

Self-Interacting Dark Matter



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$$\sigma/m = 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} = 2 \text{ barn}/\text{Gev} = \text{neutron-proton scattering}$$

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For most astronomers it is **exotic**

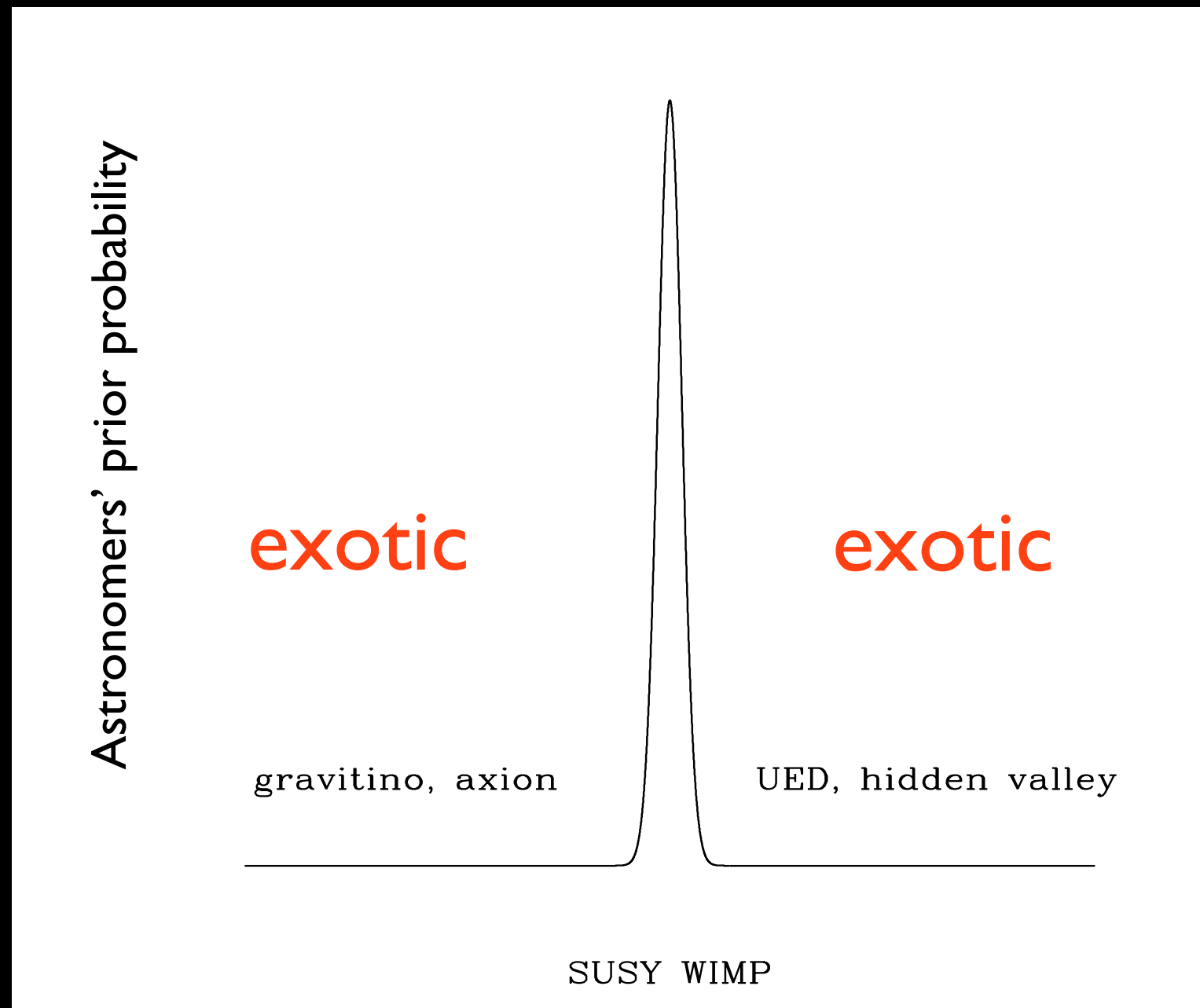


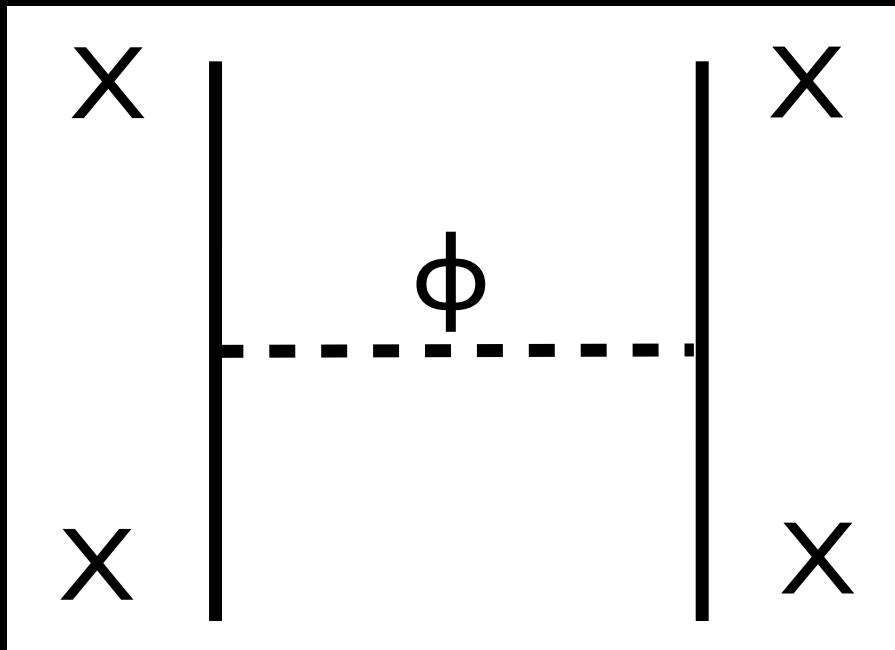
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Just add a new force at the \sim sub-GeV scale

$$m_\phi = O(\text{MeV})$$



If your prejudice is that new physics can only be at $O(\text{TeV})$, then this large cross-sections will seem crazy

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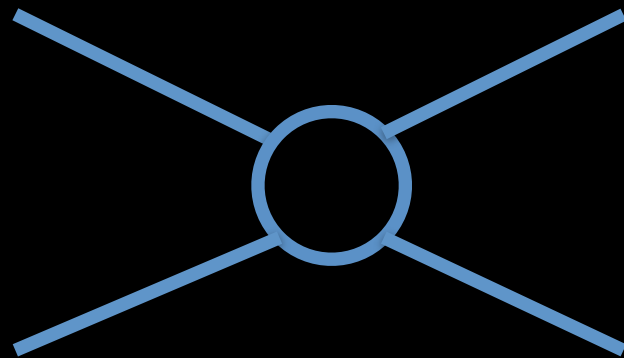
Asymmetric DM - Nussinov (1985); Kaplan (1992); Kaplan, Luty, Zurek (2009); Shelton, Zurek (2011); Buckley, Randall (2011); Morrissey, Sigurdson, Tulin (2010); Buckley (2011); Lin, Hai-Bo Yu, Zurek (2011).

Hidden Charge DM - Feng, Tu, Hai-Bo Yu (2008); Ackerman, Buckley, Carroll, Kamionkowski (2008); Feng, Kaplinghat, Tu, HBY (2009).

Atomic DM - Foot (2003); Kaplan, Krnjaic, Rehermann, Wells (2009); Feng, Kaplinghat, Tu, Hai-Bo Yu (2009); Cline, Liu, Wei Xue (2012); Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine, Kris Sigurdson (2013).

Double Disk DM - Fan, Katz, Randall, Reece (2013); McCullough, Randall (2013)

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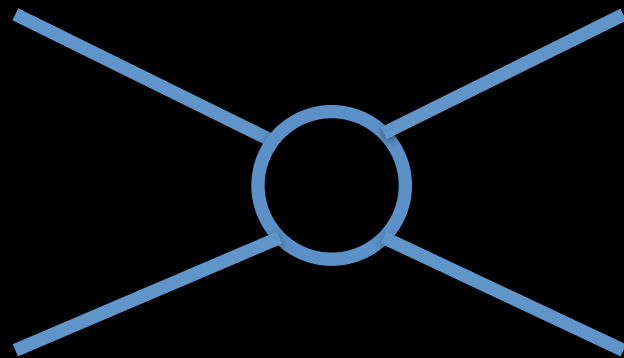
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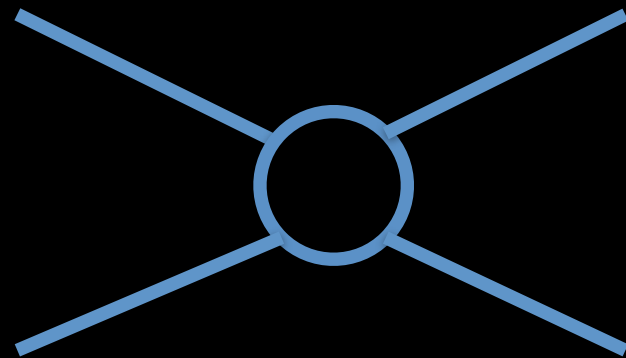
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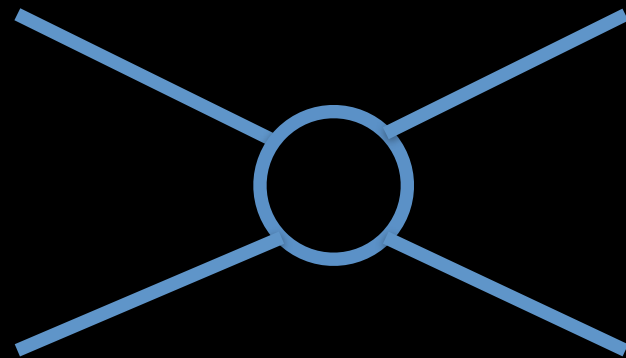
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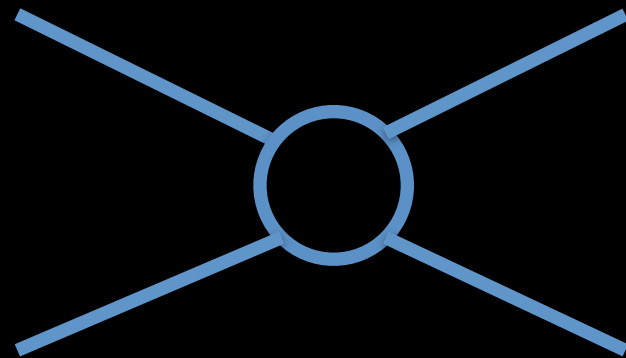
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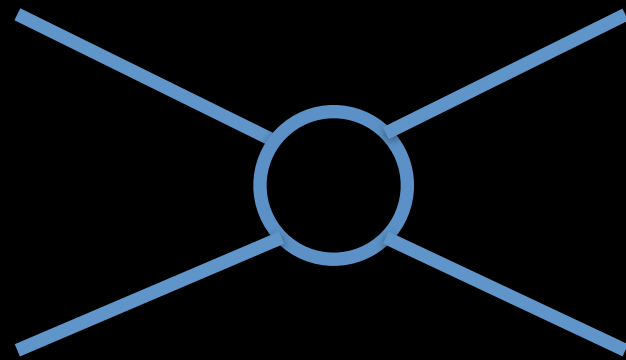
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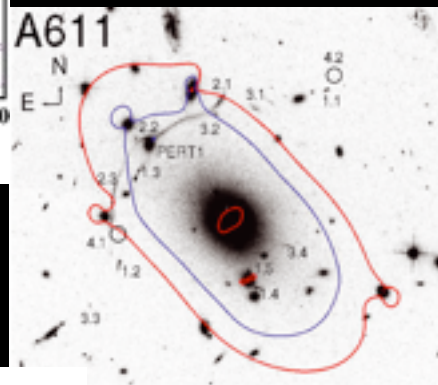
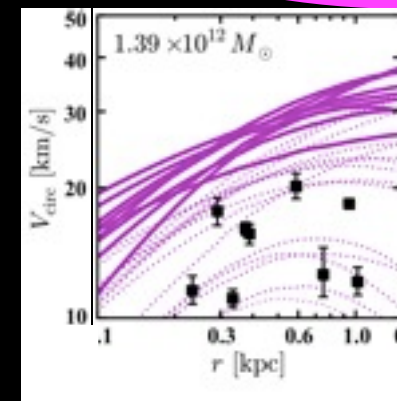
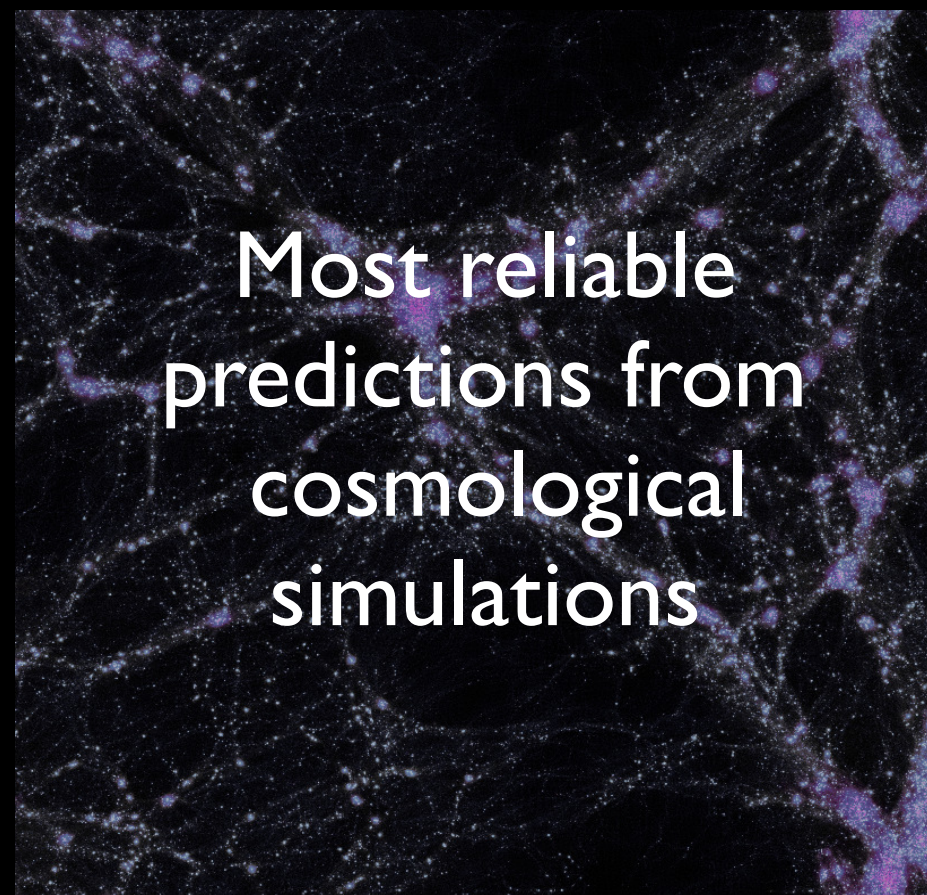
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- In merging systems the drag that the DM experiences would be different to that of the collisionless galaxies, resulting in an **offset between the surface mass centroids and the galaxy centroids + lower M/L ratios**

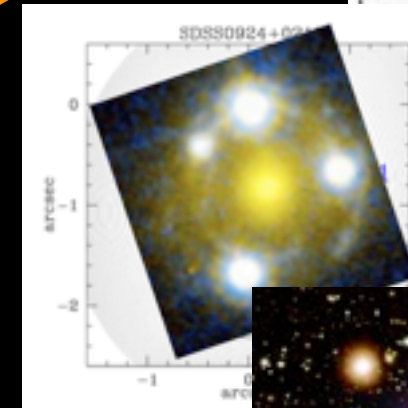
Astrophysical Constraints



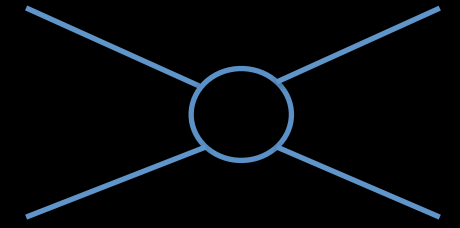
- Core sizes & densities
- Shapes
- Substructure
- Merging clusters: offsets & M/L ratios



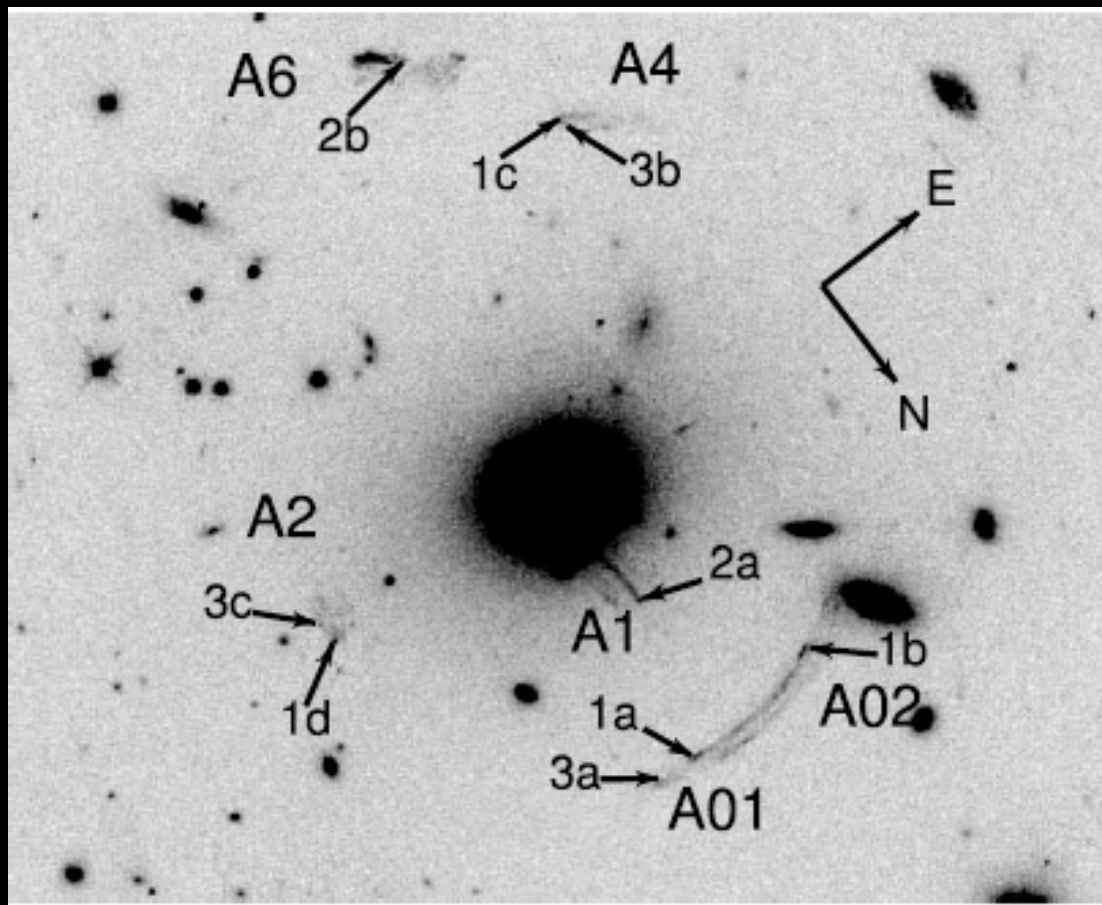
σ/m



The TKO of SIDM



Miralda-Escude (2002)



Requires a non-circularly-symmetric surface density at $r > 70$ kpc.

Assume $\varepsilon=0$ if $\Gamma/H_0 \gtrsim 1$

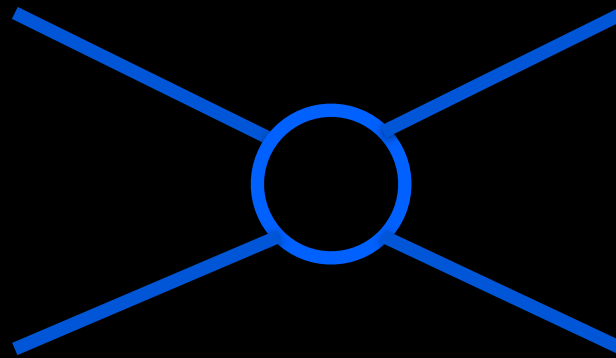
$\Rightarrow \sigma/m < 0.02 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}.$

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Sand et al. 2008

Tightest constraint by far (by $> 10\times$)!

