

Dark matter halos in numerical simulations

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Dark Side II, 2008

Overview

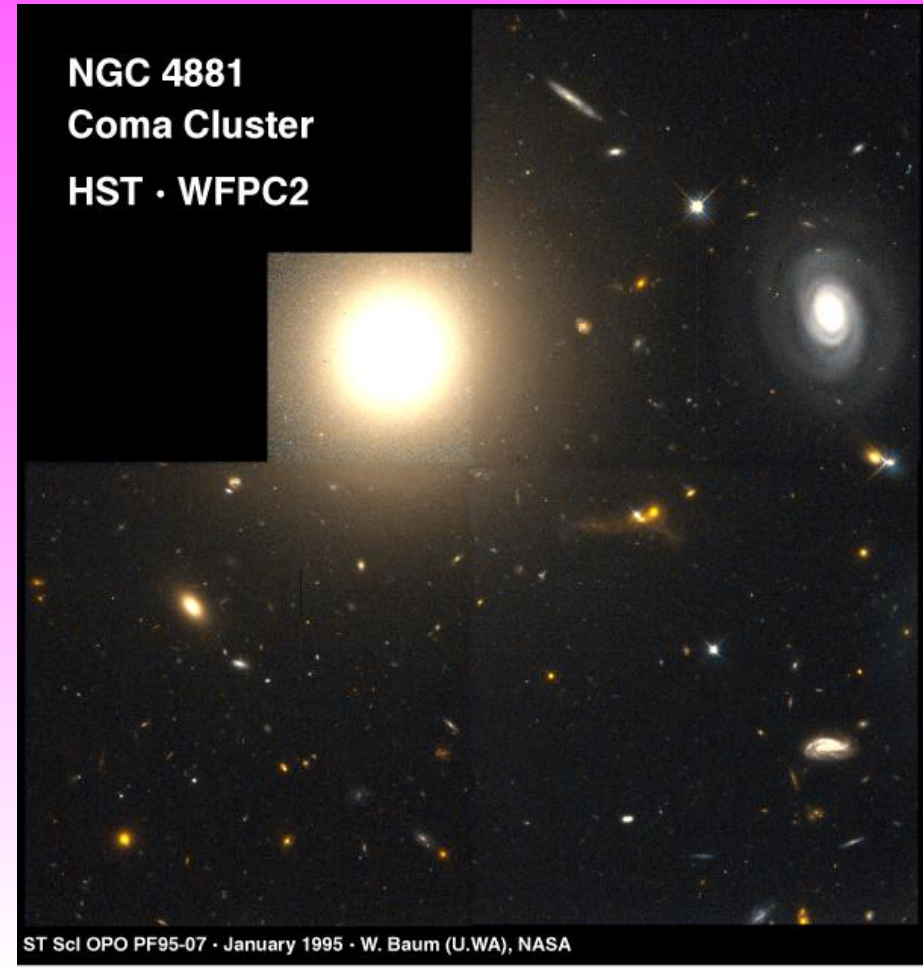
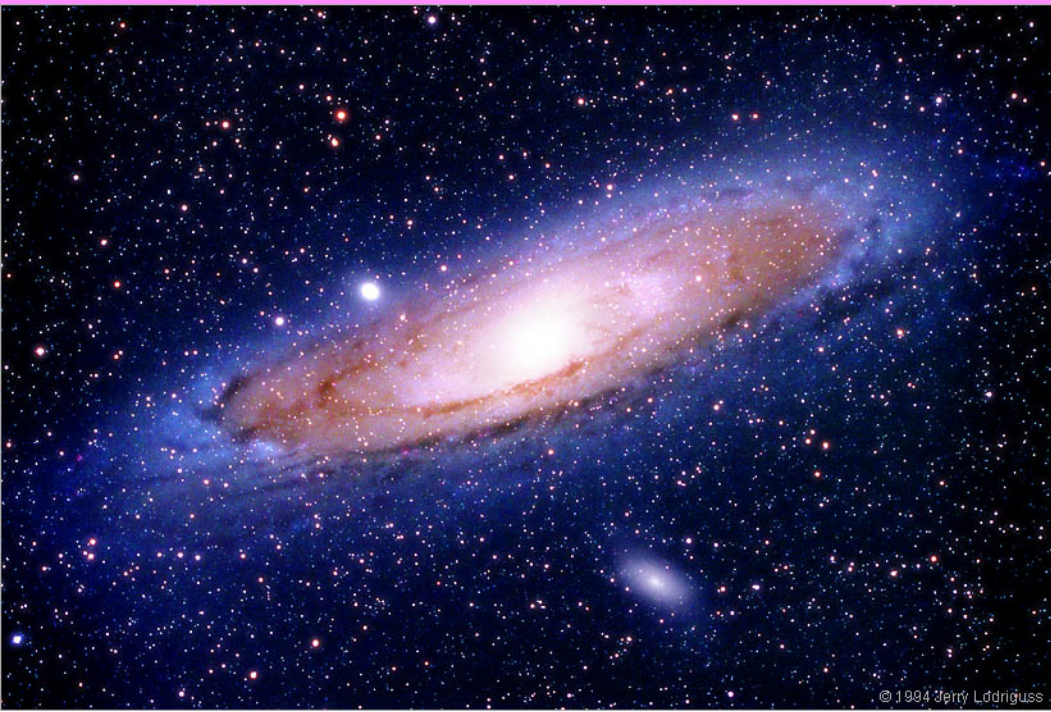
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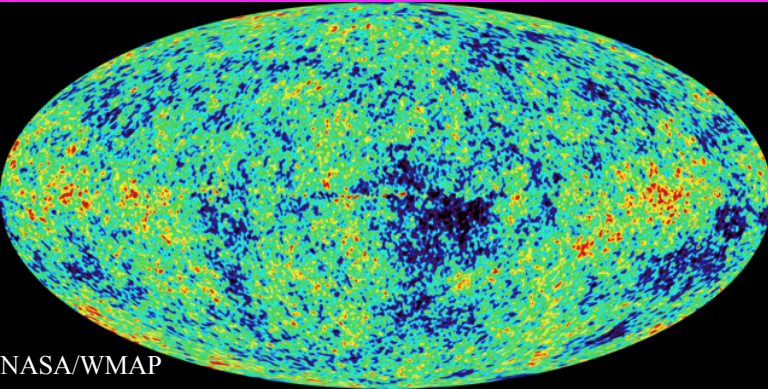
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What are dark matter halos?

- Bound, collapsed, virialized, ellipsoids
- Hosts to galaxies, groups, and clusters
- Rotation curves, lensing, x-rays \rightarrow Dark matter
- Overdensity $\Delta \sim 200$



Simulation Techniques

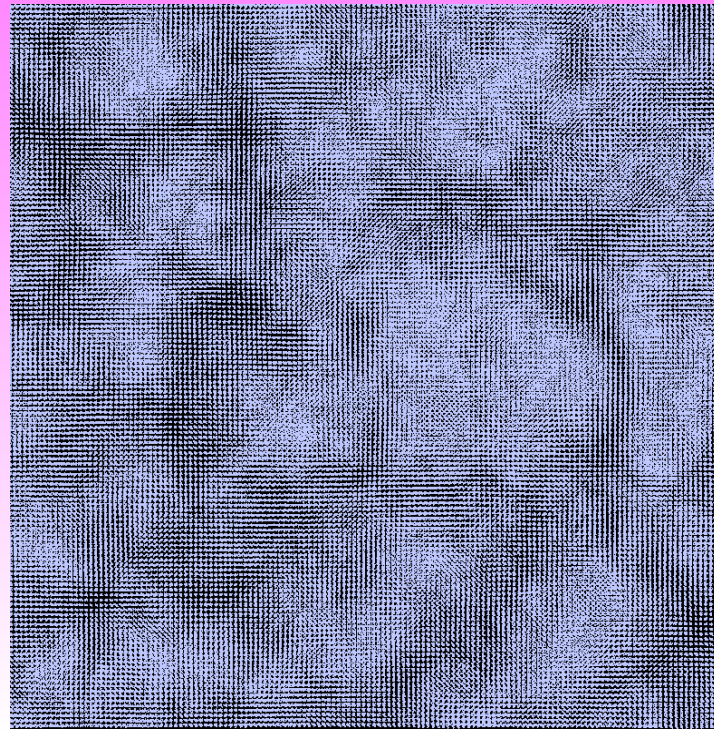


+ Hi-z SNe,
2df, etc. →

Cosmological parameters:
($\Omega=0.25$, $\Lambda=0.75$, $\sigma_8=0.9$,
 $H_0=73$, $n_s=1$)

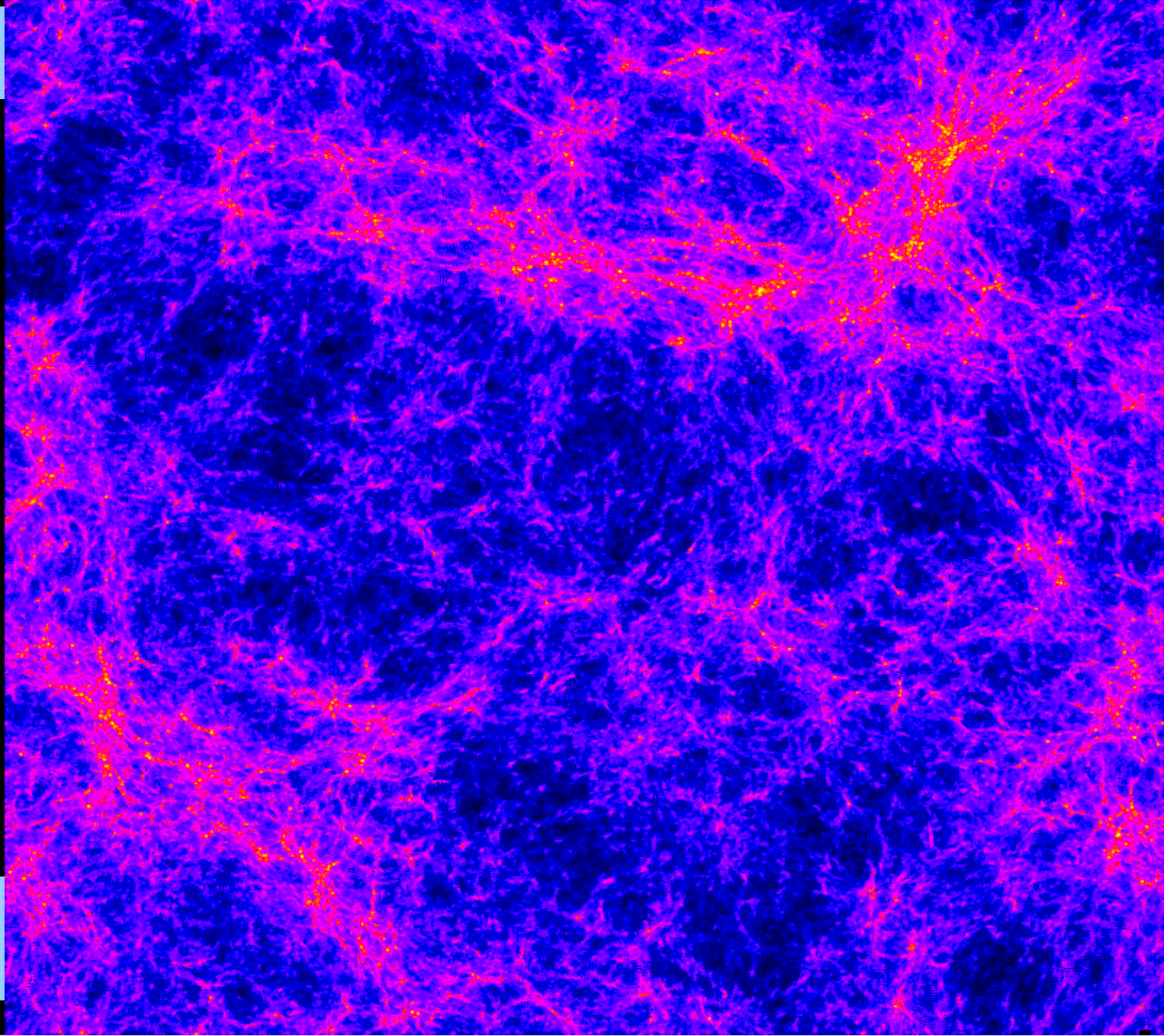
σ_8 : amplitude of power
spectrum,
(rms mass fluctuation
of 8 Mpc/h spheres)

→ High-z
(linear)
gaussian
random
realization →



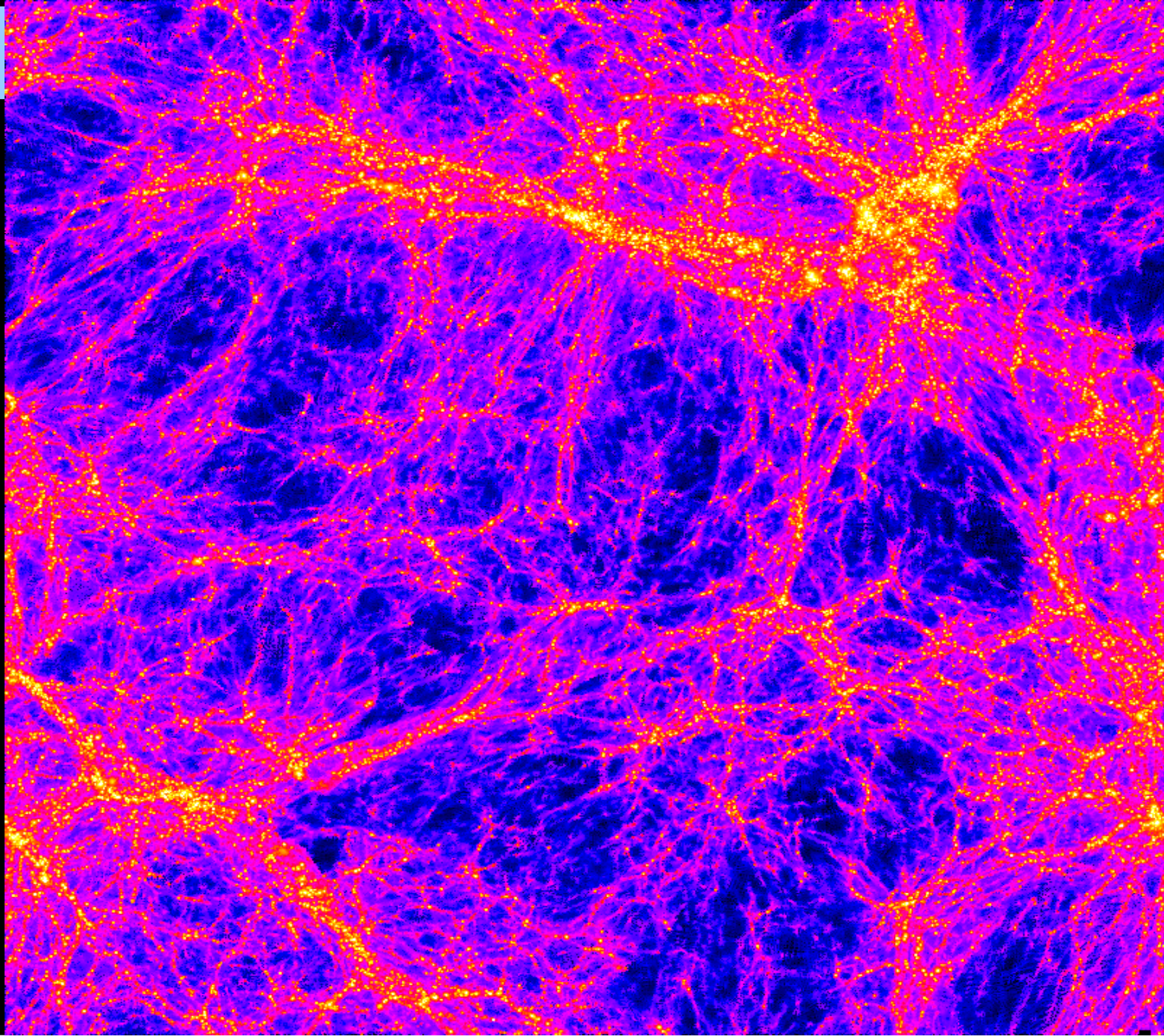
→ Evolve particles
(gravity)
L-GADGET2
(PM-tree code
V. Springel)
GASOLINE
(Stadel,
Wadsley,
Quinn)

$z=10$

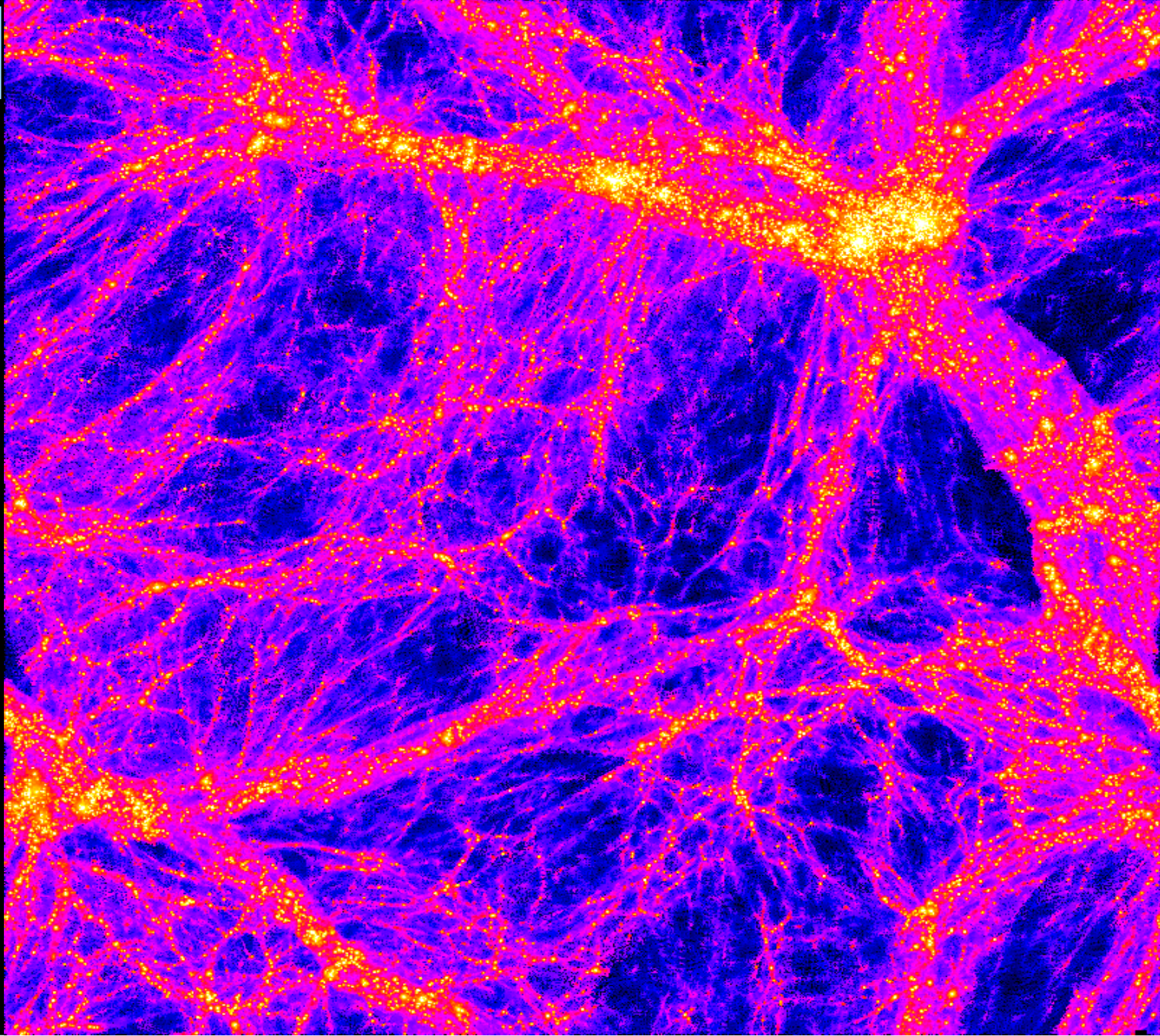


12 Mpc/h

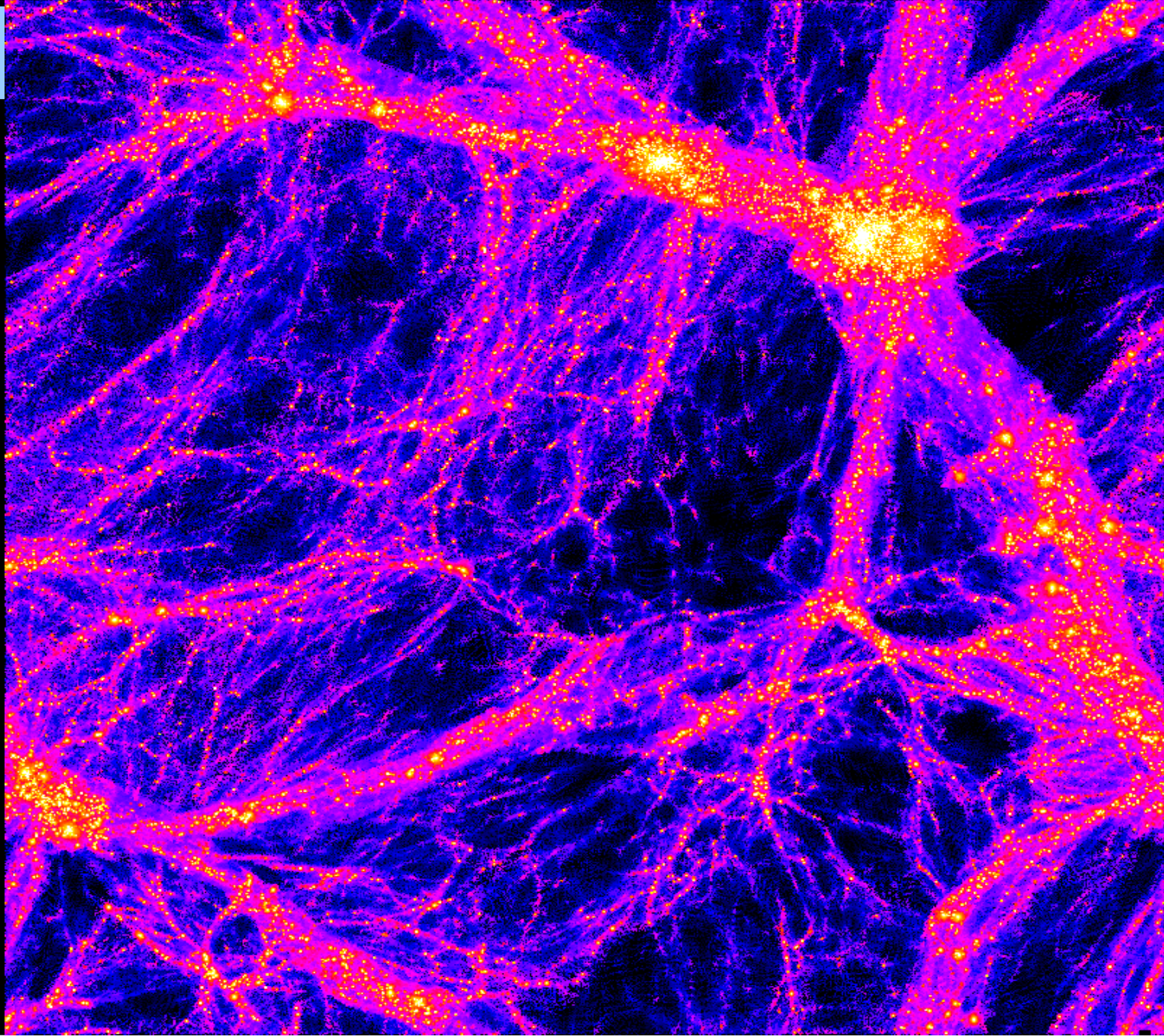
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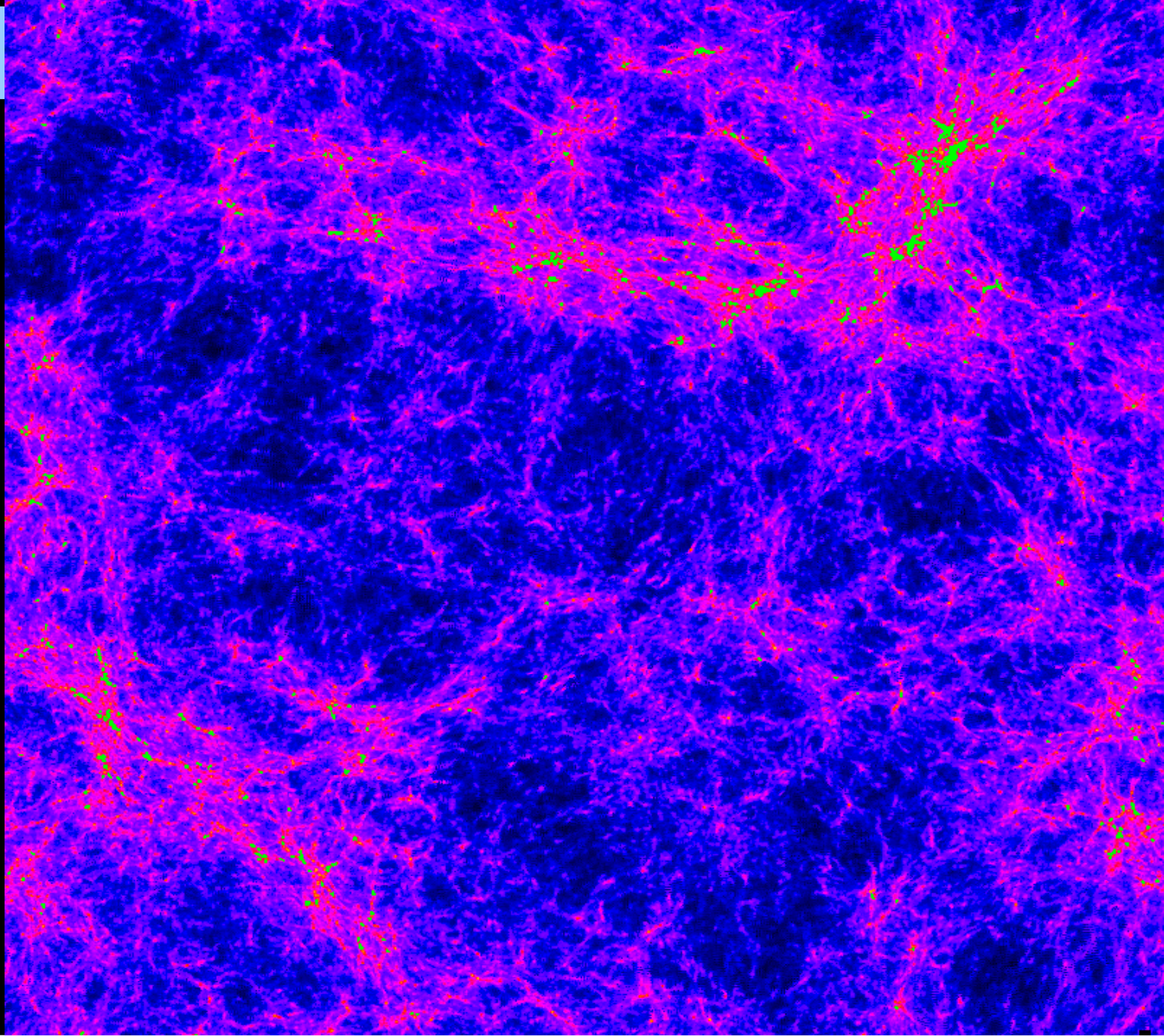
$z=1$



