

# **Dark Worlds in Astronomy: Exploring the Cosmic Mystery of Dark Matter**

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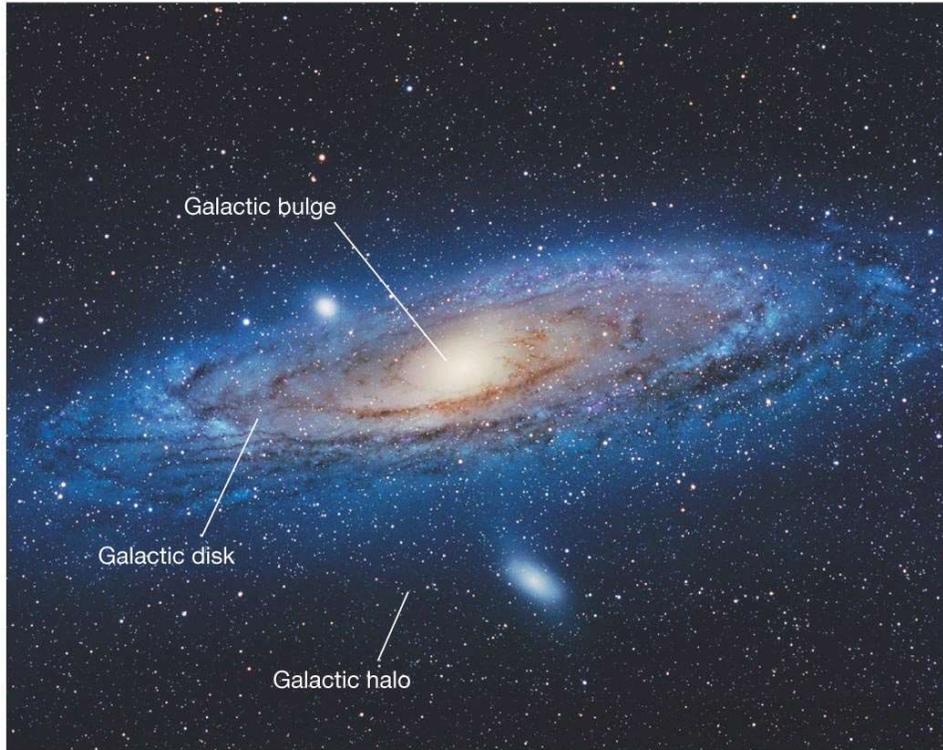
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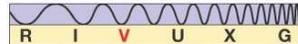
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# **3. Dark Matter Study in Practice**

# When we say a galaxy

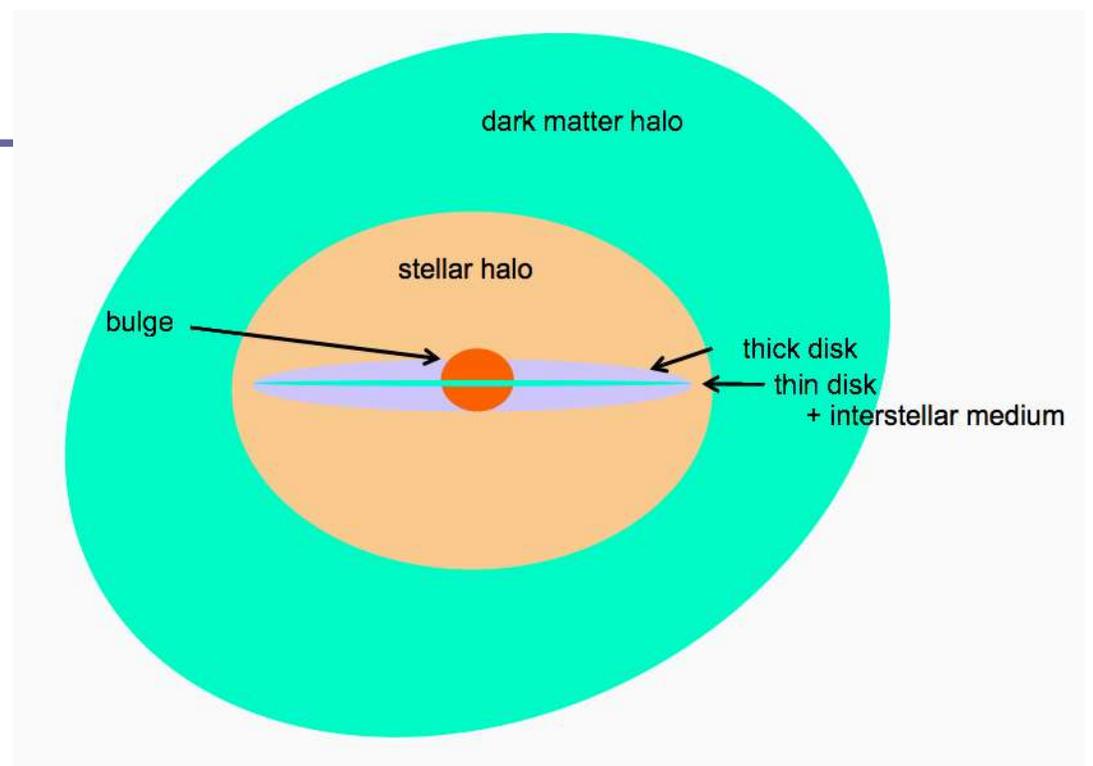


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- \* In a galaxy (e.g.  $M_{\text{total}}(\text{Milky Way}) \sim 1 \times 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$ )
  - \* Dark matter:  $\sim 94\%$  (mass)
  - \* Stars:  $\sim 5\%$
  - \* Gas/dust:  $\sim 1\%$
  - \* Black hole:  $\sim < 0.1\%$

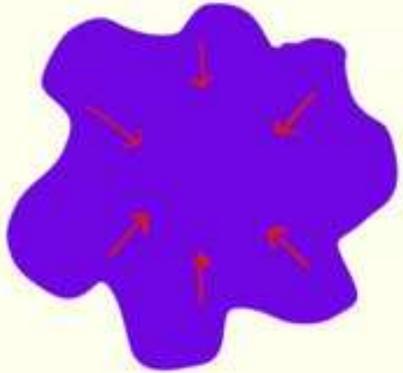


**Q: How to understand the formation of galaxies along with dark matter halos?**

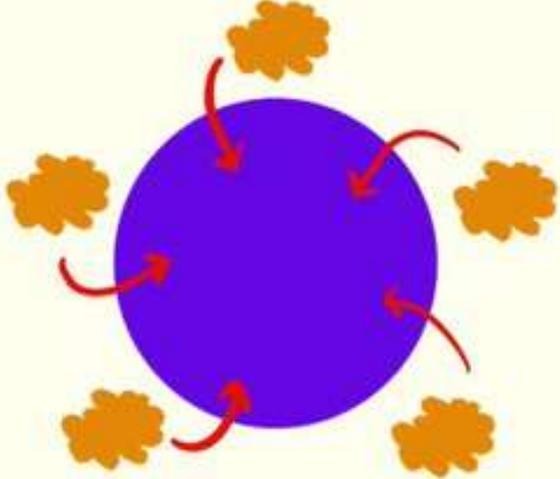
Dark Matter: purple  
Gas: orange  
Stars: yellow

# Theory Of Galaxy Formation

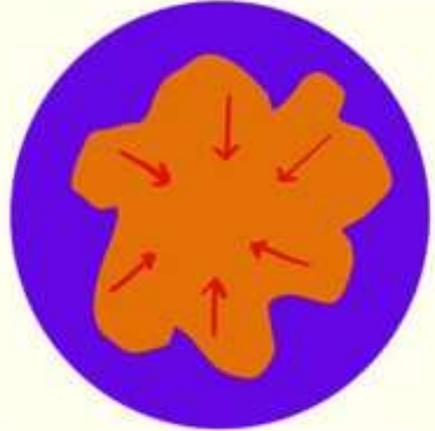
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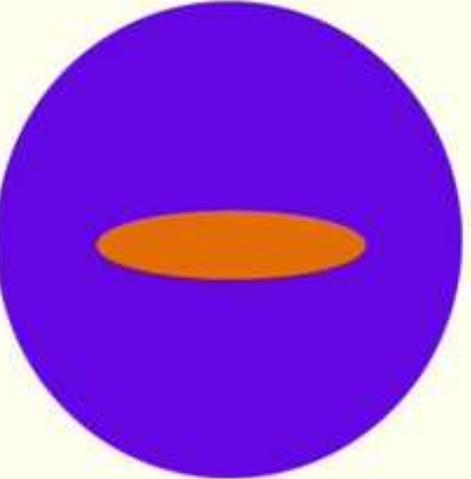
DM Halo collapse



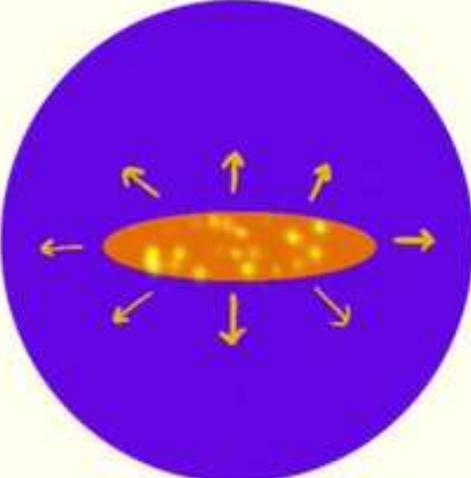
Gas infall & heating



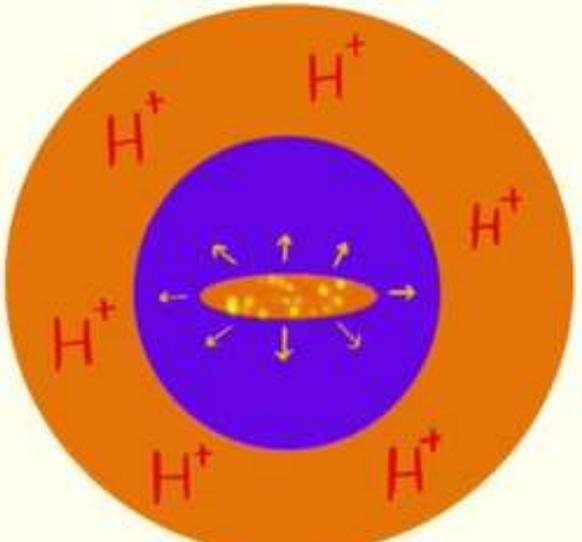
Gas cools + collapses



Dense gas clouds

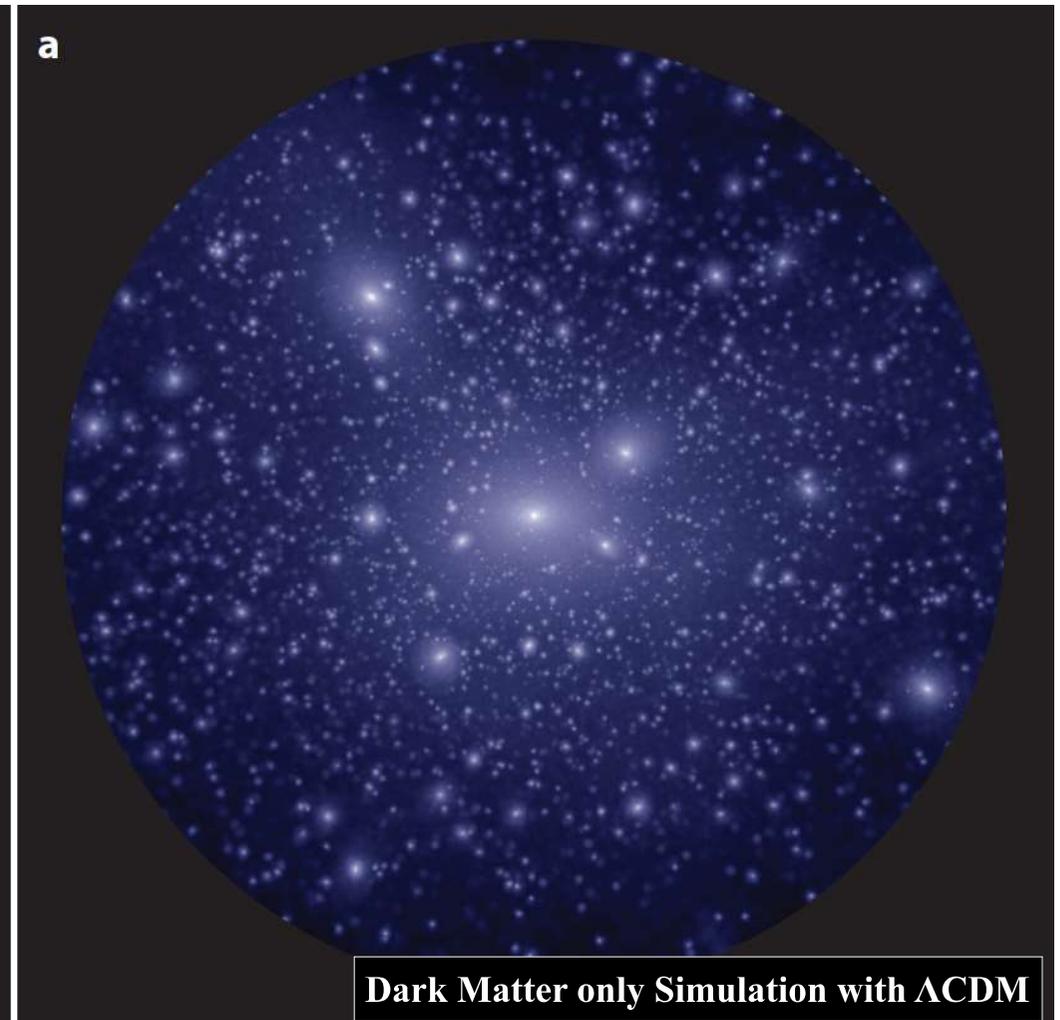
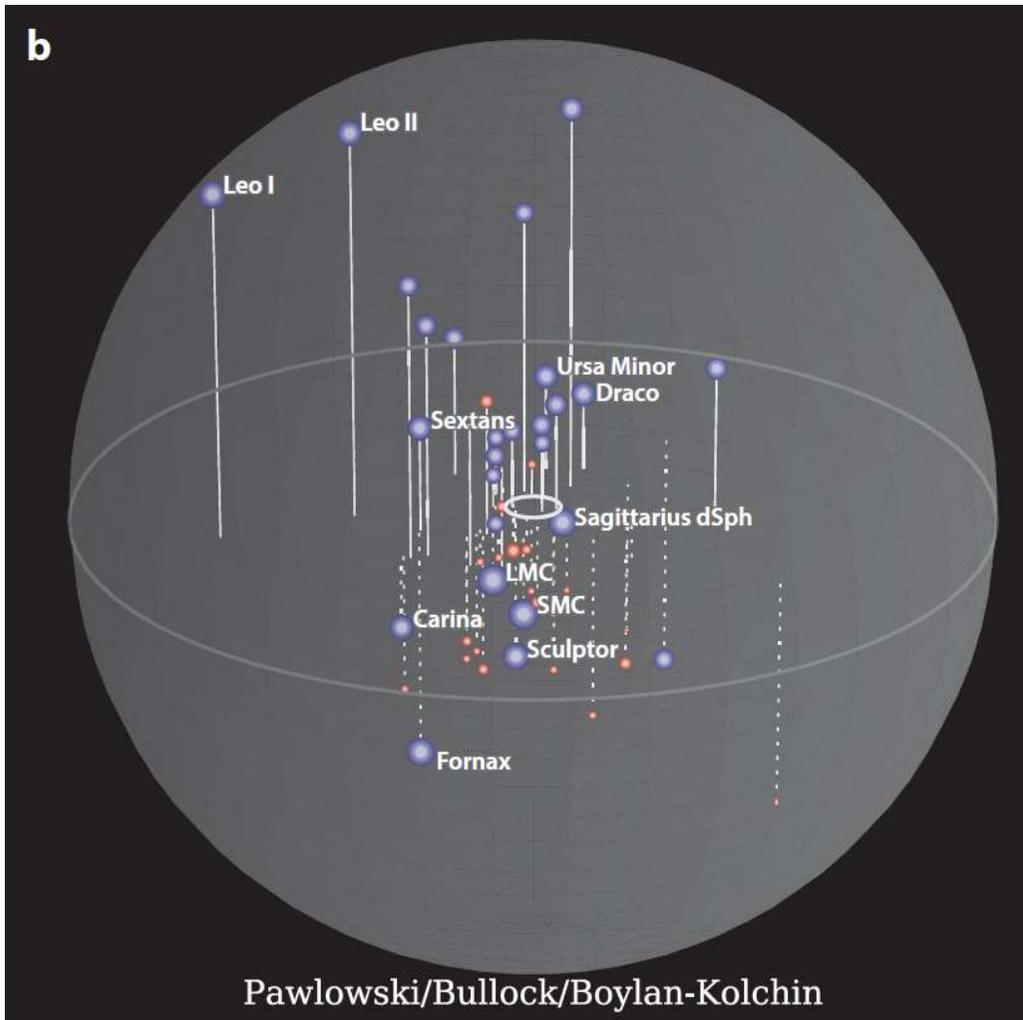


Star formation + feedback



Ionised Hydrogen

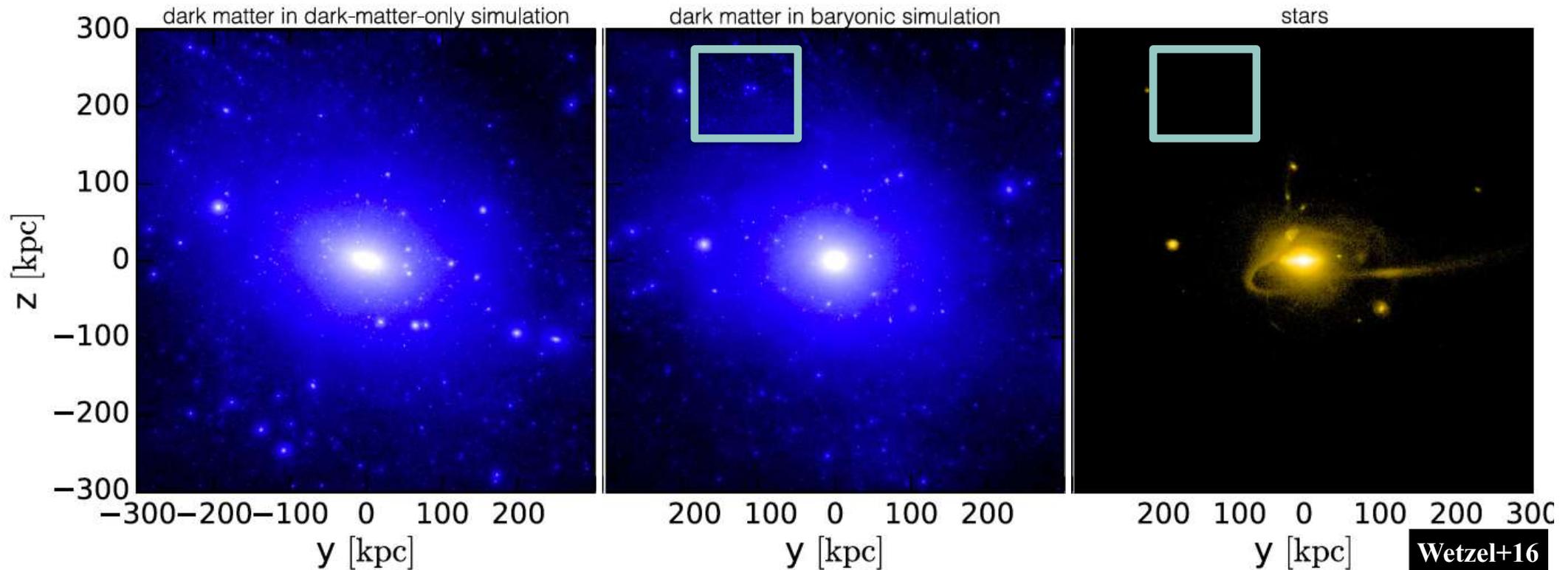
# $\Lambda$ CDM: Missing Satellite Problem



Bullock & Boylan-Kolchin 17

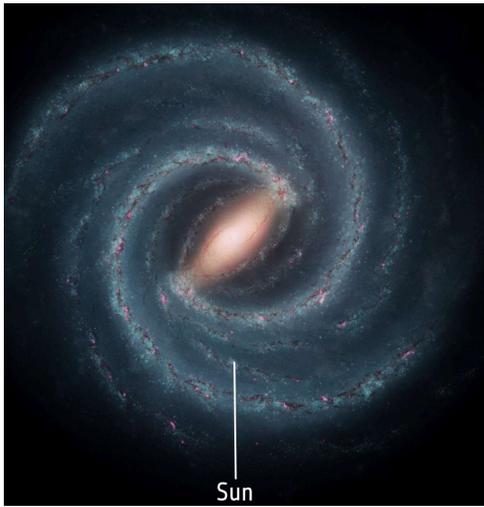
**Q: Where are those satellite halos (i.e. galaxies)?**

# $\Lambda$ CDM: Missing Satellite Problem - One Solution

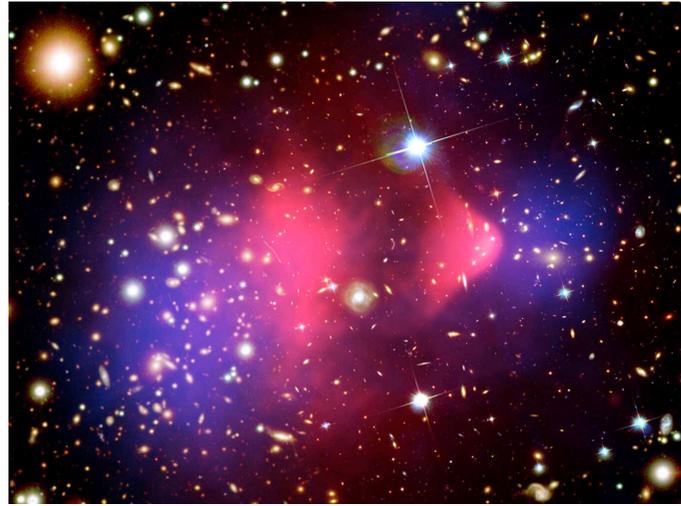


- **Implementation of Baryonic physics?**
  - Latte Project (Wetzel+16; see also ParkC+18; Jung, KimJ+23):  
the Milky Way on Feedback in Realistic Environments (FIRE)
    - FIRE's stellar feedback generate dark-matter cores  
with reduced dynamical masses and the stellar velocity dispersions
    - Host galaxy's stellar disk destroys some sub halos.

