



# Cascade Theory for Turbulence, Dark Matter and SMBH Evolution

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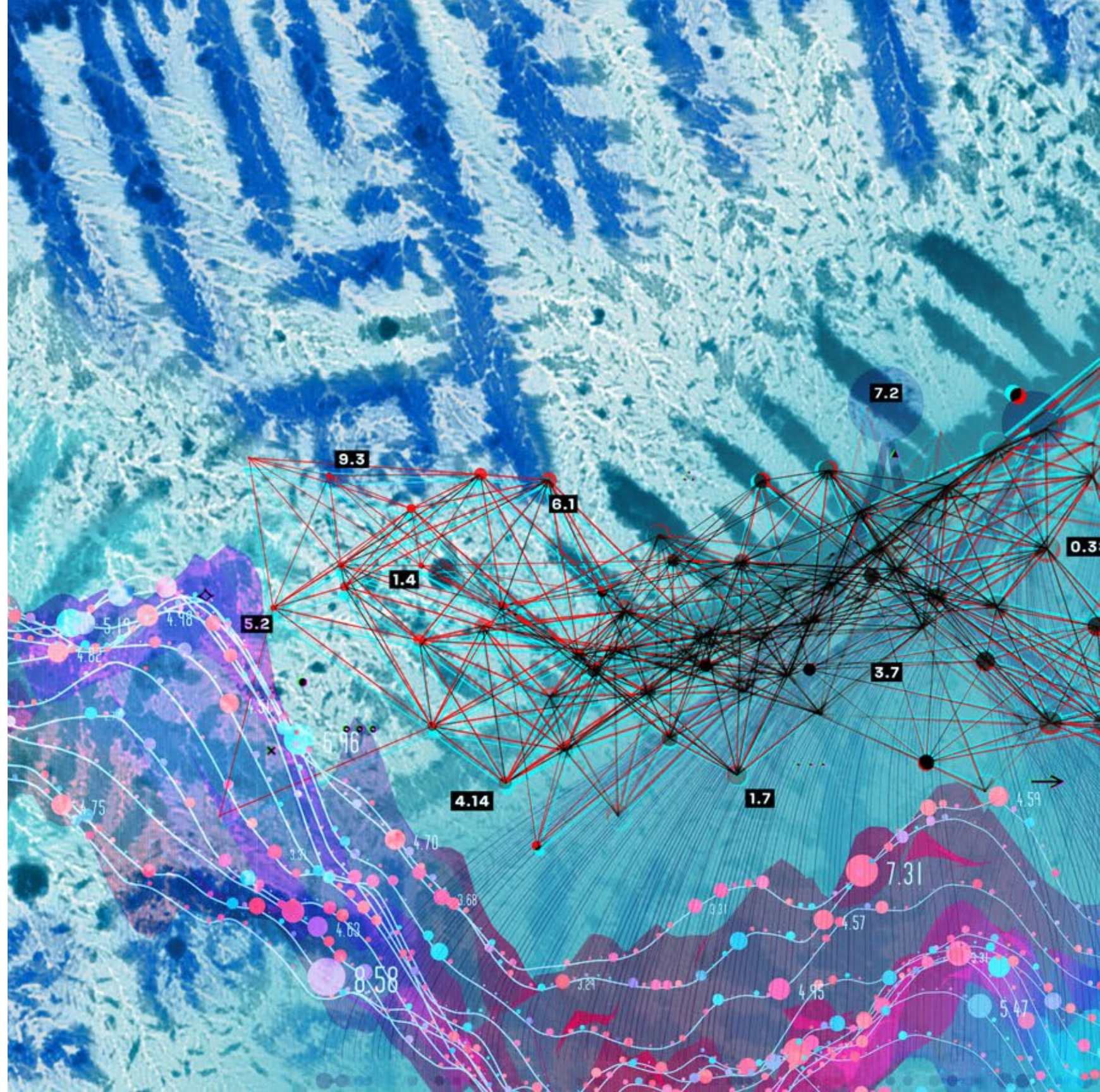
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Relevant datasets are available at:

"A comparative study of dark matter flow & hydrodynamic turbulence and its applications"

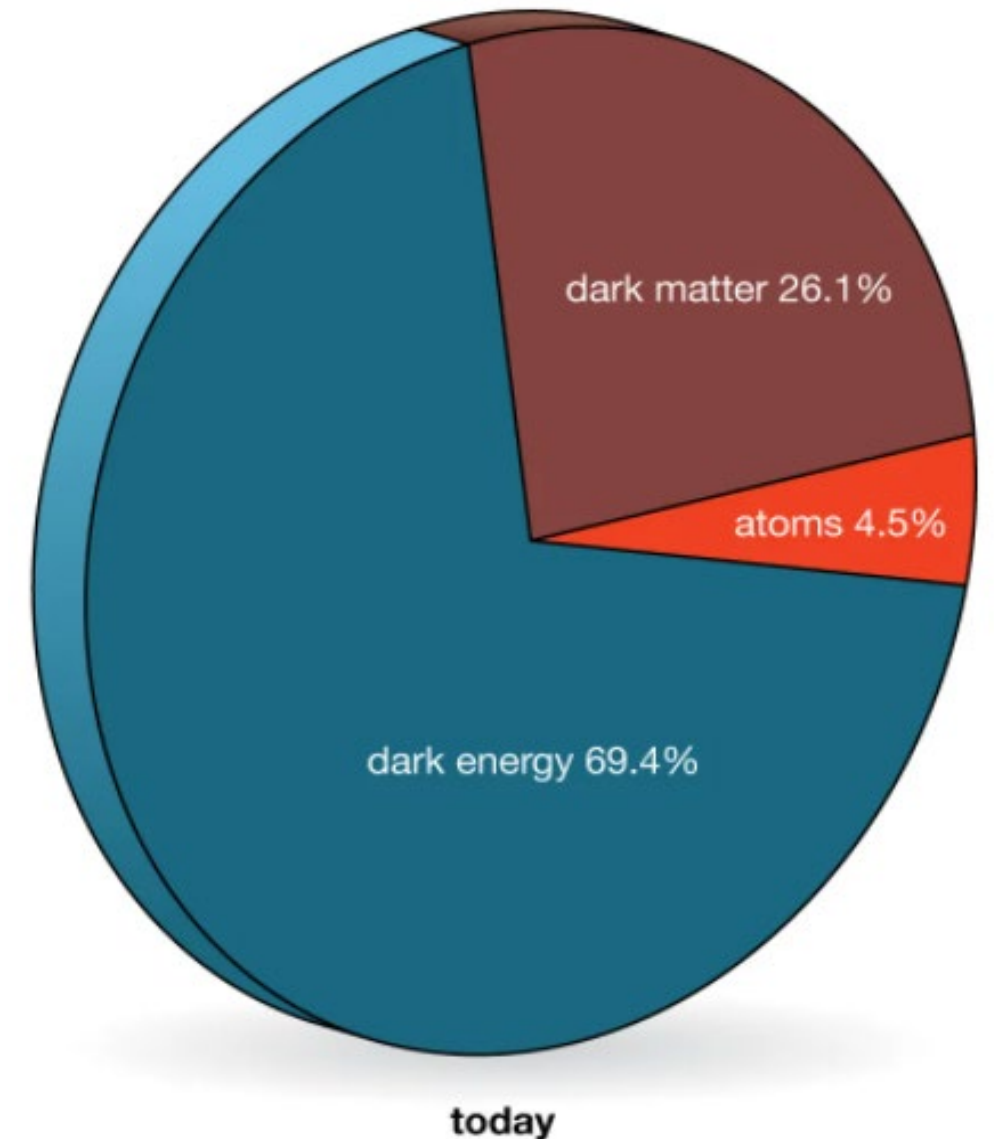
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# Introduction

- Dark matter: 85% of the total matter.
- Dark matter flow (**DMF**): the widest presence in the universe.
- Hydrodynamic turbulence: the most familiar flow in our daily life.
- What are the **similarities and differences**?

