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Dark matter as a coherent
quantum wave

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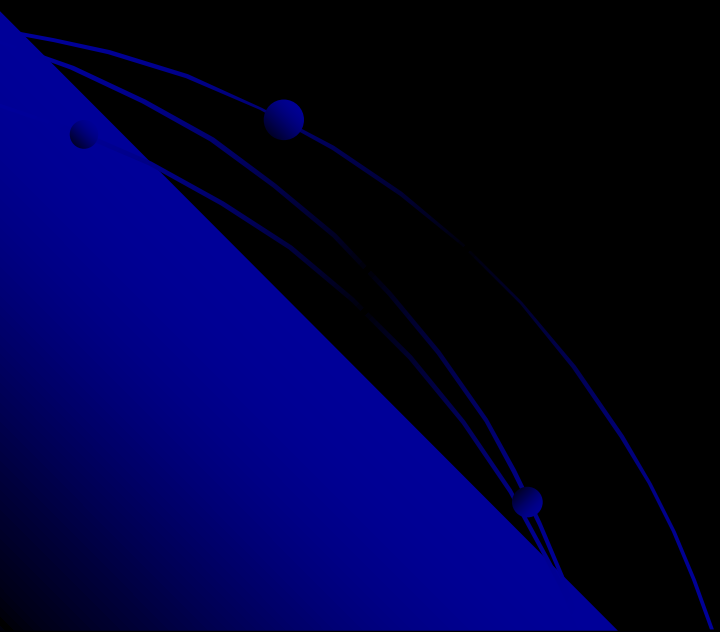
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Introduction



Cold Dark Matter

- **CDM (Cold Dark Matter):**
 - ◆ Collisionless particles with self-gravity
 - ◆ Relatively **heavy** (GeV scale)
 - ◆ Work very well on large scales (galaxy cluster scale)
 - ◆ **Controversial on small scales (dwarf galaxy scale)**
 - Rely on complicated baryonic feedbacks ...
- **Main issues on small scales:**
 - ◆ **Cusp-core problem**
 - → Mass is too concentrated at the center ?
 - ◆ **Missing satellites problem**
 - → Over abundance of dwarf galaxies ?

Wave Dark Matter (ψ DM)

- Extremely **light** particles ($\sim 10^{-22}$ eV $\rightarrow 10^{31}$ lighter than CDM)
 - de Broglie wavelength becomes astronomical (**kpc**) scale
 - Wavelike properties (e.g., interference)
- Governing eq.: **Schrödinger-Poisson** eq. in the comoving frame

$$i \frac{\partial \psi(x)}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2\eta} \nabla^2 \psi(x) + \eta \varphi(x) \psi(x),$$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi(x) = 4\pi G a(t) (|\psi(x)|^2 - 1)$$

$\eta \equiv m_\psi/\hbar$: particle mass, ψ : wave function
 φ : gravitational potential, a : scale factor

Quantum Fluid

- Schrödinger eq. can be rewritten into conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2\eta^2} \frac{\nabla^2 f}{f} \right) - \nabla \phi$$

$$\psi = f e^{iS/\hbar},$$

$$\rho = m f^2,$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \eta^{-1} \nabla S$$

$$\text{Hydro: } \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - \nabla \phi$$

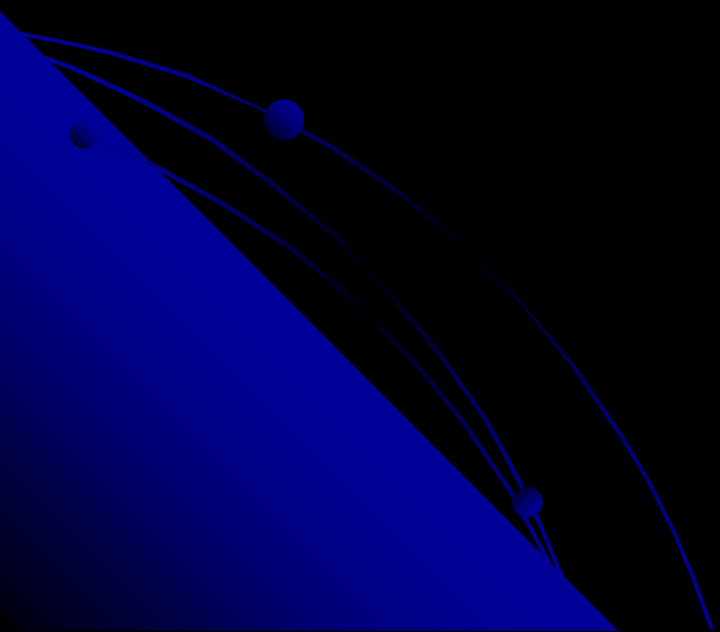
$$\tilde{P}_{ij} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left(\partial_i f \partial_j f - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ij} \nabla^2 f^2 \right)$$

