

Signatures of Strong Dark Matter Self-Interactions

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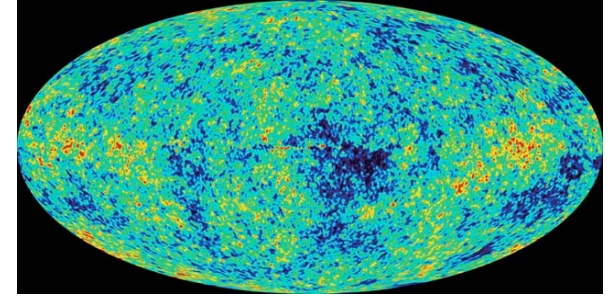
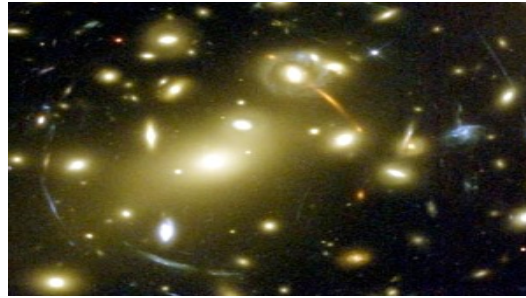


UCLA Dark Matter (March 30, 2023)



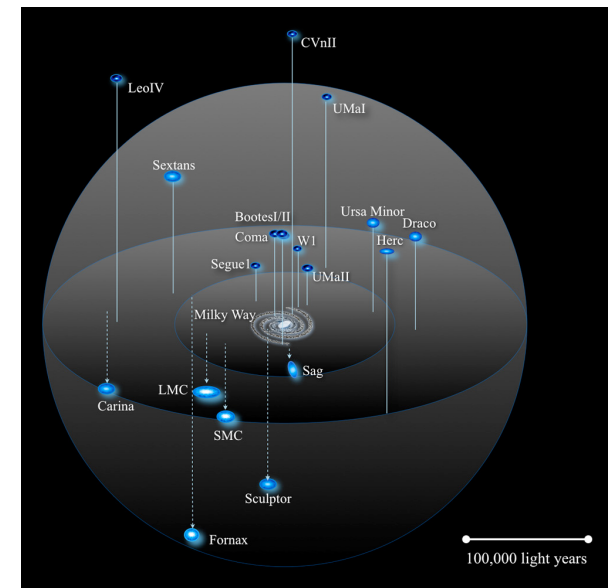
Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

- Large scales: very well

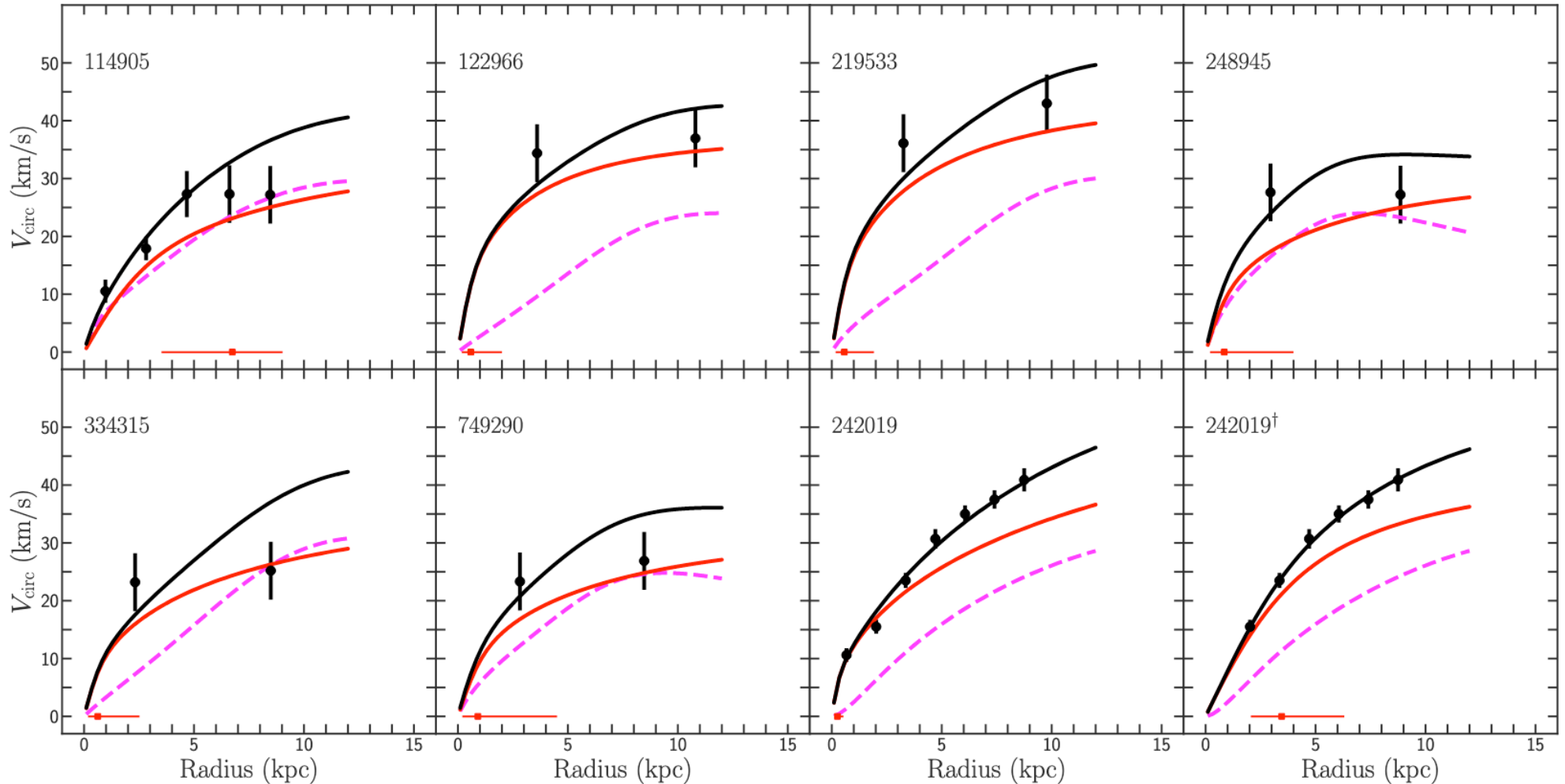


- Small scales (dwarf galaxies, sub-halos, galaxy clusters)

- Core vs Cusp
- Diversity
- Too Big To Fail
- “Cores” in clusters
- Ultra-diffuse galaxies

