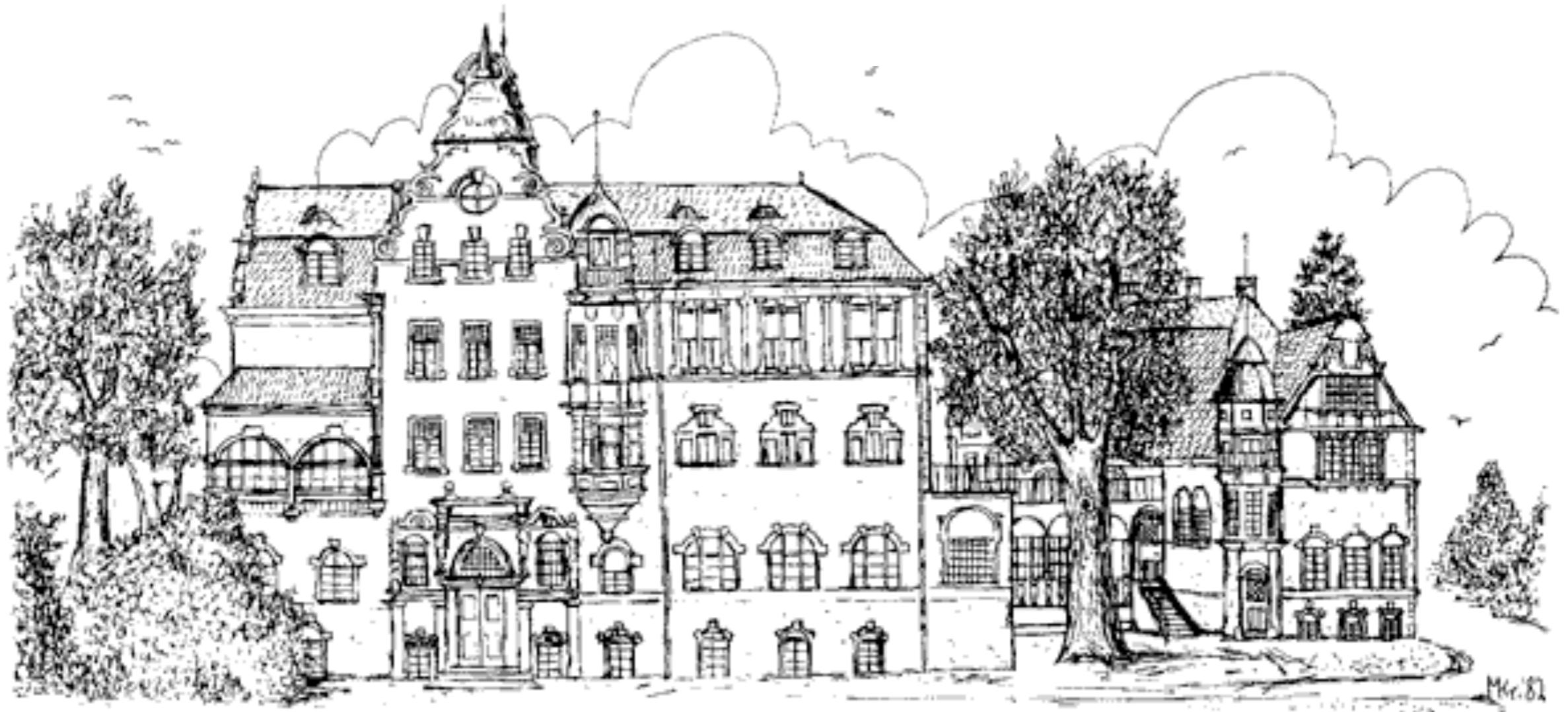


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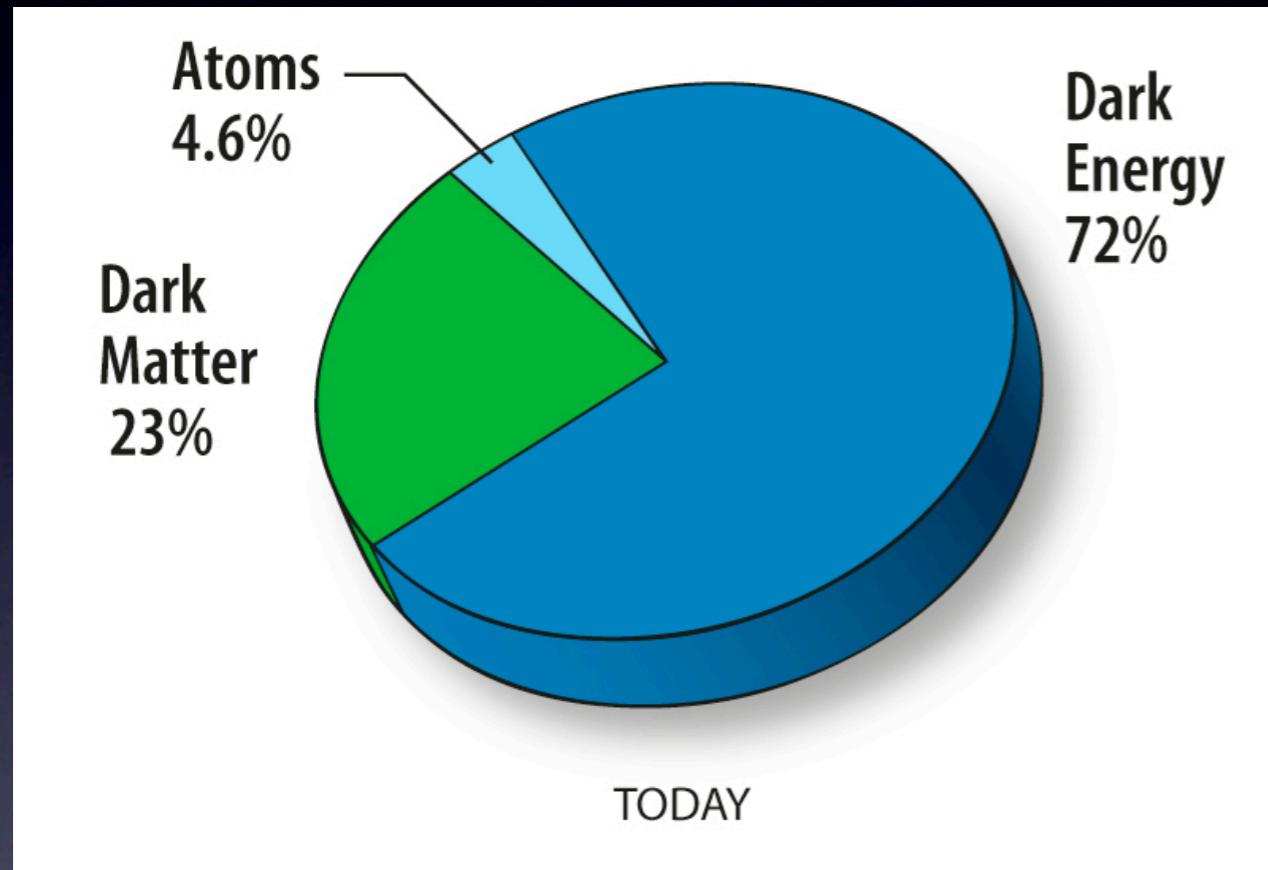
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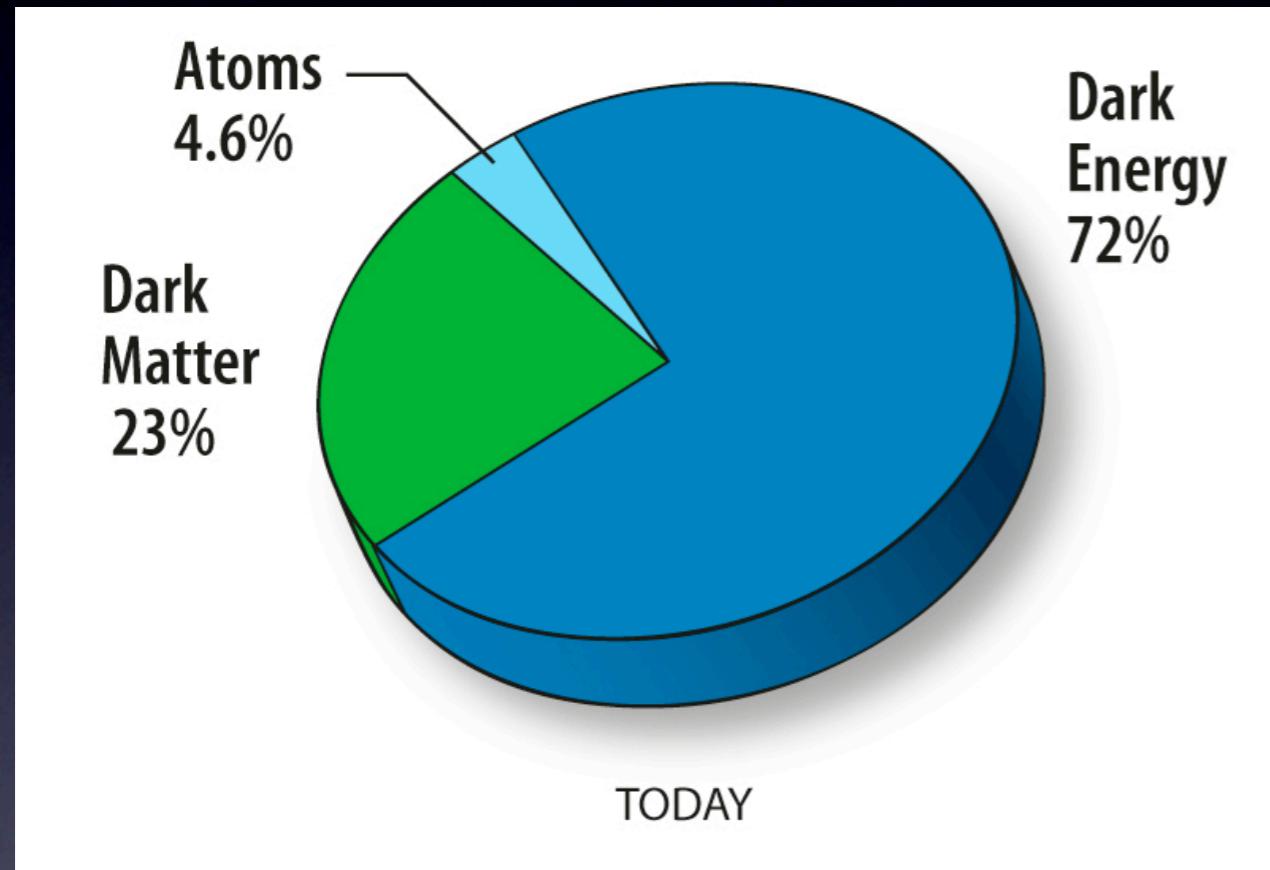
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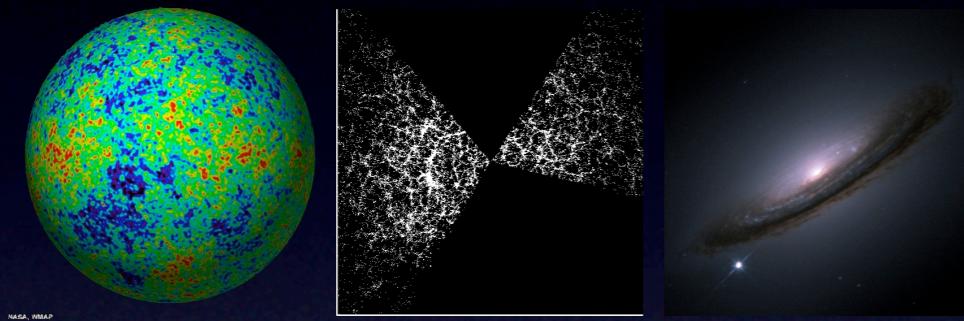
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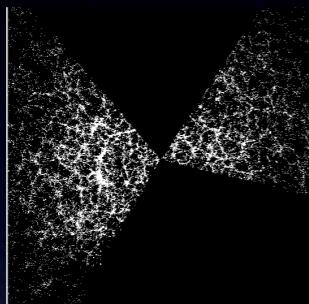
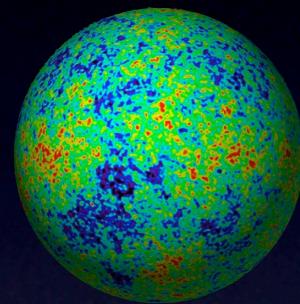


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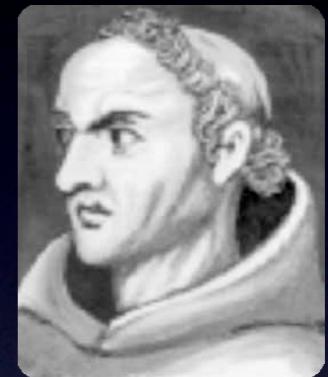
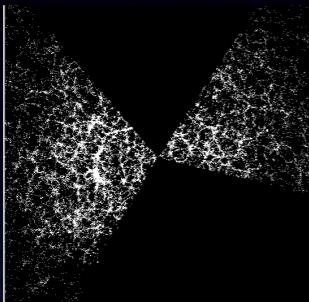
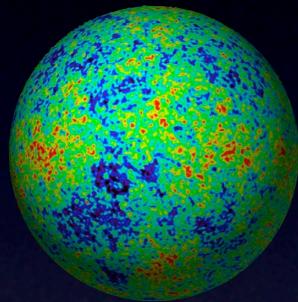
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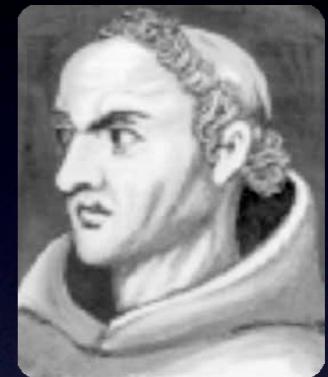
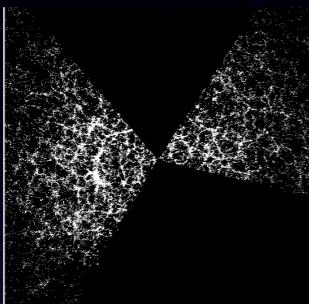
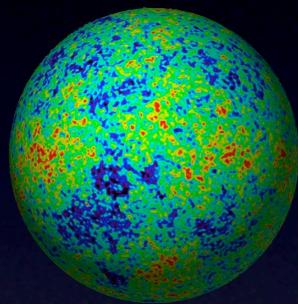
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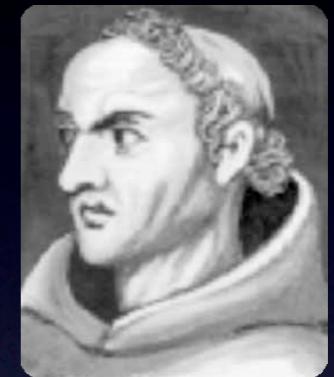
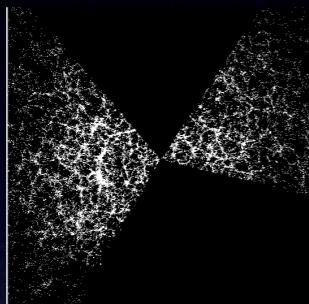
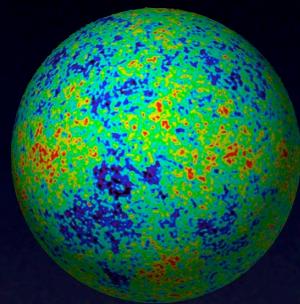
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$$\frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_m} < 10^{-3} \text{ for } z > 6$$

Why bothering with non-standard models? (II)

NOT everything fits (astrophysical issues):

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[e.g. Flores & Primack 1994, Salucci & Burkert 2000, Newman et al. 2009]
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[e.g. Klypin et al. 1999, Springel 2008, (but see also e.g Maccio' et al. 2009 MAYBE SOLVED?)]