During the pandemic, we find a time to think about and leverage this comparison for better understanding the nature of dark matter (DM) flow and DM properties.

## Content of universe



## What is dark matter?

No definite answer.

What it should not be?

- No electric charge
- No color charge (strong interactions)
- No strong self-interaction
- No fast decay: stable and long-lived
- Not any particles in standard model of particle physics

What it should be?

- Non-baryonic
- Cold (non-relativistic)
- Collisionless
- Dissipationless (optically dark)
- Sufficiently smooth with a fluid-like behavior

What is the nature of dark matter flow (DMF)? A special example of **non-relativistic, self-gravitating, collisionless** fluid dynamics (SG-CFD)

Might be a new opportunity for fluid dynamics contributing to the dark matter mystery, the biggest quest of contemporary astrophysics.

# Brief timeline for dark matter research (~100 years)

Zwicky: Discovery of galaxy cluster velocity  
~1000km/s

Rubin: Discovery of flat galaxy rotation curves

CMB fluctuations from COBE  
Confirms CDM prediction

$\Lambda$ CDM as the standard cosmological model



Discovery of the CMB

Cold Dark Matter (CDM) model proposed;  
MOND theory;

Evidence for Dark Energy and accelerating expansion:  
Type Ia supernova

WMAP and LSS data Confirm  $\Lambda$ CDM predictions



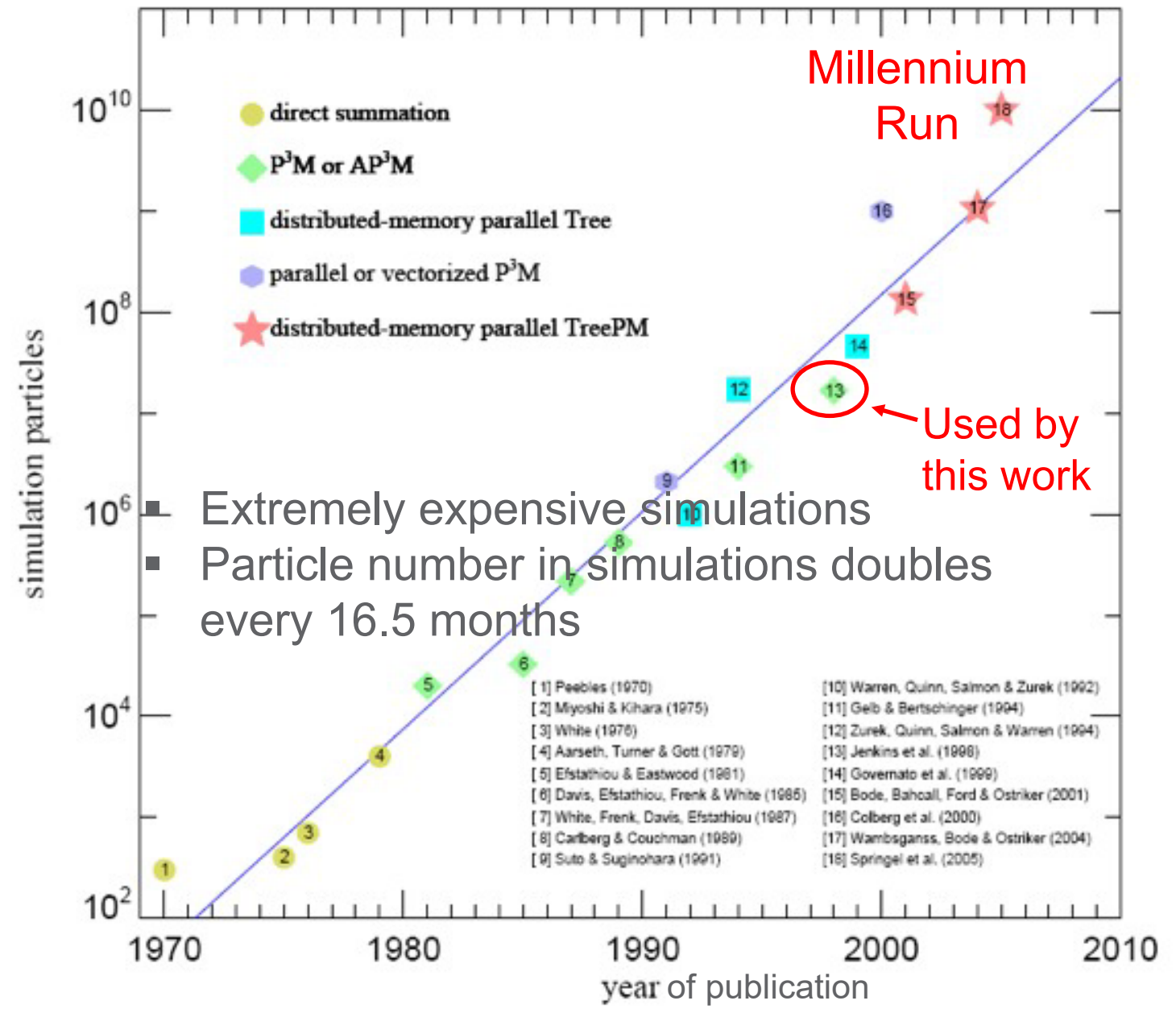
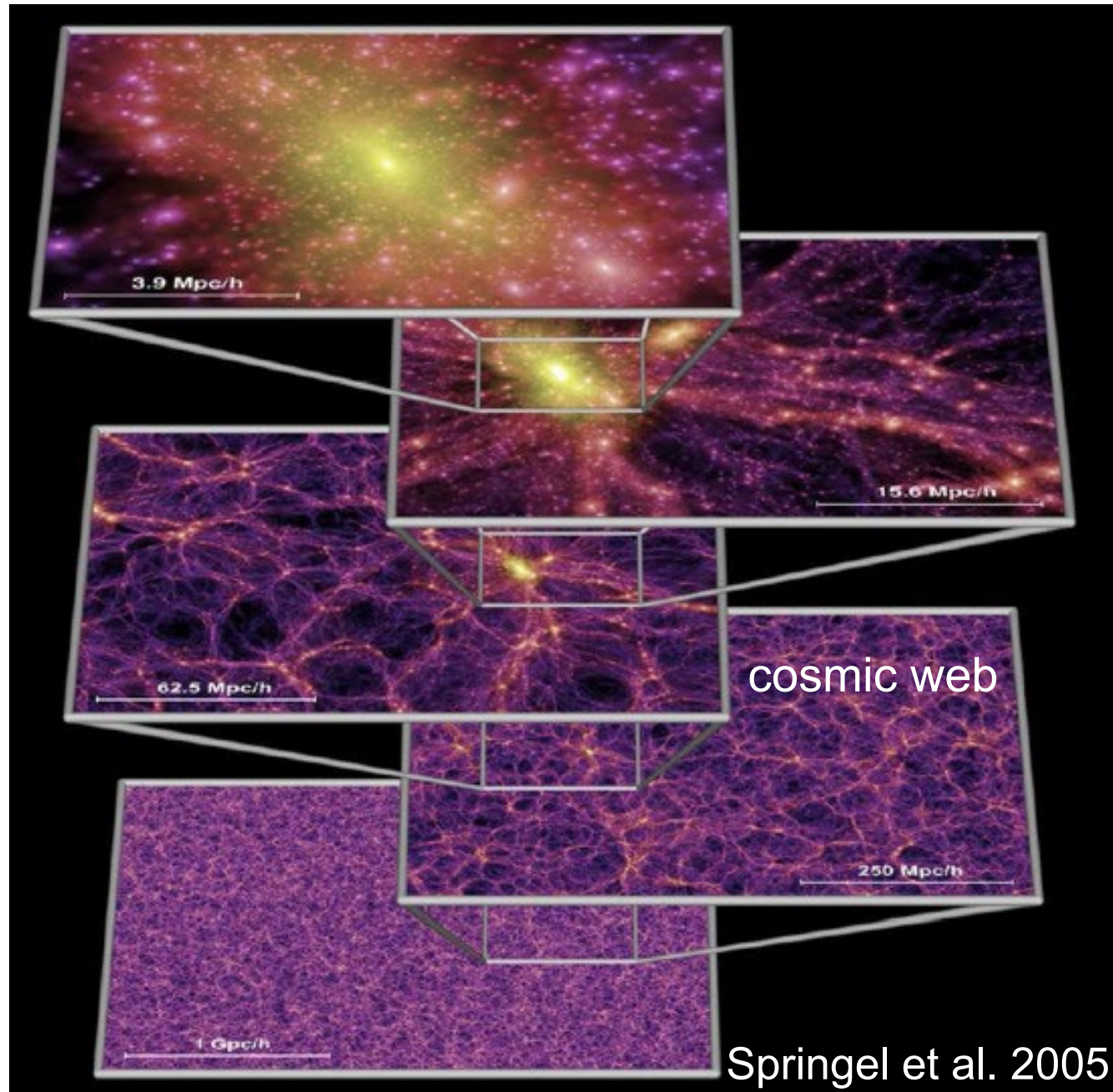
Discovery of dark matter particles??

