

# Are Dwarf Spheroidal and Ultra Faint Dwarf galaxies the most dark matter dominated stellar systems?

*Leo I dwarf*

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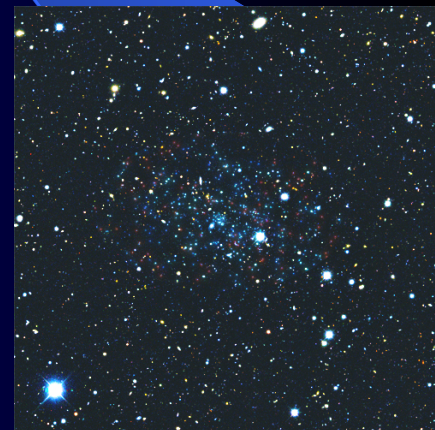
- The presence of dark matter is invoked to explain many observational issues.
- Anyway, so far, its existence is *questionable* at least on “galactic scales”.

Open cluster

Globular cluster

Dwarf galaxy

Ultra faint dwarf



NGC 265  
(M/L)<sub>⊙</sub> <1

M 80  
(M/L)<sub>⊙</sub> ~2

Leo I  
(M/L)<sub>⊙</sub> ~4

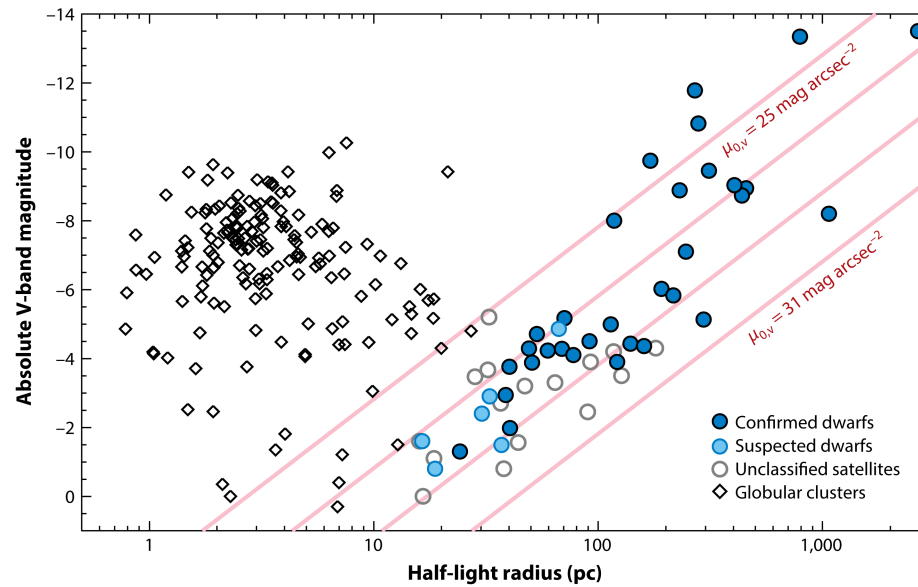
Eridanus  
(M/L)<sub>⊙</sub> ~130

No DM

Most DM dominated?

# Milky Way satellites

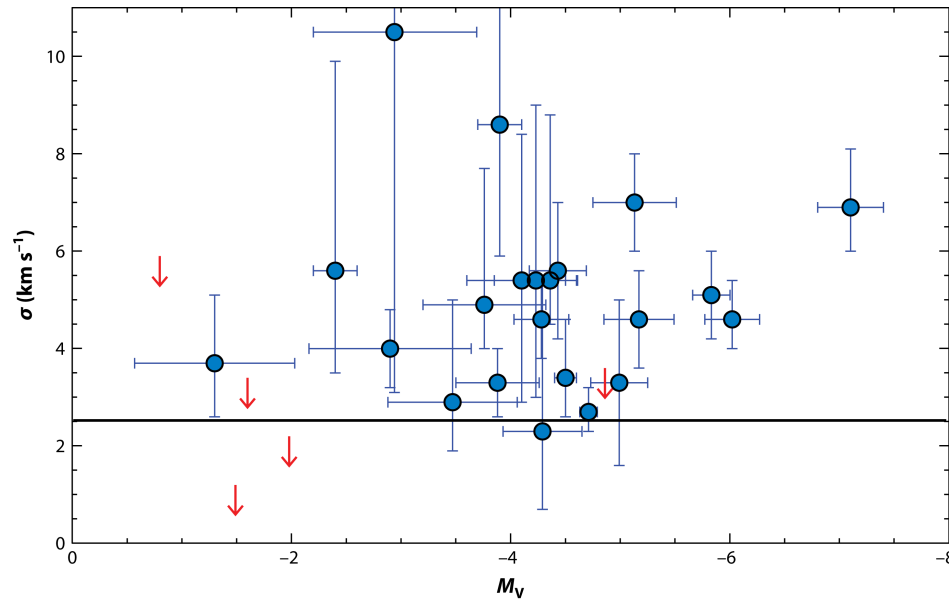
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# Milky Way UFDs

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UFDs:  $M_V > -7.7$  ( $M < 10^5 M_\odot$ )

Most updated data base from Andrew Pace:

[https://github.com/pace7/local\\_volume\\_database](https://github.com/pace7/local_volume_database)

### Milky Way UFDs

29 UFDs:  $\langle M_{dyn}/L \rangle = 512$

15 DSphs:  $\langle M_{dyn}/L \rangle = 49$

### M31 UFDs

8 UFDs:  $\langle M_{dyn}/L \rangle = 449$

27 DSphs:  $\langle M_{dyn}/L \rangle = 55$

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If these very high values of M/L are actually due to **huge DM content** would make DSphs and UFDs:

- extremely interesting **targets to look for direct ‘detection’ of DM particles** via their *annihilation* and/or *decay* via Gamma ray observation with Cherenkov telescopes (CTA, under construction).

**CTA at La Palma and Cerro Paranal**

*Dark matter line searches with the Cherenkov Telescope Array,  
S. Abeet al JCAP07, 2024, 04*



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Let's consider **Ultra Faint Dwarf galaxies** (UFDs)

As we said, they are considered as the *most DM dominated* objects in the Universe.

They are often *unresolved* or *poorly resolved* stellar systems.  
So the above statement relies upon:

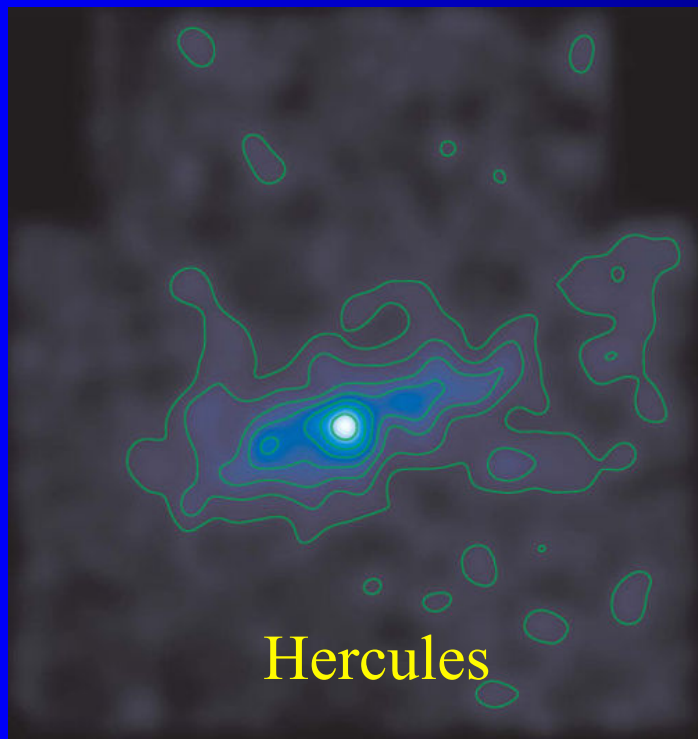
- i) their large *integrated* 1D velocity dispersion,  
together with the
- ii) hypothesis they are *virialized*.

