

DYNAMICAL FRICTION IN A SUPERFLUID

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Is dark matter a **particle**, or is it a **fluid**?

On cosmological scales:

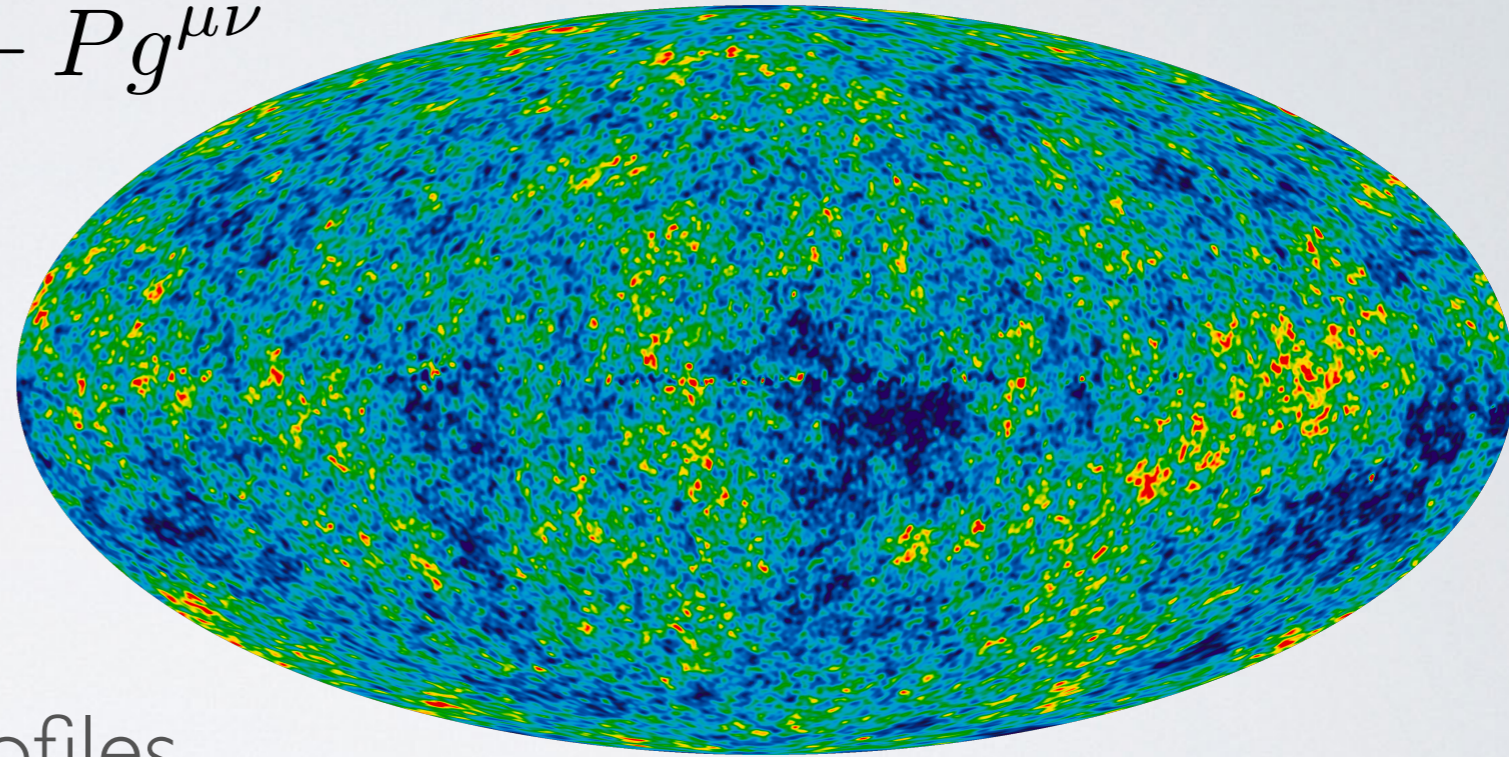
$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\rho + P)U^\mu U^\nu + P g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$P \approx 0$$

On galactic scales....?

Non-cuspy density profiles

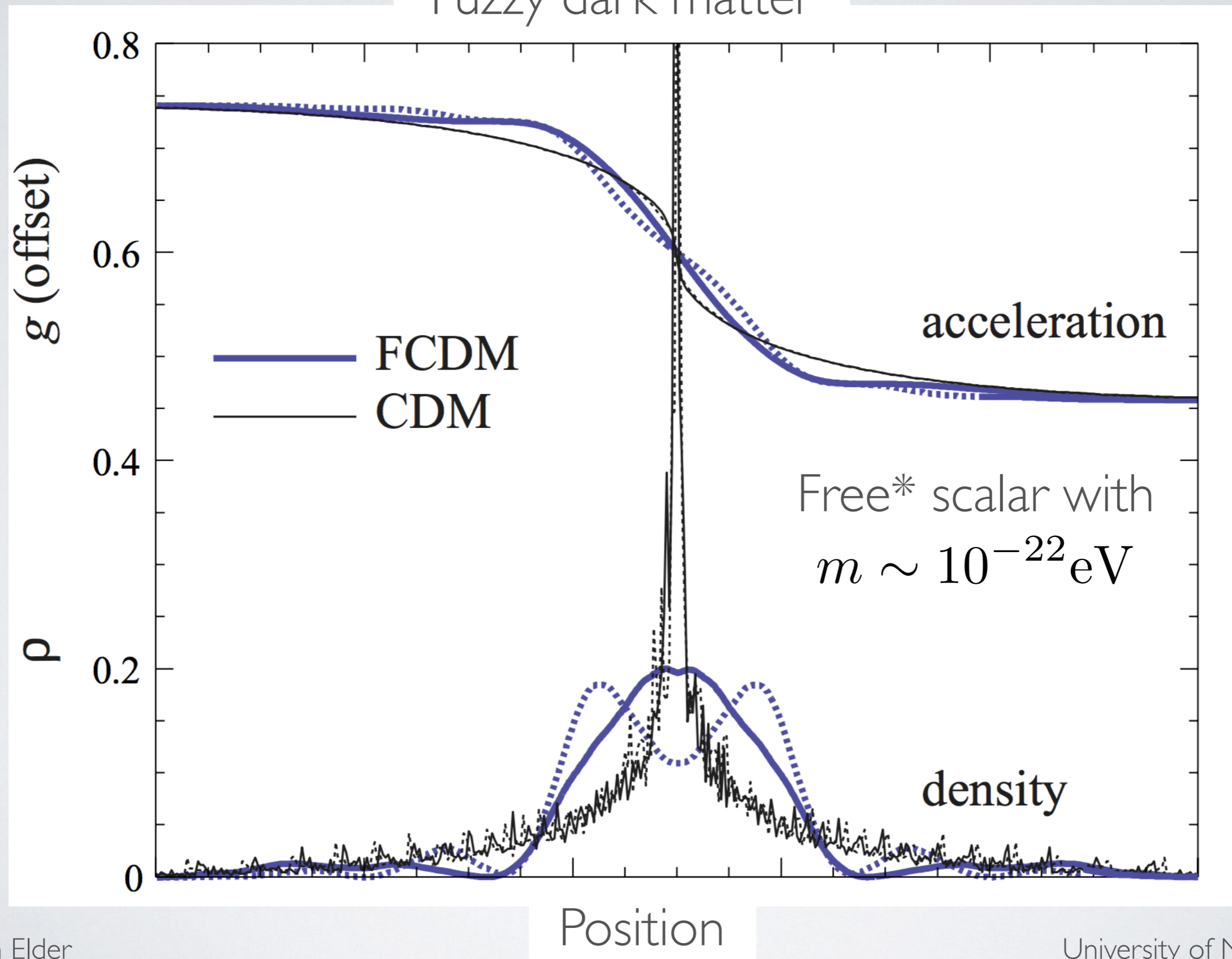
Baryonic mass correlated to circular velocity