quantum stress

$$k_J = (6a)^{1/4} (H_0 \eta)^{1/2}$$

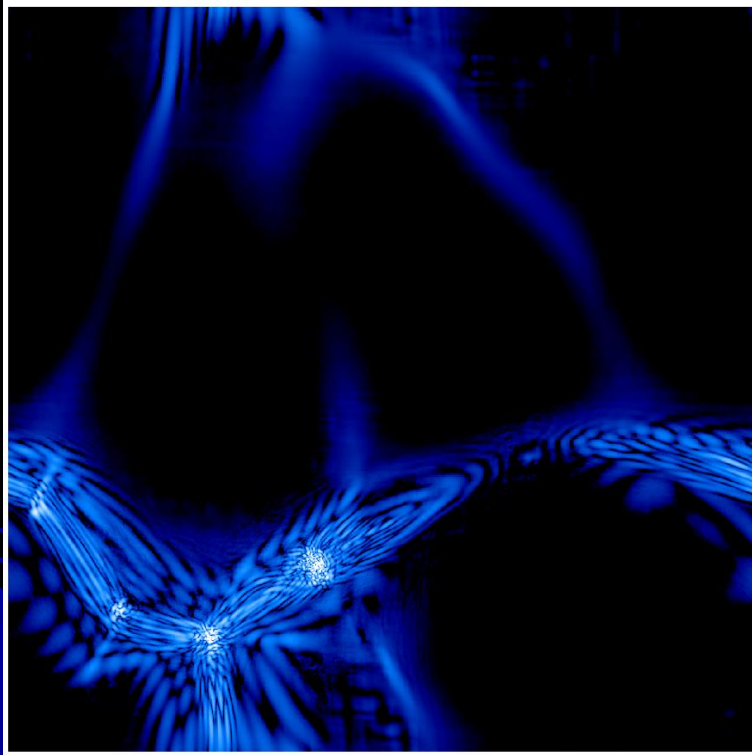
Jeans wave number in ψ DM

Numerical Methods

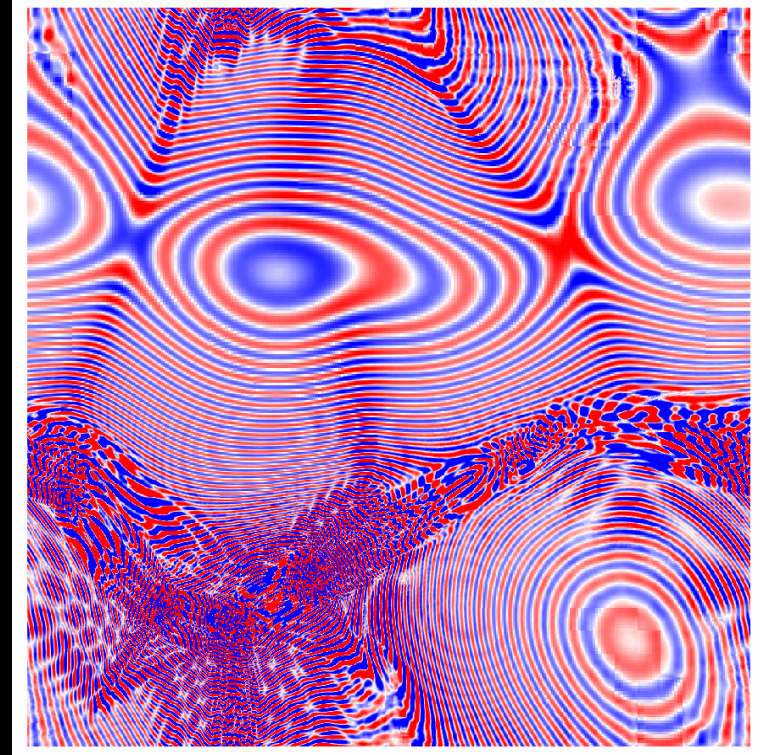


Numerical Challenge

Density



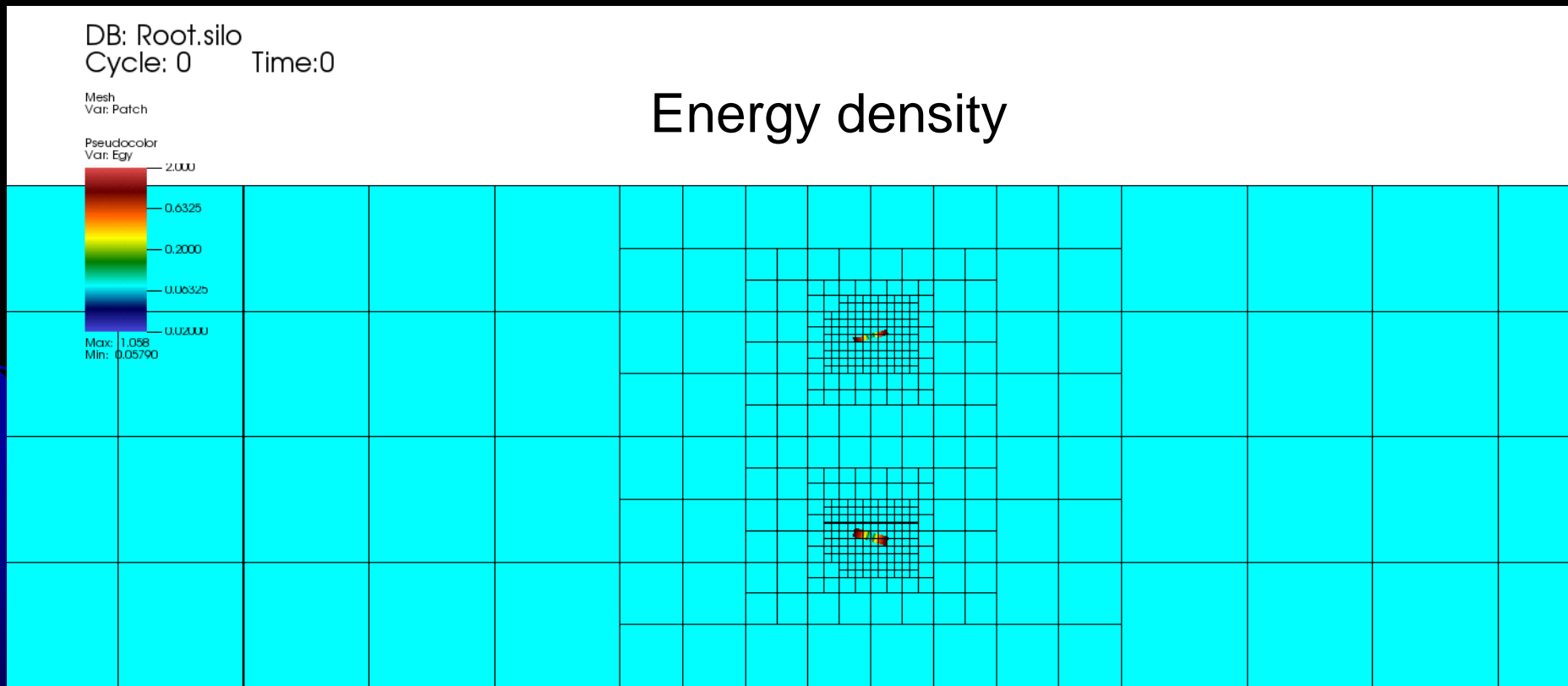
Wave function



