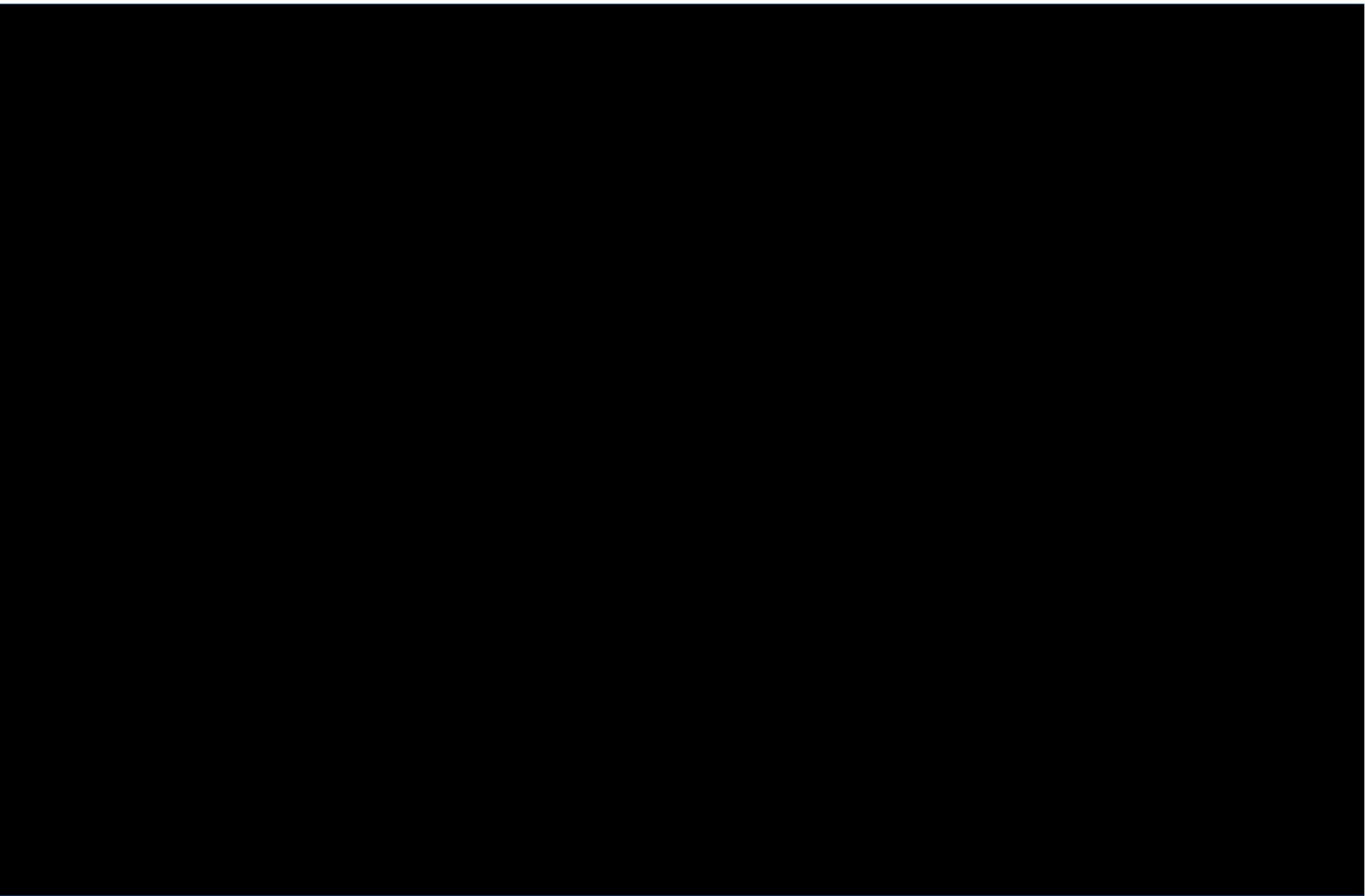
A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of filaments and nodes. The filaments are thin, blue, and interconnected, forming a web-like structure. The nodes are larger, denser regions of yellow and orange, representing galaxy clusters and superclusters. The background is a deep blue, suggesting the vastness of space.

Dark Side of the Universe
Buenos Aires, July 2019

Nonlinear structure in the DM distribution

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Newtonian “experiment” with 100 million bodies – forming a dark matter halo

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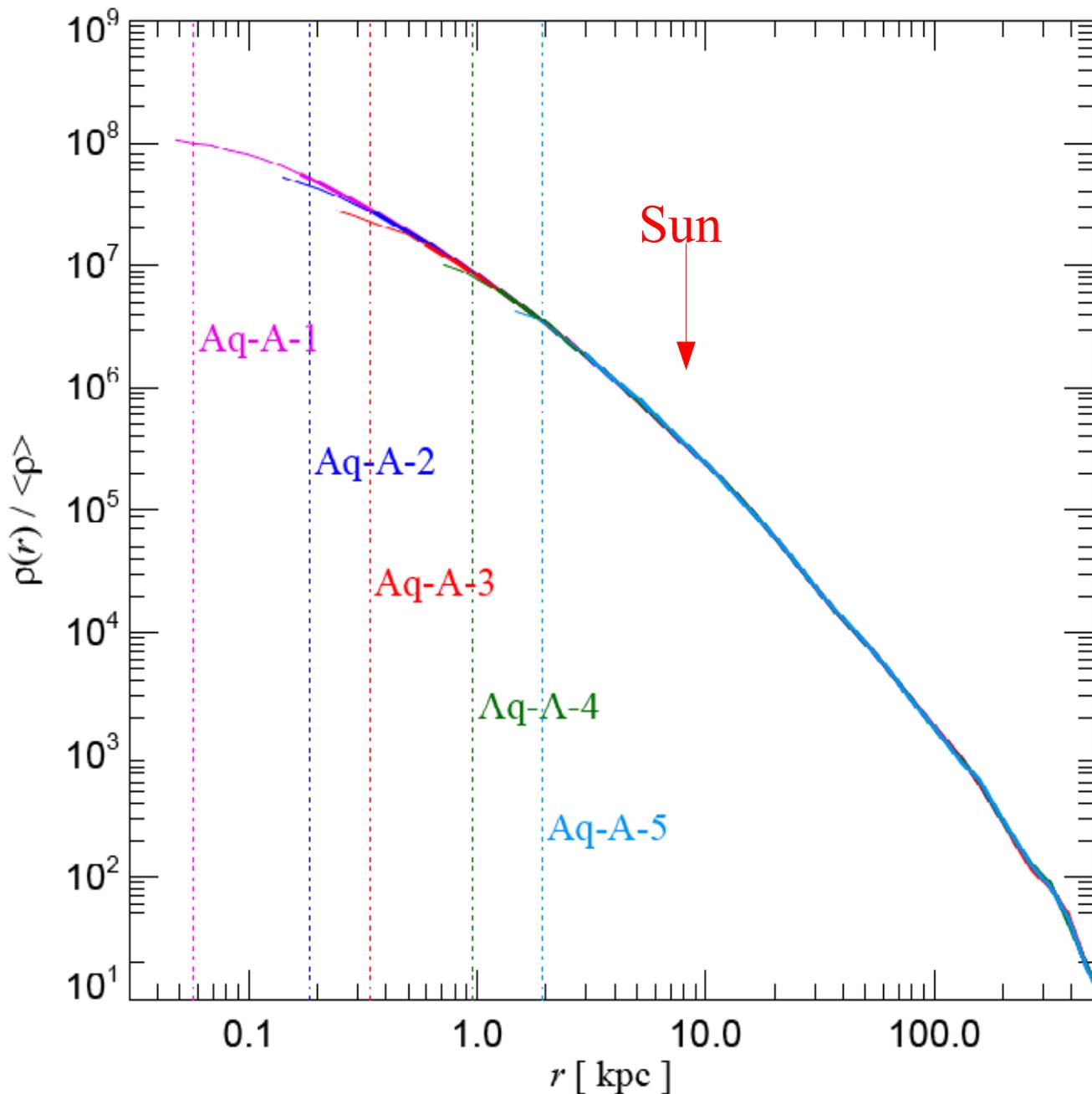
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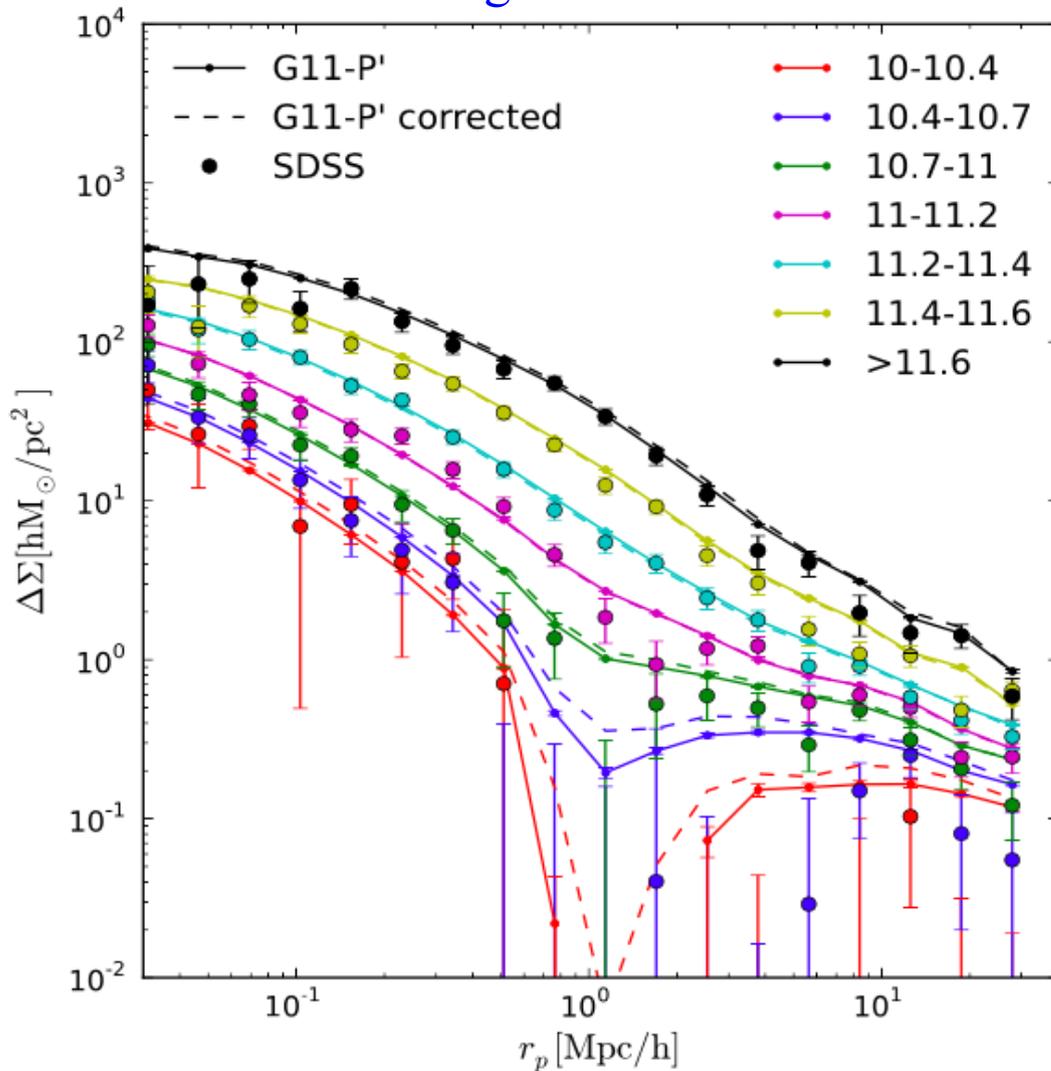
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Density profiles of simulated DM-only Λ CDM halos are now very well determined -- to radii well inside the Sun's position

Λ CDM halo profiles vs lensing observations

Wang et al 2016



Weak lensing profiles around stacks of isolated SDSS galaxies as a function of their stellar mass.

Predictions from a SDSS “mock” catalogue made from a SAM in the Planck cosmology with parameters adjusted to fit galaxy abundances.

No further parameter adjustment to fit lensing/clustering observations.

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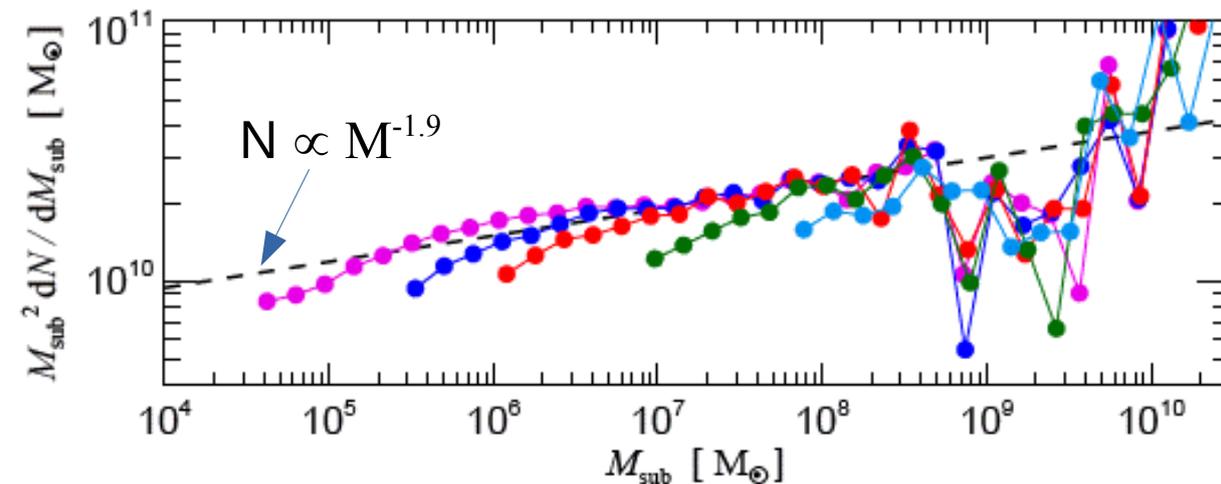
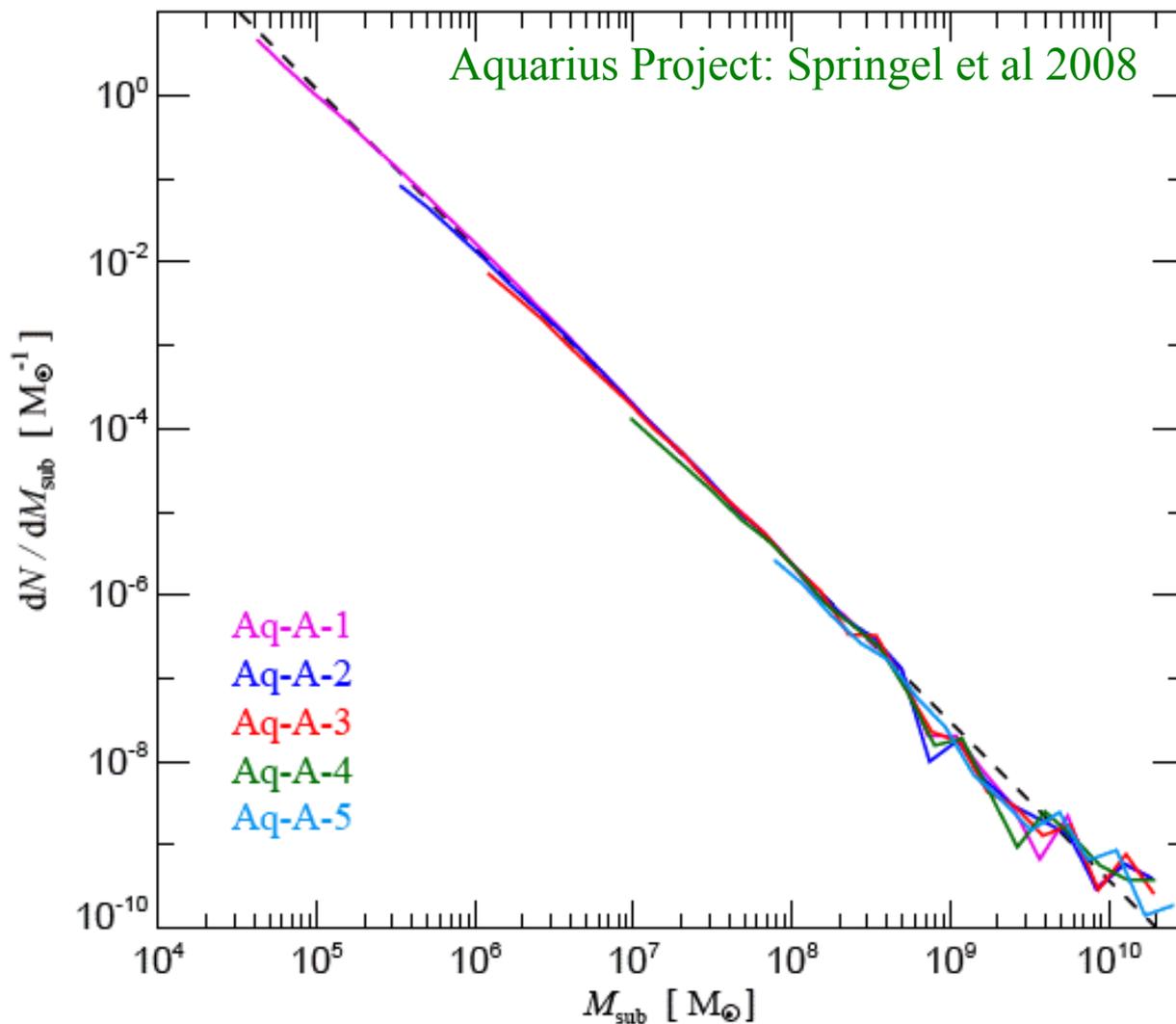
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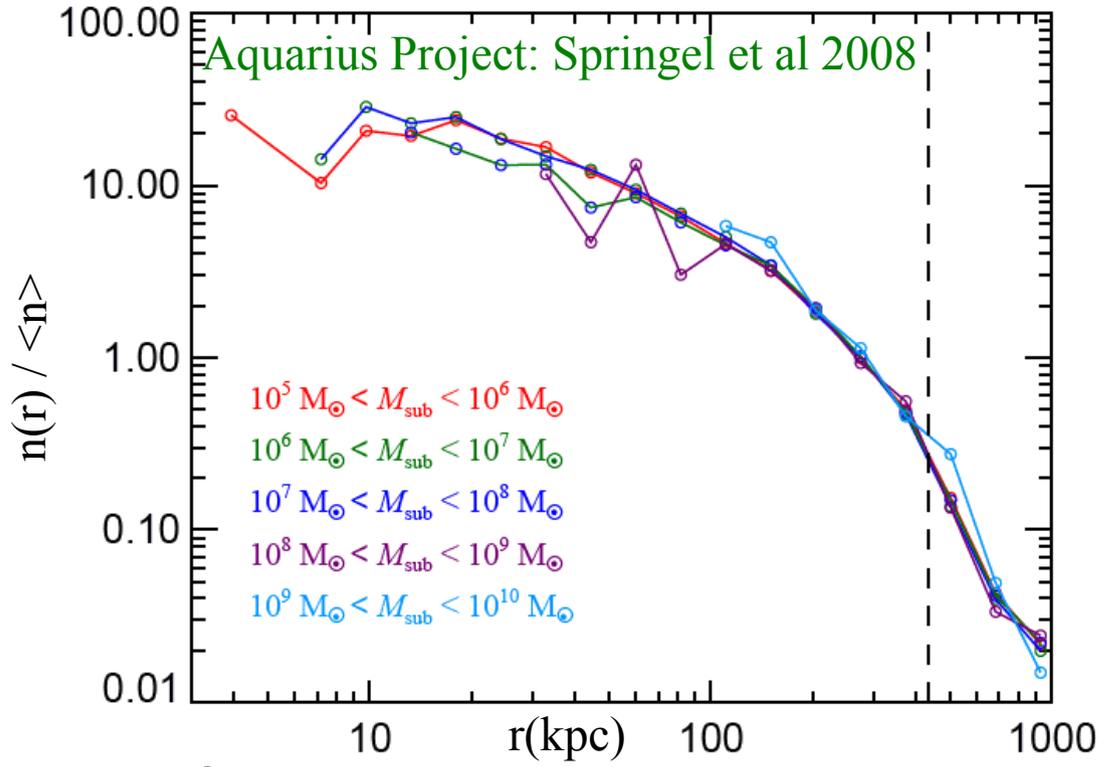
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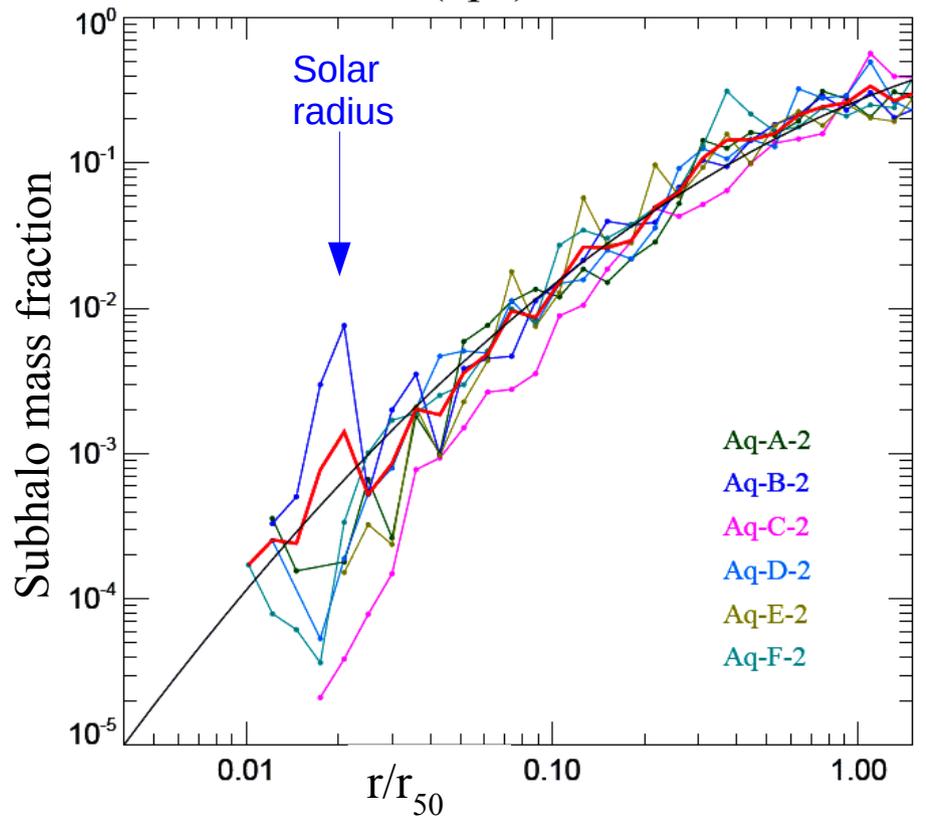
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The radial distribution of subhaloes is shallow and independent of their mass

