

Velocity-dependent dark matter annihilation from simulations

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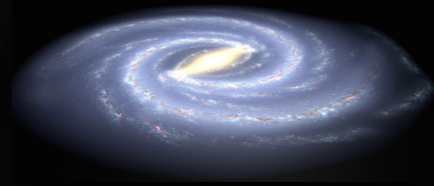
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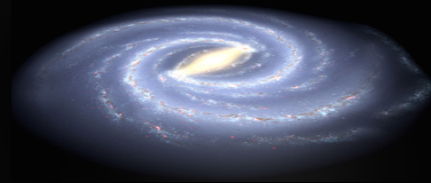
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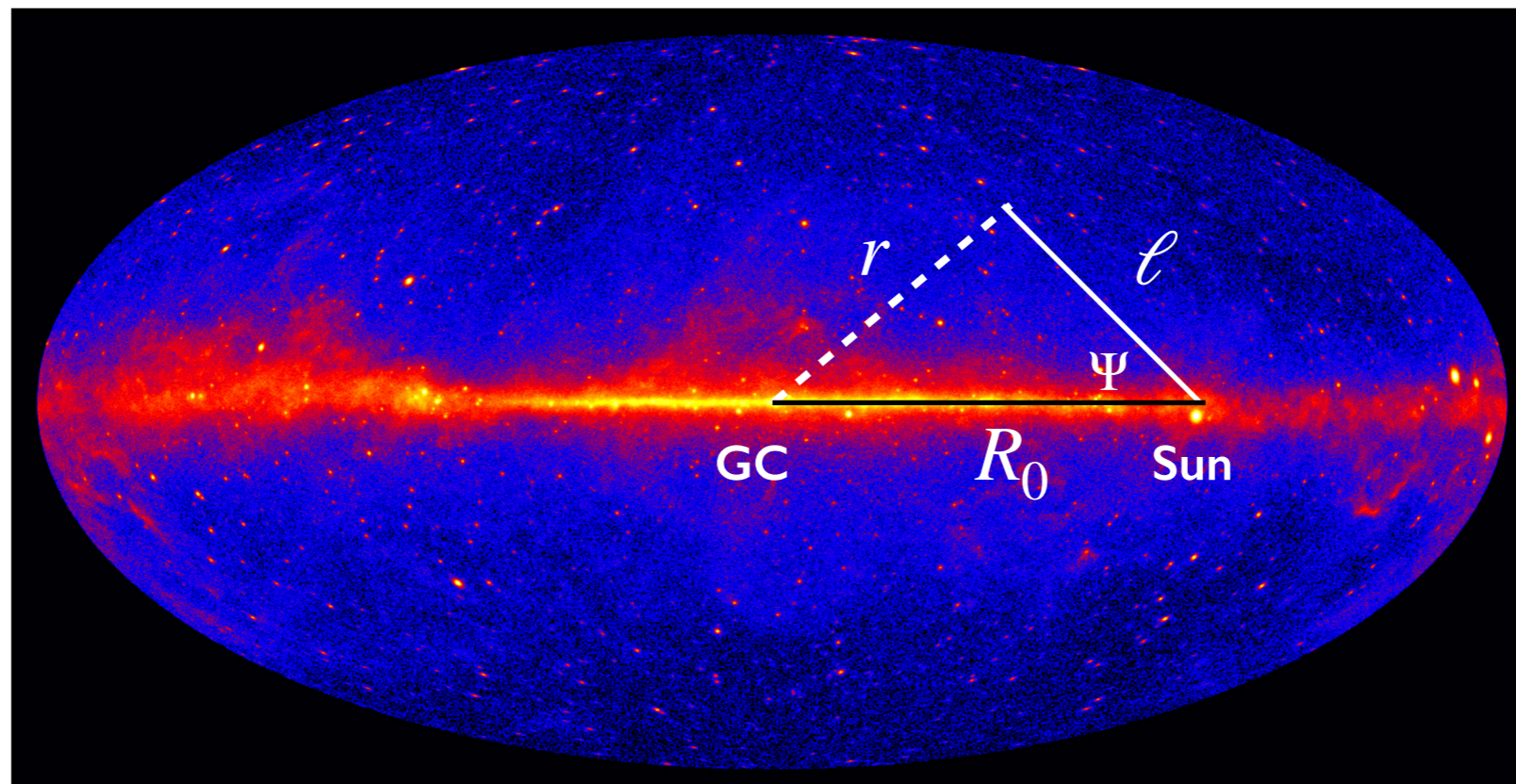


Use high resolution cosmological simulations to extract the Galactic DM distribution and study the implications for velocity-dependent DM annihilation.

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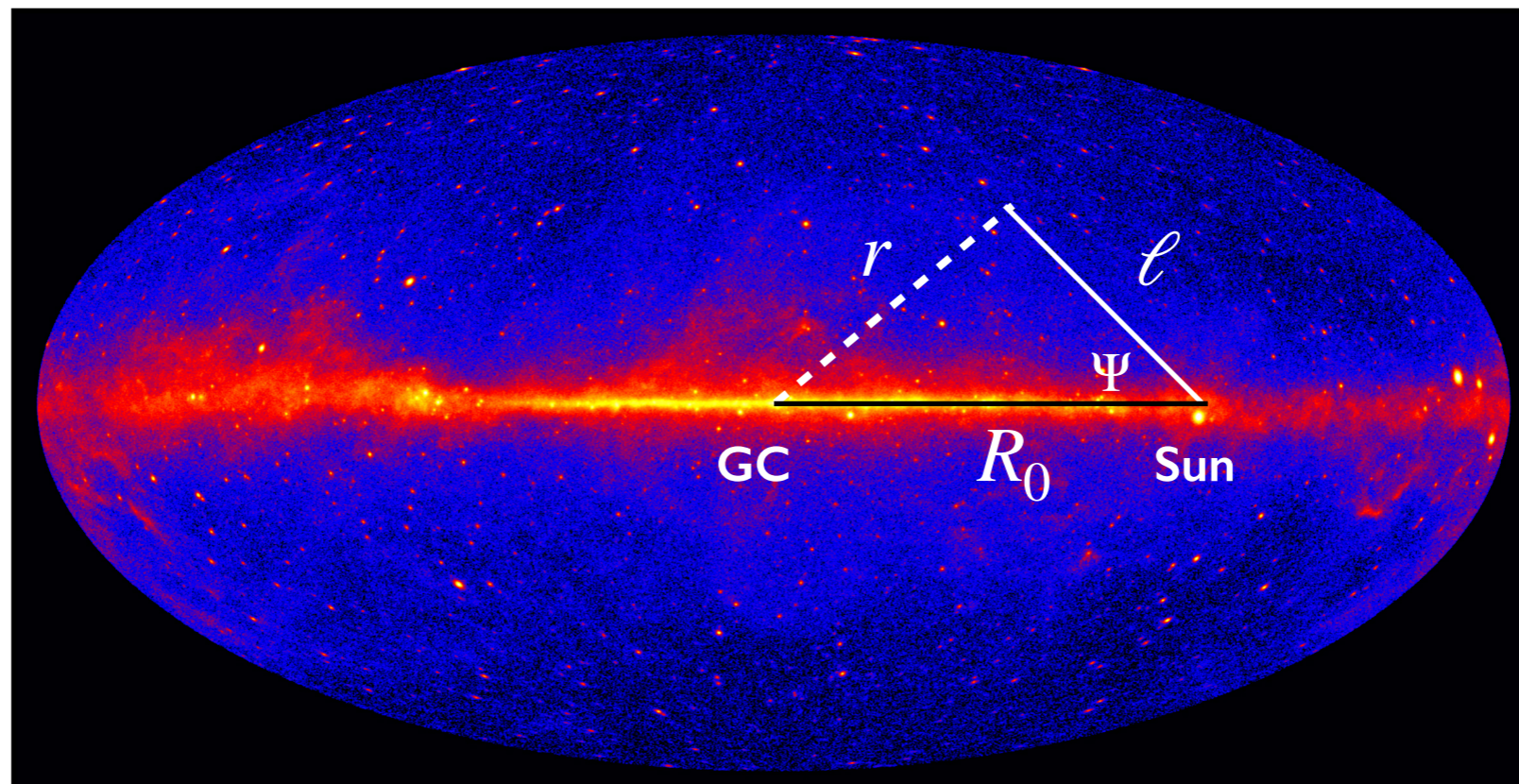
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Different annihilation models:

- $n = 0$: **s-wave**
- $n = 2$: **p-wave**
- $n = 4$: **d-wave**
- $n = -1$: **Sommerfeld-enhanced**

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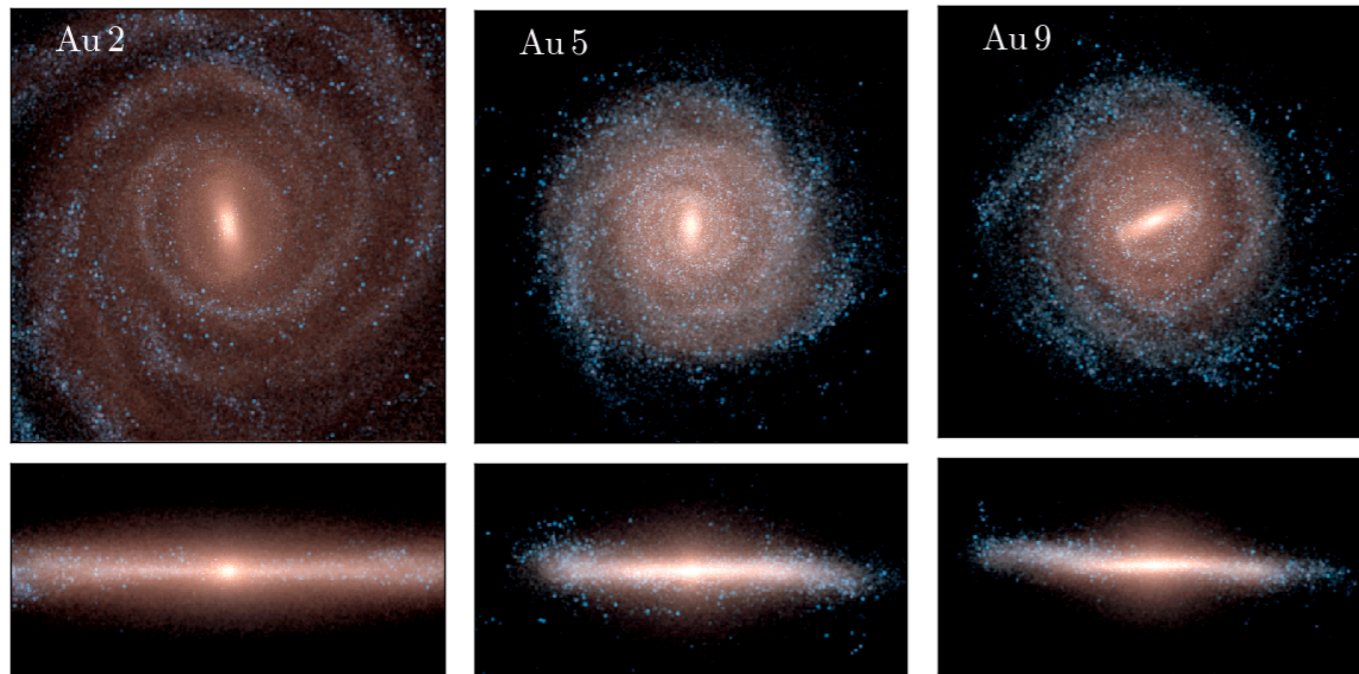
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Hydrodynamical simulations

Auriga Simulations

State-of-the-art magneto-hydrodynamical zoom simulations of Milky Way mass halos.

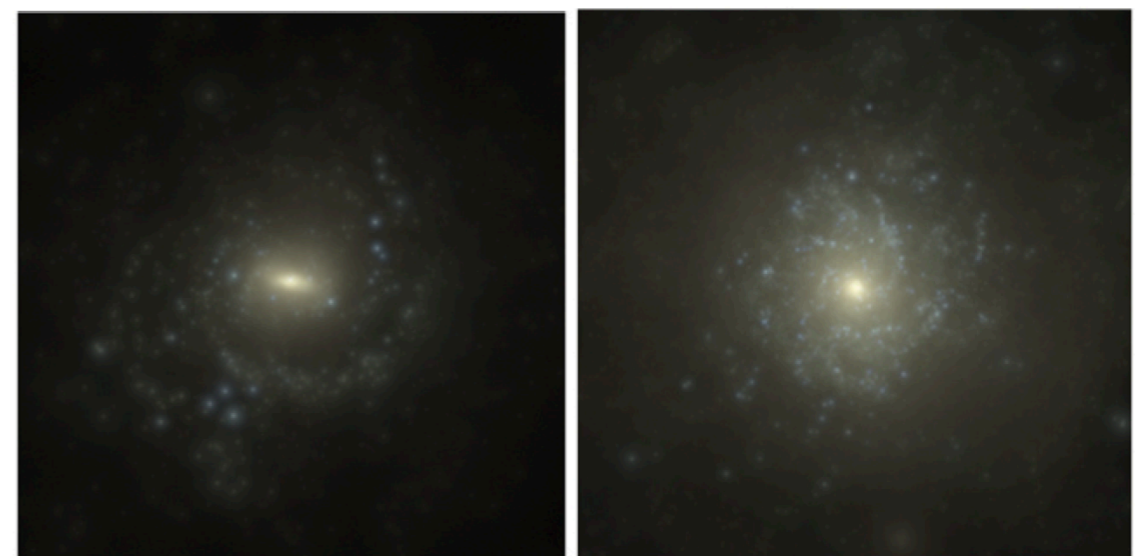
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3×10^5	5×10^4	369



APOSTLE Simulations

Zoom simulations of Local Group analogue systems.

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5.9×10^5	1.3×10^5	308



Milky Way analogues

- Identify Milky Way analogues by requiring that **total stellar mass** and **rotation curves** fit observations.

Initial halos:

Auriga: 30

APOSTLE: 24

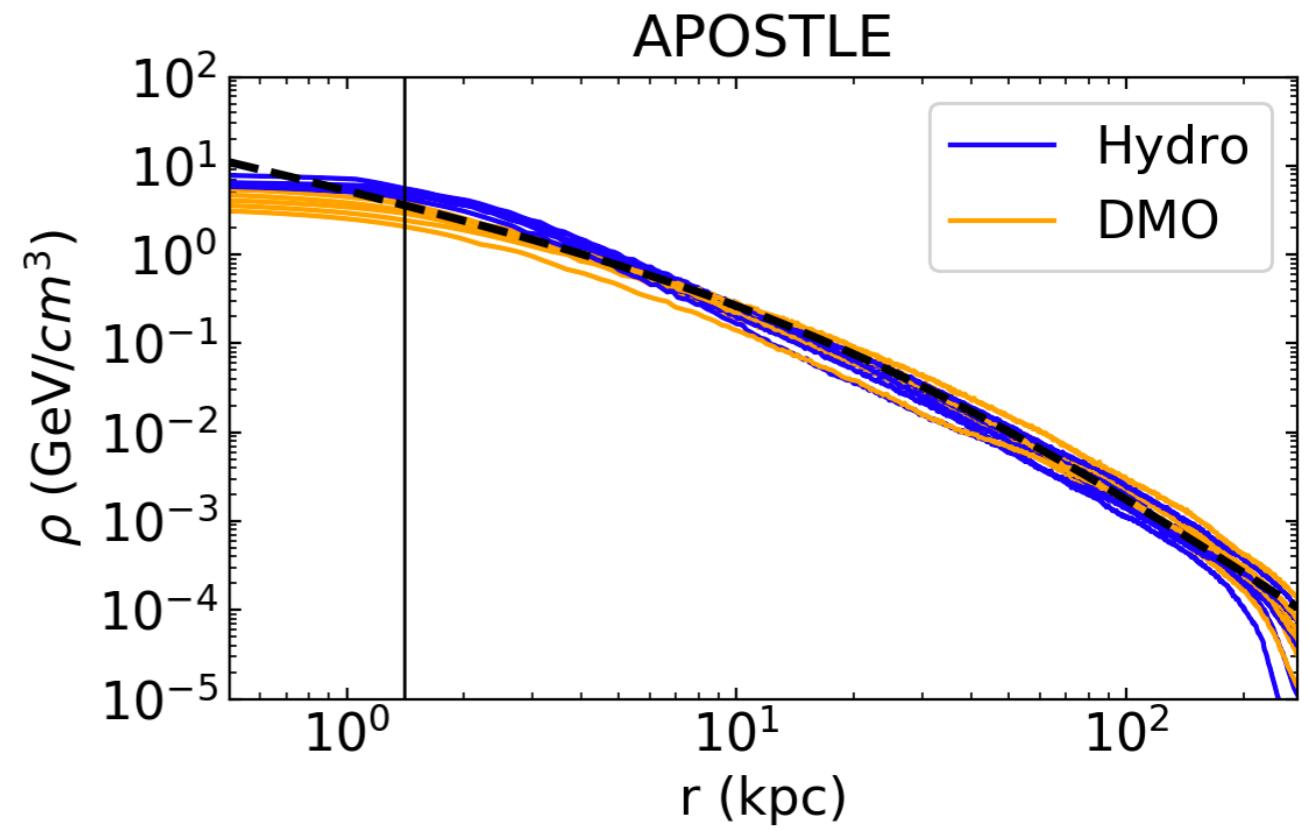
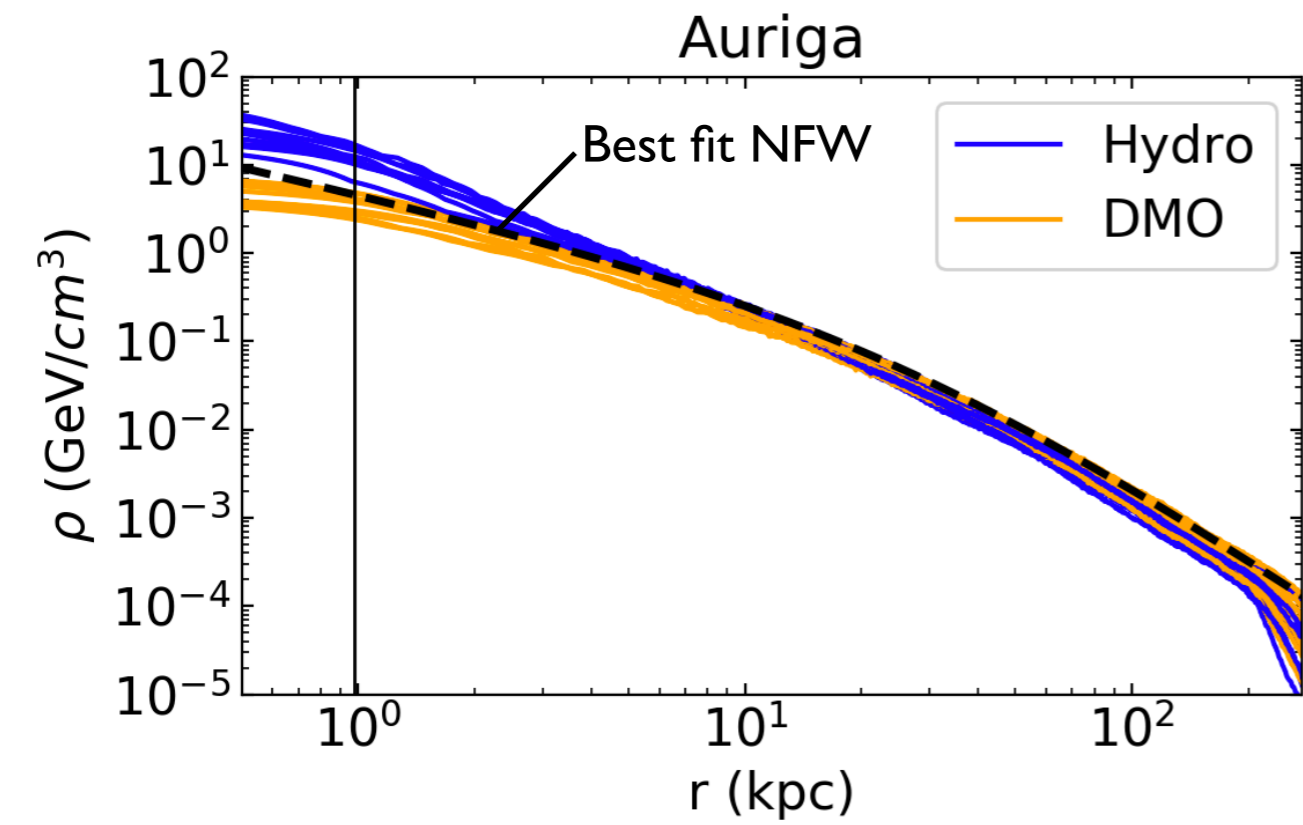
Milky Way-like:

Auriga: 10

APOSTLE: 6

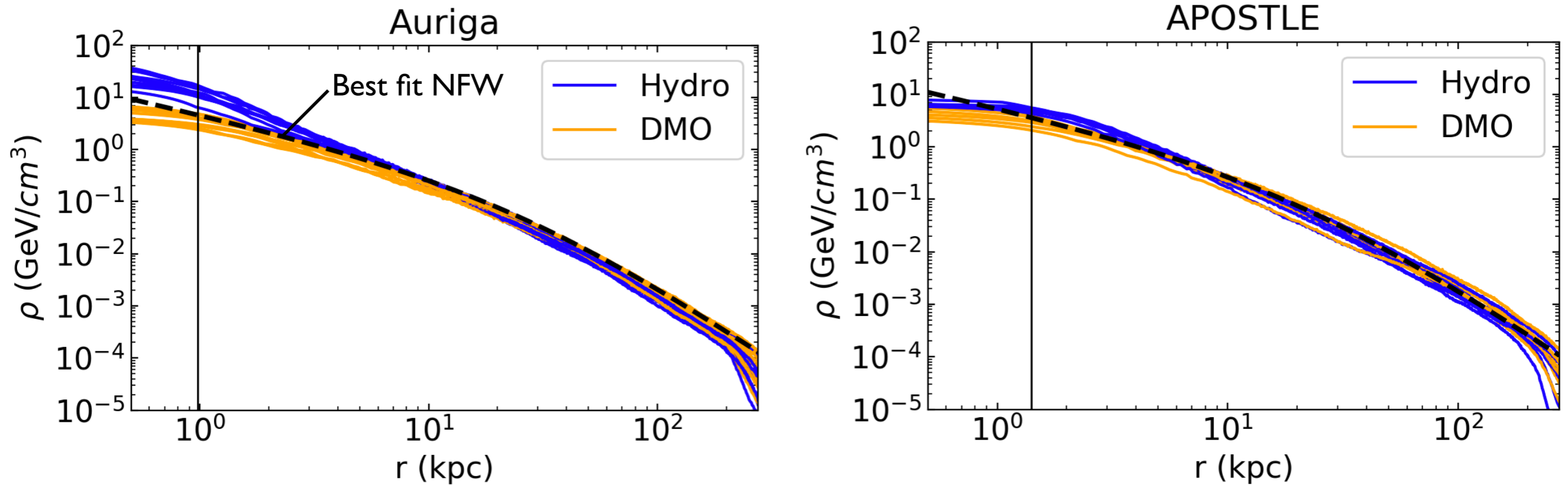
Halo Name	M_{200} [$\times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$]	M_{\star} [$\times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$]
Au2	1.91	7.65
Au4	1.41	7.54
Au5	1.19	6.88
Au7	1.12	5.27
Au9	1.05	6.20
Au12	1.09	6.29
Au19	1.21	5.72
Au21	1.45	8.02
Au22	0.93	6.10
Au24	1.49	7.07
AP-V1-1-L2	1.64	4.88
AP-V6-1-L2	2.15	4.48
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Dark matter density profiles



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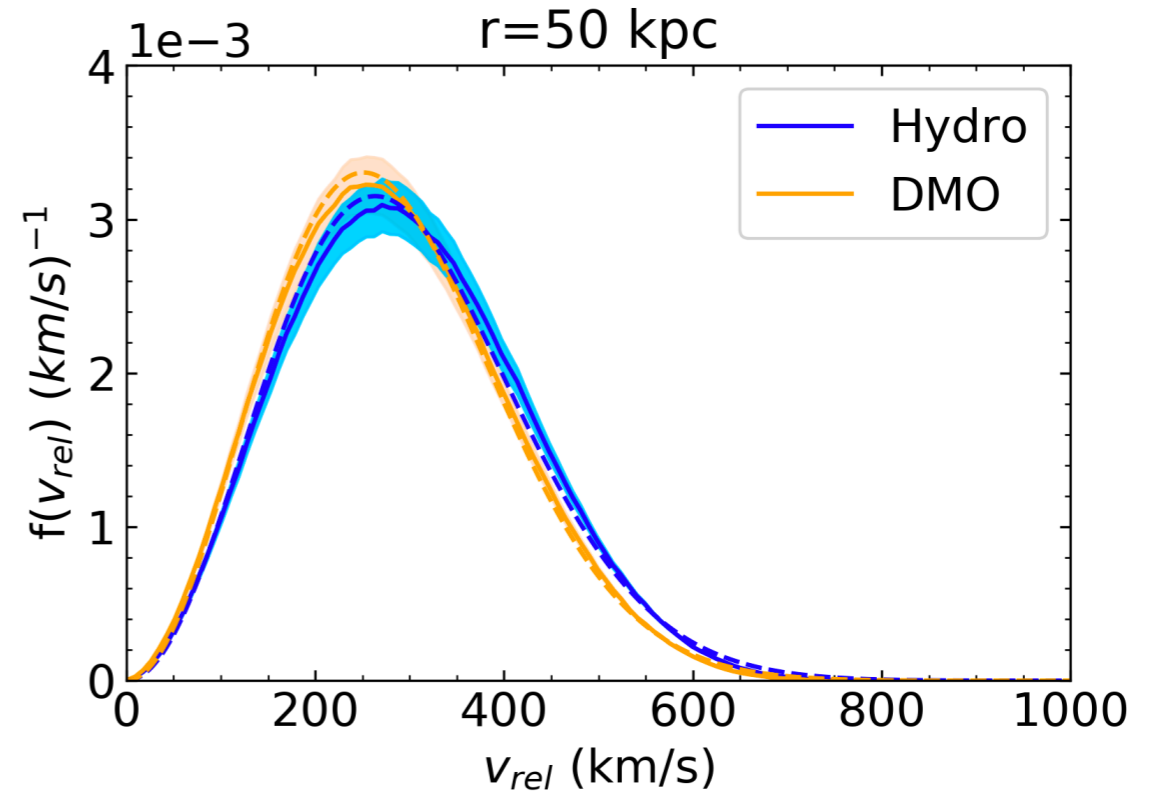
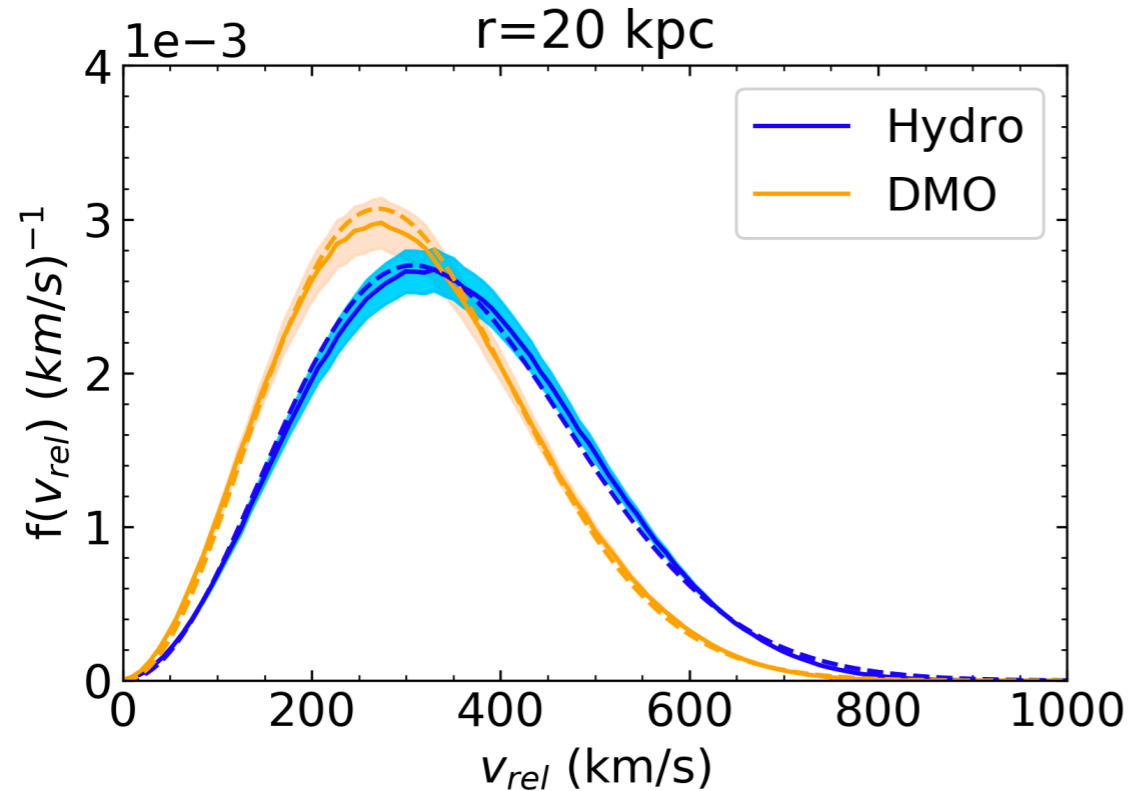
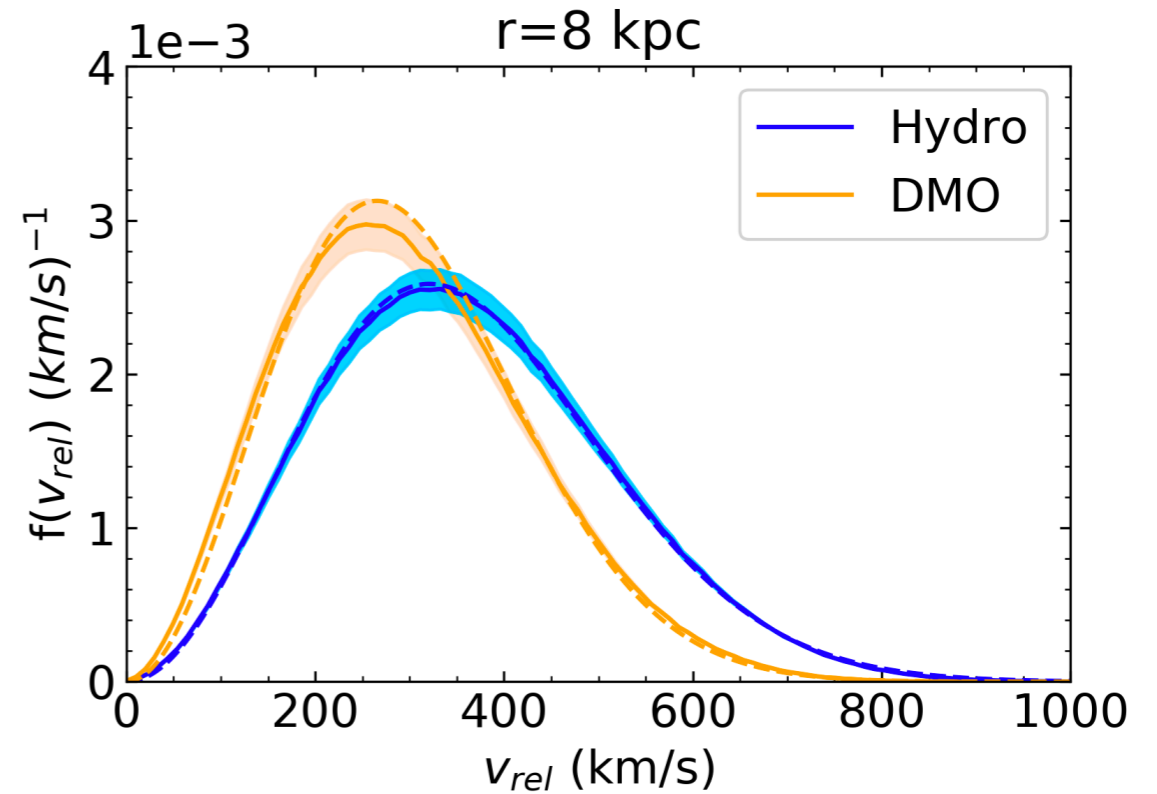
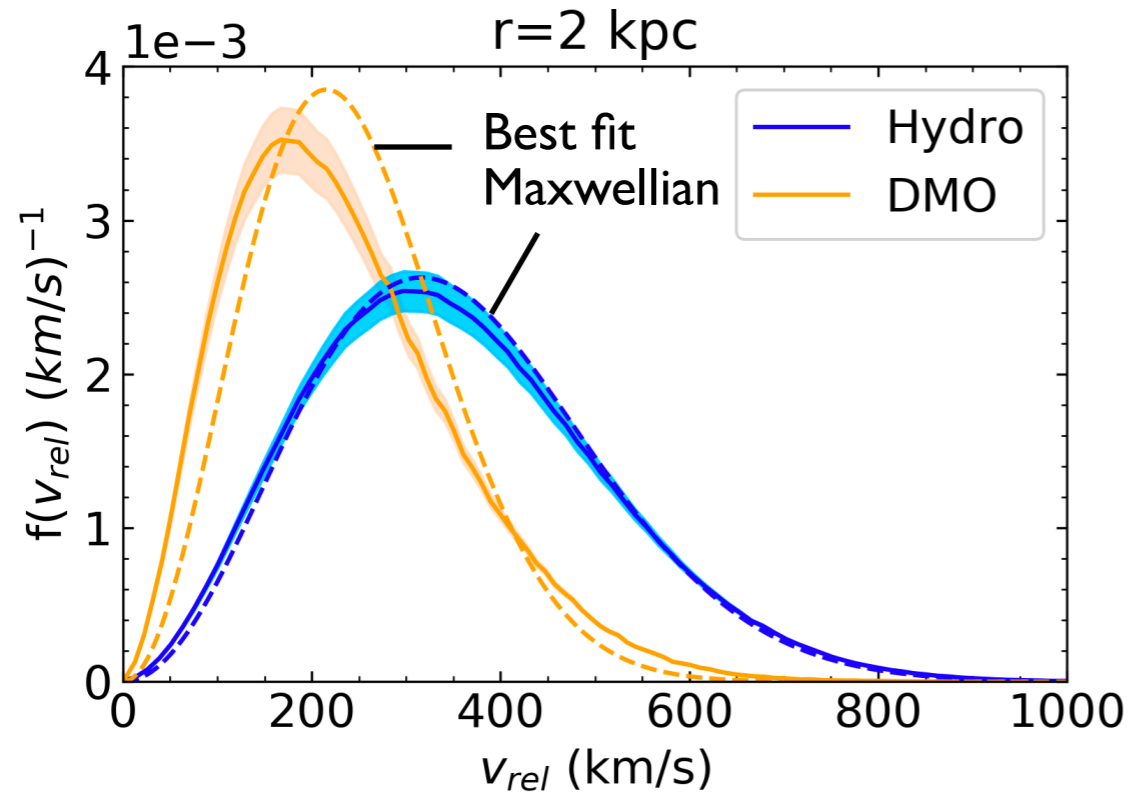
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- At large radii, agreement between hydro and DMO.
- Inside the Solar circle, baryons lead to contraction of the DM halos. \rightarrow Hydro halos have steeper profiles than DMO.
- APOSTLE halos have smaller stellar masses. \rightarrow Less contraction of the halos.

