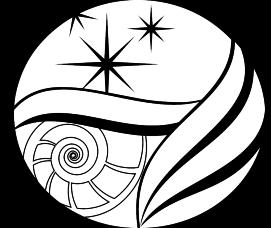


# SIDM (Sub)halos in Milky Way and Strong Lens Analogs

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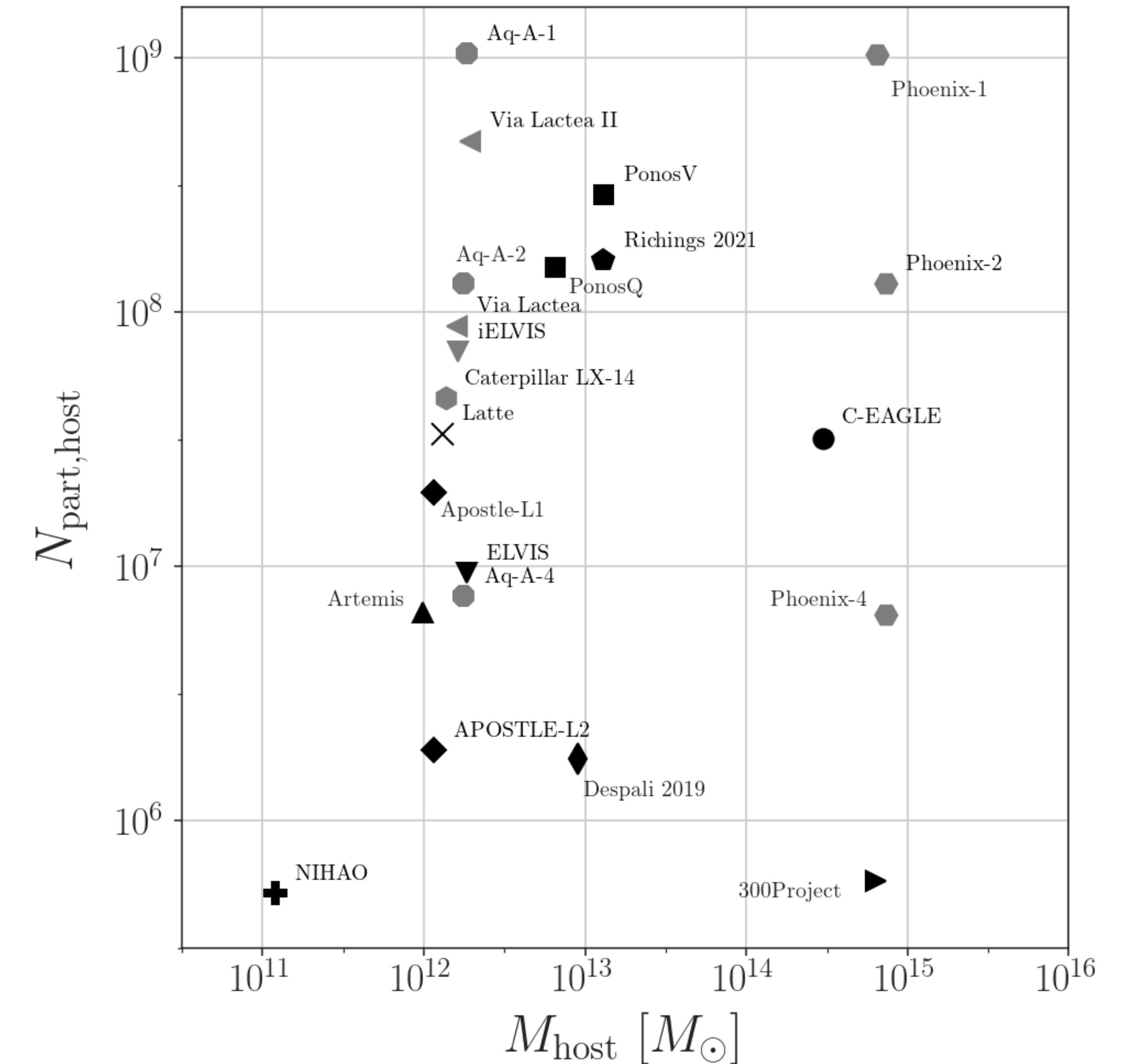


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# Landscape of Cosmological Zoom-in Simulations

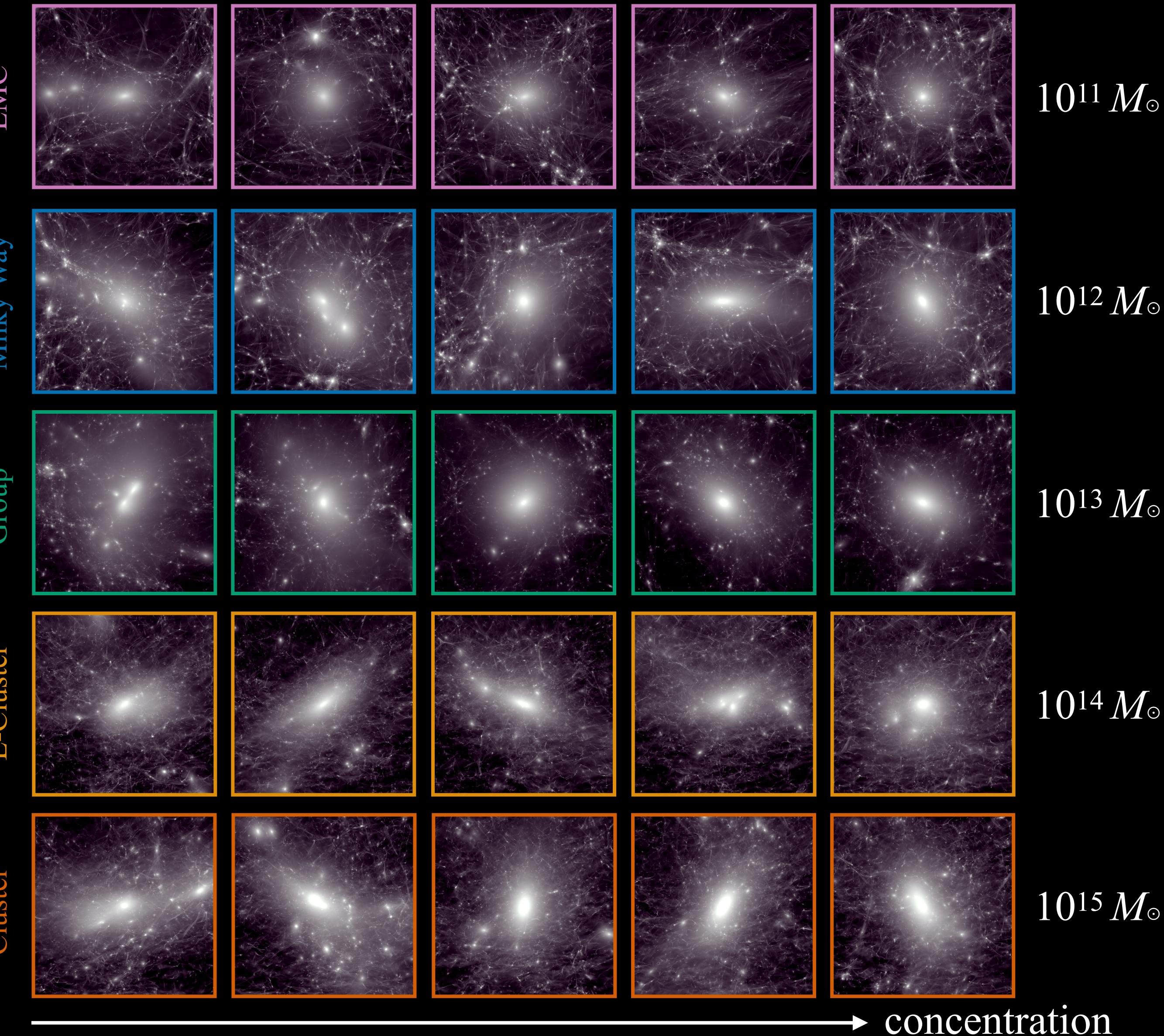
- Zoom-in suites have largely focused on Milky Way and cluster-mass hosts
- Milky Way zoom-ins often do not match key constraints on the MW's formation history and satellite population
- Few zoom-ins target low or intermediate host masses, e.g. LMC and strong lens analogs (galaxy groups)



# Symphony Zoom-in Simulations

- **262** high-resolution cosmological zoom-in simulations spanning 4 decades of host halo mass
- Includes the first large suites of **LMC** and **strong lens analog** host halos
- Run with a unified simulation and analysis code pipeline; all data is publicly available!

[web.stanford.edu/group/gfc/symphony](http://web.stanford.edu/group/gfc/symphony)

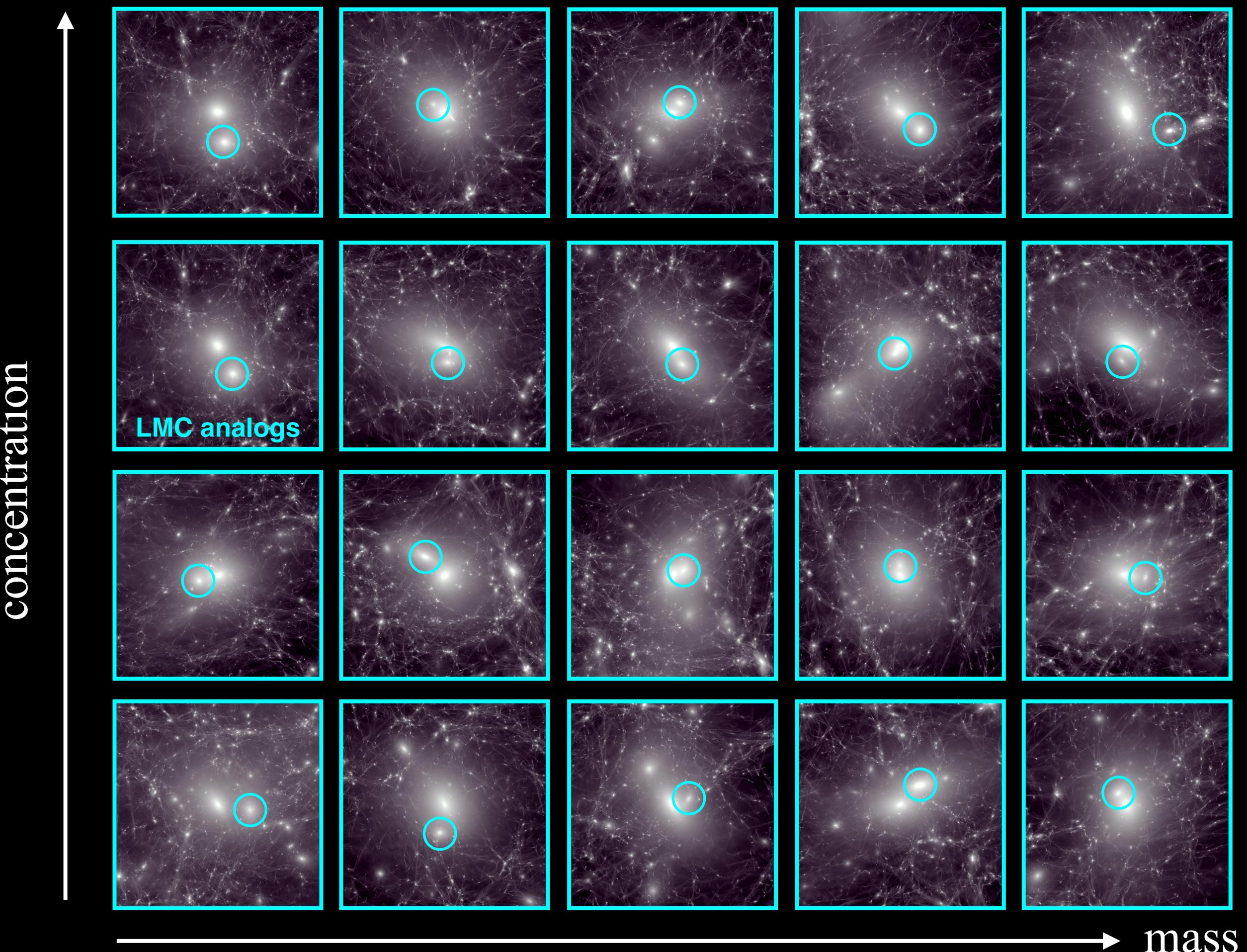


# Milky Way-est Zoom-in Simulations

- **20** high-resolution cosmological zoom-in simulations of Milky Way-like systems
- All realizations include **LMC** and **Gaia-Enceladus** analogs

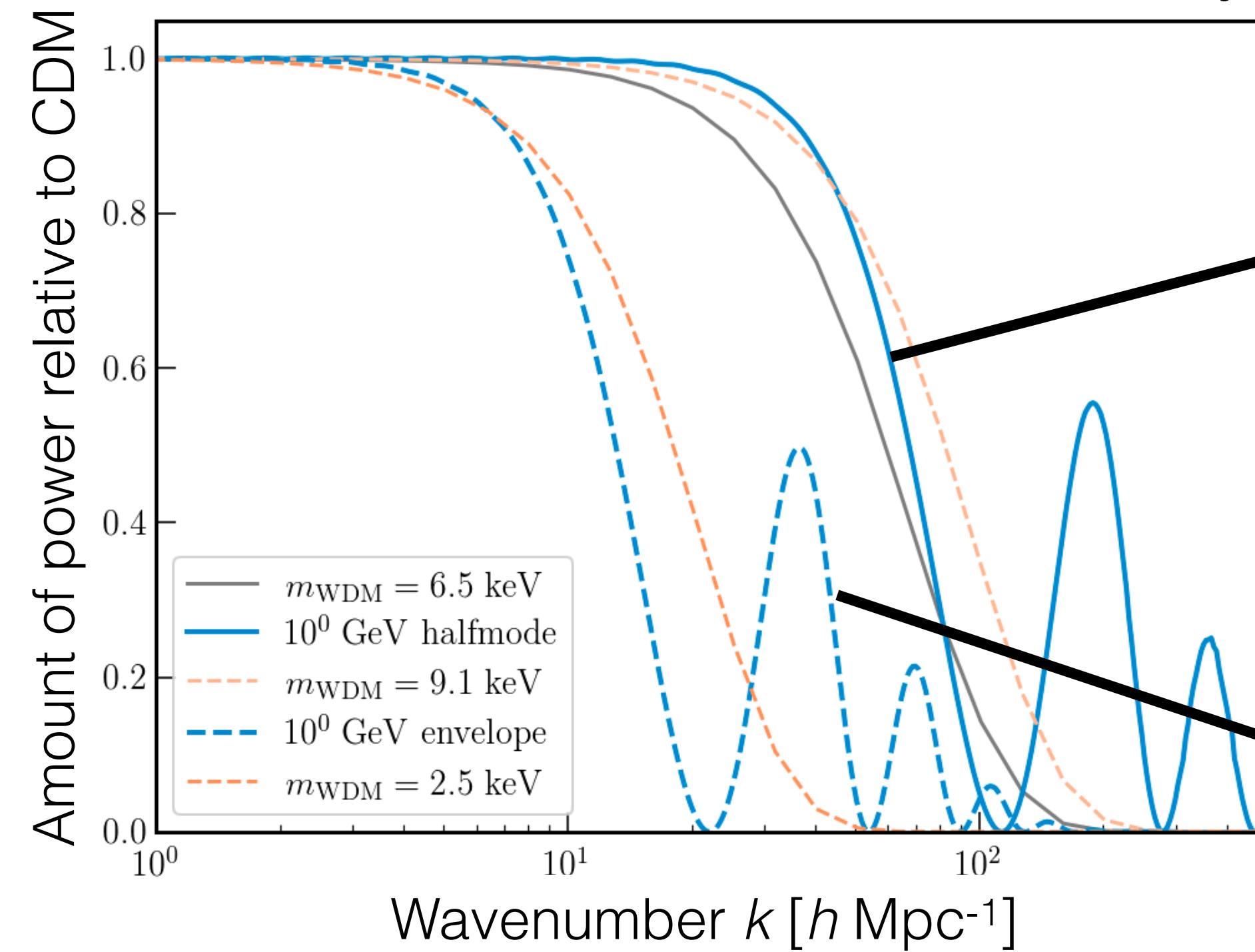


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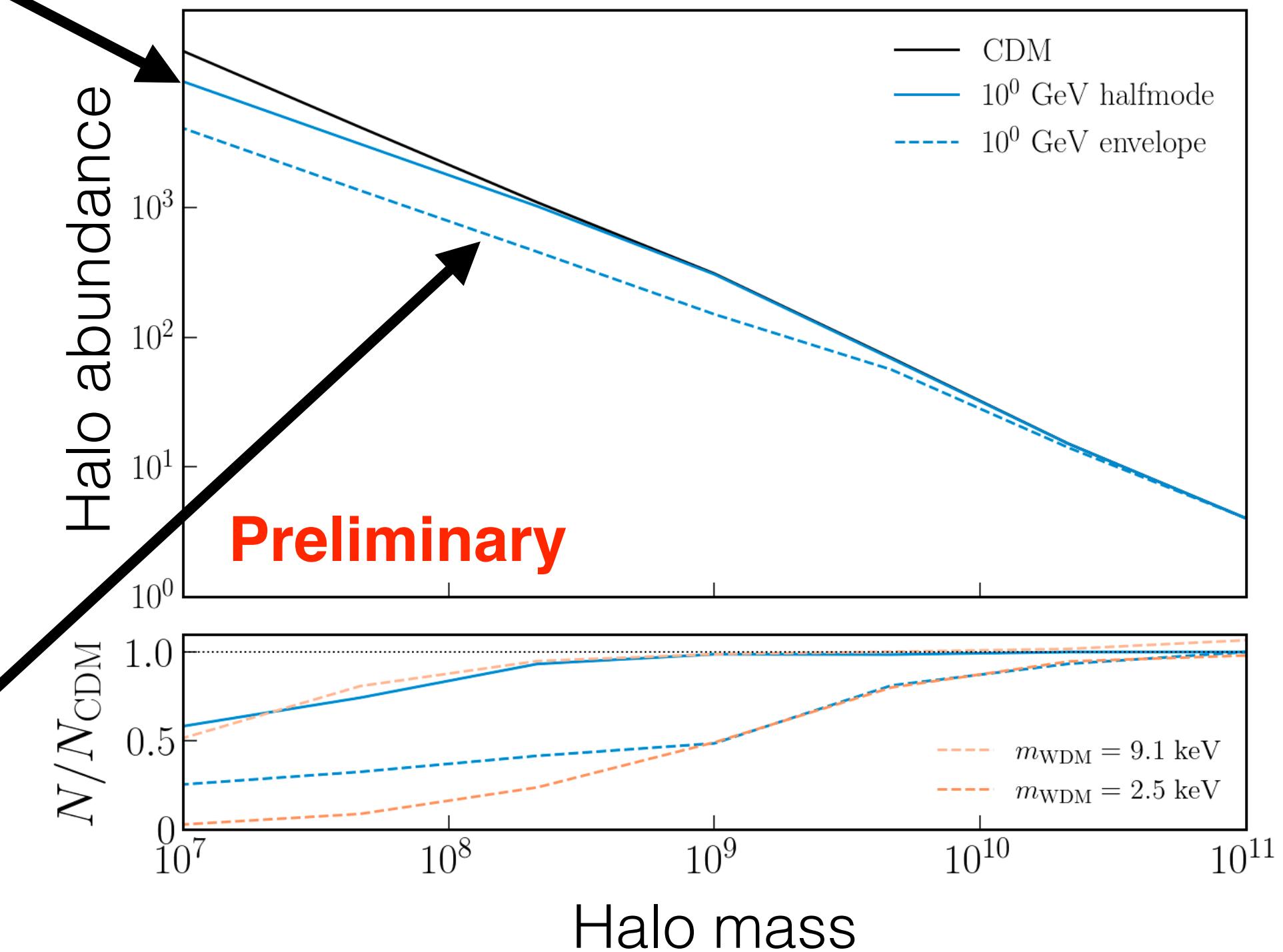