James Webb Space Telescope

Planck data of CMB anisotropies  
Confirm  $\Lambda$ CDM predictions

COBE: COsmic Background Explorer (NASA)  
WMAP: Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (NASA)  
LSS: Large Scale Structure (LSS) of the universe  
CMB: Cosmic Microwave Background  
 $\Lambda$ CDM: dark energy + cold dark matter (double dark)  
Planck: European Space Agency (ESA)

# Cosmological N-body simulations for the flow of DM

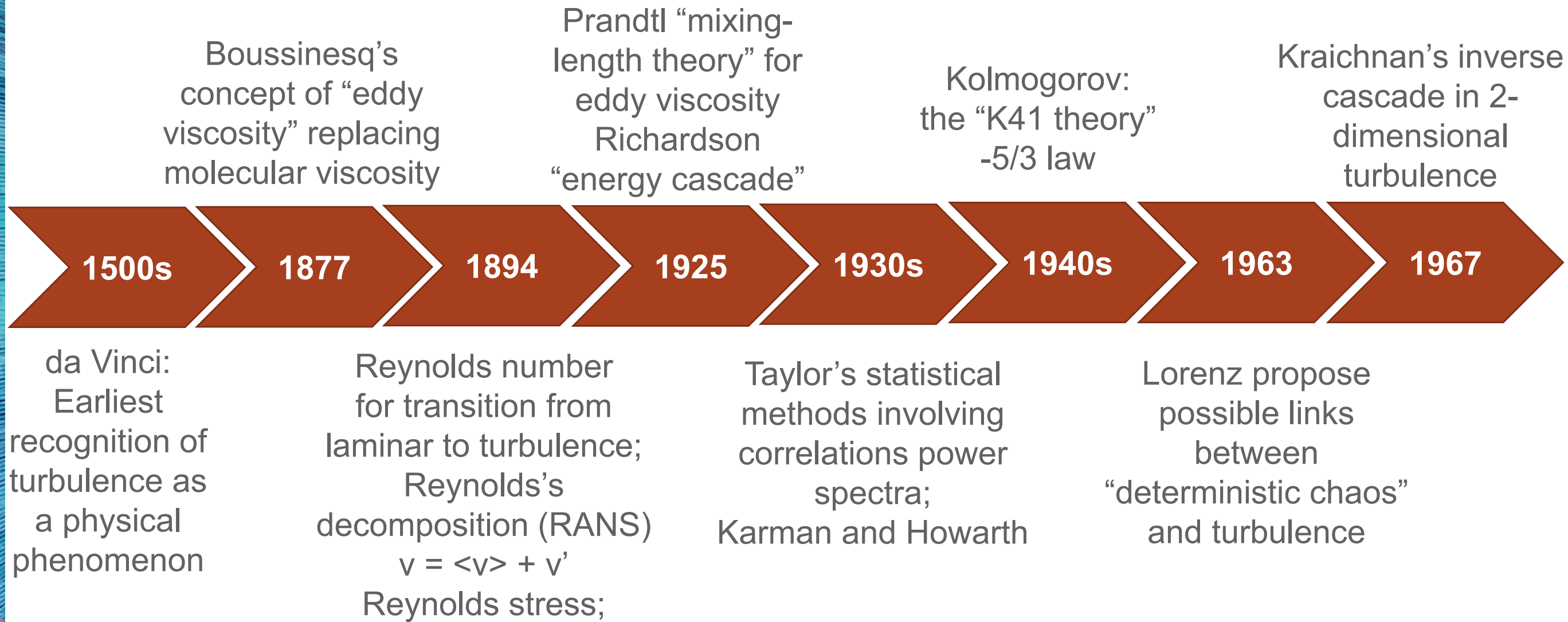


## N-body simulations in this study

Run	$\Omega_0$	$\Lambda$	$h$	$\Gamma$	$\sigma_8$	$L(Mpc/h)$	$N_p$	$m_p(M_\odot/h)$	$l_{soft}(Kpc/h)$
SCDM1	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.51	239.5	$256^3$	$2.27 \times 10^{11}$	36

- N-body simulations carried out by the Virgo consortium.  
[https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/Virgo/data\\_download.html](https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/Virgo/data_download.html)
- Standard CDM power spectrum (SCDM) with matter-dominant gravitational flow.
- Dark matter only simulations
- Similar analysis can be extended to other cosmological models and hydrodynamic simulations.
- All relevant datasets for this work are available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6569901>

# Brief timeline for turbulence research (~500 years)



RANS: Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes Equation;

What can we learn from turbulence?



# da Vinci's sketch of turbulence (~1500 AD)



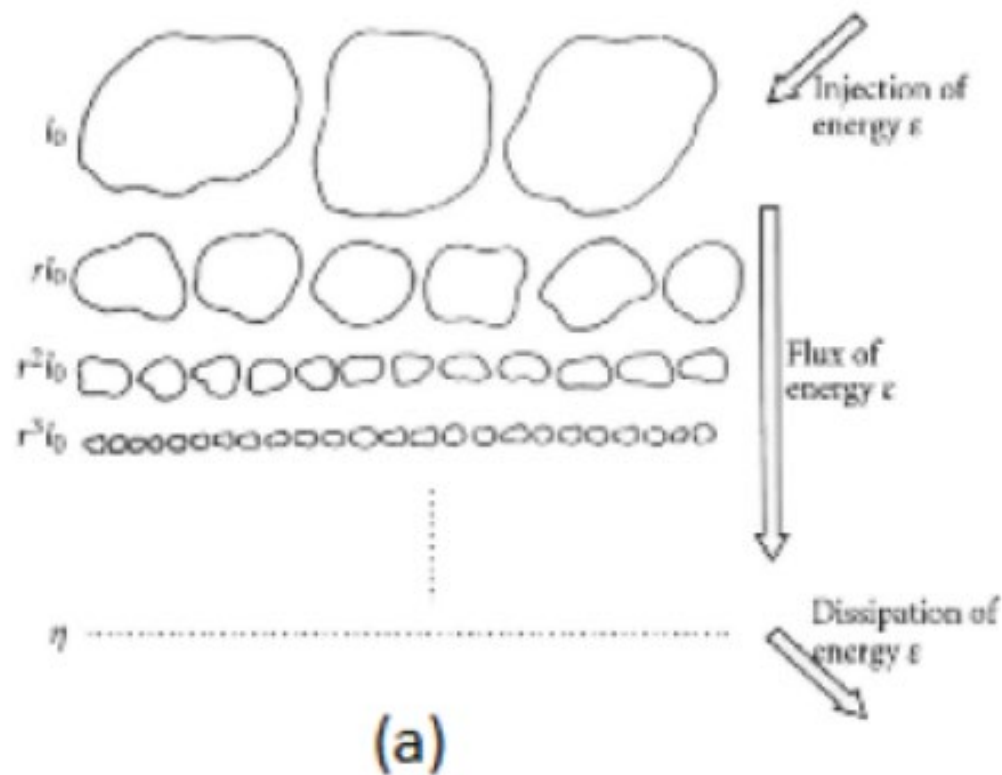
da Vinci sketch of turbulence: plunging water jet