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Fuzzy dark matter

Hu, Barkana, Gruzinov 2000



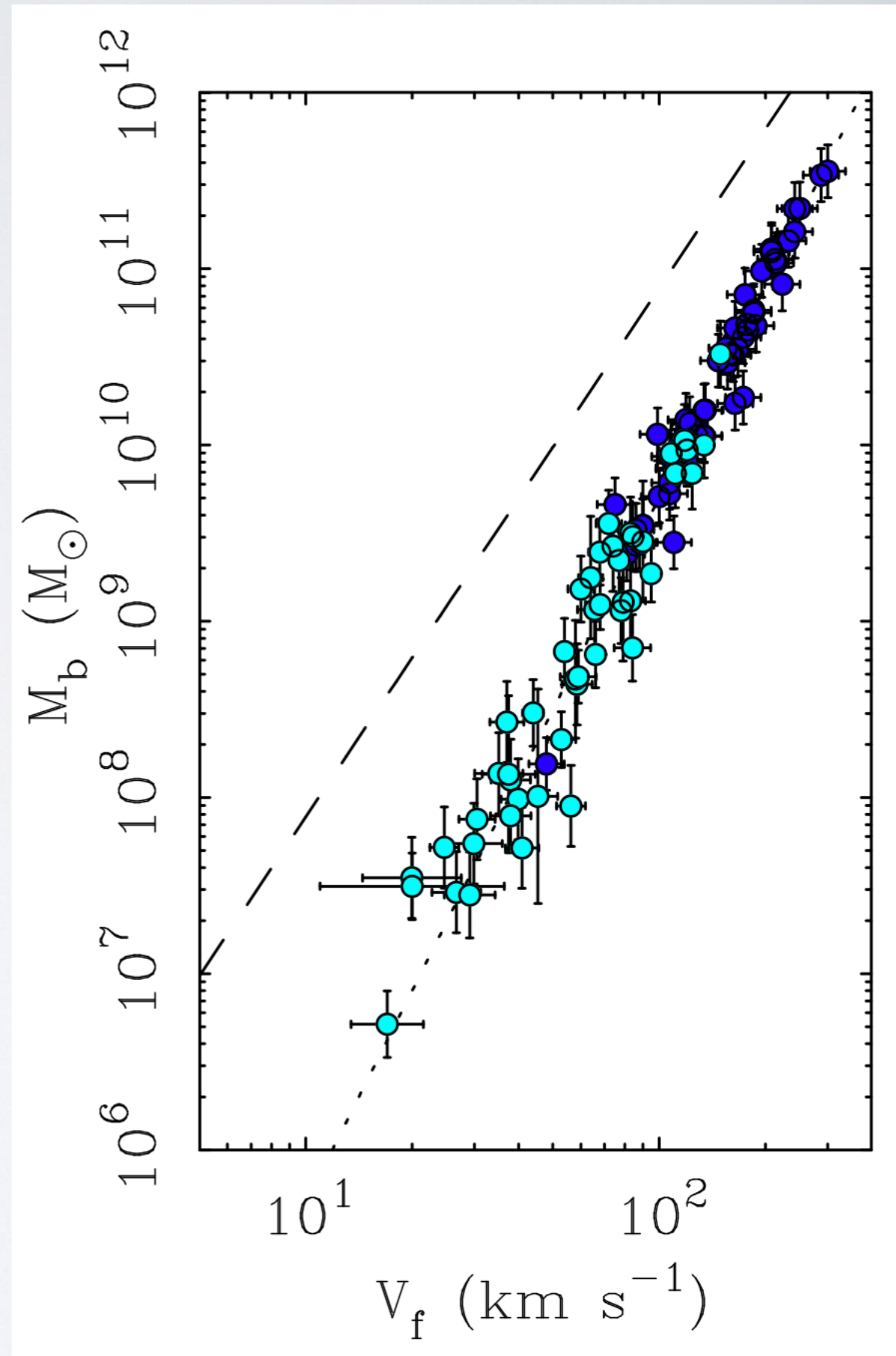
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Superfluid dark matter