# Beyond-CDM Zoom-in Simulations

Initial conditions from linear theory



Halo and subhalo populations



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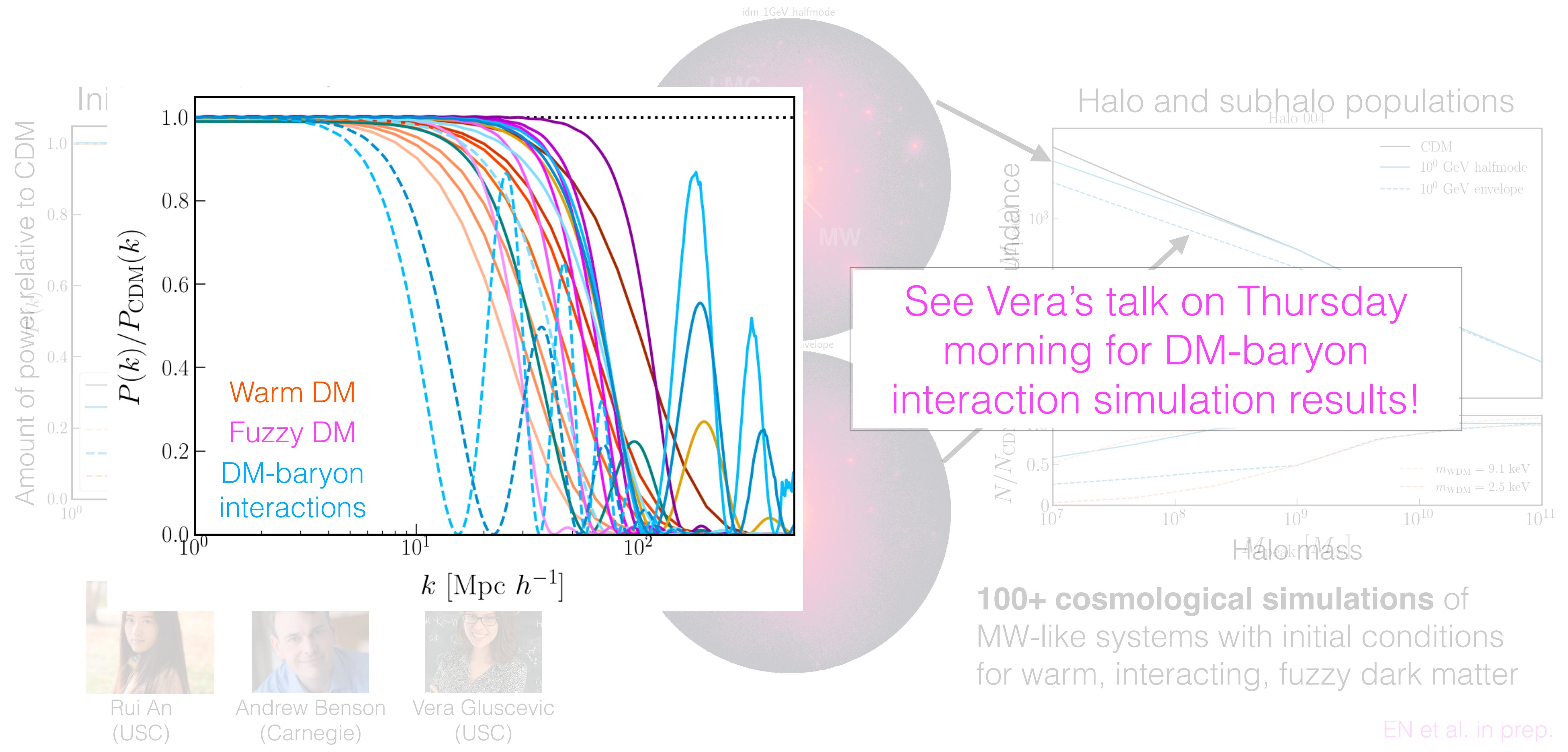


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**100+** high-resolution cosmological zoom-ins of MW-like systems: ICs for **warm, interacting, fuzzy** dark matter

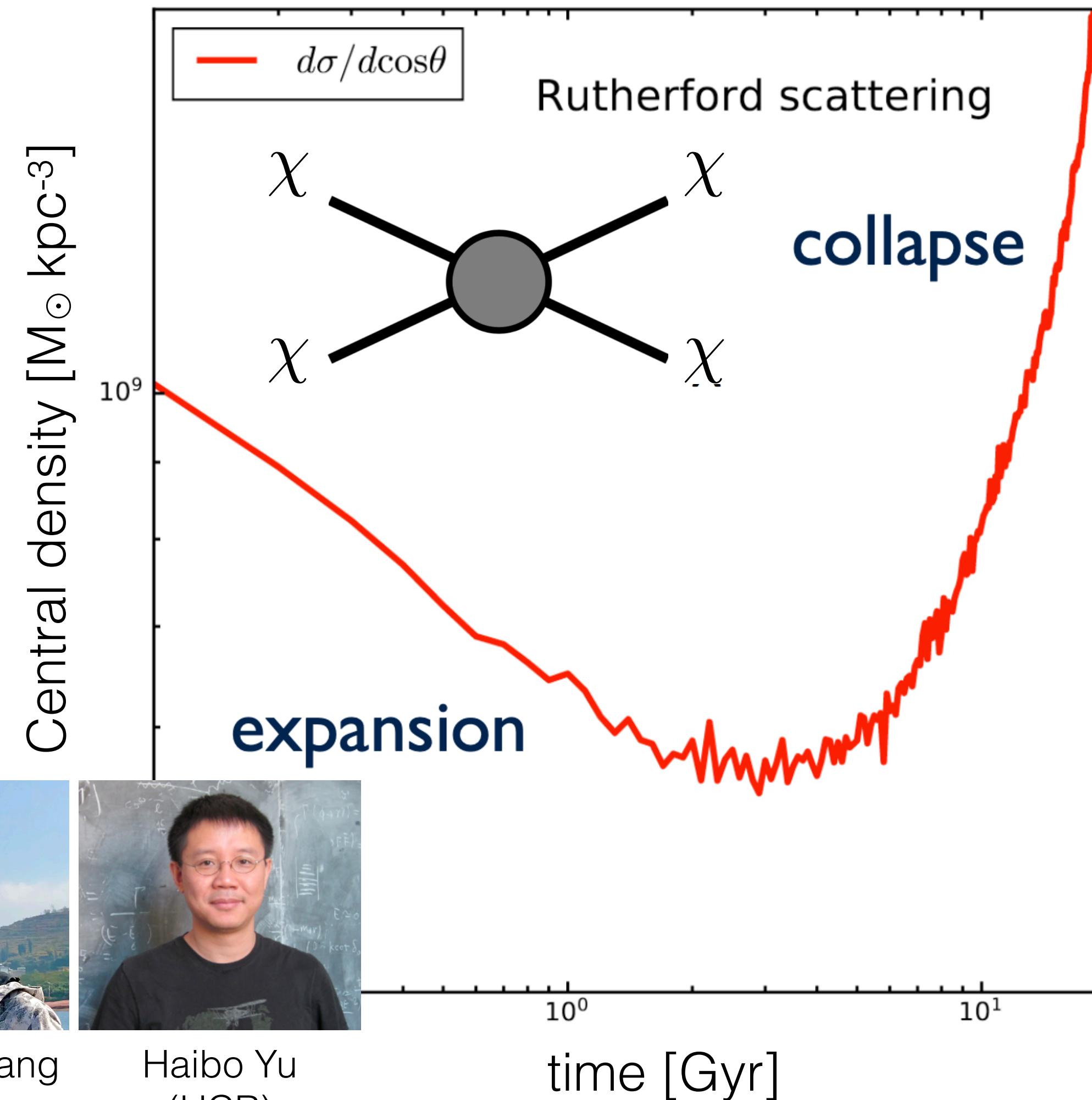
EN et al. in prep.

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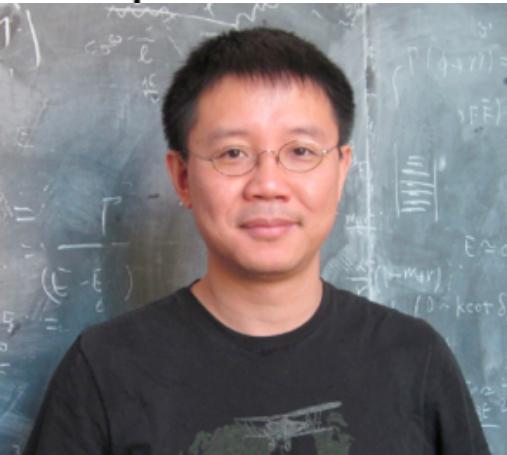


# Simulating Strong Dark Matter Self-interactions

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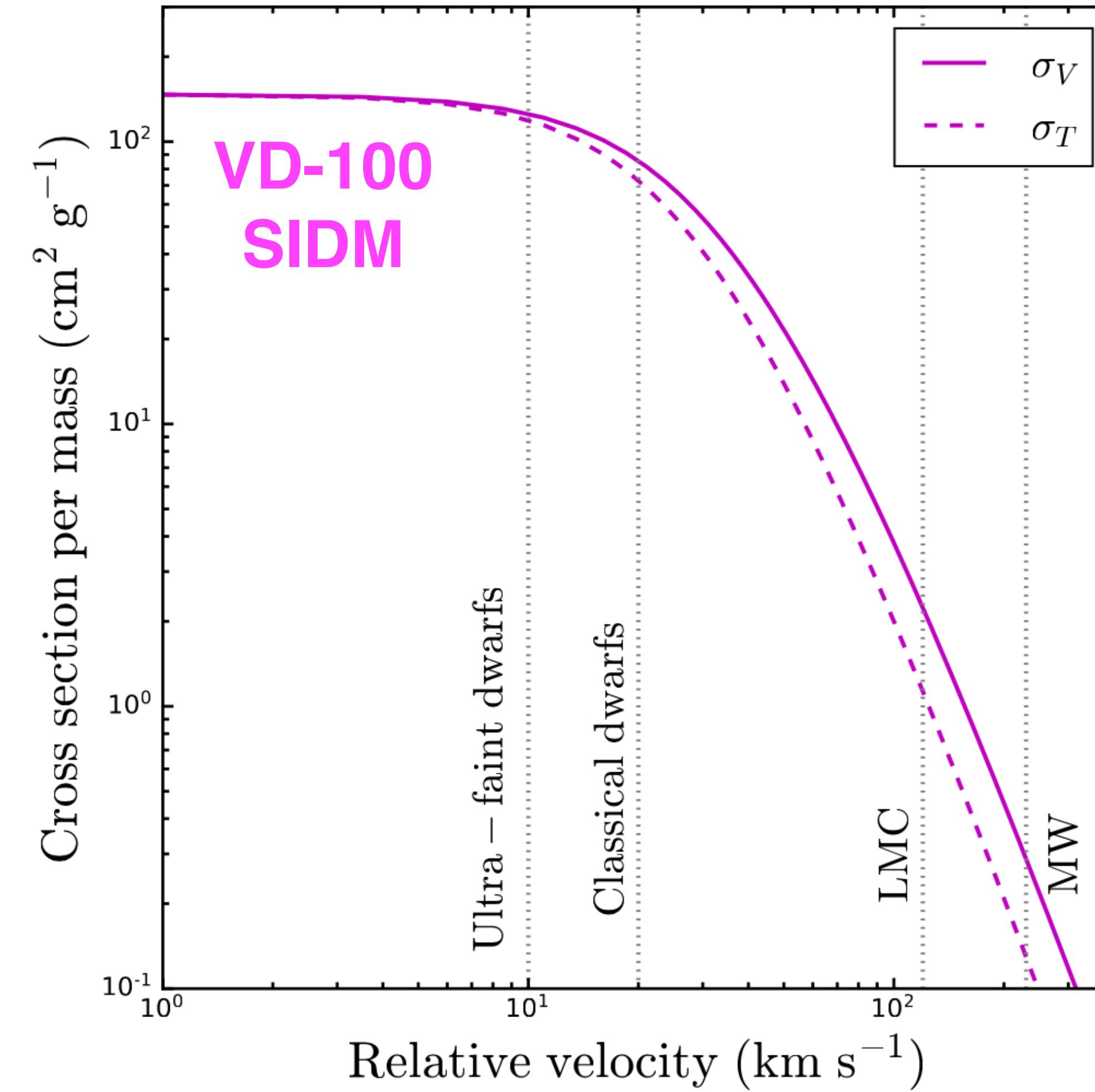


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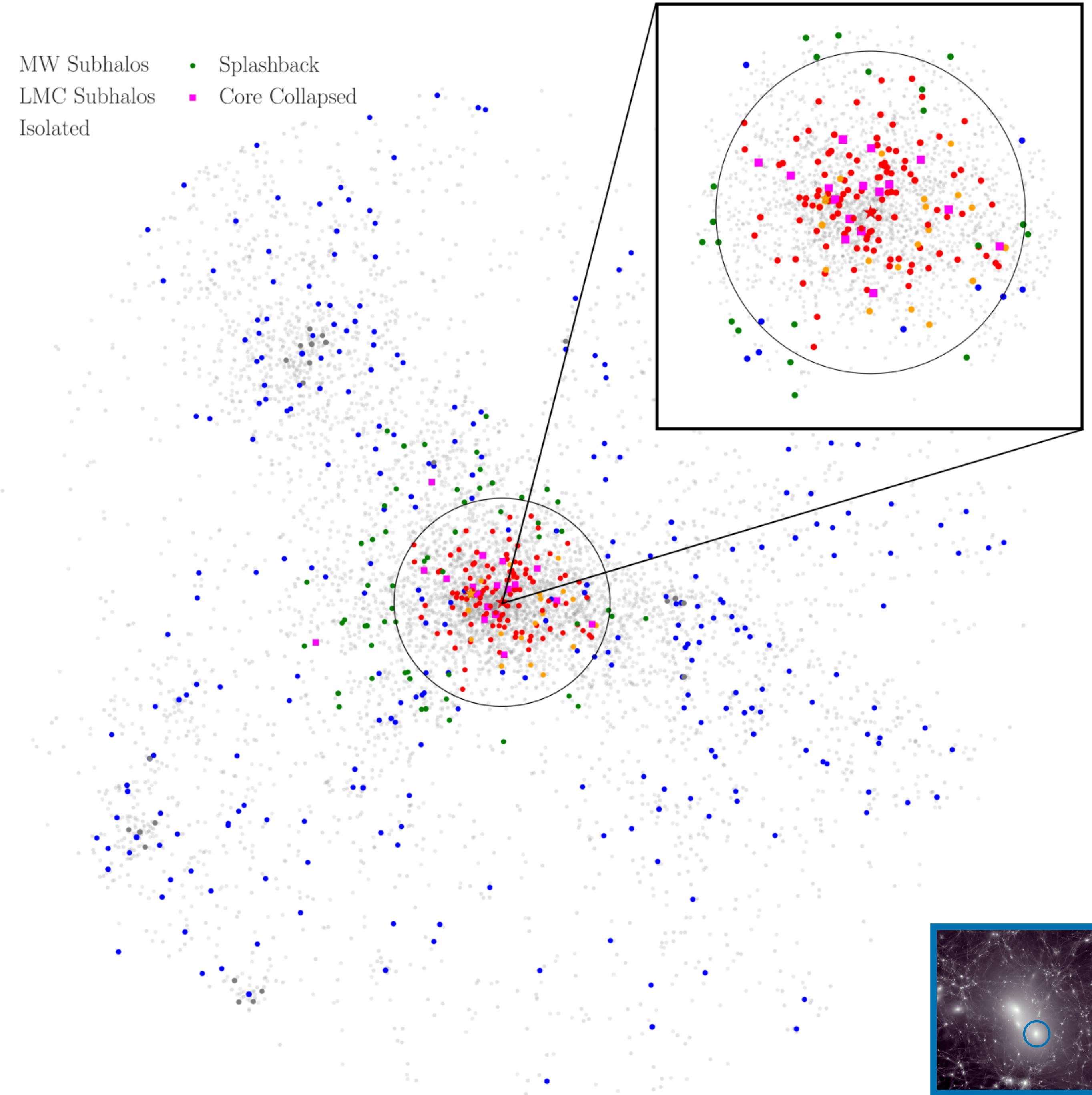
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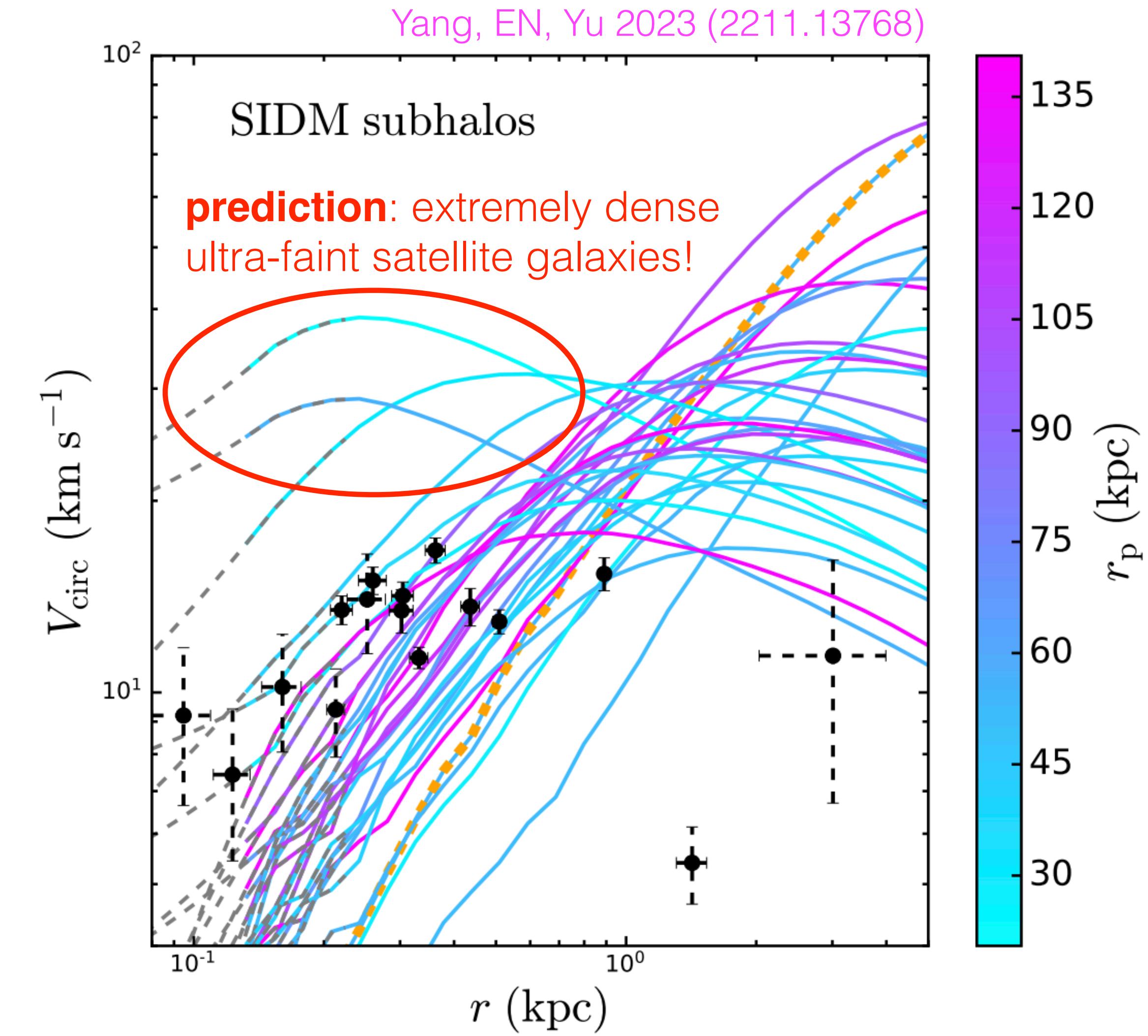
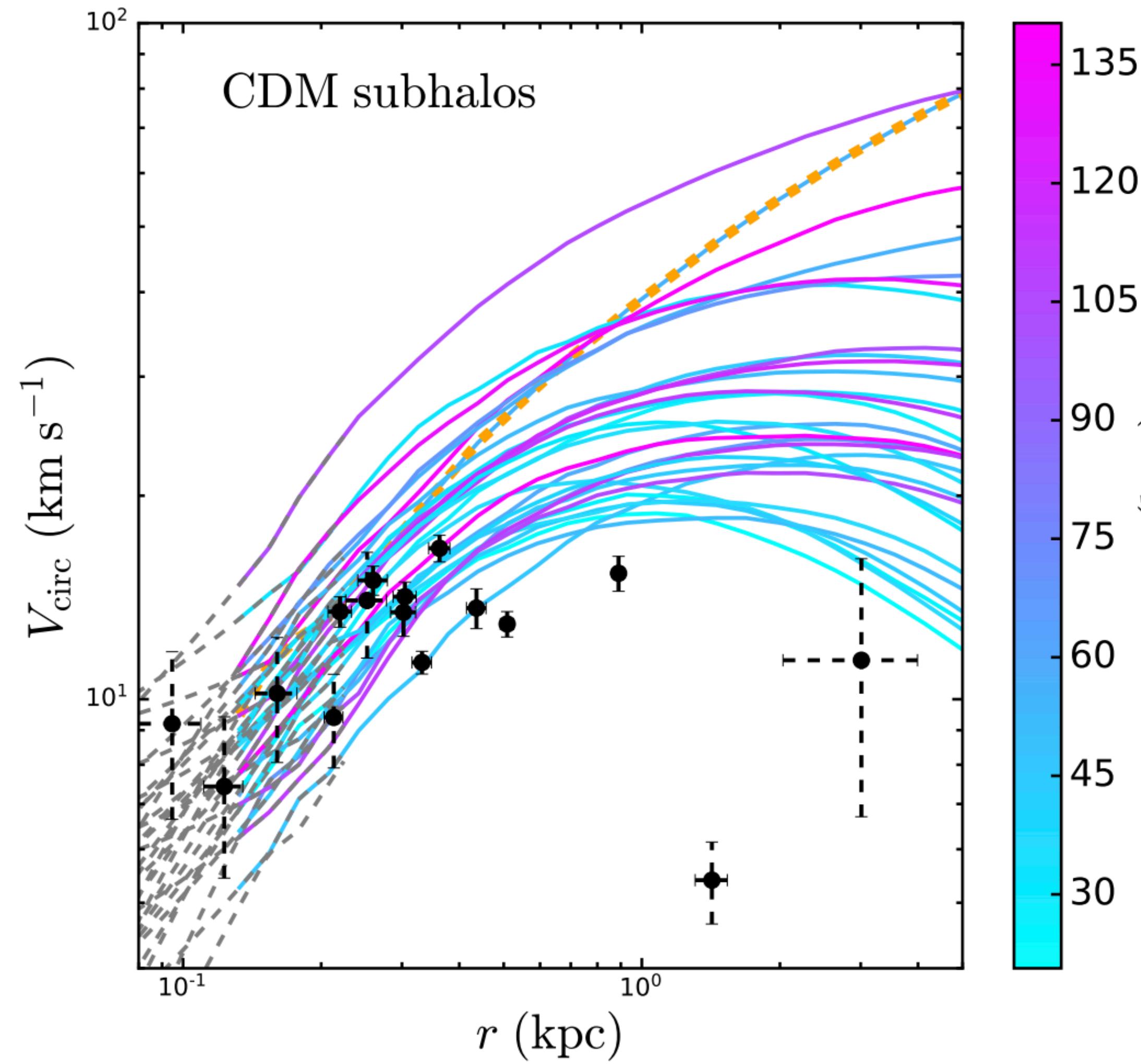
Strong, velocity-dependent self-interactions → core-collapse in small halos / core-formation in large halos