Questionable ...

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*Virialized?* In some case *yes* (e.g. Fornax) in many others *no* (e.g. Hercules, UMa2, Sextans,...).

*(refer also to Fellhauer, this conference)*



$L \sim 30,000 L_{\odot}$   $(M/L)_{\odot} \sim 160$

$L \sim 4,000 L_{\odot}$   $(M/L)_{\odot} \sim 770$

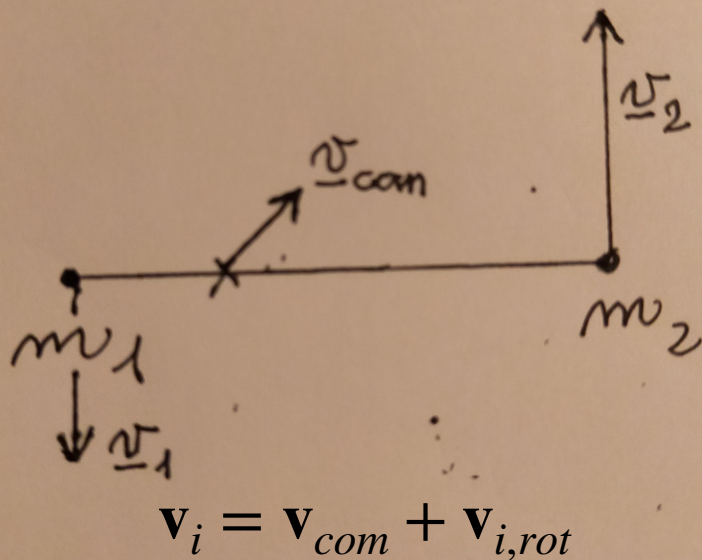


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# The role of (unresolved) binaries.

(Refer also to Wirth, this conference)

A binary star



With  $m_1 = m_2 = 1 M_{\odot}$  and  
 $a = 1 \text{ AU}$

$$\sigma_b \sim \sqrt{G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{a}} \simeq 42.2 \text{ km/s}$$

in an open cluster  $\sigma \sim 1 \text{ km/s}$

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## The role of (unresolved) binaries.

$$M \leq M_{vir} = \alpha \frac{R_{vir}}{G} \sigma_{com}^2 < \alpha \frac{R_{vir}}{G} \sigma_{obs}^2$$

overestimate

Given a binary fraction  $0 < f_b < 1$  over a population of single stars

$$\sigma_{obs}^2 = (1 - f_b)\sigma_s^2 + f_b\sigma_b^2 \implies \frac{\Delta M}{M} \equiv \frac{M_{obs} - M}{M} = f_b \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_b}{\sigma_s} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

Being  $\sigma_{com}^2 \propto M$  while  $\sigma_b^2$  is not:

**binaries affect more the *low mass* systems**

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*(Rastello et al. 2020; Pianta, Capuzzo Dolcetta & Carraro; Flammini Dotti et al in prep.)*

**Table 1.** Structural parameters of the simulated galaxies.

Object	$R$	$M$	$t_{rh}$	$X$	$Y$	$Z$	Age	$L_{bol}$	$L_V$	$L_B$
	(pc)	( $M_{\odot}$ )	(Gyr)				(Gyr)	( $L_{\odot}$ )	( $L_{V,\odot}$ )	( $L_{B,\odot}$ )
dSph	$3 \times 10^3$	$10^7$	$1.79 \times 10^5$	0.747	0.252	0.001	13	$1.35 \times 10^8$	$1.38 \times 10^7$	$1.67 \times 10^7$
UFD	50	$5 \times 10^4$	43.07	0.747	0.252	0.001	13	$6.72 \times 10^5$	$6.88 \times 10^4$	$8.37 \times 10^4$

## Binary population

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(e) = 2e, 0 \leq e \leq 1 \\ g(a) = k/a, a_{min} \leq a \leq a_{max} \\ p(m_2/m_1) = (m_2/m_1)^{-q}, q = 0, 0.4 \end{array} \right.$$

