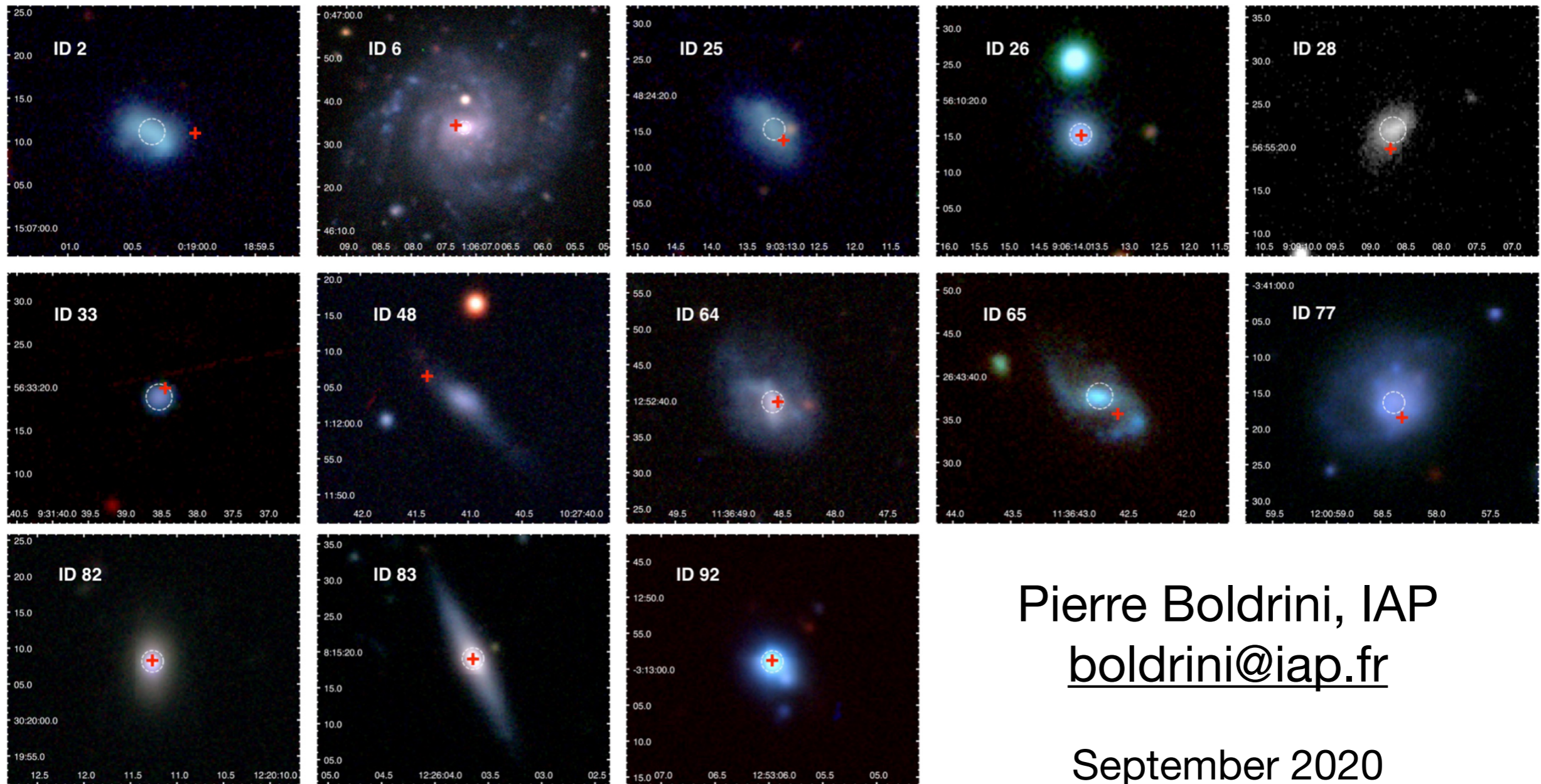


# ICAP meeting

## Off-centre black holes: a consequence of dark matter heating



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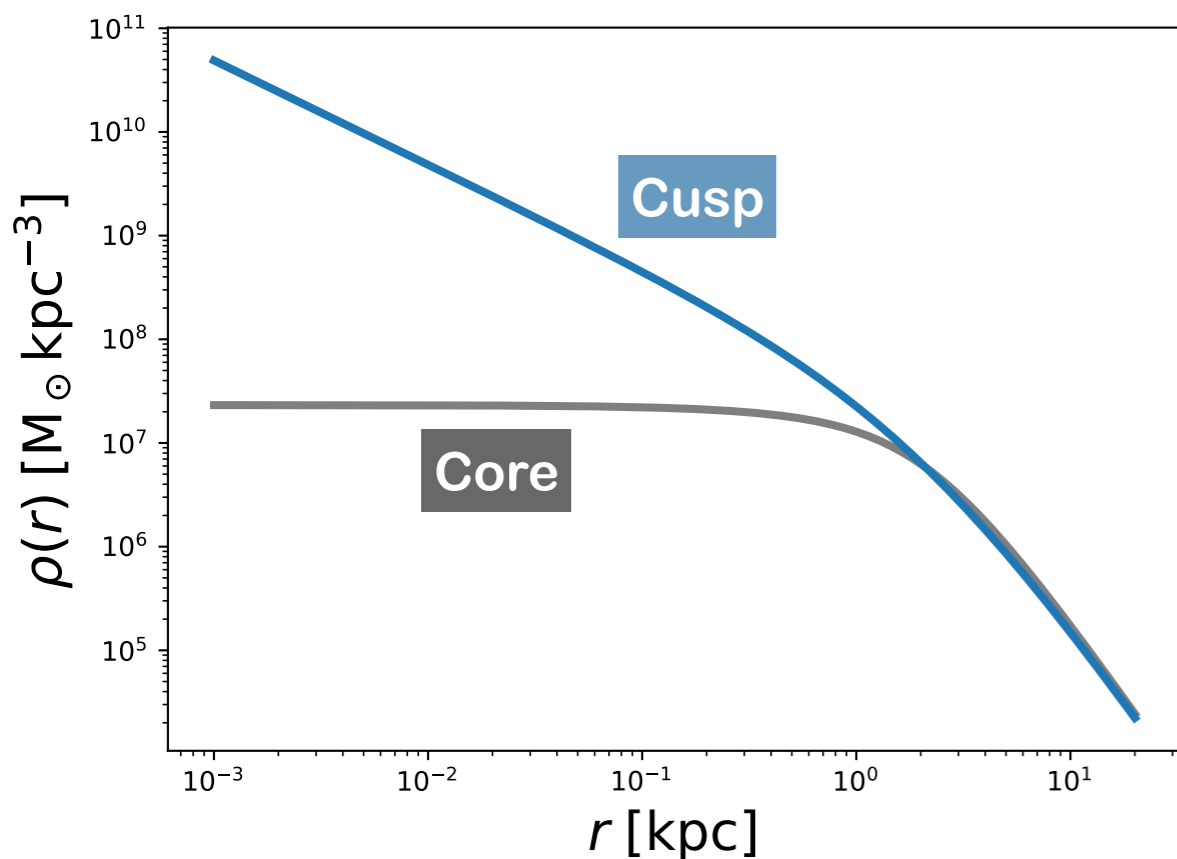
# Nature of dark matter



**Galaxies** are **embedded** in halos of **dark matter**

- ⇒ Cold dark matter **Current cosmological model**
  - ⇒ Warm dark matter
  - ⇒ Self-interacting dark matter
  - ⇒ Fuzzy dark matter
- Alternative theories**

# Dark matter distributions in different theories

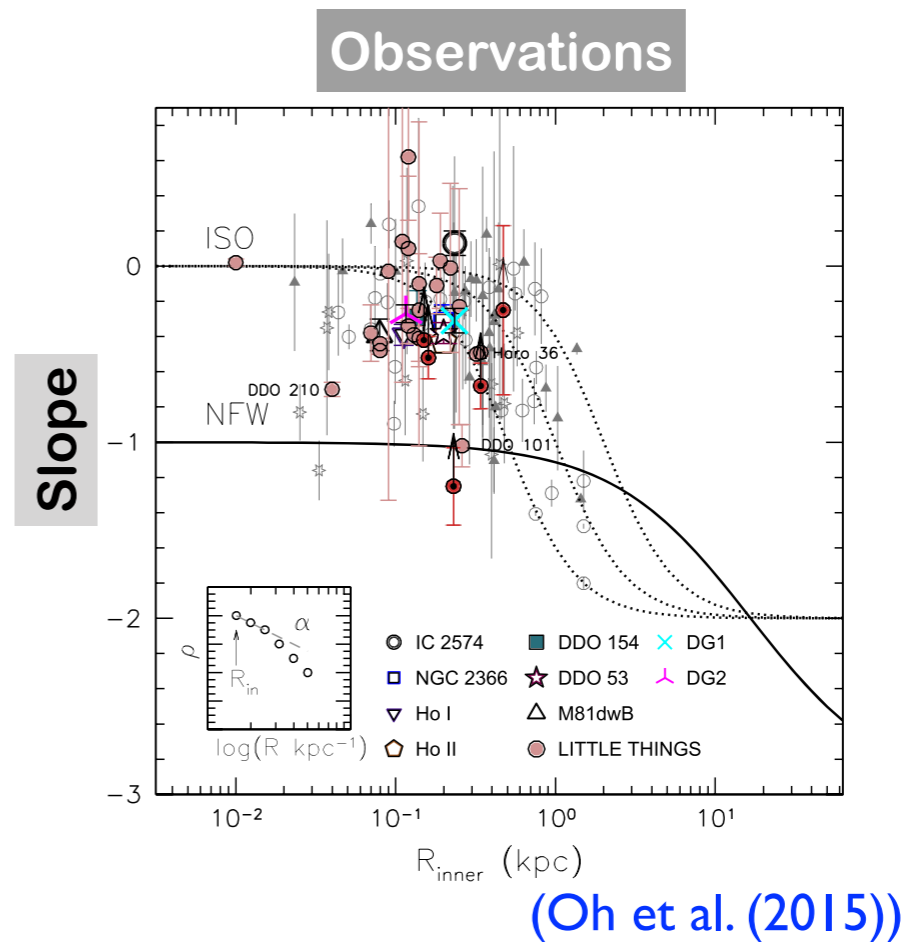
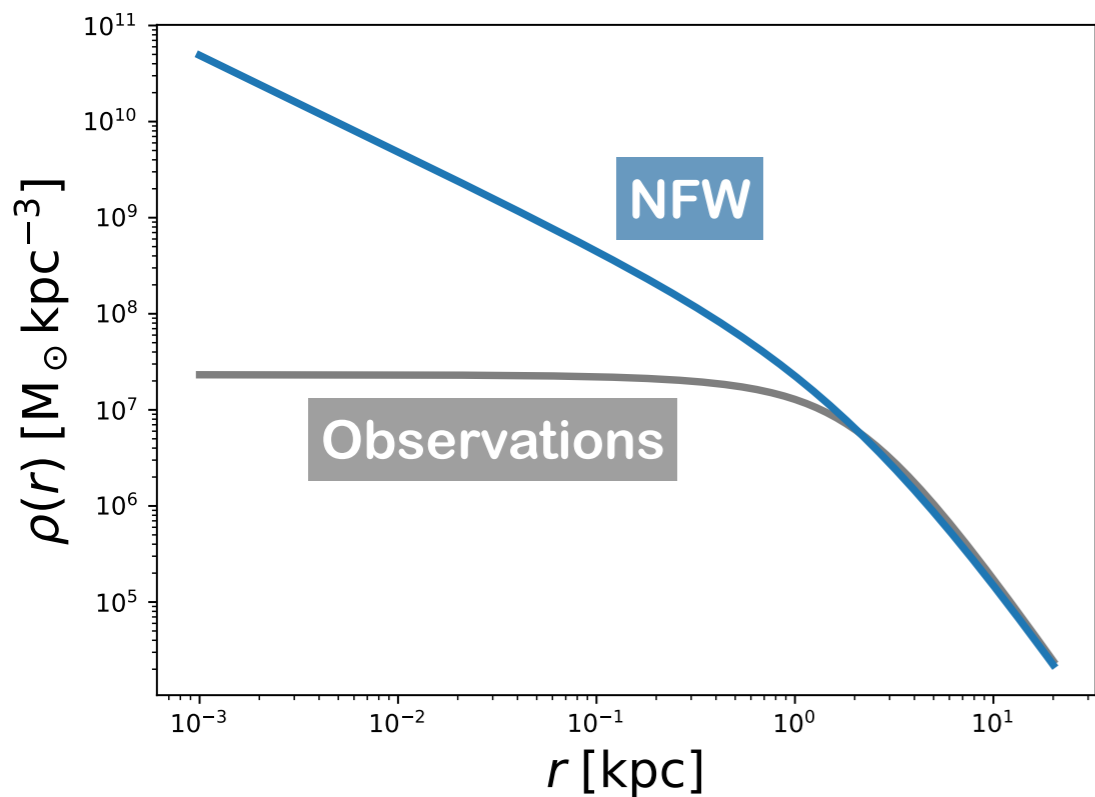
How dark matter is distributed in dwarf galaxies?



