

simulations of galactic cold dark matter halos

- 1) short introduction
- 2) main halo properties
- 3) subhalos
- 4) halo formation and other substructure

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What is dark matter ?

Indirect evidence on a wide range of scales:

- Galaxy cluster dynamics (Zwicky, 1933)
- Galaxy rotation curves
- X-rays from galaxy groups and clusters
- Kinematics of stellar halos, satellite galaxies and globular clusters
- Dwarf galaxy velocity dispersions
- Strong and weak lensing

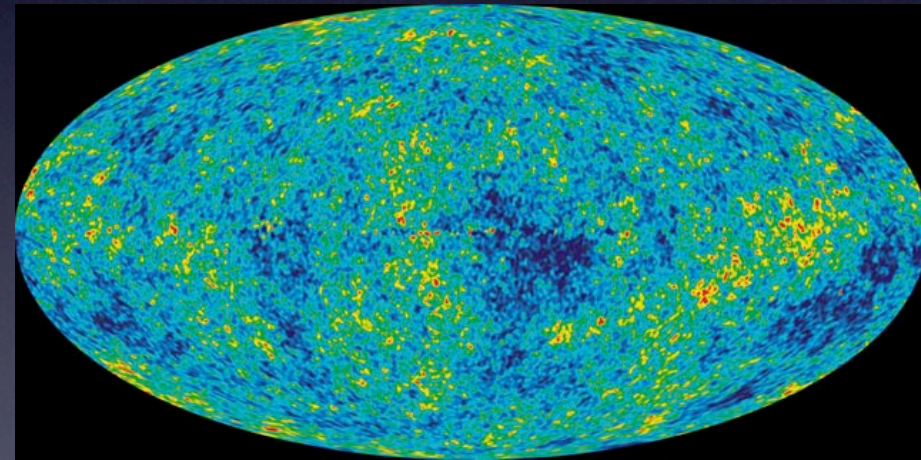
CMB, LSS, SN Ia, BBN → LambdaCDM

DM is “cold”, or at most “tepid”:
Lyman-alpha forest, early reionisation

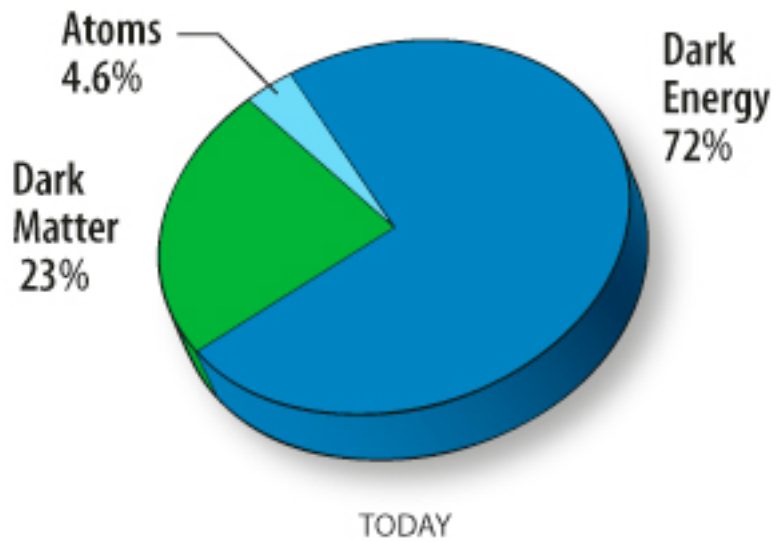
→ 83% of the clustering matter is non-baryonic, “tepid” or “cold”, dark matter
Nature of DM unknown, but we can still simulate its clustering ...



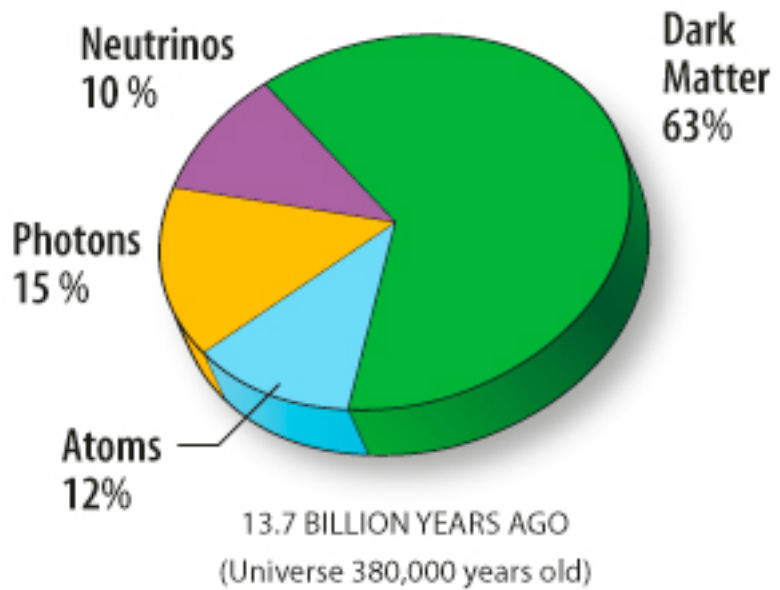
from Lopez-Cruz et al



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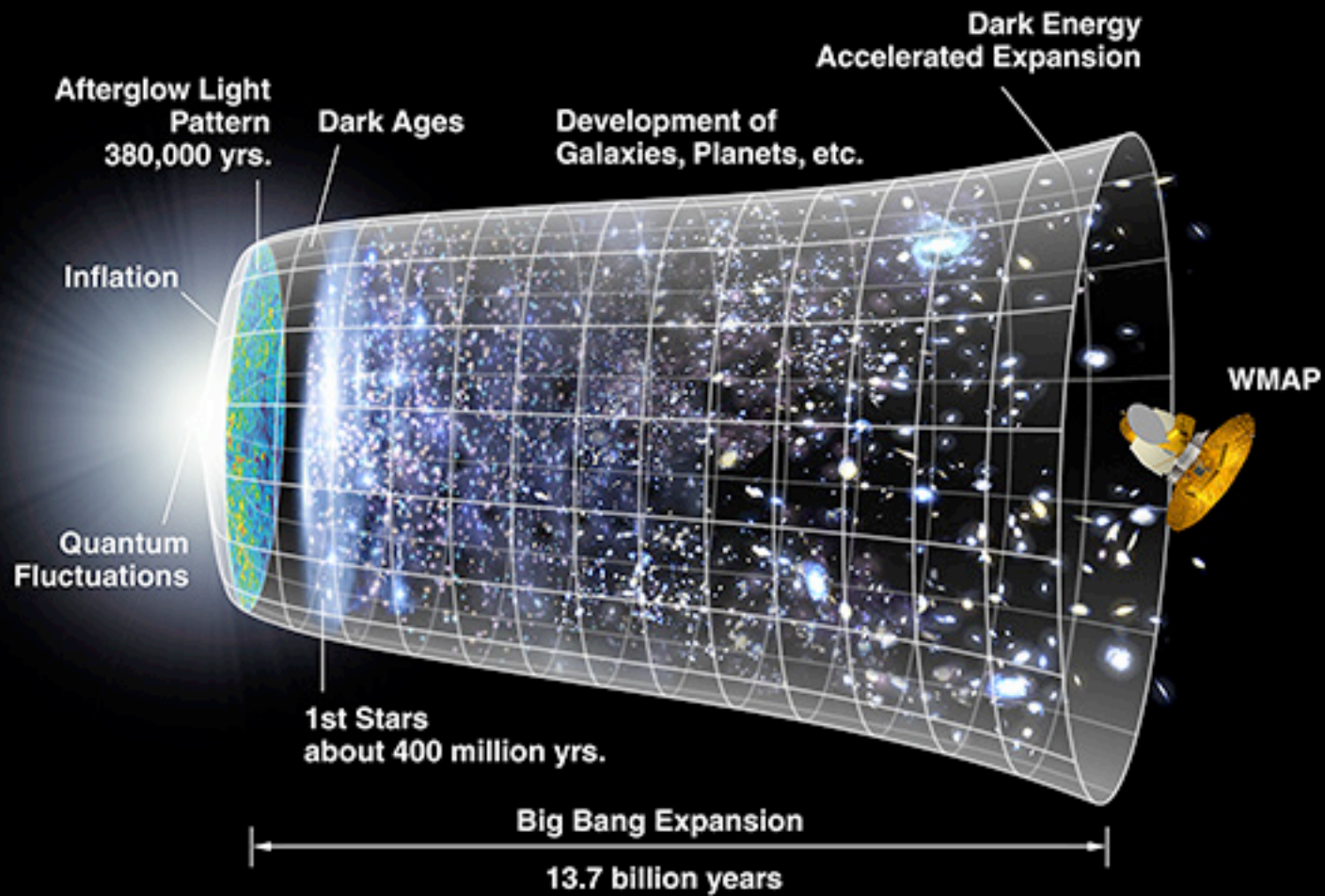


$z=0$



$z \sim 1100$

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our approach:

collision-less (pure N-body, dark matter only) simulations

- treat all of Ω_m like dark matter
- bad approximation near and in large galaxies
OK for dwarf galaxies and smaller scales
- simple physics: just gravity, good #CPU scaling → allows high resolution
- no free parameters (ICs known thanks to CMB + ...)

→ accurate solution of the idealized problem

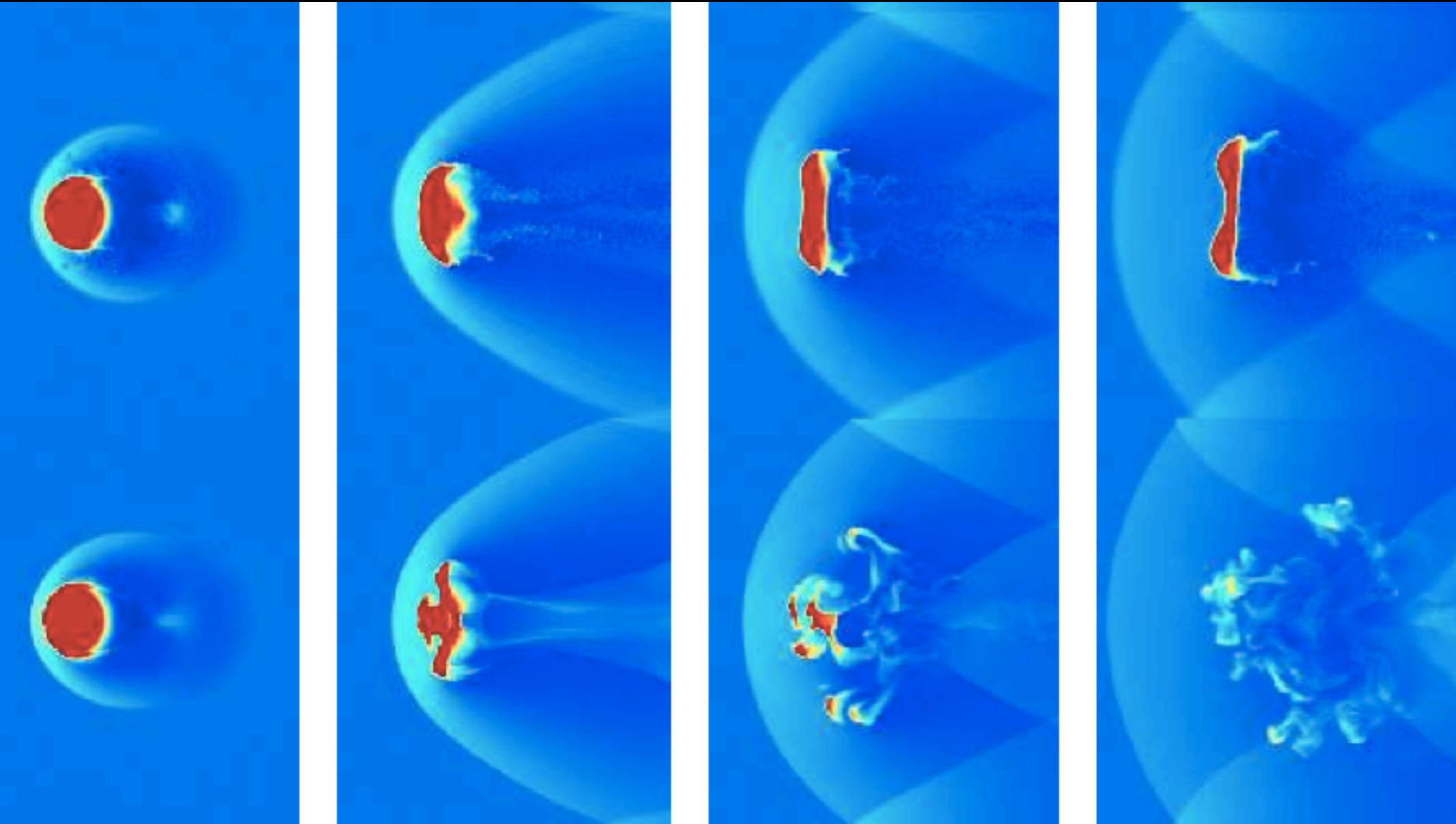
complementary approach:

hydrodynamical simulations

- computationally expensive, resolution relatively low
- SPH and grid disagree even in simple tests, Agertz et al 2007
- processes far below the resolved scales (star formation, SN, ... ?)
implemented through uncertain functions and free parameters

→ approximate solution to the more realistic problem

Smoothed Particle Hydro (SPH)



grid code with adaptive mesh refinement (AMR)

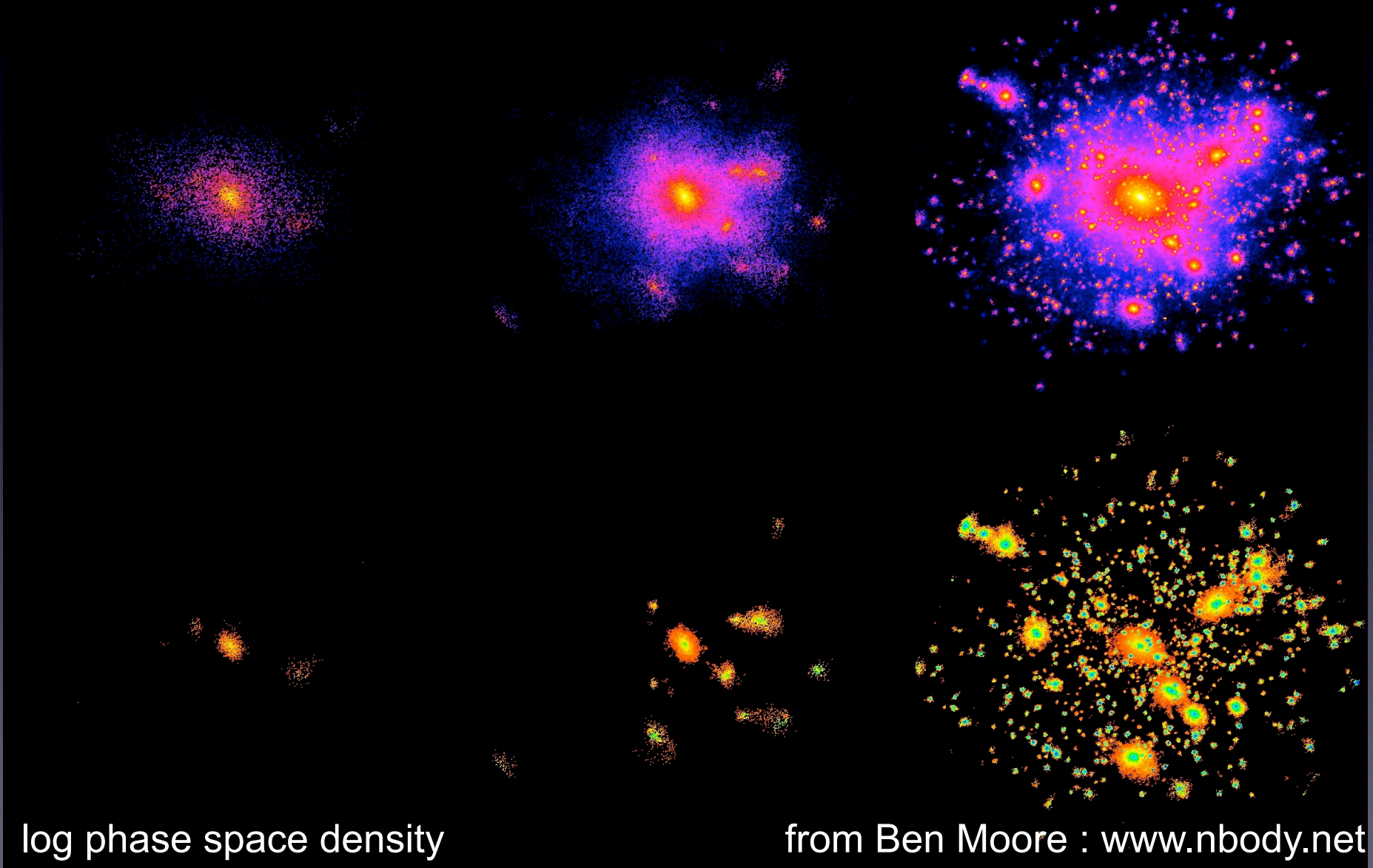
Agertz, Moore et al 2007

Simulating structure formation

N-body models approximating CDM halos (about 1995 to 2000)

log density

N_halo from about 10k to a million



log phase space density

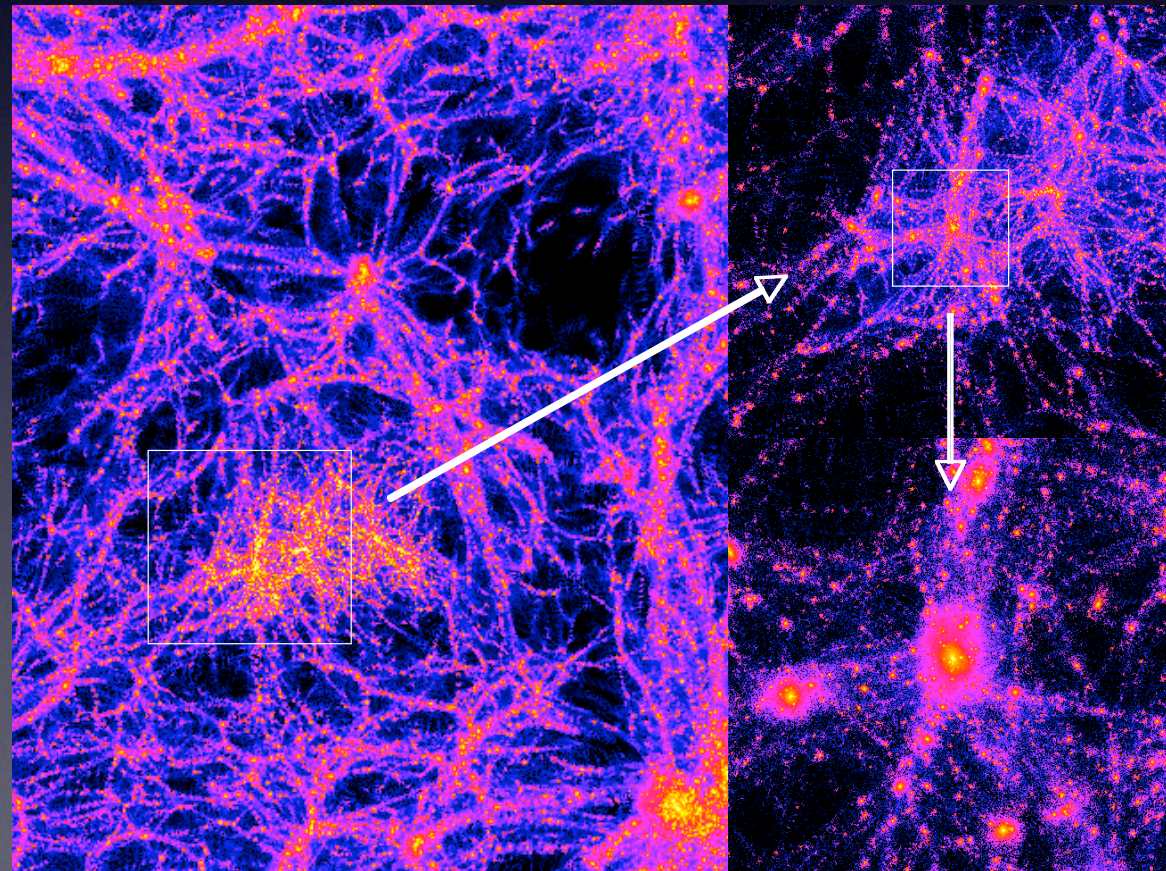
from Ben Moore : www.nbody.net

uniform resolution, periodic cubes

- good statistics, lower resolution
- large scale structure
- fair sample of halos and environments

refined, resimulations of individual halos

- low statistics, high resolution
- selection effects?
see e.g. Ishiyama et al 2008



the via lactea project : increasing N_{halo}

2003 : several clusters and galaxies with N_{halo} from 2M to 25M

2006 : Via Lactea, $N_{\text{halo}} \sim 100 \text{ M}$
WMAP-3yr, but $n_s=0.90$ due to bug in IC generator

2007 : Via Lactea II, $N_{\text{halo}} \sim 500 \text{ M}$
WMAP-3yr ($n_s=0.95$)
improved, physical time-steps (Zemp+2007)

2008 : $N_{\text{halo}} \sim 1 \text{ G}$
GHALO (WMAP-5yr) and Aquarius (WMAP-1yr, $n_s=1.0$)

via lactea II and aquarius: discrepancies?

