

Wave Dark Matter Predictions from Cosmological Simulations

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Particle mass (m_ψ) $\rightarrow$ the ONLY free parameter in ψ DM

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Astrophysics
(sim. vs obs.)

Dark Matter ?

Particle physics
(theory vs exp.)

Quantum Fluid

- Schrödinger eq. can be rewritten into conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2m_\psi^2} \frac{\nabla^2 f}{f} \right) - \nabla \phi$$

$$\psi = f e^{iS}$$

$$\rho = m_\psi f^2$$

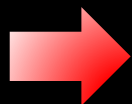
$$\mathbf{v} = m_\psi^{-1} \nabla S$$

$$\text{Hydro: } \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - \nabla \phi$$



$$\tilde{P}_{ij} = \frac{1}{m_\psi} \left(\partial_i f \partial_j f - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ij} \nabla^2 f^2 \right)$$

quantum stress



$$k_J = (6a)^{1/4} (H_0 m_\psi)^{1/2}$$

Jeans wave number in ψ DM

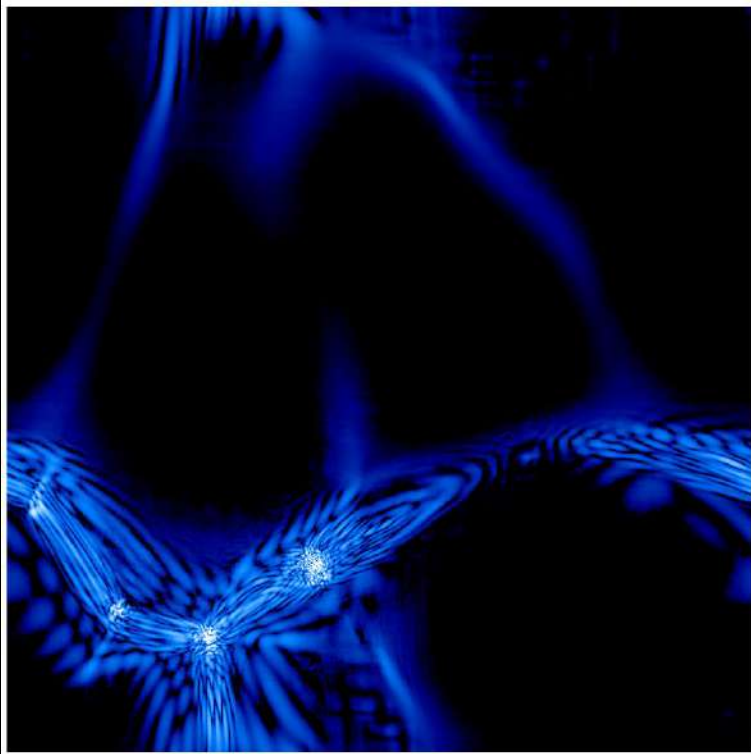
→ Suppressing small-scale structures

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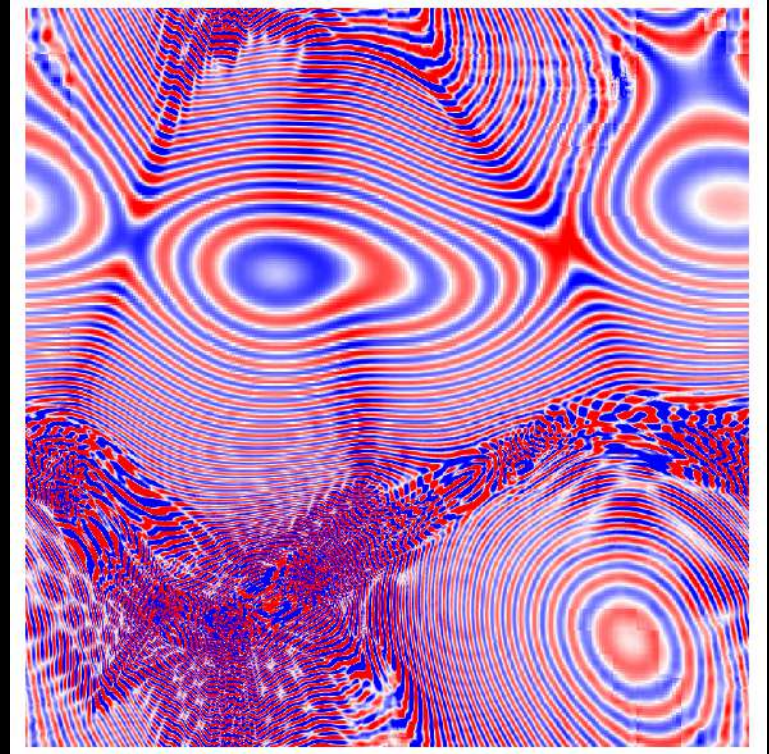
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Simulation Challenges

Density



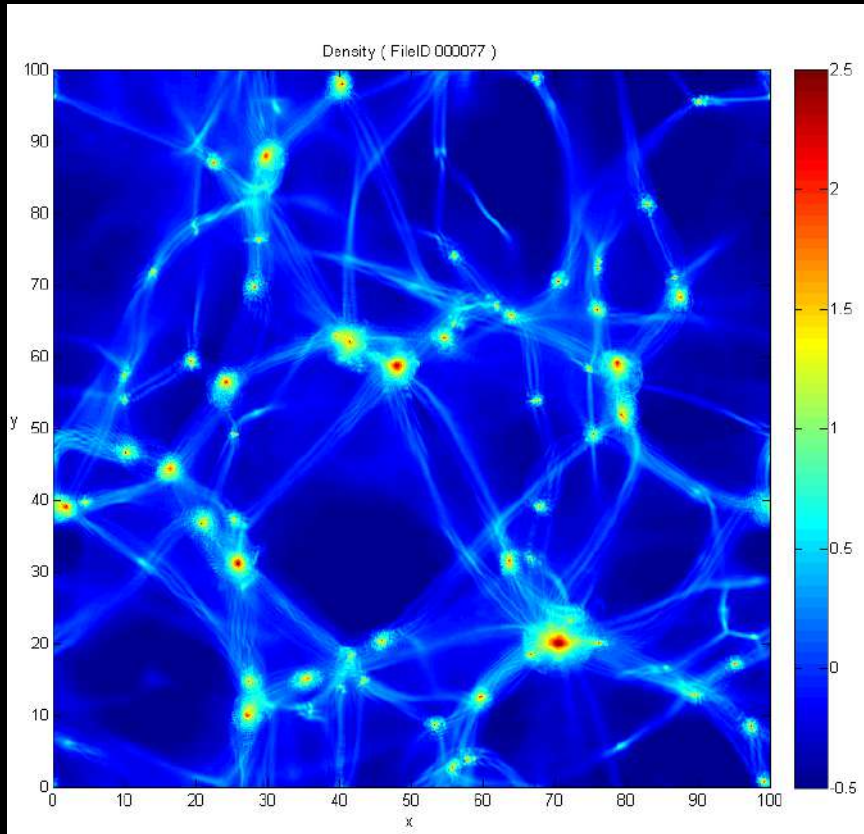
Wave function



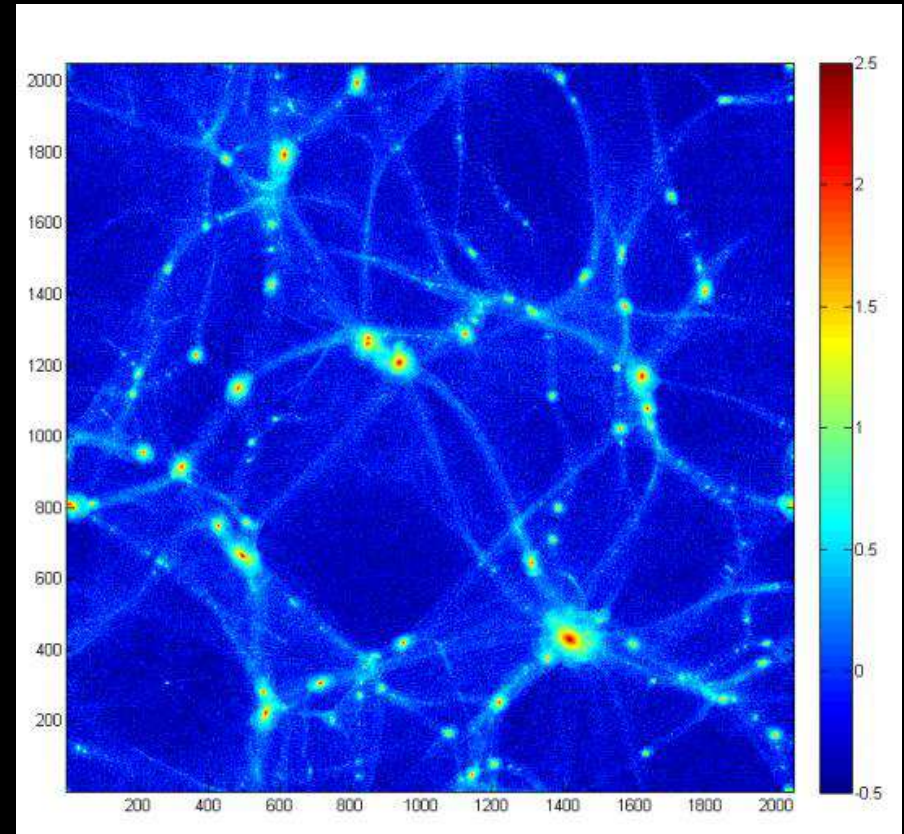
- Ultra-high resolution is required
- **GAMER** : *GPU-accelerated Adaptive MESH Refinement Code*
→ **10x ~ 100x** times faster than other CPU-based codes