We account for RLOF

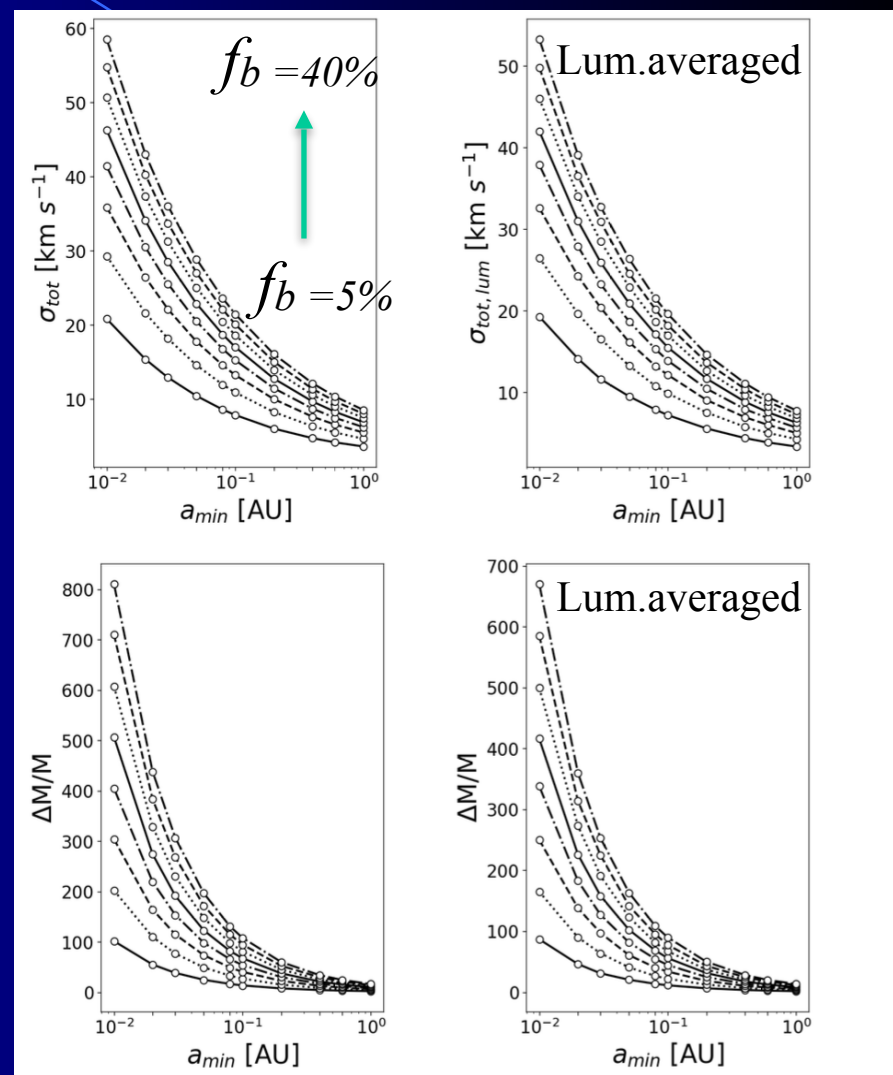
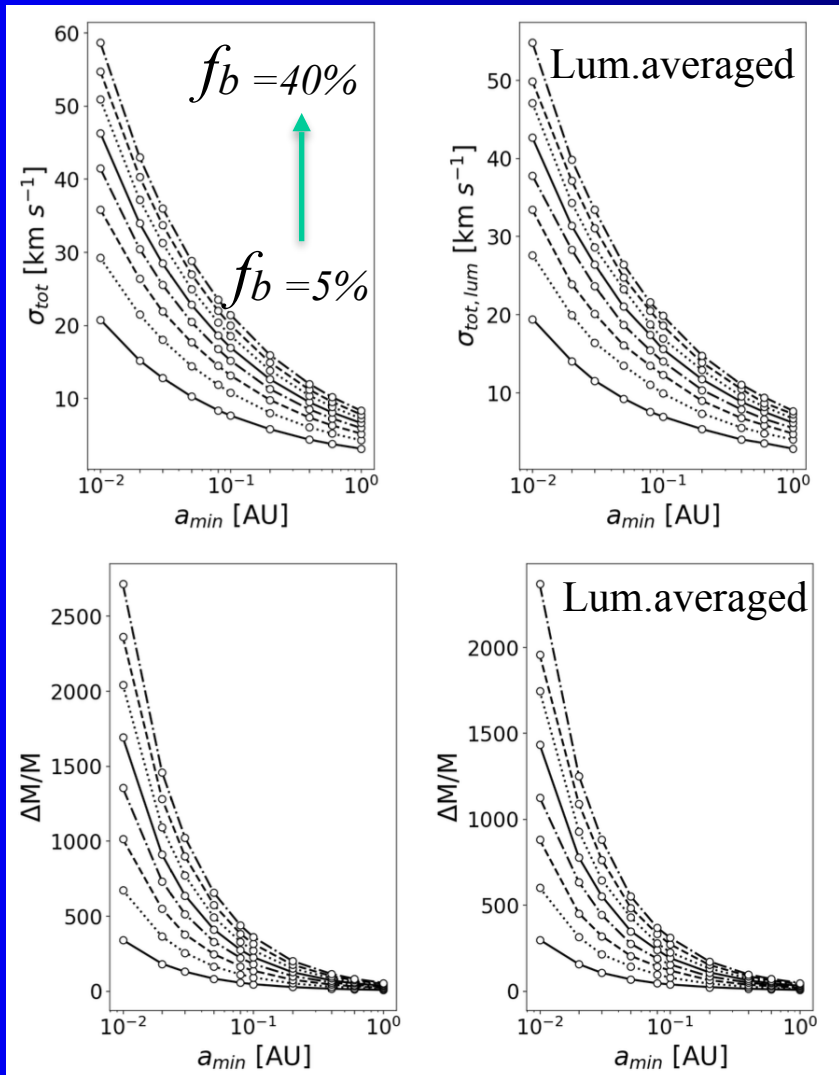
**Table 2.** Ranges of variation of parameters characterizing the binary populations.

$f_b$	$a_{min}$	$a_{max}$	$e$
	(AU)	(AU)	
0.05–0.4	0.01–1	50–400	0–1

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UFD

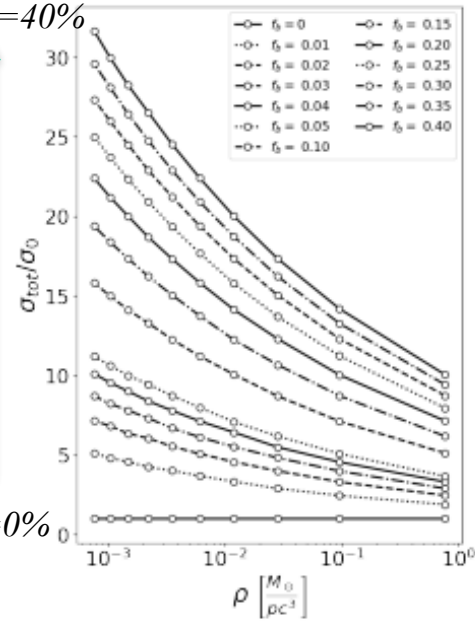
dSph



$f_b = 40\%$



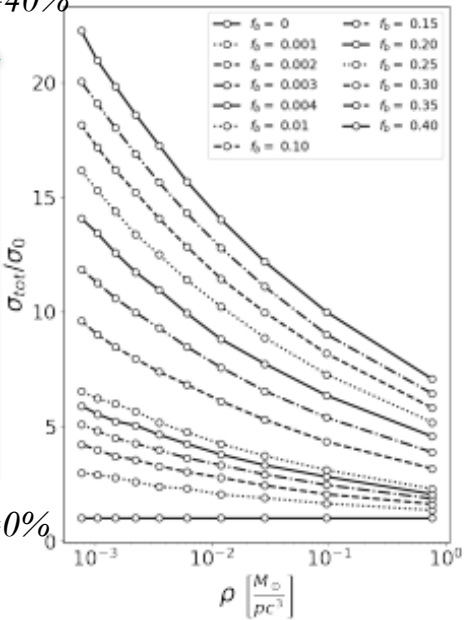
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No RLOF

