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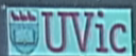
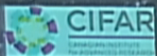
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Abstract:

A prime challenge to our understanding of galaxy formation concerns the scarcity of dwarf galaxies compared with the numerous low-mass halos expected in the current Λ CDM paradigm. This is usually accounted for by assuming that energetic feedback from evolving stars confines dwarf galaxy formation to relatively massive halos spanning a narrow mass range. I will highlight a number of observations that may be used to test this assumption and discuss the puzzles and challenges that arise from this analysis. I will also discuss a number of challenges that Λ CDM faces on the scale of dwarf galaxies and their possible resolutions.

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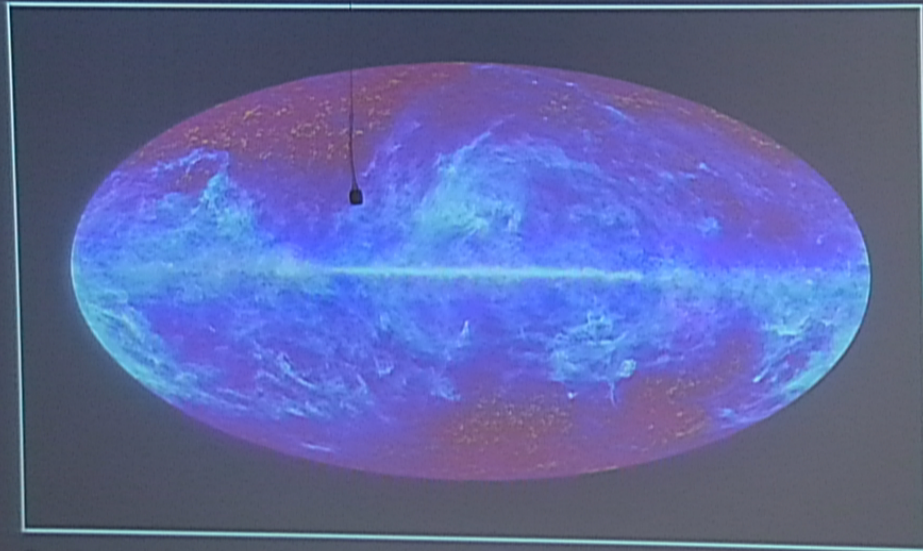
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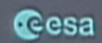
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The Ursa Minor dwarf spheroidal

First Light



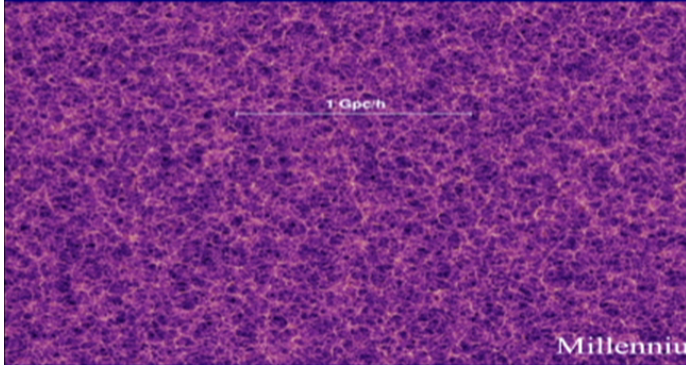
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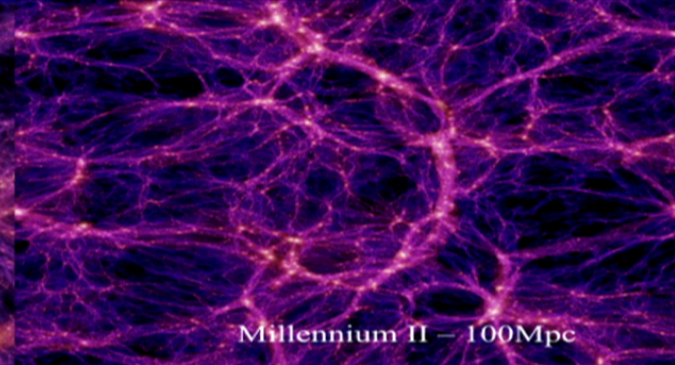
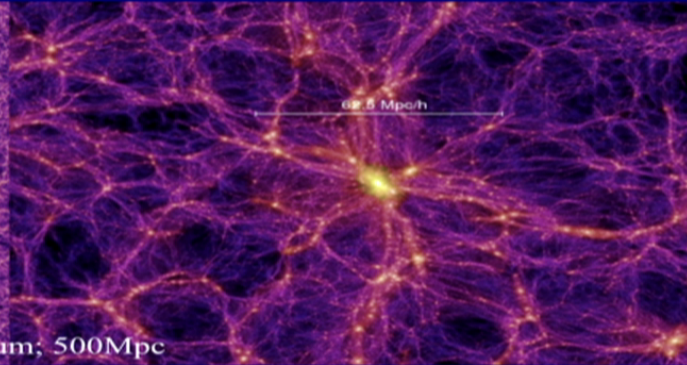
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Aquarius: a galaxy halo

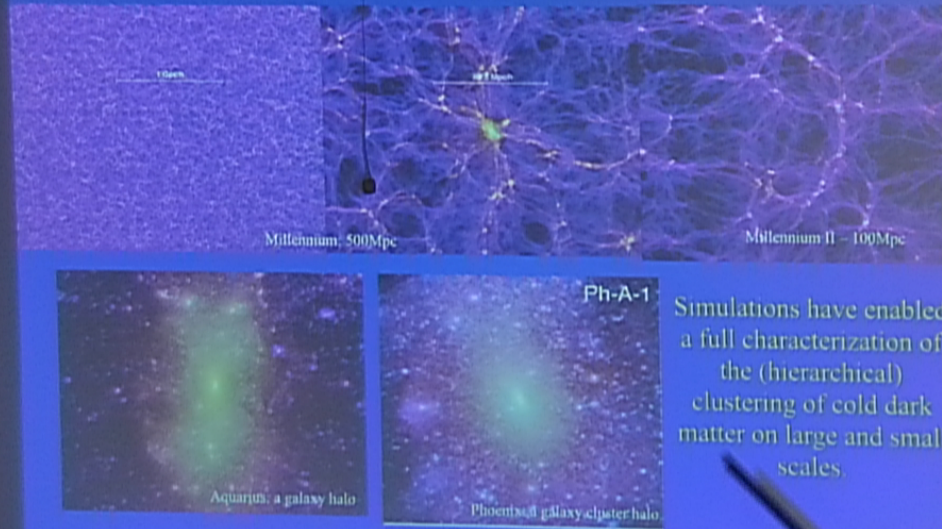


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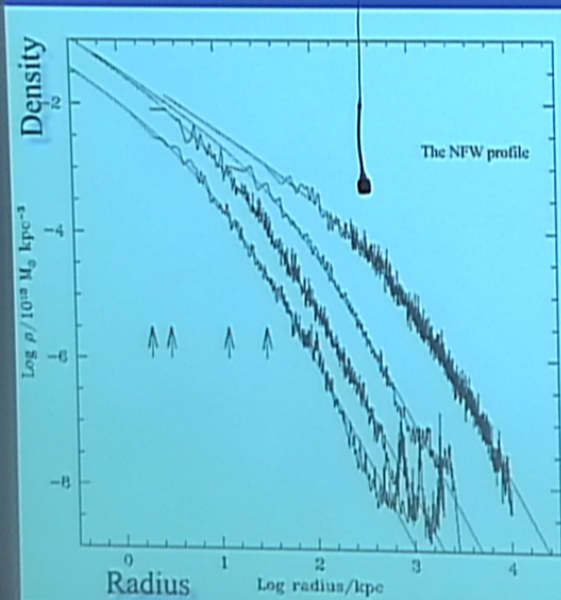
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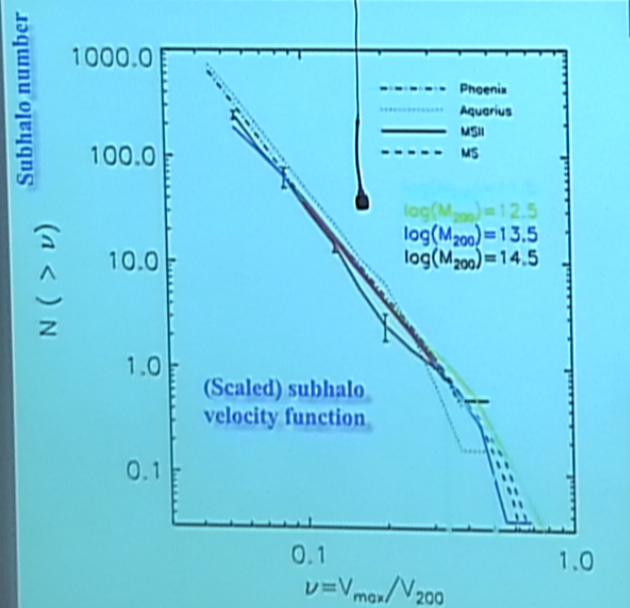
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The Mass Profile of Cold Dark Matter halos



- The shape of the mass profiles of dark matter halos is roughly independent of halo mass and cosmological parameters
- Density profiles are “cuspy” and clearly differ from power laws
- May be fitted by scaling a simple formula
$$\rho/\rho_{\text{crit}} = \delta_c / [1 + (r/r_s)^2]$$
- Curves do not cross
- DM is “colder” near the center.