-  Cold dark matter **Cusp**
-  Warm dark matter **Core**
-  Self-interacting dark matter **Cusp** **Core**
-  Fuzzy dark matter **Core**

# Cusp-core problem

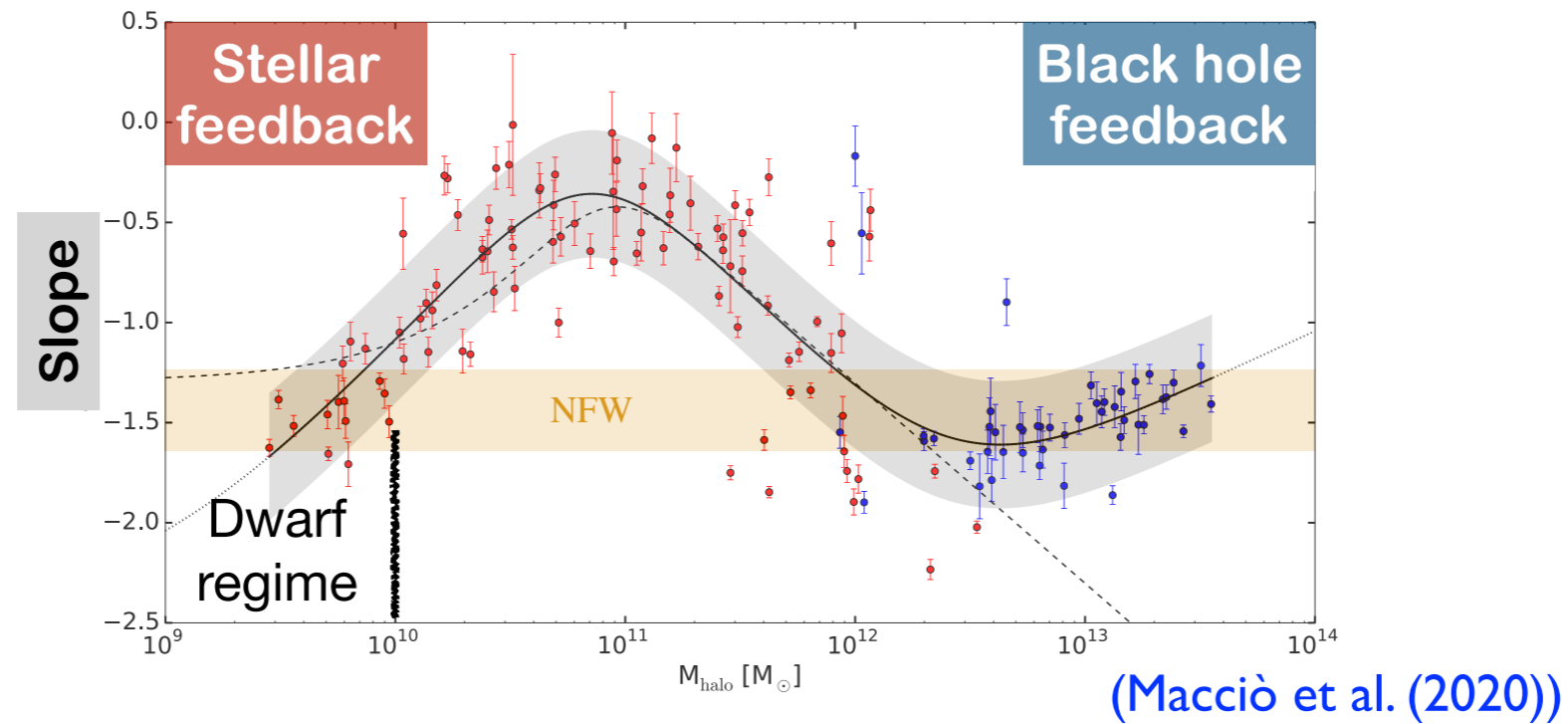
The discrepancy between observations and theory



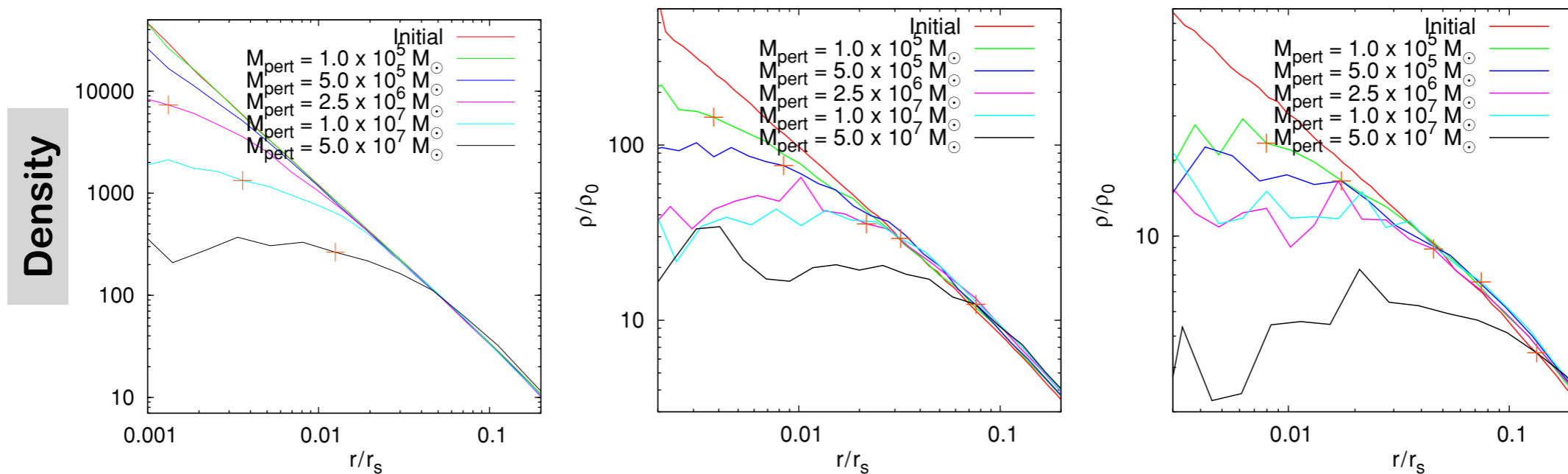
$$\rho(r)_{\text{NFW}} = \rho_0 \left( \frac{r}{r_s} \right)^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{r}{r_s} \right)^{-2}$$

# Astrophysical solutions

## Baryonic feedback

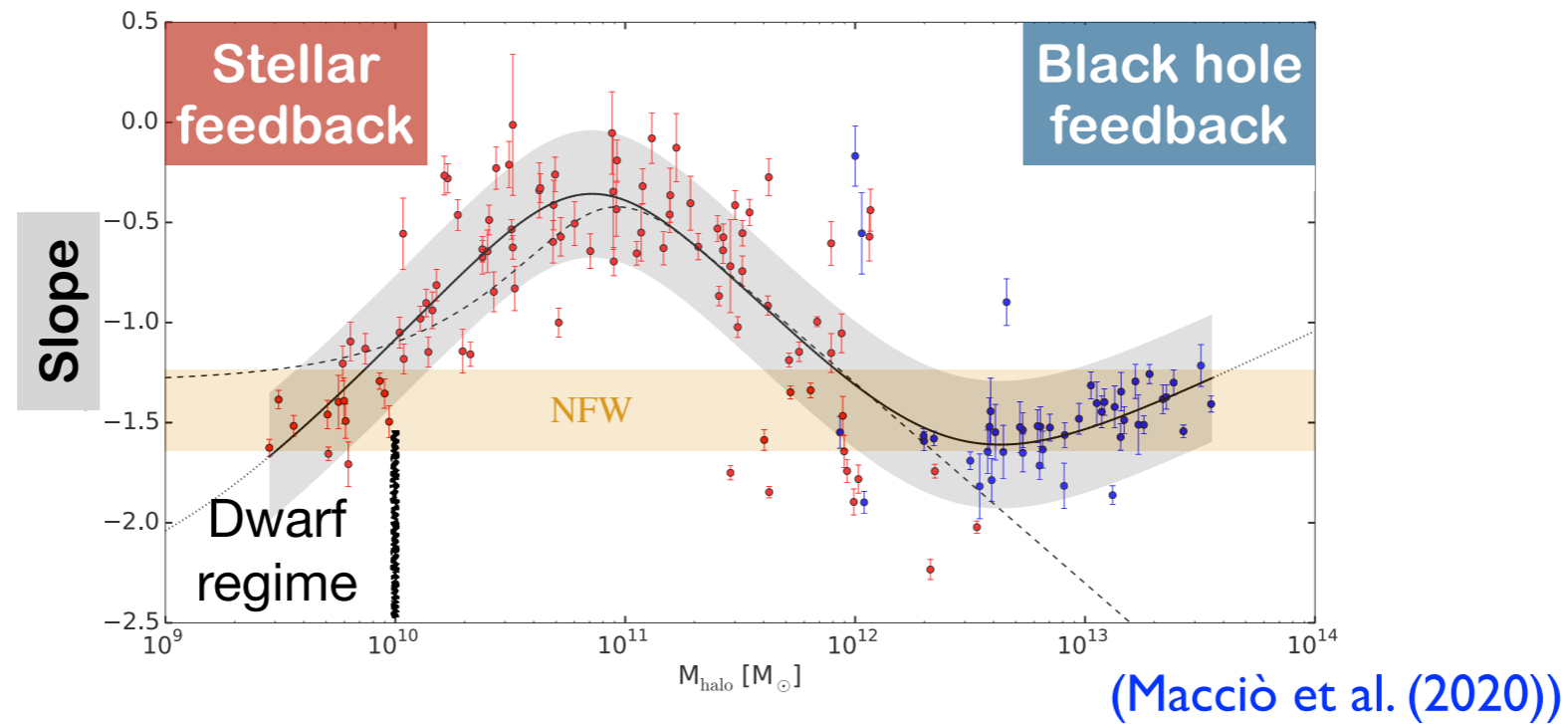


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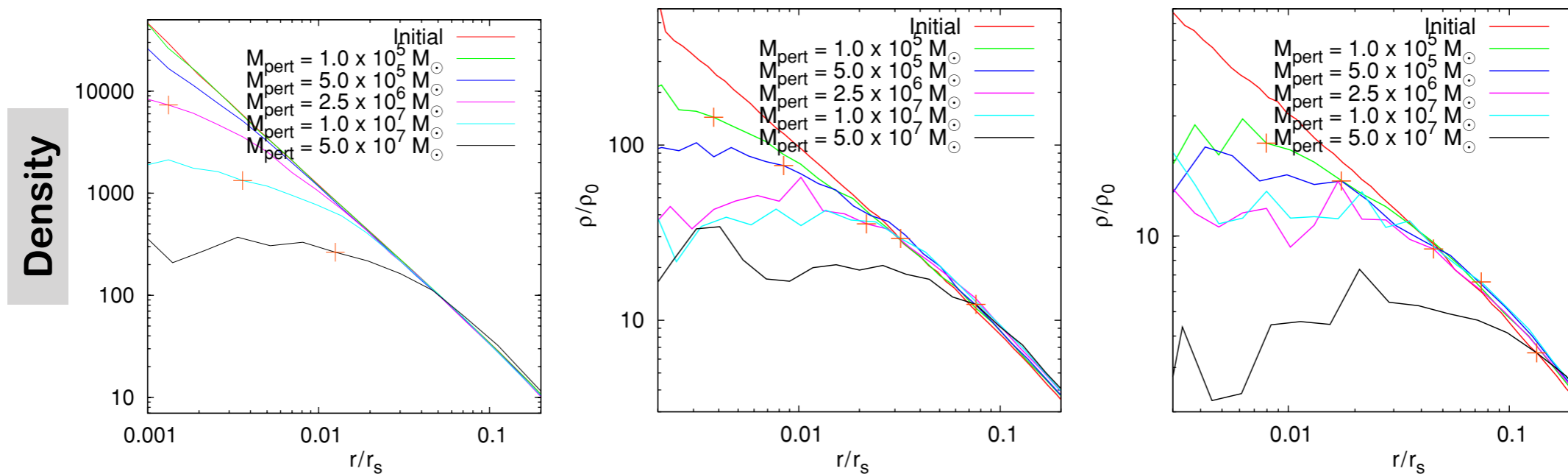