Only a very small fraction of the mass near the Sun is in subhaloes



Bound subhalos: conclusions

Substructure is primarily in the outermost parts of halos

The radial distribution of subhalos is almost mass-independent

The total mass in subhalos converges (weakly) at small m

Subhalos contain a very small mass fraction in the inner halo ($\sim 0.1\%$ near the Sun) and so will *not* be relevant for direct detection experiments

(Small) subhalos *dominate* the total annihilation luminosity at large radius

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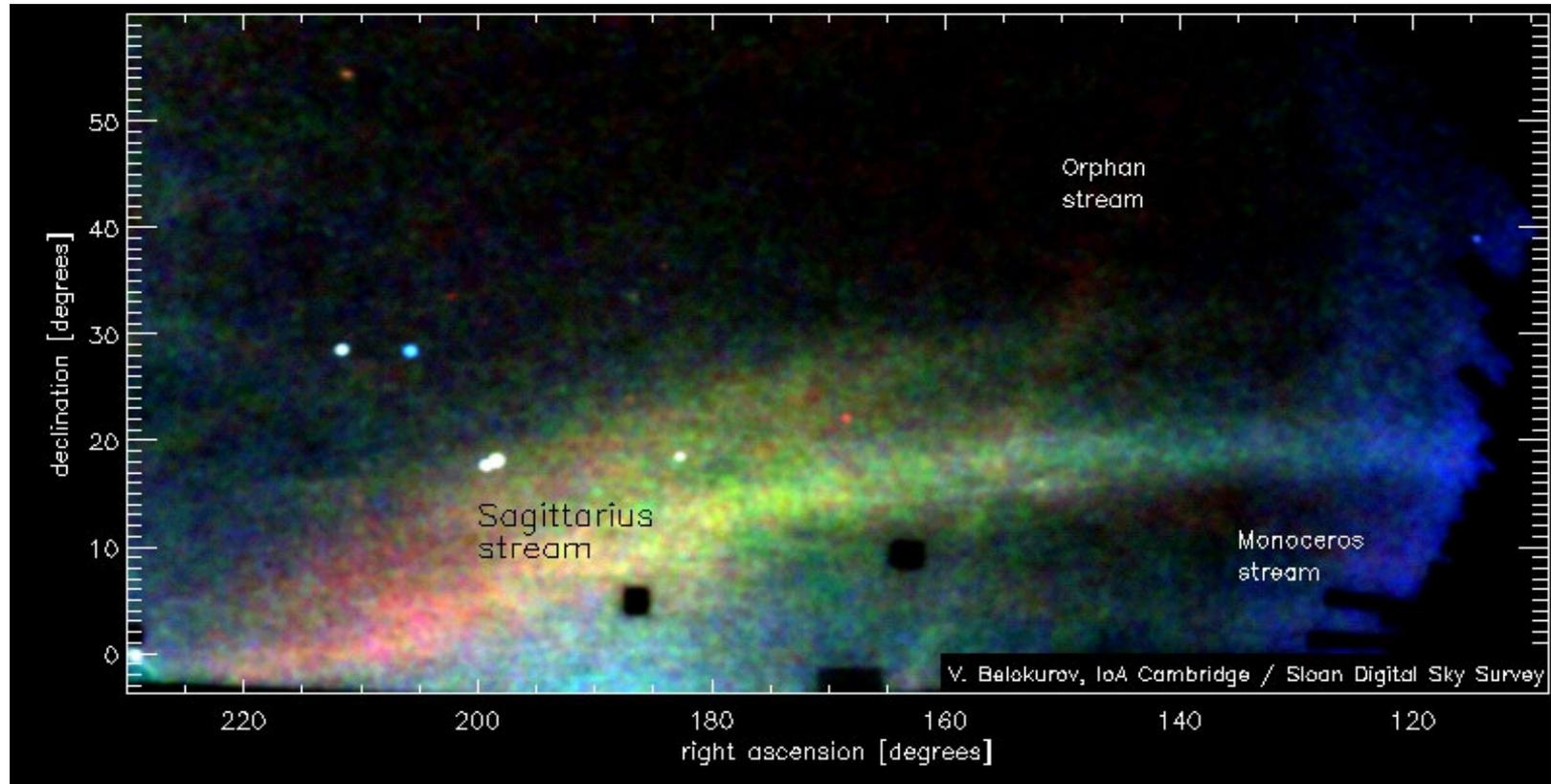
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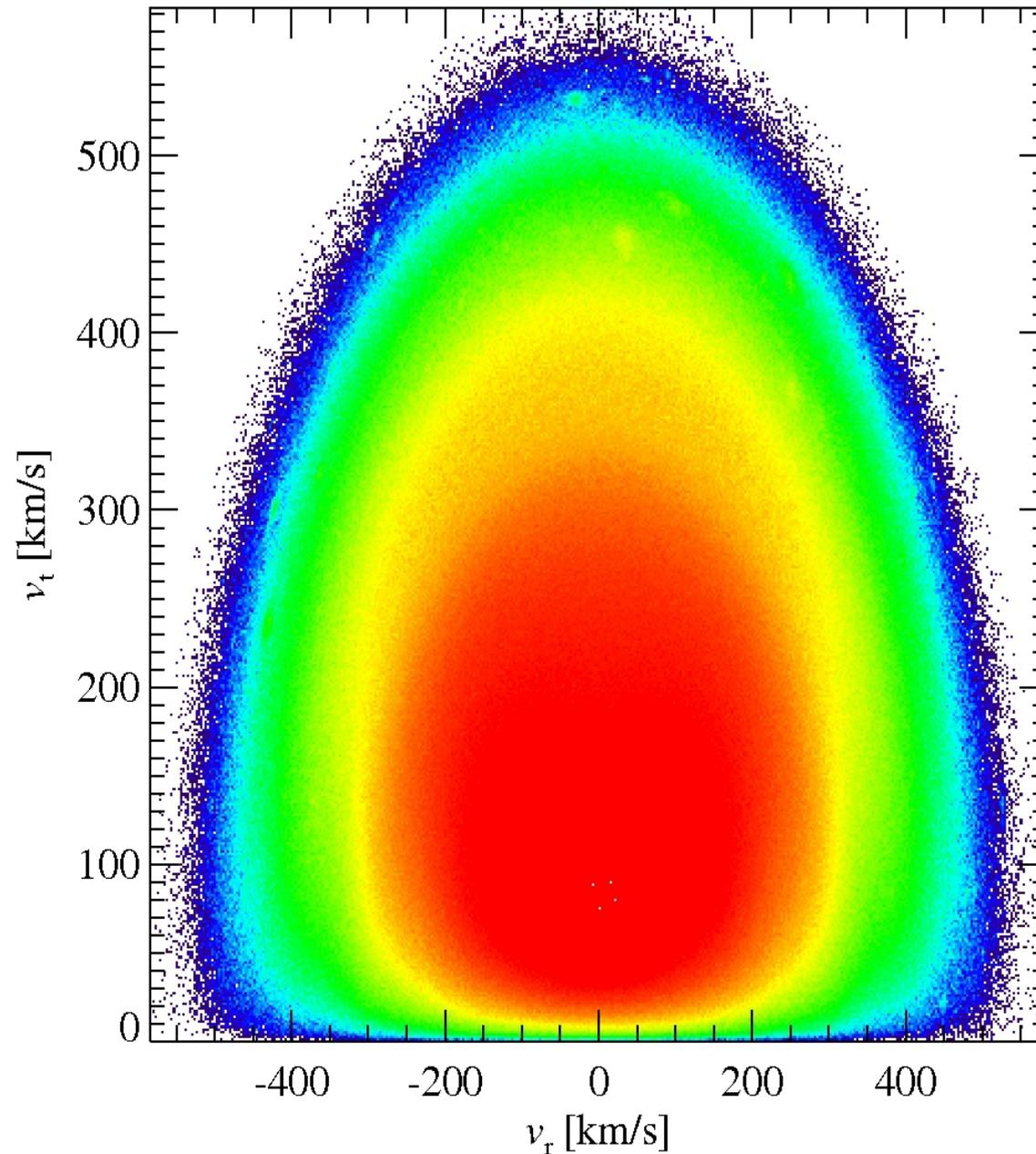
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- Produced by partial or total tidal disruption of subhalos
- Analogous to observed stellar streams in the Galactic halo
- Distributed along/around orbit of subhalo (c.f. meteor streams)
- Localised in almost 1-D region of 6-D phase-space (\underline{x} , \underline{v})

Dark matter phase-space structure in the inner MW

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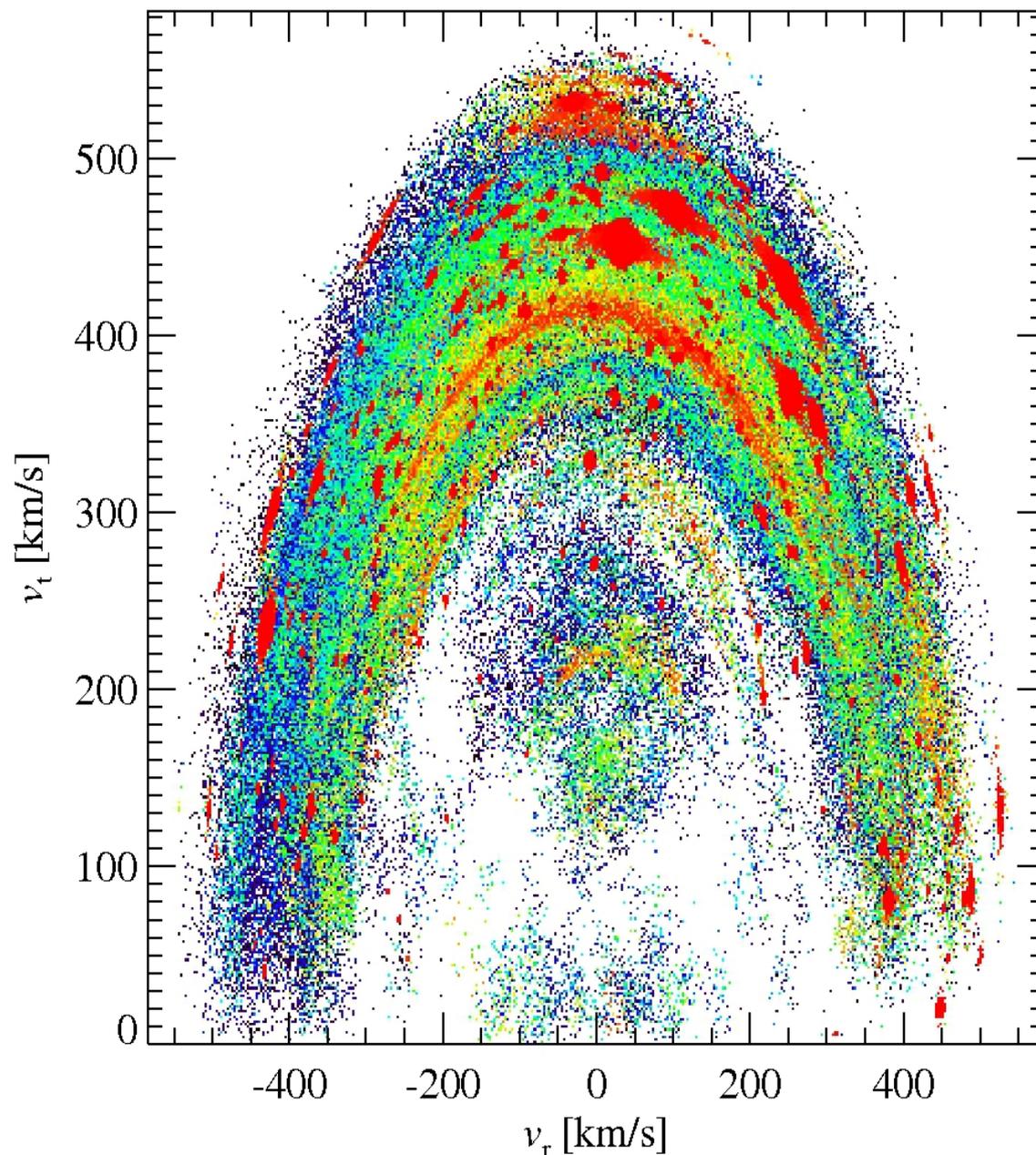
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All particles