ψ DM vs. CDM (Large Scales)

ψ DM



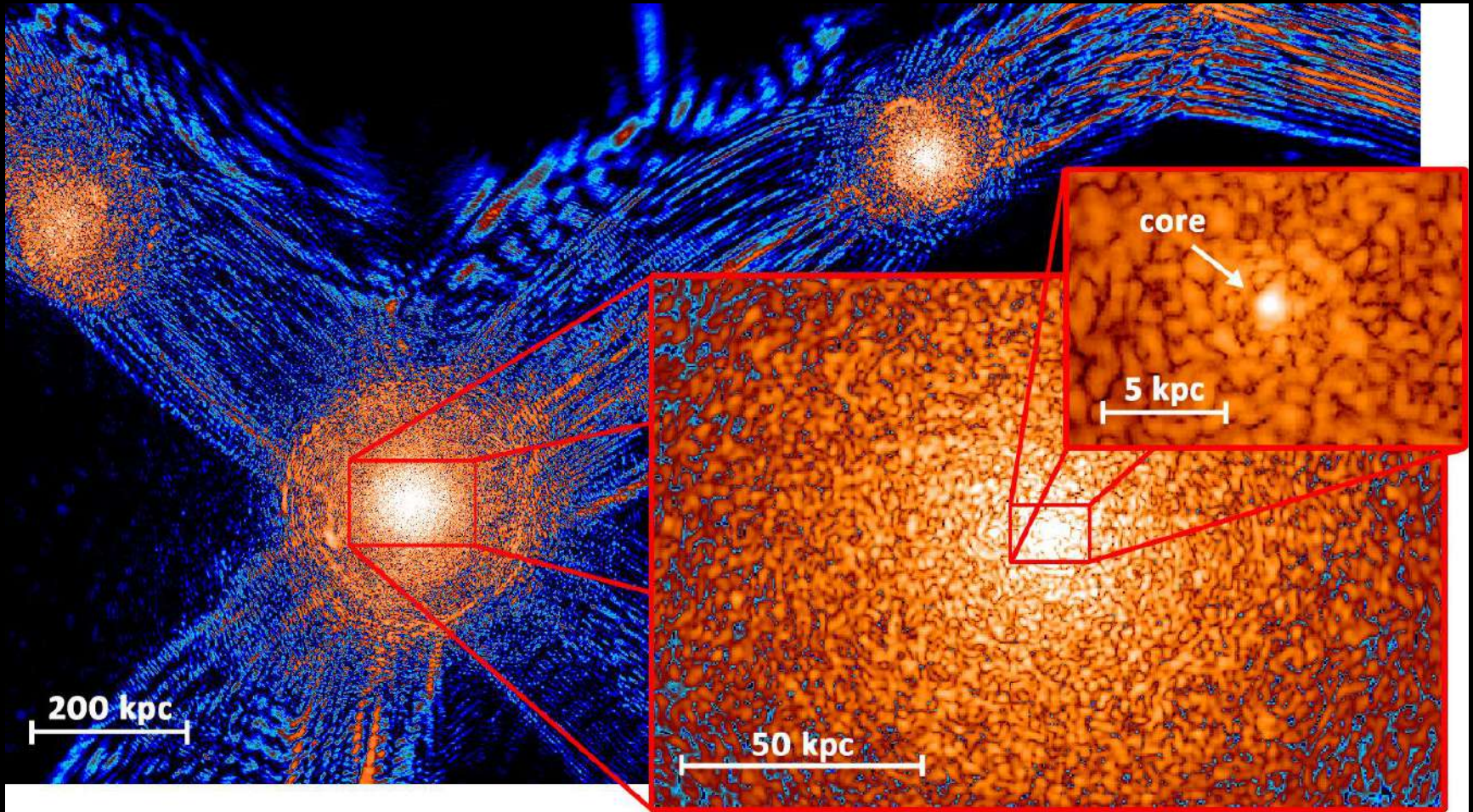
CDM



50 Mpc/h box

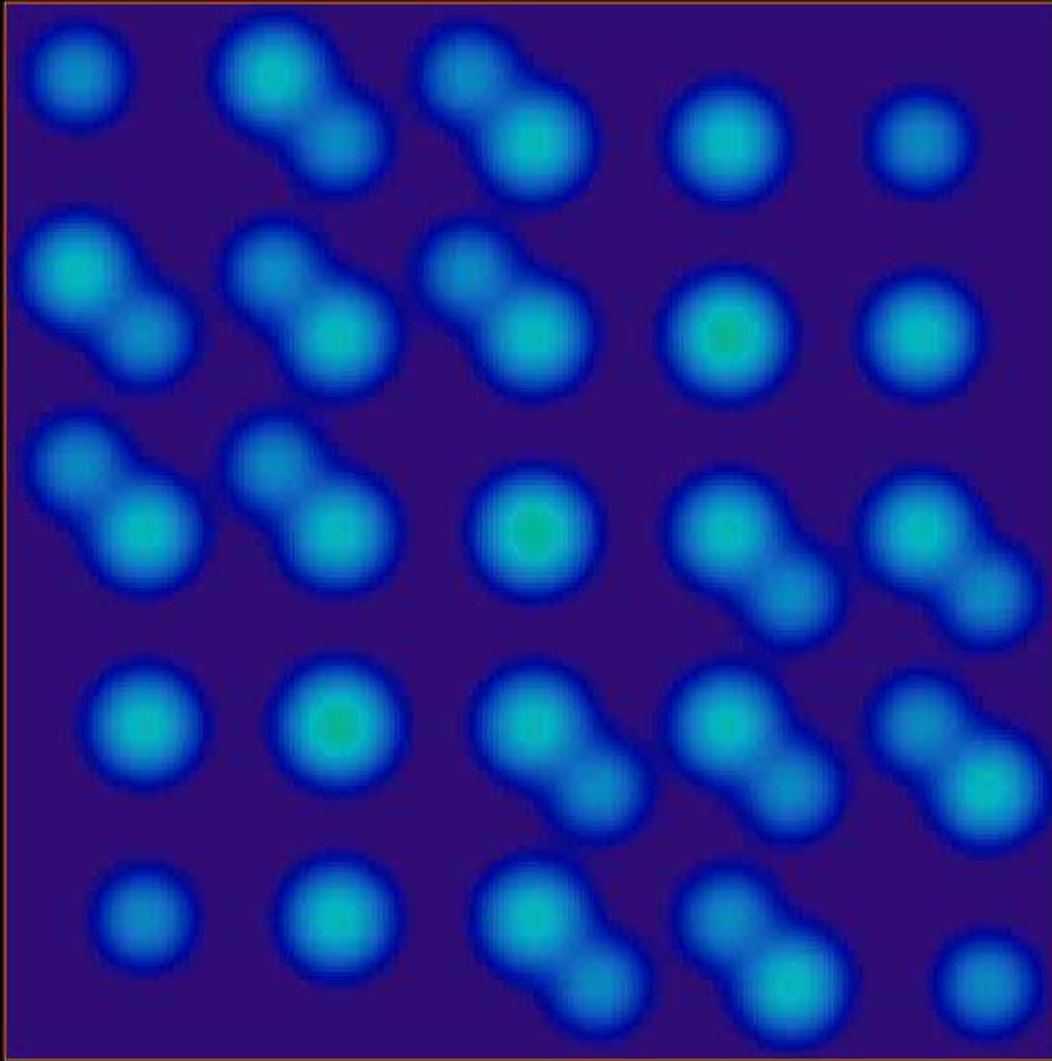
- Large-scale structures are indistinguishable

Interference Patterns (Small Scales)



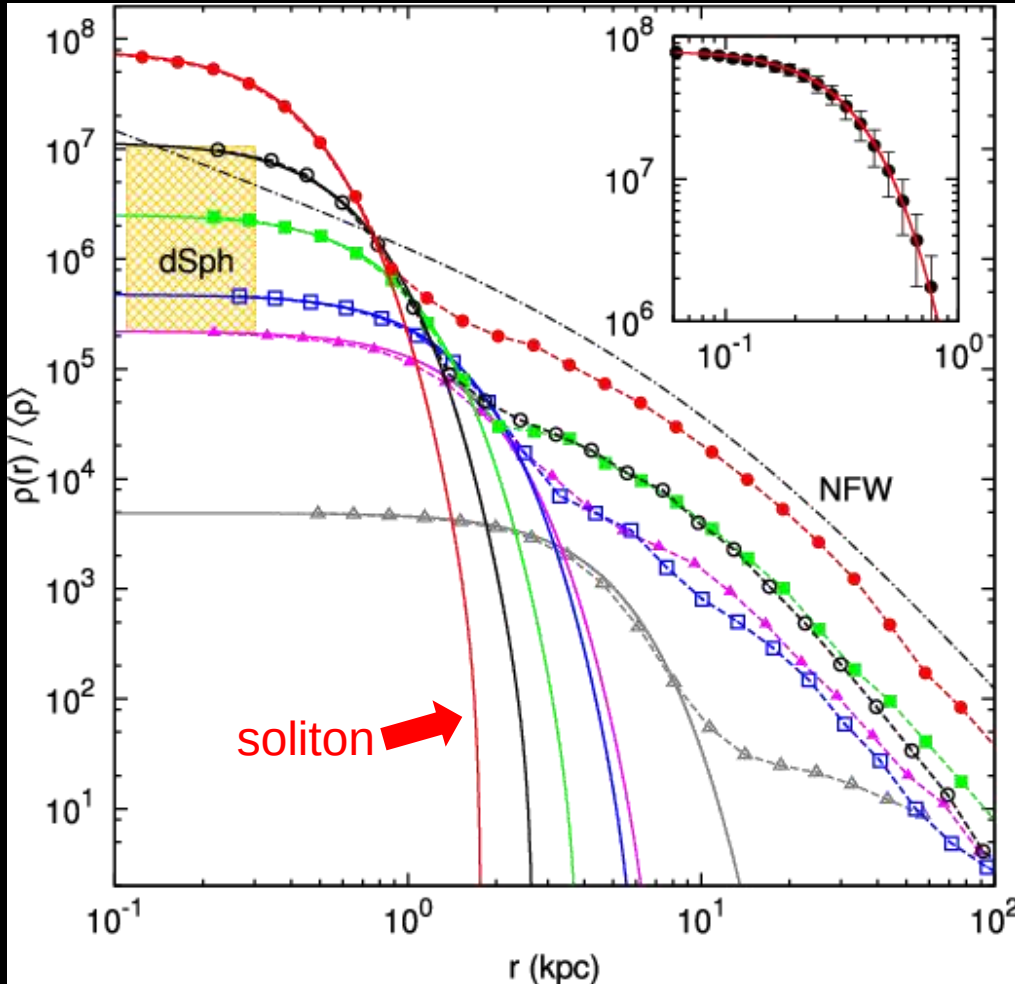
- Interference is everywhere: filaments, density granules, and **central cores** $\leftrightarrow$ **CDM predicts cuspy profiles**

