



*Studying dynamical structures within  
Dark Matter Halos*

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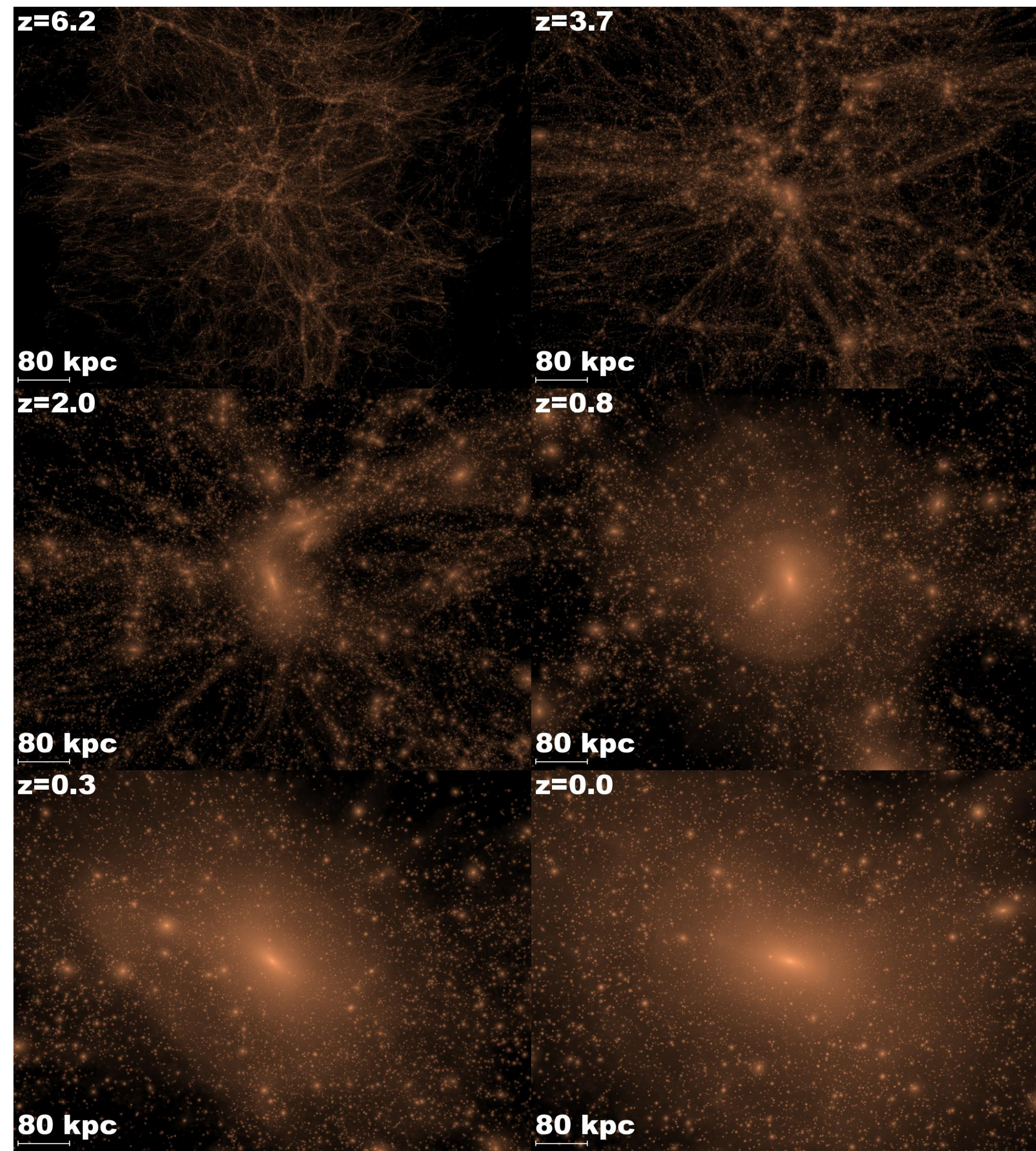
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# Dark Matter Halos

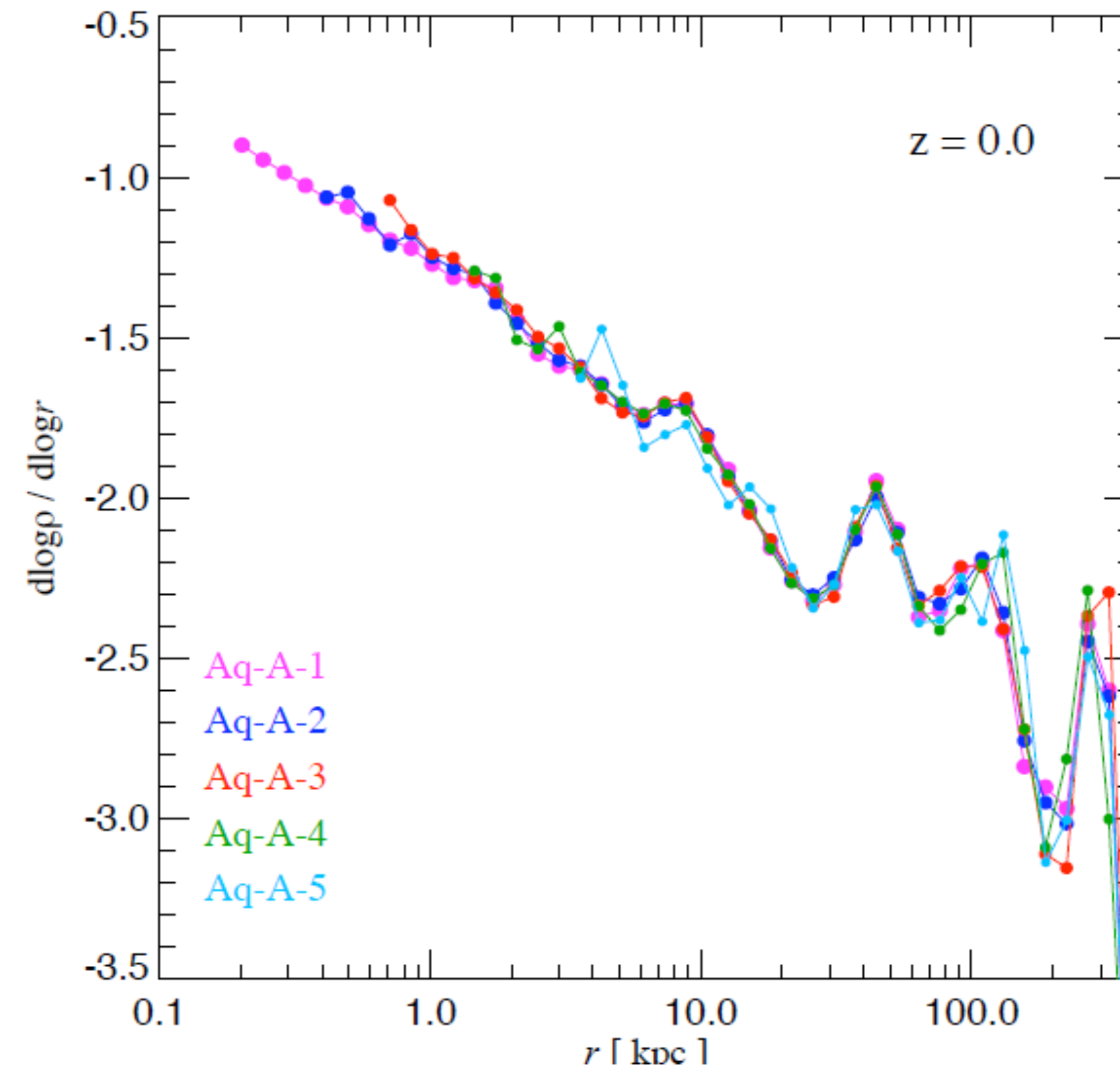
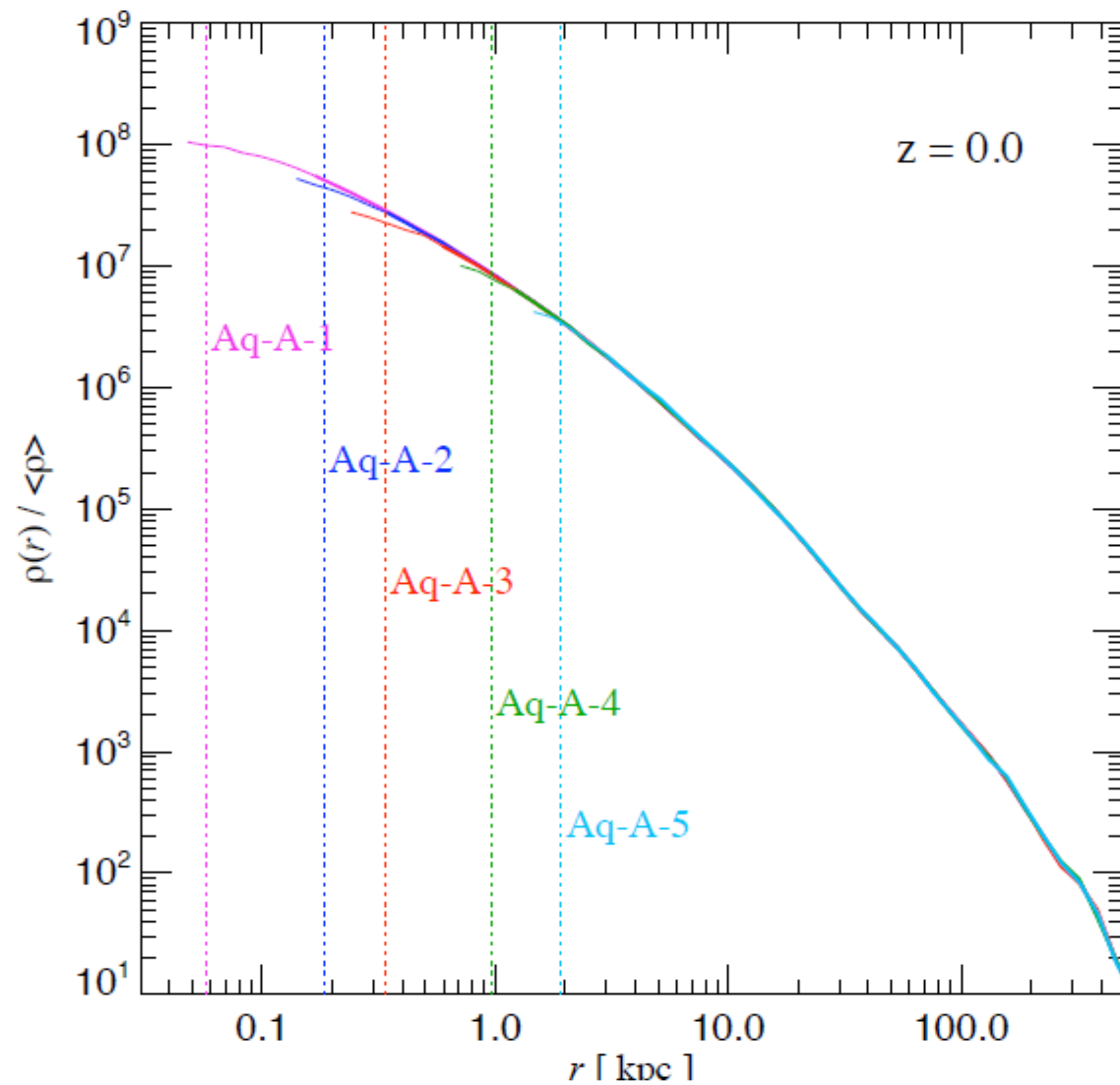


- Dark matter halos are endpoints of all cosmological structure formation
- Self-bound structures, **virialized**
- Highest dark matter densities
- Harbor all stars, galaxies, quasars

*Via Lactea simulation*

**Formation of structure tells us about the history of the universe**

# Density Profiles of dark matter halos



*“Aquarius” Springel et. al 2008*

- The density of halos is well described by the NFW profiles

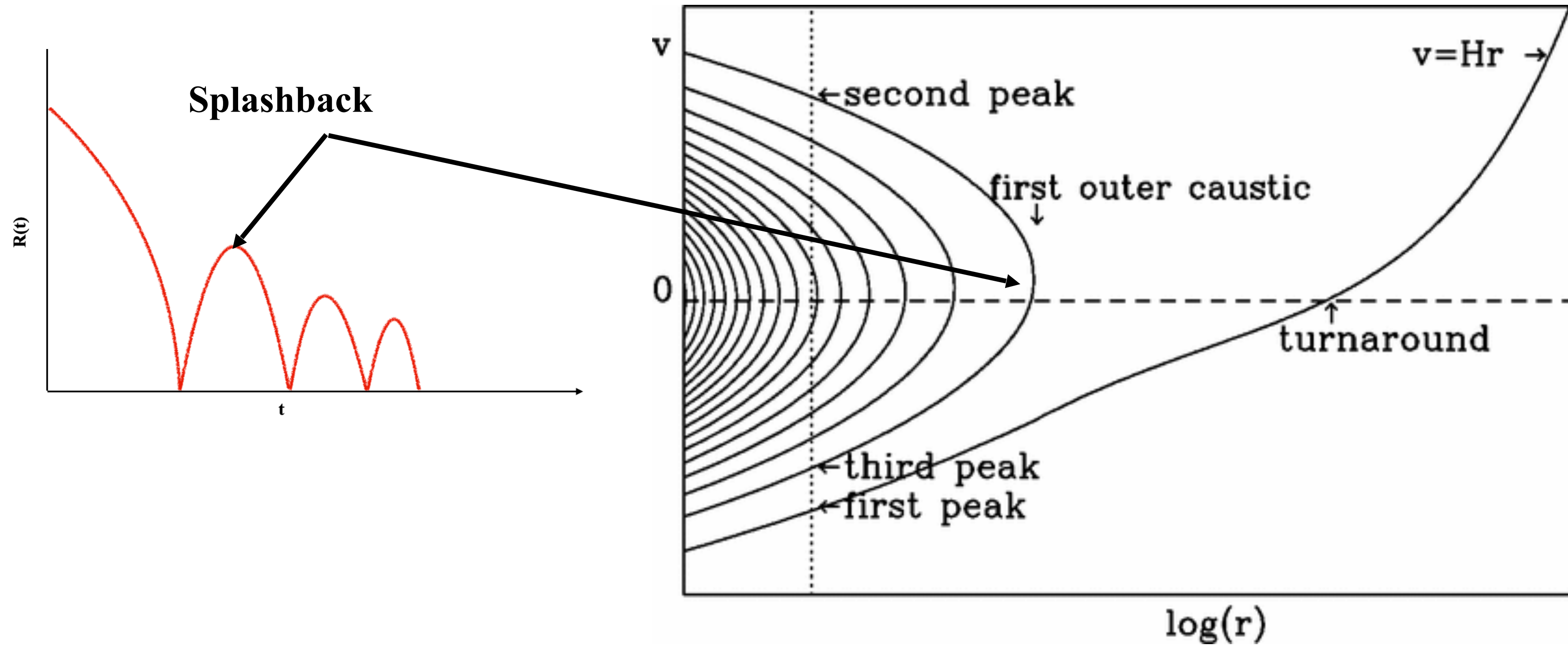
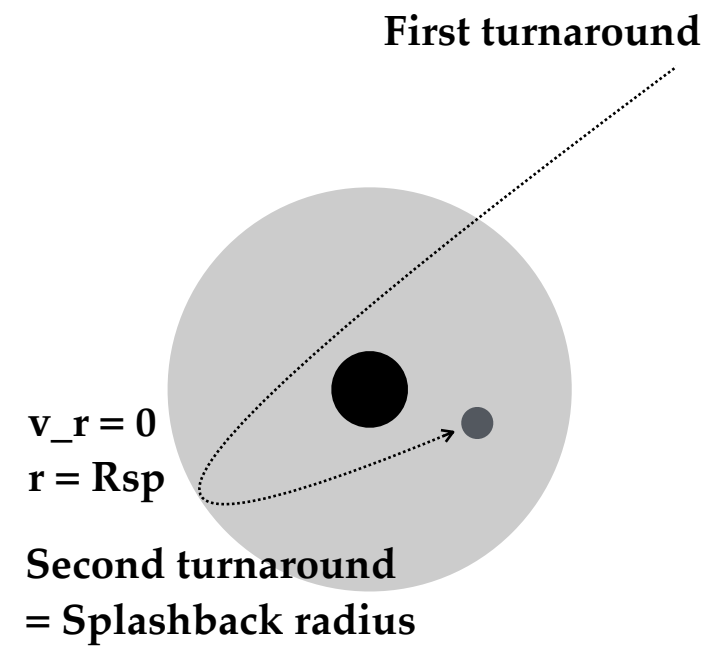
$$\frac{\rho_0}{\frac{R}{R_s} \left( 1 + \frac{R}{R_s} \right)^2}$$

- Slope is -1 in the inner regions and rolls over to -3 in the outskirts of the halo.

# Phase space Diagram of Halo evolution

## Collapse of a single isolated peak

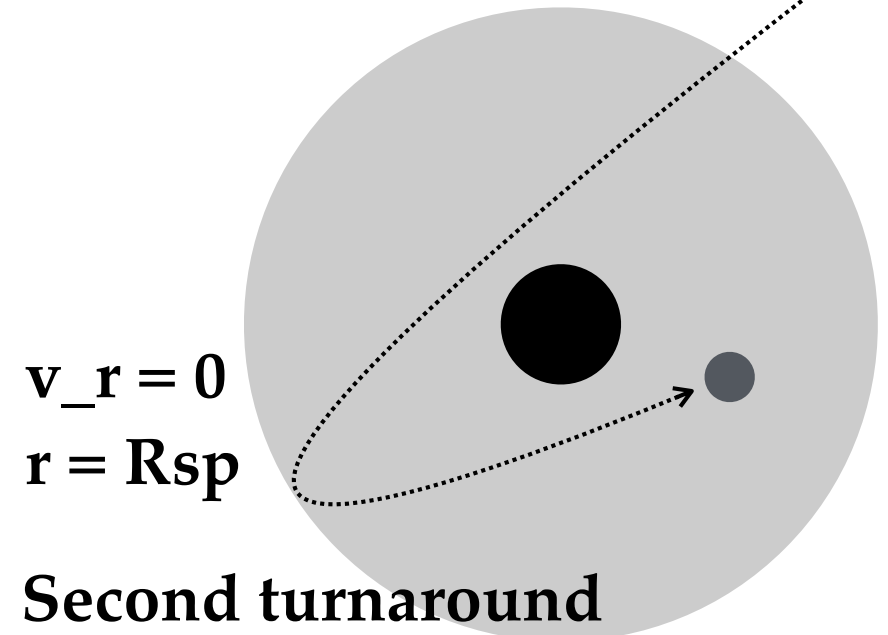
(For spherical potential and smooth accretion)



**Splashback** - corresponds to first apoapses passage after collapse

# The structure of a dark matter halo

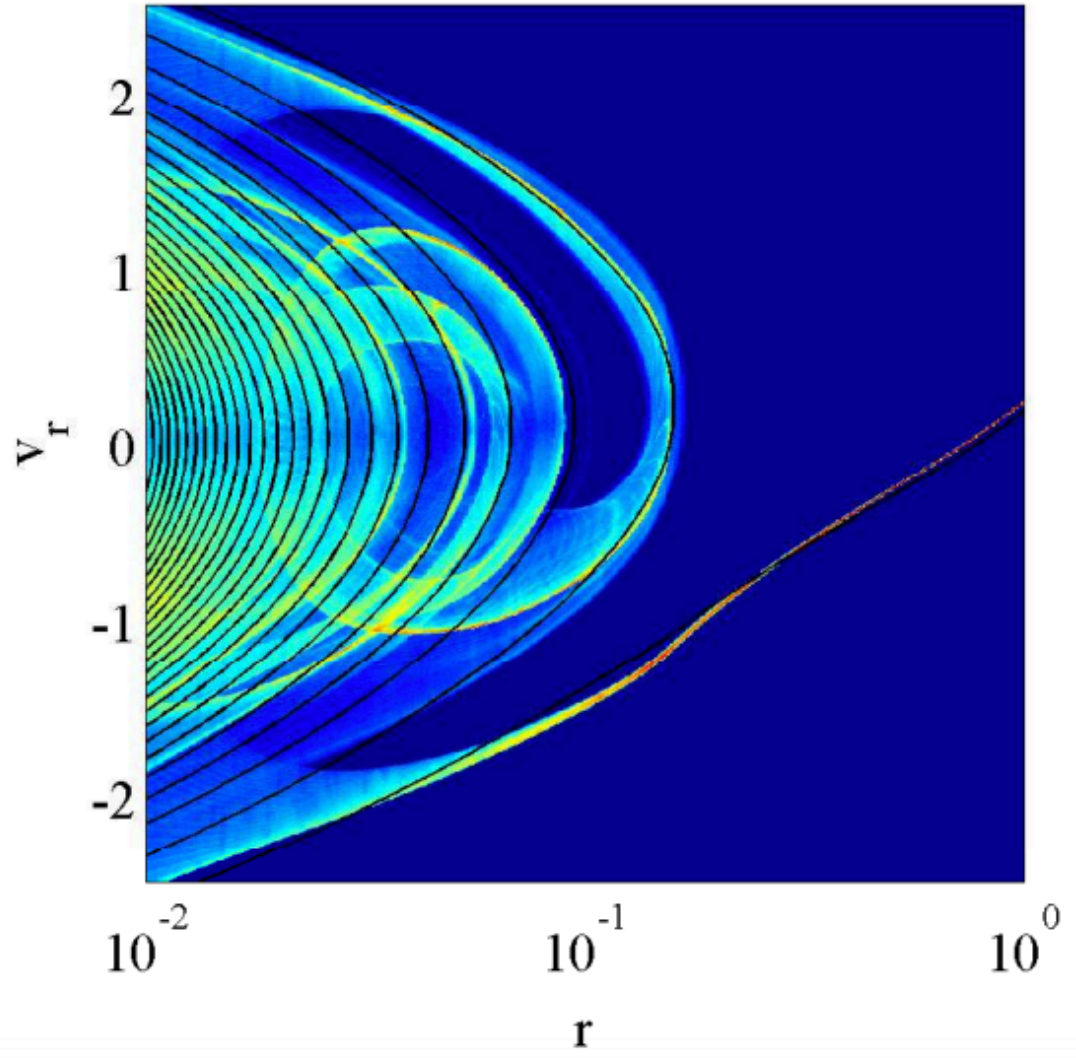
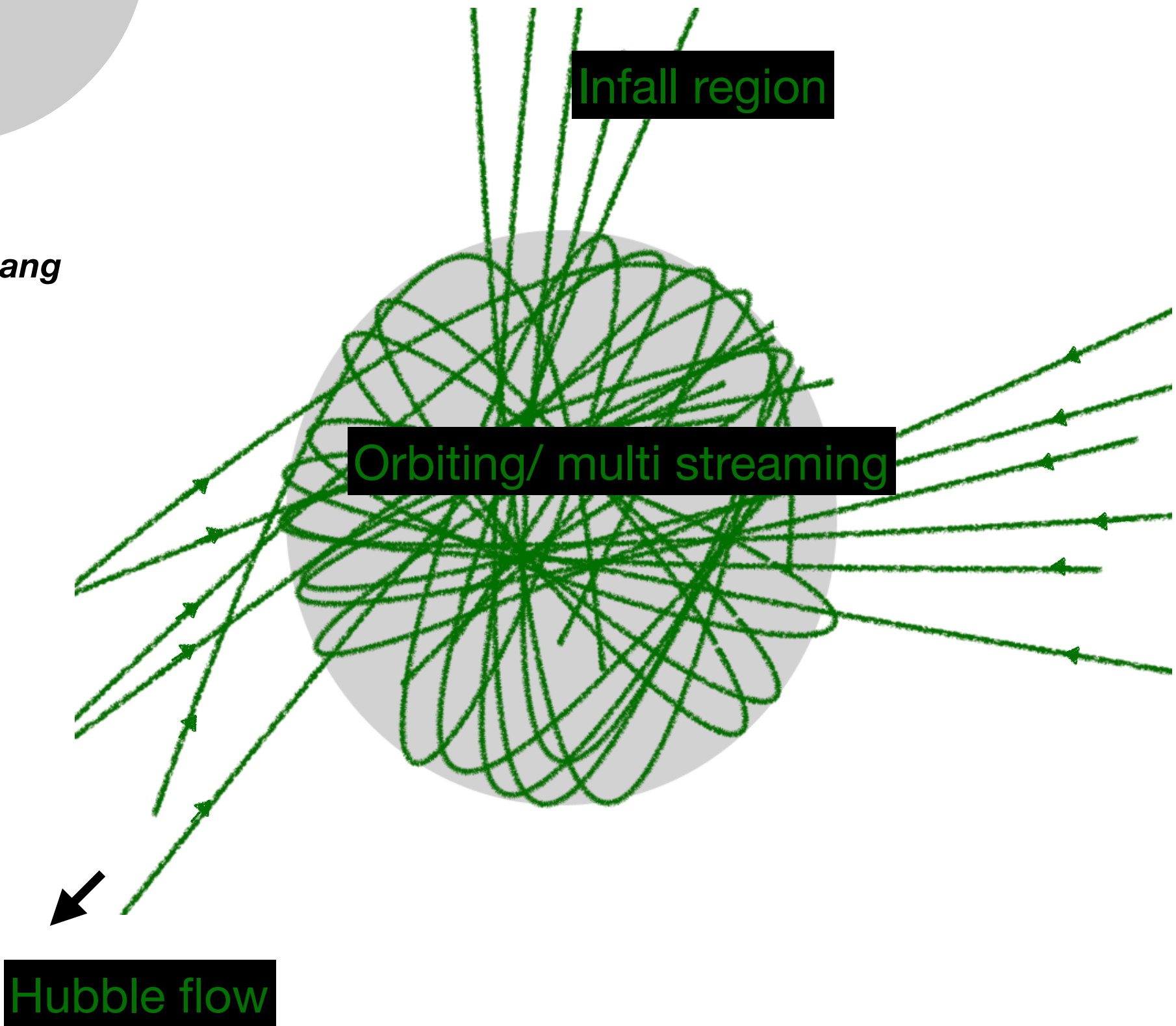
First turnaround