- Ultra-high resolution is required
- **GAMER** : GPU-accelerated Adaptive MESH Refinement Code

Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR)

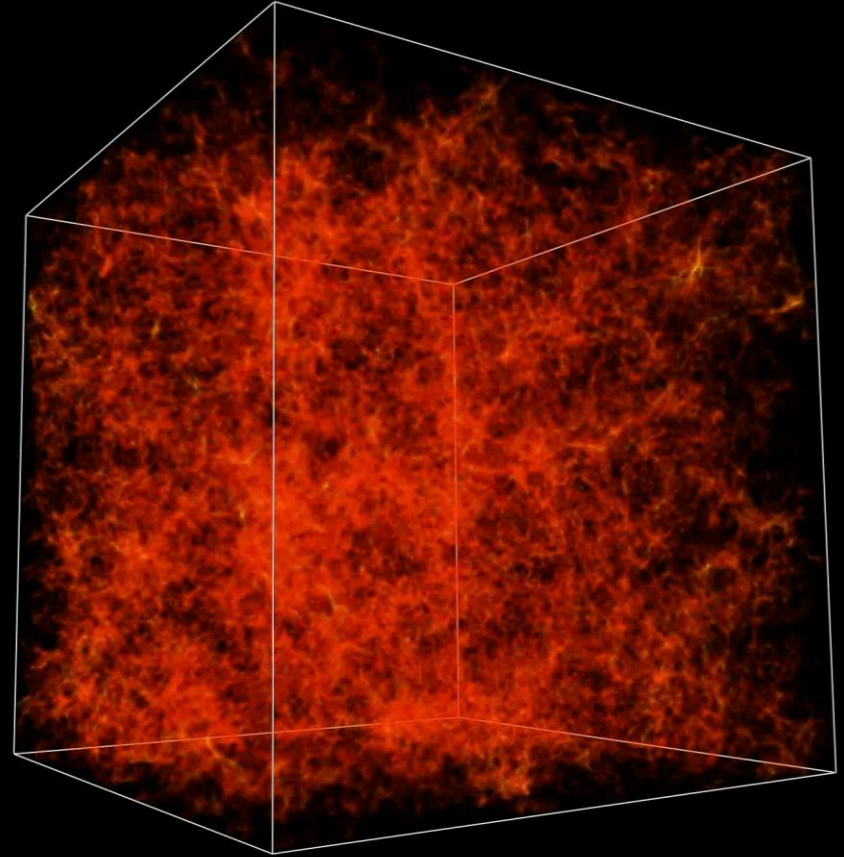
- Example: interaction of active galactic nucleus (AGN) jets