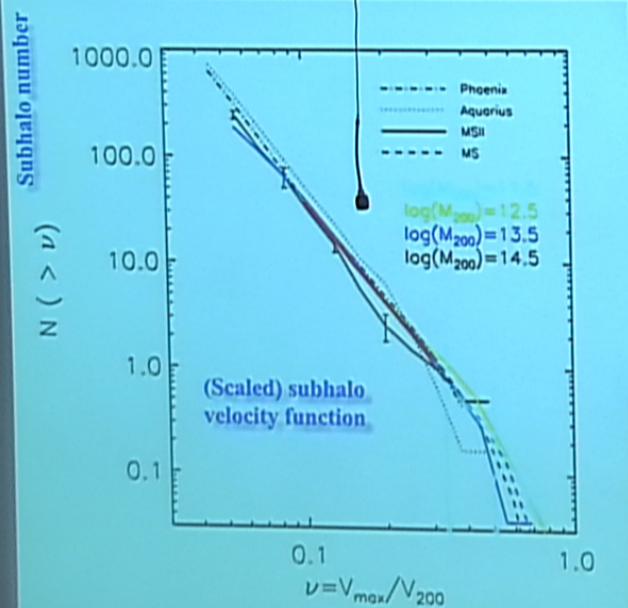
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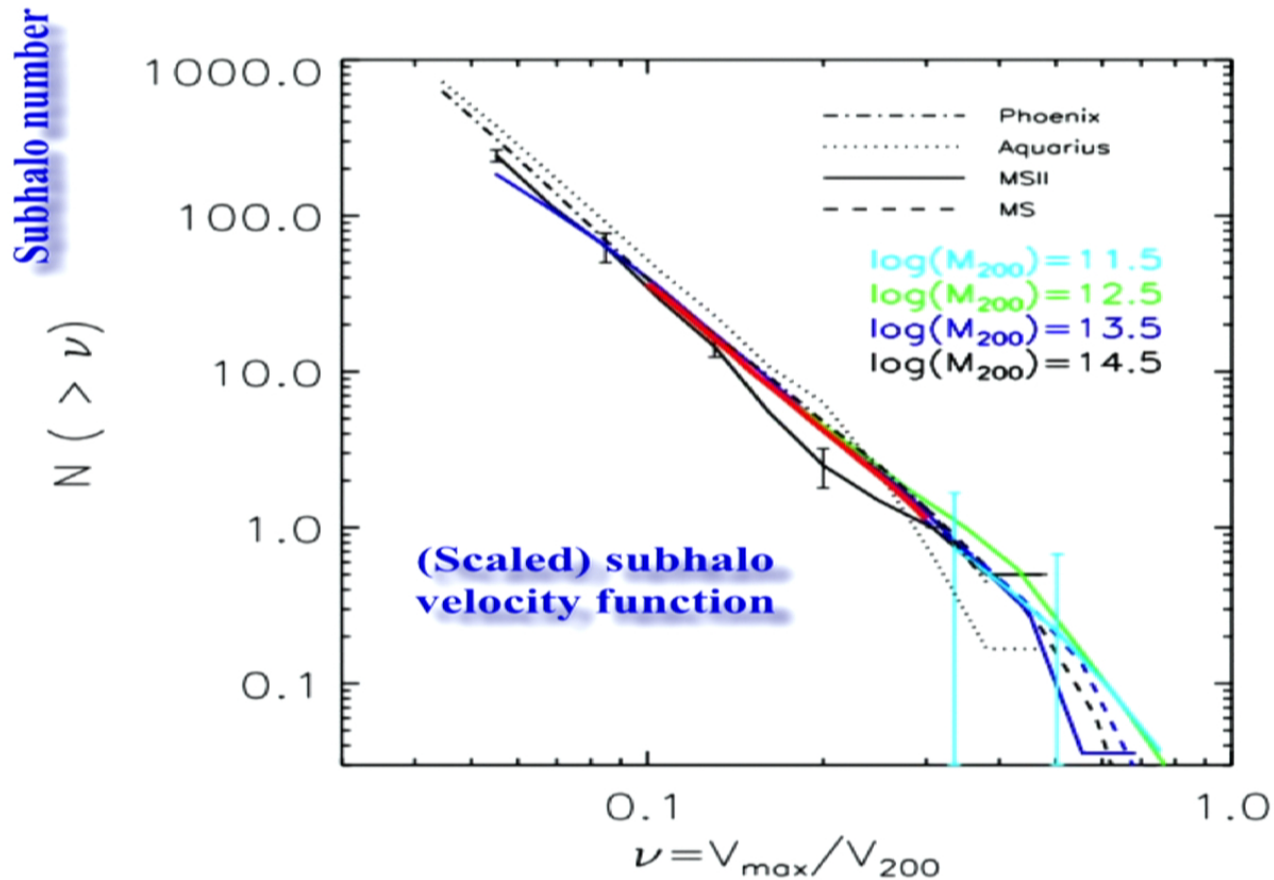
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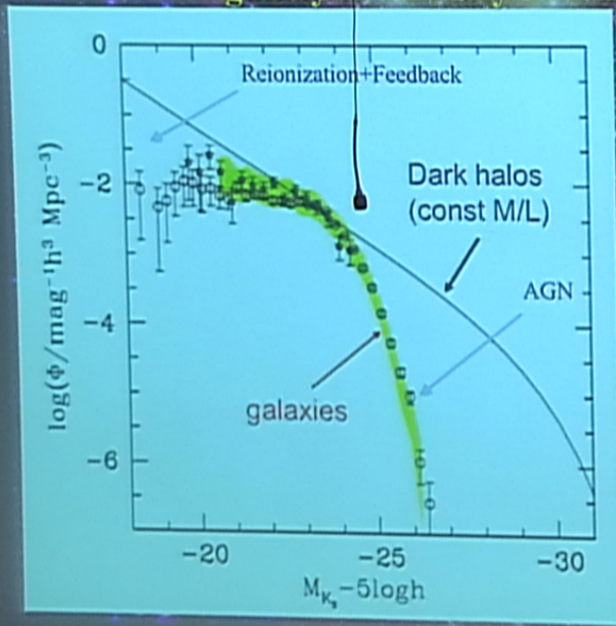
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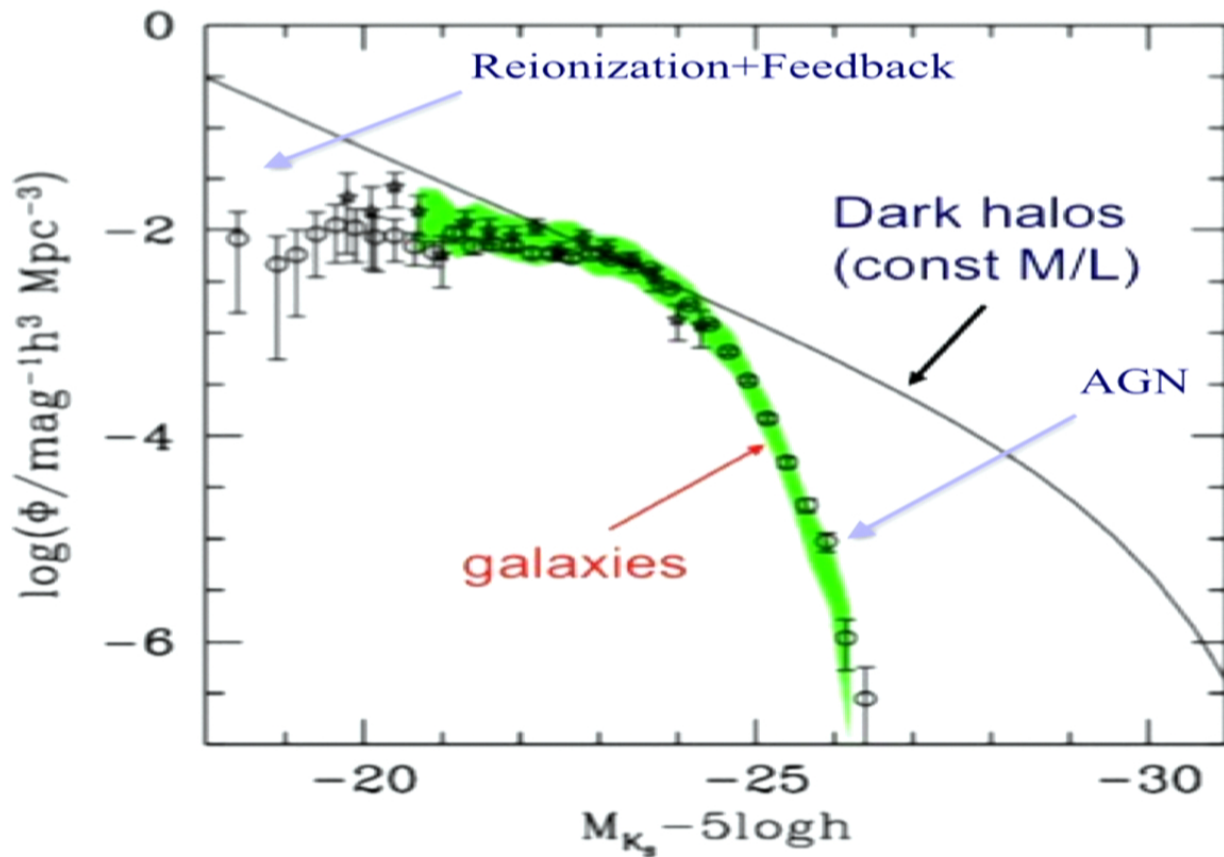
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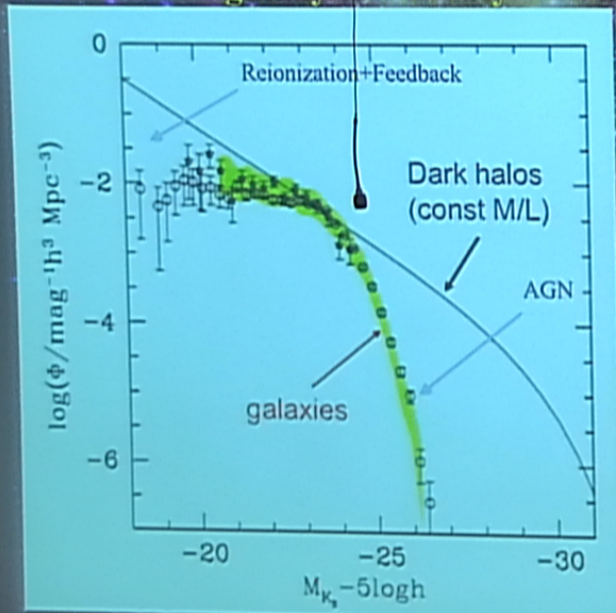
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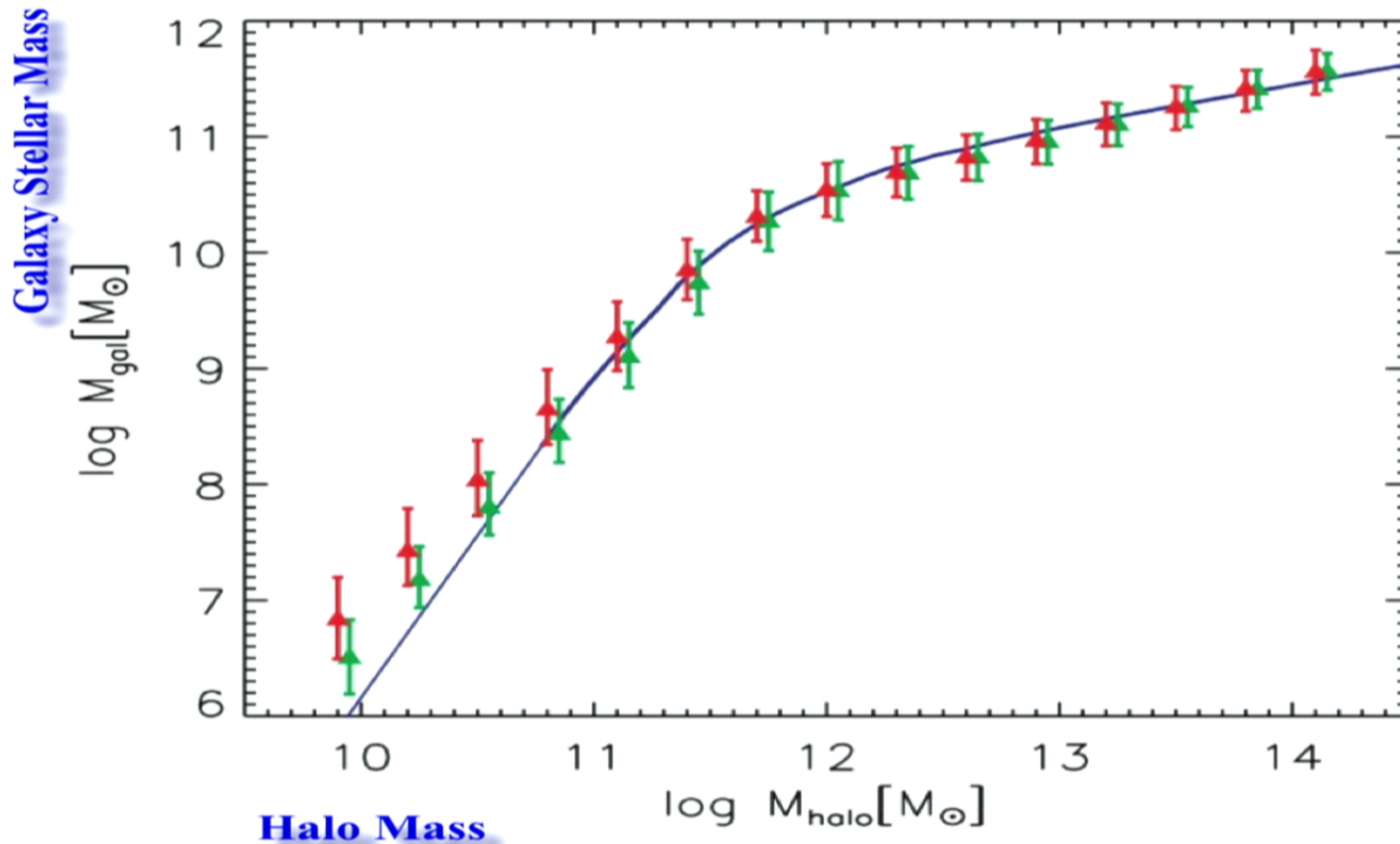
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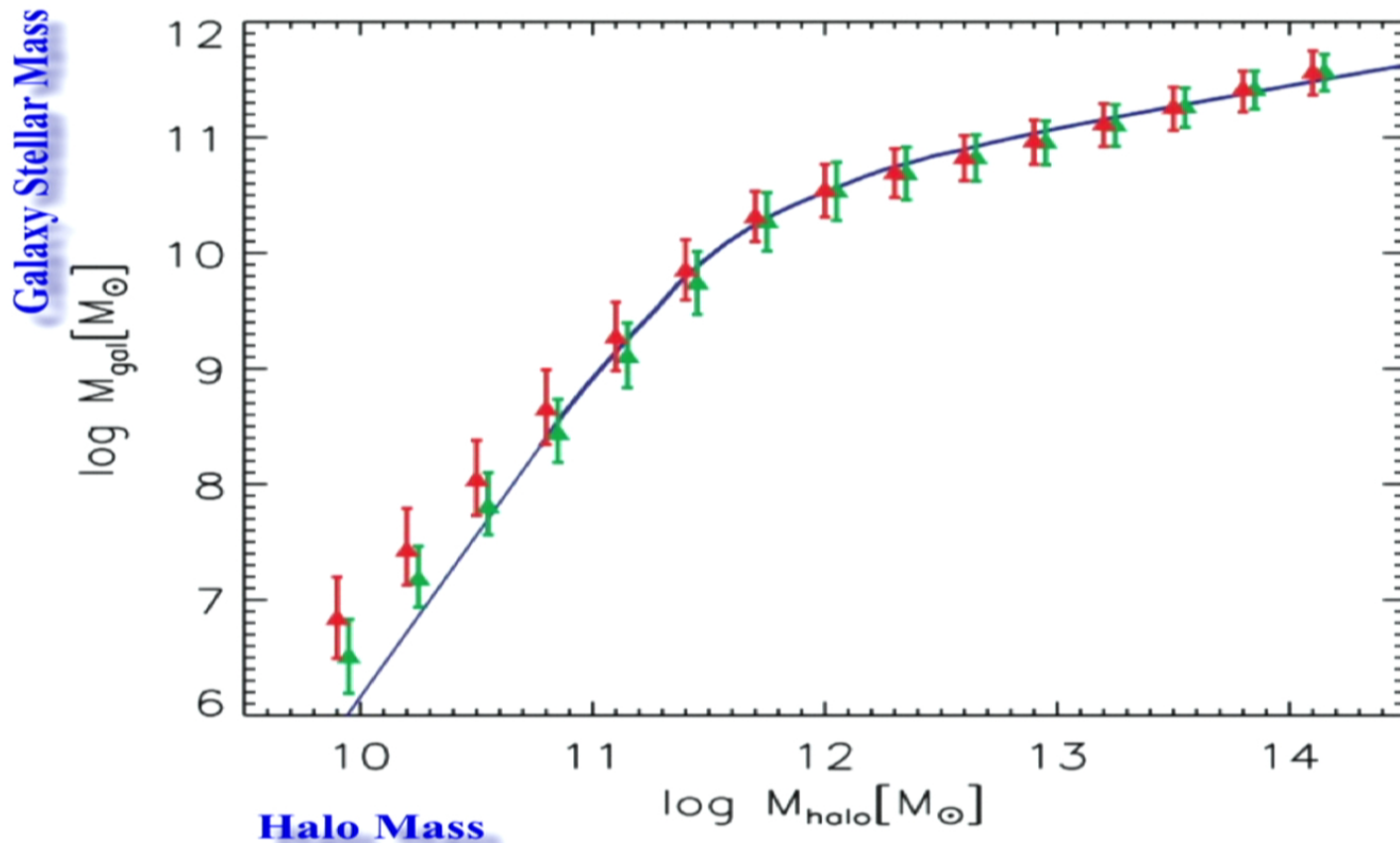
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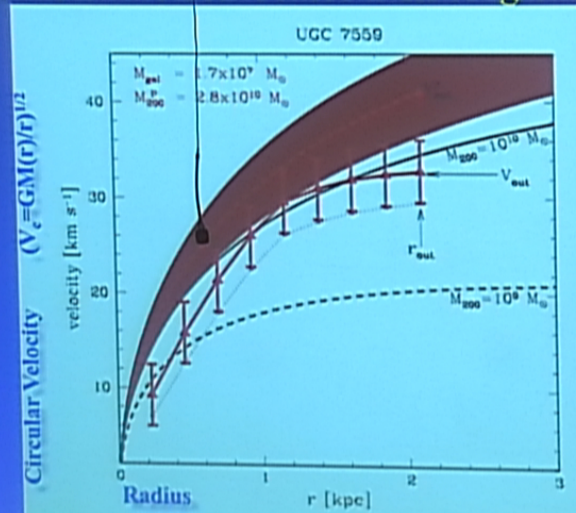