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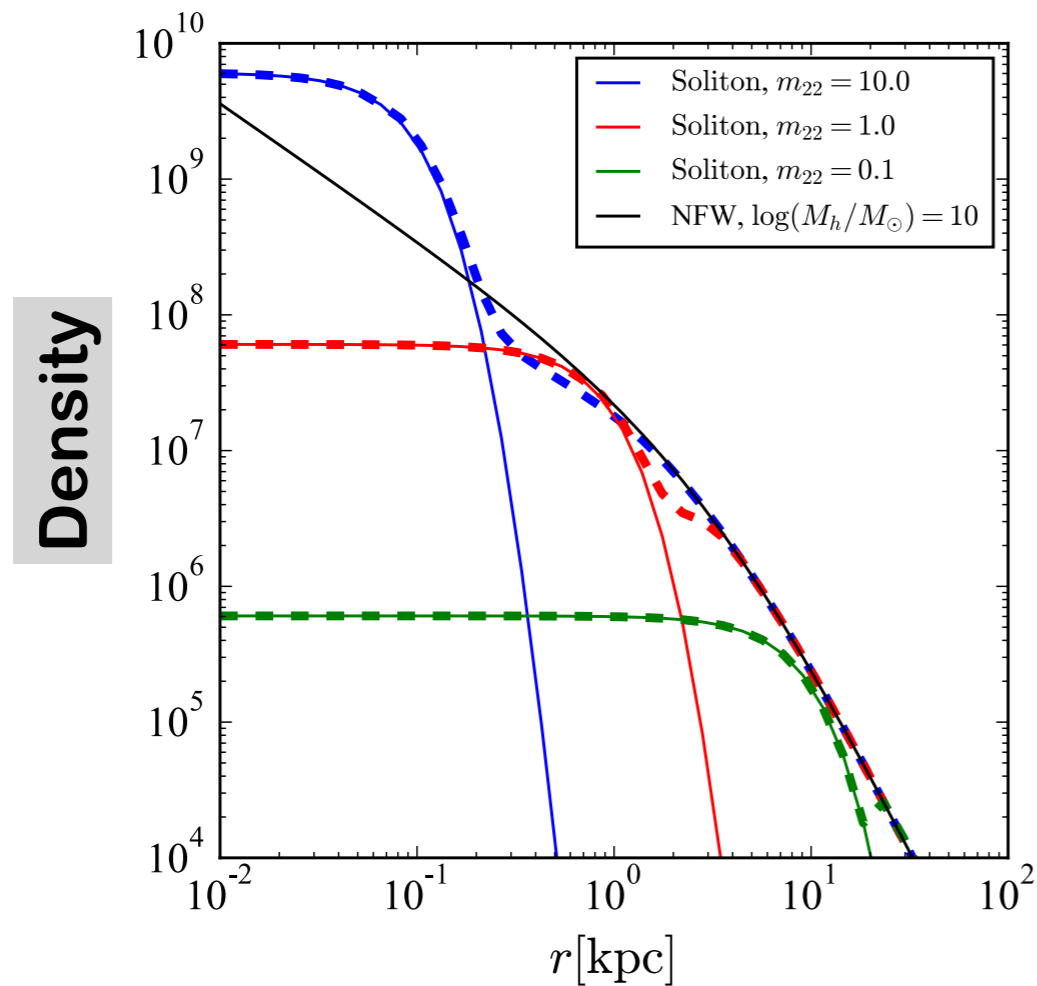
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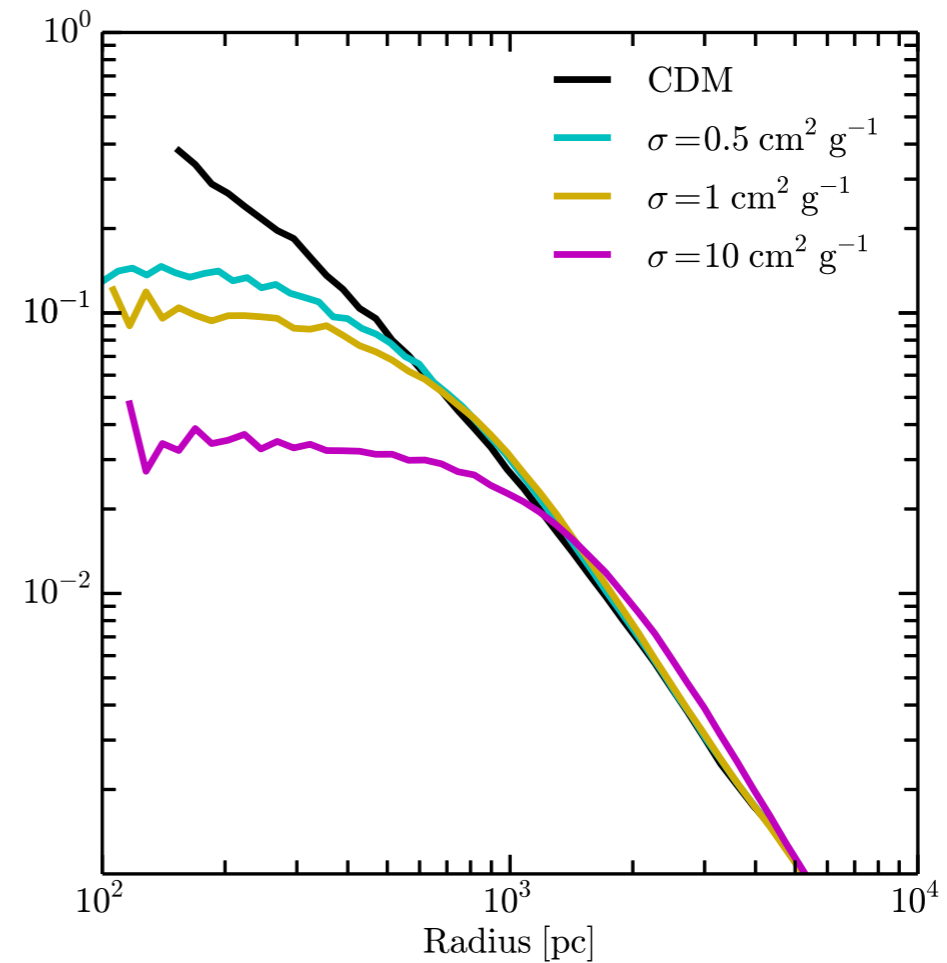
Changing the nature of the dark matter

Fuzzy dark matter



(Safarzadeh et al. (2020))

Self-interacting dark matter



(Elbert et al. (2015))

# Objectives

## Effects of infalling objects on the central black hole



**Satellite galaxy**



**Dark matter subhalos**



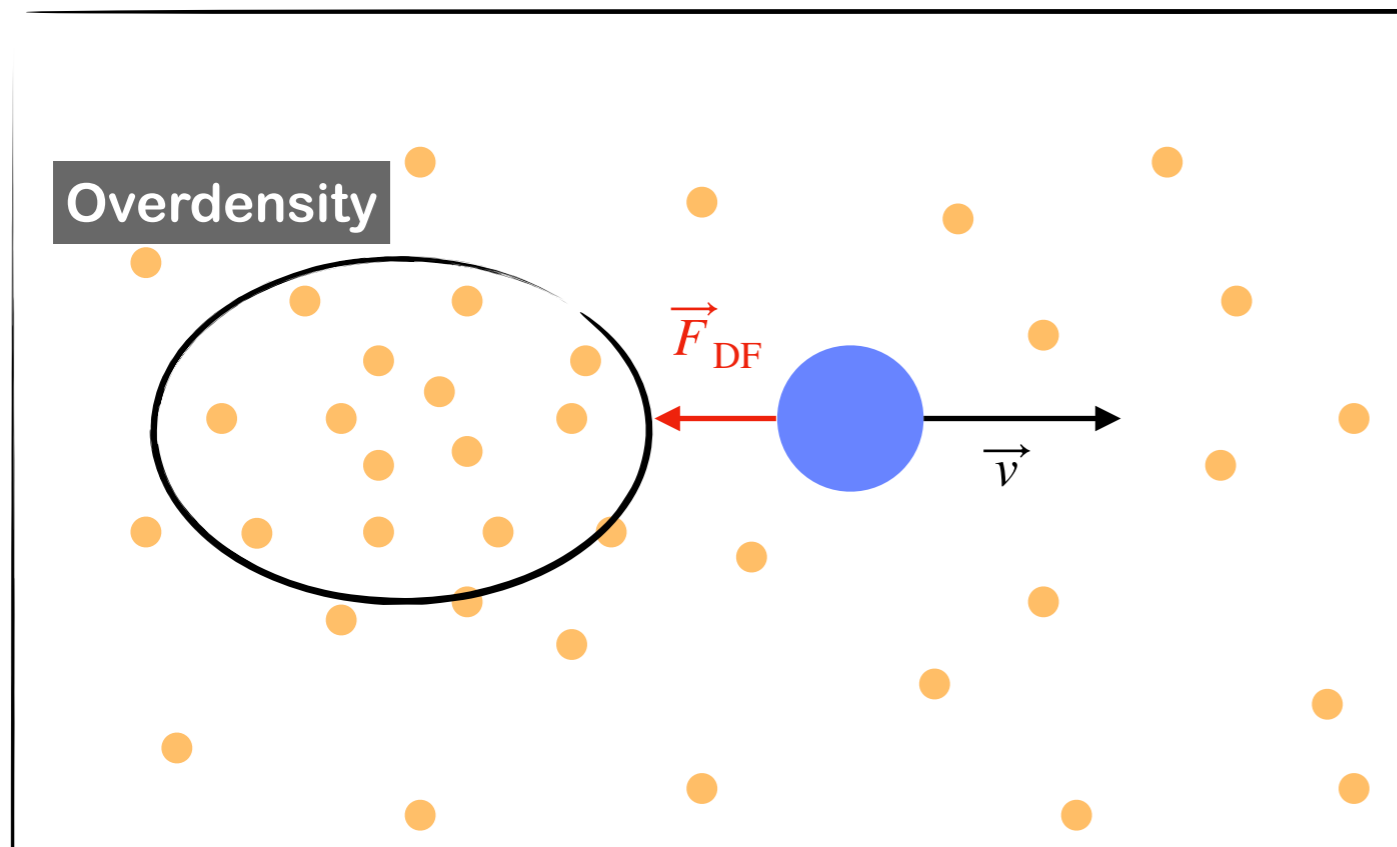
Finding new plausible solutions to the cusp-core problem  
in dwarf galaxies





# Dynamical friction

A drag force induced by the DM background



- Slows down the object
- Transfers energy to the background

$$\vec{F}_{DF}(x, v) \propto \rho_{DM}(x) M_{\text{perturber}} \quad (\text{Chandrasekhar et al. (1943)})$$

The dynamic depends on the **mass of the perturber** and the **DM background density**

# N-body simulations

Collisionless  
N-body code  
(like Gadget-2)

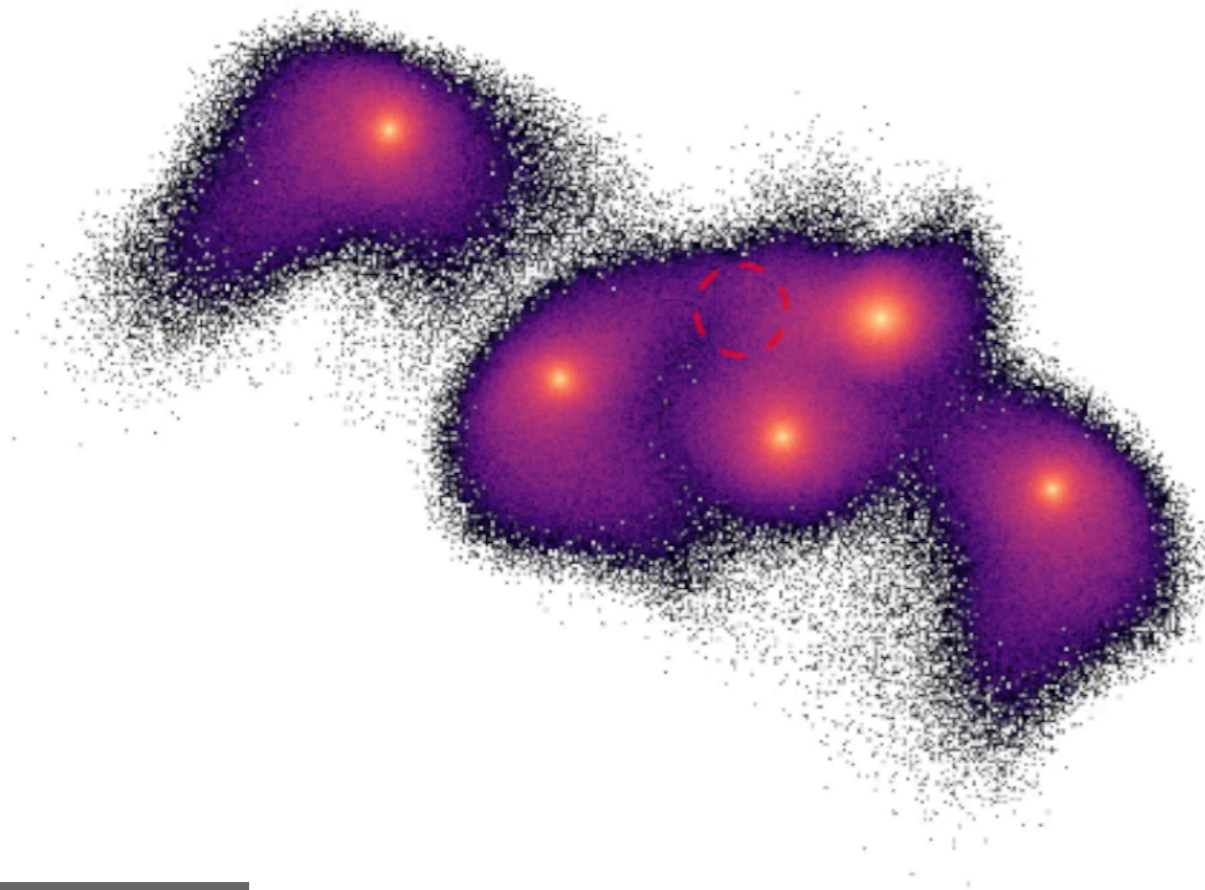
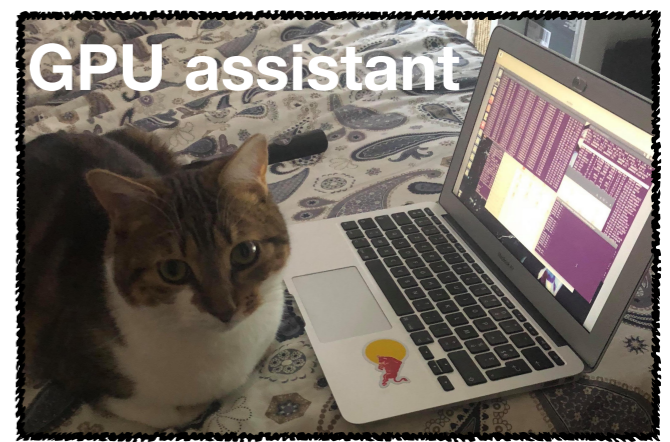
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GPU

= **G**ravitational  
**O**ct-  
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(Miki et al. (2017))