**=> This naturally predicts the existence of dark matter only objects!  
(i.e. 1) dark clumps in a galaxy, 2) dark galaxies)**



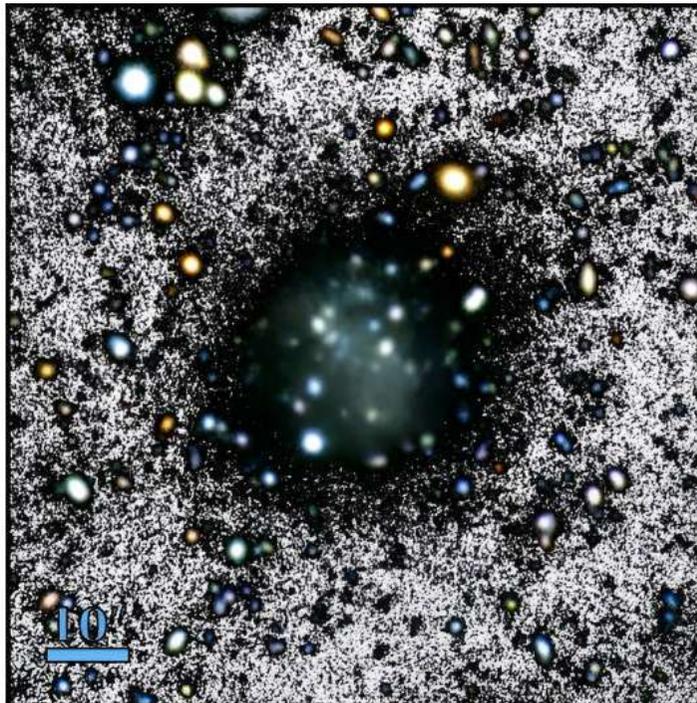
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Dark Matter Density and  
its Map around the Sun



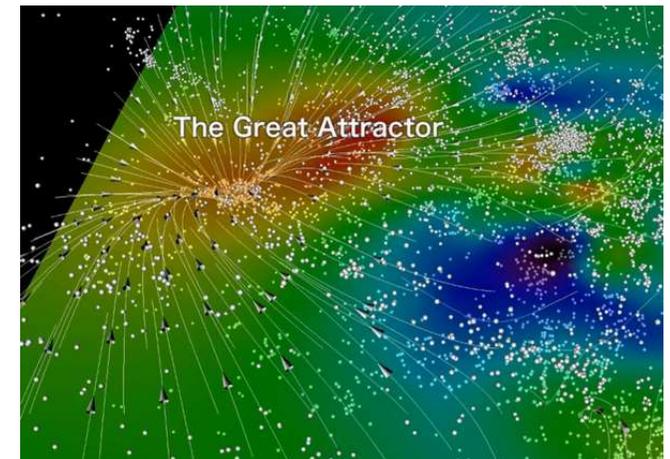
10<sup>5</sup> light years:  
Dark Cores in Galaxy Clusters

Scales in Light Years  
(1 light year ~ 9.46x10<sup>12</sup> km)

10<sup>4</sup> light years:  
Dark Galaxies

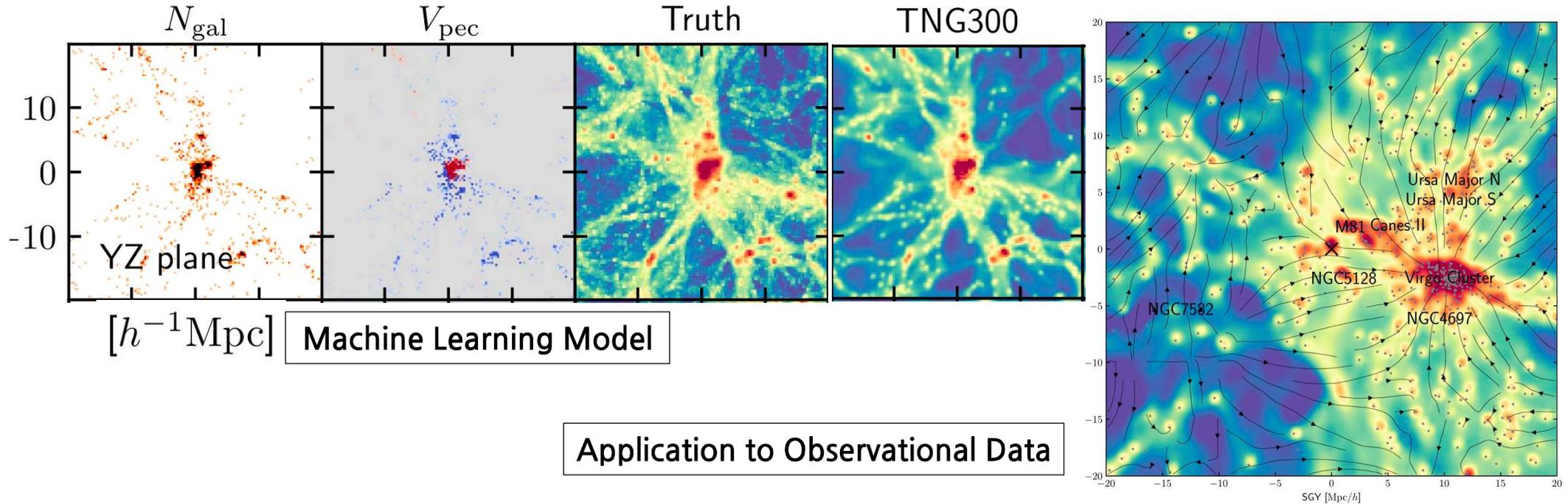


10<sup>6</sup> light years:  
Dark Structures on cosmological scales



# 1) Dark Matter Density and its Map around the Sun (physical scale: $\sim 10^3$ light years or $10^{16}$ km)

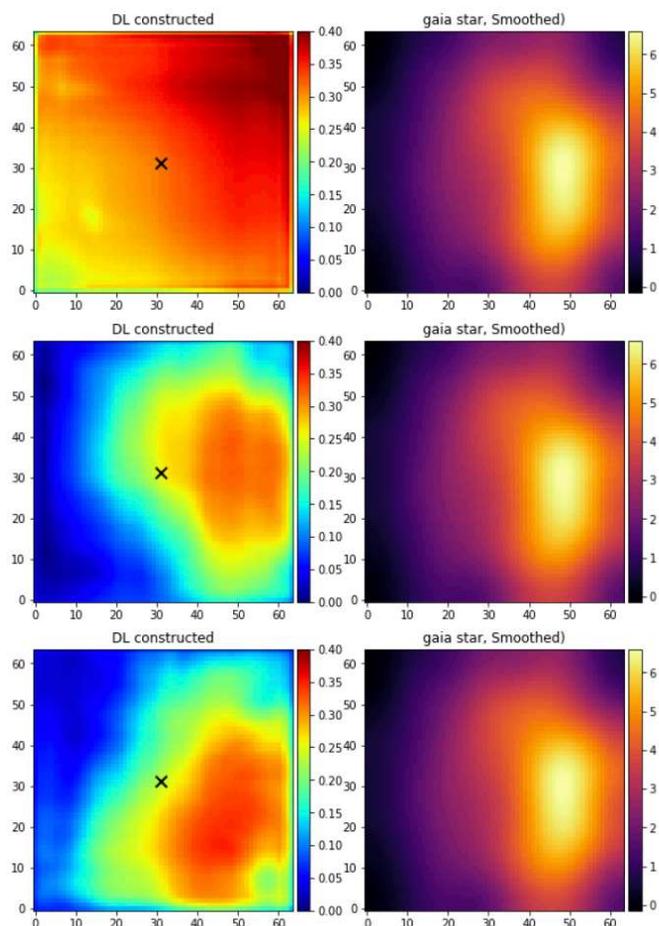
- We cannot directly observe dark matter, but infer from the kinematics of visible components (e.g. stars/galaxies): e.g. Hong+2021



- We (with Prof. Donghui Jeong) plan to map the dark matter distribution from the position and velocity data of Galactic stars (i.e. GAIA)
  1. machine learning technique
  2. direct computation of acceleration from the time-series data

# 1-1. Tracing stars in MW for dark matter

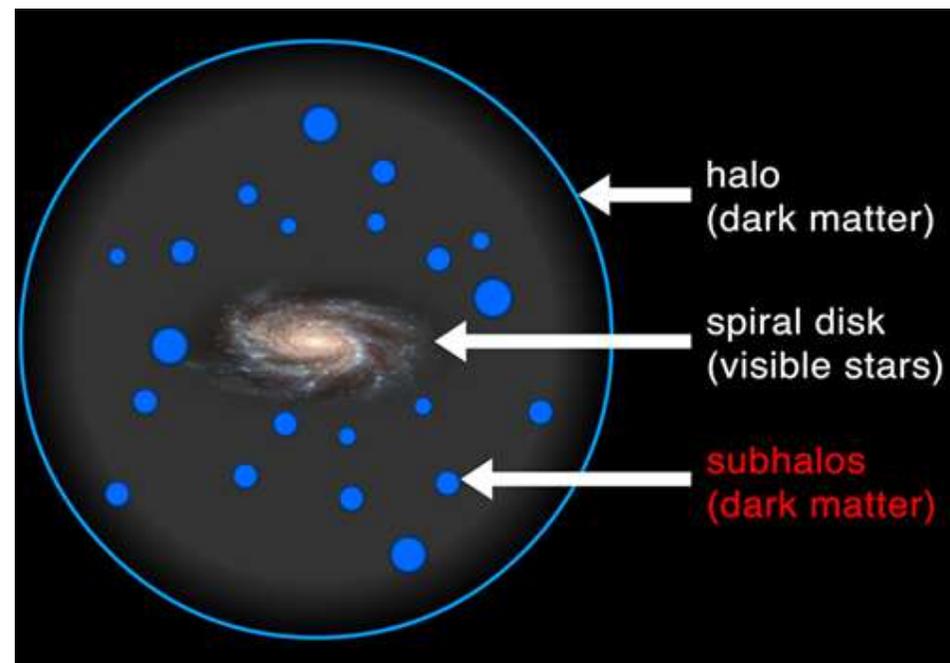
## Machine predicted DM density in the Milky Way



PM + RV

Density + PM

Density + PM + RV



halo  
(dark matter)

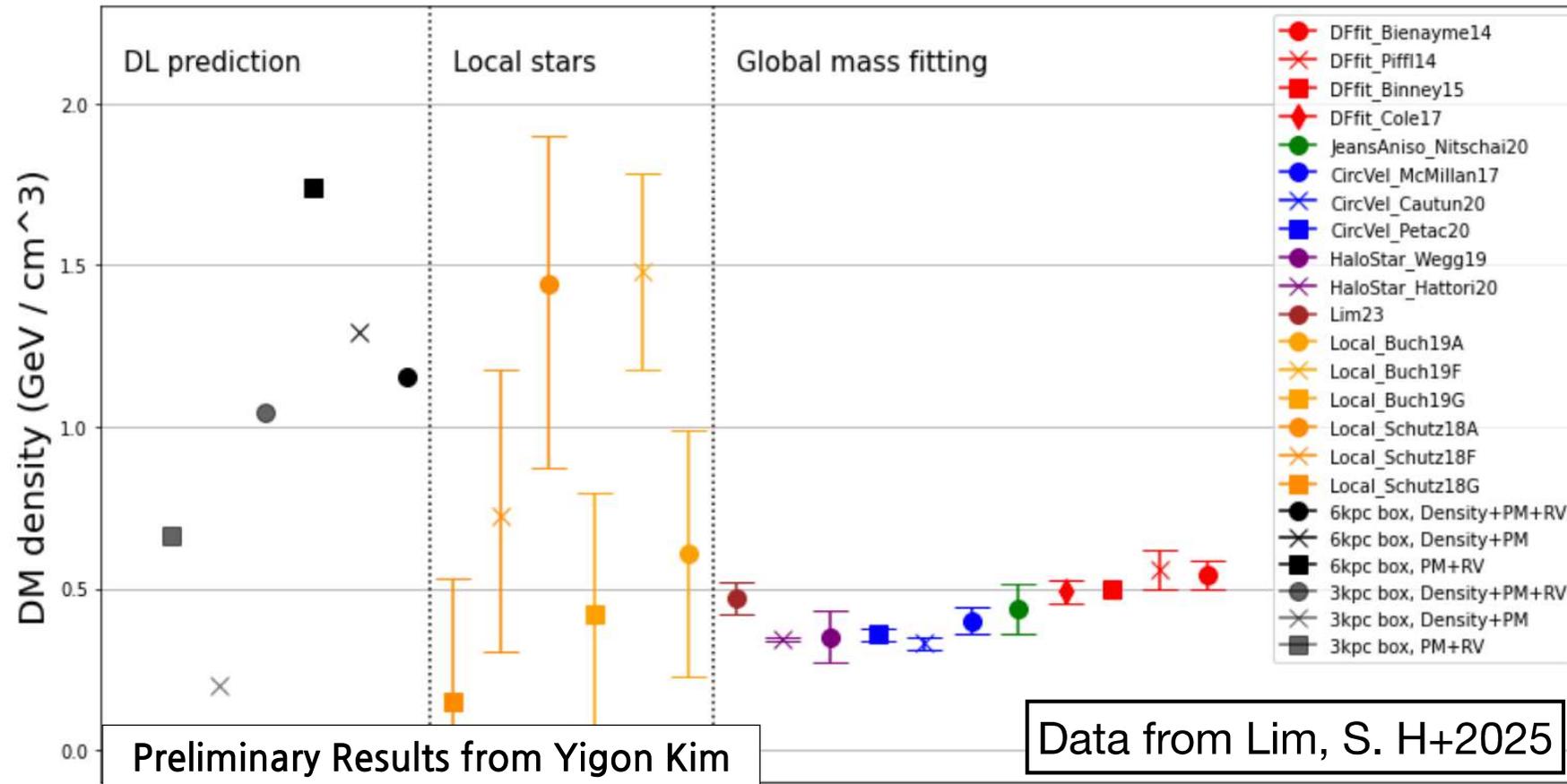
spiral disk  
(visible stars)

subhalos  
(dark matter)

Preliminary Results from Yigou Kim

- Although there are many things to improve,
  - This demonstrates the possibility that we can map the dark matter distribution within the Milky Way.
  - By comparing this map with that of visible components (i.e. stars/gas), we can identify dark matter only clumps! – test of  $\Lambda$ CDM.

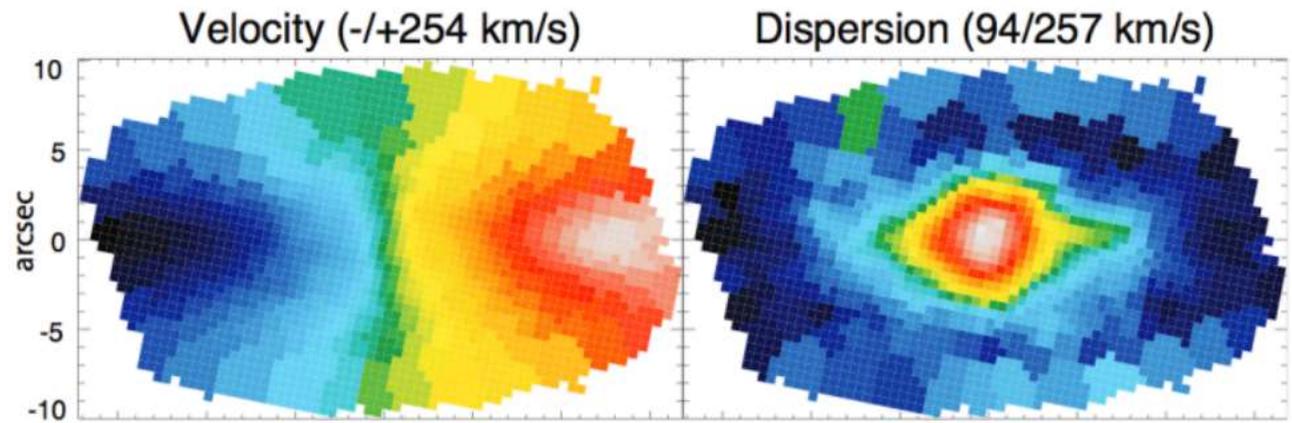
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➤ We can provide independent constraints on the dark matter density around the Sun!