# VD-100 SIDM Milky Way Simulation

- High-resolution Milky Way (+LMC) zoom-in with strong, velocity-dependent DM self-interactions
- Self-consistent analysis of halos in all environments: isolated halos, subhalos, splashback halos,
- Core collapse in ~10% of isolated halos, **~20% of subhalos** down to  $10^8 M_\odot$

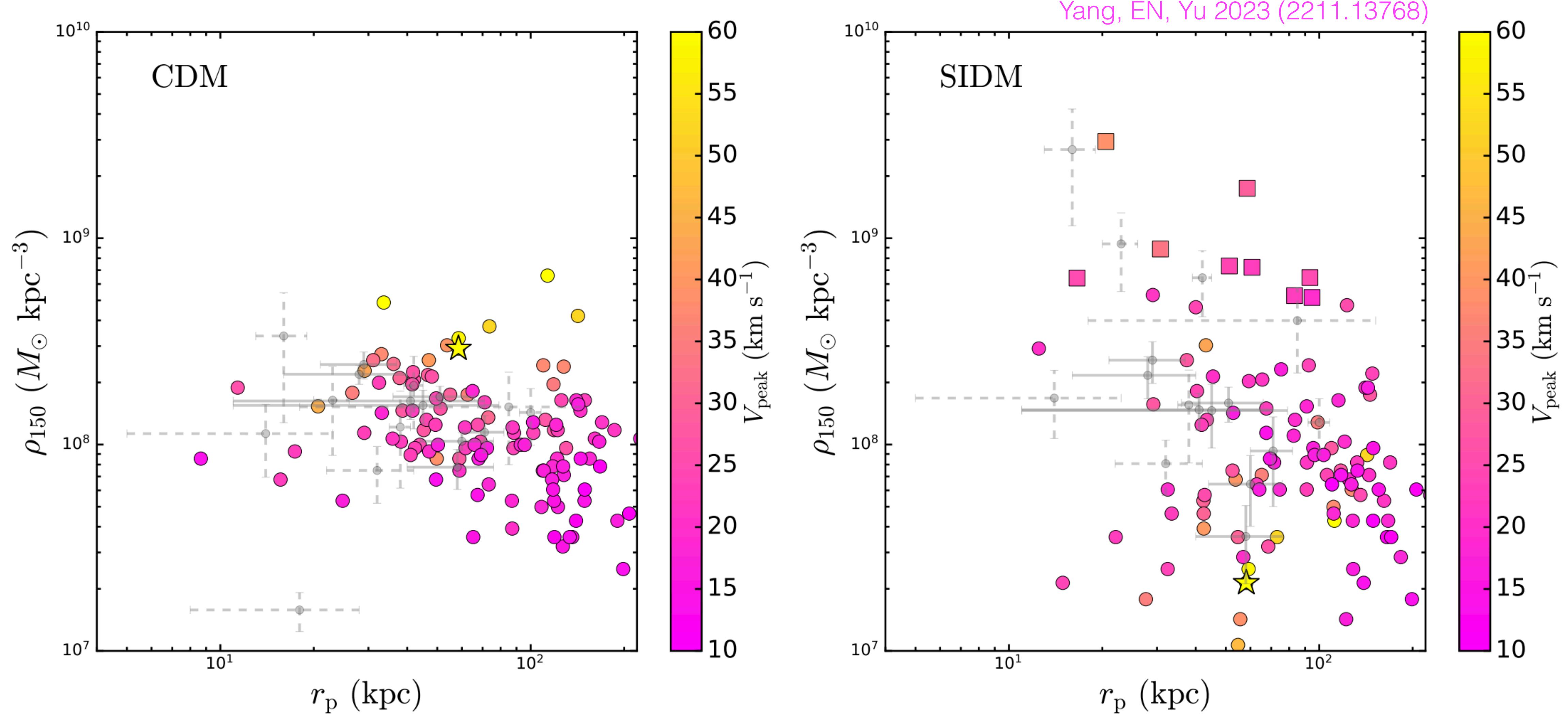


# VD-100 SIDM Milky Way Simulation



VD-100 diversifies subhalo profiles, alleviating “too big to fail” problem for brightest MW satellites

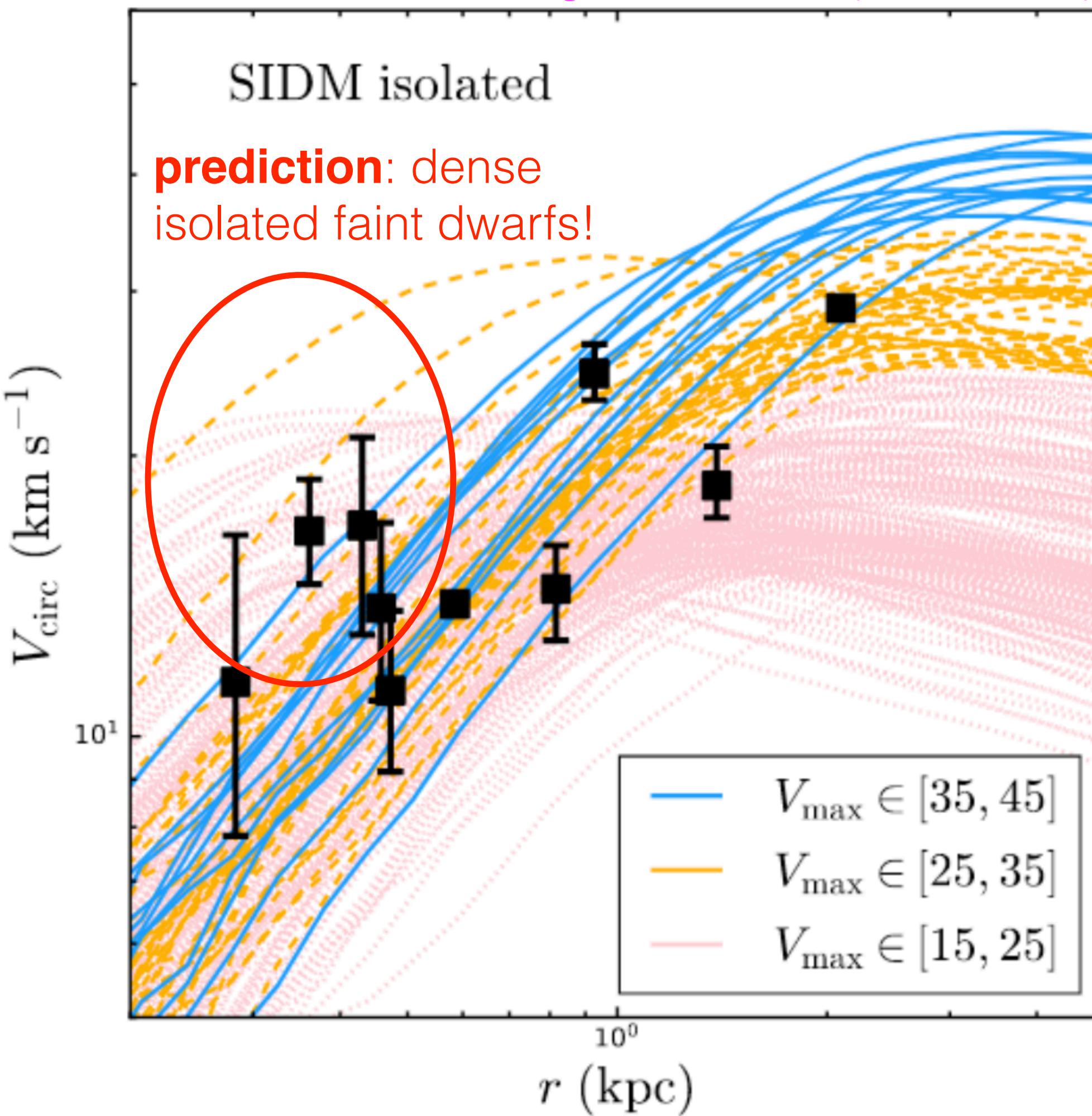
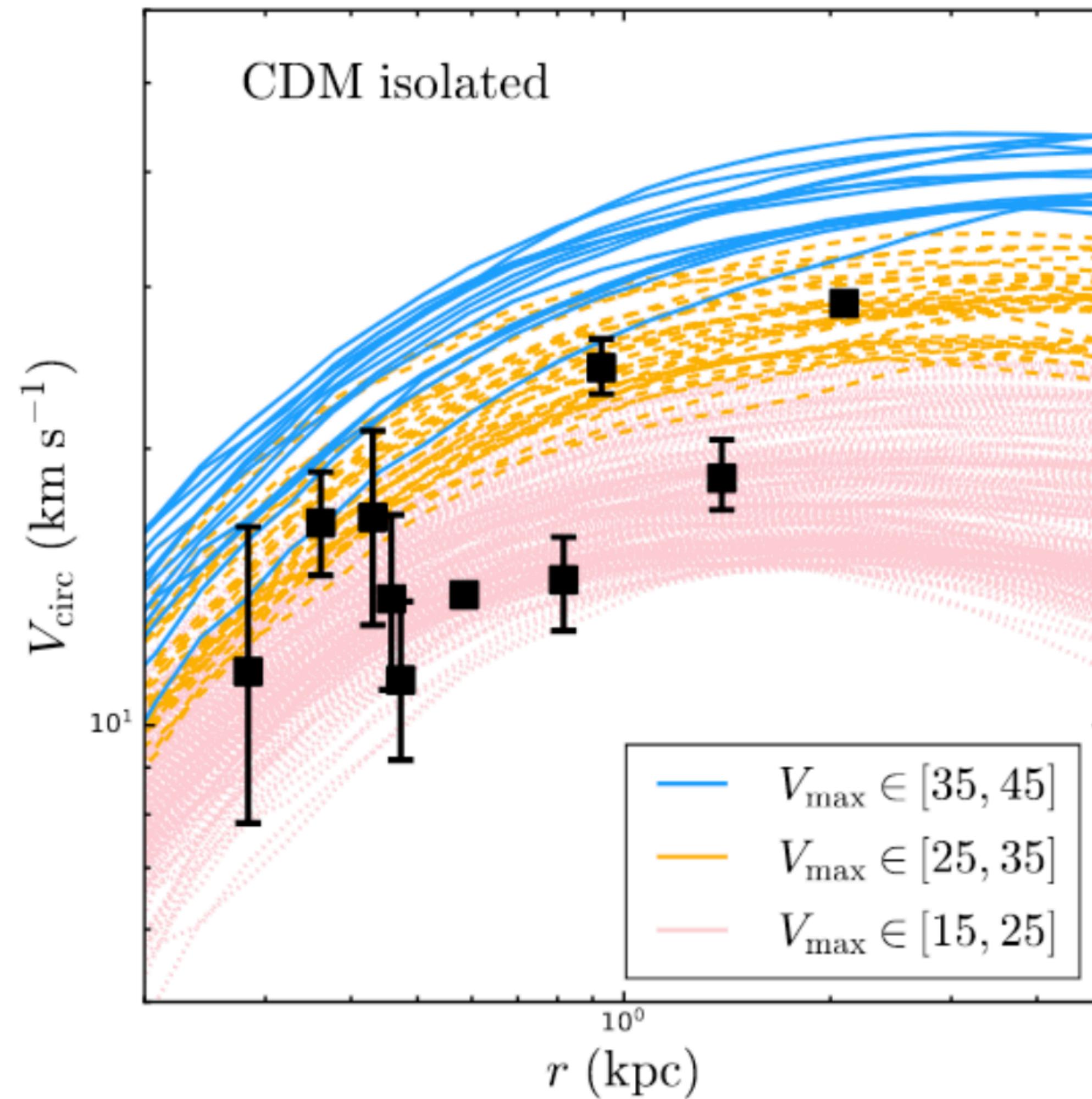
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VD-100 diversifies central density-pericenter relation; velocity-independent SIDM erases anti-correlation

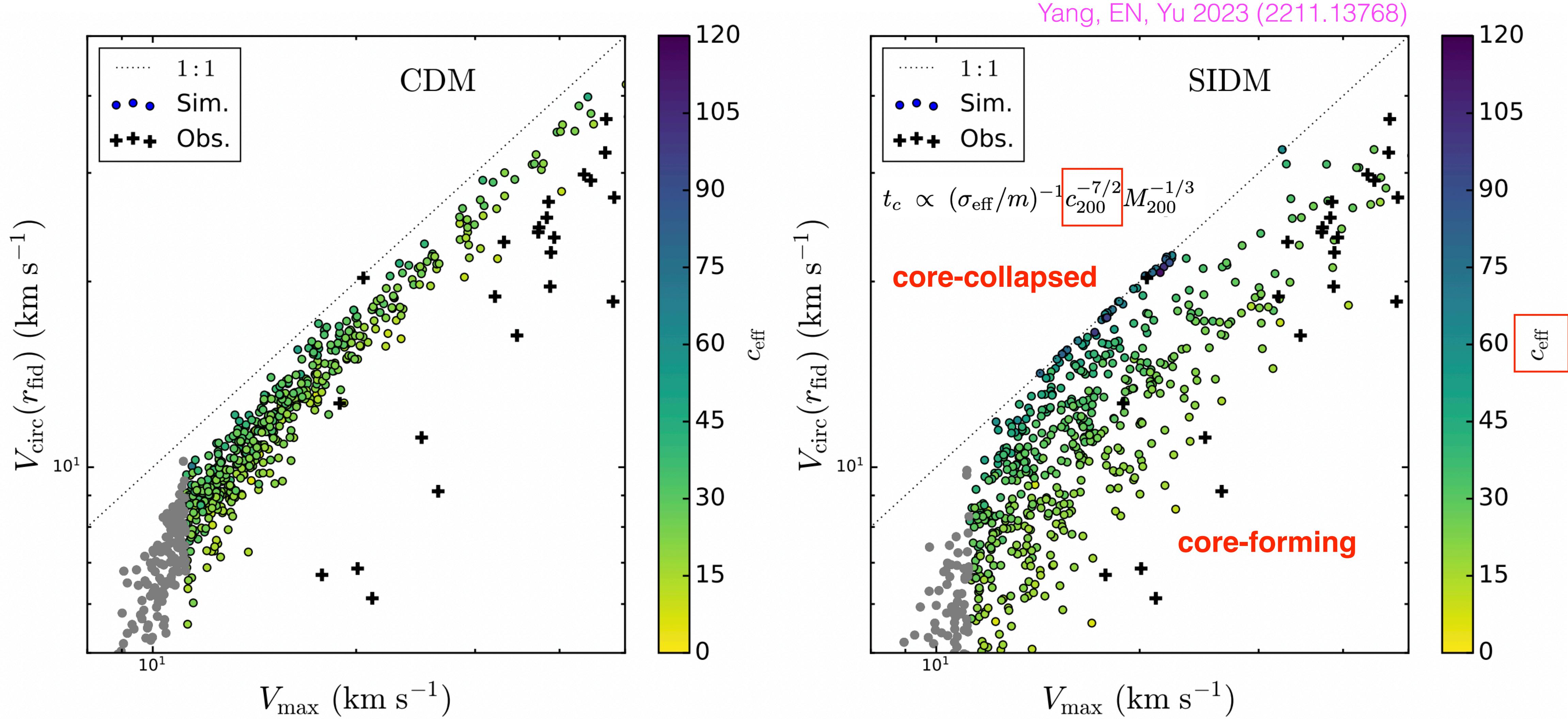
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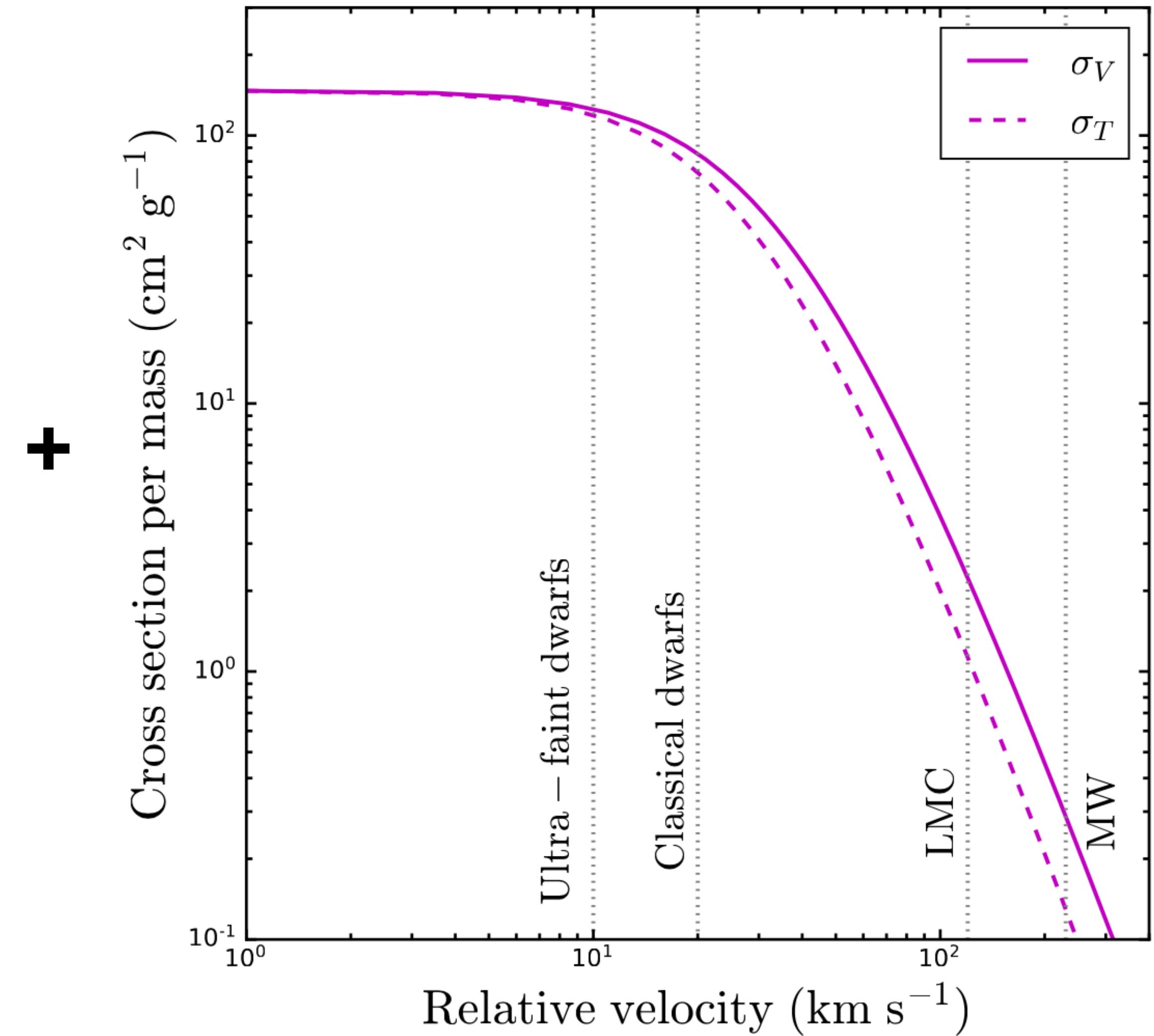
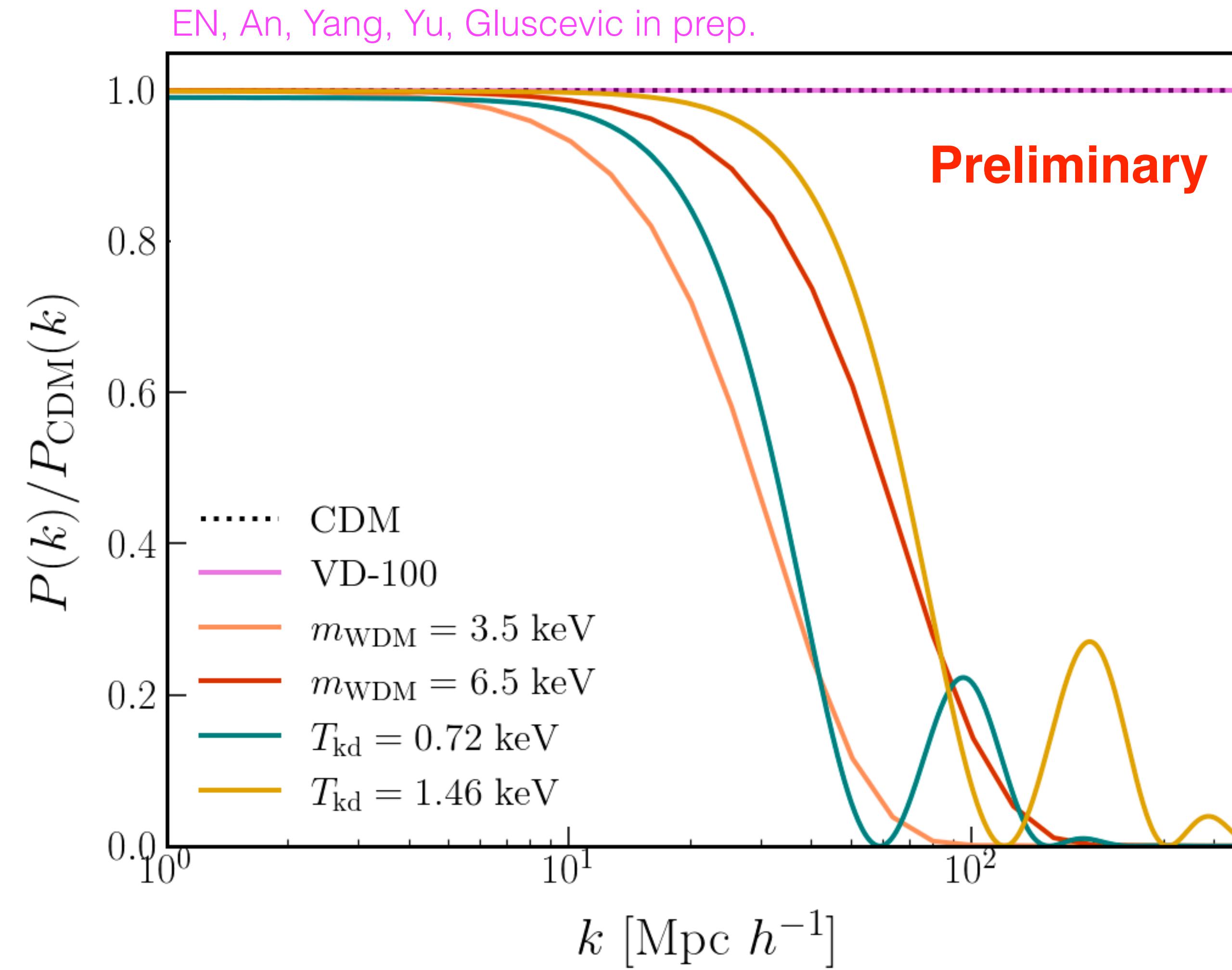
VD100 diversifies isolated halo profiles, alleviating “too big to fail” problem in the local field

