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# Constraining the Galactic dark matter Halo with *hypervelocity stars*

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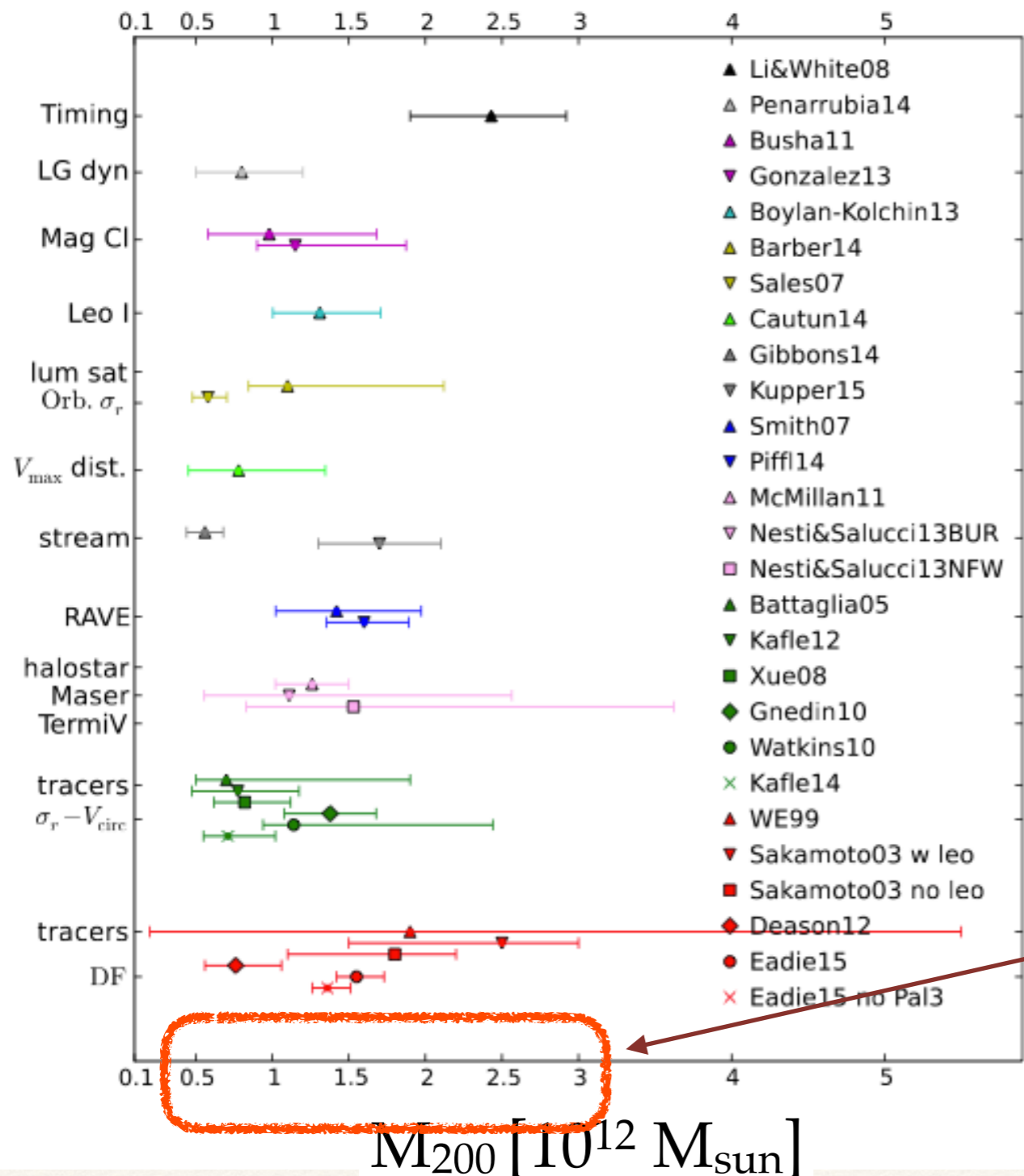
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# Galactic Dark Matter Halo



Large uncertainties in shape, orientation, coarseness, mass radial profile and total mass

e.g. Moore+99 ; Bullock +10; Law & Majewski 10; Vera-Ciro & Helmi 13; Pearson + 15; Gibbons, Belokurov & Evans 15; ,.....+ reference on figure on the left

A factor of ~6 in mass: is that important ?

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# Testing $\Lambda$ CDM

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In  $\Lambda$ CDM, for  $> 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  Milky Way halos:

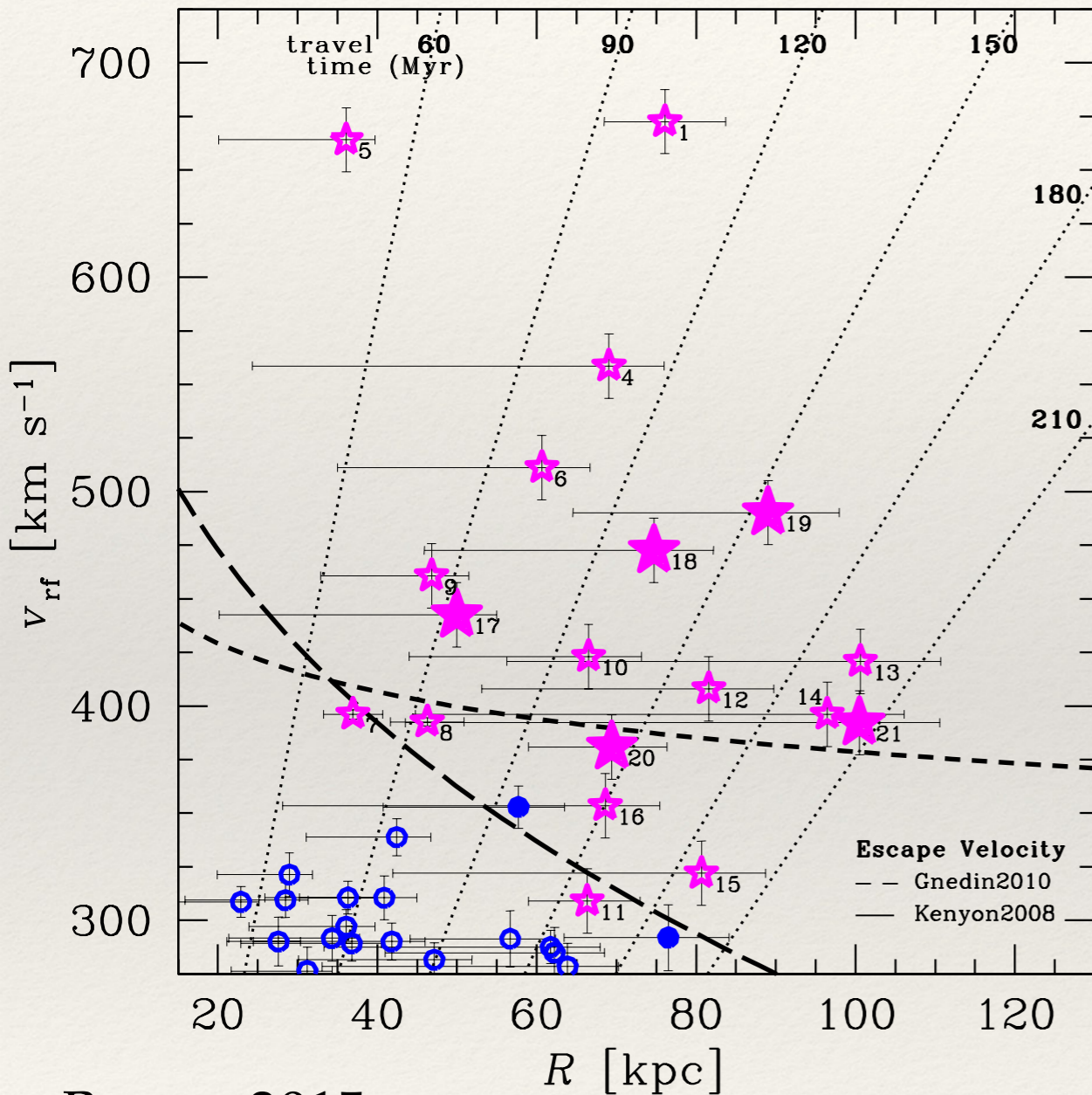
Mismatch between the number of low-mass sub-halos predicted and faint Milky Way's satellites: "the missing satellite problem"  
(Klypin +99; Moore + 99)

the most massive sub-haloes predicted do not correspond to any of the known satellites of the Milky Way: "the too big to fail problem"  
(Boylan-Kolchin, Bullock, & Kaplinghat 11)

A lighter Halo ( $< 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$ ) can solve the problem

==> halo mass determination *within that range* can thus be used to test cosmological models

# Hyper-velocity stars



Brown 2015

- So far, a small fraction detected:
- First detection in 2005 (Brown et al.),
  - ~20 so far discovered
  - Estimated  $\sim 10^4$  of all masses out to about 100 kpc (Brown et al. 07)

Current discovery strategy yields biased sample:

- Found spectroscopically (SDSS)
- Targeting the outer halo
- All late B-Type stars ( $\sim 3-4 M_{\text{sun}}$ )
- Only line-of-sight velocities

