

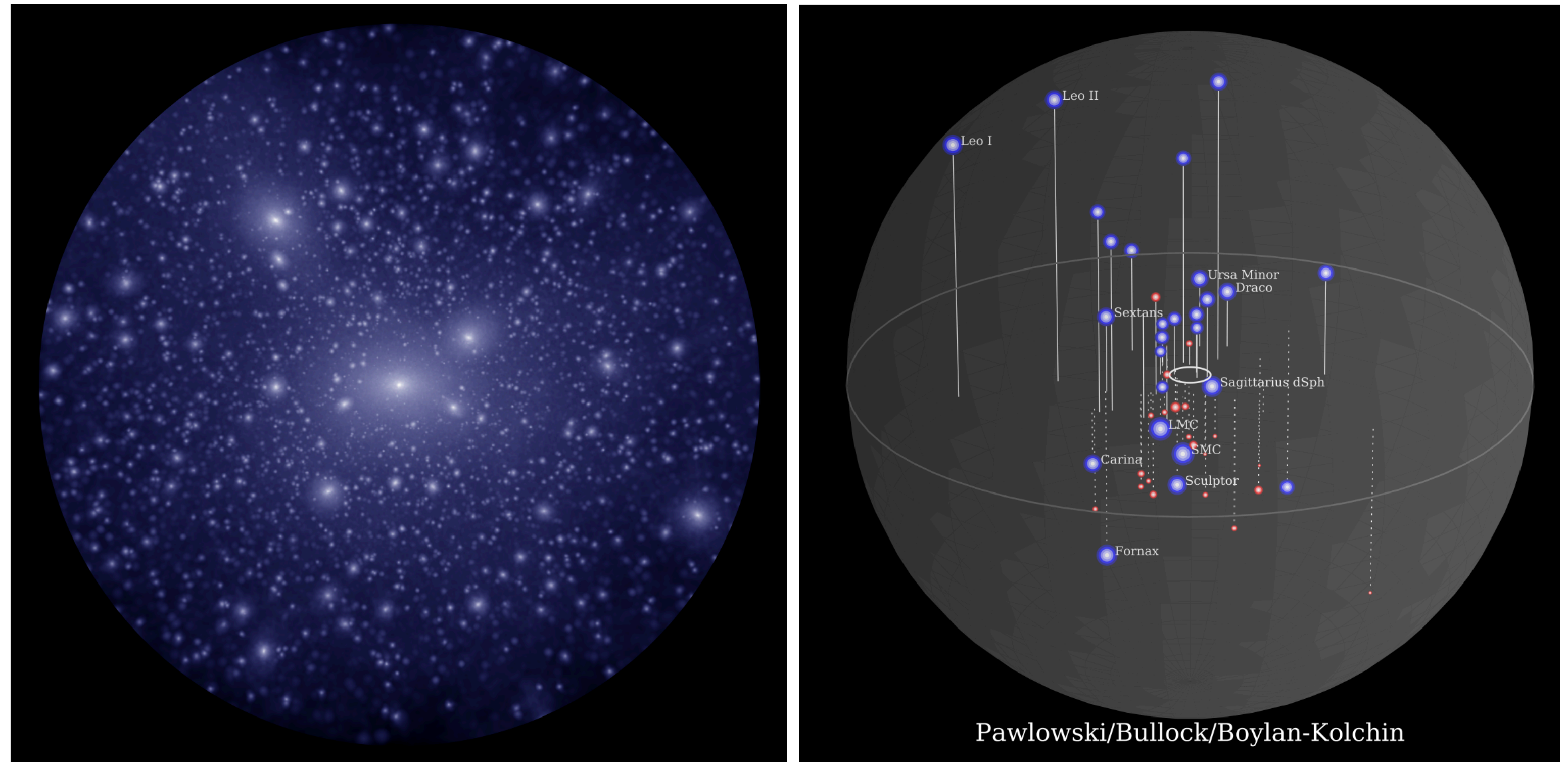
# ULTRA DIFFUSE GALAXIES AS PROBES FOR DARK MATTER

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# LOW-MASS GALAXIES ( $M_* < 10^9 M_\odot$ ) ARE ESSENTIAL FOR TESTING DARK MATTER (AND GALAXY FORMATION) MODELS ON SMALL SCALES - I

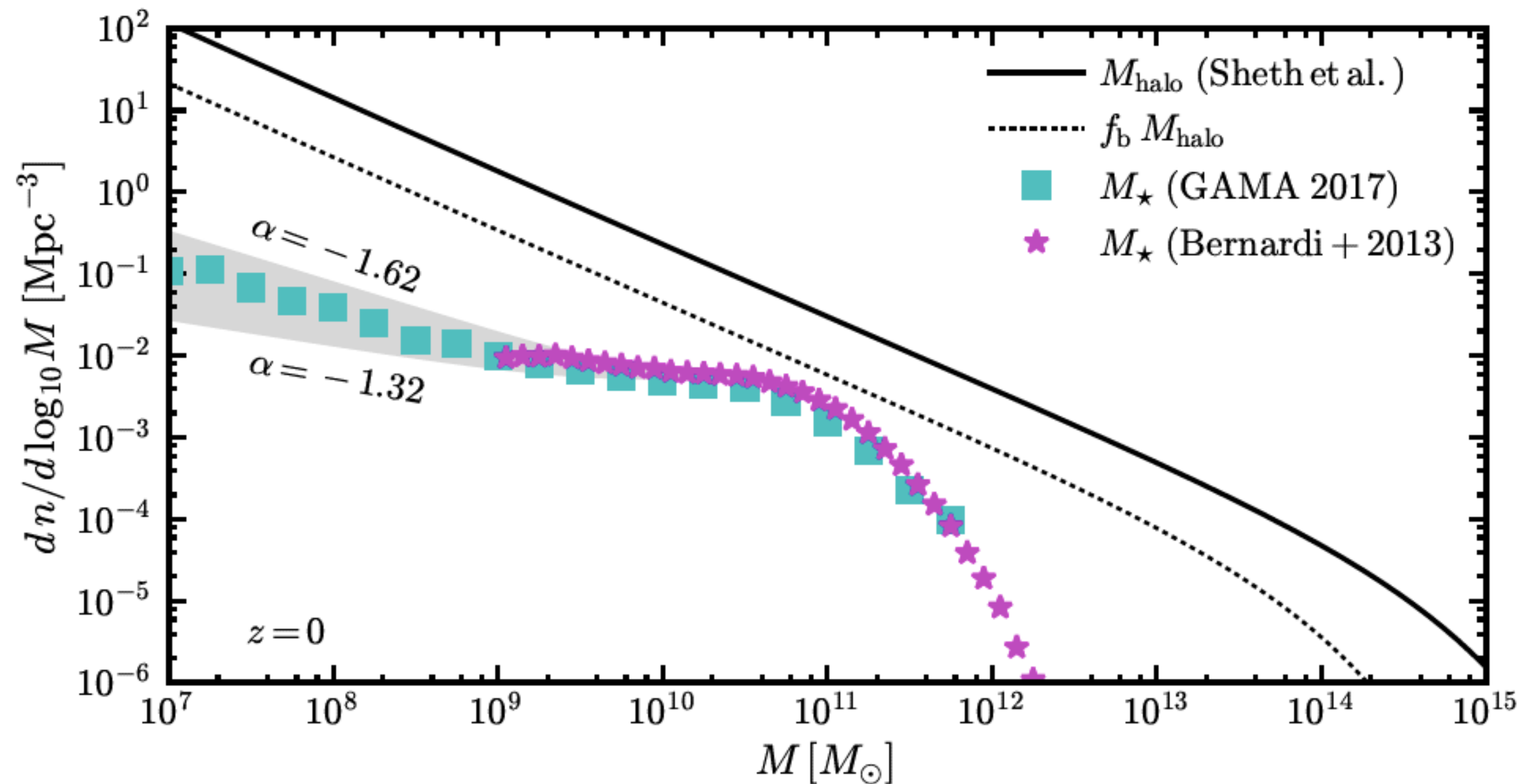
In galaxy groups: they trace dark matter sub-structure



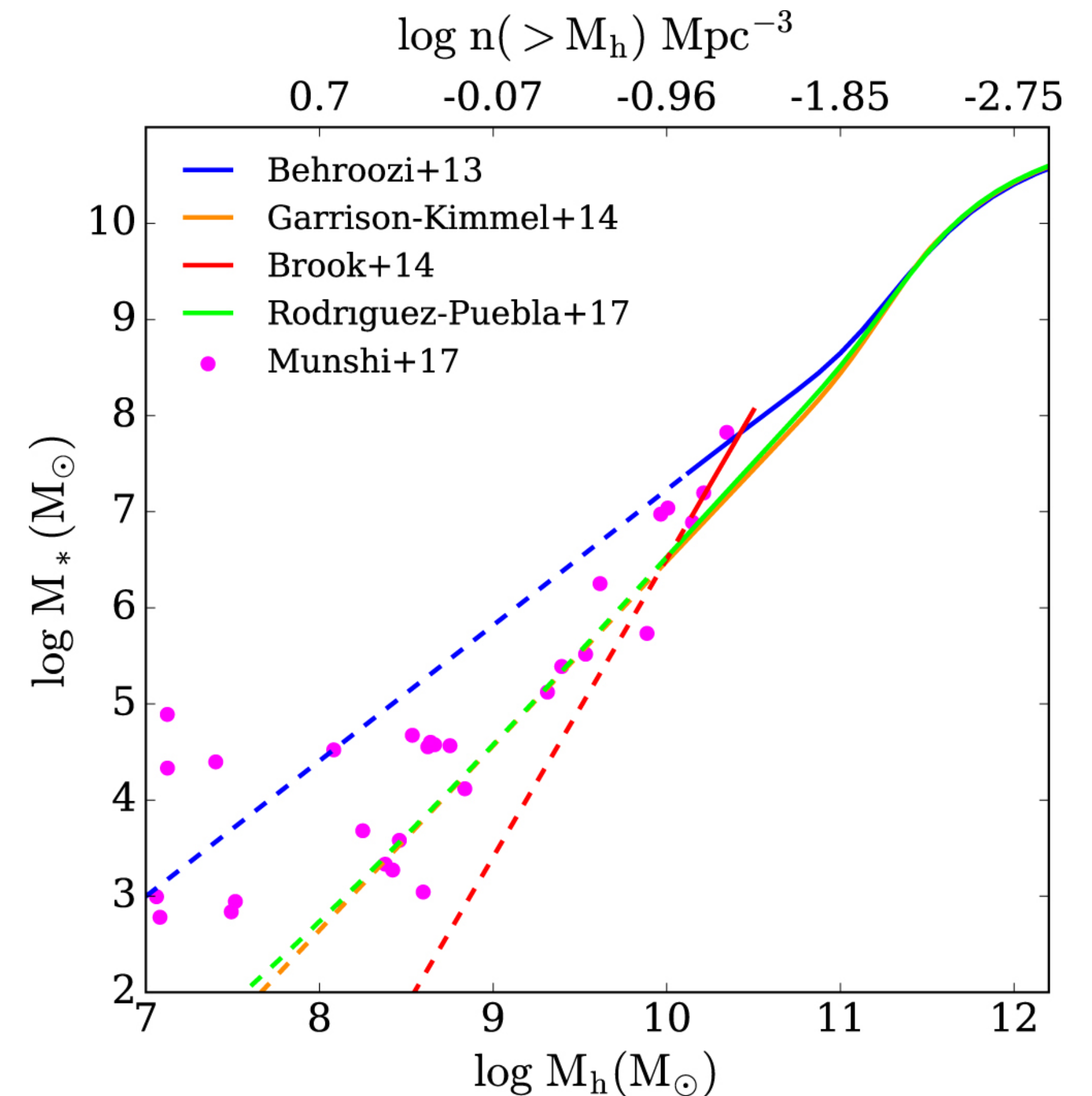
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## In the field:

- Constraints on the field luminosity function
- Galaxy-halo connection



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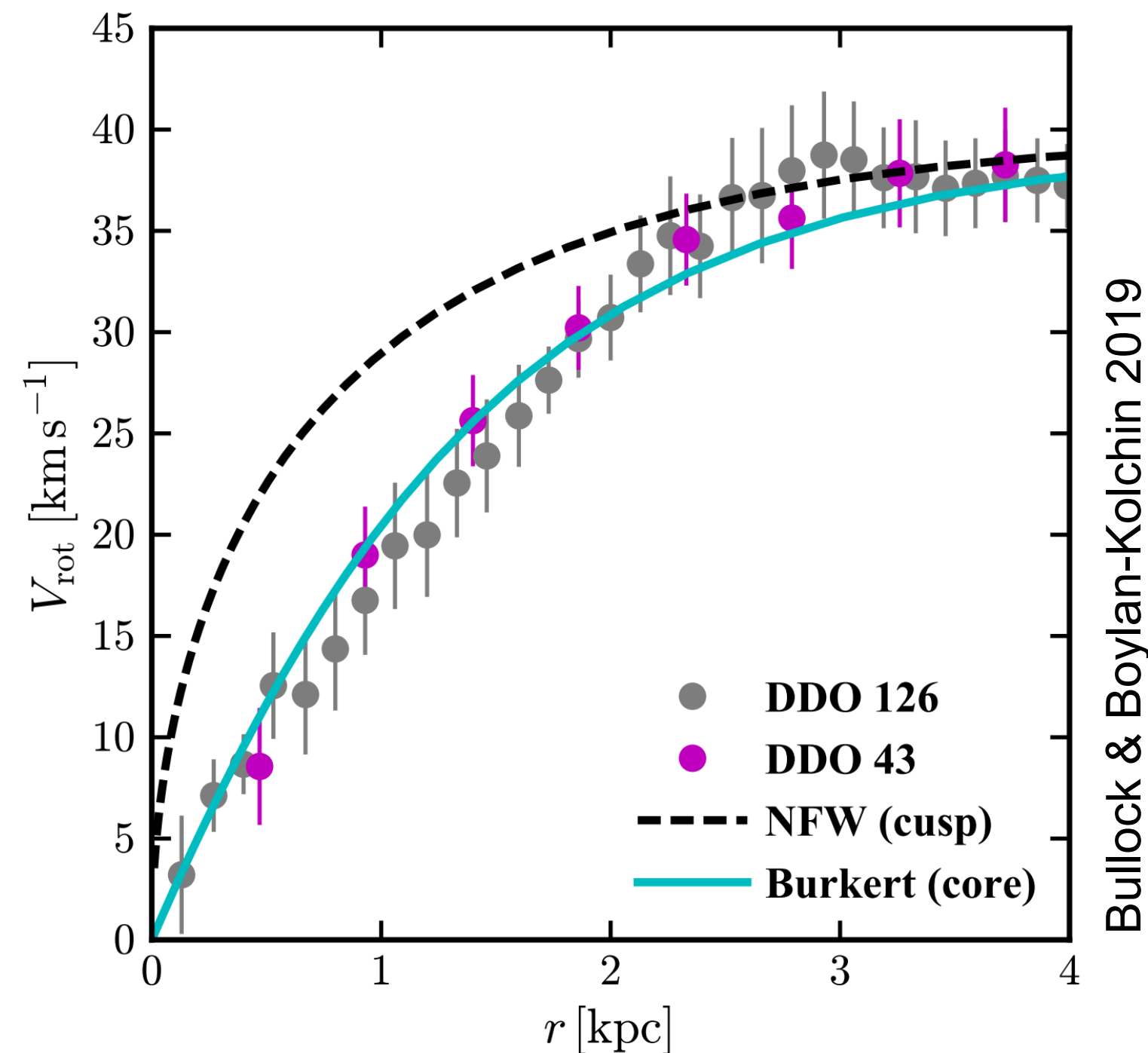


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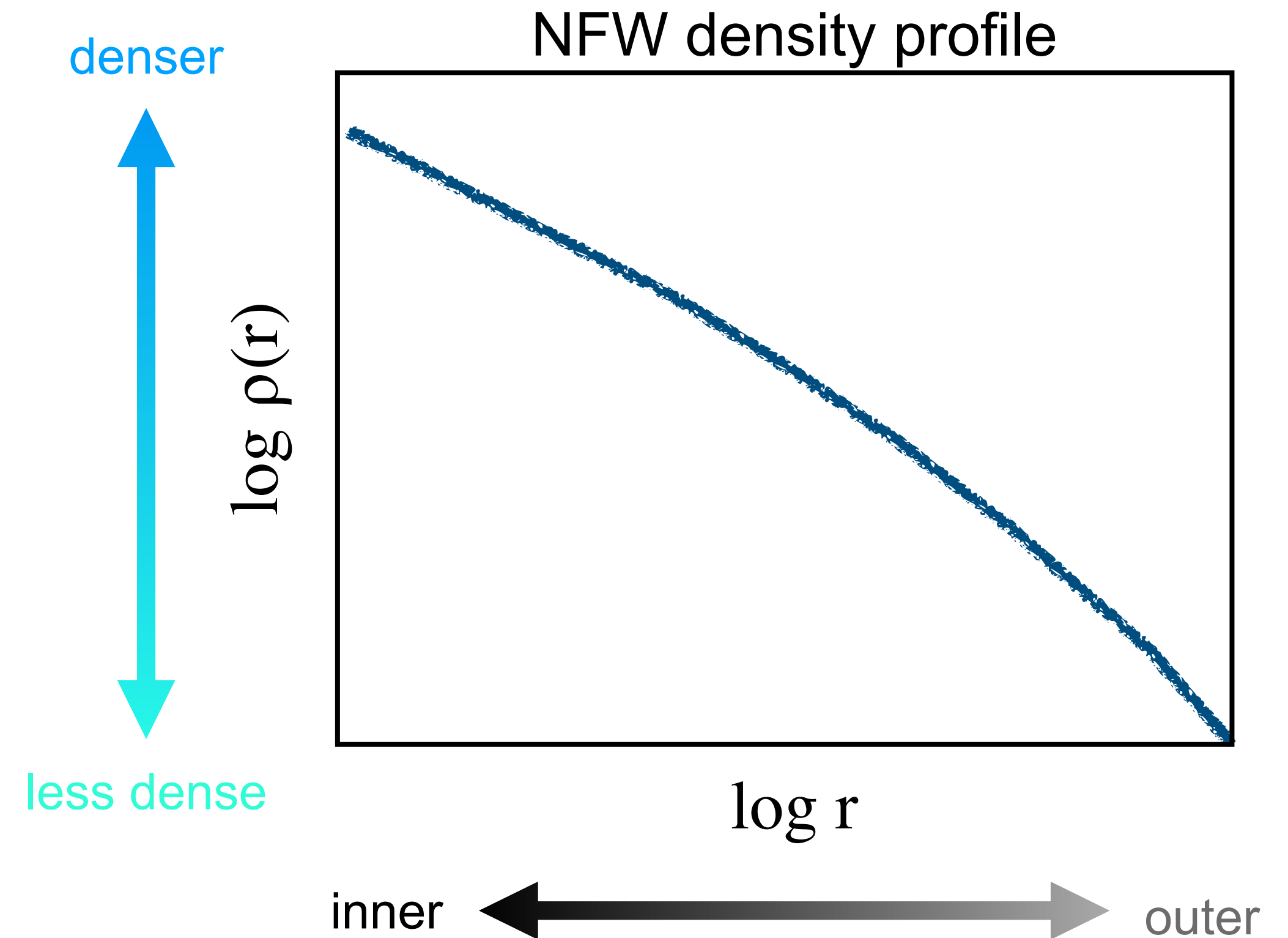
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In dark matter-only N-body simulations, **halos have a cuspy profile**, inner  $1/r$  cusp to an outer  $1/r^3$  profile (Dubinski et al. 1991, Navarro et al. 1996, 1997)

Observations reveal a constant “cored” density profile

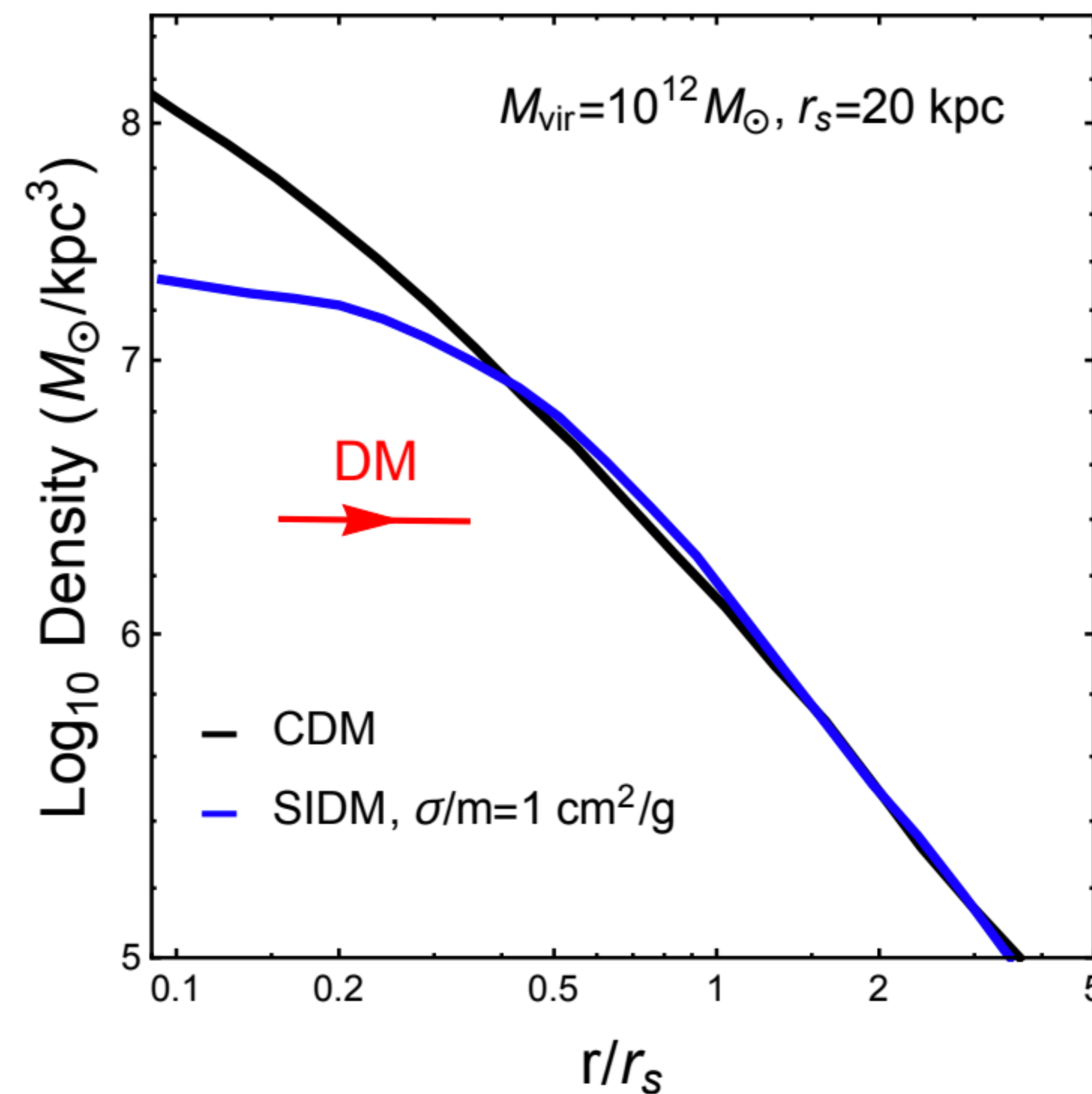


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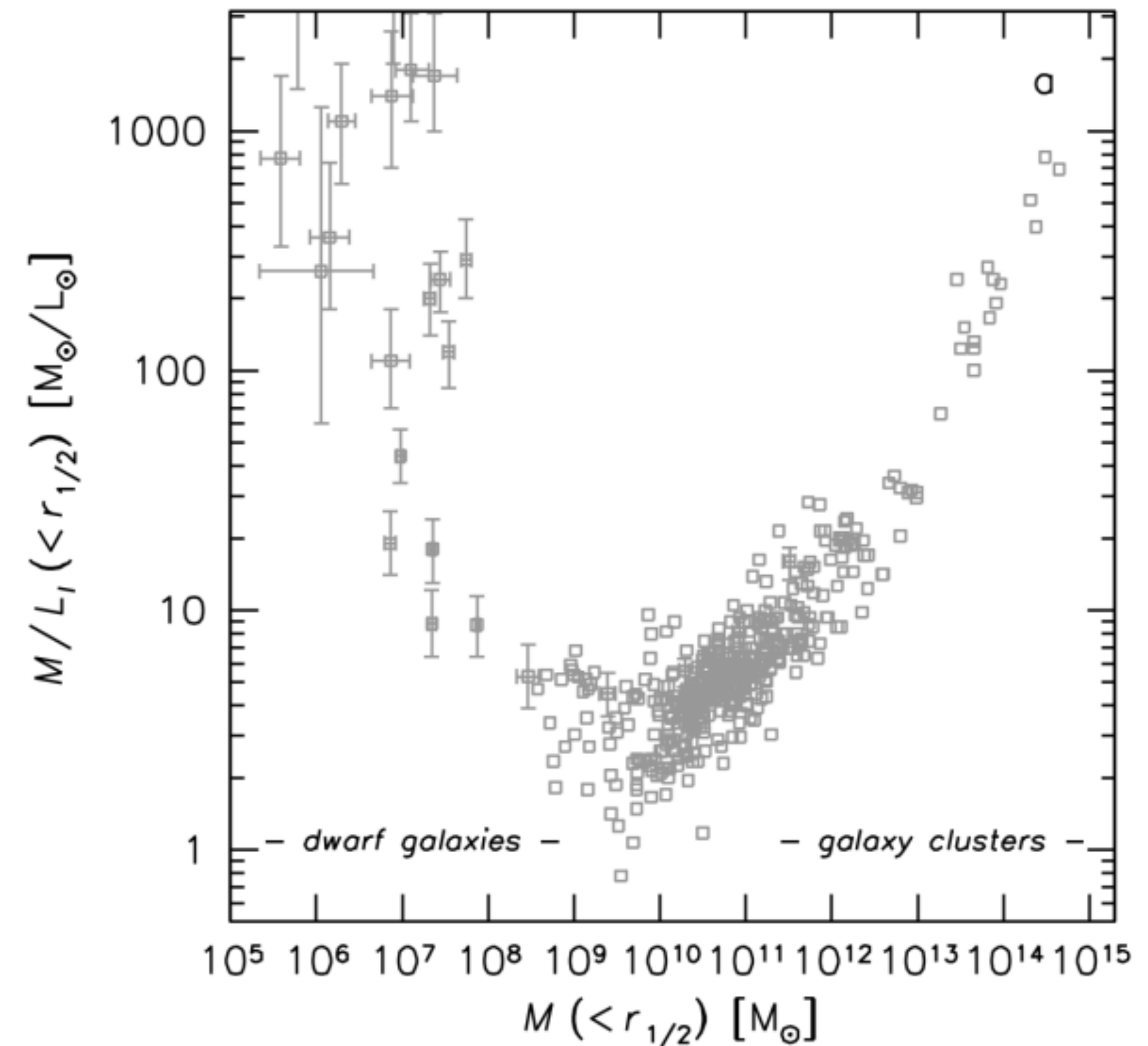
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*Self Interacting Dark Matter (SIDM; Spergel & Steinhardt 2000) predicts reduced central density*

