

# Astrophysical probes of dark matter



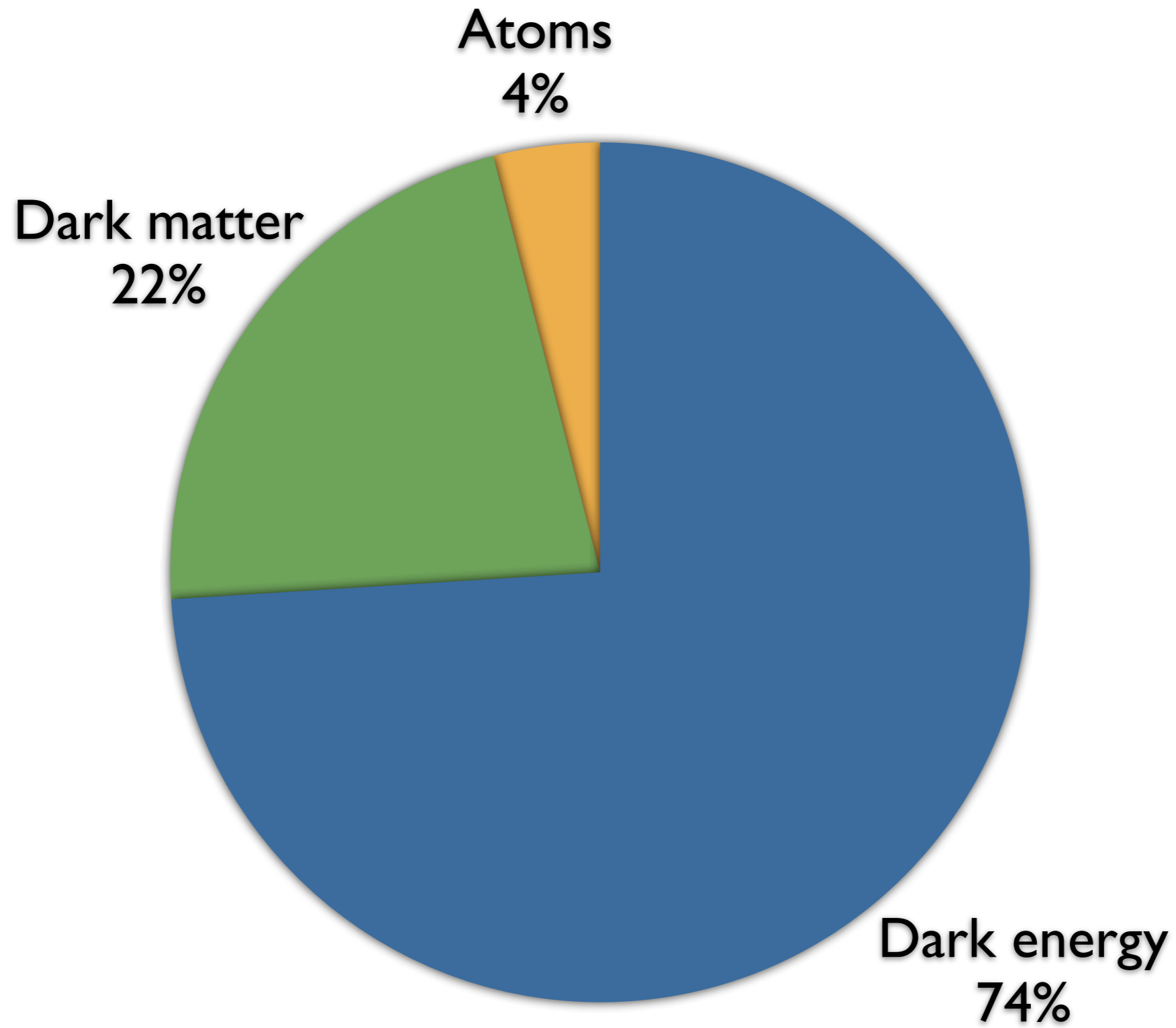
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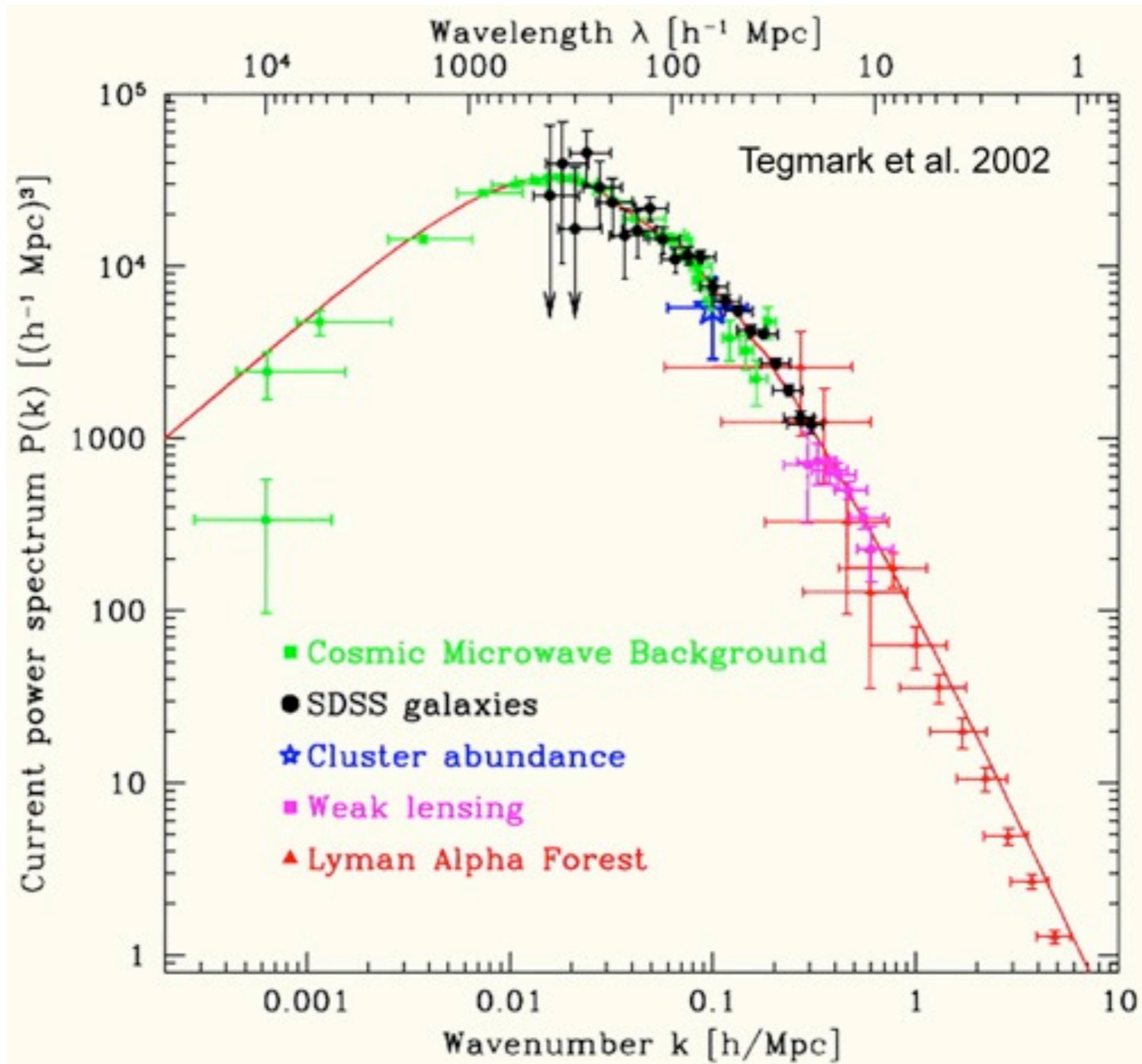
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WMAP team; e.g. Dunkley et al. 2009

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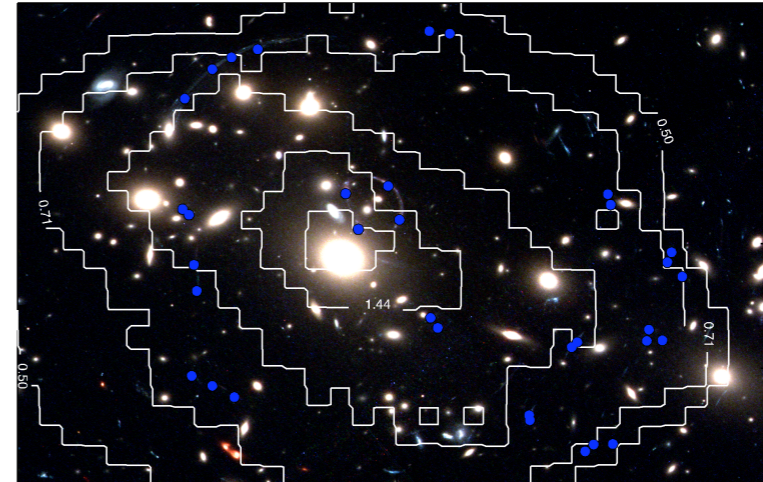
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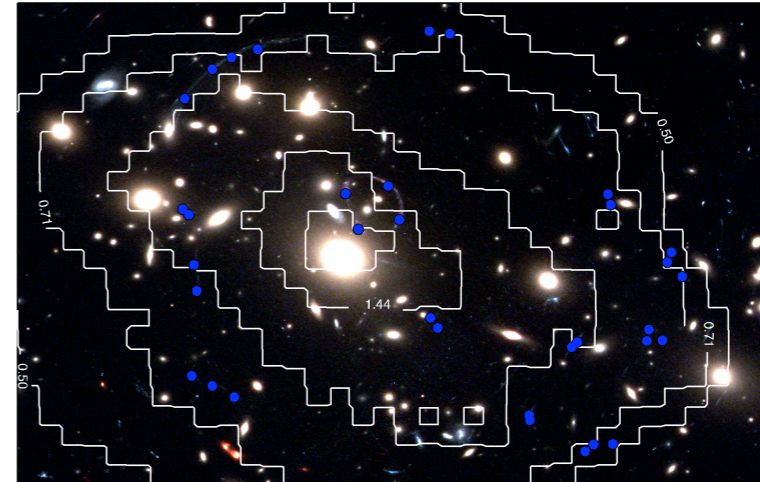
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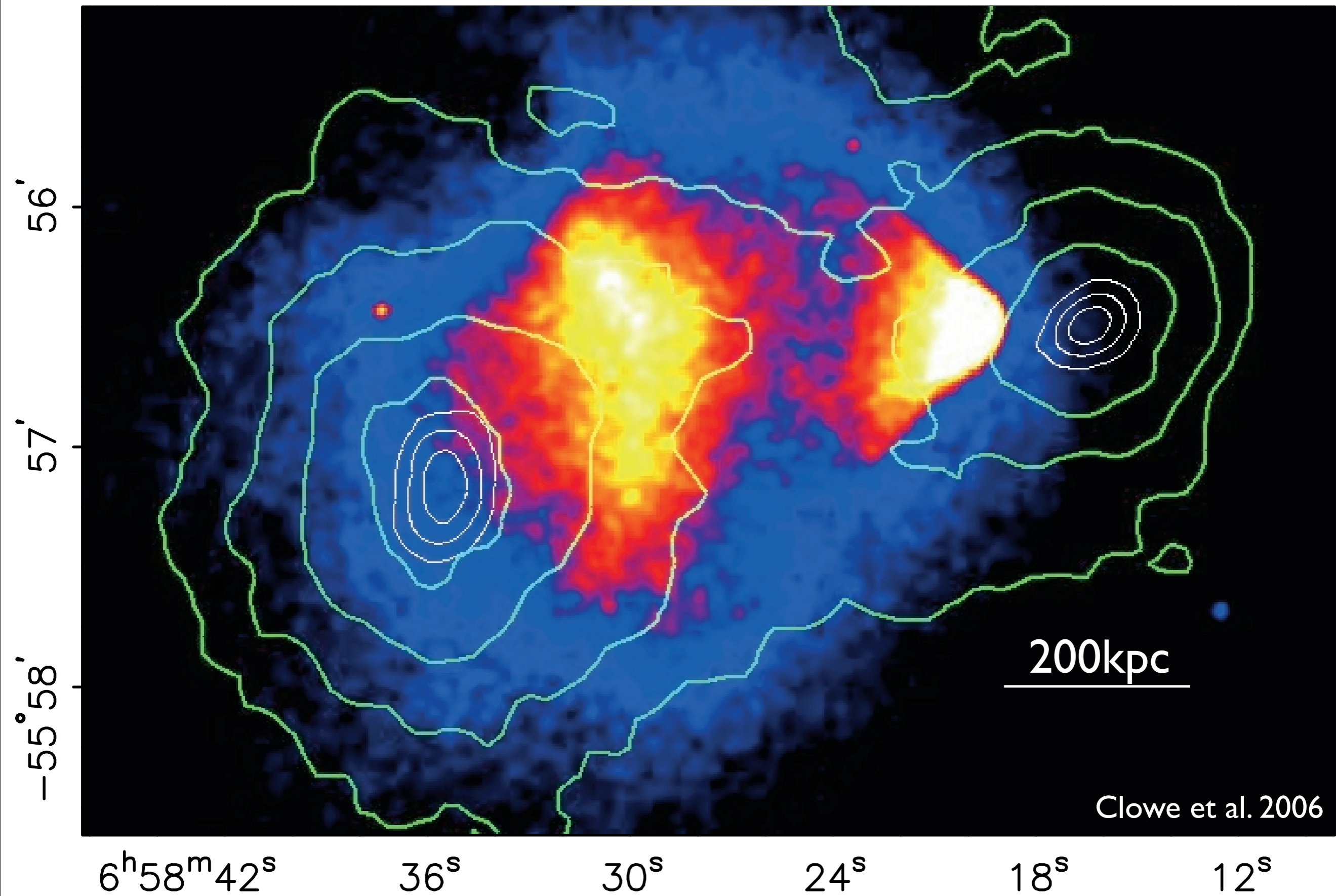


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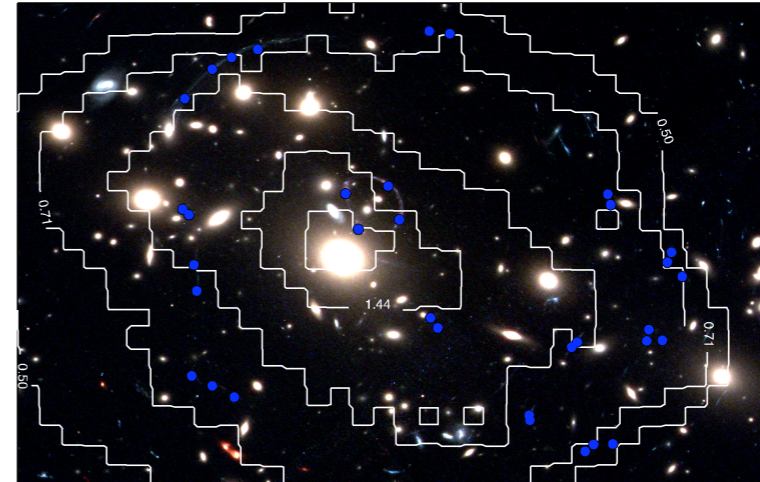
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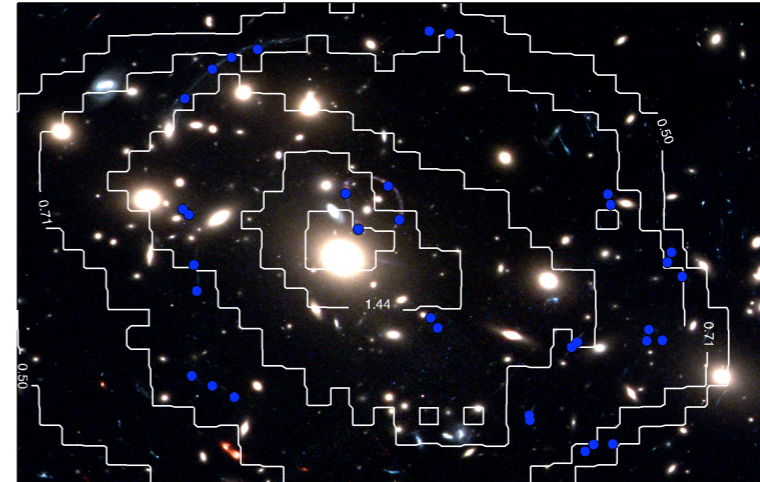


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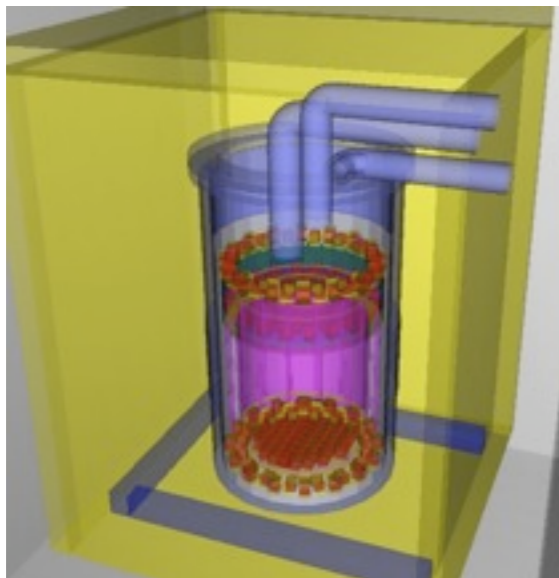


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Create

# Background | Talk outline

1. **Theory.** How to calculate the DM distribution (for an assumed DM fluid)
2. **Observations.** What can we measure? What do we learn?
3. **Direct/indirect probes of particle dark matter.** Measuring the local dark matter distribution
4. **Conclusions / Future prospects**

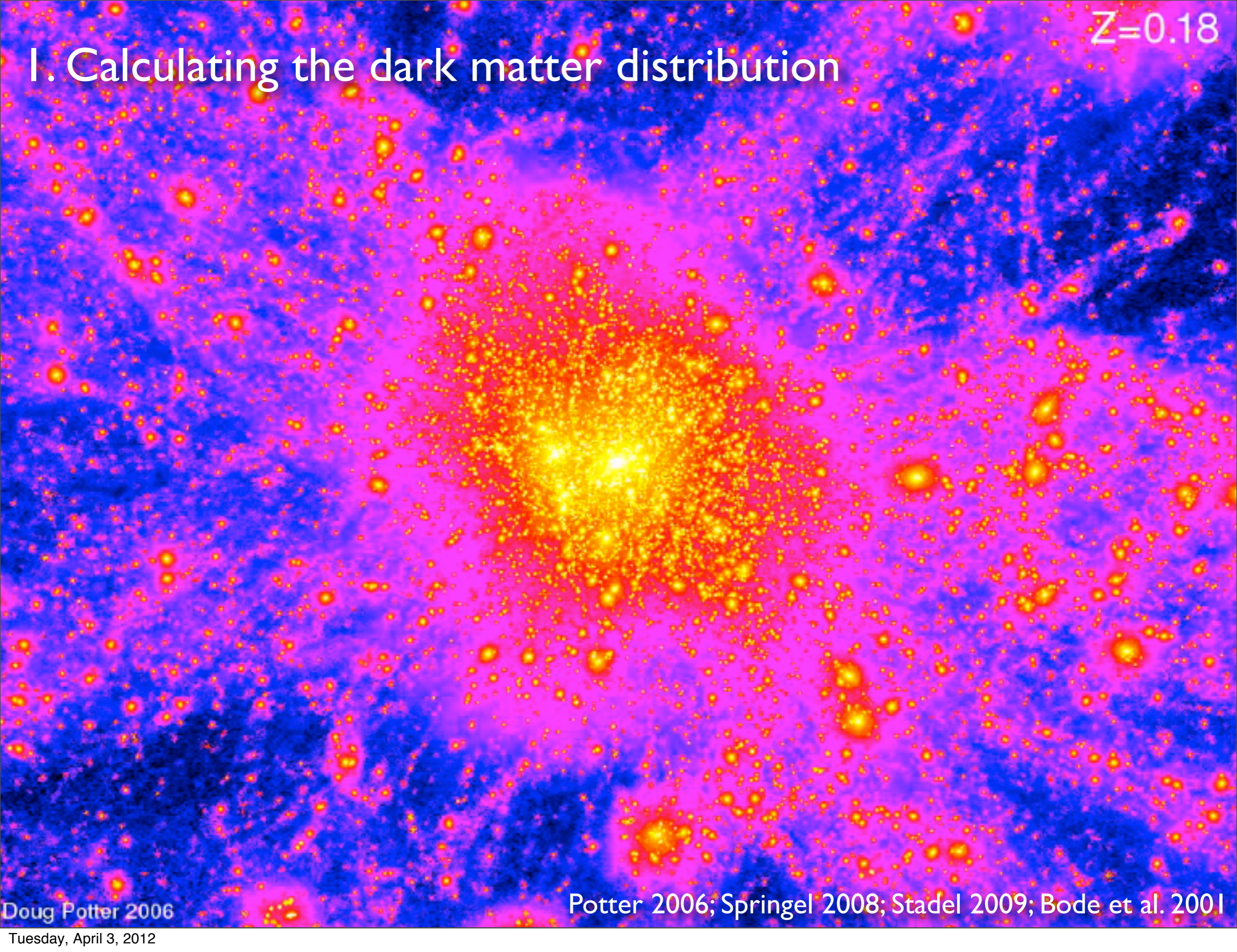
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Potter 2006; Springel 2008; Stadel 2009; Bode et al. 2001

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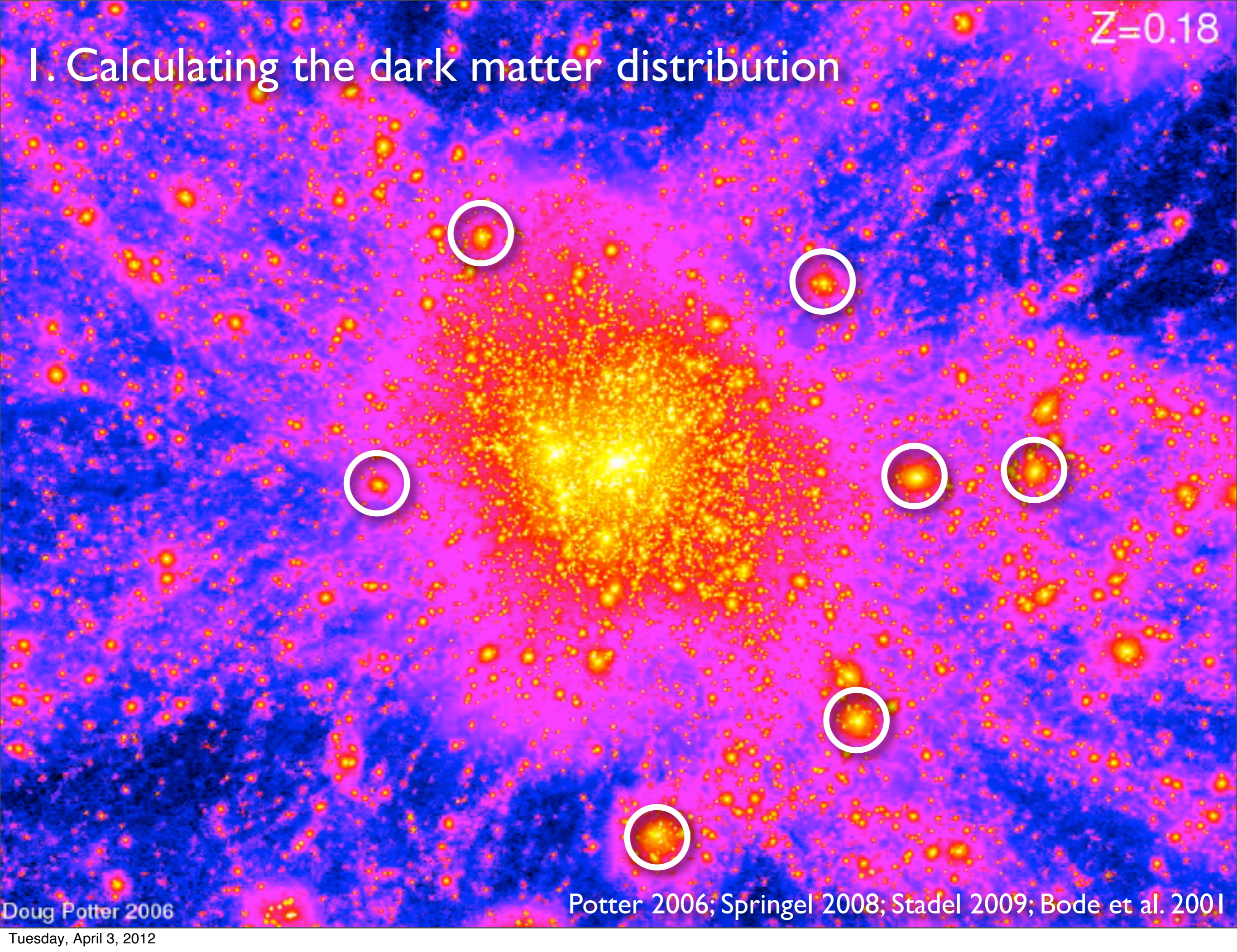
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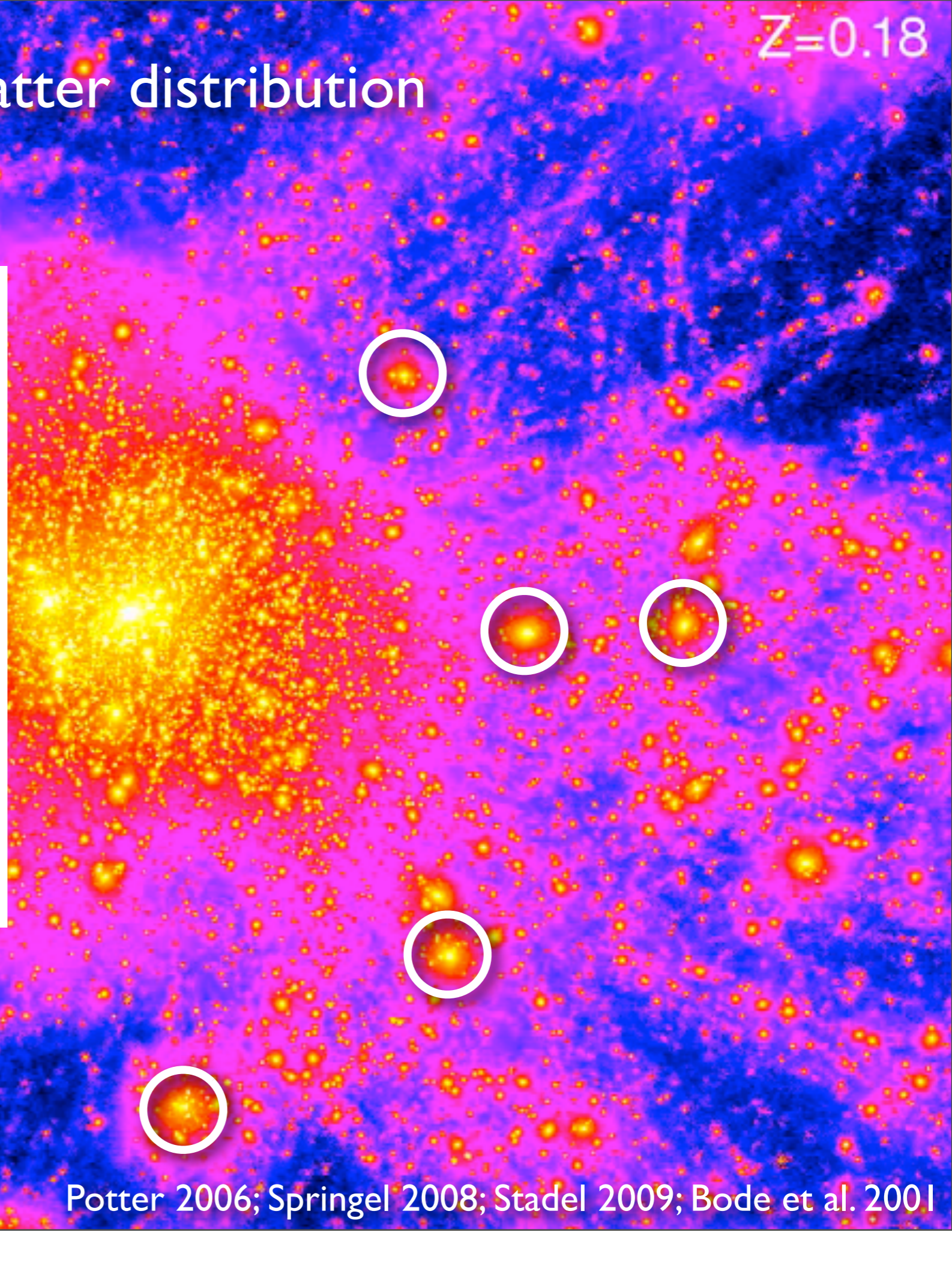
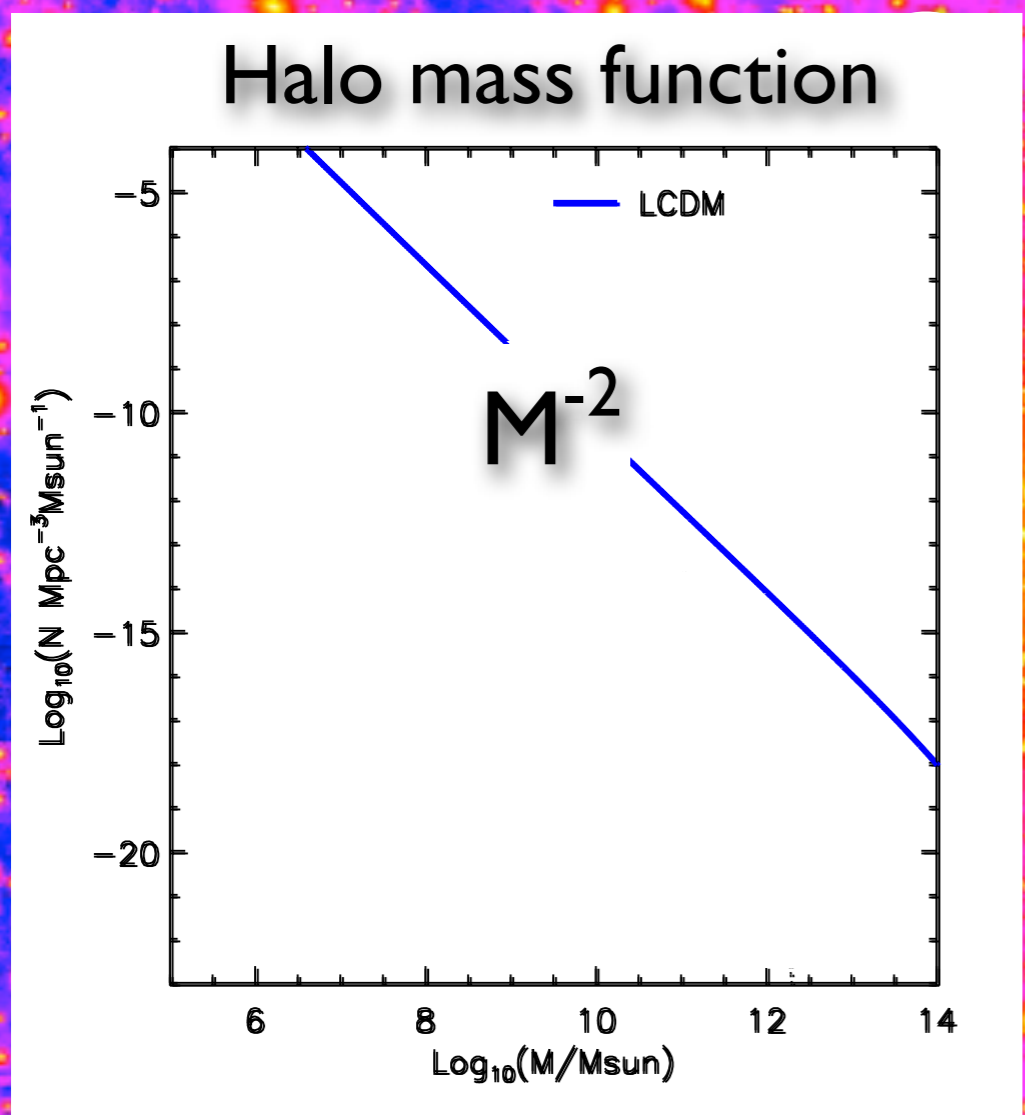


