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Constraining the Galactic dark matter Halo with *hypervelocity* stars

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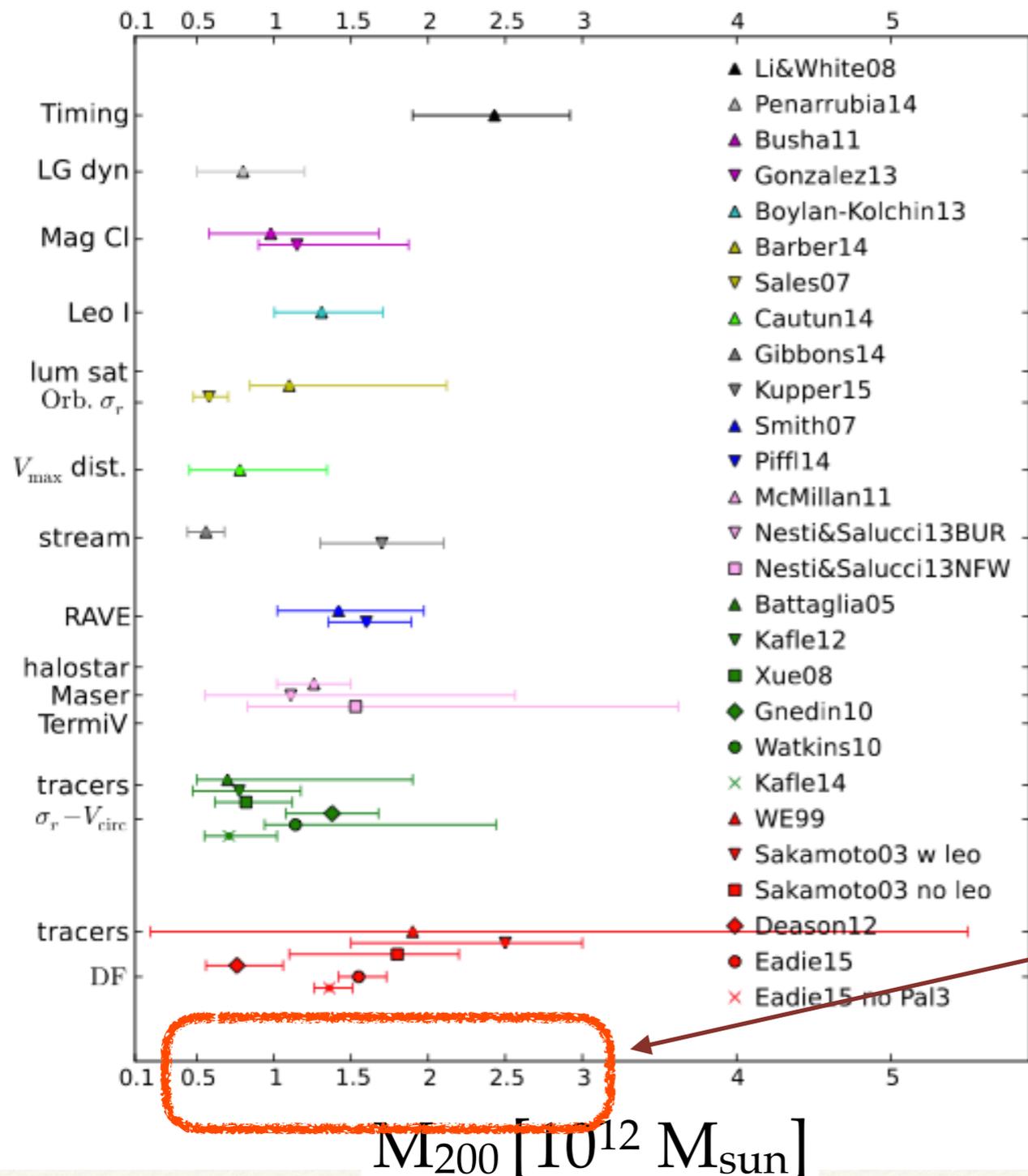
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Galactic Dark Matter Halo



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 ?

Testing Λ CDM

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

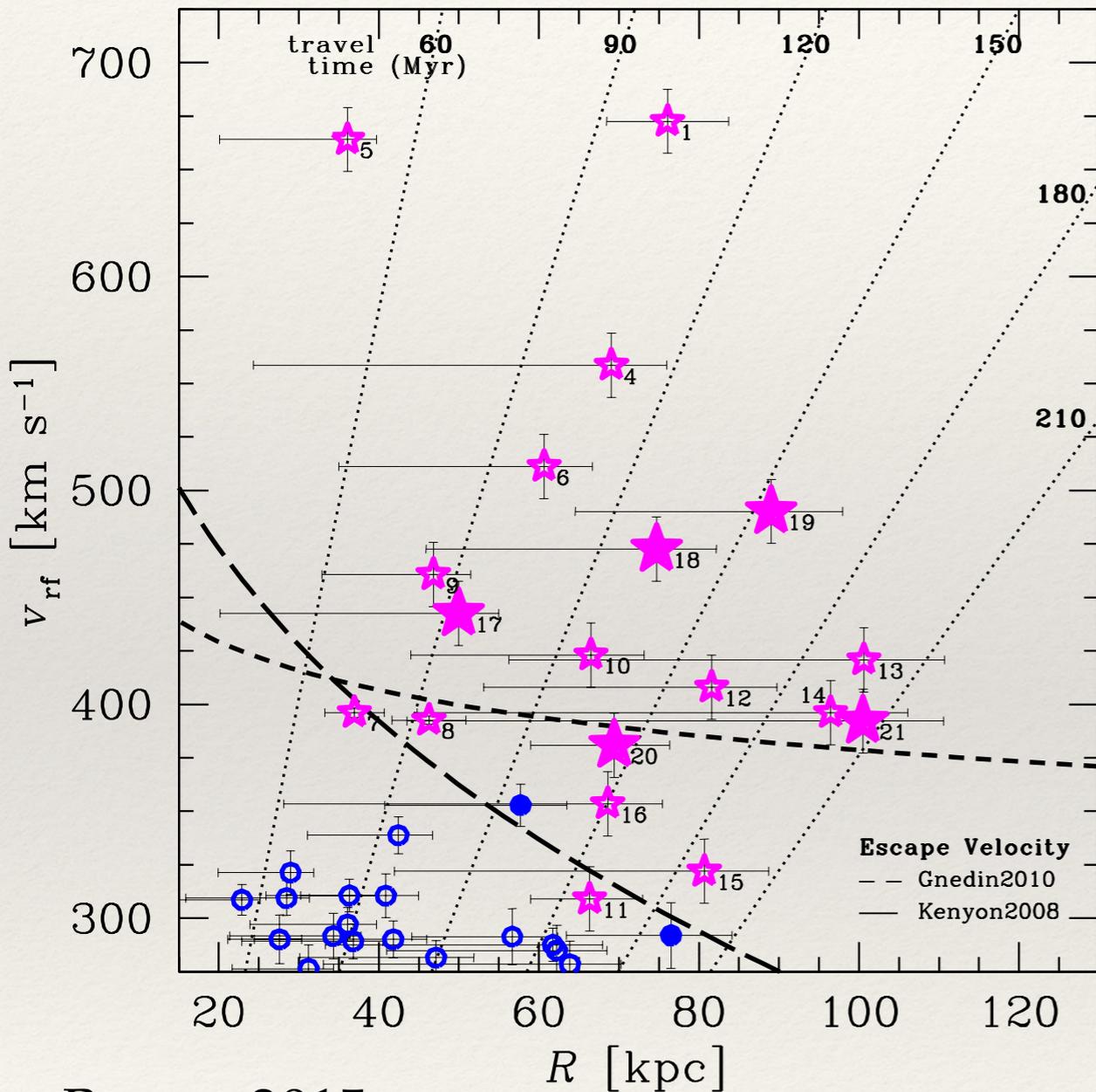
Mismatch between the number of low-mass sub-halos predicted and faint Milky Way's satellites: "the missing satellite problem"
(Klypin +99; Moore + 99)

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)

