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.

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Nonlinear structure in the DM distribution

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1	1979ApJ...231....1W White, S. D. M.; Silk, J.	132.000	07/1979	A	F G	R C	U	The growth of aspherical structure in the universe - Is the local supercluster an unusual system
2	1978ApJ...226L.103S Silk, J.; White, S. D. M.	122.000	12/1978		F G	R C	U	The determination of Q_0 using X-ray and microwave observations of galaxy clusters
3	1978ApJ...223L..59S Silk, J.; White, S. D.	84.000	07/1978	A	F G	R C		The development of structure in the expanding universe
4	1980ApJ...241..864W White, S. D. M.; Silk, J.	57.000	11/1980	A	F G	R C		The X-ray structure of two rich galaxy clusters and its implications for the detectability of microwave diminutions
5	1981ApJ...251L..65W White, S. D. M.; Silk, J.; Henry, J. P.	54.000	12/1981	A	F G	R C		The X-ray structure of a galaxy cluster at $Z = 0.54$ - Implications for cluster evolution and cosmology

The total potential within a homogeneous

ellipsoidal overdensity in an otherwise unperturbed universe is

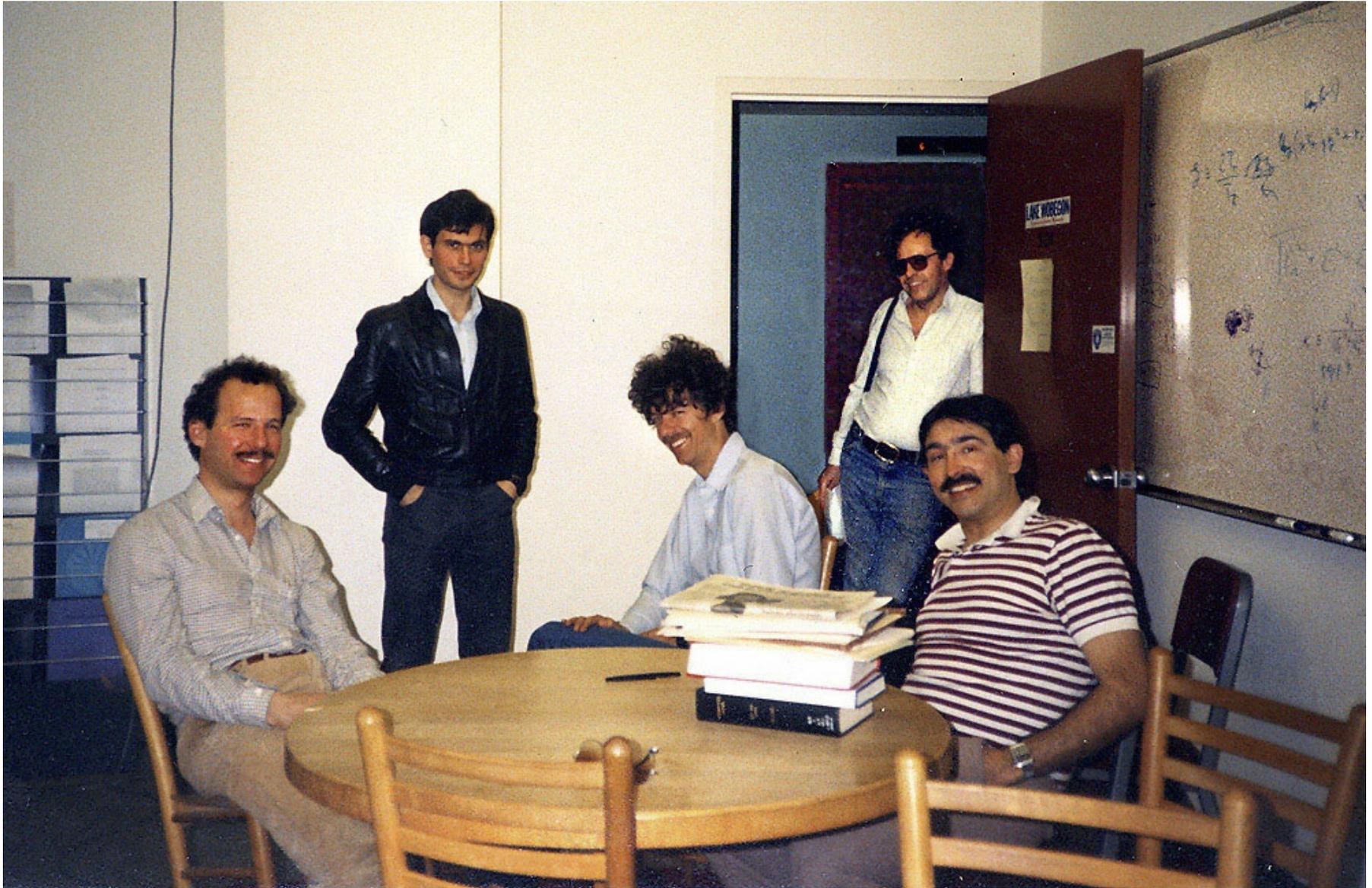
$$V = -\pi G \sum_i [(\rho_e - \rho_b)\alpha_i + \frac{2}{3}\rho_b]x_i^2$$

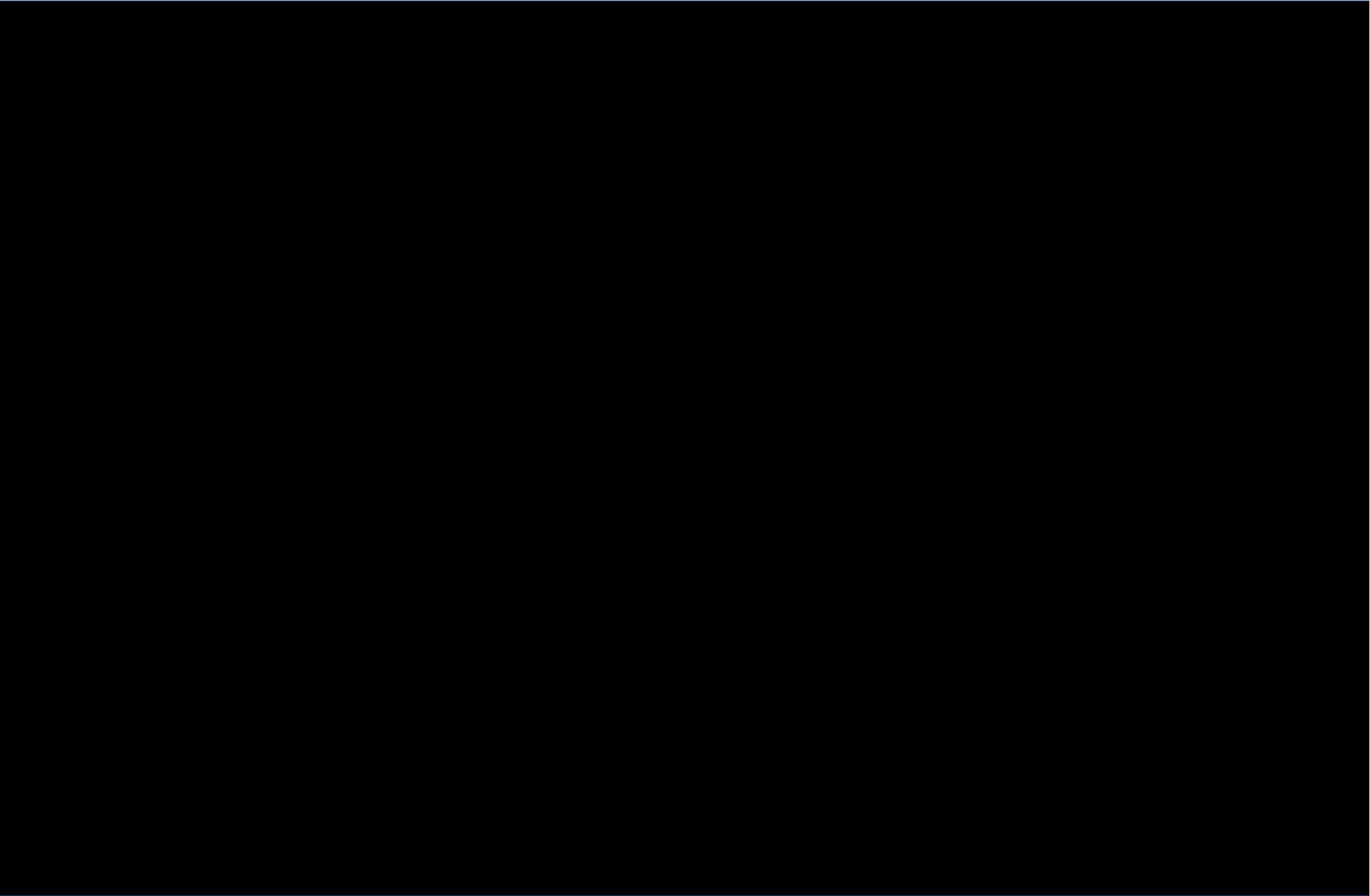
$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 a_i}{dt^2} = -2\pi G[\rho_b \alpha_i + (\frac{2}{3} - \alpha_i)\rho_b]a_i,$$

$$\text{c.f. } \frac{d^2 R_b}{dt^2} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho_b R_b,$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{approx.}} a_i(t)/a_i(t_0) = \frac{3}{2}\alpha_i(t_0)R_e(t) + [1 - \frac{3}{2}\alpha_i(t_0)]R_b(t)$$

JS + DEFW circa 1982





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

The four elements of Λ CDM halos

I Smooth background halo

- NFW-like cusped density profile
- near-ellipsoidal equidensity contours

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- most massive typically 1% of main halo mass
- total mass of all subhalos $\lesssim 10\%$
- less centrally concentrated than the smooth component