Graphic-Processing-Unit (GPU)

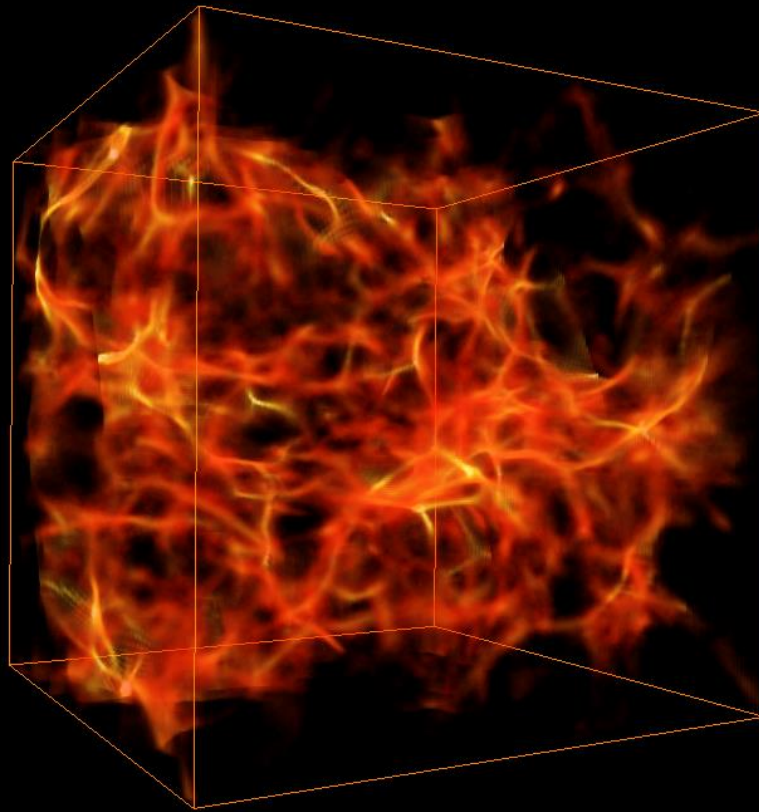


GeForce GTX 680



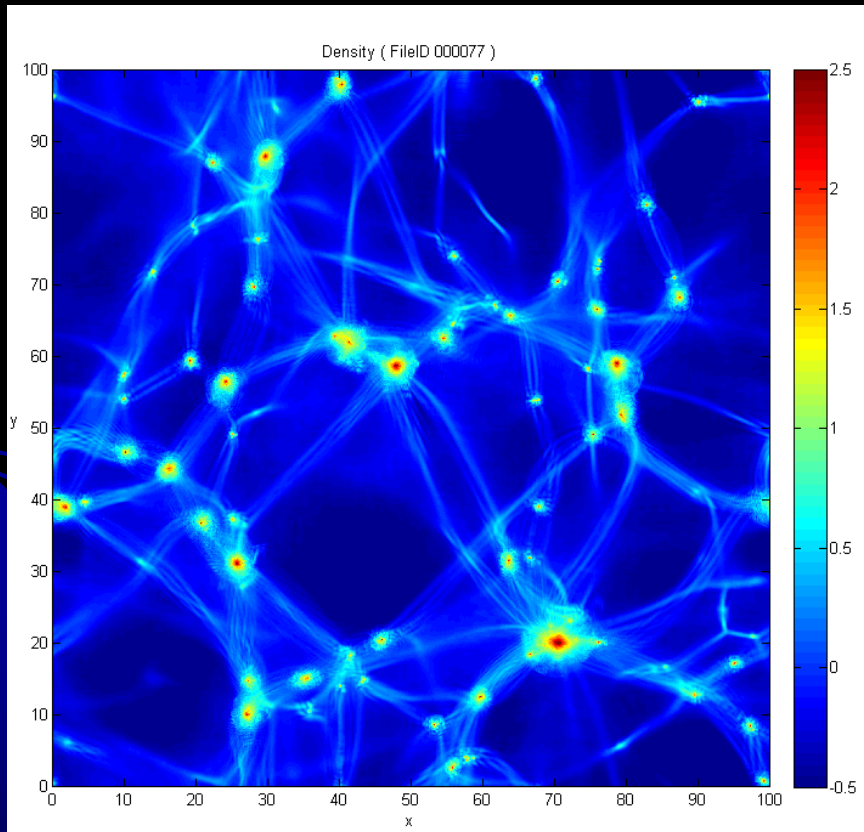
Simulation accelerators !