Dark matter particles  
only

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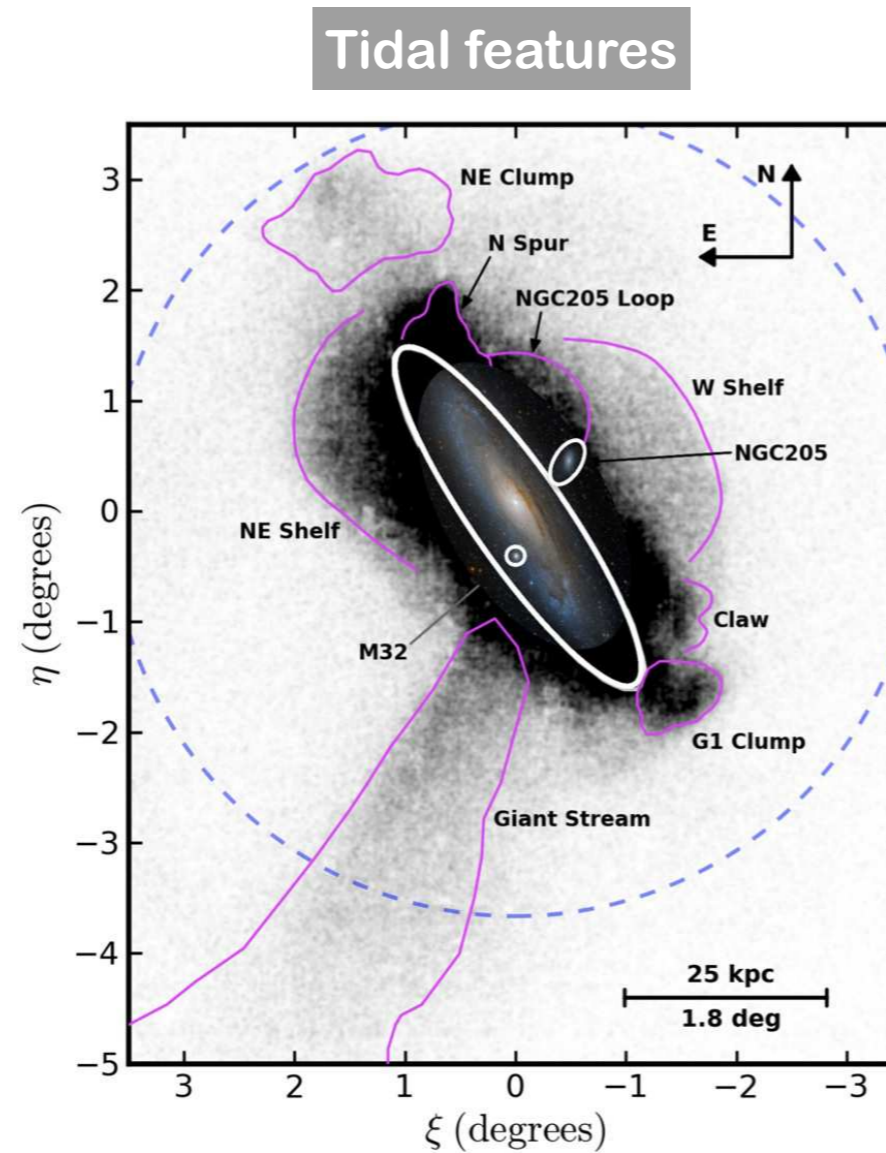
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**Satellite galaxy**

# Satellite galaxy in M31

## Observations



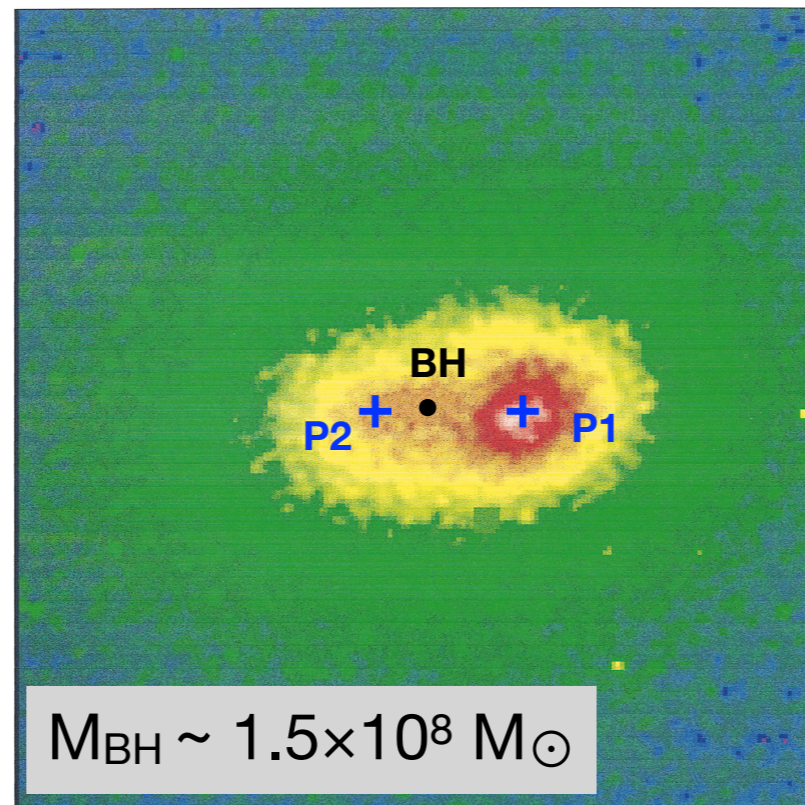
(Ferguson & Mackey (2016))

**Phase structures** of M31  
are results of the **accretion**  
of a **satellite** galaxy

# Satellite galaxy in M31

## Observations

Off-centre black hole



(Kormendy & Bender (1999))

The **M31 black hole** is **offset**  
by **0.26 pc** from P2

# Satellite galaxy in M31

## Mechanisms for off-centre black holes

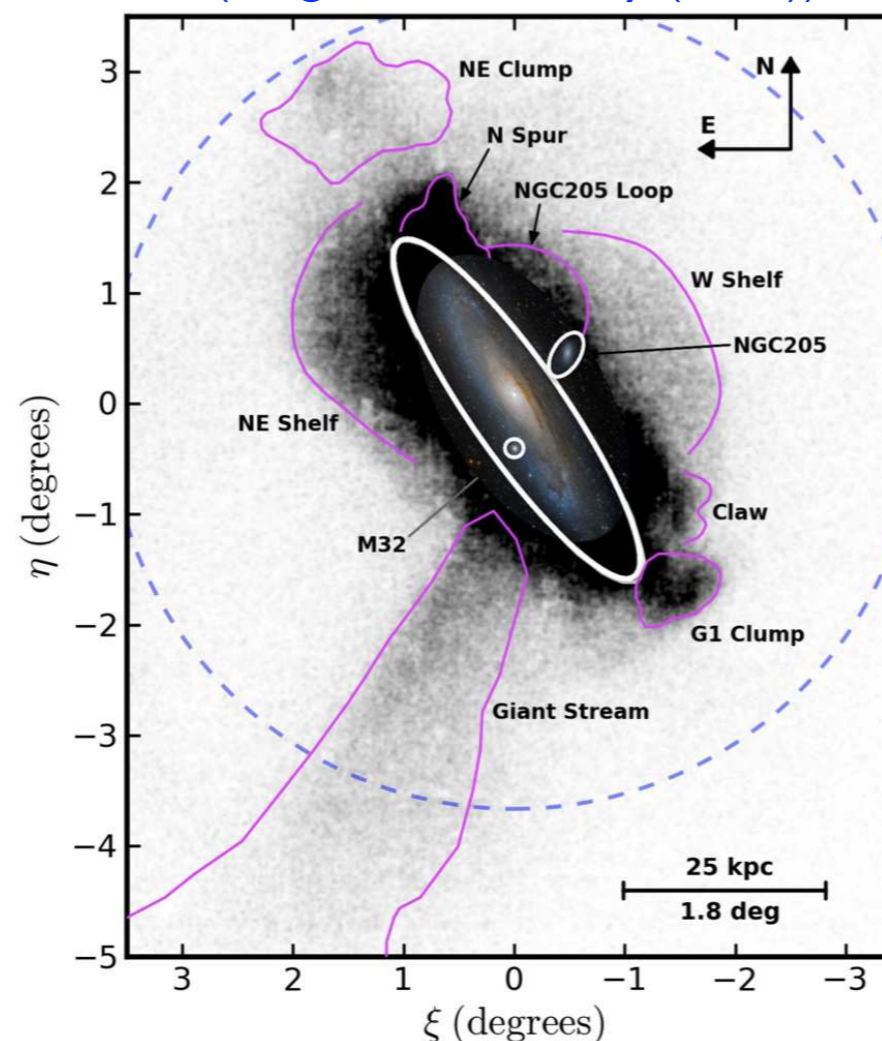
- Binary system before BH merger
- Recoil of merging BHs
- Galaxy mergers

## A single minor merger scenario

As the origin of:

- Giant south stream
- Stellar shells

(Ferguson & Mackey (2016))

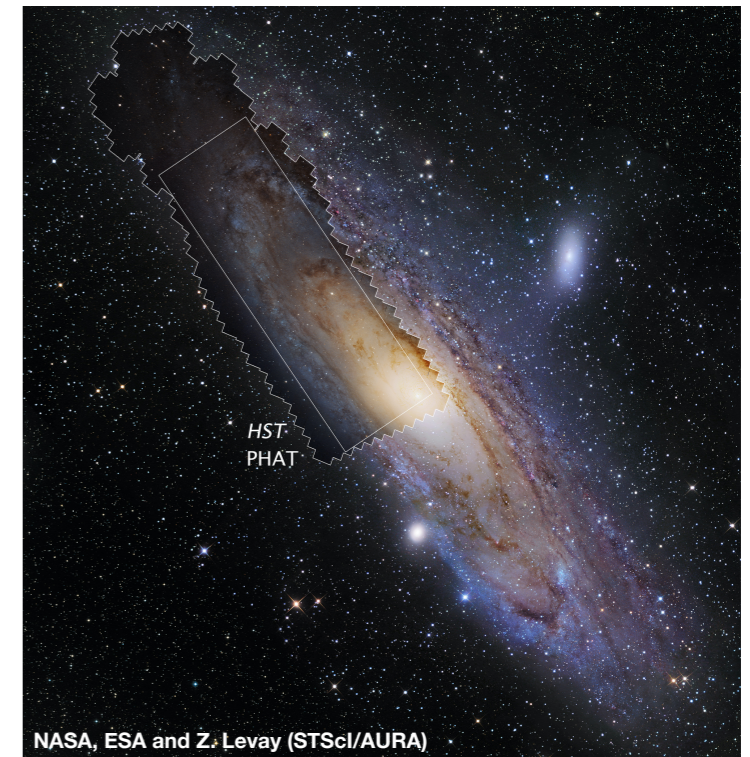


# Satellite galaxy in M31

## Andromeda galaxy M31

Component	Profile	a [kpc]	$r_{200}$ [kpc]	Mass [ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ]
M31 halo	NFW	7.63	195	88
M31 bulge	Hernquist	0.61	-	3.24
M31 disk	Exponential disk	$R_d = 5.4$ $z_d = 0.6$	-	3.66 -
M31 black hole	Point mass	-	-	0.015

(Geehan et al. (2006))



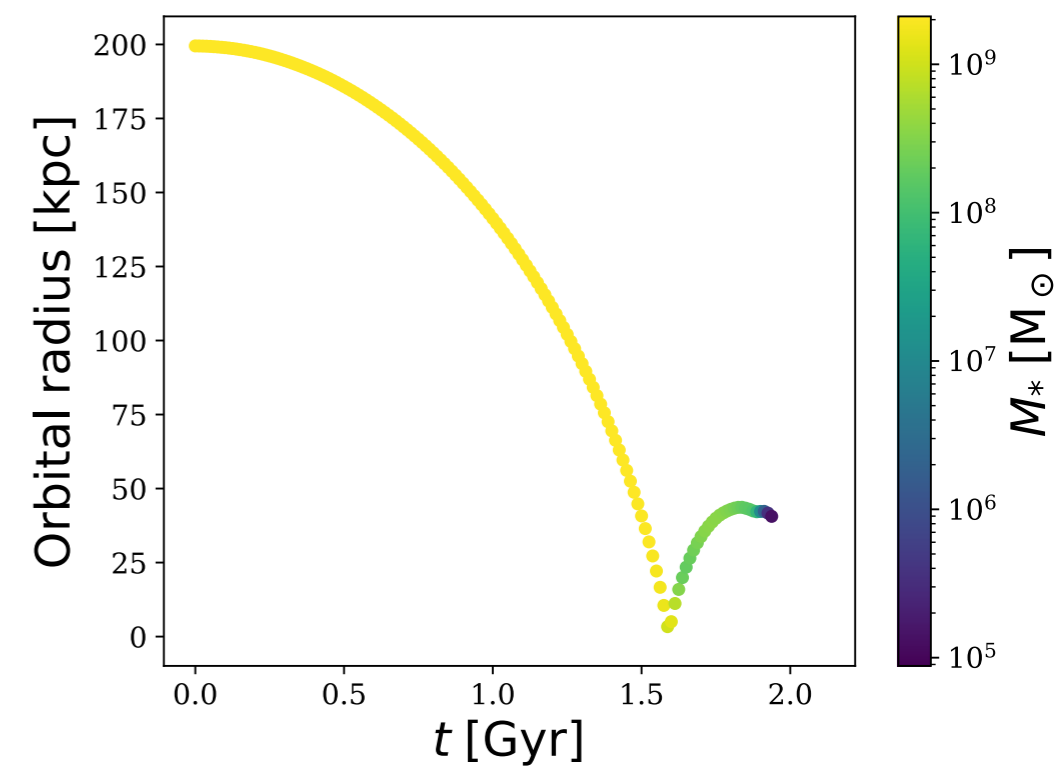
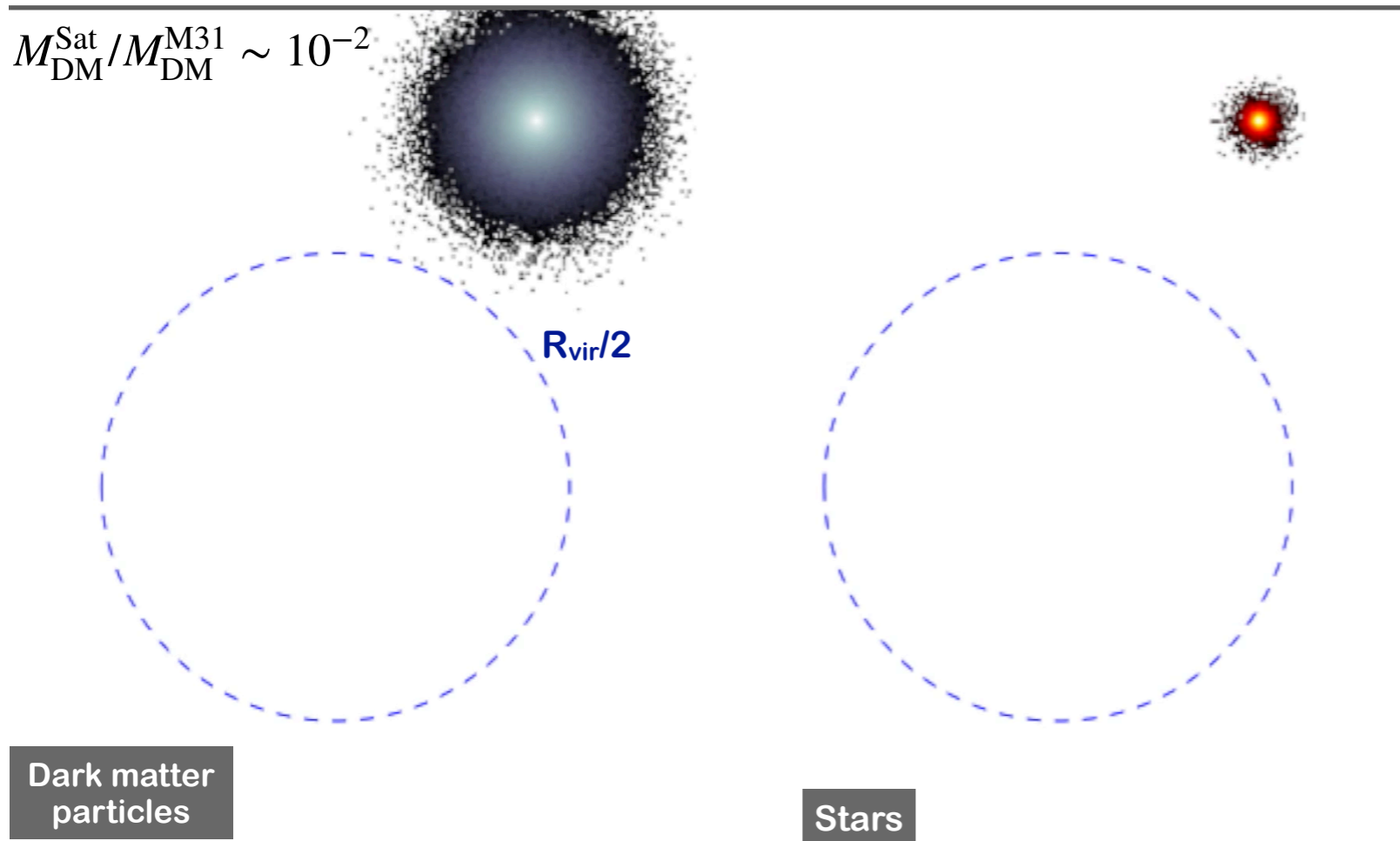
## Infalling satellite