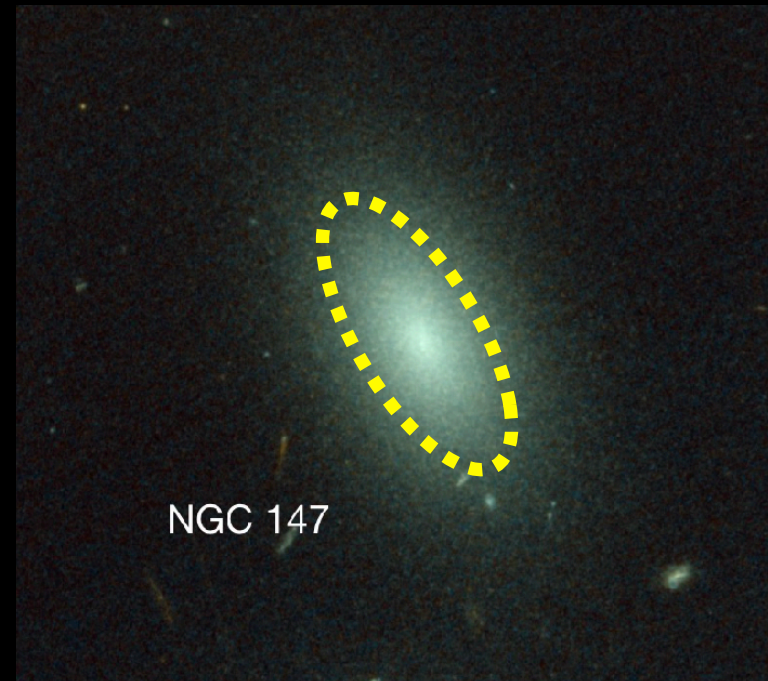


# LOW-MASS GALAXIES ( $M_* < 10^9 M_\odot$ ) ARE ESSENTIAL FOR TESTING DARK MATTER (AND GALAXY FORMATION) MODELS ON SMALL SCALES - III

In the Local Group, they are dark matter dominated (high mass-to-light ratios)

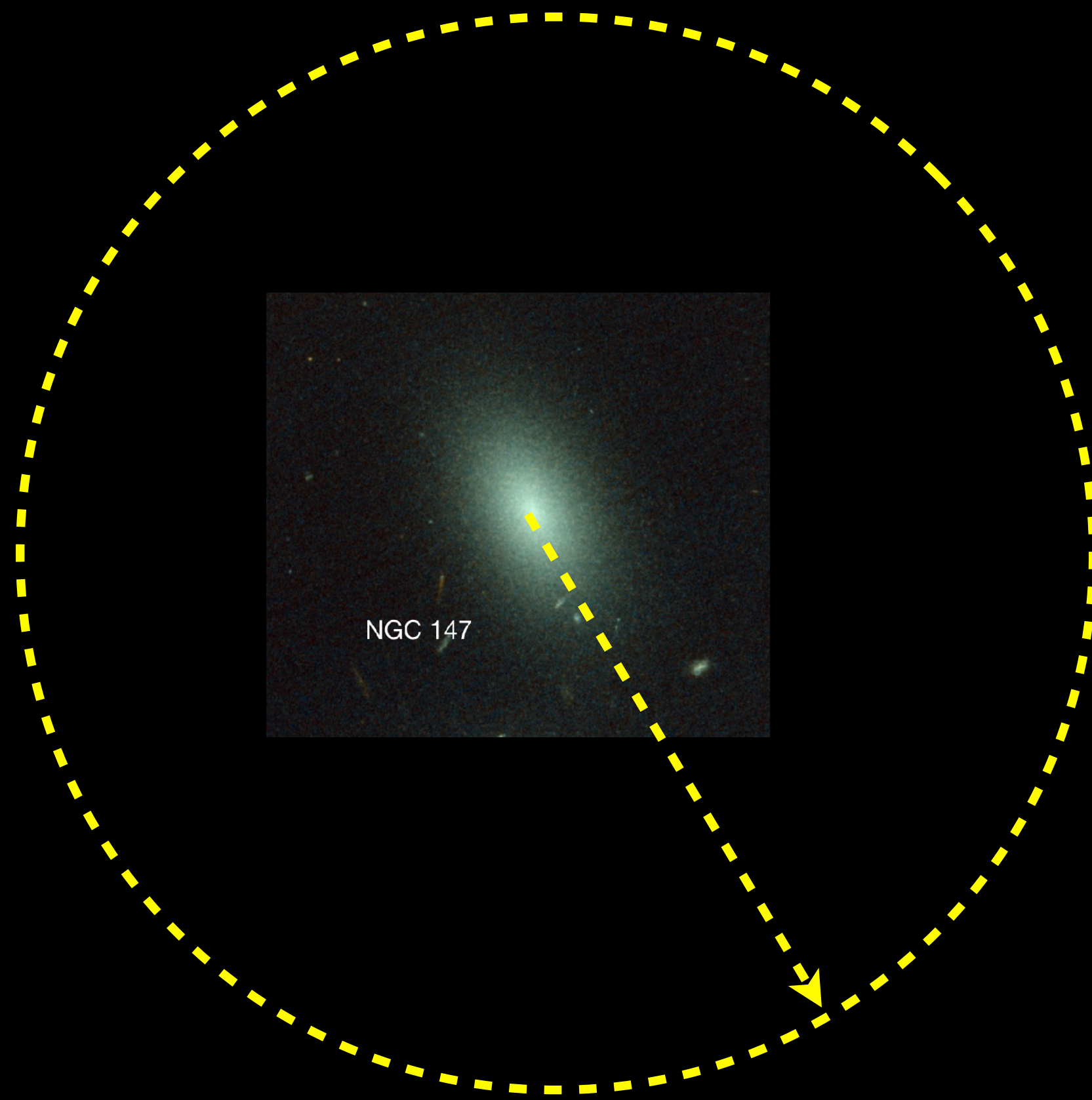




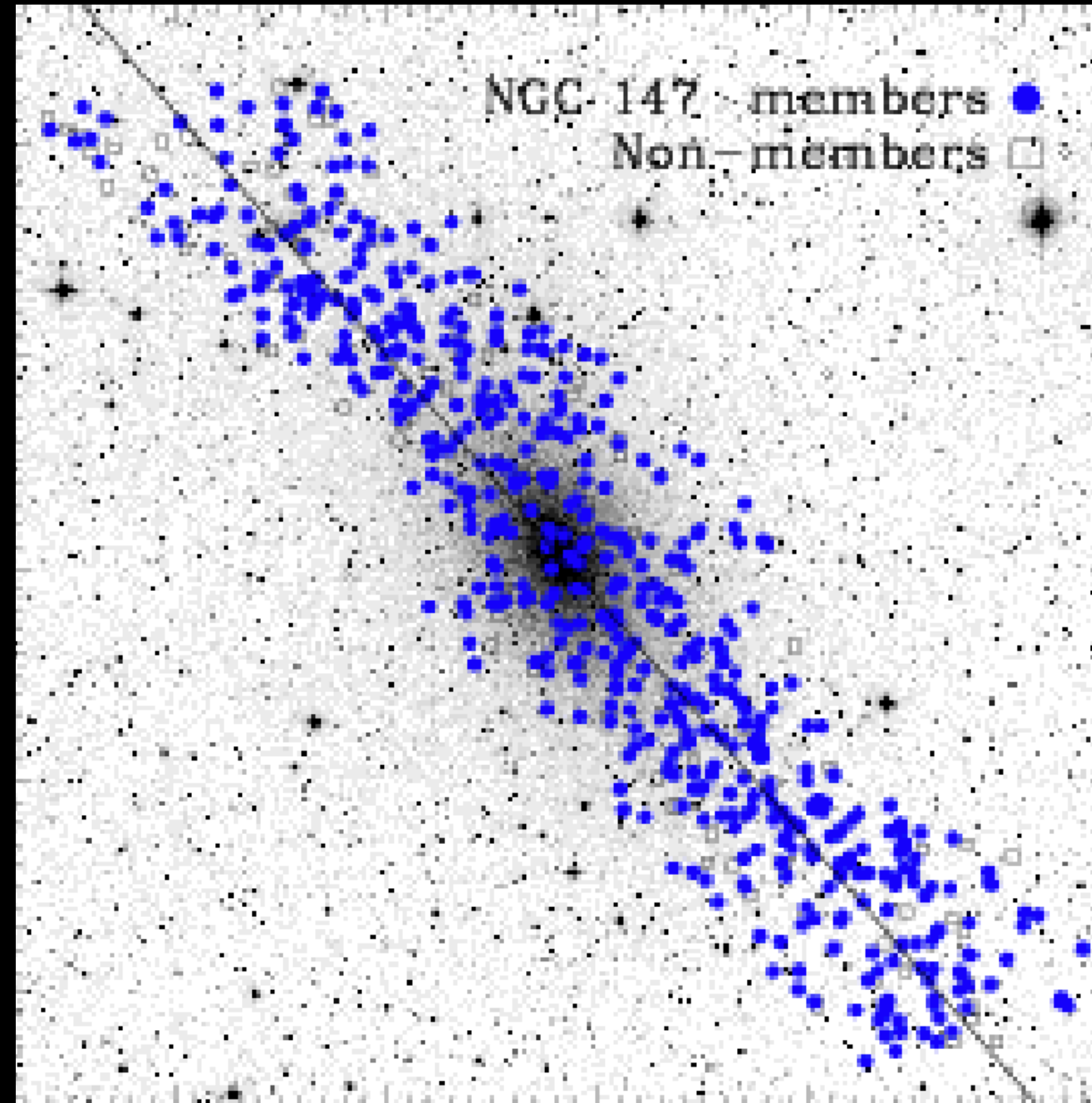


$r_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.3 \text{ kpc}$

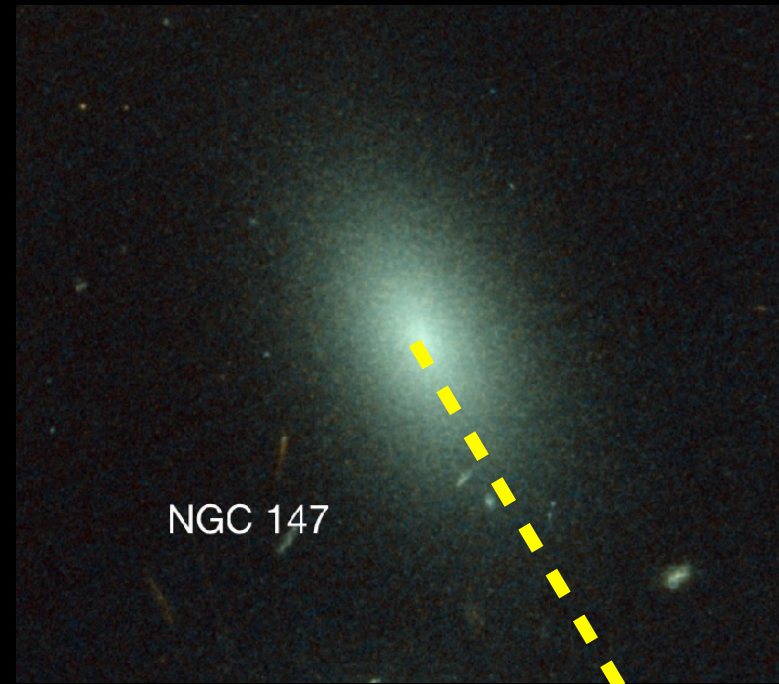




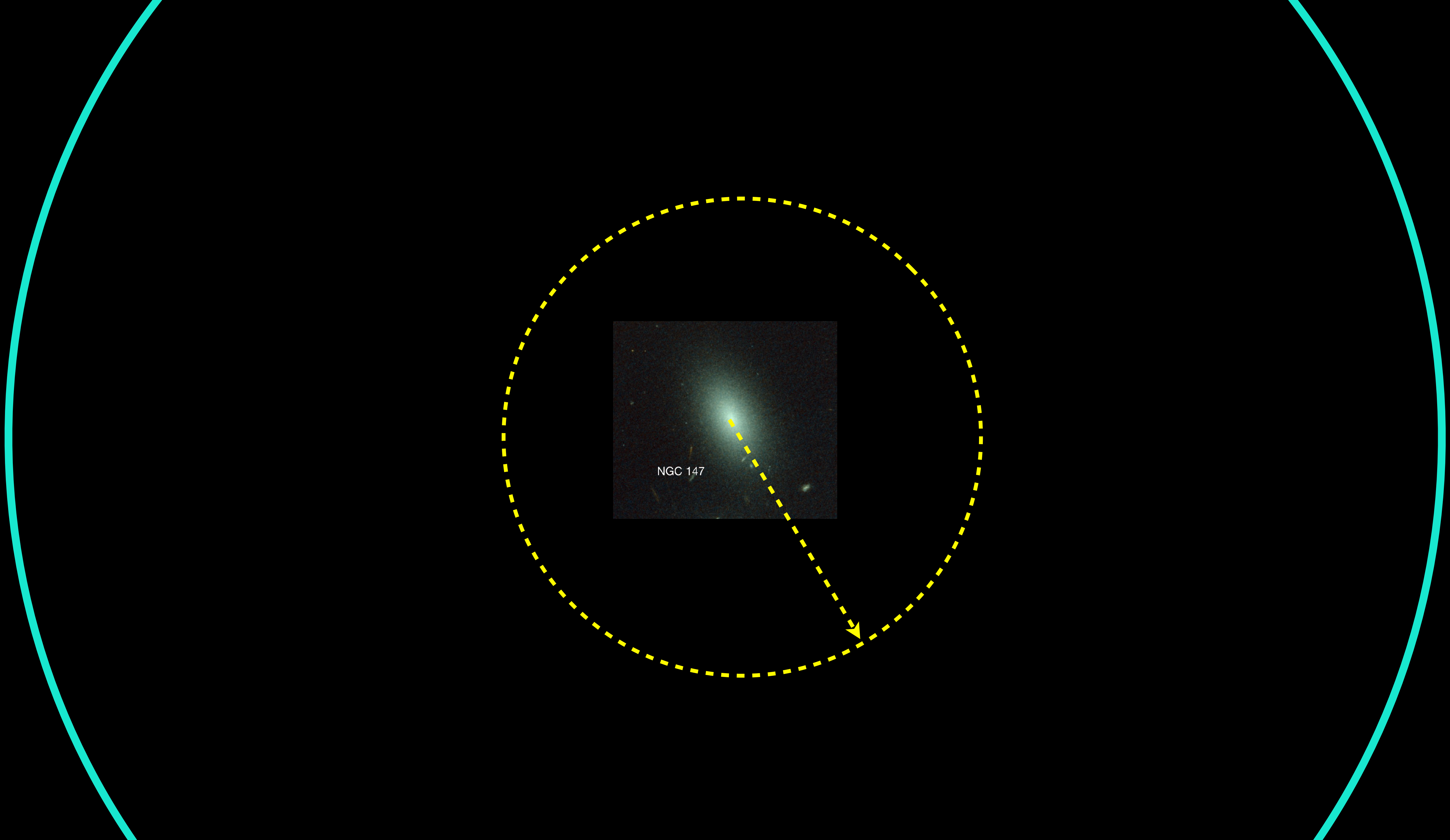
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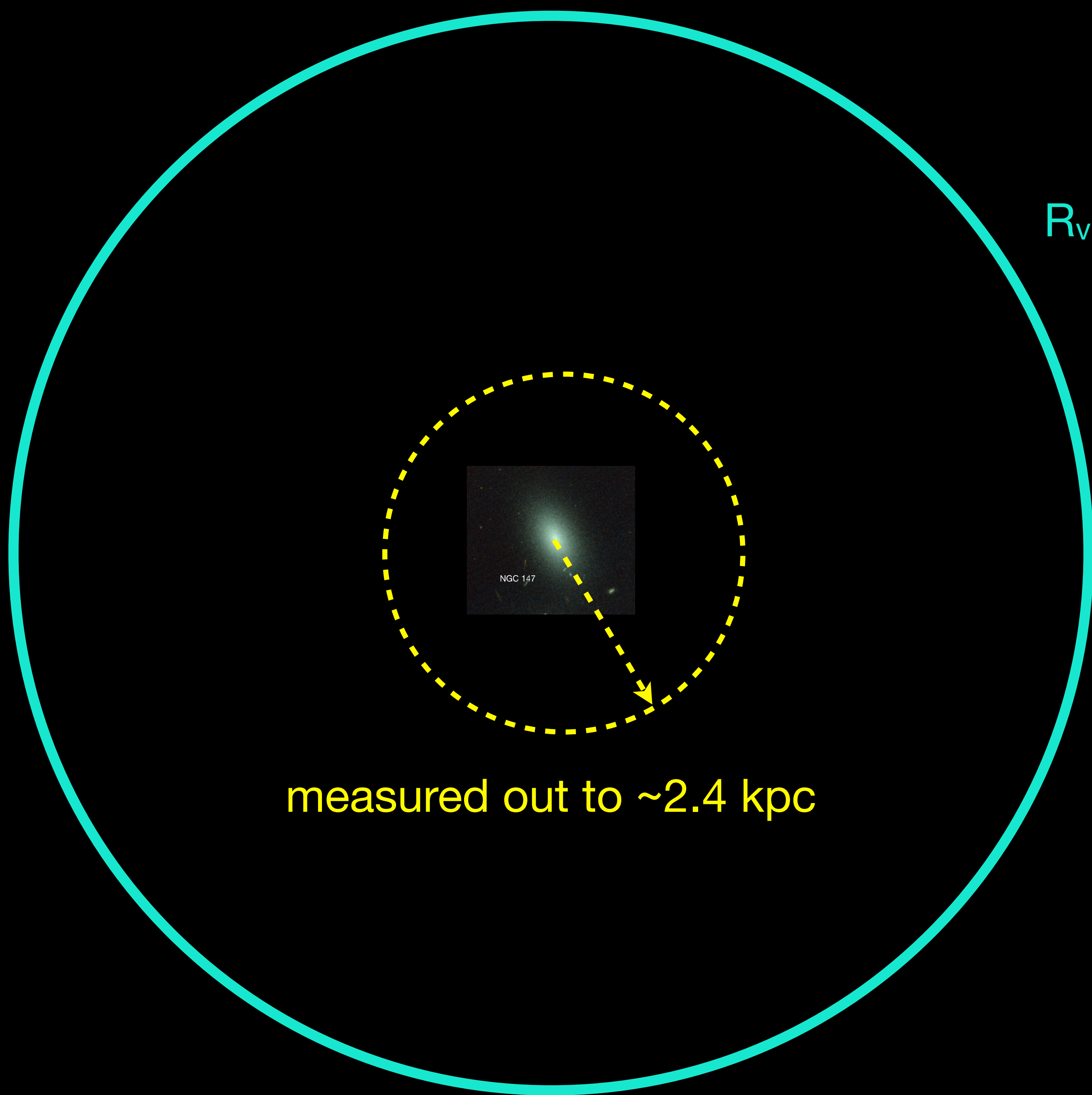
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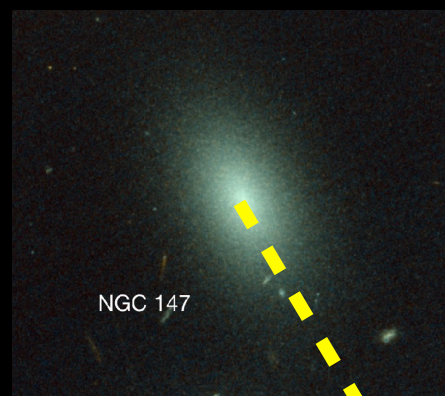