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[e.g. Peebles 2000, Peebles & Nusser 2010]
- 4) Cluster Baryon Fraction: SYSTEMATICALLY LOWER THAN EXPECTED
[e.g. Allen et al. 2006 (but see also Giordini et al 2009!!)]
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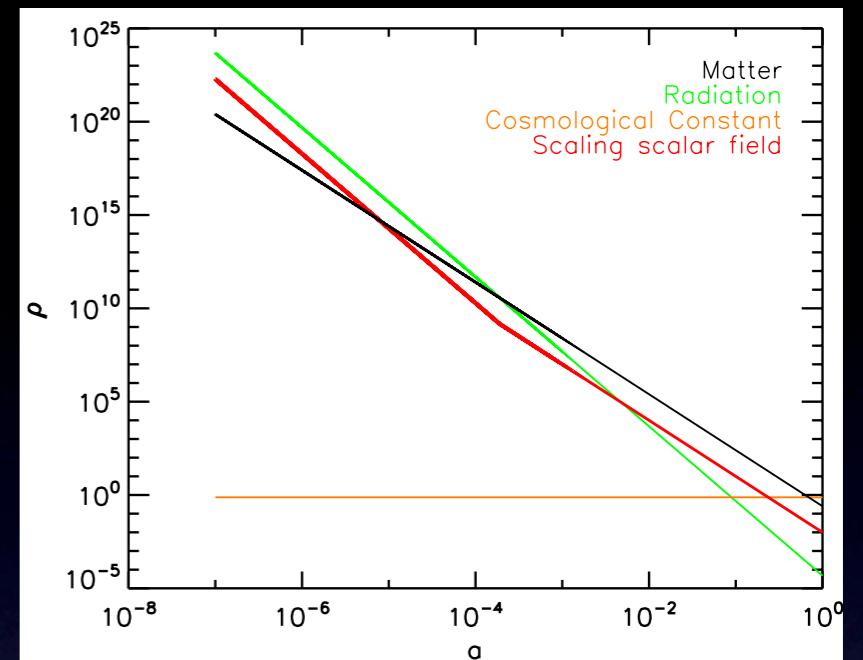
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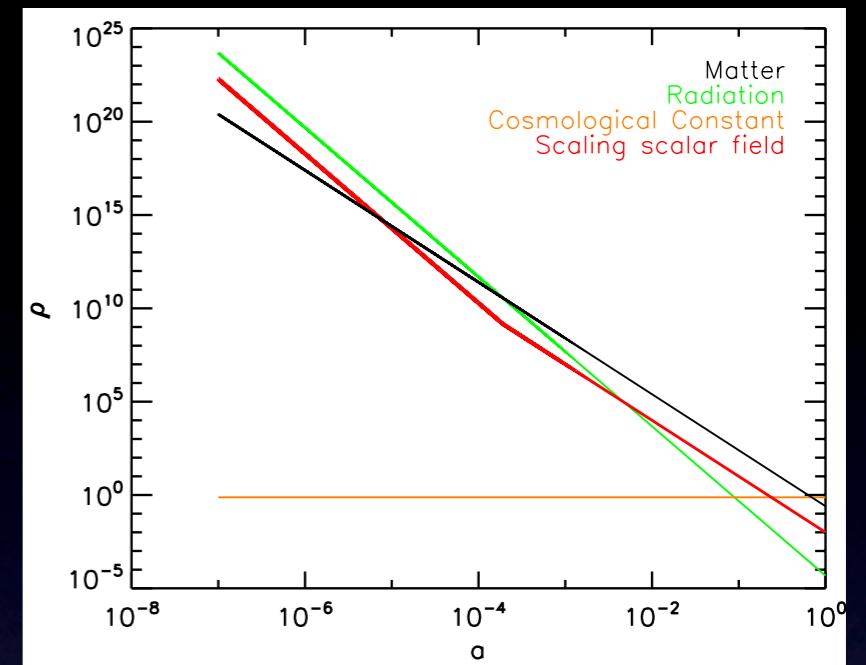


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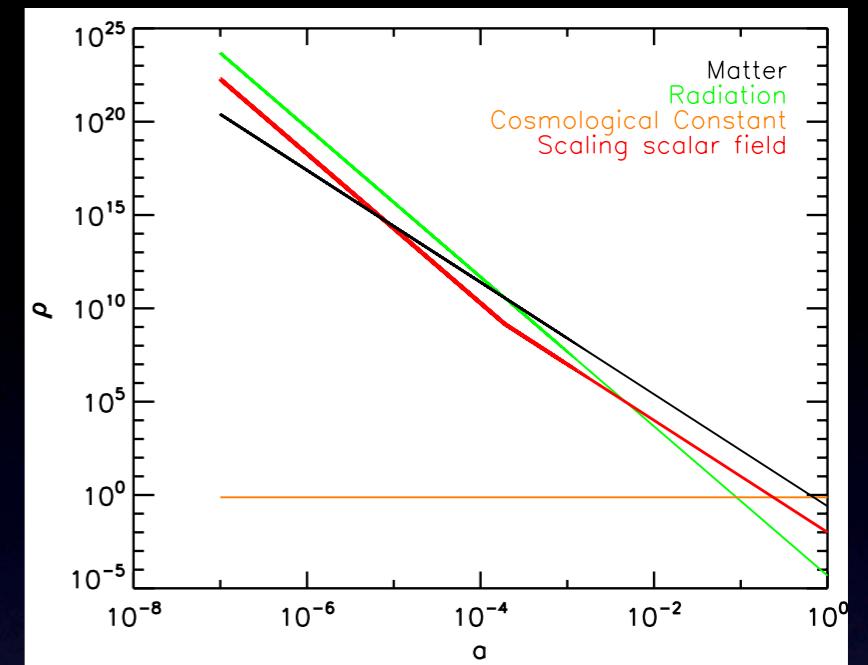
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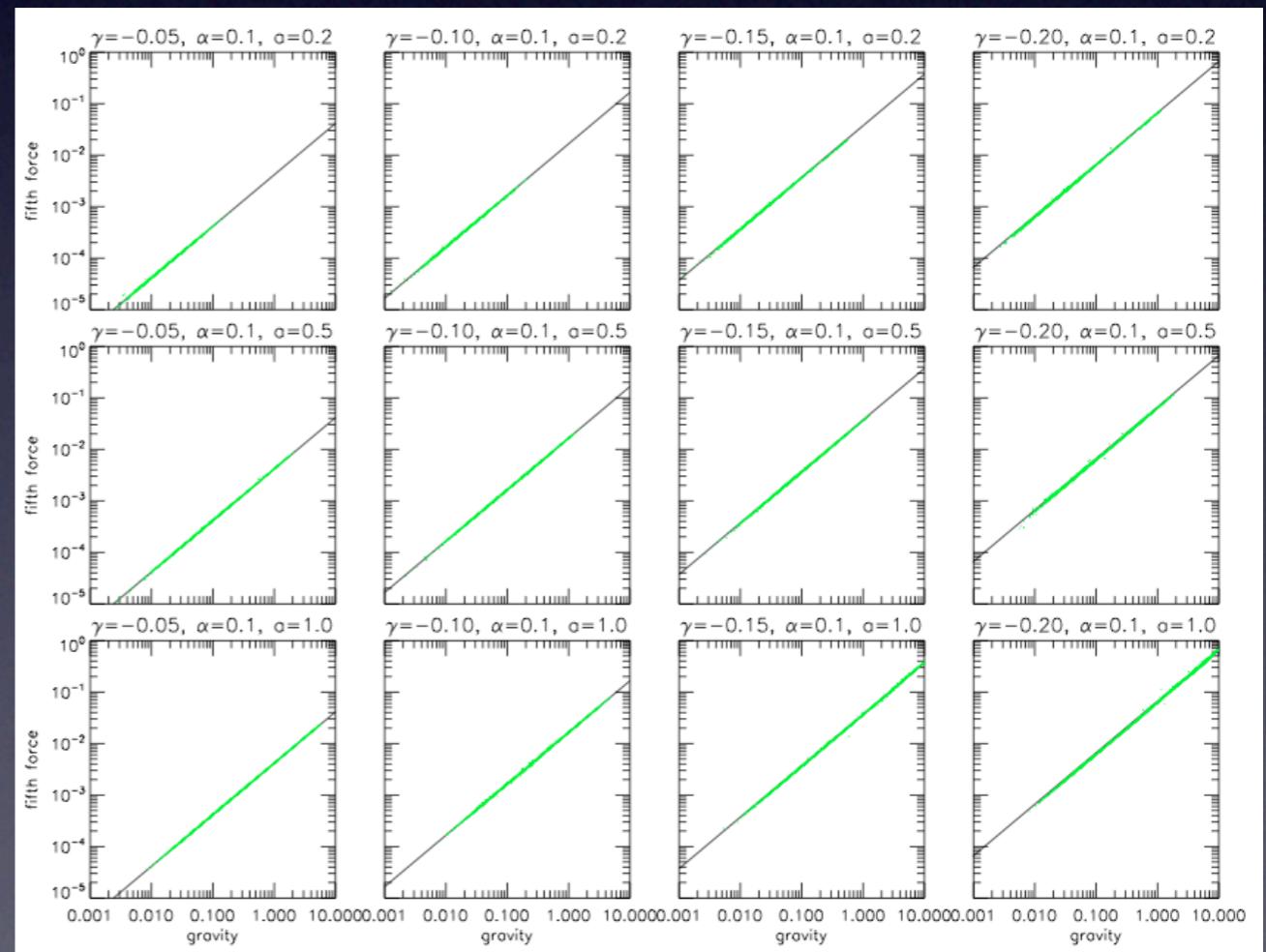