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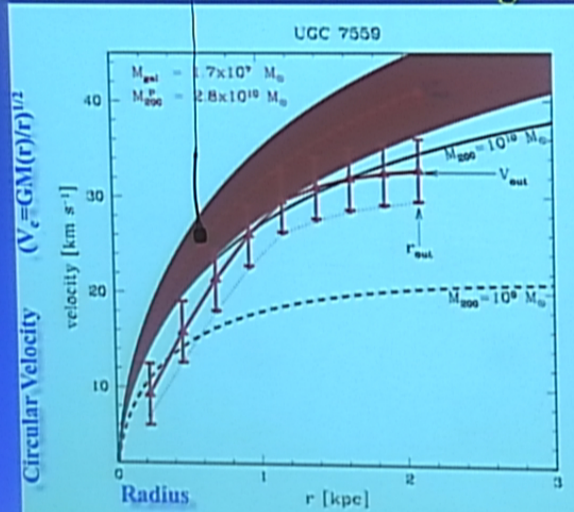
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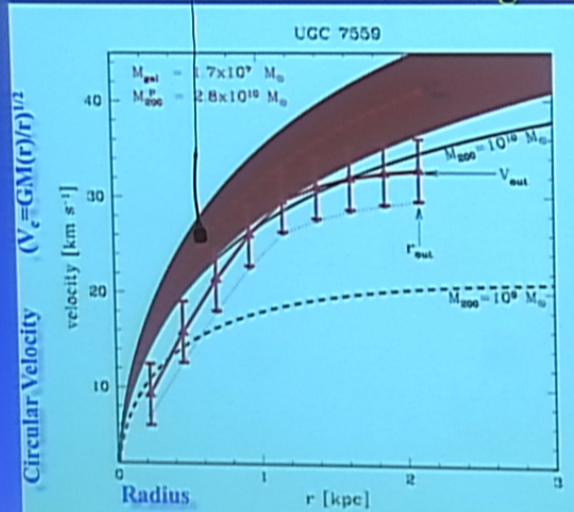
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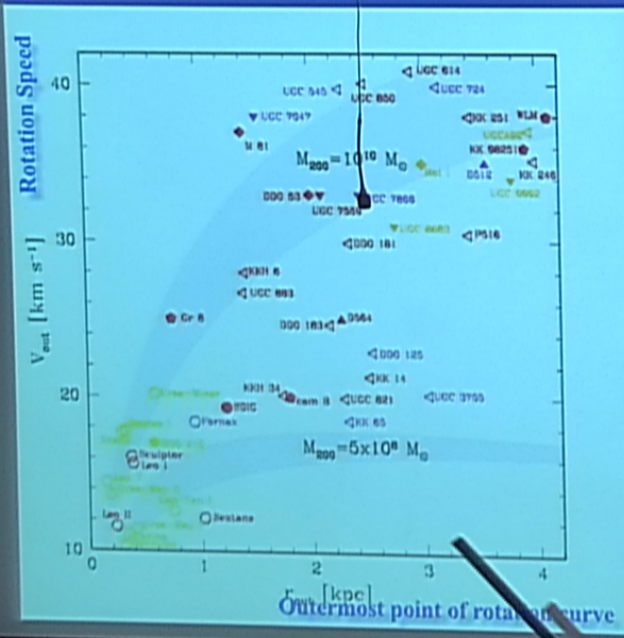
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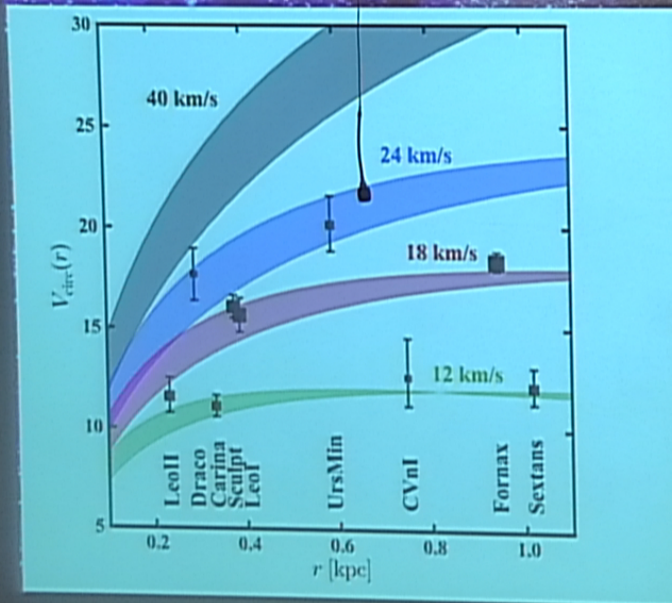
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- Rotation curves typically extend far enough to allow meaningful estimates of the total mass of the halos
- Many galaxies seem to inhabit very low mass halos, well below $10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$