NGC 147

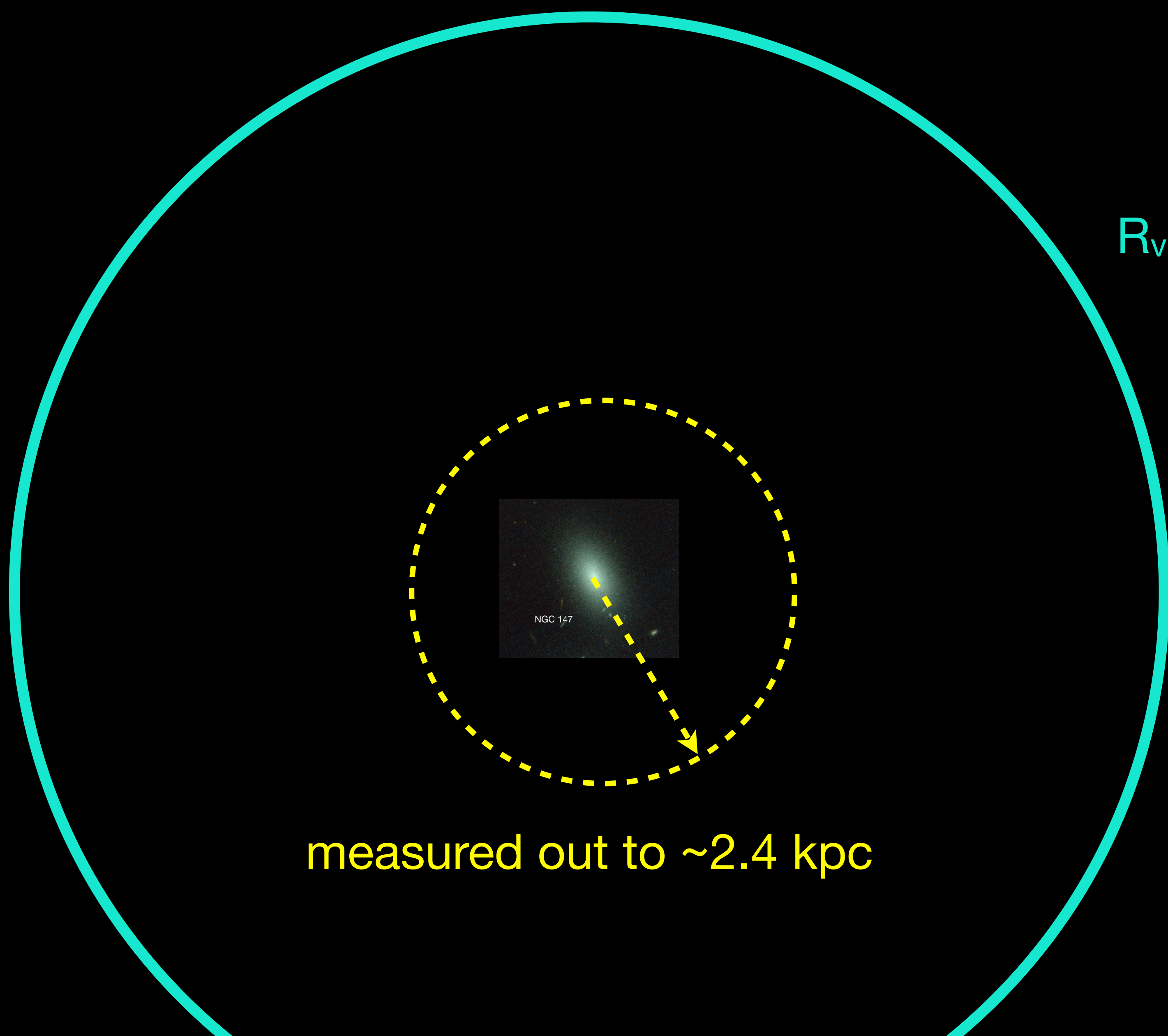


$R_{\text{vir}} \sim 24 \text{ kpc}$

measured out to  $\sim 2.4 \text{ kpc}$



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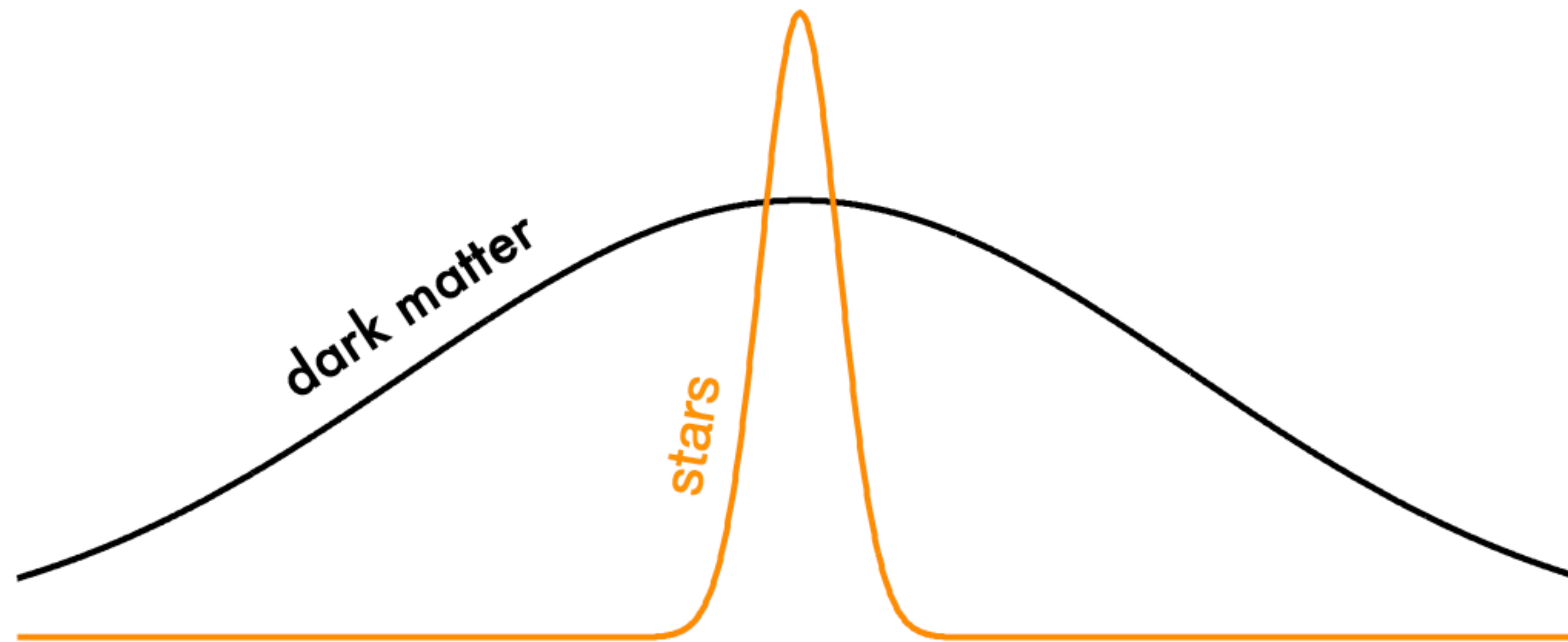


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The halo properties are measured out to  $\sim 10\%$  of the virial radius

In “normal” dwarf galaxies



- stars contribute significantly in central regions
- stellar distribution does not extend much beyond those regions

The halo properties are measured out to  $\sim 10\%$  of the virial radius

# LIMITATIONS IN STUDYING THE DYNAMICS OF DWARF GALAXIES

1. Observationally very difficult and expensive (Geha et al. 2010)
2. The fraction of the halo we can measure is limited ( $\sim 10\%$  of the virial radius)
3. Extremely sensitive to the number of tracers used to estimate the velocity dispersion (e.g. Collins et al. 2019 - And XIX, from 4.7 km/s to 7.8 km/s when increasing the number of tracers from  $\sim 25$  stars to  $\sim 100$  stars)



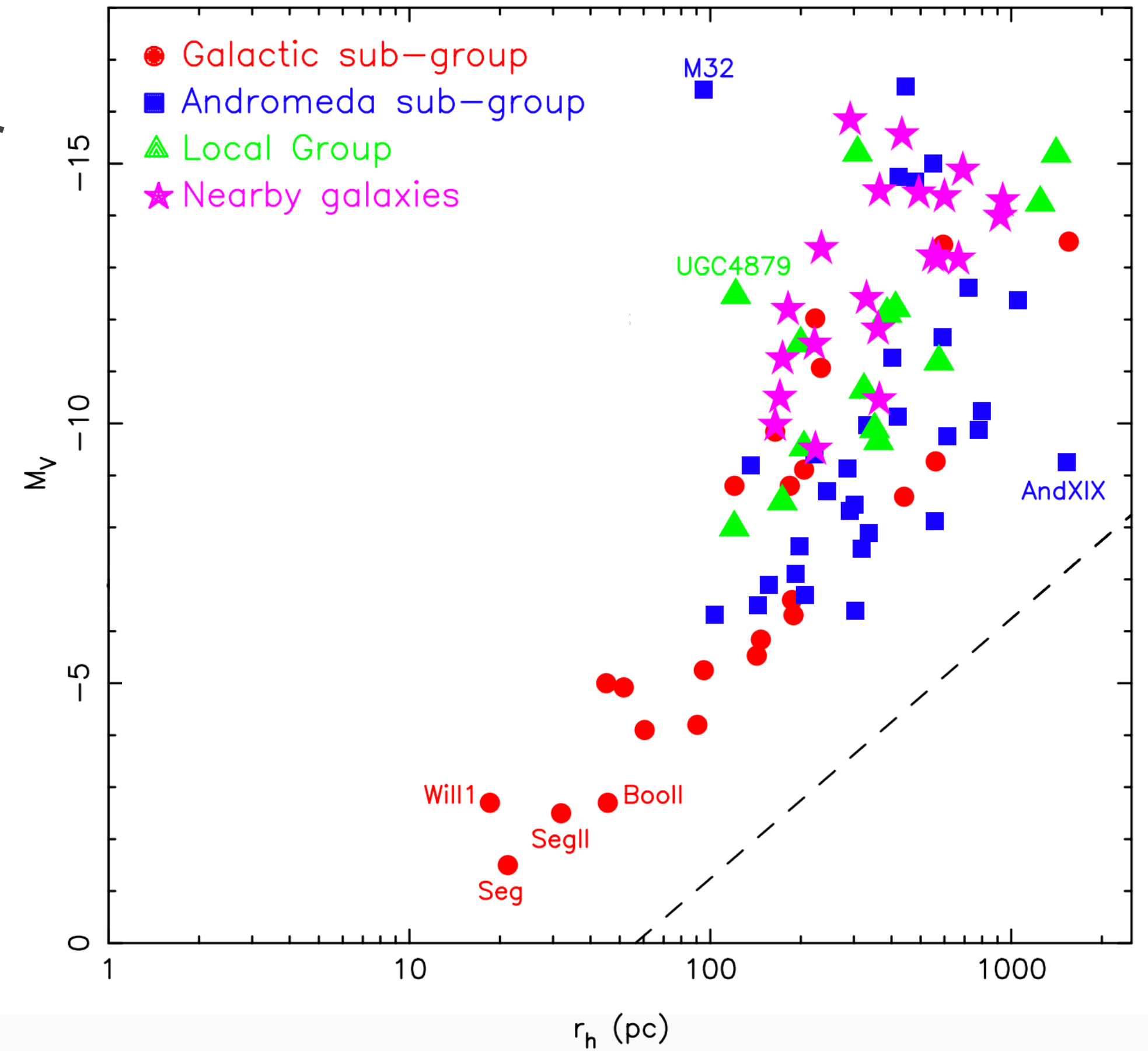
Galaxies are thought to follow a tight relation between their sizes and total luminosity/mass

*In the Local Group, smaller galaxies have lower total magnitude*

brighter



fainter



McCONNACHIE 2012

smaller



larger

## STUDIES OF THE VIRGO CLUSTER. III. A CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND AN ILLUSTRATED ATLAS OF VIRGO CLUSTER DWARF GALAXIES

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### ABSTRACT

Photographs enlarged to a common scale are given for 138 dwarf galaxies in the region of the Virgo cluster. Most are cluster members, as judged either from their uniquely low surface brightness and/or morphology, or occasionally from velocity data. All known Hubble galaxy types have been found in the Virgo cluster, ranging in absolute magnitude from the brightest known giant ellipticals and spirals to all the types of dwarfs that were expected from prior knowledge of the dE, Sm, Im, and blue compact dwarfs (BCD) in the Local Group and its environs. A new type of very large diameter (10 000 pc), low central surface brightness ( $\gtrsim 25 B$  mag/arcsec) galaxy, that comes in both early (i.e., dE) and late (i.e., Im V) types, has been isolated, but there are, as yet, no known examples in the local neighborhood. The Atlas is organized in a way that recognizes the continuum between the giant and the dwarf ellipticals on the one hand, and the linear progression which, in order, connects the high luminosity Sc and Sd galaxies, the Magellanic Cloud Sm types, and the SMC Im galaxies of decreasing average surface brightness. This sequence among the late-type galaxies is one of ever-decreasing absolute luminosity. It is emphasized that, unlike the continuum that exists between giant and dwarf E galaxies, there are no connectives from the giant Sa, Sb, and Sc galaxies to a sequence of *very-low-luminosity spirals*. Dwarf Sa, Sb, and Sc galaxies (i.e., fainter than, say  $M_B = -17$ ) are not present in the Virgo cluster, and we surmise that they *do not exist*. This Atlas and its descriptions are meant to form a preliminary classification system that organizes all known types of low-luminosity galaxies into a coherent scheme. It is also meant as a preliminary candidate list of late-type, low-SB dwarfs that can be usefully observed with Space Telescope to resolve the brightest stars in a next step to establish the extragalactic distance scale.

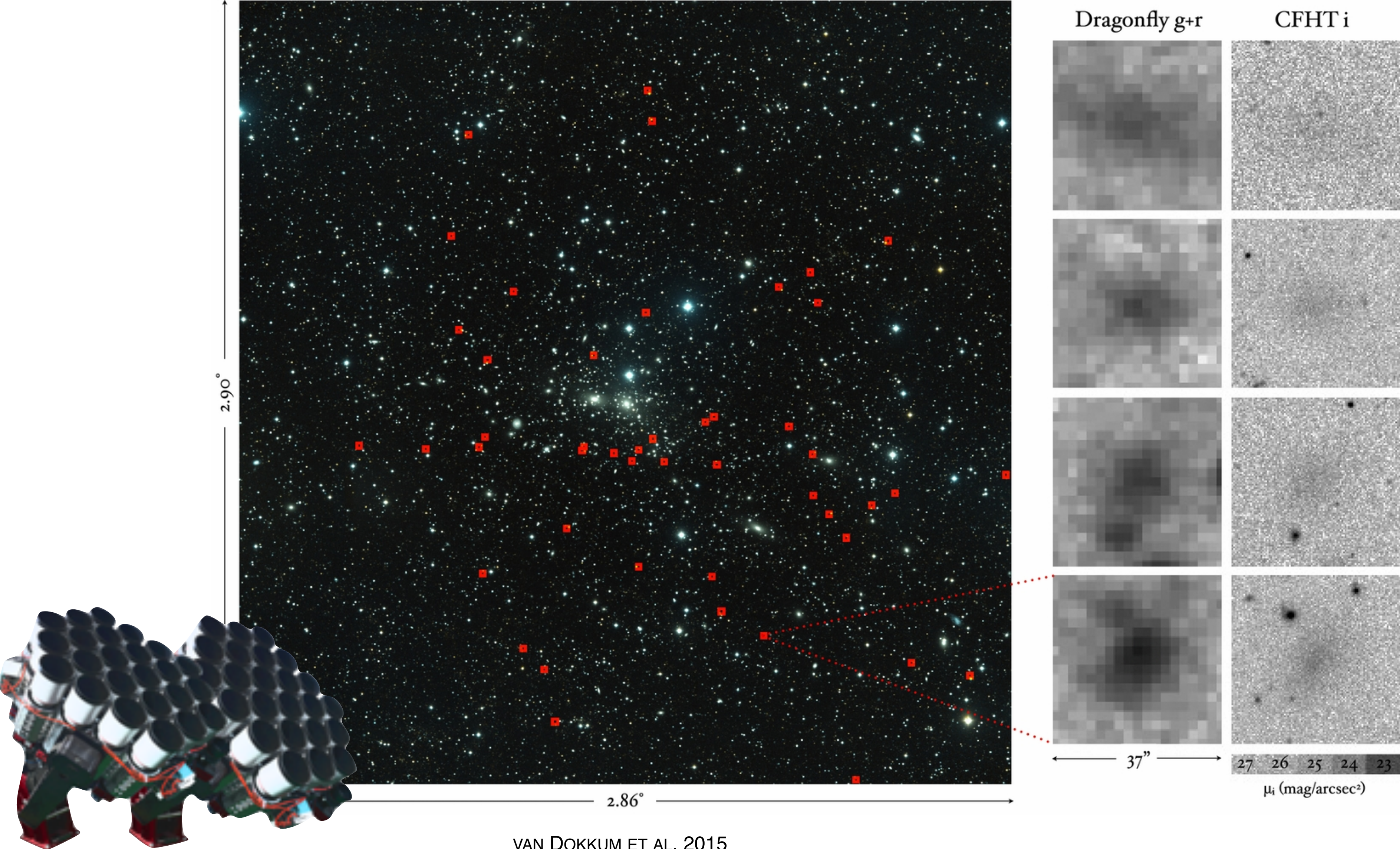
# THE DRAGONFLY TELEPHOTO ARRAY

- 2x24 Canon Telephoto lenses
- Effectively a **1.0m f/0.4 refractor**

- 2x3 degree<sup>2</sup> field of view
- 2.9'' pixels



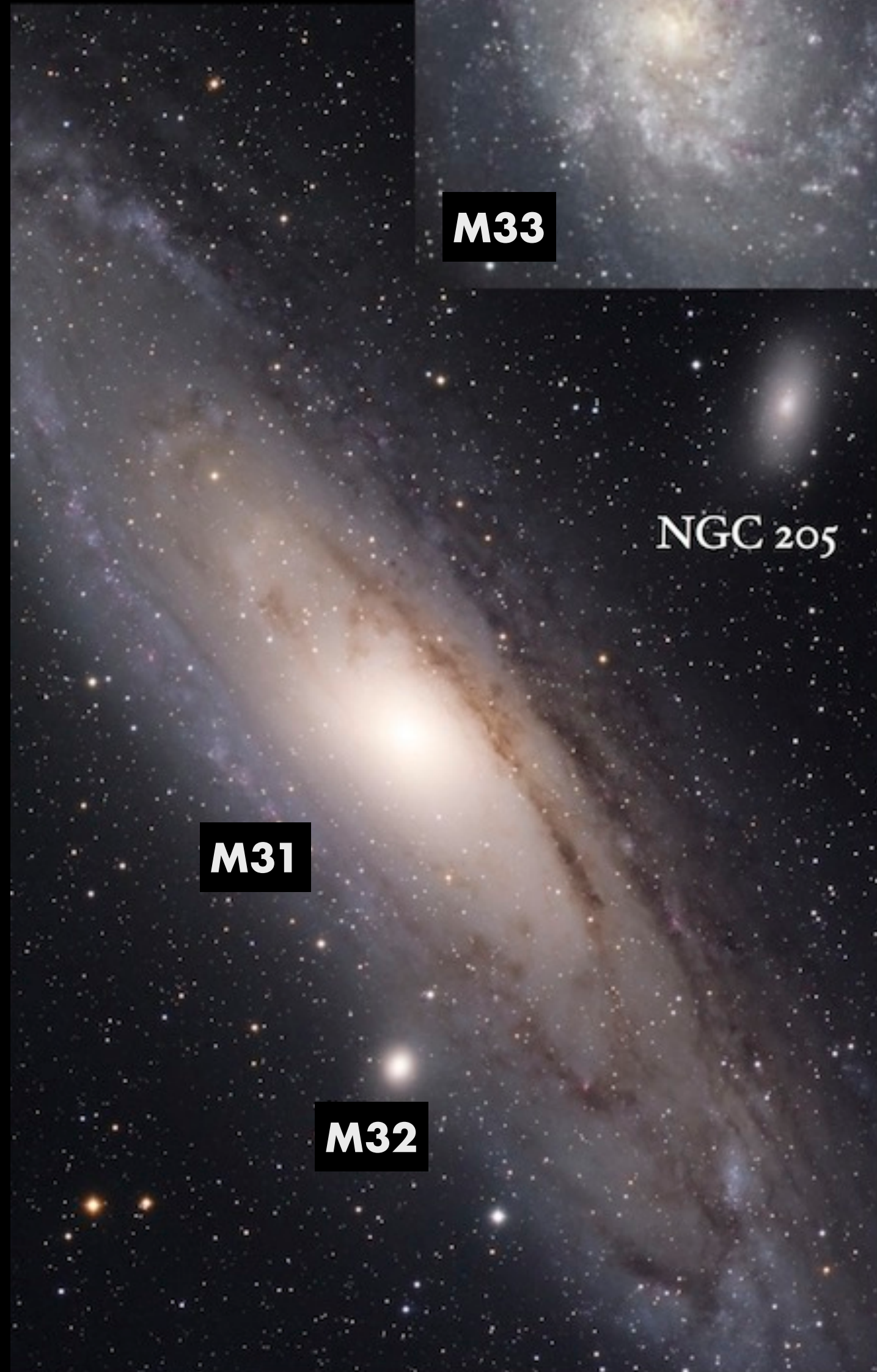
# IMAGING OF THE **COMA CLUSTER** WITH DRAGONFLY DEMONSTRATED THAT LARGE, LOW SURFACE BRIGHTNESS GALAXIES ARE VERY COMMON



1 kpc



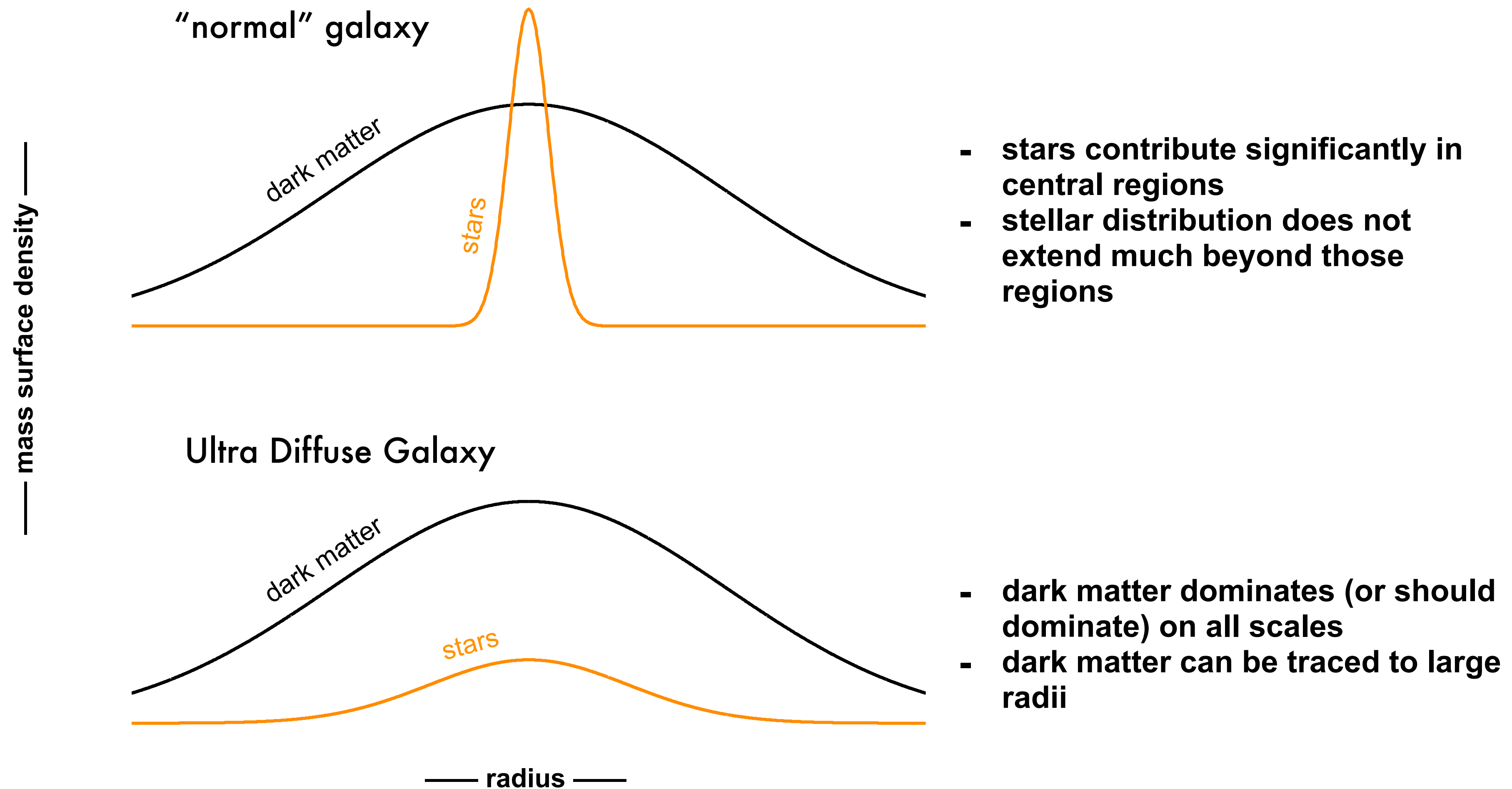
Fornax



# UDGs are observed in very large numbers and in all environments

- 1000s in galaxy clusters (Koda et al 2015, Mihos et al 2015, van der Burg et al. 2017, Janssens et al. 2017, Lee et al. 2020, Alabi et al. 2020, Iodice et al. 2020, Liu et al. 2020)
- Associated with galaxy groups or low-density field (Merritt et al. 2016, Habas et al. 2019, Forbes et al. 2020, Tanoglidis et al 2020)
- ~ 800 in 200 deg<sup>2</sup> of the HSC-SSP Survey (Greco et al. 2018)
- ~ 300 in 290 deg<sup>2</sup> around the coma cluster with DECam (Zaritsky et al. 2019)
- In the field (Barbosa et al. 2020)
- HI observations (Papastergis et al. 2017, Leisman et al. 2017, Karunakaran et al. 2020, He et al. 2020)

