

Numerical simulations of galactic structures

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5. microhalos revisited

for details see reviews:

Diemand & Moore, ASL, 2011

Kuhlen, Vogelsberger, Angulo, PDU, 2012

recent microhalo results: Anderhalden & Diemand, arXiv:1302.0003

HAP Dark Matter Workshop, Münster, Feb 18, 2013

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Dark matter dominates structure formation

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

no free parameters
high resolution, good scaling

good approximation for dwarf galaxy halos and for smaller, dark halos and subhalos

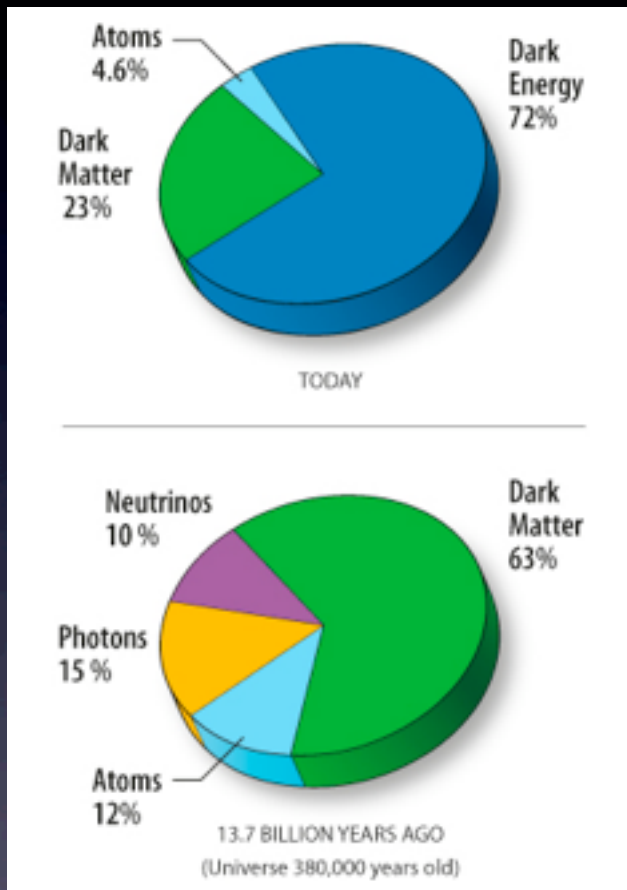
not accurate near centers of galaxies

accurate solution of idealized problem

one main motivation:

DM annihilation signal $\sim \text{density}^2$

i.e. structures on all scales increase the signal



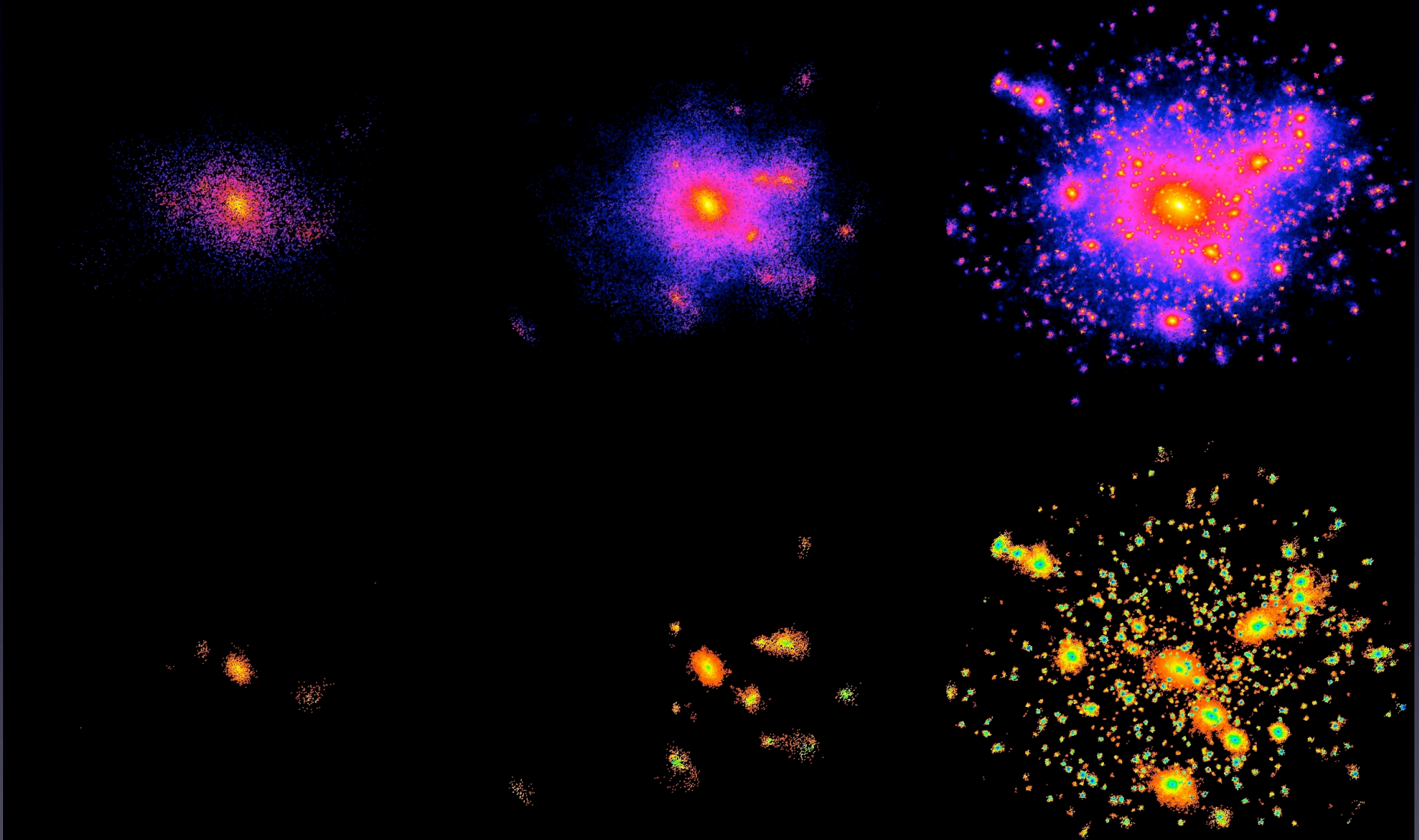
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Simulating structure formation

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

log density

N_halo from about 10k to a million



log phase space density

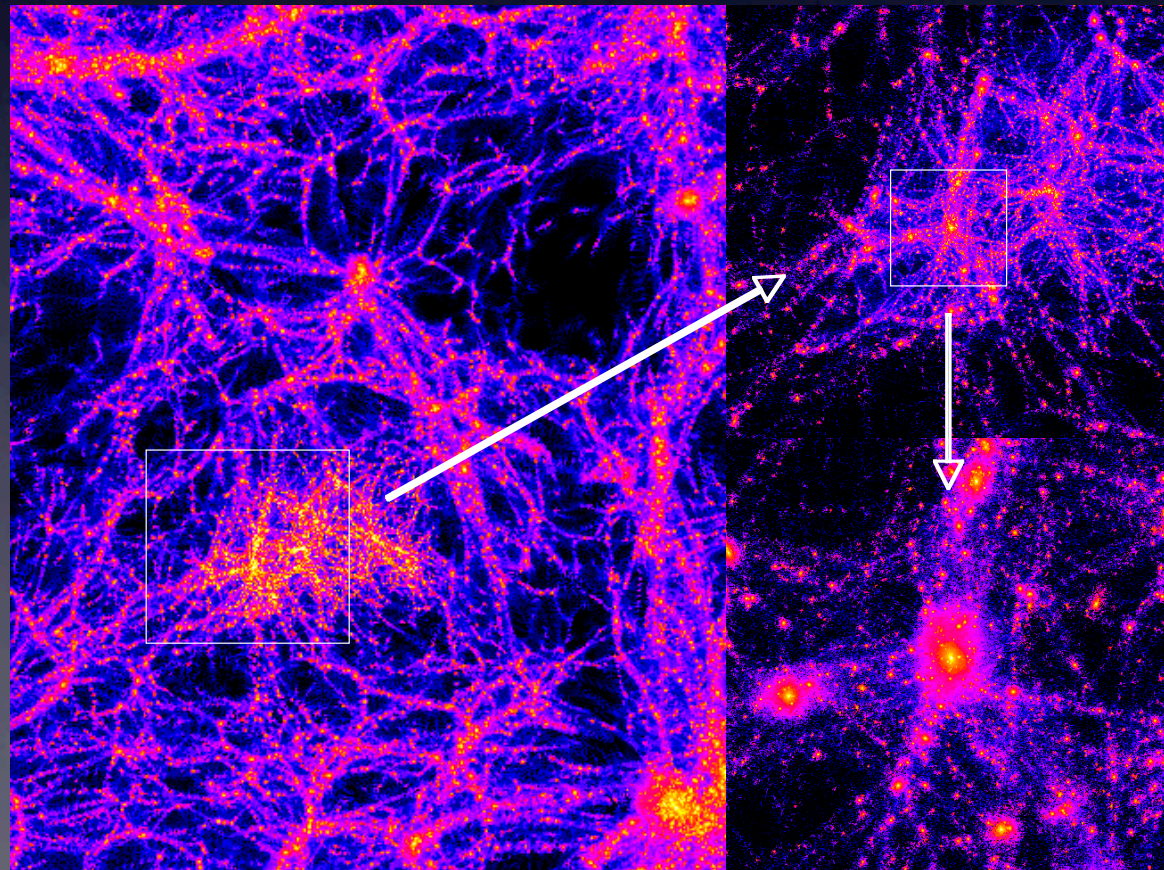
from Ben Moore : www.nbody.net

uniform resolution, periodic cubes

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

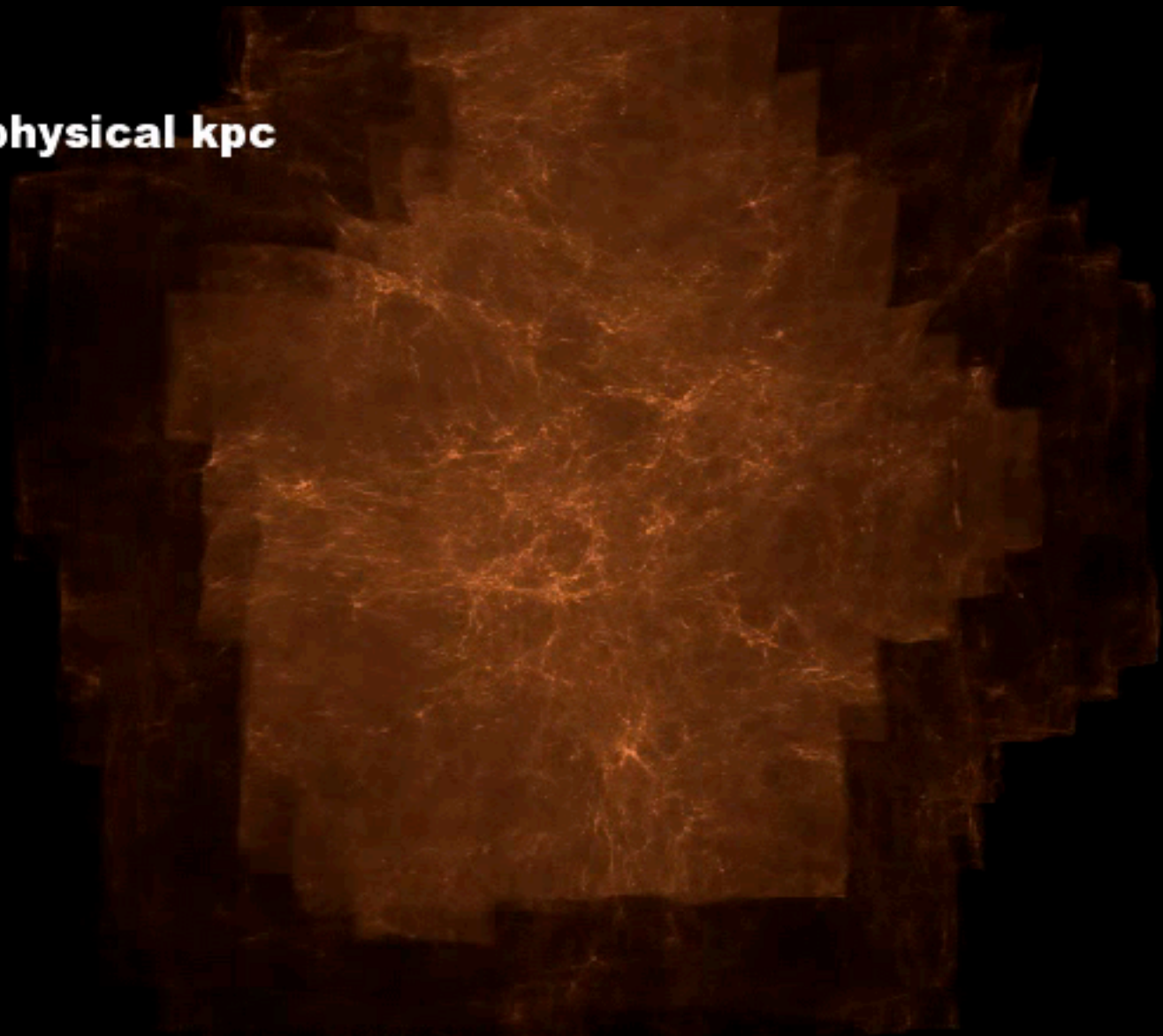
refined, re-simulations of individual halos

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



$z=11.9$

800 x 600 physical kpc



Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

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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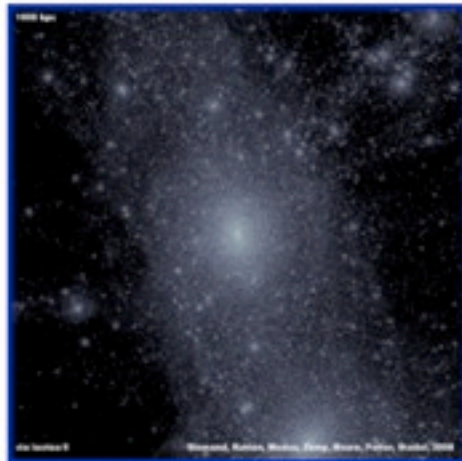
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VL-2 movies

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 $z=0$:

What is a (sub)halo? Operational definitions

mass profiles around
peaks in (phase-space)
density

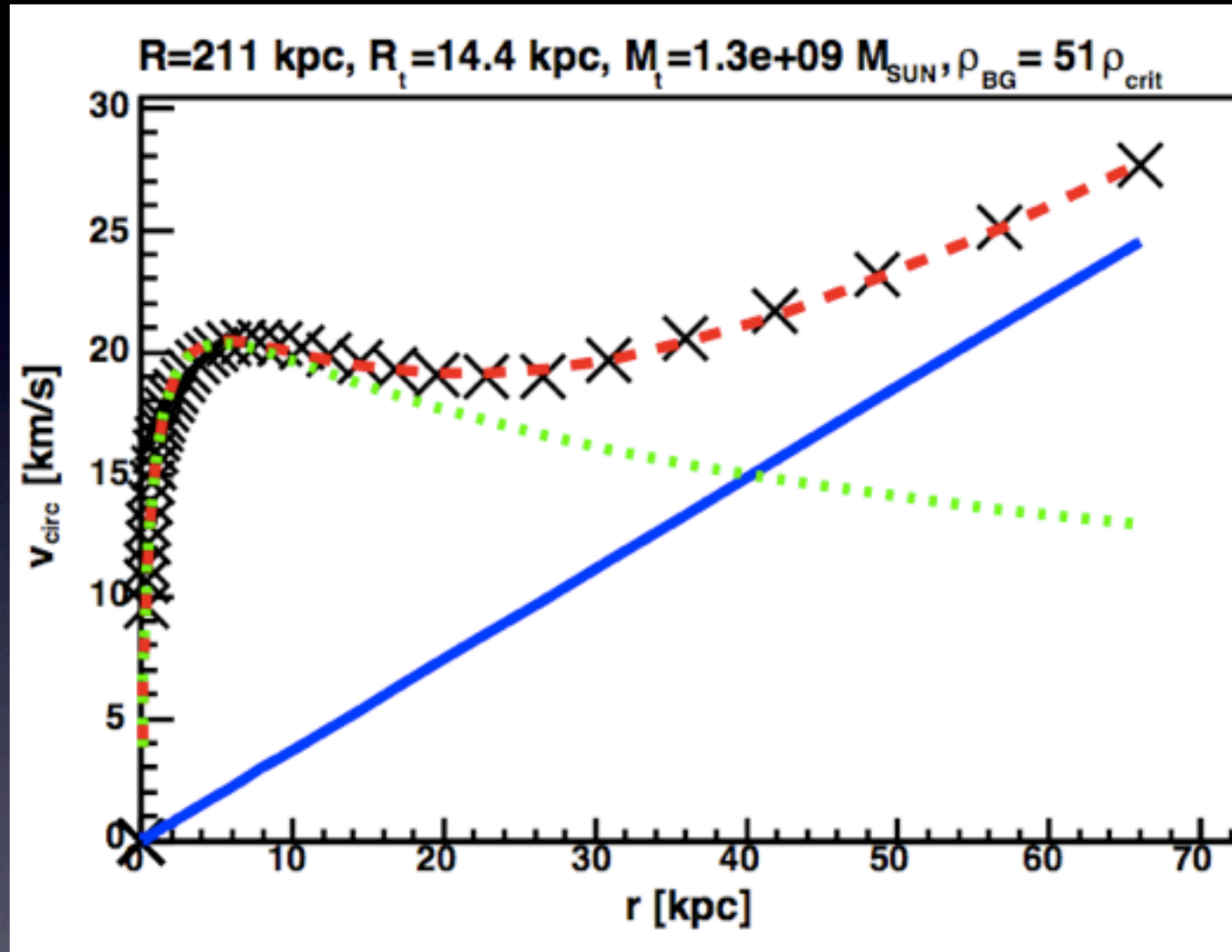
$$V_{\text{circ}}^2 = GM(<r)/r$$

has a well defined peak:

V_{max} at $r_{V\text{max}}$

no clear outer boundary:
“virial” radius is a simple,
but arbitrary scale
Anderhalden&JD 2011

halos with the virial
radius of another are
called subhalos



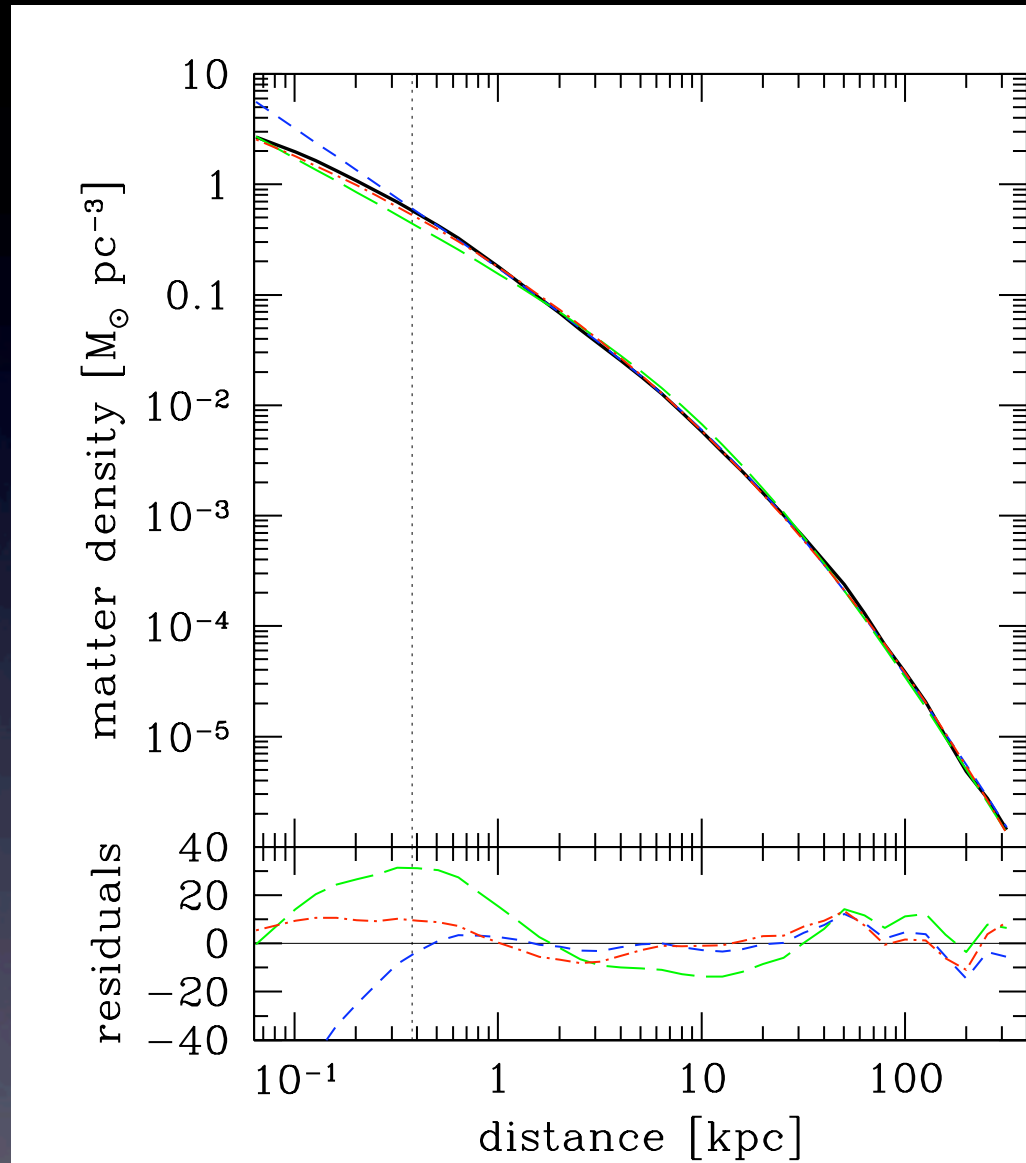
(sub)halo concentrations:

$$c_V = \rho(<r_{V\text{max}}) / \rho_{\text{crit},z=0}$$

$$c_{\text{NFW}} = r_{\text{vir}} / r_s, \quad r_s = r_{V\text{max}} / 2.16$$

I. density profiles

main halo density profile



NFW

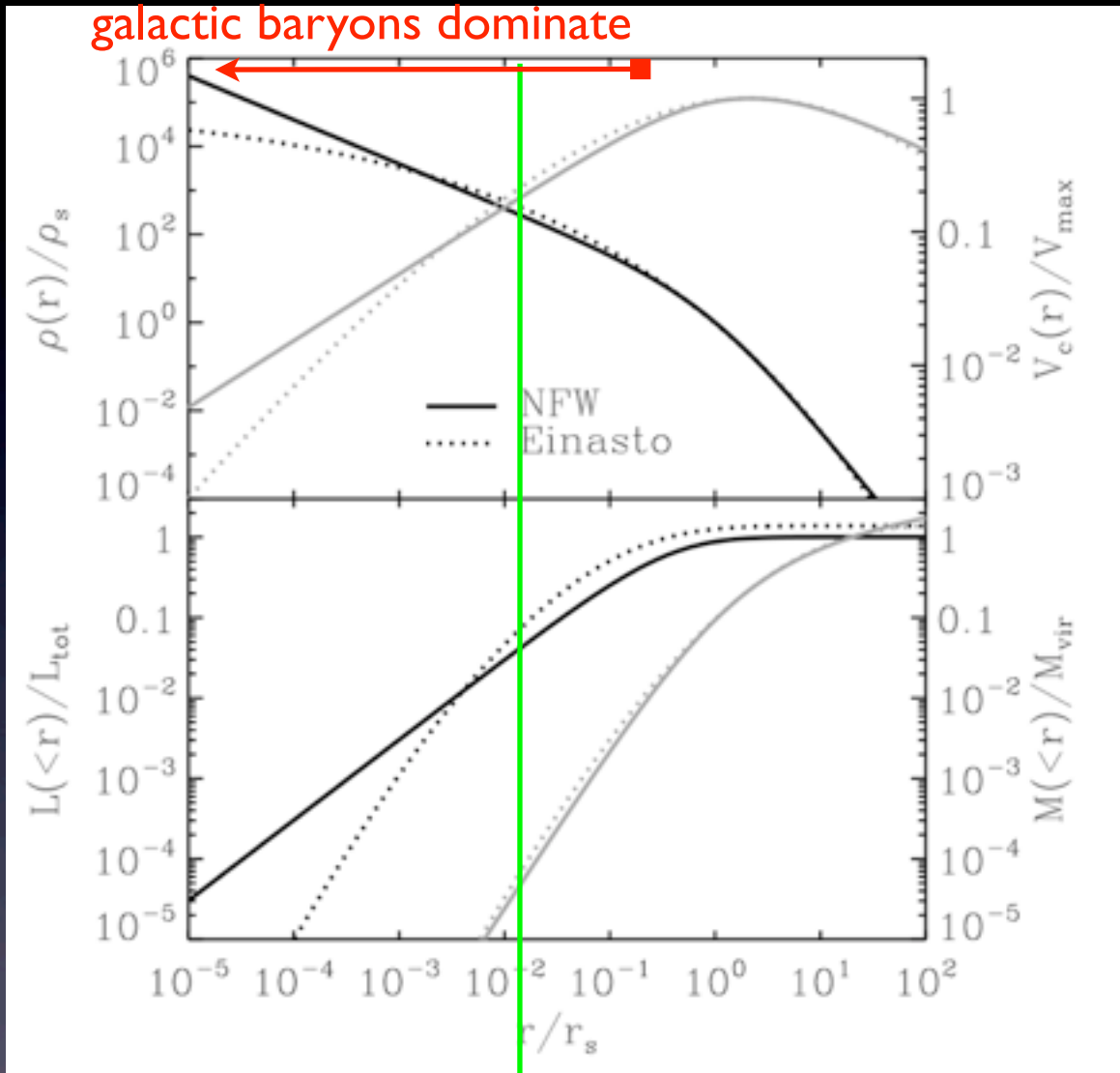
Einasto

$r^{-1.24}$ inner profile

JD et al. Nature 2008

inner region is denser than NFW: Einasto and $r^{-1.24}$ fit well down to 400 pc.
probably shallower than $r^{-1.24}$ on very small scales (scatter / convergence?).

main halo density profile



comparison of NFW and Einasto ($\alpha=0.17$) profiles

normalized at V_{\max} and rV_{\max}

$$L_{\text{Einasto}} = 1.41 L_{\text{NFW}}$$

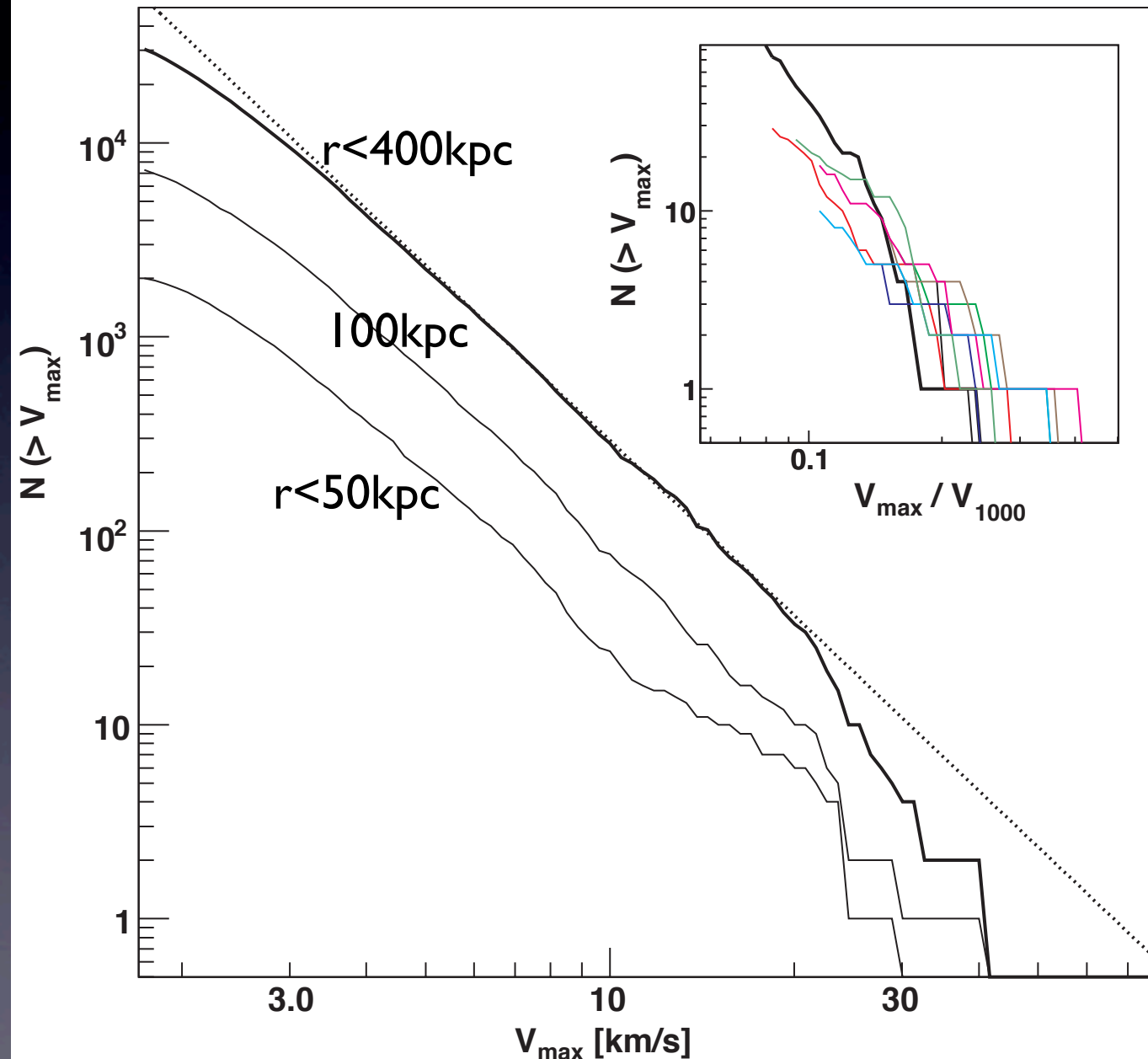
Kuhlen, AdAst 2010

well resolved region in pure dark matter simulations contains > 99 percent of the annihilation luminosity L (Einasto and $r^{-1.24}$ inner profile are very similar here)

2. subhalos and indirect detection

subhalo and sub-subhalo abundance

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



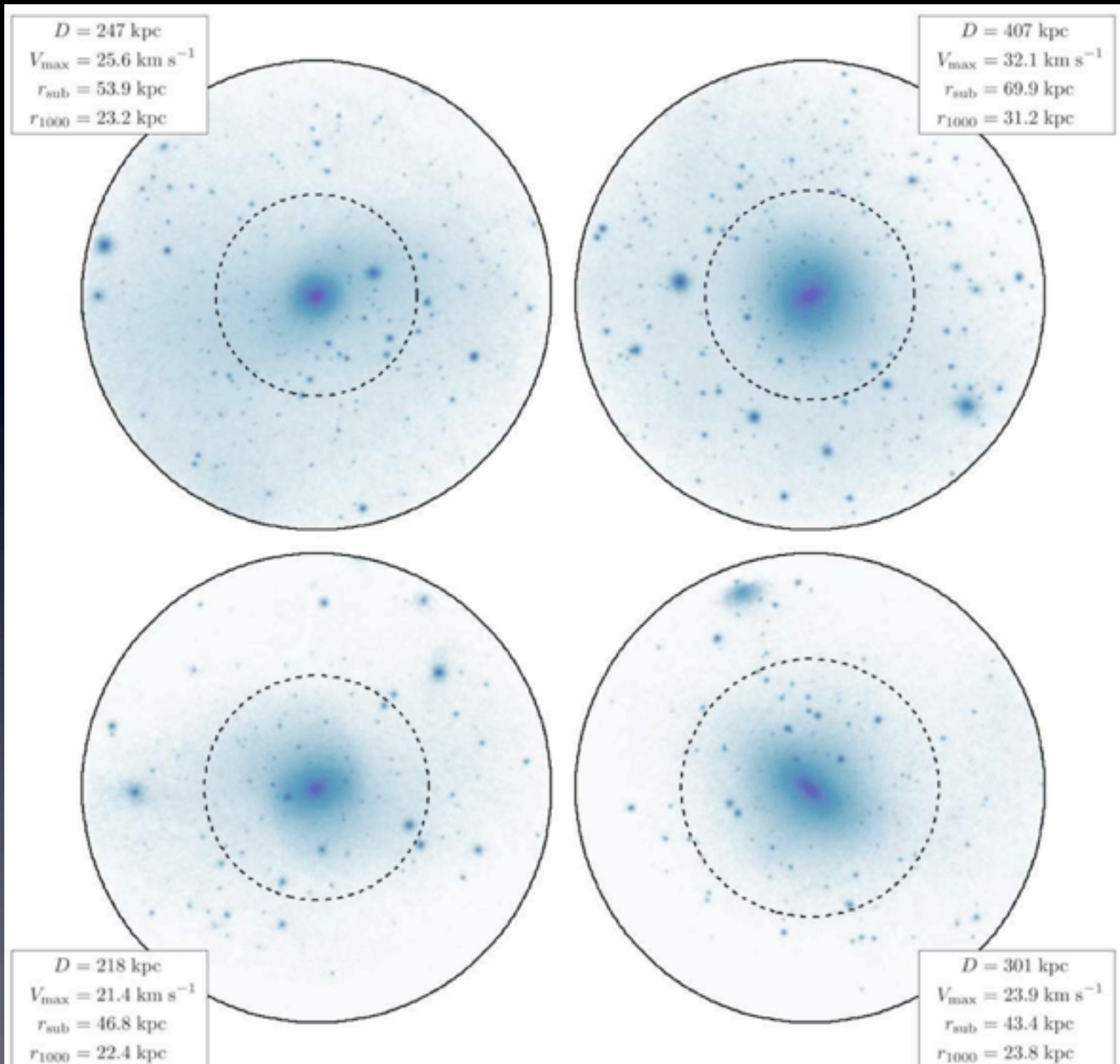
velocity function
 $N(>V) \sim V^{-3}$

annihilation signal has
not converged yet in
simulations

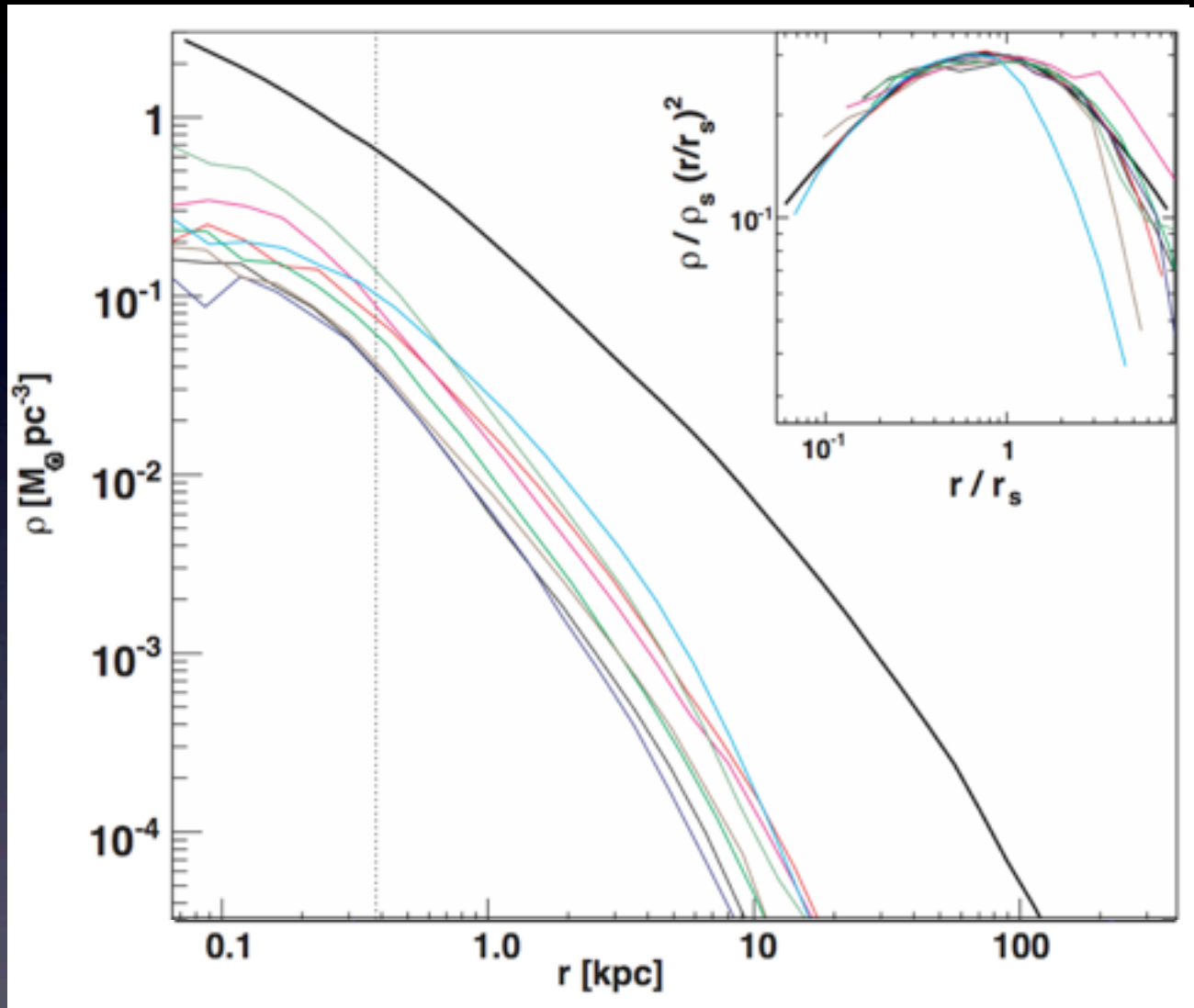
both for main halos
and for subhalos

mass functions
 $N(>M) \sim M^{-(0.9 \text{ to } 1.0)}$
give same conclusion

sub-subhalos in all well resolved subhalos



inner subhalo density profiles resemble main halo profiles



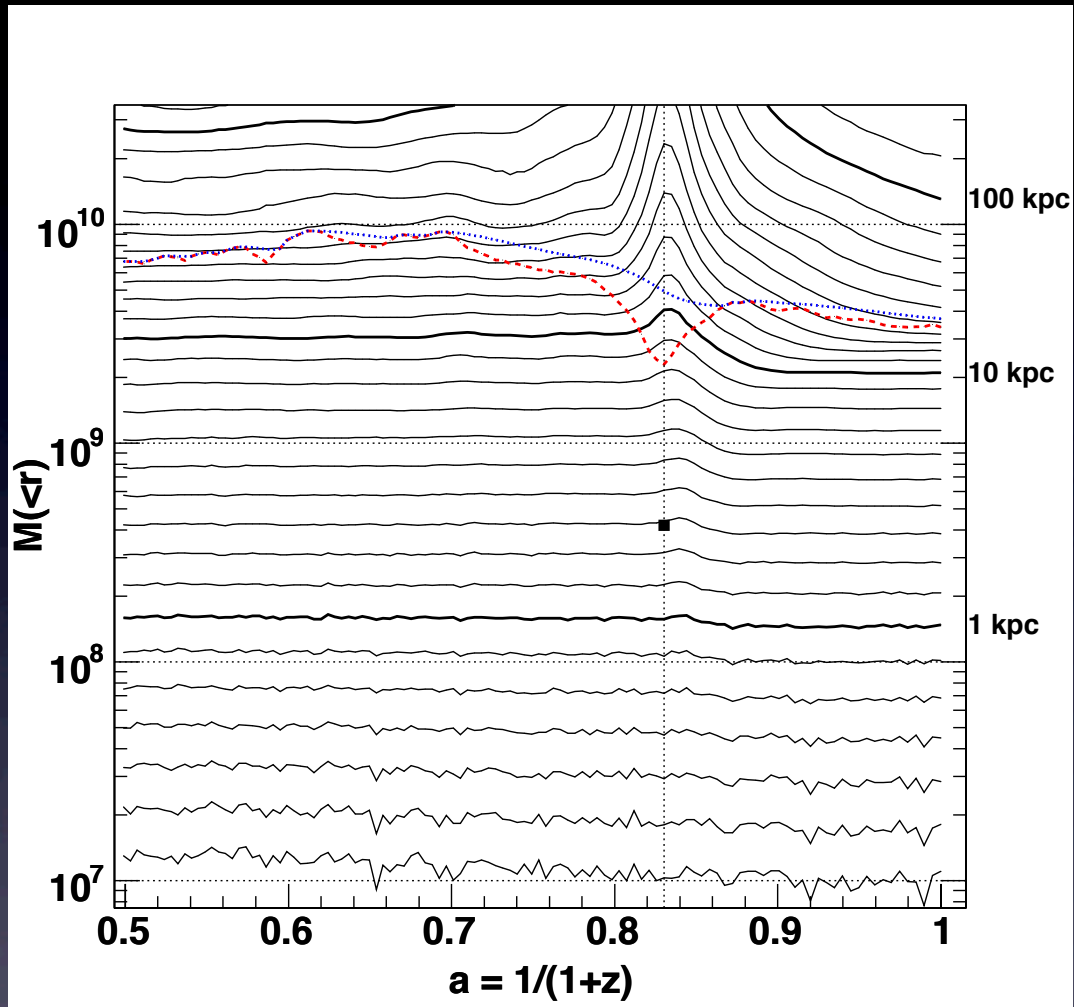
normalized profiles

overlap in inner regions

subhalos fall off steeper
in the outer parts

JD et al. Nature 2008

subhalo evolution (JD, Kuhlen, Madau, ApJ, 2007)

