

Halo Abundance in Decaying Dark Matter Models

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Decaying Dark Matter Halo Abundance from a Revised Spherical Collapse Model

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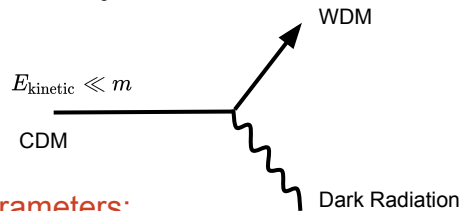
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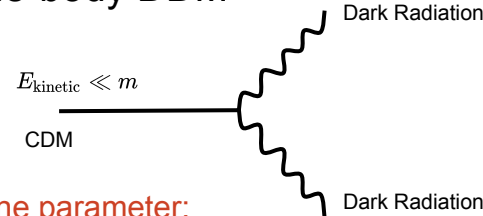
Two-body DDM



Two parameters:

- Life time Γ^{-1}
- Velocity kick $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m_{\text{wdm}}}{m_{\text{cdm}}} \right) \simeq \frac{v_k}{c}$

One-body DDM



One parameter:

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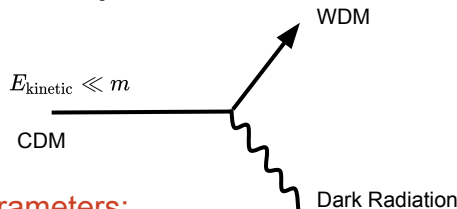
(I ignore here the fraction of unstable particles)

In particle physics:

- T. Hambye: *On the stability of particle dark matter* (1012.4587)
- M. Drewes et al. : *A White Paper on keV Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter* (1602.04816)
- V. Berezhinsky et al. : *Cosmological signatures of supersymmetry with spontaneously broken R parity*
- L. Covi: *Axinos as Cold Dark Matter* (9905212)
- H.-B. Kim and J. E. Kim: *Late decaying axino as CDM and its lifetime bound* (0108101)
- C.-H. Chou and K.-W. Ng: *Decaying Superheavy Dark Matter and Subgalactic Structure of the Universe* (0306437)
- And many others...

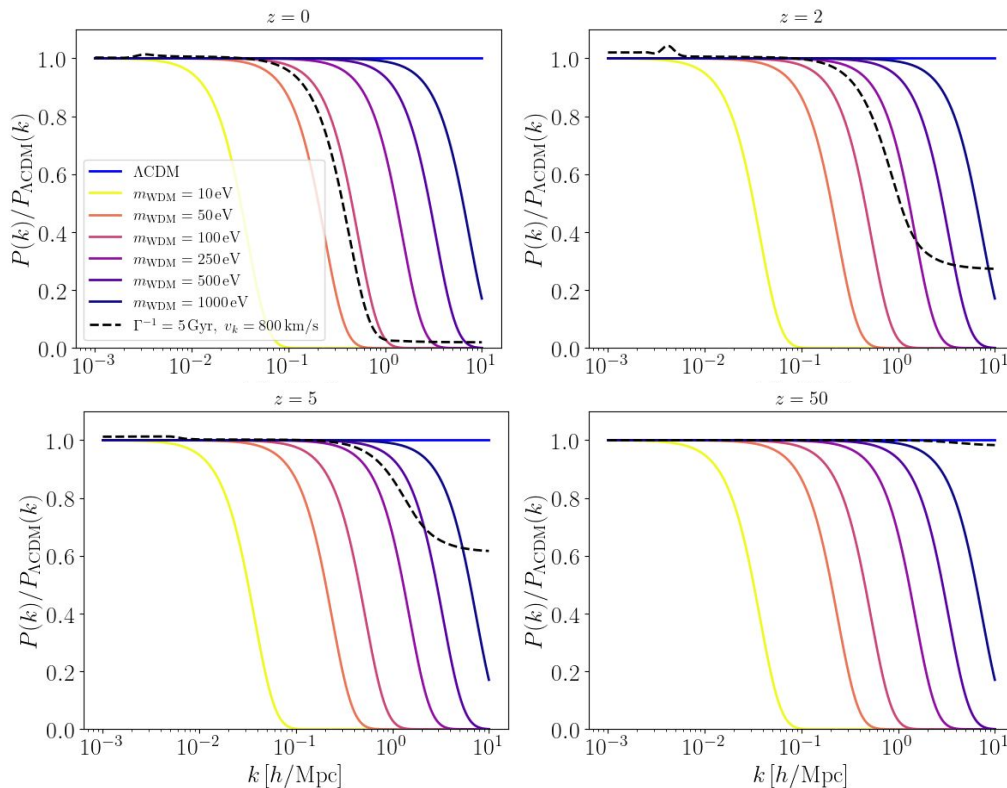
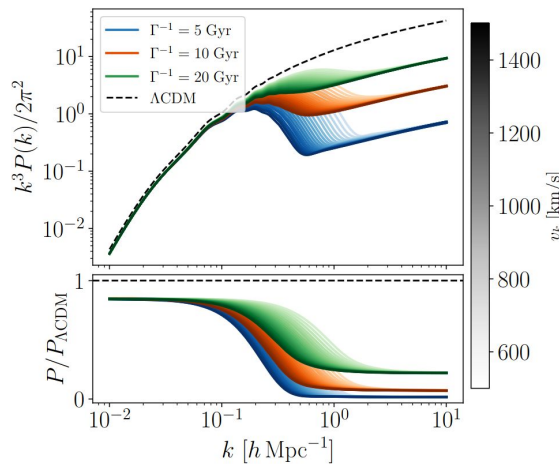
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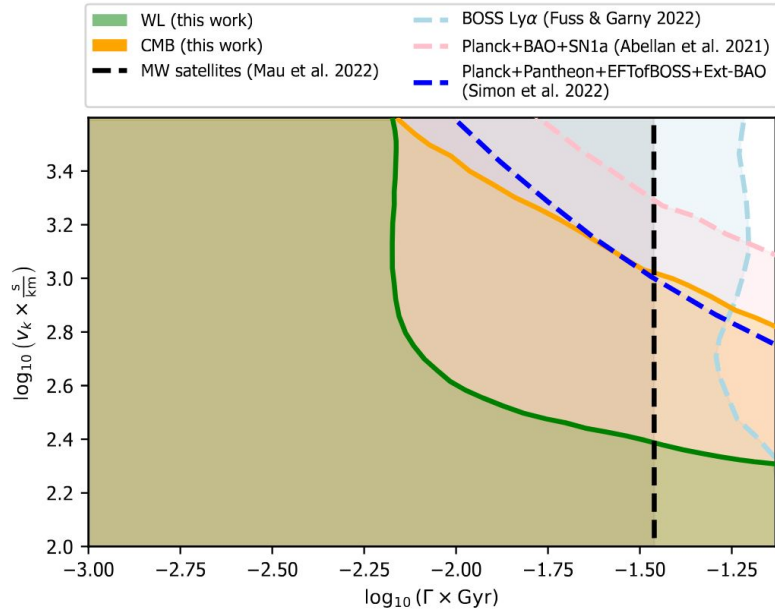


Phenomenology of DDM in Cosmology

- Mei-Yu Wang and Andrew R. Zentner (1201.2426)
- Guillermo F. Abellan, Riccardo Murgia and Vivian Poulin (2102.12498)
- G. F. Abellan, R. Murgia, V. Poulin, and J. Lavalle (2008.09615)