## 2) Mapping the dark matter distribution in External Galaxies

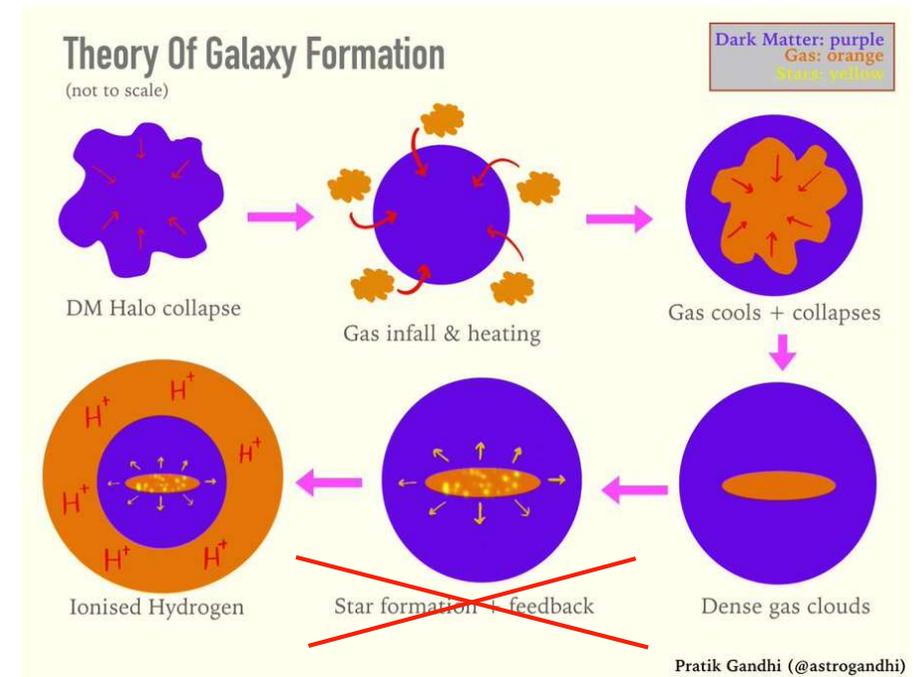
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Dark Matter  
Distribution?

## 2) Dark Galaxies (physical scale: $\sim 10^4$ light years or $10^{17}$ km)

- **Dark galaxy: objects with little or no stars, and believed to be made up almost entirely of dark matter.**
- **The  $\Lambda$ CDM model naturally predicts the existence of dark galaxies.**



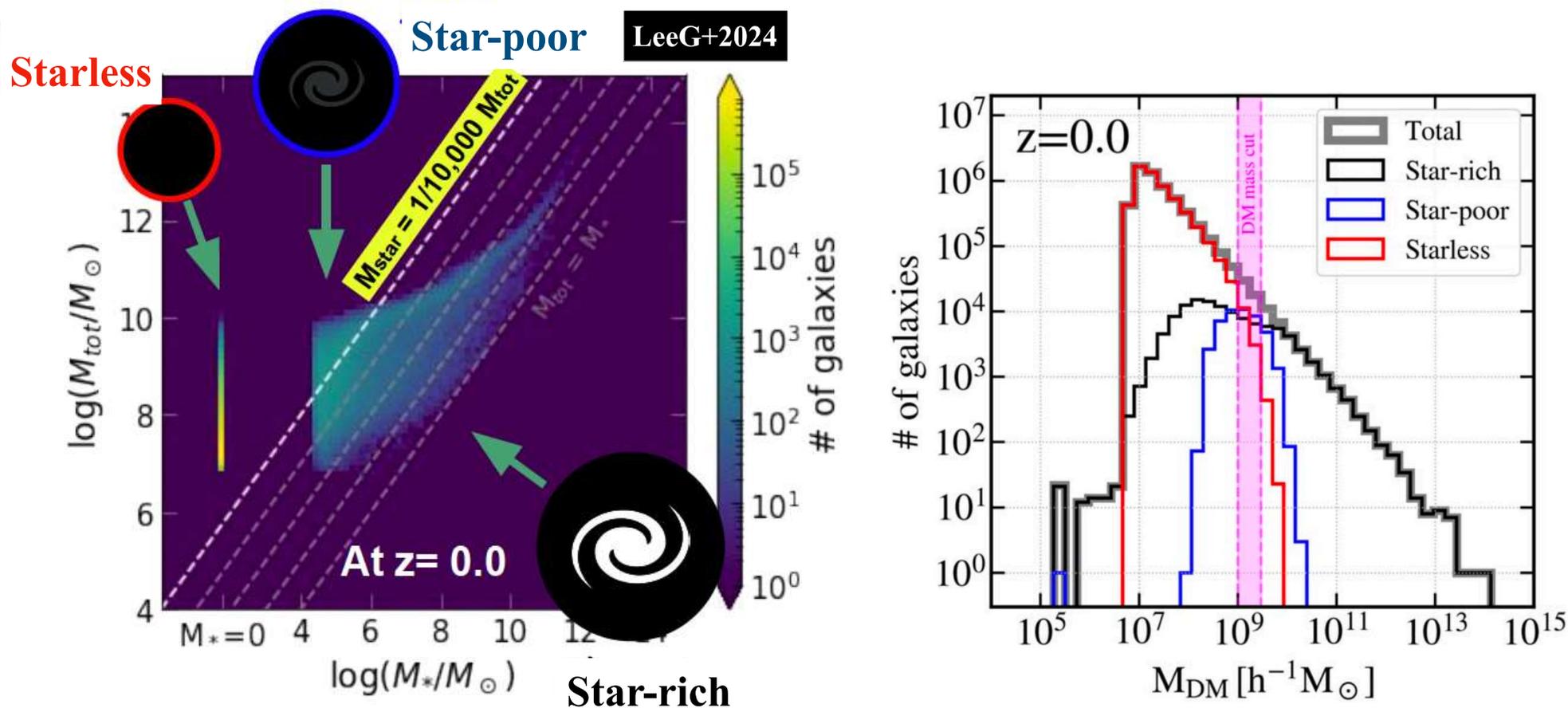
- **Detecting dark galaxies in normal, optical images is challenging because of their faintness.**
- **If they have a gas component, they could be detectable!**

- **We would like to find dark galaxies in our real world**
  - **To examine whether the current galaxy formation scenario along with  $\Lambda$ CDM is correct or not.**
- **To have an idea where to search,**
  - **We will use cosmological hydrodynamic simulations first to identify them and to characterize their physical properties.**



# Sample Selection from IllustrisTNG

## Definitions for Normal / Dark Galaxies



- We found many dark (or starless) galaxies in simulations! (Details in LeeG+2024)
- We learned why they did not form stars: e.g. no cold gas for star formation.

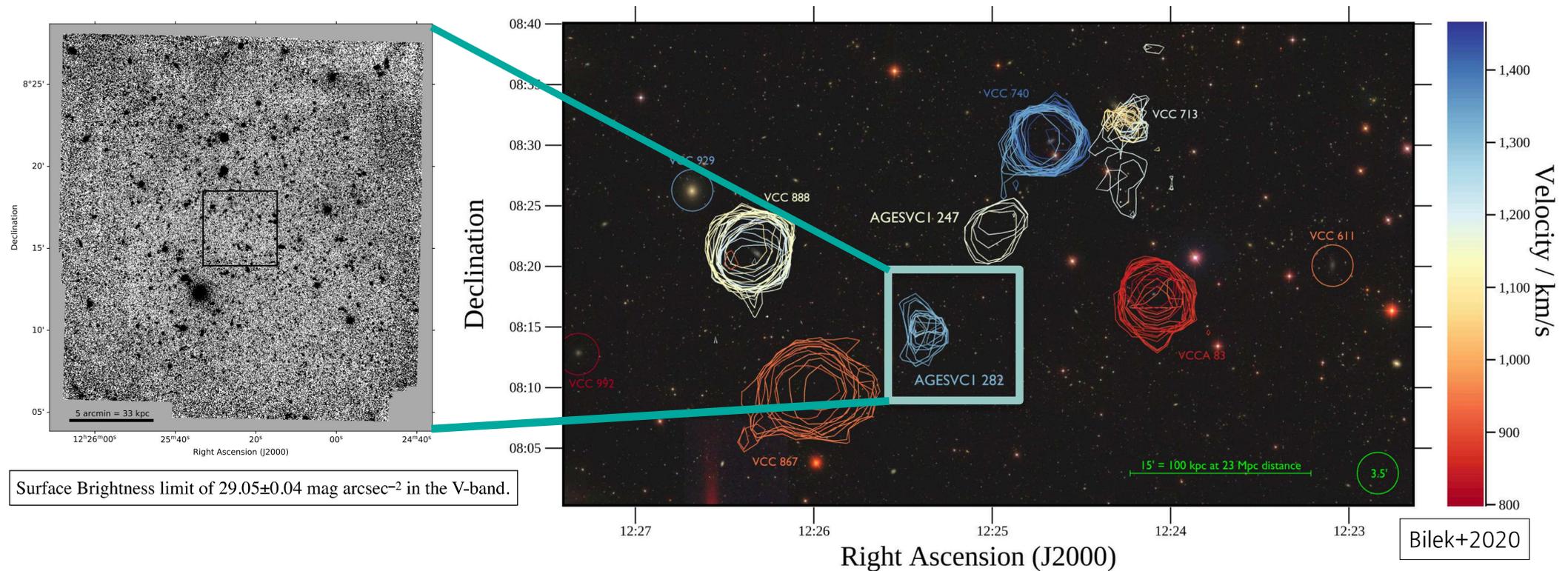
## Dark Galaxy Search

**Q: How about in our real world?!**

- The key is to find an extragalactic object with gas, but without stars!
- In astronomical term: HI sources without optical counterparts!

# In Observations

- **Several candidates for dark galaxies were proposed:**
  - e.g. VIRGOHI21 (Minchin+2005), Dragonfly 44 (Van Dokkum+2015), AGESVC1 282 (Bilek+2020), AGC 229101 (Leisman+2021) and FAST J0139+4328 (Xu+2023)
  - **There is no systematic search!**



# Dark Galaxy Search with Radio Telescope - Parkes Telescope



## *My Fair Lady*



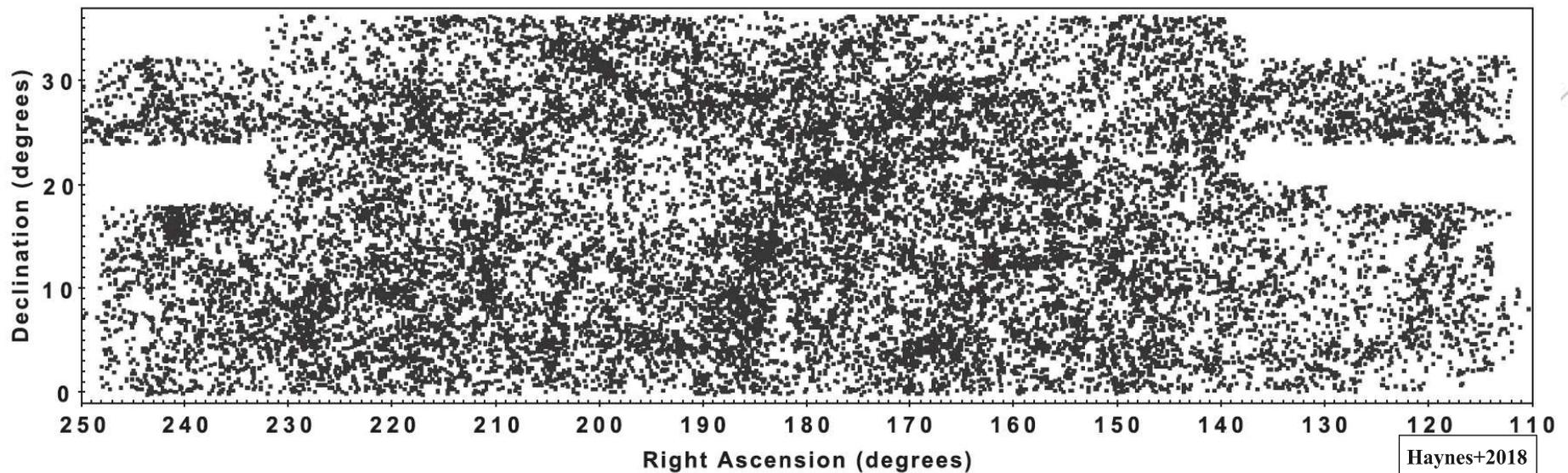
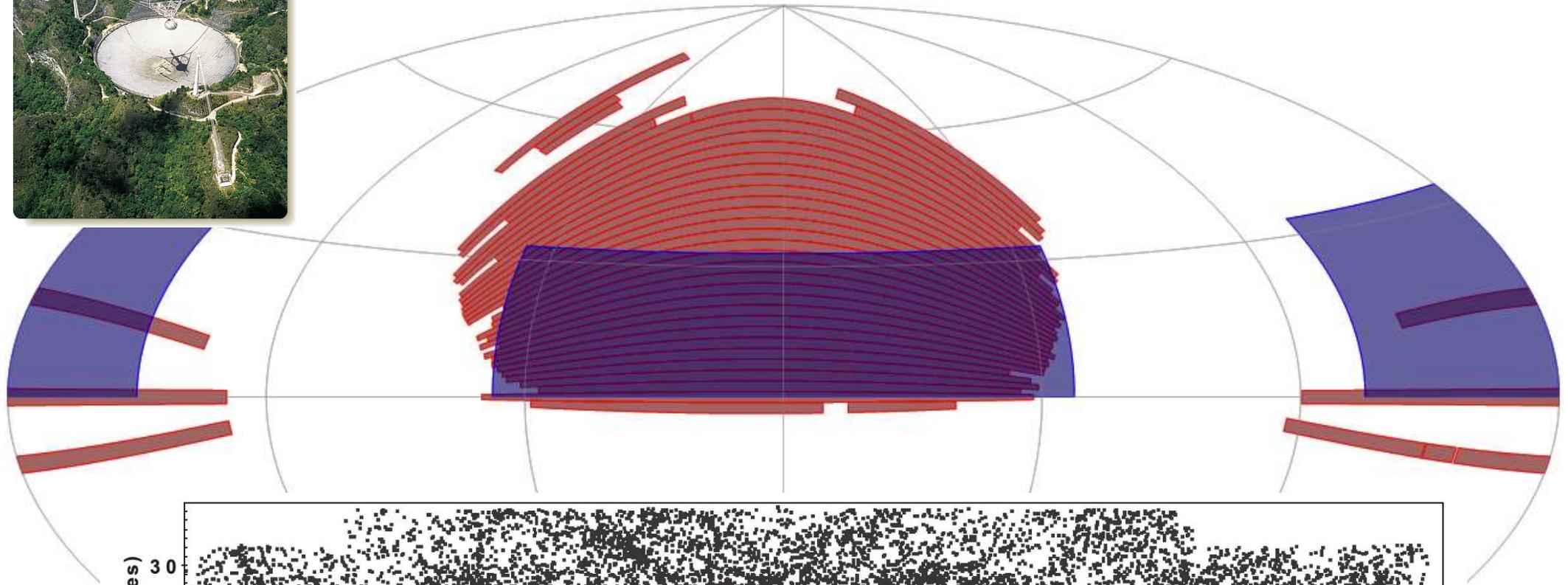
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<b>Also known as</b>	<i>Yojo Lady</i> <i>The Perfect Girl</i>
<b>Genre</b>	Romance, Drama
<b>Starring</b>	<a href="#">Kim Hee-sun</a> <a href="#">Go Soo</a> <a href="#">Park Han-byul</a> <a href="#">Son Chang-min</a>
<b>Country of origin</b>	South Korea

# Dark Galaxy Search with Radio Telescope

➤ HI (ALFALFA) + Optical (SDSS)

Footprint of ALFALFA (blue) on the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (red).



# Dark Galaxy Search with Radio Telescope



Arecibo 305m  
Radio Telescope  
at Puerto Rico



# Dark Galaxy Search with Radio Telescope

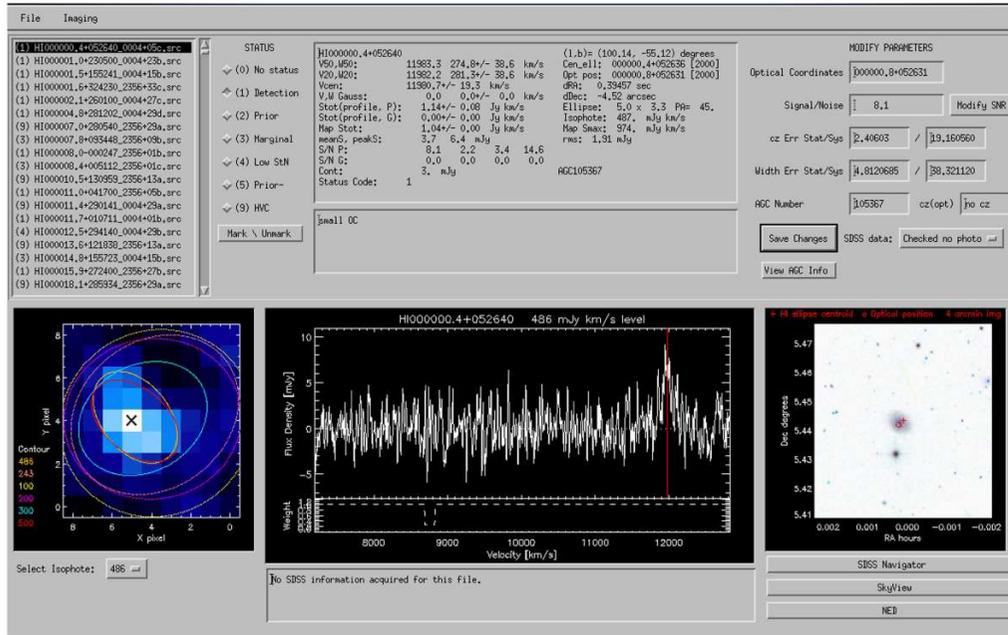


Figure 8. GalCat application GUI created in IDL. The catalog of ALFALFA sources is displayed as a list at top left. For each source selected from that list, a summary is presented in the interface, including the measured parameters (top center), the isophotal fits (bottom left), the extracted “postage stamp” spectrum and its normalized weight at each spectral point (bottom center), and the optical image (bottom right). The top right panel offers the possibility to modify parameters as necessary.

- Haynes+2018
- ~31,500 HI sources with optical counterparts
- ~344 HI sources without optical counterparts!
- KwonM+2025
- 142 dark galaxy candidates!