- “turbolenza”: the origin of modern word “turbulence”
- The pattern of flow with vortexes in fluid
- The random chaotic nature

**“... the smallest eddies are almost numberless, and large things are rotated only by large eddies and not by small ones, and small things are turned by small eddies and large.”**

# Richardson's direct cascade (1922)

*"Big whorls have little whorls, That feed on their velocity;  
And little whorls have lesser whorls, And so on to viscosity."*



(b)

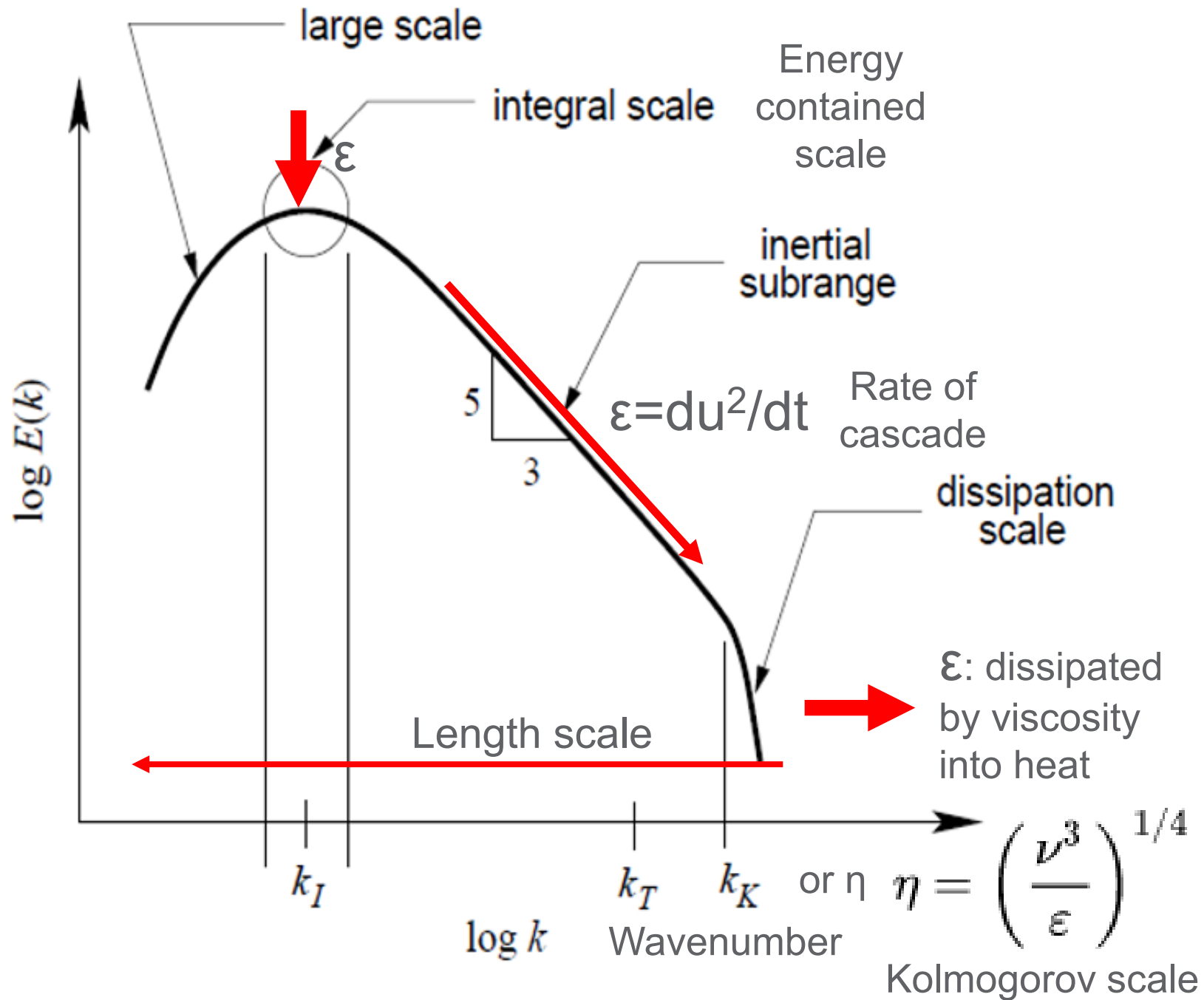
Key attributes:

- Disorganized, chaotic, random;
- Nonrepeatability (sensitivity to initial conditions);
  
- Multiscale: large range of length and time scales;
- Dissipation mediated by viscosity;
  
- Three dimensionality;
- Time dependence;
- Rotationality (incompressible);
- Intermittency in space and time;

**Cascade**: energy is injected on large scale, propagating across different scales, and dissipated on the smallest scale.

(a) : Cascade of energy, (b) : Lewis Richardson

# Direct energy cascade in turbulence (1940s)



- Freely decaying vs. forced stationary
- Integral scale: energy injection
- Inertial range: inertial  $\gg$  viscous force
- Dissipation range: viscous dominant
- Dissipation scale: determined by kinematic viscosity ( $m^2/s$ ) and rate of cascade ( $m^2/s^3$ )

Is there cascade in dark matter flow?

If yes, how does it initiate, propagate, and die?

# Hydrodynamic turbulence vs. dark matter flow

Key attributes of hydrodynamic turbulence:

- Chaotic, random;
- Nonrepeatability (sensitivity to initial conditions);
- Multiscale in length and time scales; Non-equilibrium;
- Intermittency in space and time;
- Dissipative and collisional
- Short-range interaction
- Velocity fluctuation
- Vortex as fundamental building block
- Maximum entropy distribution (Gaussian)
- Incompressible on all scales  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ 
  - Divergence-free
  - Constant density
- Energy cascade from large to small length scales
- Vortex stretching responsible for energy cascade
  - Volume conserving
  - Shape changing
  - Uniform density
- Reynolds decomposition
- Reynolds stress for energy transfer between mean flow and random motion (turbulence)
- Closure problem, eddy viscosity, etc...
- Statistical theory: correlation/structure functions
- Scaling laws in inertial range