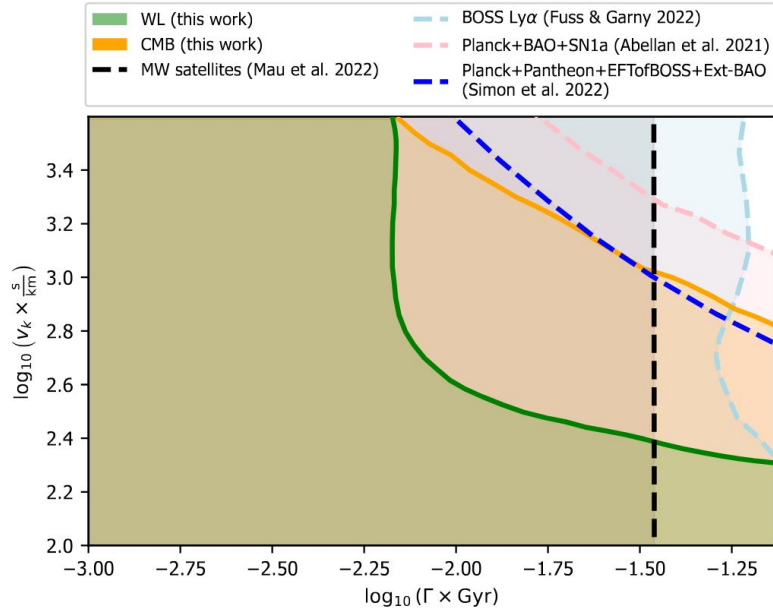
Decaying Dark Matter: Constraints

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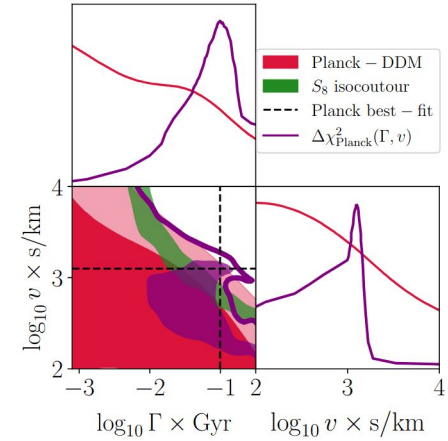


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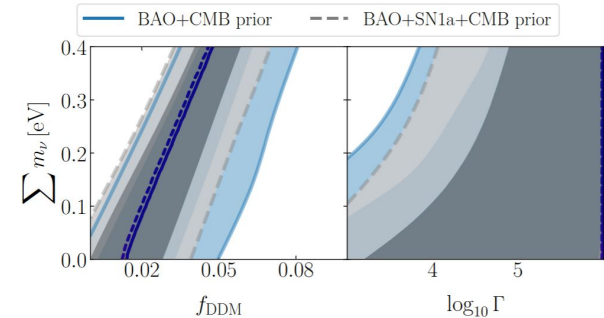
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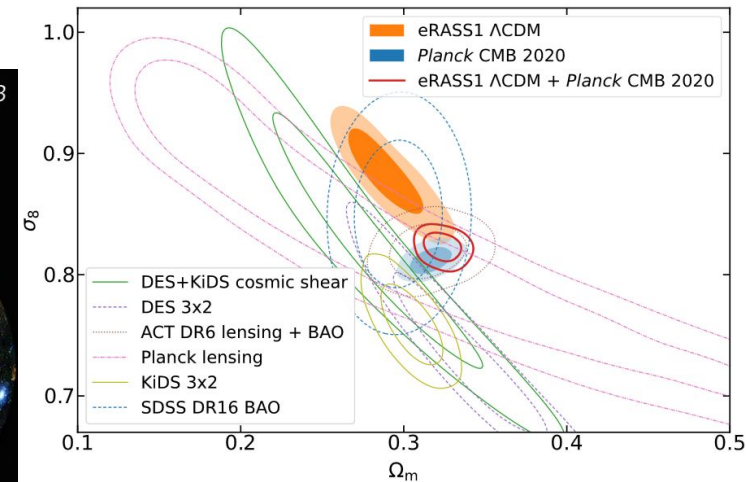
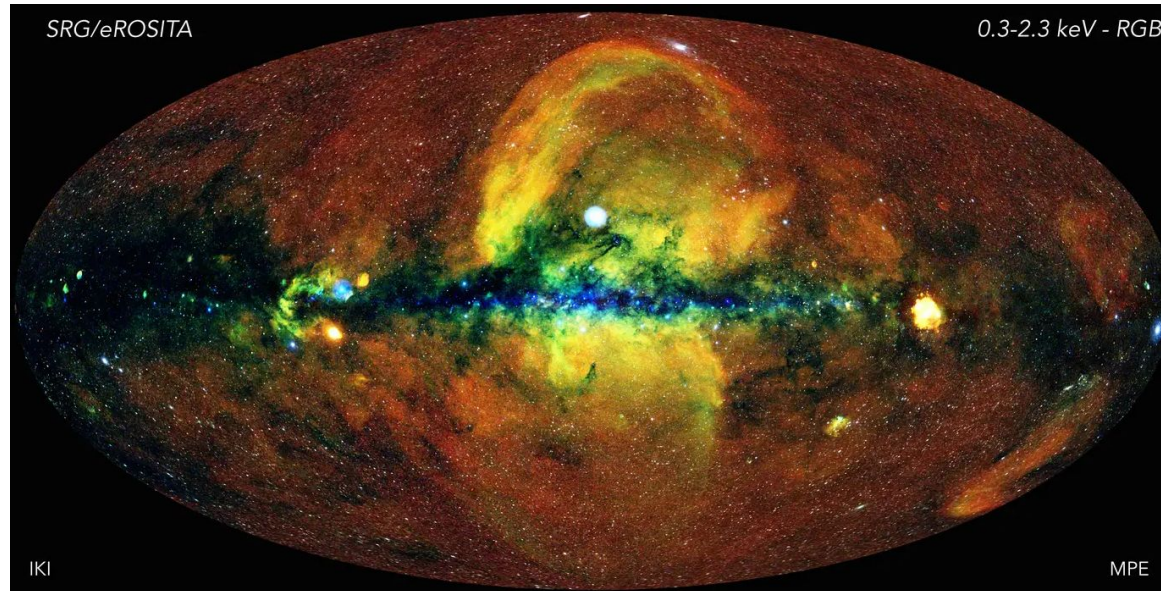


Decaying Dark Matter: Constraints

Halo Mass Function Measurements:

- Planck-detected galaxy clusters (I. Zubeldia and A. Challinor 2005.14607)
- SPT collaboration + DES and HST data (S. Bocquet et al 2401.02075)
- Planck + SPT cluster catalogs (L. Salvati et al 2112.03606)
- Planck and Chandra data (G. Aymerich 2402.04006)
- DES Y1 and SPT (M. Costanzi et al 2010.13800)
- HSC weak lensing data (T. Sunayama 2309.13025)

