

Substructure of Warm Dark Matter Halos: Simulations and a Semi- Analytic Model

A small brown rodent, possibly a vole or gopher, is peering over a dark, porous rock. The rodent has long whiskers and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus, with some green foliage visible on the right side.

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Warm Dark Matter (WDM)



- Cutoff at sub-galaxy scale in the power spectrum which may explain some of the small-scale issues CDM faces
- We can constrain its mass through the number of the subhalos



Theoretical tools

- Numerical simulations
 - Time consuming
 - Higher resolution is needed for colder WDM
 - Halos can form from numerical noise
- Semi-analytic model
 - EPS model + tidal evolution
 - Free from the numerical problems
 - Should be calibrated against simulations

Semi-analytic model

- Semi-Analytic Sub-Halo Inference Modelling for WDM (SASHIMI-W)
- Dekker+22, Hiroshima+18, Ludlow+16
 - Based on the EPS formalism
 - Tidal effects are also considered



Simulations

- Previous simulations are limited to WDM models with the half-mode mass of $M_{\text{hm}} \gtrsim 10^8 M_{\odot}$
- We simulate wider range of WDM masses with $M_{\text{hm}} = [1.4 \times 10^{10}, 3.5 \times 10^6] M_{\odot}$ to study if the known results can be extrapolated to colder WDM models.
- Compare them with SASHIMI



Simulations

- Mean particle separation: $3.05 \times 10^{-3} h^{-1} \text{ cMpc}$
- $m_{\text{DM}} = 2.491 \times 10^3 h^{-1} M_{\odot}$
- The selected halo properties at $z = 0$
 - $M_{200} = 1.18 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$
 - $V_{\text{max}} = 171 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- CDM, WDM 1 keV, and WDM 10 KeV

	1 keV	10 keV
$M_{\text{hm}} (h^{-1} M_{\odot})$	1.37×10^{10}	6.40×10^6
$\lambda_{\text{fs}} (h^{-1} \text{ cMpc})$	0.048	0.0037