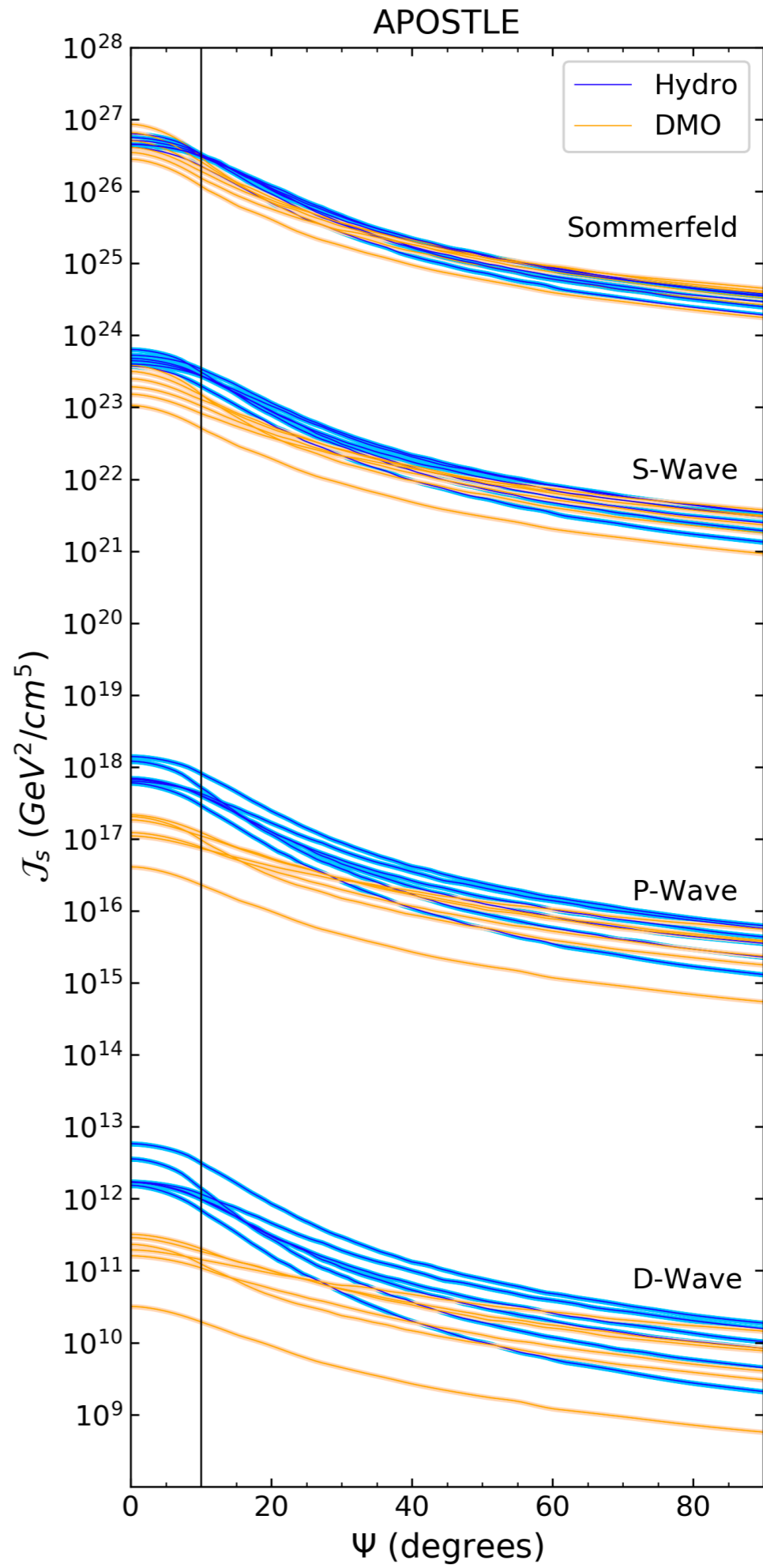
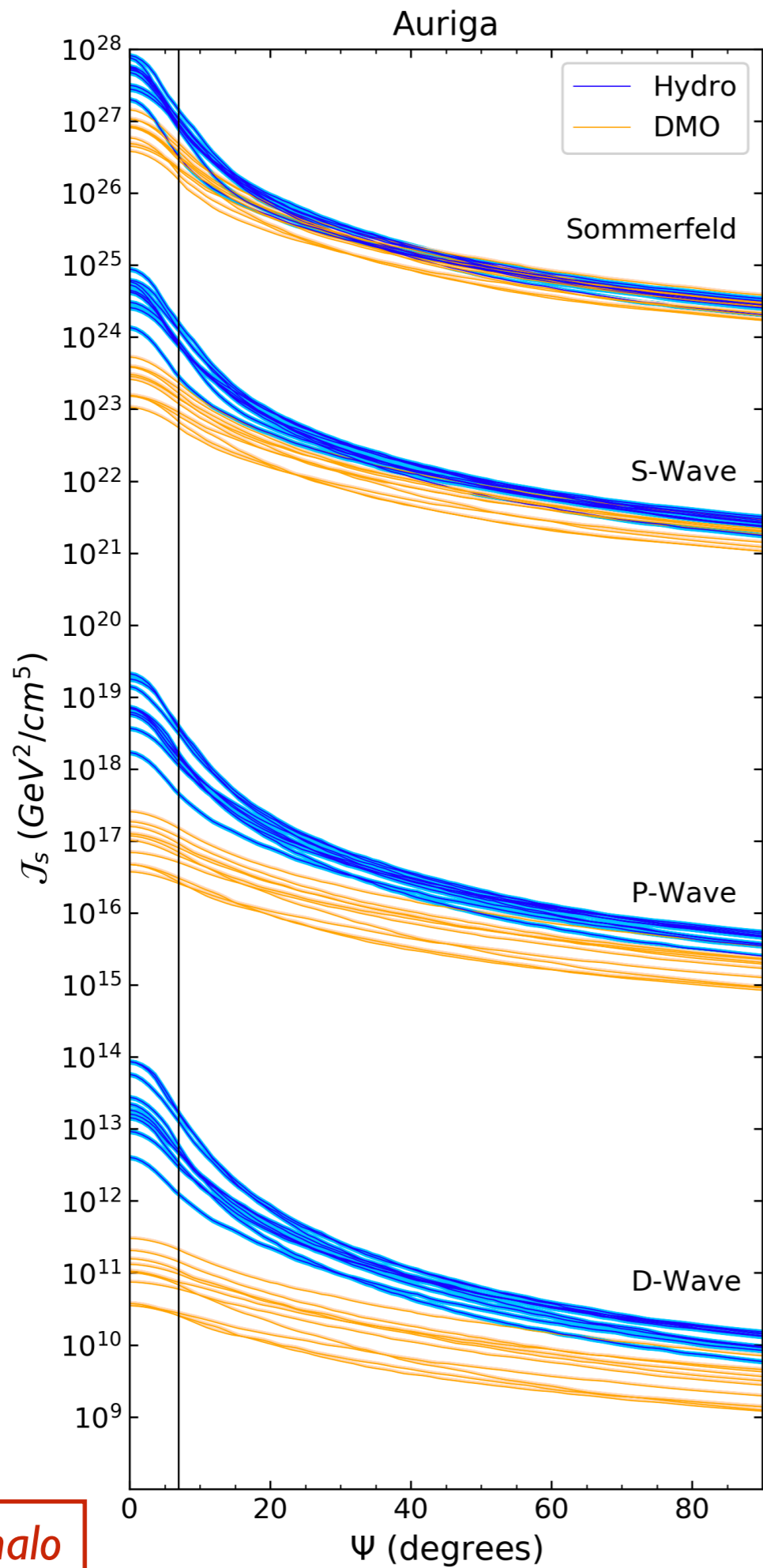
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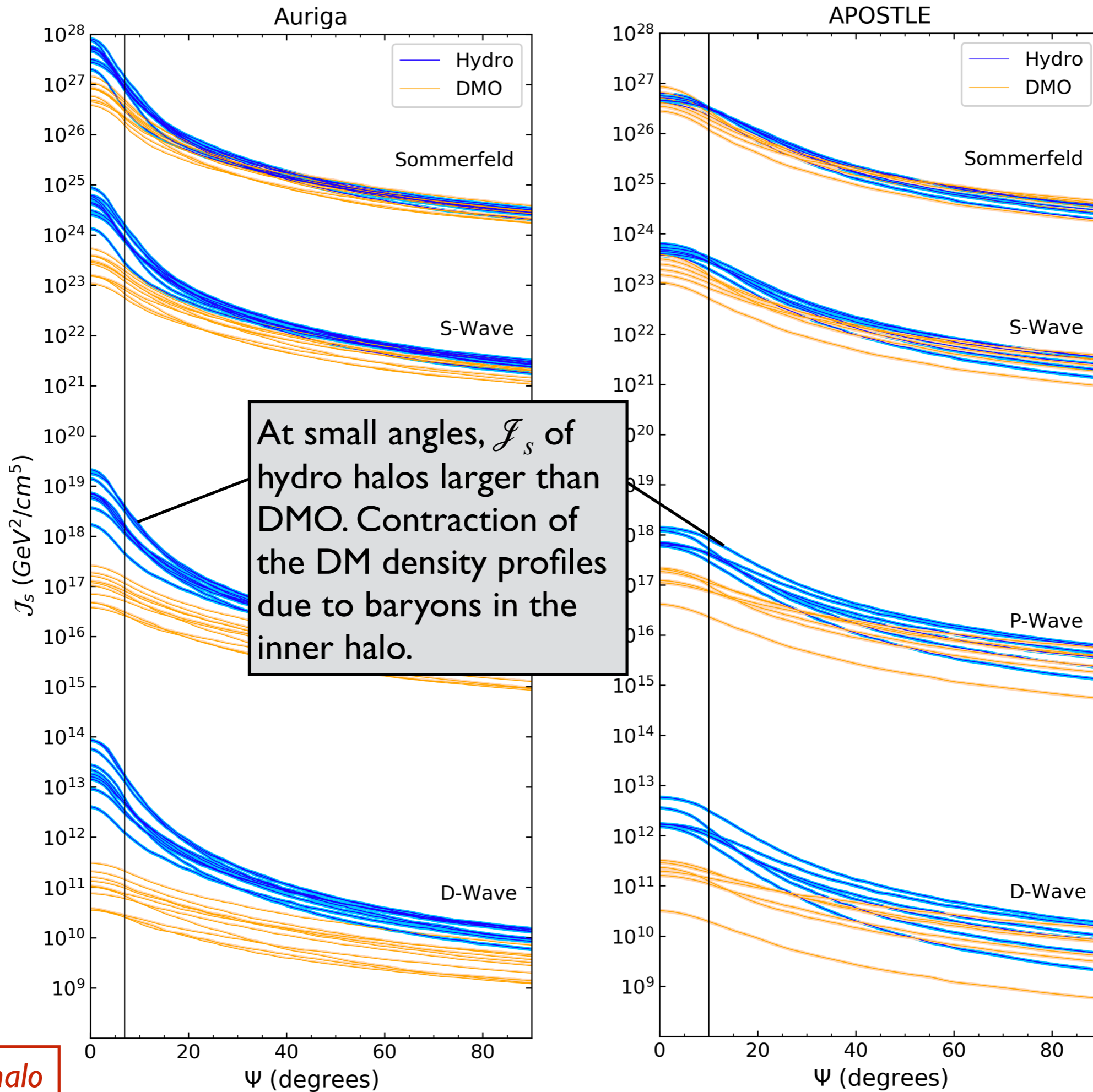
- For the hydro halos, the relative speed distributions are very close to the **Maxwellian distribution** at all radii.
- For the DMO halos, the agreement with the Maxwellian not so good at small radii. → This is because the DM density profiles deviate from the isothermal r^{-2} profile in the central regions of the DMO halos.

