

Early structure formation in the dark universe with cosmological numerical simulations

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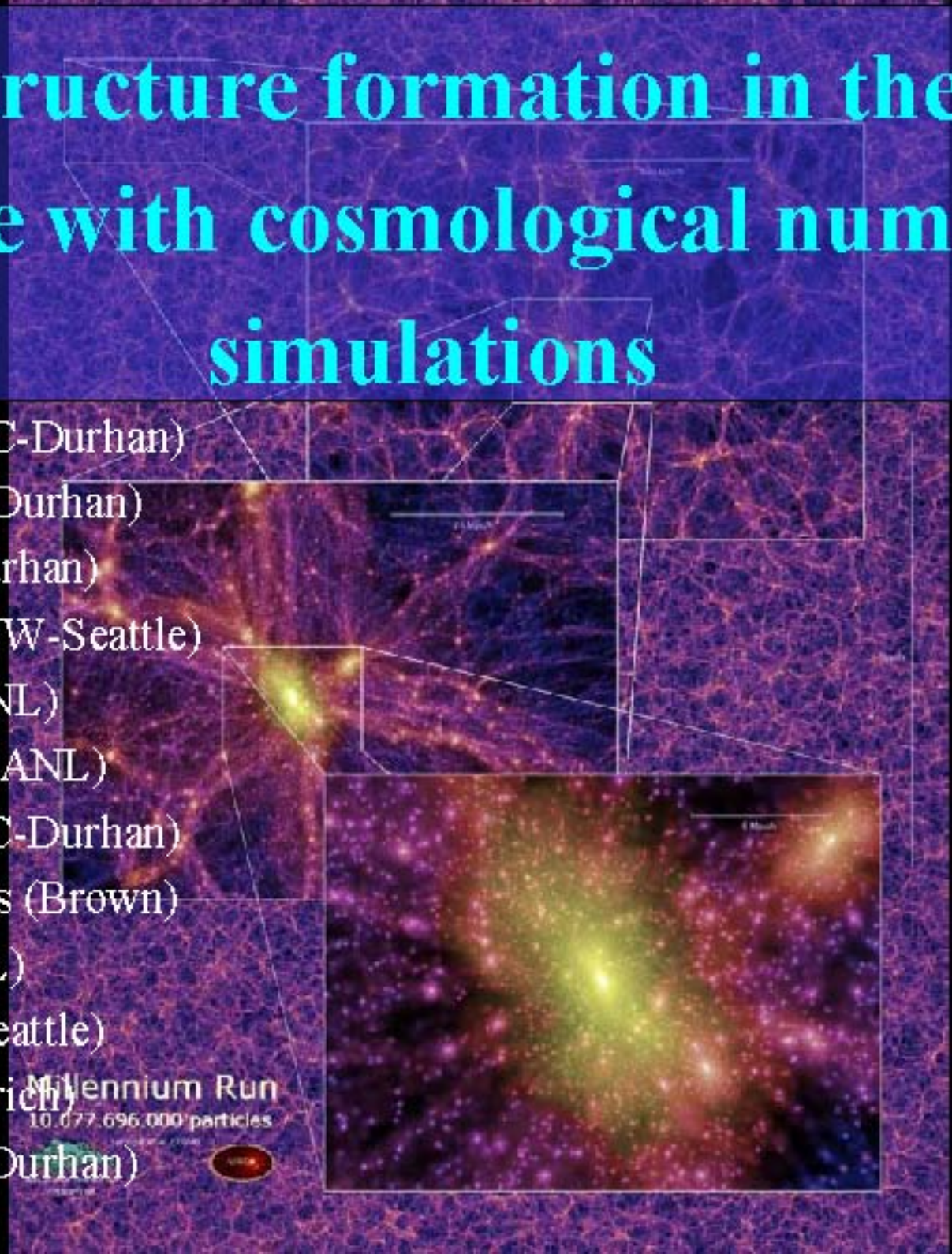
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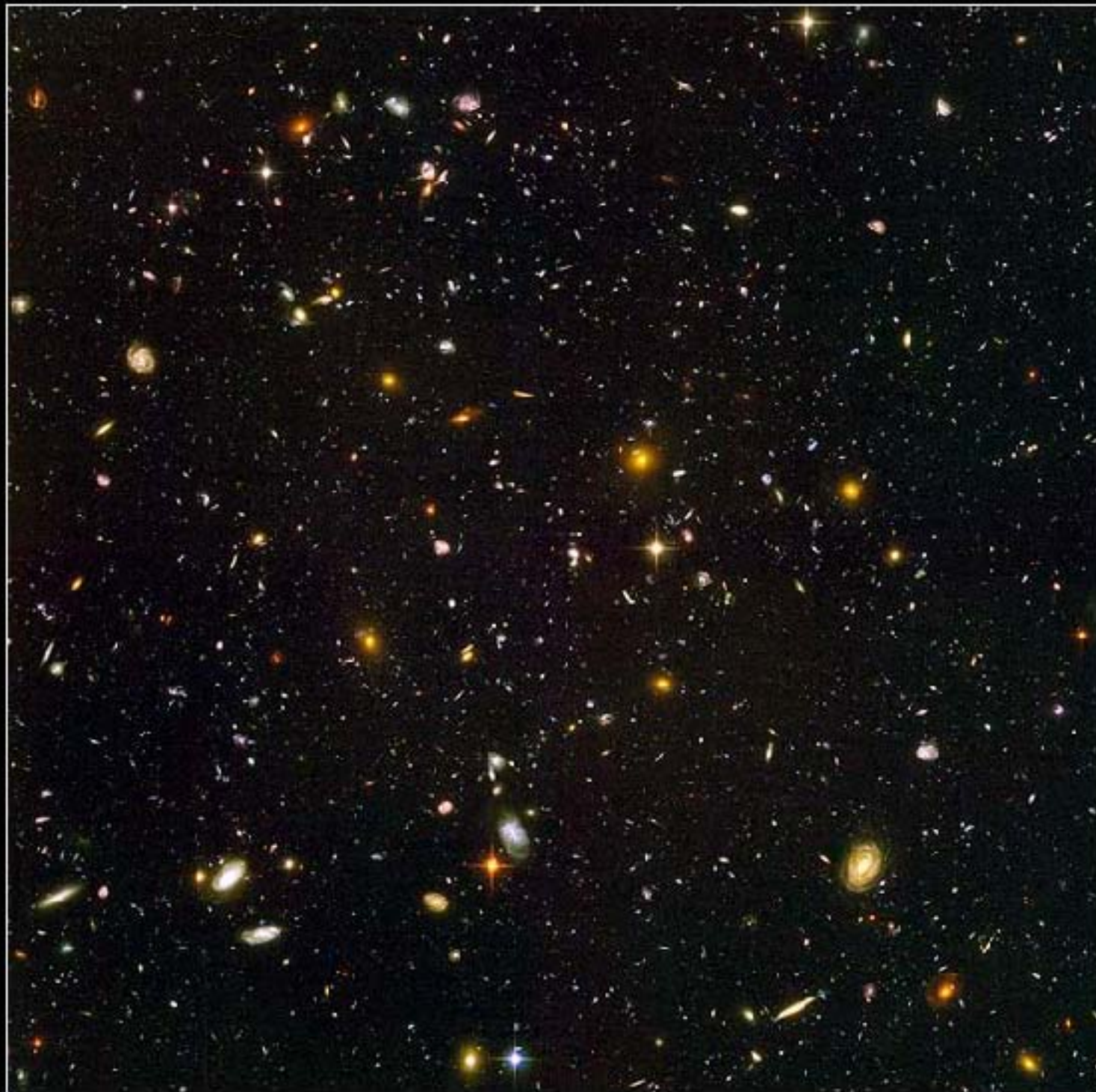
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Overview:

- What is the universe made of?
- How numerical simulations model the universe
- Connecting simulations and observations
 - ***Galaxies live in halos***
 - ***Simulations link cosmology to:***
 - ***halo internal structure***
 - ***halo numbers (how many?)***
 - ***halo distribution (where?)***
 - problems with the cosmological model
 - model early structure formation
- Future directions – bigger & better simulations w/galaxy formation



ionized, $z > 1100$ (CMB)

first light

stars ignite

old galaxies

oldest galaxies

GRBs, Sne

ignition of first stars

oldest light

neutral --> 21cm

21cm (e.g. LOFAR)

379,000 years

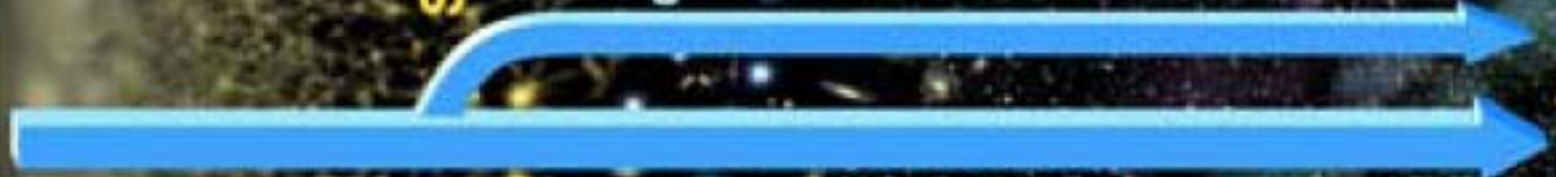
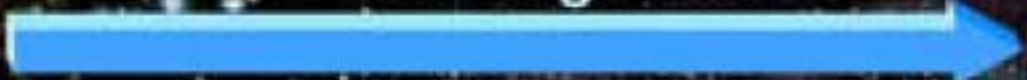
200 million years

1 billion years

Here & Now

dark ages

reionized, $z > \sim 6$



HST
Spitzer
Subaru



ALMA, LMT
JWST



SWIFT



WMAP

Dark matter evidence: Coma cluster, 1933

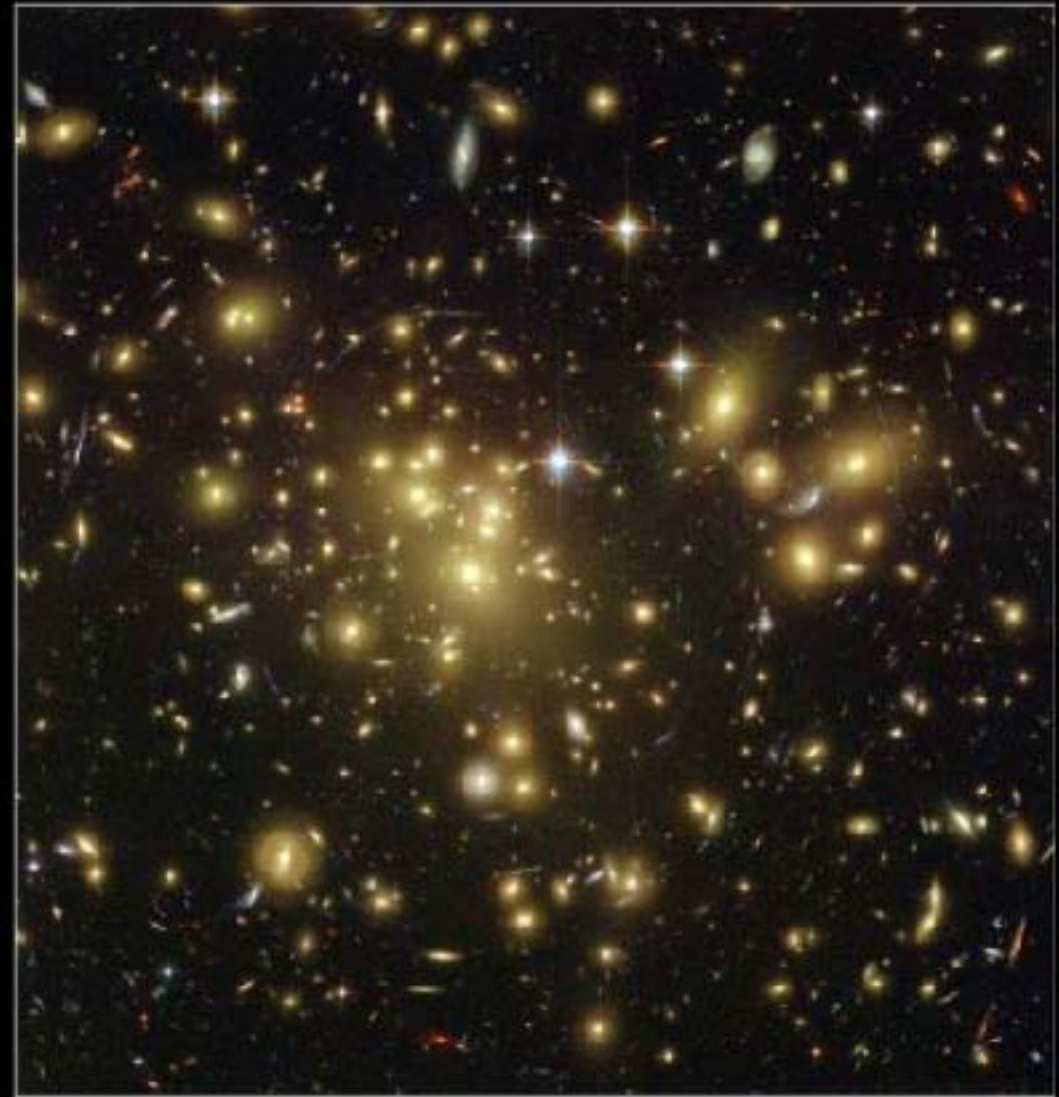


Fritz Zwicky

Measure galaxies velocities

virial mass estimate ($KE = -PE/2$)

--> **most mass not in galaxies**



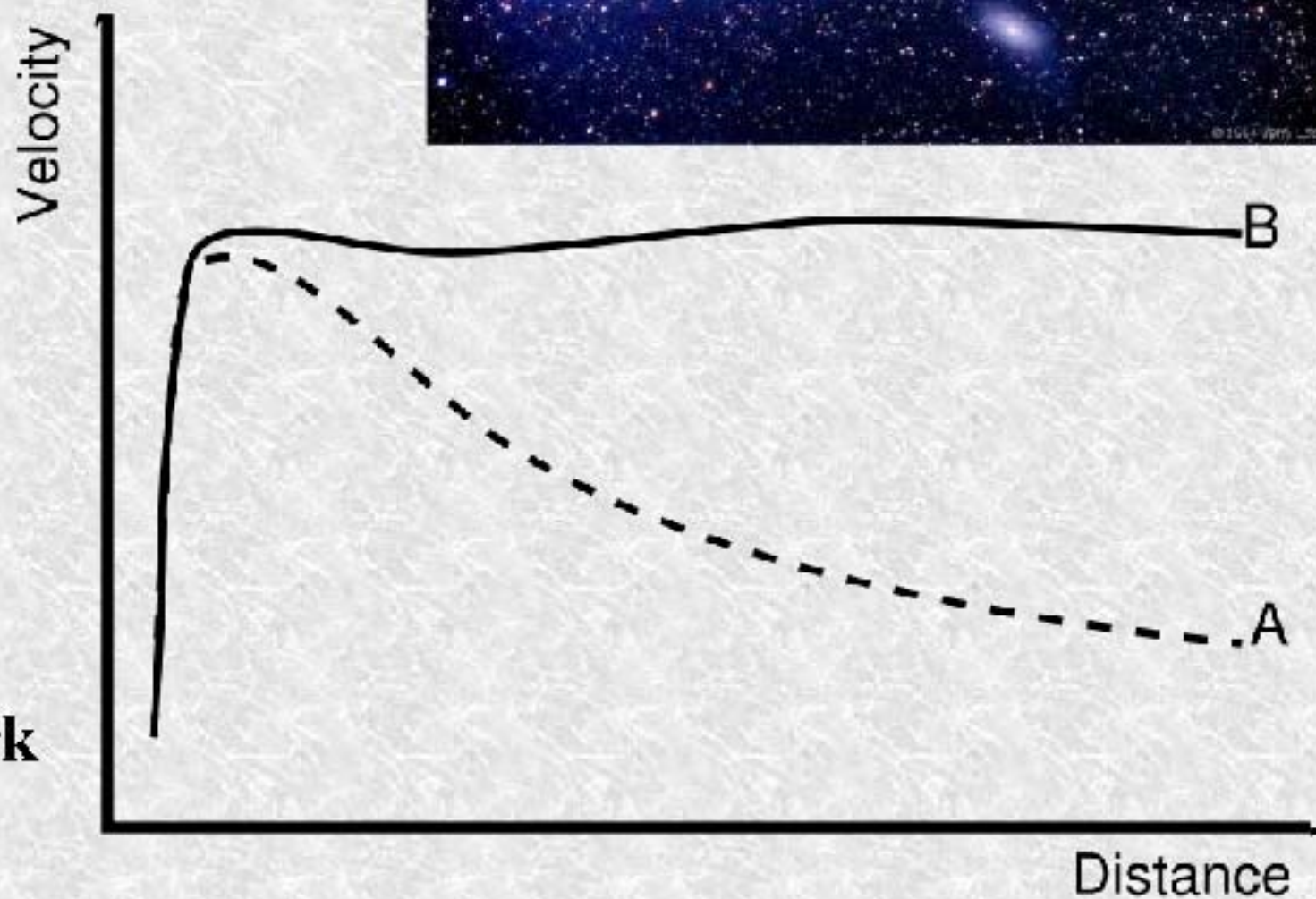
Galaxy Cluster Abell 1689
Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys

Dark matter evidence: Spiral galaxy rotation curves

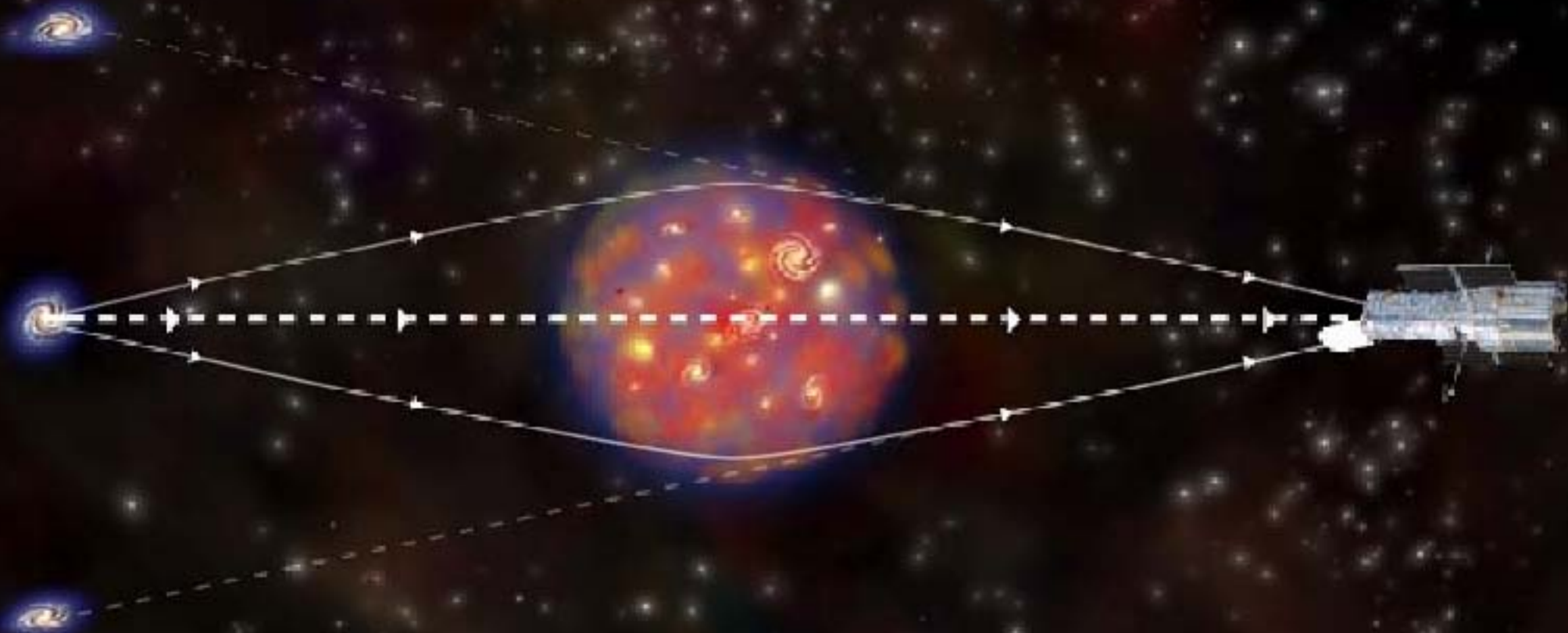


Vera Rubin
stellar velocities

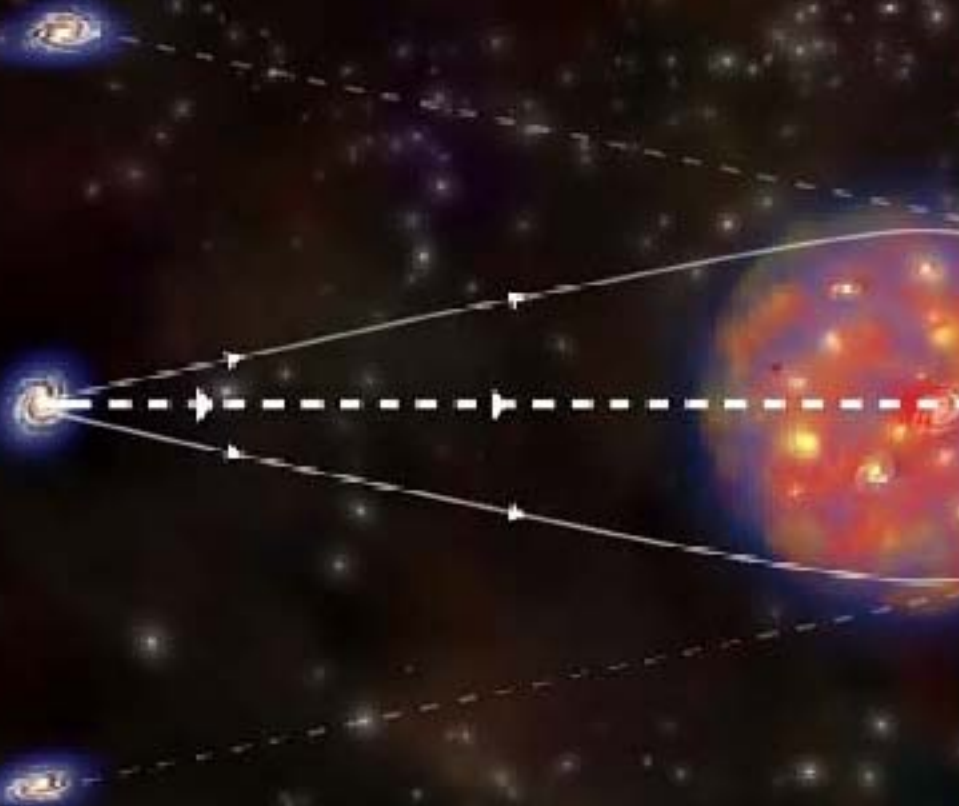
→ **most mass in
galaxies is dark**



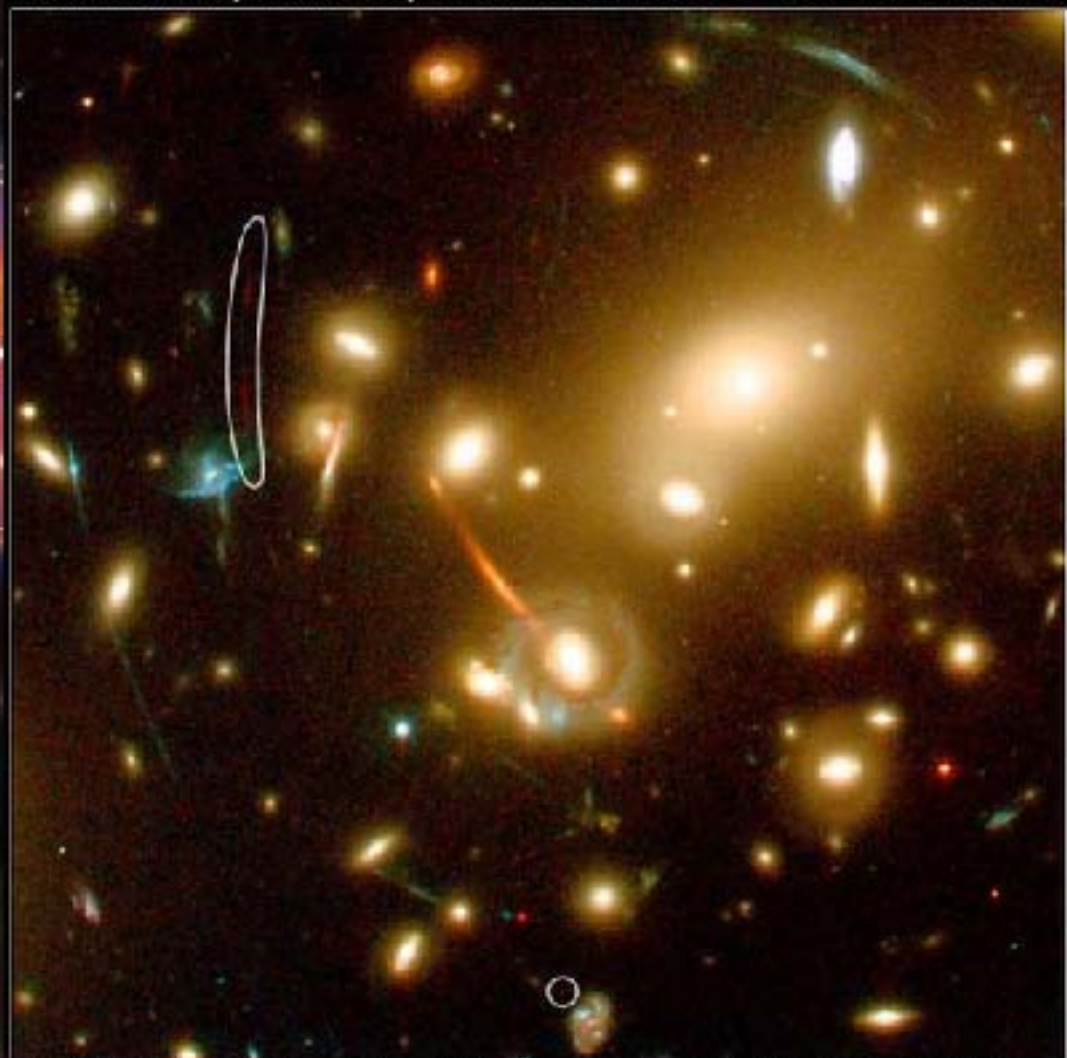
gravitational lensing → mass distribution



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Distant Galaxy Lensed by Cluster Abell 2218 HST • WFPC2 • ACS



Dark matter evidence: Bullet cluster, 2006

Red = hot gas

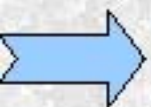
(\cong baryon mass)

x-ray (thermal bremsstrahlung)

Blue = mass (total)

gravitational lensing of

background galaxies

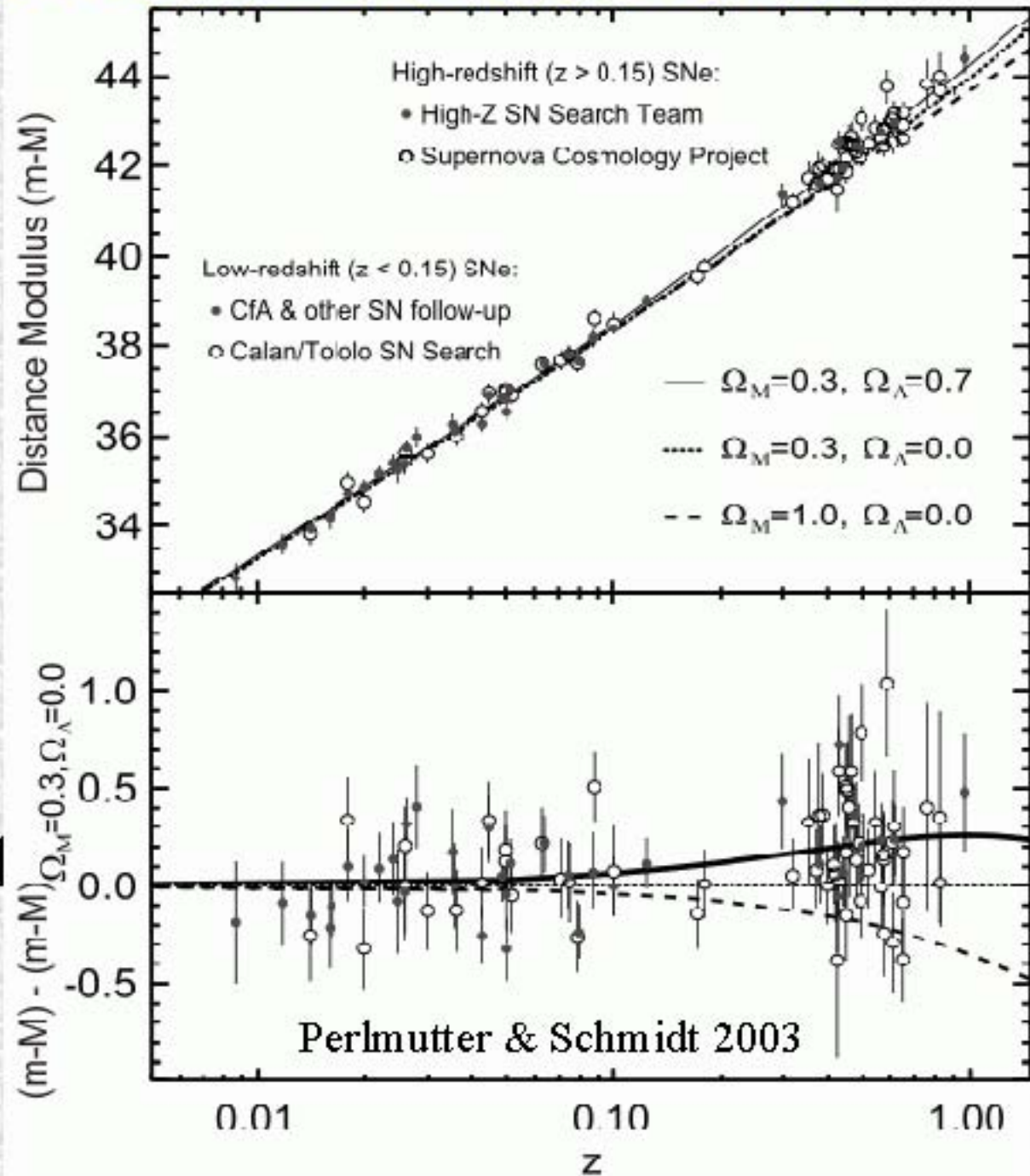


non-baryon (dark matter)

dominates mass distribution

Dark energy evidence: supernovae

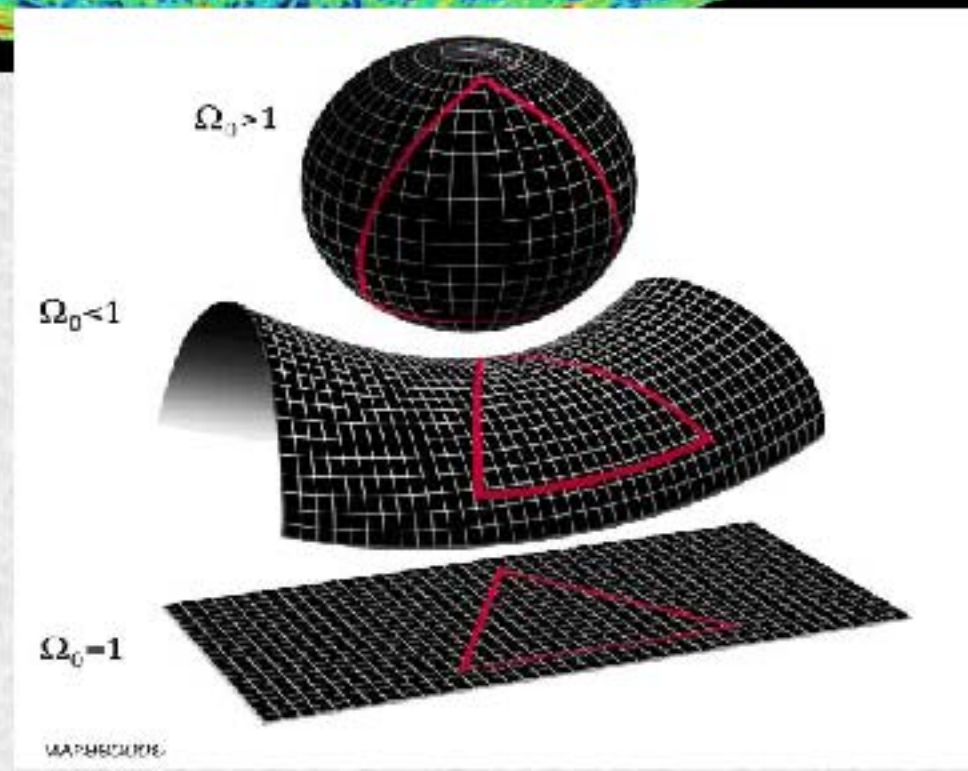
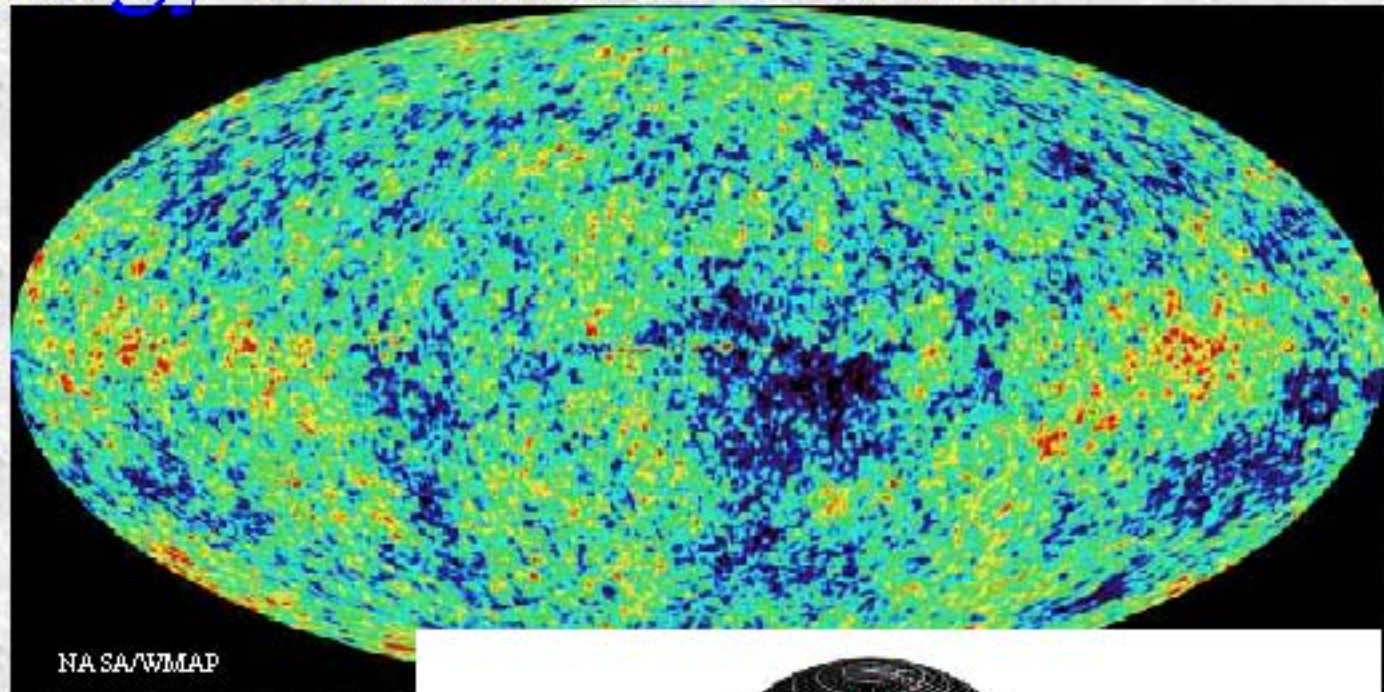
- Riess et al. 1998,
Perlmutter et al.
- Distant supernova too faint
- Consistent with Einstein's cosmological constant

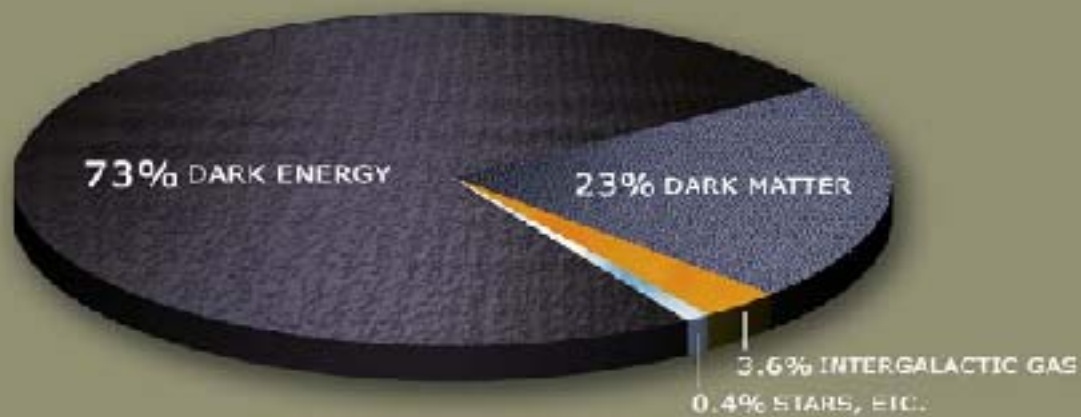
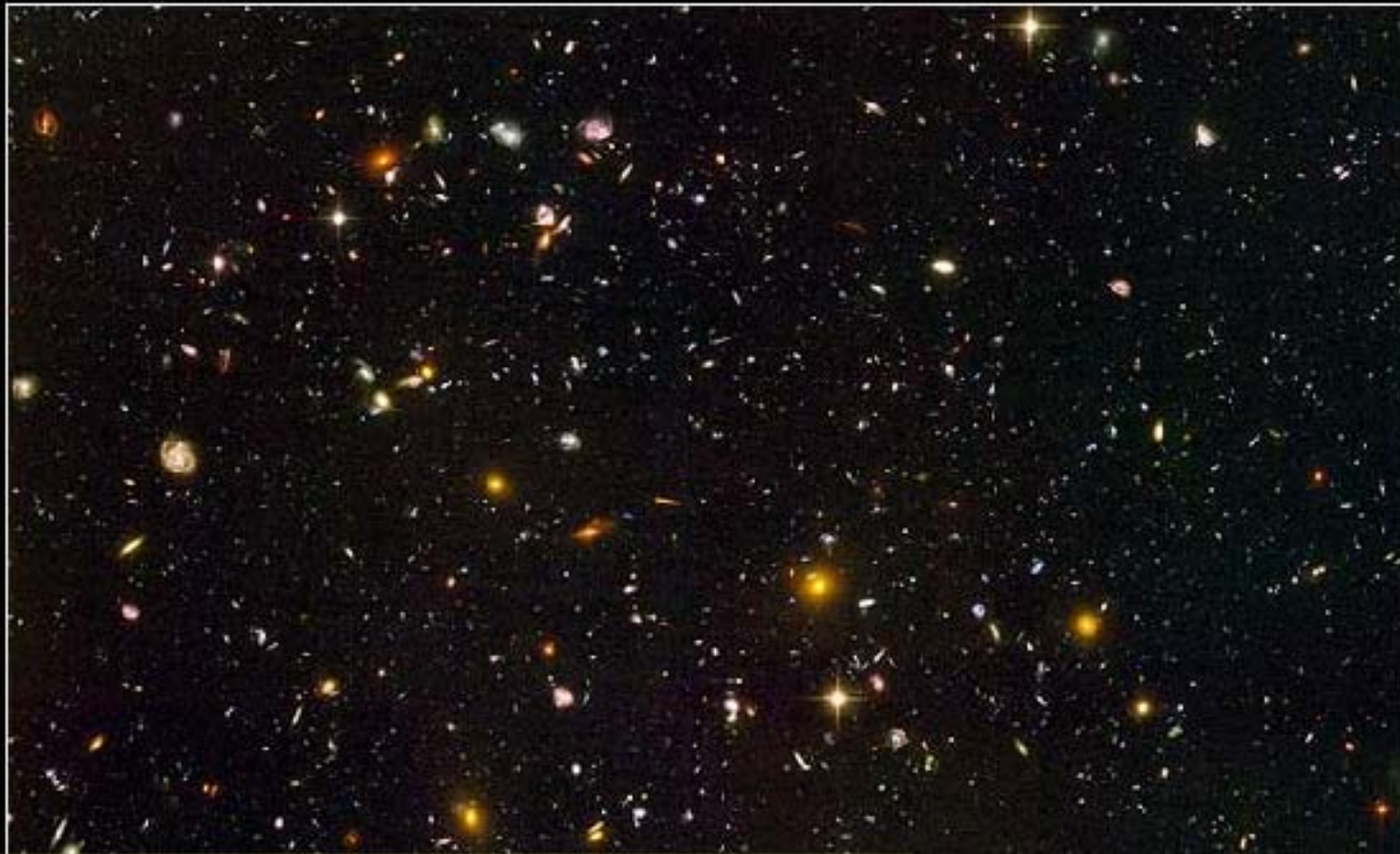