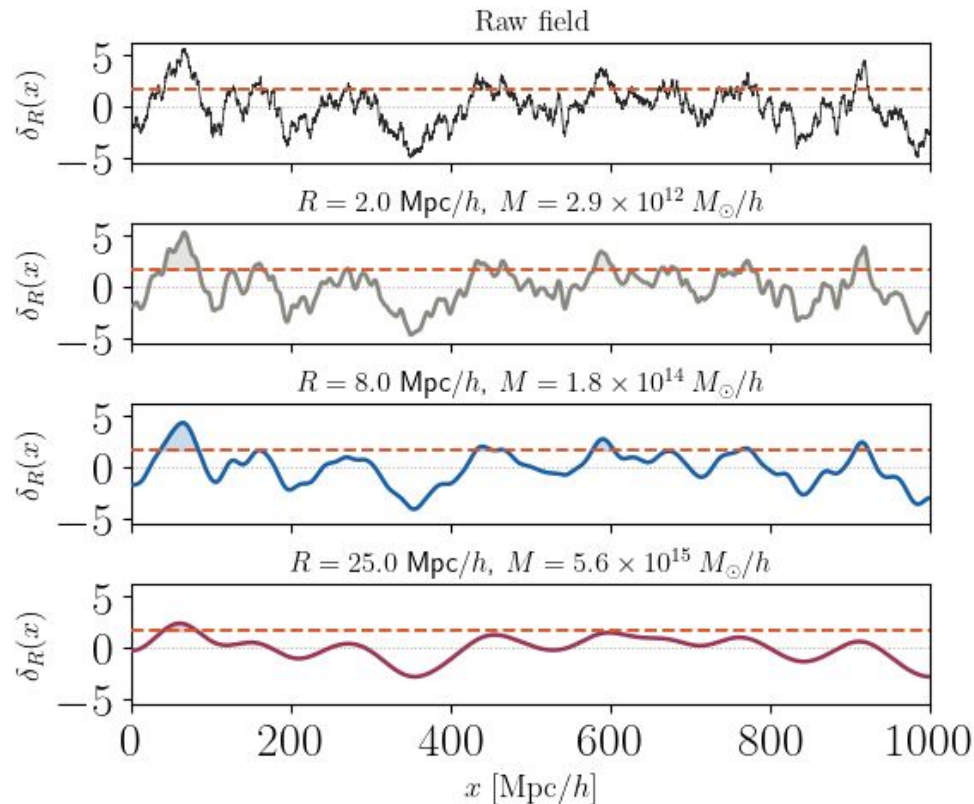
eROSITA All-Sky-Survey
(V.Ghirardini 2402.08458)



We need an HMF prediction for
Decaying Dark Matter models

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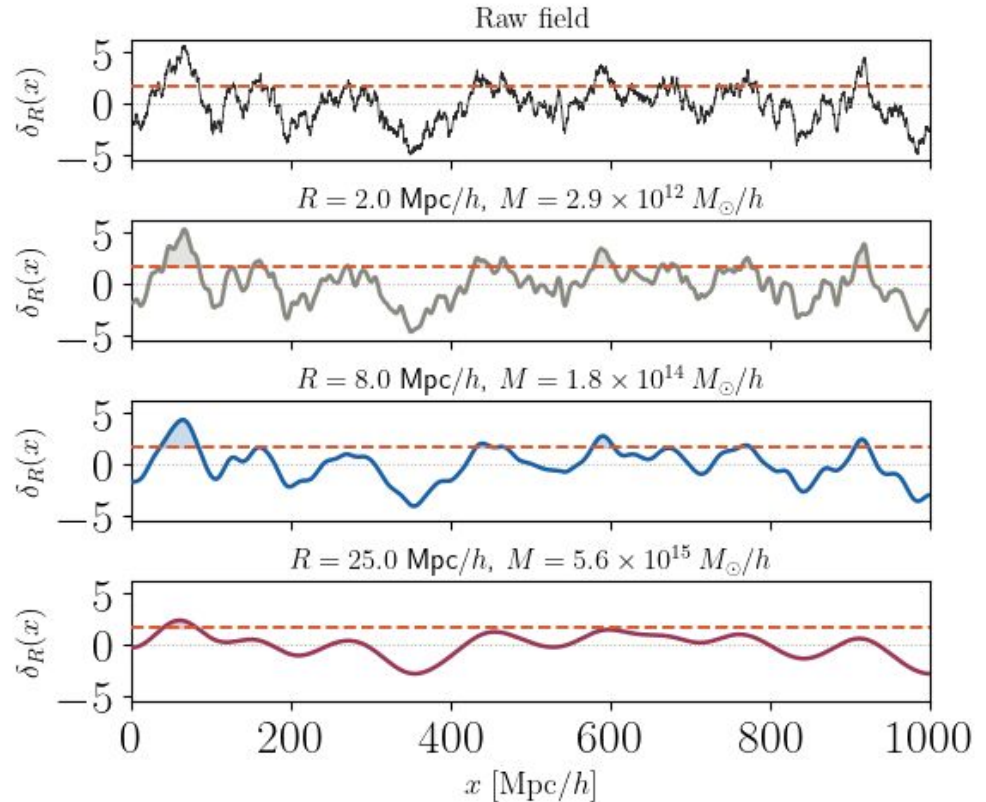


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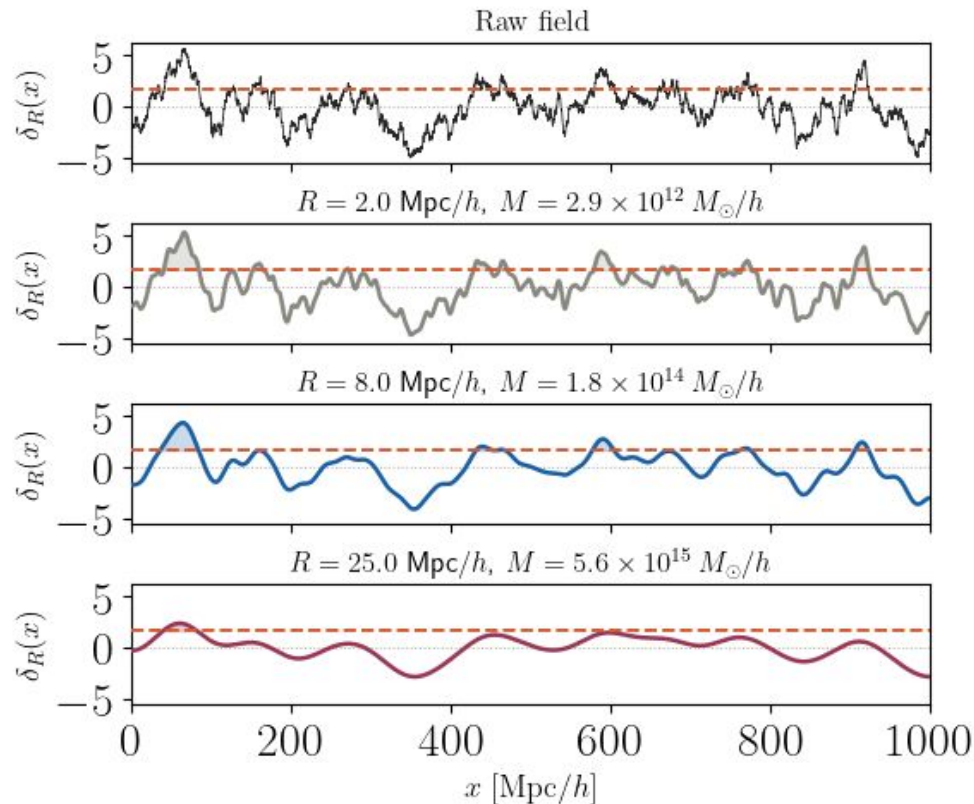
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Spherical collapse
model



