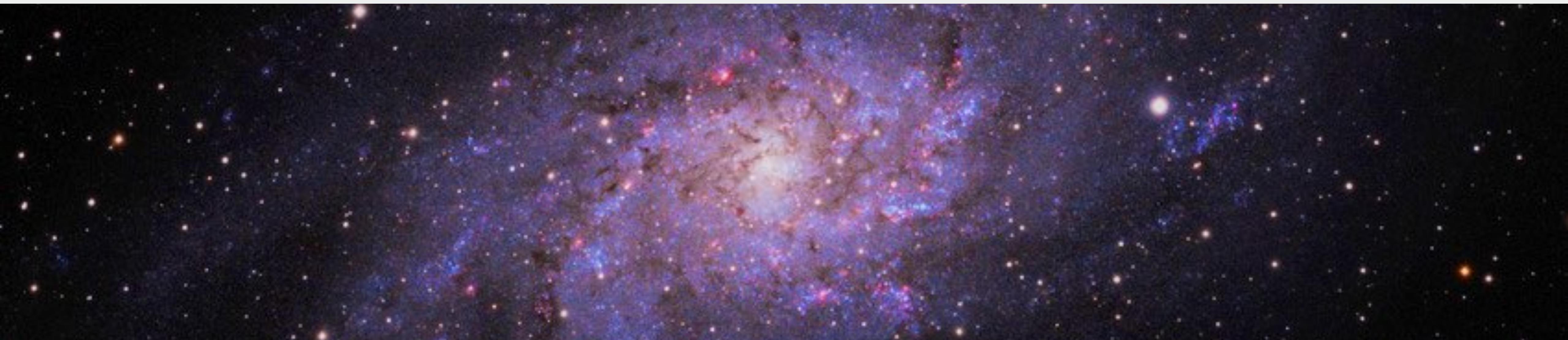


Dark matter subhalos



Gaétan Facchinetti
with Julien Lavalle and Martin Stref



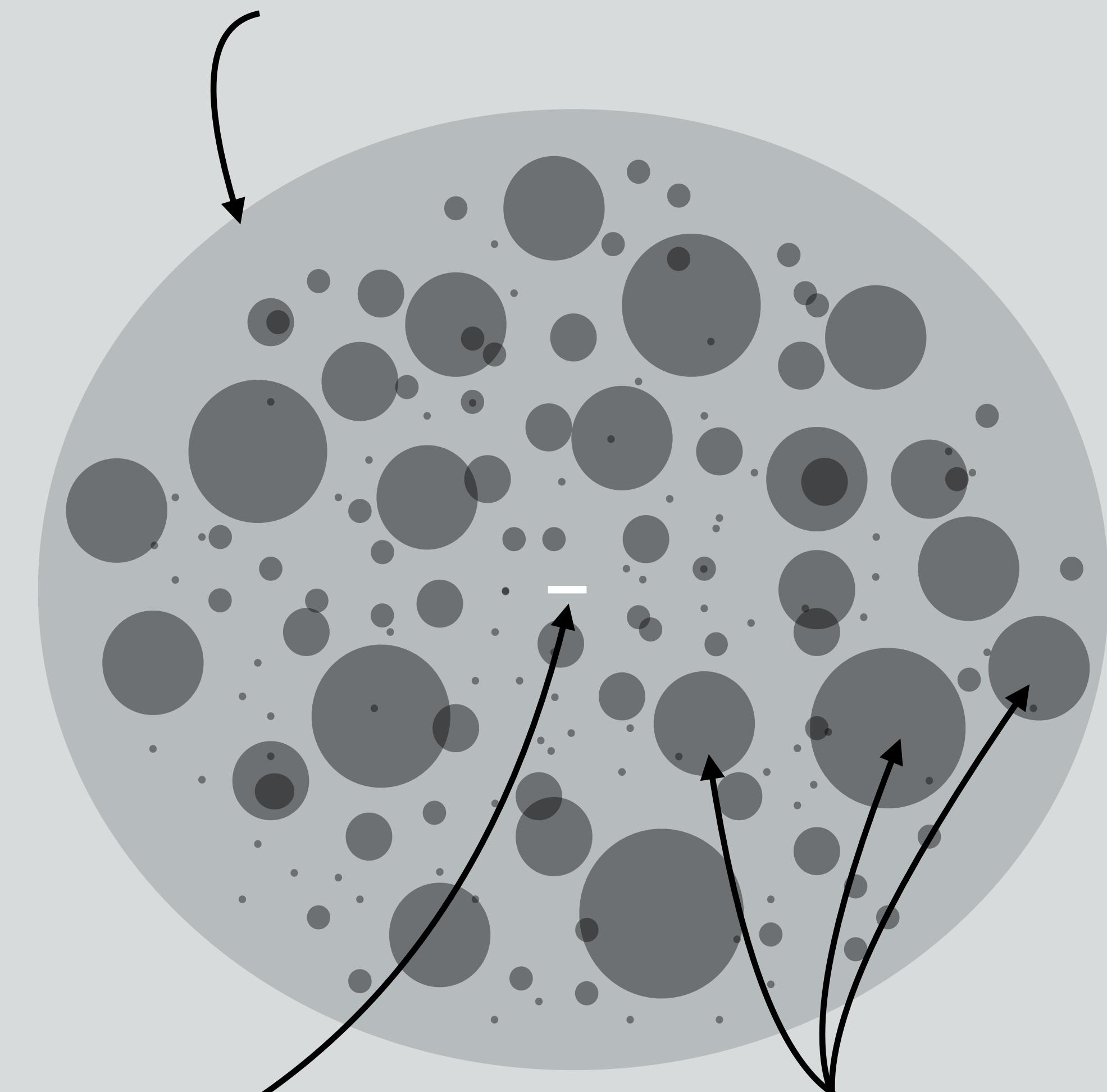
Galaxy =

$$\left\langle \rho_\chi = \rho_{\text{smooth}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{sub}}} \rho_i \right\rangle$$

(Constrained by observations)

We are here

Dark matter host halo (smooth)



Dark matter **CLUMPS/Subhalos**
(*CDM paradigm*)

Why is looking for **subhalos** interesting?

Nature of DM: **Cold** DM? **Warm** DM? **Self Interacting** DM? ...

Can be looked for with **several strategies** (DM annihilation, lensing, ...)

Need a **reliable population** model for **Galactic searches**

[Ibarra+19, Hütten+19, Calore+19, Hütten+16, Ando+19, ...]

[Facchinetto+20]

Cosmological simulations:

Exquisite reproduction of the observable Universe on large scales

Cannot reproduce THE Milky-Way

Cannot probe $m \lesssim 10^4 M_\odot$.

Halo mass possibly down to $10^{-12} M_\odot$

[Springel+08]

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Analytical models:

Number of CDM subhalos in a MW-like halo:

$$N_{\text{sub}} \gtrsim 10^6$$



Evaluate the statistical distribution of halos

[Stref+17, Hiroshima+18, Bartels+15, Zavala+14, Benson+12, Van den Bosch+05, Peñarrubia+05, ...]

Two main ideas to describe the subhalo population

A dynamically constrained semi-analytical model for the subhalo population in the Milky Way (MW)

From [Stref and Lavalle (2017)] & [GF, Stref and Lavalle (2022, in prep.)]

Analytical initial/cosmological subhalo mass function

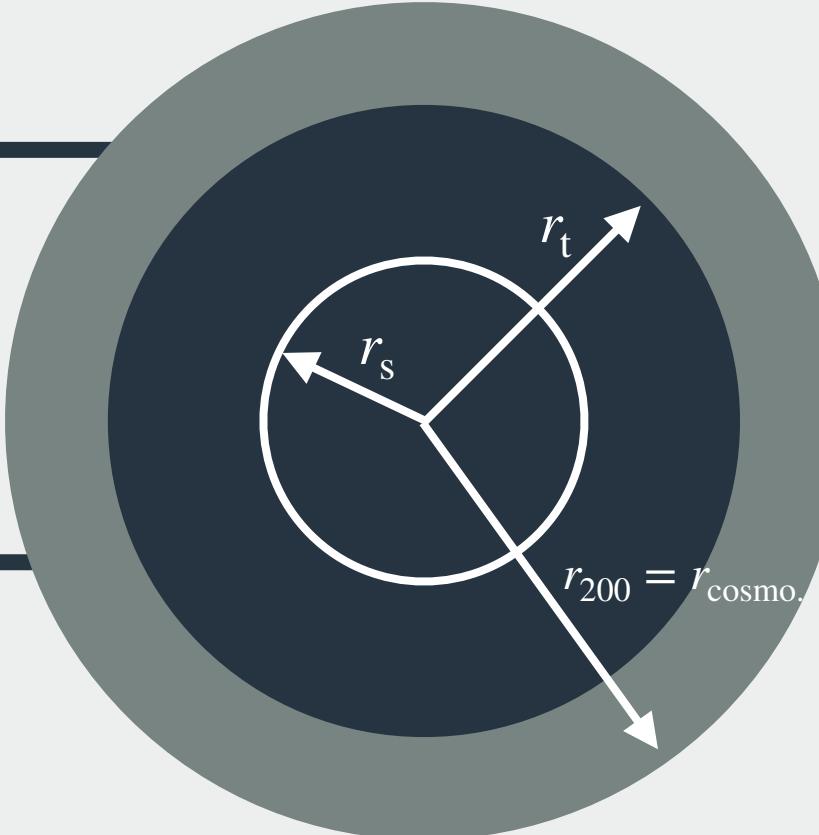
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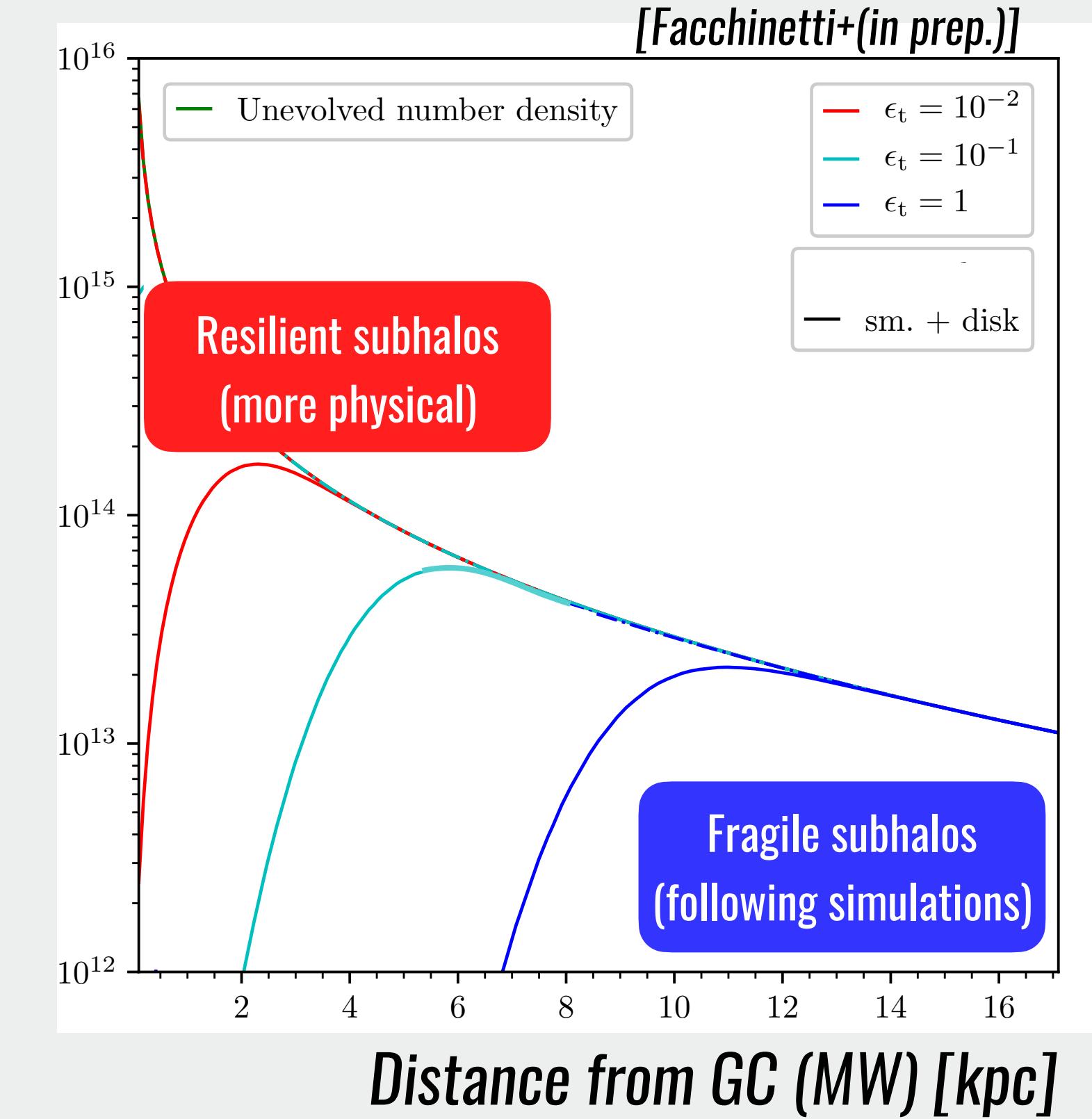
Analytically treated (consistent
with the properties of the host)

Analytical evolved mass function (spatially dependent)

$$\frac{dN_{\text{sub}}(R)}{dm_t} = N_1 \iiint p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{late}}(m, c, R) \delta(m_t - m_t^*(m, c, R)) dm dc dR$$



Number density
of subhalos [kpc^{-3}]



[Binney+08, Weinberg94, Gnedin+99, Stref+17]

[Tormen+98, Hayashi+03, Diemand+08,] [Van den Bosch+18, Errani+20]

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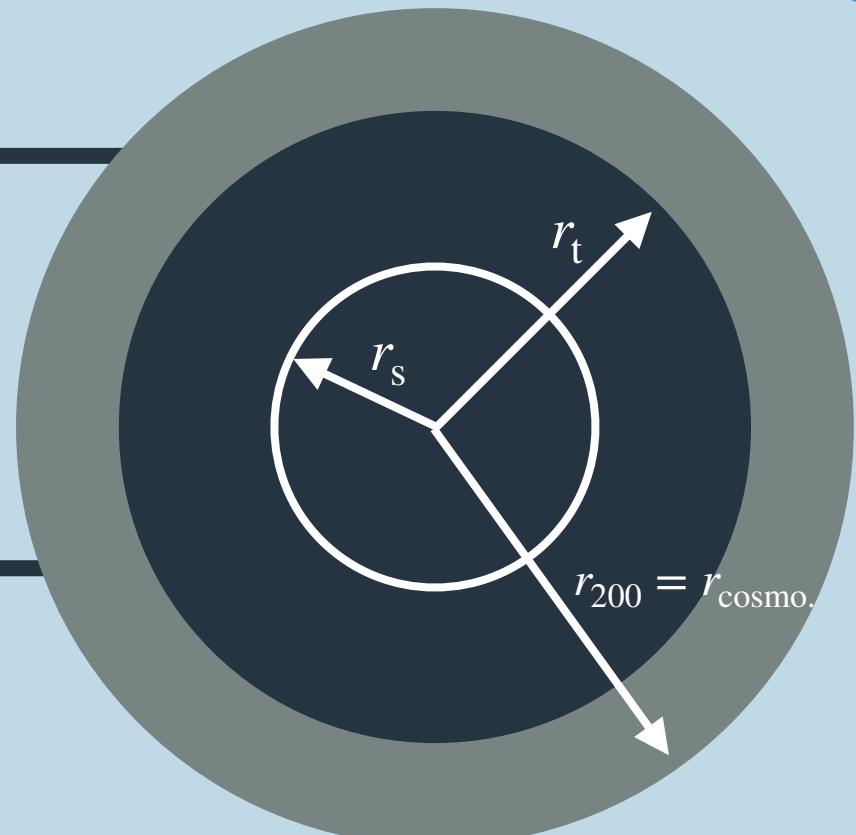
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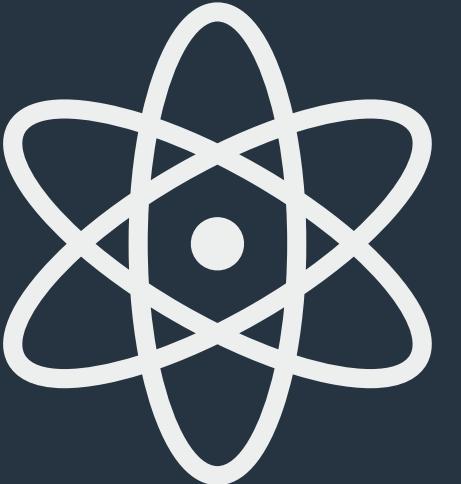
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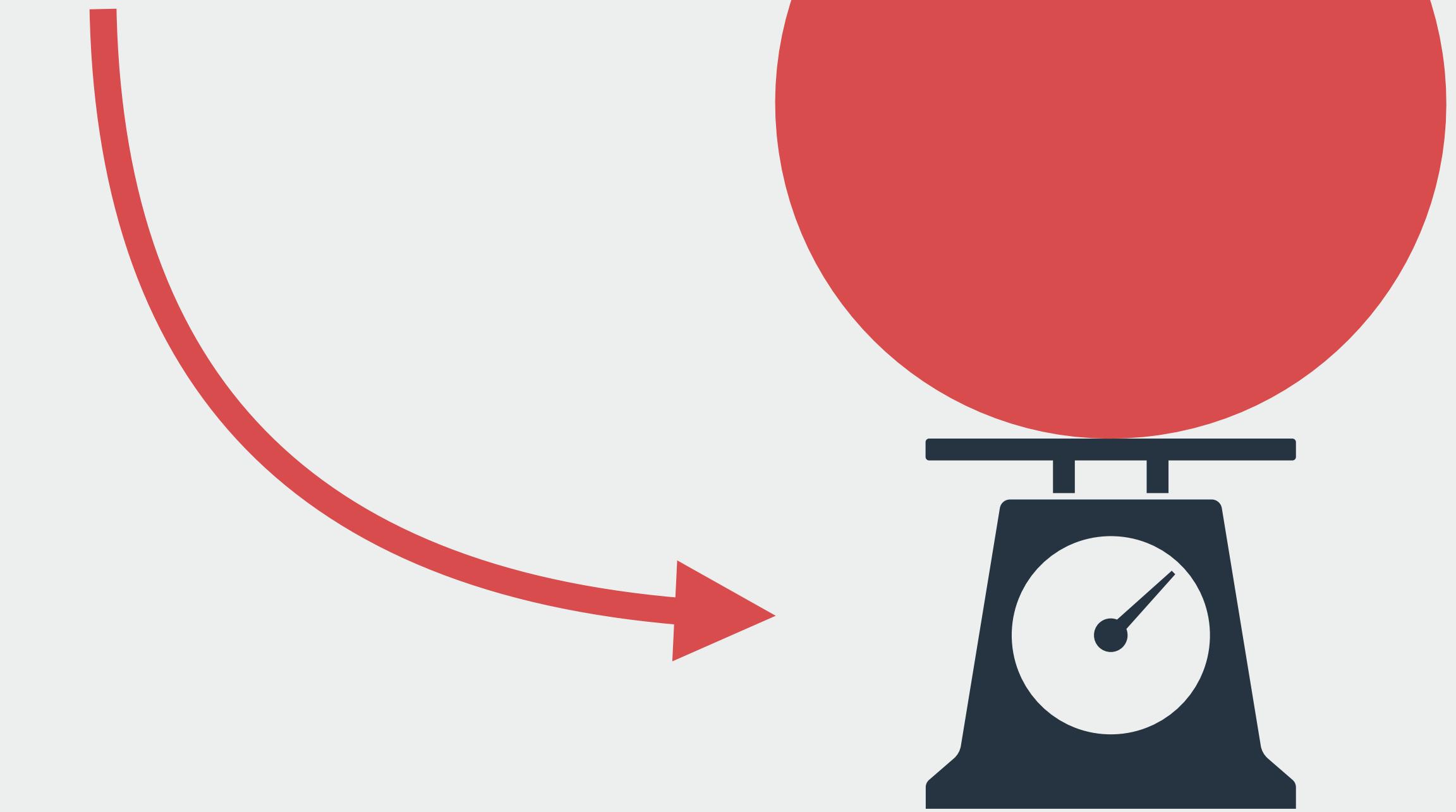
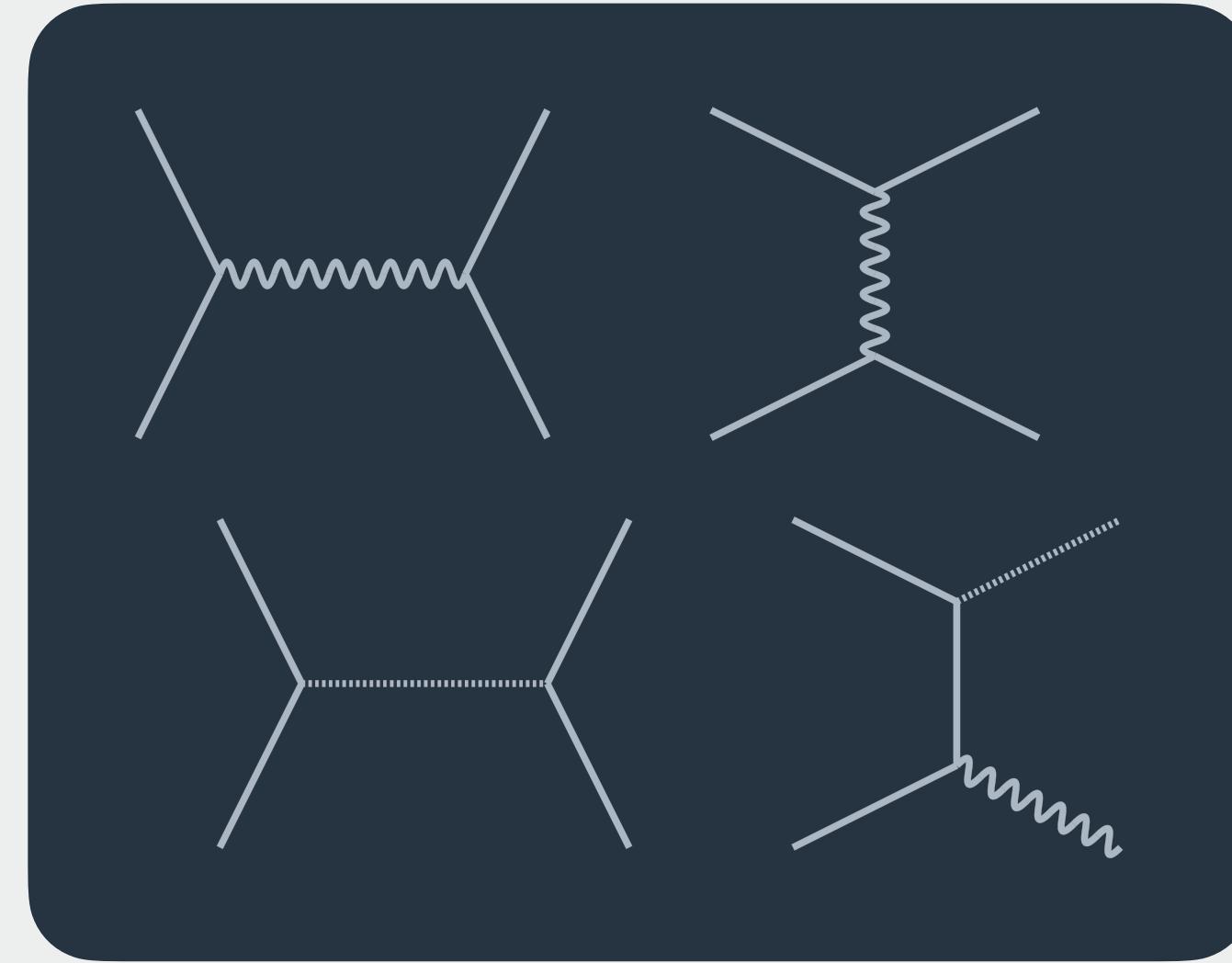
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Impact of single star encounters
(Here for the Milky-Way)