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## Searching for Dark Galaxies with HI Detection from the Arcicibo Legacy Fast ALFA (ALFALFA) Survey

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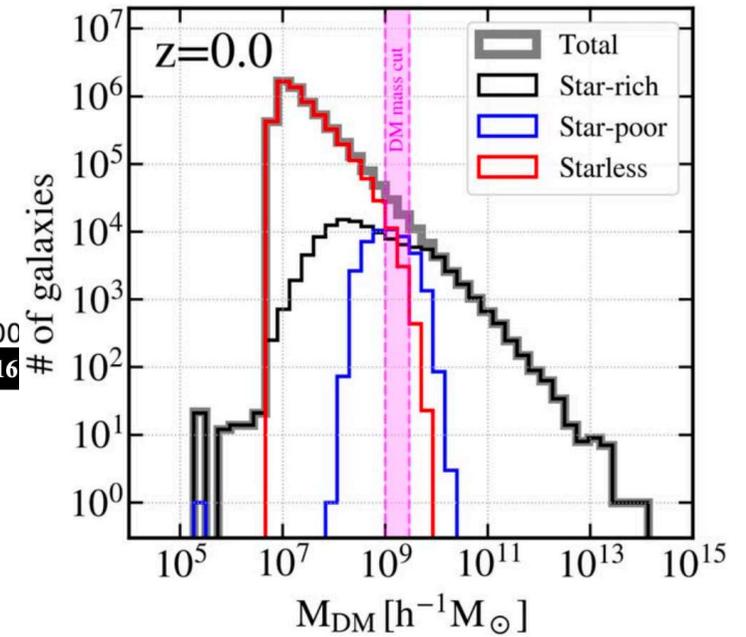
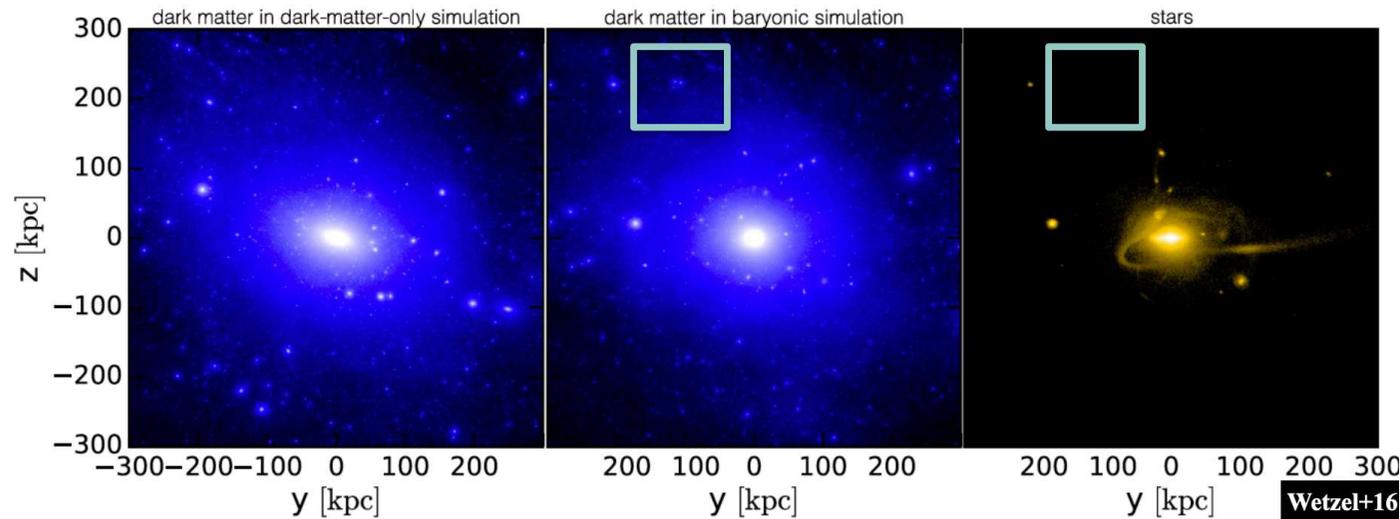
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### Abstract

We present a catalog of 142 dark galaxy candidates in a region covered by the Arcicibo Legacy Fast ALFA (ALFALFA) survey. We start with 344 ALFALFA HI sources without optical counterparts and remove those that

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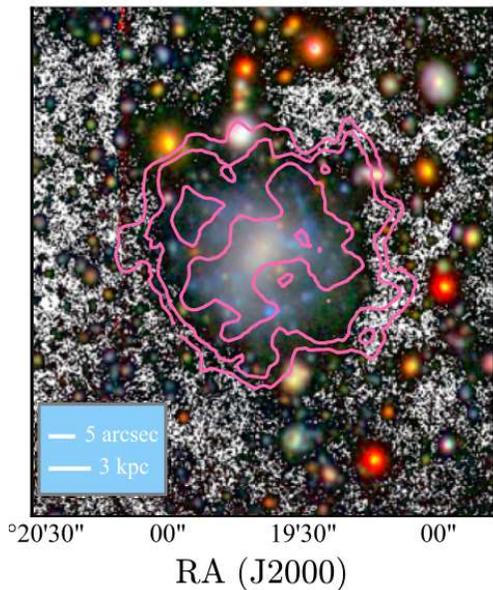
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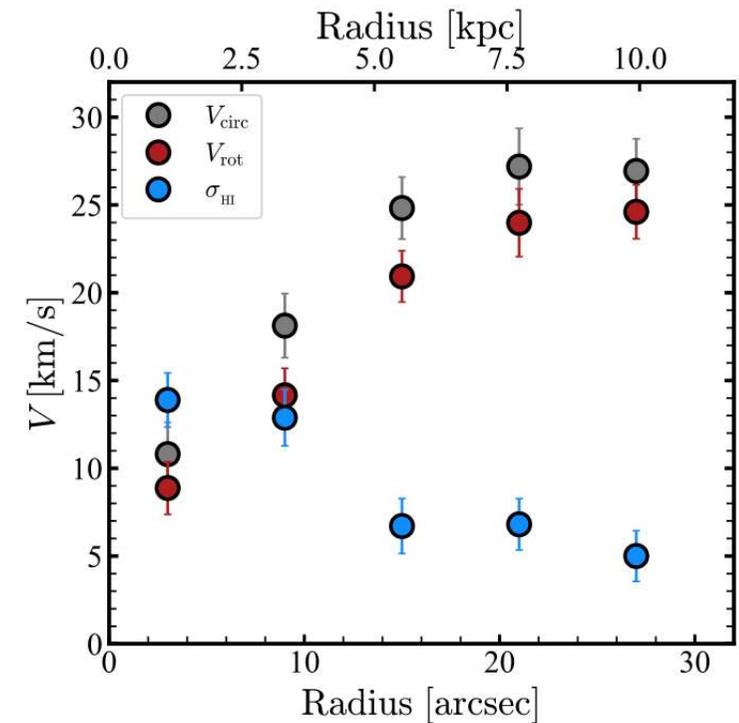
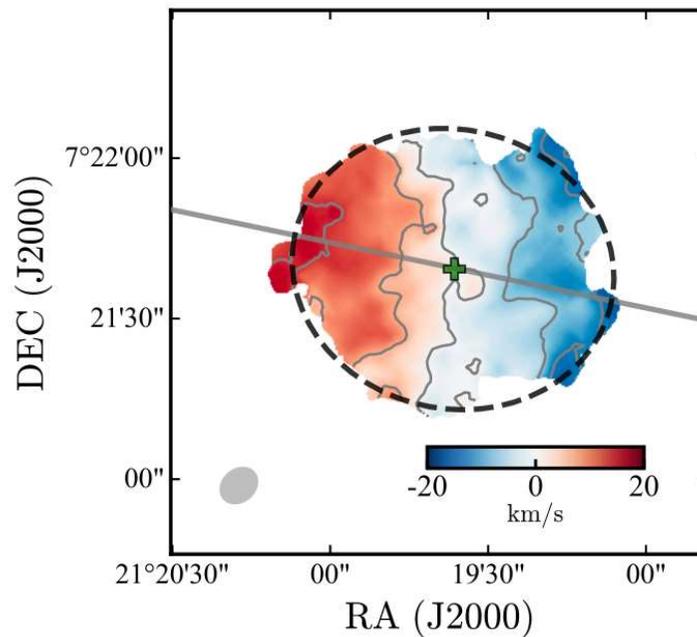
- Our large sample of dark galaxy candidates confirms that **the missing satellite problem of  $\Lambda$ CDM can be really understood!**
- If we think about the number ratio of dark and luminous galaxies (i.e. >10:1), **some things are still strange.**

# What can Dark Galaxies tell us about DM properties?

➤ We can do dynamical modeling of rotation curves to test which dark matter model works best!



AGC 114905 (even though it is not totally dark, Mancera Piña+2024)



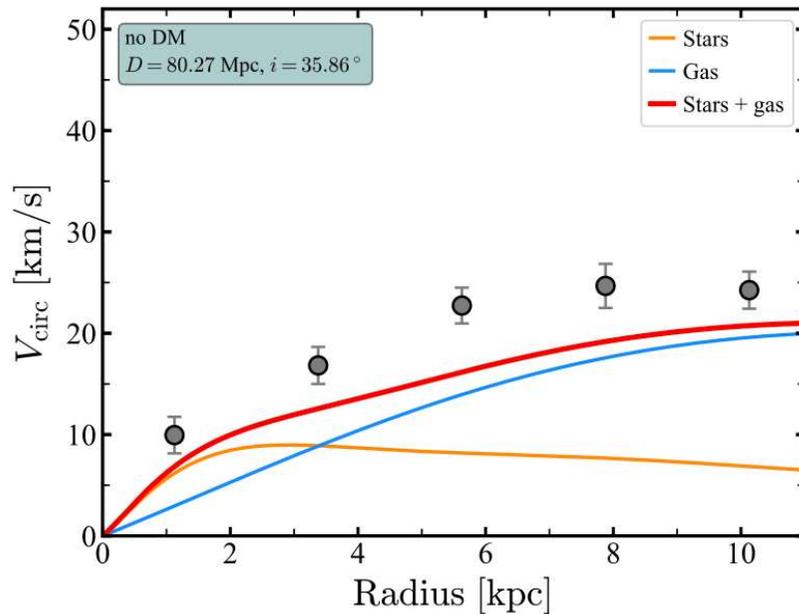
$$V_{\text{circ}}^2 \equiv R \left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial R} \right|_{z=0} = V_{\text{rot}}^2 + \frac{R}{\rho} \frac{\partial(\rho \sigma_{\text{HI}}^2)}{\partial R}$$

$$V_{\text{circ}}^2 = V_*^2 + V_{\text{gas}}^2 + V_{\text{DM}}^2$$

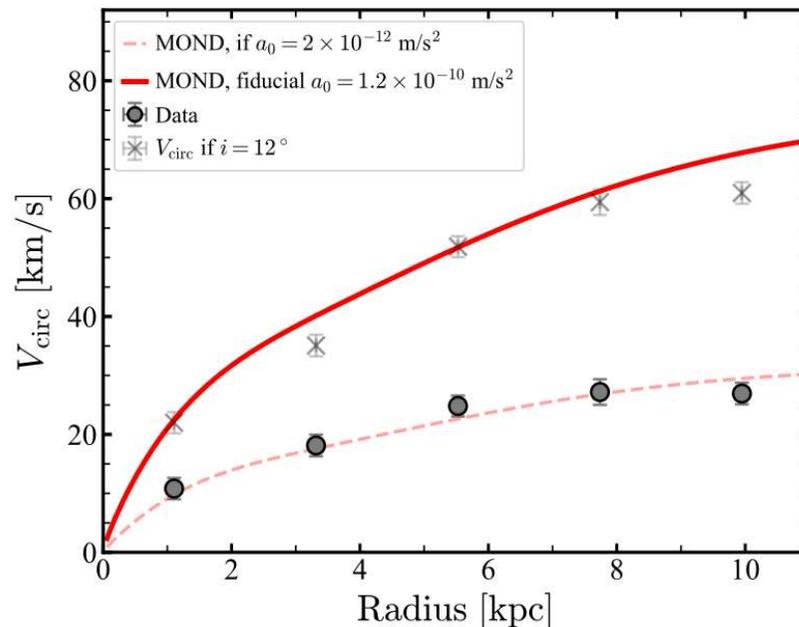
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## 1.1 No Dark Matter: baryon only



## 1.2 No Dark Matter: Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND)

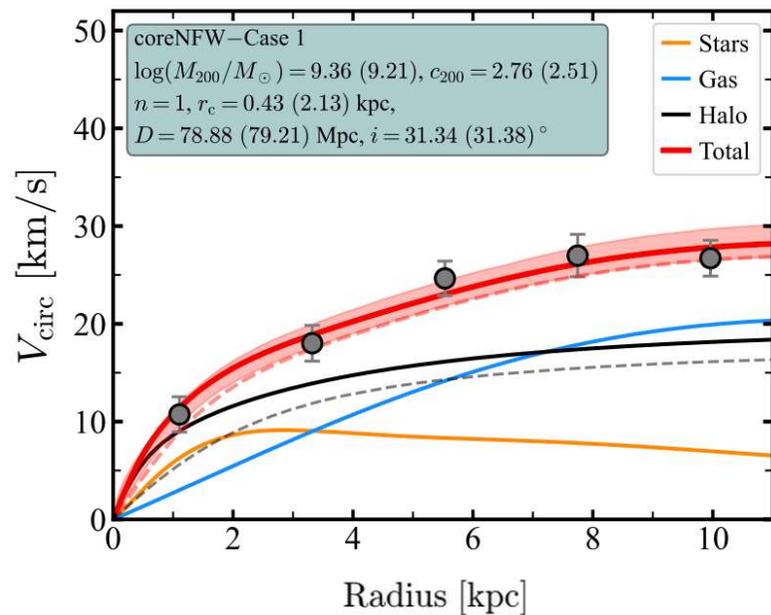


$$V_{\text{MOND}}^2(r) = V_{\text{bar}}^2 + \frac{V_{\text{bar}}^2}{2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{4a_0 r}{V_{\text{bar}}^2}} - 1 \right)$$

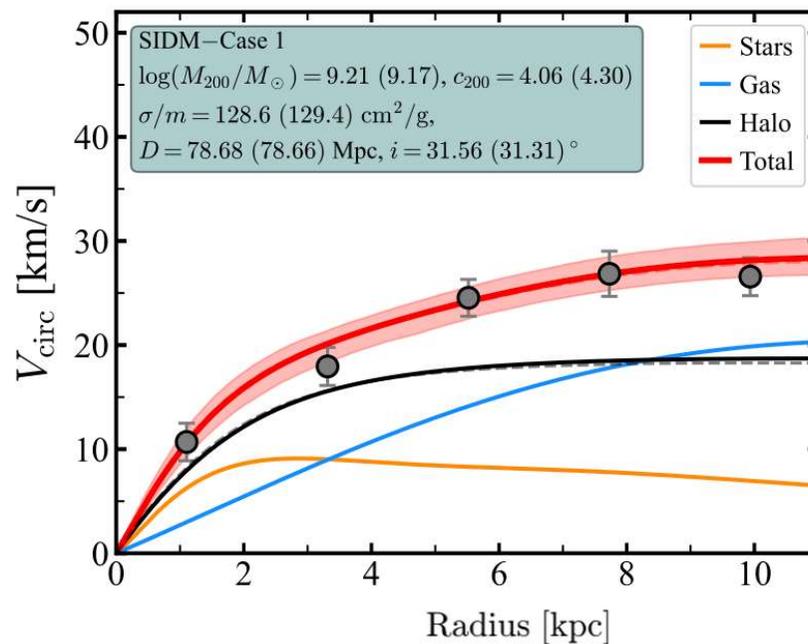
where  $V_{\text{bar}}^2 = V_{\text{gas}}^2 + V_{*}^2$ .

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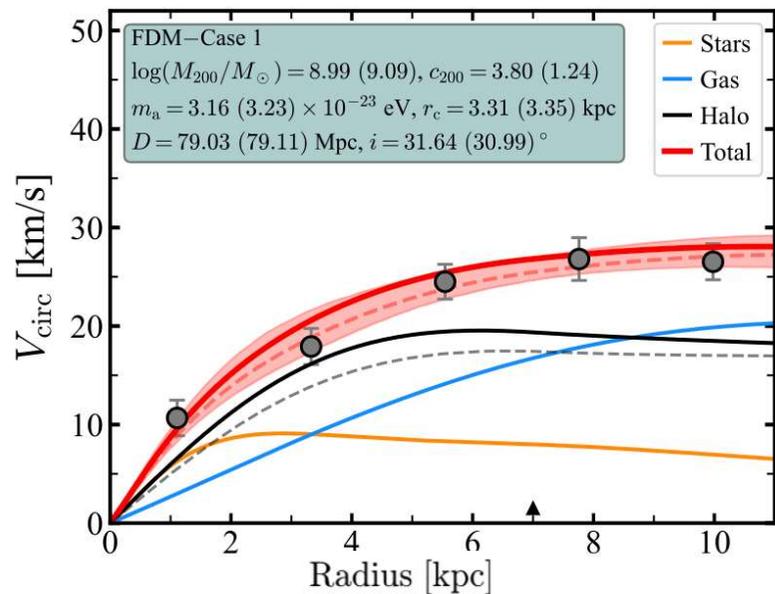
## 2. Cold Dark Matter



## 3. Self-Interacting Dark Matter



## 4. Fuzzy Dark Matter



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**Table 1.** Structural properties of the fitted dark matter haloes.

Halo	$\log(M_{200})$ [ $\log(M_{\odot})$ ]	$\log(c_{200})$	$\log(M_{200})_{\text{MLE}}$ [ $\log(M_{\odot})$ ]	$\log(c_{200})_{\text{MLE}}$	$V_{2\text{kpc}}$ [km/s]	$V_{\text{max}}$ [km/s]	$R_{\text{max}}$ [kpc]	BIC
CDM, CORENFW, Case 1	$9.36^{+0.37}_{-0.31}$	$0.44^{+0.39}_{-0.27}$	9.21	0.40	$11.1^{+1.6}_{-1.6}$	$19.6^{+6.0}_{-3.5}$	$21.4^{+29.4}_{-11.8}$	$11.13^{+2.51}_{-1.05}$
CDM, CORENFW, Case 2	$10.06^{+0.13}_{0.07}$	$0.08^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$	9.99	0.02	$11.3^{+1.0}_{-0.8}$	$33.6^{+3.7}_{-2.0}$	$84.4^{+14.9}_{-18.2}$	$11.32^{+1.67}_{-0.53}$
CDM, DPL, Case 1 (*)	$9.24^{+0.35}_{-0.29}$	$0.57^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$	9.20	0.63	$6.8^{+3.4}_{-2.9}$	$13.0^{+4.4}_{-5.7}$	$13.7^{+20.5}_{-5.8}$	$12.99^{+3.17}_{-1.39}$
CDM, DPL, Case 2 (*)	$10.16^{+0.39}_{-0.15}$	$0.18^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	10.03	0.19	$4.3^{+1.5}_{-1.1}$	$19.9^{+8.8}_{-5.2}$	$71.5^{+40.0}_{-24.5}$	$17.20^{+4.38}_{-3.48}$
SIDM, Case 1	$9.21^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$0.61^{+0.16}_{-0.19}$	9.17	0.63	$12.0^{+2.2}_{-2.4}$	$19.0^{+3.5}_{-2.7}$	$11.1^{+10.2}_{-4.5}$	$9.81^{+2.97}_{-1.41}$
SIDM, Case 2	$10.08^{+0.21}_{-0.09}$	$0.17^{+0.14}_{-0.11}$	10.01	0.10	$7.5^{+1.4}_{-0.9}$	$35.1^{+6.7}_{-2.5}$	$65.6^{+26.4}_{-21.9}$	$17.50^{+2.44}_{-1.49}$
FDM, Case 1	$8.99^{+0.41}_{-0.57}$	$0.58^{0.60}_{-0.42}$	9.09	0.09	$9.7^{+2.8}_{-2.1}$	$18.8^{+2.6}_{-2.2}$	$7.0^{+10.9}_{-1.8}$	$16.26^{+2.03}_{-1.37}$
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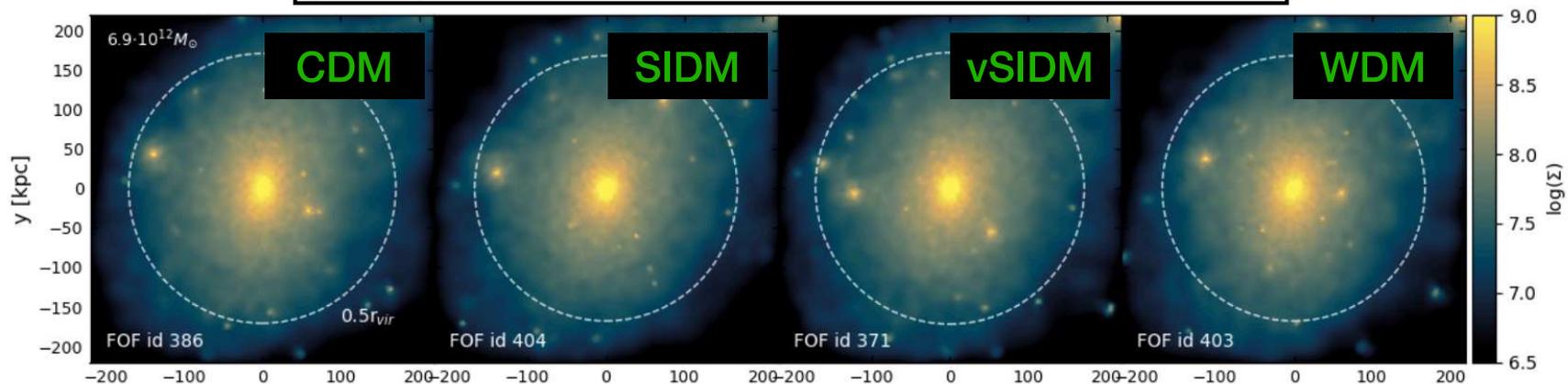
- “No DM models” do not fit well.
- CMD model can fit with parameters rarely seen in cosmological simulations: e.g. 4x higher baryon fraction.
- SIDM/FDM can fit well.
- A larger sample of galaxies with less baryon contamination is necessary! (Our sample)
- We also need to develop more methods/parameter spaces to test dark matter models.