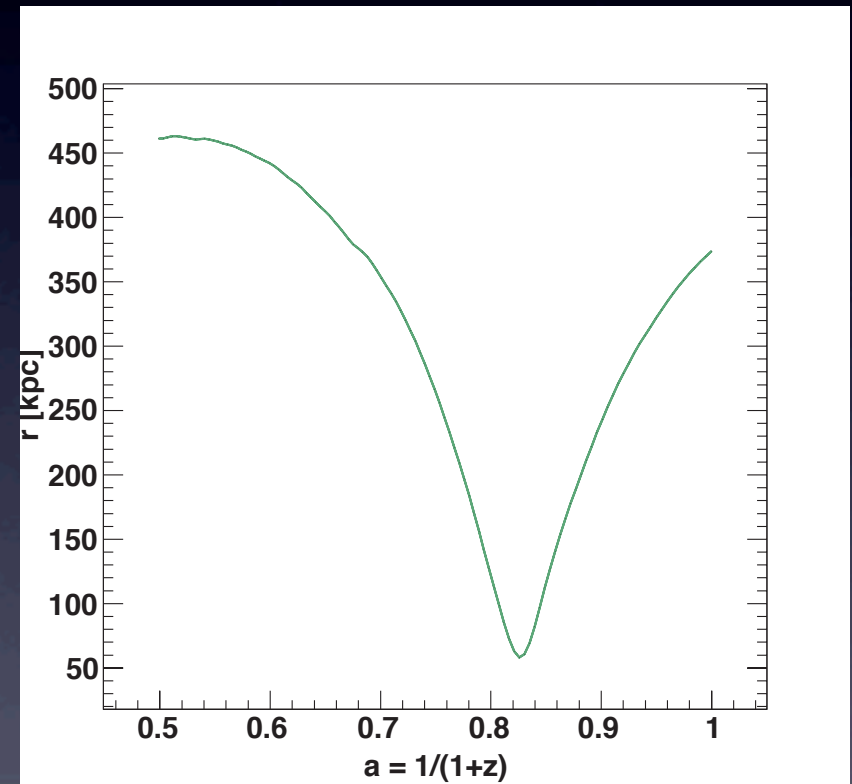


weak, long tidal shock

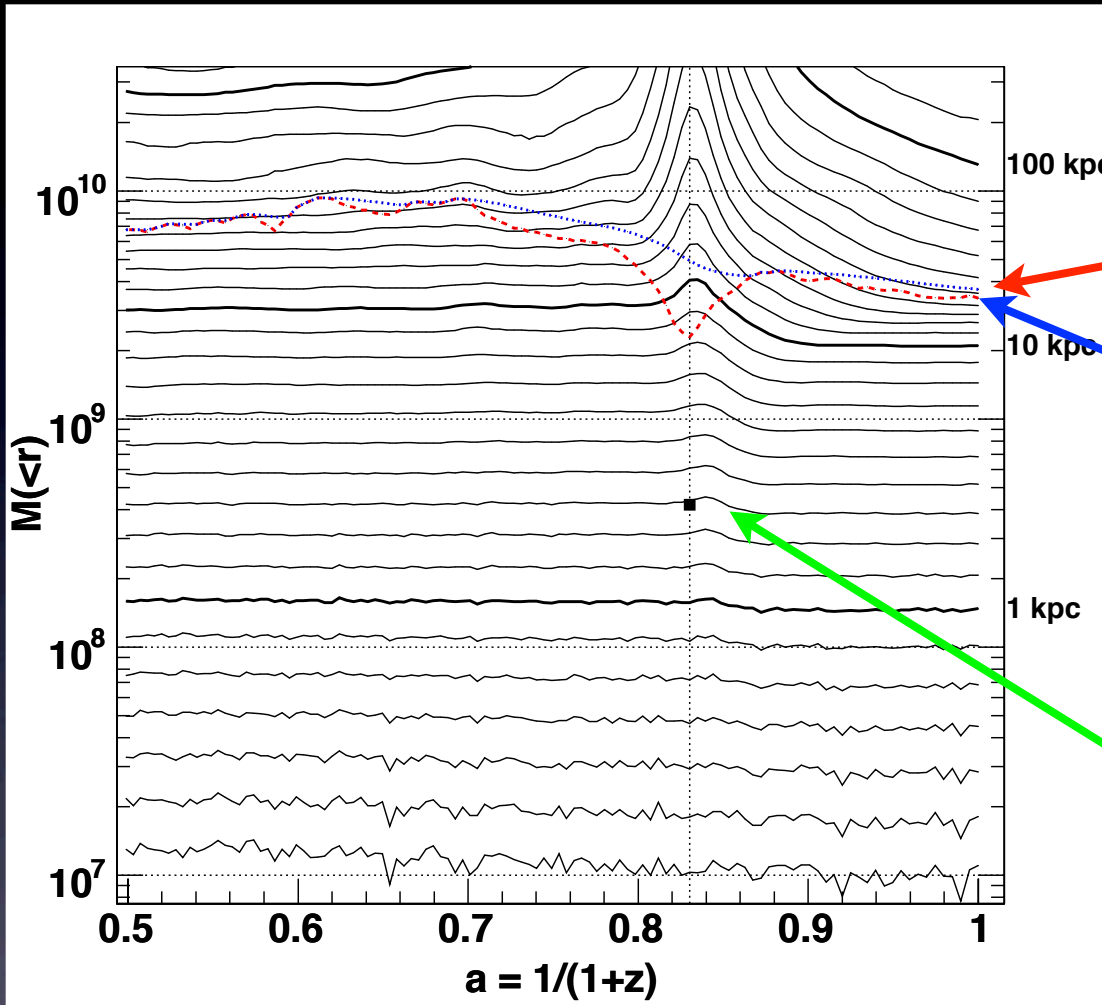
duration : $\tau = \pi(56 \text{ kpc}) / (423 \text{ km/s}) = 406 \text{ Myr}$

total mass in spheres around subhalo center

this subhalo has one pericenter passage at 56 kpc



subhalo evolution (JD, Kuhlen, Madau, ApJ, 2007)



total mass in spheres around subhalo center

tidal mass, 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

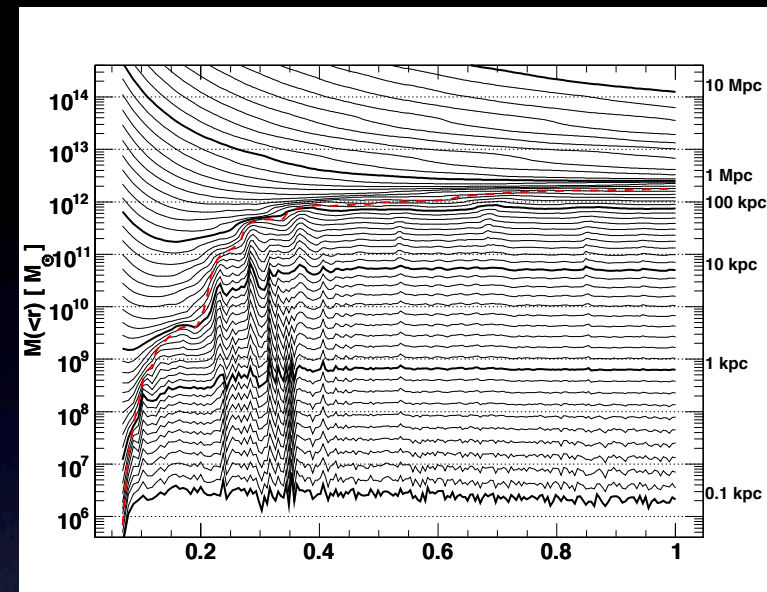
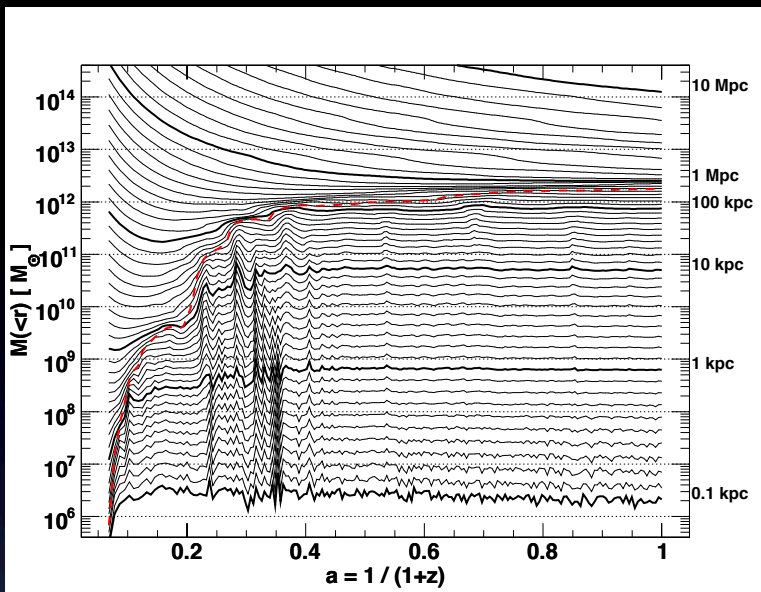
weak, long tidal shock
causes quick compression followed by expansion

mass loss increases with radius, subhalo inner regions remain unaffected

isolated halo

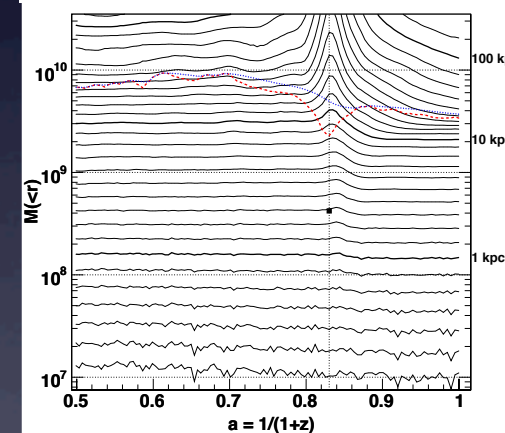
subhalo

formation



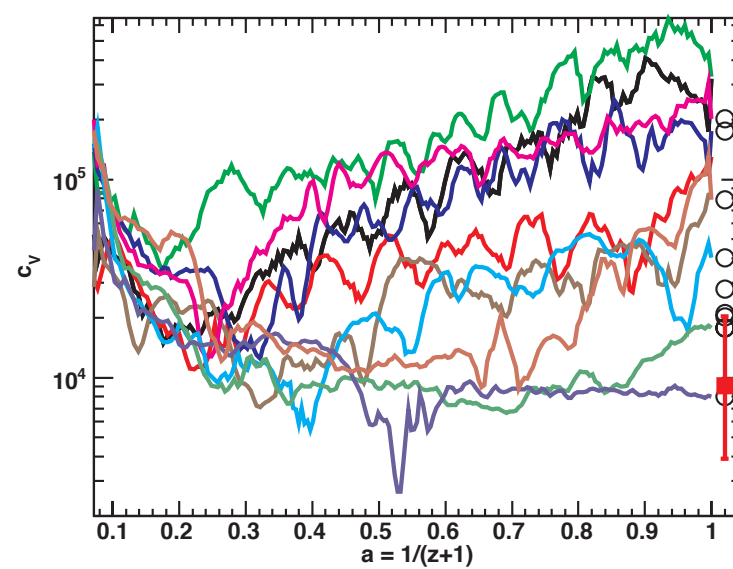
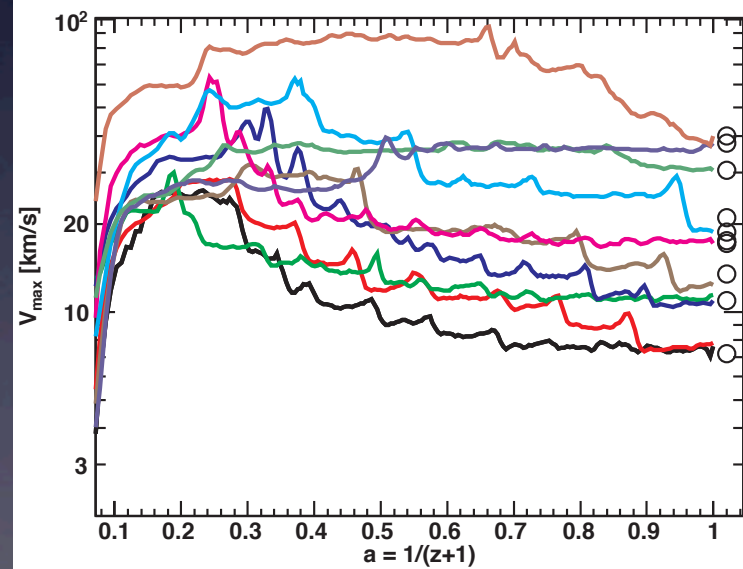
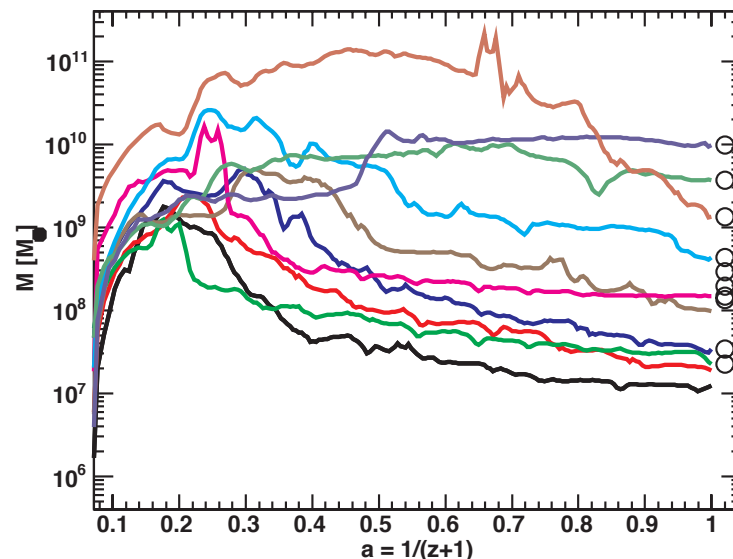
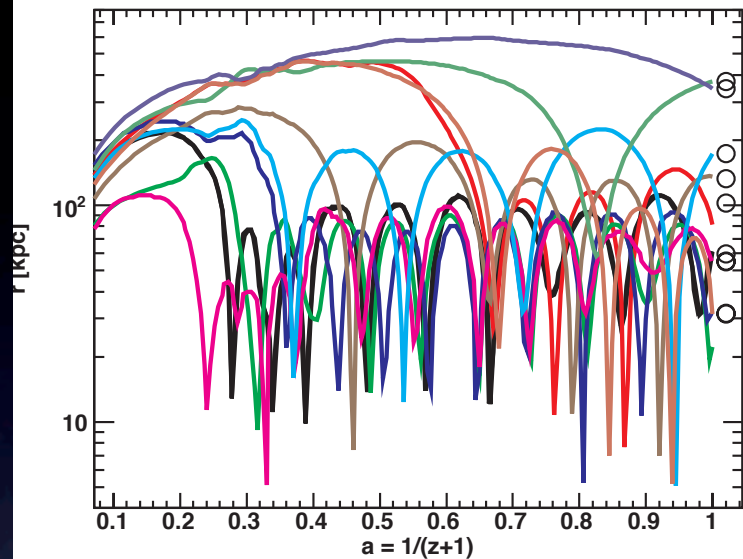
passive evolution

tidal stripping



same mass and substructure distribution in the inner parts

subhalo evolution (JD, Kuhlen, Madau, ApJ, 2007)



diverse histories:

0 to 11 percenters
inner subhalos
tend to have more
of them and
starting earlier

none to very large
mass loss

concentrations
increase during
tidal mass loss

field halo
concentrations

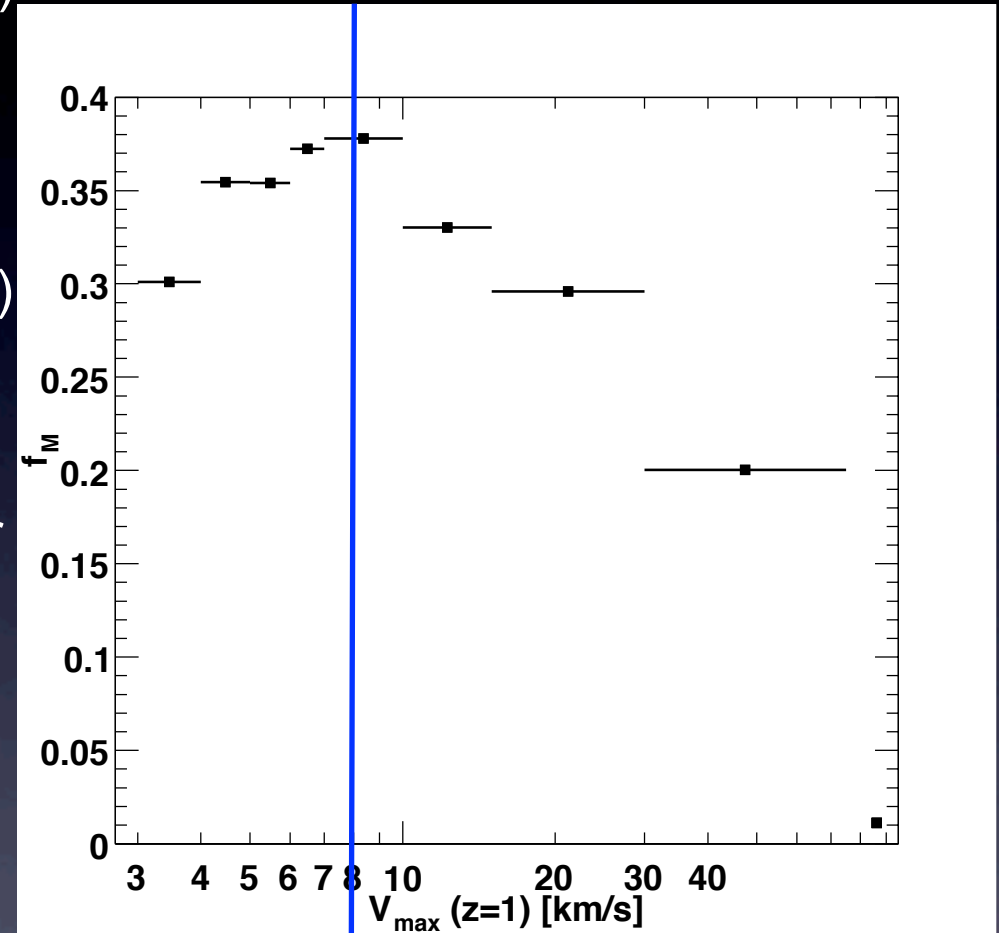
subhalo survival and merging (JD, Kuhlen, Madau, ApJ, 2007)

out of 1542 well resolved ($V_{\max} > 5$ km/s)
 $z=1$ subhalos:

97 % survive until $z=0$

(only 1.3% merge into a larger subhalo)

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

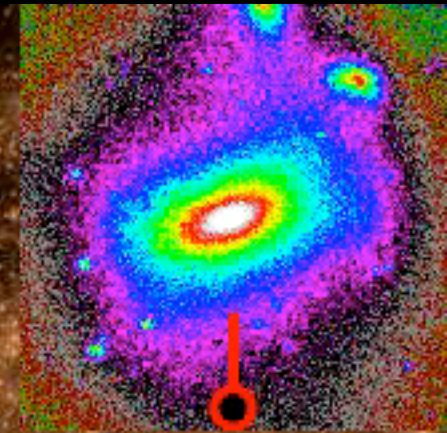


affected by
numerical limitations

stronger dynamical
friction

$z=2.0$

800 x 600 physical kpc



$M_t = 1.6e+10 M_\odot$

Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

where are the subhalos?