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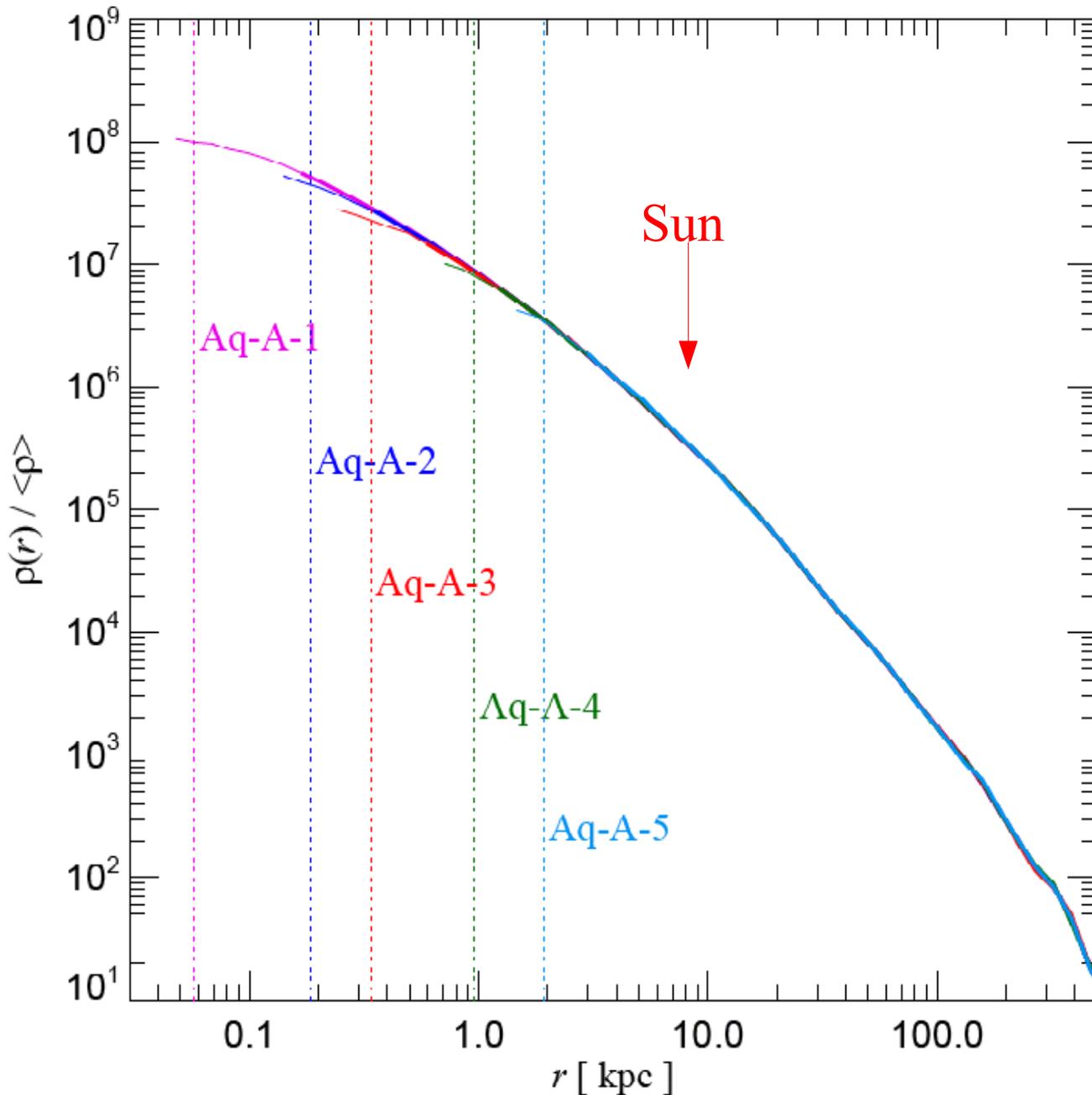
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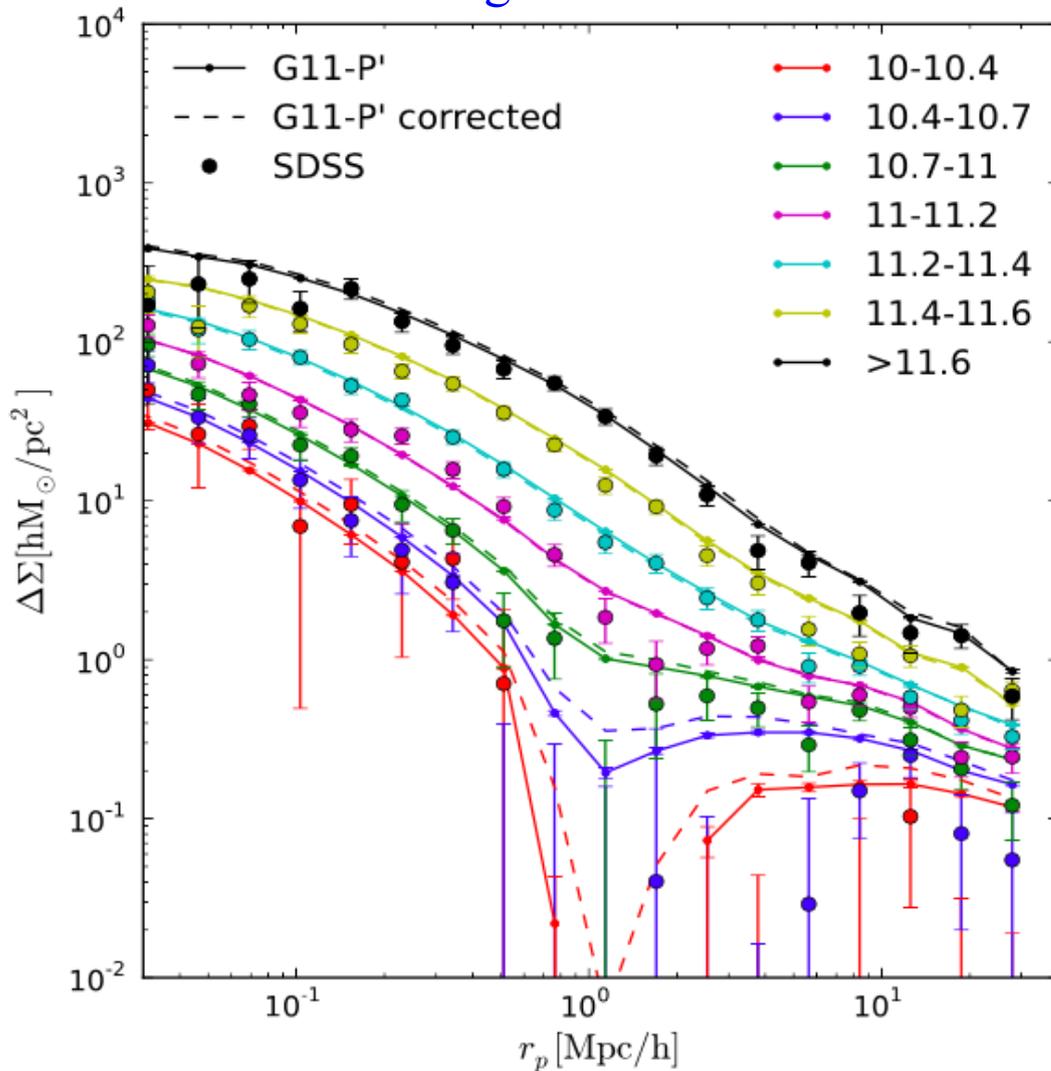
Aquarius Project: Springel et al 2008



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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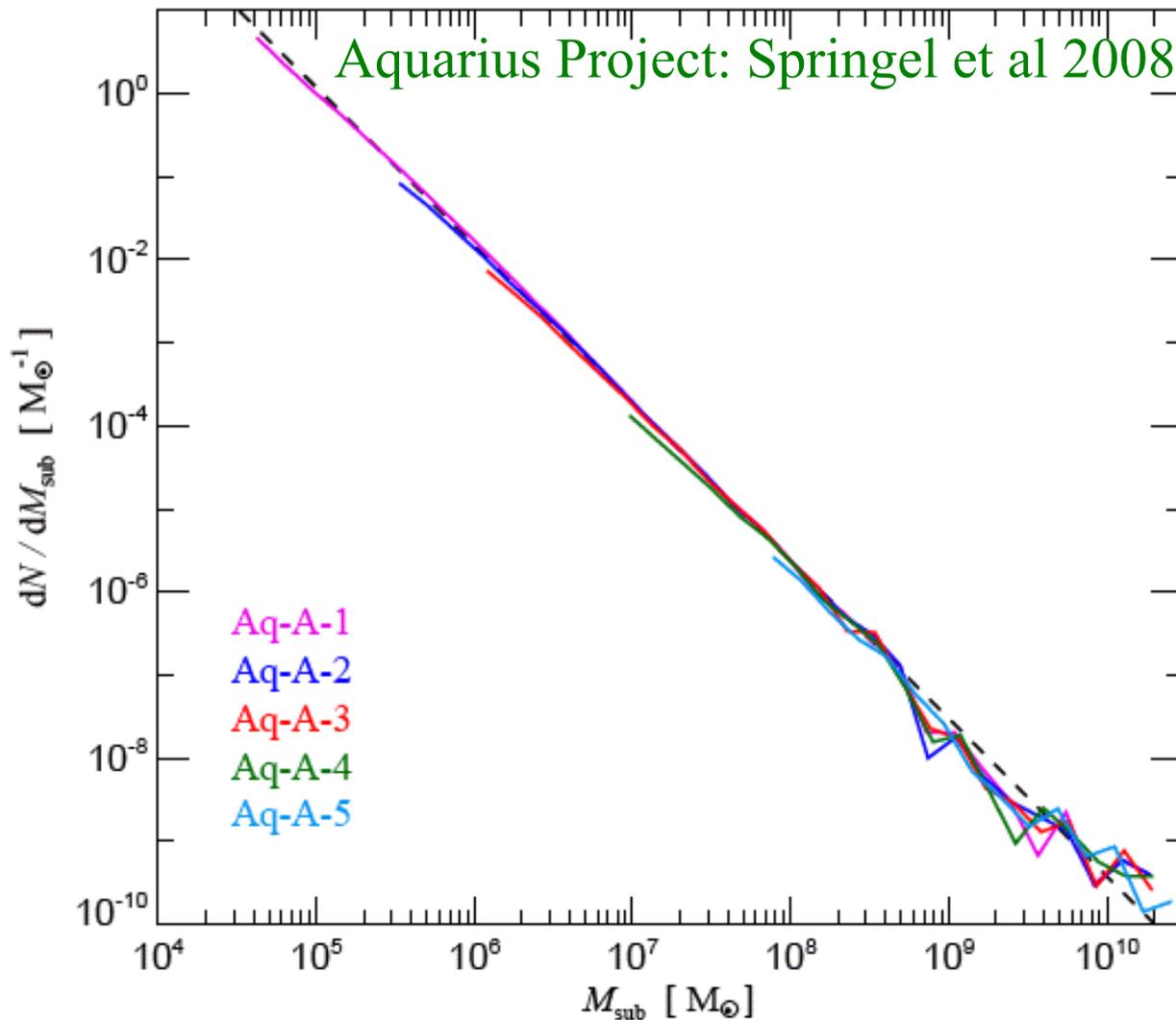
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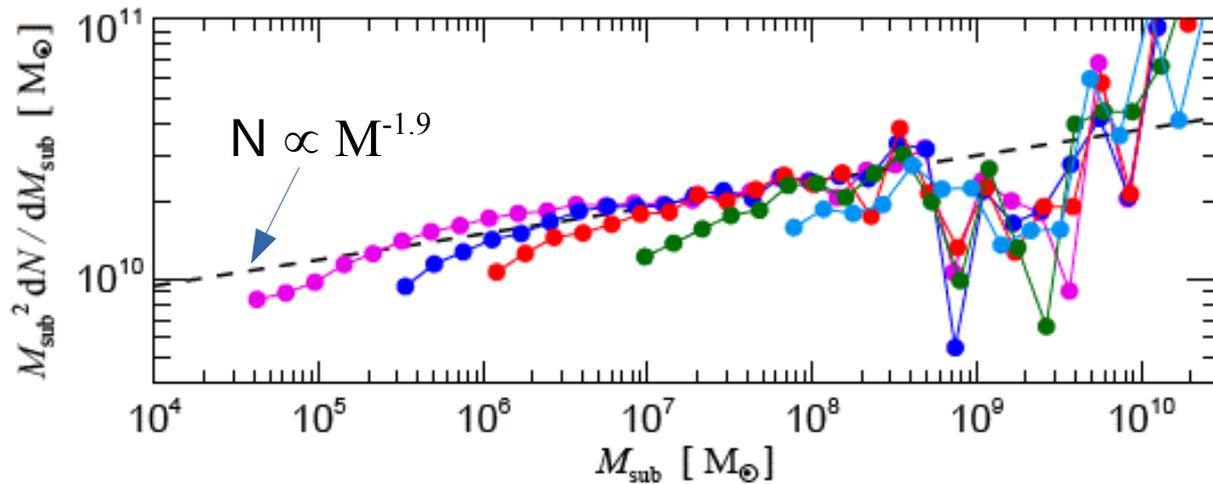
II. Bound subhalos

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Abundance of self-bound subhalos is measured to below $10^{-7} M_{\text{halo}}$

Most subhalo mass is in the biggest objects (just)