Dark energy evidence: CMB

- Fluctuation scale sensitive to geometry

- CMB: universe is “flat”, $\Omega_m + \Omega_{d.e.} = 1$

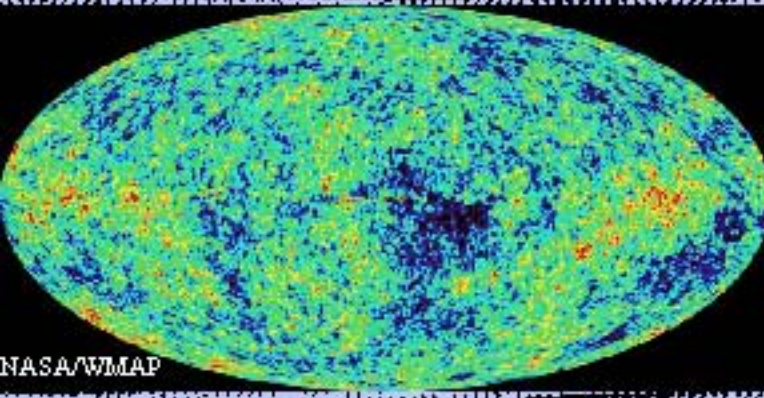




What is the dark matter?

- Dark
- $\Omega_{\text{d.m.}} \simeq 0.25$ $\Omega_{\text{baryon}} \simeq 0.04$
- \sim Collisionless
- Cold (or warm), non-relativistic at freeze-out
- WIMP, axion, sterile neutrino.....

Simulation techniques



+ Hi-z SNe,
CMB, etc

Cosmological parameters:
($\Omega \simeq 0.25$, $\Lambda \simeq 0.75$, $\sigma_8 \simeq 0.8$,
 $H_0 \simeq 72$, $n_s \simeq 1$)

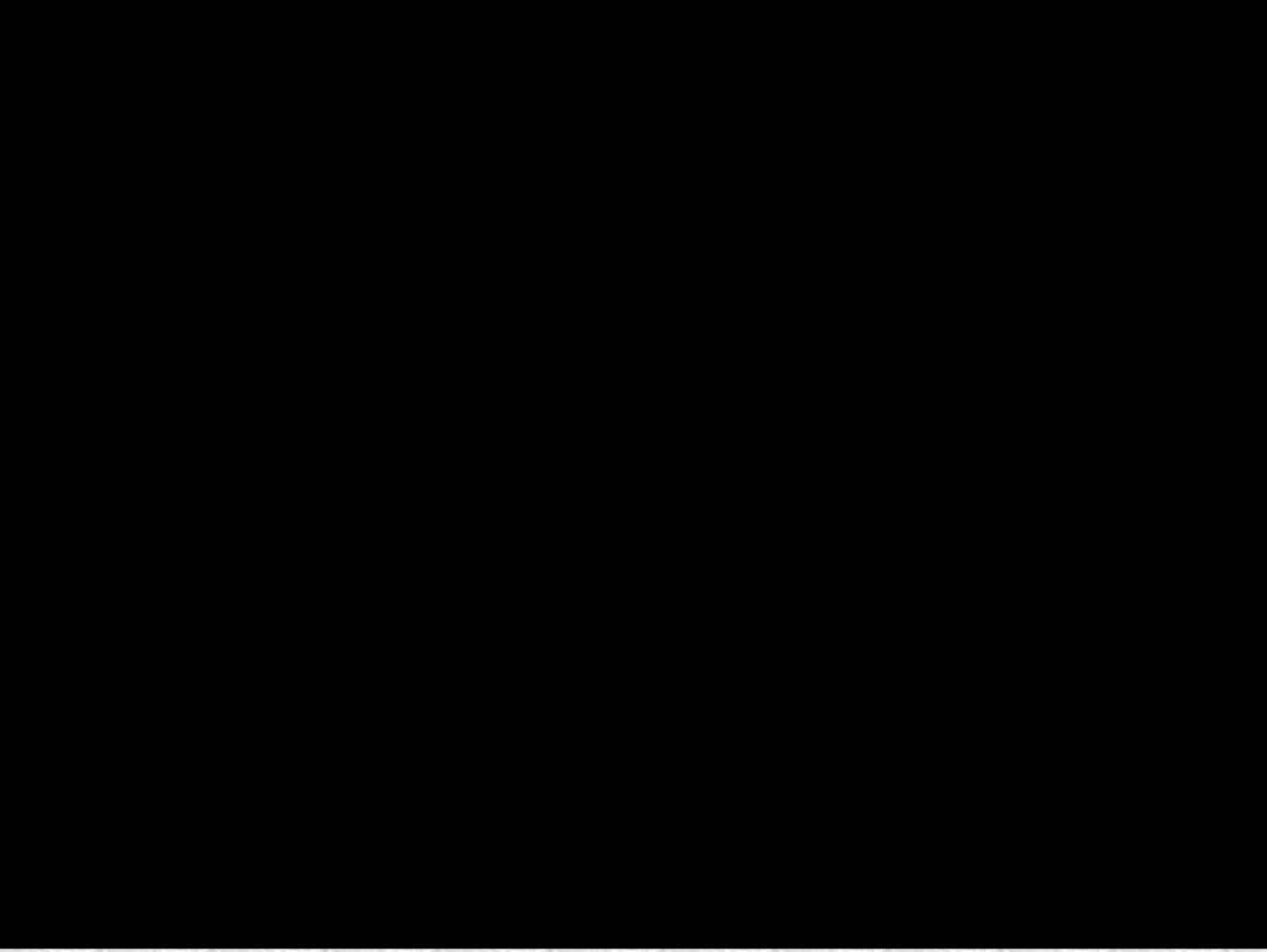
σ_8 : amplitude of power
spectrum,
(rms mass fluctuation
of 8 Mpc/h spheres)

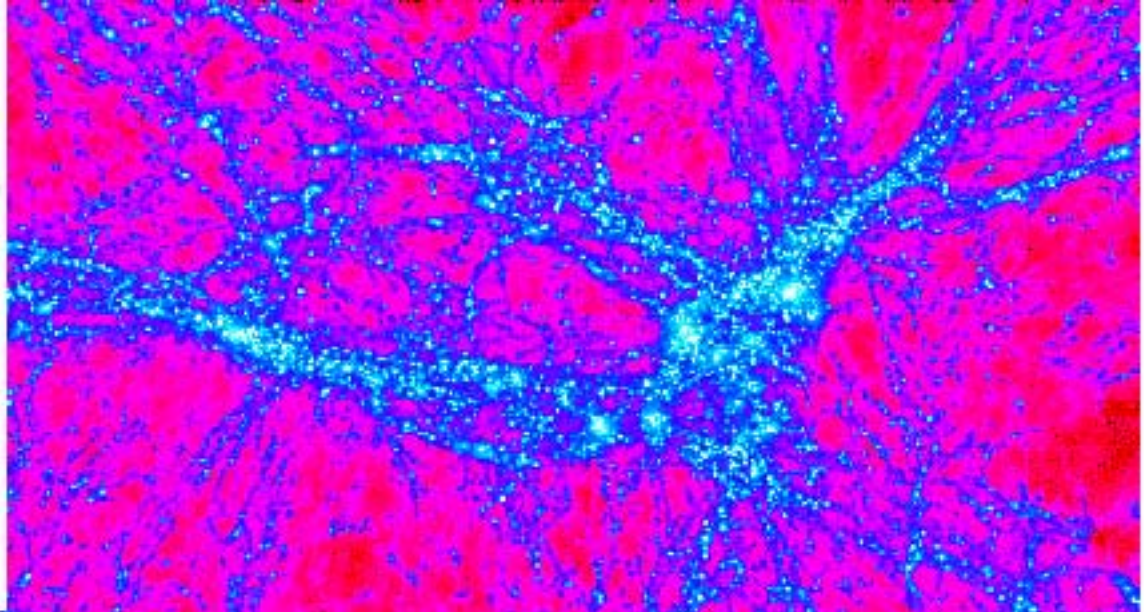
Initial conditions:

High z
(early, linear)
gaussian
random
realization

Evolve particles
(*gravity*)

L-GADGET2
(PM-tree code
V. Springel)
GASOLINE
(Stadel,
Wadsley,
Quinn)





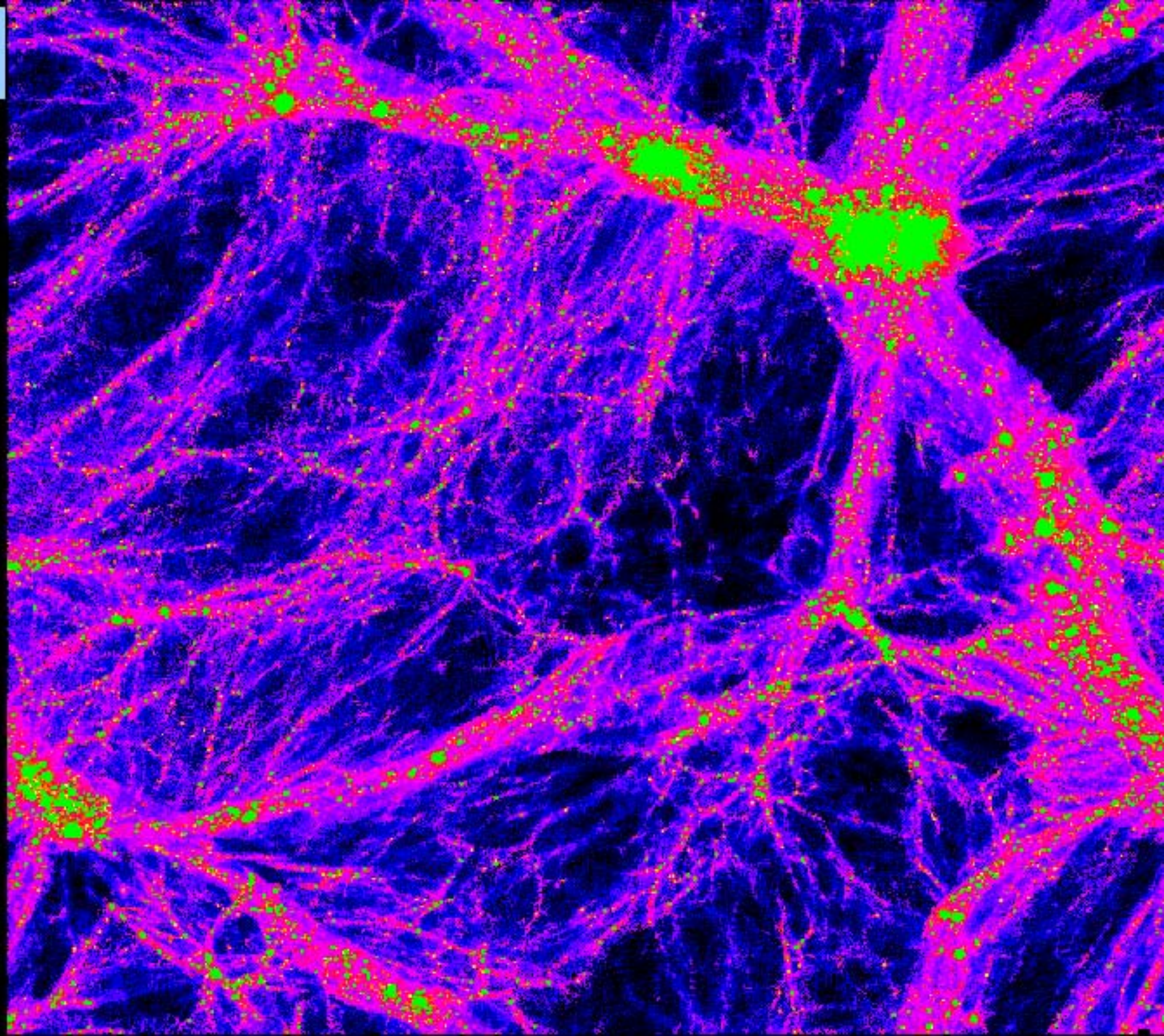
- *Simulation:*

An imitation; a sham.

Assumption of a false appearance.

(American Heritage Dictionary)

$z=0$



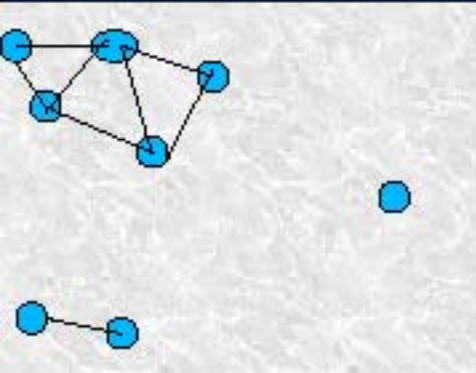
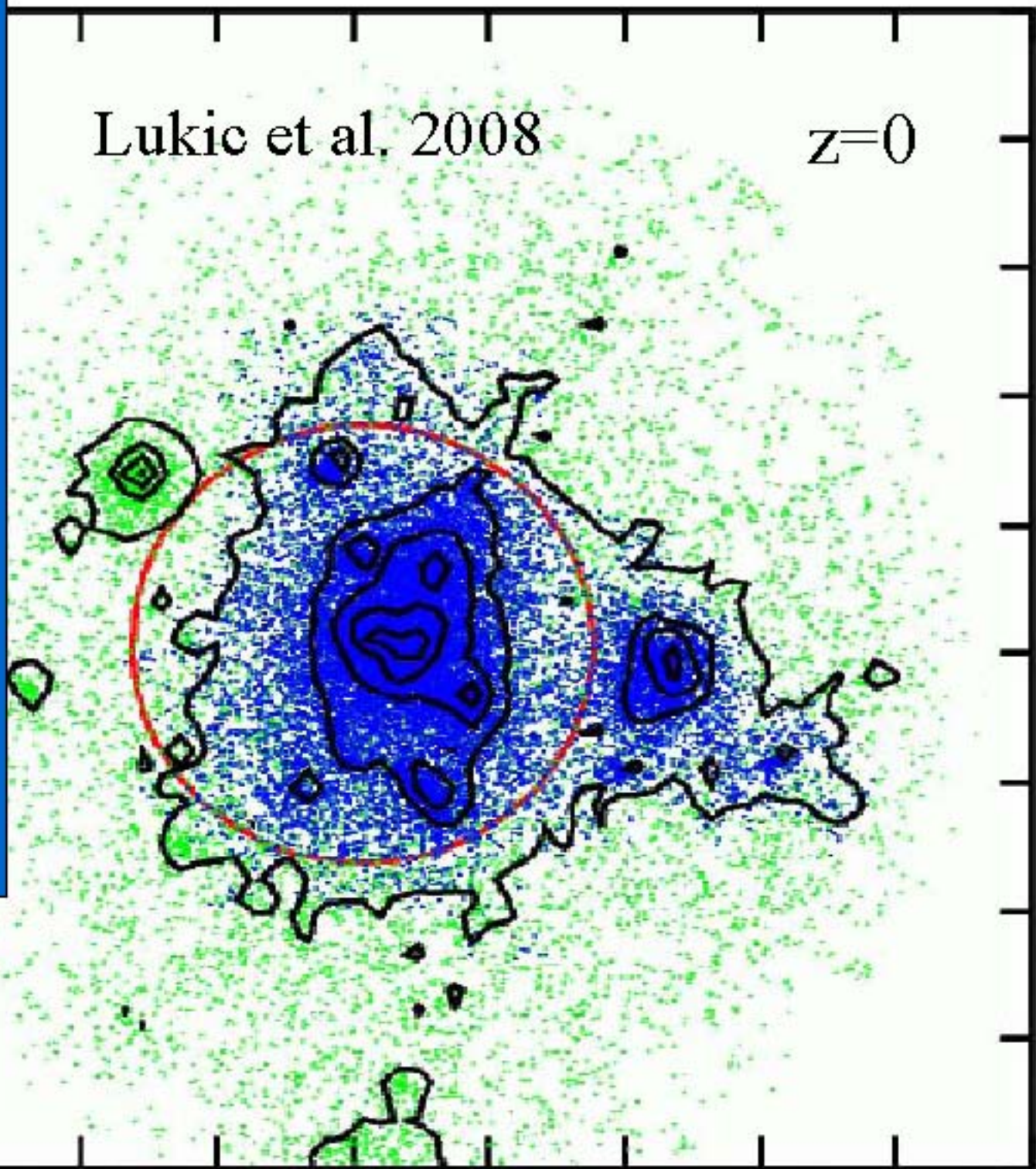
What is a halo?

