

Title: Gravothermal Evolution of Self-Interacting Dark Matter Halos in the Short Mean Free Path Regime - VIRTUAL

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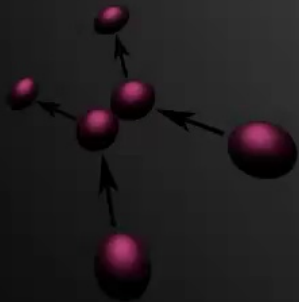
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Abstract: In this talk, I will discuss my exploration of the gravothermal collapse of isolated self-interacting dark matter (SIDM) halos, driven deep into the core-collapsed regime where interactions are frequent. We investigate how elastic collisions influence the central region of SIDM halos as they undergo core collapse. In our numerical findings, we discover a remarkable universality in the behavior of halos, allowing us to predict their evolution deep in the core-collapsed regime. We develop a semi-analytic method to characterize the core properties of the halo in the latest stages of evolution, which is crucial for making predictions of the mass of potential black holes forming at the heart of these dark matter halos.

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GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION OF SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER HALOS IN THE SHORT MEAN FREE PATH REGIME

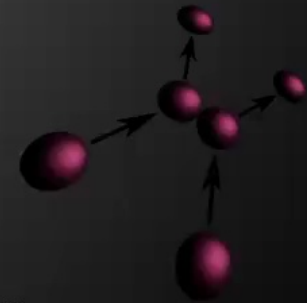


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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

BACKGROUND

- Λ – COLD DARK MATTER (Λ CDM) PARADIGM
- SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER (SIDM)
- GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION

RESEARCH

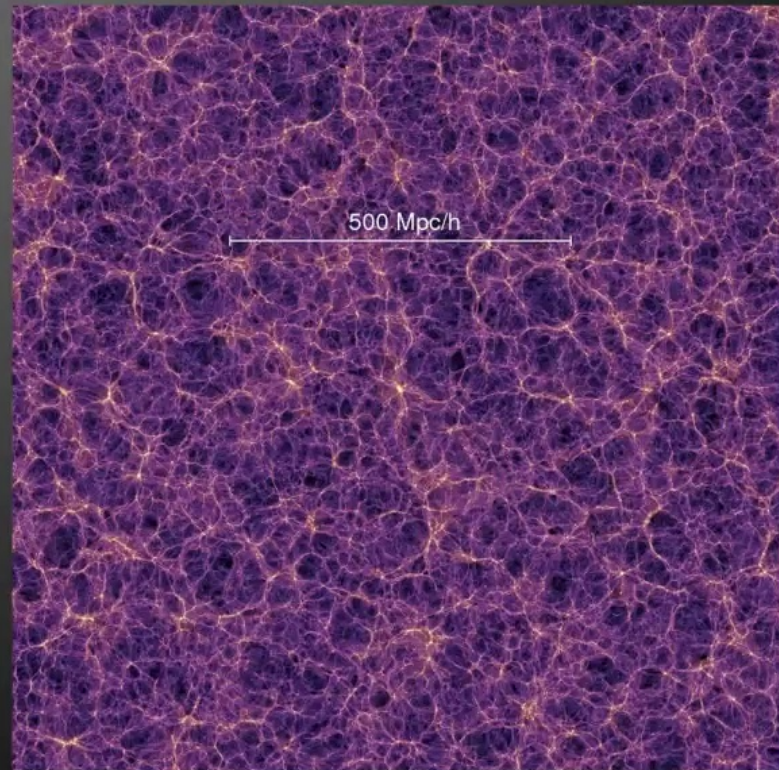
- GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION IN THE LONG MEAN FREE PATH (LMFP)
- NEWFOUND UNIVERSALITY IN THE SHORT MEAN FREE PATH (SMFP) REGIME

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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CDM SUCCESSES

- ❖ COLD DARK MATTER
 - COLLISIONLESS
- ❖ SUCCESSFUL ON LARGE SCALES
 - COSMIC WEB
 - SIMULATIONS



Millennium Simulation

CDM SUCCESSES

- ❖ COLD DARK MATTER

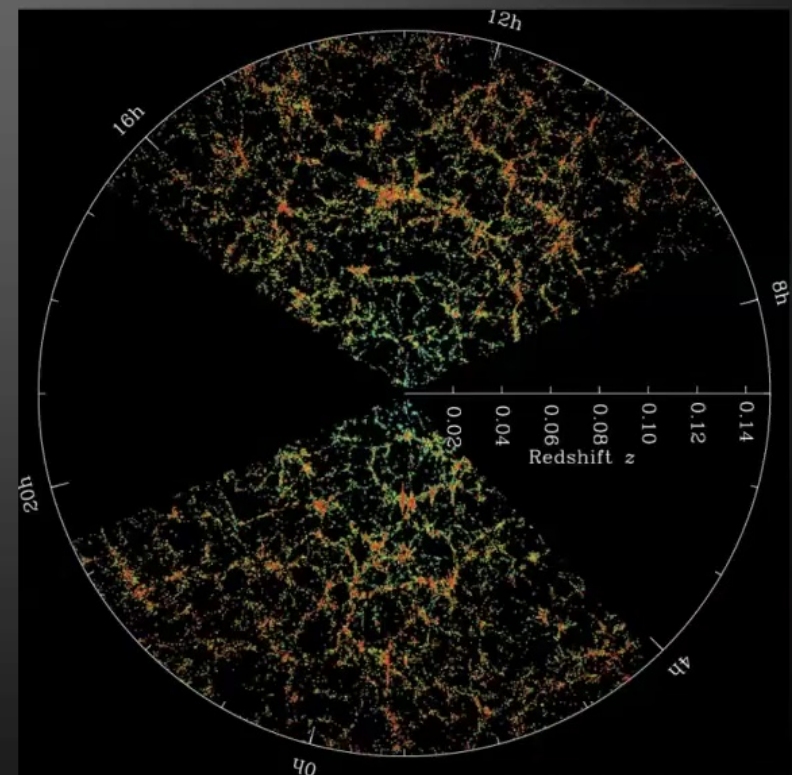
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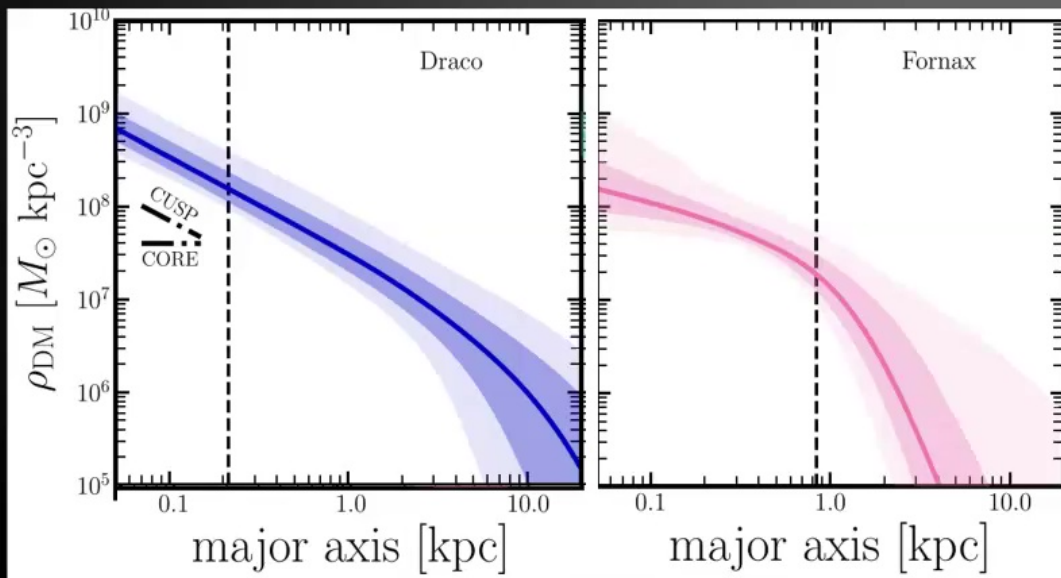
- SIMULATIONS

- OBSERVATIONS

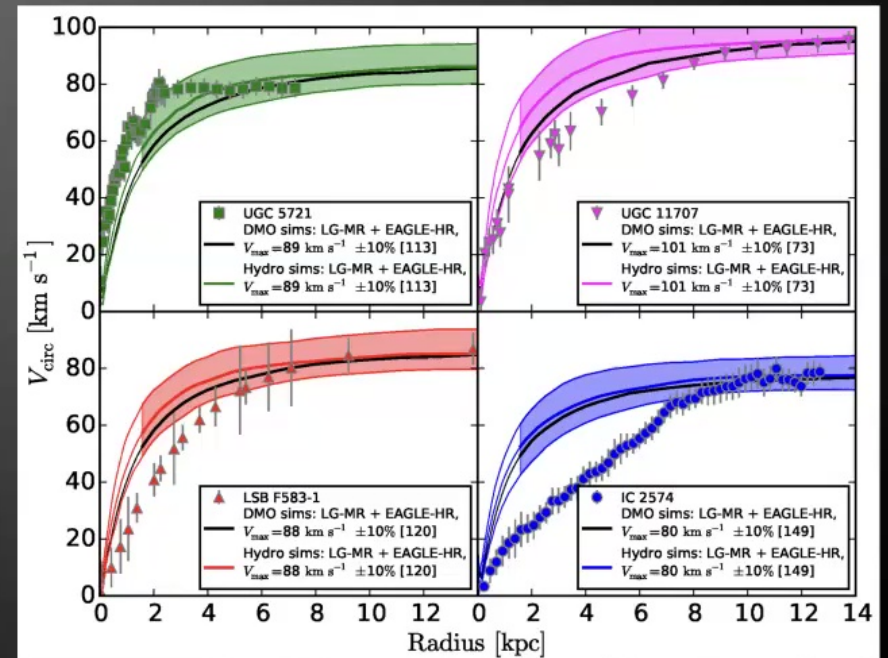


M. Blanton and SDSS

CORE-CUSP AND DIVERSITY PROBLEMS



K. Hayashi, M. Chiba, T. Ishiyama, [arXiv:2007.13780](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.13780) (2020)



K. A. Oman et al, [arXiv:1504.01437](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.01437) (2015)

$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{(r/r_s)(1 + r/r_s)^2}$$

SIDM OVERVIEW

❖ ONLY MODIFIES INNER HALO → Λ CDM SUCCESSES PRESERVED

❖ PARTICLE SCATTERING → THERMALIZE CORE

➤ CORE GROWTH → CORE COLLAPSE

❖ INITIALLY CONSTANT CROSS-SECTIONS

- SPERGEL & STEINHARDT, [arXiv:astro-ph/9909386](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/9909386) (2000)