Using the old WMAP-1yr parameters instead of 3yr or 5yr values increases:

- halo and subhalo concentrations (e.g. Maccio et al 2008)
- subhalo abundance given by peak velocity functions (Zenter & Bullock 2003)

This is sufficient to explain the different concentrations and subhalo velocity functions found in VL-II and Aquarius

Claimed 'discrepancies' (Springel et al. 0809.0898v1) are not backed up by evidence

motivation for the via lactea project

- 1) **indirect detection** of dark matter via its annihilation products

gamma ray signal

$$S_i = \int_{V_i} \rho_{\text{sub}}^2 dV_i = \sum_{j \in \{P_i\}} \rho_j m_p$$

is dominated by small clumps (JD et al 2007)

charged particle production within a few kilo-parsecs (PAMELA, AMS-01)
boosted by local clumpiness?

- 2) **direct detection** of dark matter : how is DM distributed locally?

- 3) **dwarf satellite galaxies:**

mass distribution in these dark matter dominated systems?
abundance and radial distribution?

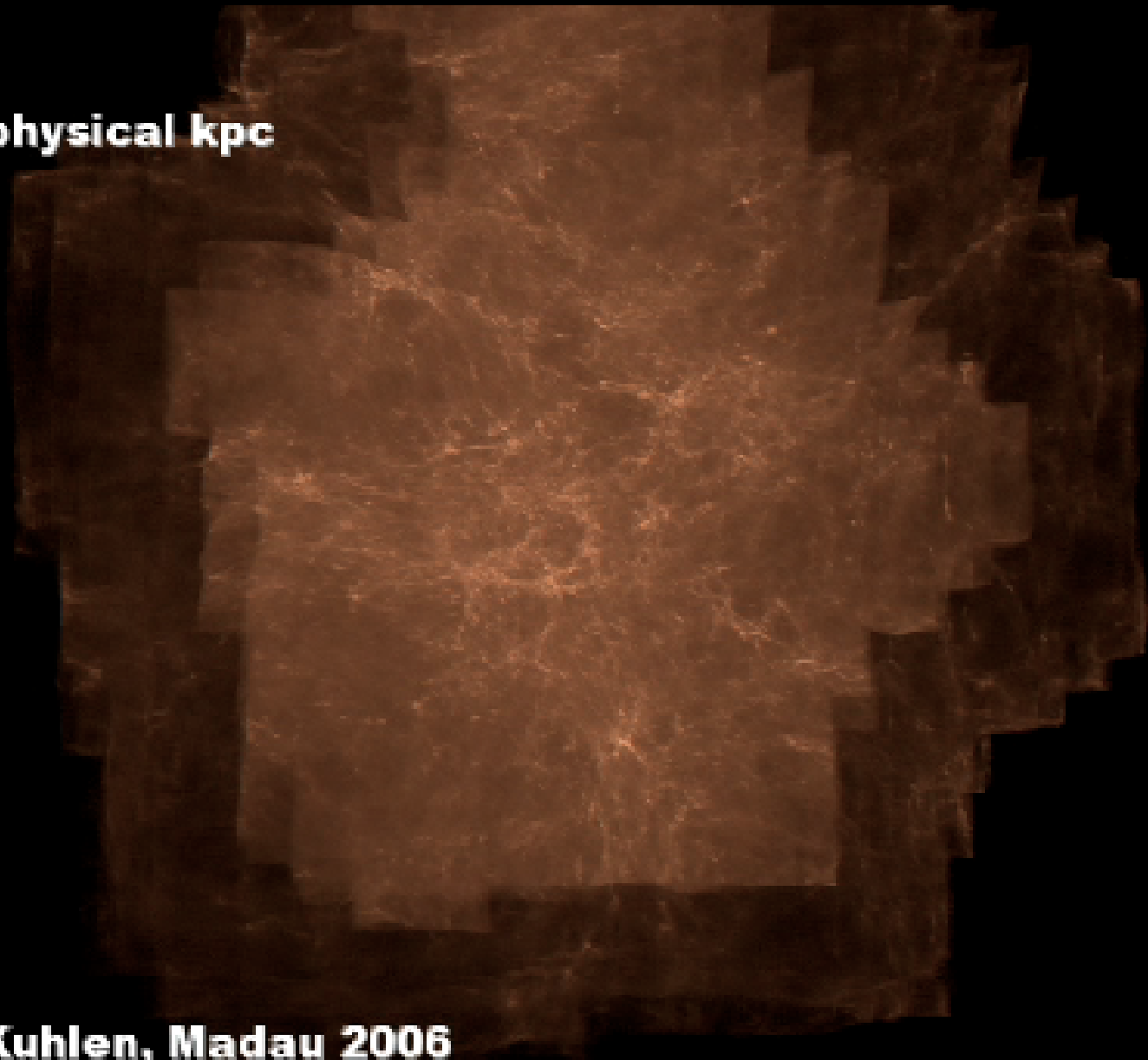
- 4) **stellar halos:** streams from hierarchical buildup,
extend vs. formation history, halo mass indicator



Fermi (GLAST)
launched June 2008

$z=11.9$

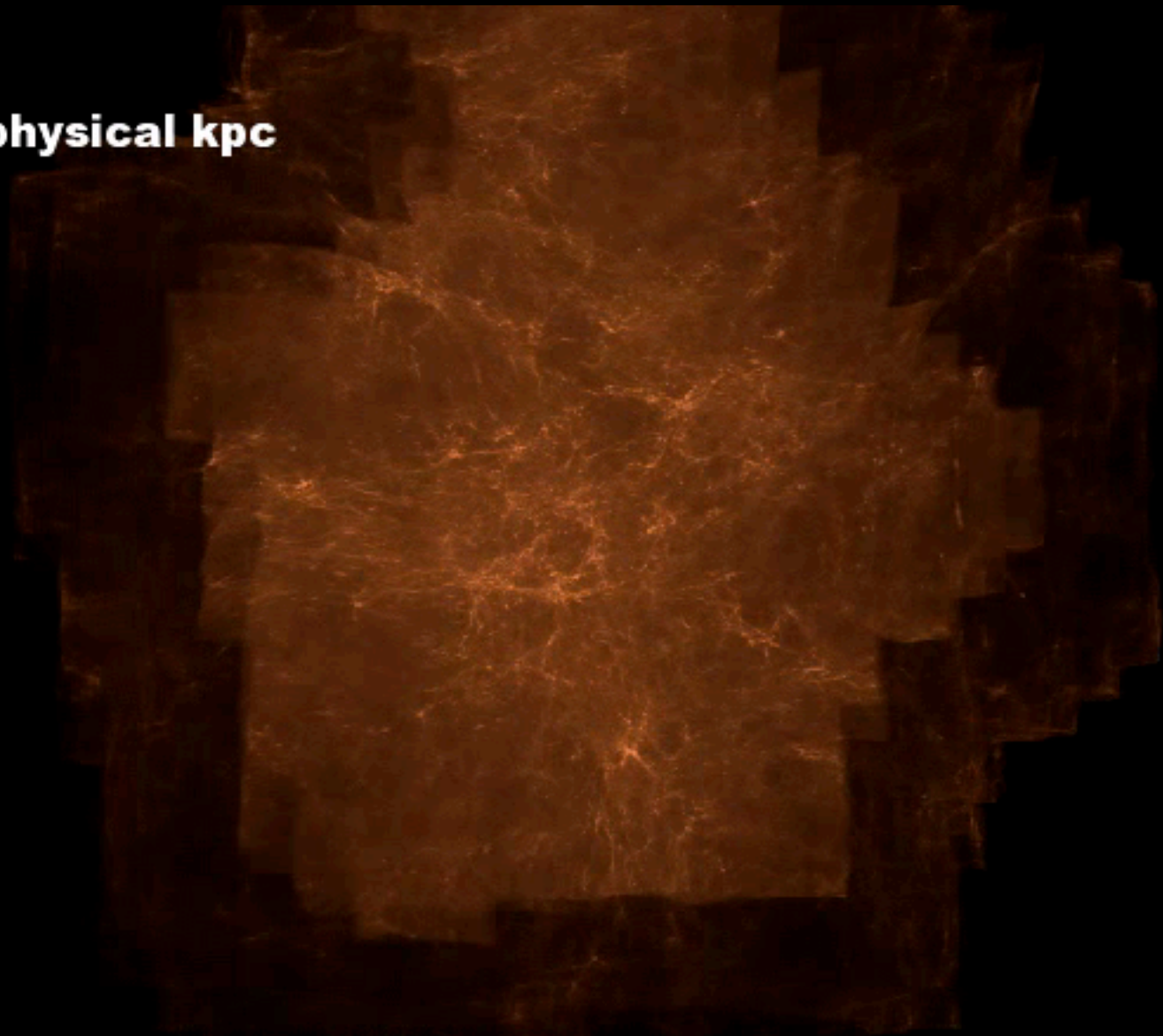
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Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

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via lactea II at redshift zero



the via lactea project

high resolution Milky Way dark matter halos simulated on NASA's [Columbia](#) and ORNL's [Jaguar](#) supercomputers

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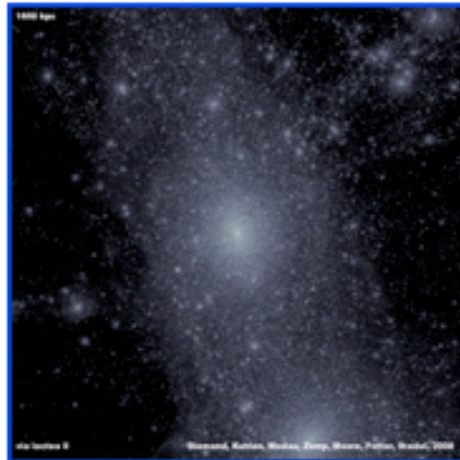
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VL-2 movies

This movie rotates and zooms into the via lactea-2 halo at $z=0$ (today). The colors show the local dark matter densities.



- slow rotation (larger files) : [high quality \(174 MB\)](#) [medium \(43 MB\)](#) [low \(18 MB\)](#)
- fast rotation (smaller files) : [high quality \(87 MB\)](#) [medium \(24 MB\)](#) [low \(12 MB\)](#)

VL-1 movies

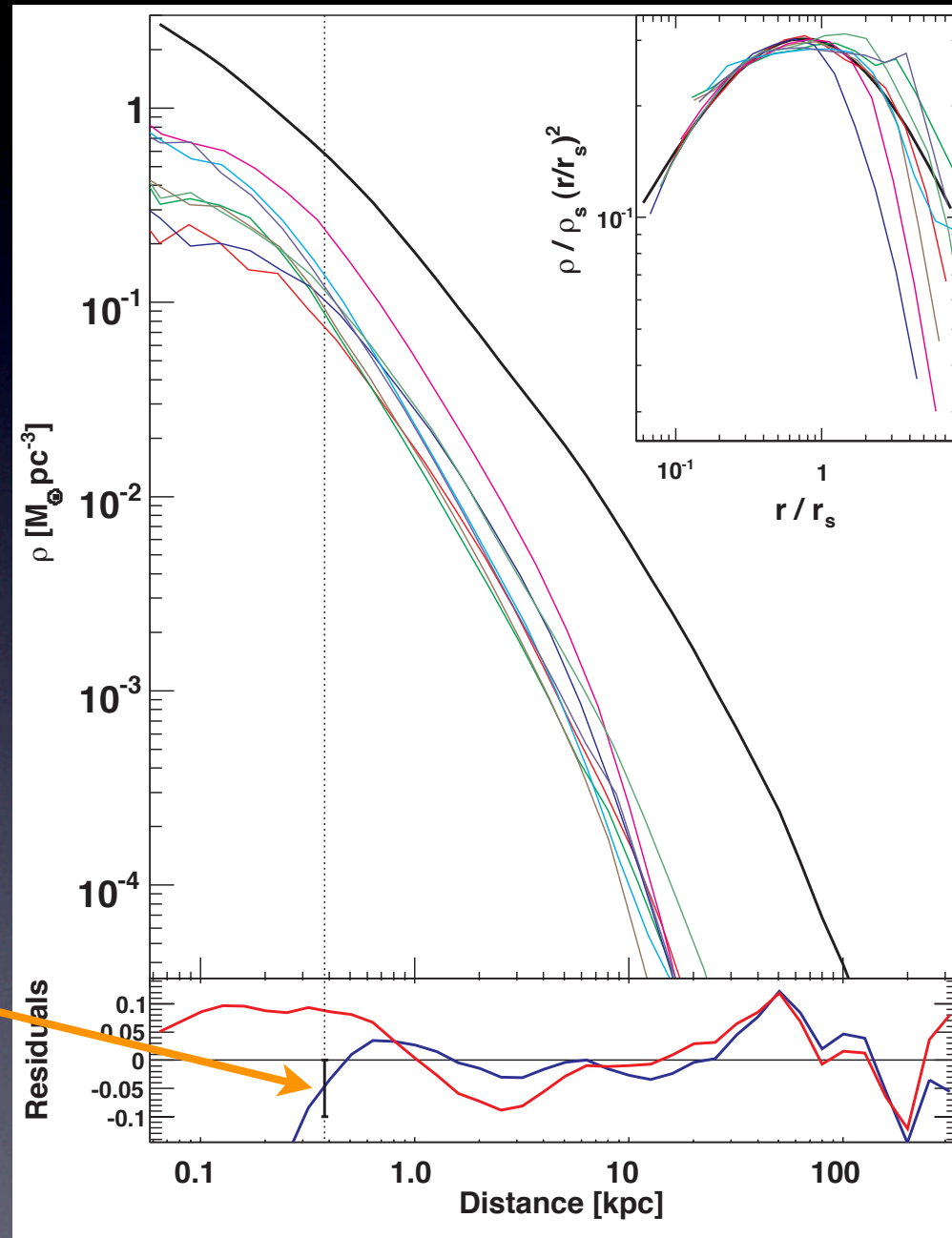
These animations show the projected dark matter density-square maps of the simulated Milky Way-size halo via lactea-1. The logarithmic color scale covers the same 20 decades in projected density-square in physical units in each frame. All movies are encoded in MPEG format and some are available in different quality versions.

the formation of the via lactea halo



- entire formation history ($z=12$ to 0): [high quality \(218 MB\)](#)
smaller frames, quality: [high\(55 MB\)](#) [medium\(11 MB\)](#) [low\(4.7 MB\)](#)
- entire formation history, plus rotation and zoom at $z=0$:

host and subhalo density profiles



subhalos:

inner parts
like host

outer parts
steeper

inner halo:
 $\rho \sim r^{-1.24}$
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Einasto profile

down to 400 pc (0.1% r_{Vir}), shallower on smaller scales, convergence?

JD+ Nature 2008

inner density profiles depend on time stepping

widely use empirical time step criterion

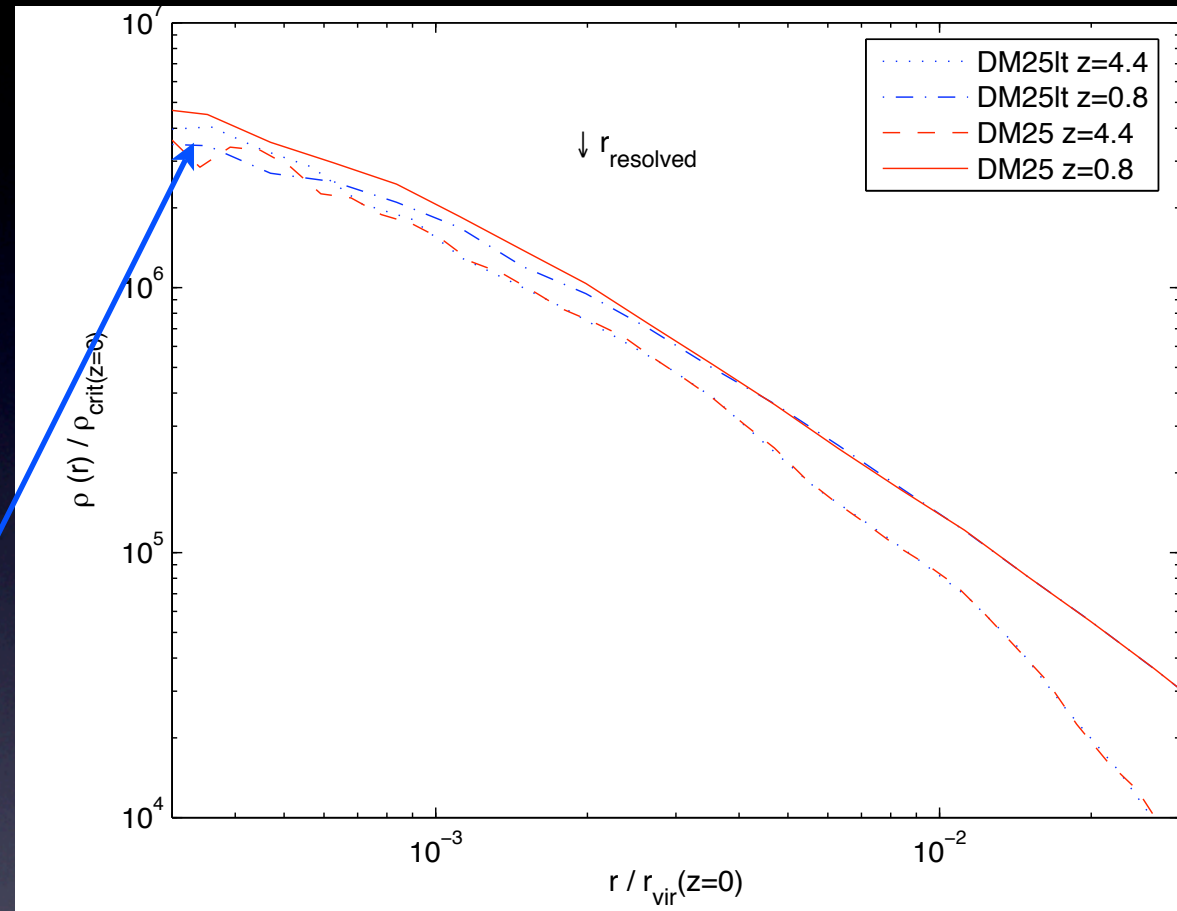
$$\Delta t_i < \eta \sqrt{\epsilon / a_i}$$

does not scale like the dynamical time

$$1 / \sqrt{G \rho(< r_i)}$$

and limits the densities a simulation is able to resolve

VL-II and GALO use the dynamical time, implemented as in Zemp et al 2006



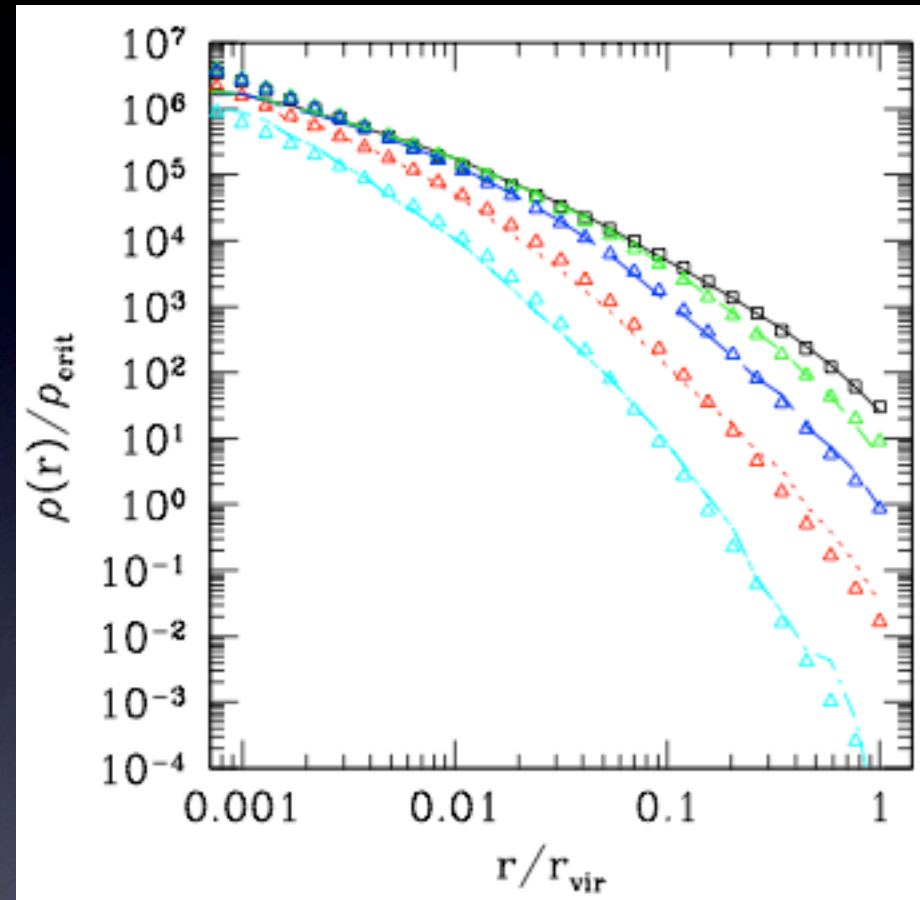
JD et al. 2005

inner material comes from high sigma progenitor halos

4 sigma progenitor halo bring in most of the material which ends up within 0.1 % r_{vir}

typical CDM simulations start at a redshift, when a one sigma fluctuation has an overdensity of 0.1 (VL-II) to 0.2 (GHALO)

i.e. 4 sigma peak are already (mildly) non-linear at the beginning; this could delay their formation and lower their density artificially



JD, Madau, Moore 2005

convergence at 0.1% r_{vir} ?
more work is needed ...