RLOF

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**DSph**

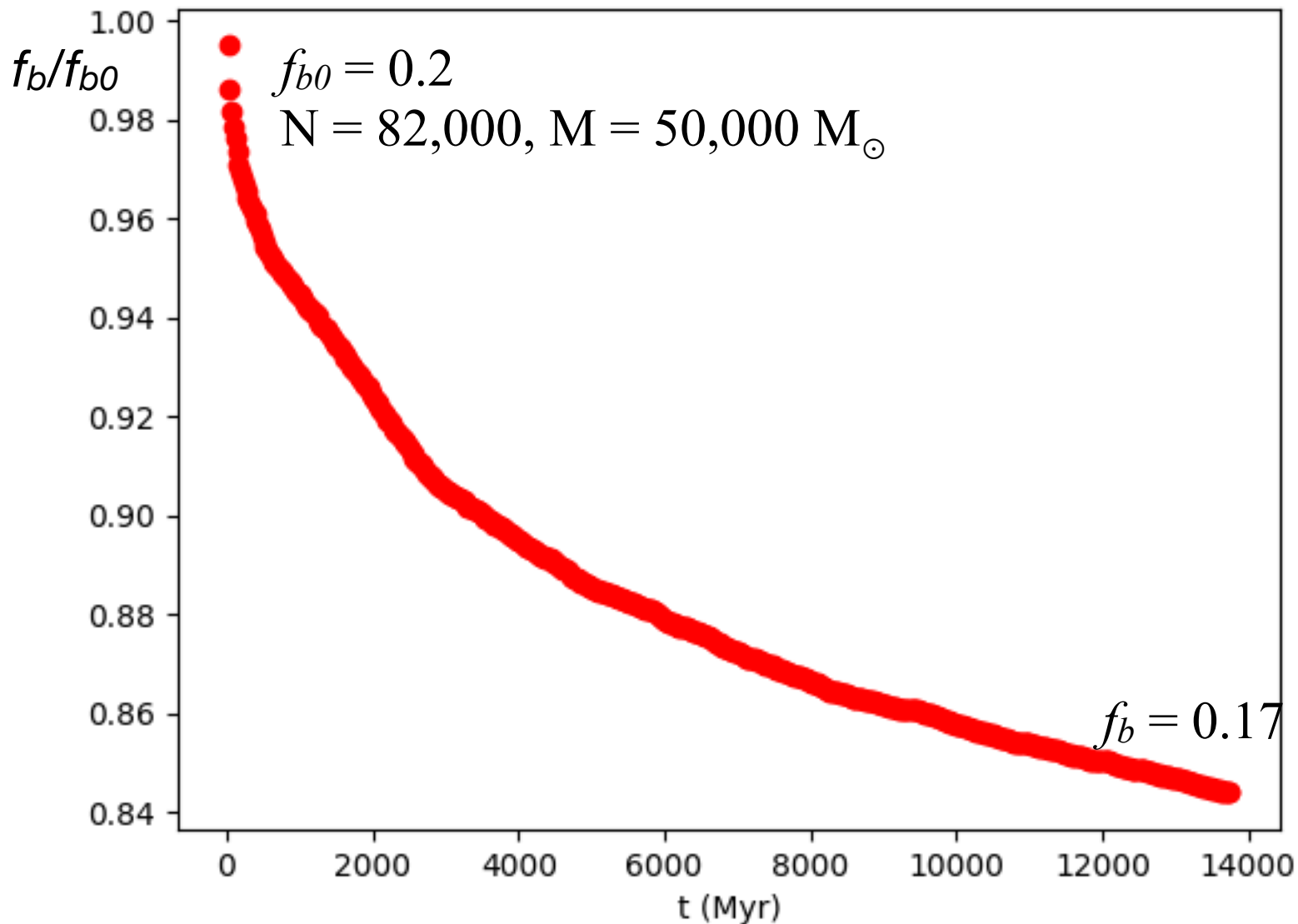
$f_b$	$(M/L_{\text{bol}})_{\odot}$	$(M/L_v)_{\odot}$
0.09	6.29	5.93
0.23	16.14	15.16
0.37	31.29	29.40
0.44	38.29	37.36

**UFD**

$f_b$	$(M/L_{\text{bol}})_{\odot}$	$(M/L_v)_{\odot}$
0.05	19.43	18.27
0.15	61.57	57.70
0.30	141.14	132.40
0.40	209.86	195.39

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*(Capuzzo Dolcetta, Flammini Dotti, Carraro & Spurzem, in prep.)*



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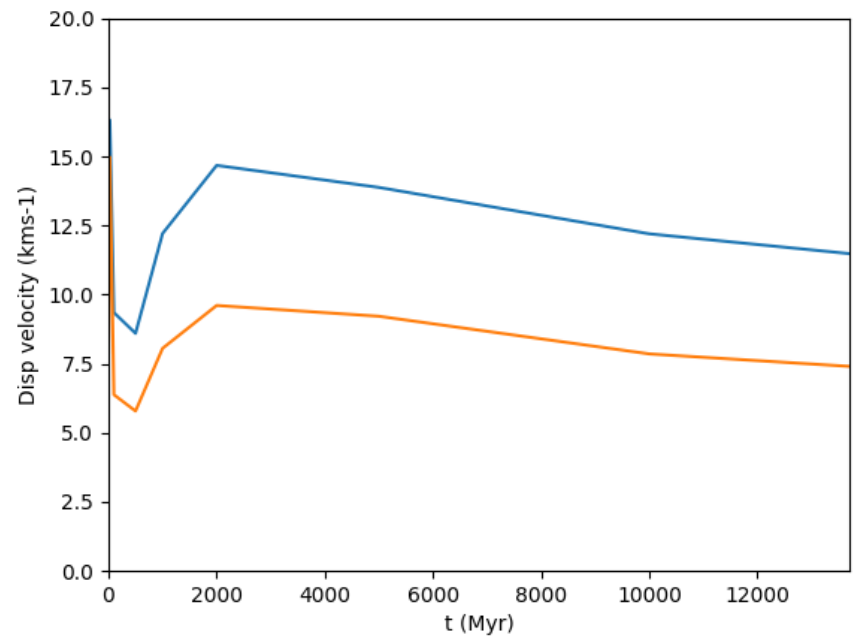
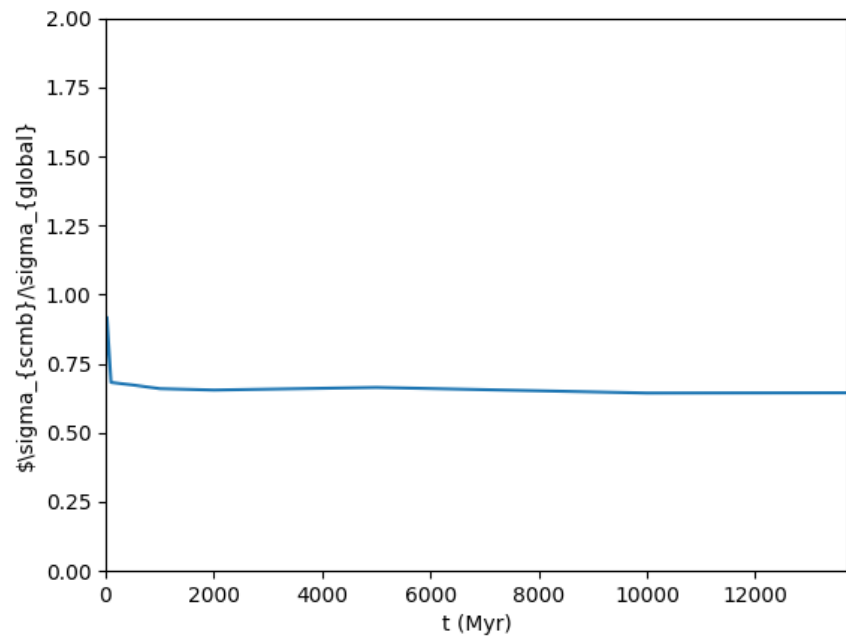
# Conclusions

- Binaries may **affect the velocity dispersion determination** and so the dynamical mass evaluation;
- binary “inflation” is **more relevant for low mass systems** like UFDs rather than dSphs;
- the binary boost of velocity dispersion steeply **increases at decreasing galaxy density**;
- for UFDs, large mass-to-light ratios can be interpreted by **an unresolved binary population without invoking non baryonic DM.**



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## Are DSph and UFD the most ...