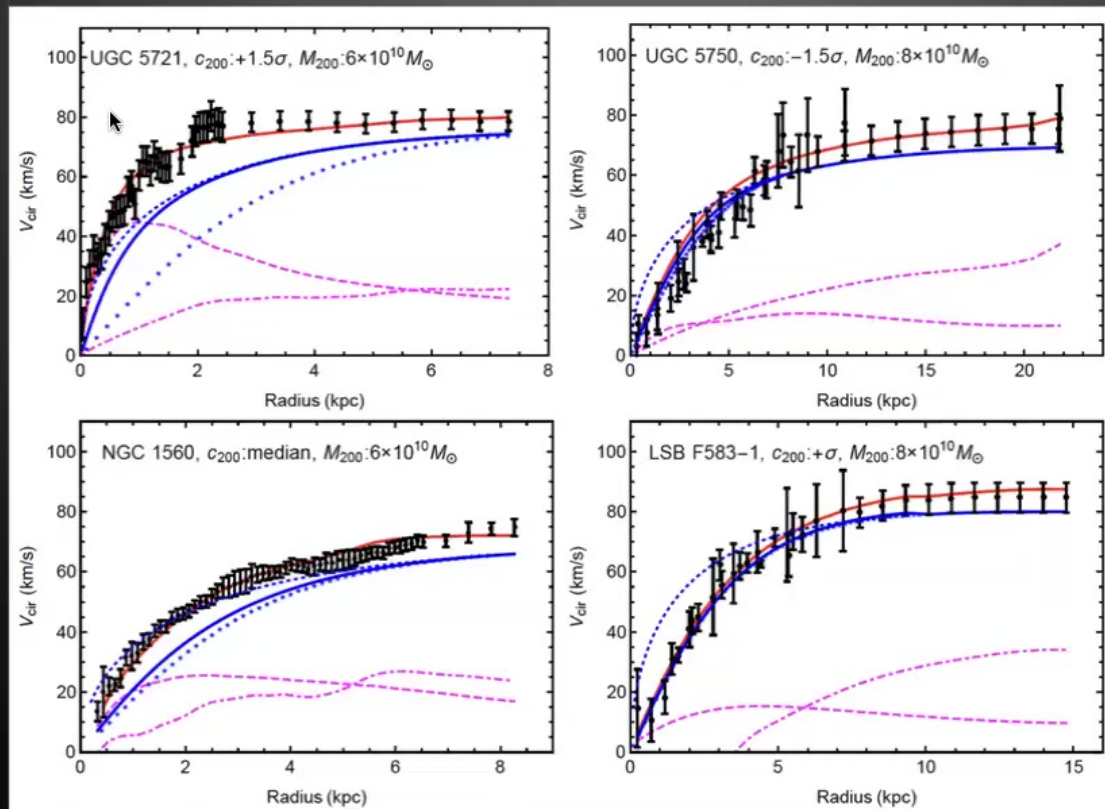
❖ VELOCITY-DEPENDENT MODELS

➤ OBSERVATIONS

➤ NATURAL IN LIGHT MEDIATOR MODELS

- TULIN & YU, [arXiv:1705.02358v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.02358v2) (2017)

DIVERSITY PROBLEM IS NOT A PROBLEM WITH SIDM



Blue solid: SIDM halo
 Magenta dashed: stars
 Magenta dot-dashed: gas
 Magenta long-dashed: bulge
 Blue dotted: CDM halo
 Blue asterisk: SIDM halo (no stars)
 Red: total SIDM fit

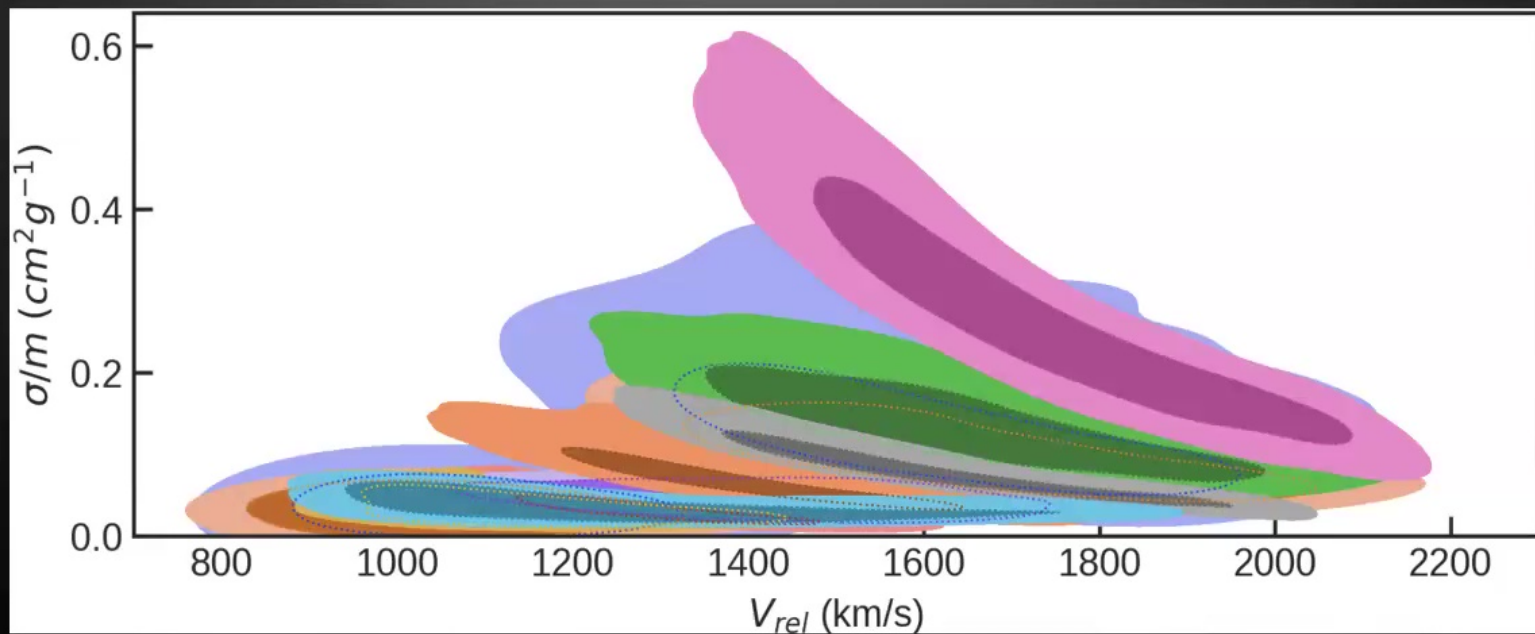
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A. Kamada et al, [arXiv:1611.02716](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.02716) (2016)

SIDM CLUSTER SCALE CONSTRAINTS

CLUSTERS REQUIRE $\leq 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

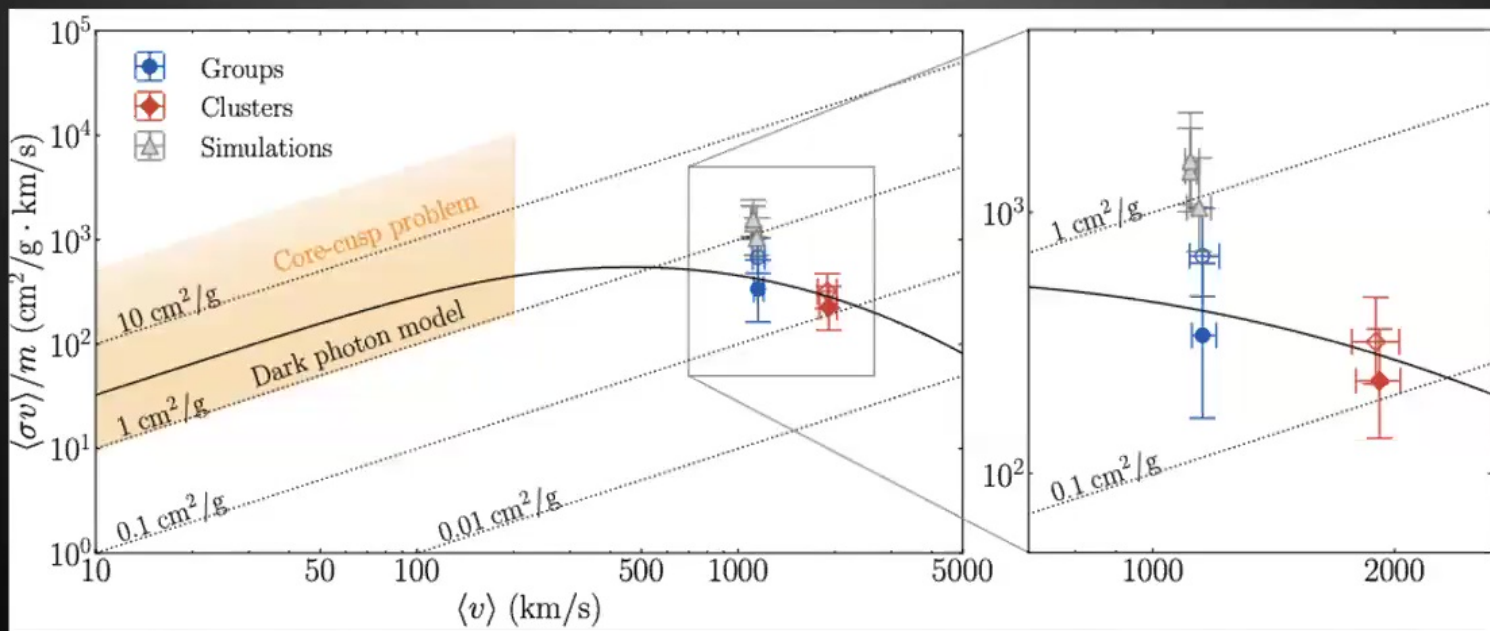


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K. Andrade, SGN, et al, [arXiv:2012.06611v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.06611v3) (2021)