Simulating DM Self-Interactions



large mean free
paths



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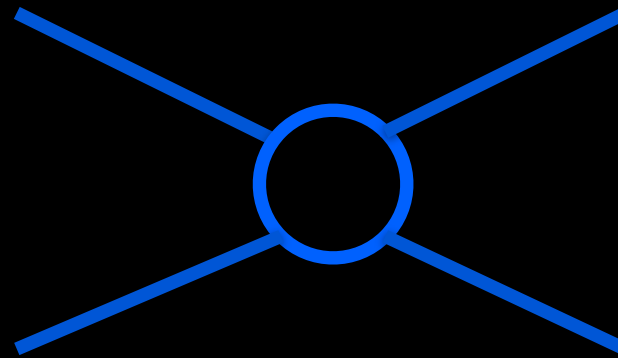
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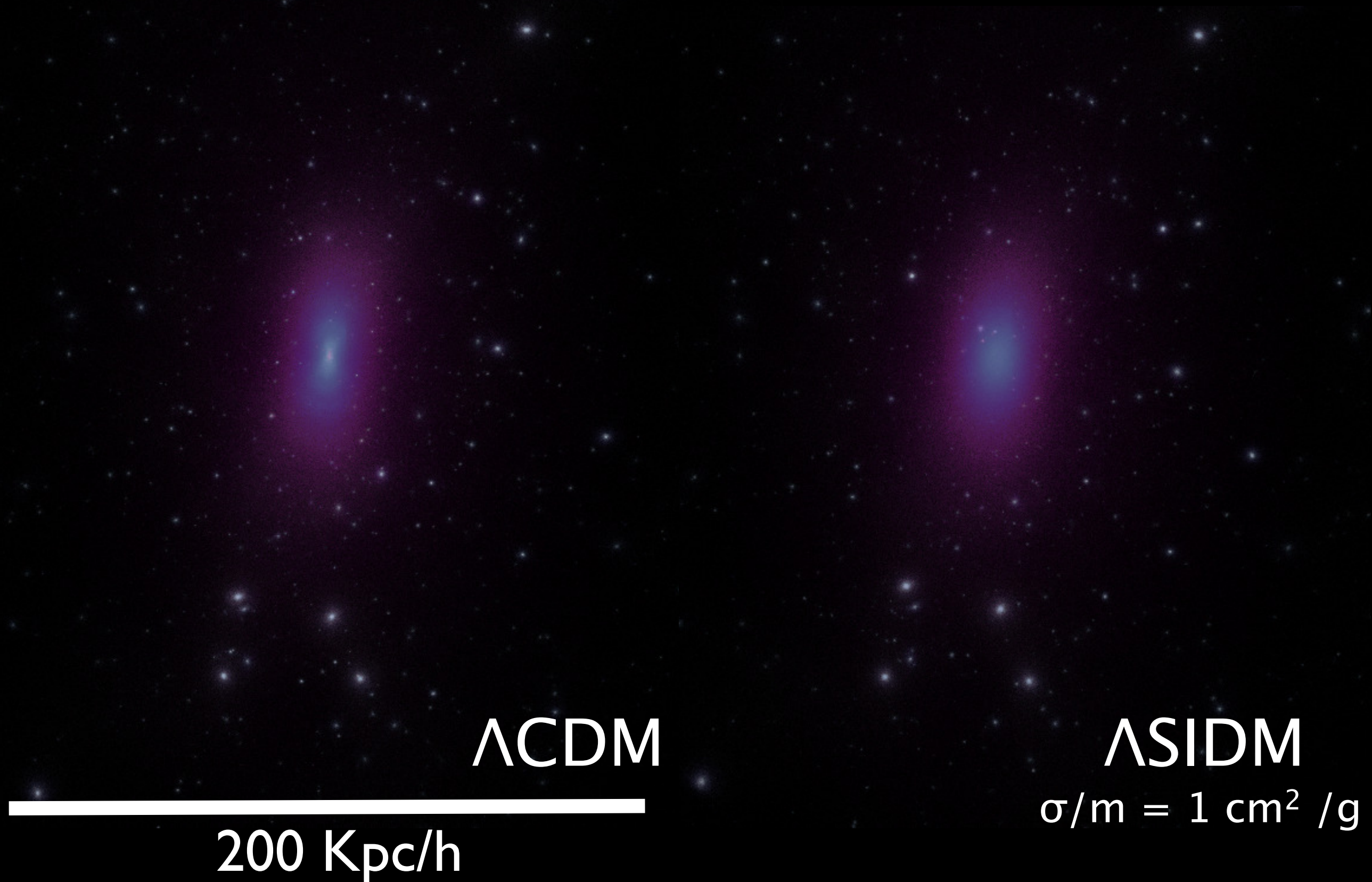
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Need to step back and derive an algorithm
from the Boltzmann Equation

Lower central phase-space density in SIDM halos



Results from cosmological simulations - Summary

Core Sizes

&

Central Densities

See also Vogelsberger et al. 2012 &
Zavala et al. 2013

$$\sigma/m < 1$$

$\sigma/m = 0.1-0.5$ in
better agreement
with observations

Shapes

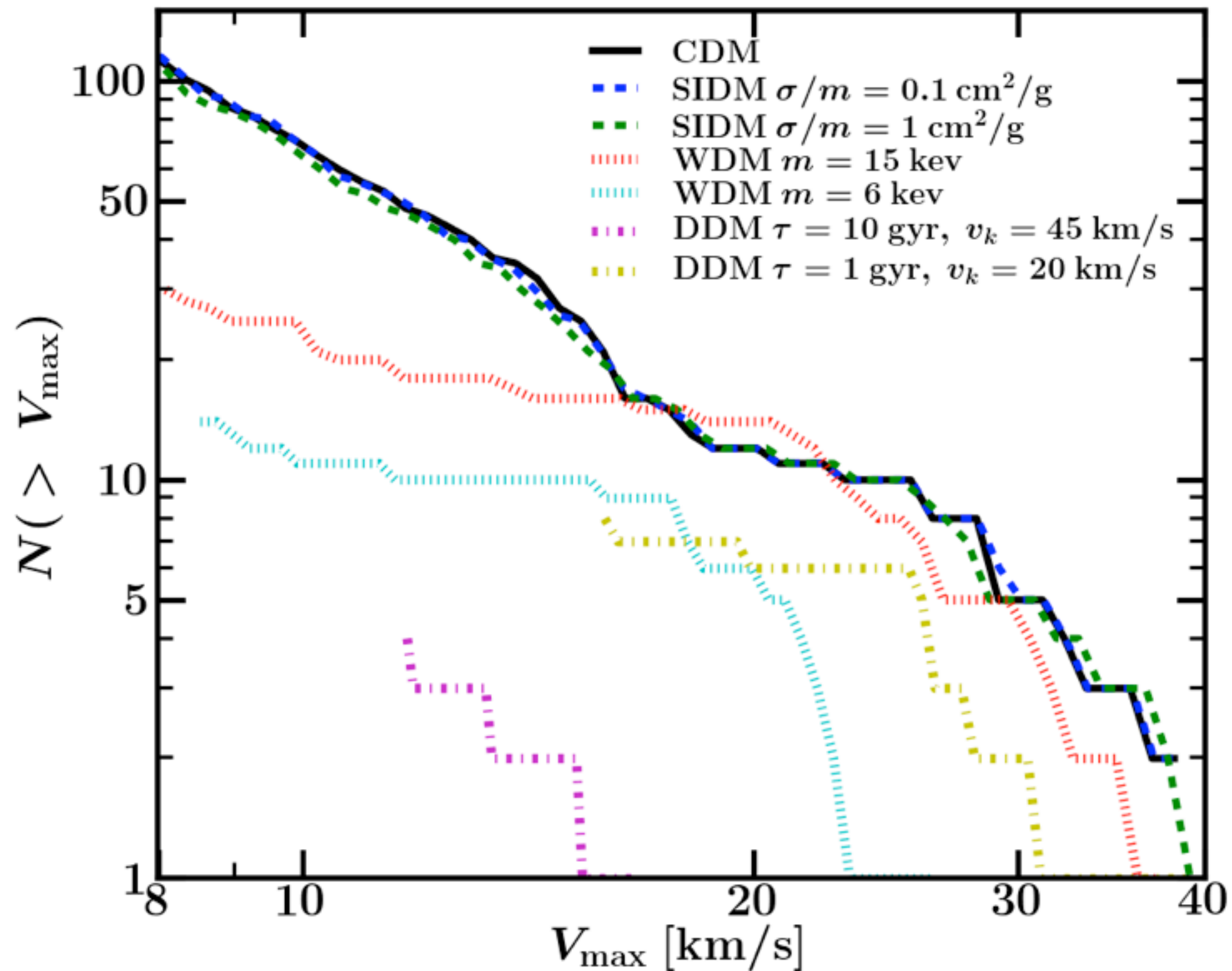
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Substructure

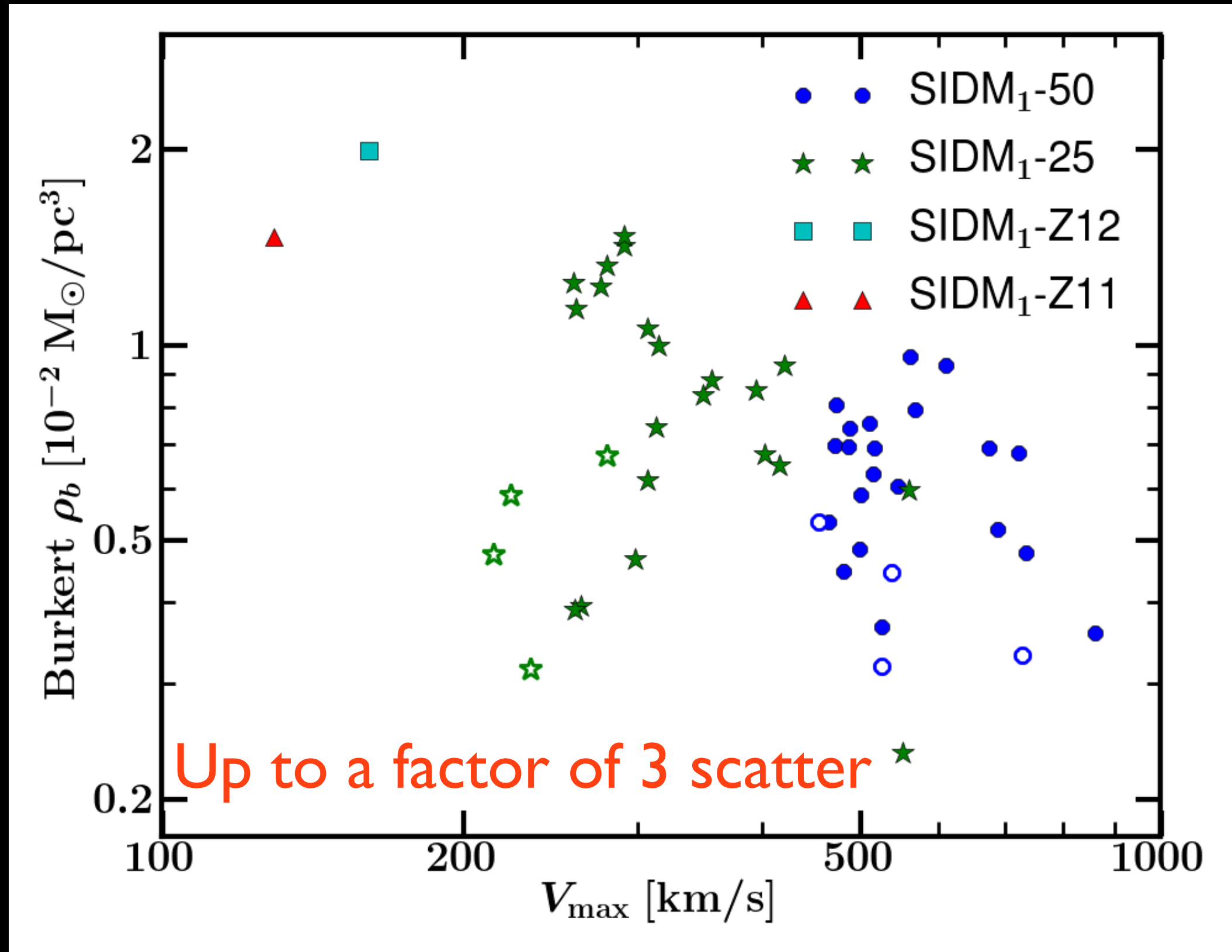
Subhalo count within $1 R_{\text{vir}}$
of the host are identical to
CDM

For $r < R_{\text{vir}}/2$ we only see
differences of $\sim 10-15\%$

Results from cosmological simulations - Substructure



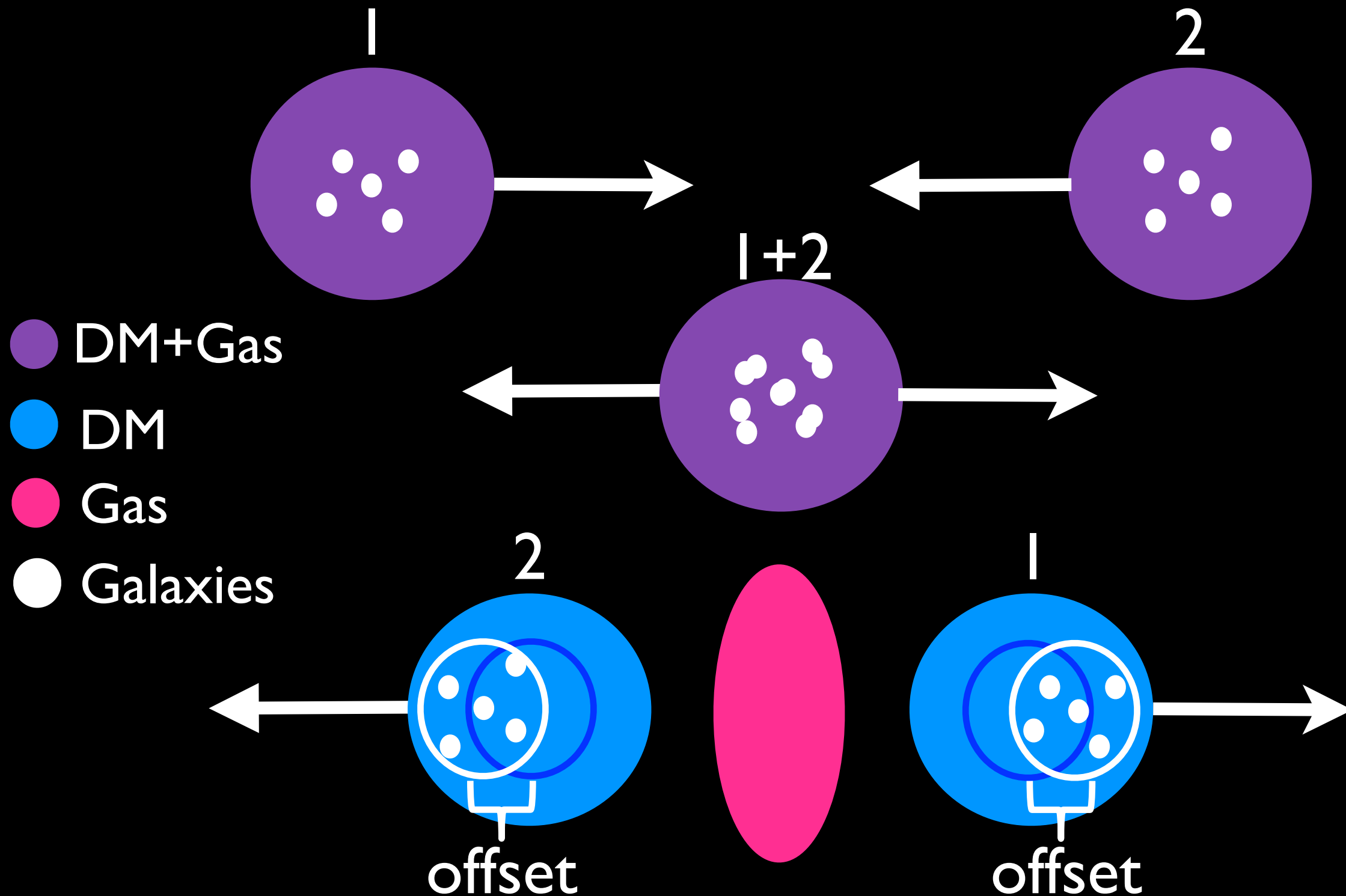
Results from cosmological simulations - Halo densities



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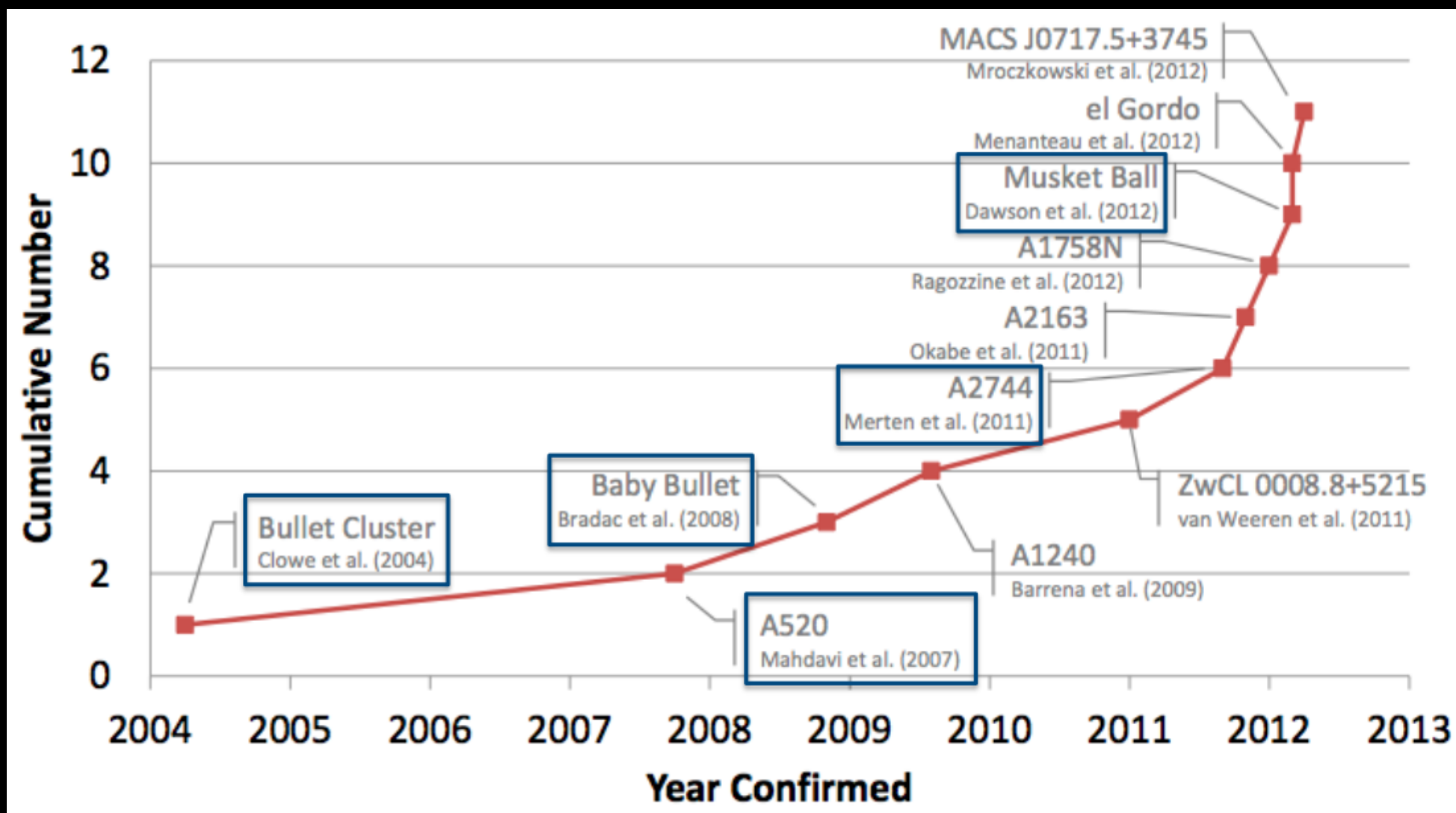
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Dissosiative Clusters



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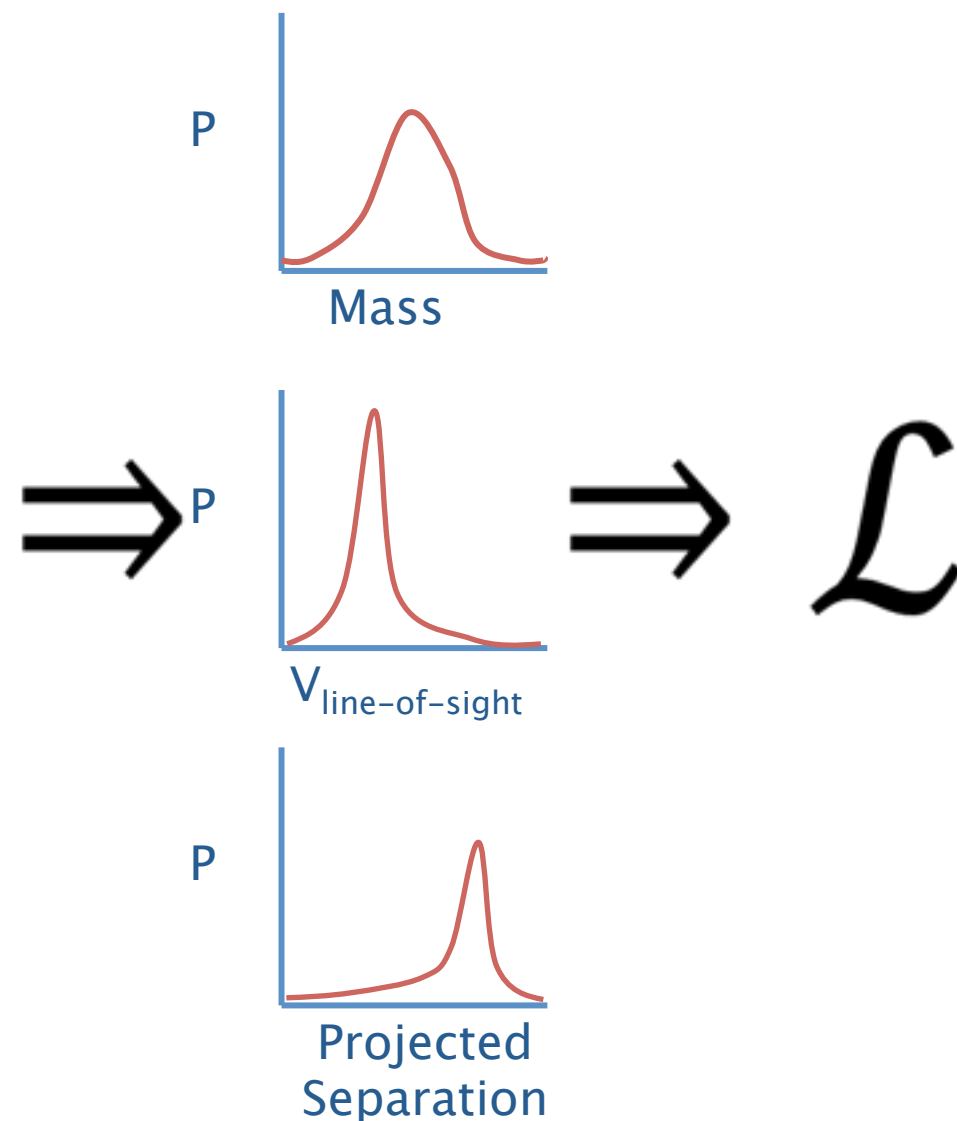
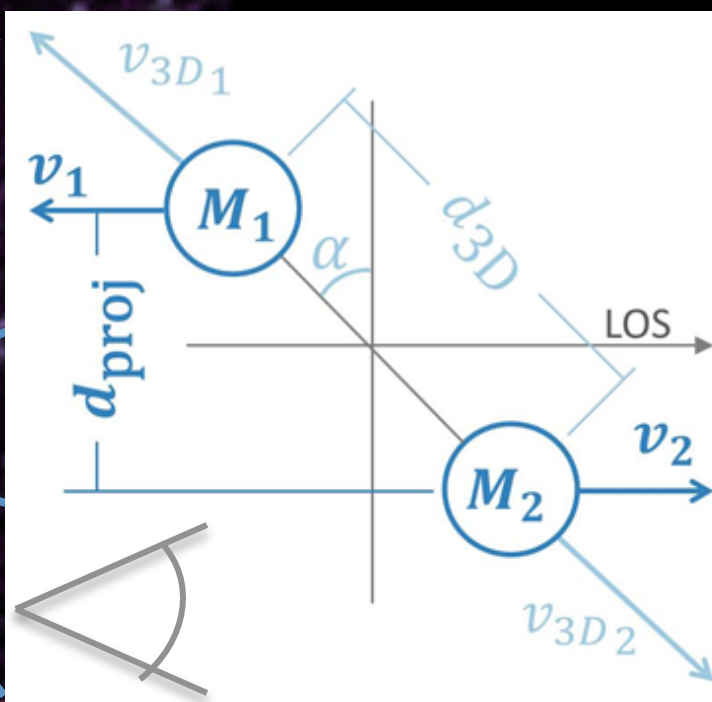
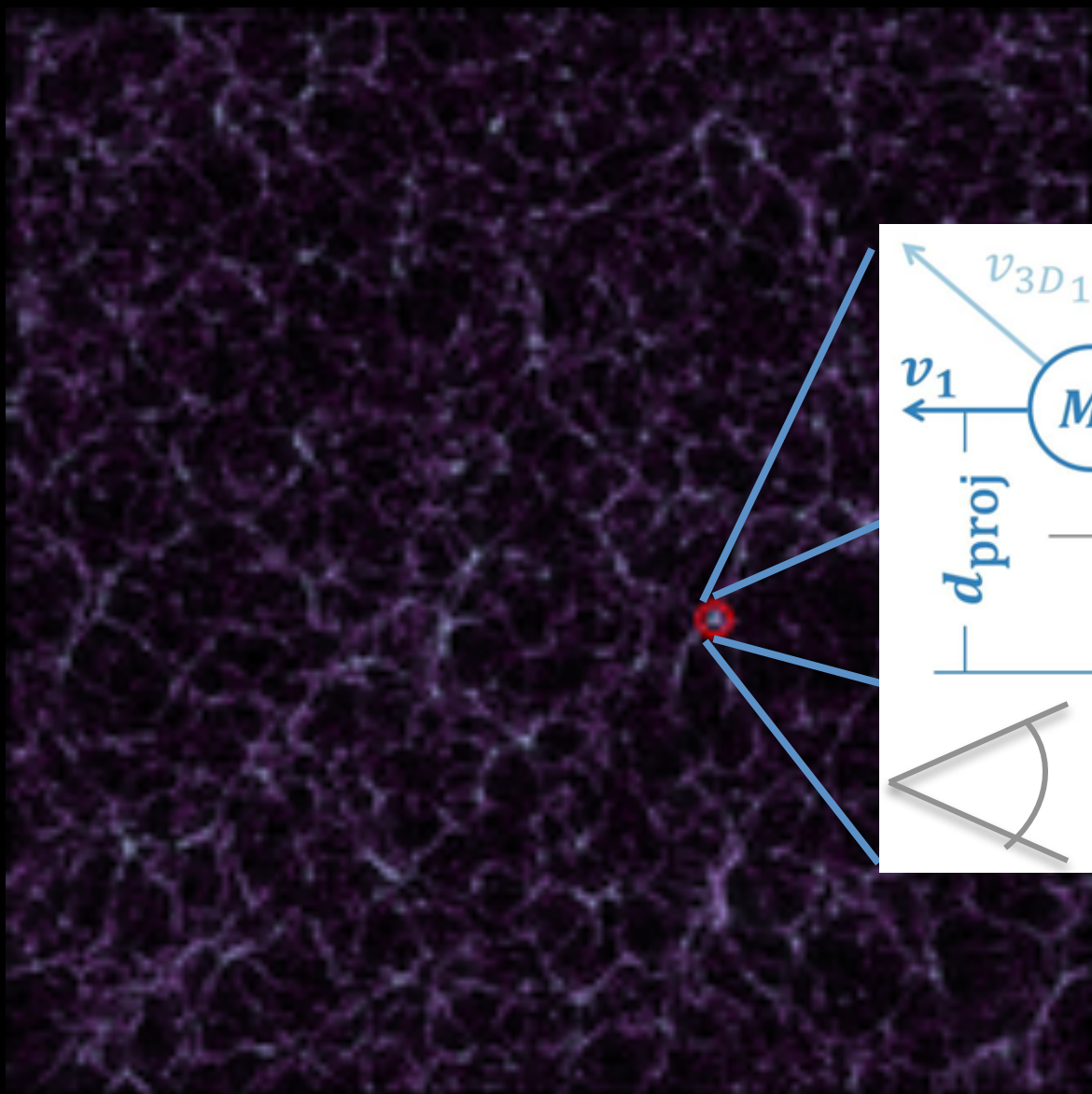
Observations