Core-halo Relation



Q1: is there a prominent core
in every halo?

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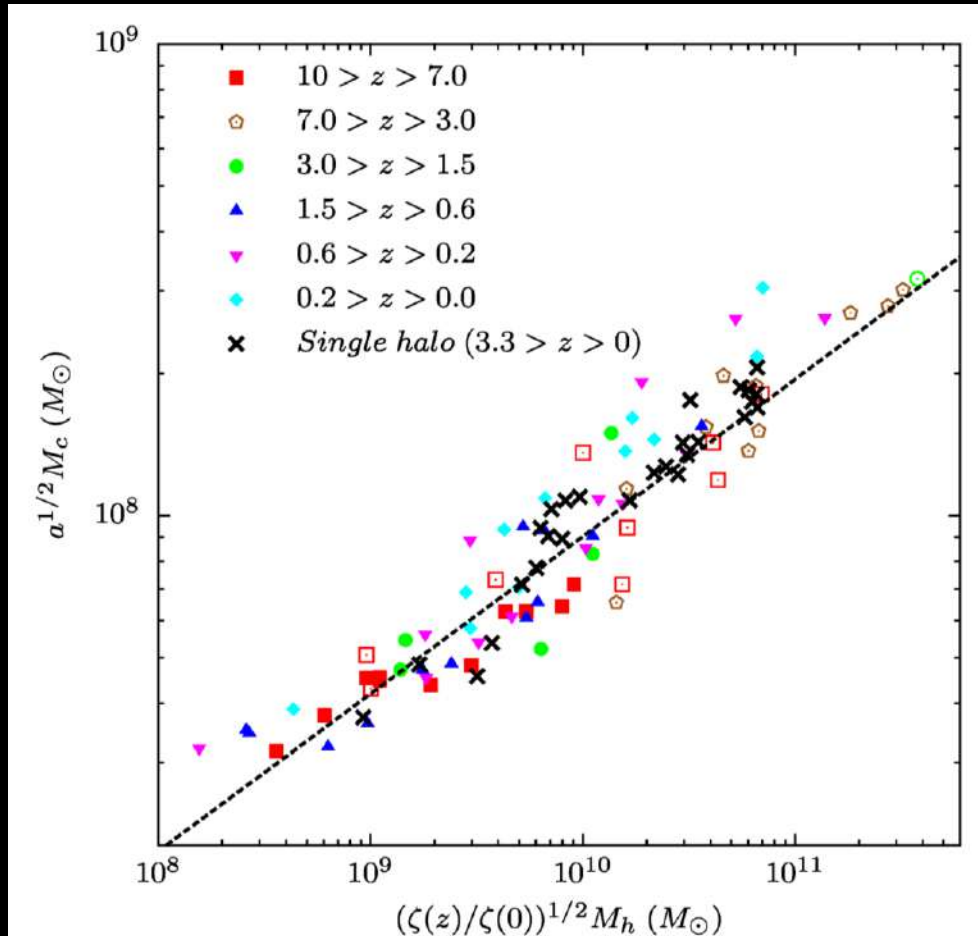


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YES; core $\approx$ soliton !!

Q2: for a given halo, can we predict its core properties?

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$$M_c \propto r_c^{-1} \propto (1+z)^{1/2} M_h^{1/3}$$

$$M_h \uparrow, z \uparrow \Rightarrow M_c \uparrow, r_c \downarrow$$

- Dwarfs: kpc-scale cores
- Minimum halos: $M_h \approx 10^8 M_\odot$
- MW: 100 pc core with $M \approx 10^9 M_\odot$
- More compact cores at higher z

- Core mass (M_c) vs. halo mass (M_h) at different z
- Solid line: theoretical prediction

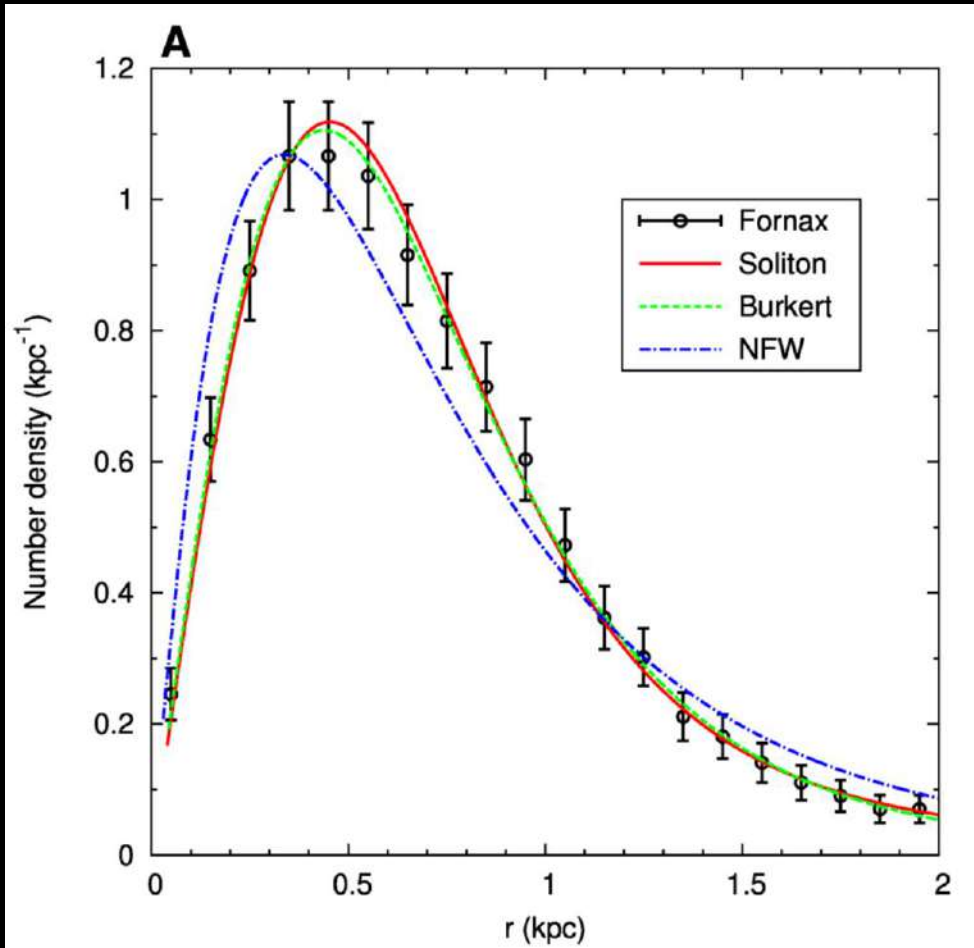
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ψ DM $\rightarrow$ Testable Model

- **Soliton core**
 - ◆ Dwarf spheroidal (dSph) galaxies stellar distribution
 - ◆ Milky-Way mass within ~ 100 pc
 - ◆ Gravitational lensing
 - ◆ Rotation curves of low surface brightness (LSB) galaxies
- **Suppress low-mass galaxies**
 - ◆ High- z luminosity functions
 - ◆ Reionization
 - ◆ Lyman-alpha forest
 - ◆ dwarf galaxy counts
- **Density granules**
 - ◆ Gravitational lensing flux anomalies
 - ◆ Stellar streams