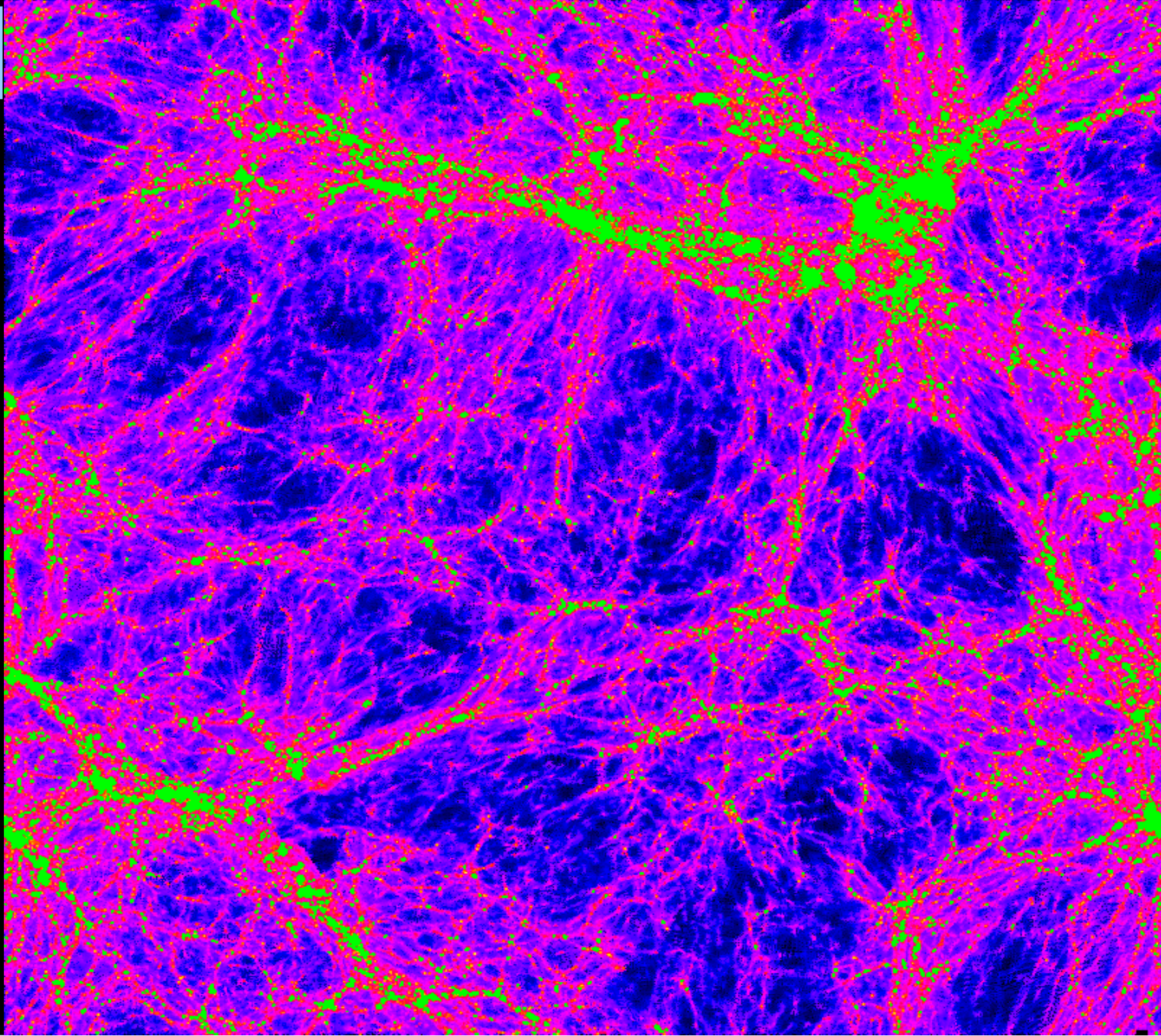
$z=0$



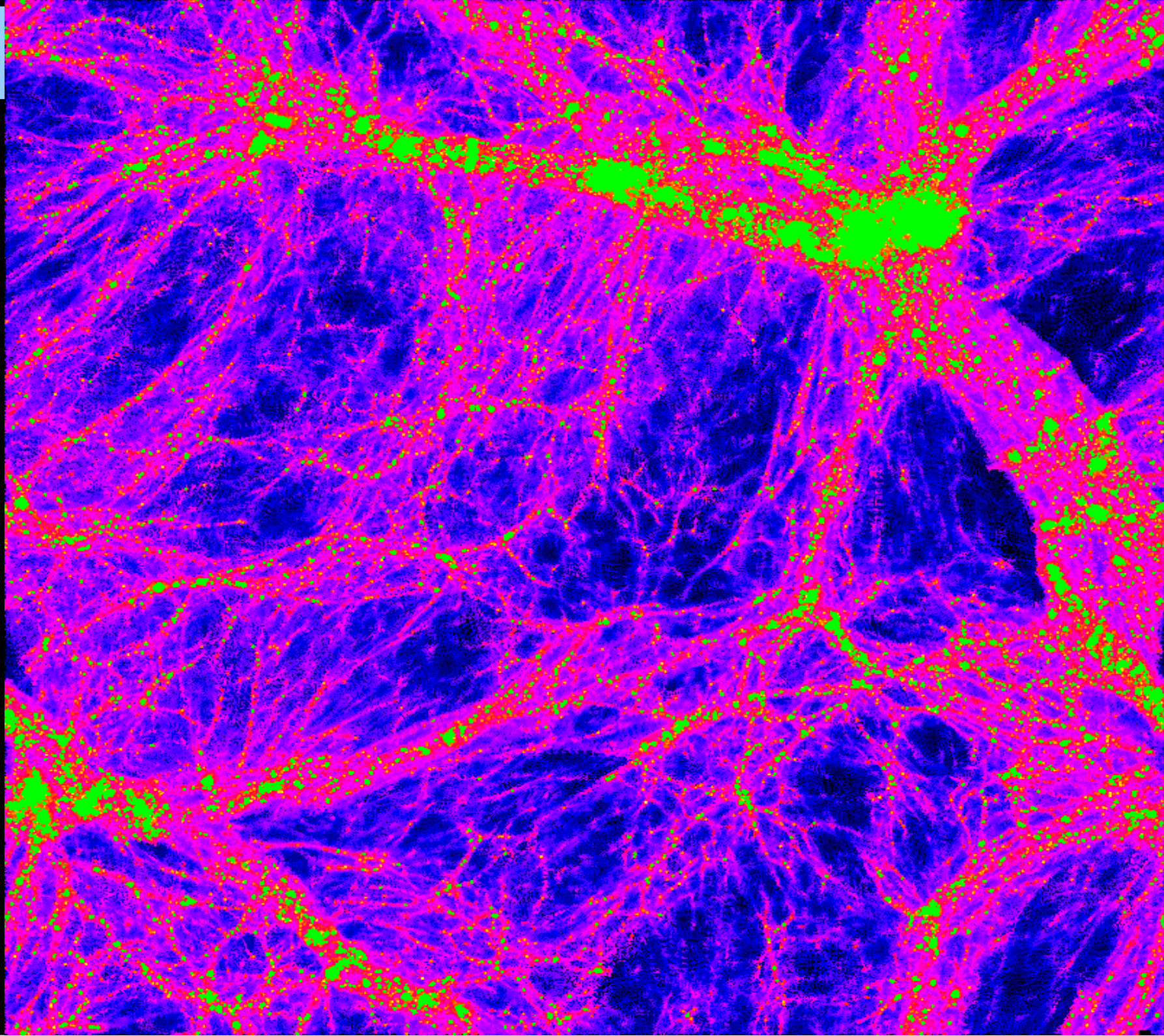
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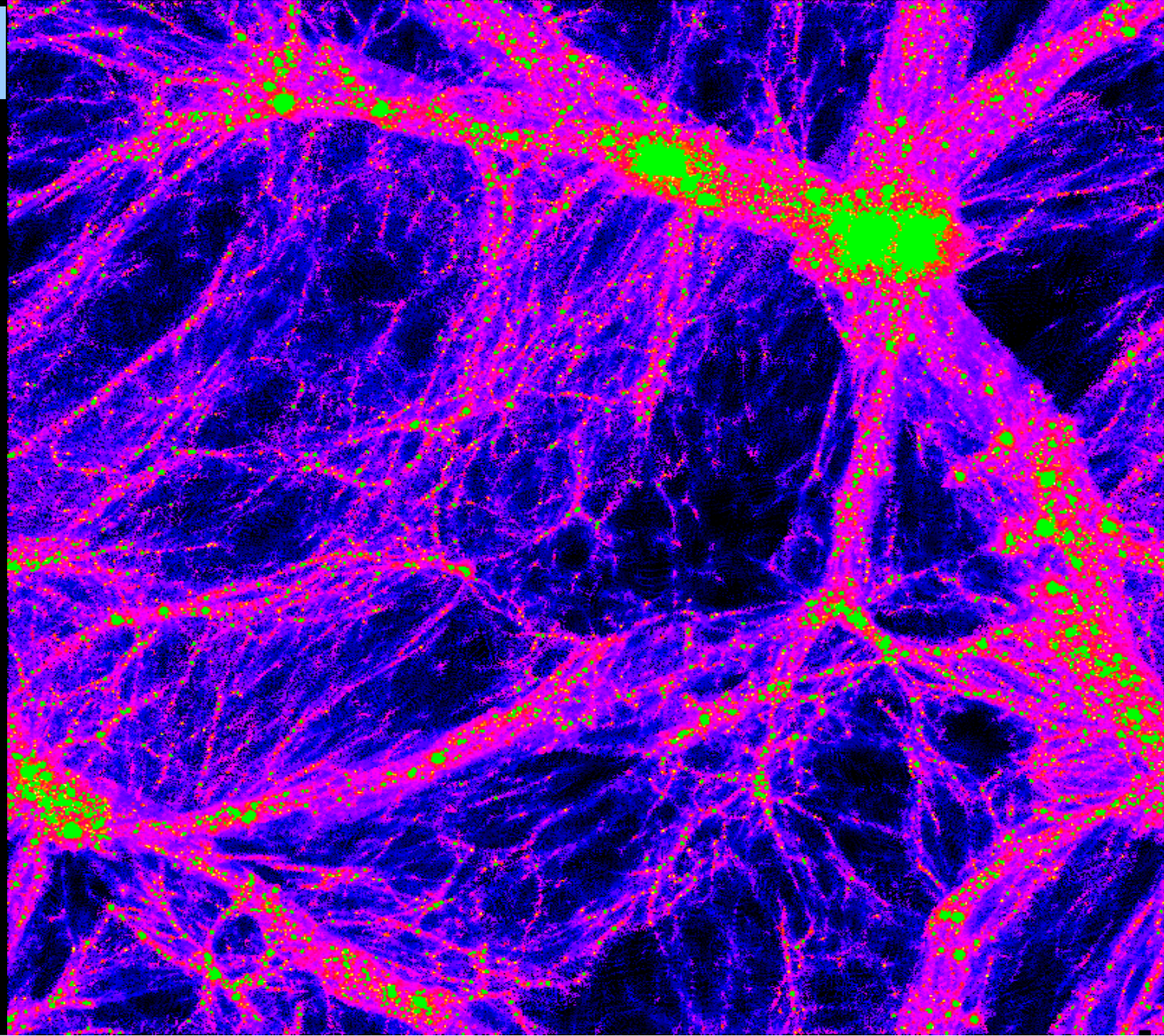
$z=3$



$z=1$



$z=0$



What is a halo? friends-of-friends

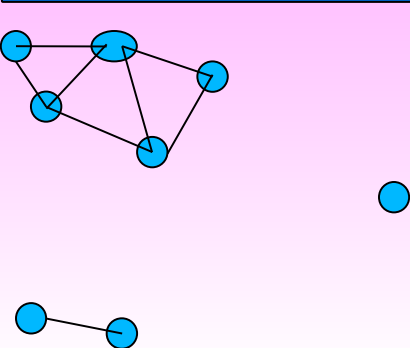
\sim iso-density

link length $\sim 0.2 l_{\text{mean}}$

\rightarrow \sim “universal” halo

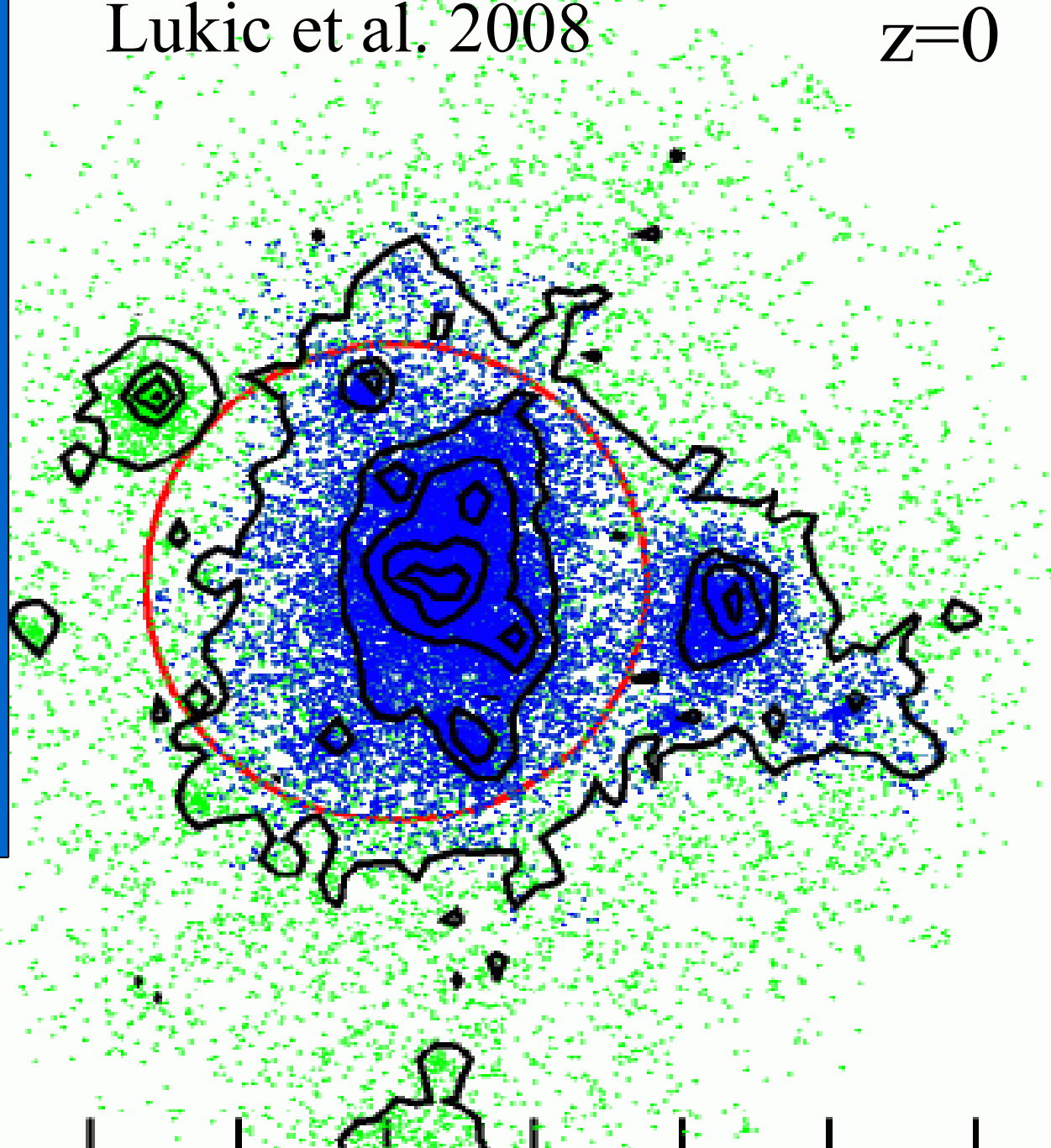
mass function

$f(\sigma_{\text{mass}}(m))$ (Jenkins
et al 2001)



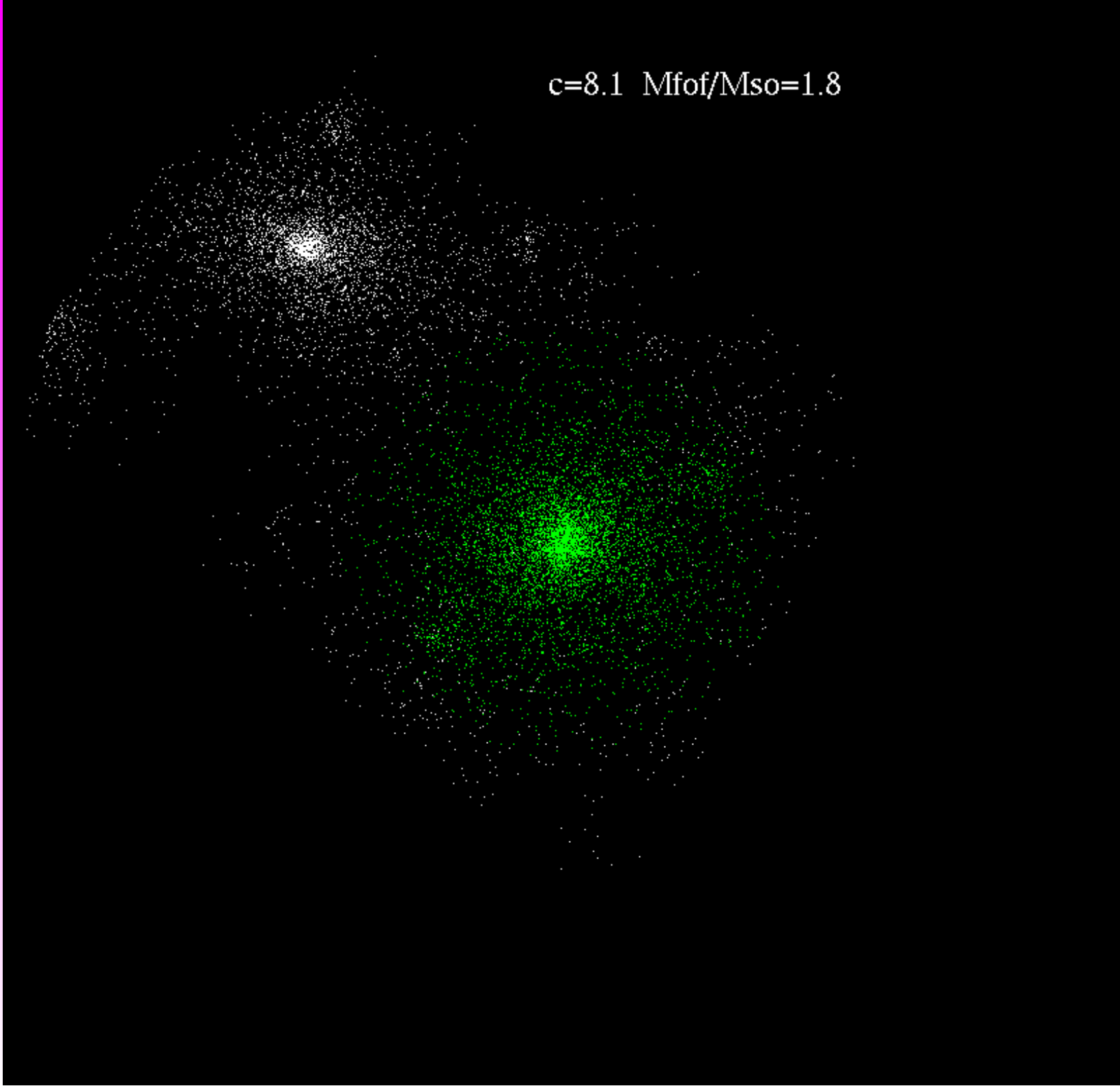
Lukic et al, 2008

$z=0$



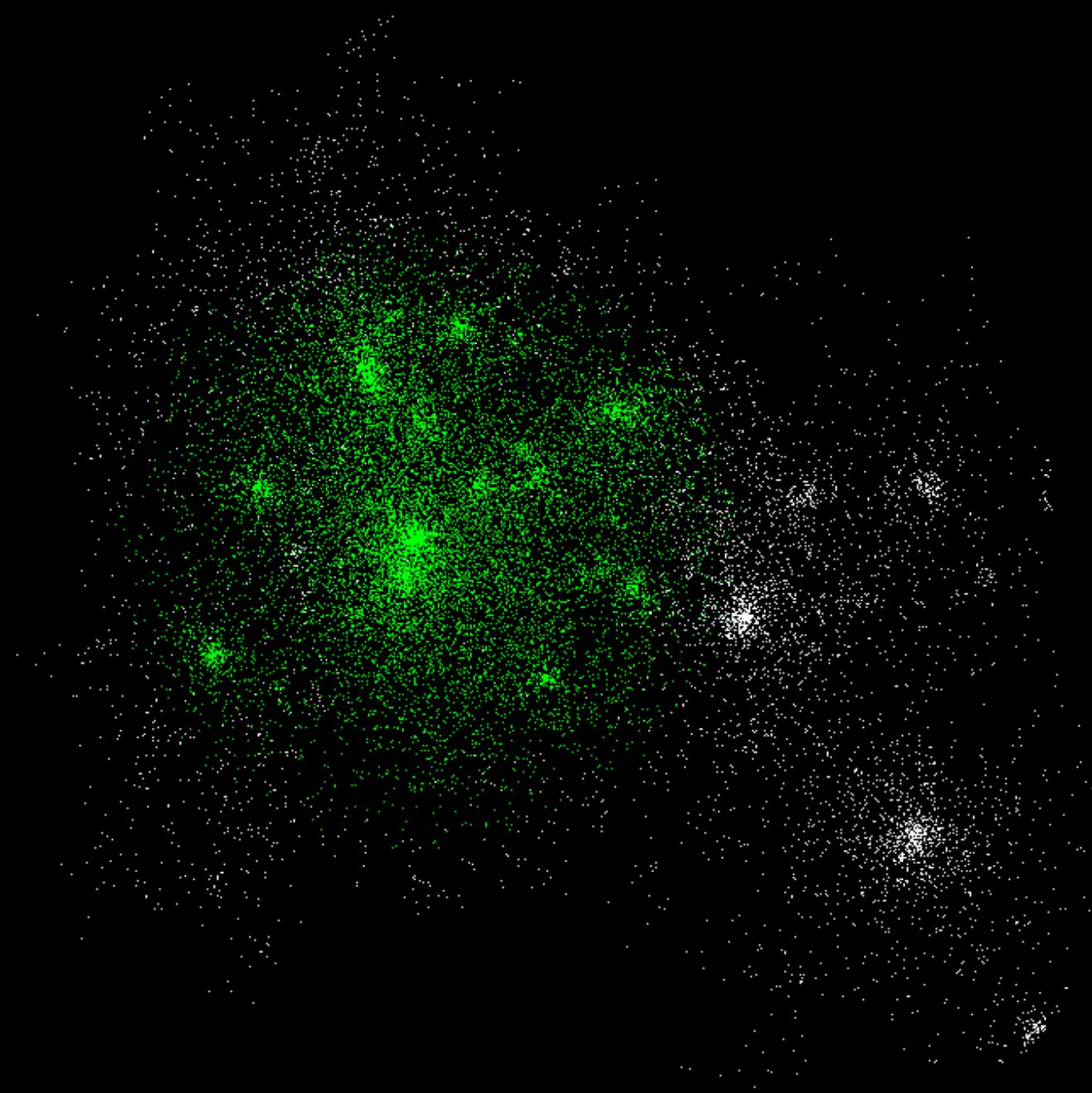
What is a
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$c=8.1$ $M_{\text{fof}}/M_{\text{so}}=1.8$



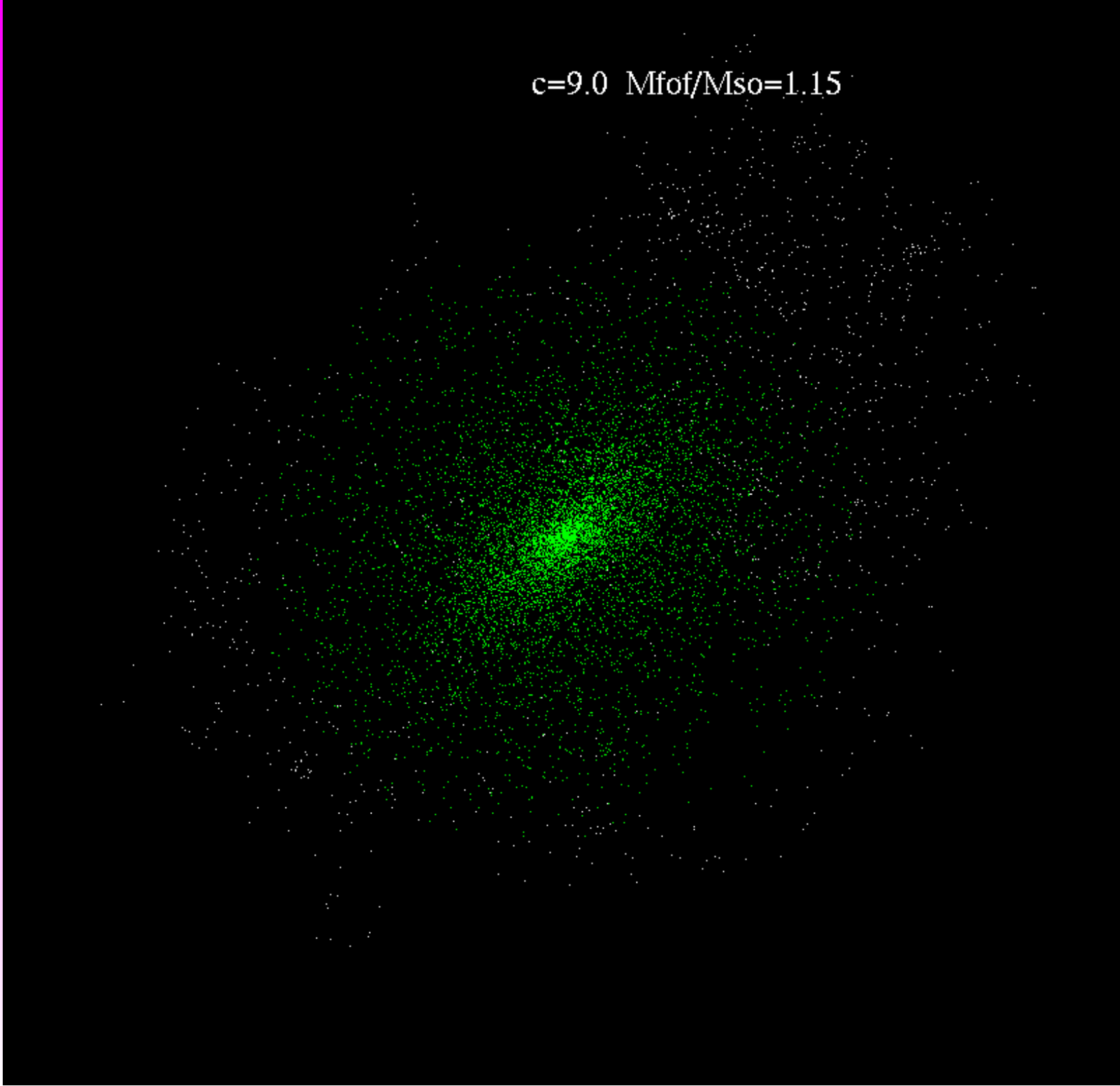
What is a
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$c=1.4$ $M_{\text{fof}}/M_{\text{so}}=1.37$



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$c=9.0$ $M_{\text{fof}}/M_{\text{so}}=1.15$



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why simulate halos?