spatial distribution **depends strongly** on how the subhalo sample is **selected**

mass selected subhalos
are found at larger radii than
the dark matter

this 'anti-bias' is smaller in V_{\max} selected samples

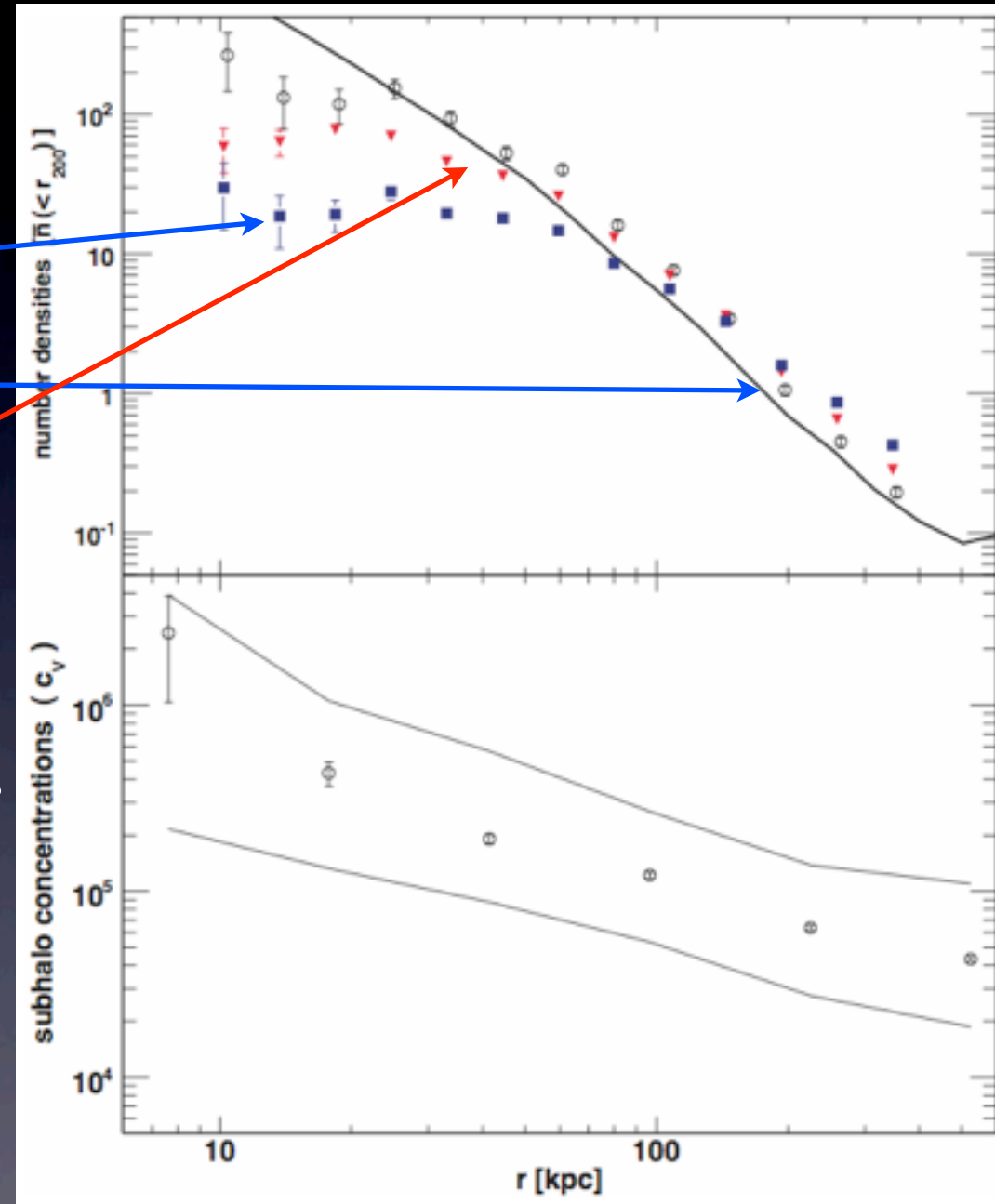
no bias when size at accretion is used
Faltenbacher & JD 2005

denser parts survive, subhalo concentrations
increase towards the galactic center

subhalo luminosity

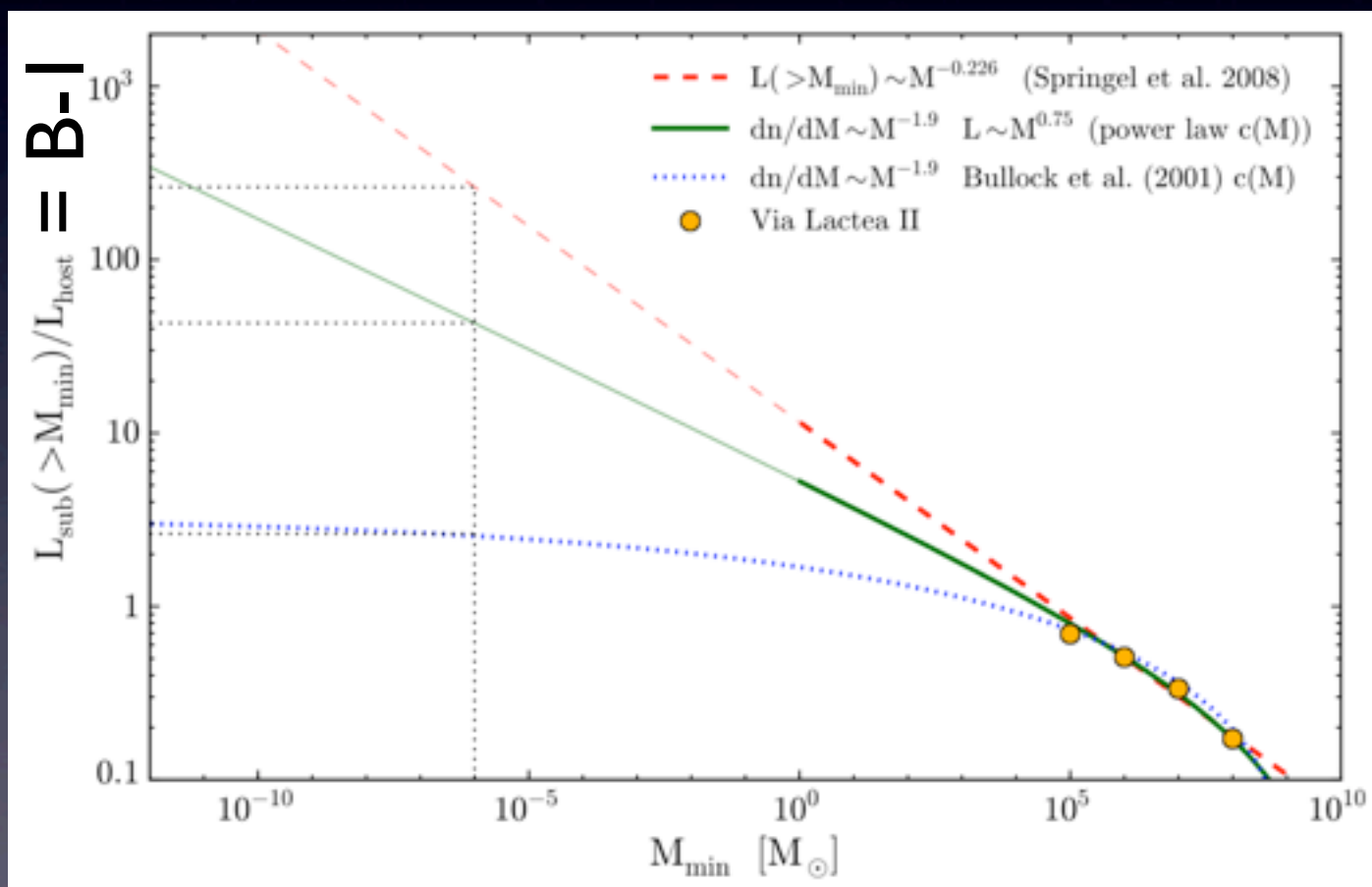
$$L \propto \rho_s^2 r_s^3 \propto V_{\max}^4 / r_{V_{\max}} \propto V_{\max}^3 \sqrt{c_V}$$

is practically unbiased,
i.e. proportional to DM density



galaxy halo boost factor

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



B ~ 4 - 15

JD et al ApJ 2006 and Nature 2008

maybe as high as $B \sim 30$

Kamionkowski et al. PRD 2010

not ~ 1.7

Stoehr, White, Springel et al. 2003

certainly not 232

Springel et al. Nature, 2008

certainly not 100 to 5000

Gao, Frenk et al. 2012

from Kuhlen et al. PDU, 2012

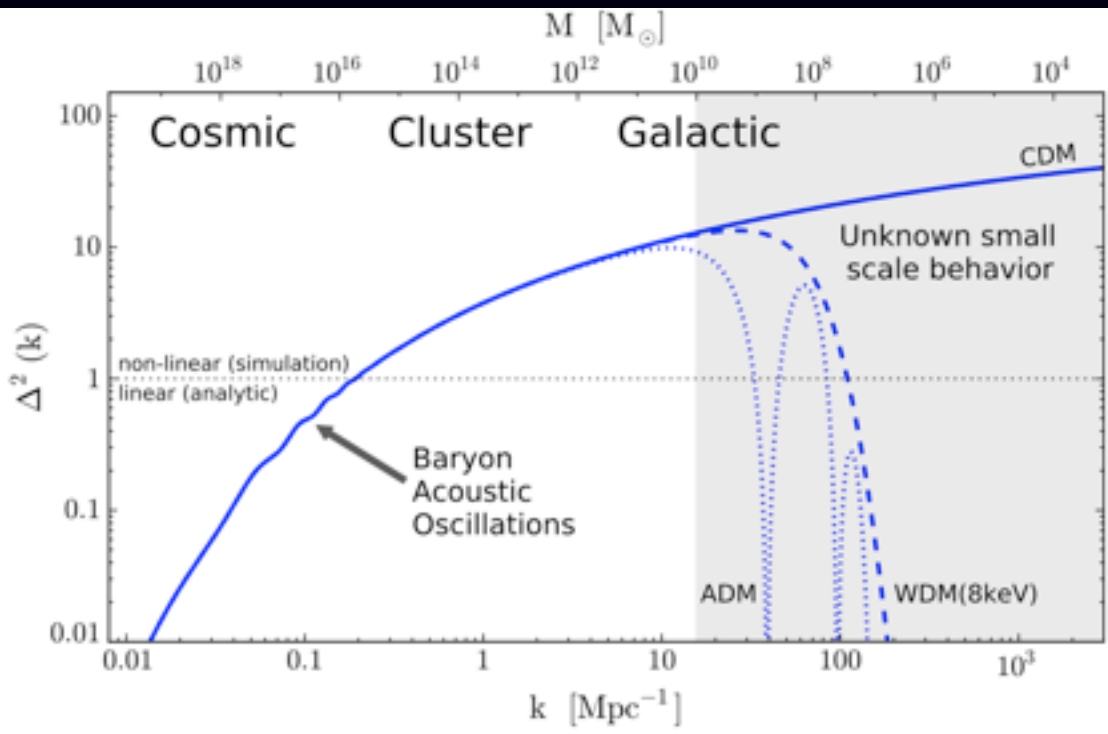
galaxy halo boost factor

$L_{\text{sub}}(>M_{\text{min}})$ and $c(M)$ are not simple power laws,

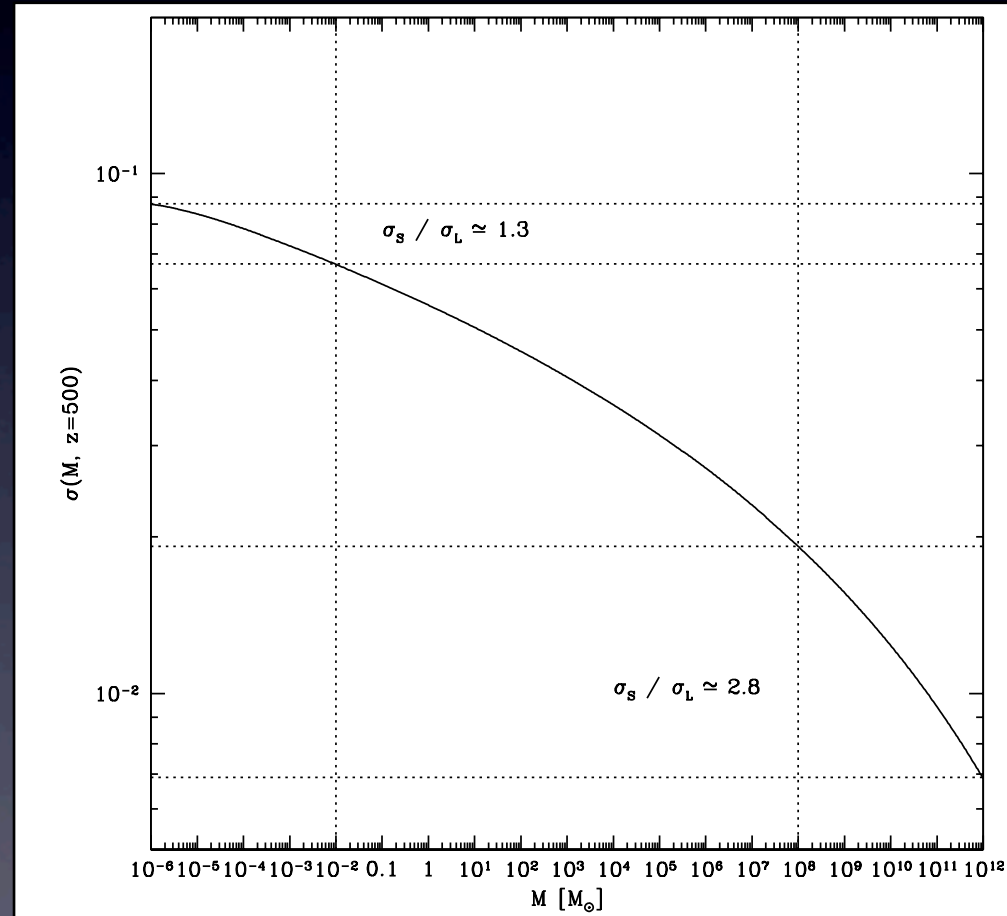
CDM power spectrum



mass fluctuations → formation times



from Kuhlen et al. 2012



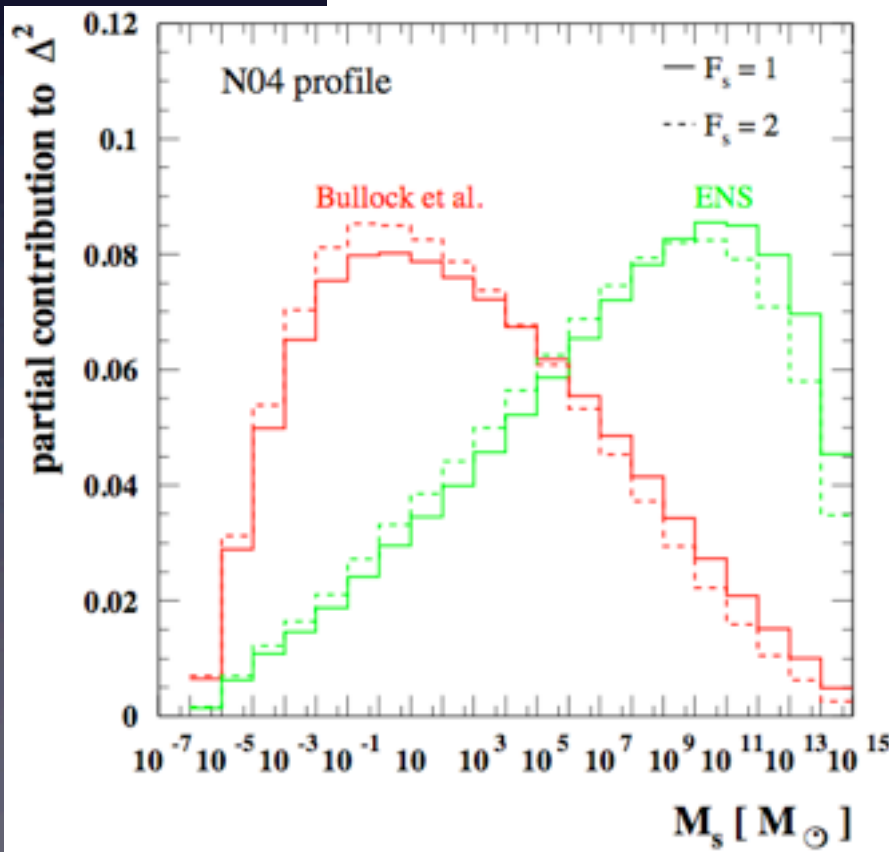
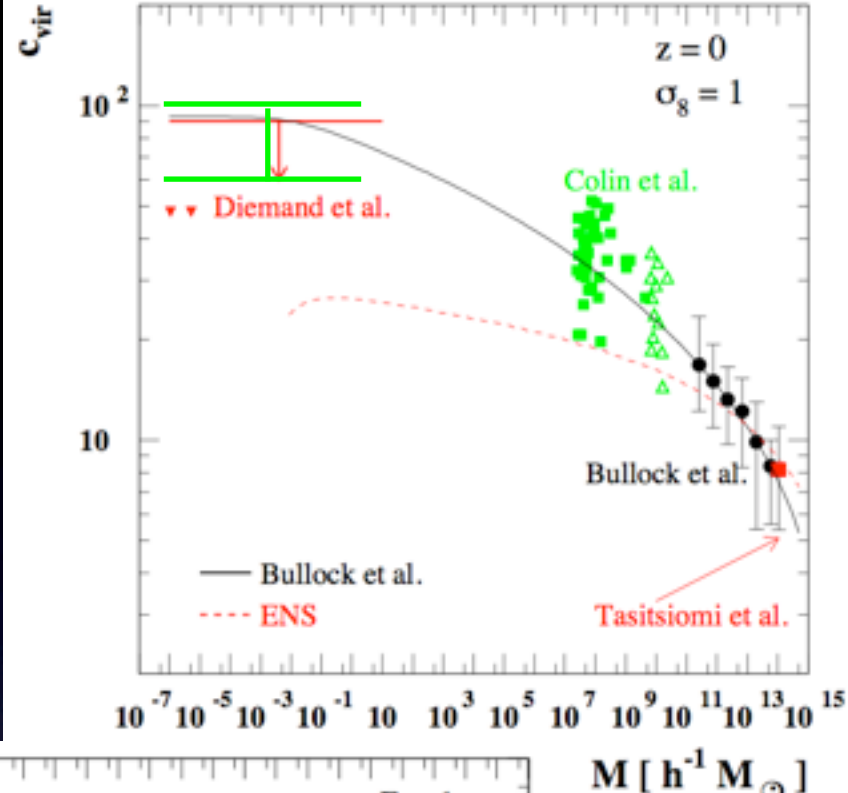
because $p(k)$, $\sigma(M)$ and $a_{\text{form}}(M)$ are not power laws.

boost factors

extrapolations to smallest CDM subhalos depends on the concentration - mass relation
 Bullock et al. 2001 fits simulations well

subhalos in mass decade around one solar mass contribute most to total boost

→ moderate boost: $B \sim 10$
 weak dependence on cutoff



adapted from
 Colafrancesco, Profumo, Ullio AA 2006

Colafrancesco, Profumo, Ullio AA 2006
 JD et al. 2006/08
 Kamionkowski, K PRD 2010
 Anderhalden & JD, 2013; Sanchez-Conde+2013

boost factors depend on location

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

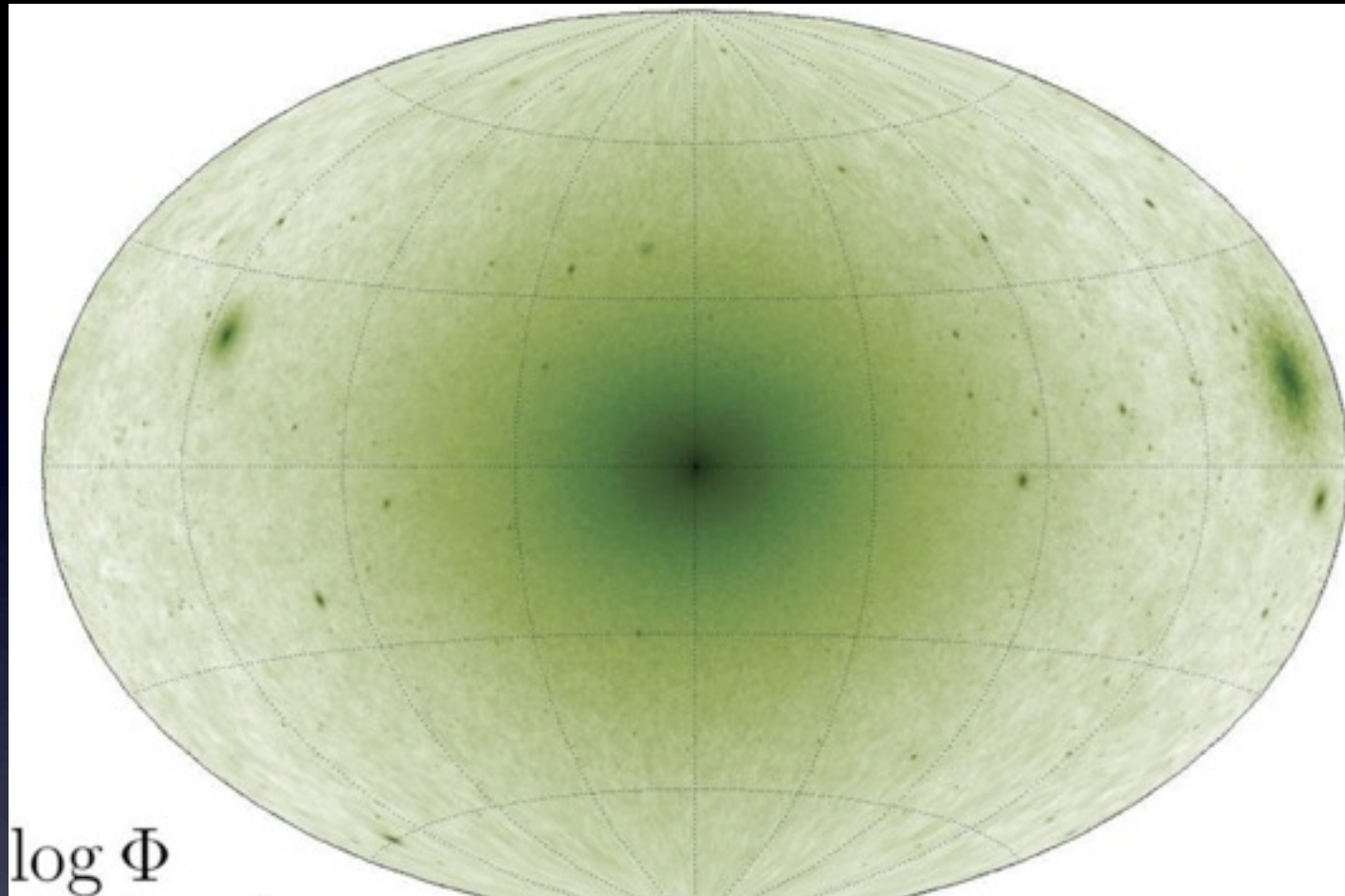
~ 4 - 15 JD et al ApJ 2006 and Nature 2008

$$\text{local boost factor} = \frac{\text{total local luminosity}}{\text{smooth local halo luminosity}} \sim 1.4 \pm 0.2$$