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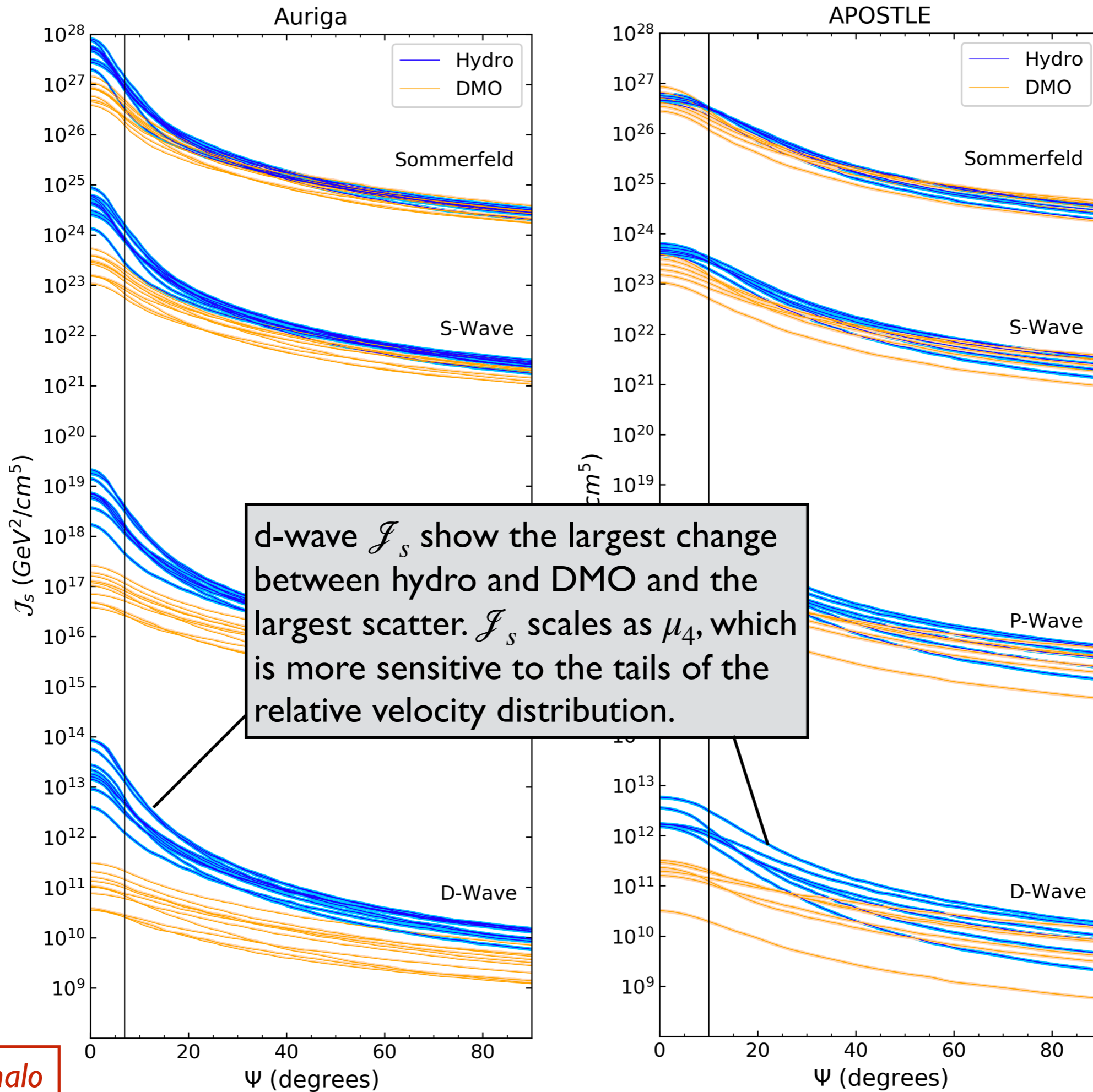
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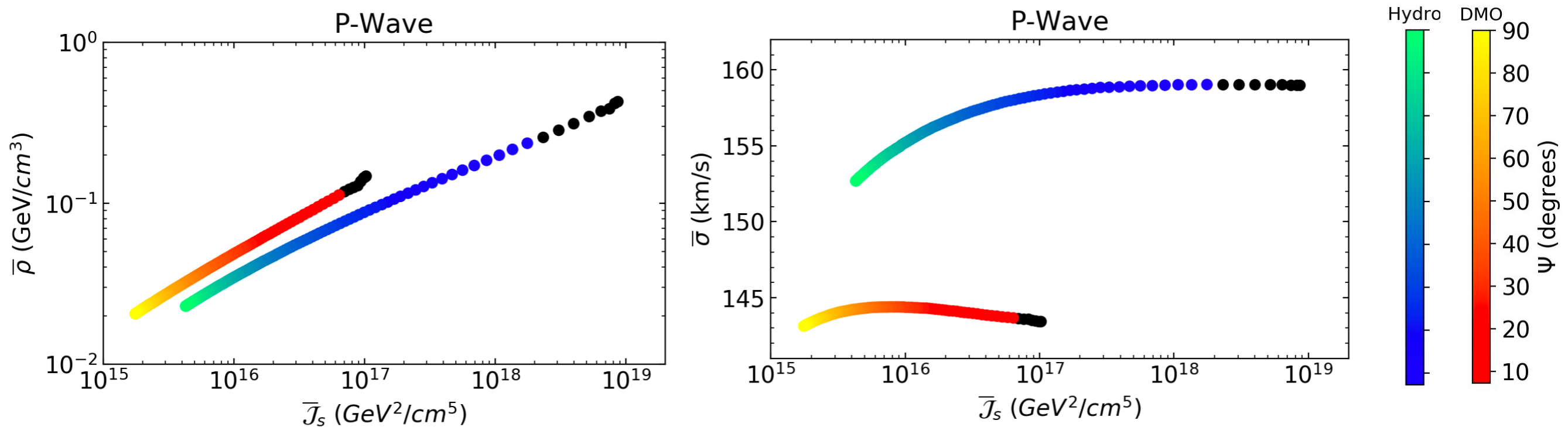
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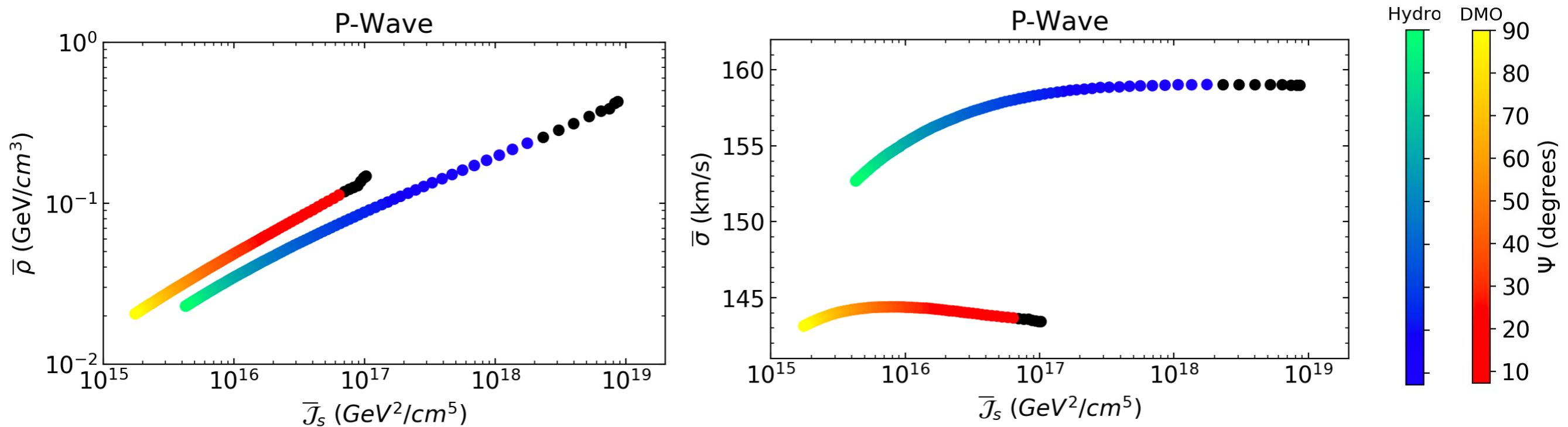
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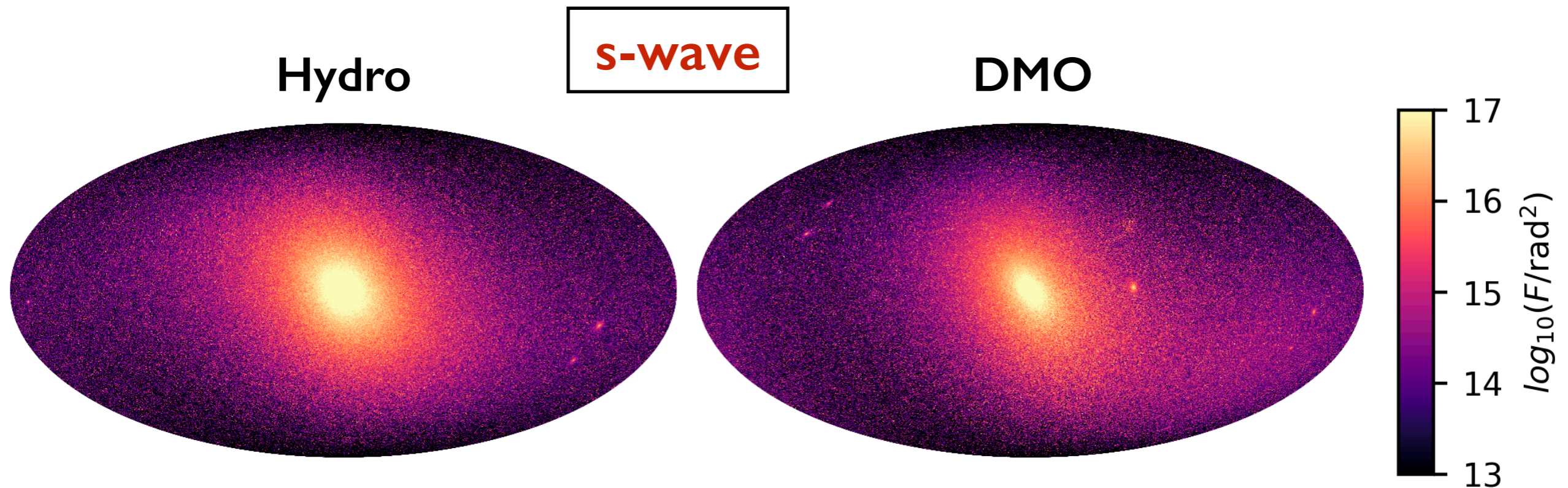
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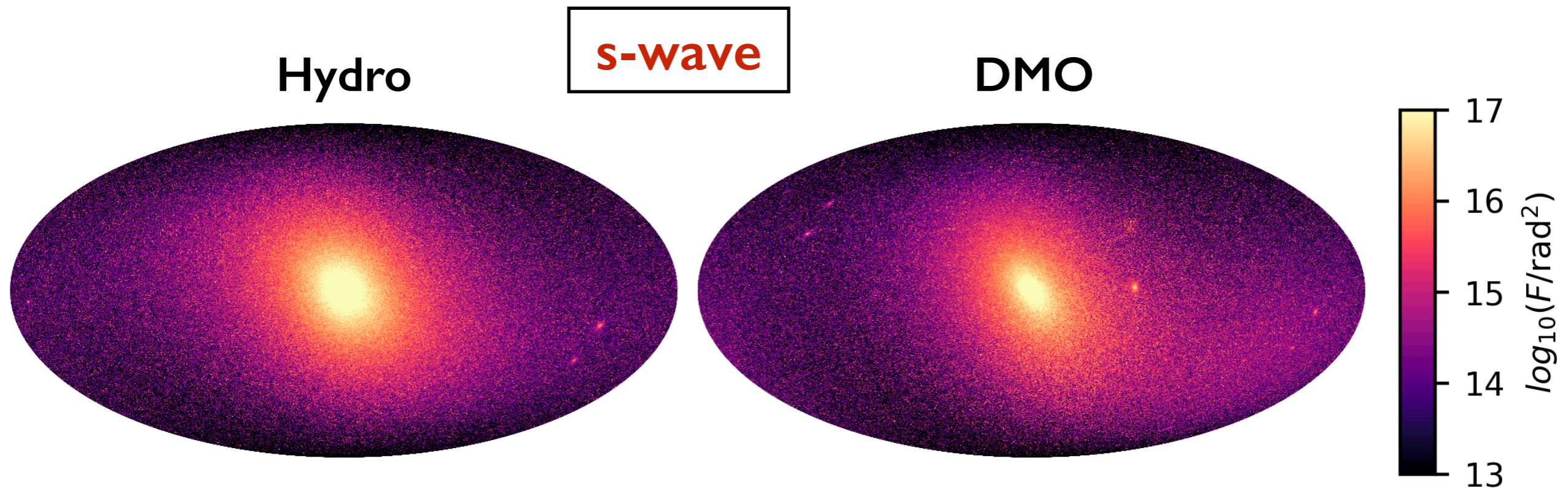
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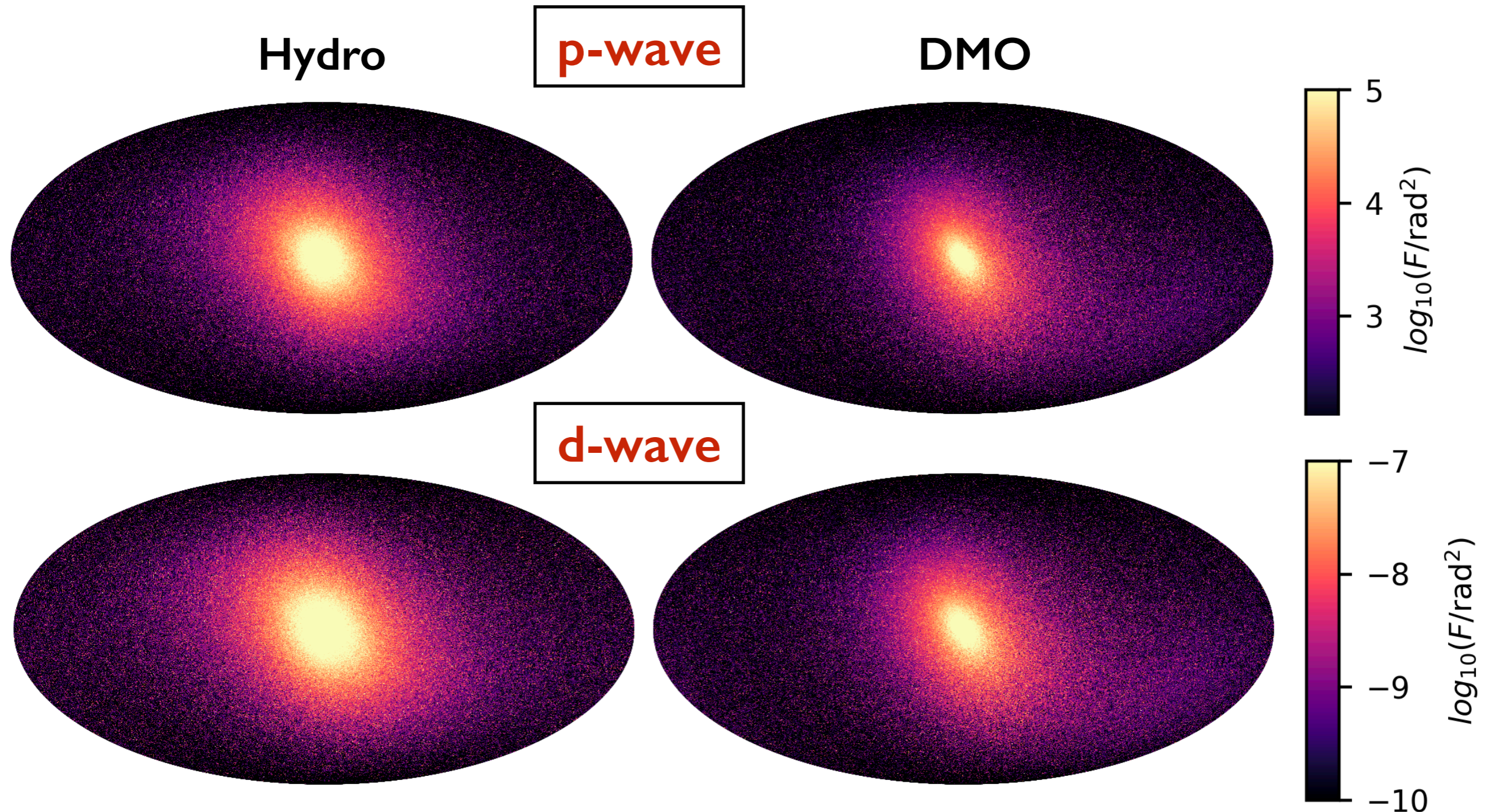


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- In the hydro halos, subhalo fluxes are fainter and the smooth component is brighter and rounder compared to DMO.