Cosmological probe:

numbers: e.g. halo numbers vs. cluster numbers

clustering: halo bias relates observable galaxies to underlying mass distribution ($p(k)$)

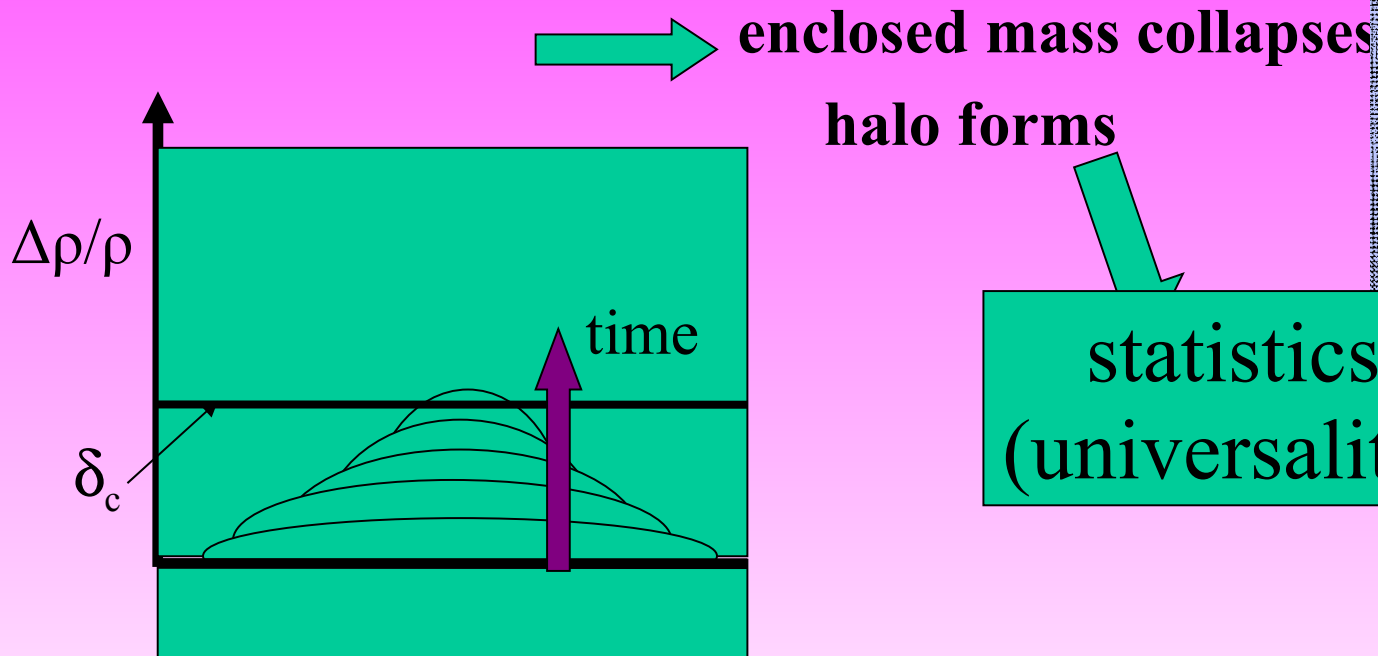
internal structure: satellite numbers, density profiles

Astrophysics: e.g. galaxy formation

Halos: Press & Schechter approach

- $P(k)$, initial gaussian random field of linear fluctuations

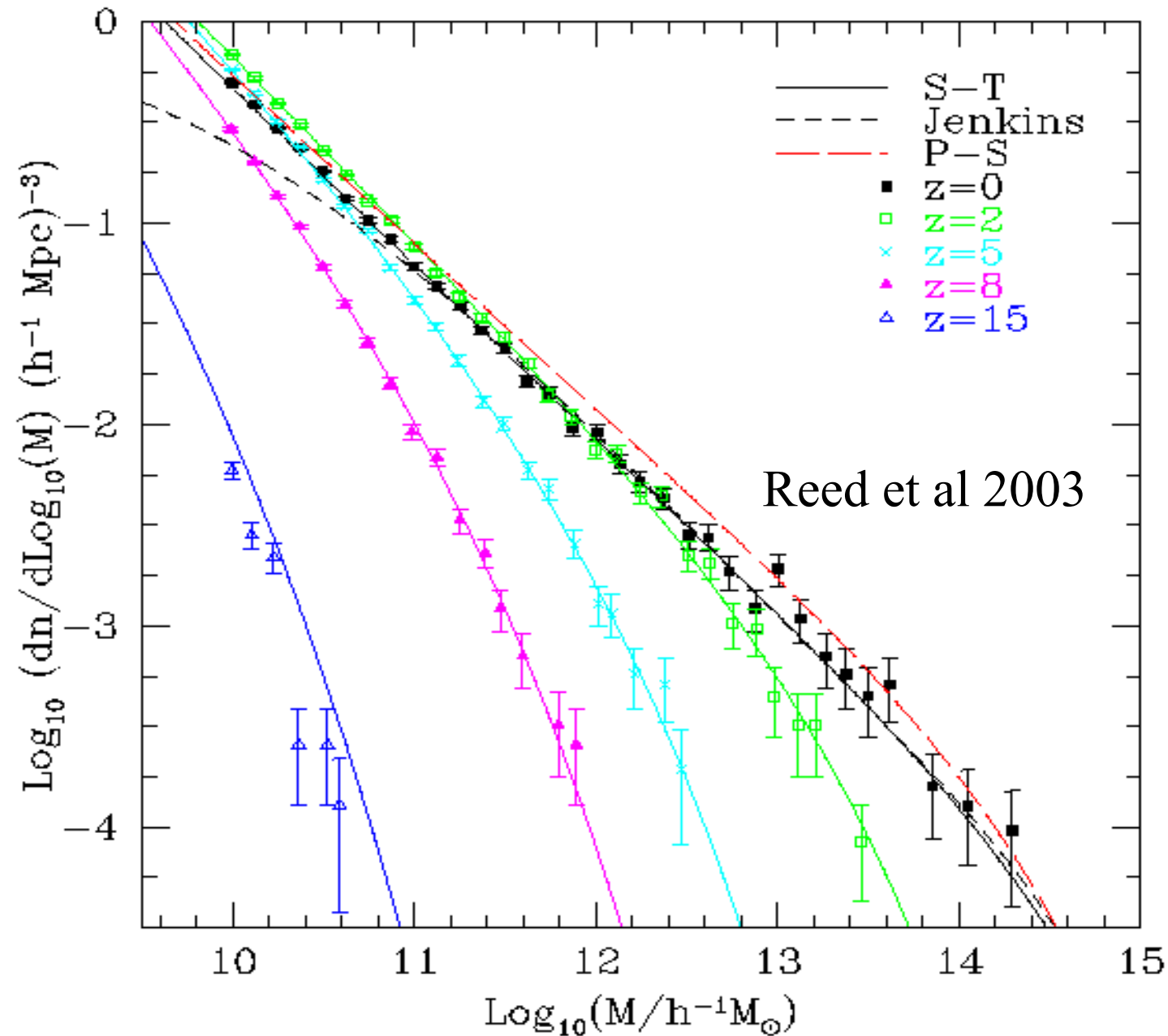
- Spherical fluctuations grow (linear, $\Delta\rho/\rho$) until critical overdensity, $\delta_c=1.686$



- $P(k) \rightarrow \sigma^2(M)$ (cosmology dependent)

$n(m,z)$
clustering

Solid: Sheth & Tormen fit/“prediction”: ellipsoidal collapse



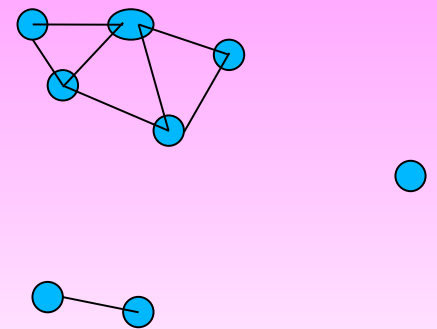
Halo selection:

1-friends-of-friends

links together particles

separated by $< '1.1.'$

1.1.=0.2 mean part. sep.



ionized, $z > 1100$ (CMB)

first light

stars ignite

old galaxies

oldest galaxies

ignition of first stars

oldest light

neutral --> 21cm

379,000 years

200 million years

1 billion years

Here & Now

dark ages

reionized, $z \approx 6$

HST

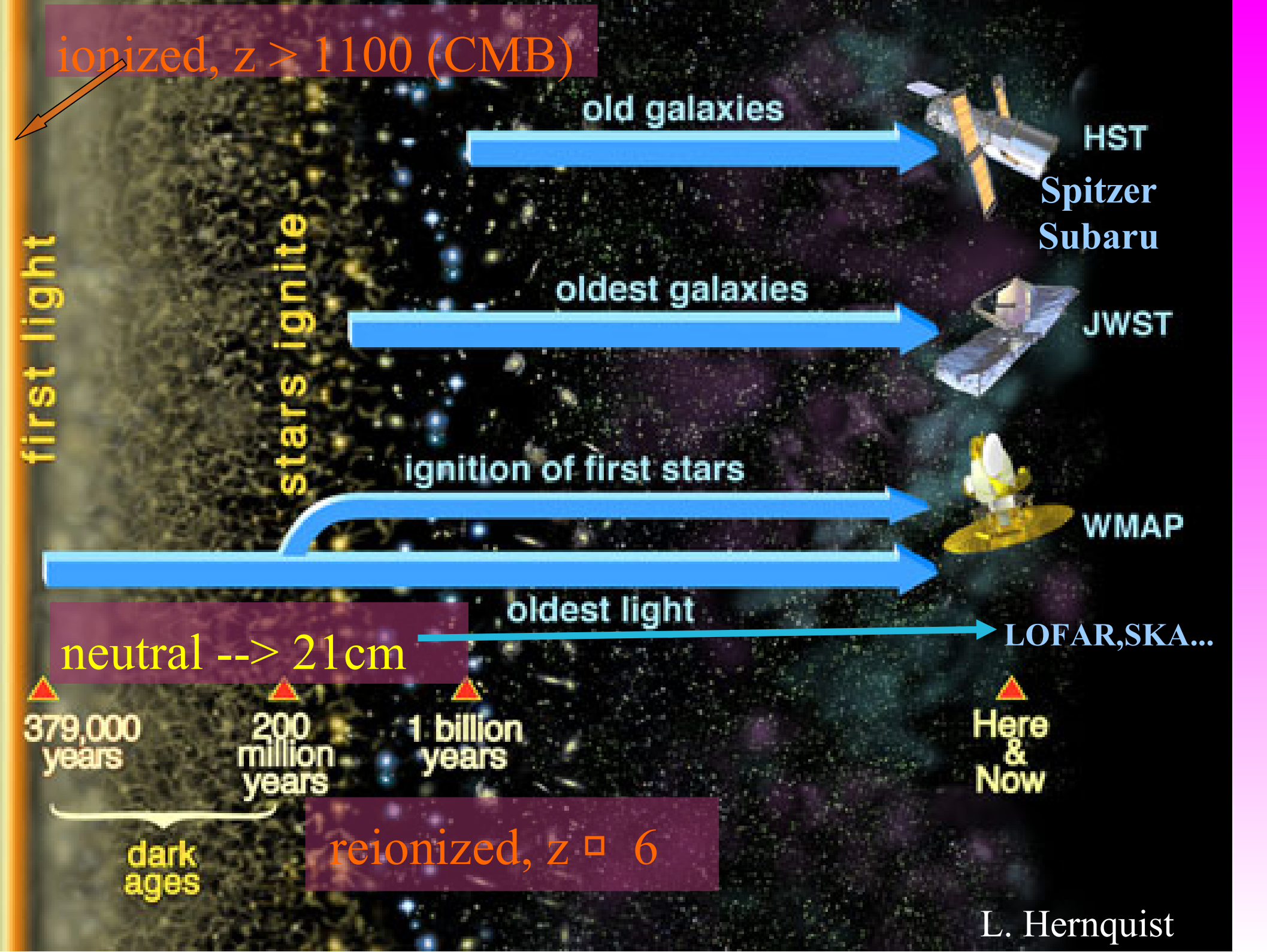
Spitzer
Subaru

JWST

WMAP

LOFAR, SKA...

L. Hernquist



star formation in metal free gas

mini-halo

$T_{\text{vir}} > \sim 2000\text{K}$:

$M_{\text{halo}} \geq \sim 10^{5.5} M_{\text{sun}}$

$\text{H} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}^- + \text{h}\nu$

$\text{H}^- + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{e}^-$

H_2 line cooling

Inefficient

$T_{\text{vir}} > 10^4\text{K}$:

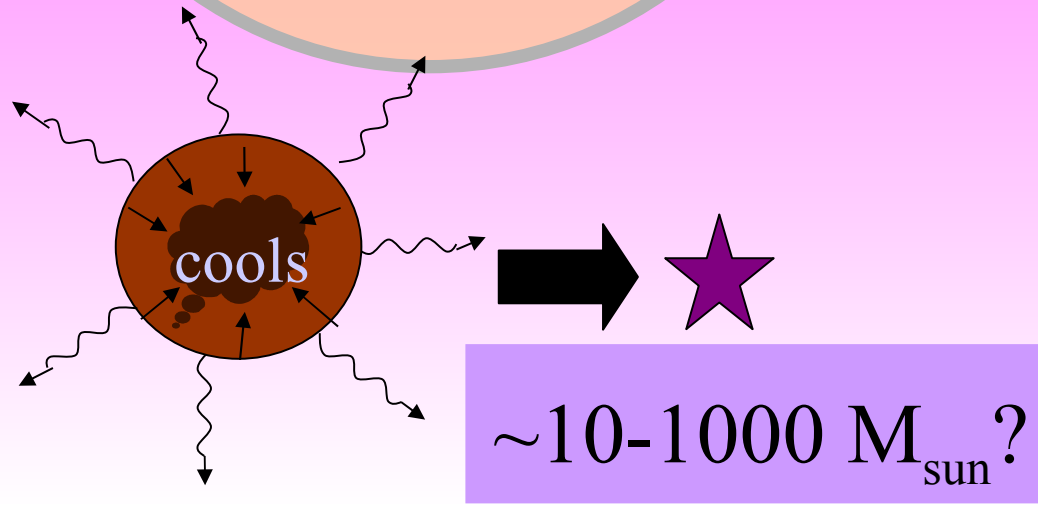
$M_{\text{halo}} \geq \sim 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$

Atomic cooling

Efficient

lots of stars?

1st galaxies?

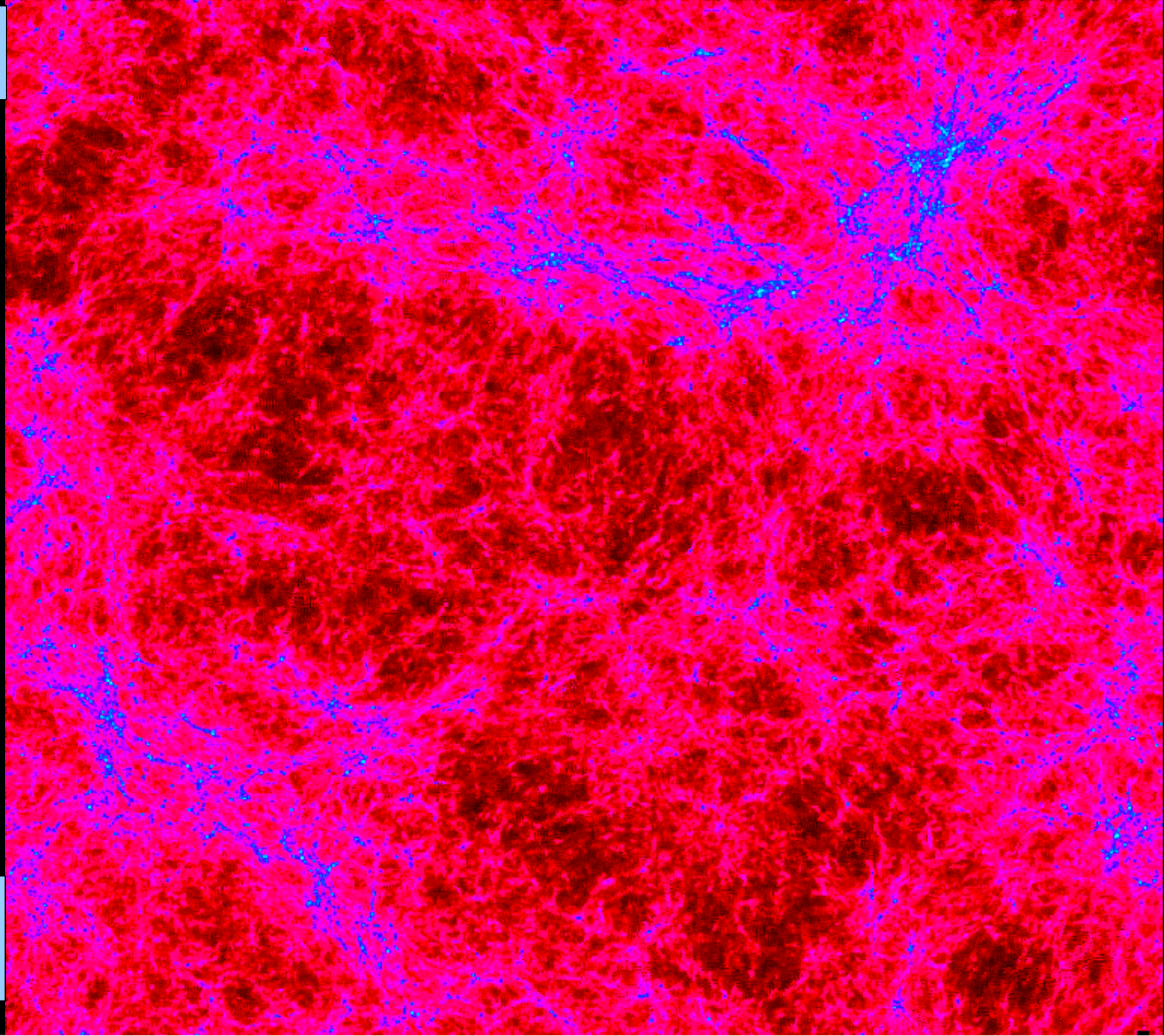


high z (reionizing era) halos

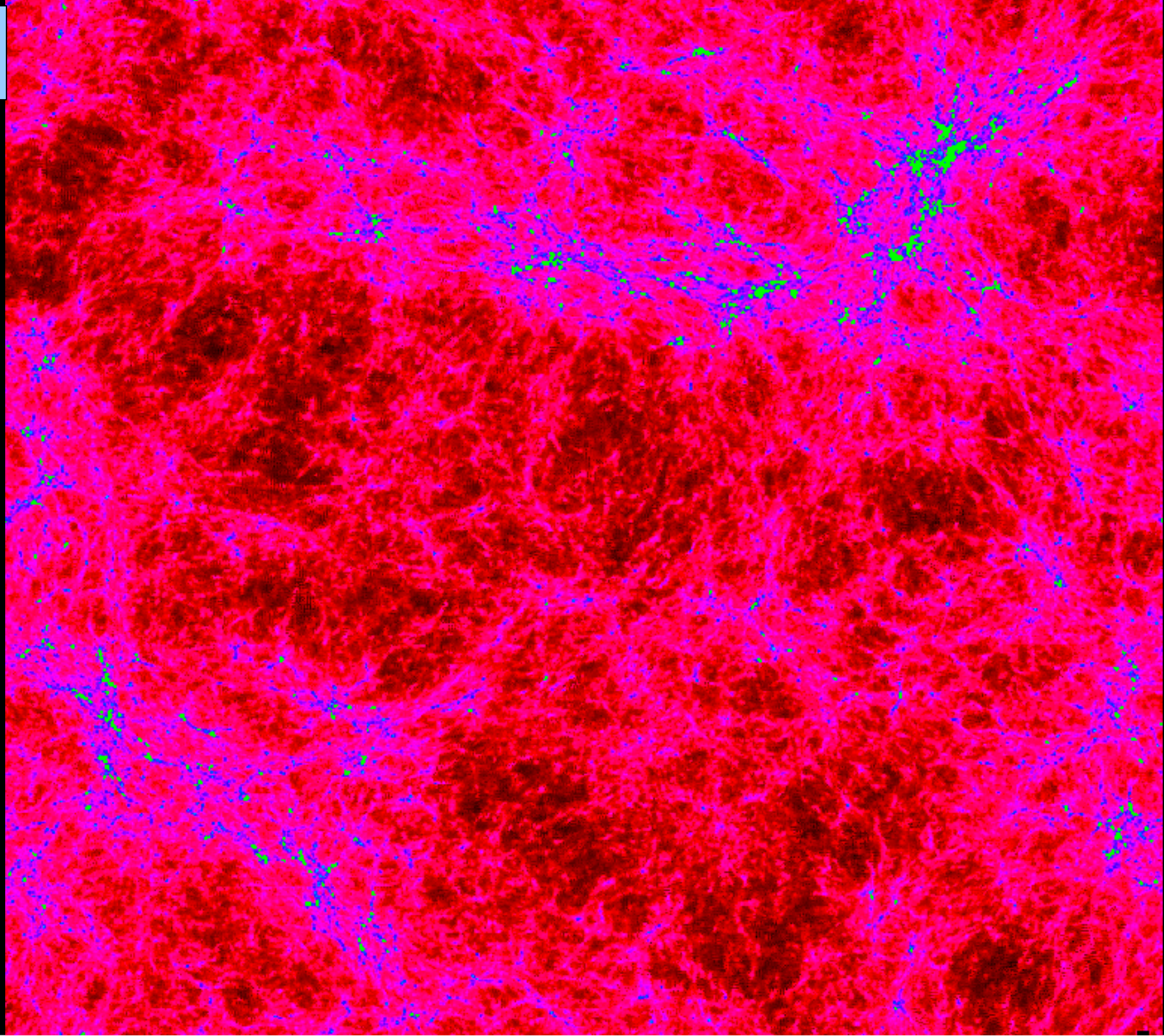
- $z > \sim 8$ galaxy luminosity functions
- JWST (or sooner) to measure $z > \sim 6$ clustering
 - galaxies form within halos
- galaxies + clustering at high redshift
 - sensitive to cosmology (e.g. σ_8 , D.M. type)
 - sensitive to galaxy formation physics (e.g. SNe)
 - *probe cosmology and galaxy form. physics*
& robust test of analytics

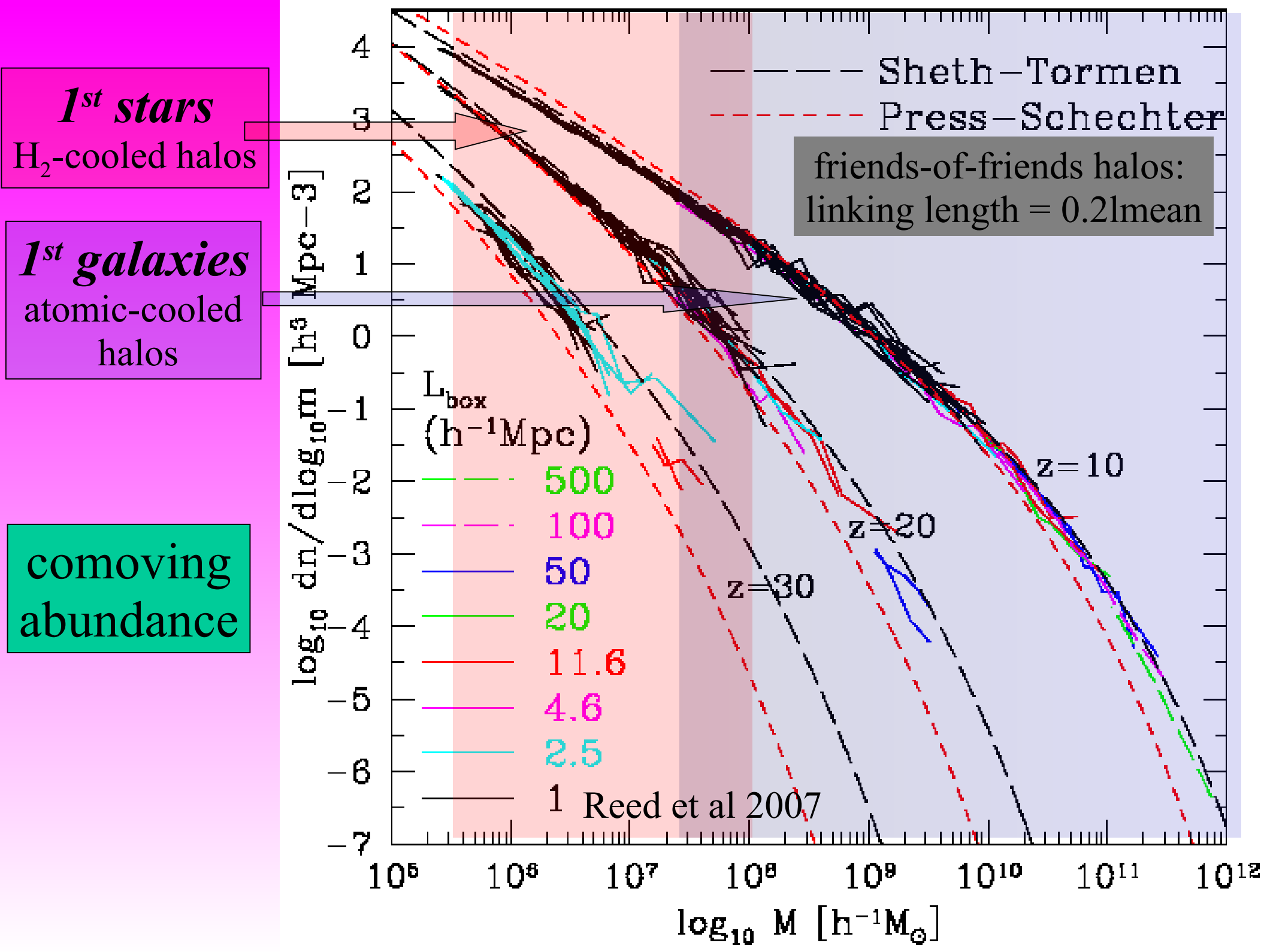
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$z=10$





fraction
collapsed
mass
versus
analytic
fits

hi m, hi z $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$

$$f_{\text{sim}}/f_{\text{S-T}}(\sigma)$$

$f_{\sigma, \text{simulation}} / f_{\sigma, \text{S-T}}$

1

$\blacktriangle z \leq 4$

$\times z = 10$

$\square z = 20$

$\blacksquare z = 30$

--- Sheth-Tormen
- - - Press-Schechter
- · - · Jenkins et. al.
- - - Reed et. al. 2003
- · - · Warren et. al.

new fit
- - - $f(\sigma)$

0.1

0

0.5

1

Reed et al 2007

$\ln \sigma^{-1}$

2 σ

3 σ

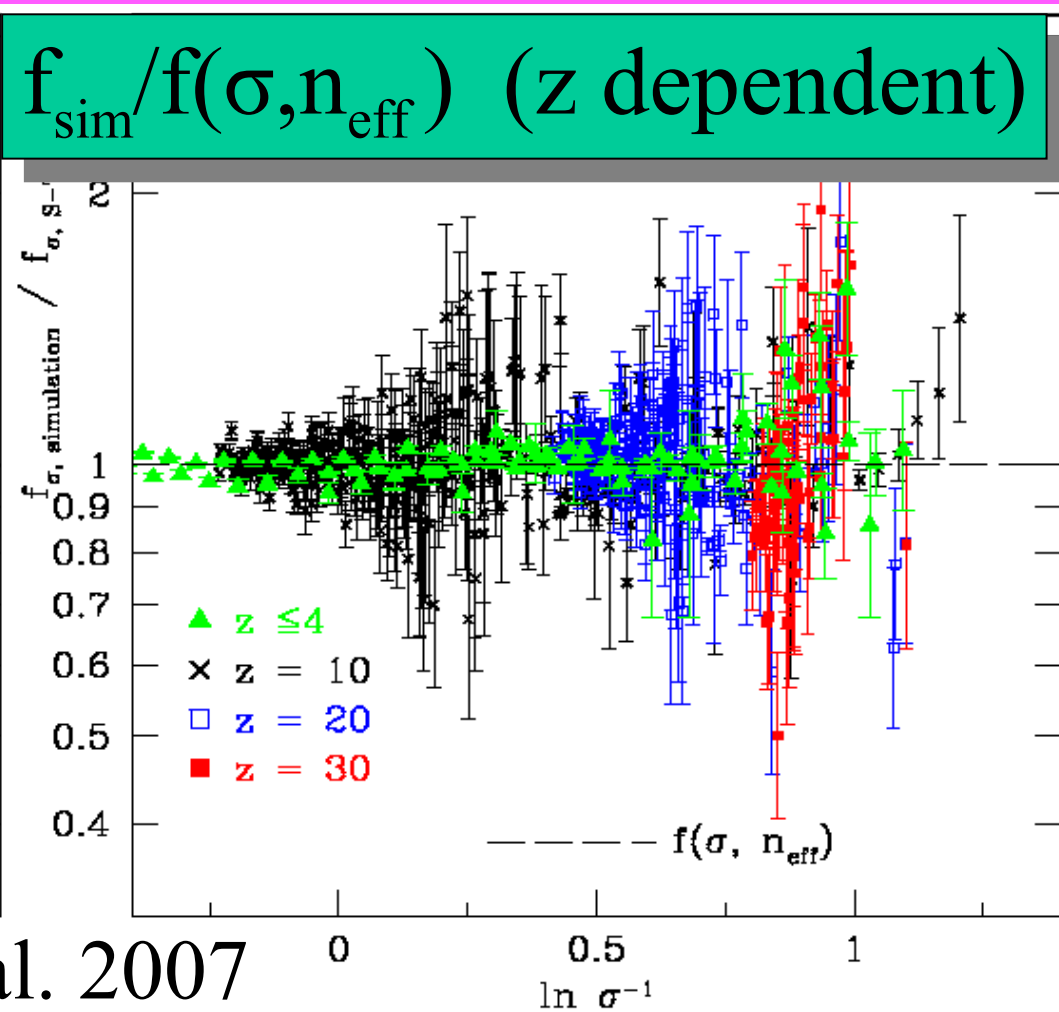
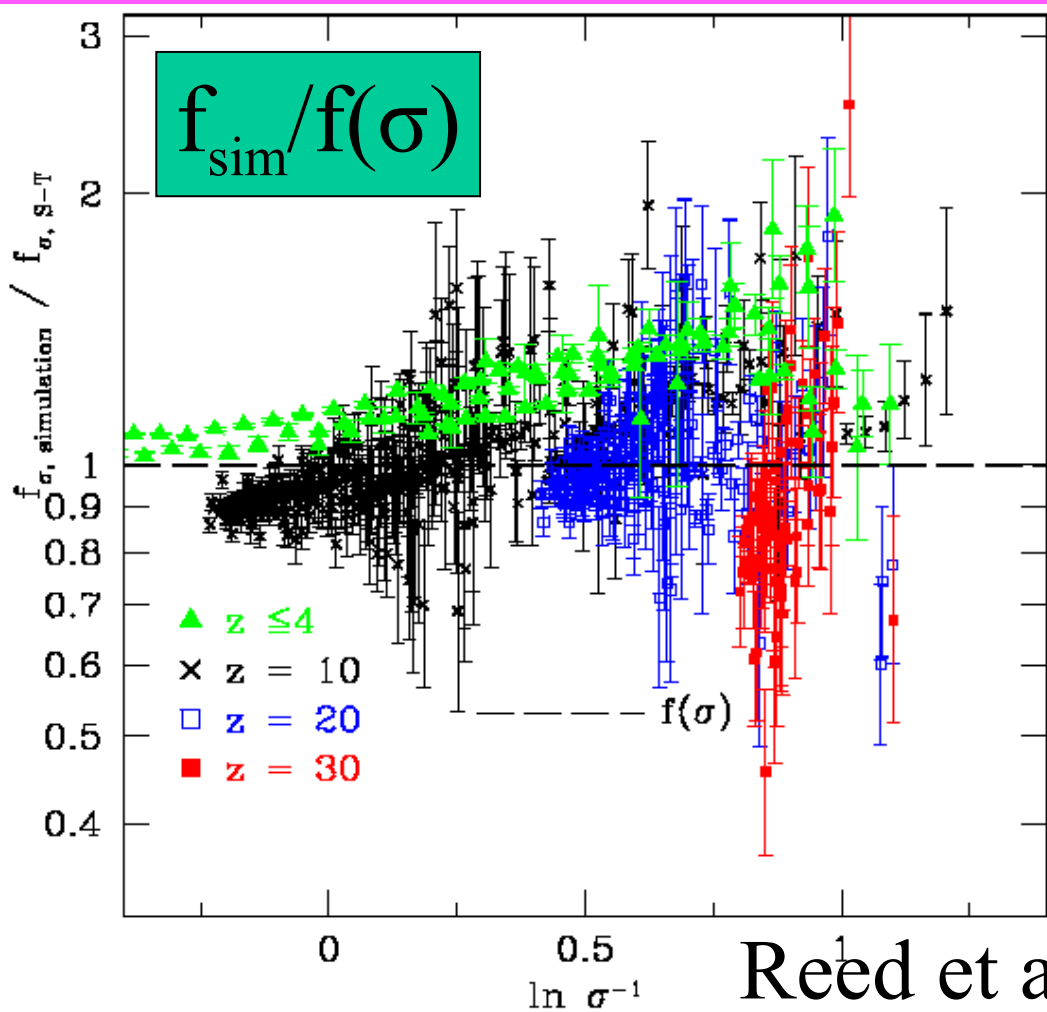
4 σ

5 σ

Is $f(\sigma)$
redshift
invariant?