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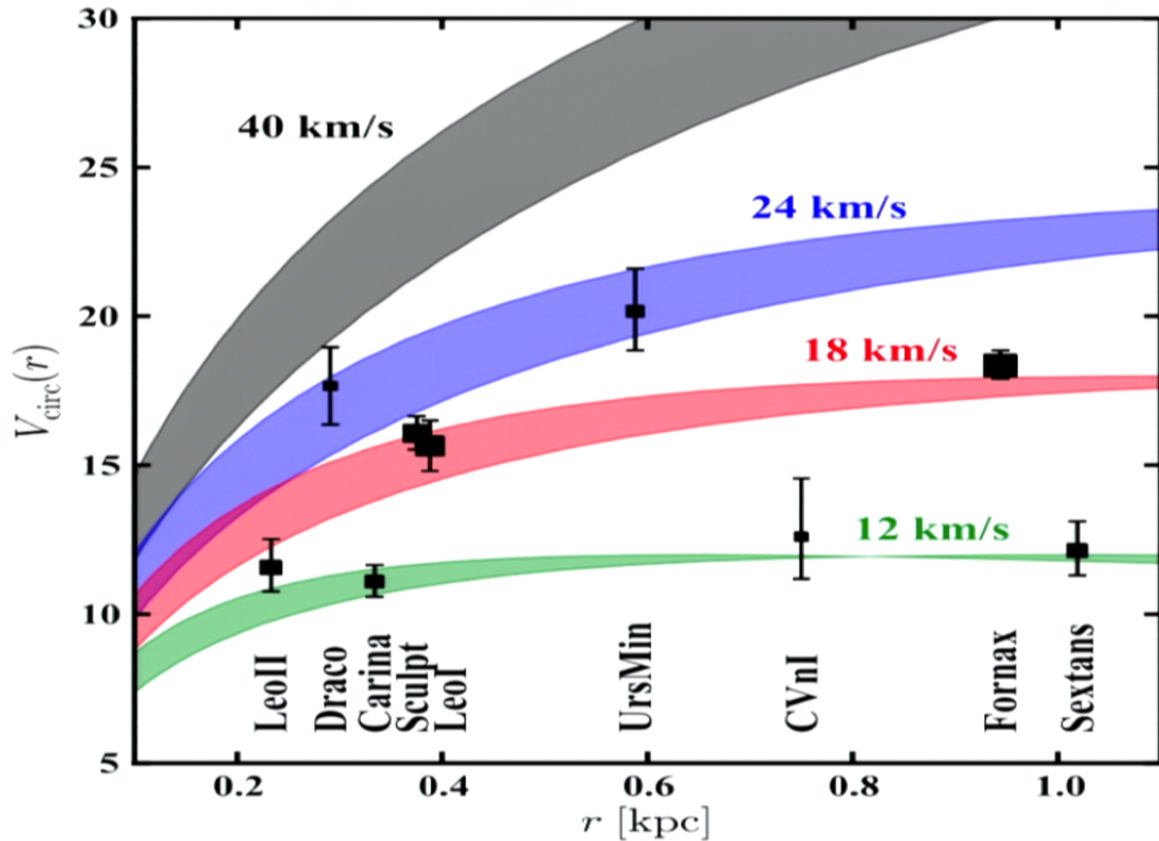
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Think Locally: The Local Group Simulation Project



