

Dark Matter Superfluidity

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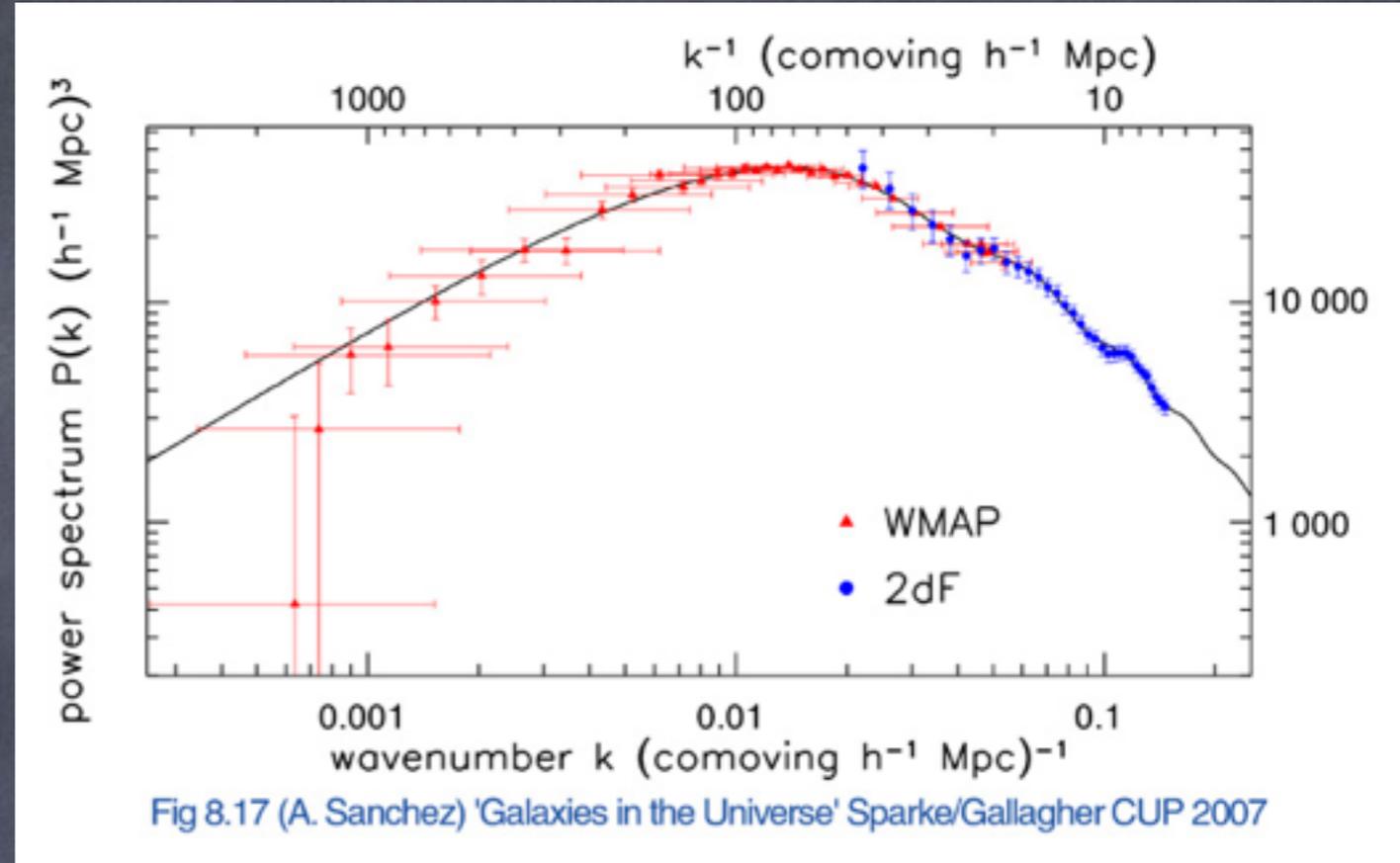
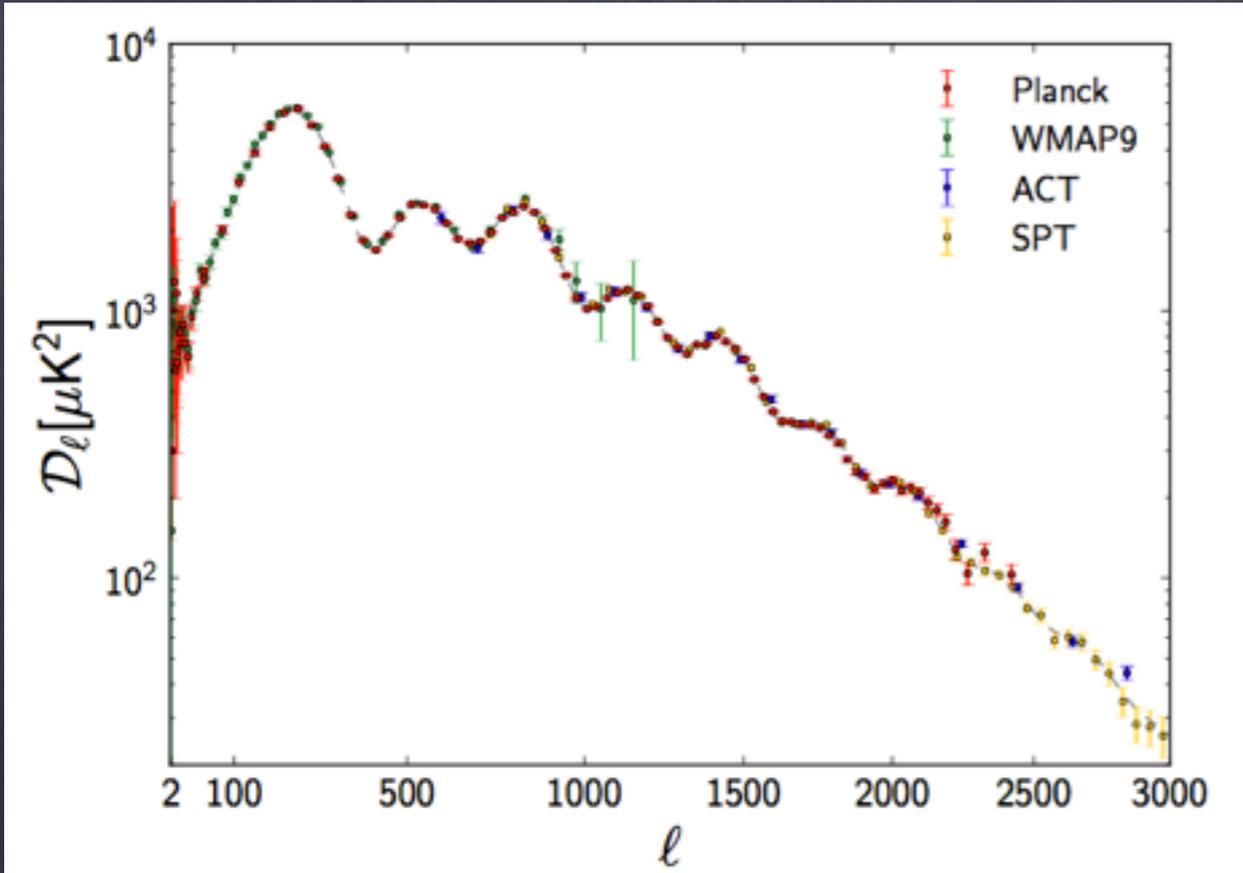


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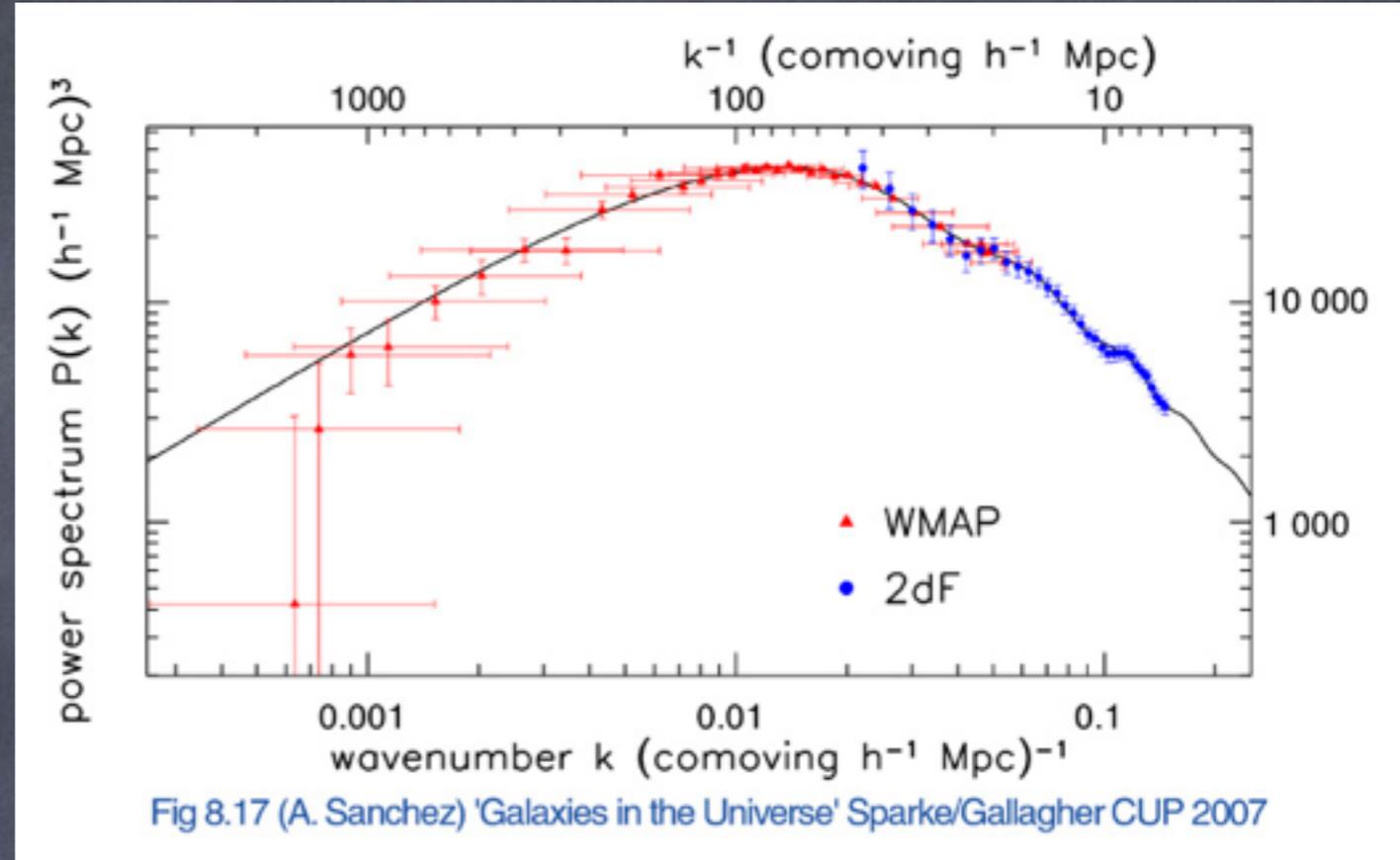
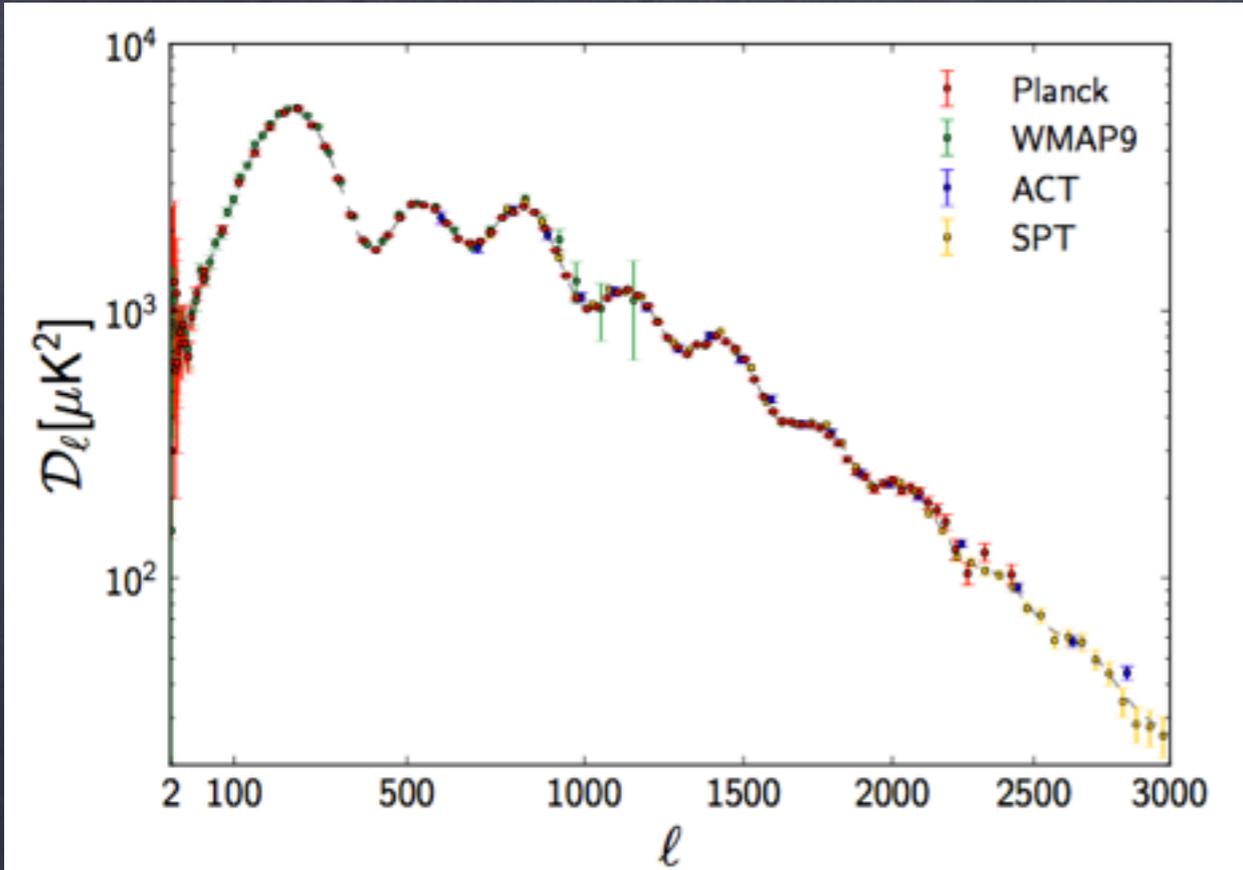