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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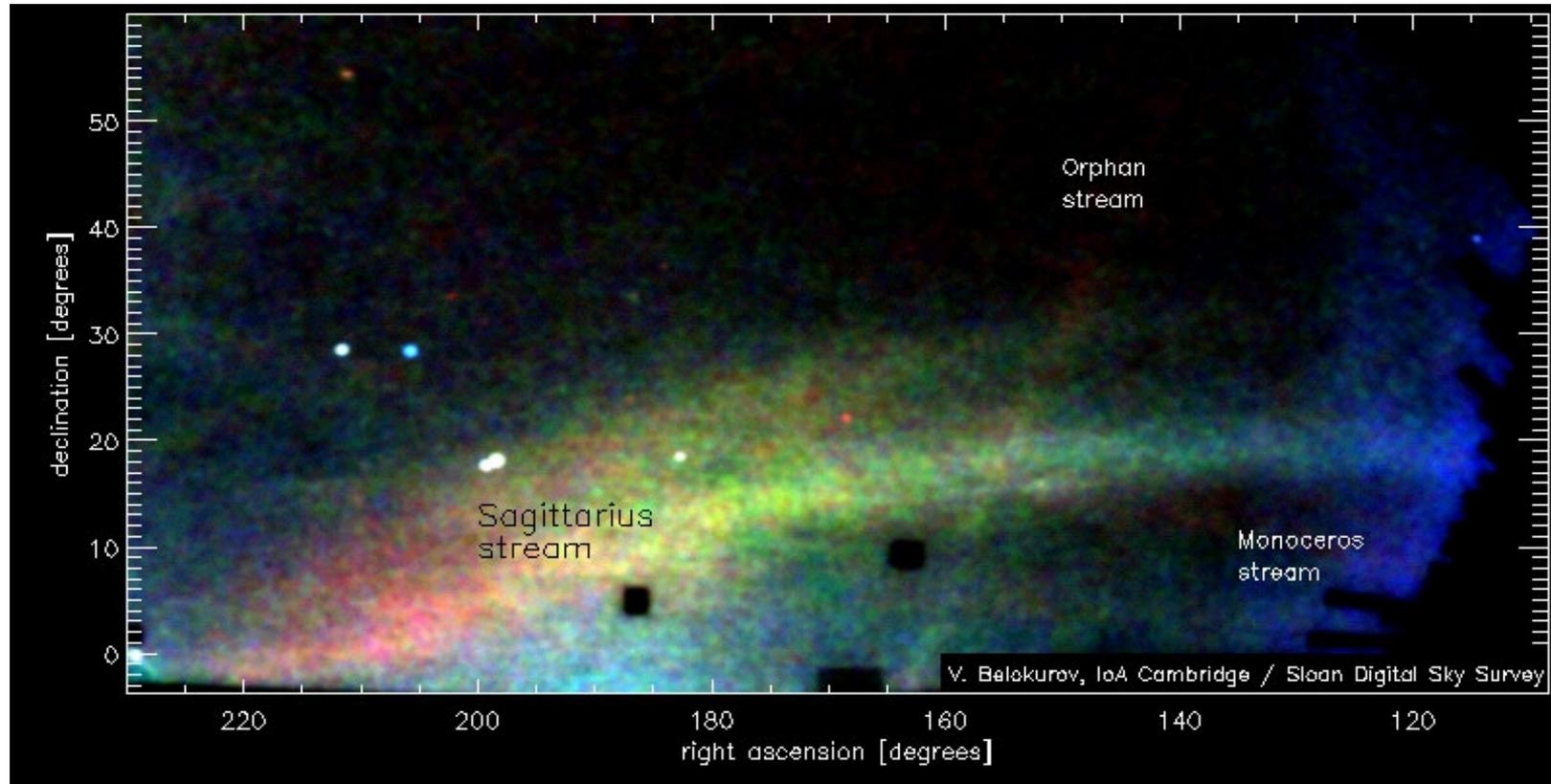
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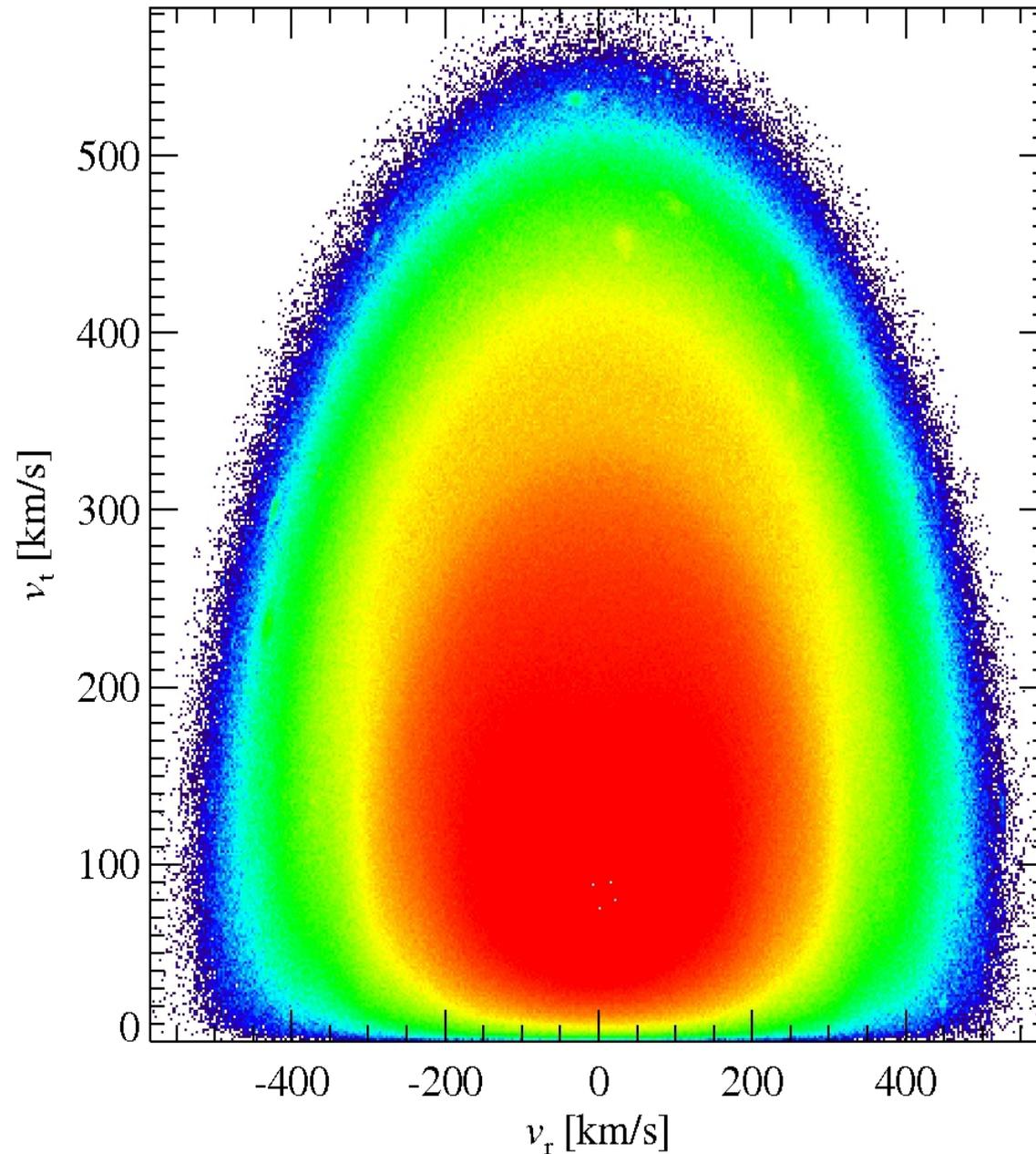
III. Tidal Streams



- 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

M. Maciejewski



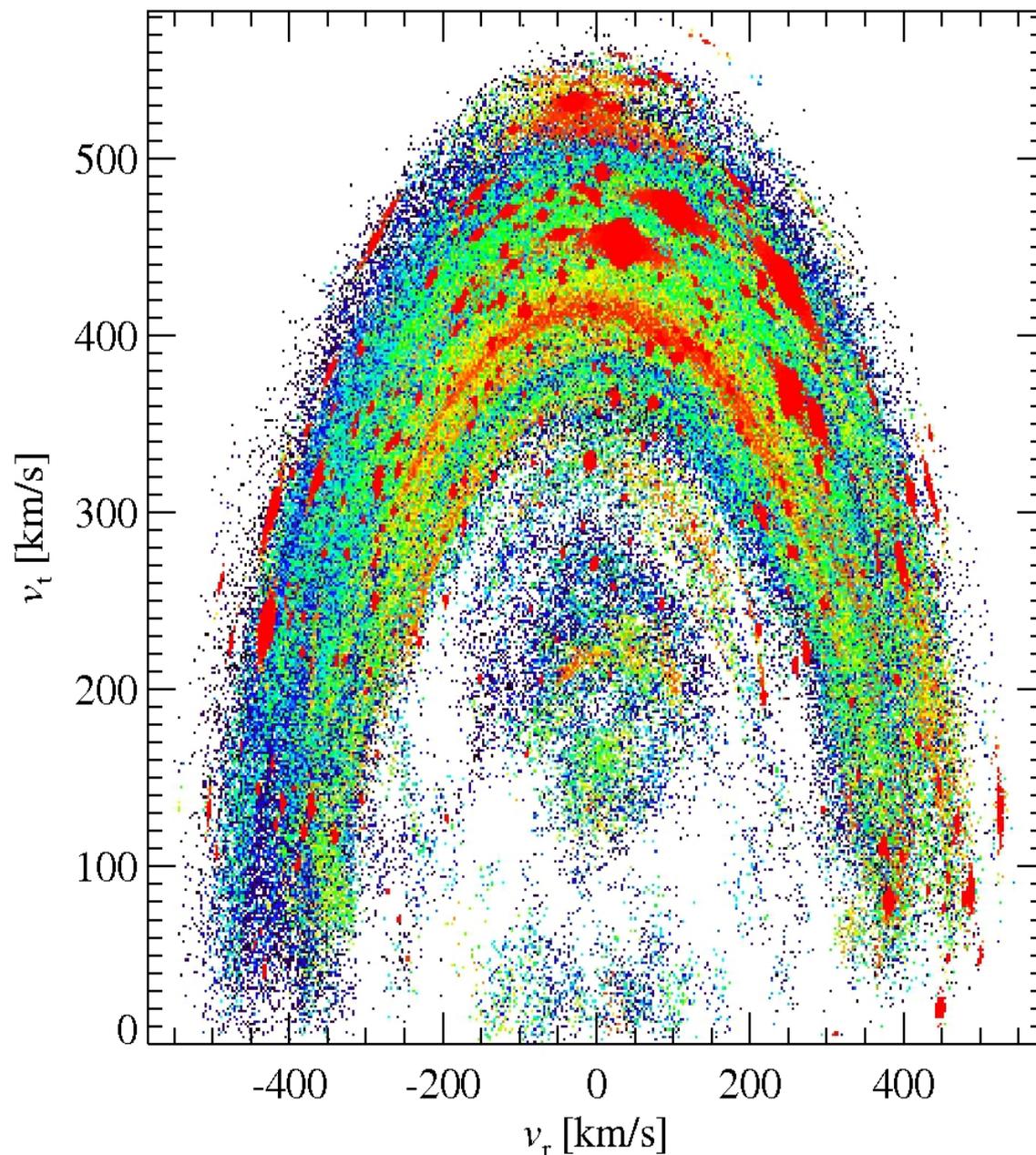
$6 \text{ kpc} < r < 12 \text{ kpc}$

All particles

$N = 3.8 \times 10^7$

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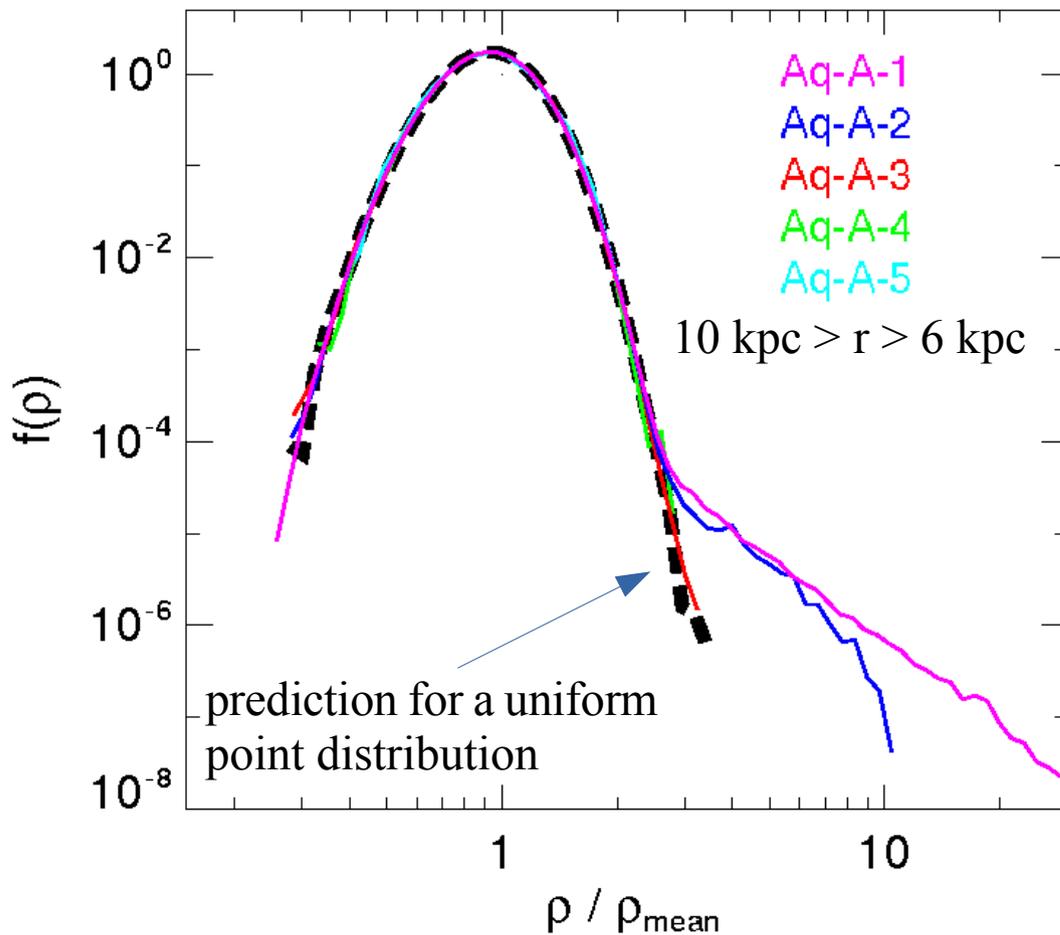
$N = 2.6 \times 10^5$
in tidal streams

$N = 3.9 \times 10^4$
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 $< 10^{-4}$