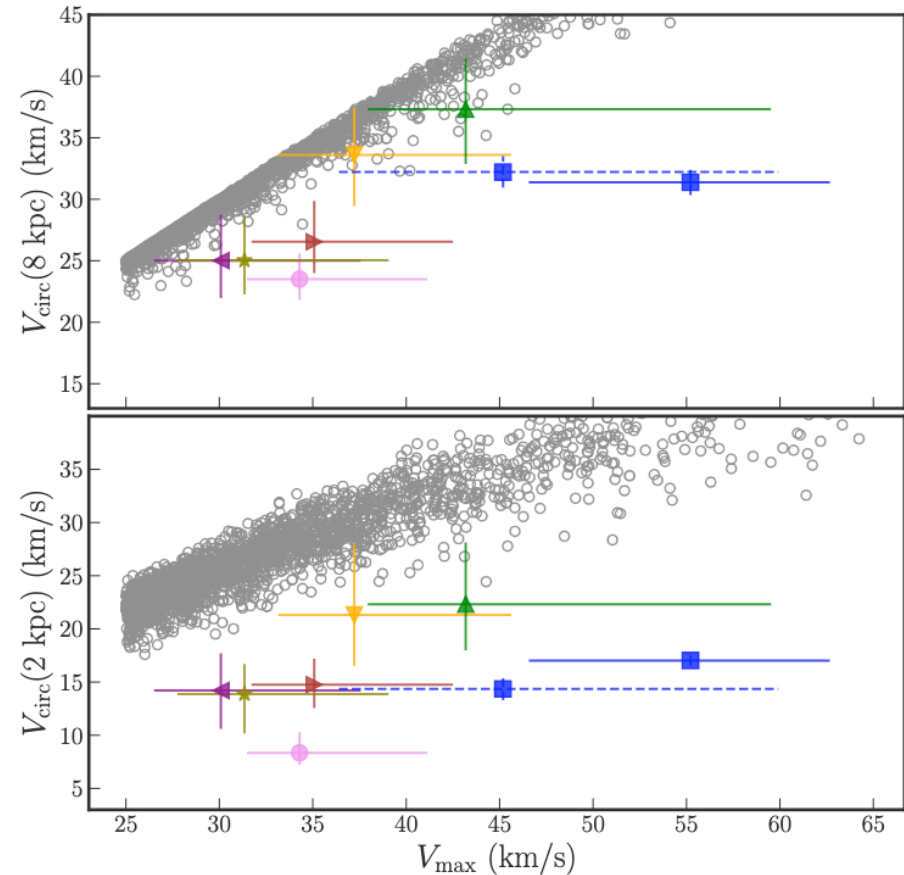
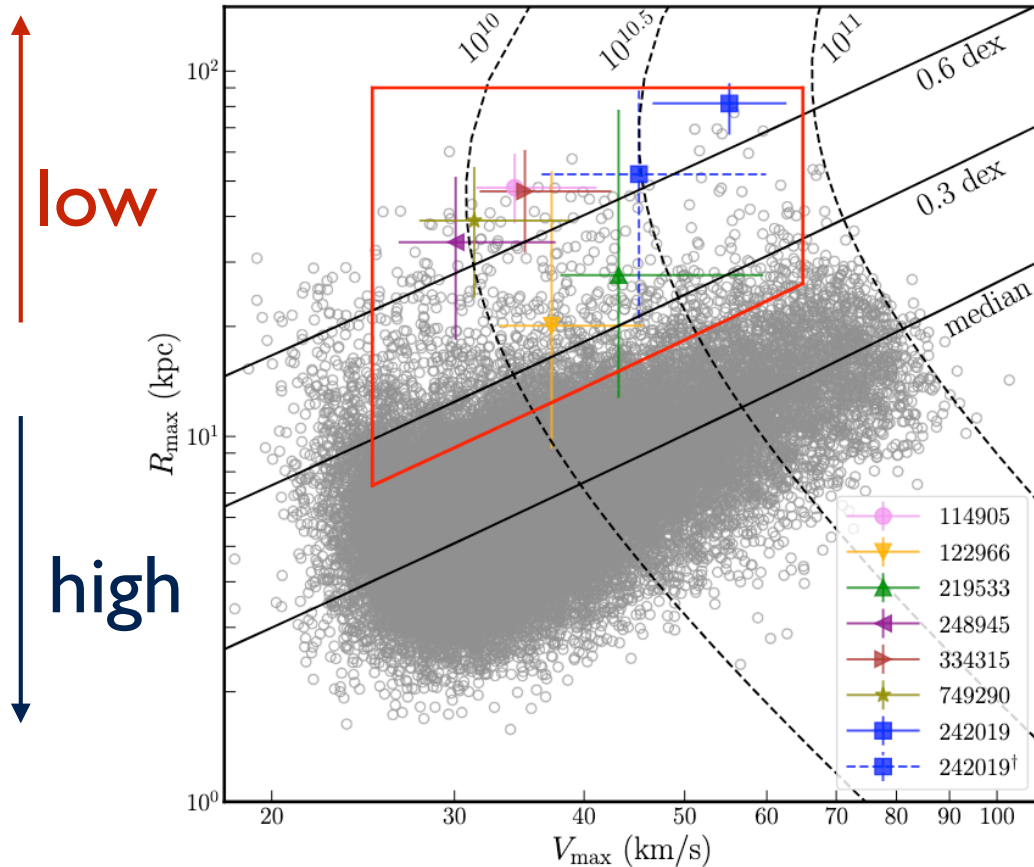


Ultra-diffuse Galaxies in the Field



- **Red:** dark matter halo; **Magenta:** baryons; **Black:** total
- These UDGs are extremely gas-rich, and largely baryon-dominated

“Low-Concentration” Halos



- The gas-rich UDGs strongly favor low-concentration halos, “ $\sim 5\sigma$ ” lower than the median; this result is robust to the choice of halo density profiles
- These “low-concentration” halos can be found in the the IllustrisTNG dark matter-only simulations (gray)
- But the inner densities of the simulated halos are too high

Detection of a Dark Substructure through Gravitational Imaging

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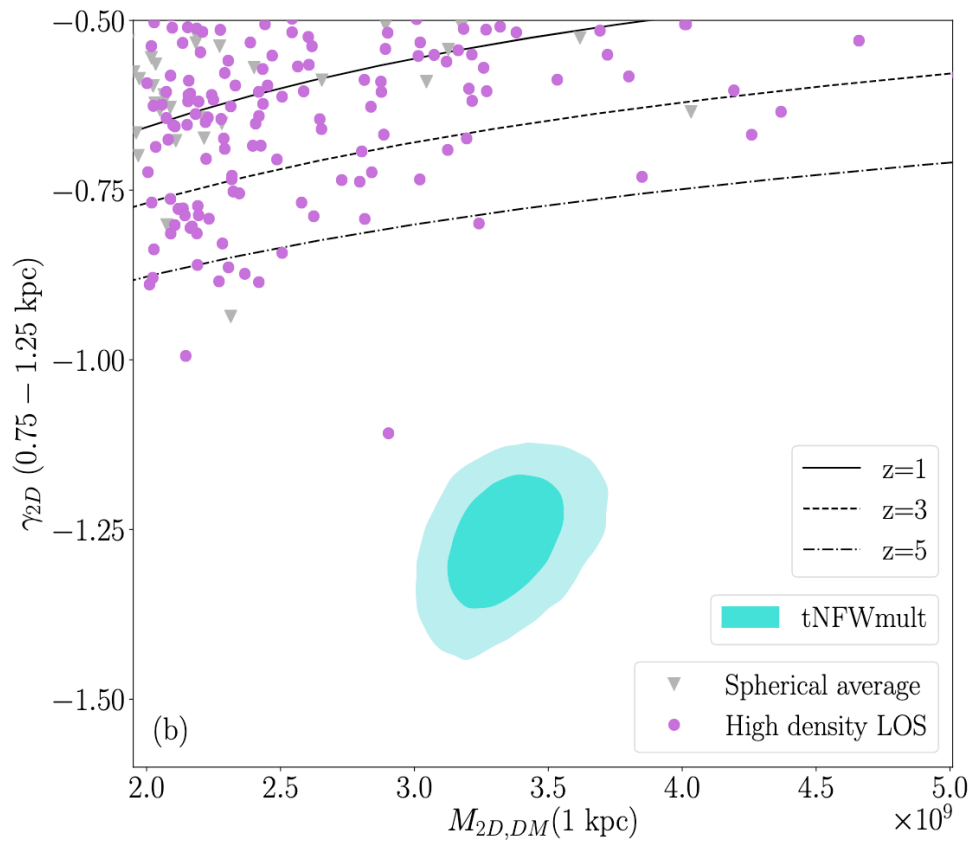
(MNRAS 2010)

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SDSSJ0946+1006 (the “Double Einstein Ring”)