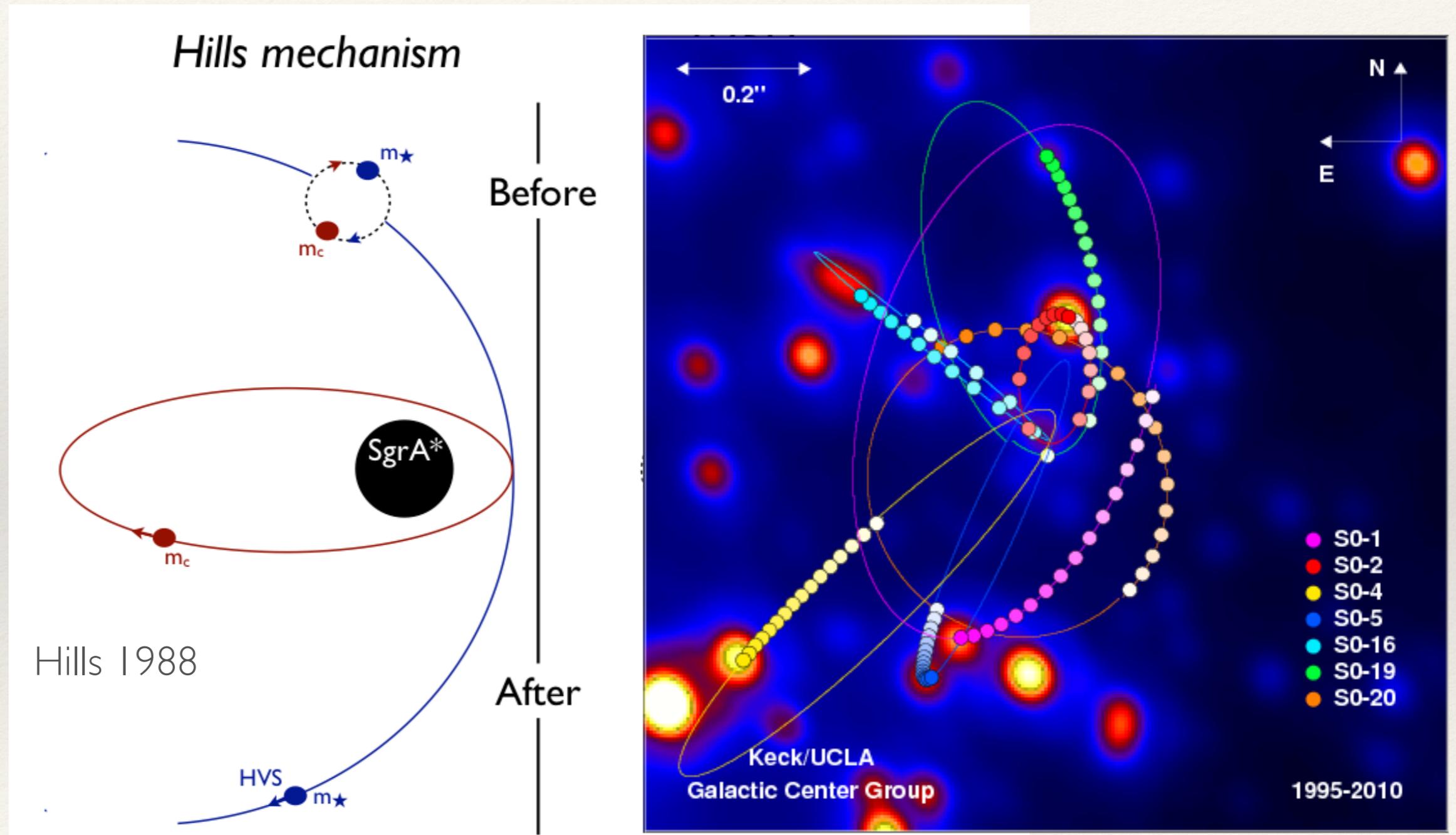
Current discovery strategy yields biased sample:

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

HVSs are exceptional tools

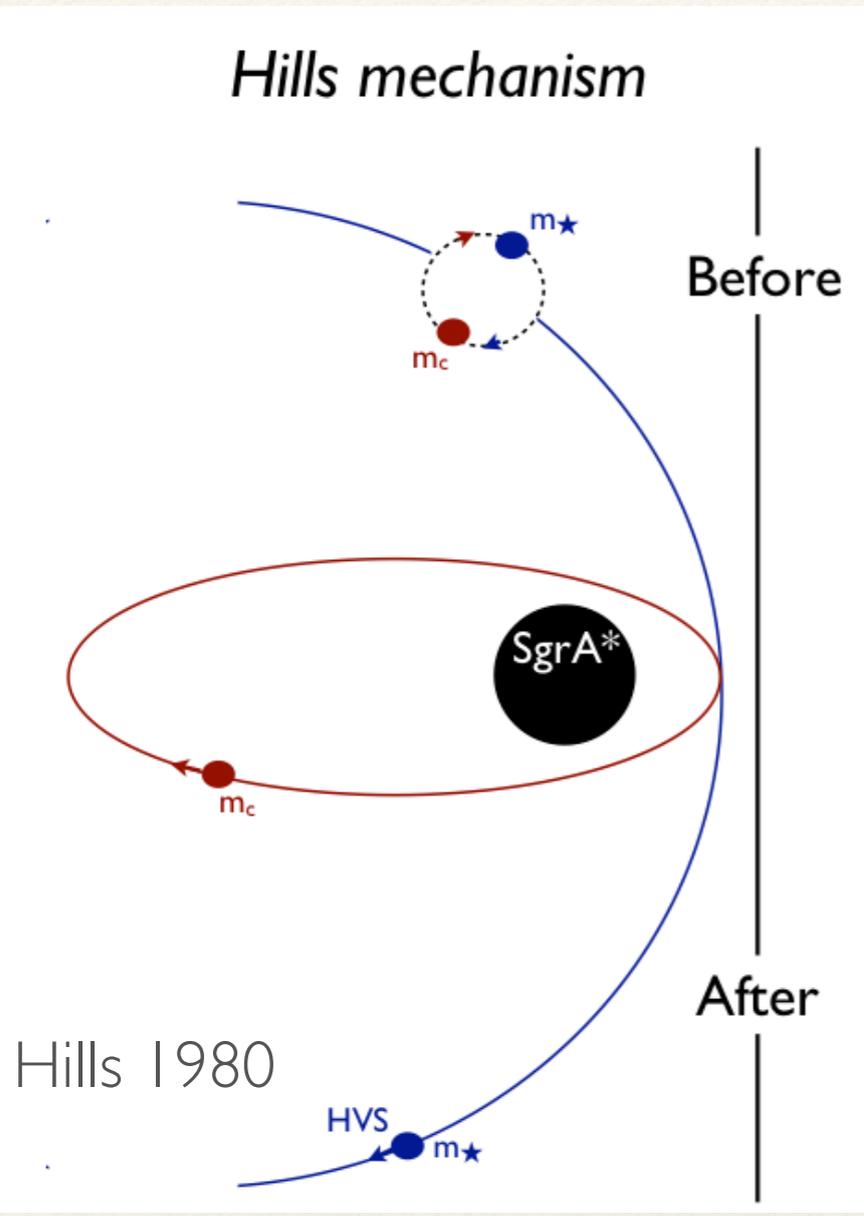
- Allow *study* of Galactic Centre stars, in more accessible part of the sky
- Are alternative dynamical *tracers* of the Galactic Potential
(Gnedin et al. 2005 Yu, Q. & Madau, P. 2007)

Origin of Hypervelocity stars

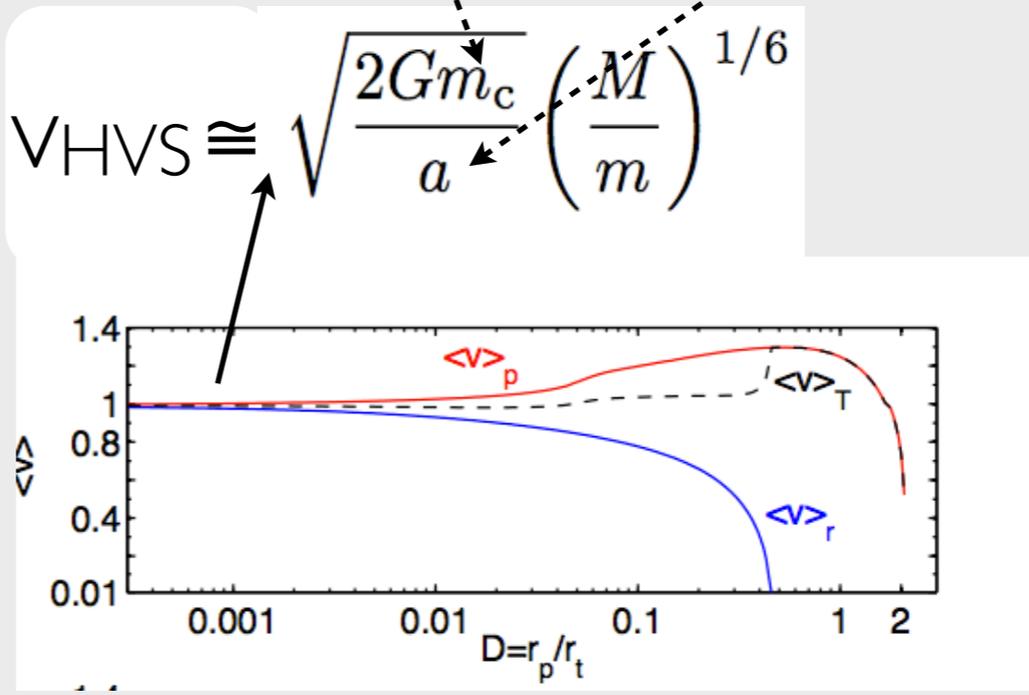


S-star cluster at < 0.04 pc from SgrA*
6Perets + 07; Antonini & Merritt 13; Madigan + 14