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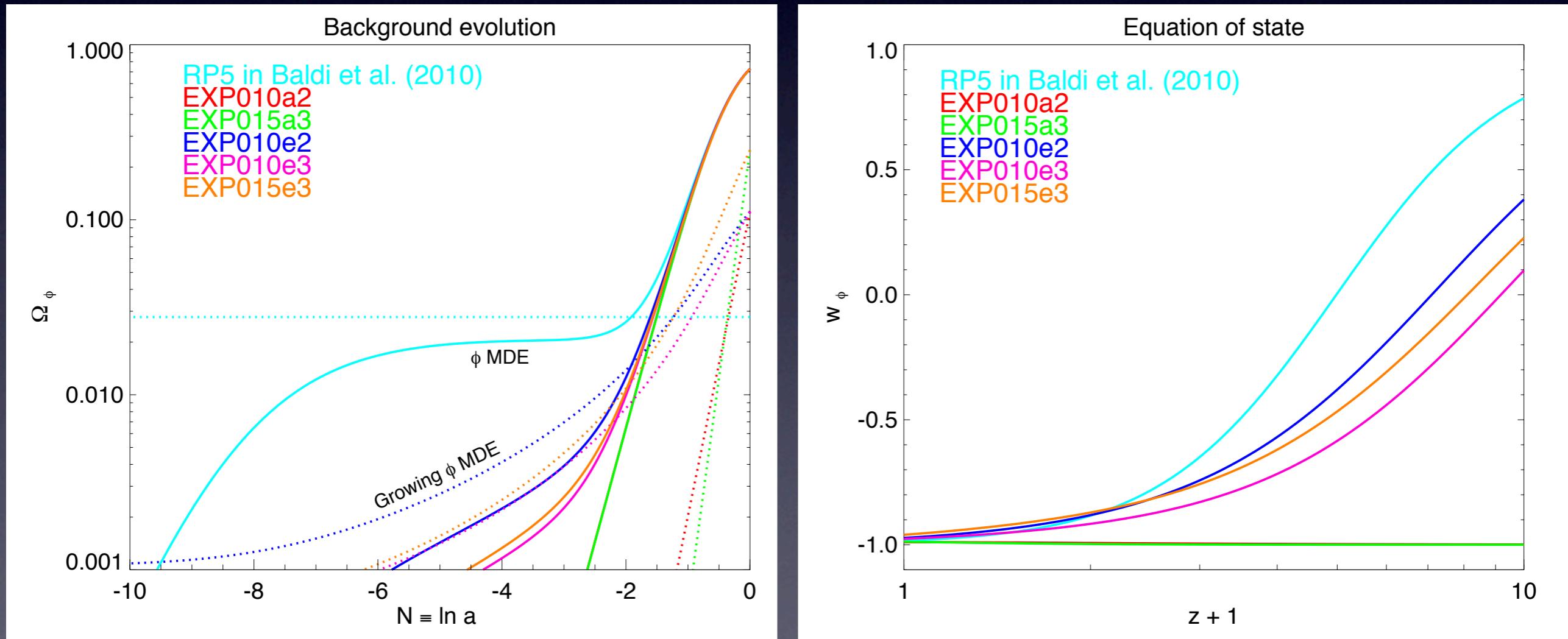
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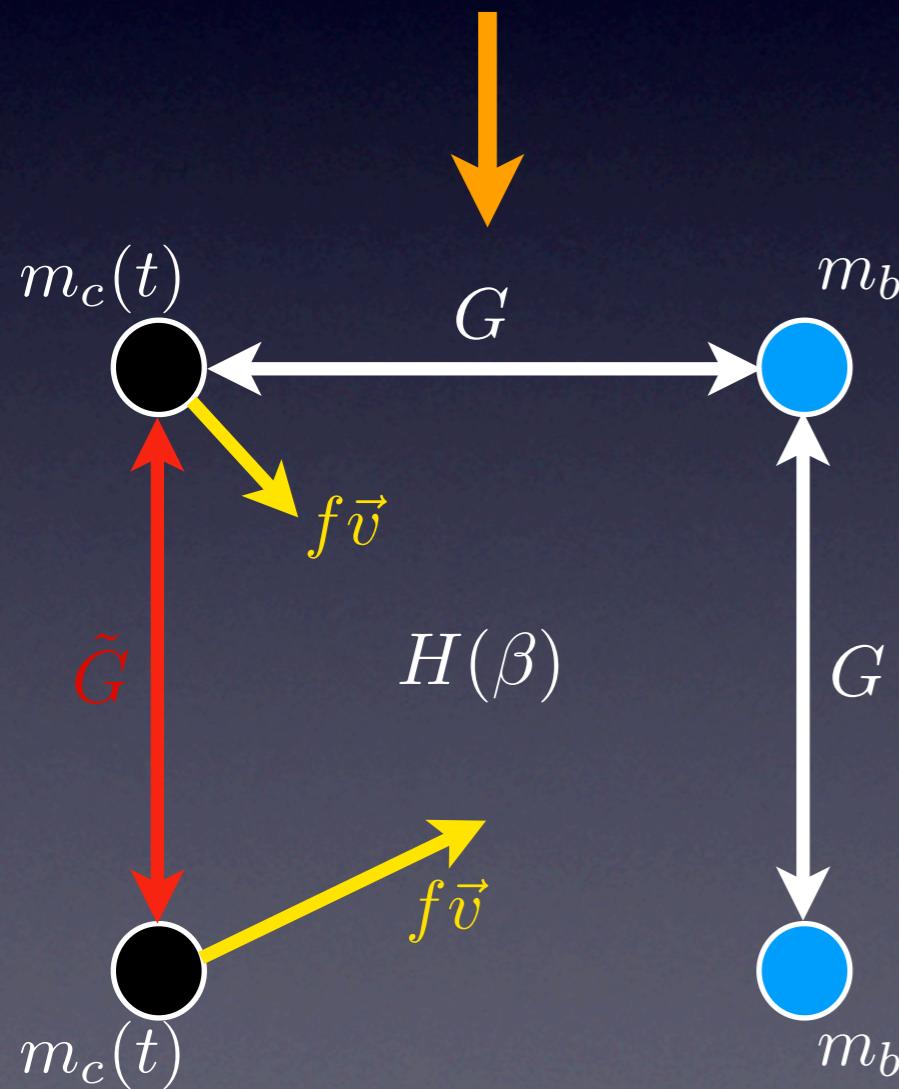
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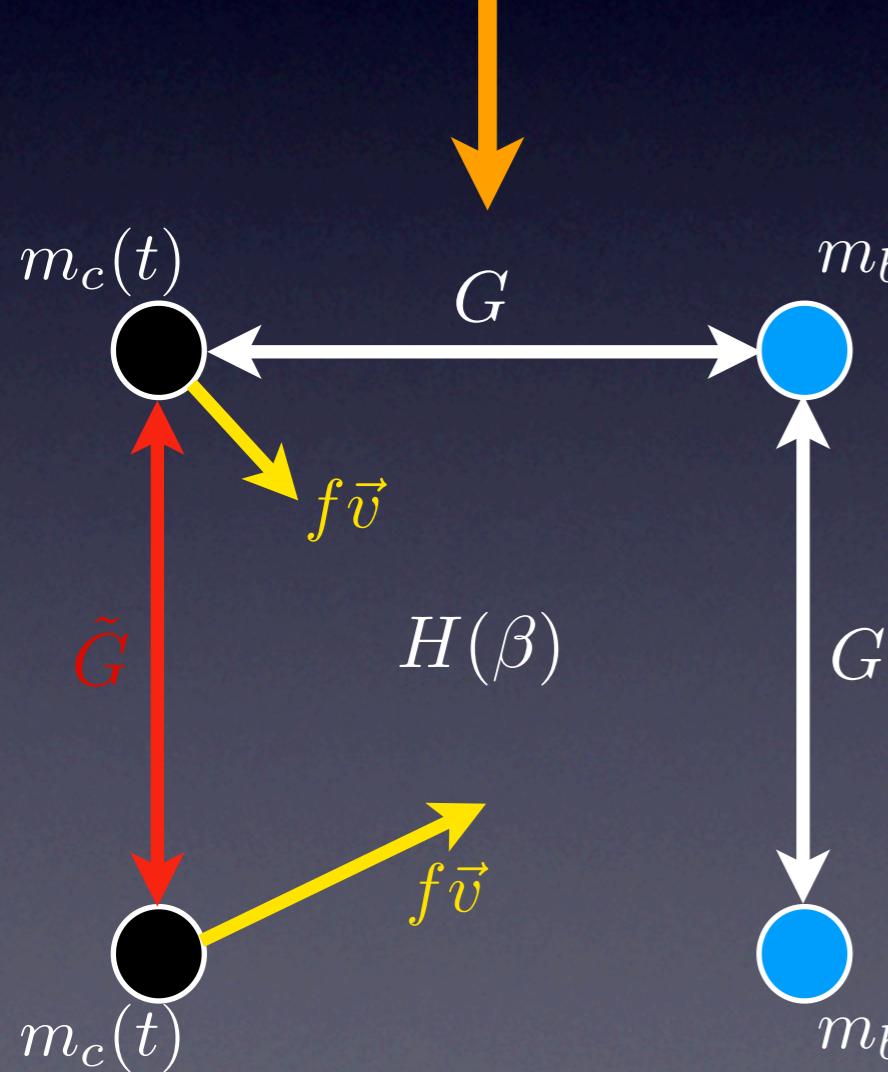
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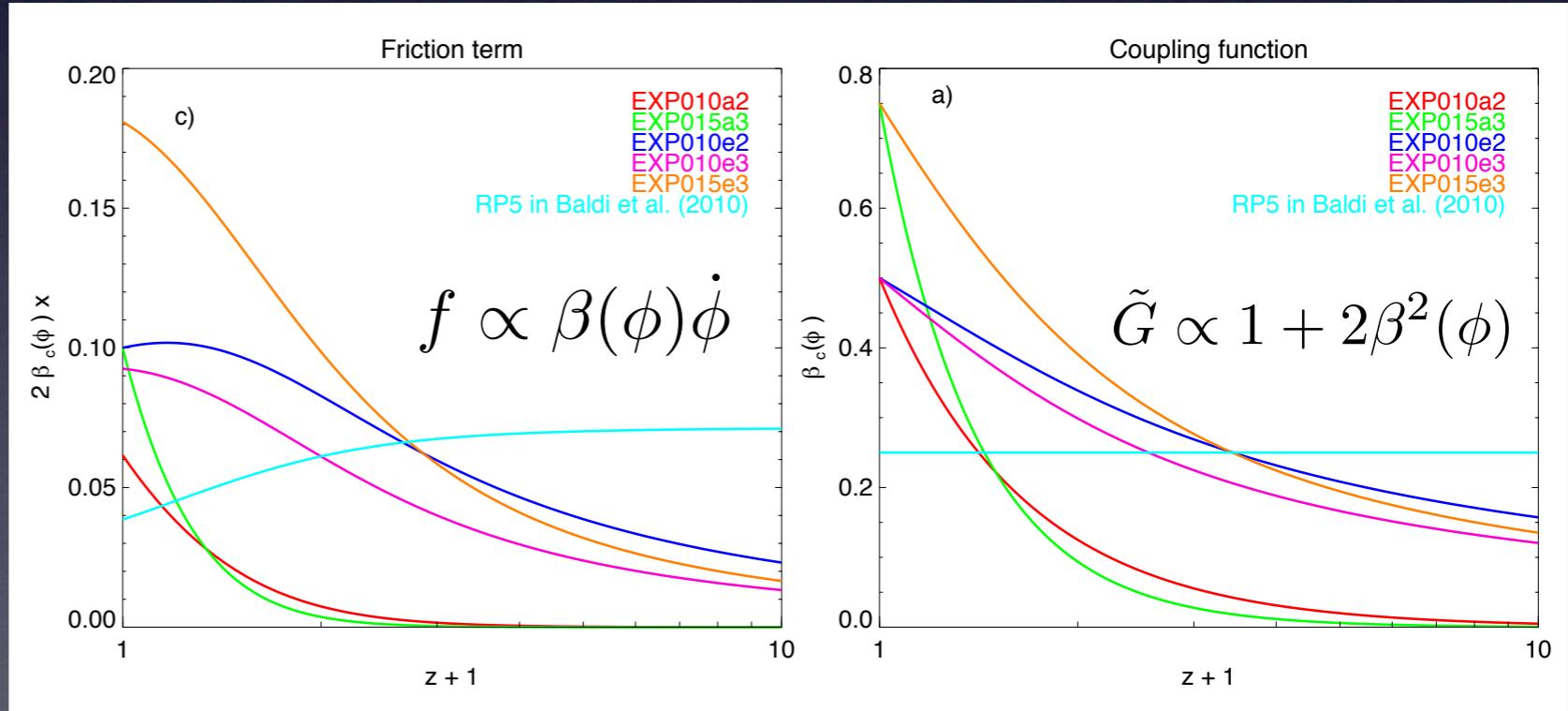
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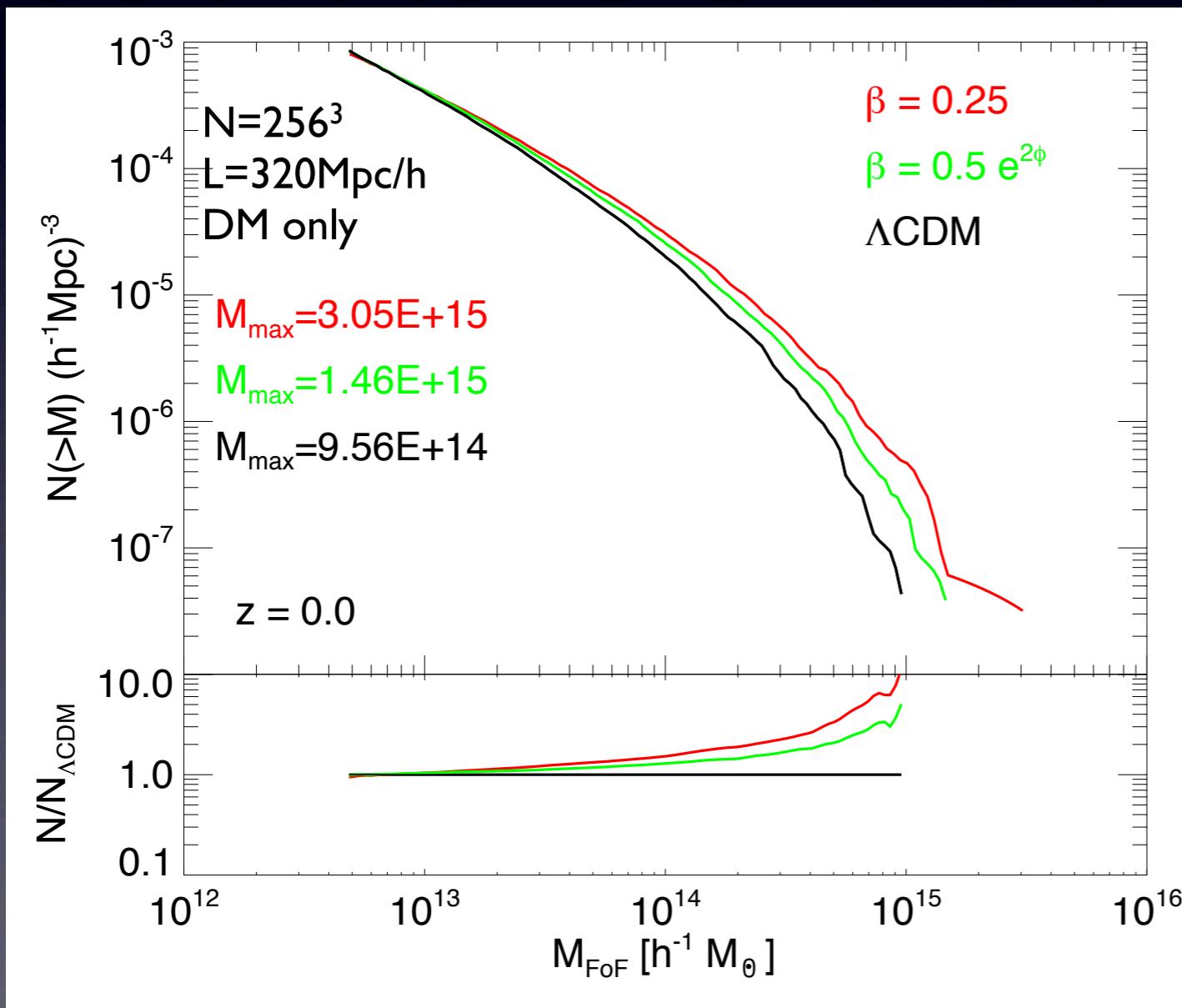
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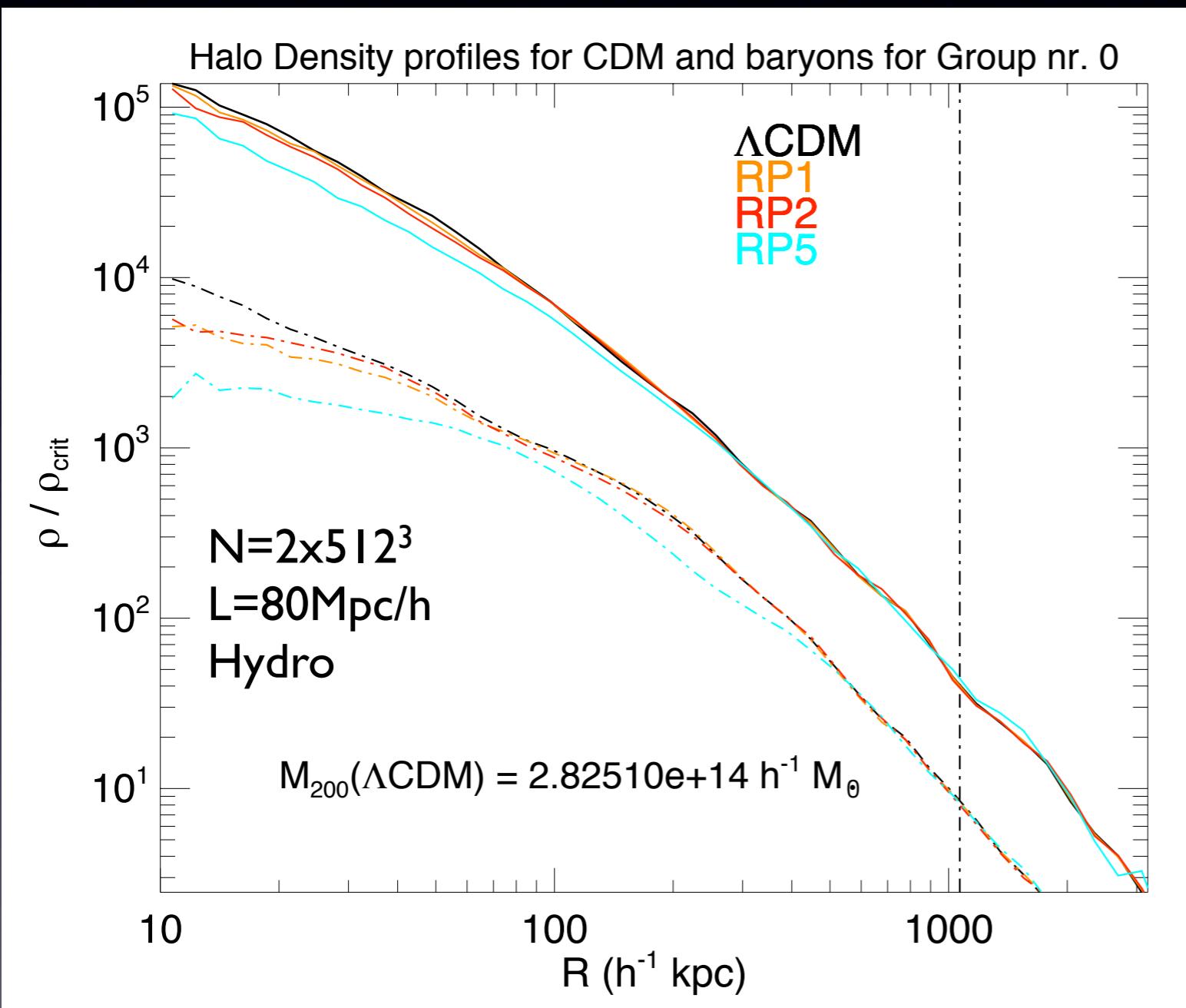
The number density of halos above a given mass M at any redshift z is correspondingly enhanced.