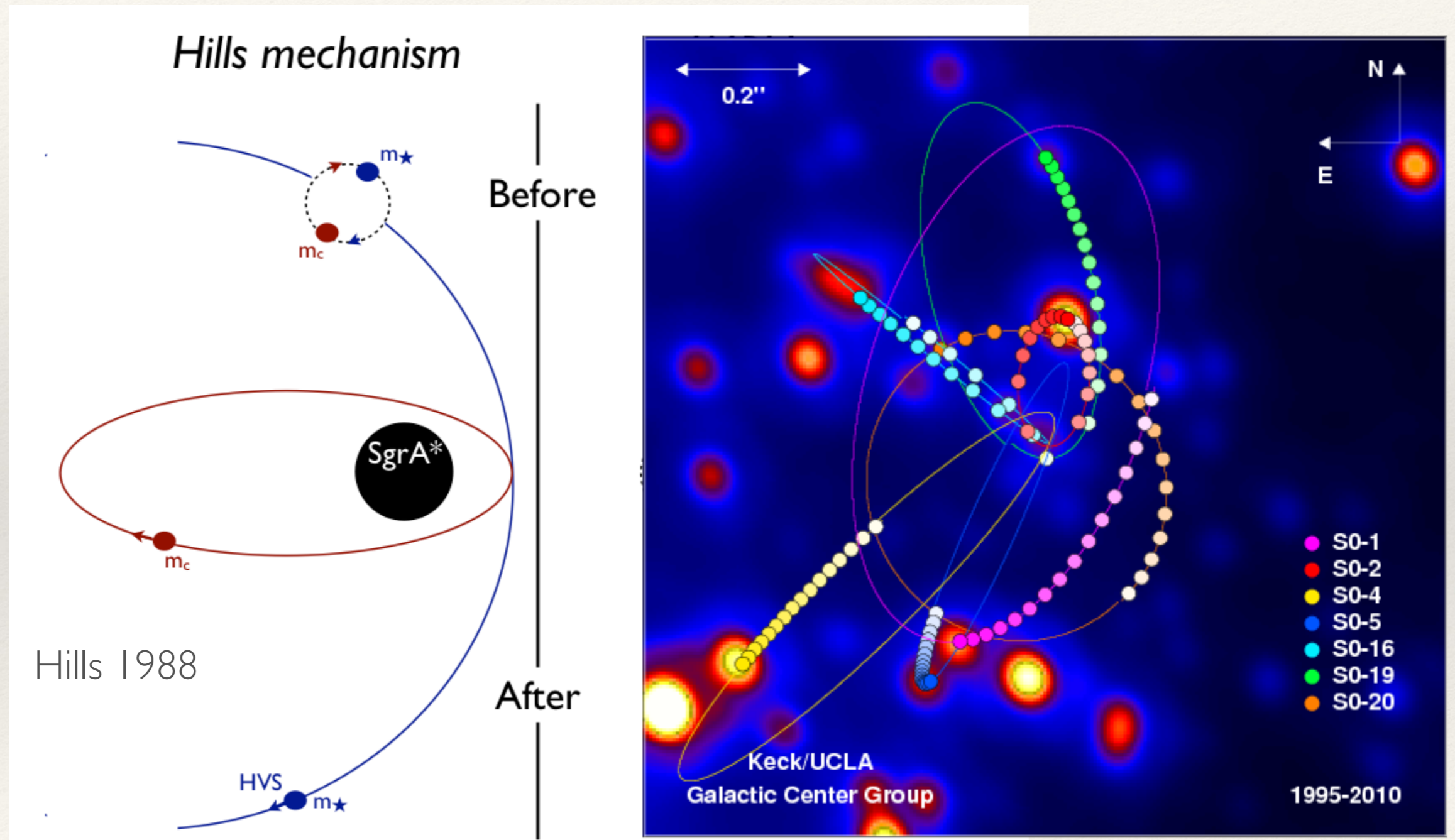
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# HVSs are exceptional tools

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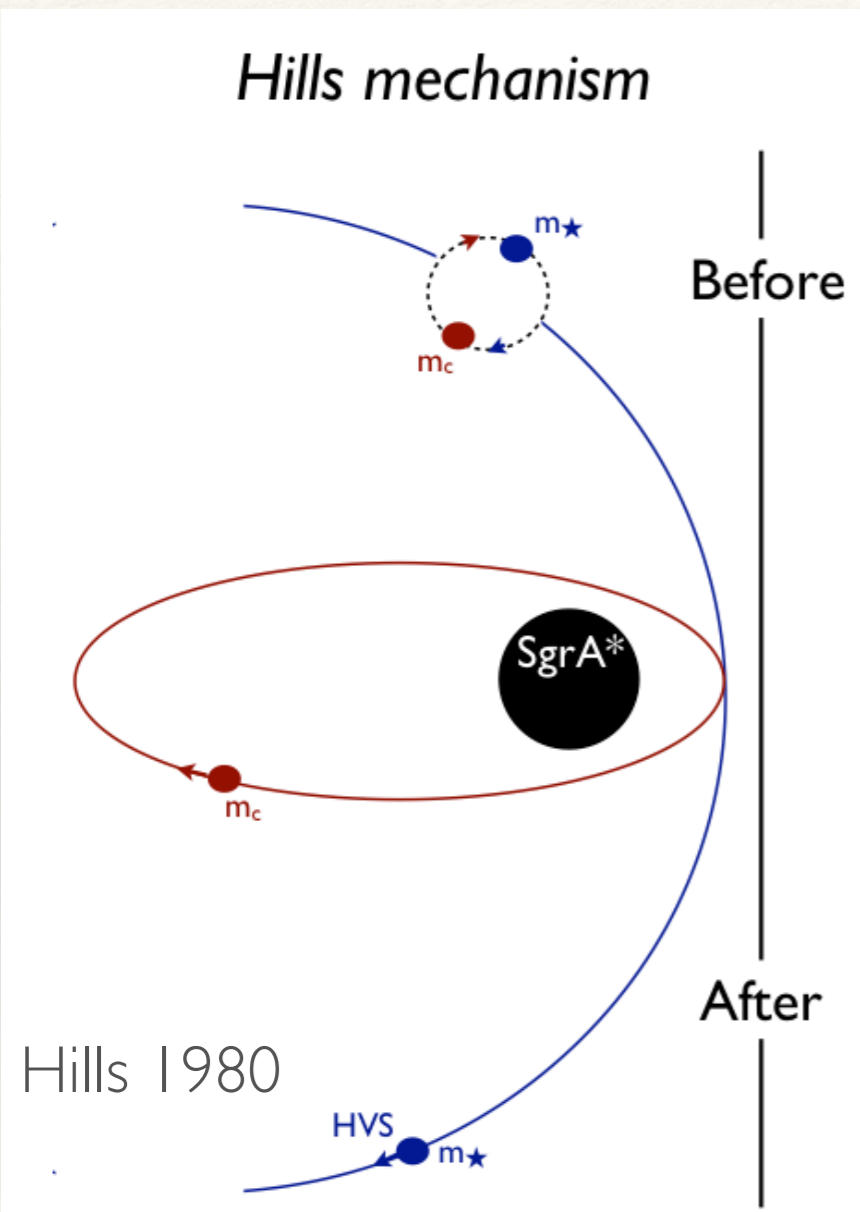
- Allow **study of Galactic Centre stars**, in more accessible part of the sky
- Are alternative dynamical **tracers of the Galactic Potential**  
(Gnedin et al. 2005 Yu, Q. & Madau, P. 2007)

# Origin of Hypervelocity stars



S-star cluster at  $< 0.04$  pc from SgrA\*  
6Perets + 07; Antonini & Merritt 13; Madigan + 14

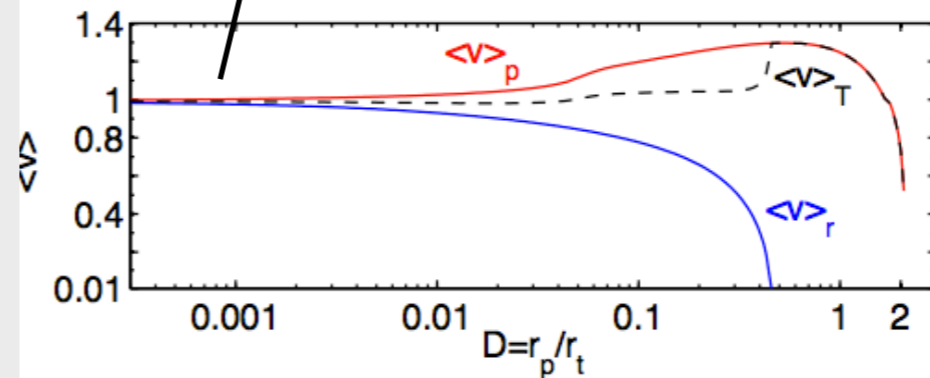
# Ejection velocity



We use a restricted 3-body formalism,  
exploiting  $m/M \ll 1$

The HVS ejection velocity *analytically* depends  
on binary mass and separation

$$V_{\text{HVS}} \cong \sqrt{\frac{2Gm_c}{a}} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^{1/6}$$



