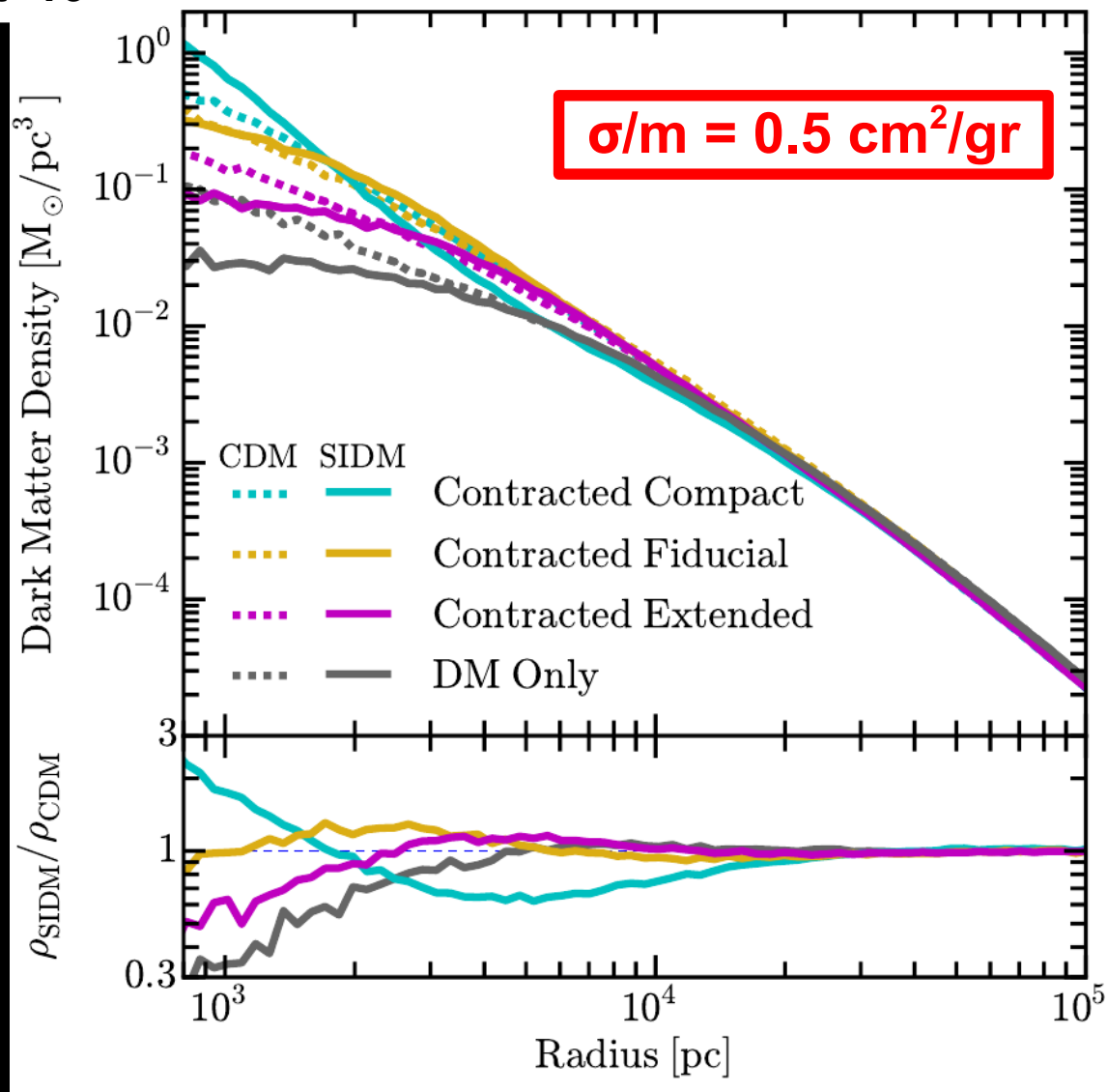


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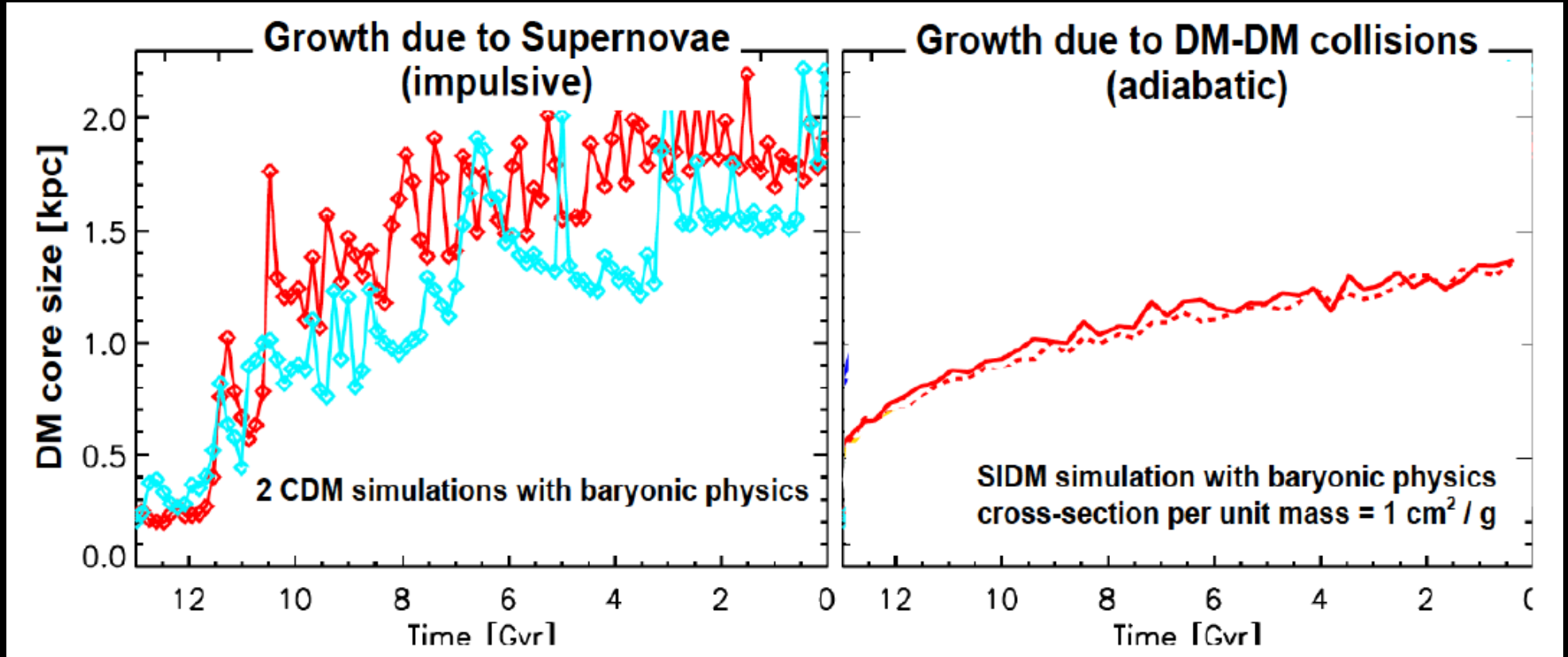
# The challenging interplay between DM/baryonic physics

Elbert+16



Milky-Way-size simulation: DM and stars (by hand)

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How to distinguish a DM core formed by Supernovae from one formed by DM collisions?



# Concluding remarks

An Effective (more generic) Theory Of Structure formation (ETHOS) **must consider a broader range of allowed DM phenomenology** coupled with our developing knowledge of galaxy formation/evolution

First highlights of the effective theory (ETHOS):

- Mapping between the particle physics parameters of a generic DM-DR interaction into effective parameters for structure formation ( $P(k)$  and  $\sigma_T/m$ )
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- **dwarf galaxies might hide a clue of a fundamental guiding principle for a complete DM theory**

Possible degeneracies in observational comparisons, albeit undesirable, reflect our current incomplete knowledge of the DM nature and galaxy formation/evolution