# The large size of Ultra Diffuse Galaxies





NGC 147

NGC 185

**Andromeda satellites at 20 Mpc**  
(ArtPop; Danieli et al 2018)





NGC 147

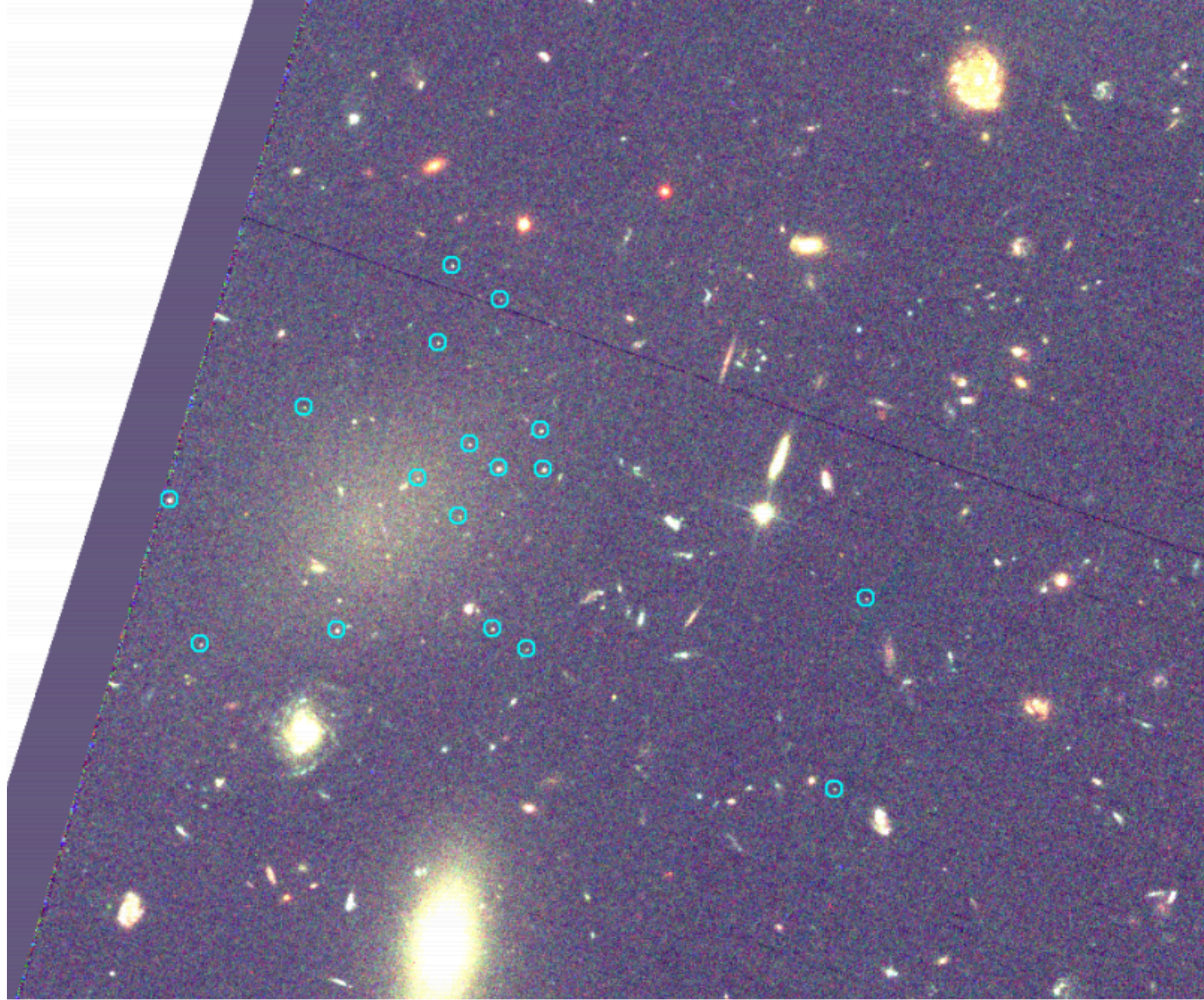
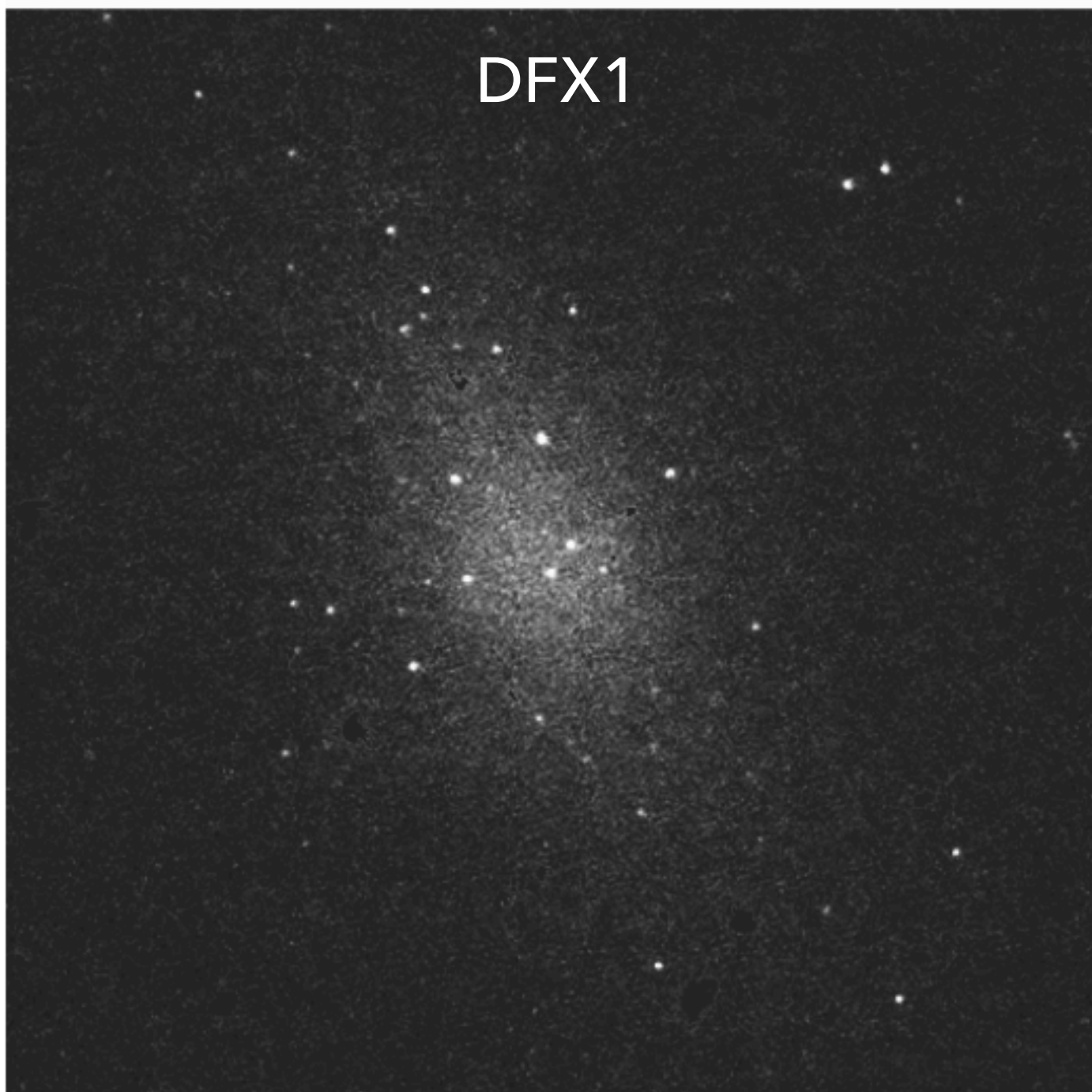
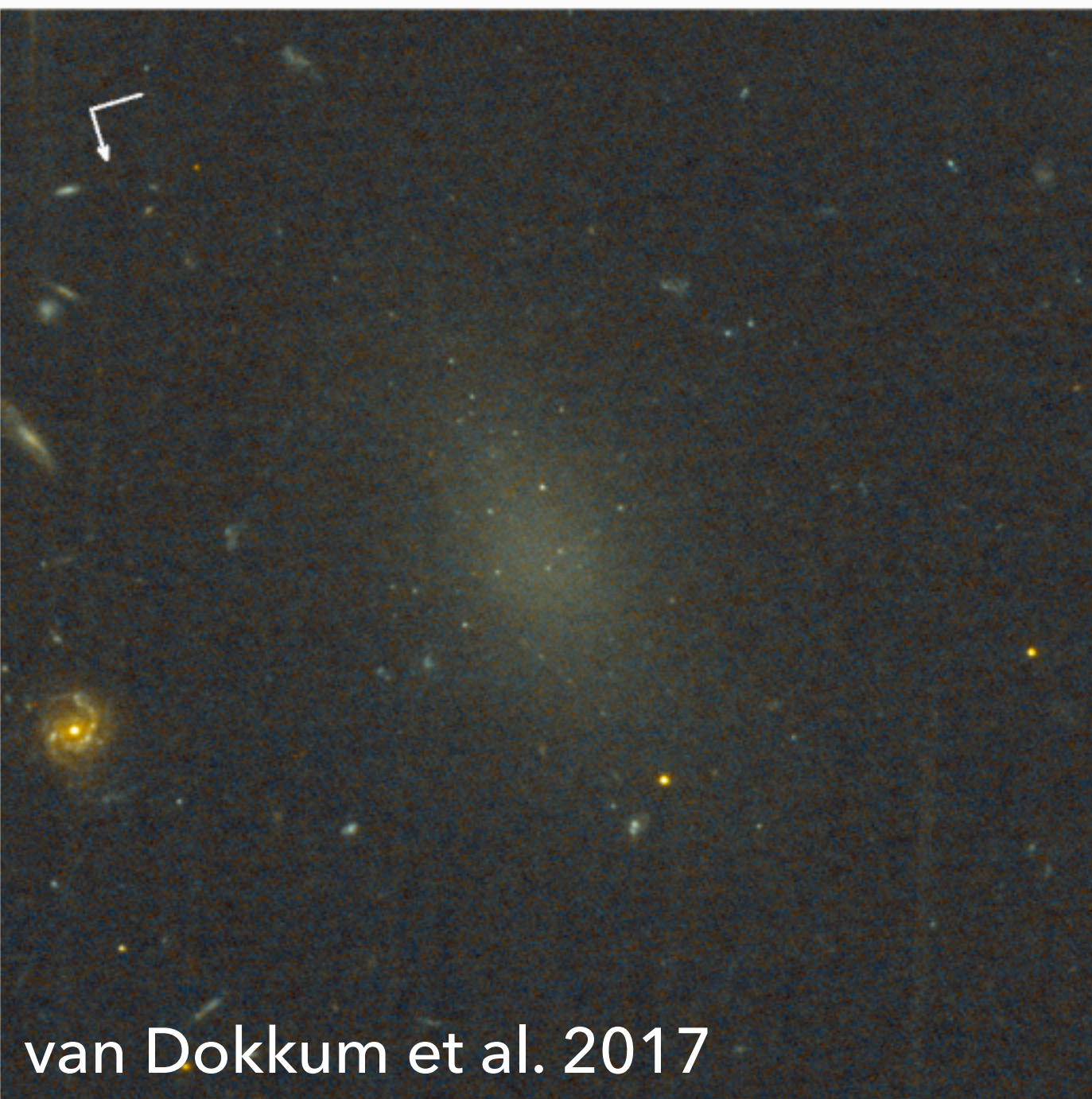
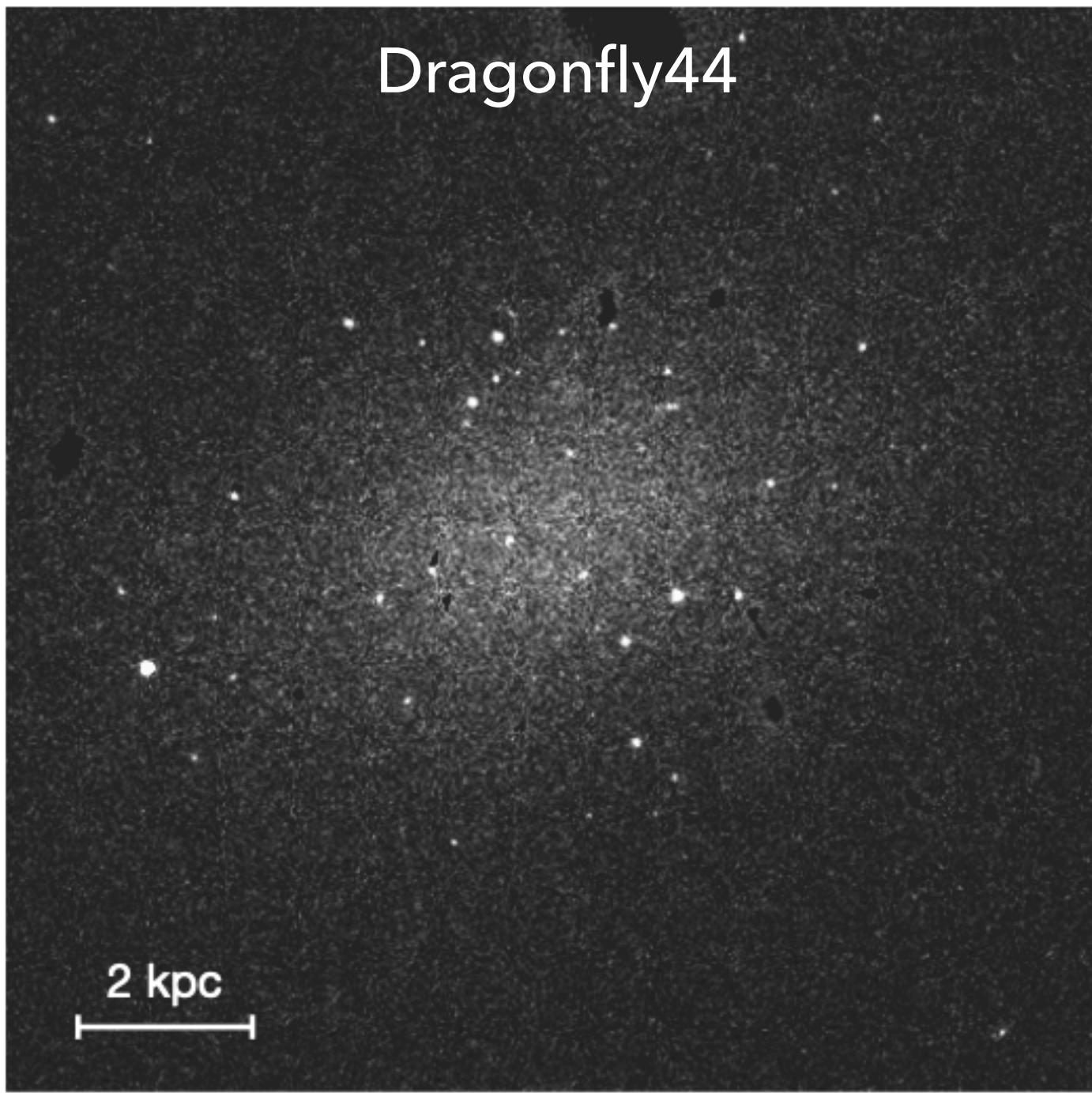
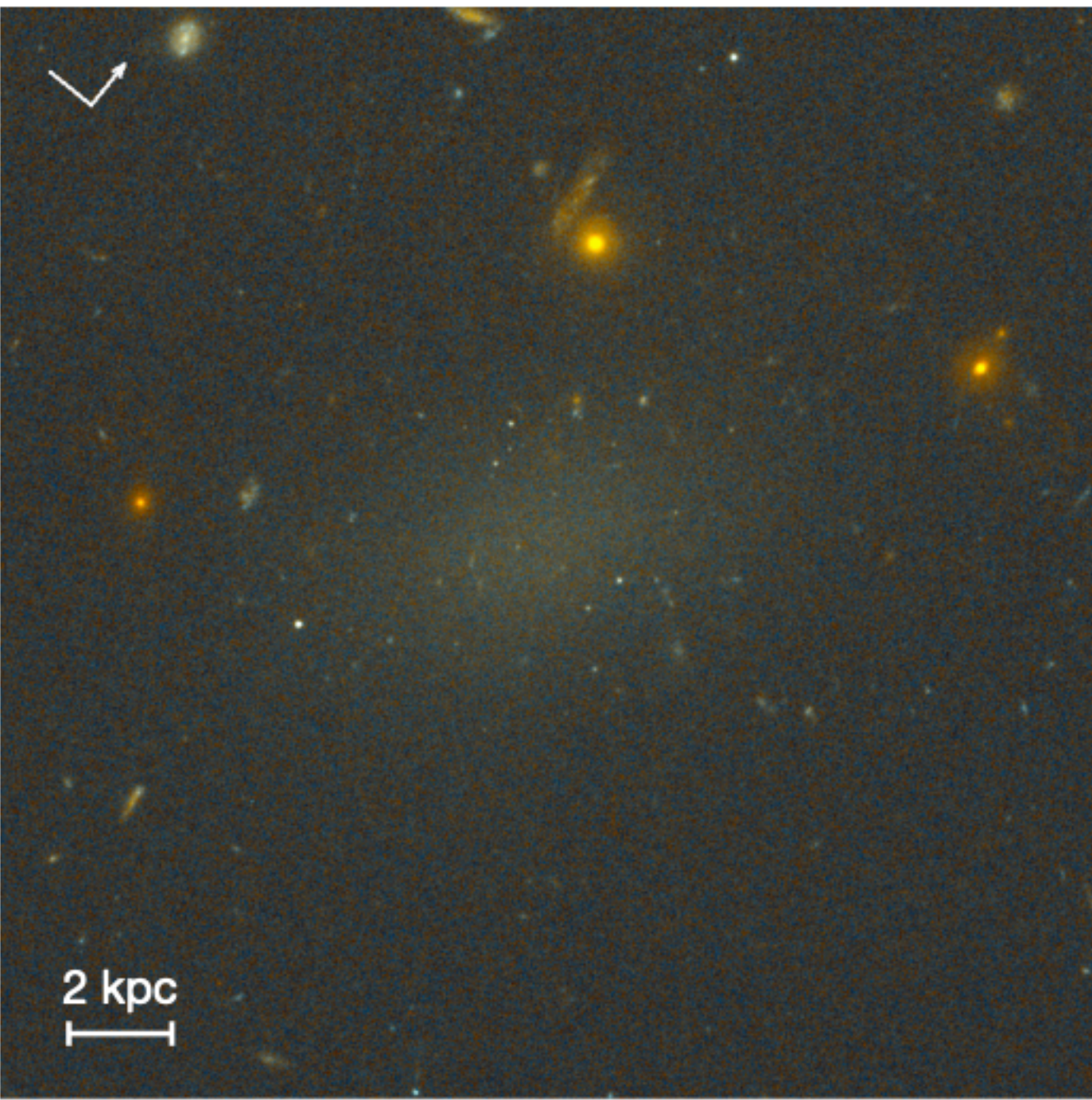
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half-light radius

Andromeda satellites at 20 Mpc  
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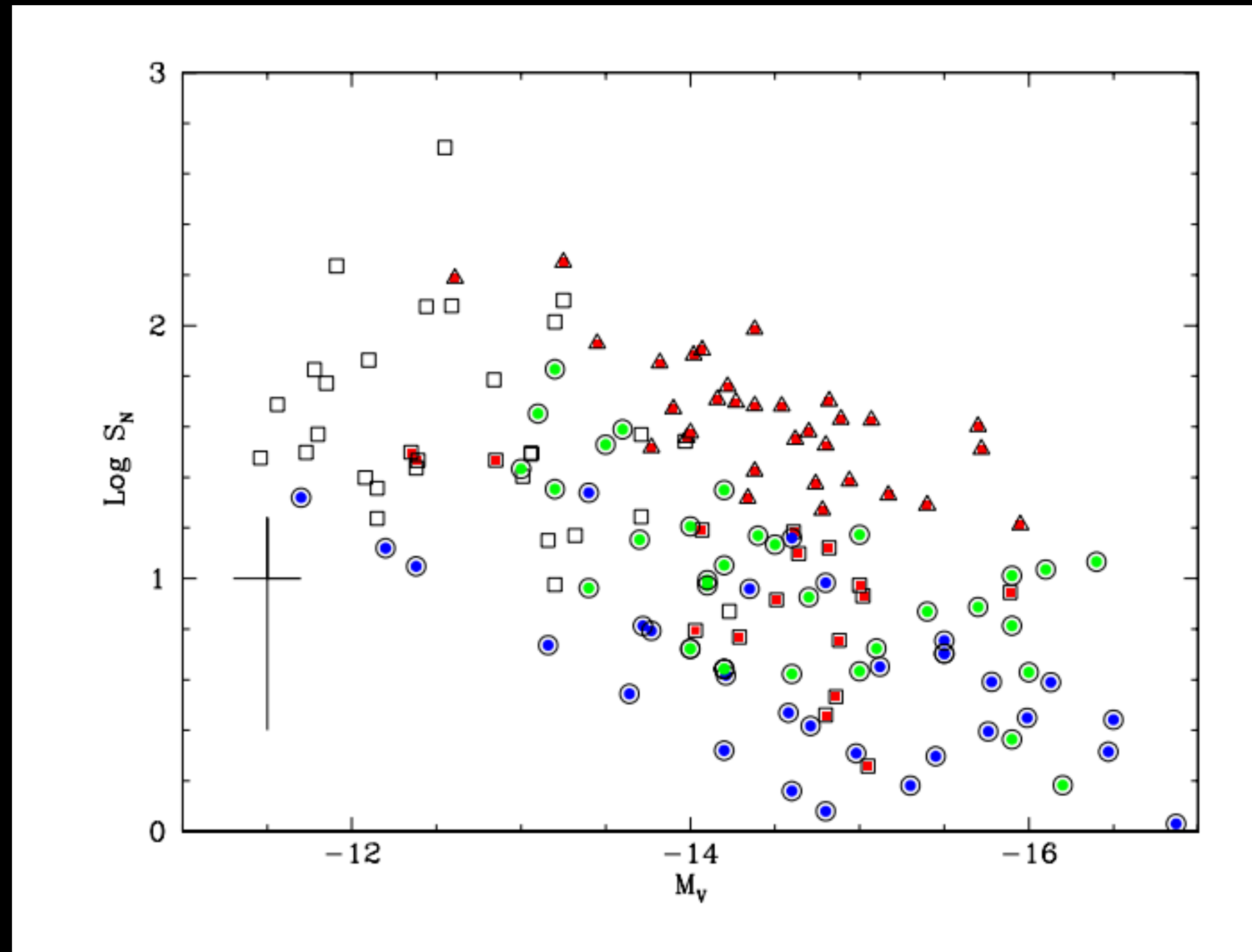
## **Globular clusters in Ultra Diffuse galaxies**

- ▶ High specific frequency (high number of globular clusters for their stellar mass)



Peng & Lim 2016

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Coma UDGs

Coma LSBs dwarfs

Coma early-type dwarfs

Local dwarfs

## Globular clusters in Ultra Diffuse galaxies

- ▶ High specific frequency (high number of globular clusters for their stellar mass)
- ▶ Excellent tracers of the dynamics - make dynamical constraints much easier and in some cases possible



NGC 147

NGC 185

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Globular clusters trace mass out to  $R \sim 8$  kpc

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# The Dark Matter Halo of Ultra Diffuse Galaxies