Berezhiani & Khoury 2015

DM forms a superfluid condensate around galaxies

Phonons mediate a fifth force that reproduces the Baryonic Tully-Fisher Relation



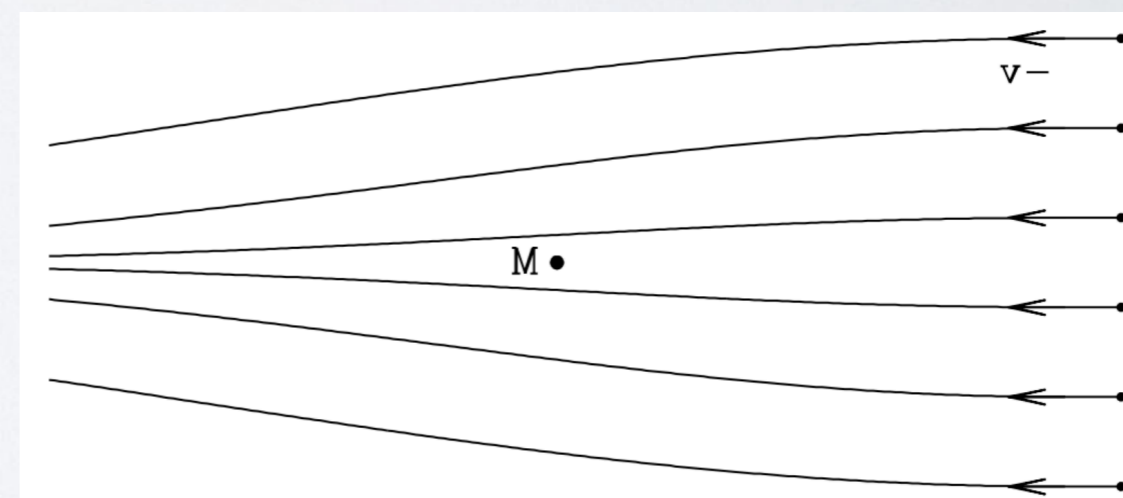
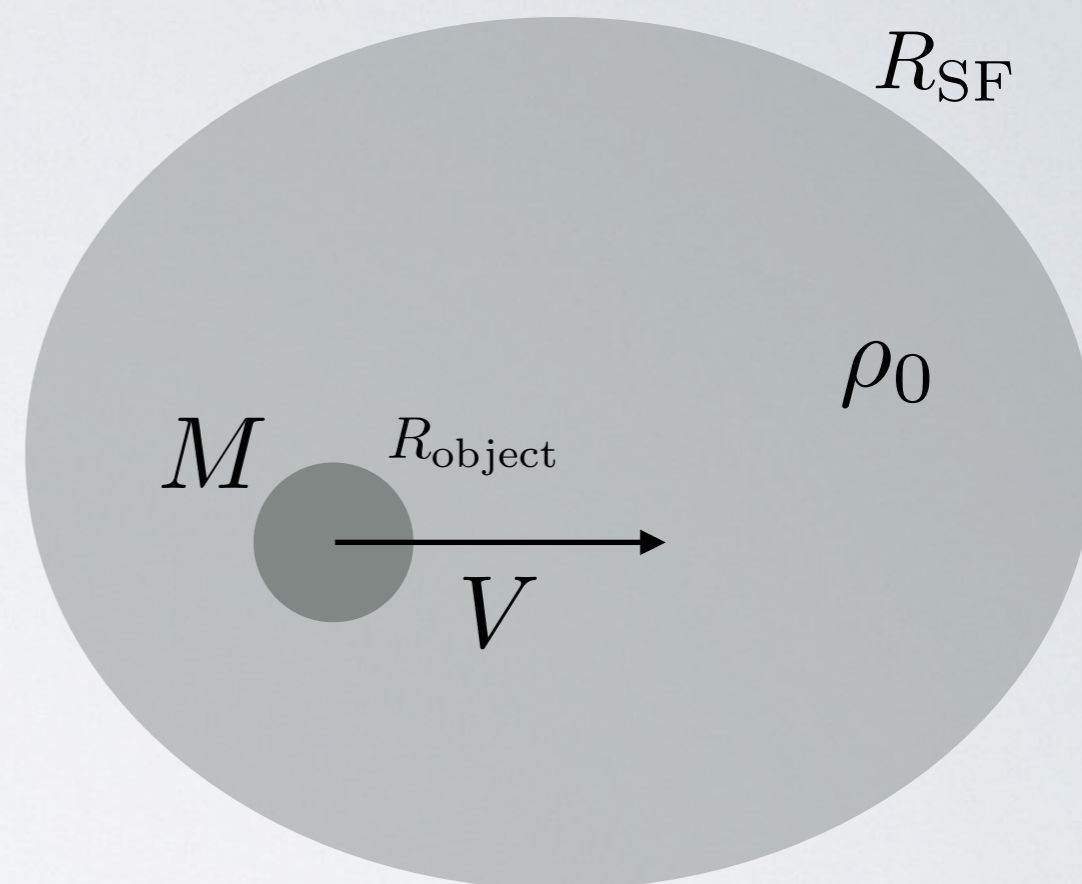
How to distinguish particle dark matter from dark matter as a fluid?

Dynamical friction

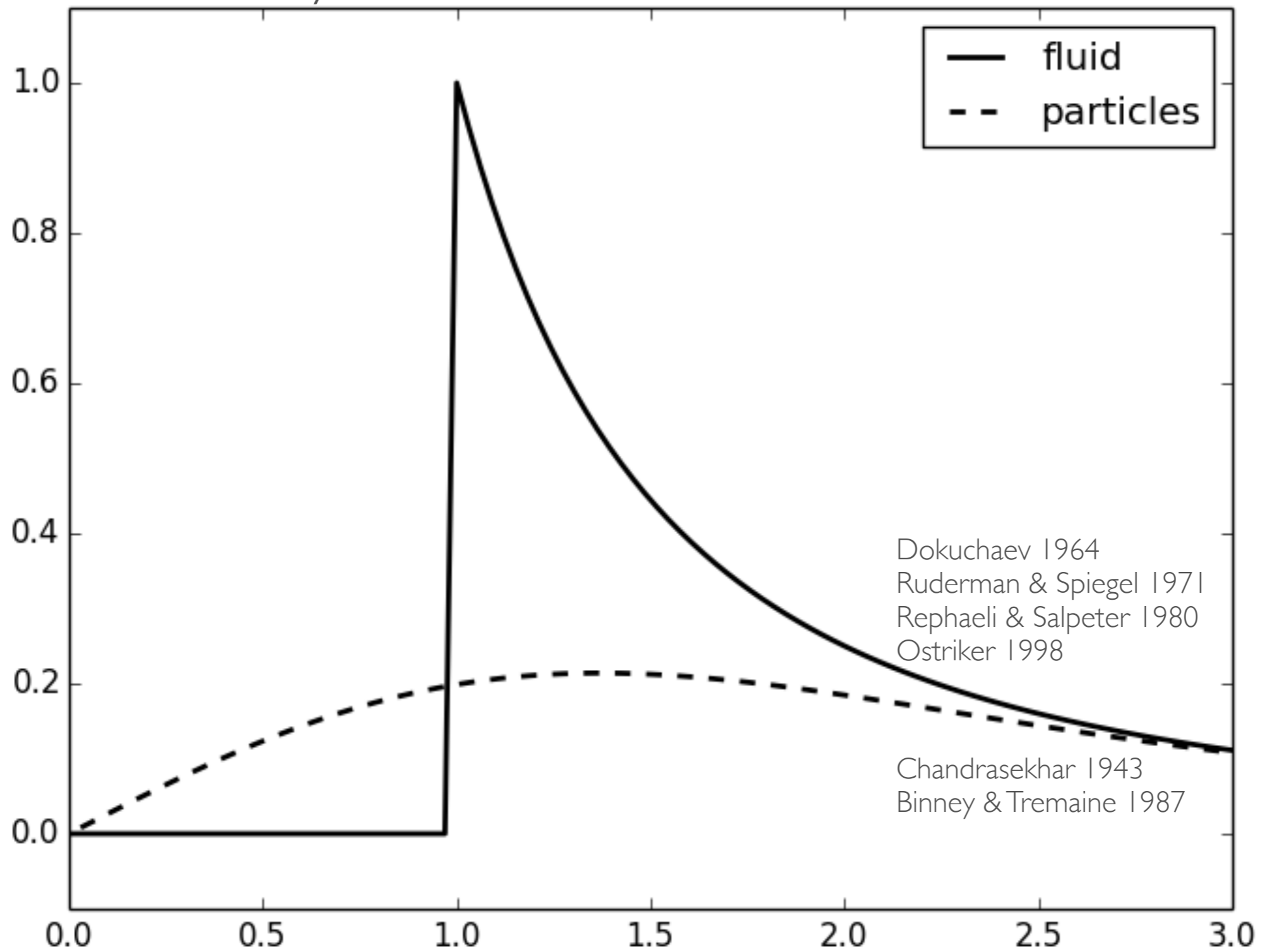
(i) A perturber moves through a uniform cloud of particles