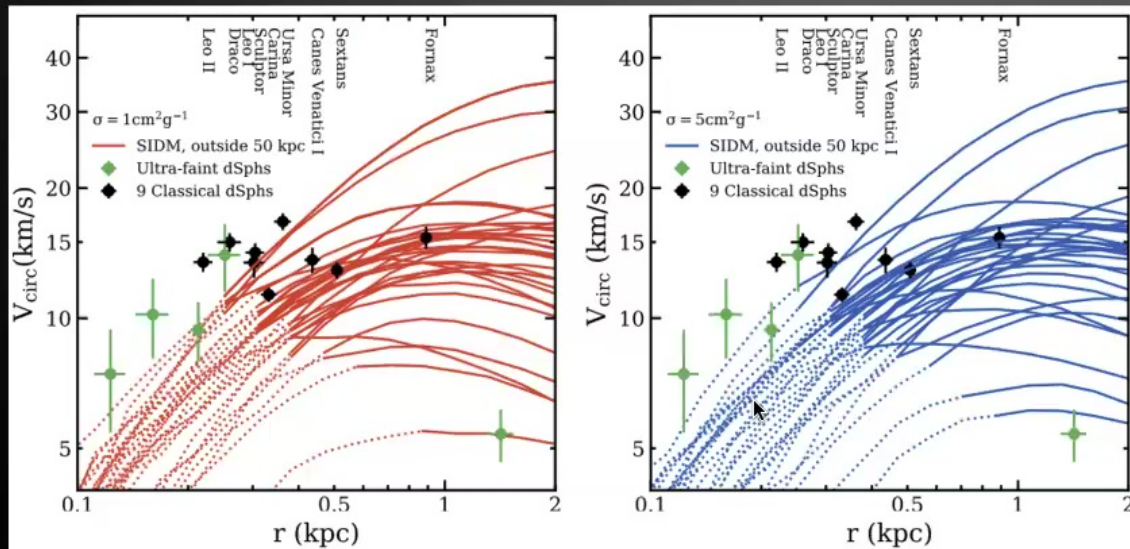
VELOCITY DEPENDENCE OF SIDM

$m_\chi = 15 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_\phi = 11 \text{ MeV}$



L. Sagunski, SGN, et al, [arXiv:2006.12515v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.12515v1) (2021)

SIDM CORE COLLAPSE



M. Silverman et al, [arXiv:2203.10104v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.10104v2) (2022)

- ❖ DWARFS DENSER THAN SIMULATIONS WITH CROSS-SECTIONS OF 1 AND 5 cm^2/g
- ❖ EVIDENCE OF CORE COLLAPSE
 - NEED LARGER CROSS-SECTIONS $> 50 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$
 - REQUIRE VELOCITY DEPENDENT CROSS-SECTION

GRAVOTHERMAL FLUID EQUATIONS

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial r} = 4\pi r^2 \rho$$

- MASS CONTINUITY
 - MASS CONSERVATION

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v^2)}{\partial r} = -G \frac{M\rho}{r^2}$$

- HYDROSTATIC EQUILIBRIUM
 - PRESSURE AND GRAVITY BALANCED

$$\frac{L}{4\pi r^2} = -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}$$

- THERMAL CONDUCTION
 - GOVERNS HEAT FLUX THROUGH HALO

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial r} = -4\pi r^2 \rho v^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_M \log \left(\frac{v^3}{\rho} \right)$$

- FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS
 - RELATES GRADIENT OF HEAT FLUX TO THE ENTROPY

GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION

❖ HEAT TRANSPORT FROM WARM OUTER HALO TO COOL CORE

➤ CORE GROWTH

❖ HEAT TRANSPORT FROM HOTTER INNER CORE TO COOLER OUTER HALO

➤ CORE COLLAPSE

❖ NEGATIVE HEAT CAPACITY → RUNAWAY COLLAPSE

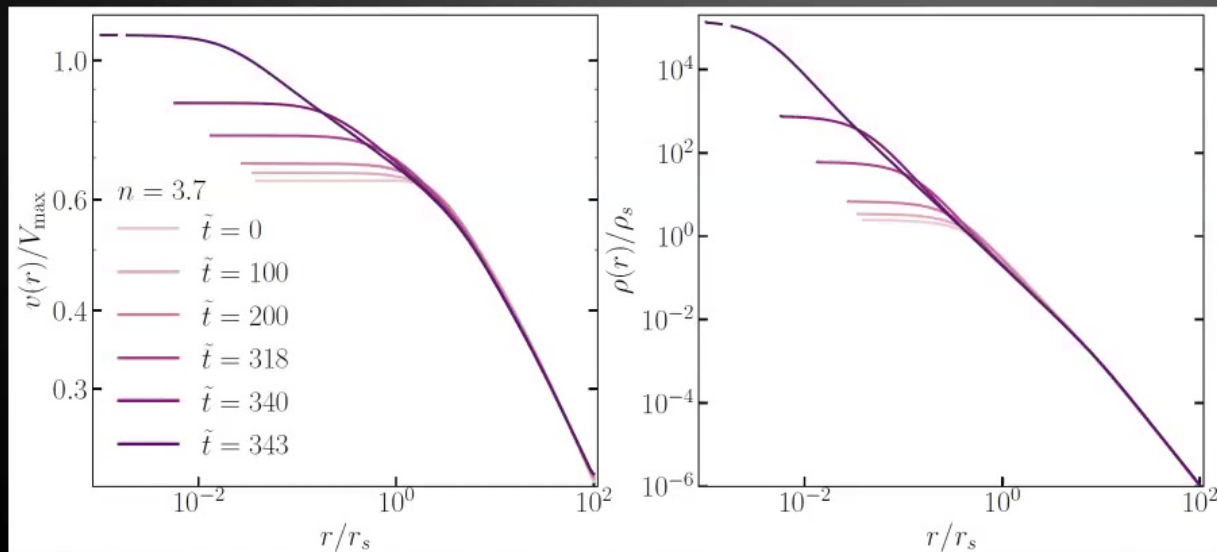
❖ “GRAVOTHERMAL CATASTROPHE”

- LYNDEN-BELL & WOOD, [MNRAS \(1968\) 138, 495](#)

❖ CORE COLLAPSE → BLACK HOLE

- BALBERG & SHAPIRO, 2002 ([arXiv:astro-ph/0111176](#))

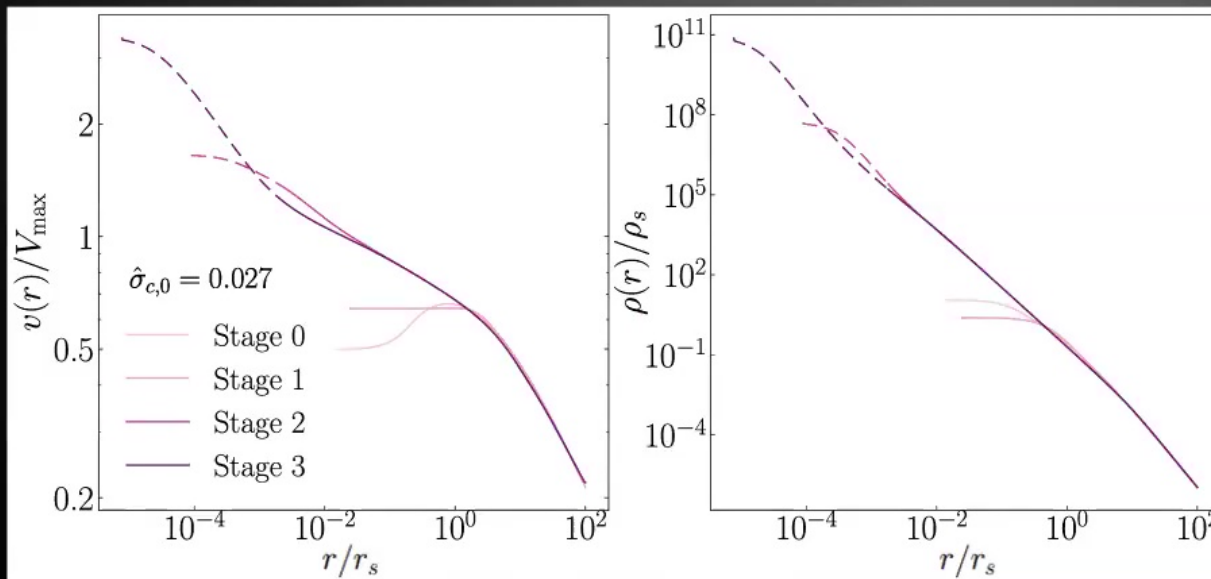
LONG MEAN FREE PATH EVOLUTION



- ❖ PARTICLES MAKE MANY ORBITS BEFORE SCATTERING
- ❖ CENTRAL DENSITY AND TEMPERATURE GROW
- ❖ CORE RADIUS SHRINKS
- ❖ SELF-SIMILAR & UNIVERSAL
- ❖ BULK OF EVOLUTION IN LMFP

N. Outmezguine, **SGN**, et al, [arXiv:2204.06568v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.06568v1) (2022)

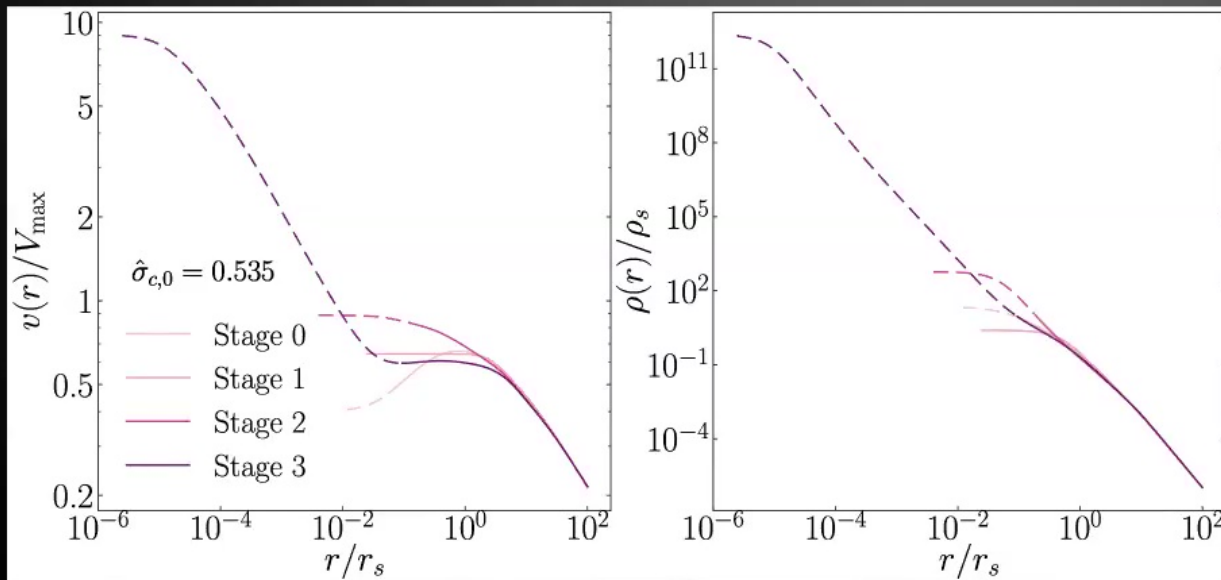
SHORT MEAN FREE PATH EVOLUTION



SGN et al, [arXiv:2312.09296](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.09296) (2023)

