

# Thermodynamics sheds light on the nature of dark matter galactic halos



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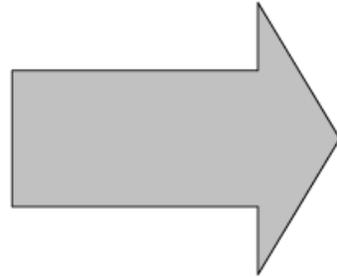
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# What is dark matter made of?

<i>DM candidate</i>	I. $\Omega h^2$	II. Cold	III. Neutral	IV. BBN	V. Stars	VI. Self	VII. Direct	VIII. $\gamma$ -rays	IX. Astro	X. Probed	Result
SM Neutrinos	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	✓	×
<b>Sterile Neutrinos</b>	~	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓	~
<b>Neutralino</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓!	✓!	✓	✓
<b>Gravitino</b>	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~
<b>Gravitino (broken R-parity)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sneutrino $\tilde{\nu}_L$	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓!	✓!	✓	×
<b>Sneutrino <math>\tilde{\nu}_R</math></b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓!	✓!	✓	✓
<b>Axino</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>SUSY Q-balls</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	–	✓!	✓	✓	✓	~
$B^1$ UED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓!	✓!	✓	✓
First level graviton UED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	× <sup>a</sup>
<b>Axion</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Heavy photon (Little Higgs)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	✓!	✓	✓
<b>Inert Higgs model</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓!	–	✓	✓
Champs	✓	✓	×	✓	×	–	–	–	–	✓	×
<b>Wimpzillas</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	~

# The fundamental physicist way...

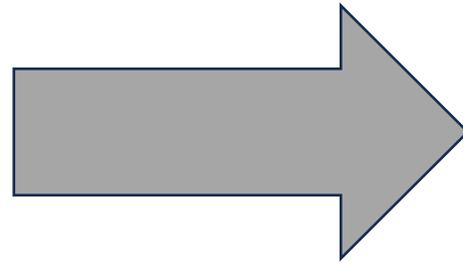
DM properties are  
known by particle  
physicist  
(Lagrangian, EOS...)



What kind of  
astrophysical  
object can they  
form?