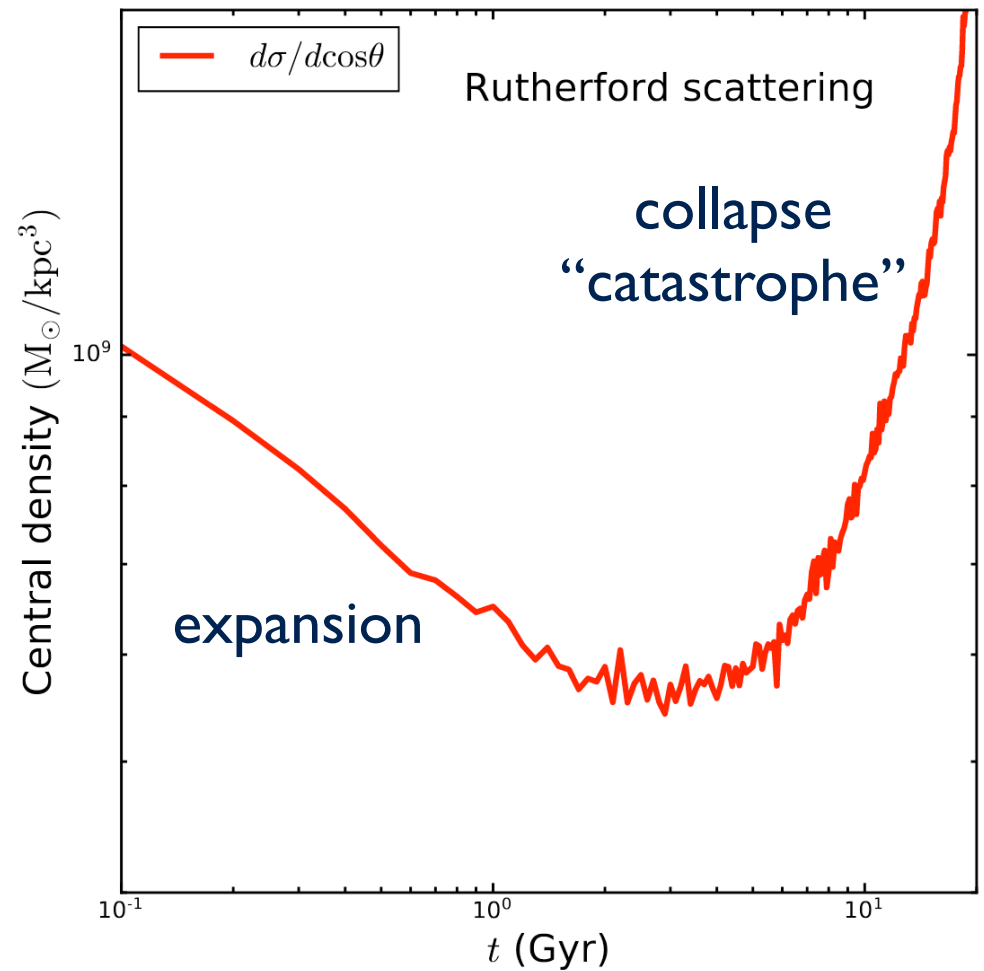
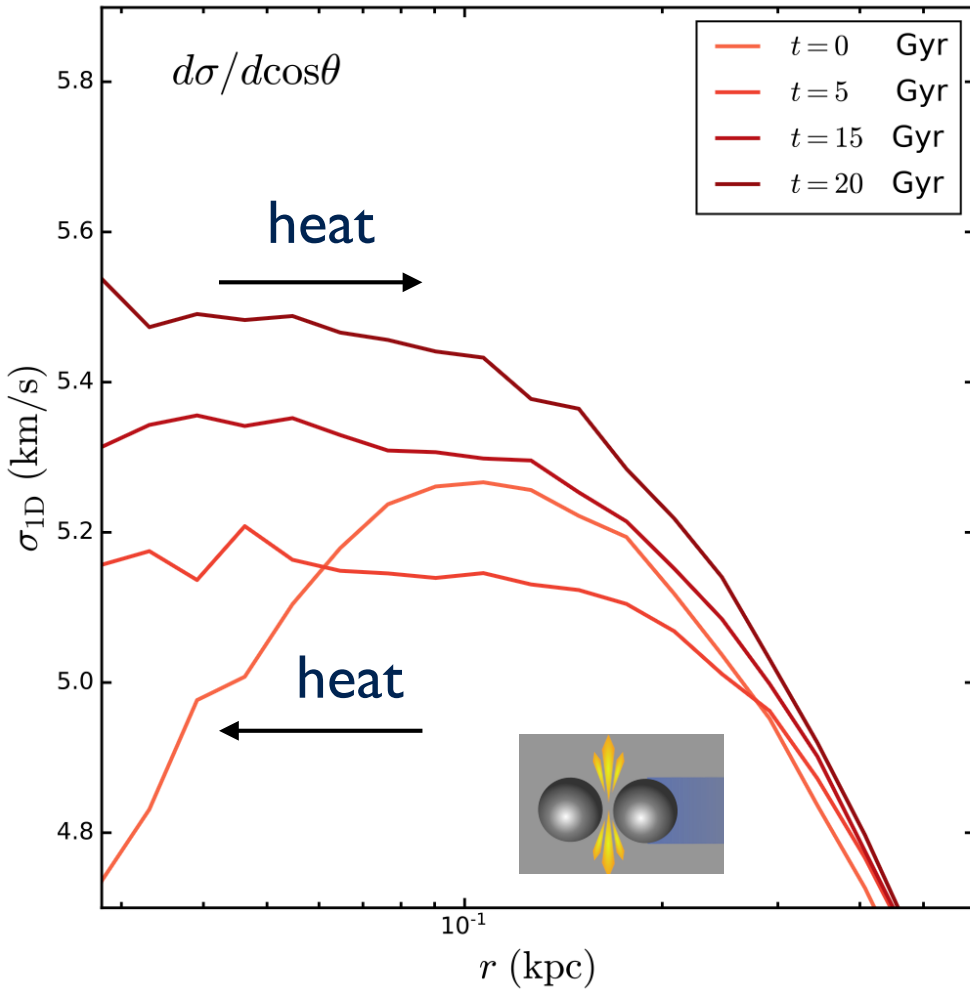


Minor, Kaplinghat, Vegetti (MNRAS, 2020)

- The substructure is extremely dense
- CDM subhalos are **not** dense enough
- Compared to the IllustrisTNG simulations, the tension with CDM is at the $> 99\%$ confidence level
- The substructure does not have a distinct stellar light signal; baryons cannot help

Conflict:
the UDGs vs the Substructure

Gravothermal Evolution



Yang, HBY (JCAP 2022)

$$2K.E. + P.E. = 0 \quad \frac{E_{\text{tot}}}{T} < 0$$

$$E_{\text{tot}} = -K.E.$$

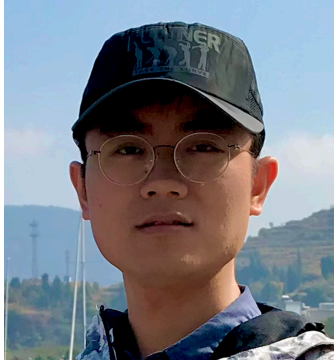
Negative heat capacity!
⇒ gravothermal collapse

Balberg+(ApJ 2002)

$$t_c \propto (\sigma/m)^{-1} M_{200}^{-1/3} c_{200}^{-7/2}$$

w/ Essig, McDermott, Zhong (PRL 2019)