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



numerical factor here of the order of unity

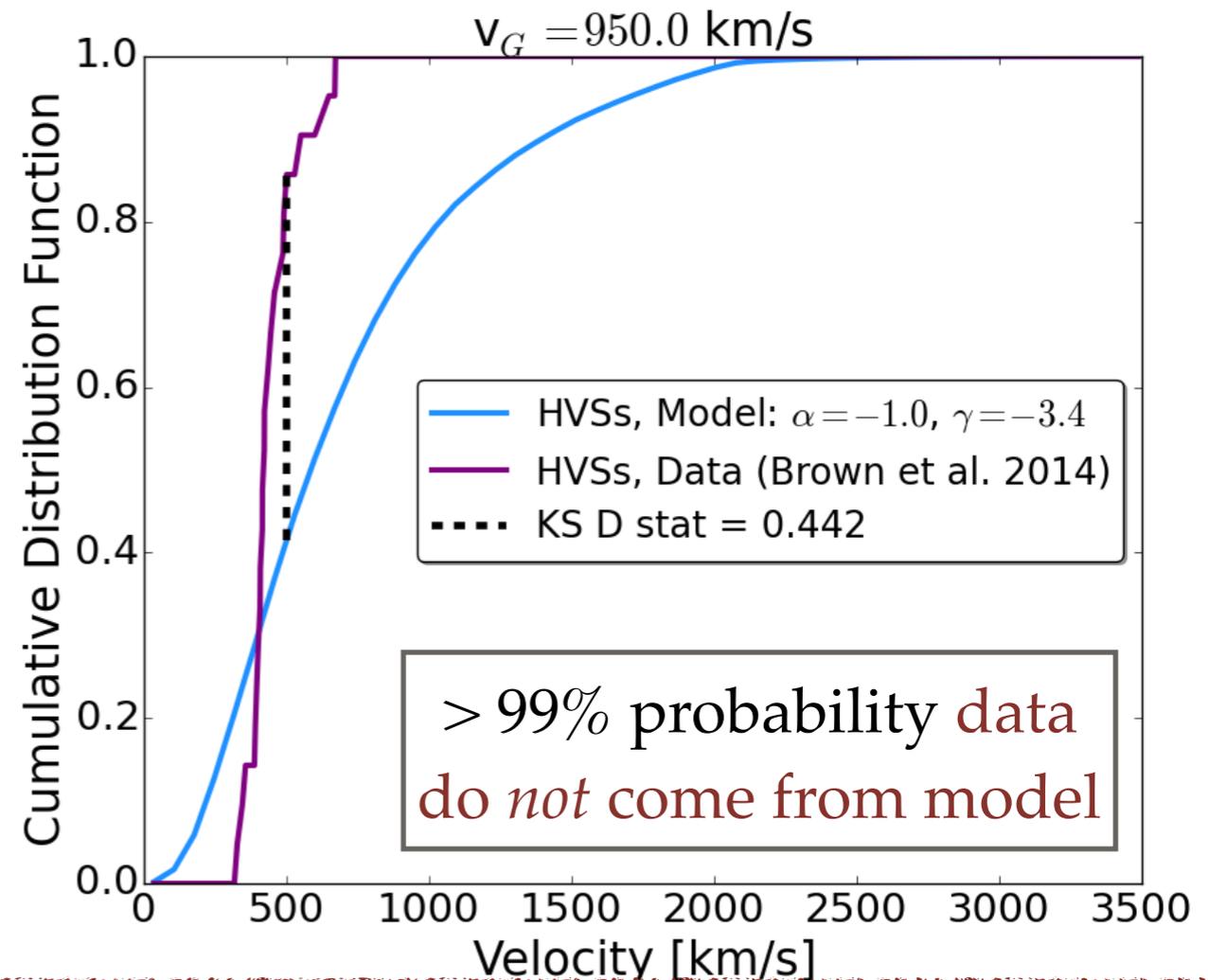
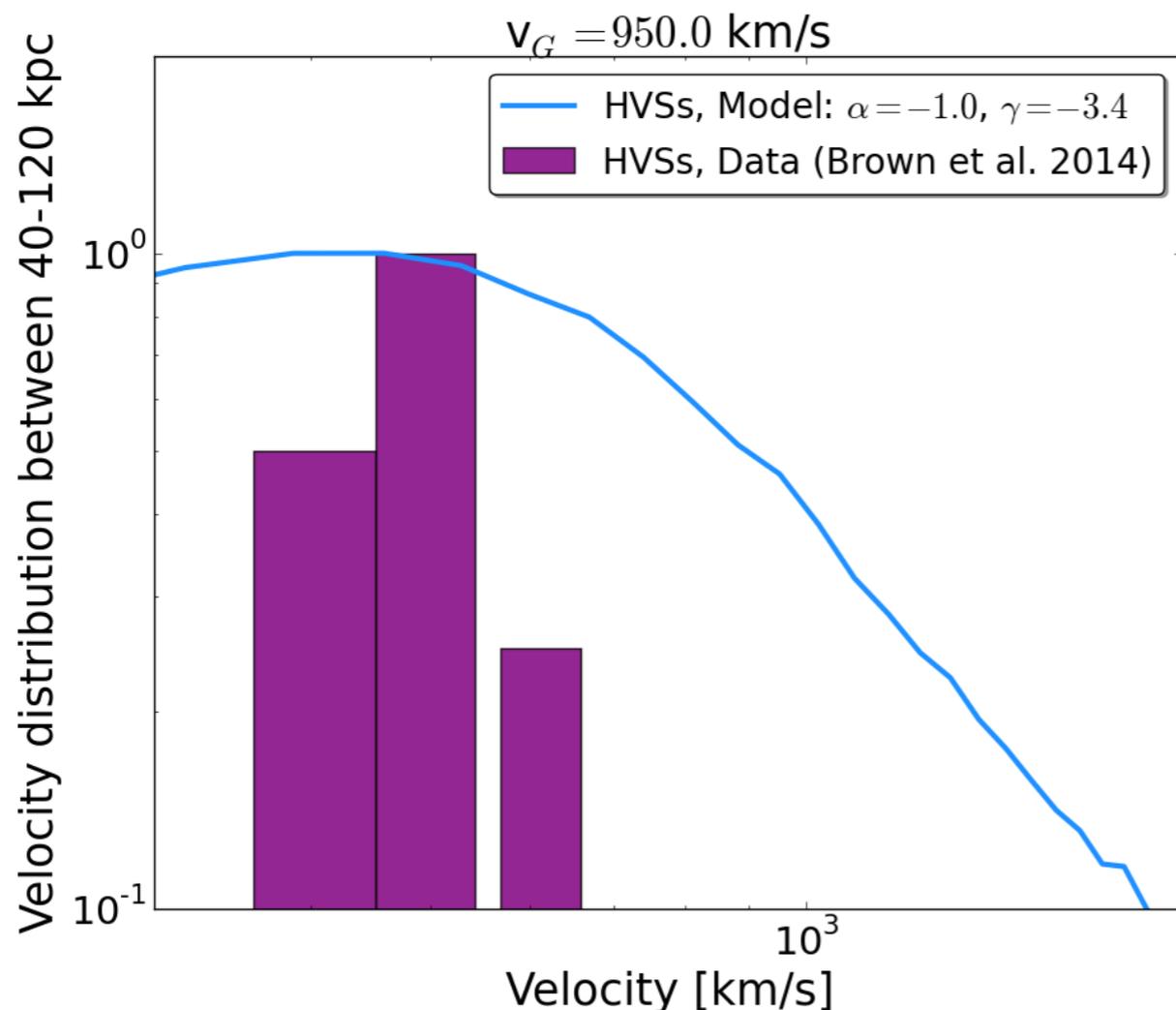
Given separation and mass distributions => HVS velocity distribution