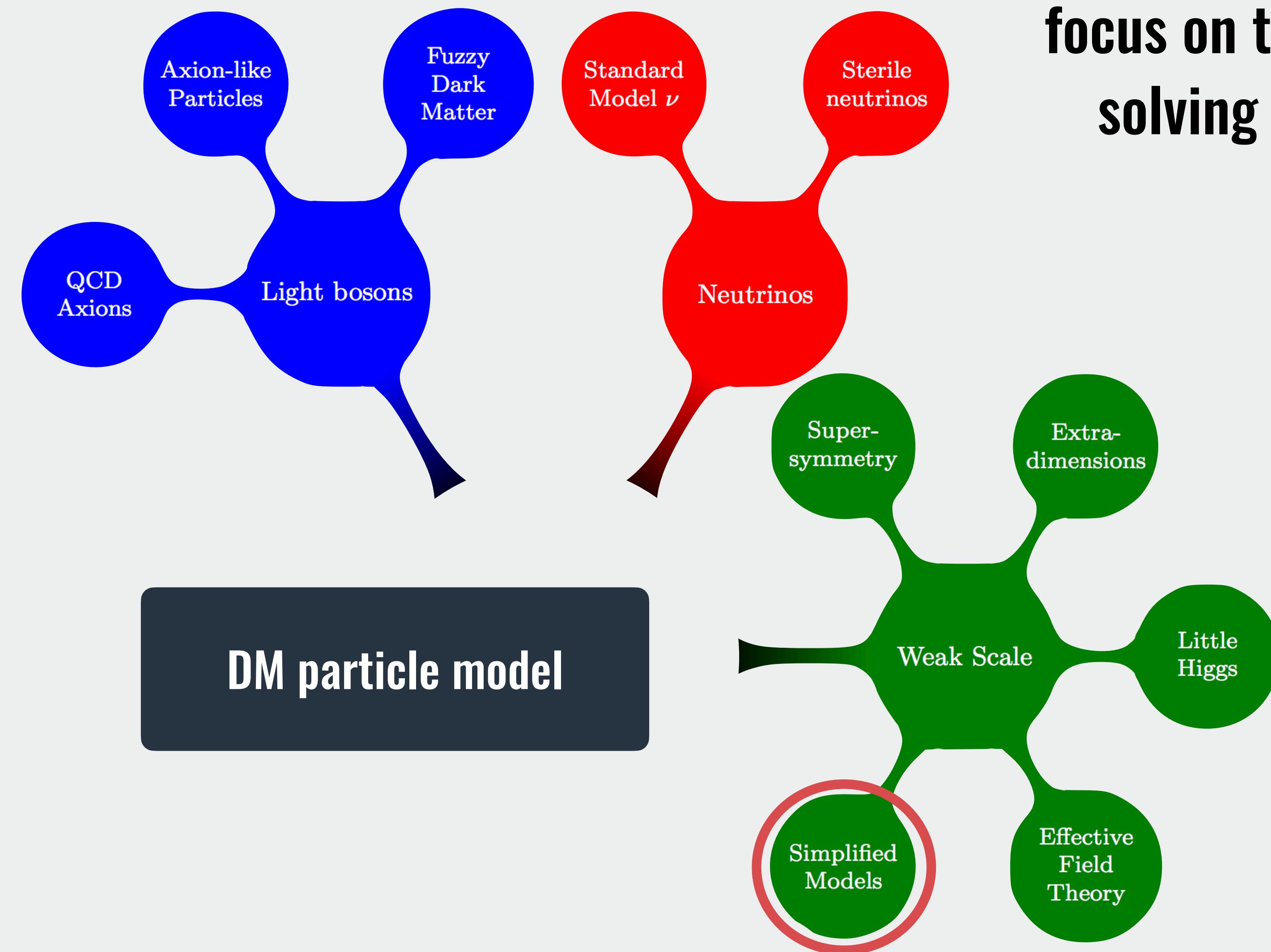
*Subhalo **minimal mass**
in a simplified DM model*

[arXiv:2203.xxxx]



« Historically »

focus on the phenomenology of particle models
solving the electroweak hierarchy problem
top-down



No detection of new physics at LHC

Now

focus on the production mechanism
bottom-up (more generic)

We work with the following model:

s-channel simplified model (for fermionc DM):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} \ni & -\bar{\chi}_i \delta_\chi (A_k^{ij} \phi_k + i\gamma^5 B_k^{ij} \varphi_k) \chi_j - \bar{\psi}_i (\mathcal{A}_k^i \phi_k + i\gamma^5 \mathcal{B}_k^i \varphi_k) \psi_i \\ & + \bar{\chi}_i \gamma^\mu \delta_\chi (X_k^{ij} - \gamma^5 Y_k^{ij}) V_k^\mu \chi_j + \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu (\mathcal{X}_k^i - \gamma^5 \mathcal{Y}_k^i) V_k^\mu \psi_i\end{aligned}$$

Generic coupling DM-SM through
scalar, **pseudoscalar**,
vector and **axial-vector** mediators

In the literature, no generic connection
between
simplified models and **subhalo minimal mass**

Let's make this connection!

For thermally produced particles
with abundance fixed with freeze-out mechanism (WIMPs)
... and investigate its properties and features

Thermodynamical equilibrium

$$n_\chi = n_\chi^{\text{eq}}$$

$$T_\chi = T$$

Thermal equilibrium

$$n_\chi \neq n_\chi^{\text{eq}}$$

$$T_\chi = T$$

Free streaming

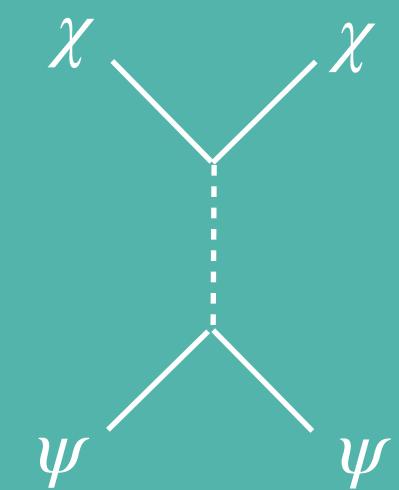
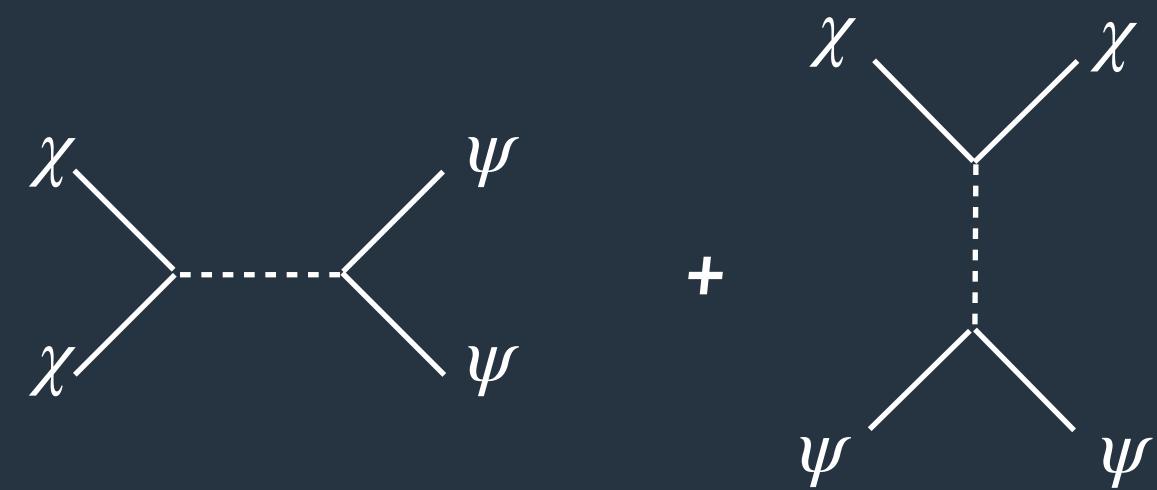
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MD era

Chemical decoupling
Fixes the abundance

Kinetic decoupling



No interactions
between DM and SM

Acoustic damping of modes:
(collisional damping)

$$k > k_d \sim \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} H(t_{\text{kd}})$$

Free streaming damping of modes:
(collision-less damping)

$$k > k_{\text{fs}} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{\text{fs}}} \sim \frac{2\pi}{a(t_{\text{eq}})} \left(\int_{t_{\text{kd}}}^{t_{\text{eq}}} \frac{v(t)}{a(t)} dt \right)^{-1}$$

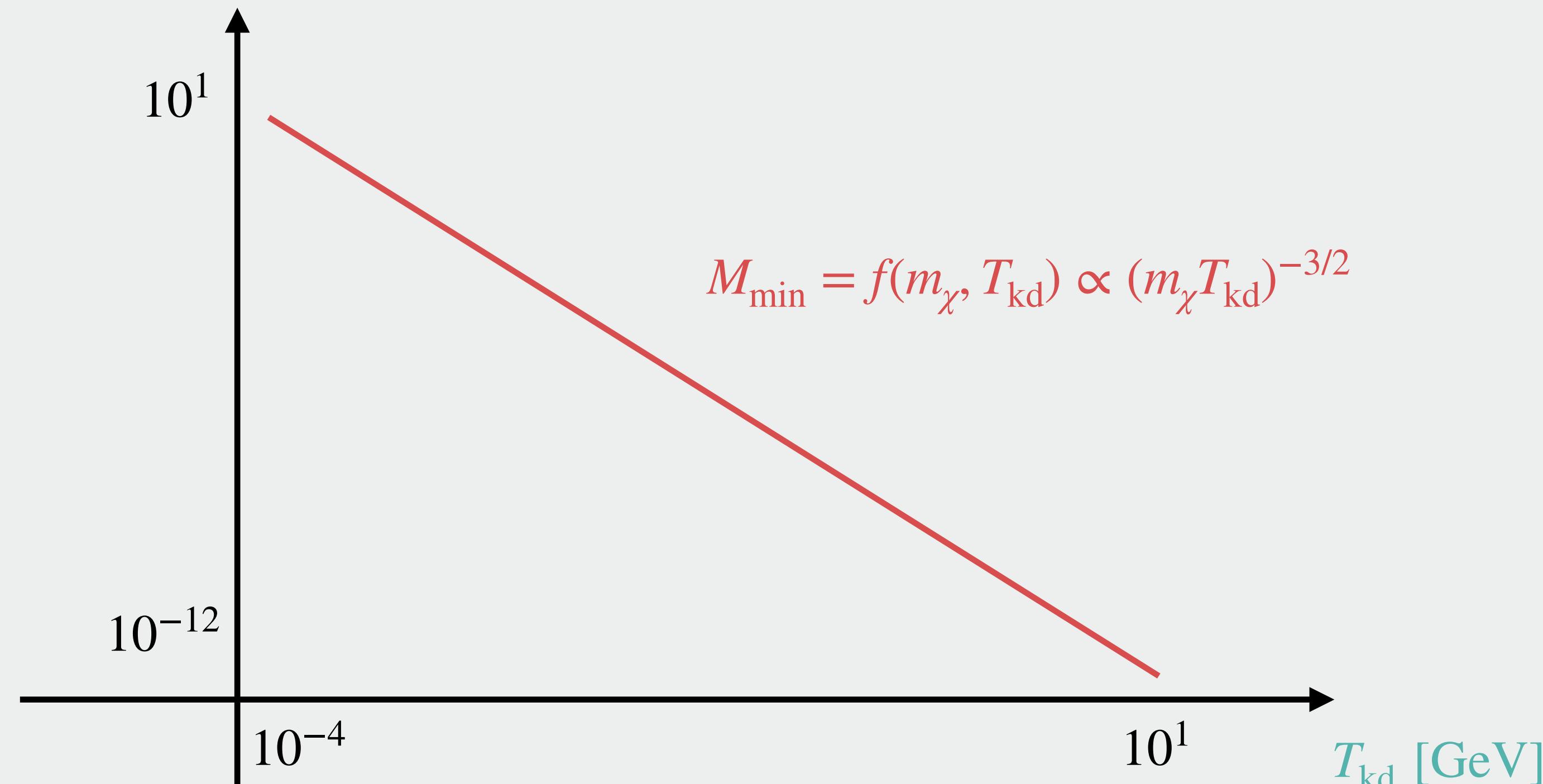
$$M_{\text{halo}} > \max \left[\frac{4\pi}{3} \bar{\rho}_m(t_{\text{kd}}) \left(\frac{2\pi}{k_d} \right)^3, \frac{4\pi}{3} \bar{\rho}_m(t_{\text{eq}}) \left(\frac{2\pi}{k_{\text{fs}}} \right)^3 \right]$$

[Hofmann+01, Boehm+01,
Green+05, Loeb+05,
Bringmann+09, Gondolo+12]

Perturbations growth

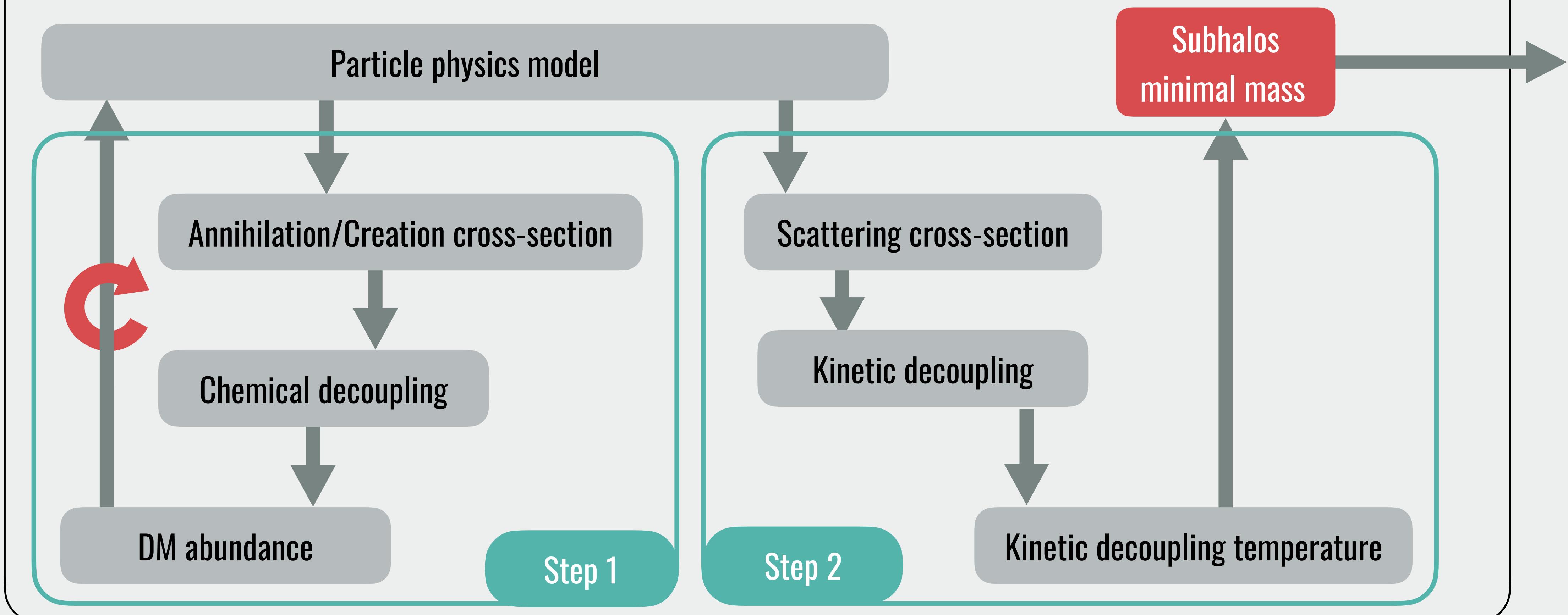
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M_{min} [M_{\odot}]



The minimal mass is directly related
to the kinetic decoupling temperature

Codes in C++ developed from scratch to optimise the computation speed



1 point phase-space distribution function: $f_\chi = f_\chi(t, |\mathbf{p}|)$

[Lee+77, Binétruy+84,
Bernstein+85, Srednicki+88, Gondolo+91,
Griest+91, Edsjo+97, Steigman+12]

Boltzmann equation: $\hat{L}[f_\chi] = \hat{C}[f_\chi]$

[Hofmann+01, Bertschinger+06,
Binder+16, Gondolo+12]

0th moment:

$$\int \hat{L}[f_\chi] \frac{1}{E_\chi} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} = \int \hat{C}[f_\chi] \frac{1}{E_\chi} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Step 1

Step 2

2nd moment:

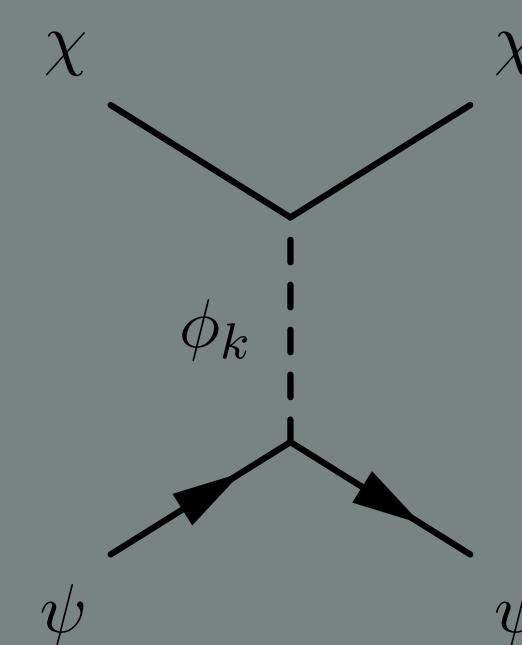
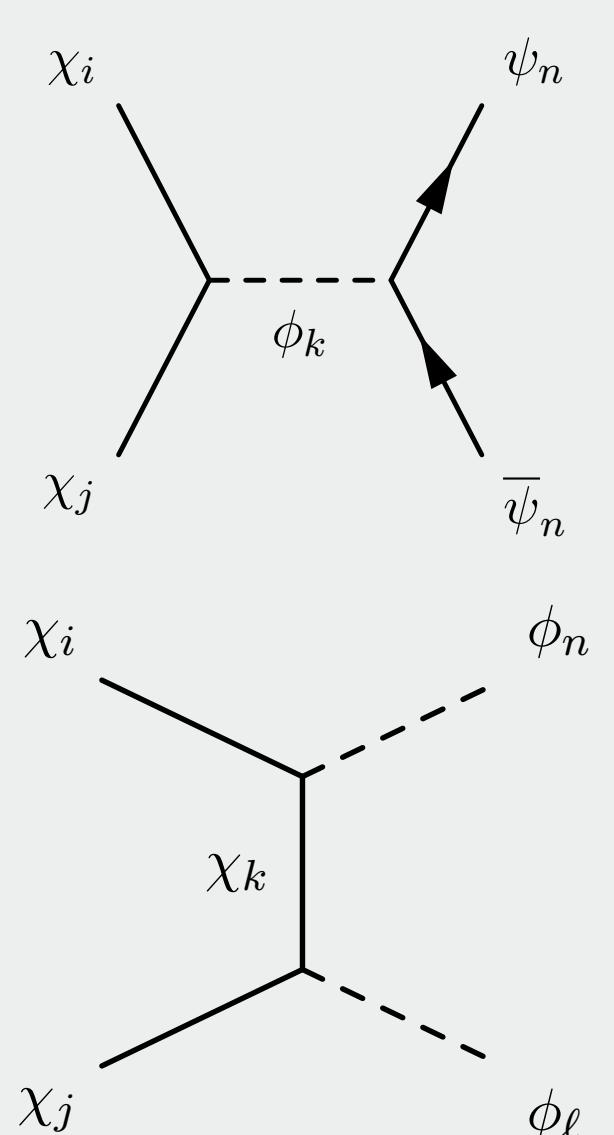
$$\int \hat{L}[f_\chi] \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{E_\chi} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} = \int \hat{C}[f_\chi] \frac{|\mathbf{p}|^2}{E_\chi} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Equation on DM number density:

$$\frac{dn}{dt} + 3Hn = \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle (n_{\text{eq}}^2 - n^2)$$

Thermal cross-section

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle = \int \sigma_{\text{ann}}(s) \dots ds$$



Equation on DM temperature:

$$\frac{dT_\chi}{dt} + 2HT_\chi = \gamma(T)(T - T_\chi)$$

Momentum relaxation rate

$$\gamma(T) \propto \sigma_T = \int \frac{d\sigma_{\text{scatt}}}{d\Omega} (1 - \cos \theta) d\Omega$$

The equations for chemical and kinetic decoupling
are obtained from the Boltzmann equation

Let us treat the example of a single scalar/pseudoscalar mediator

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_\chi \bar{\chi} \phi \chi - \sum \lambda_\psi \bar{\psi} \phi \psi$$
$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \varphi \chi - \sum \lambda_\psi \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \varphi \psi$$

(Toy models)

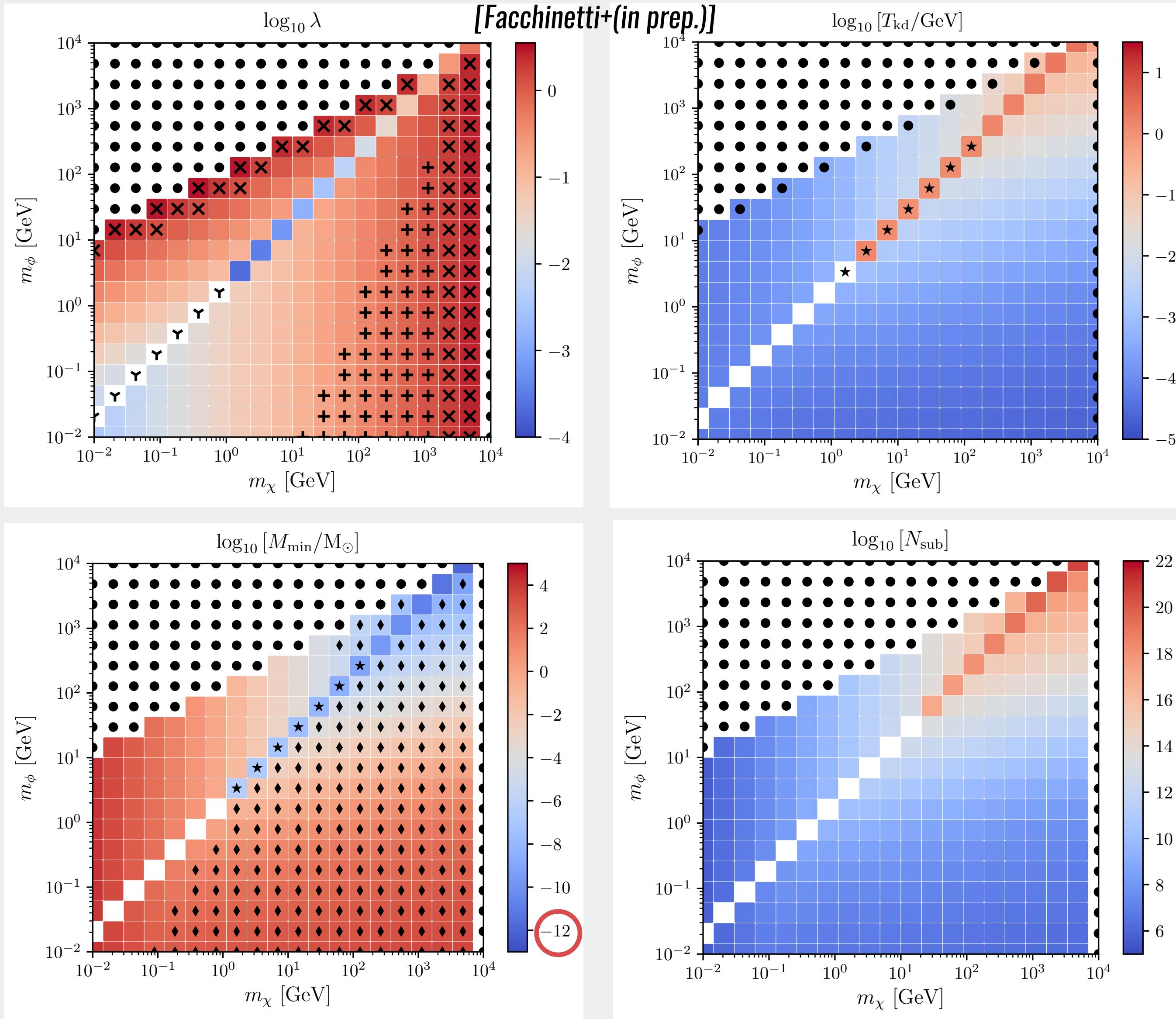
Chemical decoupling + correct abundance: constraints on the factor $\lambda = \sqrt{\lambda_\chi \lambda_e}$

Constrained coupling constant

Scalar

size@ $10^{-12}M_\odot \sim 10^{-5}$ pc
solar system $\sim 10^{-4}$ pc

Minimal halo mass



Temperature of Kinetic decoupling

- + Sommerfeld effects
- x large decay width
- large coupling
- ★ early kinetic dec.