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invariant?
“almost”

$n_{\text{eff}} \equiv$ slope of
 $P(k)$ at scale of
halo
 $P(k) \propto k^{n_{\text{eff}}}$



Reed et al. 2007

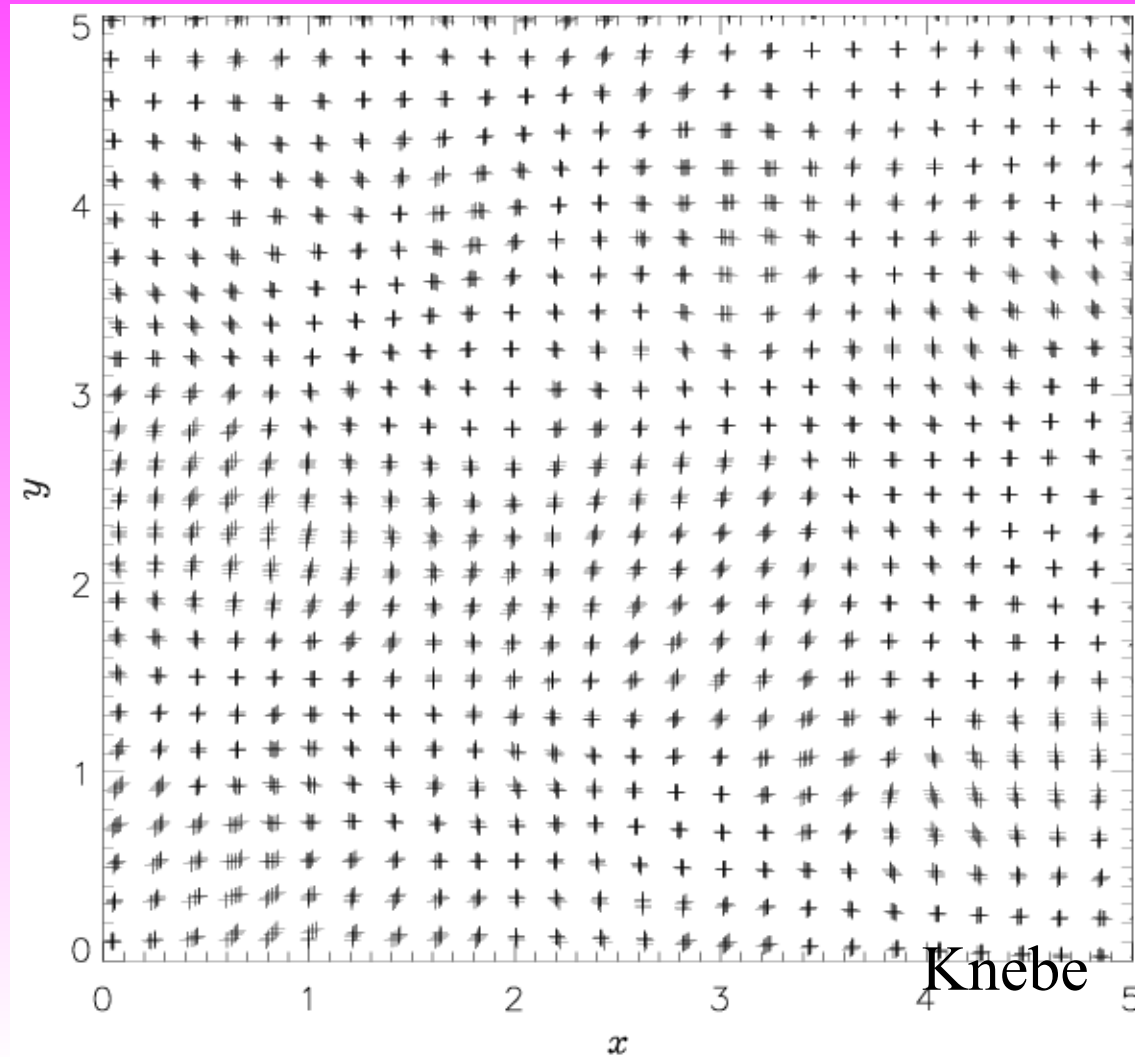
Problem: Starting redshift

Random realization of Λ CDM density fluctuation spectrum.

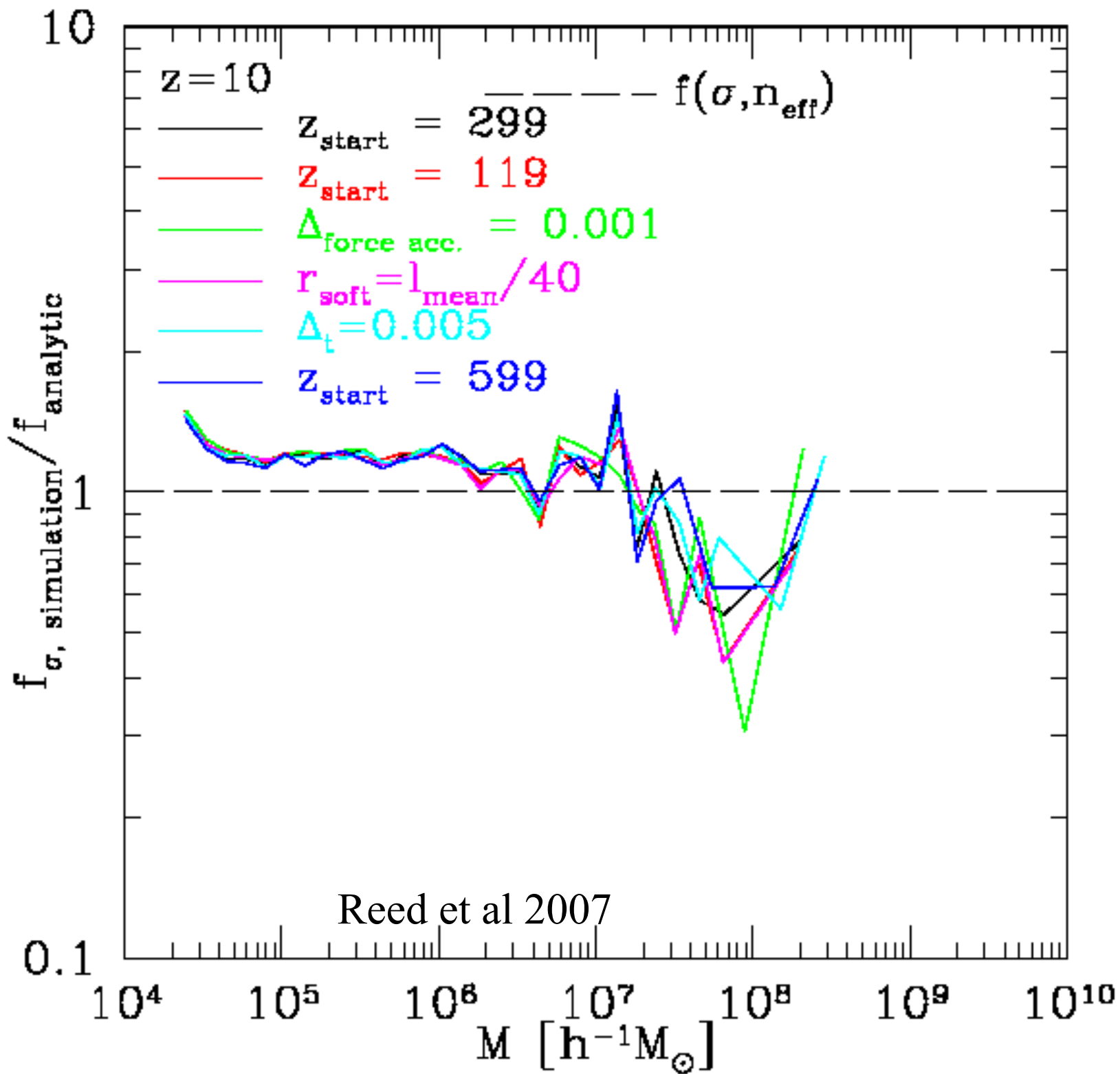
- Linearly extrapolate to z_{start} ($\delta \propto (1+z)^{-1}$)
 - High z_{start} : avoid non-linear structures
- Map particle positions to density field – Zeldovich approx.

$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} - D(t)\vec{S}(\vec{q})$$

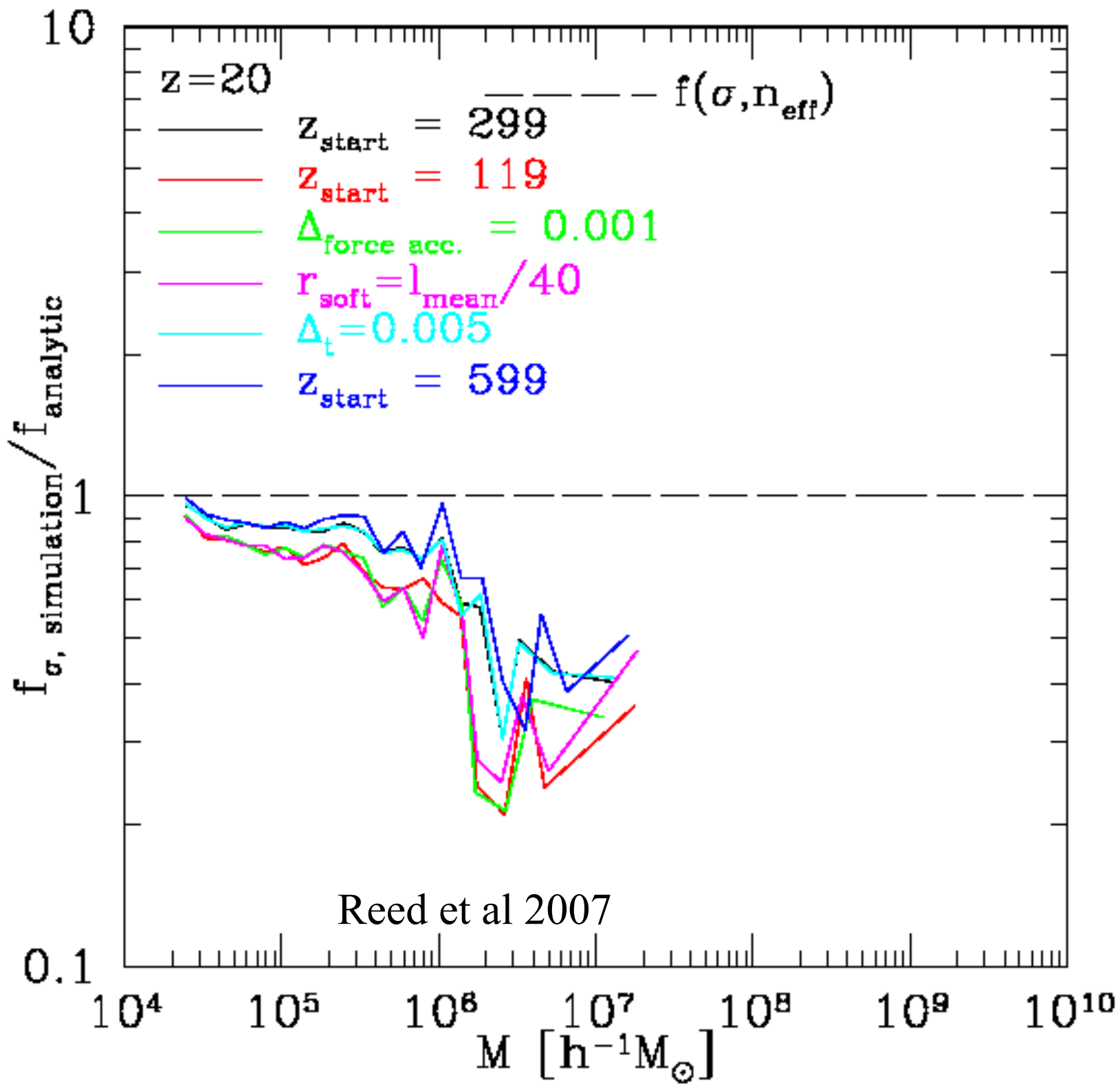
- Evolve with gravity, gas physics



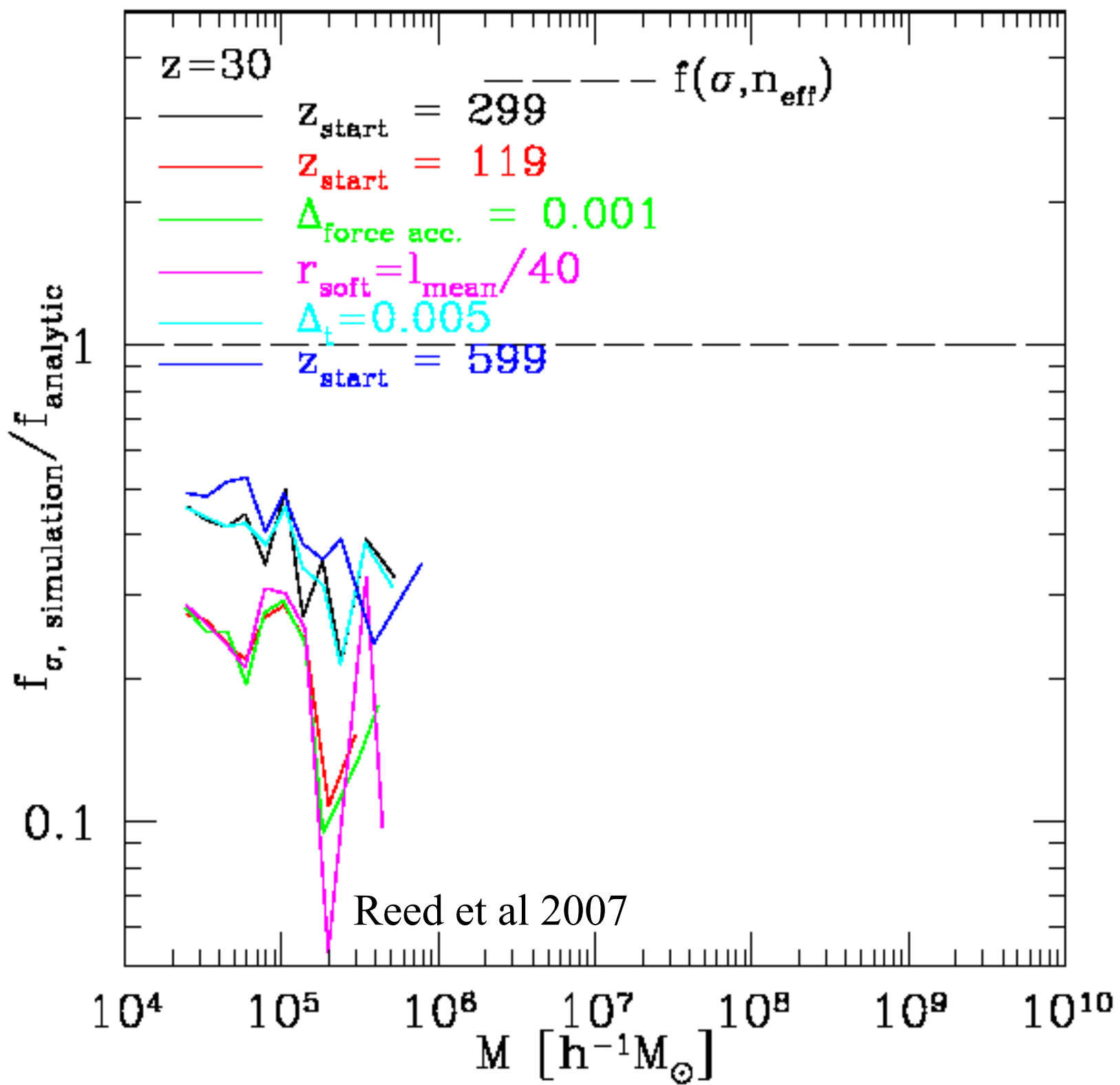
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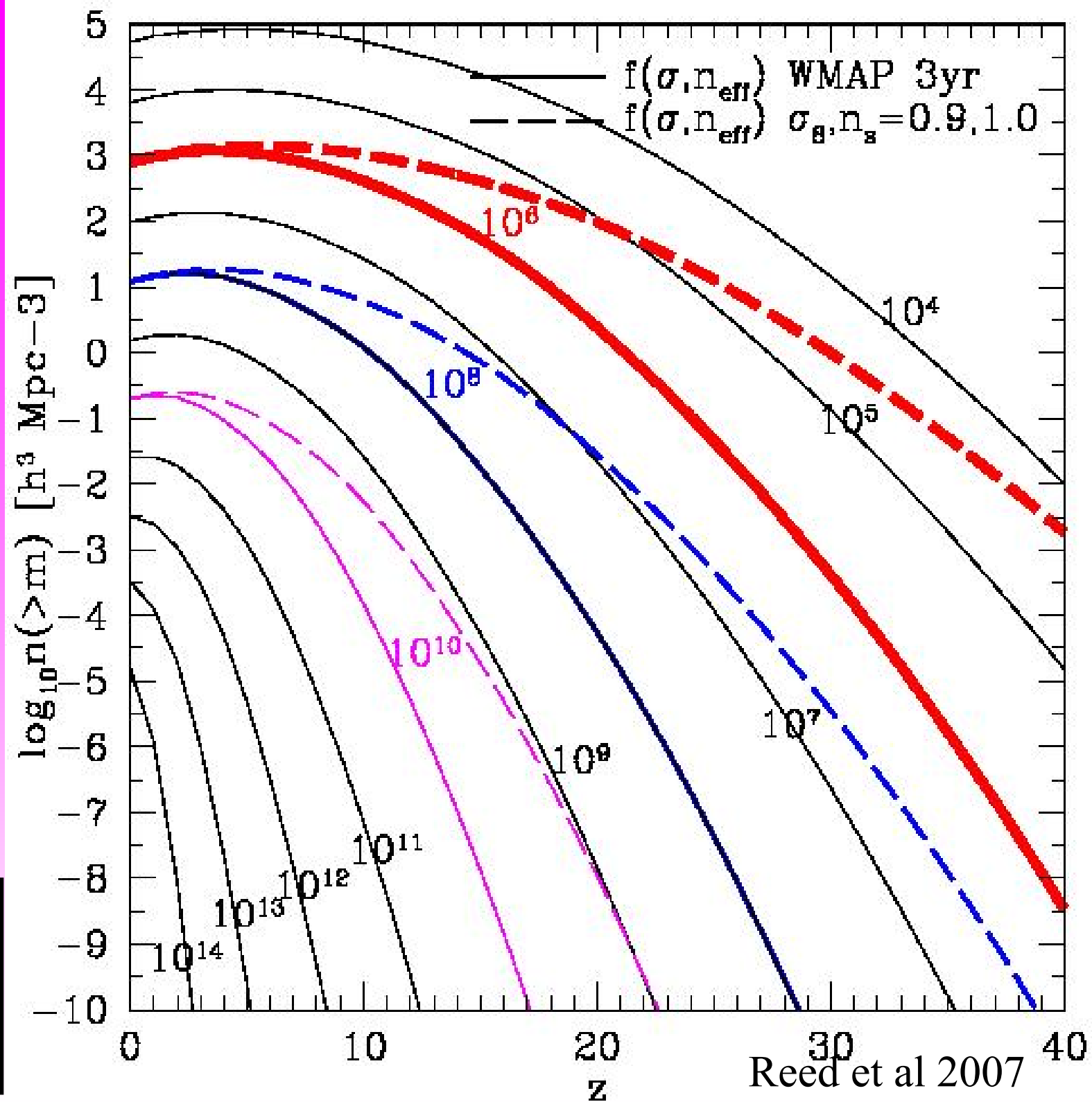
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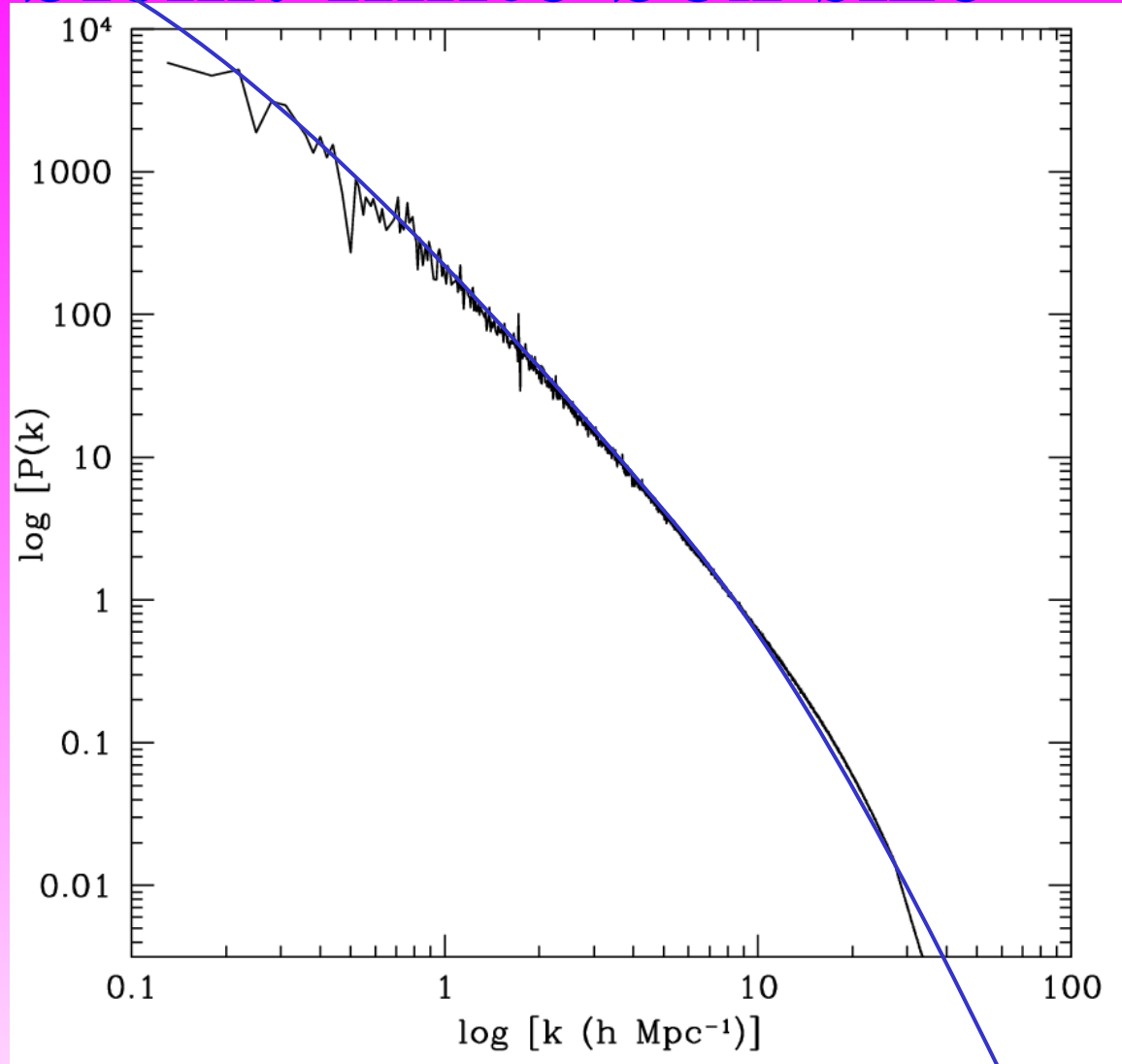
$z=30$



**cosmological
probe at
high z ?**



Problem: finite box size



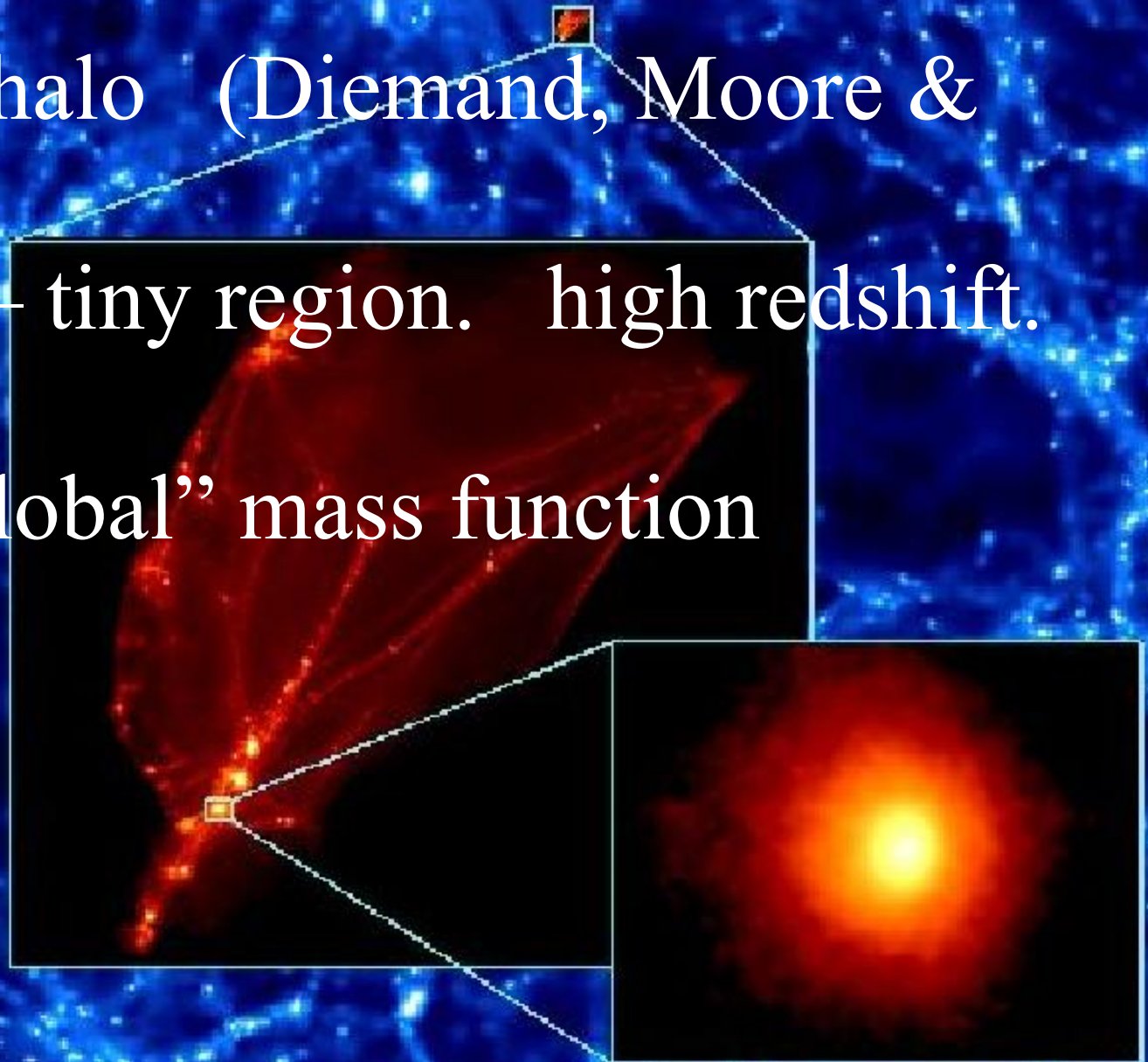
$n_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow 1$

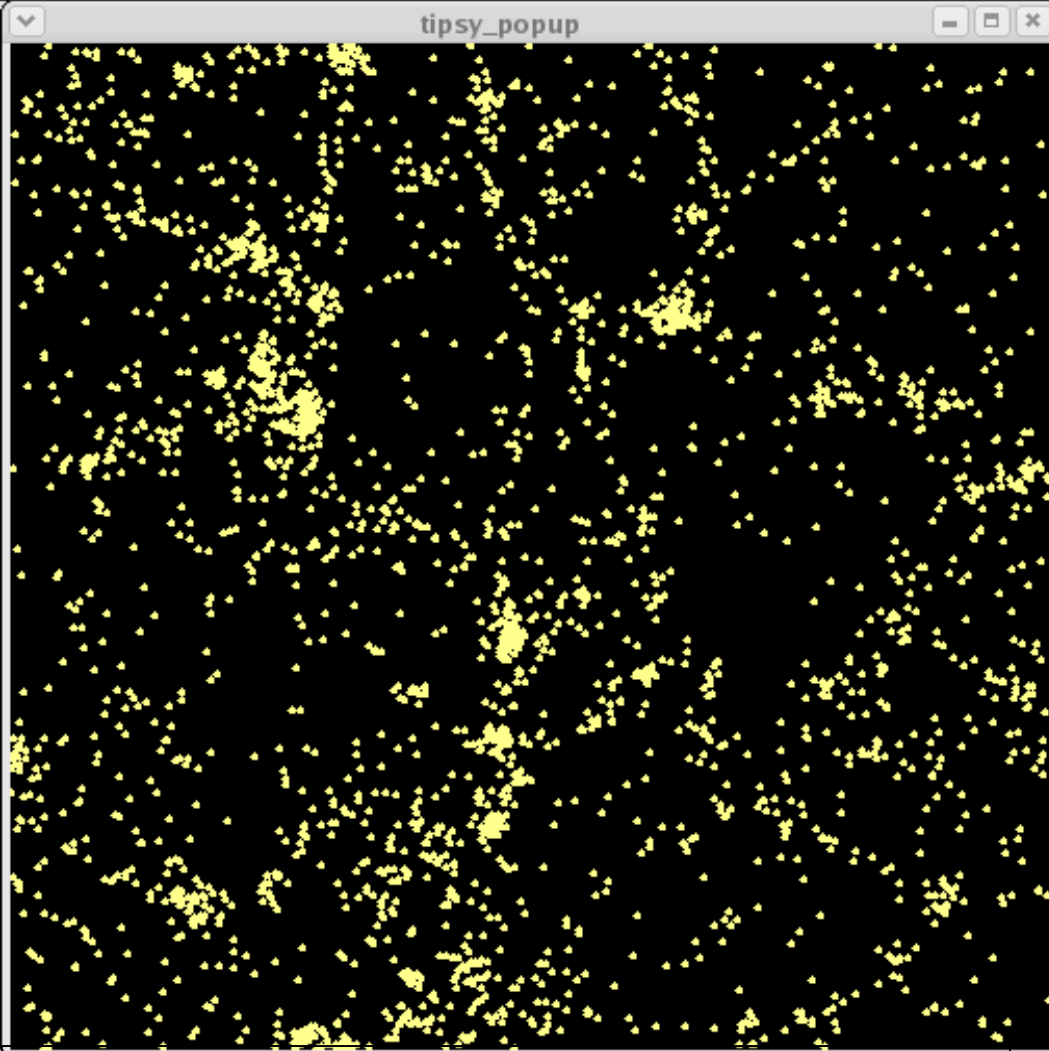
$n_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow -3$

Want micro-halo mass function.....