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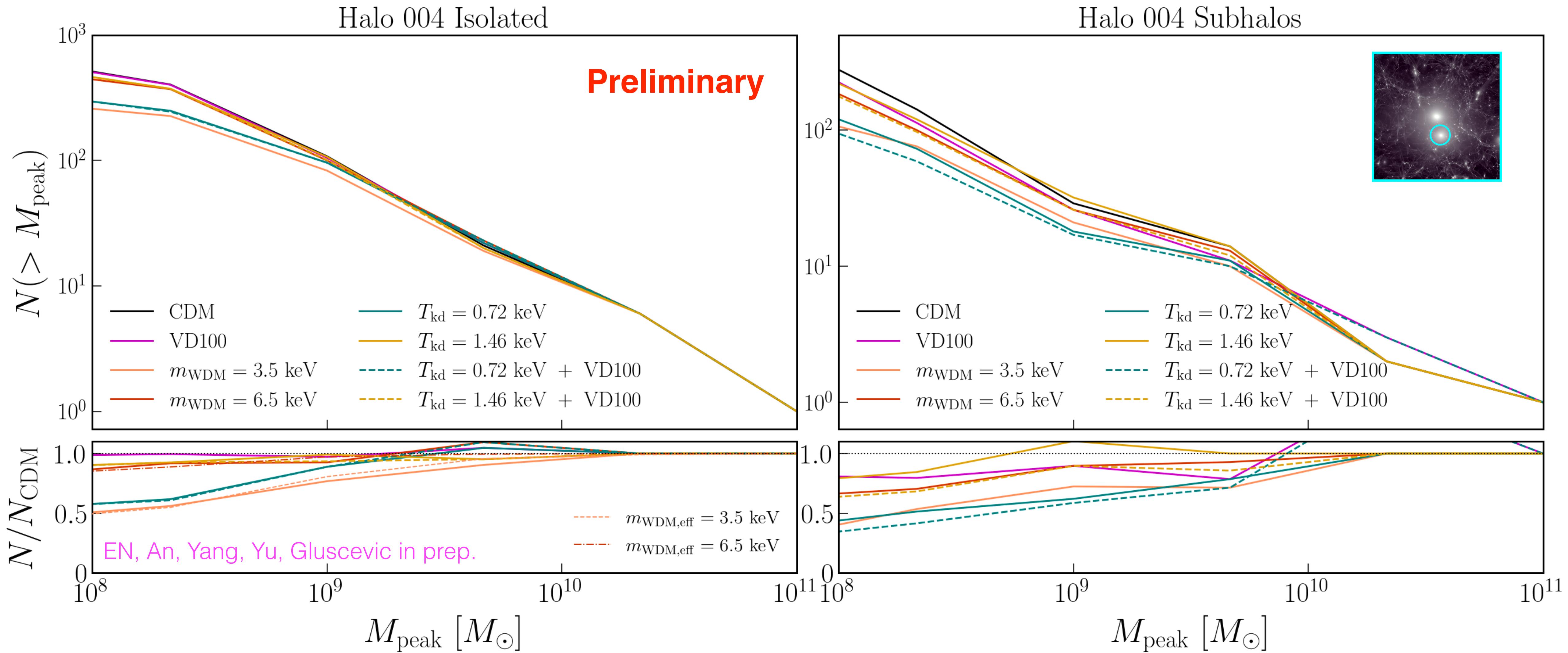
VD-100 qualitatively reproduces observed rotation curve diversity due to core formation + collapse

# Combining $P(k)$ Suppression with Strong SIDM



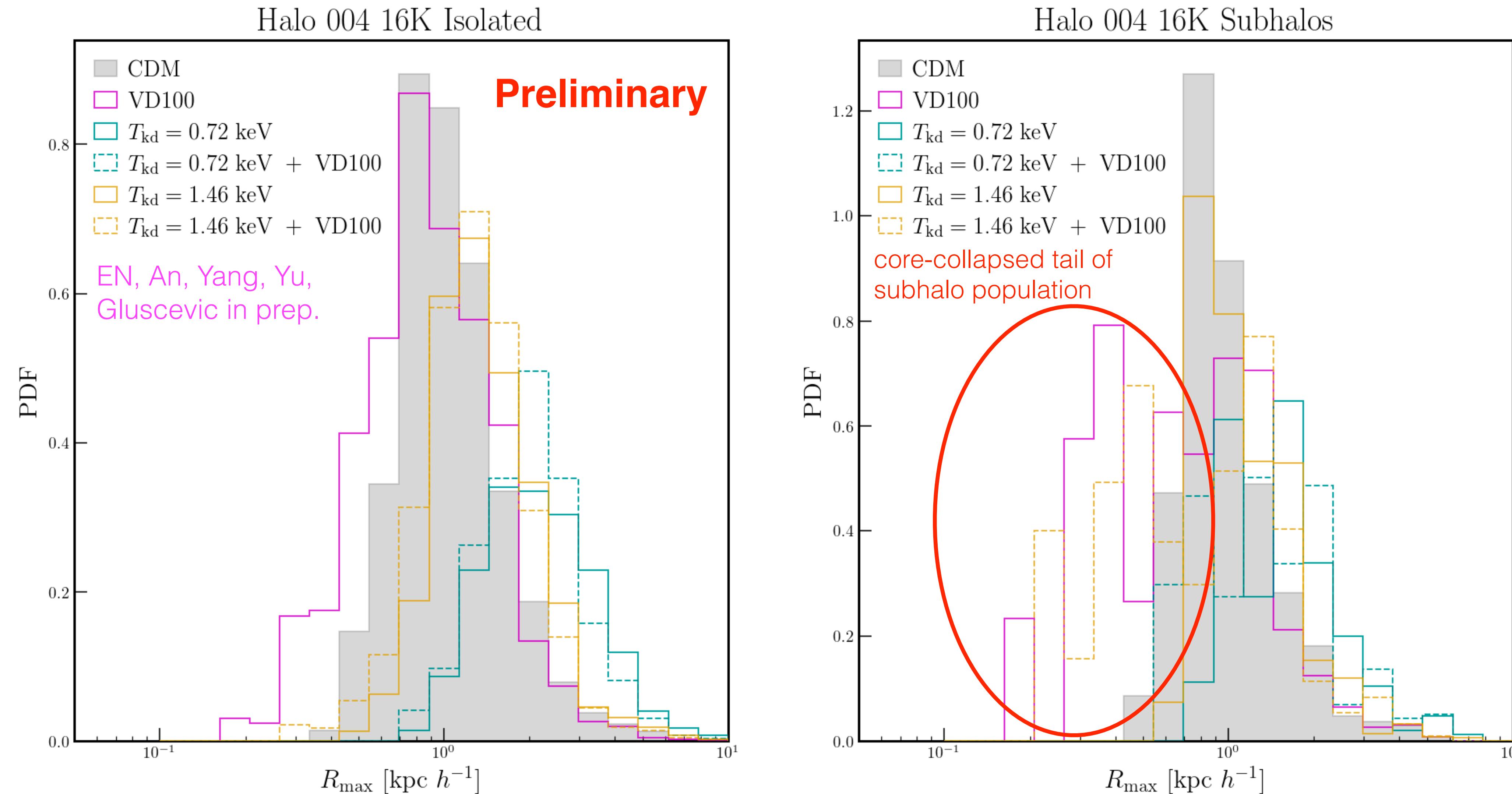
Combine VD-100 with self-consistent initial conditions; benchmark vs.  $P(k)$  or SIDM-only models

# Combining $P(k)$ Suppression with Strong SIDM



Halo mass function suppression mainly set by  $P(k)$ ; self-interactions slightly enhance subhalo disruption

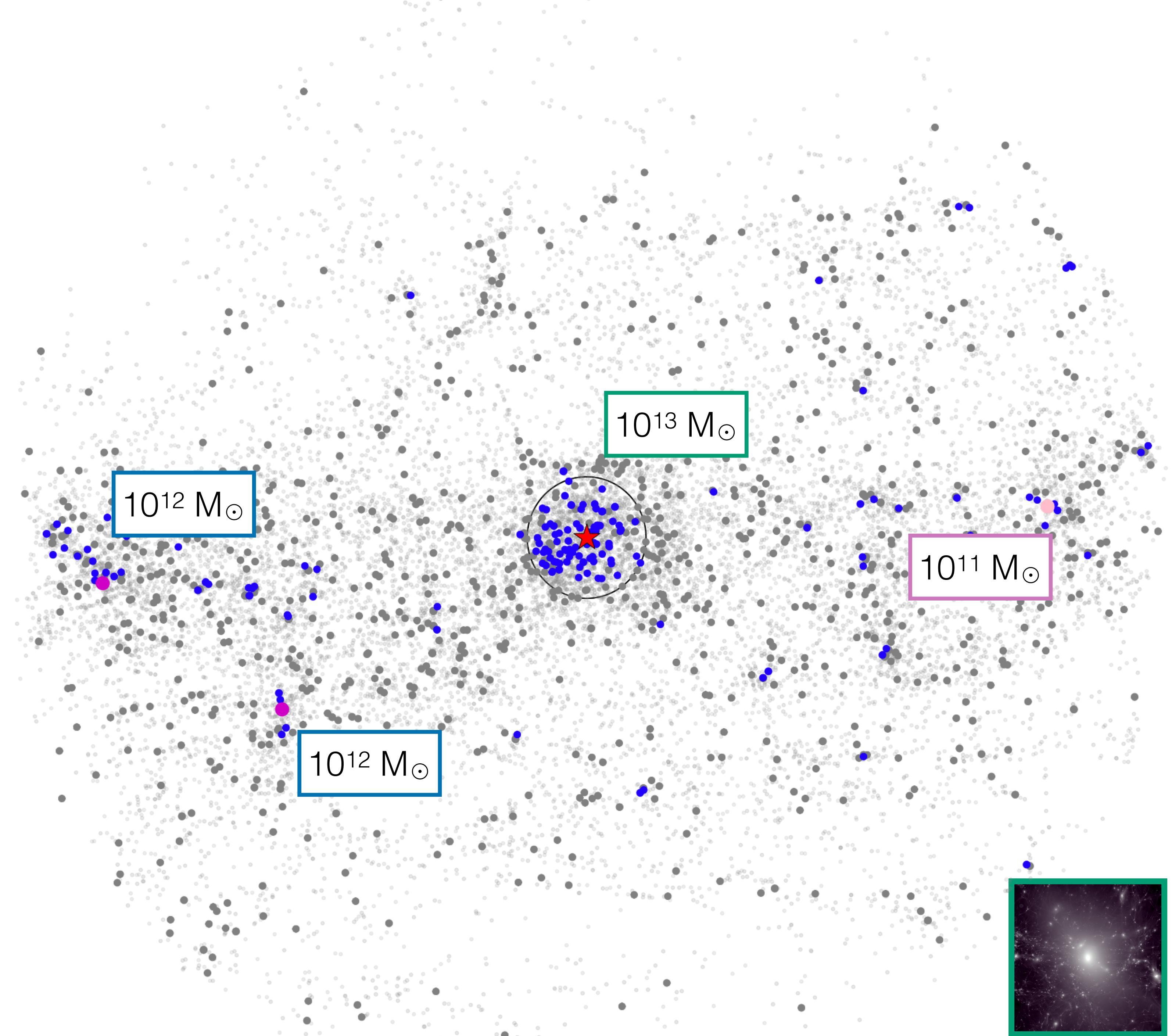
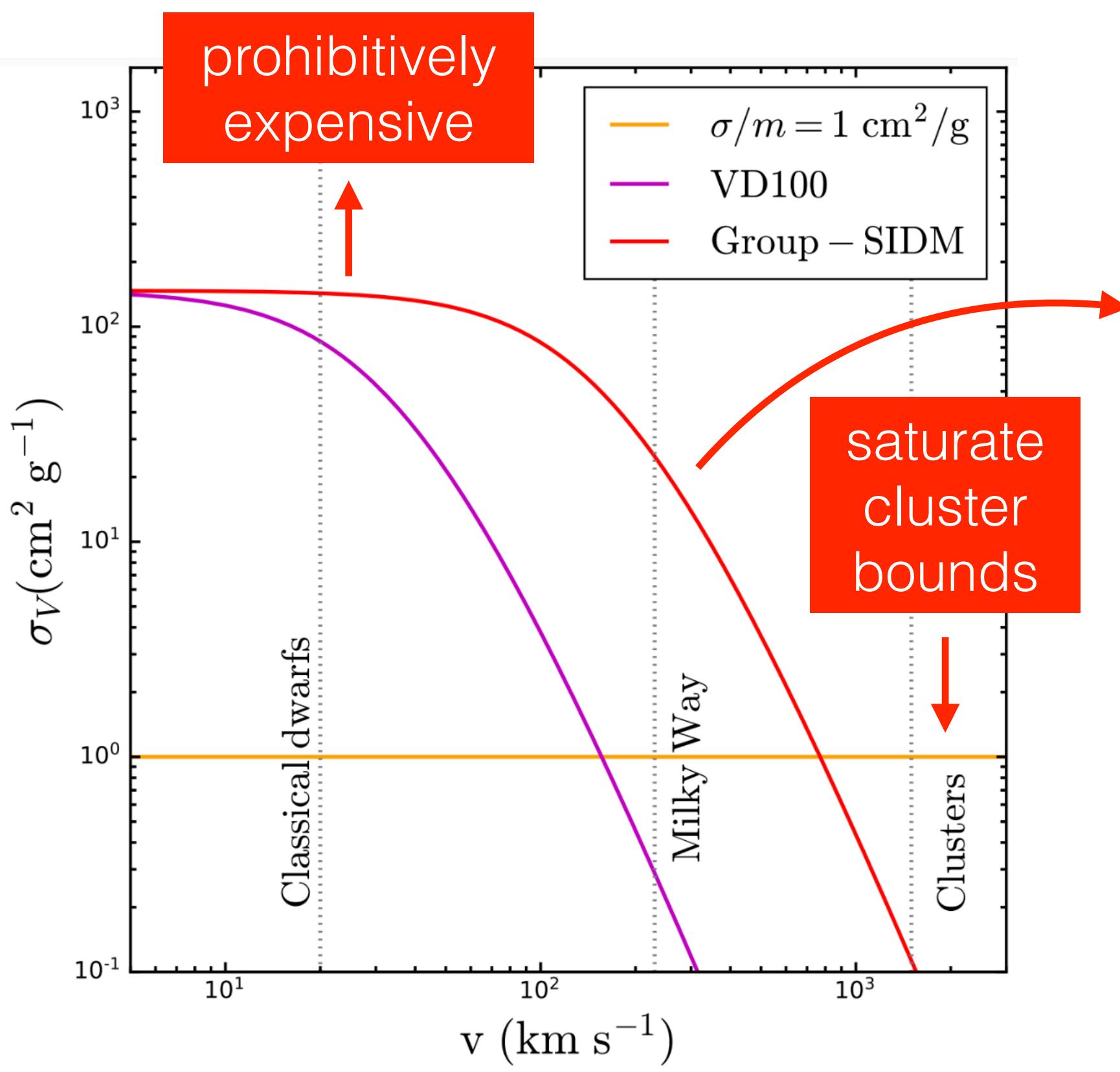
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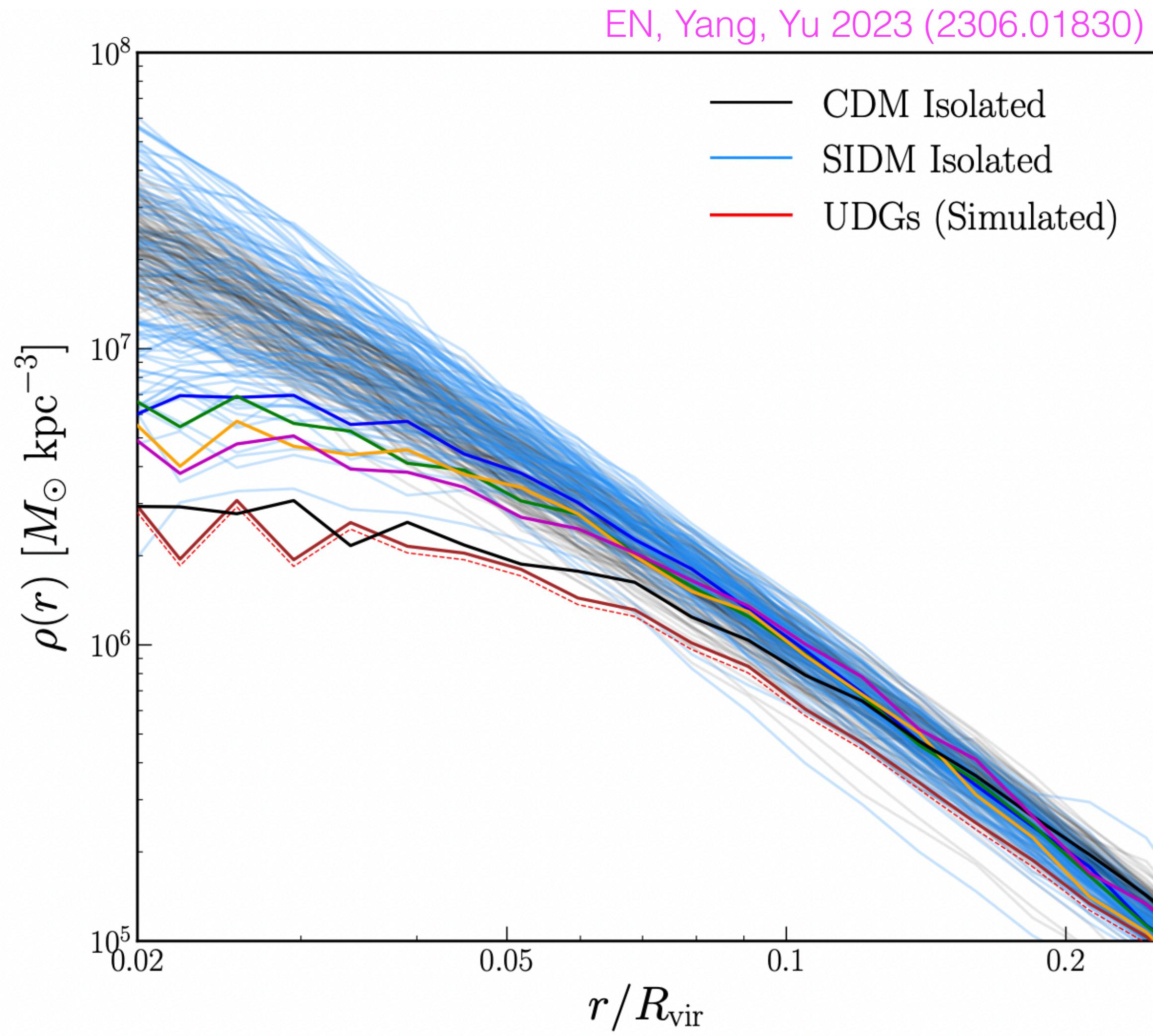
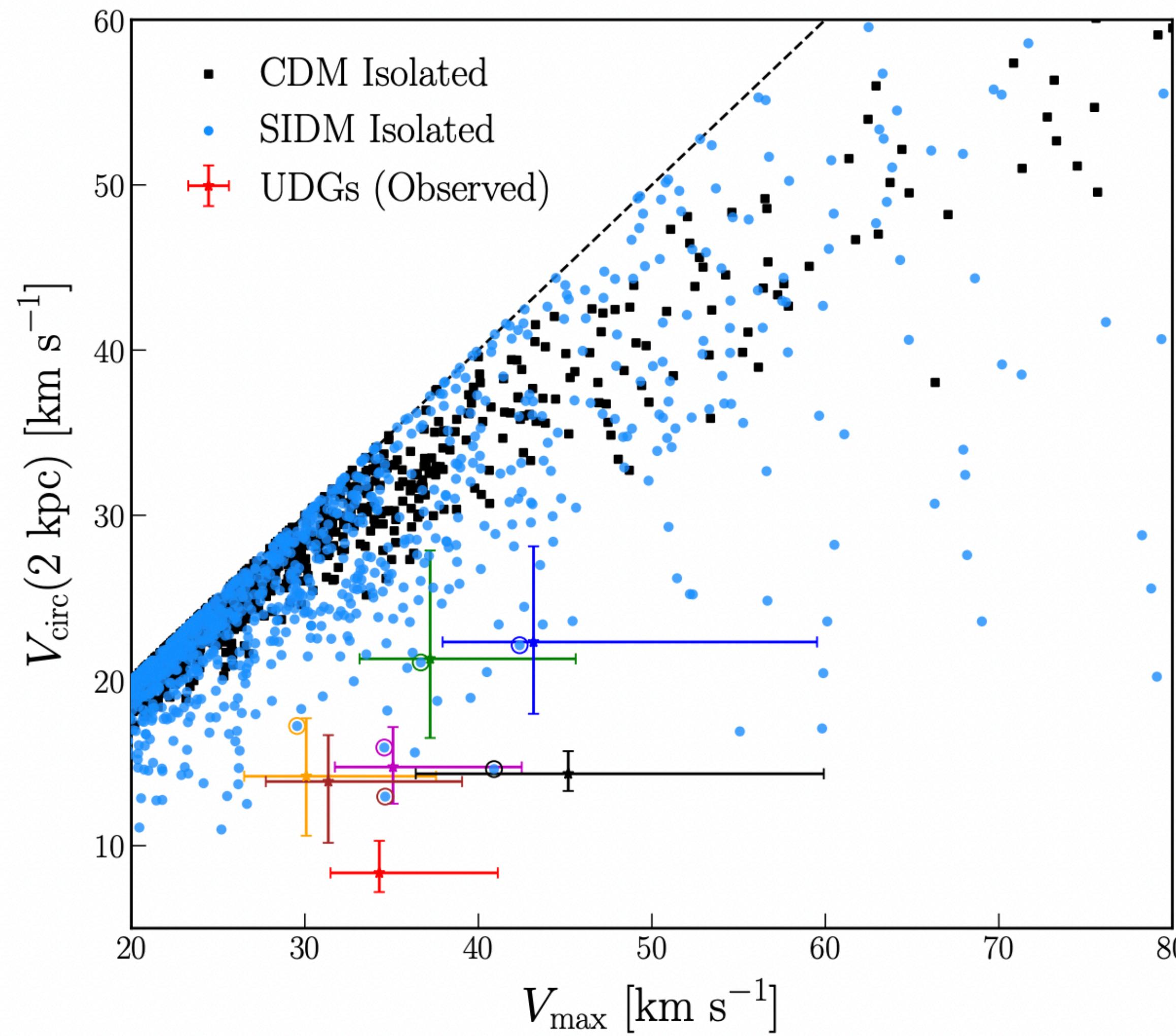
At current WDM limits, suppressed formation/growth of low-mass halos largely erases core collapse