**Table 3.** Values of the mass-to-light ratio in the bolometric and  $V$  and  $B$  photometric bands for various binary fractions, in the case of our reference model.

Object	$f_b$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_{bol}$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_V$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_B$
		$(M_\odot/L_\odot)$	$(M_\odot/L_{V,\odot})$	$(M_\odot/L_{B,\odot})$
dSph	0	0.07	0.73	0.60
	0.05	0.63	6.15	5.06
	0.15	1.75	17.07	14.03
	0.30	3.41	33.38	27.44
	0.40	4.53	44.29	36.40
UFD	0	0.07	0.73	0.60
	0.05	1.95	19.04	15.65
	0.15	5.64	55.16	45.34
	0.30	11.26	110.13	90.53
	0.40	14.92	145.88	119.95

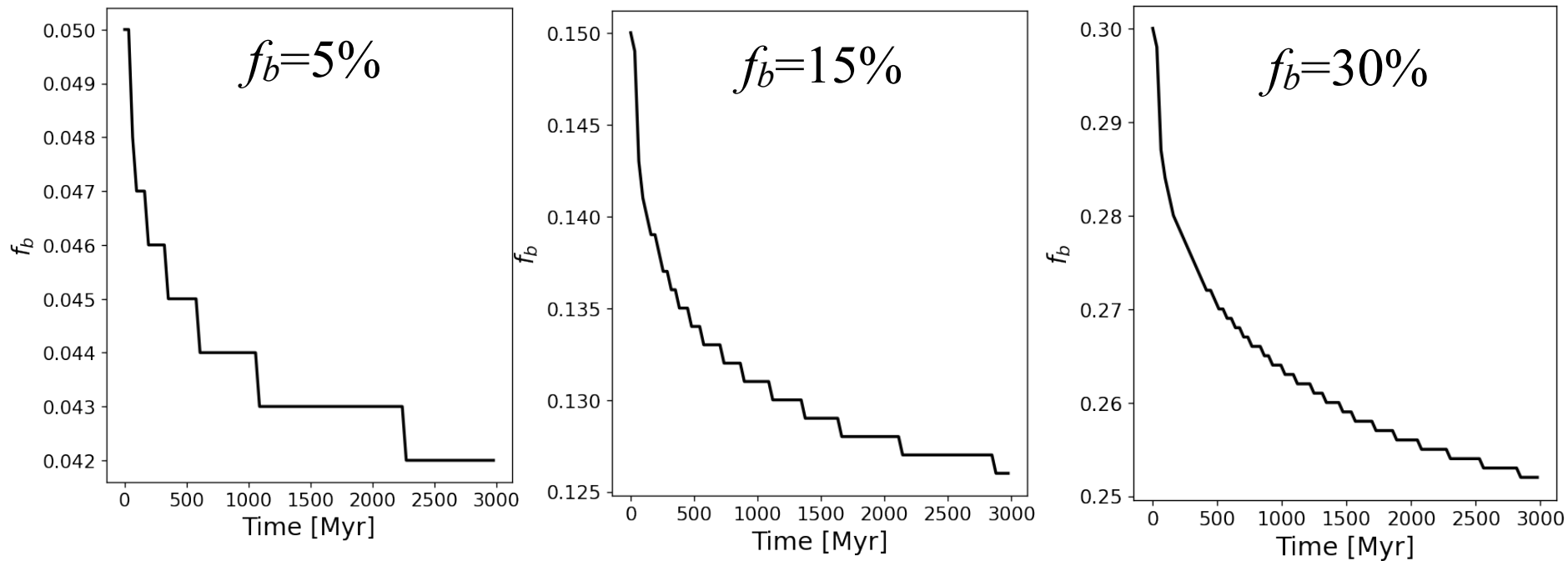
**Table 4.** As Tab. 3, but accounting for both RLOF and the luminosity cut-off (dSph case) and RLOF only for the UFD case. For the dSph,  $f_b$  refers to the actual binary fraction obtained after the luminosity cut procedure.

Object	$f_b$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_{bol}$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_V$	$(M_{dyn}/L)_B$
		$(M_\odot/L_\odot)$	$(M_\odot/L_{V,\odot})$	$(M_\odot/L_{B,\odot})$
dSph	0	0.07	0.73	0.60
	0.09	0.44	4.33	3.56
	0.23	1.13	11.07	9.10
	0.37	2.19	21.46	17.64
	0.44	2.68	27.27	22.41
UFD	0	0.07	0.73	0.60
	0.05	1.36	13.34	10.96
	0.15	4.31	42.12	34.63
	0.30	9.88	96.65	79.45
	0.40	14.69	142.63	117.27

As expected the M/L enhancement due to unresolved binaries is *larger* for *fainter* dwarf galaxies (UFDs)