CDM densities within 0.1 % r_{Vir} remain uncertain

but that's a question of little 'practical' importance:

- few hundred pc in galaxies: potential by far dominated by baryons and DM altered by galaxy formation. contraction or expansion?
- only \sim ten pc in dwarf satellite galaxies: not distinguishable from current stellar kinematics (maybe with SIM ?)
- inner 0.1 % r_{Vir} contribute little to subhalo annihilation signal (because inner slope < 1.5)

this uncertainty in the idealized pure CDM case also casts doubt on hydro+SMBH+AGN-feedback galaxy simulations

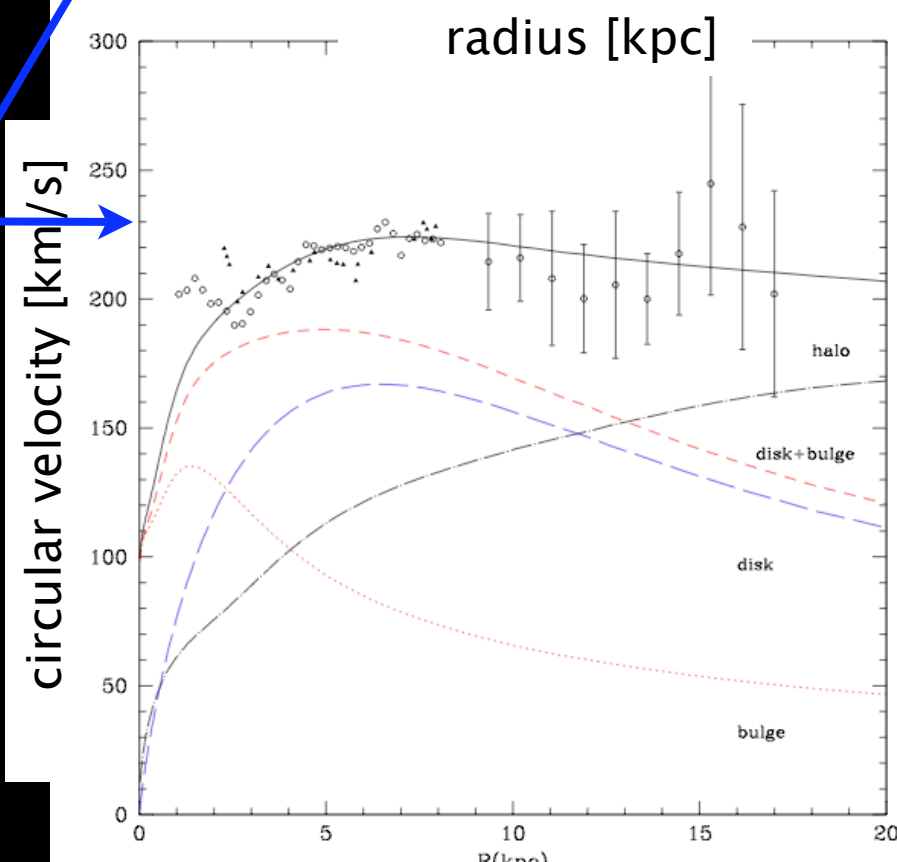
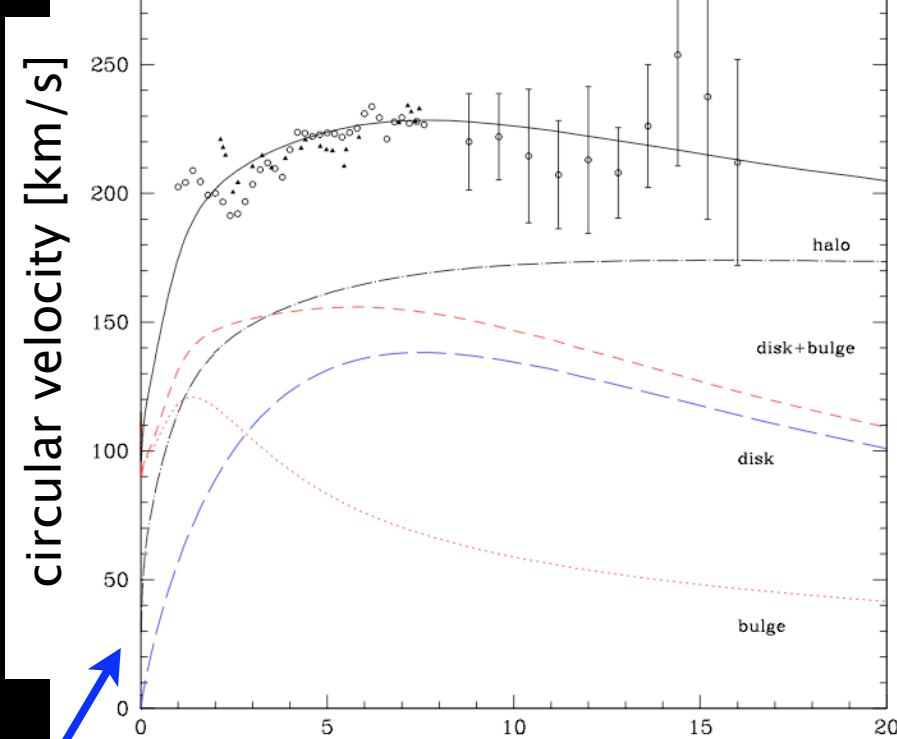
evidence for DM in the Milky Way

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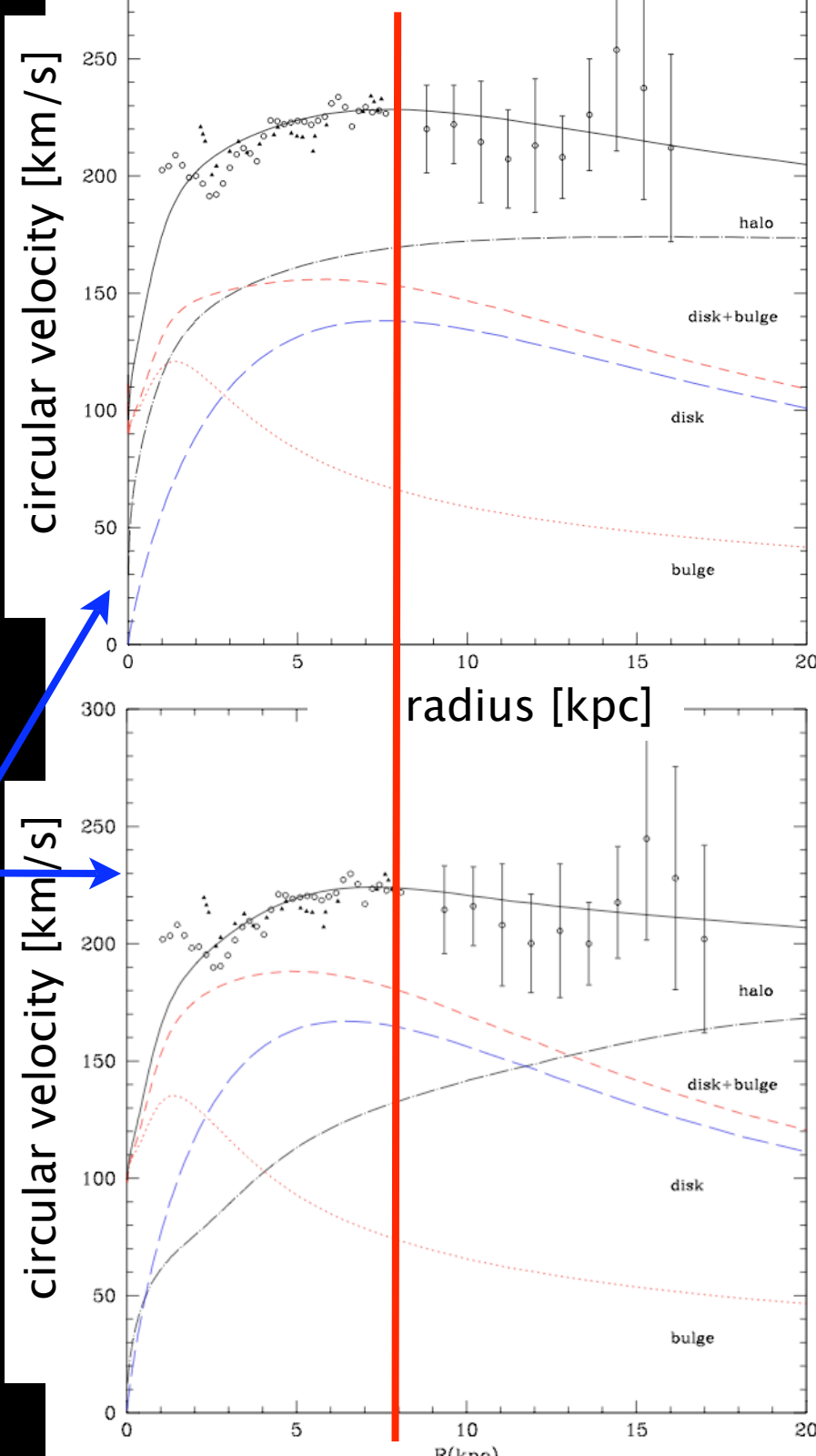
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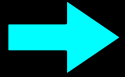
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significant amounts of DM inside 8 kpc
35 to 60 percent of total enclosed mass

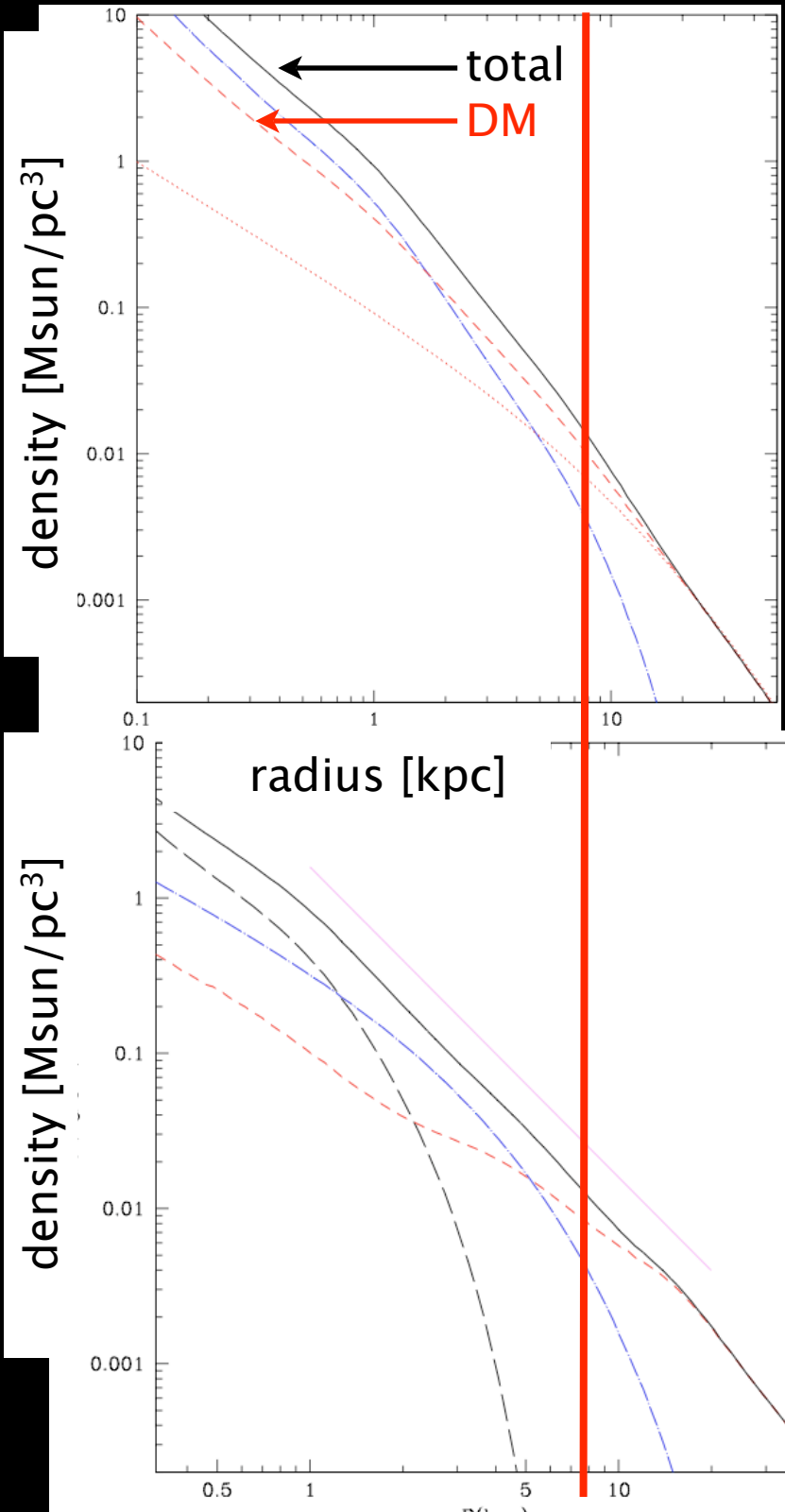


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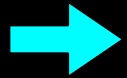


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standard halo:

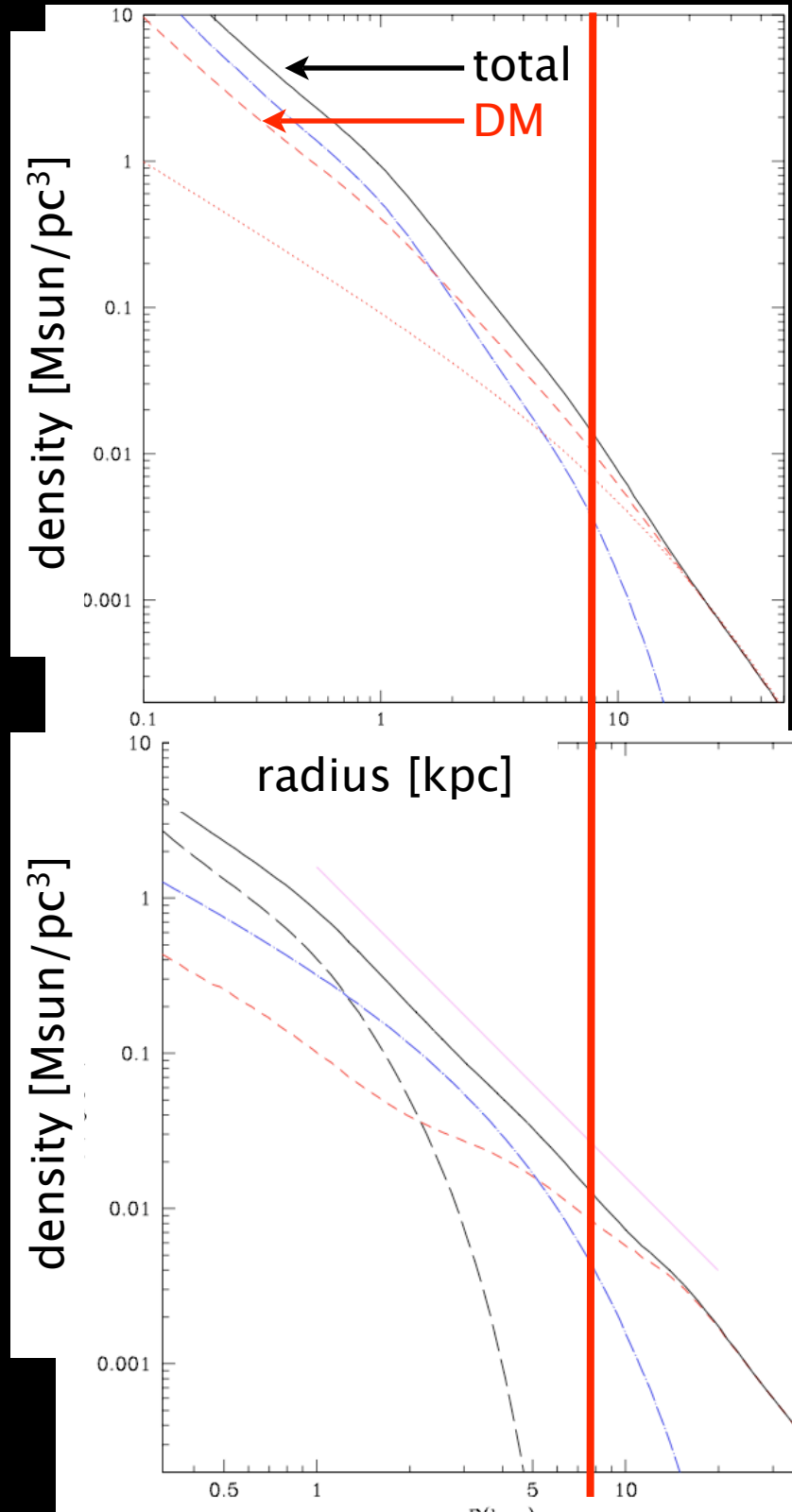
$$0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3 = 0.008 \text{ Msun/pc}^3$$

local surface density (Kuijken&Gilmore1989/91):

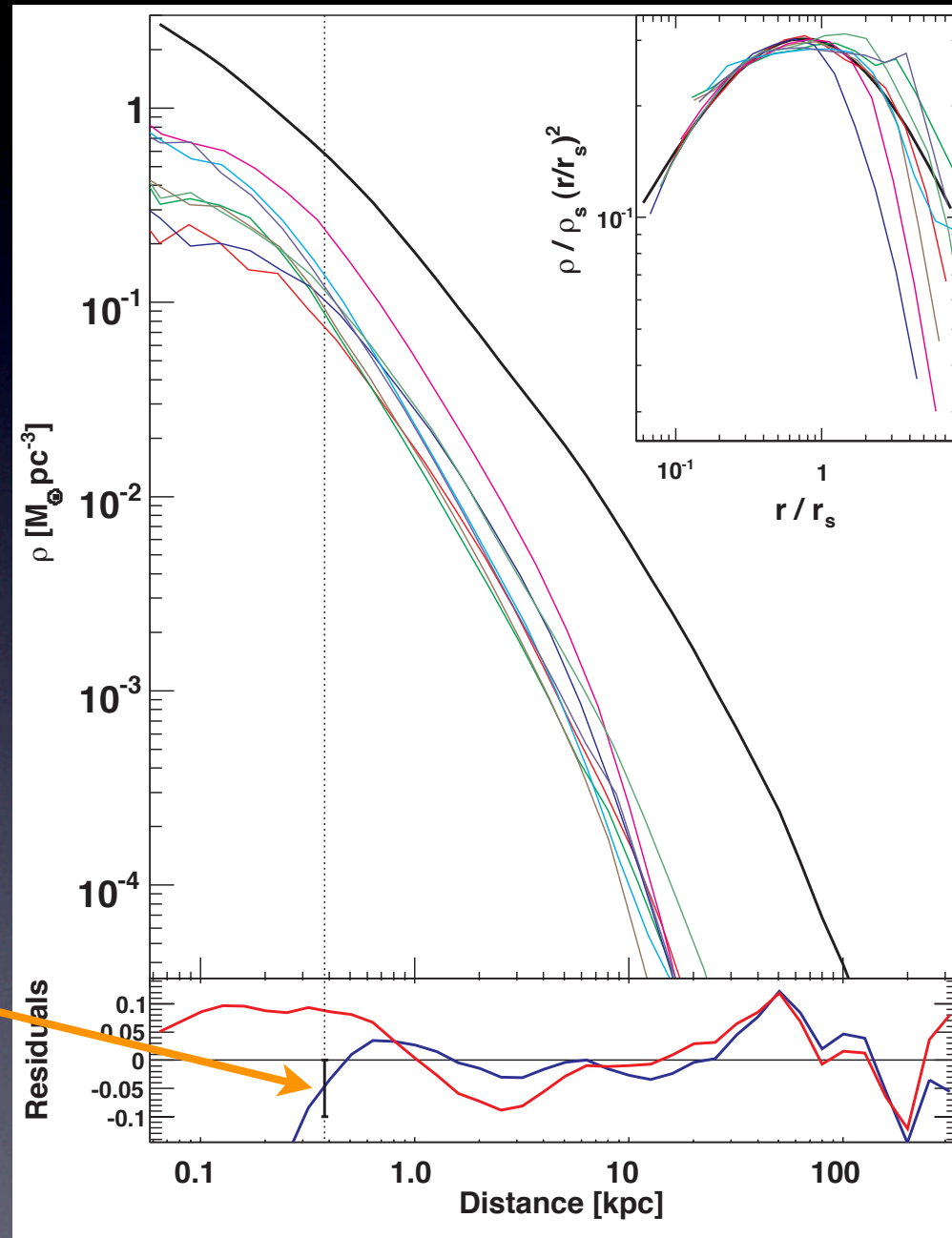
$$\Sigma_{\text{stars+gas}} = 48 \pm 8 \text{ M}_{\odot}\text{pc}^{-2}$$

$$\text{total (inside 1.1 kpc)} = 71 \pm 6 \text{ Msun/pc}^2$$

also gives a mean local DM density of
about 0.01 Msun/pc³



host and subhalo density profiles



subhalos:

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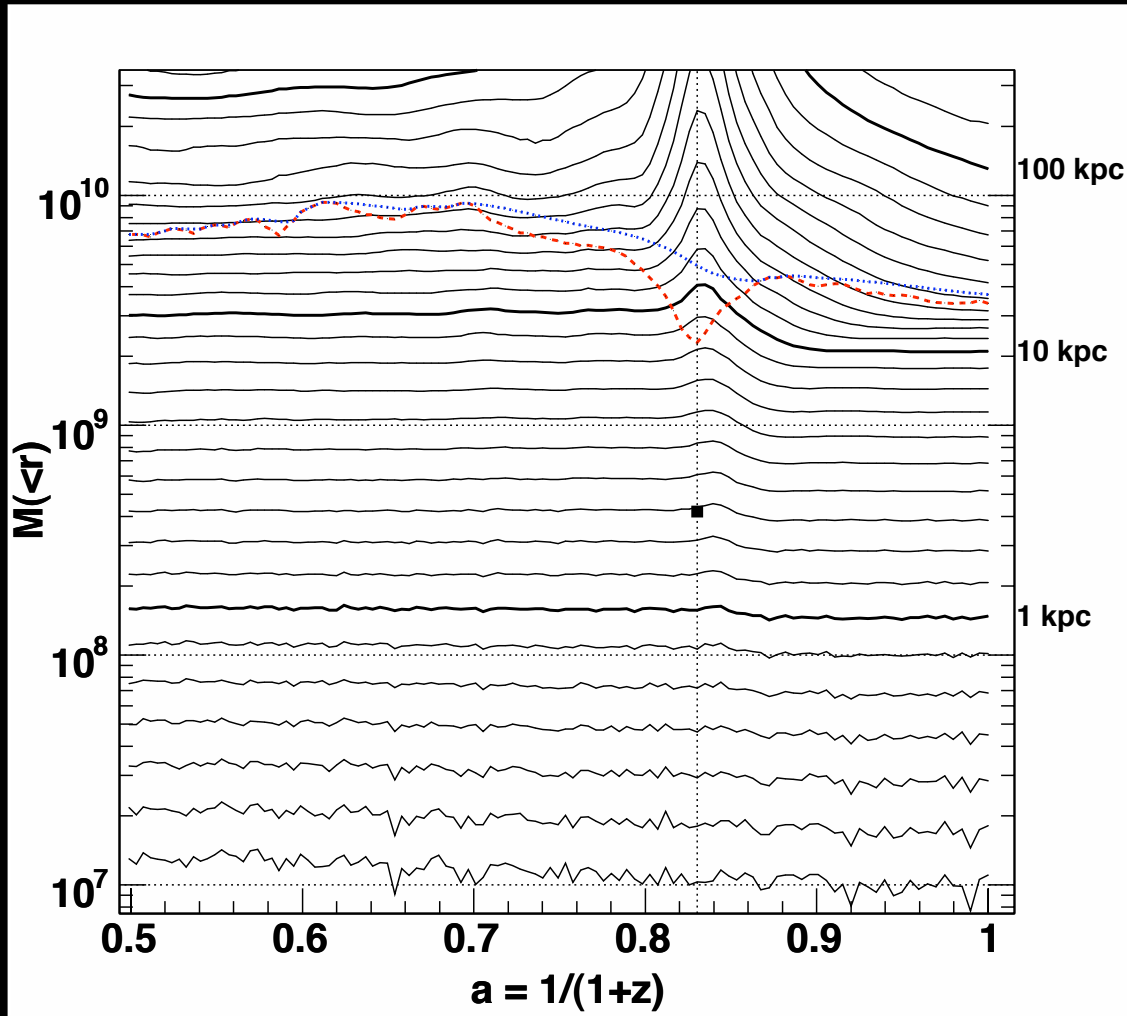
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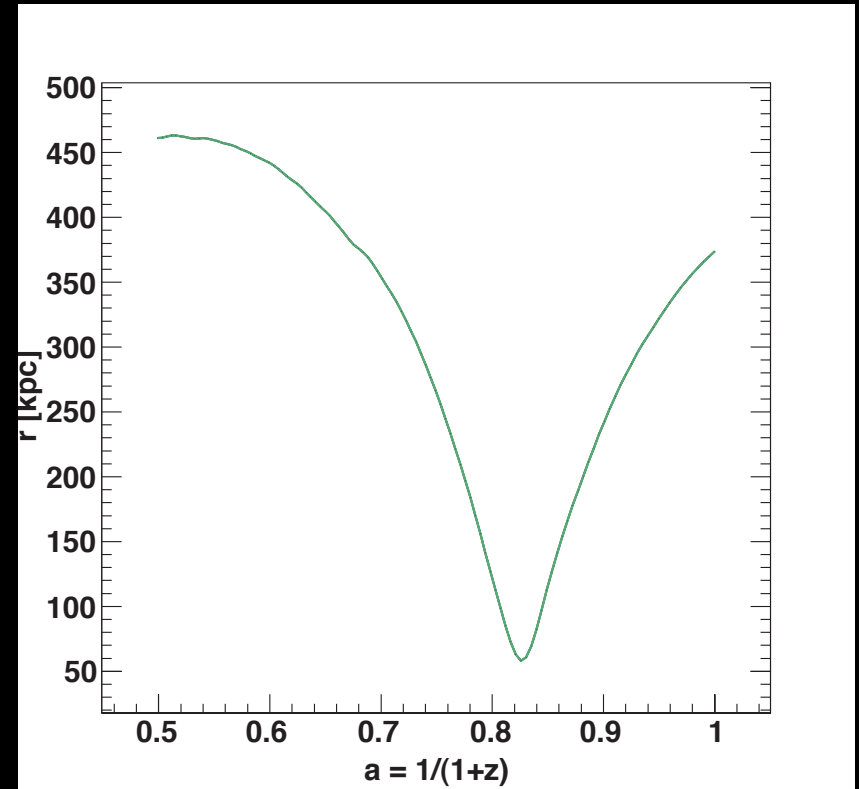
weak, long tidal shock

duration :

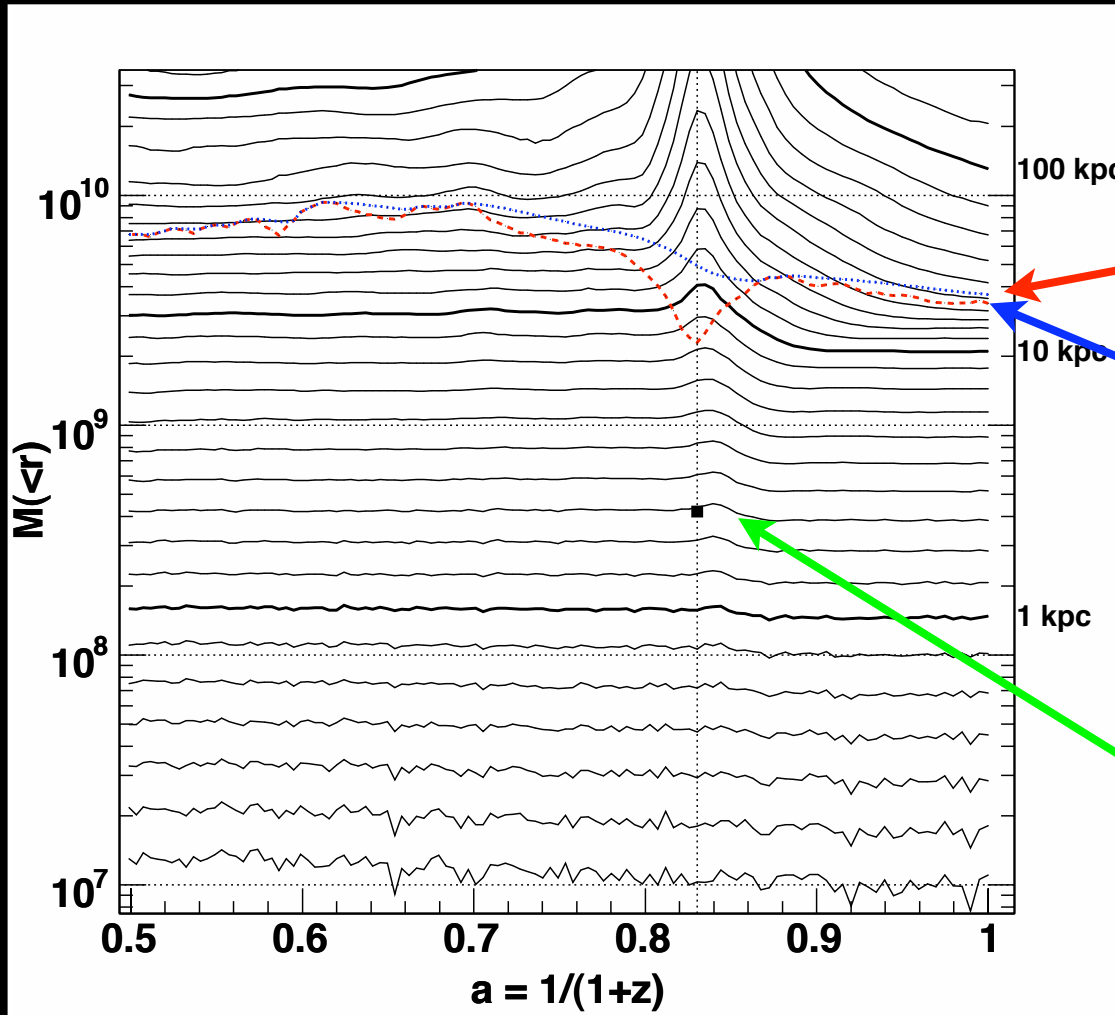
$$\tau = \pi(56 \text{ kpc}) / (423 \text{ km/s}) = 406 \text{ Myr}$$

total mass in spheres around subhalo center

this subhalo has one pericenter passage at 56 kpc



evolution of subhalo density profiles



tidal mass is smaller than the bound mass at pericenter

“delayed” tidal mass

$$\Delta m = M(> r_t) \delta t / T_s$$

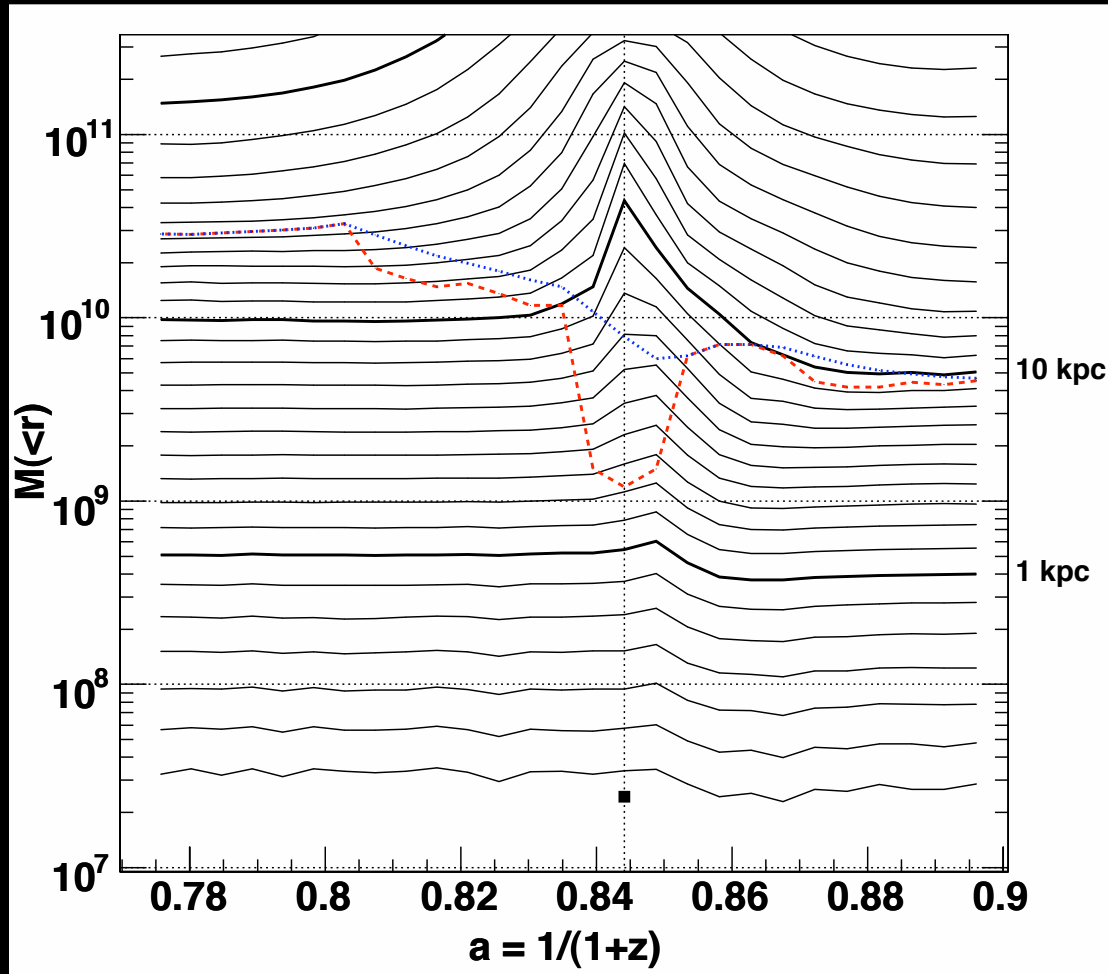
with $T_s = T_{\text{orbit}} / 6$

shock duration = internal subhalo orbital time

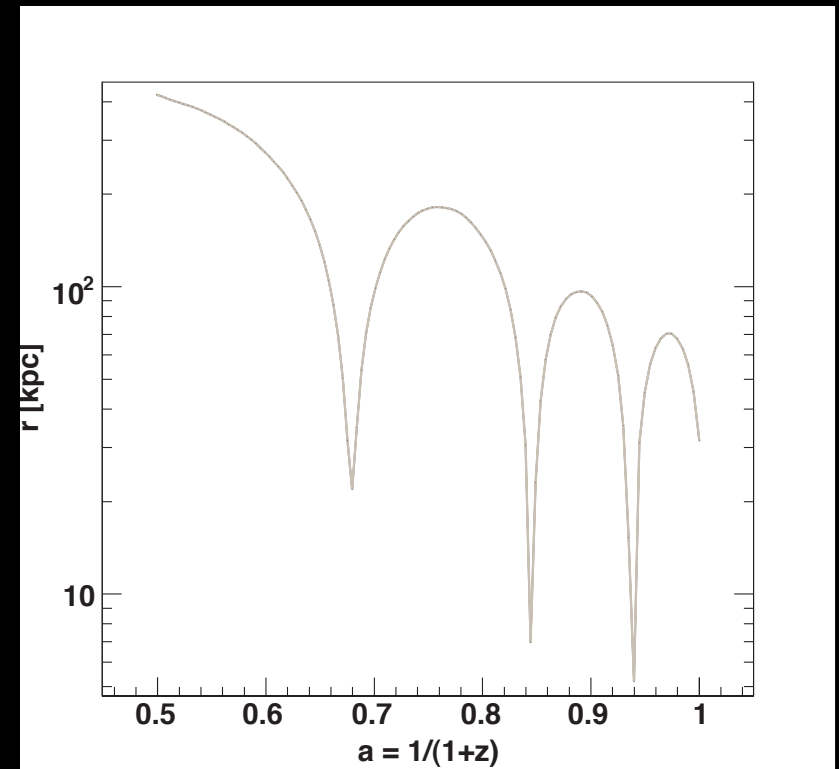
weak, long tidal shock
causes quick compression followed by expansion

mass loss is larger further out

evolution of subhalo density profiles



this subhalo has its second of three pericenter passages at 7.0 kpc

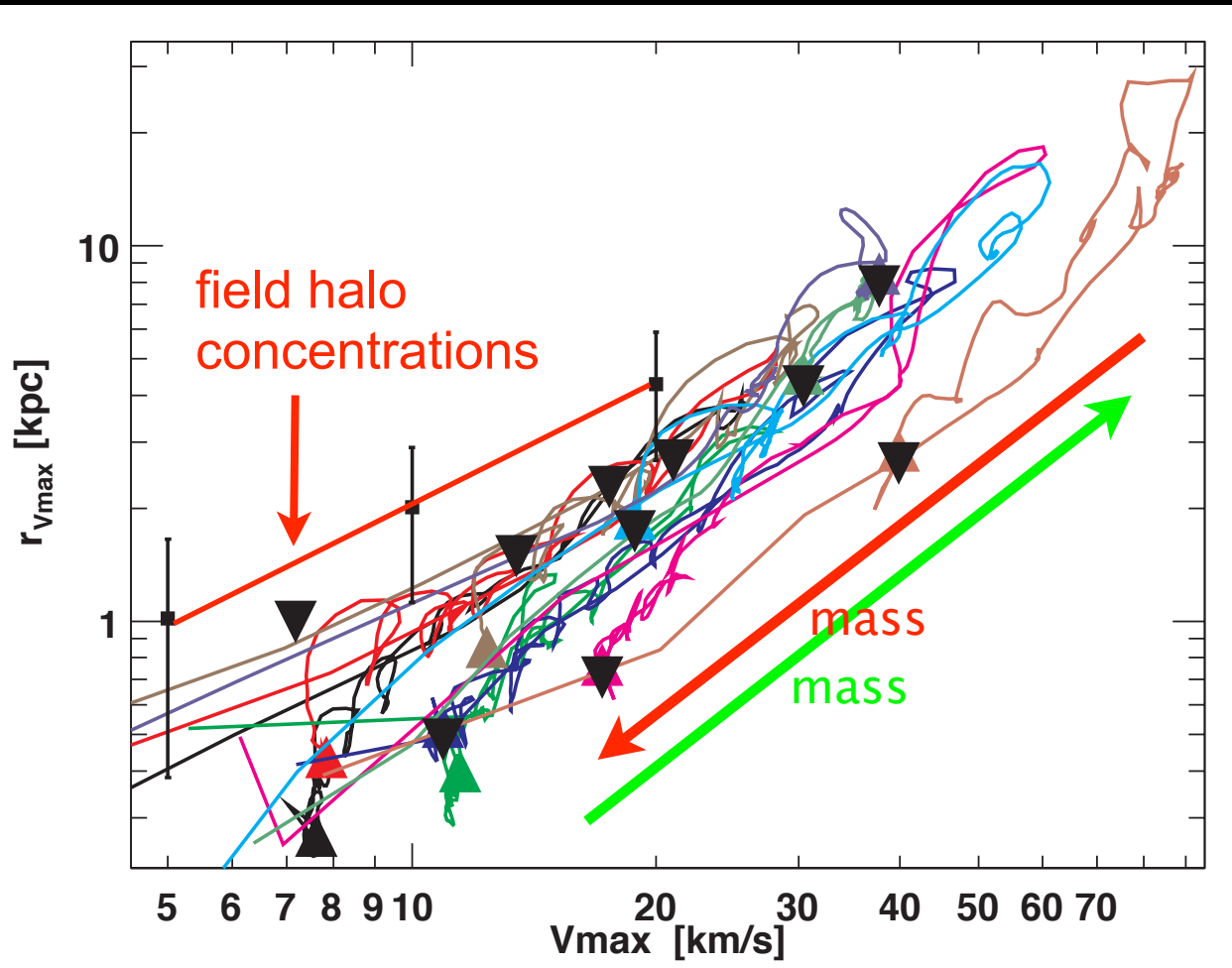


strong, short tidal shock

short duration : 43 Myr , but mass loss still grows with radius

at pericenter $r_{\text{tidal}} = 0.2 r_{\text{Vmax}}$, but the subhalo survives this and even the next pericenter (cf. Hayashi, Navarro et al 2003)

evolution of subhalo density profiles



tidal mass loss from the outside in partially undoes the inside out halo assembly

→ stripped halos resemble high redshift systems

→ they have higher concentrations

(not lower as claimed by Stoehr, White et al 2002/03, Hayashi, Navarro et al 2003)

subhalo survival and merging

out of 1542 well resolved ($V_{\max} > 5$ km/s)

$z=1$ subhalos:

97 % survive until $z=0$

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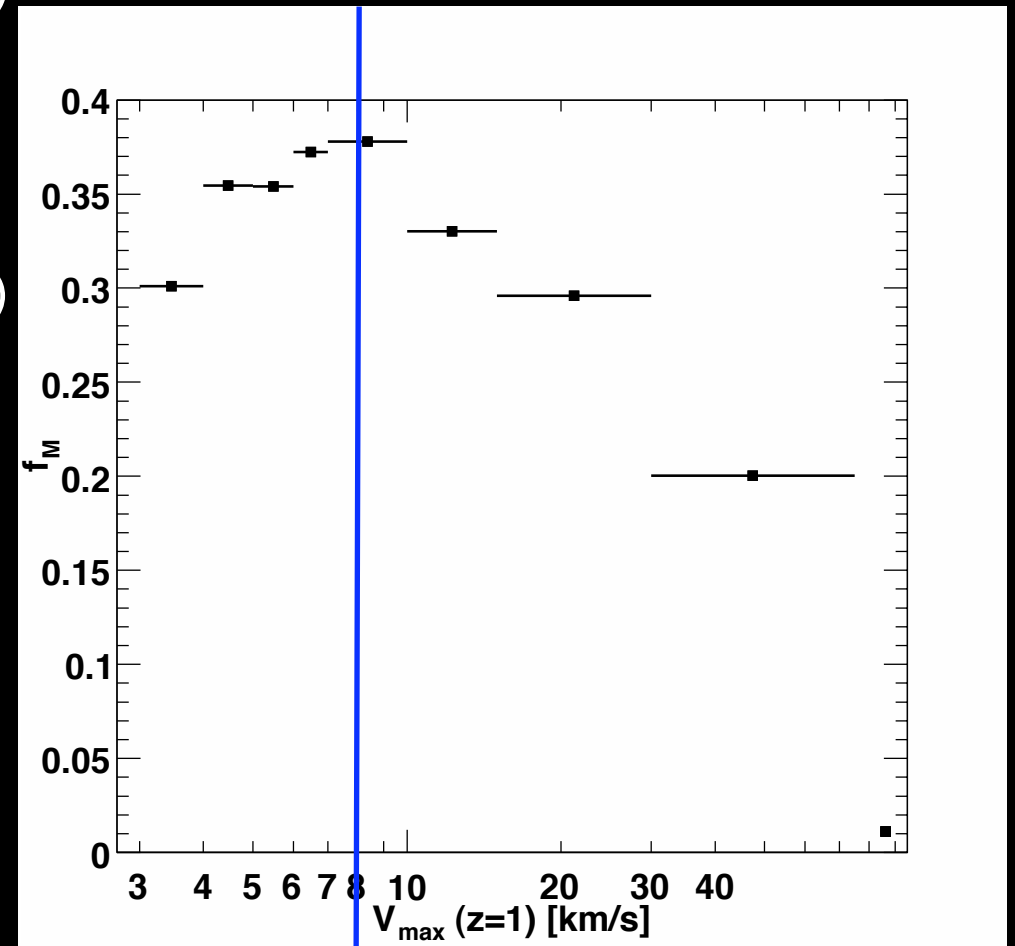
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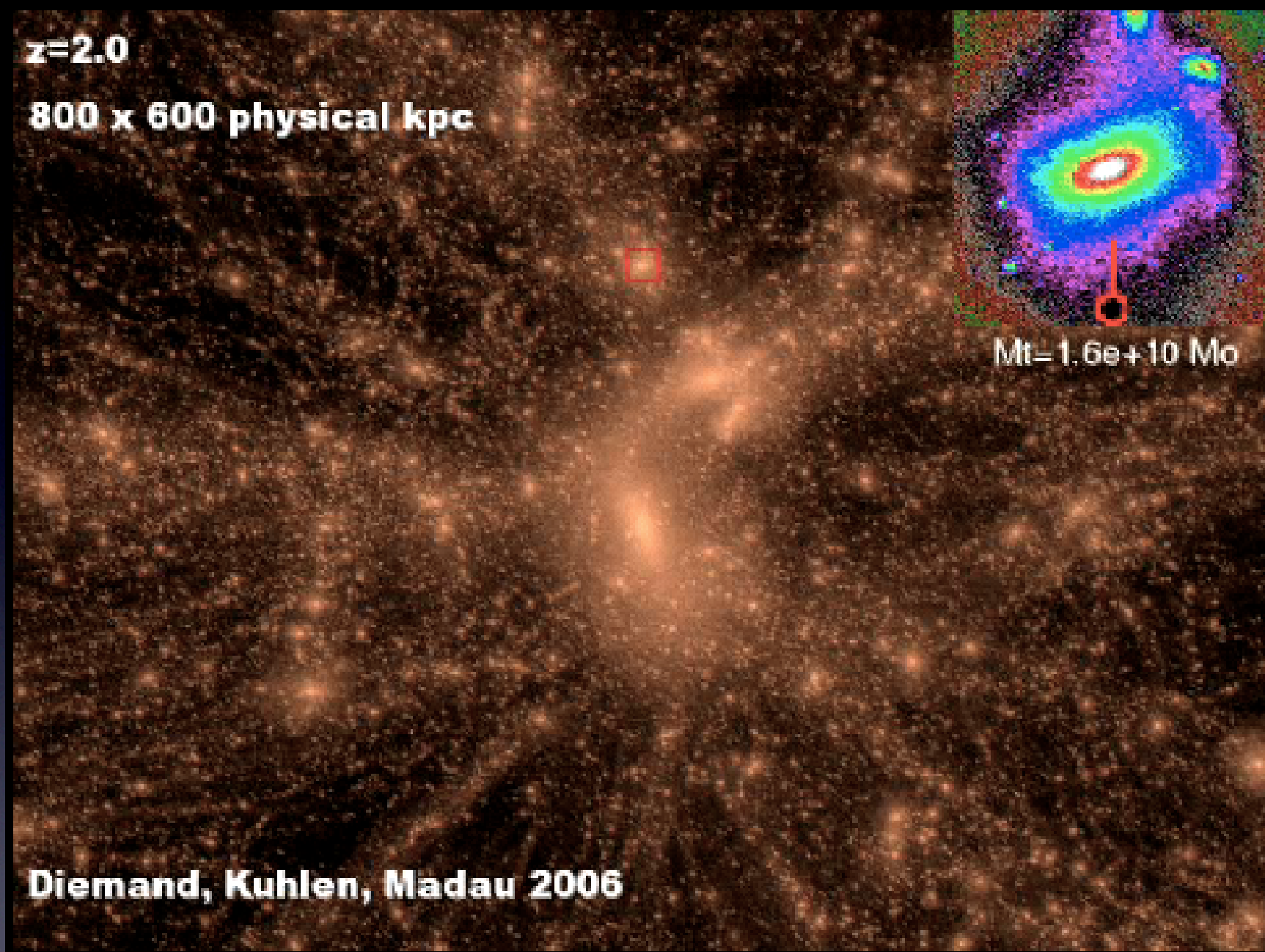
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The average mass fraction that remains
bound to them until $z=0$ depends on their
(initial) size



affected by
numerical limitations

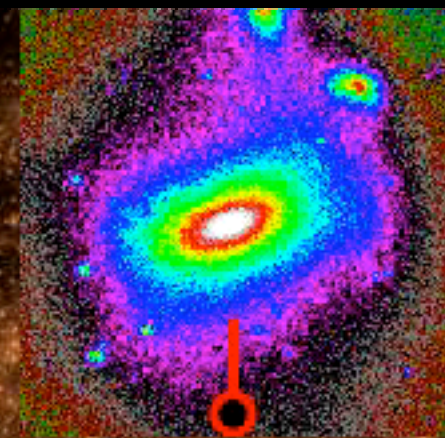
stronger dynamical
friction



survives several close pericenter passages (comes within 5.1 kpc)
becomes rounder with time and major axes tend to point towards the host center
(Kuhlen, JD, Madau 0705.2037, Faltenbacher+0706.0262, Pereira+0707.1702, Knebe+2008)

$z=2.0$

800 x 600 physical kpc



$M_t = 1.6e+10 \text{ Mo}$

Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

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VL-II : first significant sample of local subhalos

local mass fraction is low because of efficient tidal mass loss

$V_{\max}(\text{at } z=0) > 5 \text{ km/s}$ subhalos are found at larger radii than the dark matter

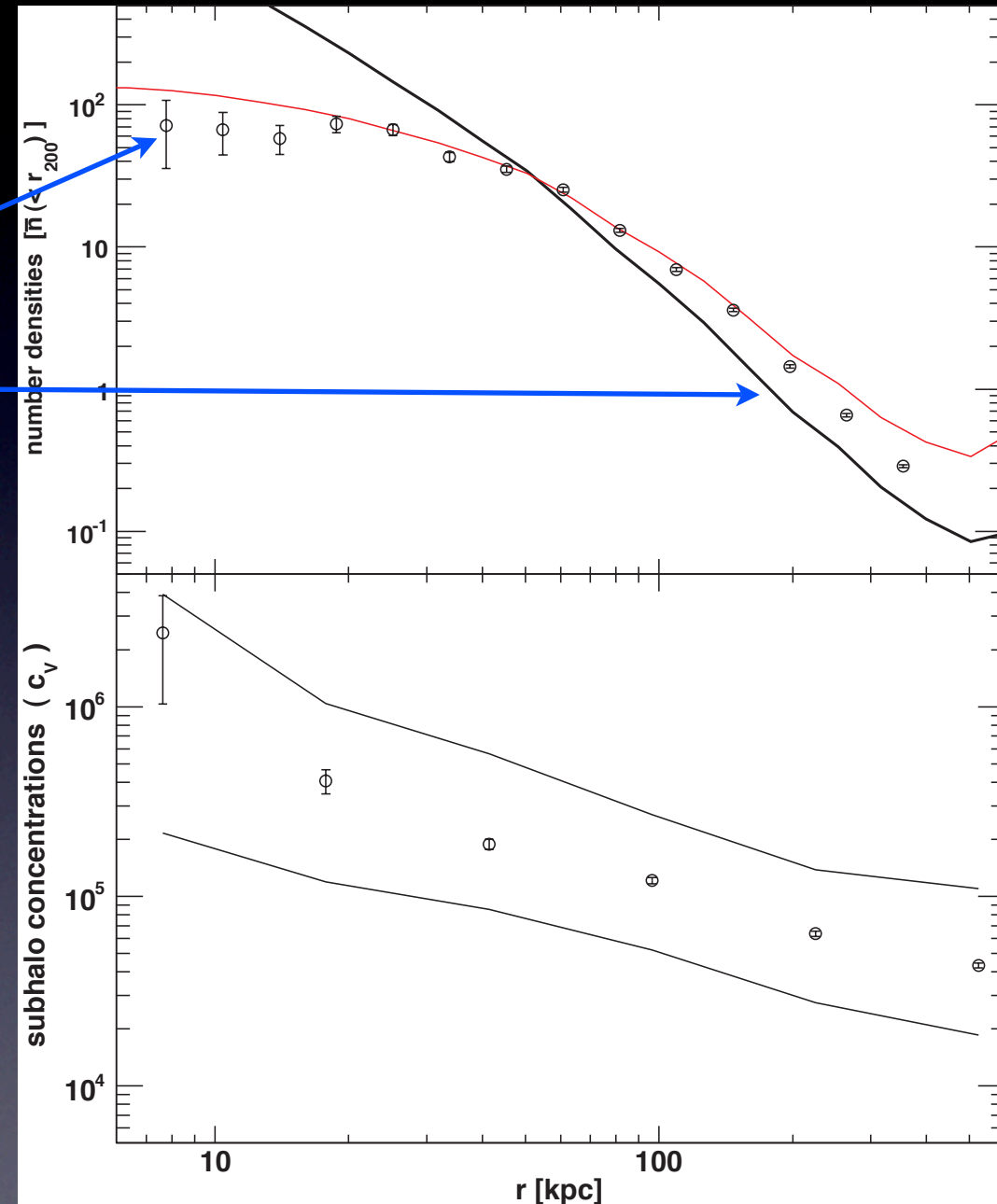
this 'anti-bias' is larger in mass($z=0$) samples

denser parts survive, subhalo concentrations increase towards the galactic center

subhalo luminosity :

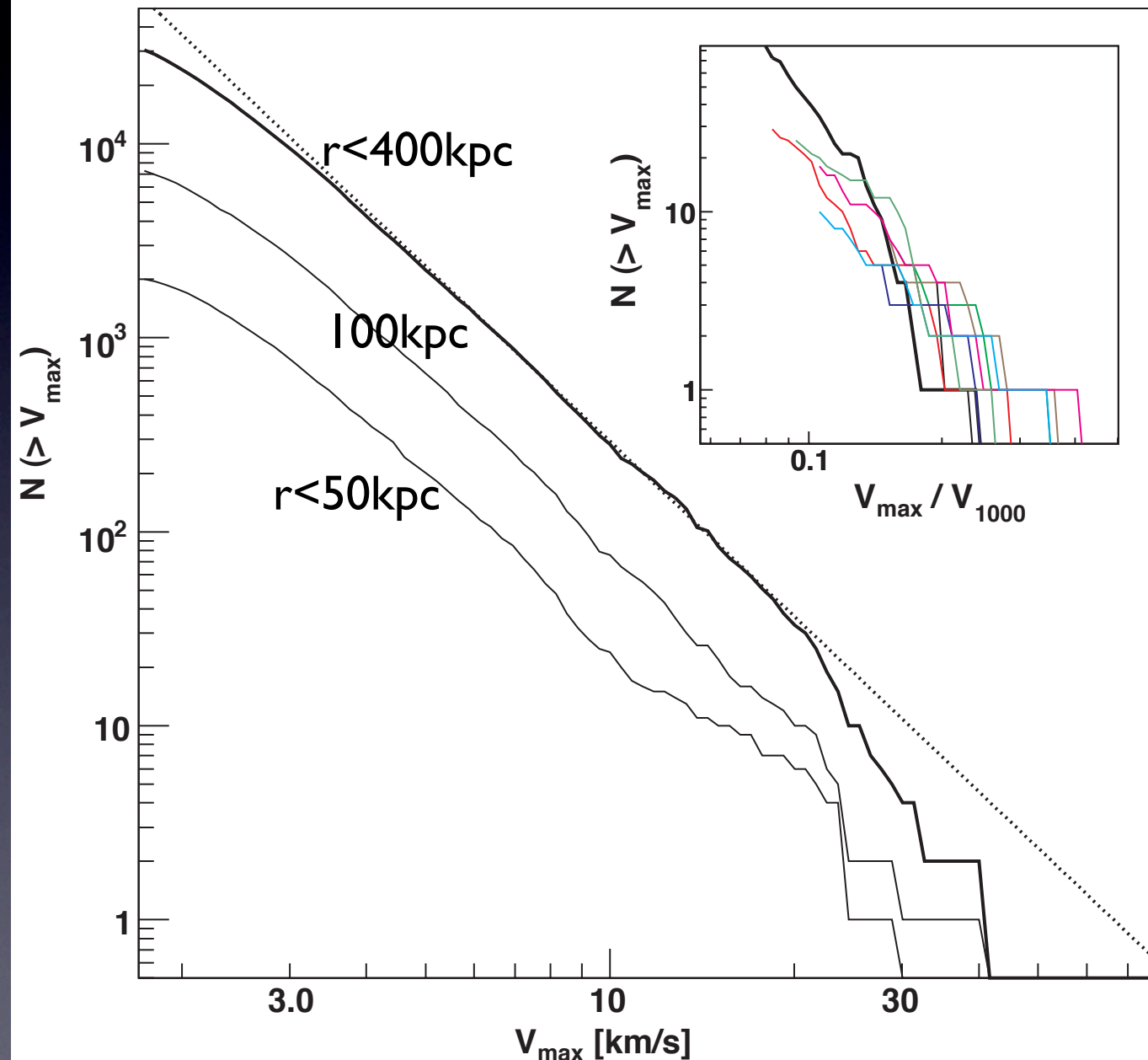
$$L \propto \rho_s^2 r_s^3 \propto V_{\max}^4 / r_{V_{\max}} \propto V_{\max}^3 \sqrt{c_V}$$

is practically unbiased in the well resolved radial range



subhalo and sub-subhalo abundance

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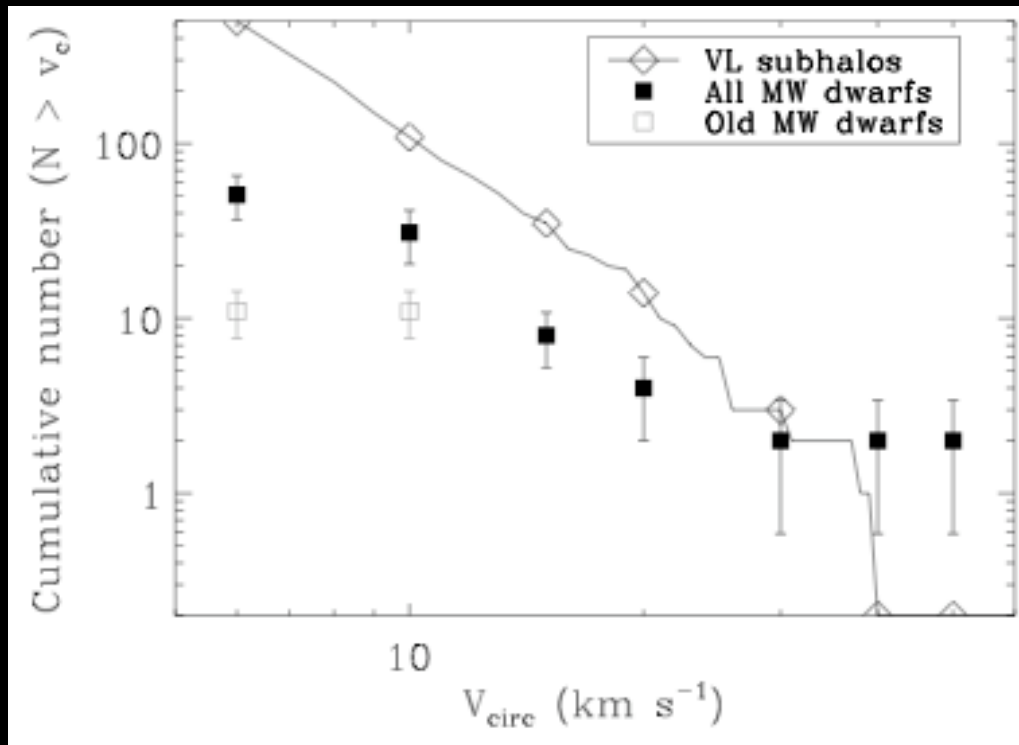
$N(>V) \sim V^{-3}$
annihilation signal has not converged yet

$N(>M) \sim M^{-\alpha}$
 $\alpha = 0.93 - 1.0$
mass in subhalos not converged

Milky Way scale still uncertain:
160 - 220 km/s
VL-II : $V_{\max} = 201$ km/s

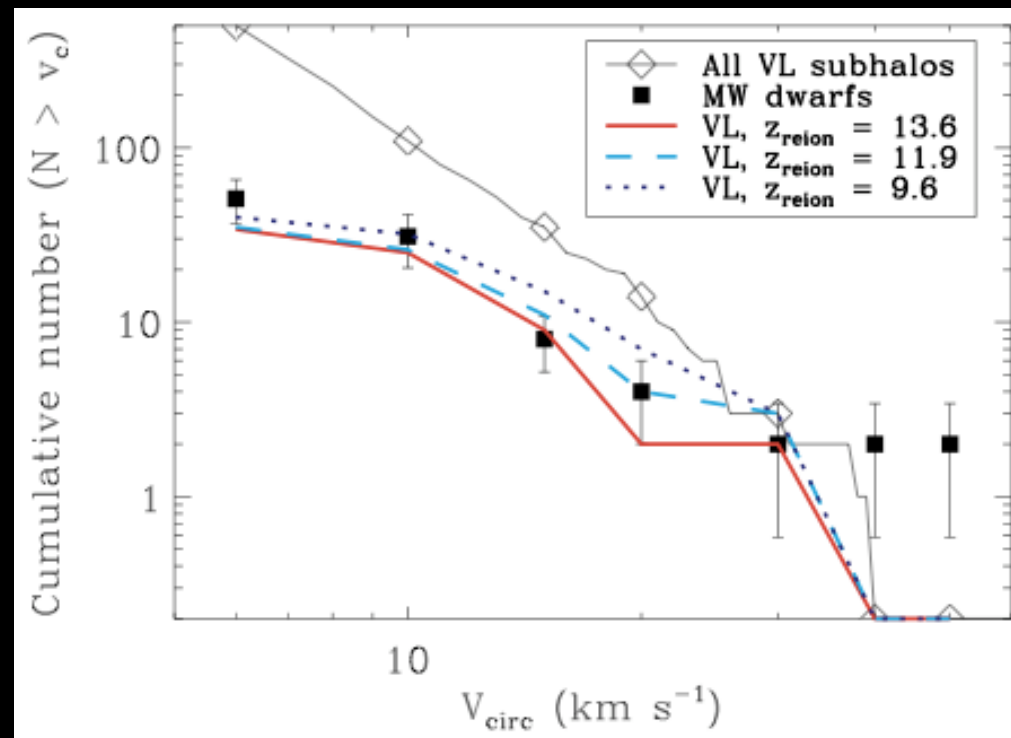
missing satellites?

adding the new ultra faint dwarfs from SDSS helps (Simon+Geha2007):