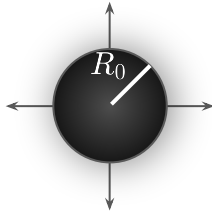
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conditions
 δ_0
 M_0
 t_0

time

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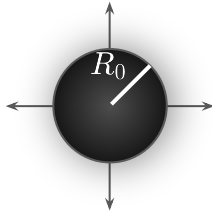
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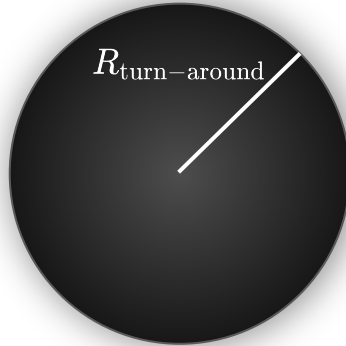
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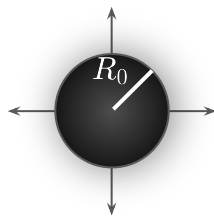
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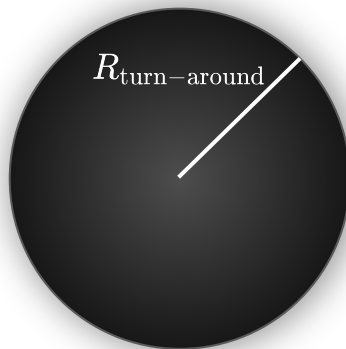
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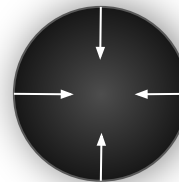
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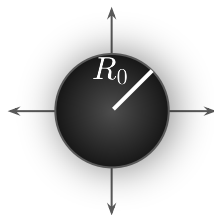
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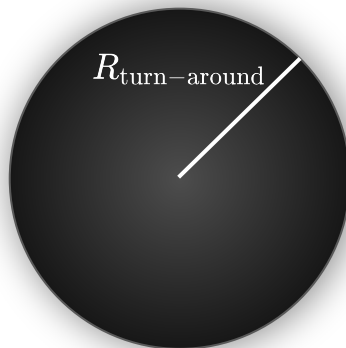
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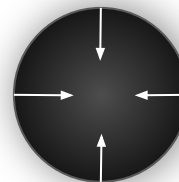
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EOM:

$$\ddot{R} = -\frac{GM(<R)}{R^2}$$

Solution:

$$R(\theta) = \frac{R_{\text{ta}}}{2} (1 - \cos \theta),$$

$$t(\theta) = \frac{t_{\text{ta}}}{\pi} (\theta - \sin \theta)$$

Linear Extrapolation:

$$\delta^{(1)}(t) = \frac{3}{20} \left(\frac{6\pi t}{t_{\text{ta}}} \right)^{2/3}$$

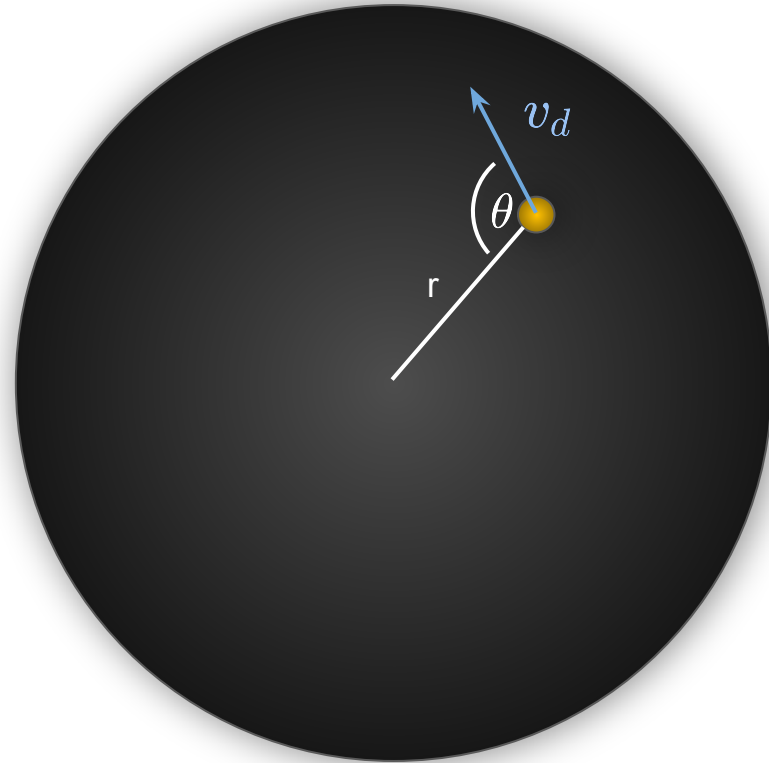
$$\delta_c = \delta^{(1)}(t_{\text{collapse}}) = \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} \right)^{2/3} \simeq 1.686$$