ψ DM Simulations

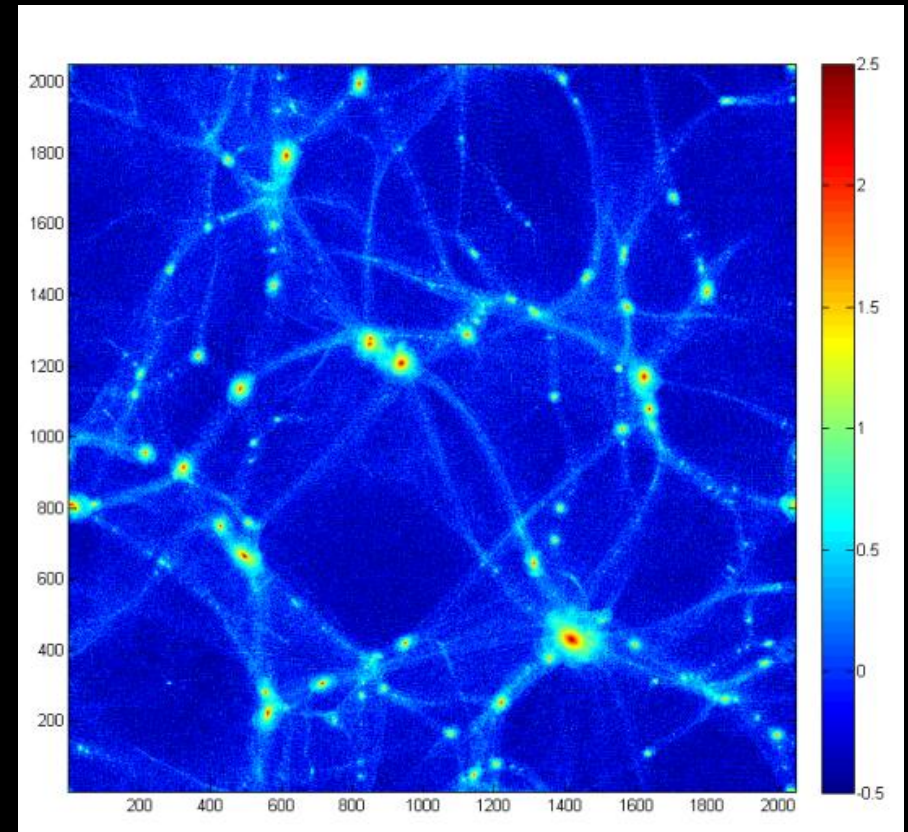


ψ DM vs. CDM (Large Scale)

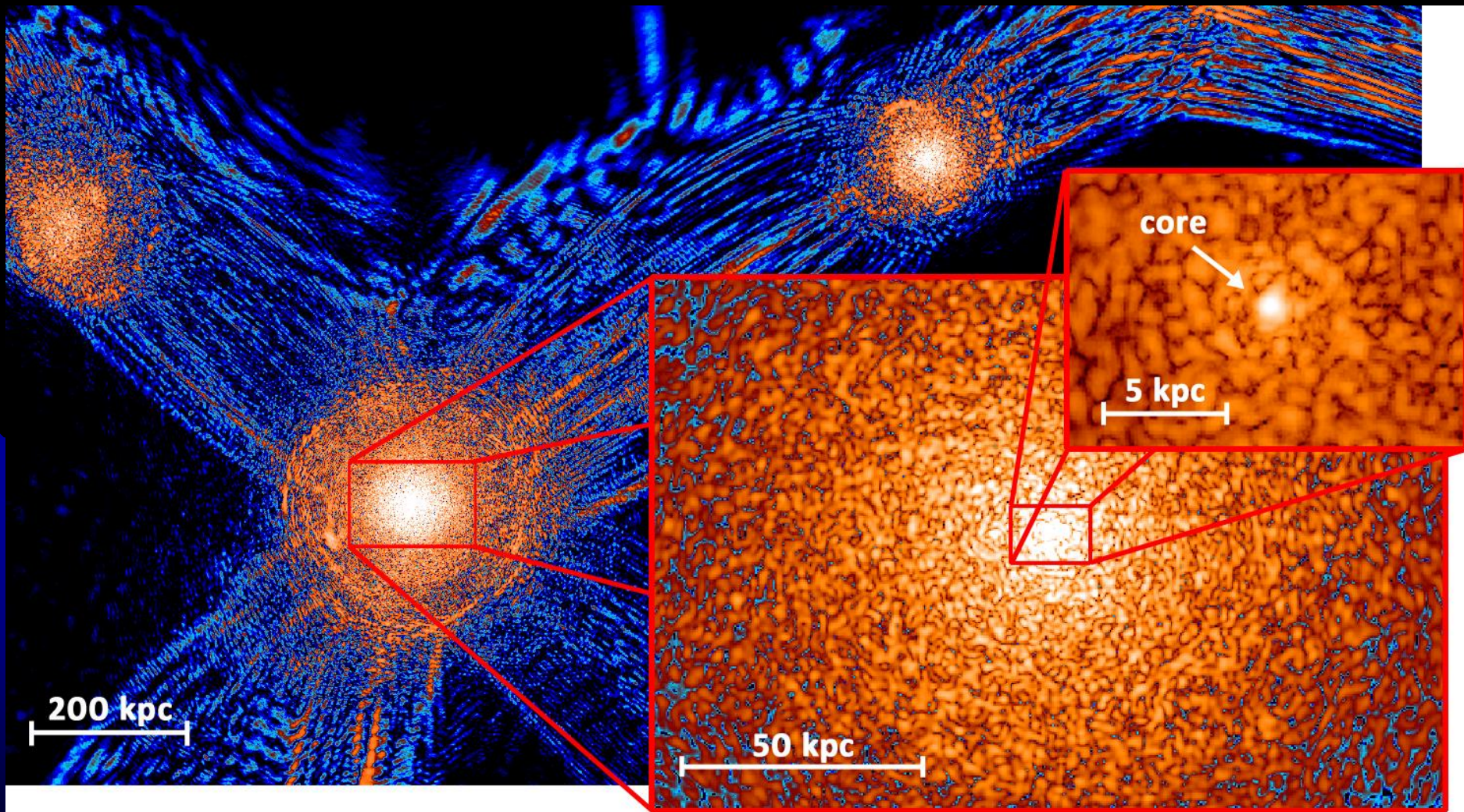
- ψ DM (GAMER)