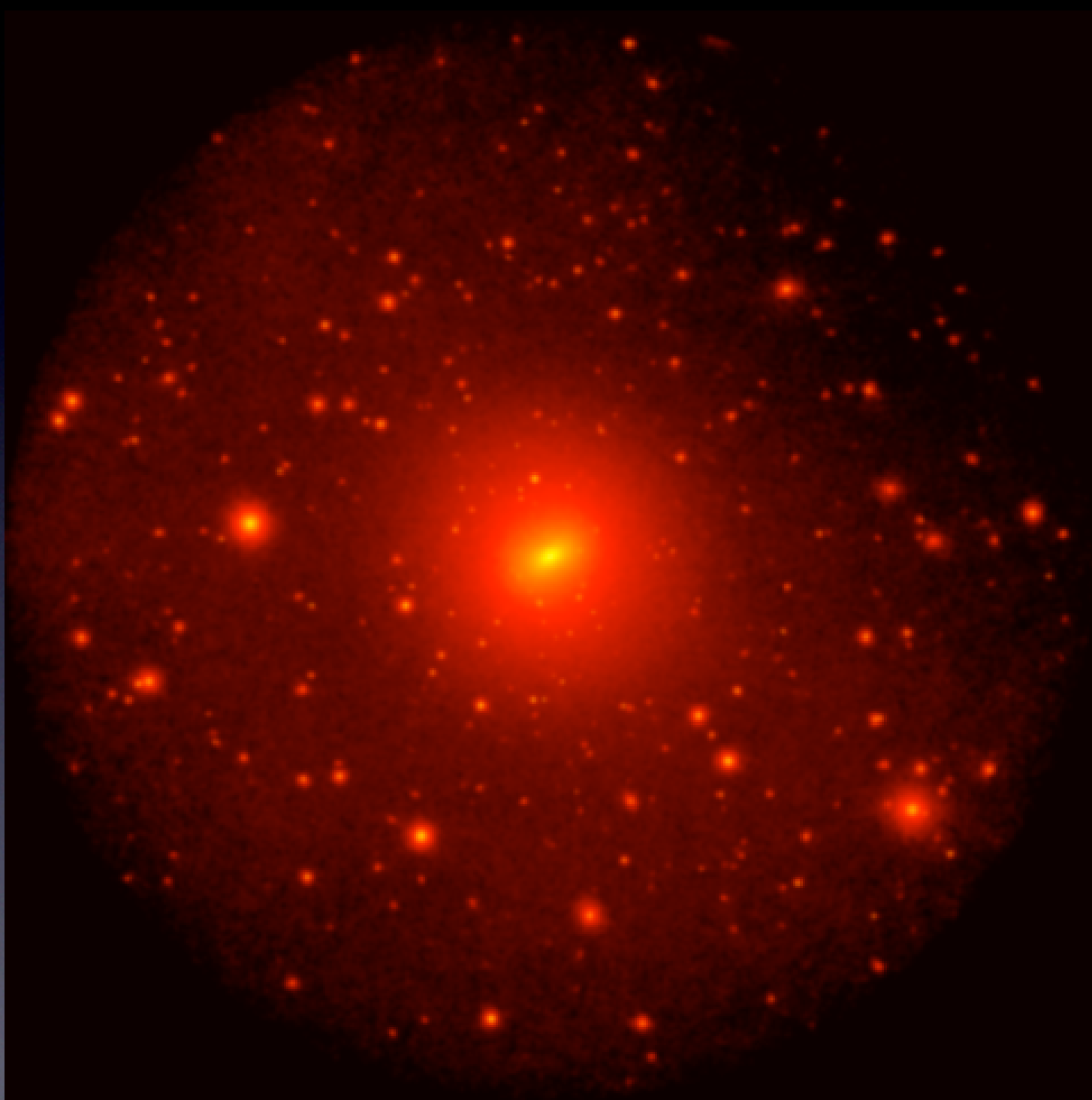


earliest forming subhalos
(or the largest before accretion)
would have roughly the right masses
and the correct spatial distribution
(Moore,JD et al 2006)

there might be ~ 1000 dwarf satellites
(Tollerud+2008)
CDM does have enough host halos



substructure inside subhalos



'boost factors'

$$\text{halo boost factor} = \frac{\text{total halo luminosity}}{\text{spherical, smooth halo luminosity}}$$

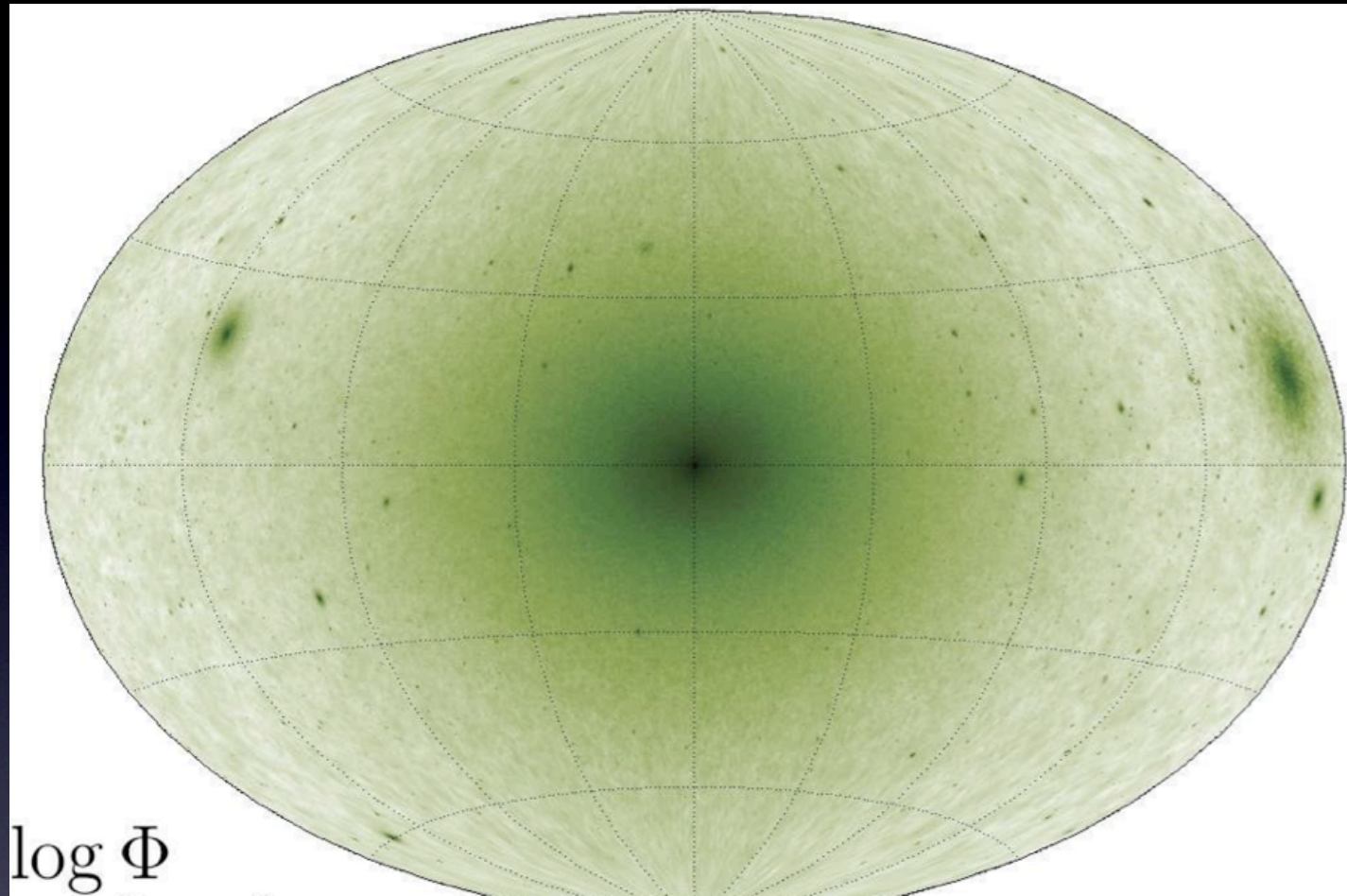
~ 4 - 15 JD et al 2006 and astro-ph/0805.1244
not ~1.7 Stoehr, White, Springel et al. 2003
not 232 Springel et al. Nature, 2008

$$\text{local boost factor} = \frac{\text{total local luminosity}}{\text{smooth local halo luminosity}}$$

~ 1.4 (larger than 10 in only 1% of all locations at 8 kpc)
probably too low to explain HEAT/PAMELA e⁺ with DM

JD et al astro-ph/0805.1244

Allsky map of DM annihilation signal from via lactea II



main halo obviously the brightest source, but poorly constrained, diffuse, astrophysical foregrounds (e.g. Strong & Mosch XX) make subhalos the more promising sources (Baltz et al. 2008)

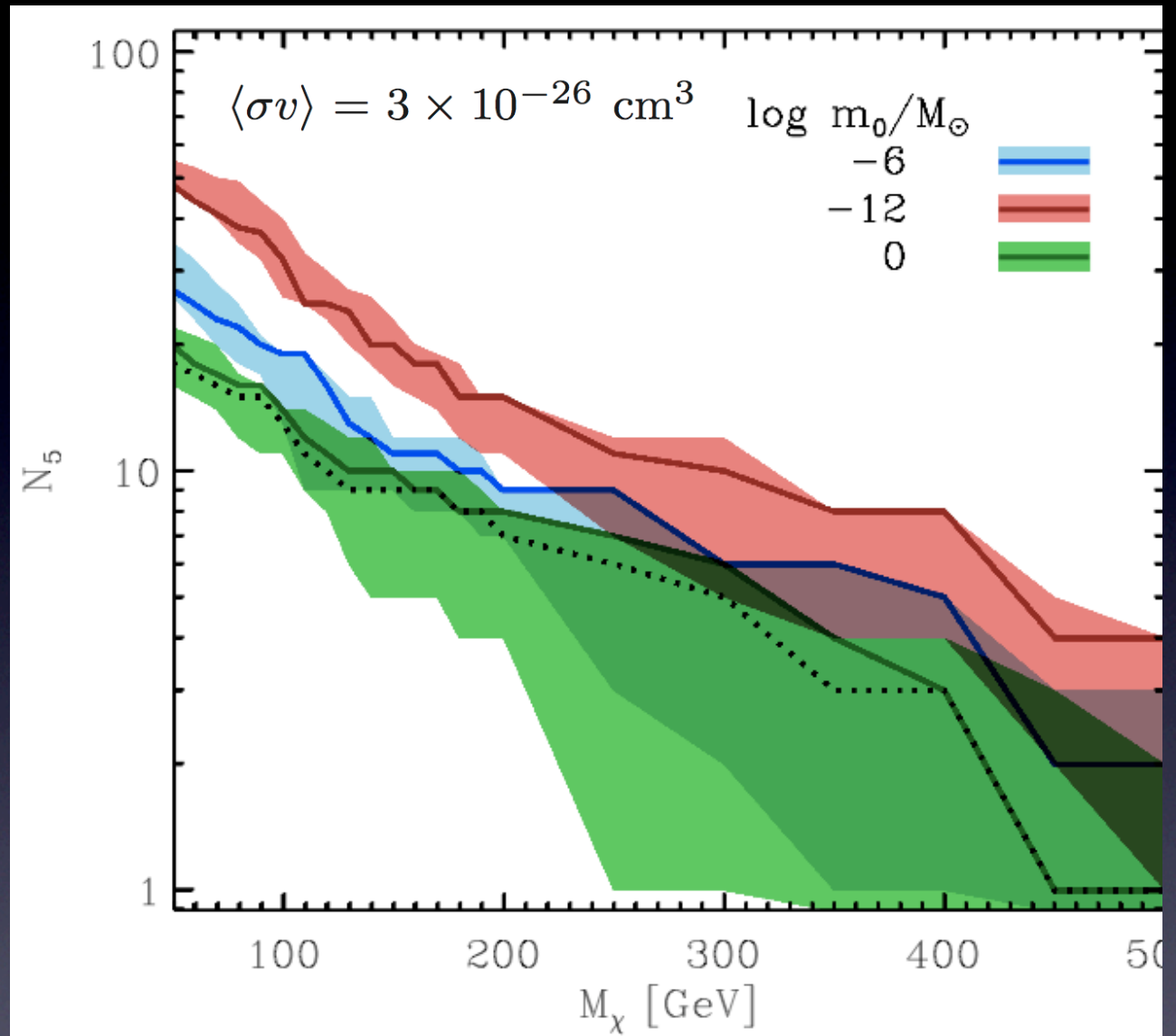
number of 5 sigma subhalo detection by GLAST/Fermi in 2 years ★

optimistic boost from unresolved small scale structure

fiducial

pessimistic

no boost : dotted



small scales structure not crucial for detection

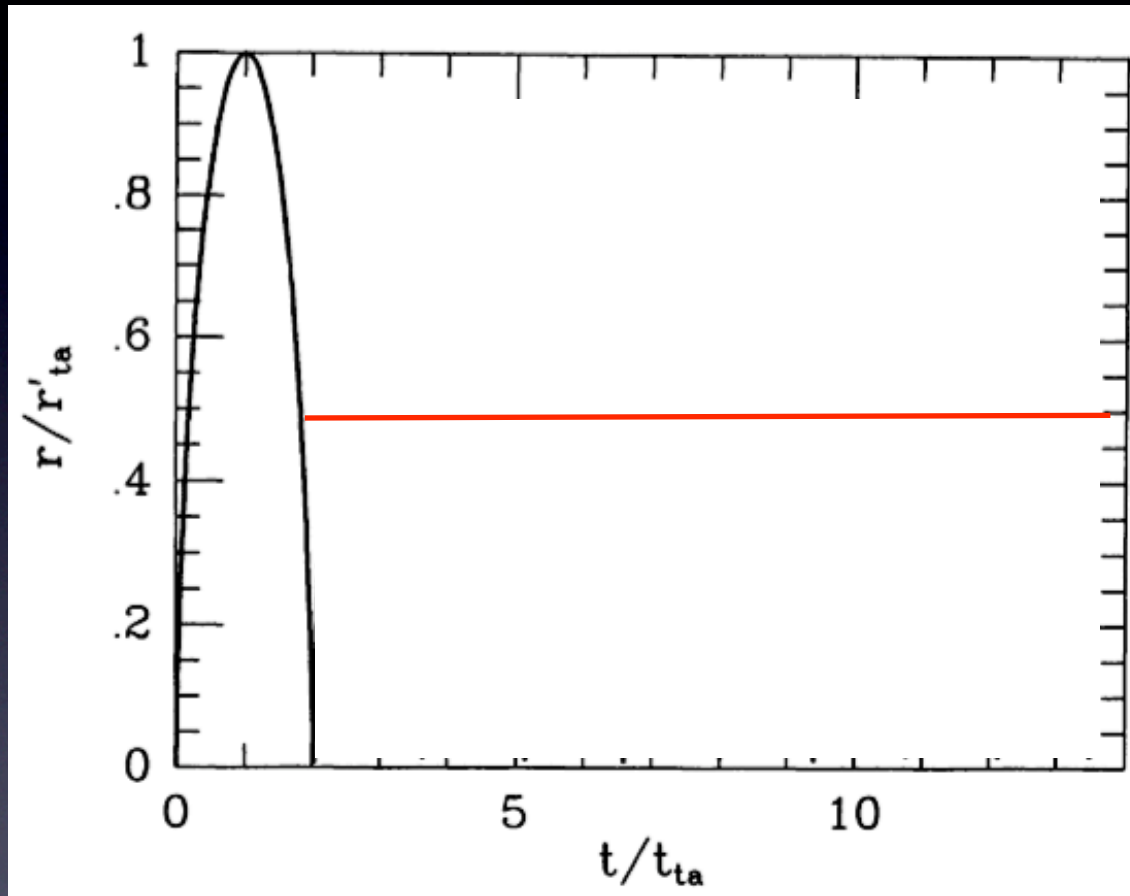
promising numbers typical WIMP properties

(Kuhlen, JD & Madau 2008)

★ 2yr allsky integration \sim 10yr of flight

2) how do halos accrete their mass?

spherical radial top-hat collapse



assumes virialisation at
half the turnaround radius

basis for definition of
'virial' radius:

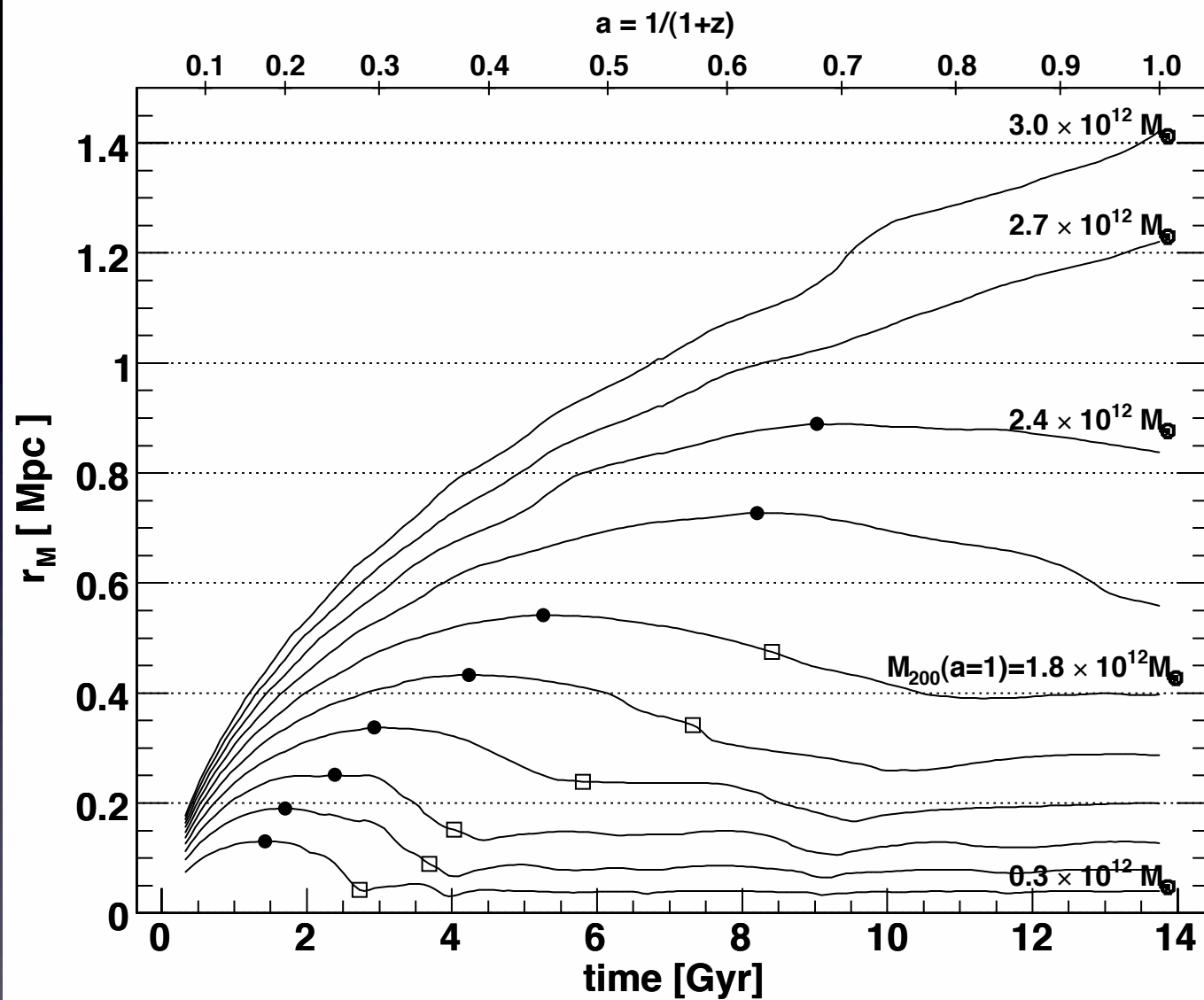
r_{178} for EdS

r_{340} LambdaCDM $z=0$

(contrast over mean
matter density)

(Gunn, Gott ... 1970ies)

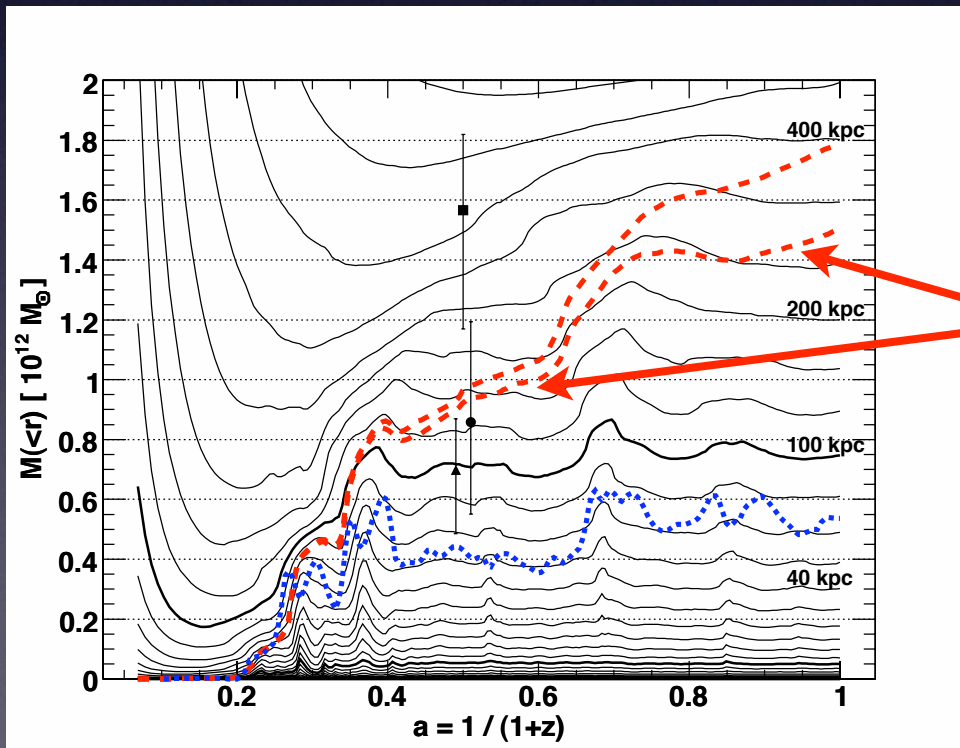
Spherical shells of fixed mass



2) how do halos accrete their mass?

spherical radial top-hat collapse : problems

- galaxy halos are stationary to about 2 virial radii (Prada,Klypin+2005)
- mass accretion history $\neq M_{\text{vir}}(z)$
collapse factor only 1.36 not 2 for the virial mass shell
shells constantly exchange mass (JD,Kuhlen,Madau2007)