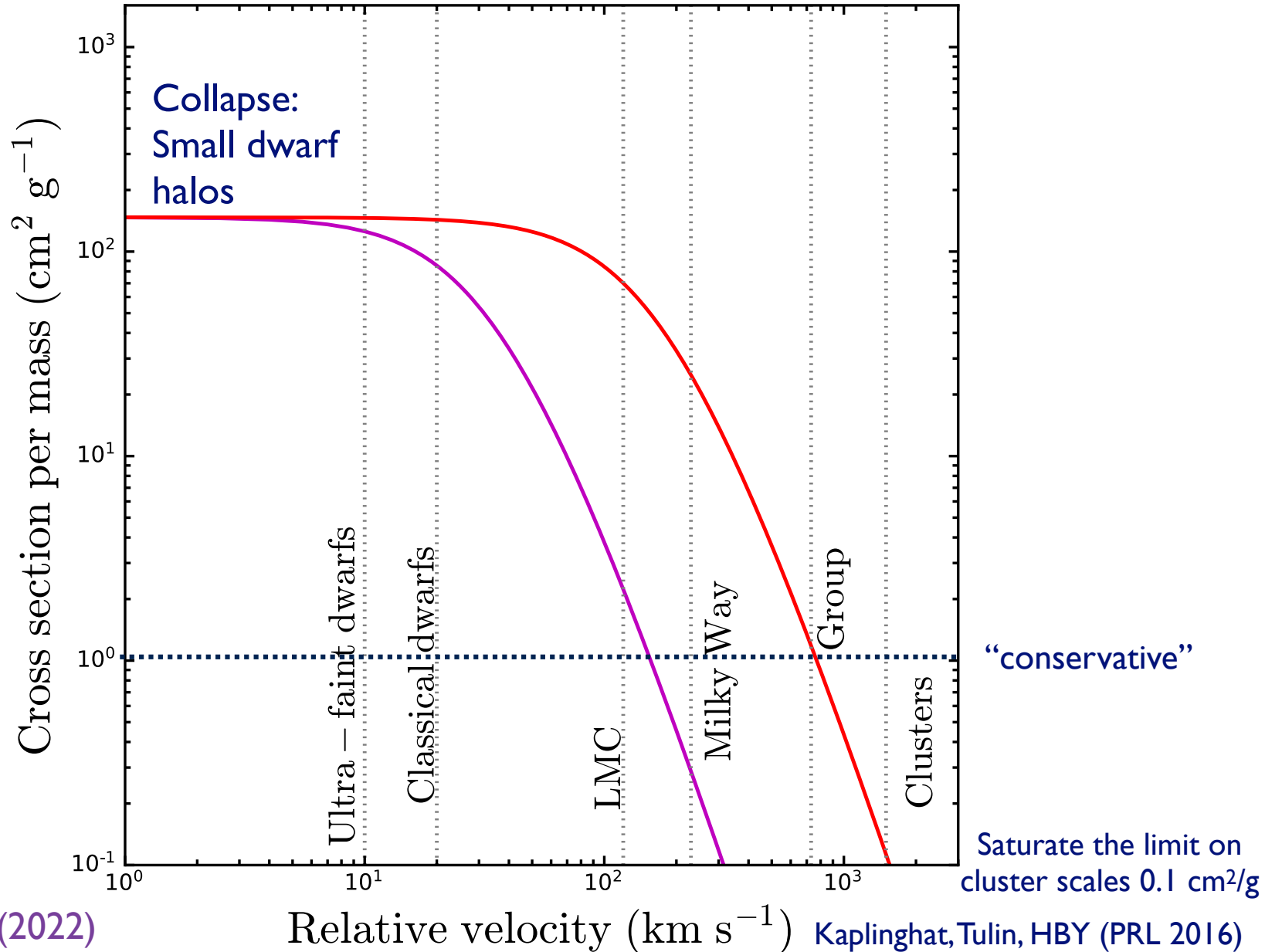
Strong Dark Matter Self-Interactions



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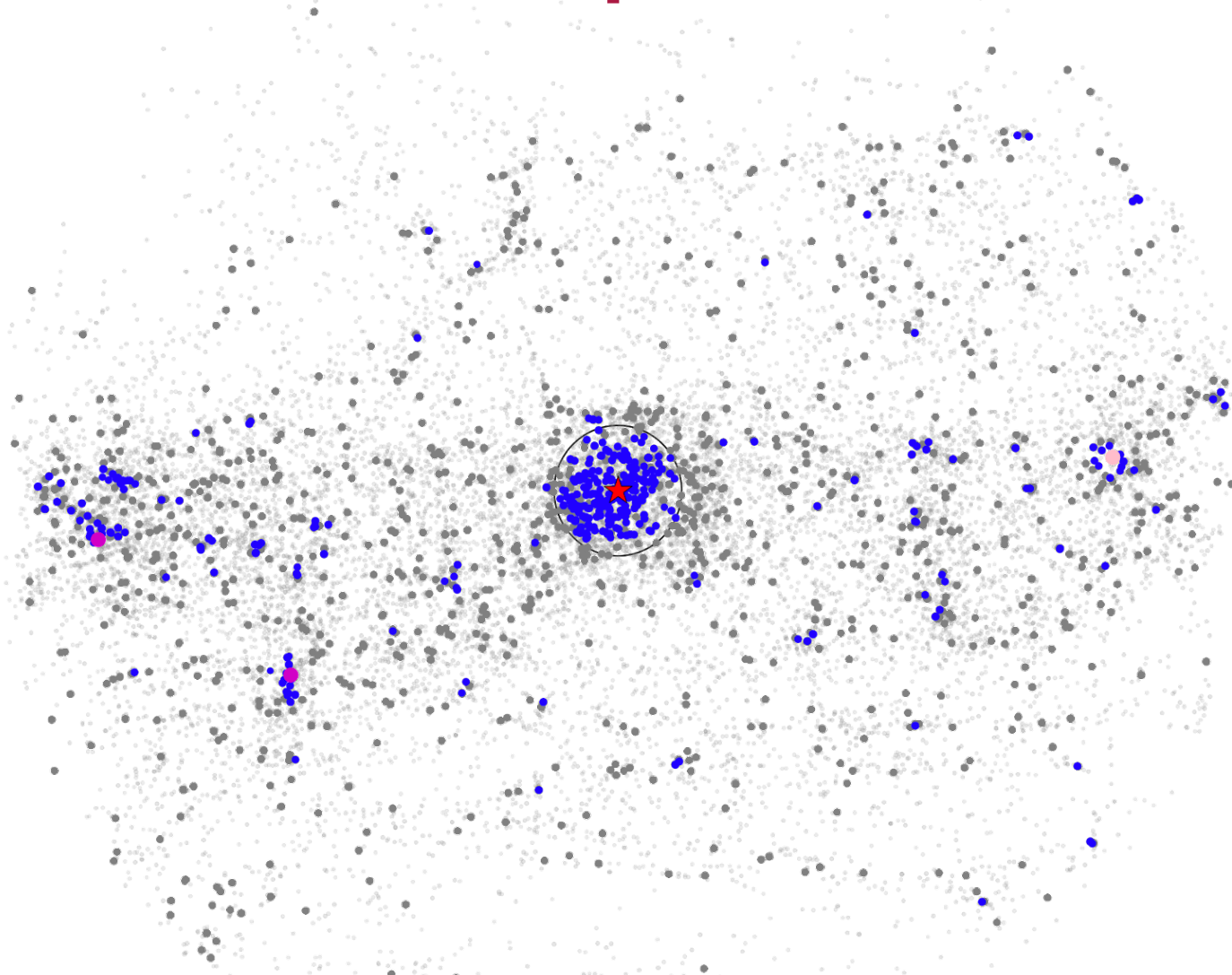
Yang, Nadler, HBY (2022)

Nadler, Yang, HBY (in prep, 2023)

Kaplinghat, Tulin, HBY (PRL 2016)

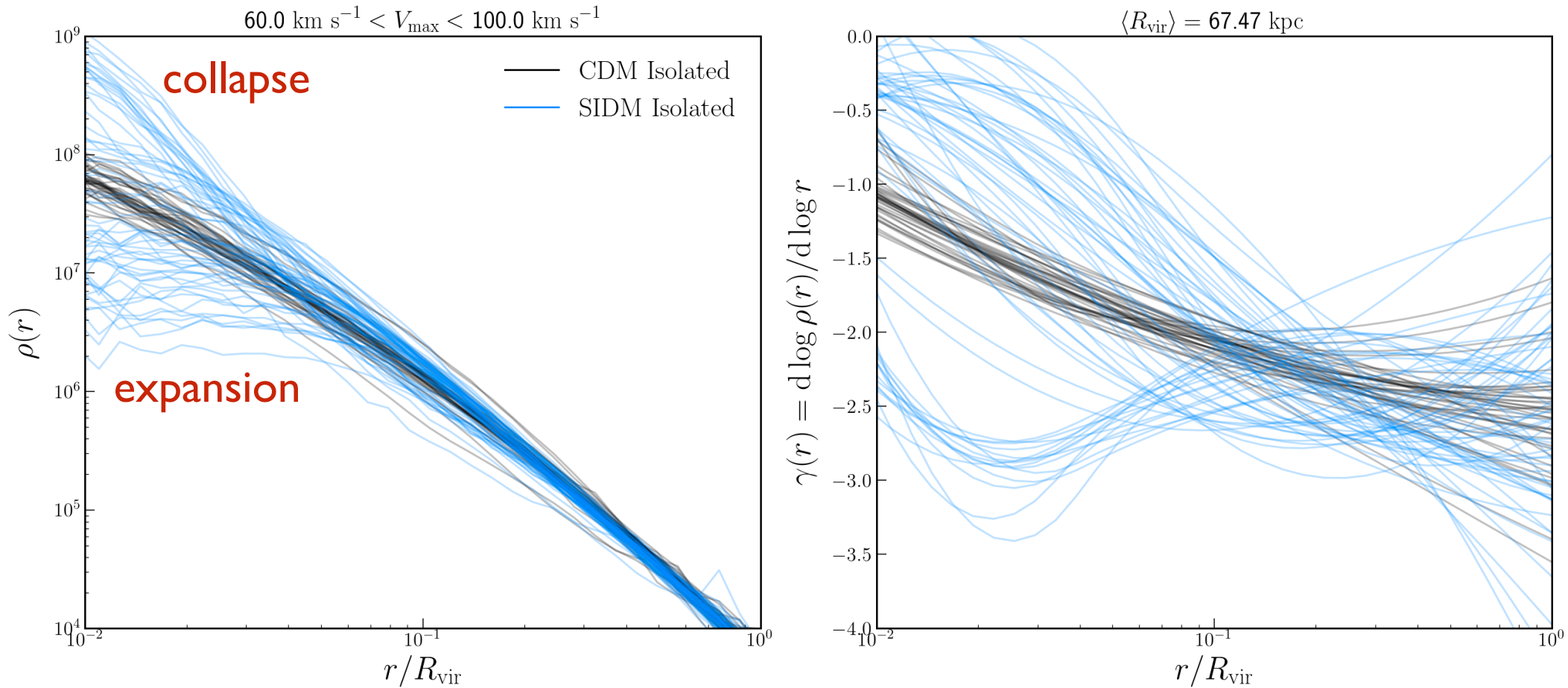
Andrade+(MNRAS 2021)