# What can Dark Galaxies tell us about DM properties?

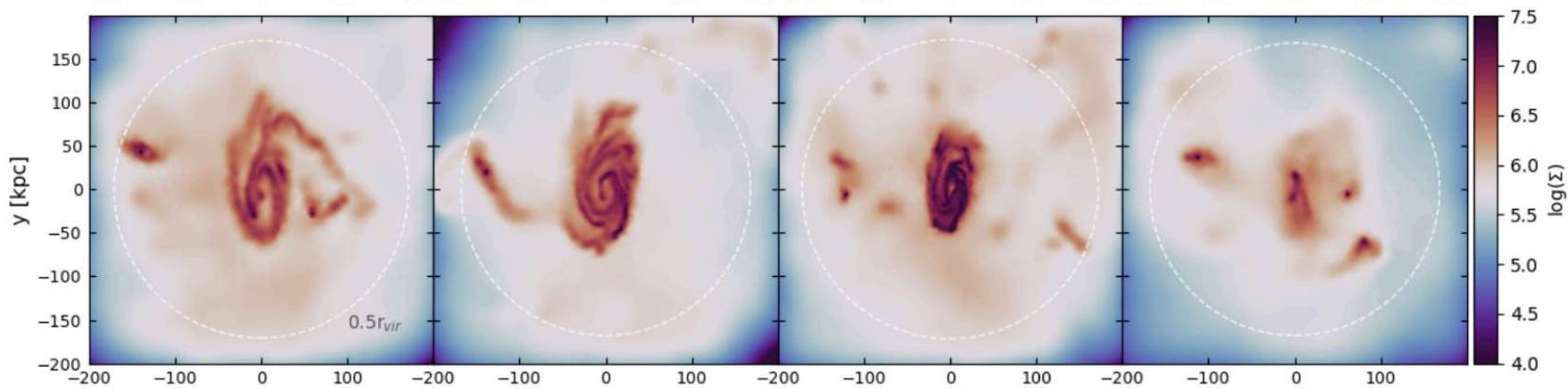
## The AIDA-TNG project

galaxy formation in alternative dark matter models

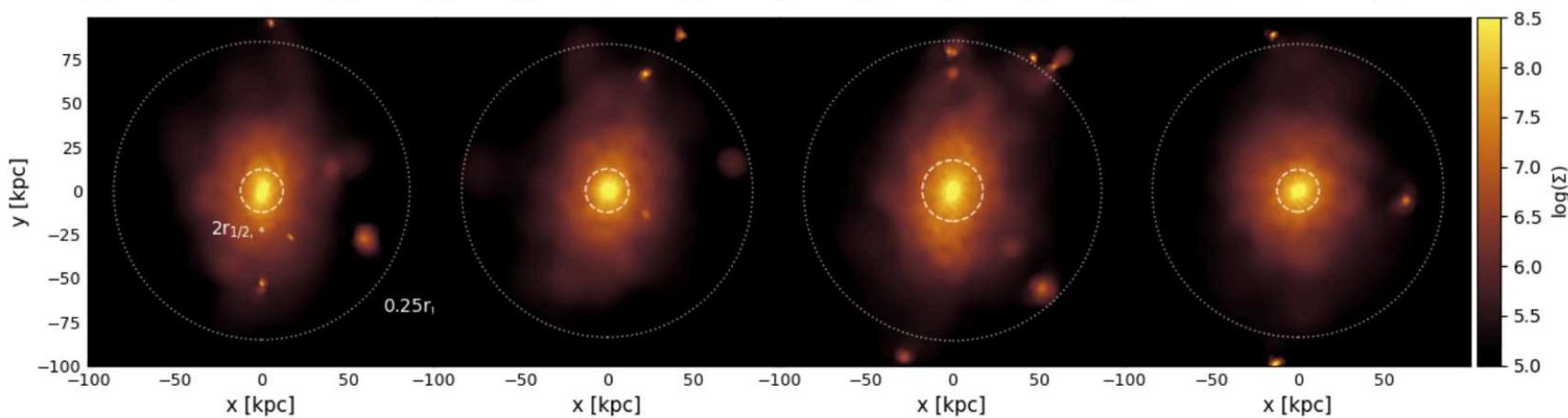
Dark Matter



Gas

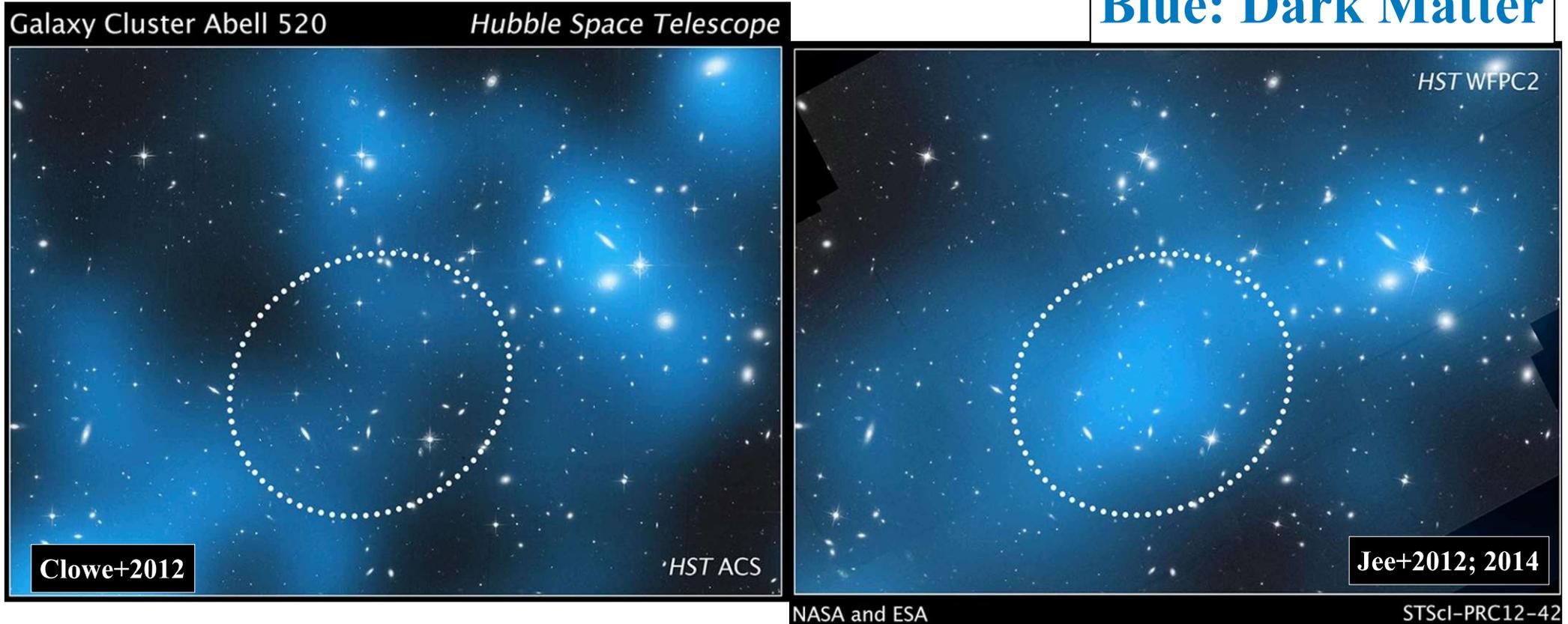


Stars



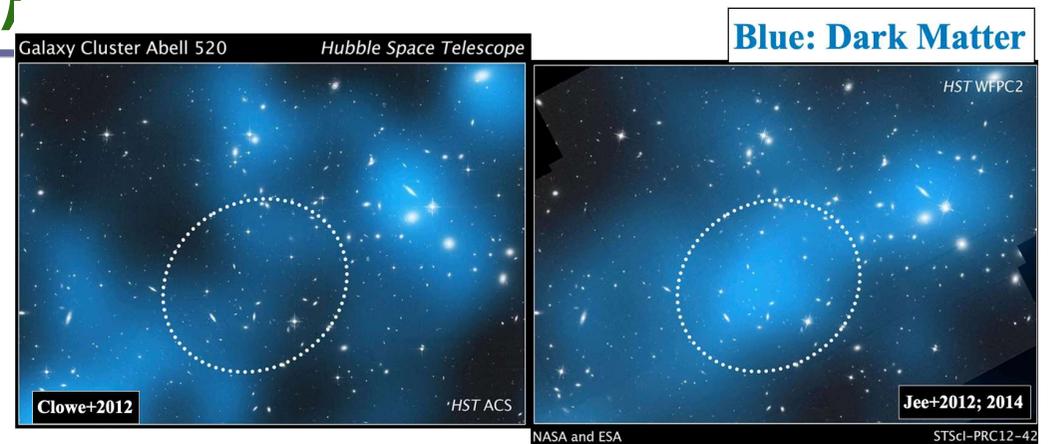
### 3) Dark Cores in Galaxy Clusters (physical scale: $\sim 10^5$ light years or $10^{18}$ km)

Blue: Dark Matter



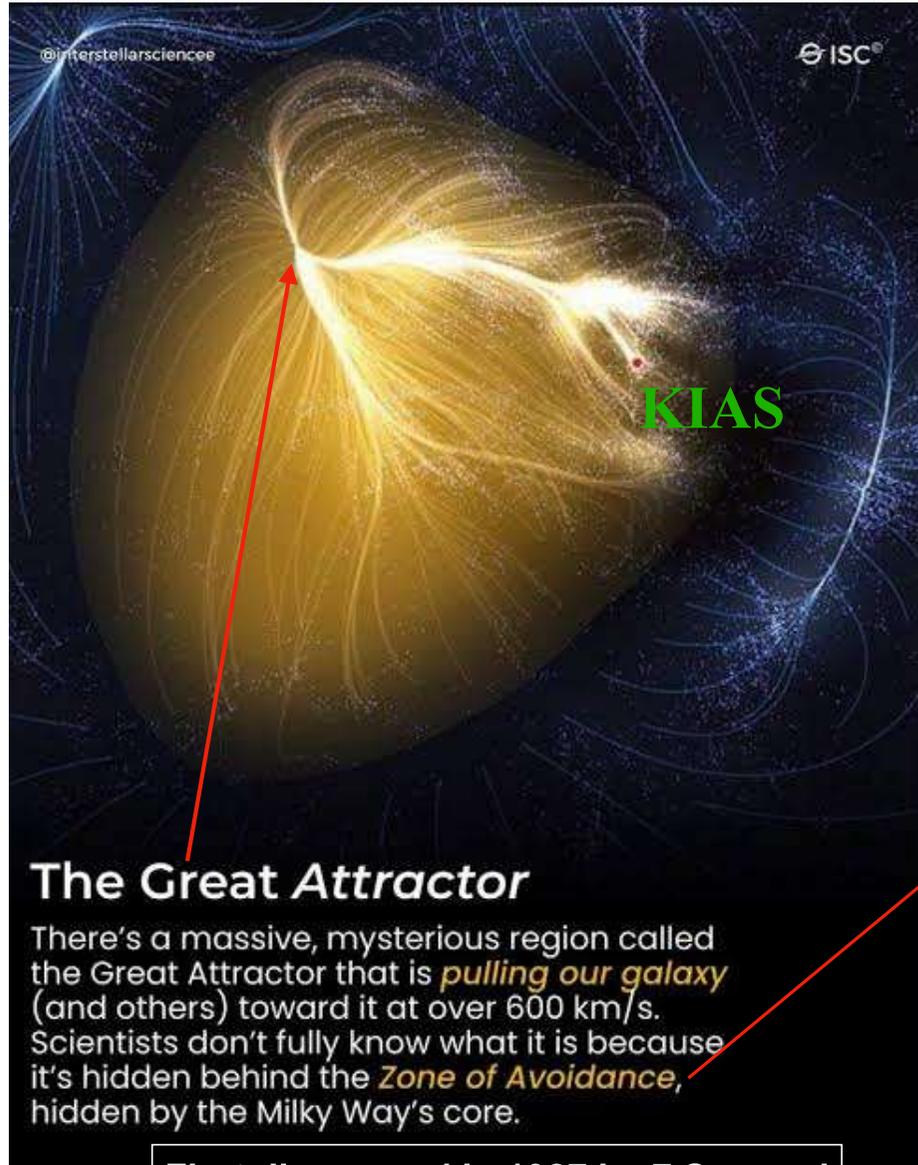
- **Jee+2012** claimed to find a “Dark Core” with few galaxies using HST/WFPC2 (Right panel)
- **Clowe+2012** could not find such a core with HST/ACS data (Left panel)
- **Jee+2014** analyzed the same HST/ACS data, and found again the dark core!
- **No independent examination of this dark mass has been conducted!**

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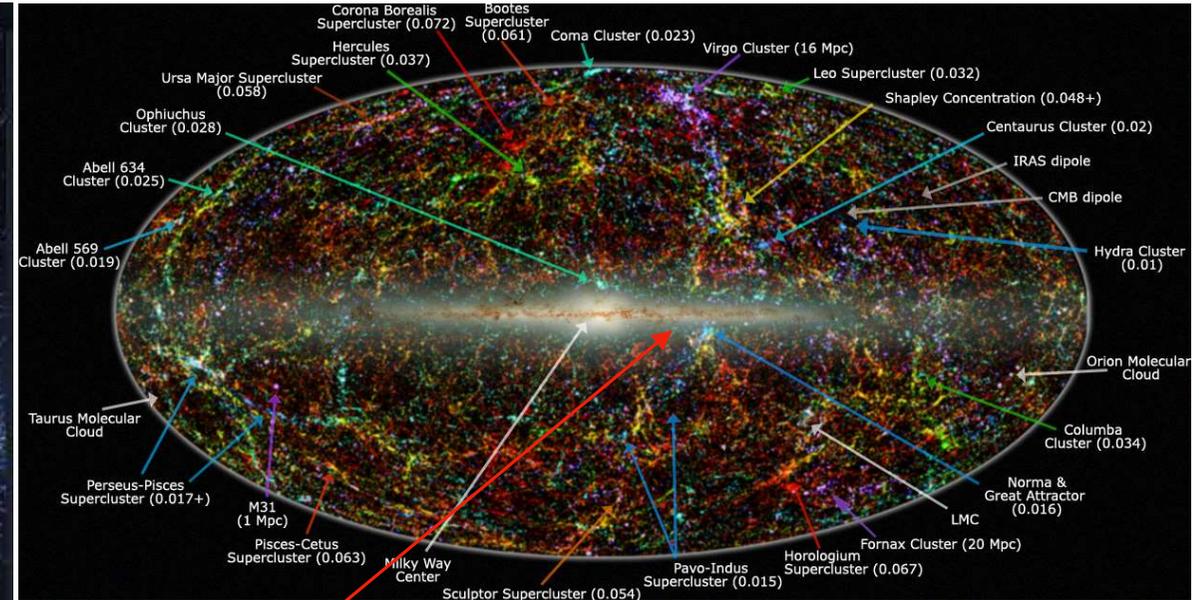


- **Our plan to reveal the nature of this core:**
  - **Spectroscopic observations of galaxies in this region**
    - **Selection of cluster galaxies with similar radial velocities**
    - **Estimation of velocity dispersion for independent measure of core mass ; compare with the lensing measurement**
- **Search for such cores through the comparison of lensing and galaxy surveys for further application.**

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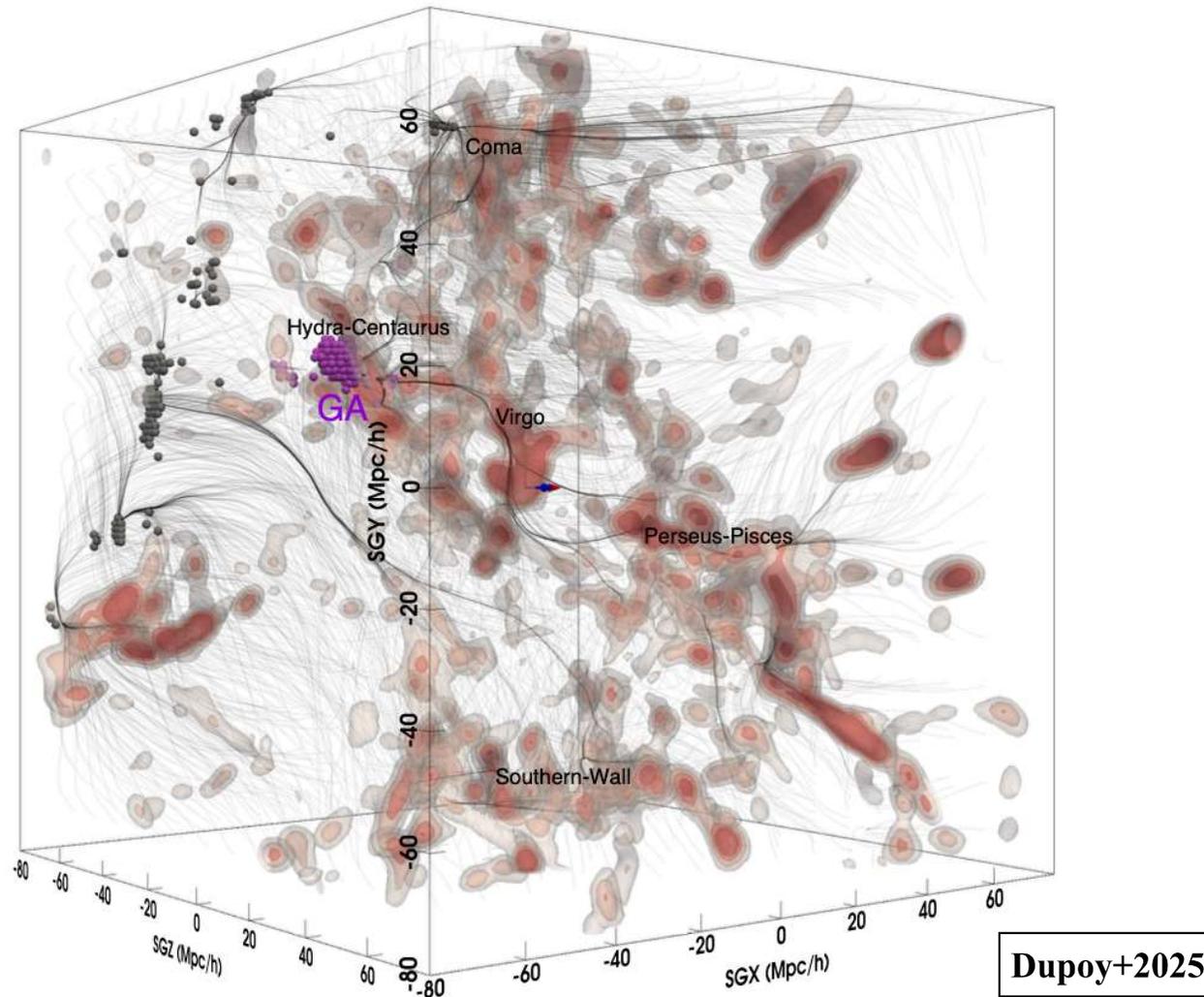


First discovered in 1987 by 7 Samurai (Dressler+1987; Lynden-Bell+1988)