# A phenomenological way...

Data from  
astrophysical  
observation



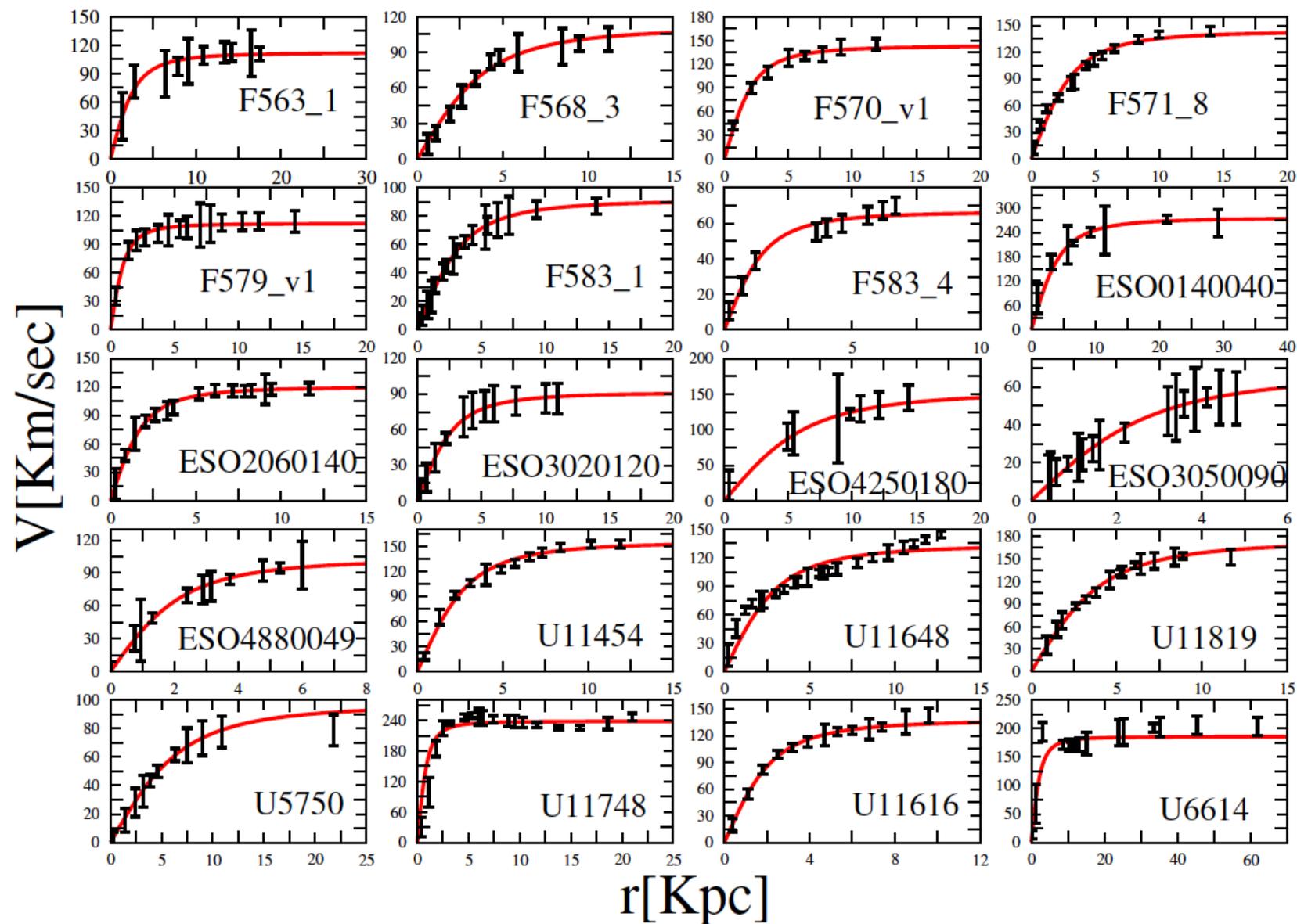
information about  
the nature of DM

What information can be extracted at galactic scales?

Look at the rotational curve of galaxies

The data:

LSB Galaxies



Start with a spherically symmetric space-time

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\Phi/c^2} c^2 dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2Gm}{c^2 r}} + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

One of the geometric potentials is determined by observations:

$$\frac{\Phi'}{c^2} = \frac{\beta^2}{r},$$

Use normalized  $\rho = \rho_0 \bar{\rho}$ ,  $p = p_0 \bar{p}$ ,  $m = M_0 n$ ,  $r = R_0 x$ . Einstein's equations and the conservation equation read:

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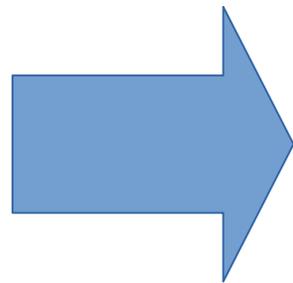
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$$\bar{p}' + S(x) \bar{p} = T(x),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} S(x) &= -\frac{2\beta^2 (1 + \beta^2 - 2\beta^4 - x\beta^{2'})}{(1 + \beta^2) (1 + 2\beta^2) x}, \\ T(x) &= -\frac{\beta^2 (\beta^2 + 2\beta^4 + x\beta^{2'})}{3(1 + \beta^2) (1 + 2\beta^2) x^3 q}. \end{aligned}$$

For the Newtonian case:

$$\begin{aligned}n' &= 3x^2 \bar{\rho} \\ -q \frac{n}{x^2} &= 3qx \bar{p}, \\ \bar{p}' + \bar{\rho} \frac{\beta^2}{x} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

And we only need  $\beta^2$ :

$$\beta^2(x) = \beta_0^2 \frac{x^2}{x^2 + rc^2}$$

Persic-Salucci-Stel (1996) rotational curve velocity profile

From Persic-Salucci-Stel (1996) rotational curve velocity profile an EOS for DM is obtained

$$n = \frac{\beta_0^2}{q} \frac{x^3}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{\beta_0^2}{3q} \frac{(x^2 + 3a^2)}{(x^2 + a^2)^2},$$