- ❖ PARTICLES COLLIDE MANY TIMES PER ORBIT
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- ❖ BLACK HOLE FORMATION WOULD OCCUR IN THIS REGIME

SHORT MEAN FREE PATH EVOLUTION



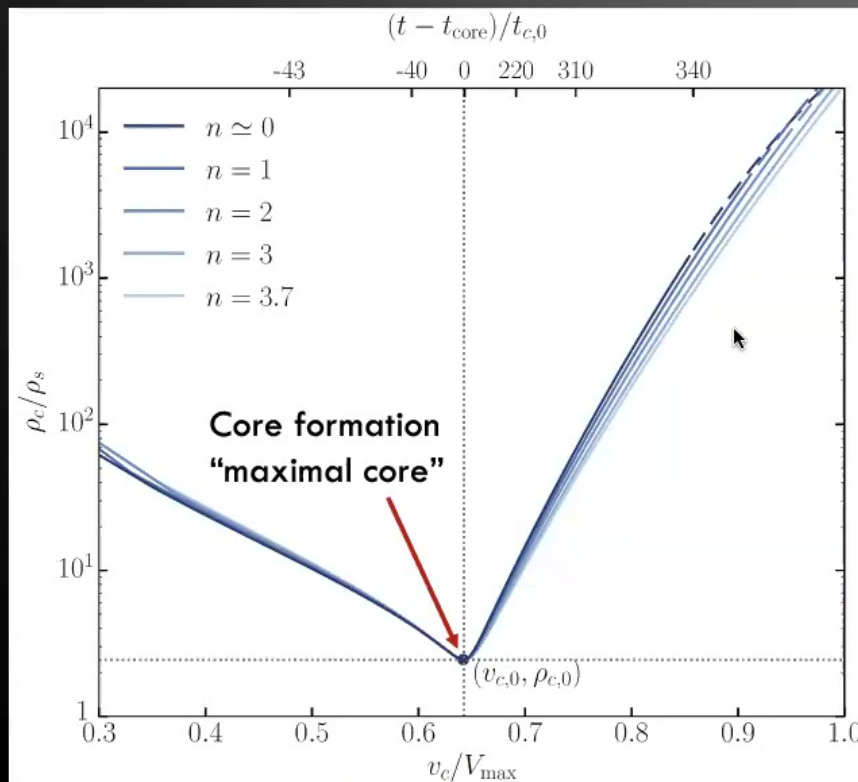
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LMFP GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION



N. Outmezguine, SGN, et al, [arXiv:2204.06568v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.06568v1) (2022)

❖ DEFINITION OF LMFP:

$$\frac{\kappa_{\text{SMFP}}}{\kappa_{\text{LMFP}}} > 1$$

❖ CONDUCTIVITY IN LMFP:

$$\kappa_{\text{LMFP}} \propto \sigma_0 K_p$$

❖ CORE FORMATION:

$$v_{c,0} = 0.64 V_{\text{max}}, \quad \rho_{c,0} = 2.4 \rho_s$$

❖ BULK OF EVOLUTION

GRAVOTHERMAL CODE

❖ SOLVE DIMENSIONLESS GRAVOTHERMAL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial \tilde{r}} = \tilde{r}^2 \tilde{\rho}, \quad \frac{\partial(\tilde{\rho} \tilde{v}^2)}{\partial \tilde{r}} = -\frac{\tilde{M} \tilde{\rho}}{\tilde{r}^2}, \quad \tilde{L} = -\tilde{r}^2 \tilde{\kappa} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}^2}{\partial \tilde{r}},$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \tilde{r}} = -\tilde{r}^2 \tilde{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{t}} \right)_{\tilde{M}} \log \left(\frac{\tilde{v}^3}{\tilde{\rho}} \right),$$

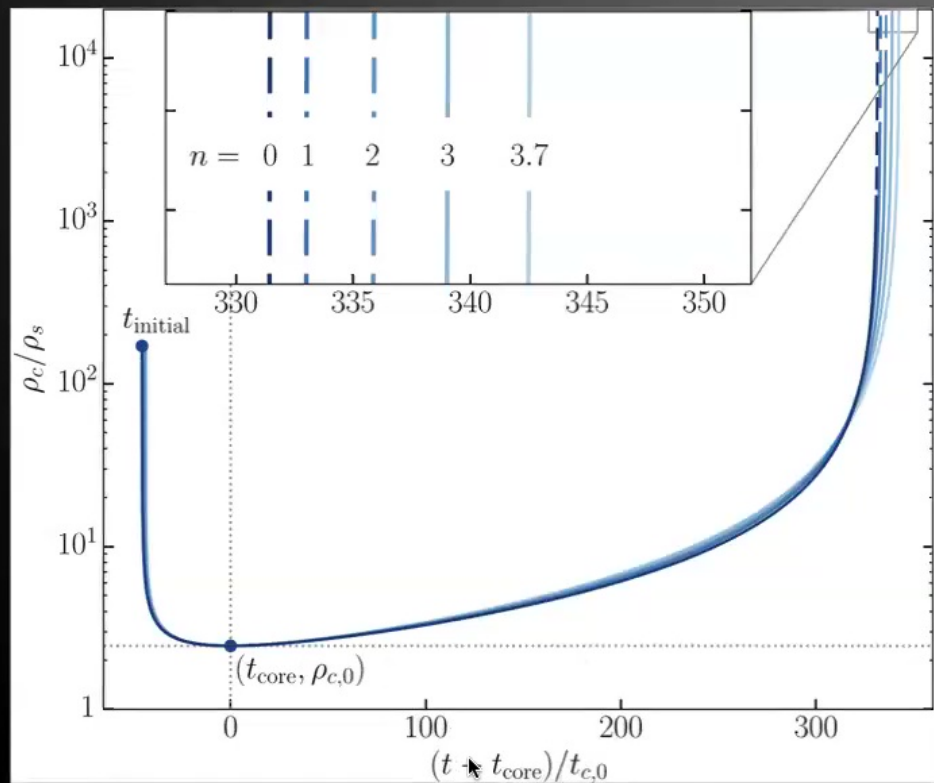
❖ VELOCITY DEPENDENCE

$$K_p = \frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{visc}} v_{\text{rel}}^p \rangle}{\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \langle \sigma_{\text{visc}} v_{\text{rel}}^p \rangle}$$

❖ DIMENSIONLESS CROSS SECTION

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{aC}{b} K_3 \left(\frac{1}{\hat{w}} \right) K_5 \left(\frac{1}{\hat{w}} \right) \left(\frac{M_N}{4\pi r_N^2} \frac{\sigma_0}{m_{\text{dm}}} \right)^2, \quad \hat{w} = \frac{w}{v_N}.$$

LMFP UNIVERSALITY



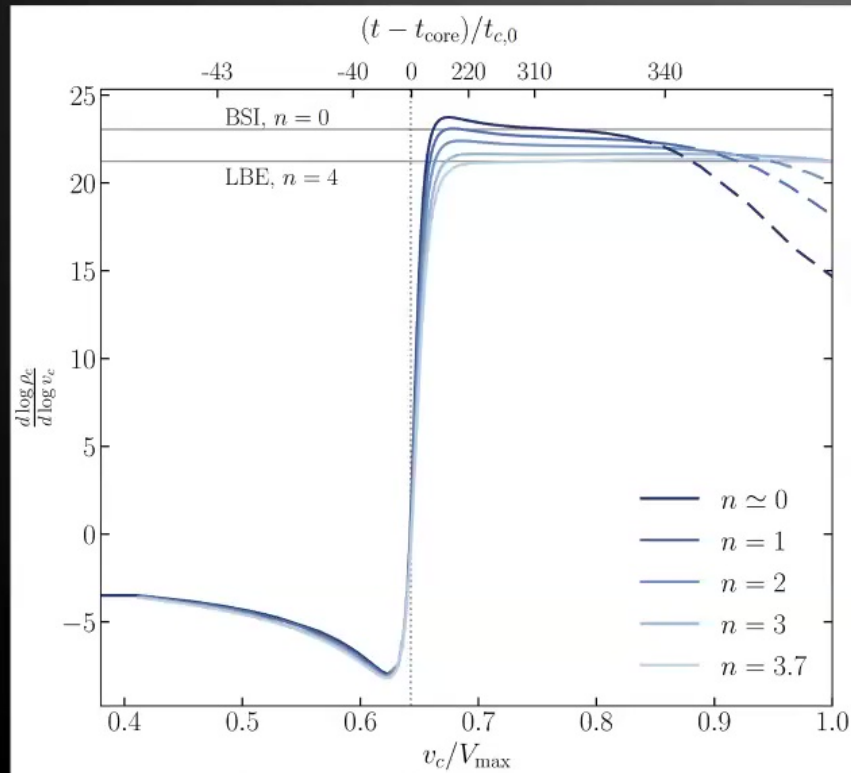
❖ SCATTERING TIMESCALE:

$$t_{c,0} = \frac{2}{3aC} \left(\rho_{c,0} \frac{\sigma_0}{m_{\text{dm}}} v_{c,0} K_5 \left(\frac{v_{c,0}}{w} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