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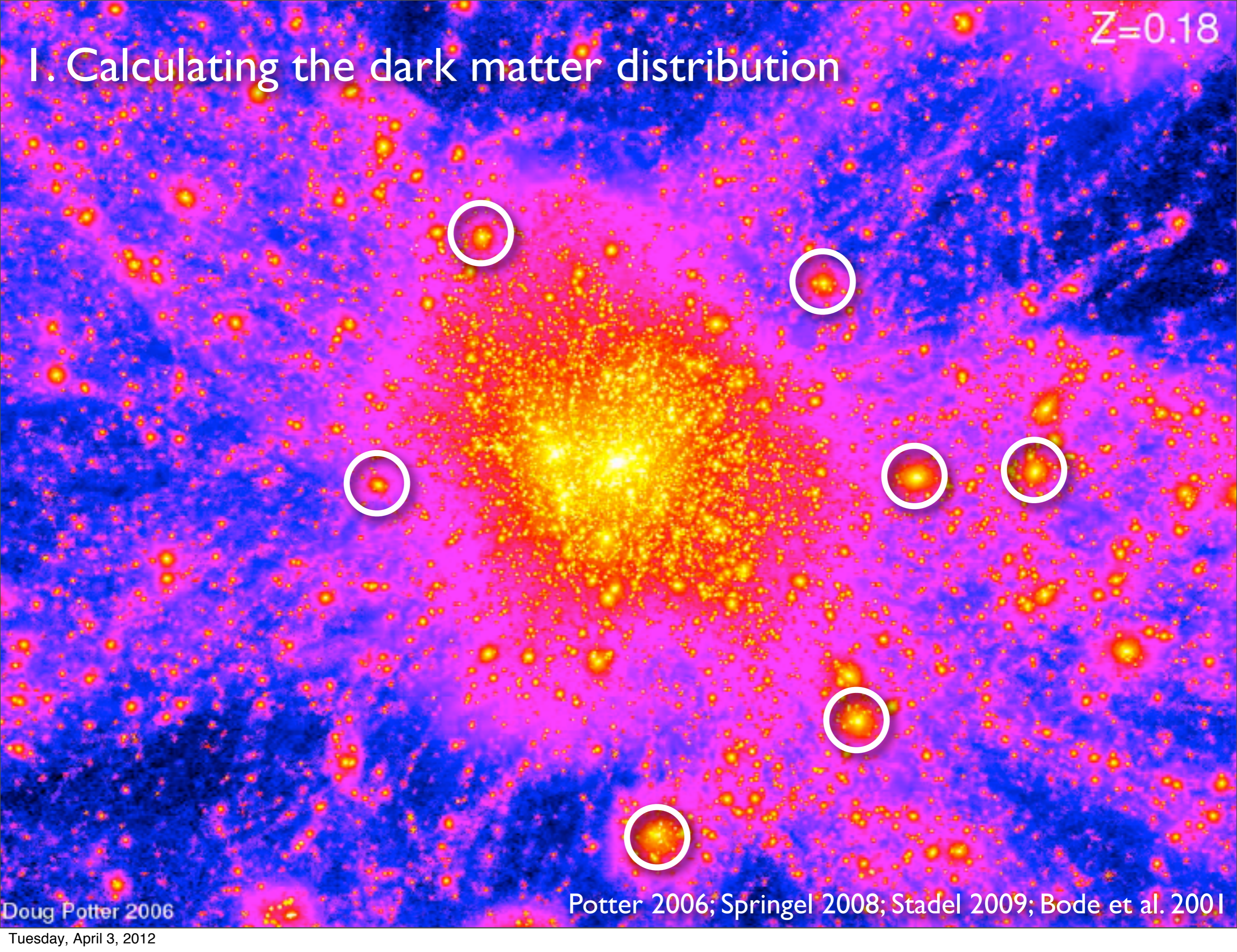


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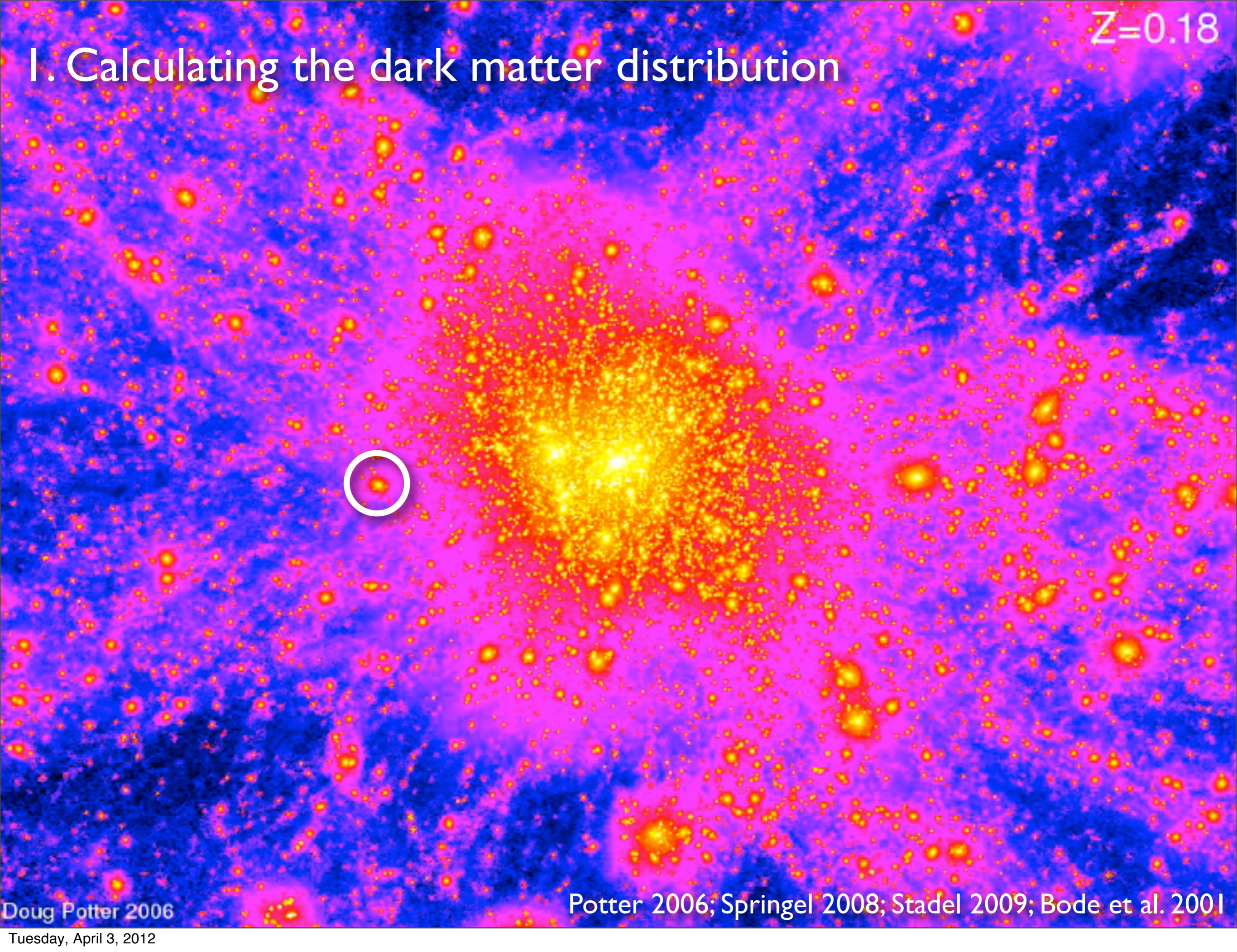
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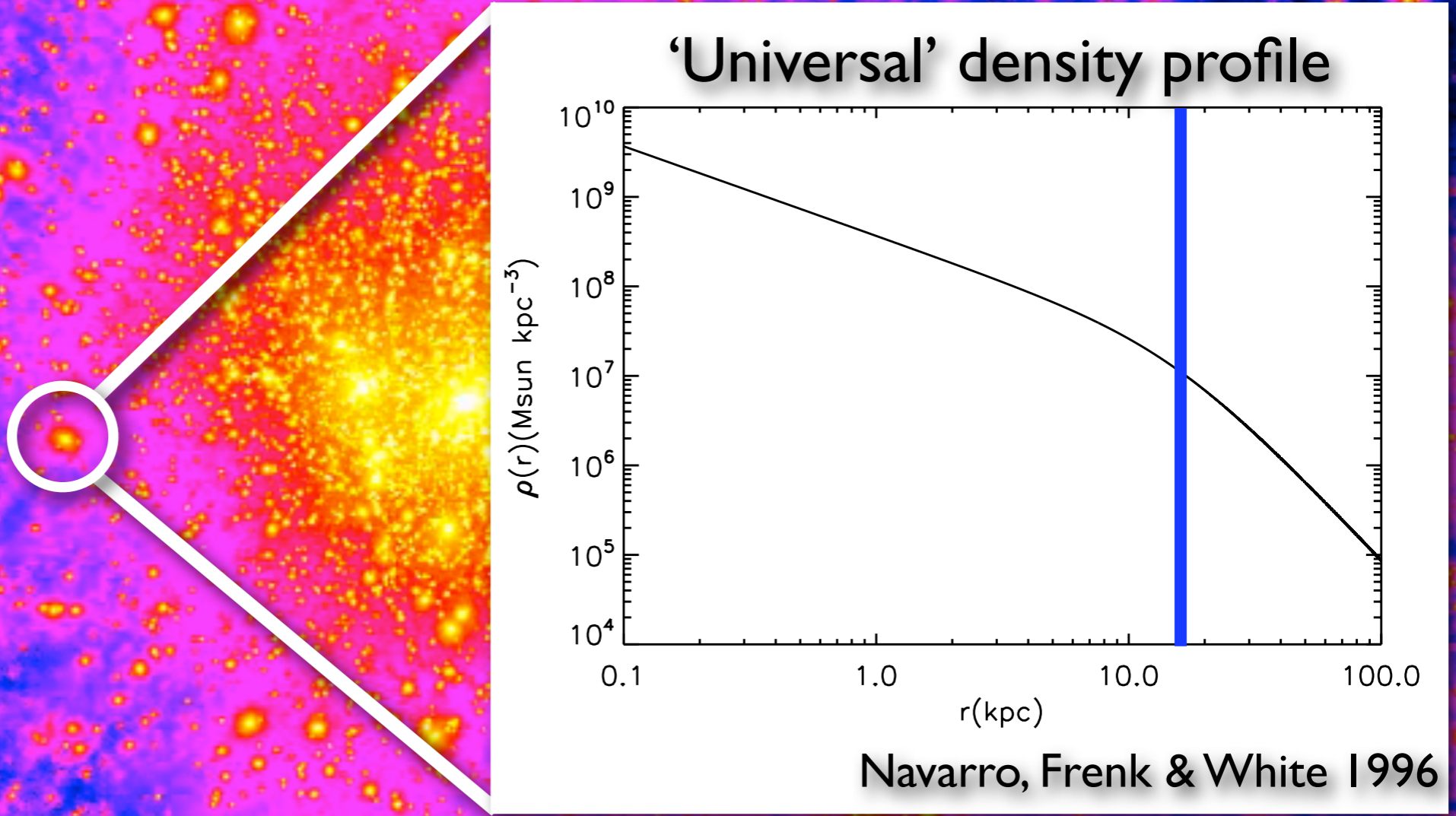


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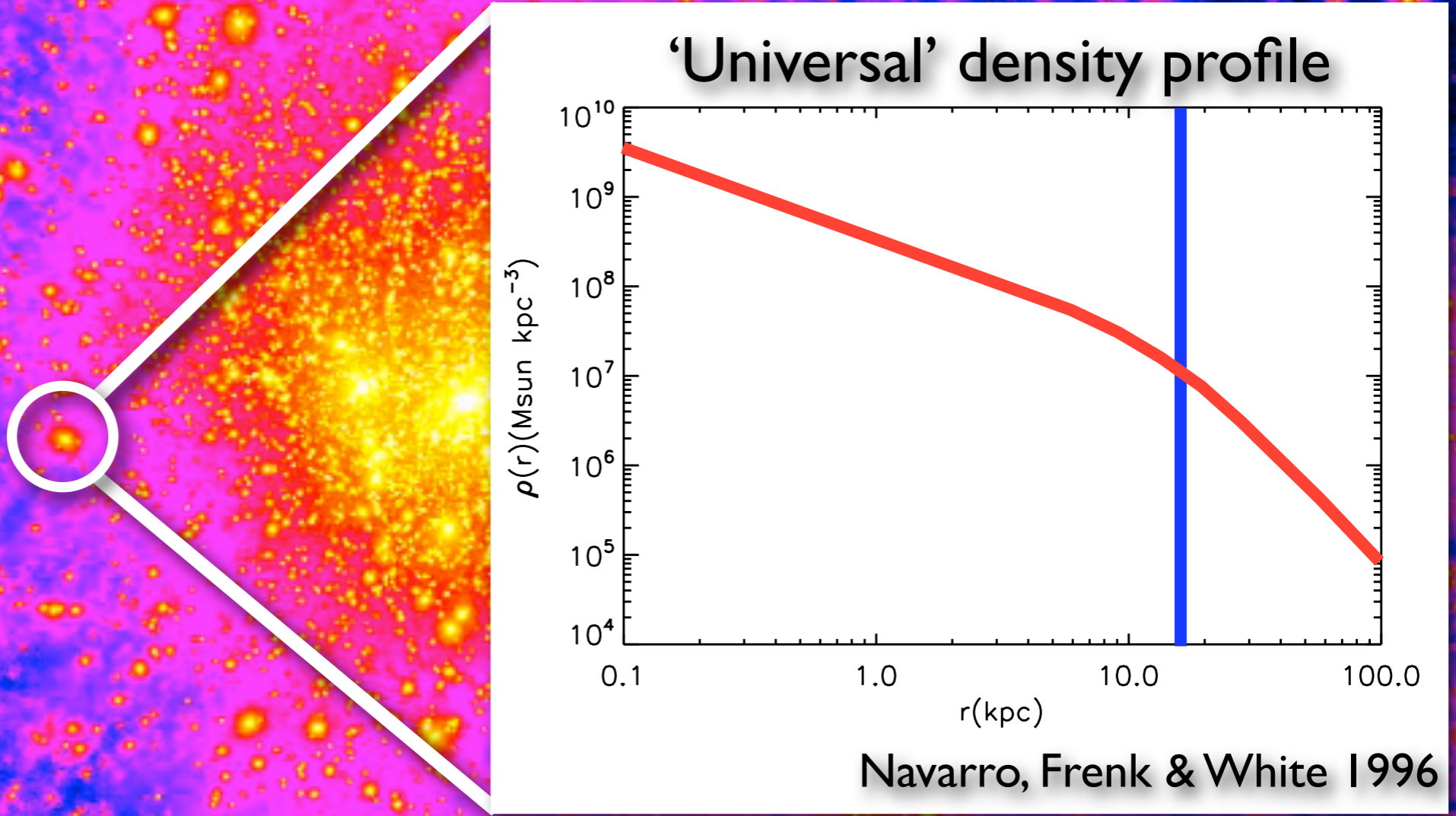
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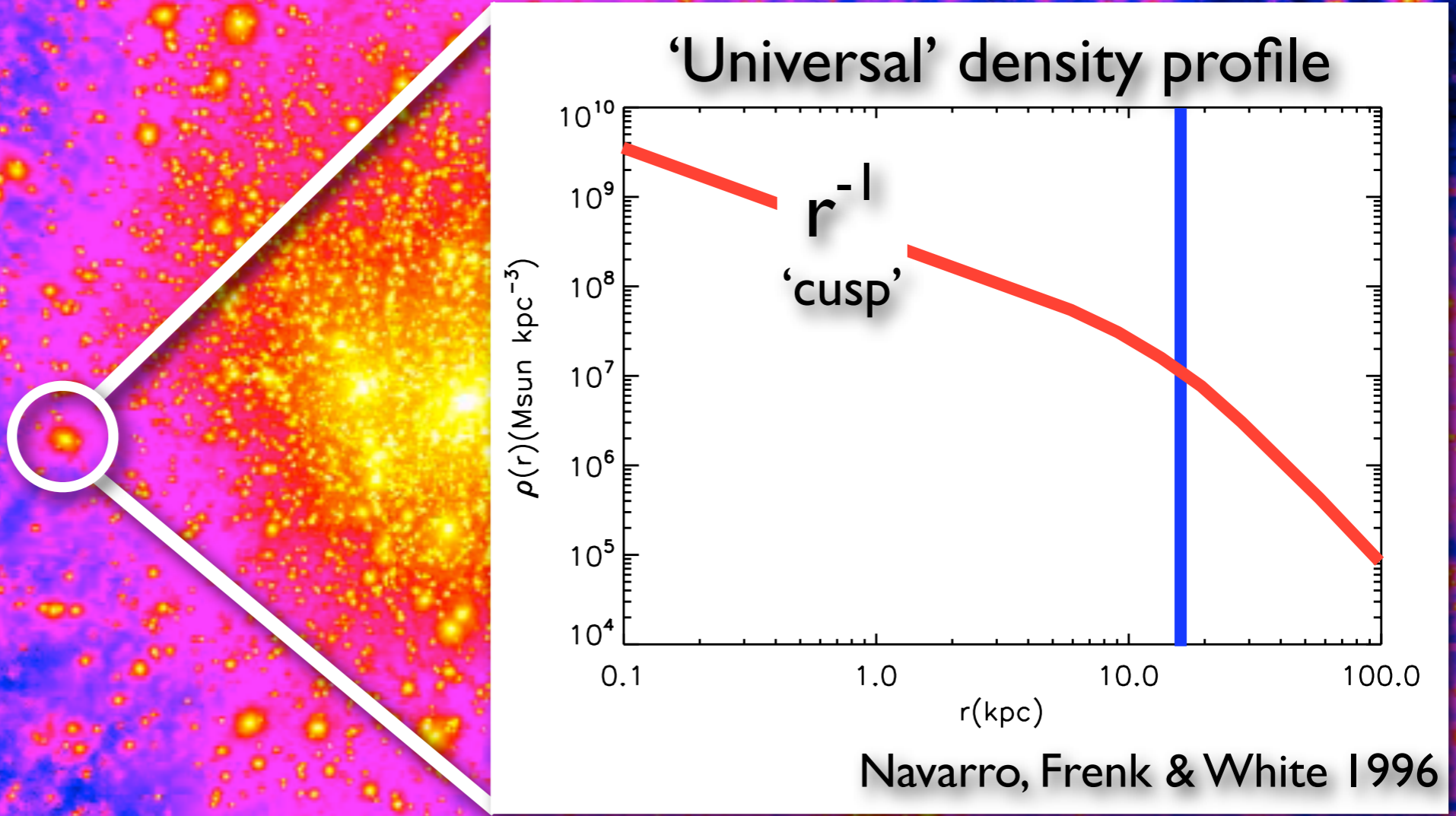
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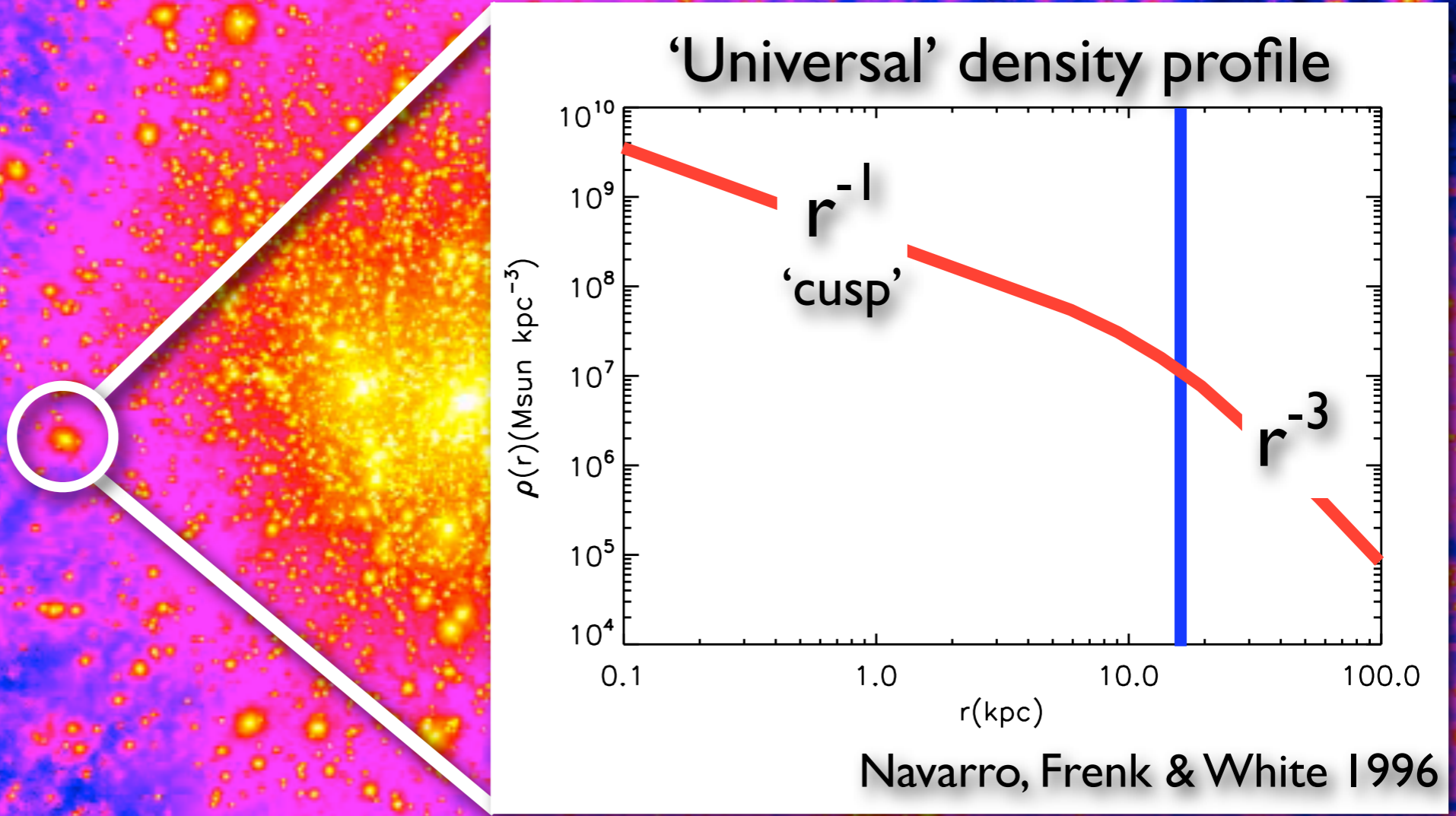
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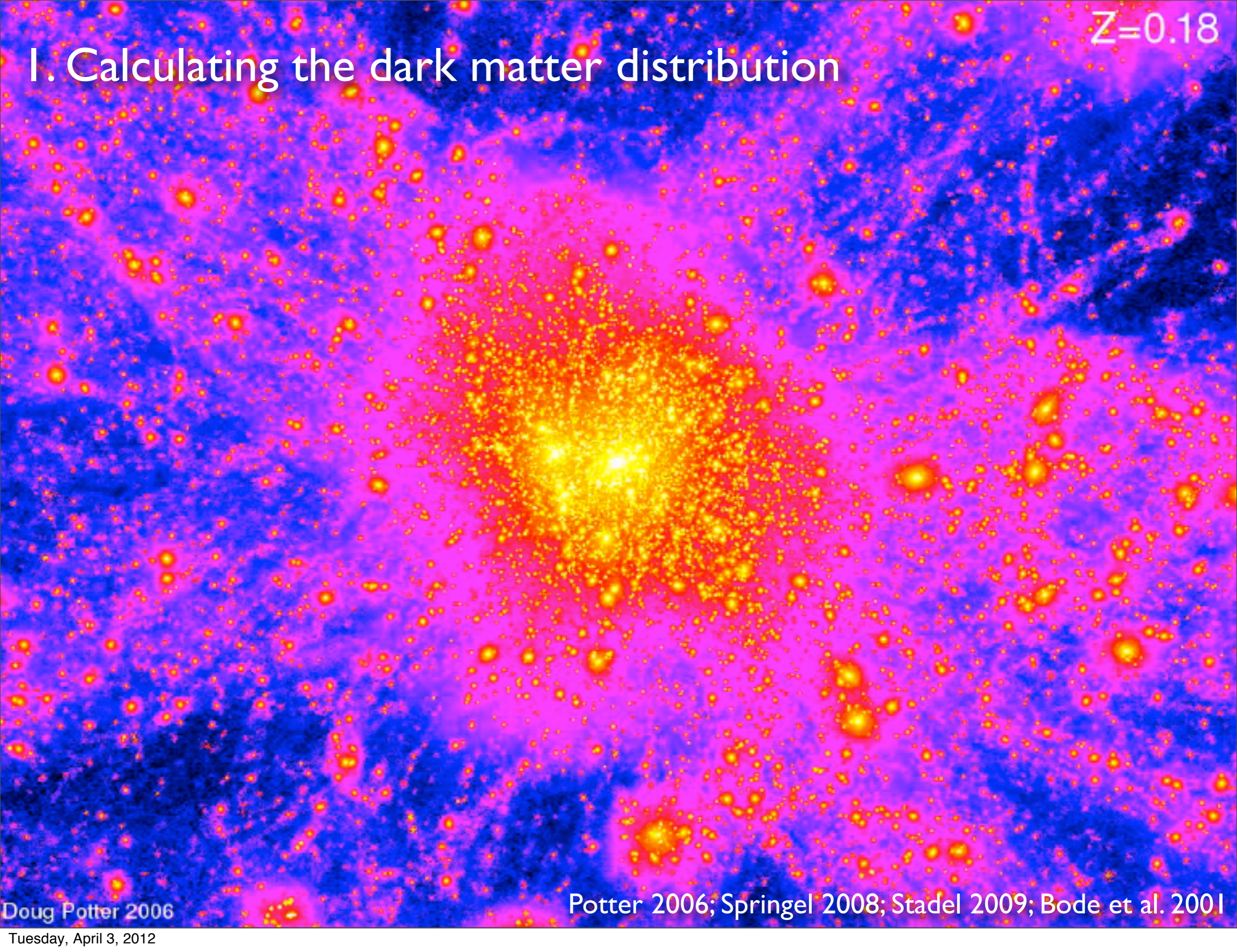


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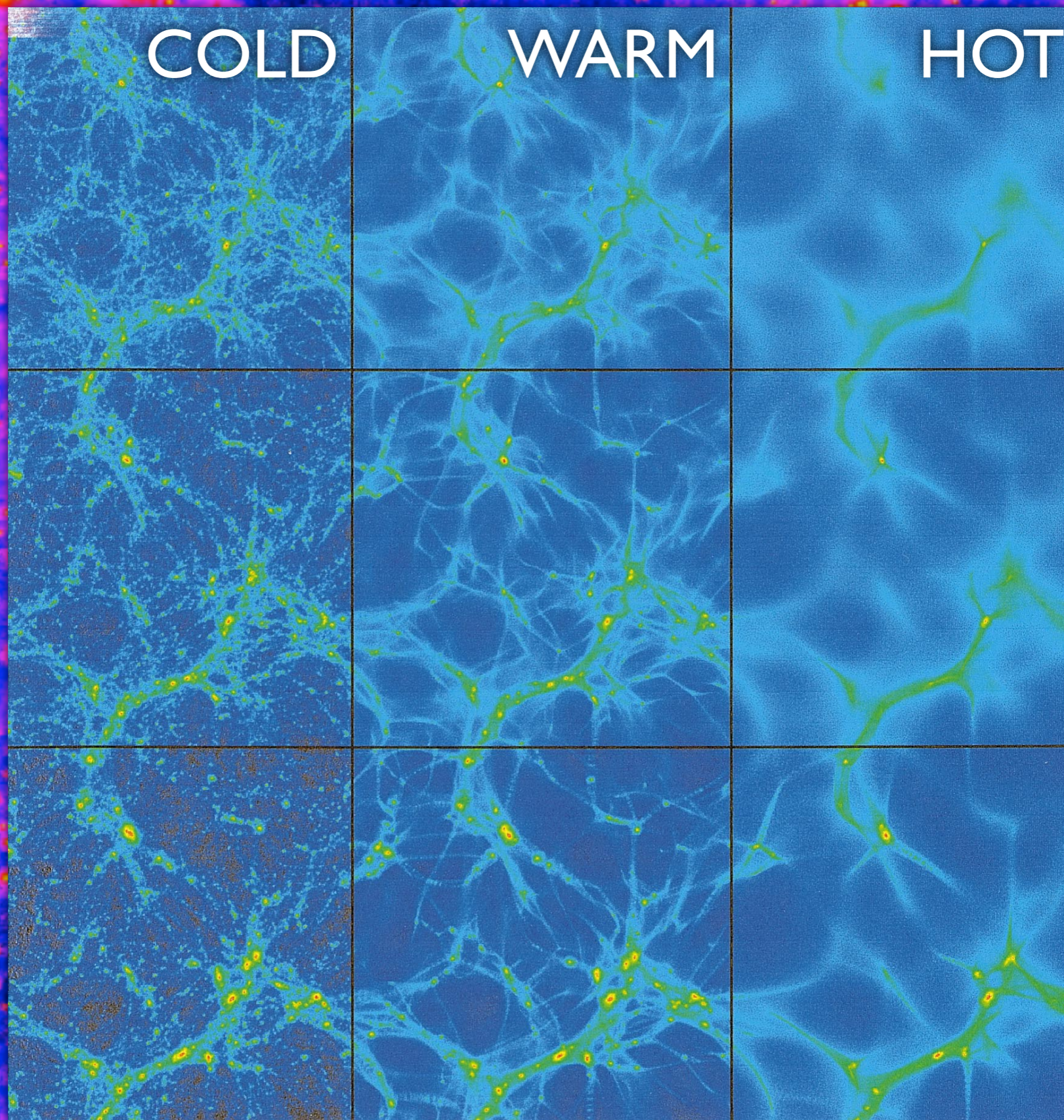
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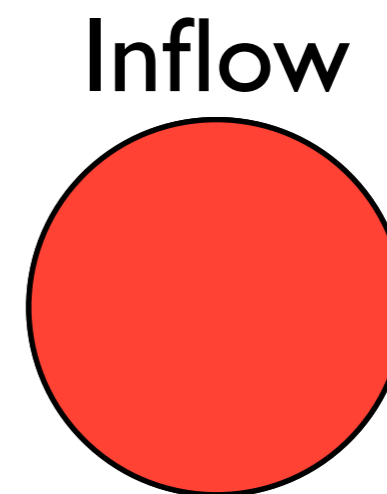
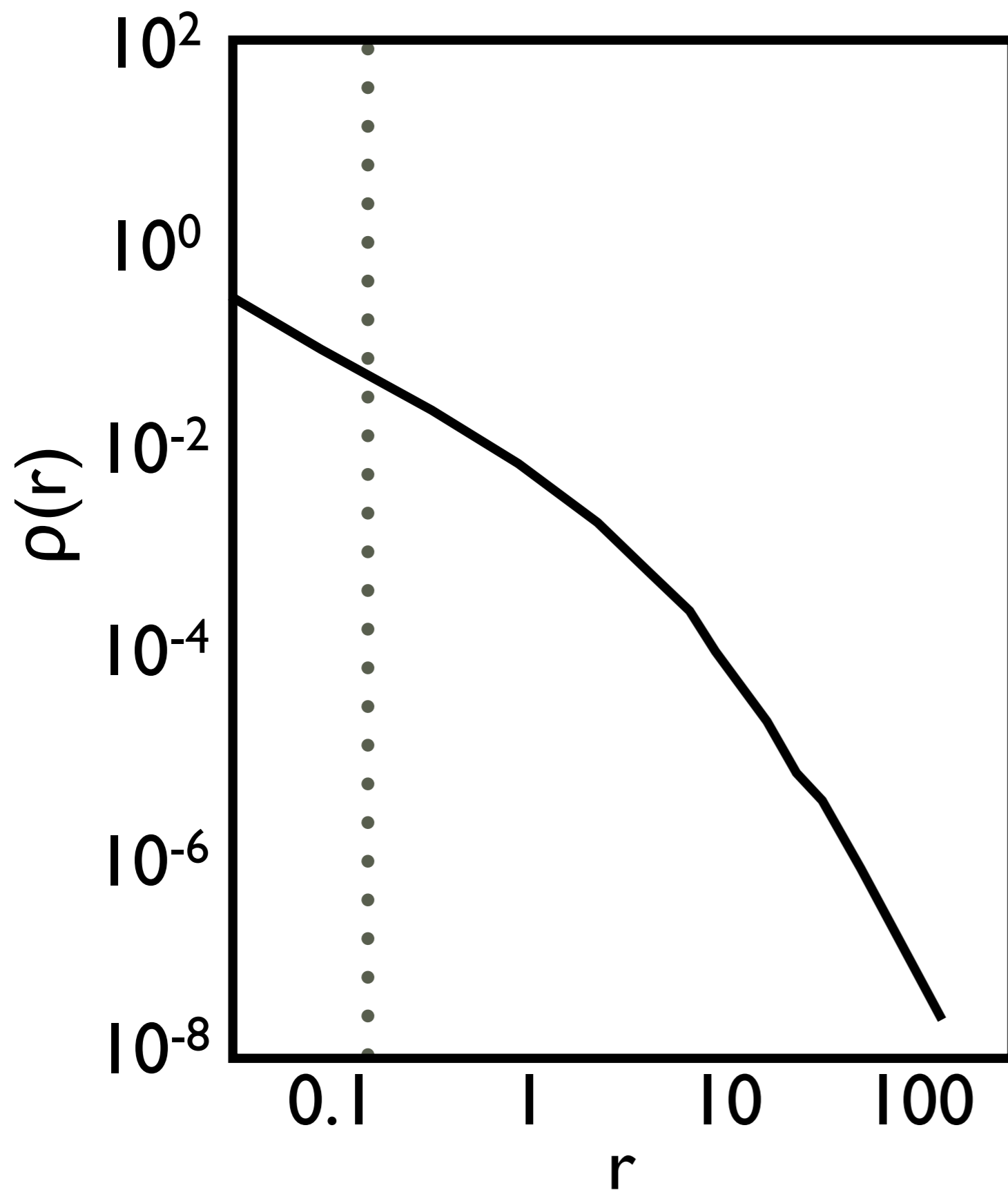