Grow from
gravitational
instability, bound
Viralized

(K.E. = -1/2 P.E.)
overdensity ~ 200

Lukic et al, 2008

$z=0$



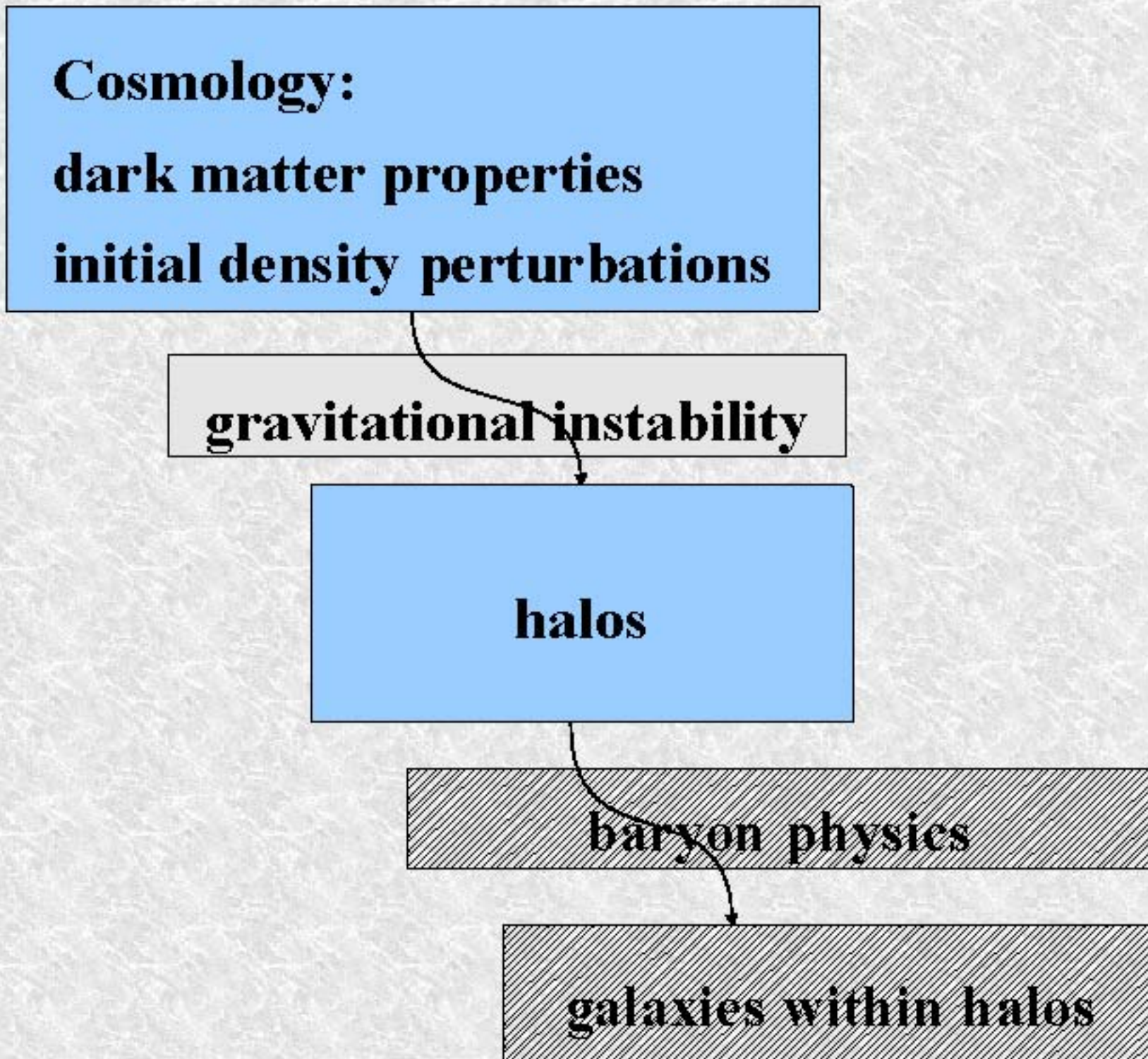
Cosmology:
dark matter properties
initial density perturbations

gravitational instability

halos

baryon physics

galaxies within halos



Halos as a cosmological probe

internal structure: satellite numbers, density profiles

numbers: e.g. halo numbers vs. cluster numbers

clustering: halo bias relates observable galaxies to underlying mass distribution ($p(k)$)

Internal halo structure: motivations

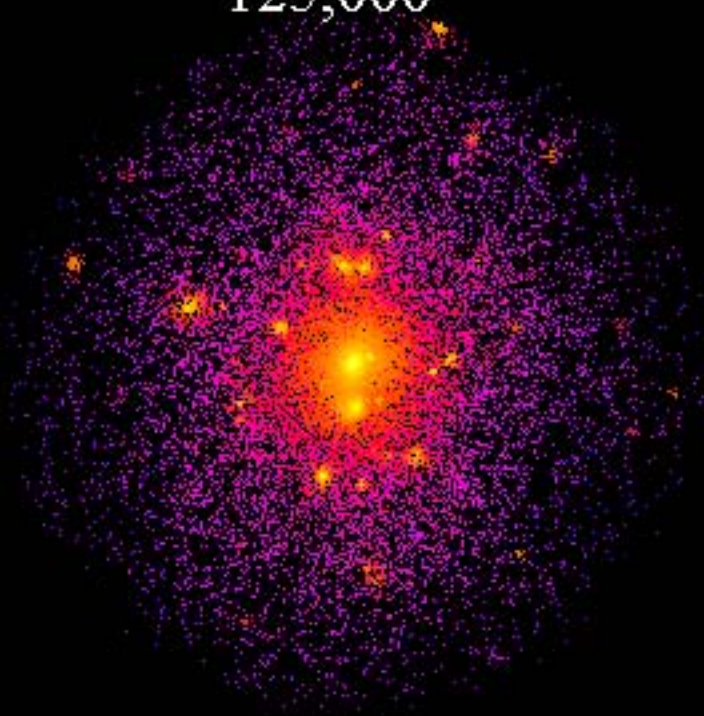
- Probe fluctuation spectrum on *small scales*
- *Dark matter probe*
 - Subhalos- satellites, gravitational lensing
 - Density profiles-- rotation curves, grav. lensing, X-ray

Dark matter annihilation(?)

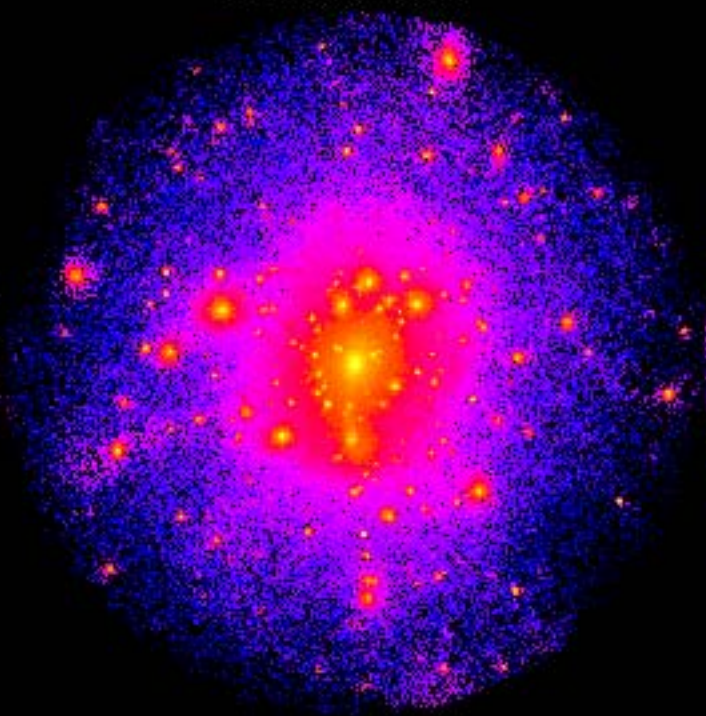
Effects of halo to halo variations

Resolution Issues:

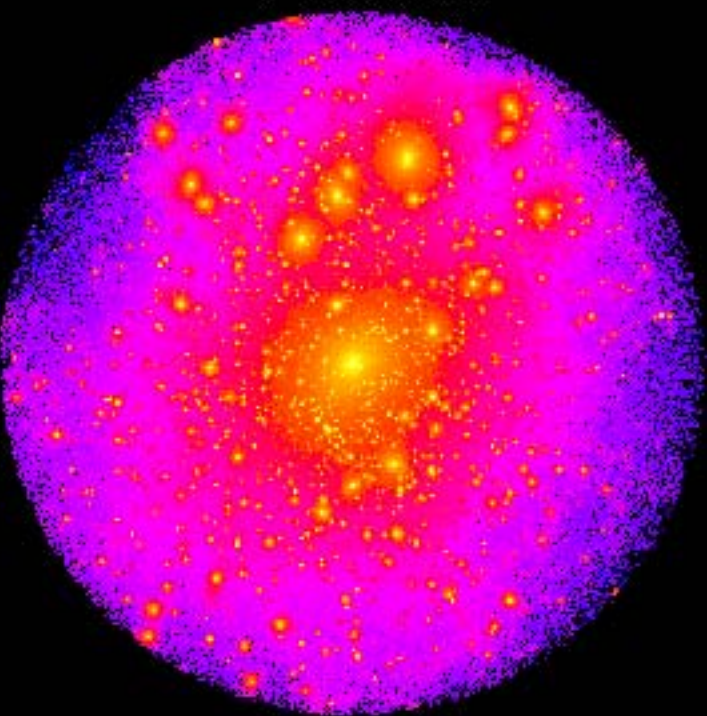
125,000



1 million



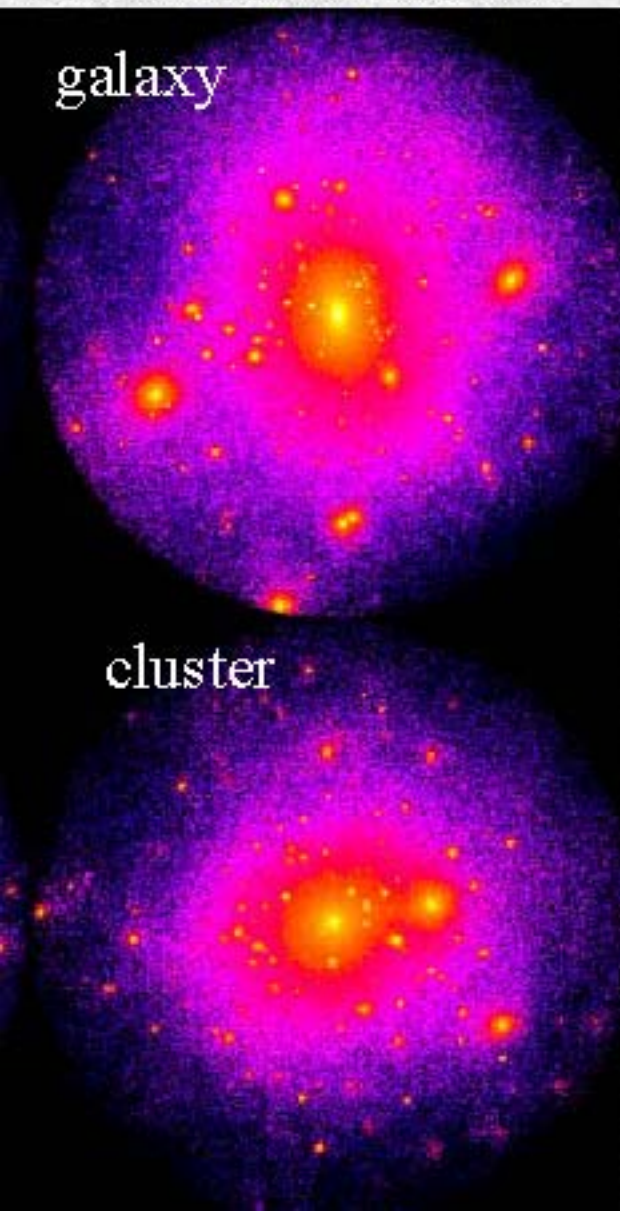
7 million



a CDM crisis

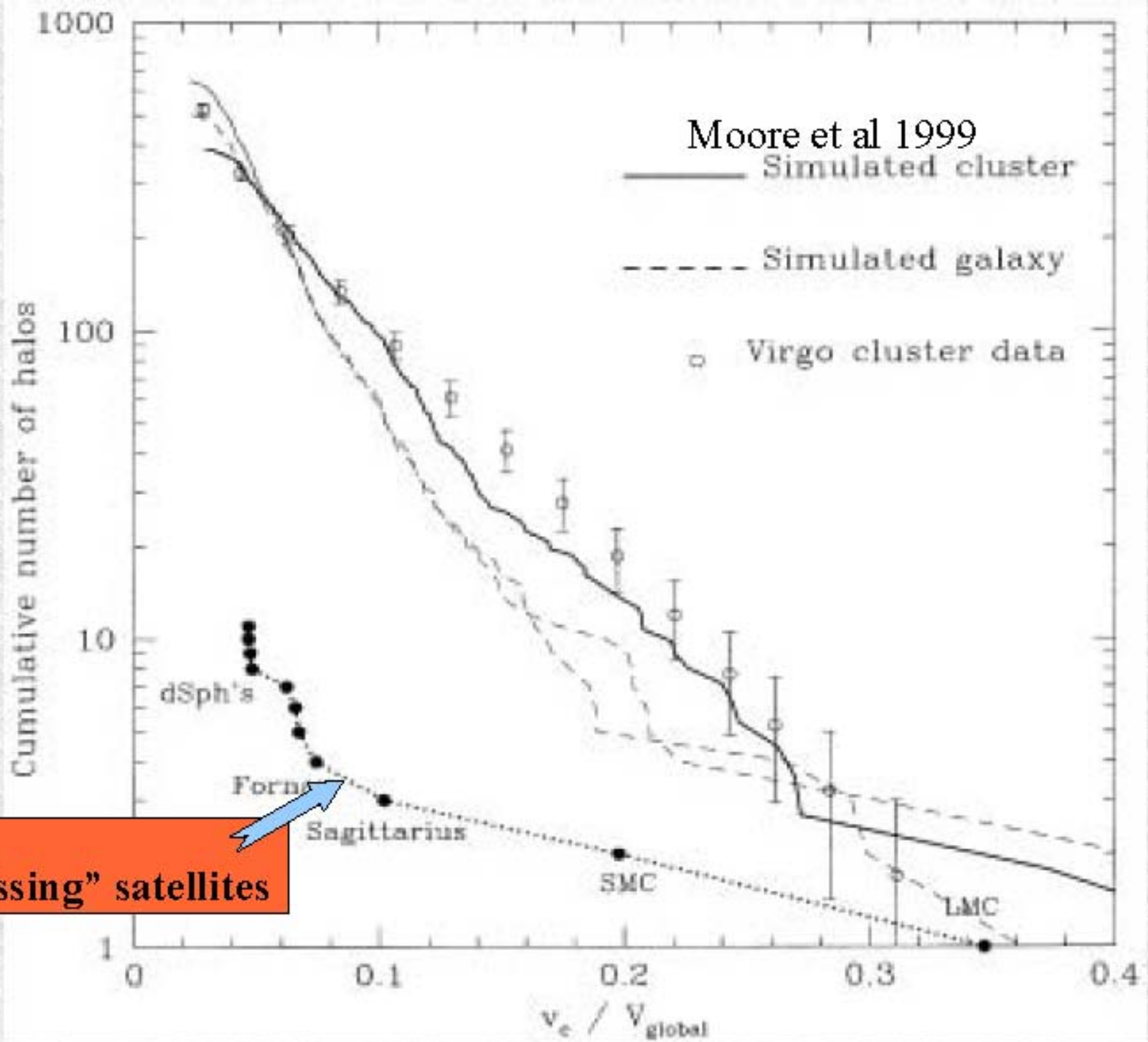
“missing” local group satellite galaxies

Simulated Halos



Real Halos

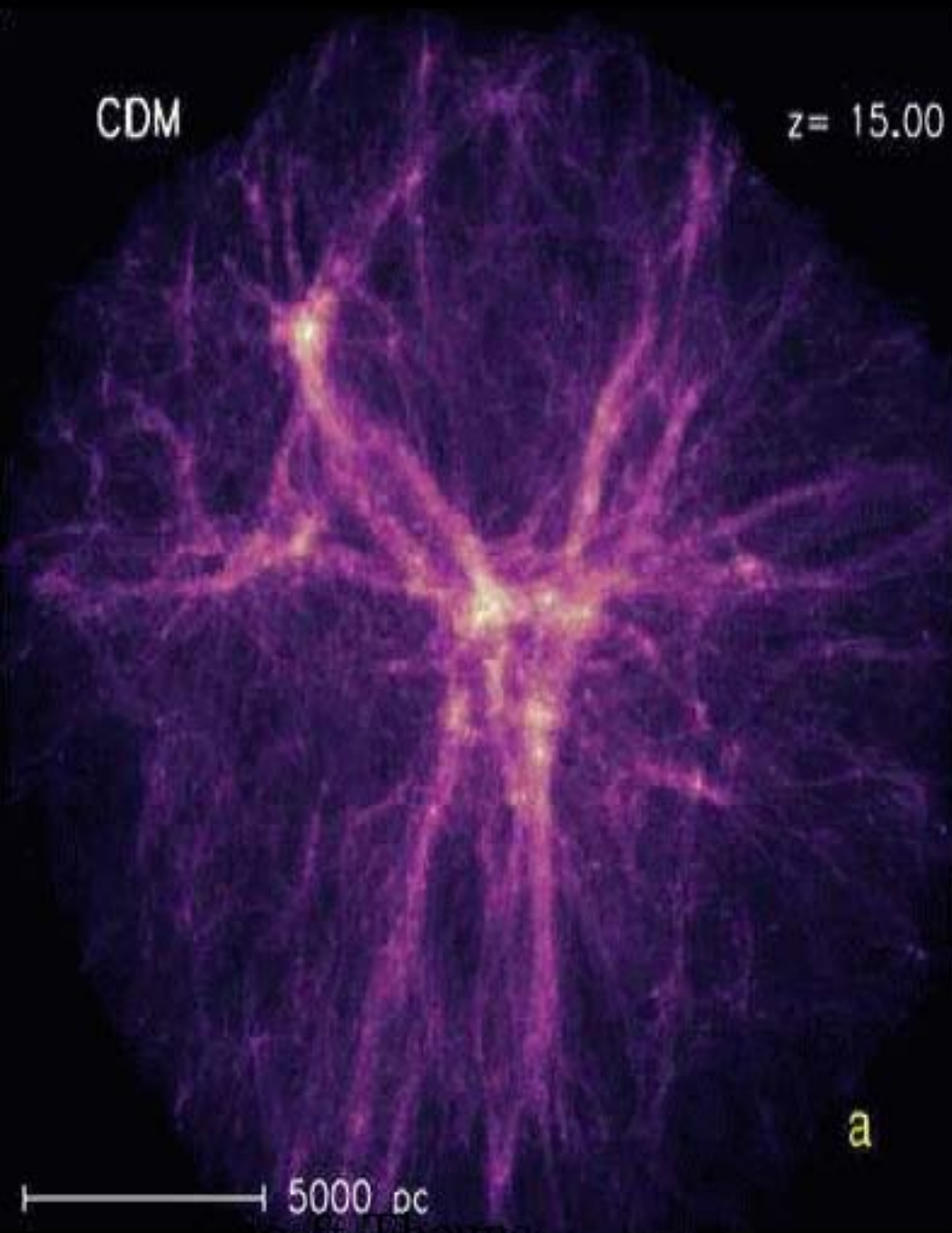




Cold Dark Matter

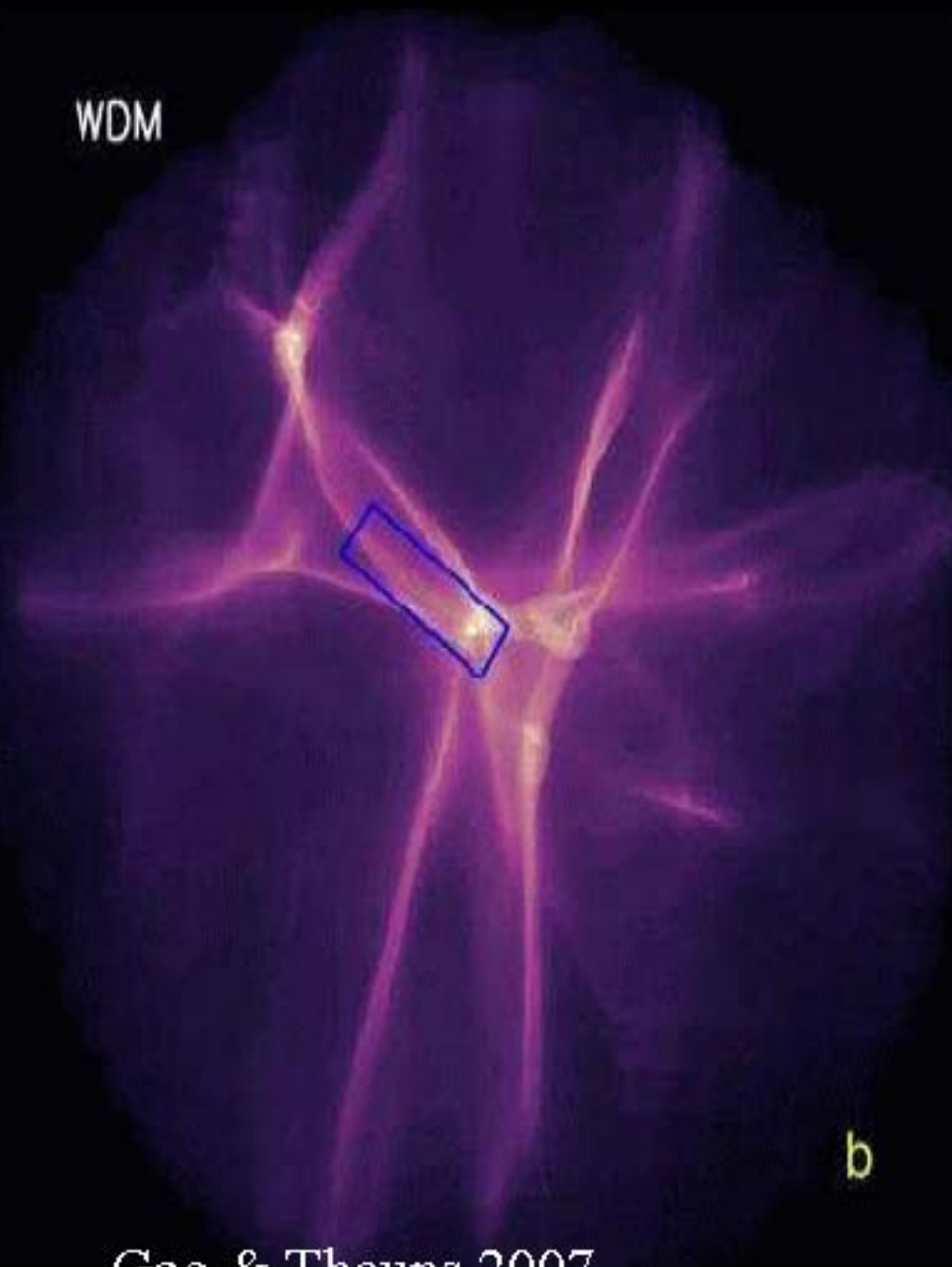
CDM

$z = 15.00$



Warm Dark Matter

WDM



Gao & Theuns 2007

2 possible solutions to missing satellites


1-Warm dark matter

2-Most subhalos did not form stars due to “gas heating”