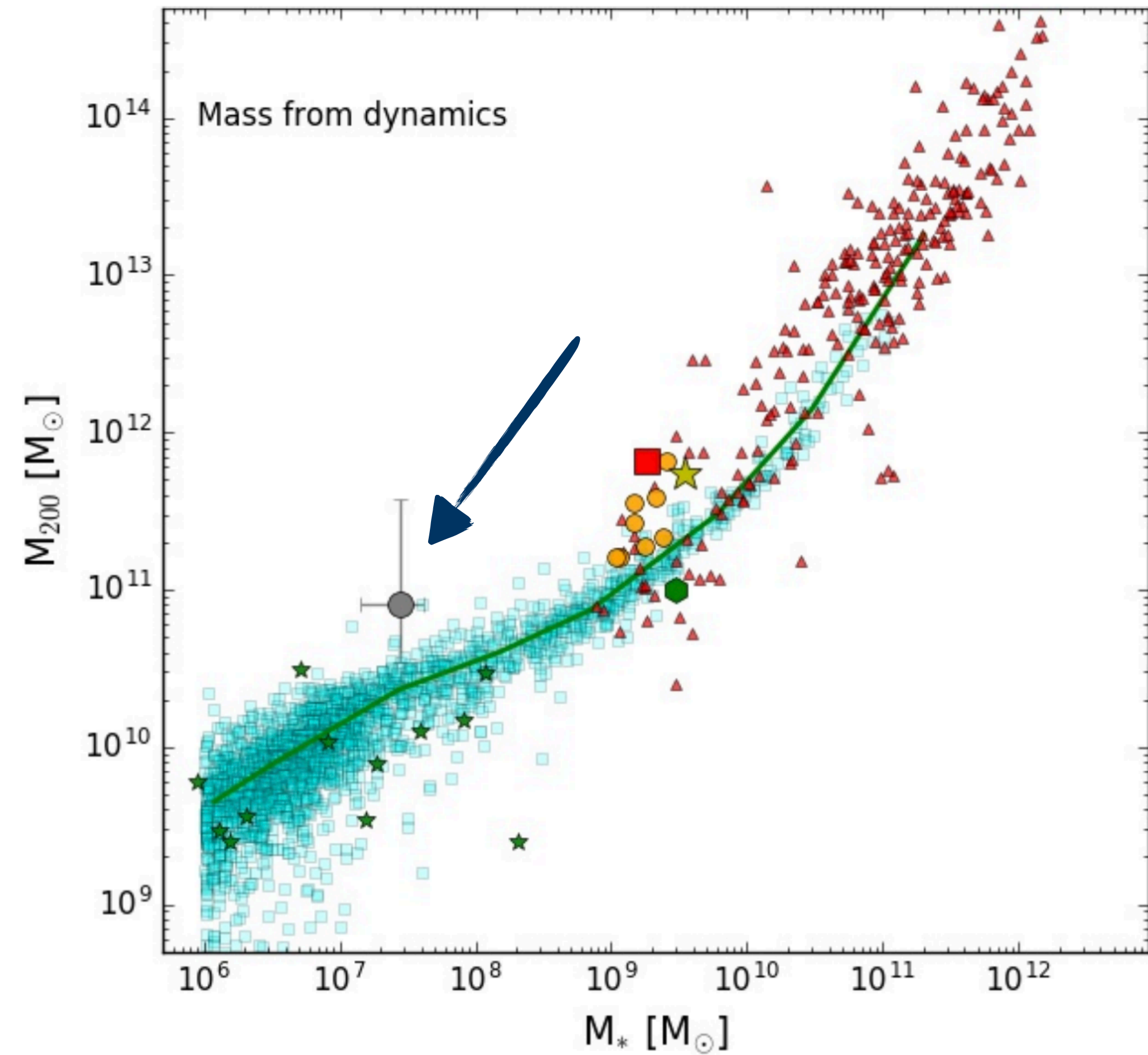
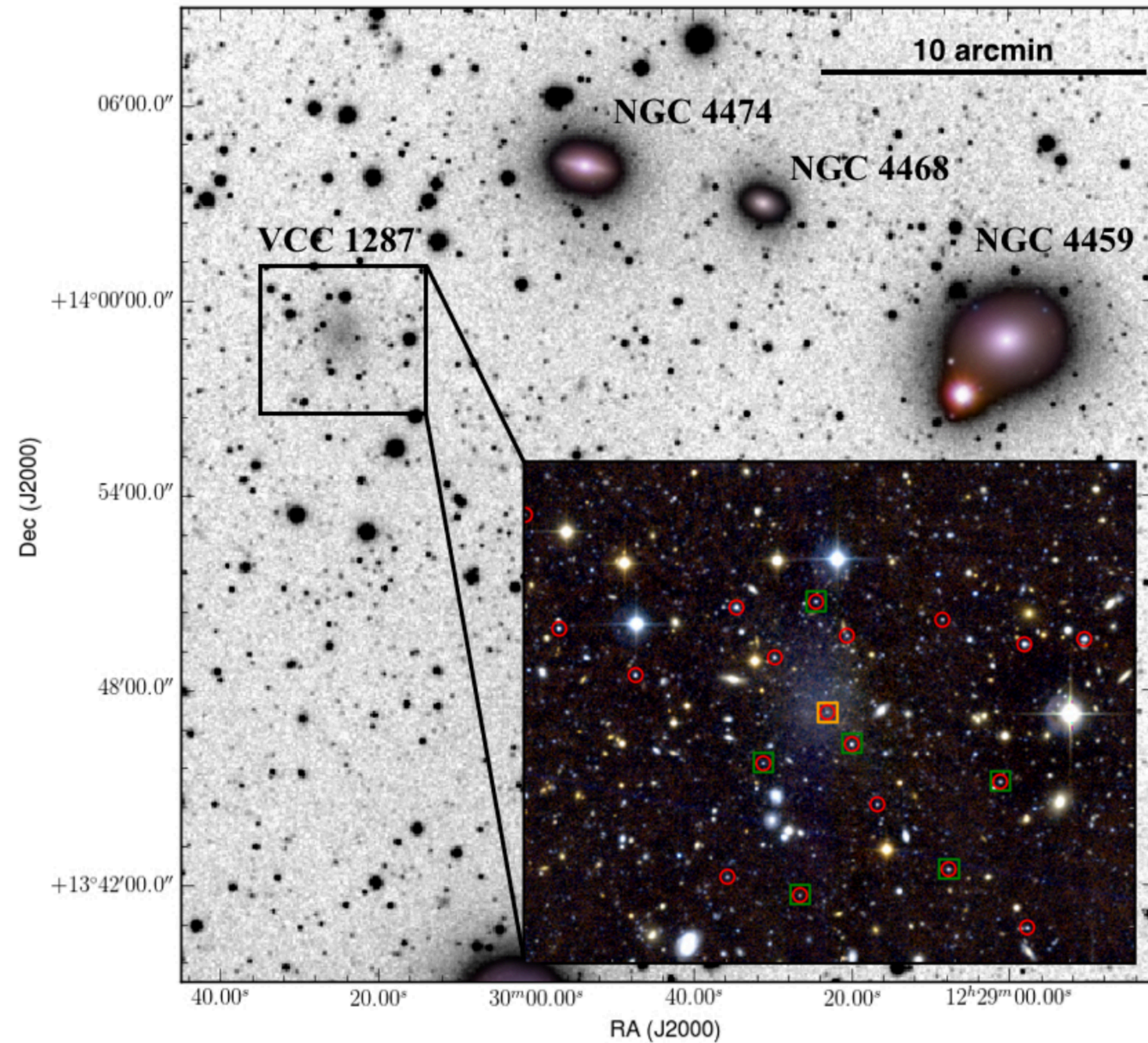
Can be measured through:

1. Globular clusters dynamics
2. Stellar kinematics



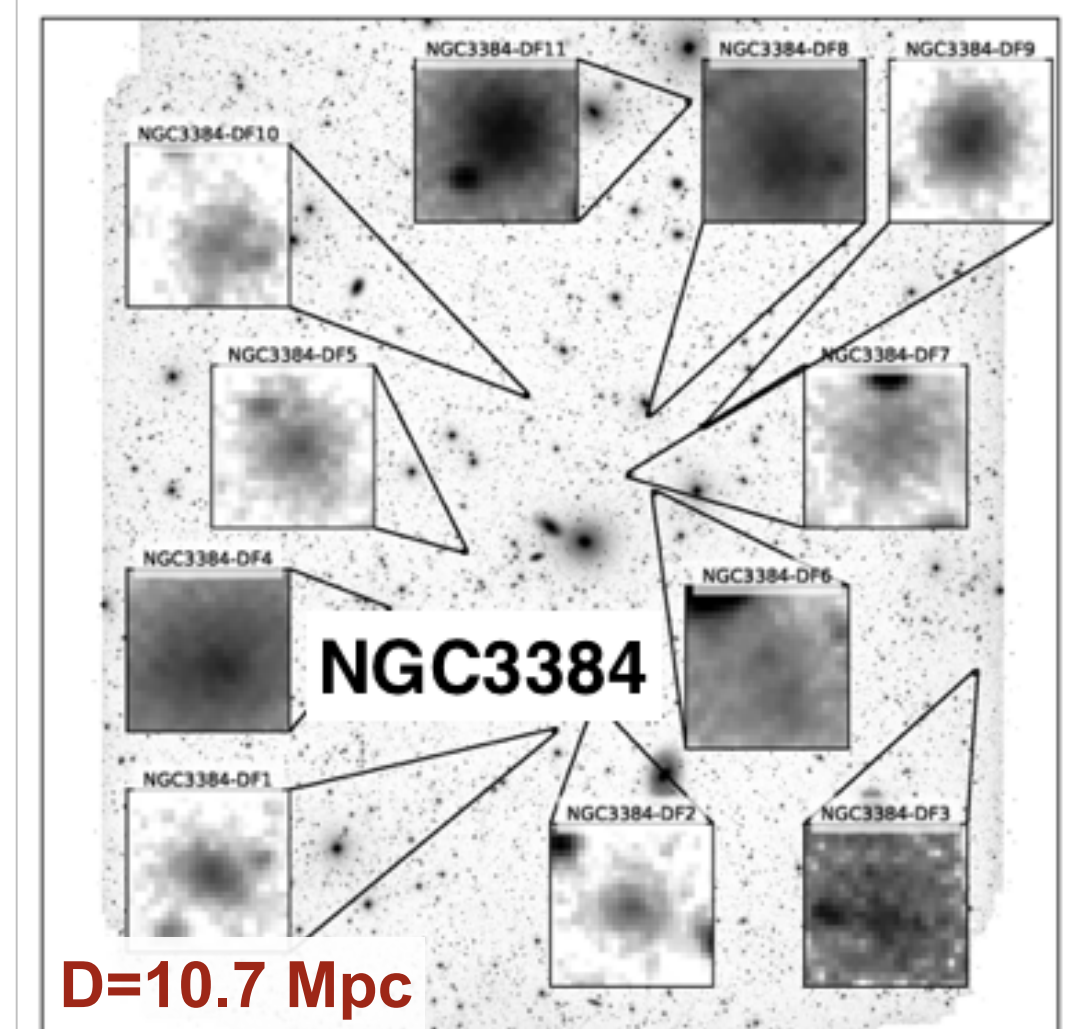
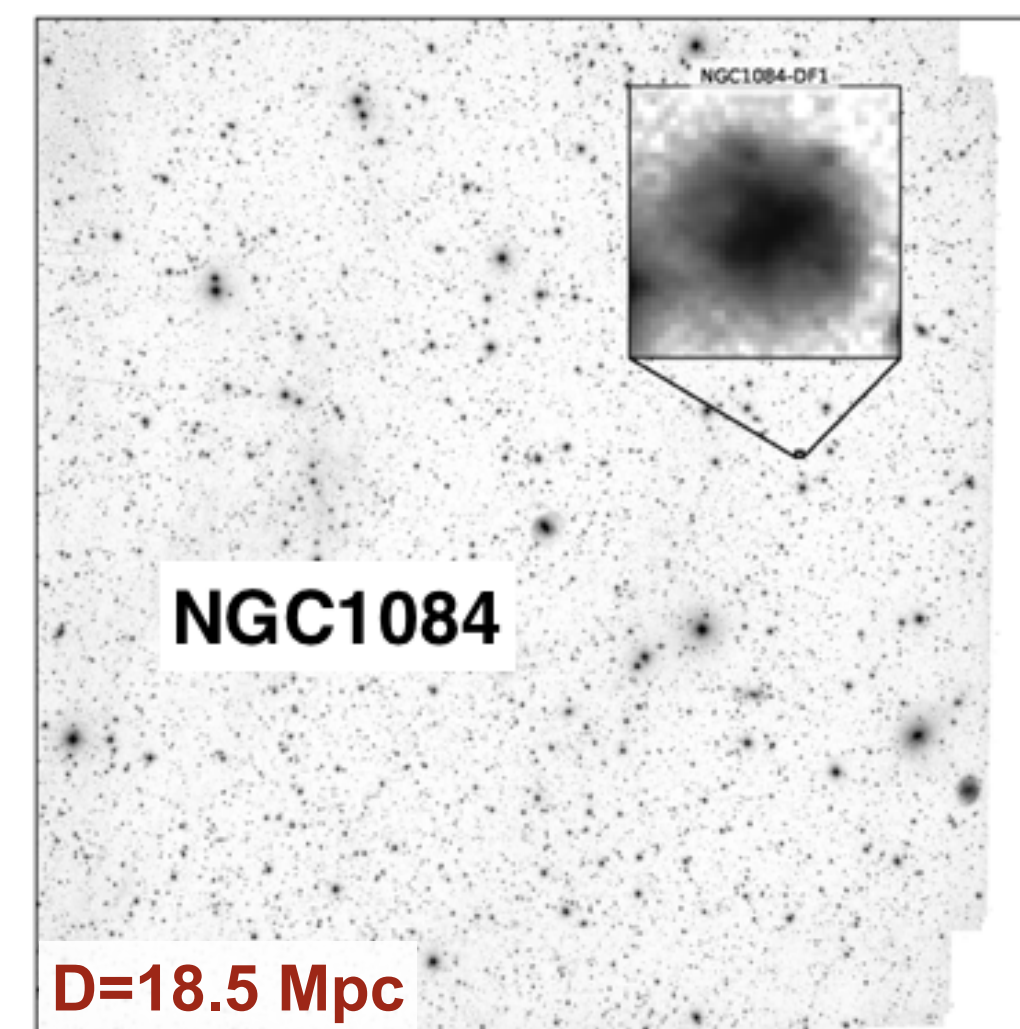
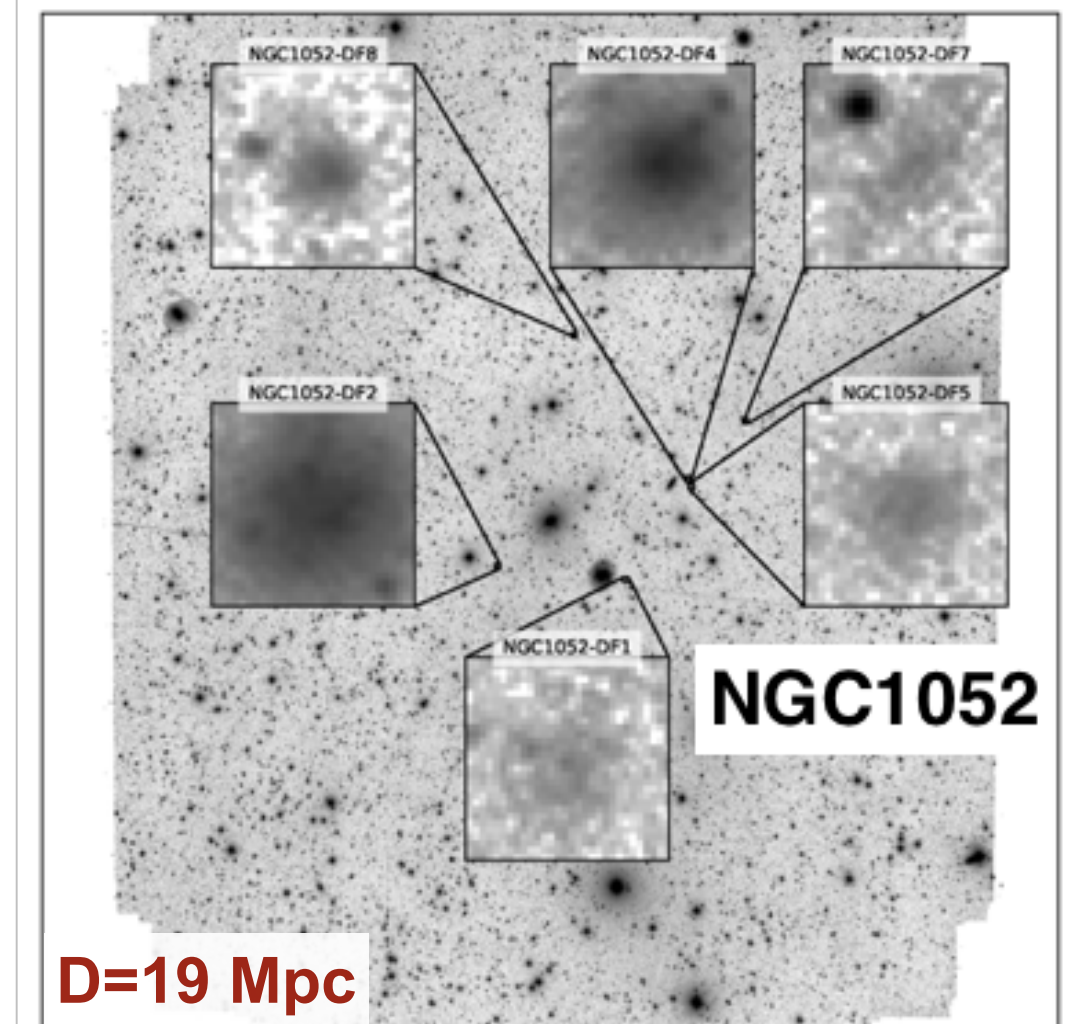
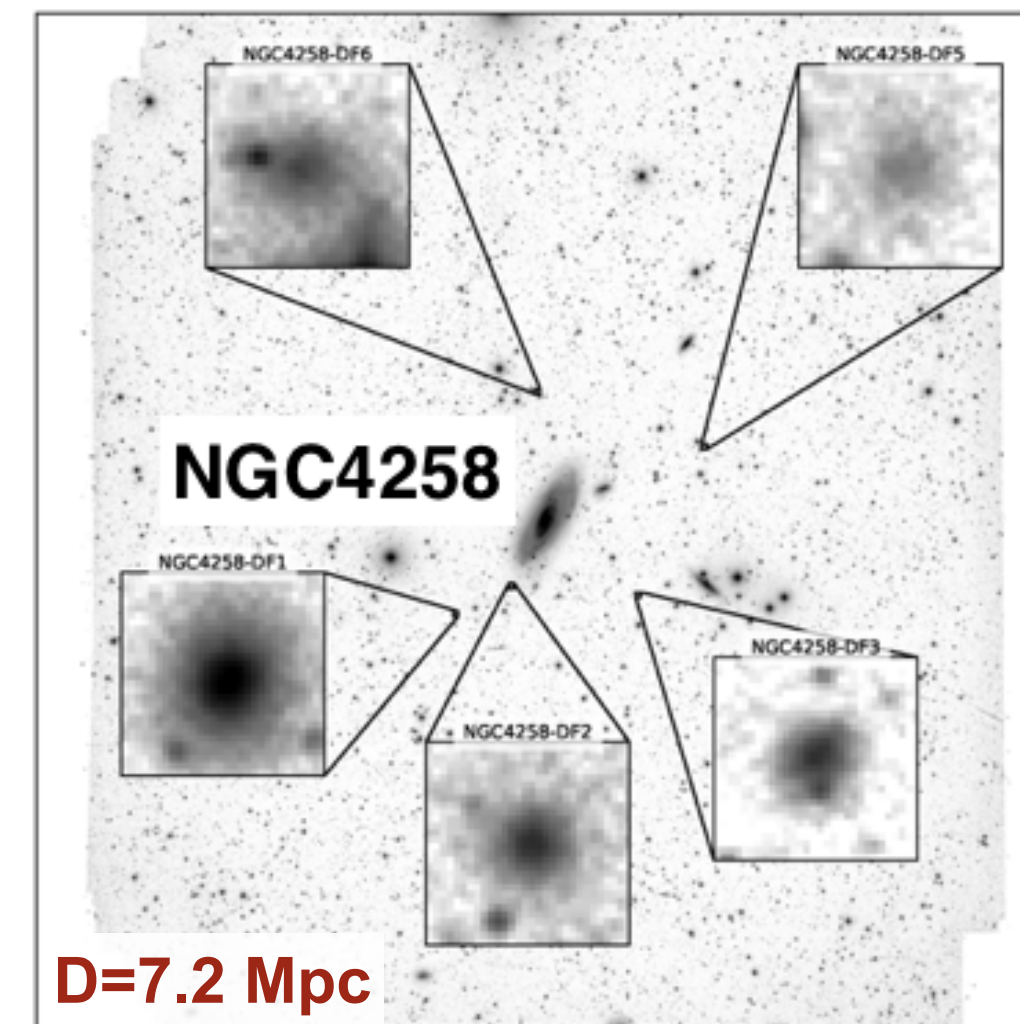
# VCC 1287 (Beasley et al. 2016)

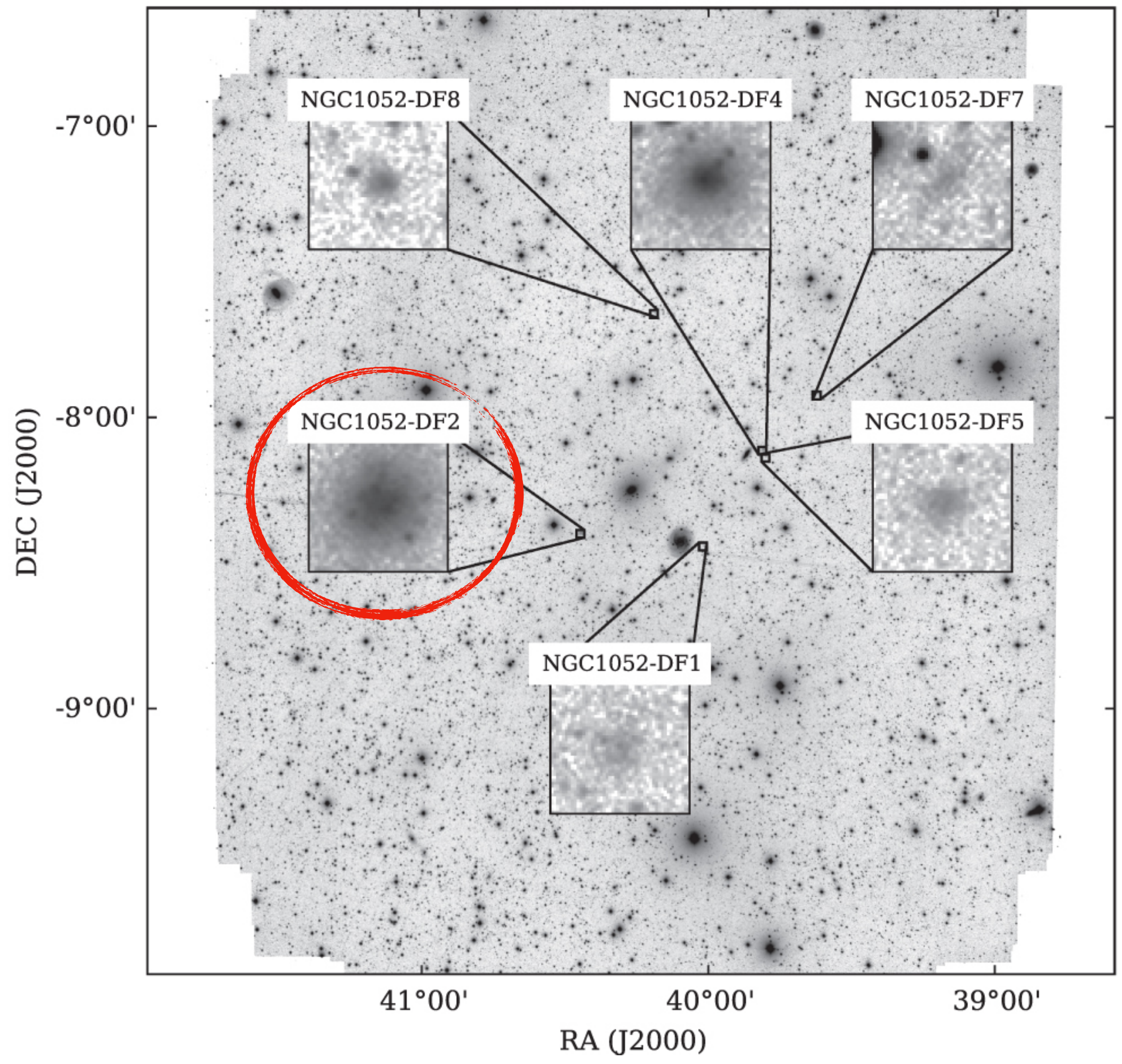
measured from seven globular clusters:  $\sigma = 33$  km/s within 8.1 kpc



# THE DRAGONFLY NEARBY GALAXIES SURVEY

- Deep optical imaging of four nearby galaxy groups
- 23 very low surface brightness ( $\mu_{e,v} \sim 25\text{-}27.5$  mag/arcsec<sup>2</sup>) galaxies were imaged with the Hubble Space Telescope
- 4/23 fall in the class of Ultra Diffuse Galaxies