Earth-mass halo (Diemand, Moore & Stadel 2005) – tiny region. high redshift.

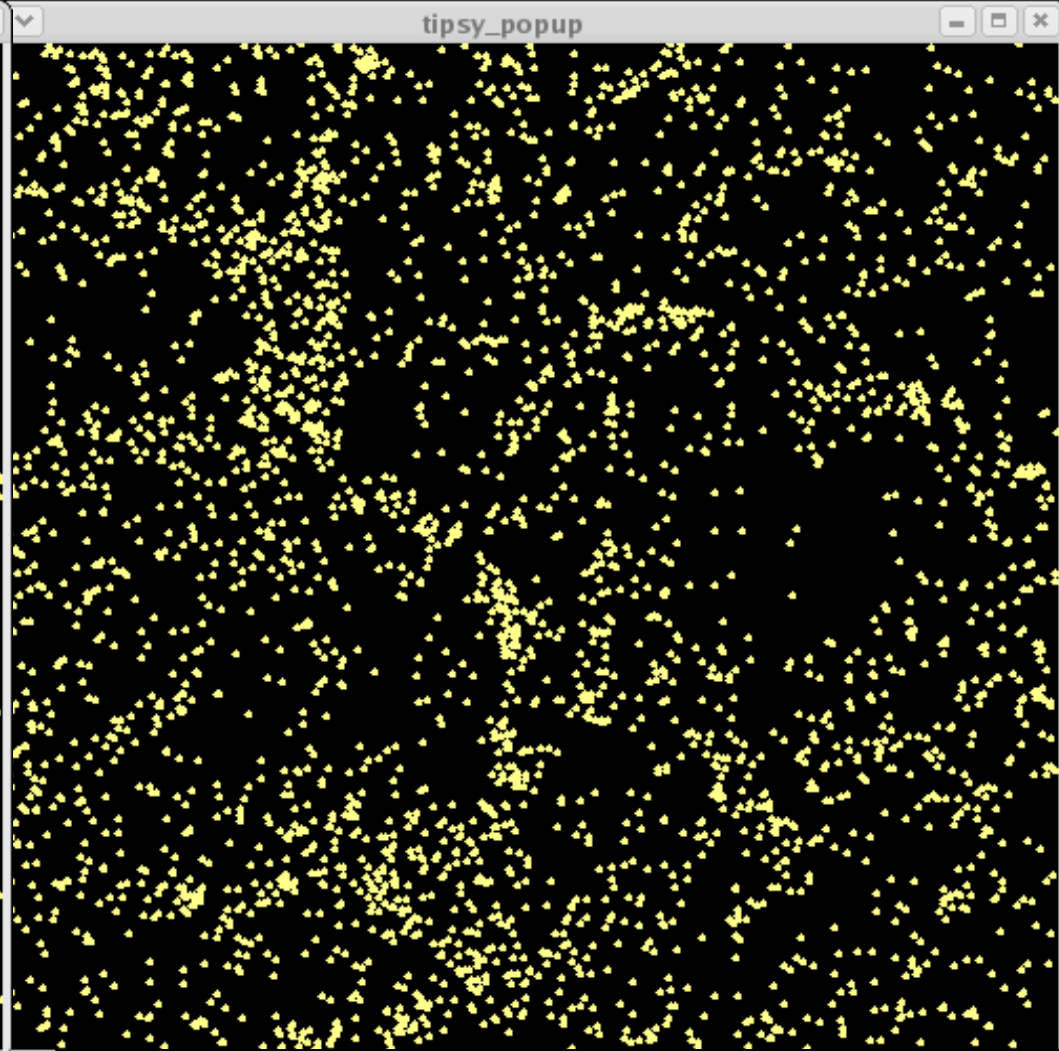
No “global” mass function





highly clustered,
“biased”

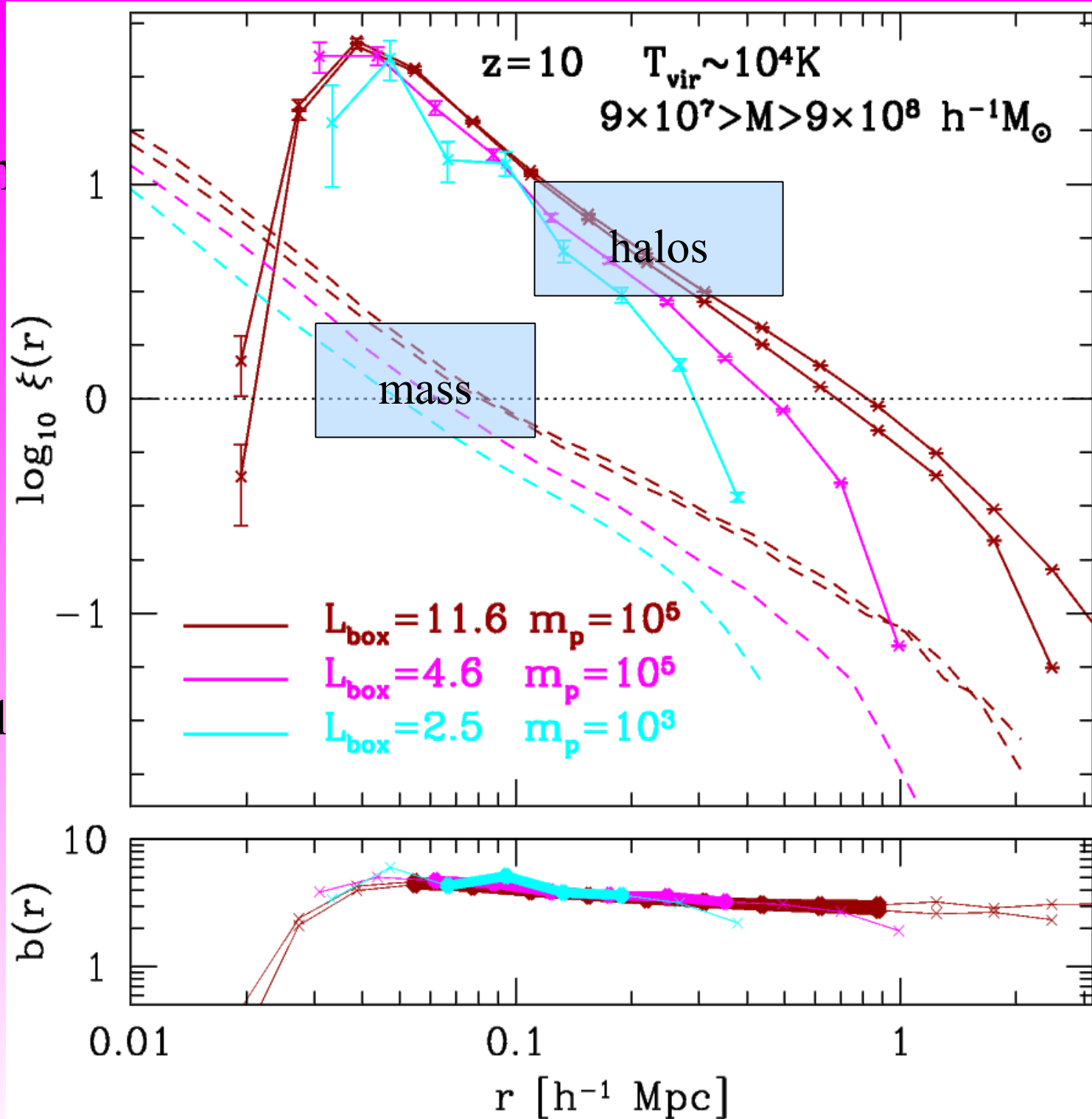
$$\xi(r) = N_{\text{pair}} / N_{\text{pair_random}} - 1$$



weakly clustered

$$\text{bias}(r) = (\xi_{\text{halos}}(r) / \xi_{\text{mass}}(r))^{1/2}$$

- halo bias
- auto-correlation function of “galaxy” halos



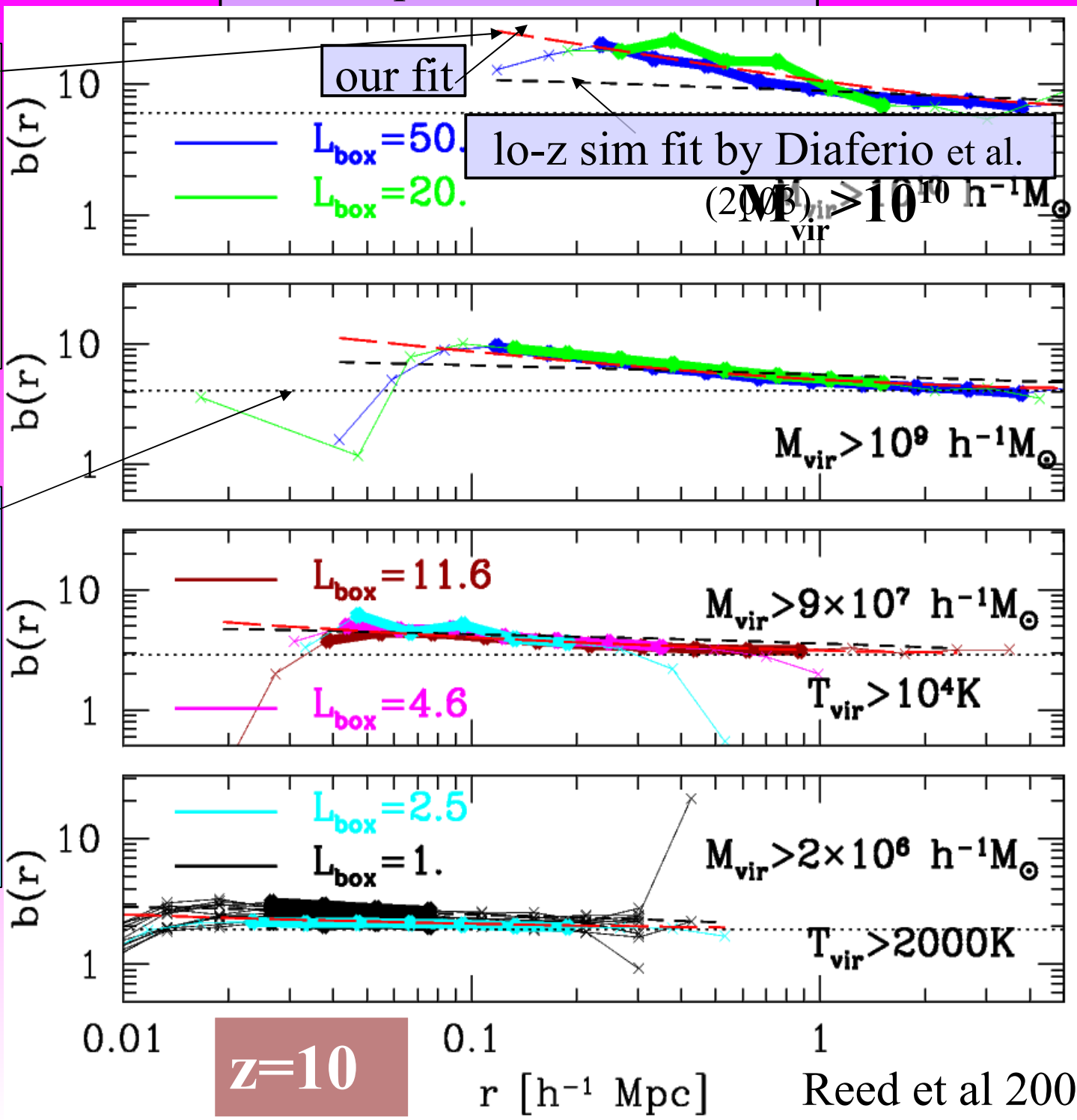
$$\xi(r) = N_{\text{pair}} / N_{\text{pair_random}} - 1$$

$$b = (\xi_{\text{halos}} / \xi_{\text{mass}})^{1/2}$$

Scale-dependence of halo bias

Small scales
strongly biased
“non-universal”
vs lo-z sims

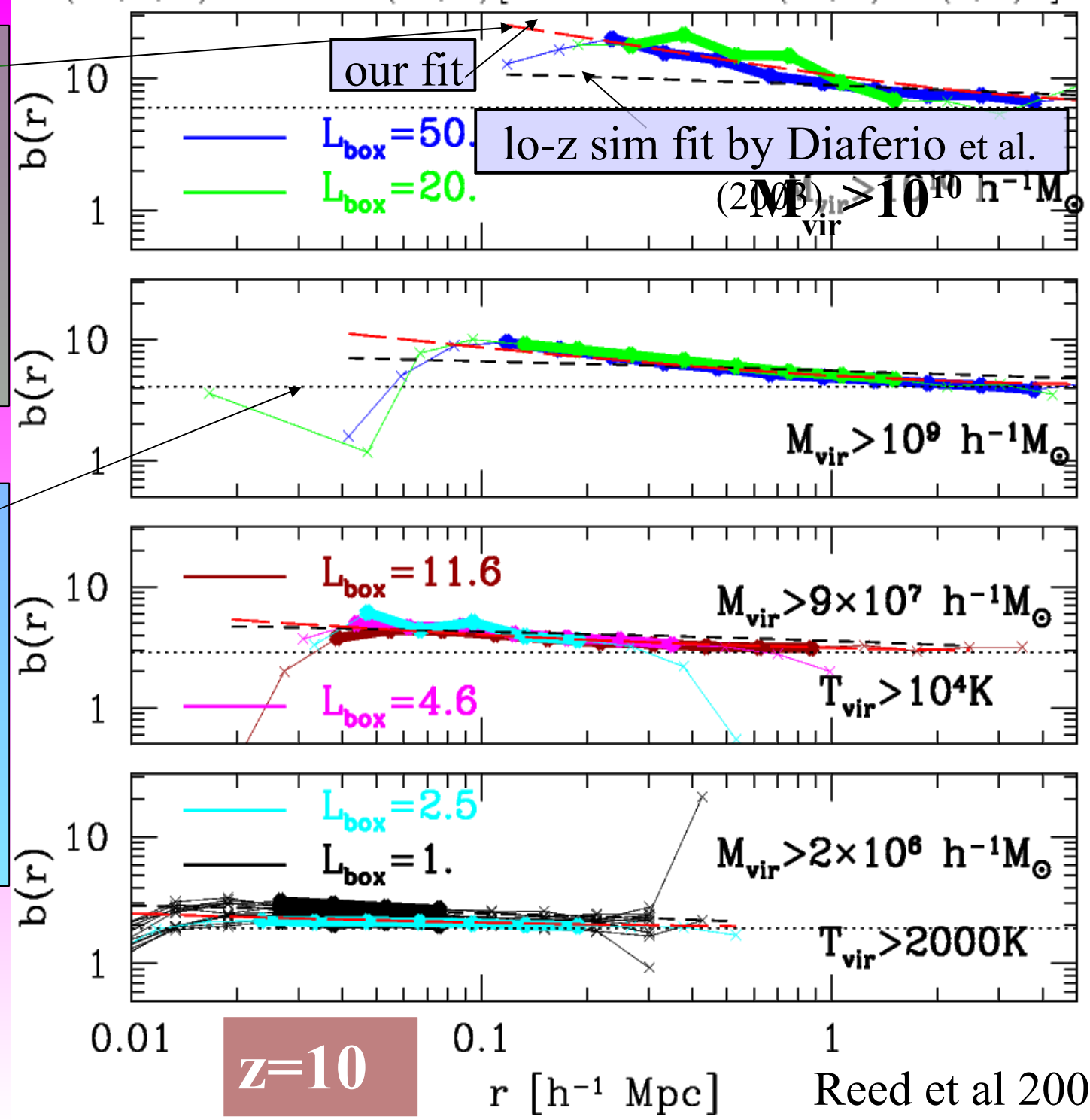
Sheth, Mo &
Tormen
large scale
prediction
(b_{SMT})



$$b(m, r, z) = b_{SMT}(m, z) [1 + 0.03 b_{SMT}(m, z)^3 \sigma(r, z)^2]$$

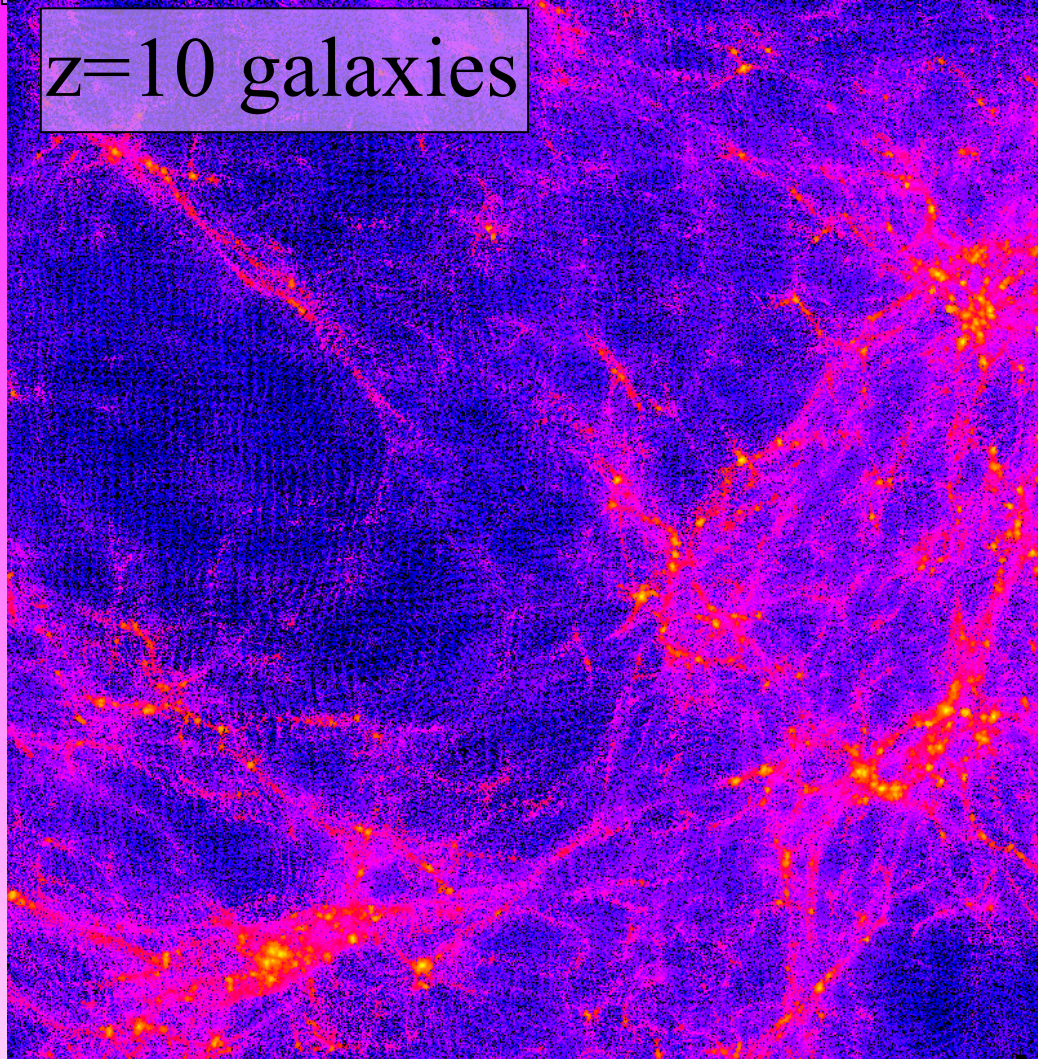
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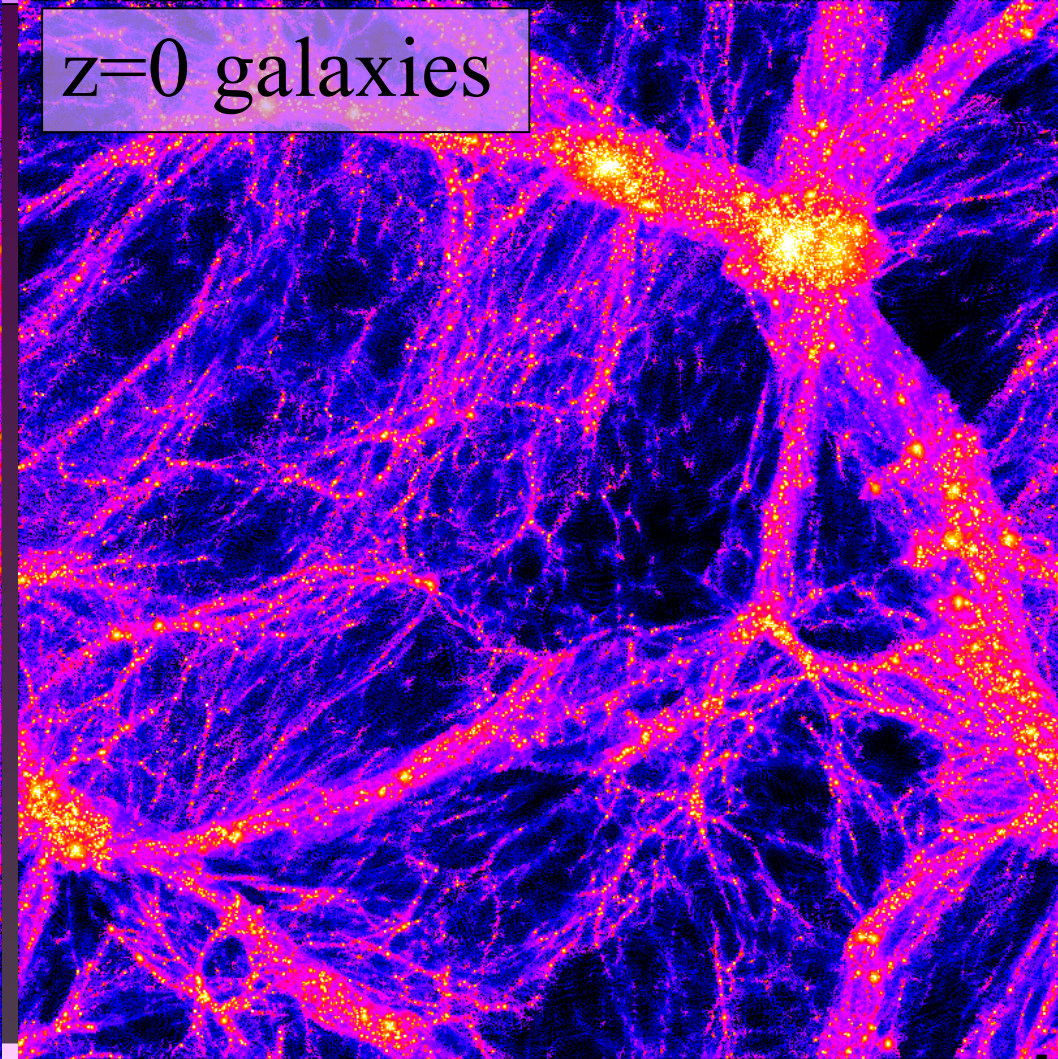


Why is the scale dependence of halo bias so steep during the dark ages?