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Predictions vs. Observations

Importance Sampling



650 Mpc/h

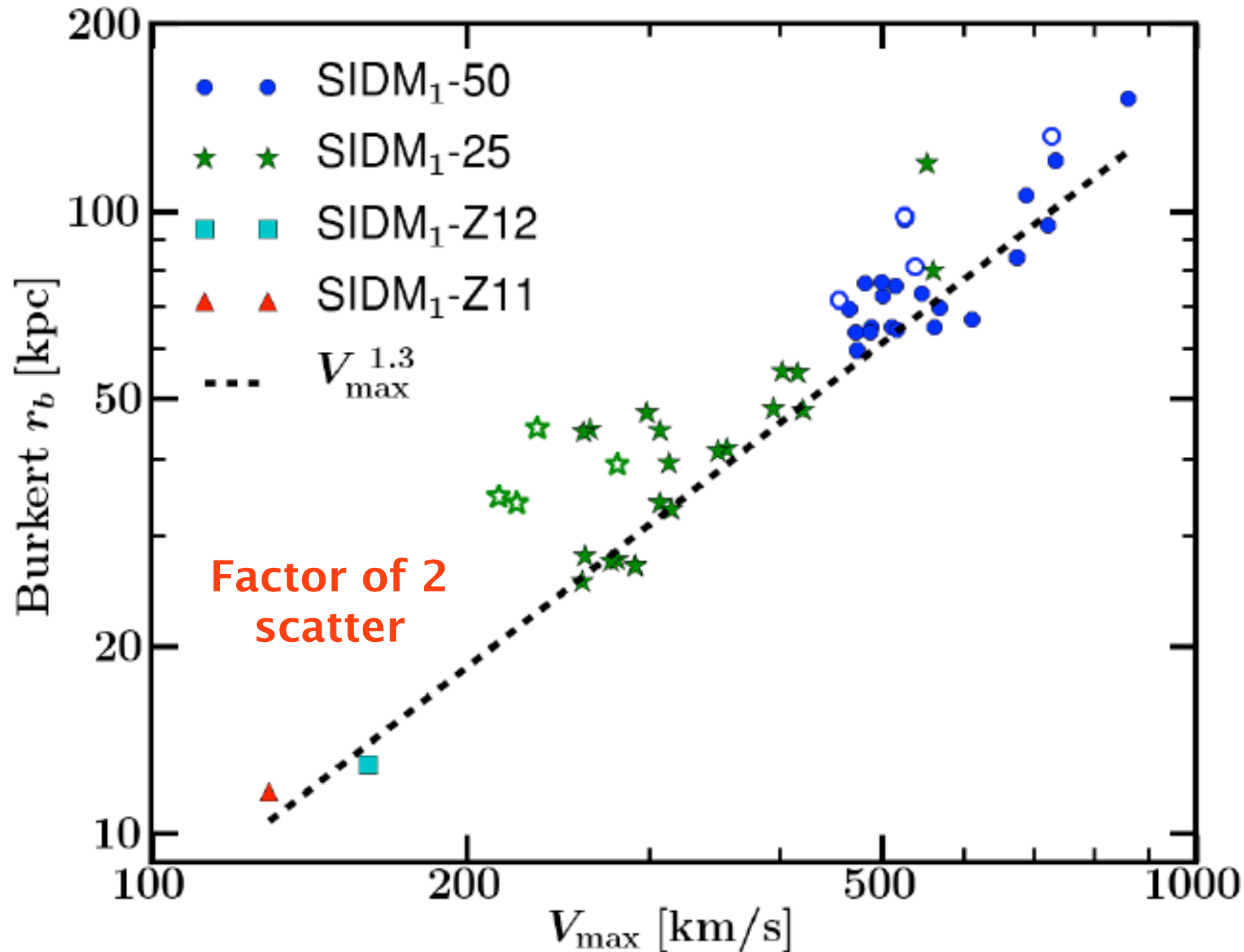
Conclusions

- SIDM with $\sigma/m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ is alive!
- For constant cross-sections $0.1 < \sigma/m < 0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ is the interesting regime, able to solve the cusp/core problem and TBTF while still consistent with cluster observations.
- However, we still need to make predictions for SIDM + Baryons.
- Merging clusters are a promising way to probe $\sigma/m > 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$. MCC will either yield a measurement or rule out the astrophysical interesting cross sections.