numerical factor here of the order of unity

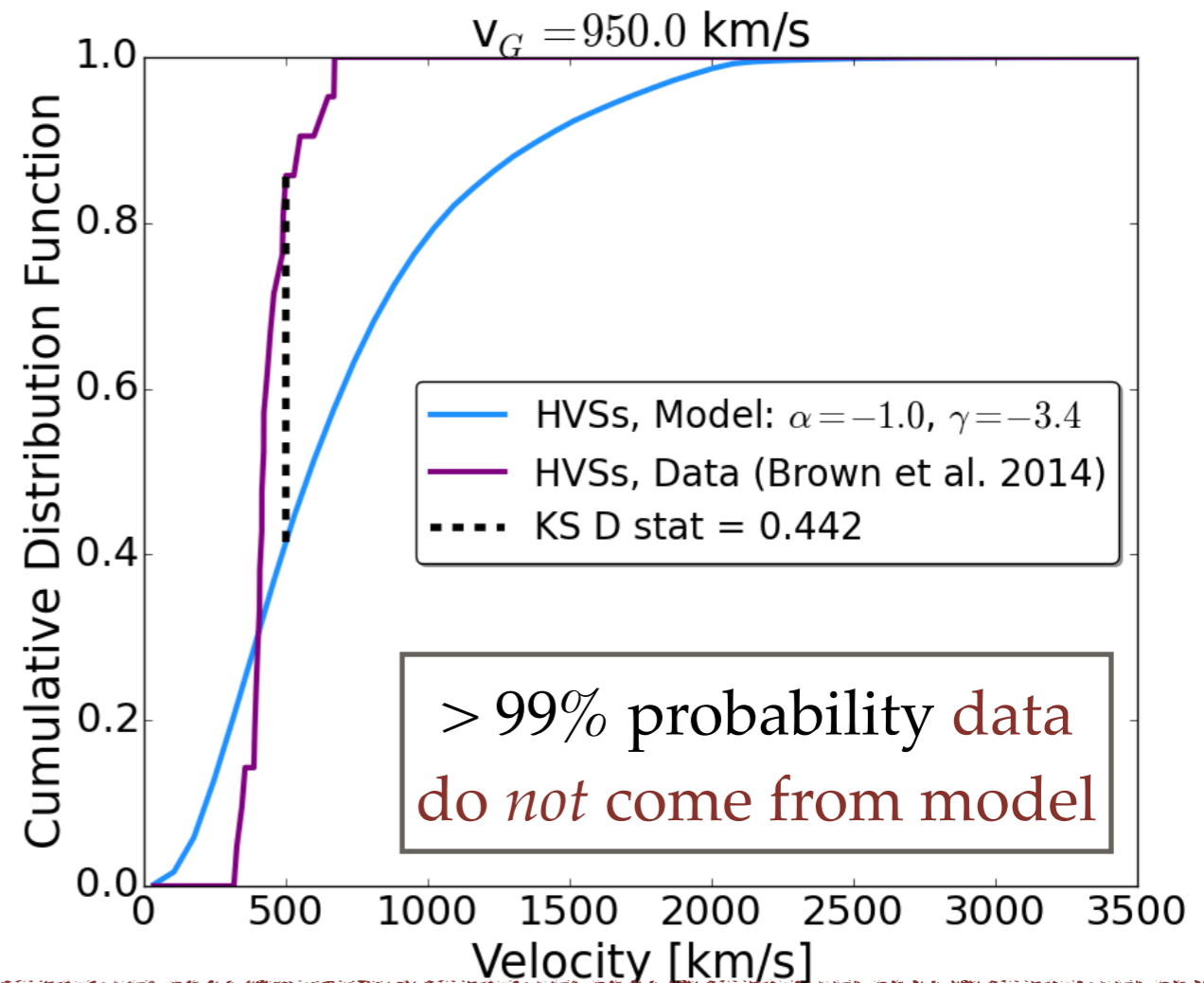
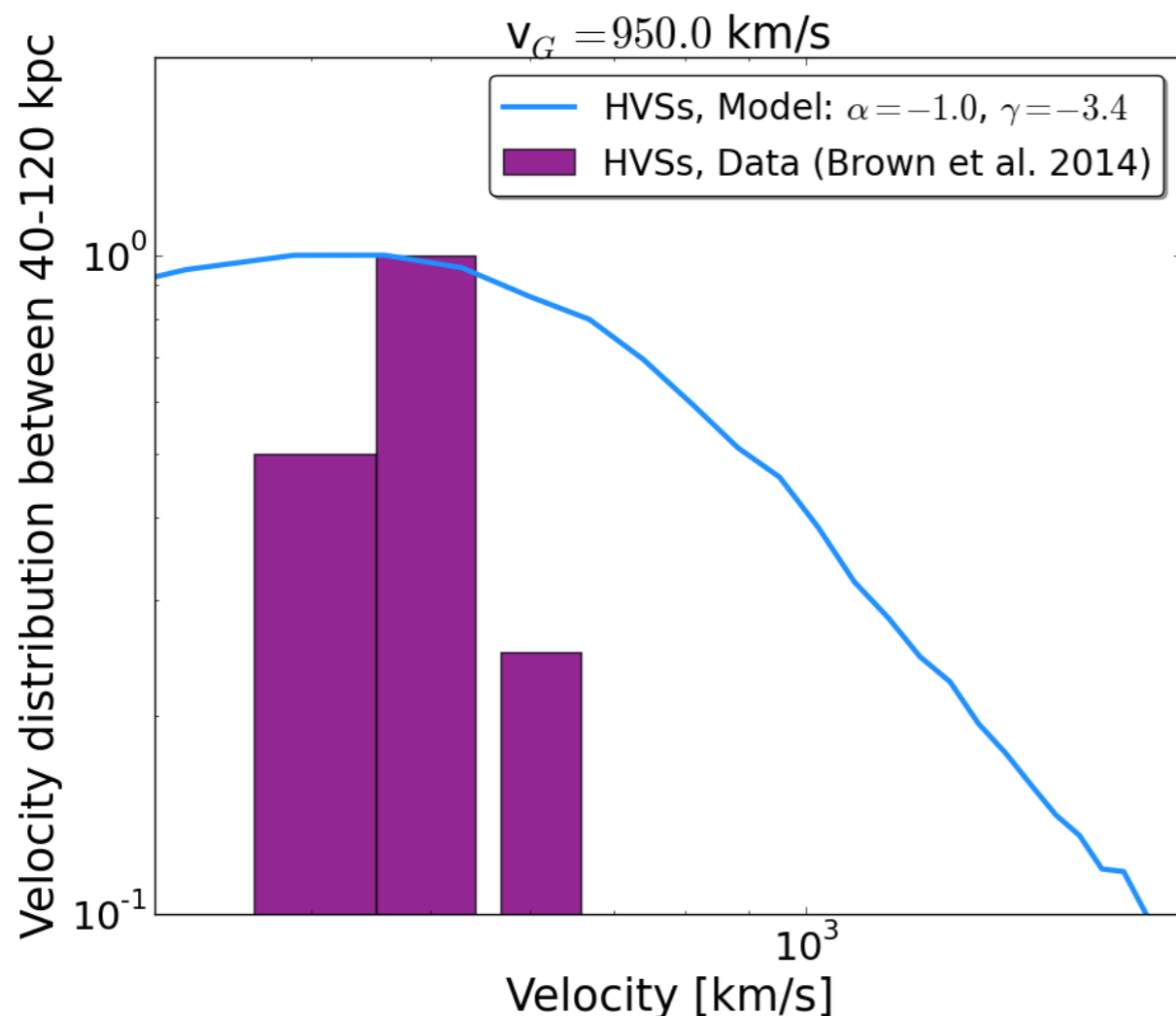
Given separation and mass distributions => HVS velocity distribution

# velocity distribution *in the halo*

Agnostic approach: to define the Galactic Potential only by *its escape velocity* " $V_G$ " from the inner Halo (at  $\sim 25$  kpc)