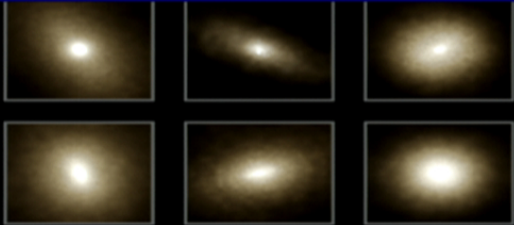
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- Twelve LG candidates have been re-simulated using the *same* code used for the EAGLE project
- Any success on LG scales does not come at the expense of failures on large scales

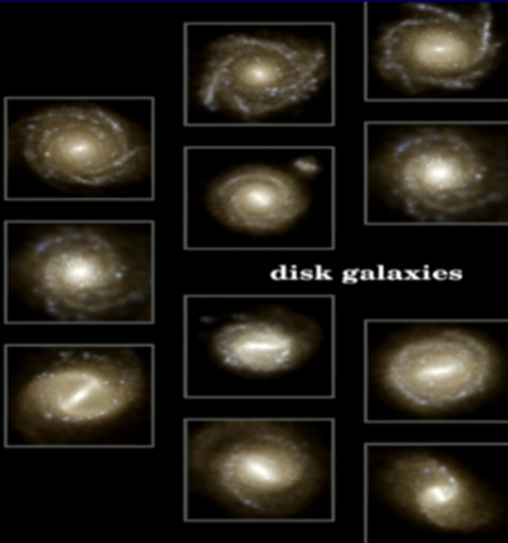
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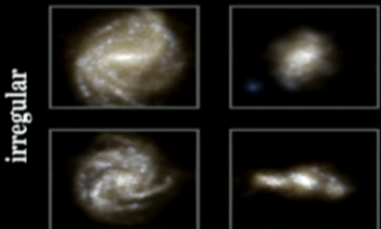
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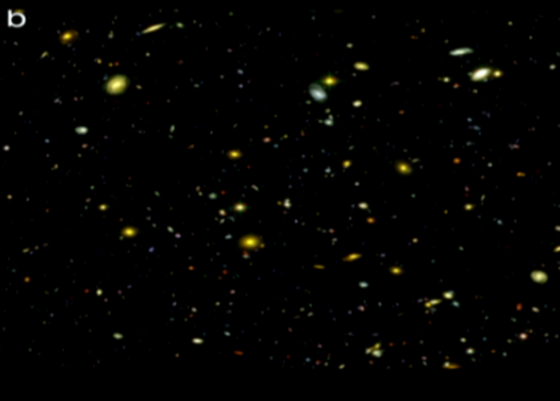
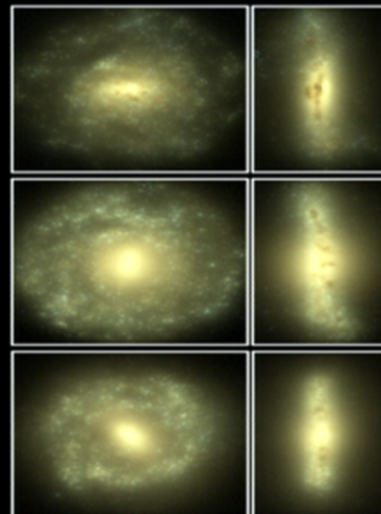
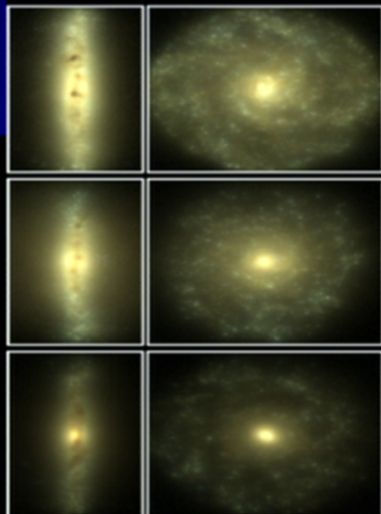
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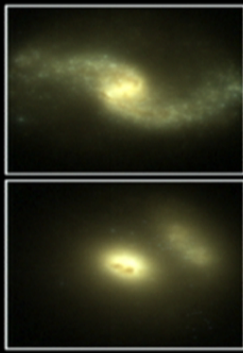
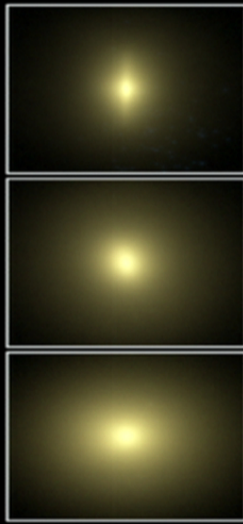


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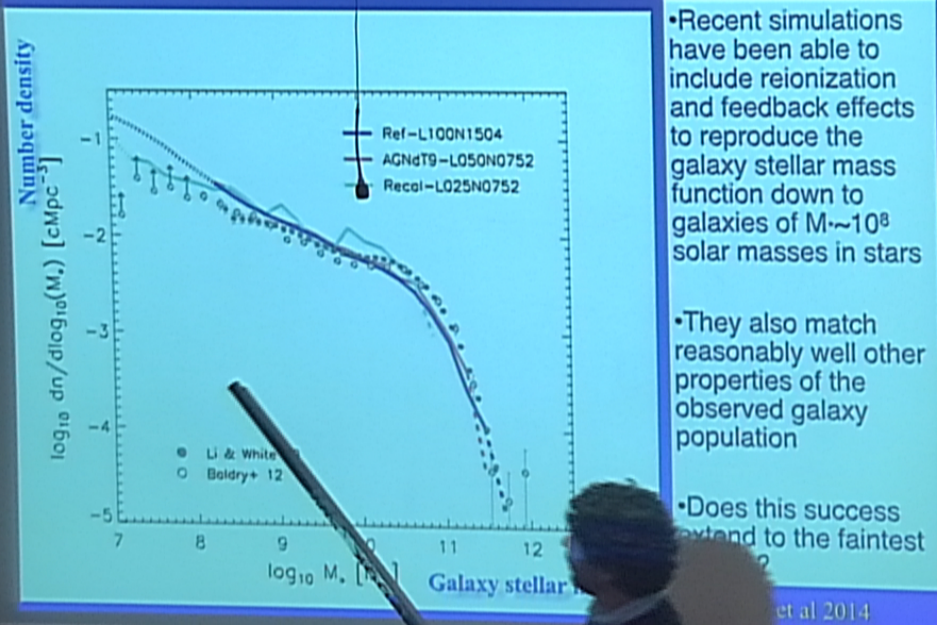