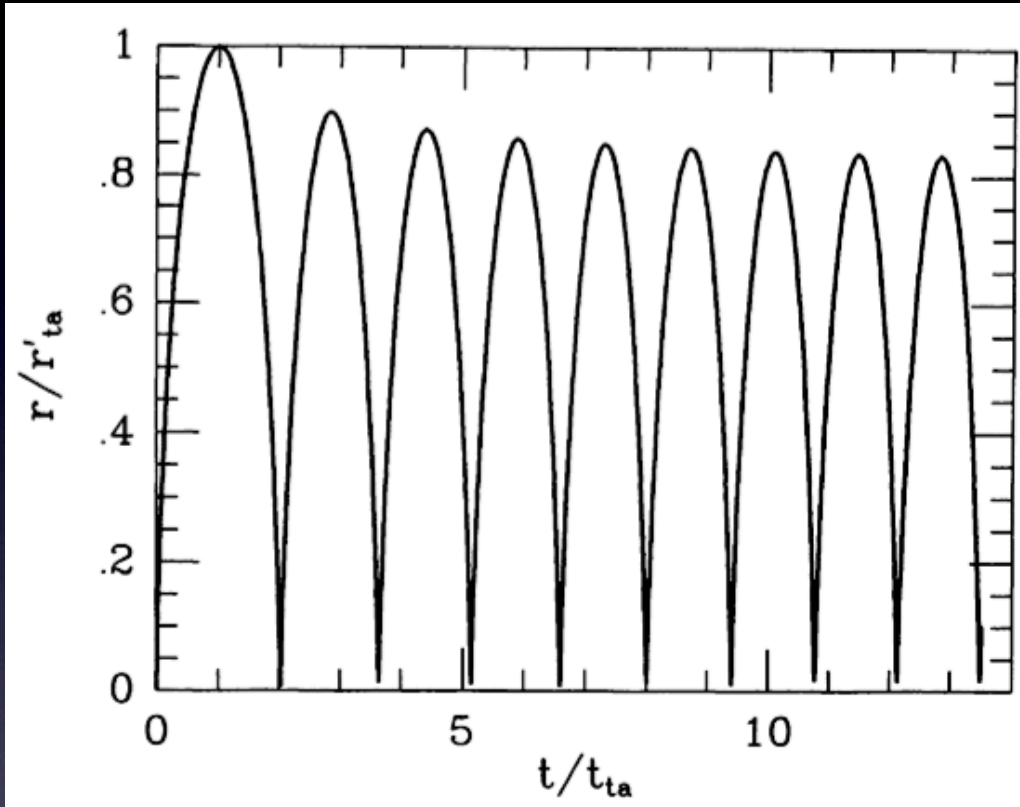


nominal growth in M_{vir}
in epochs without real growth

97.5% contributed by infalling,
resolved clumps
no smooth accretion (Madau+2008)

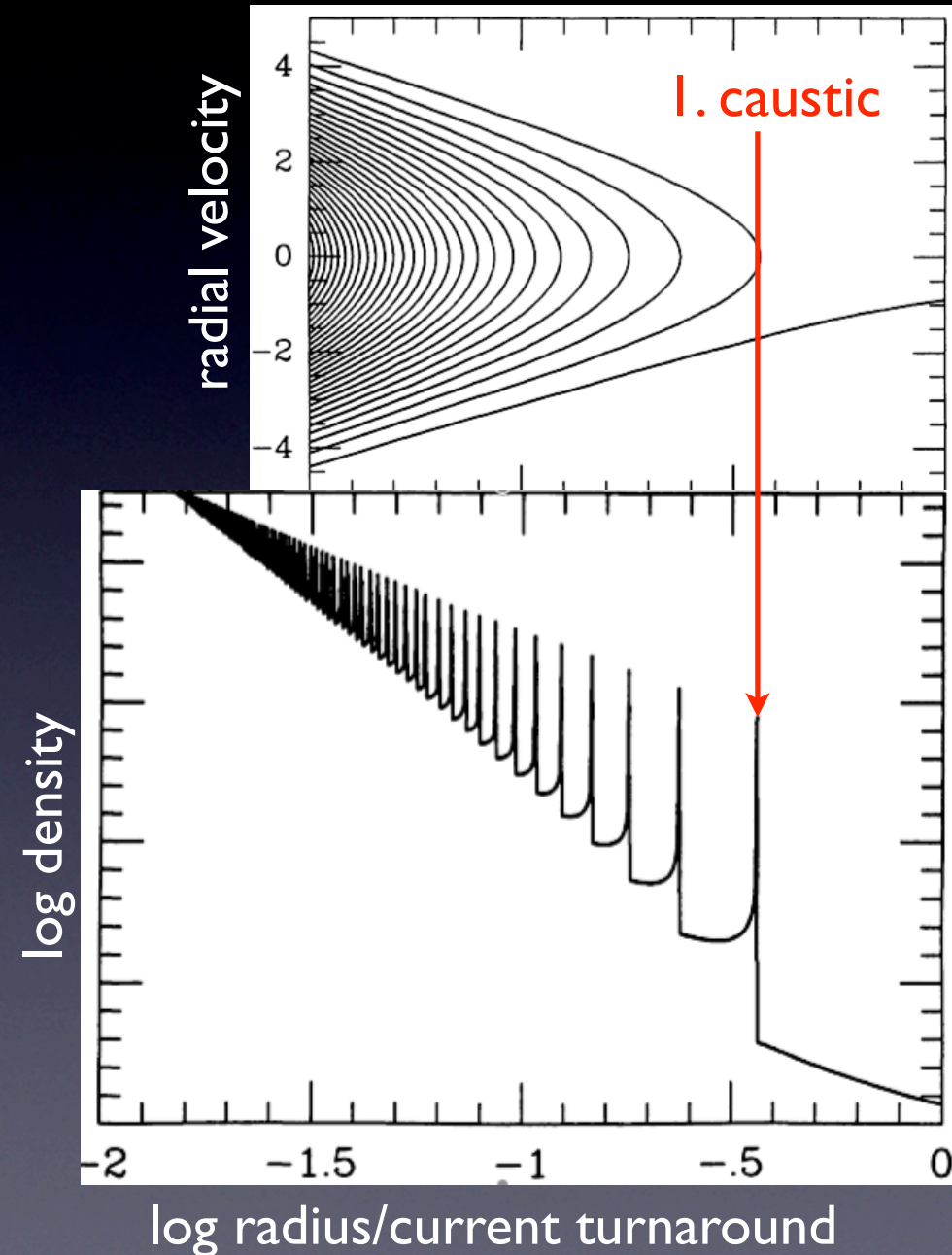
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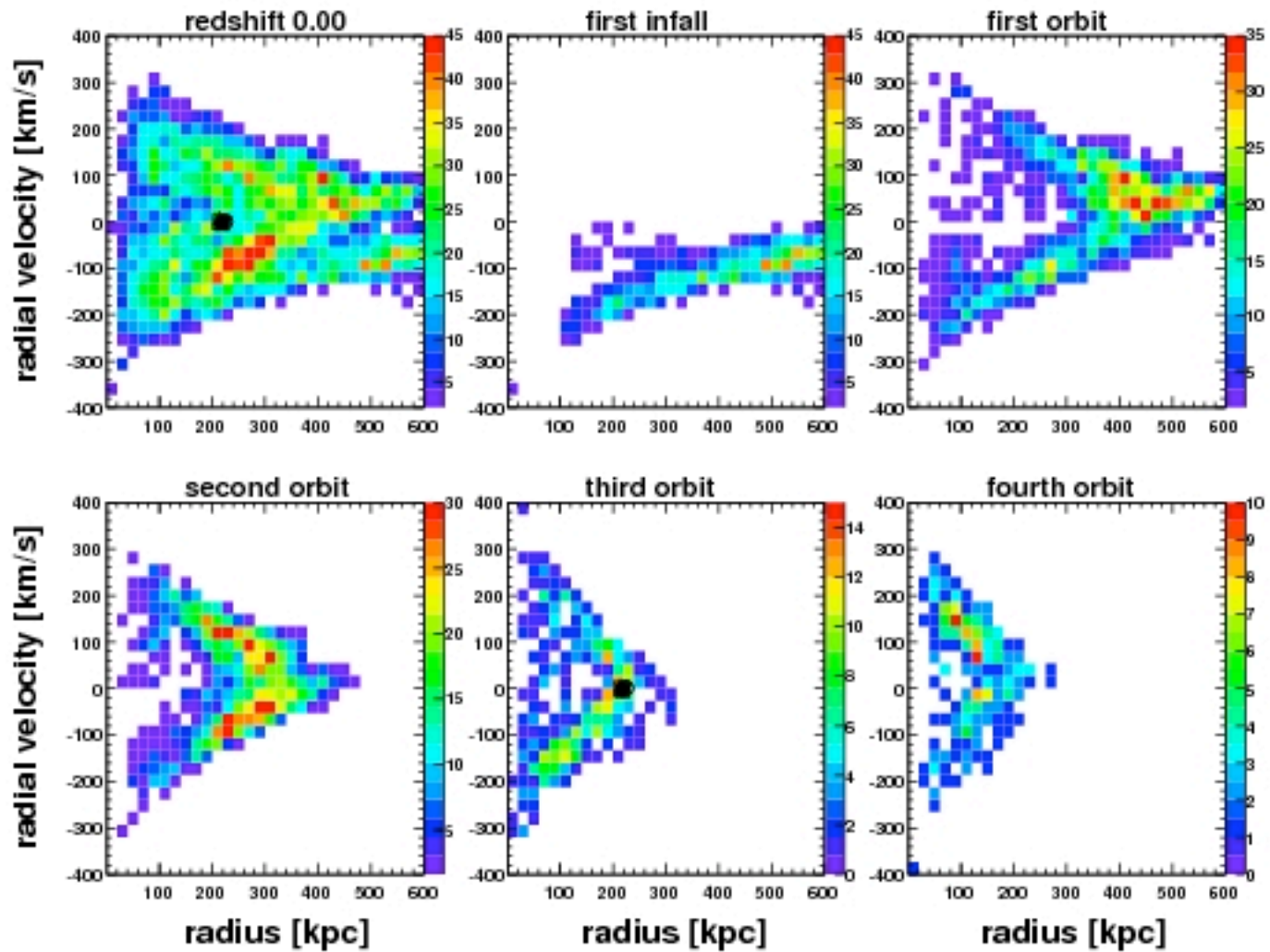
self-similar secondary spherical radial infall model:

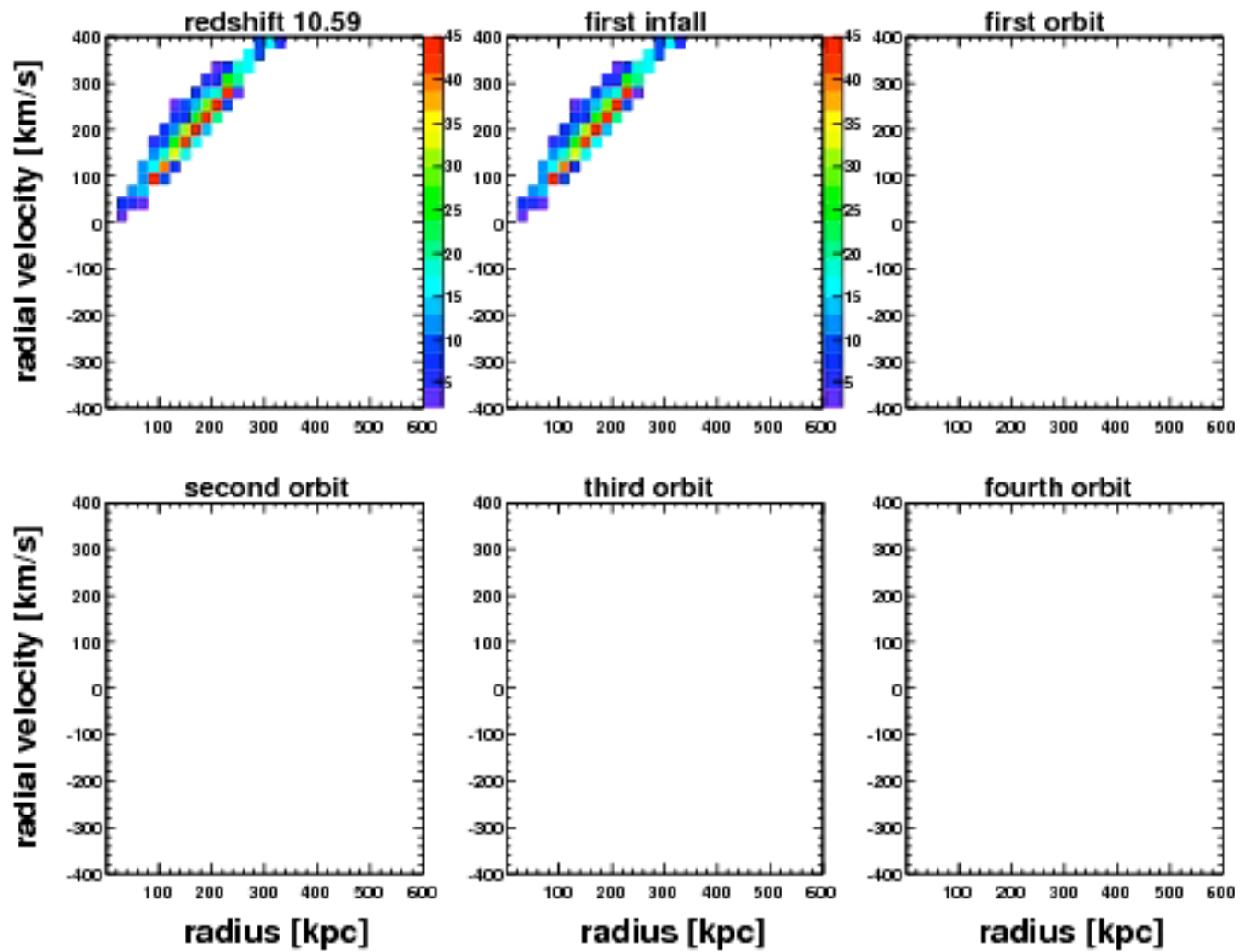


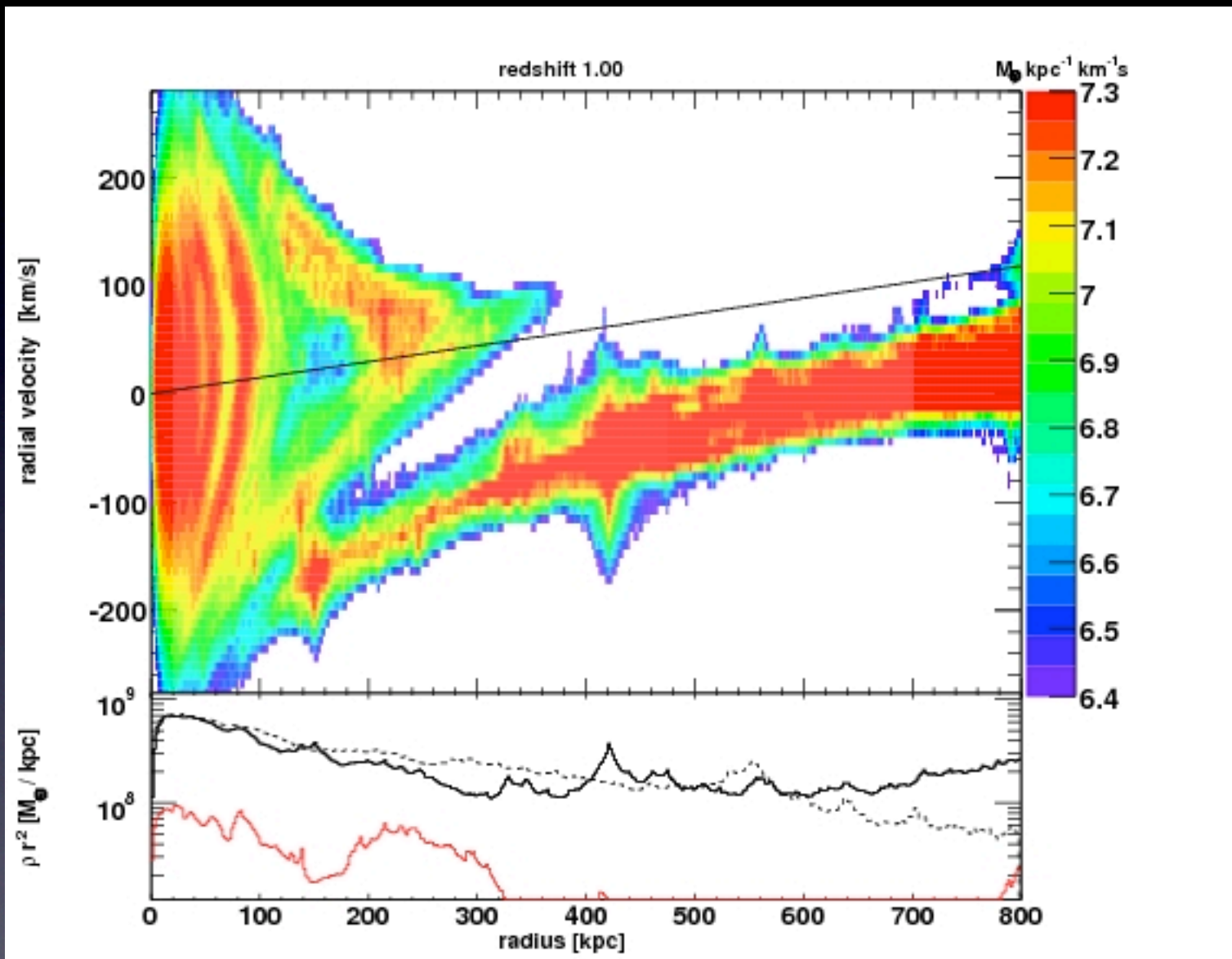
Fillmore&Goldreich 1984;Bertschinger 1985

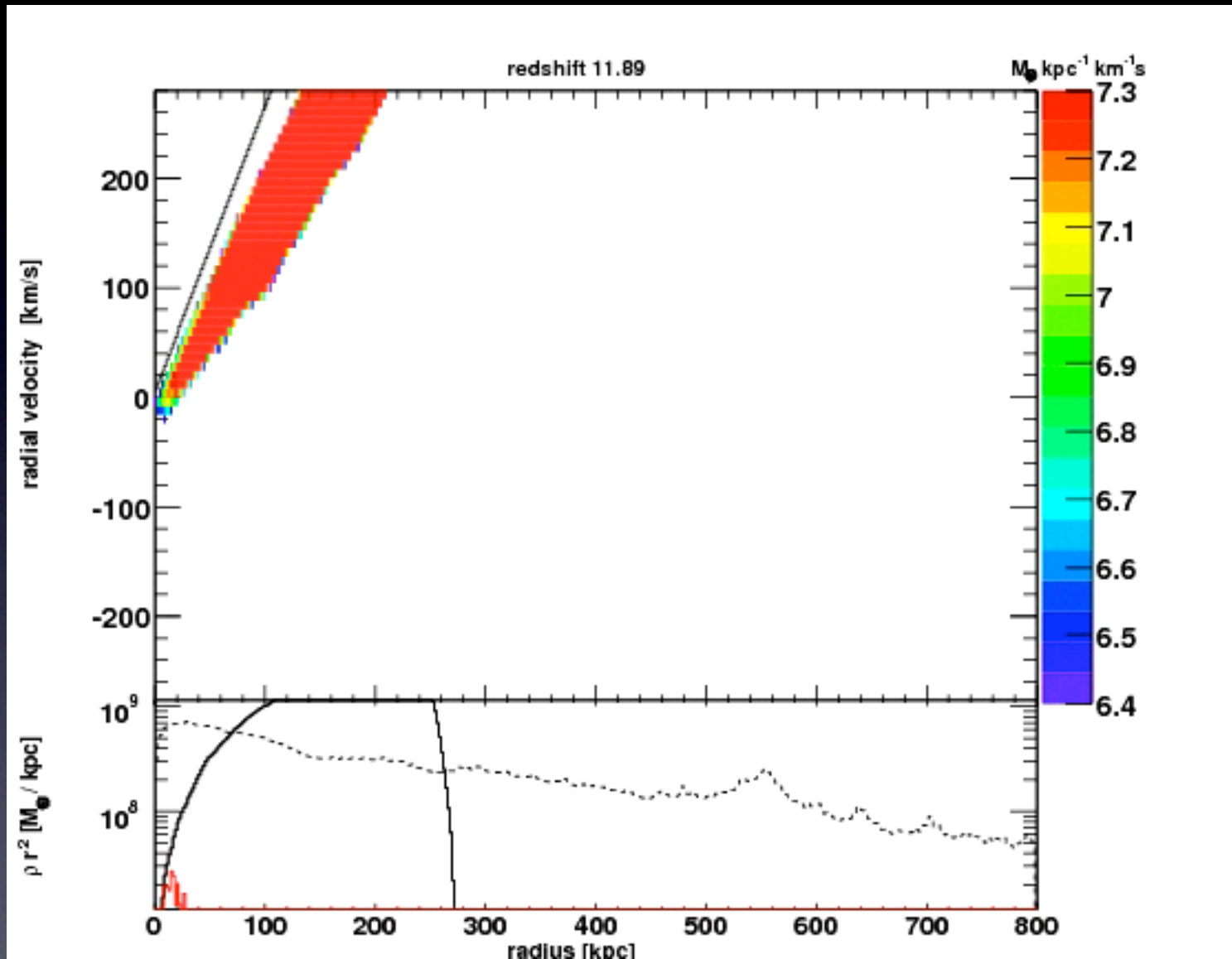
small collapse factors of 12% to 18%
 $\rho \sim r^{-2.25}$ with infinite density caustics