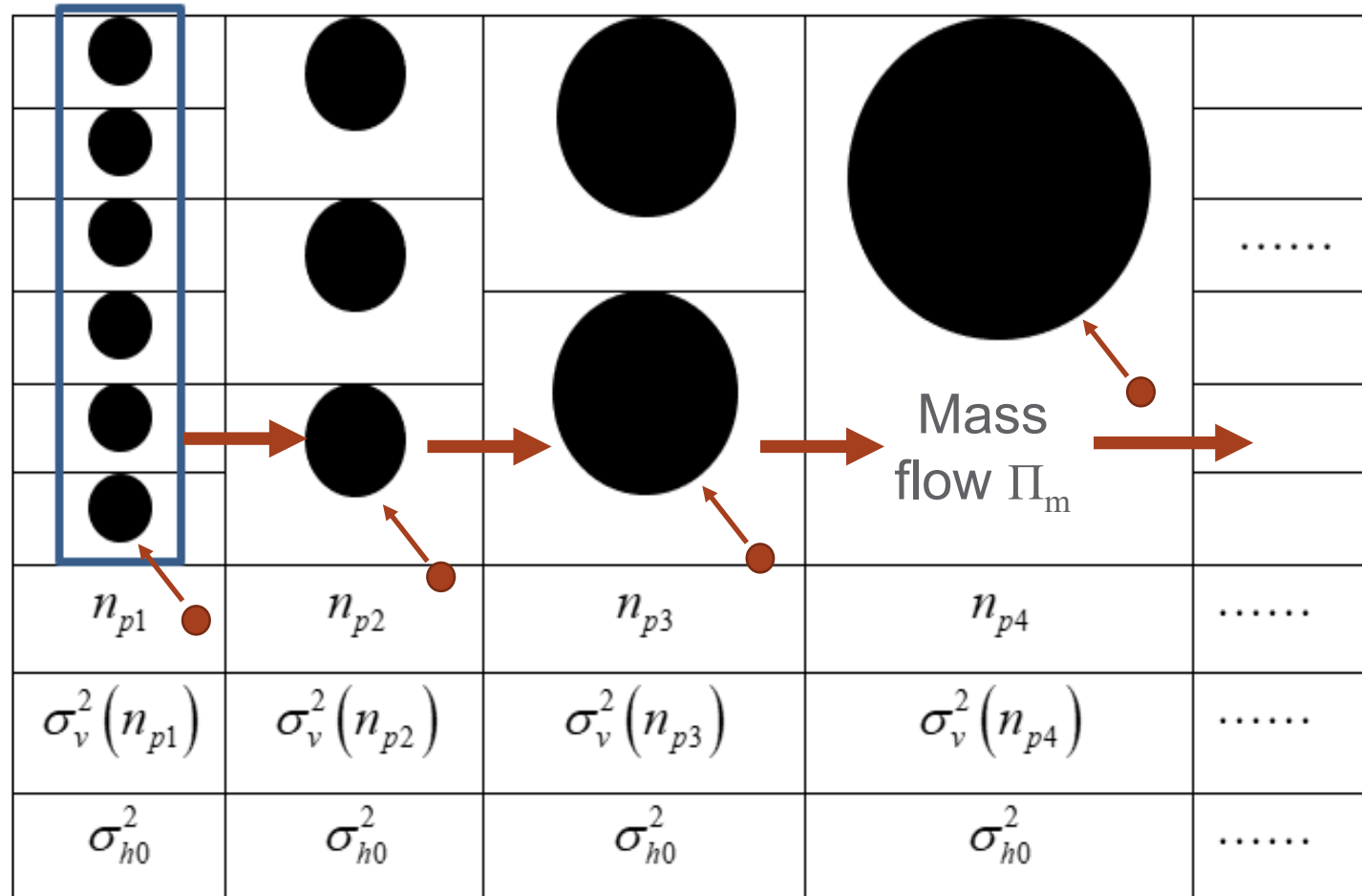
Key attributes of dark matter flow:

- Chaotic, random;
- Nonrepeatability;
- Multiscale in mass/length/time scales; Non-equilibrium;
- Intermittency in space and time;
- Dissipationless and collisionless
- Long-range gravity
- Velocity & acceleration fluctuation → Critical MOND acceleration  $a_0$ ?
- Halos as fundamental building block
- Maximum entropy distribution?? (X dist.)
- Flow behavior is scale-dependent (peculiar velocity)
  - Small scale: constant divergence  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \theta$
  - Large scale: irrotational (curl-free)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$
- Mass/energy cascade from small to large mass scales ← This talk
- Role of halos for energy cascade??
  - Halos are growing, rotating, with nonuniform density
  - Is halo shape changing important?
  - Mass cascade facilitates energy cascade?
- Velocity/acceleration decomposition?
- What facilitates the energy transfer between mean flow and random motion in dark matter??
- Self-closed model (analogue of NS) ?? Closure problem?
- Statistical theory: Kinematic and dynamic relations?
- Scaling laws in dark matter flow?

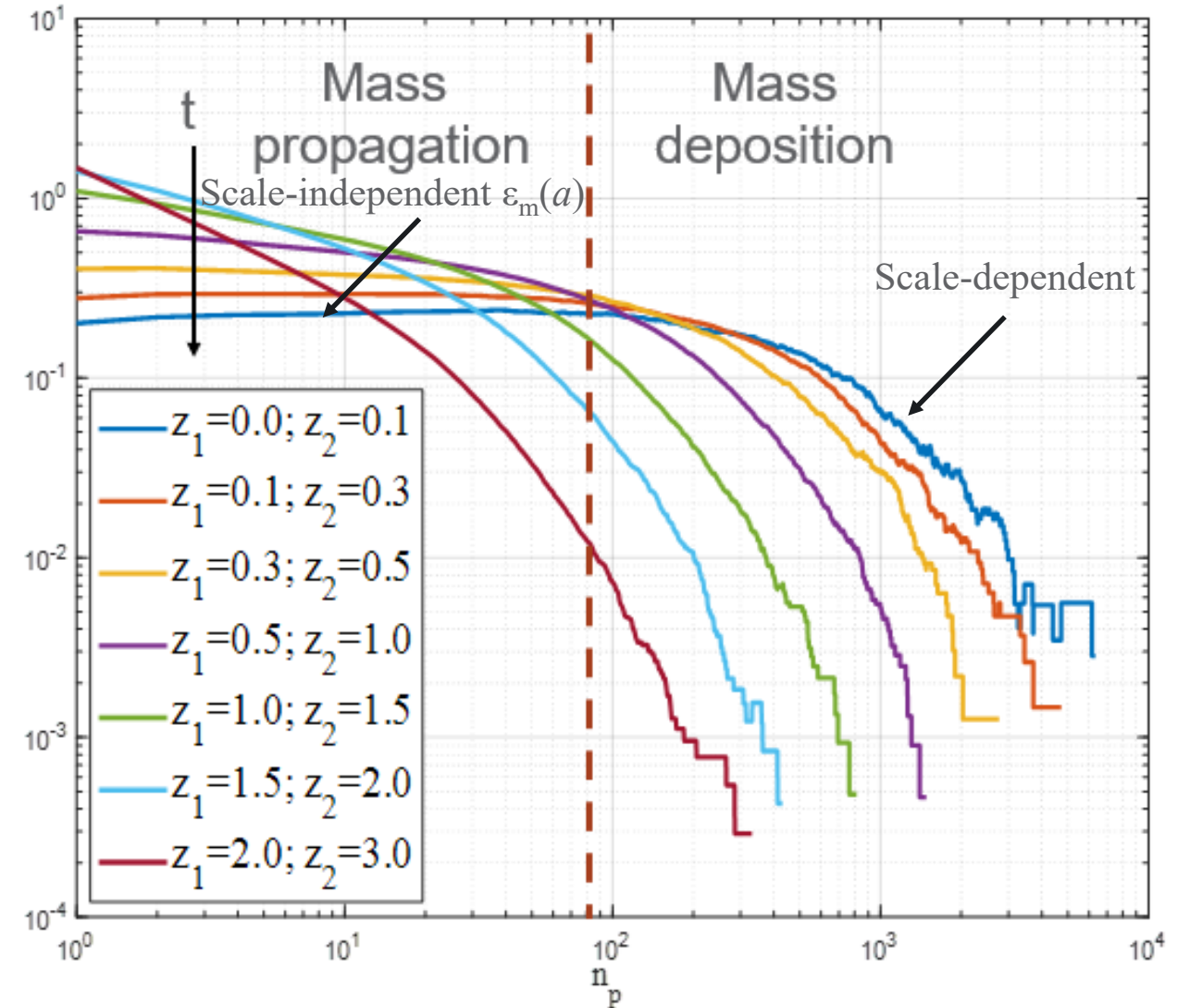
Common features

This talk

# Inverse mass cascade in dark matter flow



- Identify all halos of different sizes
- Group halos according to the halo size  $n_p$
- Mass flow across halo groups from small to large mass scale (**inverse**) through the merging with “single merger”
- Cascade leads to random-walk of halos in mass space