COHEN ET AL. 2018

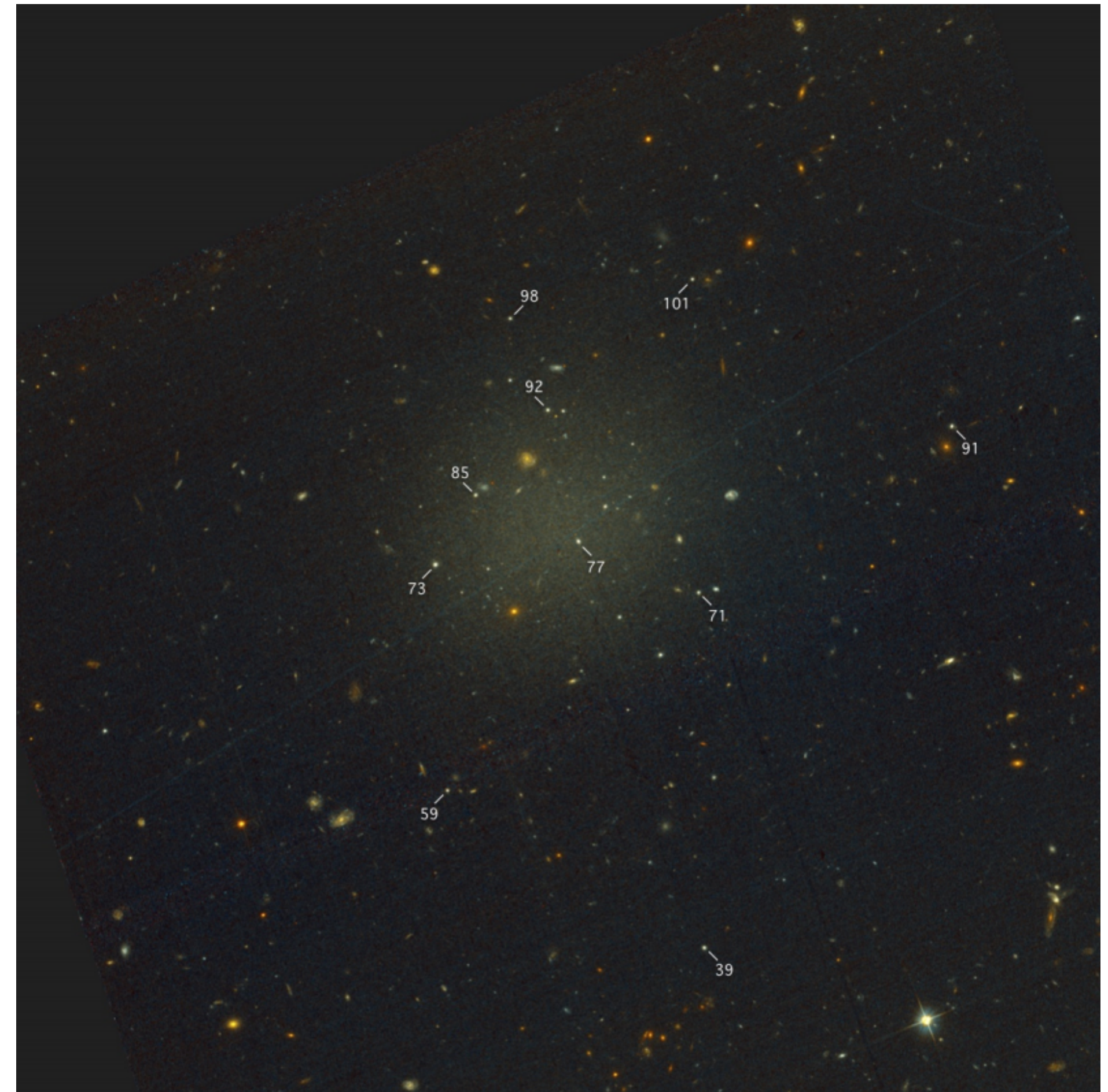
## NGC1052-DF2

**Stellar mass of a dwarf galaxy  
but big**

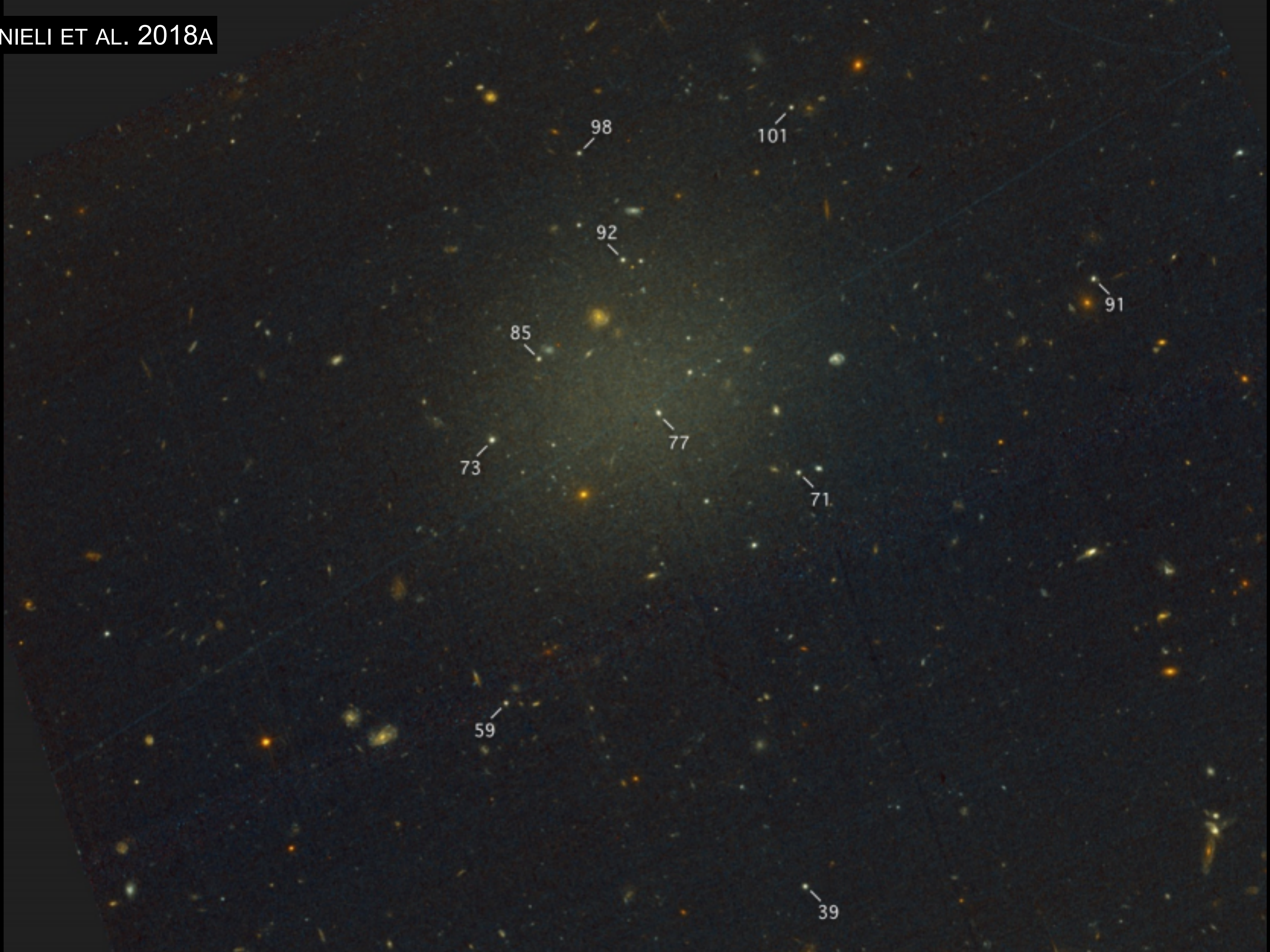
$$M_{\text{stars}} = 2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}, R_{\text{eff}} = 2.2 \text{ kpc},$$
$$\mu_V = 24.4 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}$$

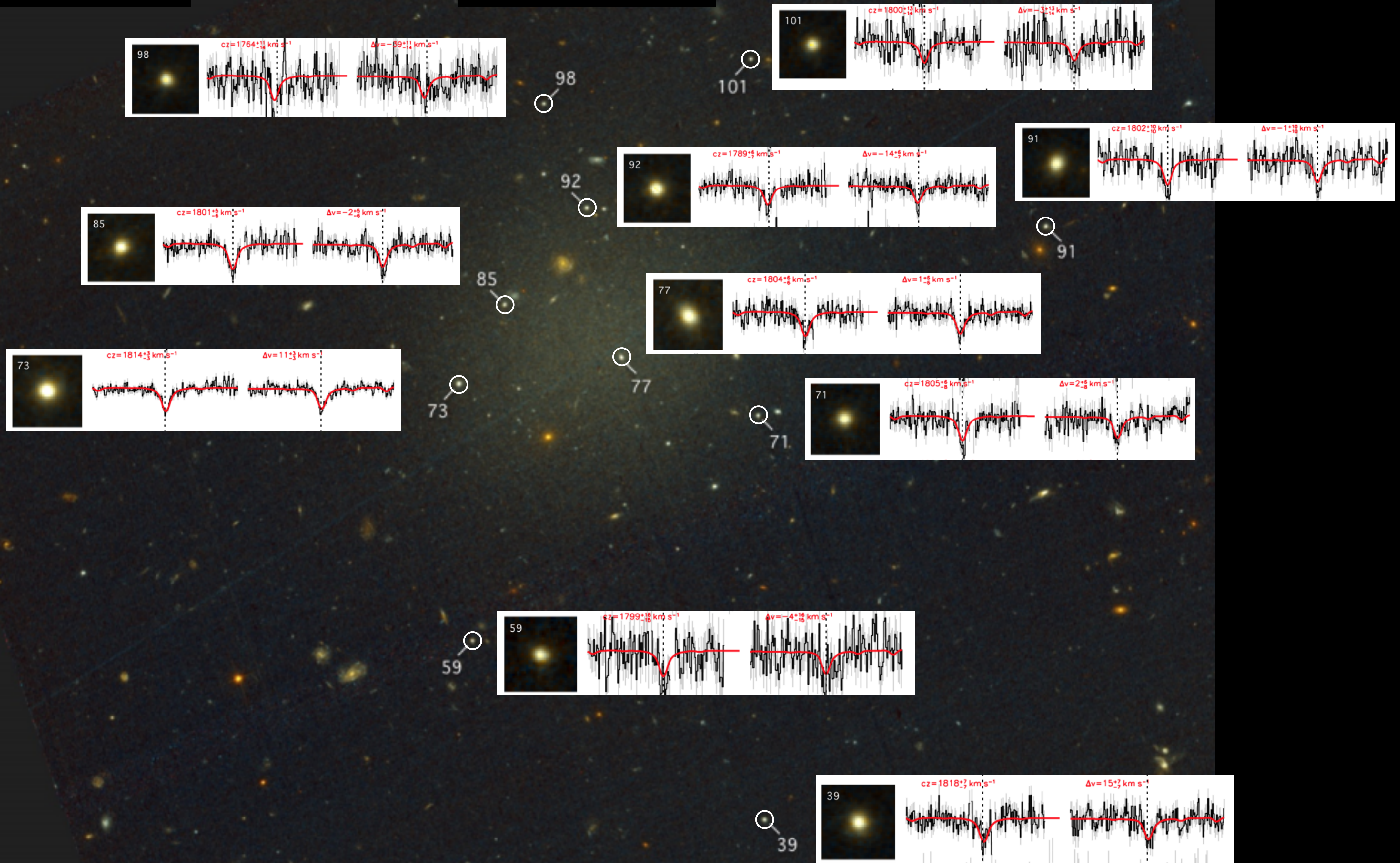
**The diffuse light is accompanied  
by many compact sources**

**Population of extraordinary  
globular clusters**



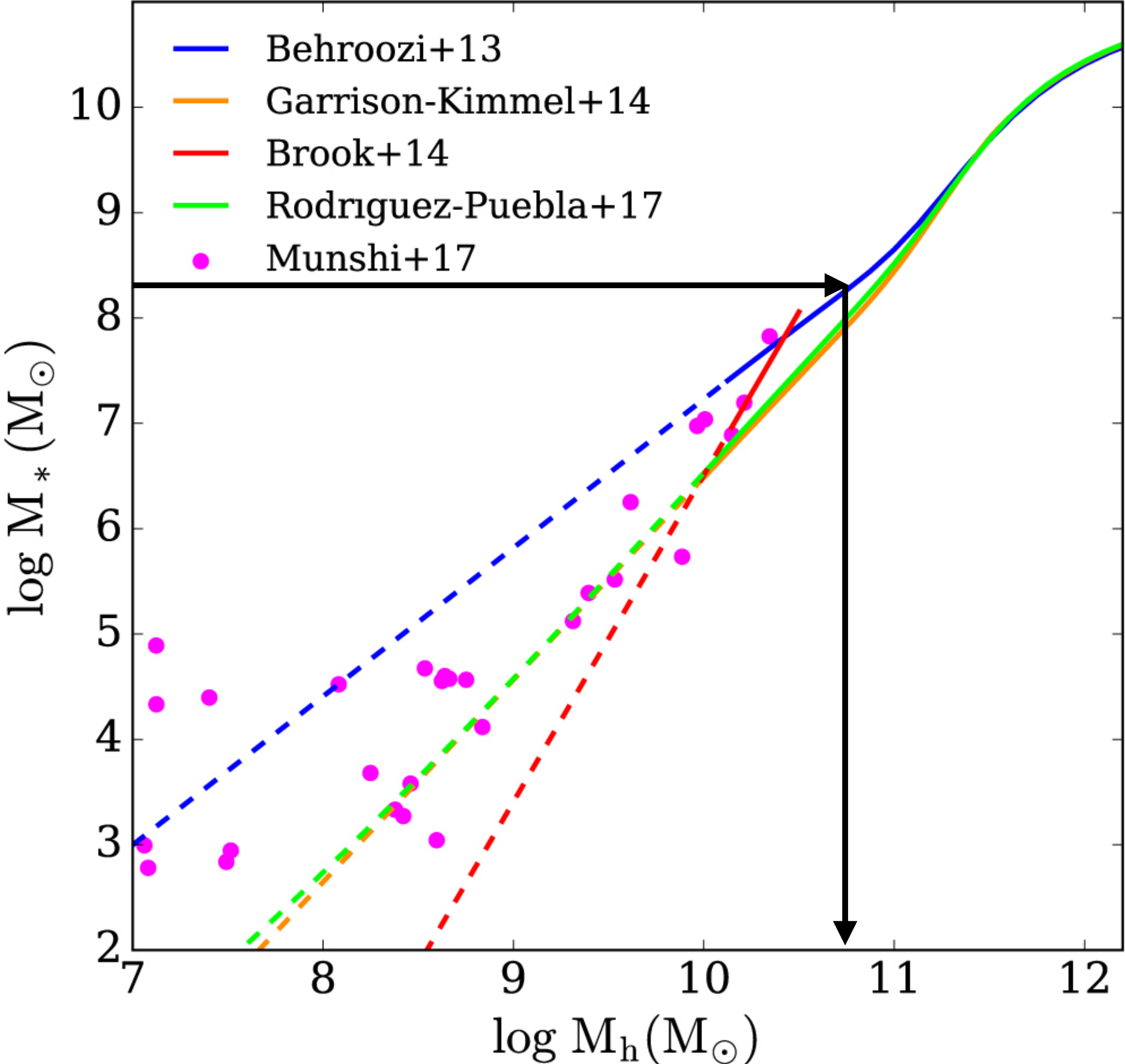
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# Stellar mass-halo mass relation

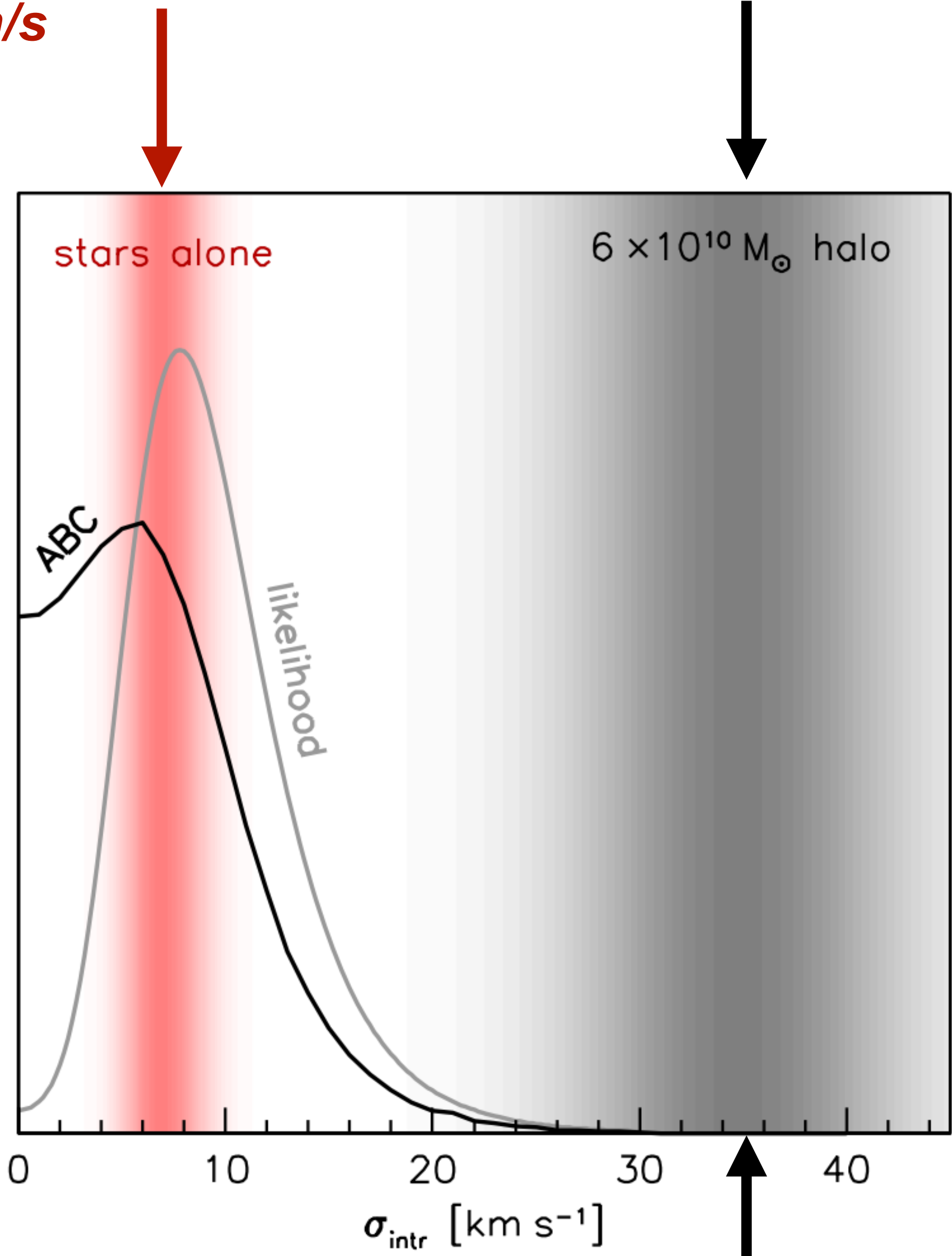
For a stellar mass  
of  $2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$



we expect a  
 $6 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  halo

*The expected dispersion from the stars alone is  $\sigma_{stars} = 7.0$  km/s*

*If the galaxy had a halo according to the stellar-to-halo mass relation*

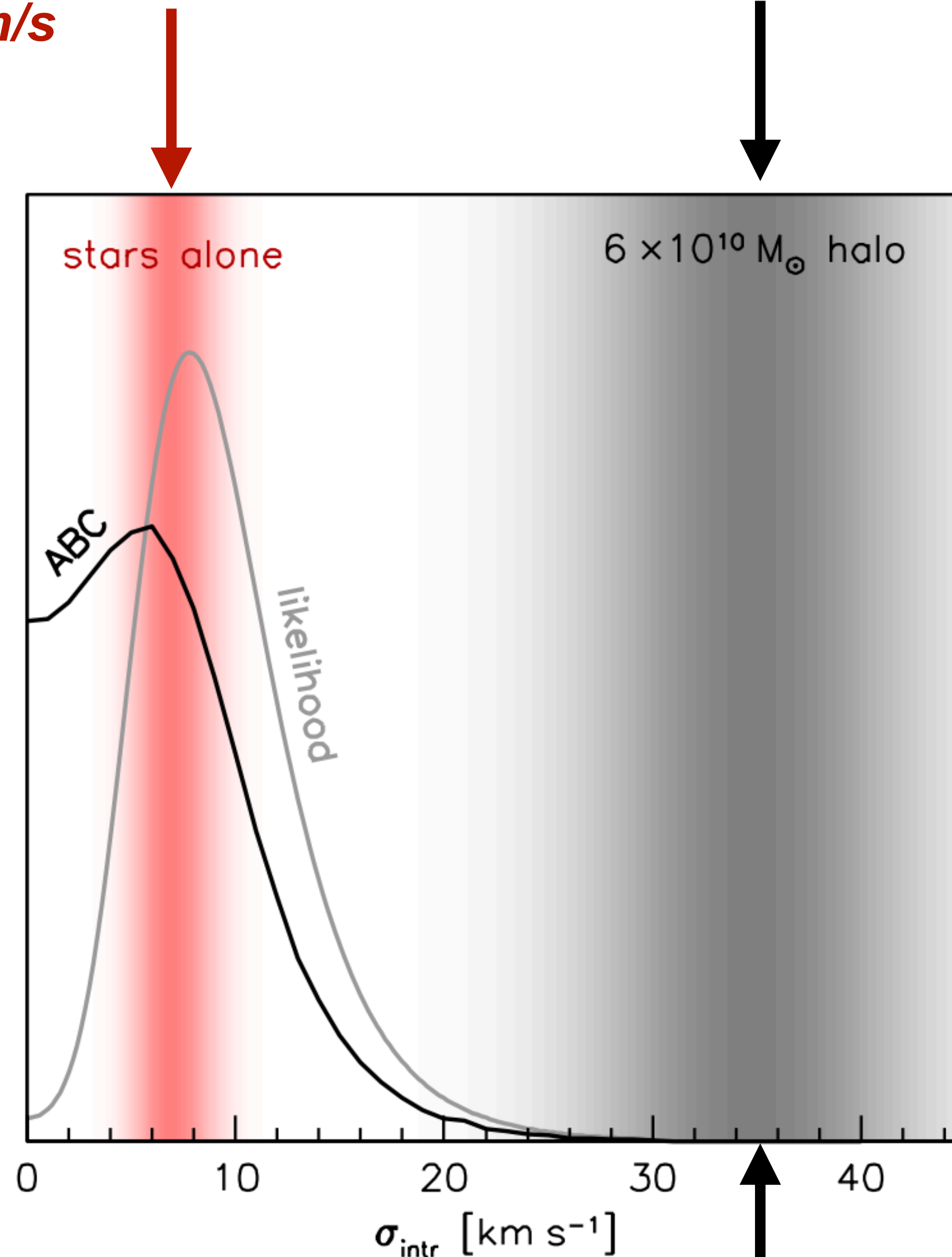


*we expect a velocity dispersion of  $35 \text{ km/s}$*



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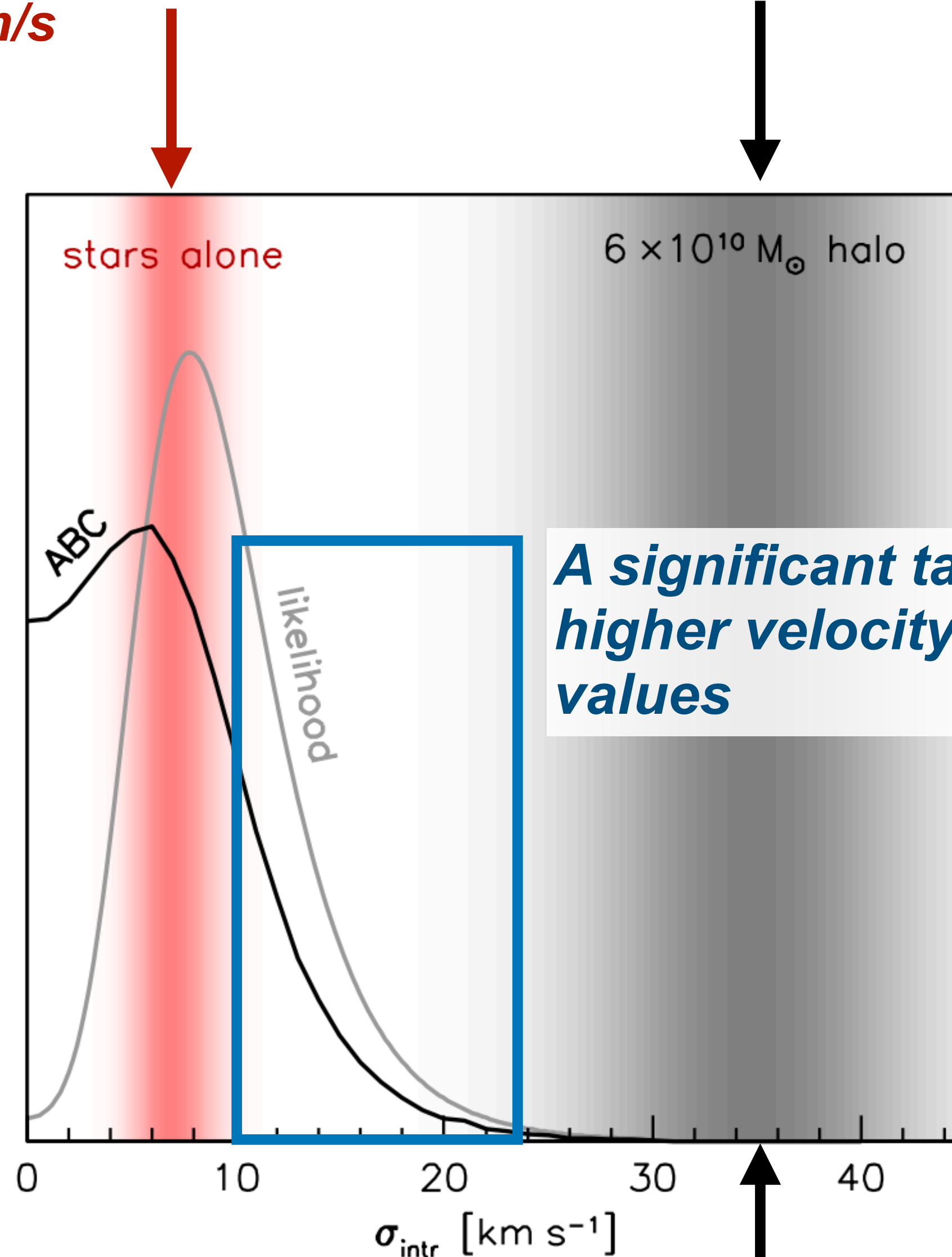
*We measured a velocity dispersion of  $\sigma_{DF2,int} = 7.8^{+5.5}_{-2.3}$  km/s*