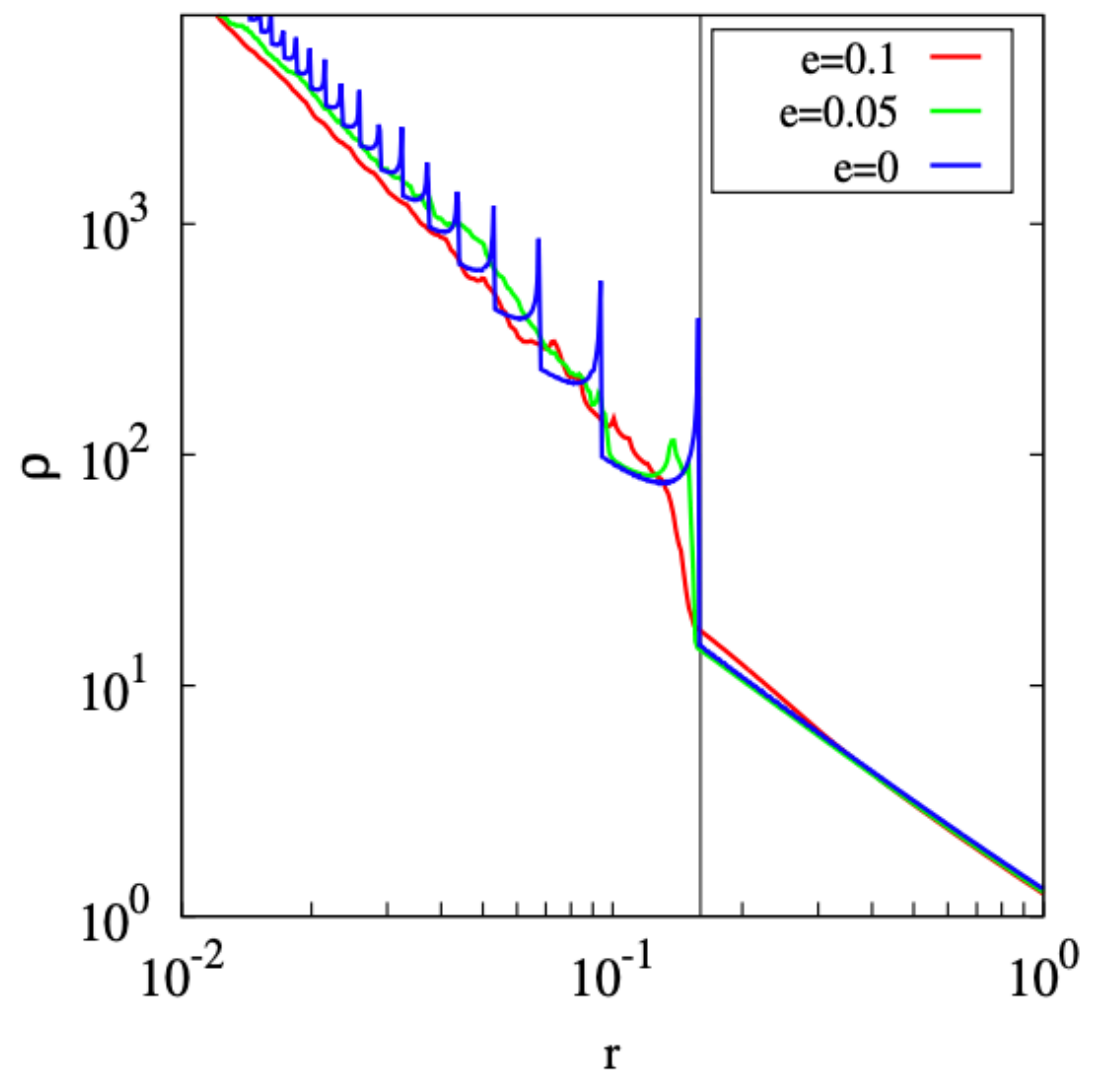
$v_r = 0$   
 $r = R_{sp}$

Second turnaround  
= Splashback radius

Credit: Chihway Chang



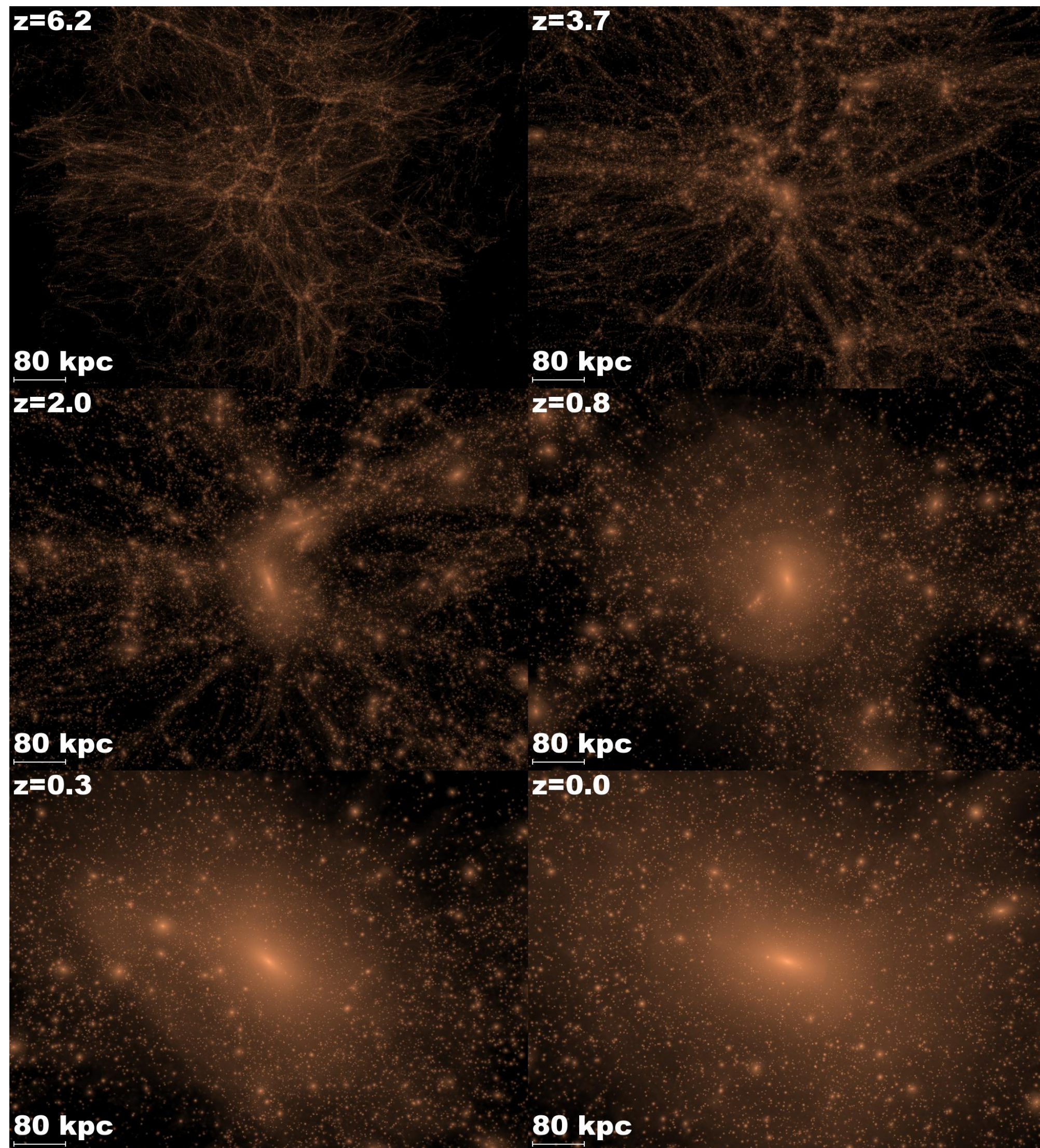
Phase space of a halo



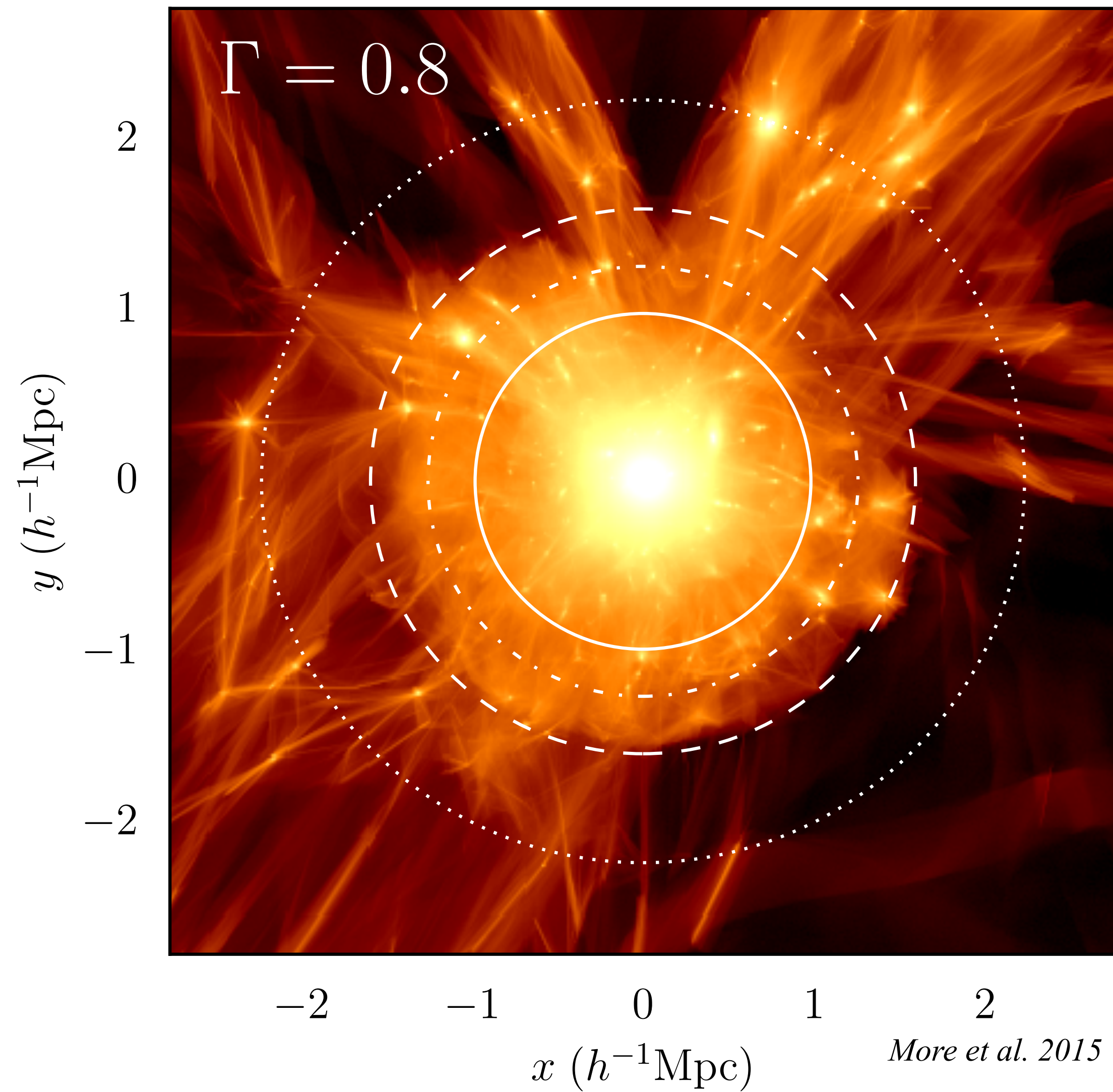
Density around a halo

Adhikari, Dalal, Chamberlain 2014

# Dark Matter halos in simulations

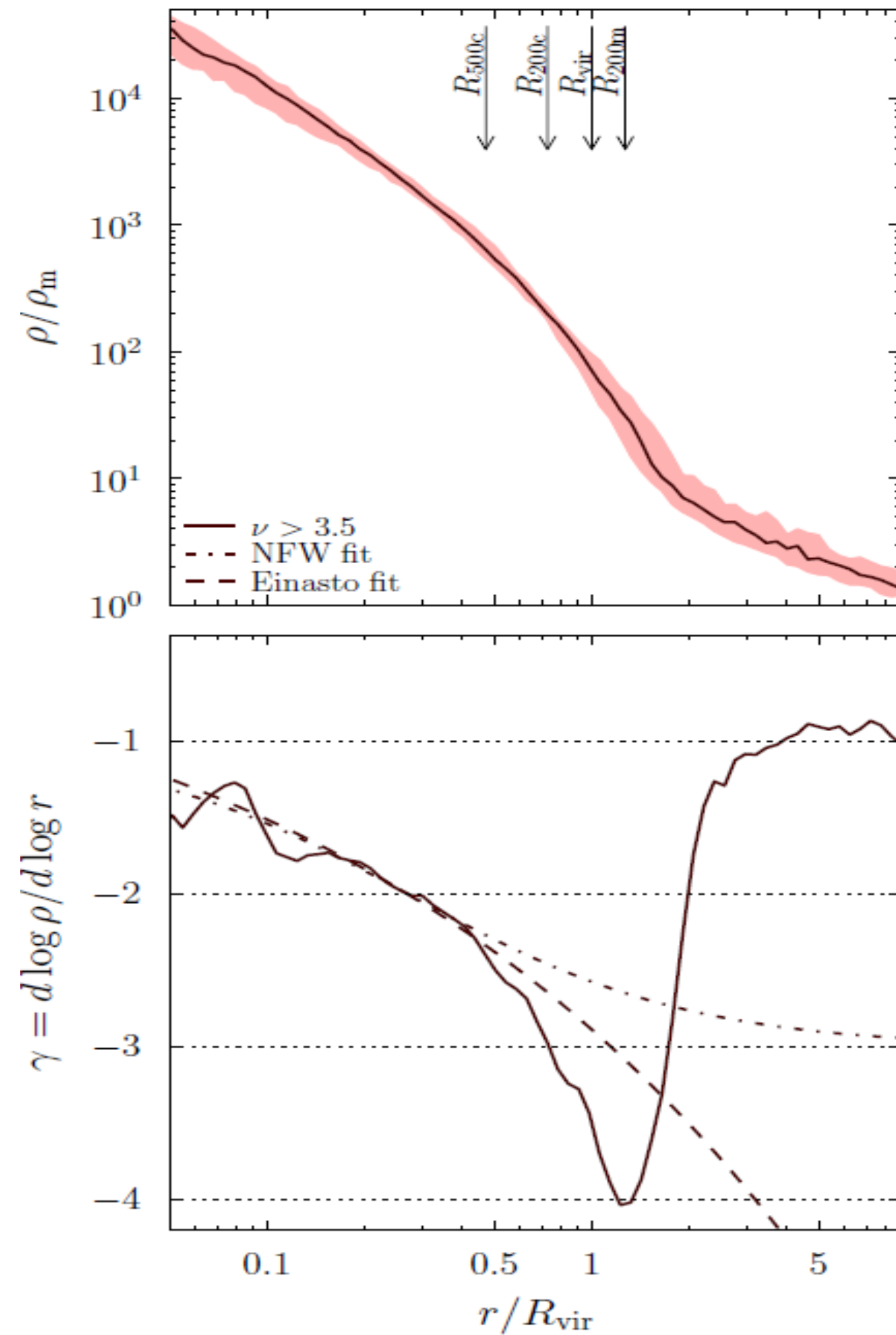


*Via Lactea simulation*

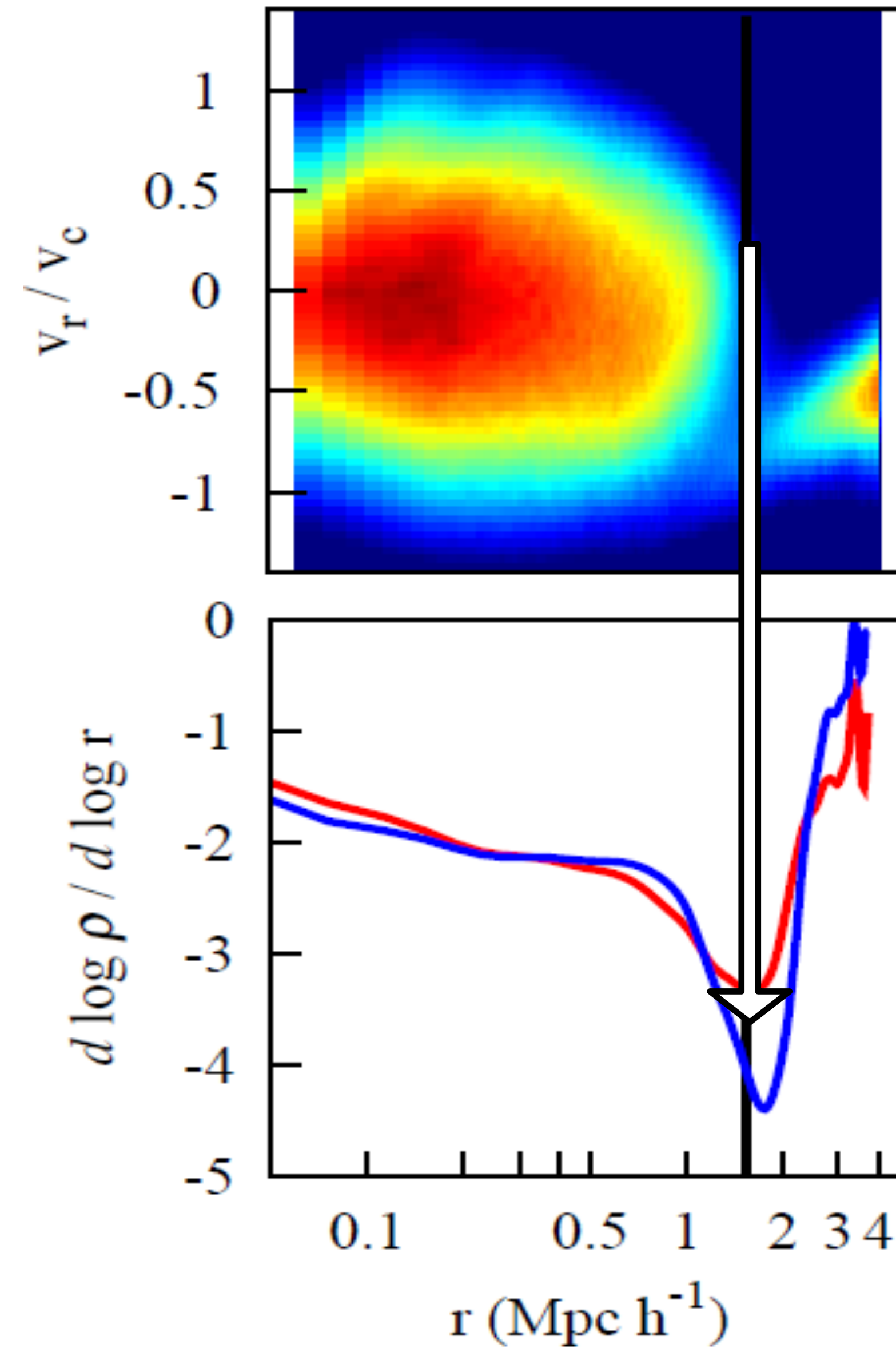


*More et al. 2015*

# Outer density profiles of Dark Matter Halos

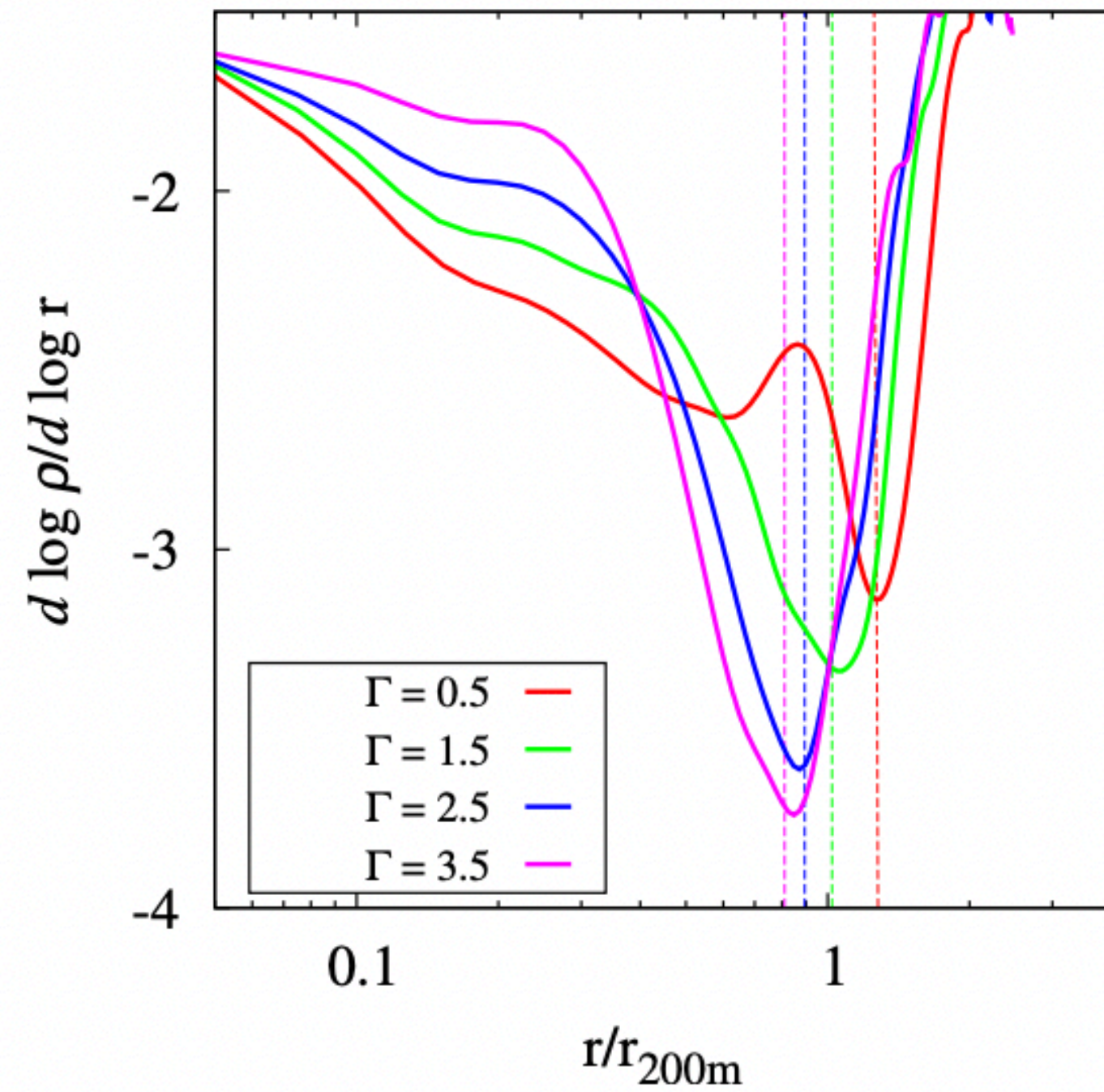


Diemer & Kravtsov 2014



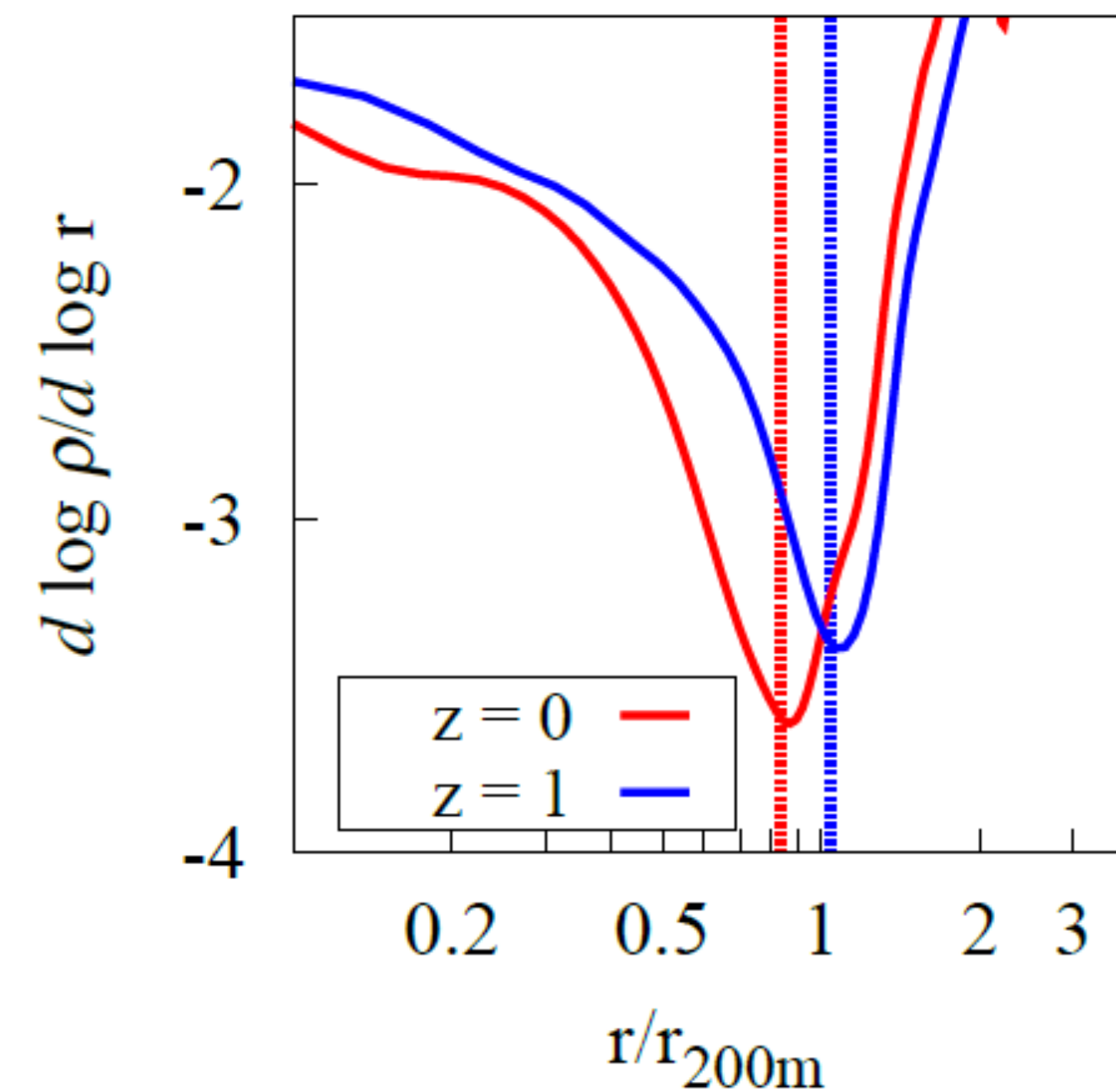