◆ acoustic > free-stream.

Number of subhalos in the Milky-Way

From the coupling constant to the number of subhalos ... and more

We derived several approximate scaling laws

Annihilation (chemical decoupling/indirect searches)

Scalar

$$\sigma_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \psi\bar{\psi}}^{\text{scalar}} v_{\text{rel}} \propto \lambda^4 \frac{(m_\chi^2 - m_\psi^2)^{3/2}}{m_\chi^a m_\phi^b} v_{\text{rel}}^2 \quad (\text{p-wave})$$

Pseudo-scalar

$$\sigma_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \psi\bar{\psi}}^{\text{pseudo-scalar}} v_{\text{rel}} \propto \lambda^4 \frac{(m_\chi^2 - m_\psi^2)^{1/2}}{m_\chi^a m_\phi^b} \quad (\text{s-wave})$$

Scattering (kinetic decoupling/direct searches)

$$\sigma_{\chi\psi \rightarrow \chi\psi}^{\text{scalar}} \propto \lambda^4 \frac{m_\chi^2 m_\psi^2}{m_\phi^4 (m_\chi + m_\psi)^2} \quad (\nu\text{-indep.})$$

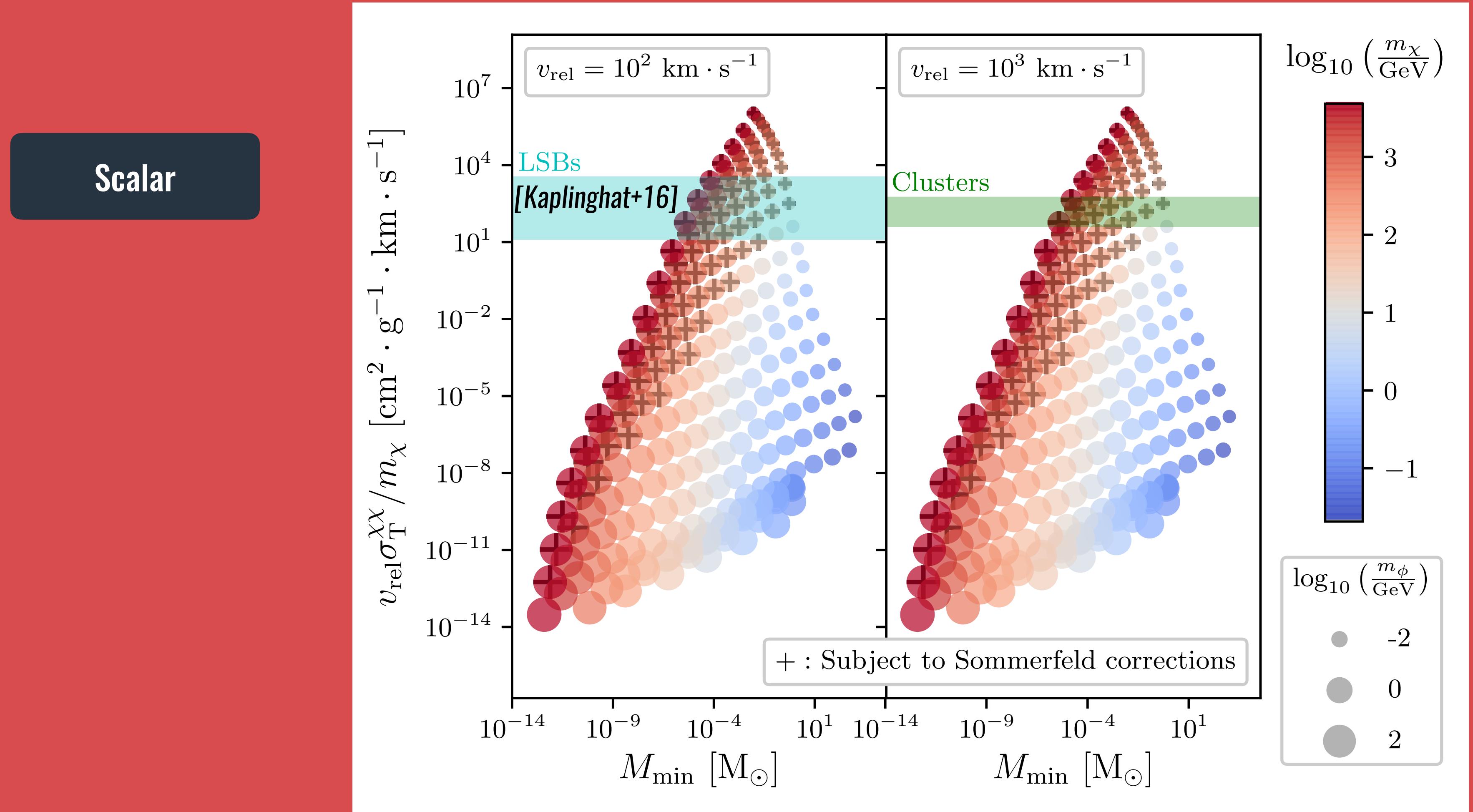
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[Abdallah+15]

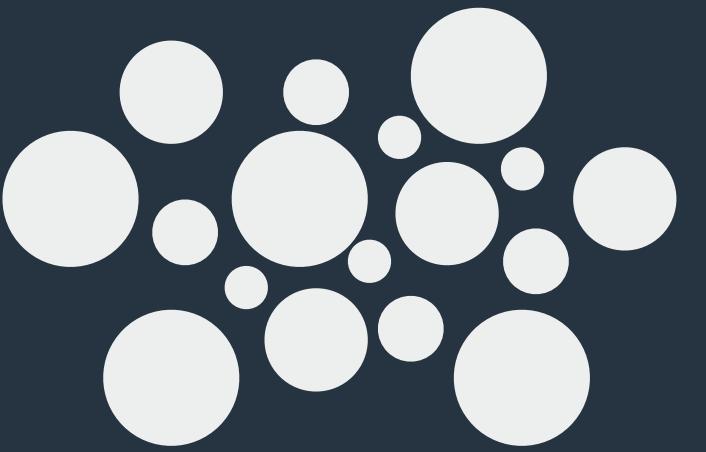
Couplings to have the right abundance

$$\lambda \propto \begin{cases} \sqrt{m_\chi} & \text{if } m_\chi \gg m_\phi \\ m_\phi / \sqrt{m_\chi} & \text{if } m_\chi \ll m_\phi \end{cases}$$

Minimal halo mass vs. self-interactions

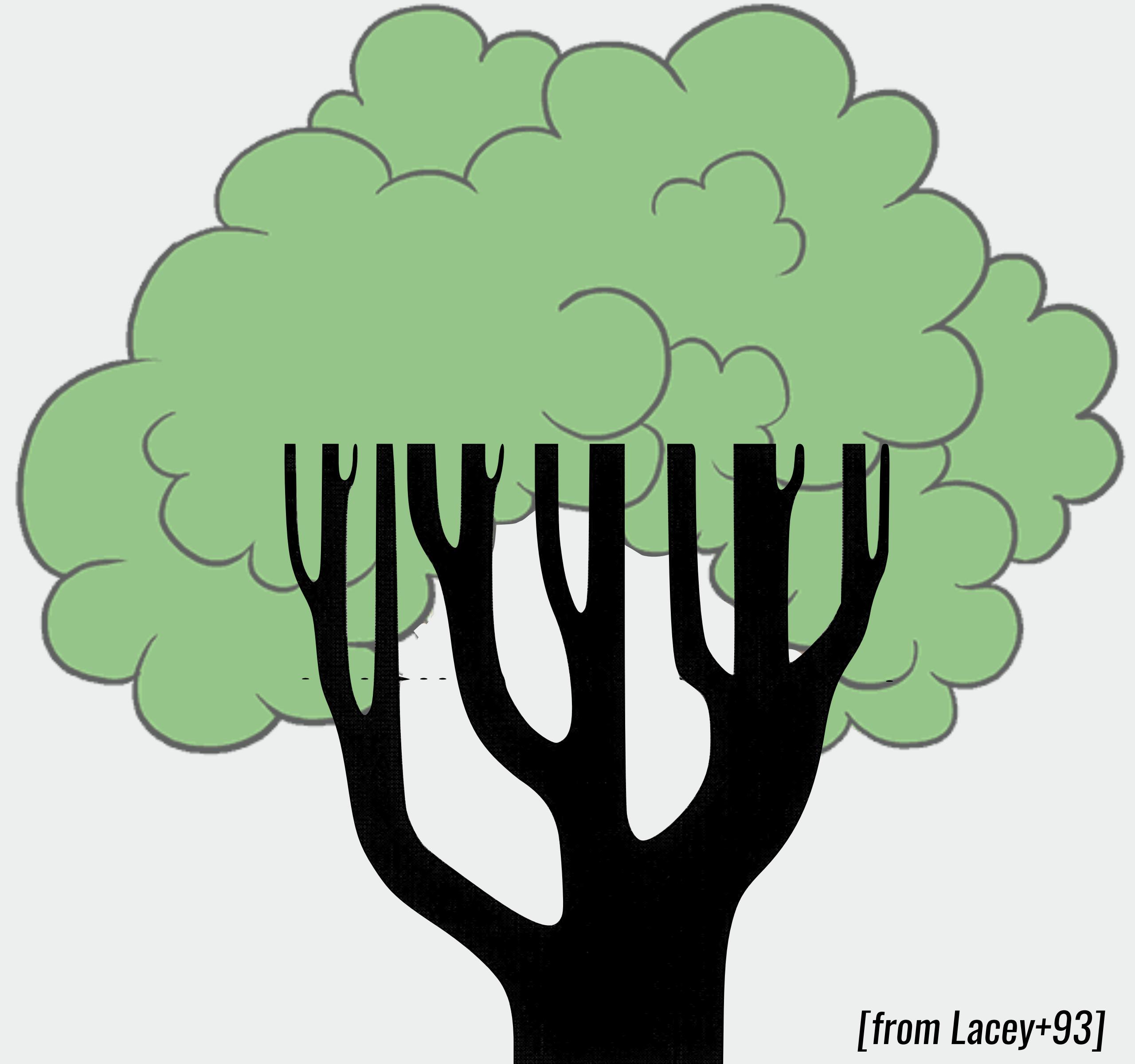


[Facchinetti+(in prep.)]



*The cosmological
mass function from
merger trees*

Formalism used in [Lacroix, GF+(in prep.)]



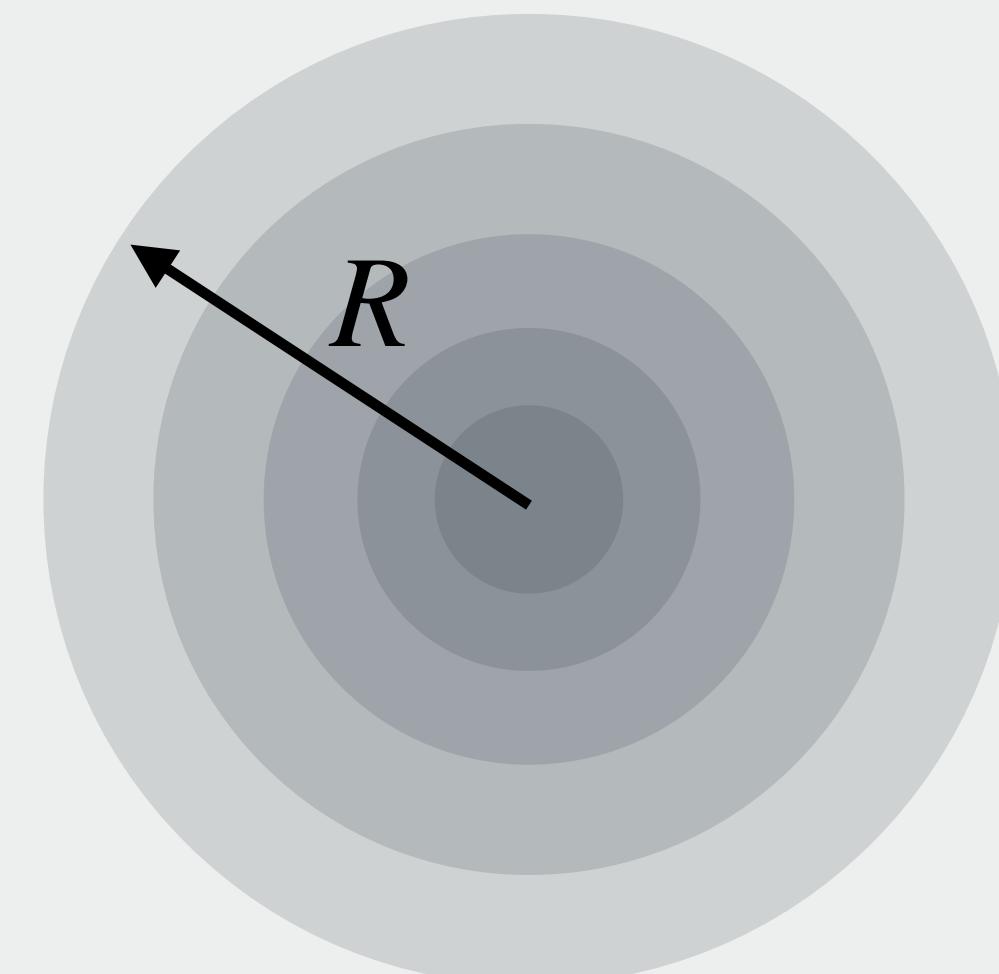
[from Lacey+93]

Recall:

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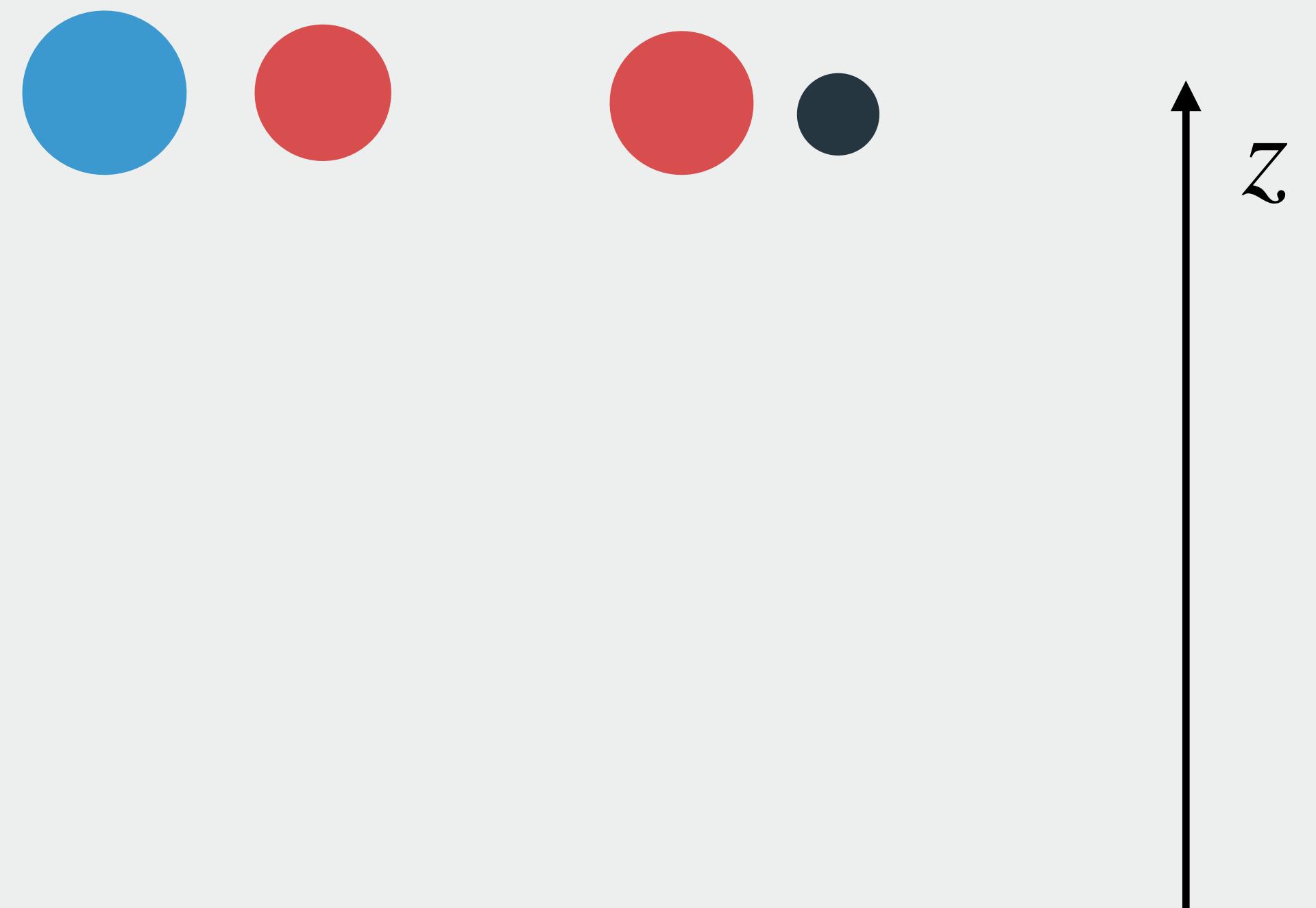
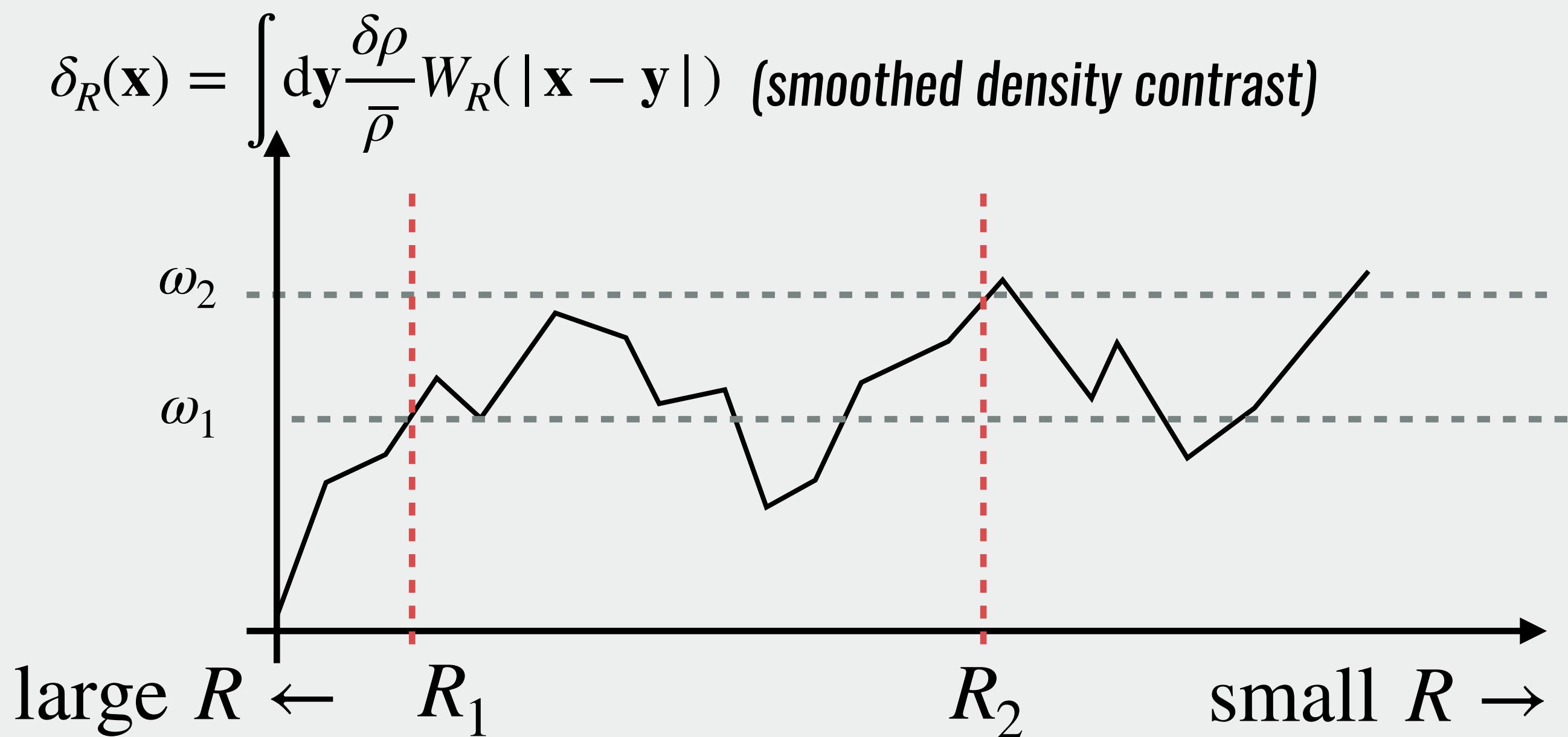
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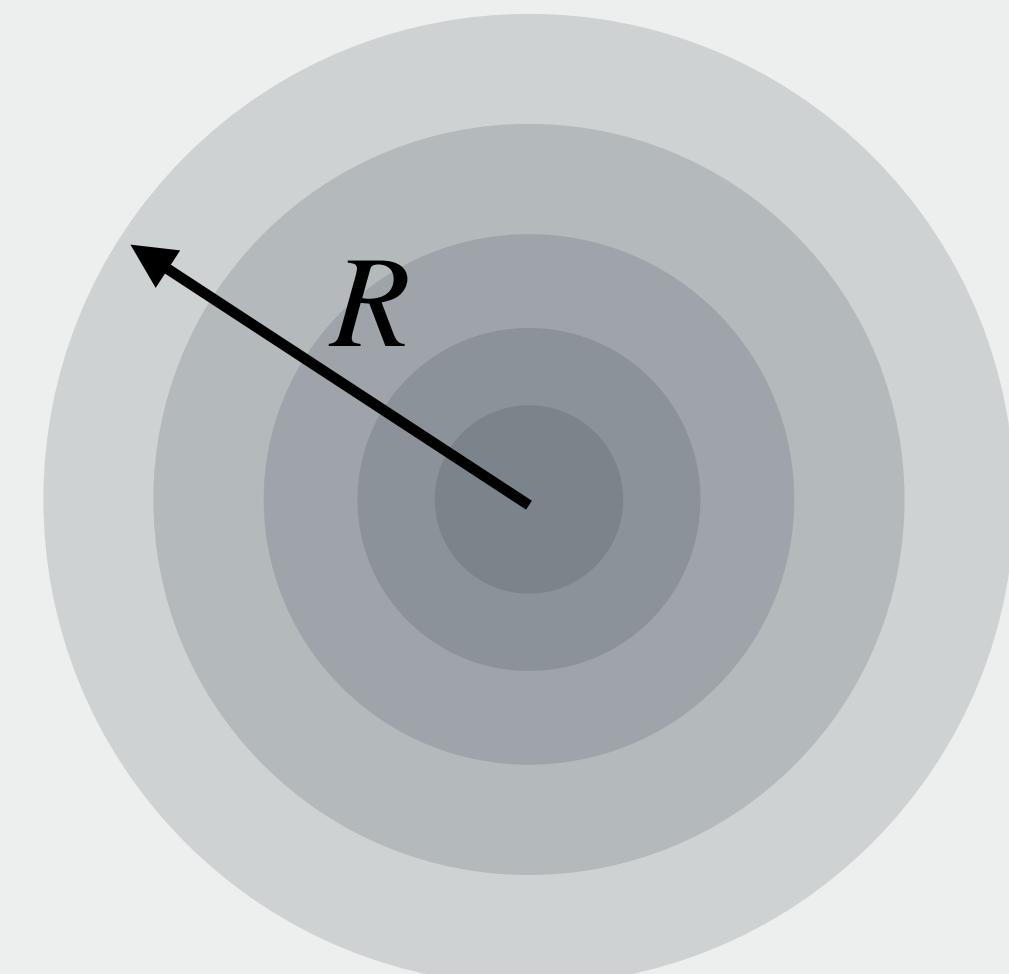
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[Bond+91]



