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## Where?



## Where again?





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## Cold Dark Matter model

- Negligible thermal velocities at decoupling (Cold)
- Interacts only via gravitation with ordinary matter (Dark)
- Negligible cross section for scattering (Collisionless)

## Structure formation



## CDM issues (?)

#### All issues come from a single "fact"

#### DM haloes are self similar There is no specific scale in Gravity

























Same applies to substructers

Regardless of its mass each halo has about 300 subhaloes (satellites) with mass between 10<sup>-2</sup> and 10<sup>-4</sup> its own mass.

## Galaxies are NOT self-similar





Dutton+2017

## Galaxies and Clusters are NOT self-similar



50 satellites around  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MW}}$ 



#### More than 700 galaxies around Abel 1689

## How to break the self-similarity

### Self-interactive dark matter

## Fuzzy dark matter (de Broglie length)

### Interactions in the dark sector

You-Name-It dark matter



## The NIHAO project

## Numerical Investigation (of) Hundred

Astrophysical Objects



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## The NIHAO project

Largest database of high-res galaxies (172) From tiny MW satellites to massive ellipticals

One million elements per galaxy Able to resolve the galaxies internal regions

Code Gasoline2.0

- Cooling and star formation
- heavy elements production and enrichment
- SN feedback,
- Massive stars feedback
- BH creation and accretion
- AGN feedback,
- Local Photoionization feedback



## The NIHAO project



DM density

Gas Temperature

Stellar density

# simulations © Tobias Buck & NIHAO





## We cannot simulate galaxy formation from first principles





## ~100 pc

One of our particles 10<sup>4</sup> M<sub>⊙</sub> 100 pc Molecular cloud

## Validate simulations against observations

## Simulating realistic galaxies



## Simulating realistic galaxies



XIV: Santos-Santos+2018 Galaxy rotation curves XV: Buck+2018 Satellites properties XVI: Obreja+2018 Kinematically selected discs XVII: Dutton+2018 Dwarf galaxy kinematics XVIII: Tollet+2018 Gas cycle in galaxies XIX: Blank+2018 Black Holes and galaxy formation XX: Dutton+2018 Dark Matter response and SF XXI: Di Cintio+2019 Low Surface Brightness galaxies Edge of galaxy formation series I: Macciò+2017 Satellites evolution before accretion II: Frings+2017 Satellite-Host interaction III: Macciò+2019 Satellites and Warm Dark Matter

## Simulated and real galaxies





NIHAO XV – Buck+17



## Breaking the self-similarity





Santos-Santos+2017 NIHAO XIV

## Breaking the self-similarity





## No Universal Density Profile



$$\lim_{r \to 0} \rho(r) = r^{\alpha}$$
$$\alpha \sim -1$$

For CDM haloes in pure gravity simulations

## No Universal Density Profile



## Satellites are also not self-similar



## Not all DM satellites harbor a galaxy



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## Self similarity is broken



M<sub>\*</sub>/M<sub>DM</sub> **10**-5  $R_*/R_{DM} < 0.01$ 

#### Stellar density



#### Frings+2017, Macciò+2017, 2019

## (partial) Conclusion

There is no observational evidence forcing us to move away from a simple CDM model

CDM + galaxy formation is able to reproduce all current observations

## Is CDM then the answer?

## No...from the point of view of galaxy formation

- As of today there is no indication that we need a WHIMP-like particle
- Any DM particle not "too warm" will do as well
- Current limits  $m_{DM} > 10 \text{ keV}$  (for a thermal candidate

## CDM is not wrong but this does not mean that it is right

Thank you for your attention



MOND is fully reproduced by galaxy formation simulations

Wadsley+2018 Dutton+2019 – NIHAO XVIII