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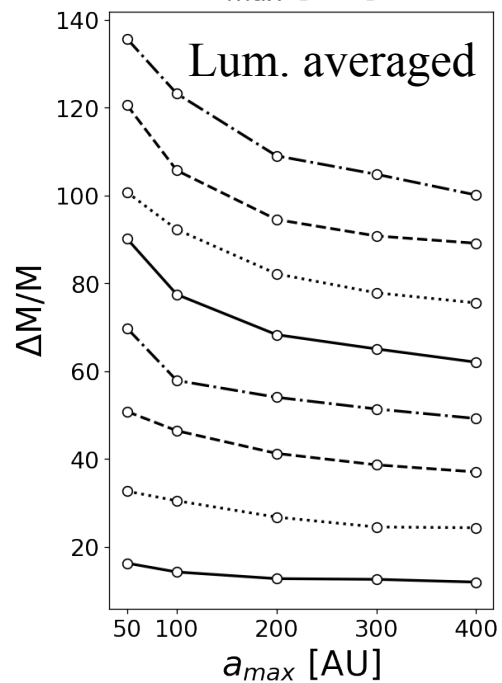
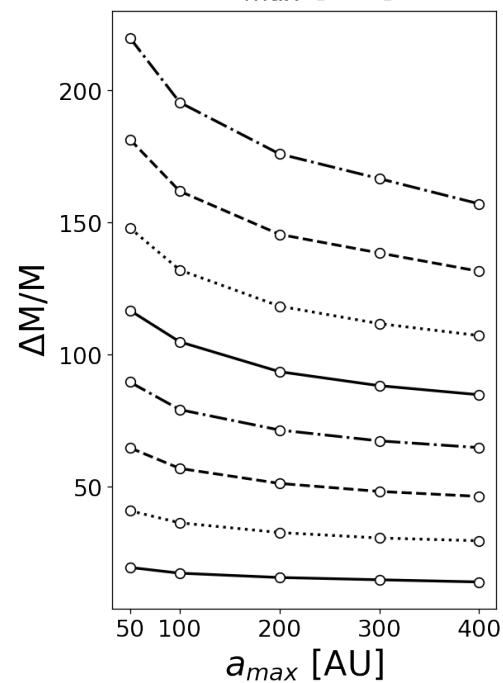
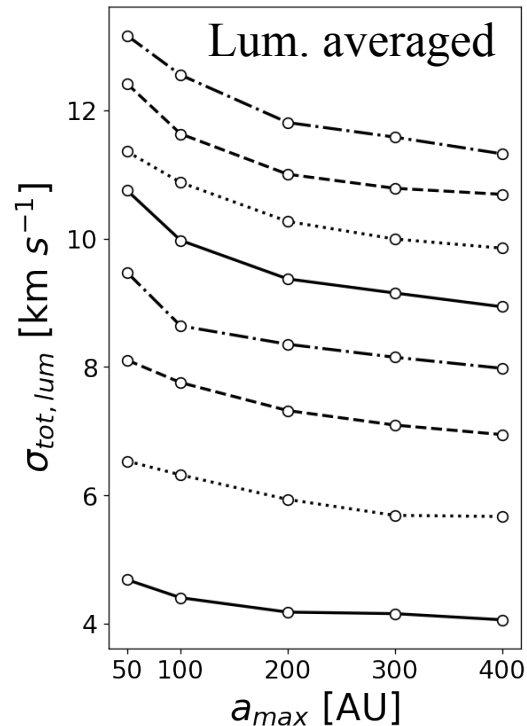
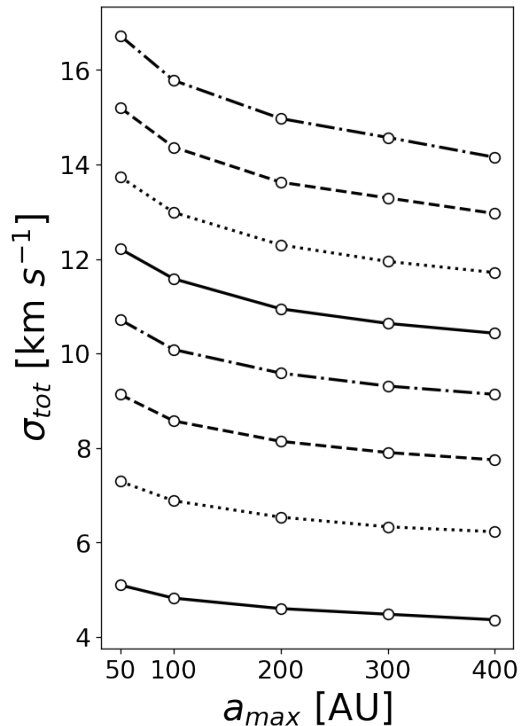
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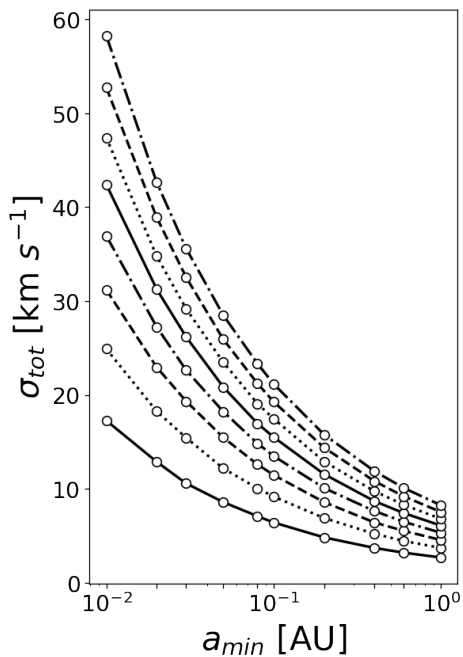


UFD

$f_b = 40\%$

$f_b = 5\%$



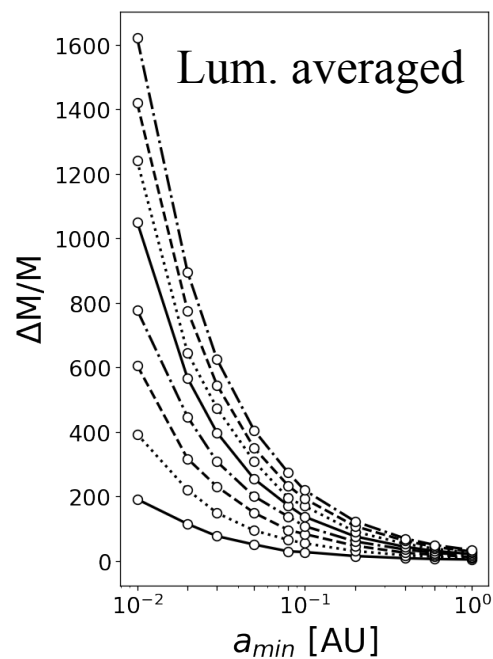
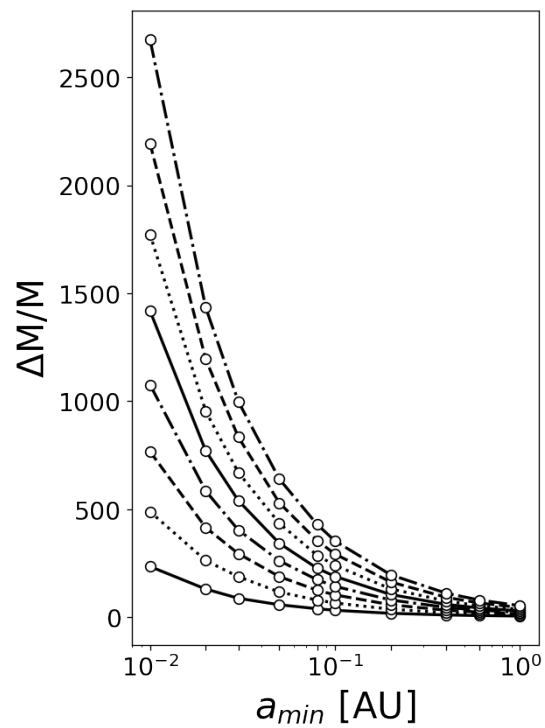
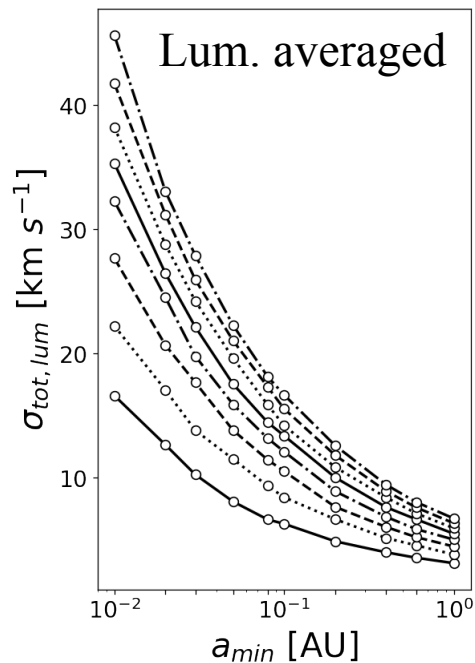