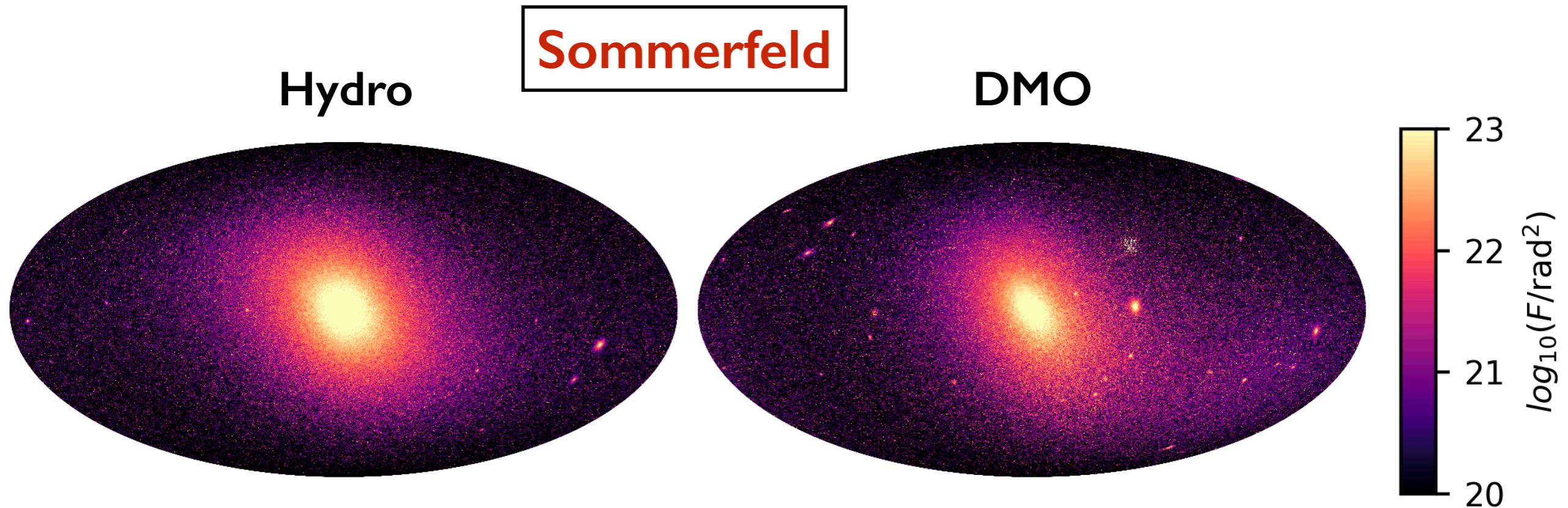
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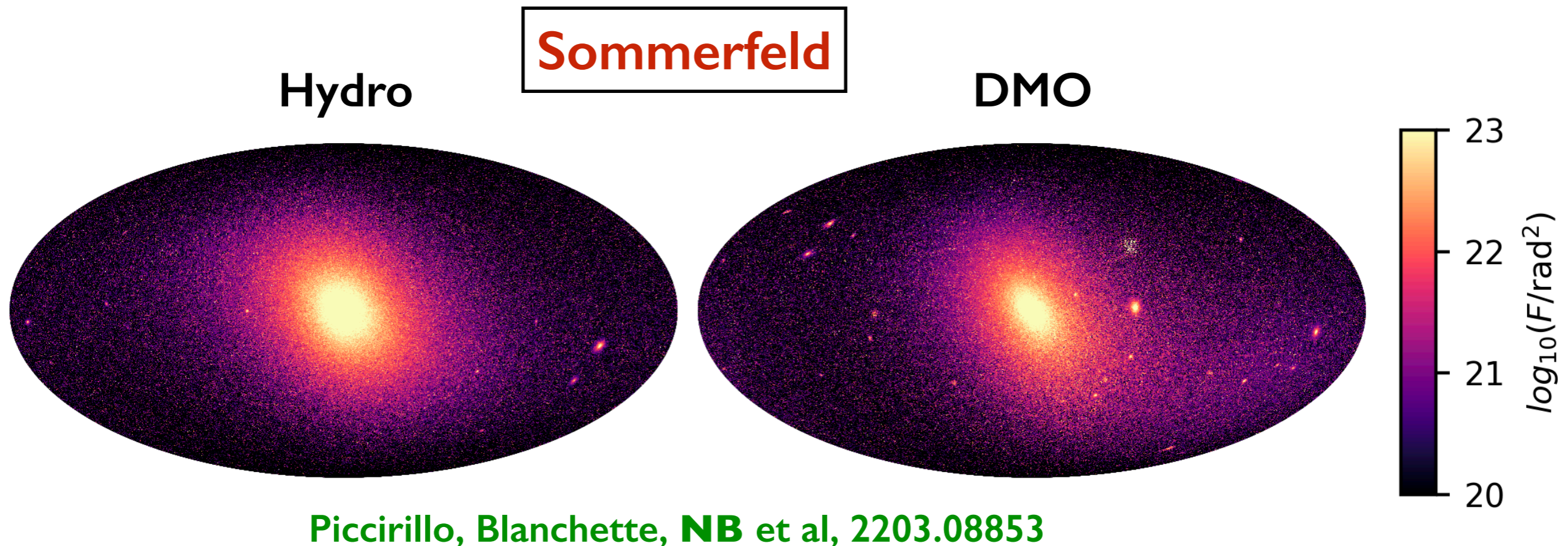
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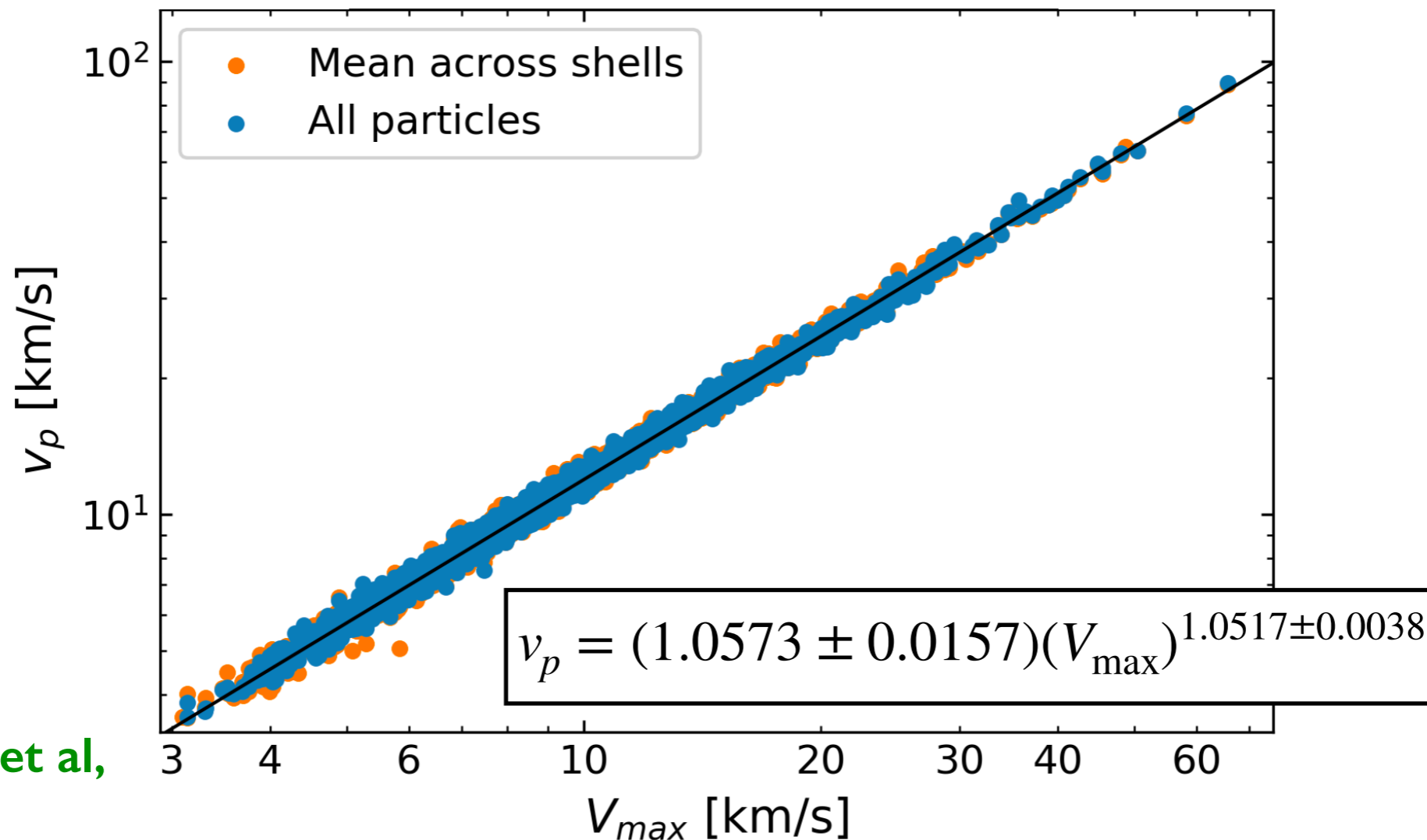
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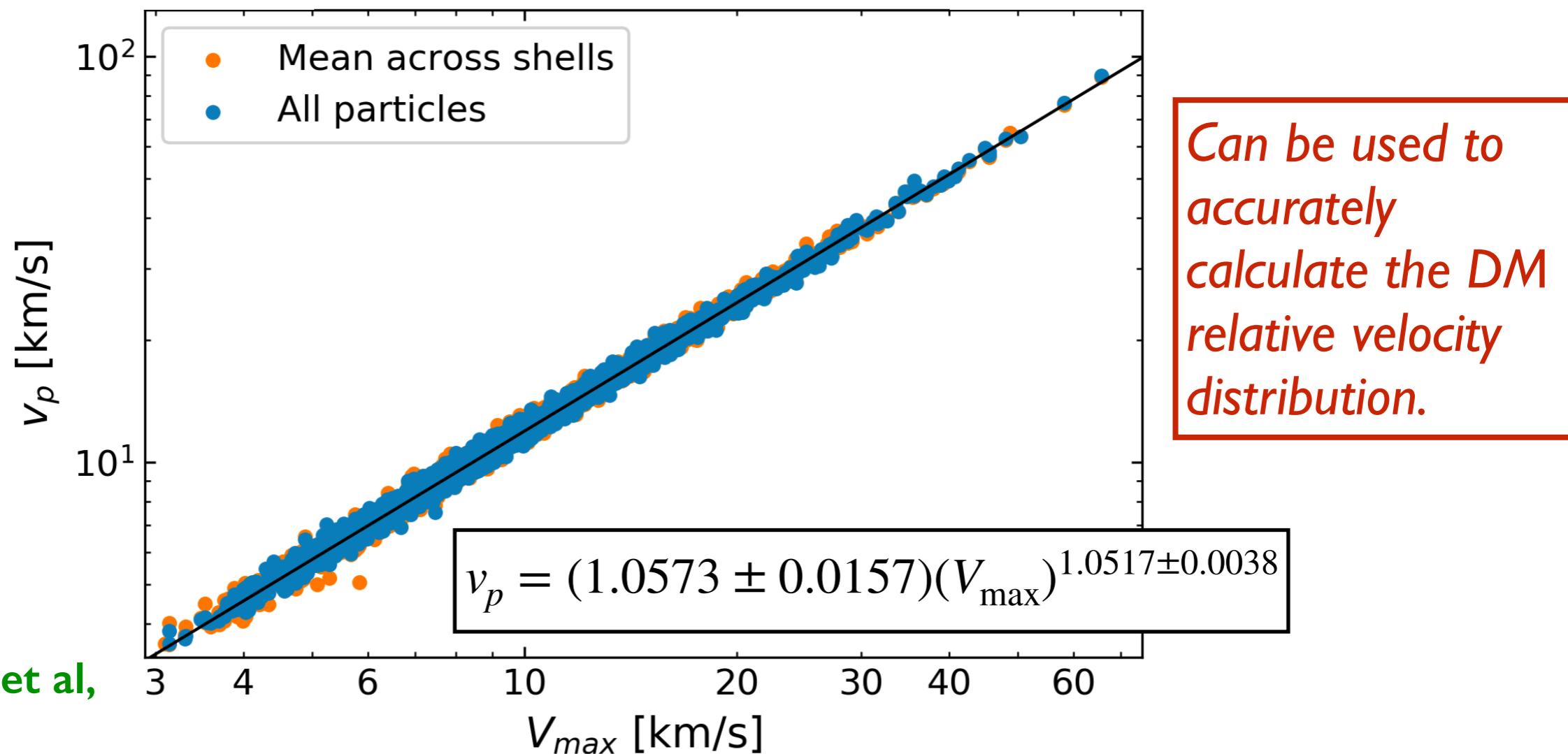
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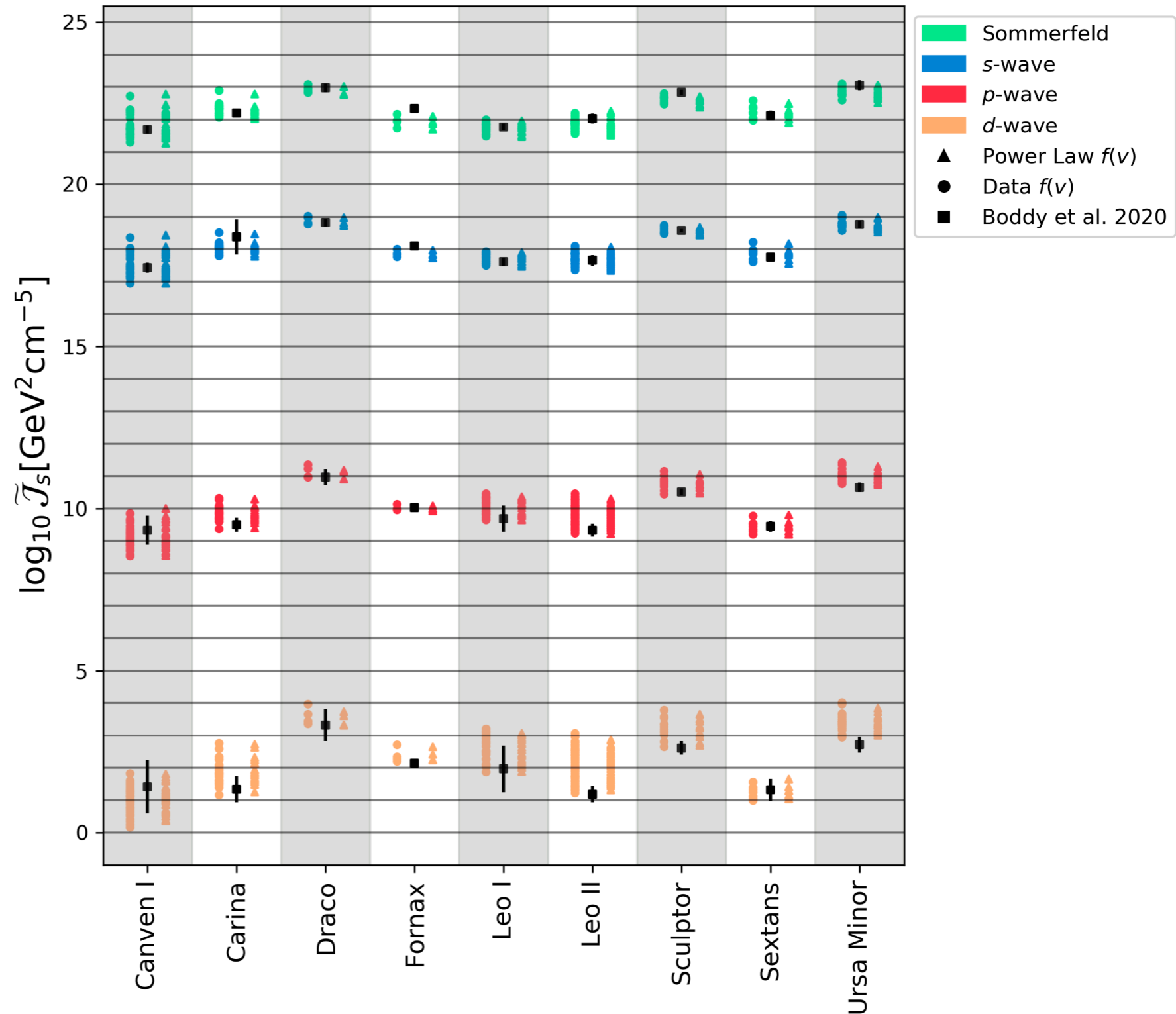
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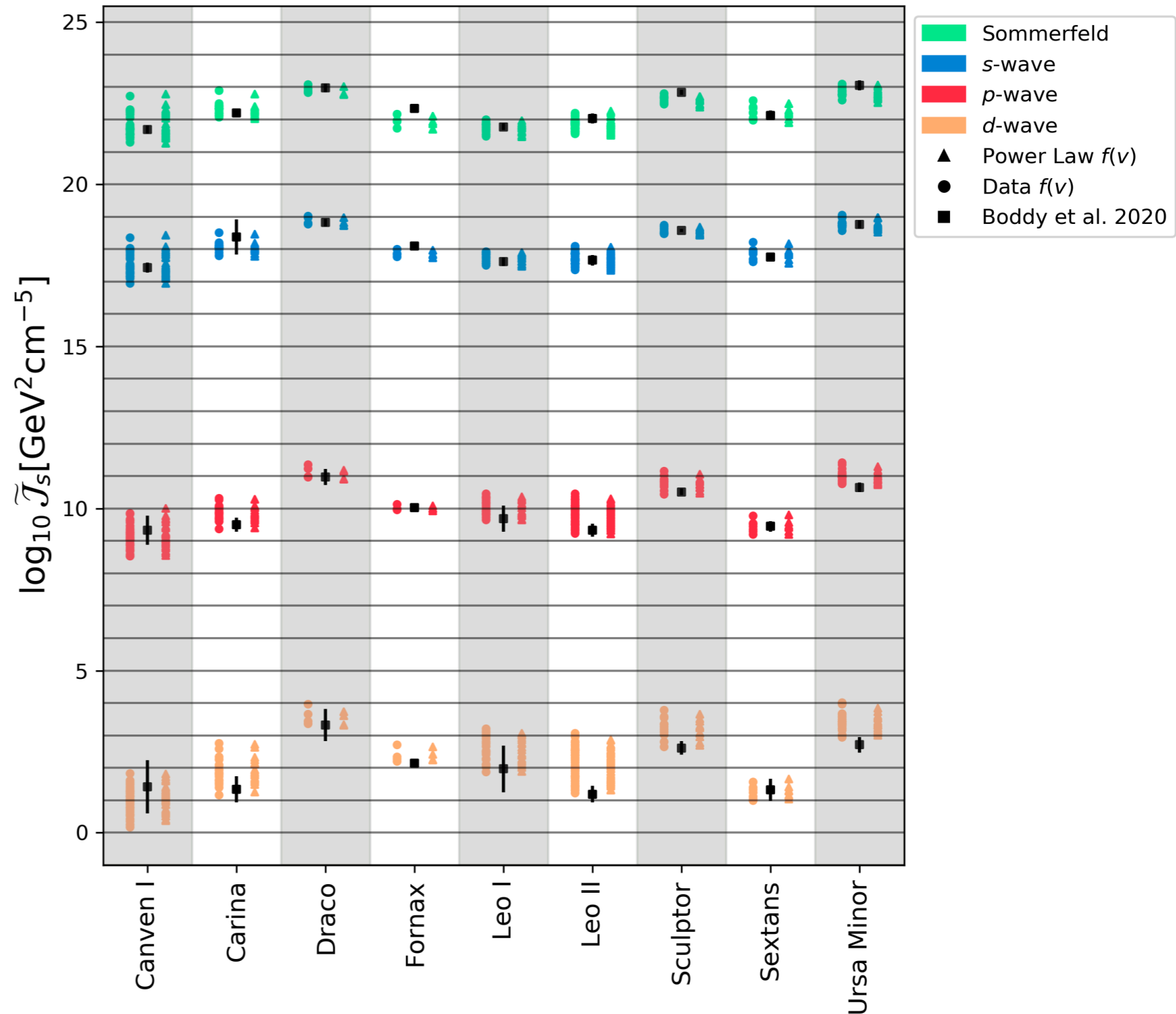
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Backup Slides