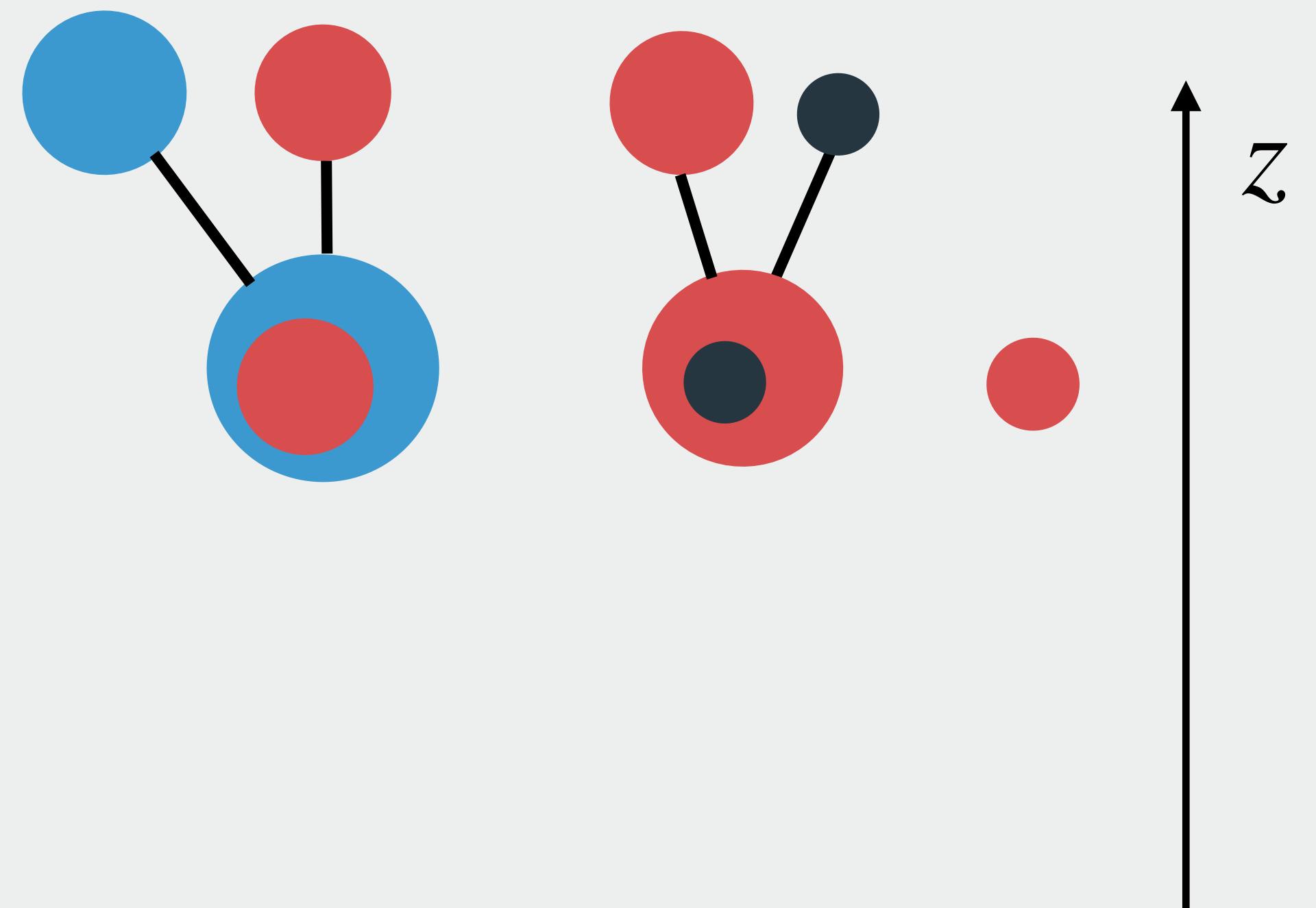
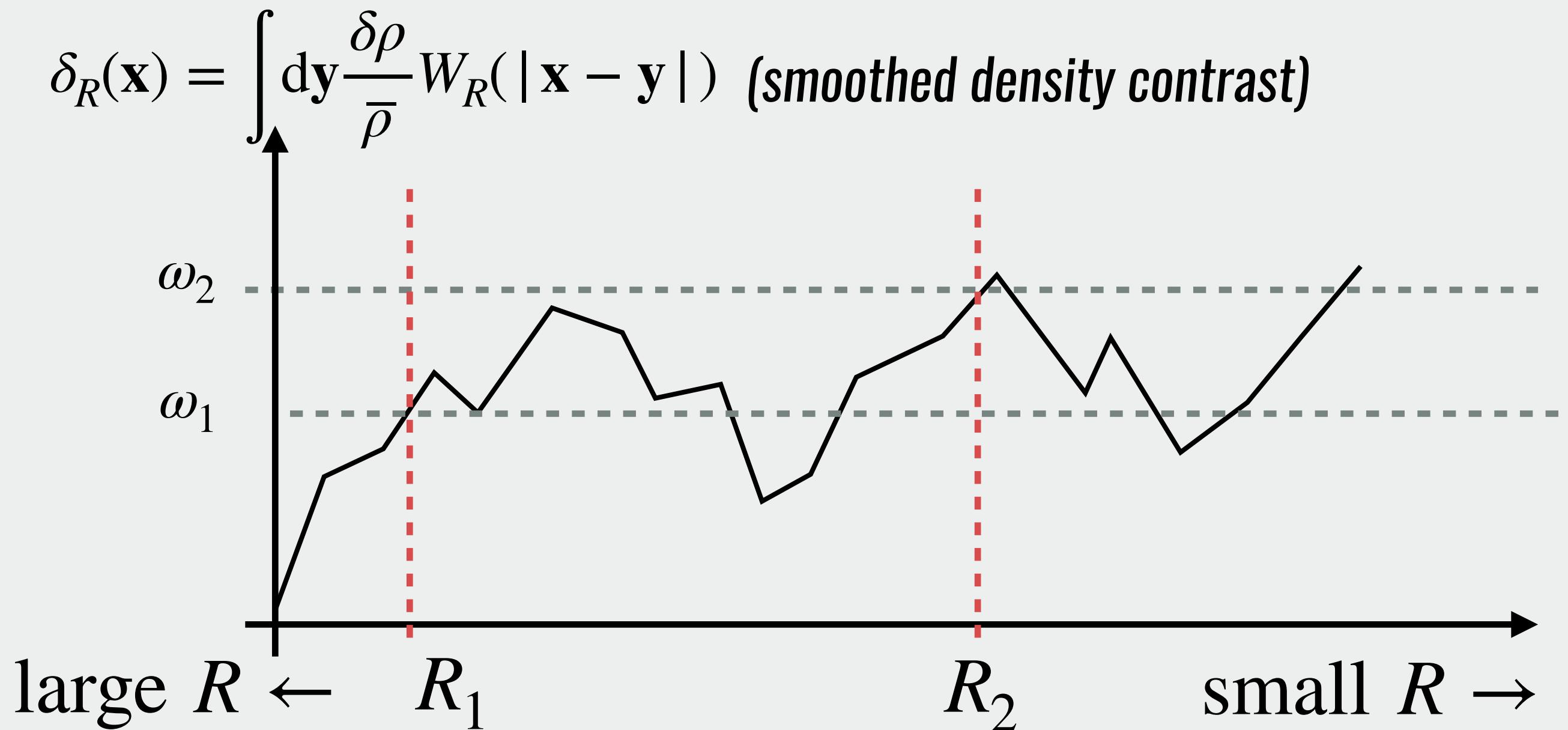
From the excursion set theory to merger trees



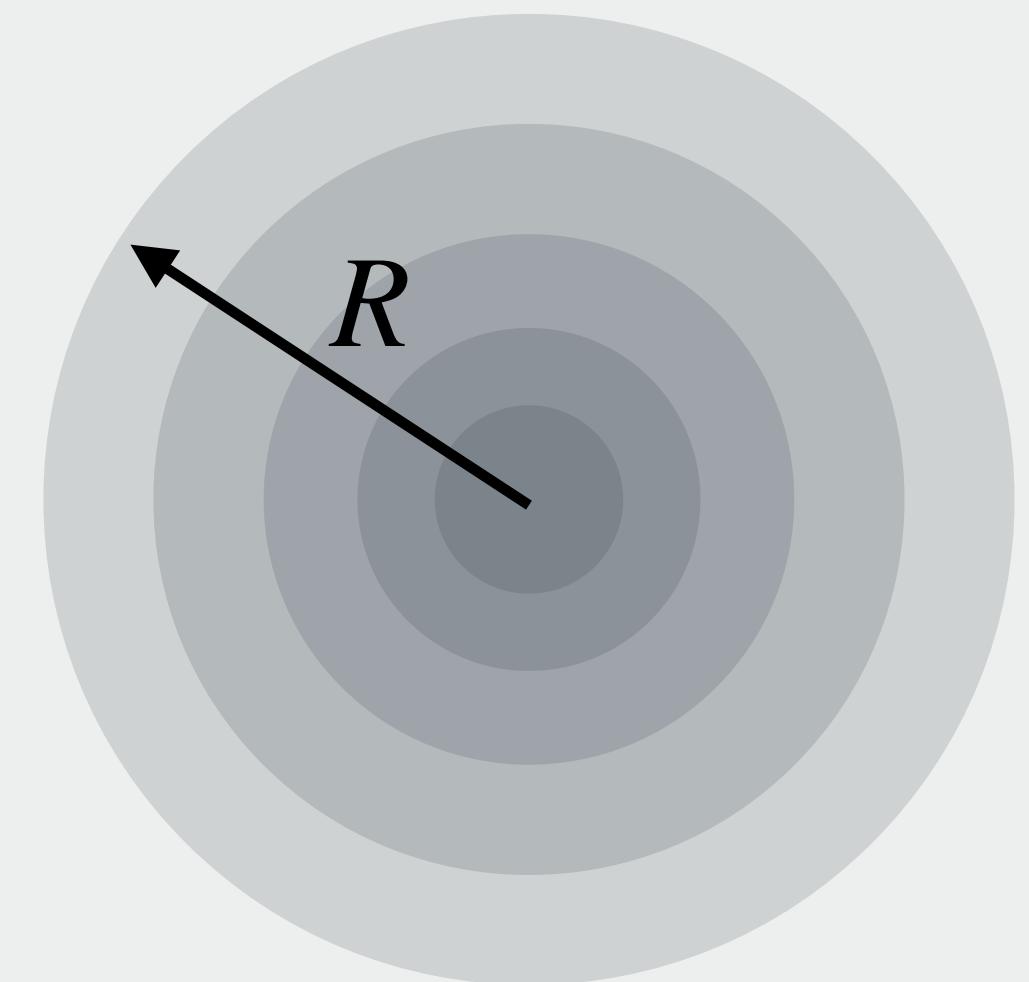
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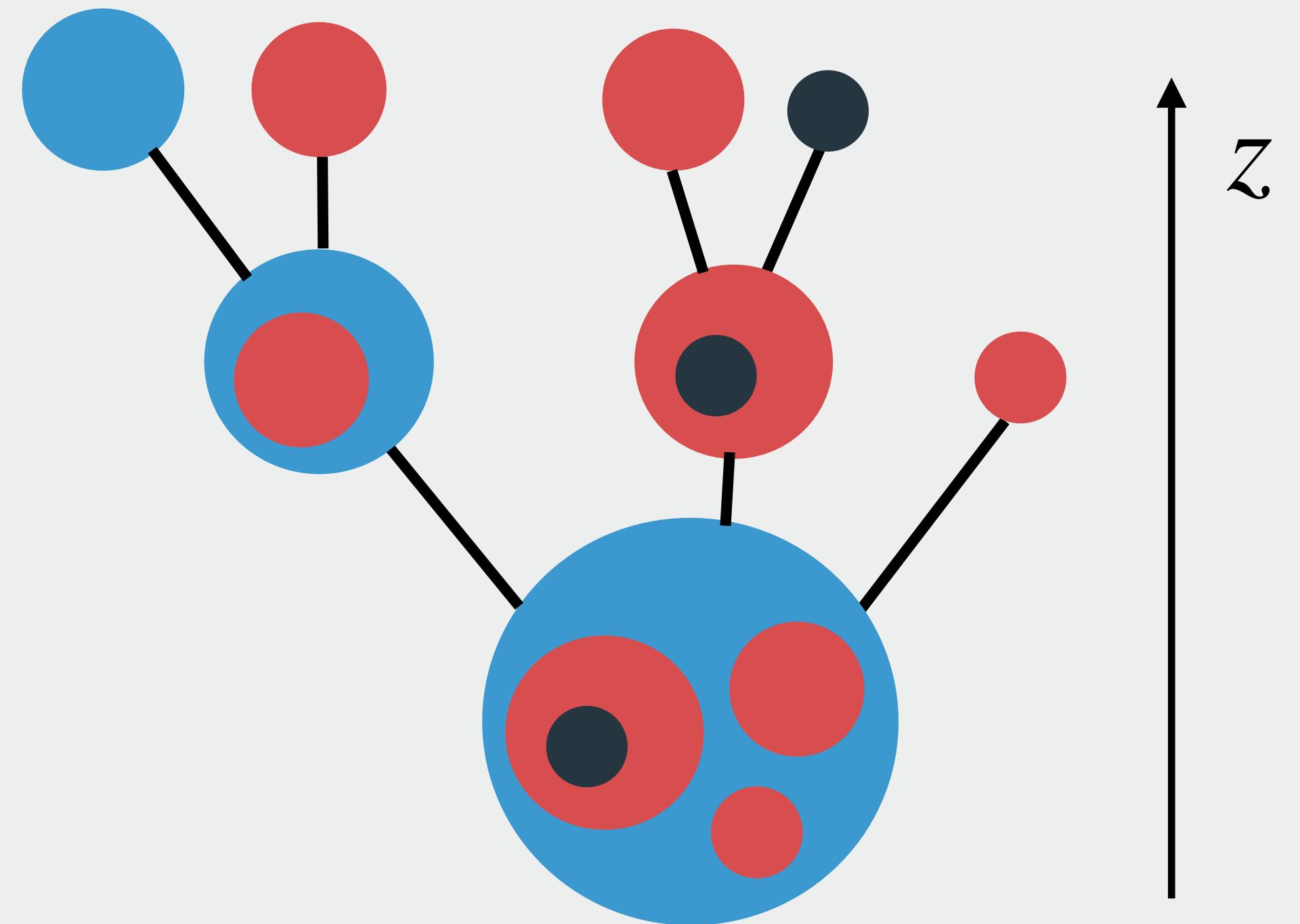
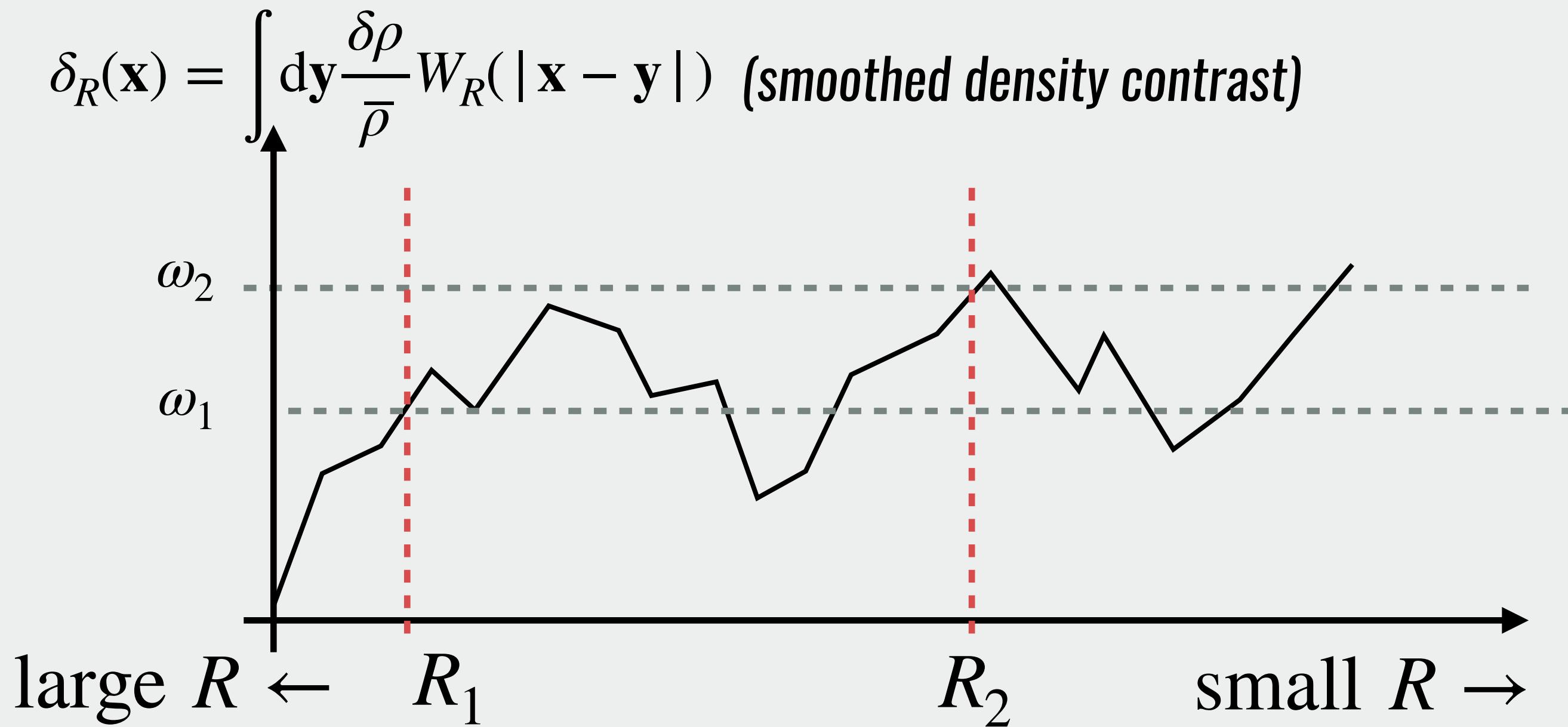
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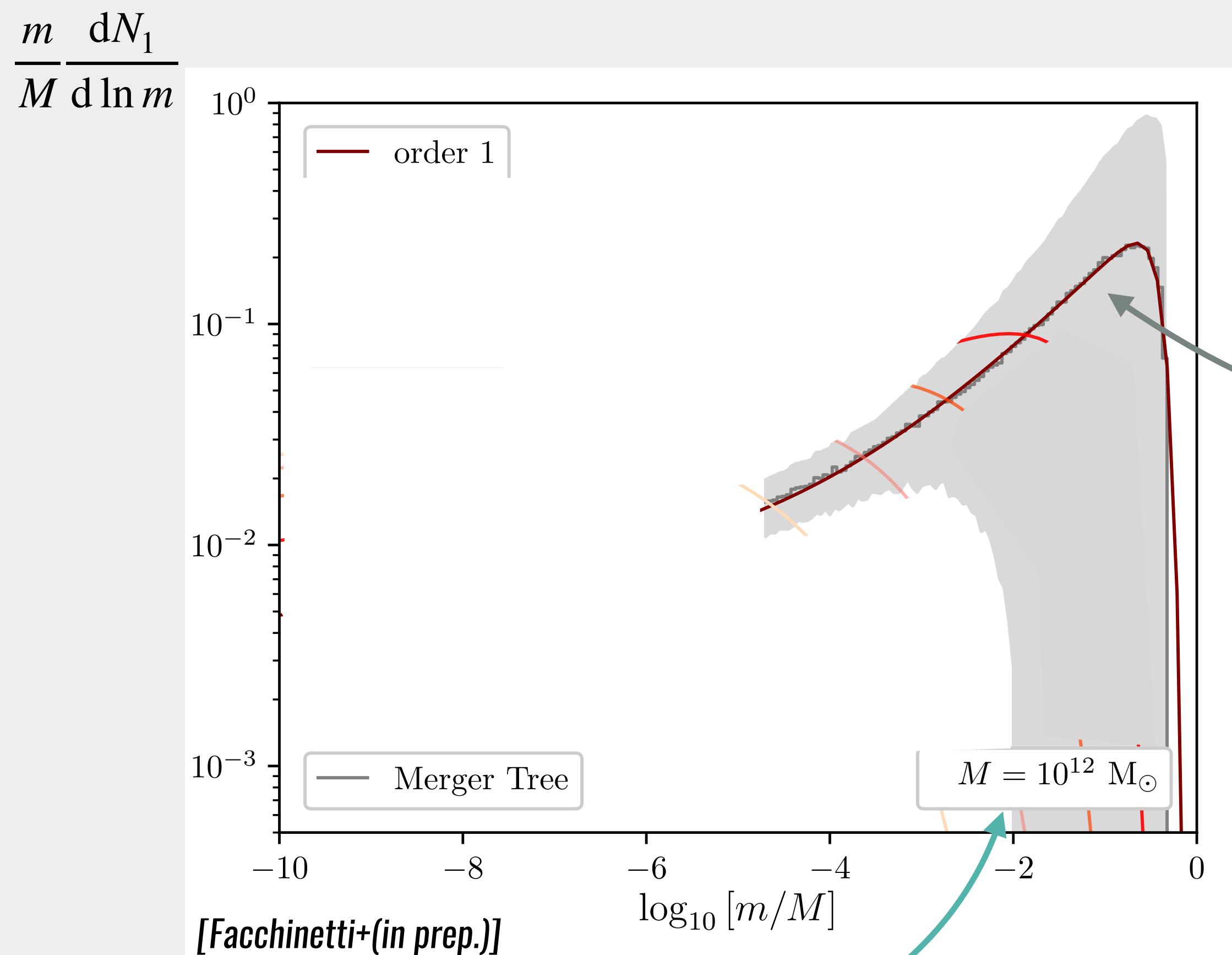
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From the excursion set theory to merger trees