shaped by

$$v^2 = v_{ej}^2 - V_G^2$$

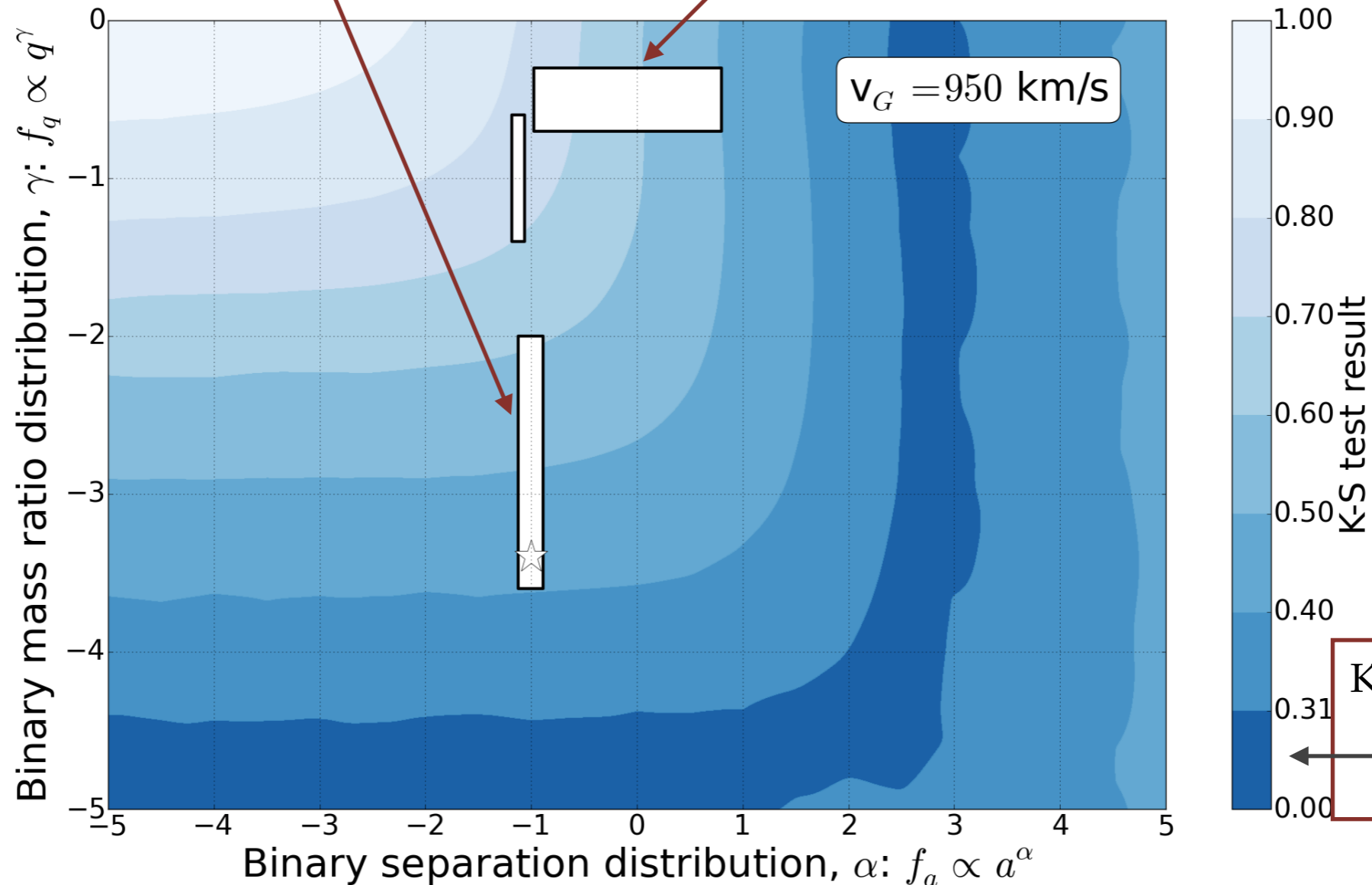




# Are binary stars in GC different?

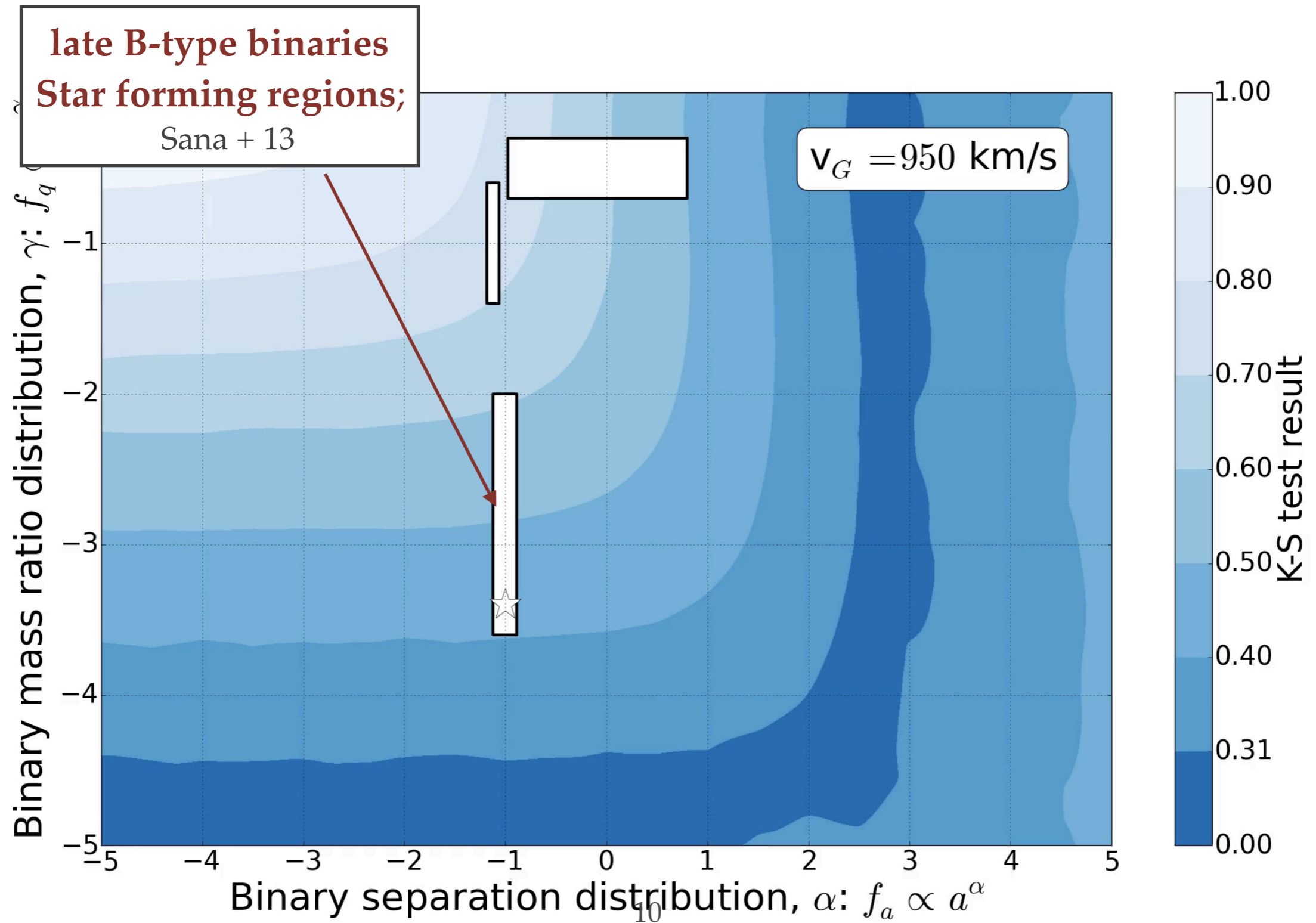
late B-type binaries  
Star forming regions;  
Sana + 13

late B-type binaries in Solar Neighbourhood;  
Kouwenhoven+07; Duchene & Kraus 13



K-S test fails to reject  
that data come  
from model

# Constraining “ $V_G$ ” range



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$720 \text{ km/s} < V_G < 780 \text{ km/s}$   
note:  $\sim 720 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  is the escape velocity from the bulge

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====> For  $720 \text{ km/s} < V_G < 780 \text{ km/s}$

stripe of minima overlaps with observed binary population in star forming regions **BUT never overlaps with Solar Neighbourhood data**

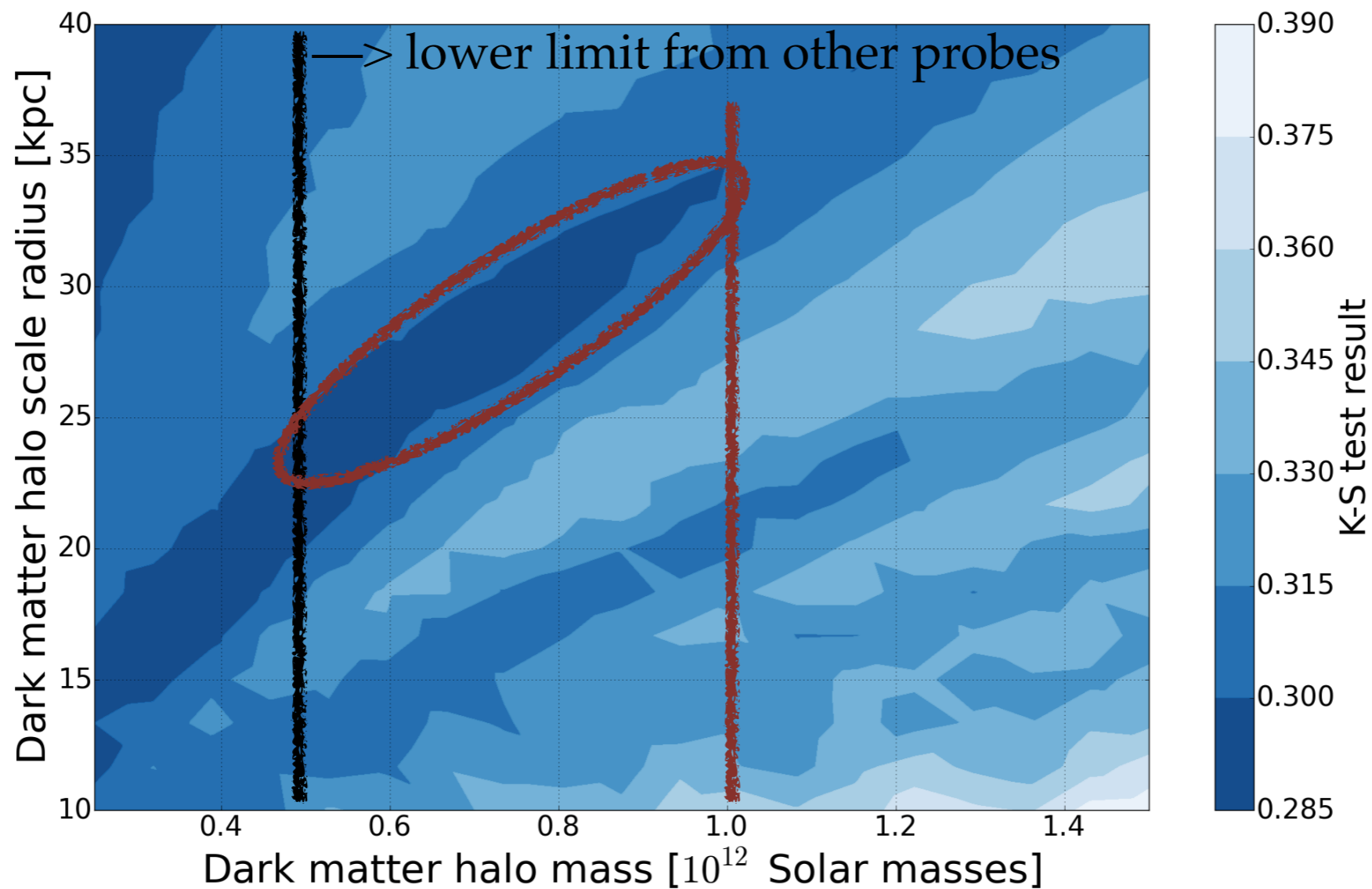
Lets' take NWF and de-project the  $V_G$  range onto Mass-scale radius plane for values make with a star