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EAGLE Galaxy Stellar Mass Function



- Recent simulations have been able to include reionization and feedback effects to reproduce the galaxy stellar mass function down to galaxies of $M_* \sim 10^8$ solar masses in stars

- They also match reasonably well other properties of the observed galaxy population

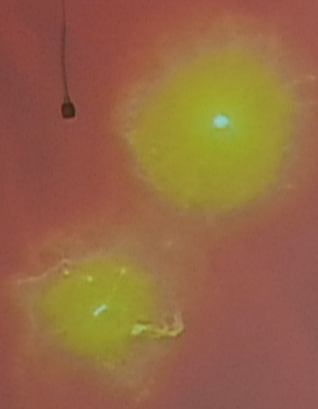
- Does this success extend to the faintest

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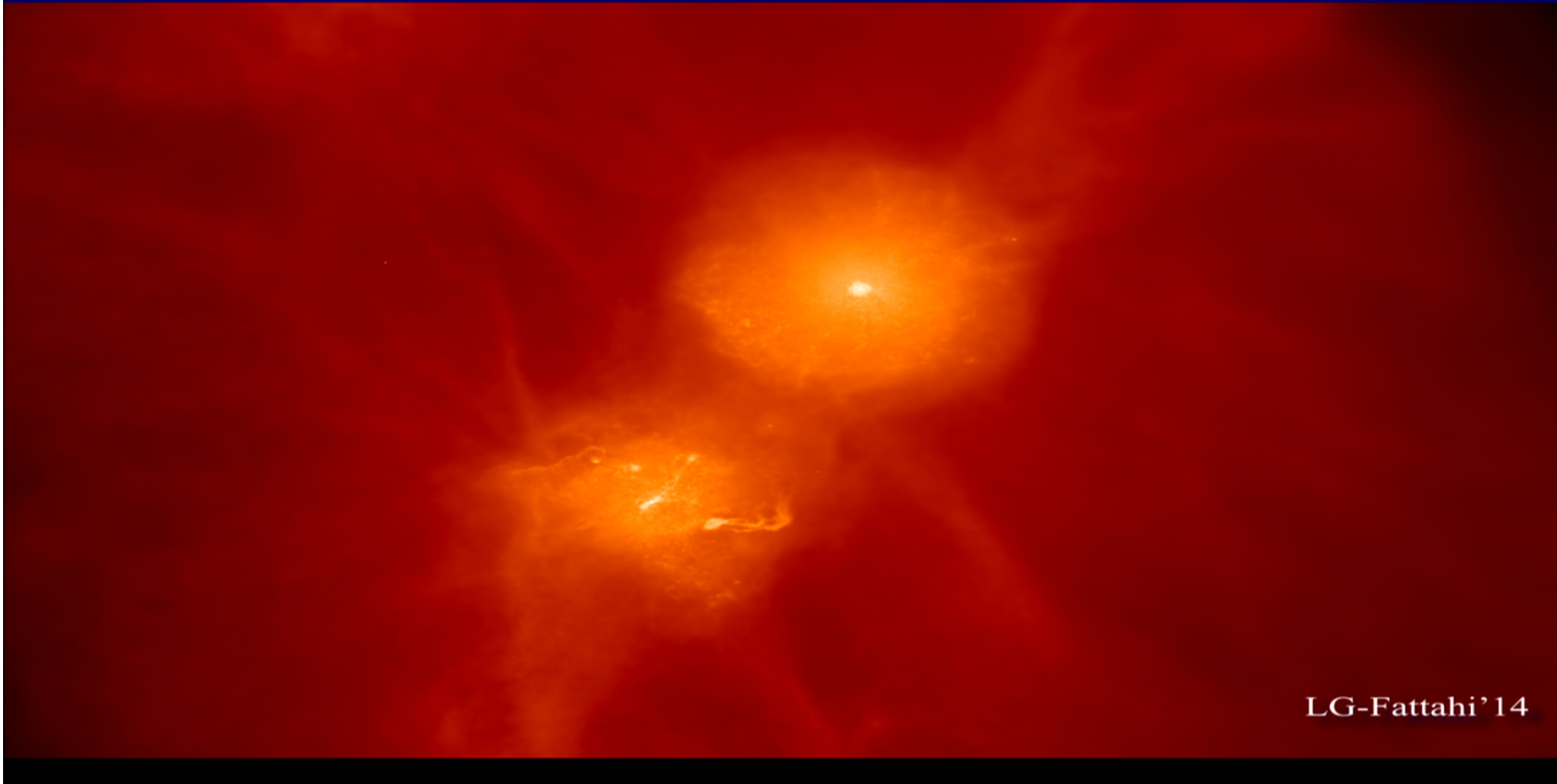
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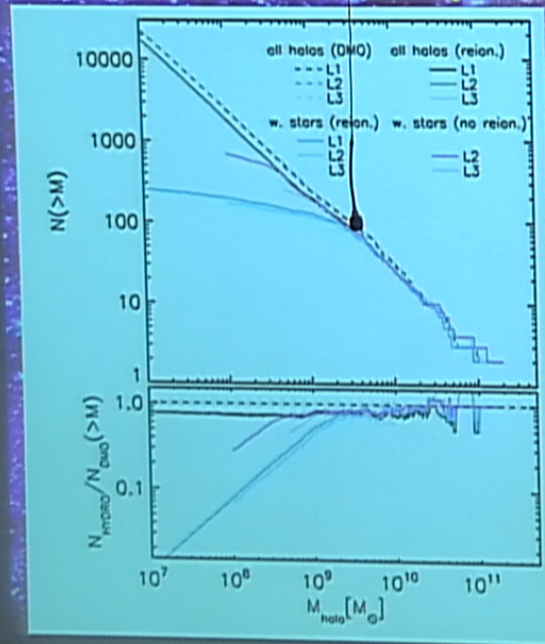
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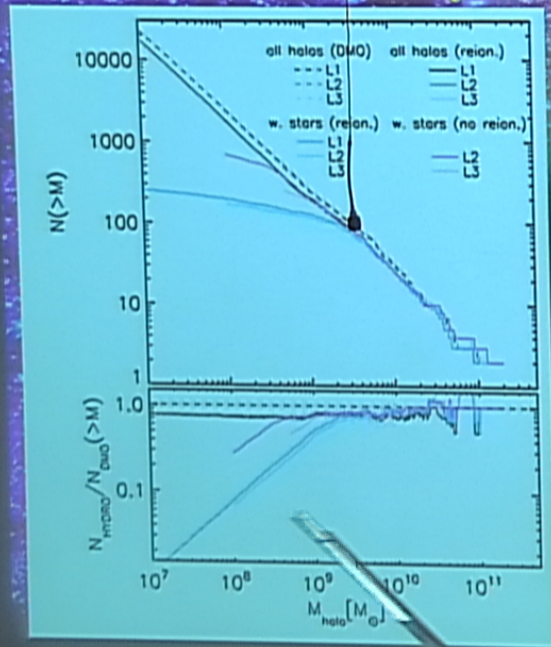
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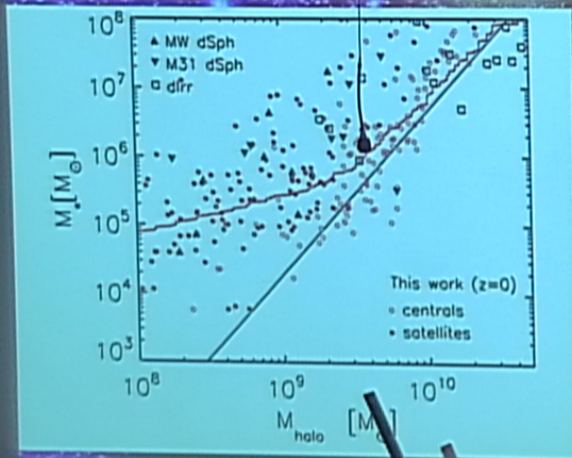
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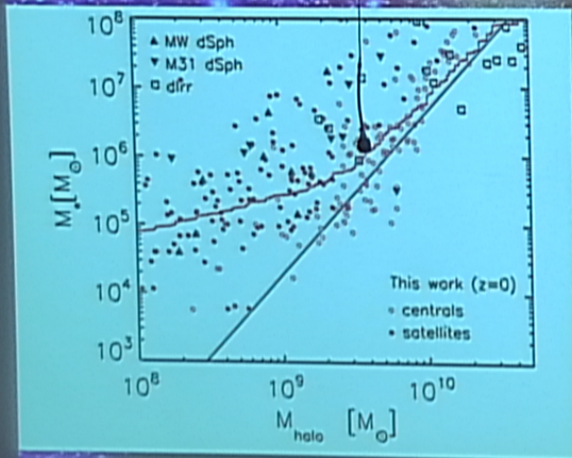
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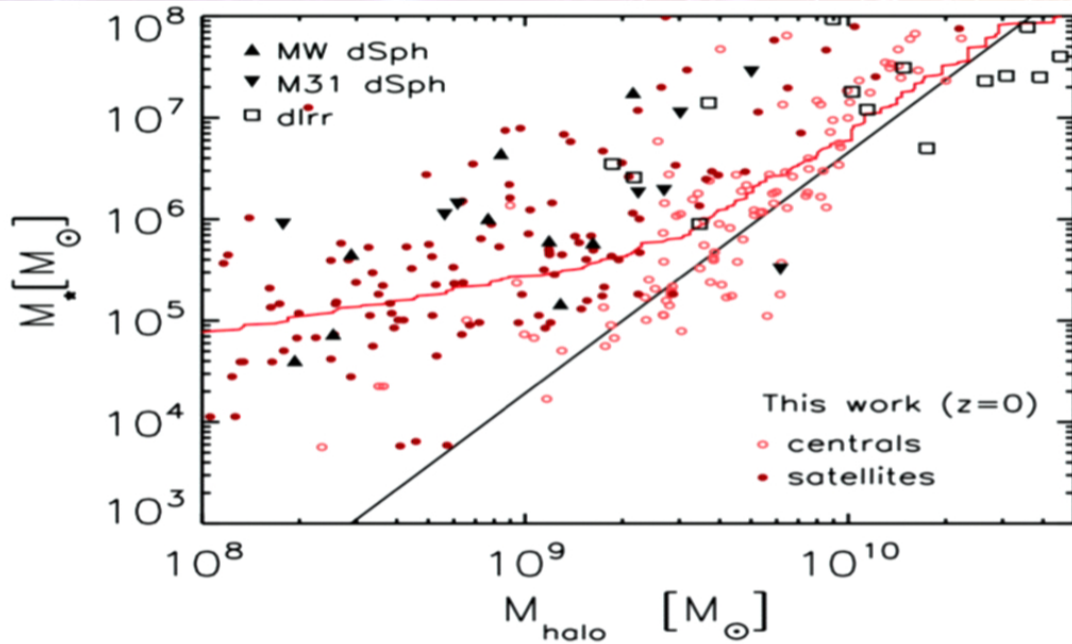
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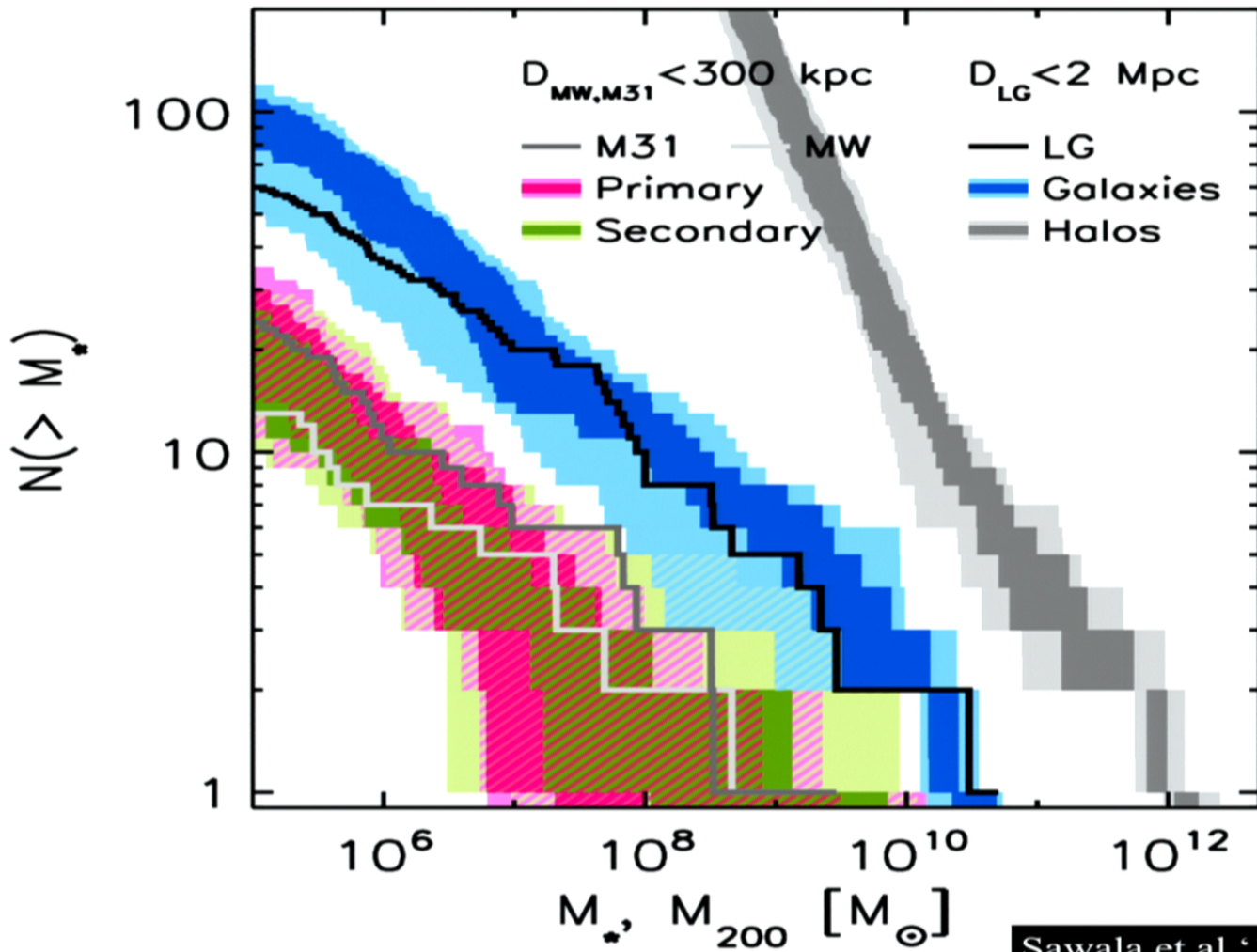
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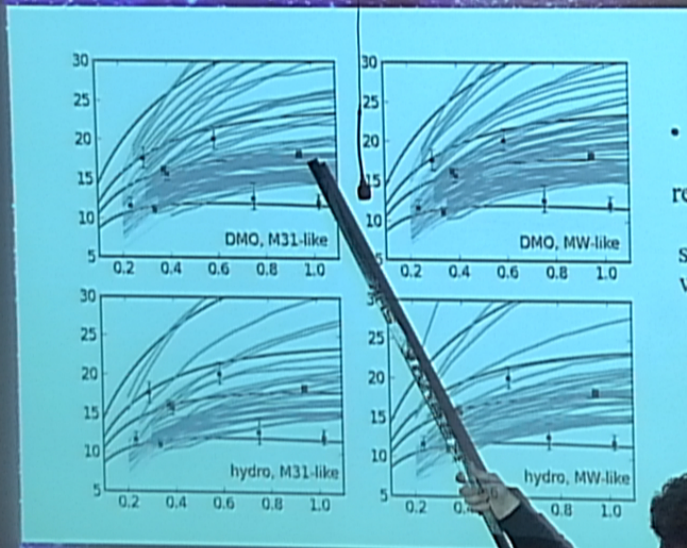
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The “missing satellites” problem