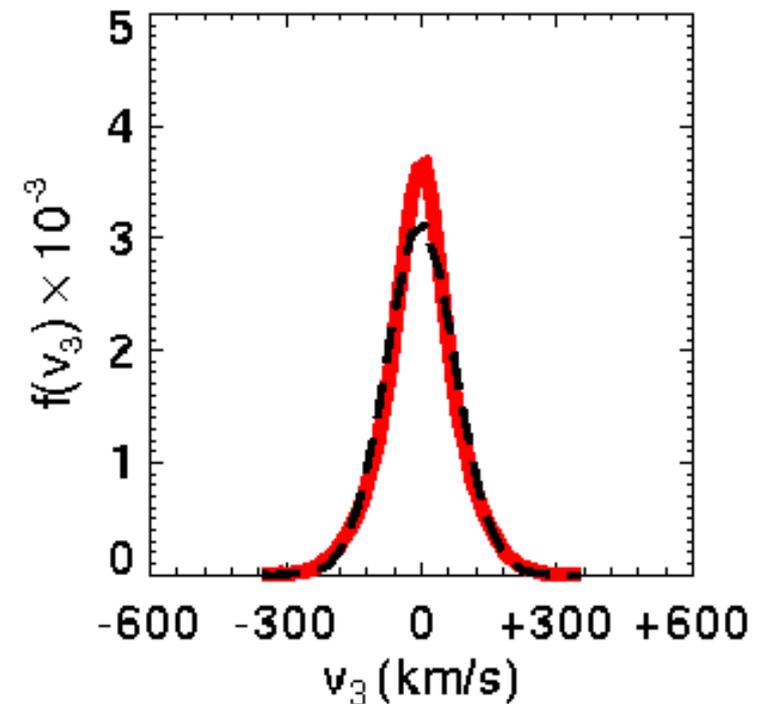
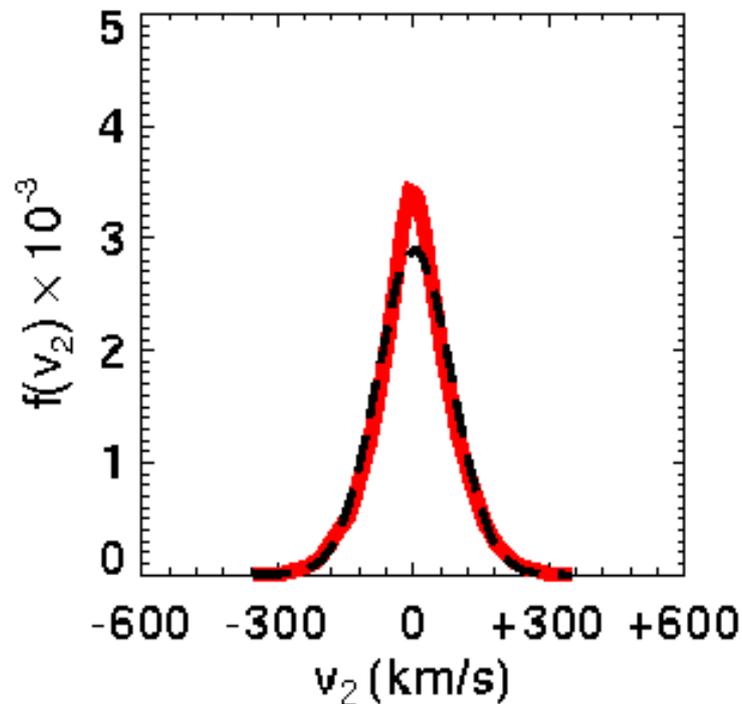
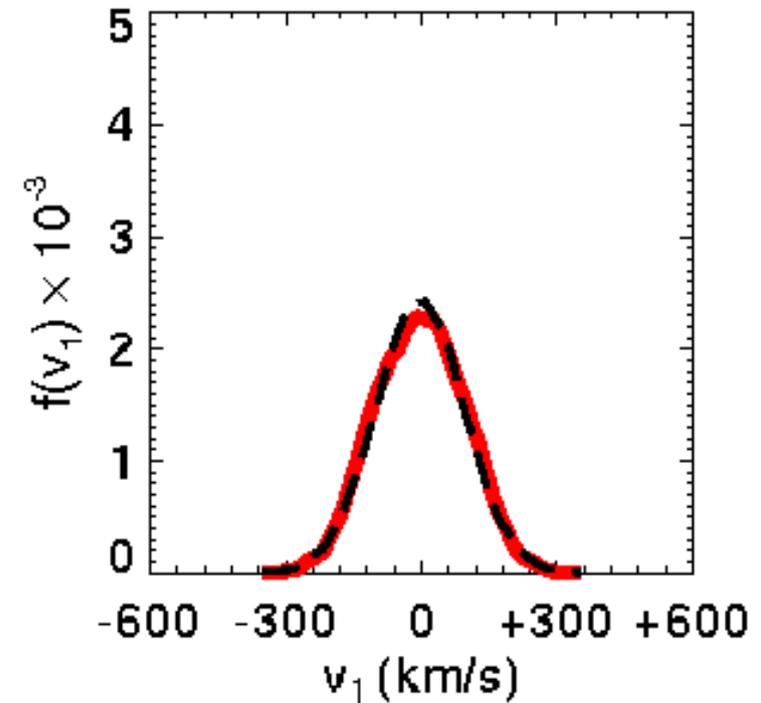
The *rms* scatter about the smooth model for the remaining points is only about 4%

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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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)

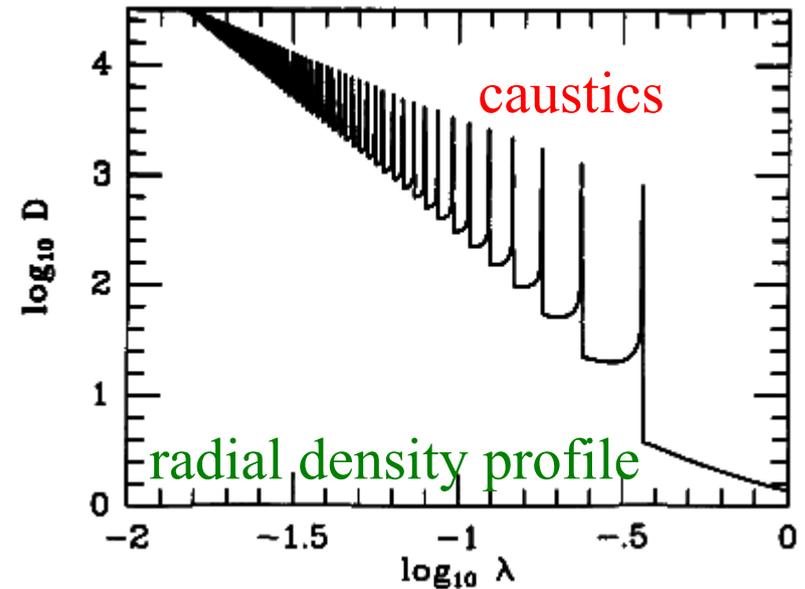
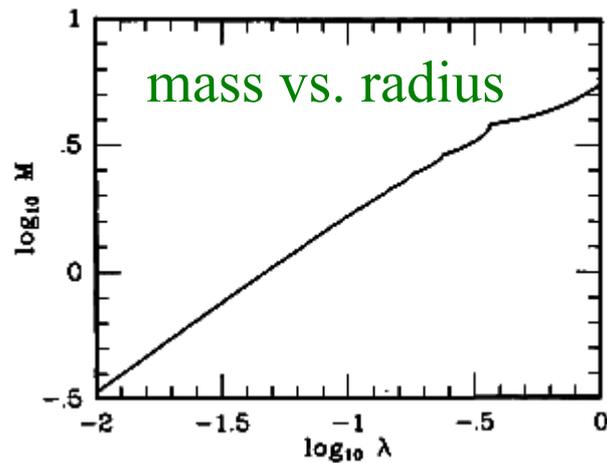
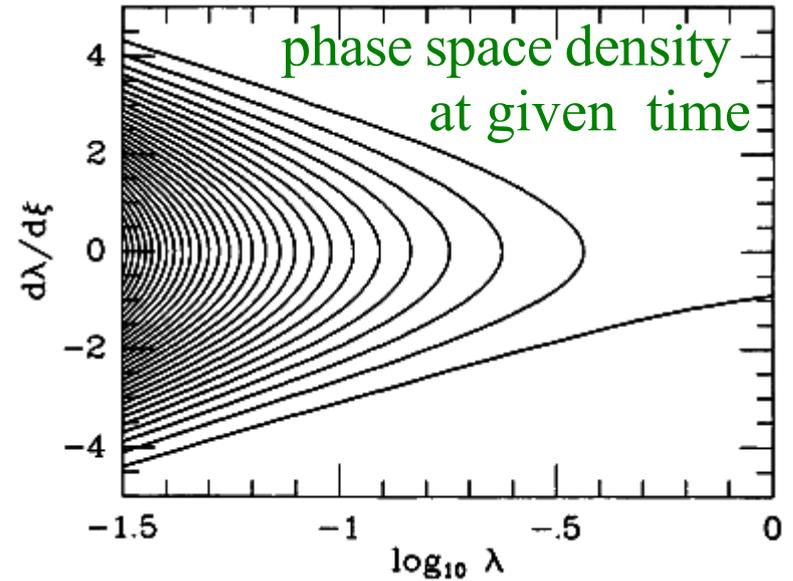
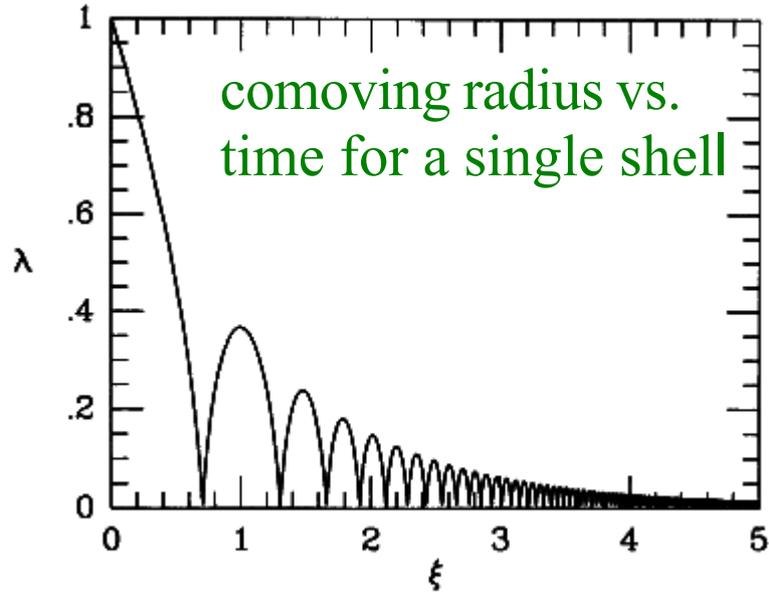
CDM occupies a thin 3-D 'sheet' within the full 6-D phase-space and its projection onto \mathbf{x} -space is near-uniform.

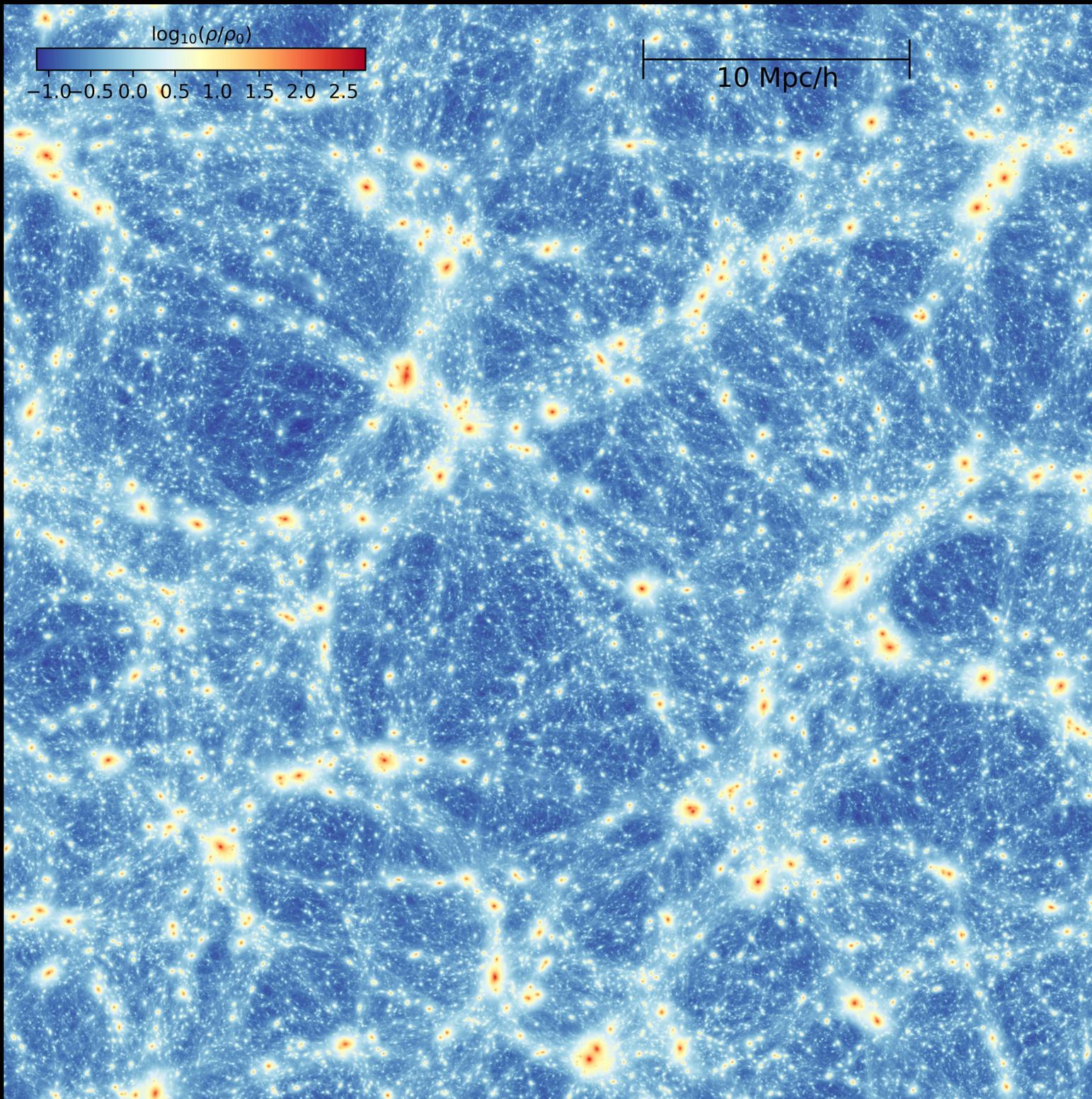
$Df / Dt = 0$  only a 3-D subspace is occupied at *all* times.