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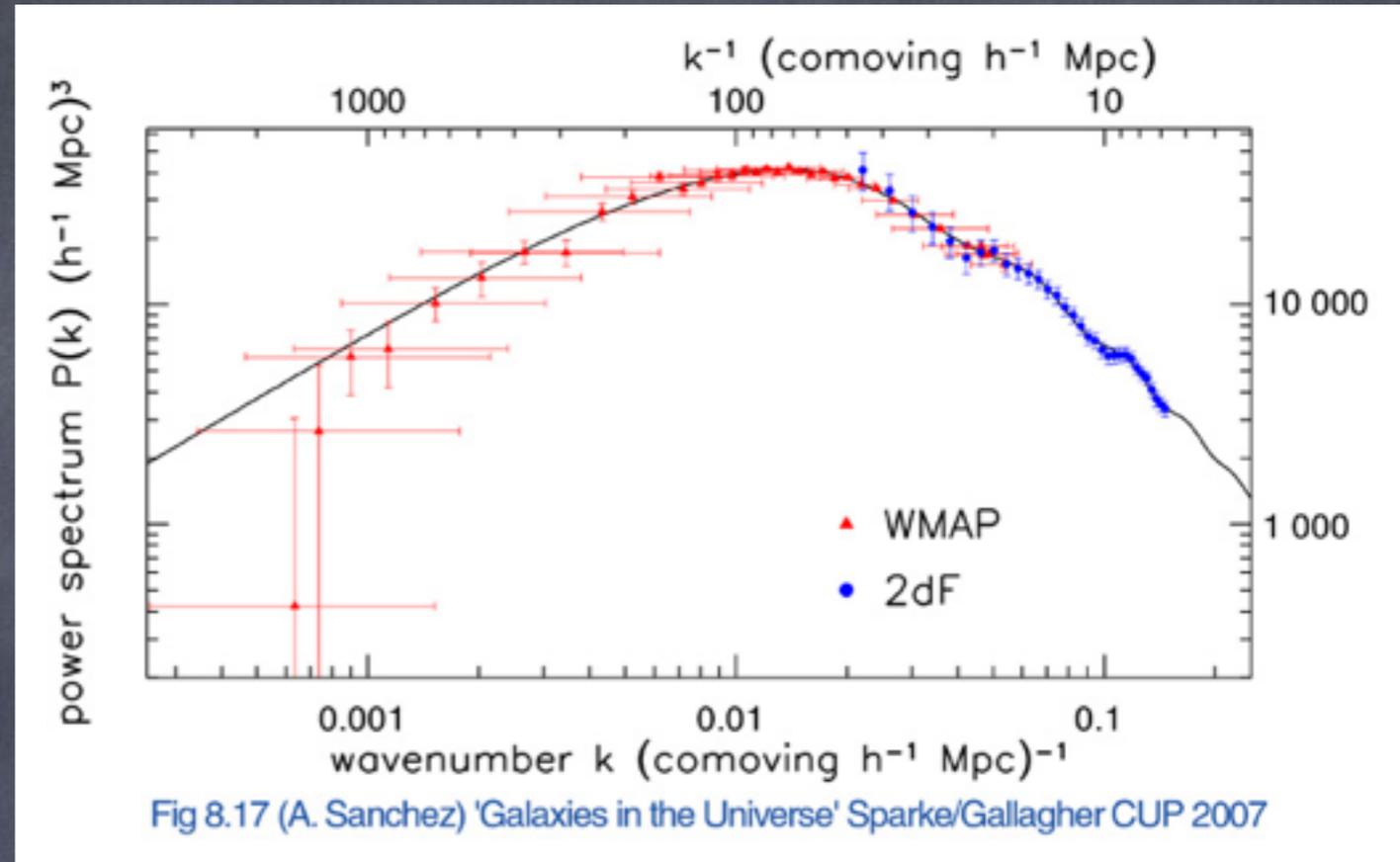
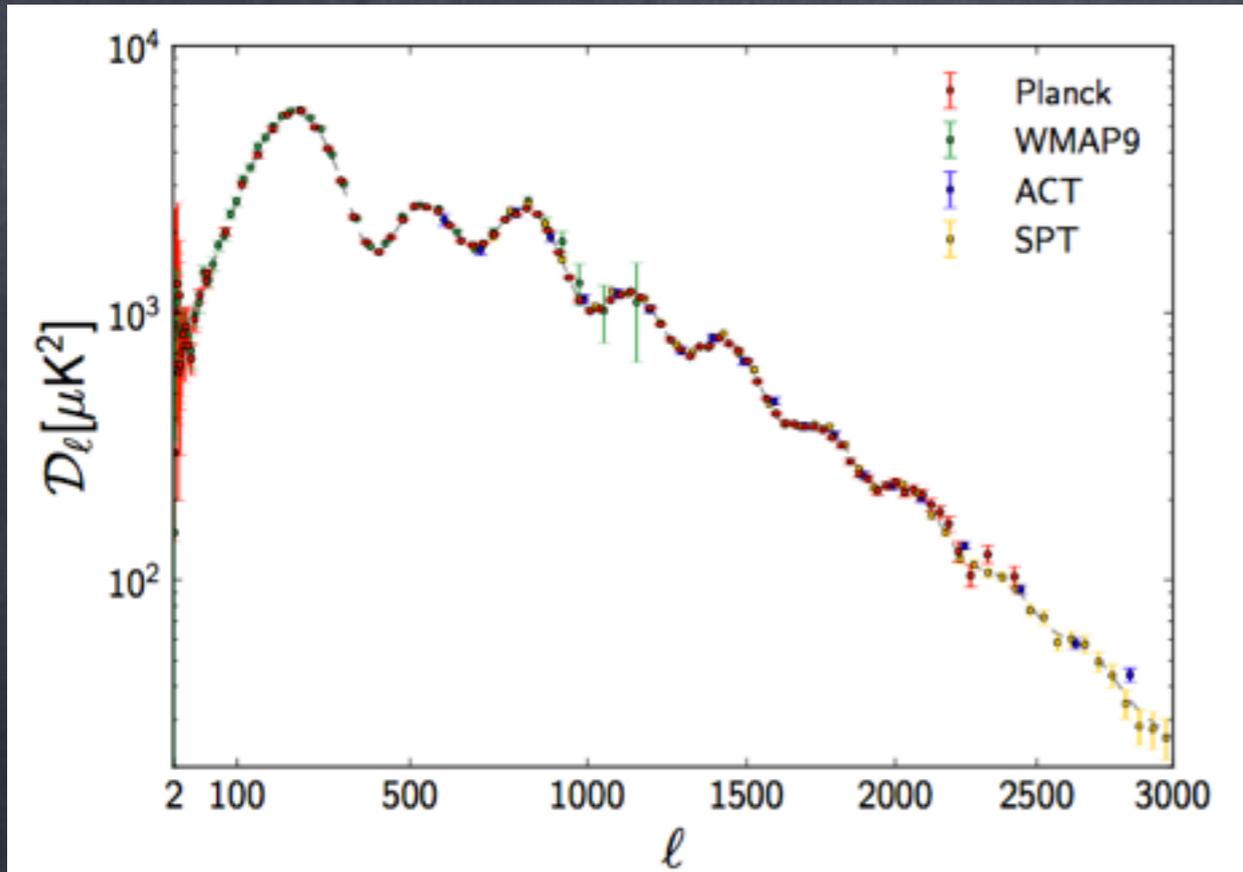


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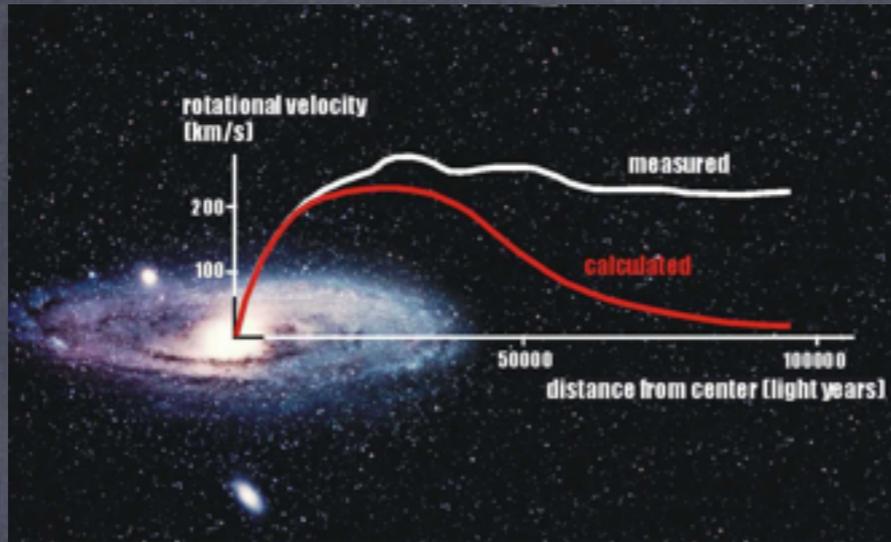
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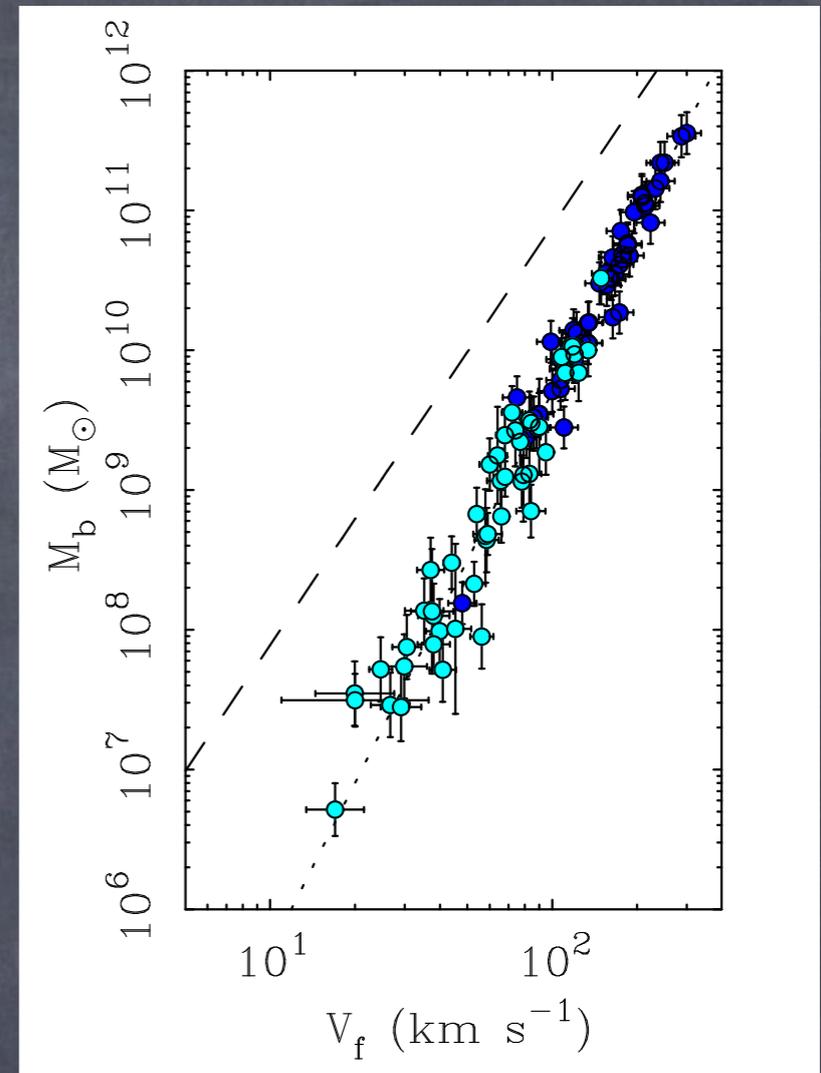
\implies Any perfect fluid with $P \simeq 0$ and $c_s \simeq 0$ does the job.

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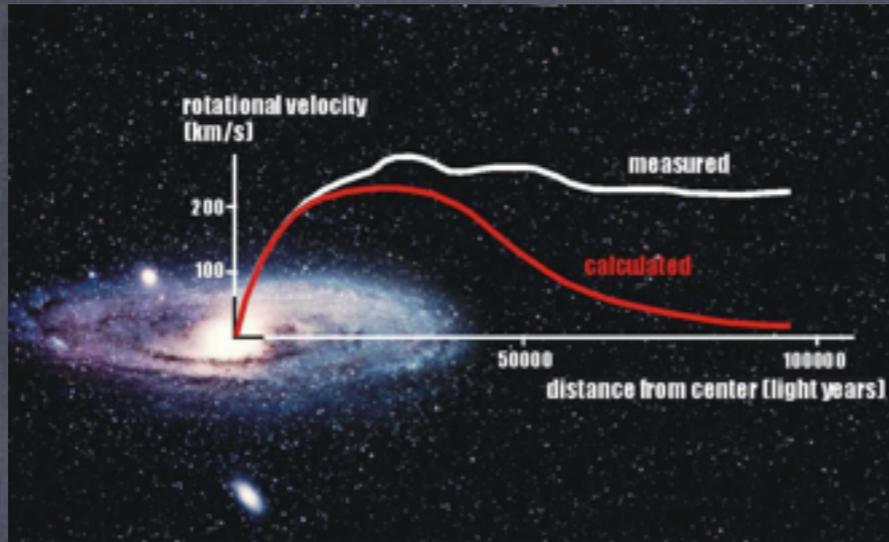


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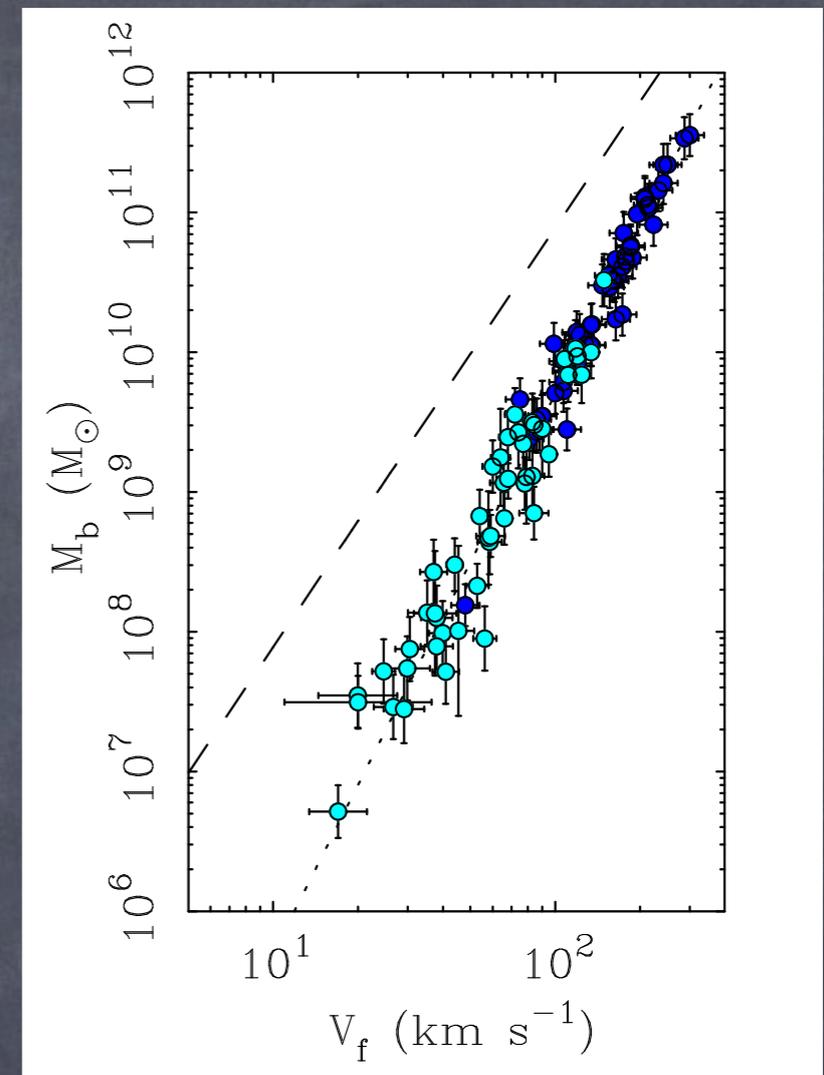


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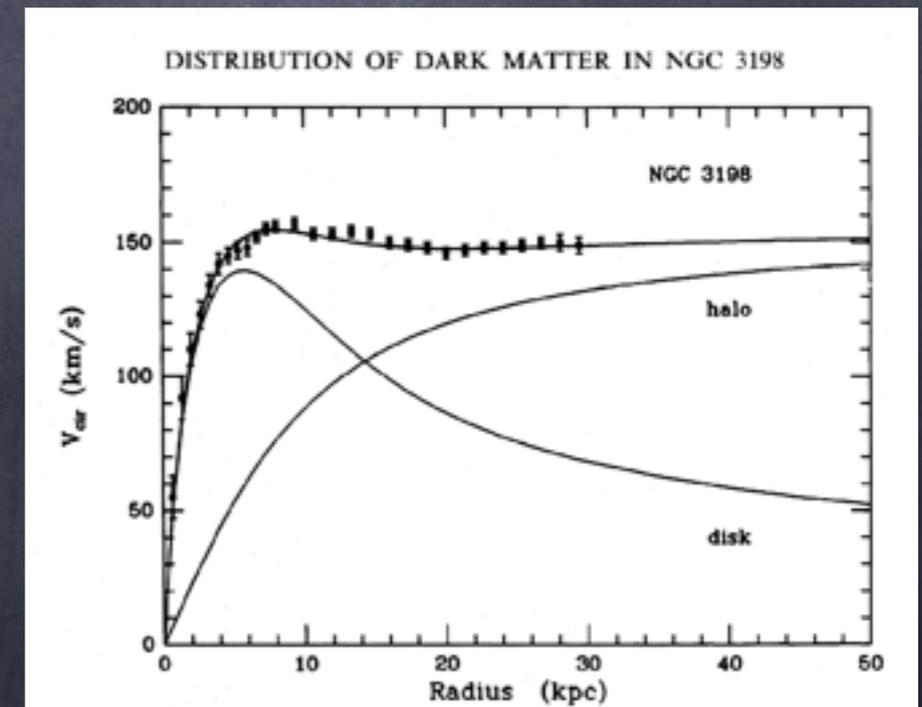
- Flat rotation curves

$$\rho(r) \sim \frac{1}{r^2}$$

isothermal

N-body sims:
$$\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{\frac{r}{r_s} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

Navarro, Frenk & White (1996)