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# Logarithmic Slope of the density profile Accretion Rate and halo redshift



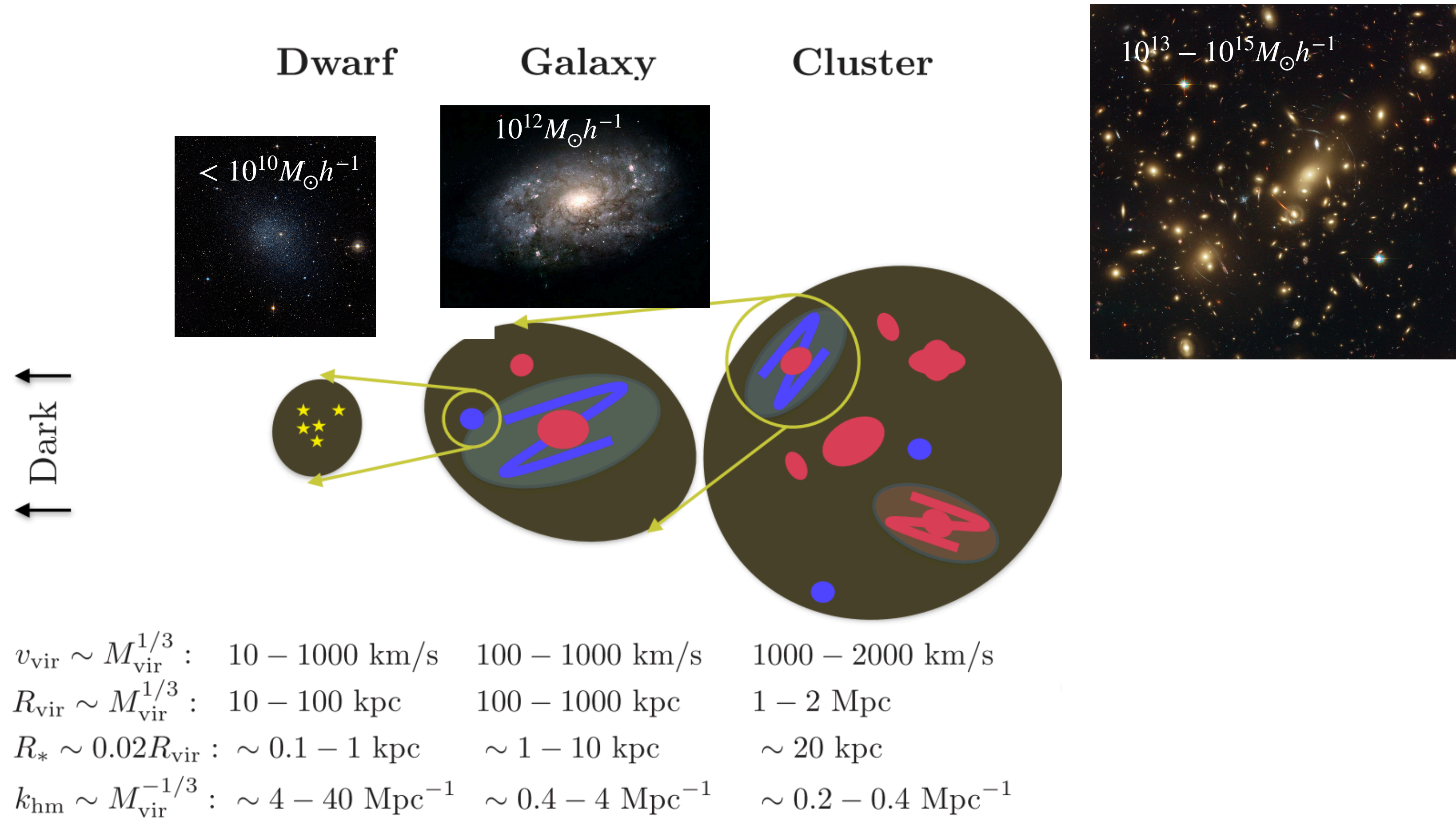
At a given accretion rate  
it is a function of redshift

Faster a halo grows, the smaller is its splashback  
radius in units of  $R_{200}$ .





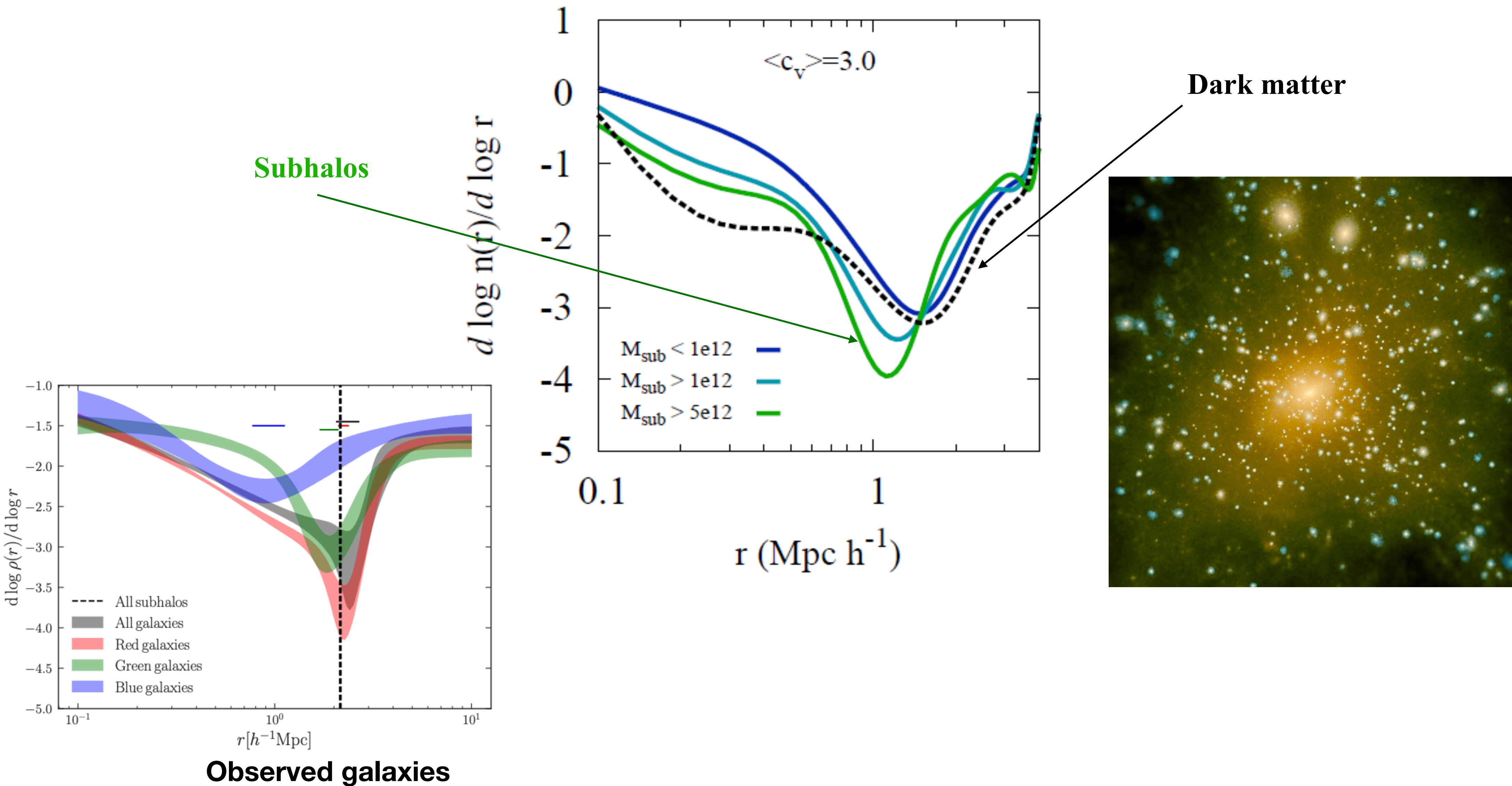
# Hierarchical structure formation



credit: Buckley and Peter 2017

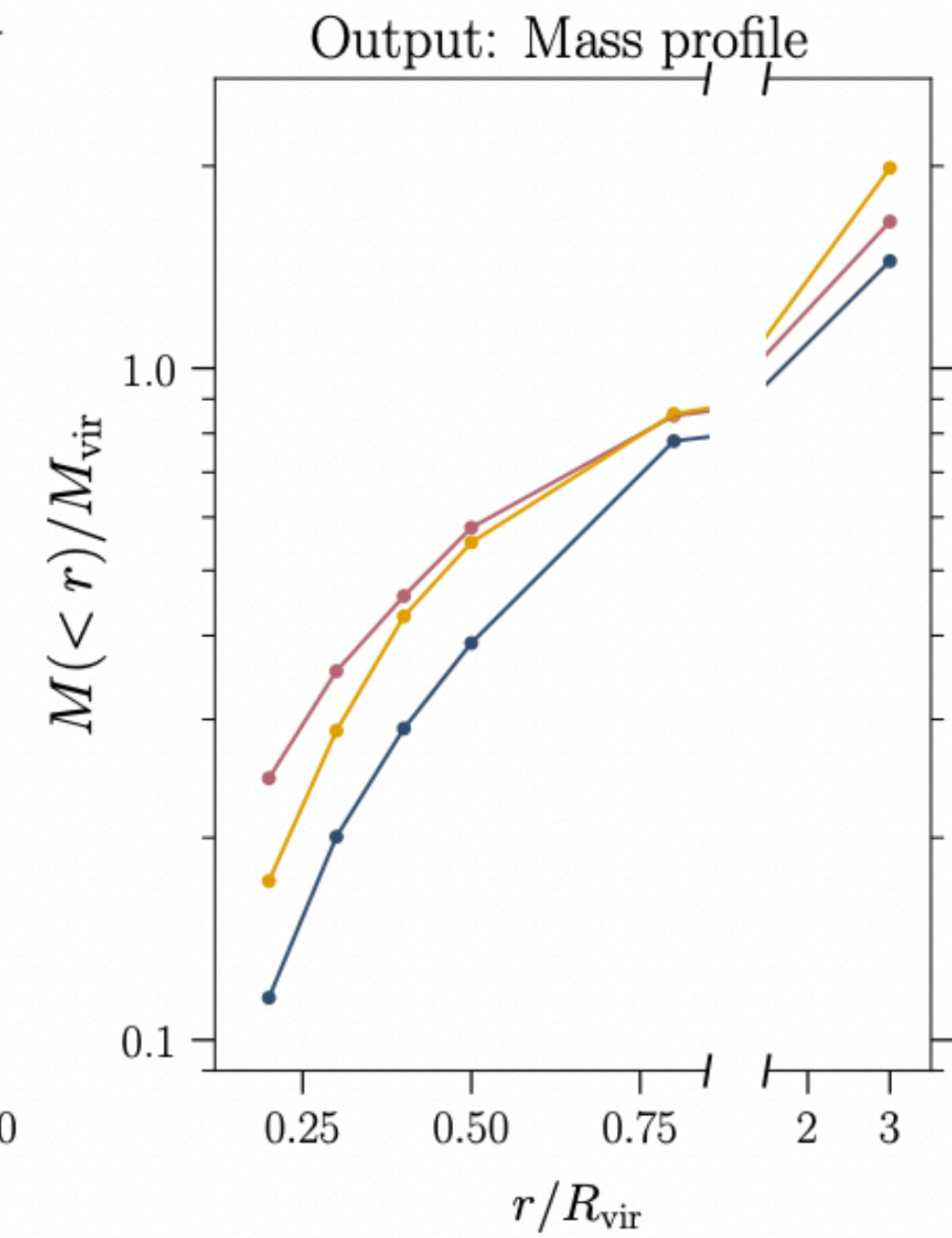
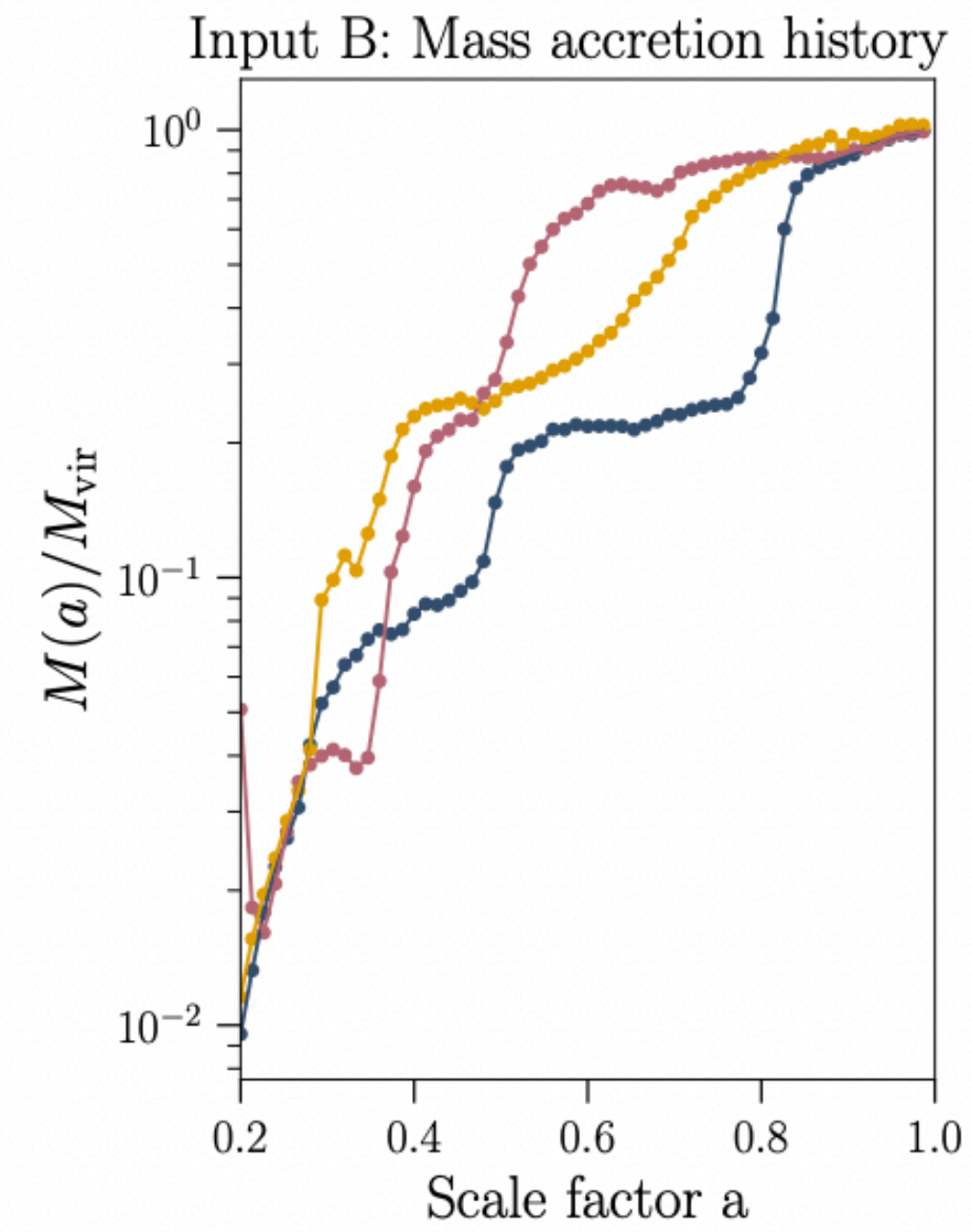
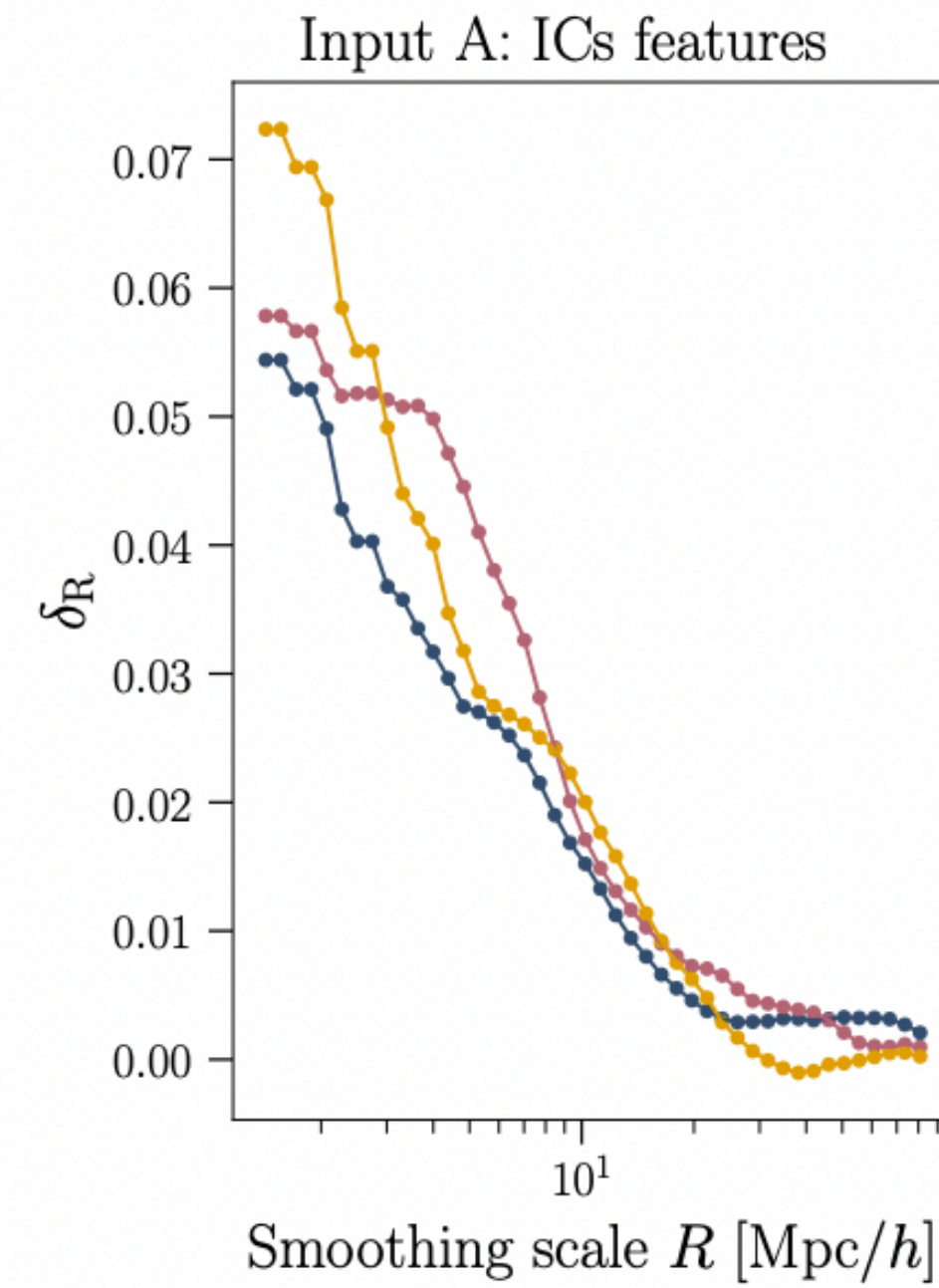
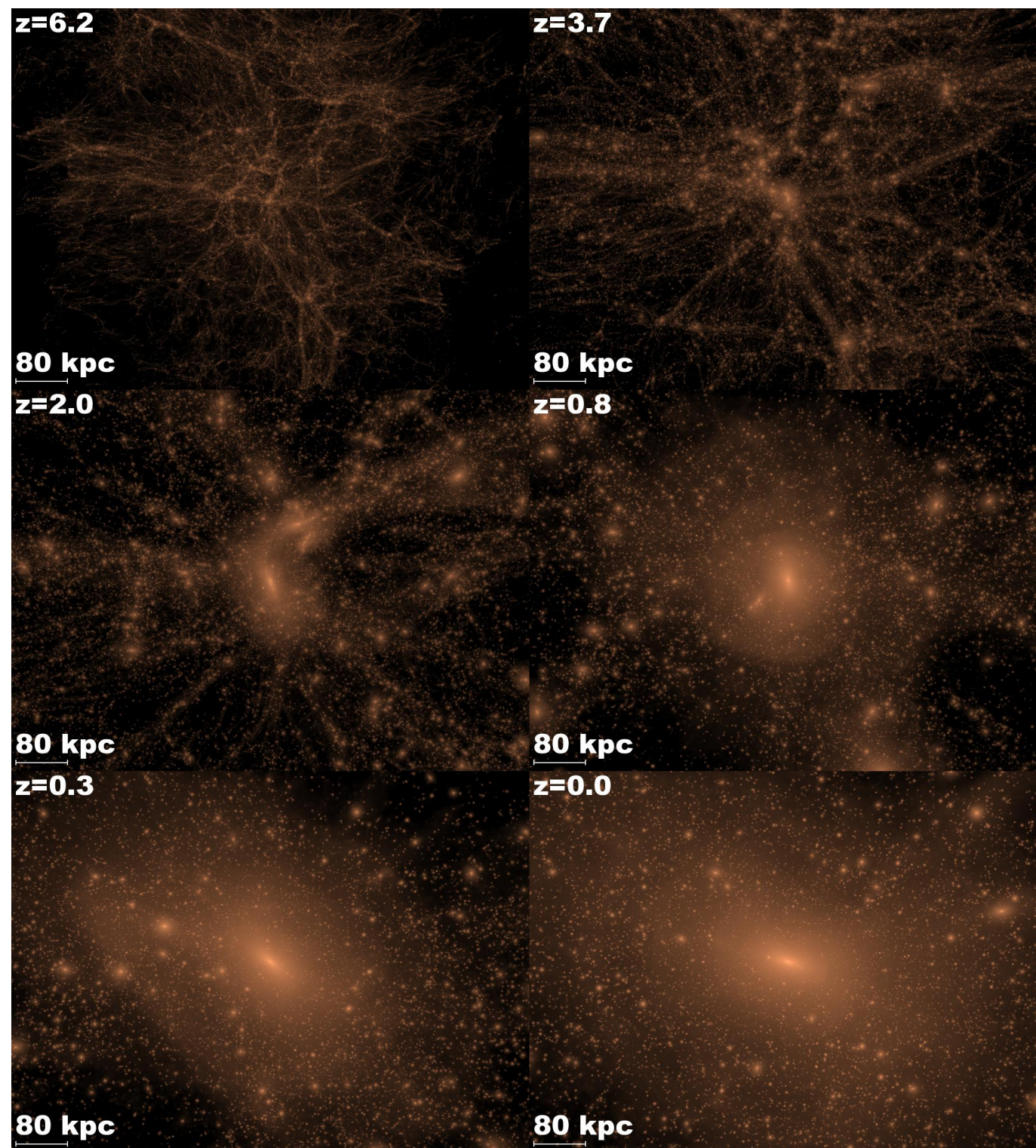
**Small halos form first and merge to form more massive halos**