(ii) An overdensity builds up behind the perturber

(iii) The gravitational attraction of the overdensity slows the perturber



Dynamical friction force $[4\pi(GM)^2\rho_0c_s^{-2}]$

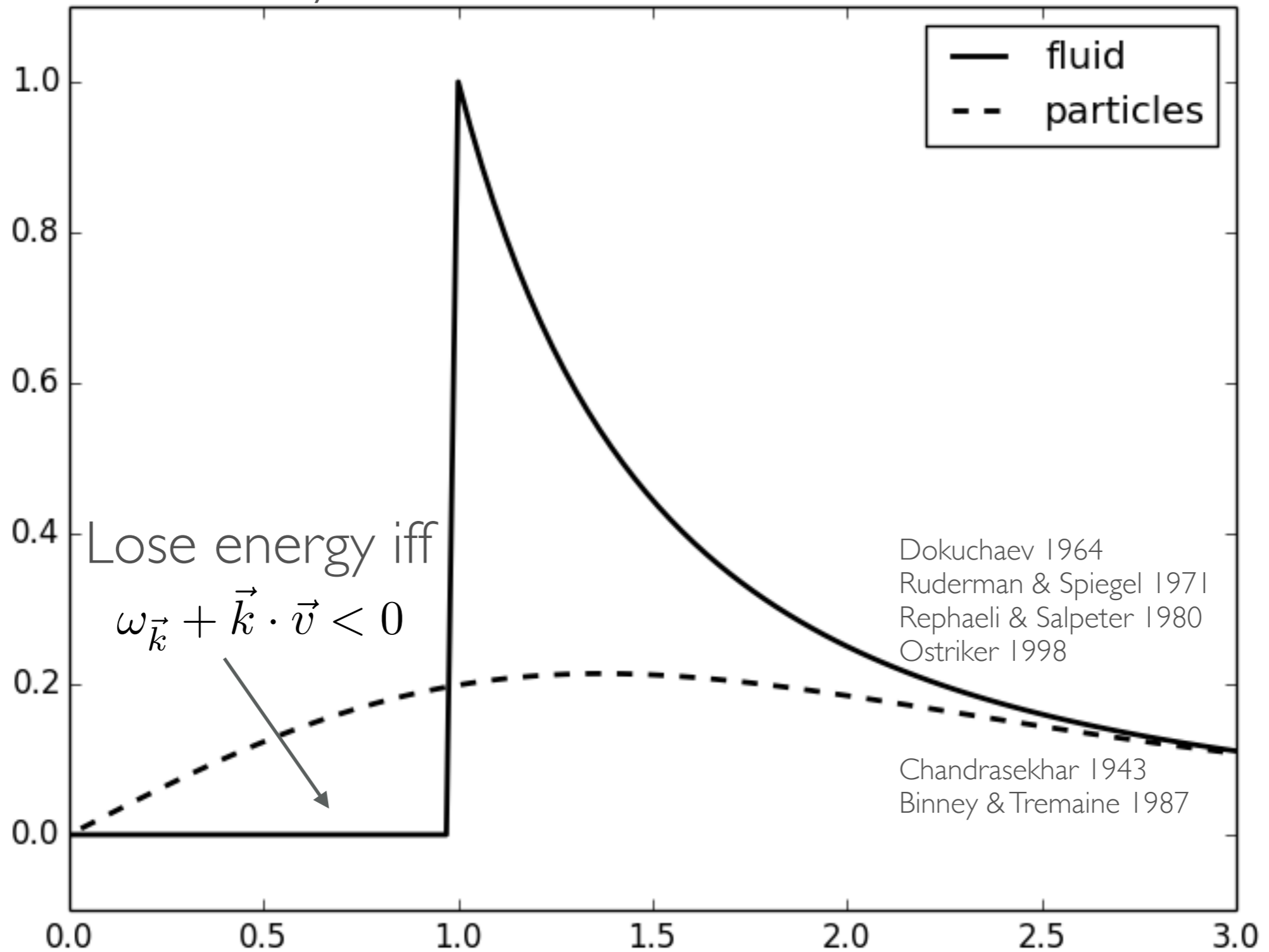


Dokuchaev 1964
Ruderman & Spiegel 1971
Rephaeli & Salpeter 1980
Ostriker 1998

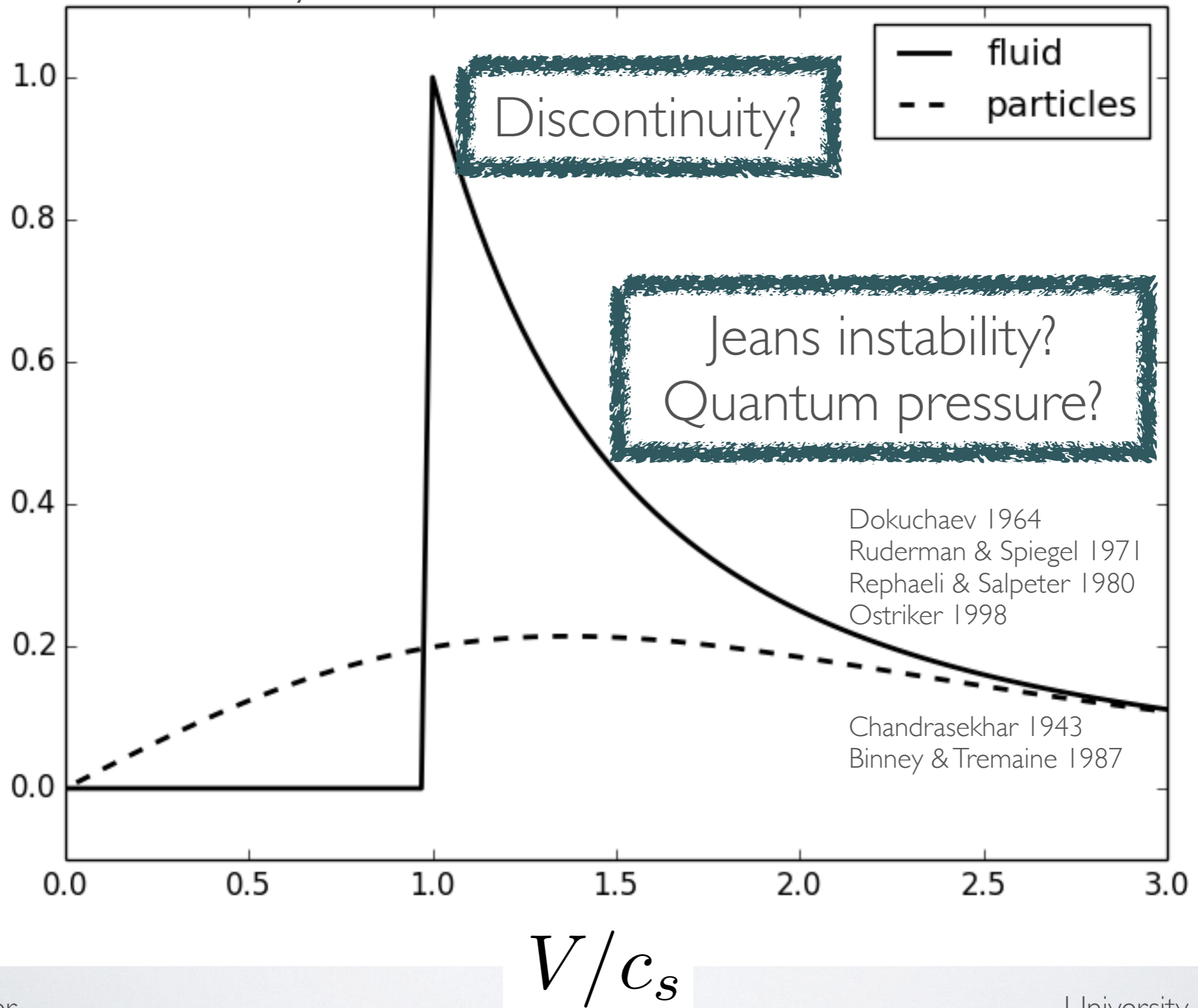
Chandrasekhar 1943
Binney & Tremaine 1987