Early times

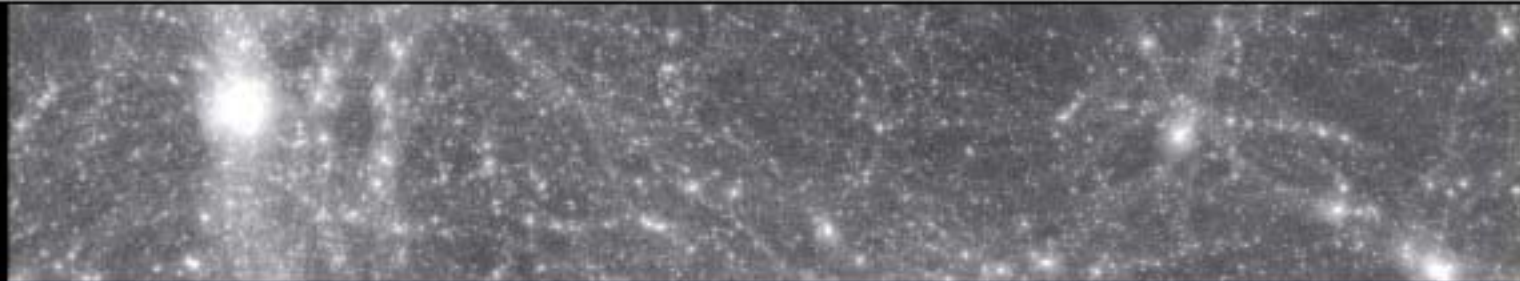
Reionization/ UV background

Supernovae



Need to understand star/galaxy formation especially at early stages (out to reionization era)

Non-universality of halo mass profile & implications for dark matter self- annihilation detection

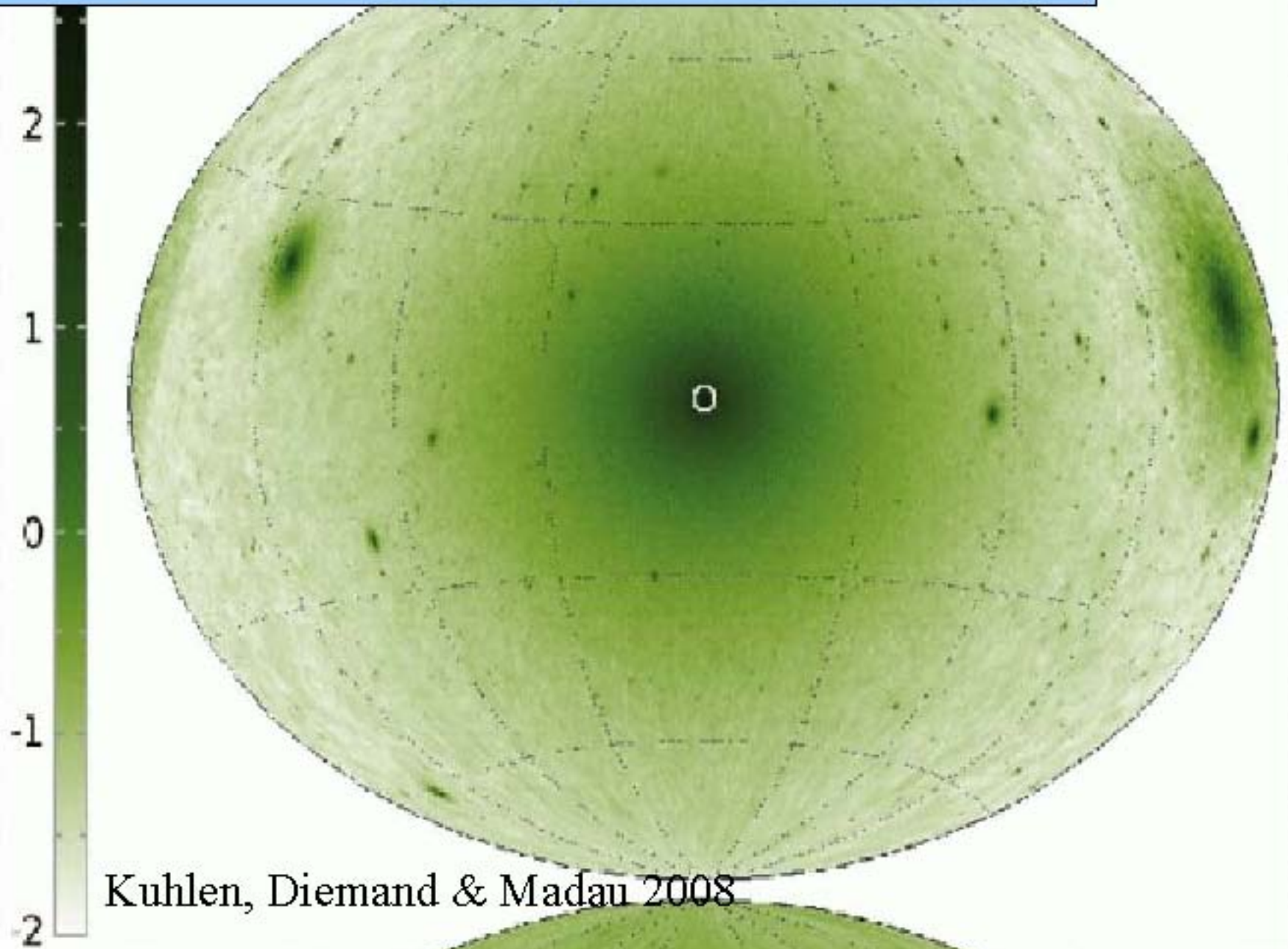


Prediction: non-zero self-annihilation cross section
ongoing searches: e.g. Fermi/GLAST gamma-ray



Work in progress

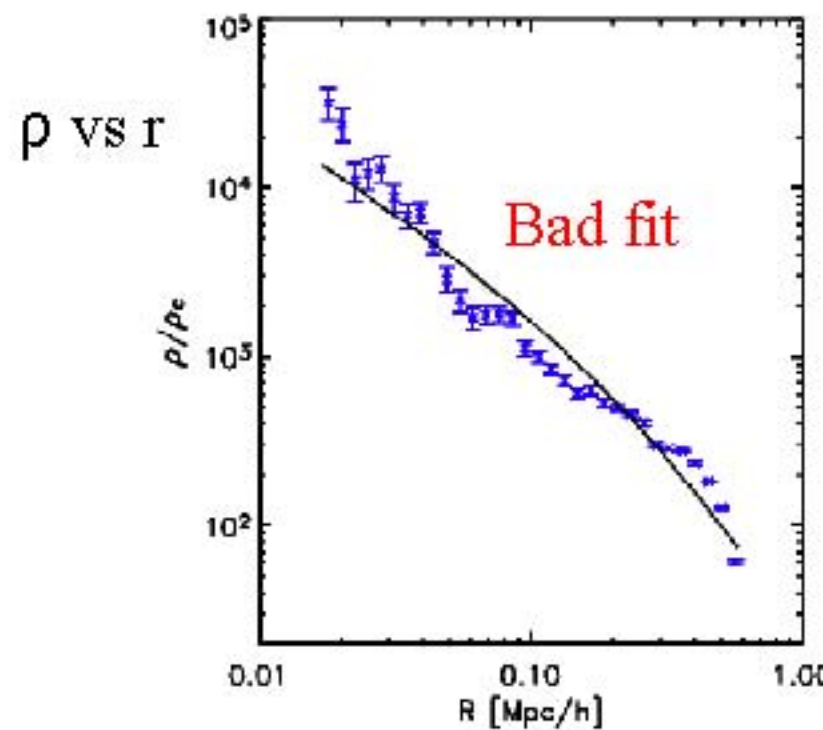
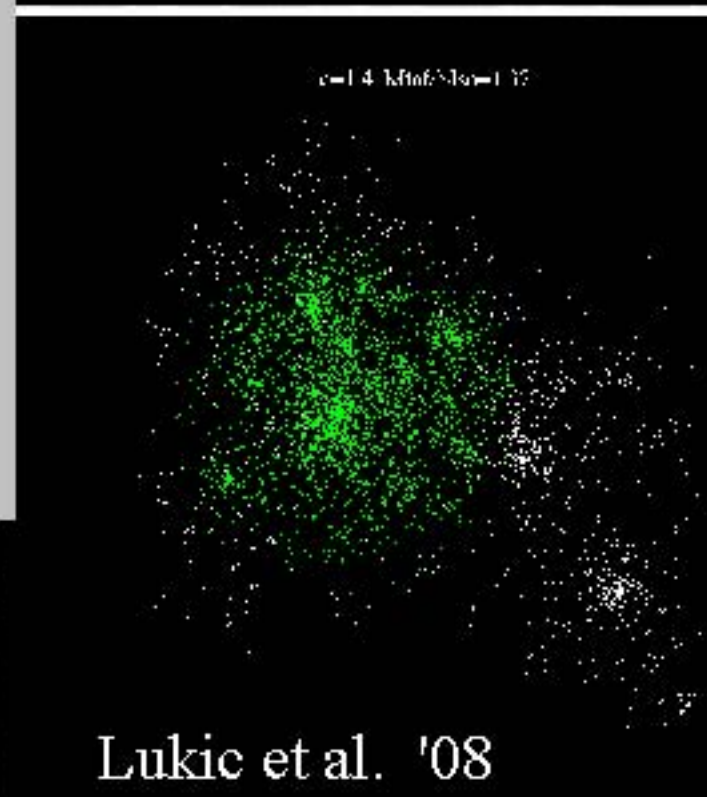
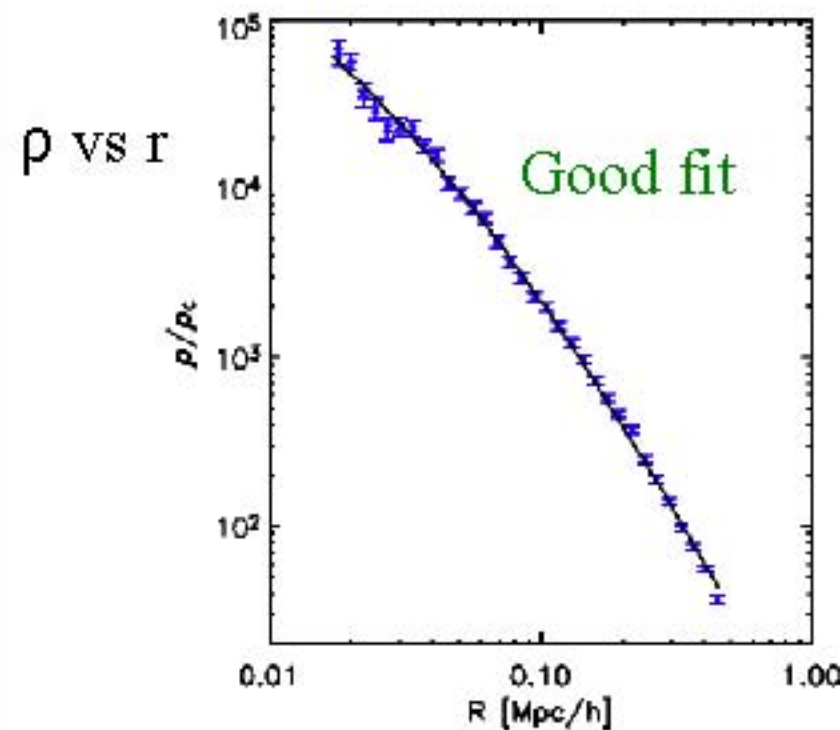
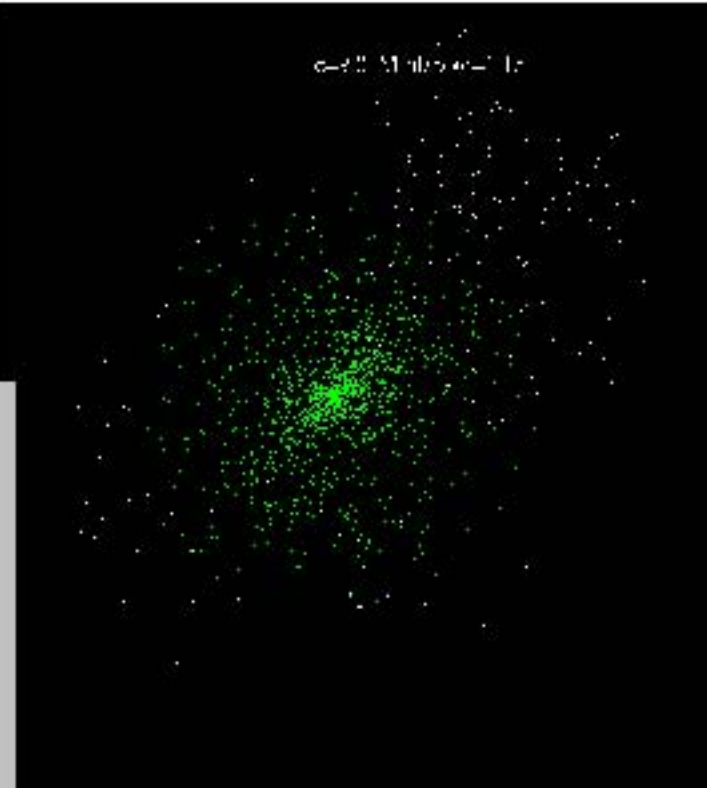
Predicted annihilation signal from Milky Way
assuming Luminosity $\propto \rho^2$