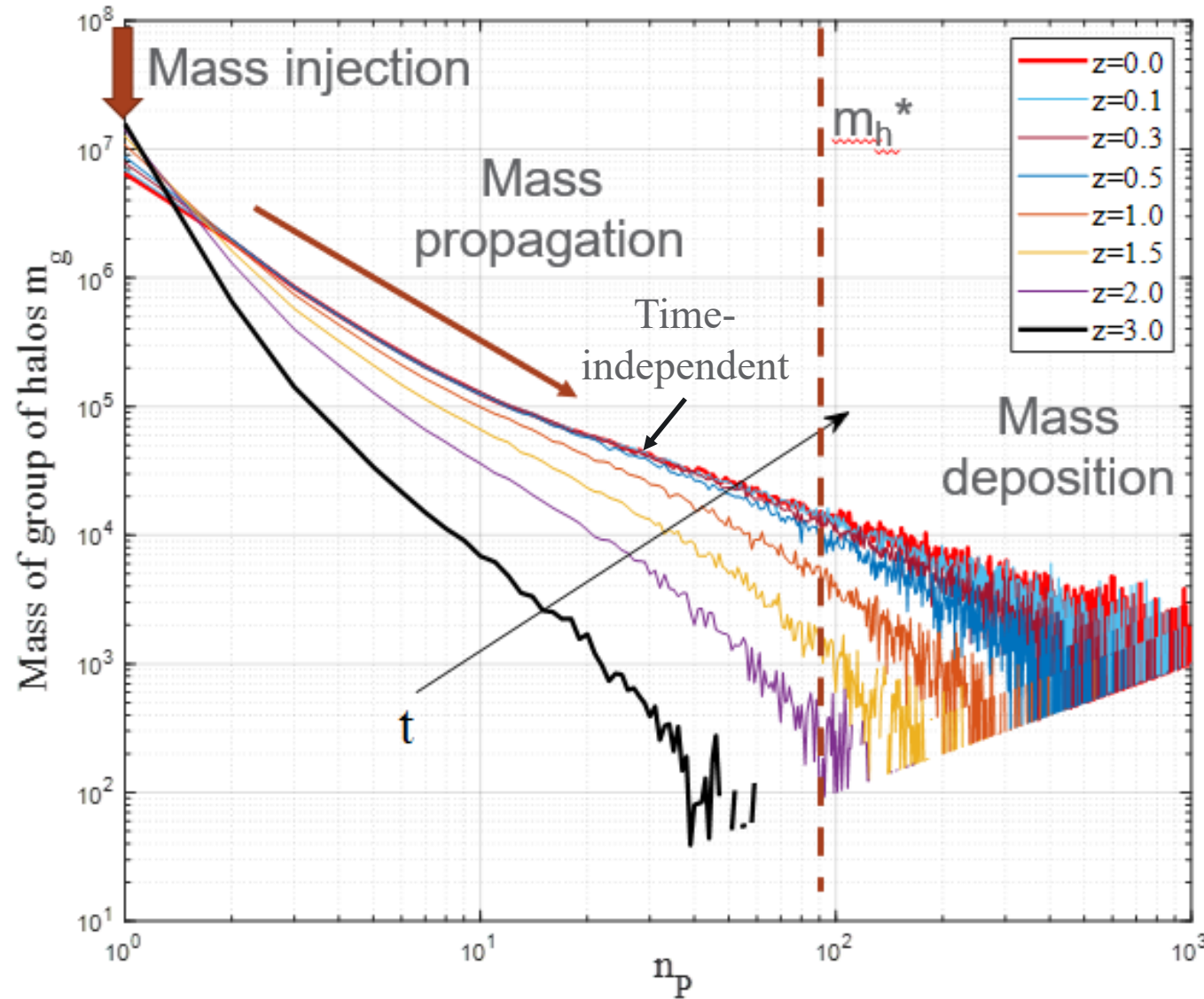


Mass cascade rate  $\Pi_m(m_h, a)$  (normalized by  $Nm_p/t_0$ )

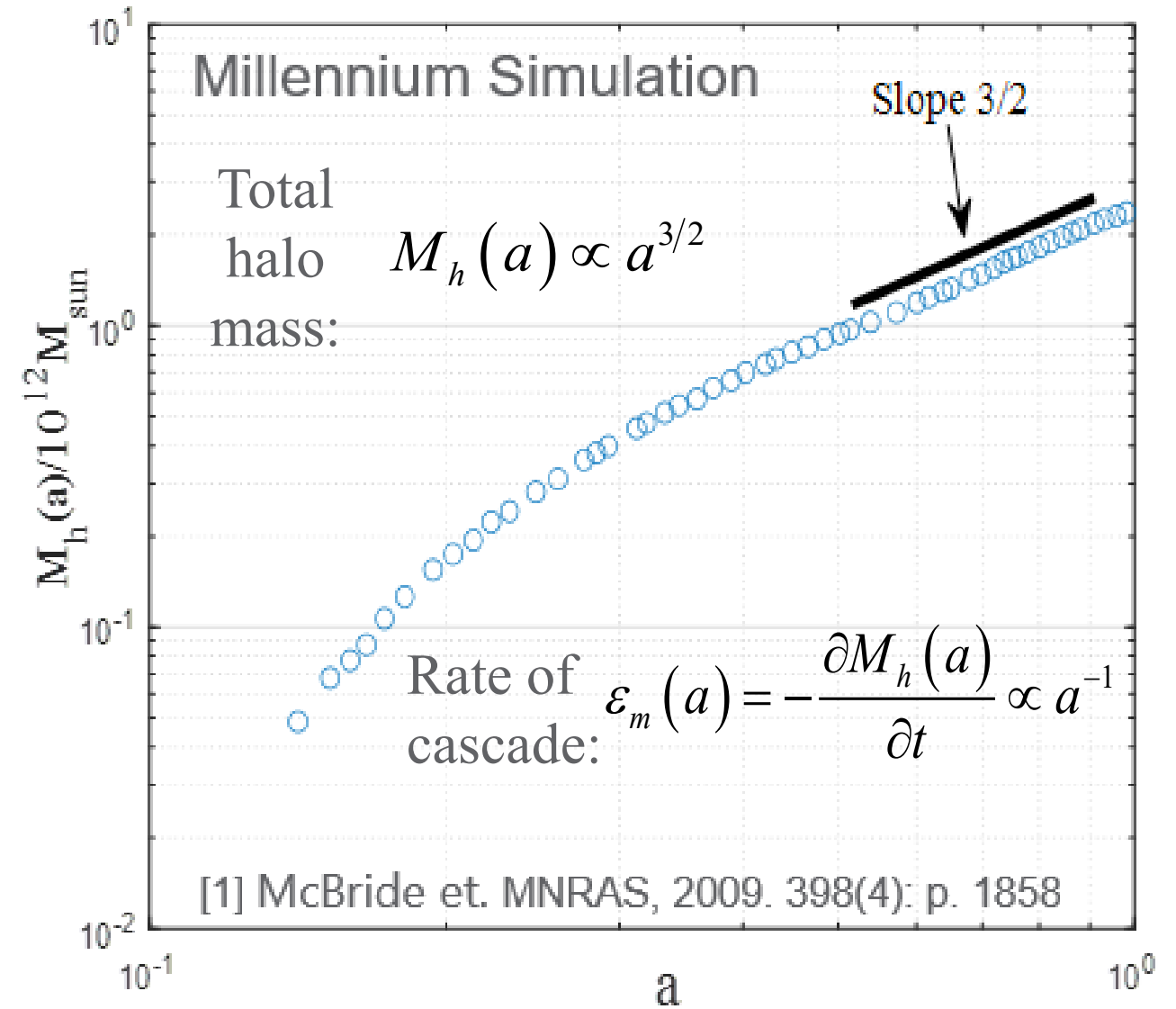
$$\Pi_m(m_h, a) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ M_h(a) \int_{m_h}^{\infty} f_M(m, m_h^*) dm \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Pi_m}{\partial m_h} = \frac{1}{m_p} \frac{\partial m_g}{\partial t}$$

Total halo mass  $M_h$  Mass function  $f_M$   $m_g$ : Group mass

# Halo group mass and time variation of total halo mass



Halo group mass  $m_g(m_h, a)$   
(time-independent in mass propagation range)



The halo mass for type II halos (the dominant type for large halos, Fig. 2 in ref. [1]) exhibits a power law scaling

# Random walk of halos and halo mass function

Merging frequency for halo group:  $f_h(m_h, a) \propto \frac{\text{halo surface area}}{n_h m_h^\lambda}$

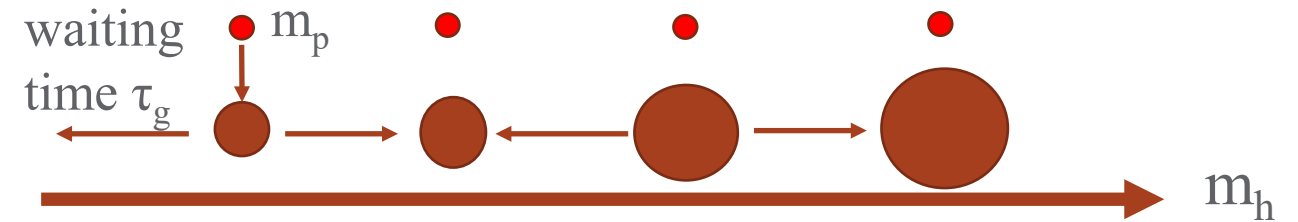
$\lambda \sim 2/3$ : Exponent for halo surface area.