velocity distribution *in the halo*

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

shaped by

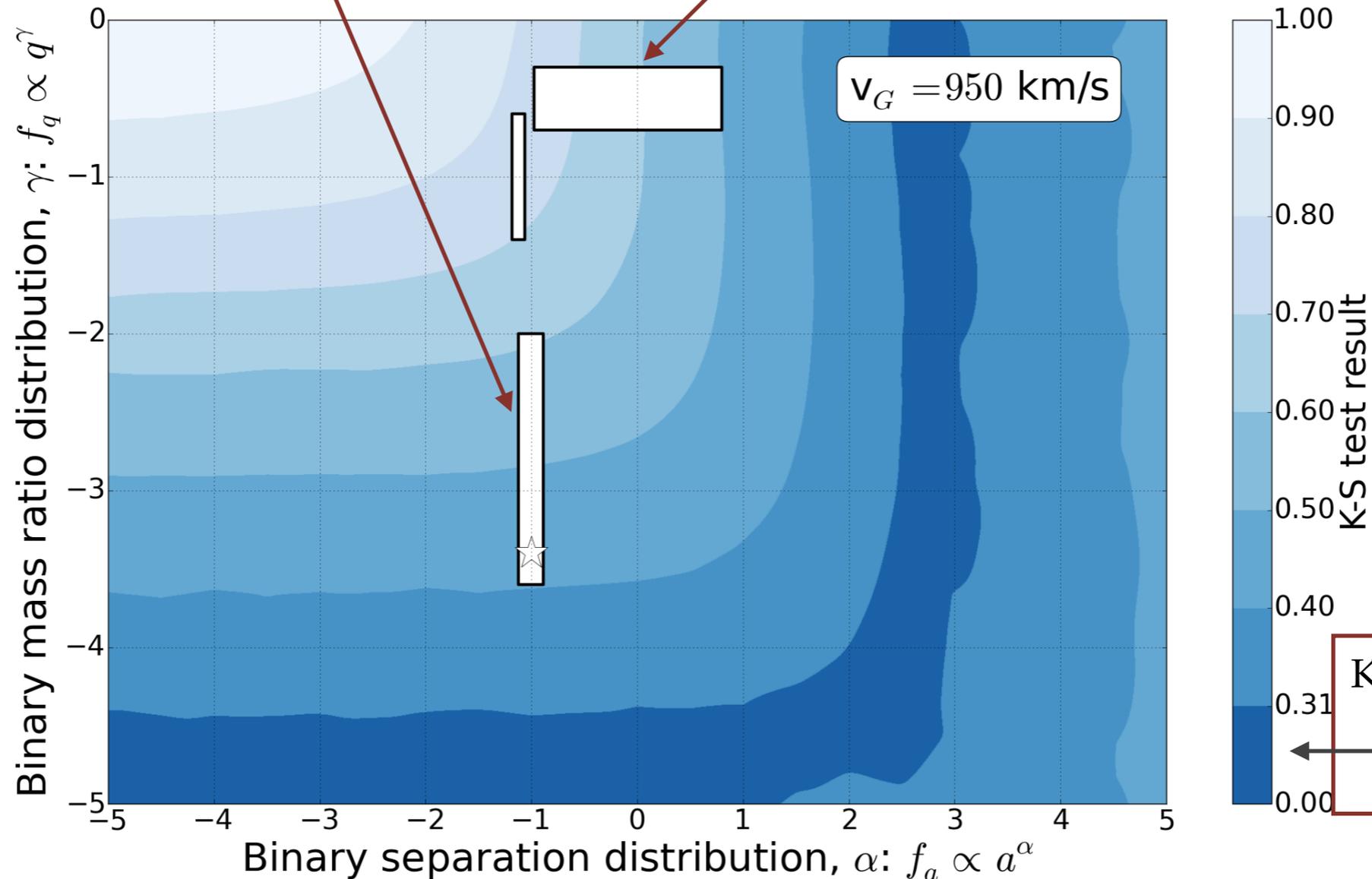
$$v^2 = v_{ej}^2 - V_G^2$$



Are binary stars in GC different?

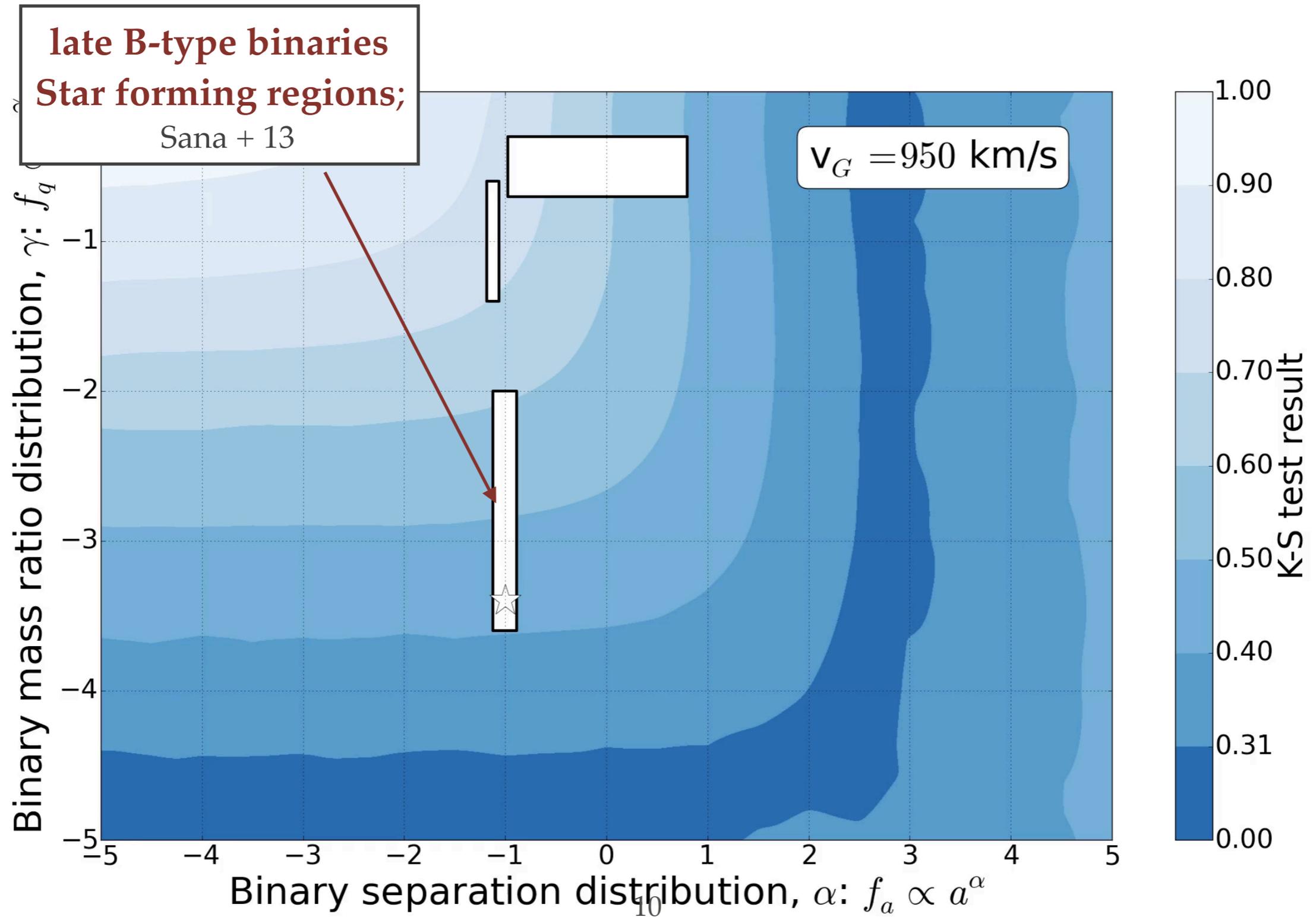
late B-type binaries
Star forming regions;
Sana + 13

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



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

====> 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**

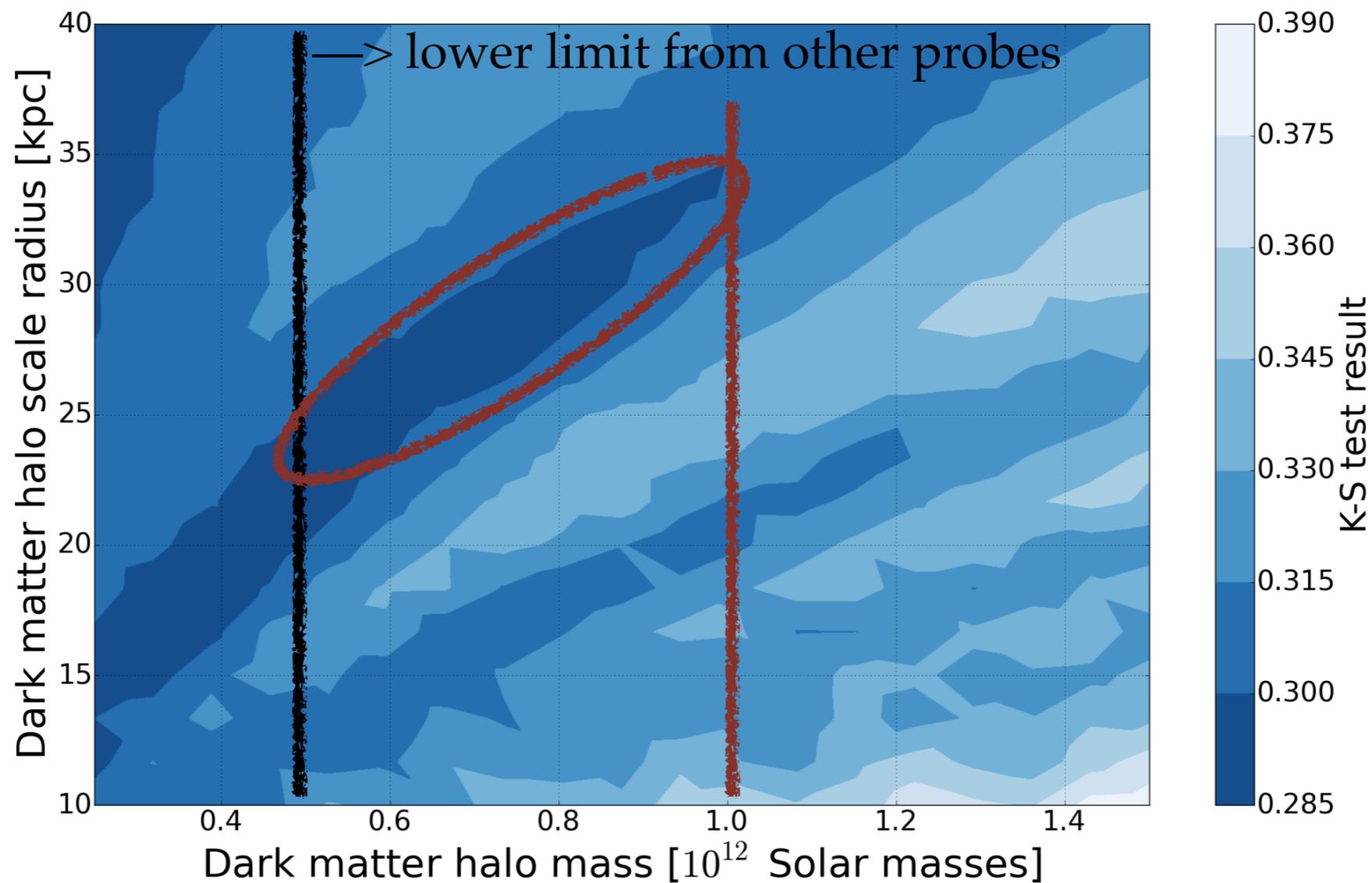
Lets' take NWF and de-project the V_G range onto Mass-scale radius plane for values make with a star