Thank You

Results from cosmological simulations - Core sizes

Core Sizes



Dwarf
galaxies

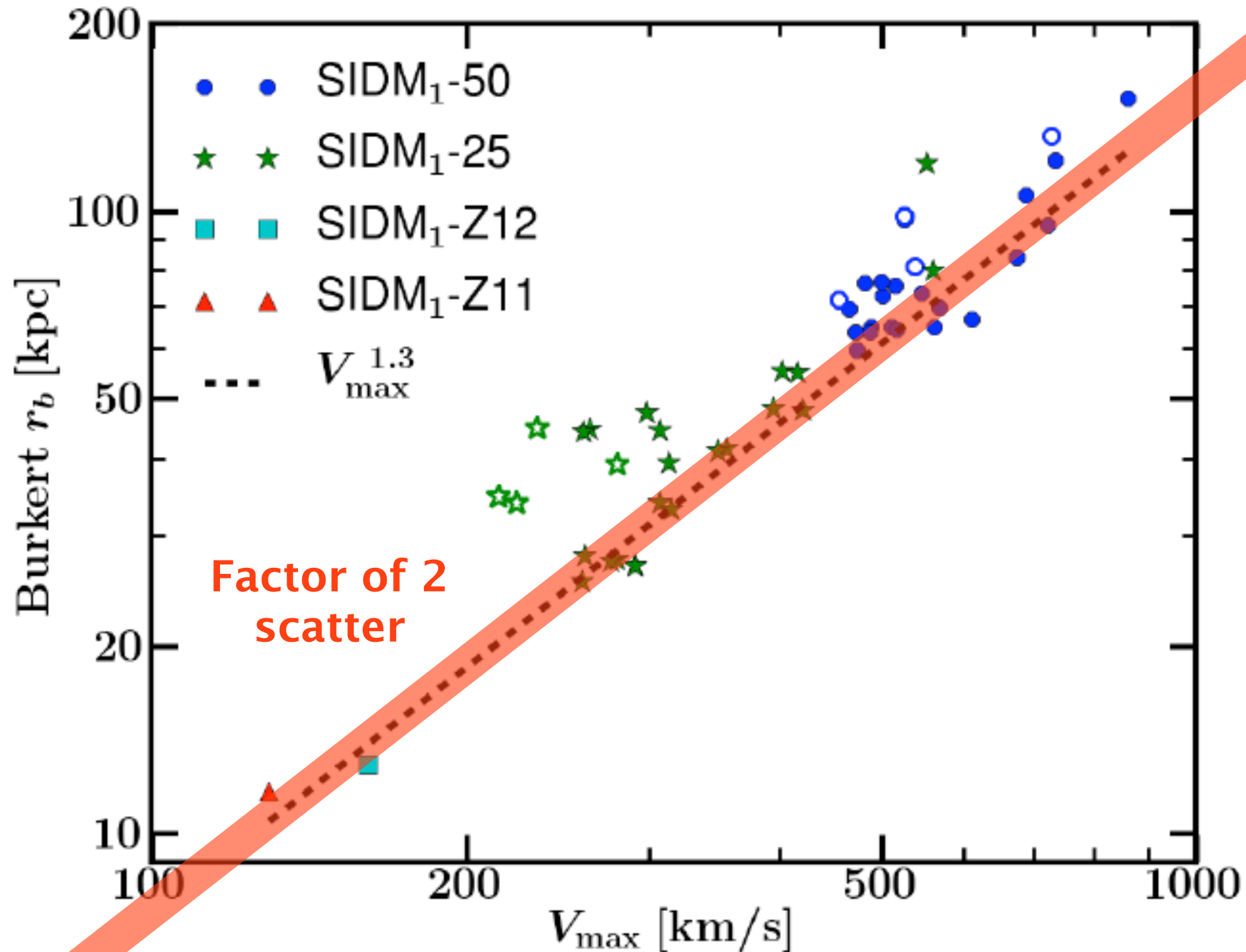
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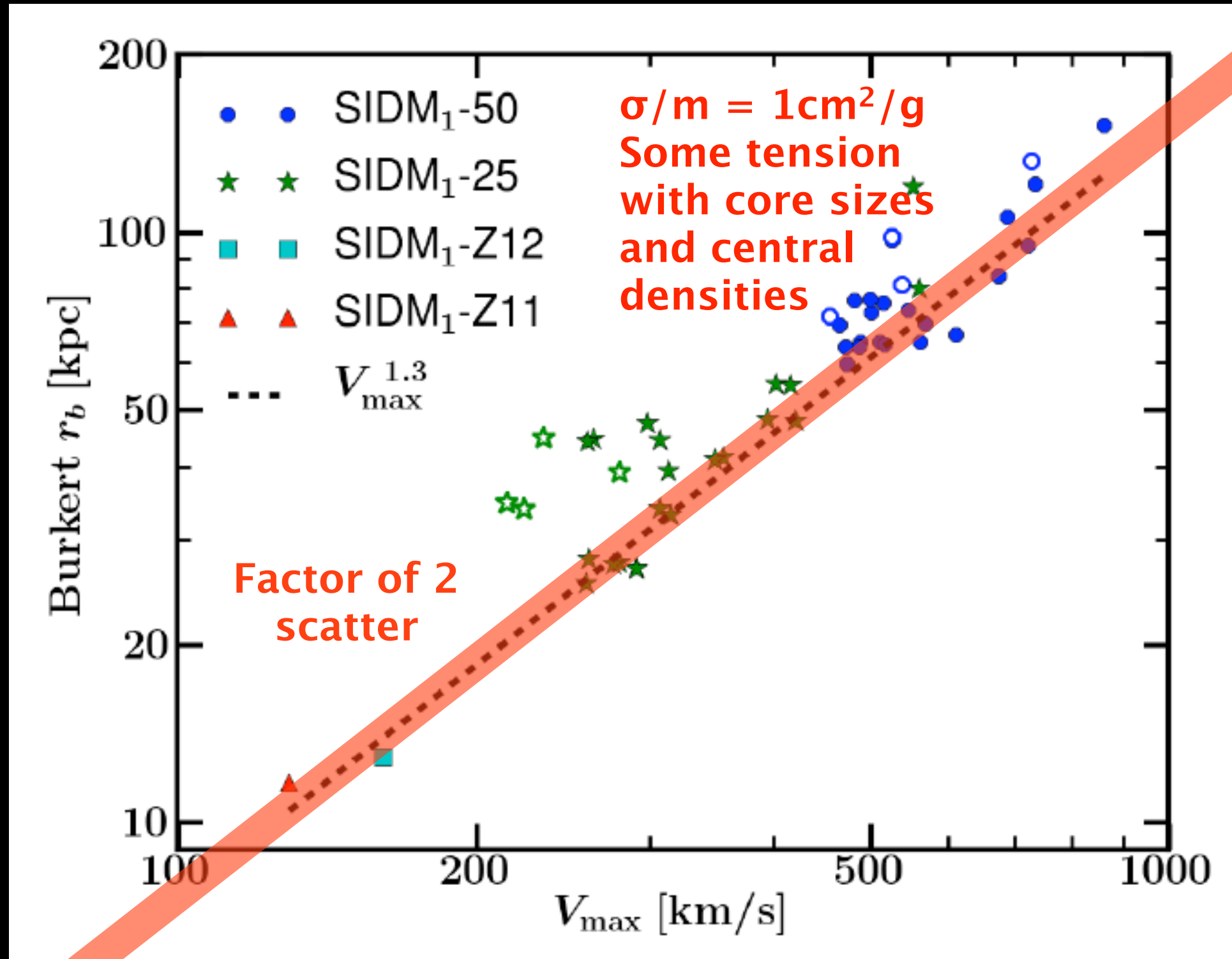
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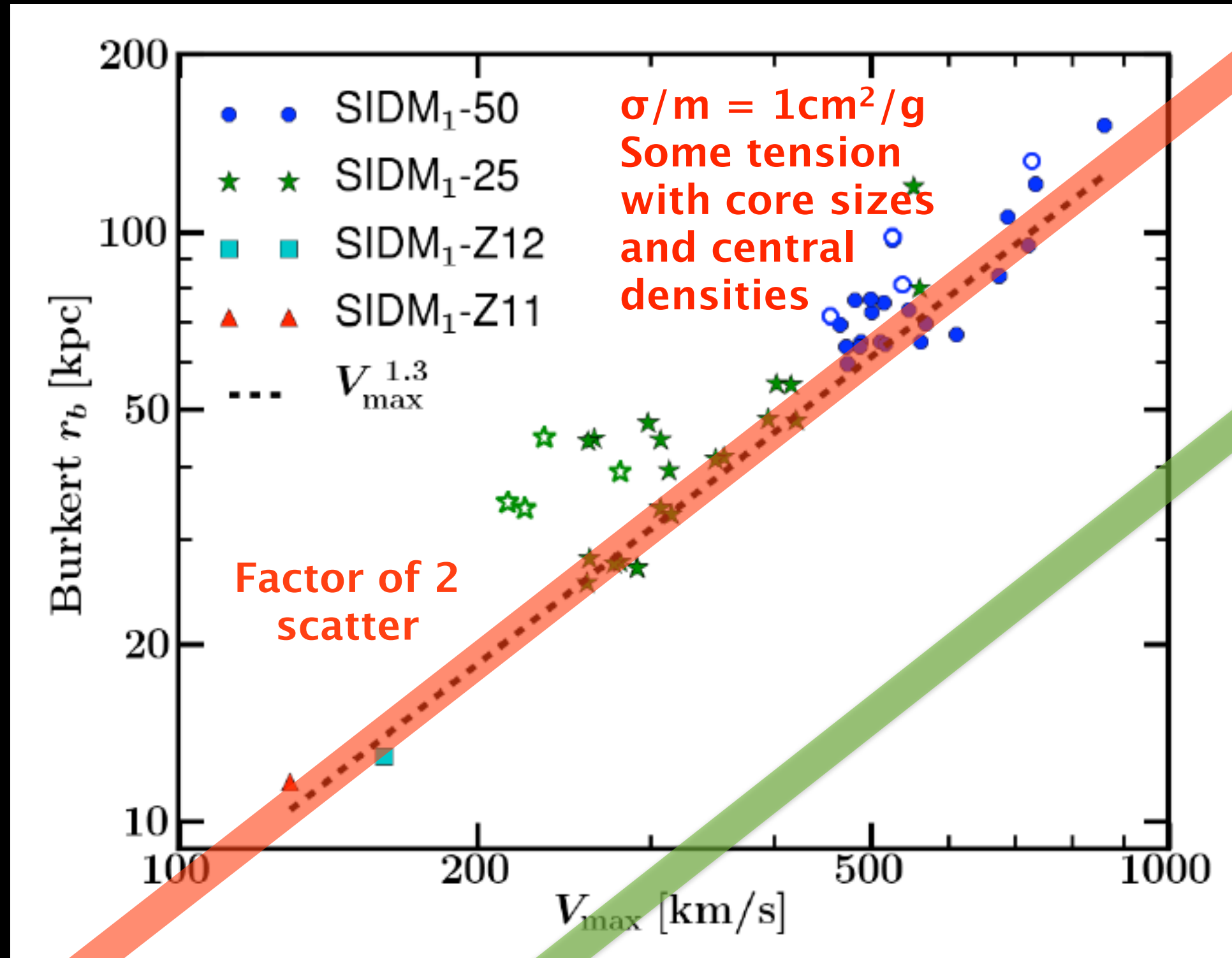
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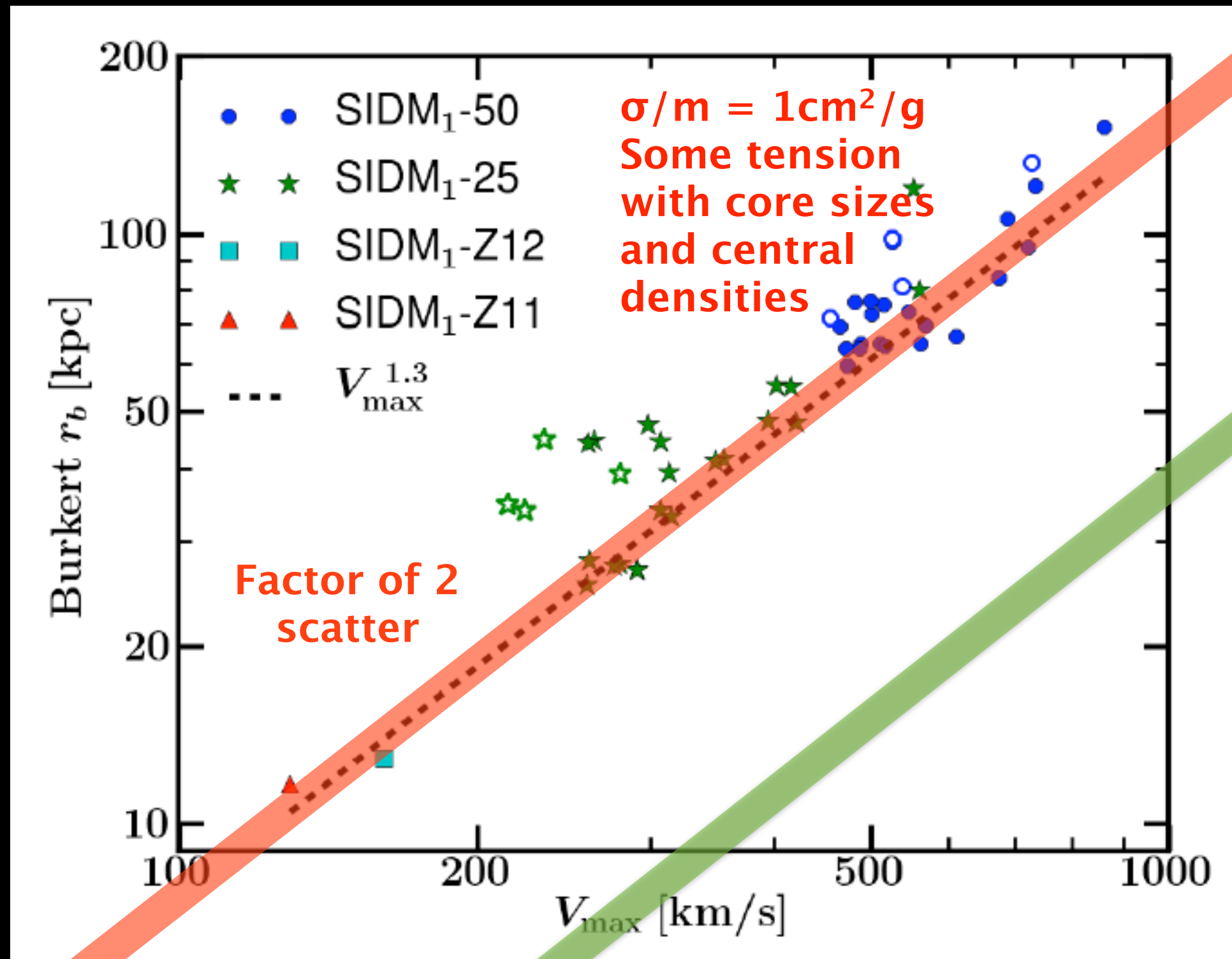
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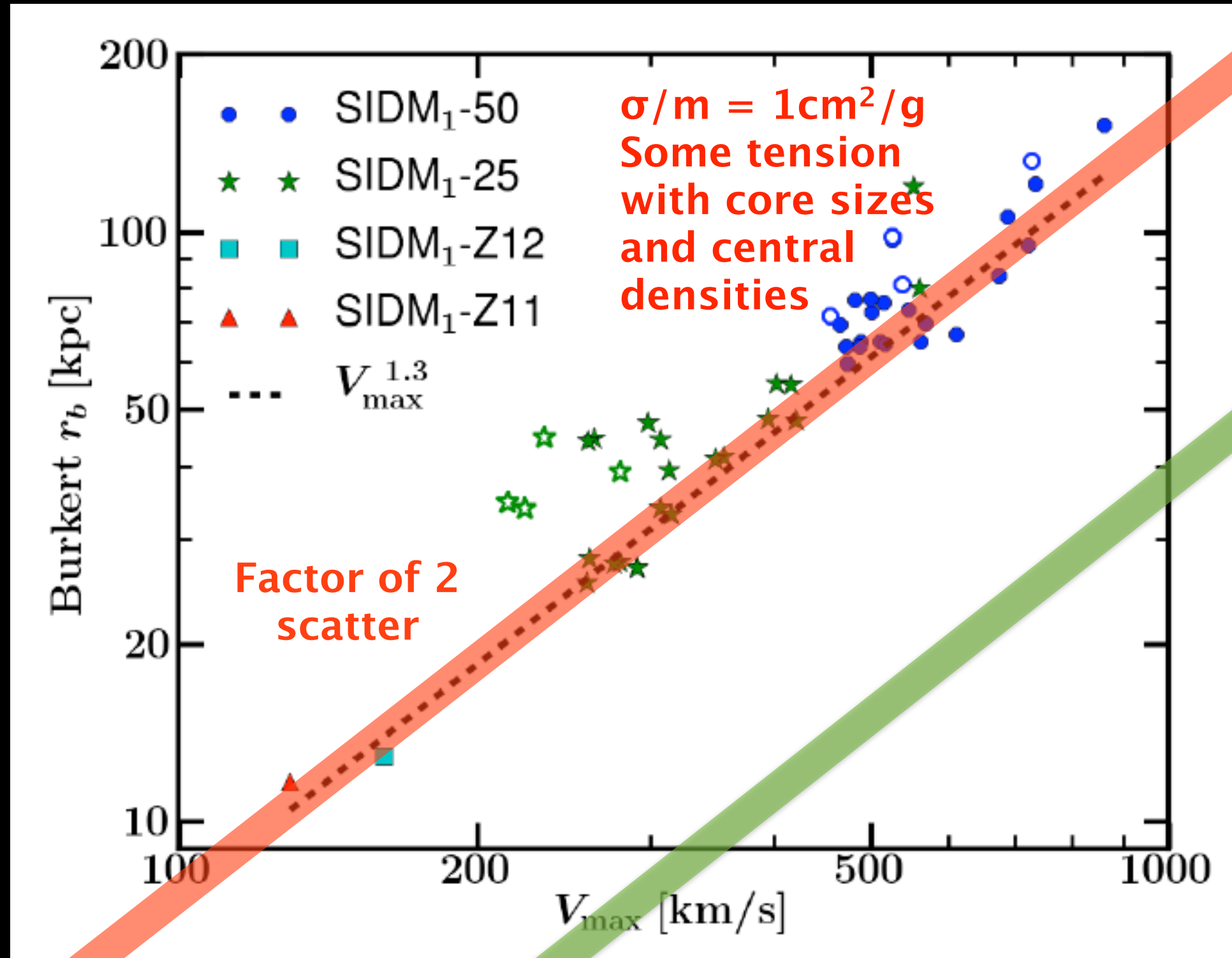
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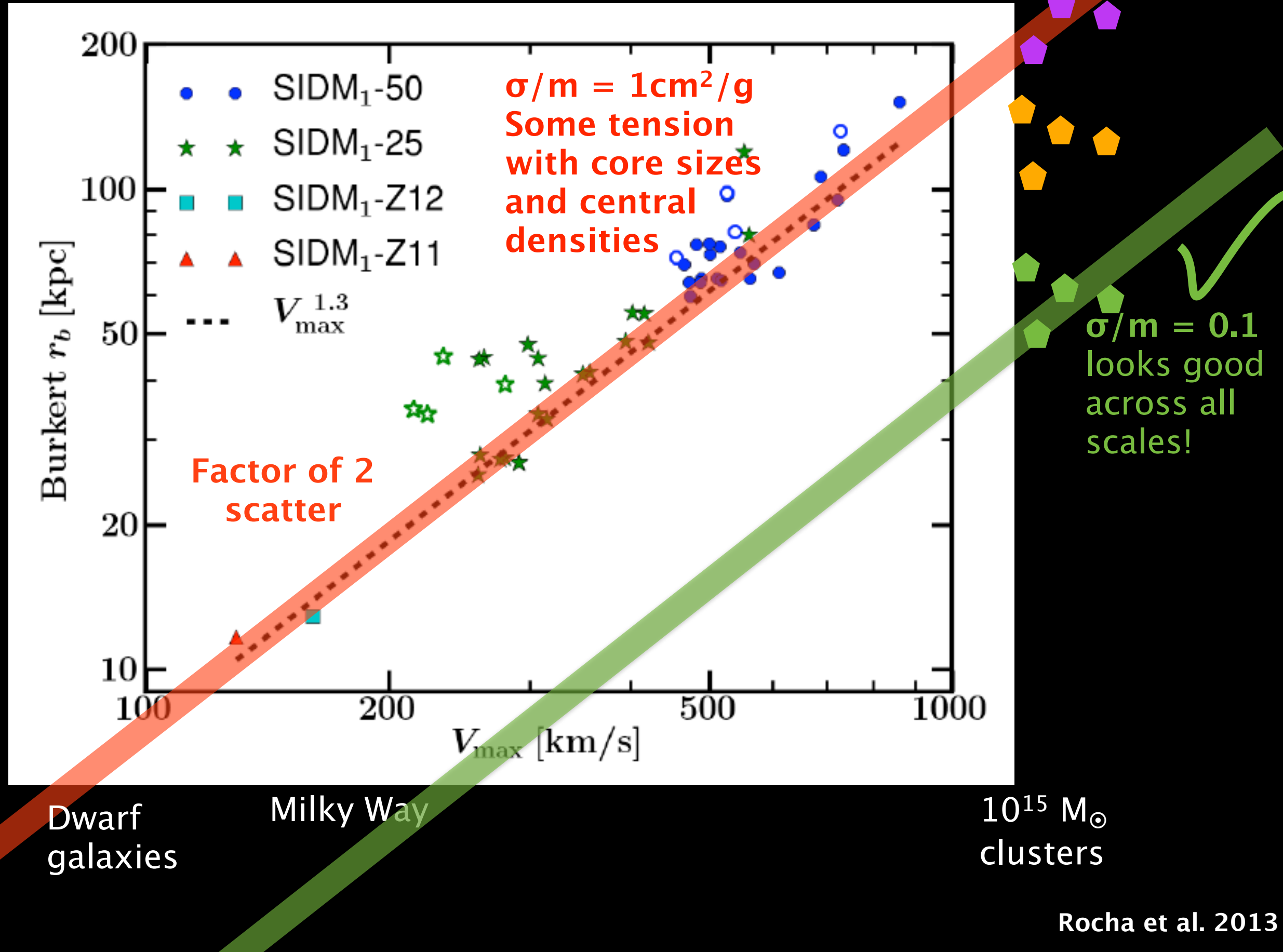
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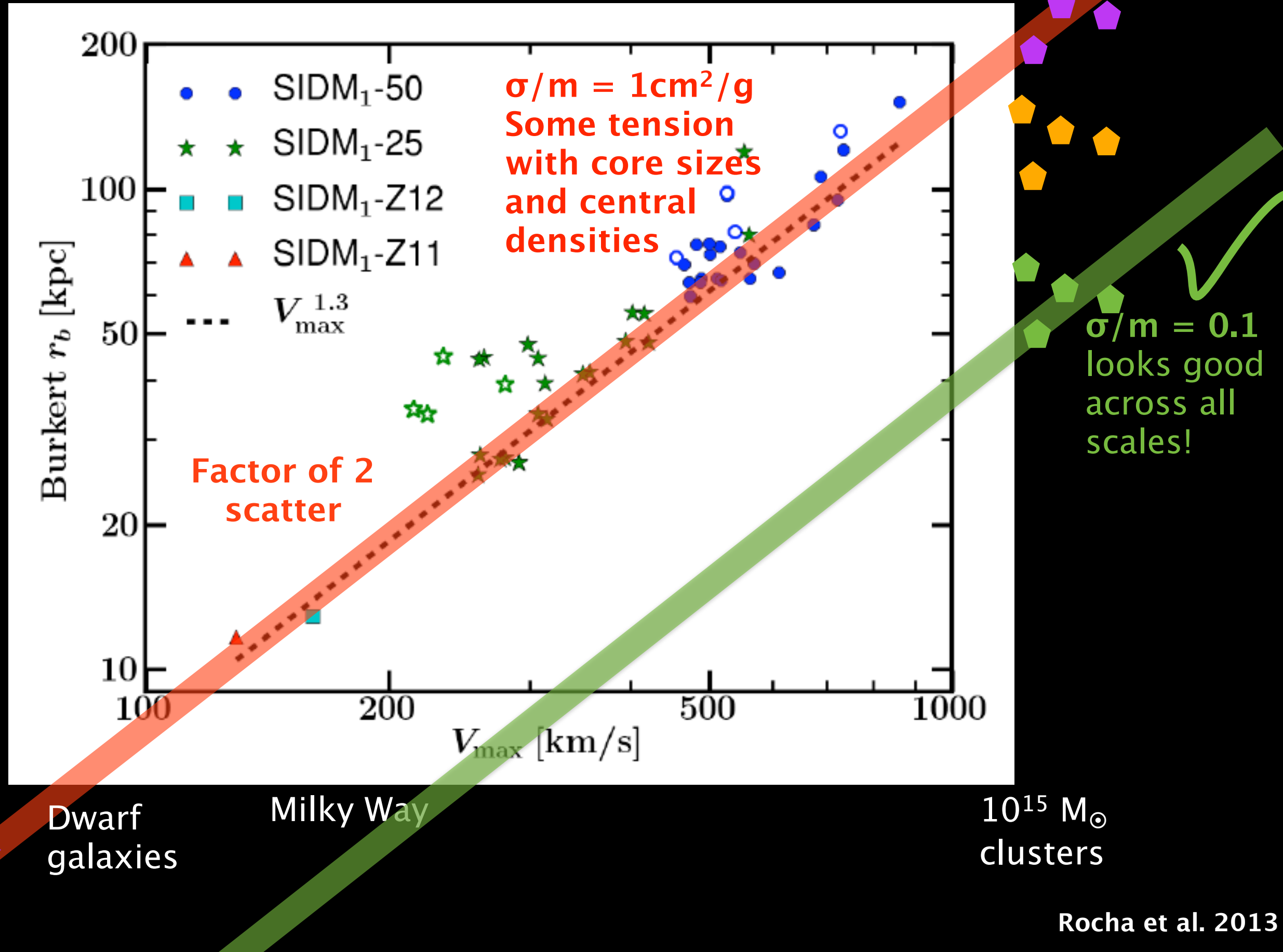
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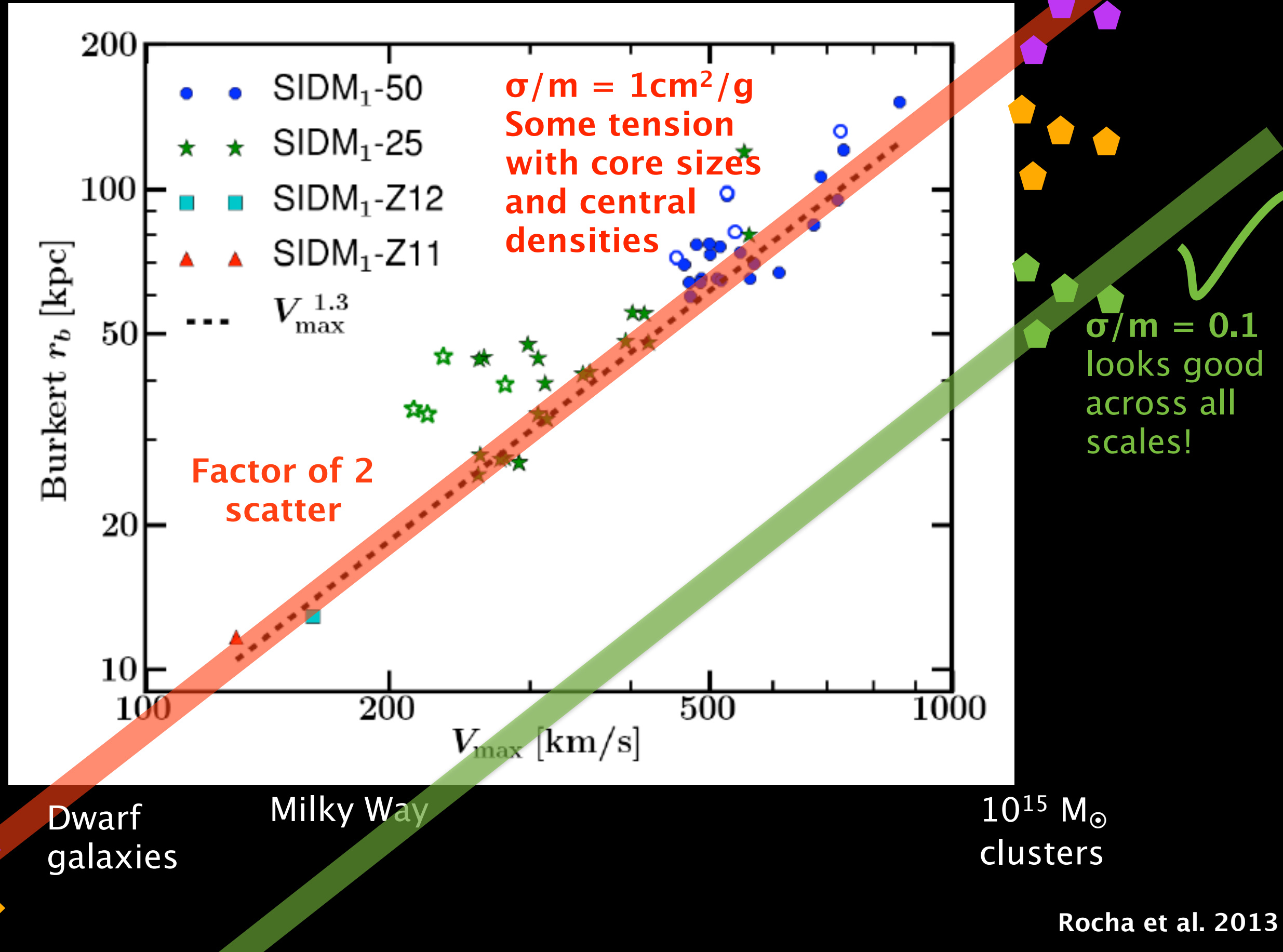
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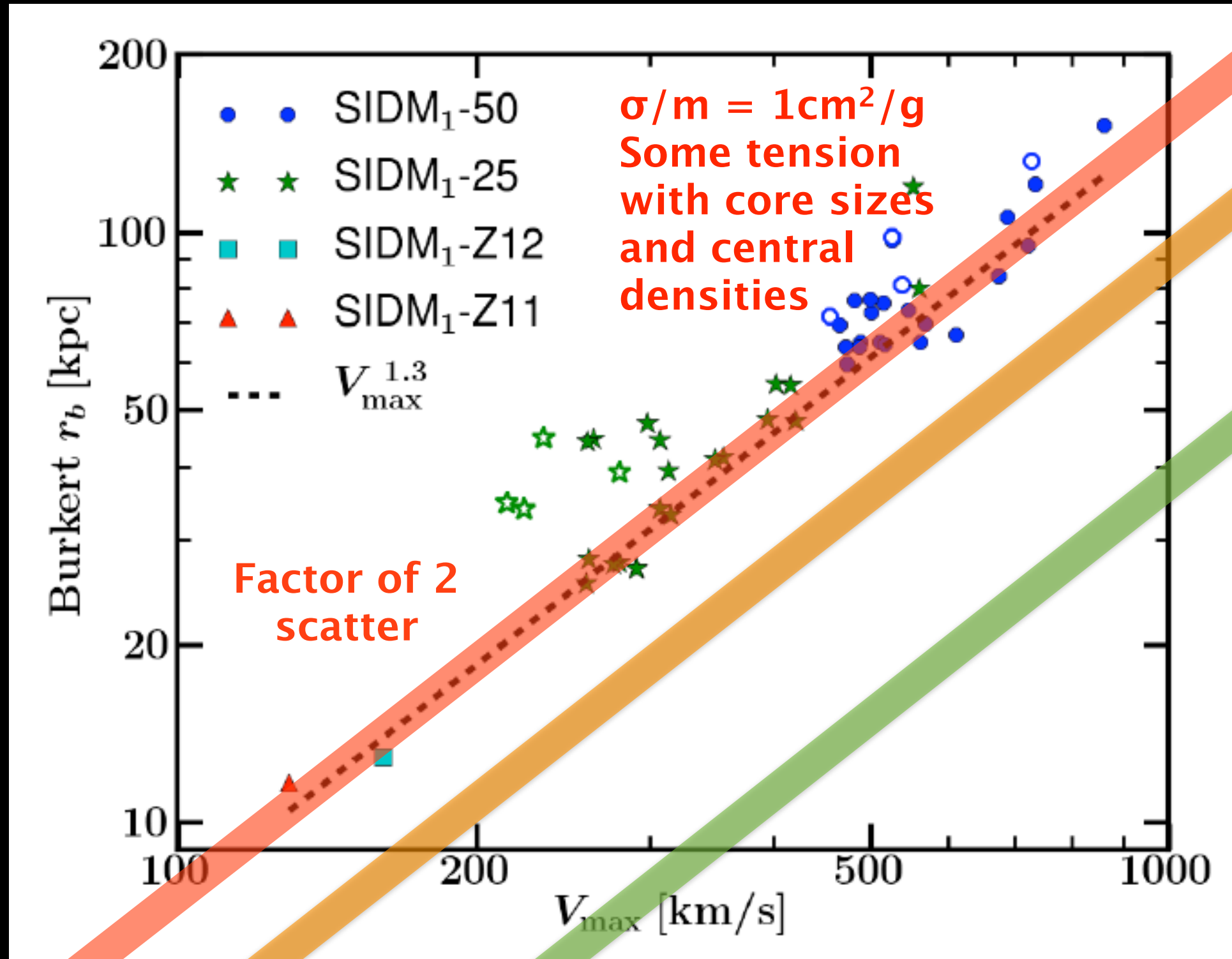
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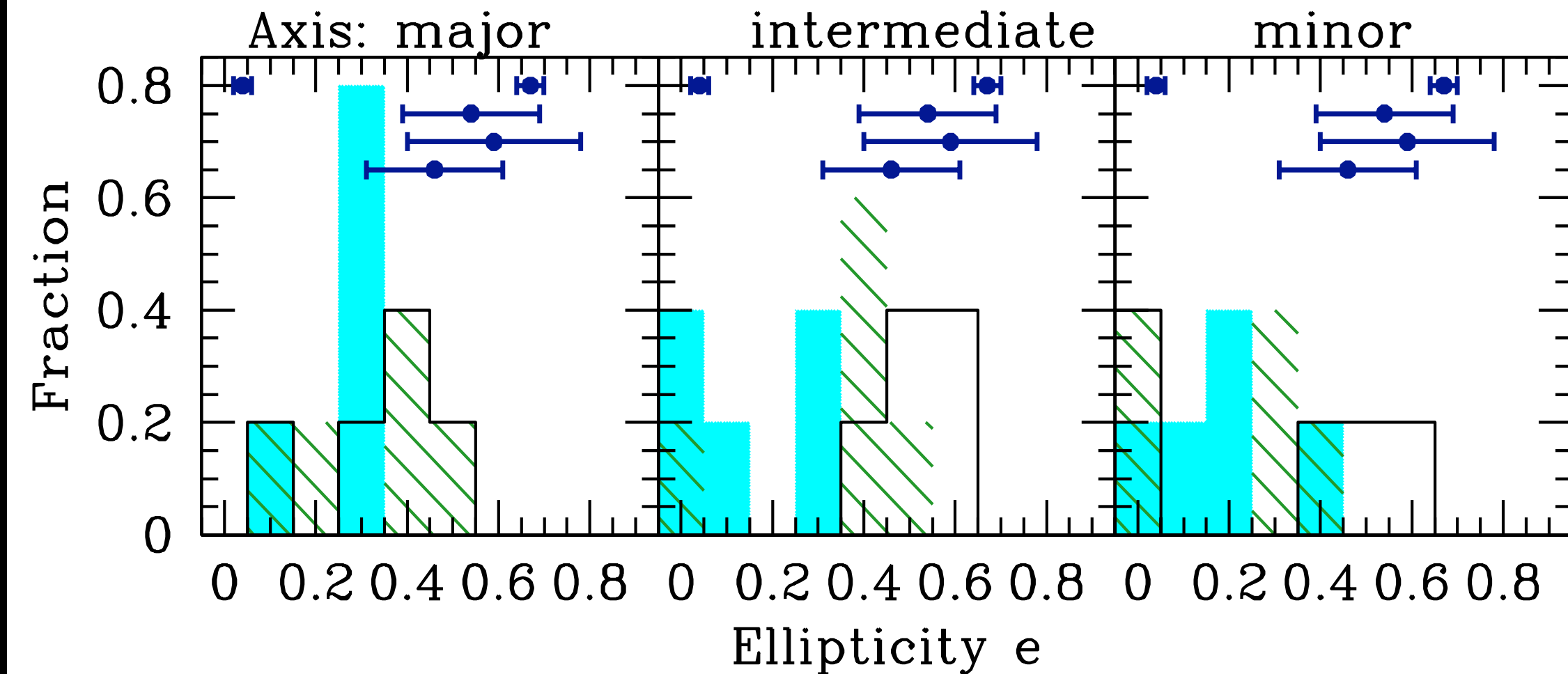
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$\sigma/m = 0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$
looks ok across all scales!

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Results from cosmological simulations - Halo shapes



$\sigma/m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ looks more likely!

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This is more than an order of magnitude less stringent than Miralda-Escude (2002), the reason is that:

- ❖ Halos get spherical only within the cores
- ❖ If inner parts have flattened density, outer parts have even greater weight.