...plus the potential for the disc and bulge (Hernquist 1990)



# Constraining the Halo mass

$$\alpha = -1 \text{ and } \gamma = -3.5$$



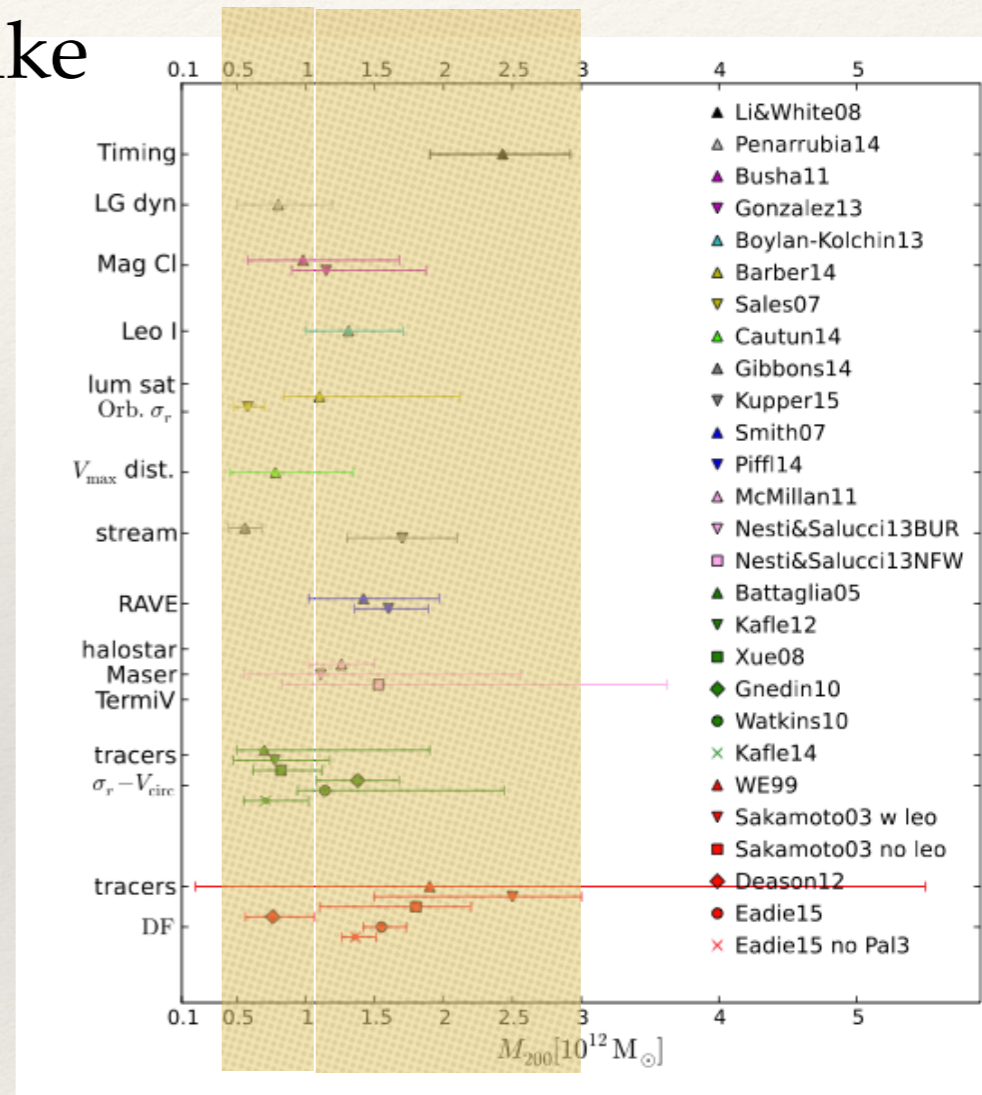
**HVS data suggest a light halo with mass  $< 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$**

# Conclusions and Caveats

— Massive  $> 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  Halo & GC binaries not like those observed in either star and non-star forming regions

OR

— Light  $< 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  Halo & GC binaries like those observed in star forming regions with  $\alpha \sim -1$  and  $\gamma \sim -3.5$   
 $\implies$  this would support  $\Lambda$ CDM



Caveat: the semi-major axis distribution may reflect a selection in binaries that fall into the tidal radius:

if e.g. full loss cone, than a *light* halo + binaries like in Solar N. is also OK

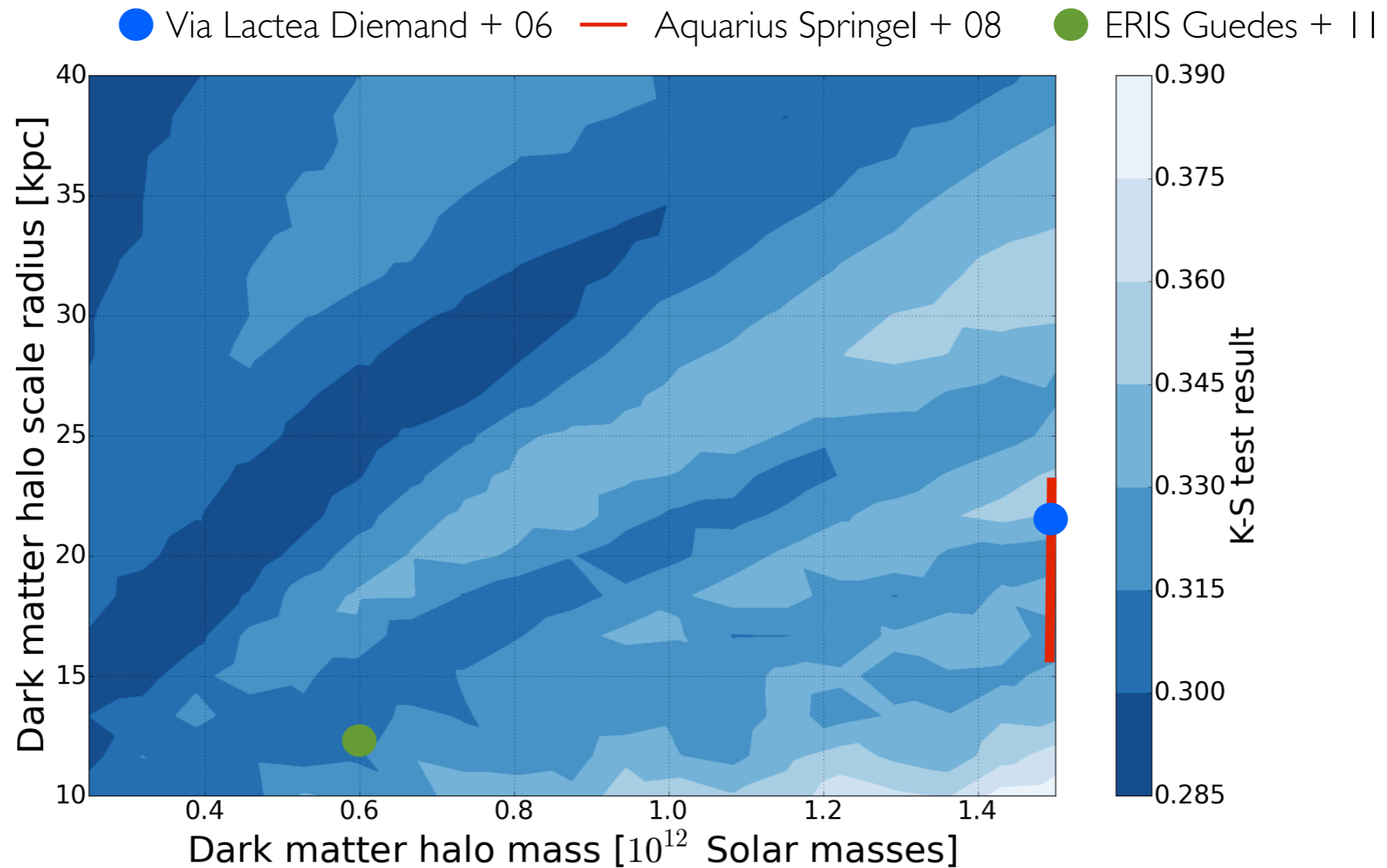
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❖ back-up slides