V/c_s

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Hydrodynamical description of superfluid dynamical friction

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{16\pi G} - |\partial\Psi|^2 - m^2|\Psi|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2}|\Psi|^4 \right)$$

Non-relativistic limit: $\Psi = \frac{\psi}{\sqrt{2m}} e^{-imt}$

$$i\partial_t\psi = -\frac{\Delta}{2m}\psi + \frac{\lambda}{4m^2}|\psi|^2\psi + m\Phi\psi$$

Gross-Pitaevskii

Cast GP into hydro form:

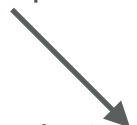
$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{m}} e^{i\theta}$$

$$P = \frac{\lambda}{8m^4} \rho^2$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{\nabla}\theta}{m}$$

$$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho\vec{v}) = 0;$$

$$\frac{\partial\vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\vec{\nabla}P - \vec{\nabla}\Phi + \frac{1}{2m^2}\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\Delta\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right)$$

“Quantum pressure”


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Linearize:

$$\rho = \rho_0(1 + \alpha)$$

$$c_s^2 = \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho_0}$$

$$\ddot{\alpha} - c_s^2 \Delta \alpha + \frac{1}{4m^2} \Delta^2 \alpha = \Delta \phi$$

$$\Delta \phi = 4\pi G (\rho_{\text{ext}} + \rho_0 \alpha)$$

Combine:

$$\ddot{\alpha} - c_s^2 \Delta \alpha - m_g^2 \alpha + \frac{1}{4m^2} \Delta^2 \alpha = 4\pi G \rho_{\text{ext}}$$

Tachyonic mass

$$m_g^2 \equiv 4\pi G \rho_0$$

Quantum pressure

Perturber sourcing
overdensity

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$$\rho_{\text{ext}}(x) = M \delta(x) \delta(y) \delta(z - Vt)$$

Dynamical friction is the work done by gravity:

$$F = \frac{M}{V} \dot{\phi}_\alpha$$

$$\phi_\alpha(k_0, \vec{k}) = -\frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{\vec{k}^2} \alpha(k_0, \vec{k})$$

$$\alpha(k_0, \vec{k}) = -\frac{4\pi G \rho_{\text{ext}}(k)}{k_0^2 - \omega_k^2}$$

$$F = \frac{M}{V} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik_0 t - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} i k_0 \frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{\vec{k}^2} \frac{4\pi G \rho_{\text{ext}}(k)}{k_0^2 - \omega_k^2}$$

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Low-momentum cutoffs

Cutoff I: size of superfluid cloud

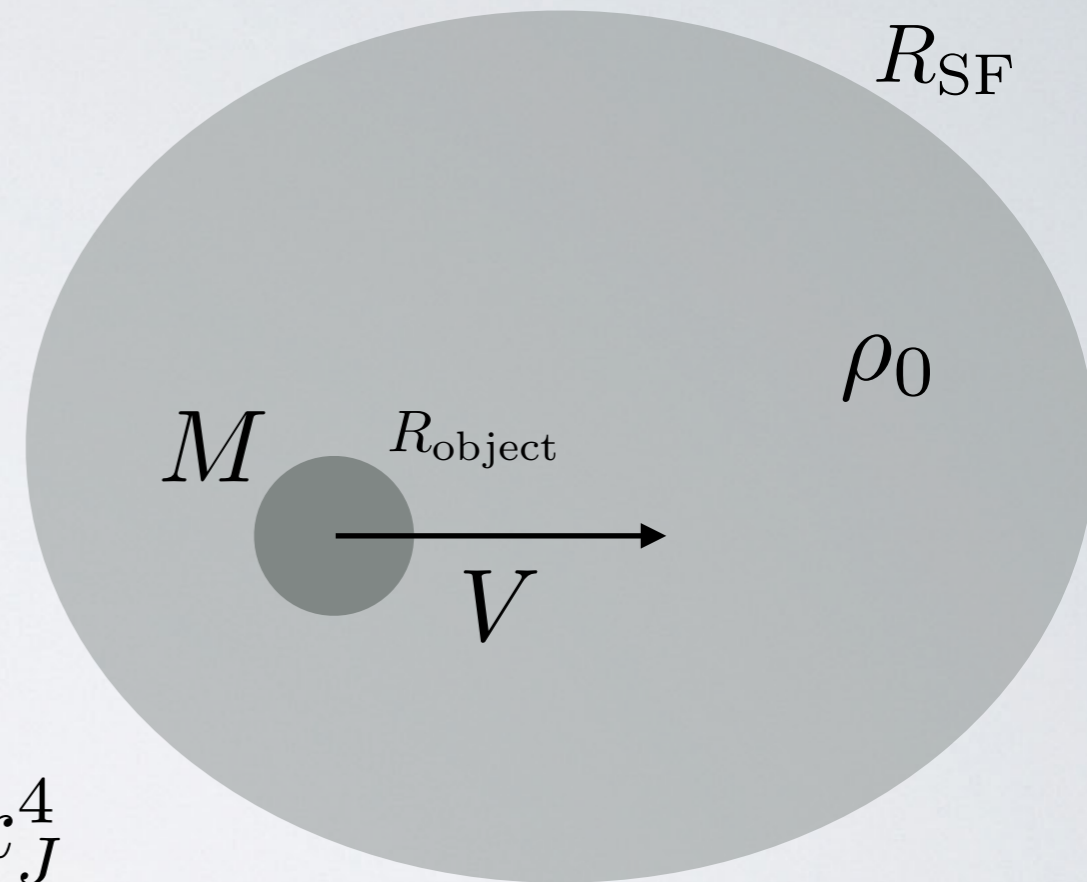
$$k_{\min} = 2\pi R_{\text{SF}}^{-1}$$

Cutoff II: Jeans scale

$$k_{\min} = k_J$$
$$\omega_{k_J}^2 \equiv 0 = -m_g^2 + c_s^2 k_J^2 + \frac{k_J^4}{4m^2}$$