Relative velocity moments

- Moments of the relative velocity distribution:

$$\langle \sigma_A v_{\text{rel}} \rangle(\mathbf{x}) \propto \int d^3 \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}) v_{\text{rel}}^n \equiv \mu_n(\mathbf{x})$$

- For different DM annihilation models, $\langle \sigma_A v_{\text{rel}} \rangle$ is proportional to:

- **Sommerfeld**: Inverse moment μ_{-1}

- **s-wave**: zeroth moment, $\mathcal{J}_s = \int d\ell [\rho(r(\ell, \Psi))]^2$

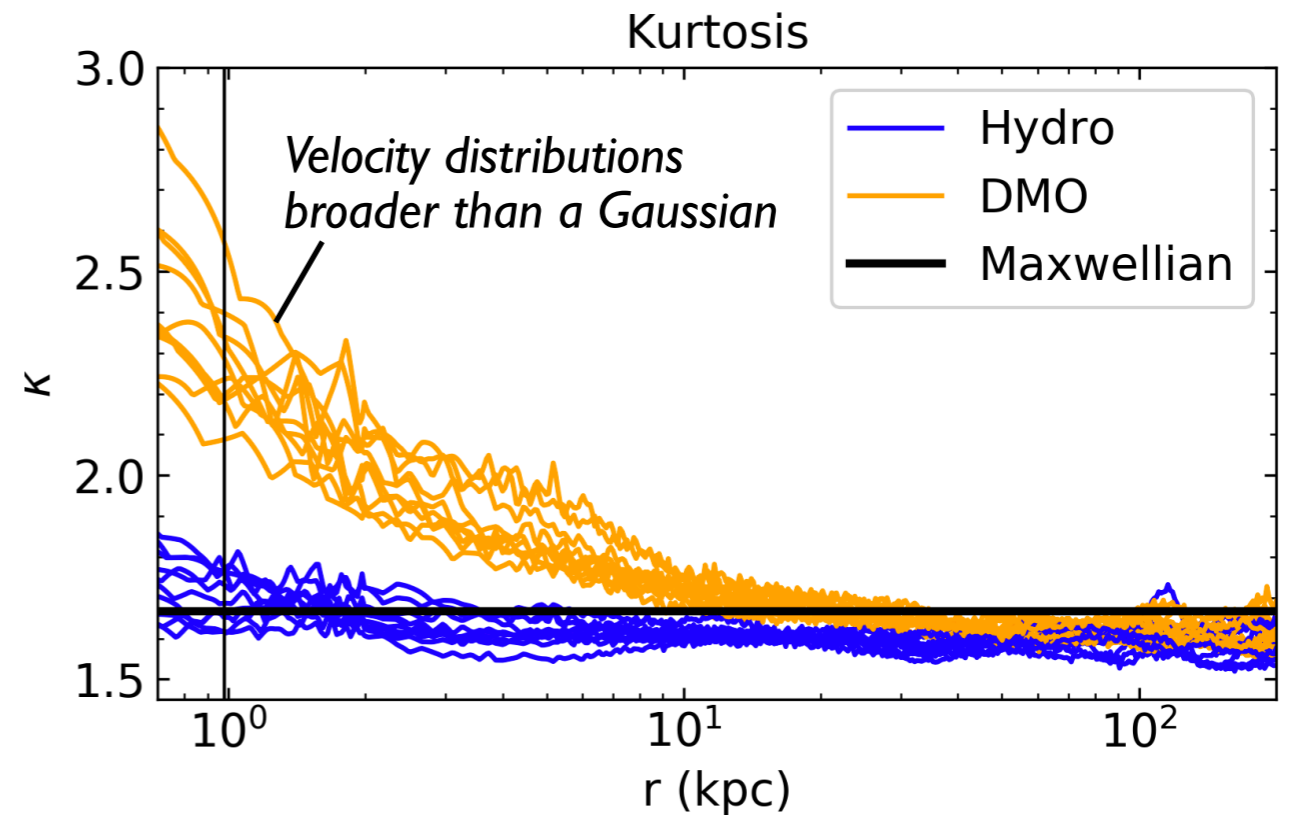
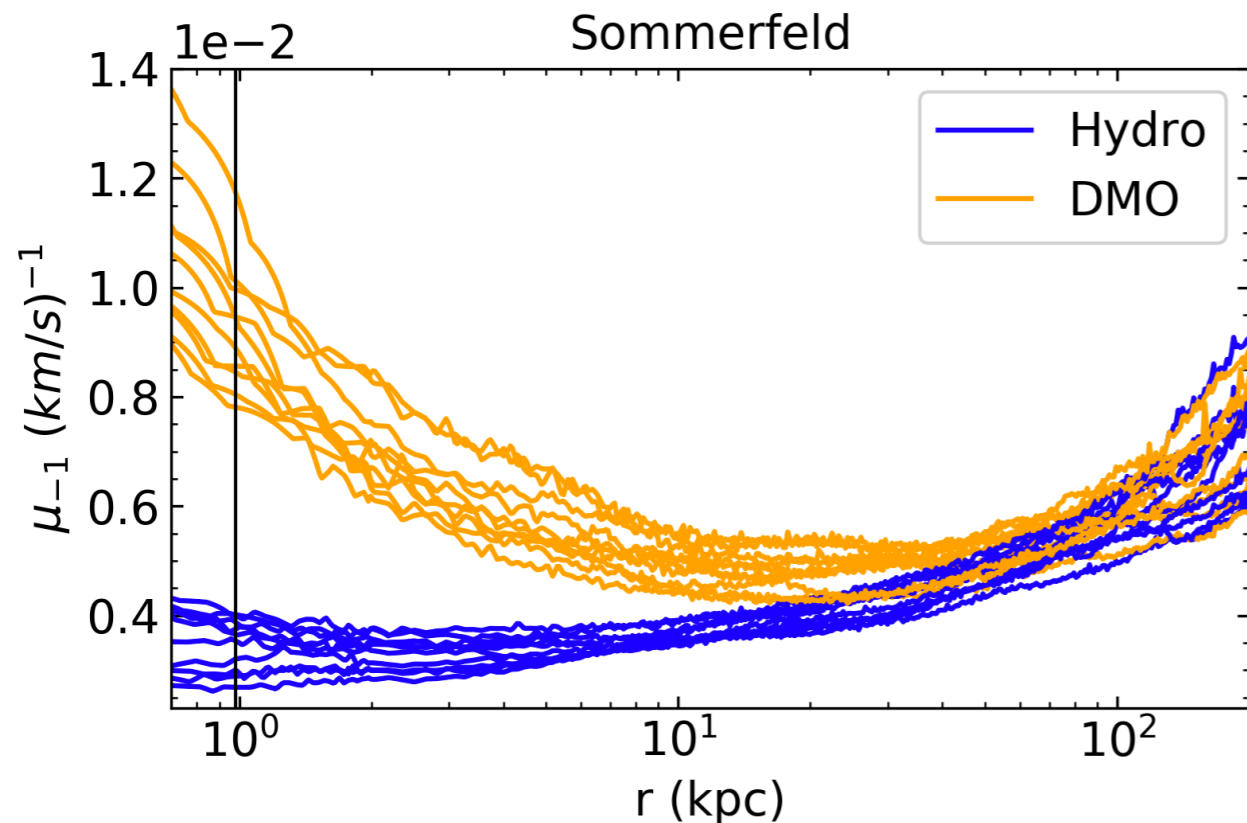
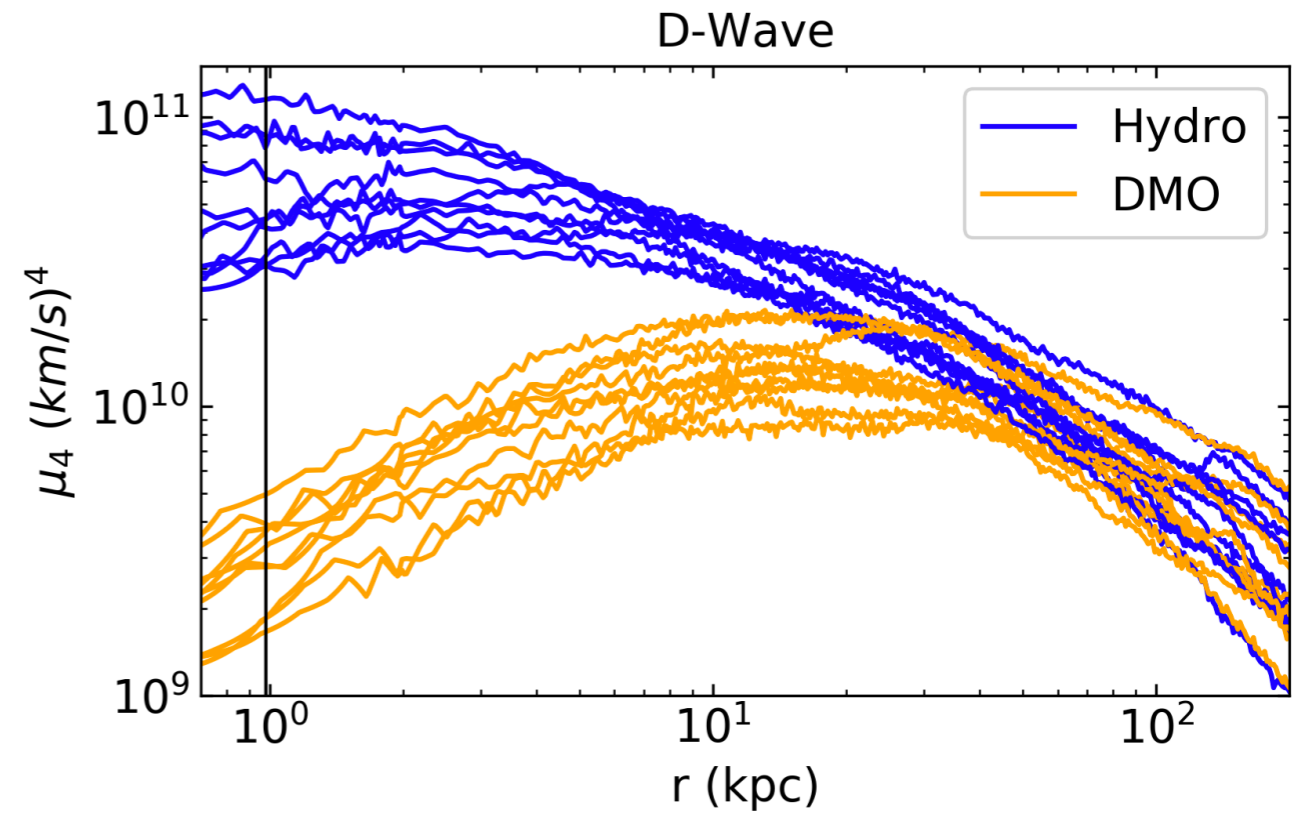
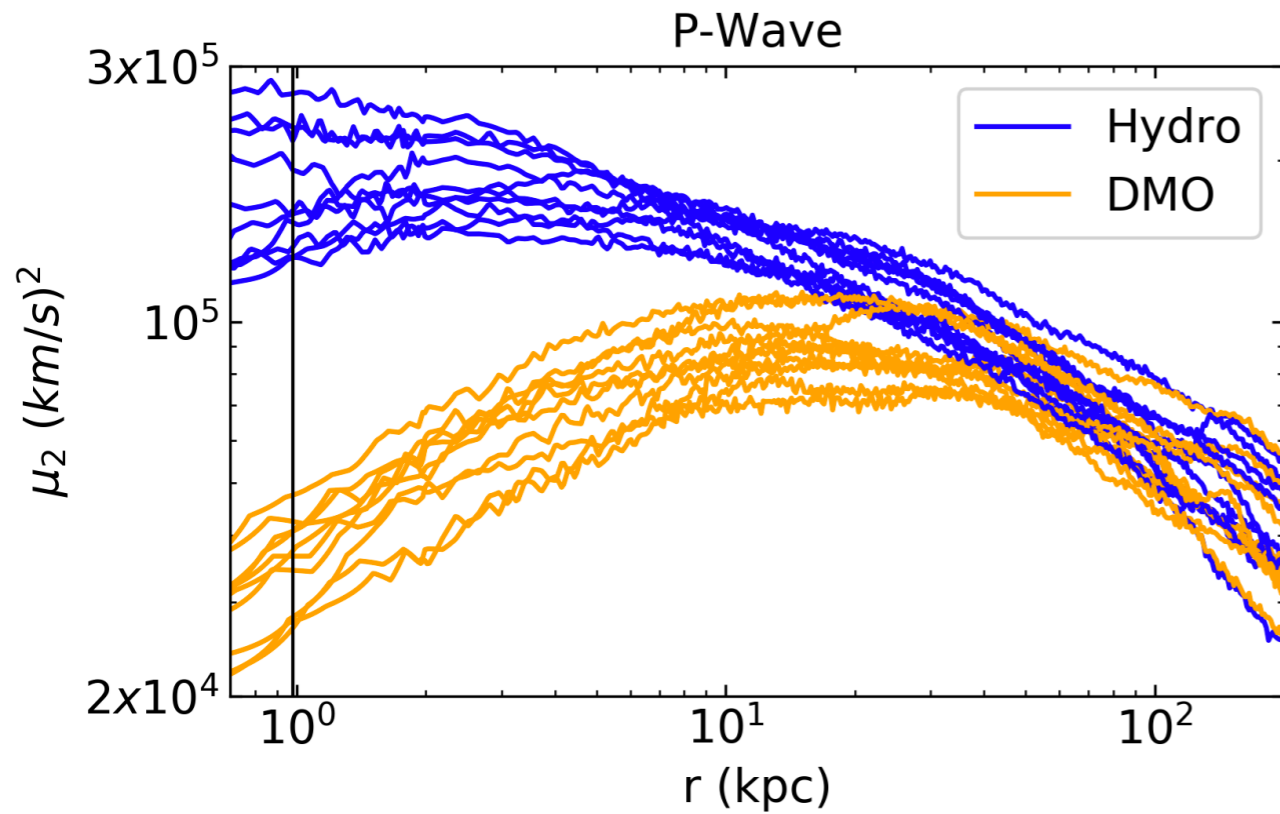
- **p-wave**: 2nd moment \rightarrow square of the relative velocity dispersion of the system at a given \mathbf{x} .