Spherical Collapse model: Decaying Dark Matter

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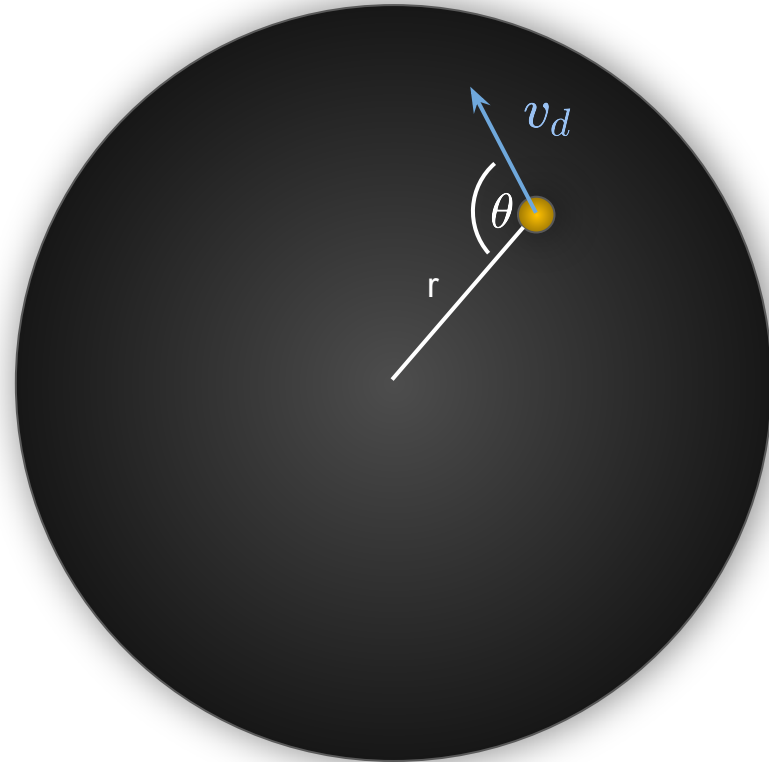
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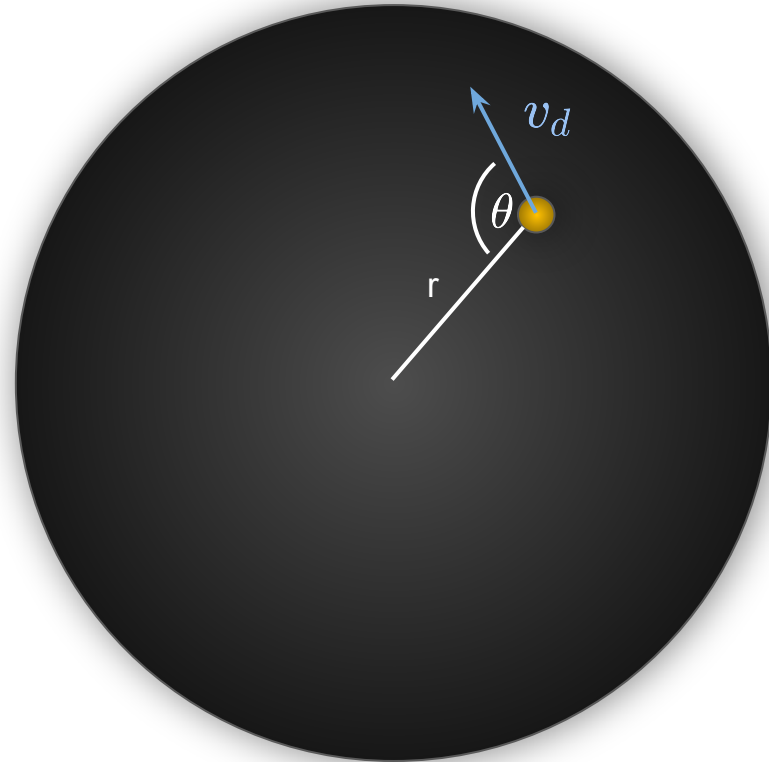
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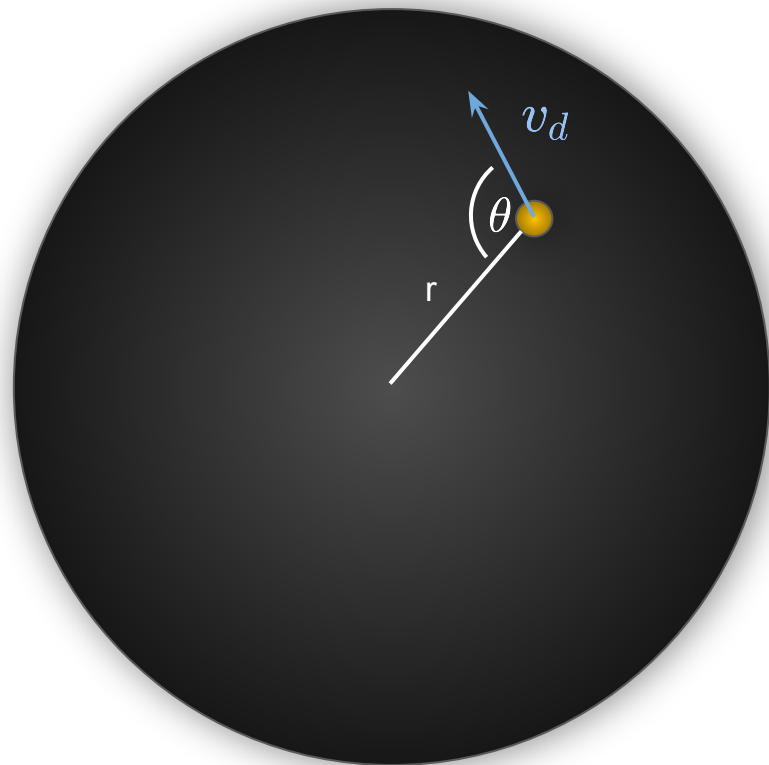
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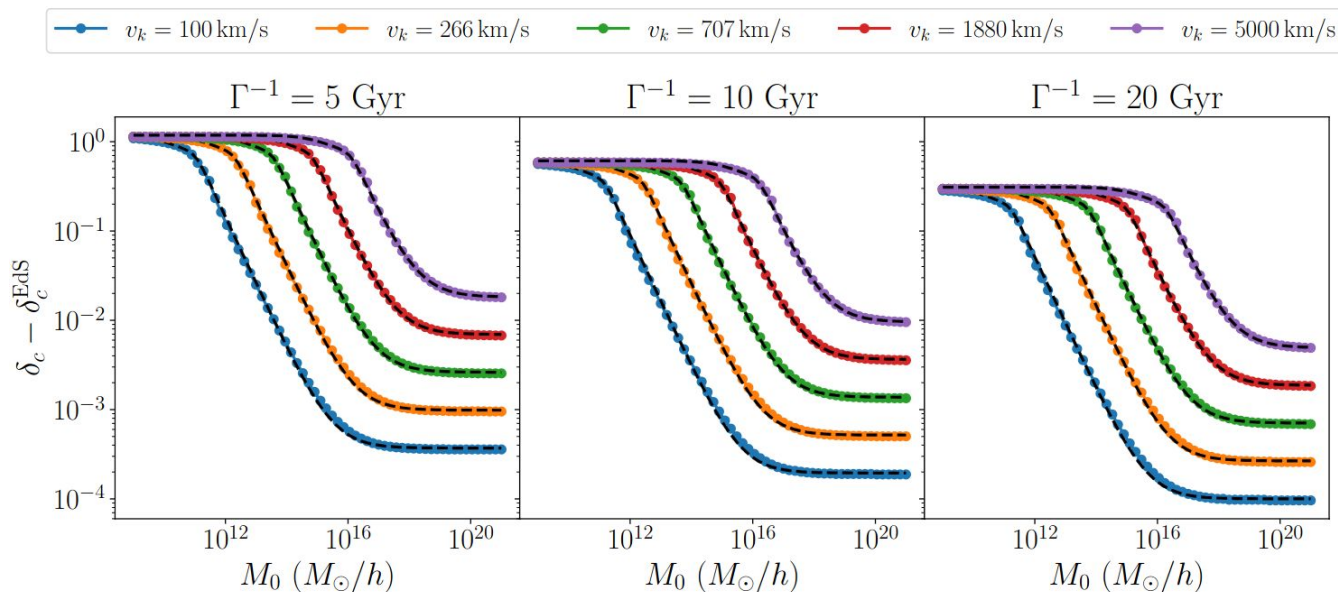
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$$\begin{array}{ll} \delta_0 & \text{Initial} \\ M_p = M_0 & \text{conditions} \\ M_d = 0 & t_0 \end{array}$$



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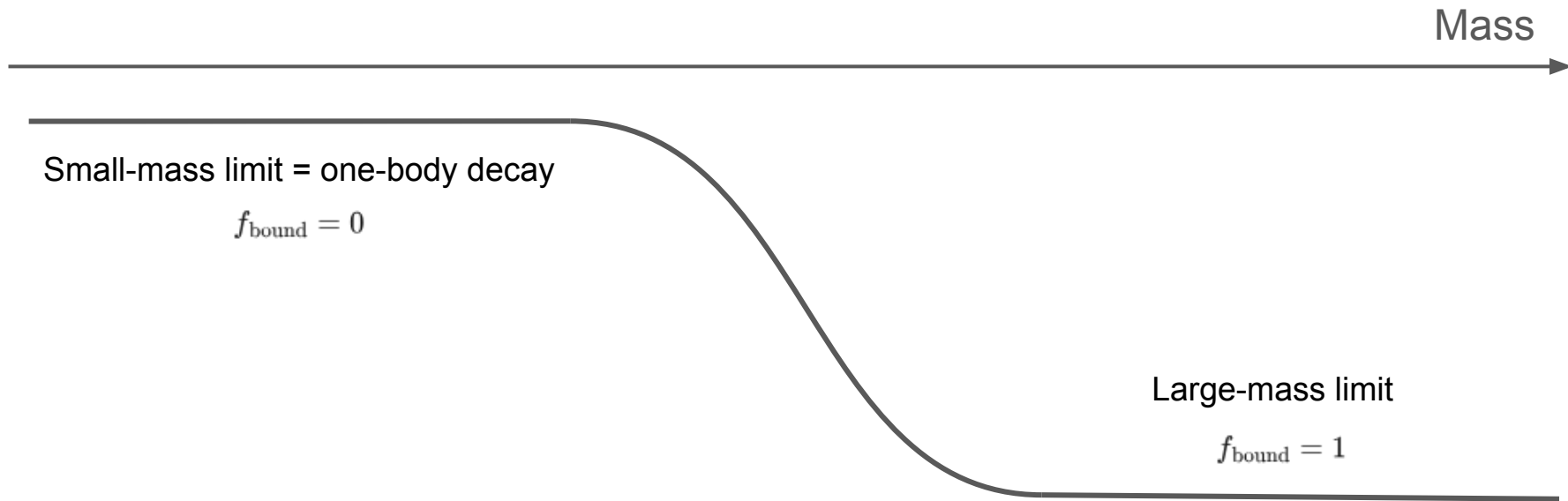