Host halo mass

**Merger tree
algorithm**

[Cole+00]

Mass function (on large masses)

Fitting function (6 parameters)

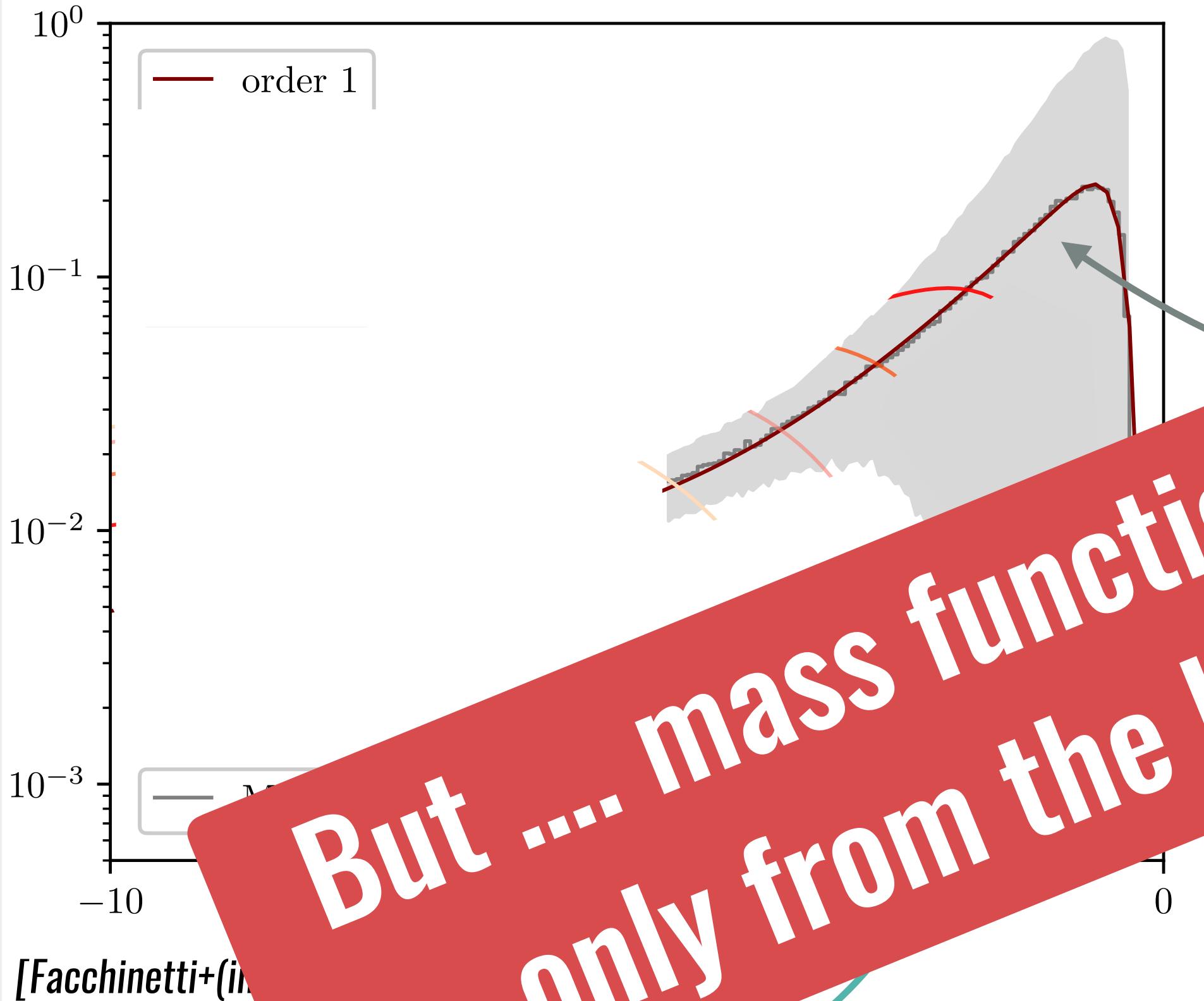
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[Giocoli+08, Li+09, Jiang:+14]

**Mass function
(for all masses)** $\frac{dN_1}{dm} = f(m, M)$

... it can be obtained from fits on the output of merger tree algorithms

$$\frac{m}{M} \frac{dN_1}{d \ln m}$$



Host halo mass

Merger tree
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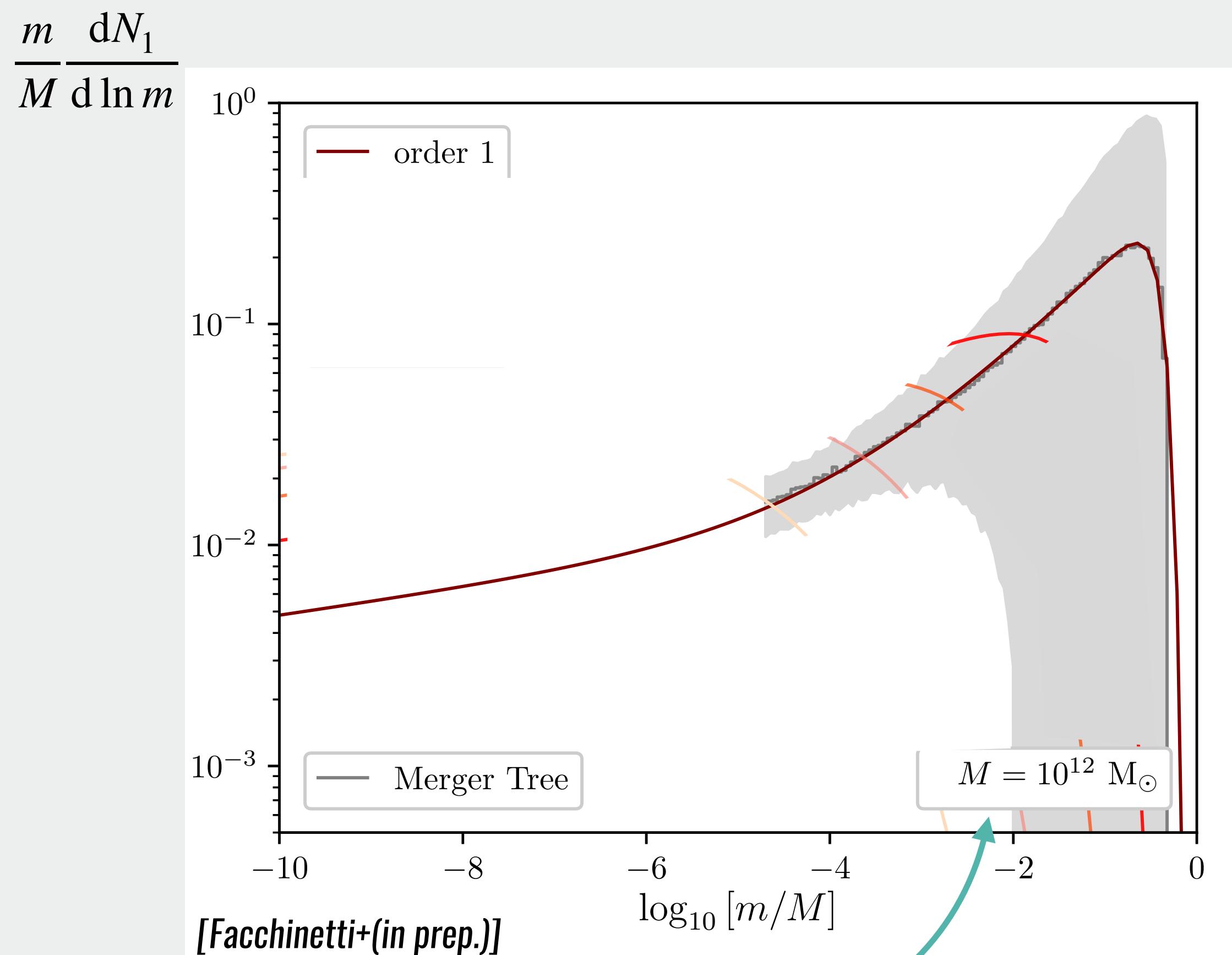
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New fitting procedure

Constraint on the shape by imposing
the constraint

$$\frac{1}{M} \int_0^M m \frac{dN_1}{dm} dm = 1$$

The host halo is entirely made of subhalos
Consistent with the fractal picture

Fixes the slope at small mass

$$\frac{dN_1}{dm} \sim \gamma m^{-\alpha} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha \sim 1.95$$

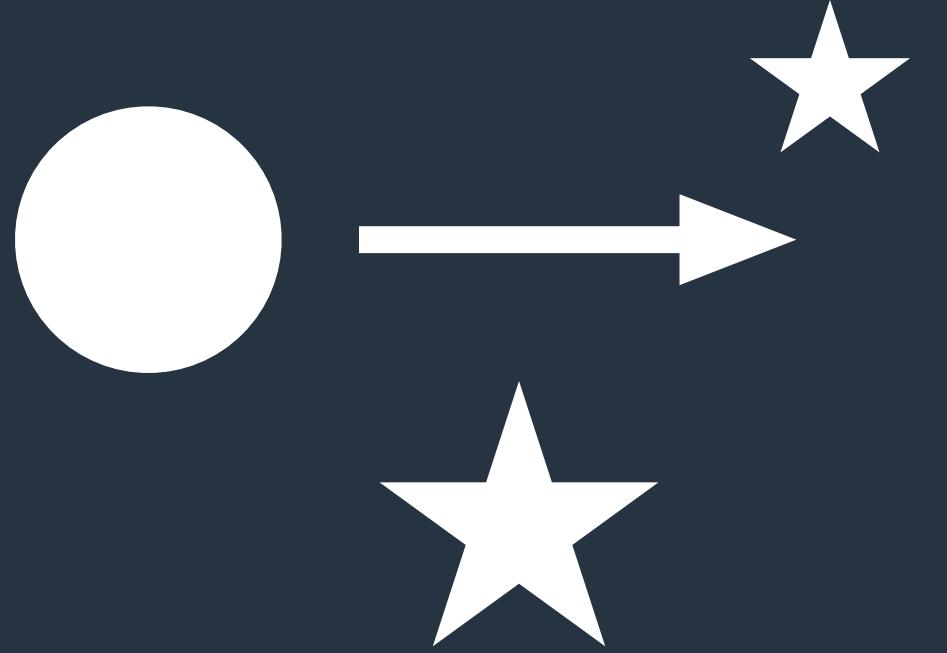
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$$\frac{dN_1}{dm}(m, M) = f(m, M) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dN_1}{dm}(m, M) = f(m, M)\Theta(m - m_{\min})$$

Total number of subhalos (before tidal disruption)

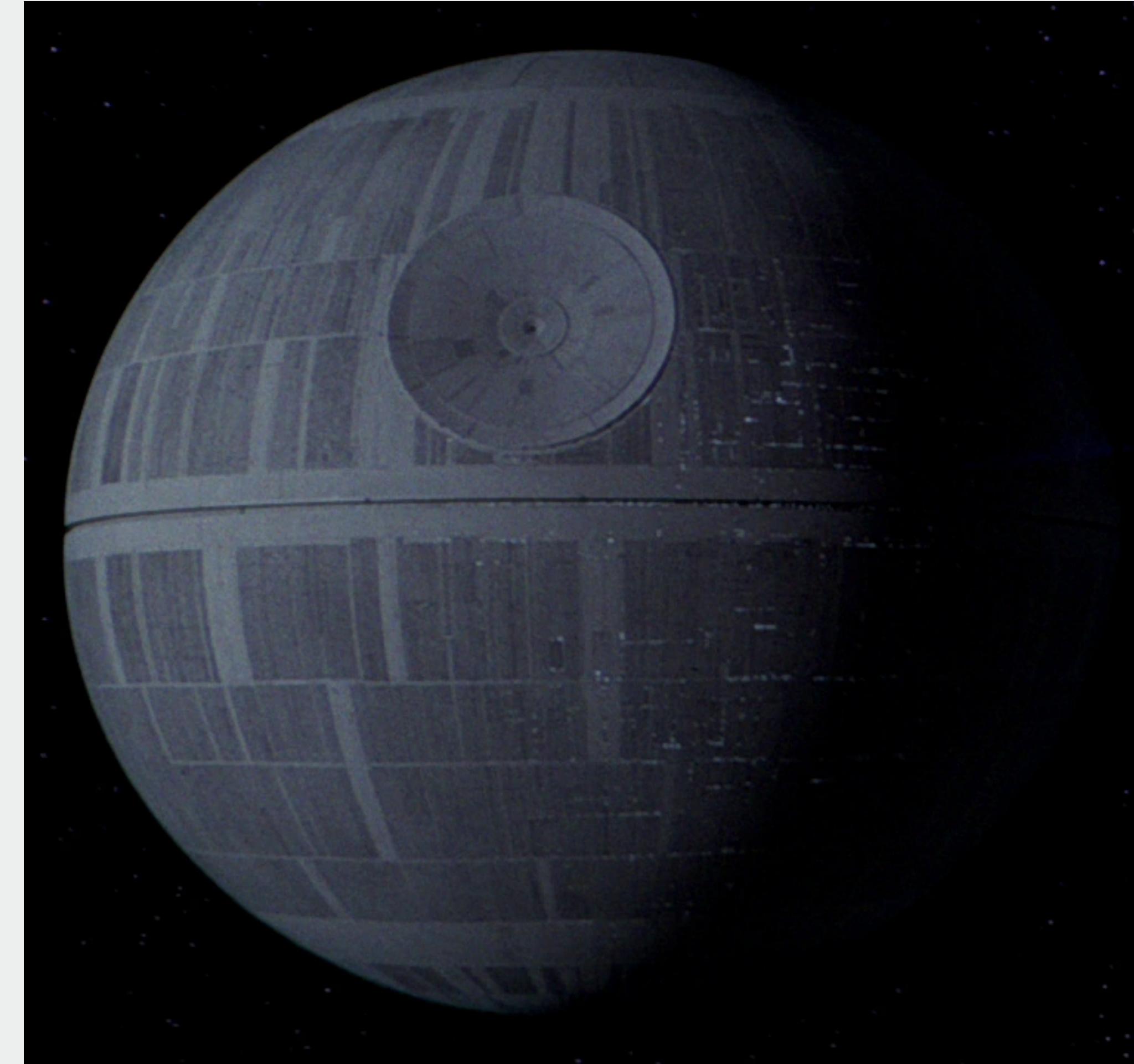
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**Cosmological simulations no longer needed!
Can be easily adapted to any host/cosmology**



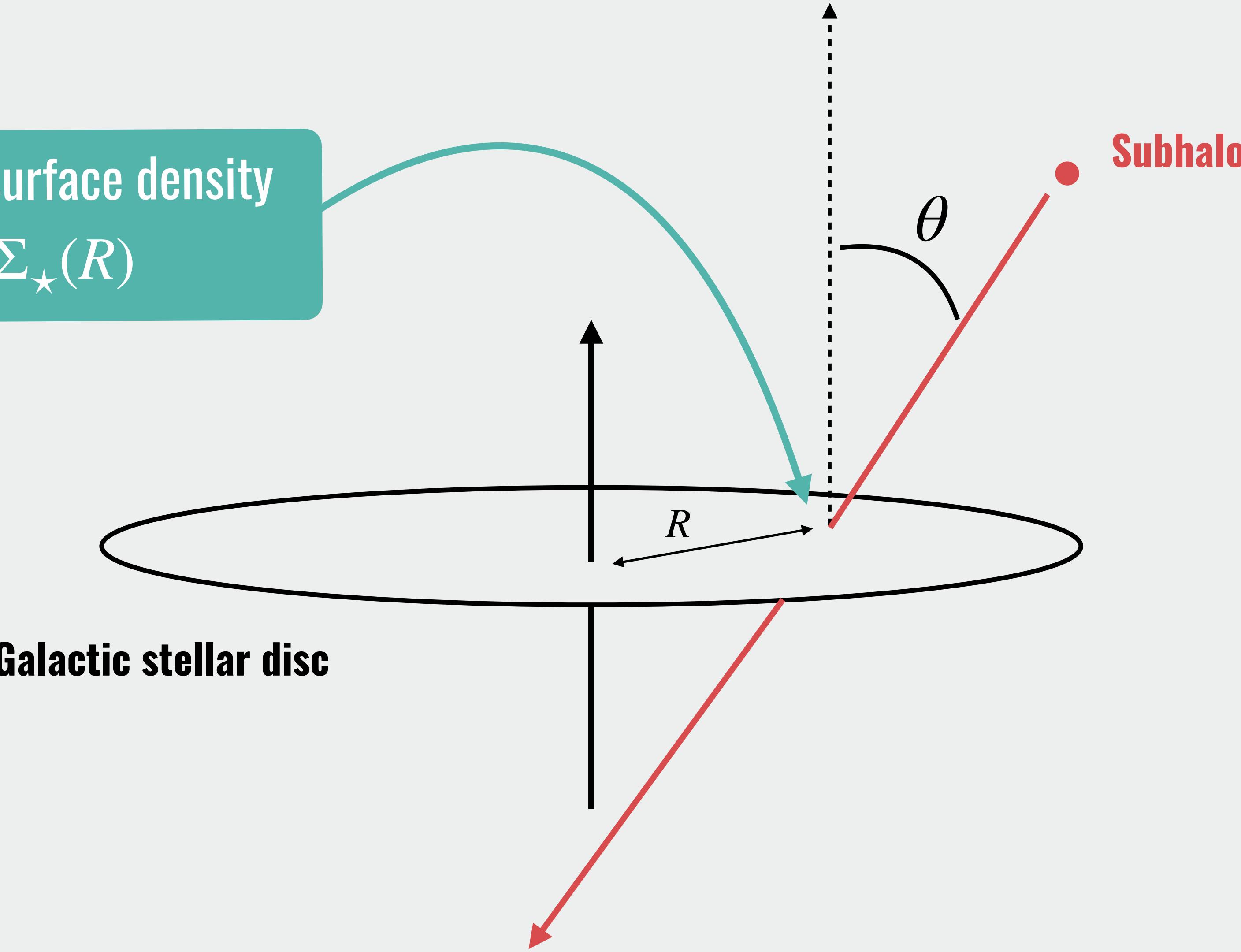
*Stellar encounters
in the Milky-Way
(S snapshots)*

[arXiv:2201.xxxx]

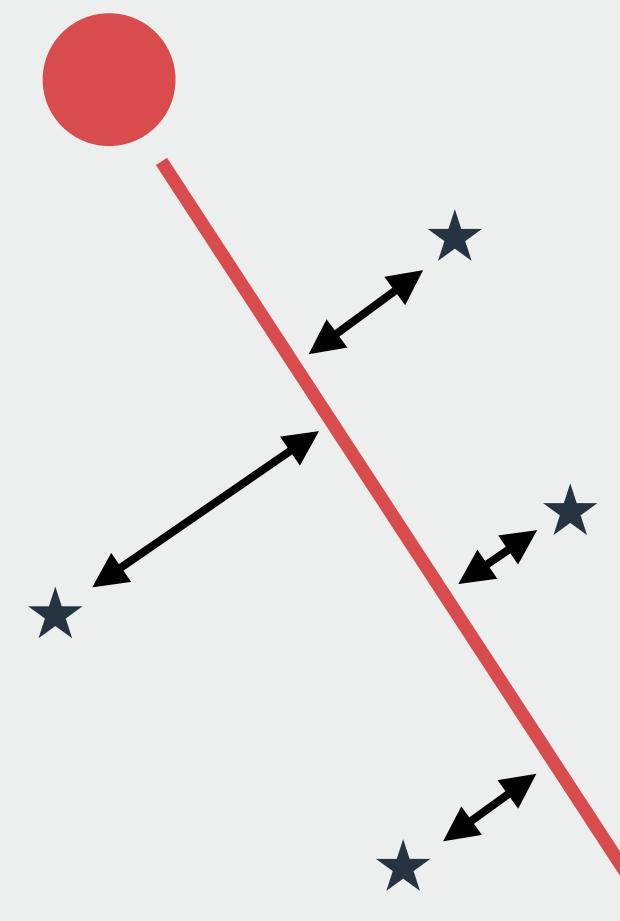


[Darth Vader+(a long time ago)]

Stellar surface density
 $\Sigma_{\star}(R)$



Number of encountered stars



1) Evaluate the total energy/velocity kick received by the particles:

$$\Delta \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta \mathbf{v}_i \quad \Delta E = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta \mathbf{v})^2 + \mathbf{v} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}$$

Random walk
in velocity space

2) Ask whether the energy kick is high enough for the particles to be expelled:

$$|\Delta E(r)| > |\Phi(r)| ?$$

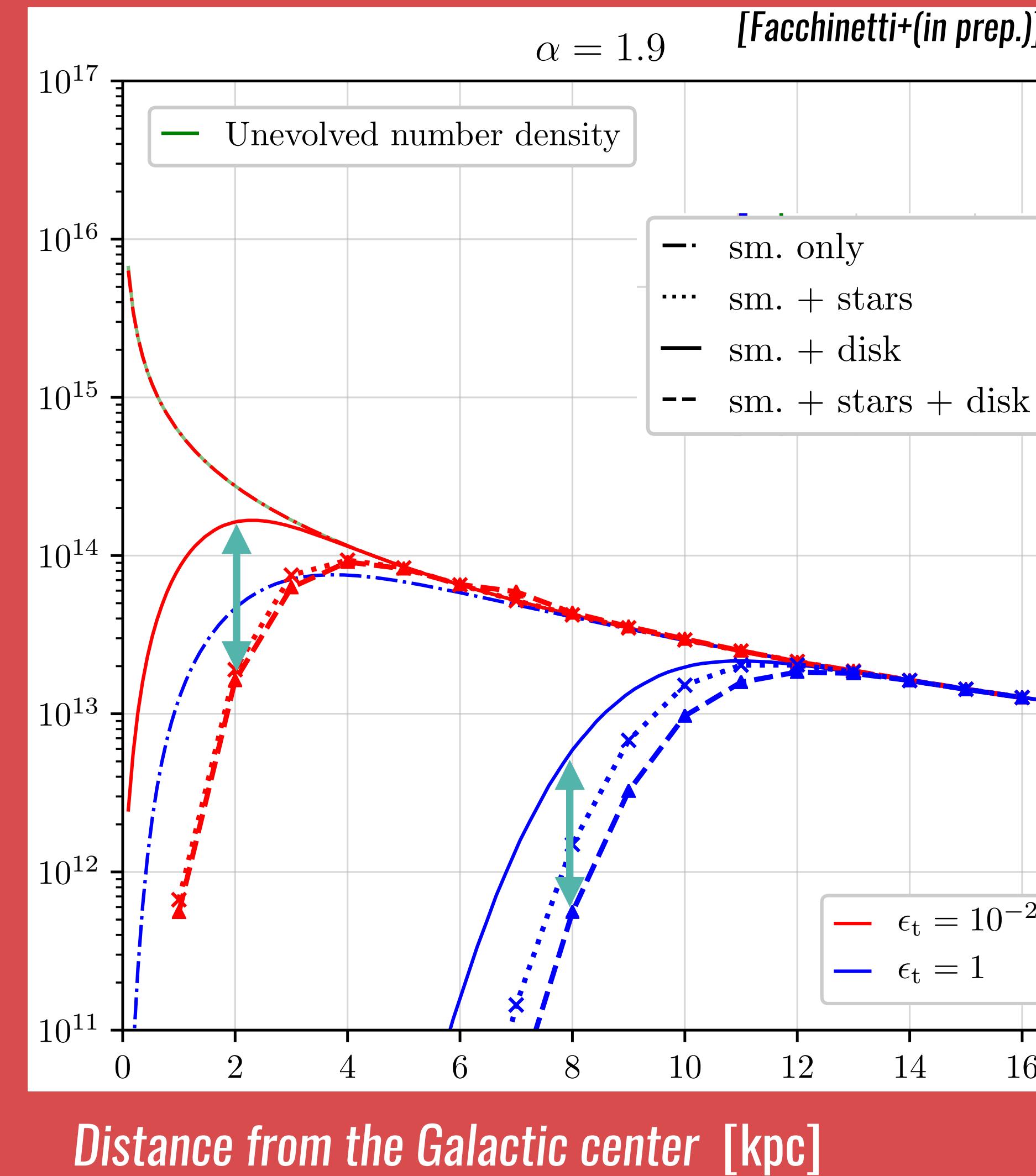
3) Evaluate it for the entire population of subhalo

Following/improving on [Spitzer58, Gerhard+83, Carr+99, Green+07, Schneider+10, Delos19]

The total velocity kick is the result of a random walk

Number density

[kpc⁻³]



Star encounters have an important effect on the number density



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Recent developments on analytical dark matter subhalo population models:

1.