$z=10$ galaxies



$z=0$ galaxies

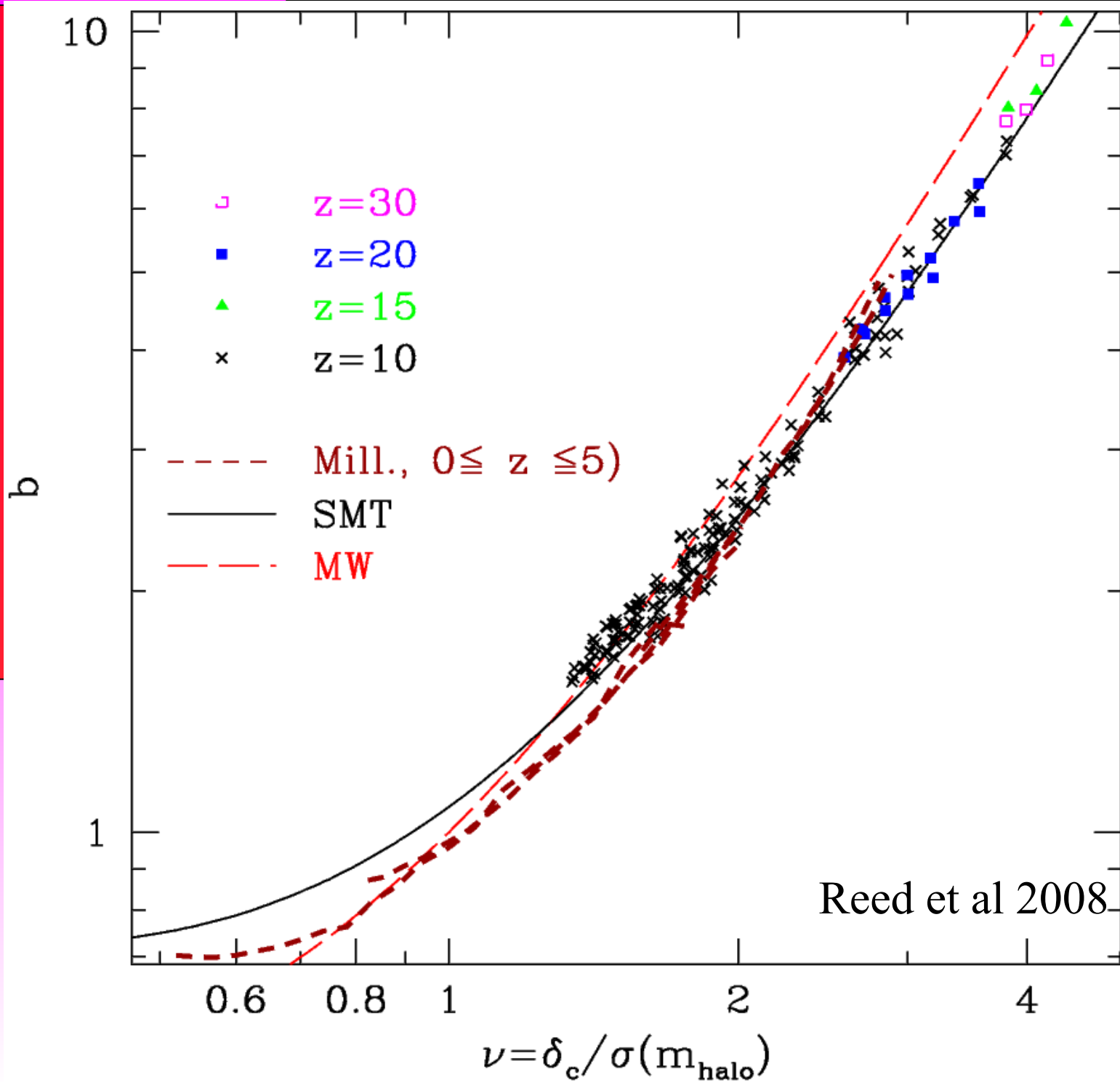


“universal” mass
variable, ν ,

MW=predictions of
Mo & White (1996)

SMT=Sheth, Mo &
Tormen (2001)

Millennium run data
from Gao et al.
(2005).



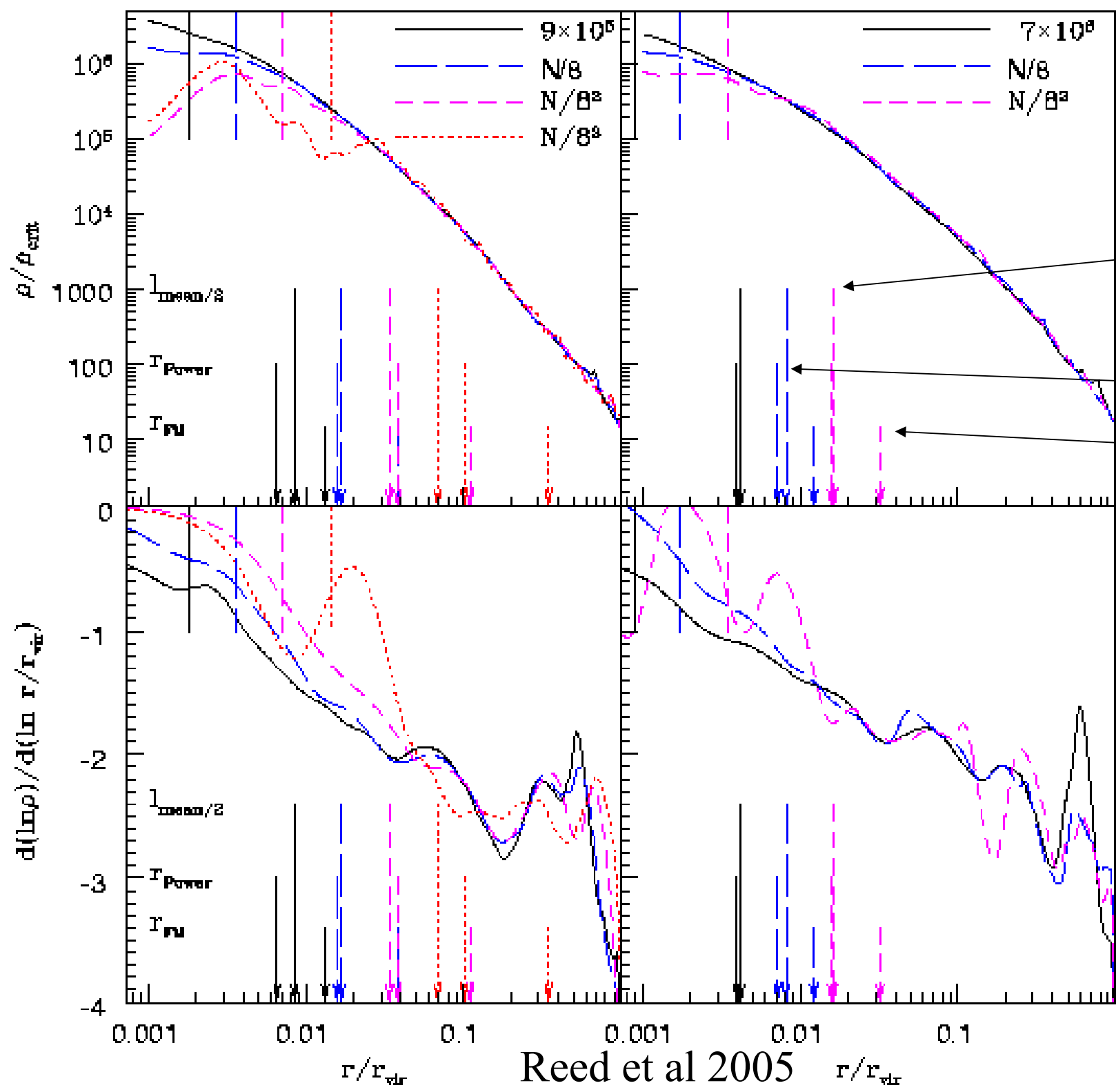
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Motivations for studying halo structure

- -Probe fluctuation spectrum & dark matter type
- -Observational comparisons
 - Subhalos- satellites, lensing, D.M. Annihilation (e.g. Koushiappas)
 - Density profiles-- rotation curves, lensing, X-ray
 - r^{-1} or $r^{-1.5}$ cusp?
 - asymptotic central slope down to what radius?
- Universal? How does profile shape or subhalo distribution depend on mass, redshift?
- Baryons ignored

Density profile convergence tests



Lmean/2

Power et al.

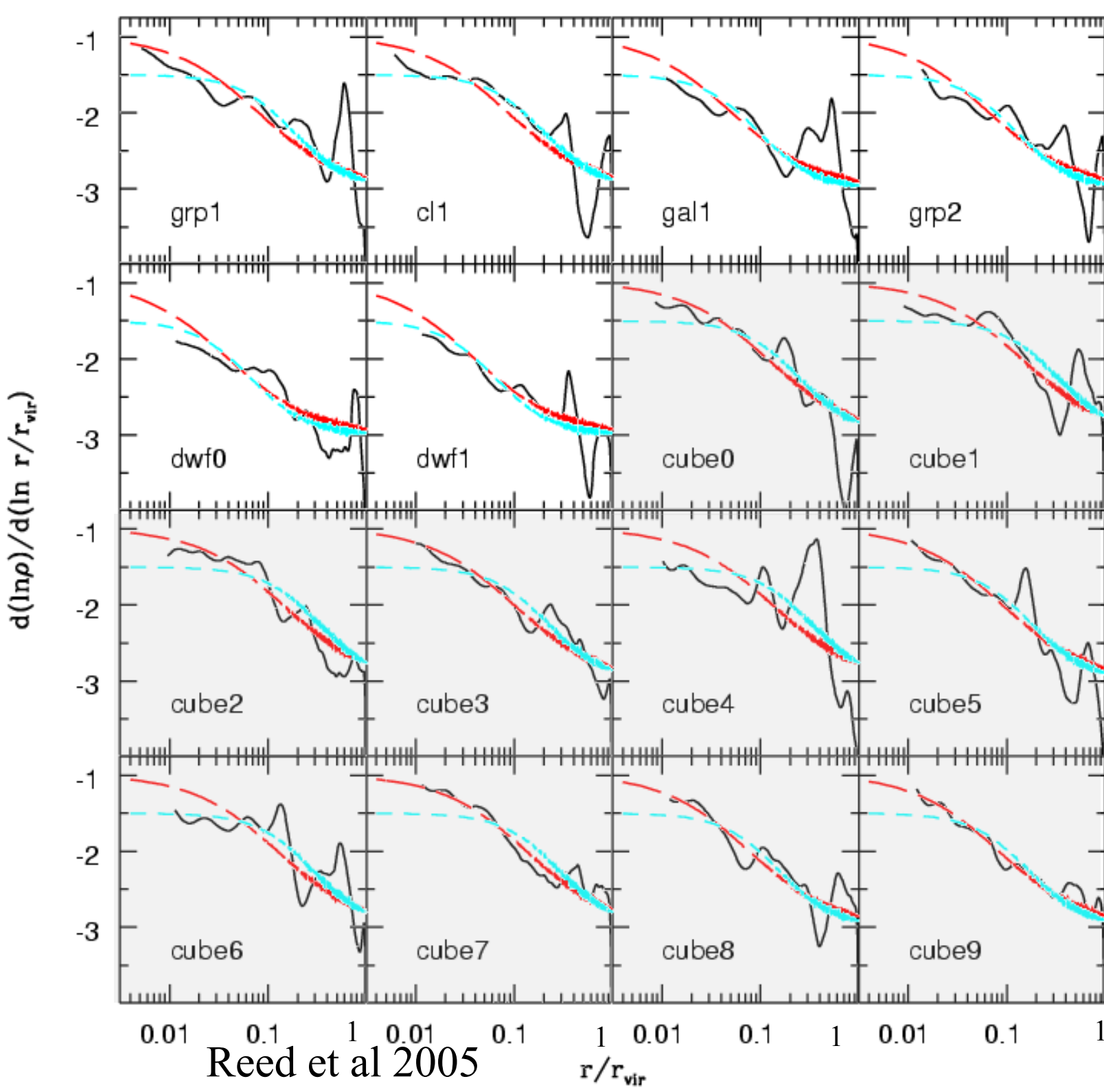
FM

$$R_{\text{min}} \approx N_p^{-1/3}$$

Moore et al 1998

$N_p = \#$ particles

within virial radius



Not
“universal”

Asymptotic
Cusps?

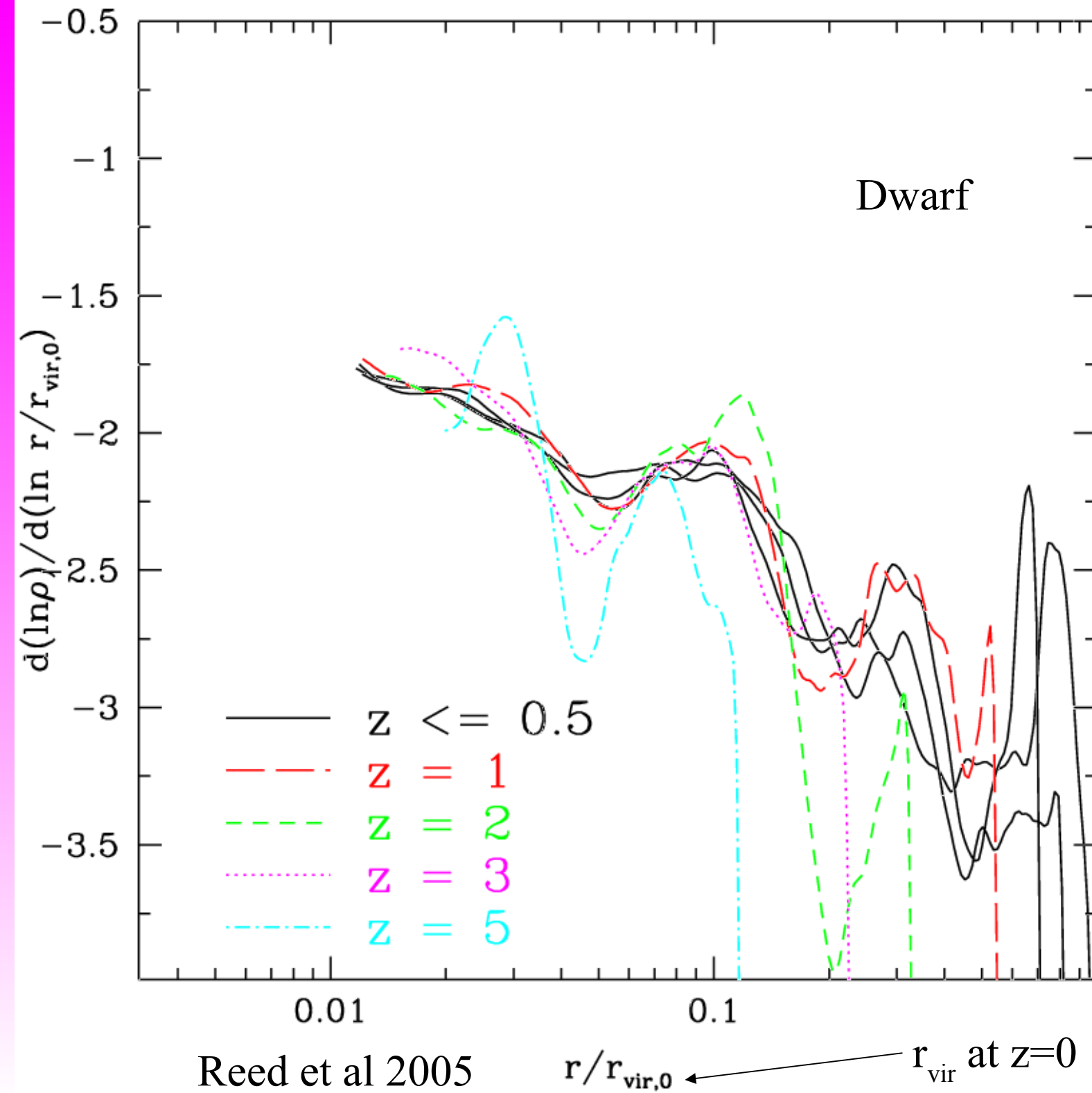
Logarithmic
profile slope:

Sims

best fit :

NFW

Moore



Physical
(non-comoving)
slope:

no evolution

$\rho'(r/r_{\text{vir}}(z=0))$

instead of

$\rho'(r/r_{\text{vir}}(z))$

Hi- z : r_{vir} small

Halo cusp is frozen

in at high z .

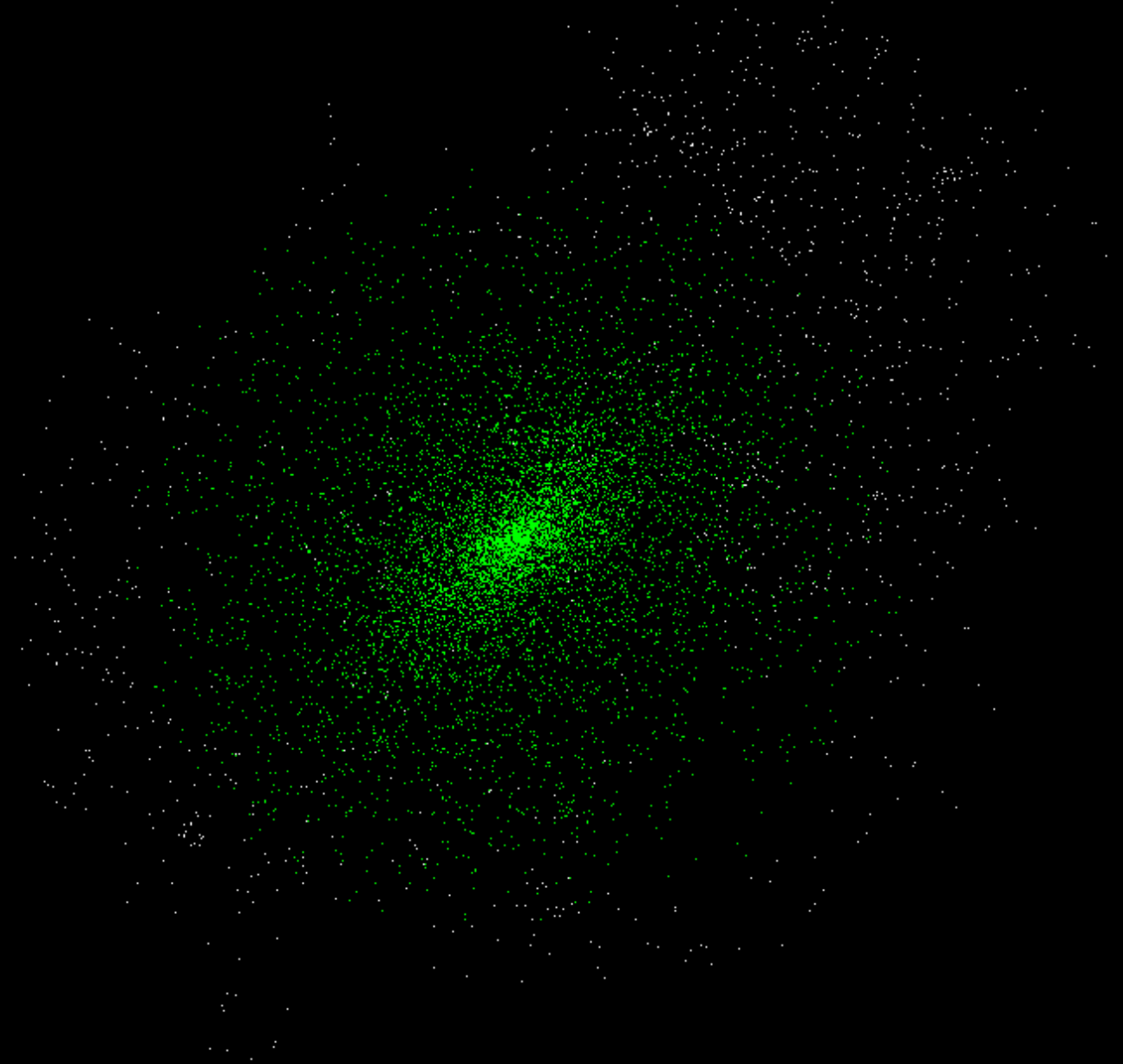
Low z merging

halos don't

affect cusp.

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Subhalos:
Too few
satellites?---
overmerging

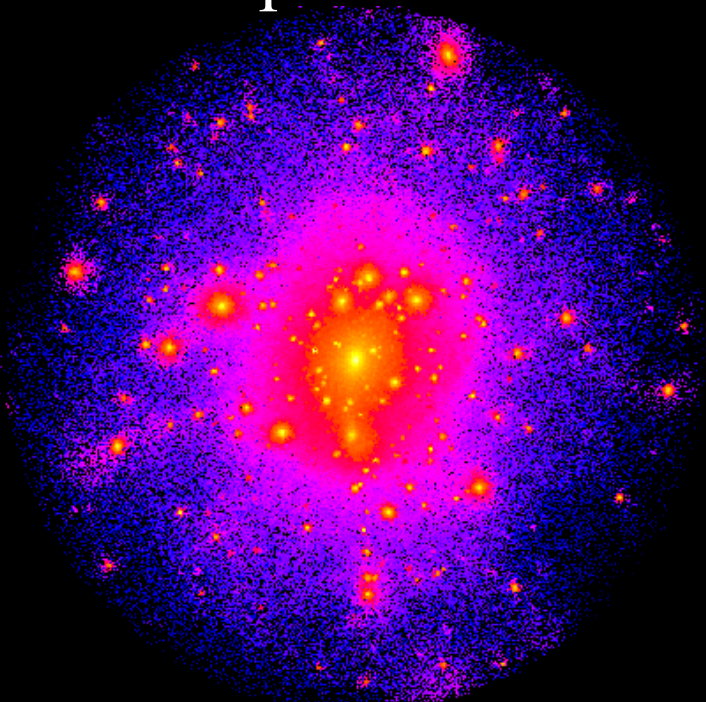


Resolution Issues:
2-body relaxation

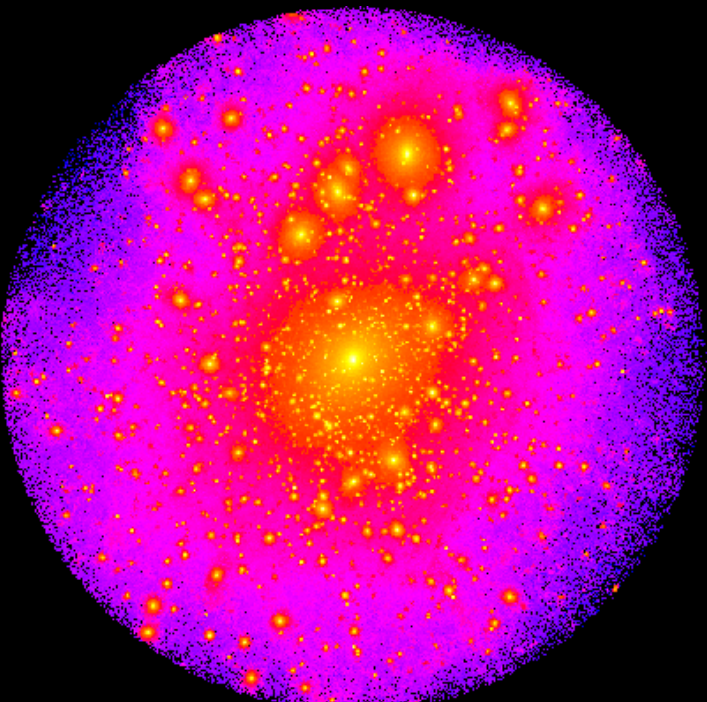
Top row - whole halo



125,000



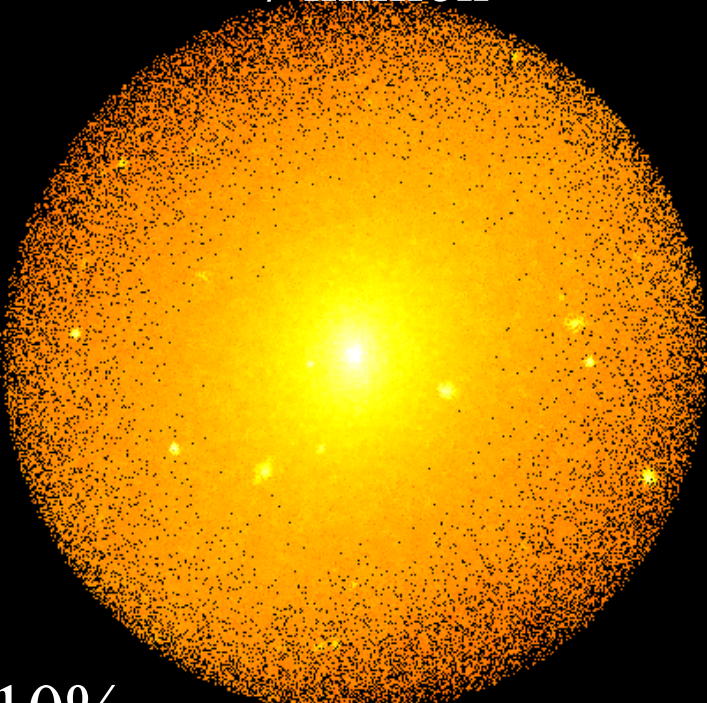
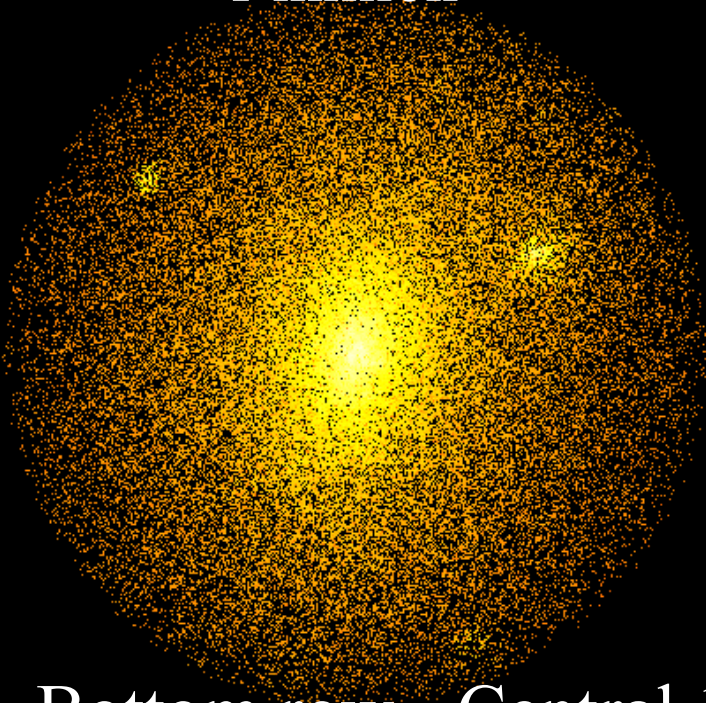
1 million