Group Scales



- High-resolution zoom-in cosmological simulations Nadler, Yang, HBY (in prep, 2023)
- The main halo mass: $10^{13} M_{\odot}$, containing a Milky Way-like halo: $9 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
- The analysis is still going on; Some of the plots were made two weeks ago

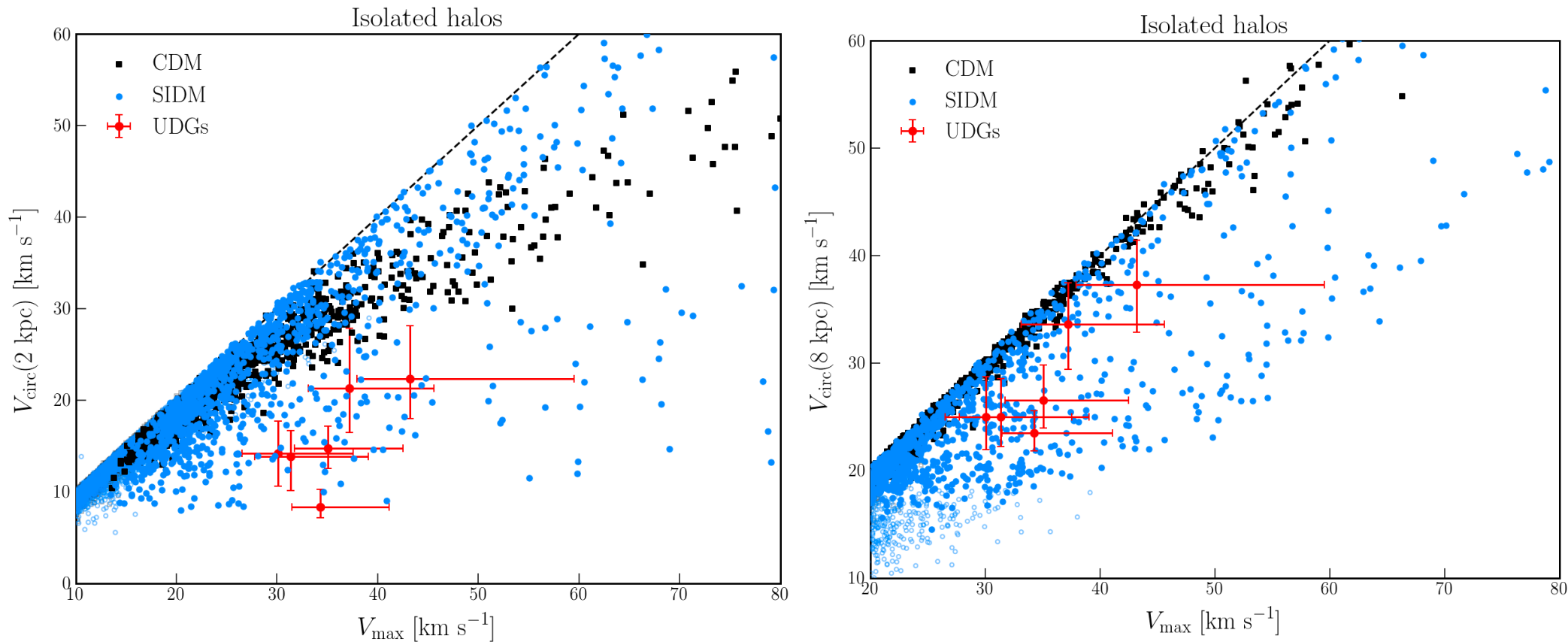
Isolated Field Halos



Nadler, Yang, HBY (in prep, 2023)

Strong dark matter self-interactions lead to large diversity in the inner halo density, due to core expansion and collapse

Ultra-Diffuse Galaxies in the Field

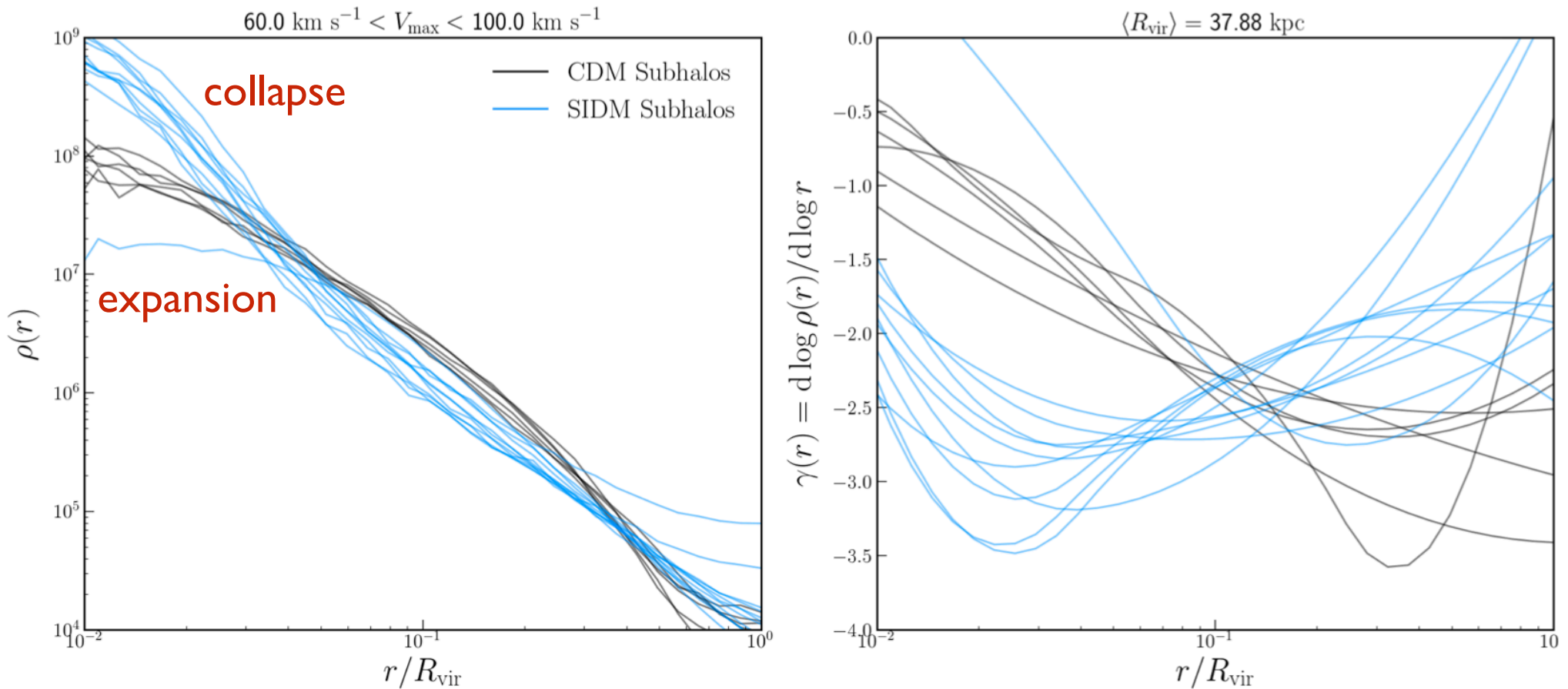


Nadler, Yang, HBY (in prep, 2023)

Red datapoints of the UDGs are from Kong+ (ApJ 2022)

These UDG galaxies are extremely gas-rich, and their halo properties are difficult to reproduce in CDM+feedback