Results from cosmological simulations - Halo densities

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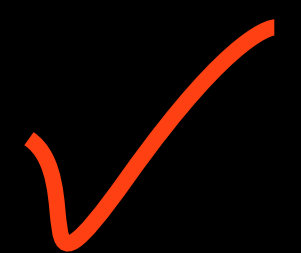
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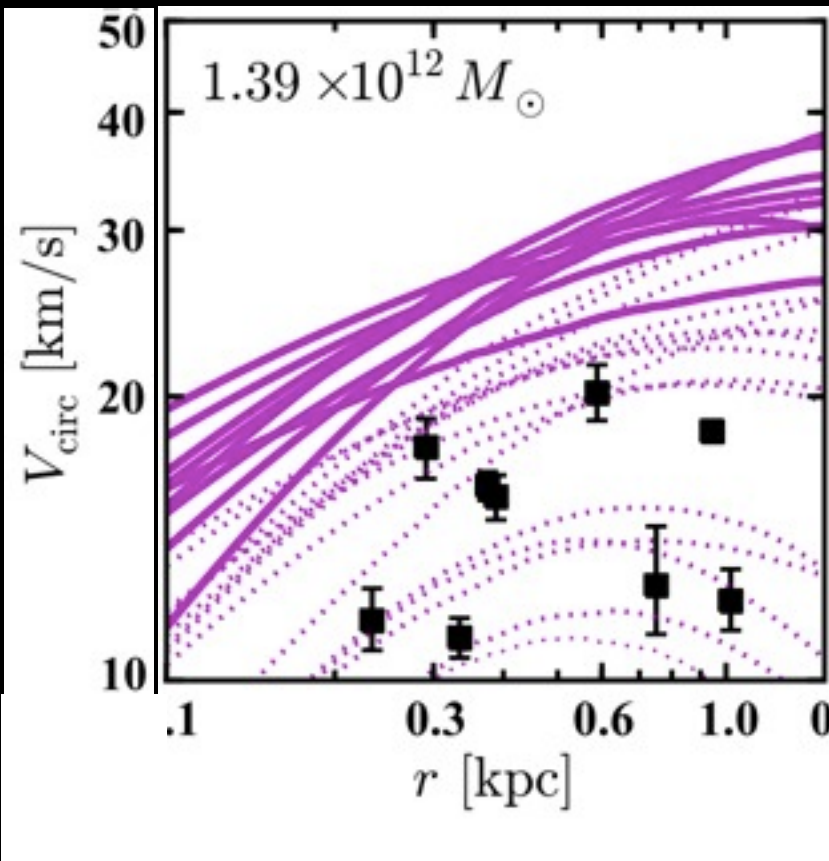
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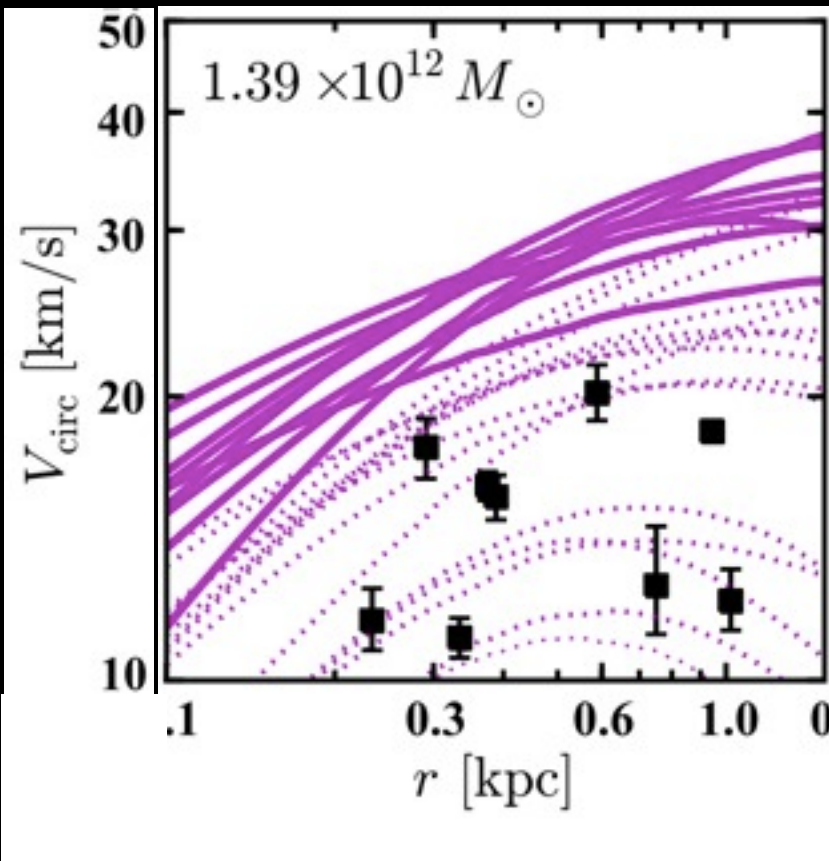
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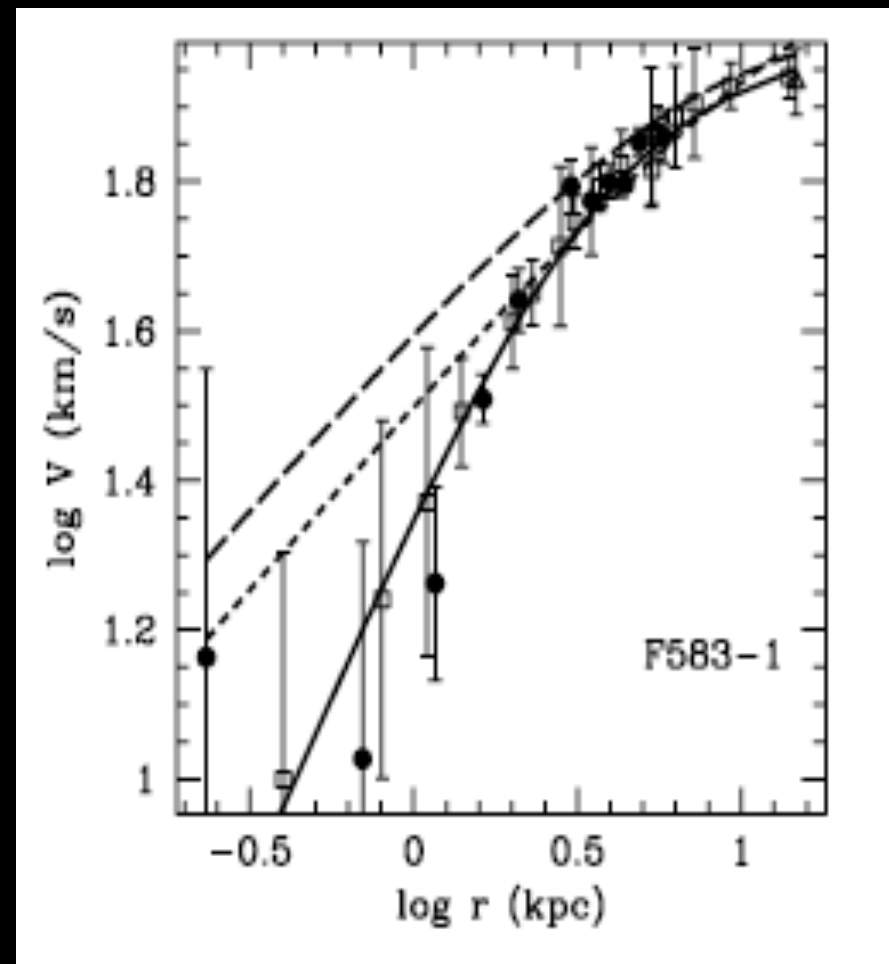
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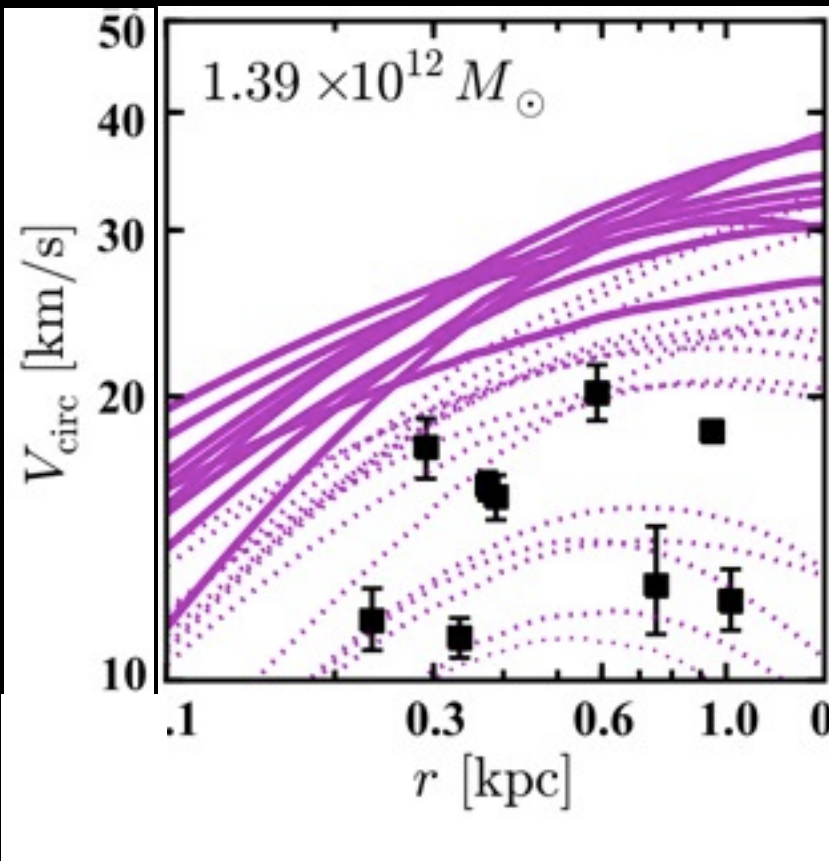
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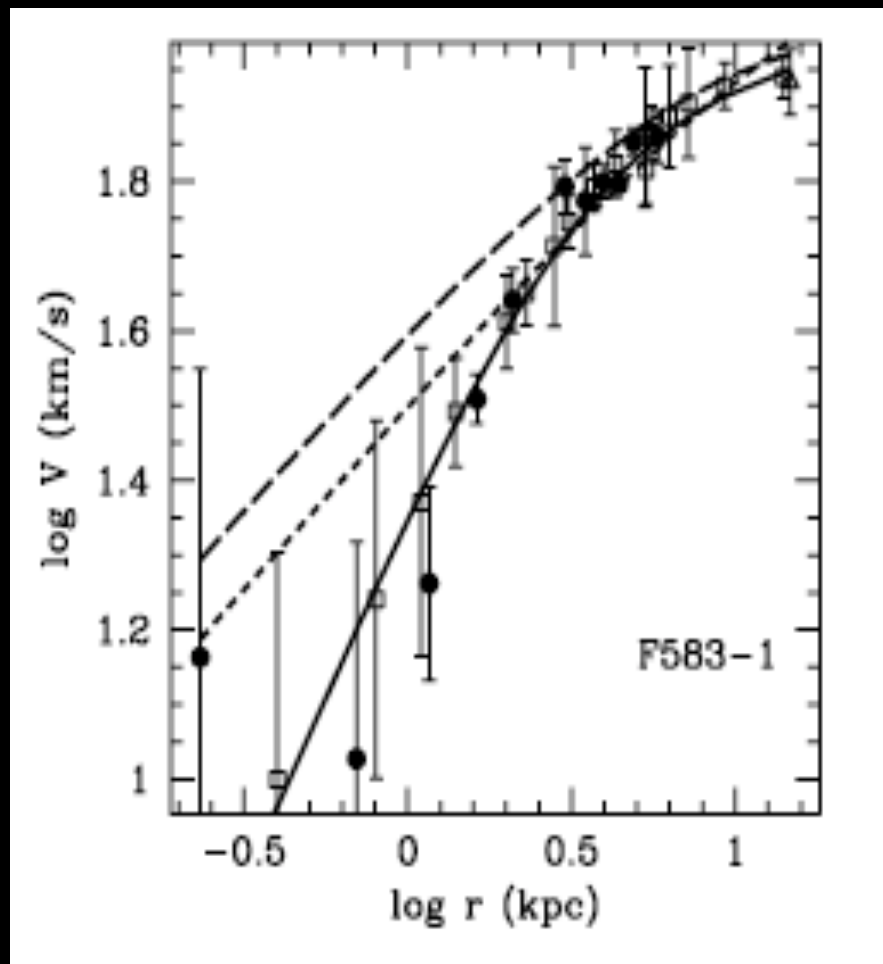
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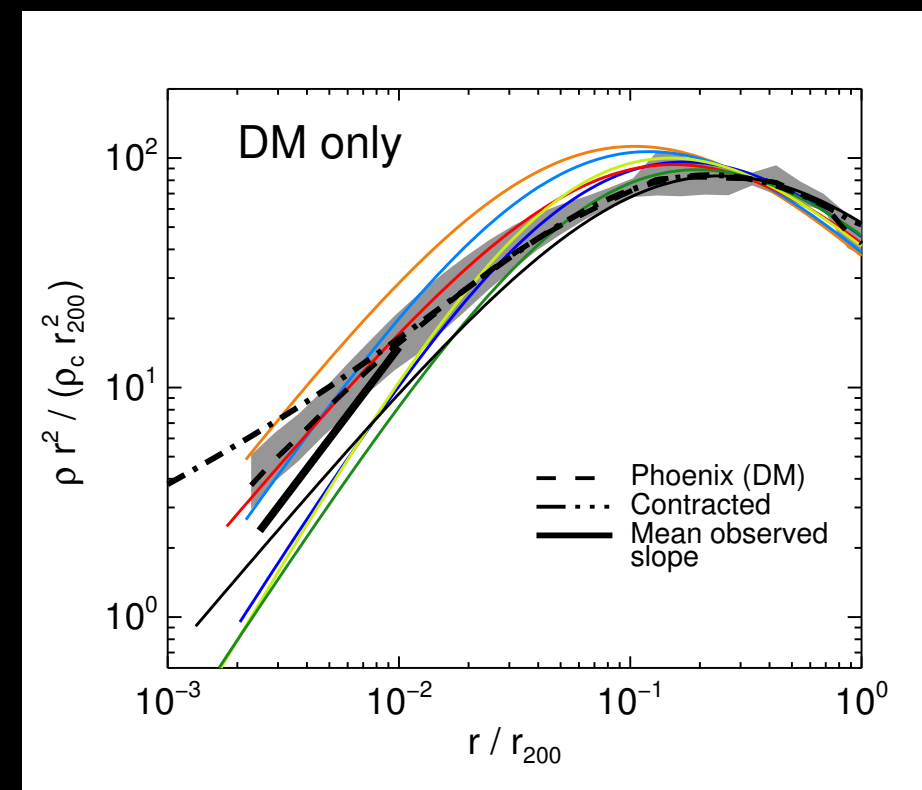


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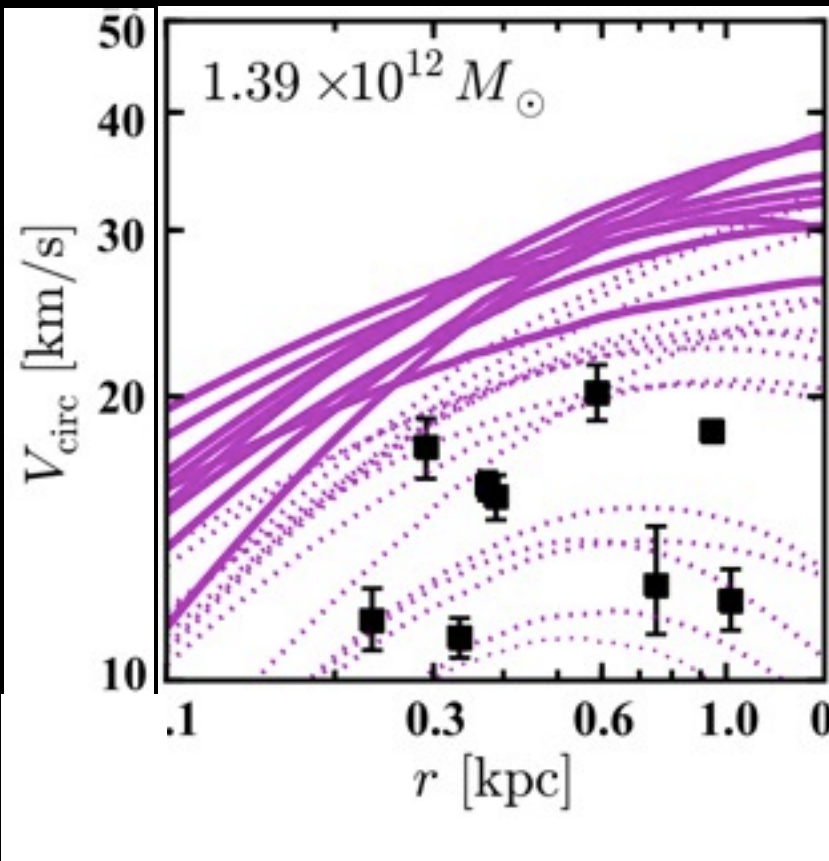
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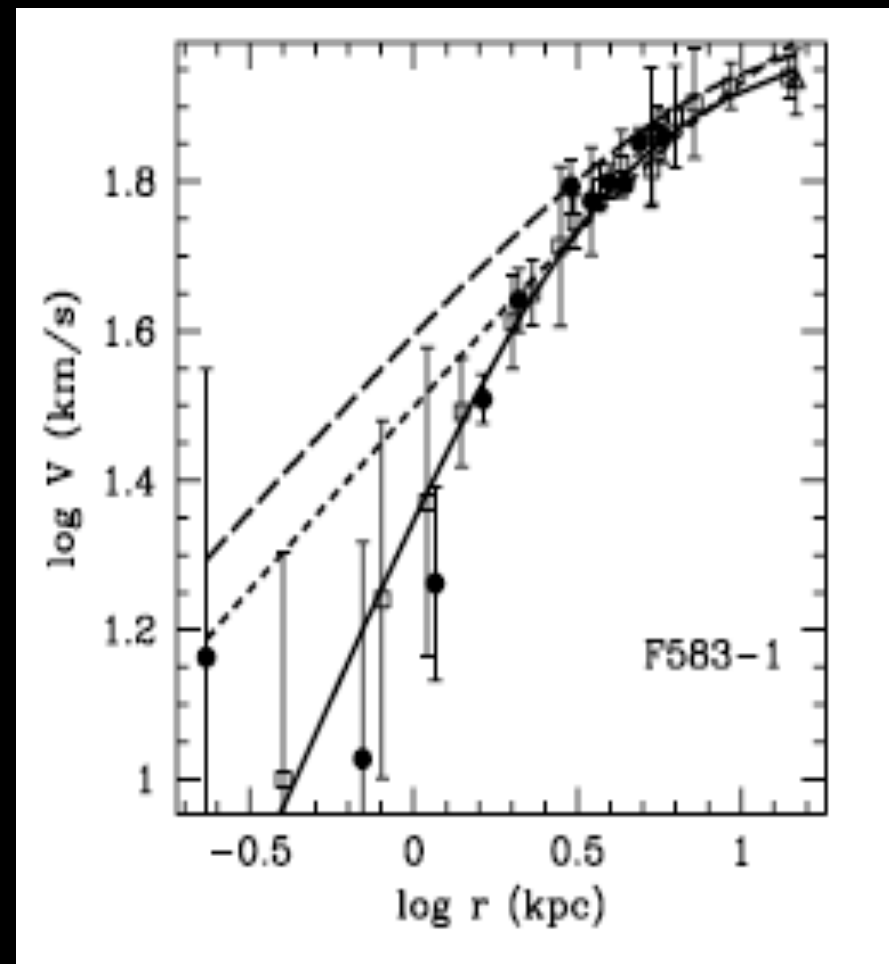
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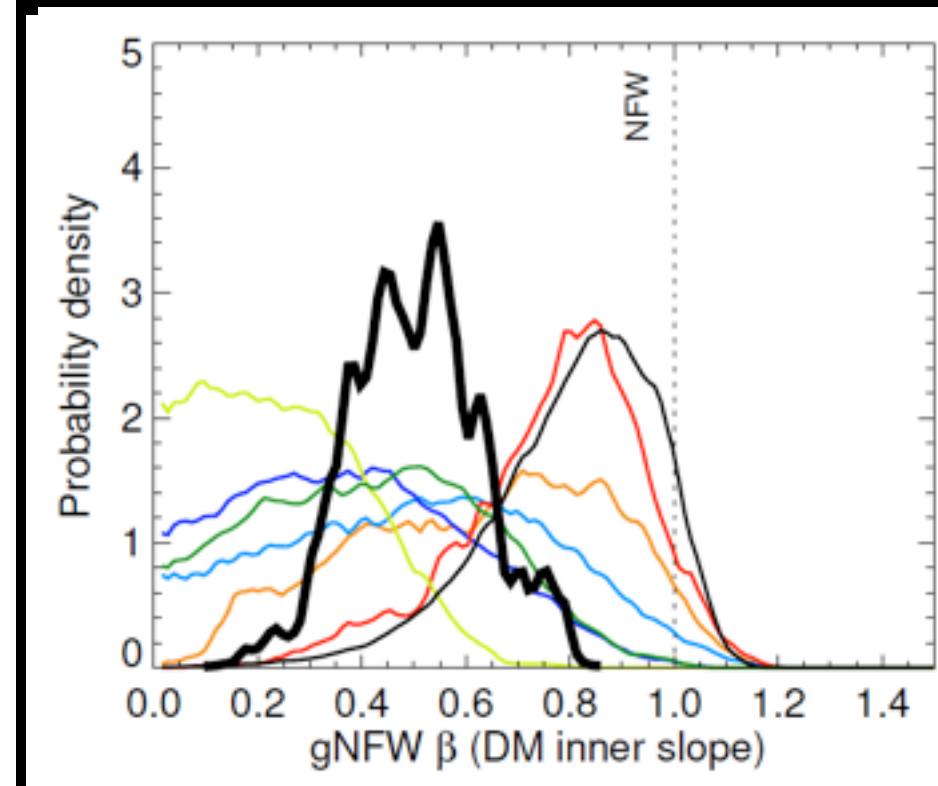