# the Halo mass in simulations

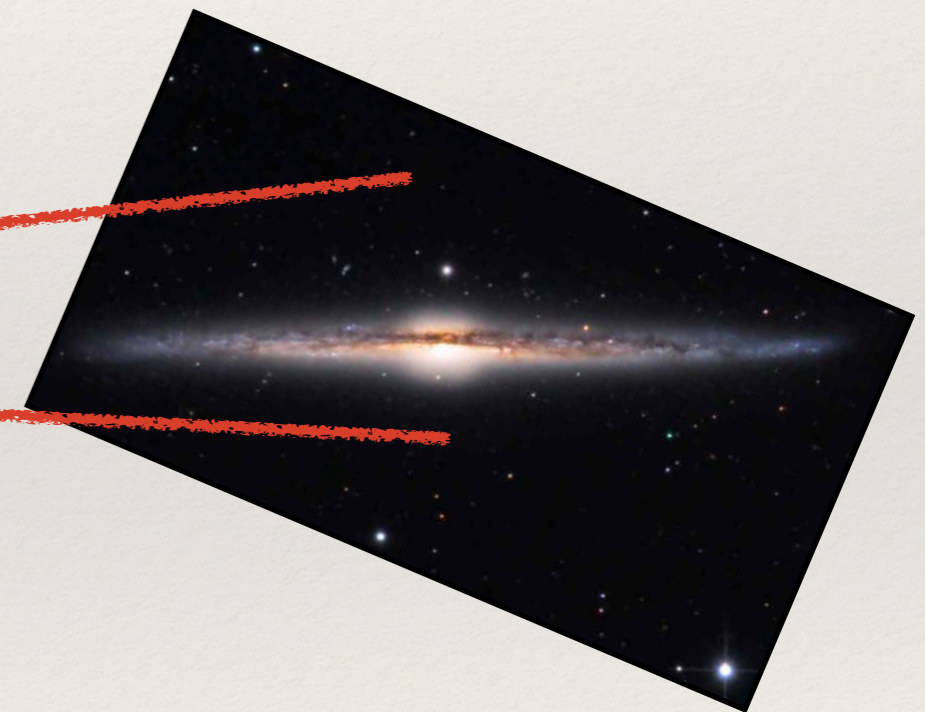
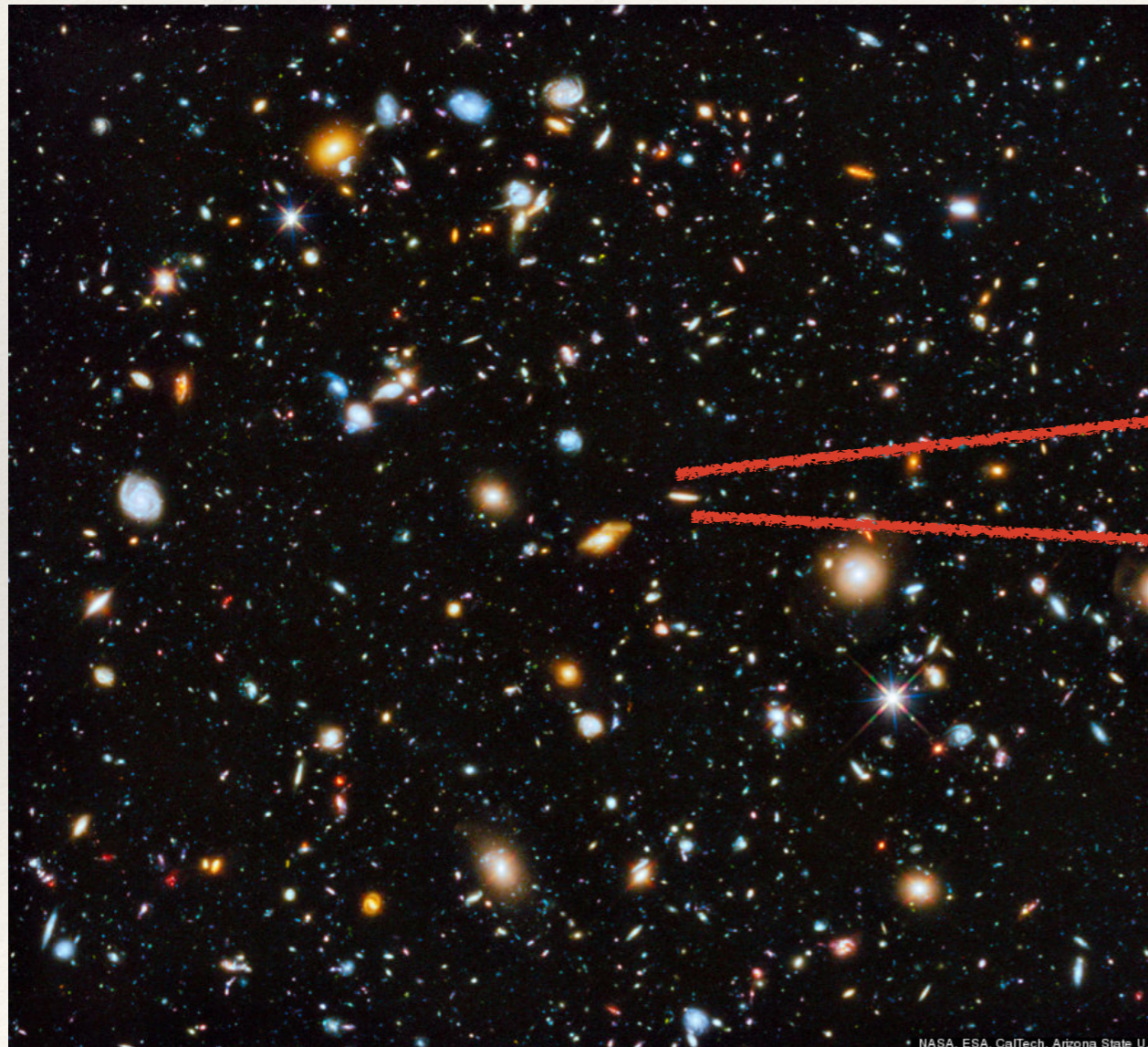
$\alpha = -1$  and  $\gamma = -3.5$



# The Universe's evolution

Understanding the Universe's evolution is understanding galaxies

Hubble Space Telescope, Arizona U.



An outstanding laboratory:  
the Milky Way

galaxies are the Universe's "bricks"



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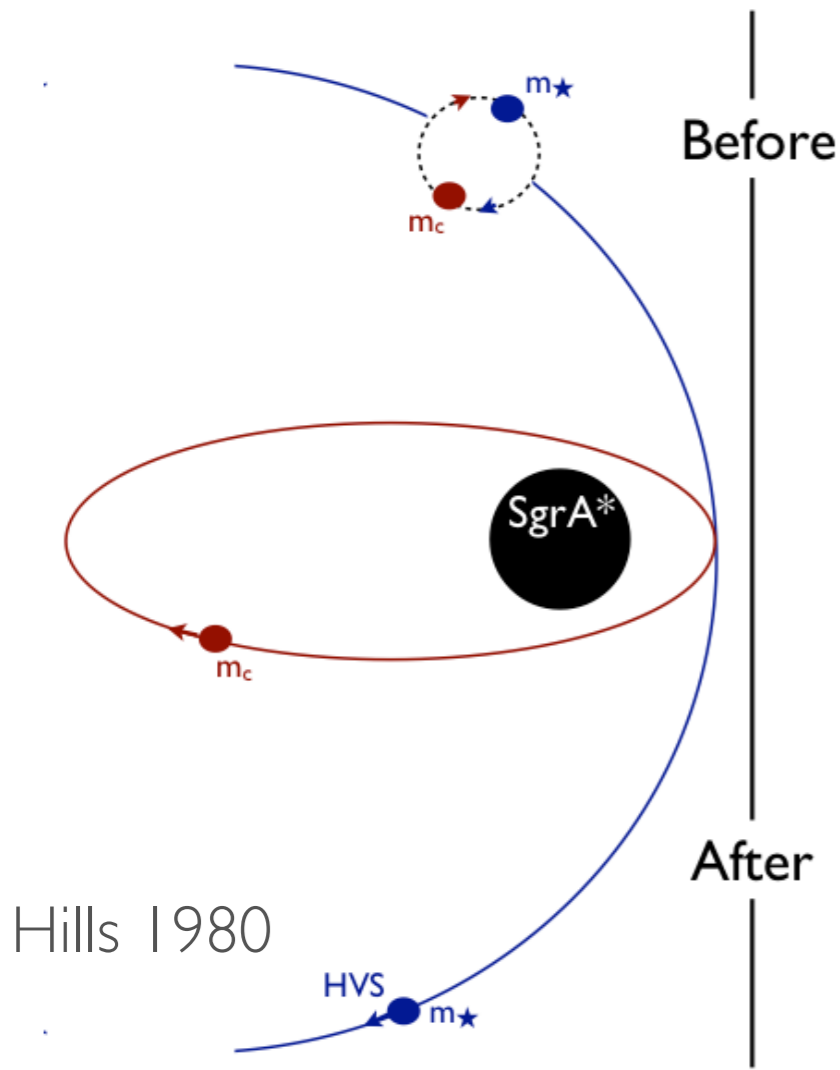
# The galaxy formation