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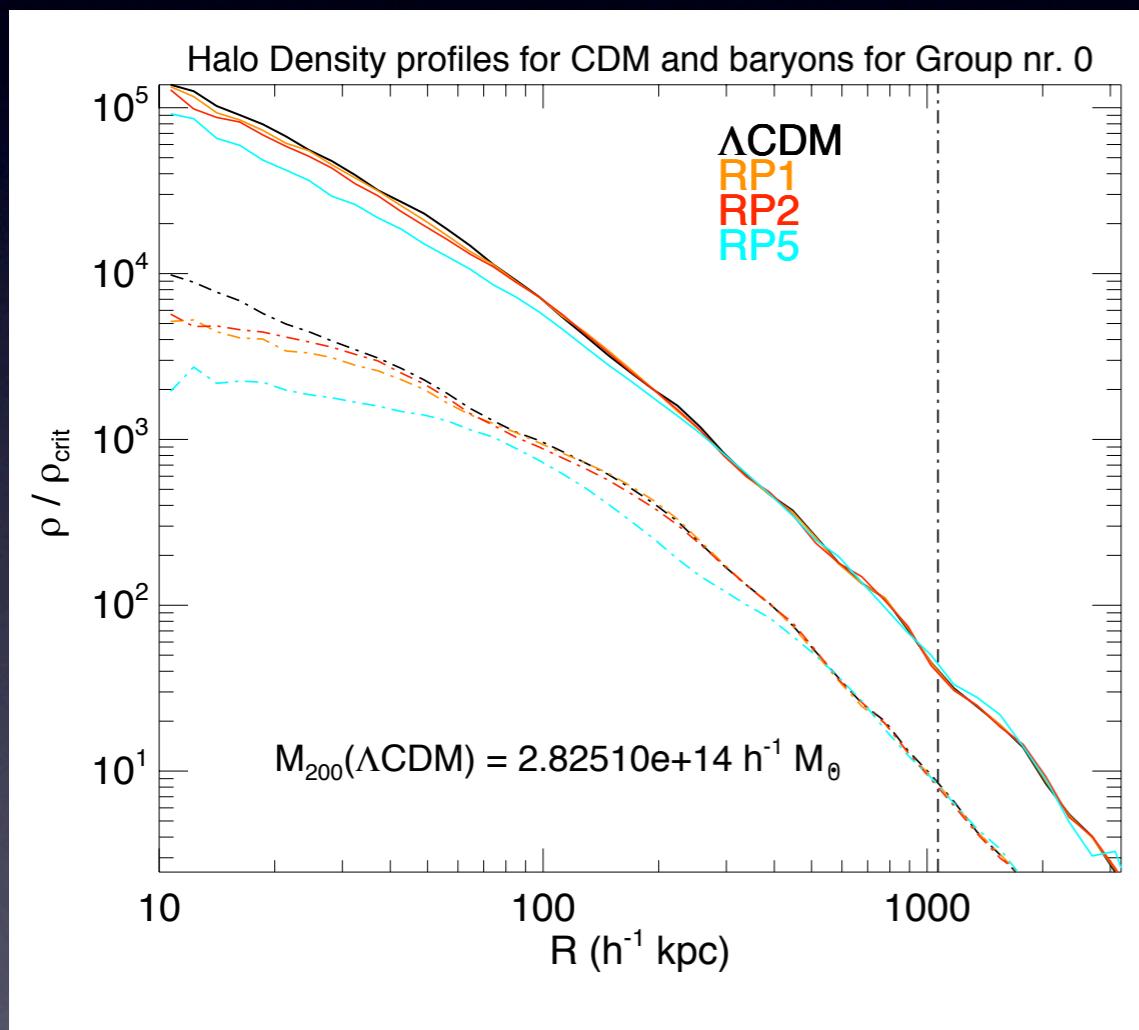
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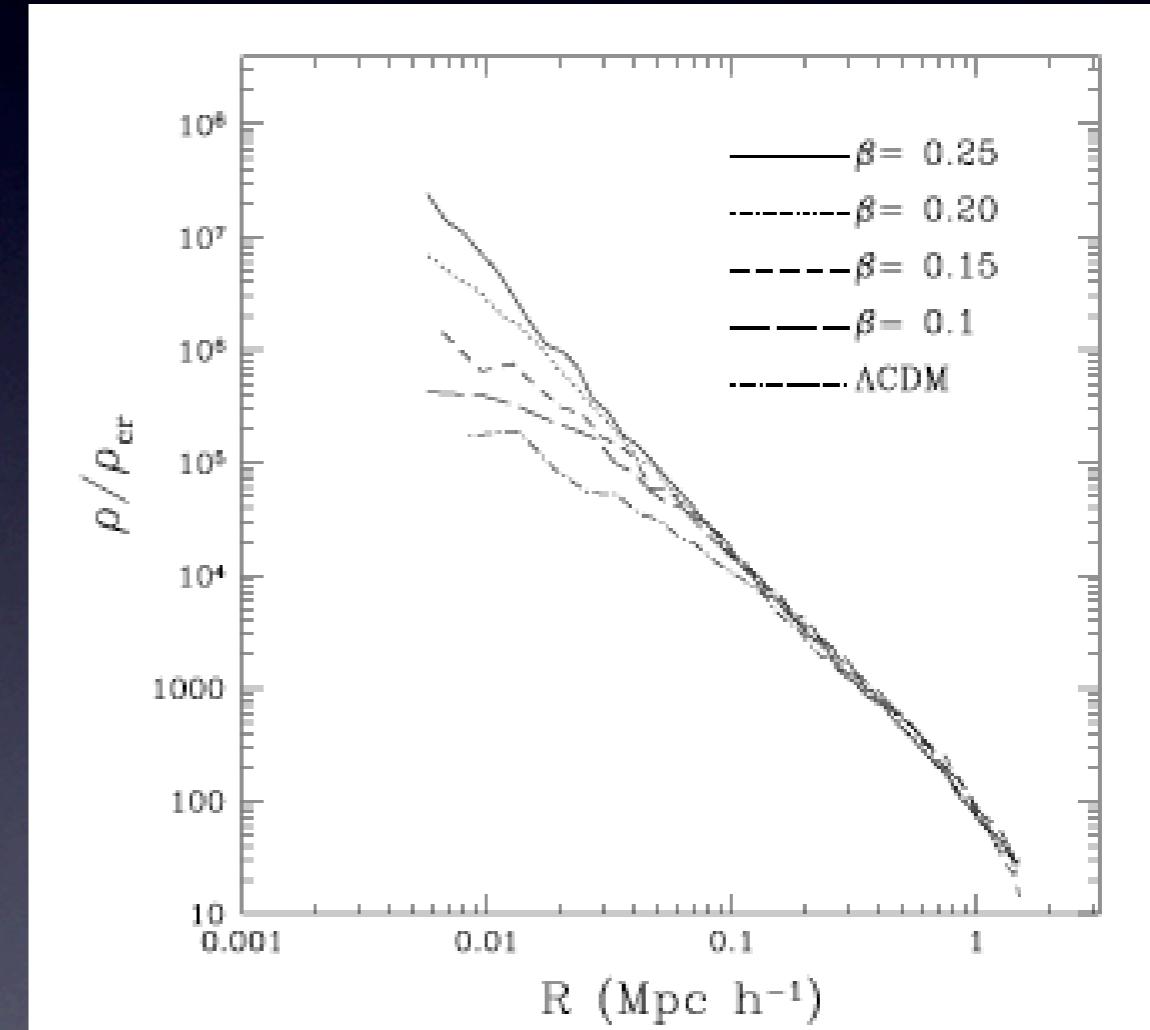
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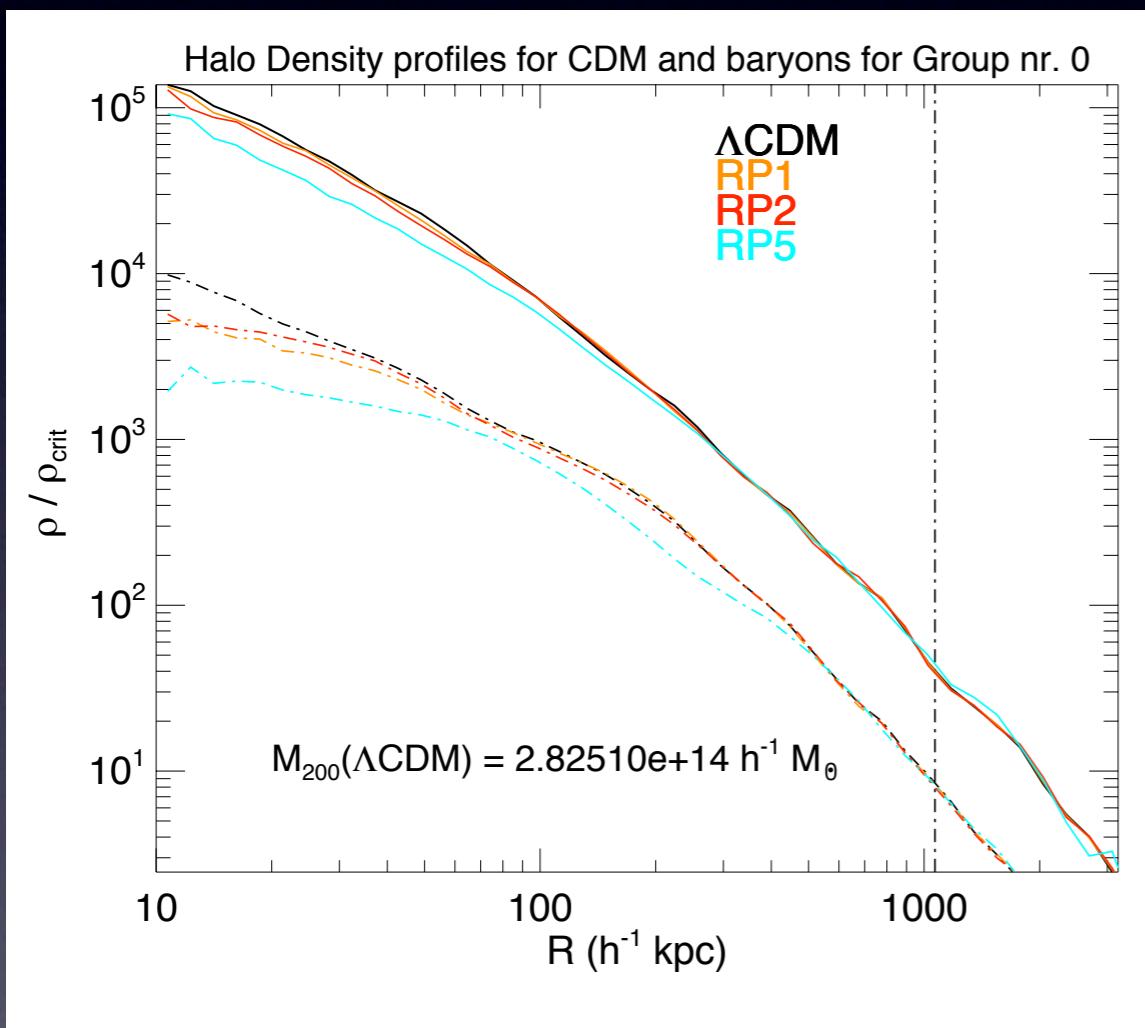
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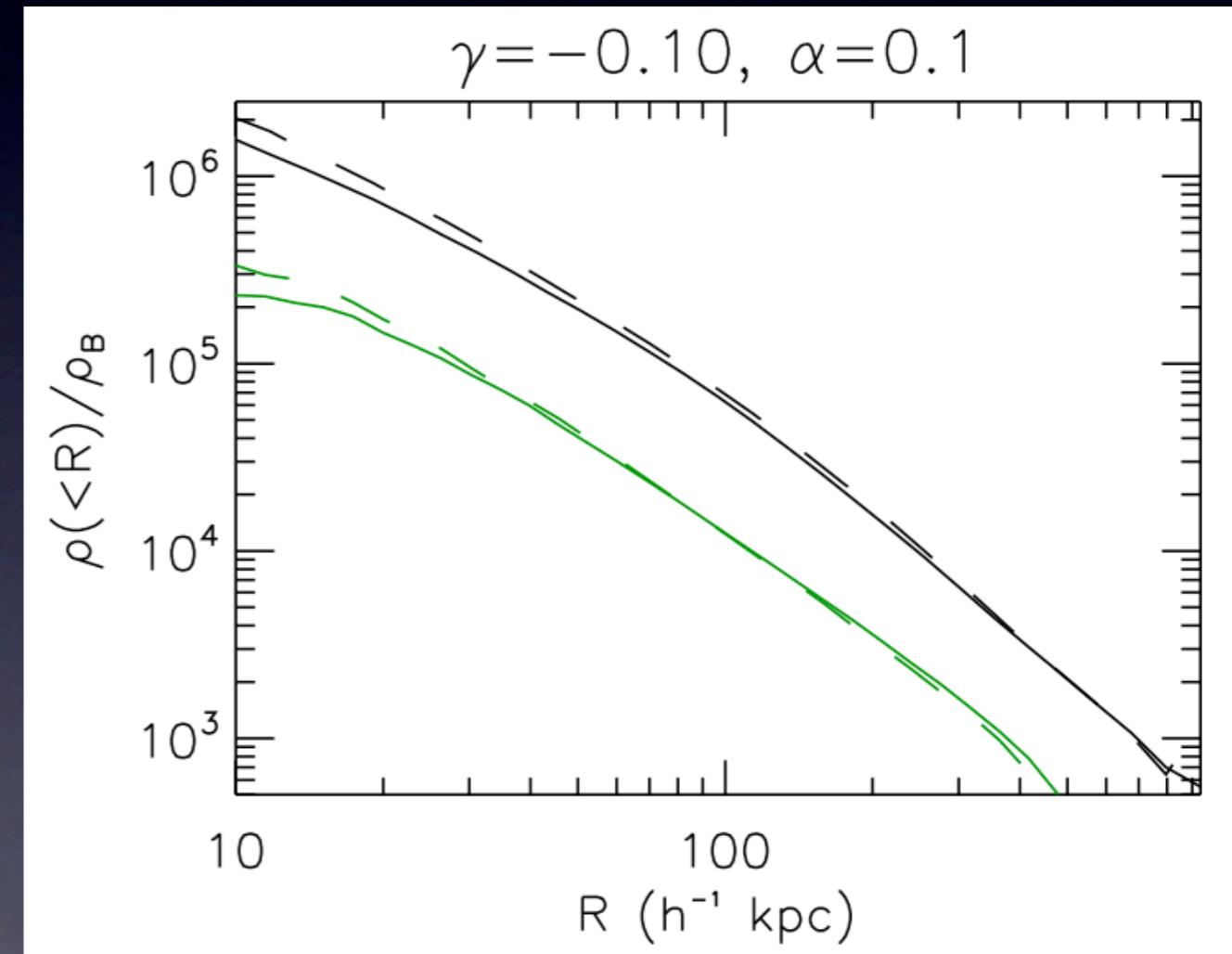
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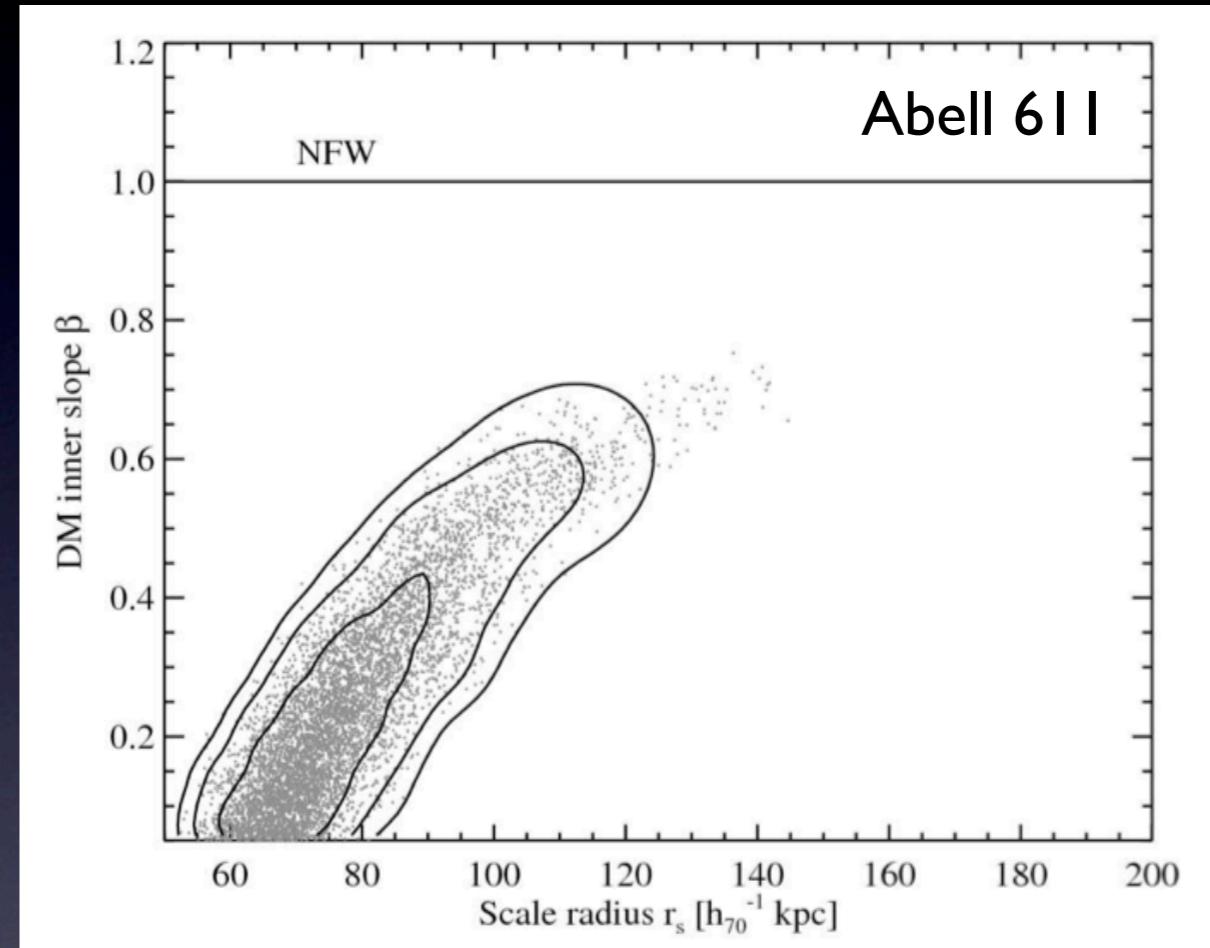