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Particles in detected
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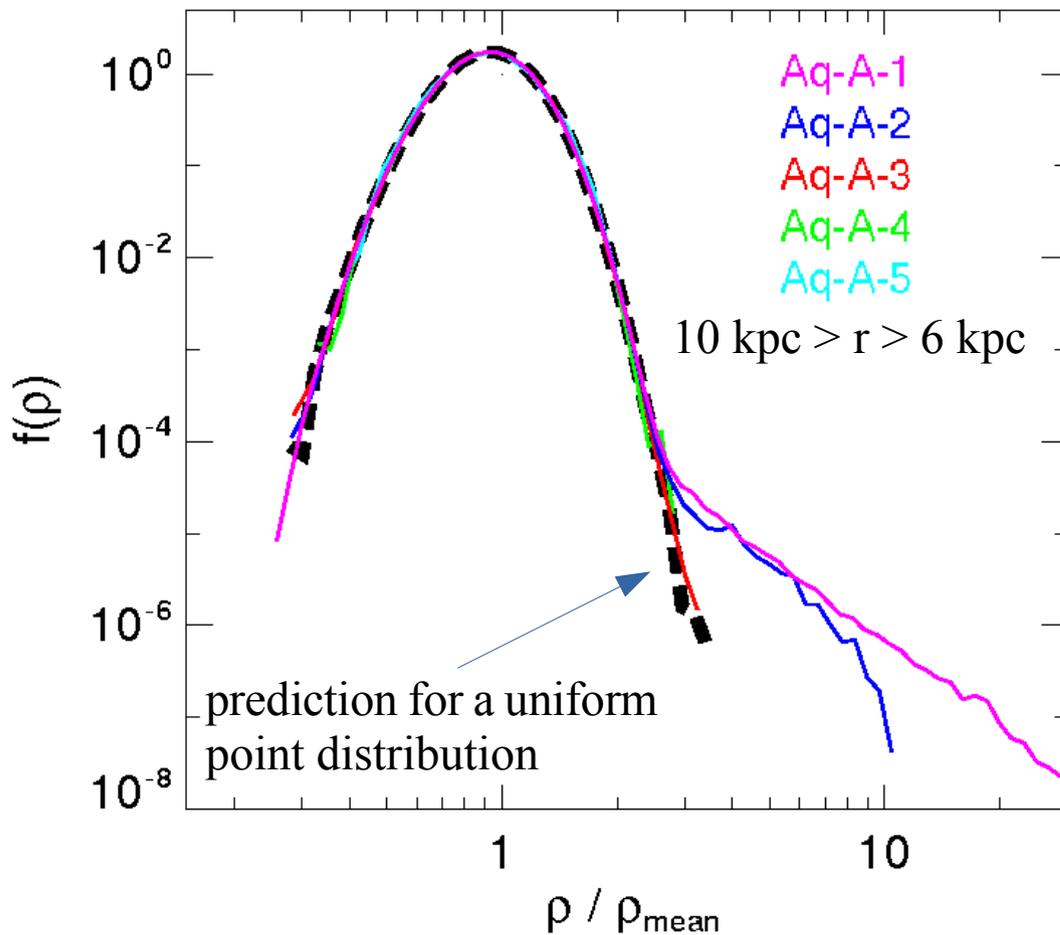
$N = 2.6 \times 10^5$
in tidal streams

$N = 3.9 \times 10^4$
in subhalos

→ only $\sim 1\%$ of the
DM signal is in strong
tidal streams

Local density in the inner halo compared to a smooth ellipsoidal model

Vogelsberger et al 2008



Estimate a density ρ at each point by adaptively smoothing using the 64 nearest particles

Fit to a smooth density profile stratified on similar ellipsoids

The chance of a random point lying in a substructure is $< 10^{-4}$

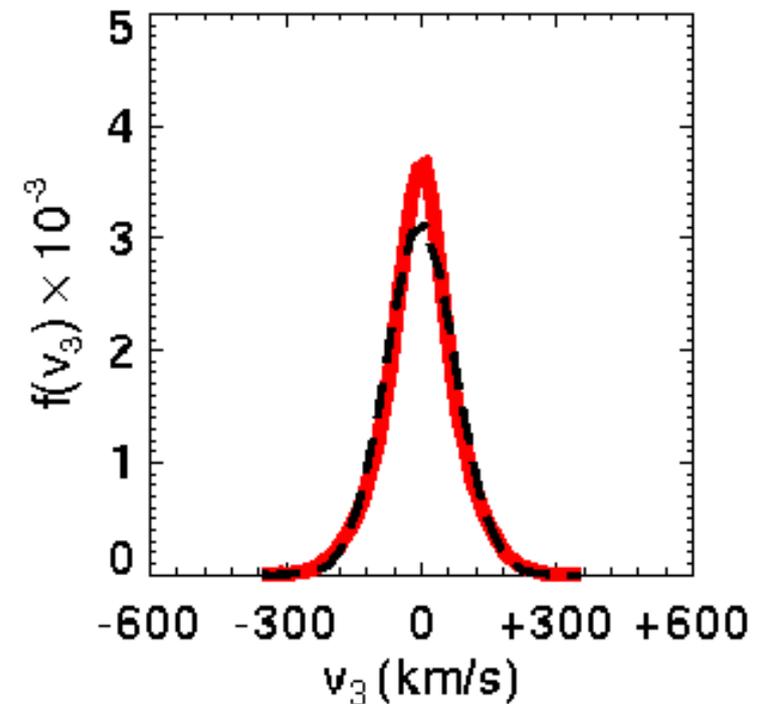
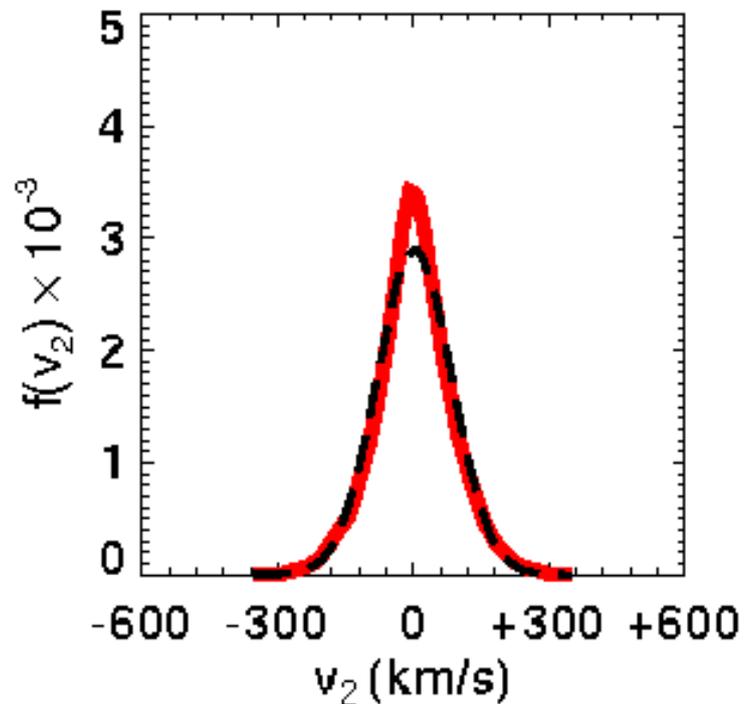
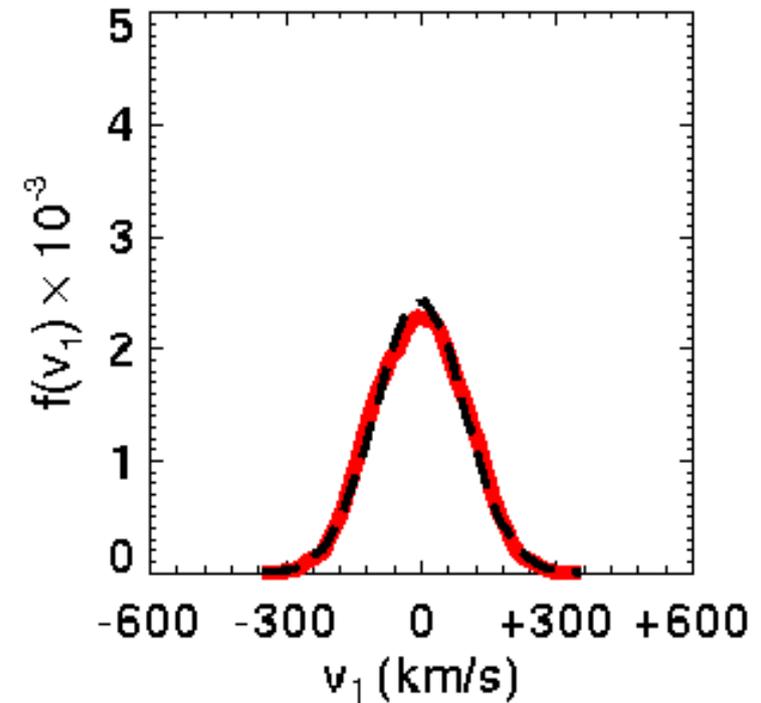
The *rms* scatter about the smooth model for the remaining points is only about 4%

Local velocity distribution

Velocity histograms for particles in a typical $(2\text{kpc})^3$ box at $R = 8$ kpc

Distributions are smooth, near-Gaussian and different in different directions

No individual streams are visible



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IV. Fundamental streams

After CDM particles become nonrelativistic, but *before* nonlinear objects form (e.g. $z > 100$) their distribution function is

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \rho(t) [1 + \delta(\mathbf{x}, t)] N [\{\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, t)\} / \sigma]$$

where $\rho(t)$ is the mean mass density of CDM,

$\delta(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is a Gaussian random field with finite variance $\ll 1$,

$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ where $\nabla^2 \psi \propto \delta$,

and N is normal with $\sigma^2 \ll \langle |\mathbf{V}|^2 \rangle$ (today $\sigma \sim 0.1$ cm/s)

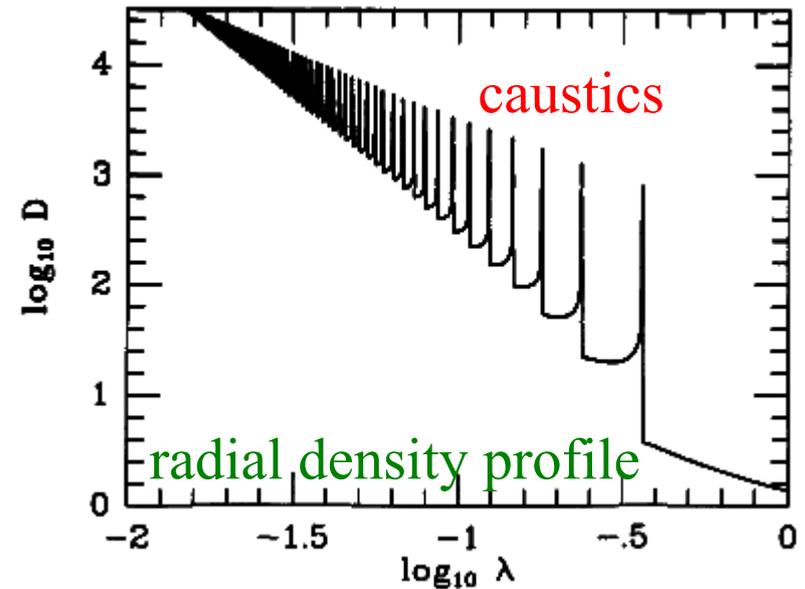
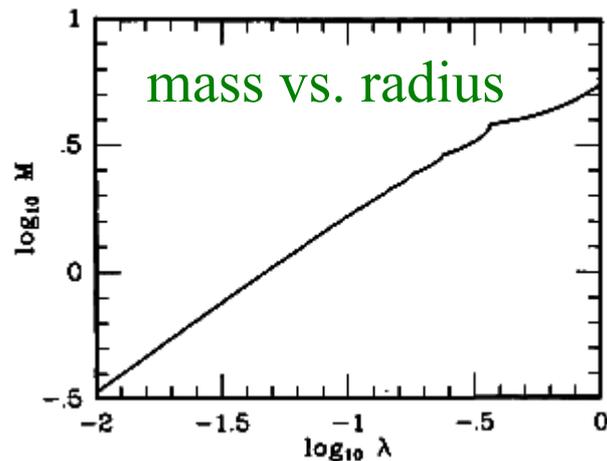
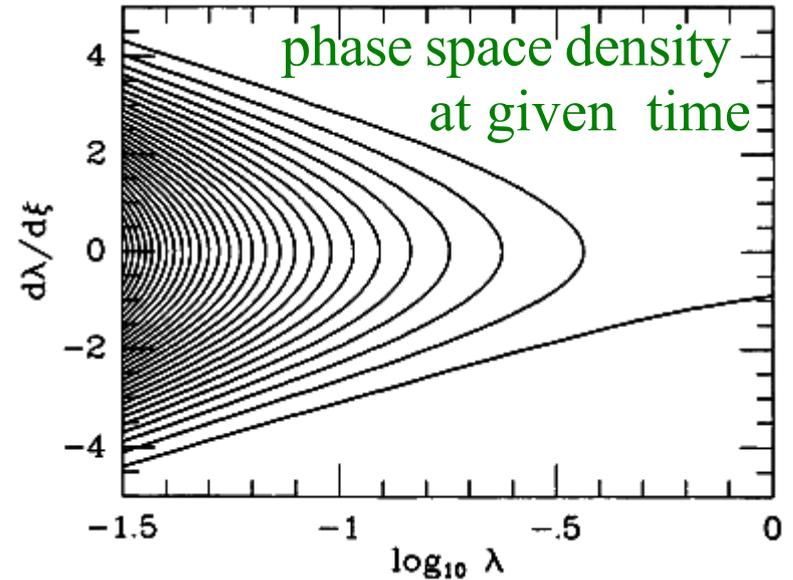
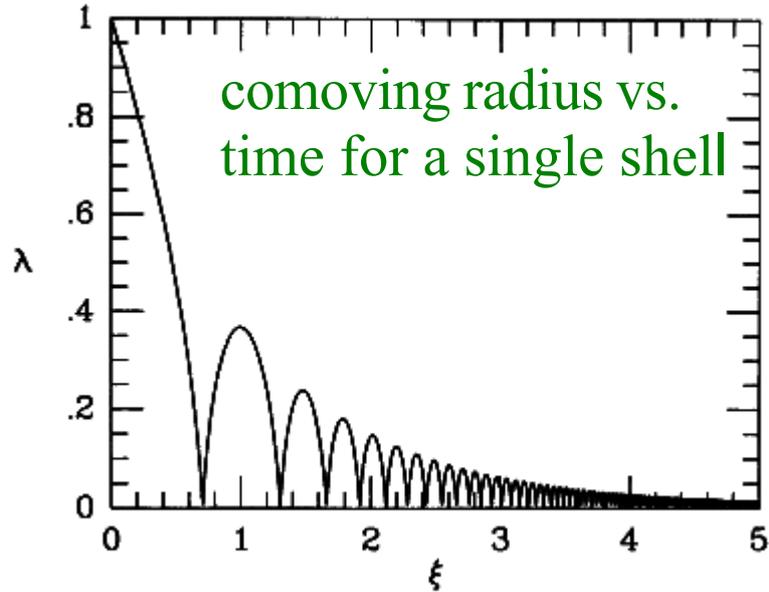
CDM occupies a thin 3-D 'sheet' within the full 6-D phase-space and its projection onto \mathbf{x} -space is near-uniform.

$Df / Dt = 0$ \longrightarrow only a 3-D subspace is occupied at *all* times.

Nonlinear evolution leads to multi-stream structure and caustics

Similarity solution for spherical collapse in CDM

Bertschinger 1985



IV. Fundamental streams

Consequences of $Df/Dt = 0$

The 3-D phase sheet can be stretched and folded but not torn

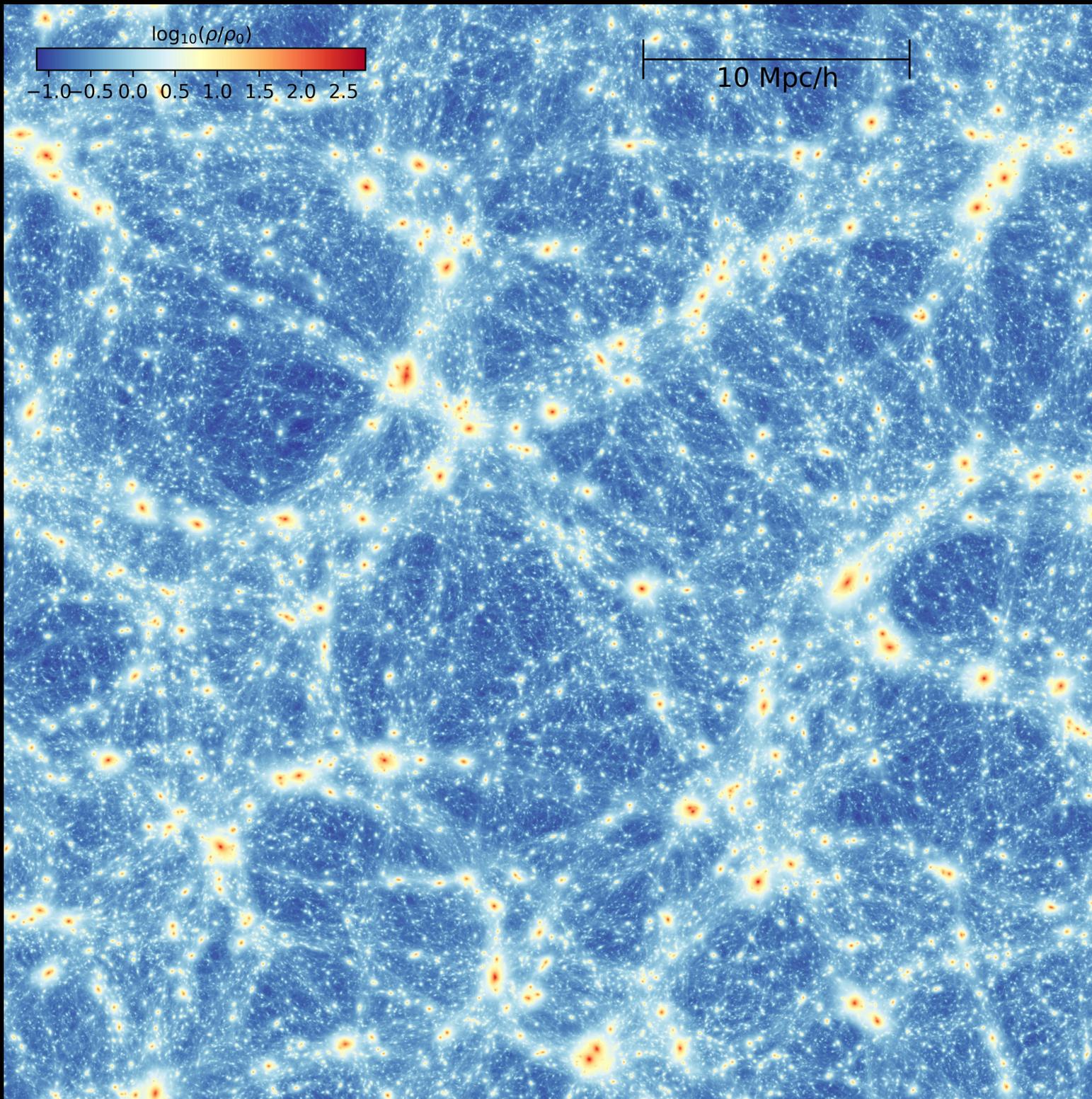
At least one sheet must pass through every point \mathbf{x}