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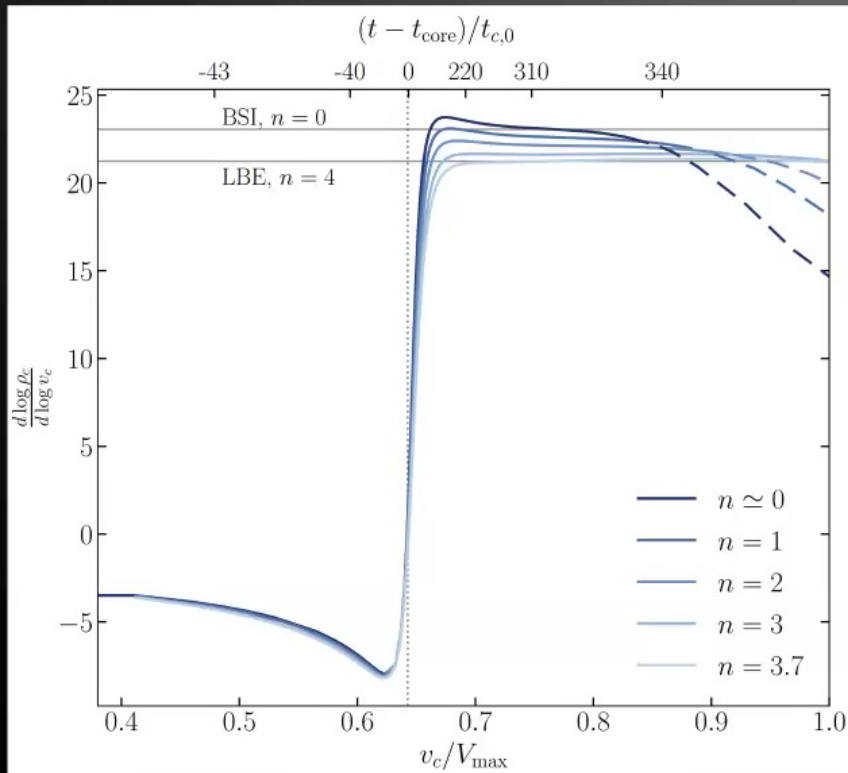
❖ COLLAPSE TIMESCALE:

$$\frac{d \log \tilde{\rho}_c}{d \log \tilde{v}_c} = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha - 2}$$

$$\tilde{t}_{\text{coll}} = \frac{1}{c_1} \frac{6 - \alpha}{(3\alpha - 2) - n(\alpha - 2)}$$

$$t_{\text{coll}} \sim 335 t_{c,0}$$

LMFP UNIVERSALITY



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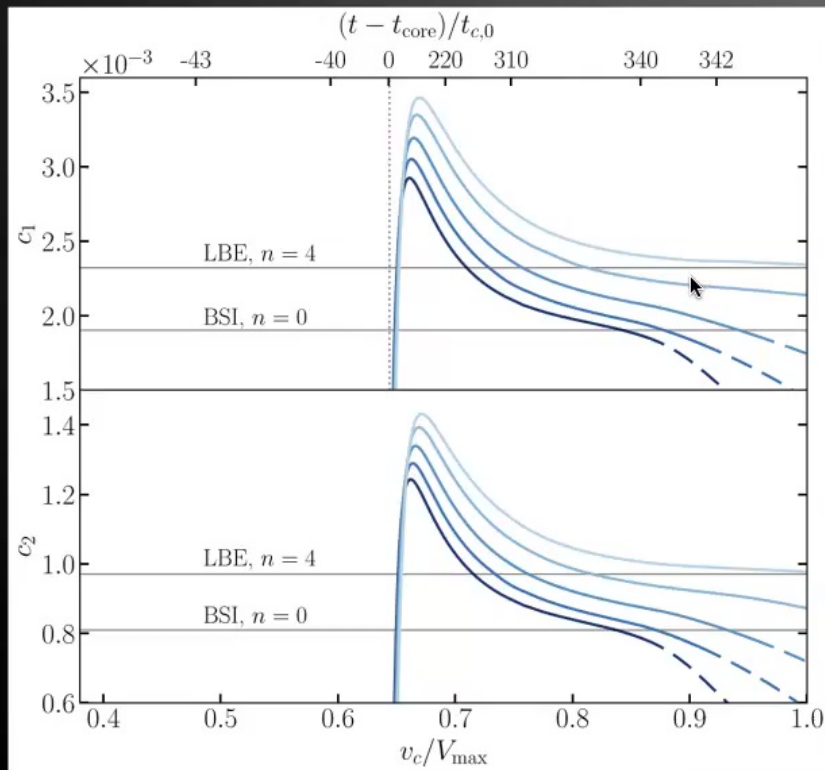
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RELATING LS TRANSITION TO CORE FORMATION

❖ CENTRAL DISPERSION $\frac{v_{c,LS}}{v_{c,0}} \simeq \hat{\sigma}_{c,0}^{-1/\delta}$ $\delta = 1 - \bar{n} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 2}$

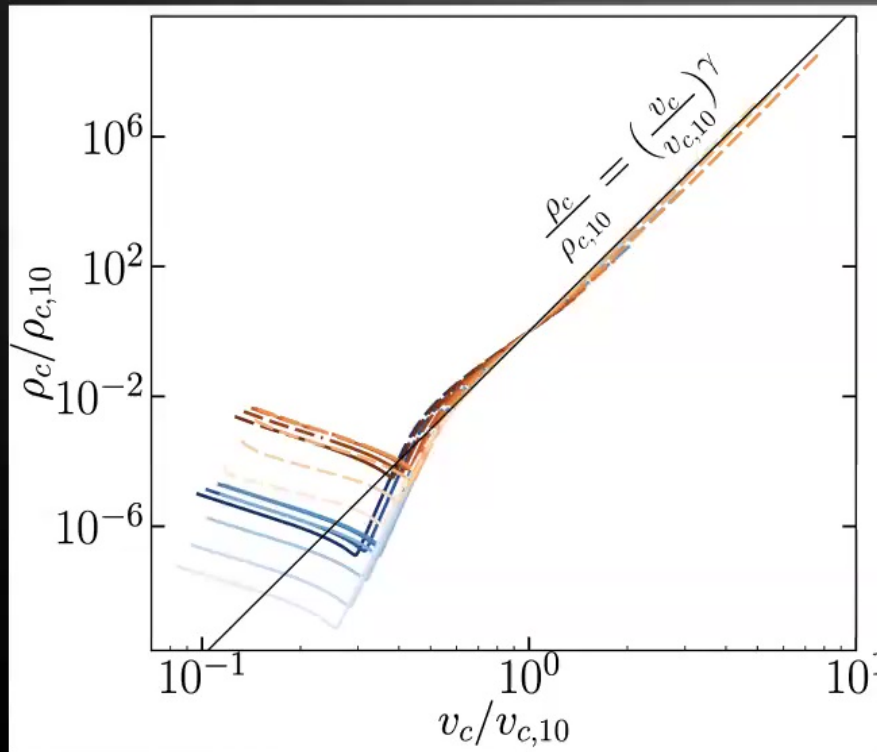
❖ CENTRAL DENSITY $\frac{\rho_{c,LS}}{\rho_{c,0}} \simeq \left(\frac{v_{c,LS}}{v_{c,0}} \right)^{2\alpha/(\alpha-2)}$

❖ CORE MASS $\frac{M_{c,LS}}{M_{c,0}} \simeq \left(\frac{v_{c,LS}}{v_{c,0}} \right)^{\frac{6-2\alpha}{2-\alpha}}$

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SHORT MEAN FREE PATH REGIME:
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SMFP GRAVOTHERMAL EVOLUTION



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- ❖ DEFINITION OF SMFP: $\frac{\kappa_{\text{SMFP}}}{\kappa_{\text{LMFP}}} < 1$
- ❖ CONDUCTIVITY IN SMFP: $\kappa_{\text{SMFP}} \propto (\sigma_0 K_p)^{-1}$
- ❖ SMFP TIMESCALE: $t_{\text{SMFP}} = \frac{\sigma_0 K_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}(v_c) v_c}{2\pi b G m_{\text{dm}}}$

GRAVOTHERMAL METHODS

❖ SIMILAR TO LMFP

❖ DIFFERENCES:

❖ LMFP, RUTHERFORD SCATTERING $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\sigma_0}{4\pi} \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{w^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{-2}$

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❖ INCREASE IN RESOLUTION

❖ 400 SHELLS → 450 SHELLS, PROBED SMALLER

RADII

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SIDM SCATTERING

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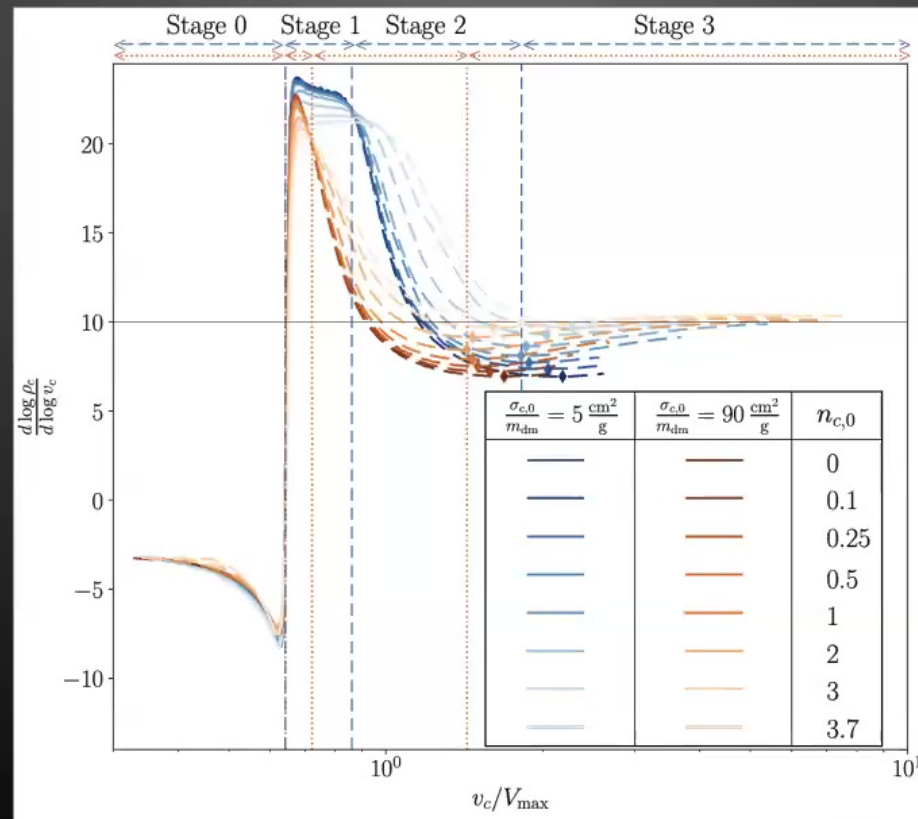
$$\sigma_T = \int d\Omega (1 - \cos \theta) \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