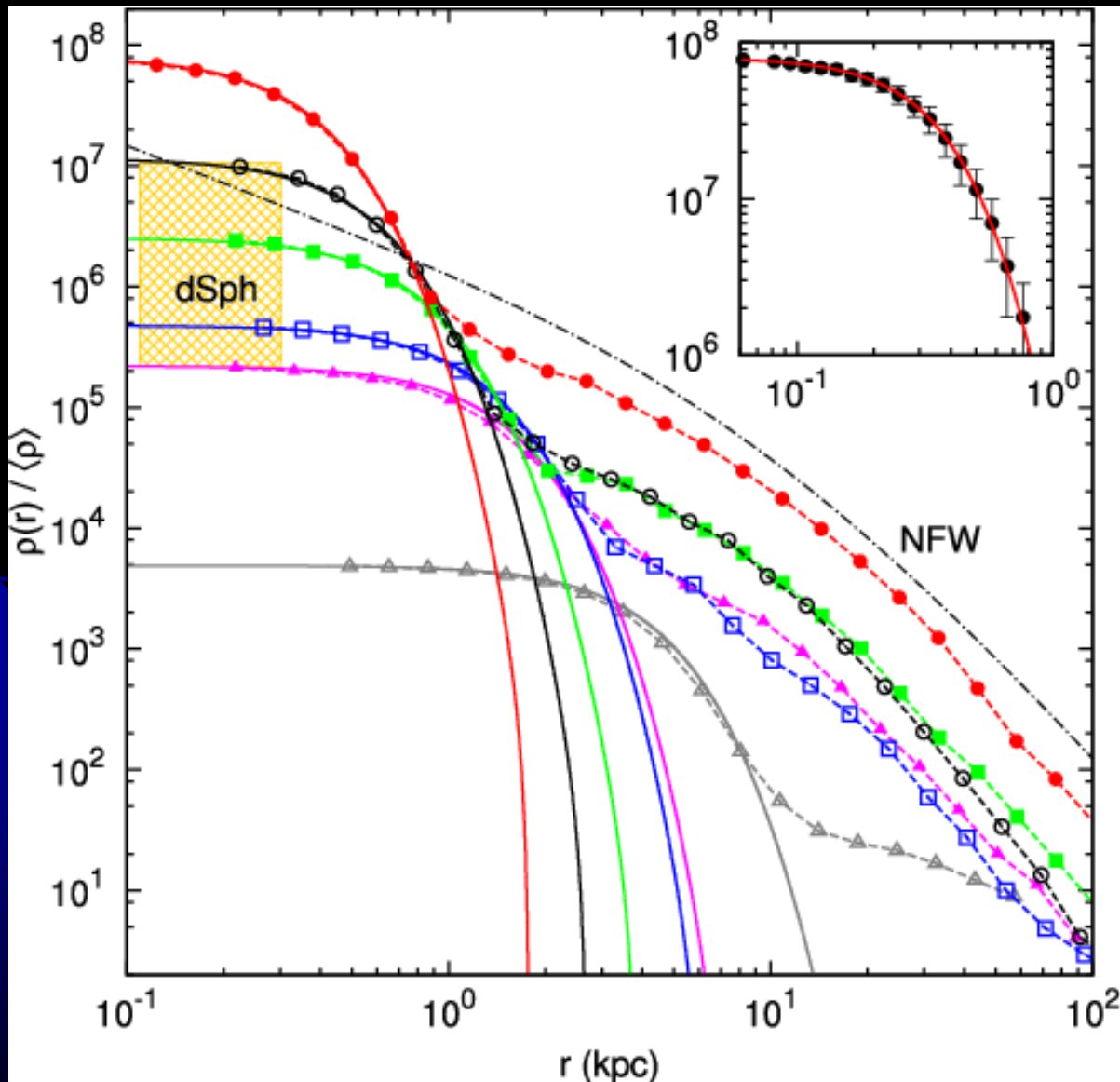
- CDM (GADGET)