EdS: $\delta_c \simeq 1.686$



DDM: $\delta_c(M_0, \Gamma, \epsilon)$

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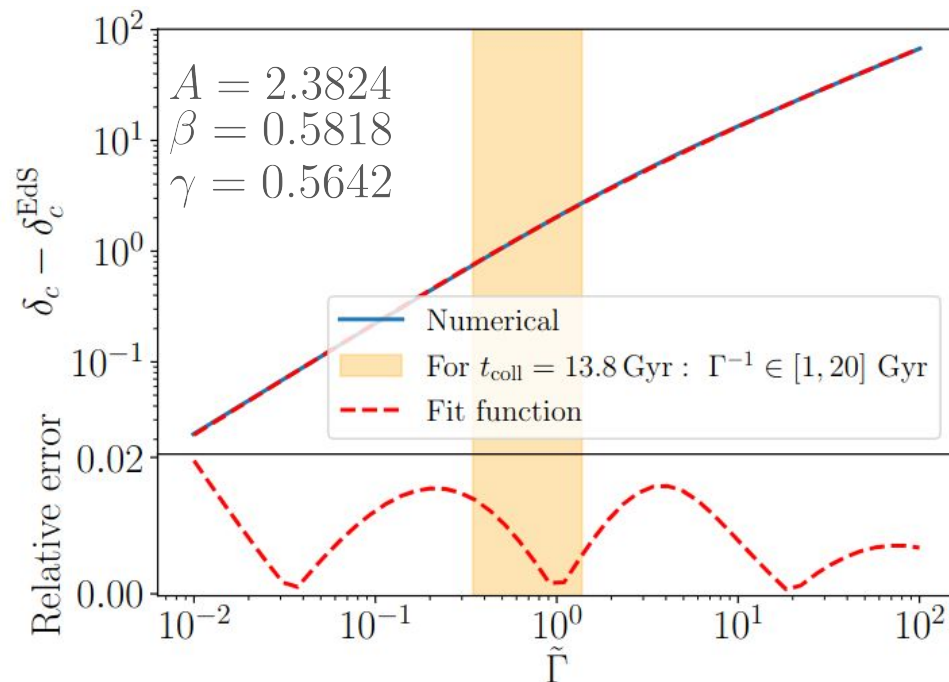
Mass

Small-mass limit = one-body decay

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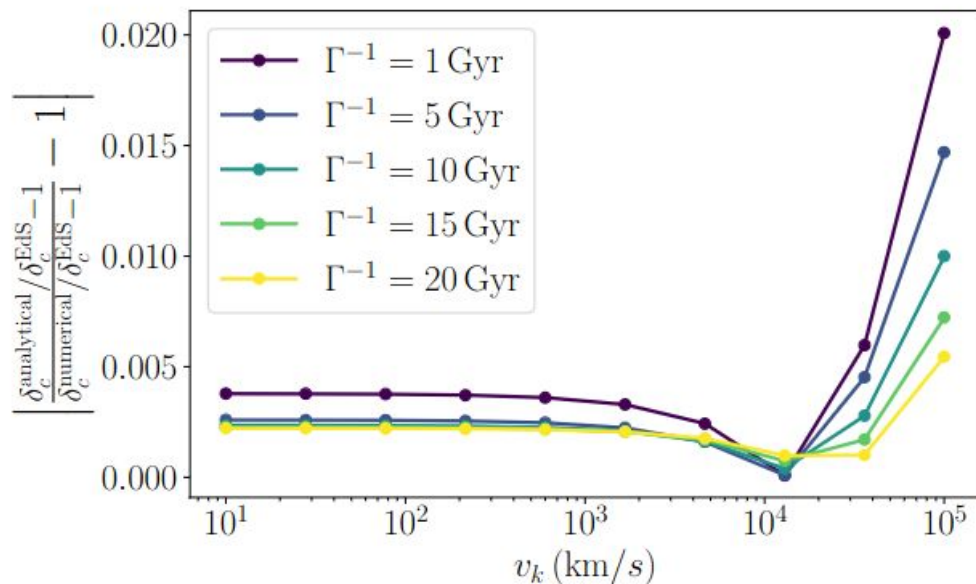
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Spherical Collapse model: Decaying Dark Matter

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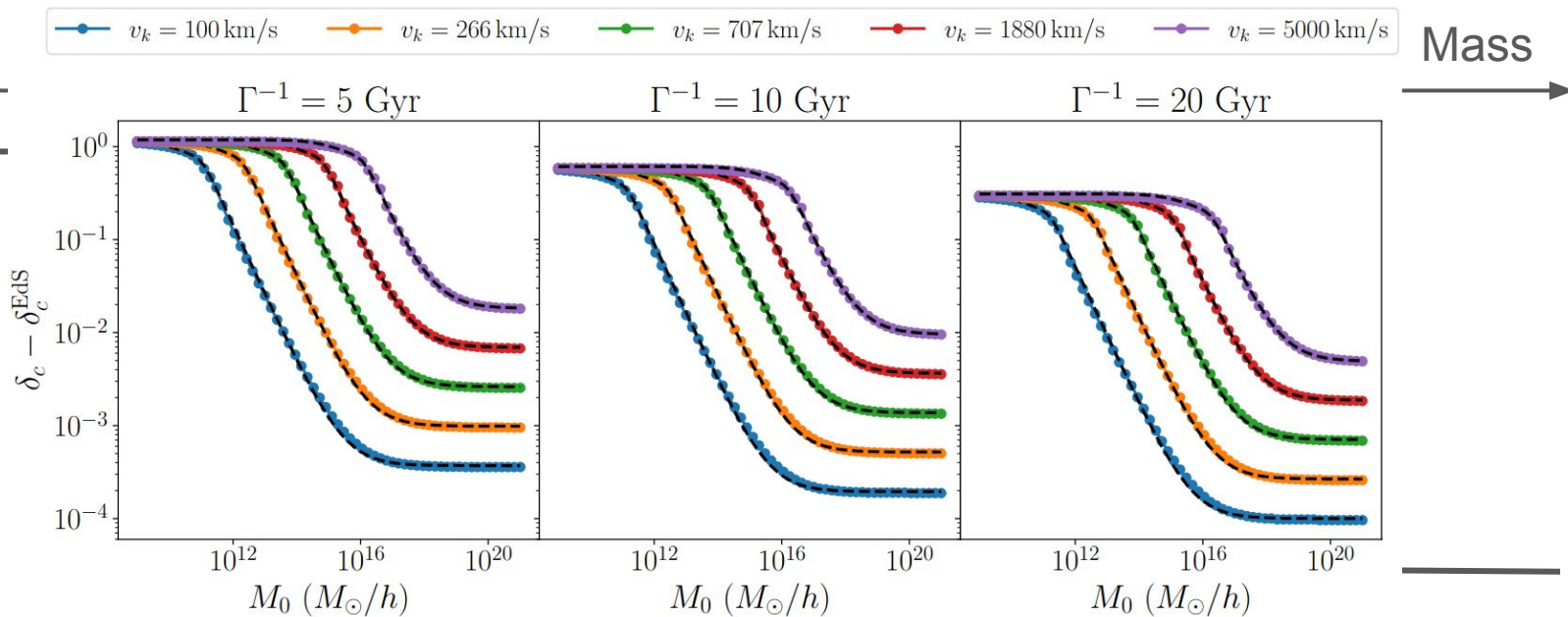
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top – hat filter