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

JD et al, Nature 2008, Brun et al 2010

Allsky map of DM annihilation signal from via lactea II

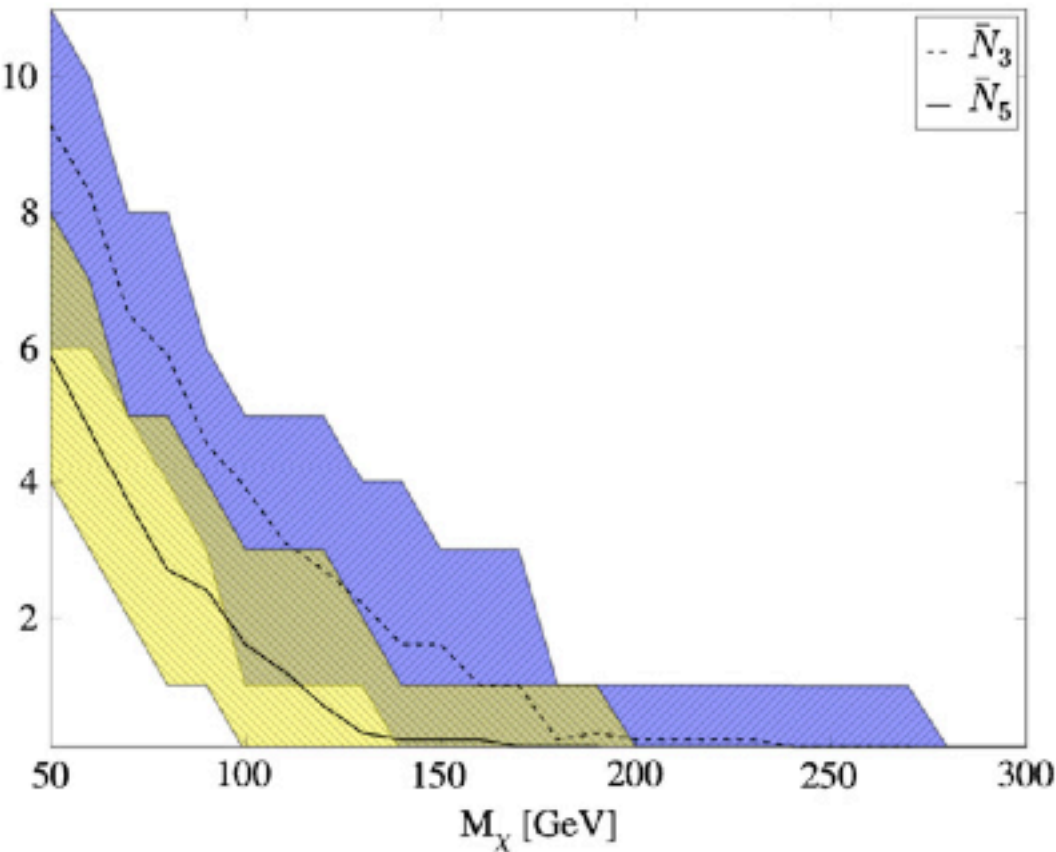


the main halo is obviously the brightest source

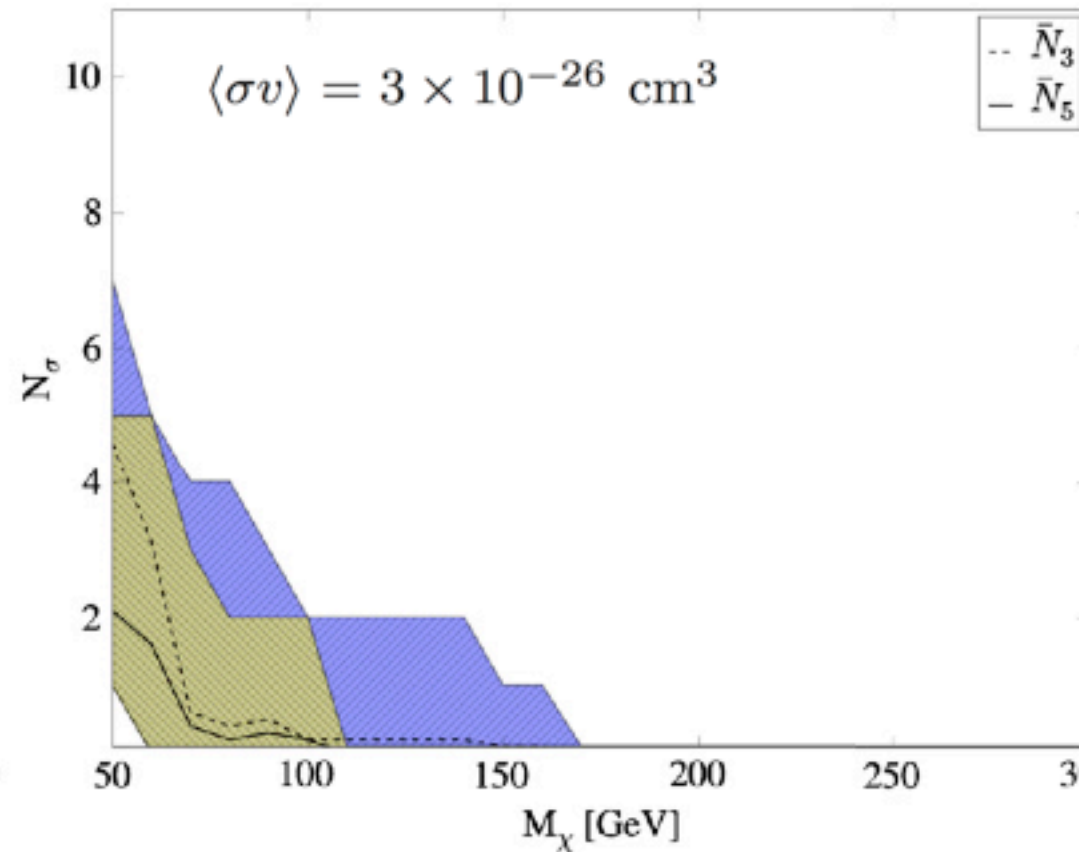
but due to poorly constrained, diffuse, astrophysical foregrounds
(e.g. Strong, Moskalenko, Riemer 2004),

subhalos are the more promising gamma ray sources (Baltz et al. 2008)

number of 3 and 5 sigma subhalo detection by GLAST/Fermi over 10 years



including unresolved small sub-subhalos



assuming no sub-subhalos

small scale sub-sub-structure is not crucial for detection, but it helps.

promising numbers typical WIMP properties

Anderson, Kuhlen, JD, Johnson, Madau, ApJ 2011

3. subhalos and satellite galaxies

missing satellites

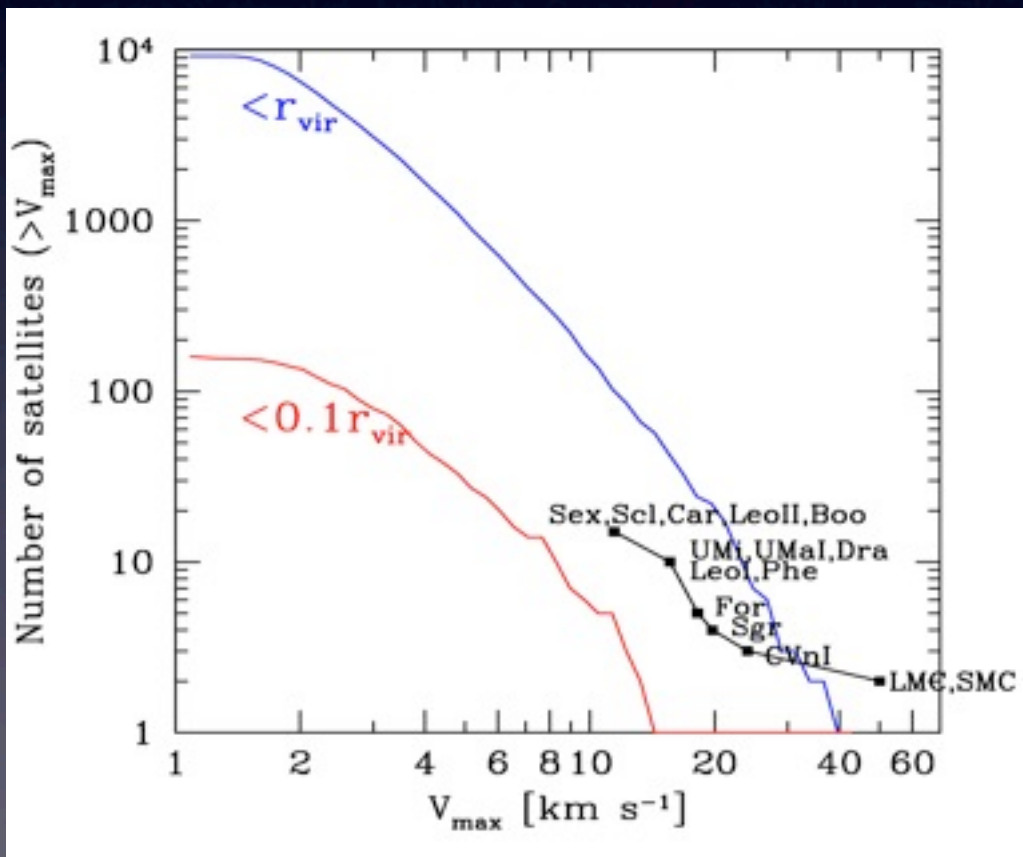
“too big too fail” problem

missing satellites (Moore+99, Klypin+99)

CDM only predicts subhalos, not dwarf galaxies. Luckily, CDM predicts (more than) enough structures to host all satellites (could be up to 1000, Tollerud et al. 2008)

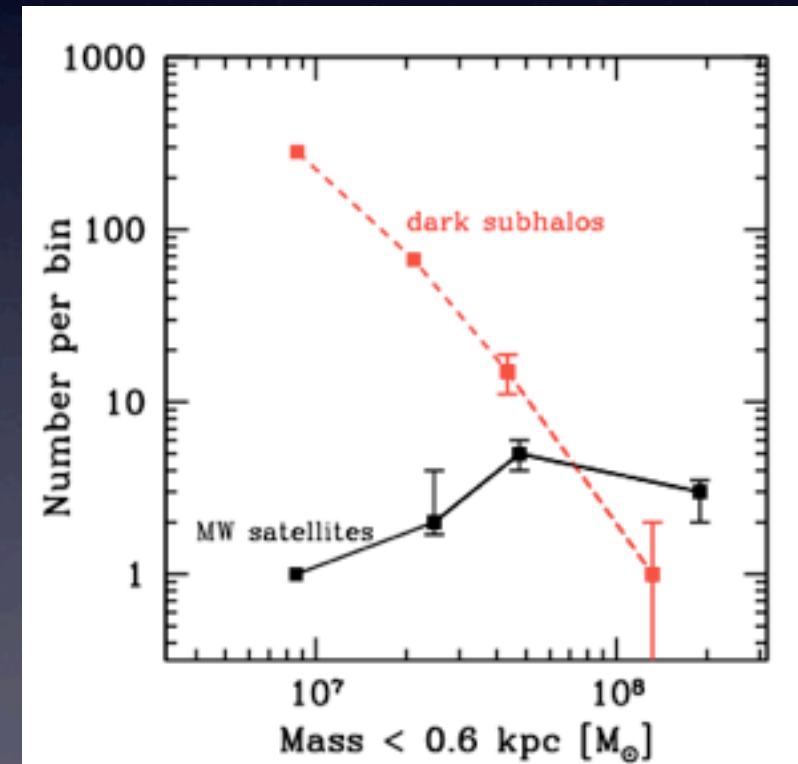
Plausible galaxy formation models roughly reproduce the observed numbers of dwarfs. Many CDM subhalos remain dark (Governato+2007)

like the original comparisons (Moore+99, Klypin+99)
here we assumed $\sqrt{3} \sigma_{1D}^* = V_{\max}$:



Maclu, JD, Kuhlen 2008

this seems to be roughly right (Strigari+2007):



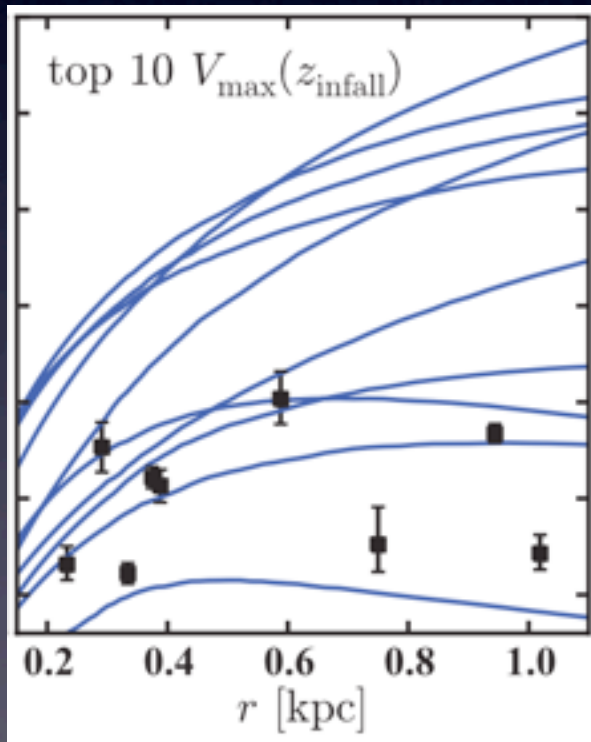
the “too big to fail” problem (Boylan-Kolchin, Bullock, Kaplinhat, 2011/2012)

higher resolution DM simulations and better observational constraints now allow for more detailed comparisons:

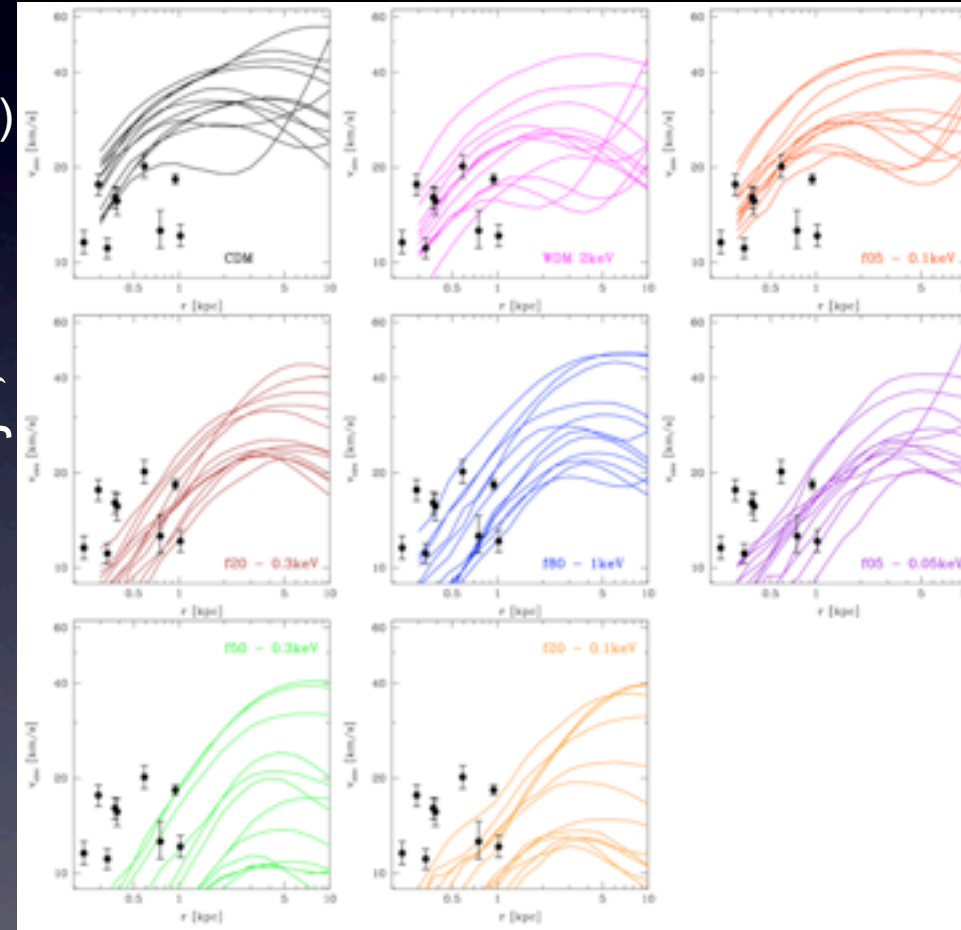
dwarf satellite mass within the half light radius is well constrained (Wolf+2009)

cosmological simulations can now resolve the corresponding scales directly

mock observations confirm mass estimates, with small scatter due to subhalo shapes (Rashkov+2012)



Boylan-Kolchin+2012



Anderhalden&JD, 2013

most (but not all, Purcell&Zentner,2012) CDM halos have too many dense subhalos

WDM or mixed C+WDM halos give a better match (Lovell+2011, Anderhalden+2013)

4. other substructure

everything but subhalos,

e.g.