Sadoun, et al. (2014)					
$((M_{DM}/M_*)_{sat} = 20)$					
	DM halo	Hernquist	12.5	20	4.18
	Stars	Plummer	1.03	-	0.22

**The dark matter rich satellite** starts at its **first turnaround radius** at **200 kpc** with a **null velocity**

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A minor merger scenario with M31 galaxy (Sadoun et al. (2014))



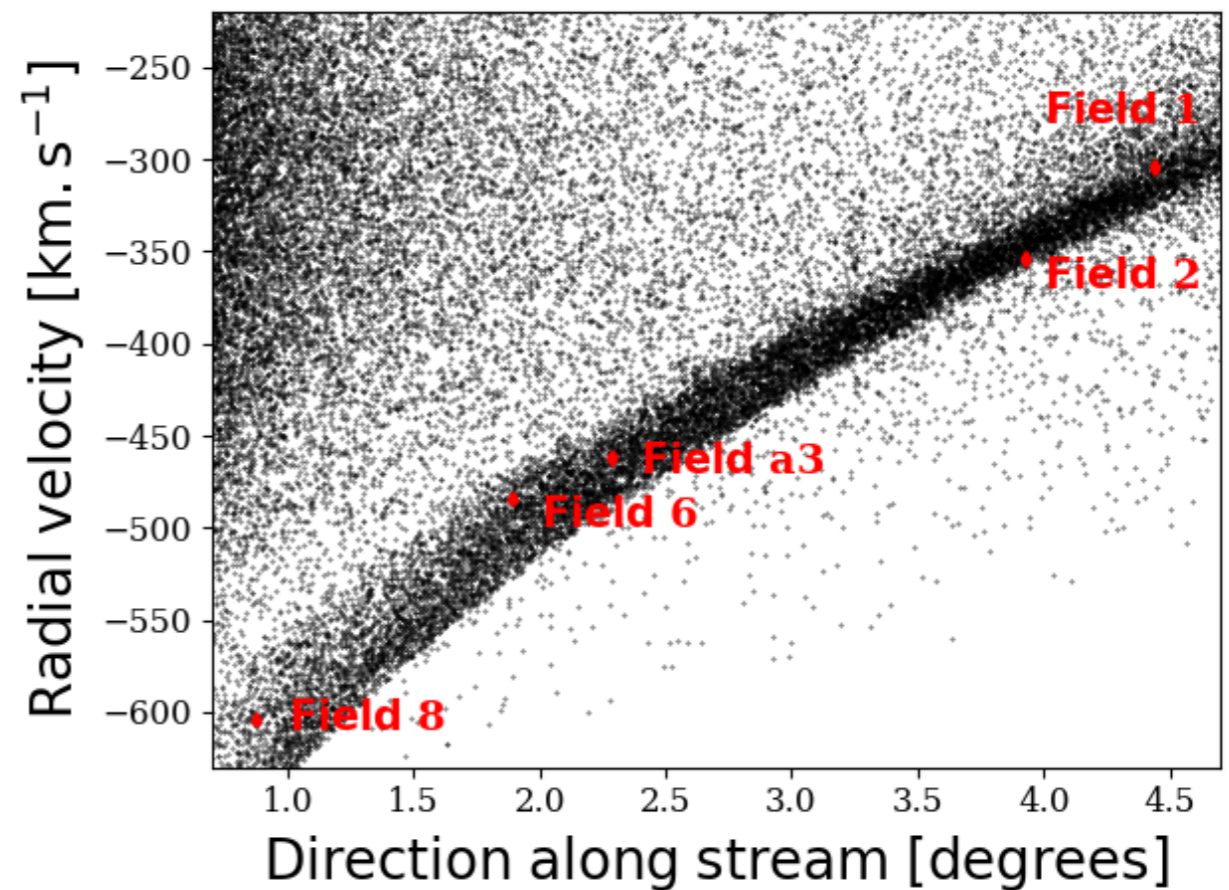
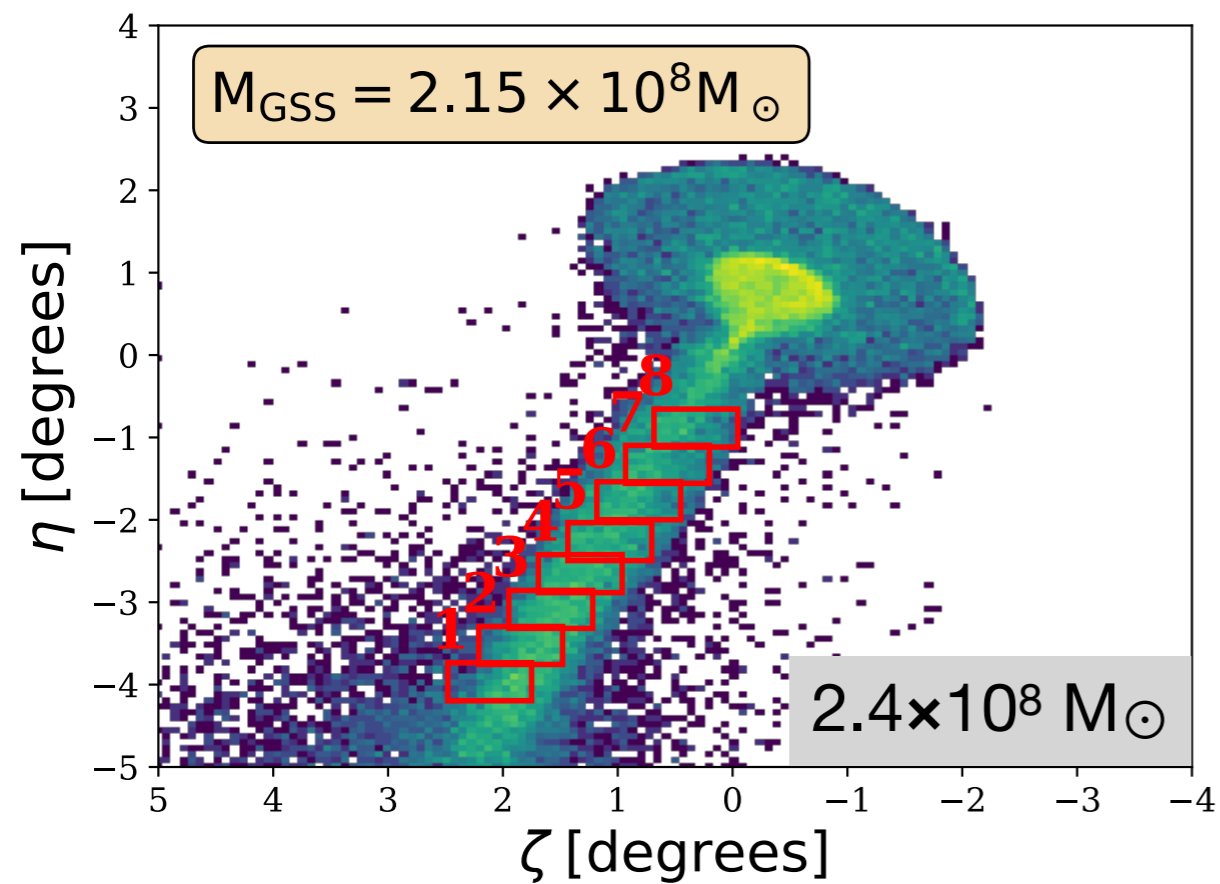
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# Satellite galaxy in M31