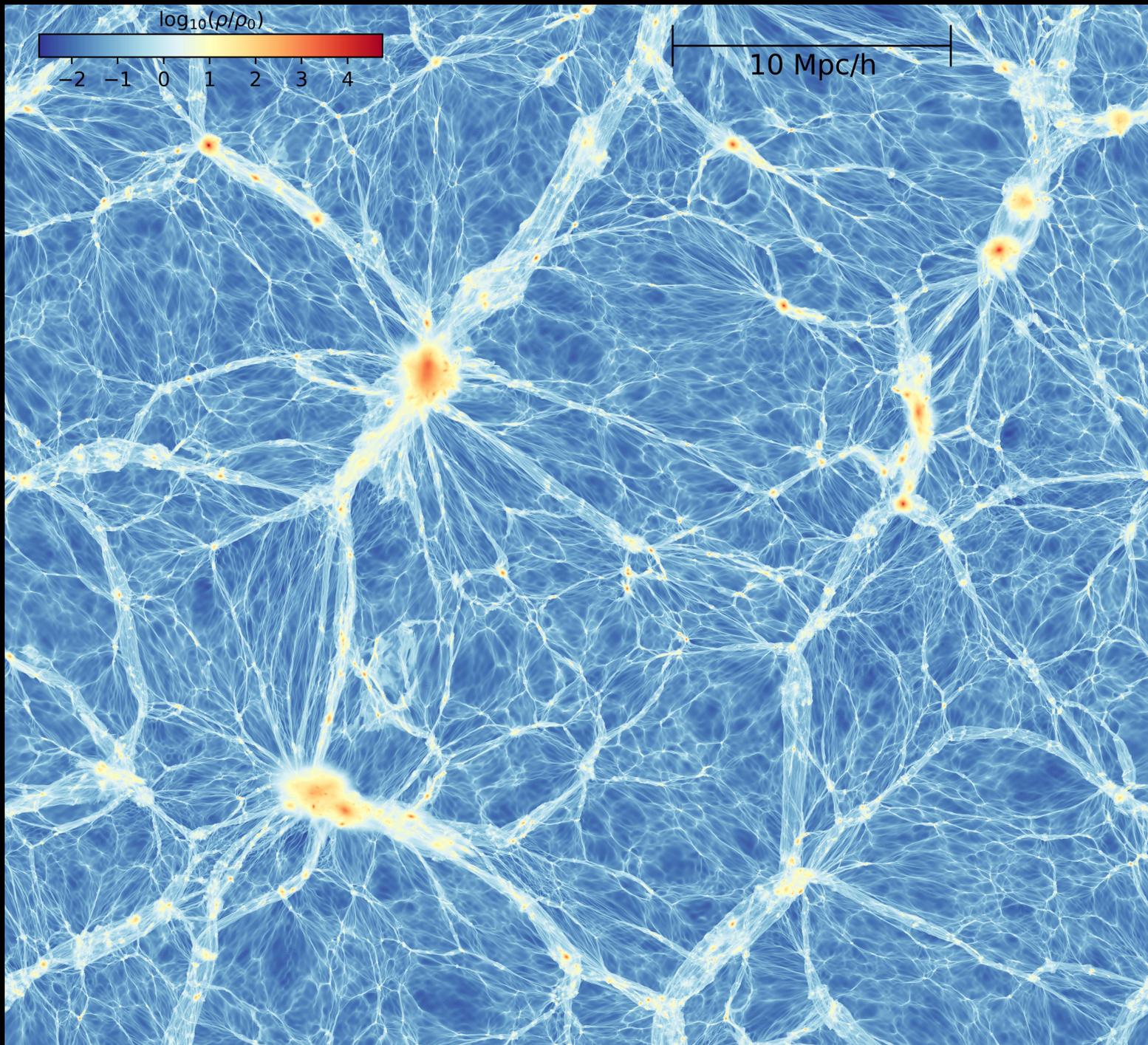
In nonlinear objects there are typically many sheets at each \mathbf{x}

Stretching which reduces a sheet's density must also reduce its velocity dispersions to maintain $f = \text{const.}$ $\longrightarrow \sigma \sim \rho^{1/3}$

At a caustic, at least one velocity dispersion must $\longrightarrow \infty$ and the integrated annihilation cross-section also diverges

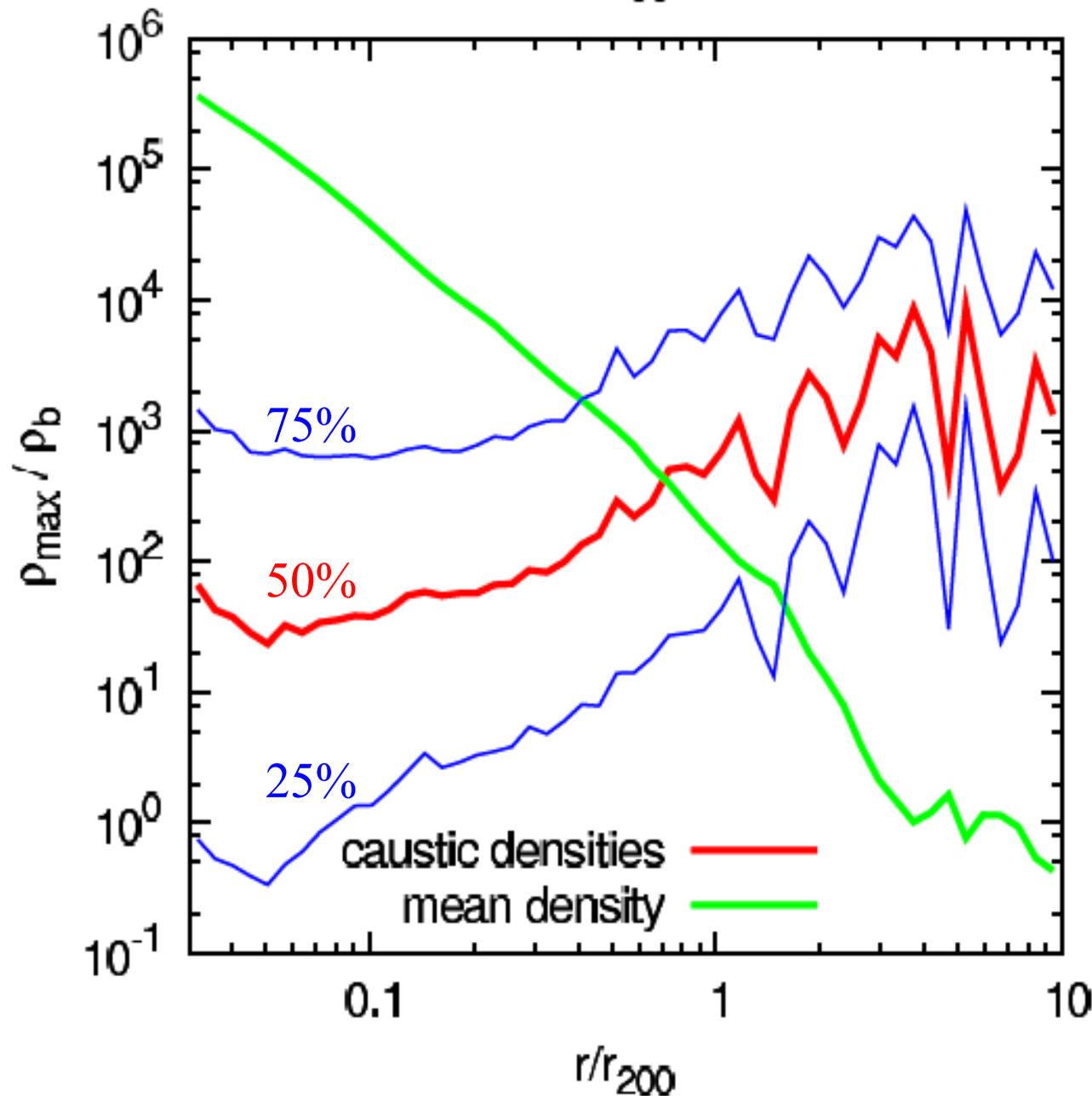
All these processes can be followed in **fully general** simulations by tracking the phase-sheet local to each simulation particle





Radial distribution of peak density at caustics

Vogelsberger & White 2011

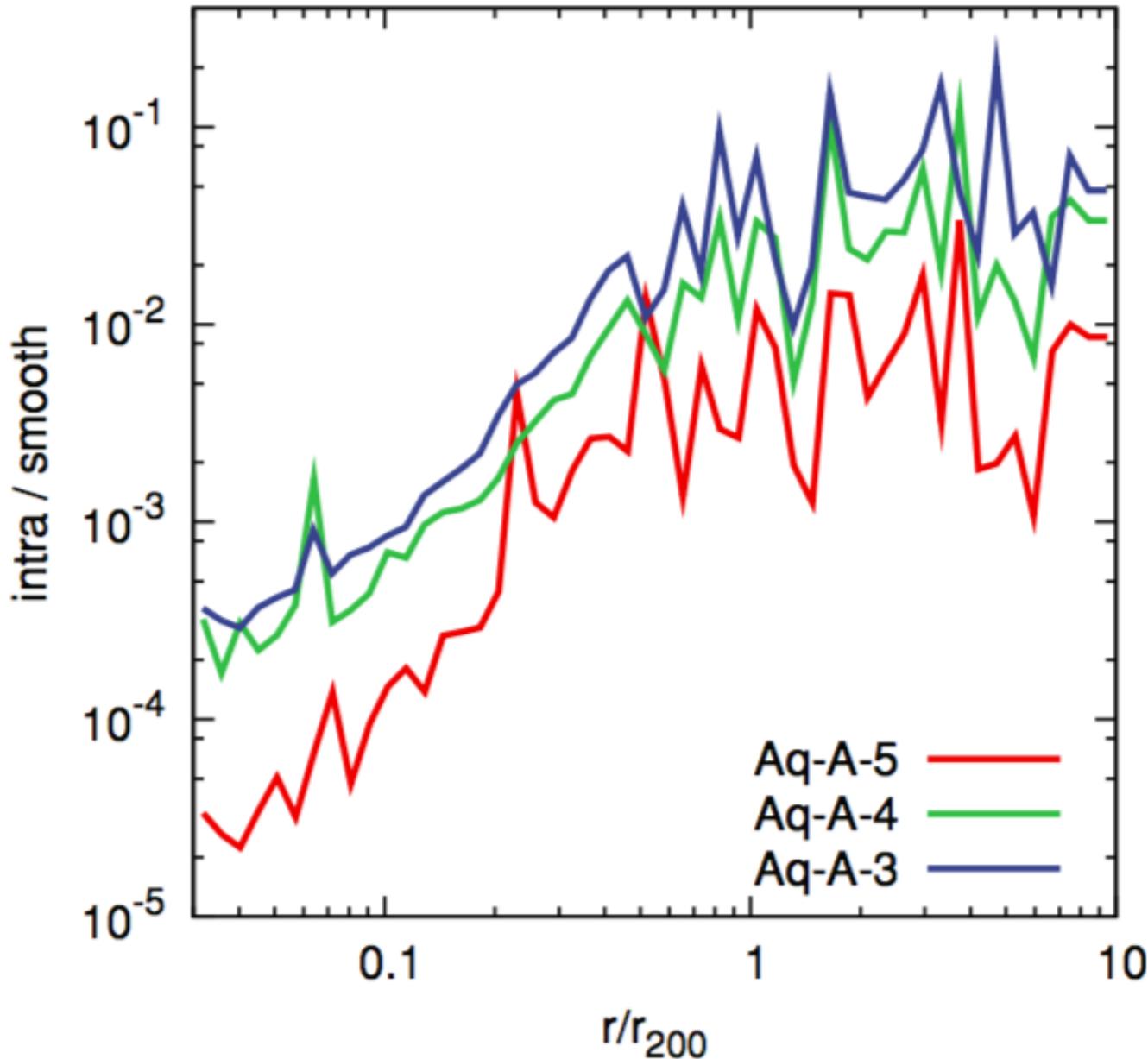


Milky Way mass halo

Initial velocity dispersion
assumes a standard
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Fraction of annihilation luminosity from caustics

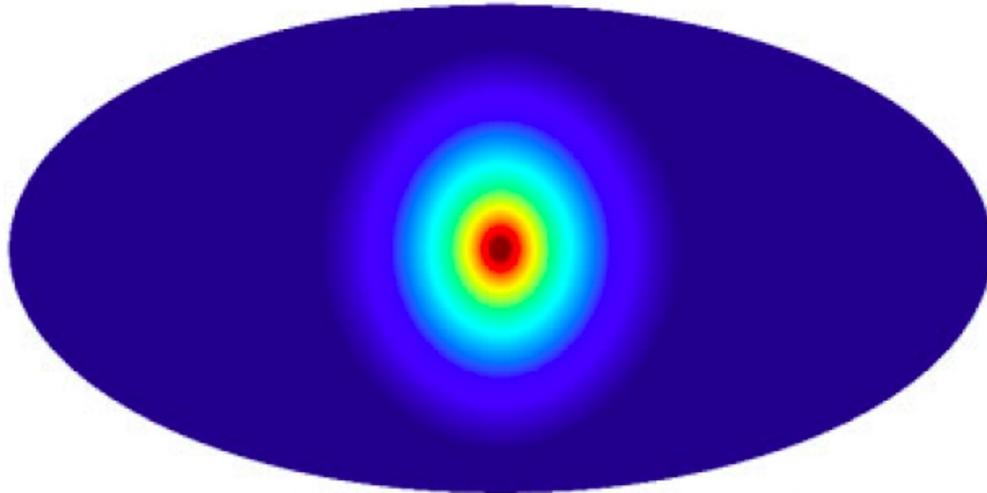
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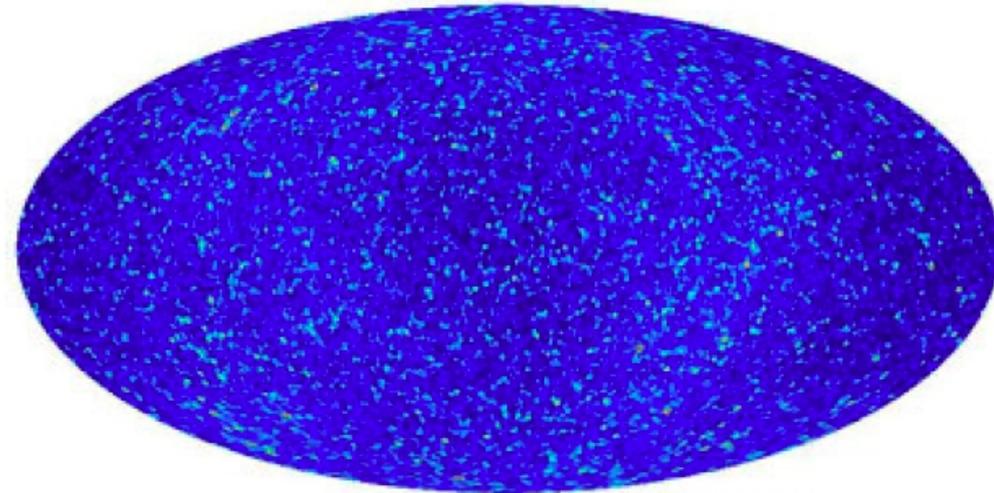
Note: caustic emission is compared to that from the smooth DM component here, but the dominant emission at large radius is from small subhaloes

smooth main halo emission (MainSm)



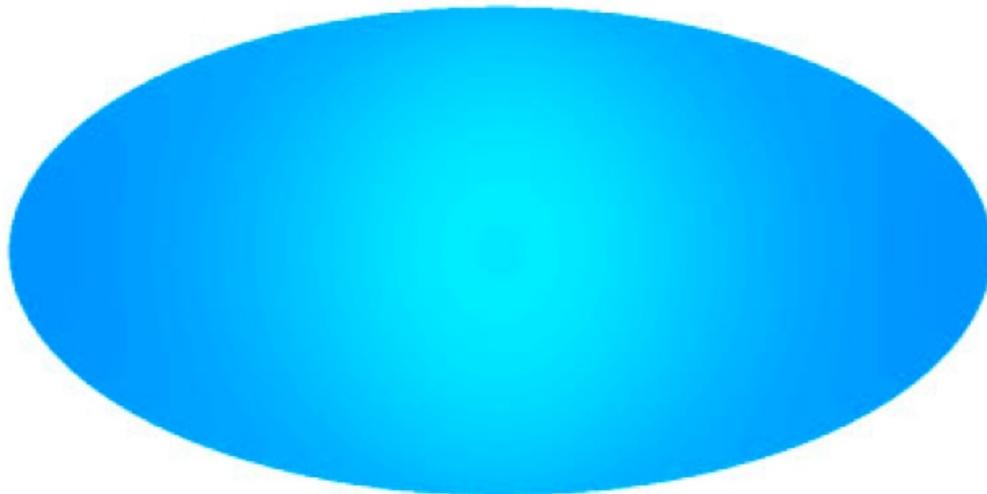
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emission from resolved subhalos (SubSm+SubSub)