Kuhlen, Diemand & Madau 2008

Halo to halo
scatter

--> strong
variation in
d.m.
annihilation

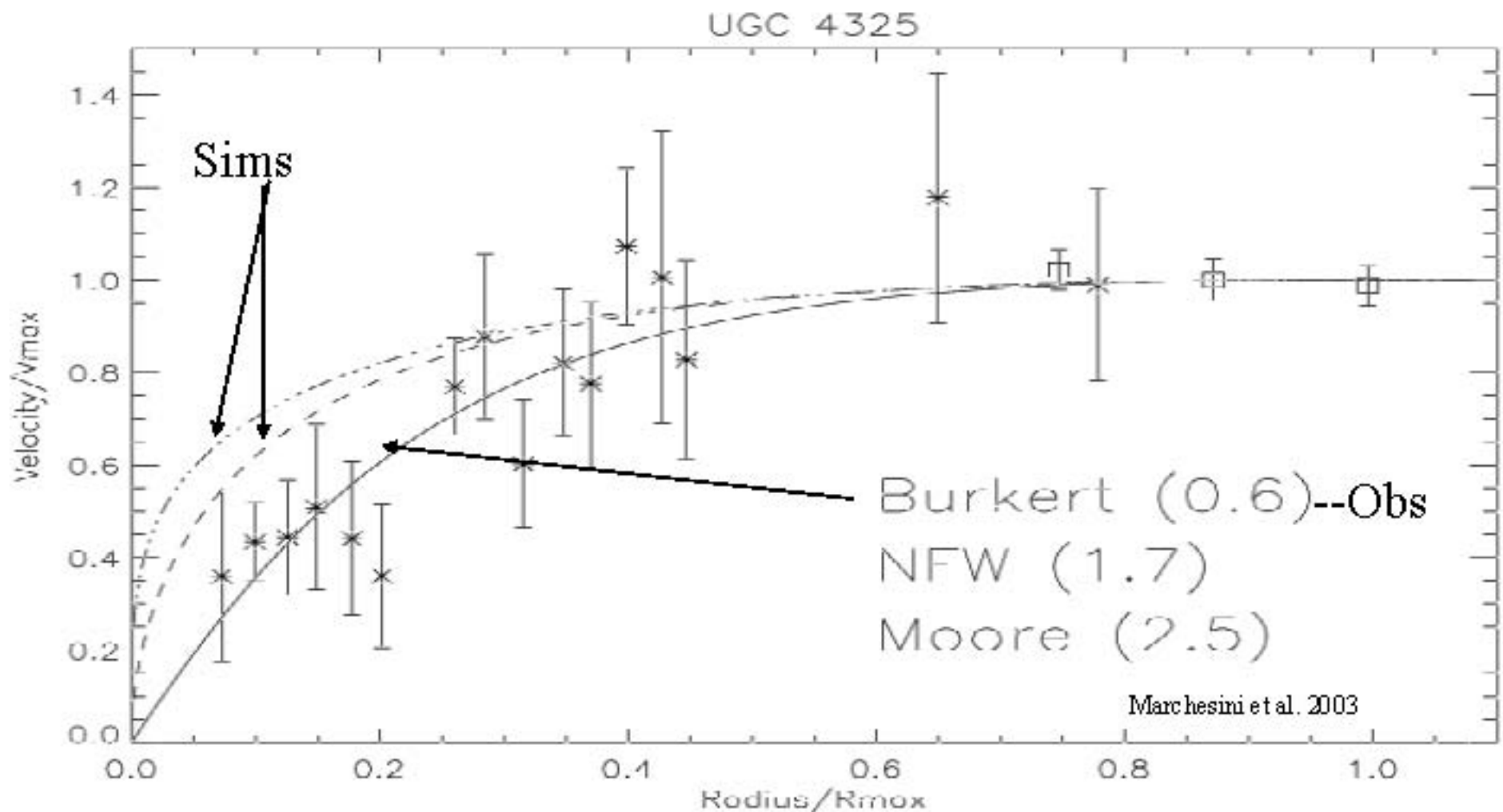


Lukic et al. '08

Another CDM crisis

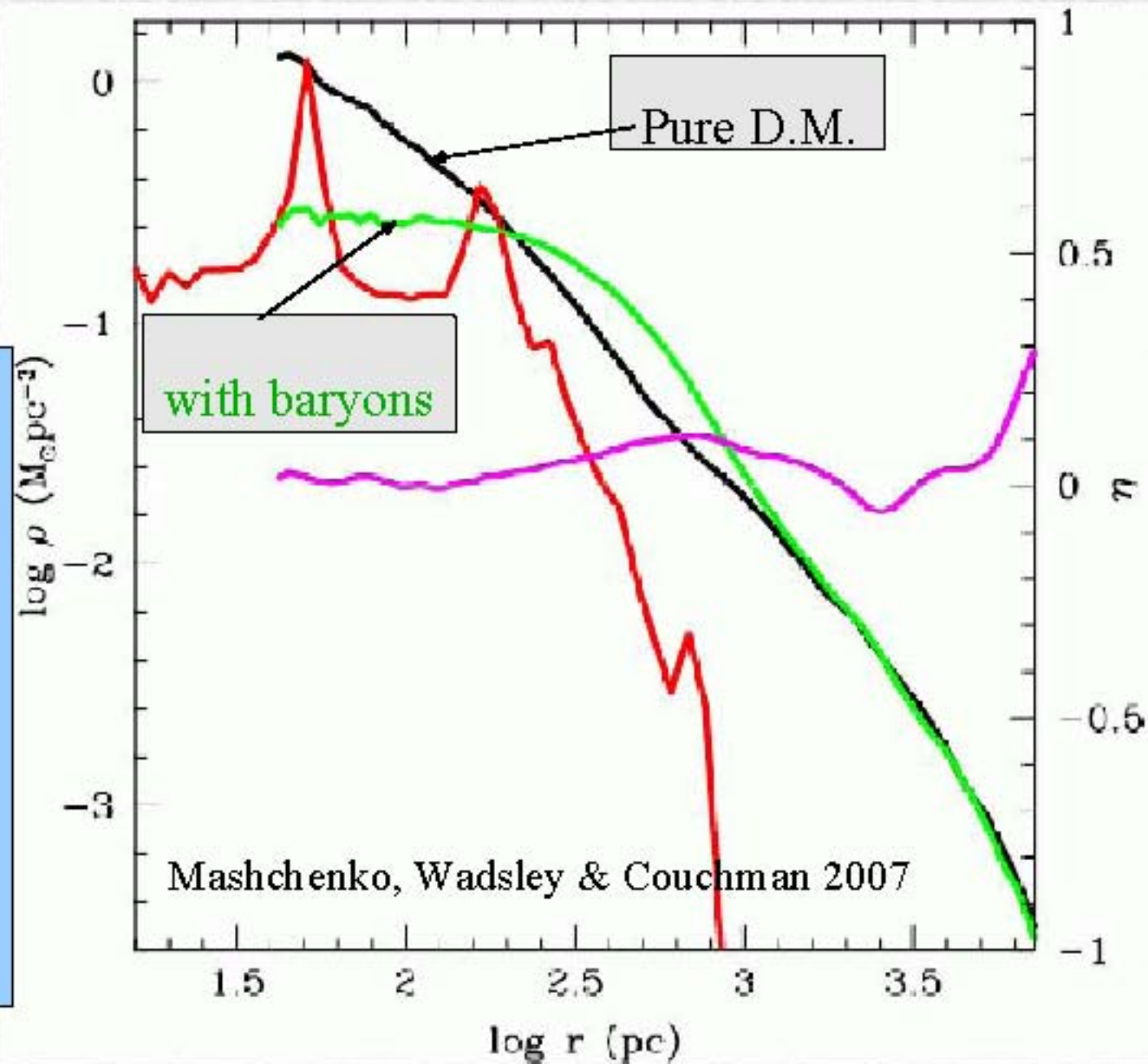
low density “cores” in many small galaxies

vs CDM simulation high density “cusps”: $V_c = (GM/R)^{1/2}$

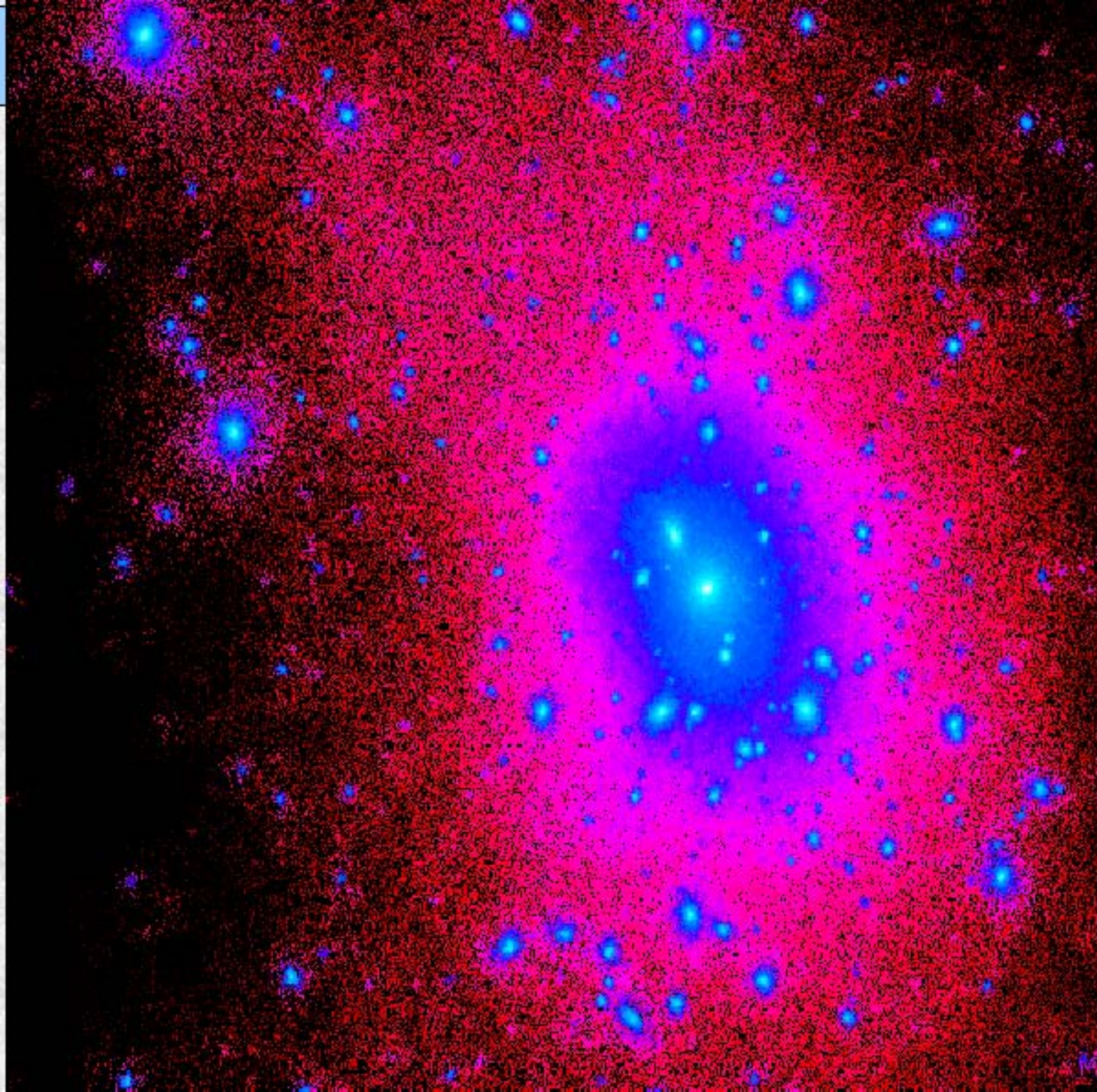


Can early star formation lower central density?

Solution?
Star/galaxy formation
“sloshing” by
supernova “feedback”
transforms cusps into
cores?



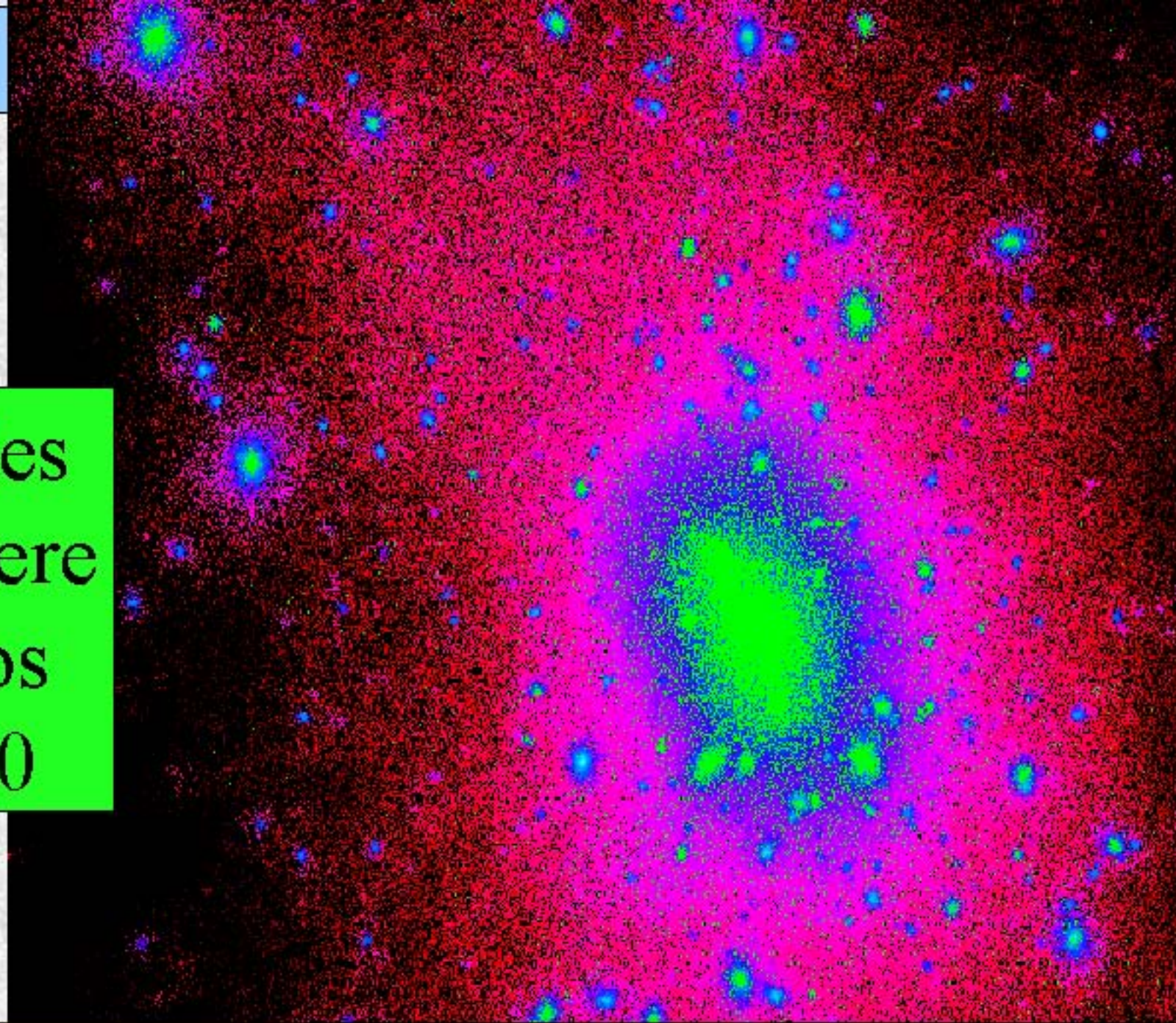
$z=0$



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particles
that were
in halos
at $z=10$

central density distribution (cusp) formed at early times



Utilizing the high redshift dark universe

[$z > \sim 5$]

- compare galaxy numbers to halo numbers
- compare galaxy clustering with halo clustering
- probe **cosmology** (e.g. D.M. type)
- probe **galaxy formation physics** (e.g. S_{ne})

Halos as a cosmological probe

internal structure: satellite numbers, density profiles

numbers: e.g. halo numbers vs. galaxy numbers

clustering: halo bias relates observable galaxies to underlying mass distribution ($p(k)$)

halo mass function: $n(m,z)$

$z=10$ halos

early galaxies(?)

atomic-cooled halos

$\sim 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$

probe of warm vs cold d.m.

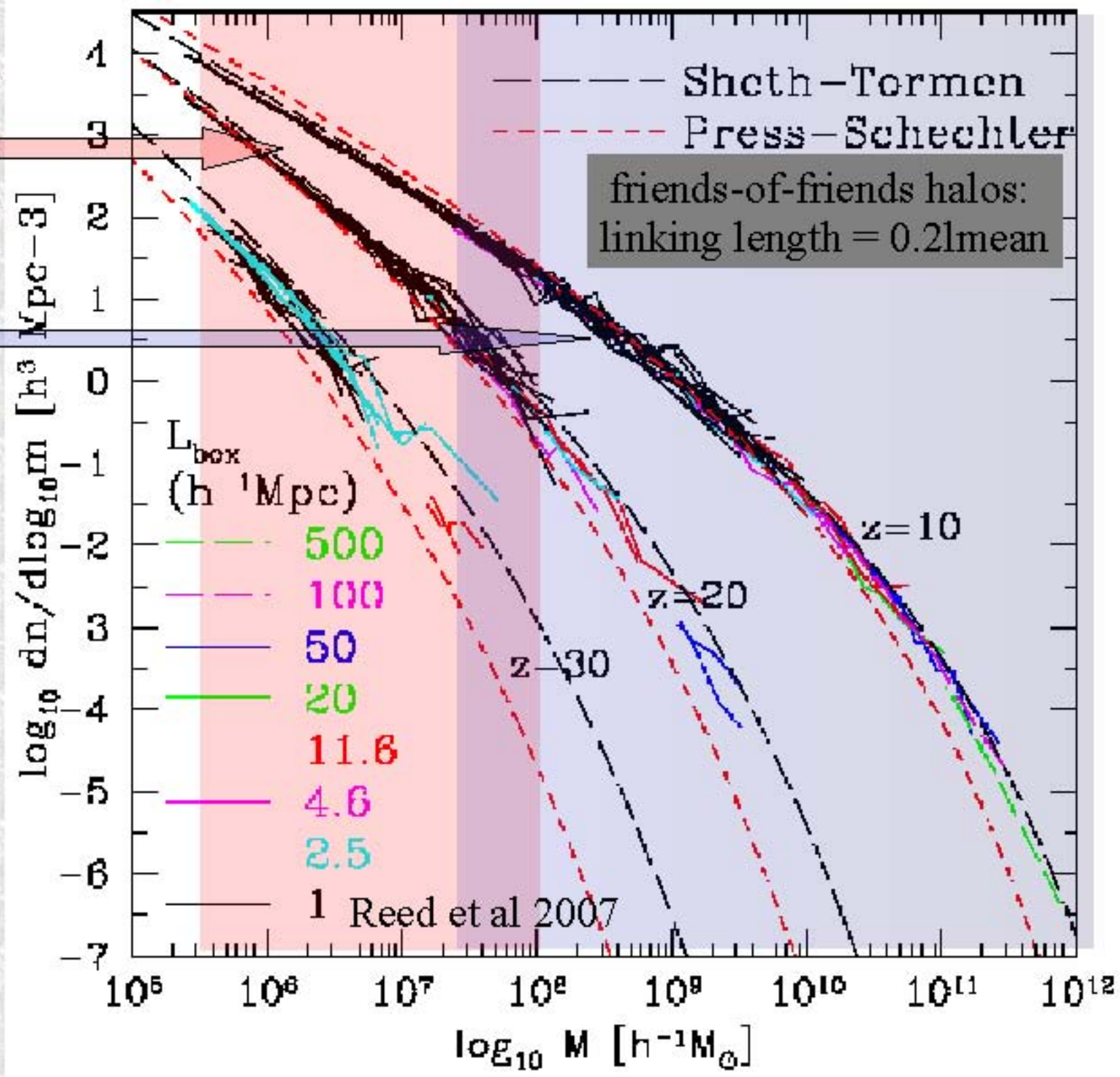
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cluster numbers:
probe of dark energy