## Constraints from observations

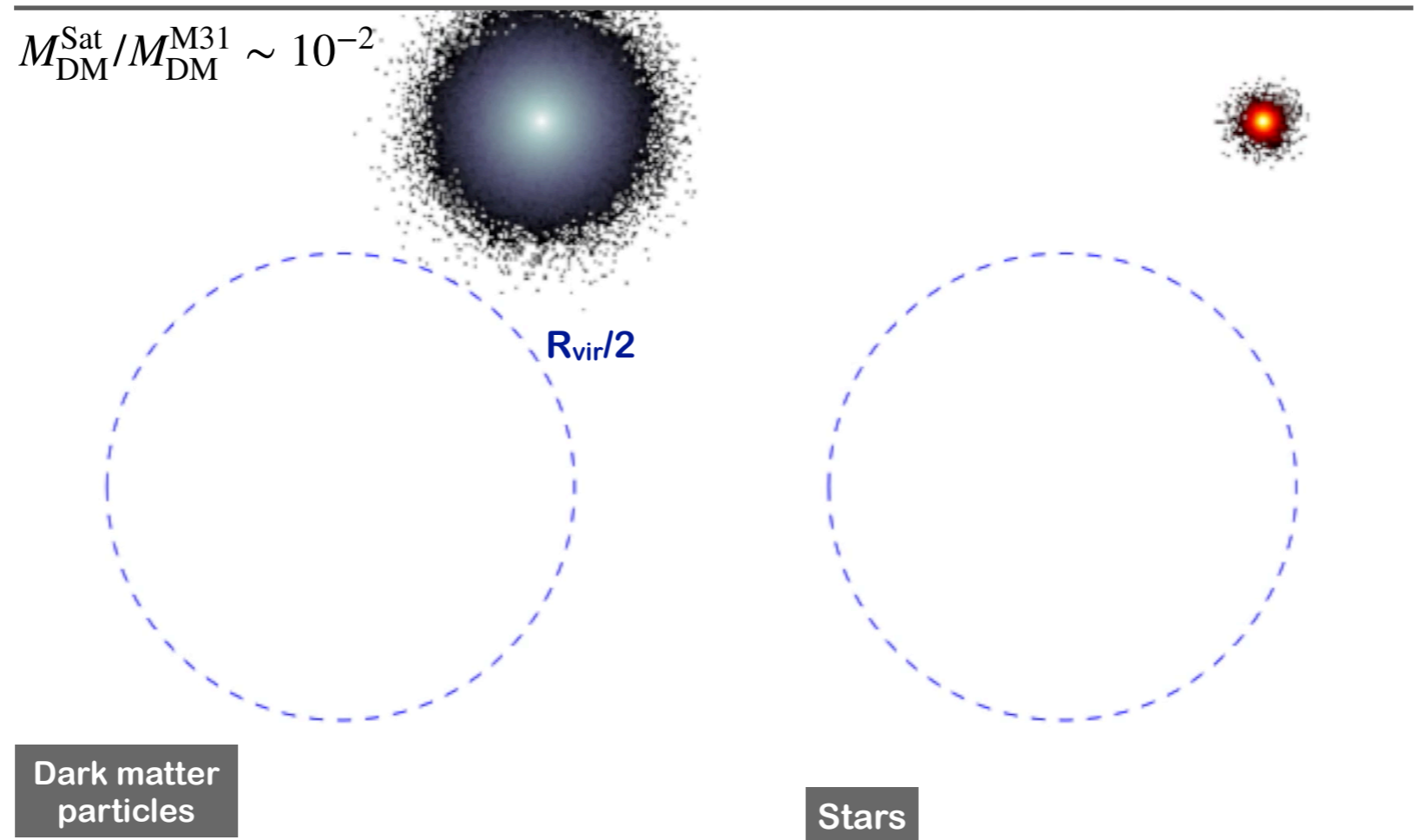
At 2.1 Gyr



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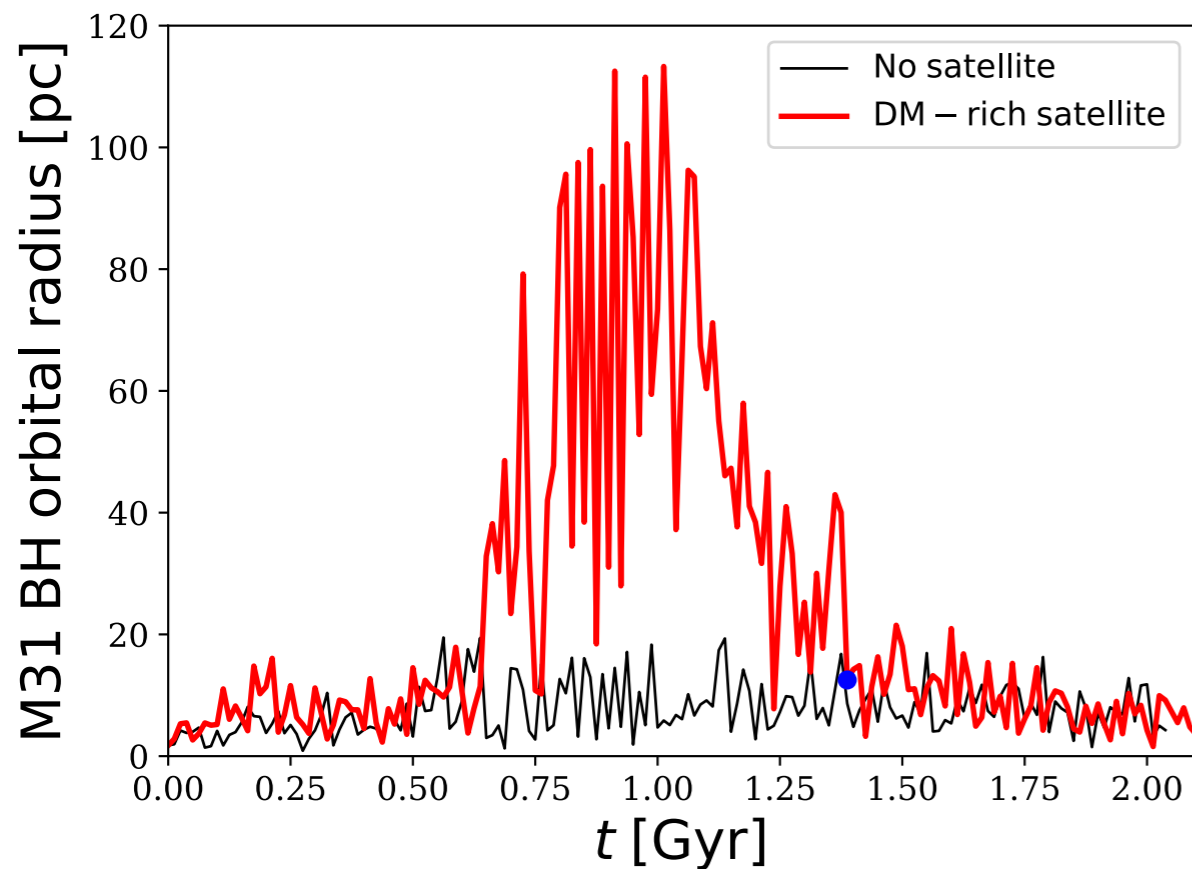


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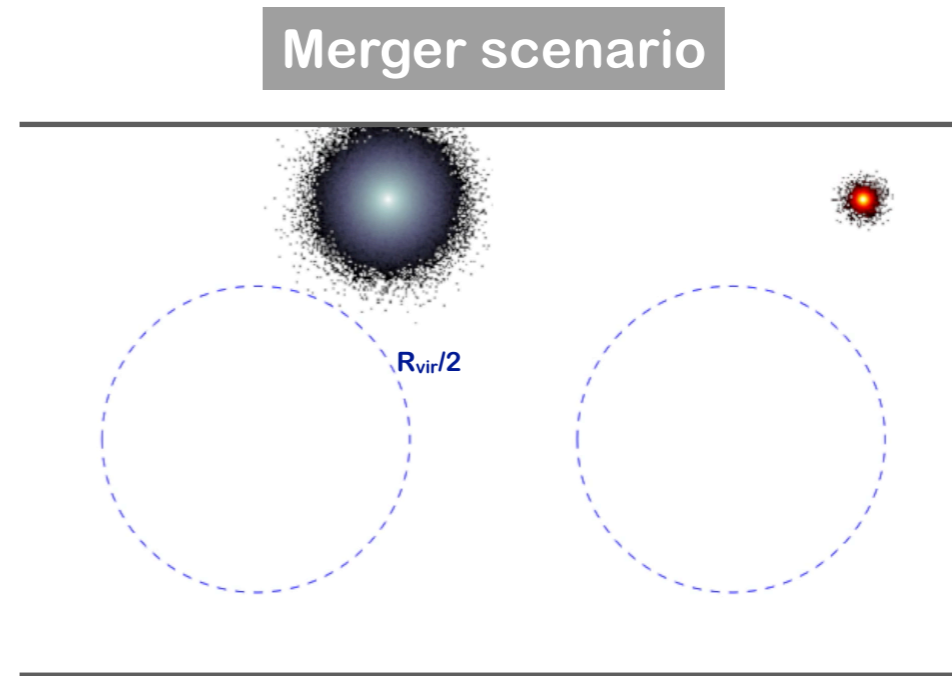
What happened to the **M31 central black hole** after this recent merger?

# Satellite galaxy in M31

## The offset of the M31 black hole



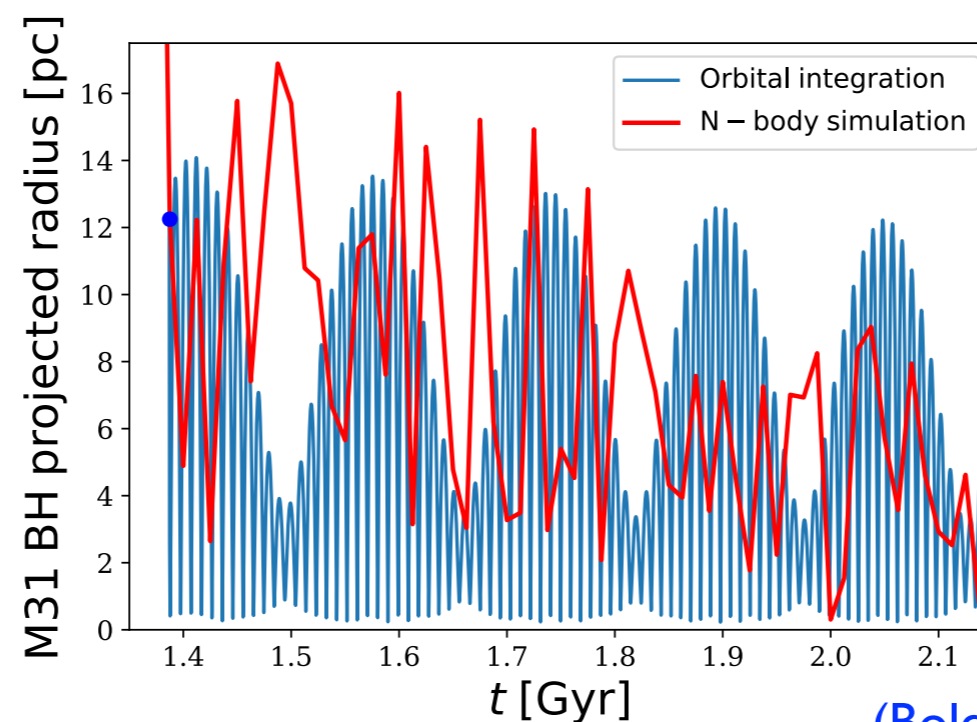
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It results in a **kick** of the **black hole** to **hundreds of parsecs** from the galaxy centre

# Satellite galaxy in M31

Orbit integrations with Galpy (Bovy (2015))



(Boldrini 2020, MNRAS Letters, L137B)

At 2.1 Gyr

Prediction

Observation

Offset by

0.39 pc

0.26 pc

The **infall** of the **accreting satellite** in M31 naturally explains a **black hole offset** by sub-parsecs

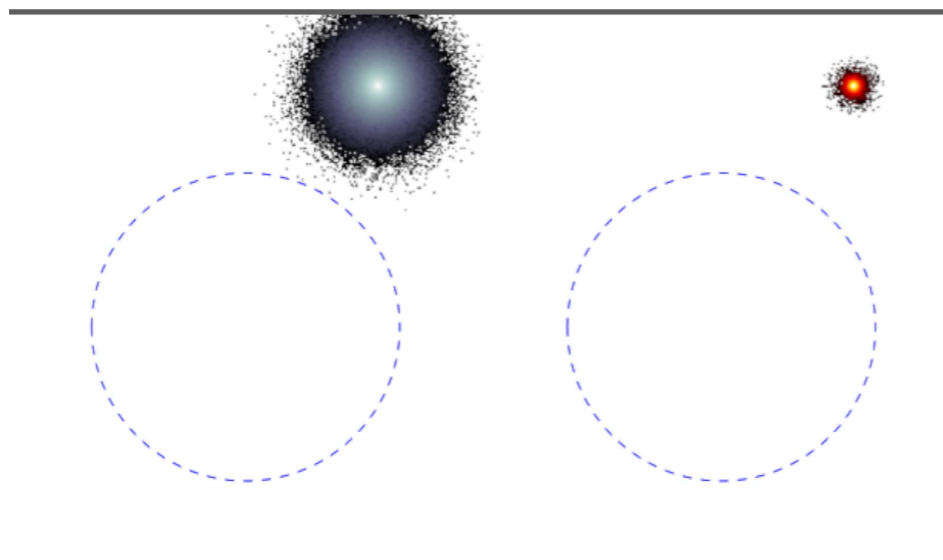
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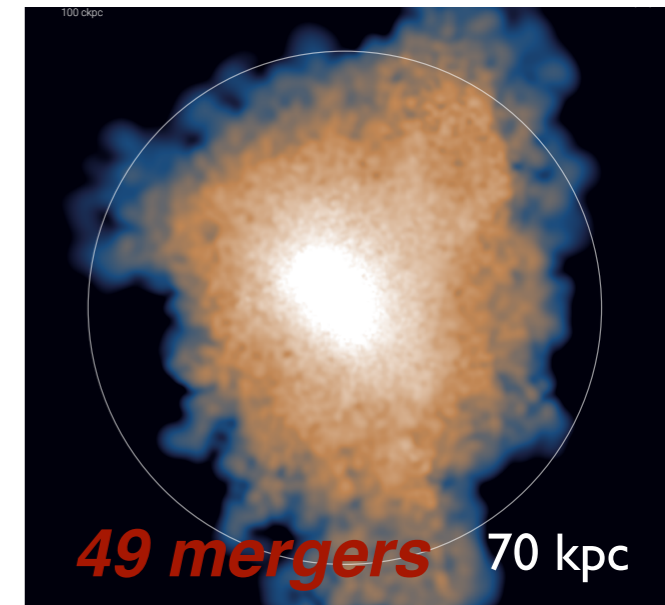
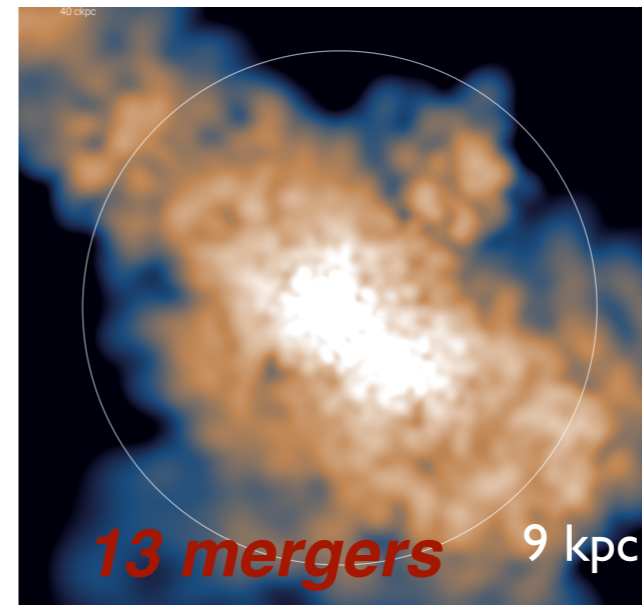
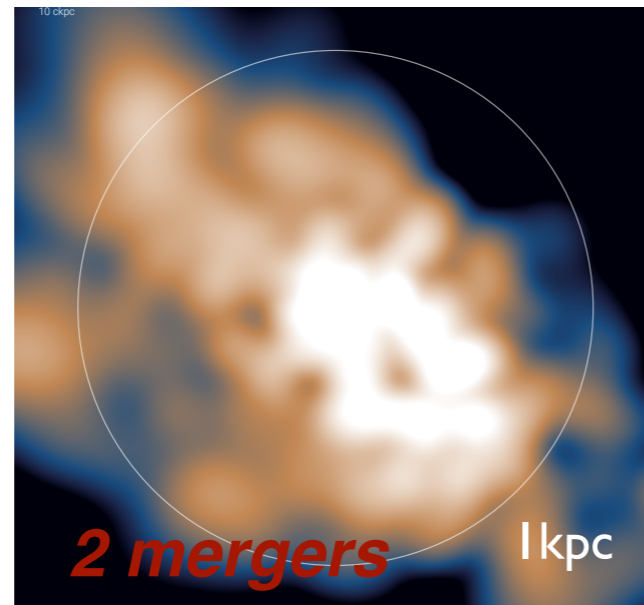
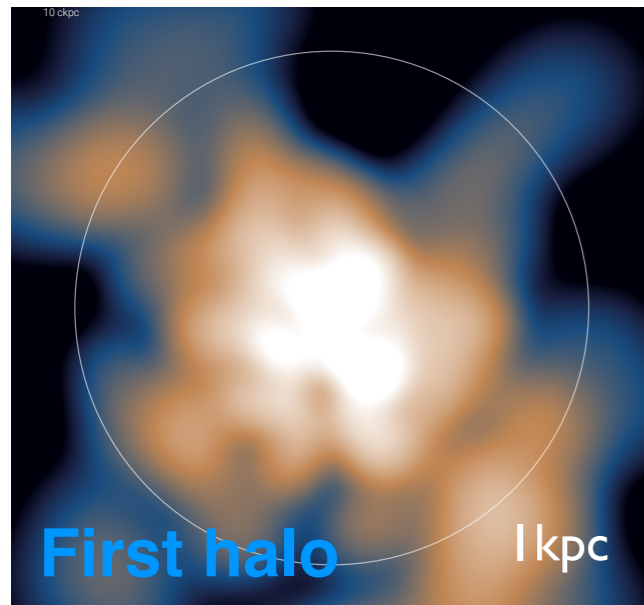
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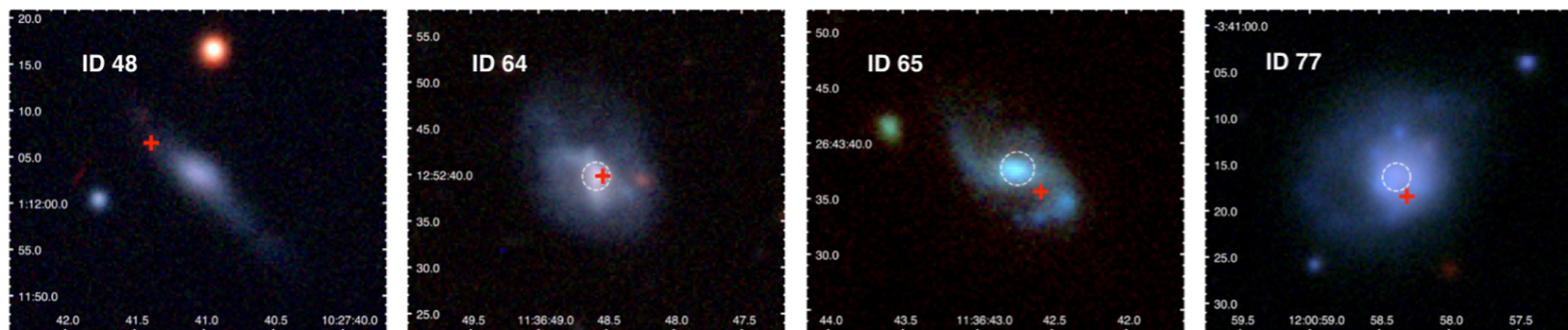
## Accretion of dark matter substructures