In the WIMP scenario we made the connection between generic particle physics models and the distribution of subhalos.

2.

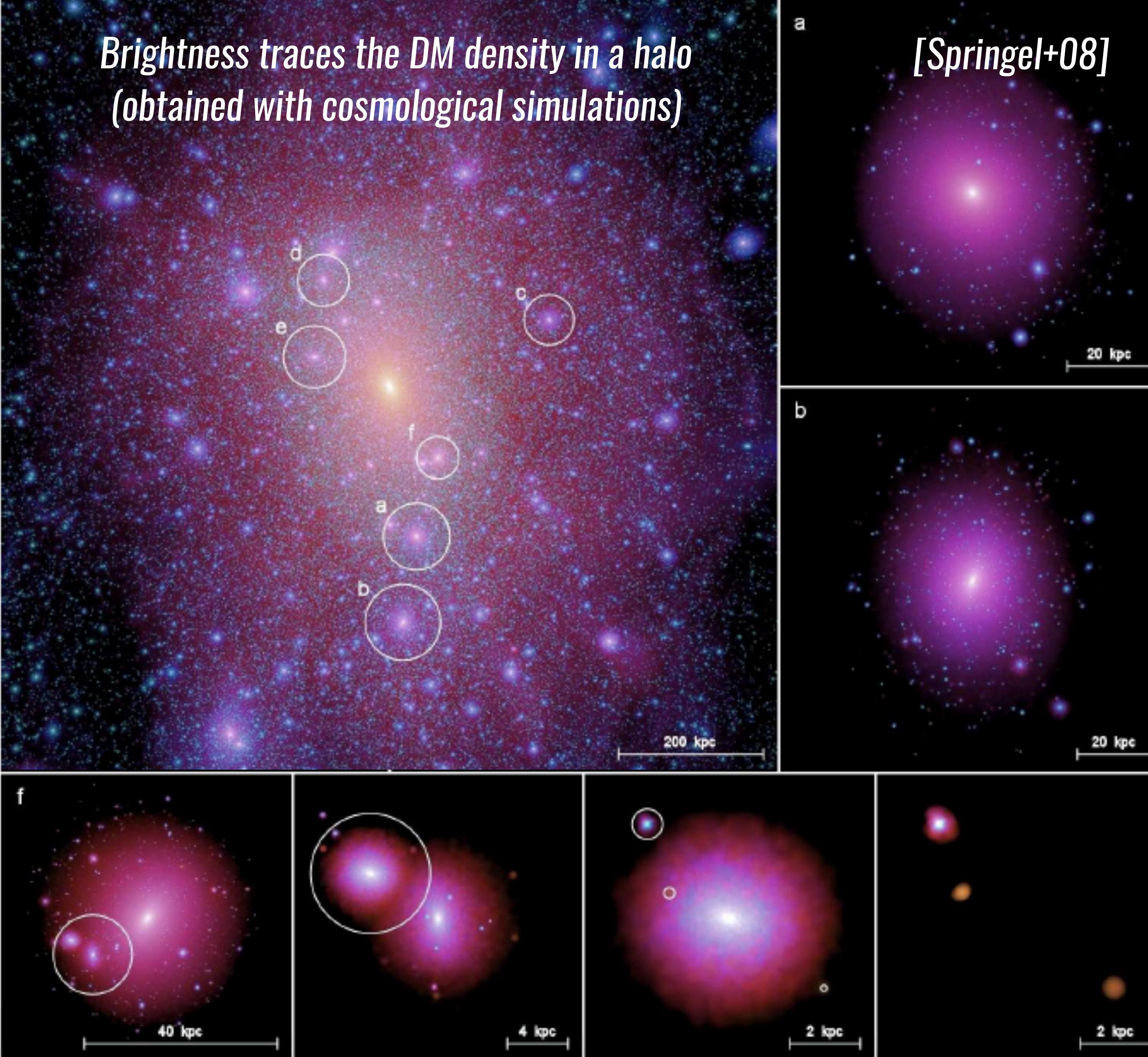
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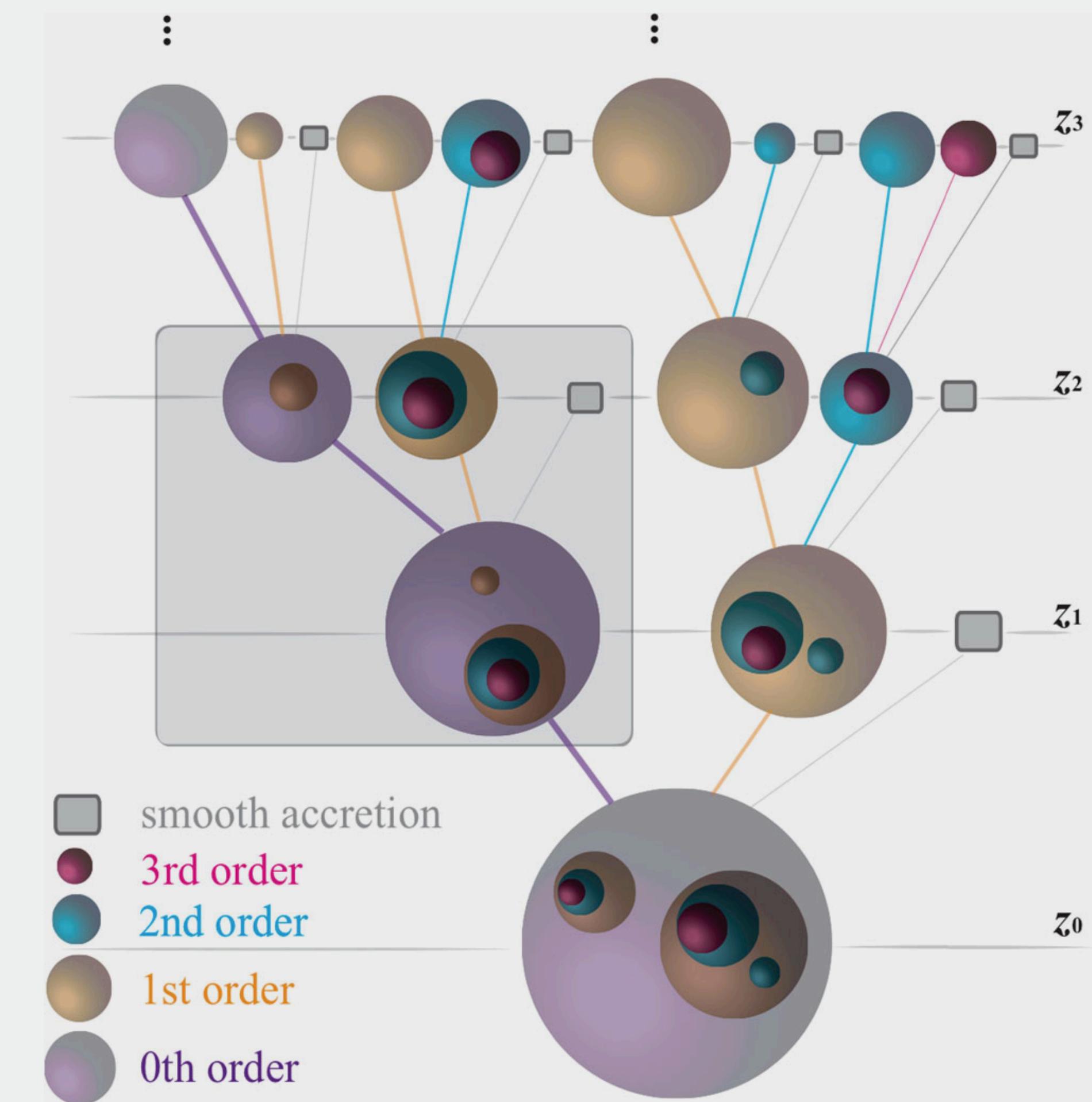
We showed that encounters between stars and subhalos can significantly impact on their distribution.

Back-up slides

*Brightness traces the DM density in a halo
(obtained with cosmological simulations)*



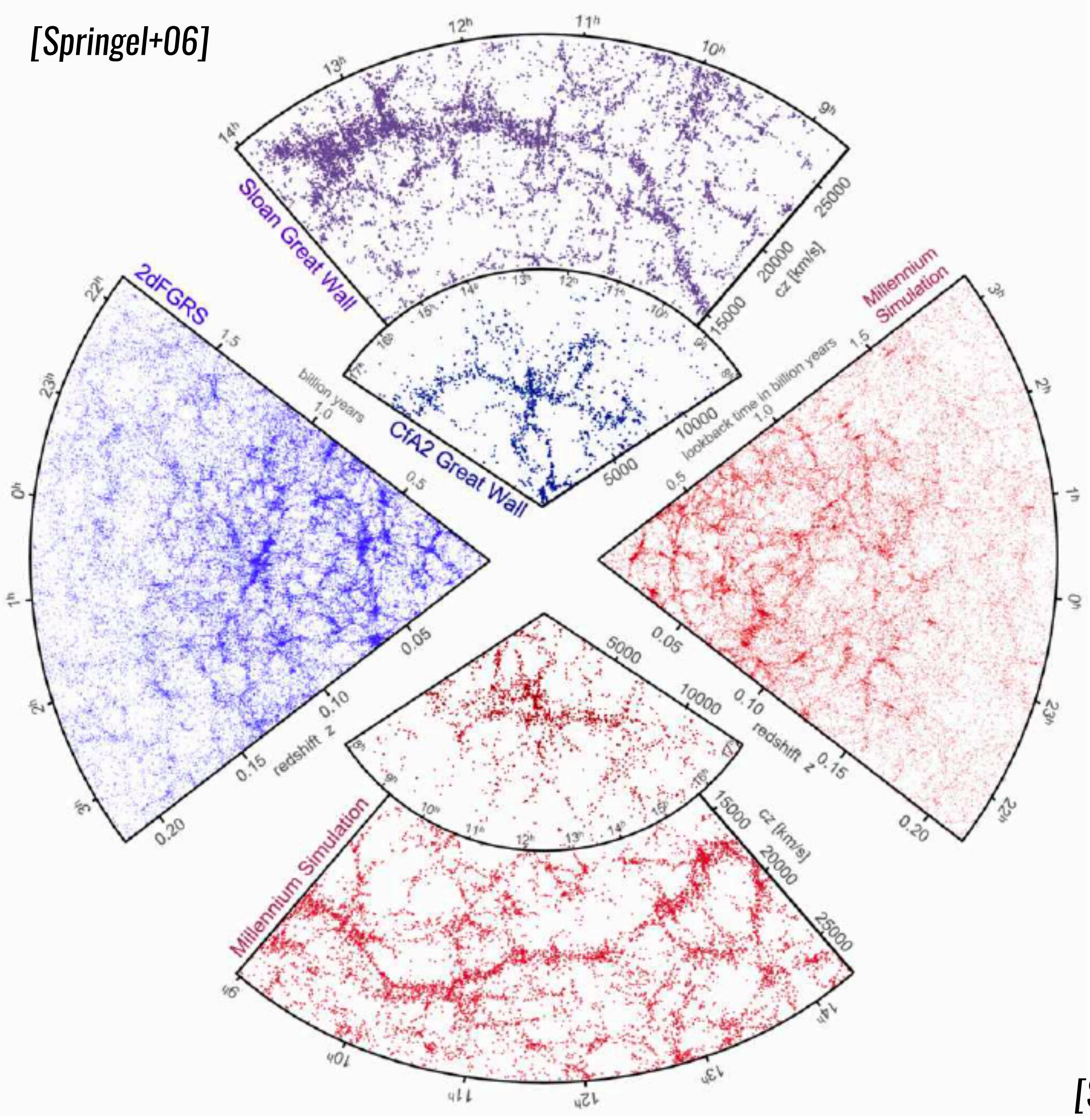
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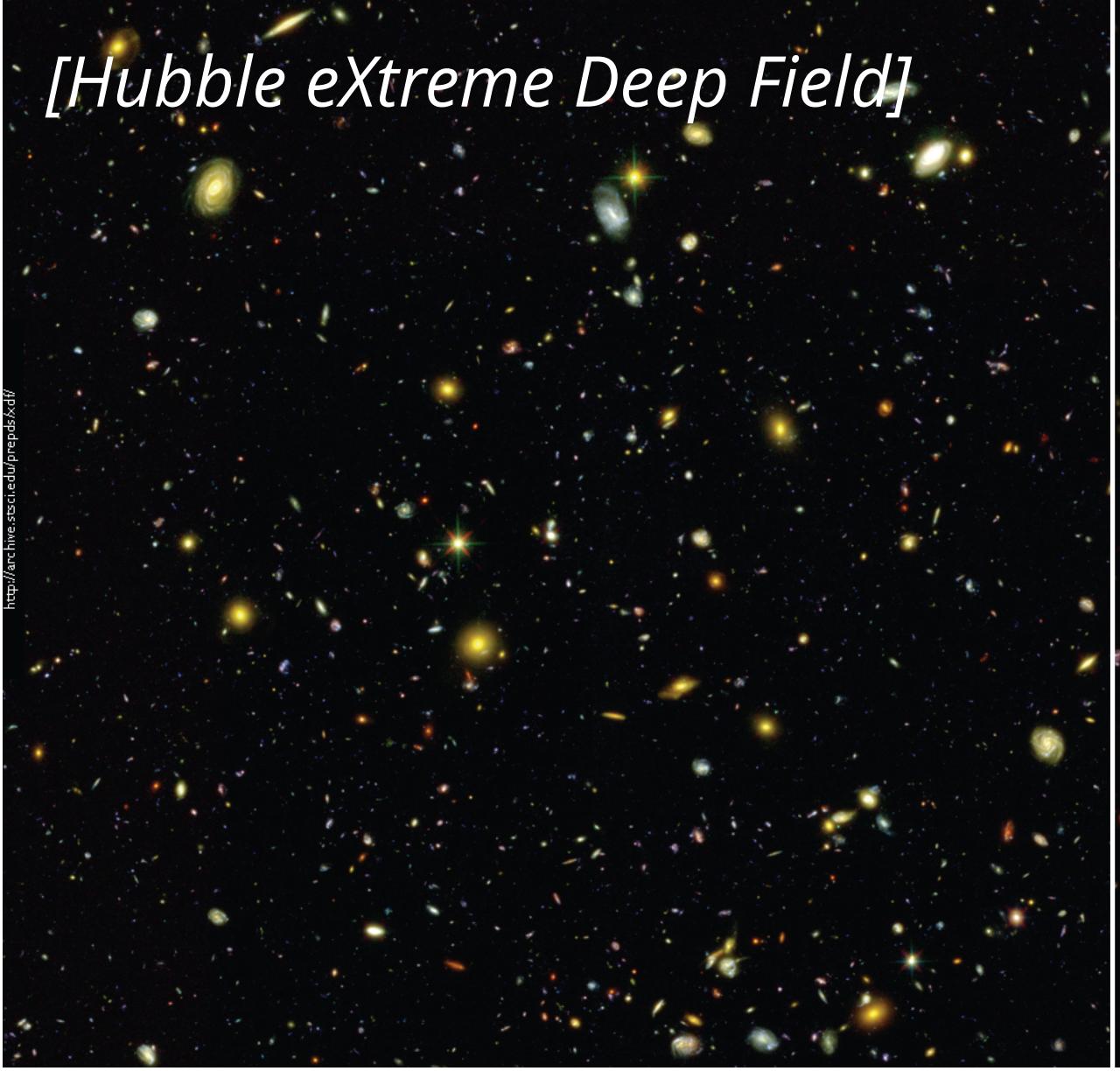
[Jiang+14]

Hierarchical formation leads to a fractal distribution

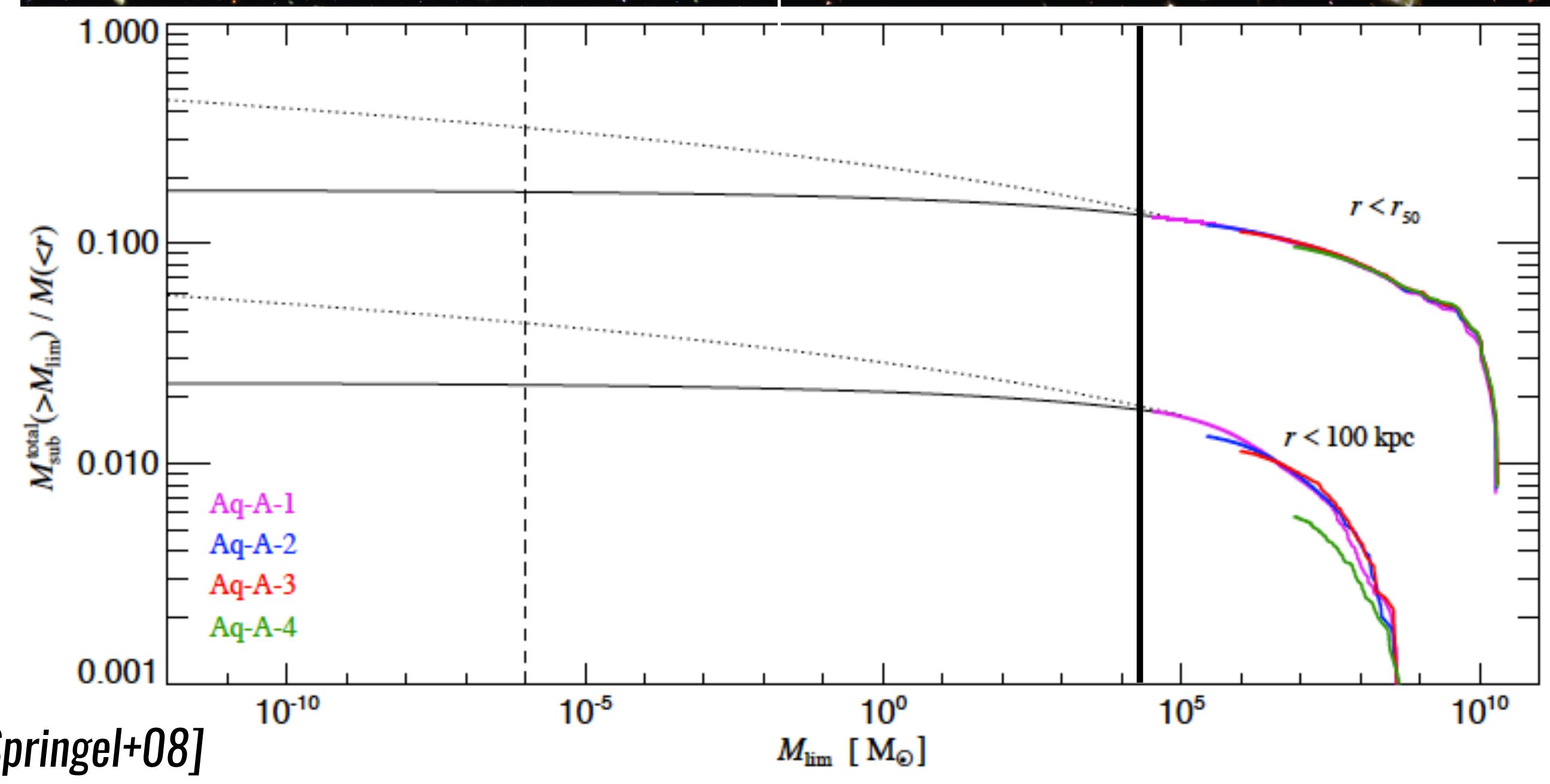
[Springel+06]



[Hubble eXtreme Deep Field]