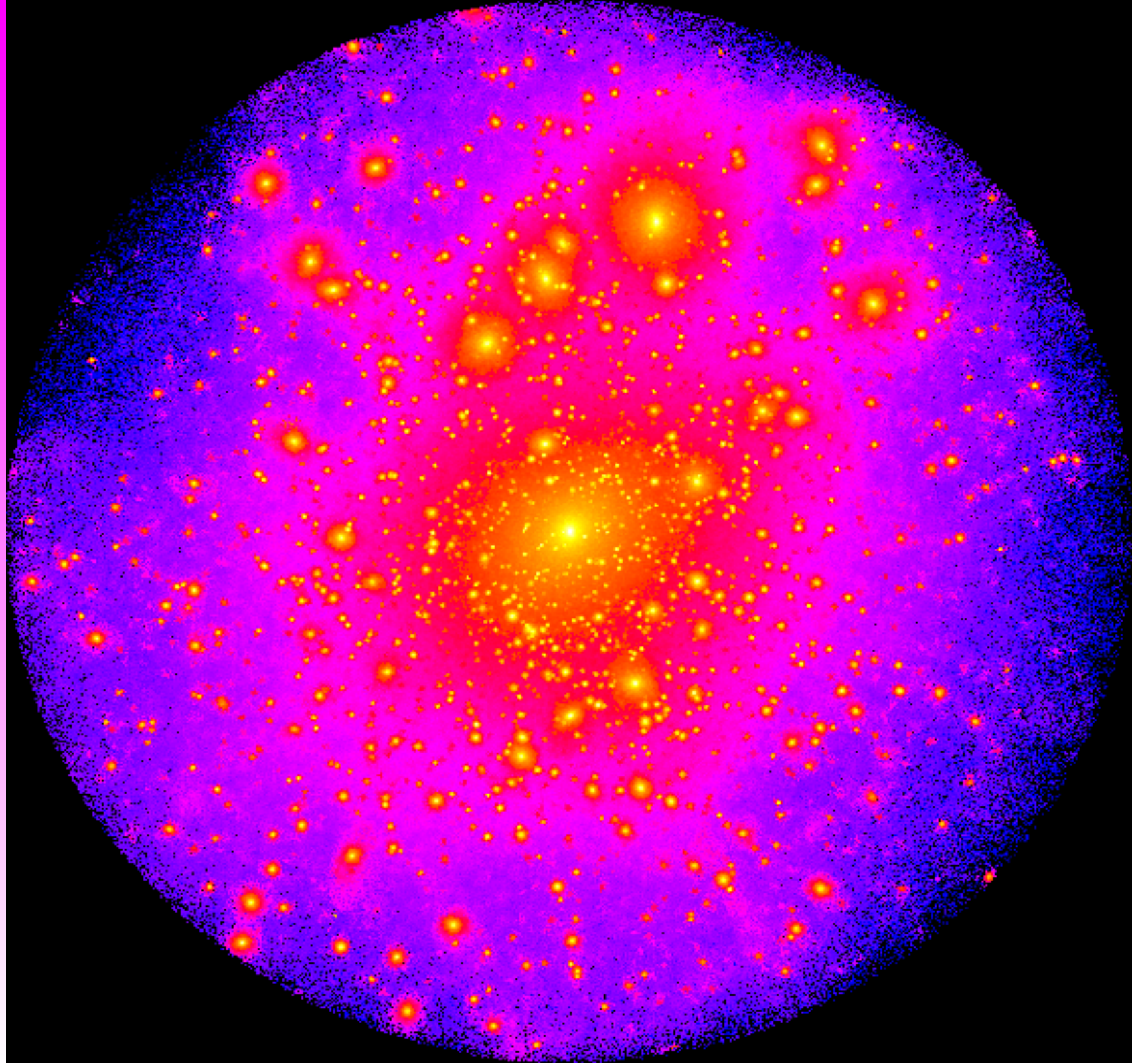


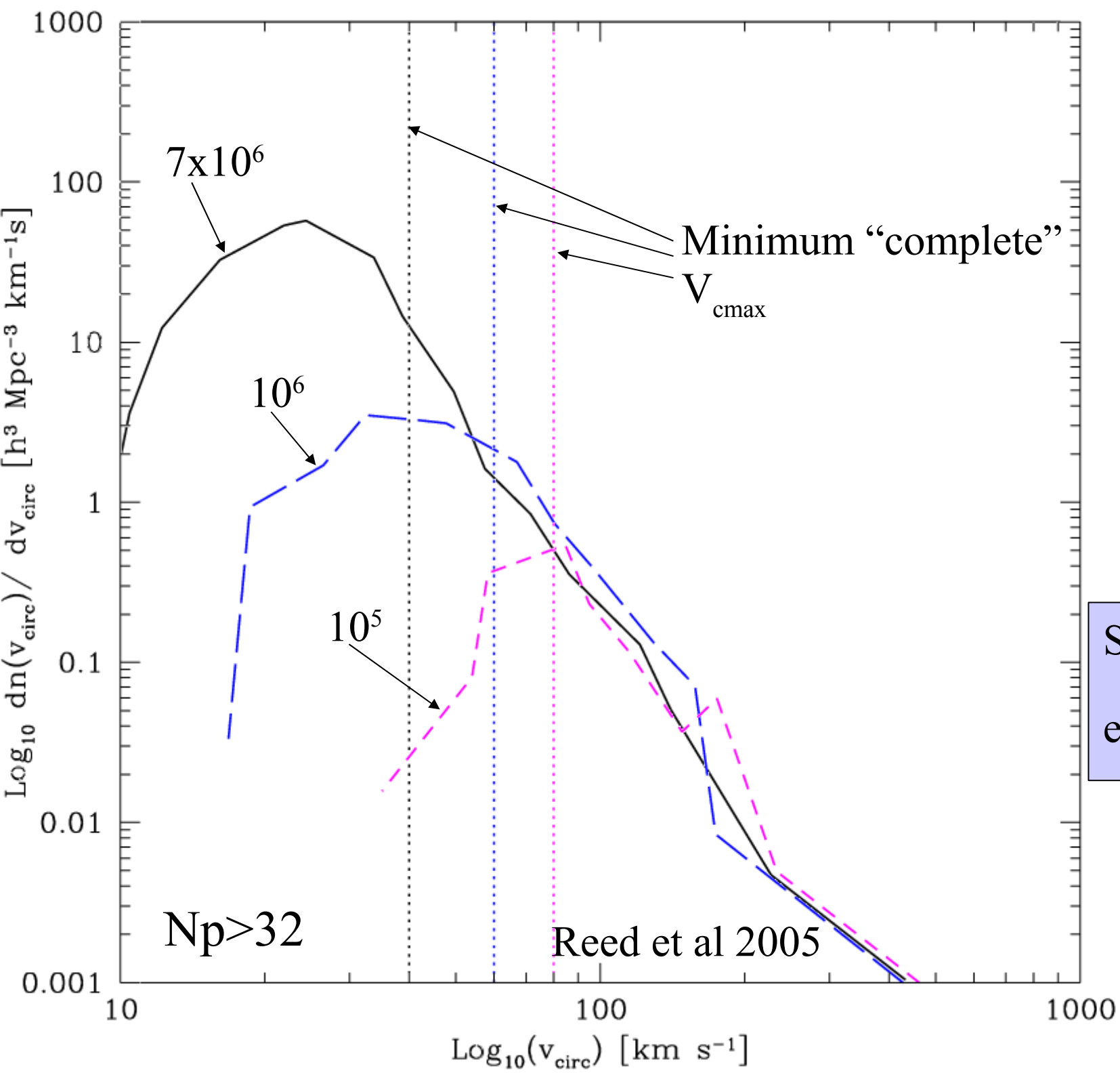
7 million

$\rho(r): R_{\min} \approx N_p^{-1/3}$

Bottom row - Central 10%







subhalo
convergence
tests:

Small halos too
easily destroyed

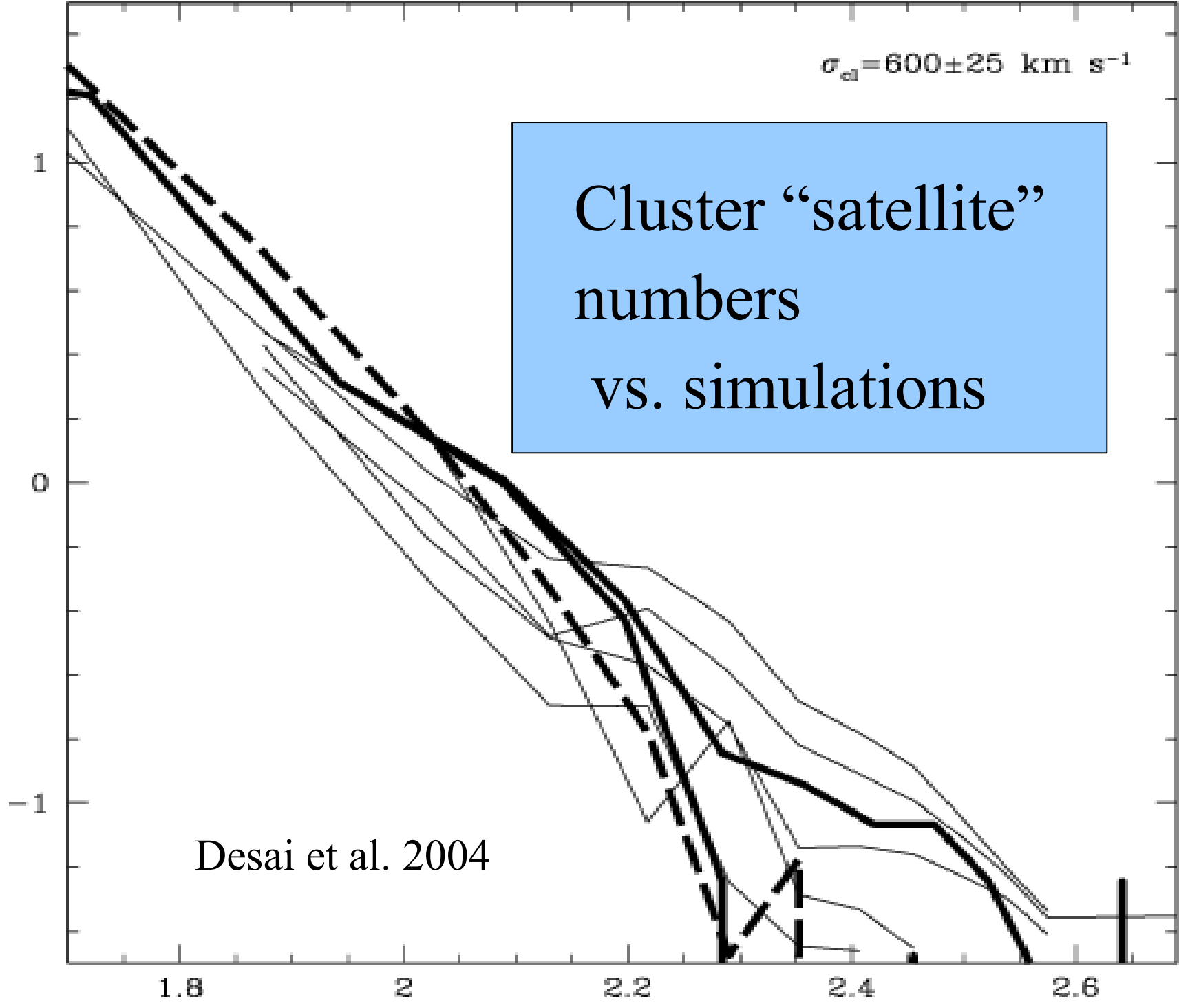
$\sigma_{cl} = 600 \pm 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

Cluster “satellite”
numbers
vs. simulations

$\log_{10}(dN(V_c)/dV_c [\text{km}^{-1} \text{ s}])$

Desai et al. 2004

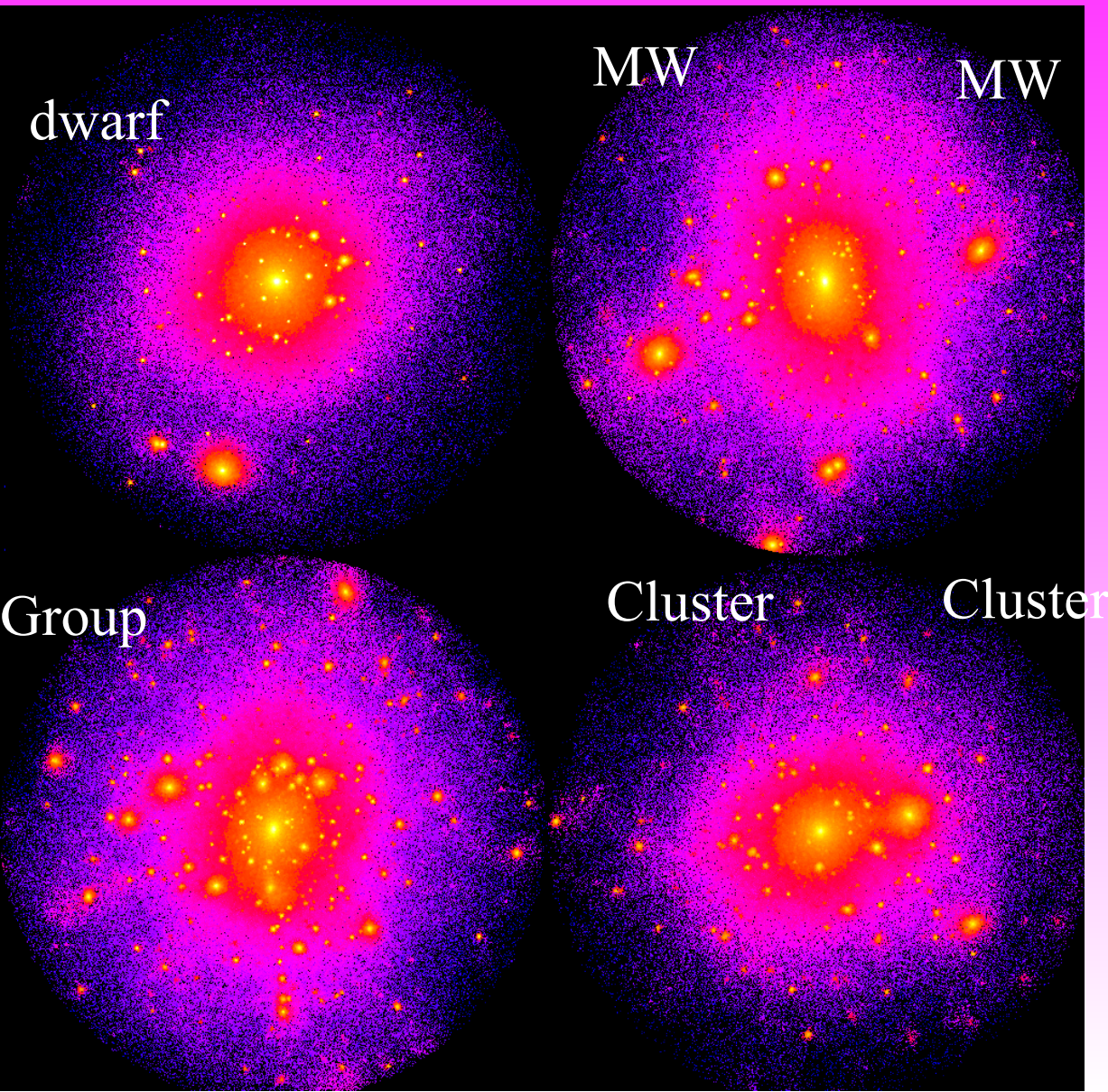
$\log_{10}(V_c / (\text{km s}^{-1}))$



CDM crisis

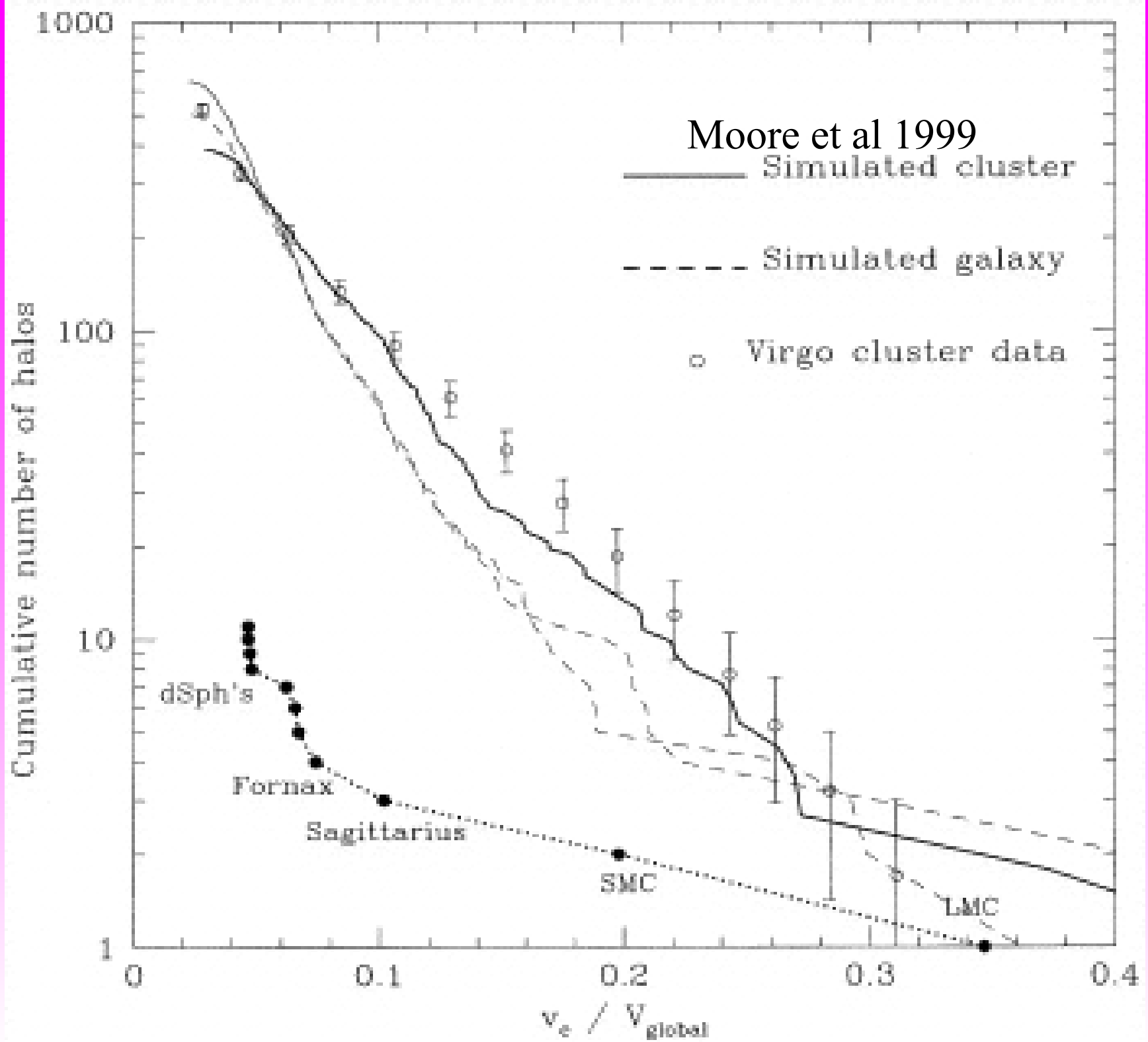
“missing” local group satellite galaxies

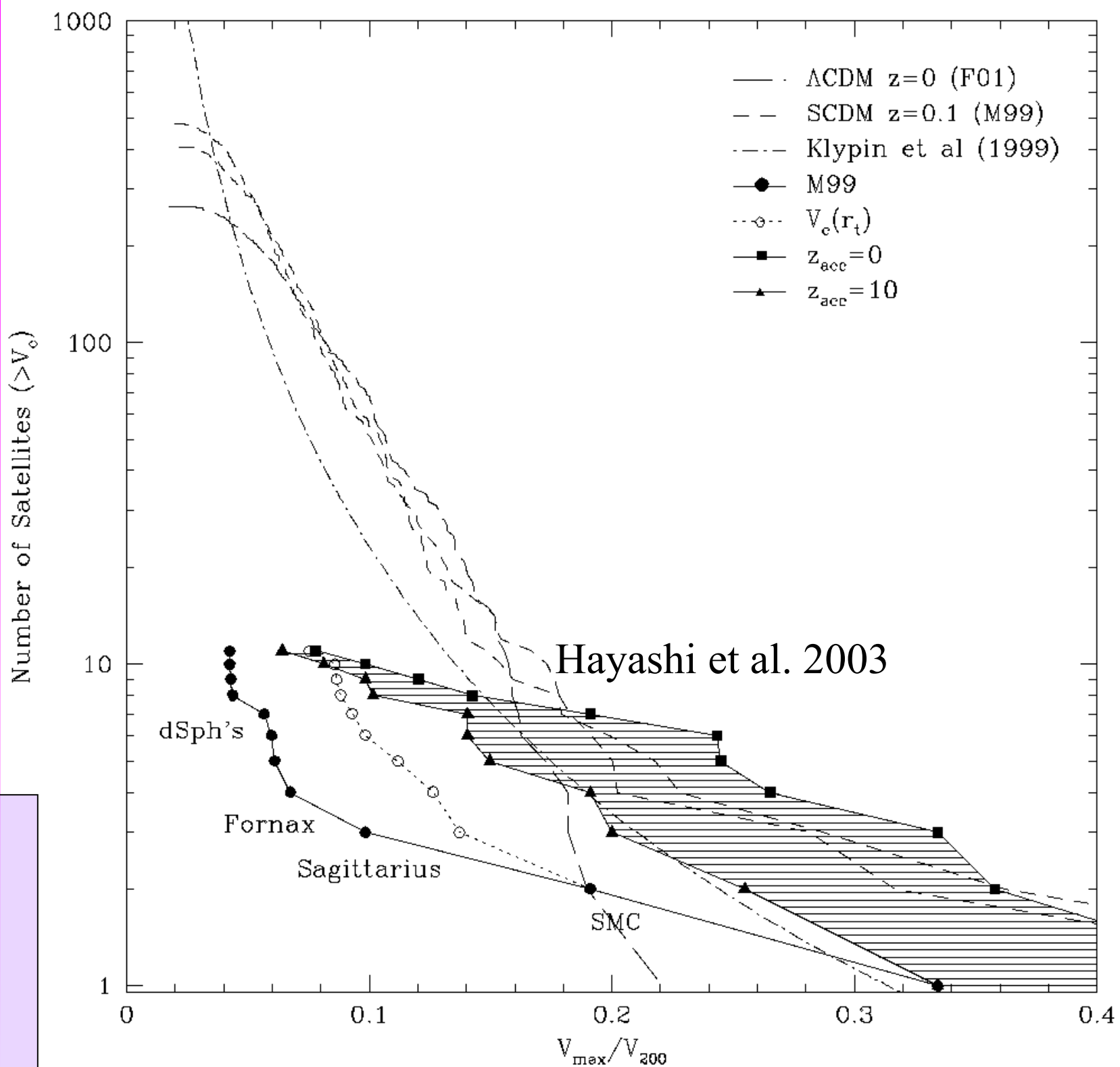
Simulated Halos



Real Halos







works well
if subhalos
not cuspy

Solutions to missing satellite problem

- Warm dark matter
- Supernovae
- Reionization/ UV background
- We see only inner parts of large satellites
- We only see most massive satellites
- We only see oldest satellites
- Decaying dark matter
- faulty intelligence

Cosmological Simulations

some problems



•*Simulation:*

An imitation; a sham.

Assumption of a false appearance.

(American Heritage Dictionary)

Kolb & Turner(?)

Cosmological Simulations

Answers.com:

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some problems

- *1. Something false or empty that is purported to be genuine;*
- *a spurious imitation.*
- *2. The quality of deceitfulness;*
- *empty pretense.*



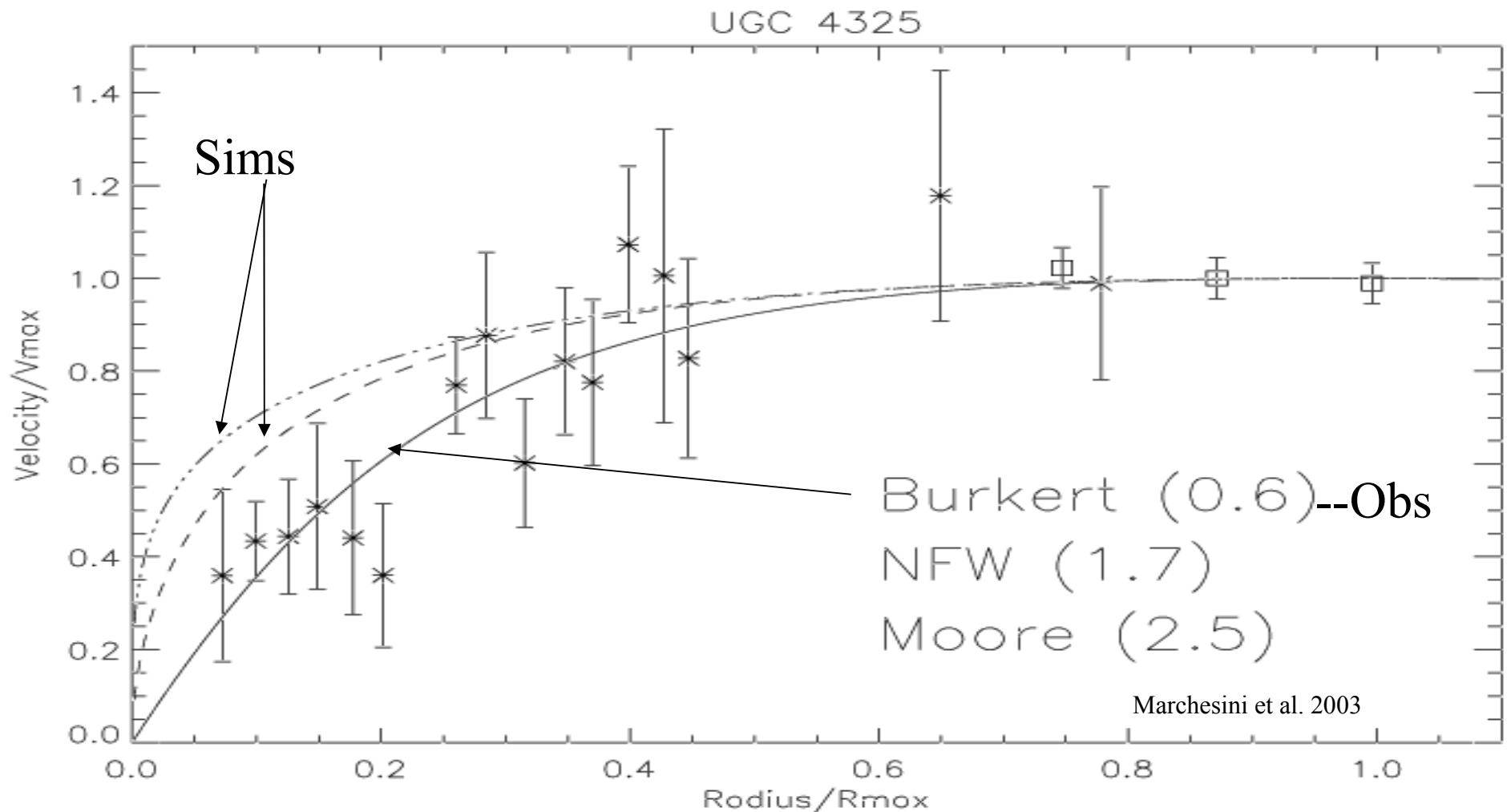
- *3. One who assumes a false character;*
- *an impostor: “He a man! Hell! He was*
- *a hollow sham!” (Joseph Conrad).*
- *4. A decorative cover made to simulate*
- *an article of household linen and*
- *Used over or in place of it:*
- *A pillow sham*

Another CDM crisis

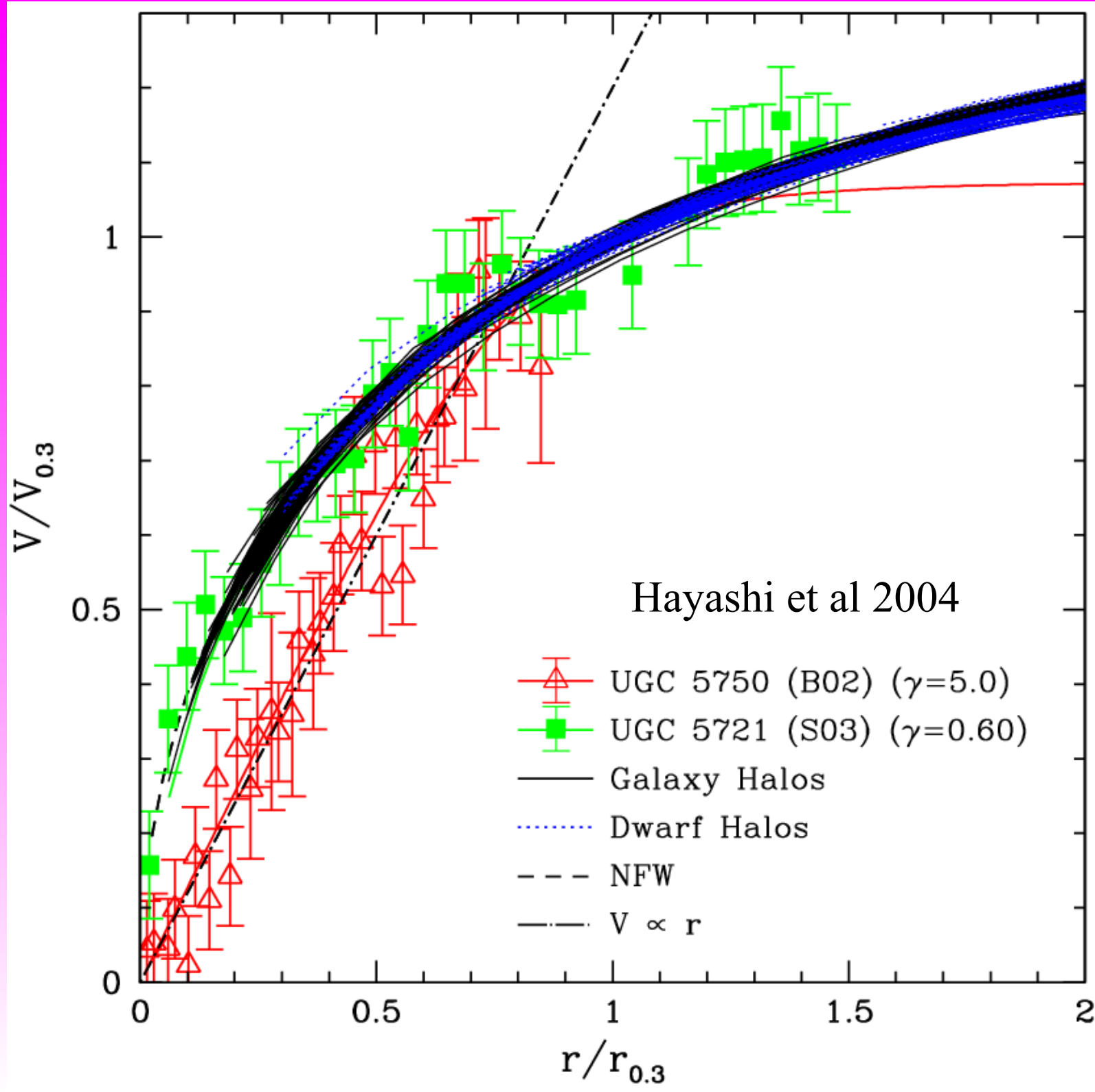
Flat cores in LSBs

(low surface brightness galaxies)