- **d-wave**: 4th moment. Related to the kurtosis:

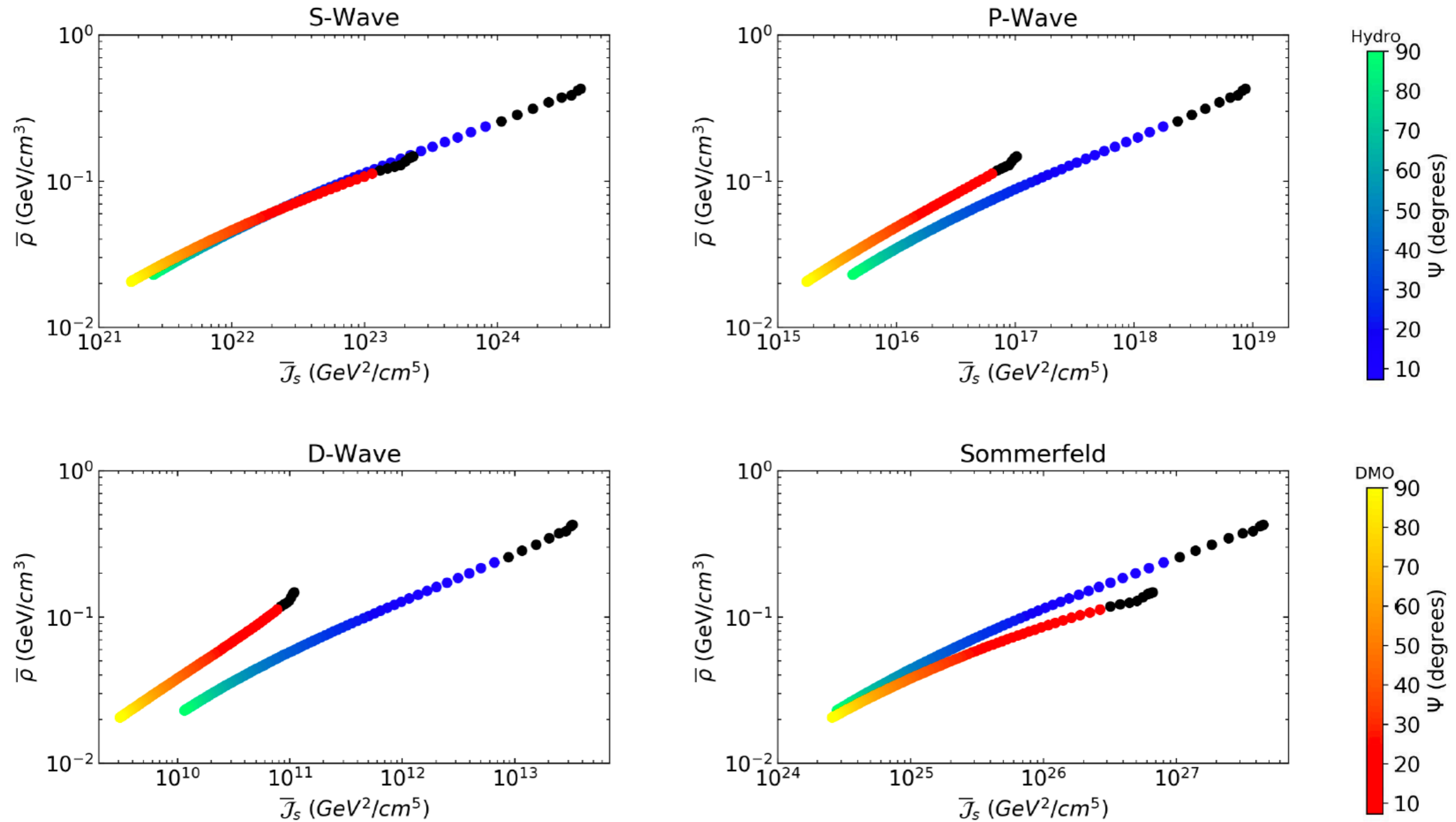
$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\int d^3 \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} v_{\text{rel}}^4 P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}})}{[\int d^3 \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} v_{\text{rel}}^2 P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}})]^2} = \frac{\mu_4(\mathbf{x})}{(\mu_2(\mathbf{x}))^2}$$

Depends on the more extreme tails of the relative velocity distribution

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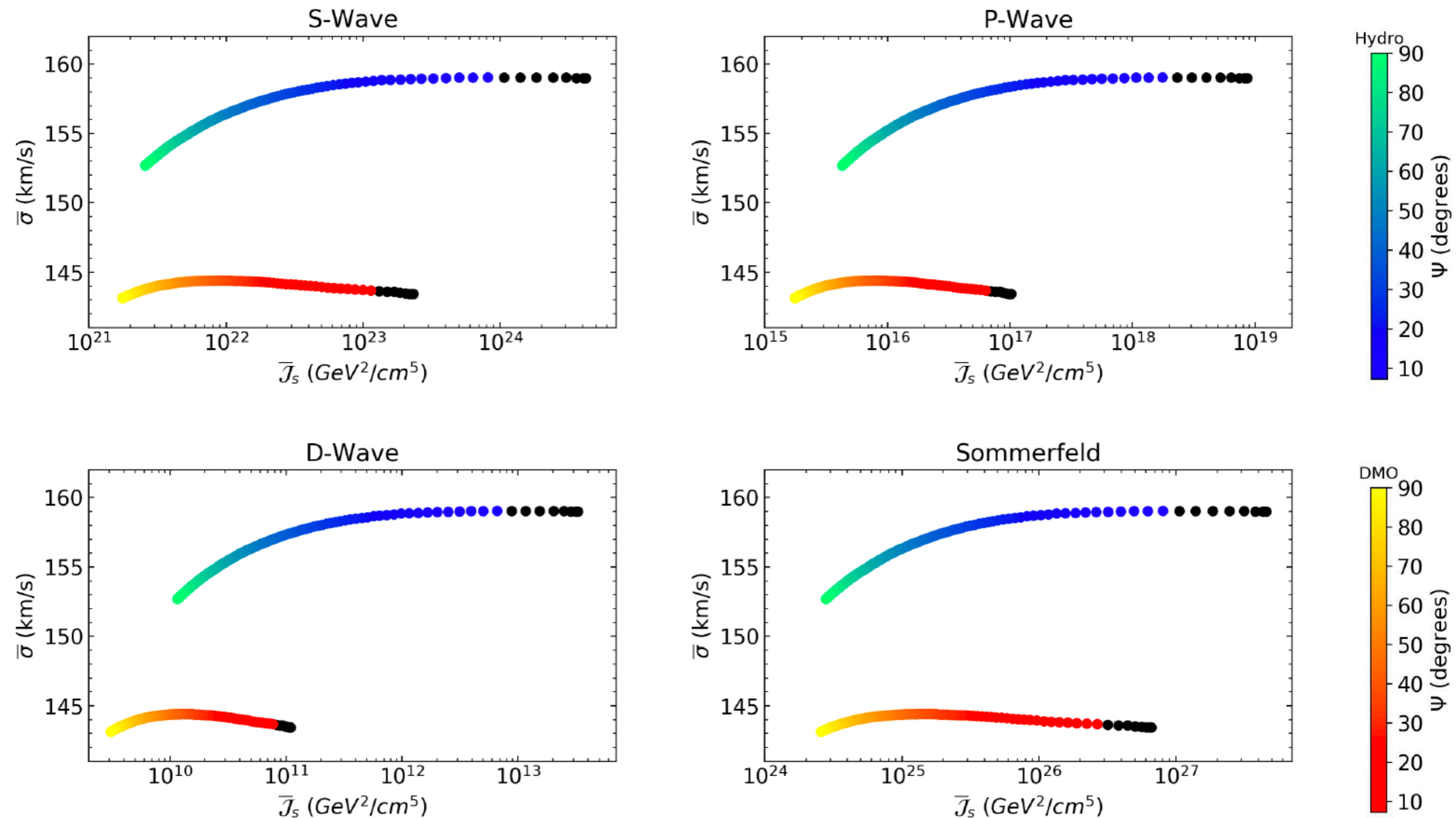


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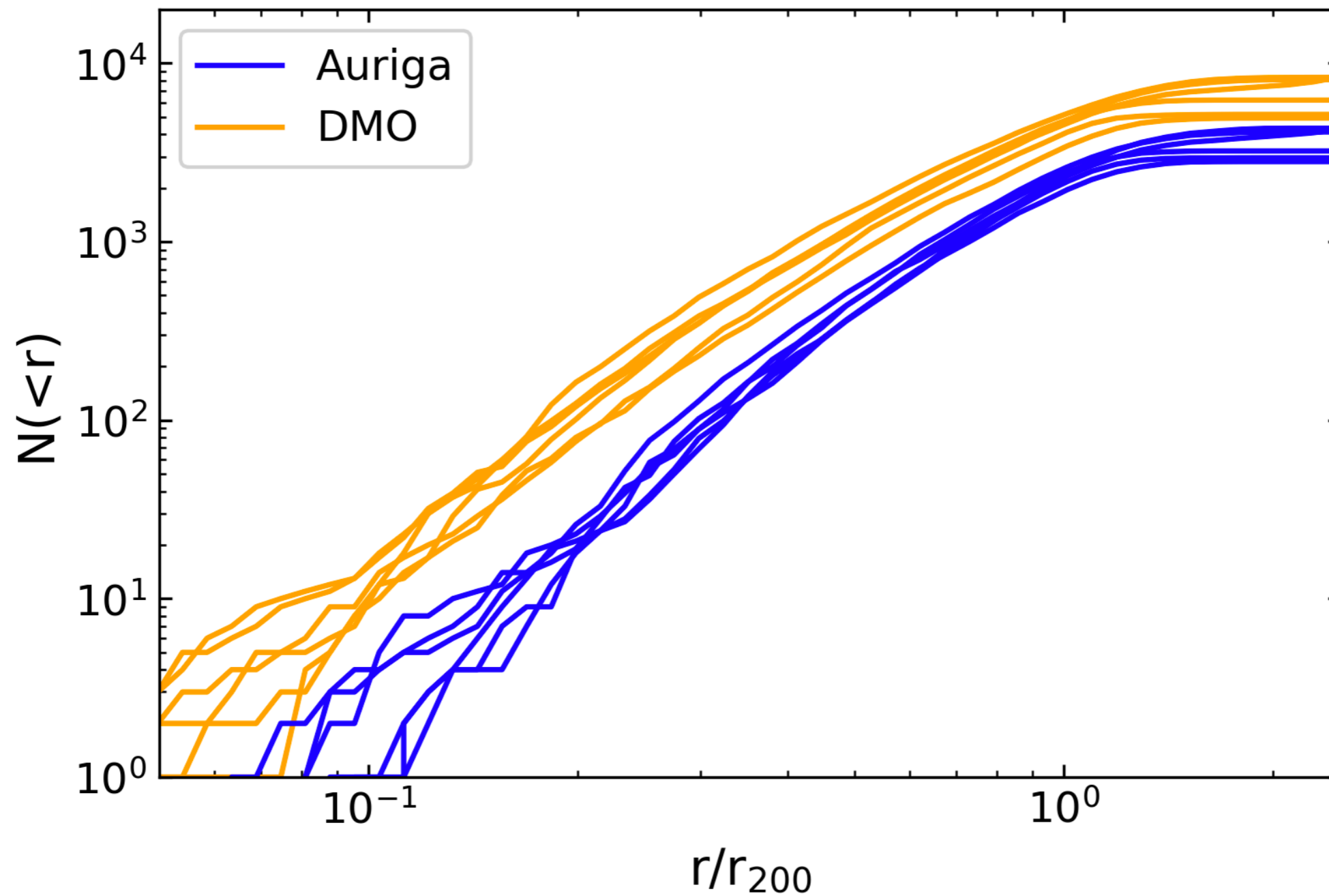
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APOSTLE Simulations

Ten high resolution halos.

$m_{\text{DM}} [M_{\odot}]$	$m_{\text{g}} [M_{\odot}]$	ϵ [pc]
5×10^4	1.0×10^4	134

Cumulative number of subclass



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Dark matter annihilation luminosity

- The annihilation luminosity from DM particles in some region of space can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} L_n &= \int d^3\mathbf{x} \int d^3\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} P_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}) \left(\frac{v_{\text{rel}}}{c}\right)^n [\rho(x)]^2 \\ &= \int d^3\mathbf{x} [\rho(x)]^2 \left(\frac{\mu_n(\mathbf{x})}{c^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Use a Voronoi tessellation method to estimate the DM density at the location of each DM particle, from the DM particle mass and the cell volume surrounding the DM particle.
- Calculate the relative velocity distribution at each point on a spherical grid, using nearest 500 particles.

Dark matter annihilation luminosity

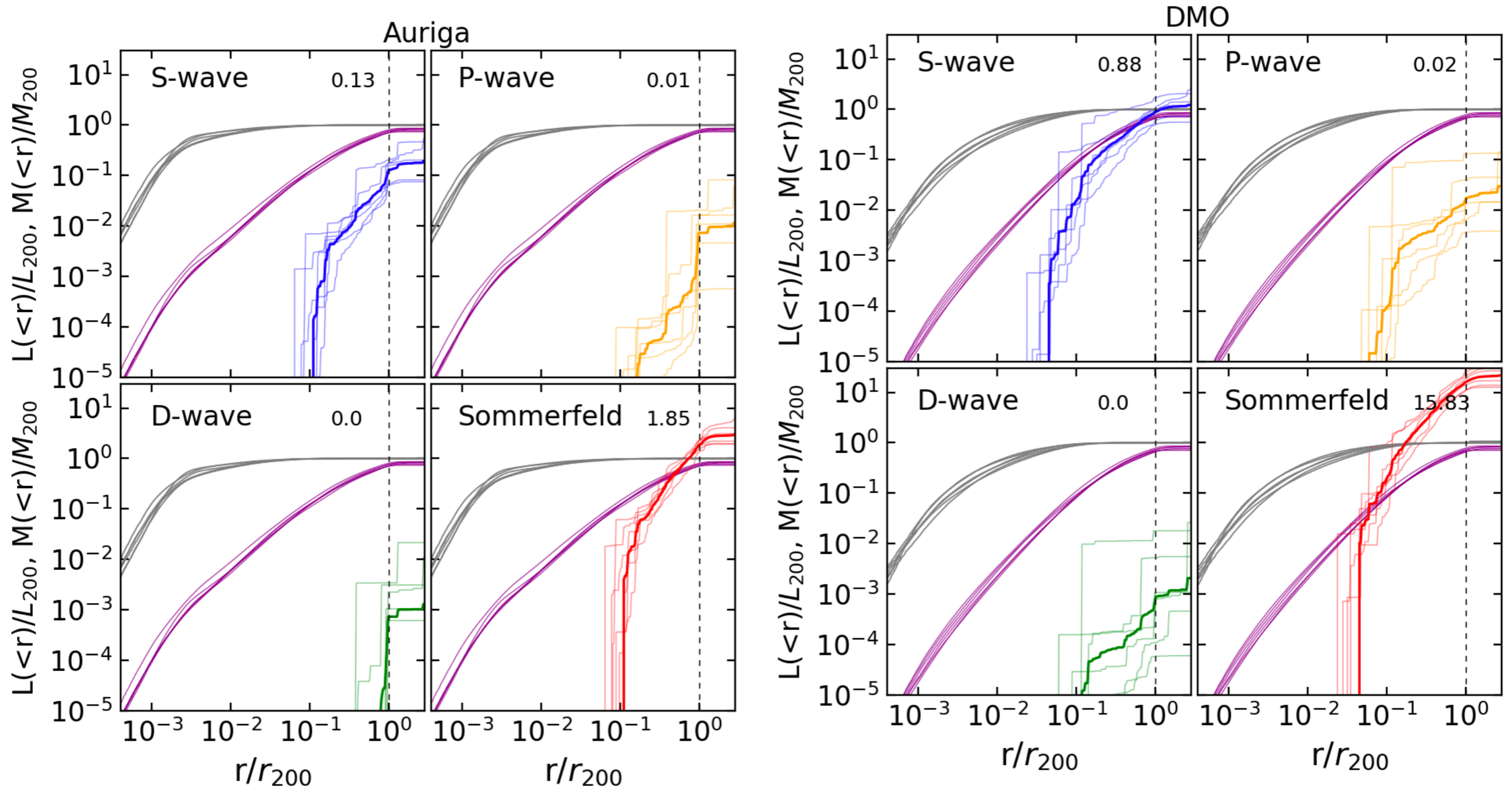
- For small subhalos, whose angular size < 1 degree as seen from the Solar position, estimate the DM annihilation luminosity from a spherical region interior to R_{\max} :

$$L_{\text{sub}} = \frac{C_{\text{Einasto}} V_{\max}^4}{G^2 R_{\max}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n,\text{sub}} &= \left(\frac{\mu_n}{c^n} \right) \int d^3\mathbf{x} [\rho(x)]^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\mu_n}{c^n} \right) L_{\text{sub}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\mu_n}{c^n} \right) \left(\frac{C_{\text{Einasto}} V_{\max}^4}{G^2 R_{\max}} \right) \quad C_{\text{Einasto}} = 1.87 \end{aligned}$$

- The annihilation flux: $F = L/d^2 \longrightarrow$ heliocentric distance of the subhalo