*Substructure also show a significant spread in their distribution within the halo*

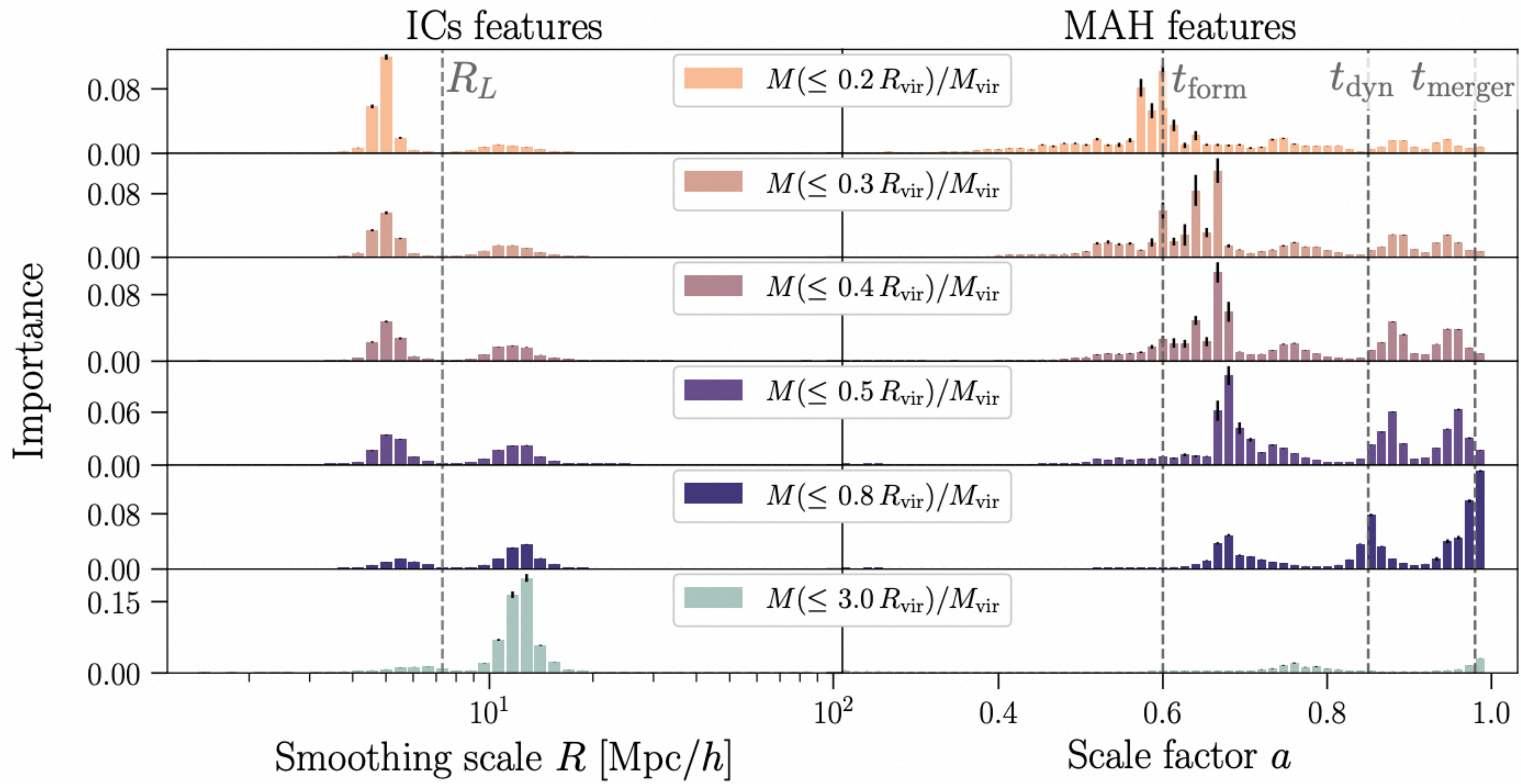


# Dynamical Halo

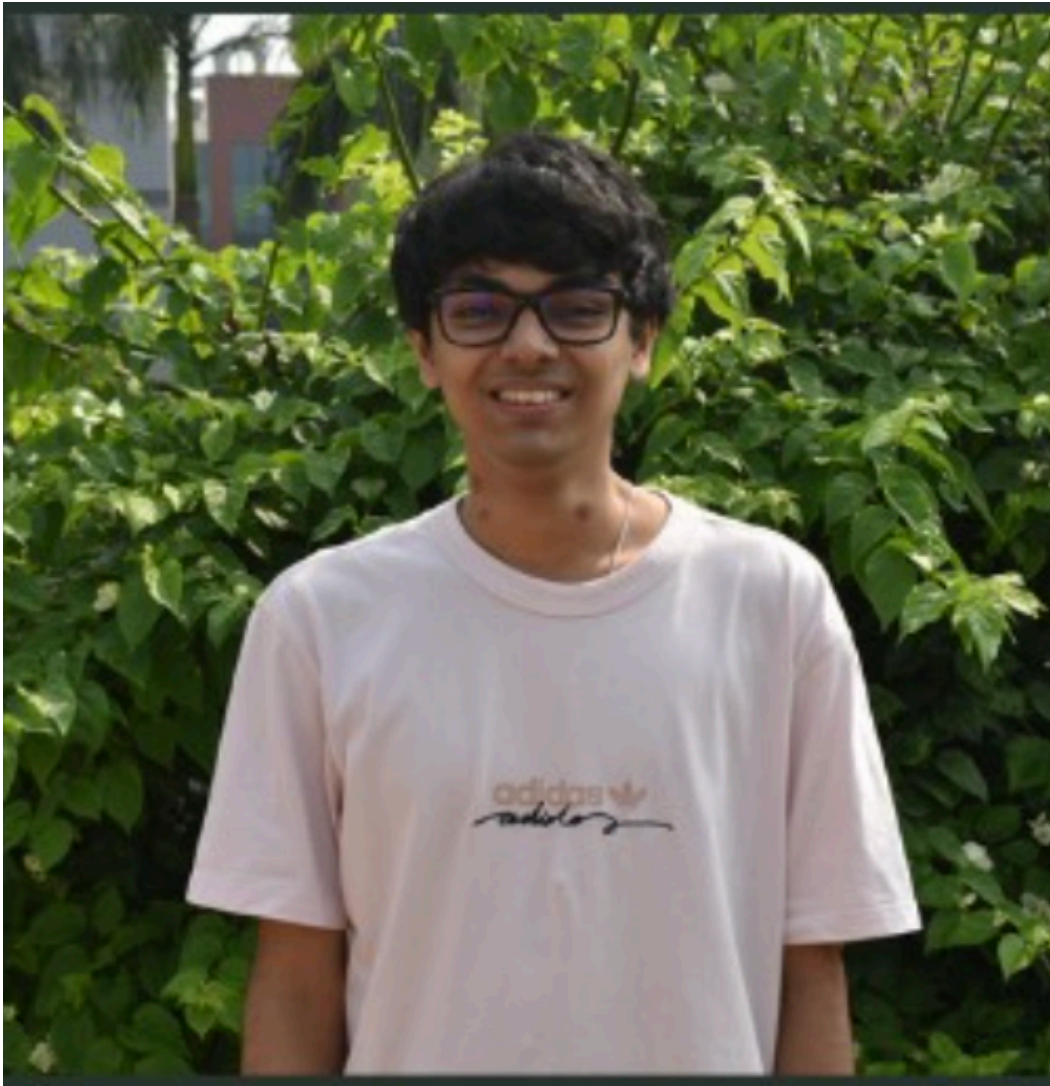
*ICs*  $\longrightarrow$  *Mass Accretion Histories*  $\longrightarrow$  *Profiles*



# Feature Importances from Machine Learning

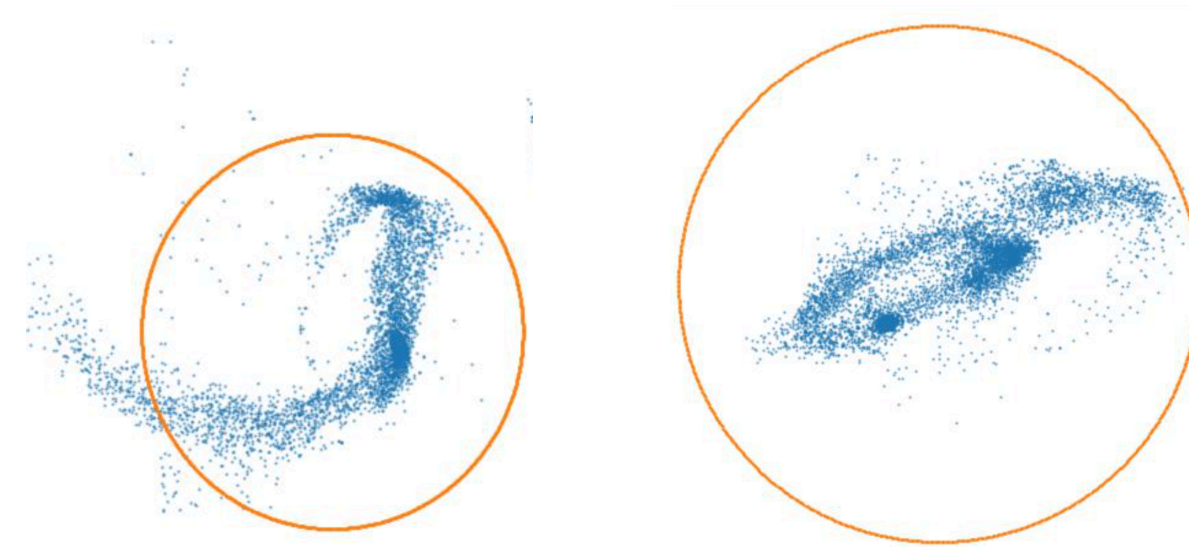


# Understand if ML/Clustering methods can isolate structures within the halo



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- Is the halo a uniform virialized structure?
- Are there physical dynamical boundaries?
- How do we efficiently extract structures within dark matter halos?
- Streams, subhalos, sub-subhalos



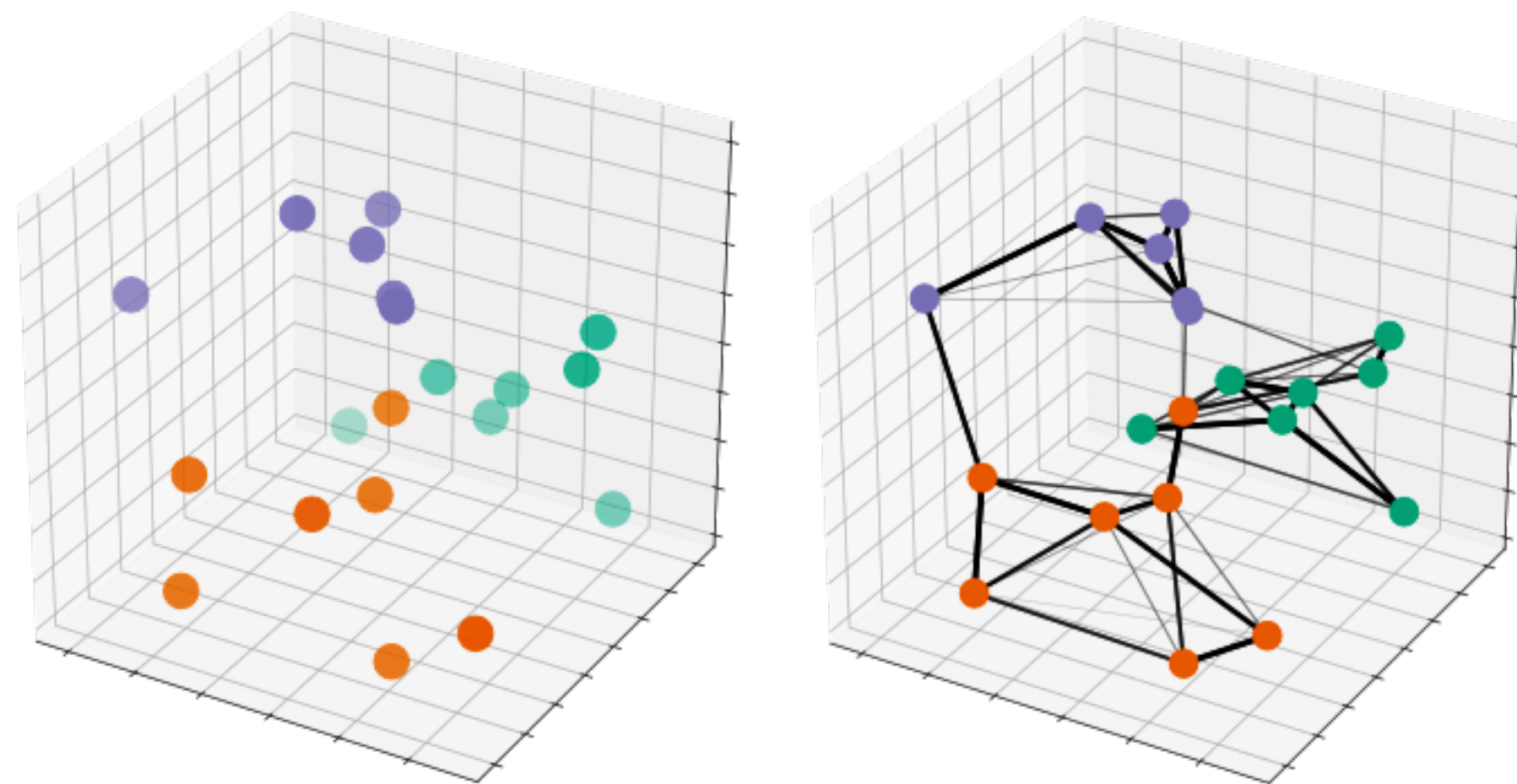
- Does the current halo structure contain information about its history?
- How are these structured assembled?