ψ DM on Small Scale



Halo Density Profile

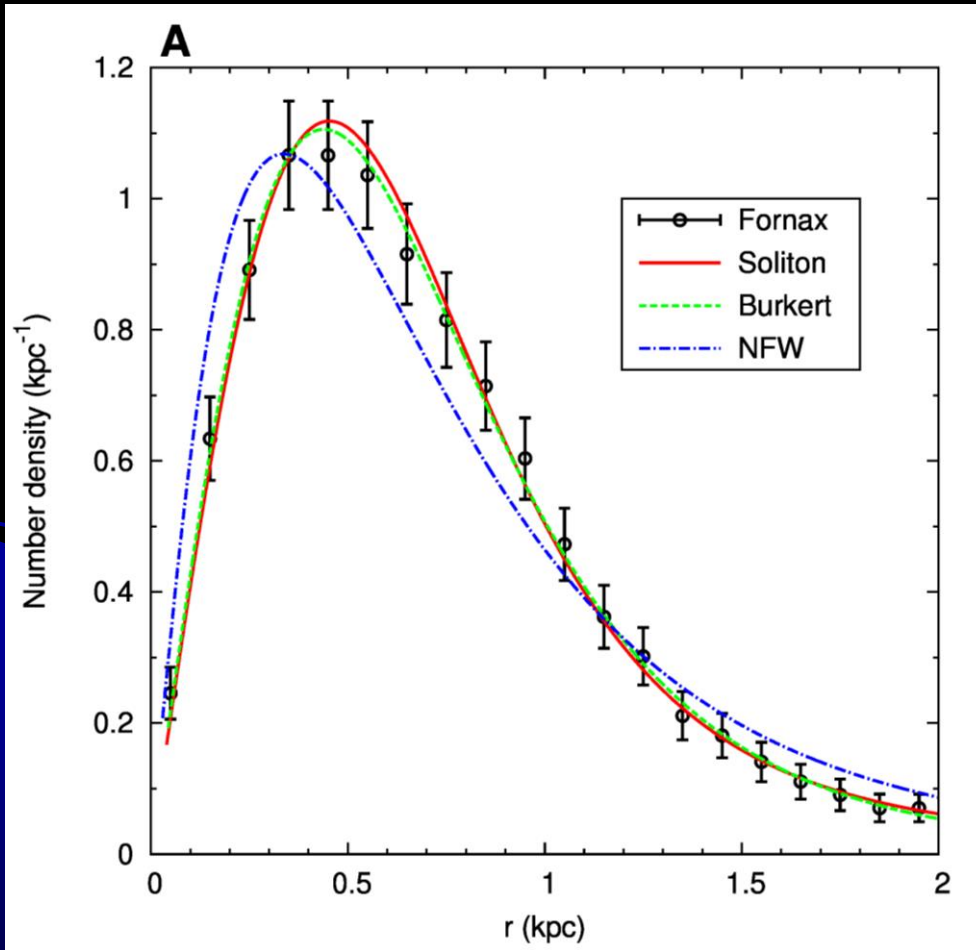


Cored instead of cuspy profiles

Consistent with Milky Way dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph)

Cores satisfy the **soliton** solution

Cusp-core Problem



Jeans Eq.:

$$\frac{d(\rho_* \sigma_r^2)}{dr} = -\rho_* \frac{d\Phi}{dr} - \frac{2\beta\rho_* \sigma_r^2}{r}$$

ρ_* : star number density

σ_r : radial velocity dispersion

Φ : gravitational potential

β : velocity anisotropy

Assuming constant and isotropic velocity dispersion

$$\rho_* = \rho_0 \exp[-\Phi(r)/\sigma_r^2]$$

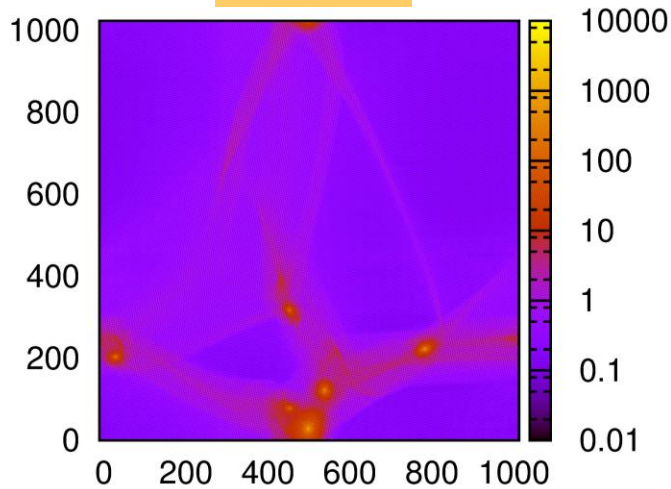
Find the best-fit m_ψ & r_c

$$\rightarrow m_\psi \sim 8.1 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ eV}$$