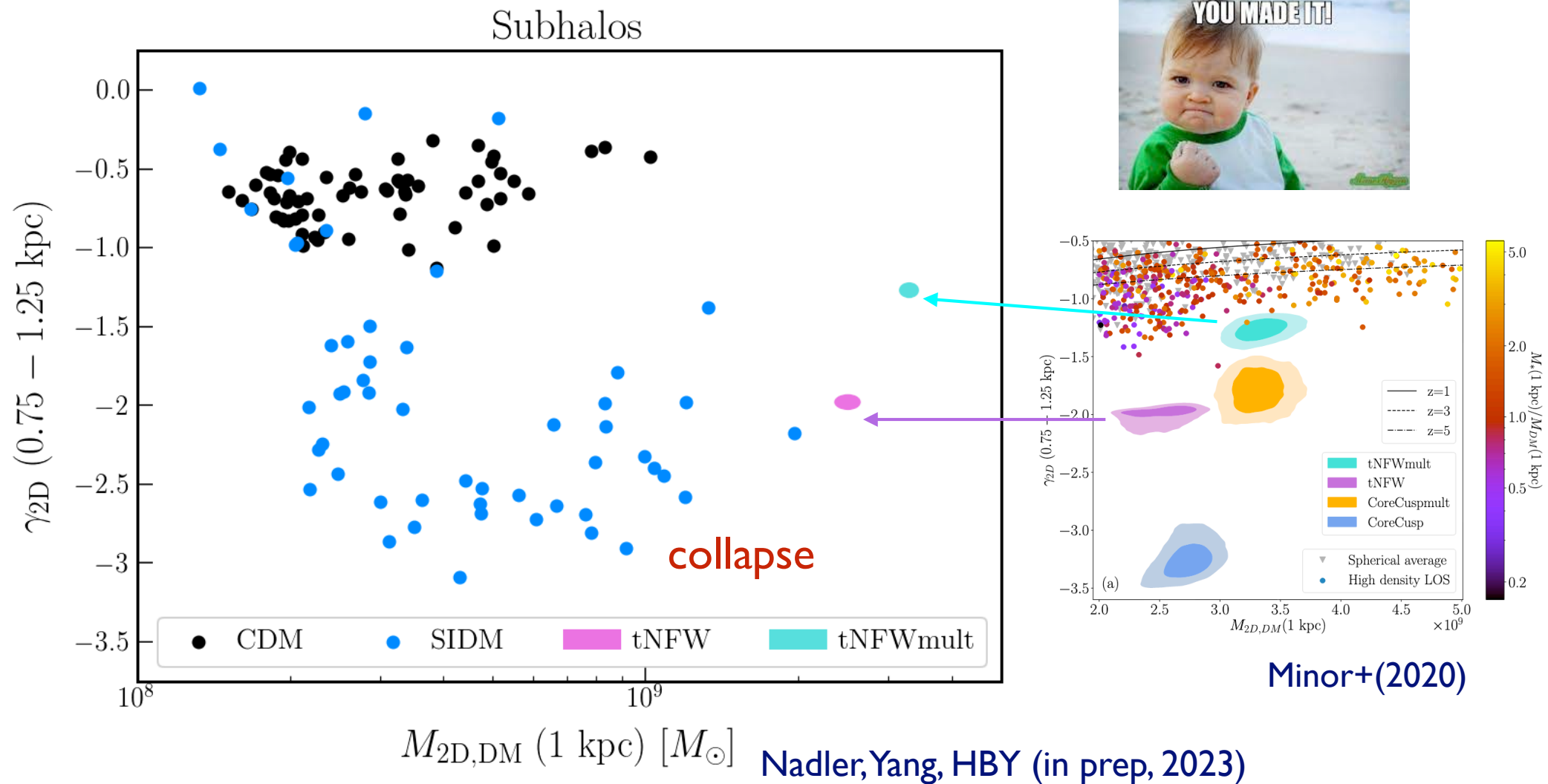
Subhalos in the Main Halo



Nadler, Yang, HBY (in prep, 2023)

- Only one SIDM halo in the core-expansion phase survives
- More SIDM subhalos survive from tidal disruption than CDM ones
- Collapsed SIDM subhalos are more resilient to tidal disruption

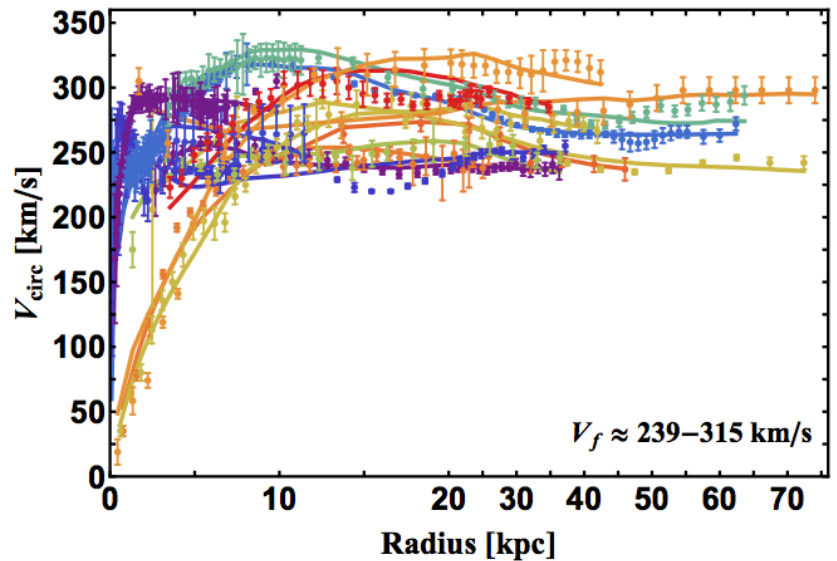
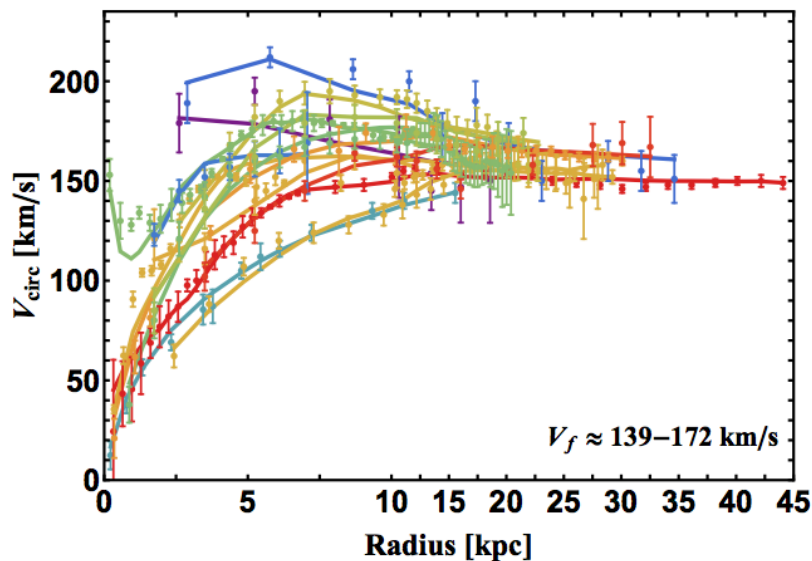
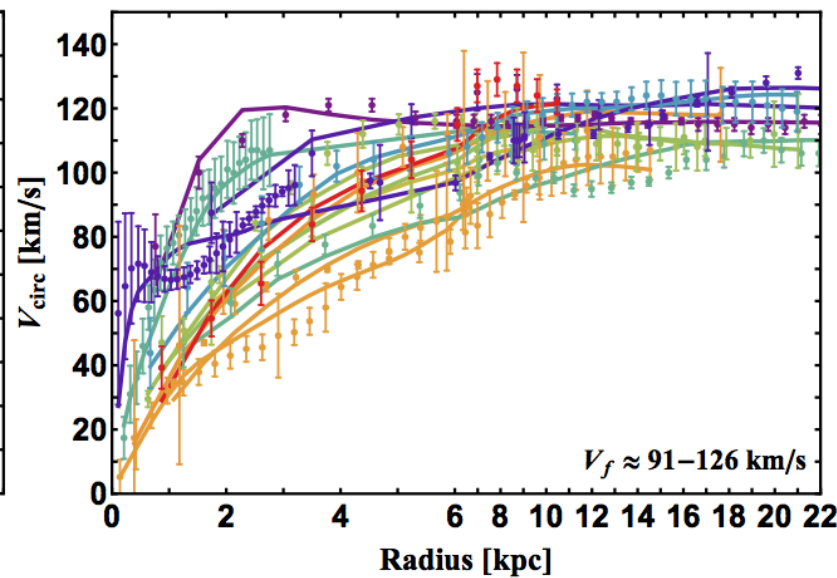
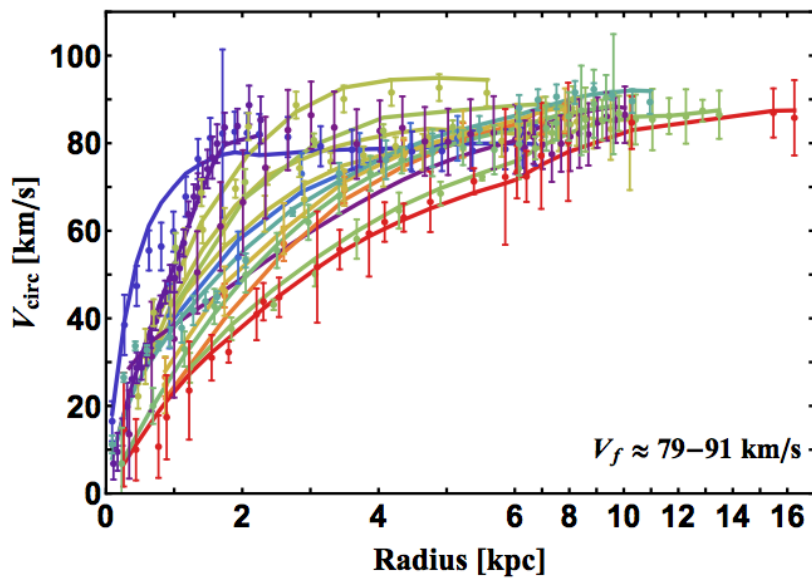
Dense Dark Substructure