Stellar Distribution in Fornax dSph



dSph galaxies

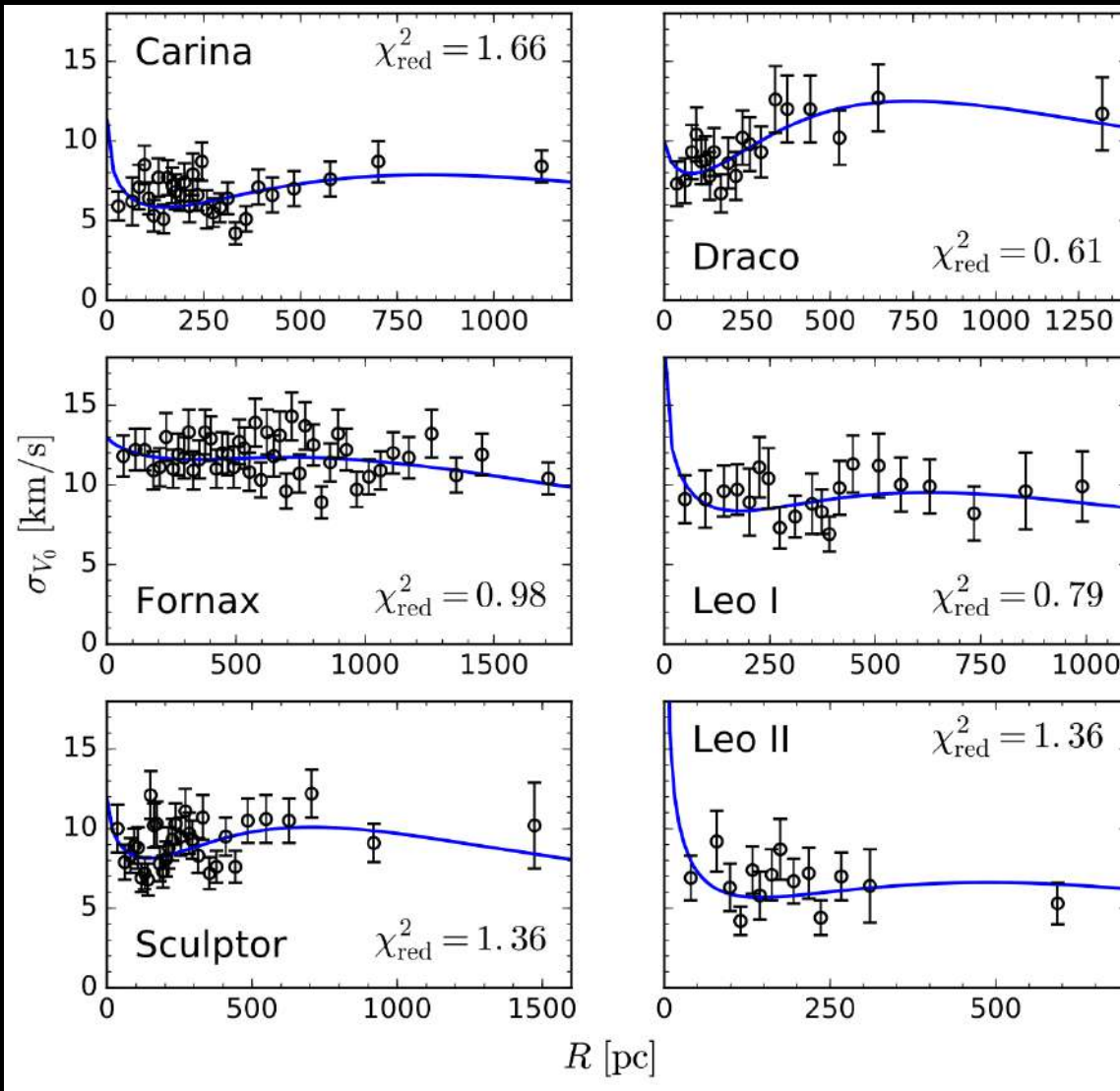
- Dark matter dominated
- **Dark matter mass profile + stellar velocity dispersion**
→ **stellar light profile**

Find the best-fit m_ψ & r_c

→ $m_{22} \equiv m_\psi / 10^{-22} \text{ eV} \sim 0.8 \pm 0.4$
 $r_c \sim 0.9 \text{ kpc}$

CDM doesn't fit well due to the cuspy NFW density profile

Jeans Analysis for dSph Galaxies



Soliton mass profile +
stellar light profile
→ stellar velocity dispersion

$m_{22} \approx 1.2 \pm 0.3$
→ Consistent with Fornax
($m_{22} \approx 0.8 \pm 0.4$)

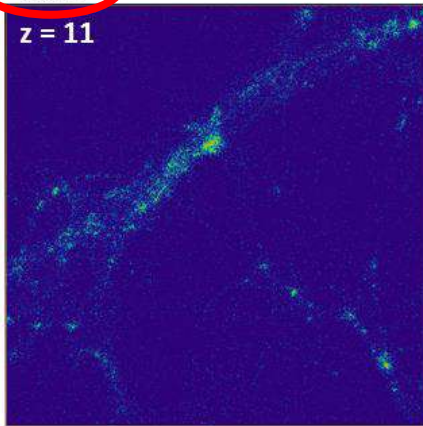
Different dSph galaxies ↔
SAME particle mass (m_{22}) !!

Suppression of High-z Galaxies

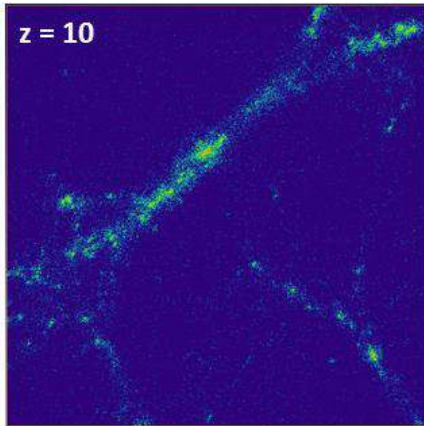
- Does ψ DM suppress too many high-z galaxies?
- or
- Does CDM produce too many high-z galaxies?

CDM

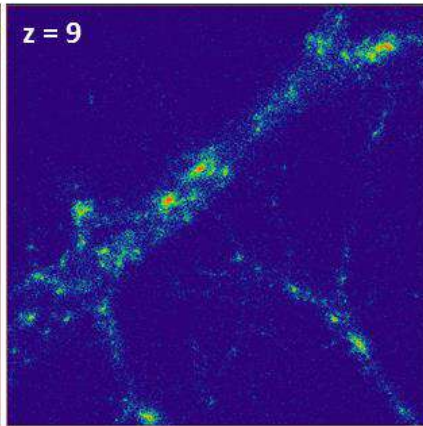
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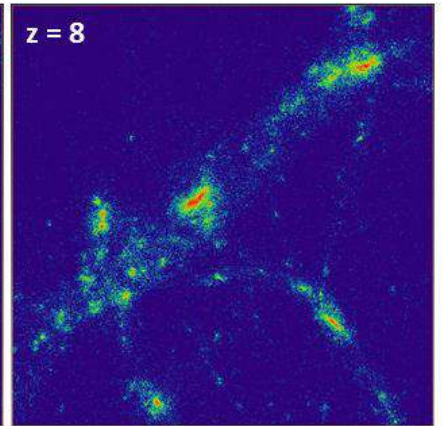
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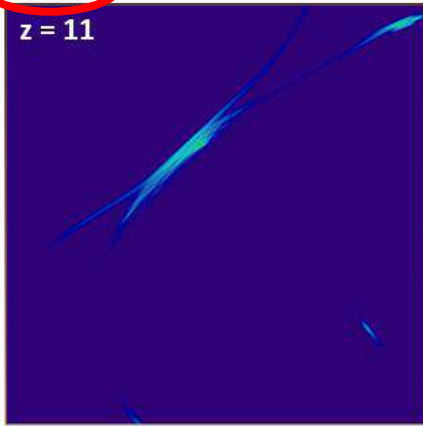


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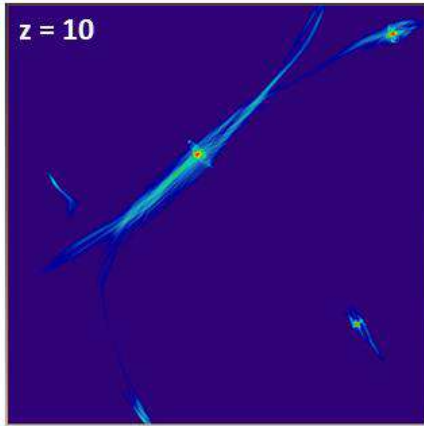