Use whichever cutoff whose scale is higher:

$$k_{\min} = \max(2\pi R_{\text{SF}}^{-1}, k_J)$$

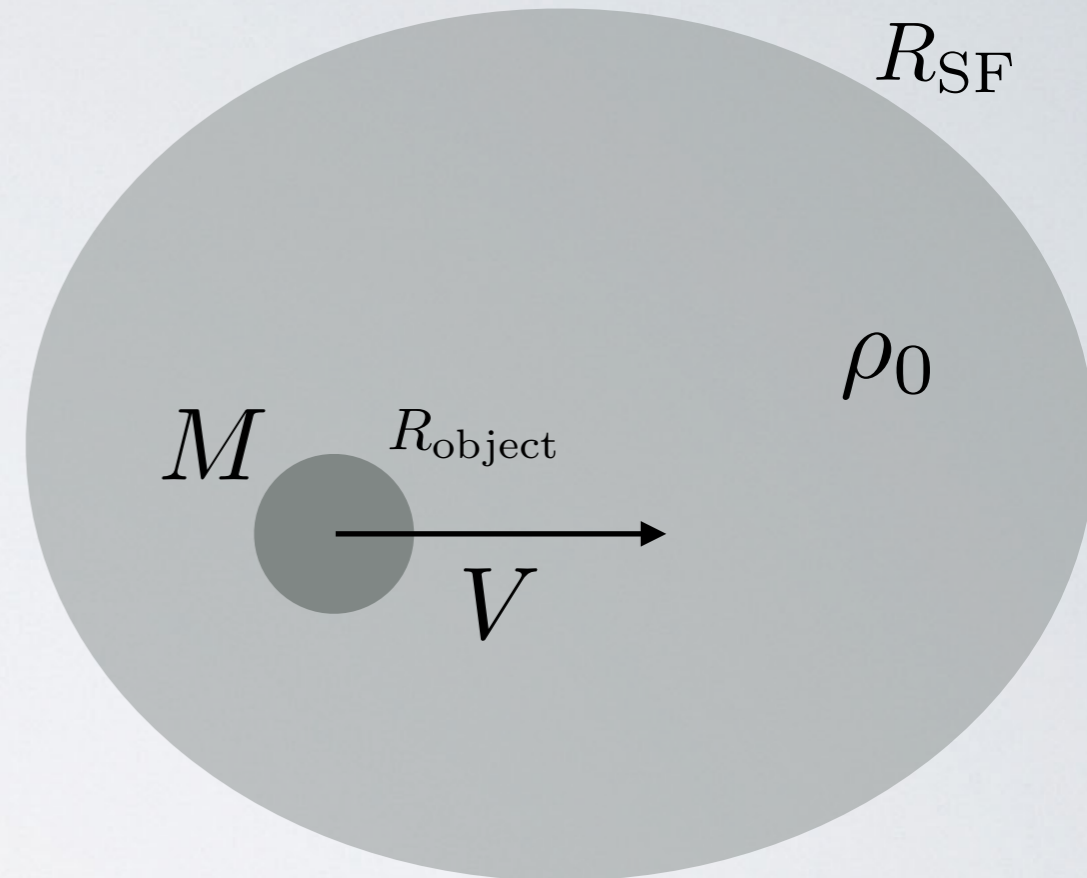


Hydrodynamical description of superfluid dynamical friction

High-momentum cutoffs

Cutoff I: size of perturber
(or linearization breaks down)

$$k_{\max} = 2\pi R_{\text{object}}^{-1}$$



“Cutoff” II: integrand is non-zero

$$F = -\frac{4\pi G^2 M^2 \rho_0}{V^2} \int \frac{dk}{k} d\cos\theta e^{i\omega_k t - ikVt\cos\theta} \delta\left(\frac{\omega_k}{kV} - \cos\theta\right)$$

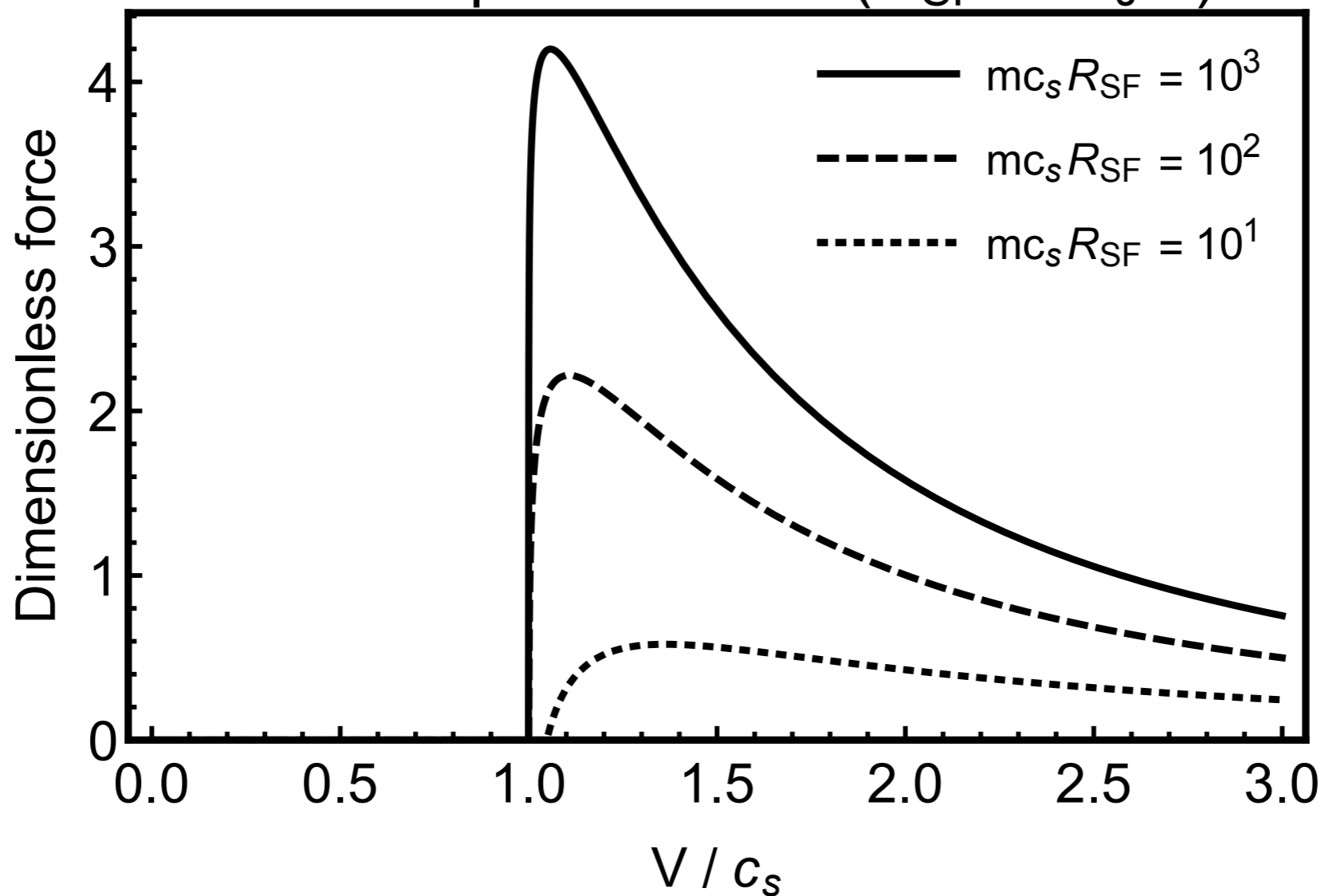
Integrand is only non-zero for modes $k < k_*$ $\frac{\omega_{k_*}}{k_* V} \equiv 1$