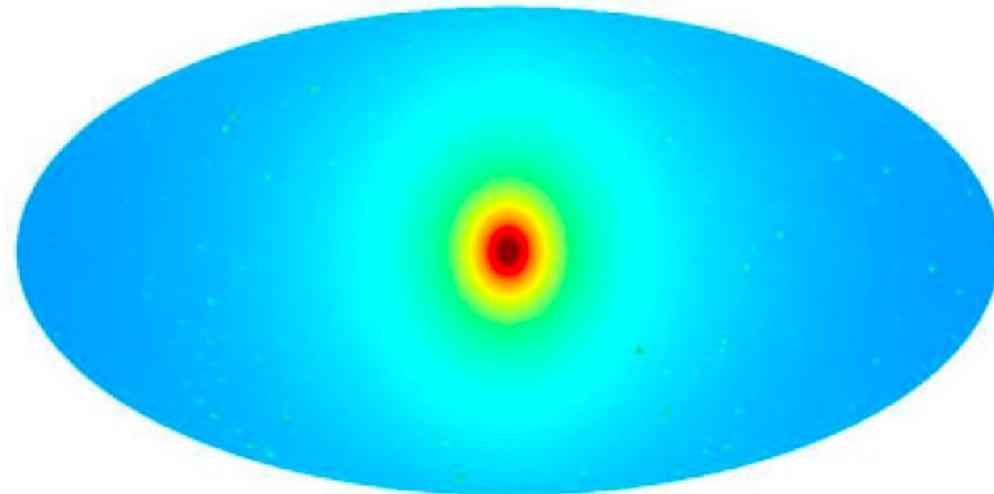
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unresolved subhalo emission (MainUn)



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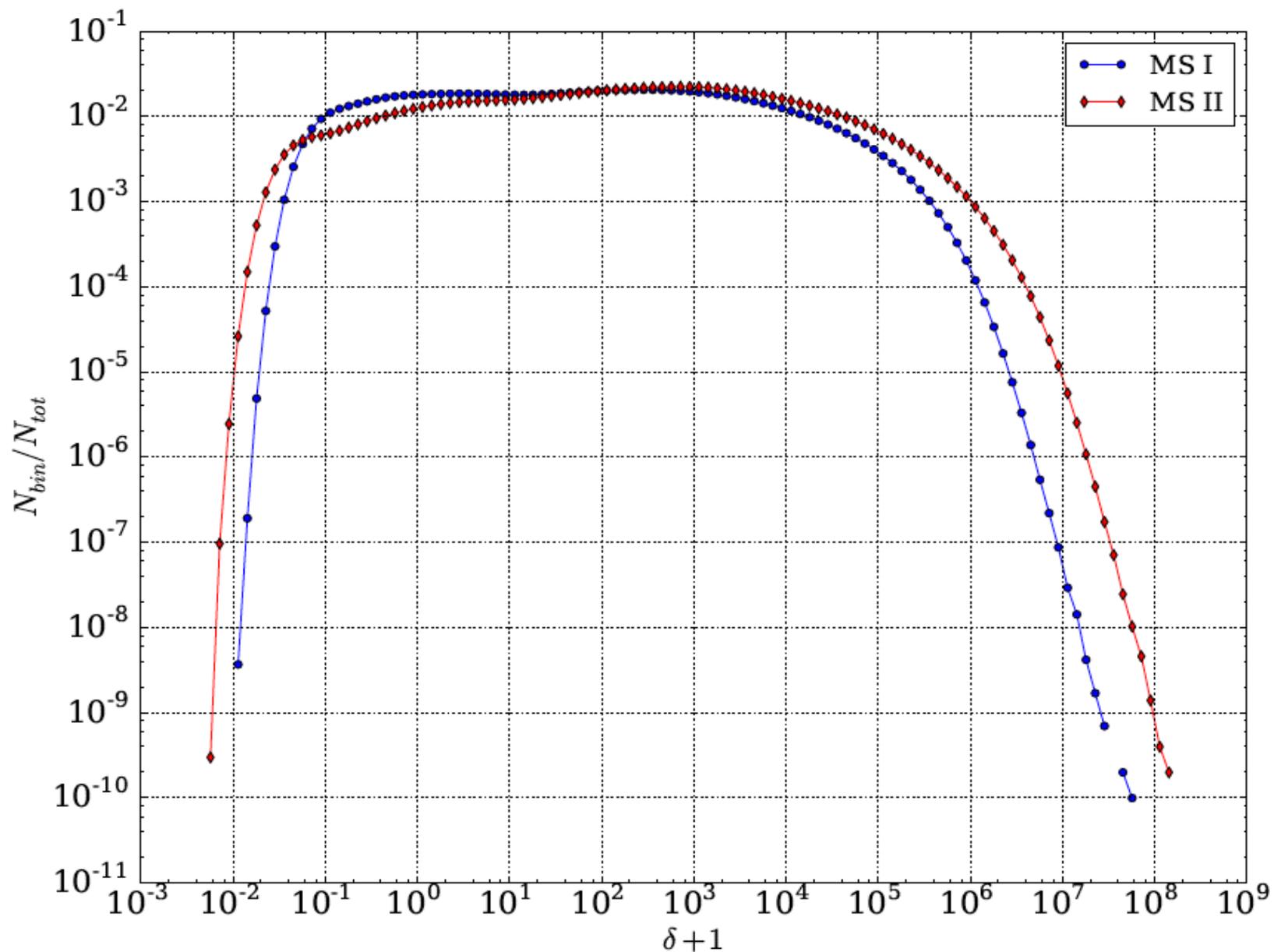
total emission



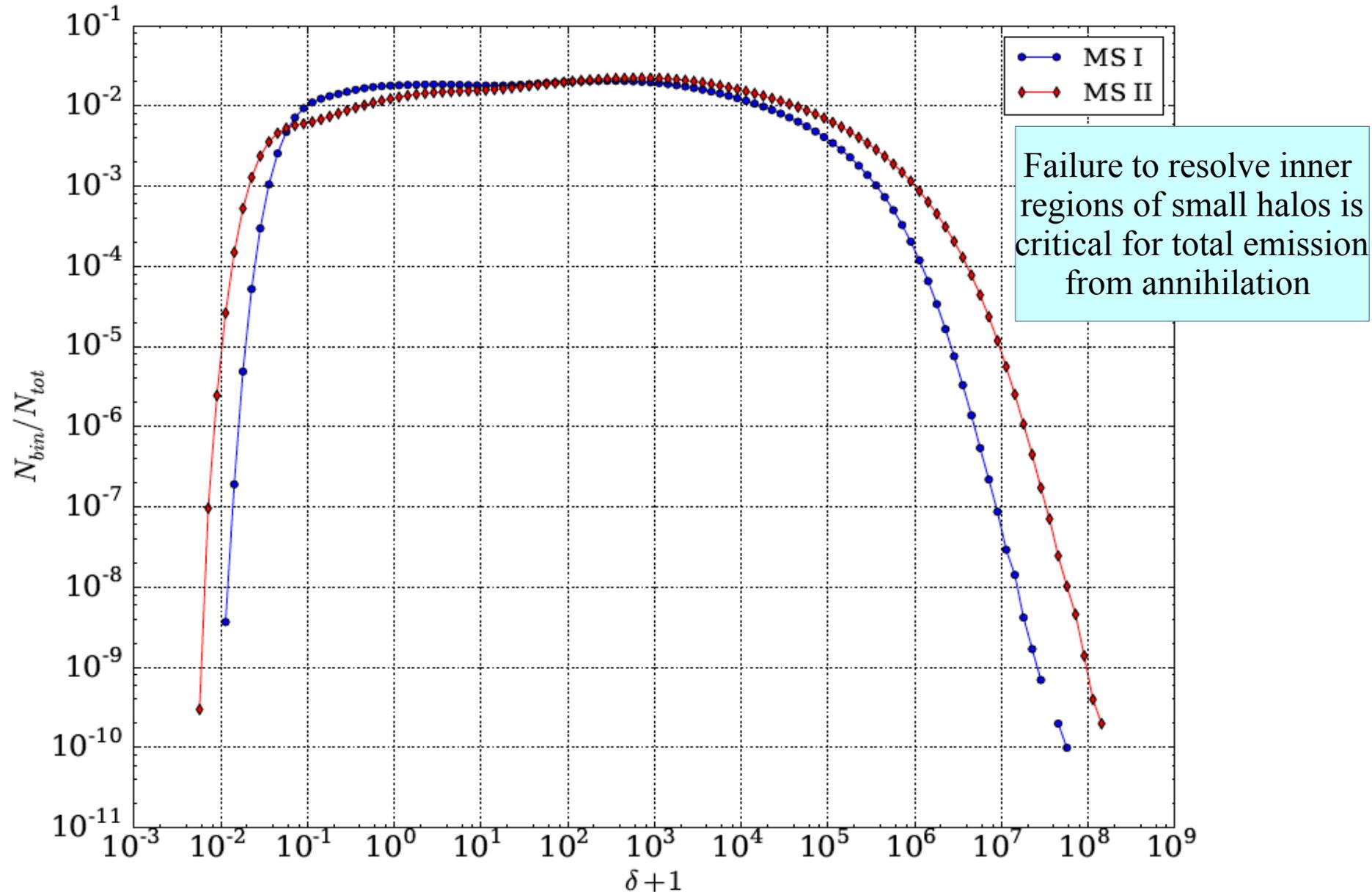
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- Halo annihilation flux dominated by that from unresolved small halos but this is nearly uniform over the sky
- Flux from the Galactic centre dominates that from resolved subhalos by a large factor, but relative detectability depends critically on noise sources

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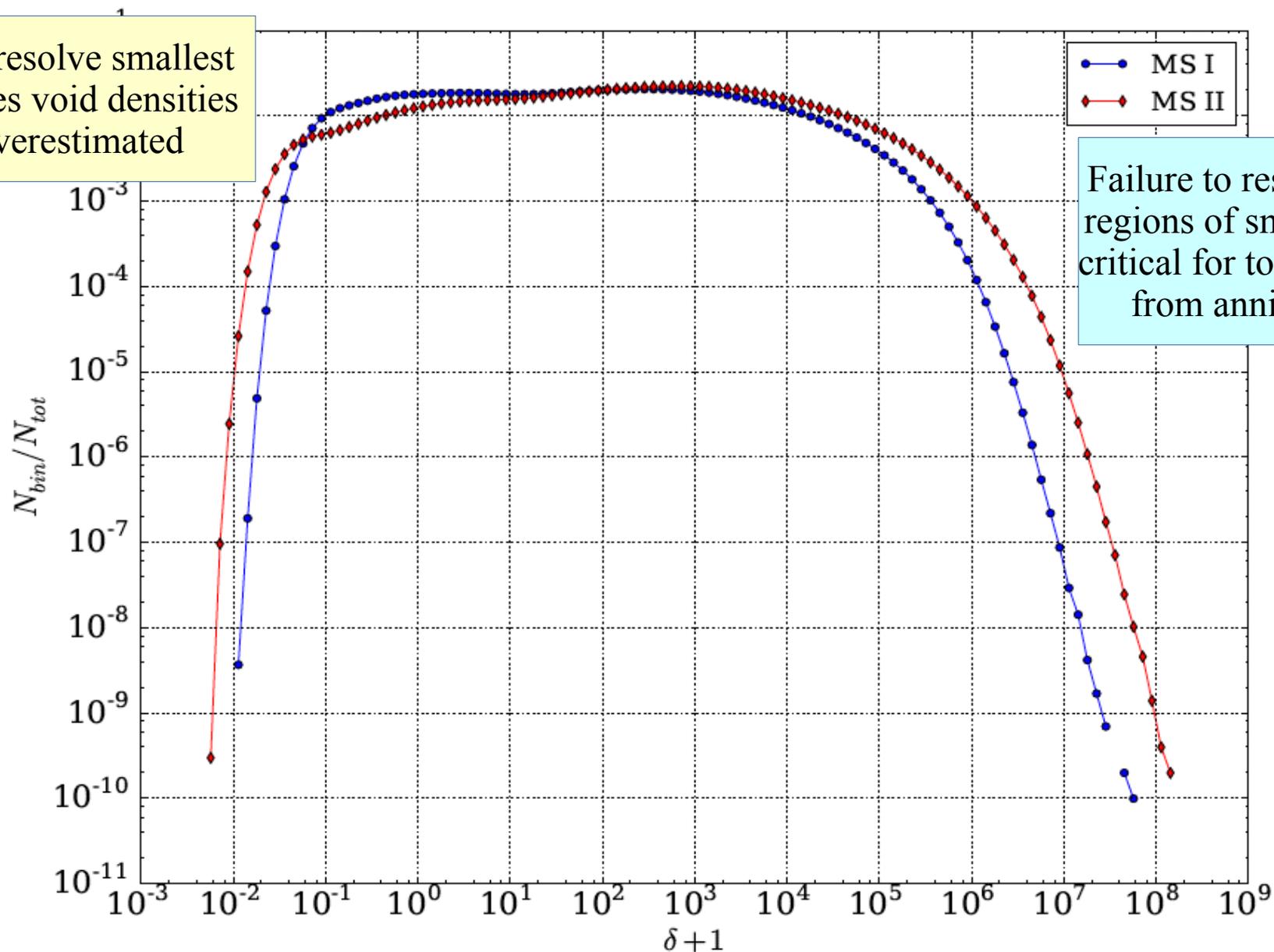


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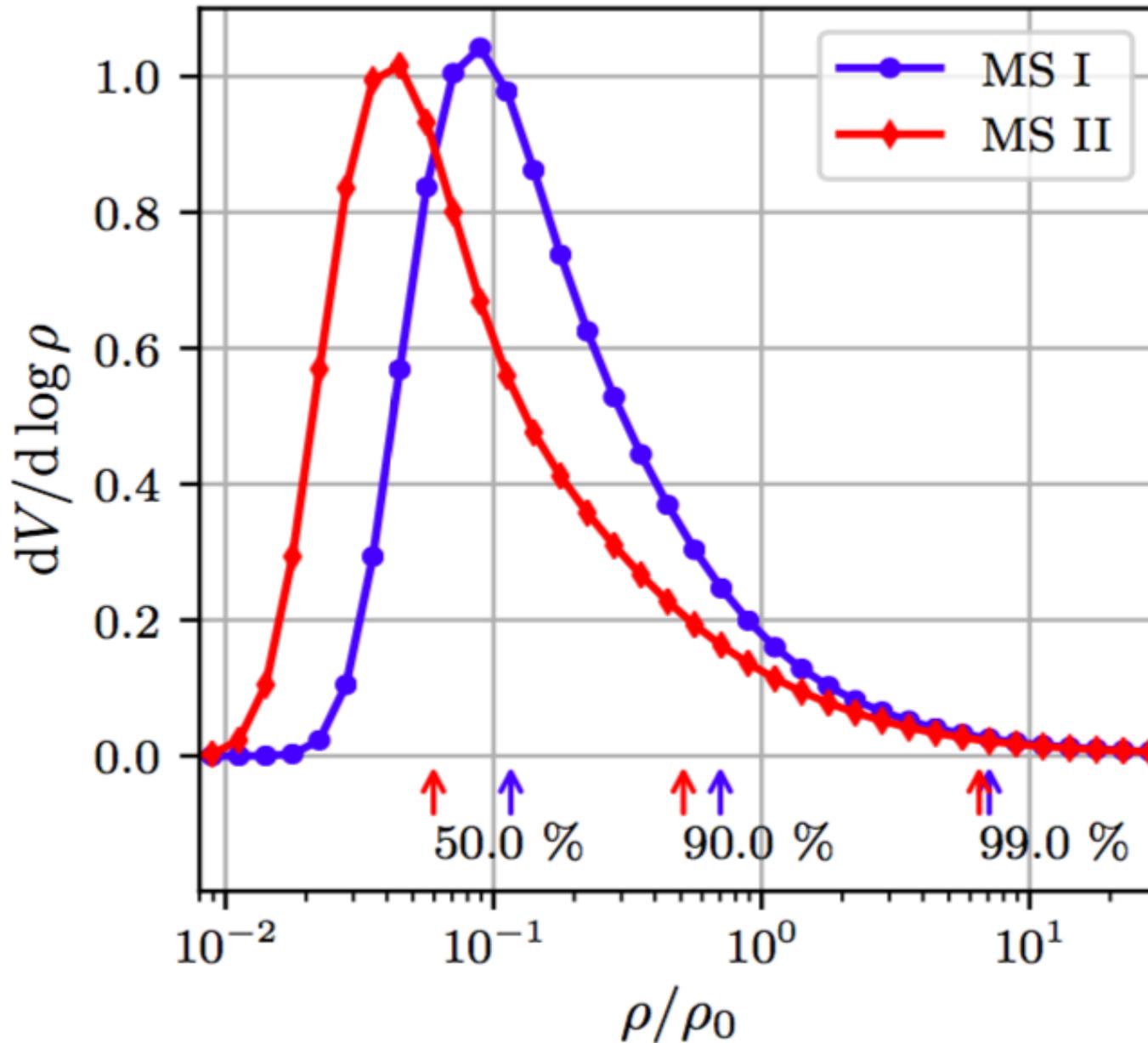
Failure to resolve smallest halos causes void densities to be overestimated



Failure to resolve inner regions of small halos is critical for total emission from annihilation