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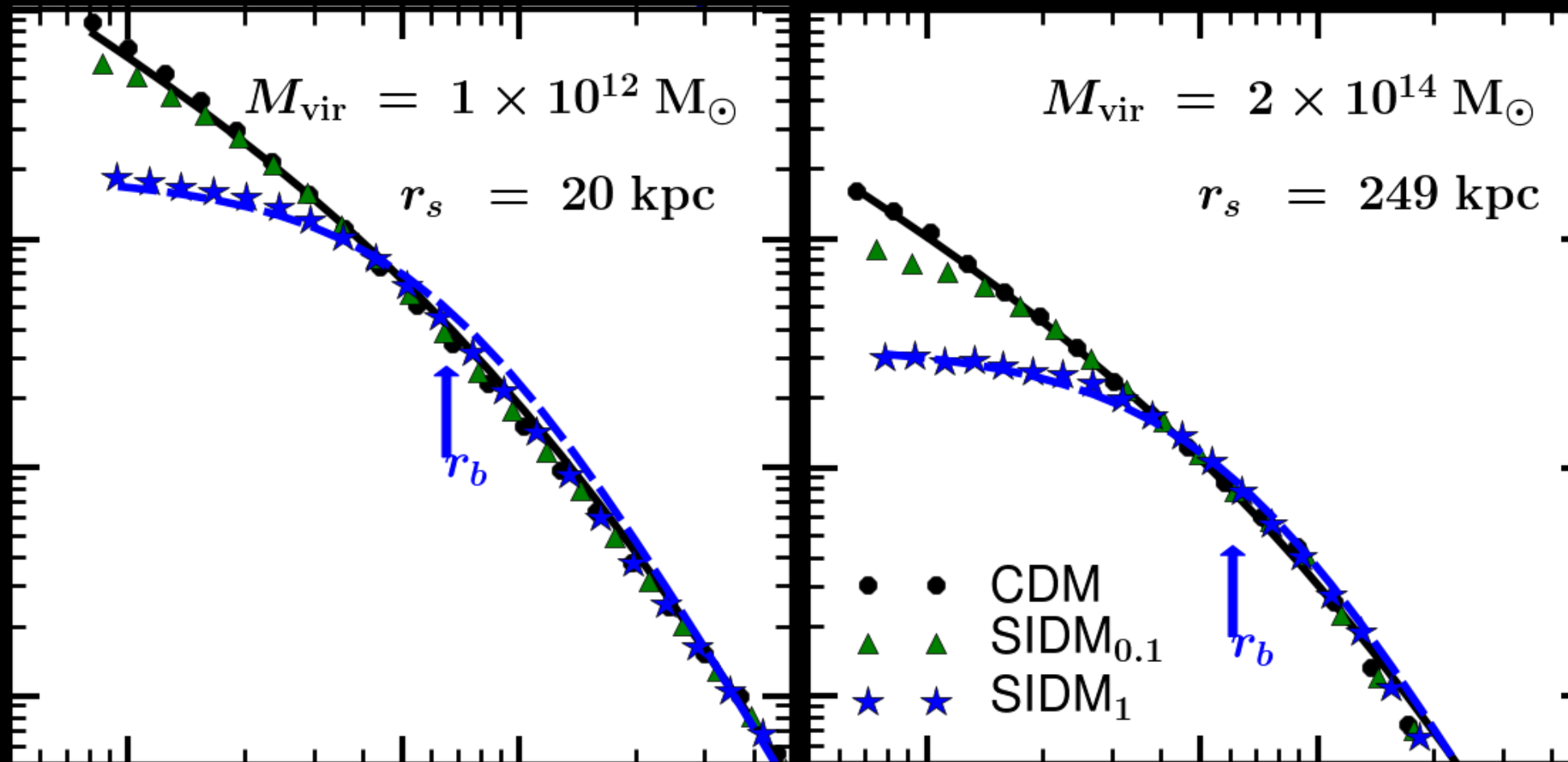
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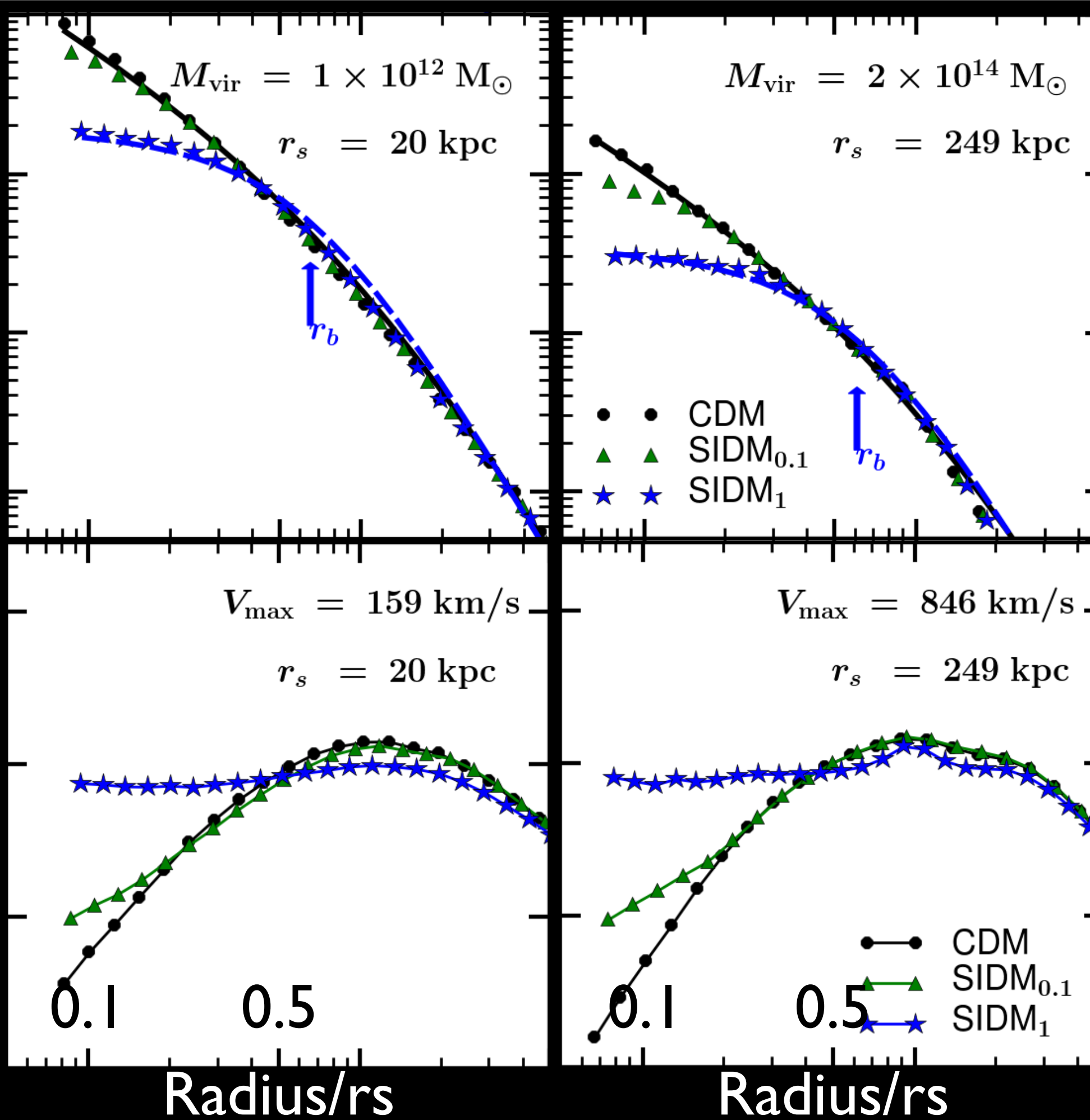
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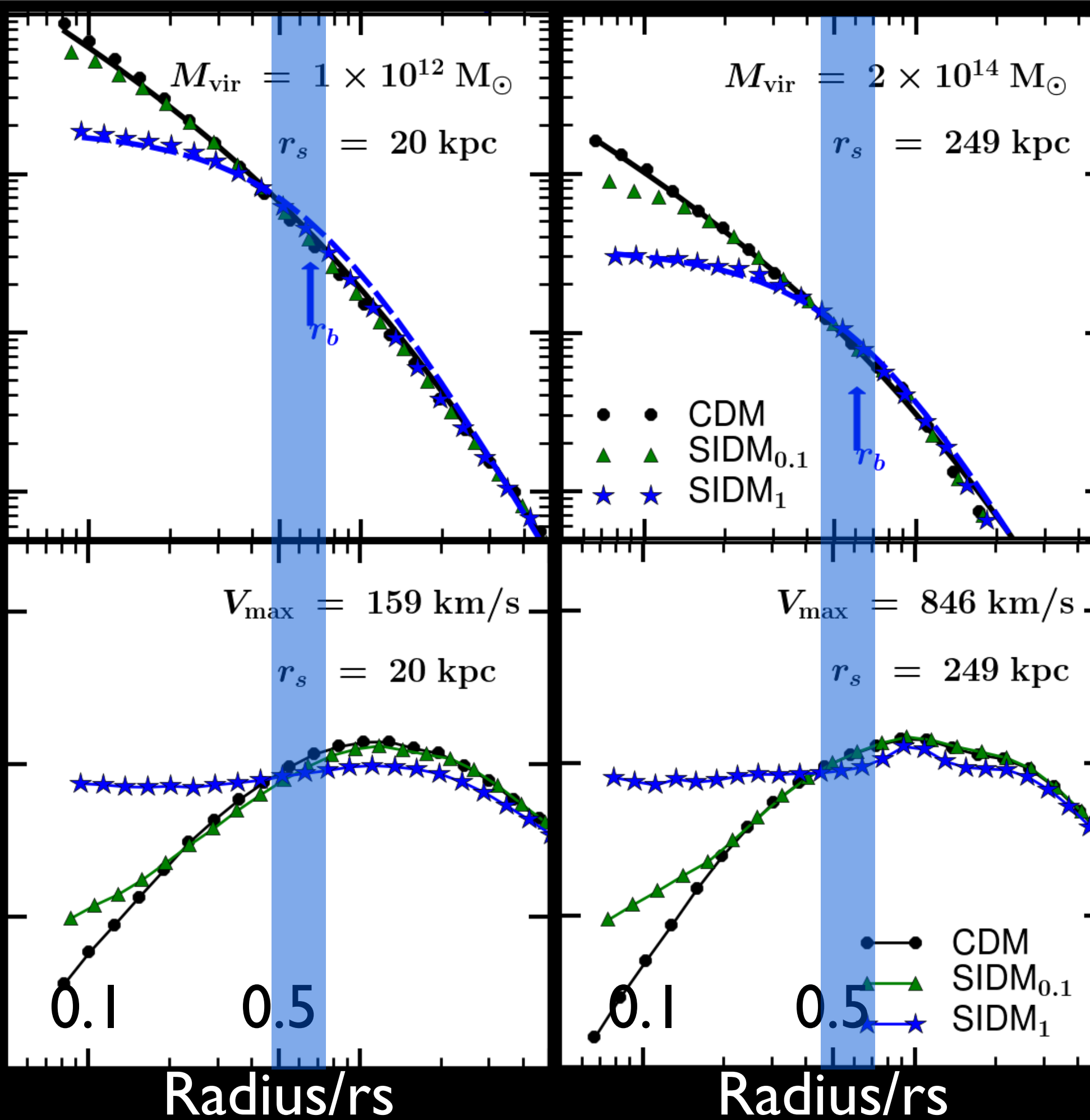
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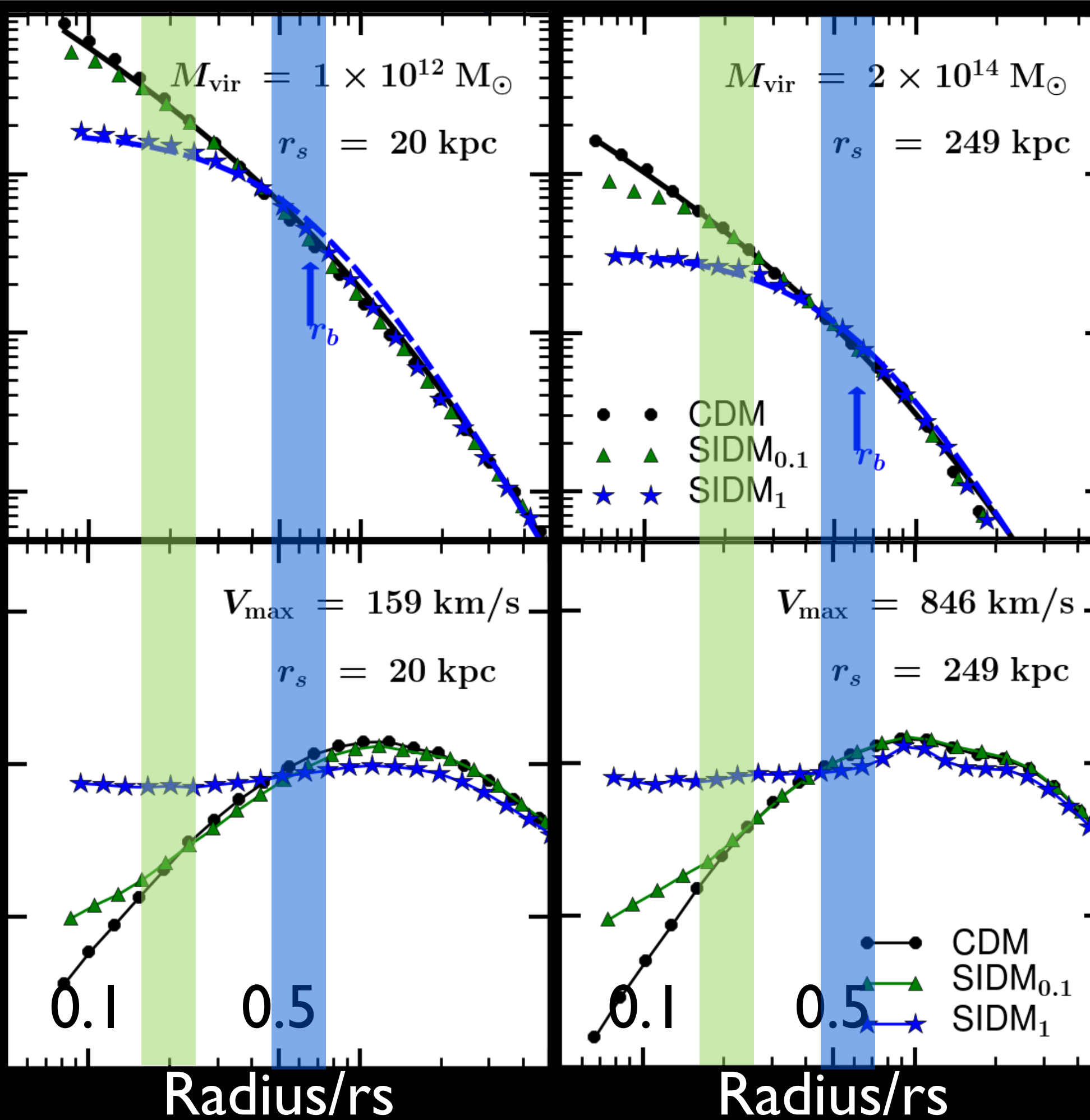
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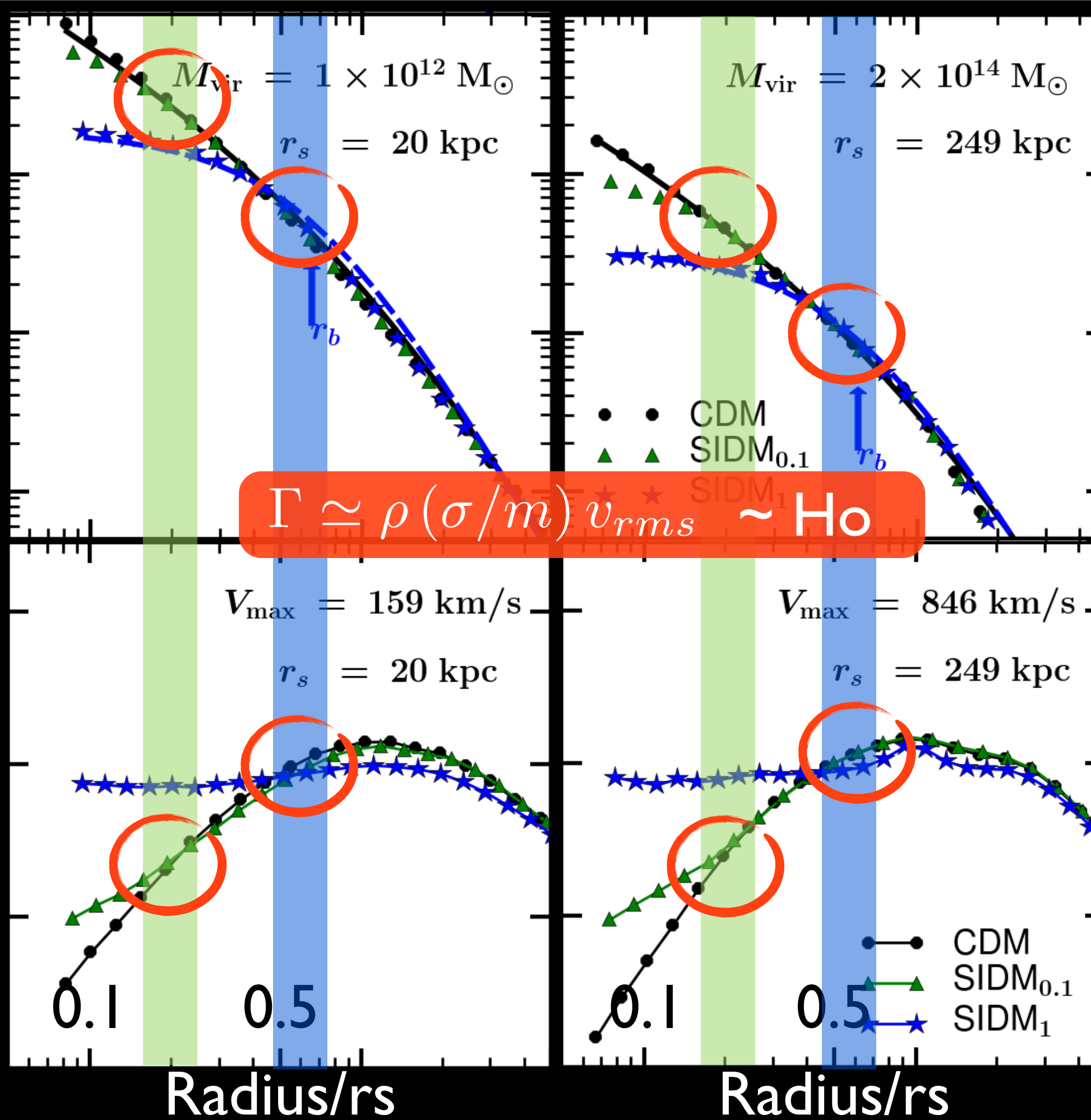
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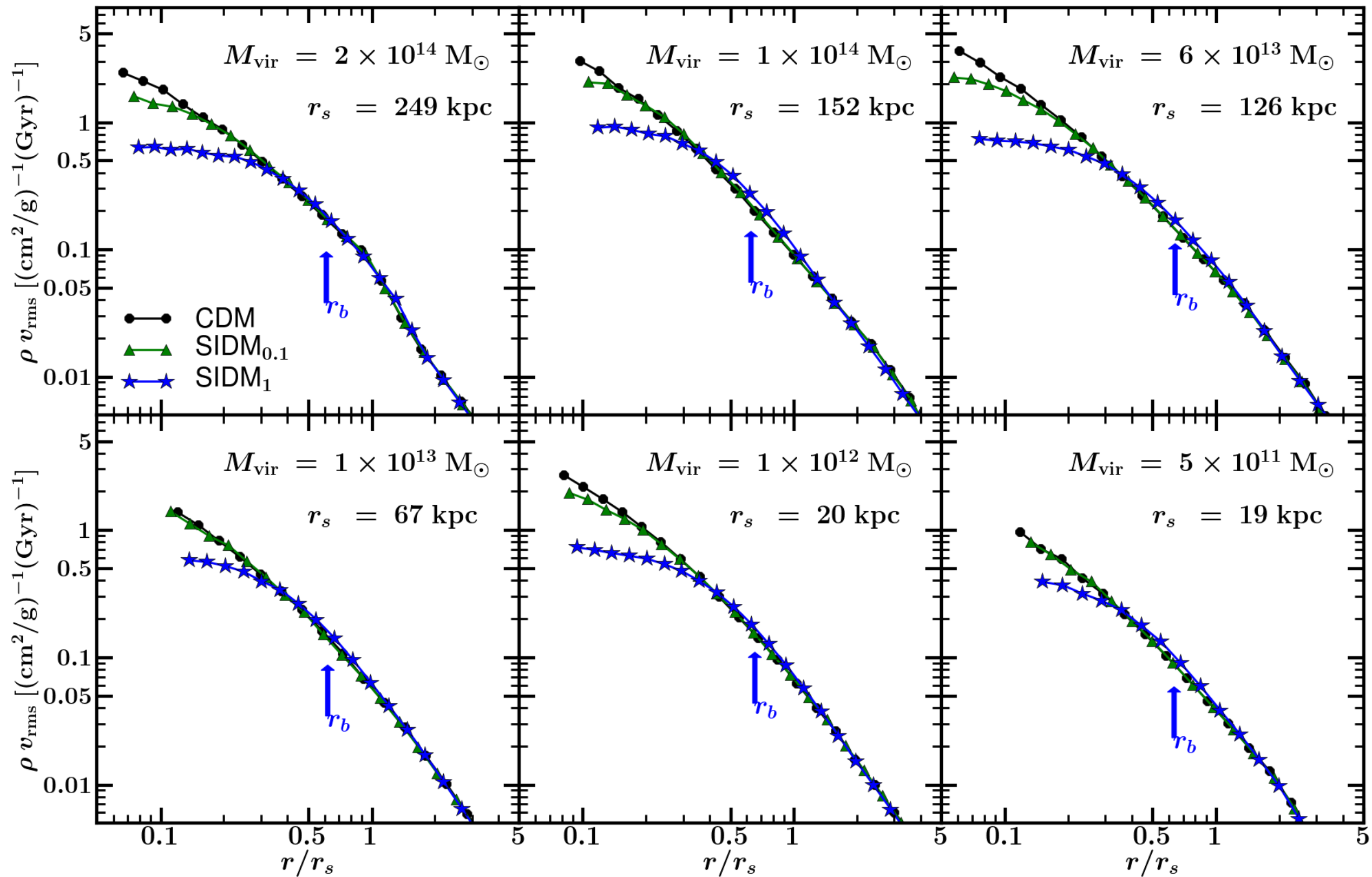
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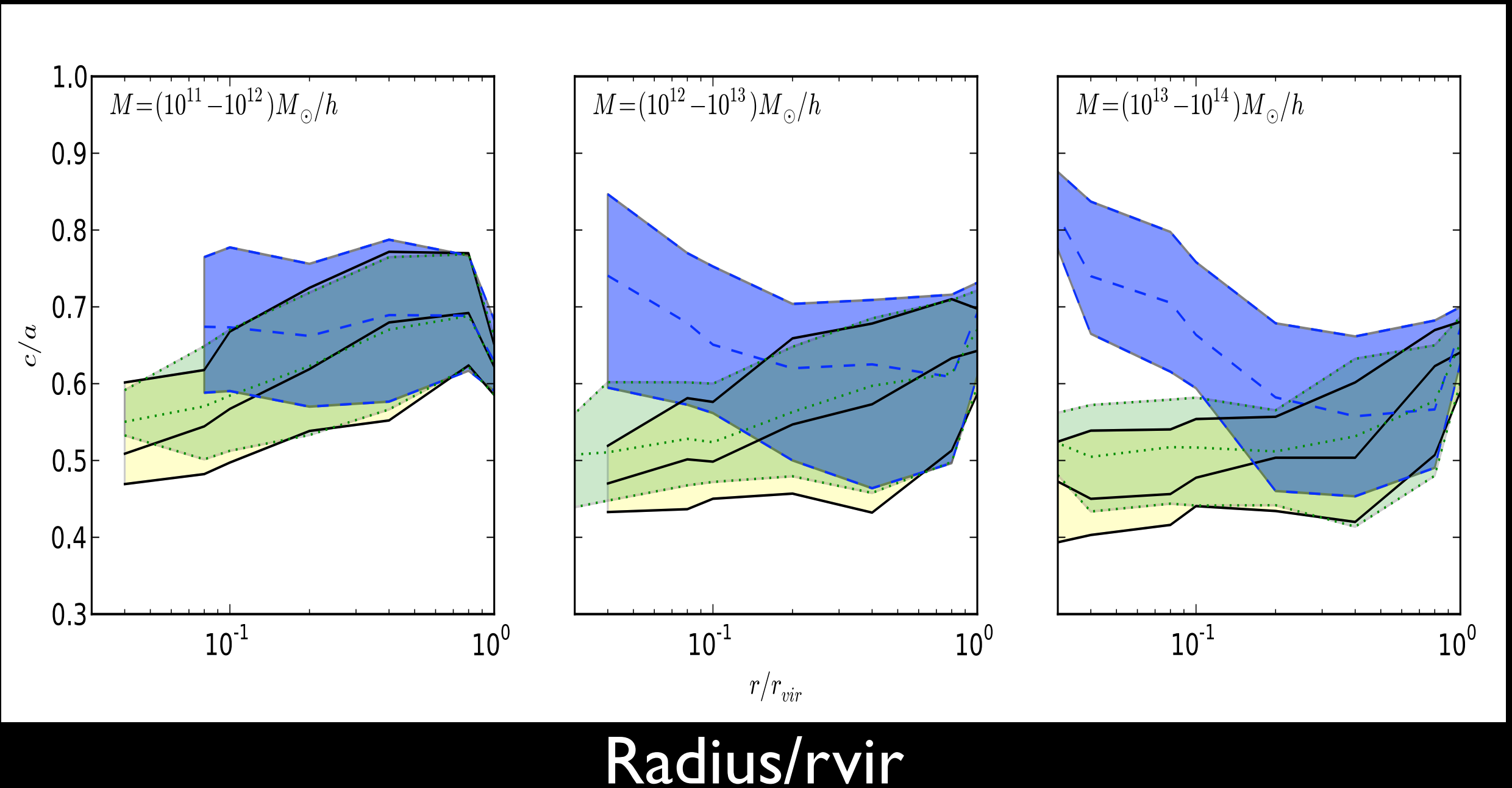