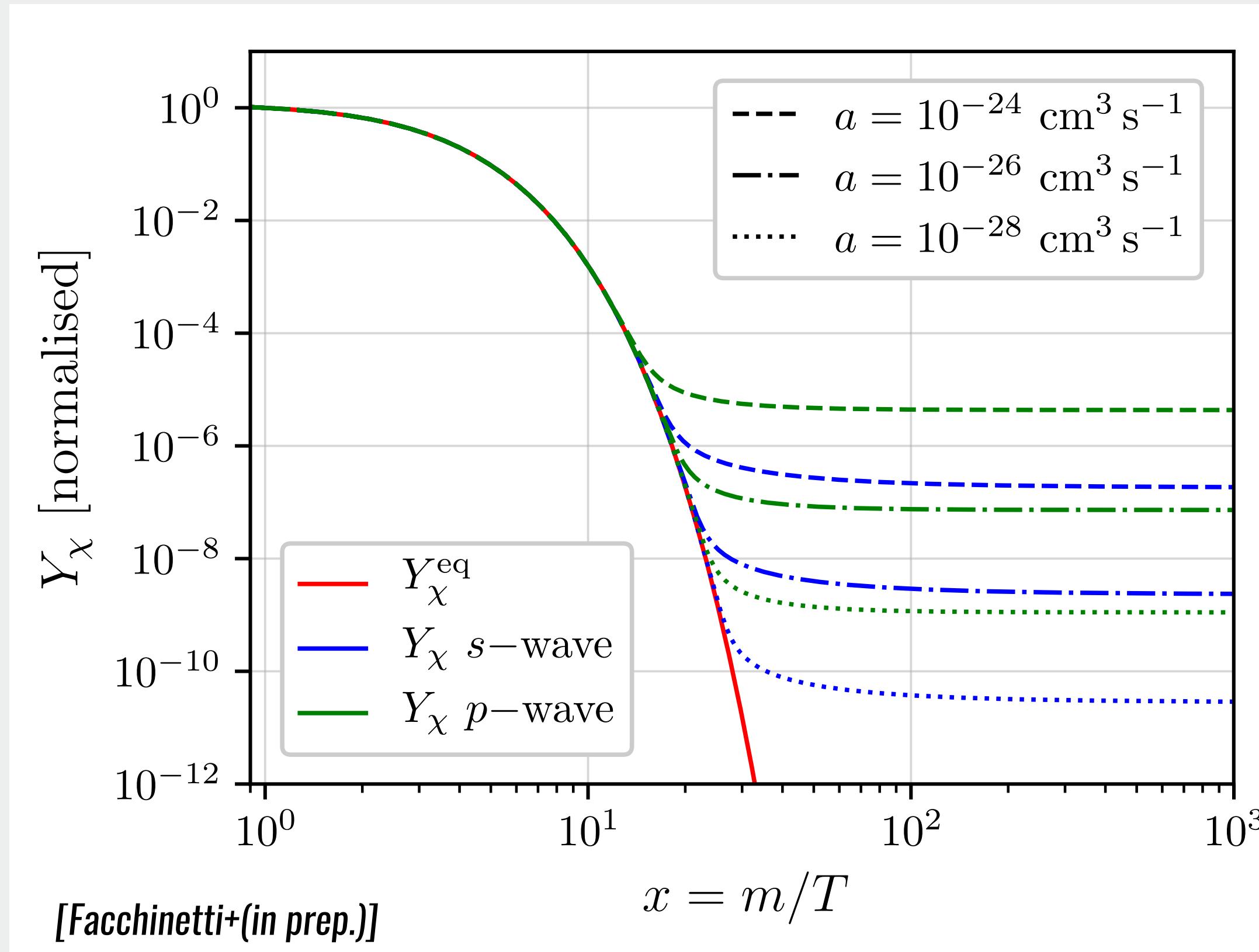


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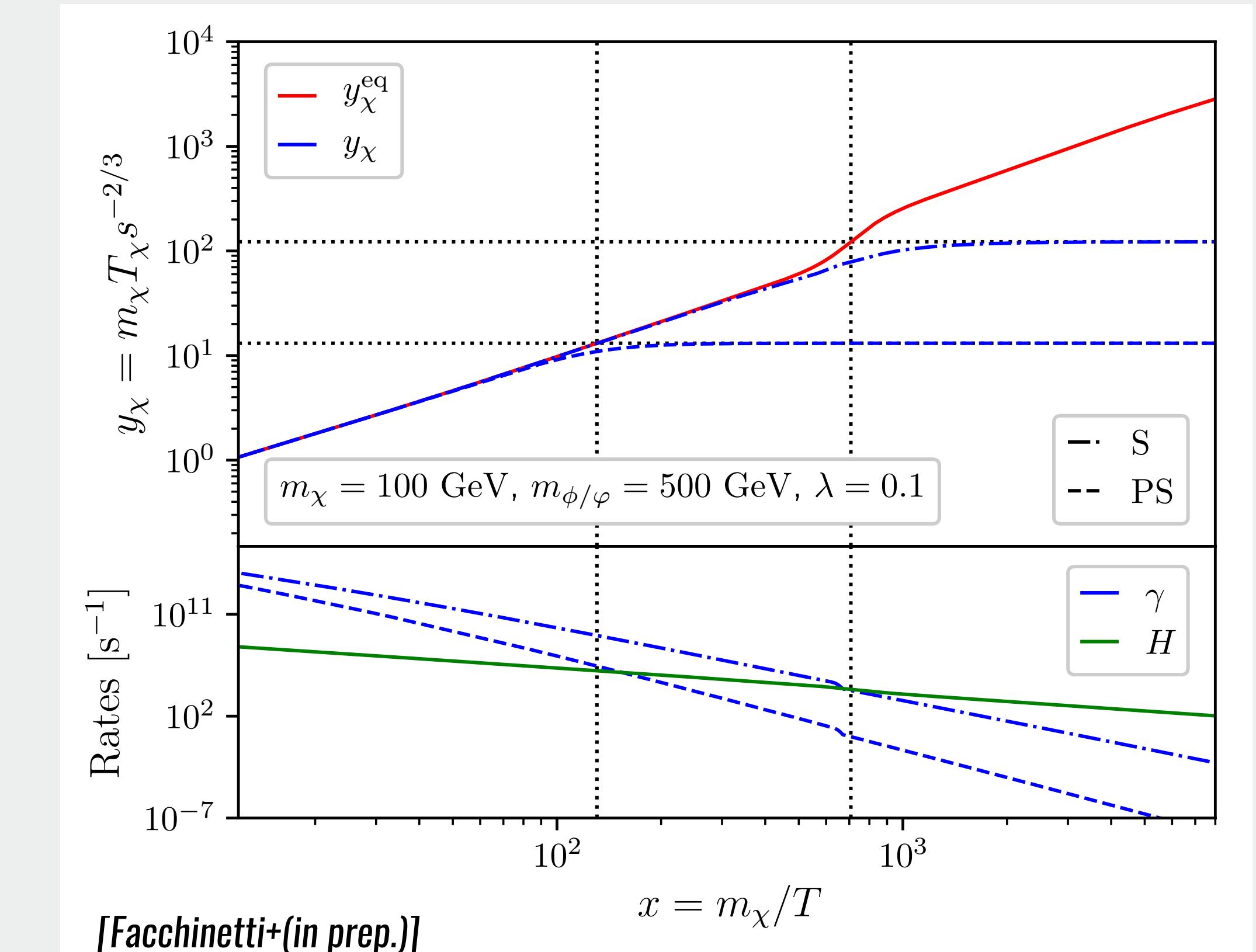


Cosmological simulations cannot probe very small scales

Chemical decoupling



Kinetic decoupling



Decoupling are characterized by a divergence
from the equilibrium quantity

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[McMillan+17]

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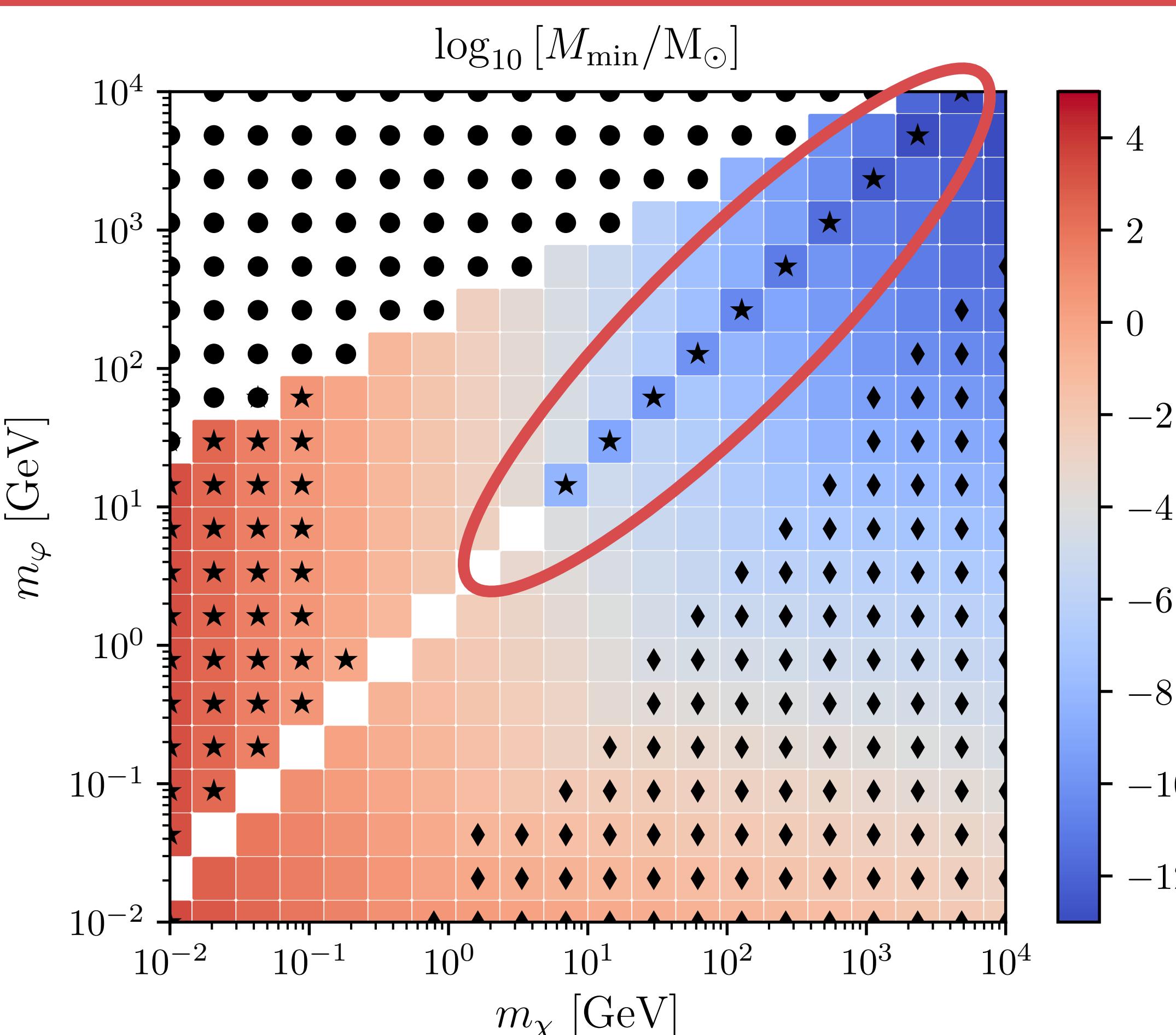
$$p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{init}}(m, c, R) \rightarrow p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{late}}(m, c, R)$$

Pseudo-scalar

+ Sommerfeld effects
 ✕ large decay width
 • large coupling
 ★ early kinetic dec.

◆ acoustic > free-stream.

Minimal halo mass



[Facchinetto+*(in prep.)*]

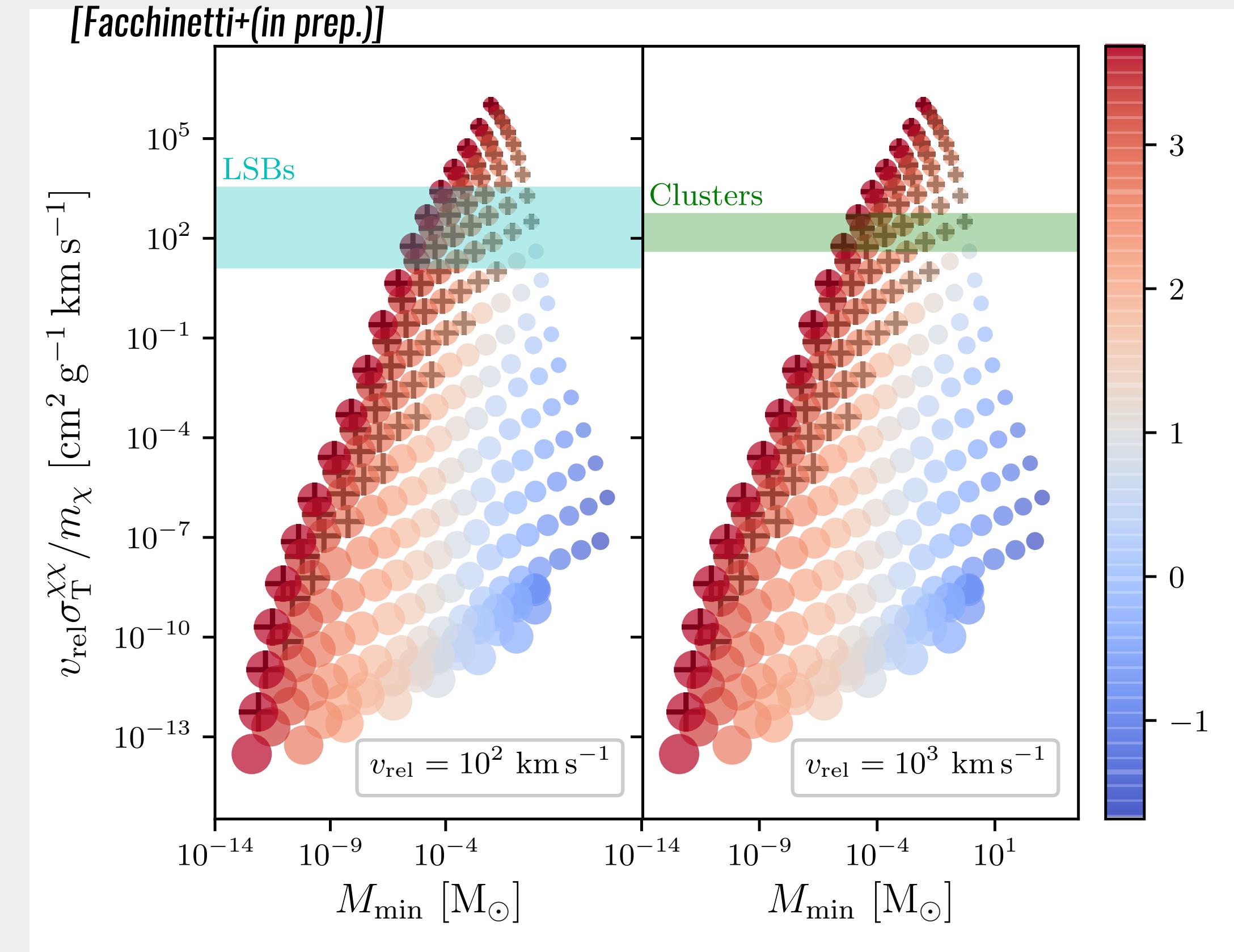
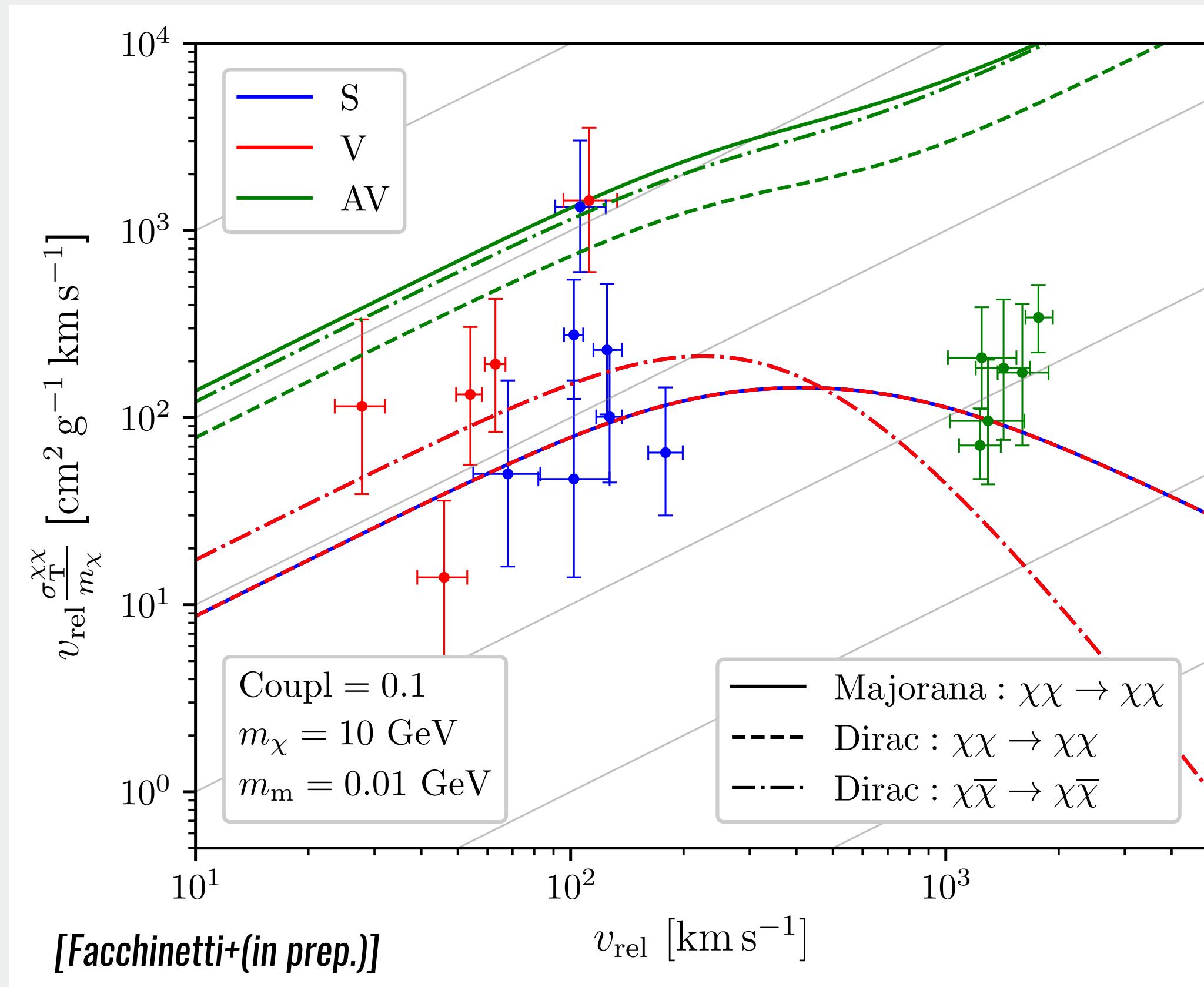
Annihilation on pole

Small couplings
 BUT
 Small minimal mass

Large number of subhalos

Enhanced annihilation for
 indirect detection

Scalar mediator



$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2} \lambda \bar{\chi} \phi \chi - \lambda \bar{e} \phi e$$

Self-interaction

$$p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{init}}(\{m_i\}_i, \{c_i\}_i, \{\mathbf{R}_i\}_i) \simeq [p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{init}}(m, c, R)]^{N_{\text{sub}}}$$



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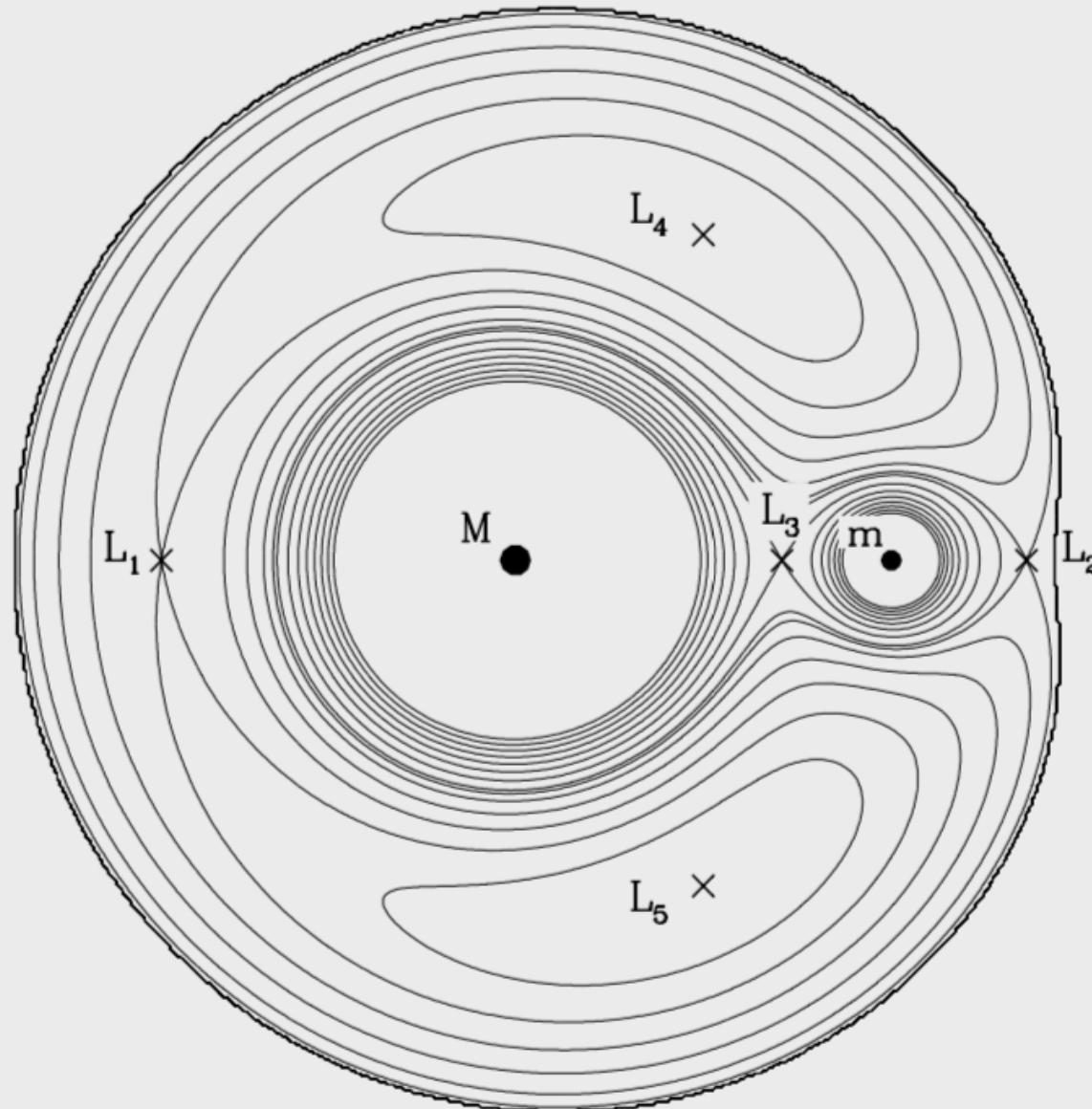
$$p_{\text{sub}}^{\text{late}}(m, c, R) = \frac{1}{K_t} \frac{1}{N_{\text{sub}}} \frac{dN_{\text{sub}}}{dm} p_c(c | m) p_{\mathbf{R}}(R) \Theta[r_t/r_s - \epsilon_t]$$

New number of subhalos

$N_{\text{sub}} \rightarrow K_t N_{\text{sub}}$

[Binney+08, Weinberg94, Gnedin+99, Stref+17]

$$r_t = R \left\{ \frac{M_{\text{int}}(R)}{3M(R)f[M(R)]} \right\}^{1/3}$$



Global tides

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta E}{m_\chi} \right\rangle = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_d^2}{V_z^2} A(\eta) r^2$$



Galactic disk

Disk shocking

Two sources of tidal stripping are considered
and impact on the probability distribution