*Unified Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP) for Dimension Reduction*

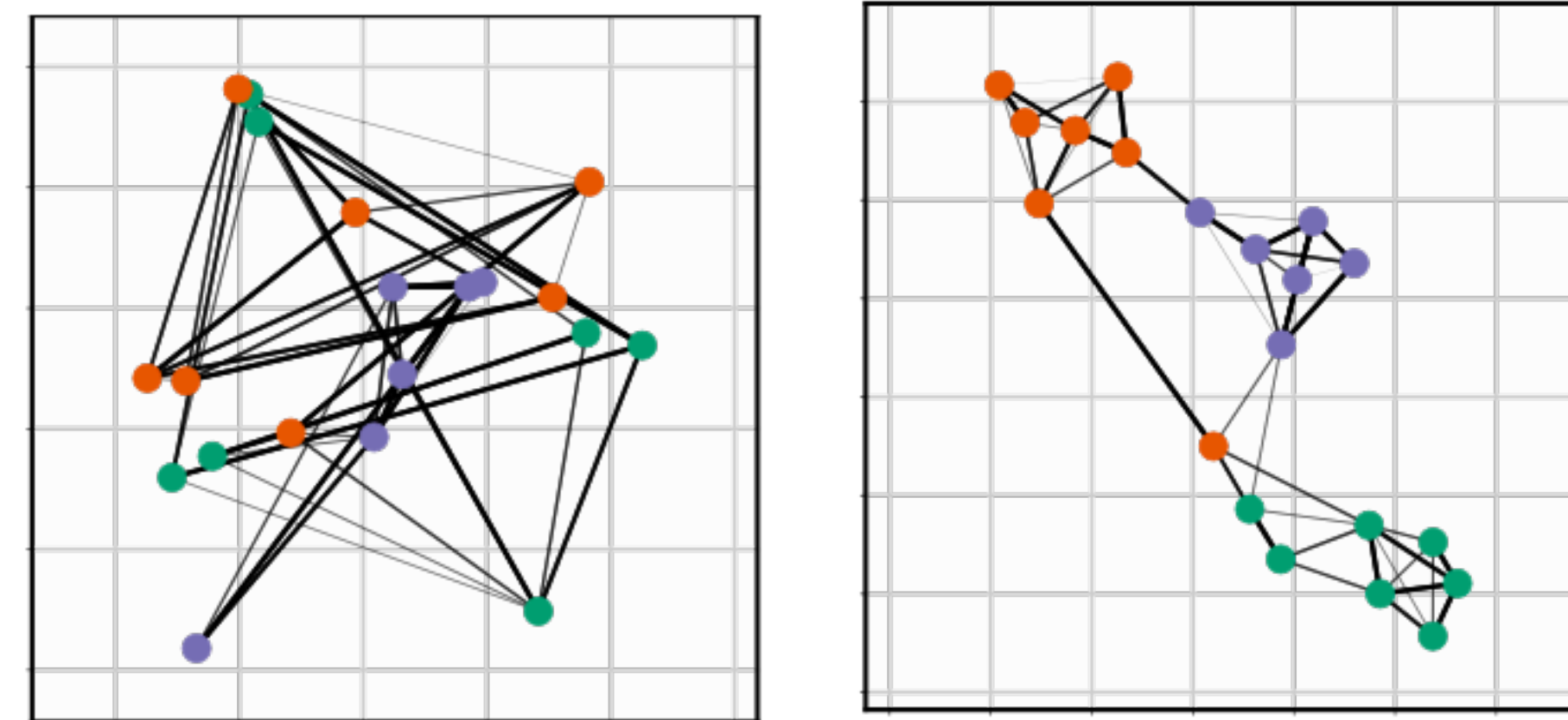
# UMAP

## *Unified Manifold Approximation and Projection for Dimension Reduction*

- **Graph in higher dimension space, weighted by distances**
- **The metric is allowed to be non-Euclidian that preserves the topological structures**
- **Projects to lower dimension space such to optimally conserve this topology of the original higher dimensional space.**

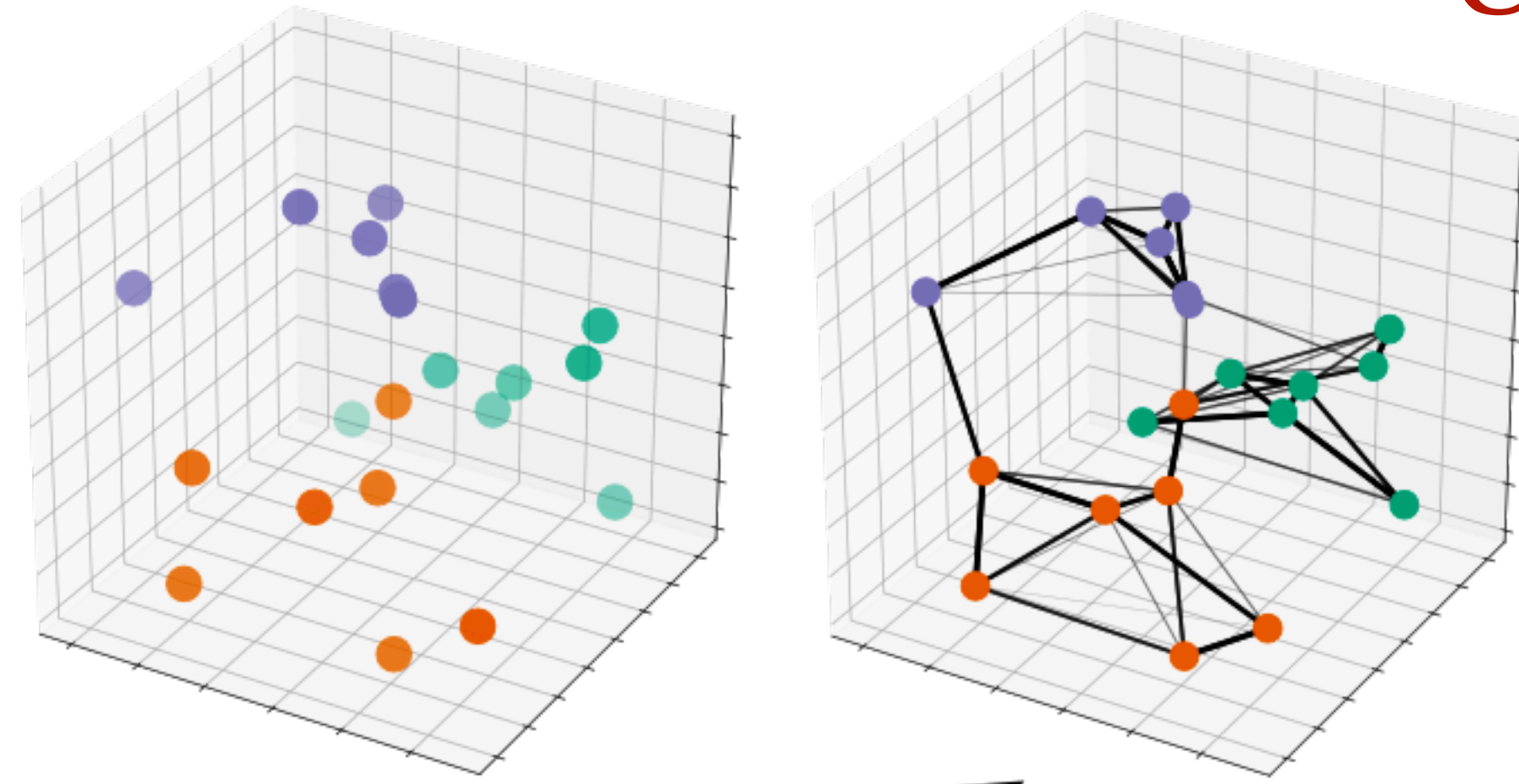


Compute a graphical representation of the dataset

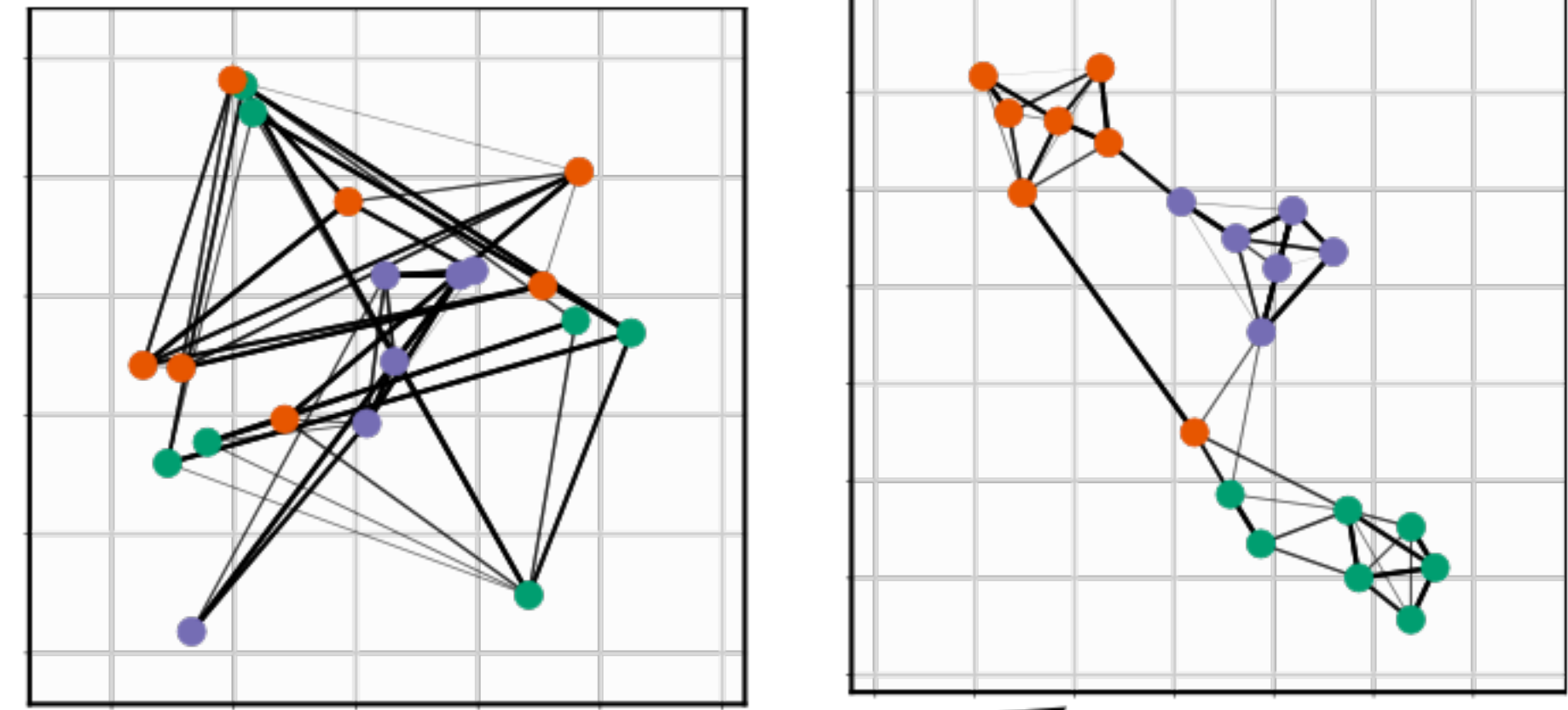


Learn an embedding that preserves the structure of the graph

# UMAP



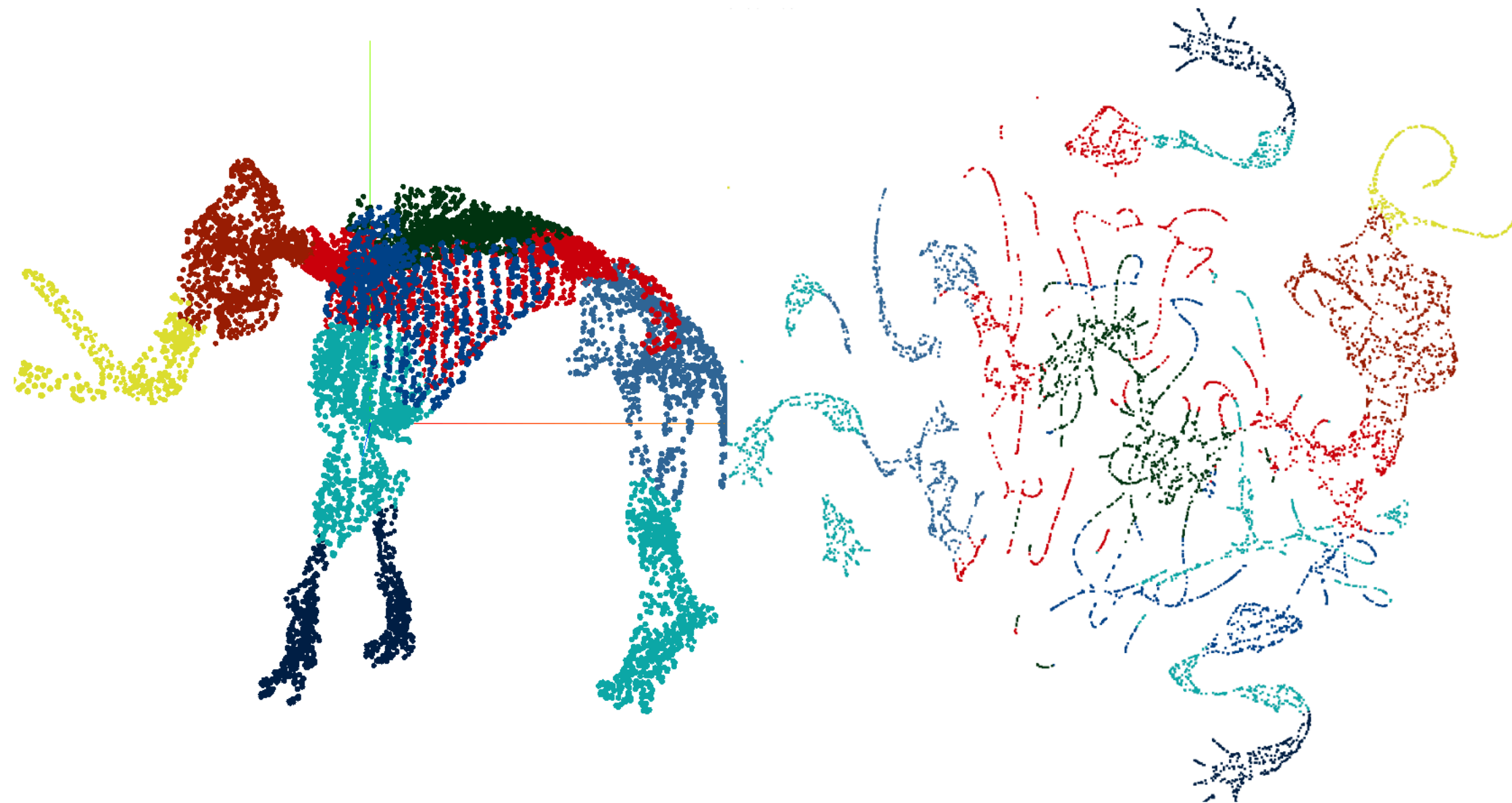
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Original 3D Data

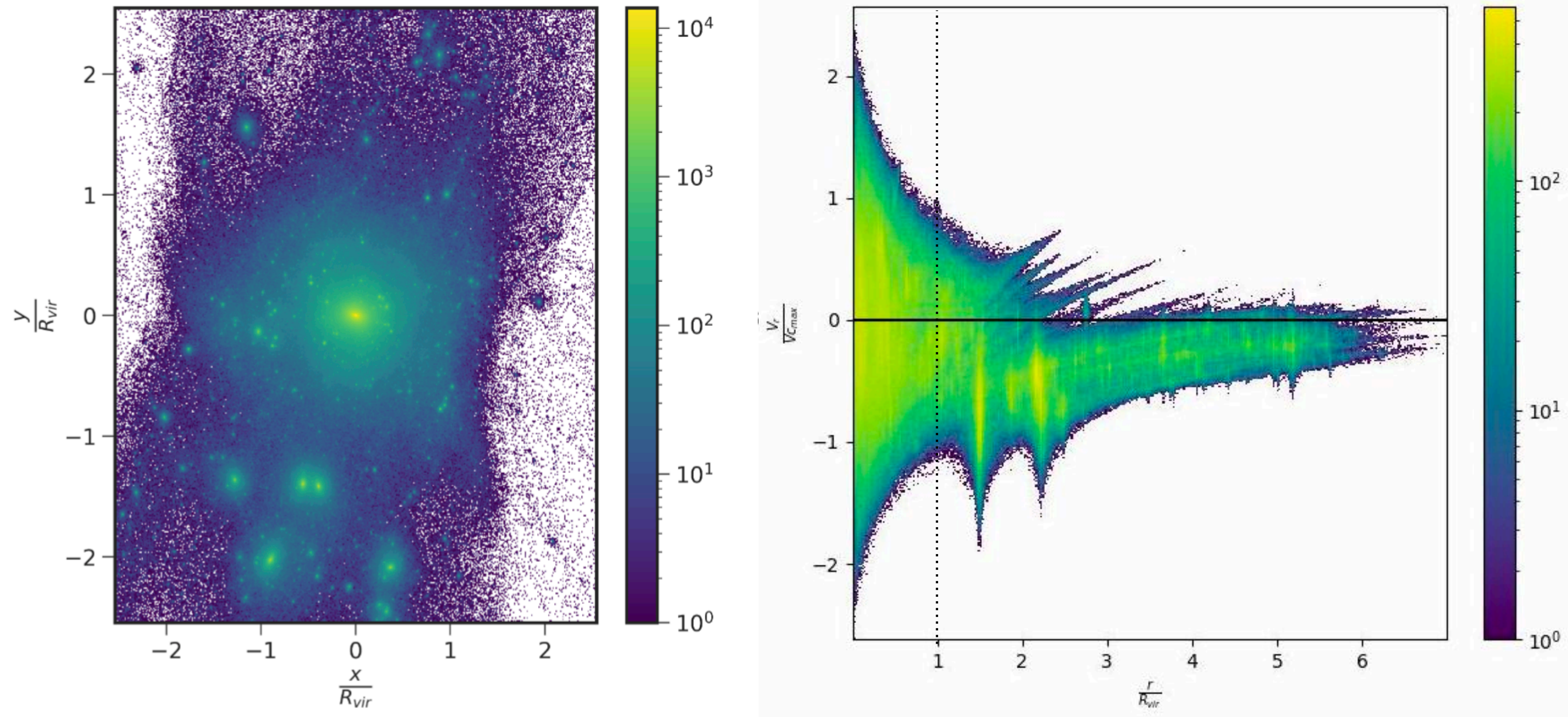
2D UMAP Projection



UMAP Projection of a woolly mammoth

<https://pair-code.github.io/understanding-umap/>

# *Dynamical structures within the dark matter halo*



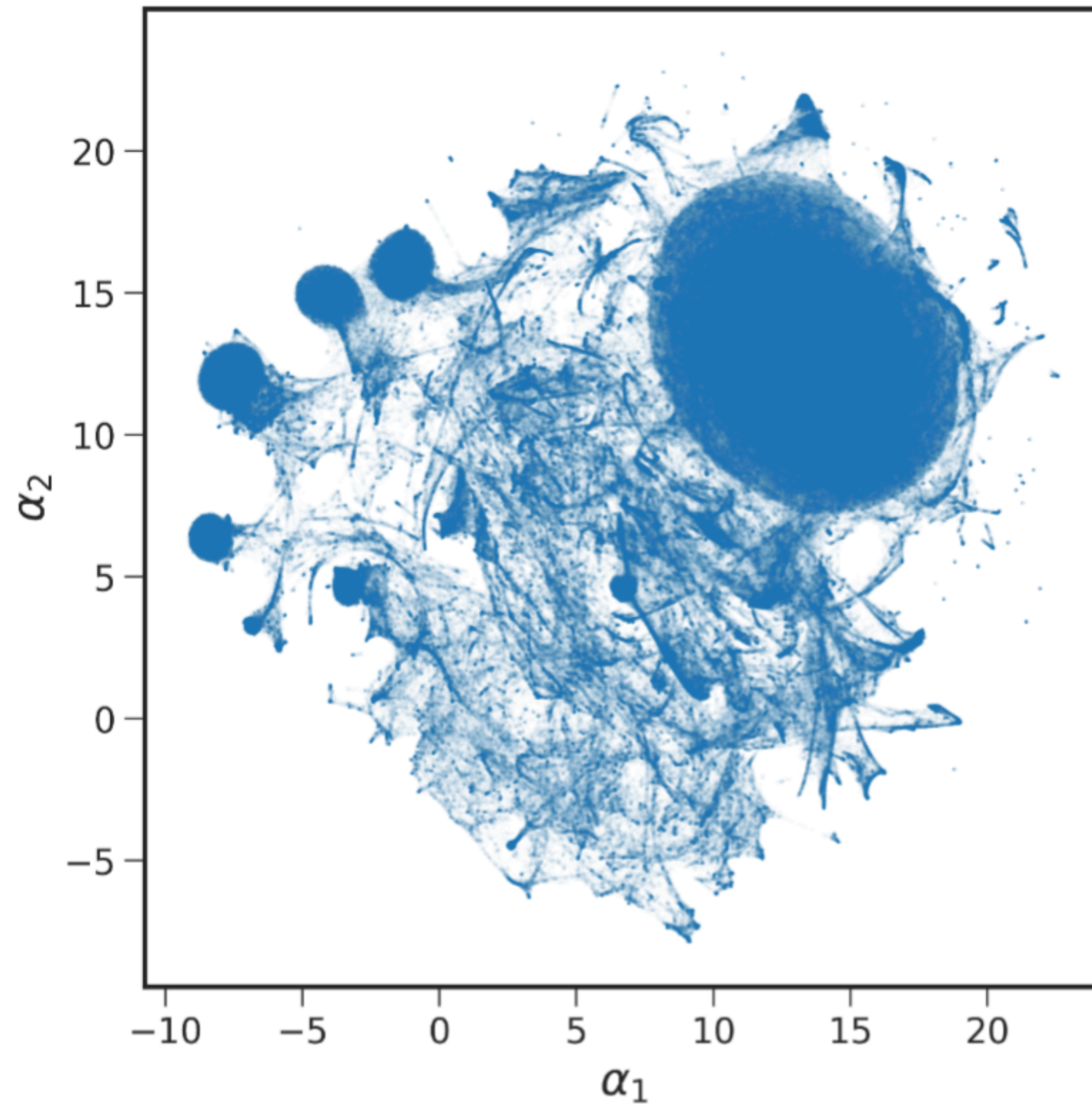
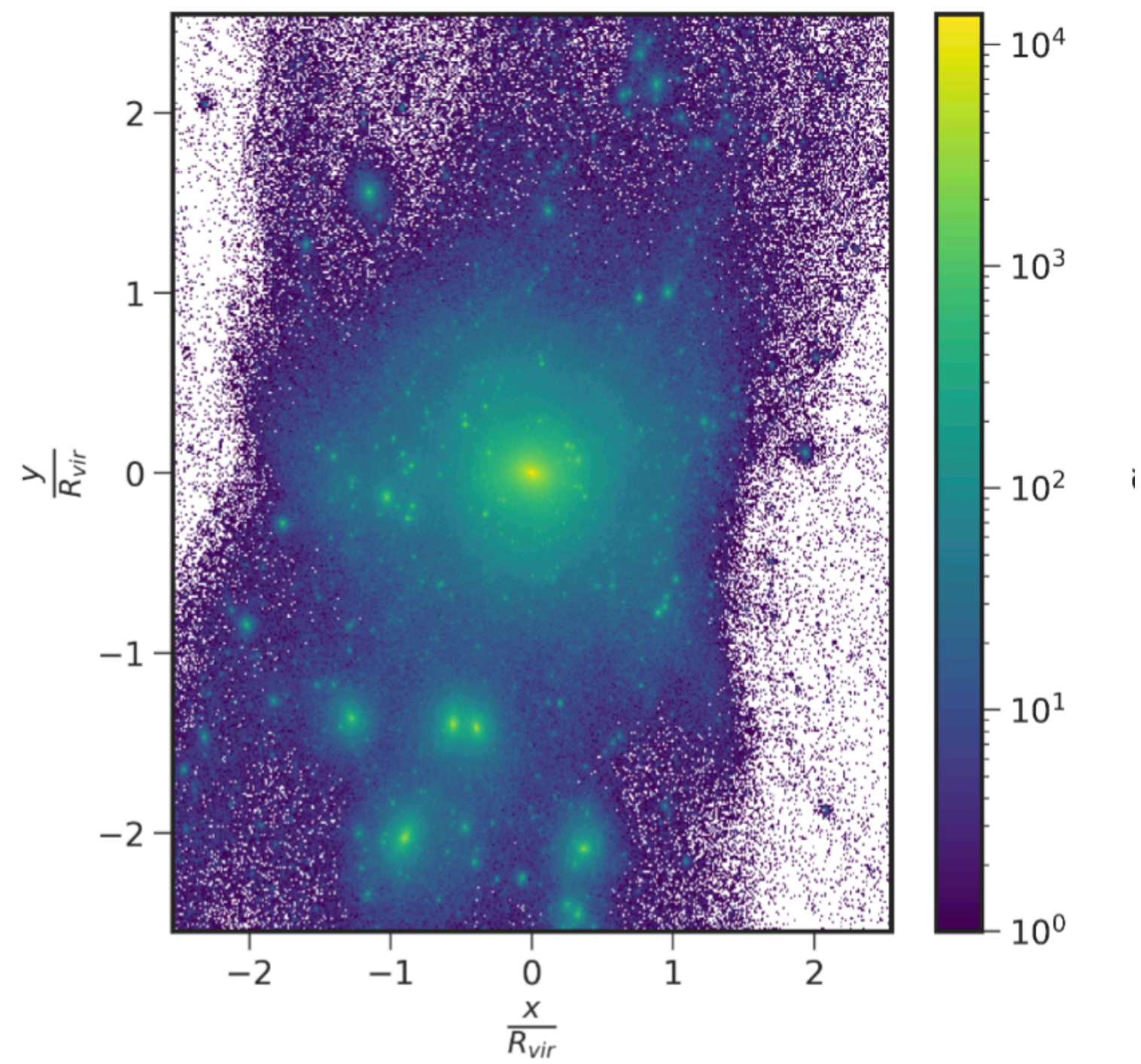
- **Zoom-in simulation of a Milky Way mass,  $8.8 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}/h$ , dark matter halo, Particle mass resolution =  $3 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}/h$**