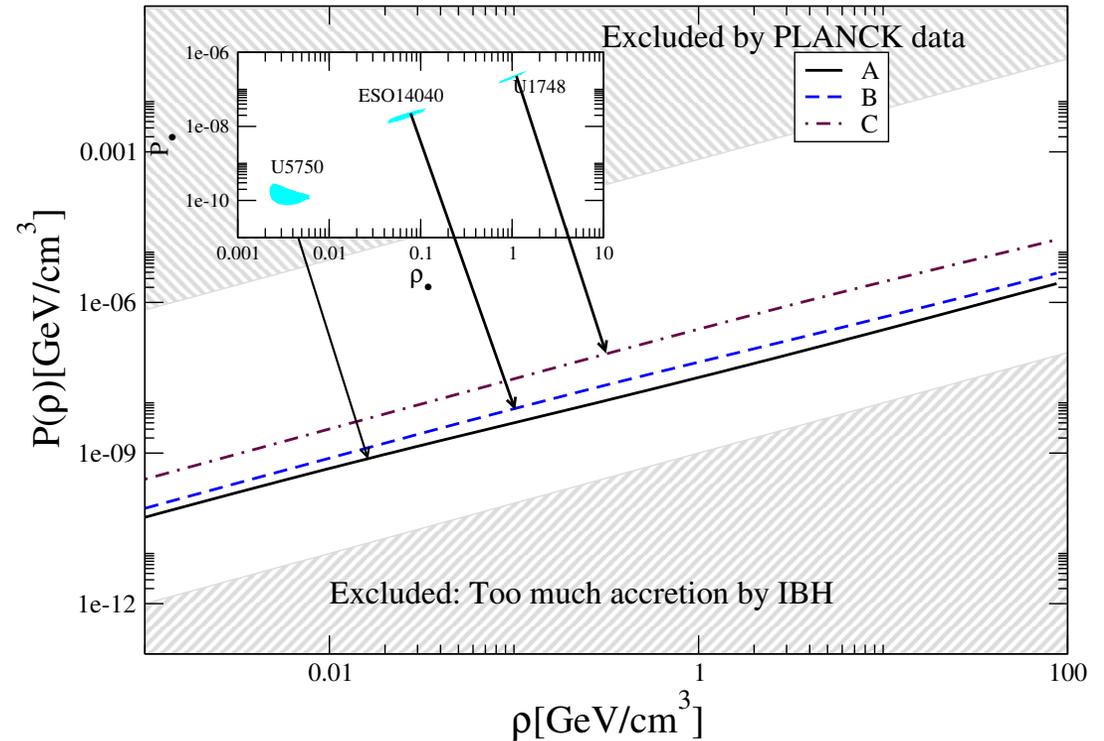
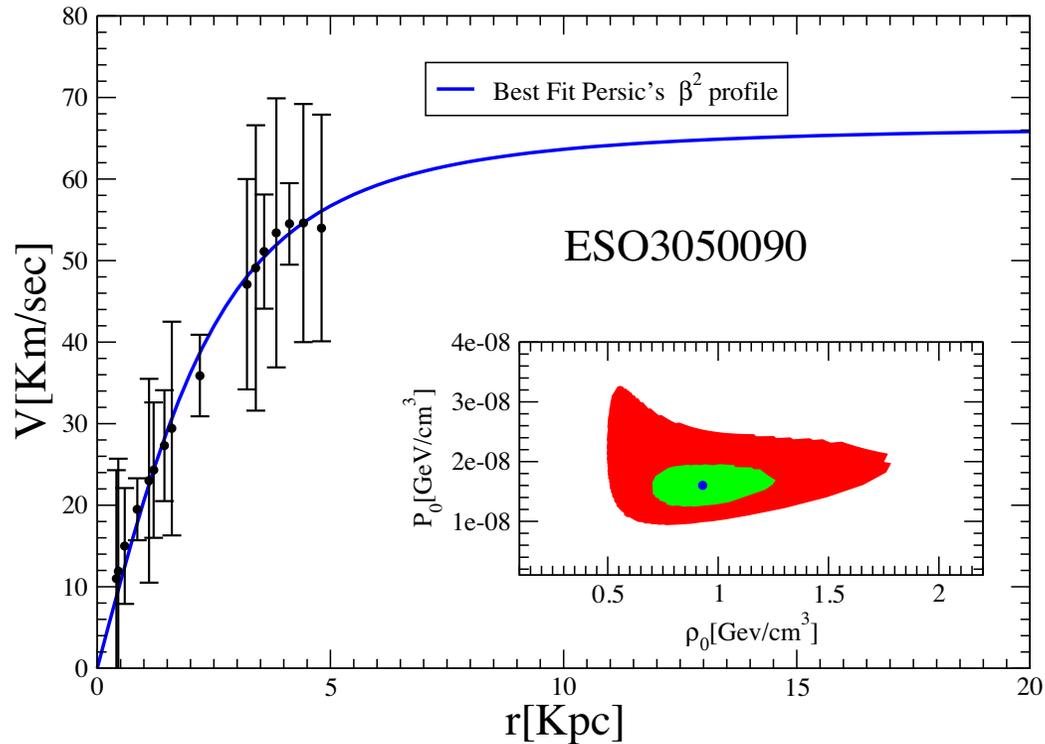
$$\bar{p} = \frac{\beta_0^4}{6q} \frac{(x^2 + 2a^2)}{(x^2 + a^2)^2},$$

$$a^2 = \frac{3 \bar{p}_0}{q \bar{\rho}_0^2}, \quad \beta_0^2 = \frac{3 \bar{p}_0}{\bar{\rho}_0}.$$