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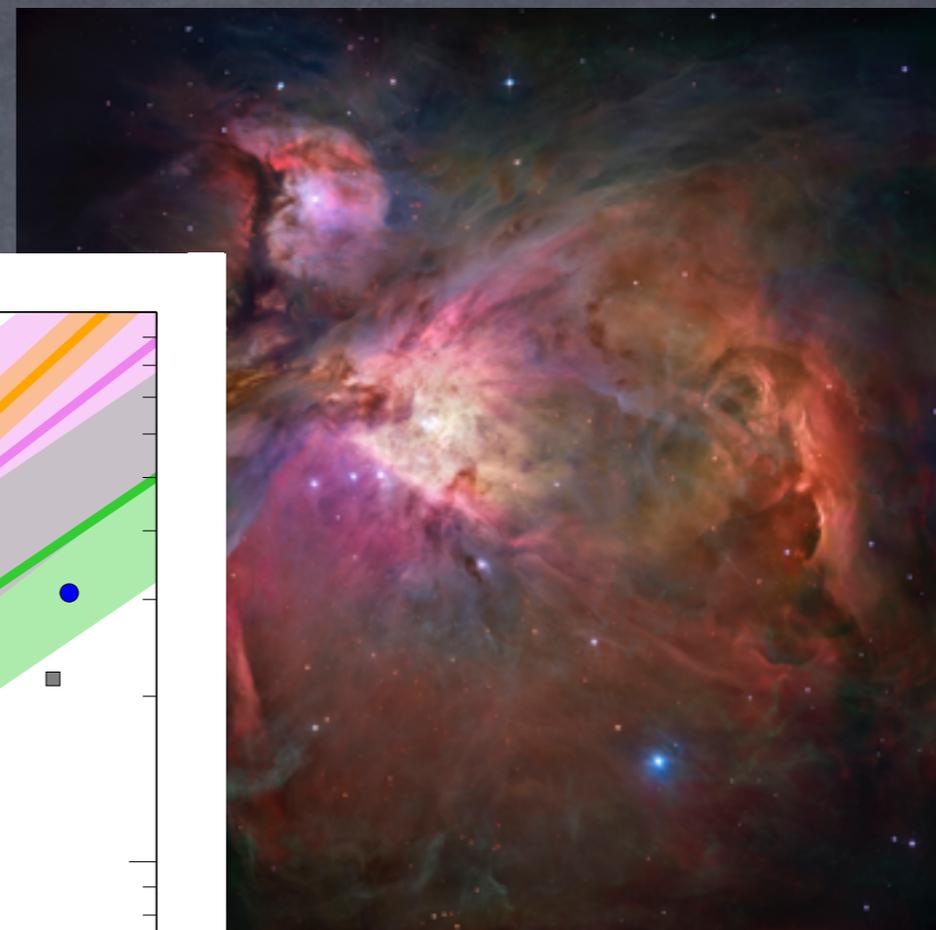
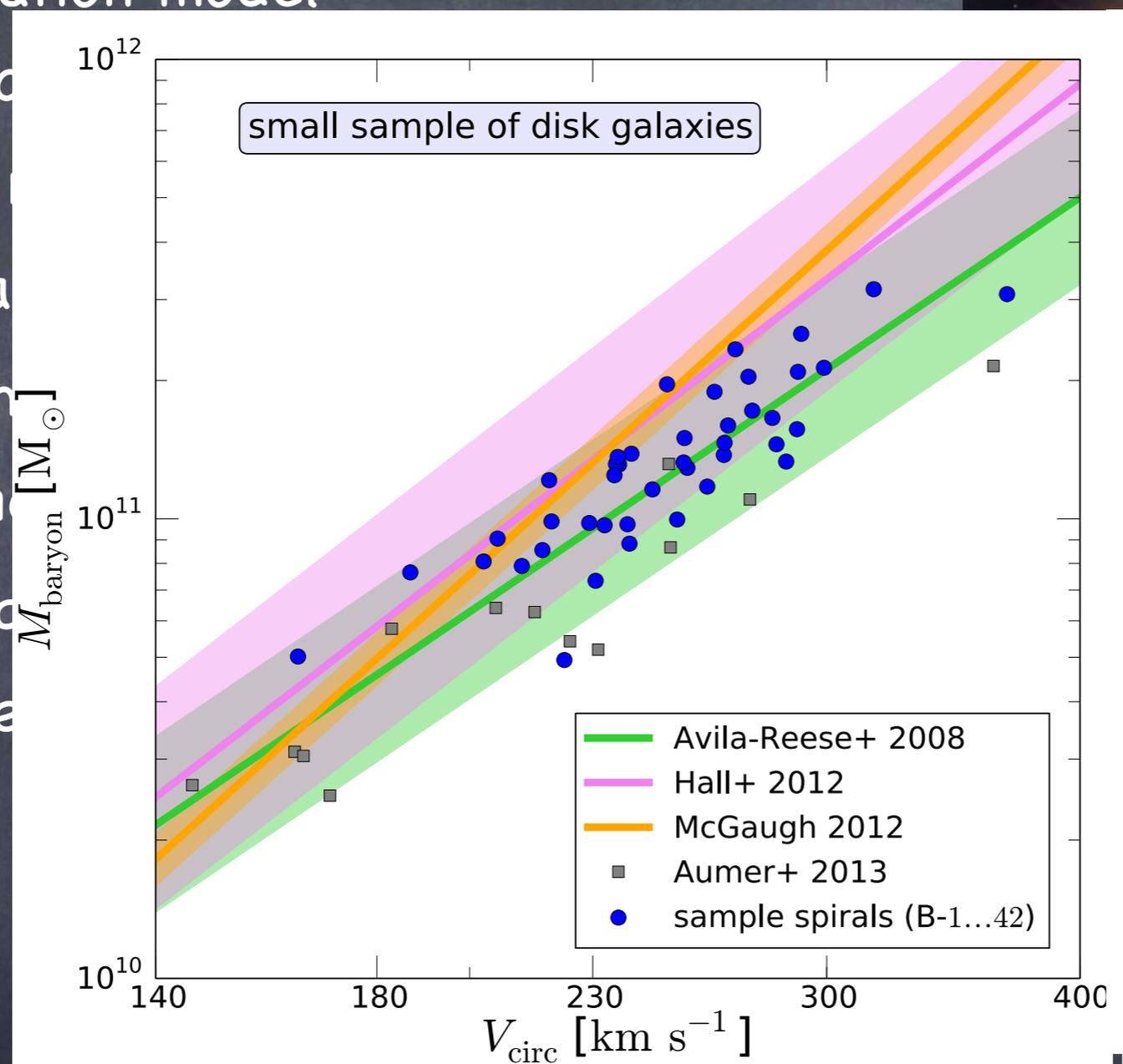
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Vogelsberger et al.
(2014)

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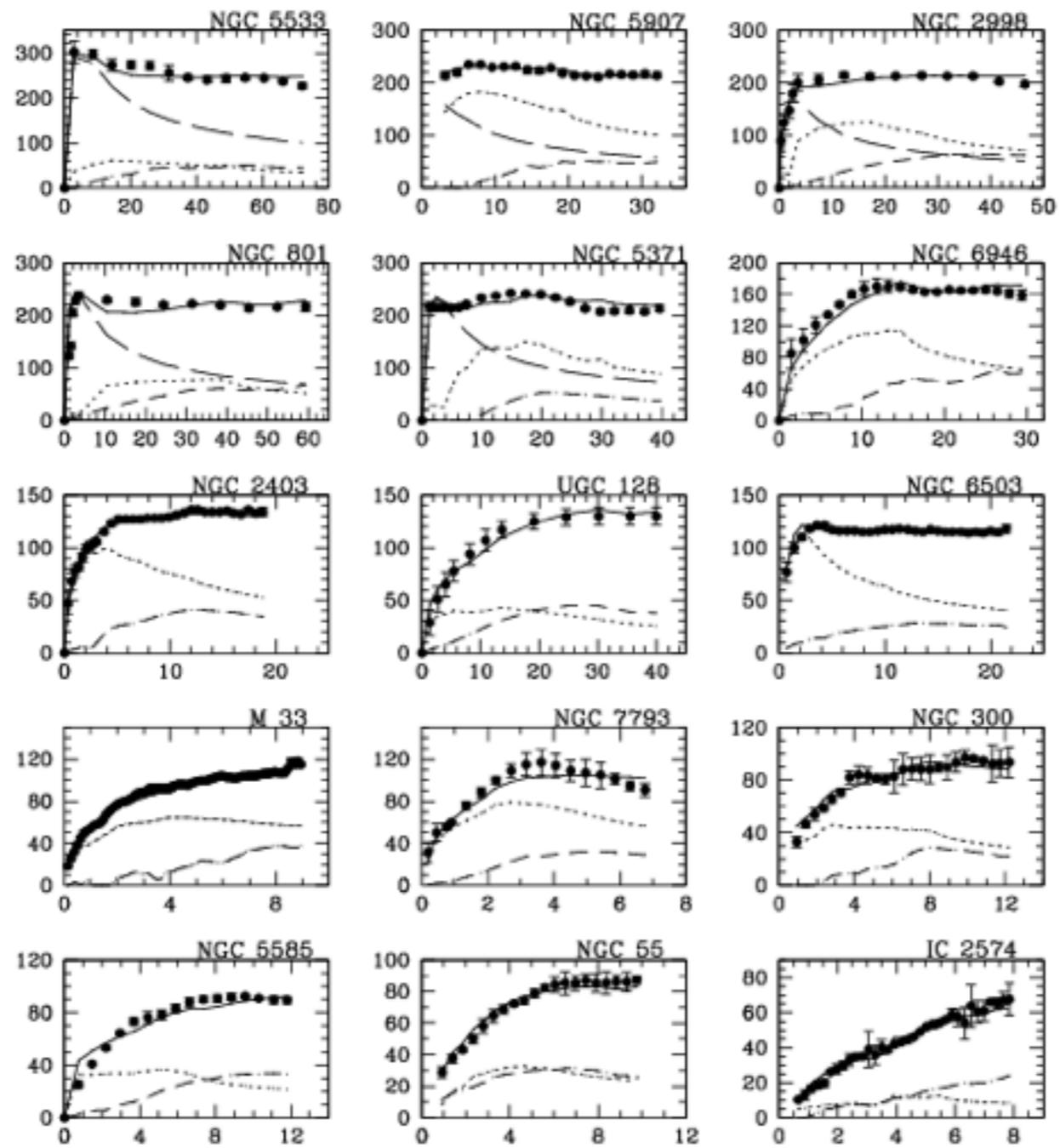
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Scalar MOND

Bekenstein & Milgrom (1984)

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MOND? For static, spherically-symmetric source,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{|\vec{\nabla}\phi|}{a_0} \vec{\nabla}\phi \right) = 4\pi G_N \rho$$

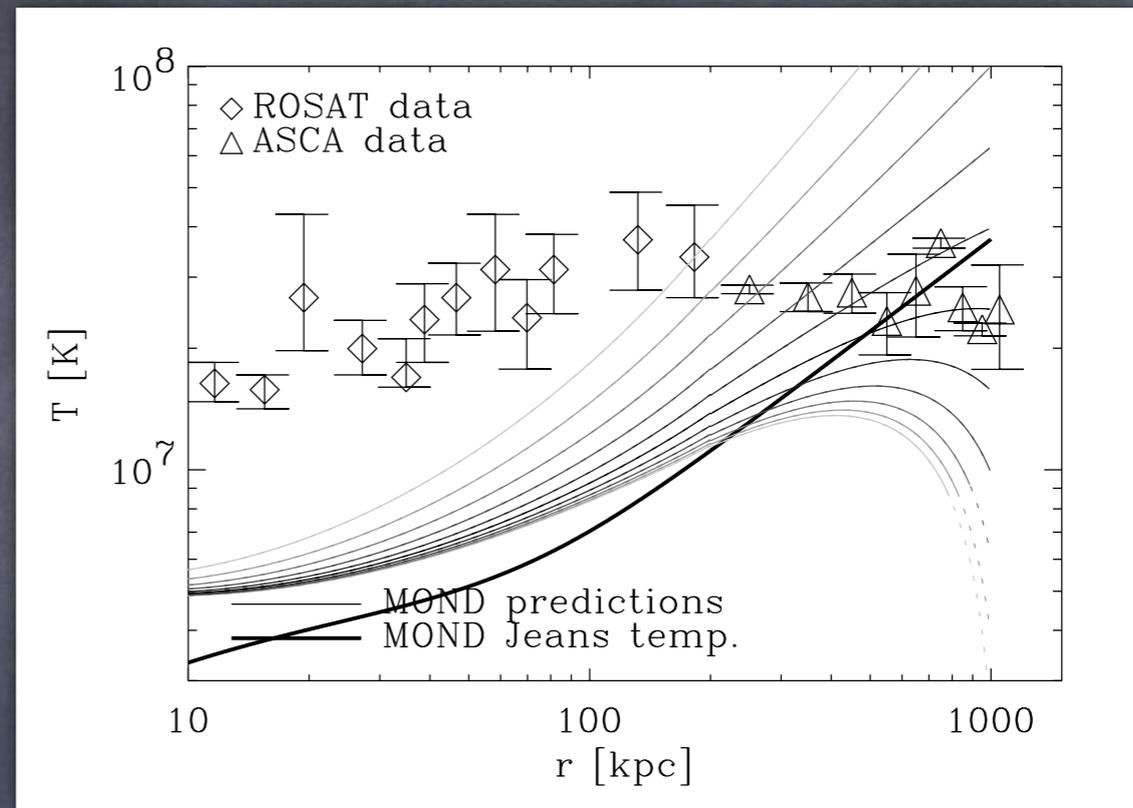
\Rightarrow

$$\phi' = \sqrt{a_0 \frac{G_N M(r)}{r^2}} = \sqrt{a_0 a_N}$$

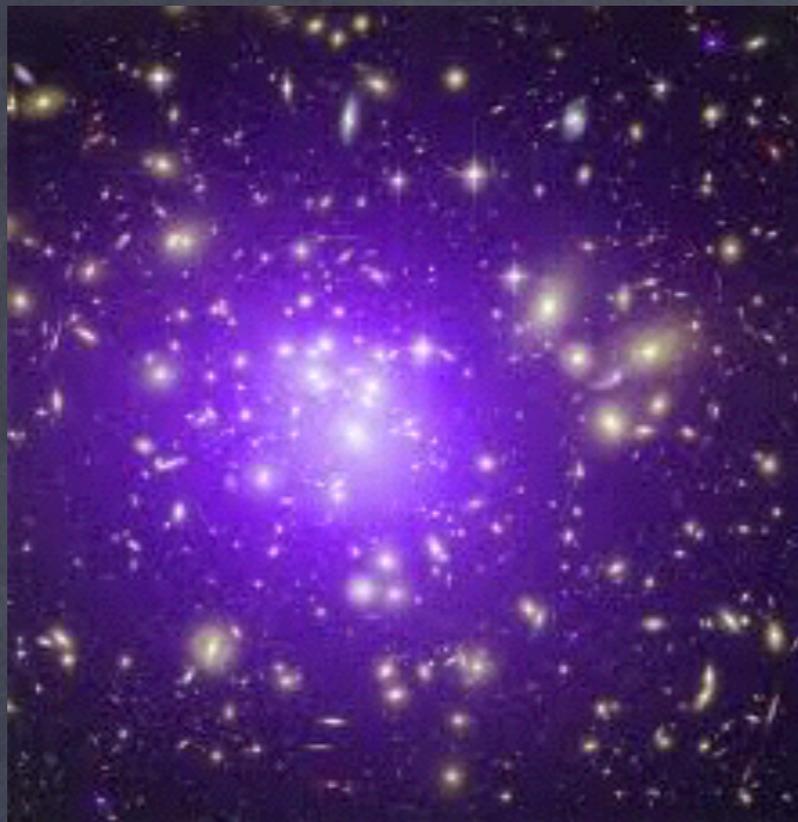
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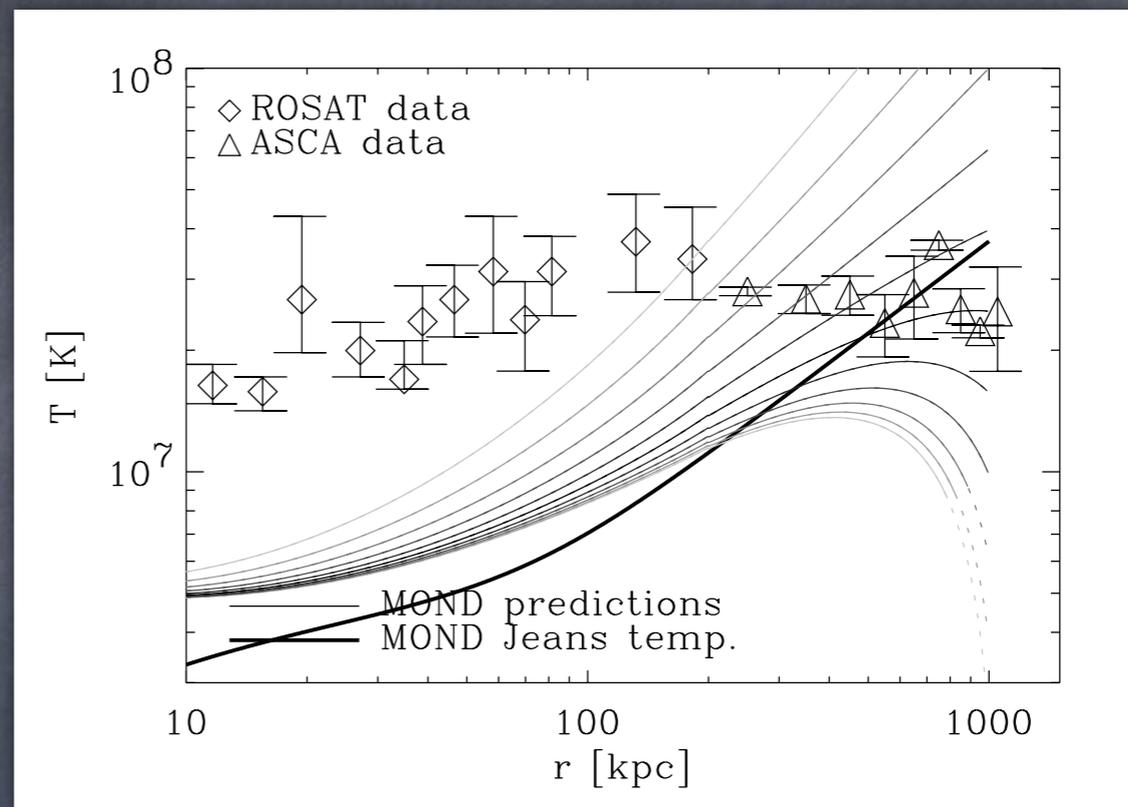
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Relativistic extensions are rather frightening...