# Group-SIDM Strong Lens Analog Simulation

- First group-scale simulation with strong DM self-interactions



# Group-SIDM Strong Lens Analog Simulation

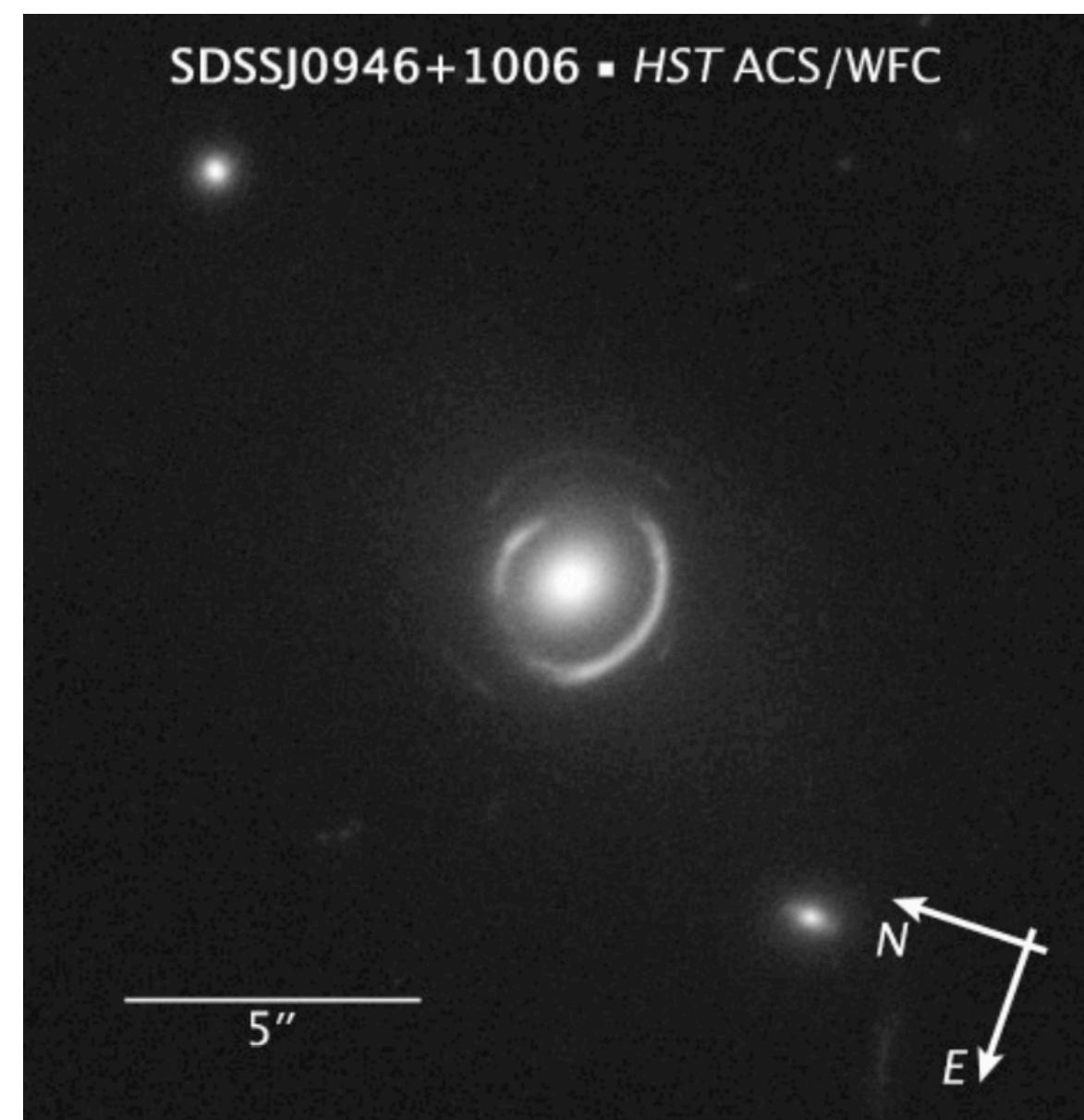


~50% of isolated Group-SIDM halos have kpc-scale cores: **analogs of observed ultra-diffuse galaxies**

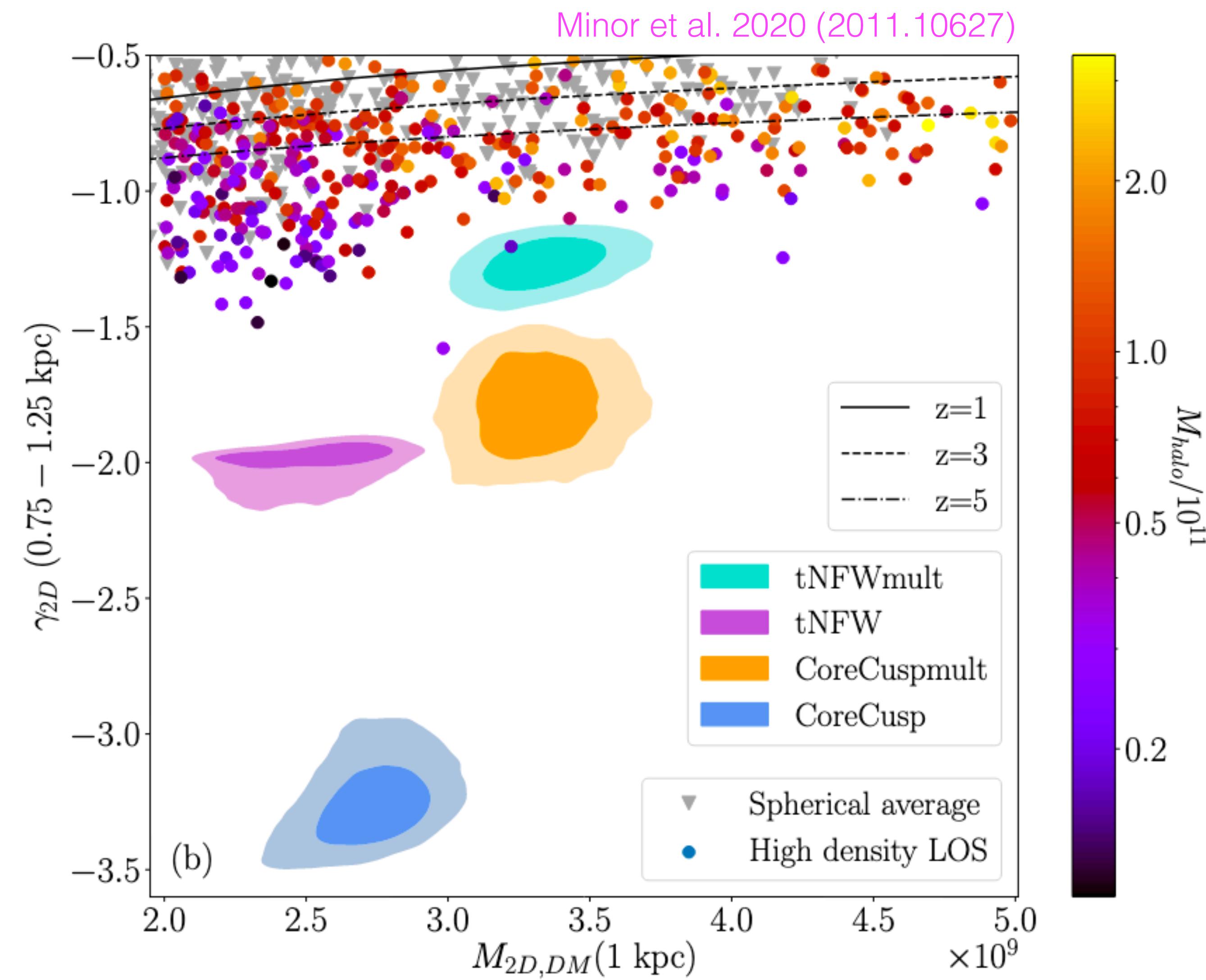
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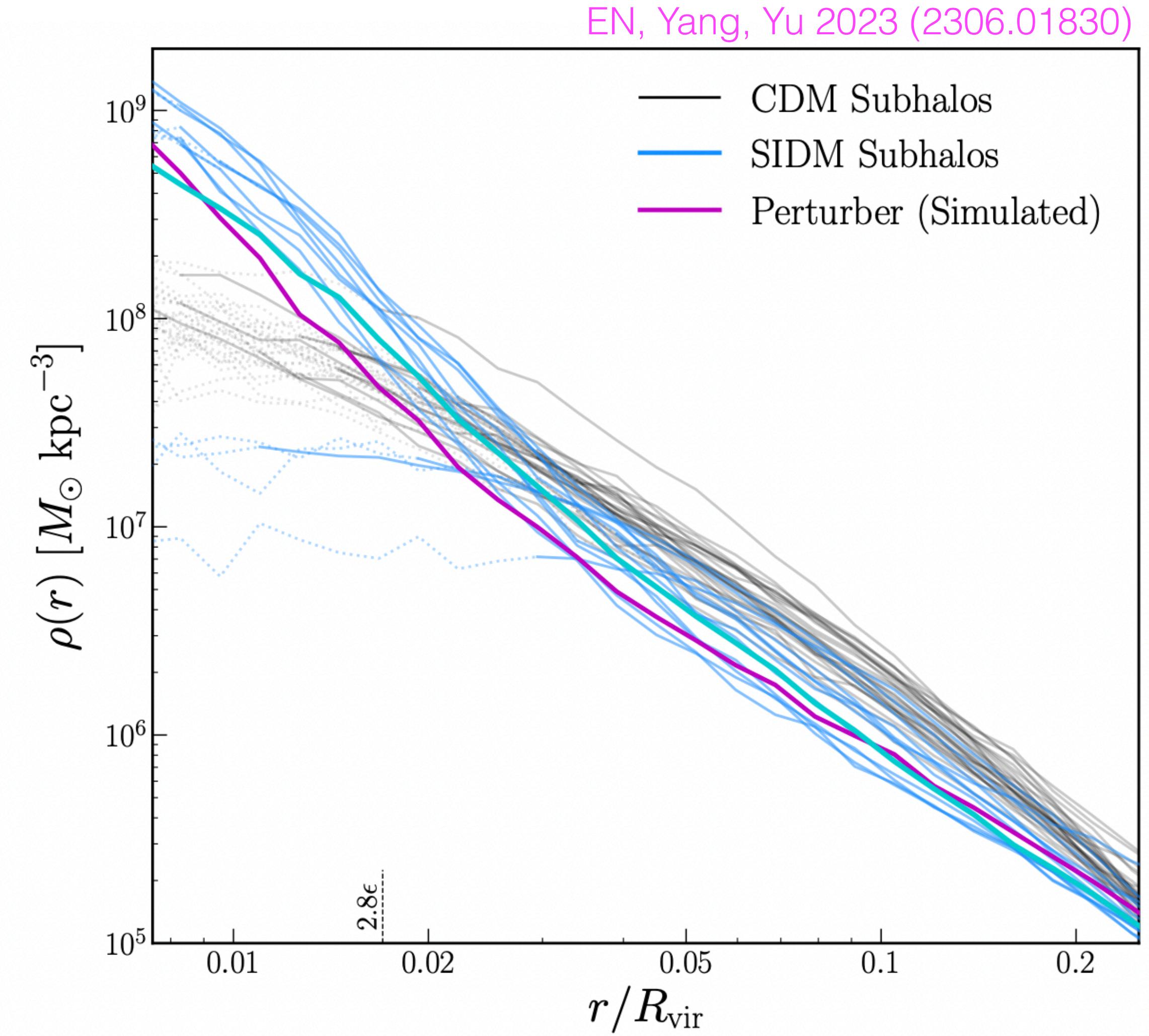
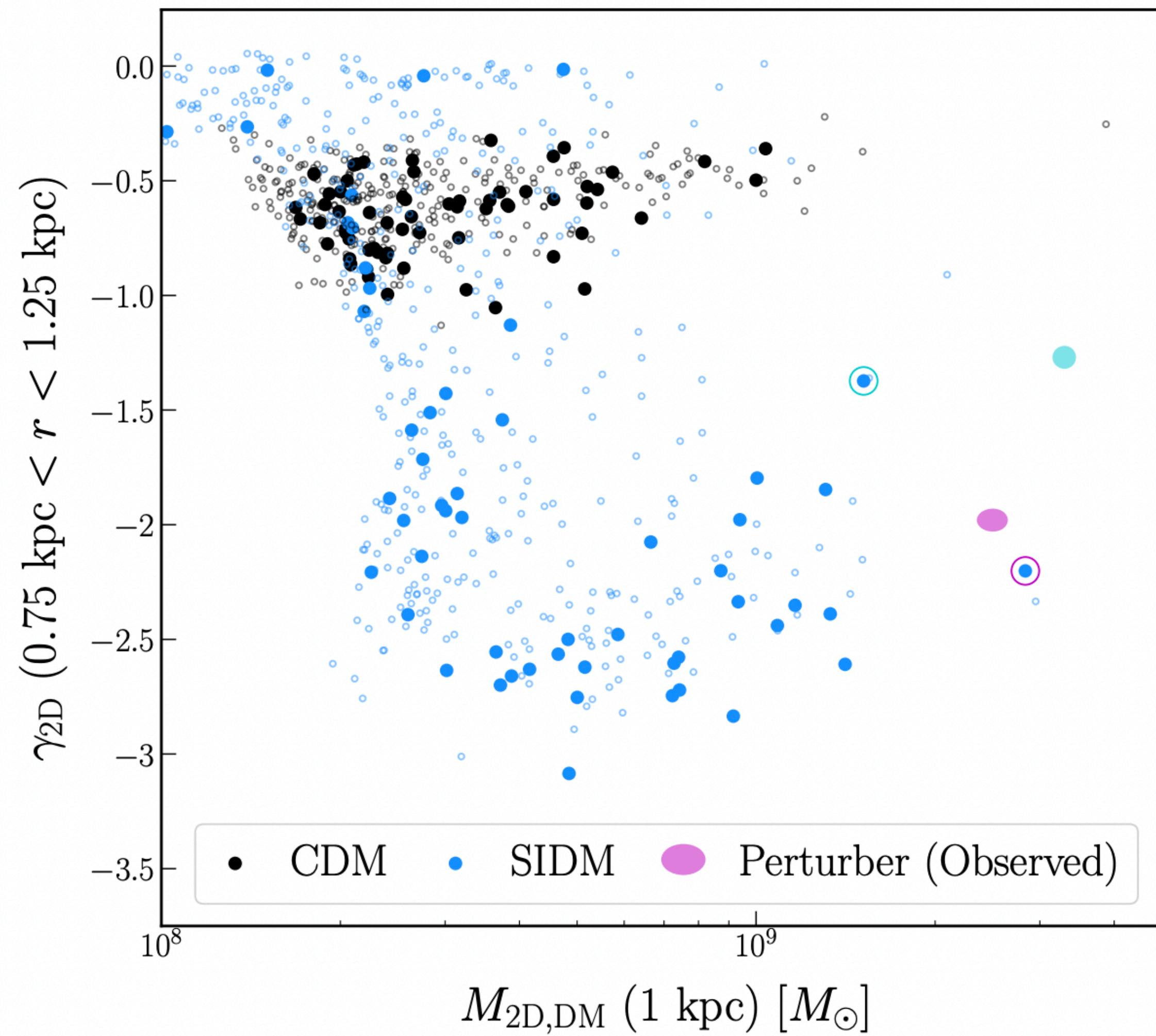
- A strong lensing perturber with no detectable luminous component has an extremely steep central density profile
- Simulations rarely produce such dense (sub)structure, even with baryons



Vegetti et al. 2010 (0910.0760)