❖ VISCOSITY CROSS SECTION

- REGULATES FORWARD AND BACKWARD SCATTERING

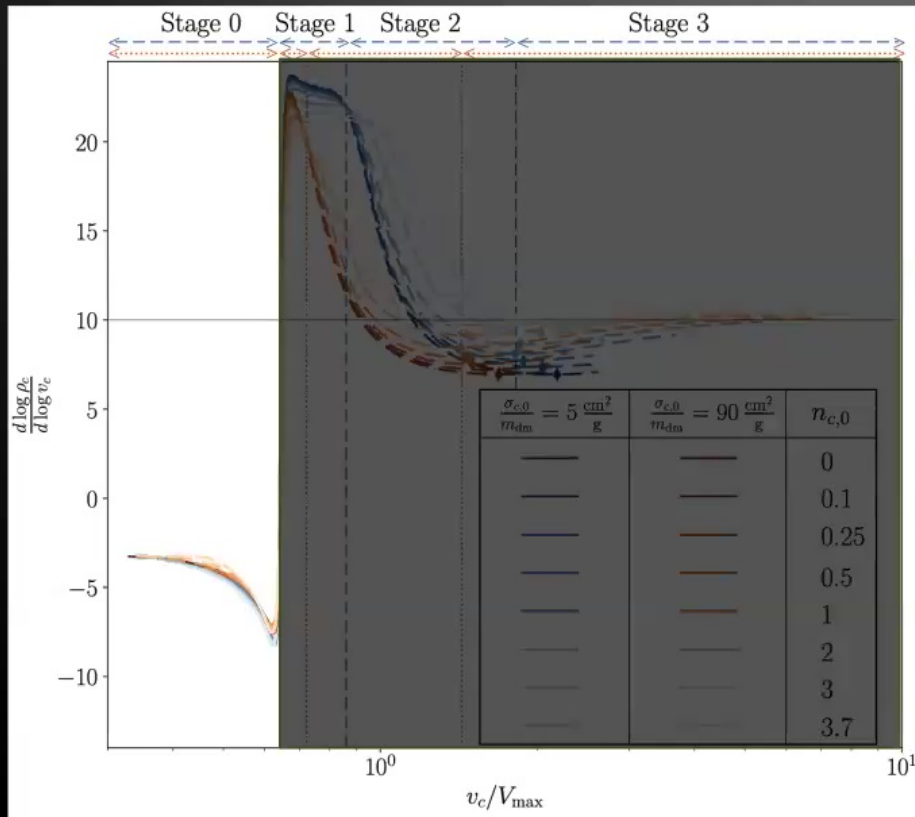
$$\sigma_V = \int d\Omega \sin^2 \theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

STAGES OF EVOLUTION



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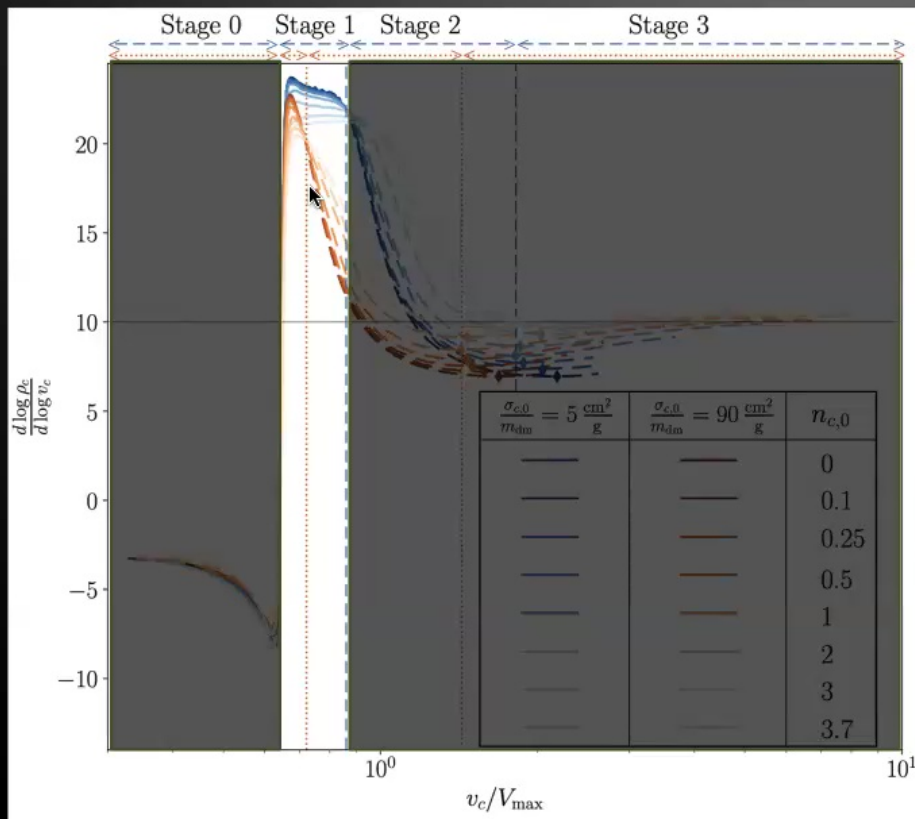
STAGE 0



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- ❖ CORE EXPANSION PHASE
- ❖ SOLUTION TO CORE-CUSP PROBLEM
- ❖ RADIUS INCREASES
- ❖ DENSITY DECREASES
- ❖ ENDS AT CORE FORMATION

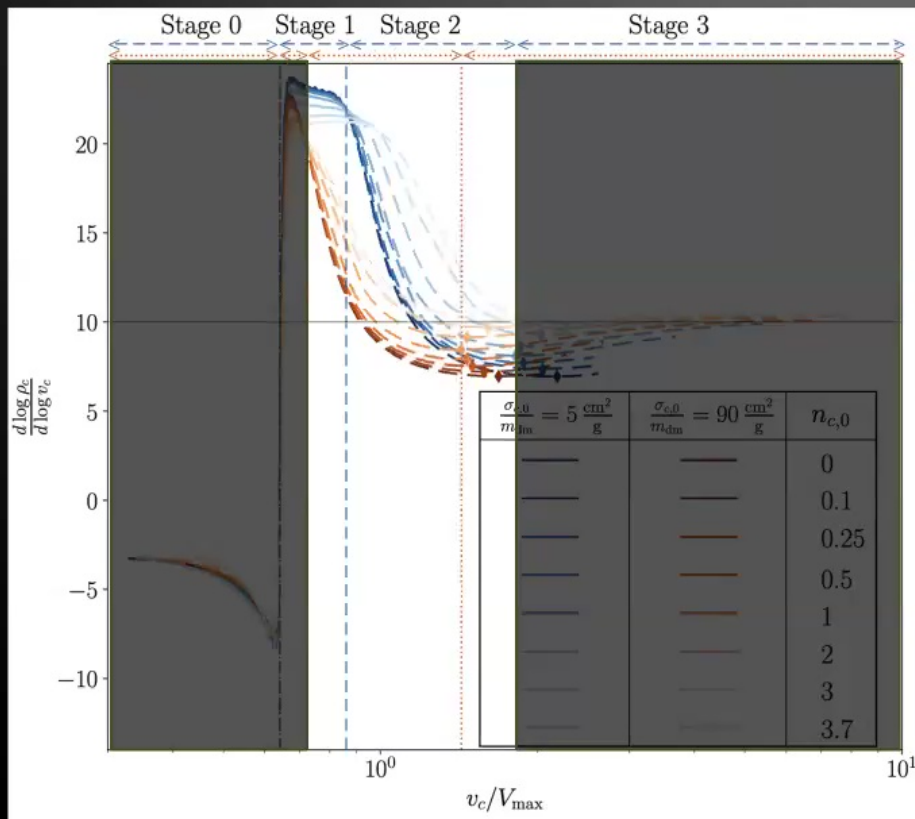
STAGE 1



- ❖ CORE CONTRACTION PHASE
- ❖ OCCURS AFTER CORE FORMATION
- ❖ RADIUS DECREASES
- ❖ DENSITY INCREASES
- ❖ ONSET OF LMFP EVOLUTION
 - ❖ SELF-SIMILARITY
 - ❖ LMFP UNIVERSALITY

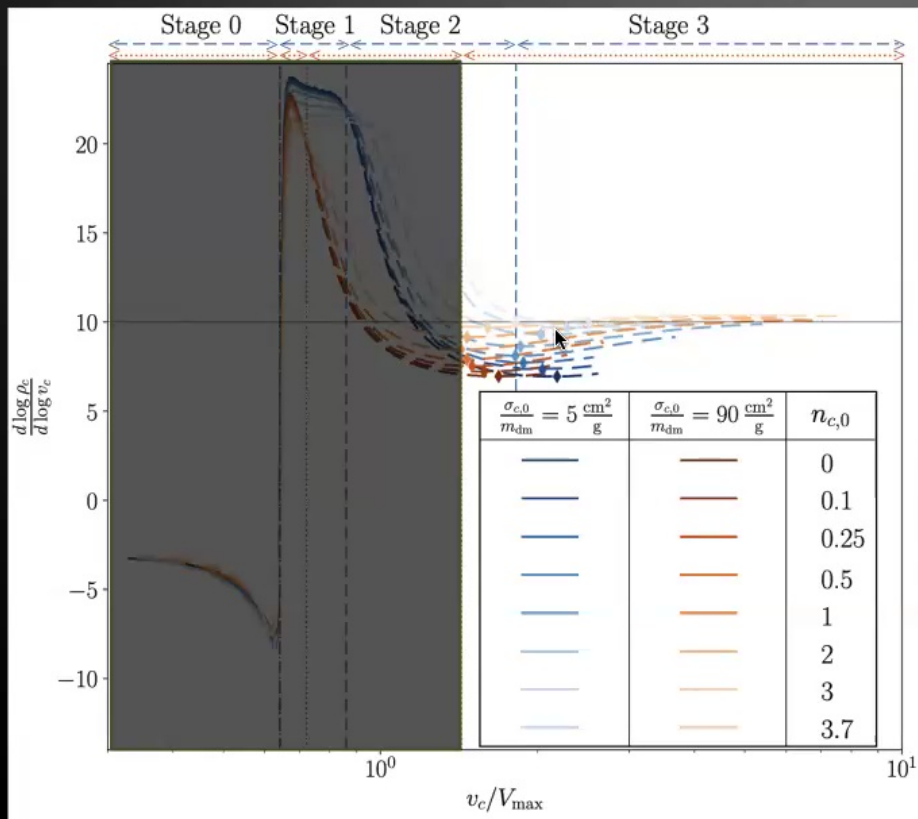
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STAGE 2