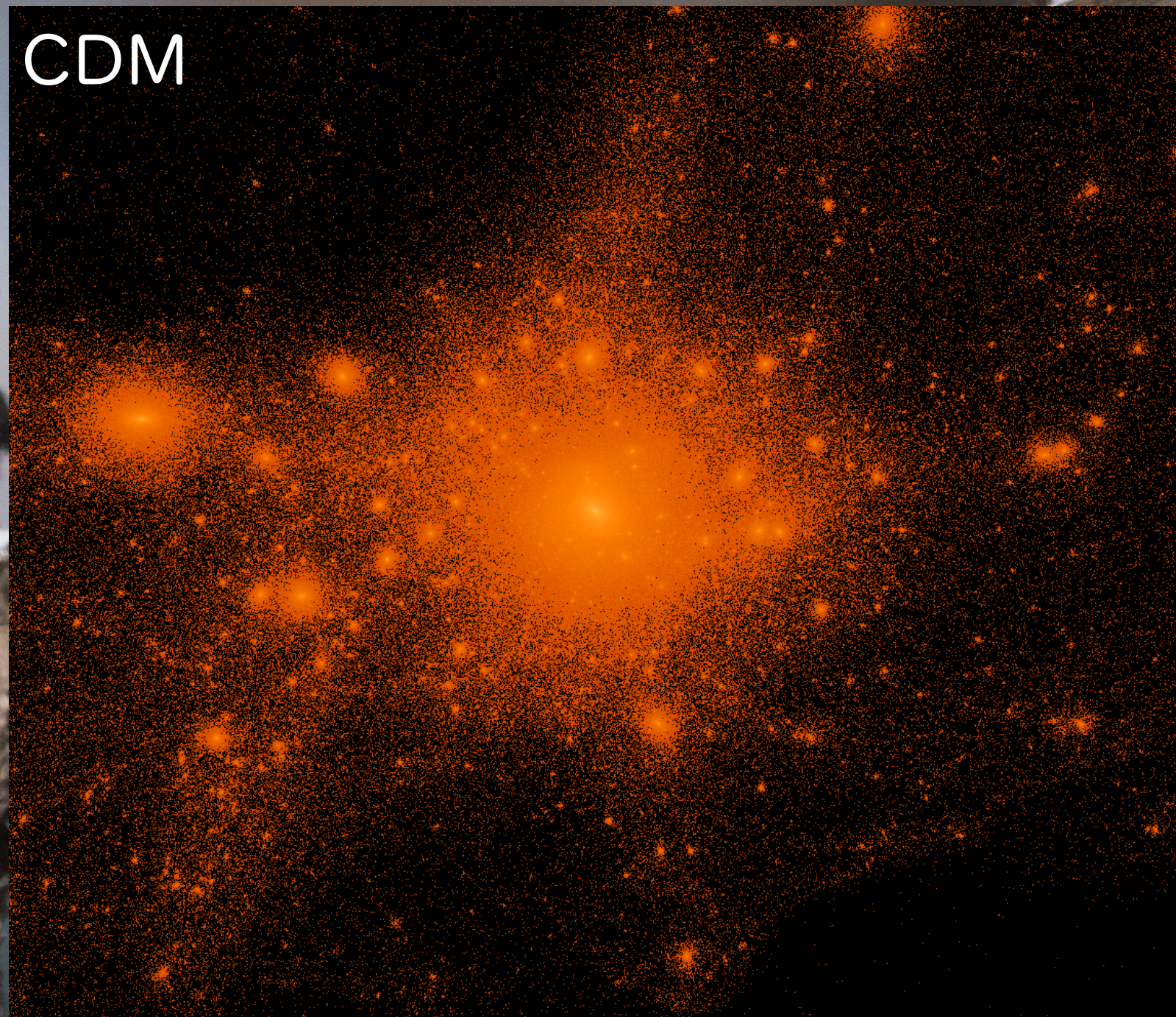
Results



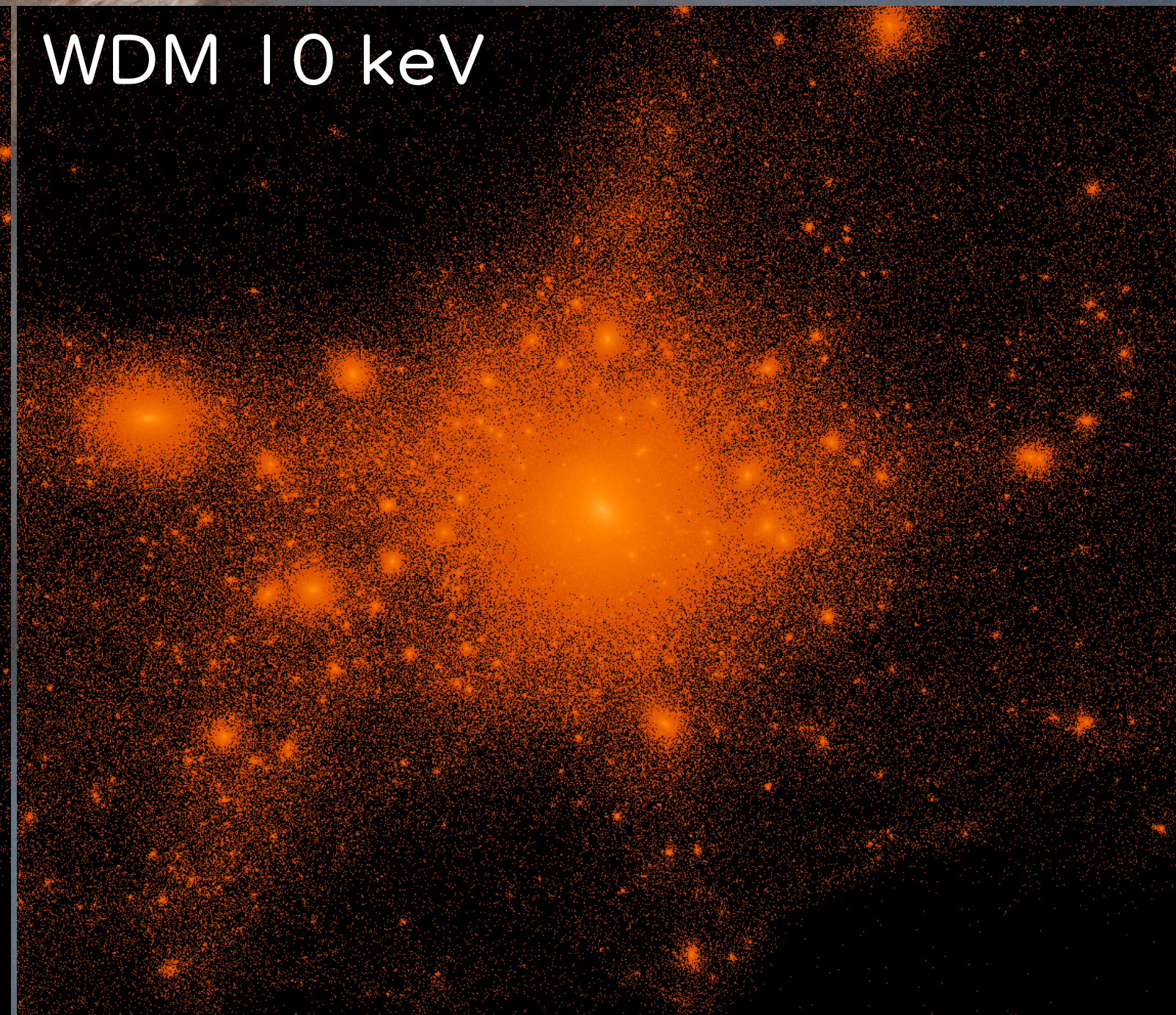