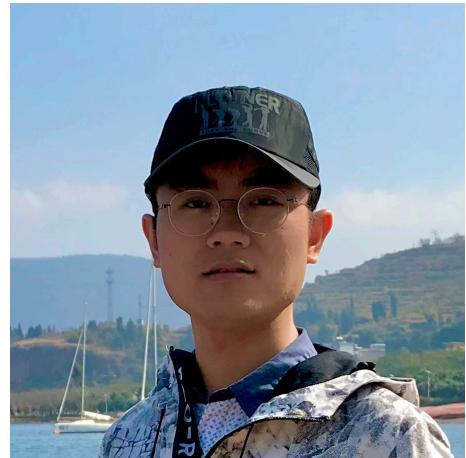


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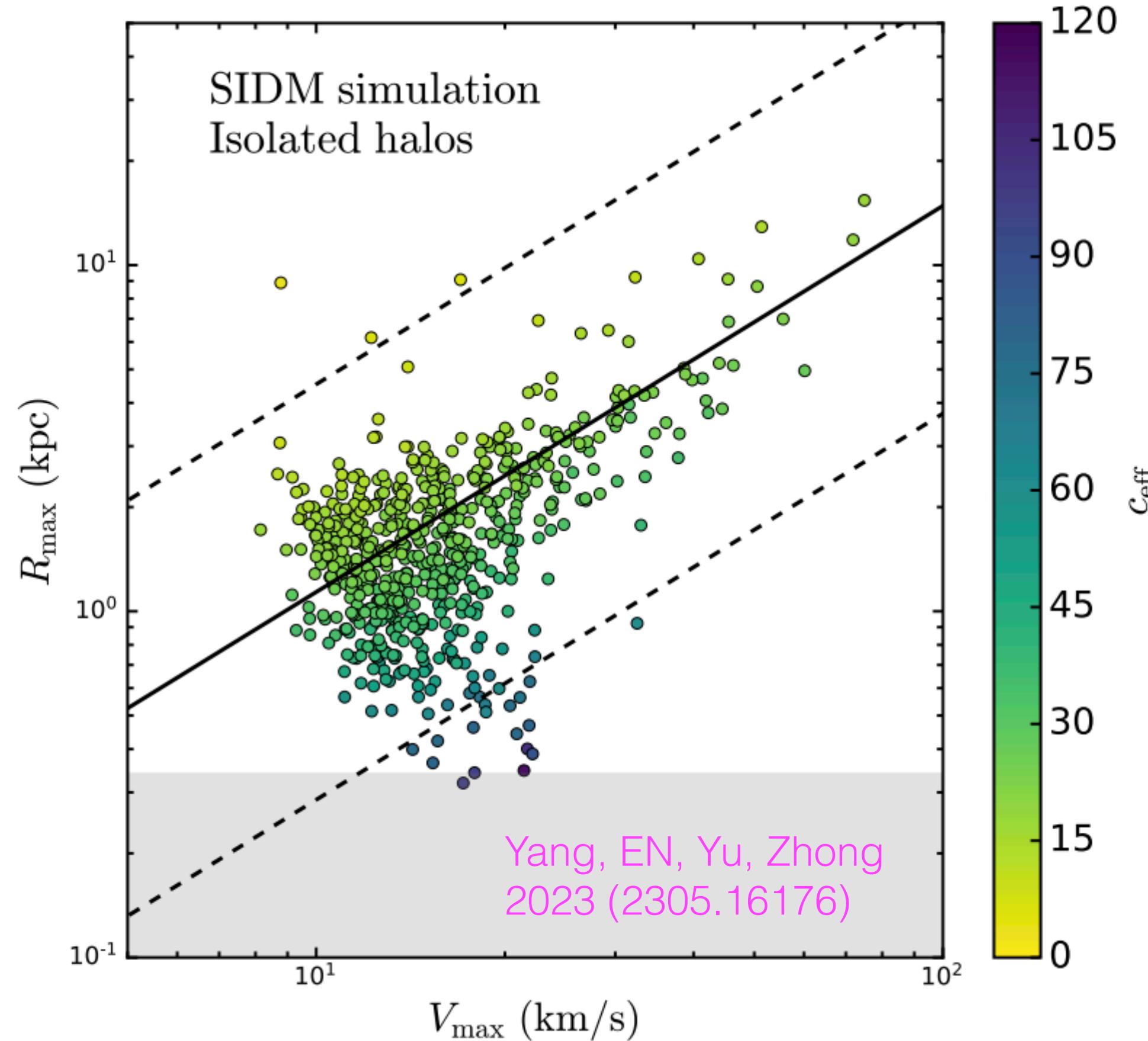
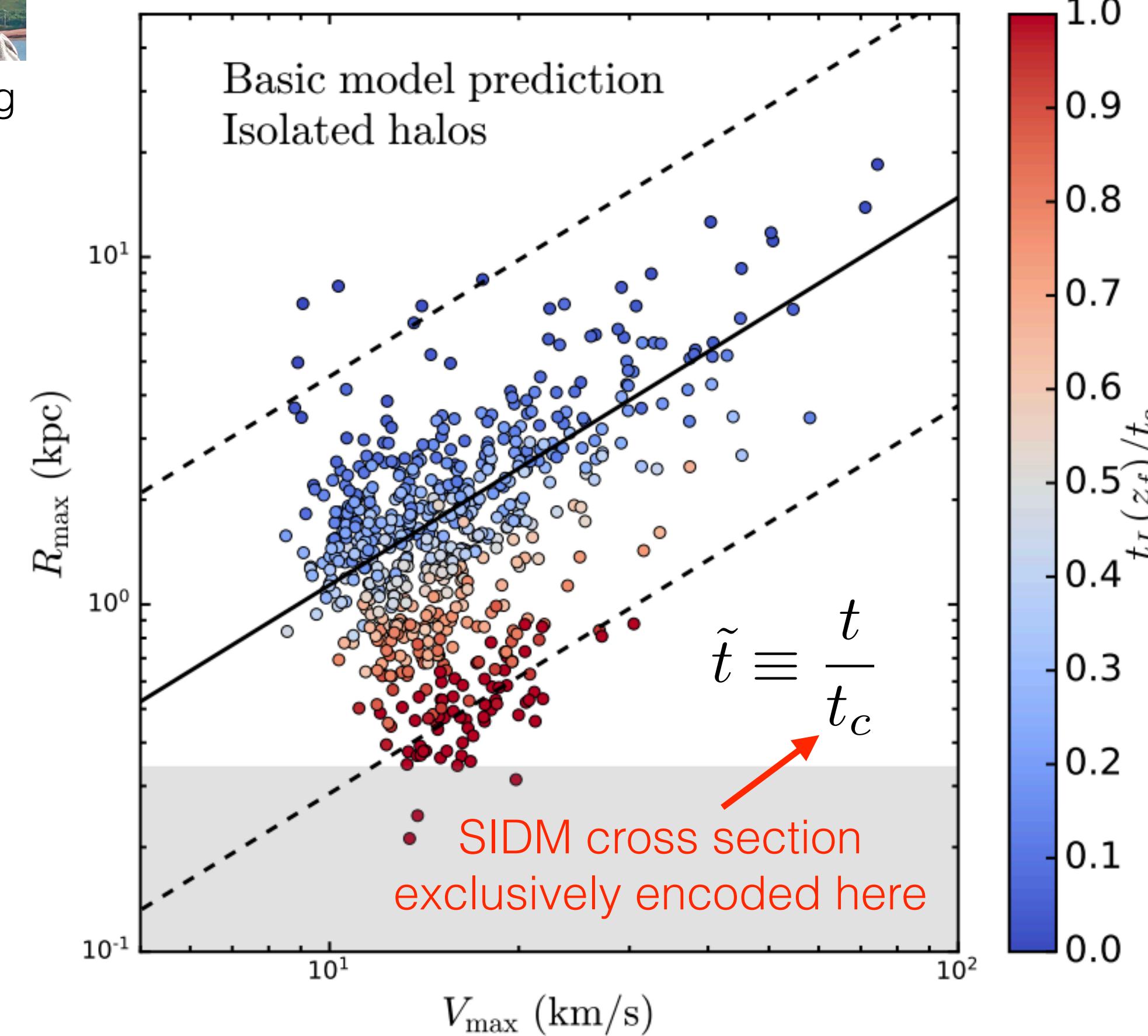
Nearly all surviving Group-SIDM subhalos core collapse: **analogs of observed strong lensing perturber**

# A Parametric Model for SIDM Effects



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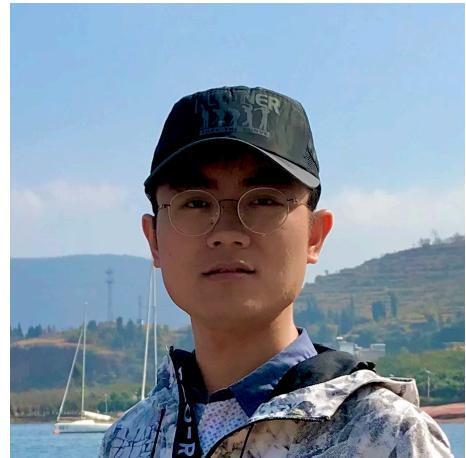
$$\frac{V_{\max}}{V_{\max,0}} = 1 + 0.1777\tilde{t} - 4.399\tilde{t}^3 + 16.66\tilde{t}^4 - 18.87\tilde{t}^5 + 9.077\tilde{t}^7 - 2.436\tilde{t}^9$$



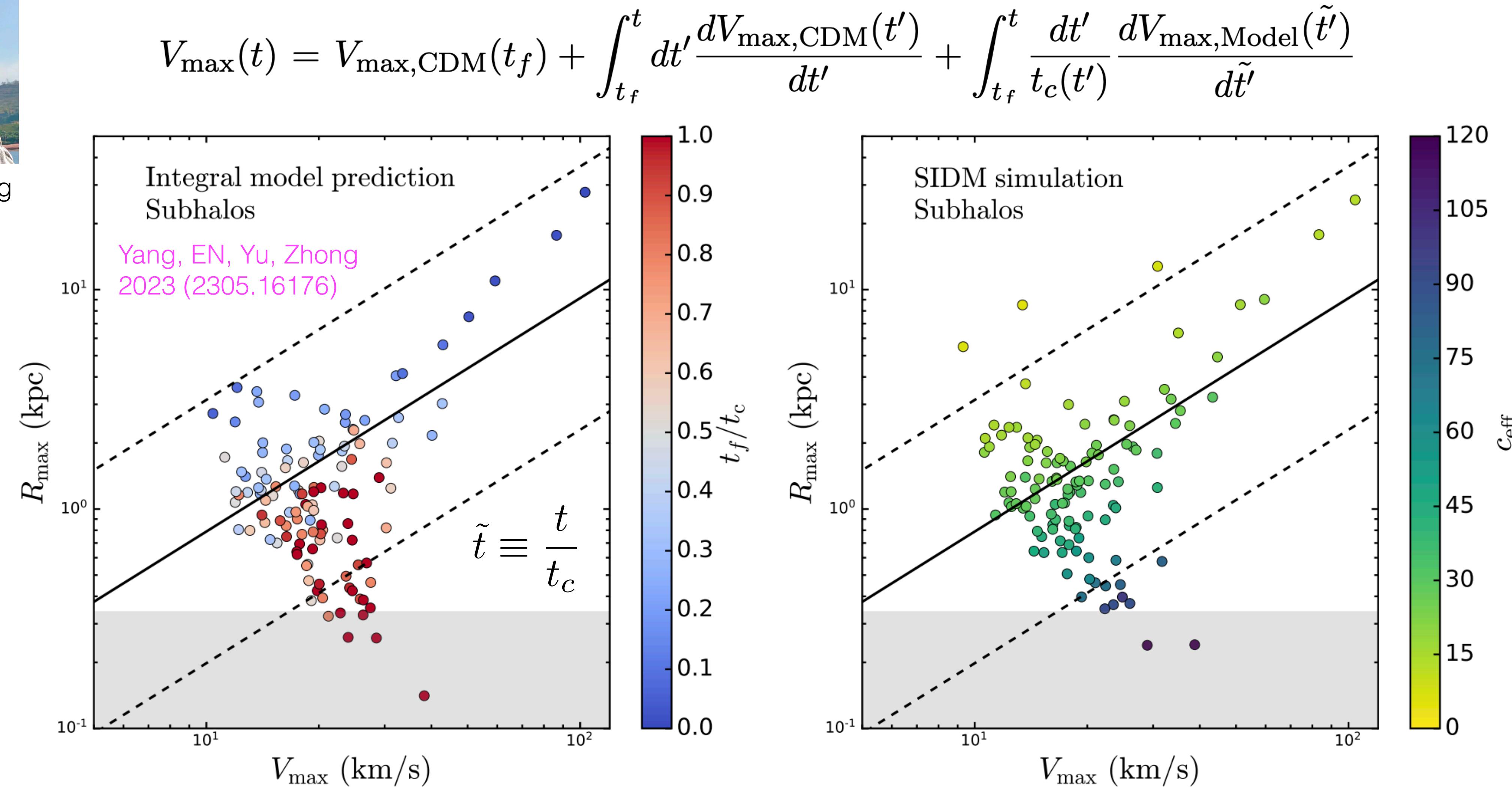
Basic model: initial CDM halo properties → SIDM halo evolution;

Calibrated to controlled simulations, agrees with isolated halos from cosmological SIDM simulations

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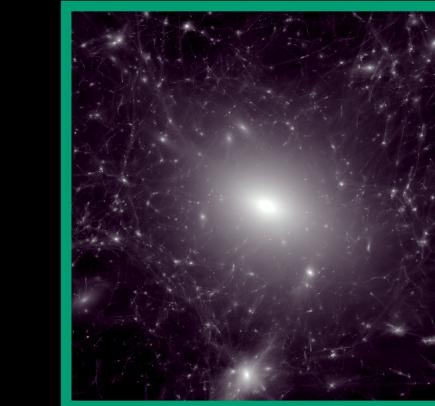
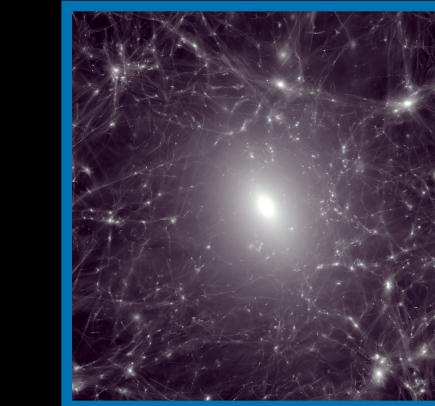
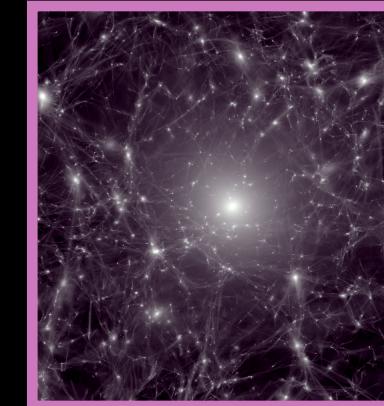


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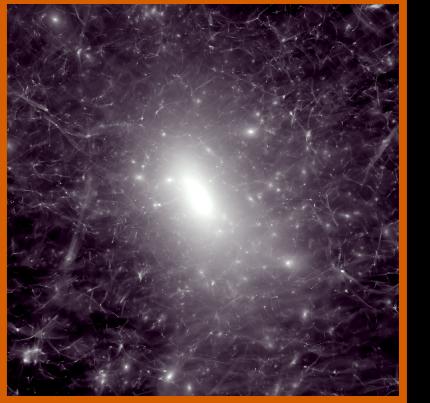
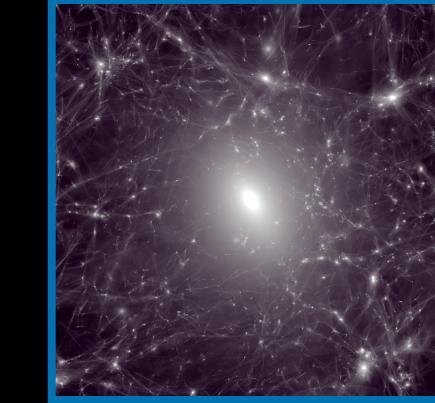
Integral model: CDM halo evolution  $\rightarrow$  SIDM halo evolution;  
Agrees with isolated halos and subhalos from cosmological SIDM simulations

- **Symphony**: 262 zoom-ins, including **LMC** and **strong lens analogs**;
- **Milky Way-est**: 20 zoom-ins of **Milky Way-like systems** with LMC & GE analogs
- **Beyond-CDM**: 100+ zoom-ins with **warm, fuzzy, interacting** DM initial conditions
  
- **VD-100 Milky Way Simulation**: strong, velocity-dependent SIDM yields **diverse halo populations** within and surrounding the Milky Way; **~20% of subhalos core collapse**
  
- **$P(k)$  Suppression + Strong SIDM**: self-consistent initial conditions in strong SIDM scenario **largely erase core collapse** for  $P(k)$  suppression at current WDM limits
  
- **Group-SIDM Simulation**: extreme self-interactions produce analogs of observed **UDGs** and **strong-lensing perturbers**; nearly all surviving subhalos core collapse
  
- **Parametric Model for SIDM Effects**: agrees with isolated halo and subhalo populations from cosmological SIDM simulations, enabling rapid predictions in SIDM parameter space

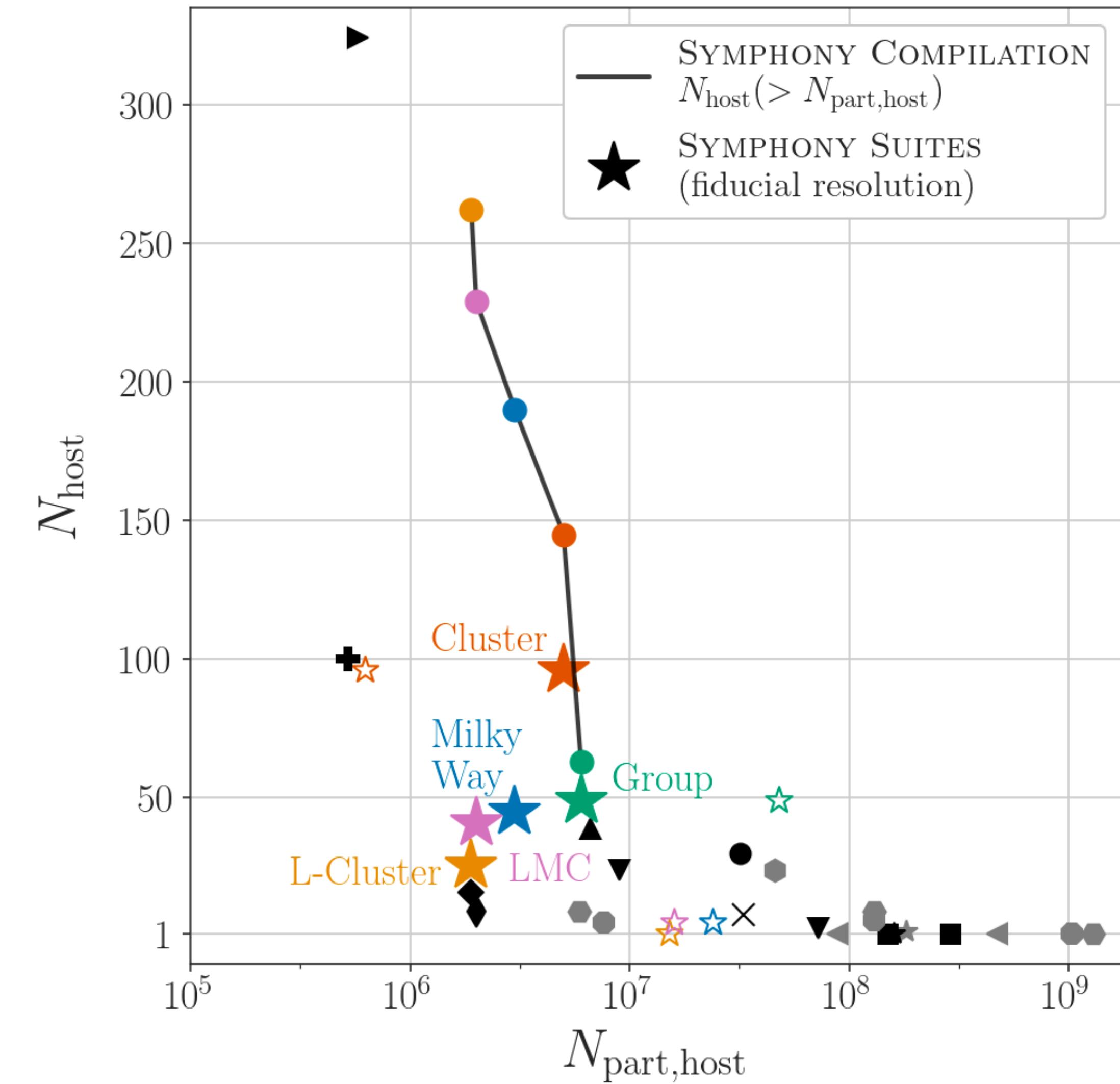
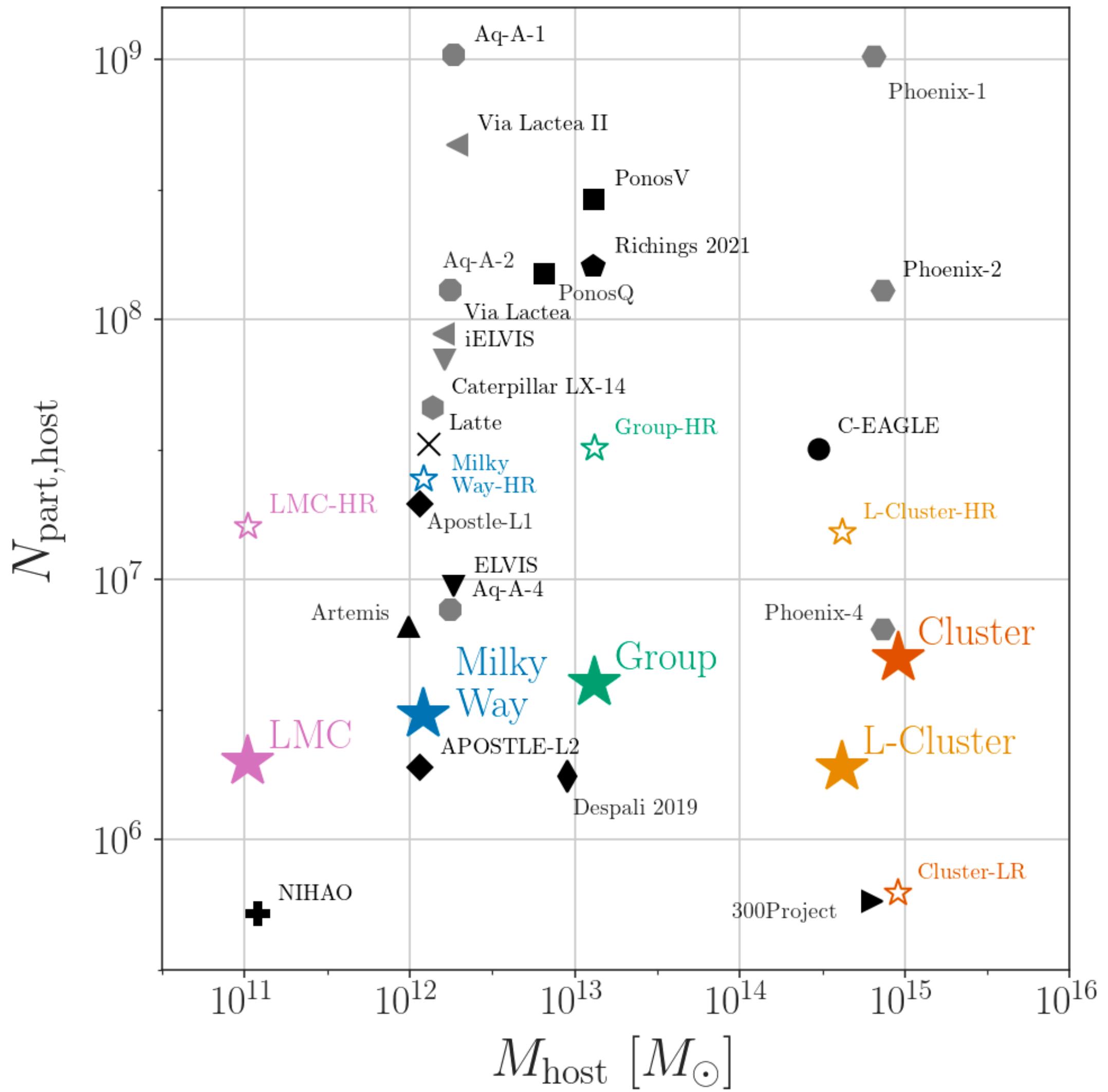