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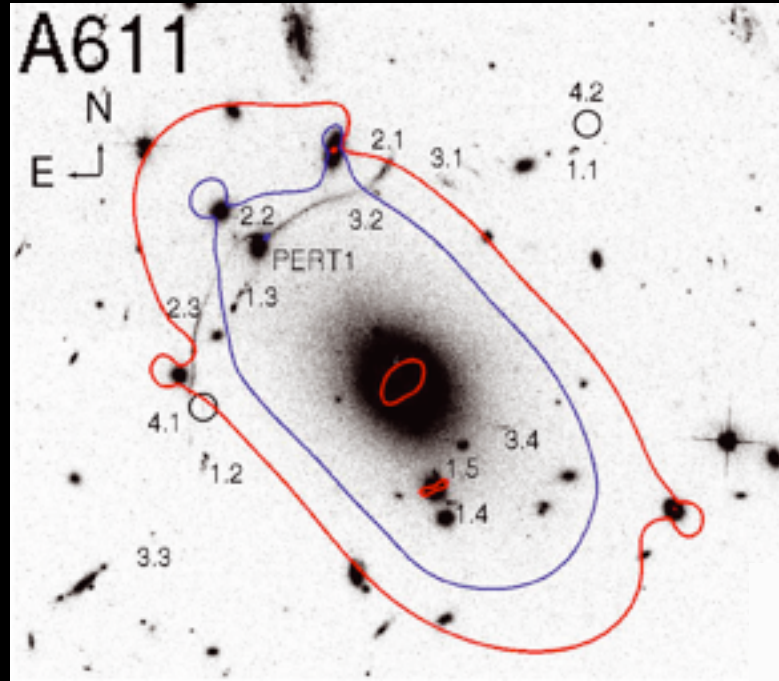
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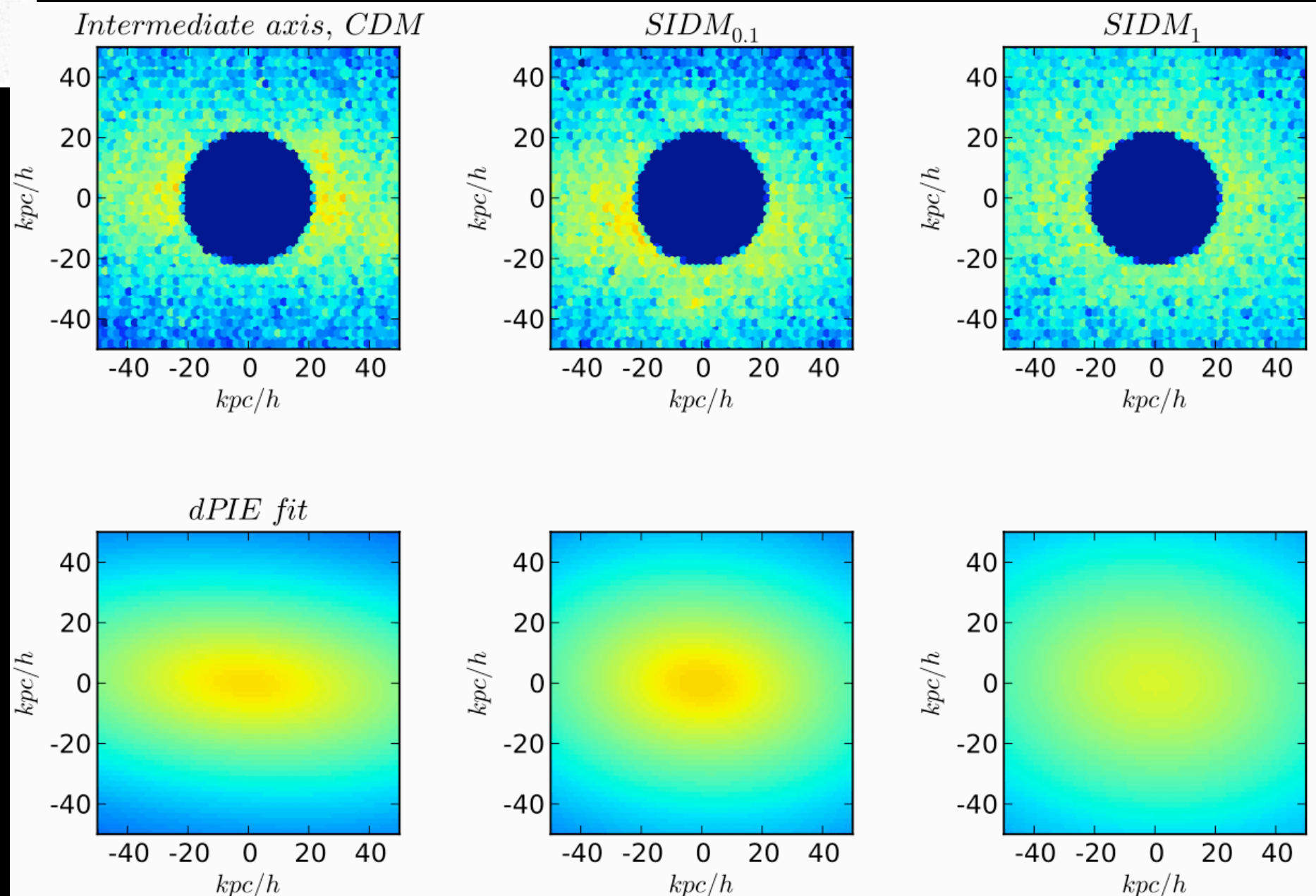
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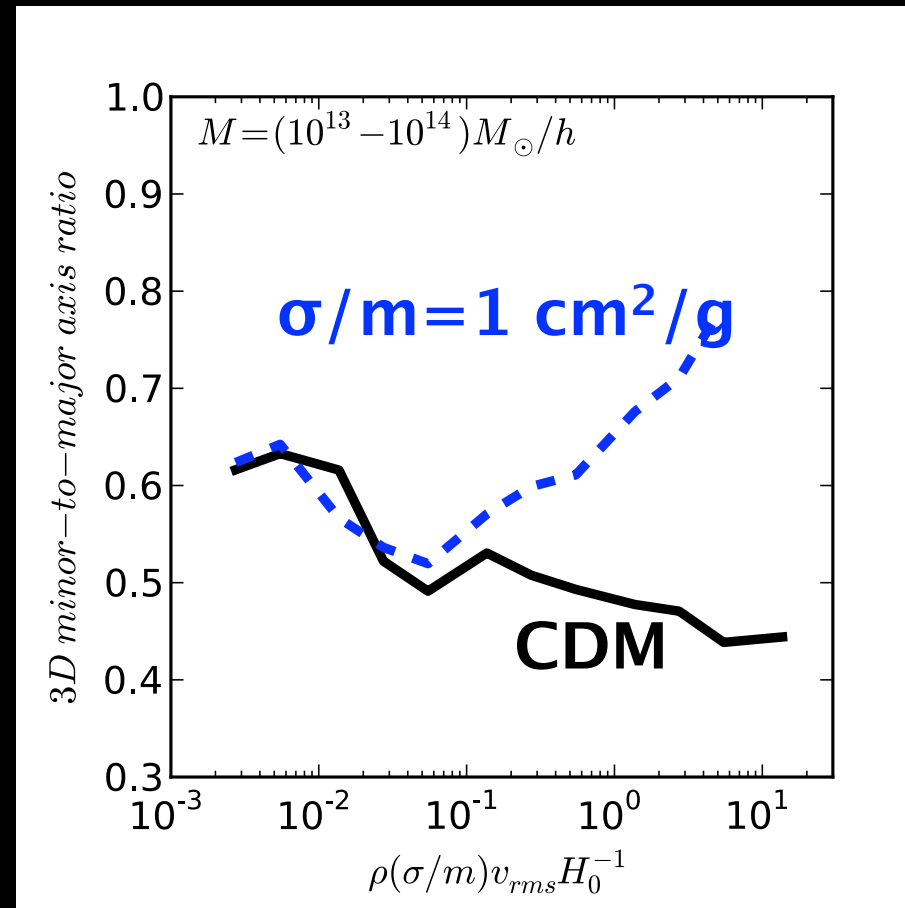
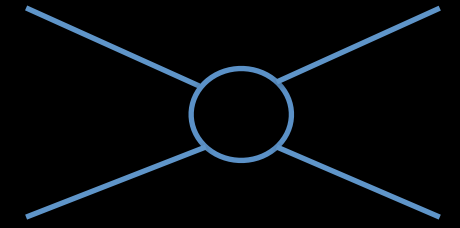
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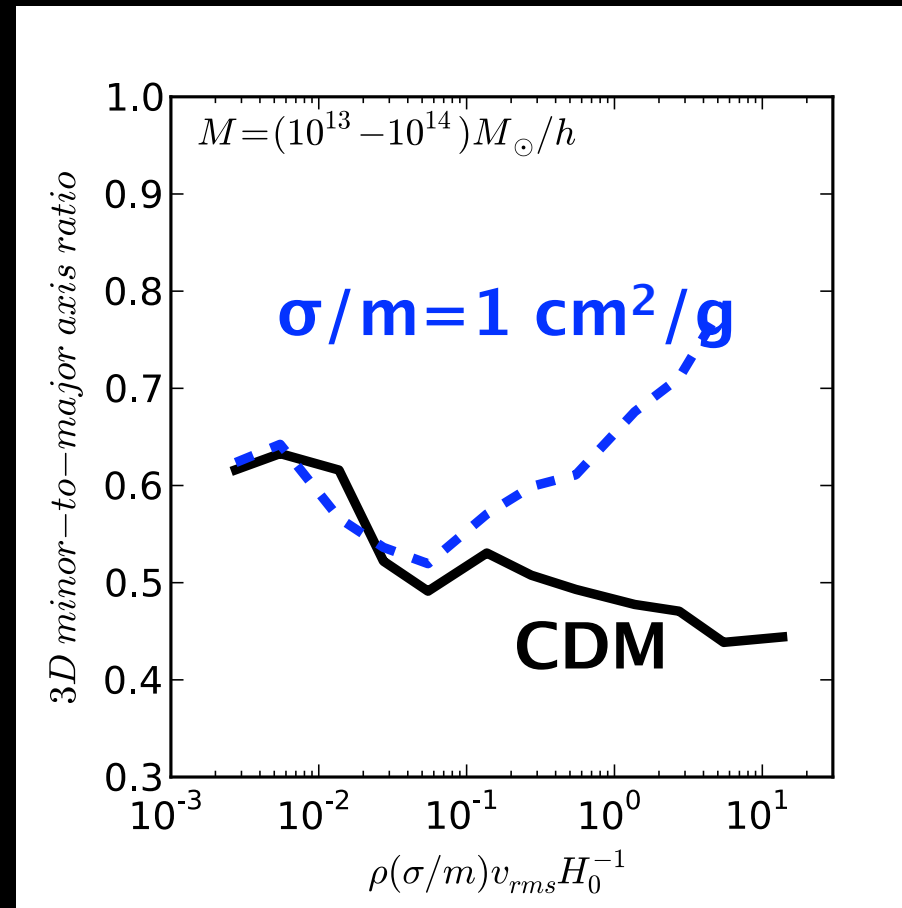
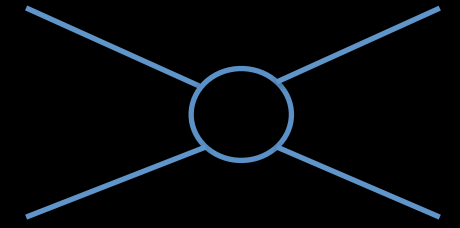
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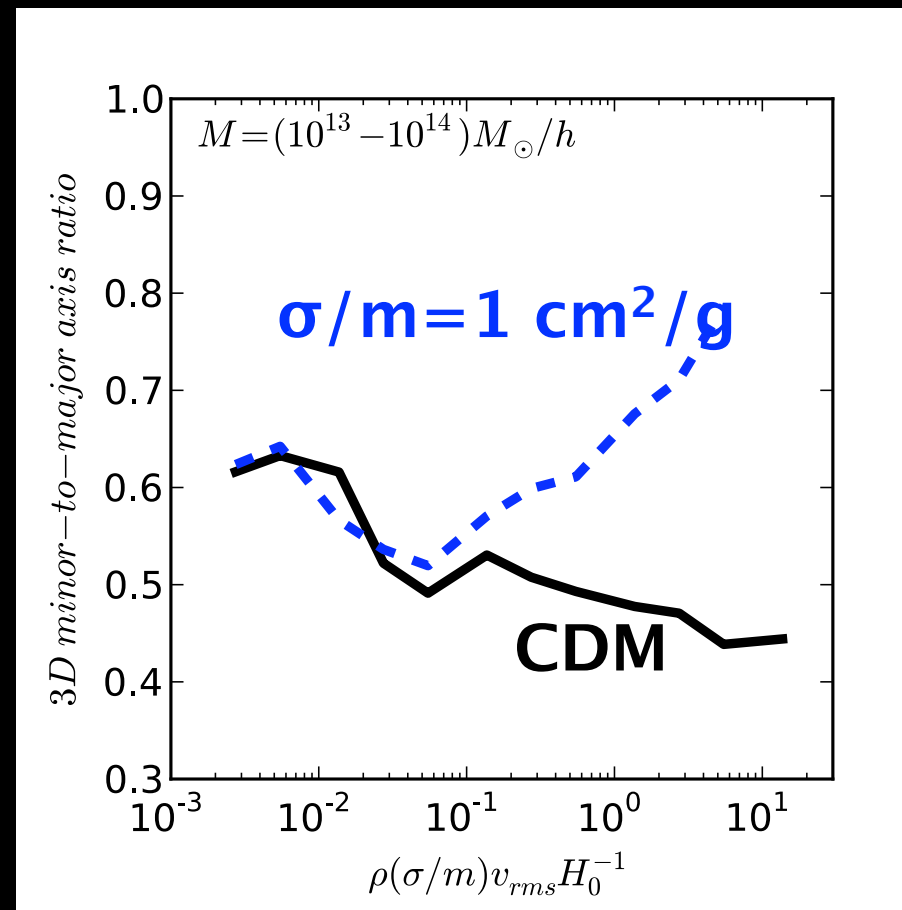
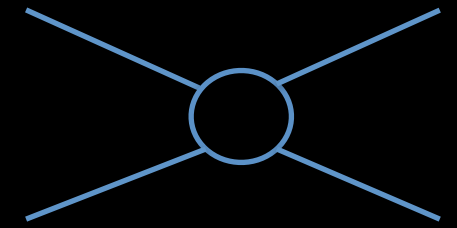
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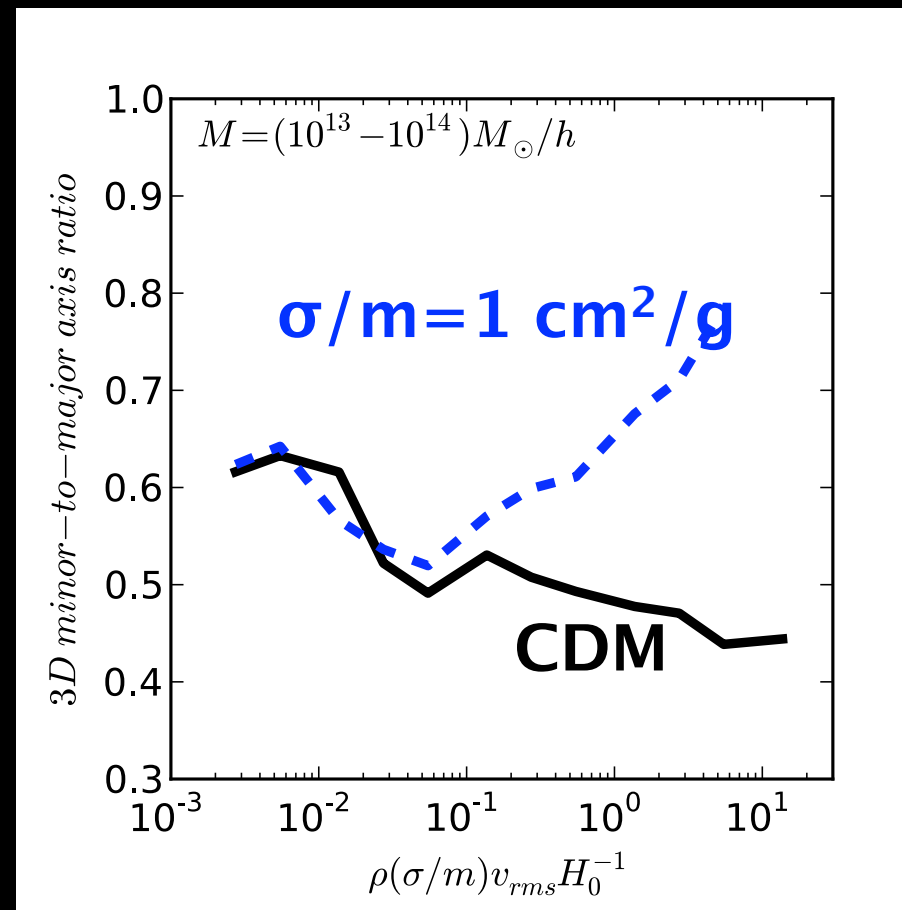
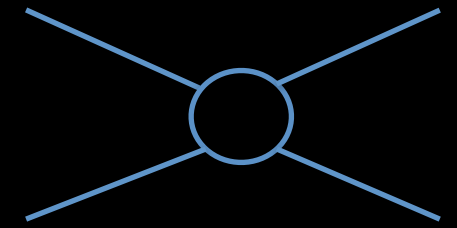
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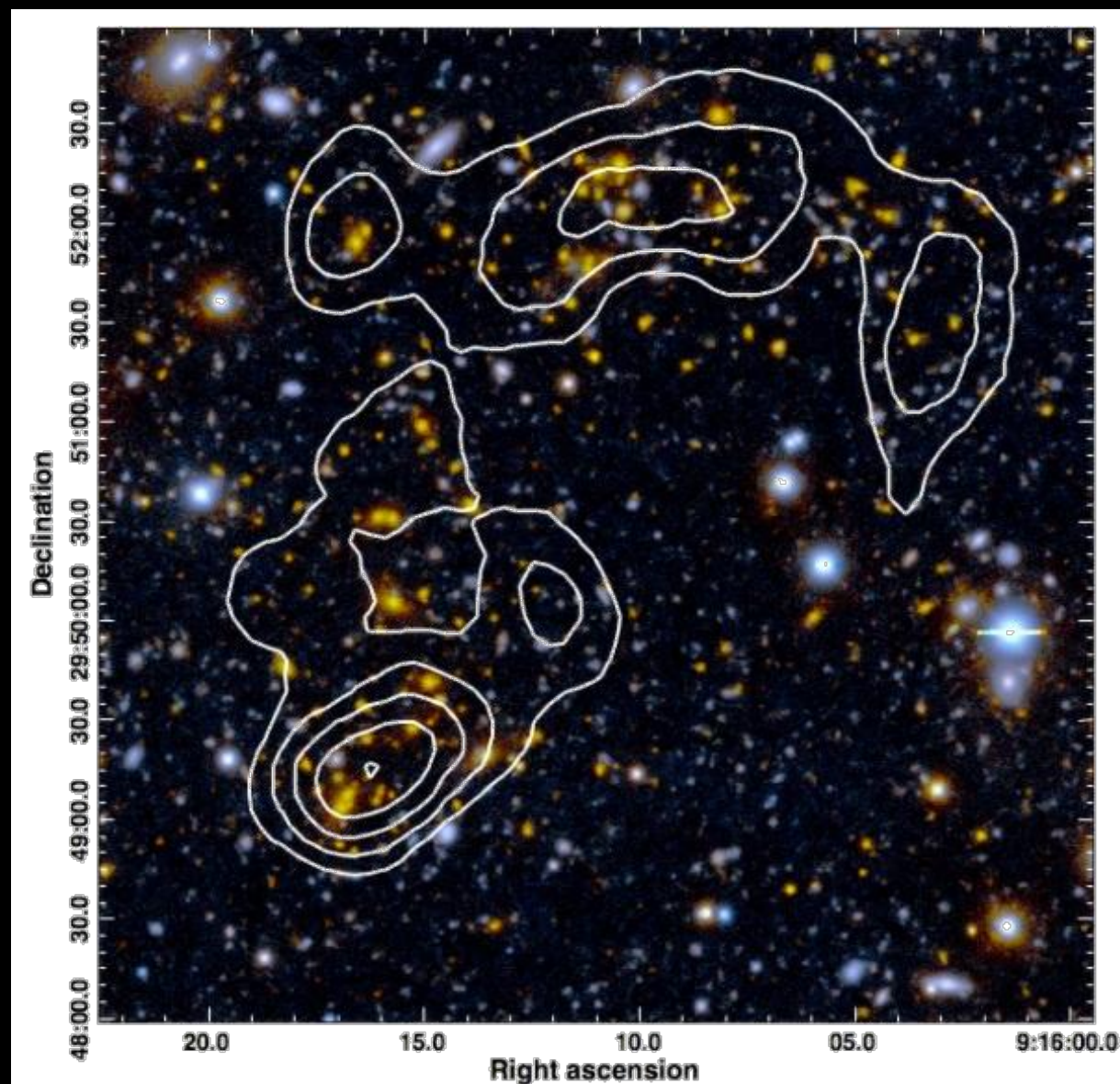
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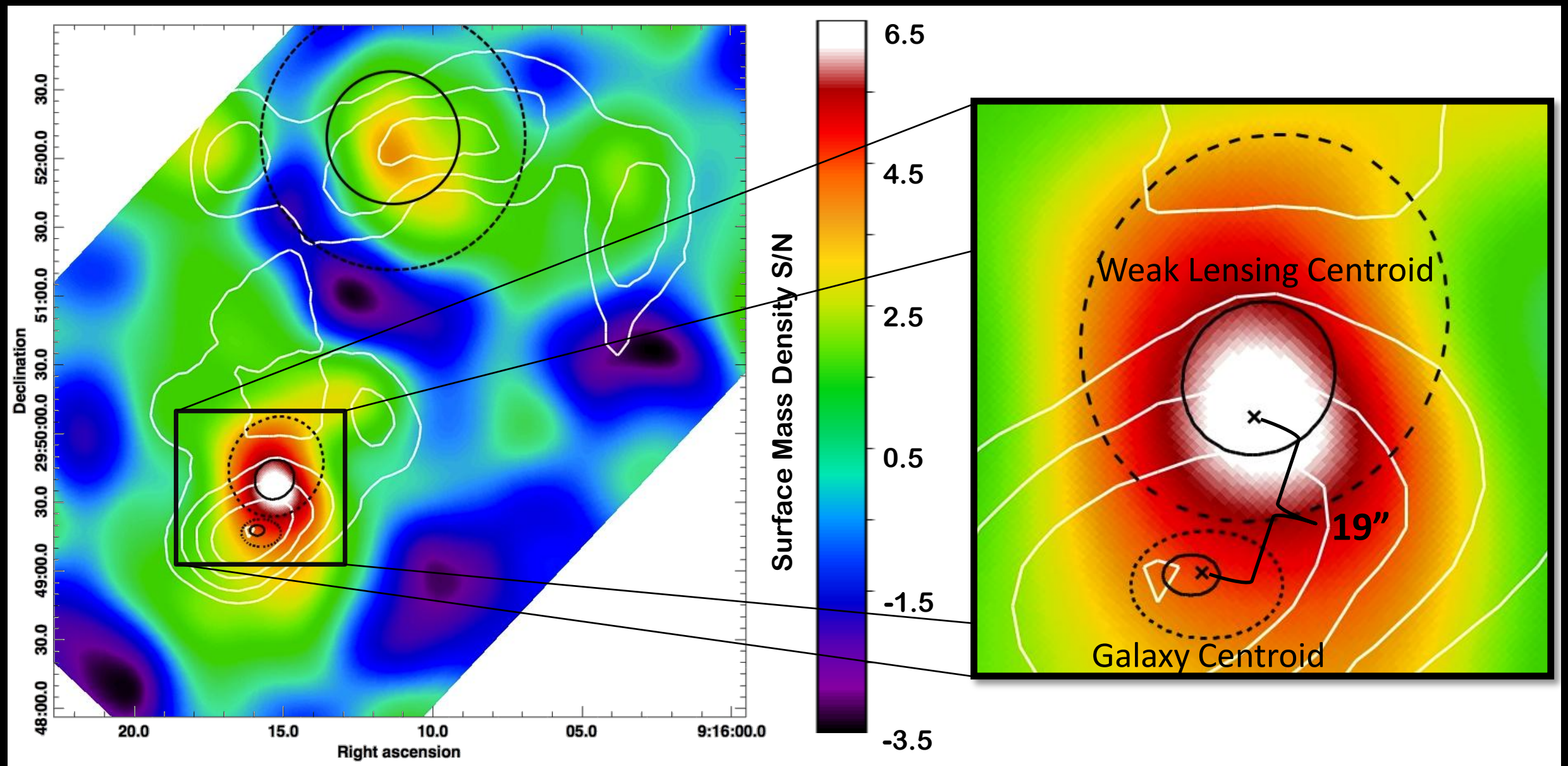