Characteristic merging time for halo group:  $\tau_h(m_h, a) = 1/f_h$

Characteristic merging time (lifetime) for a given halo:  $\tau_g(m_h, a) = n_h \tau_h$

waiting time to merge  $\tau_g \propto m_h^{-\lambda}$  Position-dependent

The exponential distribution of waiting time to merge:  $P(\tau_{gr}) = \frac{1}{\tau_g} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau_{gr}}{\tau_g}\right)$



1D Random walk equation in mass space (similar to diffusion):

$$\frac{\partial m_h(t)}{\partial t} = \frac{m_p \xi(t)}{\tau_g(m_h)} = \sqrt{2D_p(m_h)} \zeta(t)$$

kg<sup>2</sup>/s    Noise s<sup>-1/2</sup>

Position-dependent diffusivity:  
 $D_p(m_h) \propto m_h^{2\lambda}$

Fokker-Planck equation for distribution function:

$$\frac{\partial P_h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial m_h} \left[ \sqrt{D_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial m_h} (\sqrt{D_p} P_h) \right] = D_{p0} \frac{\partial}{\partial m_h} \left[ m_h^\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial m_h} (m_h^\lambda P_h) \right]$$

Solving Fokker-Planck Eq. leads to Halo mass function:

$$f_M(m_h, a) = \frac{(1-\lambda)}{\sqrt{\pi\eta_0}} \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_h}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{m_h^*} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4\eta_0} \left(\frac{m_h}{m_h^*}\right)^{2-2\lambda}\right]$$

**Reduce to Press-Schechter (PS) if  $\lambda=2/3$  !**  
(single  $\lambda$  here, how about double  $\lambda$ ?)

# Double- $\lambda$ mass function from mass cascade

$\lambda$ : halo geometry parameter; naturally, we can have two different  $\lambda$  in two different ranges.

$\lambda_1$  for mass propagation range (small halos);

$\lambda_2$  for mass deposition range (large halos);

$$f_M(m_h, a) = \frac{(1-\lambda)}{\sqrt{\pi\eta_0}} \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_h}\right)^{\lambda} \frac{1}{m_h^*} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4\eta_0} \left(\frac{m_h}{m_h^*}\right)^{2-2\lambda}\right]$$

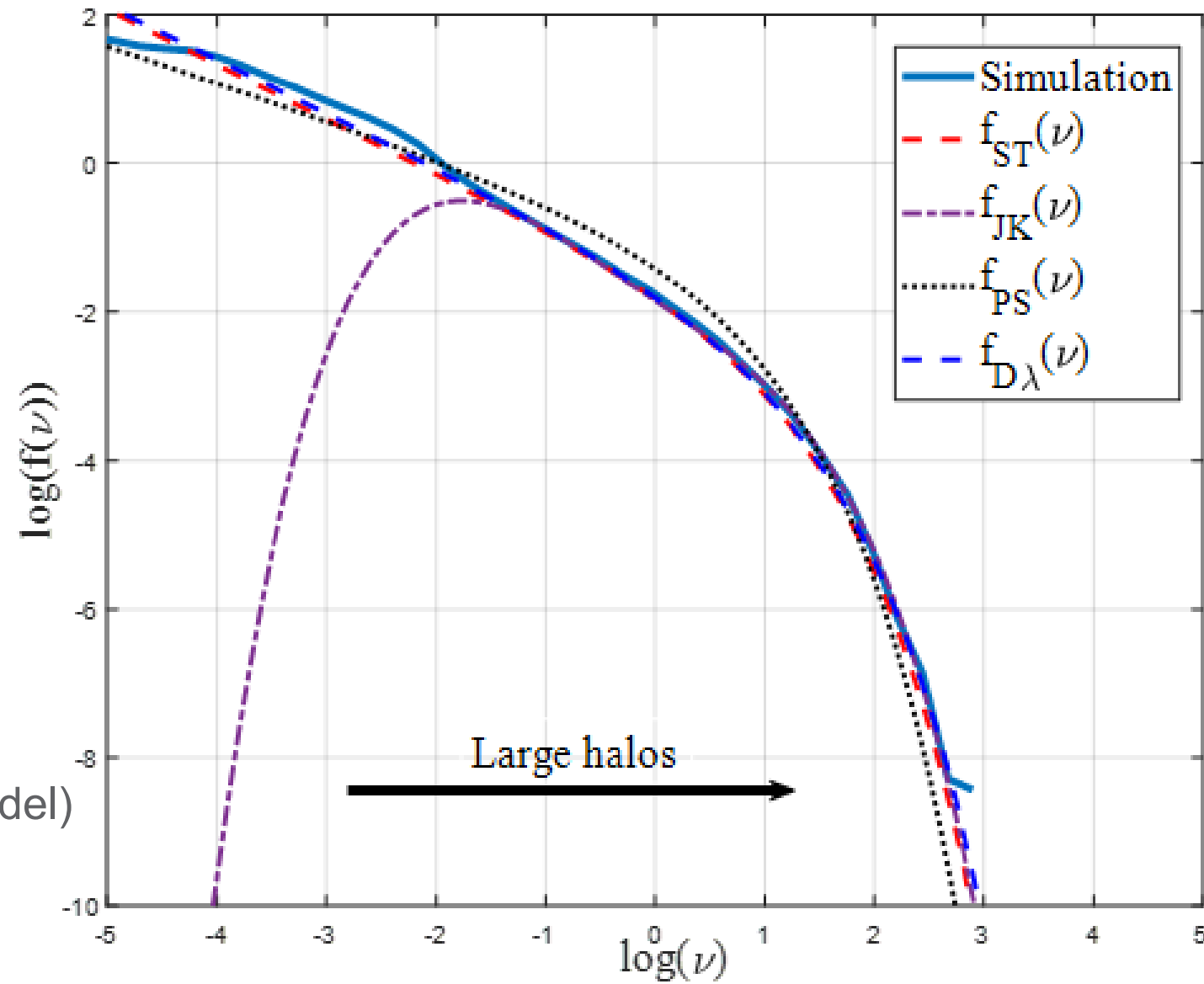
Two-parameter double- $\lambda$  mass function:

$$f_{D\lambda}(v) = \frac{(2\sqrt{\eta_0})^{-q}}{\Gamma(q/2)} v^{q/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{v}{4\eta_0}\right) \quad q = \frac{1-\lambda_1}{1-\lambda_2}$$

- PS mass function (require  $\delta c$  and spherical collapse model)
- ST model (modified PS) from ellipsoid collapse
- JK mass function by data fitting
- From simulation  $q \approx 0.6 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \approx 4/5 \quad \lambda_2 \approx 2/3$

$$f_{PS}(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} v^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{v}{2}\right)$$