ψ DM

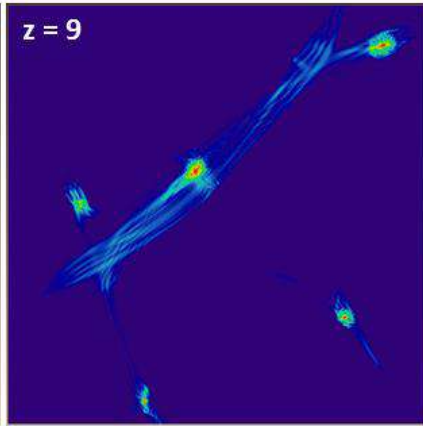
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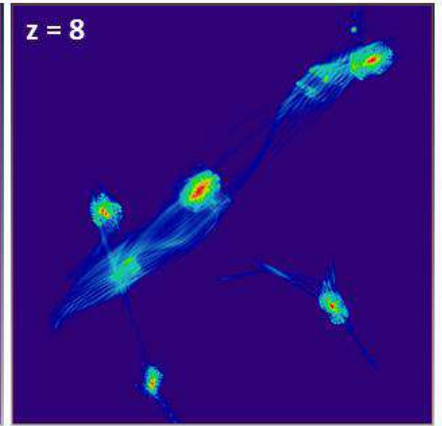
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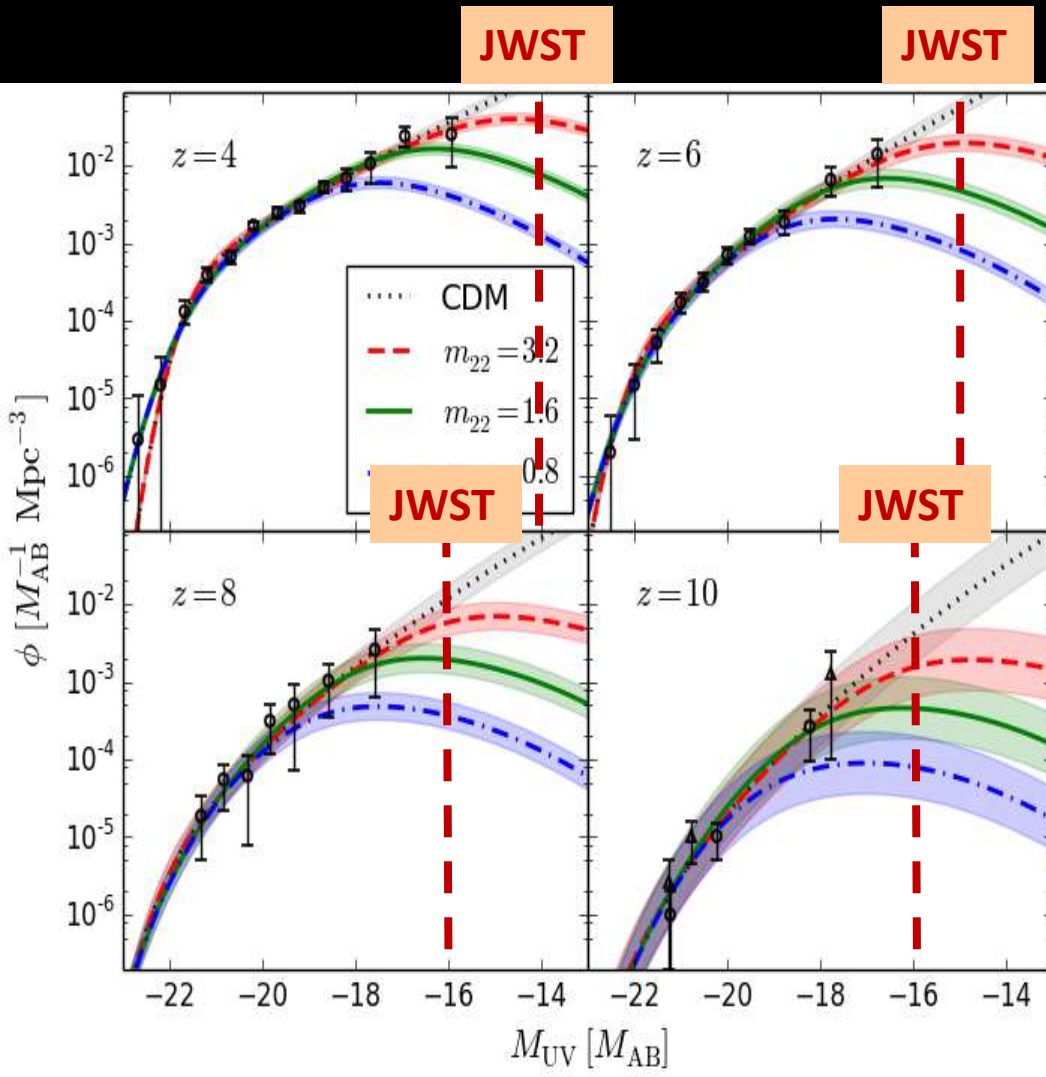


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1 Mpc/h

Luminosity Functions



Faintest HST bin: $m_{22} \geq 1.2$ (2σ)



Fitting to dwarfs: $m_{22} = 1.2 \pm 0.3$ (2σ)

Much more consistent than the warm dark matter

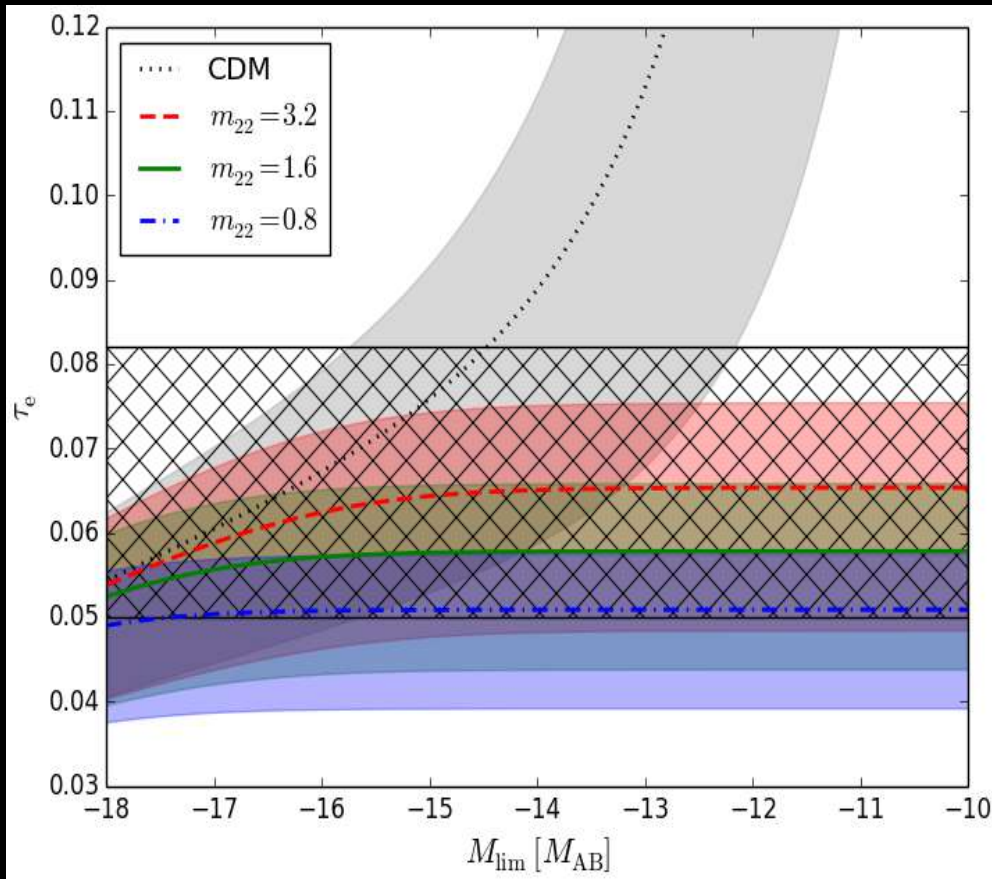
Suppression of low-mass halos

LF turns over slowly around $M_{UV} \geq -16$ at $z \geq 4$

Just beyond the currently detectable range

Directly testable with JWST and highly magnified galaxies in HST

Thomson Optical Depth (τ_e) of CMB



Planck 2015: $\tau_e = 0.066 \pm 0.016$ (1σ)

Both CDM & ψ DM can satisfy the observational constraints

- $m_{22} \geq 0.7$
- Consistent with other constraints

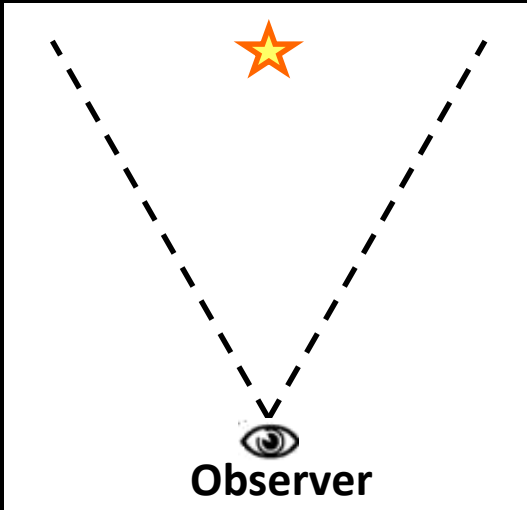
ψ DM: insensitive to M_{lim} (i.e., the faintest galaxies under consideration)

- Due to strong suppression of faint galaxies

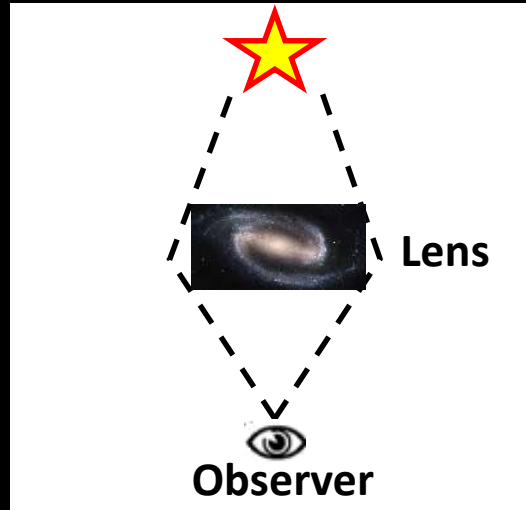
- Shaded regions: bound by most and least efficient reionization models