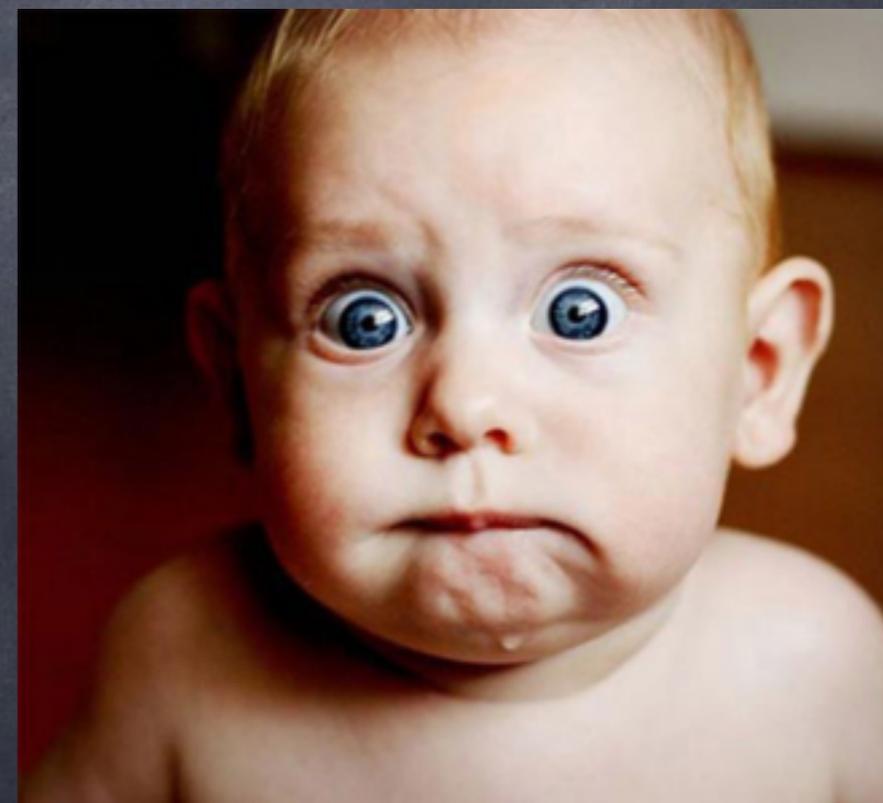
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\sigma^2 h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \phi \partial_\beta \phi + \frac{G_N}{2\ell^2} \sigma^4 F(k G_N \sigma^2) \right]$$

$$- \frac{K}{32\pi G_N} \left[g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\mu\nu} B_{\alpha\mu} B_{\beta\nu} + \frac{2\lambda}{K} (g^{\mu\nu} u_\mu u_\nu - 1) \right]$$

$$+ S_{\text{matter}} [\psi_m, e^{2\phi} g^{\mu\nu} - 2u^\mu u^\nu \sinh(2\phi)]$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu u_\nu - \partial_\nu u_\mu \quad h_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} - u_\alpha u_\beta$$

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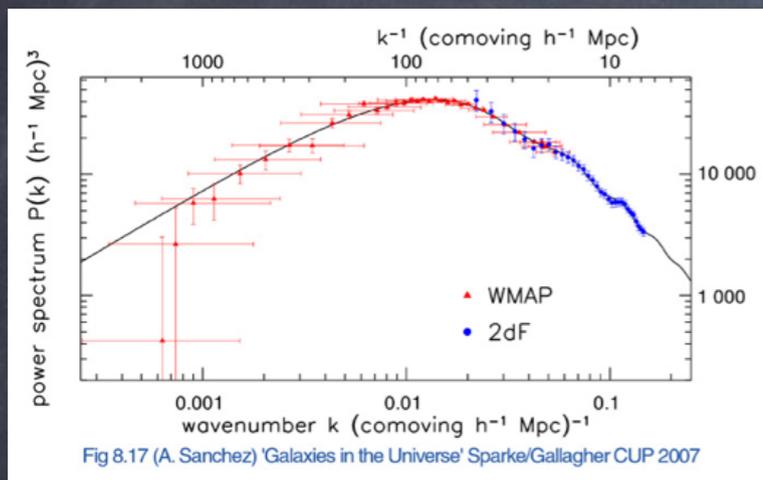
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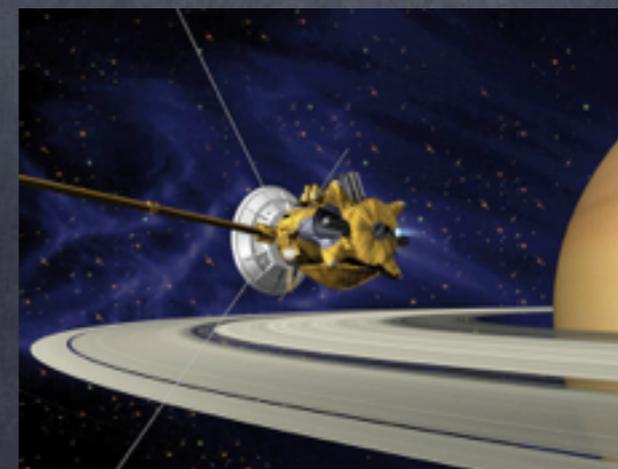
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No MOND

Unified approach:

MOND phenomenon from DM superfluidity

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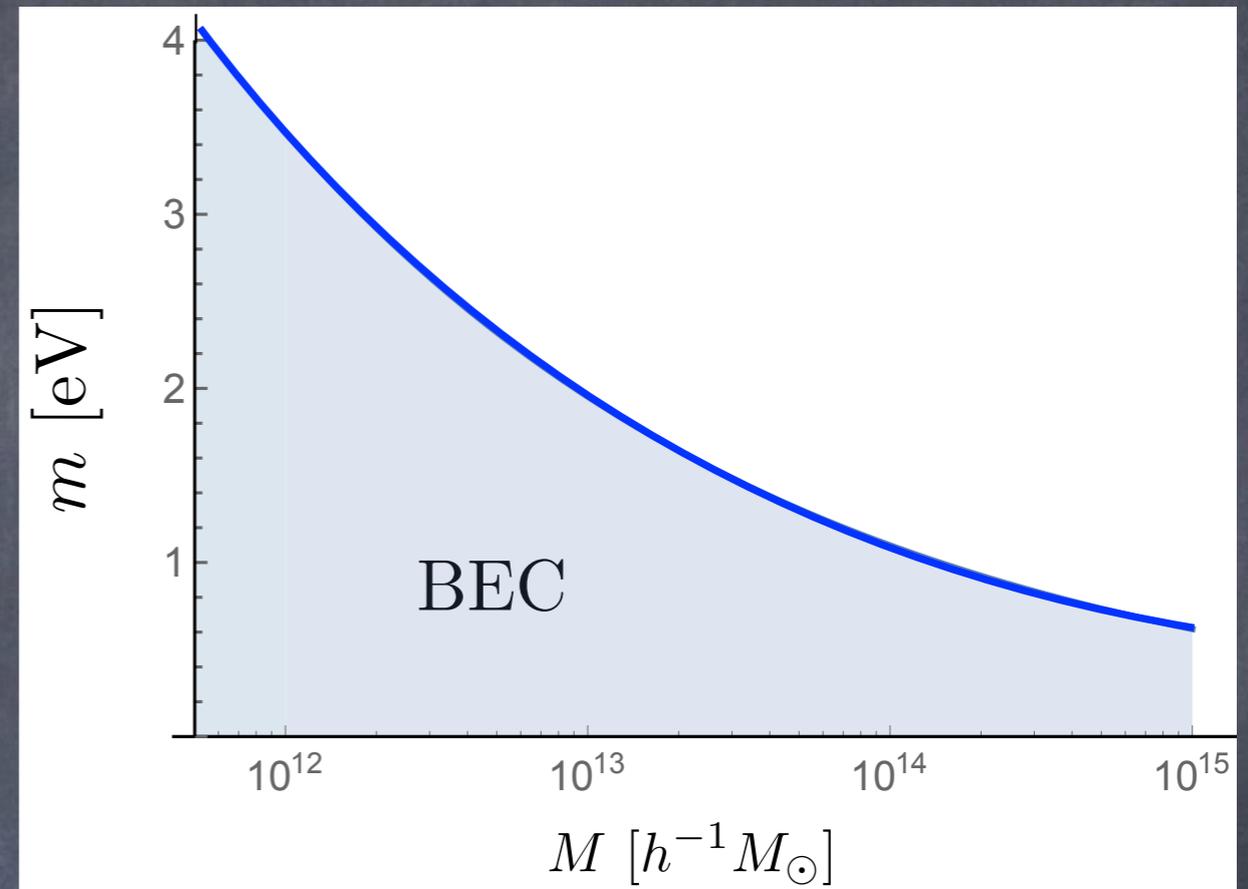
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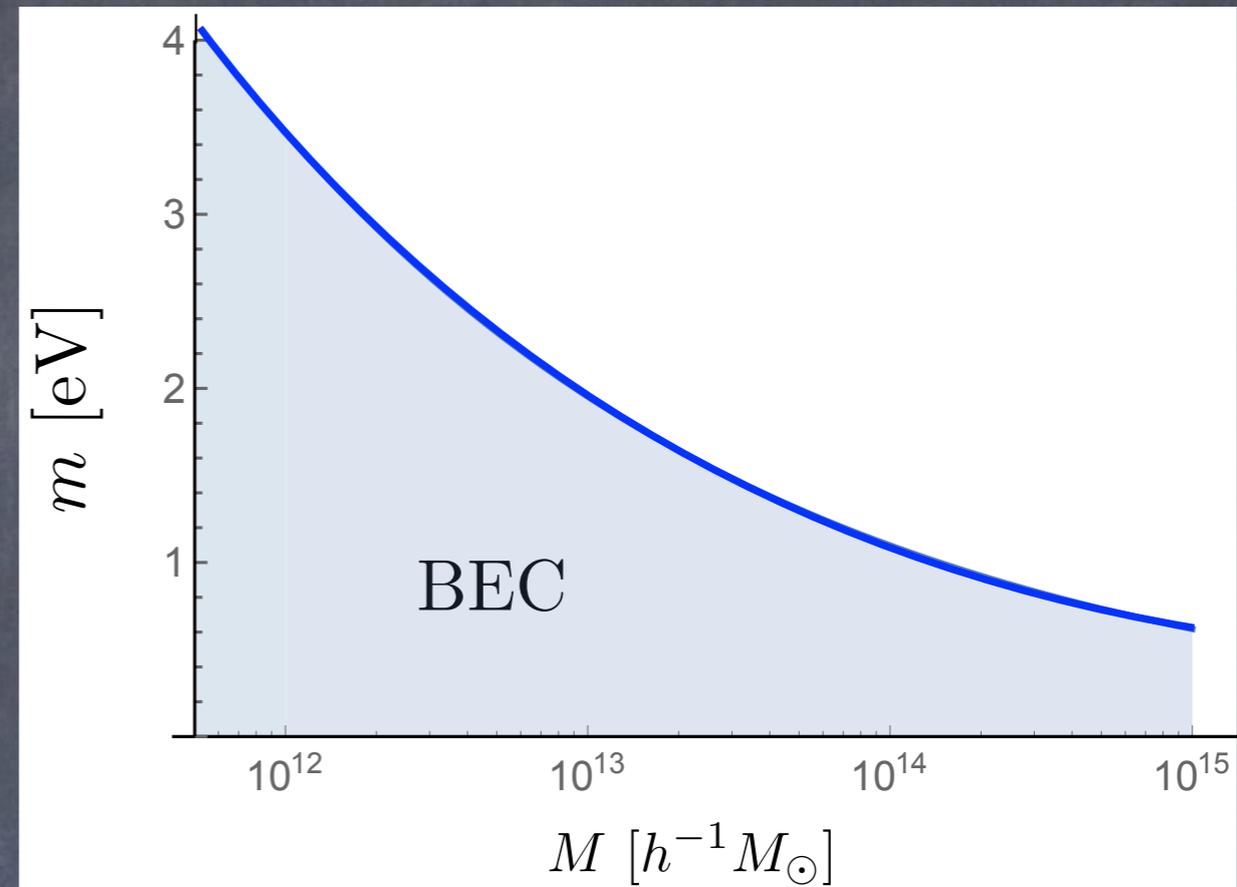
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- Thermal equilibrium

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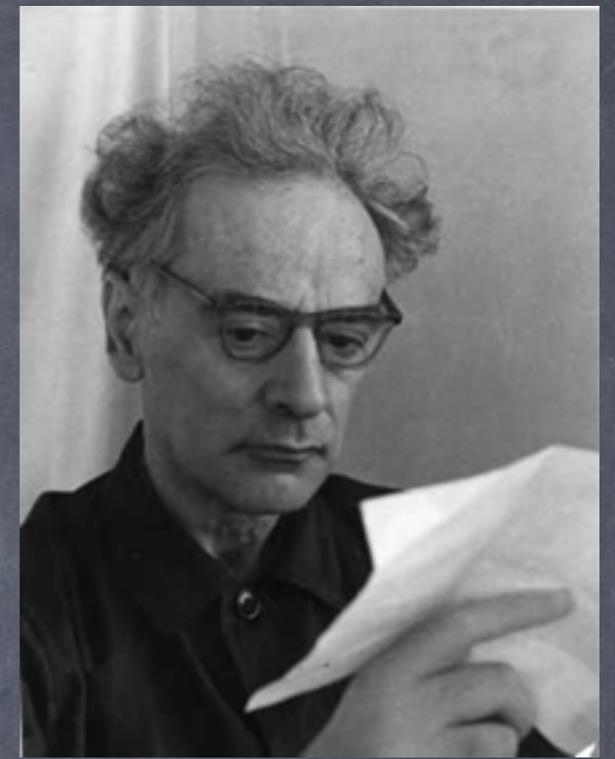
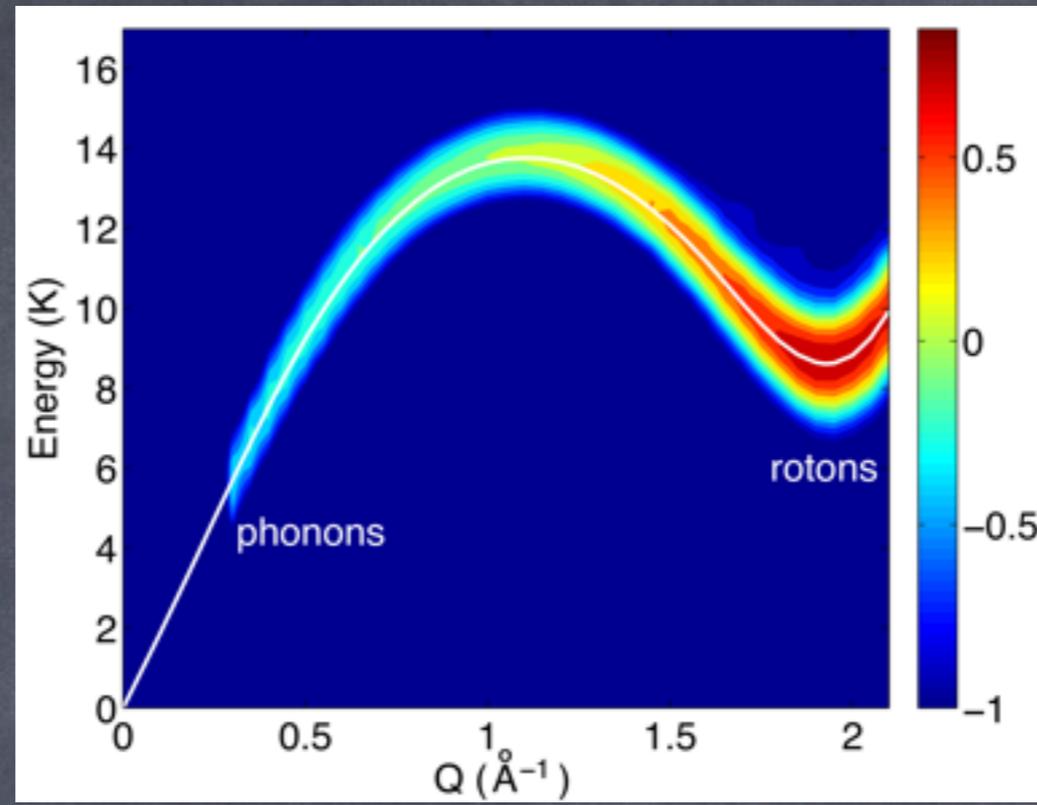
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DM is quite cold:

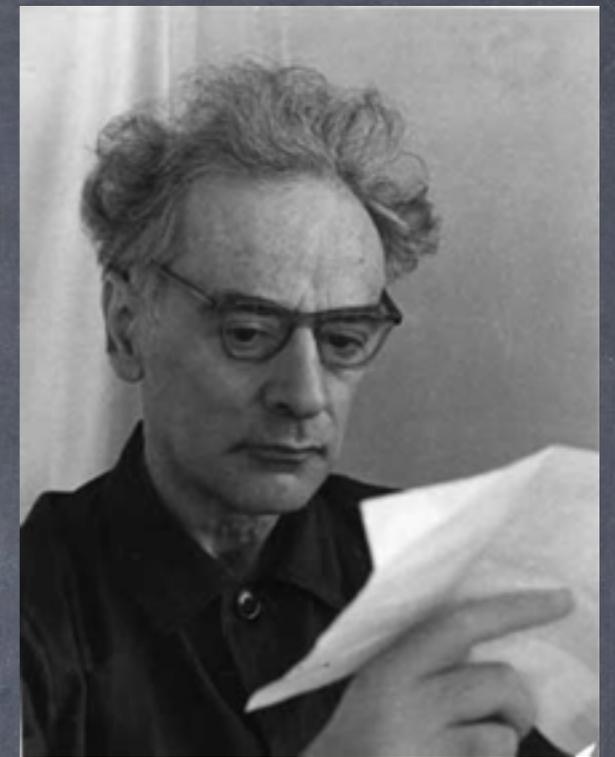
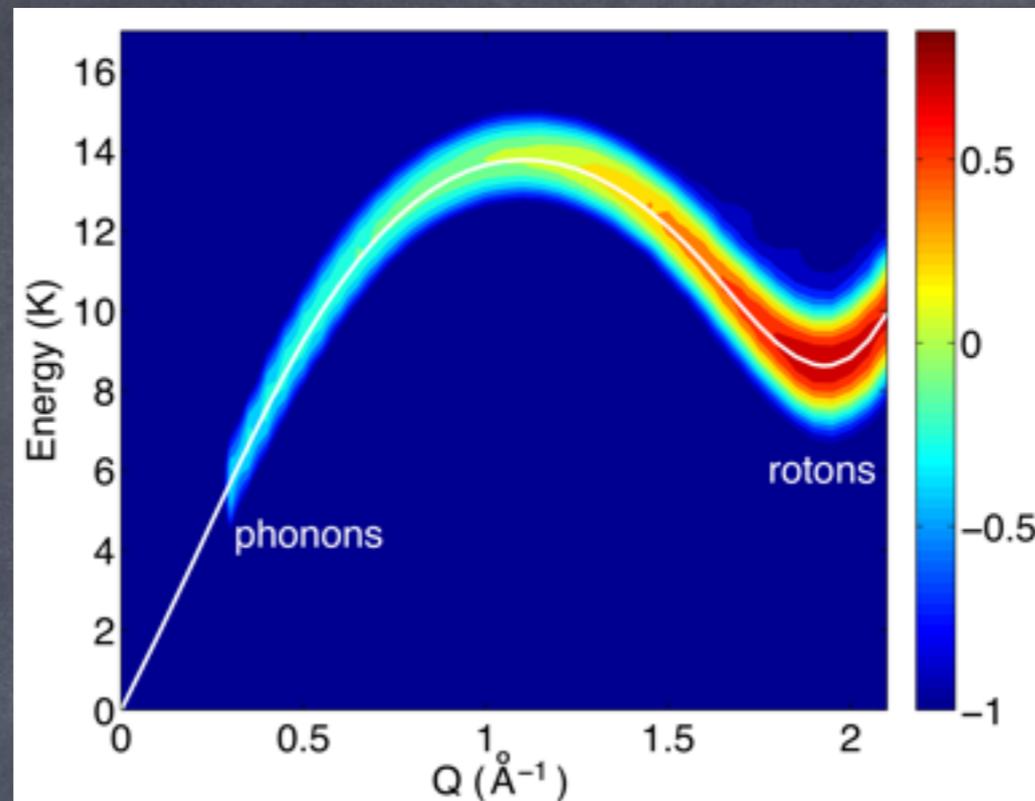
$$T_c = 6.5 \left(\frac{\text{eV}}{m} \right)^{5/3} (1 + z_{\text{vir}})^2 \text{ mK}$$

$$(^7\text{Li atoms} \implies T_c \sim 0.2 \text{ mK})$$

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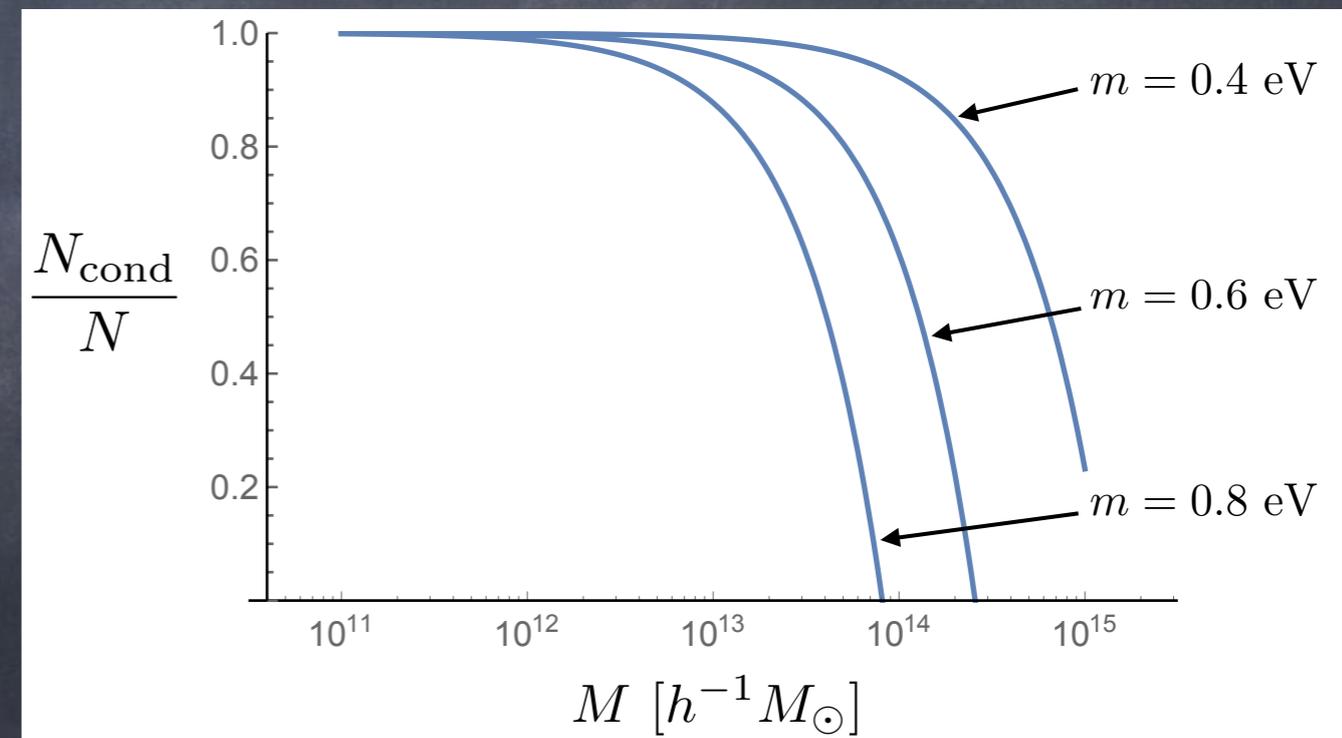
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Free bose gas:

$$\frac{N_{\text{cond}}}{N} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^{3/2}$$

- Galaxies are mostly condensed
- Galaxy clusters are in mixed phase



Can generalize to include interactions.

Khoury, Lubensky, Miranda & Sharma (to appear)

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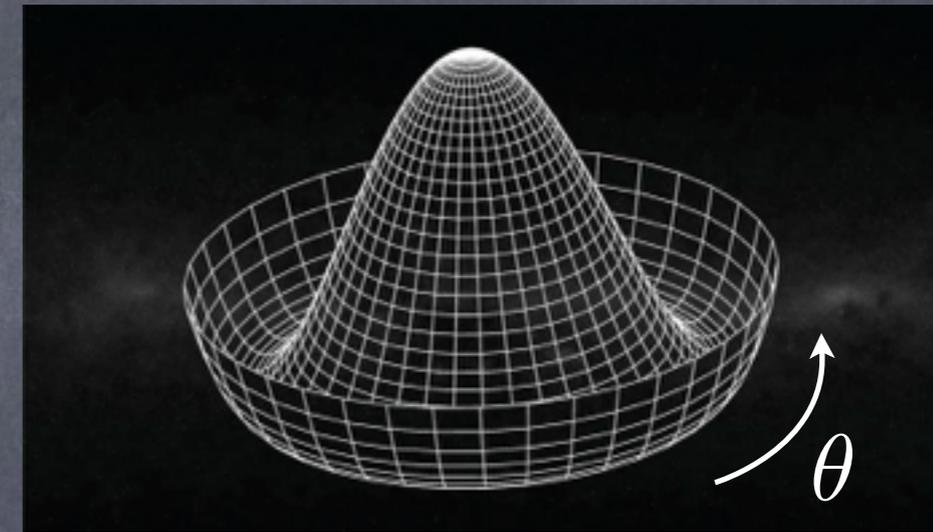
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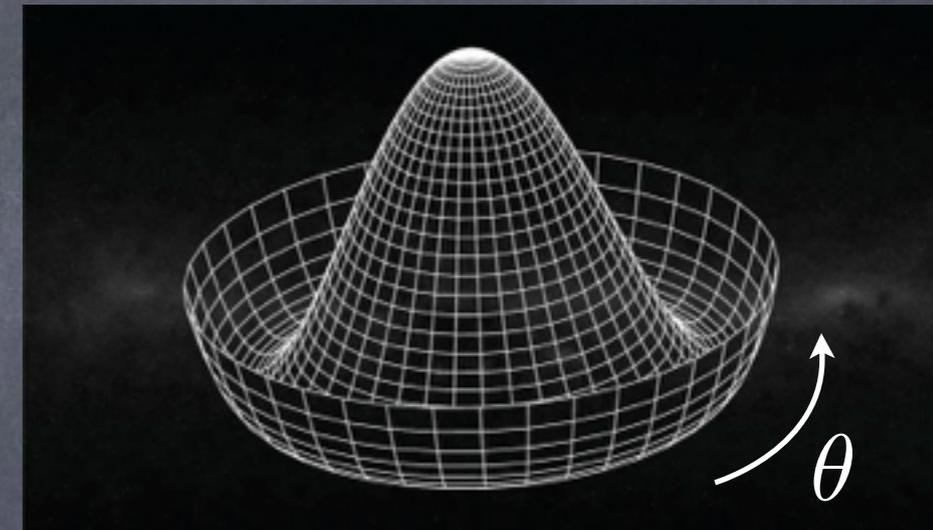
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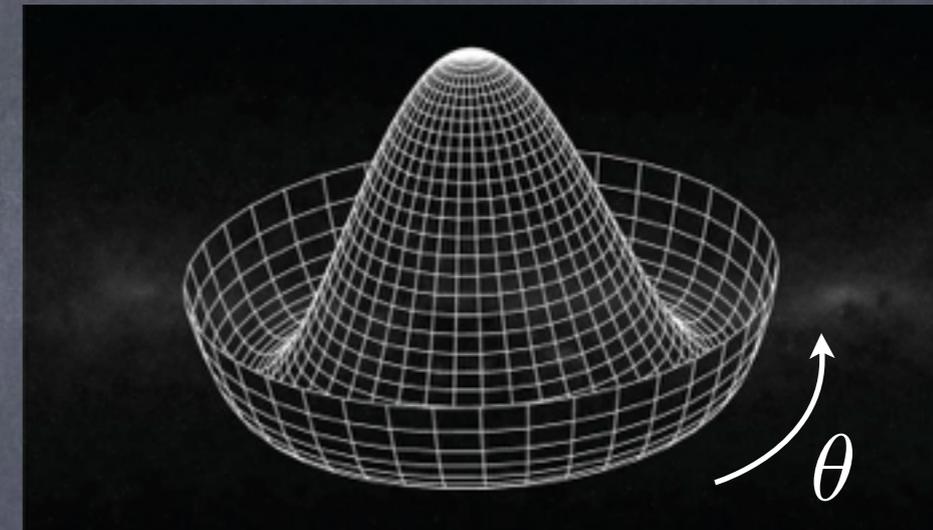
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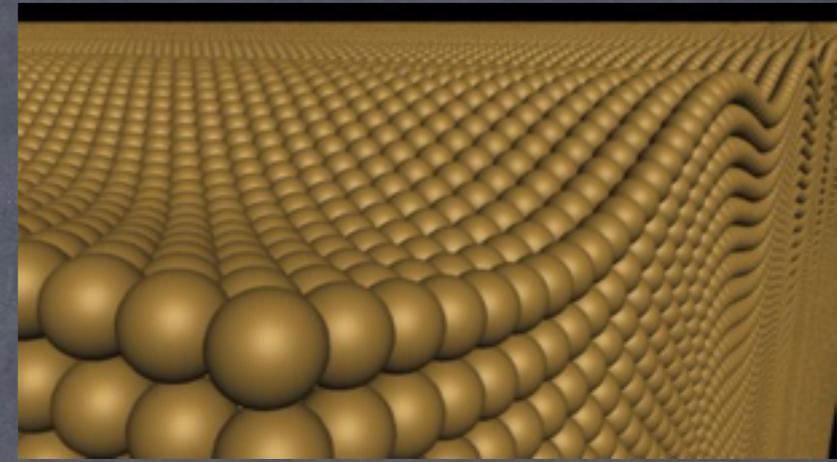
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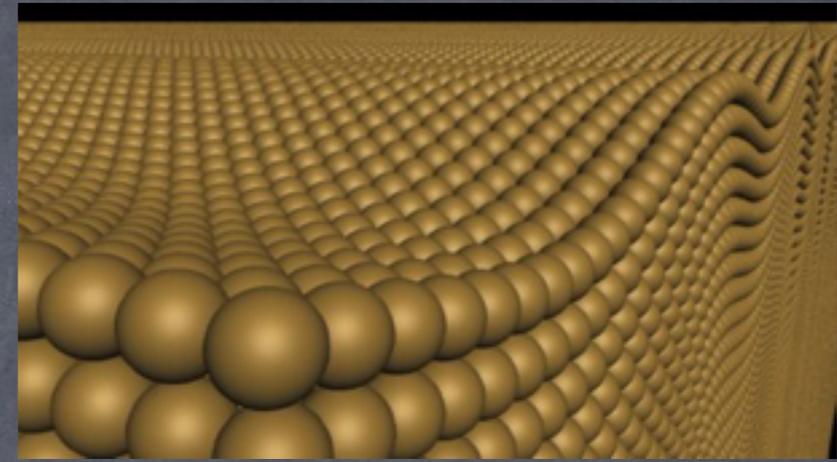


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Conjecture: DM superfluid phonons are governed by MOND action

$$P_{\text{MOND}}(X) = \frac{2\Lambda(2m)^{3/2}}{3} X \sqrt{|X|}$$

Phonons couple to baryons: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{coupling}} = -\frac{\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \phi \rho_{\text{b}}$

$$\Lambda = \sqrt{a_0 M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq 0.8 \text{ meV}$$

(Match to MOND scale)