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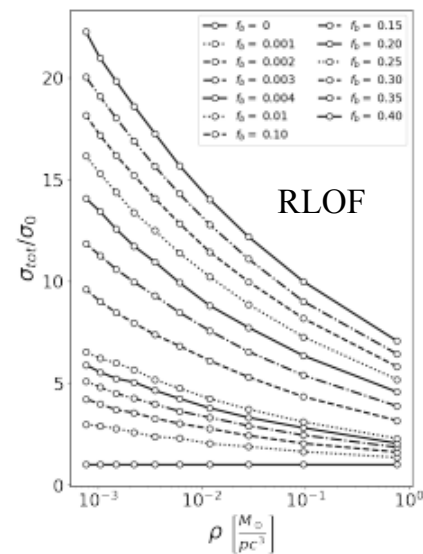
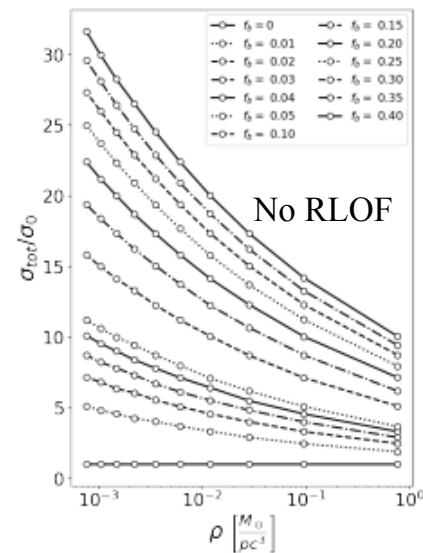
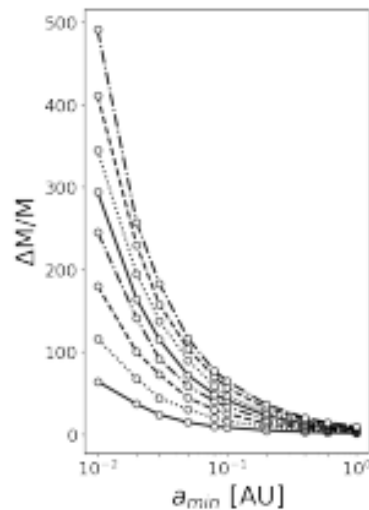
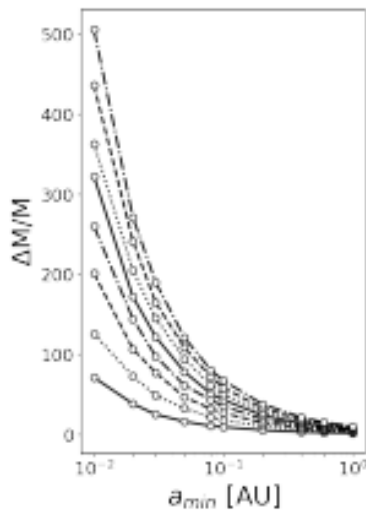
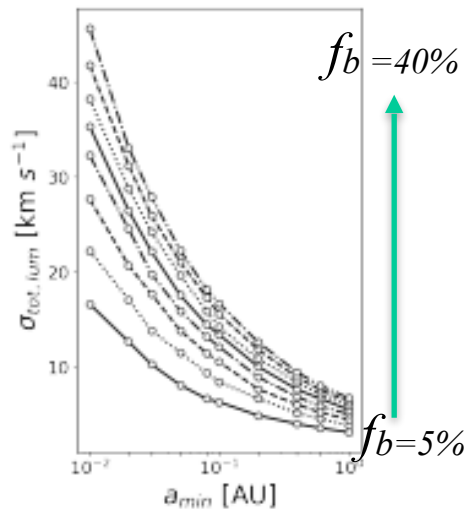
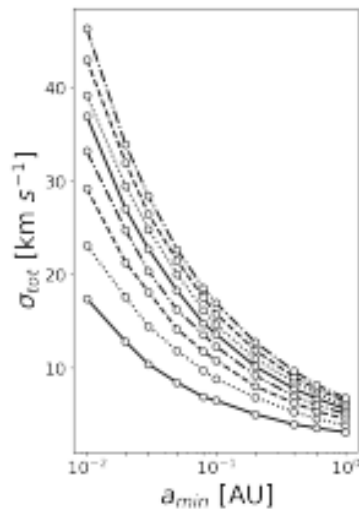


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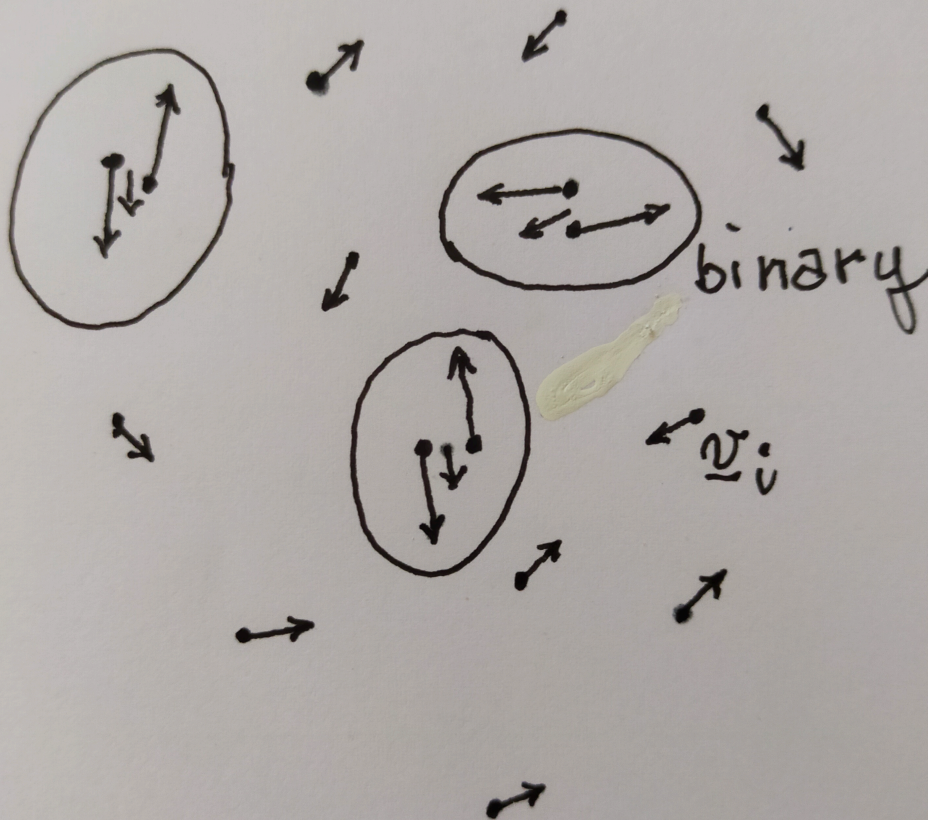
*A possible alternative to dark matter...*

dSph Lum. averaged



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A system of single+binary stars