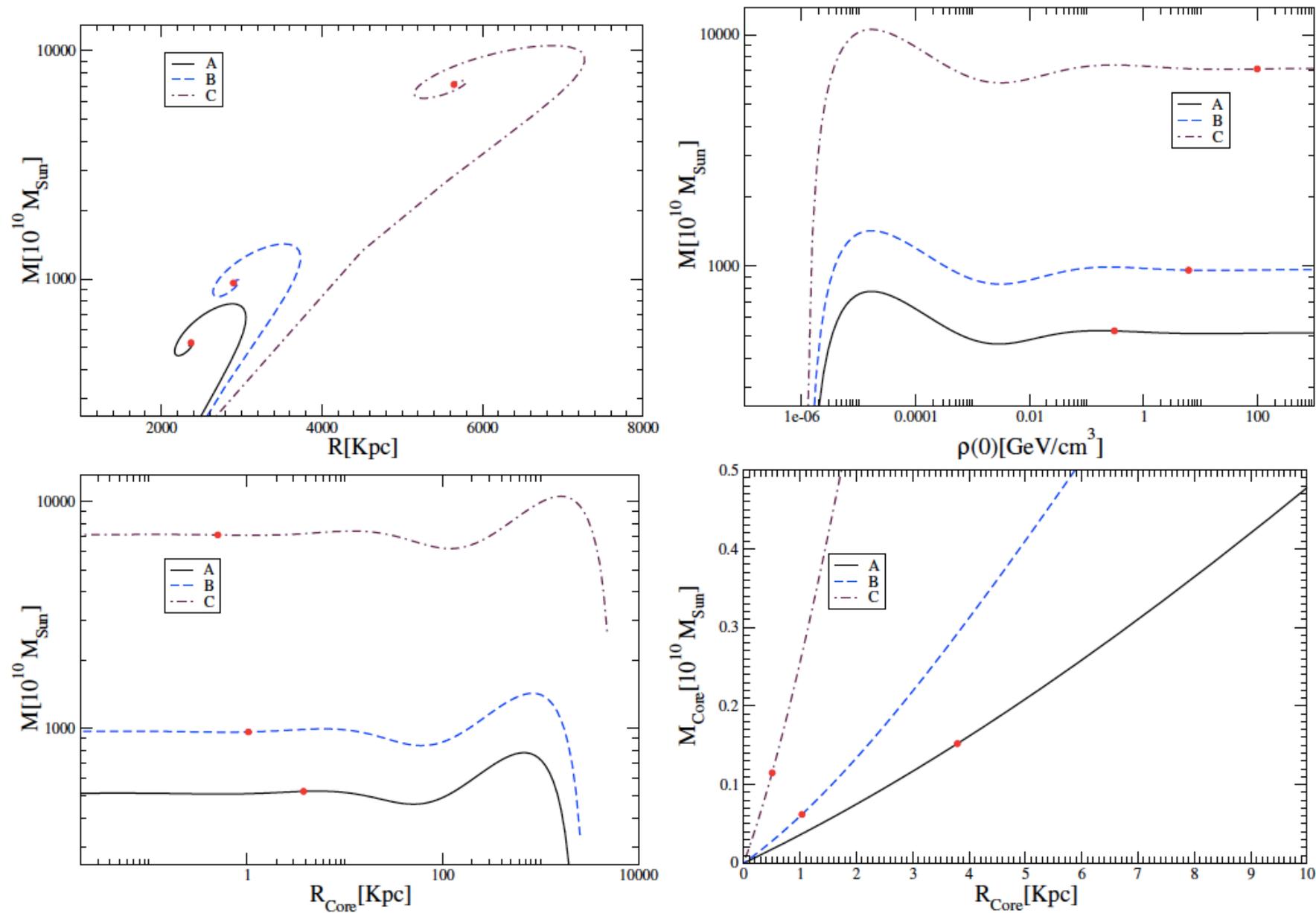
$$\bar{p}(\bar{\rho}) = \bar{p}_0 \left( \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}_0} \right) - \frac{1}{16} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 + 24 \left( \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}_0} \right)} \right) \right)$$