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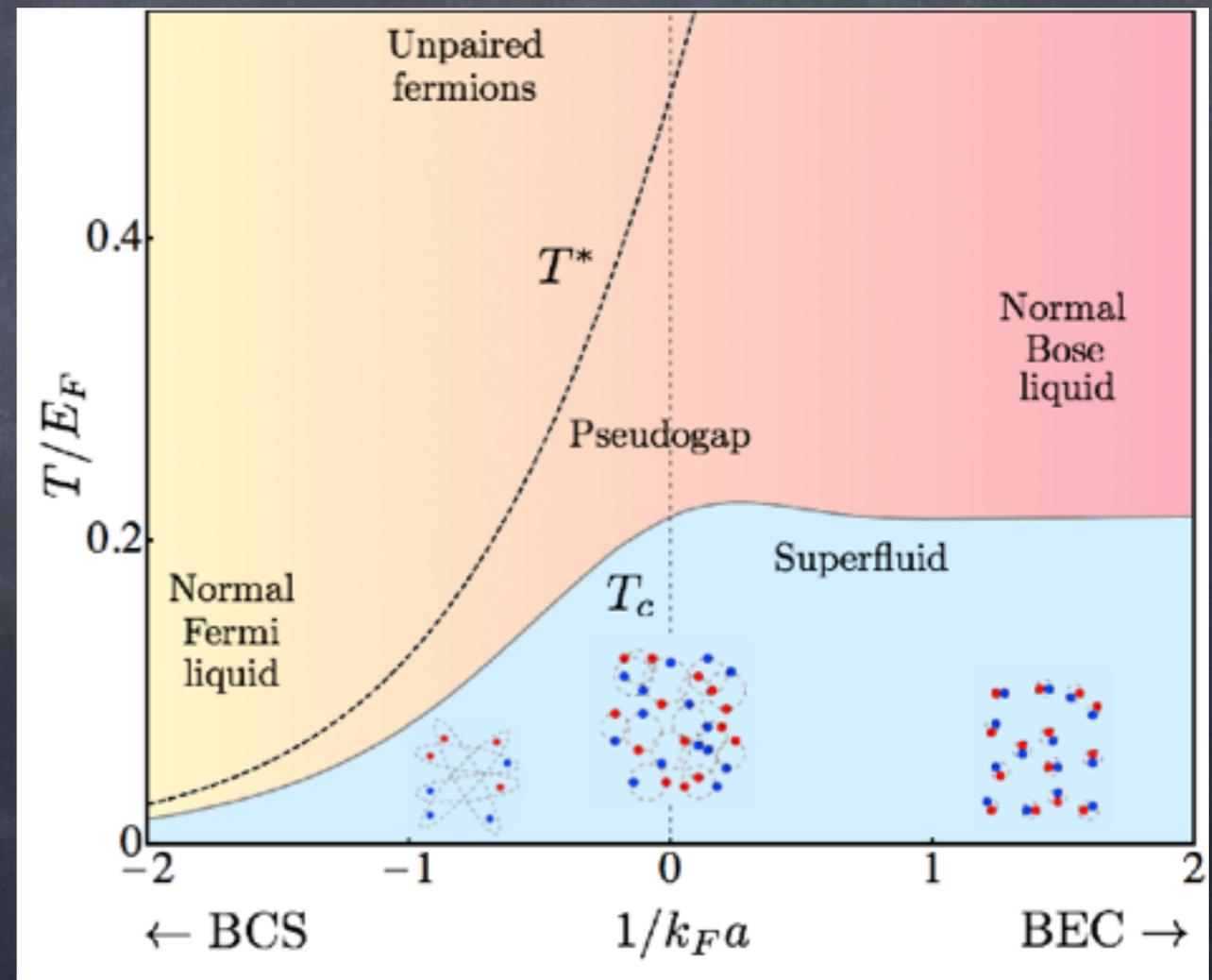
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- Unitary Fermi Gas

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UFG}} \sim m^{3/2} X^{5/2}$$

Son & Wingate (2005)



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In the non-relativistic approx'n, $\rho_{\text{cond}} = mn_{\text{cond}}$, therefore:

$$P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{cond}}^3}{12\Lambda^2 m^6}$$

- Polytropic equation of state, with index $n = 1/2$
- Different than BEC DM, where $P_{\text{cond}} \sim \rho_{\text{cond}}^2$

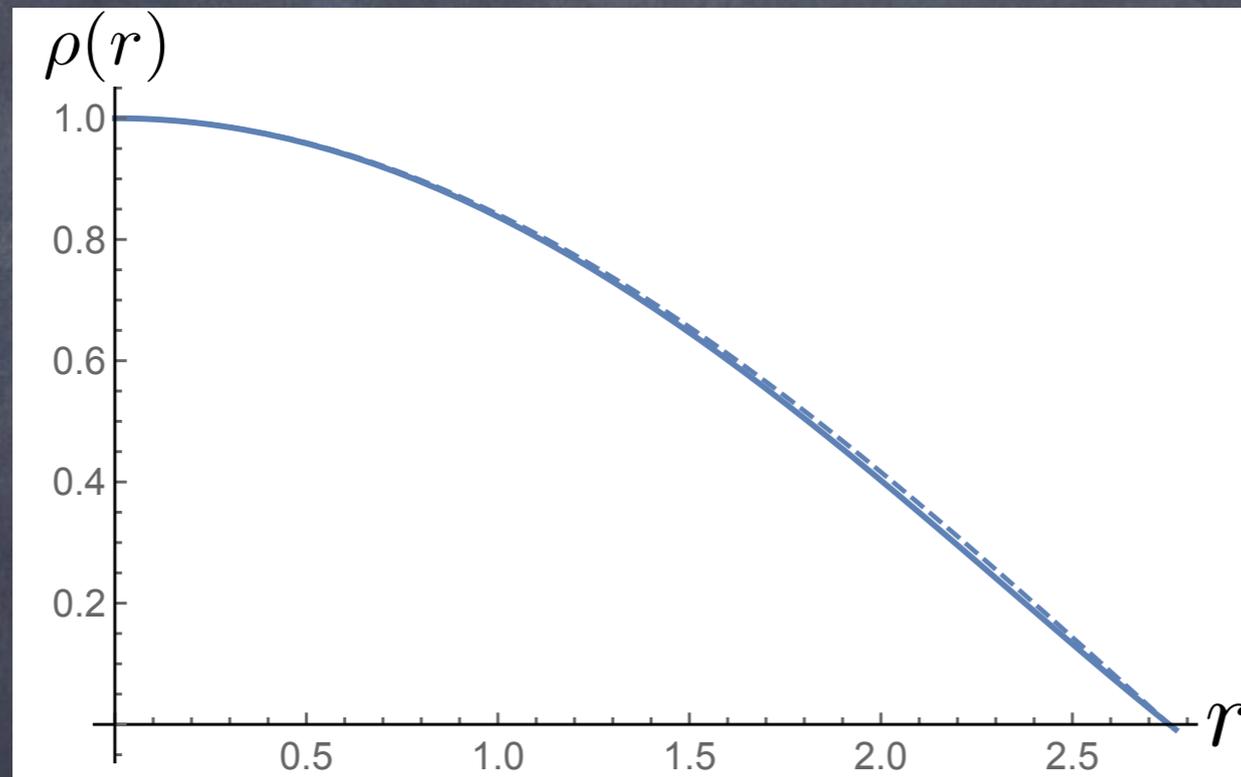
Sin (1994), Goodman (2000), Peebles (2000), Boehmer & Harko (2007)

Density profile

Assuming hydrostatic equilibrium,

$$\frac{1}{\rho_{\text{cond}}(r)} \frac{dP_{\text{cond}}(r)}{dr} = -\frac{4\pi G_{\text{N}}}{r^2} \int_0^r dr' r'^2 \rho(r')$$

Using equation of state $P_{\text{cond}} \sim \rho_{\text{cond}}^3$, find:

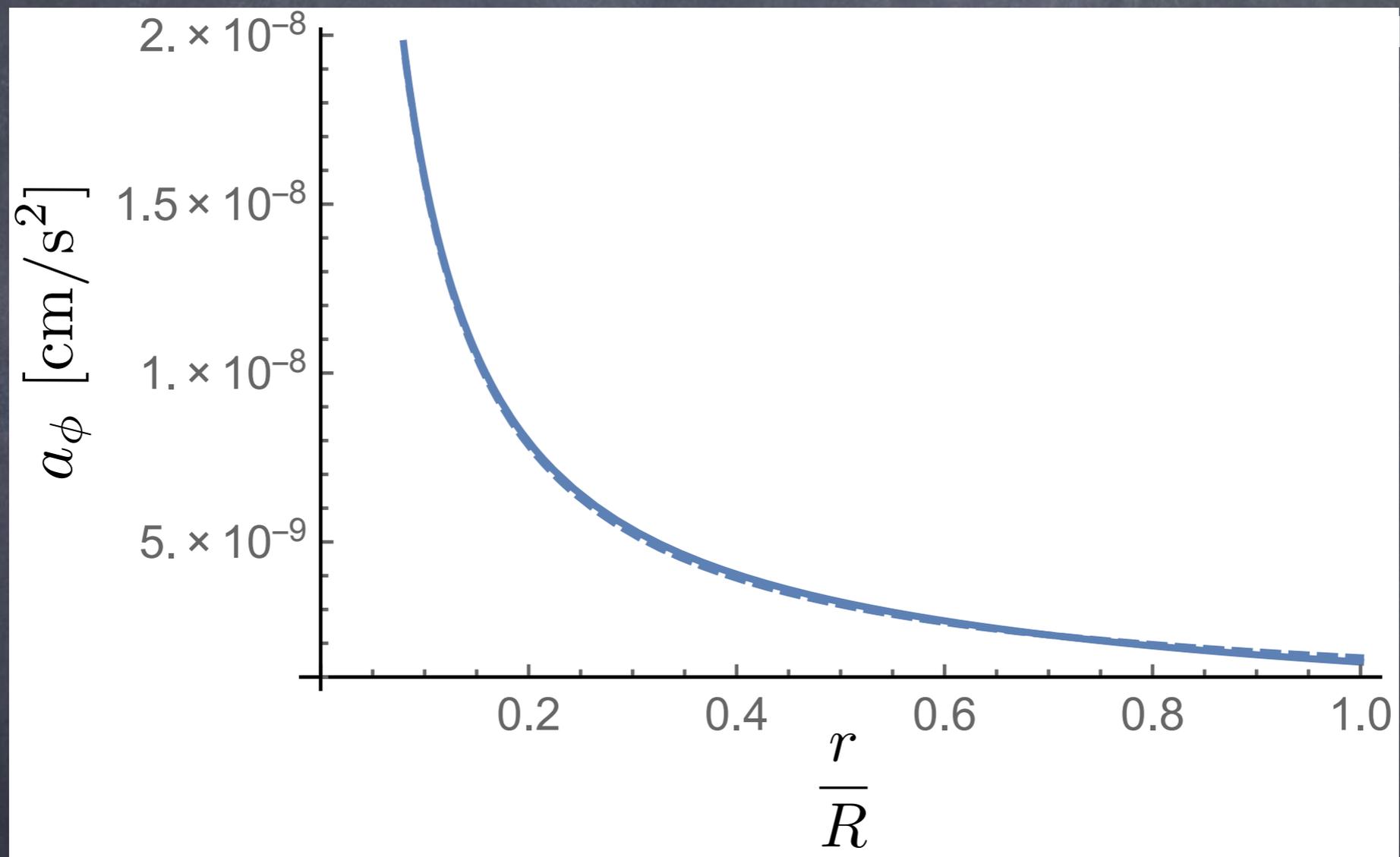


Cored density profile

$$R \simeq \left(\frac{M_{\text{DM}}}{10^{12} M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/5} \left(\frac{\text{eV}}{m} \right)^{6/5} \left(\frac{\text{meV}}{\Lambda} \right)^{2/5} 36 \text{ kpc}$$

Remarkably, have realistic-size halos with $m \sim \text{eV}$ and $\Lambda \sim \text{meV}$!

Phonon force is indistinguishable from MOND...



... but there is also dark matter.

$$\frac{a_{\text{DM}}}{a_{\phi}} \simeq \begin{cases} 0.4 \frac{r}{r_{\star}} & (r \ll r_{\star}) \quad \text{rotation curves} \\ 0.5 \left(\frac{r}{r_{\star}}\right)^2 & (r \gg r_{\star}) \quad \text{lensing} \end{cases}$$

$$r_{\star} \simeq \left(\frac{M_{\text{b}}}{10^{11} M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/10} \left(\frac{M_{\text{DM}}}{M_{\text{b}}}\right)^{-2/5} \left(\frac{m}{\text{eV}}\right)^{-8/5} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\text{meV}}\right)^{-8/15} \quad 28 \text{ kpc}$$

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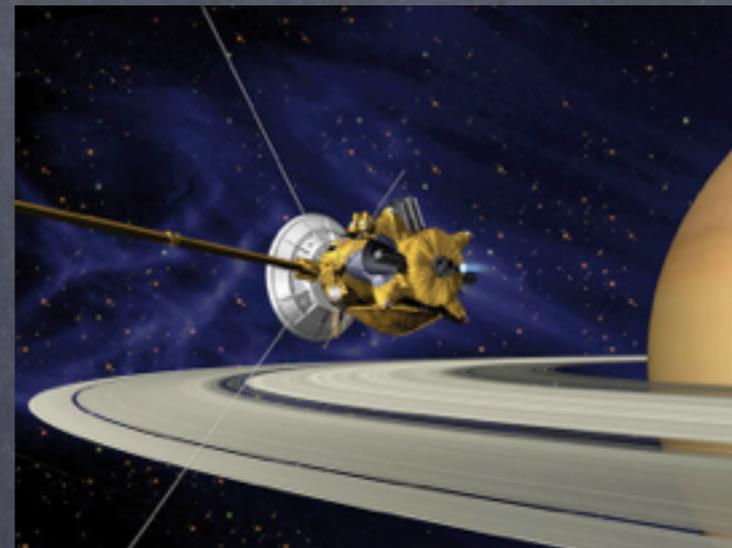
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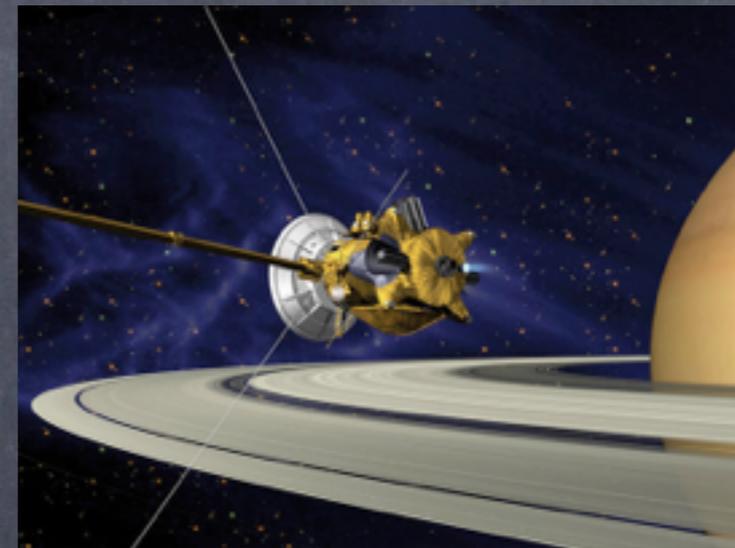
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No need to! Above criterion is satisfied only for $r \gtrsim 1000 \text{ AU}$

⇒ superfluid description breaks down in solar system.
DM behaves as ALPs.

⇒ Good news for ALP searches.