With  $m_1 = m_2 = 1M_{\odot}$  and  
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$$\sigma_b \sim \sqrt{G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{a}} \simeq 42.2 \text{ km/s}$$



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## The role of (unresolved) binaries.

$$M \leq M_{vir} = \alpha \frac{R_{vir}}{G} \sigma_{com}^2 < \alpha \frac{R_{vir}}{G} (\sigma_{com}^2 + \sigma_b^2)$$



overestimate

$$\sigma_{obs}^2 = (1 - f_b) \sigma_s^2 + f_b \sigma_b^2$$

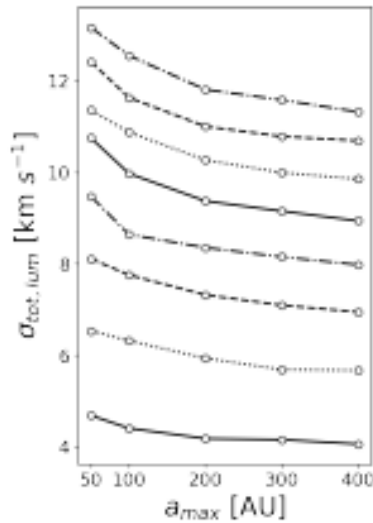
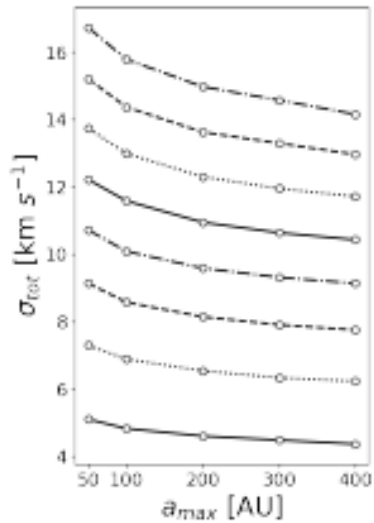
$$\Delta M/M = \frac{\sigma_{obs}^2 - \sigma_{com}^2}{\sigma_{com}^2}$$

Being  $\sigma_s^2 \propto M$  while  $\sigma_b^2$  is independent of  $M$ ,  
binaries affect more low mass system

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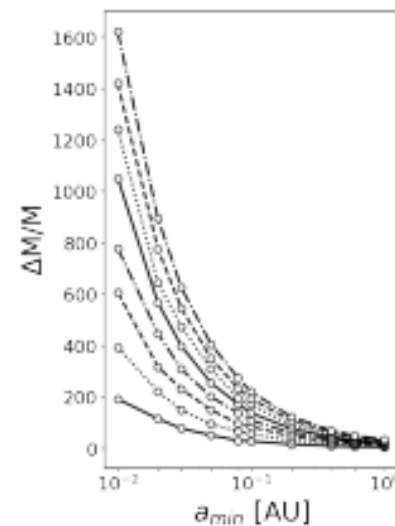
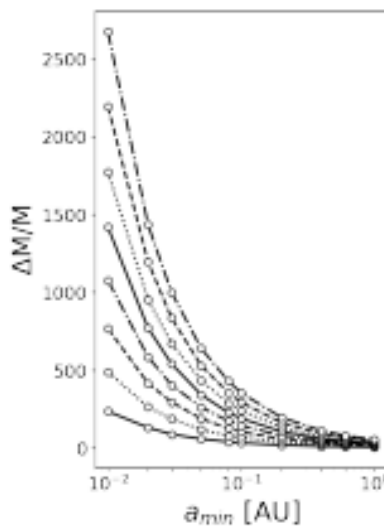
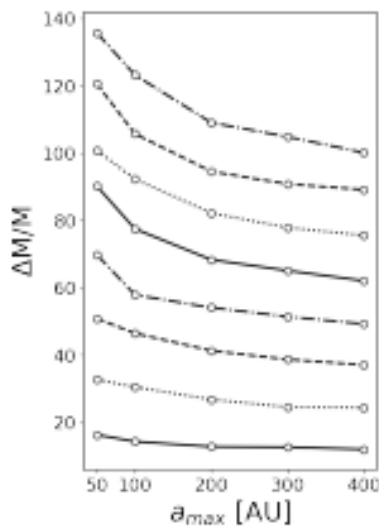
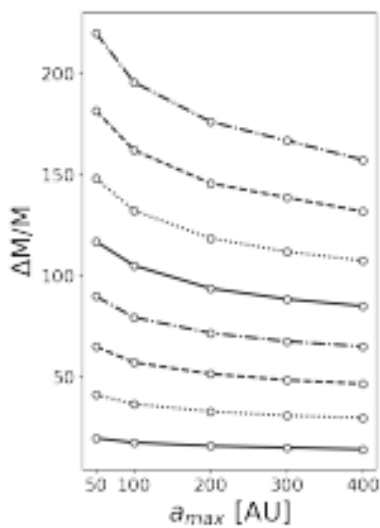
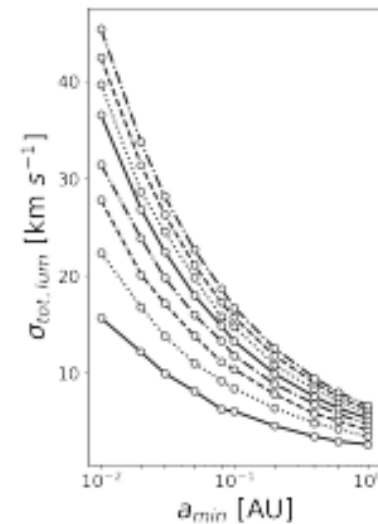
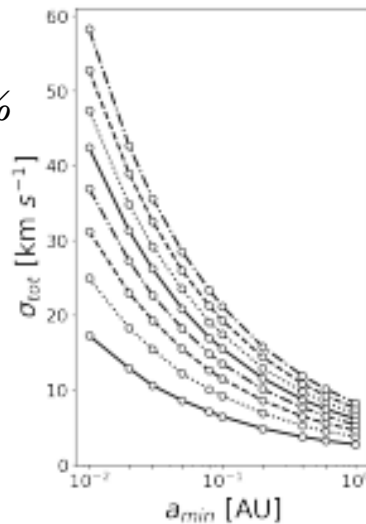
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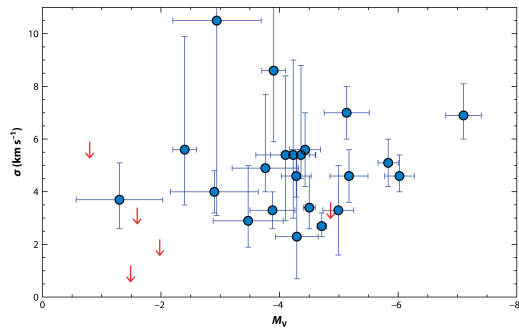


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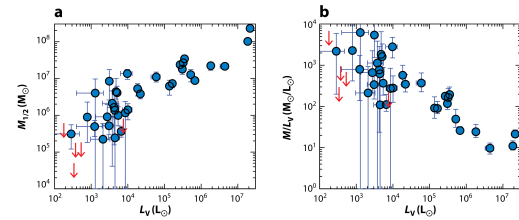
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