Observed “cores” vs CDM simulation cusps

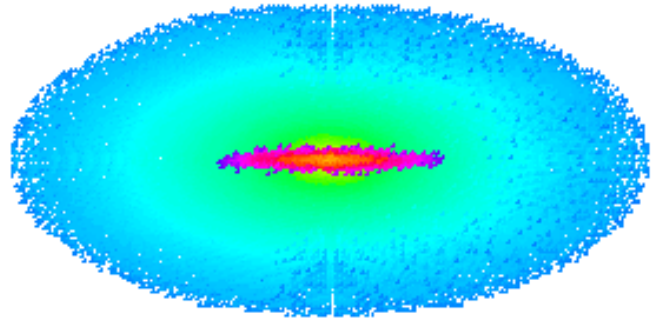


Rotation curves



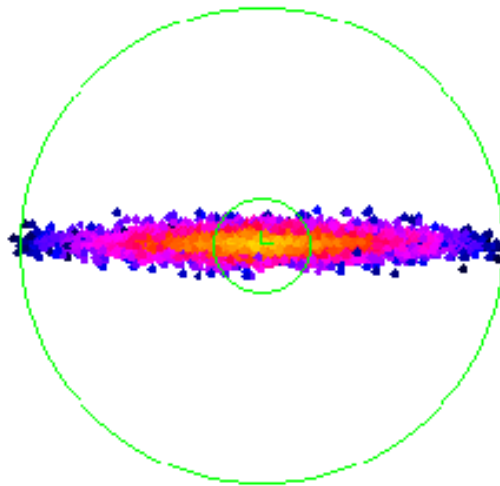
Disk placed in triaxial halo: $V_c \neq (GM/R)^{1/2}$

t=0 Gyr



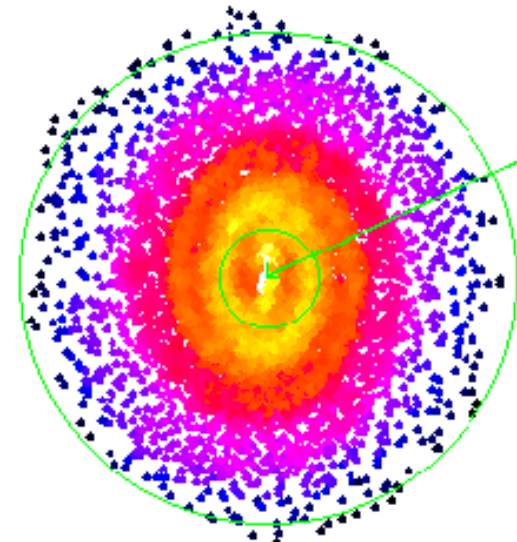
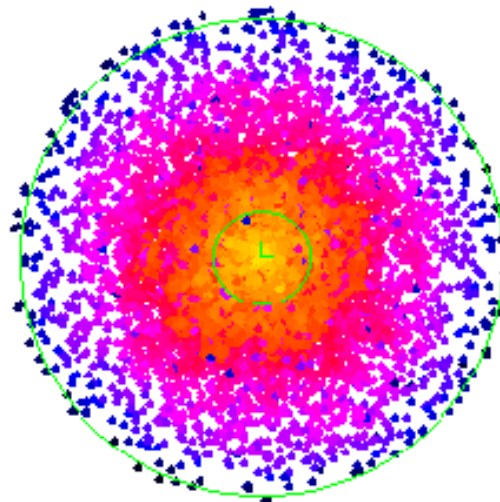
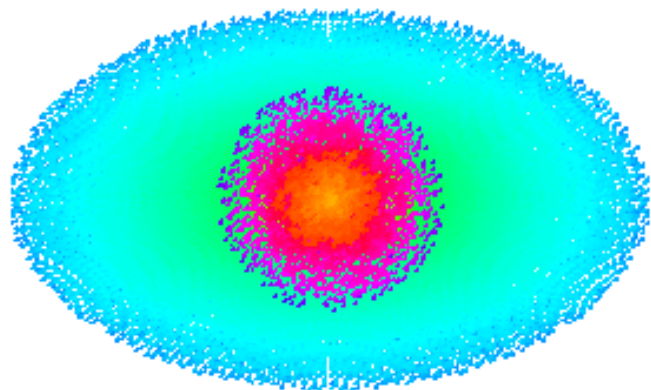
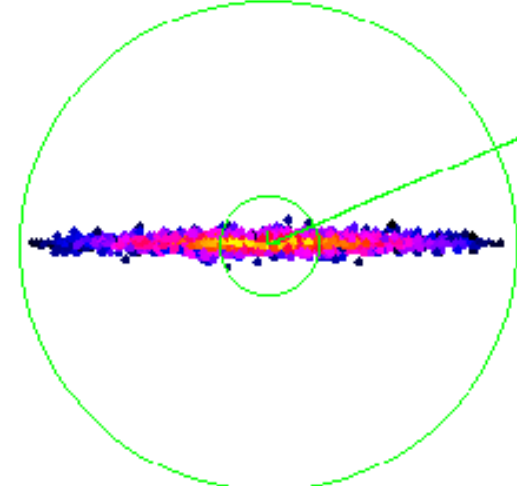
102 kpc/h

t=0 Gyr

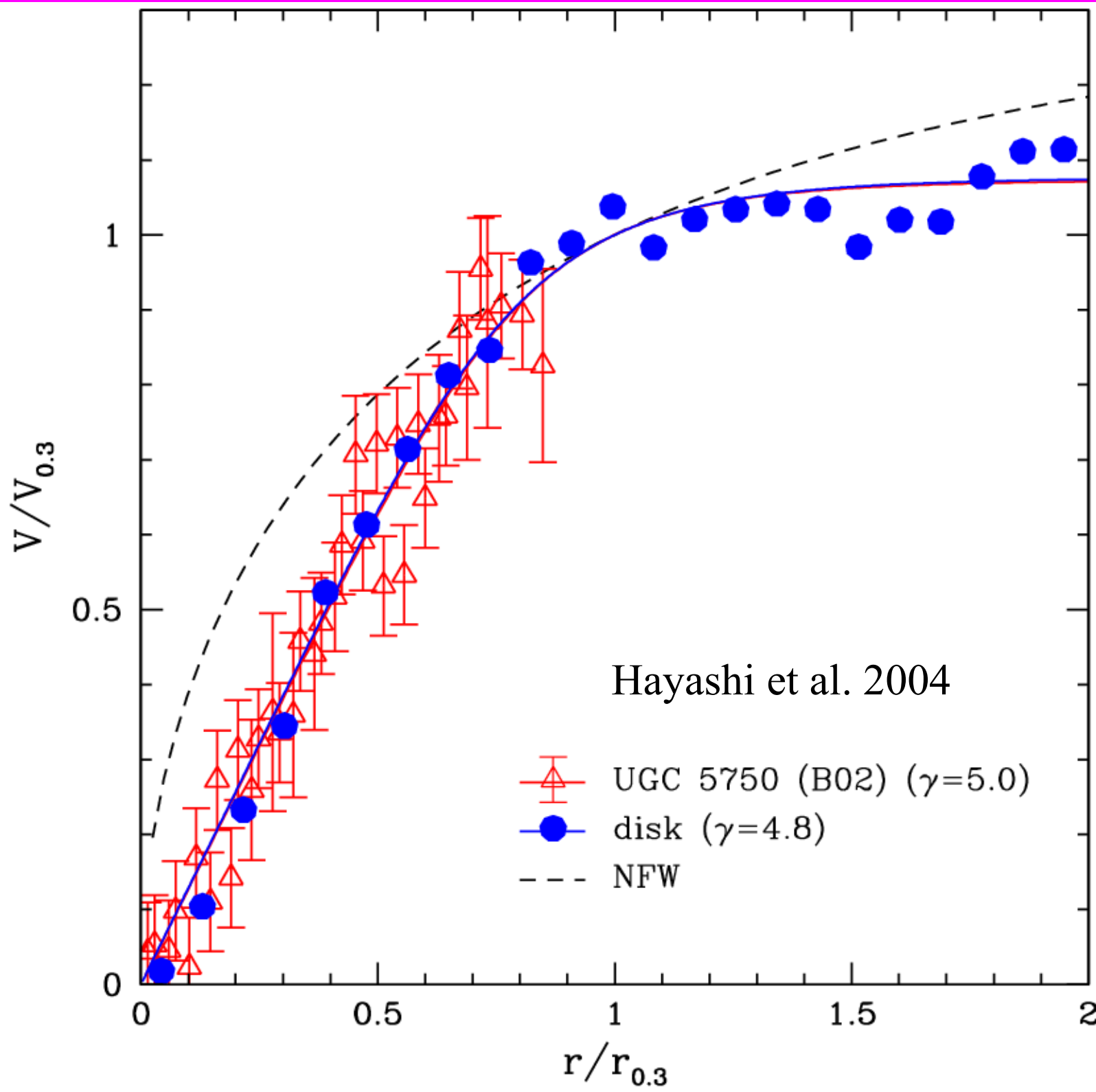


36 kpc/h

t=7.0 Gyr



Rotation
curve
problem
solved(?)

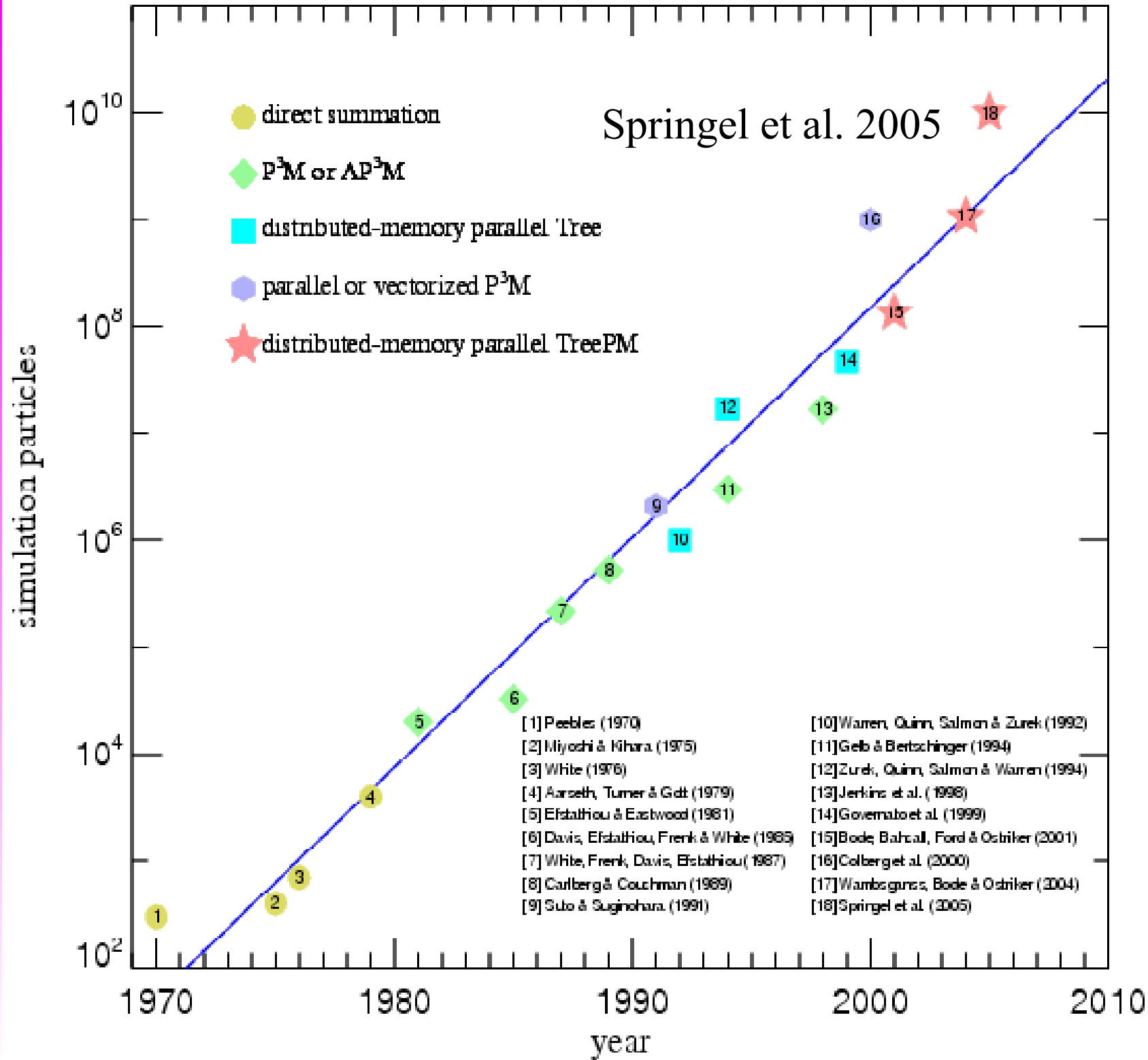


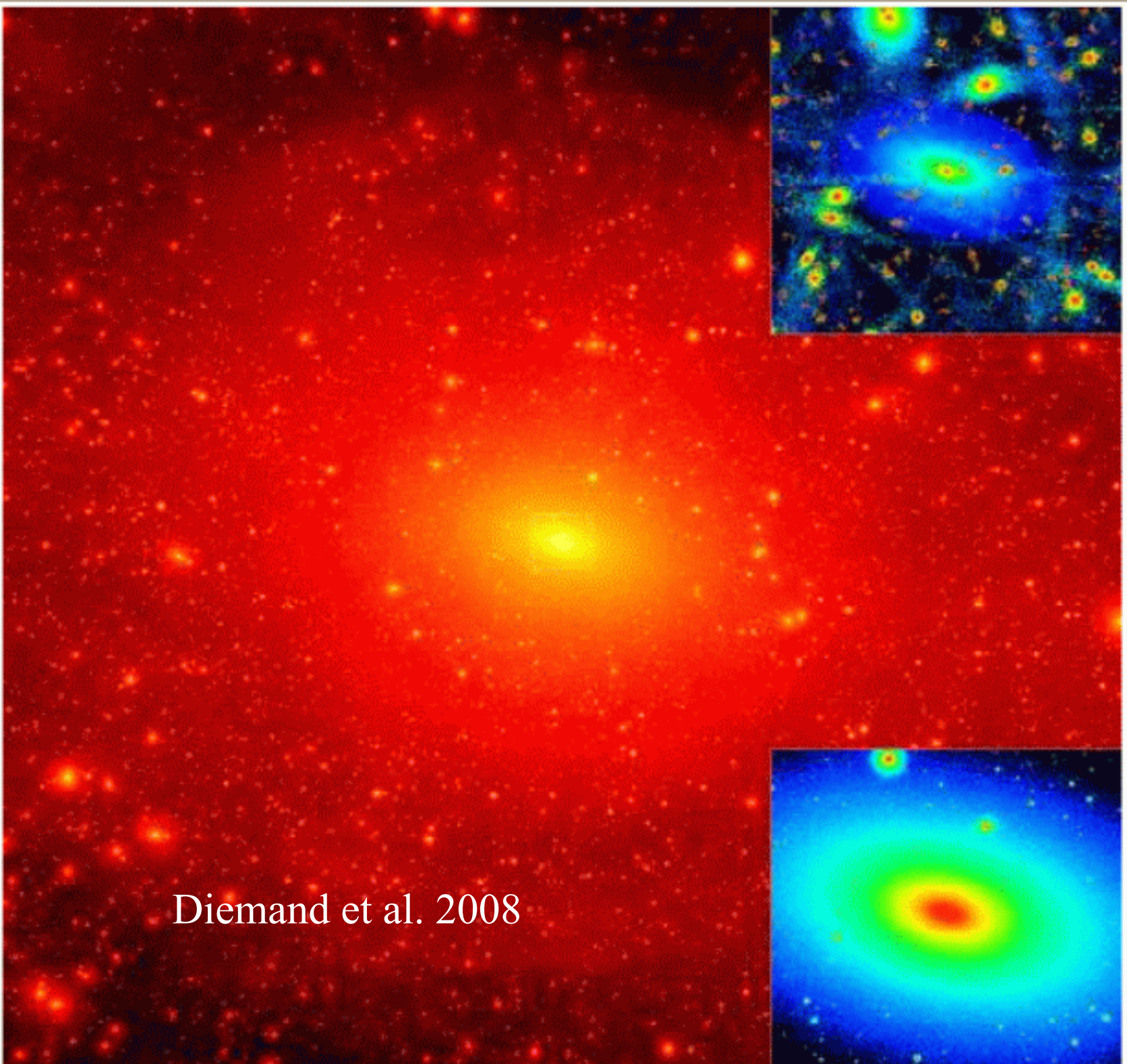
When to trust simulations?

- Convergence tests:
 - Particle number, **starting redshift**, force resolution, timestep, boxsize
 - gravity only simulations OK
 - Simple, adiabatic hydrodynamics, OK?
- Simulations break when:
 - galaxies, star formation, feedback, other “unresolved” physics
 - Resolution issues not tested/understood

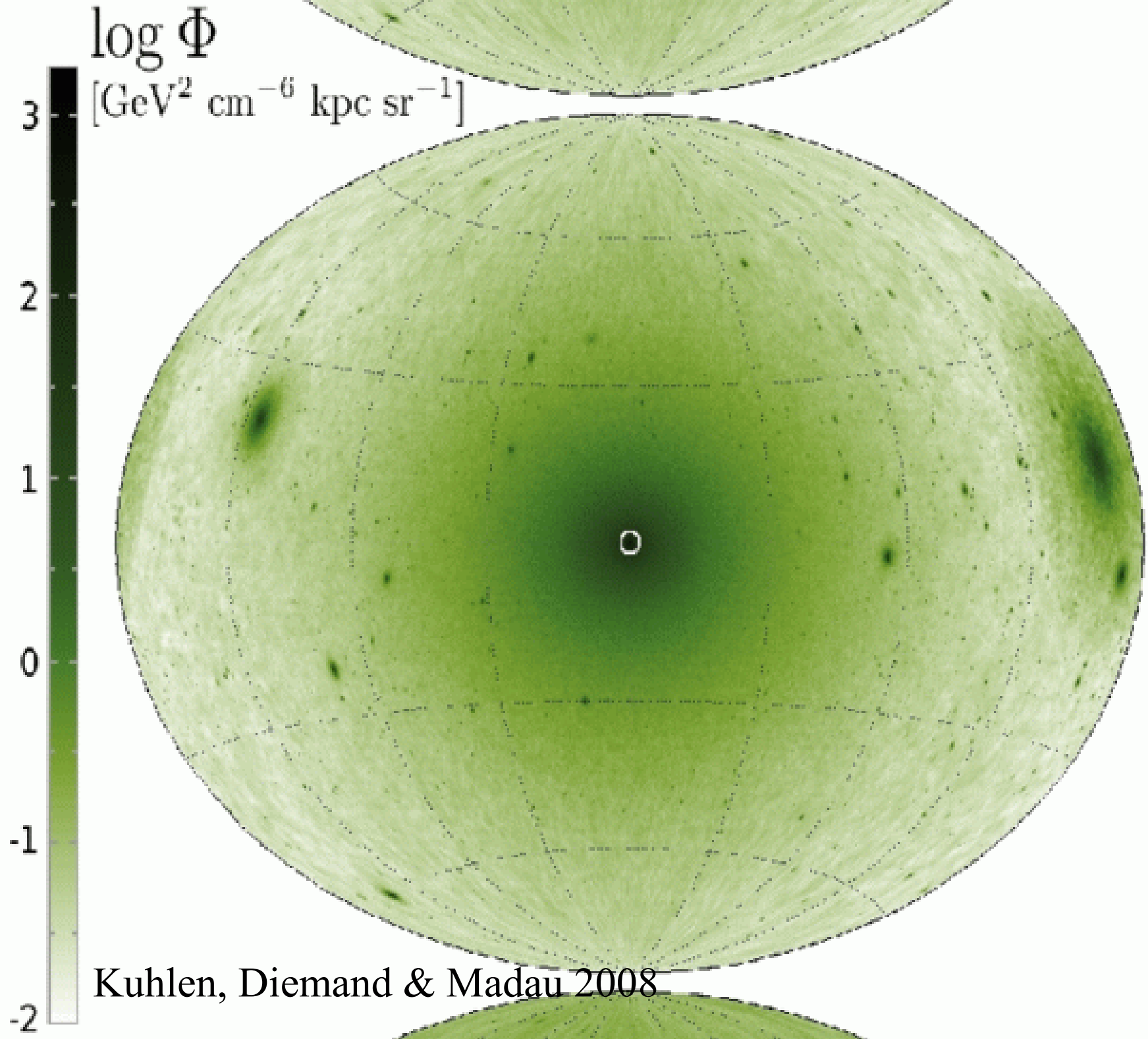
“successes” -simulating nonlinear problems

- Cuspy profile – but assumes dark matter only universe
 - Not predicted
- “painting” galaxies onto halos for observational comp.
 - semi-analytics (e.g. starburst during halo merger)
 - HOD (Halo Occupation Distribution)
 - Prob. Ngal within Mhalo, to match galaxy correlation function
- Basis for “precision” cosmology:
 - Cluster mass function
 - $p(k)$ for weak lensing





Diemand et al. 2008



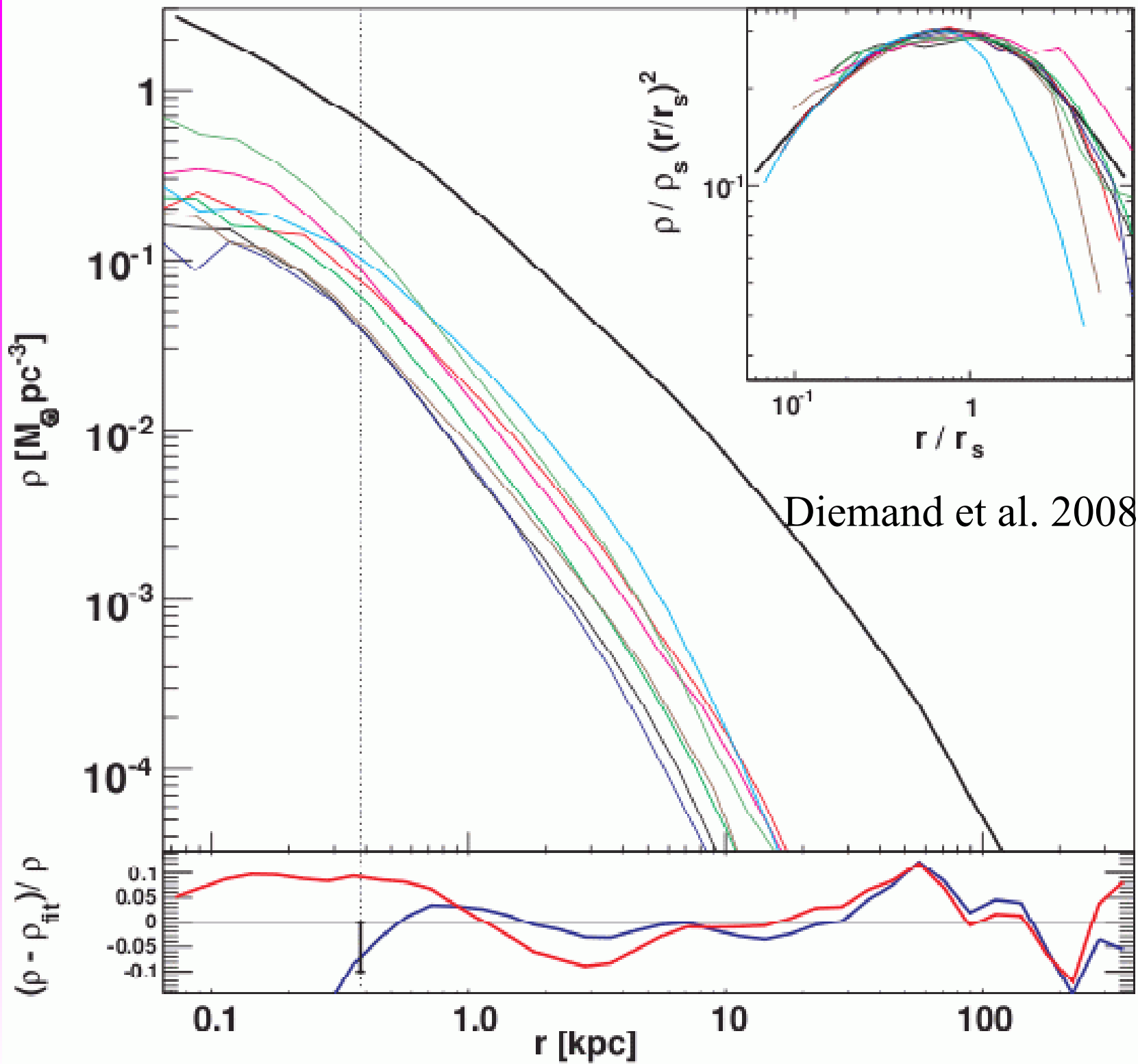
$$R_{\min} \sim N_p^{-1/3}$$

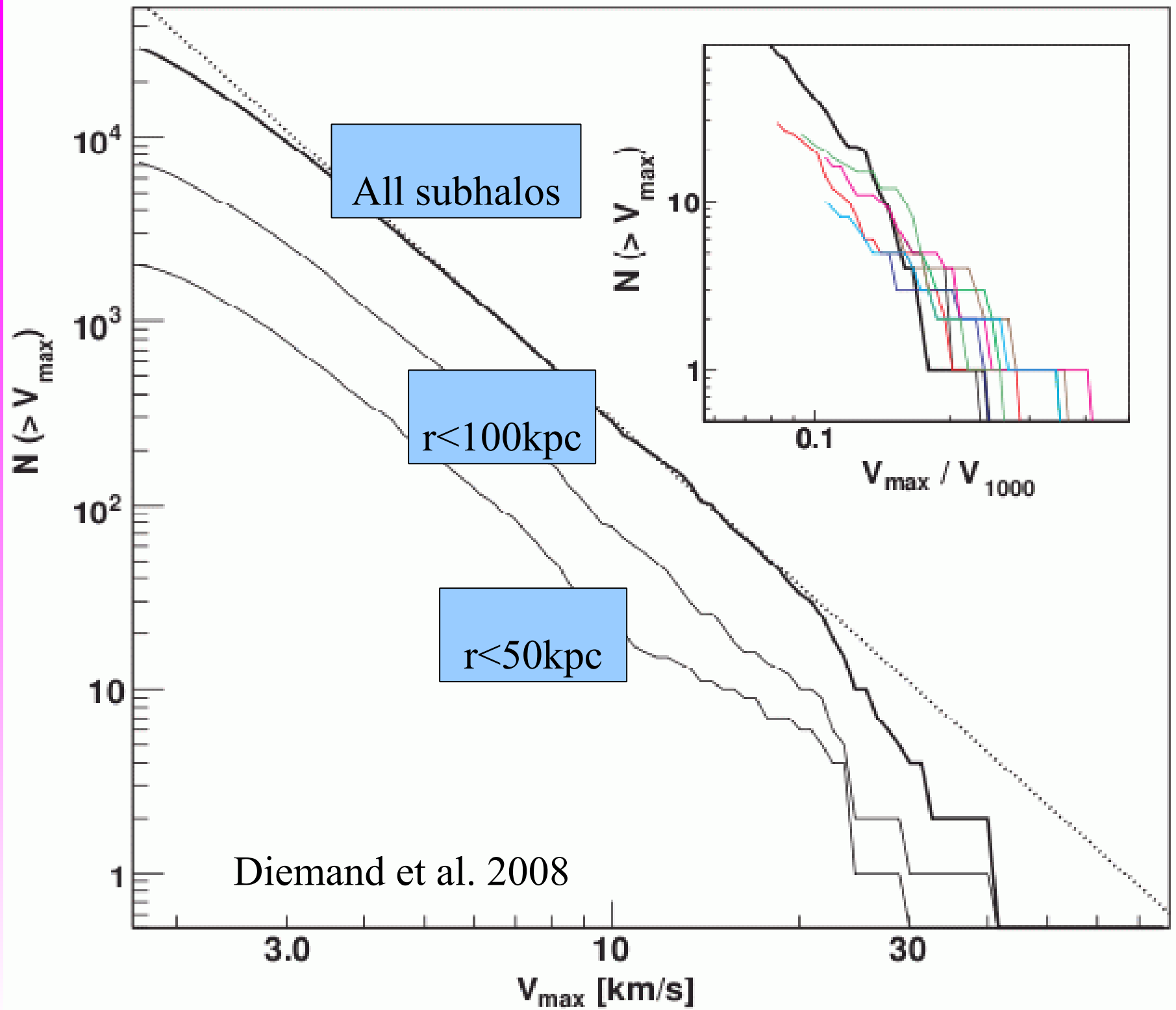
10^6 vs. 10^9

particles.

10 x better
(spatial) res.

for 10^6 x
more work.





Big Simulations

- Now: >billion particles in a halo
 - “Via Lactea 2” (Stadel, Madau, Kuhlen et al.)
 - “billeonium” (Springel, Navarro et al)
- To model Milky Way halo, including micro-(sub)halos
 - get D.M. Annihilation signal (e.g. Koushiappas)
 - Earth mass: need $\sim 10^{-8}$ Msun particle ----- $\sim 10^{20}$ particles
 - 10^{11} times more particles ----- $\sim 2060?$

Conclusions

- Simulation successes:
 - Halo numbers
 - Halo distribution, clustering
 - Halo structure
- Problems
 - Simulations difficult to interpret
 - “trust” D.M.-only, w/convergence tests
 - Always need bigger sim., *smaller scales*
 - CDM lives, so far
- Precision cosmology still needs simulations (e.g. evolution of cluster mass function, matter power spectrum)