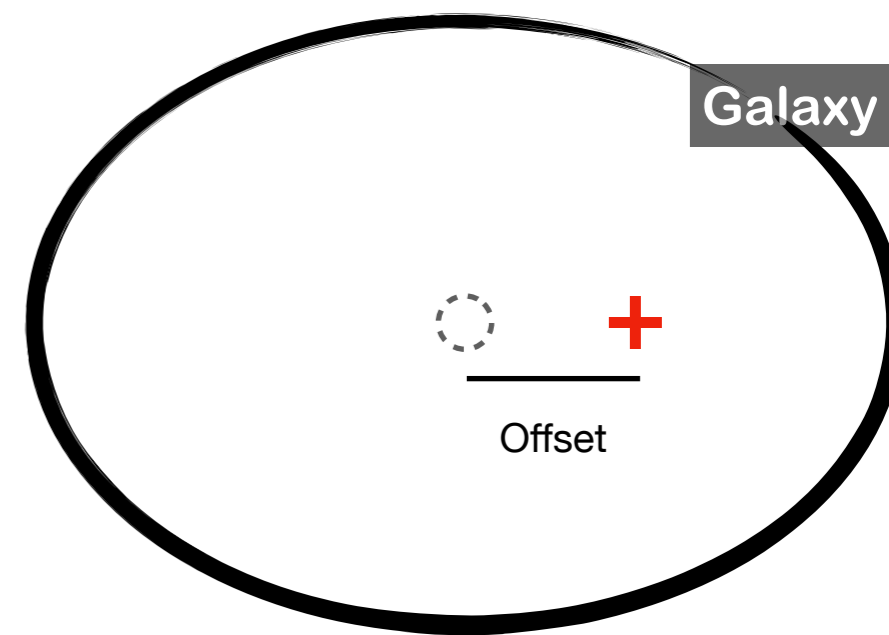
**Dark matter halos** are **growing** with time by **accretion** of smaller halos, called **subhalos**.

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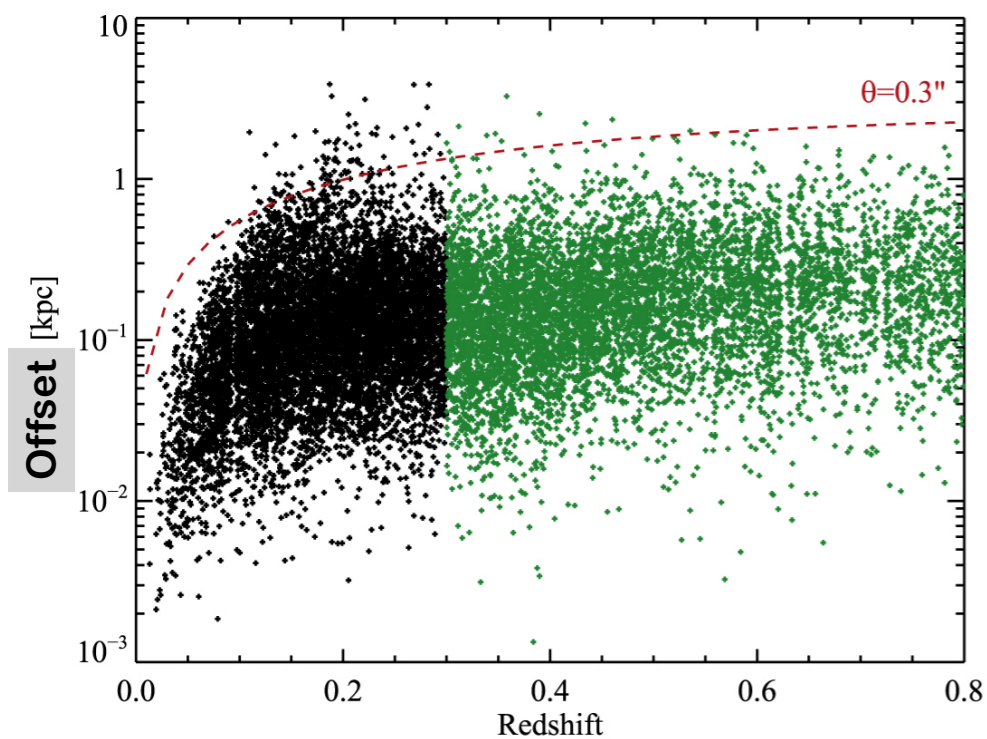
## Observations in dwarfs



(Reines et al. (2019))



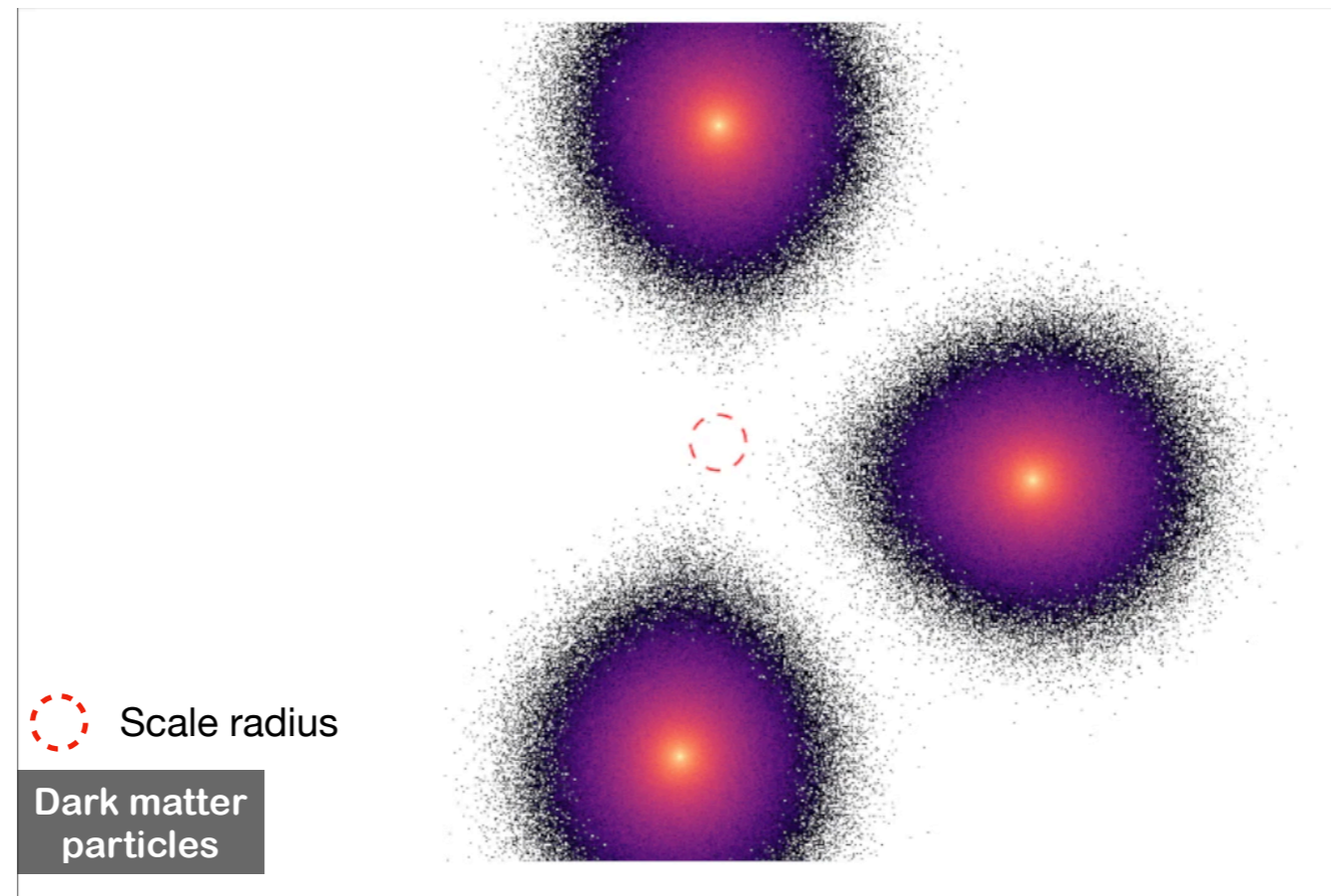
- Optical centre
- ⊕ Radio source



(Shen et al. (2019))

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Dark matter subhalos in dwarf galaxies



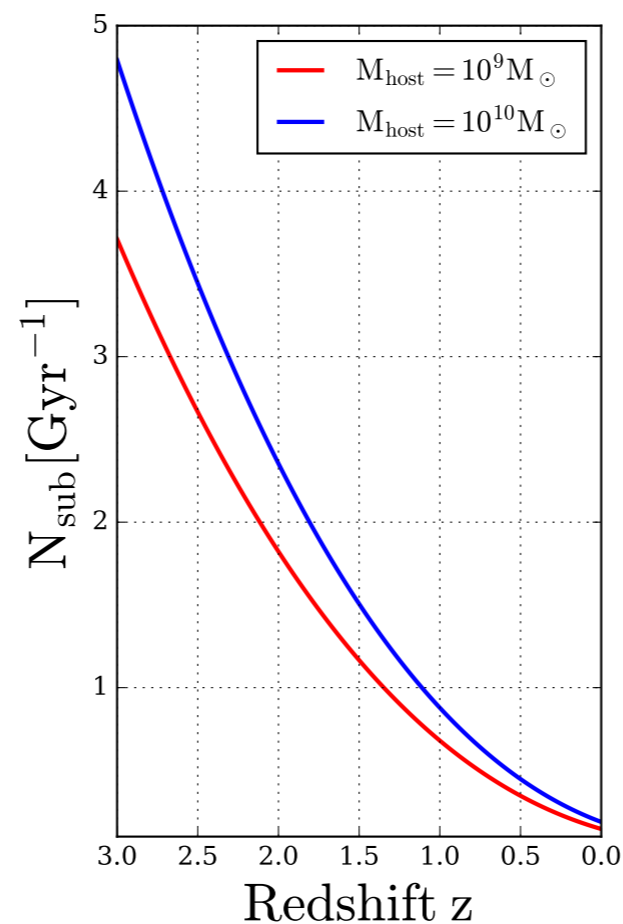
Can dark matter subhalos be also responsible for BH offset?