# It is a good moment to test the pressureless hypothesis

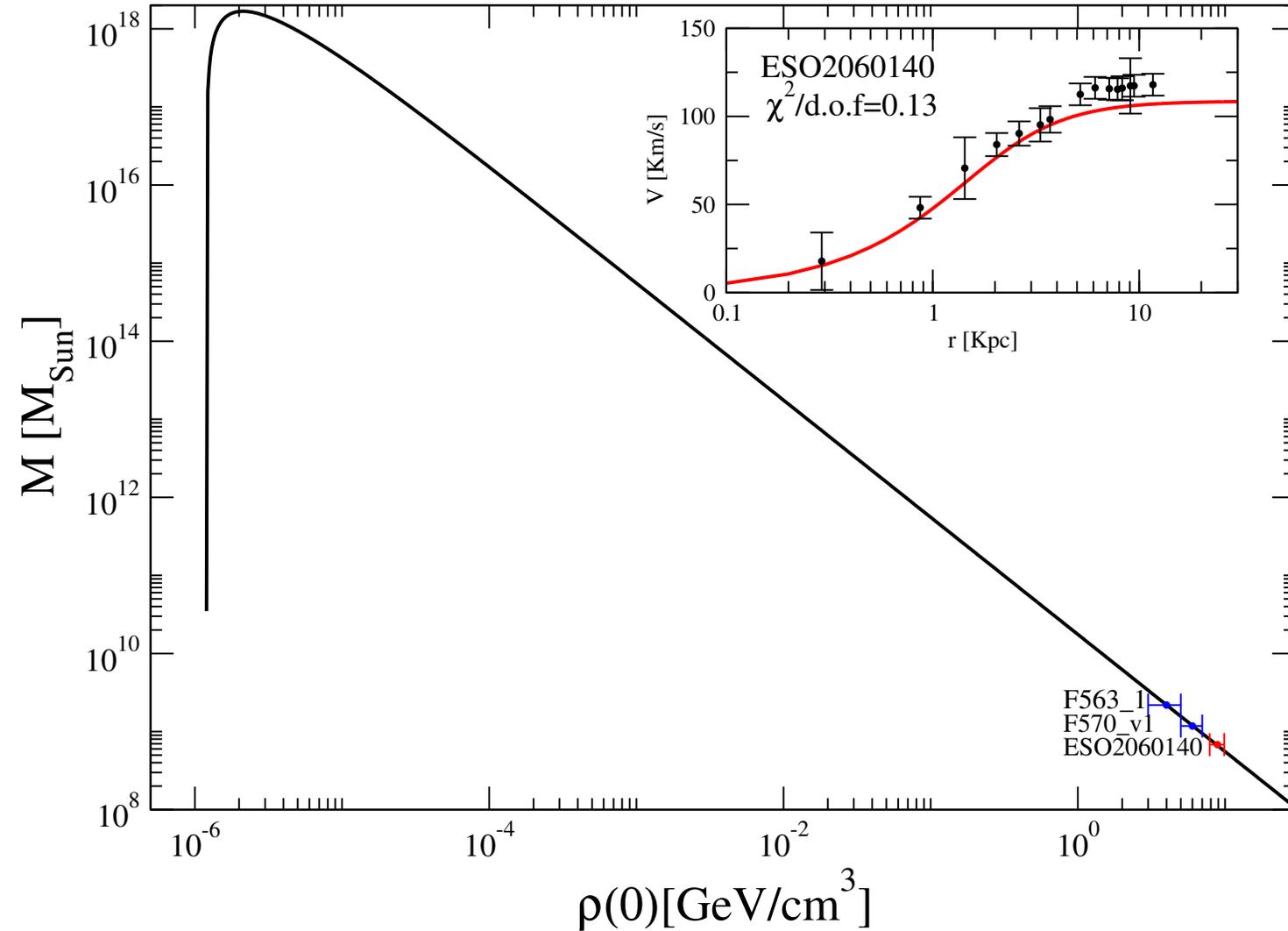
Label	Galaxy	$\beta_0(10^4)$	$a$	$\bar{\rho}_\bullet$	$\bar{p}_\bullet$
A	U5750	3.23	7.75	$3.63 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.26 \times 10^{-10}$
B	ESO2060140	4.00	2.16	$7.17 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.82 \times 10^{-9}$
C	U11748	7.94	1.07	1.15	$2.42 \times 10^{-7}$