- ❖ UNORGANIZABLE PHASE
- ❖ DEPARTURE FROM LMFP SELF-SIMILARITY AND UNIVERSALITY

STAGE 3



❖ CONSTANT THERMAL ENERGY PHASE

❖ NEW SMFP UNIVERSALITY

❖ CURVES TEND TO SLOPE

$$\gamma \approx 10 \quad \frac{d \log \rho_c}{d \log v_c} = \gamma$$

❖ LS TRANSITION RELATED TO STAGE 3

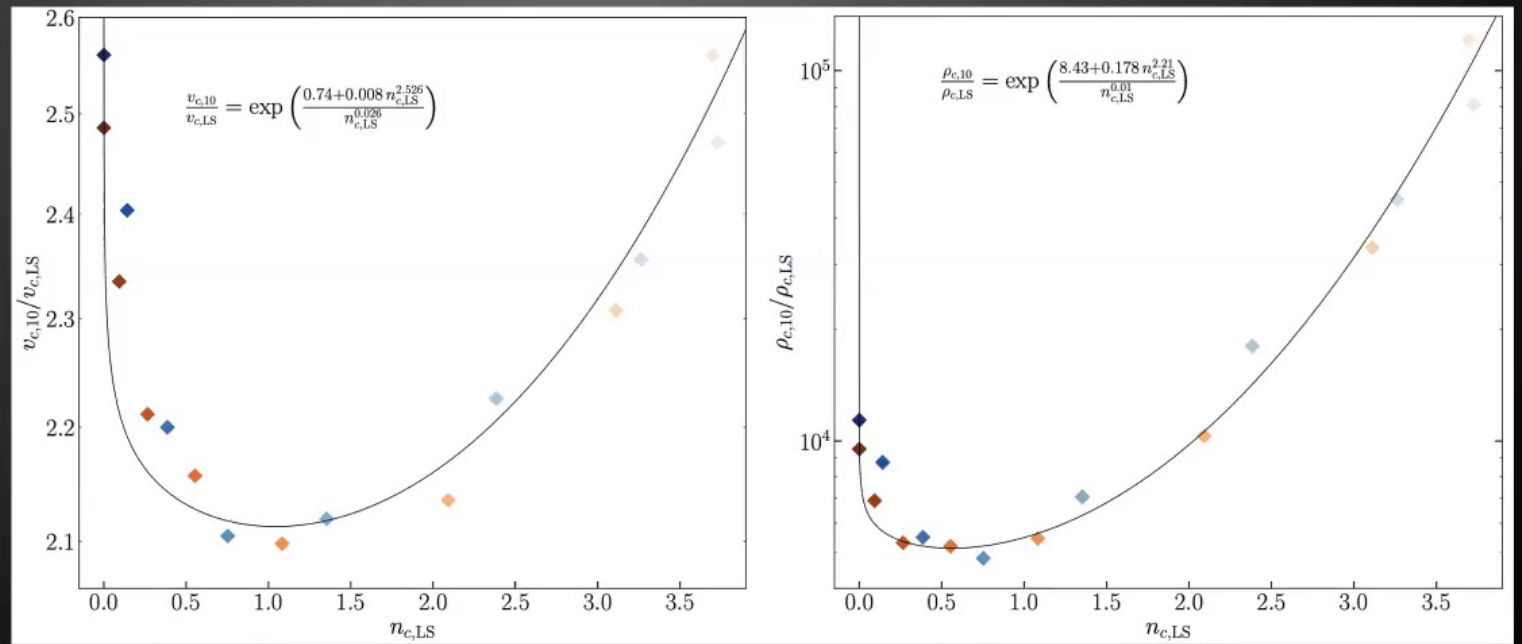
PARAMETERS → SEMI-ANALYTIC

RELATING LS PARAMETERS TO STAGE 3

$$n = -\frac{d \log K}{d \log v_N}$$

$$\frac{v_{c,LS}}{v_{c,0}} \simeq \hat{\sigma}_{c,0}^{-1/\delta}$$

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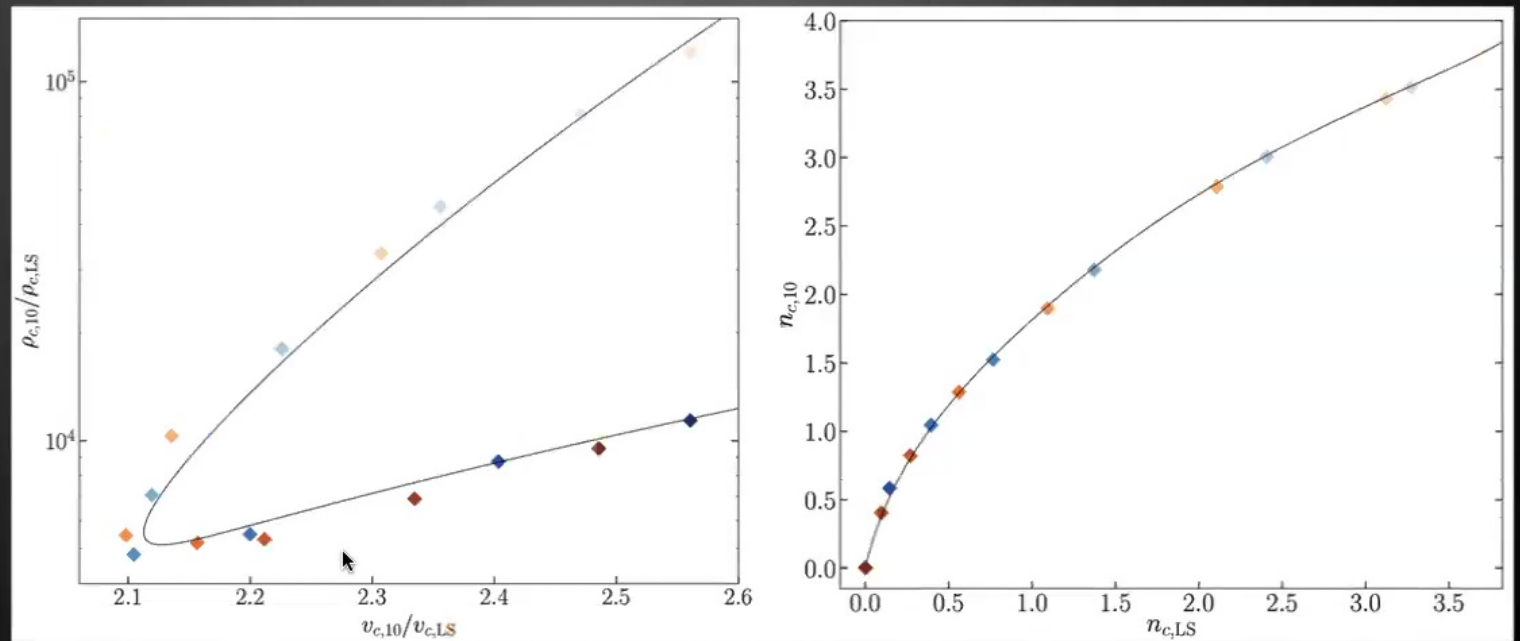
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RELATING LS PARAMETERS TO STAGE 3

$$n(v_c) \rightarrow v_c = f(n),$$

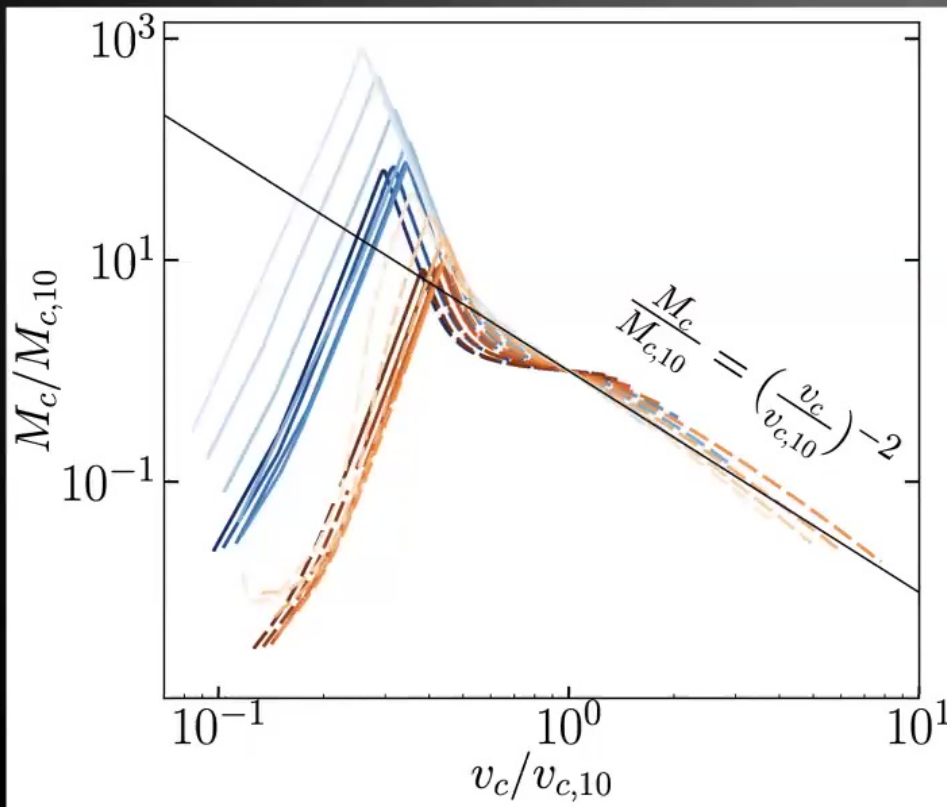
$$\frac{v_{c,10}}{v_{c,LS}} = \frac{f(n_{c,10})}{f(n_{c,LS})},$$

$$n_{c,LS} = n \left[\frac{v_{c,10}}{v_{c,LS}} f(n_{c,10}) \right], \quad n[f(x)] = x$$



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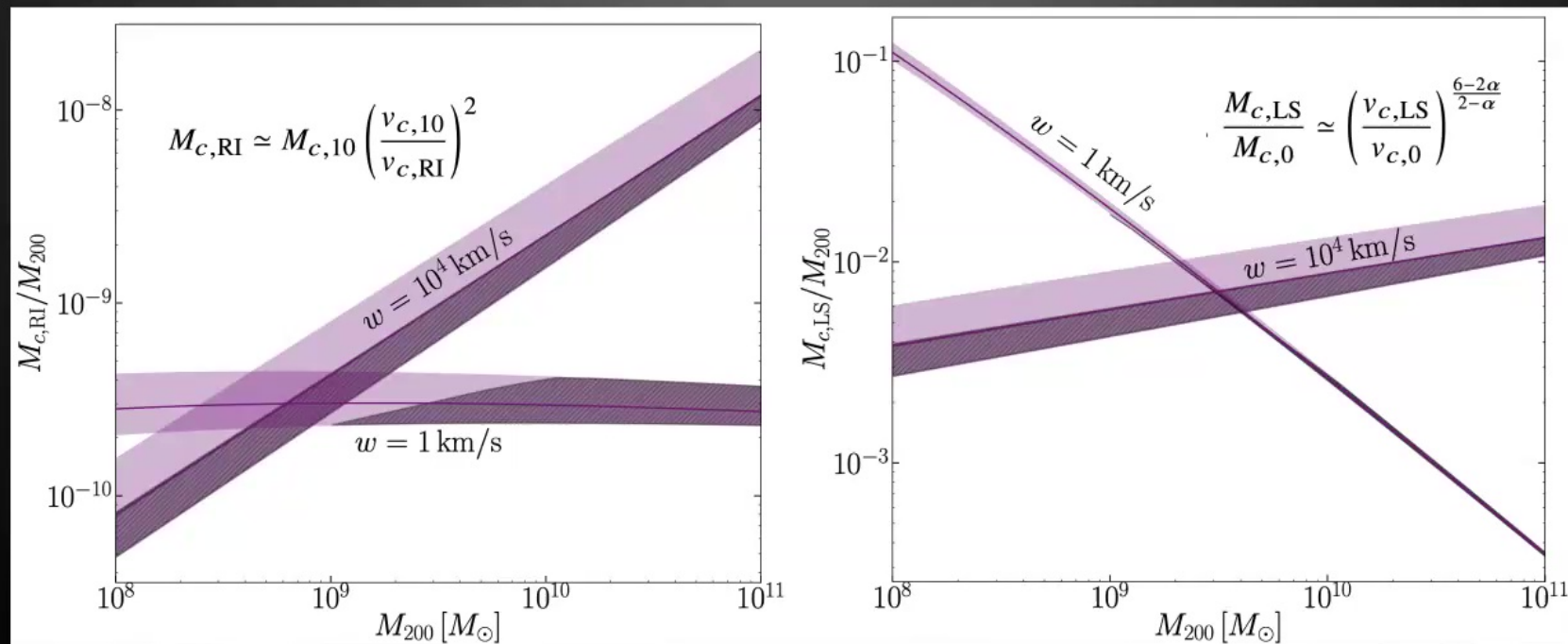
EVOLUTION OF CORE MASS IN STAGE 3