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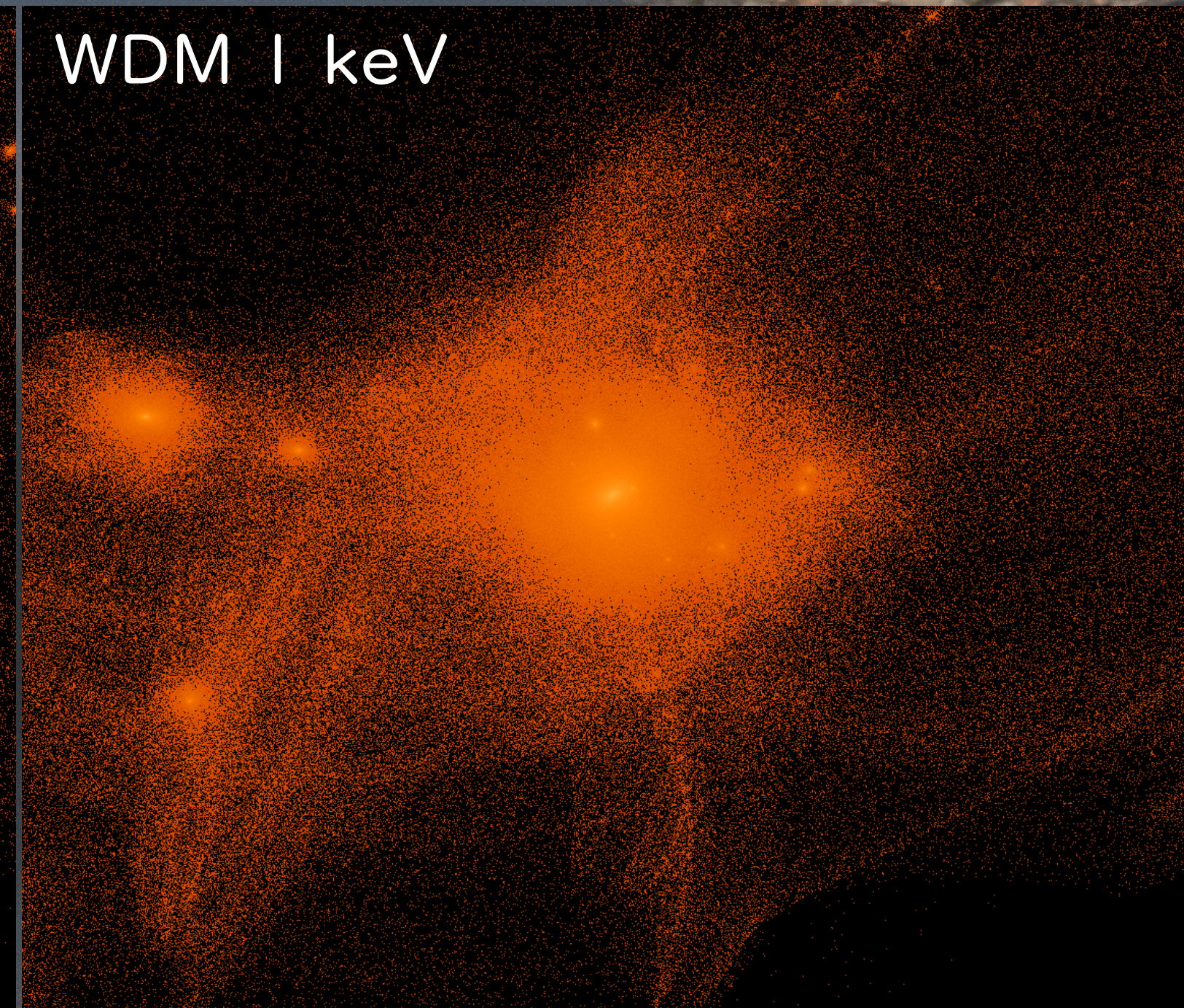