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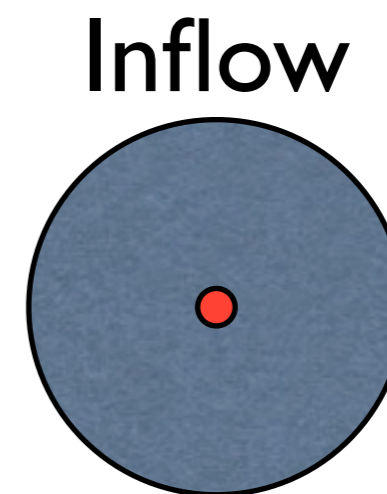
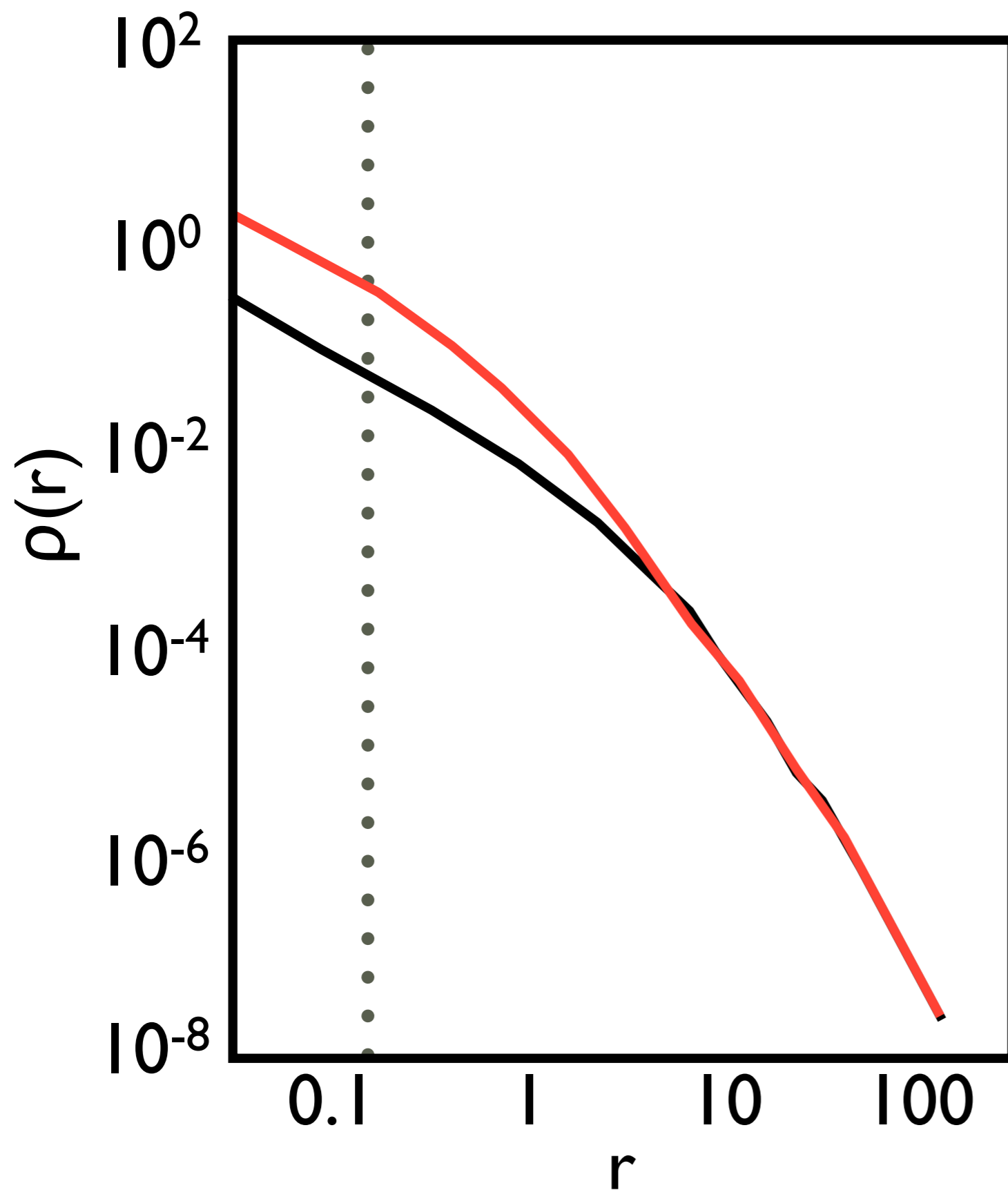
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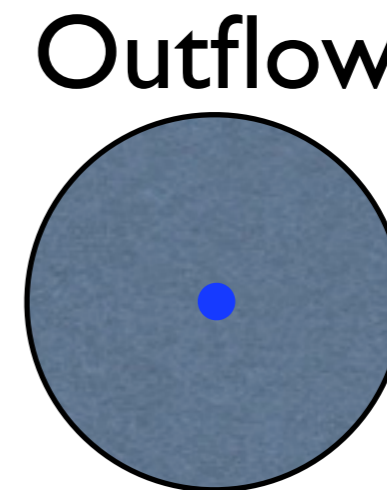
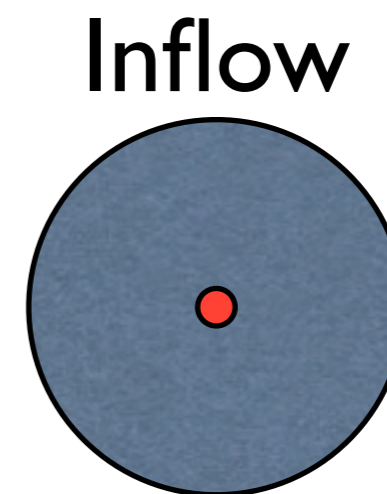
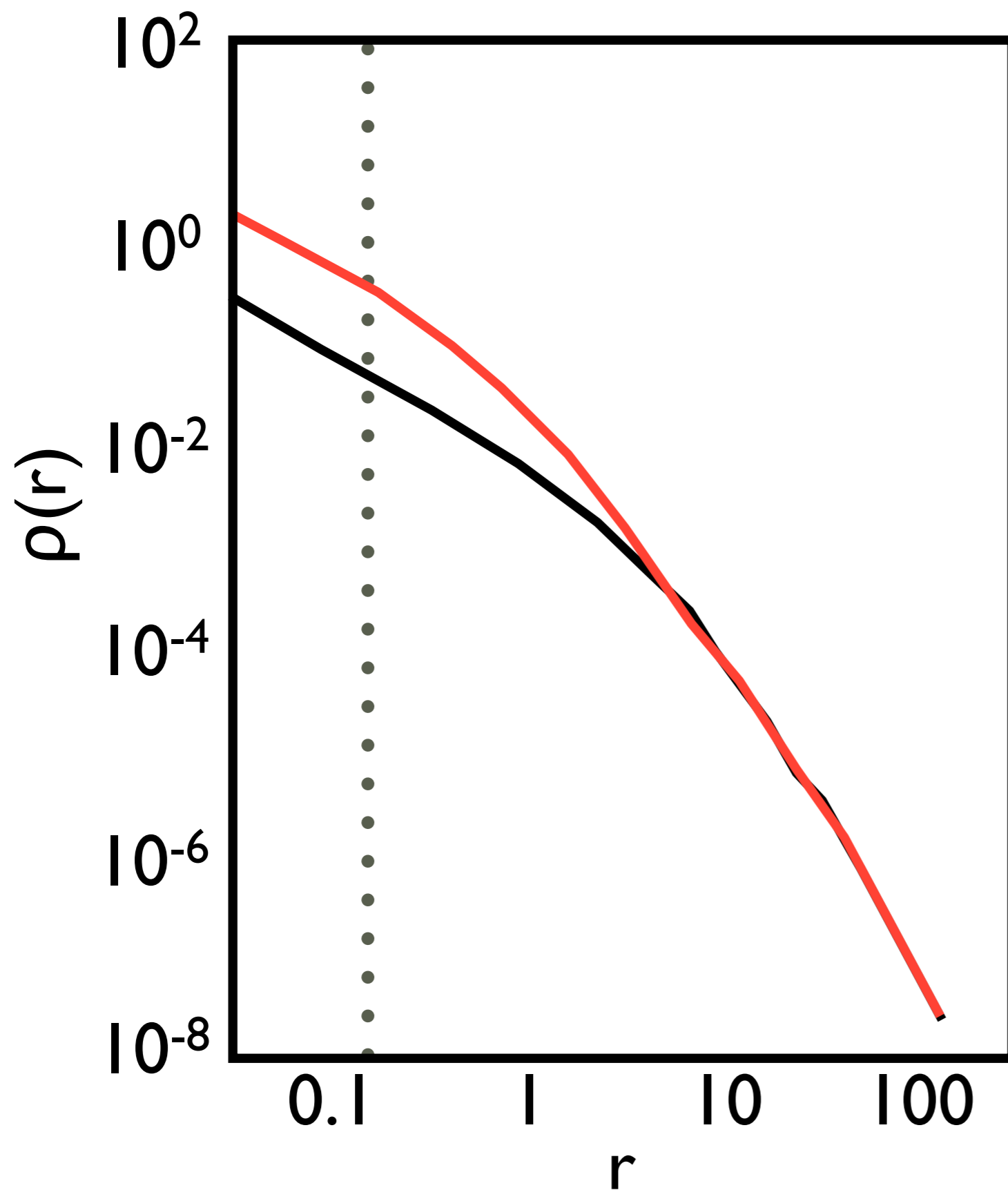


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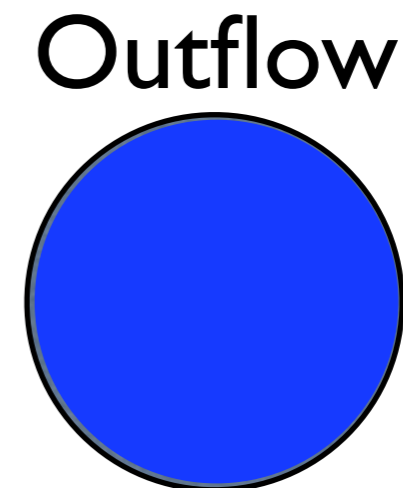
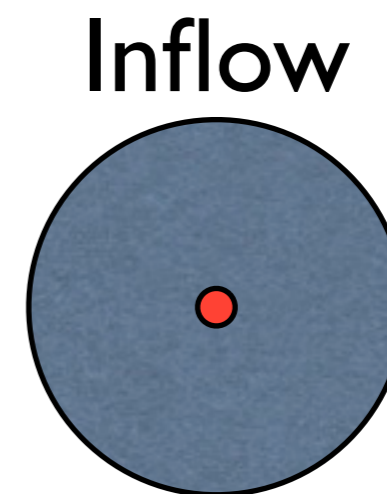
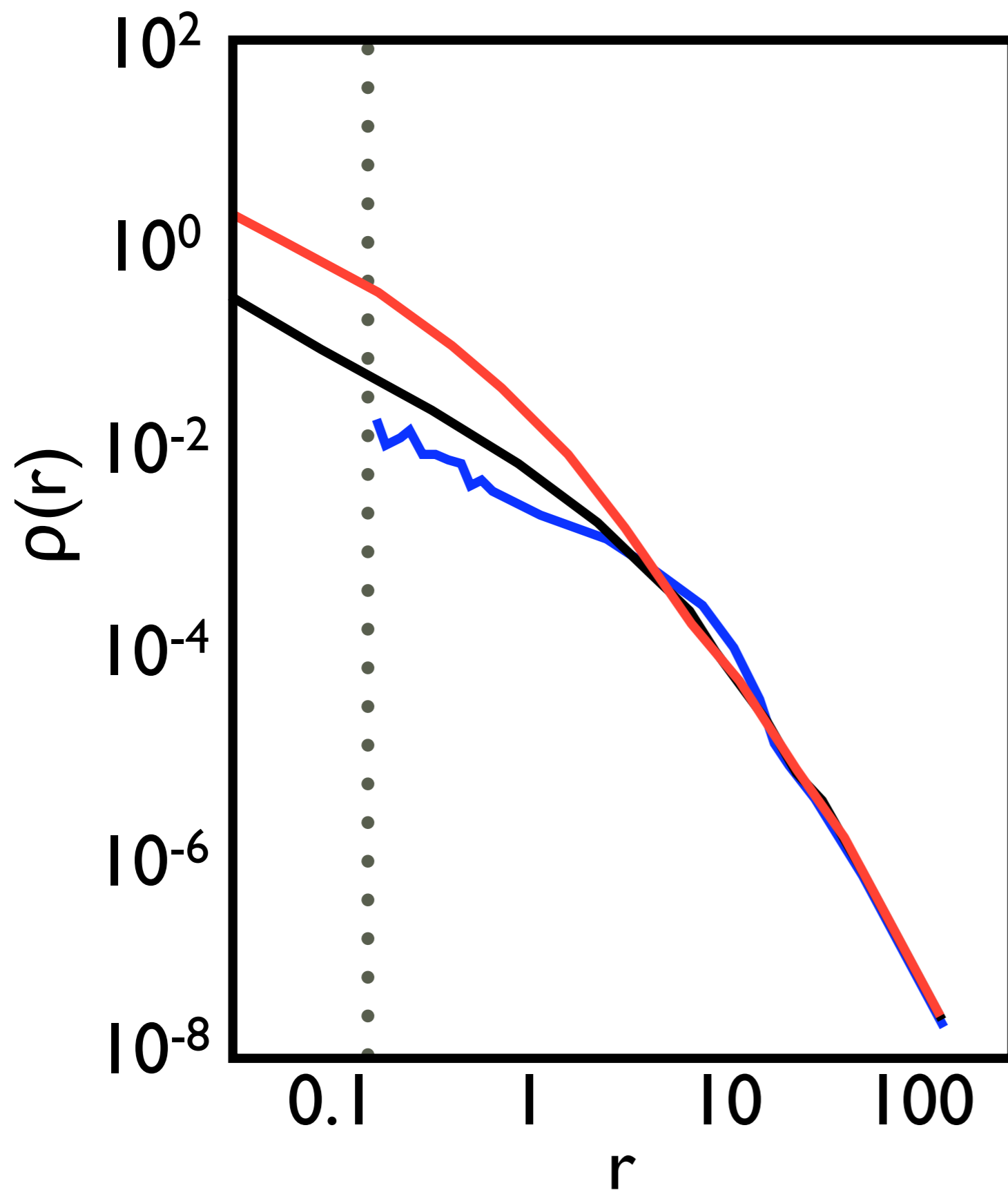
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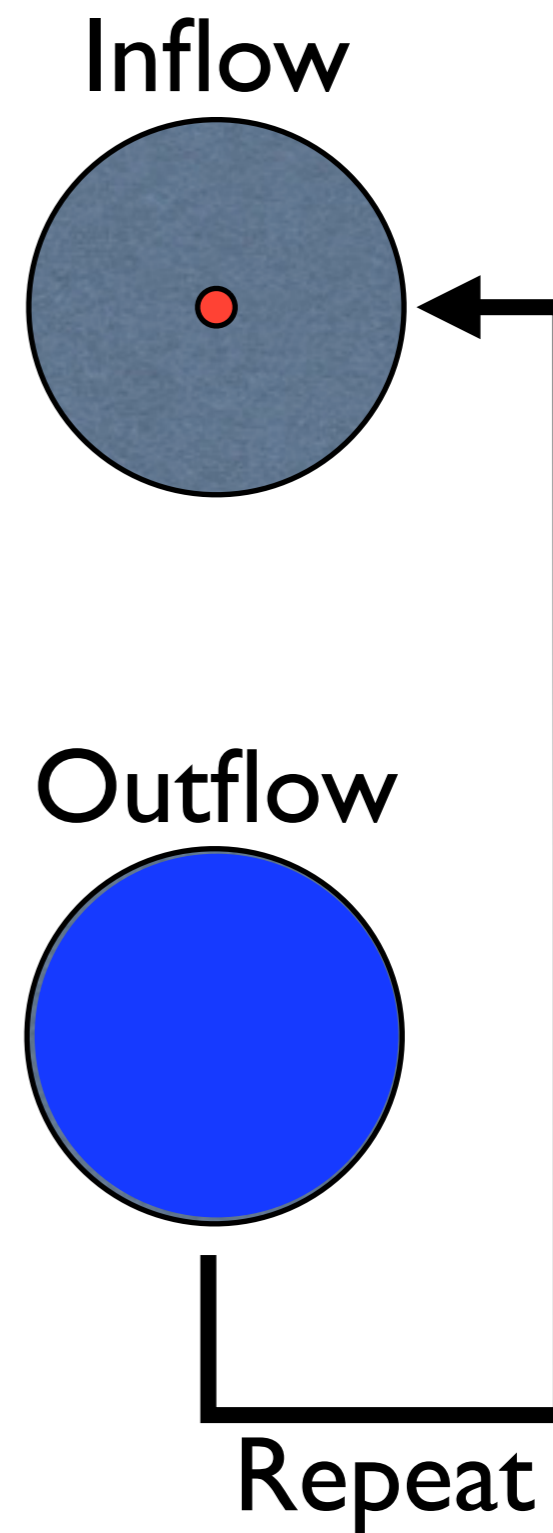
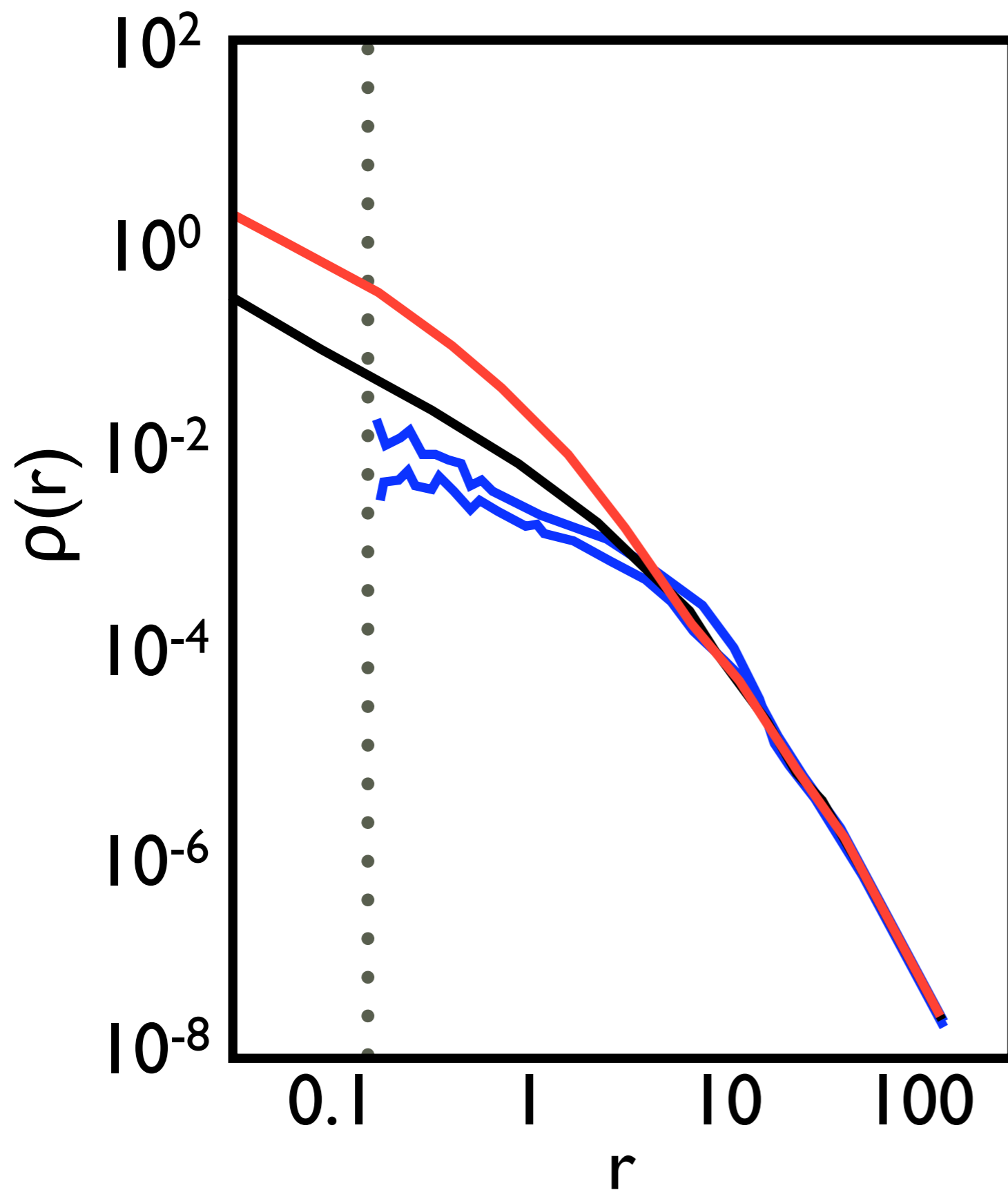
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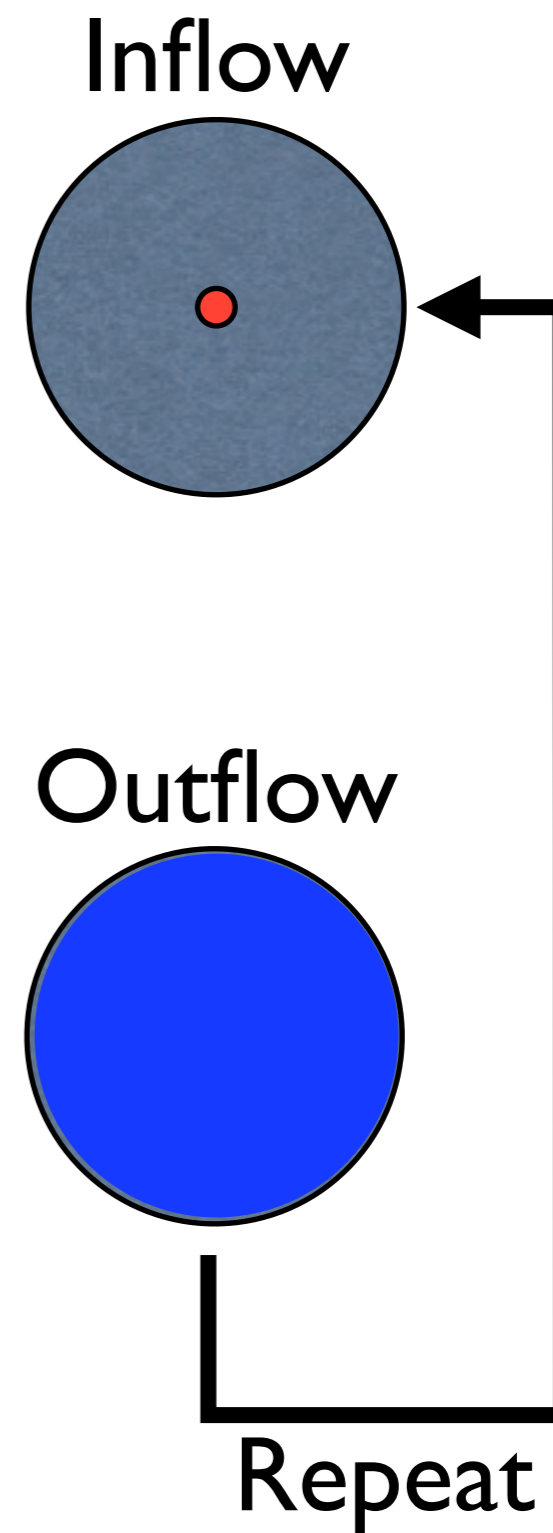
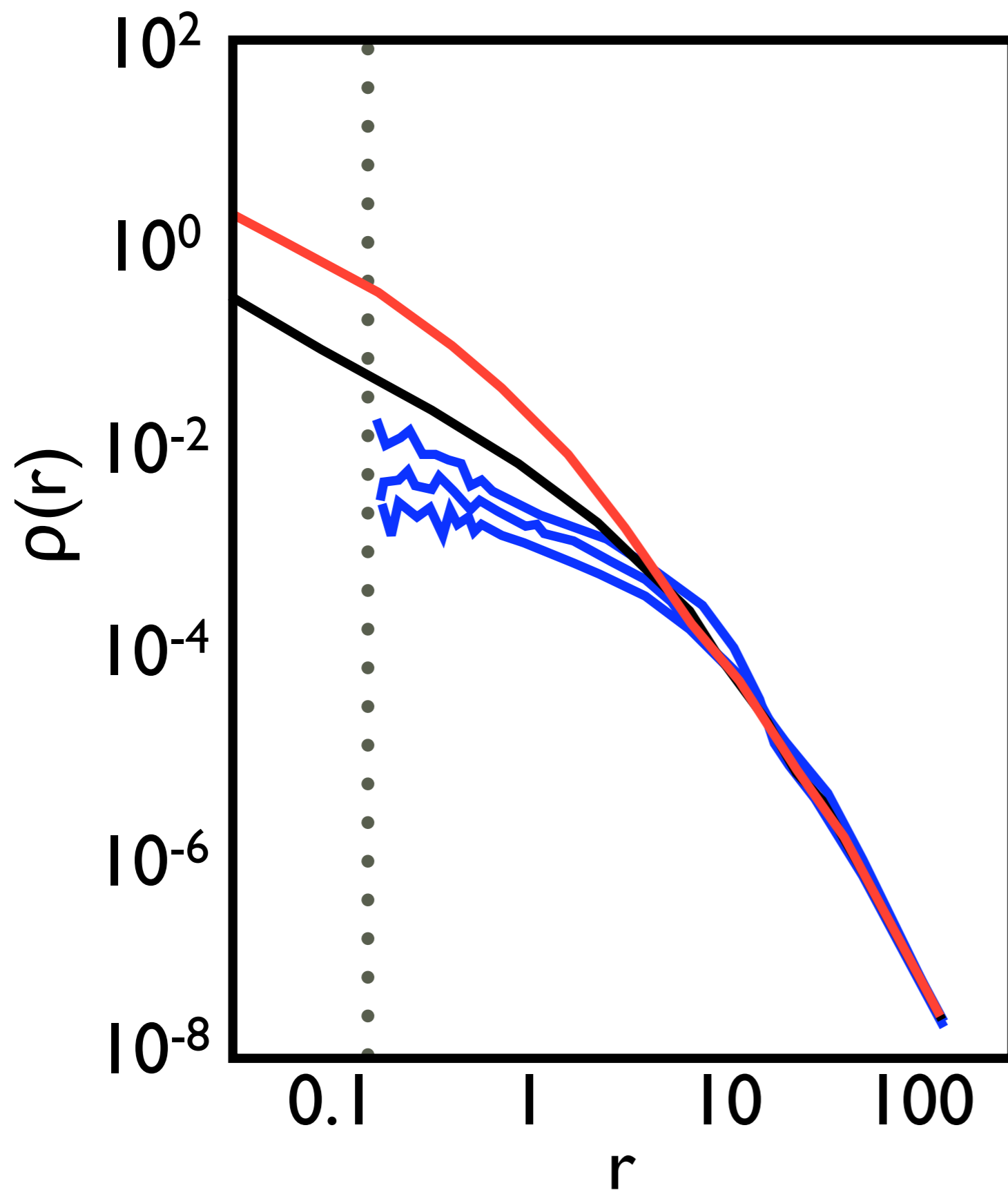
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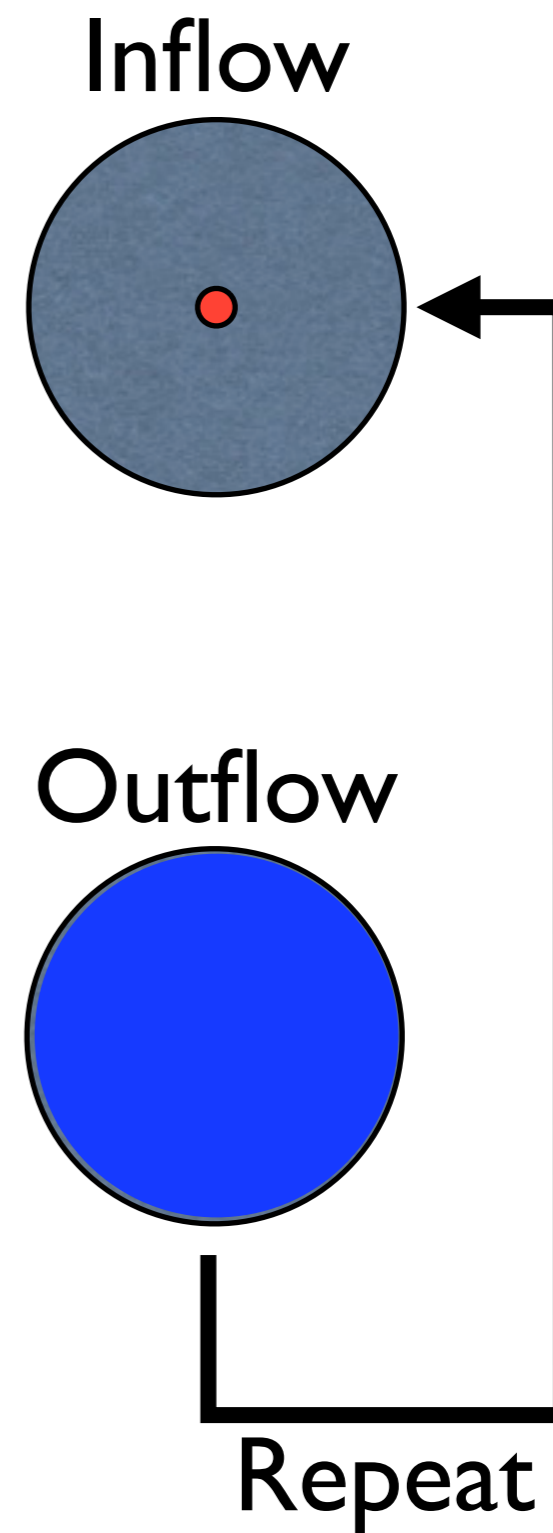
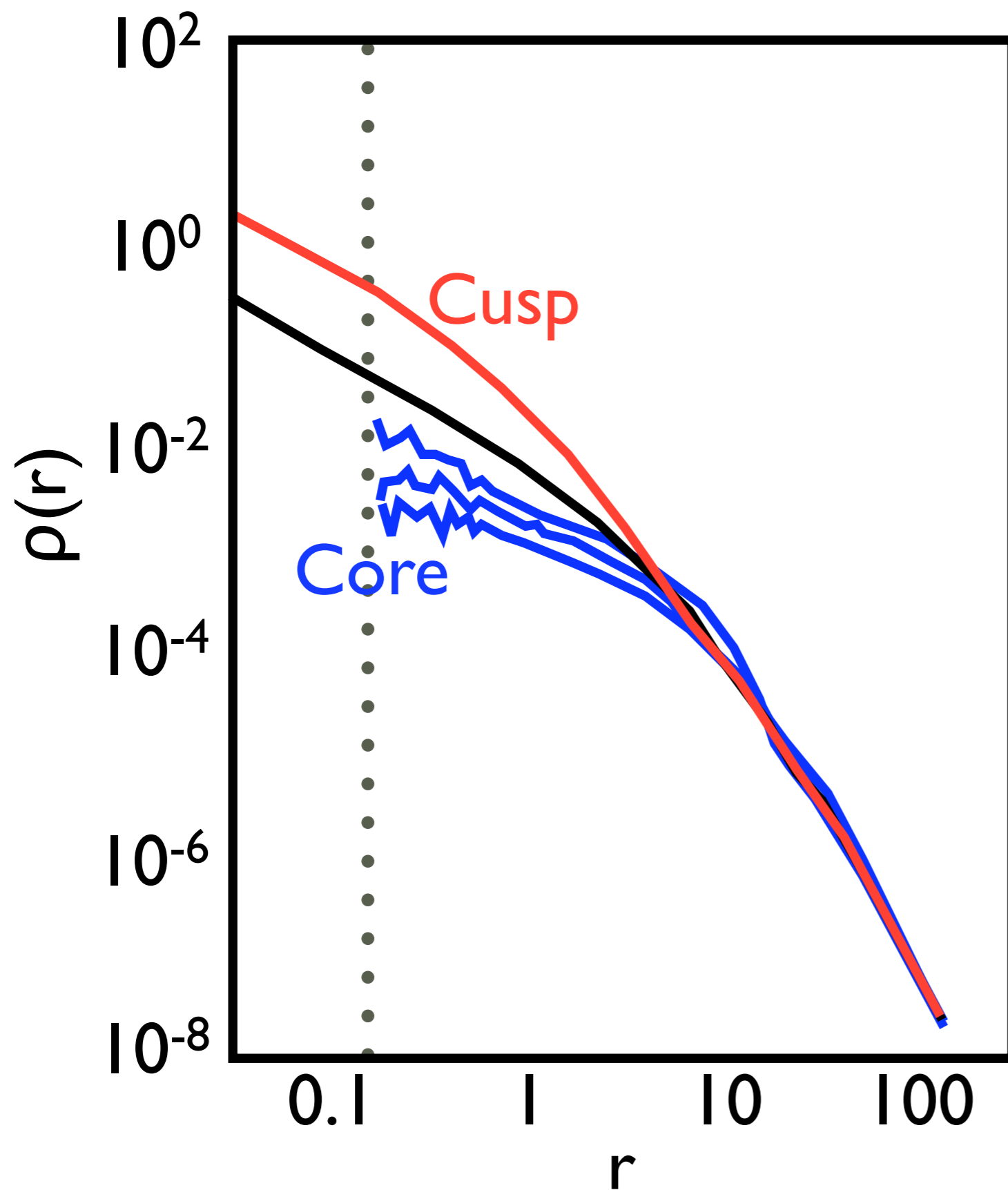
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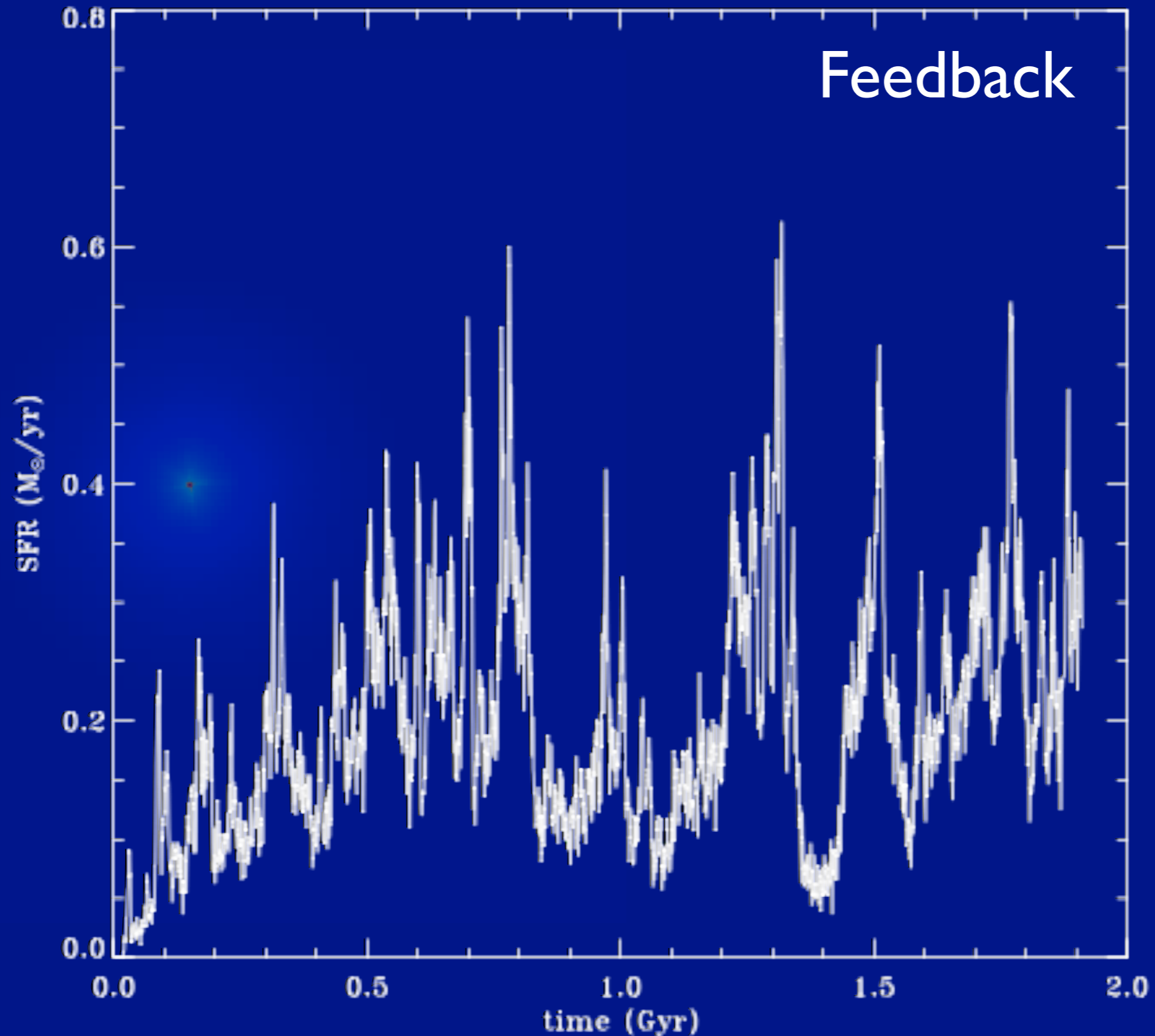