There is a minor offset, as the simulated main halo mass $1.1 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$ is on the lower end of the mass range $10^{13} - 6 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$ of the observed group halo

Testing SIDM collapse with strong lensing observations: Yang, HBY (2021); Gilman+(2022)

Diversity: Spiral Galaxies

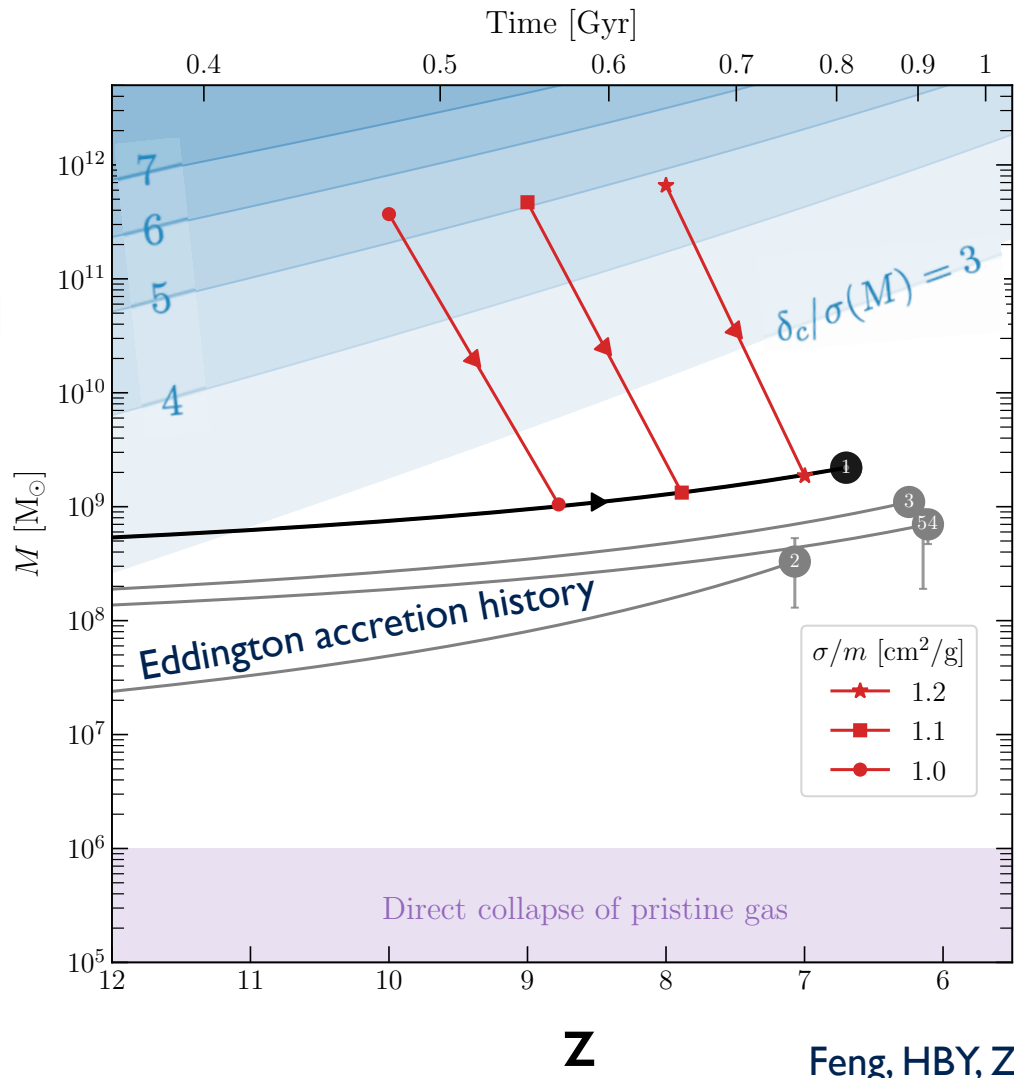
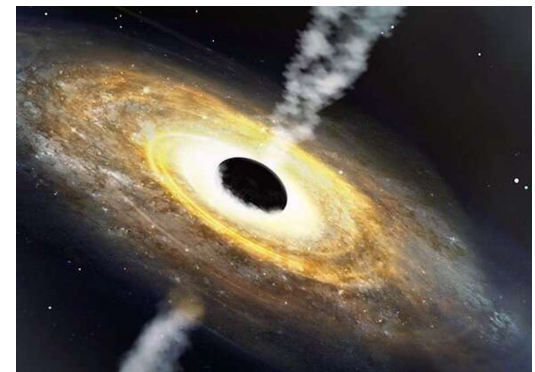
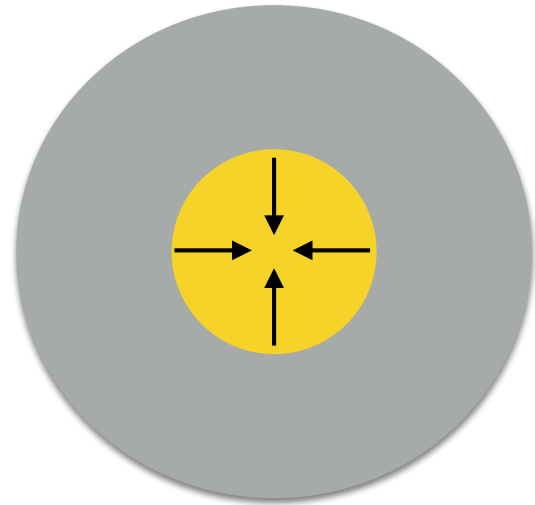


DM/Baryon
concentration

We analyzed 135 galaxies (3.6 μm band)!
SPARC dataset, Lelli, McGaugh, Schombert (2016)

w/ Ren, Kwa, Kaplinghat (PRX 2018)
w/ Kamada, Kaplinghat, Pace (PRL 2017)
w/ Creasey, Sameie, Sales+ (MNRAS 2017)

Seeding Supermassive Black Holes



The most challenging one, J1205-0000

Mass $2.2 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$

$z=6.7$

$f_{\text{Edd}}=0.16$

Onoue et al. (2019)

~ 800 Myr after the Big Bang

Feng, HBY, Zhong (APJL, 2021; JCAP 2022)

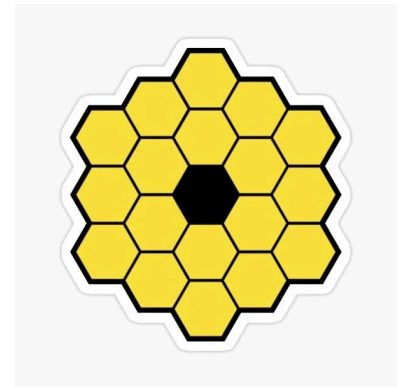
- A conservative cross section is enough; the presence of baryons can speed the onset of collapse by a factor of 100
- The mechanism favors the existence of massive halos $10^{11}-10^{12} M_{\odot}$ at $z \sim 8-10$

A population of red candidate massive galaxies ~600 Myr after the Big Bang

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Massive galaxies exist in the early Universe at $z \sim 8$!