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



Constraining the Halo mass

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



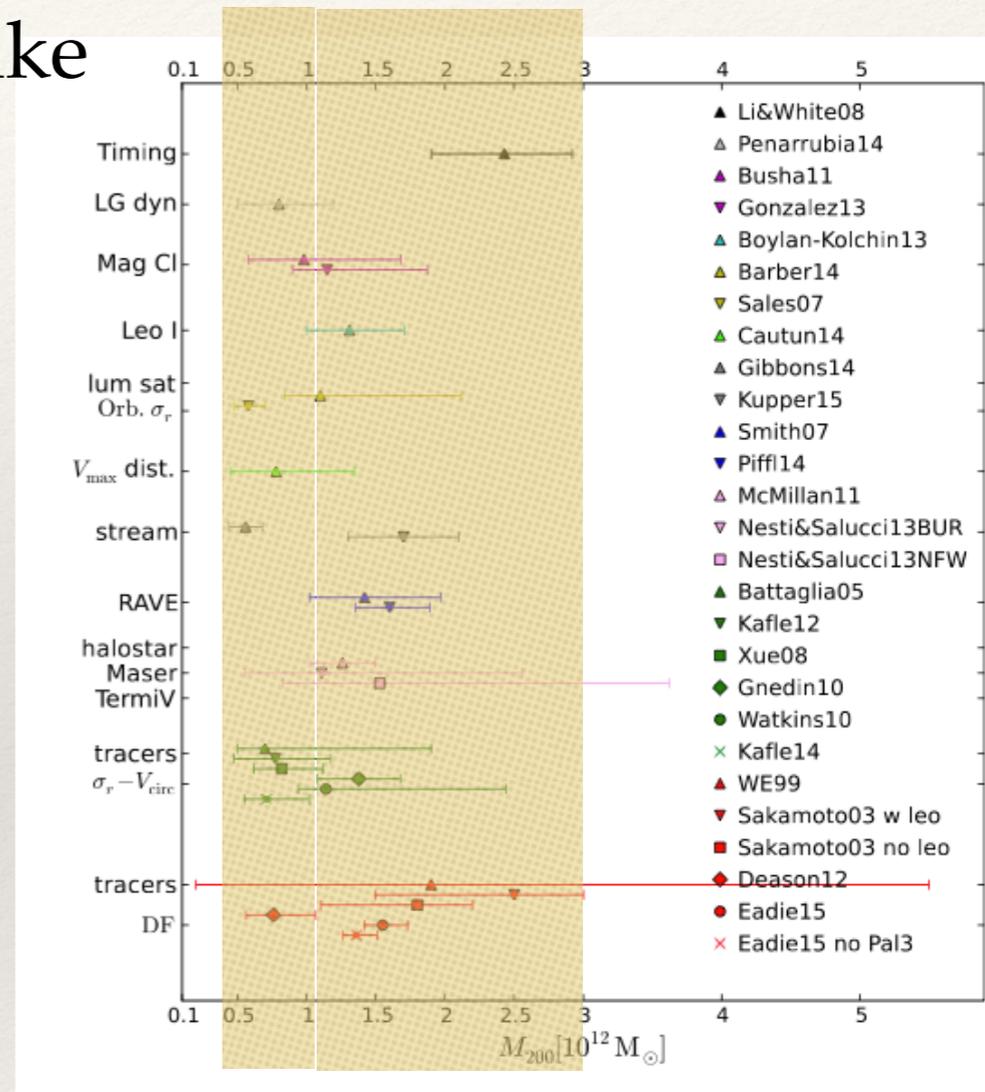
HVS data suggest a light halo with mass $< 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$

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 Λ CDM



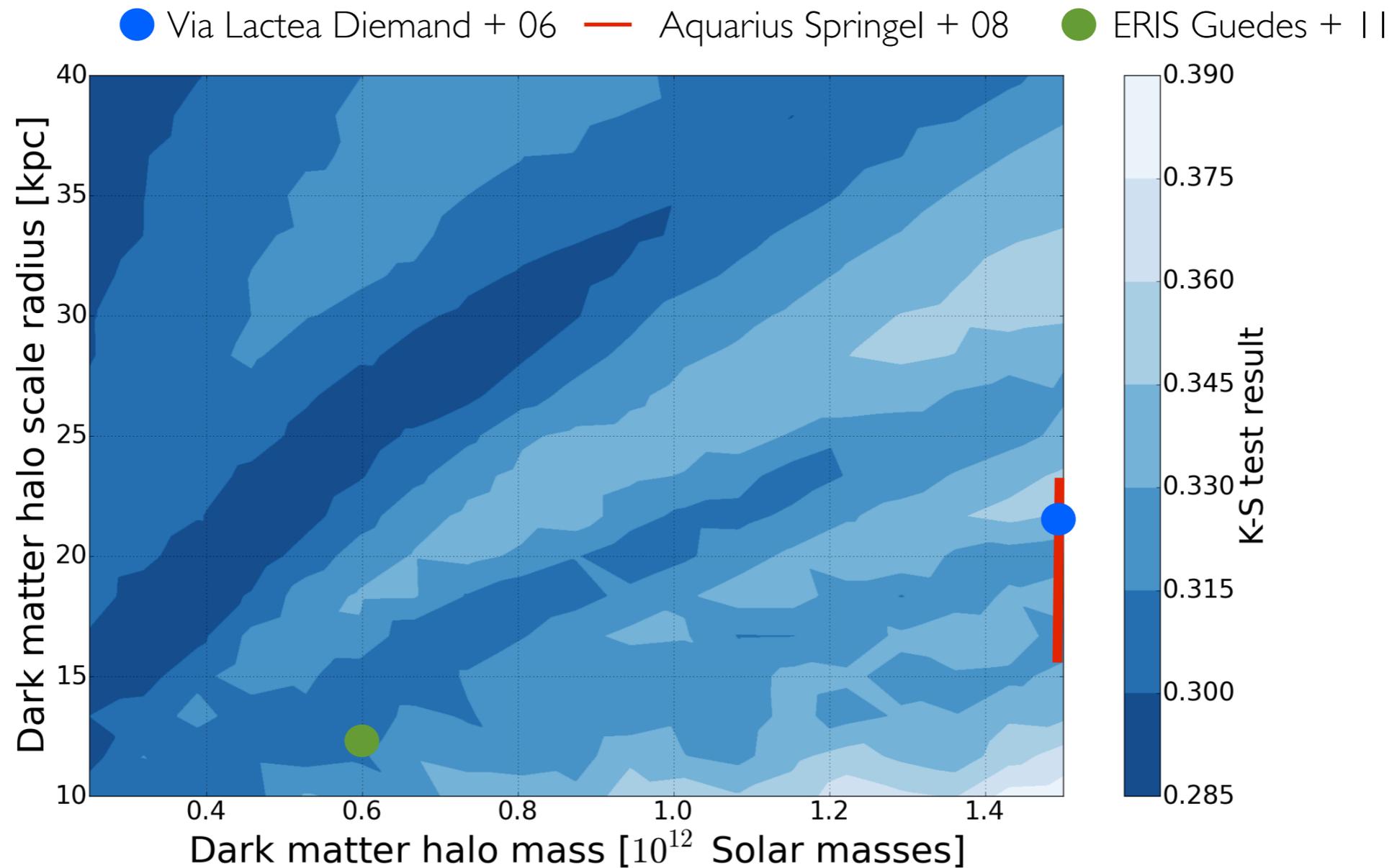
Caveat: the semi-major axis distribution may reflect a selection in binaries that fall into the tidal radius:

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

❖ back-up slides

the Halo mass in simulations

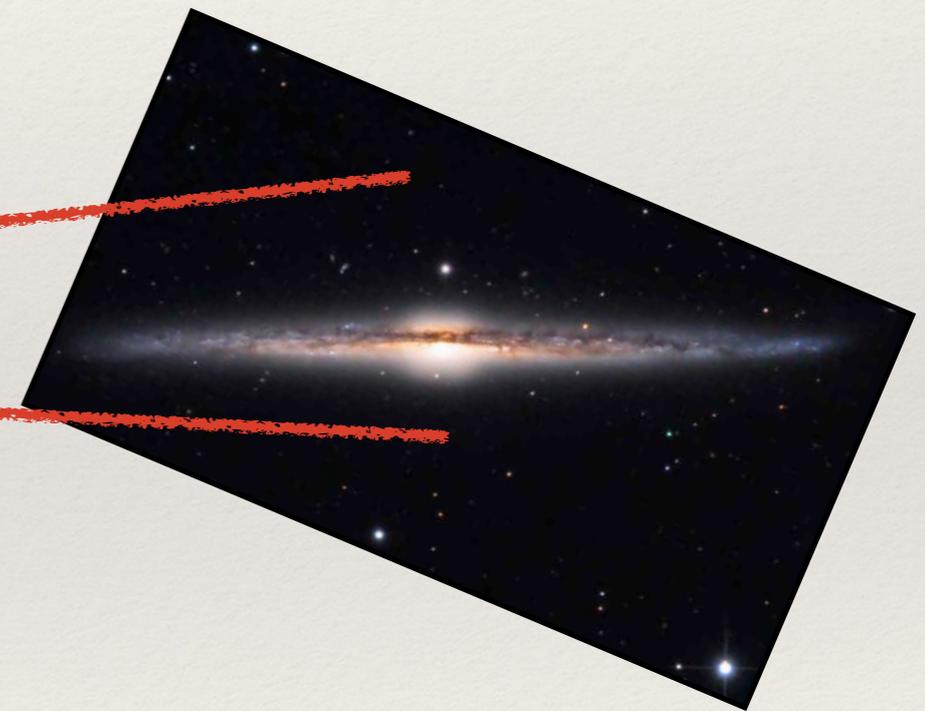
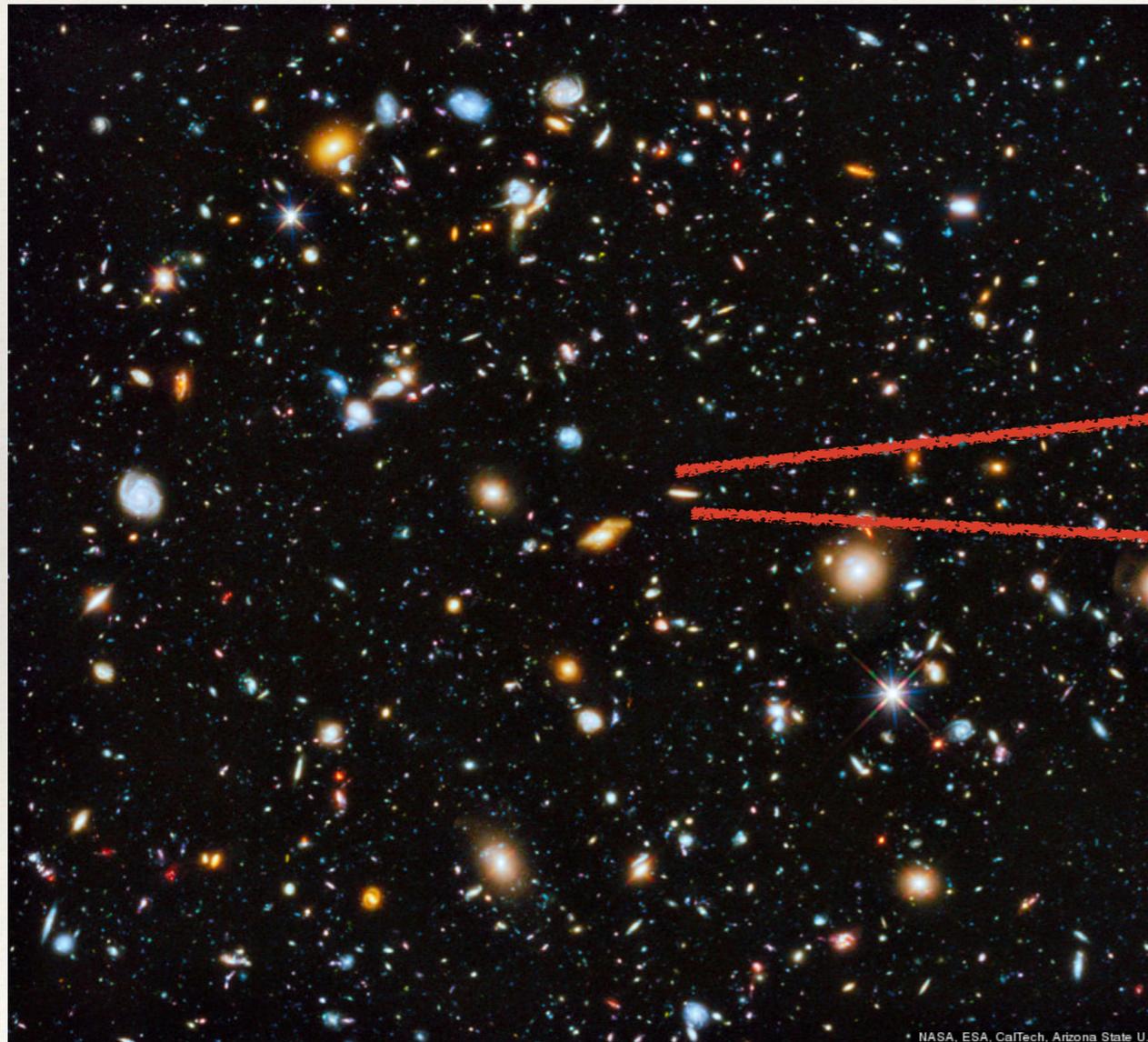
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The Universe's evolution

Understanding the Universe's evolution is understanding galaxies

Hubble Space Telescope, Arizona U.



An outstanding laboratory:
the Milky Way

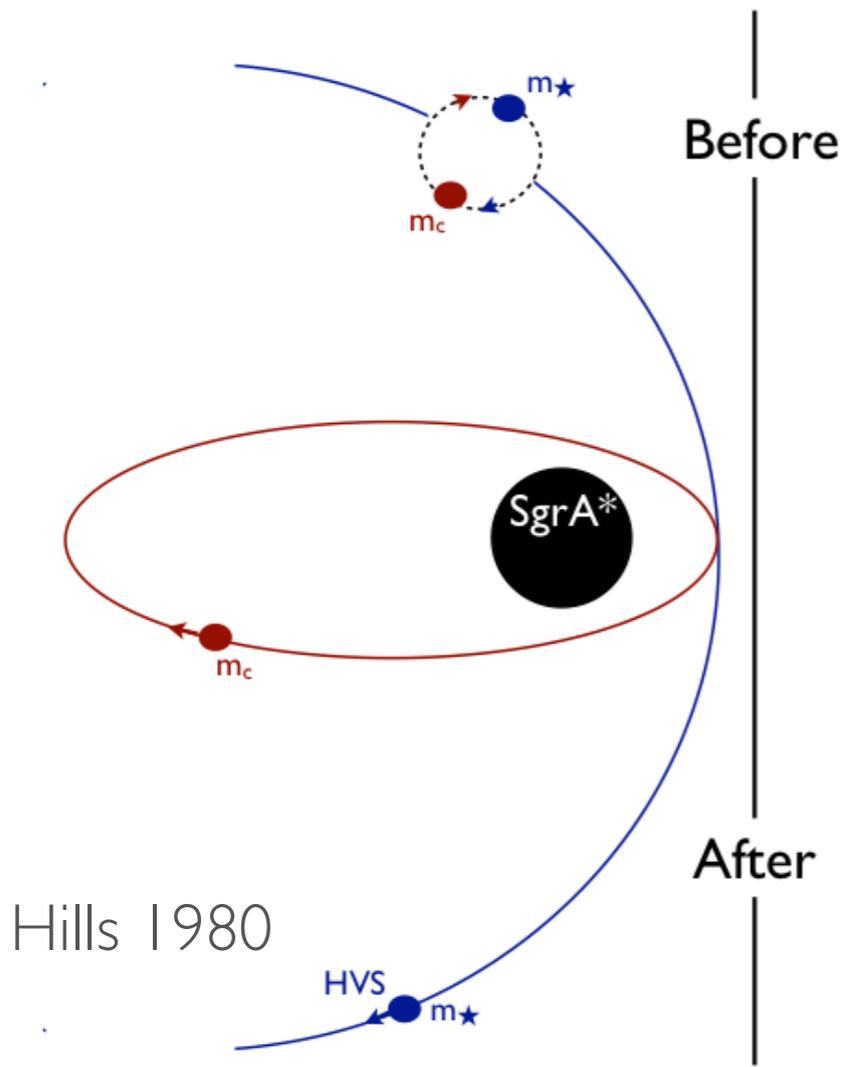
galaxies are the Universe's "bricks"