# Full properties for the halos:



# There is a problem:



Preferred values are in the unstable branch of the possible configurations

A further analysis for galactic dark matter halos with pressure  
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Let us start with the Burkert density profile

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0 r_0^3}{(r + r_0)(r^2 + r_0^2)}$$

Mass profile can be directly computed and hydrostatic equilibrium demands:

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{GM\rho}{r^2}$$

This gives us the pressure

Thermal equilibrium demands:

$$\frac{dT}{dr} = -\frac{GM\rho T}{r^2 p} \nabla$$

The quantity  $\nabla$  depends on the thermal processes that the gas undergoes. Since we do not have any *a priori* information on energy production and transport within the DM halo, we choose to postulate the equation of state,

Here, an important difference: given an equation of state

$$T(\rho, p)$$

we can get the temperature profile

$$T(r).$$

1. *Ideal gas*: The equation of state is

$$T = \frac{m p}{k \rho},$$

2. *Fermi gas*: The equation of state takes the parametric form

$$T = \frac{m p}{k \rho} \frac{f_{3/2}(z)}{f_{5/2}(z)}, \quad \frac{f_{3/2}^5(z)}{f_{5/2}^3(z)} = \frac{h^6}{8\pi^3 g^2 m^8} \frac{\rho^5}{p^3},$$

3. *Bose gas*: We need to distinguish whether Bose-Einstein condensation is occurring or not. If there is no condensation,

$$T = \frac{m p}{k \rho} \frac{g_{3/2}(z)}{g_{5/2}(z)}, \quad \frac{g_{3/2}^5(z)}{g_{5/2}^3(z)} = \frac{h^6}{8\pi^3 m^8} \frac{\rho^5}{p^3},$$

Condensation occurs if  $T < T_C$

$$T_C = \frac{h^2 \rho^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2\pi k m^{\frac{5}{3}} \zeta^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)},$$