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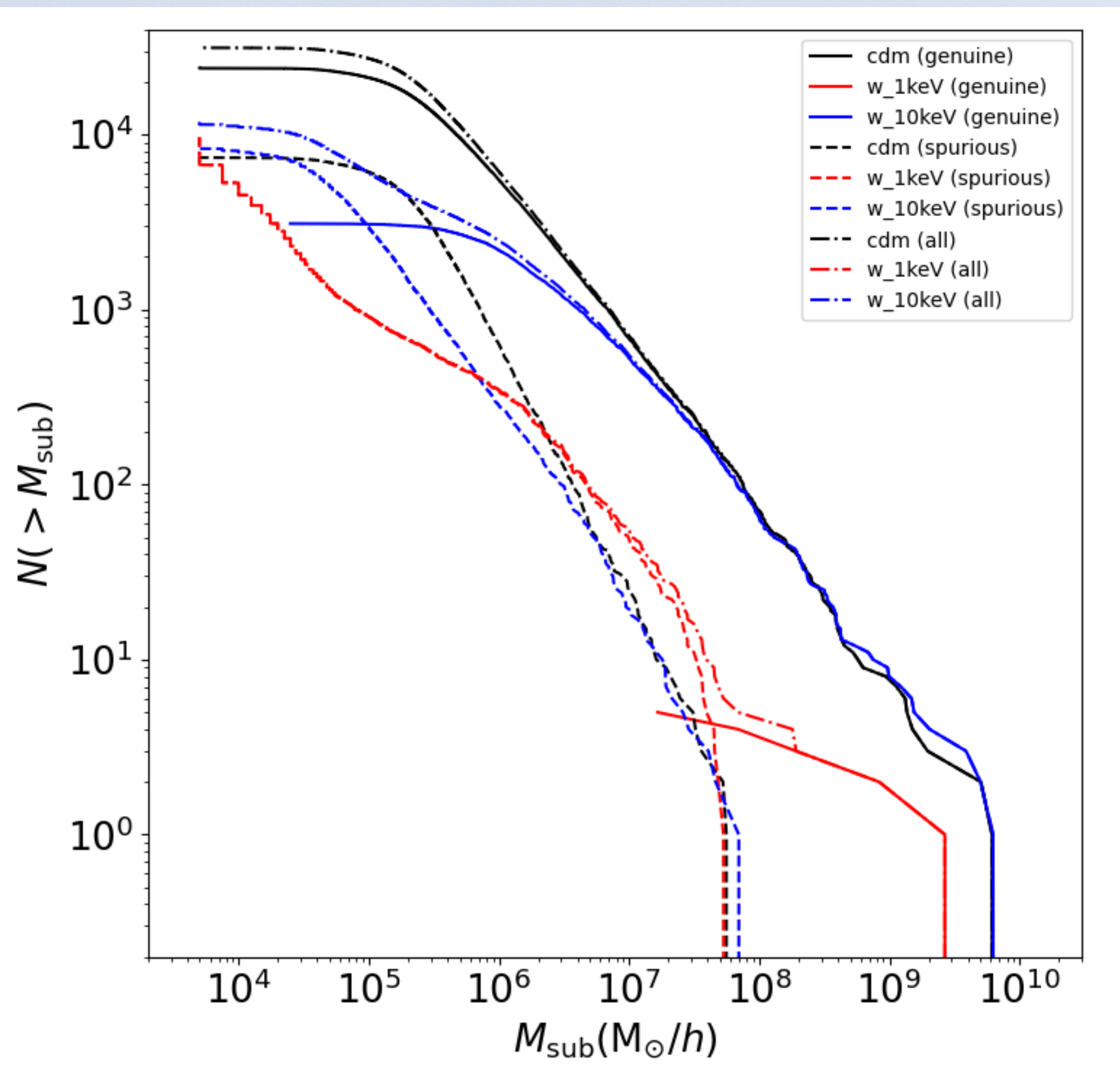
WDM 10 keV