The galaxy formation

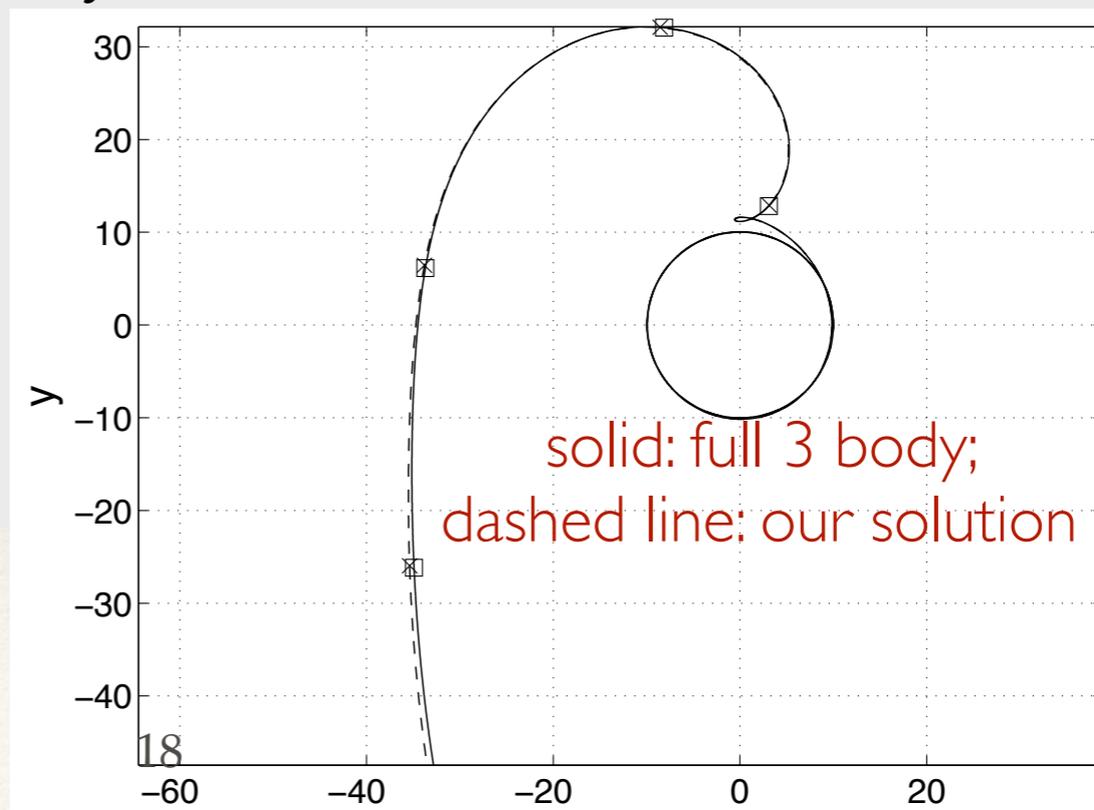
- ❖ It is traditionally addressed with Simulations + Observations
- ❖ Successful field but still many open questions. Let's consider our own Galaxy:
 - ❖ The visible part is hard to reproduce
 - ❖ The Dark Halo is poorly constrained and different realisations of the MW give different mass, shape and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

Our computational method

Hills mechanism

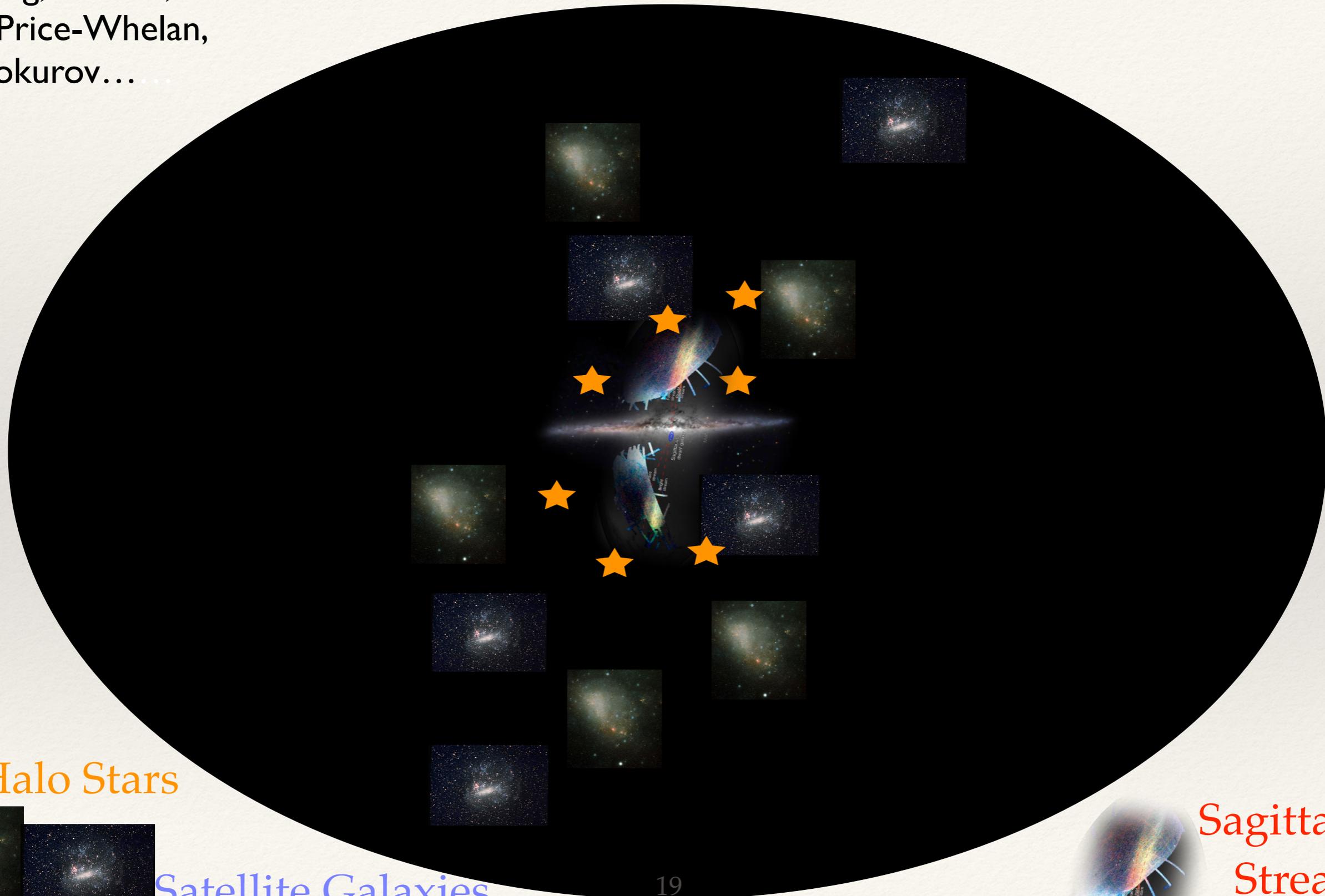


- Others: Velocities and trajectories are calculated via 3-body or N-body interactions for a given parameter space (e.g. Brown's group; Gualandris +)
- We: restricted 3-body formalism, exploiting $m/M \ll 1 \implies$ more efficient method
Sari, Kobayashi & EMR 2010; Kobayashi+ 2012;
EMR, Kobayashi &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



dynamical tracers

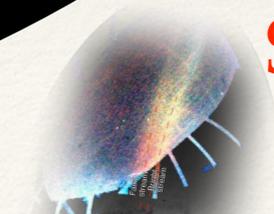
e.g. Johnson, Hogg
Gibbons, Law &
Majewski, Helmi,
Wang, Bullock,
Ibata, Price-Whelan,
Belokurov...