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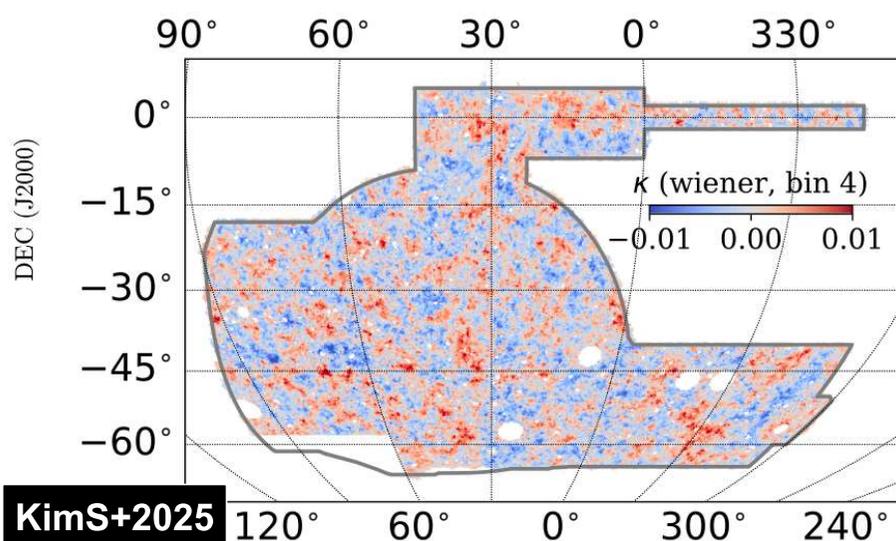


**Q1: Why is not the number of galaxies in the Great Attractor high?**

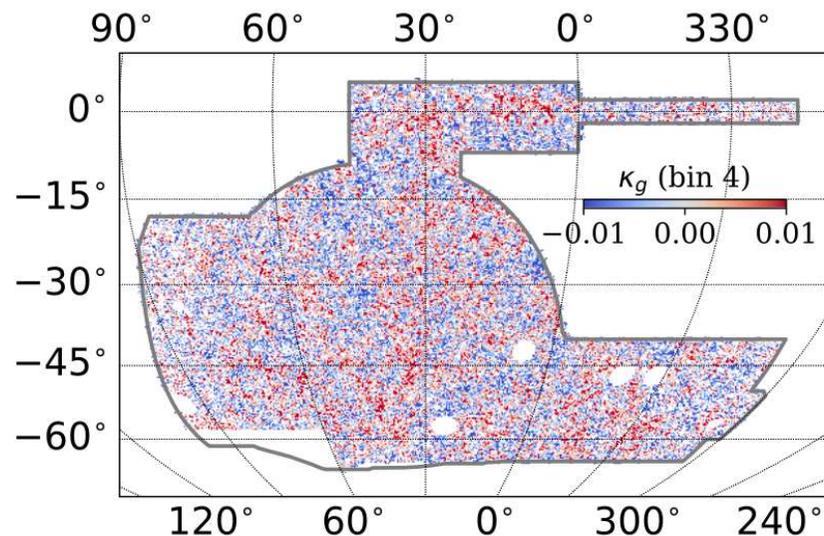
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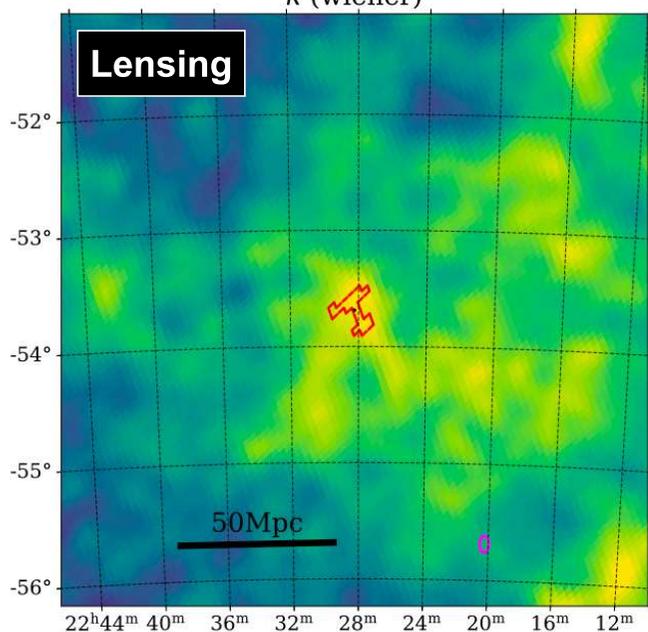
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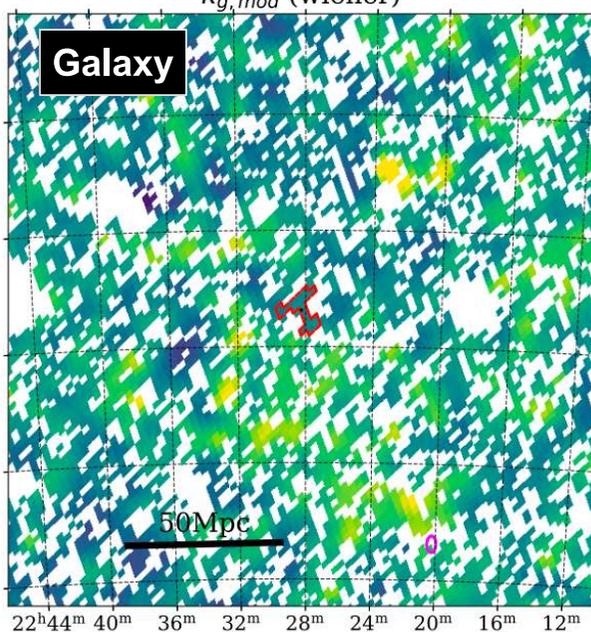
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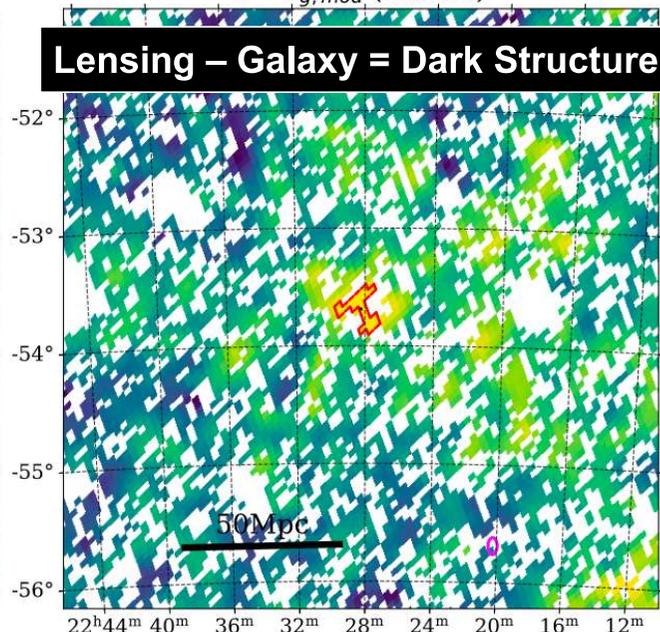
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## Searching for Dark Structures: A Comparison of Weak Lensing Convergence Maps and Lensing-Weighted Galaxy Density Maps

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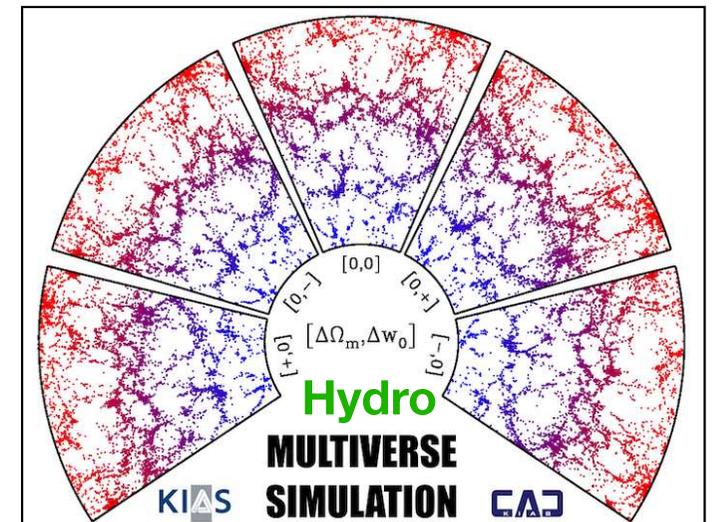
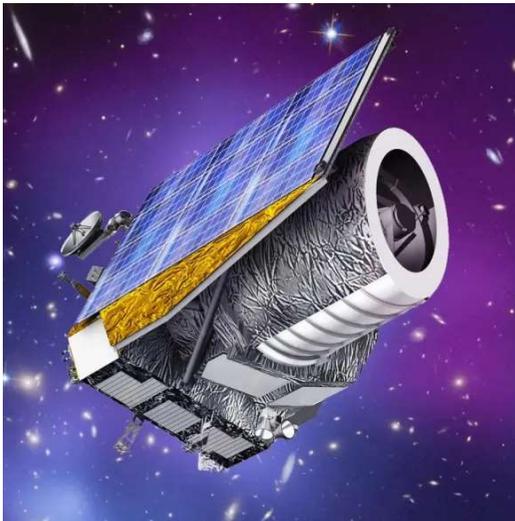
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- We have developed a novel method to find such structures using weak-lensing and galaxy survey data (KimS+2025).
- We plan to extend this analysis to recent, improved data

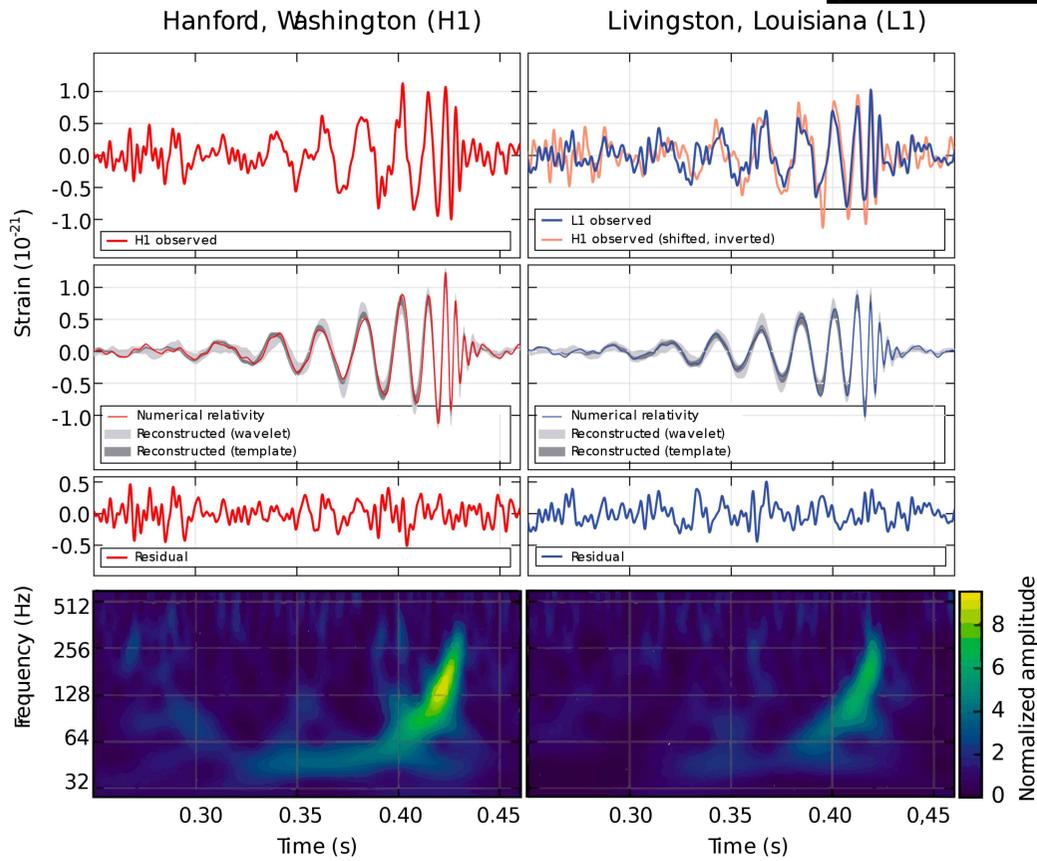
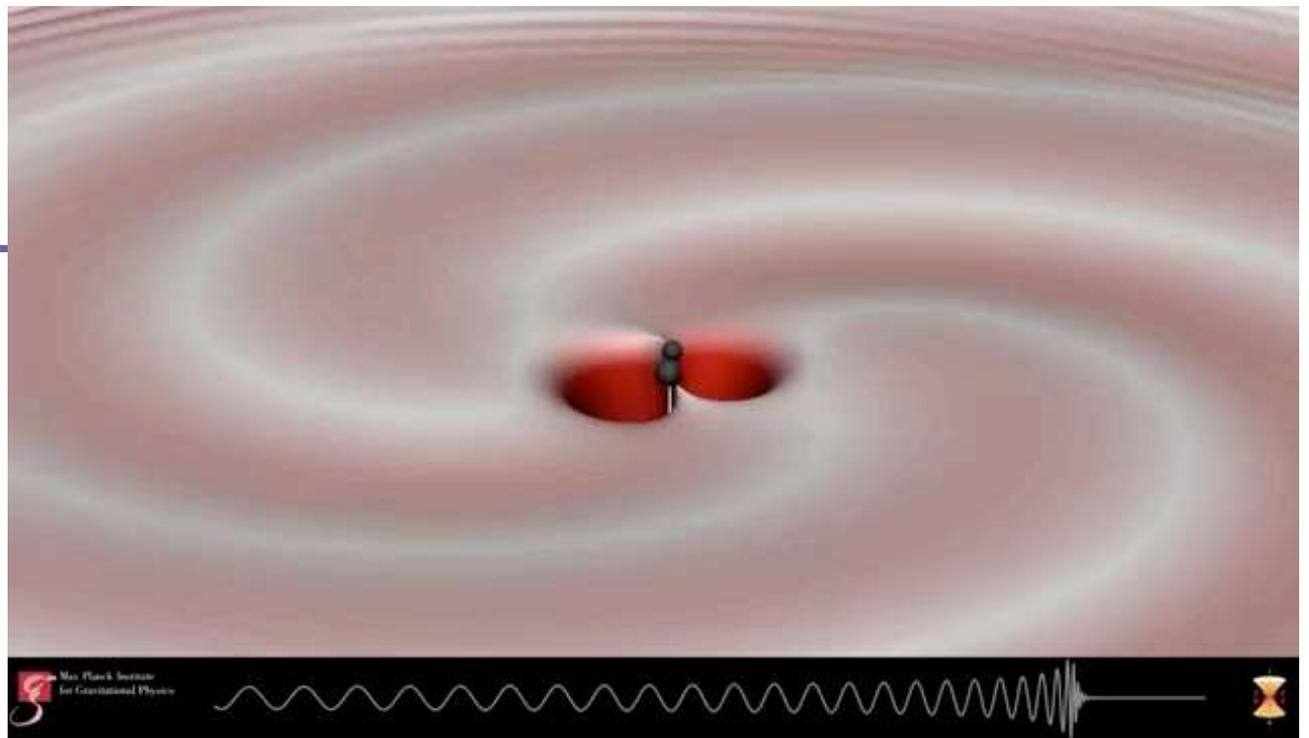


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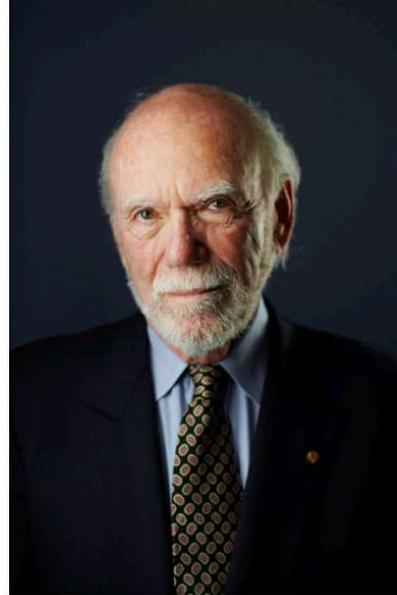




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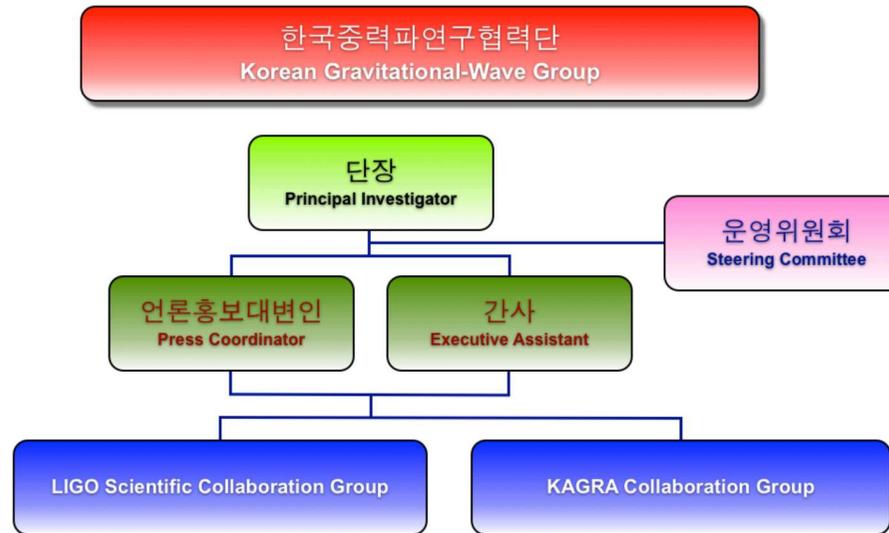
The Nobel Prize in Physics 2017 was divided, one half awarded to Rainer Weiss, the other half jointly to Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne "for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves."

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# Beyond the EM Wave Observations



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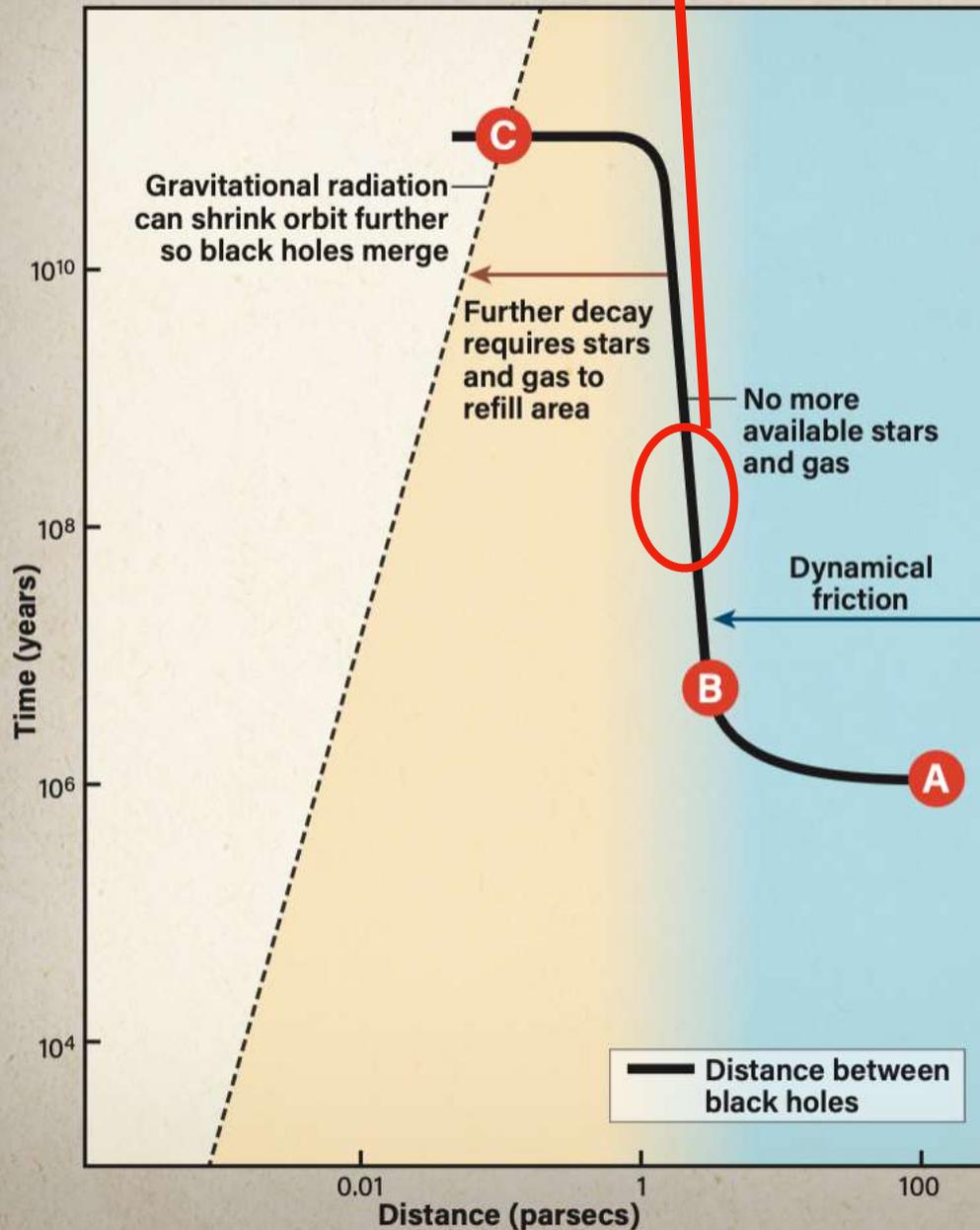


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# Final Parsec Problem

Q: How to solve the problem?