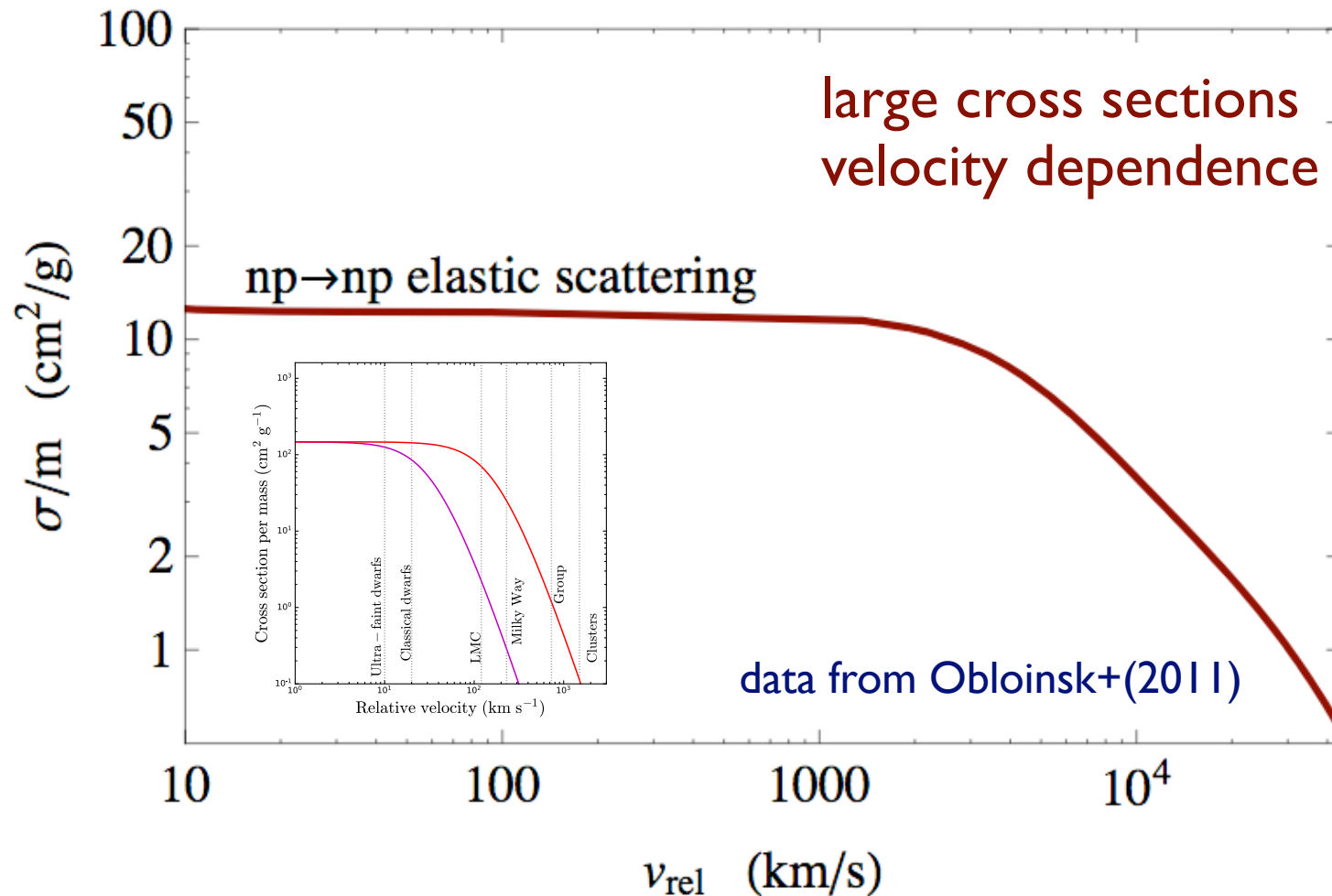
Abstract

Galaxies with stellar masses as high as $\sim 10^{11}$ solar masses have been identified^{1–3} out to redshifts $z \sim 6$, approximately one billion years after the Big Bang. It has been difficult to find massive galaxies at even earlier times, as the Balmer break region, which is needed for accurate mass estimates, is redshifted to wavelengths beyond $2.5 \mu\text{m}$. Here we make use of the $1\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$ coverage of the *JWST* early release observations to search for intrinsically red galaxies in the first ≈ 750 million years of cosmic history. In the survey area, we find six candidate massive galaxies (stellar mass $> 10^{10}$ solar masses) at $7.4 \leq z \leq 9.1$, 500–700 Myr after the Big Bang, including one galaxy with a possible stellar mass of $\sim 10^{11}$ solar masses. If verified with spectroscopy, the stellar mass density in massive galaxies would be much higher than anticipated from previous studies based on rest-frame ultraviolet-selected samples.

The expected halo mass $\sim 10^{11}\text{--}10^{12} M_{\odot}$ at $z \sim 8$

see, e.g., [Boylan-Kolchin \(2022\)](#); [Nadler, Benson, Driskell, Du, Gluscevic \(2022\)](#)

N-P vs. DM-DM Scatterings



Dark matter self-interactions occur at fundamental scales $\sim 10^{-12}$ cm;
change the dark matter distribution at astro scales $\sim 10^{22}$ cm

see reviews: Tulin & HBY (2017); Adhikari+(2022)

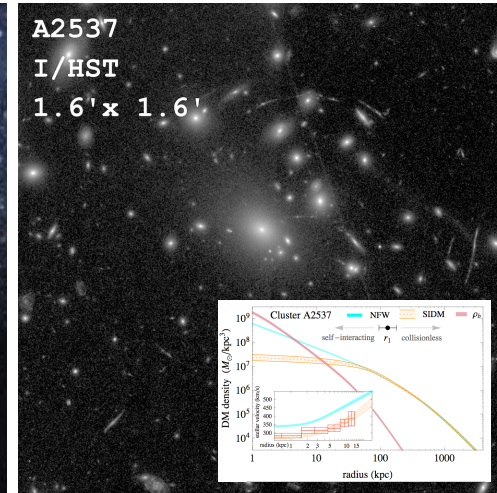
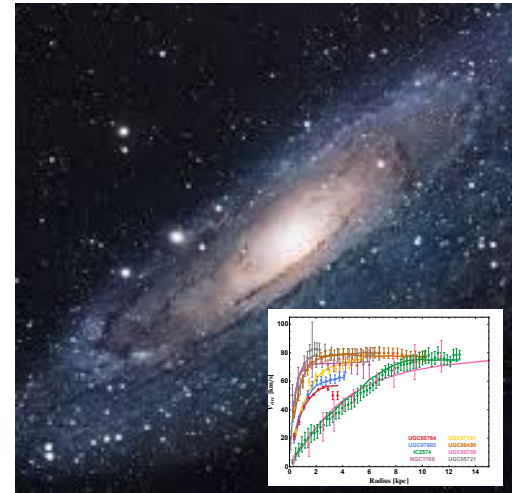
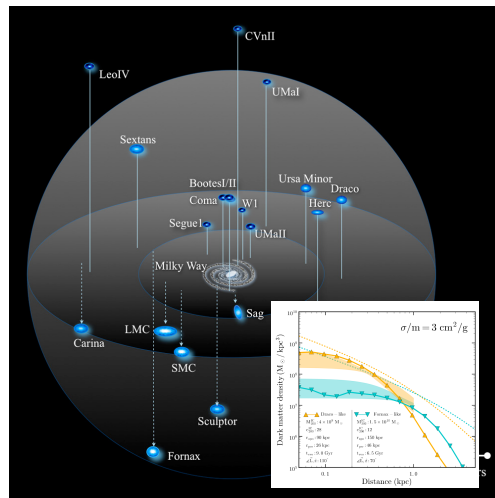
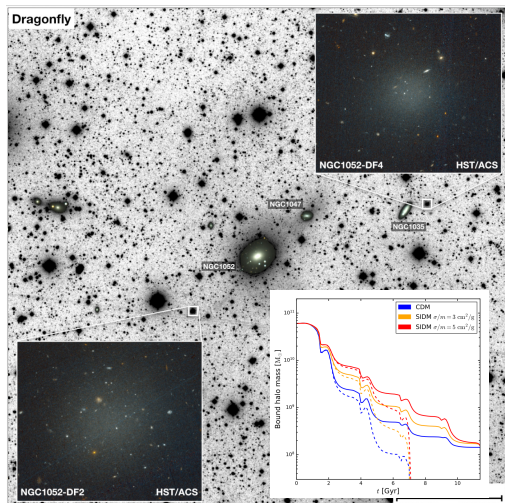
Conclusion

Ultra-diffuse galaxies
(dark-matter-deficient)

Milky Way satellites

Spiral galaxies

Galaxy clusters



$$M_{\text{halo}} < \sim 10^8 M_\odot$$

$$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^8 M_\odot$$

$$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^9 - 10^{13} M_\odot$$

$$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^{15} M_\odot$$

SIDM can explain **diverse** dark matter distributions over a wide range of galactic systems (halo masses $\sim 10^8 - 10^{15} M_\odot$); **bonus**: seeding SMBHs

We may have detected strong dark matter self-interactions