streams

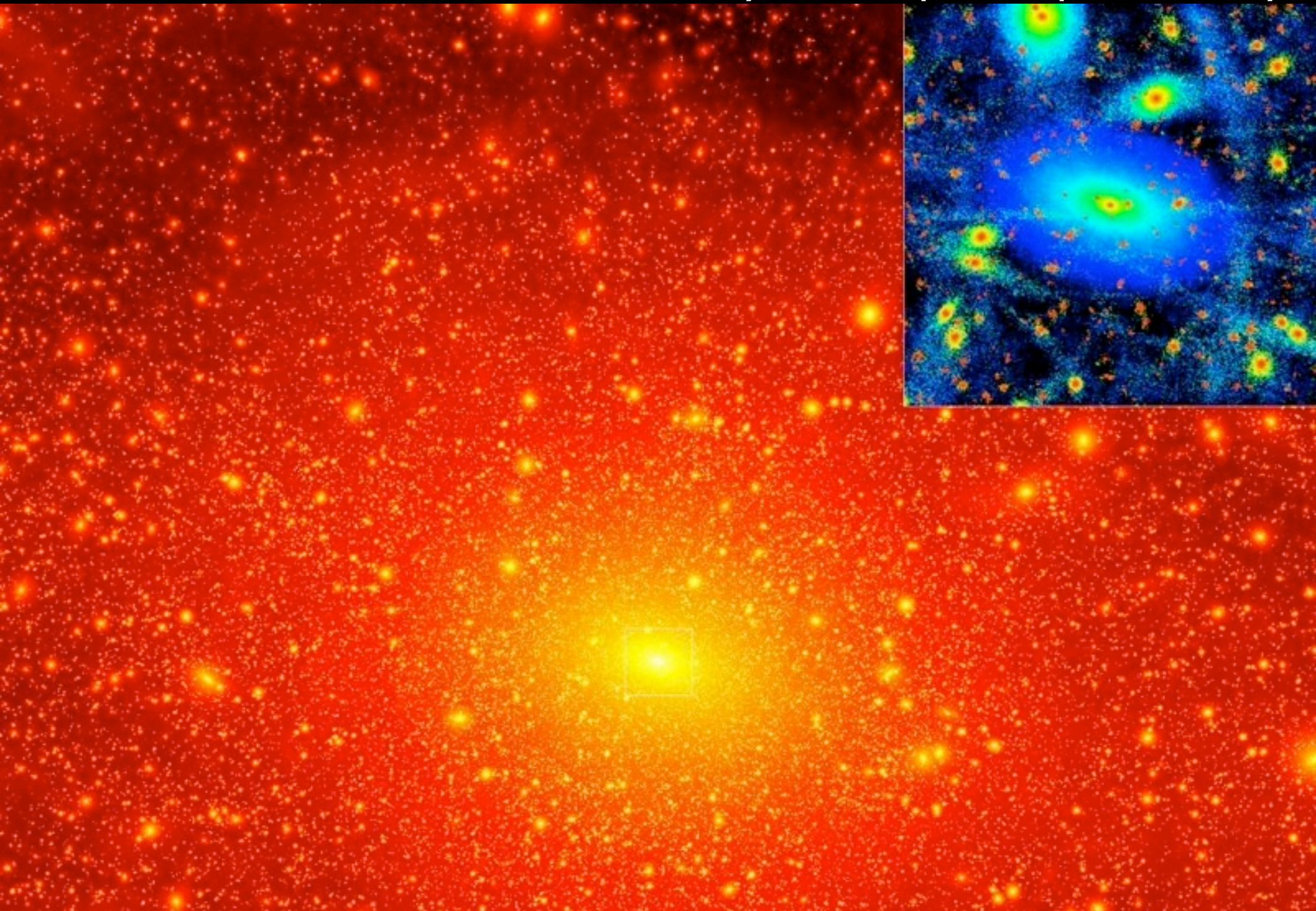
graininess

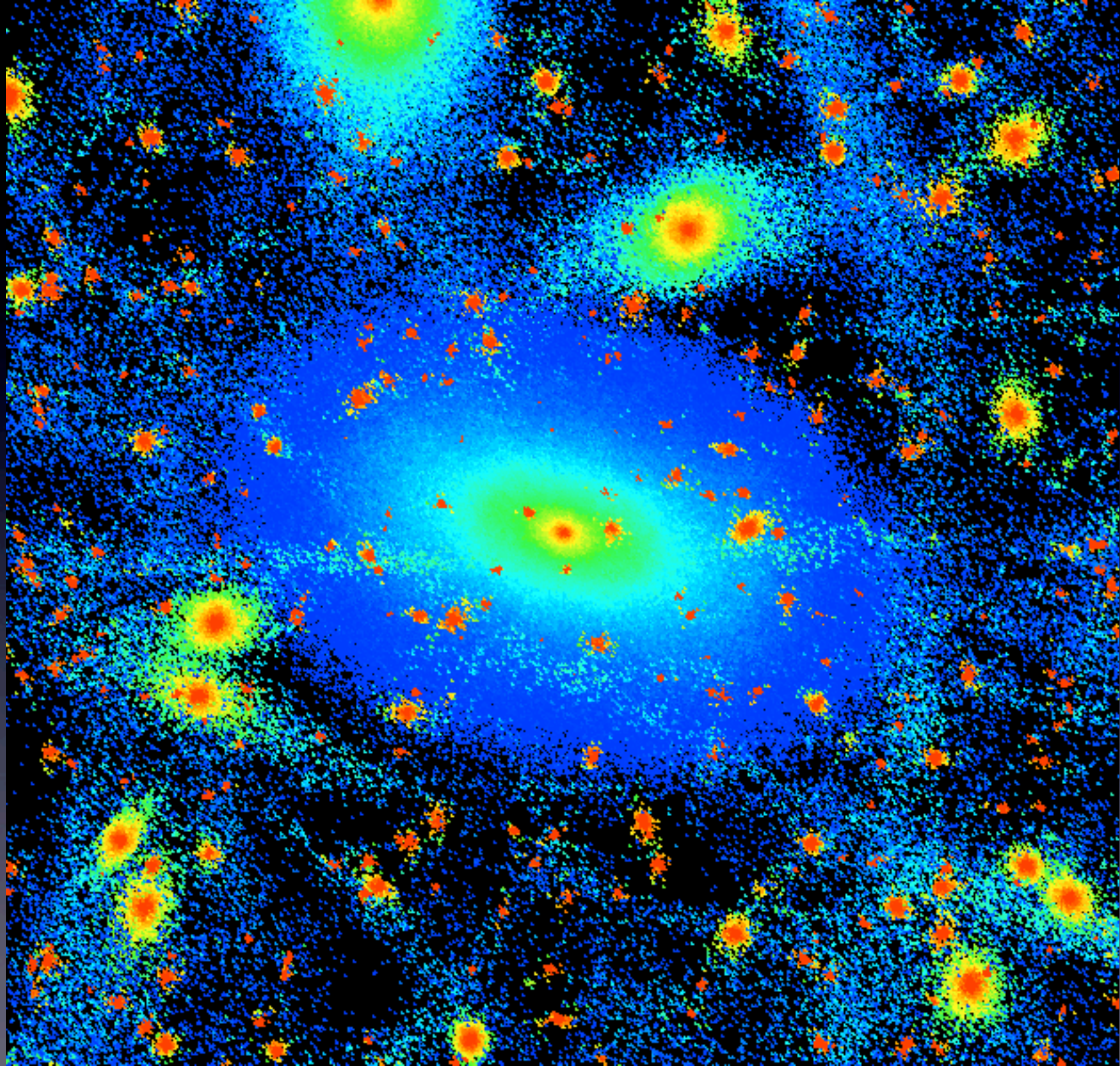
caustics

via lactea II :

local density

phase-space density

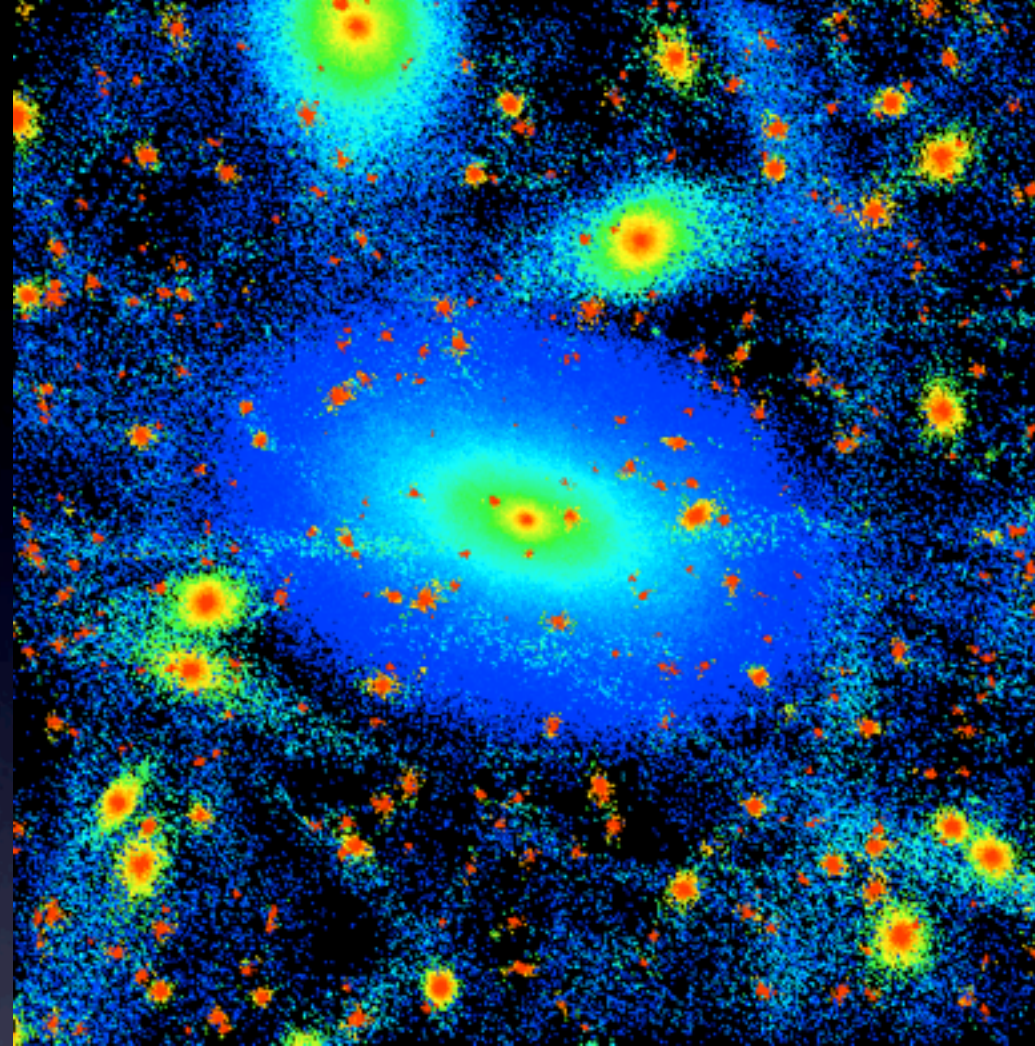




direct detection

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

‘local’ kpc-scale velocity distributions are close to Gaussians



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

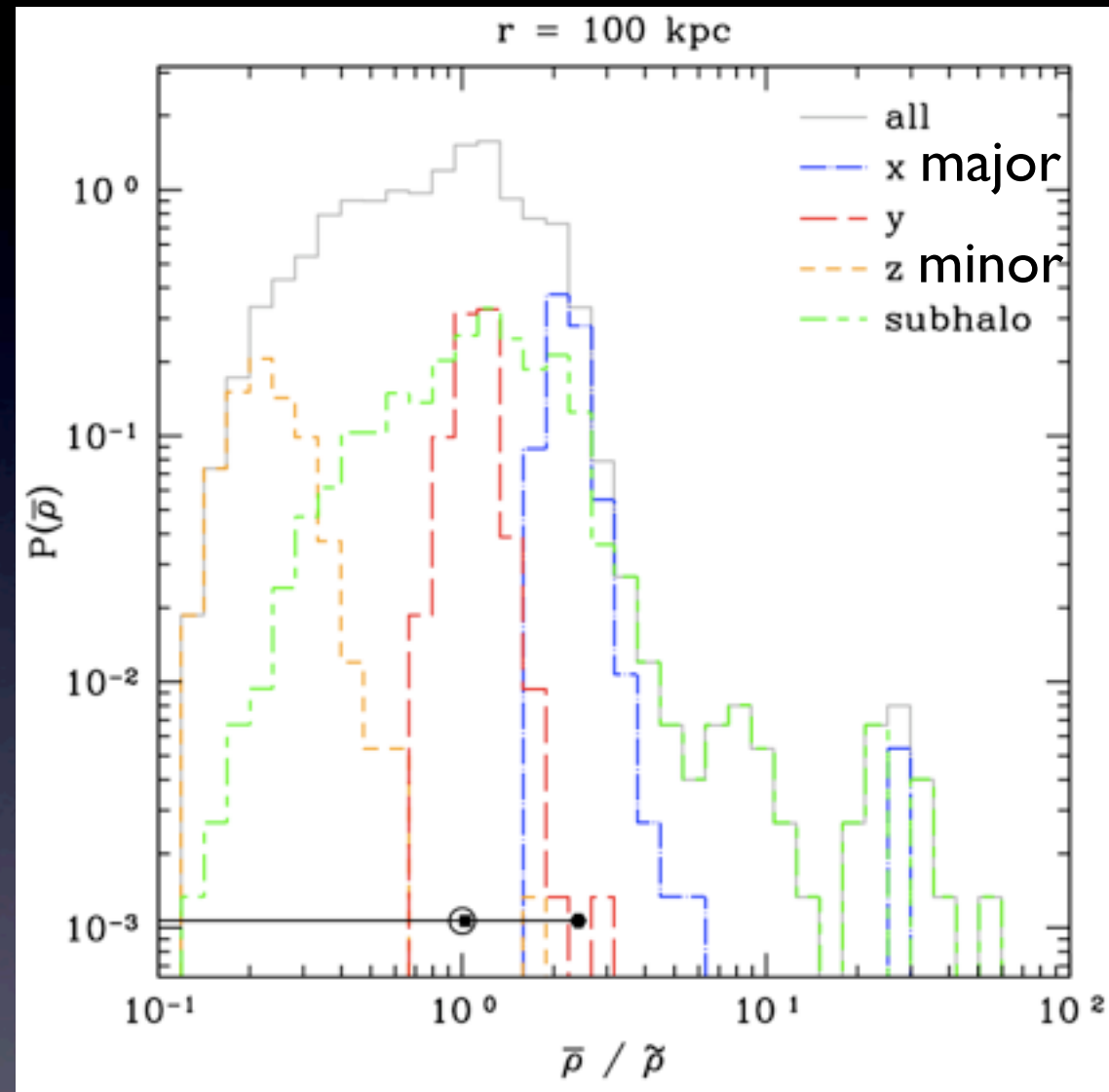
JD et al Nature 2008

additional lumpiness from tidal streams

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

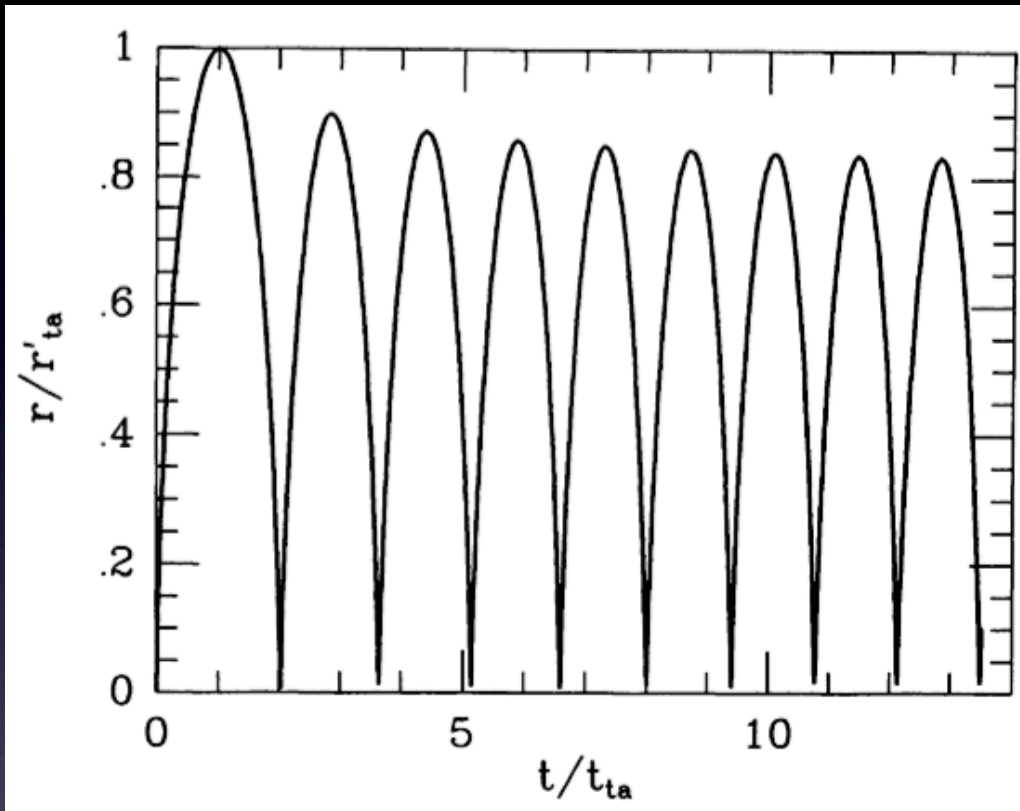
additional fluctuations in local densities; more than just a smooth triaxial halo plus subhalos

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



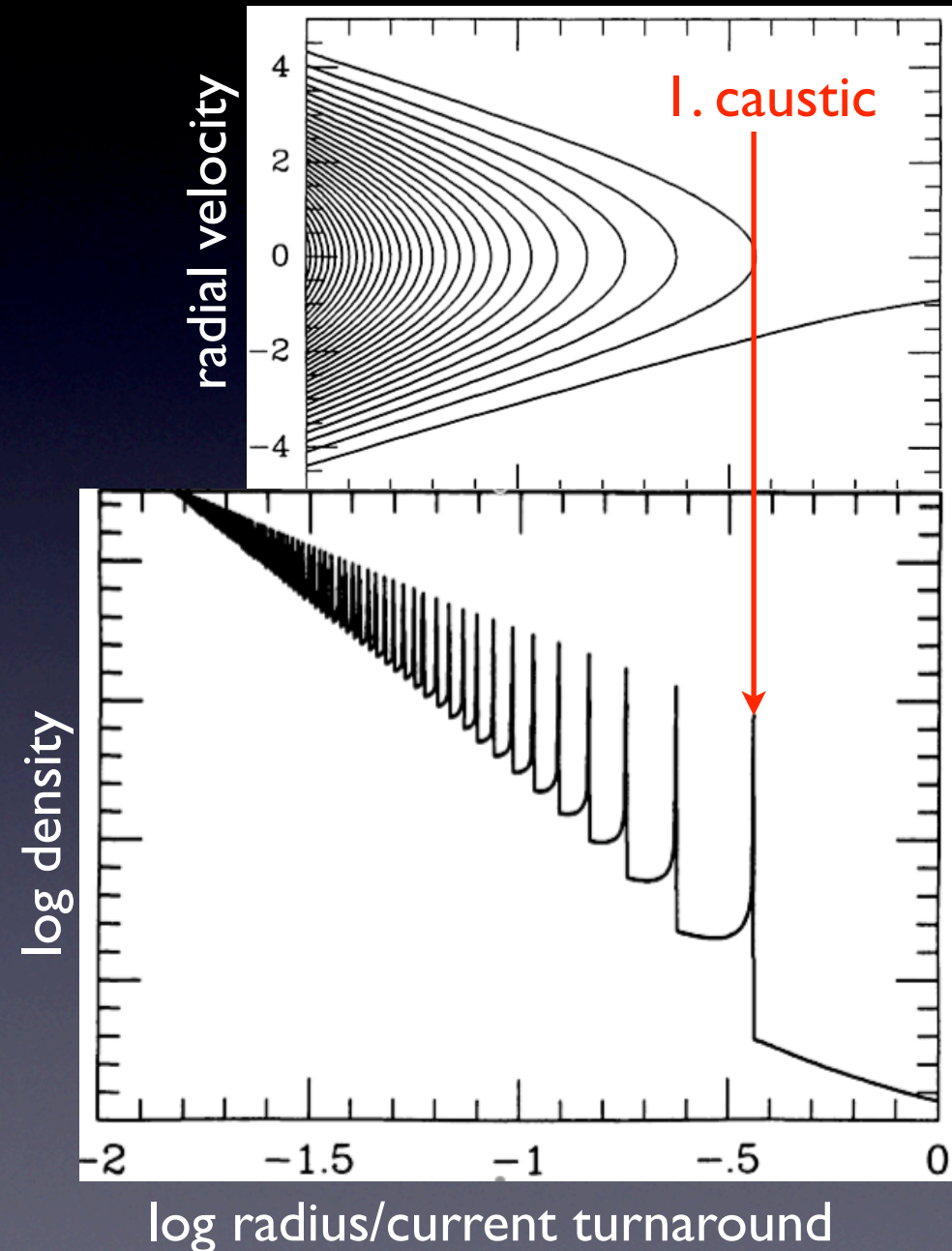
infall caustics

self-similar secondary spherical radial infall model:

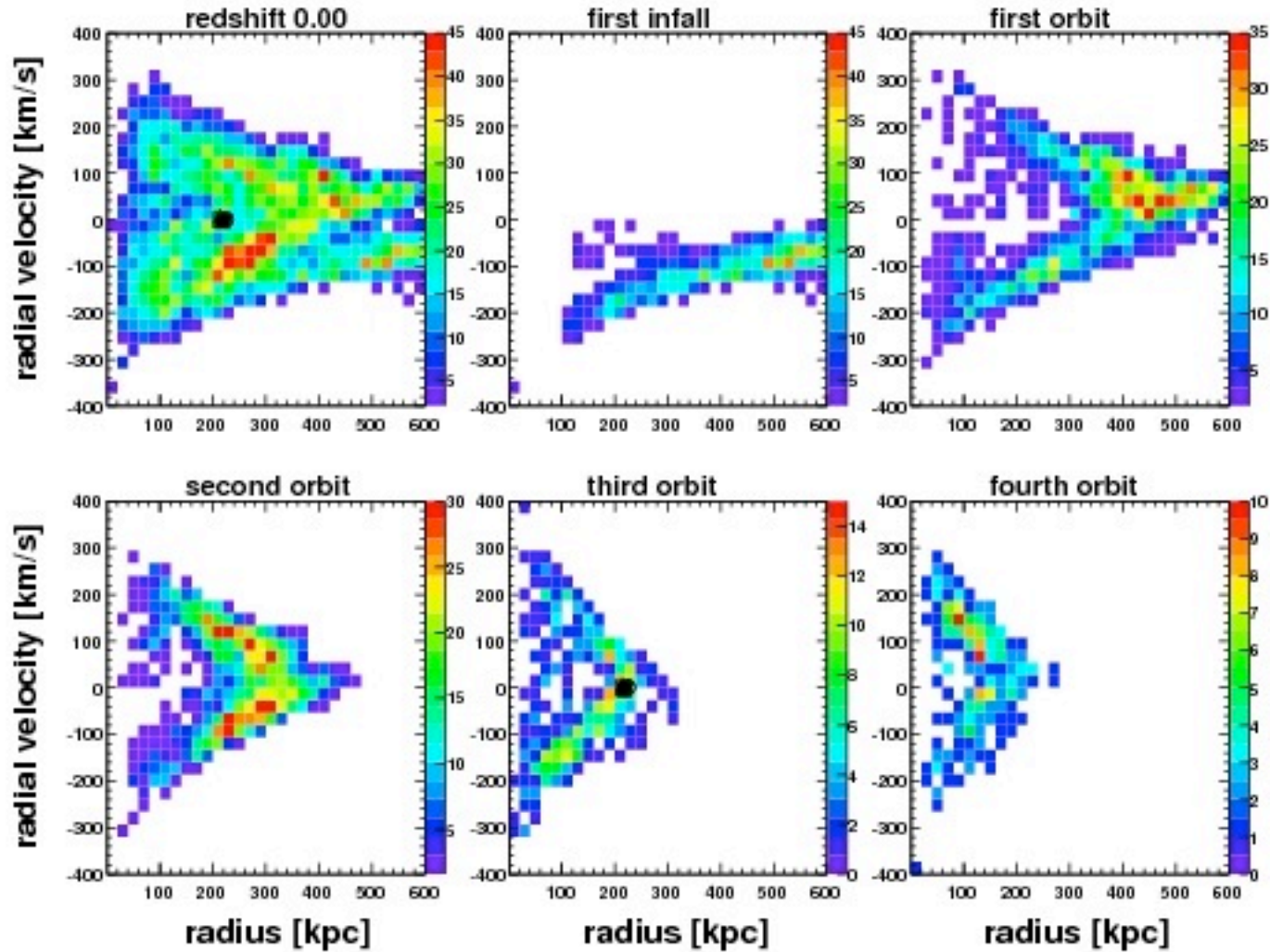


Fillmore&Goldreich 1984;Bertschinger 1985

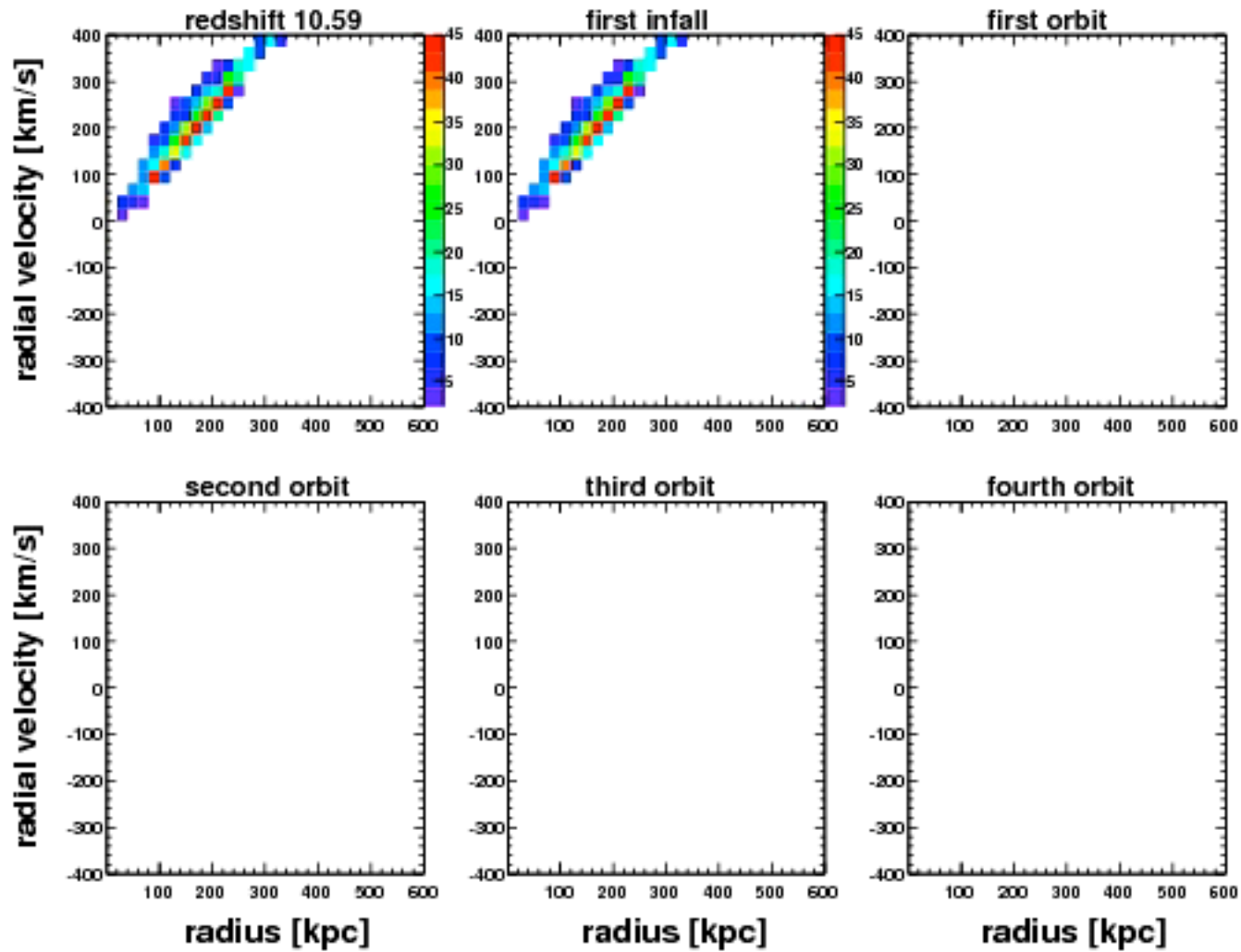
small collapse factors of 12% to 18%
 $\rho \sim r^{-2.25}$ with infinite density caustics



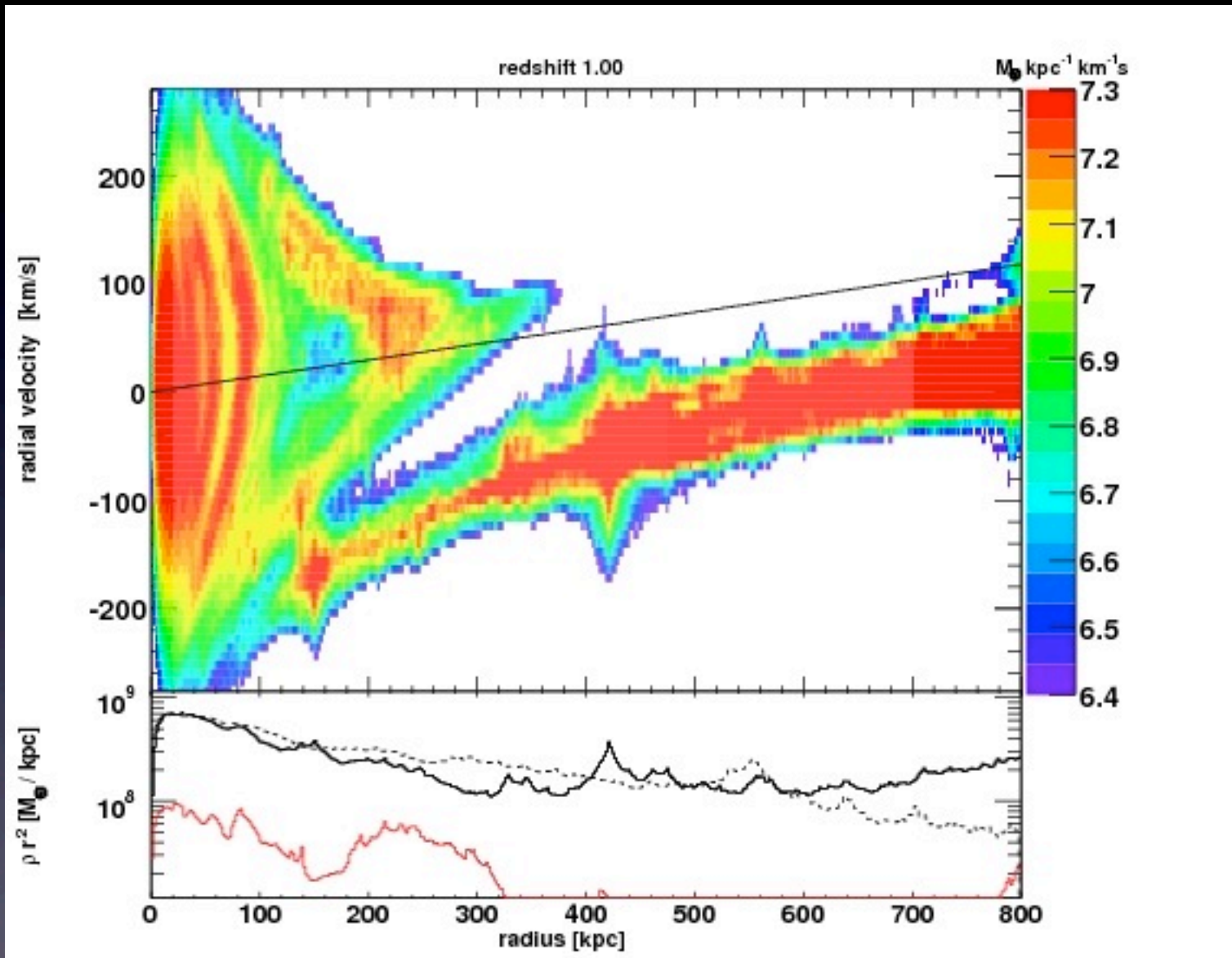
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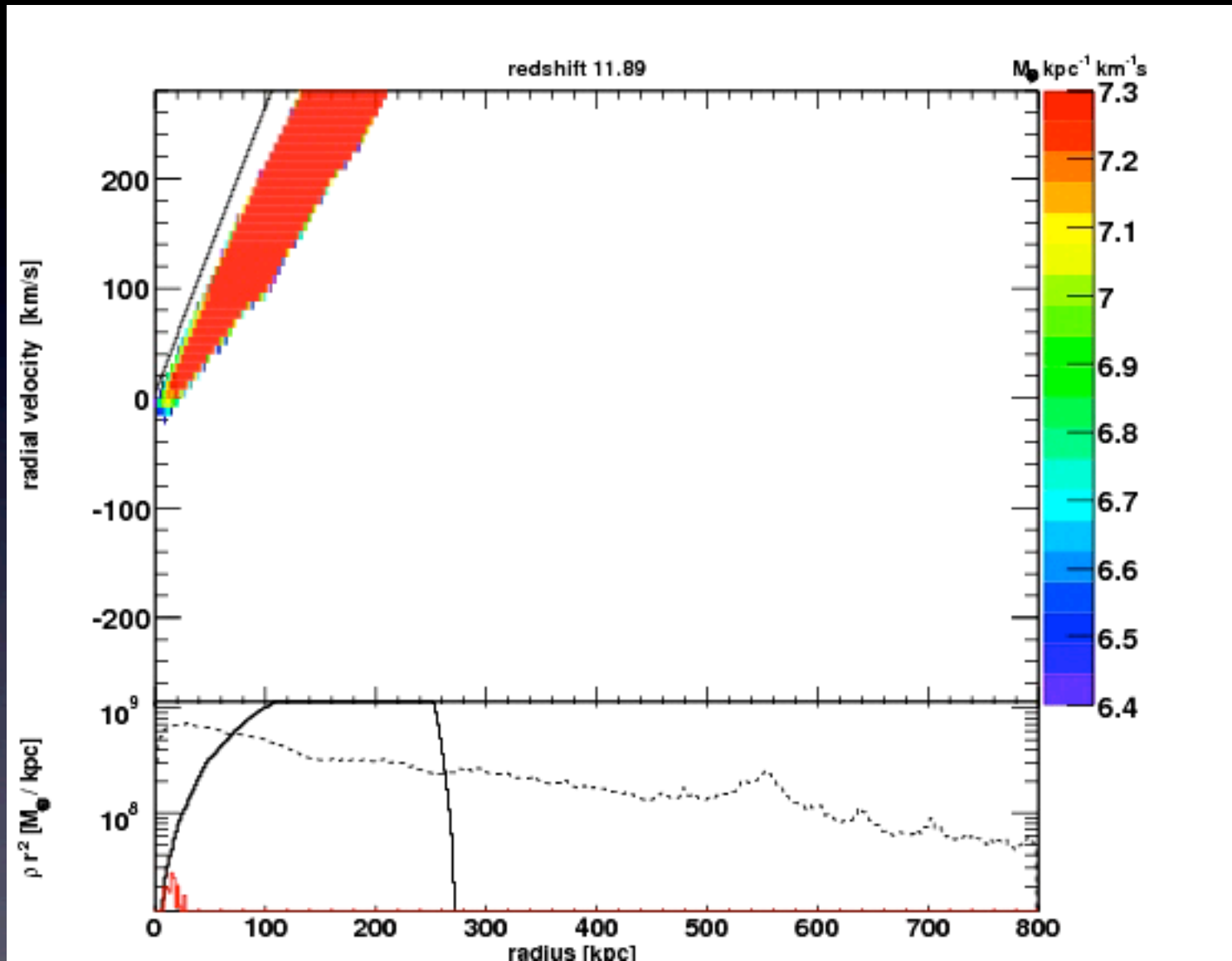
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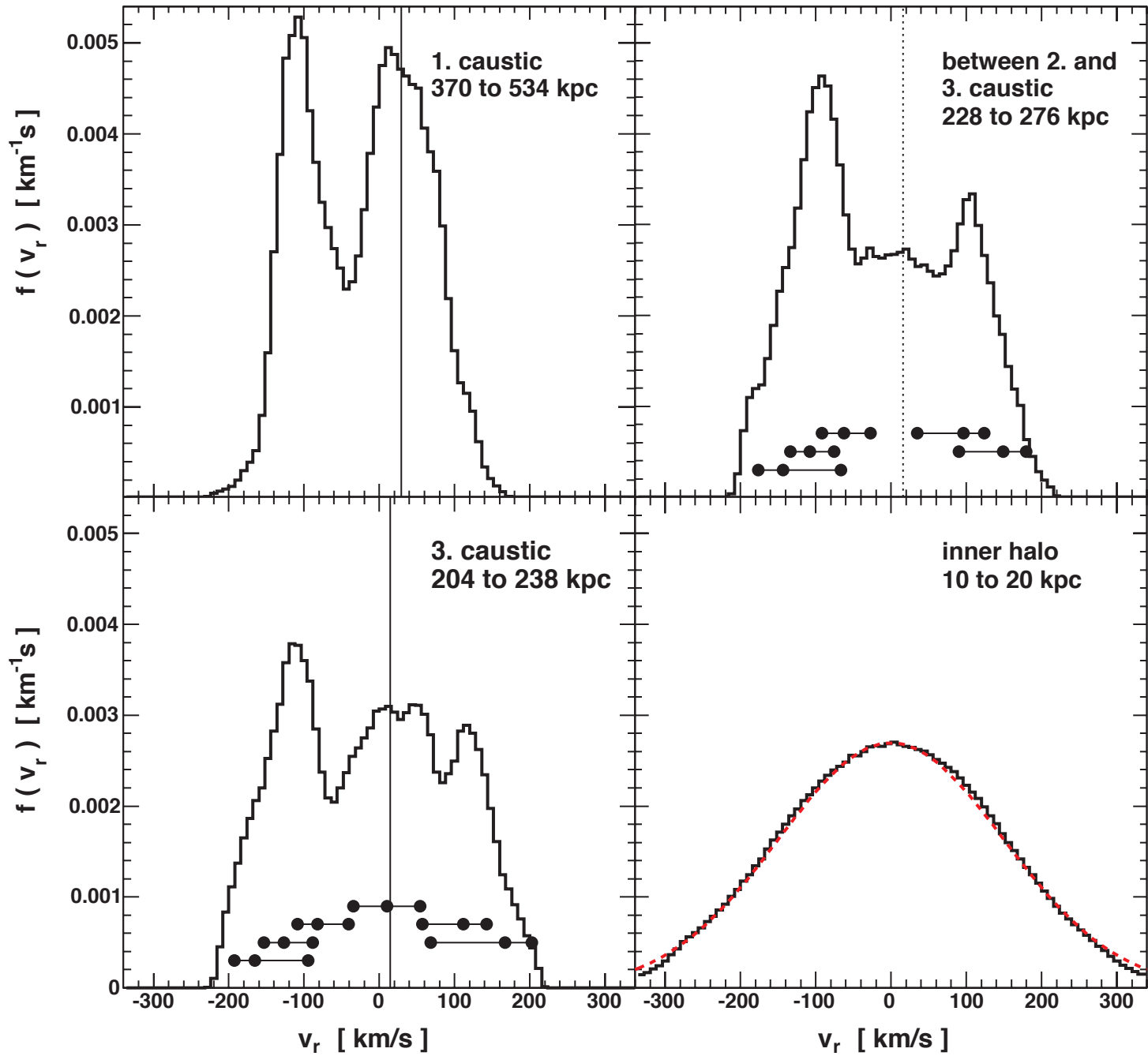


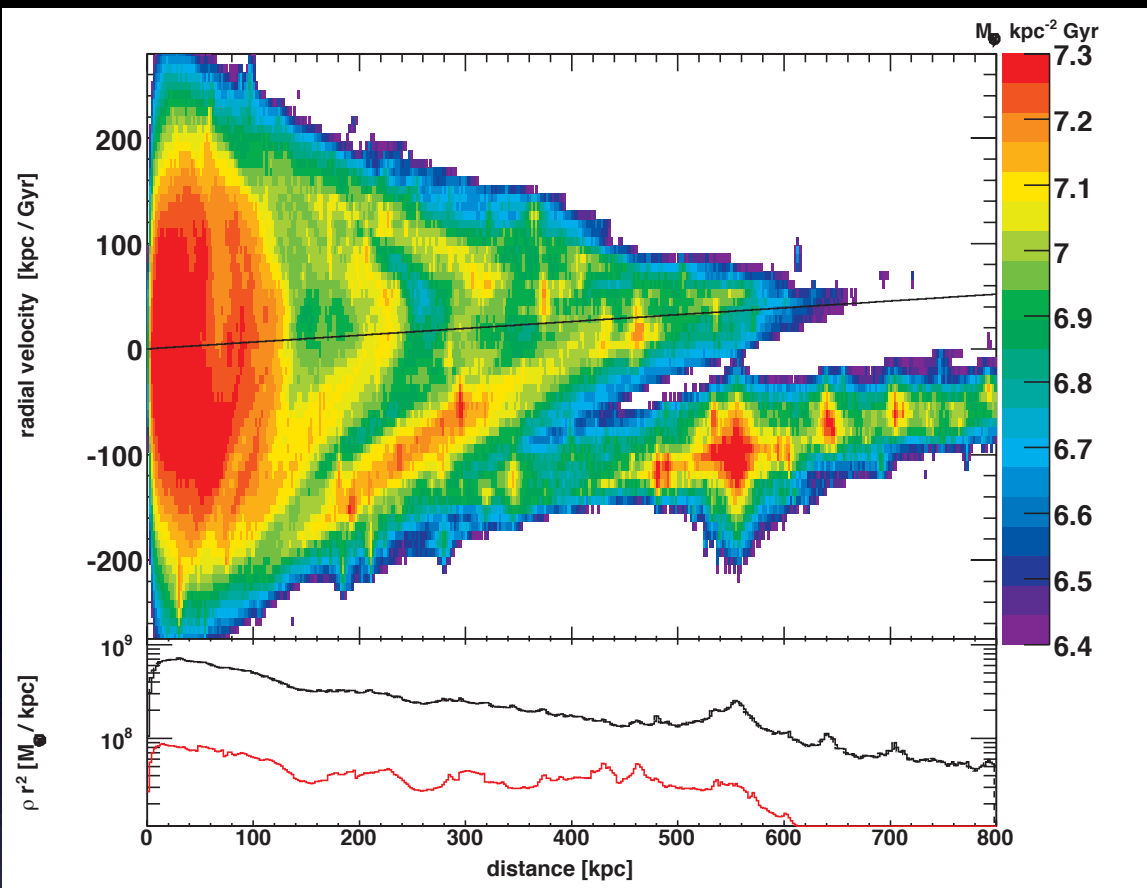
infall caustics



infall 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

$r_{k,\text{med}}$ [kpc]	$r_{k,68\%}$ [kpc]	$\frac{\Delta r_k}{r_{k,\text{med}}}$	$t_{k,\text{med}}$ [kpc]	$t_{k,68\%}$ [kpc]	$\frac{\Delta t_k}{t_{k,\text{med}}}$	$\left(\frac{r_k}{t_k}\right)_{\text{med}}$	$\left(\frac{r_k}{t_k}\right)_{68\%}$	$\left(\frac{r_k}{t_k}\right)_{\text{FGB}}$
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