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- TeVSe solution:
- Introduce unit, time-like vector A^μ
 - Couple to matter in a very specific way

Saunders (1997)

Bekenstein (2004)

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TeVSe}} = e^{-2\phi} g_{\mu\nu} - 2A_\mu A_\nu \sinh 2\phi$$

\implies Lensing mass estimates = Dynamical estimates

Gravitational Lensing (cont'd)

Our case is much simpler:

- Normal DM component already provides a time-like vector



Relative velocity between normal and superfluid components

- DM contributes to lensing, can consider more general metric

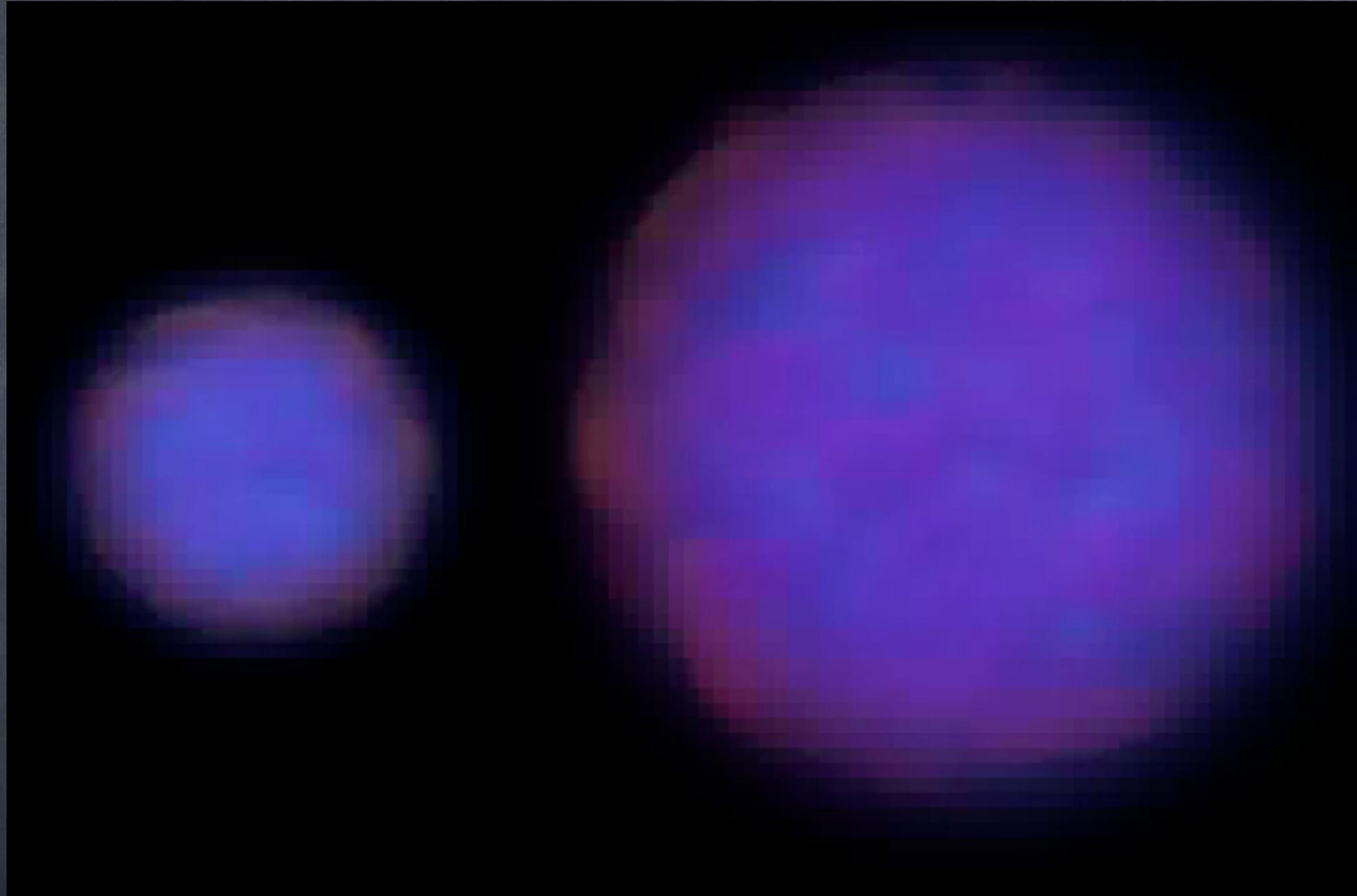
$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \simeq g_{\mu\nu} - 2\phi \left(\gamma g_{\mu\nu} + (1 + \gamma) u_\mu u_\nu \right)$$

Maybe even conformal coupling ($\gamma = -1$) is allowed?

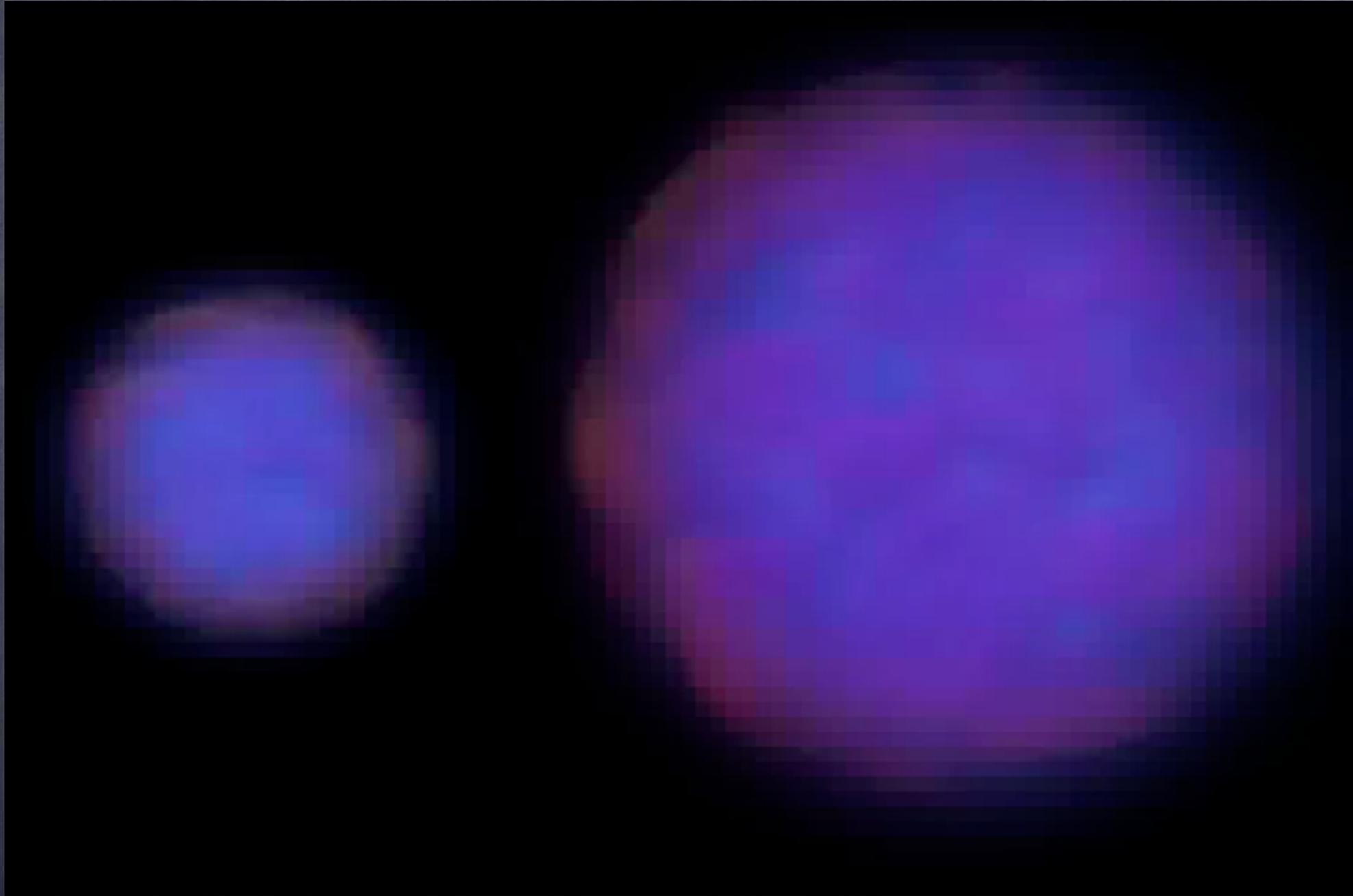


Observational Signatures

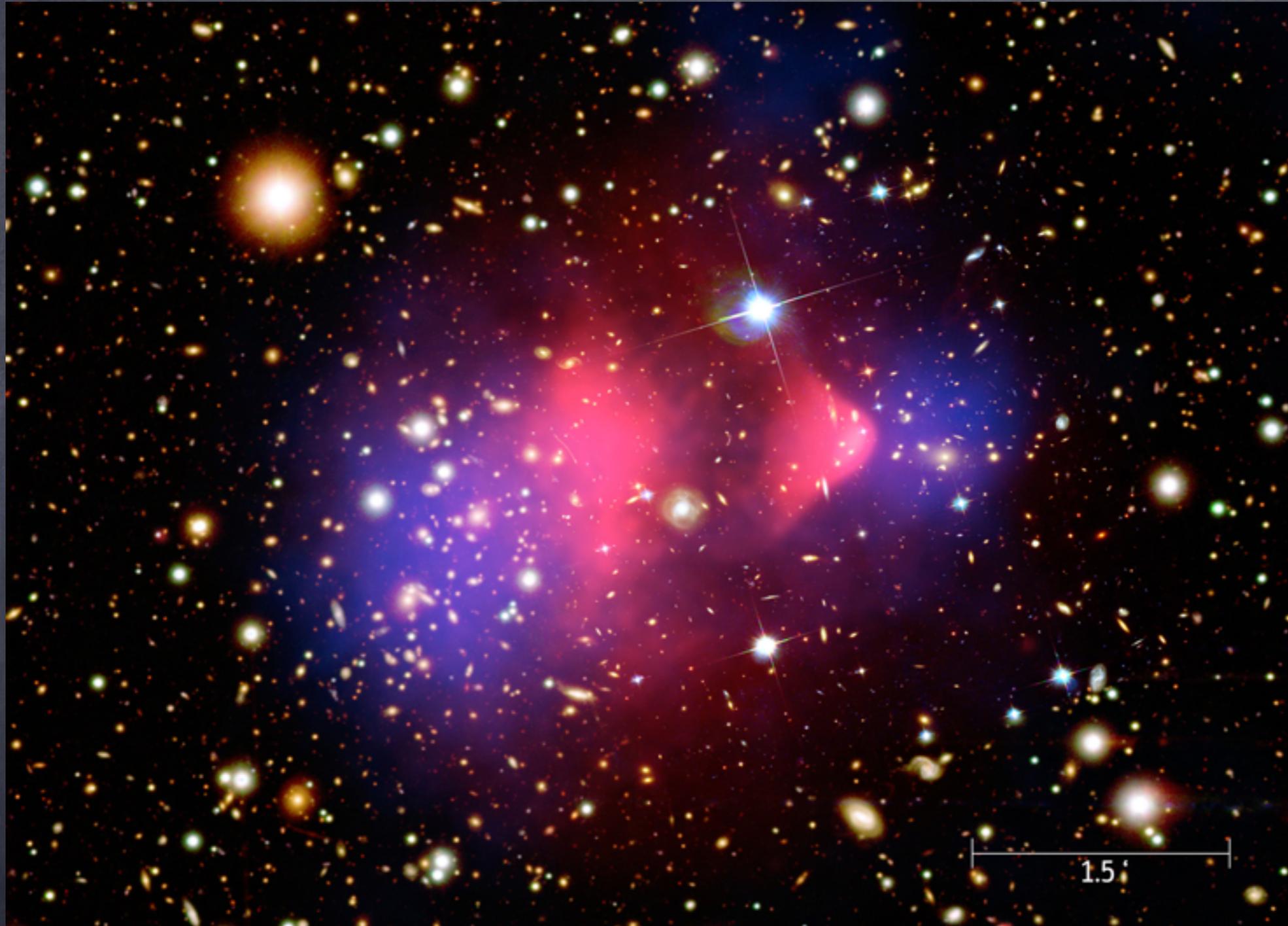
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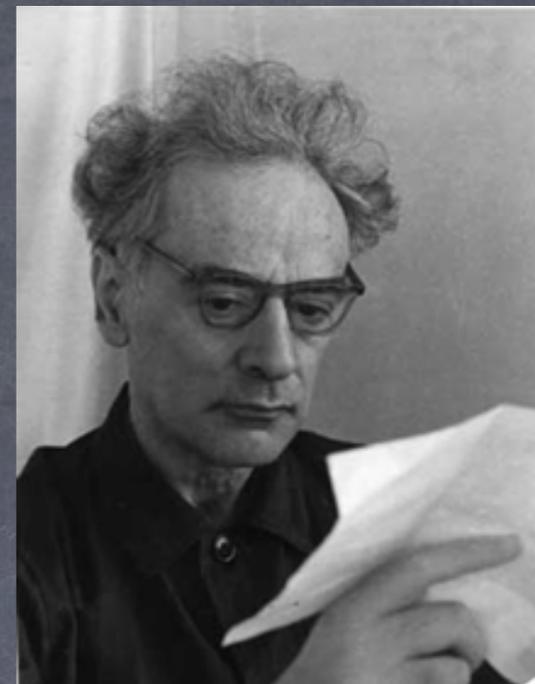
$$\frac{\sigma}{m} \lesssim 0.5 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{g}$$

Harvey et al. (2015)

Superfluid cores should pass through each other with negligible dissipation if

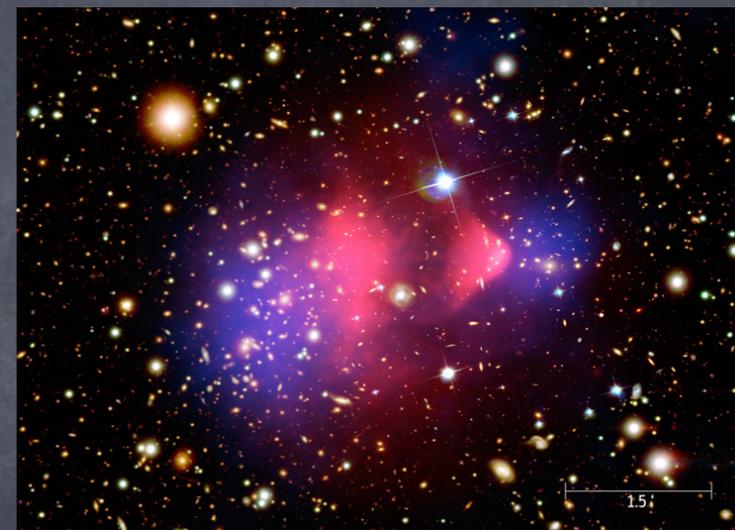
$$v_{\text{infall}} \lesssim c_s$$

(Landau's criterion)



We find:

- Sub-cluster: $c_s \simeq 1400 \text{ km/s}$
- Main cluster: $c_s \simeq 3500 \text{ km/s}$



i.e., comparable to the infall velocity: $v_{\text{infall}} \simeq 2700 \text{ km/s}$
Springel & Farrar (2007)

⇒ Dissipative processes between superfluid cores should be suppressed

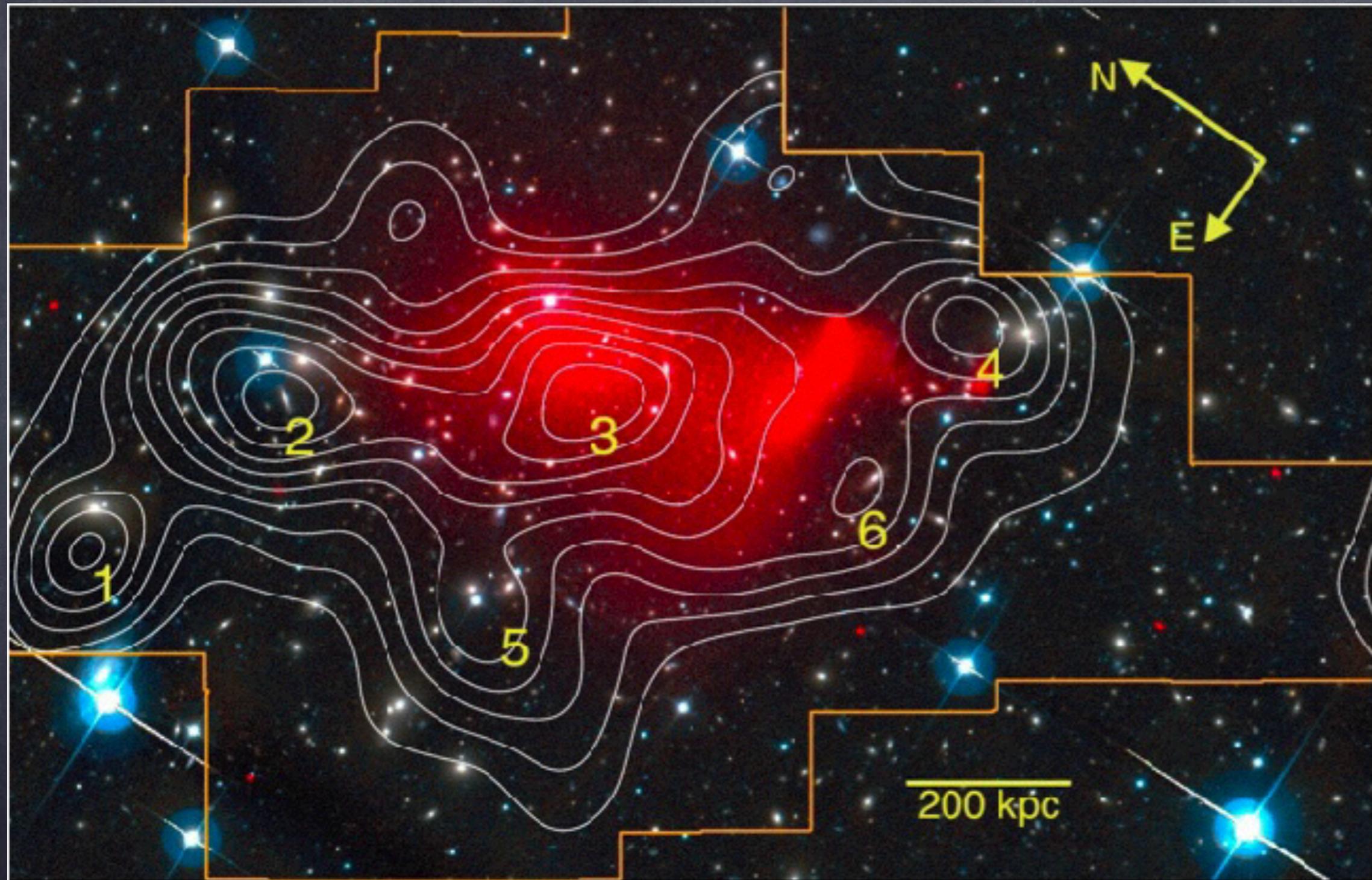
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Vortices