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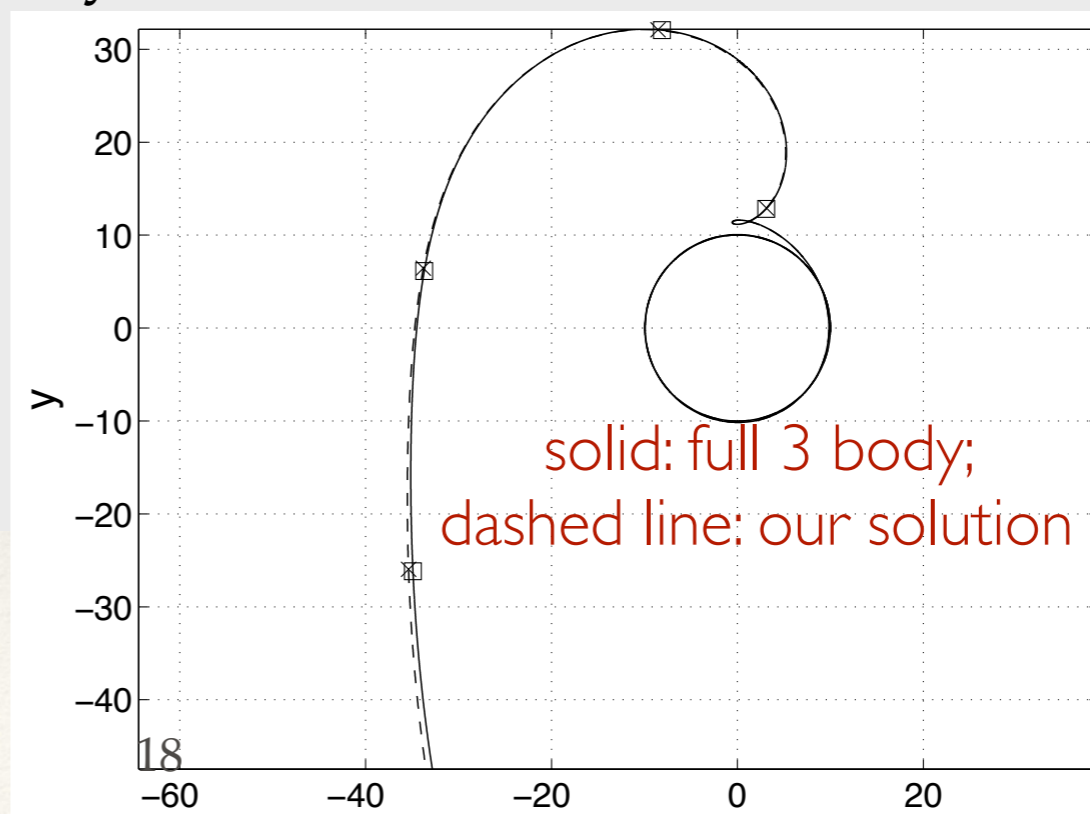
- ❖ It is traditionally addressed with Simulations + Observations
- ❖ Successful field but still many open questions. Let's consider our own Galaxy:
  - ❖ The visible part is hard to reproduce
  - ❖ The Dark Halo is poorly constrained and different realisations of the MW give different mass, shape and lumpiness

# Our computational method

## Hills mechanism

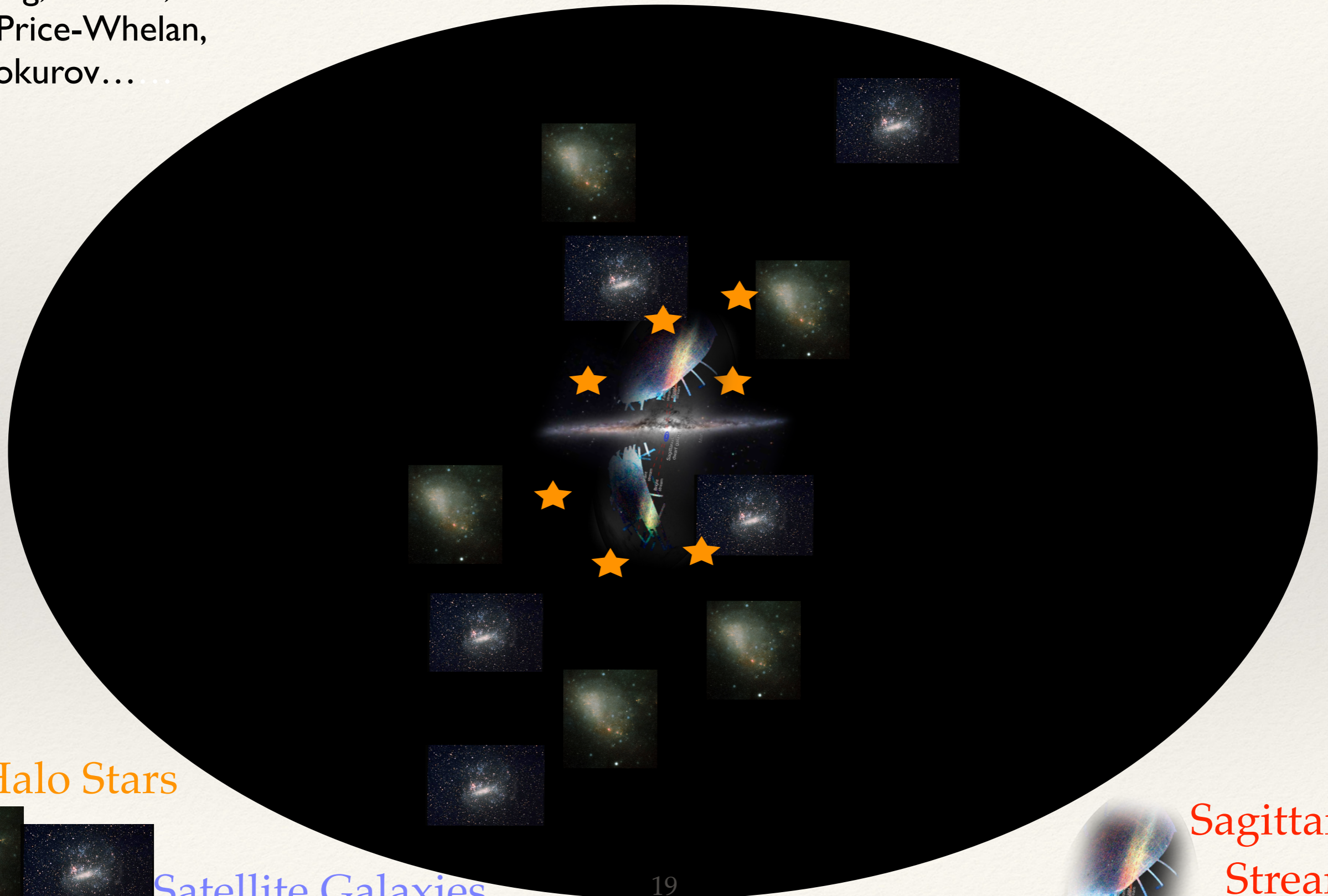


- Others: Velocities and trajectories are calculated via 3-body or N-body interactions for a given parameter space (e.g. Brown's group; Gualandris +)
- We: restricted 3-body formalism, exploiting  $m/M \ll 1 \implies$  more efficient method  
Sari, Kobayashi & EMR 2010; Kobayashi+ 2012; EMR, Kobayashi & Sari 14



# dynamical tracers

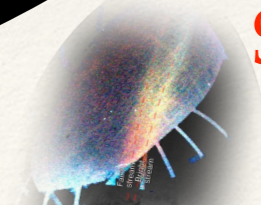
e.g. Johnson, Hogg  
Gibbons, Law &  
Majewski, Helmi,  
Wang, Bullock,  
Ibata, Price-Whelan,  
Belokurov...