- **Use the 6D phase space information  $\left[ \frac{x}{R_{vir}}, \frac{y}{R_{vir}}, \frac{z}{R_{vir}}, \frac{v_x}{V_{cmax}}, \frac{v_y}{V_{cmax}}, \frac{v_z}{V_{cmax}} \right]$  for every particle in a  $\sim 1 \text{Mpc}/h$  region around the Milky Way centre.**

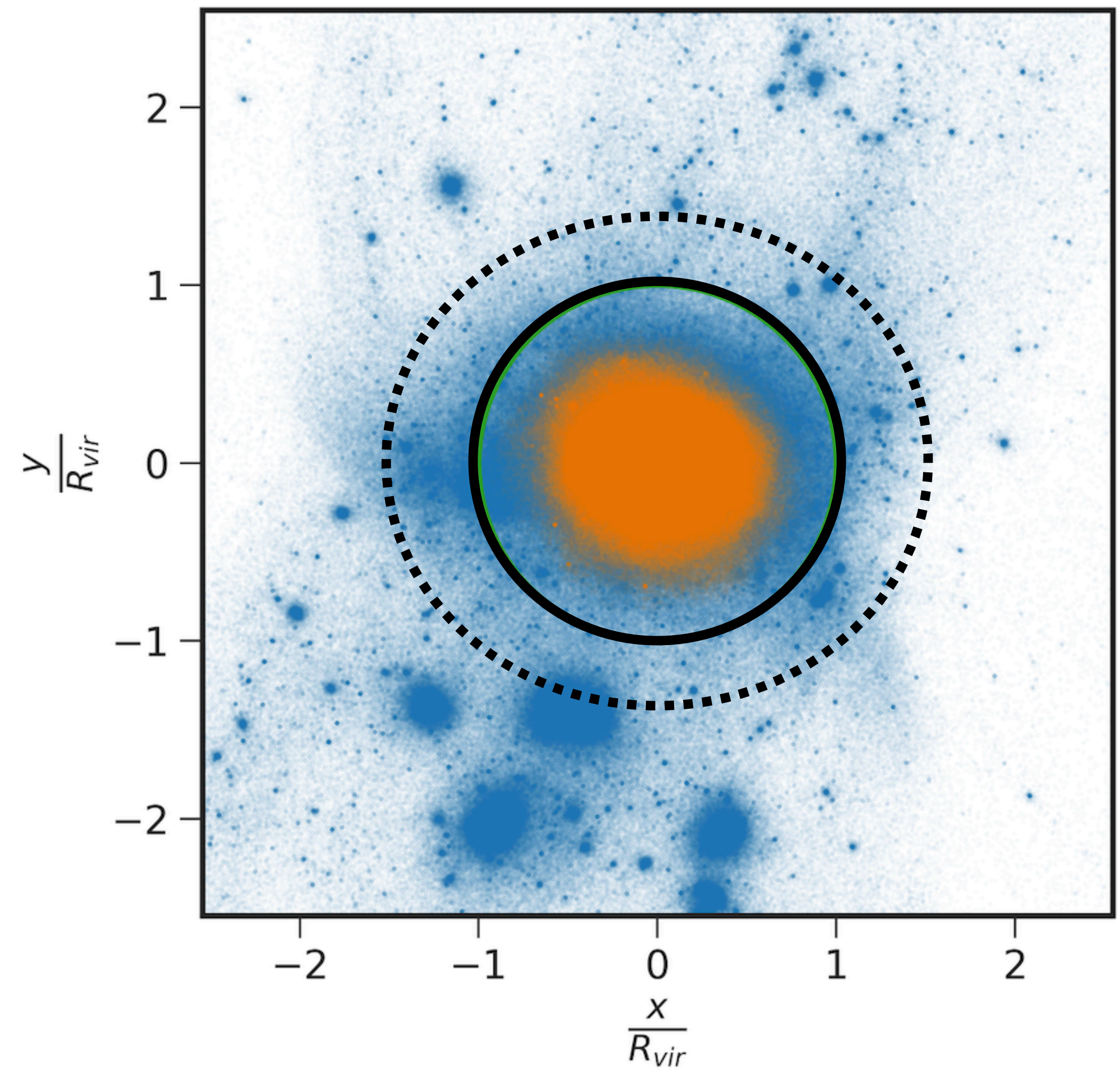
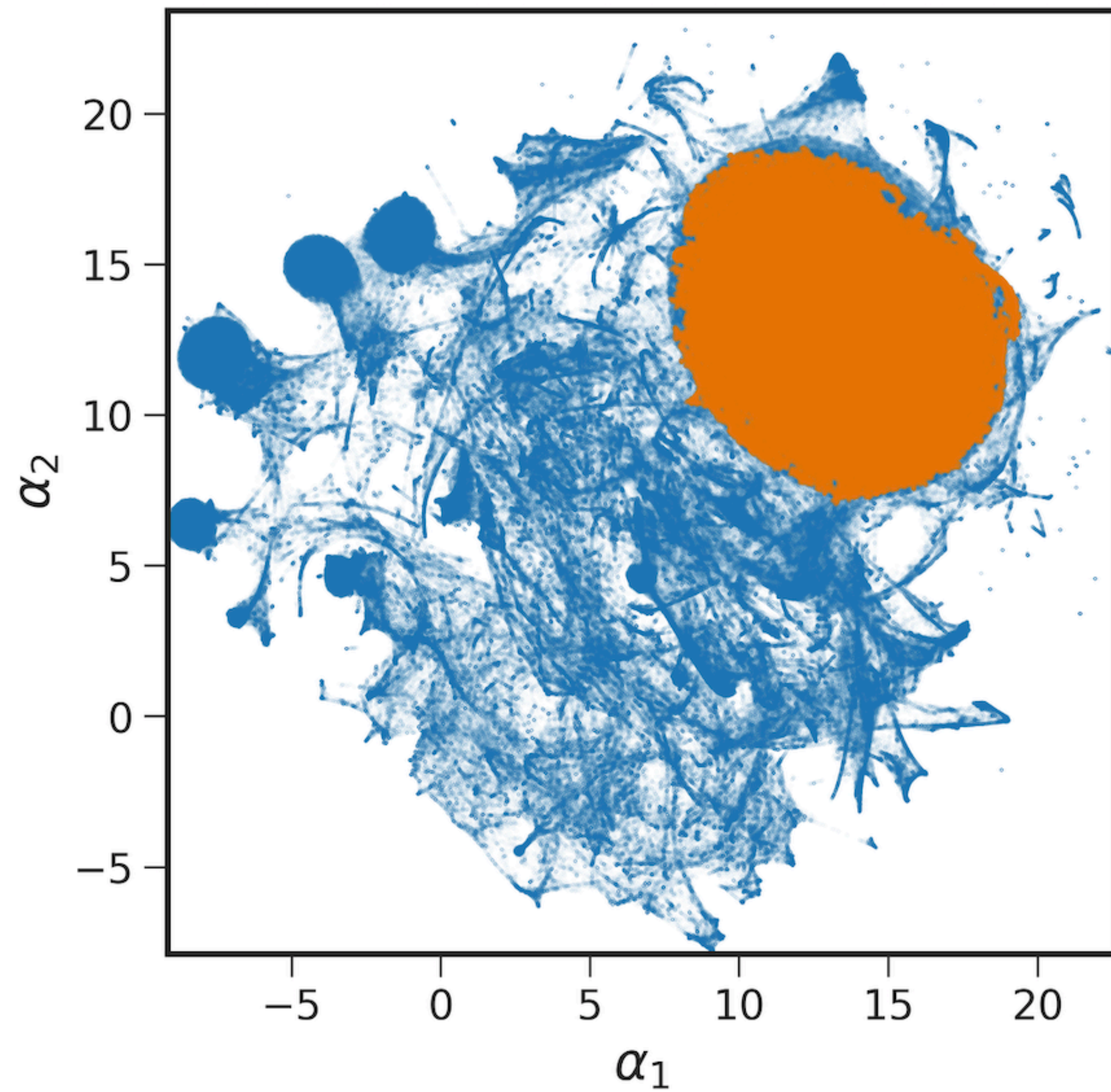
- **Use UMAP to visualise distinct groups.**



# *UMAP Projection of the Milky Way Halo*

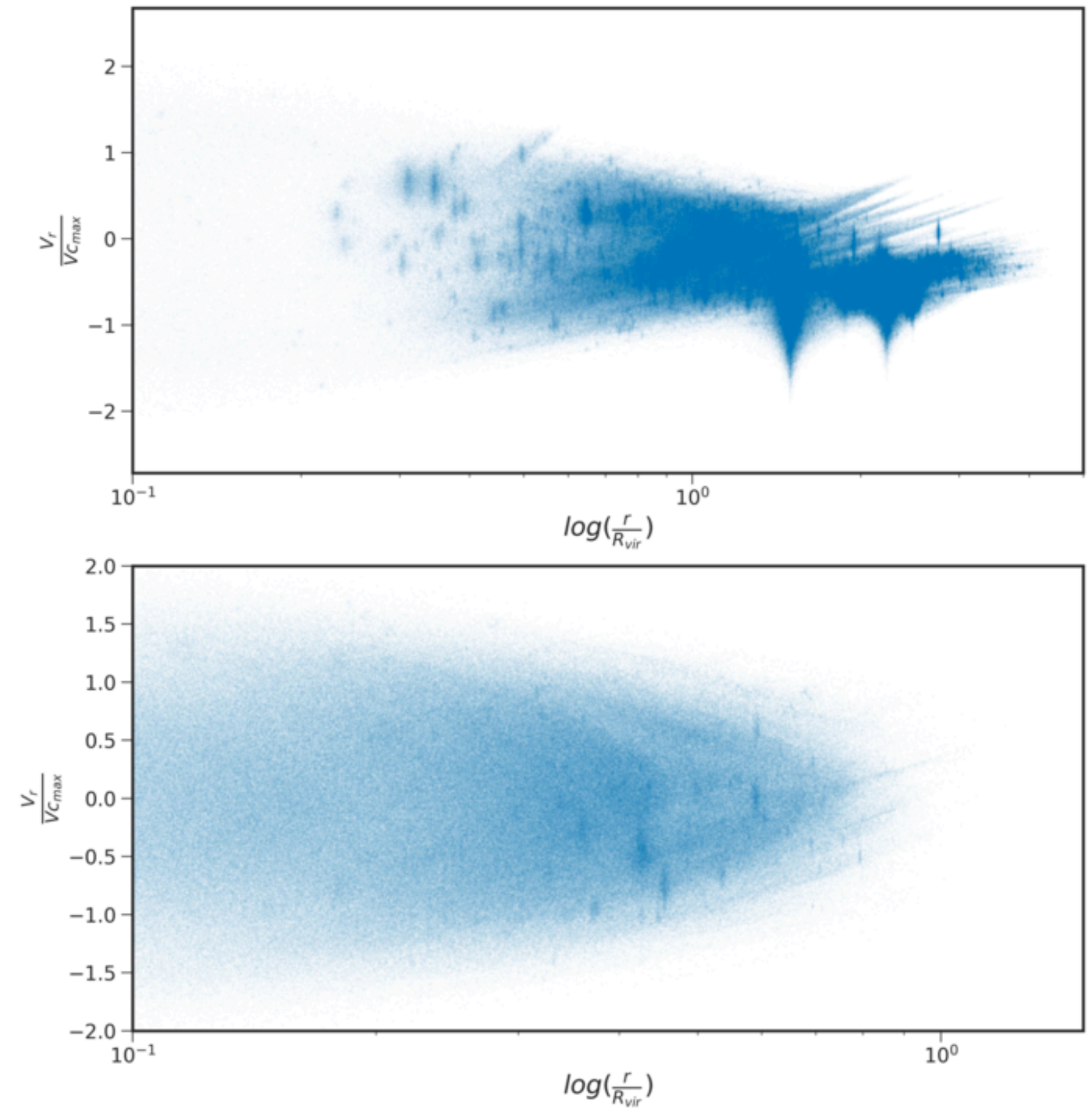
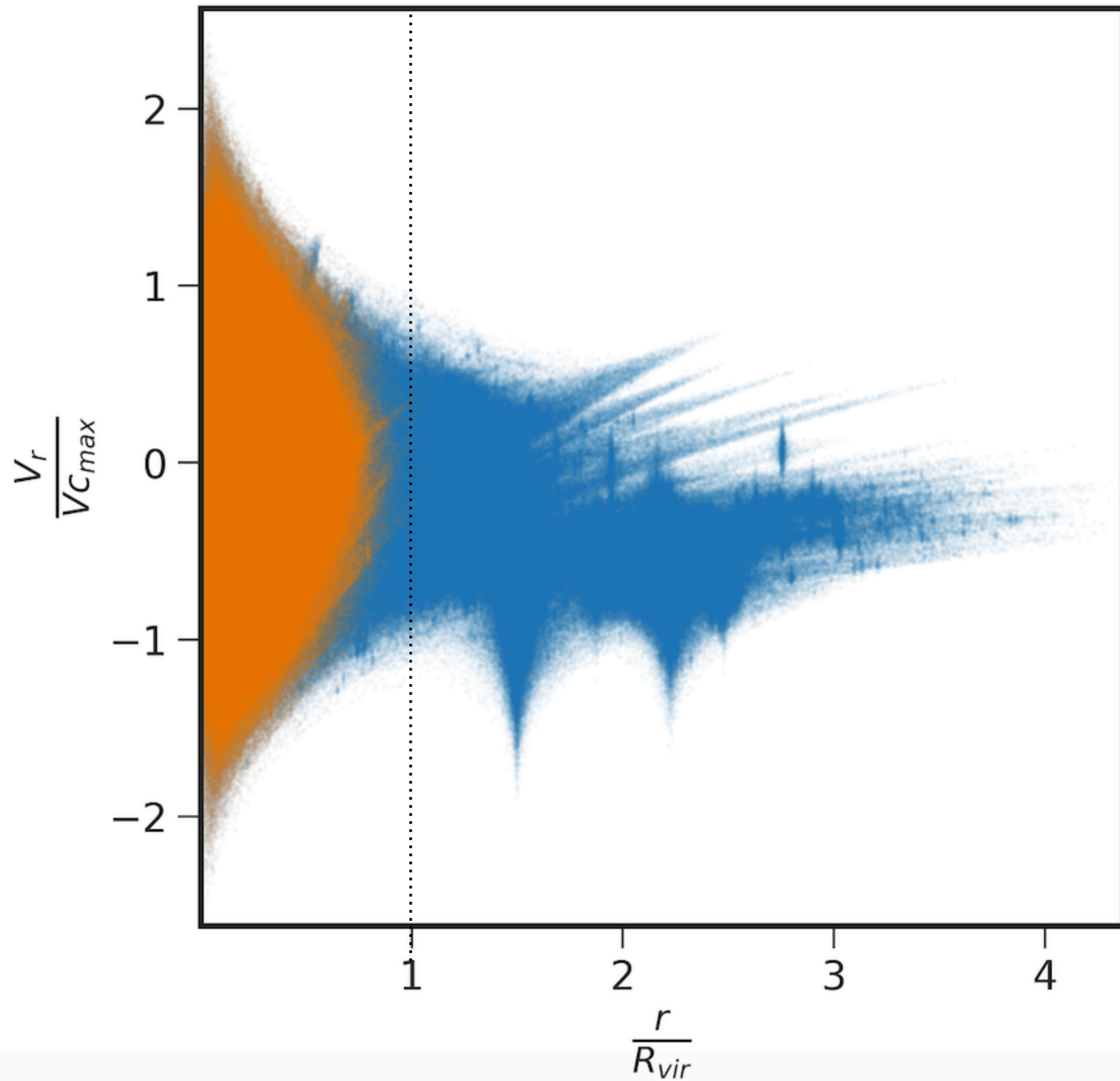


# *Largest UMAP cluster position space*

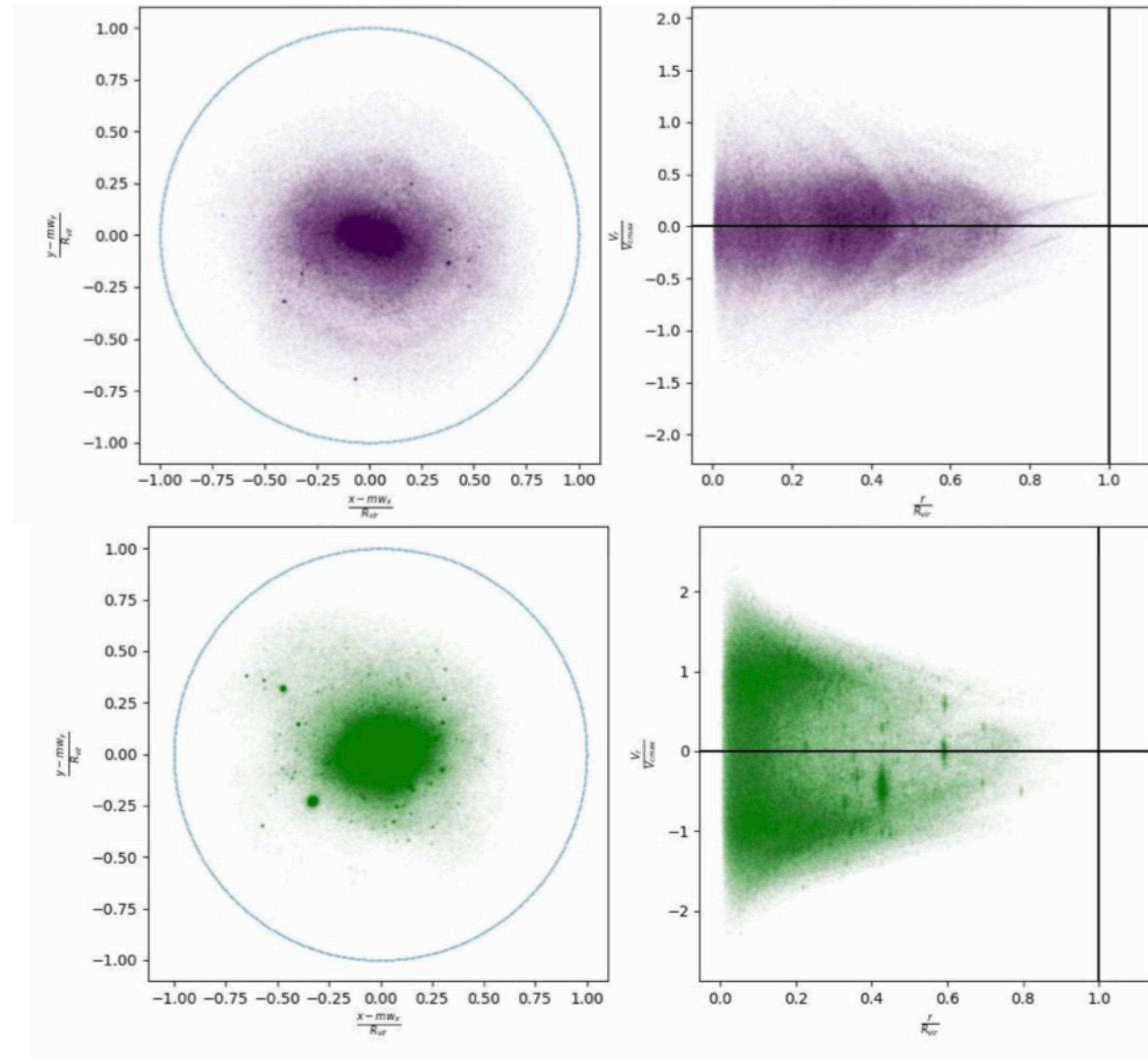
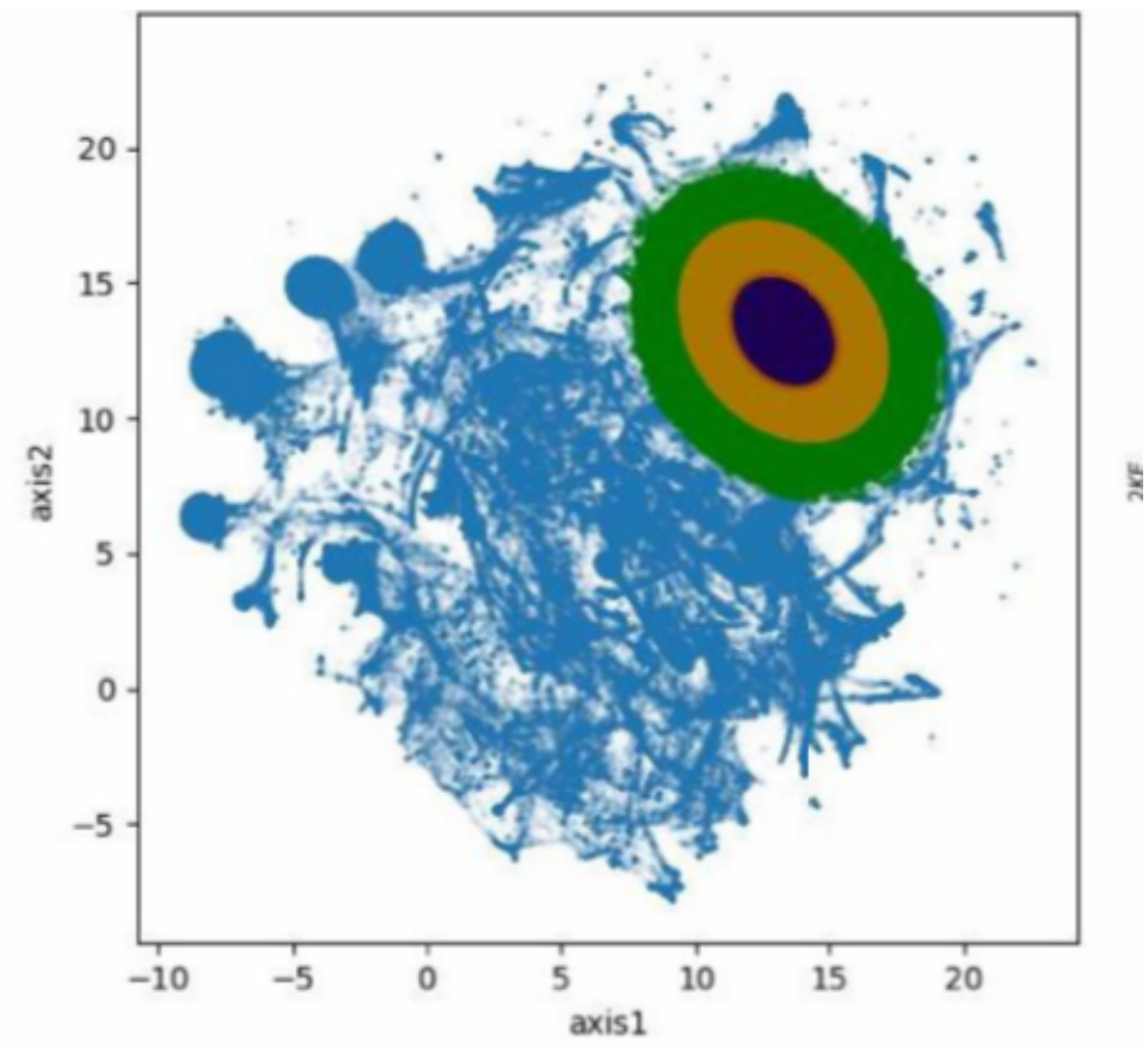