When spun faster than critical velocity, superfluid develops vortices.

$$\omega_{\text{cr}} \sim \frac{1}{mR^2} \sim 10^{-41} \text{s}^{-1}$$

For a halo of density ρ ,

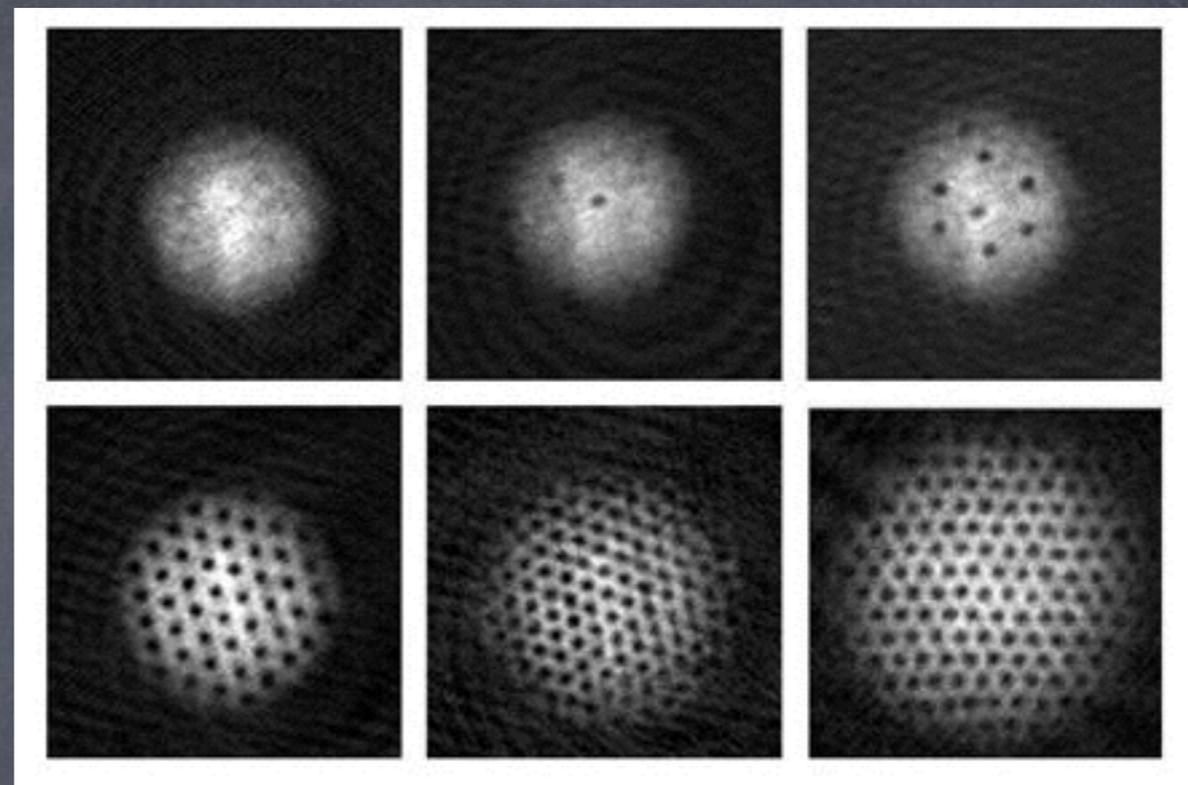
$$\omega \sim \lambda \sqrt{G_N \rho} \sim 10^{-18} \lambda \text{s}^{-1}; \quad 0.01 < \lambda < 0.1$$

\implies Vortex formation is unavoidable

Line density:

$$\sigma_v \sim m\omega \sim 10^2 \lambda \text{ AU}^{-2}$$

Observational consequences?



cf. Silverman & Mallett (2002);
Rindler-Daller & Shapiro (2012)

Galaxy mergers

JK, Mota & Winther, in progress

- Force between galaxies same as in CDM (MOND confined to galaxies)

⇒ "Encounter rate" as in CDM

What happens then?

- If $v_{\text{infall}} < c_s \sim 200 \text{ km/s}$, then negligible dynamical friction between superfluids

⇒ Longer merger time scale + multiple encounters

- If $v_{\text{infall}} > c_s$, then encounter will excite DM particles out of the condensate, which will result in dynamical friction

⇒ Merged halo thermalize and settle back to condensate



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dynamical friction

⇒ Longer

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out of the cond

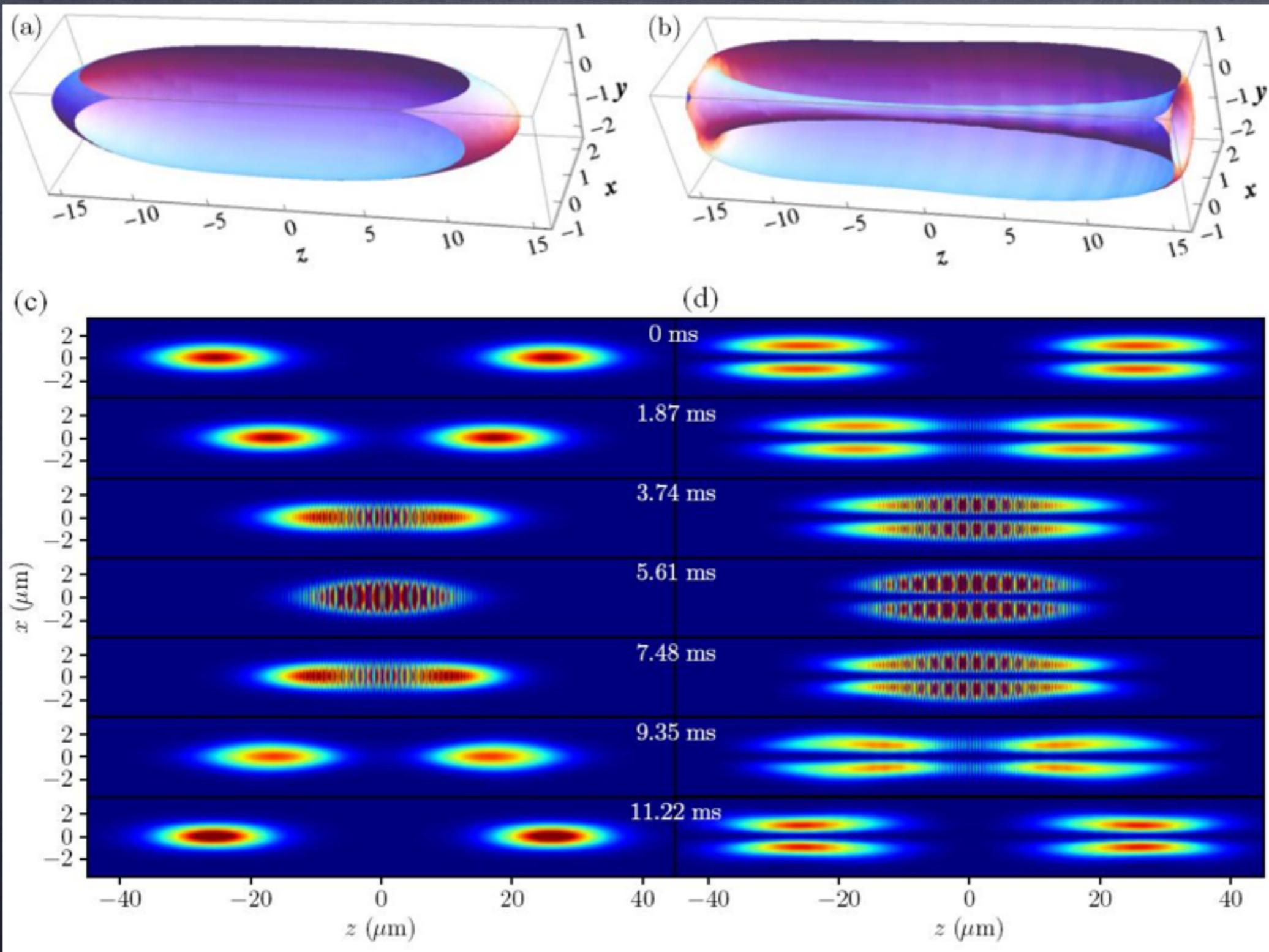
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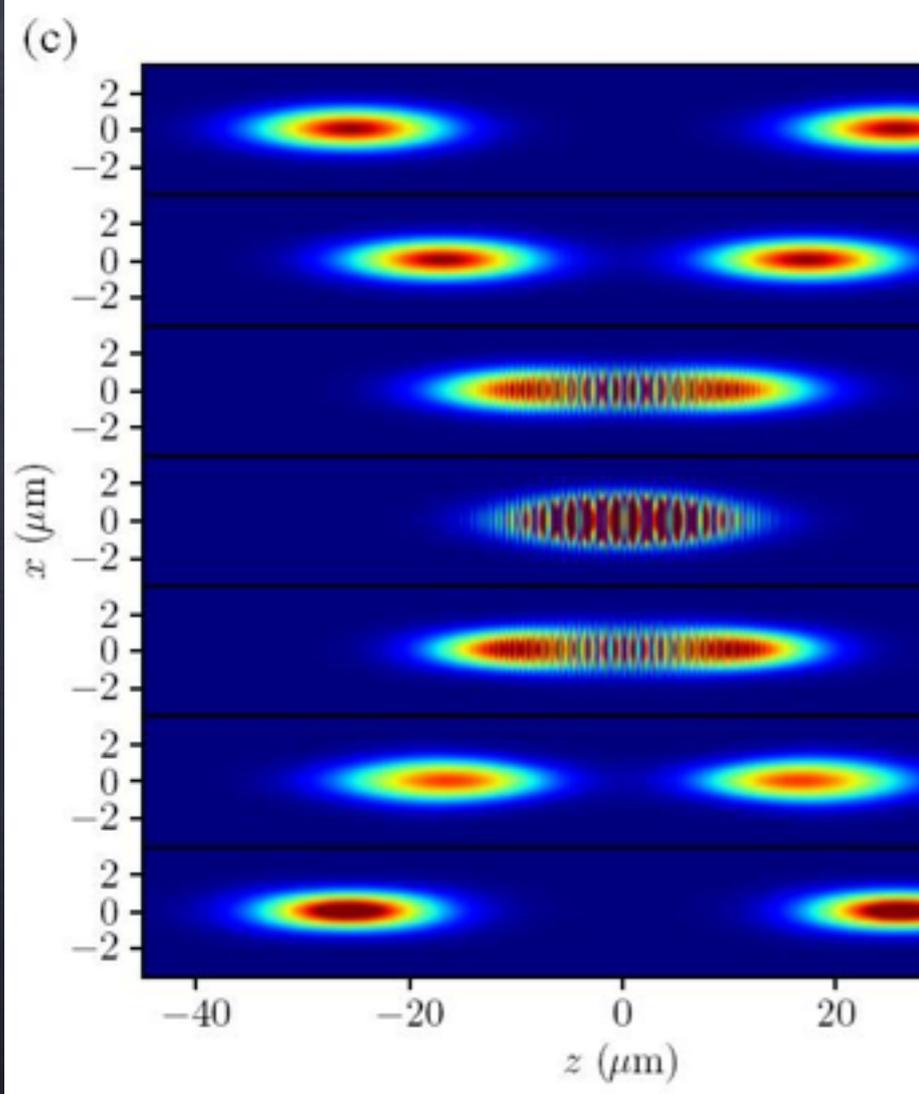
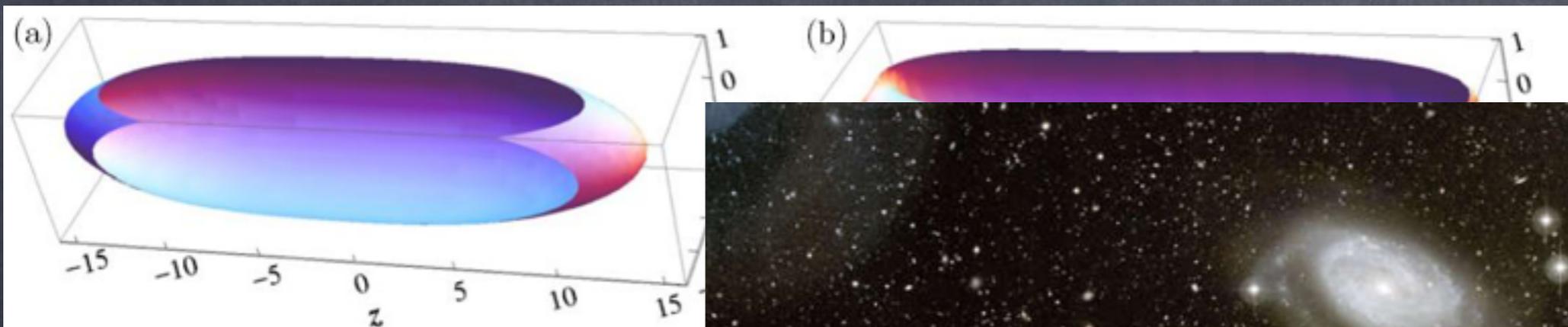
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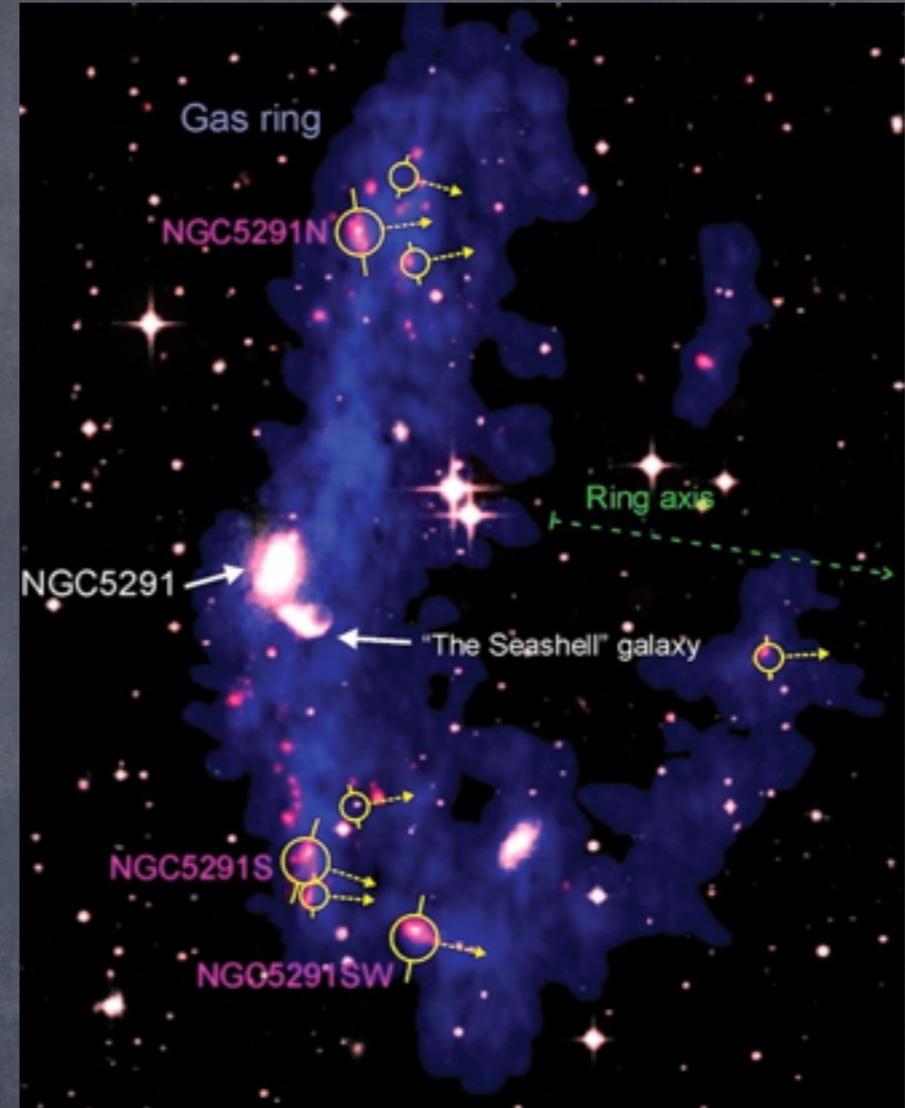
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No DM \implies No MOND



Globular clusters



Tidal dwarf galaxies

Conclusions

- Small scales present greatest challenge to Λ CDM
- DM superfluidity:
 - DM and MOND as different phases of same substance
 - All scales are comparable: $m \sim \text{eV}$ $\Lambda \sim \text{meV}$
- Open questions:
 - Can we find a precise CM analogue?
$$P \sim \rho^3 \implies \text{3-body interactions}$$
 - No DM \implies no MOND. Helpful?
 - How does dark energy fit into this picture?