Magnification Bias by Lensing

Unlensed

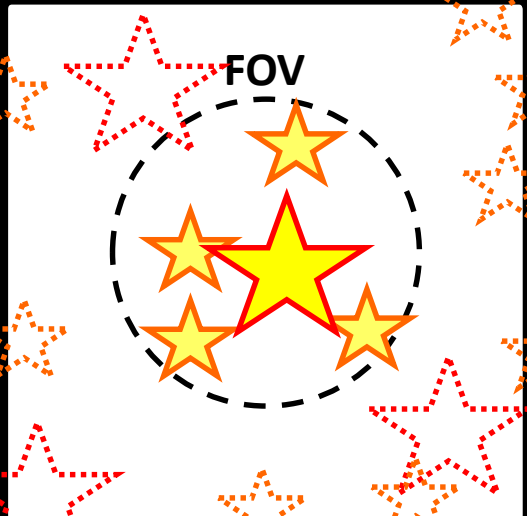


Lensed

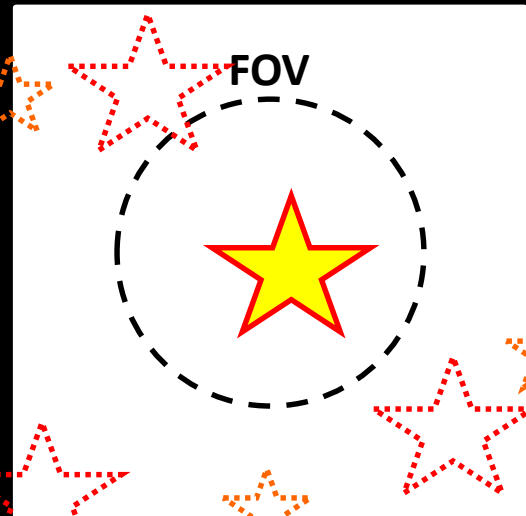


Magnified luminosity
vs.
Reduced field of view

$\rho_{\text{CDM}}(l, \text{lensed})$



$\rho_{\Psi\text{DM}}(l, \text{lensed})$



After lensing:
CDM galaxy number density $\uparrow$
 Ψ DM galaxy number density $\downarrow$

directly testable !!

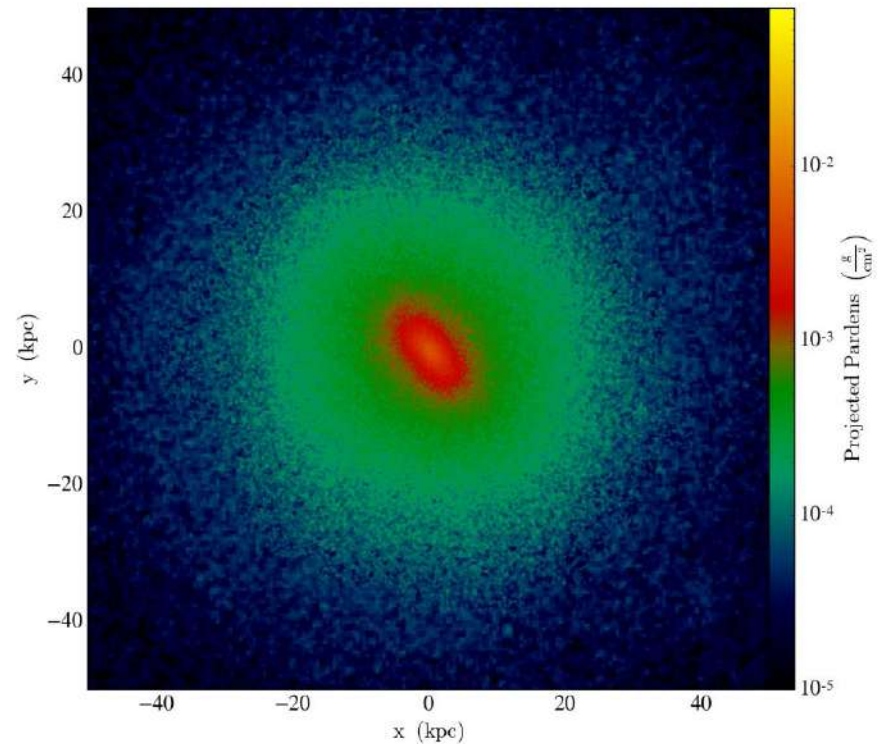
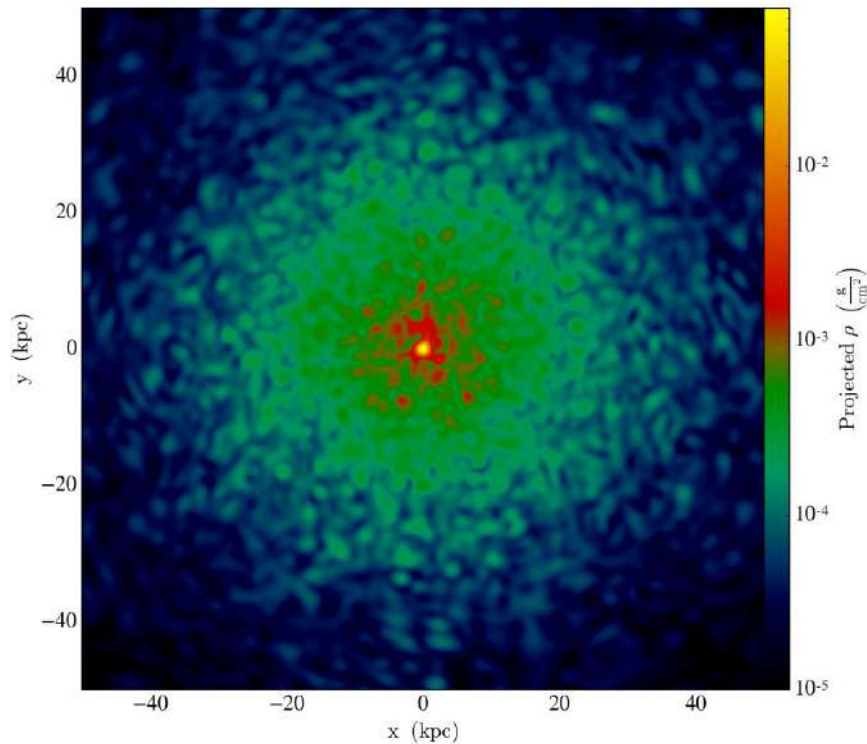
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Density Granules in ψ DM

ψ DM

CDM



- **Comparable size with the central soliton** $\rightarrow$ isothermal
- **100% modulated** $\rightarrow$ density can literally approach zero
- **Throughout the halo** $\rightarrow$ very different from the CDM substructures

Flux Anomalies in Strong Lensing

- Lensing flux anomalies common for quasars strongly lensed by galaxies: $\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 = 0$ for a smooth lens, but usually 10-50% residual (R)
- ψ DM granules naturally account for the observed flux anomalies