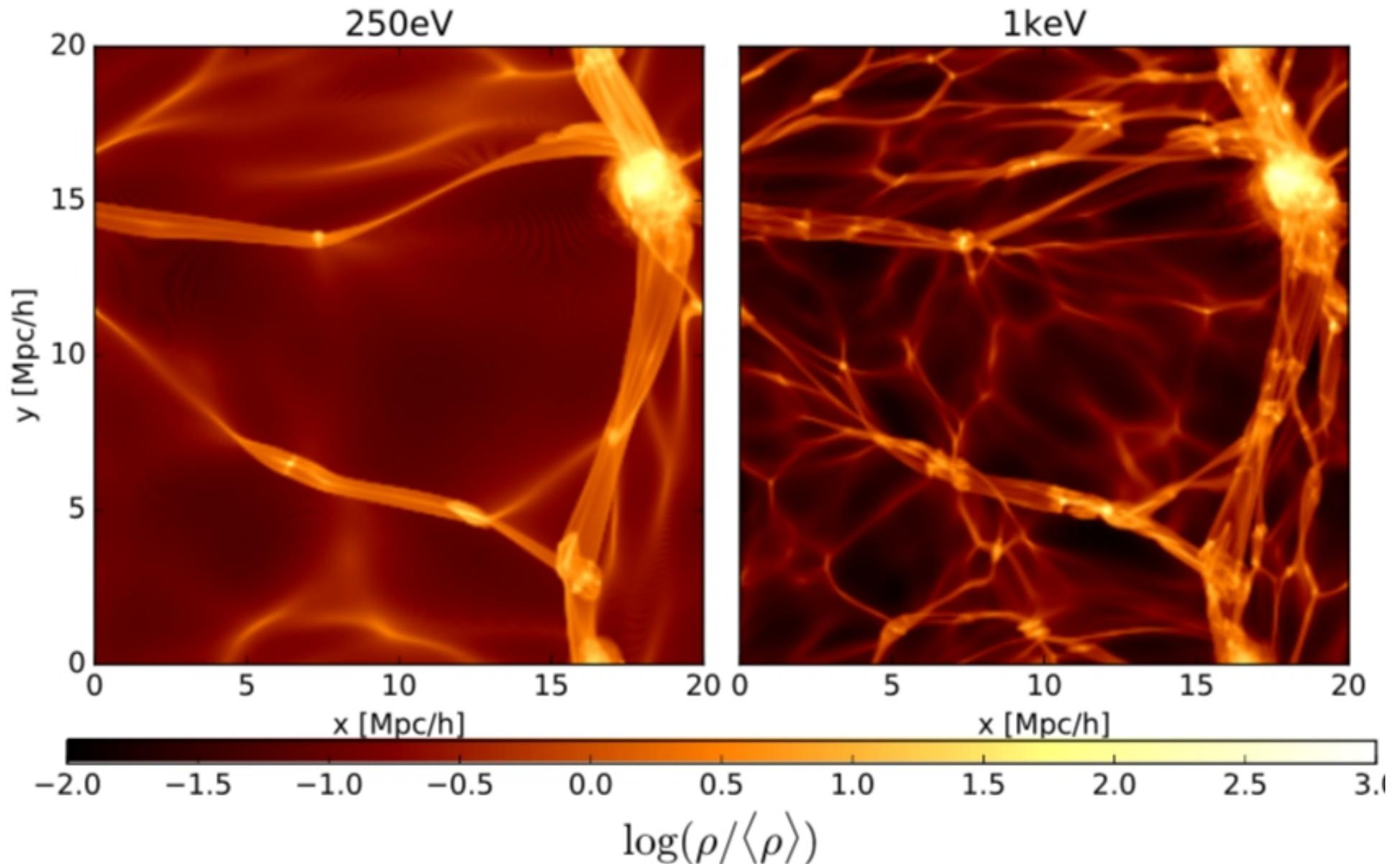
Volume-weighted density distributions in the two MS.

Stuecker et al 2018

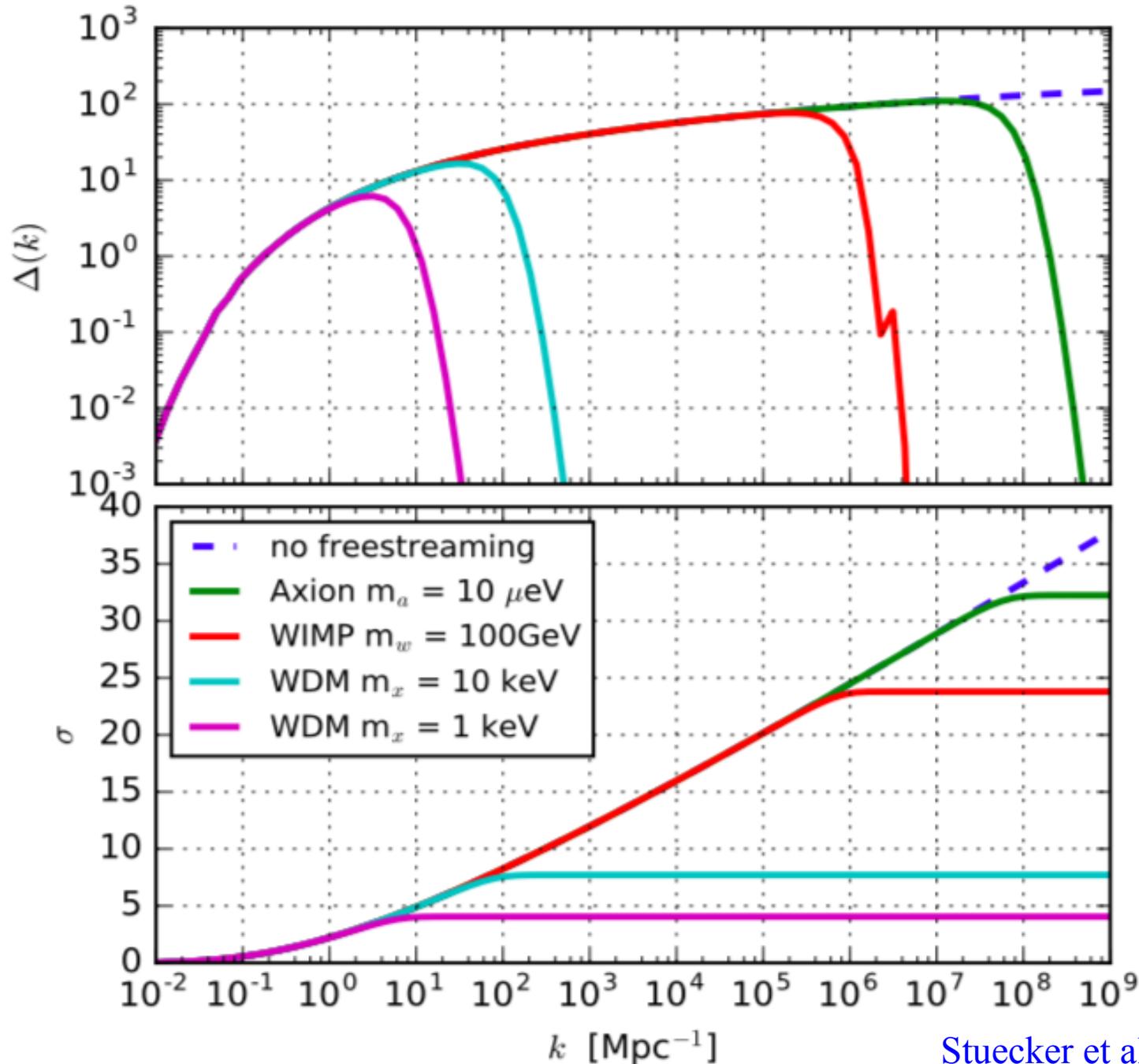


What is the median density of the Universe?

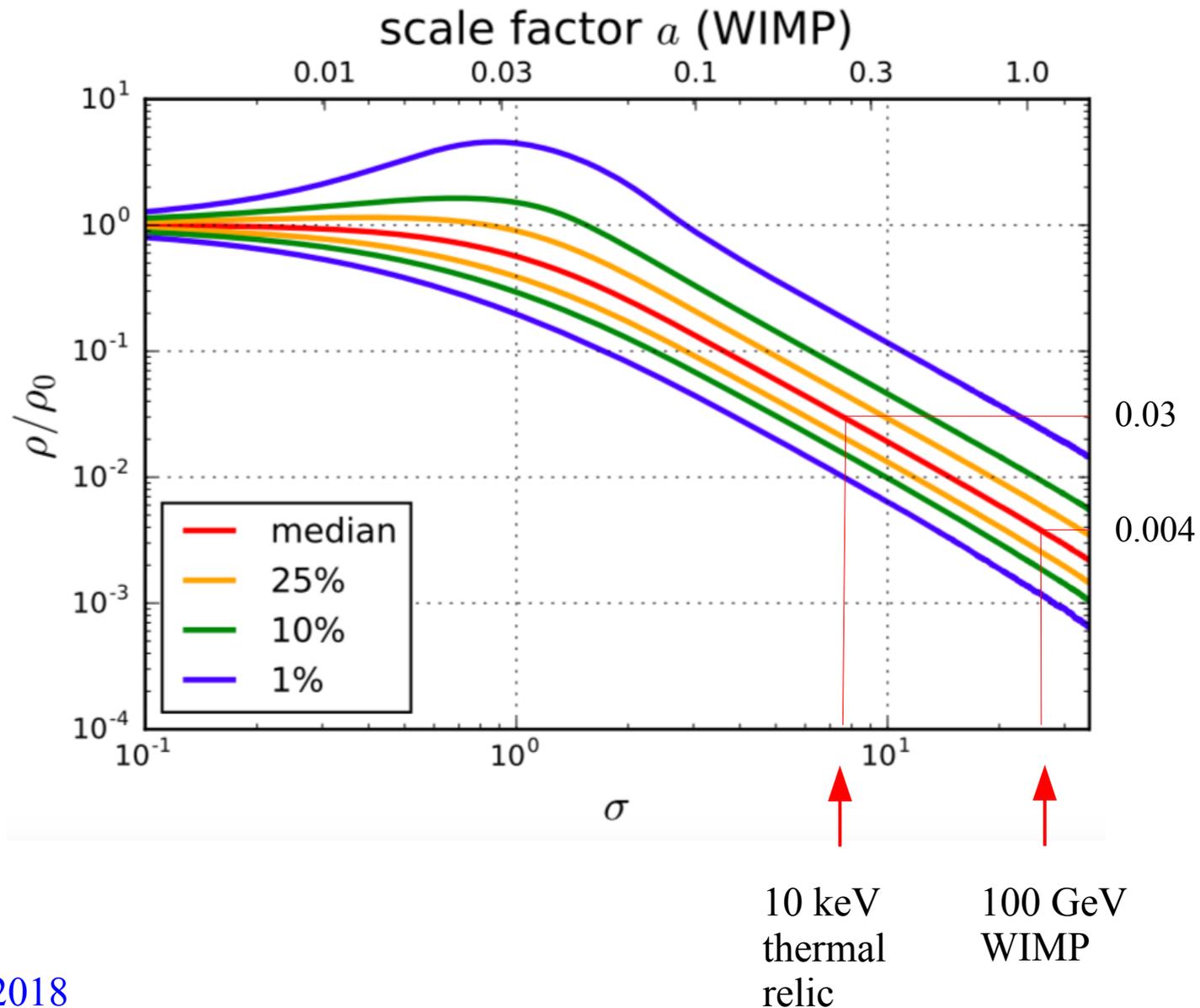
The median density is sensitive to the amount of small-scale structure: voids are emptier with more small-scale structure.



The amount of small-scale structure depends on the nature of the dark matter.



In an excursion set model, the density distribution in single stream regions depends only on σ , hence on the nature of DM



The VVV simulation

Planck cosmology

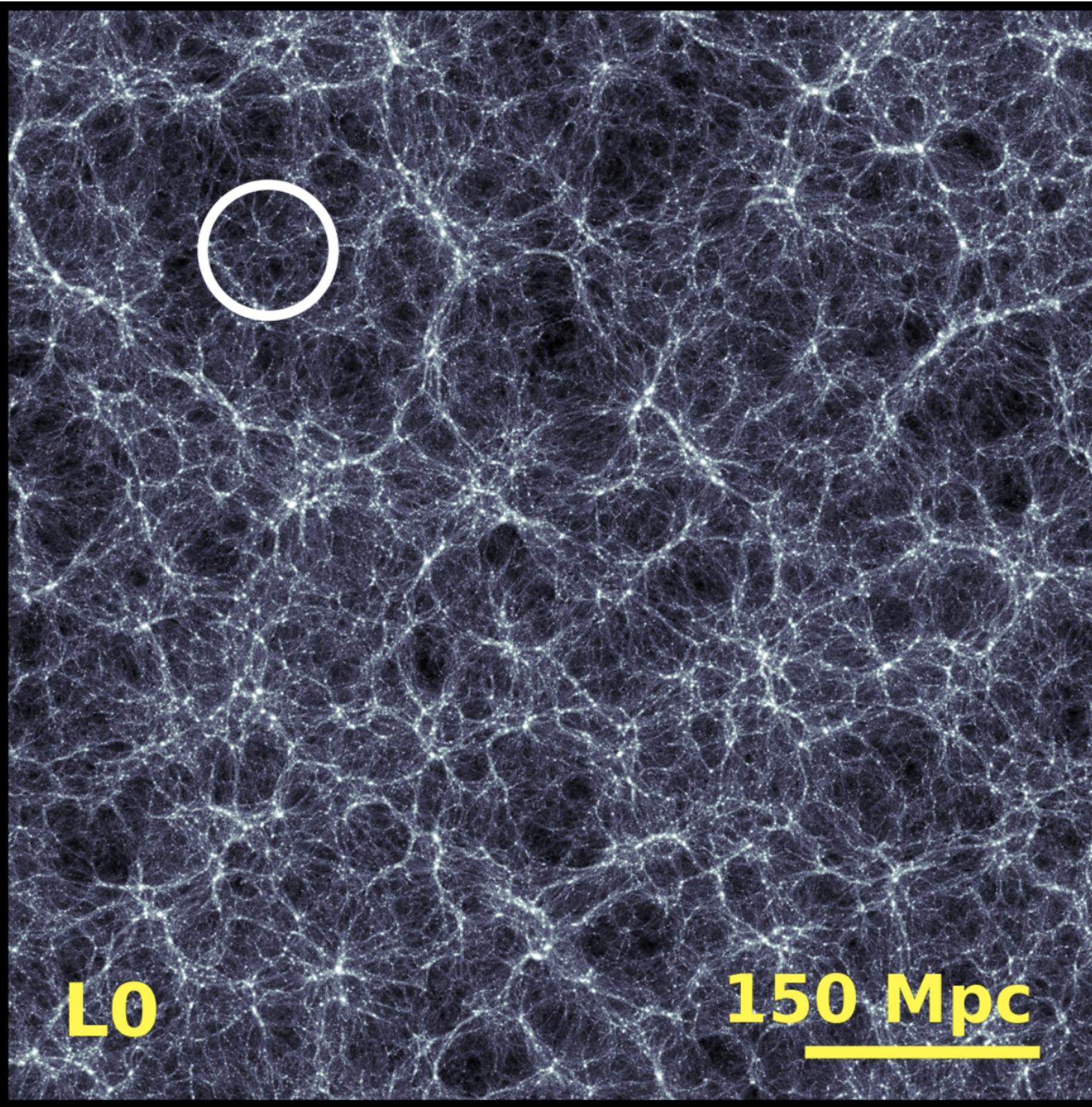
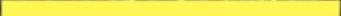
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Dynamic range of
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Base Level

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150 Mpc



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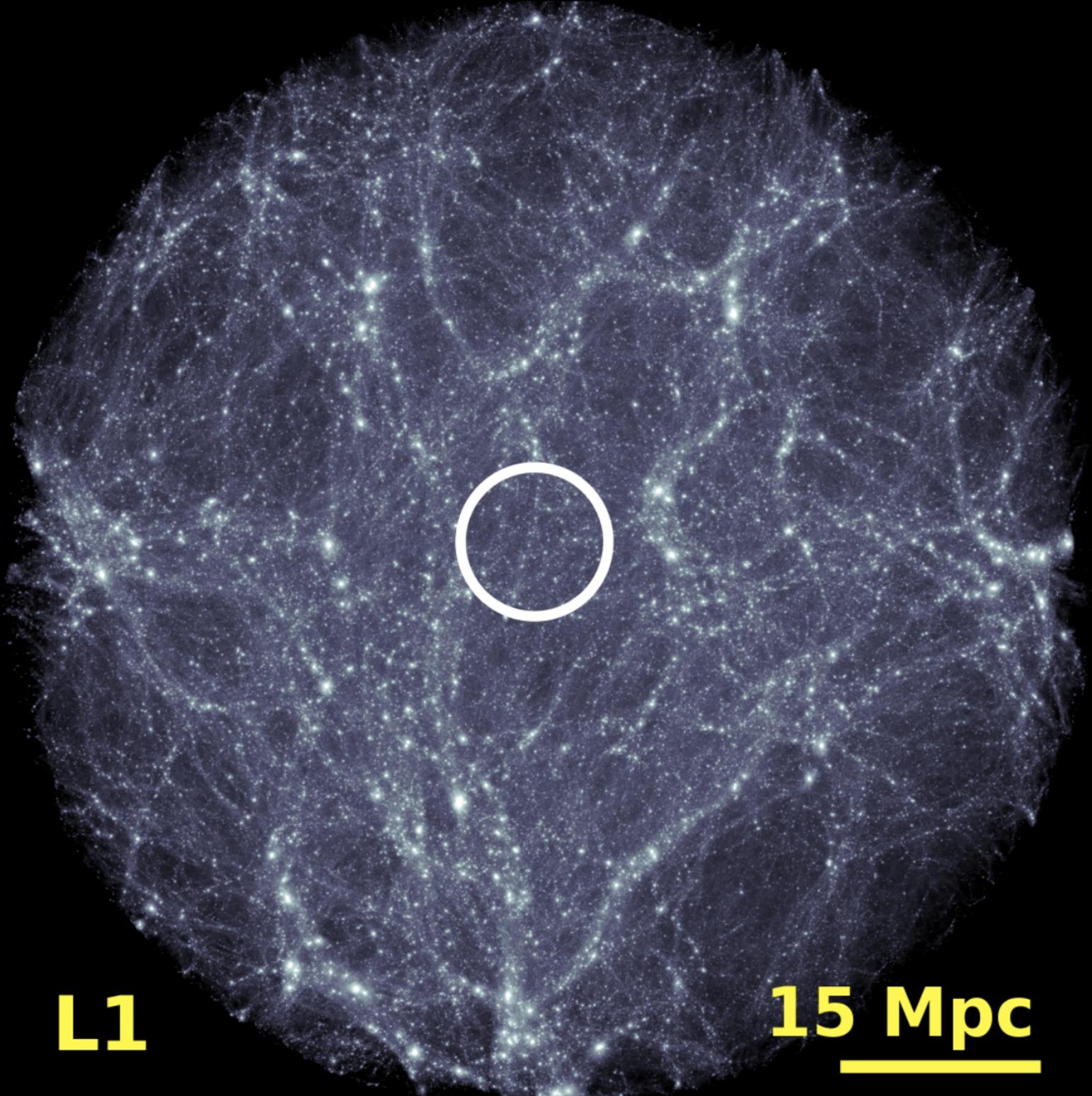
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15 Mpc