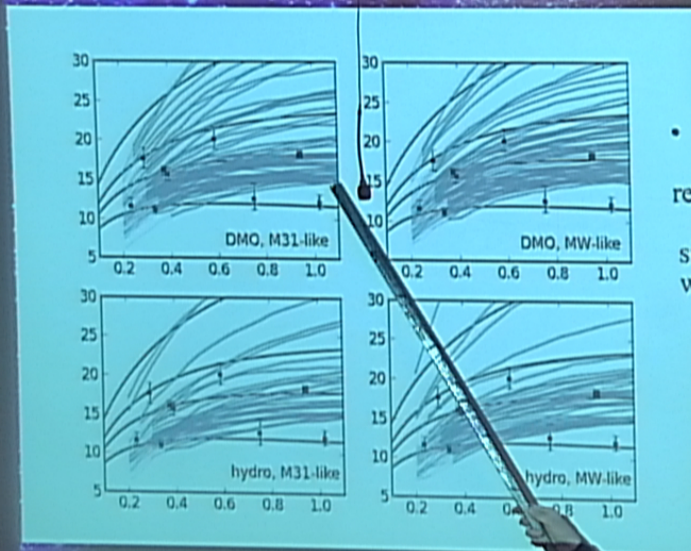
- The Local Group re-simulations match quite well the observed number of satellites of each primary and the number of dwarfs within $\sim 2 \text{ Mpc}$ from the LG barycentre, down to stellar masses of order $\sim 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