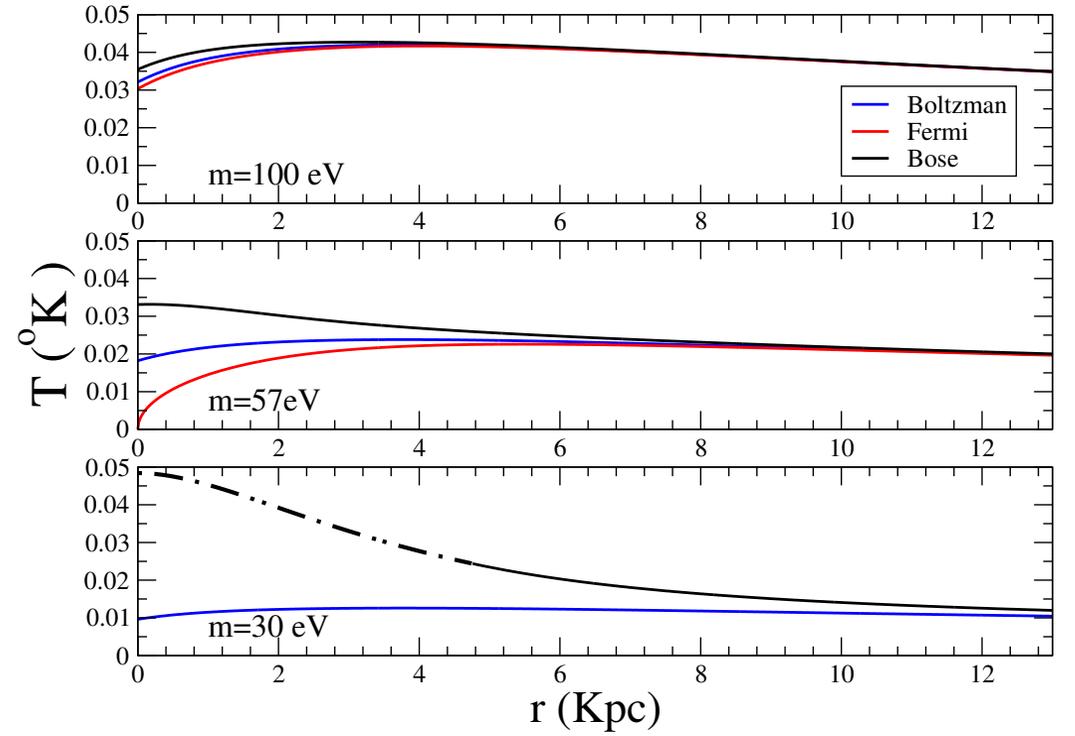
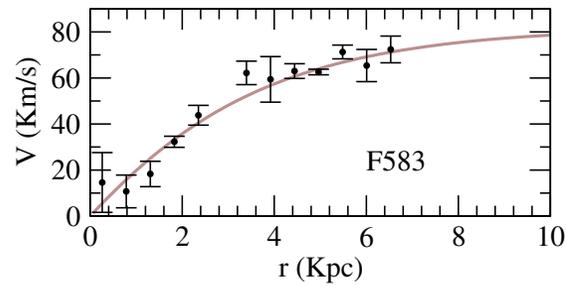
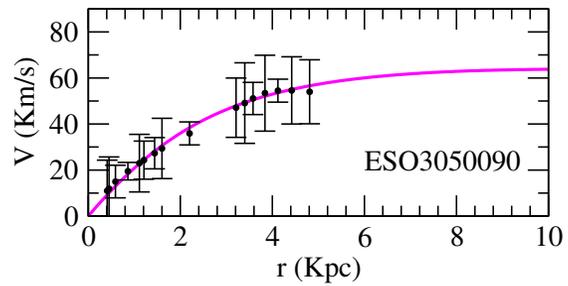
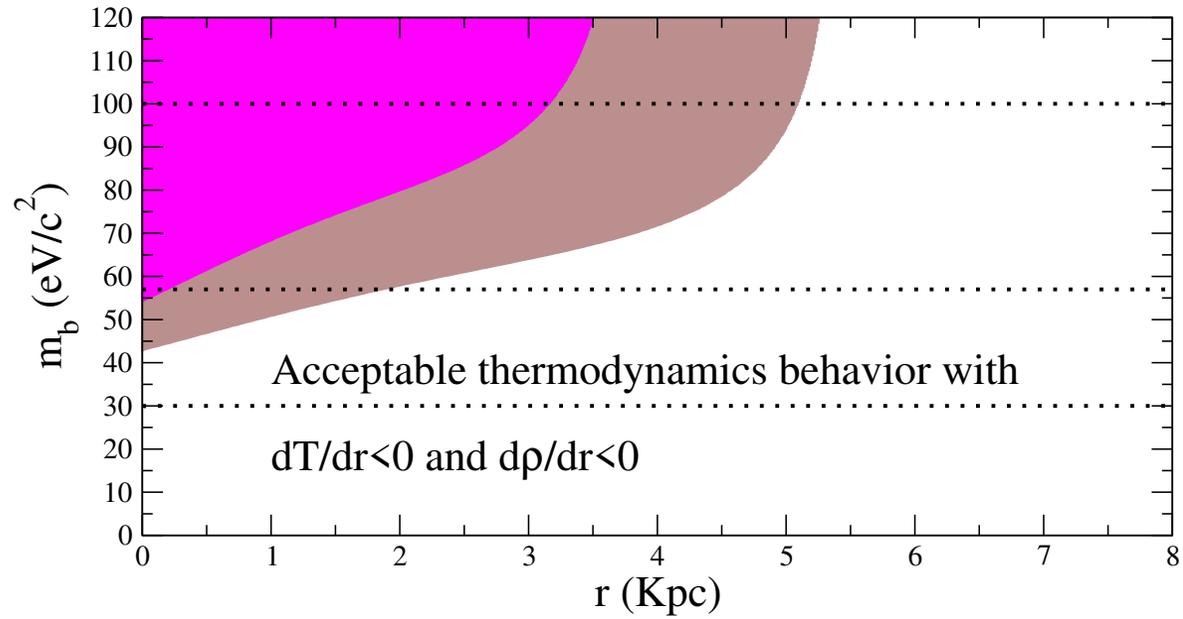


FIG. 1. Temperature profiles for the parameters  $\rho_0 = 2.34 (GeV/c^2)/cm^3$ ,  $r_0 = 3.37 kpc$ , corresponding to the galaxy ESO3050090.

$$m_{max} = 43 eV/c^2.$$

# Other phenomenological relations:

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$$\rho_0 r_0 = 141_{-52}^{+82} M_{\odot}/pc^2.$$