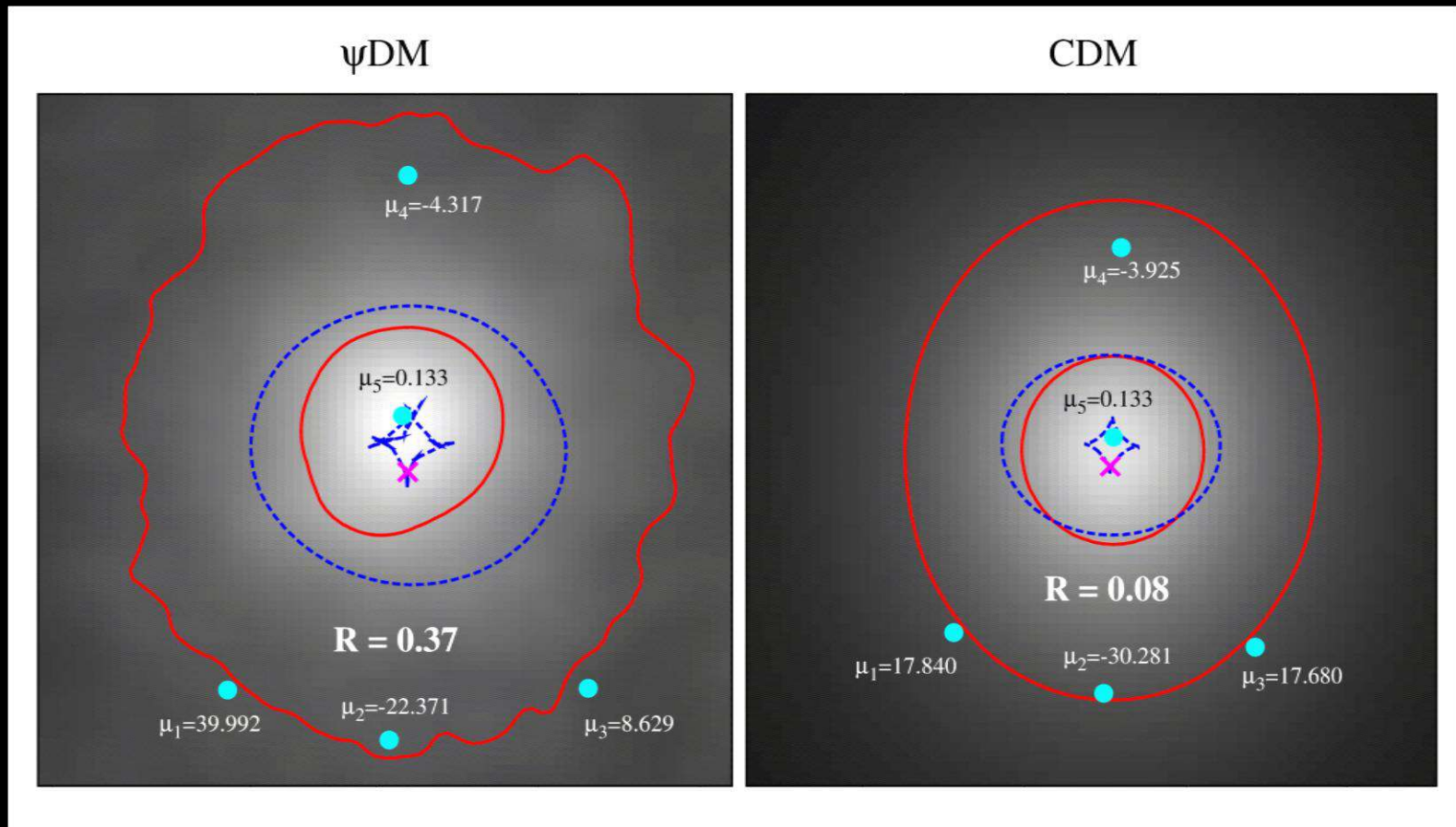
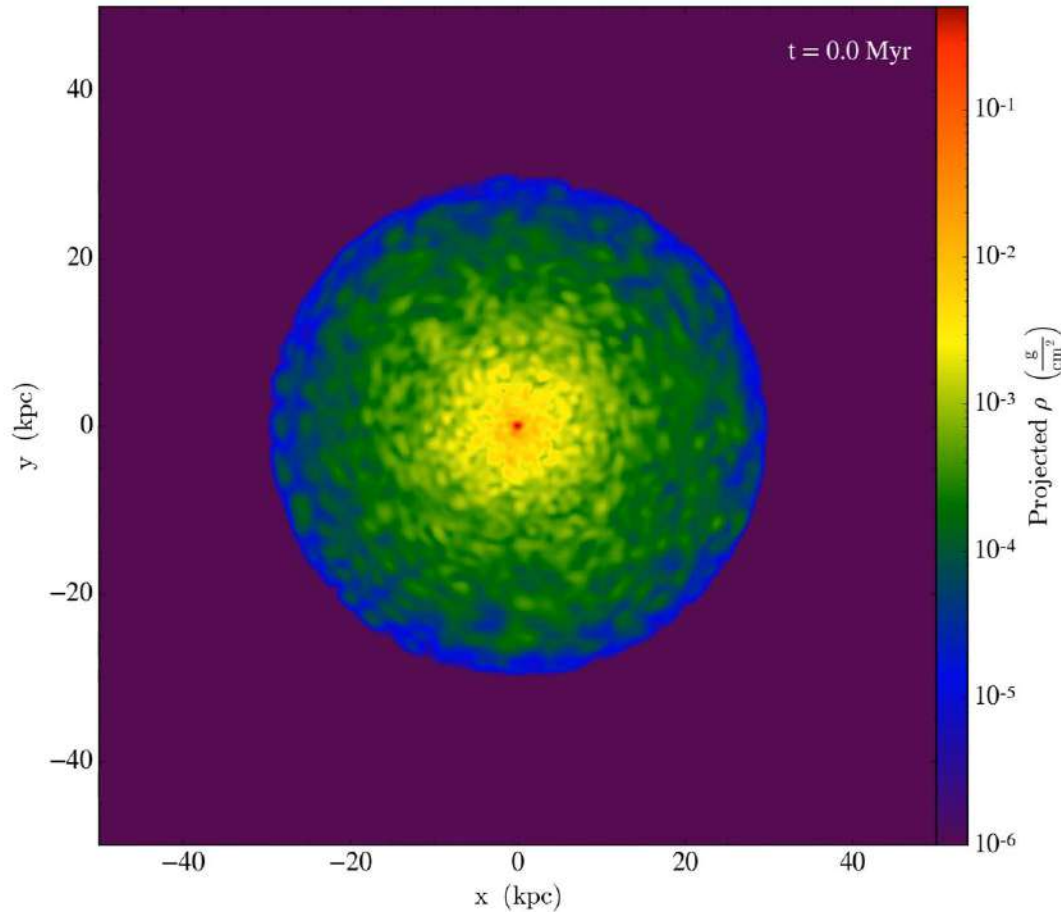


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Tidal Stripping



Are ψ DM halos more or less vulnerable to tidal disruption?

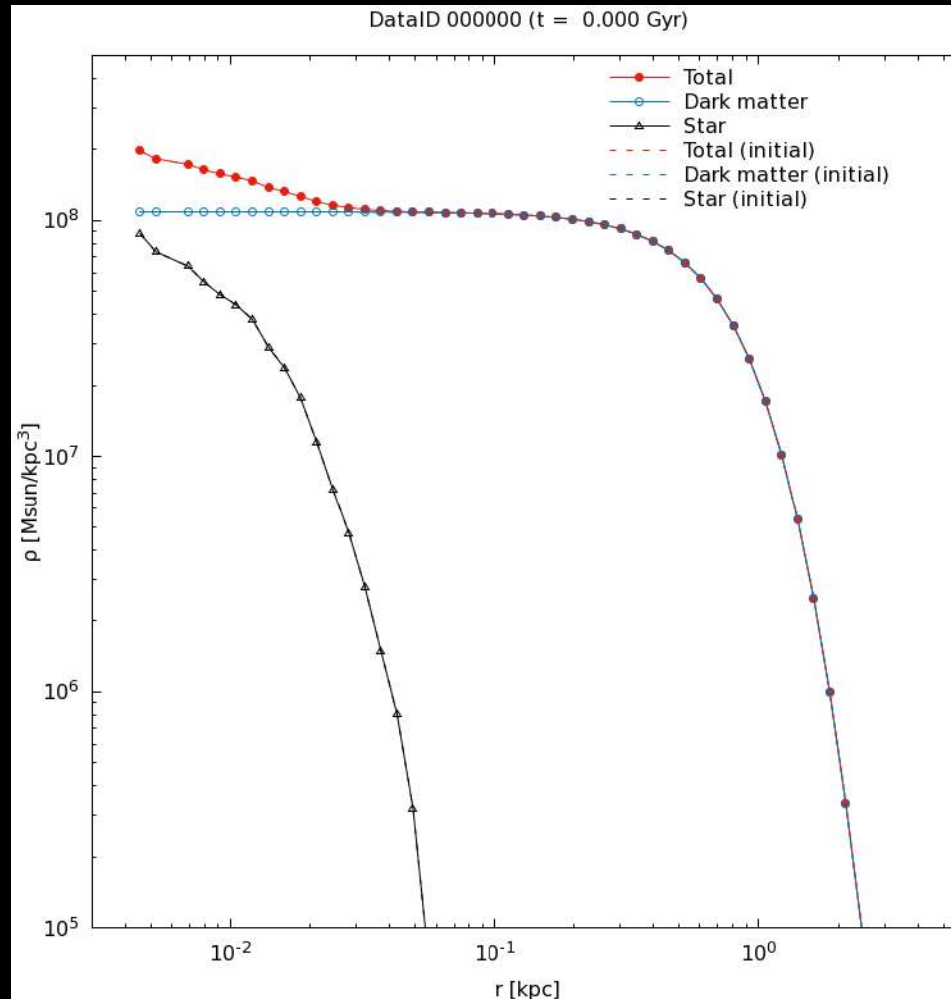
- Prominent soliton core
- Tunneling effect

How does it affect the core-halo relation?

Explain the observed high M/L ratios in dSph galaxies?

Heating of Star Cluster

- Soliton actually oscillates in time → may heat up the central star cluster
- **Question: can star clusters survive for a Hubble time?**



Other Testable Predictions

- **Soliton core**
 - ◆ Milky-Way mass within ~ 100 pc
 - Is there excessive mass?
 - ◆ Gravitational lensing
 - Small galaxies $\rightarrow$ fall short of critical lensing density $\rightarrow$ limiting Einstein radii
 - ◆ Rotation curves of low surface brightness (LSB) galaxies
 - Any sign of central soliton?
- **Suppress low-mass galaxies**
 - ◆ Dwarf galaxy count
 - Does ψ_{DM} predict a correct number?
 - ◆ Lyman-alpha forest
 - Probe small-scale structures
- **Density granules**
 - ◆ Stellar streams
 - Density granules may “heat up” the streams and create gaps