★ Halo Stars

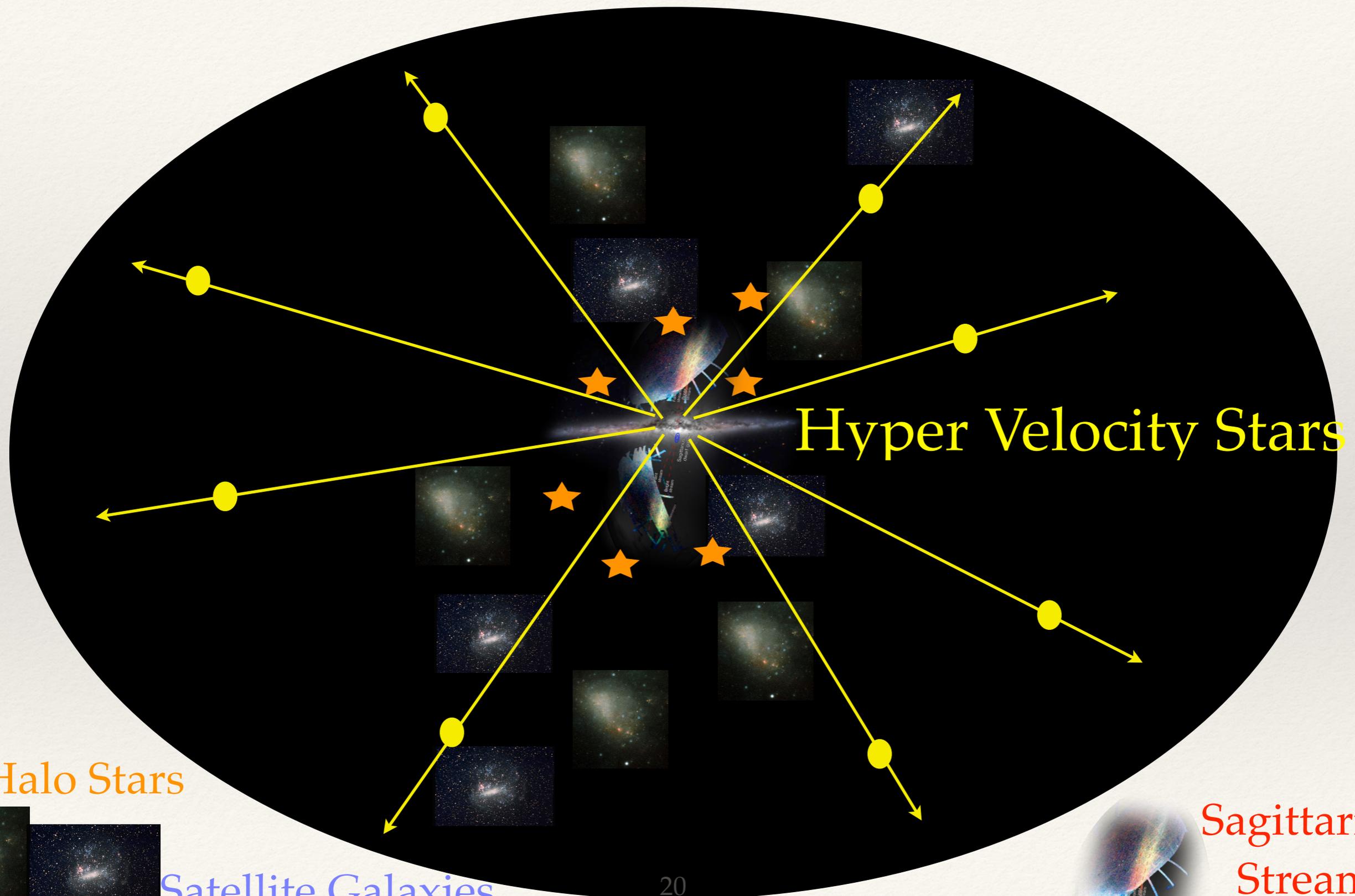


Satellite Galaxies



Sagittarius Stream

dynamical tracers



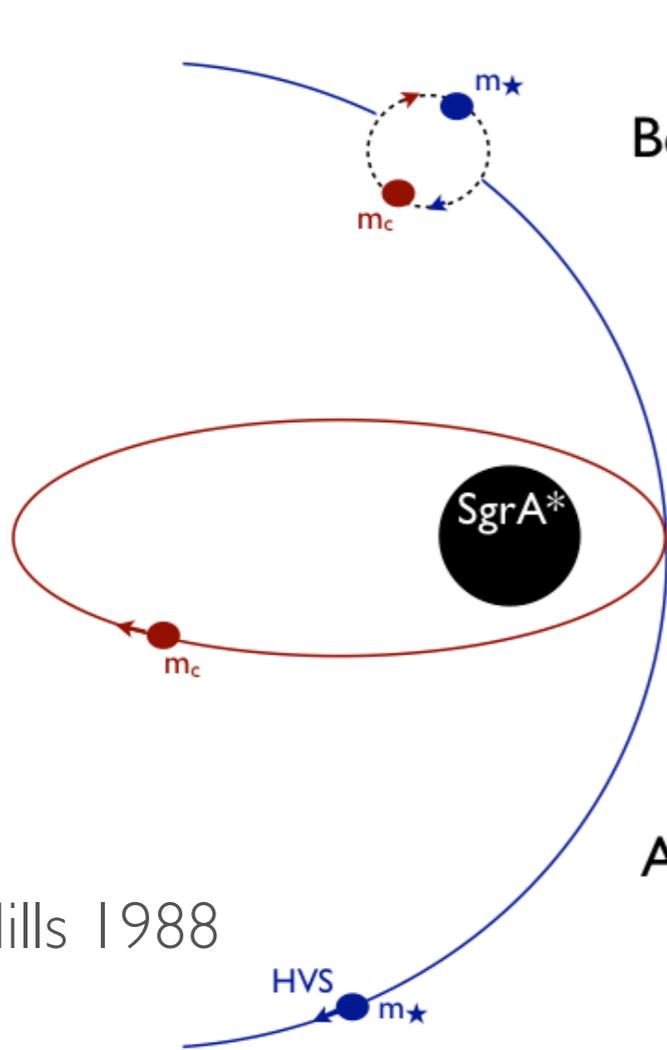
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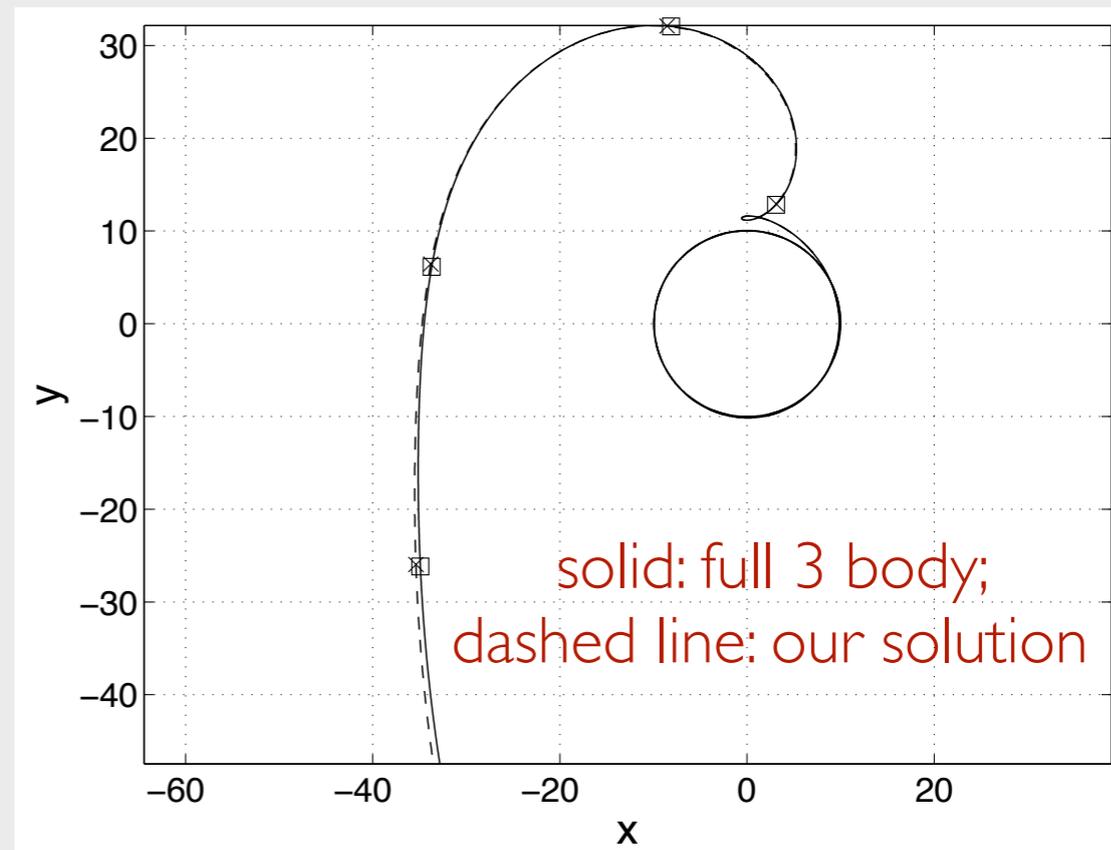
Before

After

Hills 1988



We use a restricted 3-body formalism, exploiting $m/M \ll 1 \implies$ more efficient method than N-body.



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