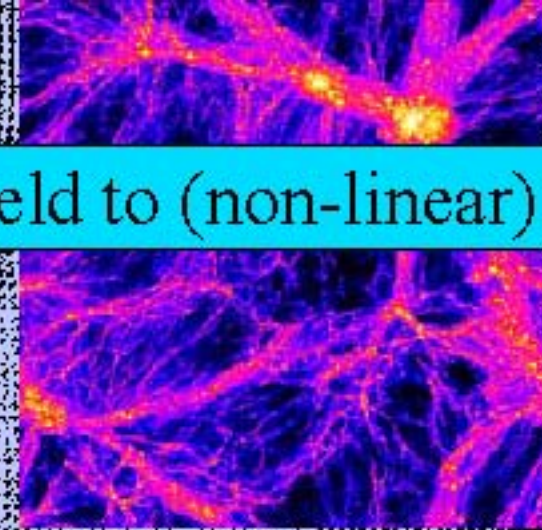
1st stars
H₂-cooled halos

1st galaxies
atomic-cooled
halos

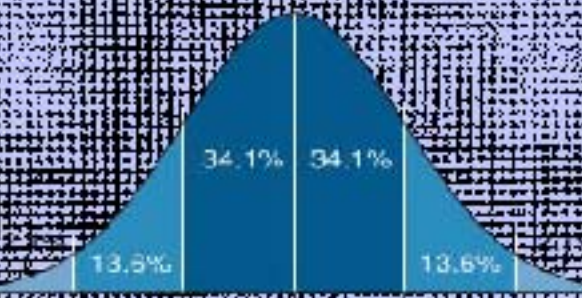
**comoving
abundance**



Simulations: convert linear density field to (non-linear) halos

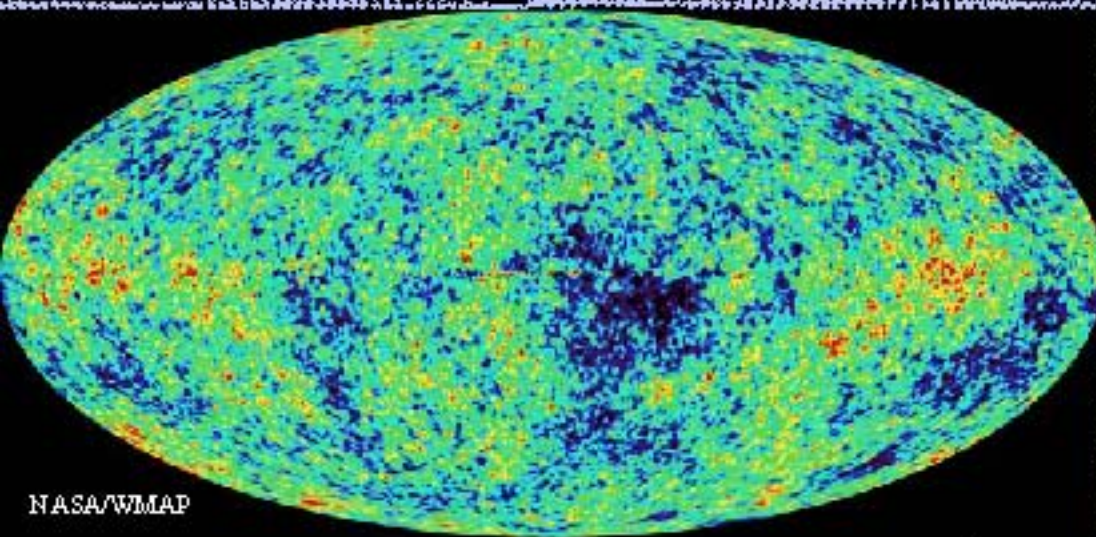


cosmology \rightarrow linear gaussian random fluctuation field



“predict” halo numbers, clustering as function of cosmology

**“universal”:
all redshifts, all masses
(Jenkins et al 2001)**

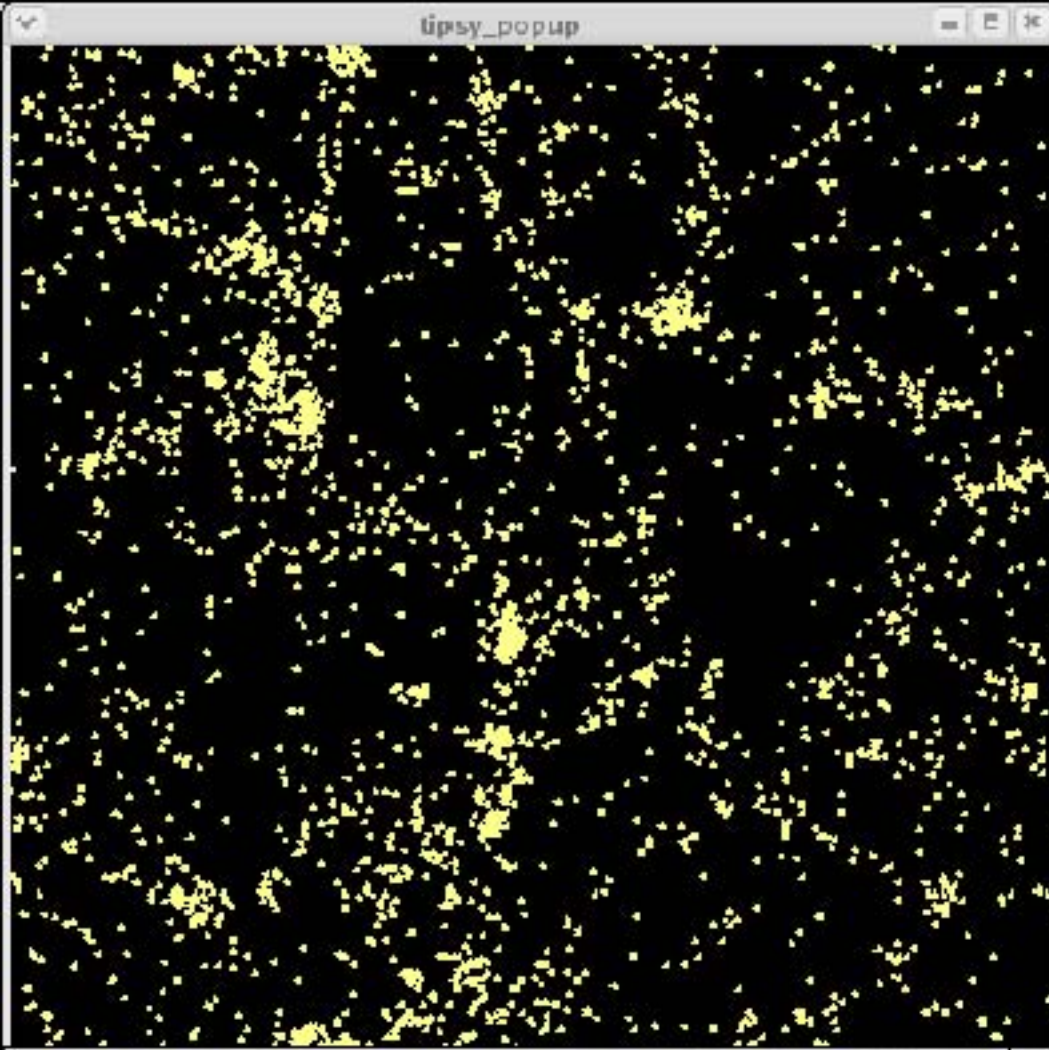


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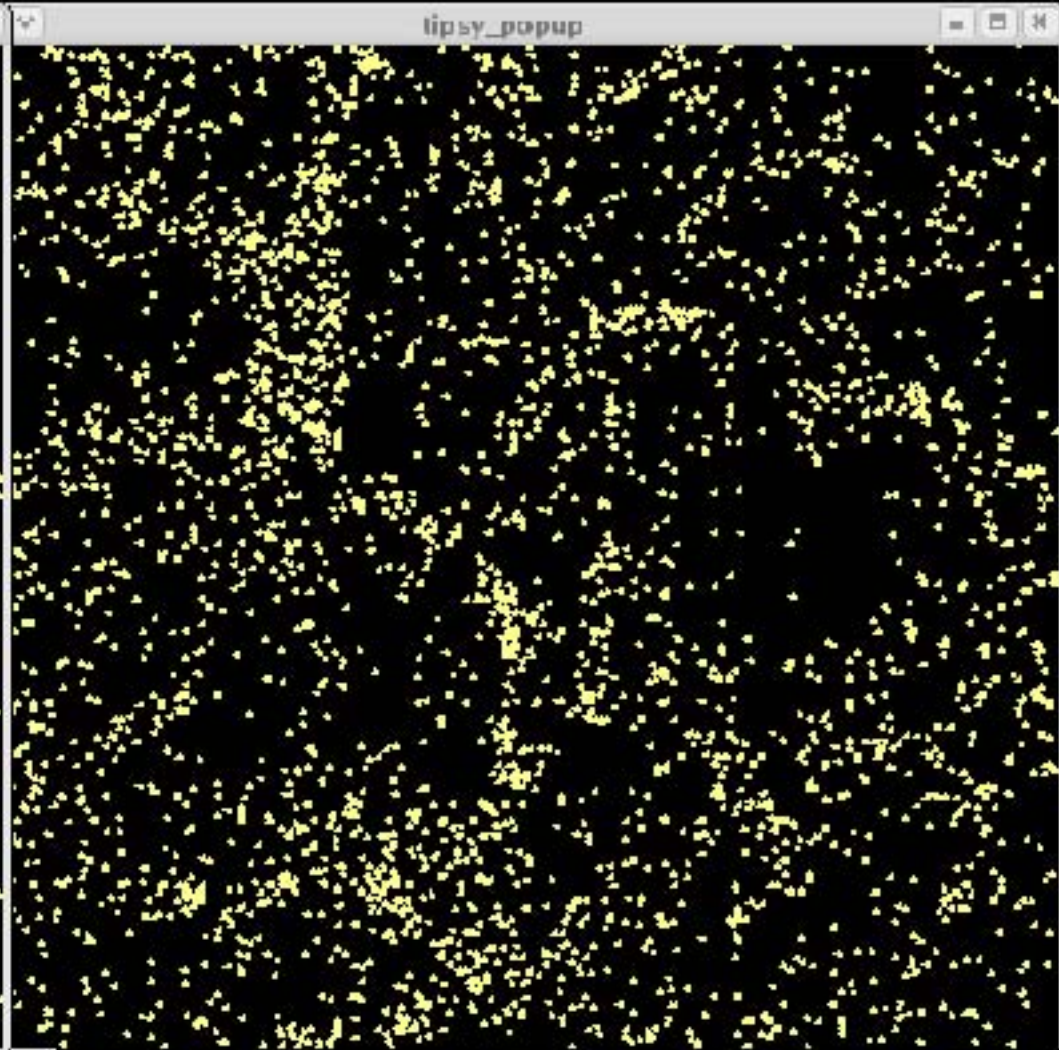
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highly clustered



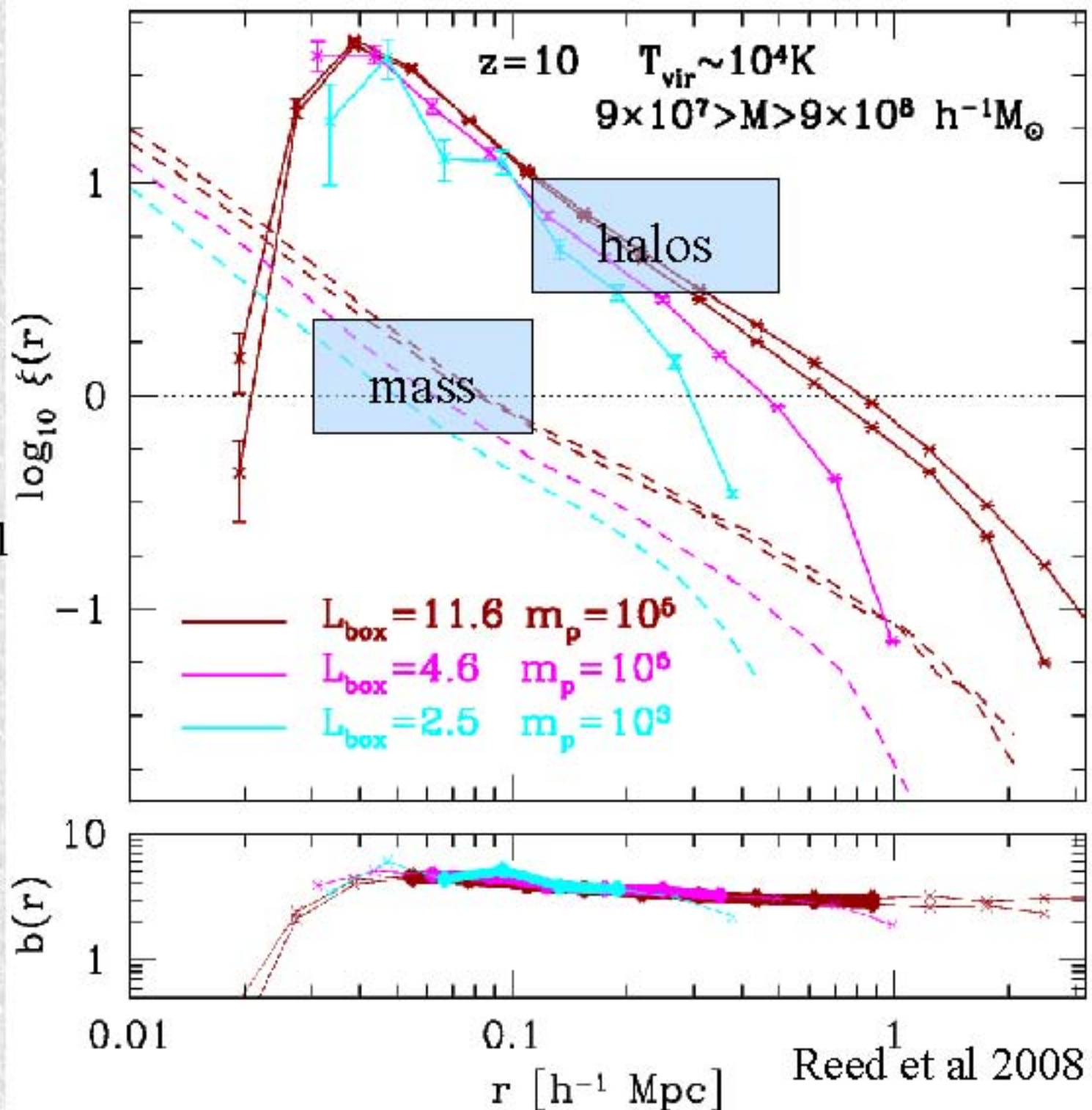
weakly clustered

Pair correlation function

$$\xi(r) = N_{\text{pair}} / N_{\text{pair_random}} - 1$$

Halo bias:

$$b = (\xi_{\text{halos}} / \xi_{\text{mass}})^{1/2}$$



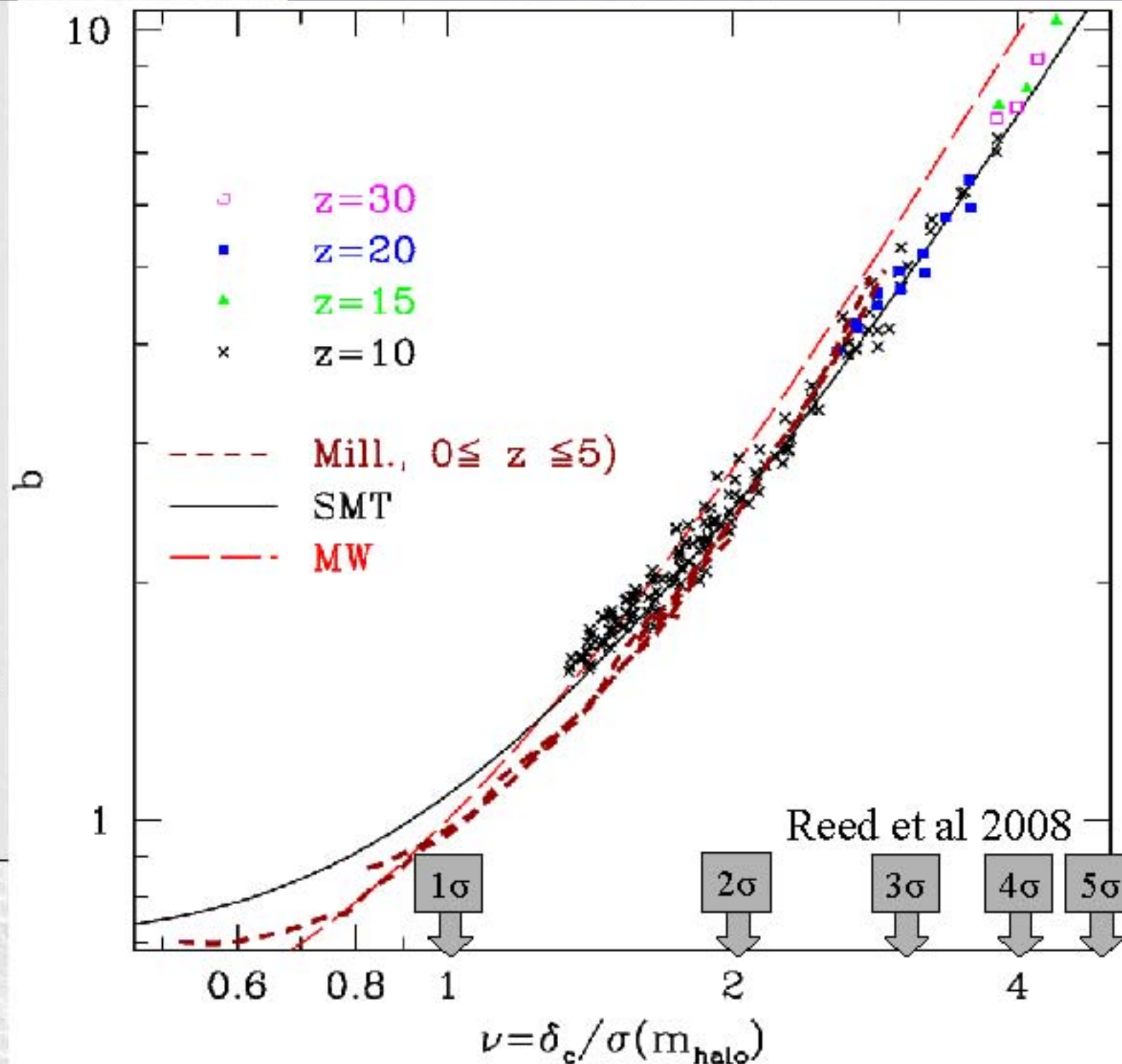
“universal” mass
variable, ν ,

$$b = (\xi_{\text{halos}} / \xi_{\text{mass}})^{1/2}$$

MW=predictions of
Mo & White (1996)

SMT=Sheth, Mo &
Tormen (2001)

Millennium run data
from Gao et al.
(2005).



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- Need to model *early galaxy formation*
 - *how do early galaxies populate halos
 - *history of present day galaxies
 - *model (gravitational) response of d.m. to baryons

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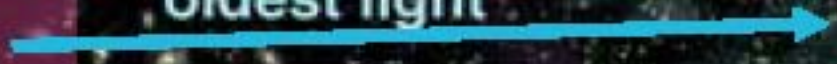
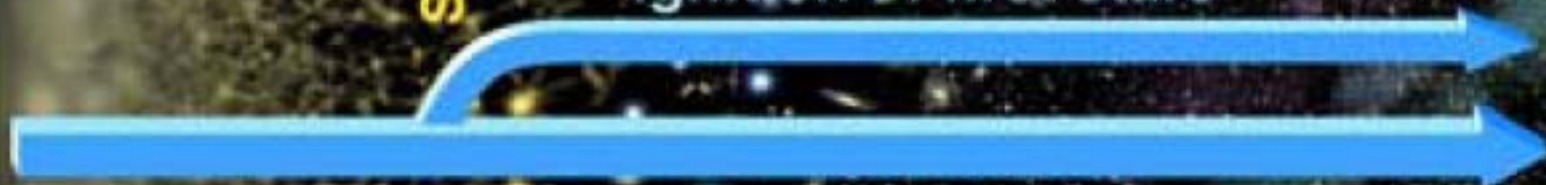
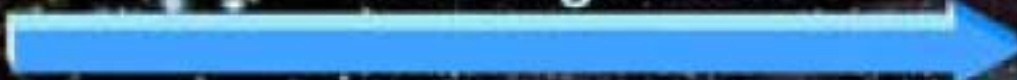
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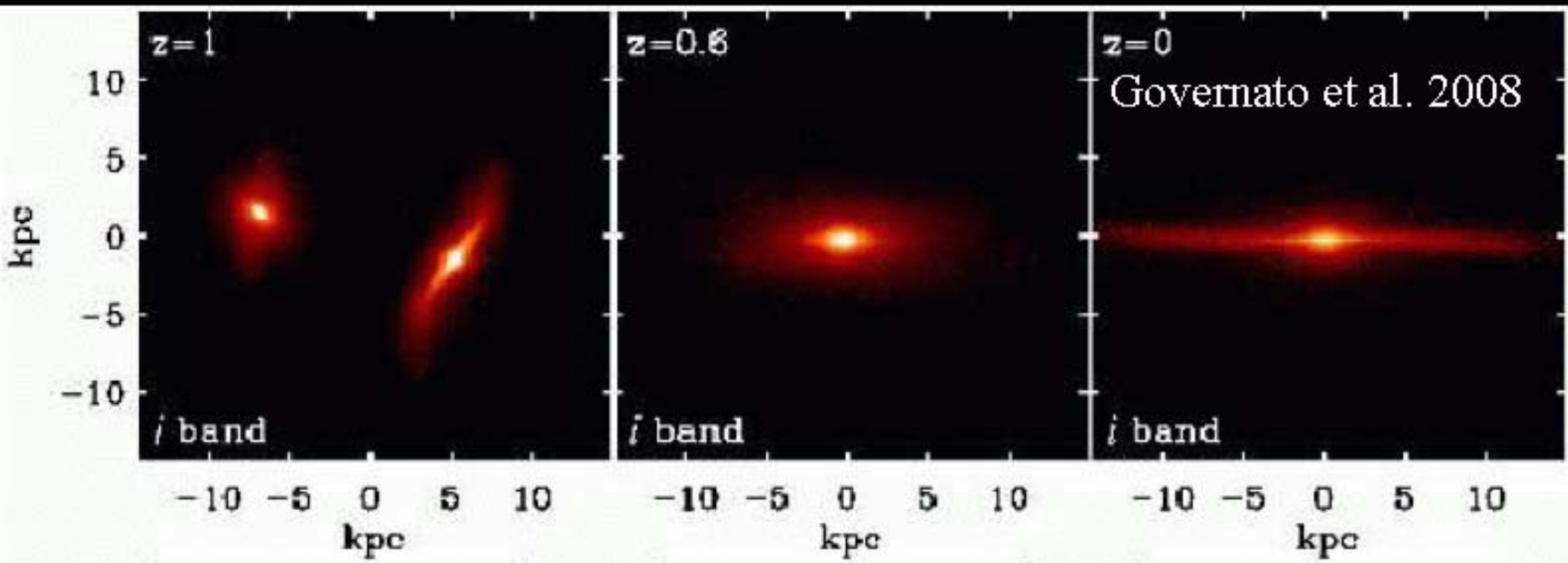