Λ CDM power spectrum

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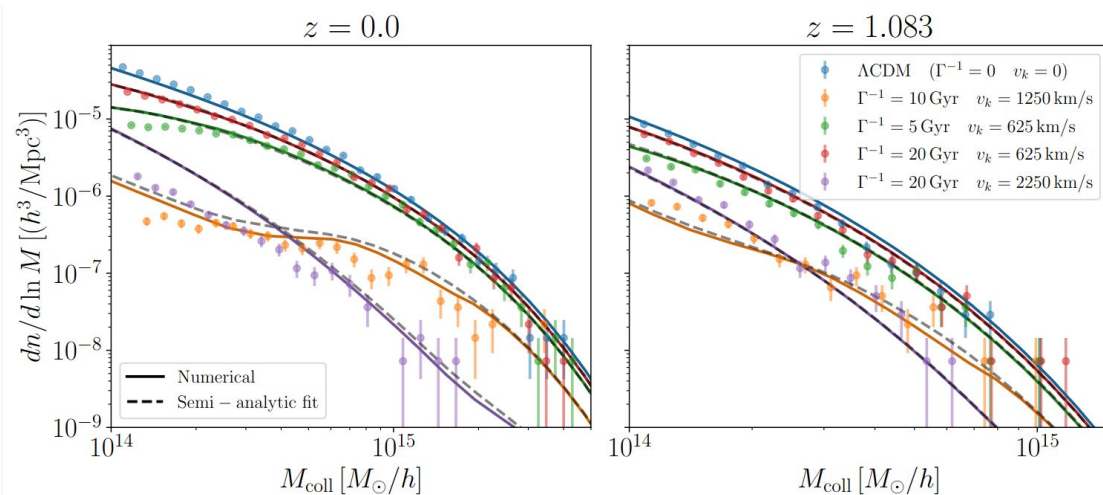
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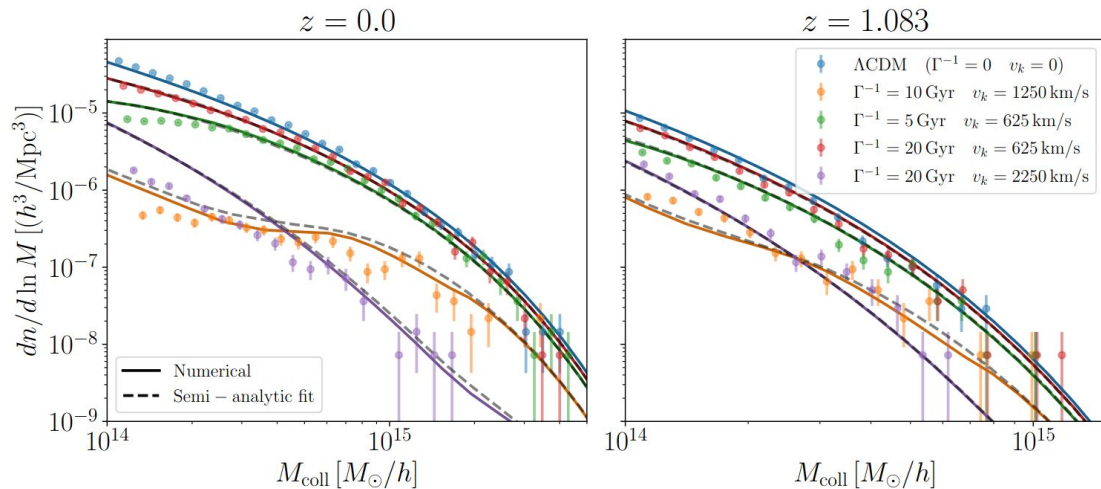
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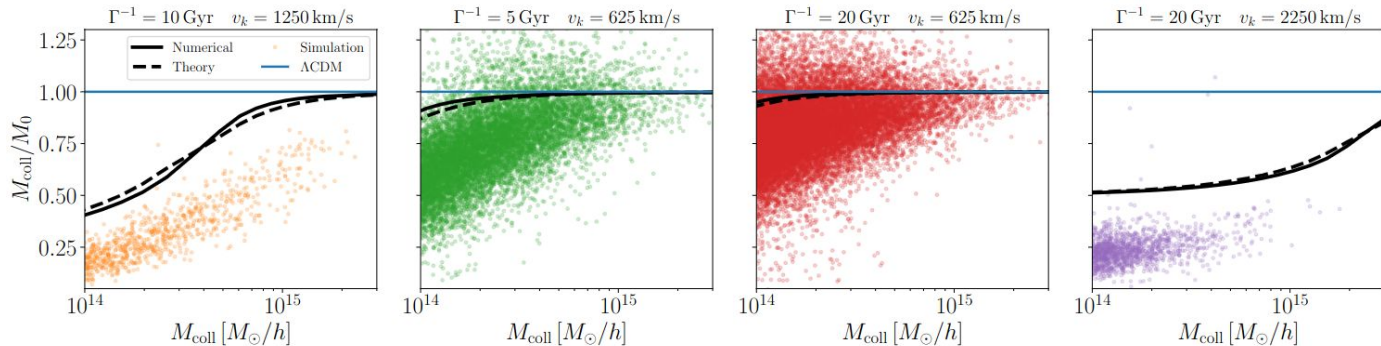
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$$M_{\text{coll}} \stackrel{?}{=} M_{200m}$$



Conclusion: A Revised Spherical Collapse Model

Two-body DDM

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- LCDM Linear Power Spectrum
- Top-Hat Window Function
- Modified Spherical Collapse

Small mass limit

→ One – body DDM

Large mass limit

→ Analytical Solution

→ Semi-analytical
fitting formula

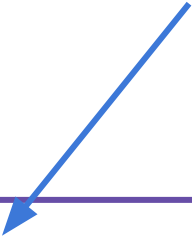
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First try: inject the DDM
linear power spectrum

Halo Mass Function: Press and Schechter

A.Schneider (1303.0839
and 1412.2133)

$$W_{\text{SK}}(kR) = \Theta(1 - kR)$$

$$M = \frac{4\pi}{3}(cR)^3 \rho_m$$

$$W_{\text{TH}}(kR) = \frac{3}{(kR)^3} [\sin(kR) - kR \cos(kR)]$$

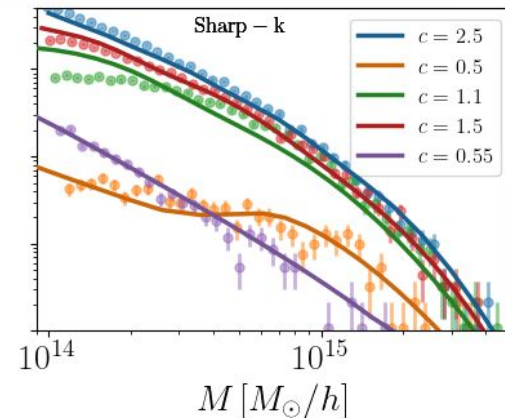
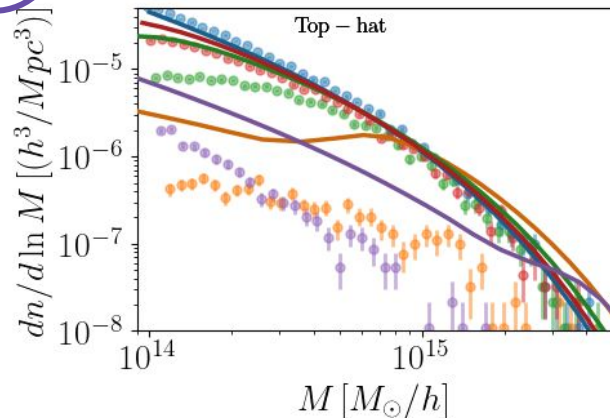
$$\frac{dn_h}{d \ln M} = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} f(\nu_c) \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma}{d \ln M} \right|$$