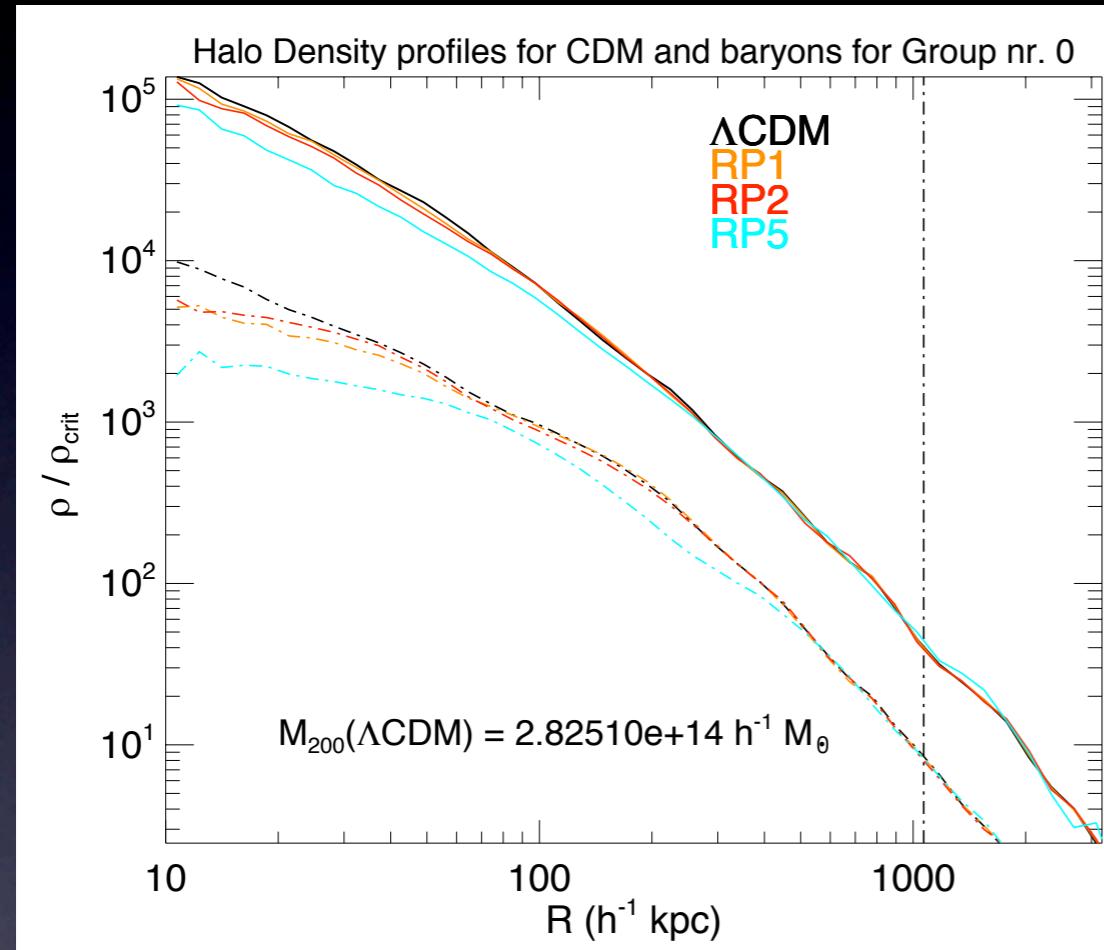


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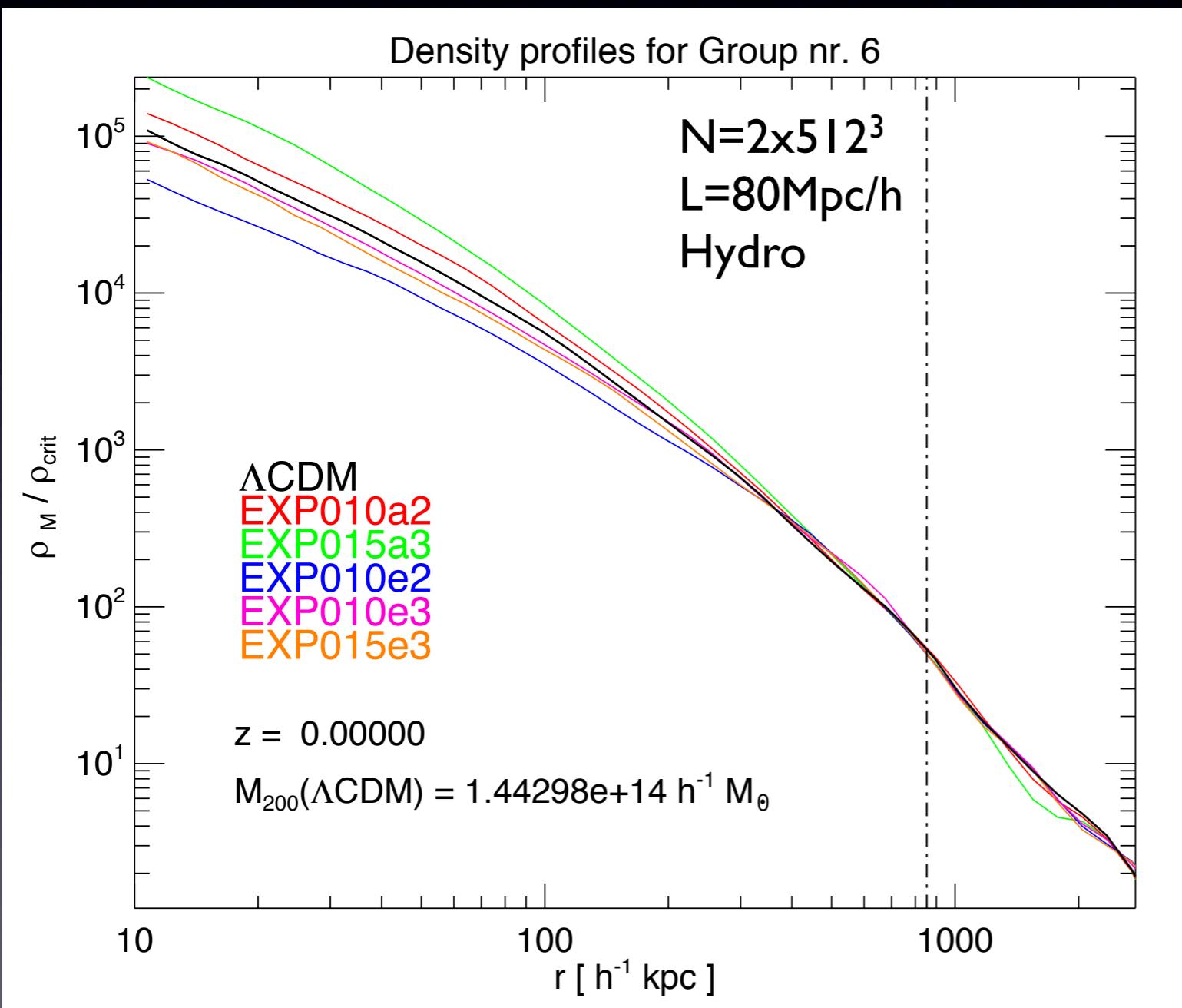
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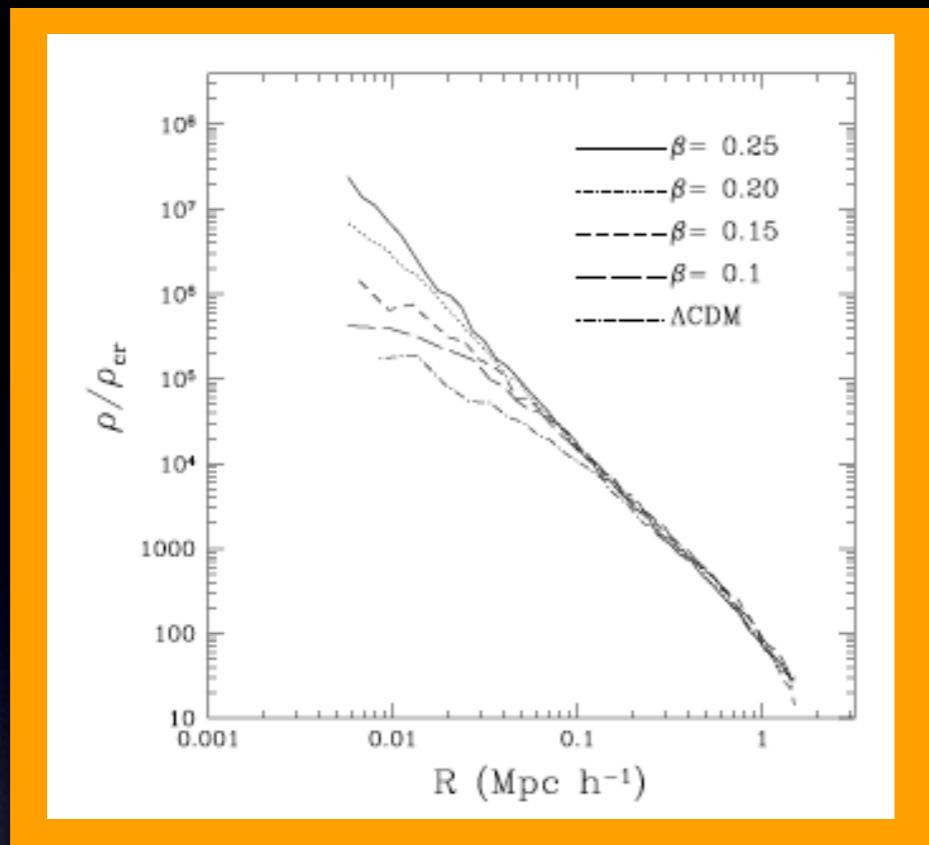
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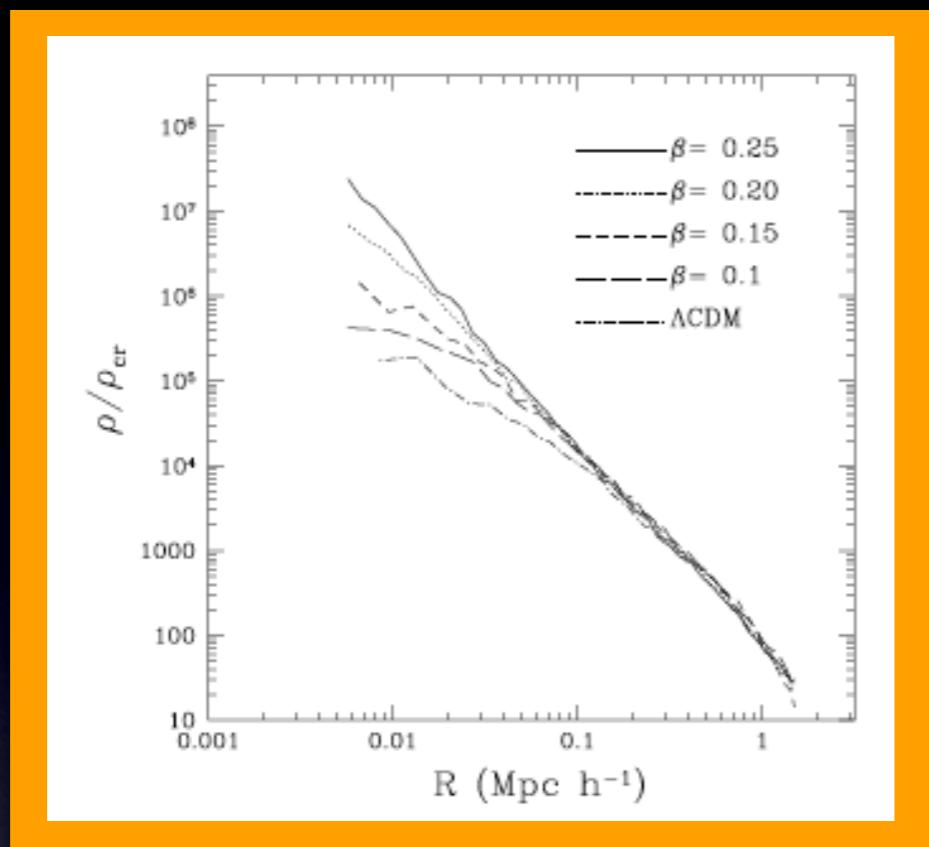
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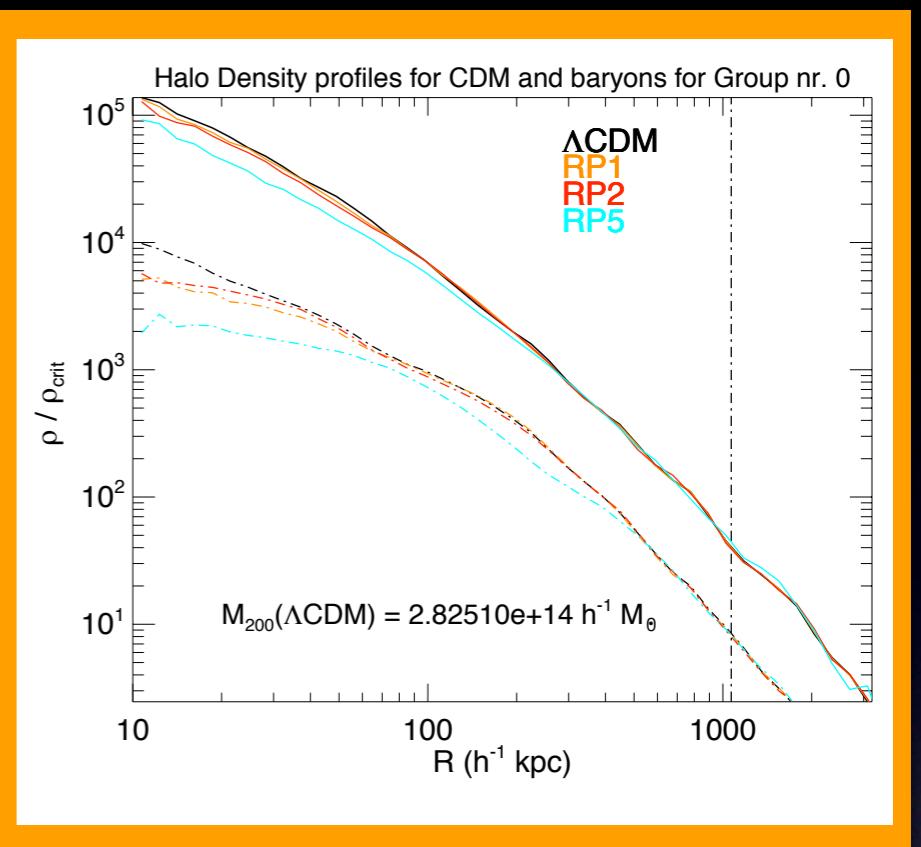


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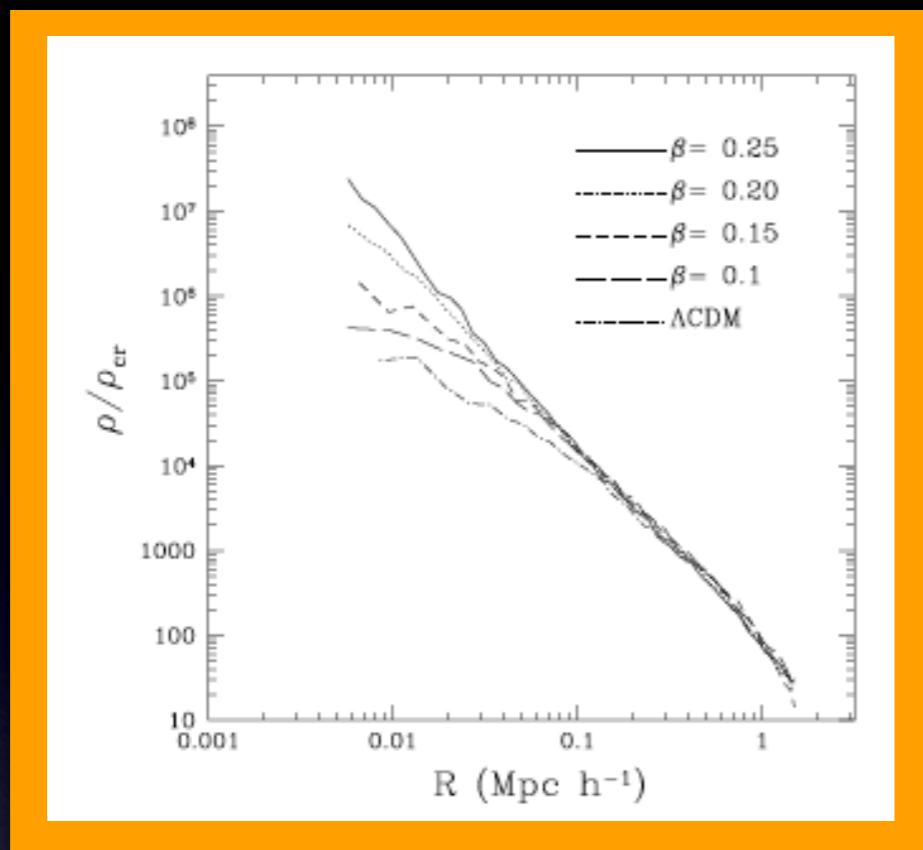