## A constant dark matter halo surface density in galaxies

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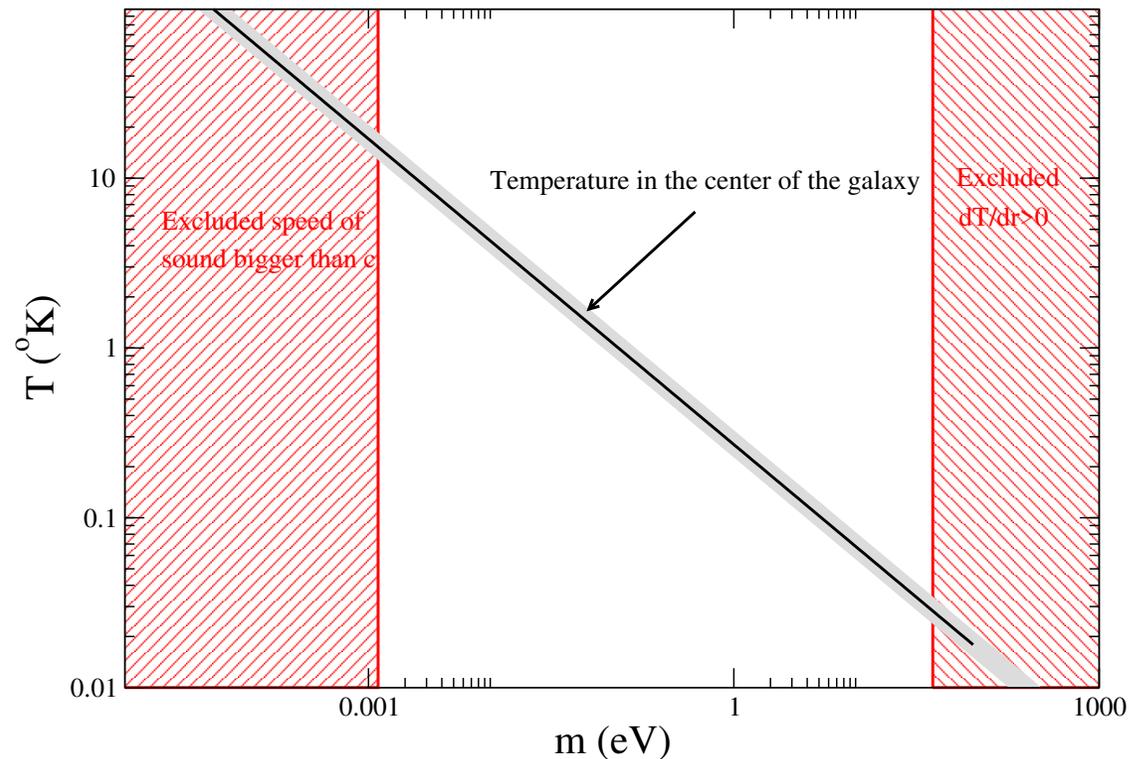
But in our case:

$$a^2 = \frac{3 \bar{p}_0}{q \bar{\rho}_0^2}, \quad \beta_0^2 = \frac{3 \bar{p}_0}{\bar{\rho}_0}.$$

$$p_0 = 0.83 \times G(\rho_0 r_0)^2 = 4.8 \times 10^{-11} \frac{g}{cm s^2}$$

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{h^6 p_0^2}{8\pi^3 m^3 \zeta^2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{0.27 K}{(m[eV/c^2])^{\frac{3}{5}}}.$$

$$v_s^2 = \frac{5\zeta \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) kT}{3\zeta \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) m} = \left( \frac{5^5 h^6 \zeta^3 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) p^2}{2^3 3^5 \pi^3 \zeta^5 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) m^8} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$



$$m_{min} = \left( \frac{5^5 \zeta^3 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) h^6 p_0^2}{2^3 3^5 \pi^3 \zeta^5 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) c^{10}} \right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} eV/c^2.$$

# Conclusions

- The rotational velocity curve can give the strongest constraints on the dark matter pressure
- If temperature is neglected, the known dark matter profiles leads to dark matter equation of state that might not be dynamically stable
- Introducing the temperature, and working the other way around of postulating that DM is either a ideal gas, a Fermi gas or a Bose gas the temperature profile can be obtained
- Only if DM is a Bose gas, with a particle mass below 43 eV the temperature profile is physically reasonable.
- To avoid superluminal sound of speed within the Bose condensate, the boson's mass should be bigger than  $1.2 \times 10^{-3}$  eV