**Largest cluster using DBSCAN in the UMAP space**

# *Largest UMAP cluster phase space*



**Separates out the inner halo, while the outer halo is put out of the ellipse**

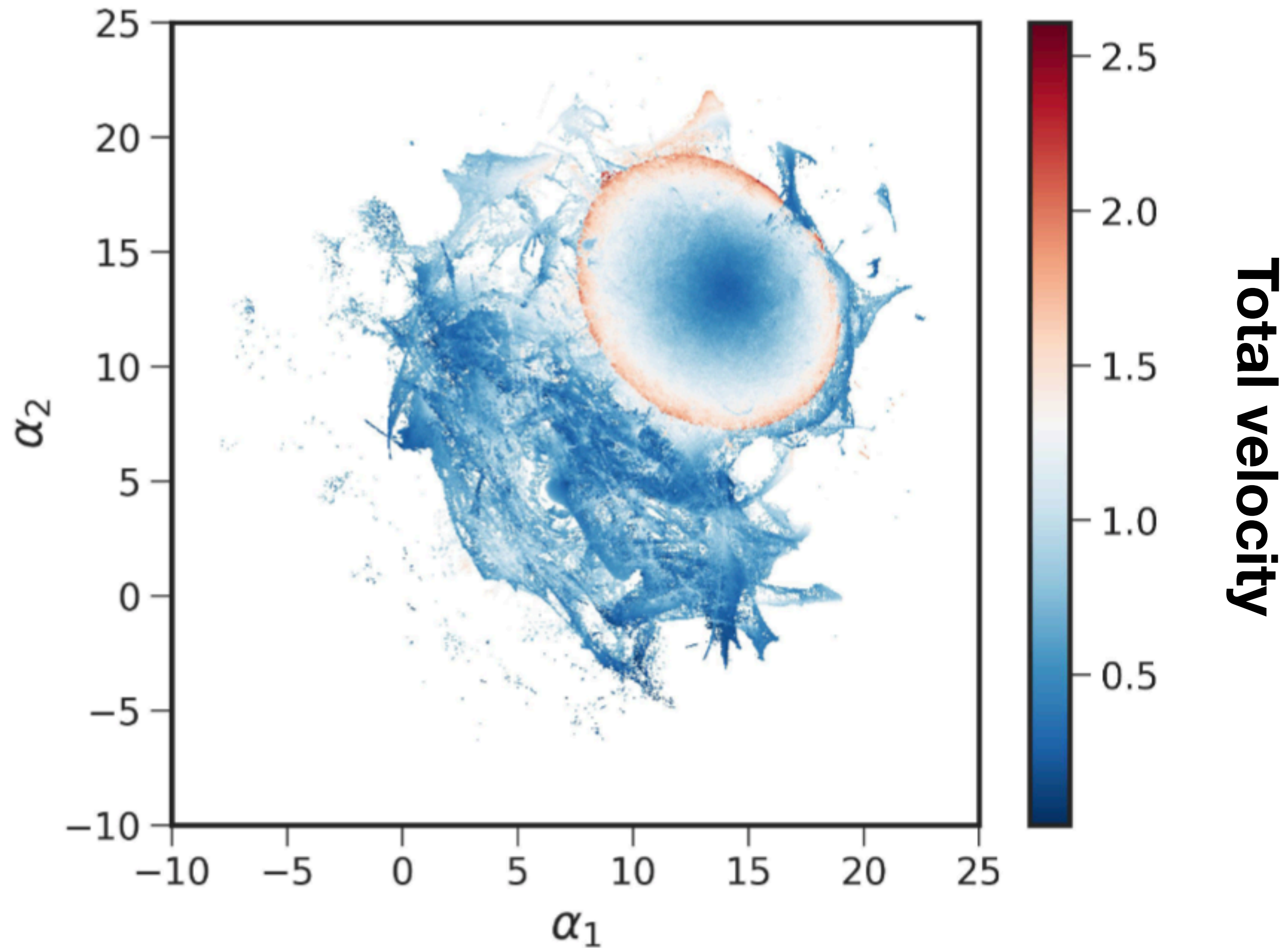
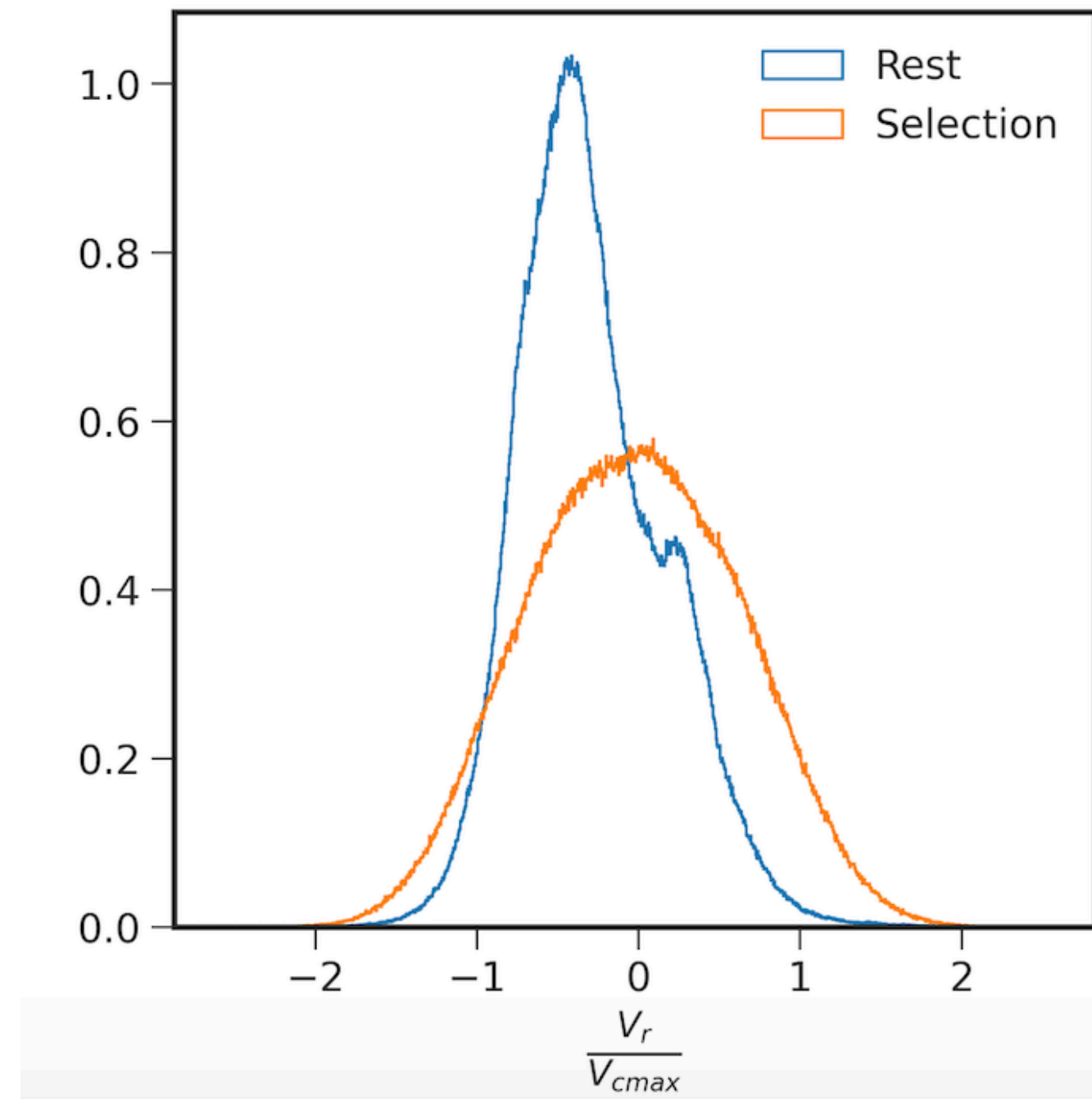


**Inner region of the ellipse**

**Outermost region of the ellipse**

*Zooming into the largest structure in the field*

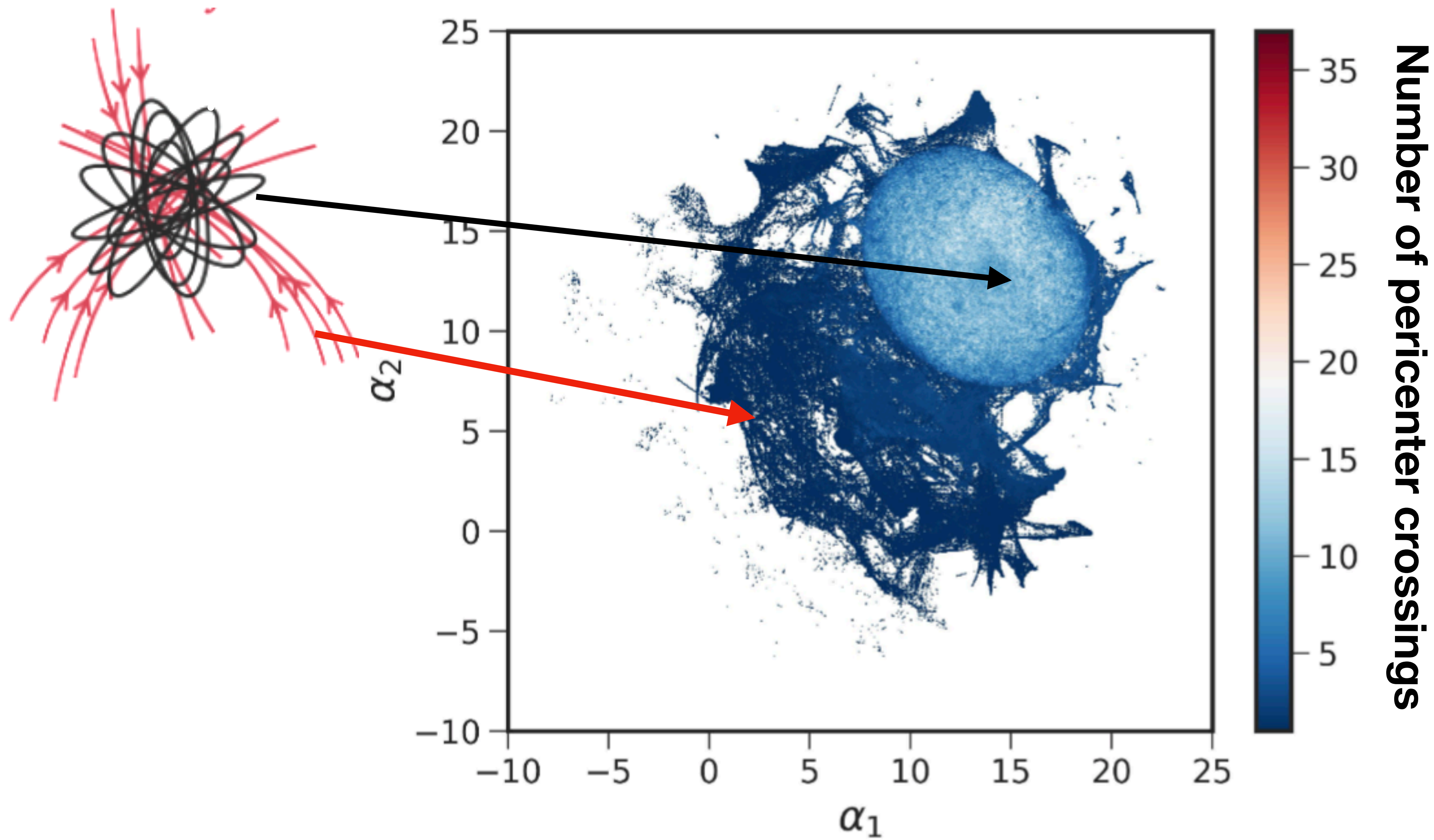
# What is UMAP doing?



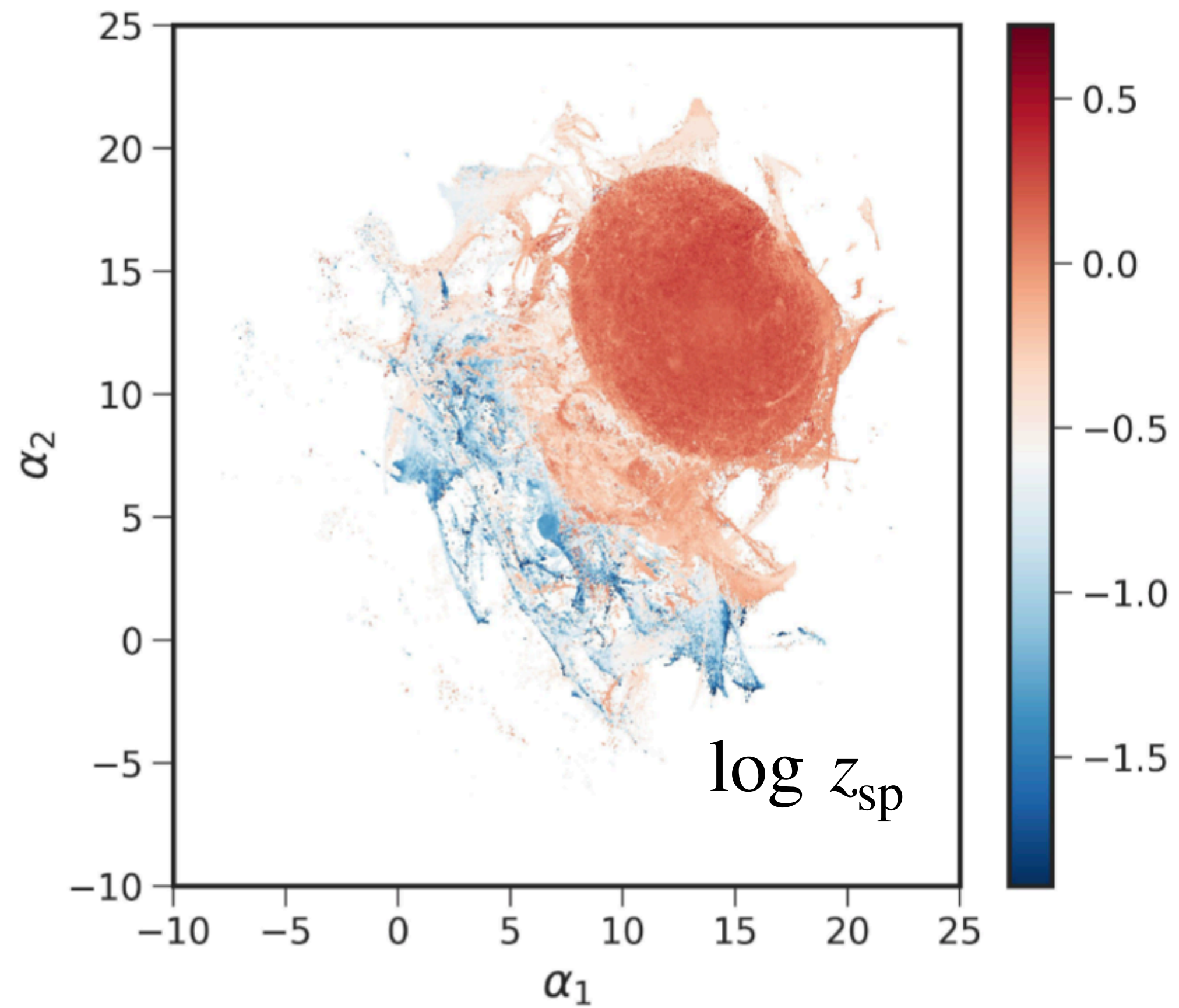
Everything that has had at least one pericenter crossing - so 'orbiting particle'