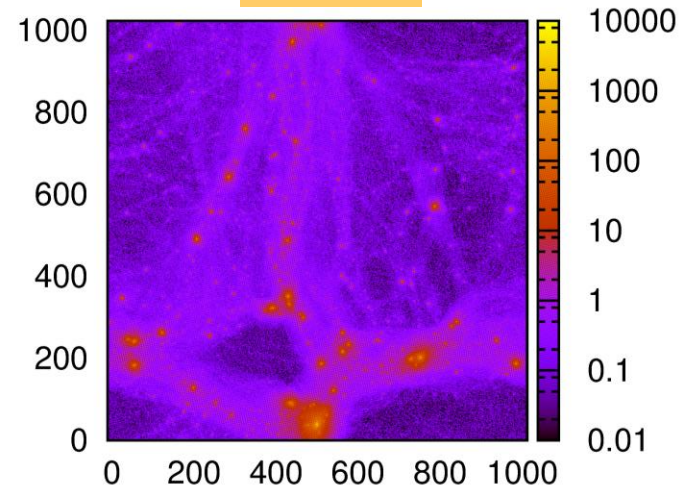
$$r_c \sim 0.92 \text{ kpc}$$

Missing Satellites Problem

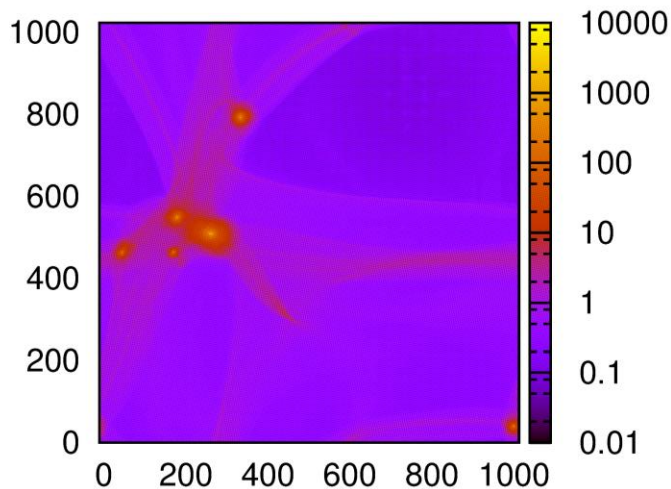
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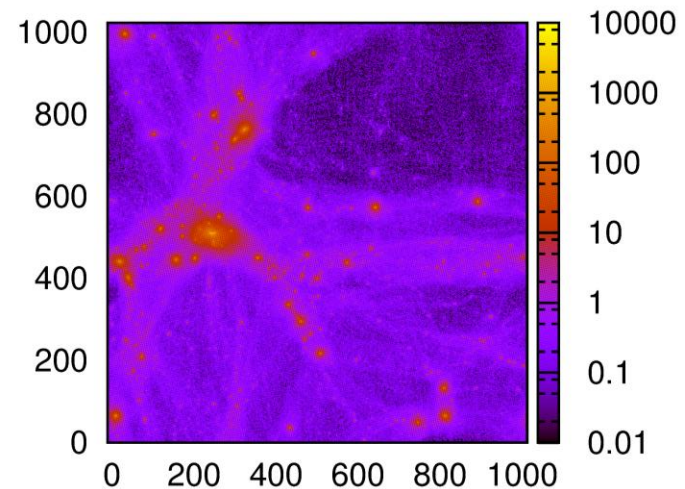
CDM



$\backslash\psi$ iDM projZ



CDM projZ



Summary

- Wave Dark Matter (ψ DM):
 - ◆ Extremely light particles ($m_\psi \sim 10^{-22}$ eV)
 - ◆ Governing eq.: Schrödinger-Poisson eq.
 - ◆ Quantum pressure \rightarrow suppress structures below the Jeans scale
 - ◆ *Schive et al., 2014, Nature Physics (cover), 10, 496*
 - ◆ *Schive et al. 2014, submitted to PRL (arXiv:1407.7762)*
- Numerical Challenges:
 - ◆ Ultra-high resolution is required due to the wave dispersion relation
 - ◆ **GAMER**: GPU-accelerated Adaptive-Mesh-Refinement
 - ◆ *Schive et al., 2010, ApJS, 186, 457*
- ψ DM Simulations
 - ◆ Solitonic cores within each halo \rightarrow cusp-core problem !?
 - ◆ Small halos are highly suppressed \rightarrow missing satellites problem !?
 - ◆ By fitting to the Fornax dwarf spheroidal galaxies
 - $\rightarrow m_\psi \sim 8.1 * 10^{-23}$ eV