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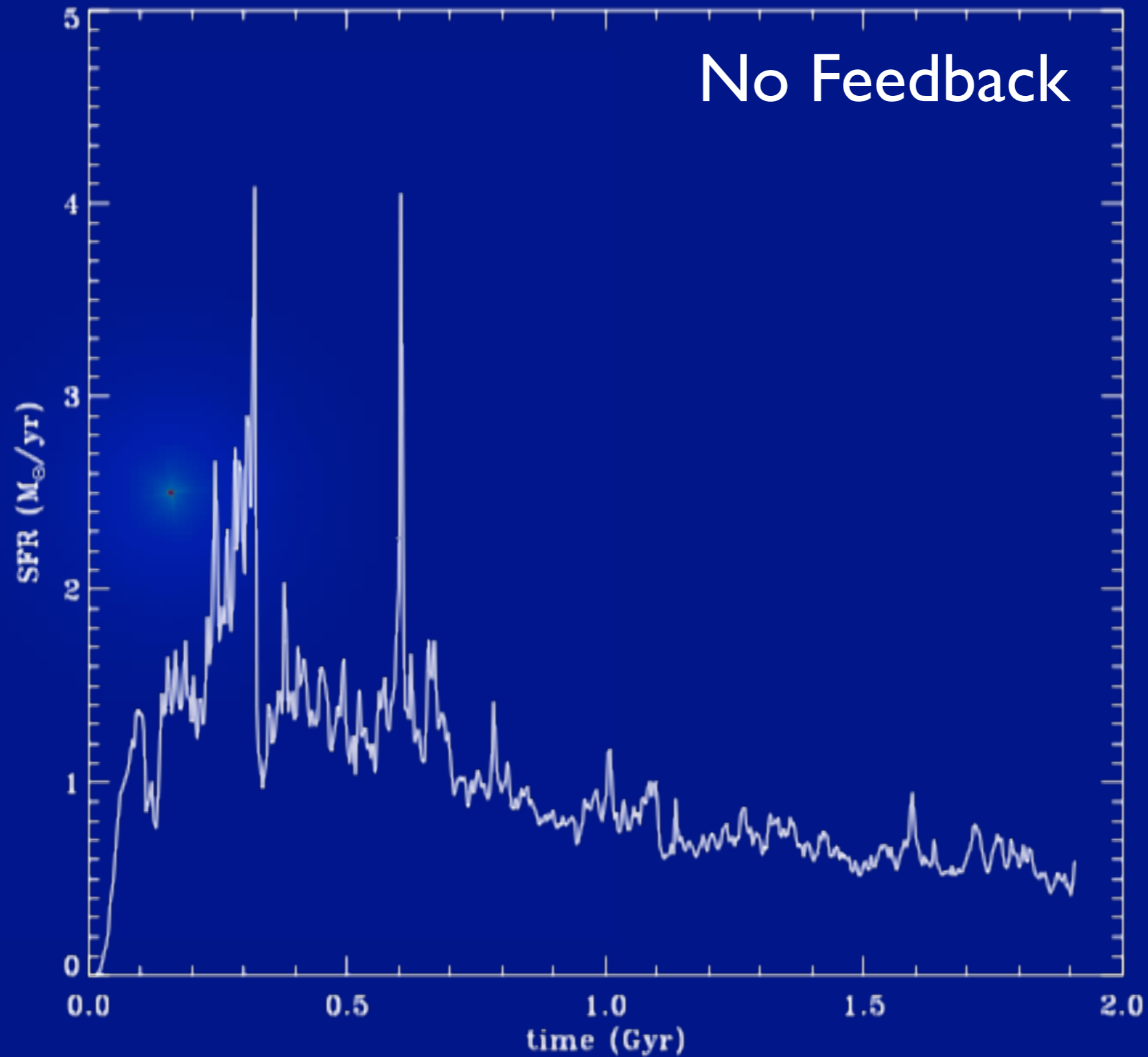
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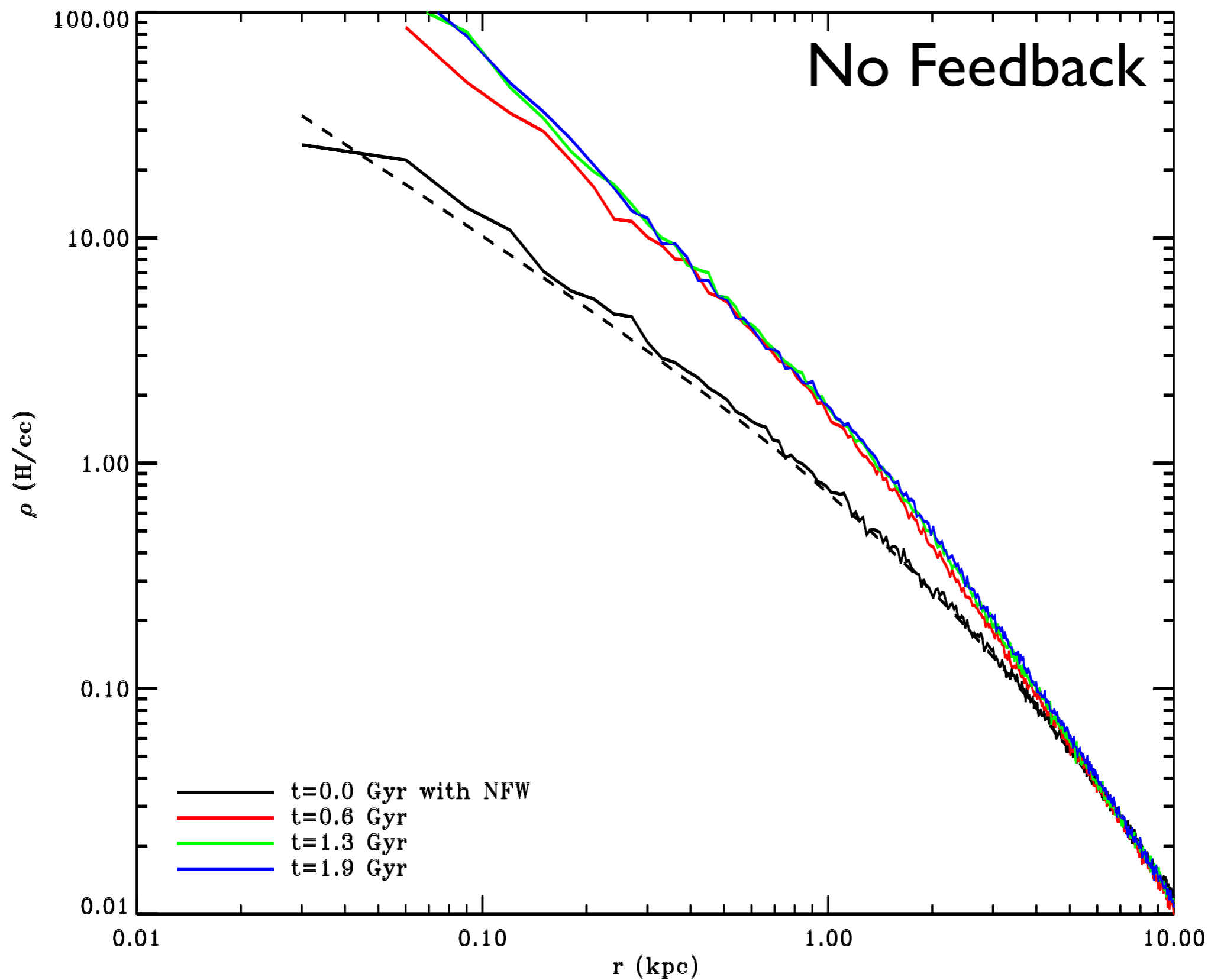


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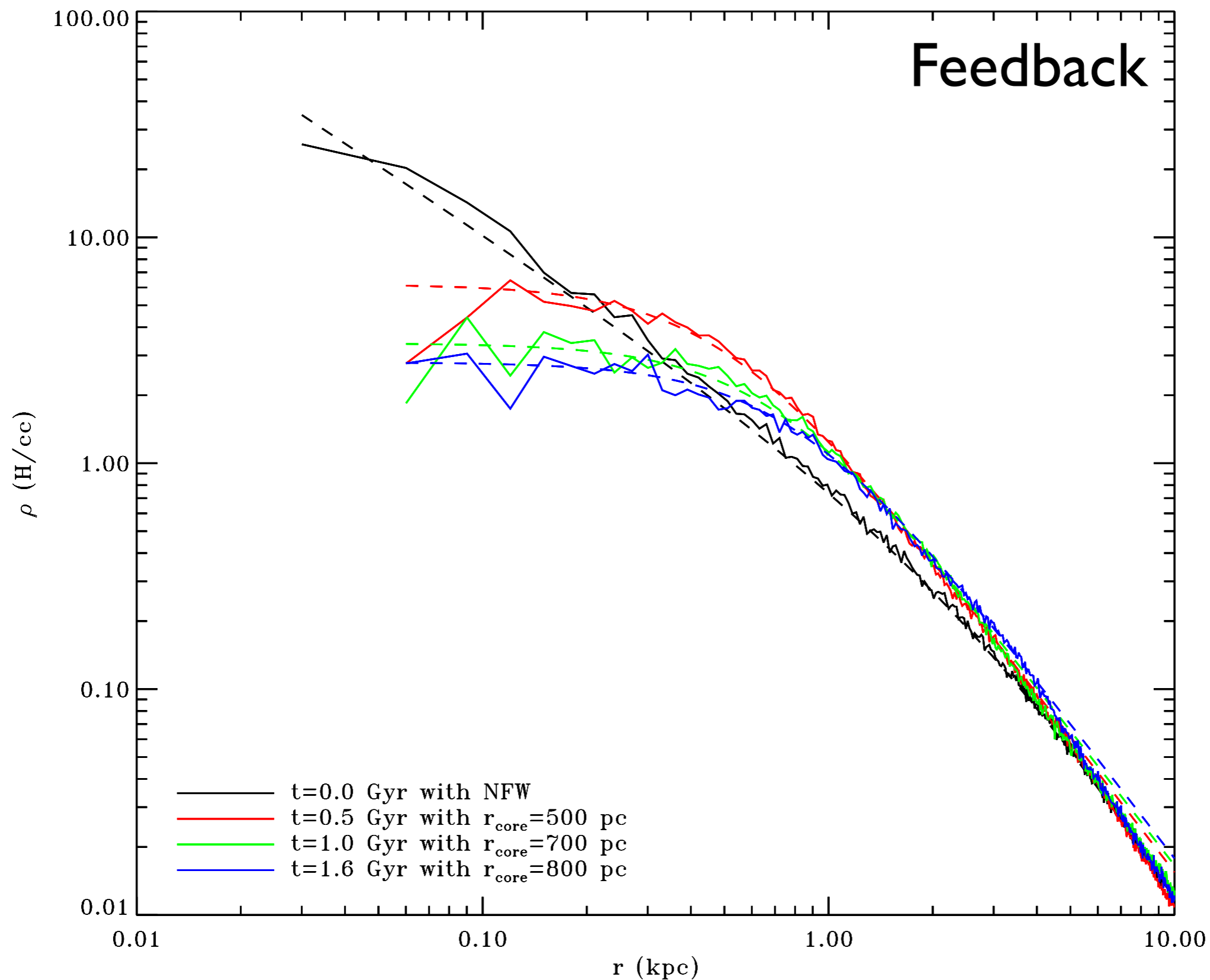


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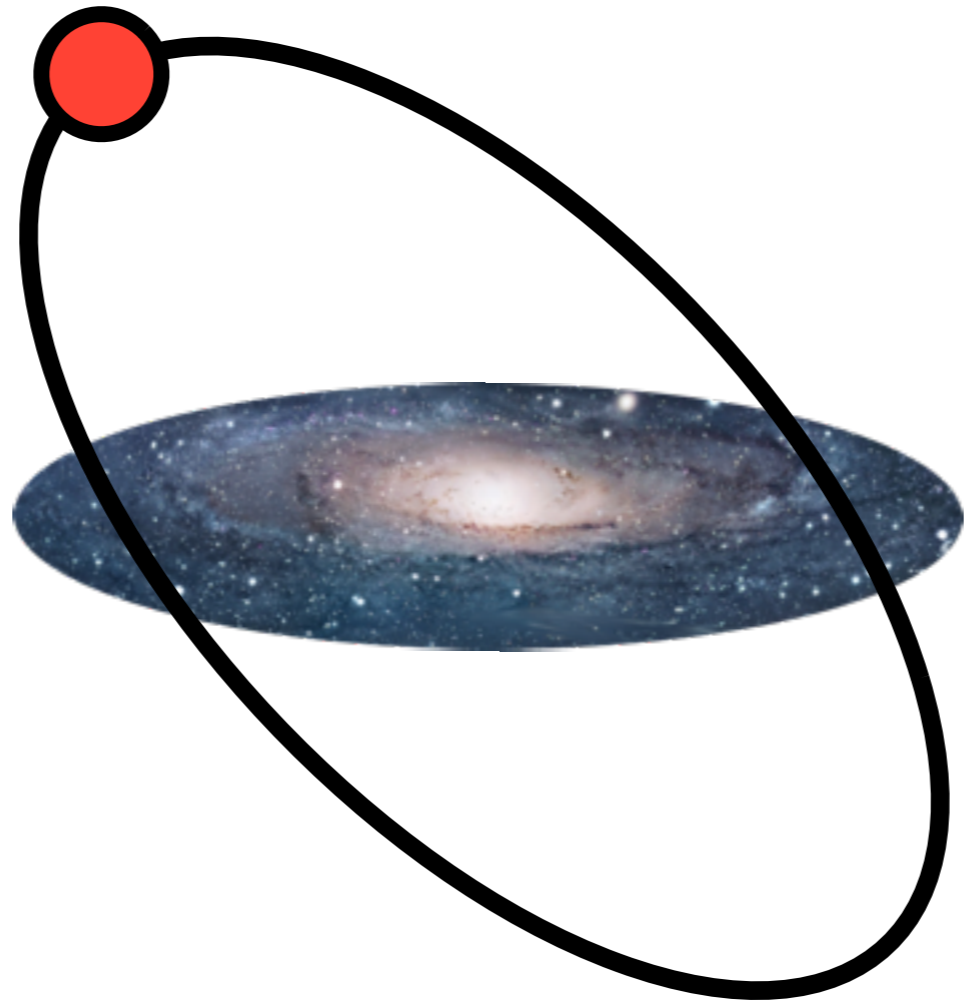


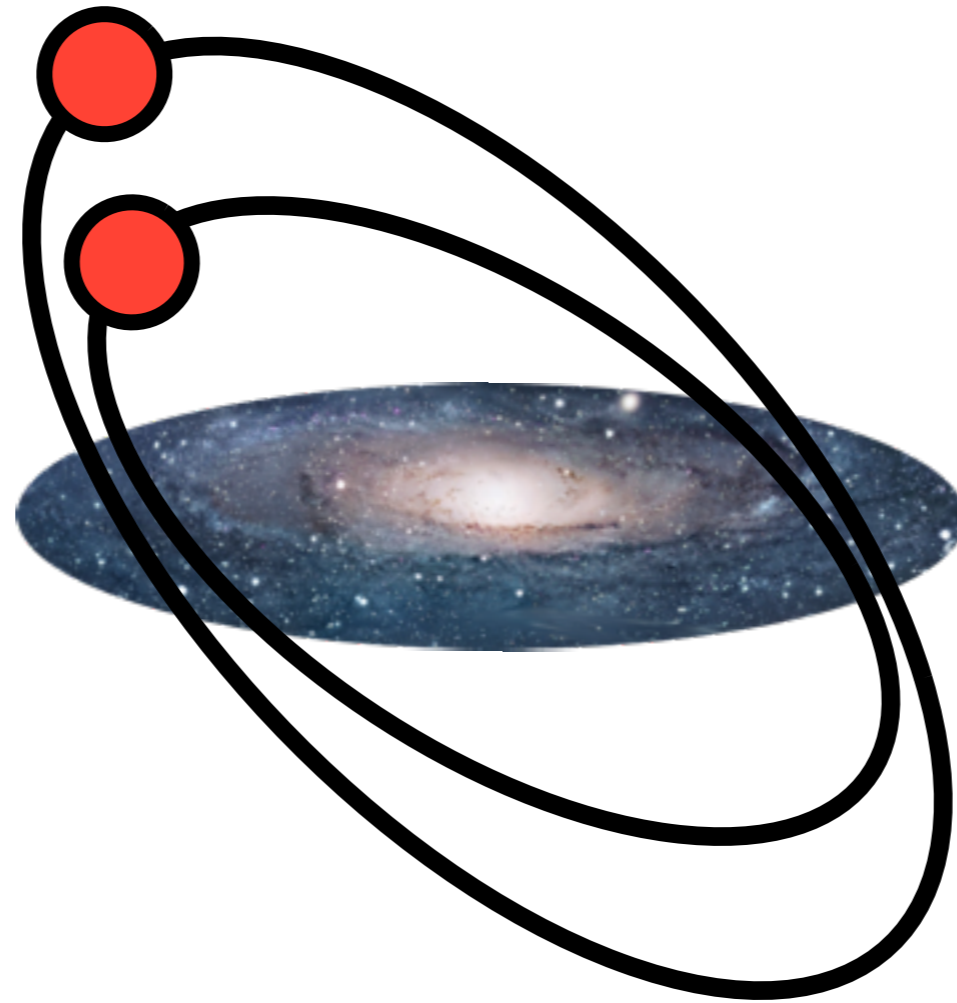
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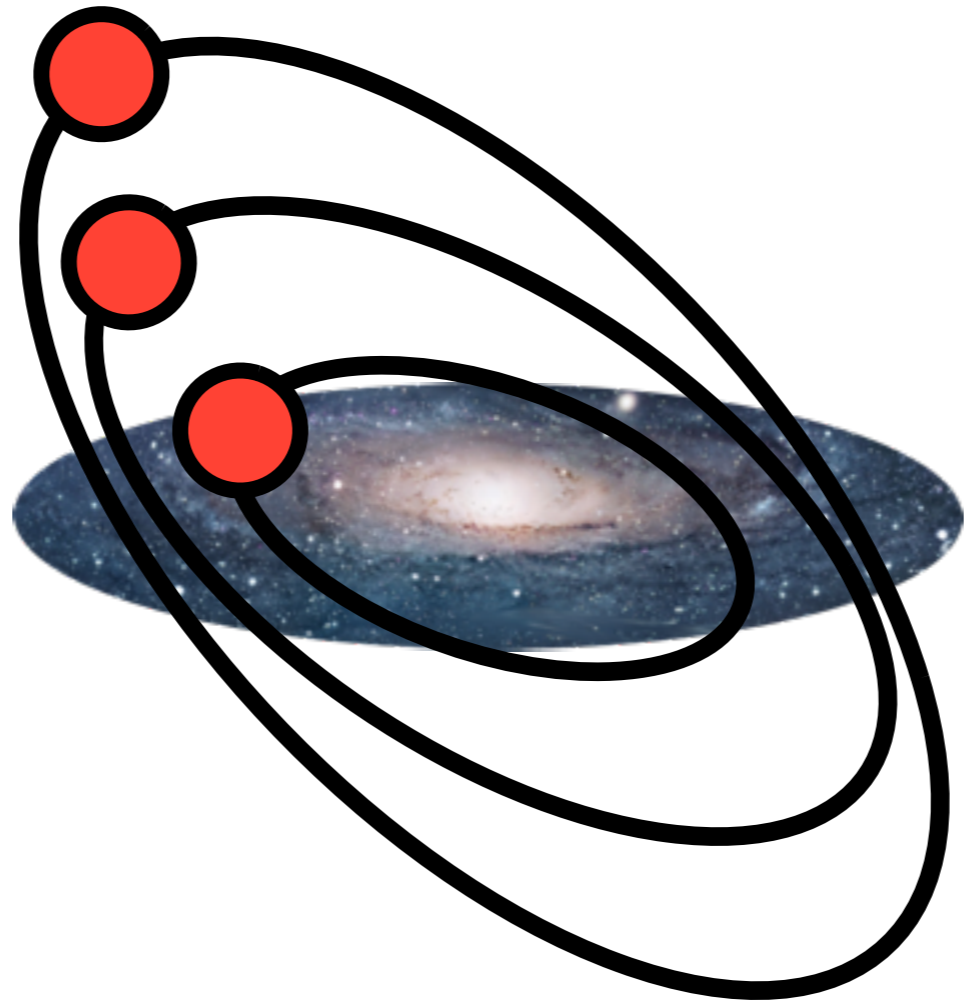