WDM 1 keV

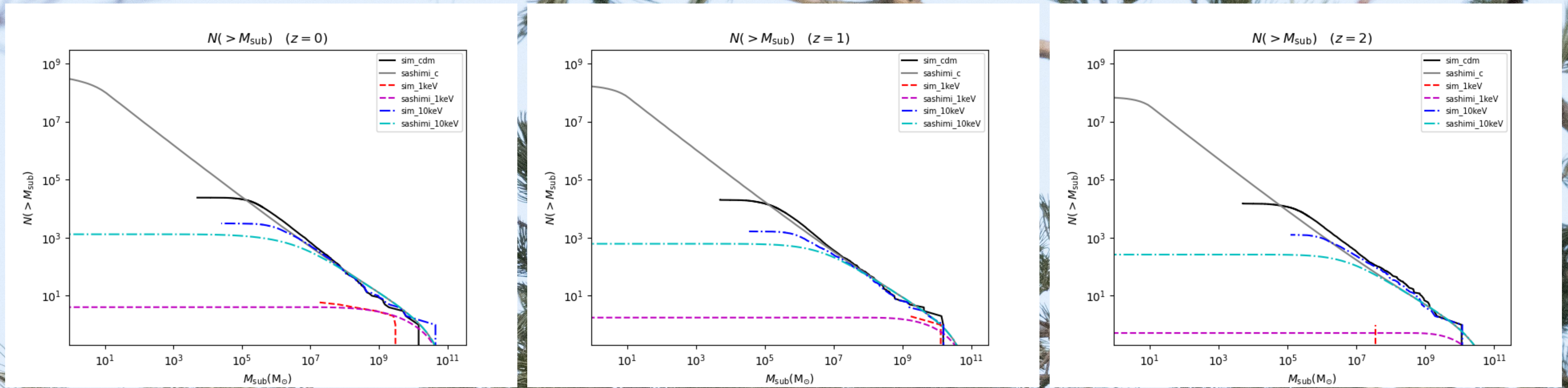


Removal of spurious subhalos



- We have removed spurious subhalos as in Lovell+14; if a Lagrangian region in the initial condition has too small an axis ratio ($c/a < 0.16$), the subhalo is considered spurious.