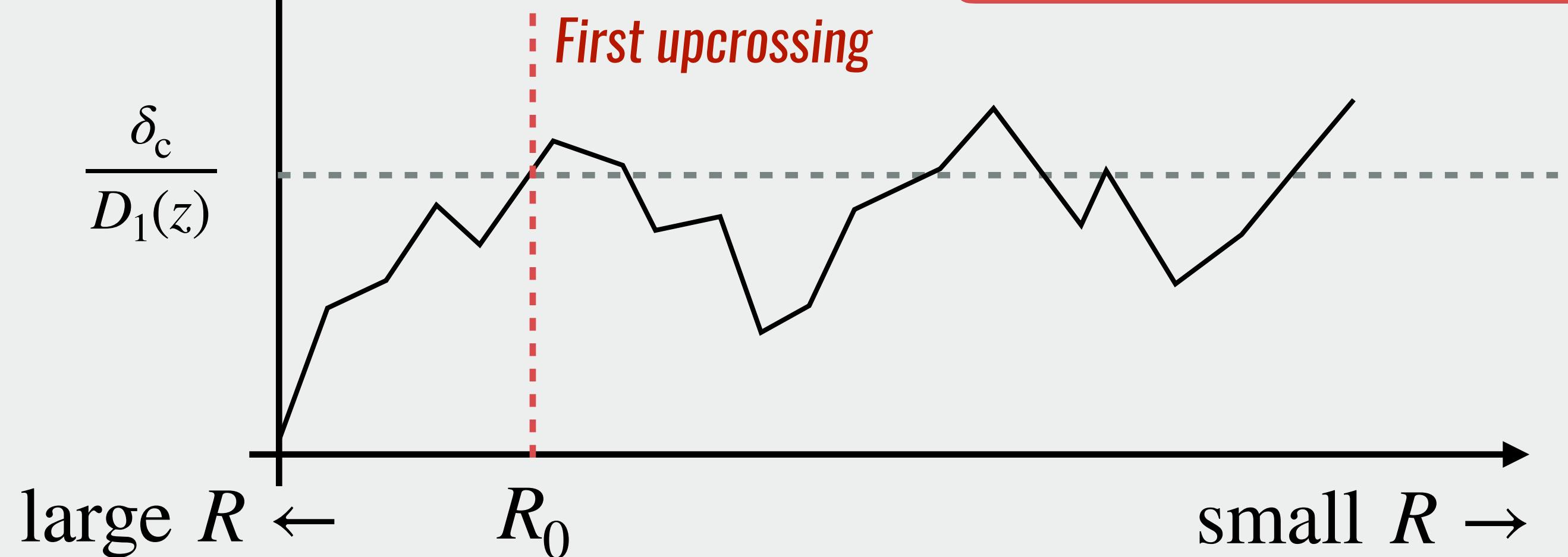
$$P_m(k, z) = \frac{8\pi^2 k}{25} \left[\frac{D_1(z)}{\Omega_{m,0} H_0^2} T(k) \right]^2 \mathcal{A}_S \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s - 1} \text{(power spectrum of density fluctuations)}$$

$$S(R) = \sigma_R^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{1/R} P_m(k, z=0) k^2 dk \quad (\text{smoothed variance})$$

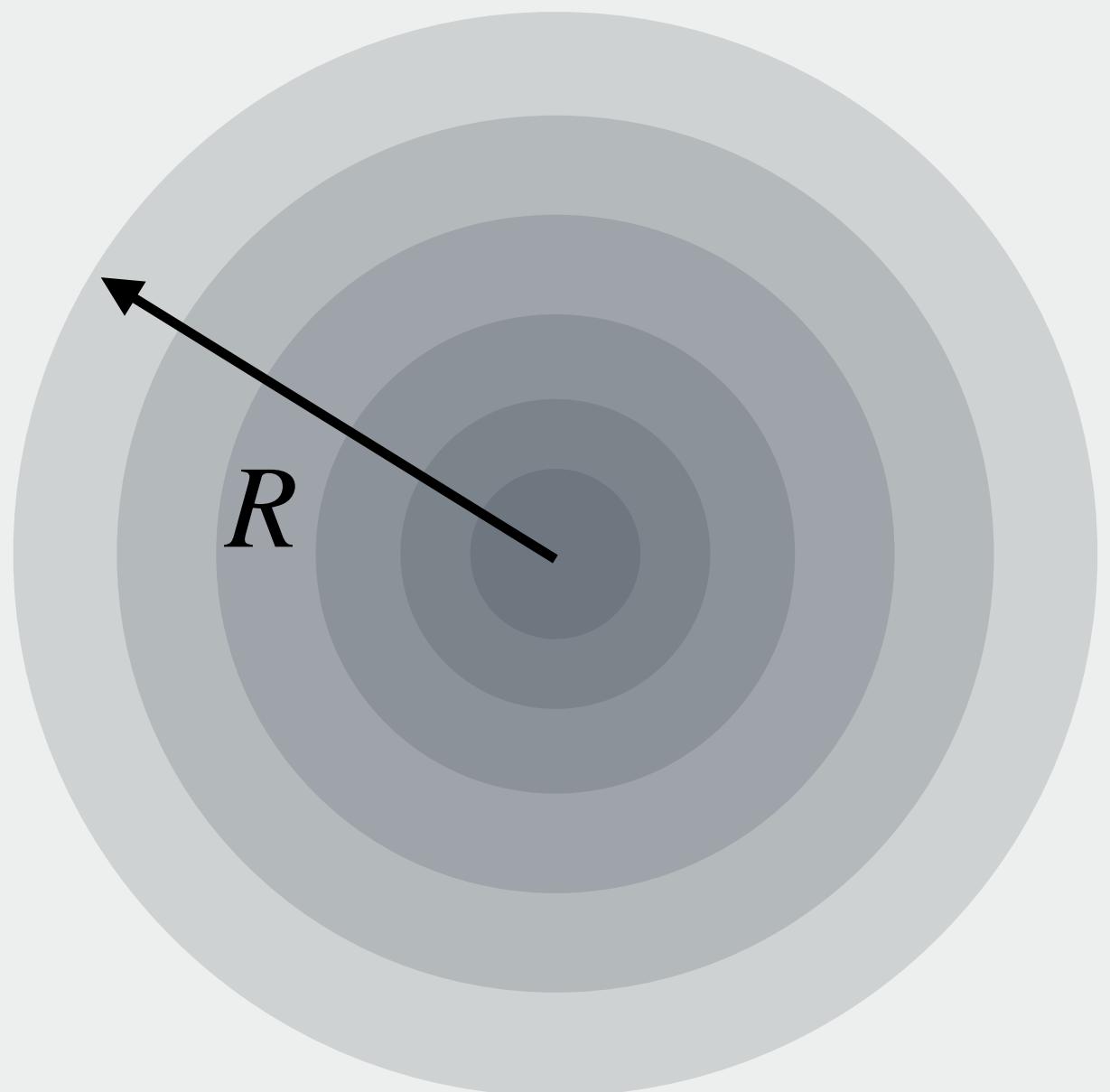
(smoothed density contrast)

$$\delta_R(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{y} \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}} W_R(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|)$$

Region enclosed in a halo of size R_0



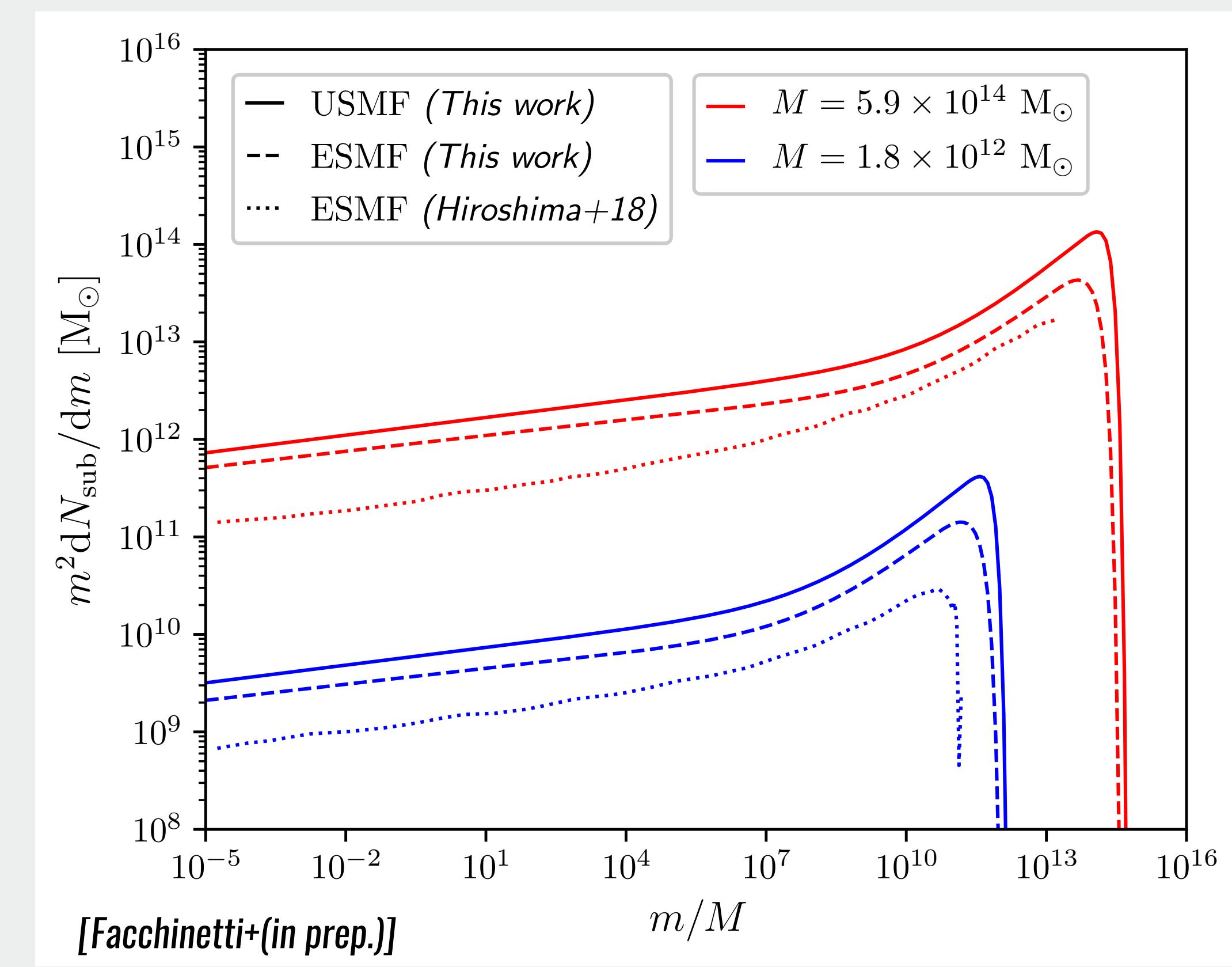
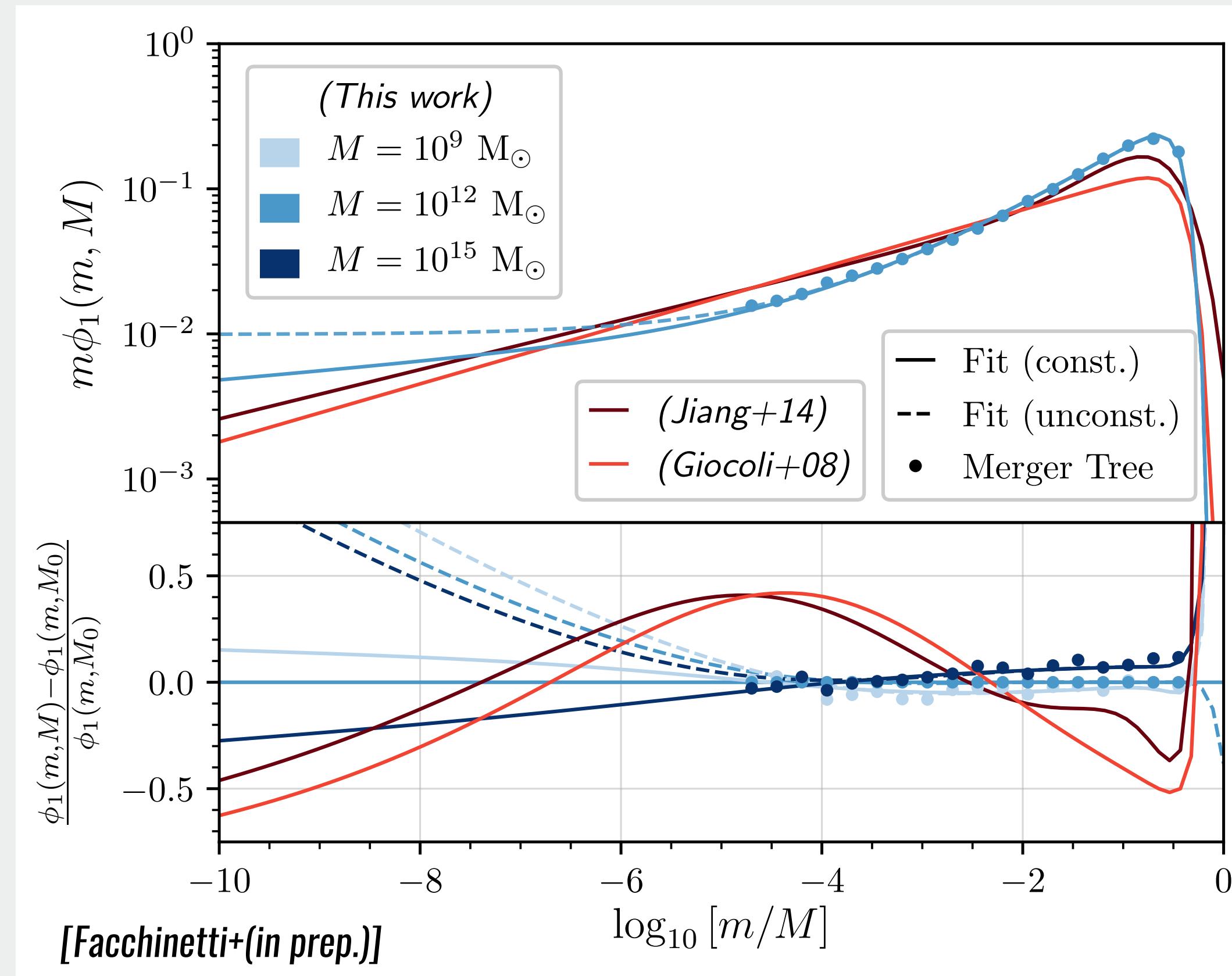
[Bond+91]



Fraction of mass in halos between M and $M+dM$

$$f(M) \left| \frac{dS}{dM} \right| dM = \frac{\delta_c}{\sqrt{2\pi} S^{3/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{\delta_c}{2S} \right) \left| \frac{dS}{dM} \right| dM$$

From the excursion set theory to merger trees



New calibration method

Let us finish part I with a small computation (preliminary)

Assume self-similarity

$$\frac{\partial N_p(m, M)}{\partial m} = \int_0^M \frac{\partial N_1(m, m')}{\partial m} \frac{\partial N_{p-1}(m', M)}{\partial m'} dm' \quad \frac{1}{M} \int_0^M \frac{\partial N_p(m, M)}{\partial m} m dm = 1$$

Define the total mass function

$$\frac{\partial N_{\text{tot}}(m, M)}{\partial m} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial N_p(m, M)}{\partial m}$$

$$\frac{\partial N_{\text{tot}}(m, M)}{\partial m} = \frac{\partial N_1(m, M)}{\partial m} + \int_0^M \frac{\partial N_1(m, m')}{\partial m} \frac{\partial N_{\text{tot}}(m', M)}{\partial m'} dm'$$

Start with

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Change of variables

Assuming universality

$$\frac{\partial N_p(m, M)}{\partial m} = \frac{1}{m} g_p \left(-\ln \left(\frac{m}{M} \right) \right)$$



$$g_{\text{tot}}(x) = g_1(x) + \int_0^x g_1(y) g_{\text{tot}}(y-x) dy \quad \int_0^\infty g_p(x) e^{-x} dx = 1$$



Laplace transform

$$\hat{g}_p(s) \equiv \int_{[0, \infty[} g_p(x) e^{-sx} dx$$



$$\hat{g}_{\text{tot}}(s) = \frac{\hat{g}_1(s)}{1 - \hat{g}_1(s)} \quad \hat{g}_1(1) = 1$$



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**Use residue theorem
(assuming we can)**

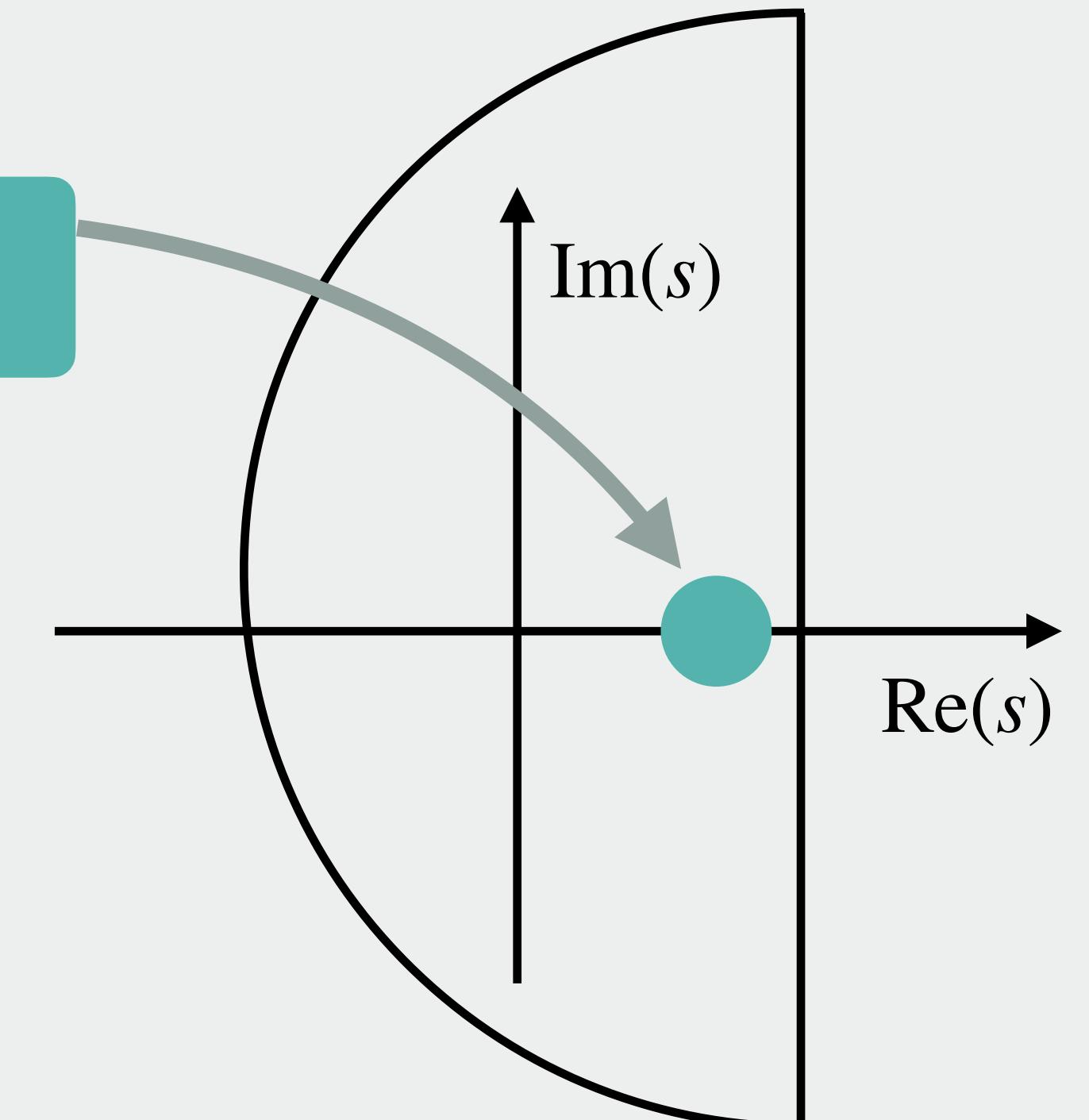
$$g_{\text{tot}}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n_{\text{res}}} c_i e^{s_i x} \quad c_i \equiv \text{Res}(\hat{g}_{\text{tot}}, s_i)$$

Pole in $s=1$

With the residue in $s=1$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{\hat{g}'_1(1)} \quad s_0 = 1$$

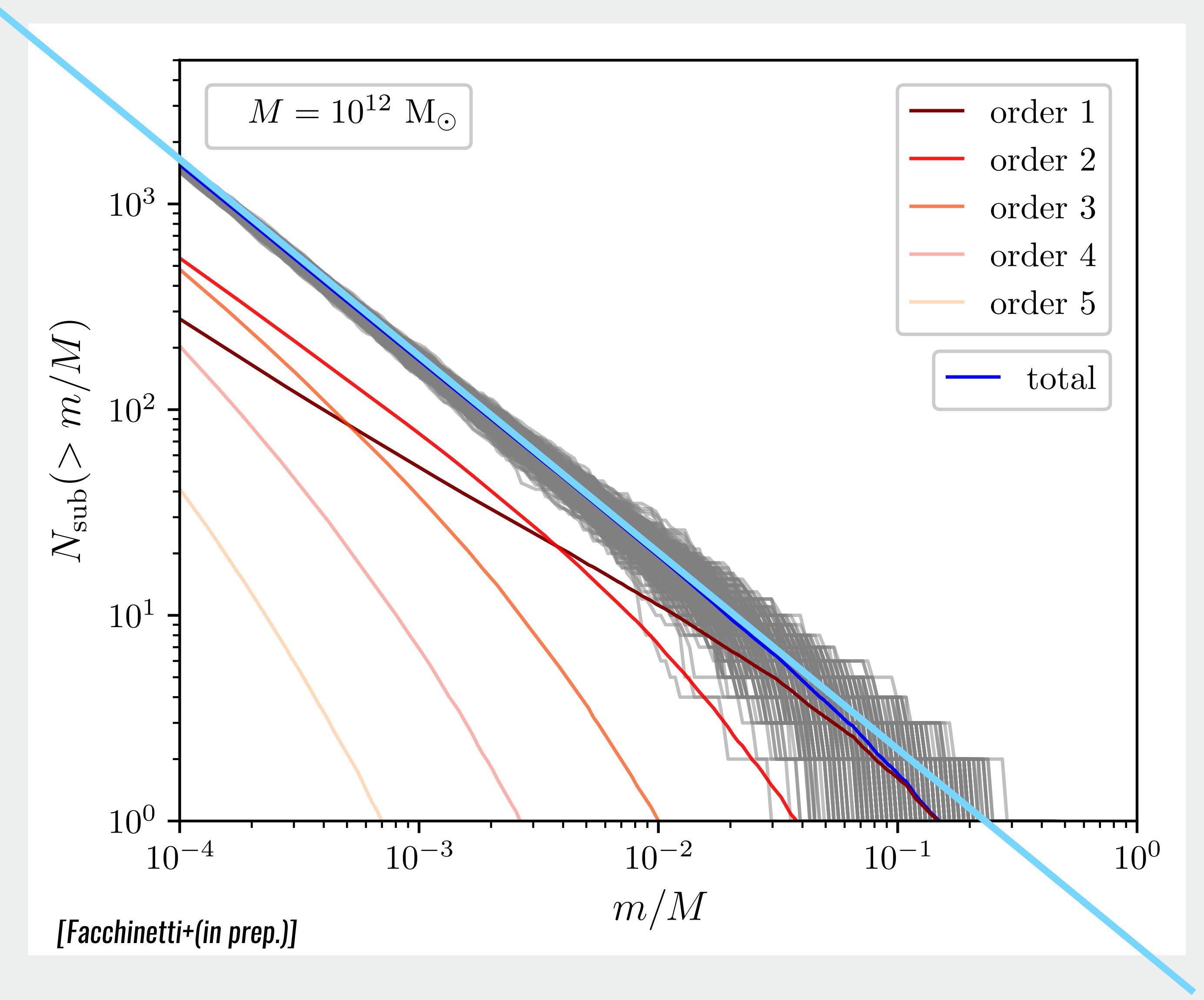
$$g_{\text{tot}}(x) = \frac{1}{\hat{g}'_1(1)} e^x + \sum_{i>0} c_i e^{s_i x}$$



$$\frac{\partial N_{\text{tot}}(m, M)}{\partial m} = \frac{M}{\hat{g}'_1(1)} m^{-2} + \sum_{i>0} \frac{c_i}{m} \left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^{-s_i}$$

-2 is a critical exponent

$$\frac{\partial N_{\text{tot}}(m, M)}{\partial m} \underset{\sim}{\propto} m^{-2} \quad \text{if} \quad \text{Re}(s_i) \ll 1 \quad \forall i > 0$$



Merger Trees Monte Carlo results