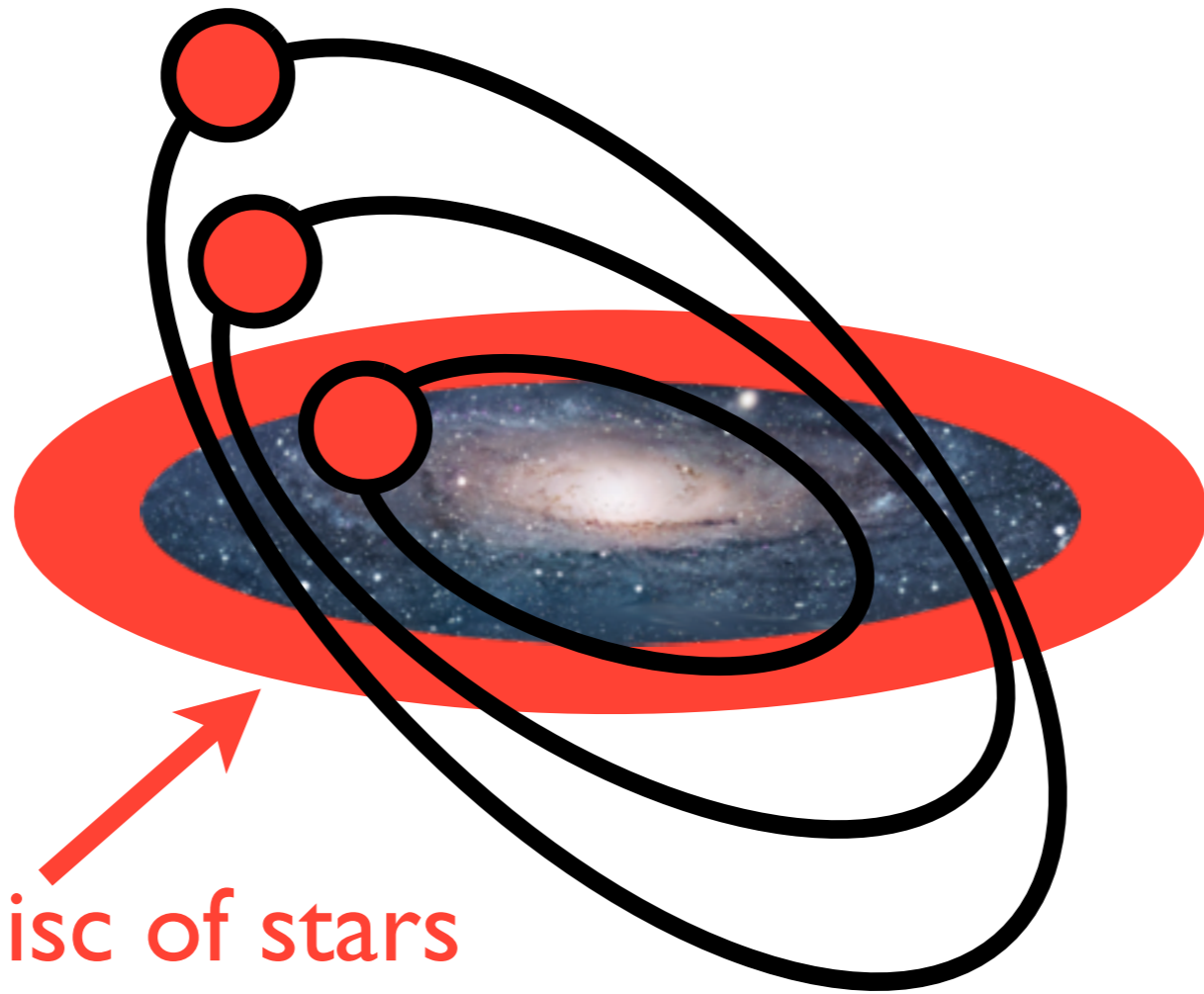












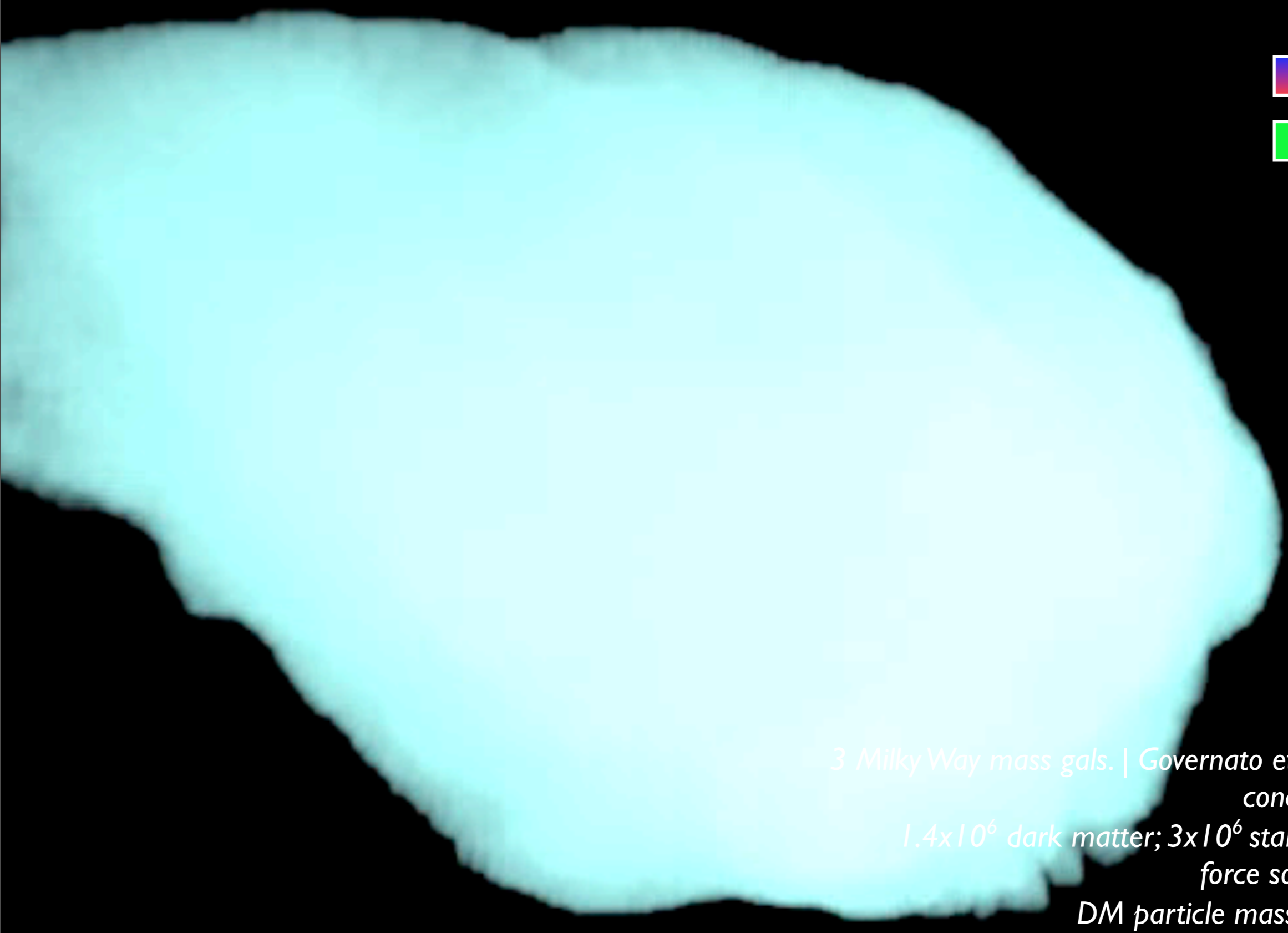
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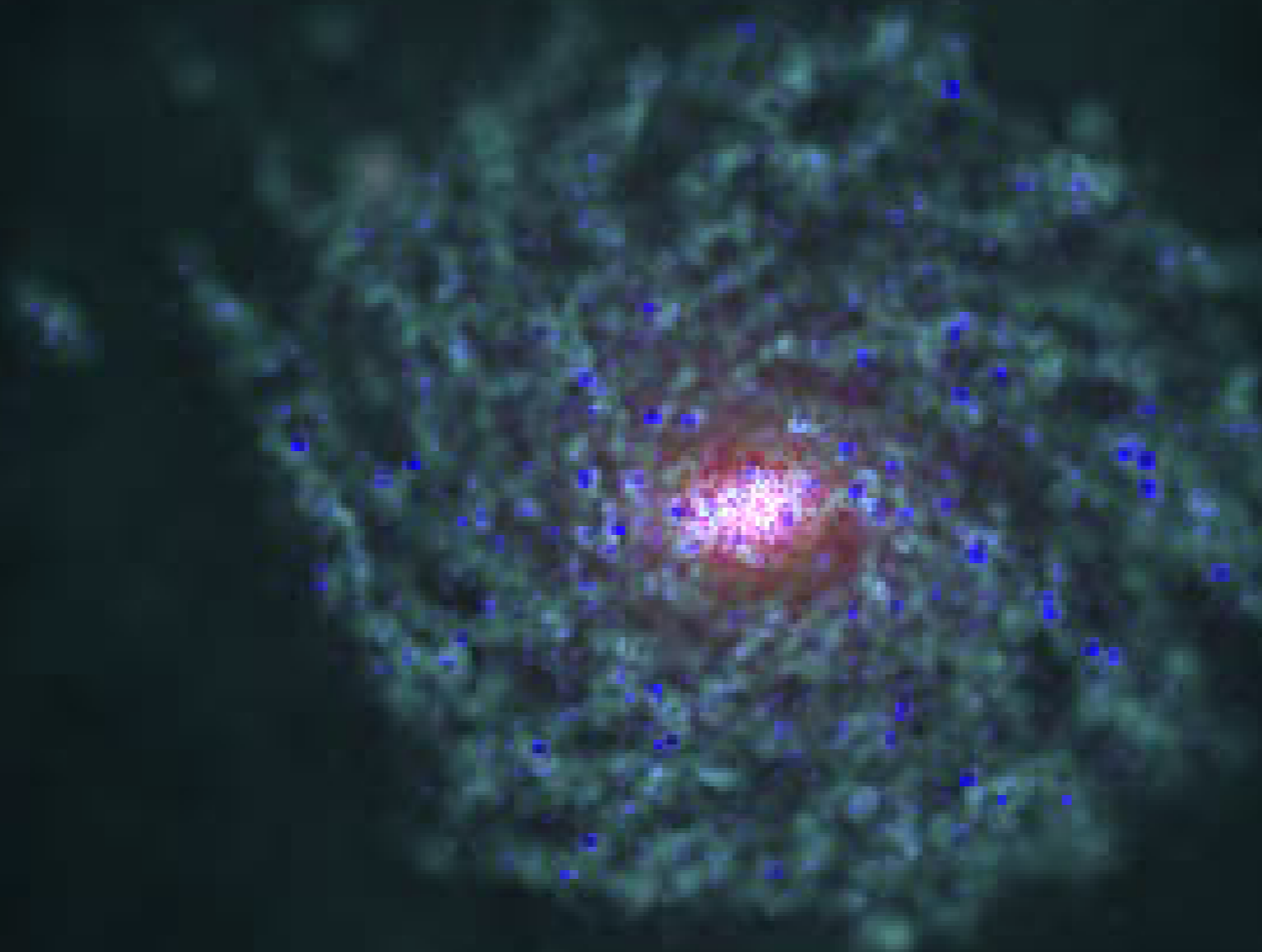
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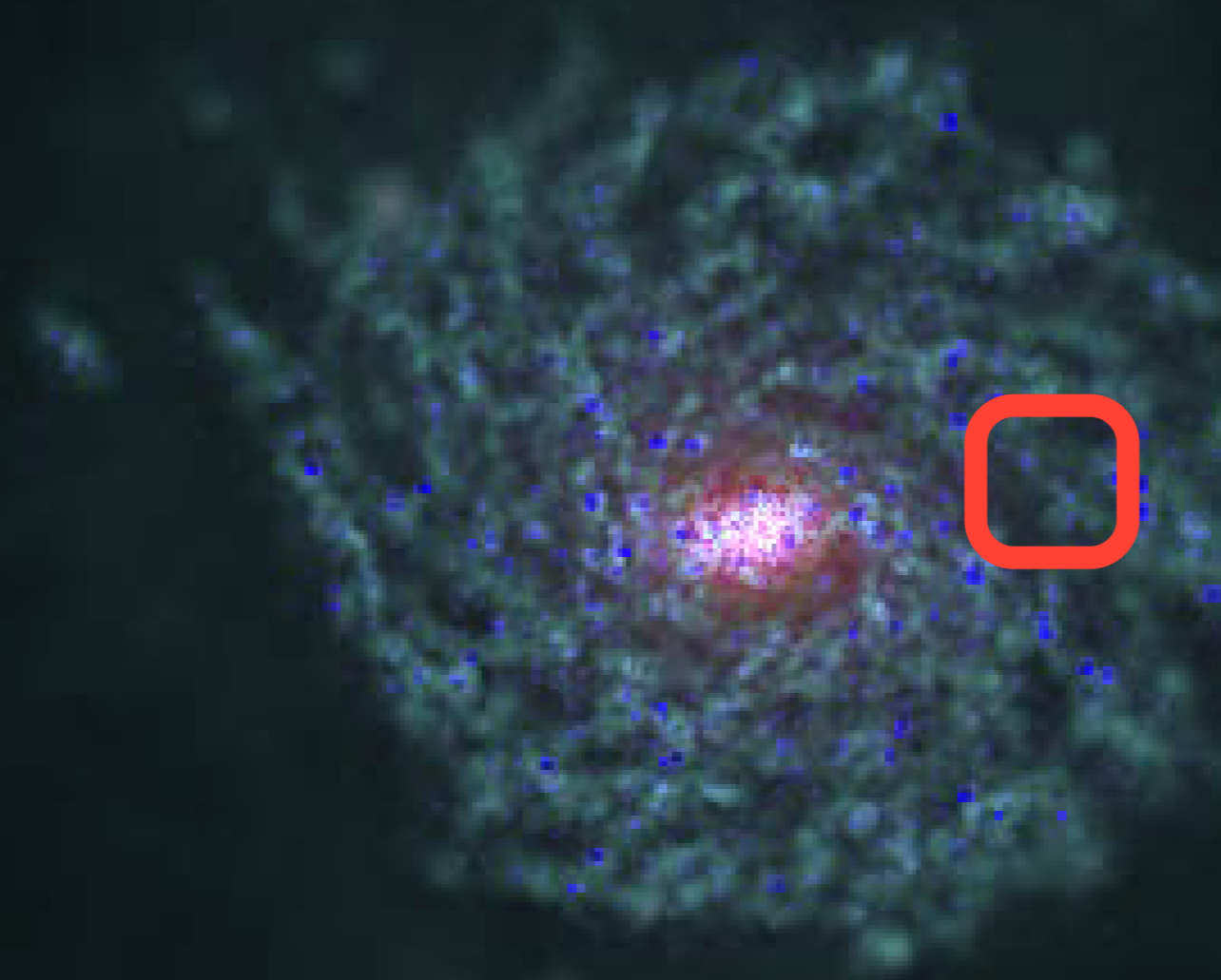
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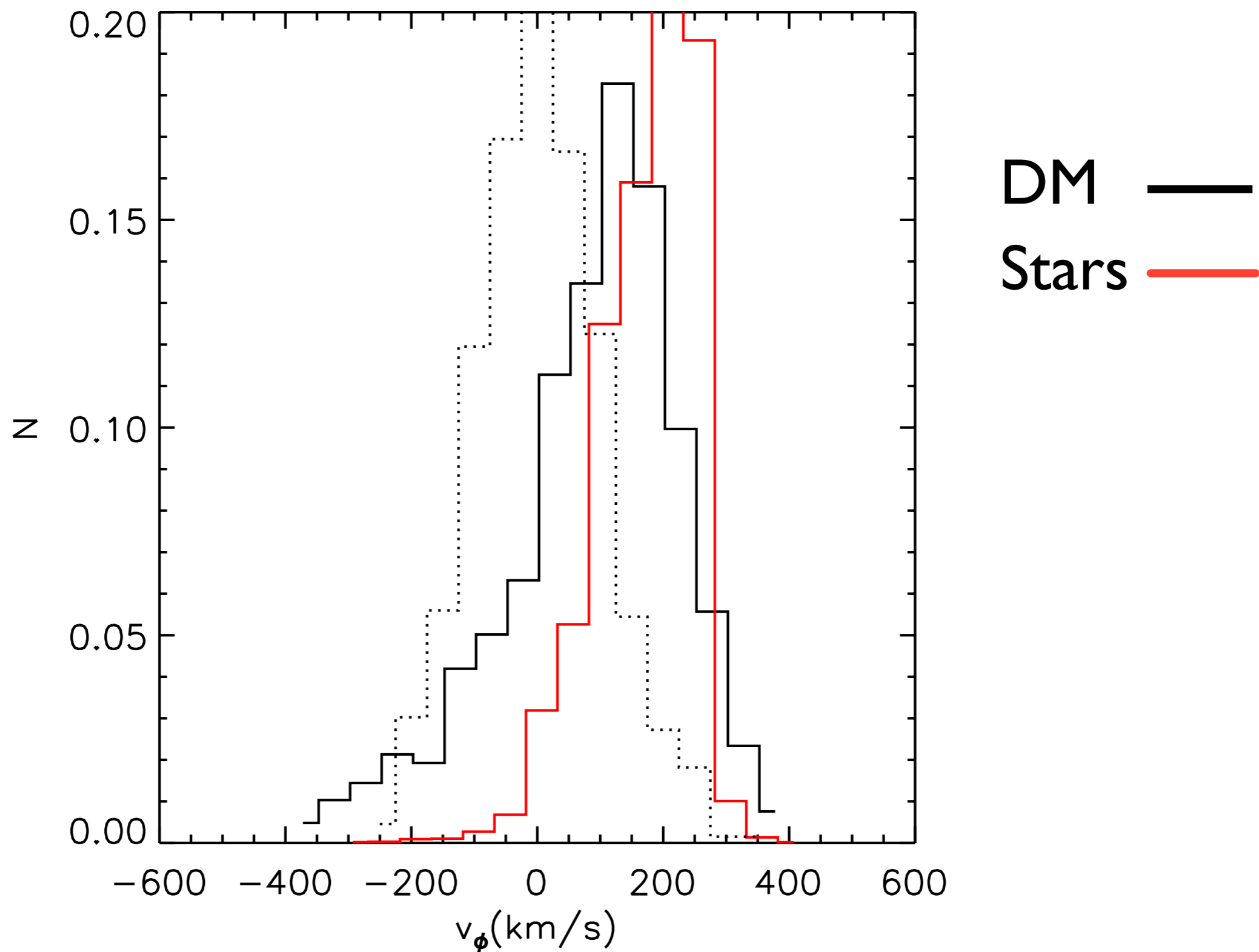
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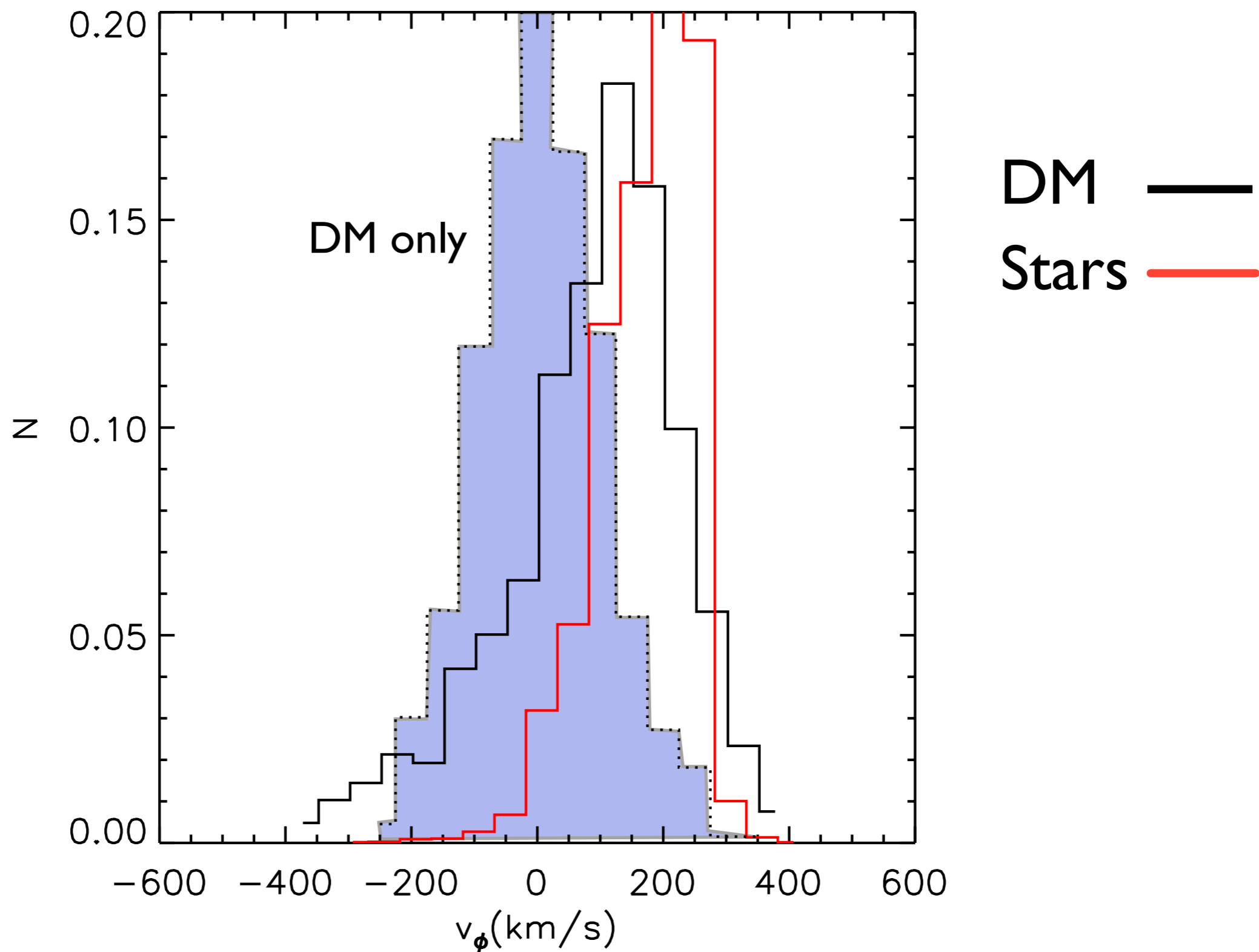
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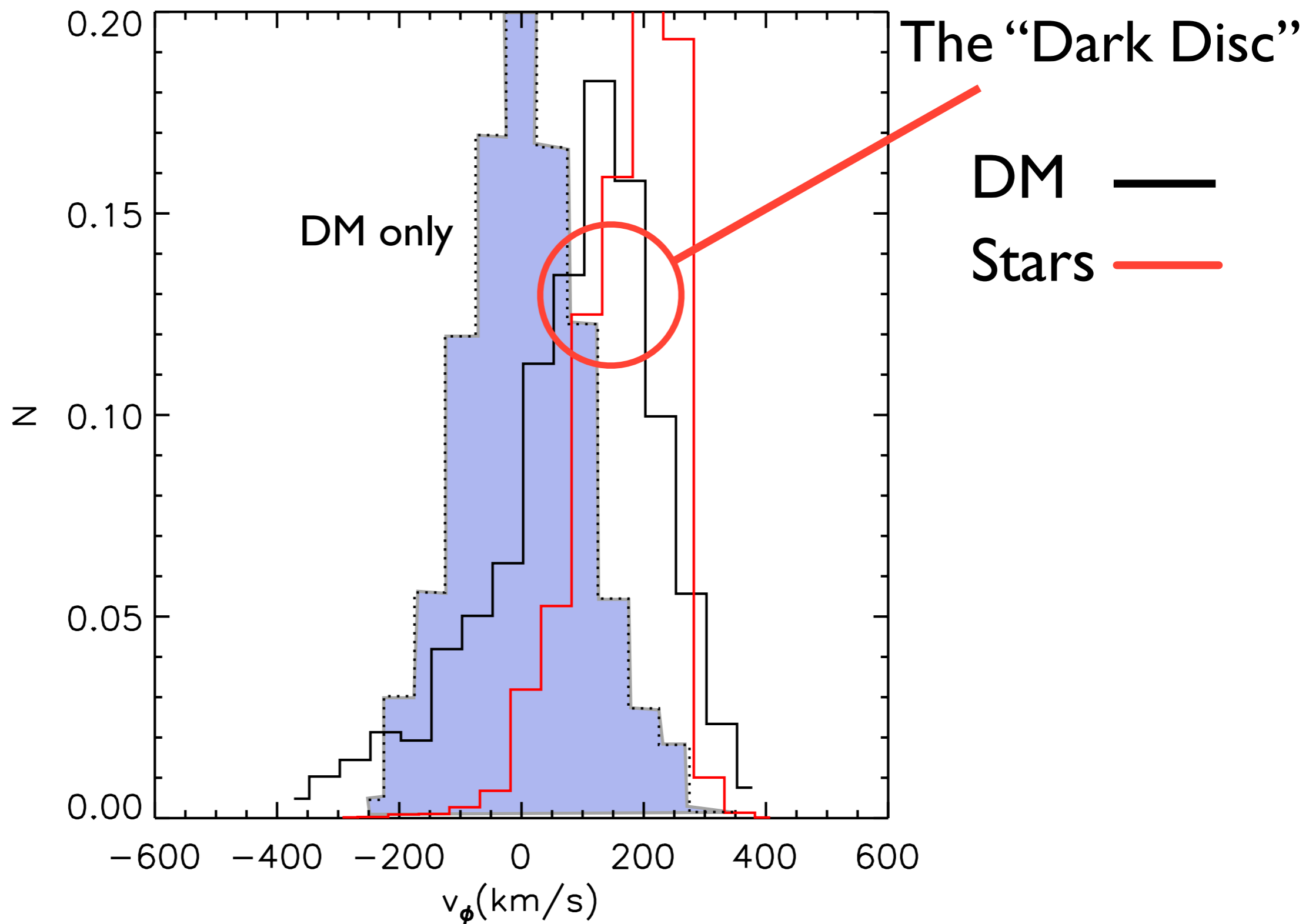
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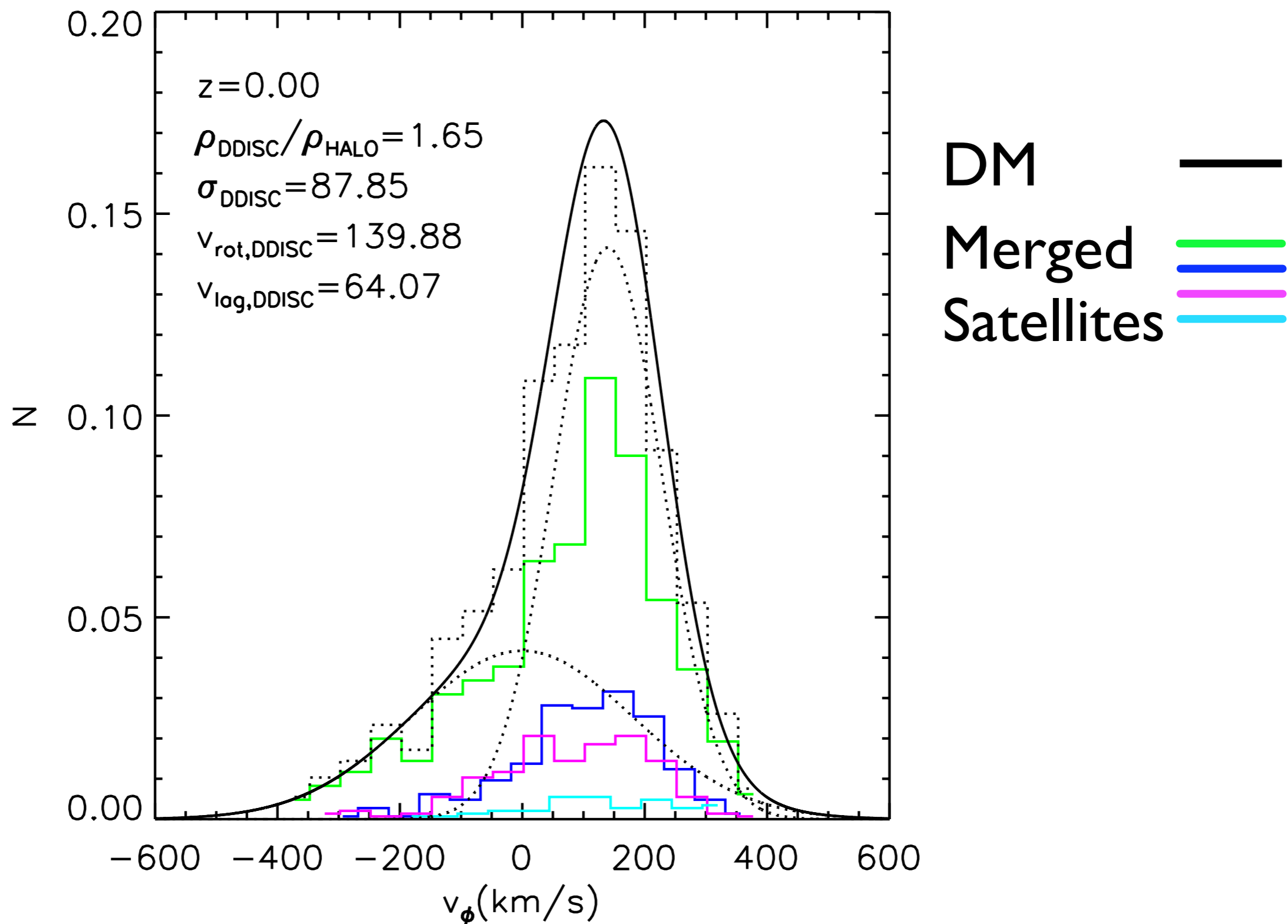
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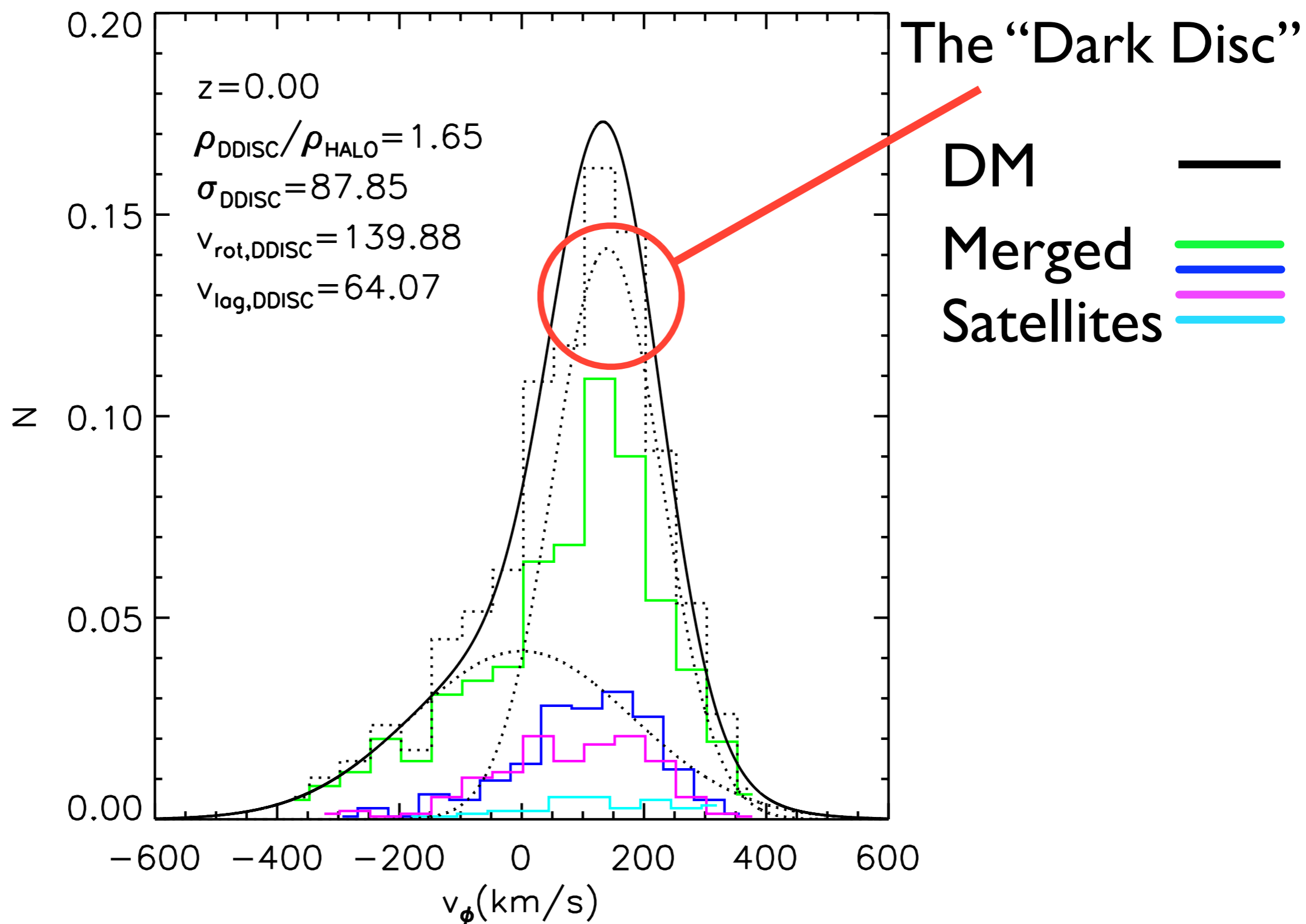


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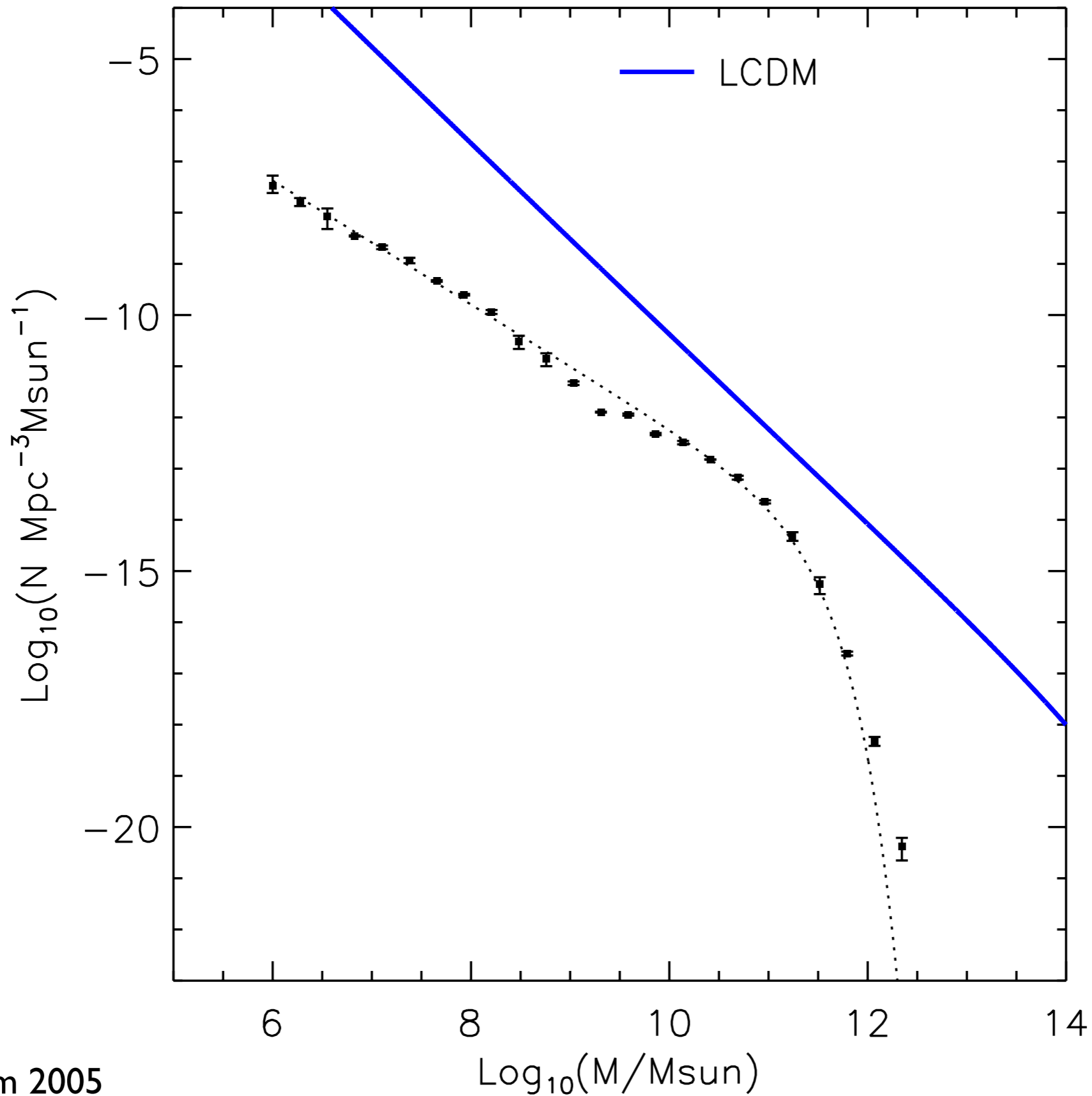