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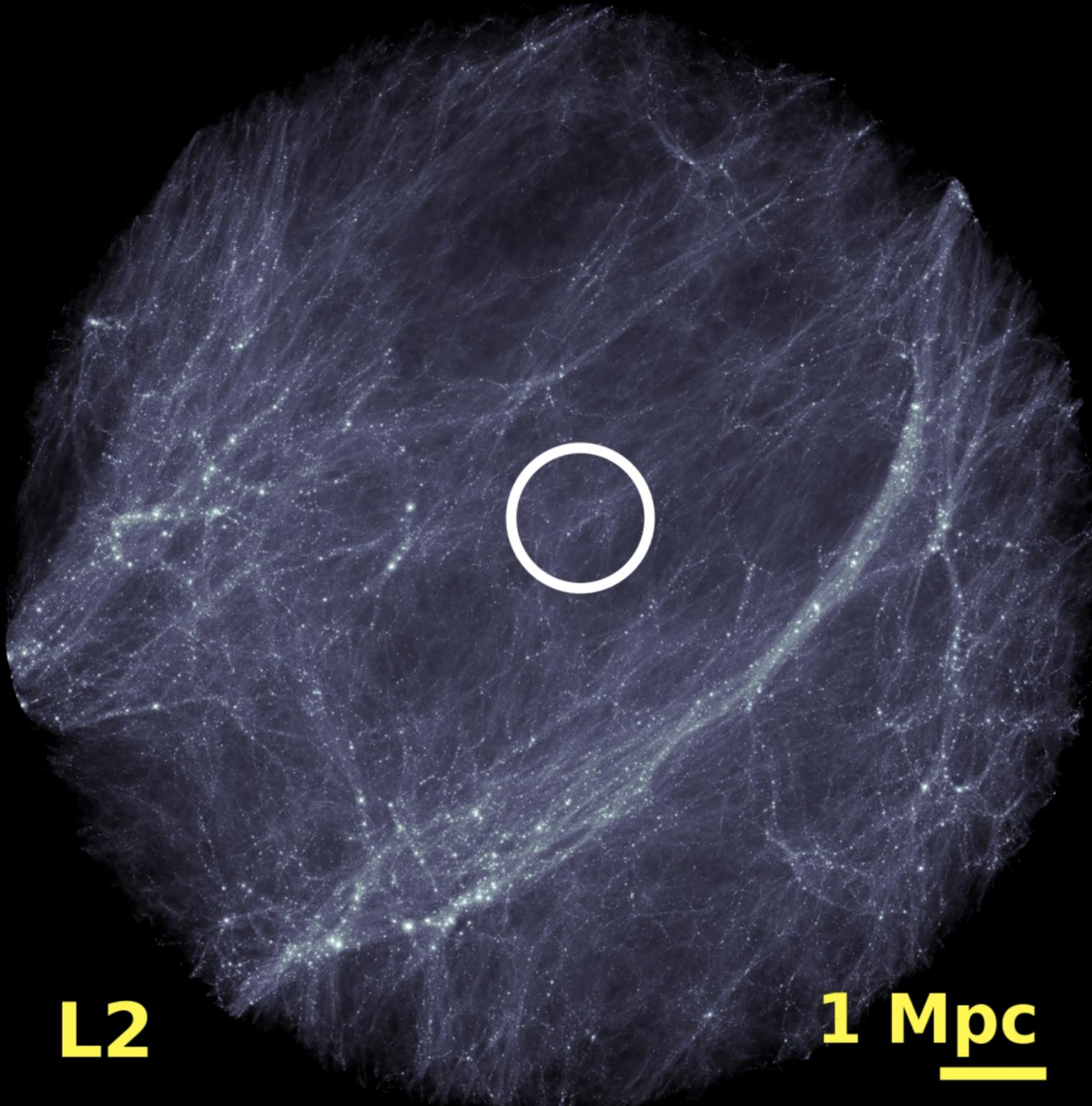
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1 Mpc



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150 kpc



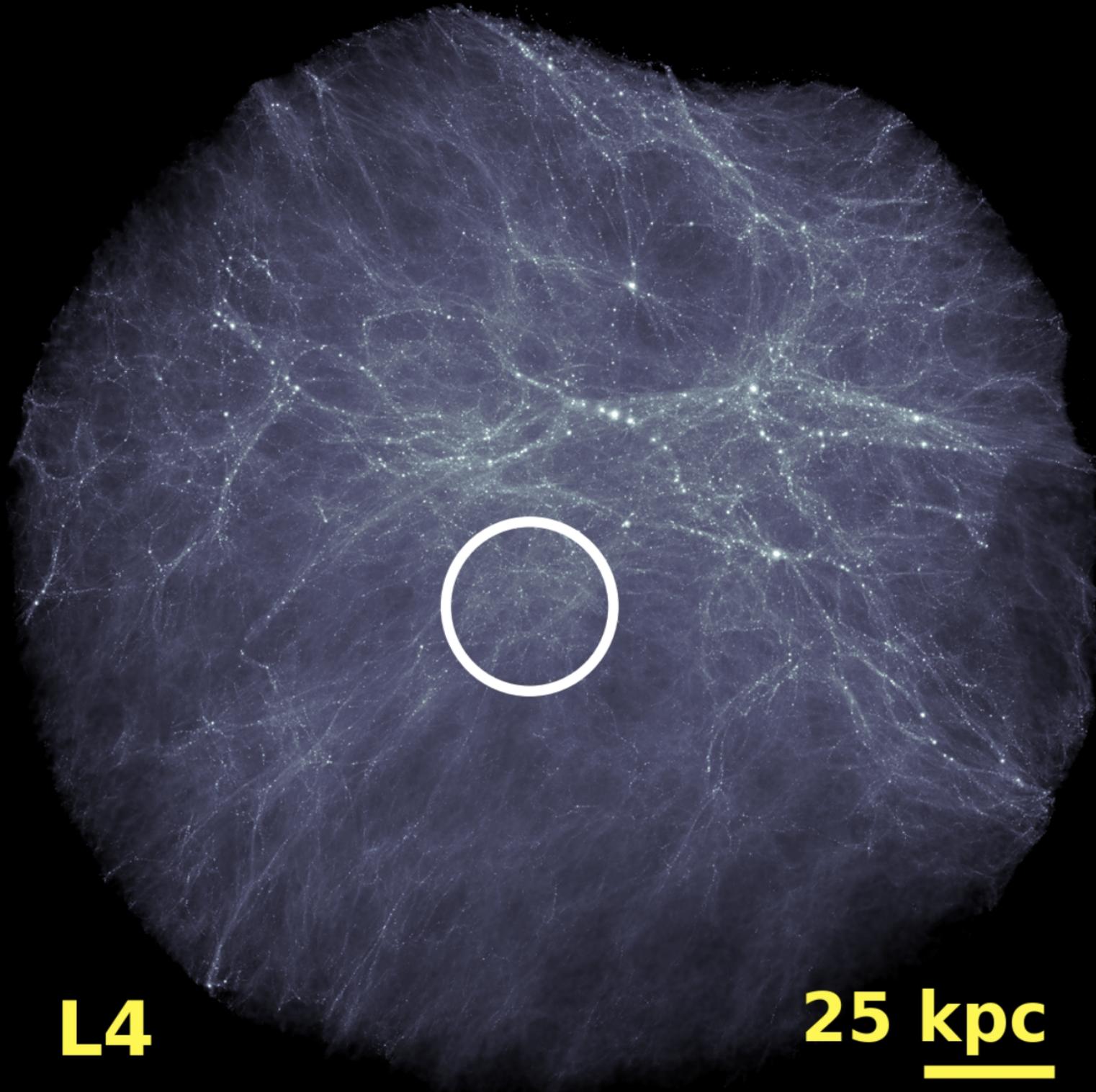
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25 kpc

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5 kpc



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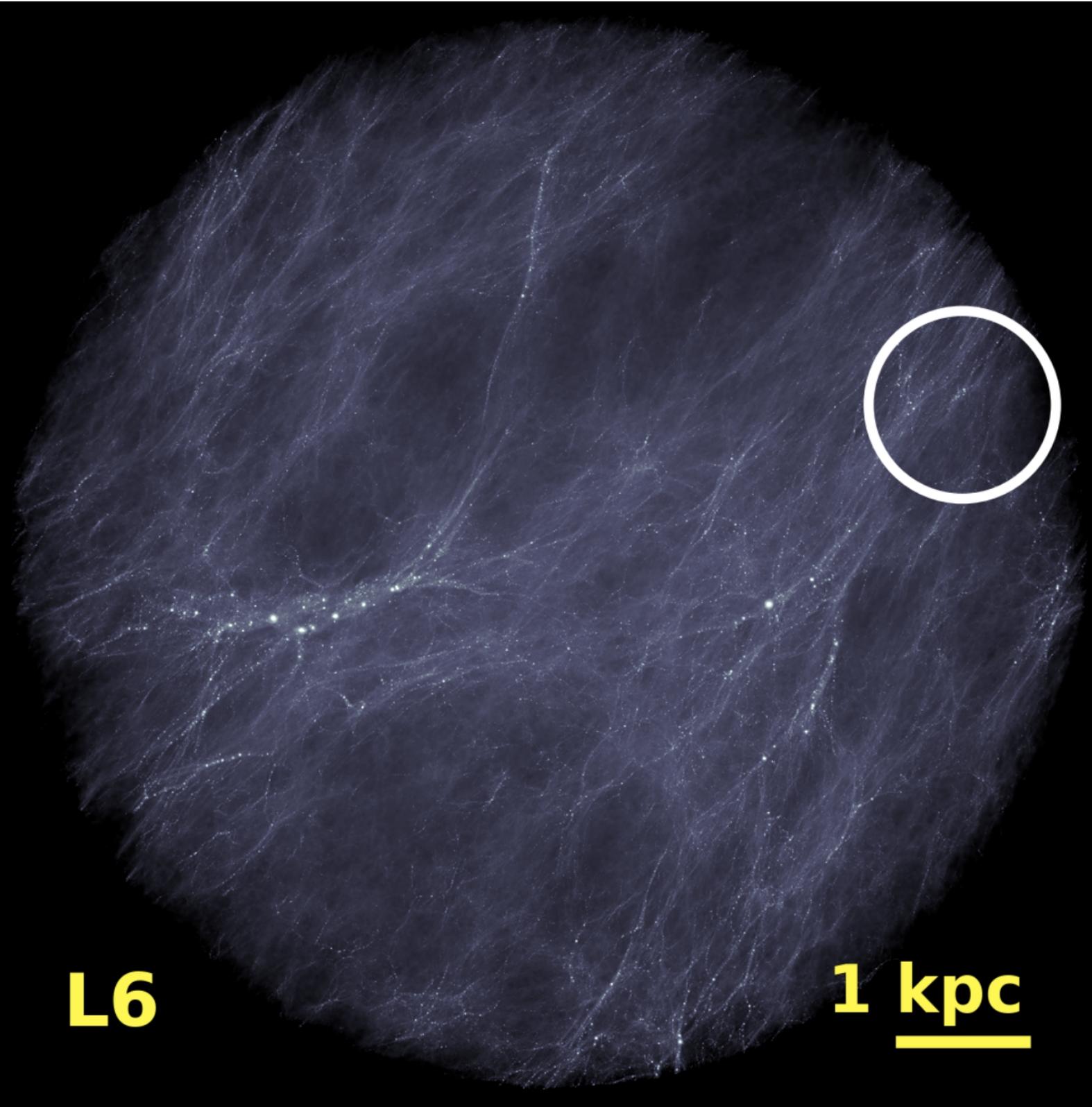
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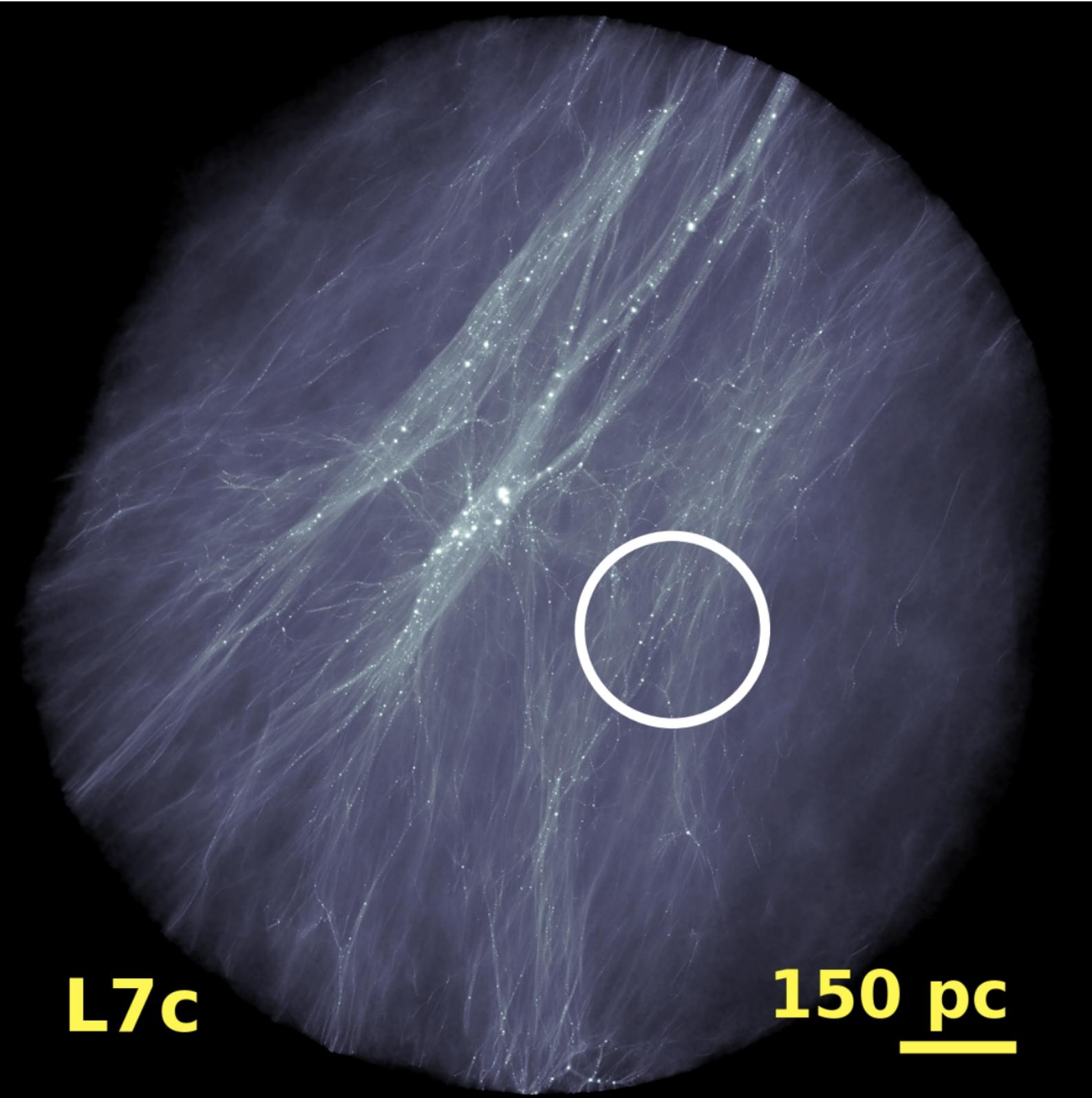
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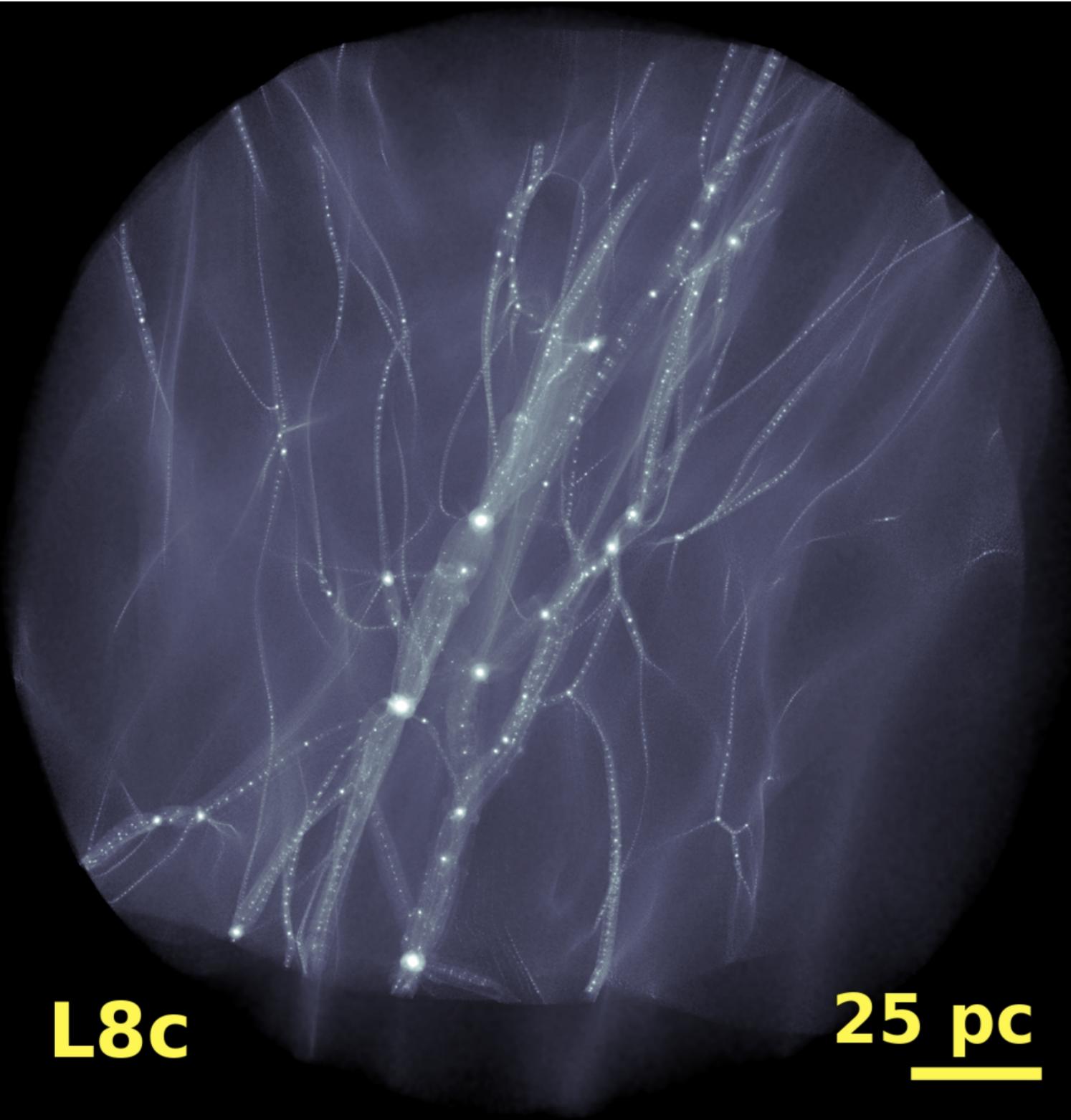
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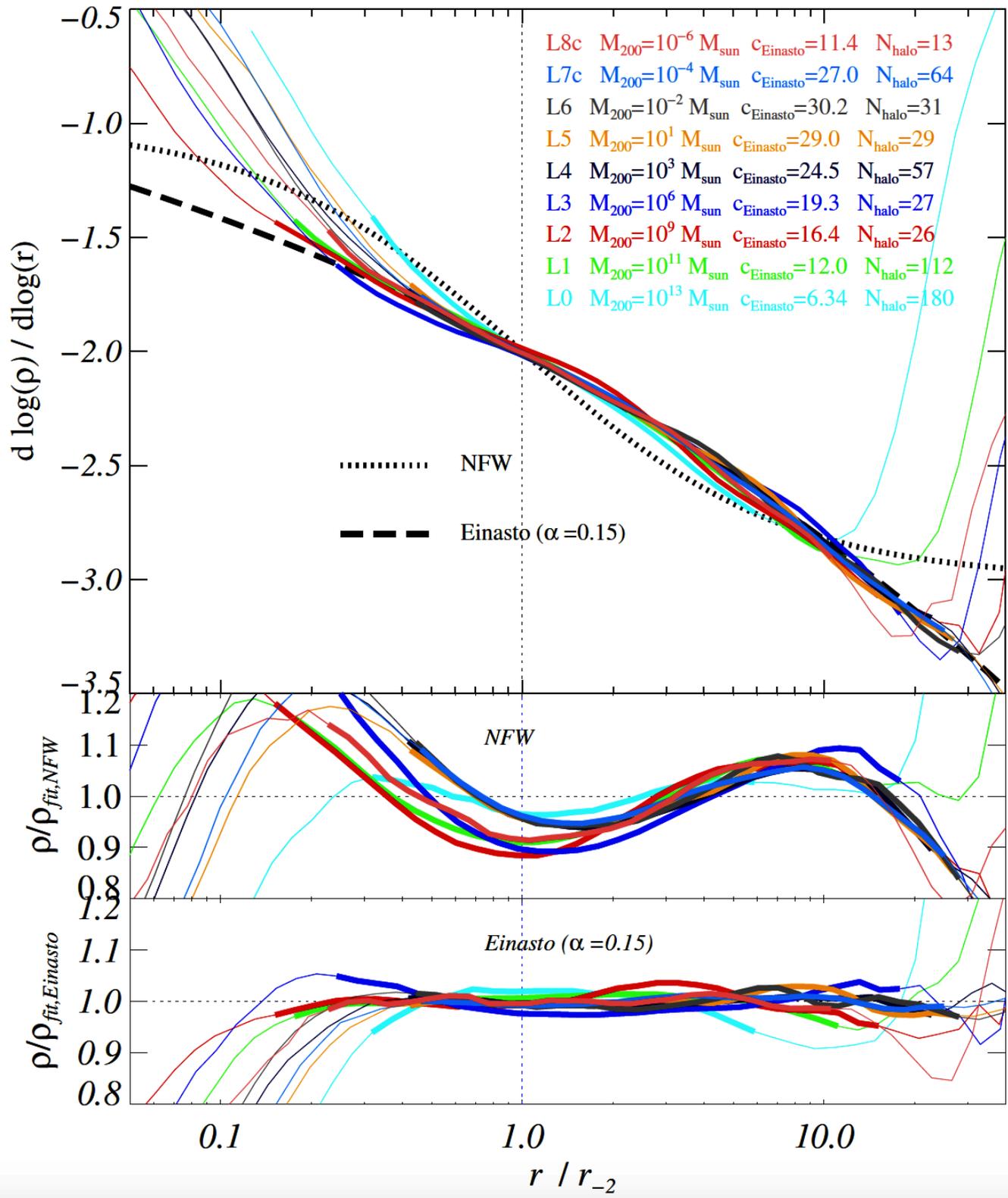
The density of
this region is
only 0.4% of the
cosmic mean