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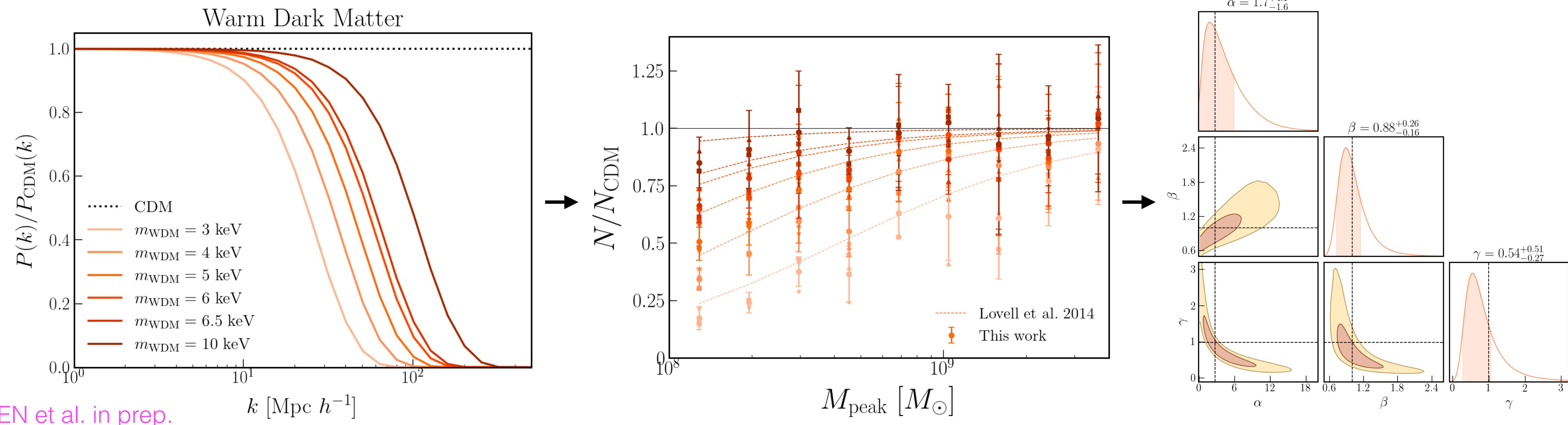
# Symphony Zoom-in Simulations



# Beyond-CDM Zoom-in Simulations

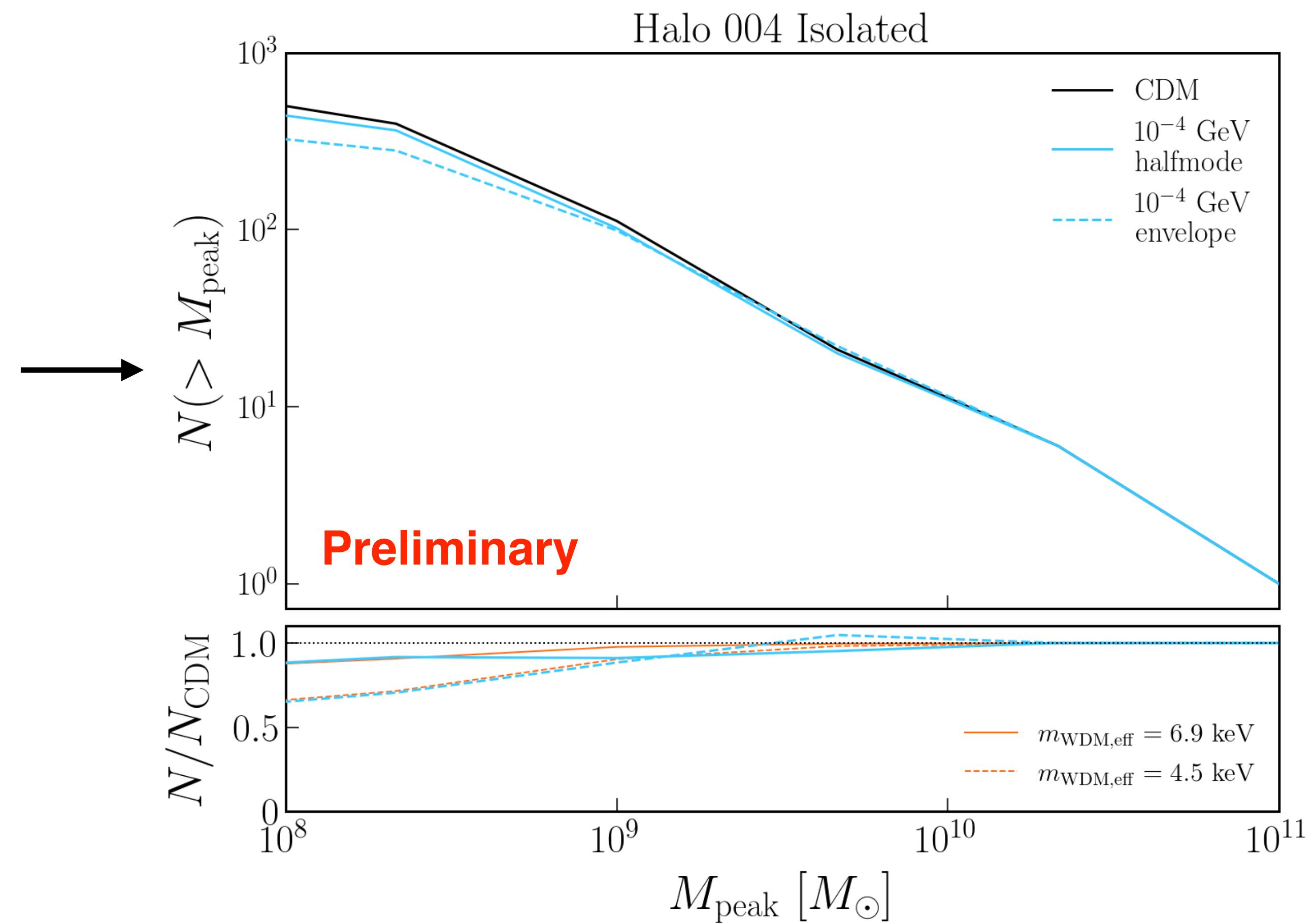
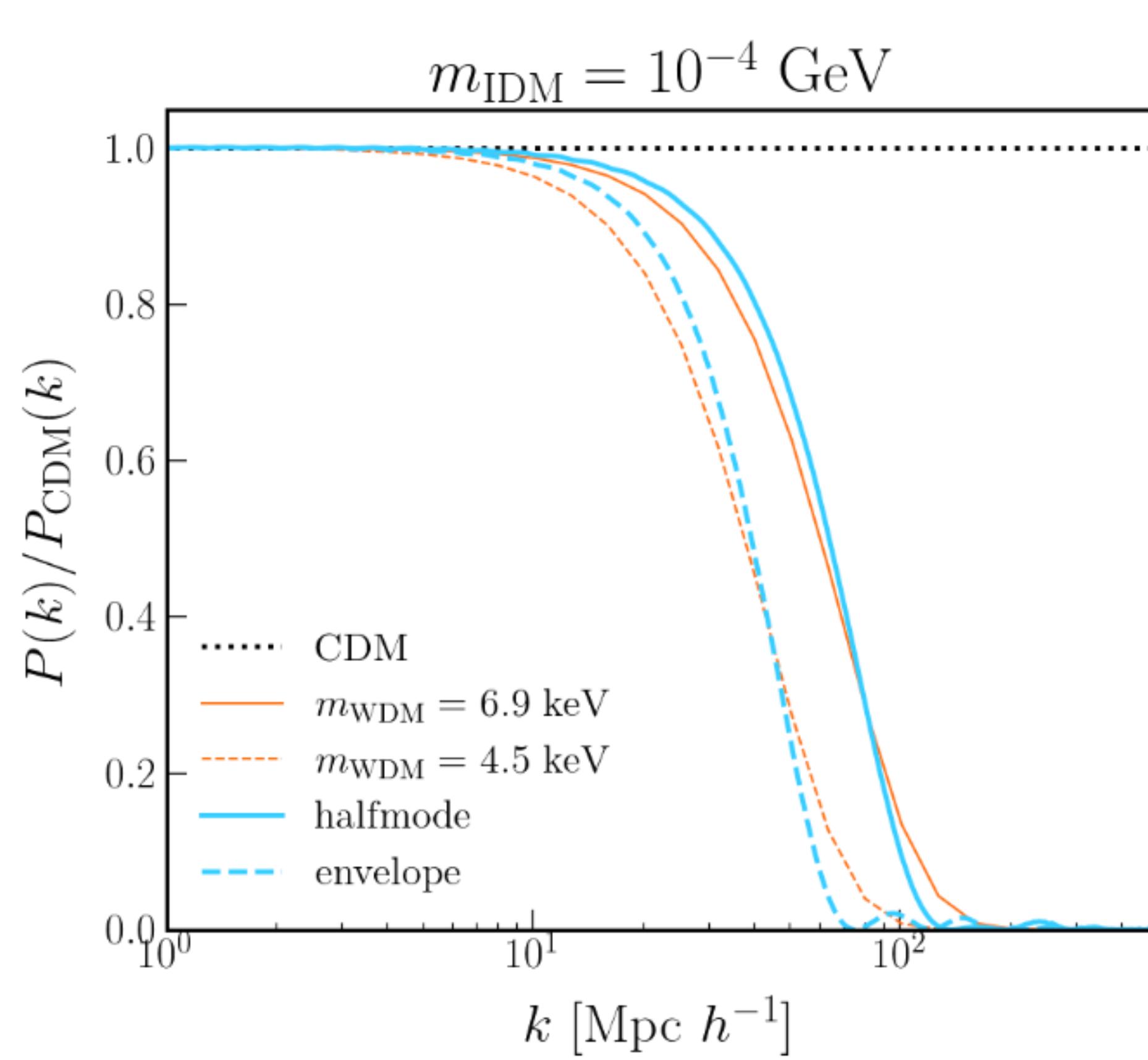
- Recalibrate WDM halo mass function suppression: full treatment of statistical uncertainties, halo-to-halo scatter, fit degeneracies; integrated with **CLASS**
- Halo mass function suppression slightly enhanced relative to previous fits
- Extremely small contamination from artificial halos

$$\frac{(dn/dM)_{\text{WDM}}}{(dn/dM)_{\text{CDM}}} = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\alpha M_{\text{hm}}(m_{\text{WDM}})}{M} \right)^{\beta} \right]^{-\gamma}$$



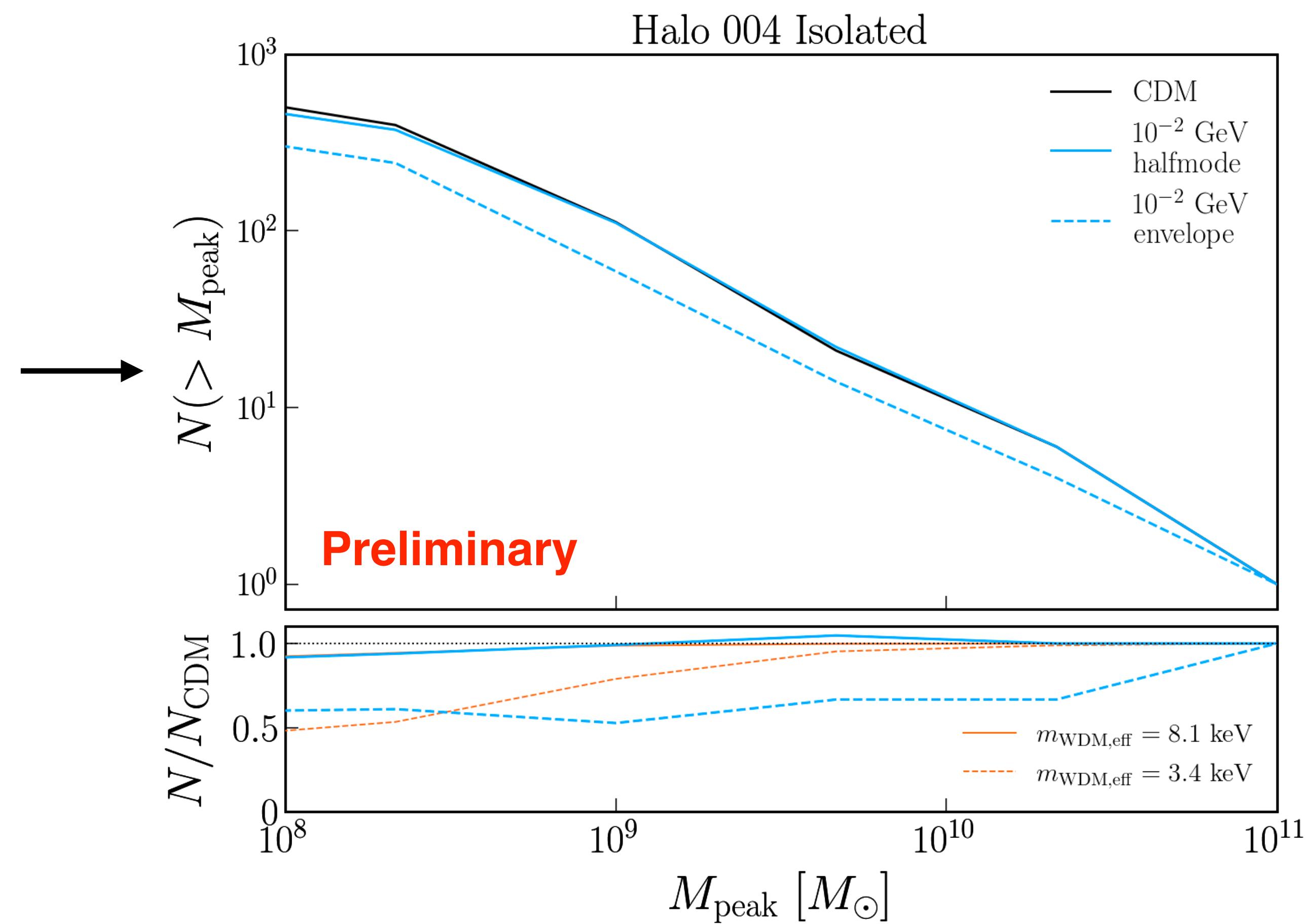
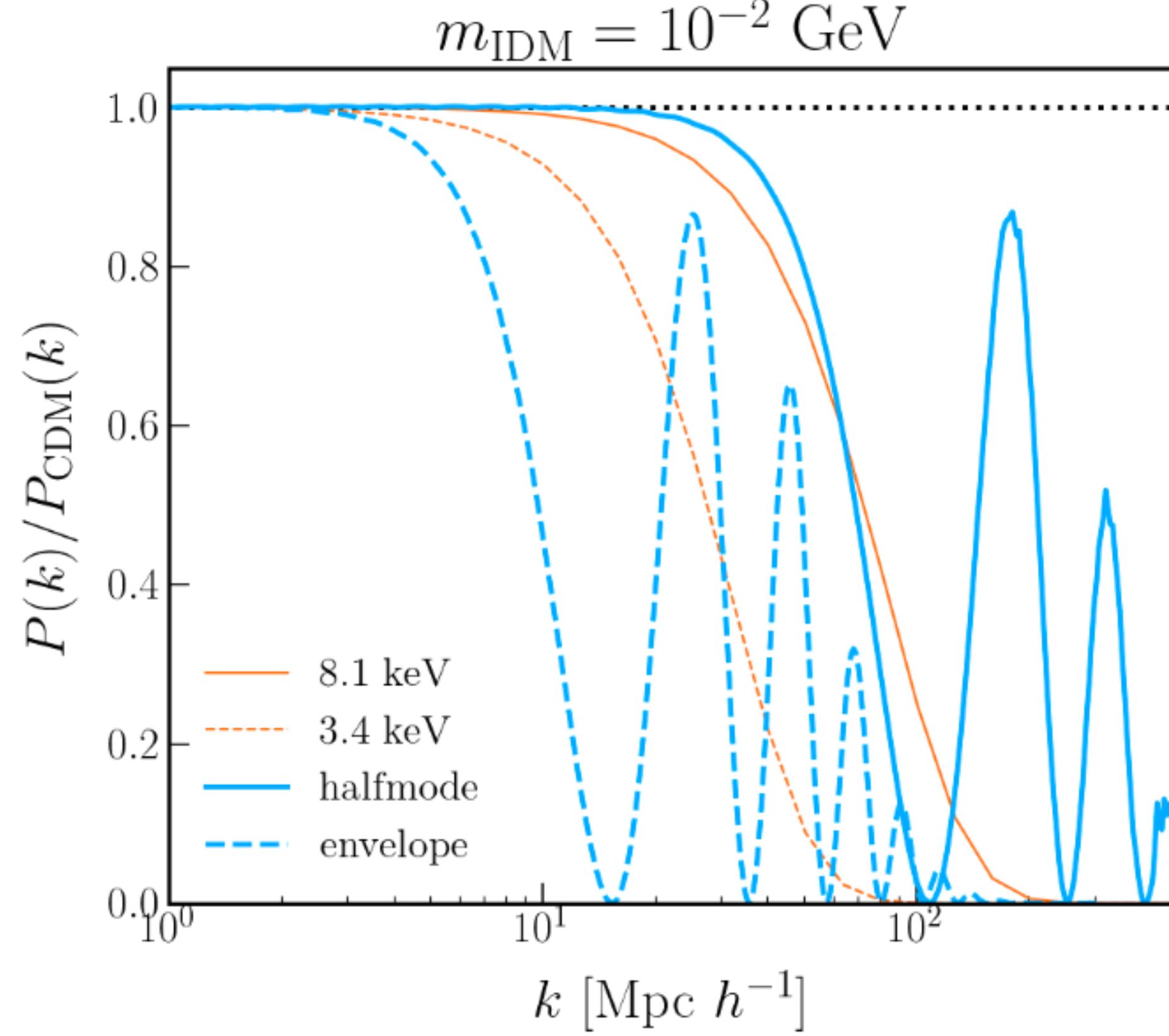
# Beyond-CDM Zoom-in Simulations

- Interacting dark matter models with small dark acoustic oscillations map to effective WDM models:



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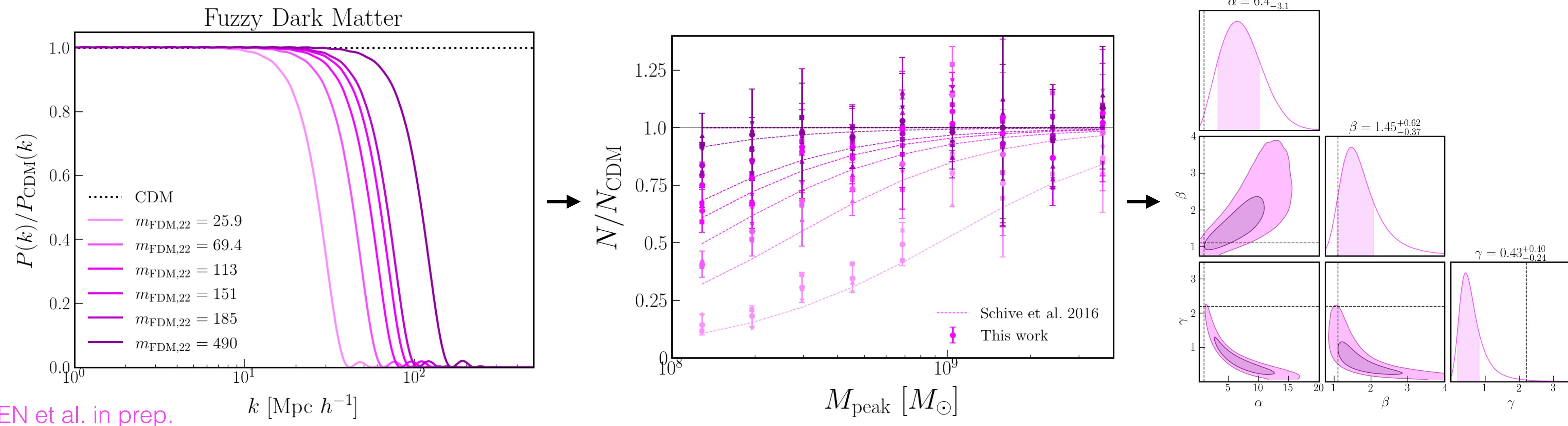
- Interacting dark matter models with large dark acoustic oscillations are “colder” than WDM models with the same initial cutoff:



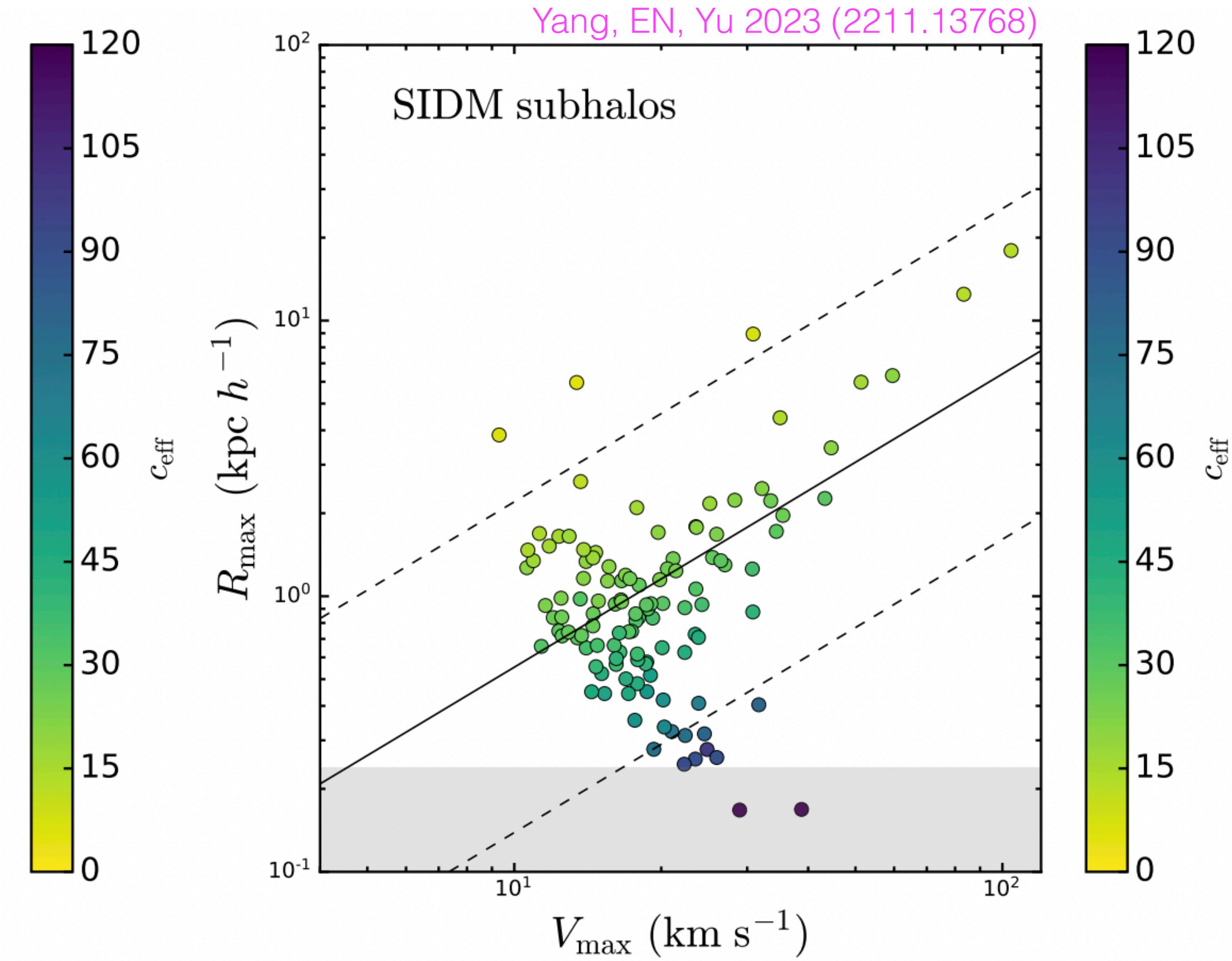
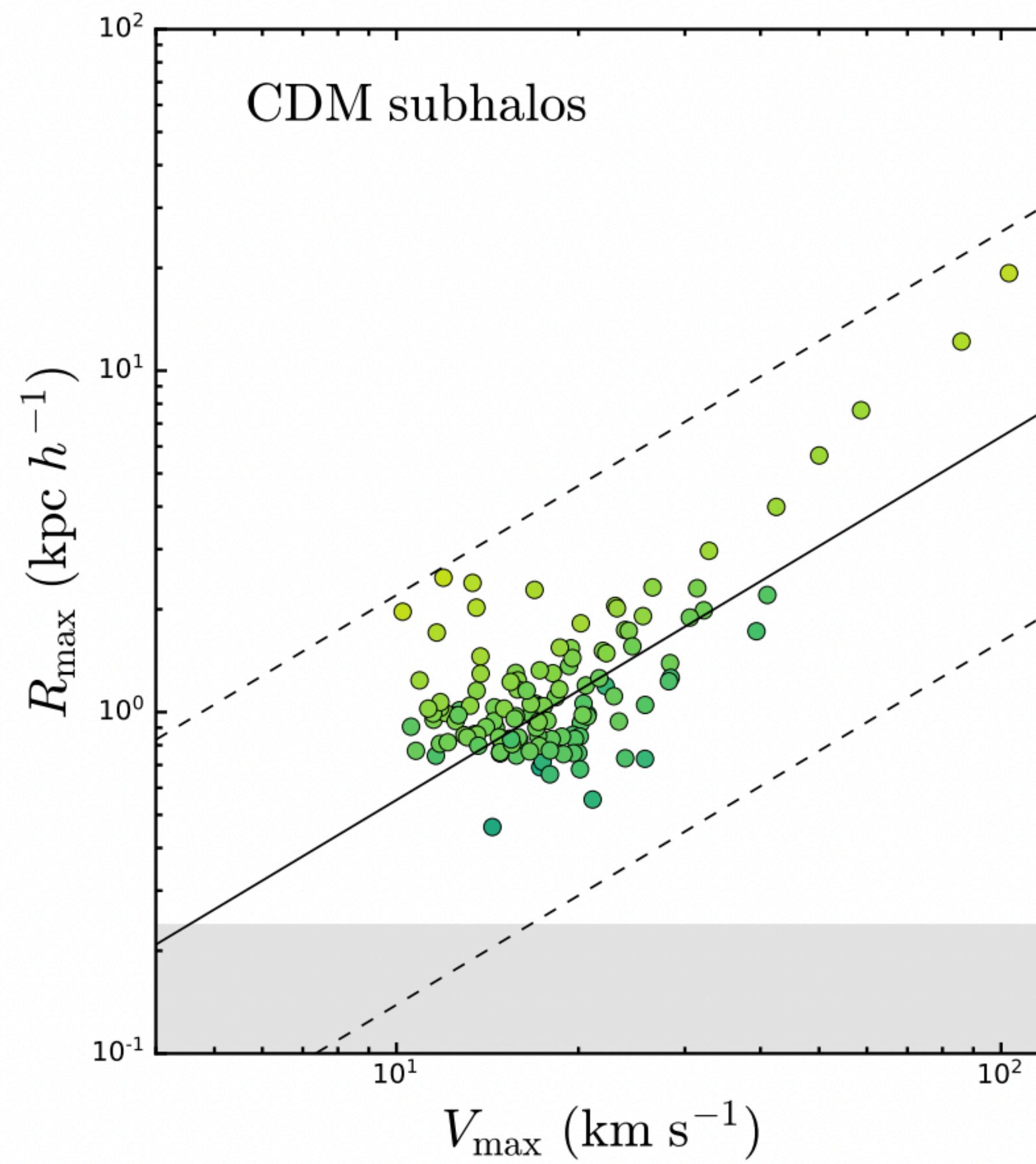
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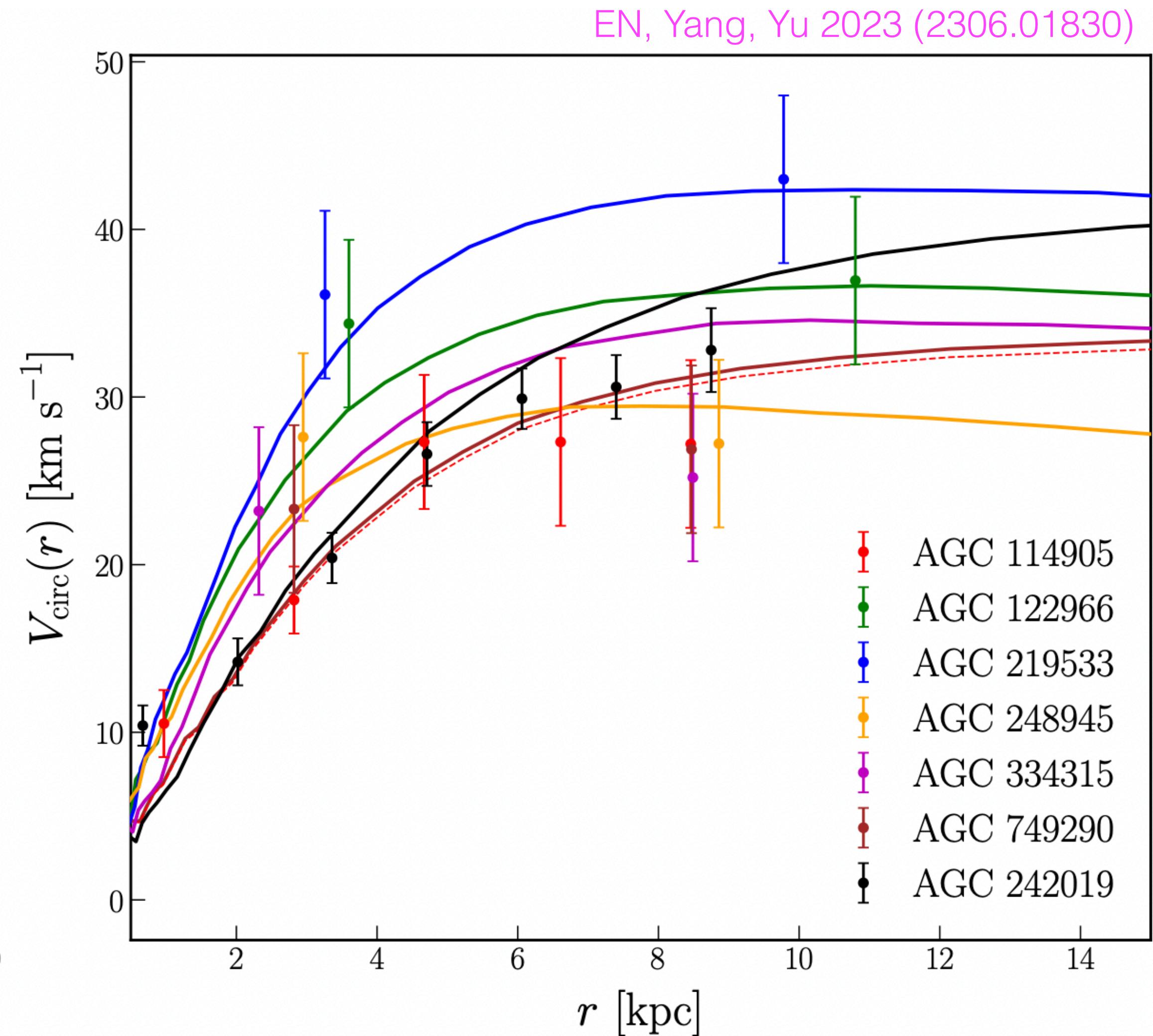
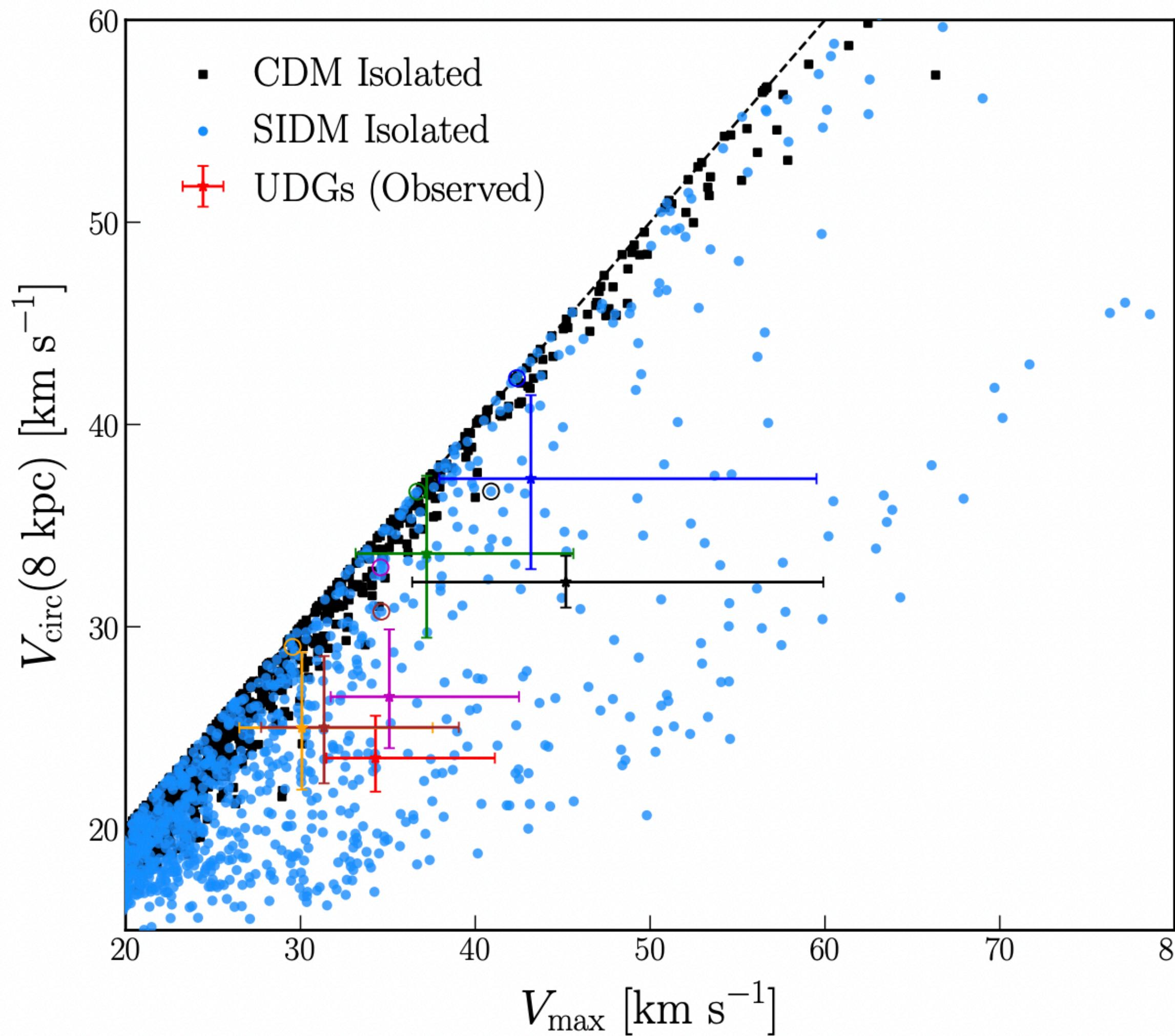


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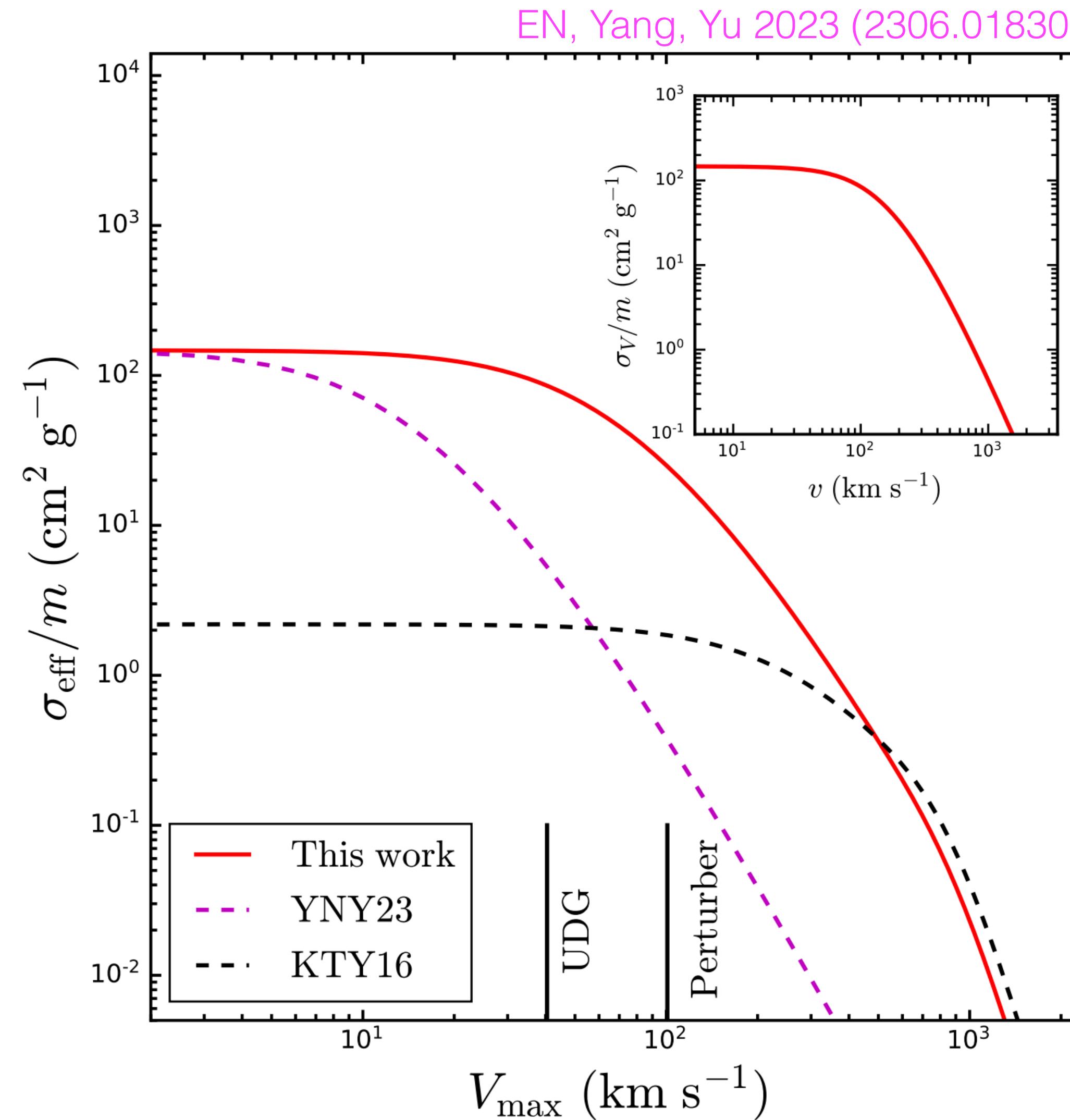
Core-collapsed (sub)halos are extreme outliers in  $R_{\max}$ - $V_{\max}$  plane; consistent with analytic  $t_c$  predictions

# Group-SIDM Strong Lens Analog Simulation



Group-SIDM model reproduces entire rotation curves of observed UDGs reasonably well

# Group-SIDM Strong Lens Analog Simulation



Group-SIDM effective cross section compared to velocity scales of UDGs and strong-lensing perturber