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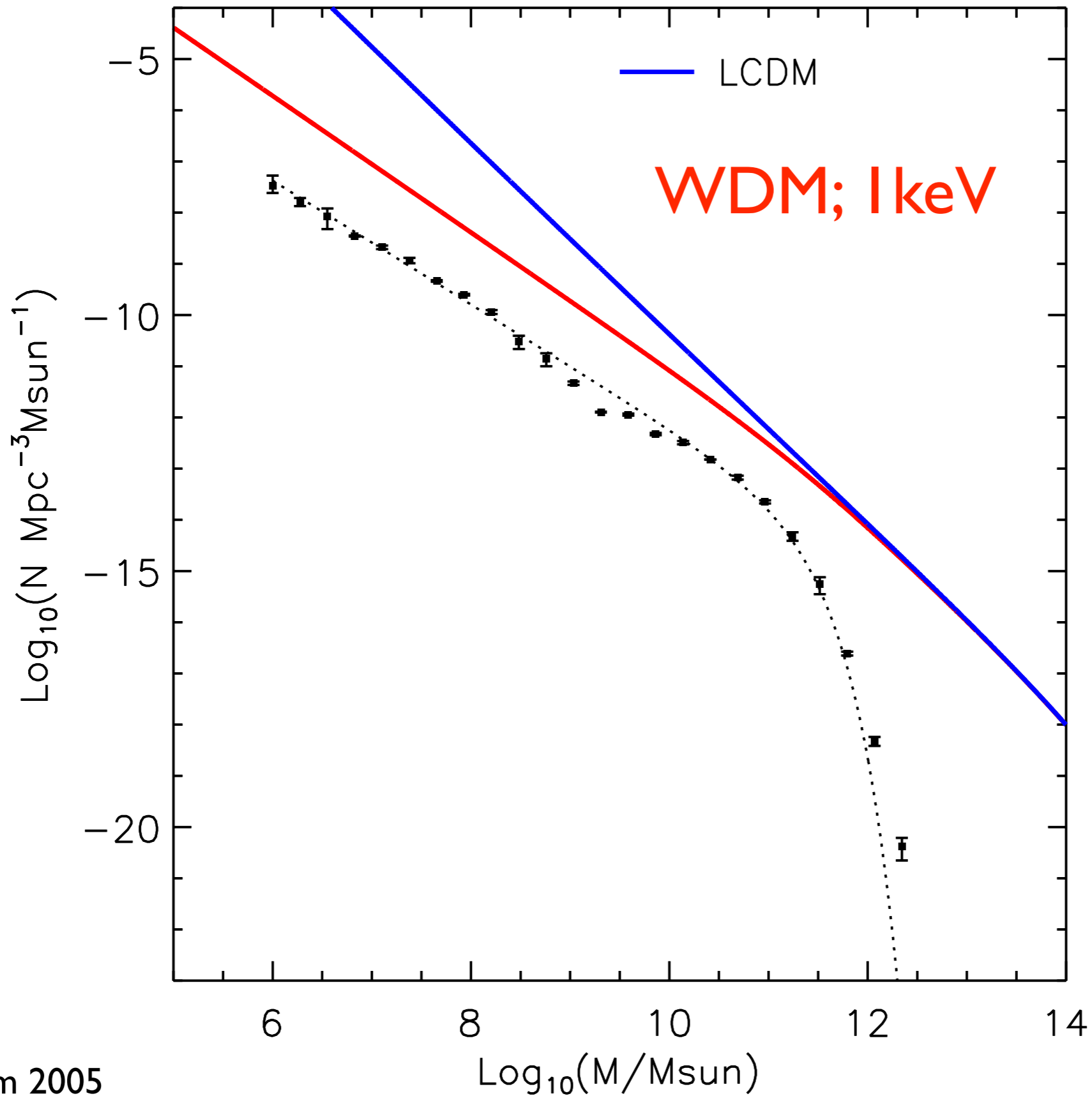
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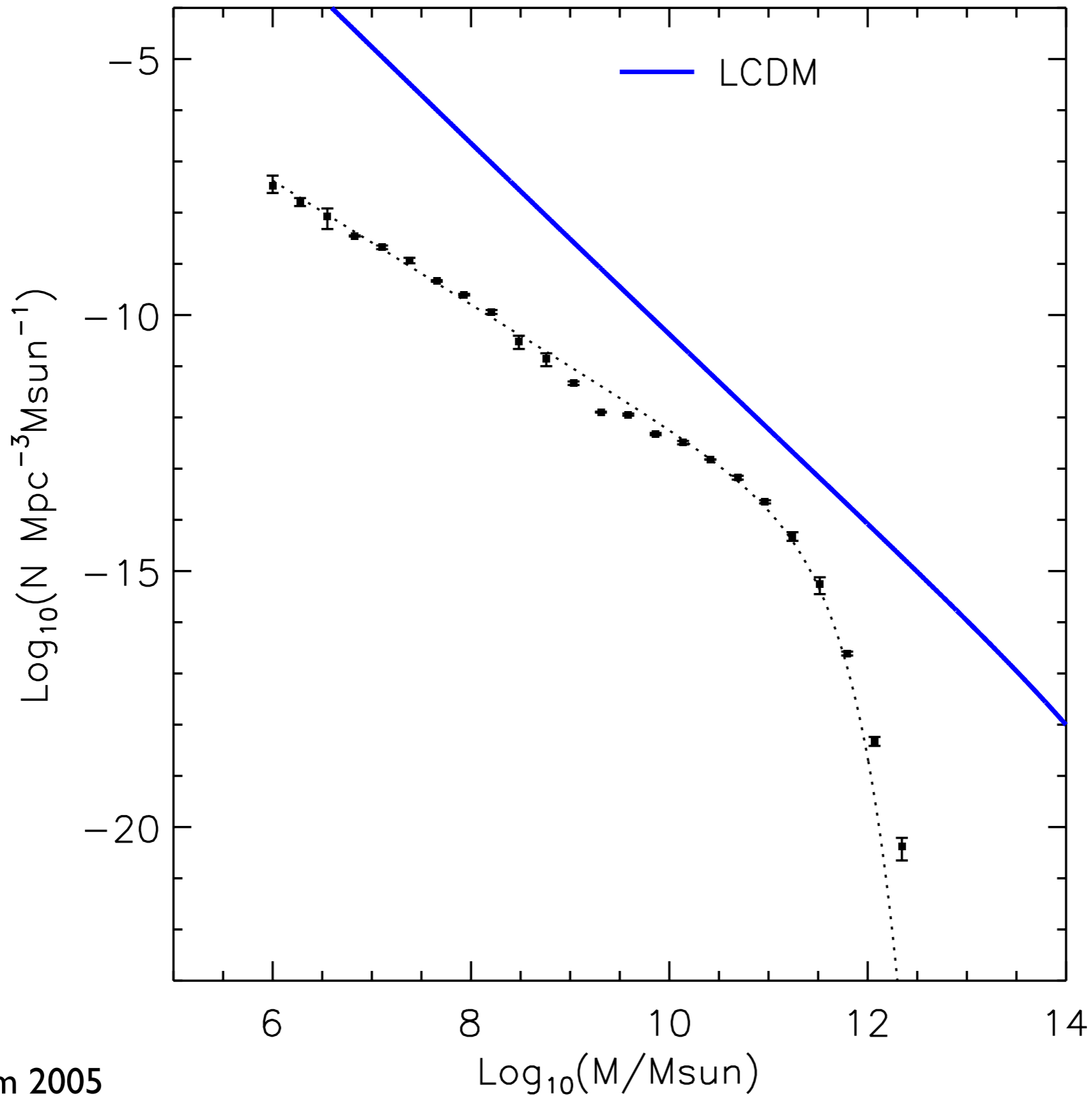
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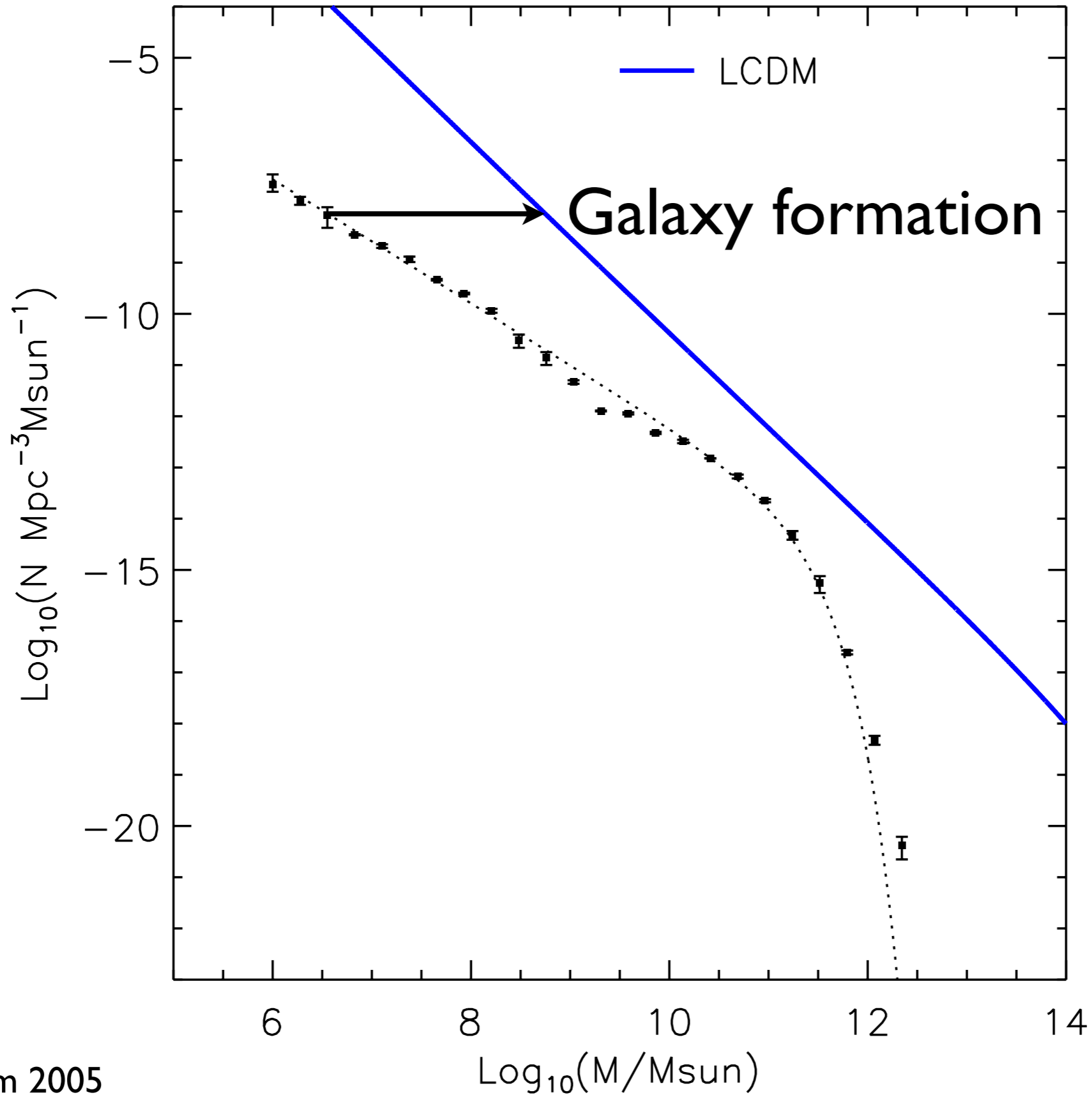
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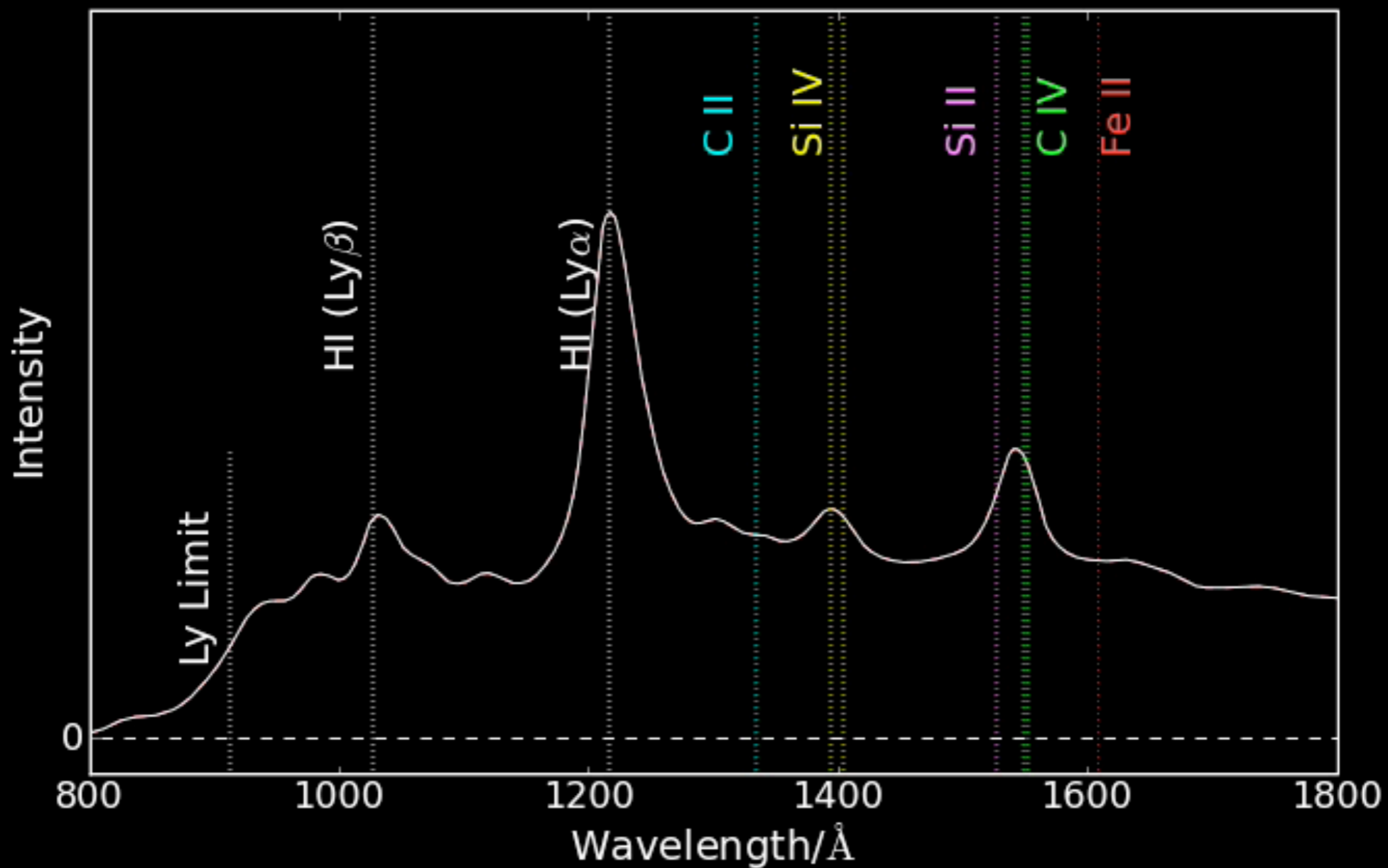


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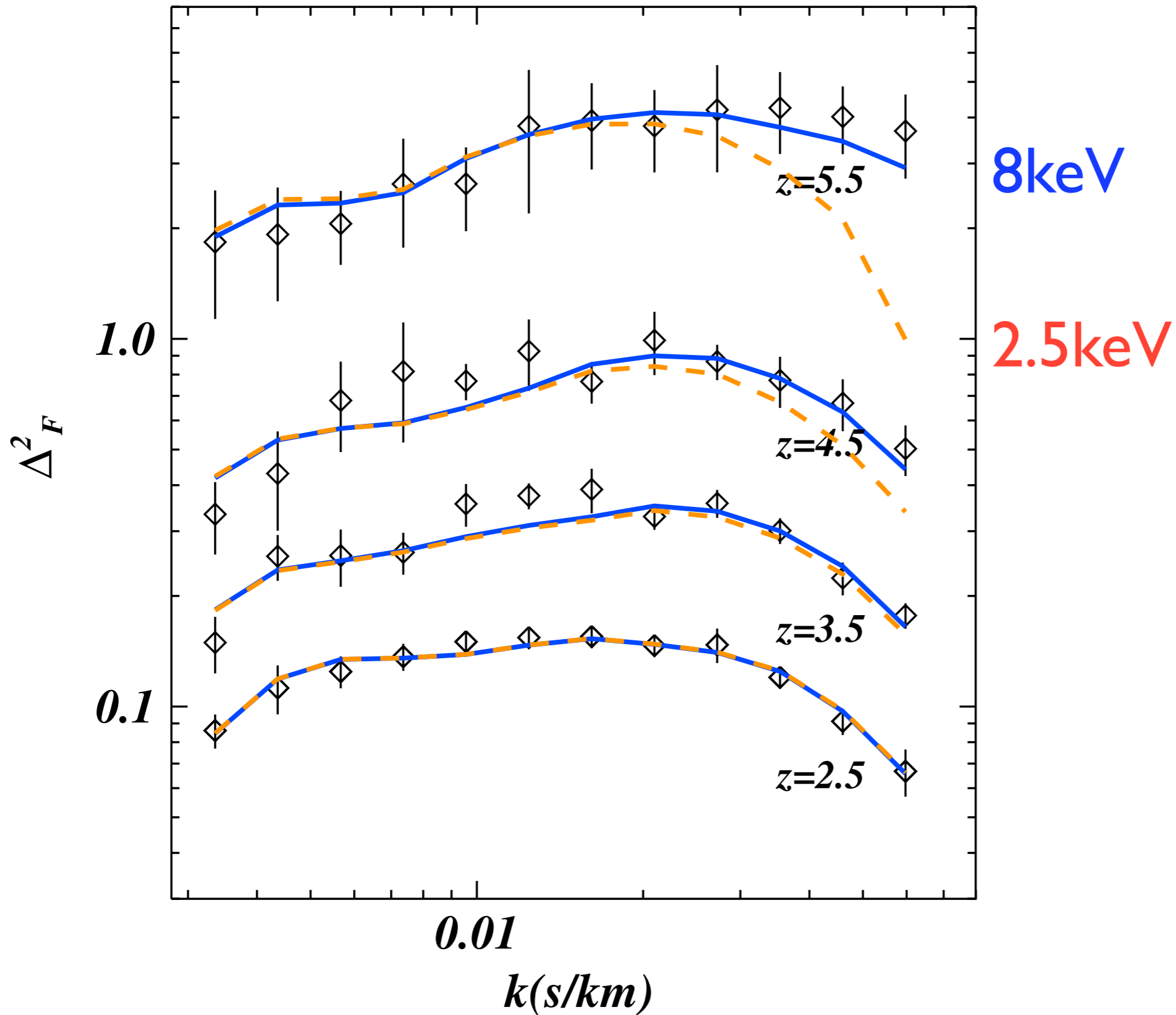
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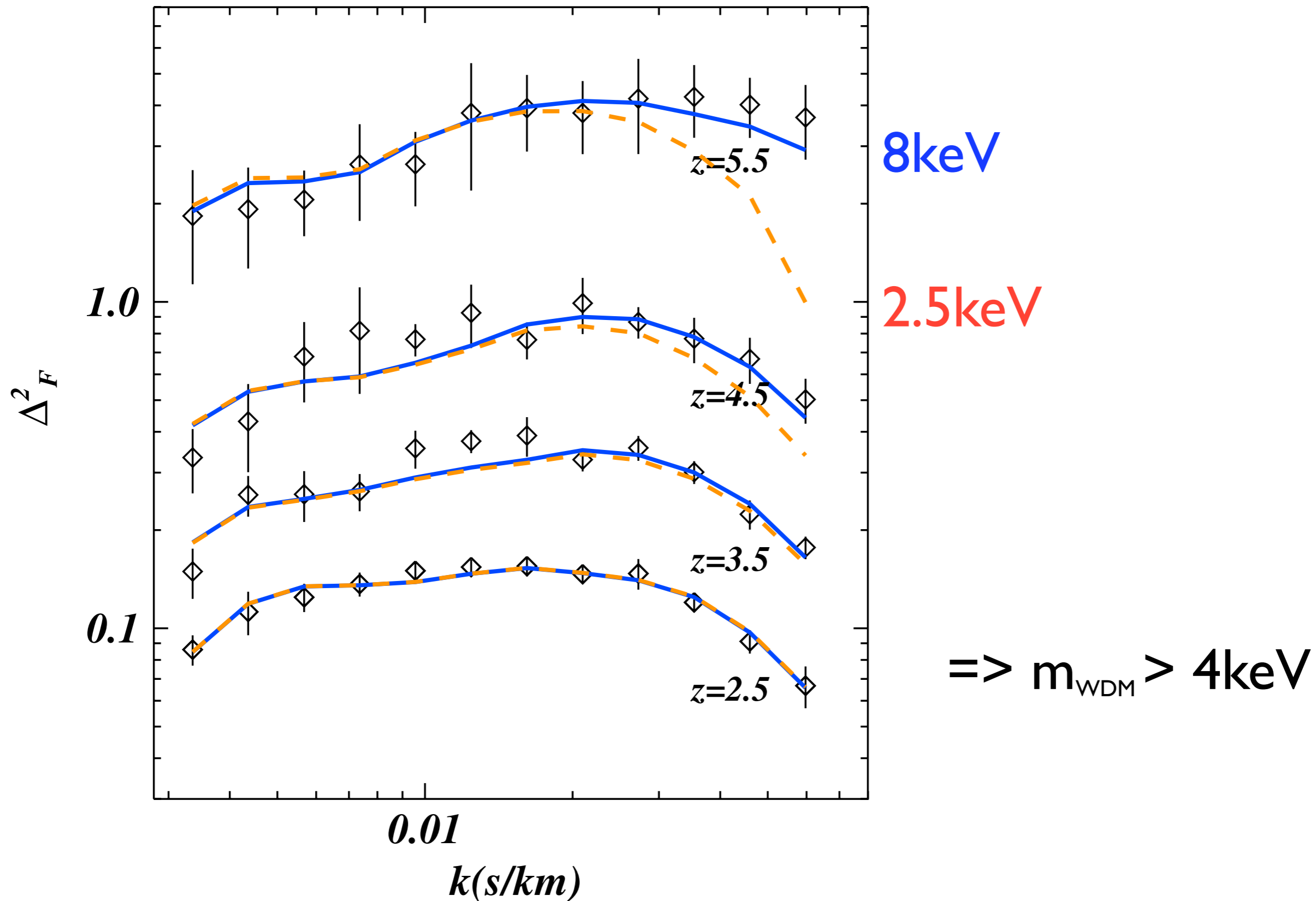
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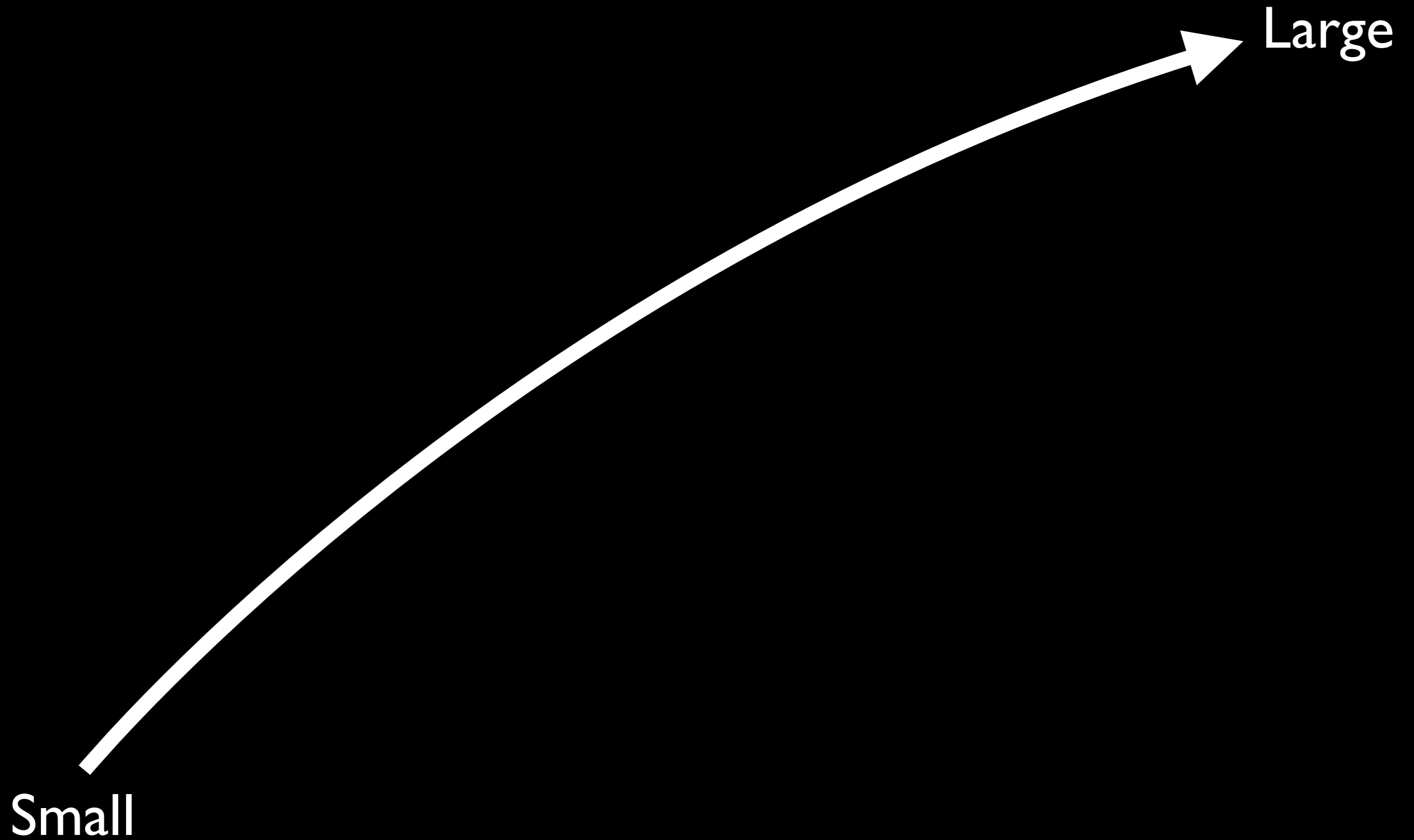