$$k_{\max} = \min\left(2\pi R_{\text{object}}^{-1}, k_*\right)$$

Results I: small superfluid core

$$|F| = \frac{4\pi G^2 M^2 \rho_0}{V^2} \ln \left(\frac{\min(2\pi R_{\text{object}}^{-1}, k_{\star})}{\max(2\pi R_{\text{SF}}^{-1}, k_{\text{J}})} \right)$$

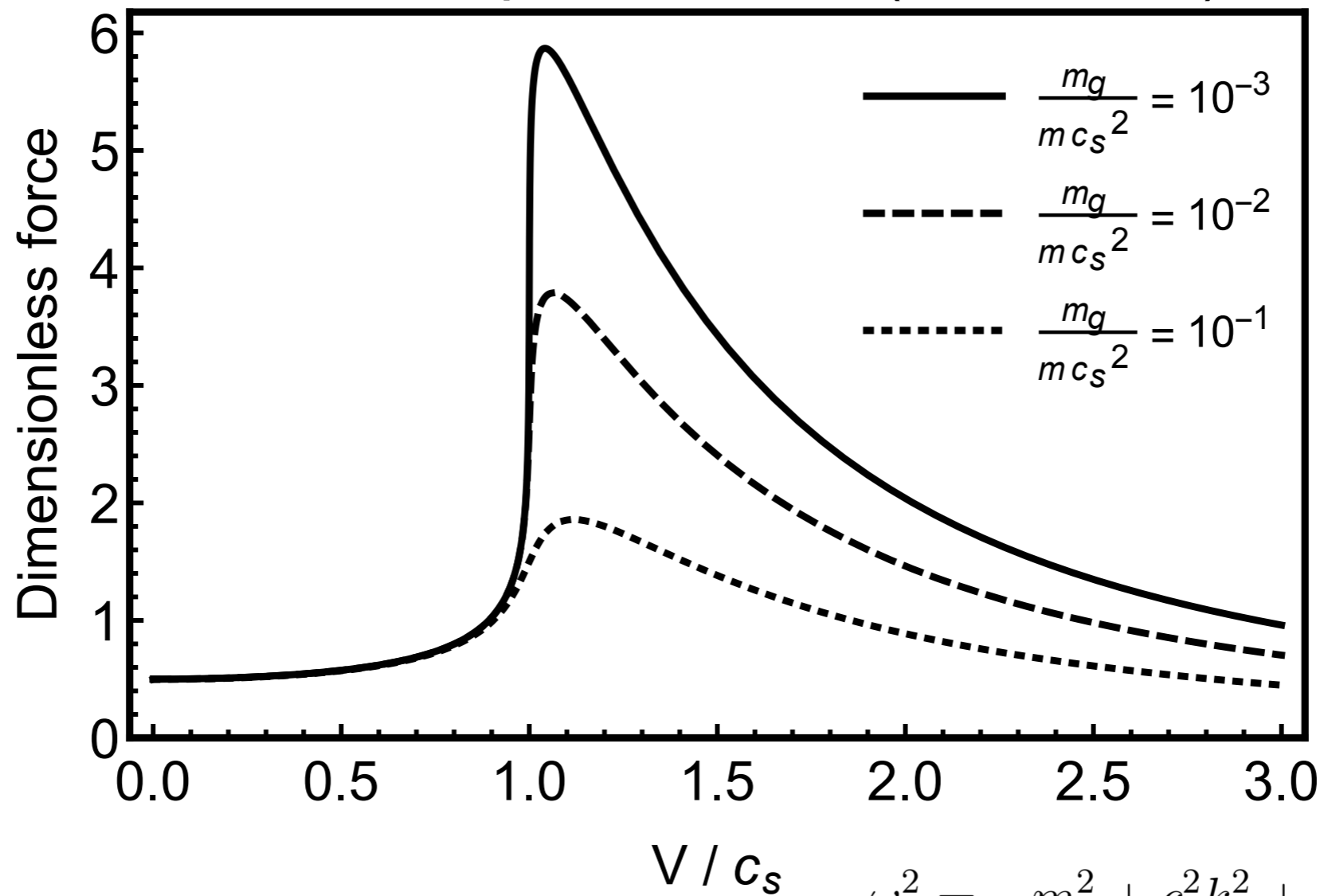
Small superfluid core ($R_{\text{SF}} \ll k_{\text{J}}^{-1}$)



Results II: large superfluid core

$$|F| = \frac{4\pi G^2 M^2 \rho_0}{V^2} \ln \left(\frac{\min(2\pi R_{\text{object}}^{-1}, k_*)}{\max(2\pi R_{\text{SF}}^{-1}, k_J)} \right)$$

Critical superfluid core ($R_{\text{SF}} = k_J^{-1}$)