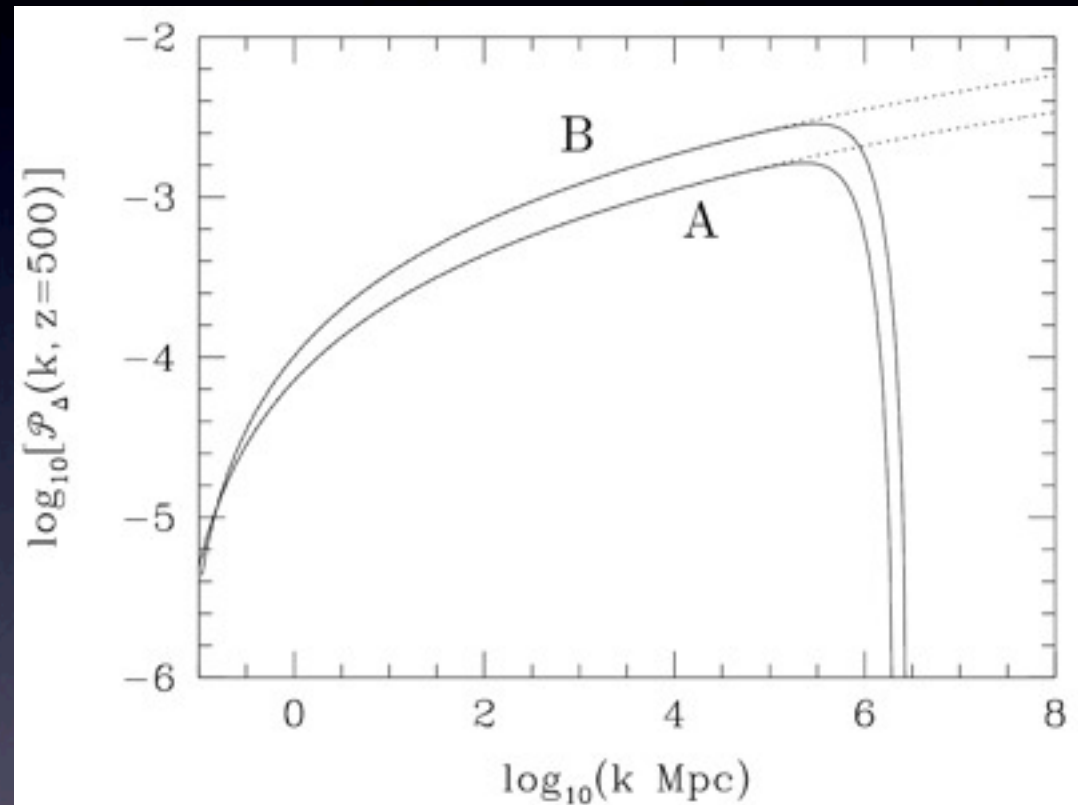
5. microhalos revisited

smallest scale CDM structures

For a 100 GeV SUSY neutralino (a WIMP) there is a cutoff at about $10^{-6} M_{\text{sun}}$ due to free streaming

→ small, “micro”-halos should forming around $z=40$ are the first and smallest CDM structures

from Green, Hoffmann & Schwarz 2003



smallest scale CDM structures

CDM microhalos seem to be about as cuspy as the larger halos that formed in mergers

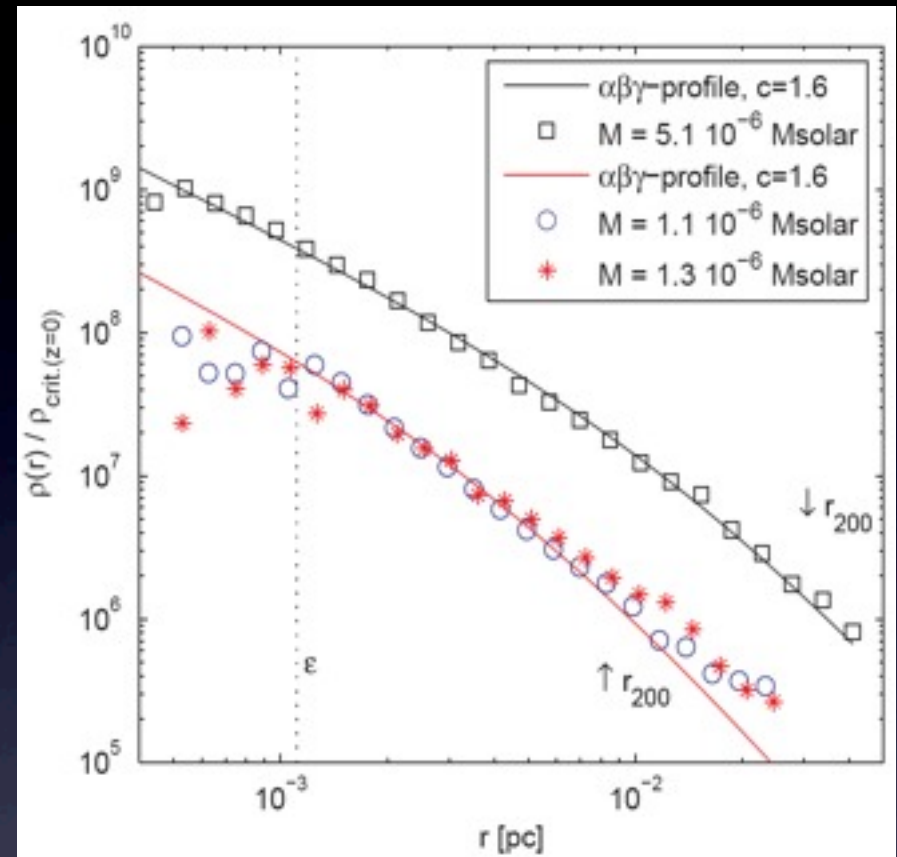
their concentrations $c \sim 3.3$ at $z=26$
evolve into $c \sim 90$ by $z=0$
consistent with Bullock et al model

-> they are stable against tides caused by the MW potential if they live more than about 3 kpc from the galactic center

i.e. a huge number $\sim 5 \times 10^{15}$ could be orbiting in the MW halo today

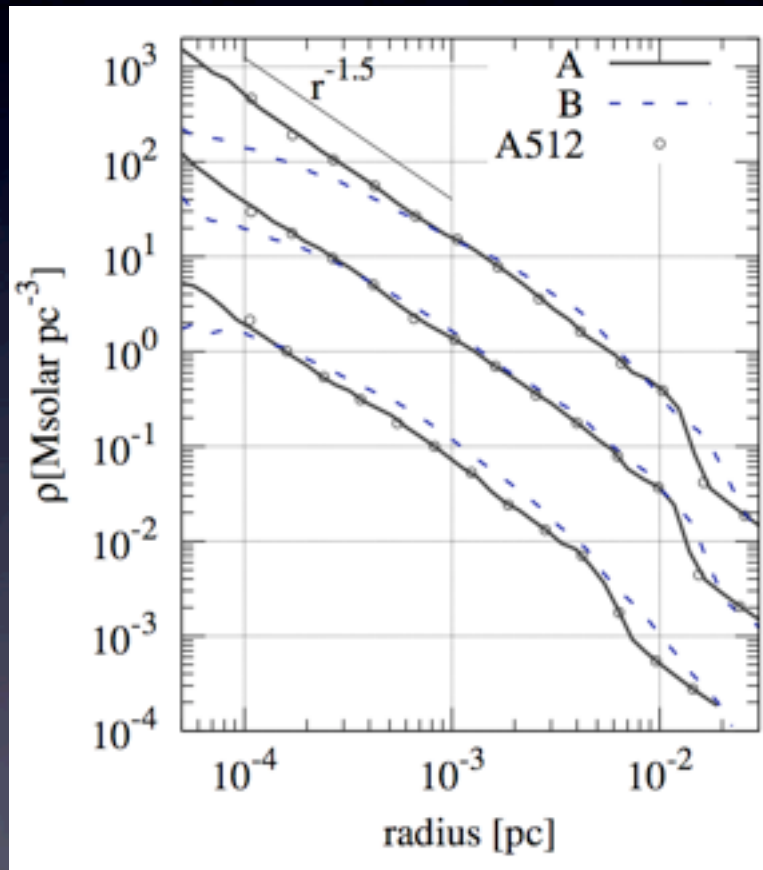
(JD, Moore, Stadel, Nature 2005)

some tidal mass loss and disruption due to encounters with stars (see Goerdt et al astro-ph/0608495)

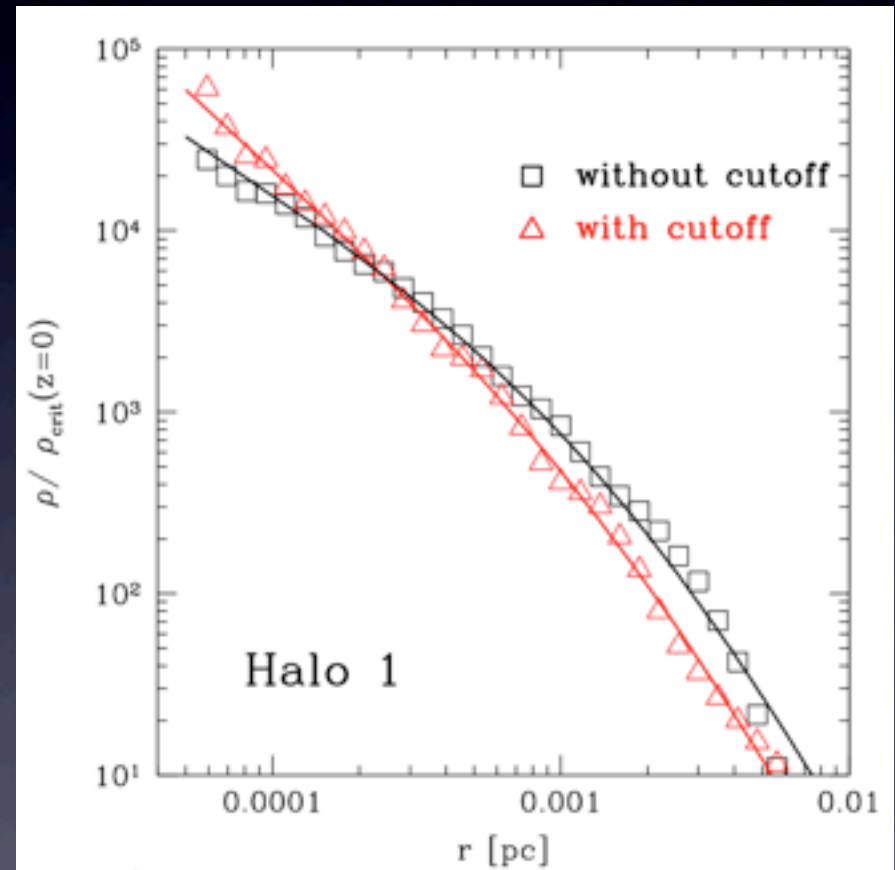


microhalo profiles depend on power spectrum

surprising result from Ishiyama et. al, ApJL, 2010:
cutoff leads to steeper profiles!

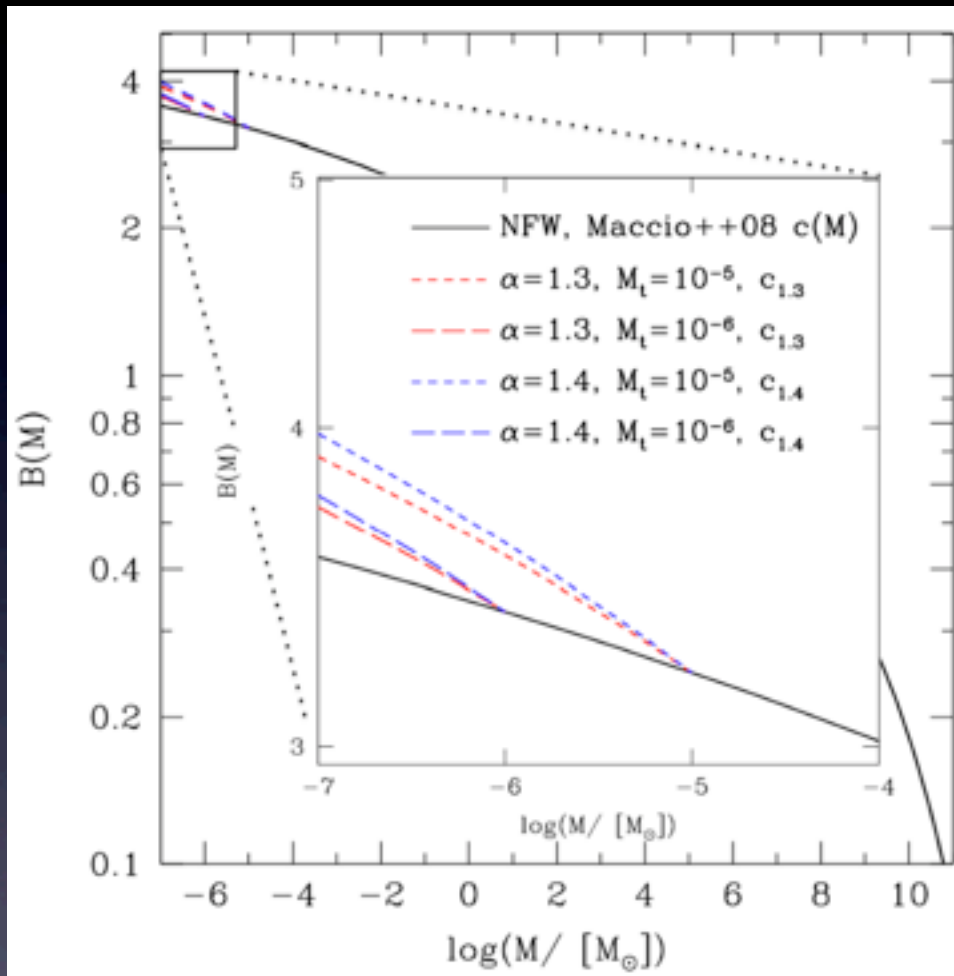


Ishiyama+, ApJL, 2010



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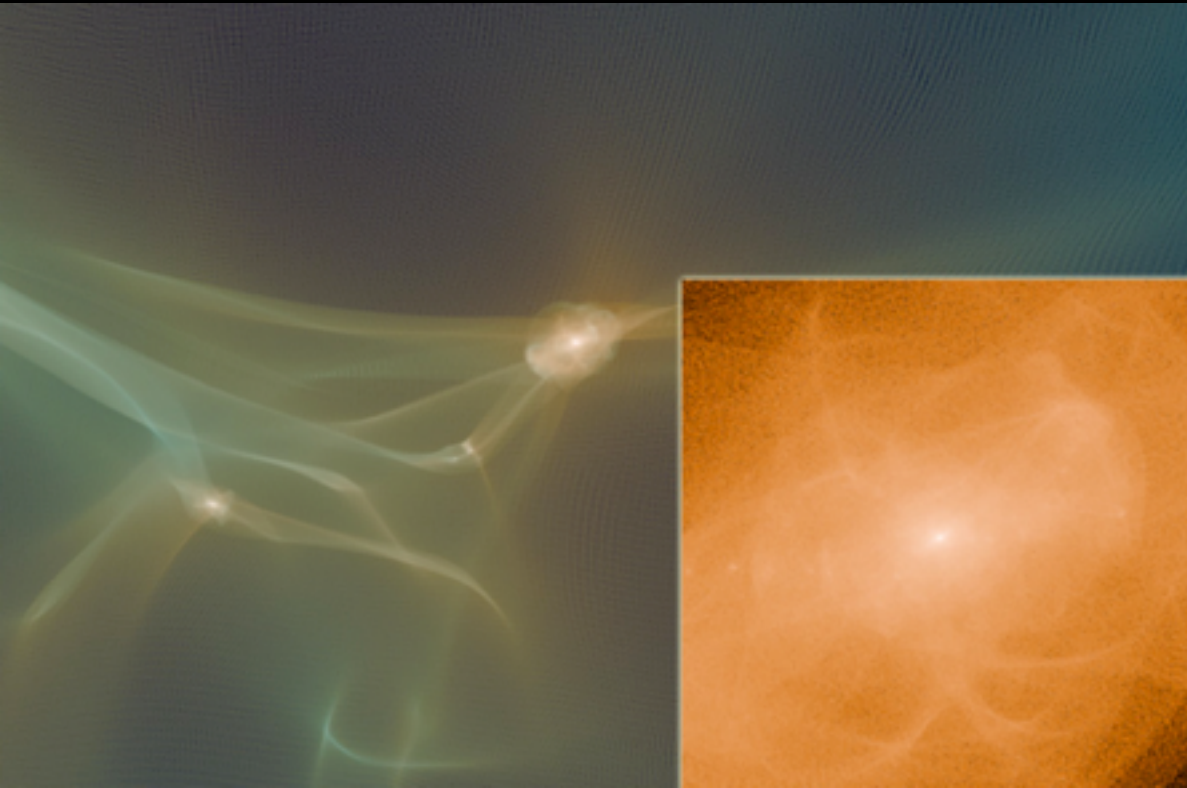


new, steeper microhalo profiles
lead to larger boost factors

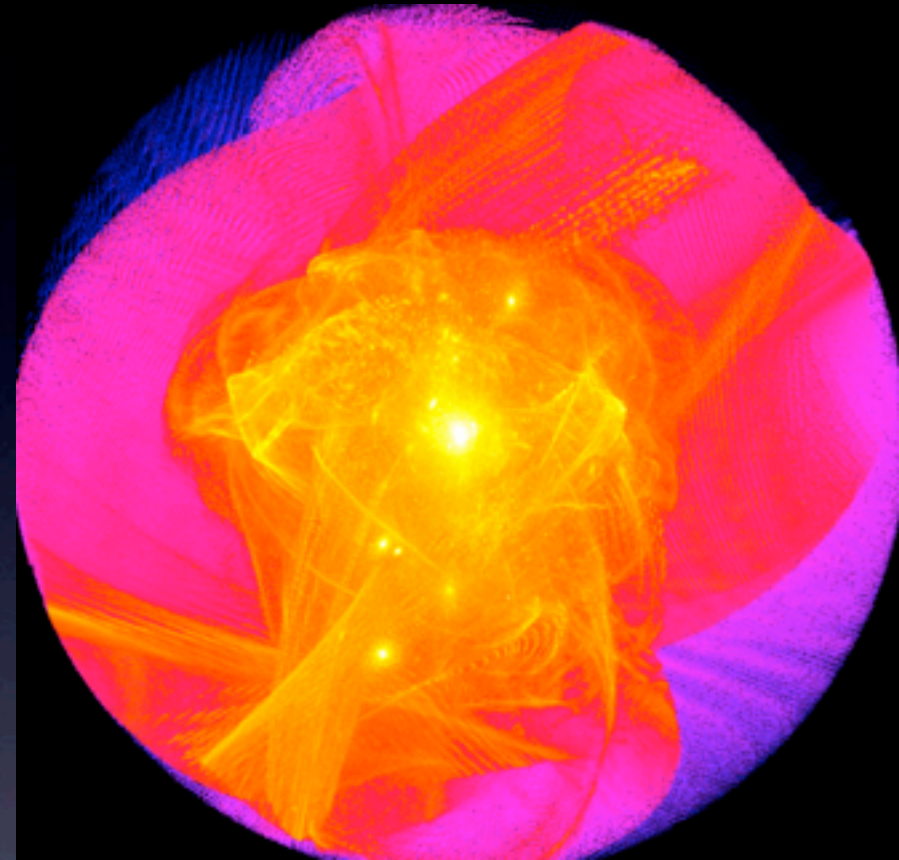
the effect is quite small:
galactic halo boost increases
from 3.5 to up to 4.0

Anderhalden & JD, arXiv:1302.0003

high redshift microhalos show clear infall caustics



Ishiyama+, ApJL, 2010



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resolved caustics at $z=30$ increase the halo annihilation signal by 50%.
the effect decreases with time, unclear how much would be left at $z=0$.

summary

- tides remove subhalo mass from the outside in and lead to higher concentrations for subhalos. the effect is stronger near the galactic center
- identical density profiles and substructure abundance in the inner regions of field halos and subhalos
- small halos and subhalos contribute significantly to the total DM annihilation signal. Largest contributions per mass decade come from around solar mass scales.
- astrophysical factors in pure CDM annihilation rates are now well constrained (within a factor of two). baryons increase the uncertainty in some regions
- subhalo annihilation signals might be detectable by GLAST/Fermi
- “too big to fail” problem: tension between **cold** DM and observations
- other substructures like infall caustics and tidal streams have little effect on direct and indirect DM detection
- microhalos near the cutoff have surprisingly steep inner profiles. this increases galactic halo boost factors by a small amount (up to 15 percent)