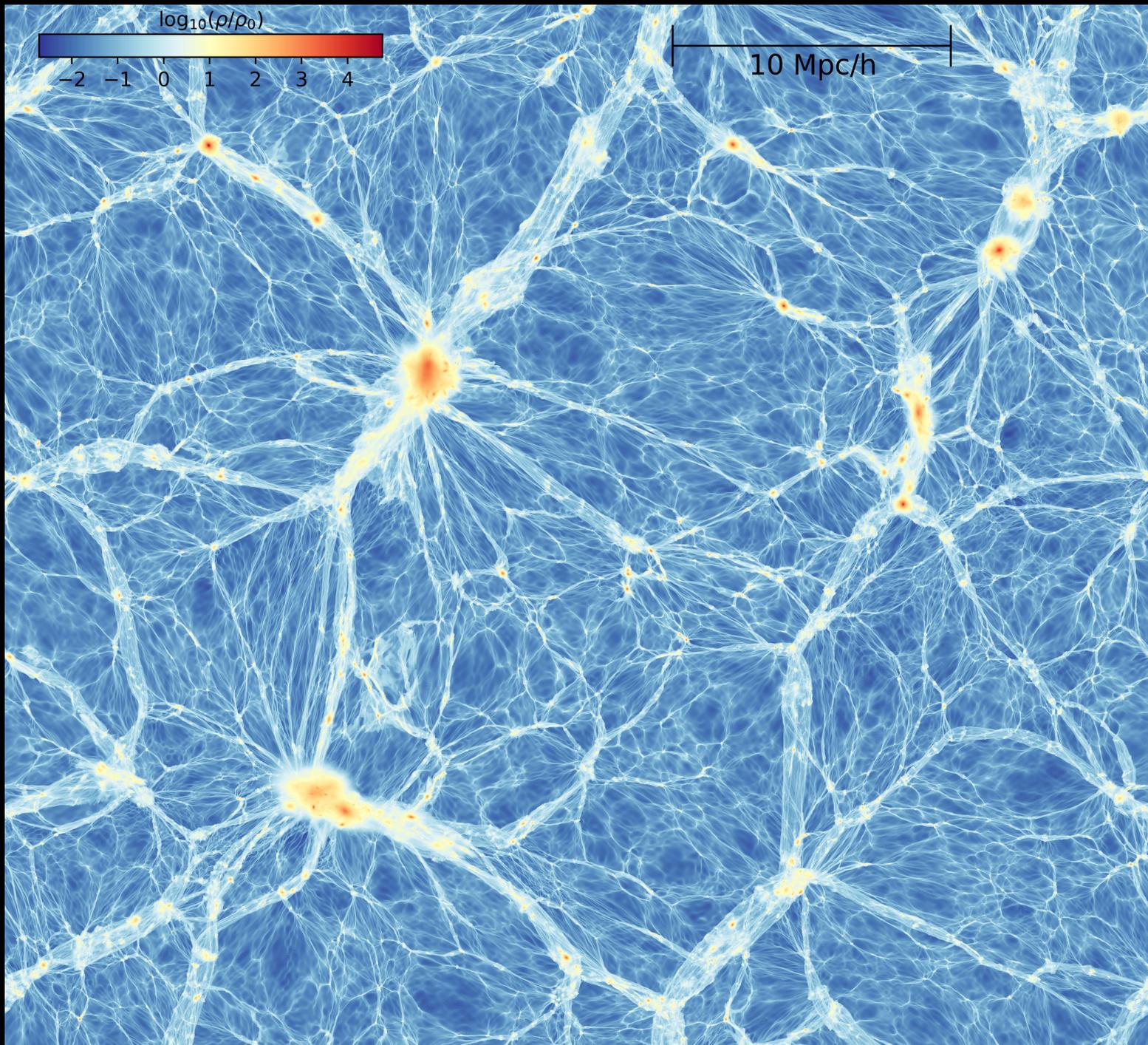
Nonlinear evolution leads to multi-stream structure and caustics

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 $\longrightarrow \infty$

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

The geodesic deviation equation

Particle equation of motion: $\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ -\nabla\phi \end{bmatrix}$

Offset to a neighbor: $\delta\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta\mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{T} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{T} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \delta\mathbf{X}$; $\mathbf{T} = -\nabla(\nabla\phi)$

Write $\delta\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{X}_0, t) \cdot \delta\mathbf{X}_0$, then differentiating w.r.t. time gives,

$$\dot{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{T} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{D} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{D}_0 = \mathbf{I}$$

Integrating this equation together with each particle's trajectory gives the evolution of its local phase-space distribution

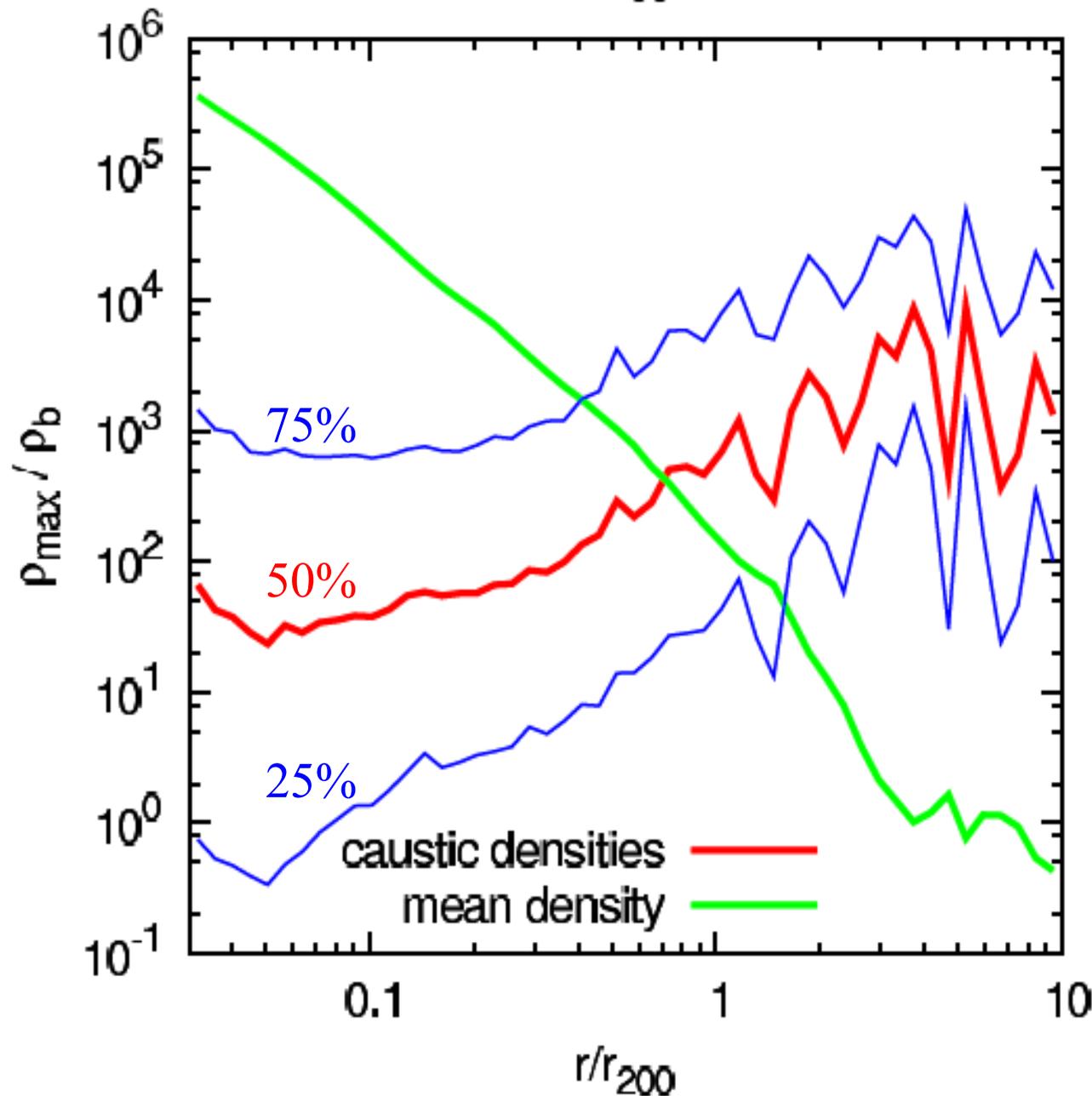
No symmetry or stationarity assumptions are required

$\det(\mathbf{D}) = 1$ at all times by Liouville's theorem

For CDM, $1/|\det(\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}})|$ gives the decrease in local 3D space density of each particle's phase sheet. Switches sign and is infinite at caustics.