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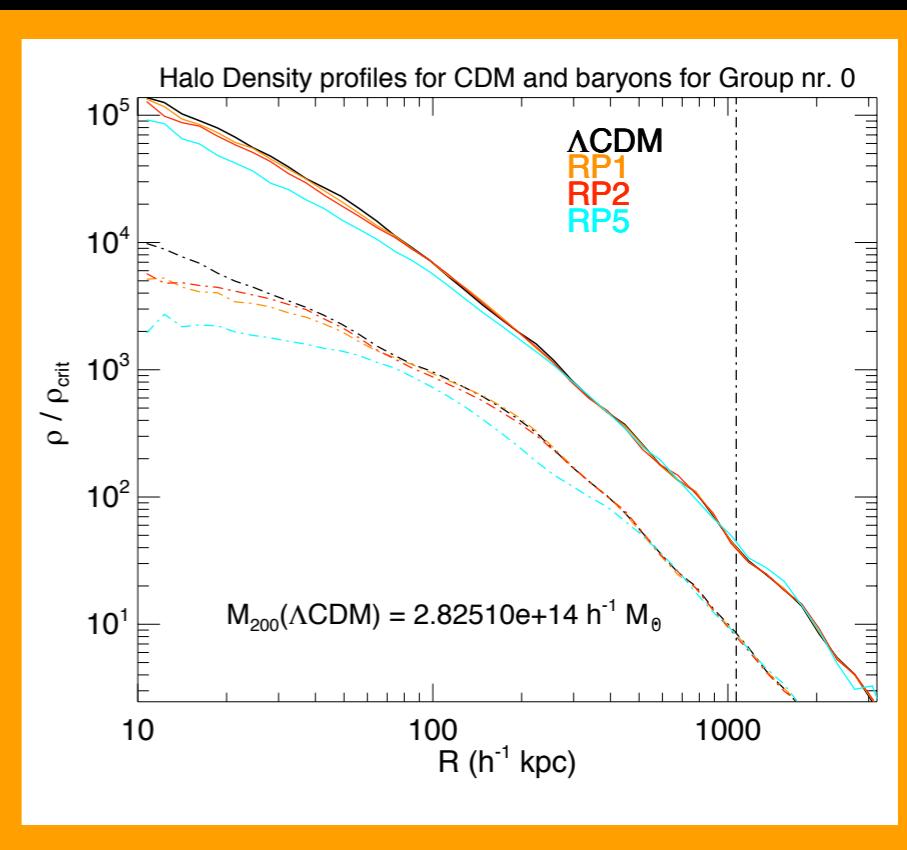


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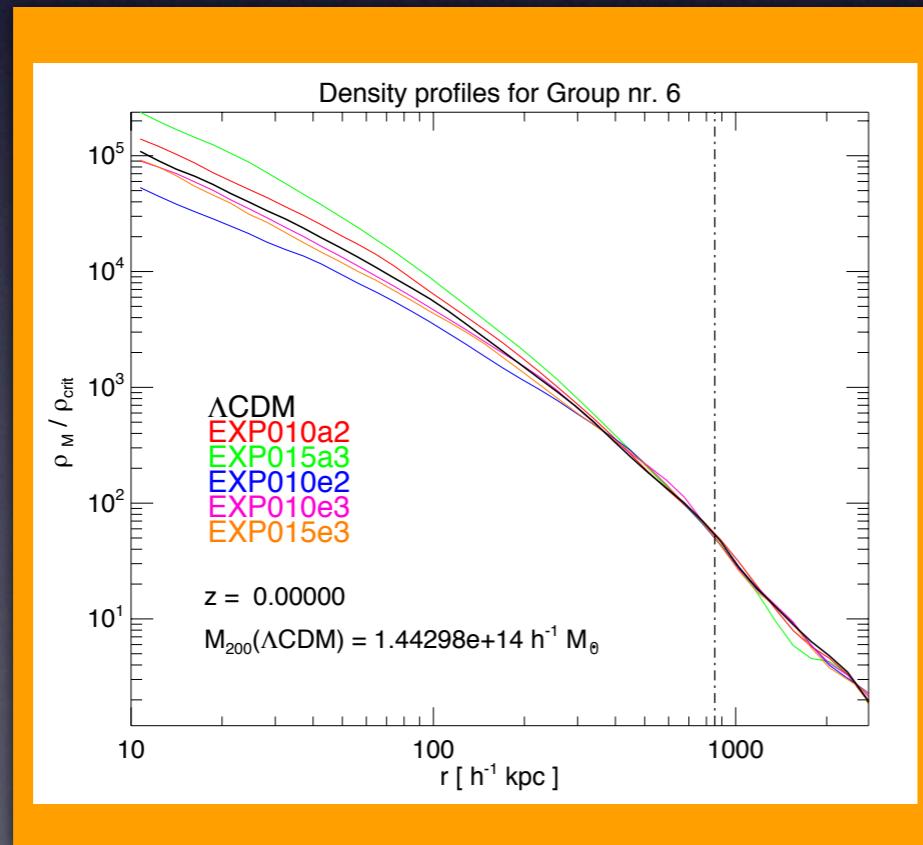
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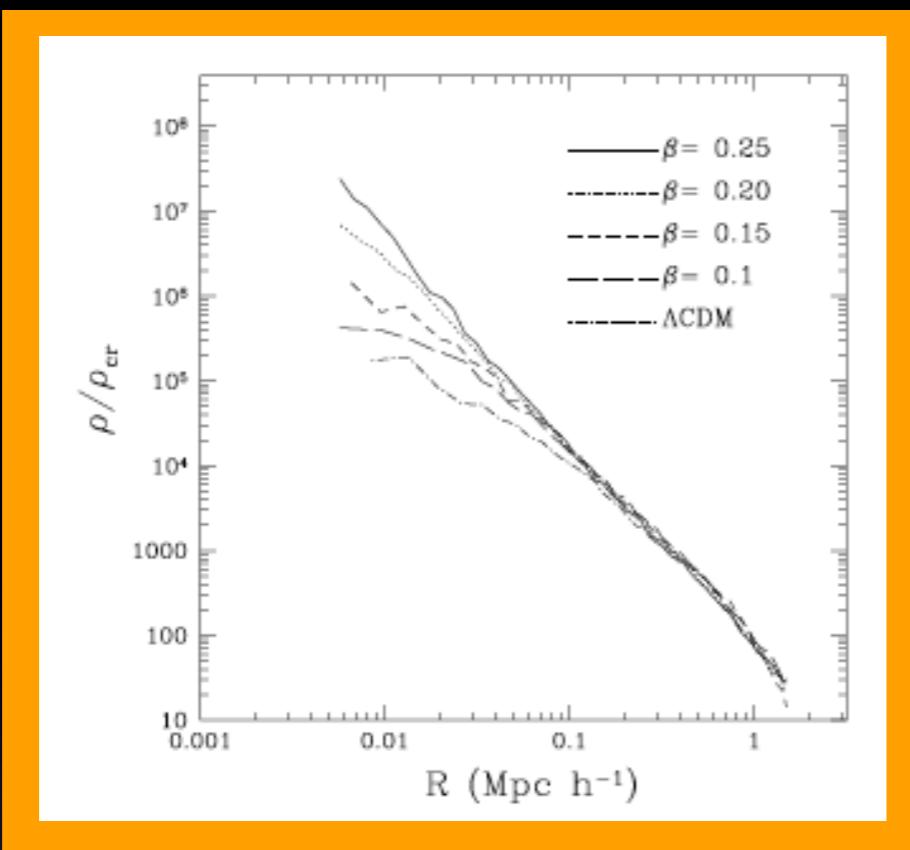


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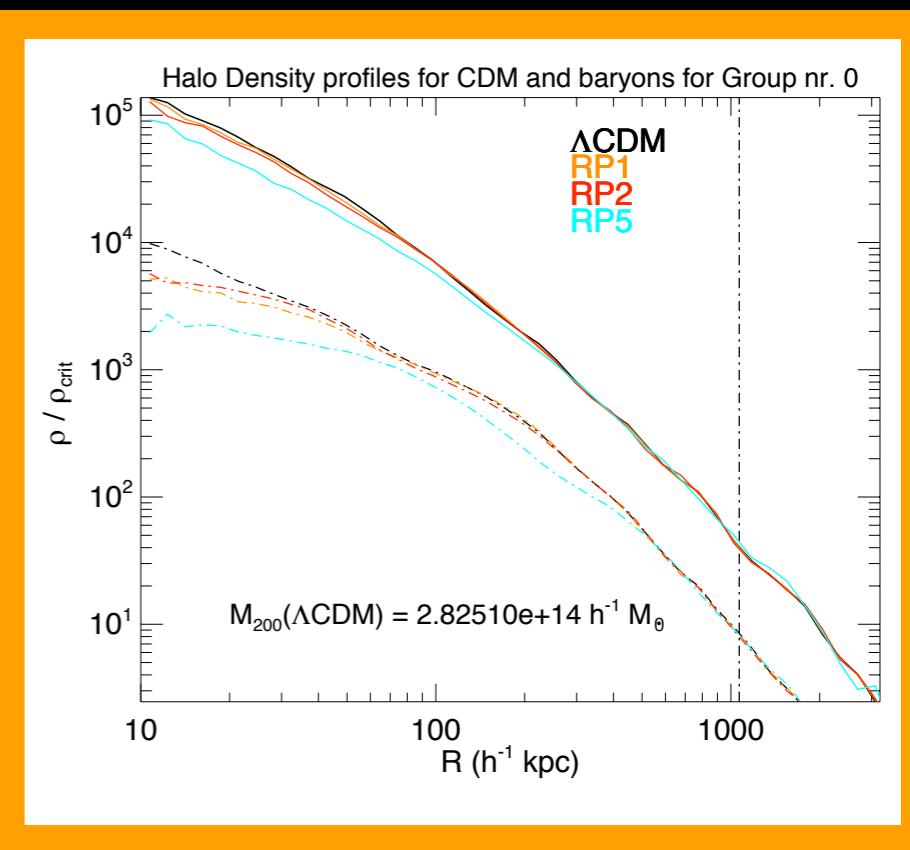


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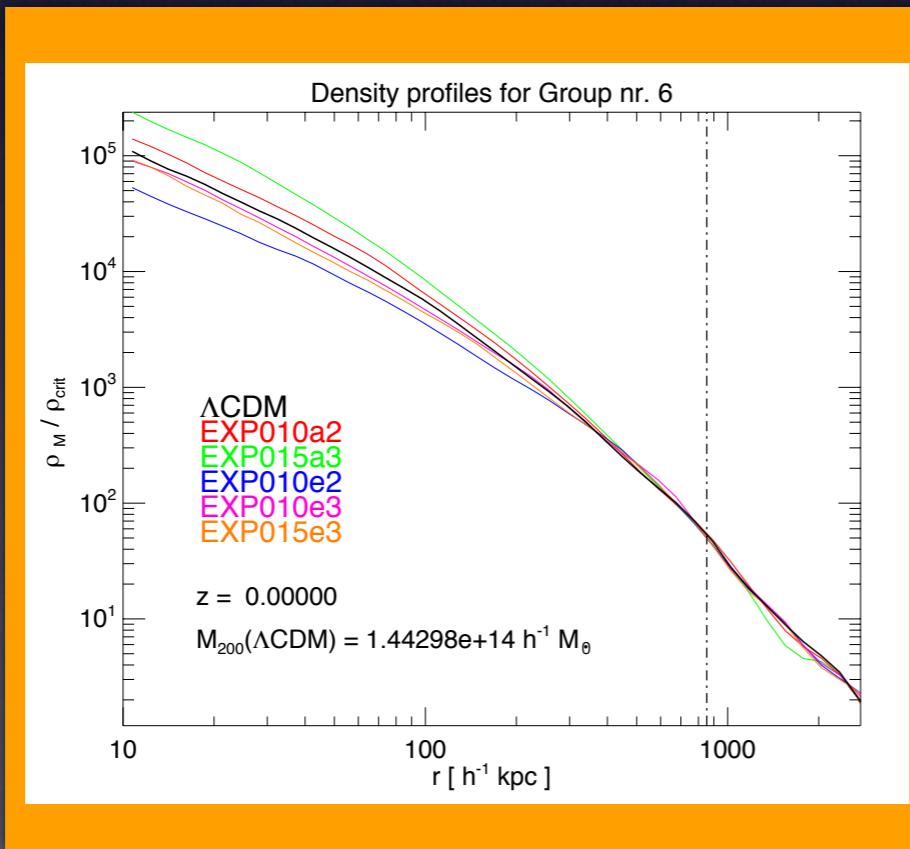