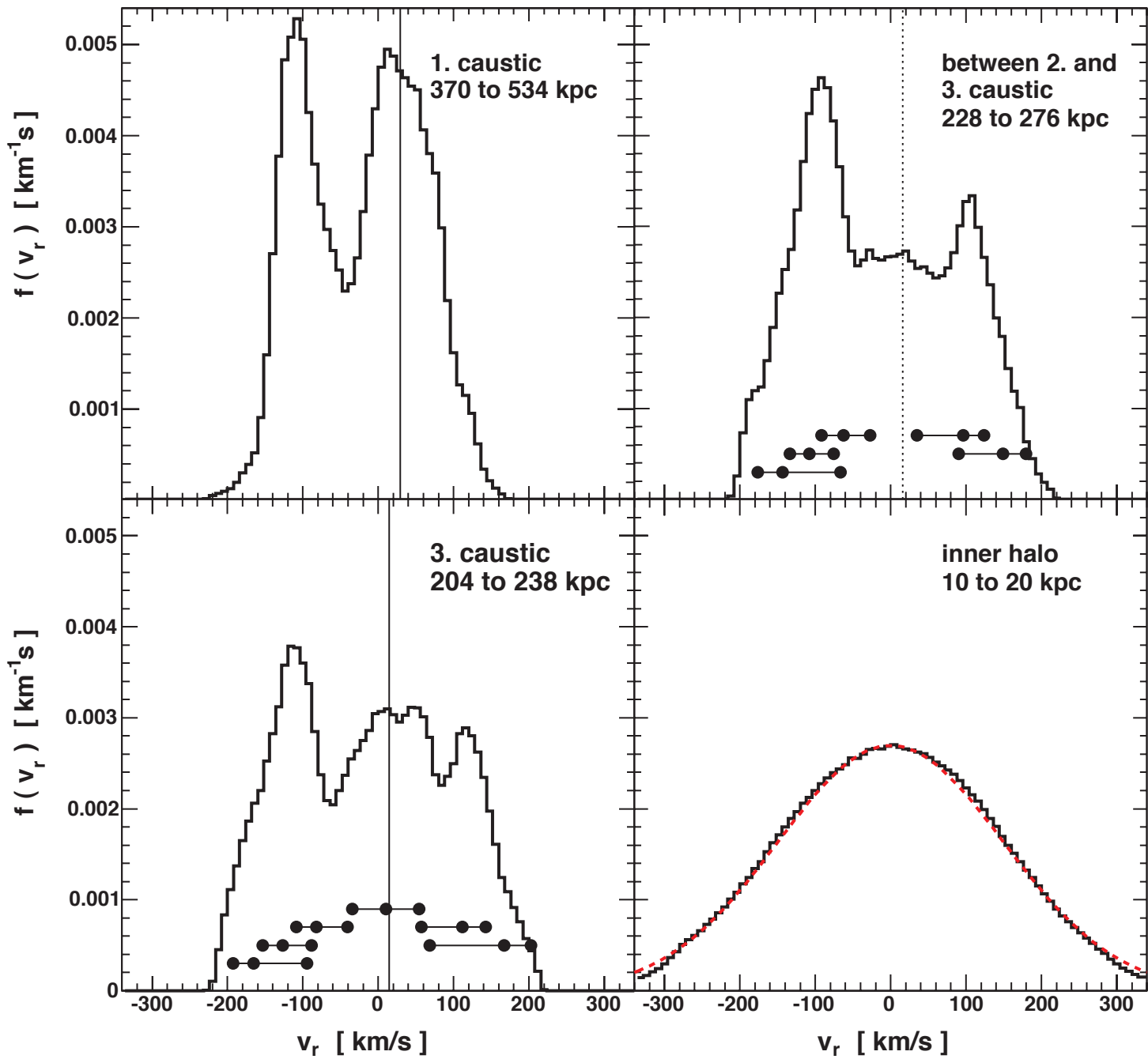


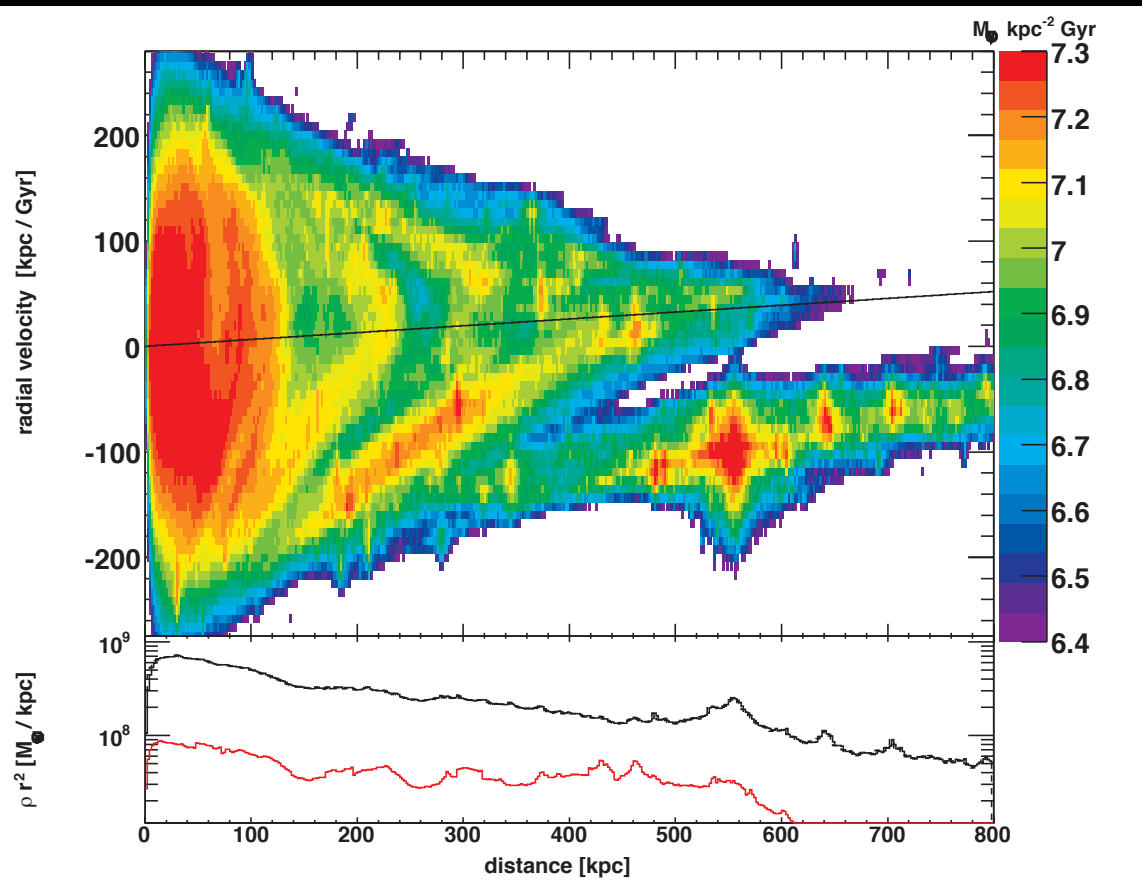












typical particles and subhalos go out to 0.8 to 0.9 of where they turned around, as in the FGB model

But the scatter is too large to allow the formation of high density caustics

only weak features in $v_r - r$ plane
detection extremely challenging!

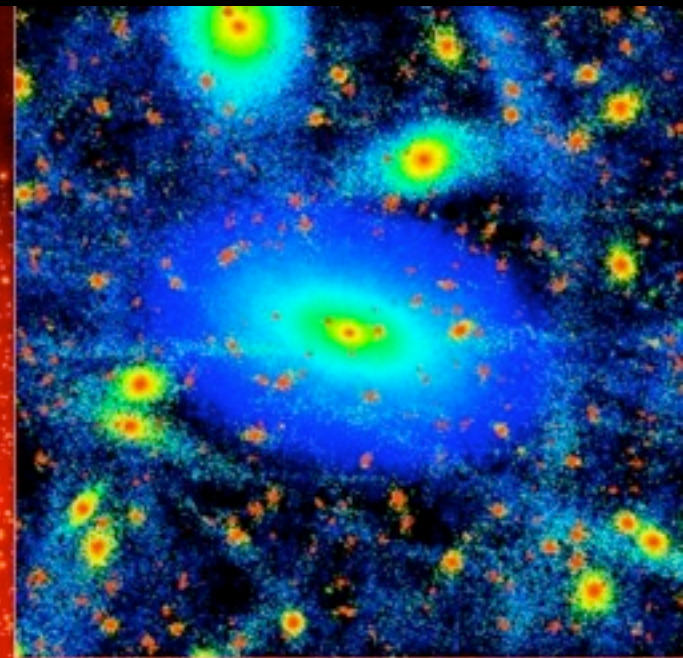
note $r_{\text{vir}} = 289$ kpc

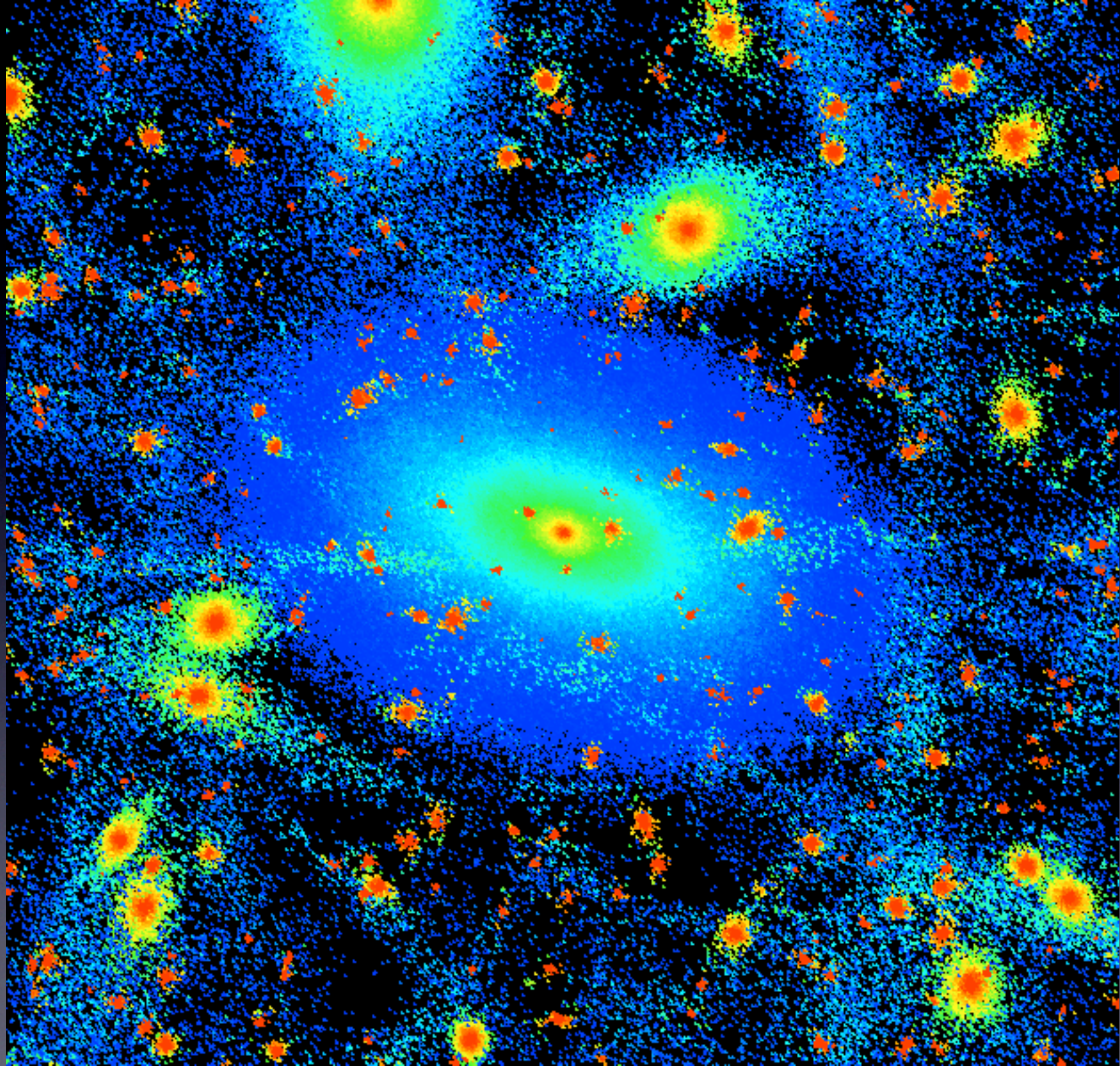
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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 453 | 370–534 | 0.36 | 491 | 443–551 | 0.22 | 0.92 | 0.77–1.12 | 0.876 |
| 310 | 242–384 | 0.46 | 343 | 297–407 | 0.32 | 0.93 | 0.57–1.24 | 0.864 |
| 220 | 204–237 | 0.15 | 261 | 211–316 | 0.40 | 0.84 | 0.67–1.10 | 0.856 |
| 173 | 137–207 | 0.41 | 222 | 180–266 | 0.39 | 0.78 | 0.58–1.25 | 0.843 |
| 141 | 110–191 | 0.57 | 179 | 131–229 | 0.55 | 0.78 | 0.52–1.46 | 0.832 |
| 121 | 89–170 | 0.67 | 157 | 105–201 | 0.61 | 0.81 | 0.54–1.46 | 0.834 |

via lactea II :

local density

phase-space density





direct detection

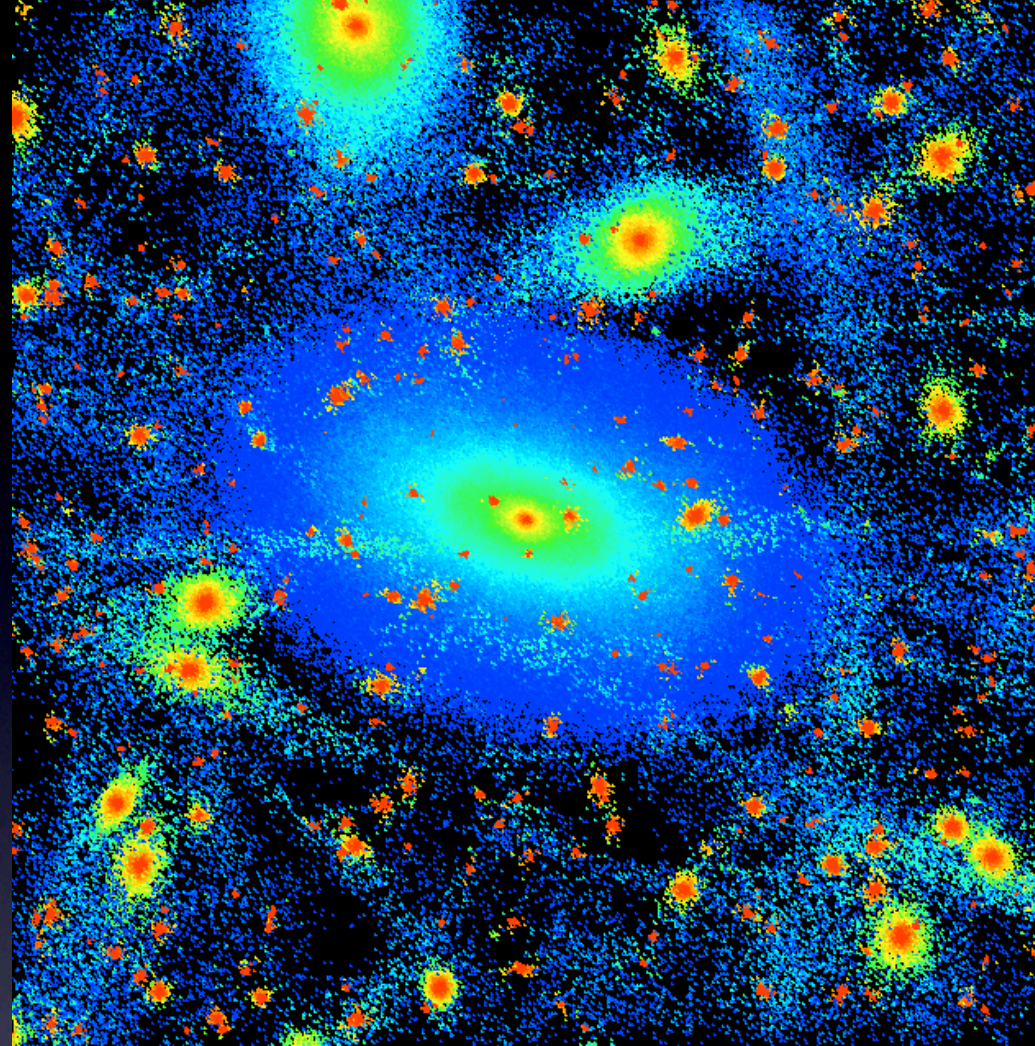
at 8 kpc VL-II is almost smooth, there is little mass in subhalos

'local' kpc-scale velocity distributions are close to Gaussians

anisotropy depends on location, Zemp et al. submitted

dark disk component when Galaxy is included

J. Read et al astro-ph/0803.2714



some obvious streams visible in phase space density, but they contain less than 0.01 of the local density

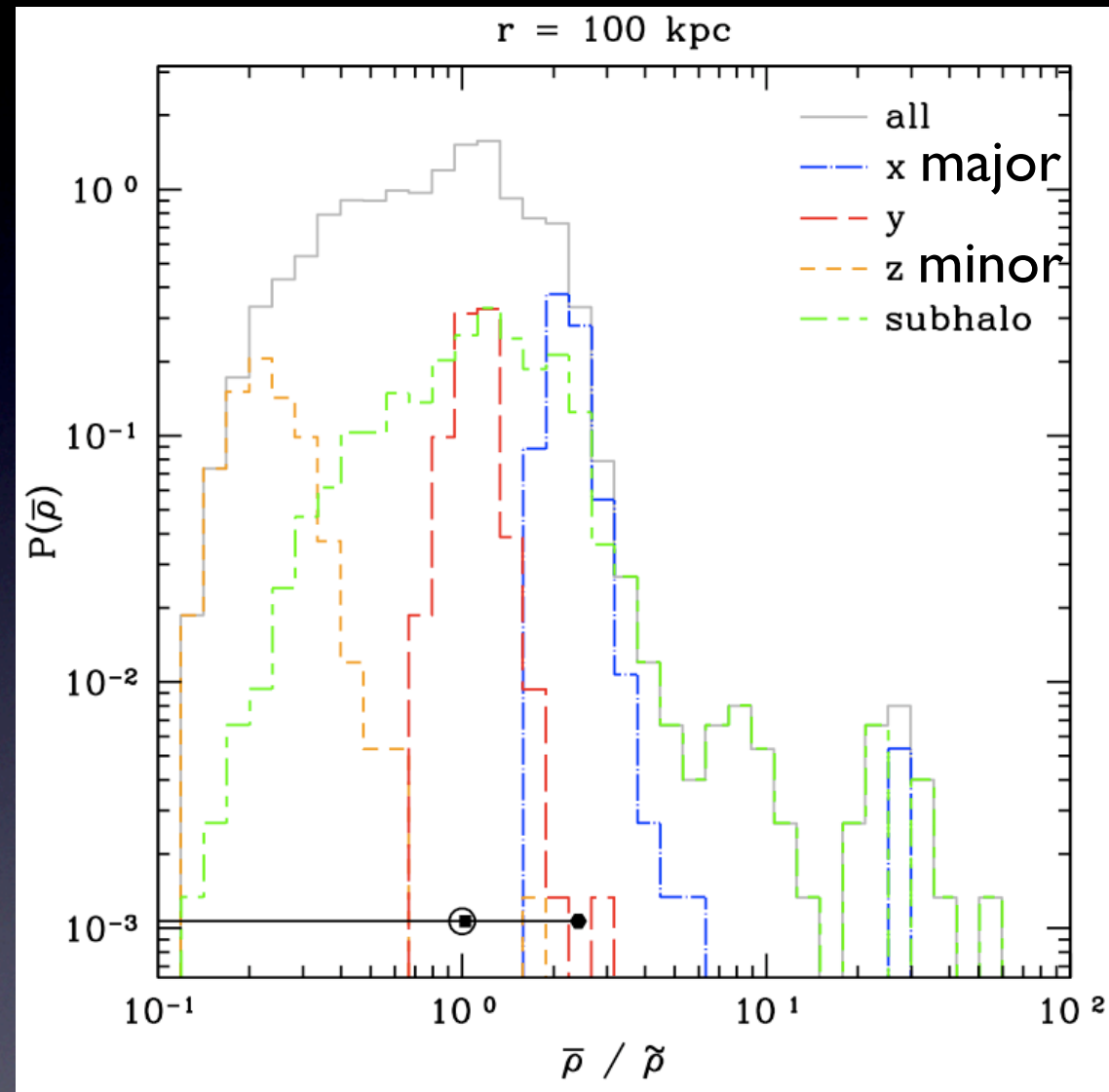
JD et al Nature 2008

additional lumpiness from tidal streams

streams are poorly mixed in the **outer** halo

additional fluctuations in local densities; more than just a smooth triaxial halo plus subhalos

but clumpiness is still dominated by subhalos, i.e no significant extra annihilation boost from streams (see also Afshordi et al. 08 | 1.1582)



summary

small subhalos contribute significantly to the total DM annihilation signal

subhalo annihilation signals might be detectable by GLAST/Fermi

tides remove subhalo mass from the outside in and lead to higher concentrations for subhalos. the effect is stronger near the galactic center

most (97%) subhalos survive from $z=1$ until today. smaller ones loose less mass

typical subhalo and particle orbits go out to nearly their turnaround radius, as in the secondary infall model. But scatter prevents the formation of caustics

other substructure like infall caustics and tidal streams seem to have little effect on direct and indirect DM detection