Radial distribution of peak density at caustics

Vogelsberger & White 2011

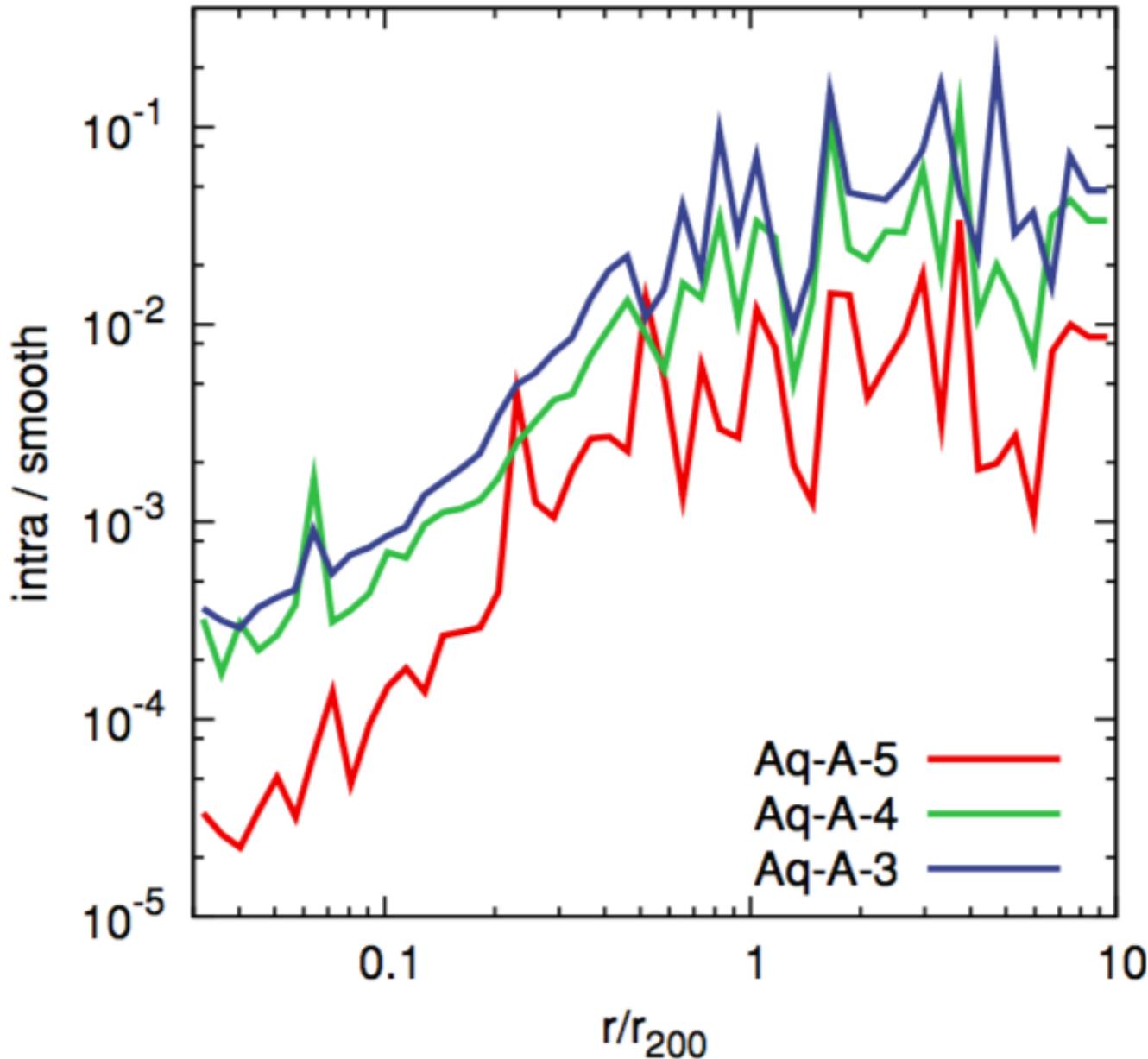


Milky Way mass halo

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

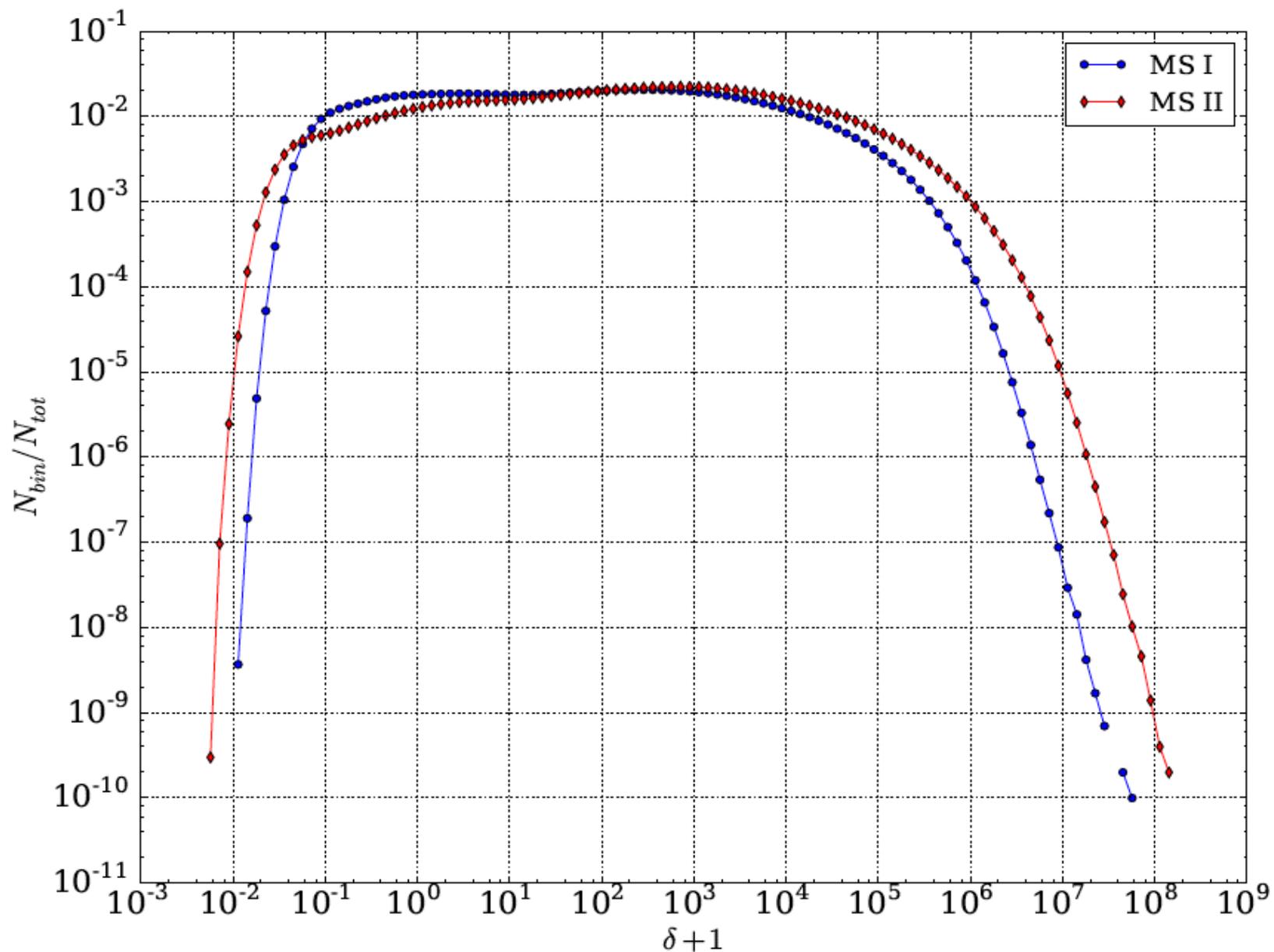
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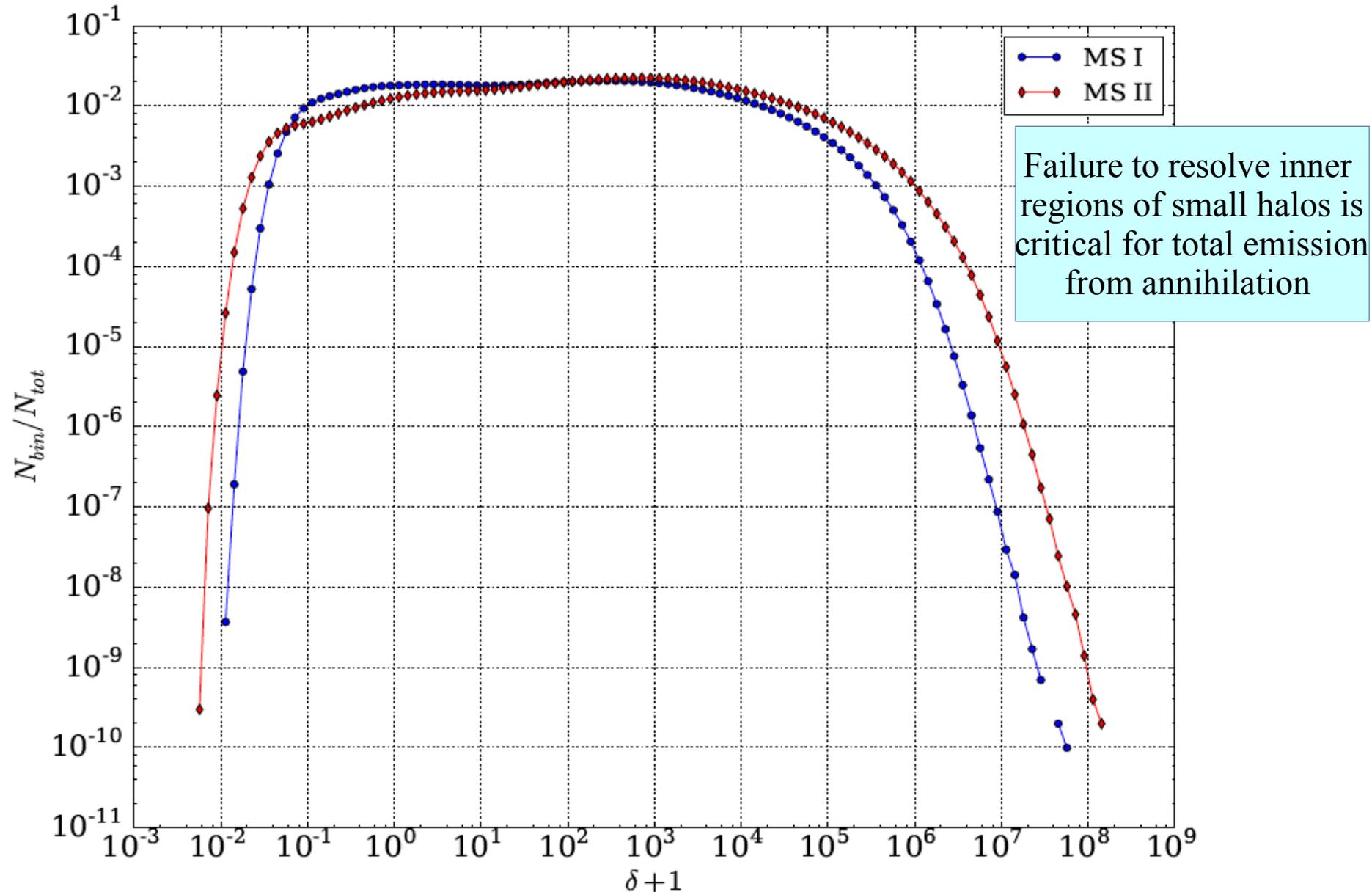
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Note: caustic emission is compared to that from the smooth DM component here, but the dominant emission at large radius is from small subhalos

Voronoi-estimated DM densities at the particle positions in the two Millennium Simulations, estimated as: $\rho_i \propto 1 / V_{\text{Vor},i}$