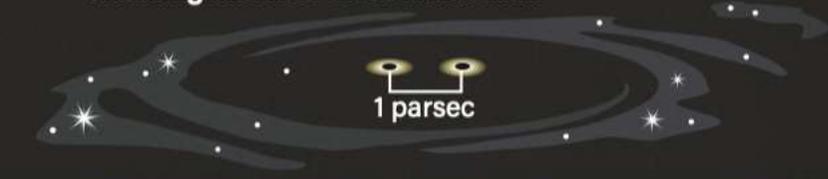
Two galaxies begin to merge.



**A** The black holes sink together through dynamical friction as stars and gas are flung away.



**B** Their surroundings are cleared of stars and gas, causing them to stall 1 parsec apart. It will take the lifetime of the universe for material to trickle back in, allowing them to close in further.

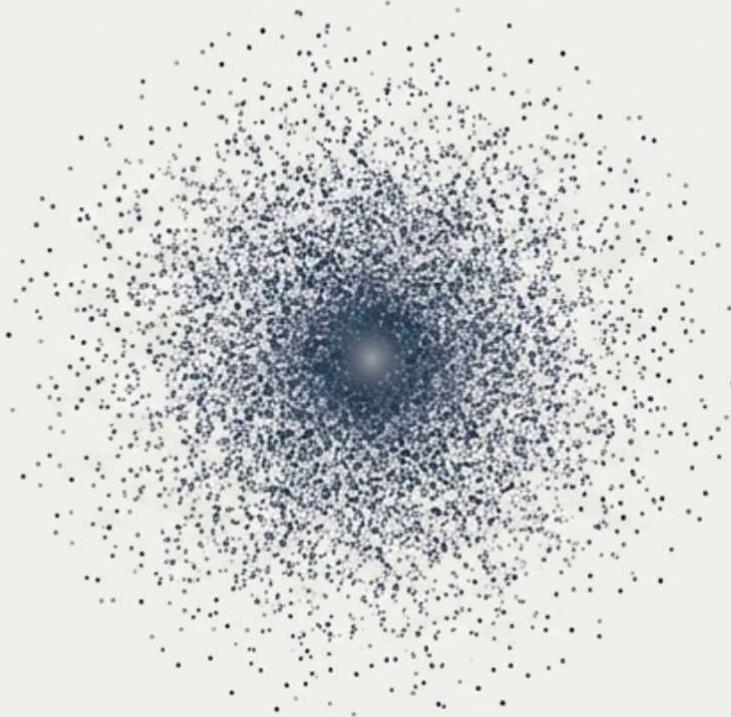


**C** Once the black holes reach 0.01 parsec apart, gravitational radiation can carry away additional energy, allowing them to merge.

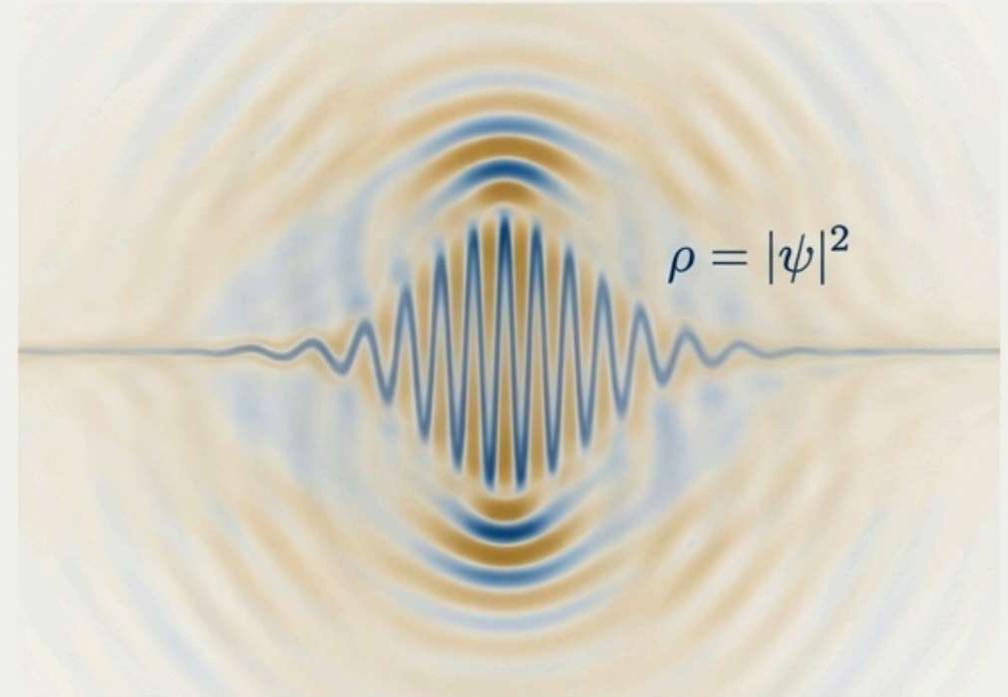


# A New Candidate: Ultralight Dark Matter as a Quantum Wave

Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

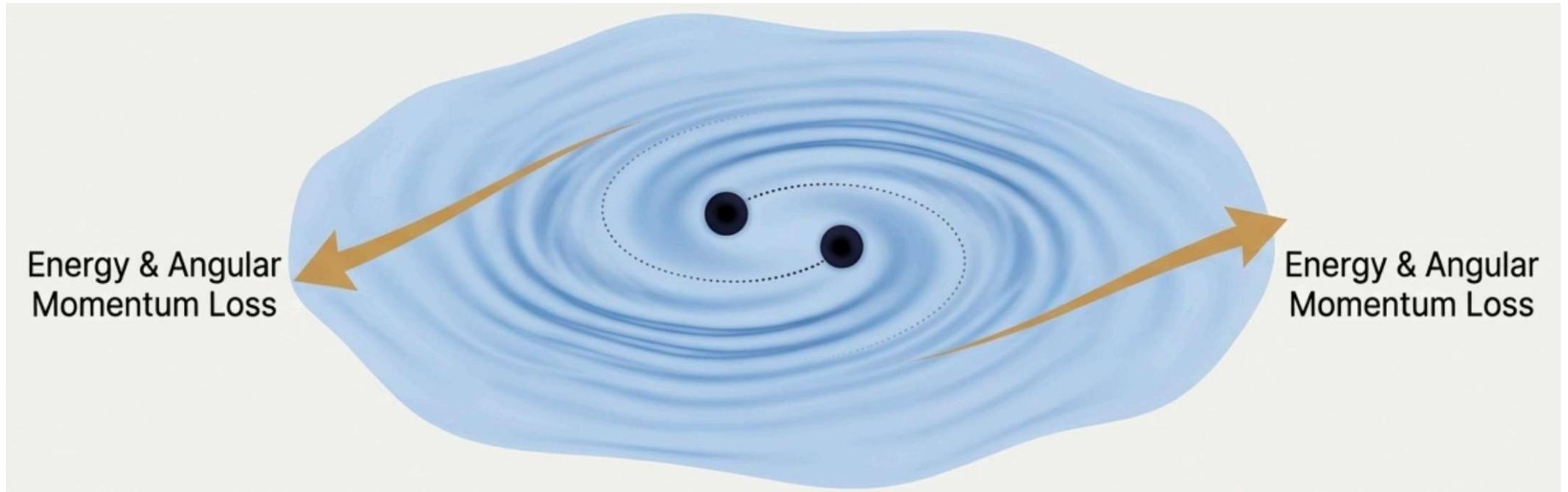


Ultralight Dark Matter (ULDM)



- Ultralight Dark Matter (ULDM), or "fuzzy dark matter," is a leading alternative to CDM that could resolve its small-scale issues (e.g., core-cusp problem, missing satellites).
- It proposes that dark matter consists of extremely light scalar particles ( $m \gtrsim 10^{-22}$  eV) in a Bose-Einstein condensate state.
- **On galactic scales, ULDM does not behave like individual particles but as a single, coherent macroscopic wave function.**
- It is this collective, wavelike nature that offers a new physical mechanism.

# The Hypothesis: Dark Matter Waves Drain Orbital Energy



- **Our hypothesis is that an SMBHB orbiting within a ULDM halo will generate "dark matter waves" that efficiently carry away its orbital energy and angular momentum.**
  - **Dynamical Friction (DF):** The moving black holes create a gravitational wake in the ULDM field, generating waves that exert a drag force.
  - **Gravitational Cooling (GC):** The binary's perturbation of the halo excites its quasi-normal modes, causing the halo to relax by ejecting ULDM waves and carrying away excess kinetic energy.
- **Crucially, these mechanisms circumvent the loss-cone problem (i.e. nothing to carry out the angular momentum), allowing the binary to rapidly spiral inwards.**



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## Final parsec problem of black hole mergers and ultralight dark matter

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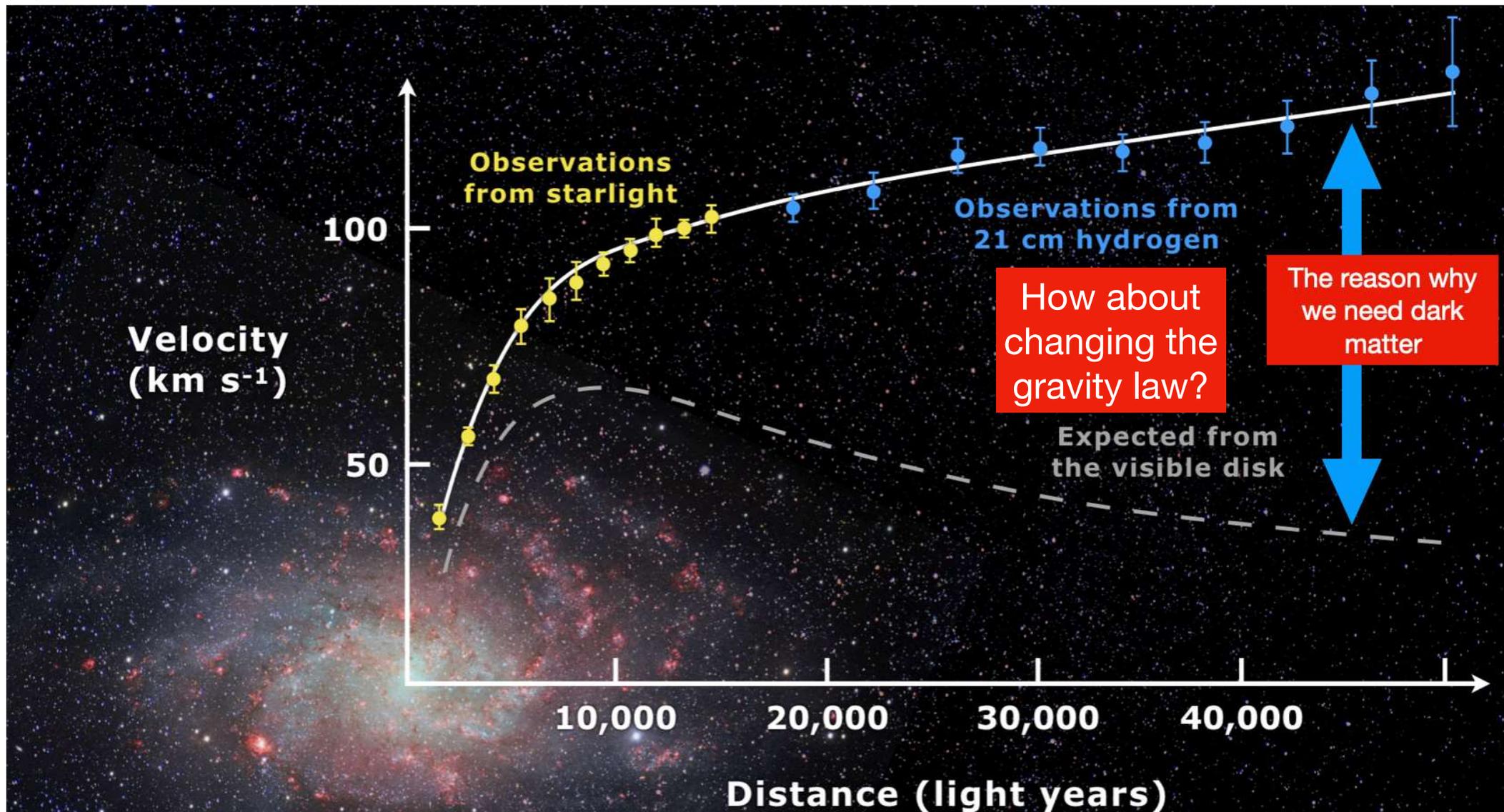
When two galaxies merge, they often produce a supermassive black hole binary (SMBHB) at their center. Numerical simulations with stars and cold dark matter show that SMBHBs typically stall out at a distance of a few parsecs apart and take billions of years to coalesce. This is known as the final parsec problem. We suggest that ultralight dark matter (ULDM) halos around SMBHBs can generate dark matter waves due to dynamical friction. These waves can effectively carry away orbital energy from the black holes, rapidly driving them together. To test this hypothesis, we performed numerical simulations of black hole binaries inside ULDM halos. Due to gravitational cooling and quasi-normal modes, the loss-cone problem can be avoided. The decay time scale gives lower bounds on masses of the ULDM particles and SMBHBs comparable to observational data. Our results imply that ULDM waves can lead to the rapid orbital decay of black hole binaries.

# V. Alternatives



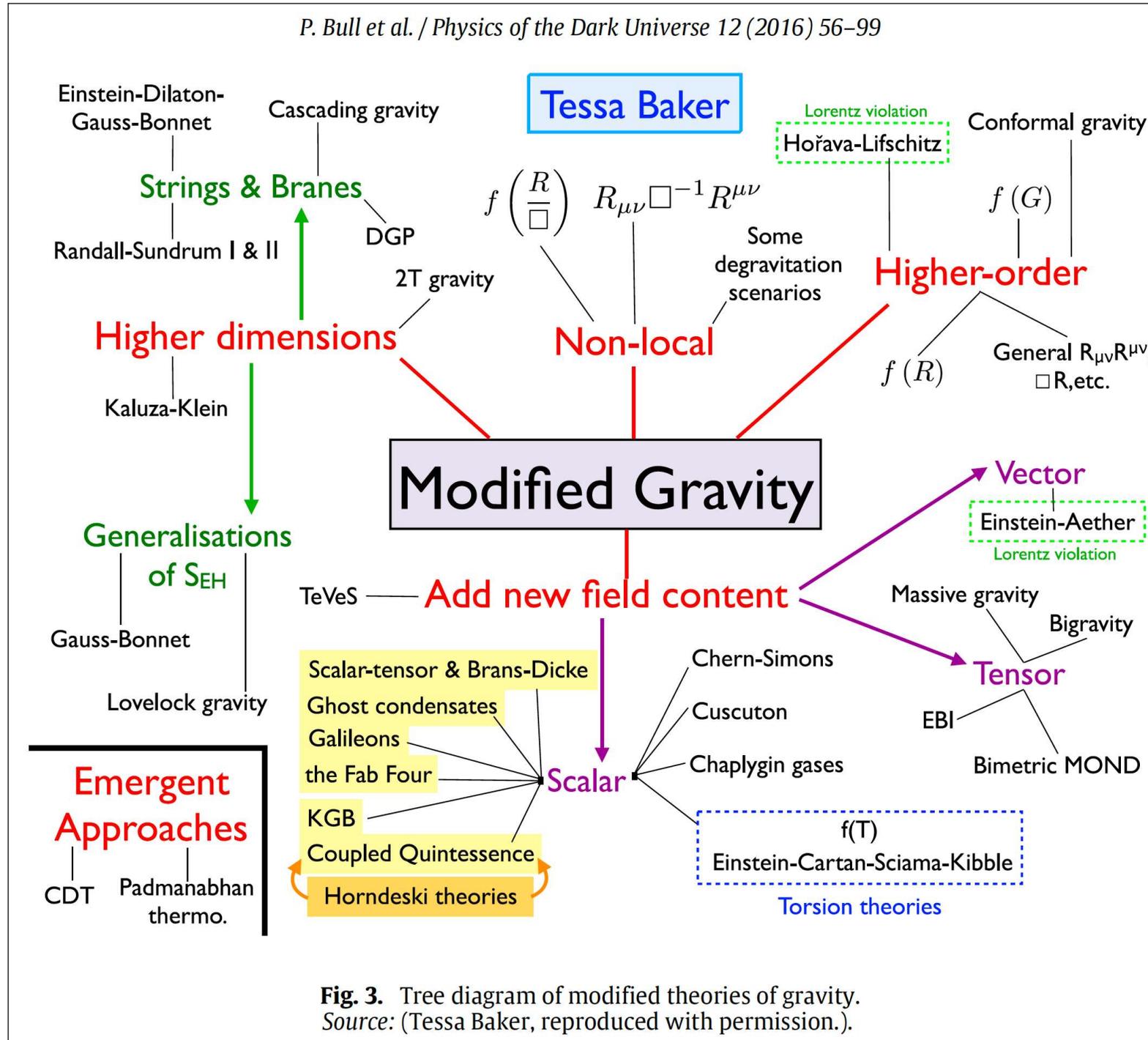
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**Fig. 3.** Tree diagram of modified theories of gravity.  
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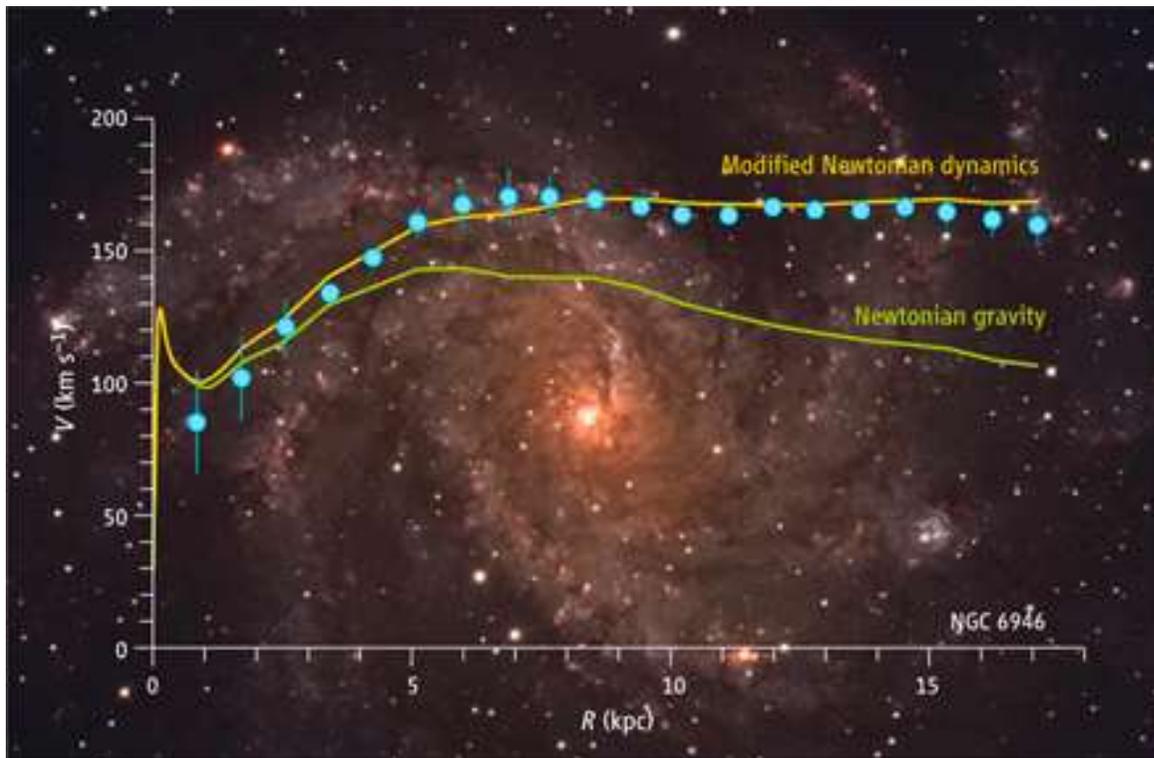
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# WITHOUT dark matter?