SWIFT



WMAP

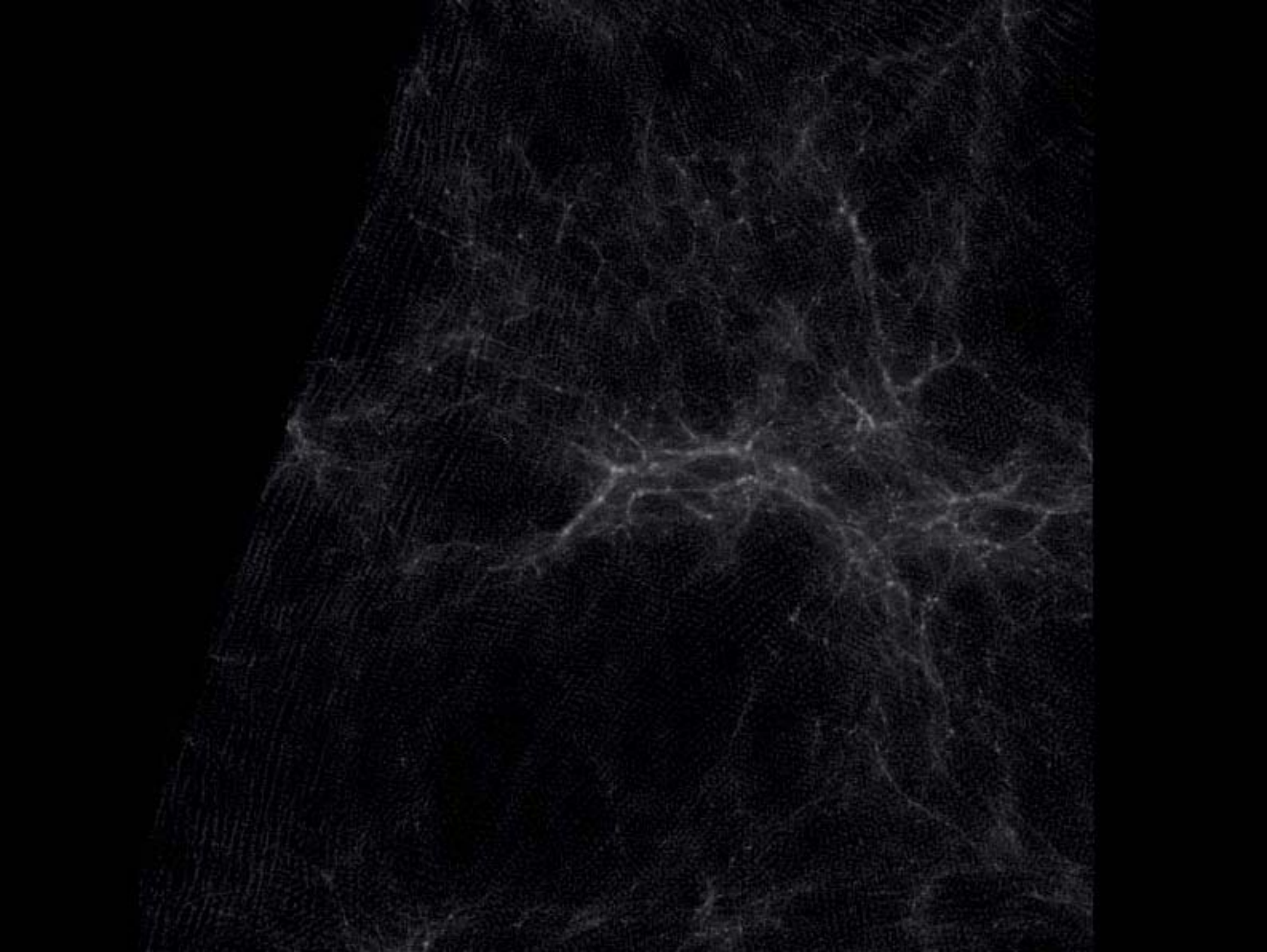
21cm (e.g. LOFAR)

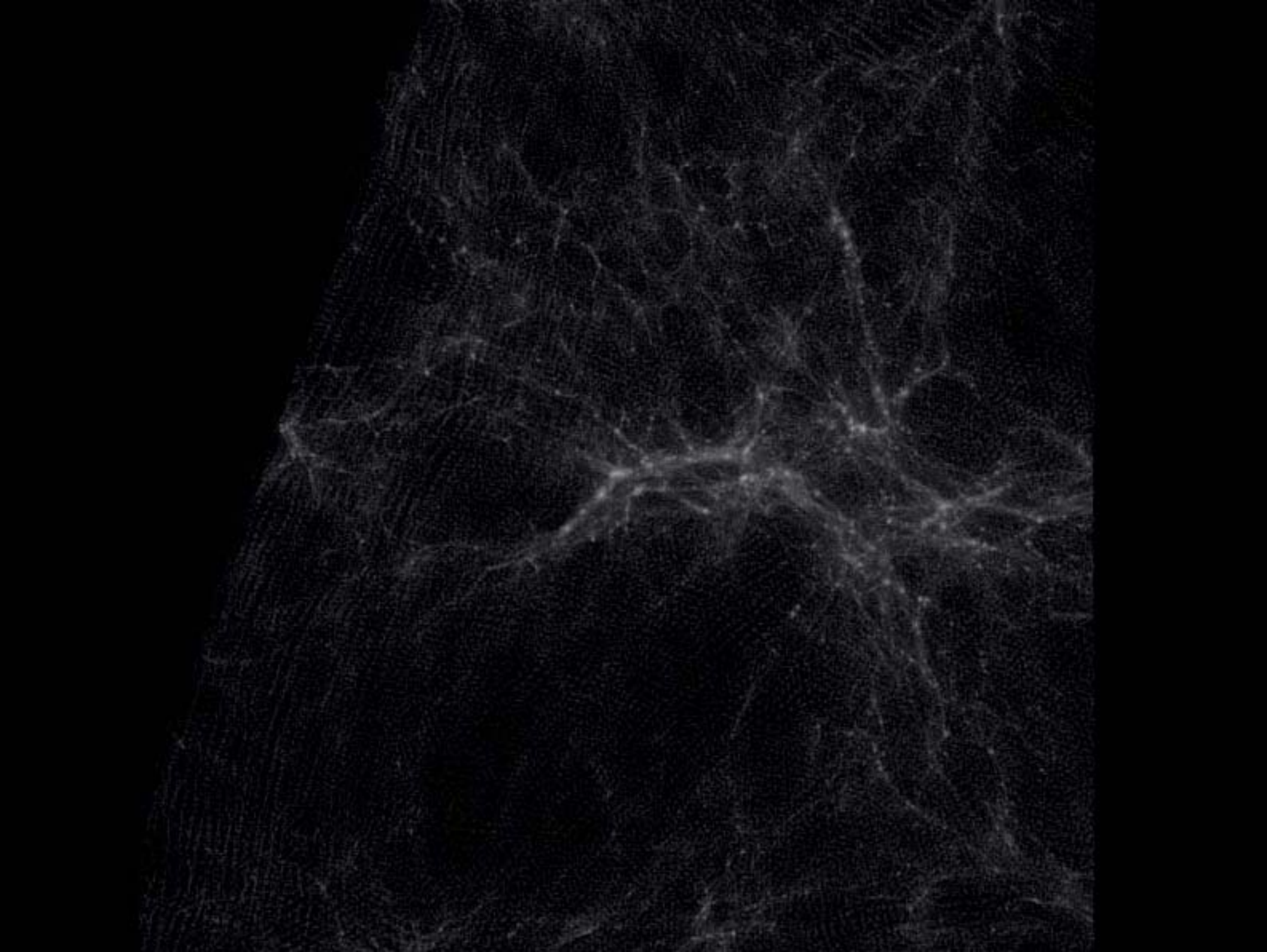


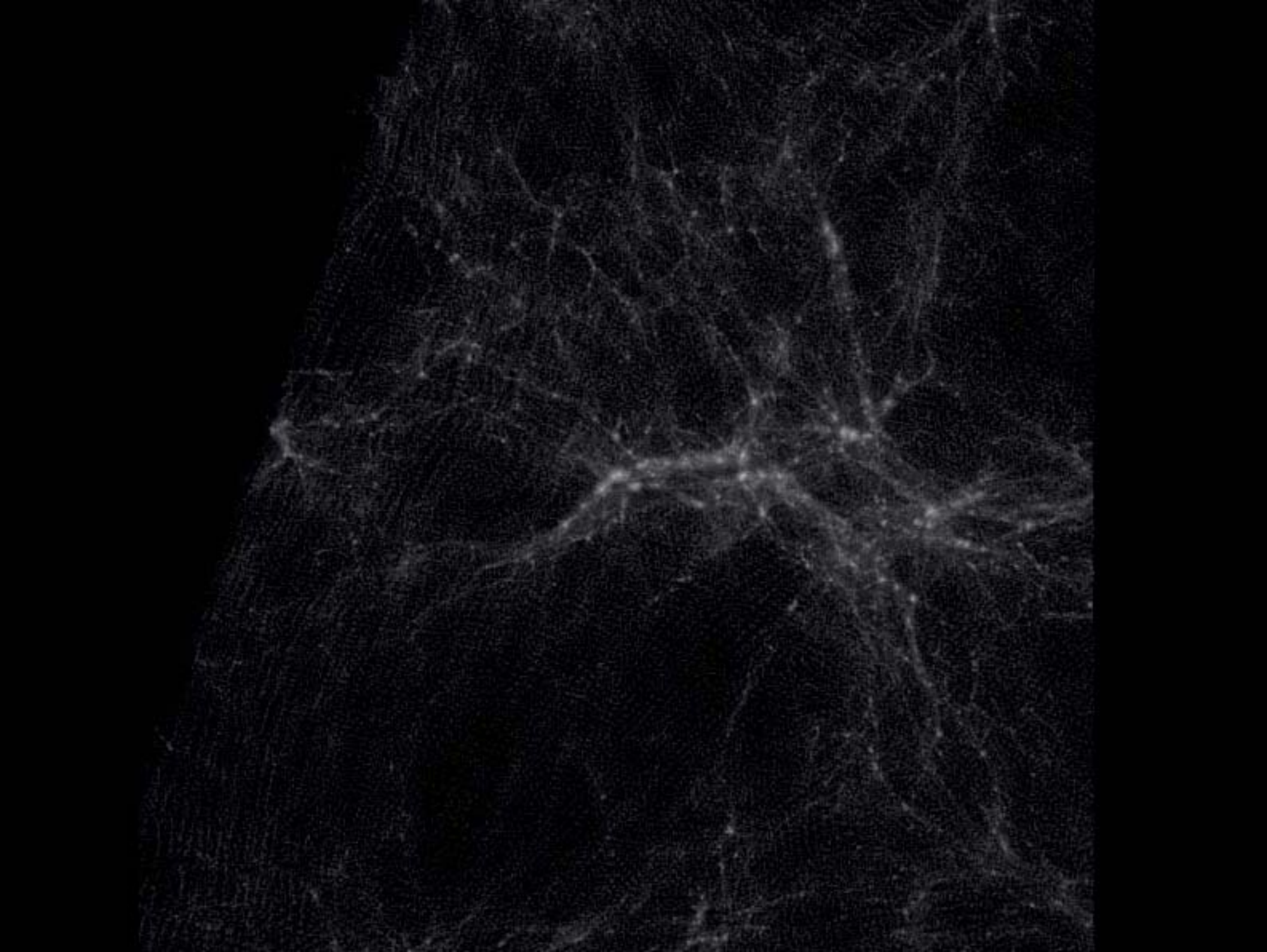
simulating early galaxy formation

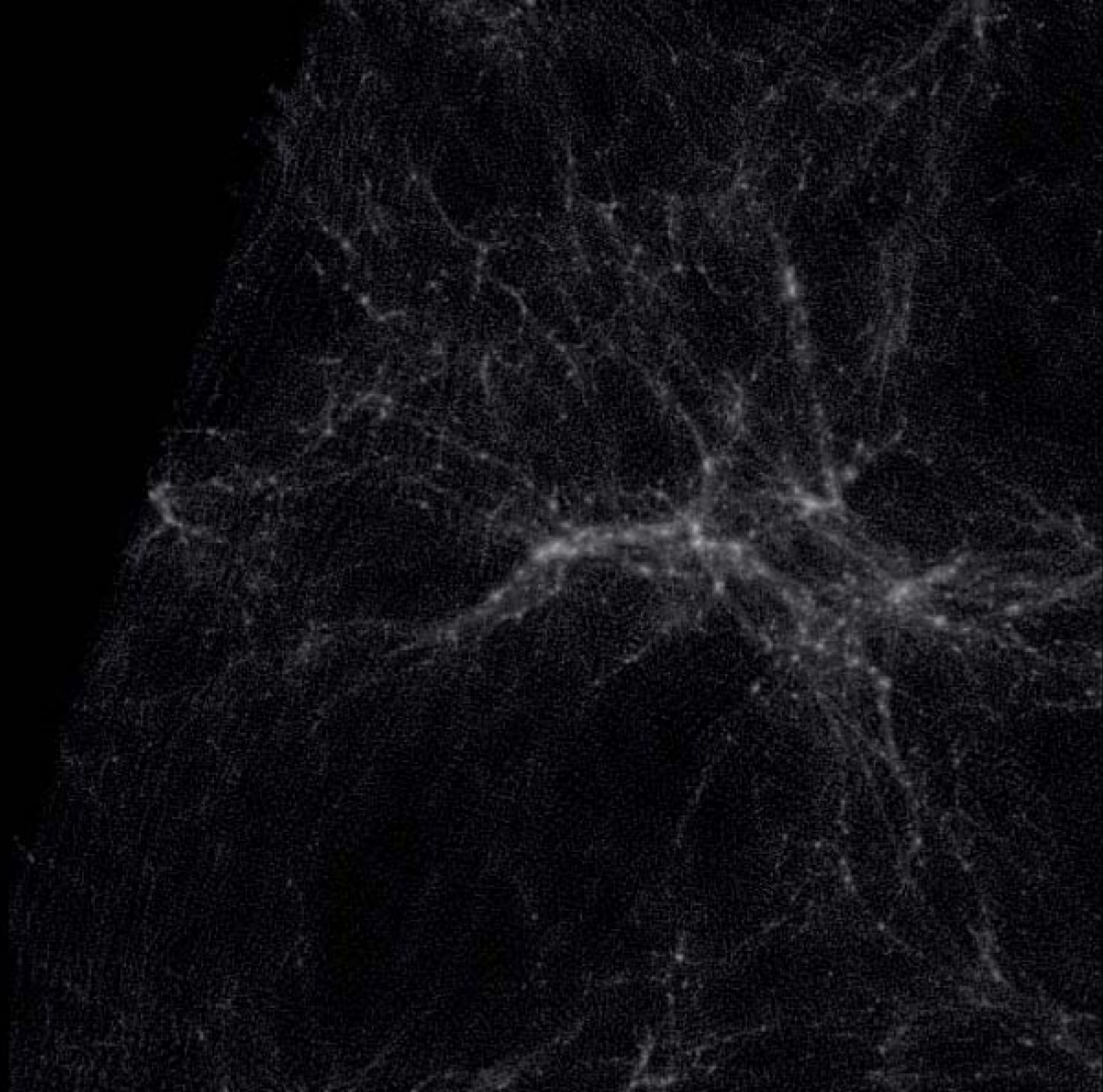
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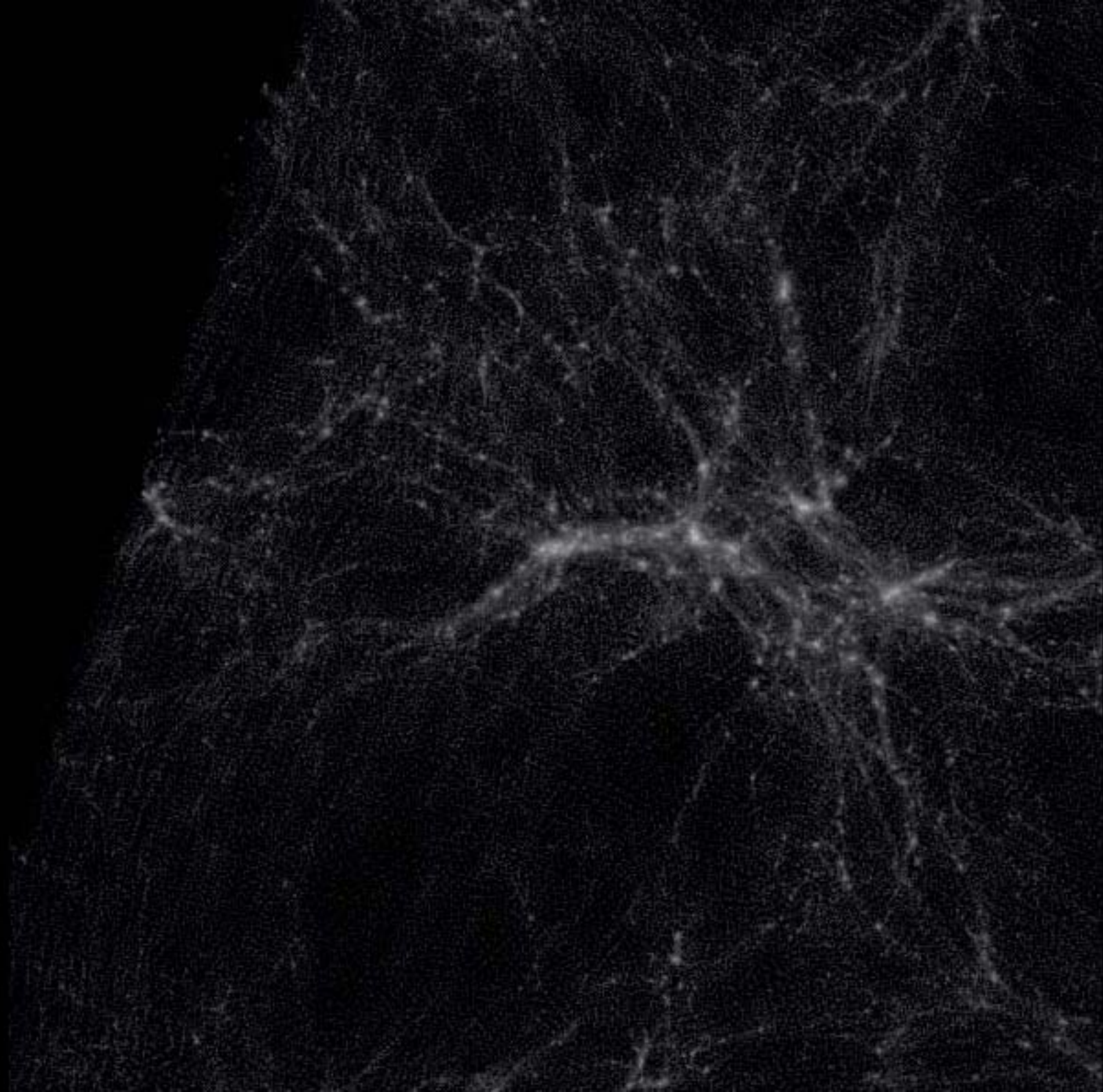
- Smoothed particle hydrodynamic simulations
 - code GASOLINE (Stadel, Wadsley, Quinn.....)
 - Gas cooling
 - Star formation
 - Supernova energy injection, chemical enrichment
 - (with Governato et al.)
- Model cosmological volume (~ 50 Mpc):
- stop at high redshift before physics too complex
- but within observable range (redshift ~ 5)











Future Simulations --> more particles, more physics, higher redshifts

- ***Galaxy Formation*** – High redshift, high densities
 - Accurate baryon (gas + stars) physics
 - Interplay between dark matter and baryons
- ***Small scales***
 - “Cold” vs “Warm” dark matter

Conclusions

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