# *Particle history or assembly information*

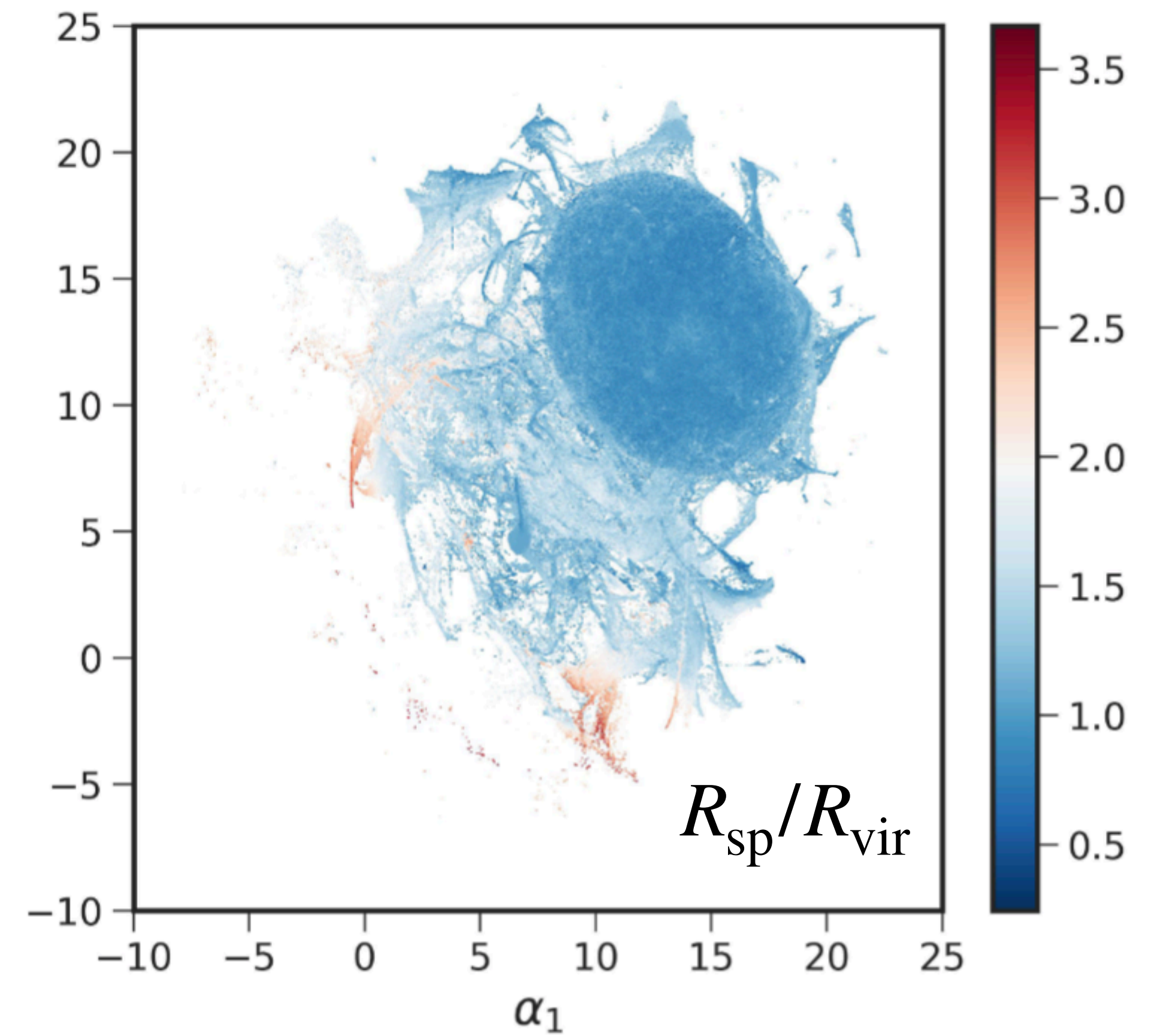
Phase mixing



# *Splashback*

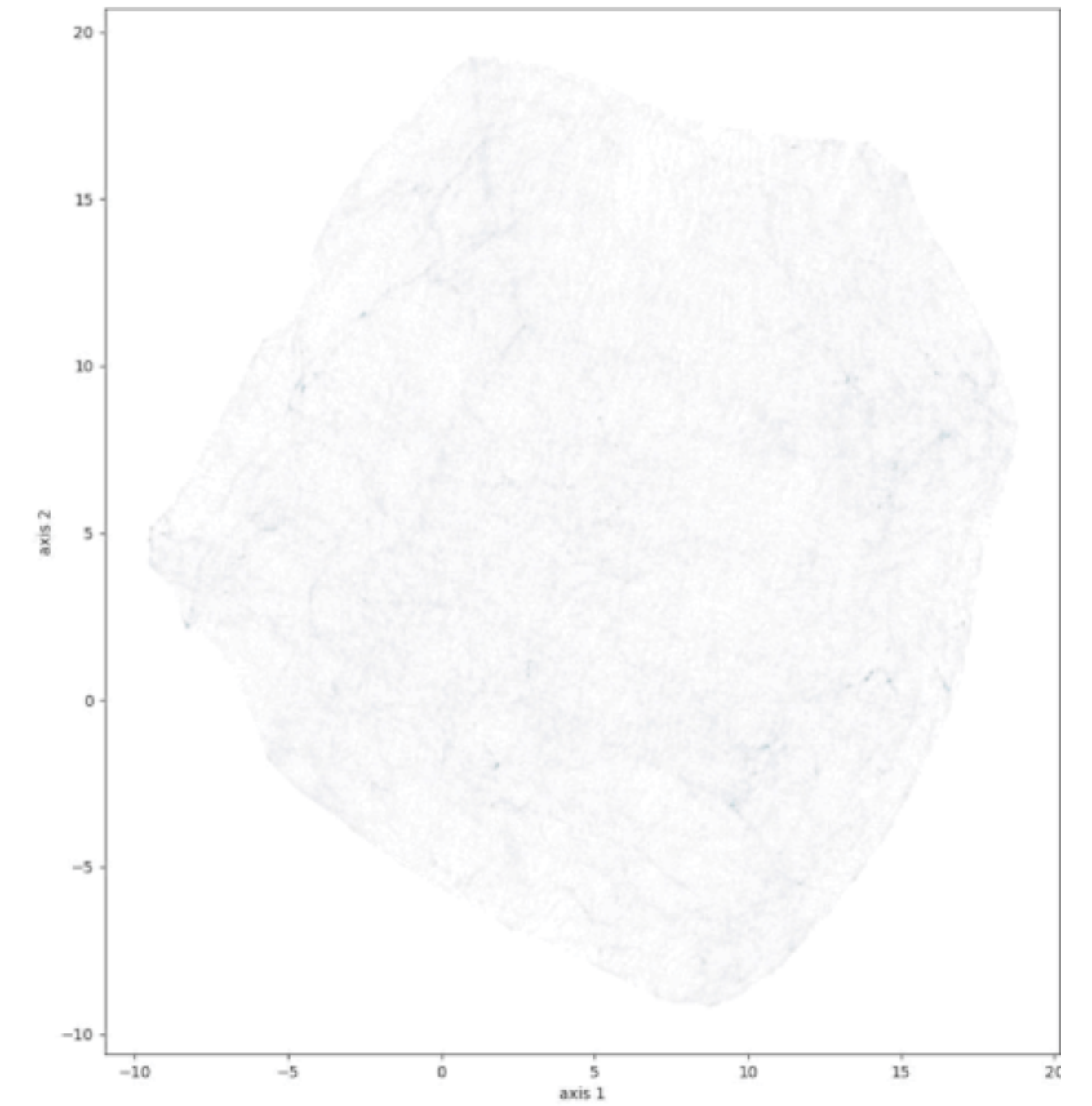
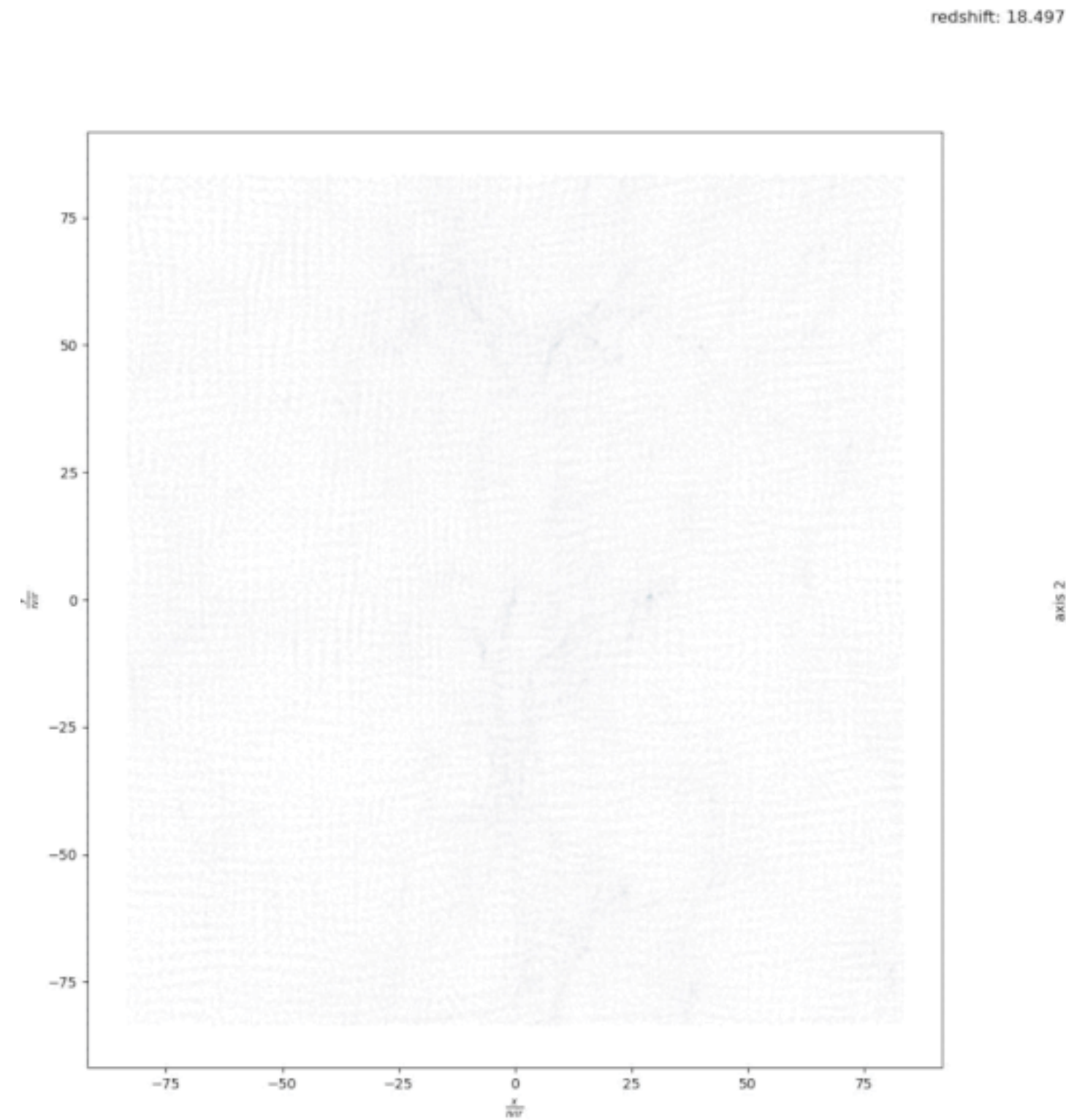
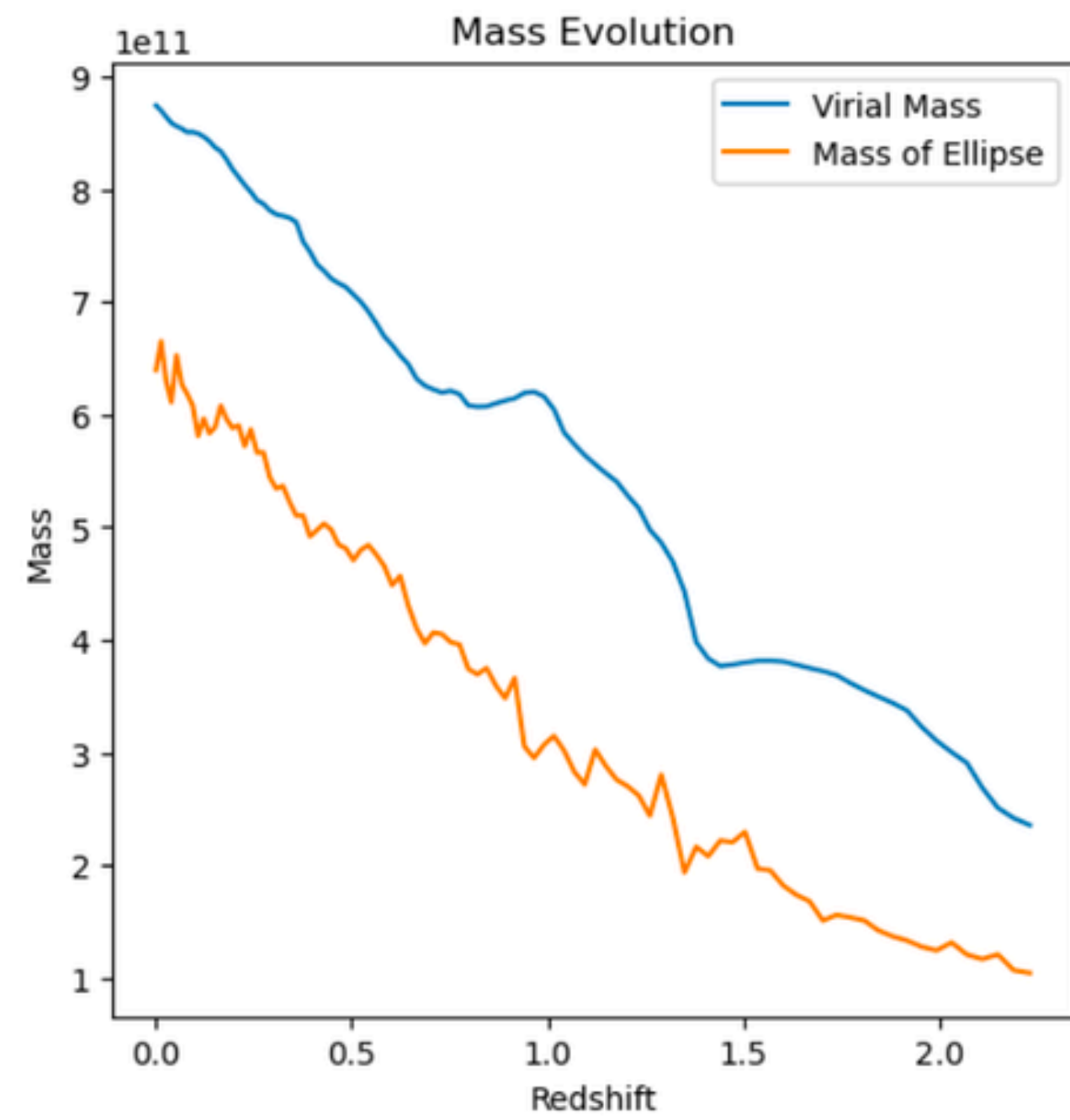


**When did each particle reach splashback?**



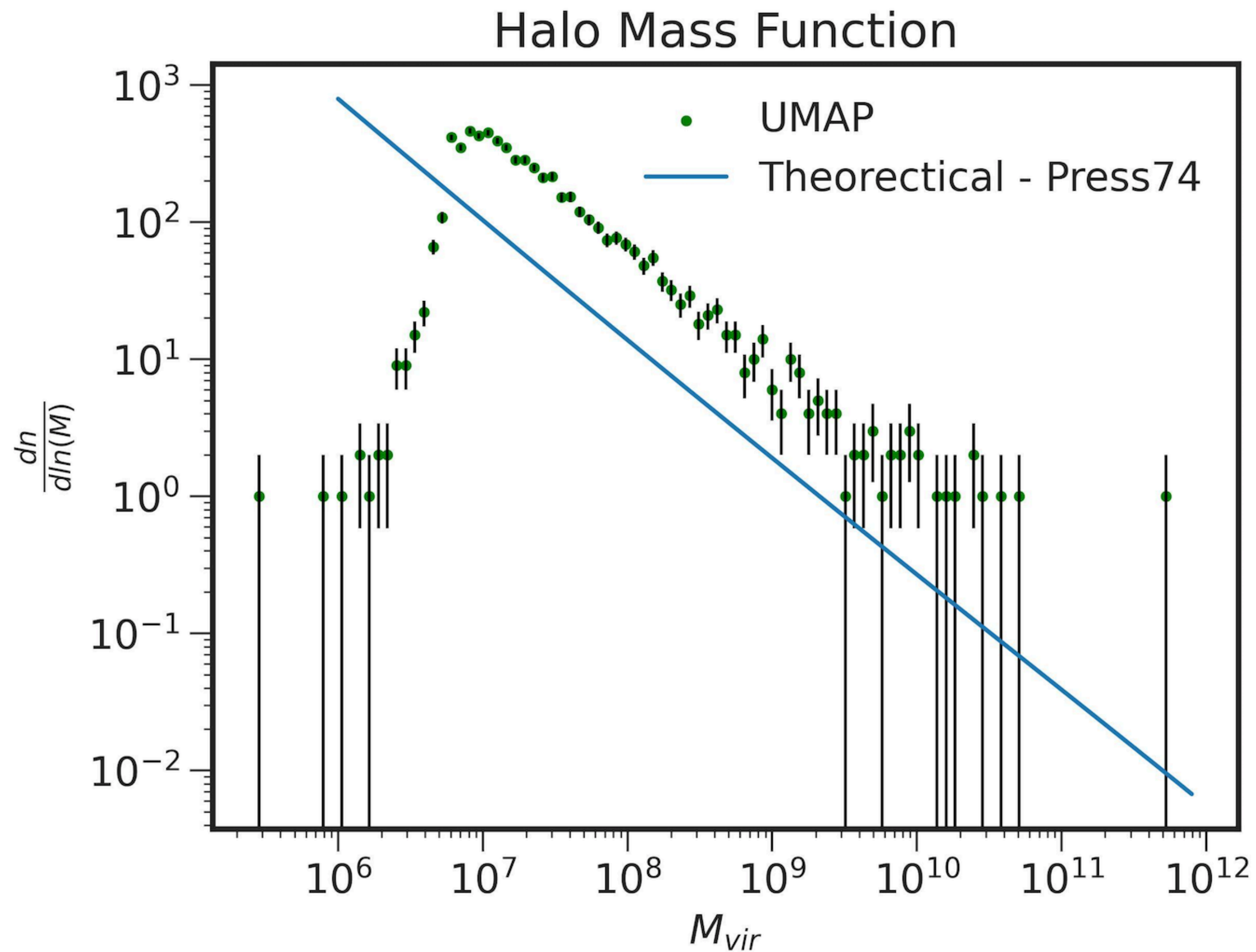
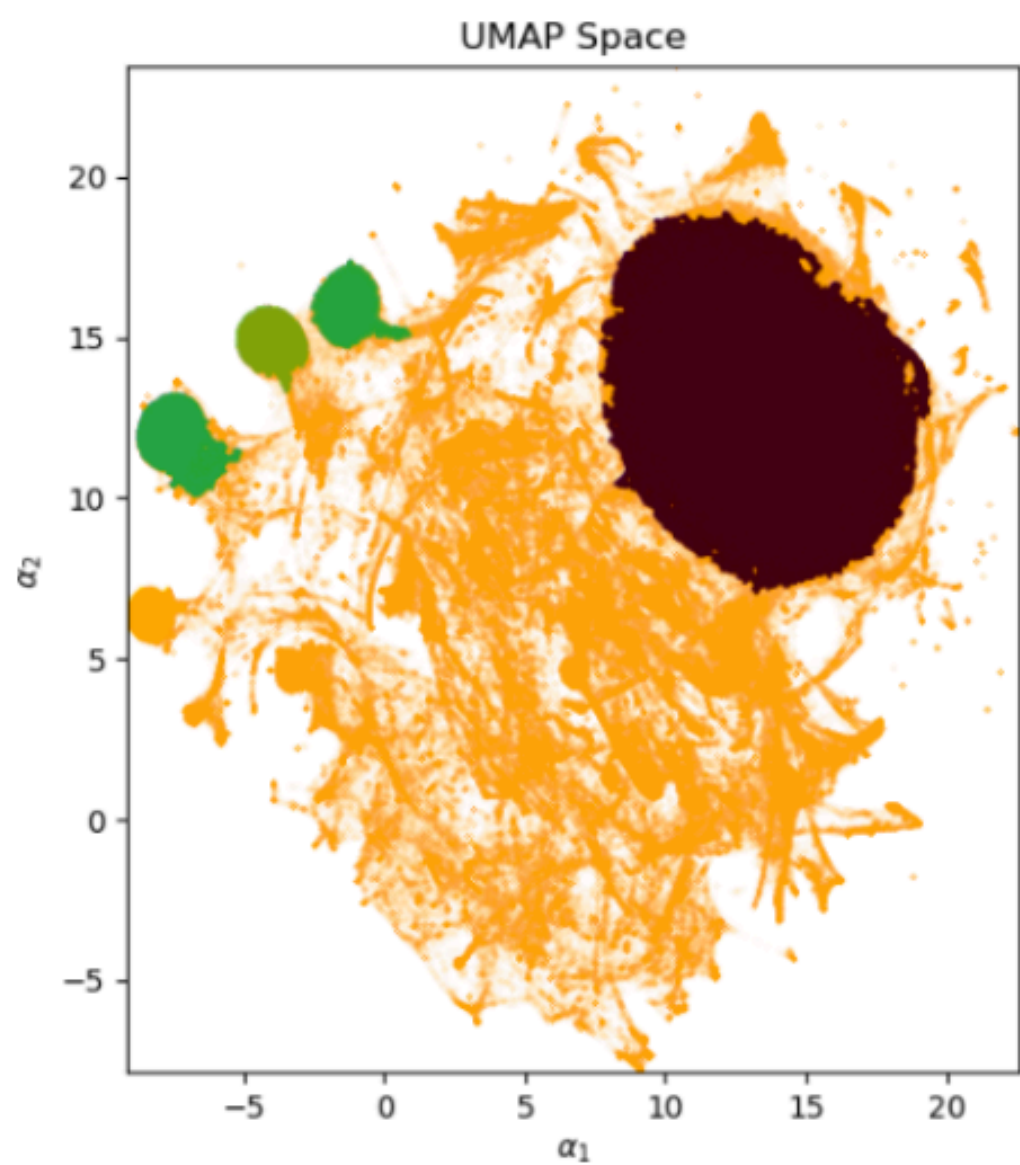
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# *Evolution history of the halo*

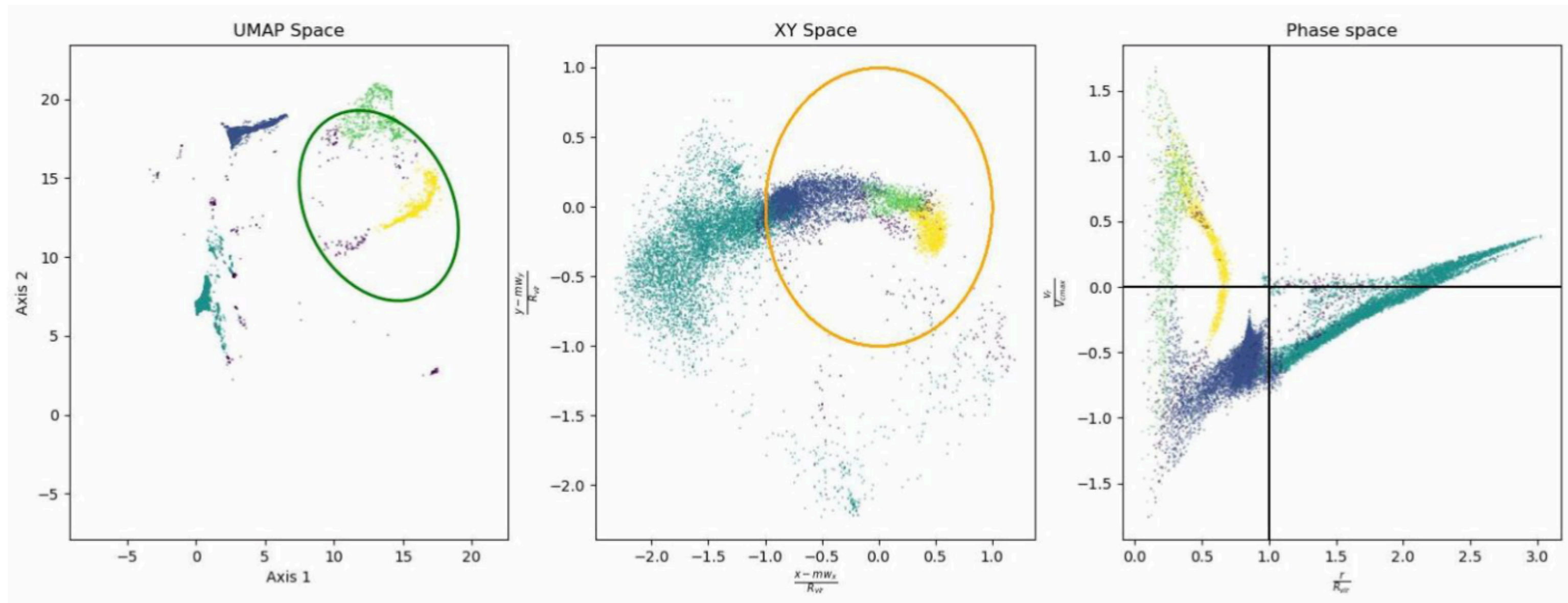




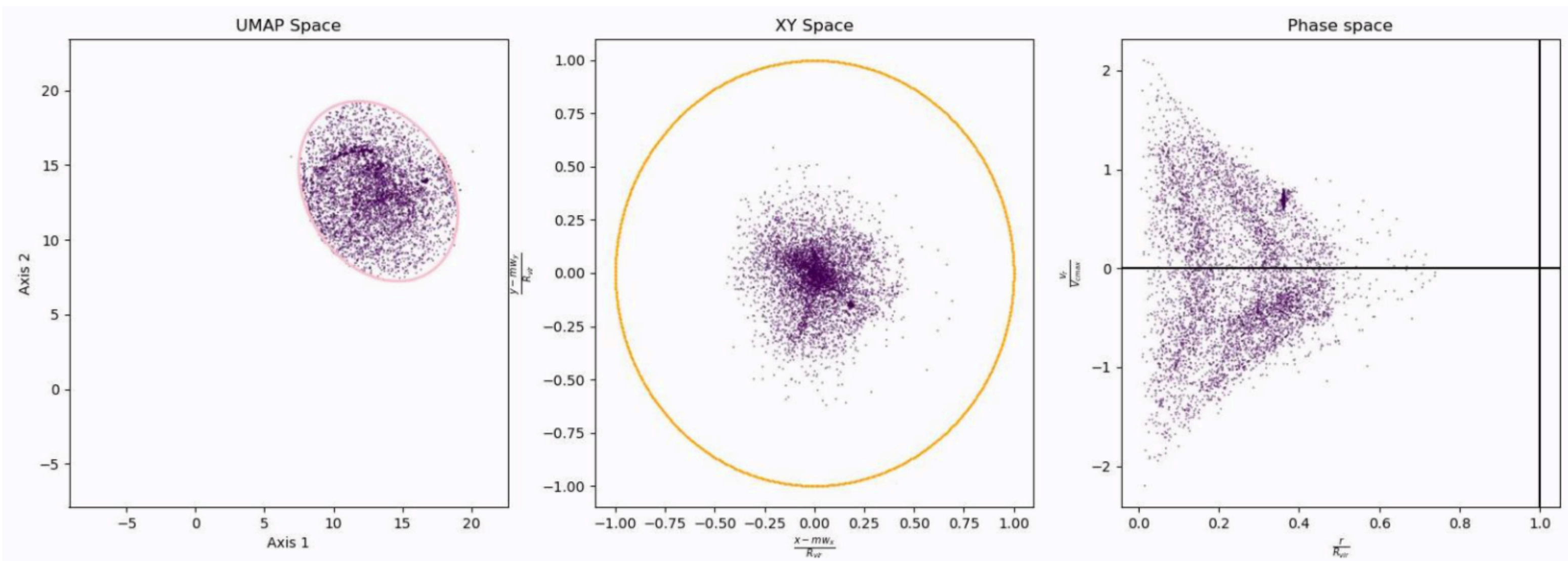
# Cluster finding



# Studying tidal streams

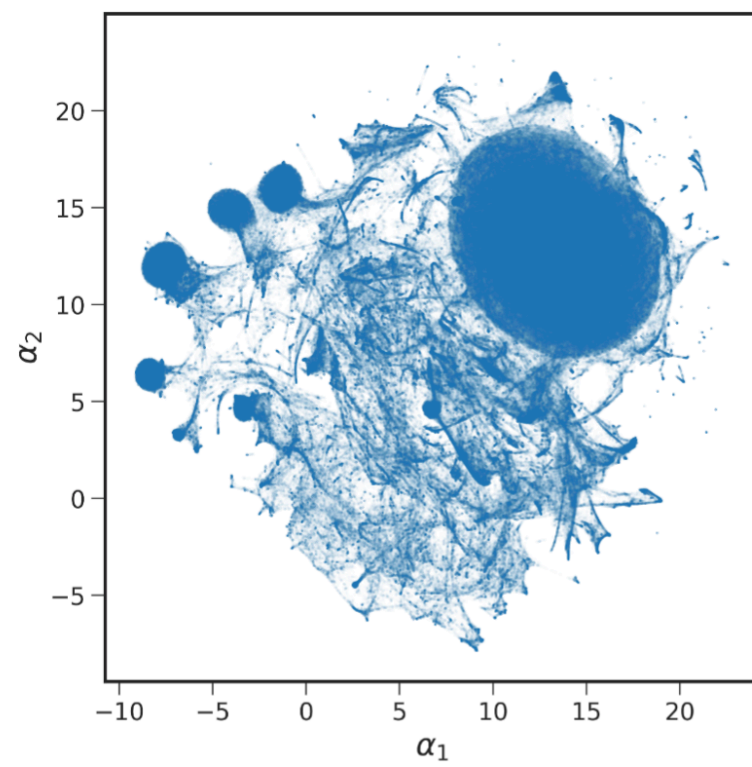


**Recently accreted subhalo**



**Phase wrapped subhalo**

## *Summarizing*



- **The dark matter halo is dynamically evolving.**
- **The relaxed part of the halo can be cleanly separated out in UMAP space**
- **Outskirts of the halo are dynamically distinct from the inner regions. Including the splashback region**
- **Outer regions contain particle recently accreted that are not phase mixed.**

**UMAP like visualisation techniques can be a tool to disentangle structures in cosmic fields like dark matter halos. Giving us new perspectives and tools when combined with physical intuitions.**

- **Use this as an intermediate layer for halo finding, stream finding, looking at evolution in the context of the relaxed and unrelaxed halo.**



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