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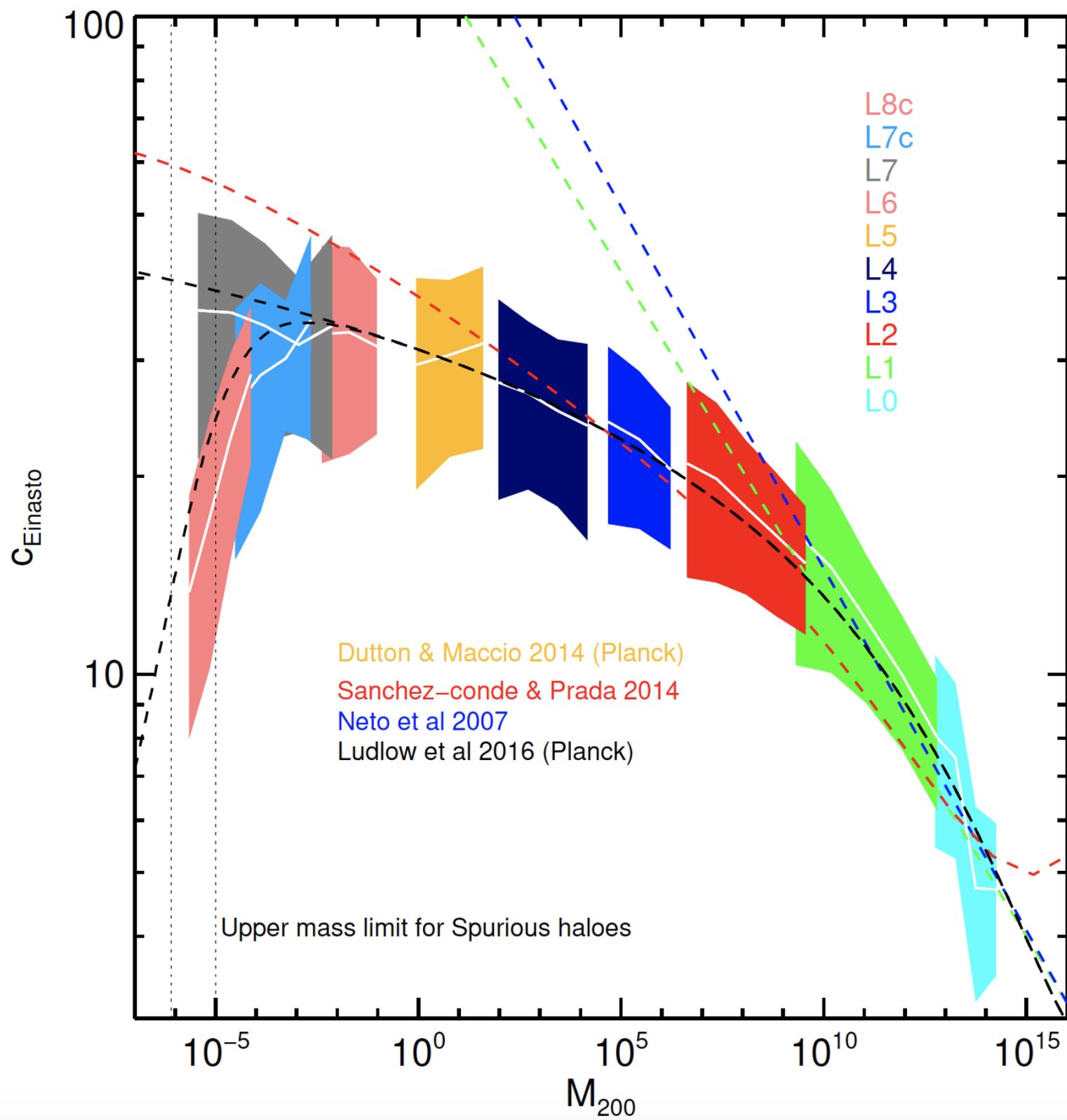
25 pc



Density profile shapes



Over 19 orders of magnitude in halo mass and 4 orders of magnitude in halo density, the mean density profiles of halos are fit by NFW to within 20% and by Einasto with $\alpha = 0.15$ to within 7%



Concentration-mass relation

Over the full 20 orders of magnitude probed, the relation of Ludlow et al (2016) is followed quite closely.

There is a turndown at 1000 Earth masses due to the free-streaming limit.

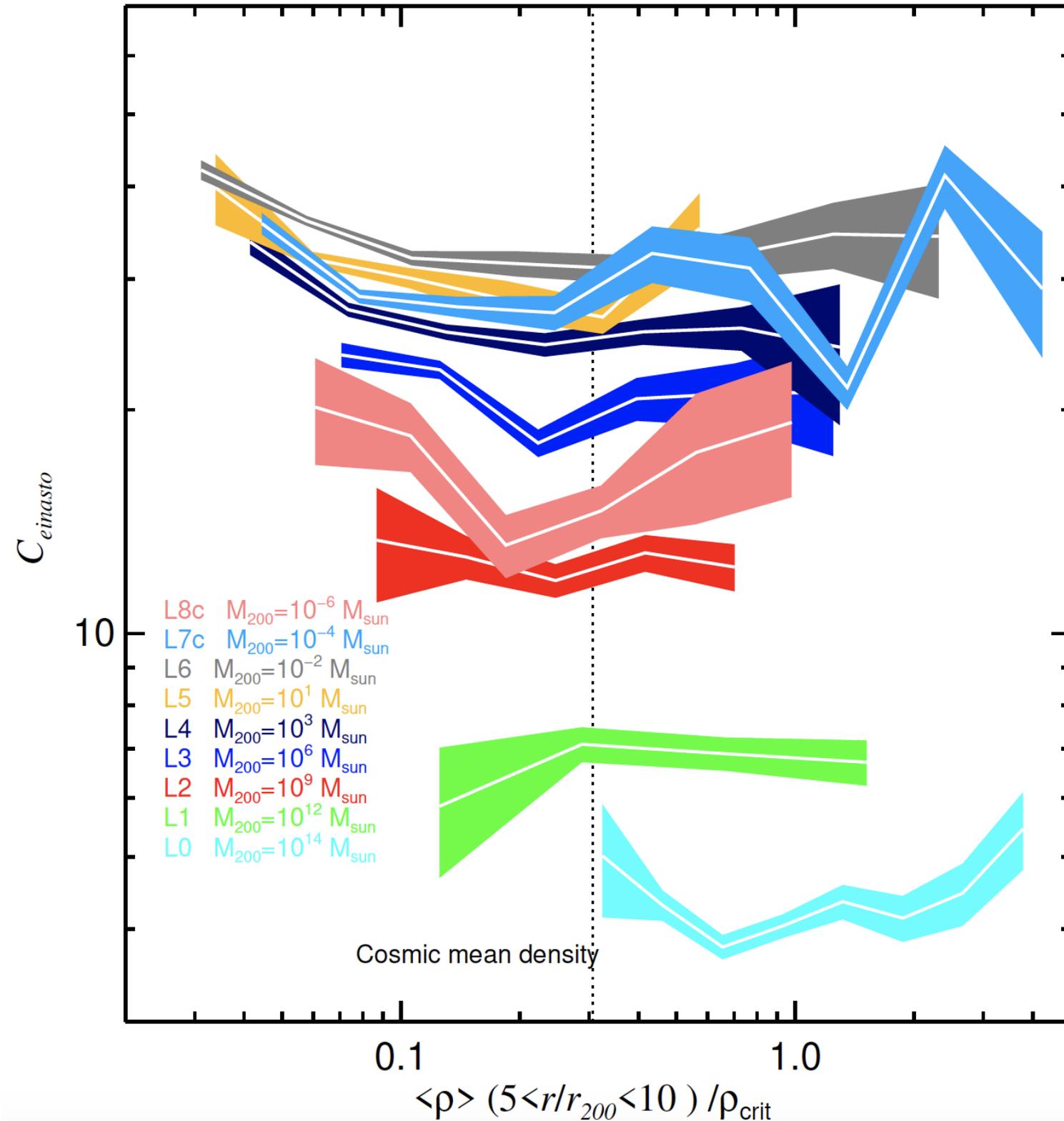
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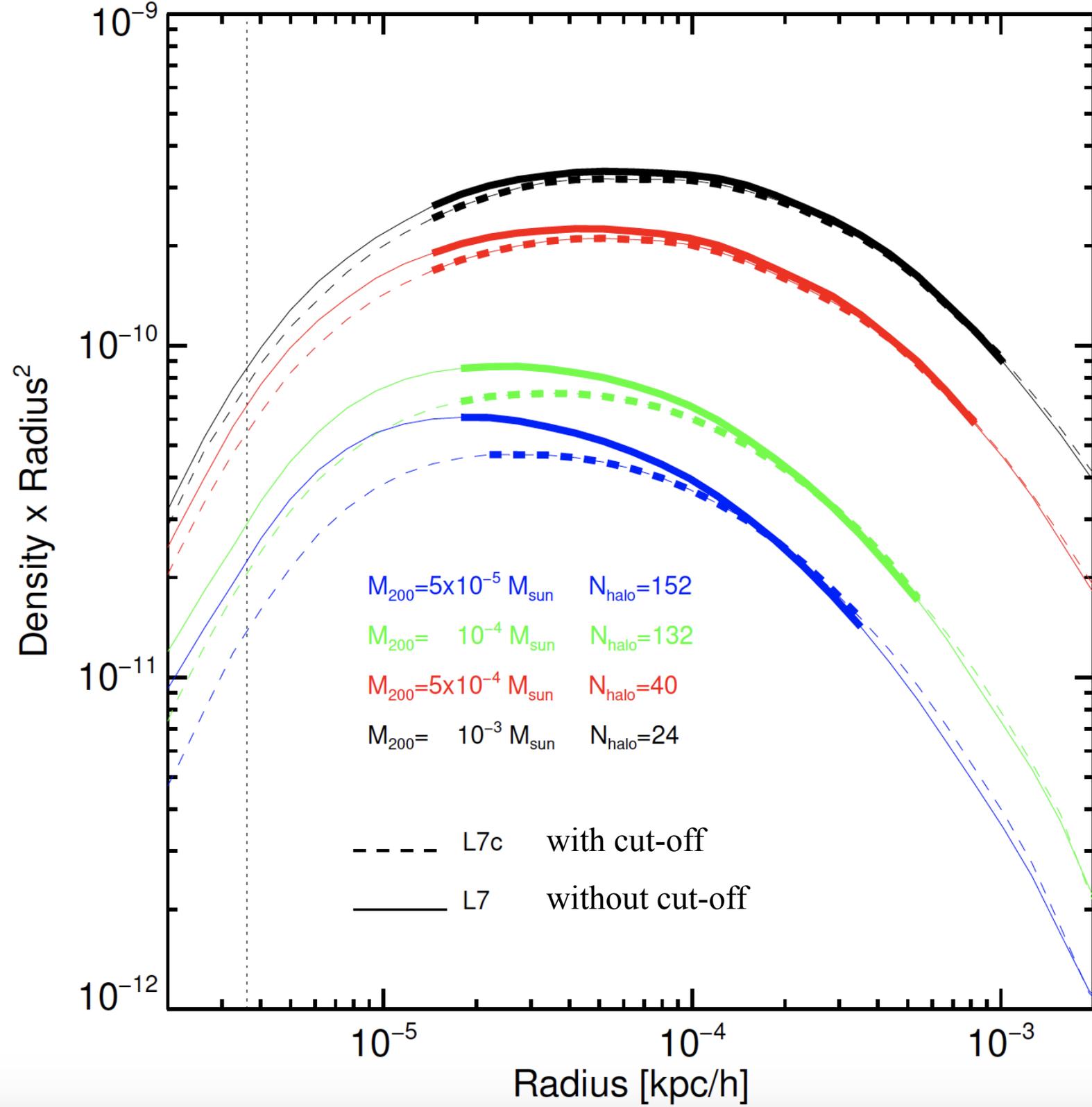
Wang, Bose et al 2019

Concentration-density relation

At given halo mass, concentration does not depend on *local* environment density.

The *range* of local environment density does not depend strongly on halo mass





Free-streaming effects on halo density profiles

The concentration of halos near the cut-off mass is reduced by free-streaming

To conclude...

- Trivariate gaussian models for the DM velocity distribution should predict the signal accurately in direct DM-detection experiments
- DM substructures/streams have negligible impact on such experiments
- Caustics have at most minor effects on halo images when these are viewed in emission due to DM annihilation
- Such images are dominated by emission from small subhalos at large radii, giving a smooth and almost flat profile in projection
- The *typical* DM density in the Universe (also that in the environment of low-mass halos) is much less than the mean, $\sim 0.004 \bar{\rho}$ for a WIMP
- Halos of all masses have NFW-like profiles at $z = 0$ with a mass-concentration relation much shallower than most of those published