# Off-centre black holes in dwarf galaxies

## Subhalo accretions in dwarf galaxies

$$10 < M_{\text{host}}/M_{\text{sub}} < 100$$



(Neistein & Dekel (2008))

The **number of subhalo** accretion  
in **dwarf galaxies**  
can be determined by  
the **extended Press-Schechter** formalism

# Off-centre black holes in dwarf galaxies

## Dwarf galaxies

⇒ NFW form with  $r_s(z)$  (Prada et al. (2012))  $\sim 10^{9-10} M_\odot$

⇒ Plummer profile

## Central massive black hole

⇒ Point mass  $\sim 10^{5-6} M_\odot$

## Subhalos $\sim 10^{7-8} M_\odot$

⇒ NFW form with  $r_s(z)$

⇒ Virial radius as initial orbital radius

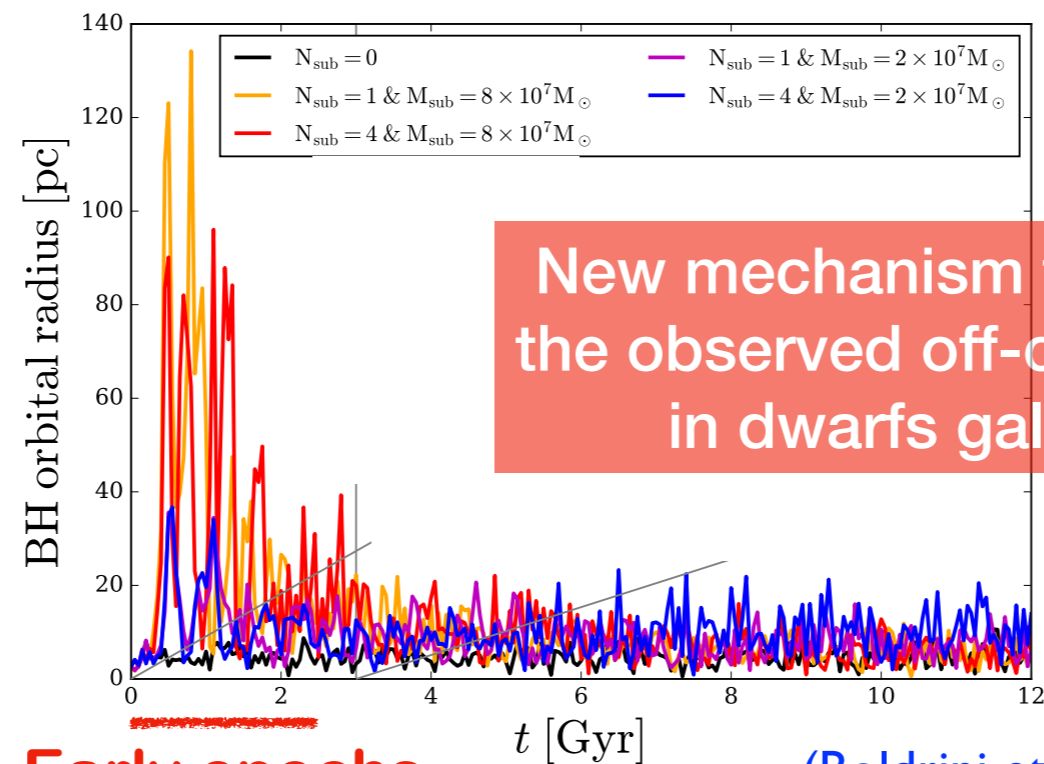
⇒ Initial average eccentricity ( $e=0.86-0.88$ ) (Wetzel (2011))

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## Heating mechanism

⇒ Sinking toward the central region due to dynamical friction

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New mechanism to explain the observed off-centre BHs in dwarfs galaxies

Early epochs

(Boldrini et al., 2020, MNRAS Letters, 495, L12)

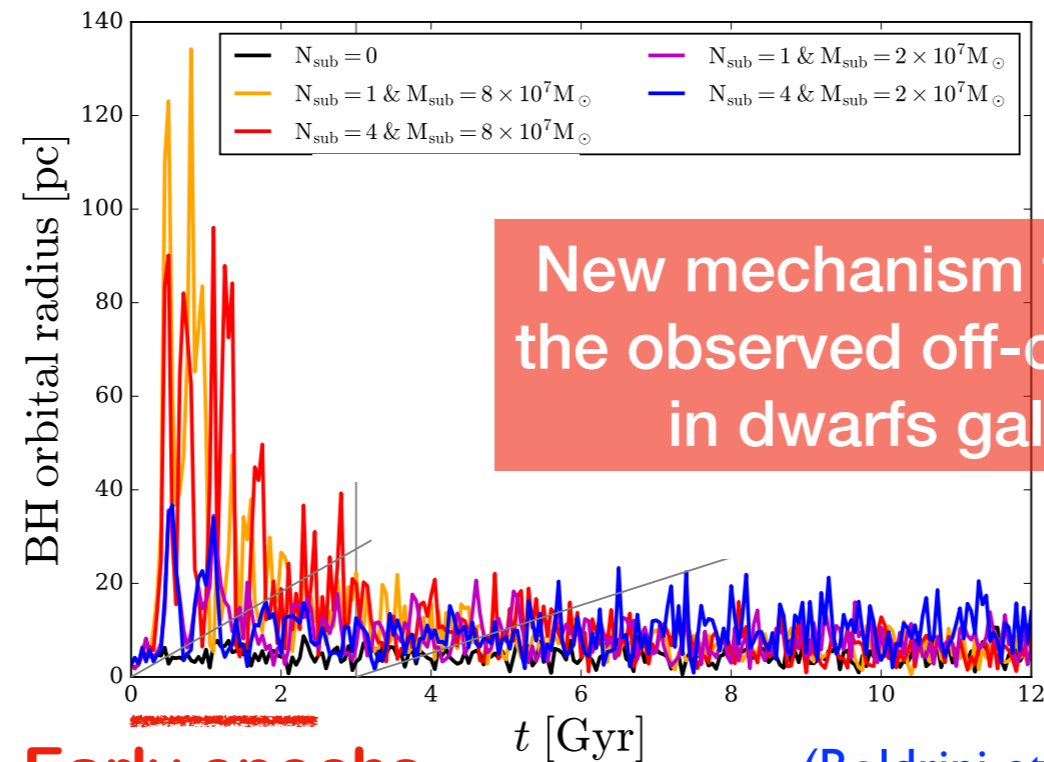
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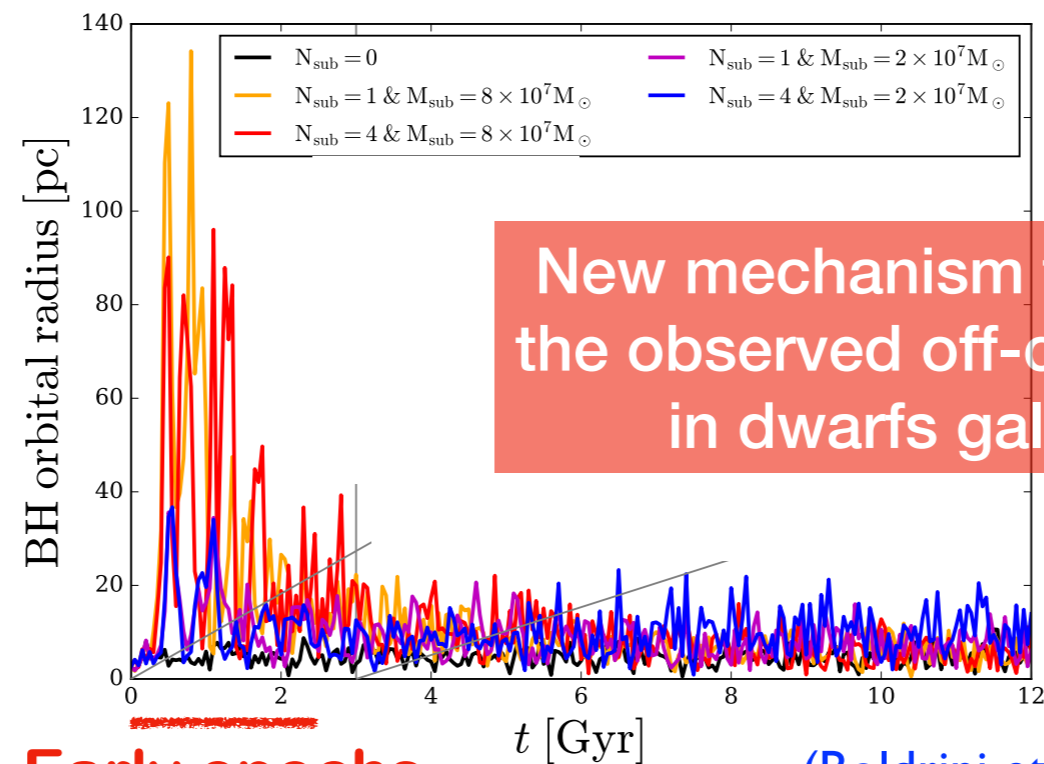
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Cusp-core problem

Black hole feedback

⇒ Flattening of the DM density profile

⇒ Peak of BH activity between  $z \sim 3$  and 1.6

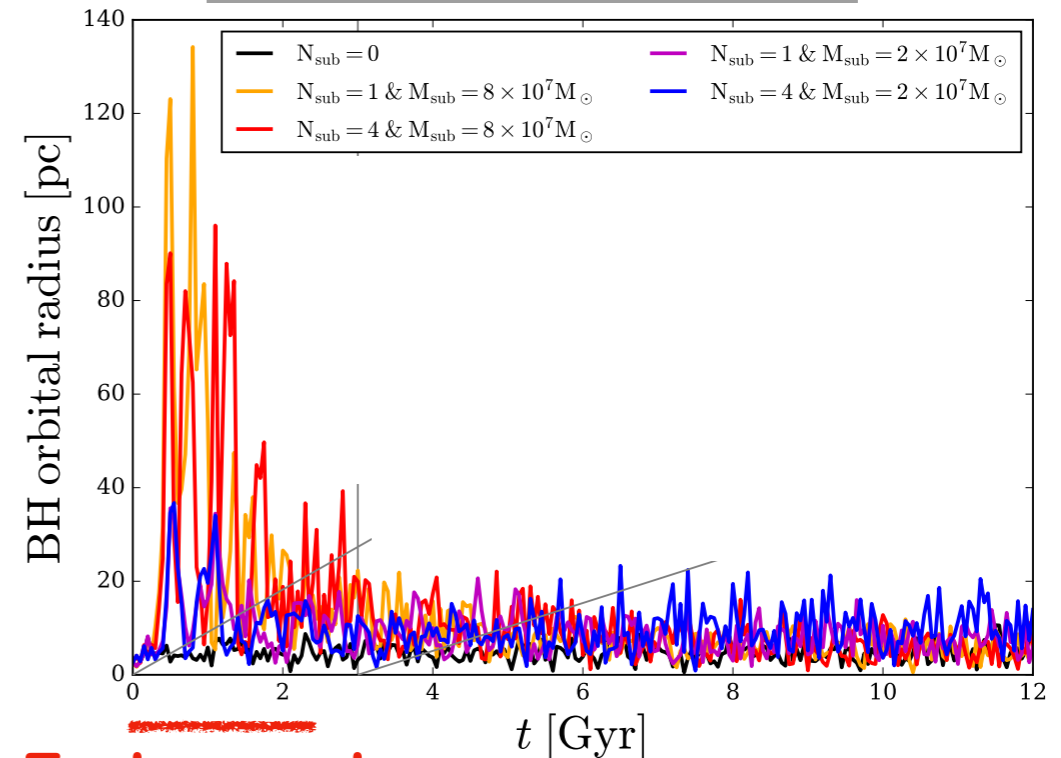
BHs **accrete** gas **inefficiently** away from the galaxy centre as **gas clumps** are **centrally located**

(Smith et al. (2018))

One consequence of **off-center BHs** during **early epochs** of dwarf galaxies is to **quench any BH feedback**

(Boldrini et al. (2020c))

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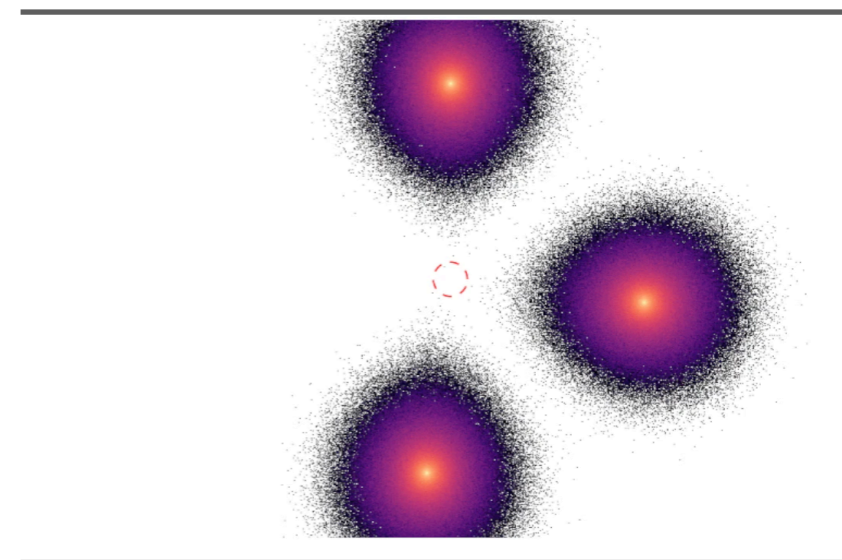
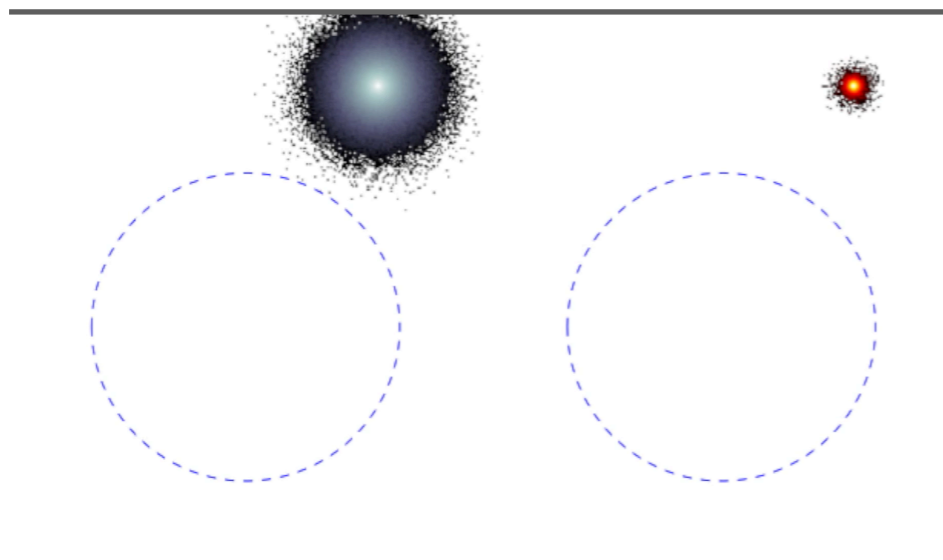
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