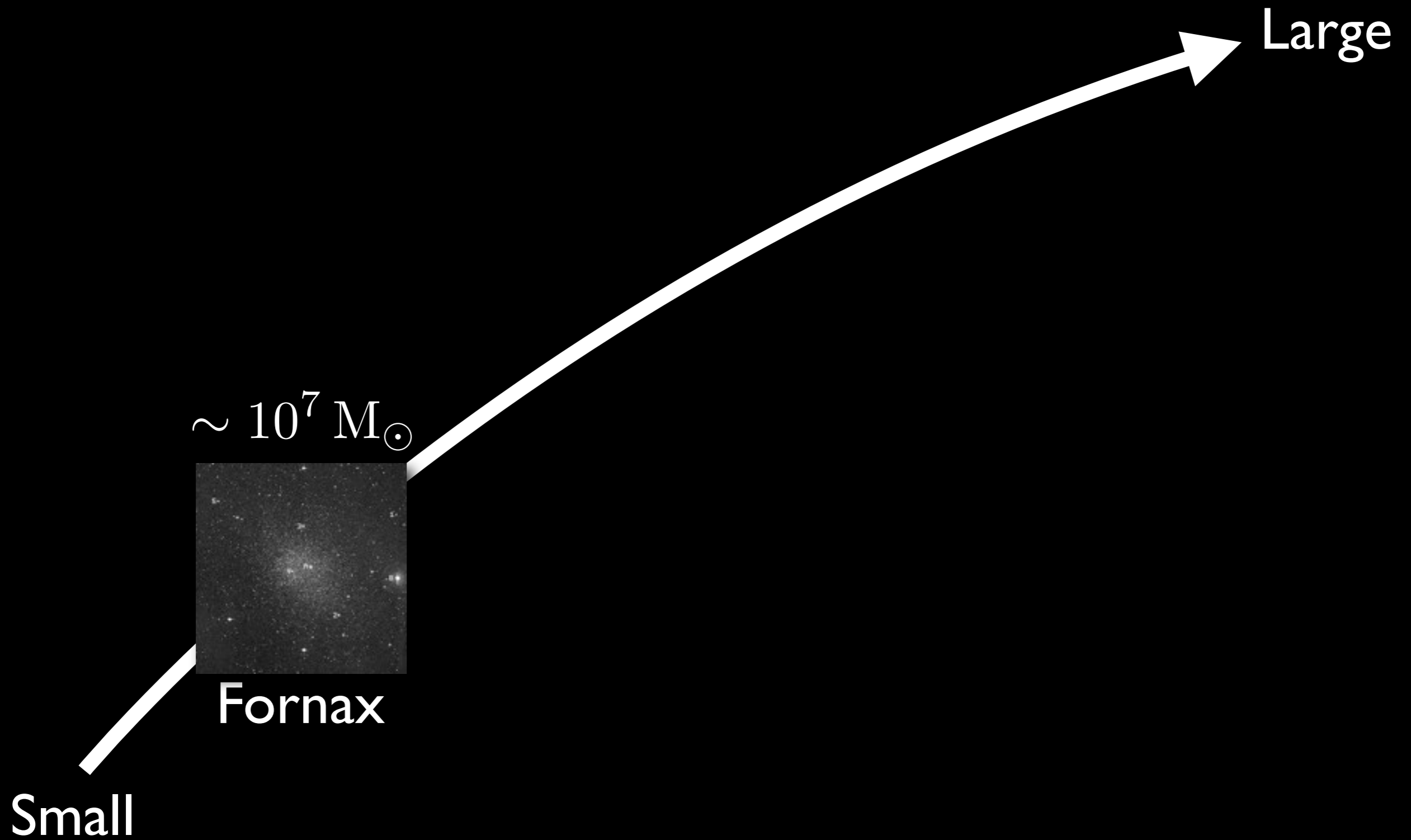
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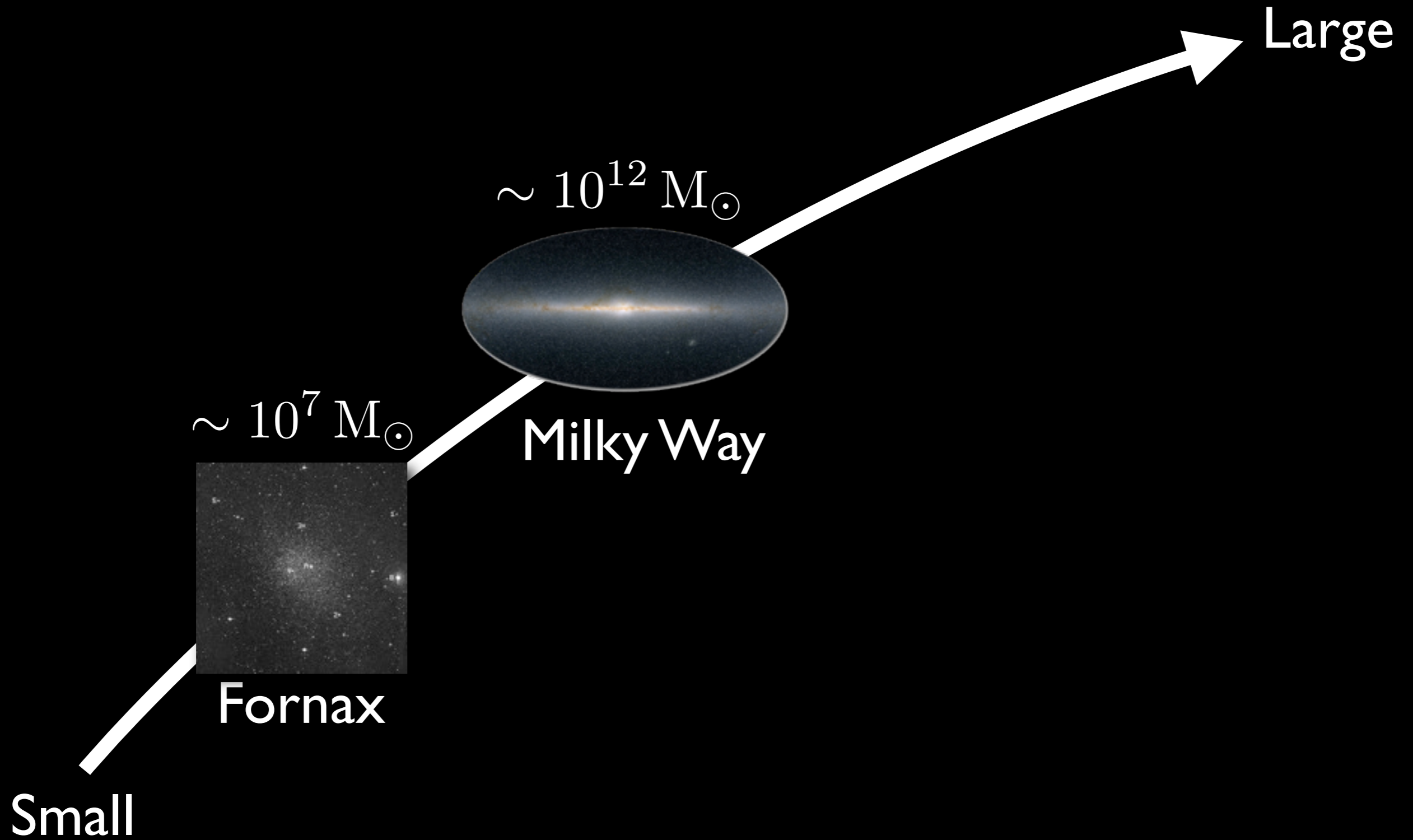
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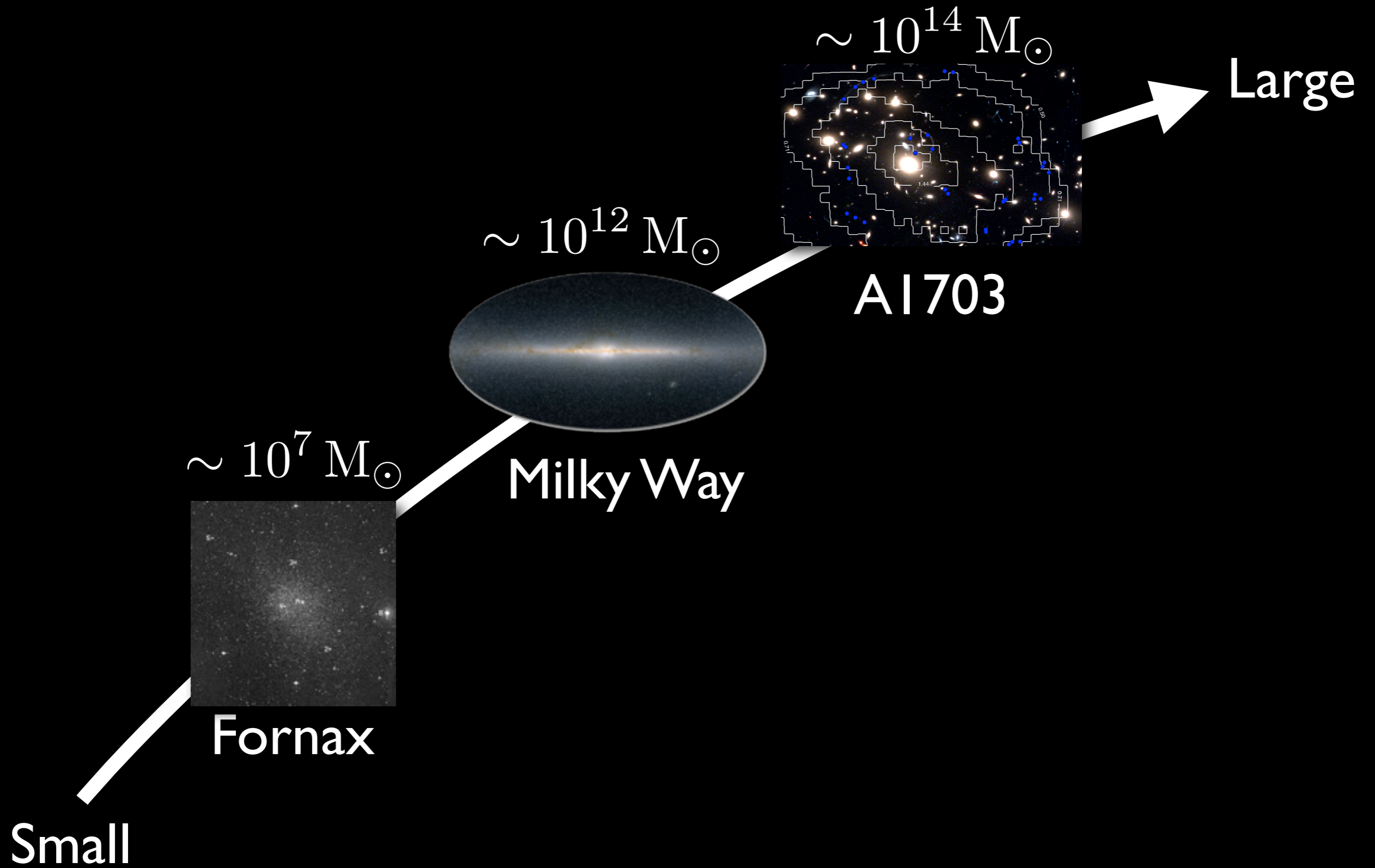
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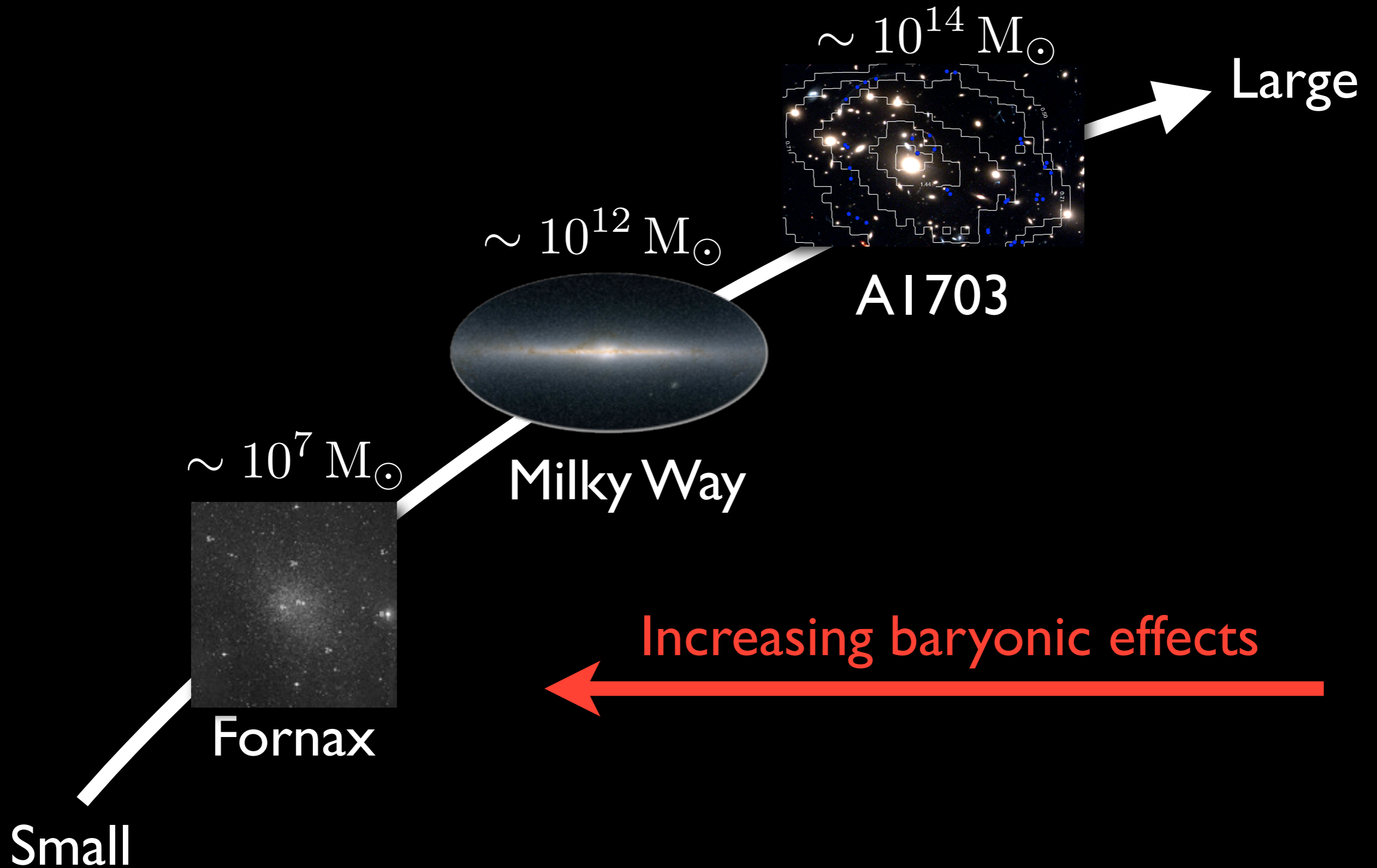
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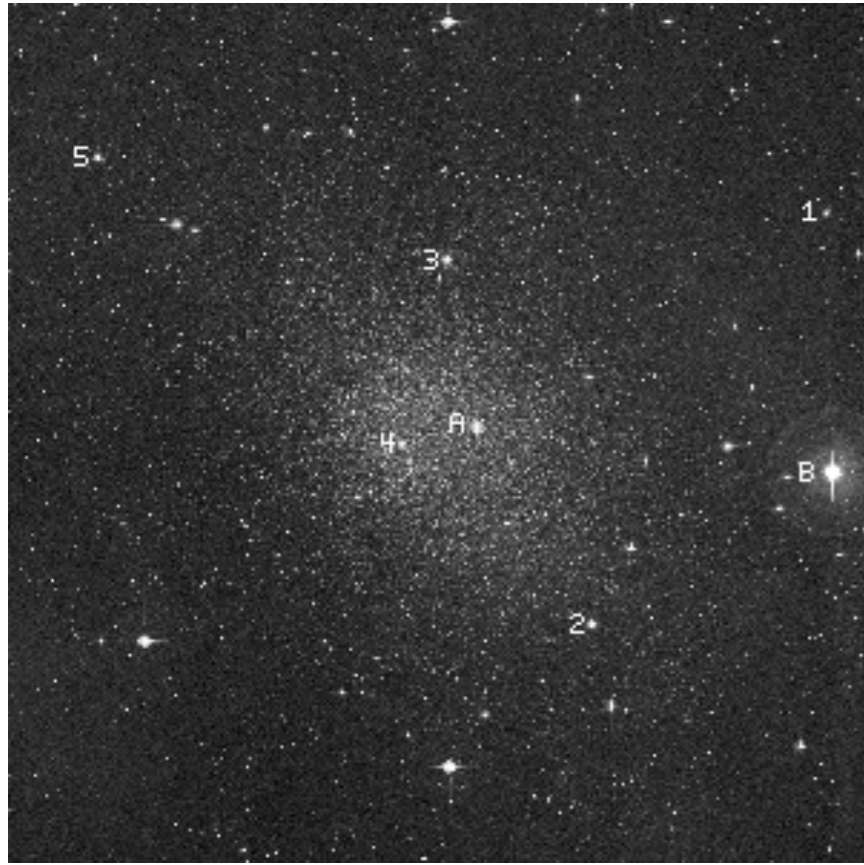
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Steady state

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$$\frac{df}{dt} = 0 = \cancel{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \nabla \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}}$$

Steady state

But! hard to measure  $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v})$

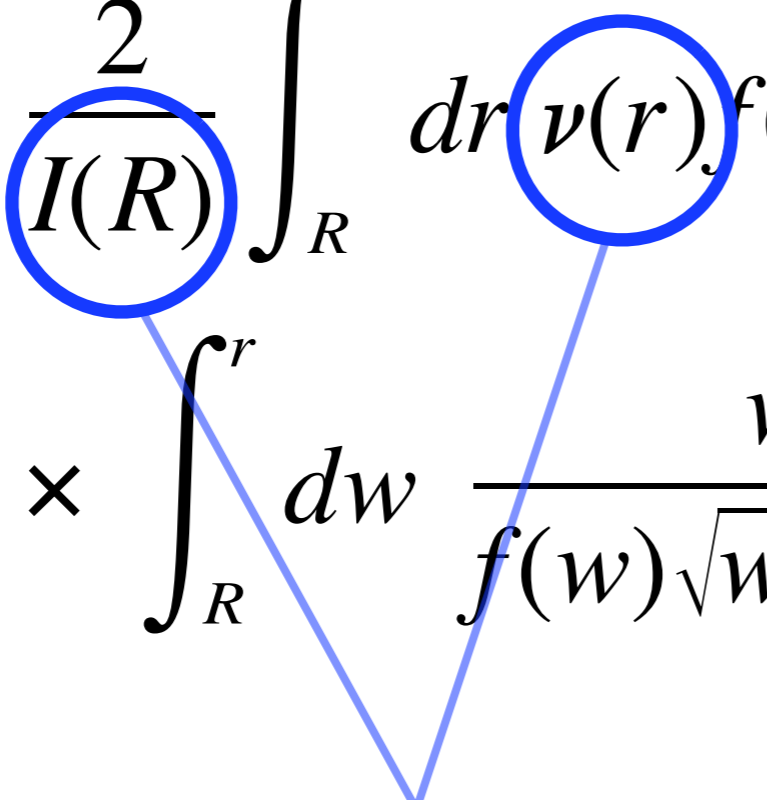
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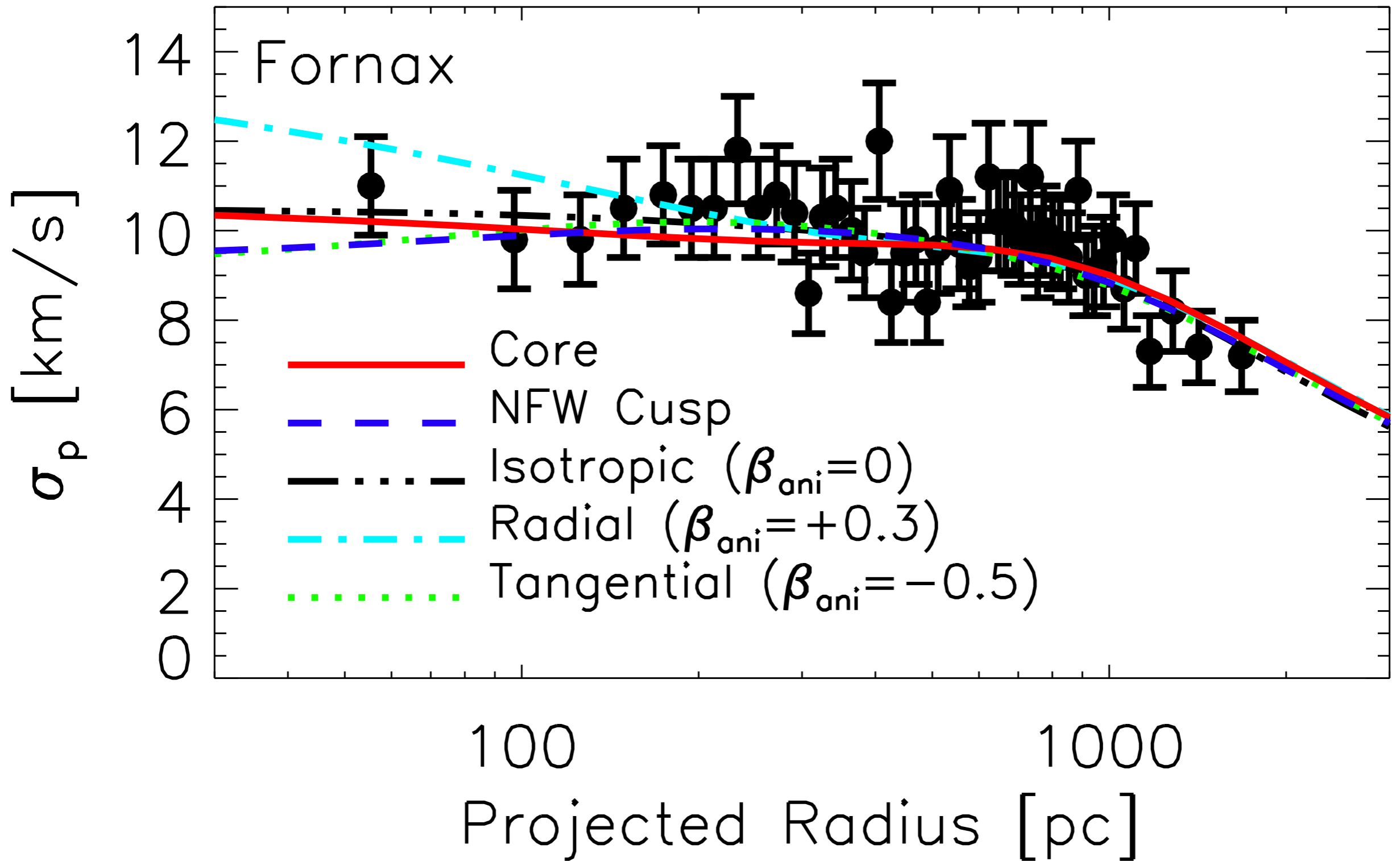
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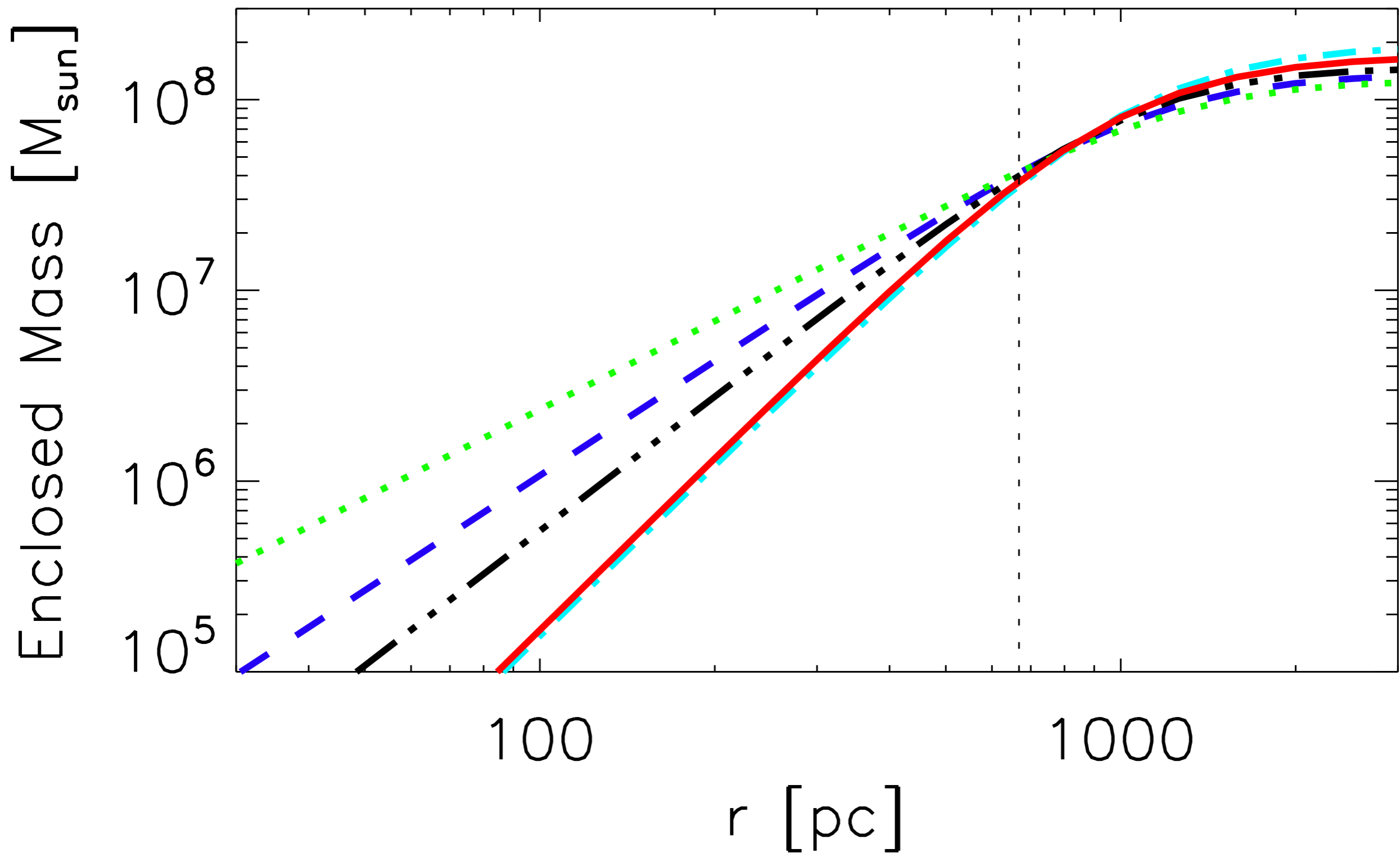
Velocity anisotropy

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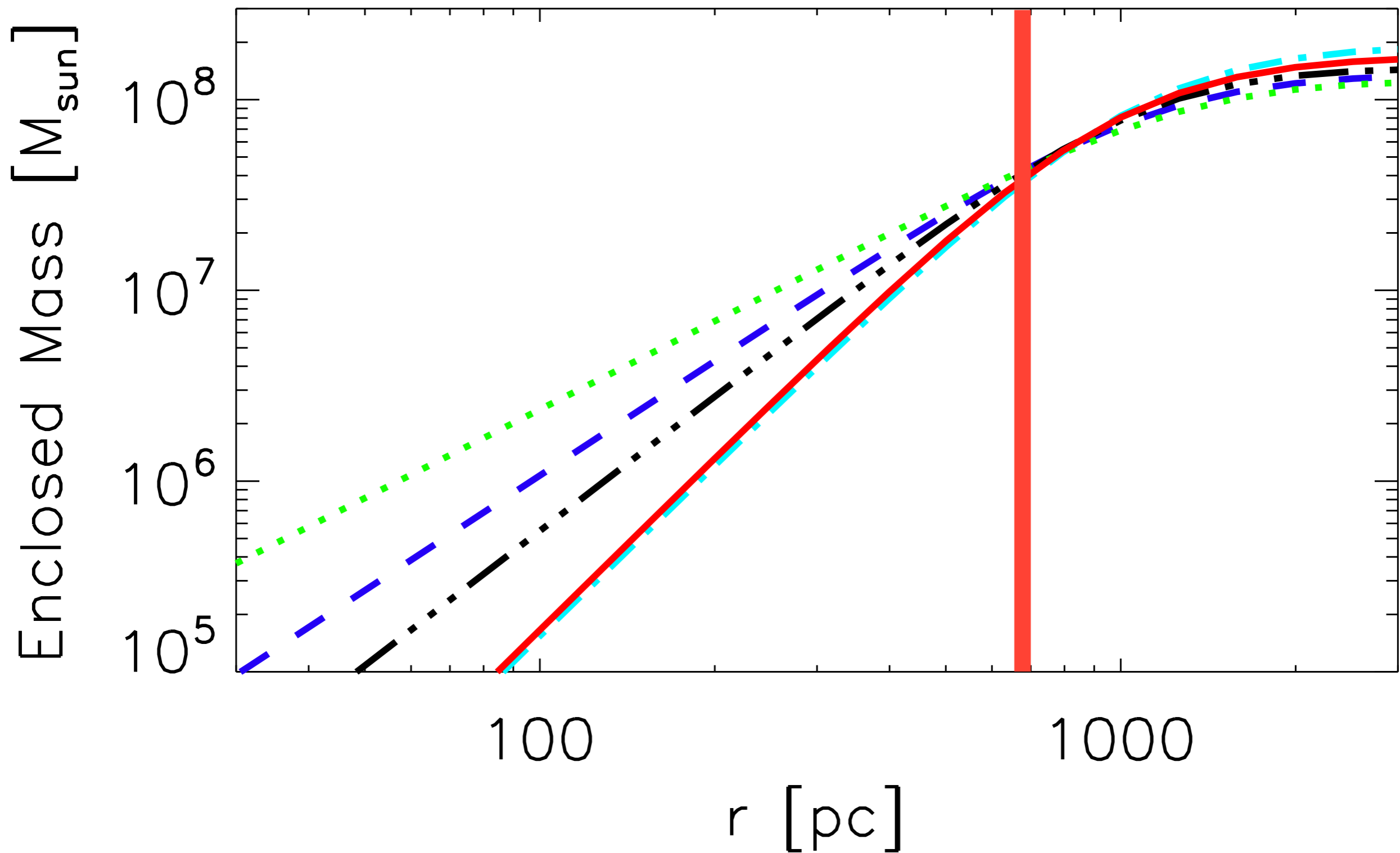
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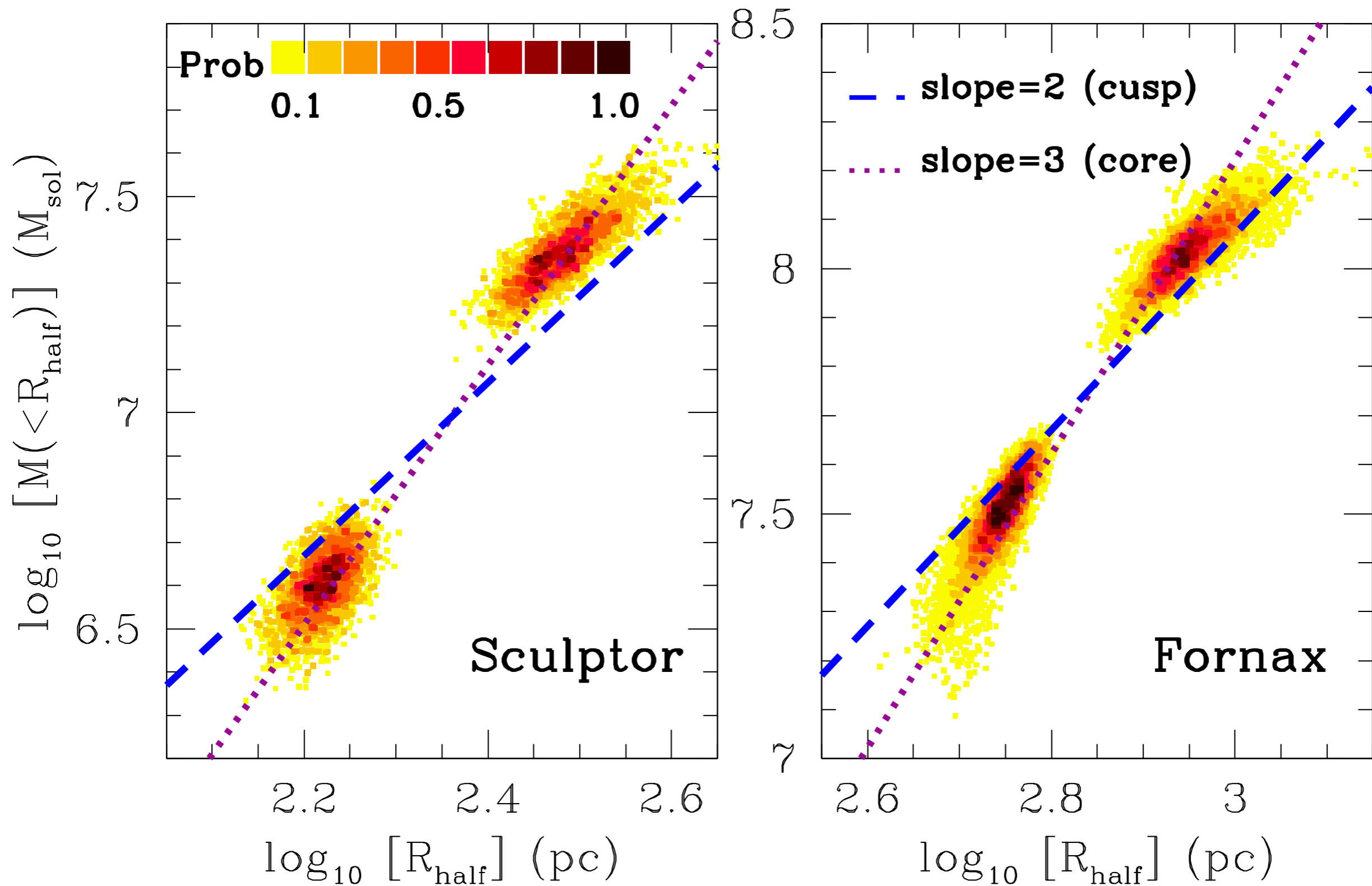


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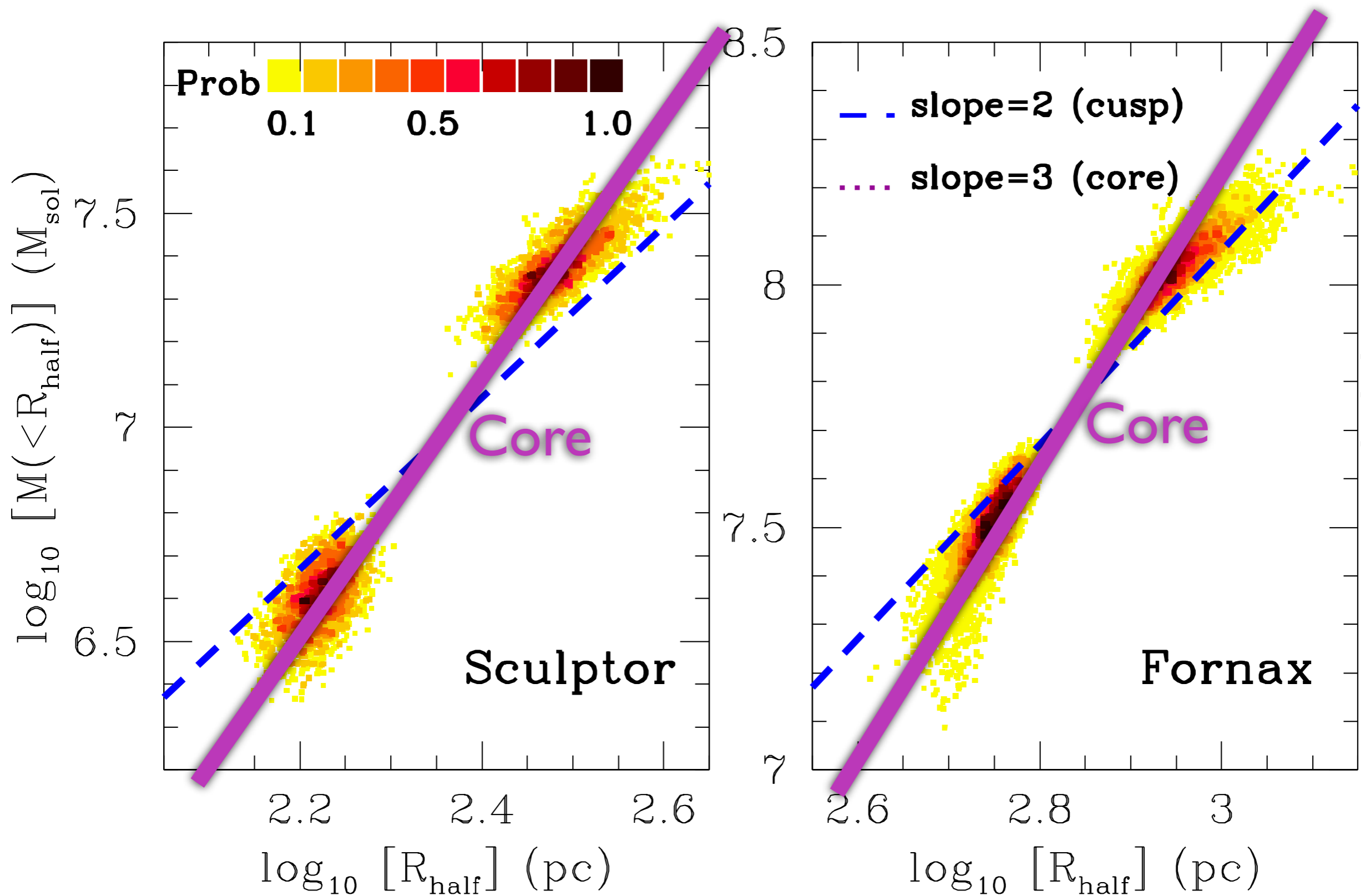
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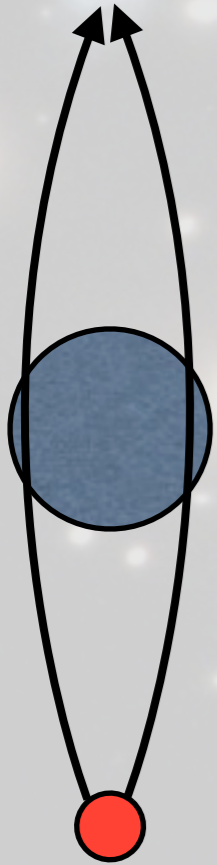
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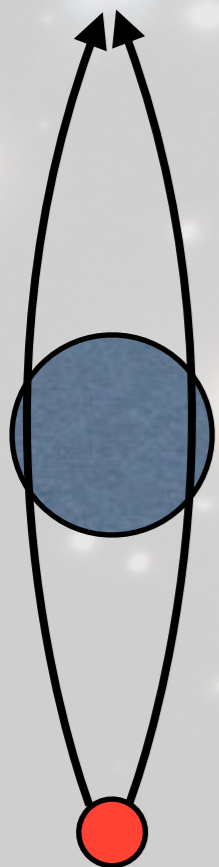


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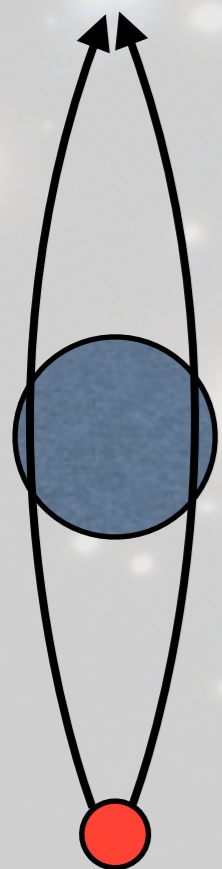