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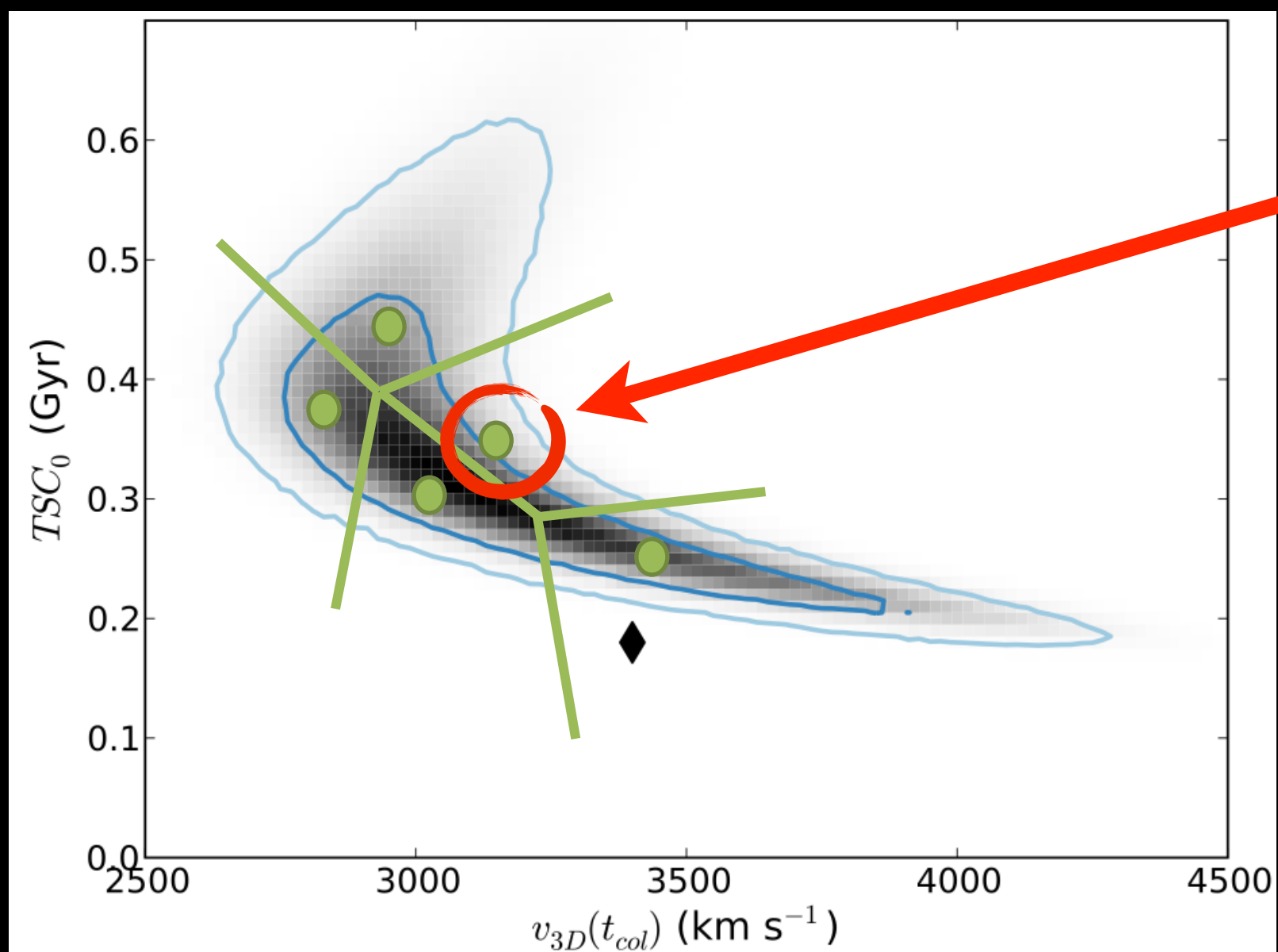
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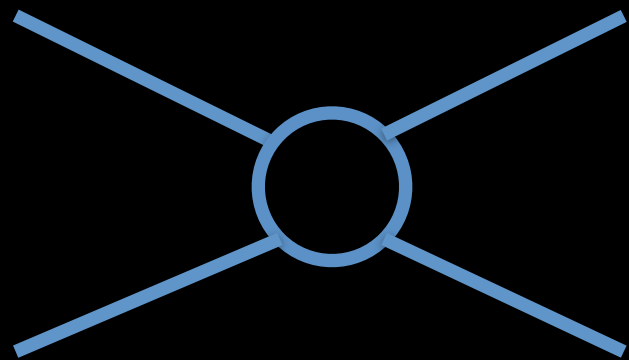
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Zoom in
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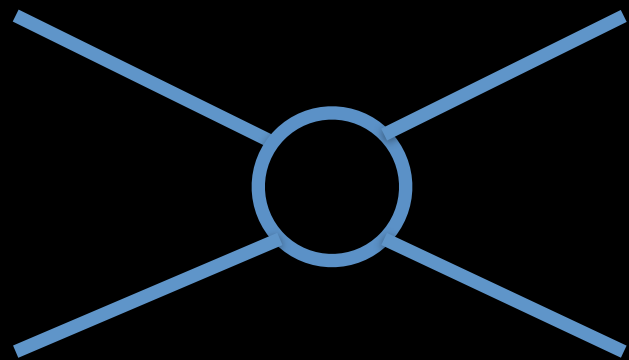
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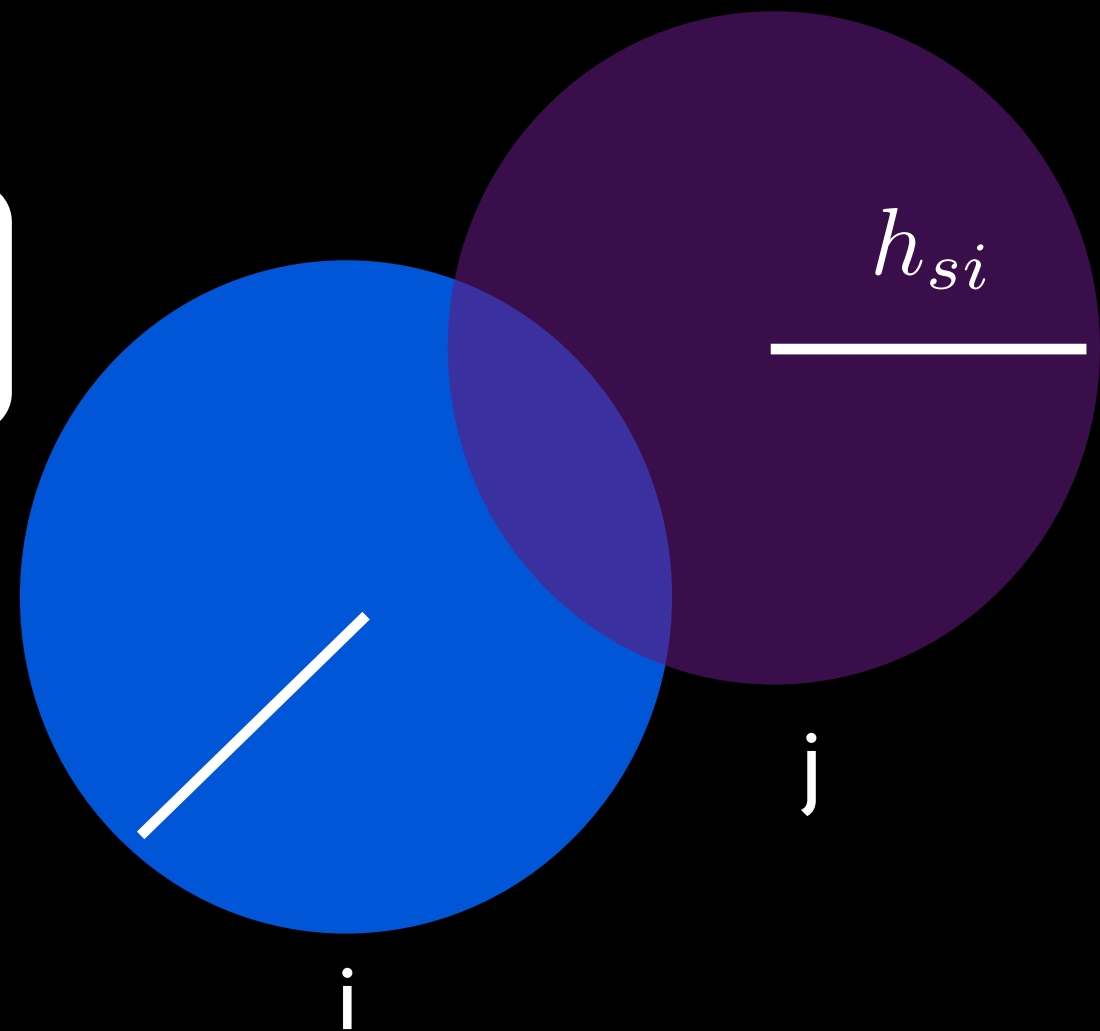
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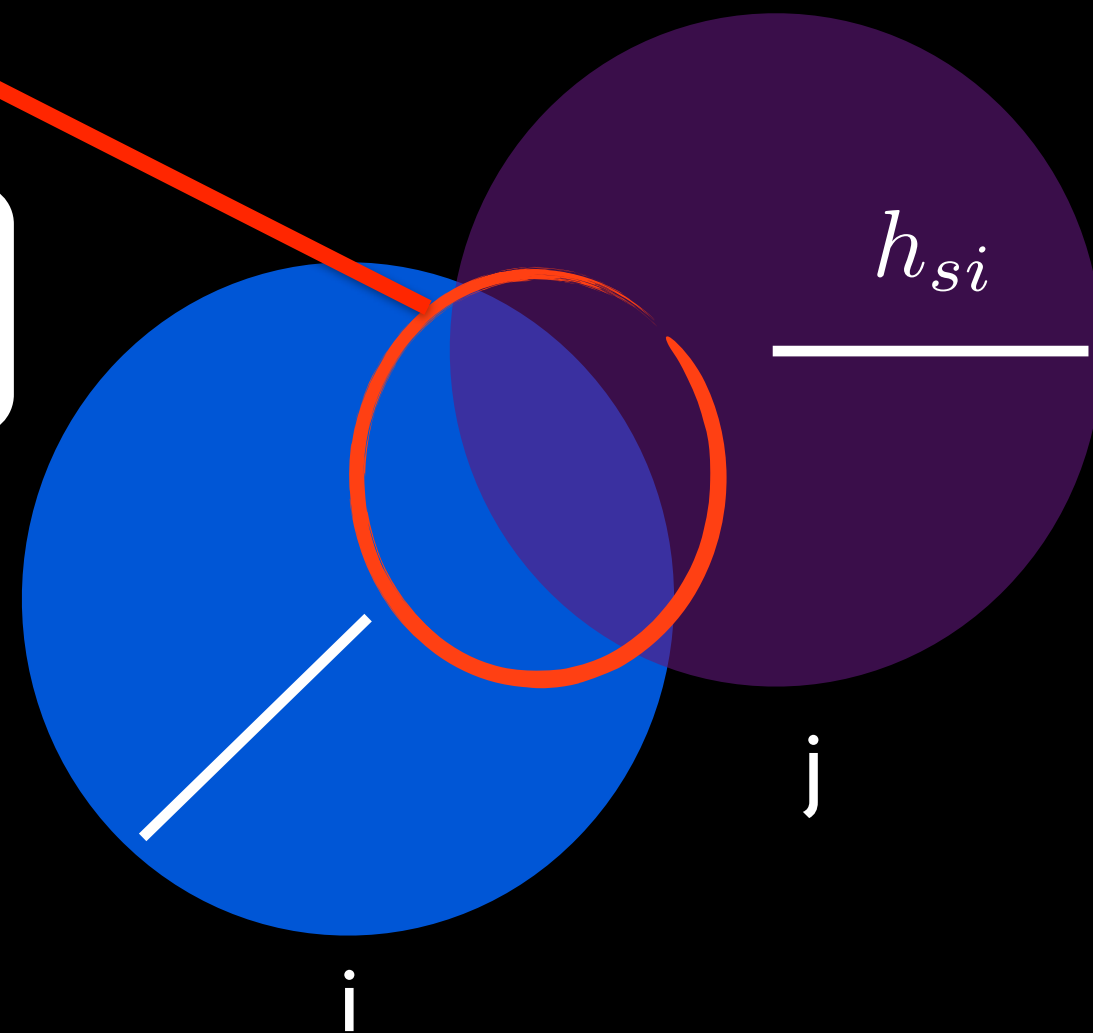
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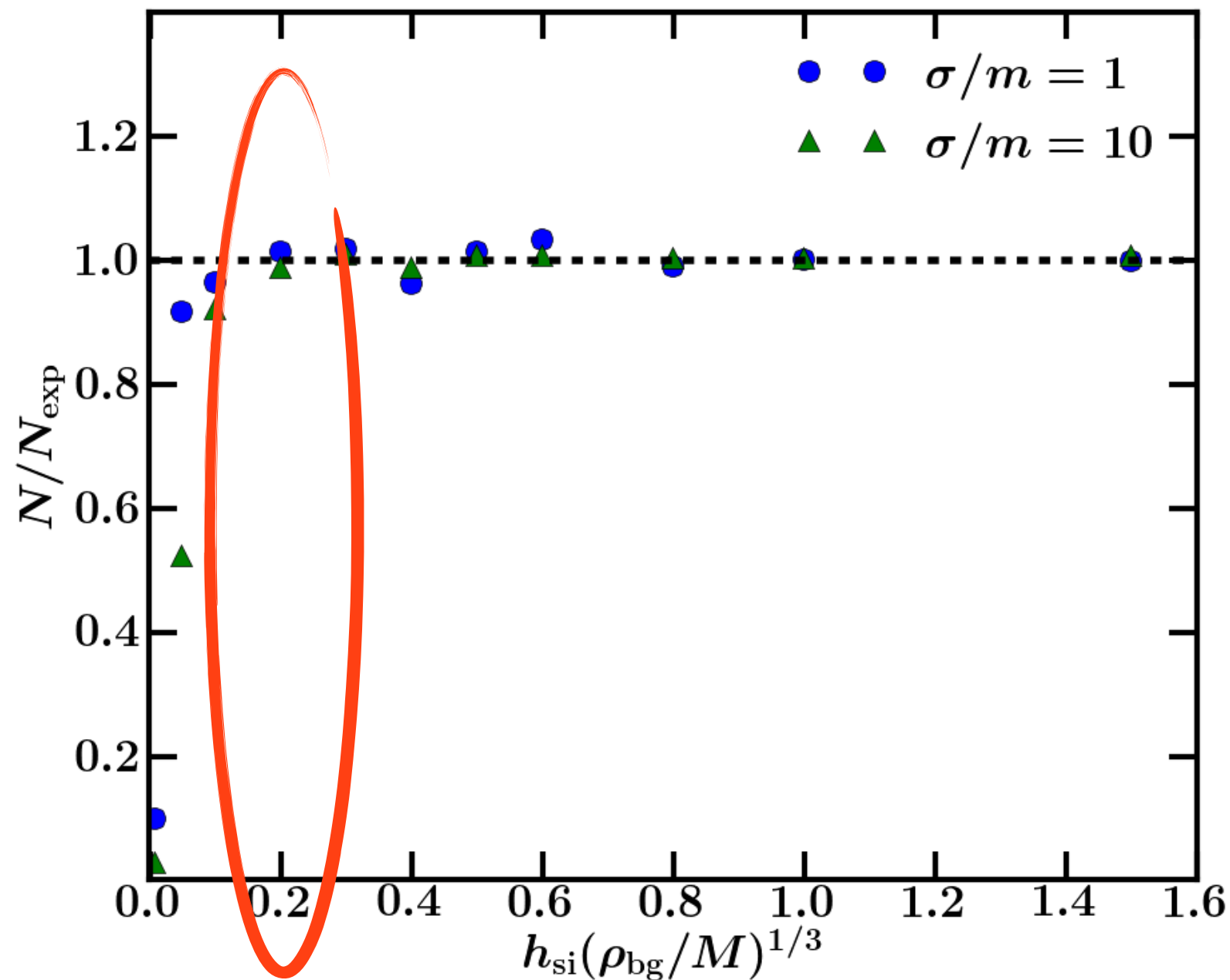
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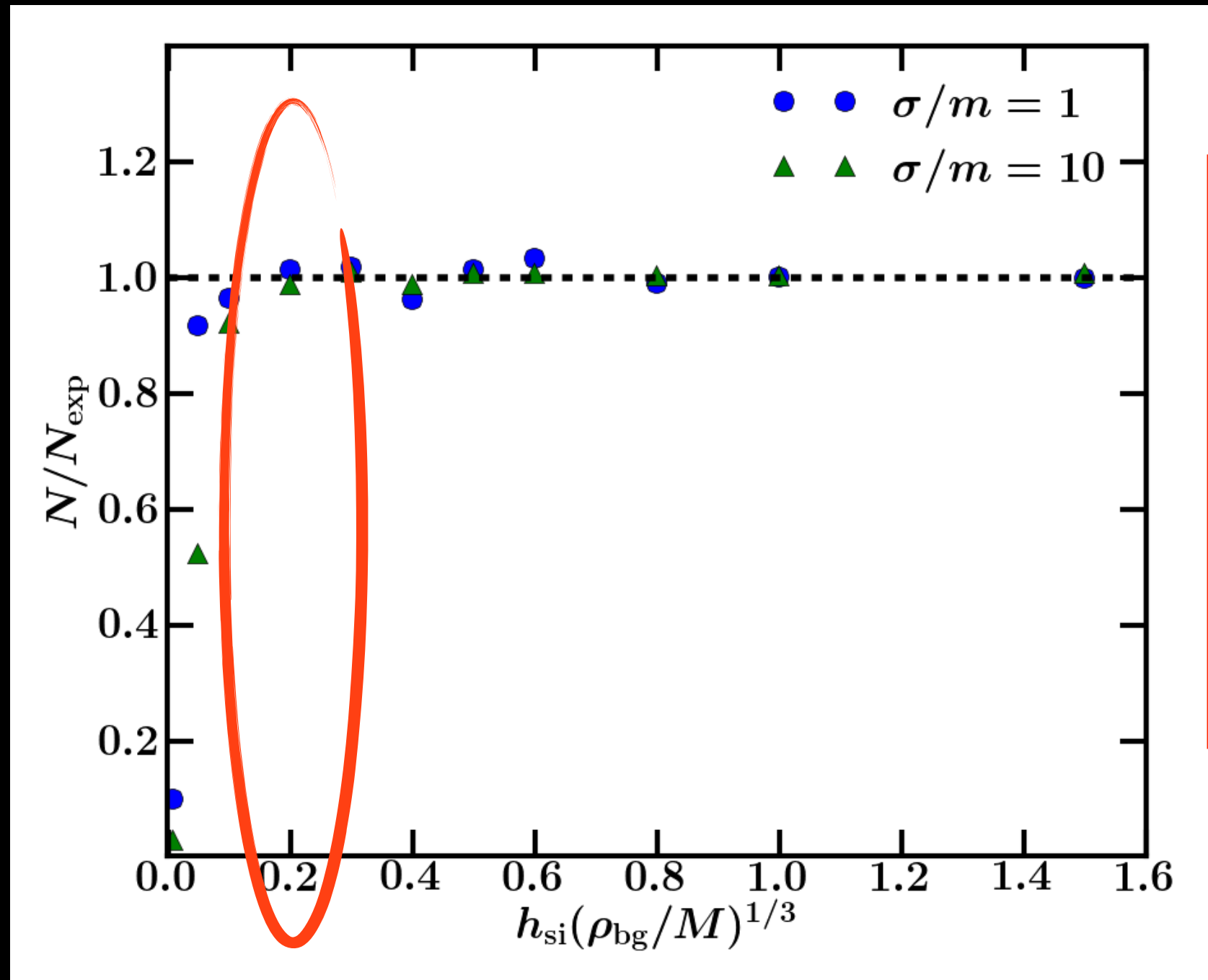


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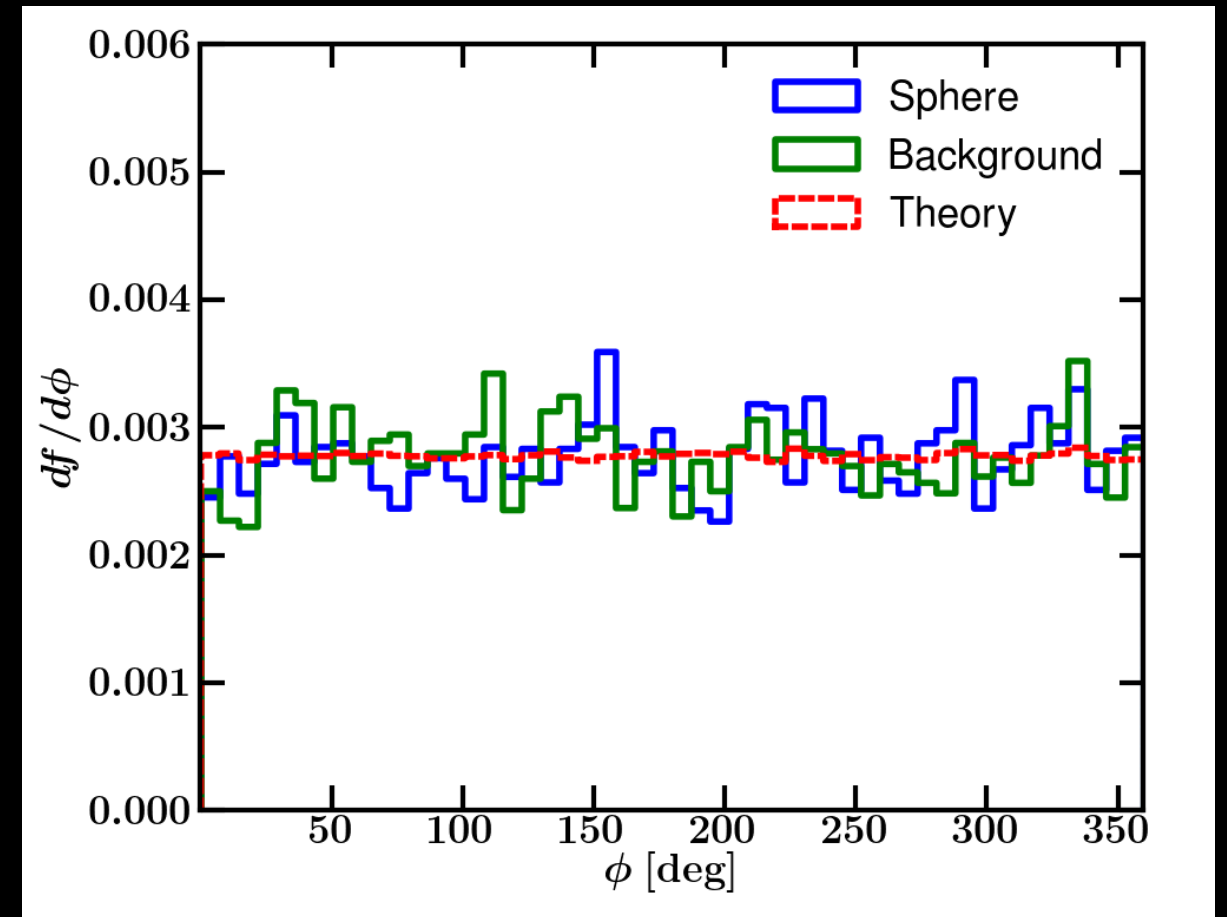
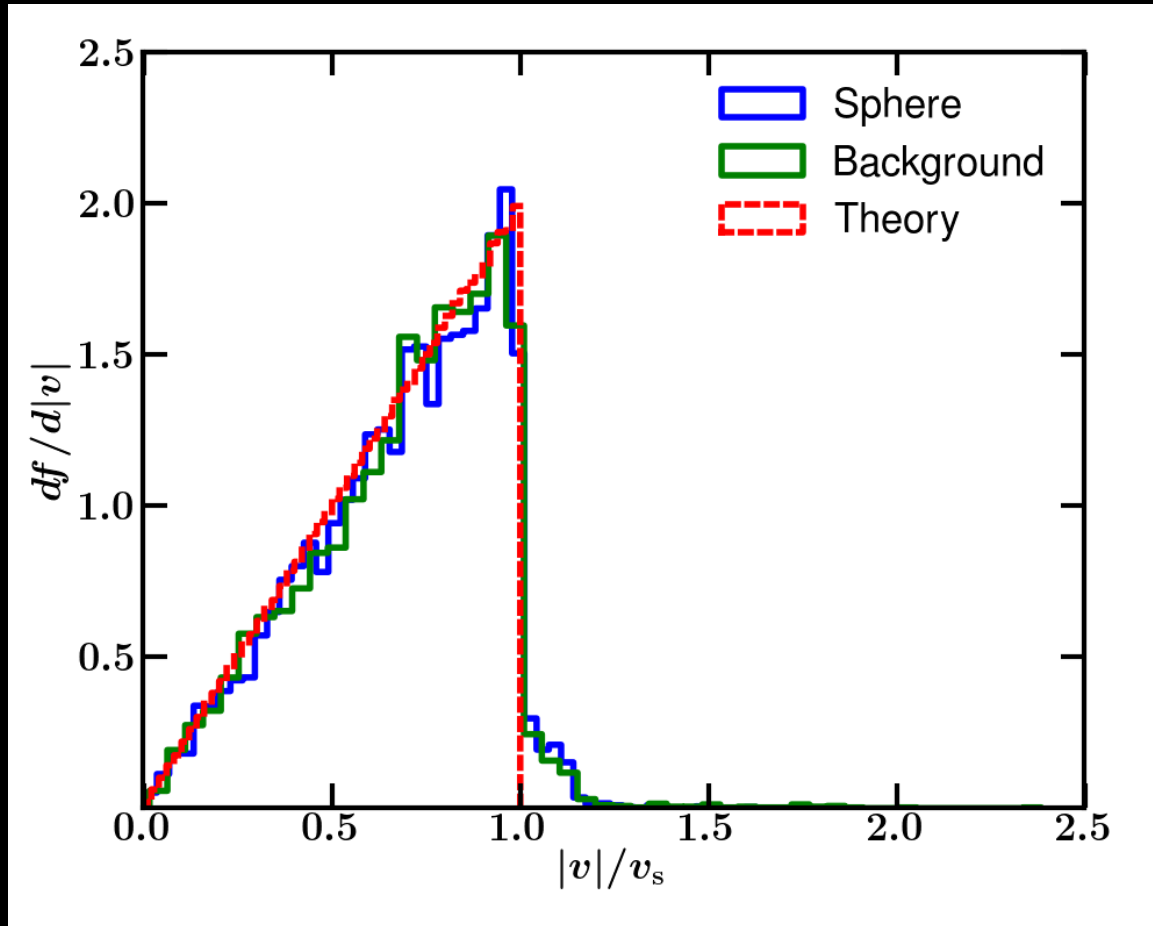
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