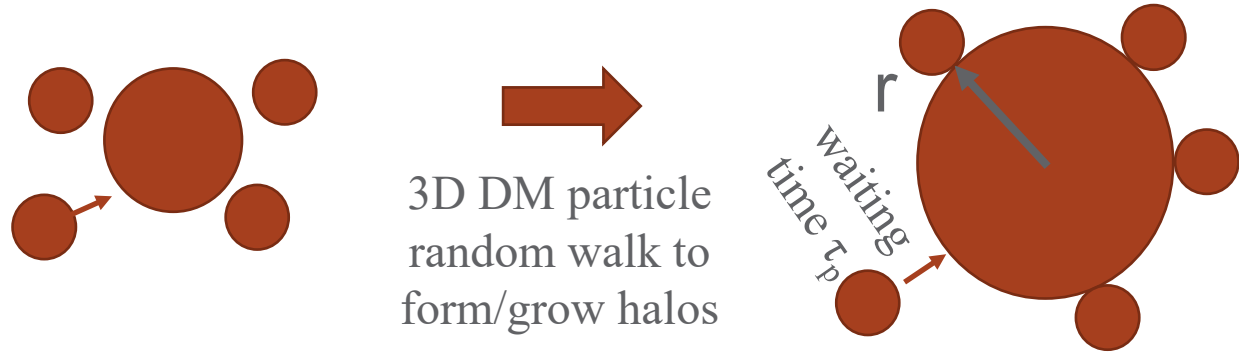
$$f_{ST}(v) = \frac{(1 + 1/(qv)^P) \sqrt{2q}}{\Gamma(1/2) + 2^{-P}\Gamma(1/2 - p)} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{v}} e^{-qv/2}$$



Comparison between different mass functions and N-body simulation



# Random walk of DM and double- $\gamma$ halo density profile



Waiting time dependent on halo size  $r$  (position-dependent):

$$\tau_p(r) \propto m_r(r)^{-\lambda} \propto r^{-\gamma} \quad \text{The larger halo, the shorter waiting time}$$

3D Random walk equation:  $\frac{d\mathbf{X}_t}{dt} = \sqrt{2D_P(\mathbf{X}_t)}\xi(t)$

$$D_P(\mathbf{X}_t) = D_0(t)r^{2\gamma}$$

Fokker-Planck equation for distribution function:

$$\frac{\partial P_r(\mathbf{X}, t)}{\partial t} = D_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} \left[ r^\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial X_i} (r^\gamma P_r(\mathbf{X}, t)) \right]$$

$$\alpha = 2 - 2\gamma_2$$

$$\beta = \frac{2 - 2\gamma_2}{2 - \gamma_1}$$

Double- $\gamma$  halo density profile:  $\downarrow x = r/r_s(t)$

$$\rho_{D\gamma} \left( x \equiv \frac{r}{r_s(t)} \right) = \frac{\alpha \beta^{-(1/\alpha + 1/\beta)}}{4\pi \Gamma(1/\alpha + 1/\beta)} x^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^\alpha}{\beta}\right)$$

**Reduce to Einasto if  $\alpha = 2\beta$  !**

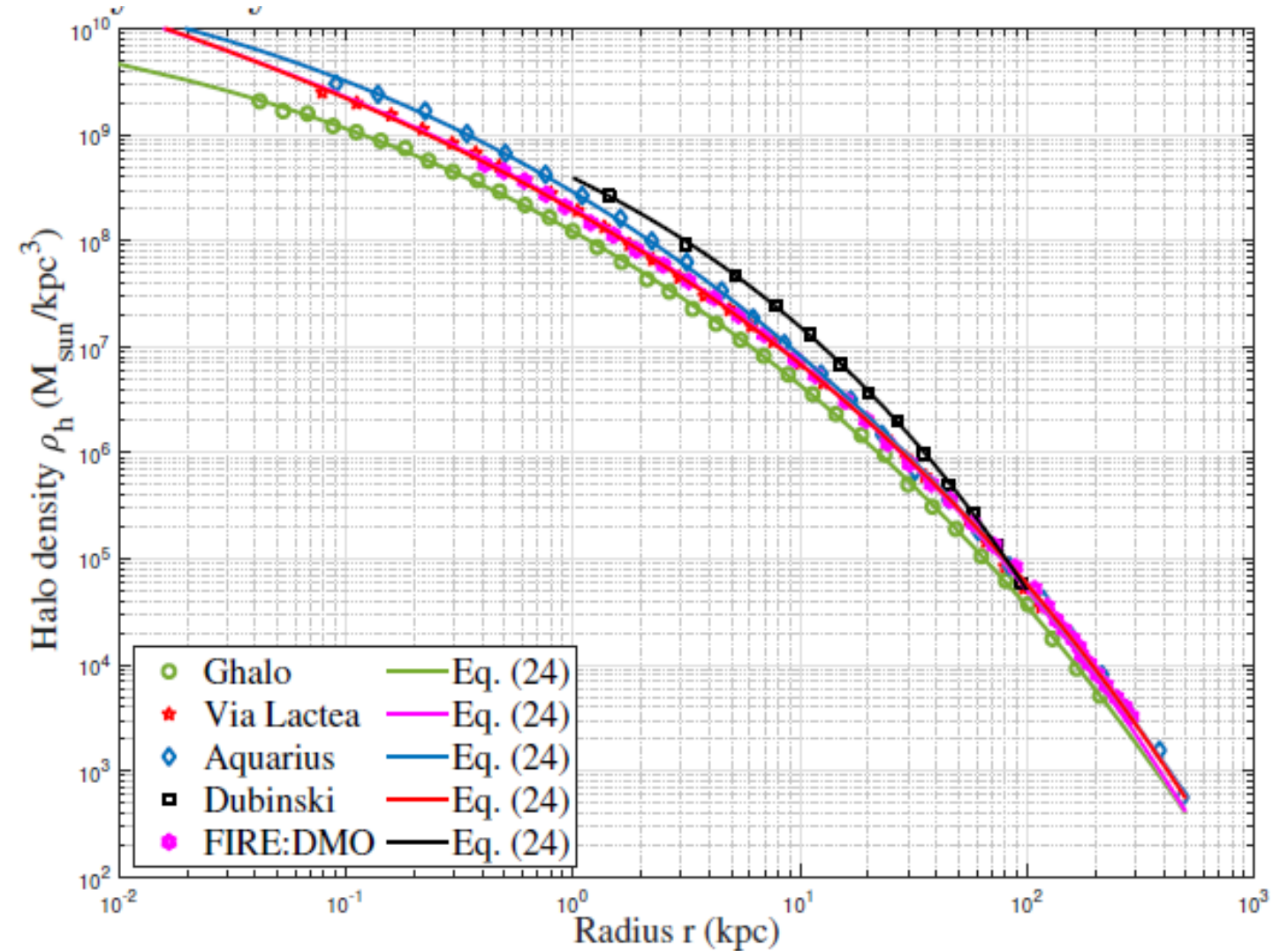


FIG. 2. Halo density profiles for simulated halos: 1) Ghalo [51]; 2) Via Lactea [52]; 3) Aquarius [53]; 4) Dubinski [54]; 5) FIRE:DMO [30]. The double- $\gamma$  density model (Eq. (24)) was also used to fit all simulated halos for the entire range of  $r$ .

# Quick Recap I

In (incompressible) hydrodynamic turbulence:

- Energy cascade is well established
  - Direct energy cascade from large to small scales (3D)
  - Inverse energy cascade from small to large scales (2D)
- No mass cascade involved

In dark matter flow:

- Inverse mass cascade from small to large scales (rate:  $\epsilon_m$  kg/s)
- Mass cascade leads to the random walk of halos in mass space
- Random walk of halos in mass space leads to halo mass function (just like diffusion)
- Random walk of DM particles leads to halo density profile
- Halo density profile and mass function share the same origin.
- Halo density and mass function share similar functional form
- Both random walks involve a position-dependent waiting time (or diffusivity)
- **No** critical density ratio  $\delta_c$  or spherical/ellipsoidal collapse model required

Halo mass function and density profile

$$f_{D\lambda}(v) = \frac{(2\sqrt{\eta_0})^{-q}}{\Gamma(q/2)} v^{q/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{v}{4\eta_0}\right)$$

$$\rho_{D\gamma}(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta^{-(1/\alpha+1/\beta)}}{4\pi\Gamma(1/\alpha+1/\beta)} x^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}-2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^\alpha}{\beta}\right)$$