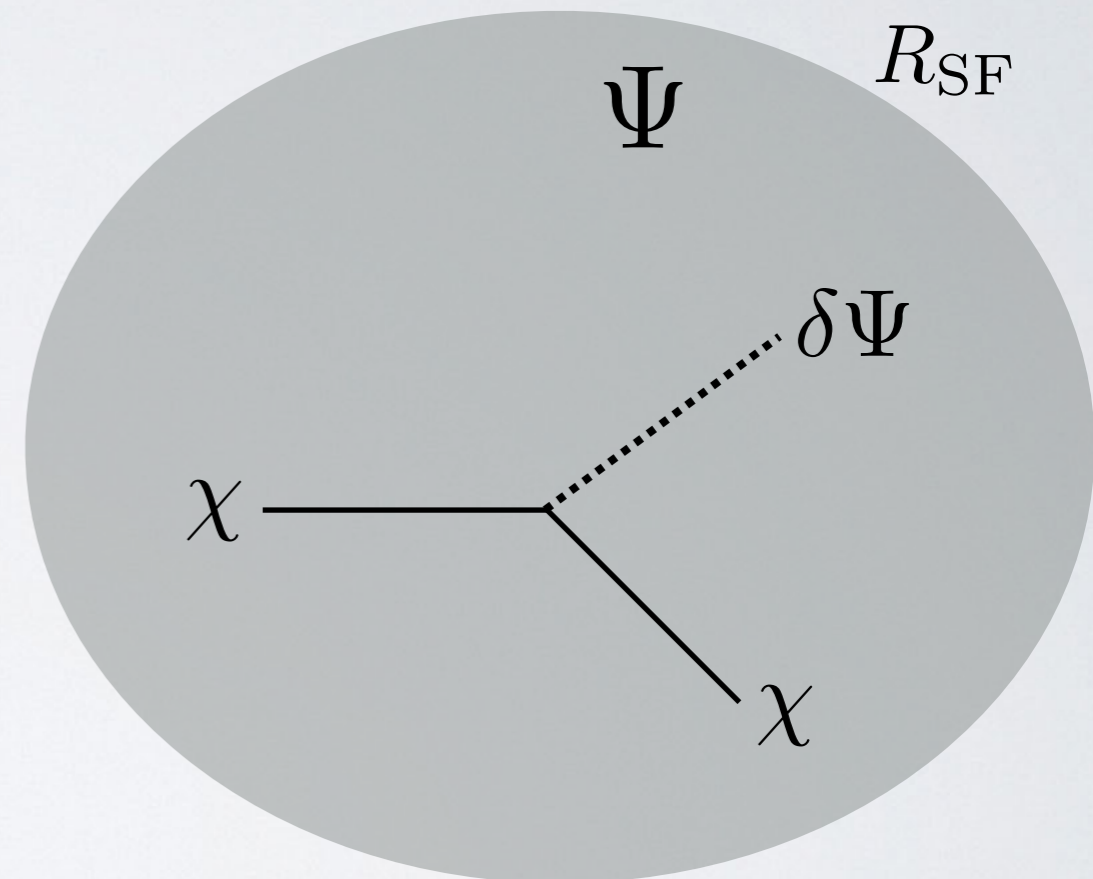
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Quasiparticle description of superfluid dynamical friction

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Superfluid

Perturber



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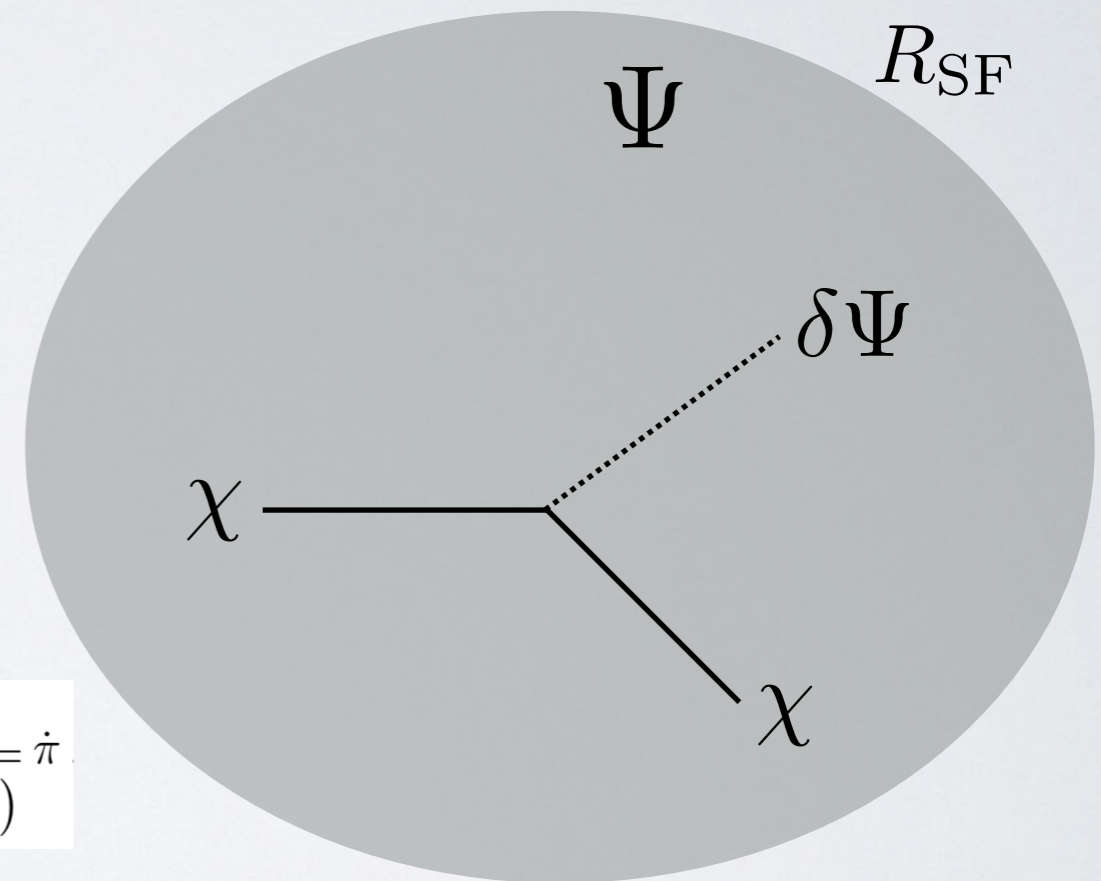
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Perturb the condensate:

$$\Psi = (v + h) e^{i\sqrt{m^2 + \lambda v^2}t + i\pi}$$

Effective theory of phonons:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\pi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi \left(m_g^2 + c_s^2\Delta - \frac{\Delta^2}{4m^2} \right) \pi - 4\pi GM^2 \sqrt{\rho_0} \chi^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta \left(m_g + c_s^2\Delta - \frac{\Delta^2}{4m^2} \right)}} \dot{\pi}$$



Rate of energy loss: $|F| = \frac{\dot{E}}{V} = \int \omega_k d\Gamma \rightarrow |F| = \frac{4\pi G^2 M^2 \rho_0}{V^2} \ln \left(\frac{\min(2\pi R_{\text{object}}^{-1}, k_*)}{\max(2\pi R_{SF}^{-1}, k_J)} \right)$

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England

vs



United States

Semi-final

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