*Consistent with the galaxy having little to no dark matter within the half-light radius*

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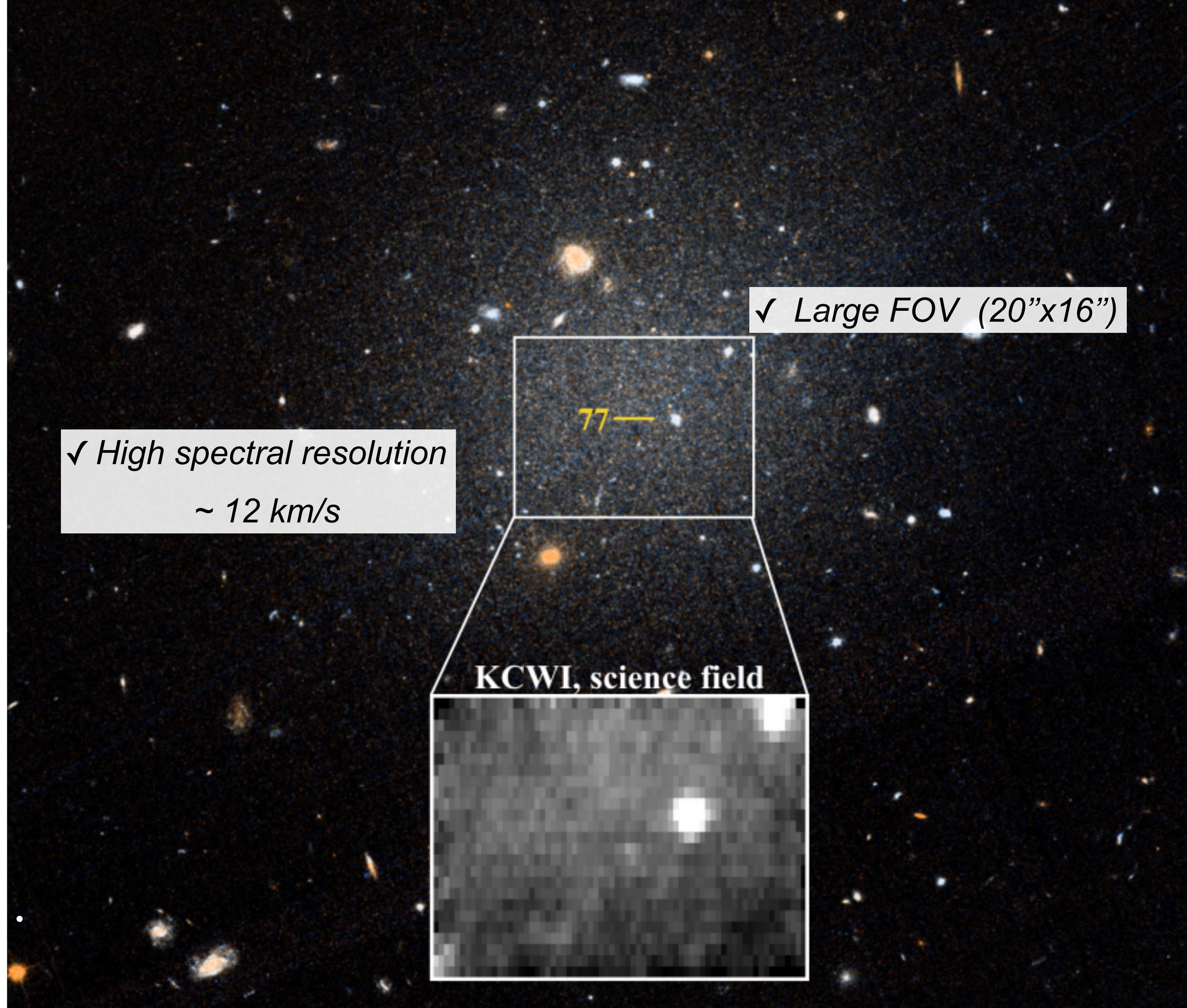
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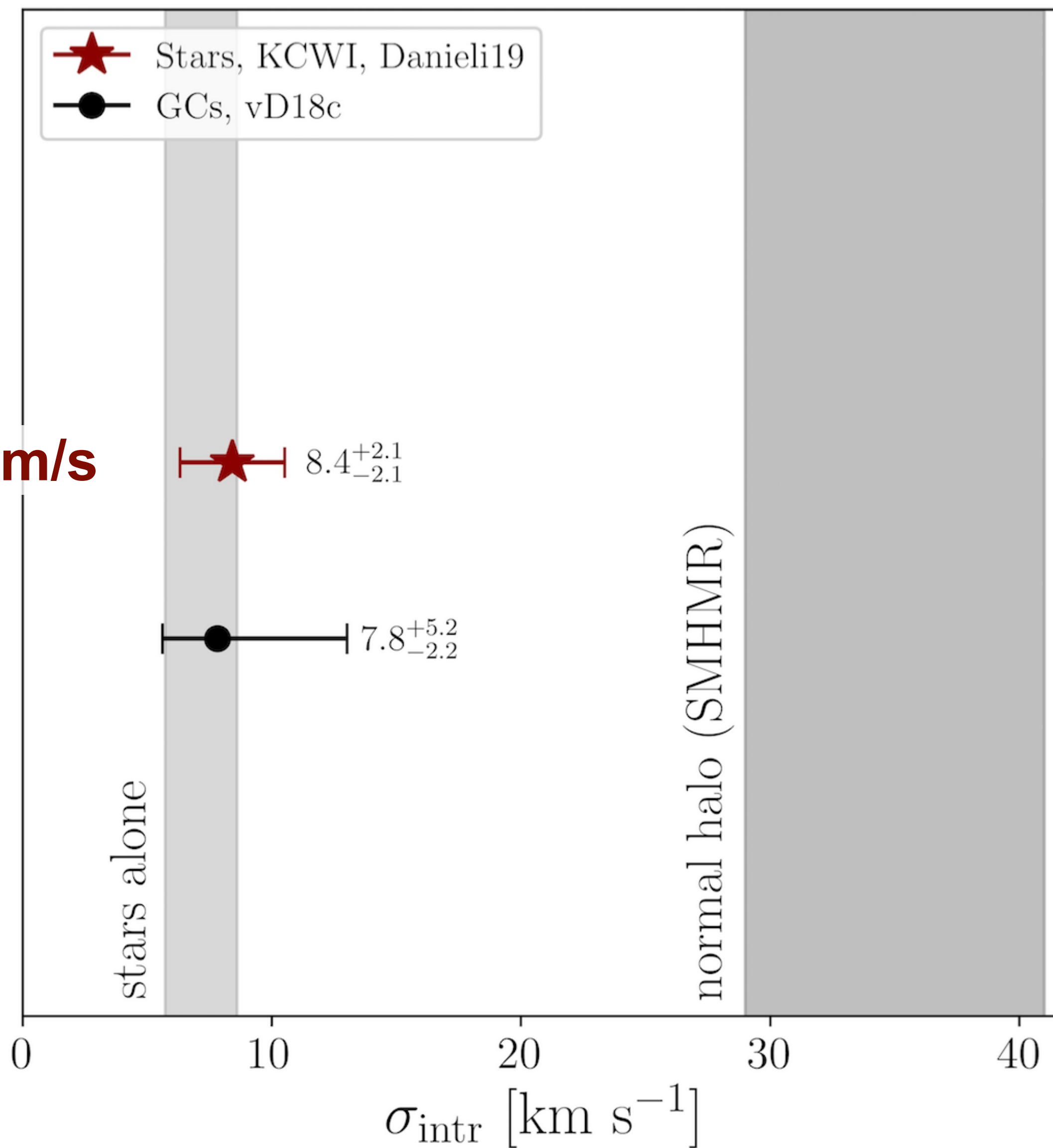
*A significant tail allows for higher velocity dispersion values*

*we expect a velocity dispersion of 35 km/s*

- THE LOW VELOCITY DISPERSION REQUIRES A VERIFICATION
- MEASURE **STELLAR** VELOCITY DISPERSION WITH AN IFU, HIGH SPECTRAL RESOLUTION
- KECK COSMIC WEB IMAGER (KCWI) SPECTROSCOPY
- ON TARGET + SKY INTEGRATION TIME OF 5.6 HRS



$\sigma_{DF2,int} = 8.4 \pm 2.1 \text{ km/s}$

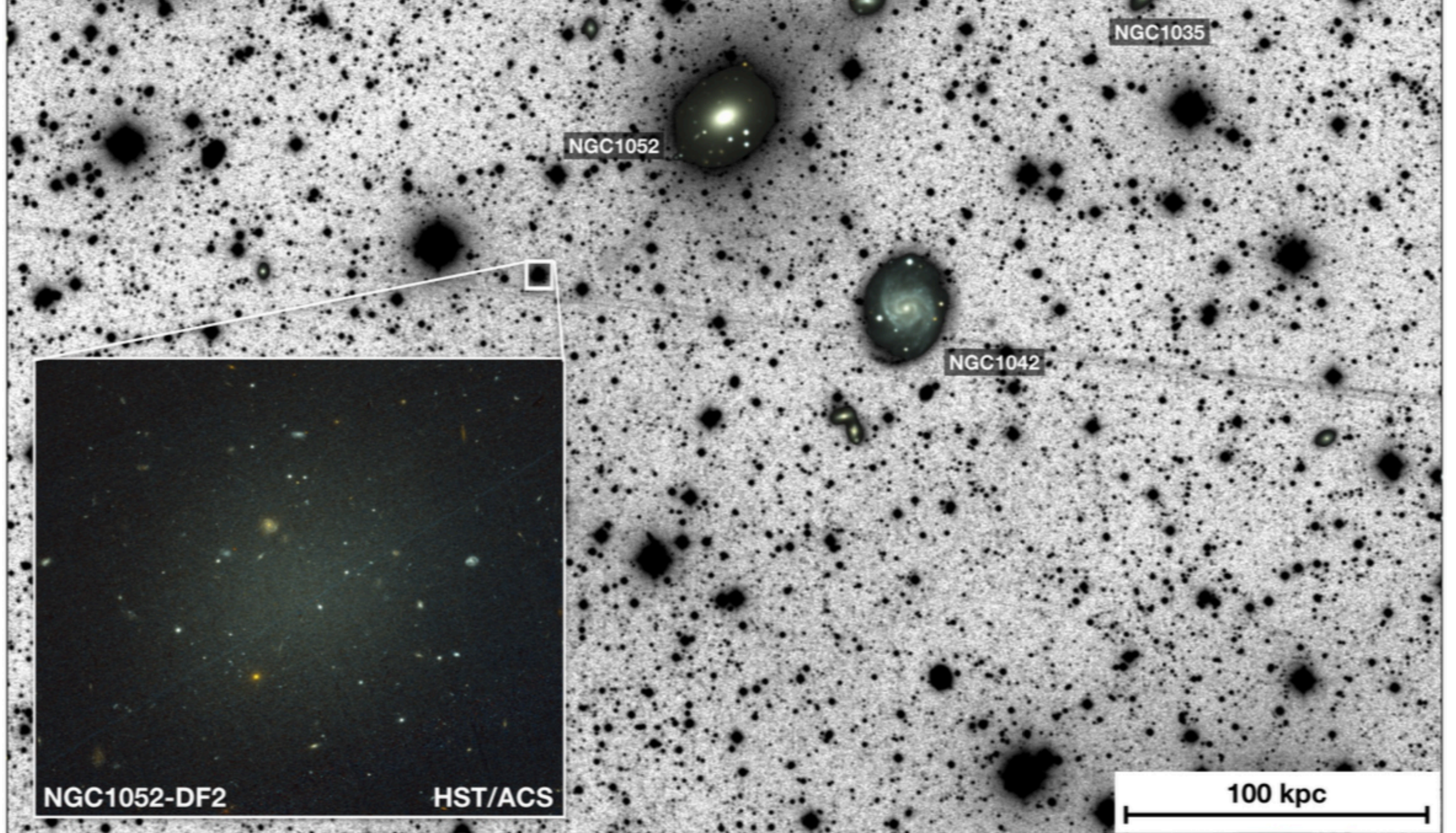


The dynamical mass within the half-light radius is

$$M_{\text{dyn}} = 1.3 \pm 0.8 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

with a stellar mass of

$$M_{\text{stars}} = 1.0 \pm 0.2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$$



NGC1035

NGC1052

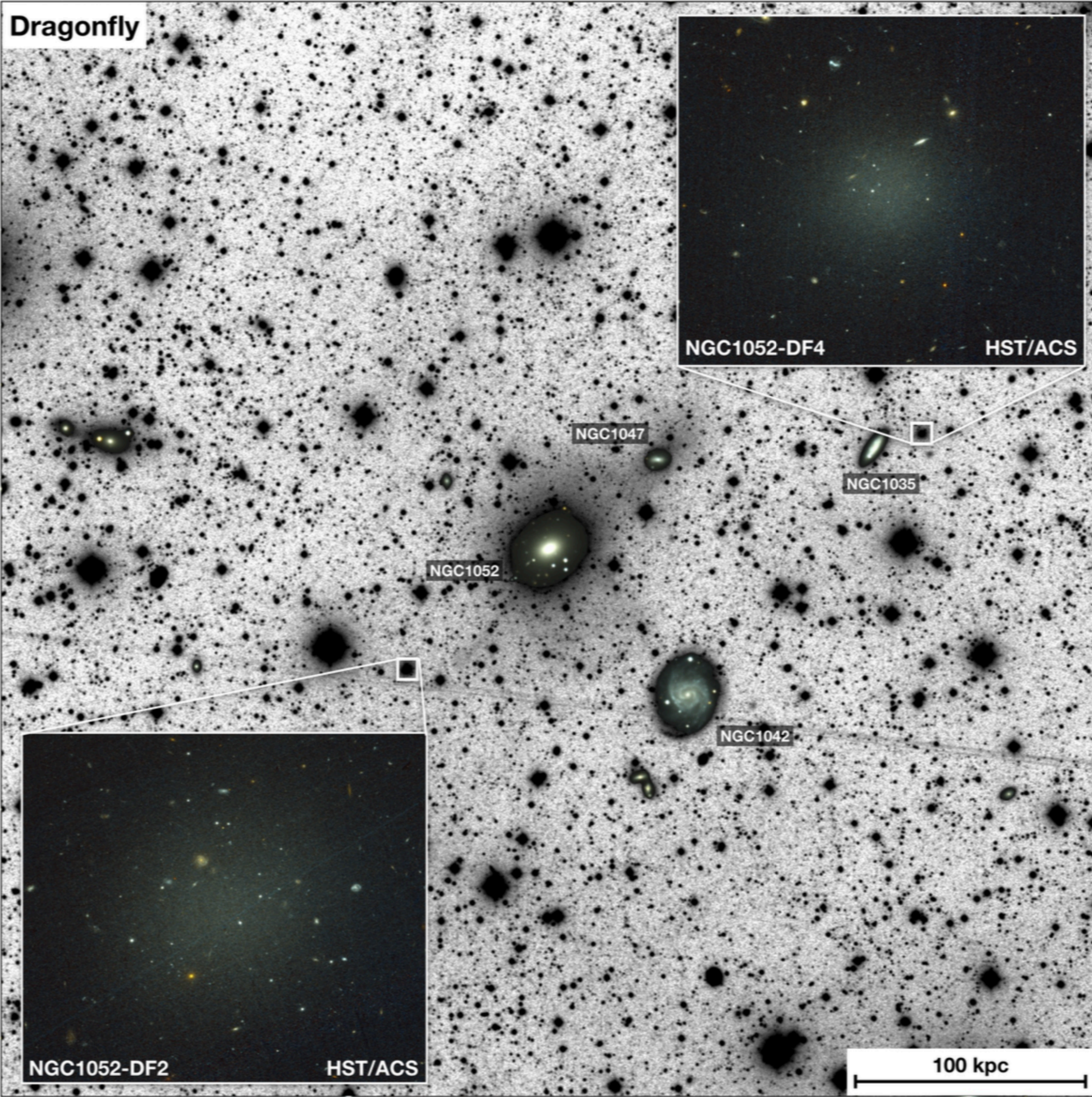
NGC1042

NGC1052-DF2

HST/ACS

100 kpc

Dragonfly



NGC1047

NGC1052-DF4

HST/ACS

NGC1035

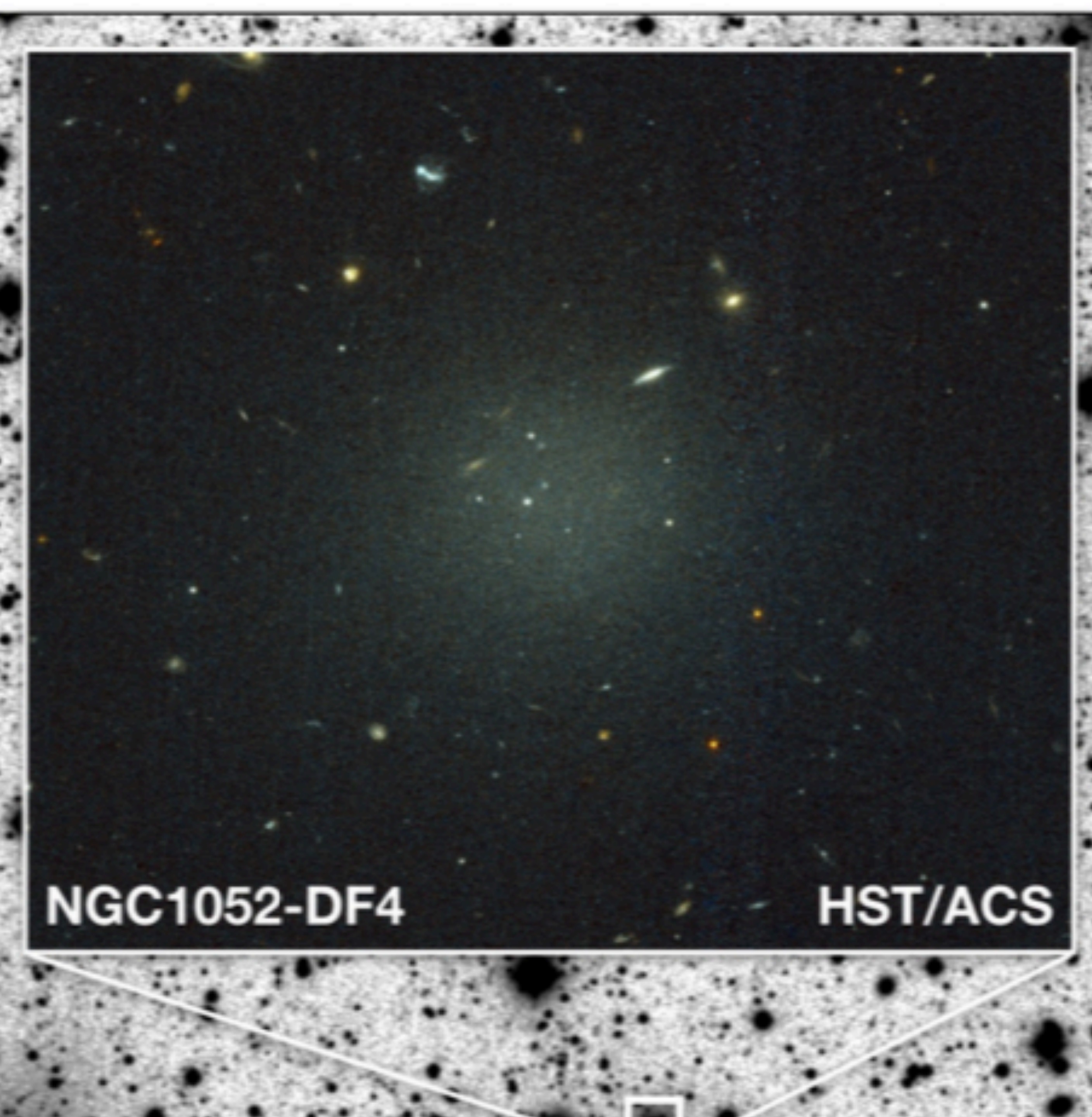
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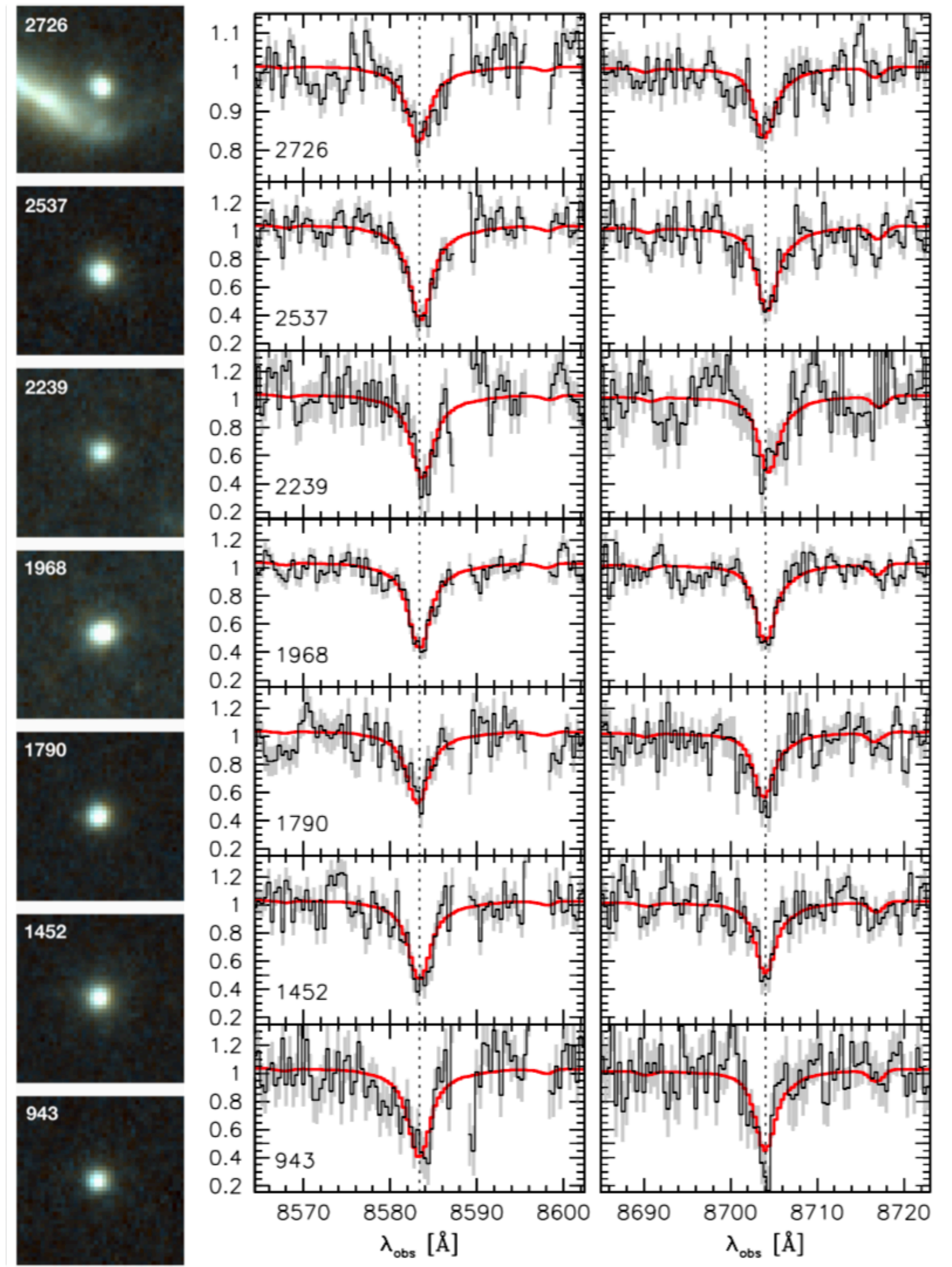
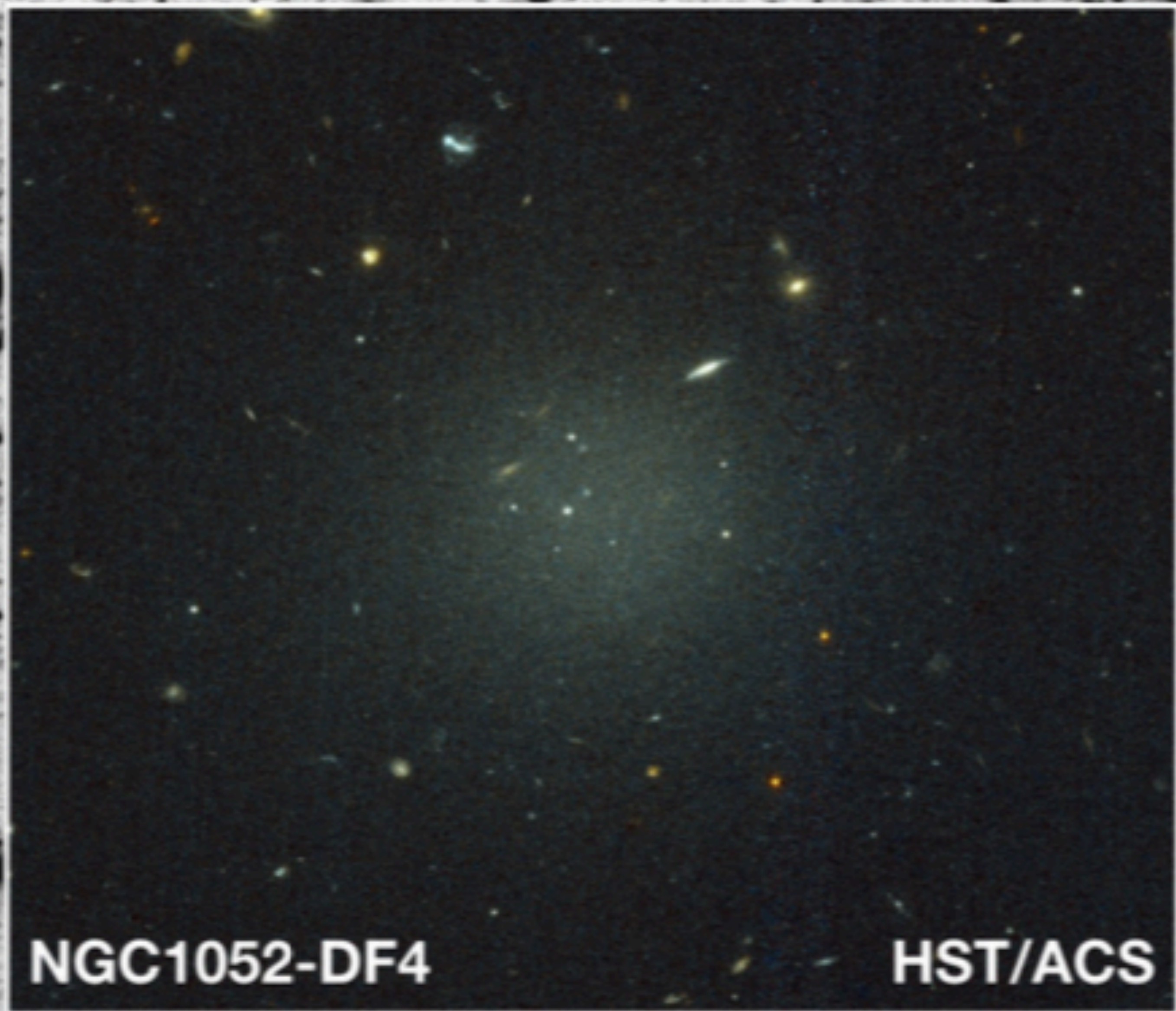
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100 kpc

This image shows a field of stars and galaxies. The central region is a dark, rectangular inset containing a cluster of galaxies, including a prominent blueish-white galaxy and several yellowish-white galaxies. The background is a dense field of stars, with a white box at the bottom center indicating the location of the inset. The text 'NGC1052-DF4' is in the bottom left and 'HST/ACS' is in the bottom right of the inset.