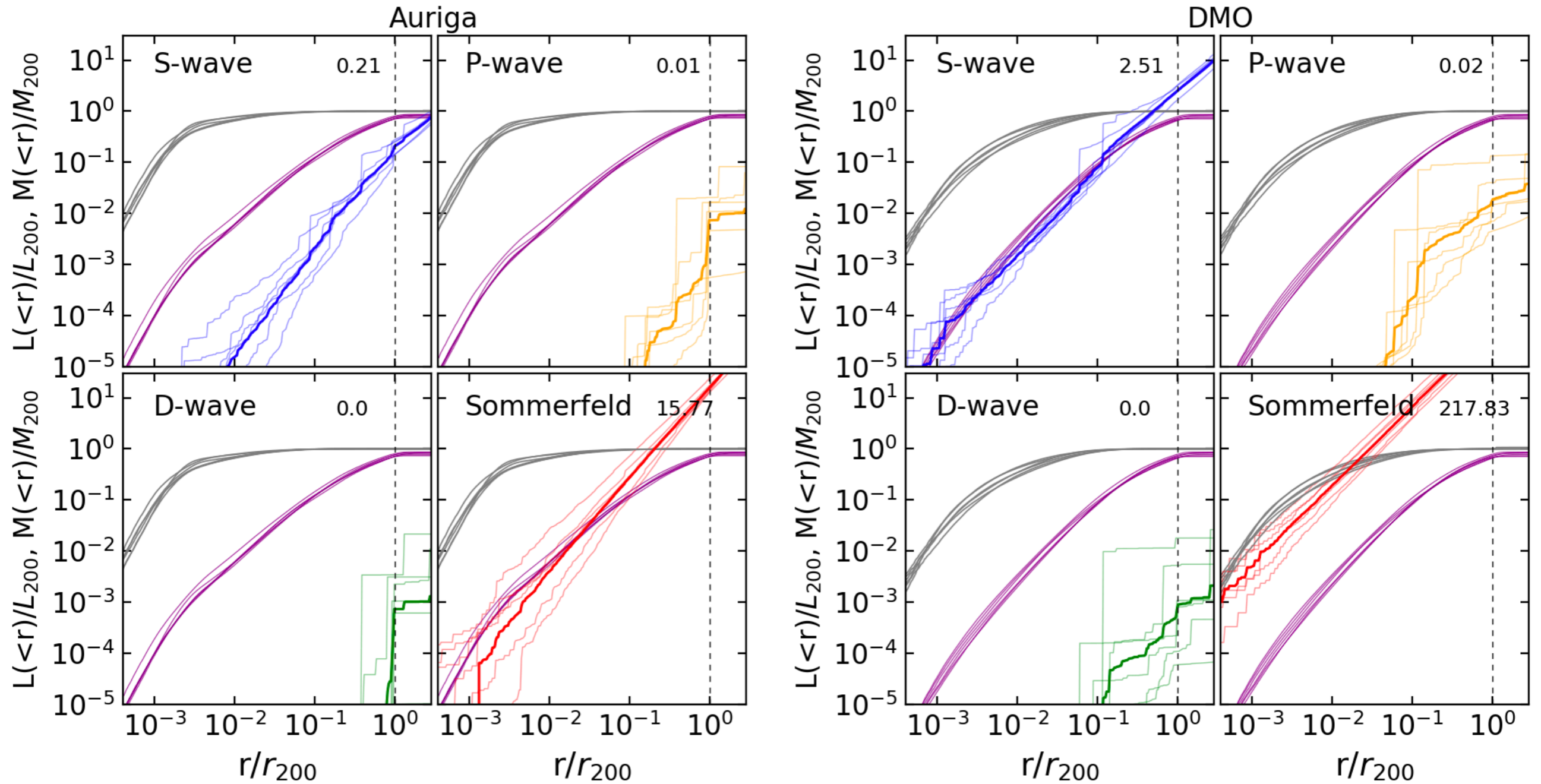
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Including extrapolated subhalos down to $\sim 1 M_{\odot}$

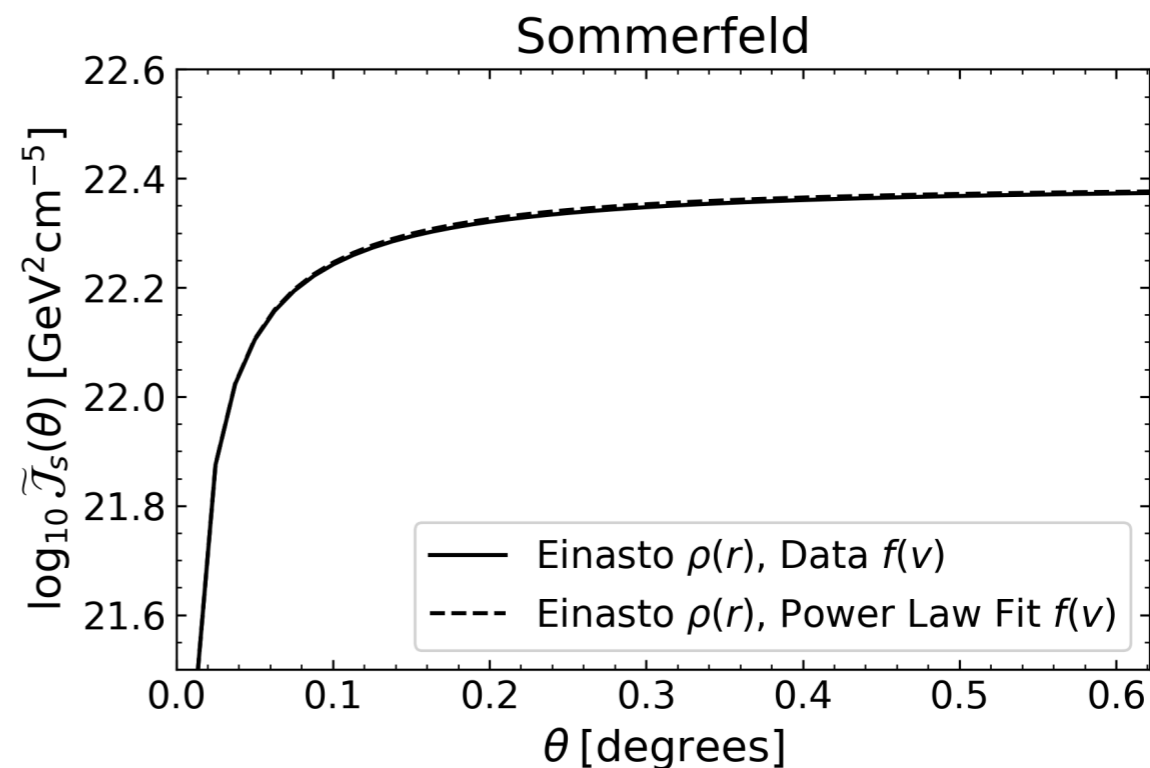
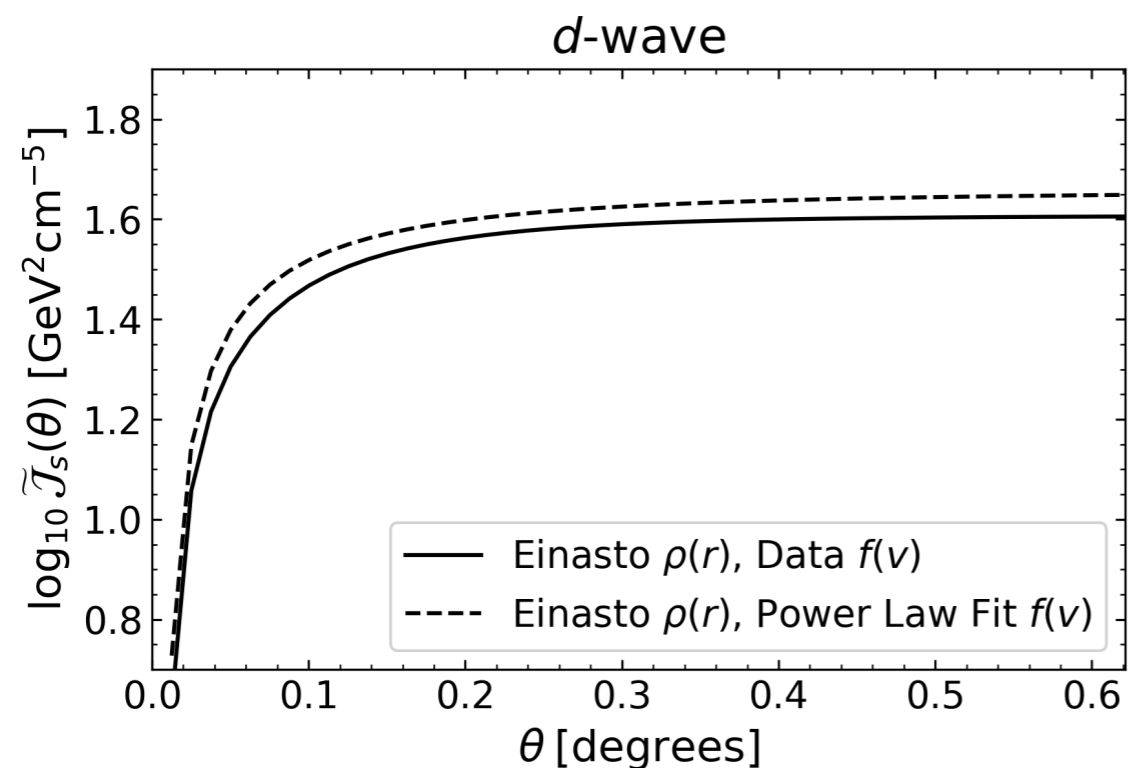
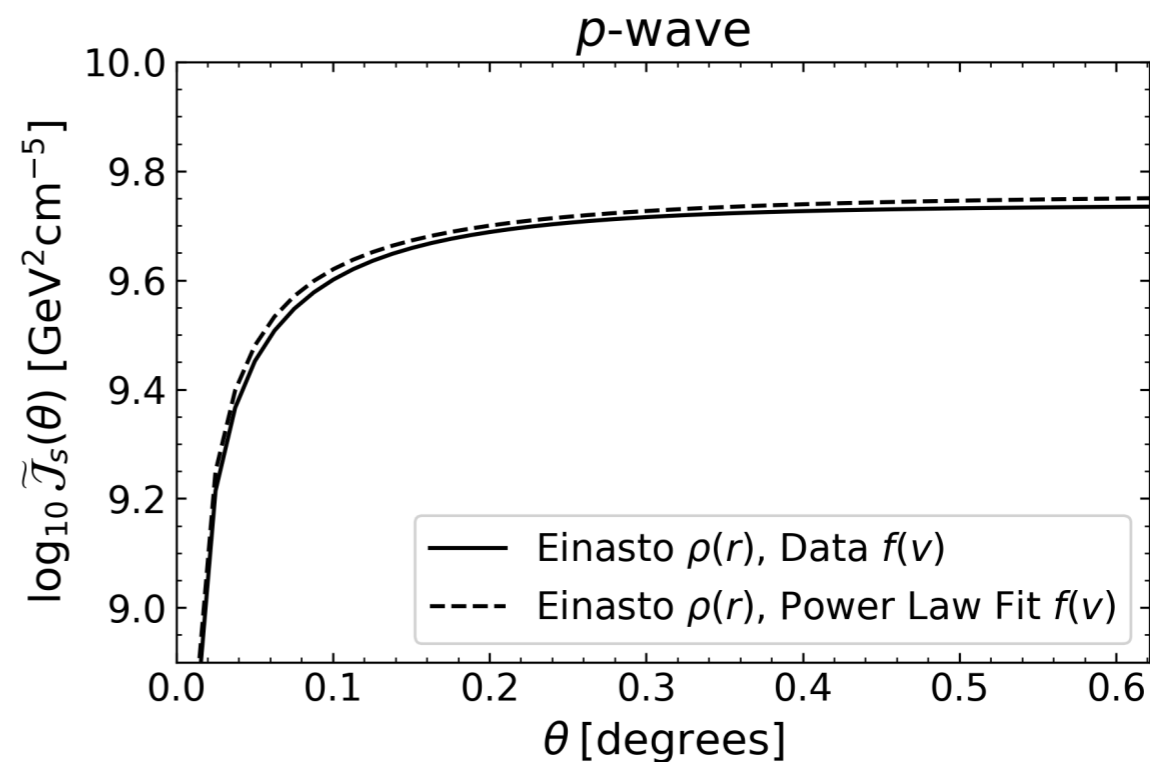
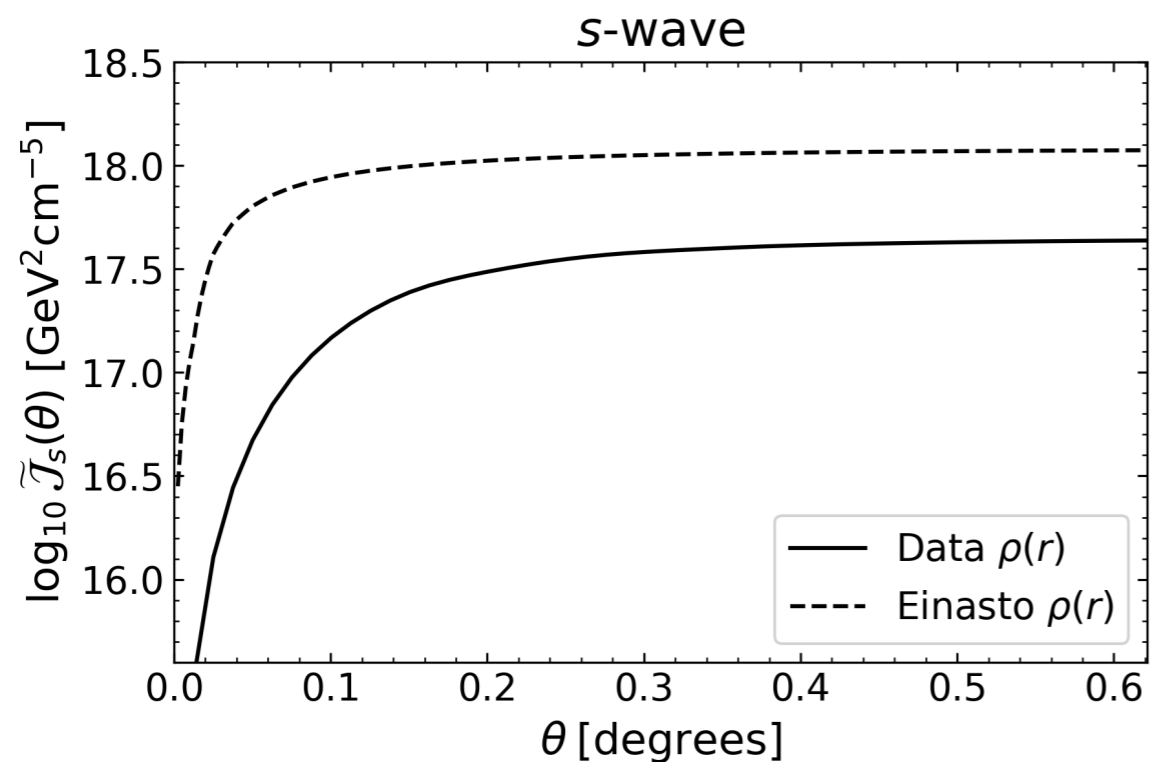


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Dwarf spheroidal analogues

dSph Analogue	N	$M_{\star}^{\text{obs}} [M_{\odot}]$	$M_{\star} [M_{\odot}]$	$V_{1/2}^{\text{obs}}$ [km/s]	$V_{1/2}$ [km/s]	V_{max} [km/s]	$\log_{10}(\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_s)$ [GeV ² cm ⁻⁵]
Canes Venatici I (1)	39	2.3×10^5	5.66×10^5	13.2	14.56	15.39	17.43
Canes Venatici I (2)			3.45×10^5		14.53	16.07	17.44
Carina (1)	23	4.3×10^5	2.38×10^5	11.1	11.30	13.14	18.52
Carina (2)			1.61×10^6		11.78	16.87	18.21
Draco (1)	4	2.2×10^5	8.91×10^5	17.5	14.92	24.32	18.81
Draco (2)			4.70×10^5		15.24	24.35	18.77
Fornax (1)	4	1.7×10^7	1.36×10^7	18.5	18.79	20.38	18.01
Fornax (2)			1.20×10^7		18.36	21.96	17.87
Leo I (1)	20	5.0×10^6	3.27×10^6	15.6	15.24	20.37	17.63
Leo I (2)			3.52×10^6		15.15	24.81	17.64
Leo II (1)	52	7.8×10^5	1.45×10^6	11.4	12.15	20.13	17.66
Leo II (2)			4.97×10^5		12.31	22.01	17.65
Sculptor (1)	11	2.5×10^6	6.10×10^6	15.6	15.73	27.27	18.56
Sculptor (2)			3.27×10^6		15.04	20.37	18.54
Sextans (1)	7	5.9×10^5	4.58×10^5	12.3	12.85	13.02	17.70
Sextans (2)			1.58×10^6		12.91	12.98	17.87
Ursa Minor (1)	24	3.9×10^5	9.30×10^5	19.9	19.37	24.41	18.75
Ursa Minor (2)			7.79×10^5		18.41	25.97	18.75

J-factor for Carina analogue



Comparison to Maxwellian

- The errors introduced in the J-factors if we model the relative velocity distribution of the dSph as a Maxwellian are small.
- Using the power-law relation introduces an error of $\sim 13\%$ in the J-factors.