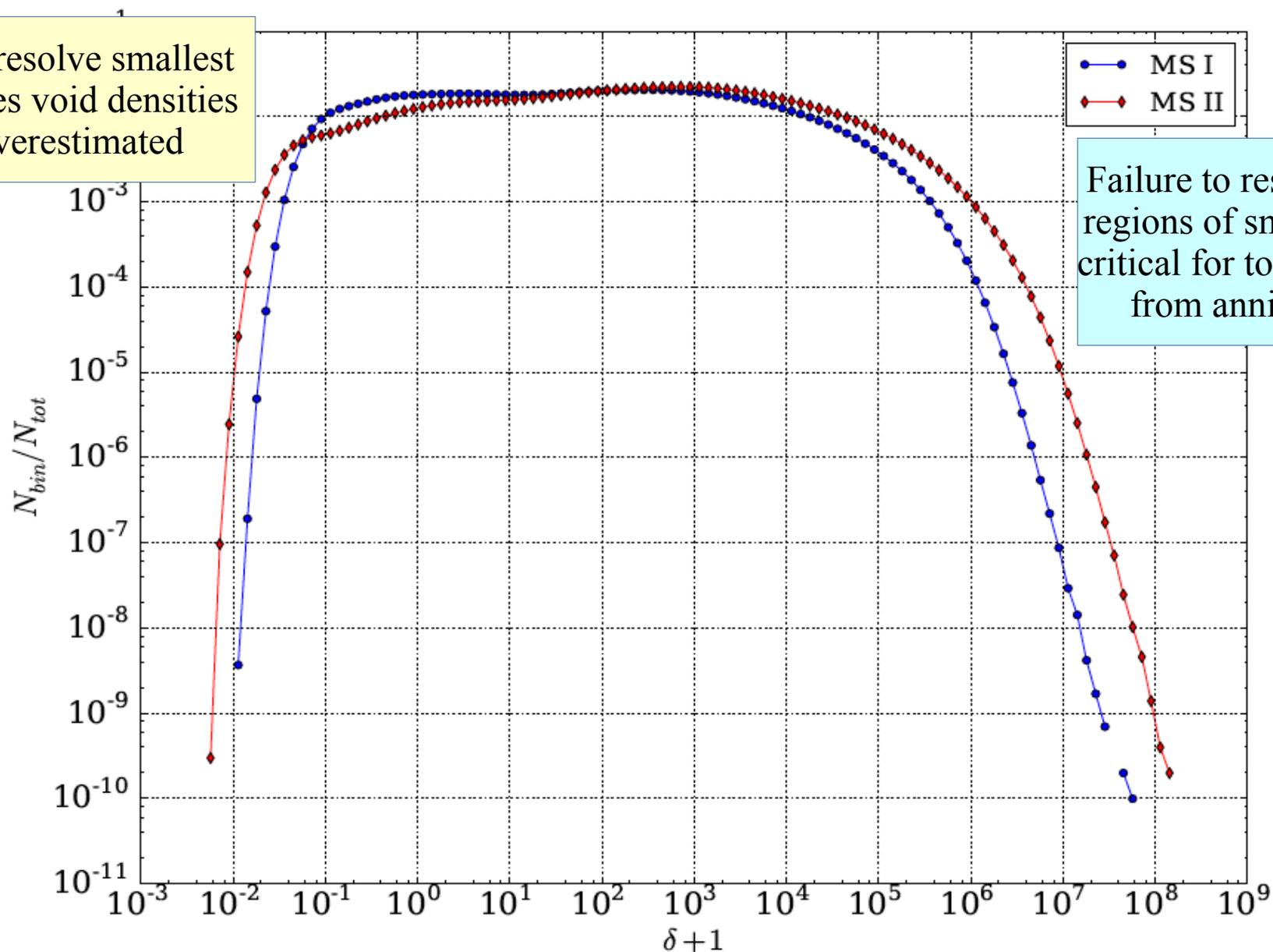


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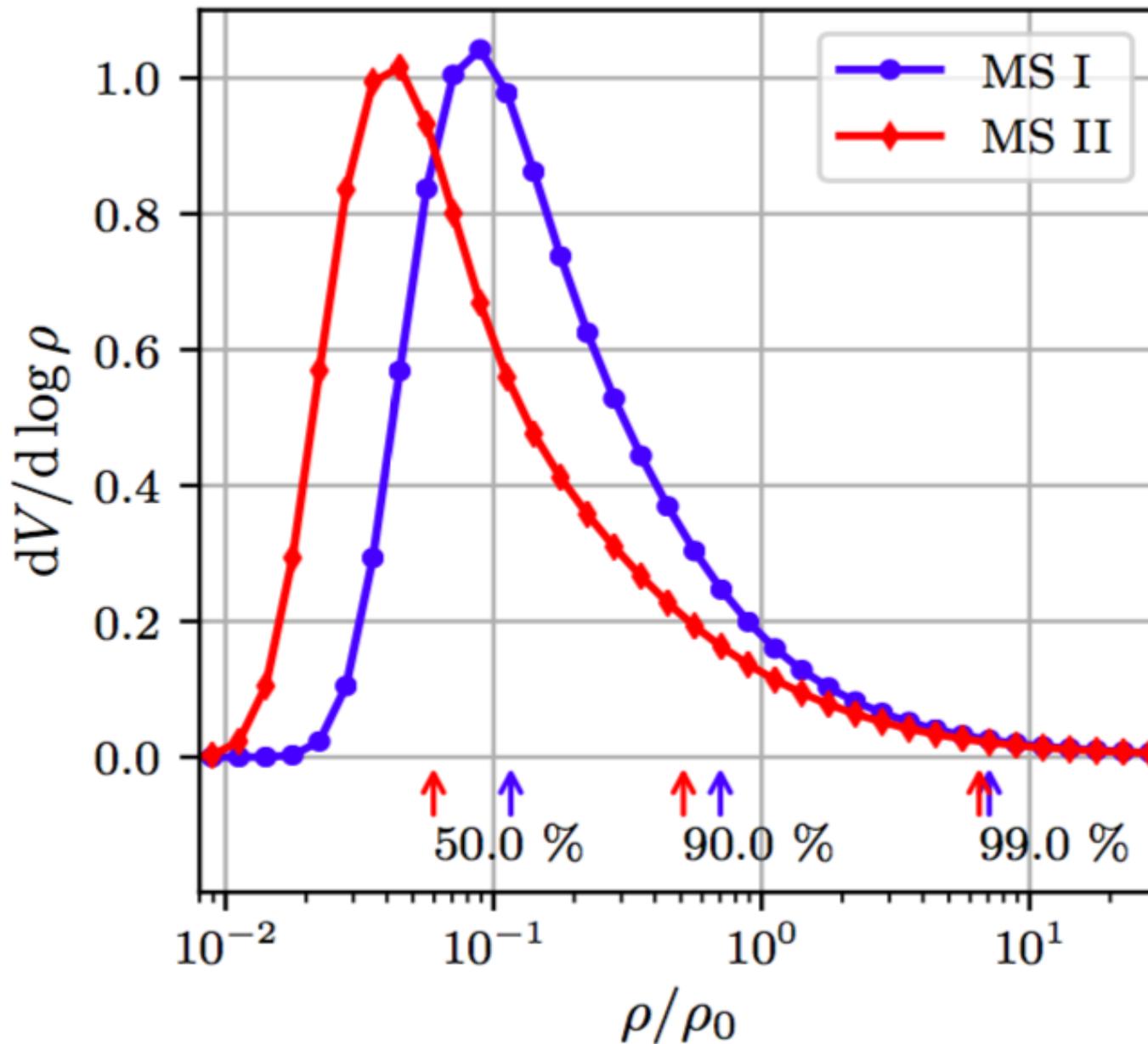
Failure to resolve smallest halos causes void densities to be overestimated



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

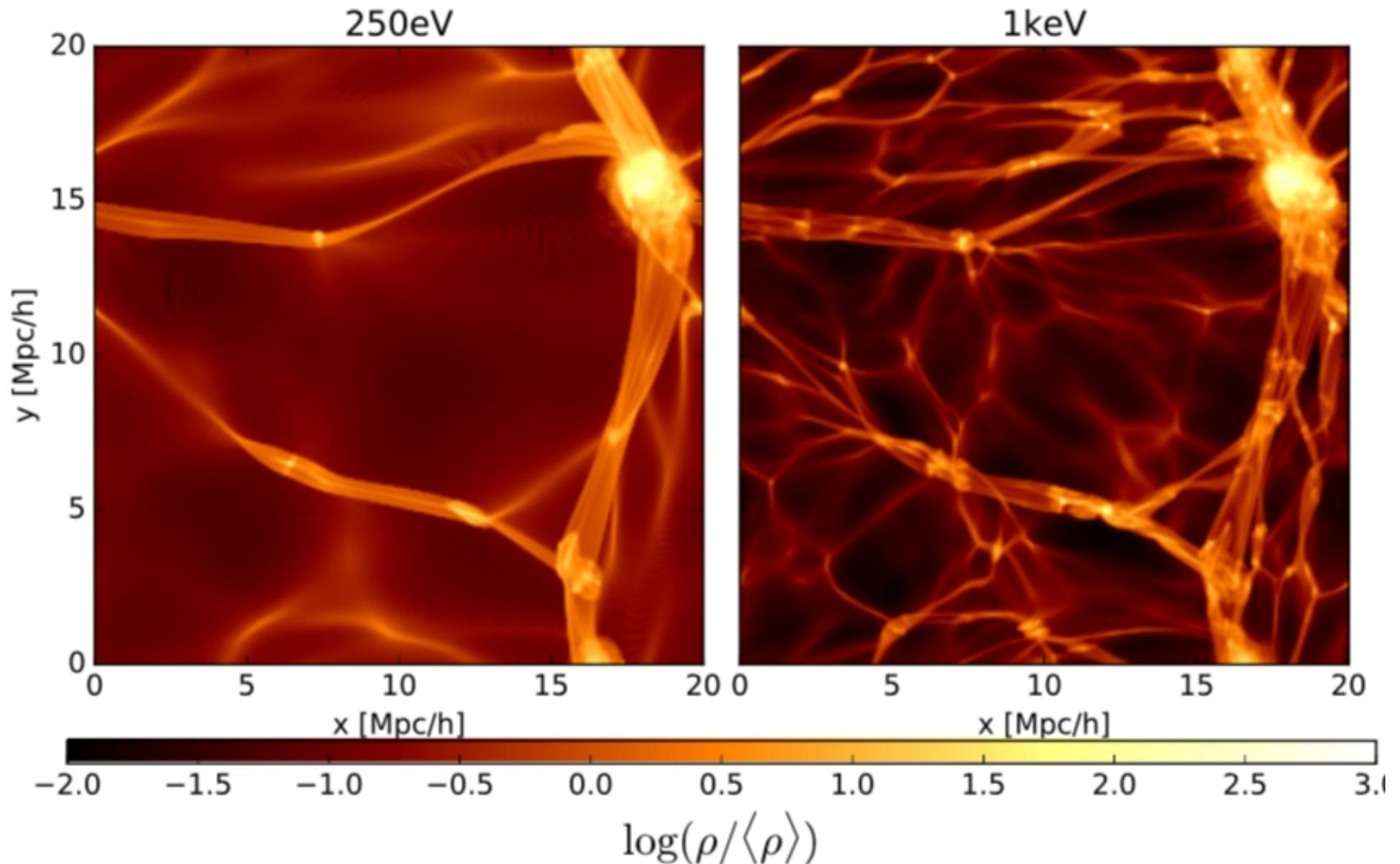
Volume-weighted density distributions in the two MS.

Stuecker et al 2017

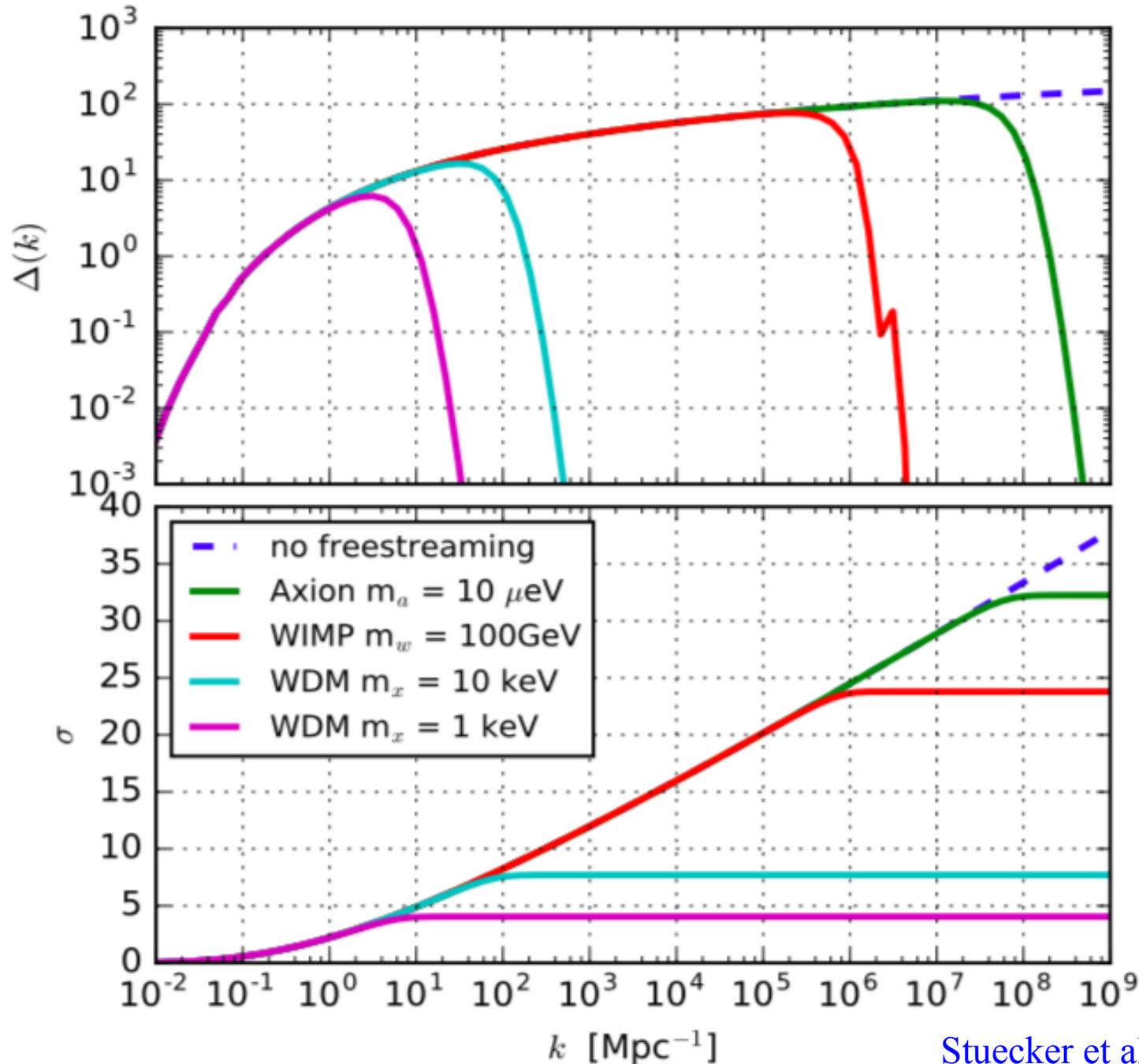


What is the median density of the Universe?

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.



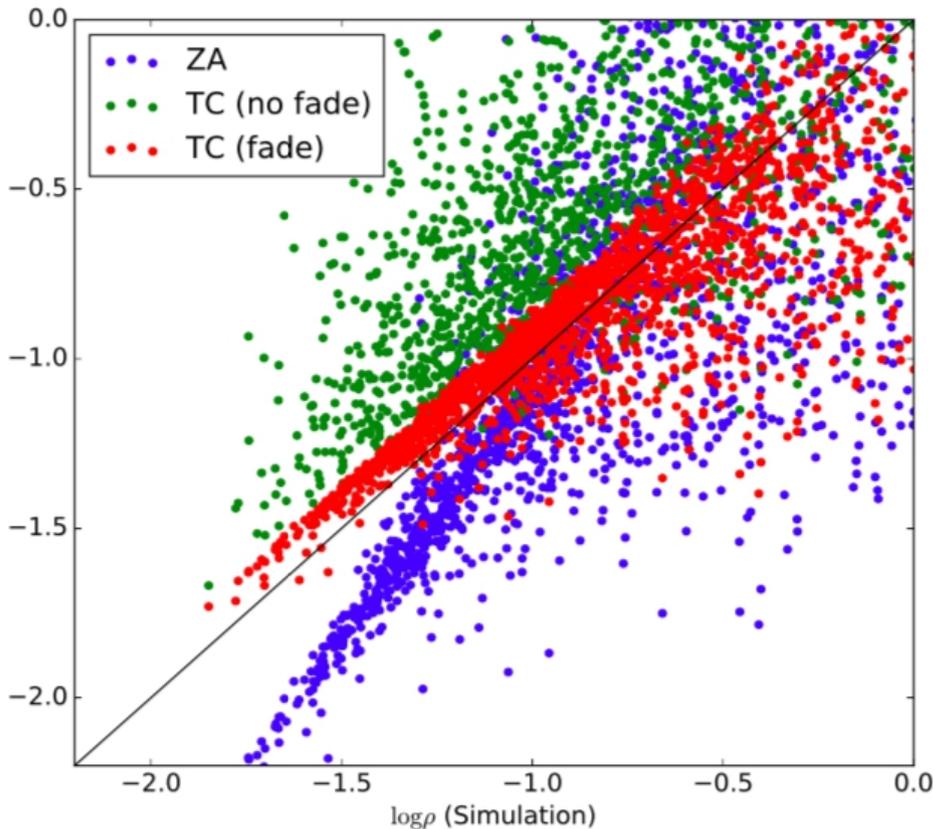
An excursion set model for single-stream regions