Cumulative subhalo mass functions



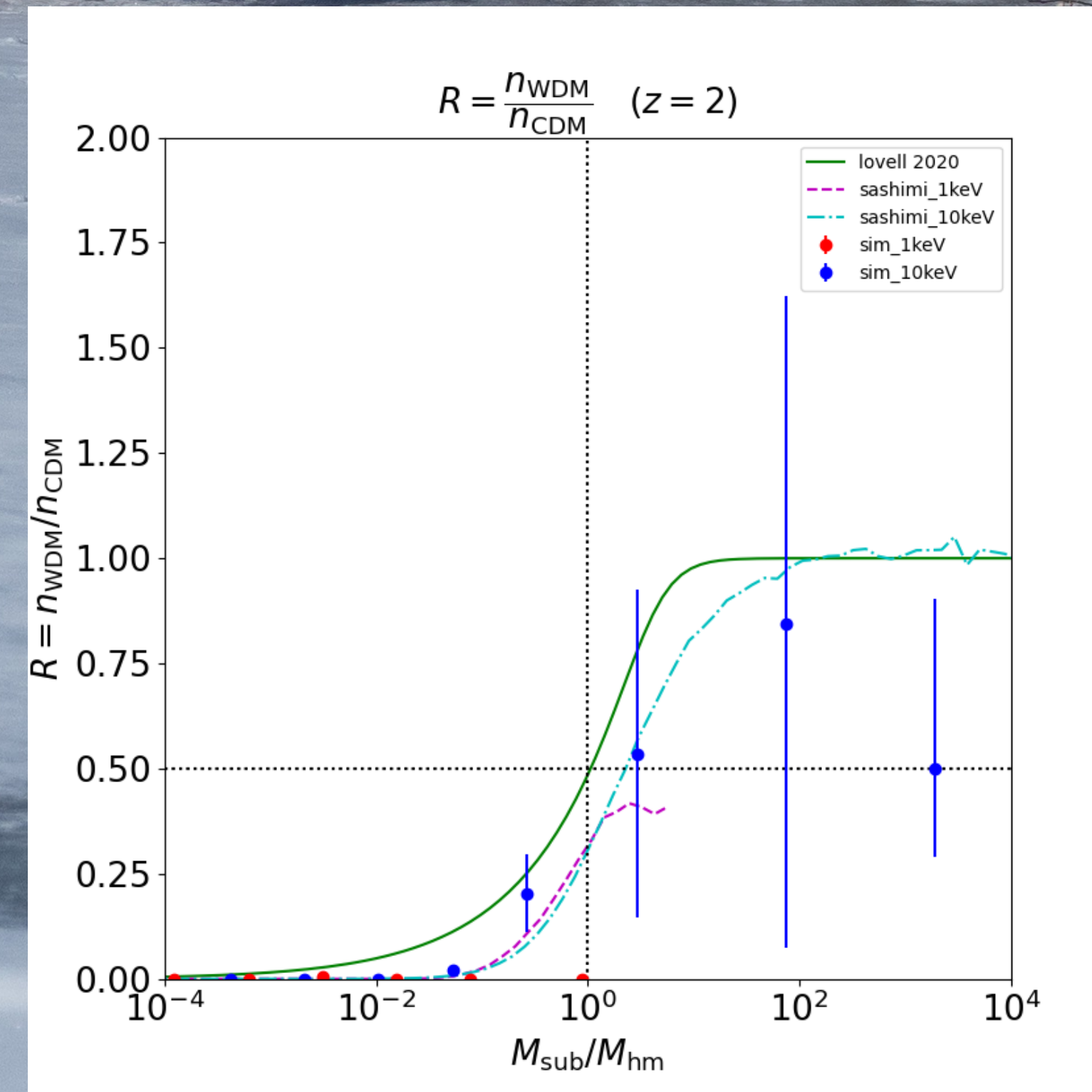
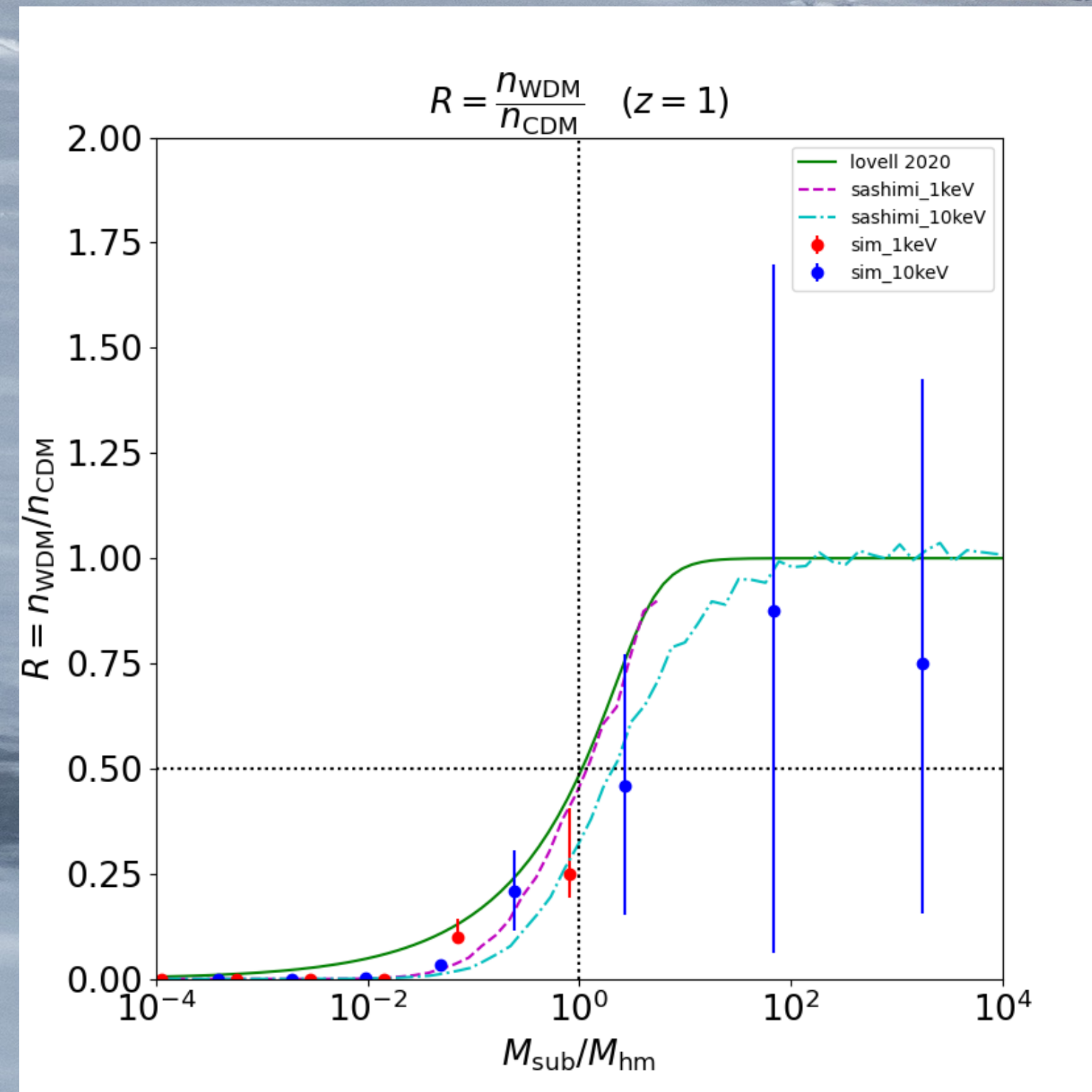
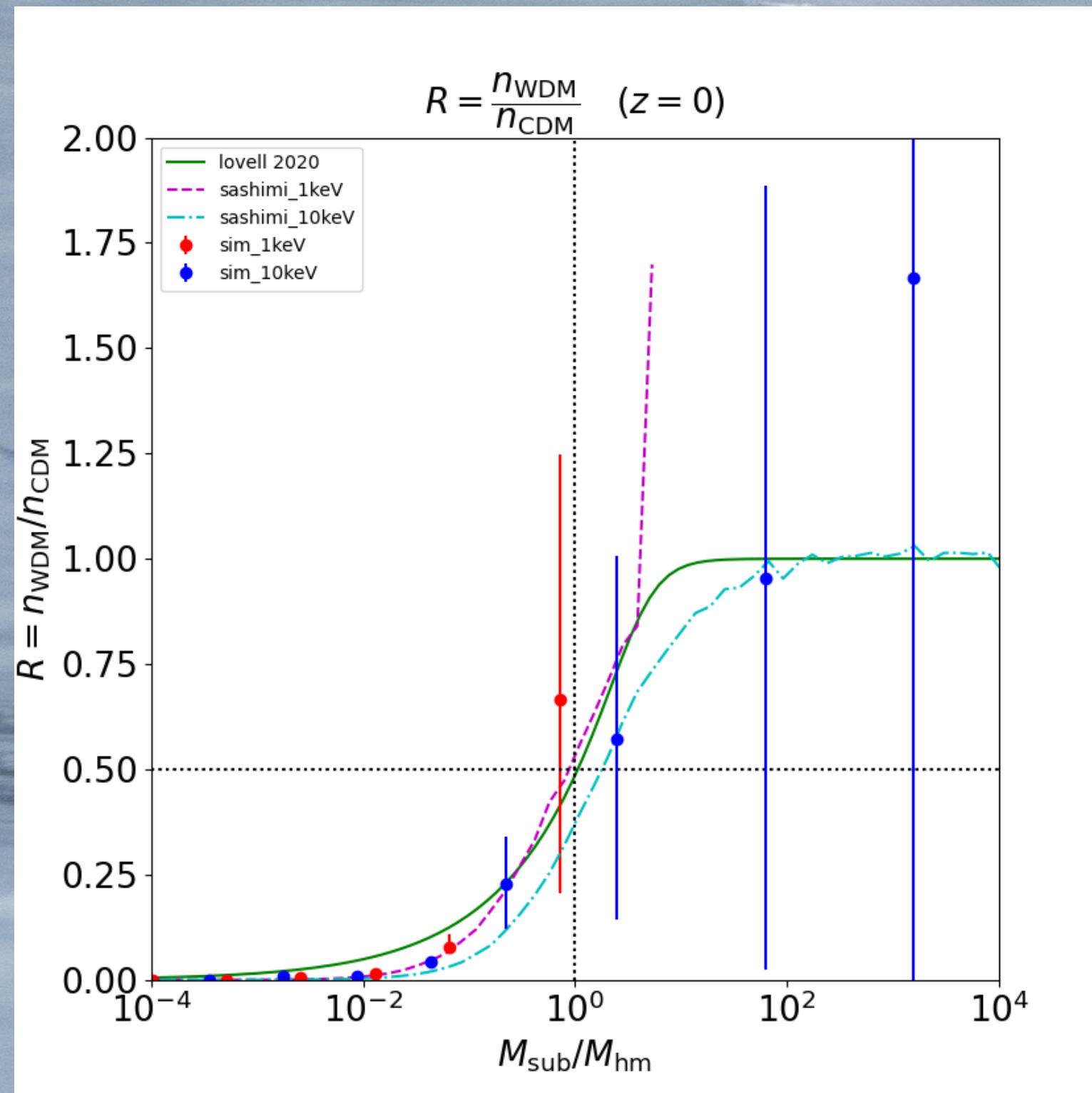
- The model slightly underpredicts the number of subhalos.
- But there must be halo-to-halo variation (we simulate only one halo)

Suppression relative to CDM

- We calculate $R = \frac{n_{\text{WDM}}}{n_{\text{CDM}}}$ where $n = \frac{dN_{\text{sub}}}{d \log M_{\text{sub}}}$
- Lovell 20 found $R_{\text{fit}} = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\alpha M_{\text{hm}}}{M_{\text{SUB}}} \right)^{\beta} \right]^{\gamma}$ provides a reasonable fit to R
with $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (4.2, 2.5, -0.2)$, where αM_{hm} is the cut-off mass scale



$$R = n_{\text{WDM}}/n_{\text{CDM}}$$



- Our simulations reasonably agree with R_{fit} by Lovell
- SASHIMI can reproduce simulation results
- R seems to have a weak dependence on redshift

Discussion

- The results obtained by previous WDM simulations can be extrapolated to colder WDM
- SASHIMI can reproduce simulation results quite well
- We don't need fitting functions. SASHIMI can do.
- R seems to be slightly dependent on WDM mass and redshift