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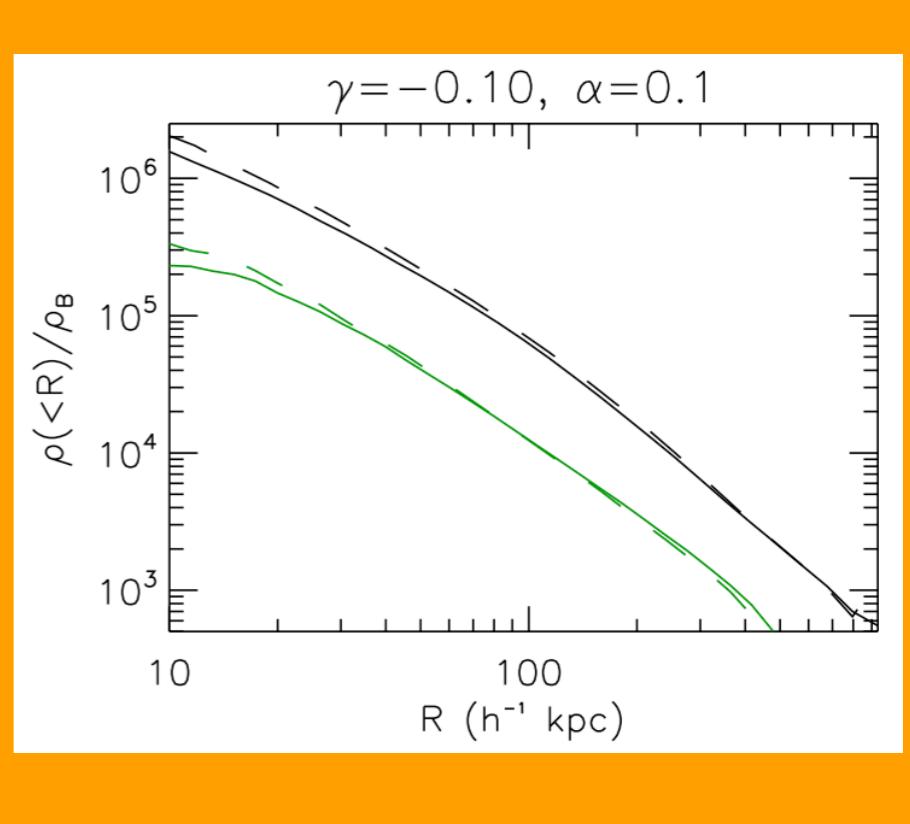
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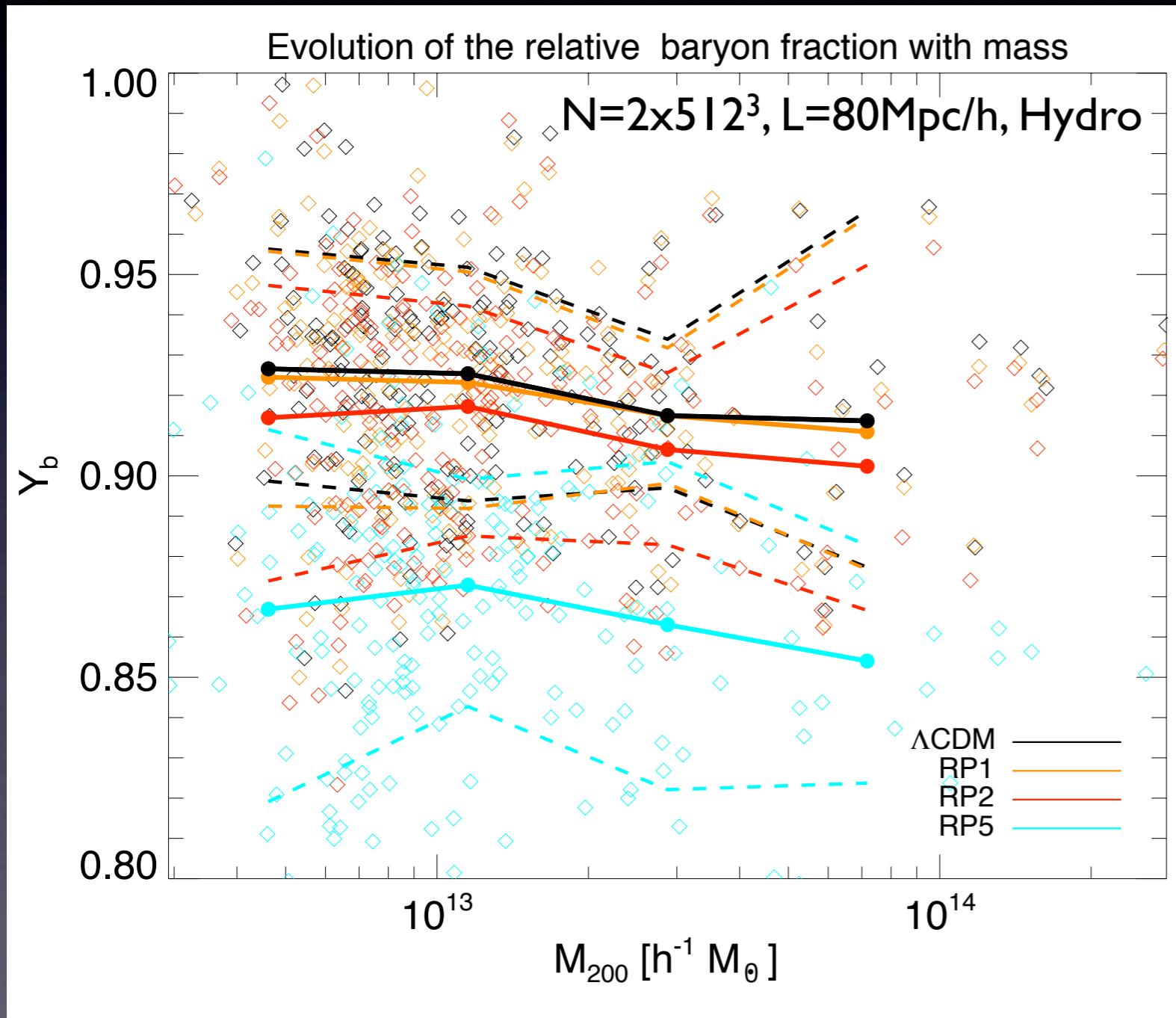
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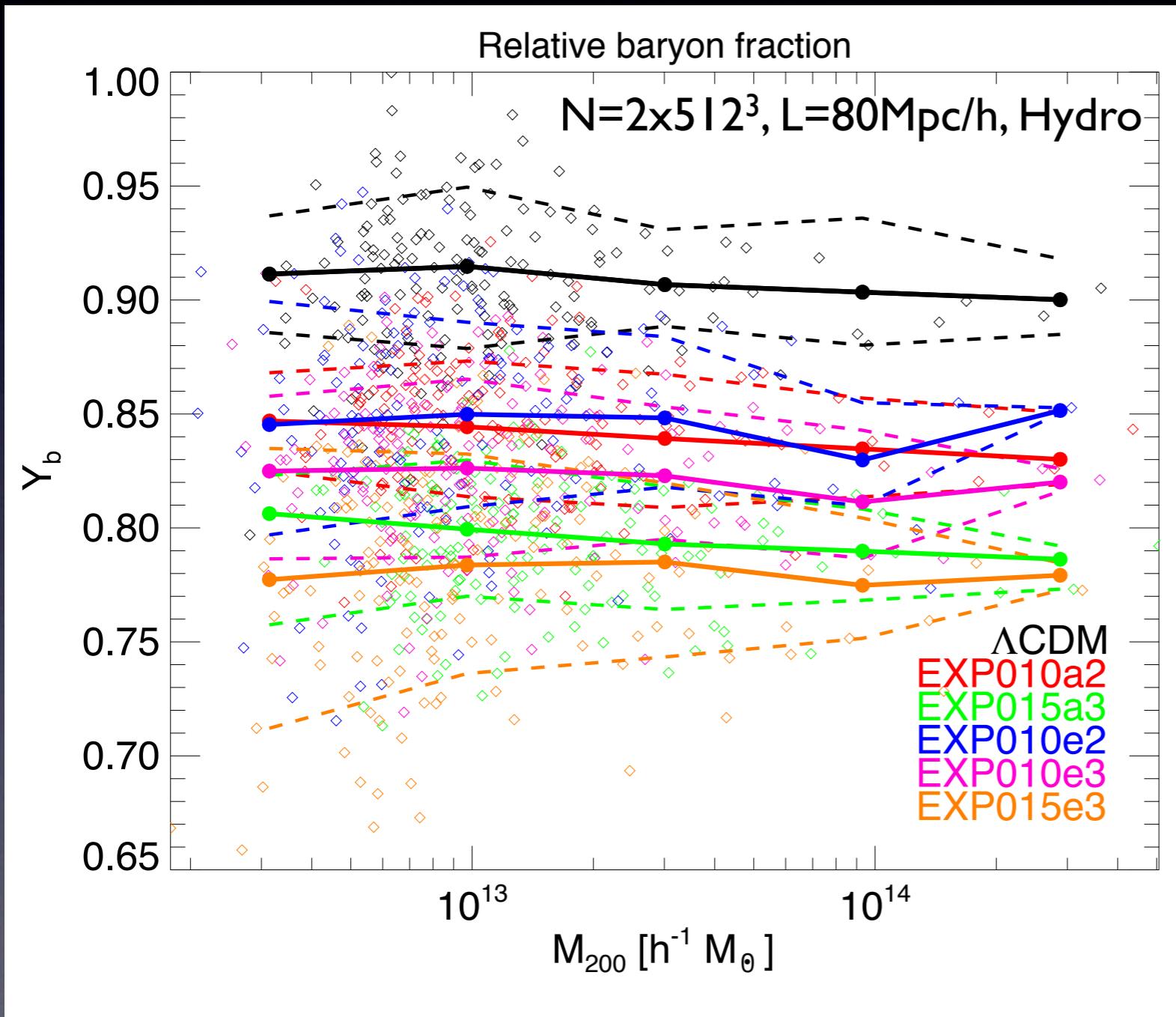
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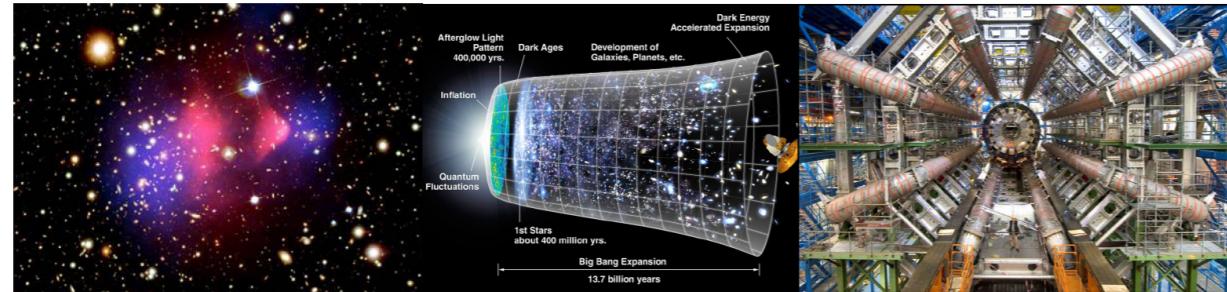
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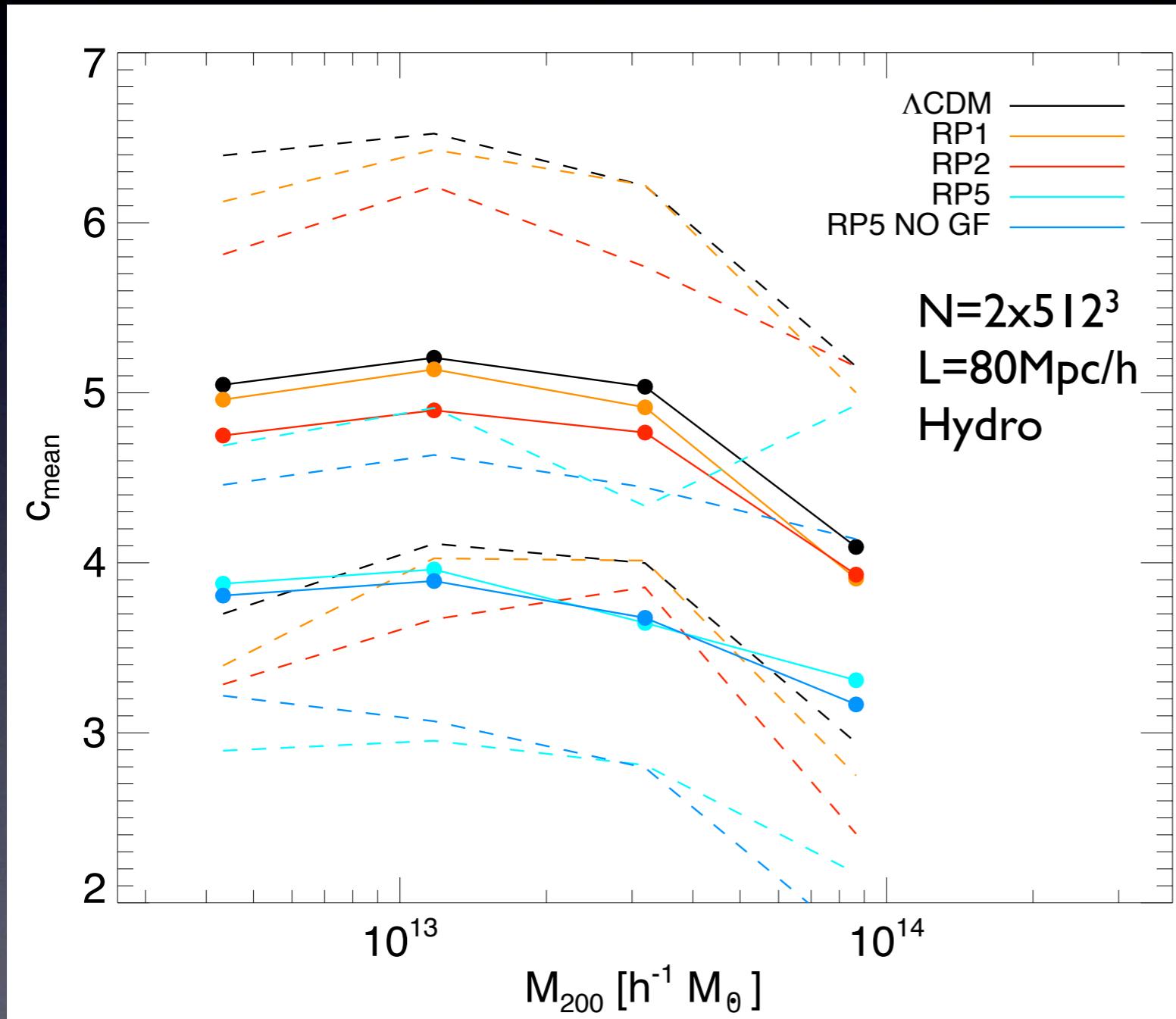