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- ❖ SMFP CORE MASS EVOLVES AS v_c^{-2}
- ❖ USE TO EXTRAPOLATE TO THE RELATIVISTIC INSTABILITY

SEMI-ANALYTIC RECIPE FOR CORE MASS LIMITS

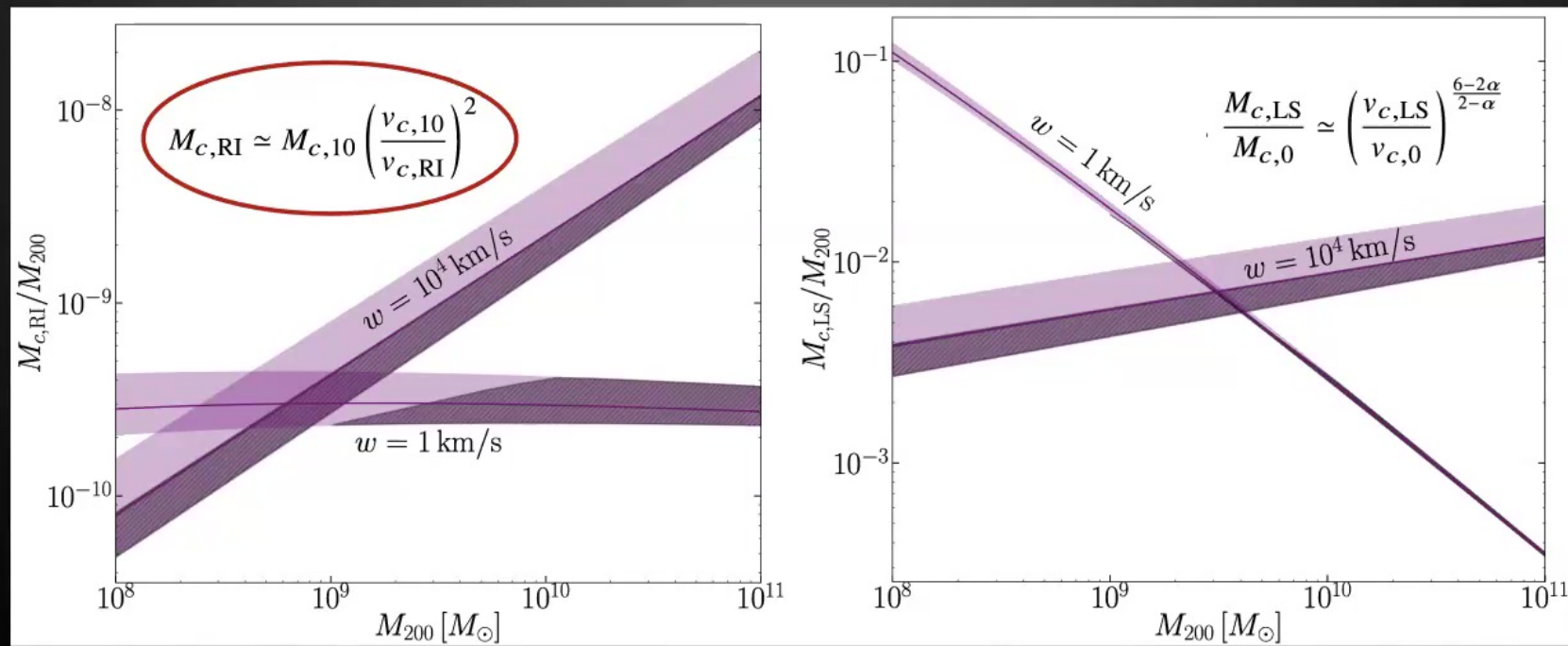


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100 cm²/g at v=20 km/s

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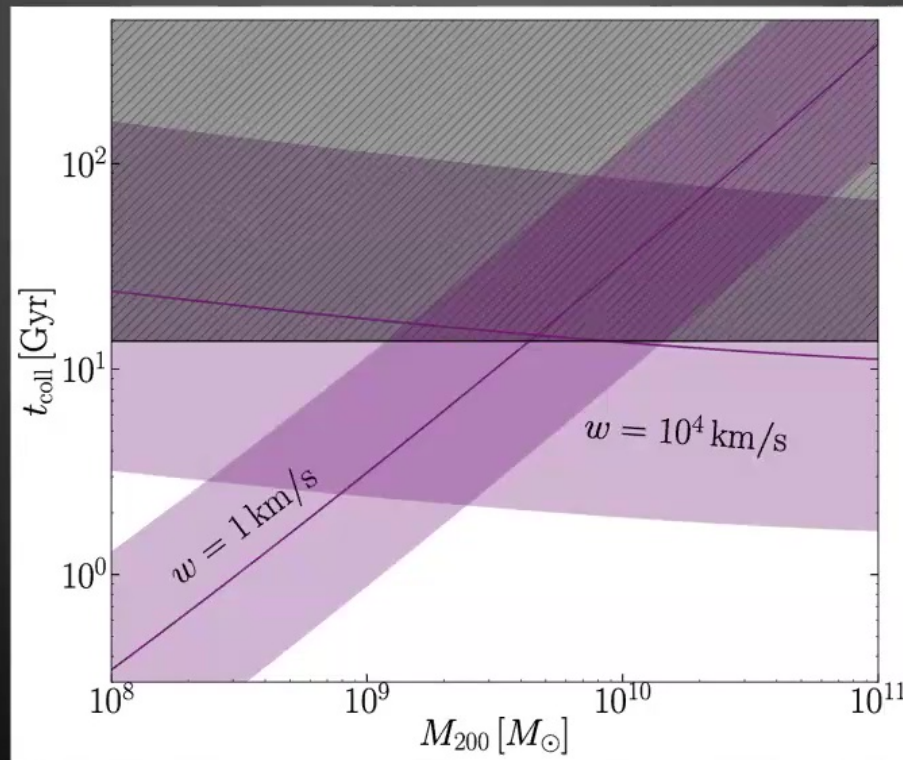


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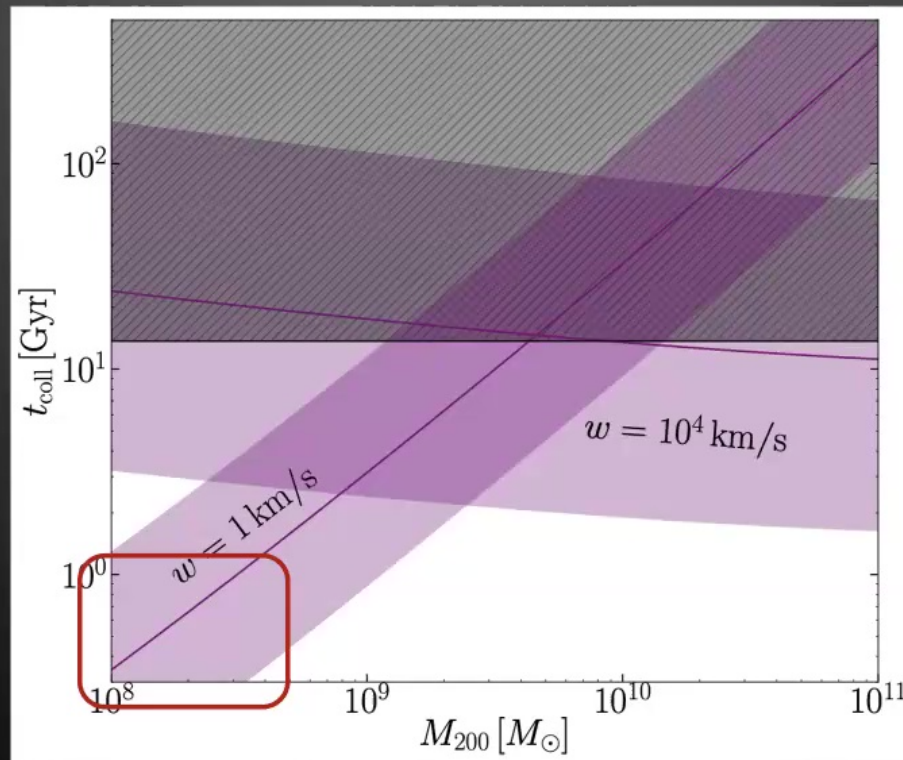
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THINGS TO NOTE

- ❖ ISOLATED HALOS
- ❖ ELASTIC SCATTERING
- ❖ BORN APPROXIMATION
- ❖ DARK MATTER ONLY
 - ❖ BARYONS AND COOLING ACCELERATE COLLAPSE
 - ❖ LOOKING INTO COOLING

SUMMARY AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ❖ SIDM IS A VIABLE DARK MATTER MODEL
- ❖ LMFP EVOLUTION: SELF-SIMILAR SOLUTION AND UNIVERSAL SOLUTION
- ❖ SMFP EVOLUTION: NEWFOUND UNIVERSALITY
- ❖ SEMI-ANALYTIC PREDICTION OF STAGE 3 CORE PROPERTIES
 - * NO GRAVOTHERMAL CODE NEEDED
 - * BETTER BLACK HOLE MASS ESTIMATES

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

HEATING VS COOLING