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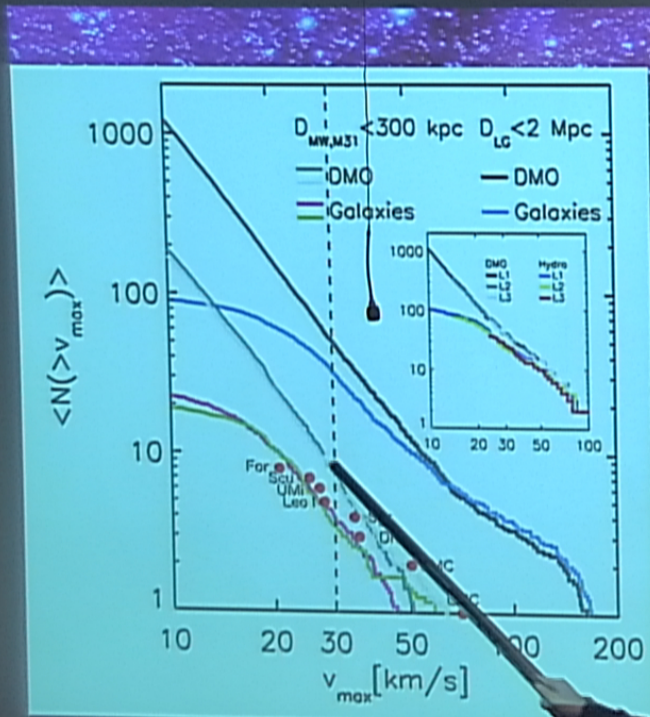


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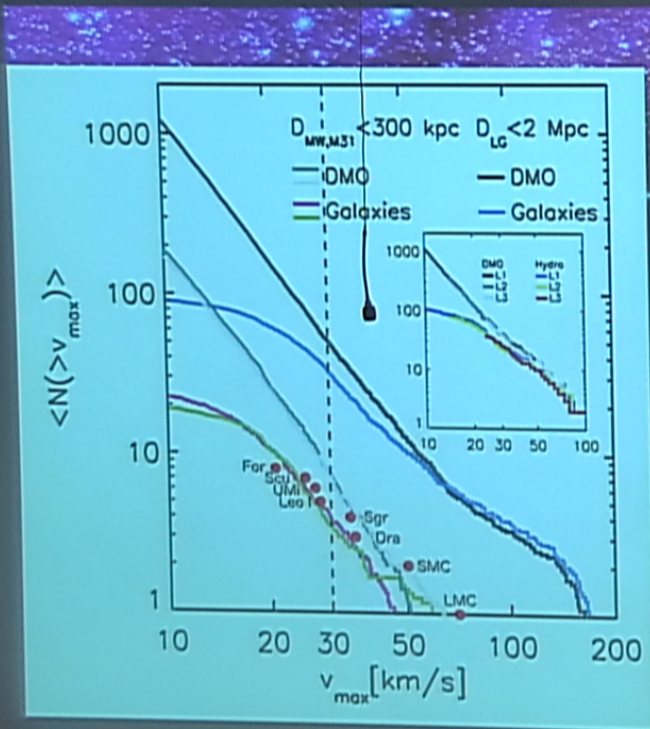
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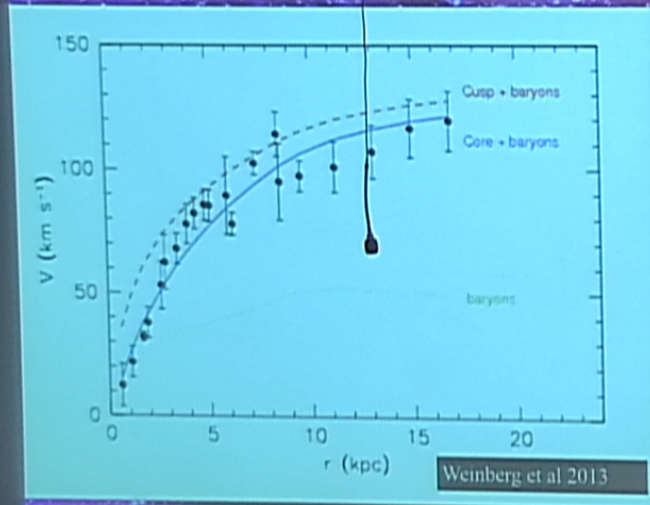


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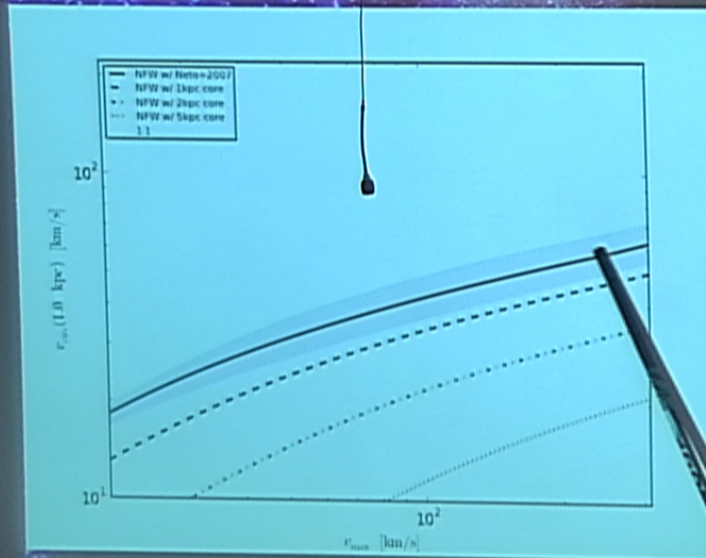
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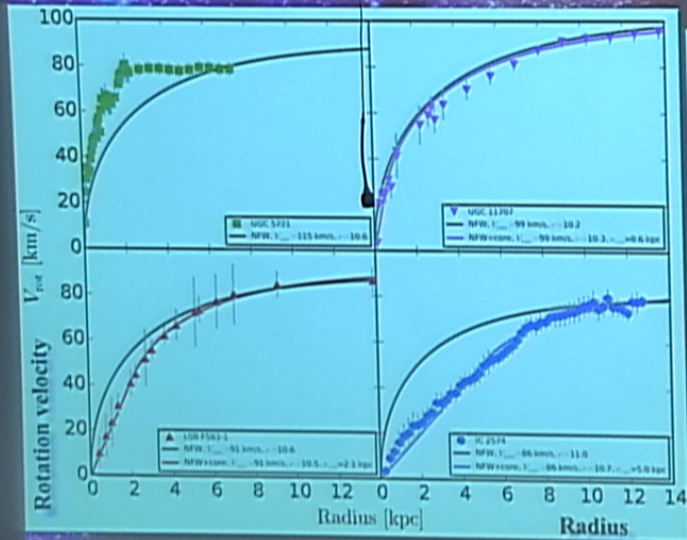
A constant density "core" at odds with the predicted cuspy profiles has been predicated for a number of dwarf galaxies on the basis of rotation curves of disk galaxies.

The rotation curve problem



- Dwarf galaxies have a wide diversity of rotation curves
- Some galaxies are consistent with CDM, others are not
- “Cores” seem present in galaxies up to $\sim 200 \text{ km/s}$
- Core radii are larger than simulations can produce

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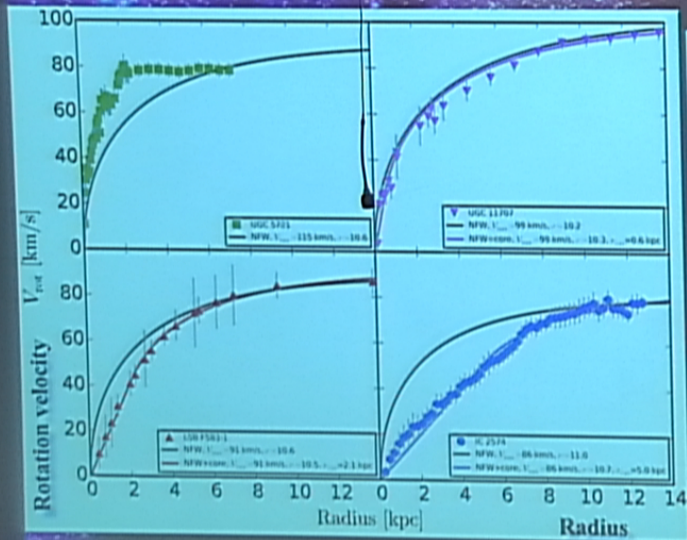
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