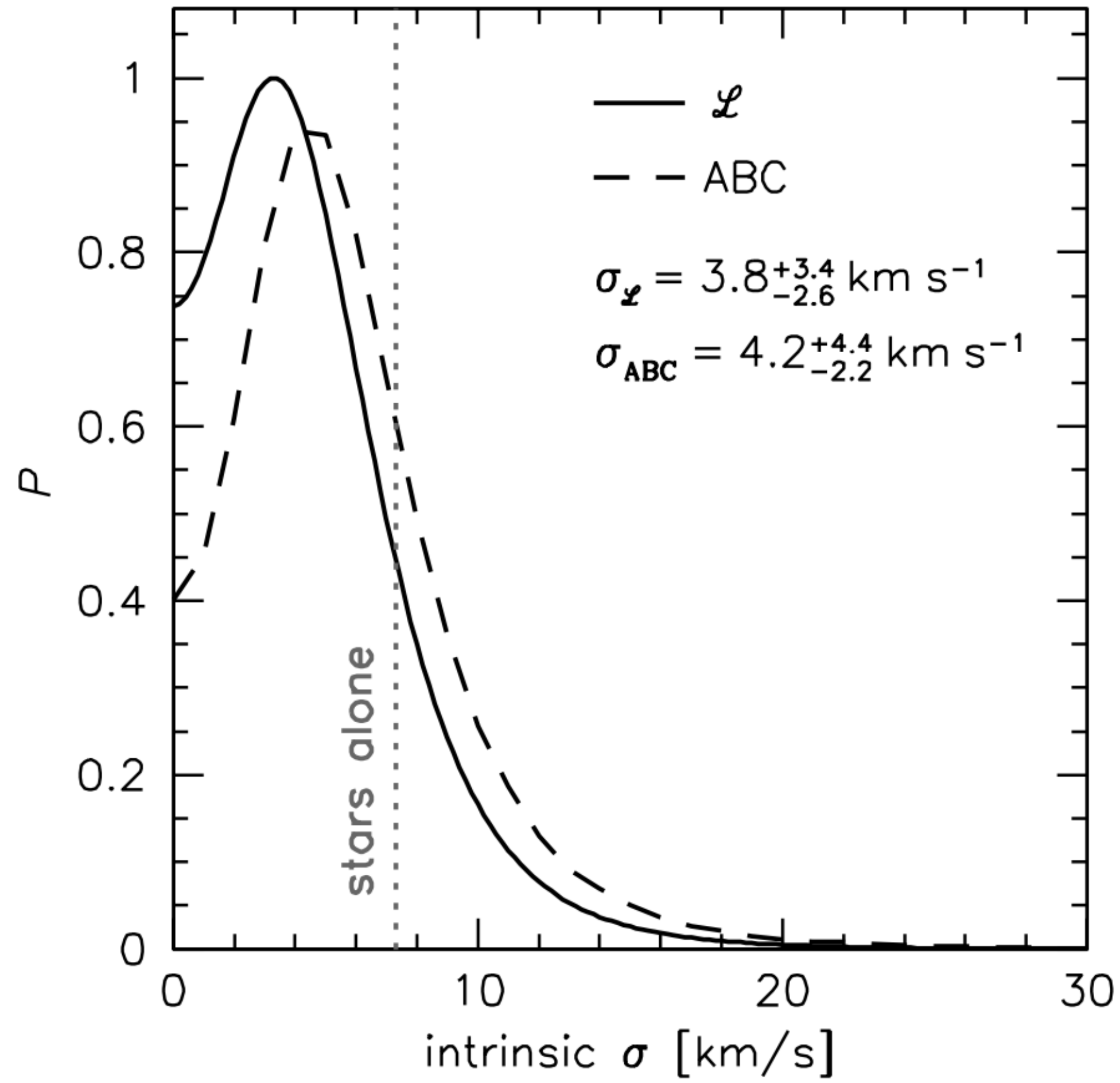
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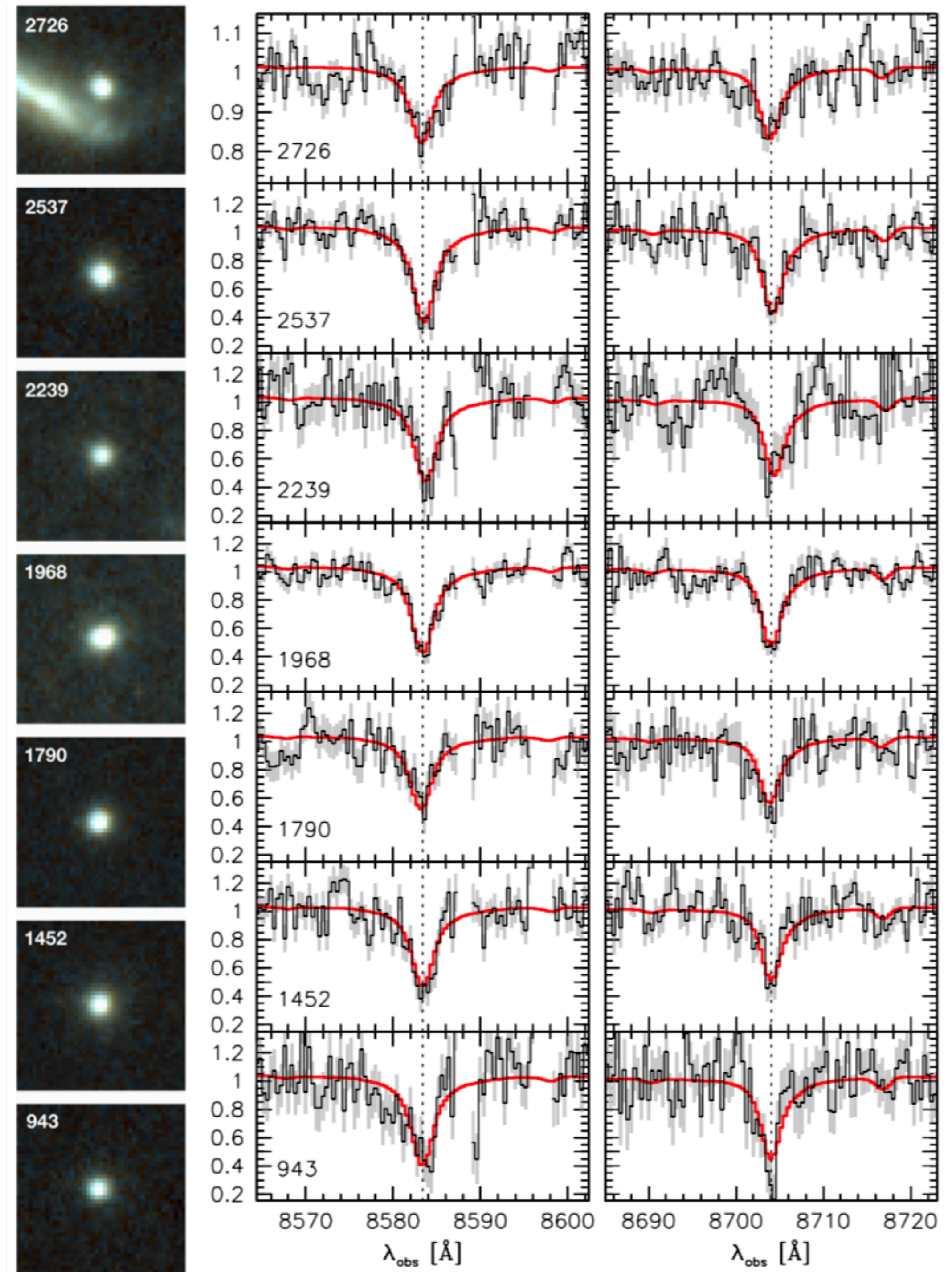


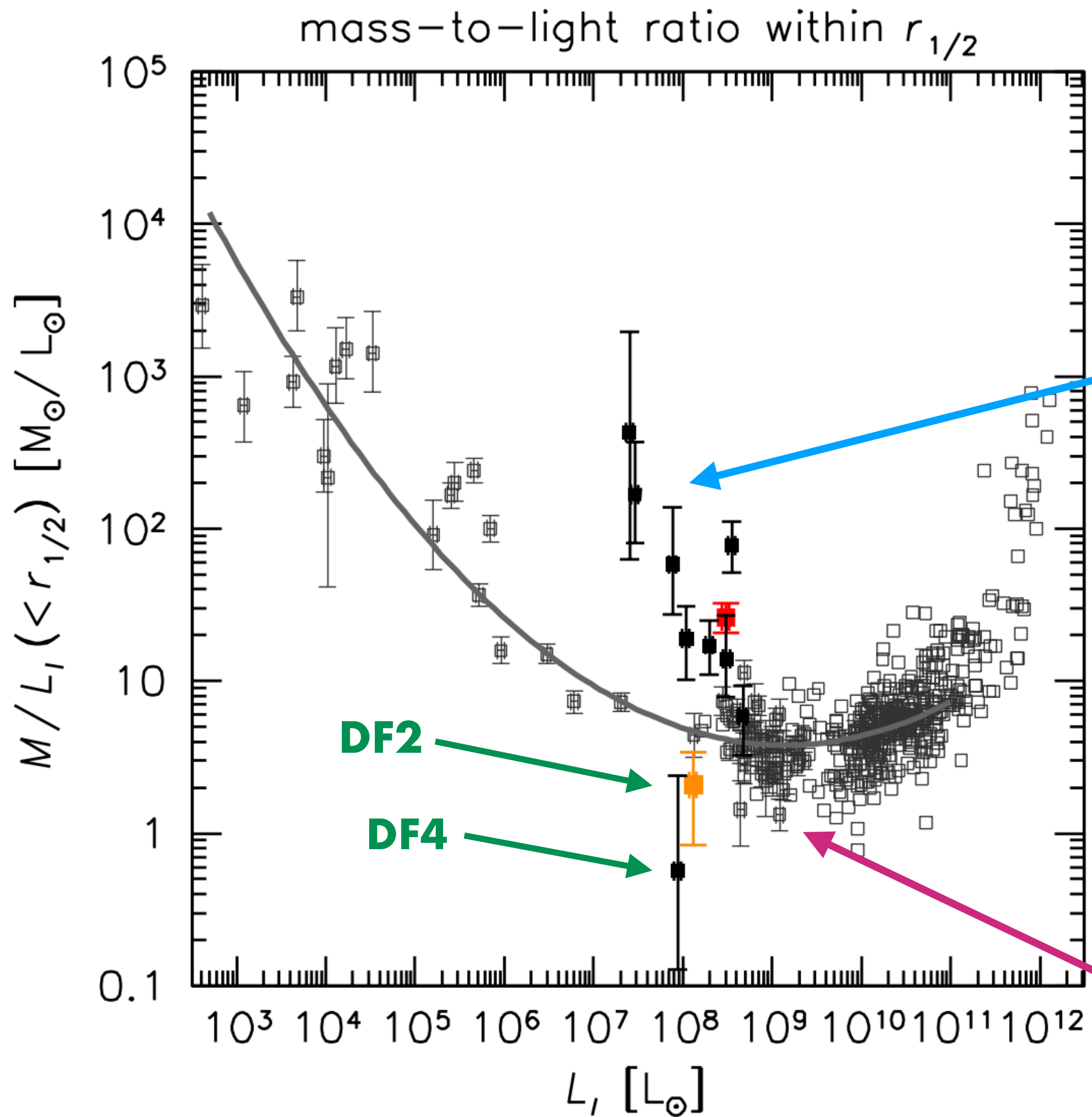


# A SECOND GALAXY LACKING DARK MATTER - NGC1052-DF4



VAN DOKKUM, DANIELI ET AL. 2019B





ULTRA DIFFUSE GALAXIES

BEASLEY ET AL. 2016

TOLOBA ET AL. 2018

MARTIN-NAVARRO ET AL. 2019

CHILINGARIAN ET AL. 2019

VAN DOKKUM ET AL. 2019

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"NORMAL" DWARF GALAXIES

ZARITSKY, GONZALEZ, &  
ZABLUDOFF 2006

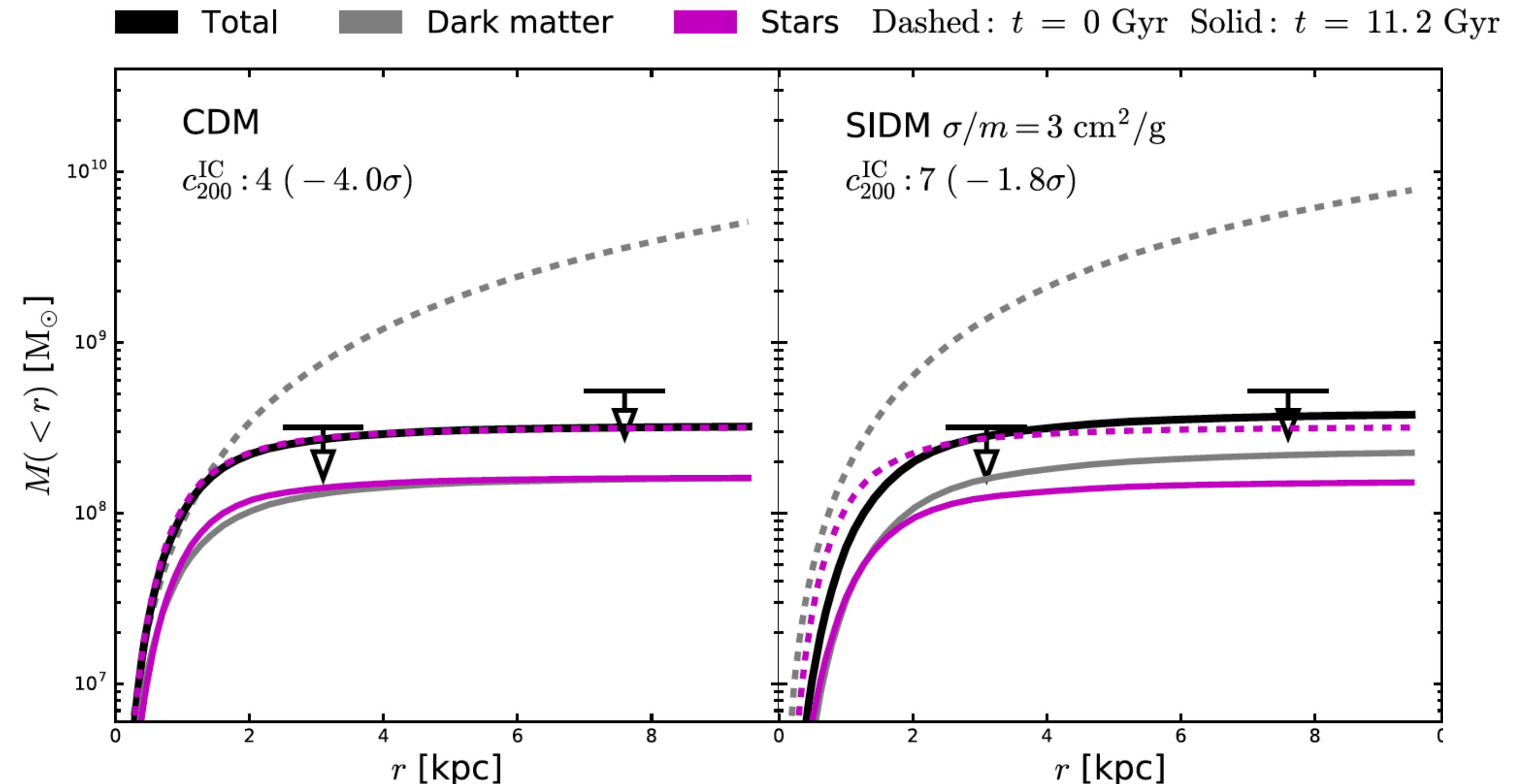
WOLF ET AL. 2010

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### Example #1: Self-Interacting Dark Matter

- Yang, Yu & An 2020 studies DF2 and DF4-like galaxies in the SIDM scenario.
- Using controlled N-body simulation, they show that SIDM is more likely (than CDM) to result in DF2 and DF4-like galaxies, through tidal stripping
- The SIDM simulation also predict more diffuse stellar distributions, in better agreement with the observations

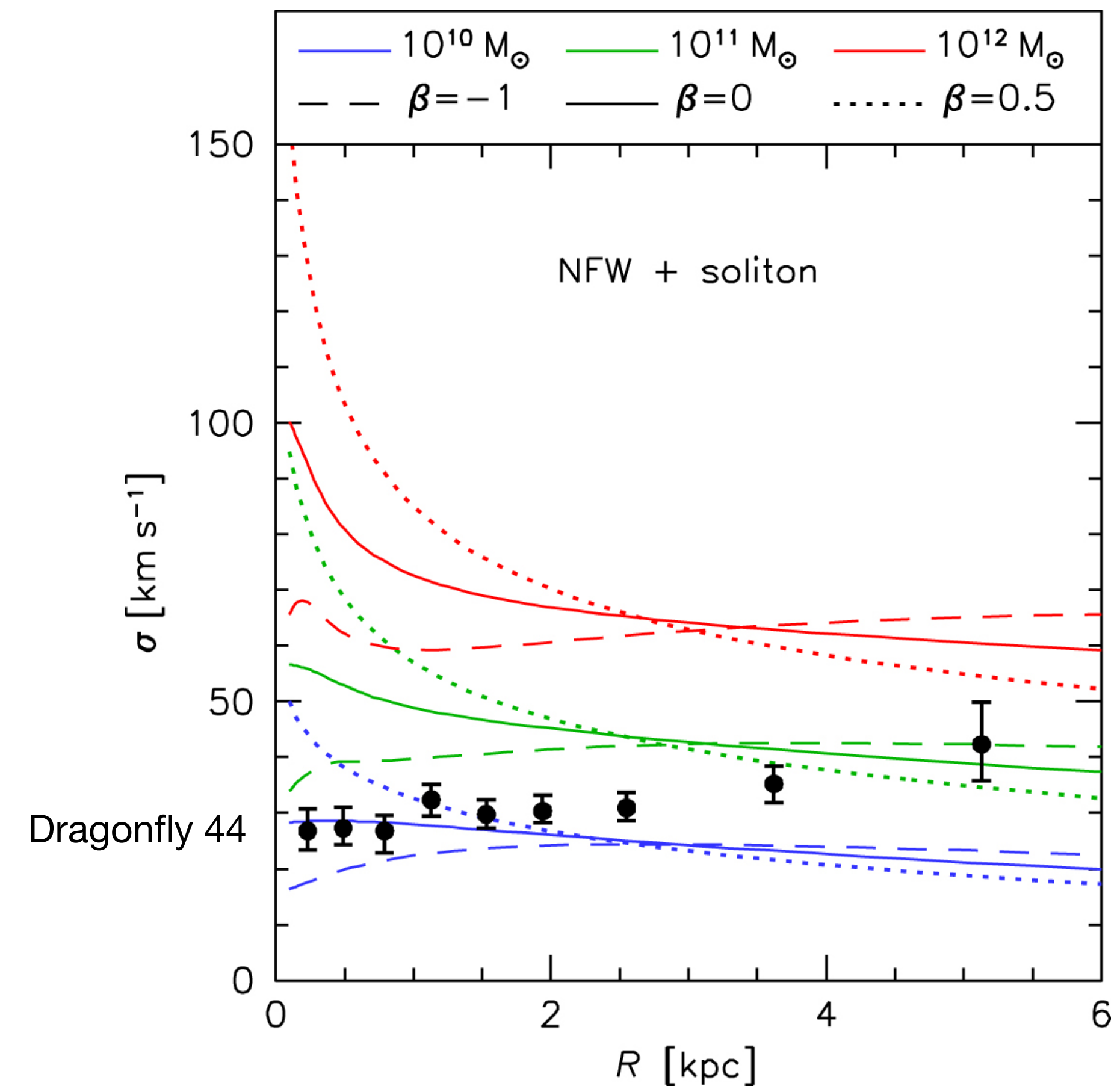


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- THE ESPECIALLY DARK MATTER-DOMINATED AND DARK MATTER-DEFICIENT GALAZXIES, AS WELL AS THE SCATTER IN THE TOTAL MASS-TO-LIGHT RATIO FOR ULTRA DIFFUSE GALAXIES PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TESTING DARK MATTER MODELS

### Example #2: Ultralight Axion (“fuzzy”) dark matter

- For sufficiently high halo masses these models predict a characteristic bump in the profile at small ( $\sim 500$  pc) scales, indicating the presence of a soliton core
- UDGs with higher central dispersions may exist, and they could provide a direct test of these predictions.



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## SUMMARY

- ULTRA DIFFUSE GALAXIES ARE COMMON AND HAVE UNUSUAL PROPERTIES
- THANKS TO THE LARGE EXTENT OF THEIR STELLAR DISTRIBUTIONS, THE PROPERTIES OF THEIR DARK MATTER HALOS CAN BE TRACED OUT TO LARGER RADII
- MANY SEEM TO HOST A LARGE POPULATION OF GLOBULAR CLUSTERS WHICH HELP TO MEASURE THEIR DYNAMICAL MASS
- THE DARK MATTER CONTENT OF ULTRA DIFFUSE GALAXIES SPANS 4 ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE
  - SOME HAVE MASSIVE DARK MATTER HALOS
  - SOME HAVE LITTLE TO NO DARK MATTER
- UDGs PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST AND CONSTRAIN DARK MATTER MODELS IN INTERESTING REGIMES