★ Halo Stars

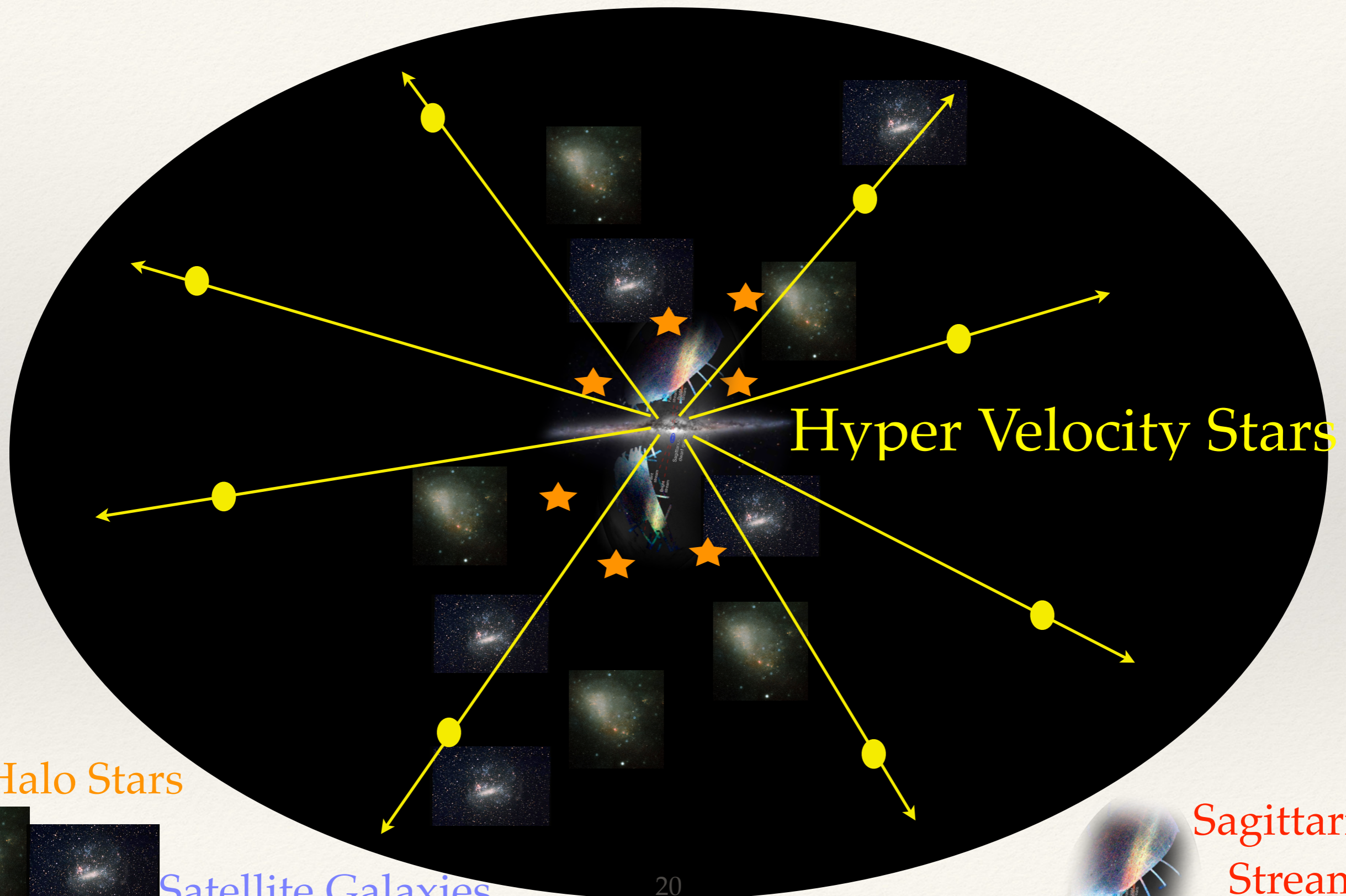


Satellite Galaxies



Sagittarius Stream

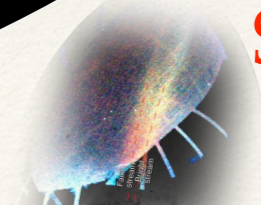
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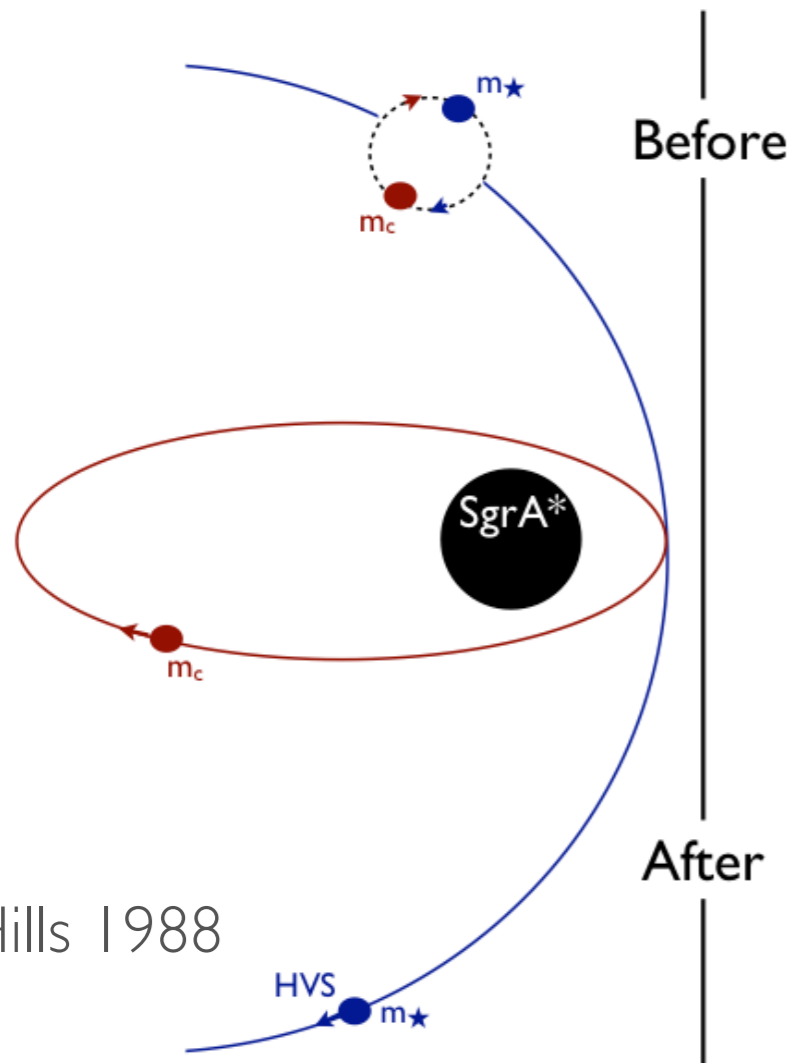
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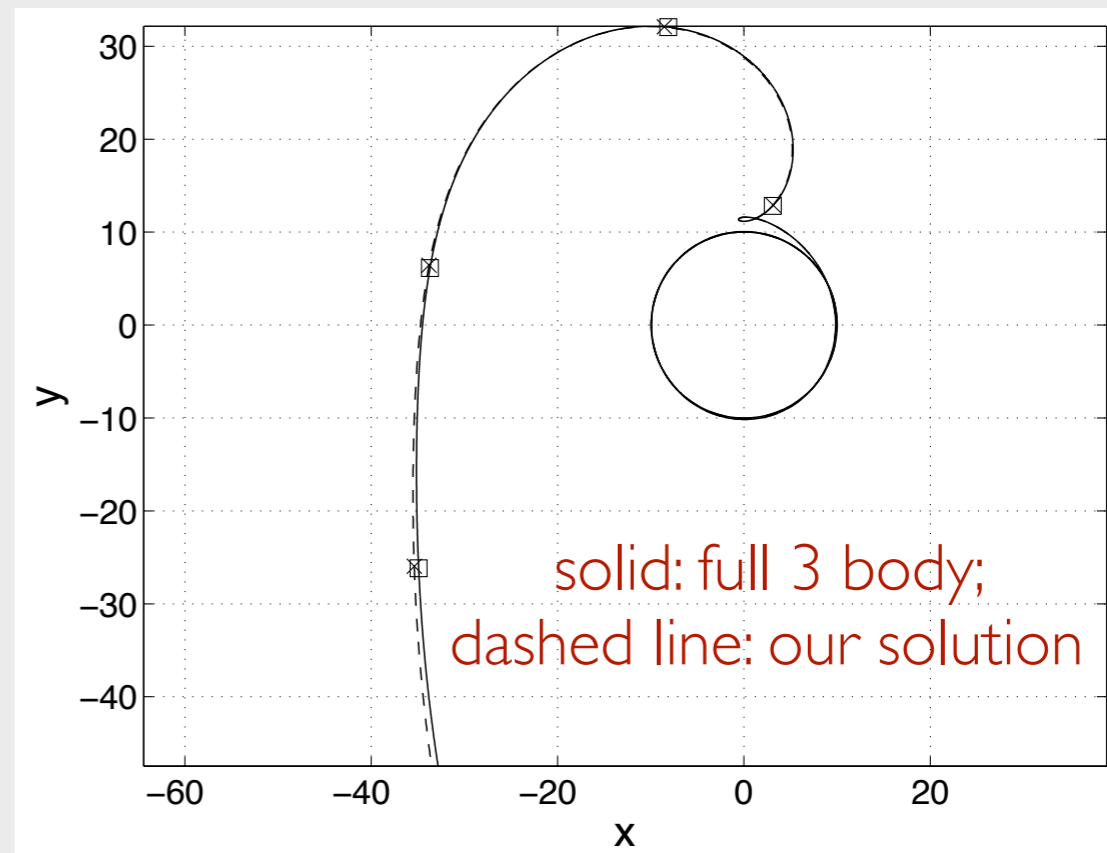
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# Our computational method

Hills mechanism



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