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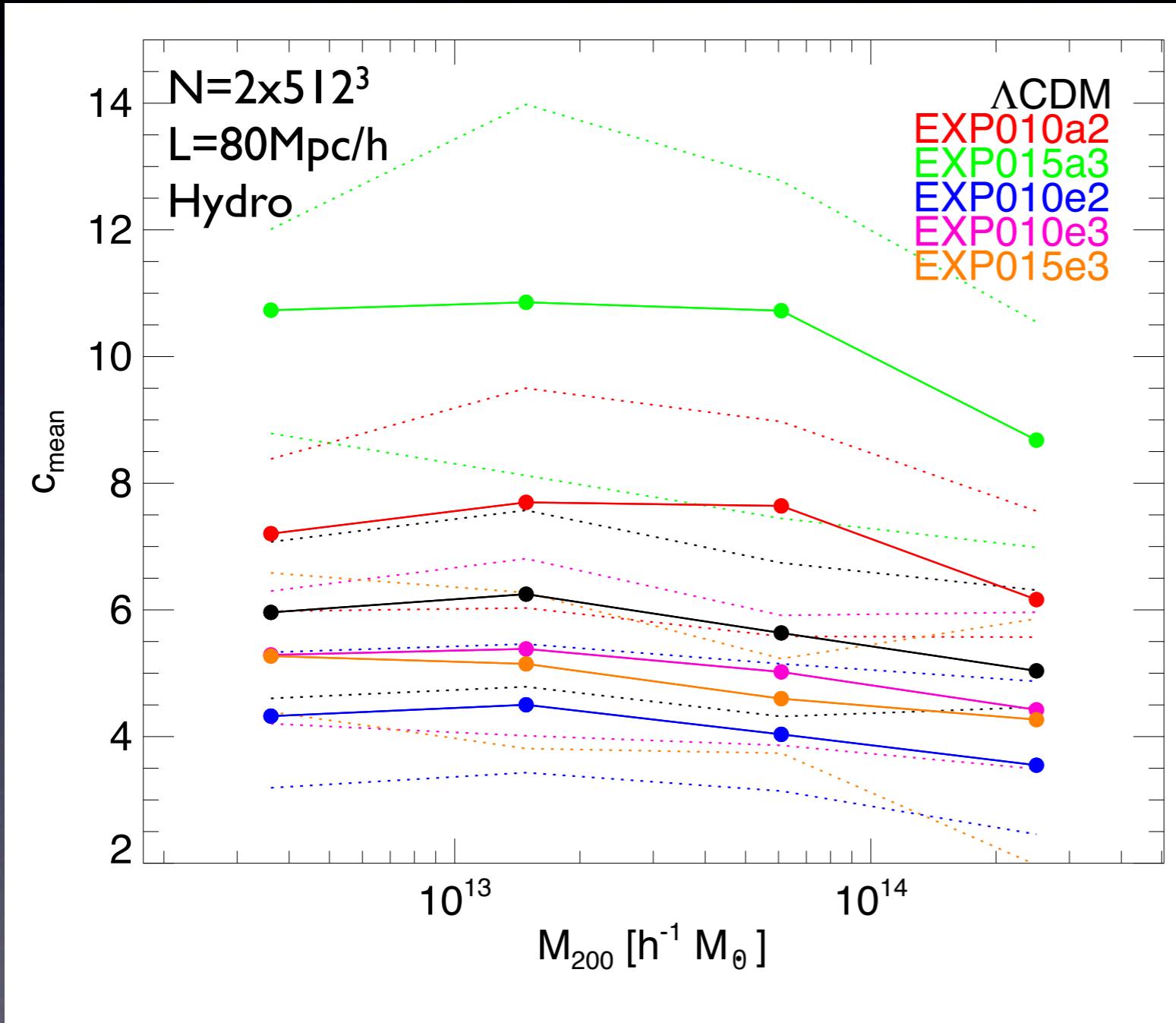
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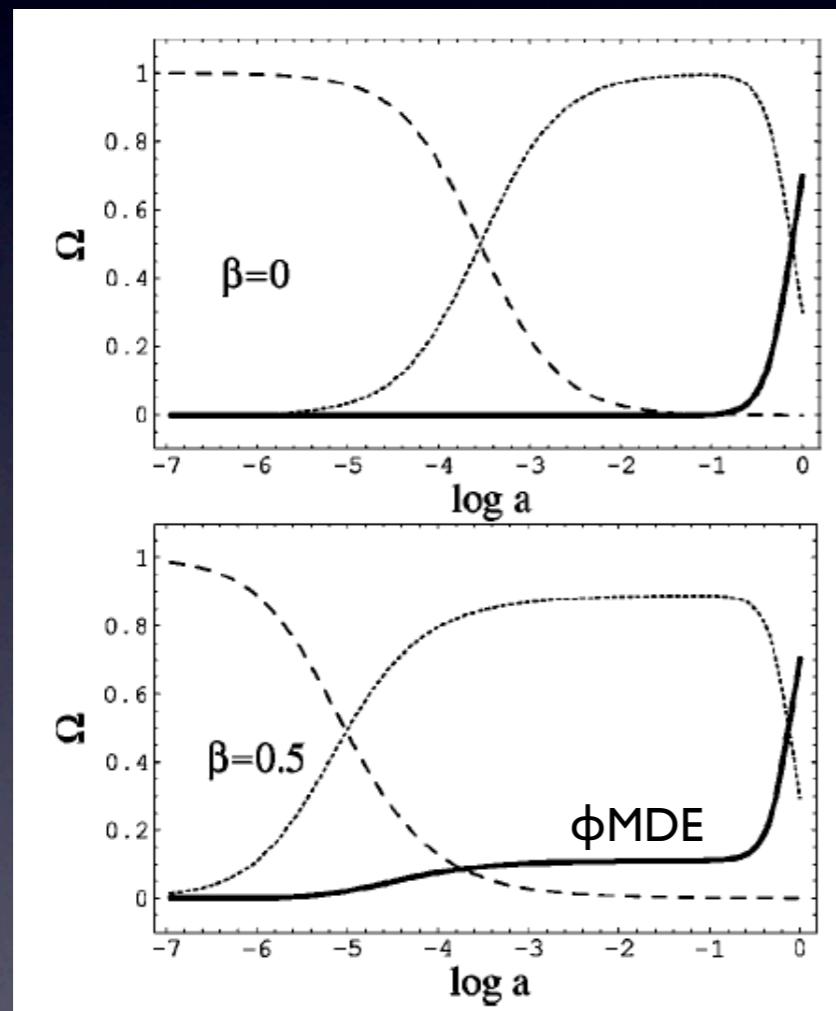
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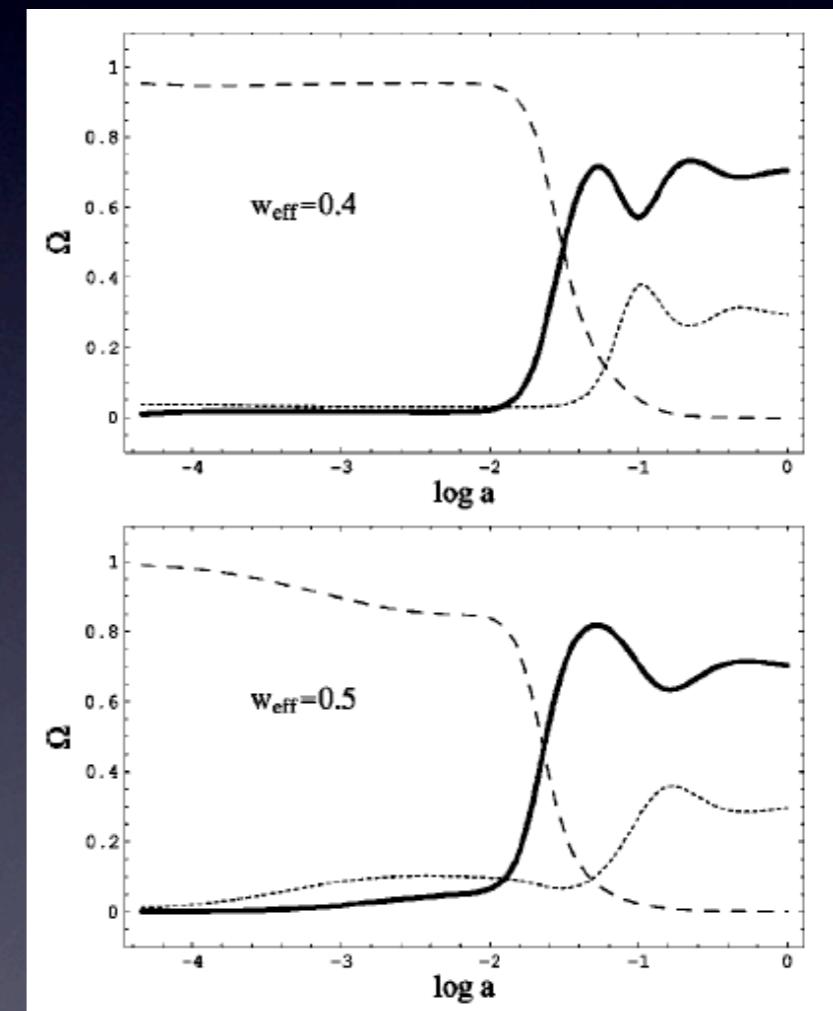
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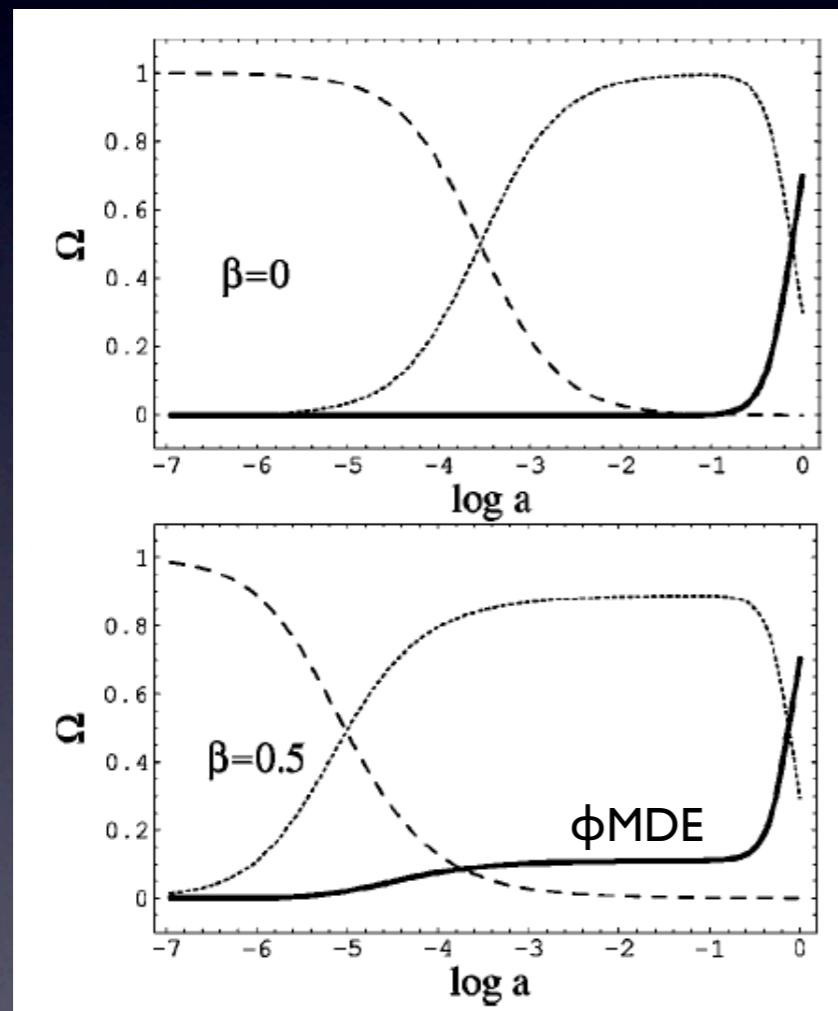
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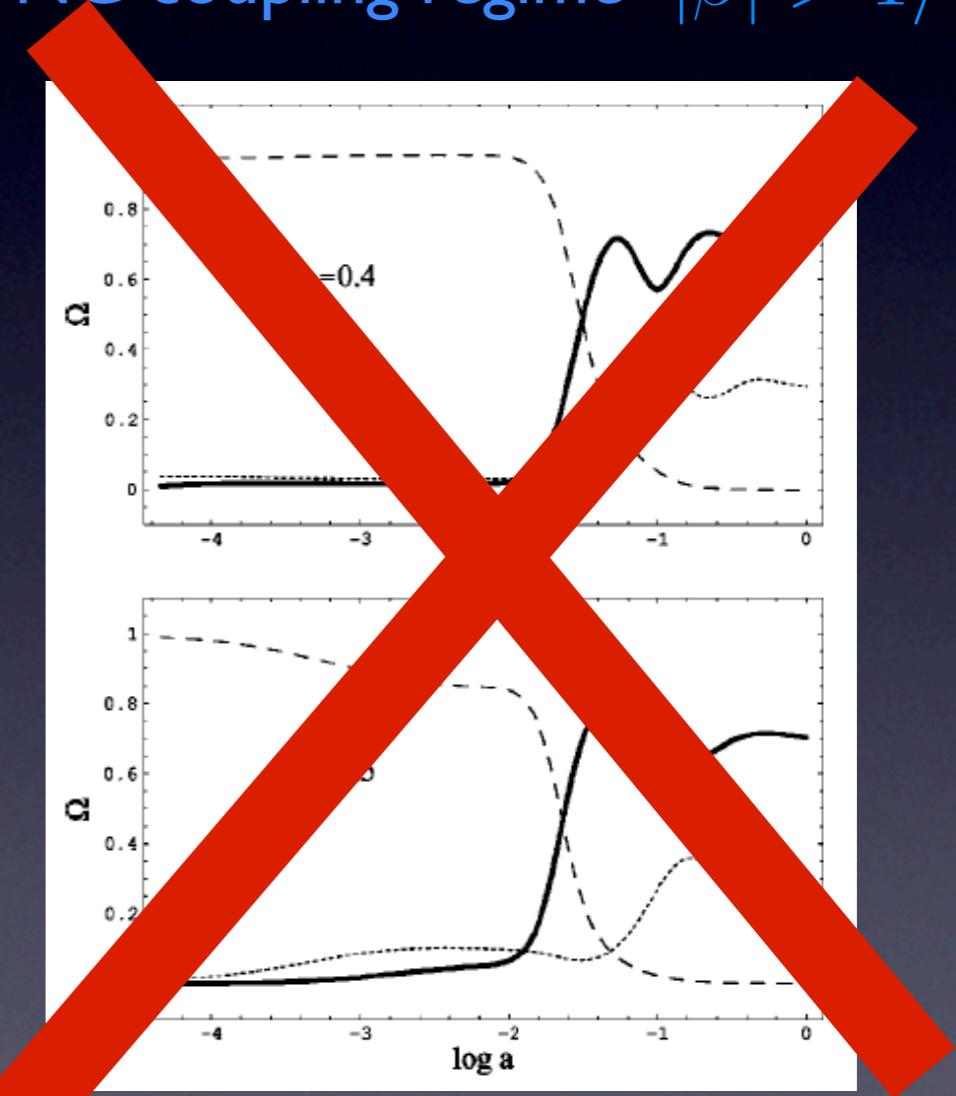
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