Most cosmic volume is in single-stream regions where the matter has never passed through a caustic. Their Lagrangian to Eulerian mapping involves stretching but no folding of the phase sheet. The GDE can then be approximated by

$$\dot{x}_i = a^{-2} p_i$$

$$\dot{p}_i = a^{-1} x_i \left(-\frac{4\pi G}{3} \rho_{bg} \delta + T_{ext,i} \right)$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{|\det D_{xq}|} - 1 = \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3} - 1$$

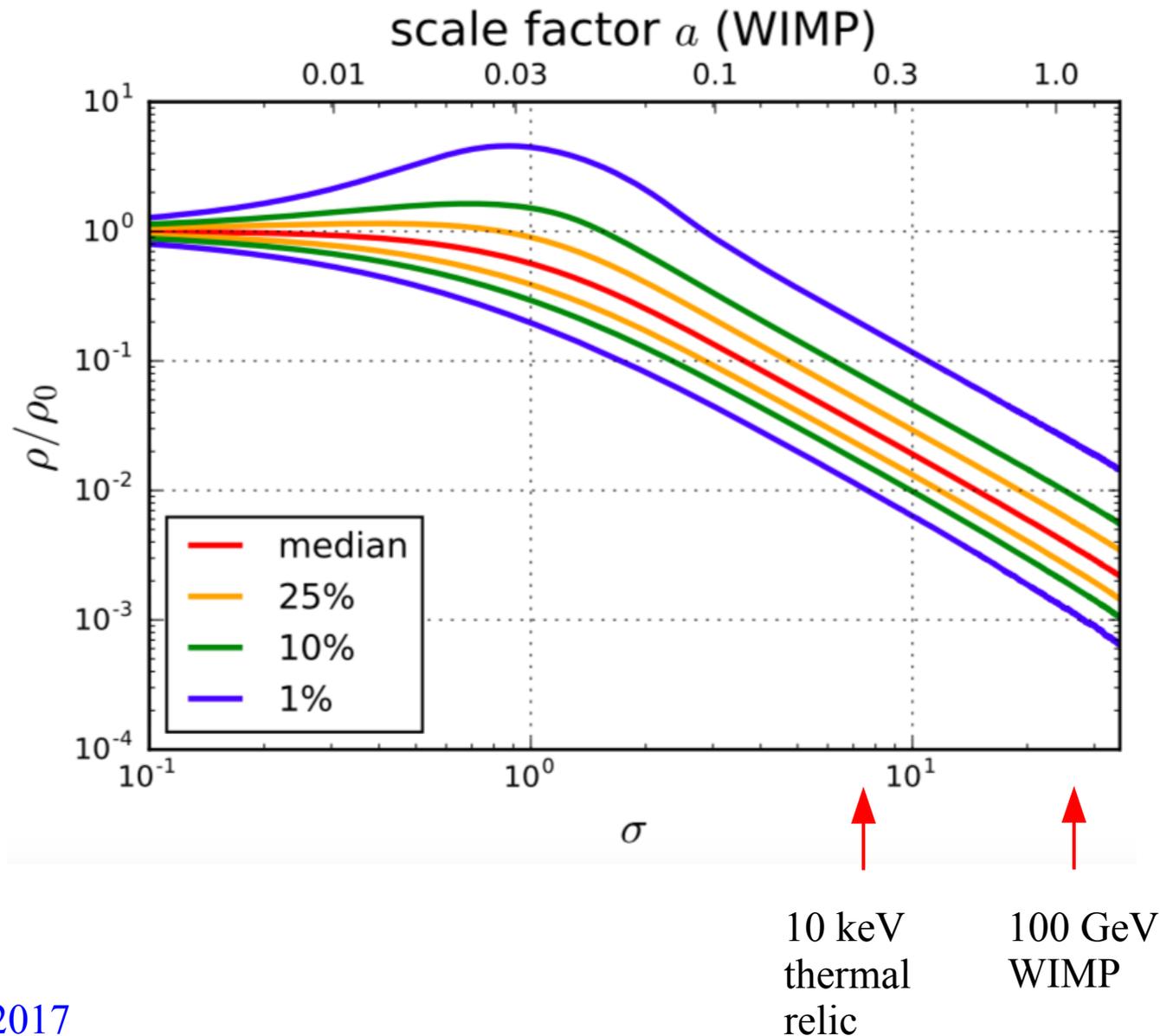


together with a model for the evolution of the external tide T_{ext}

In an excursion set model, no caustic-crossing corresponds to a threshold in $T_{ext,0}$ as σ grows (smoothing shrinks)

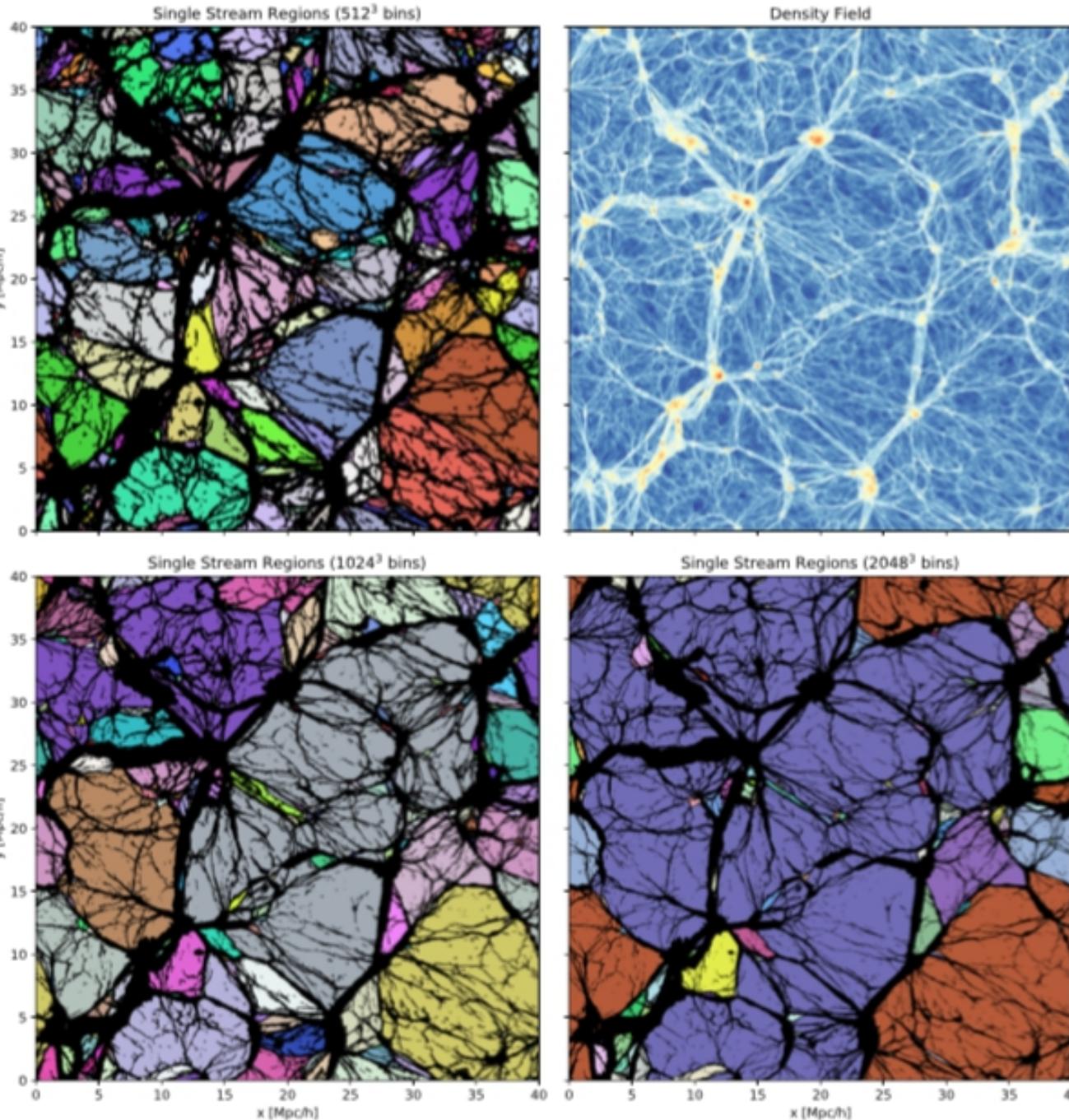
A suitable tidal model agrees well with simulation for $\sigma = 4.1$

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



Do single-stream regions percolate?

Stuecker et al 2017



In Eulerian space the answer is strongly resolution-dependent

At higher resolution more connections are found

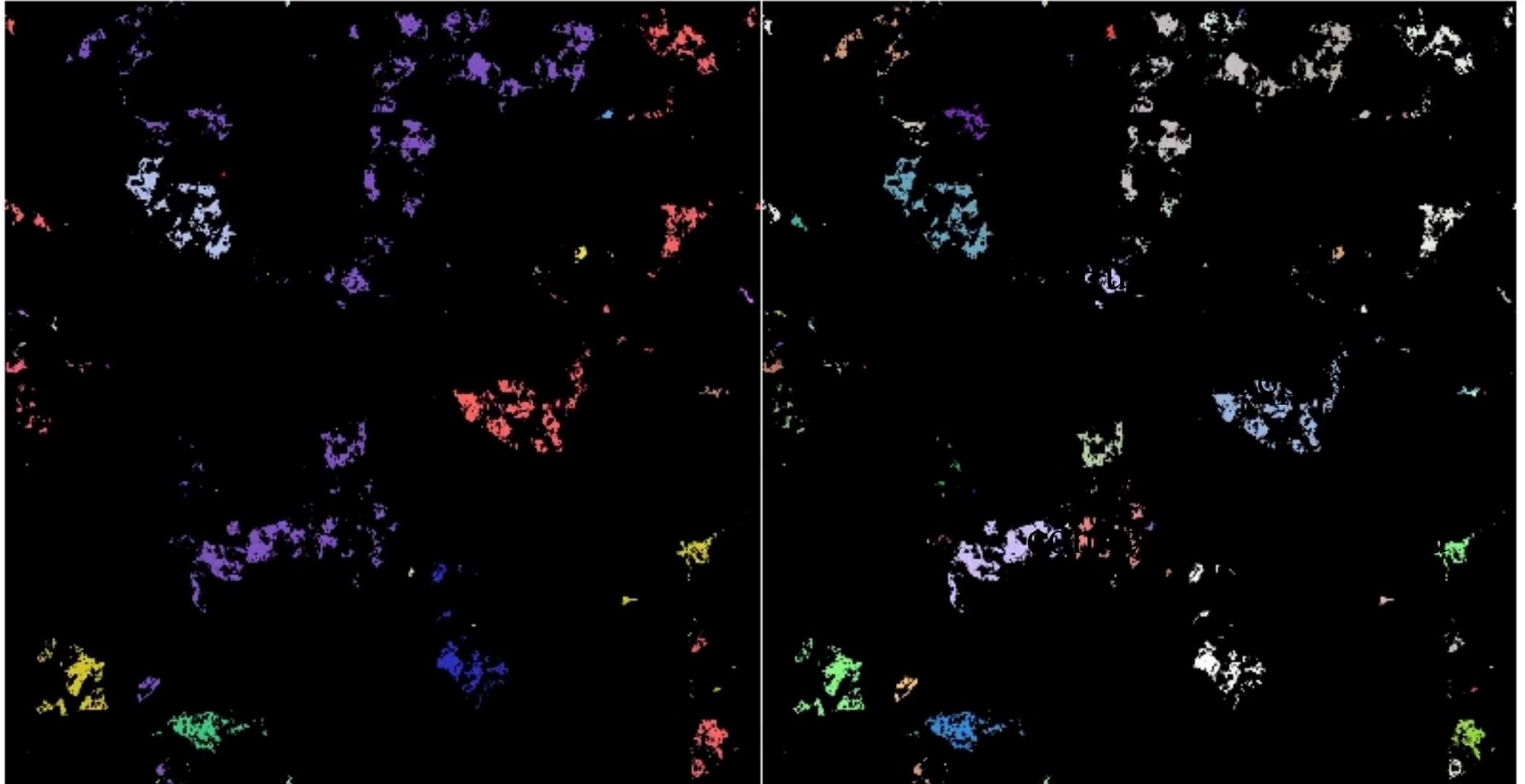
$$\sigma = 6.4$$

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Colours from Eulerian connectivity.

Colours from Lagrangian connectivity.



In Lagrangian space, however, they do not percolate for $\sigma = 6.4$ and seem less likely to percolate for larger σ

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→ Still lots of work to do, Joe! Many happy returns!