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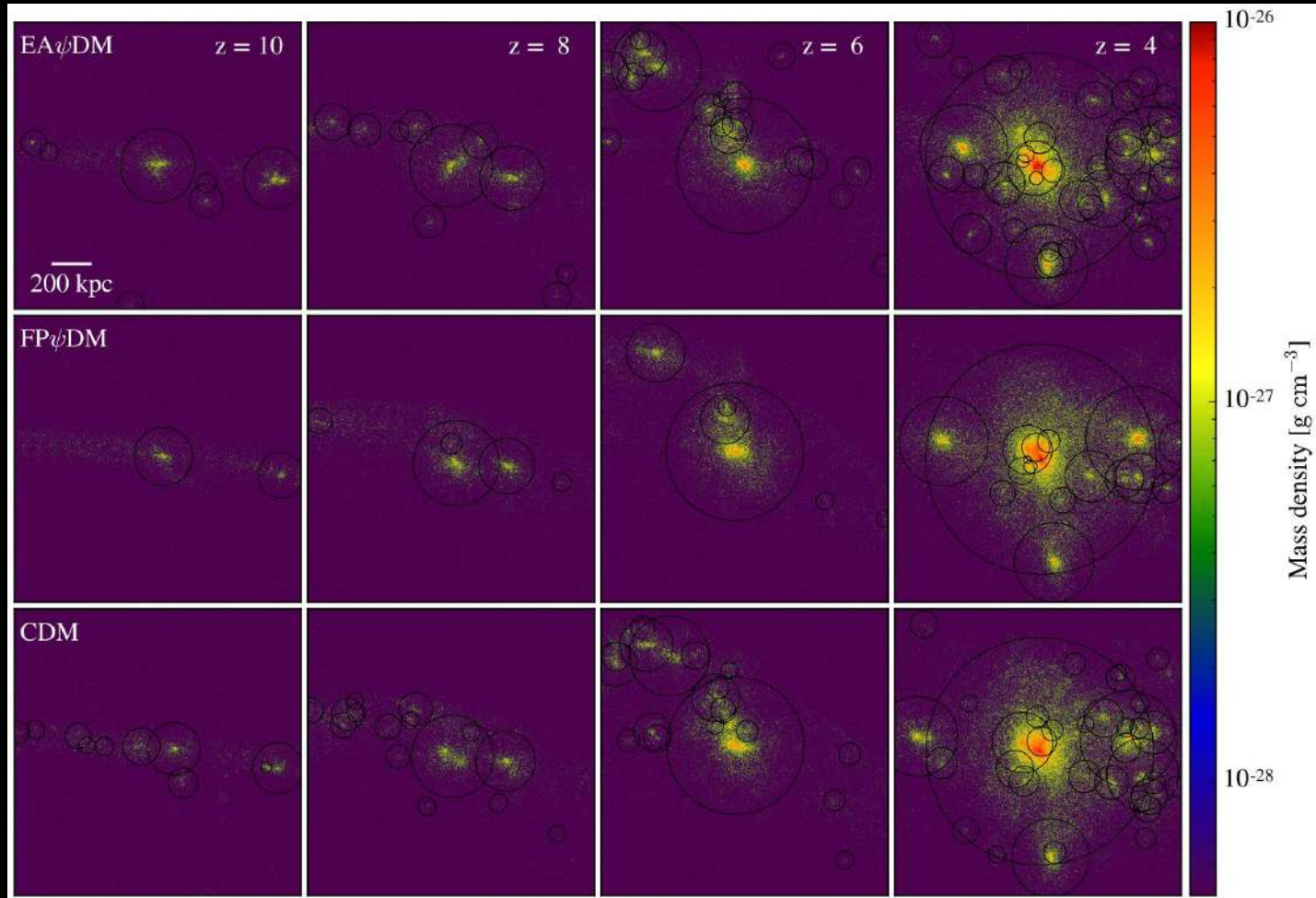
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Over Suppression of Low-mass Galaxies?

- Quantum pressure $P \propto m_\psi^{-1}$
 - ◆ $m_\psi \downarrow \Rightarrow P \uparrow$
 - ◆ $m_\psi \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$ fixed by Fornax dSph
 - ◆ Strongly suppress halos $< 10^9 M_\odot$
 - ◆ Make ψ DM halos more vulnerable to tidal disruption?
 - ◆ Does $m_\psi \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$ overly suppress the low-mass galaxies?
- Number of Milky Way Satellite Galaxies
 - ◆ 14 $\rightarrow$ 59 since 2006 (SDSS + DES)
- Lyman-alpha Forest
 - ◆ Probe the small-scale power spectrum in the quasi-linear regime
 - ◆ Demand $m_\psi \sim 10^{-21} \text{ eV} \rightarrow 10\times$ larger!
 - ◆ Plausible solution: extreme-axion ψ DM model
 - Larger cut-off wavenumber in the initial power spectrum
 - More substructures

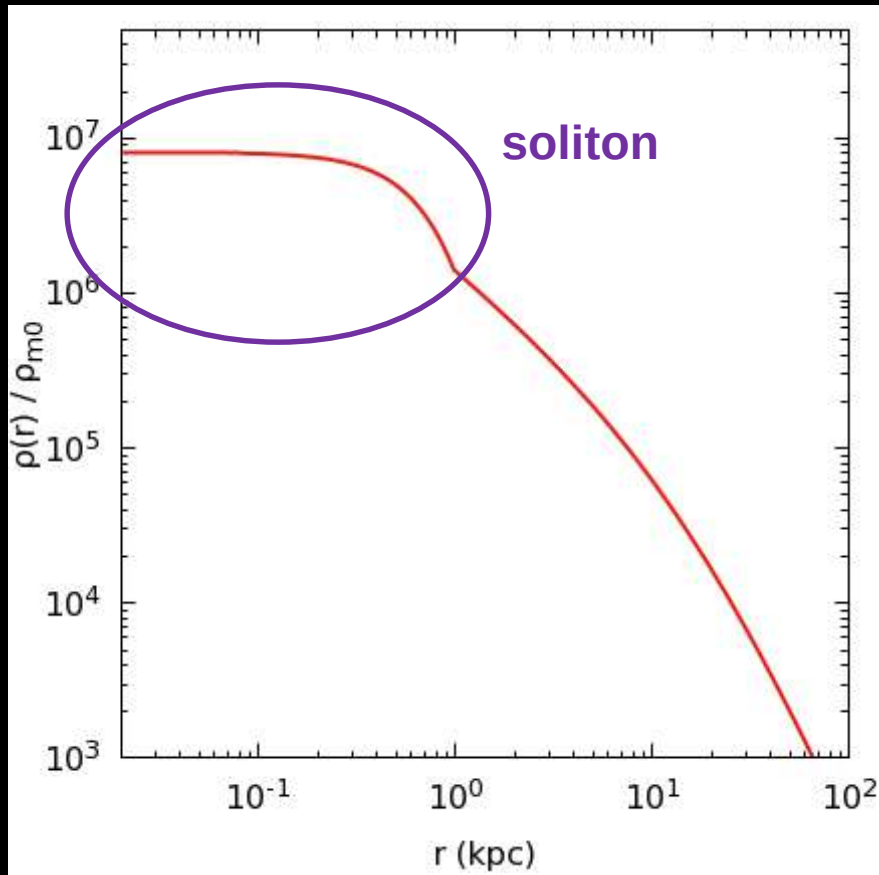
Extreme Axion

- Significantly increase the number of low-mass galaxies
 - ◆ Comparable to CDM for halos $> 10^9 M_{\odot}$

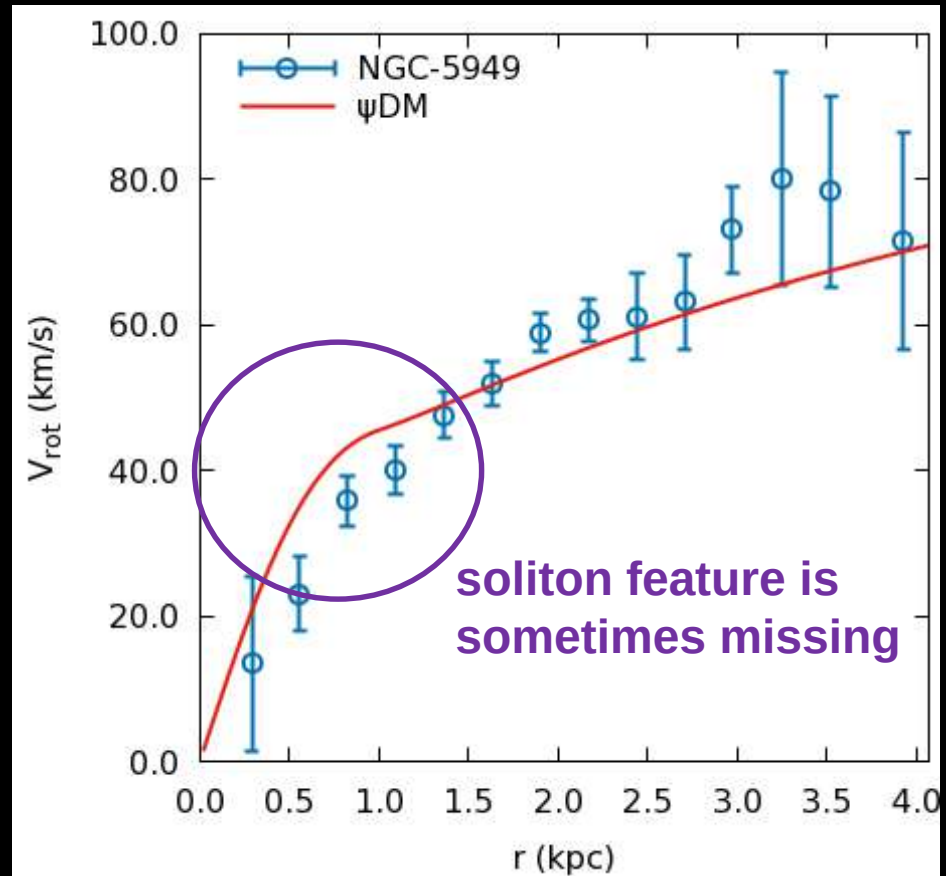


Missing Soliton in Rotation Curve?

Density Profile



Rotation Curve



- Possible solutions:
 - More complicated interaction between soliton, gas, and stars?
 - Soliton jiggling?

Summary

- **ψ DM** (wave dark matter)
 - ◆ Interference everywhere → **soliton, density granules**
 - ◆ Quantum pressure → suppress low-mass galaxies
 - ◆ Comparisons with observations → **$m_\psi \sim 10^{-22}$ eV**
 - ◆ Core-halo mass relation
 - ◆ Major challenges
 - Lyman-alpha forest
 - Missing solitons in rotation curves
- **GAMER-2** (GPU-accelerated Adaptive Mesh Refinement)
 - ◆ **10 – 100** times faster than other AMR codes
 - ◆ Cutting-edge applications that were **previously infeasible**