$$\sigma^2(R) = \int_0^\infty \frac{k^2 dk}{2\pi^2} W^2(kR) P_m(k)$$

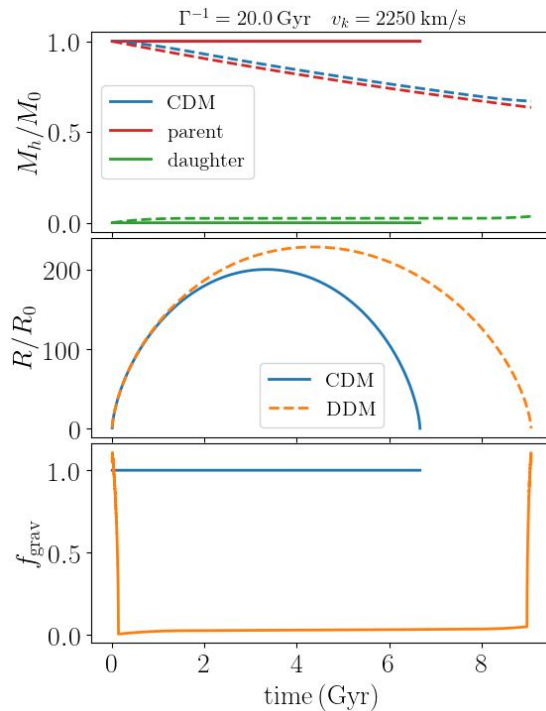
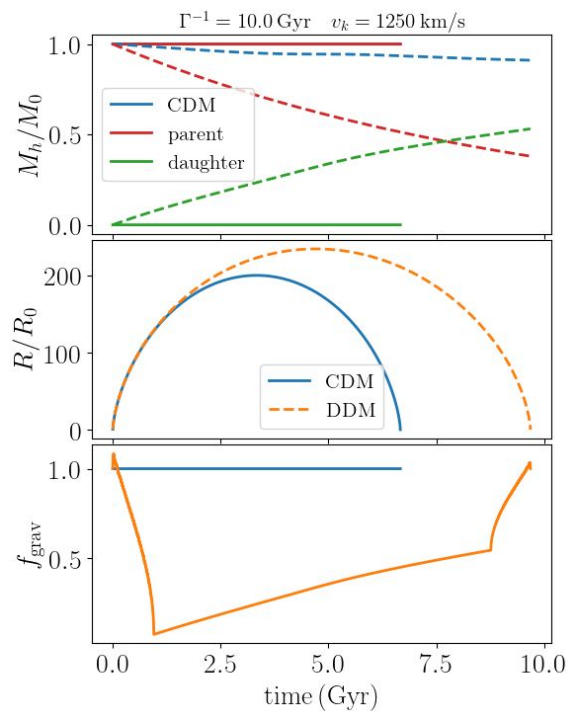
$$M = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \rho_m$$

$$\nu_c = \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma} \simeq \frac{1.686}{\sigma}$$

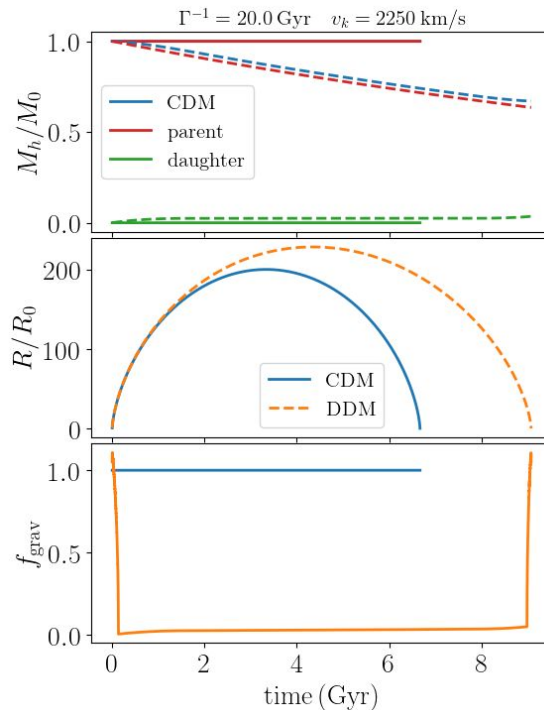
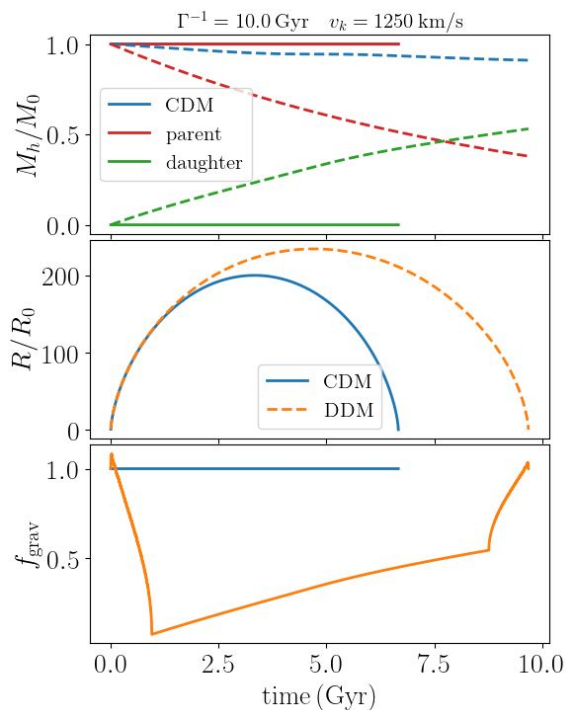
First try: inject the DDM
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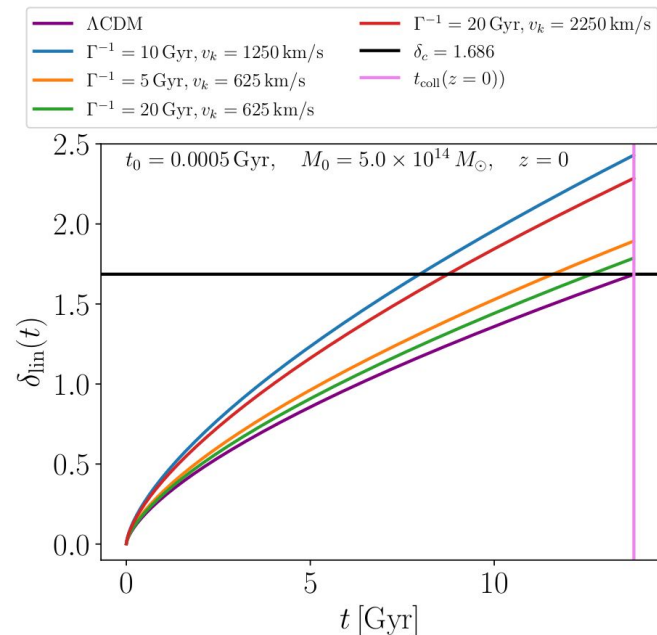
Spherical Collapse model: Decaying Dark Matter



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Getting the critical
density at $z=0$:



EdS: $\delta_c \simeq 1.686$ $\longrightarrow$ DDM: $\delta_c(M_0, \Gamma, \epsilon)$