- **MOND (Modified Newtonian dynamics by Milgrom (1983)):**
  - Successful in explaining galaxy rotation curves, but**
  - 1. Difficult to reproduce the large-scale distribution of galaxies yet
  - 2. No physical background why the gravitational constant should change with physical scale
- **Another alternative model: emergent gravity**



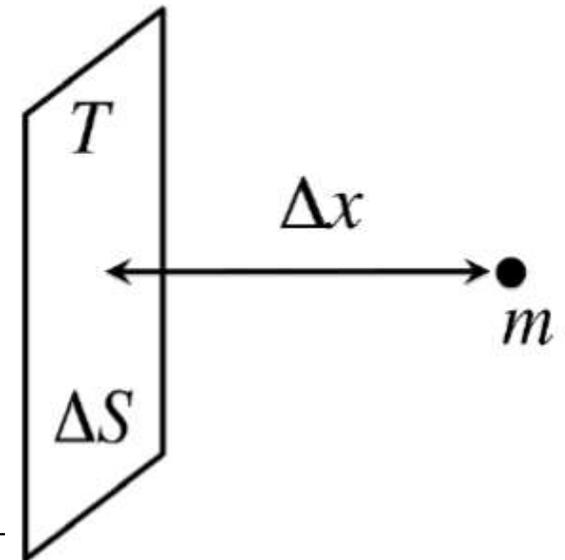
What is important here is not the emergent gravity model itself, but is a trial without considering dark matter!

# Emergent Gravity

## Erik Verlinde thinks

“The observed phenomena that are currently attributed to dark matter are

- the consequence of the emergent nature of gravity and
- caused by an elastic response due to the volume law contribution to the entanglement entropy in our universe”



Verlinde (2011; 2017)

- By adding mass into the space, dark energy (in our universe with positive  $\Lambda$ ) acts like elastic medium & the elastic response of dark energy is interpreted as an apparent dark matter.

# Emergent Gravity

➤ Gravitational acceleration in the Verlinde's emergent gravity:

$$g_{\text{Ver}} = \sqrt{g_{\text{B}}^2 + g_{\text{D}}^2}$$

where  $g_{\text{B}}$  is the Newtonian gravity from baryonic matter and  $g_{\text{D}}$  is the gravity from apparent dark matter.

Thanks to my collaborator working on the theory

$$g_{\text{D}}^2 = \frac{a_0}{6} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_{\text{B}} + 2g_{\text{B}})$$

$$\Phi_{\text{B}} = -\frac{2g_{\text{B}}^2}{4\pi G\rho_{\text{B}} + \vec{n} \cdot \nabla g_{\text{B}}}$$

where  $\rho_{\text{B}}$  is the the baryonic matter density,

$\vec{n}$  is the direction of the Newtonian gravity,

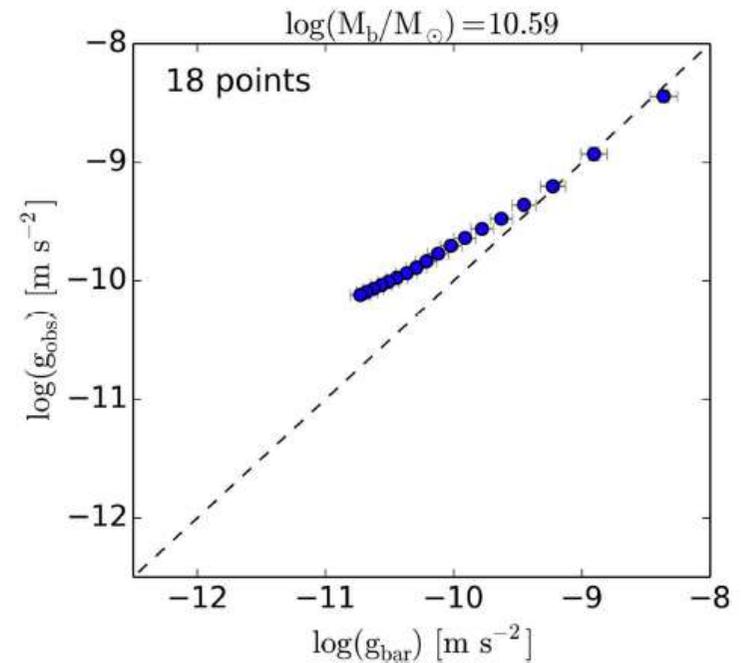
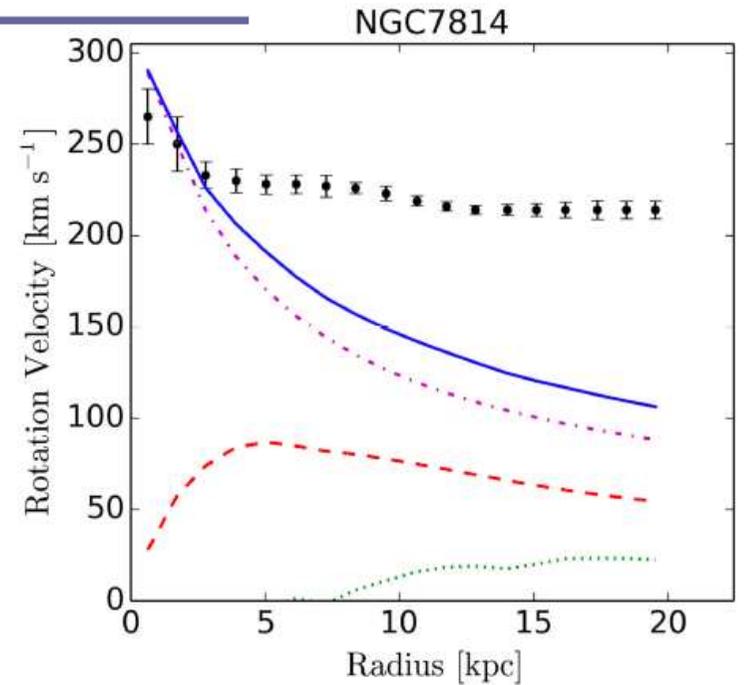
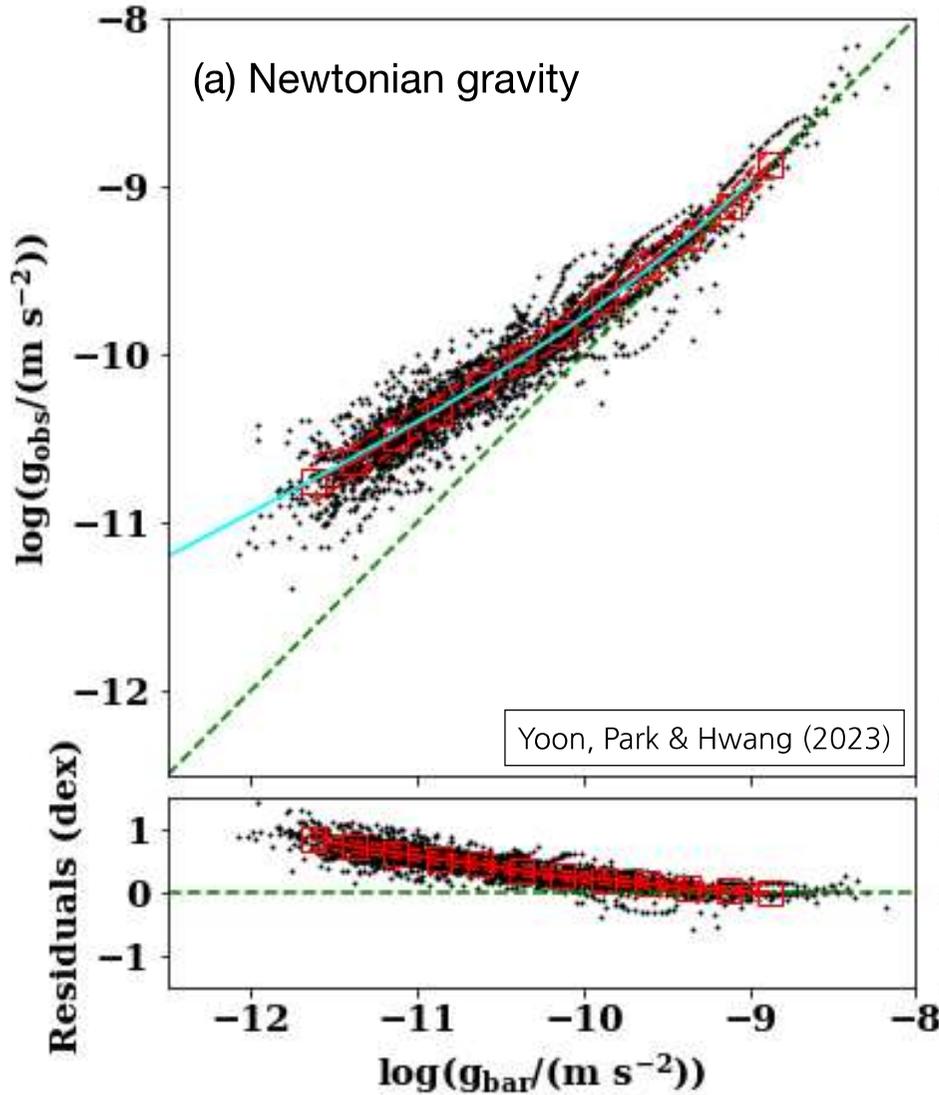
$a_0$  is the constant, and

$\Phi_{\text{B}}$  is the potential.

**Q: Can this model explain well the observational results?  
(e.g. scaling relation for galaxies;  
kinematic data vs. baryon data)**

# Emergent Gravity

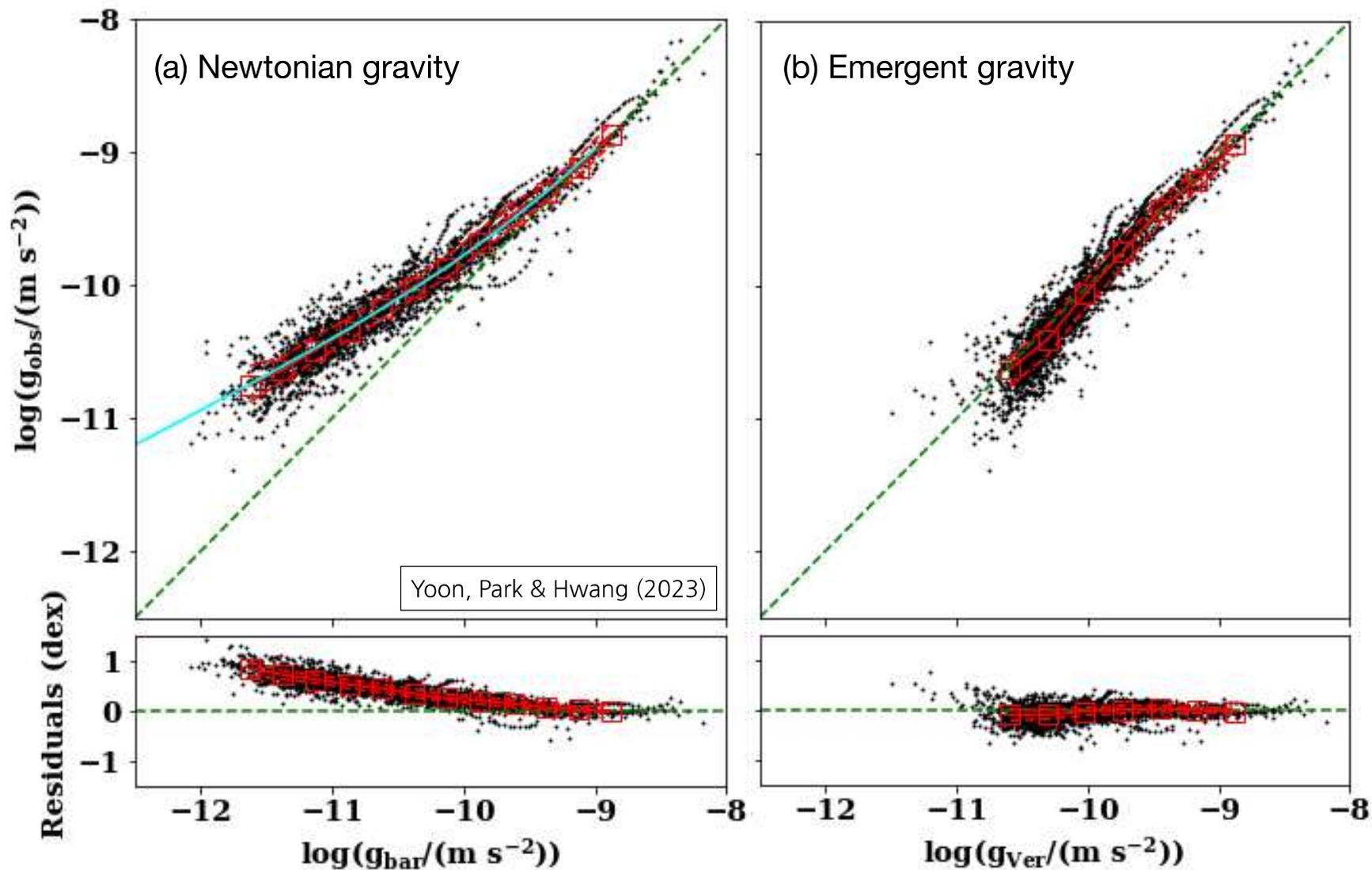
## 1. Radial acceleration relation: **observed acceleration from rotation curves vs. acceleration from baryon mass**



# Emergent Gravity

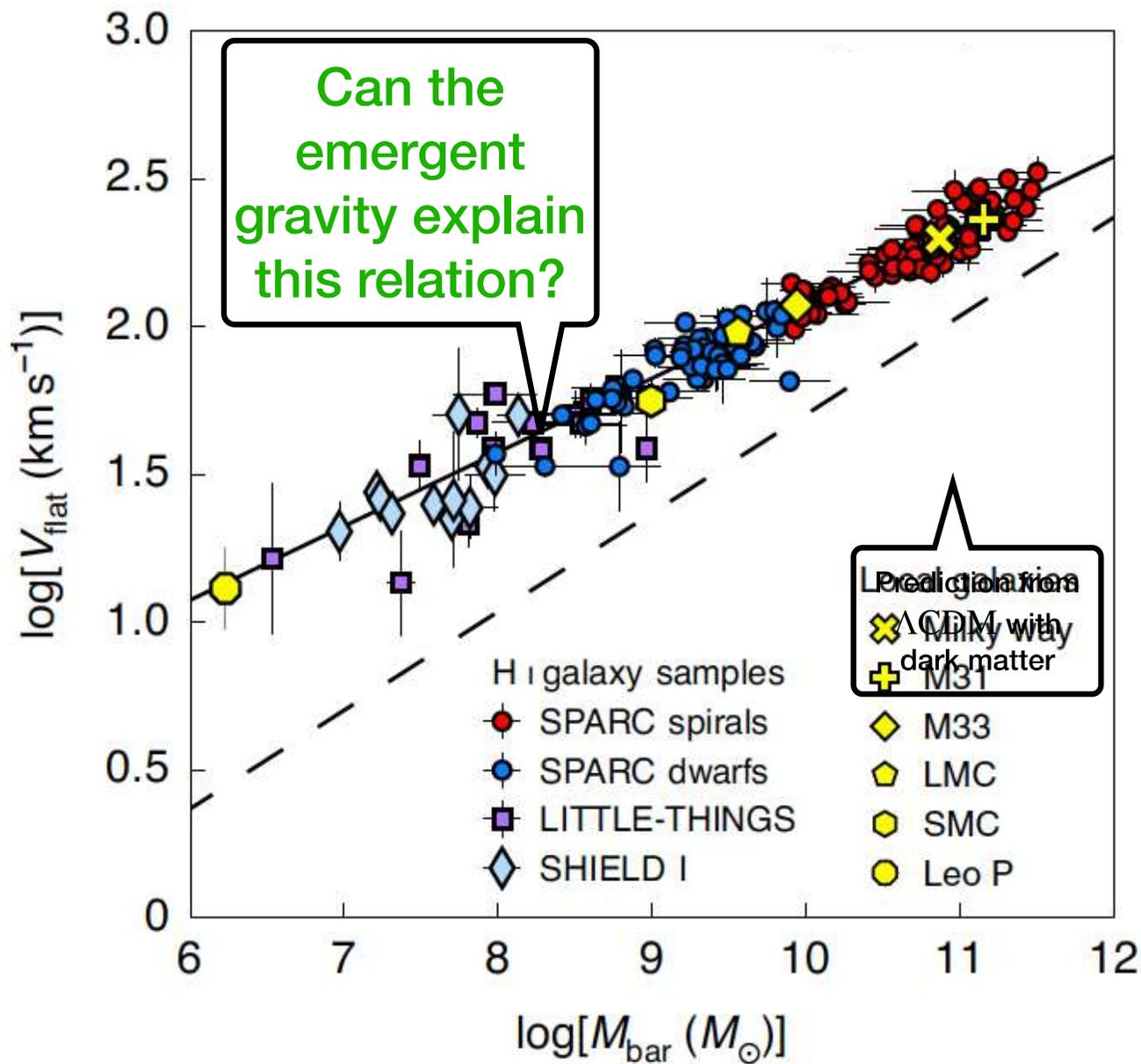
## 1. Radial acceleration relation

➤ We could successfully explain this relation with the emergent gravity without considering dark matter!



# Emergent Gravity

2. **Baryonic Tully-Fisher Relation:**  
an empirical relationship between  
the mass of a spiral galaxy and its  
rotation velocity



**Of course, “the probability of success is difficult to estimate, but if we never search, the chance of success is zero”** G. Cocconi & P. Morrison, *Nature*, September 1959



## Goal of this lecture:

To understand 1) why we need dark matter,  
2) what we know about it, & 3) what to do with it!

### ➤ Part 1: History of Dark Matter

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### ➤ Part 2: Dark Matter Models

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