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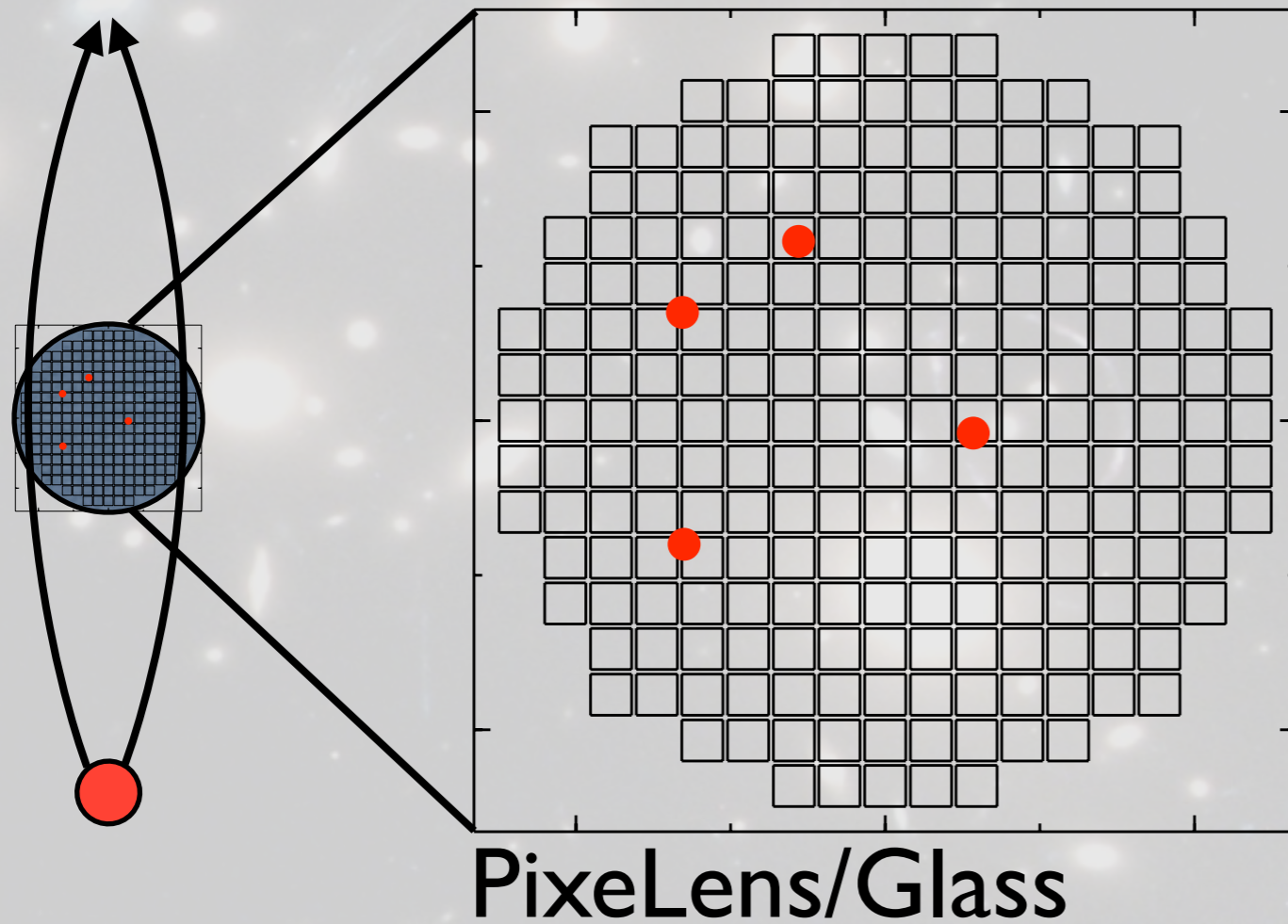
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Clusters

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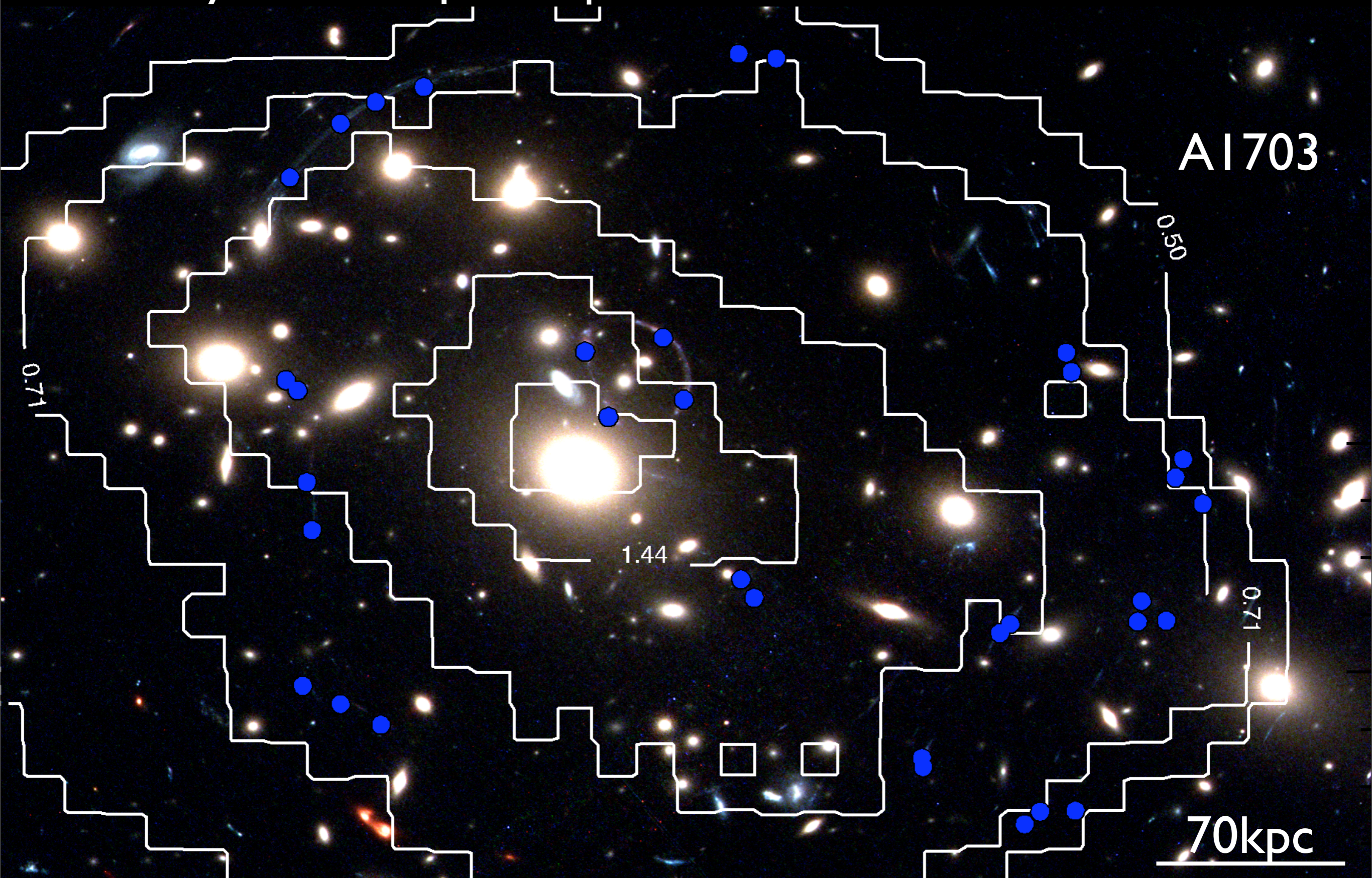
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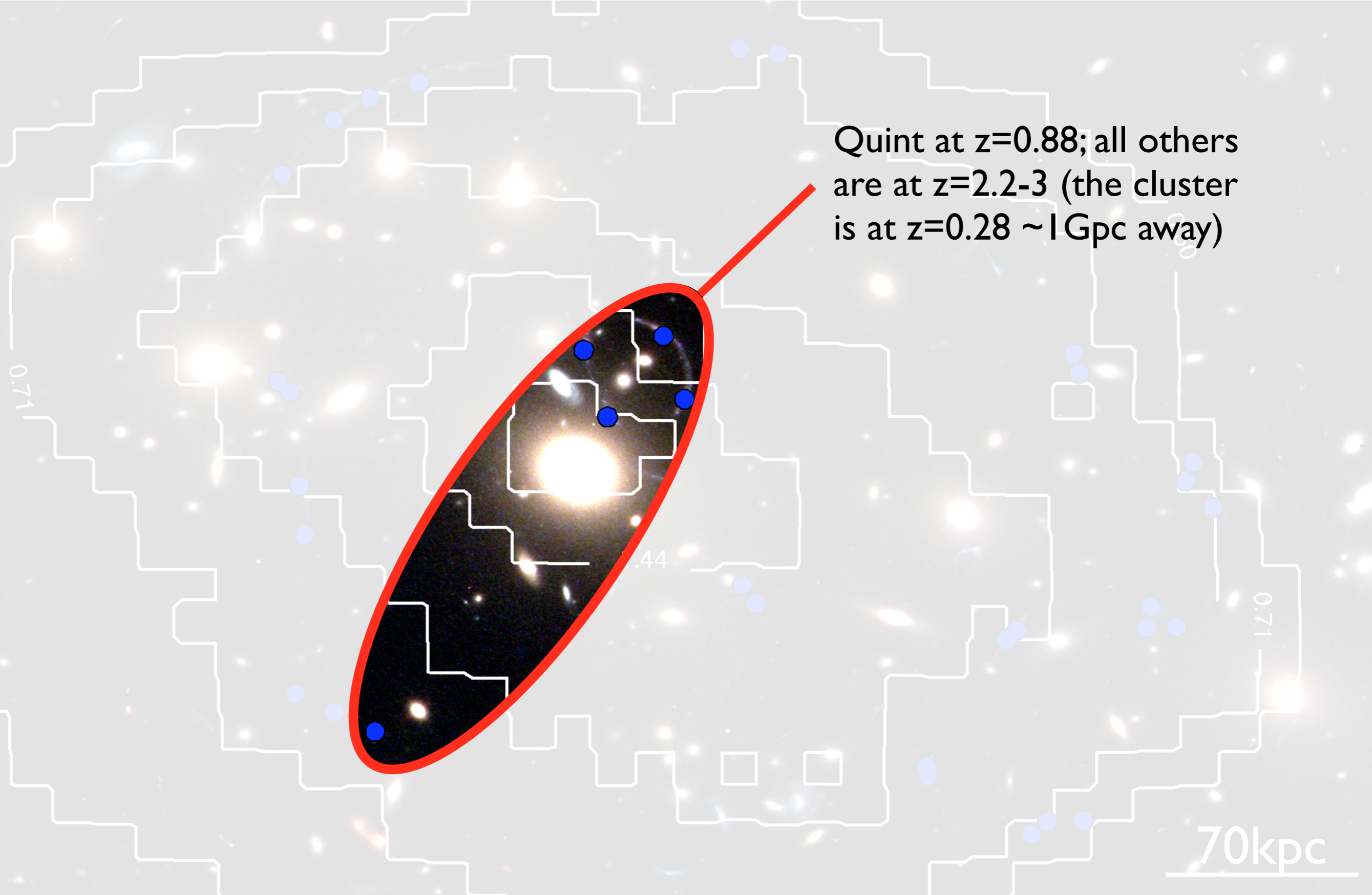
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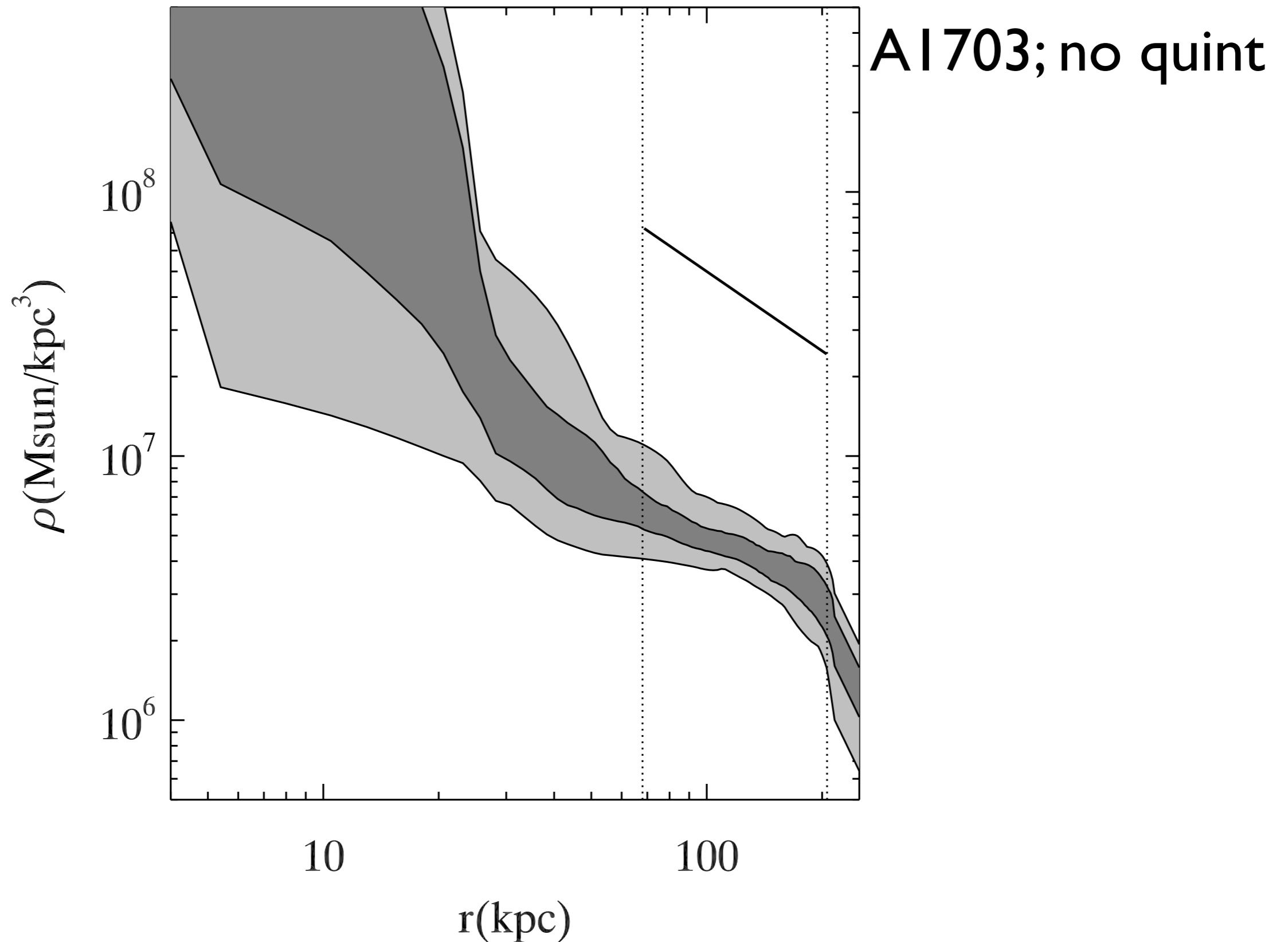


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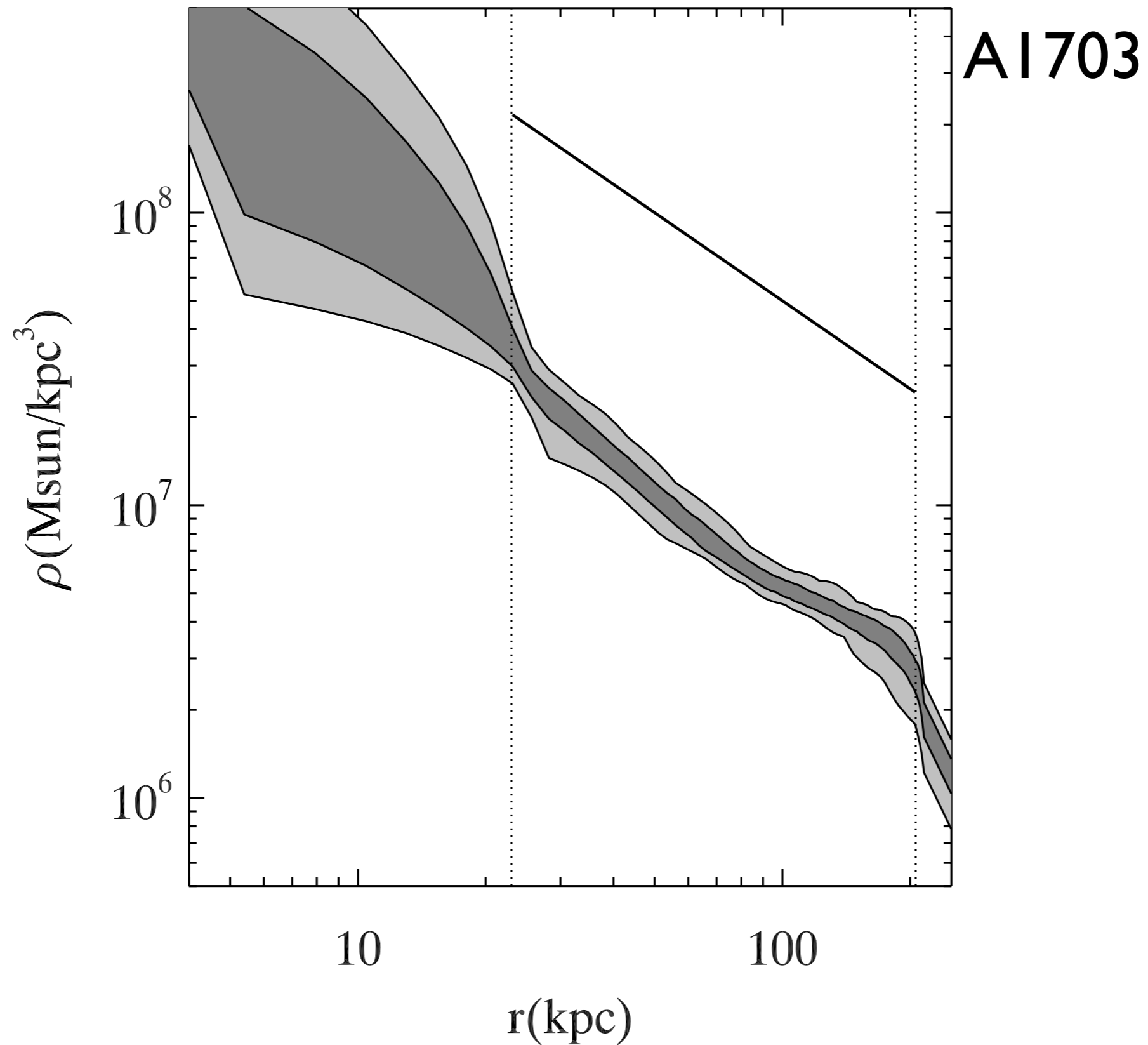


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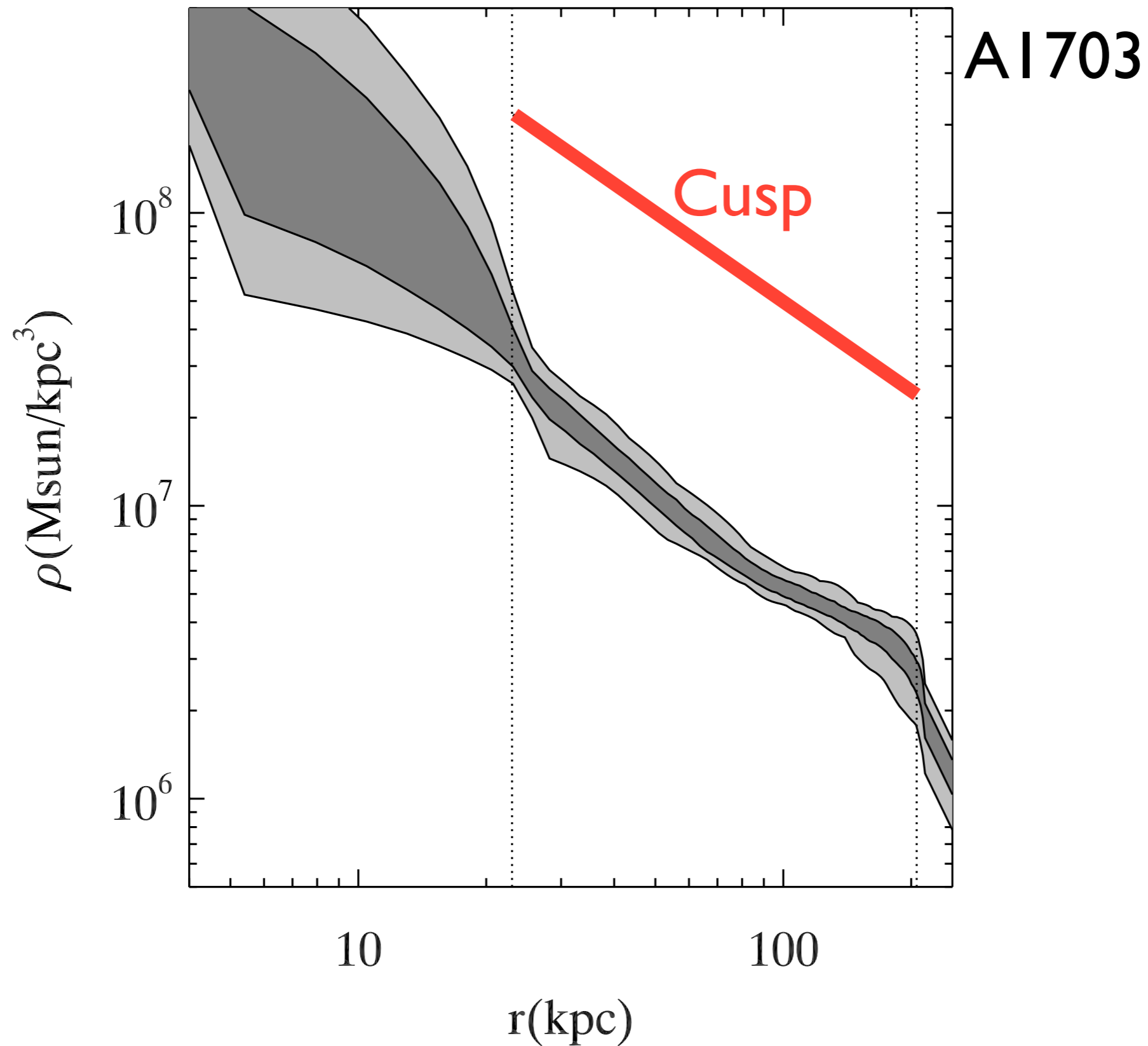


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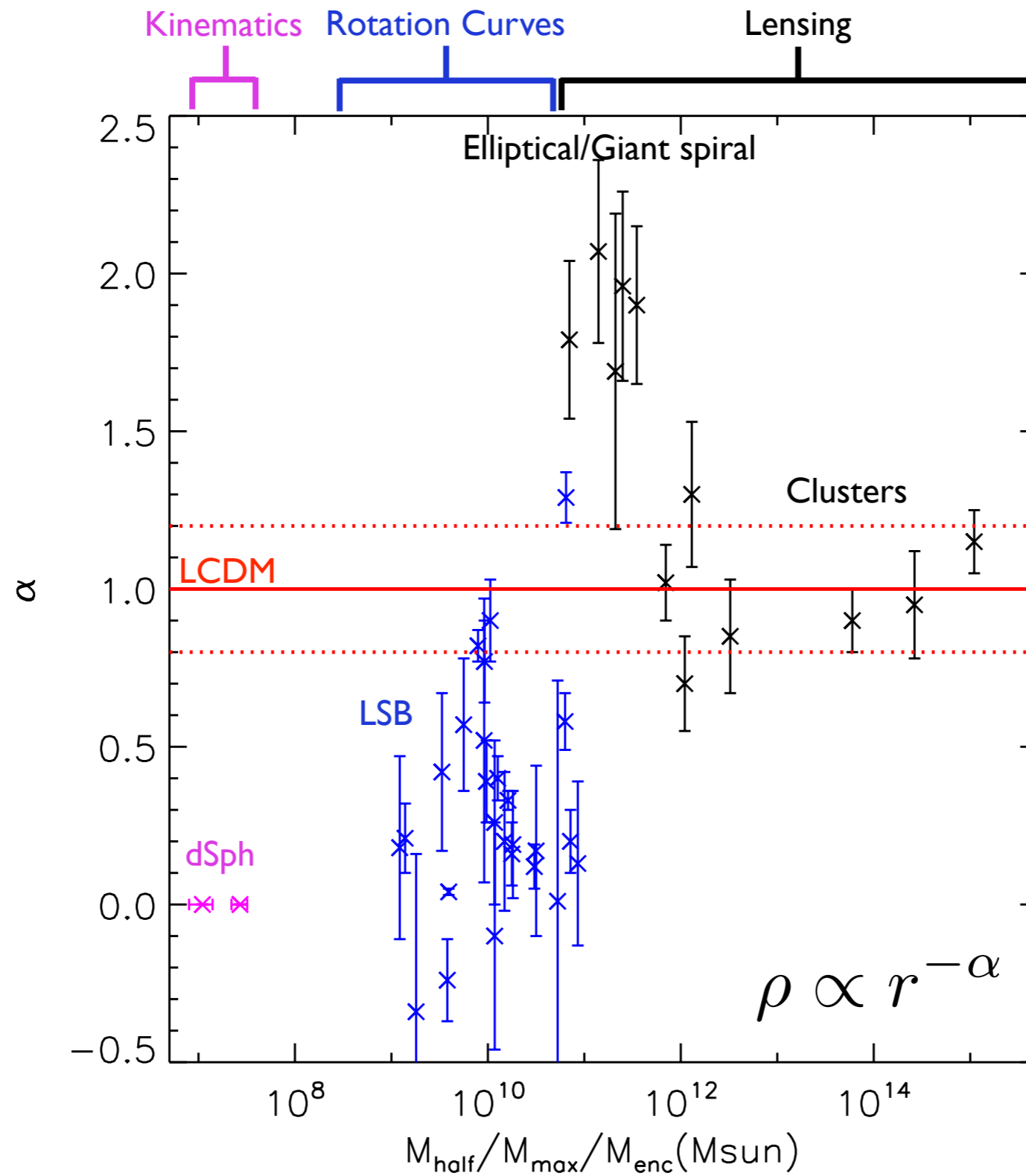
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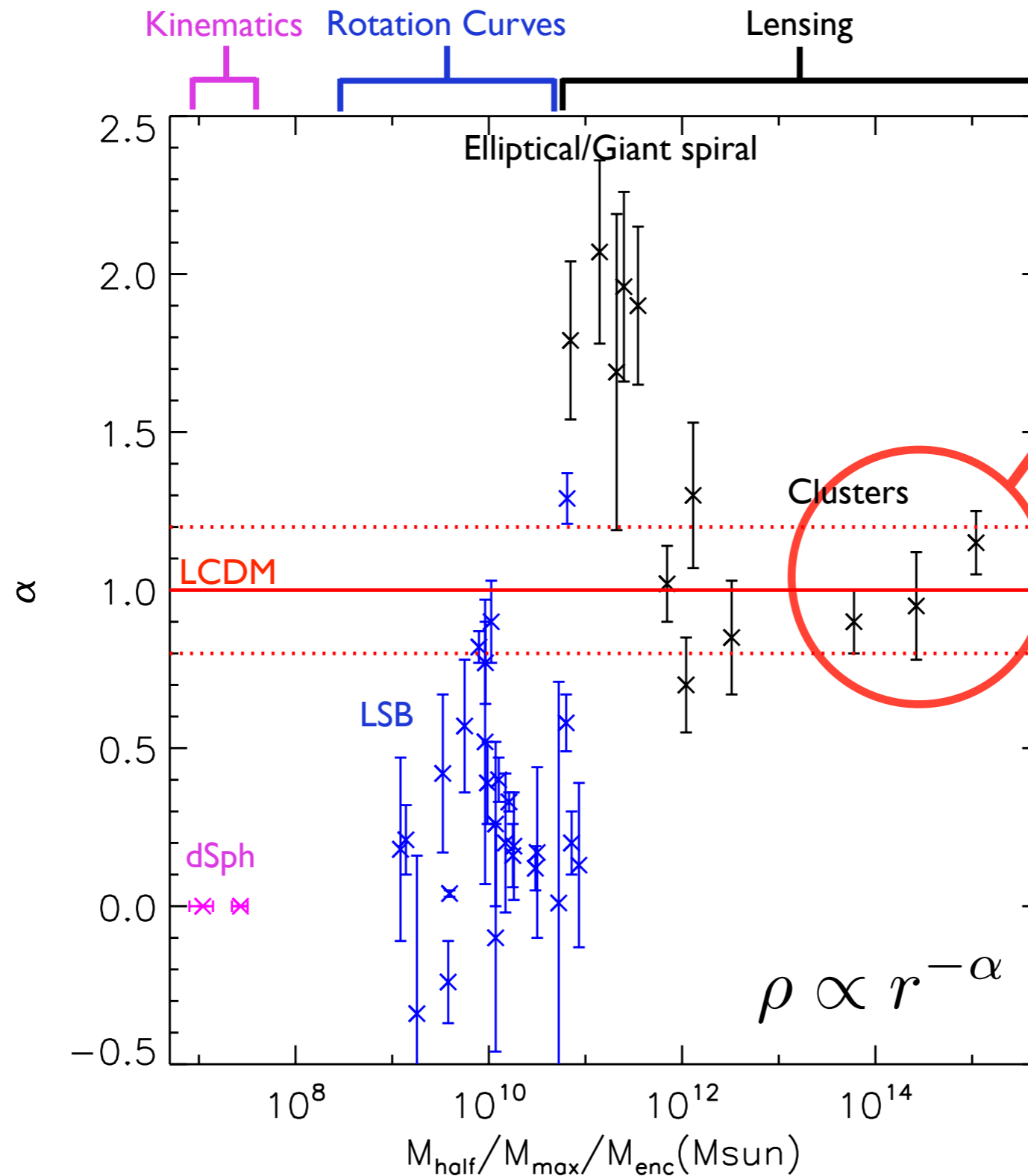
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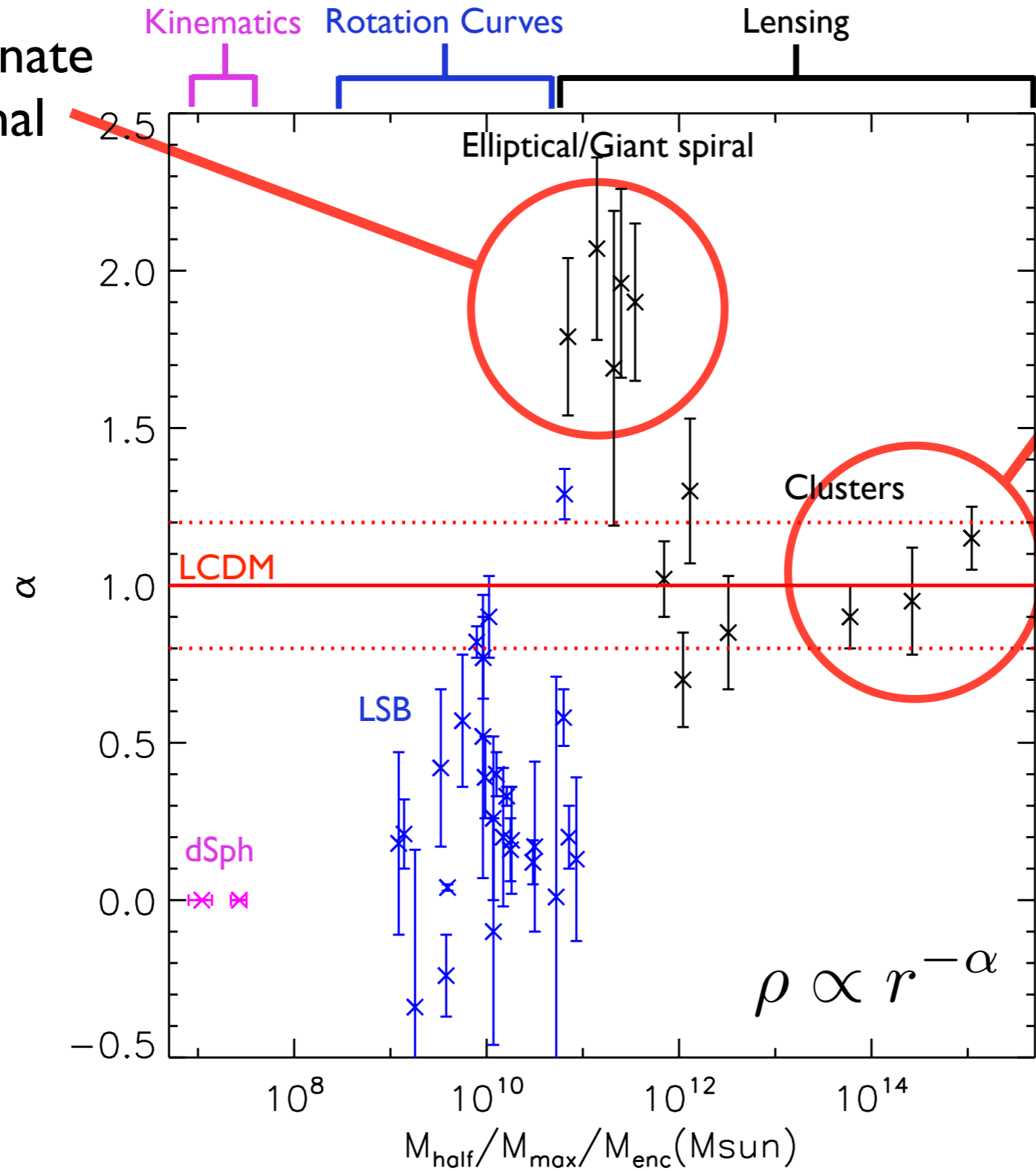


Excellent agreement with cold dark matter simulations



# 2. Gravity as a DM probe | Observations

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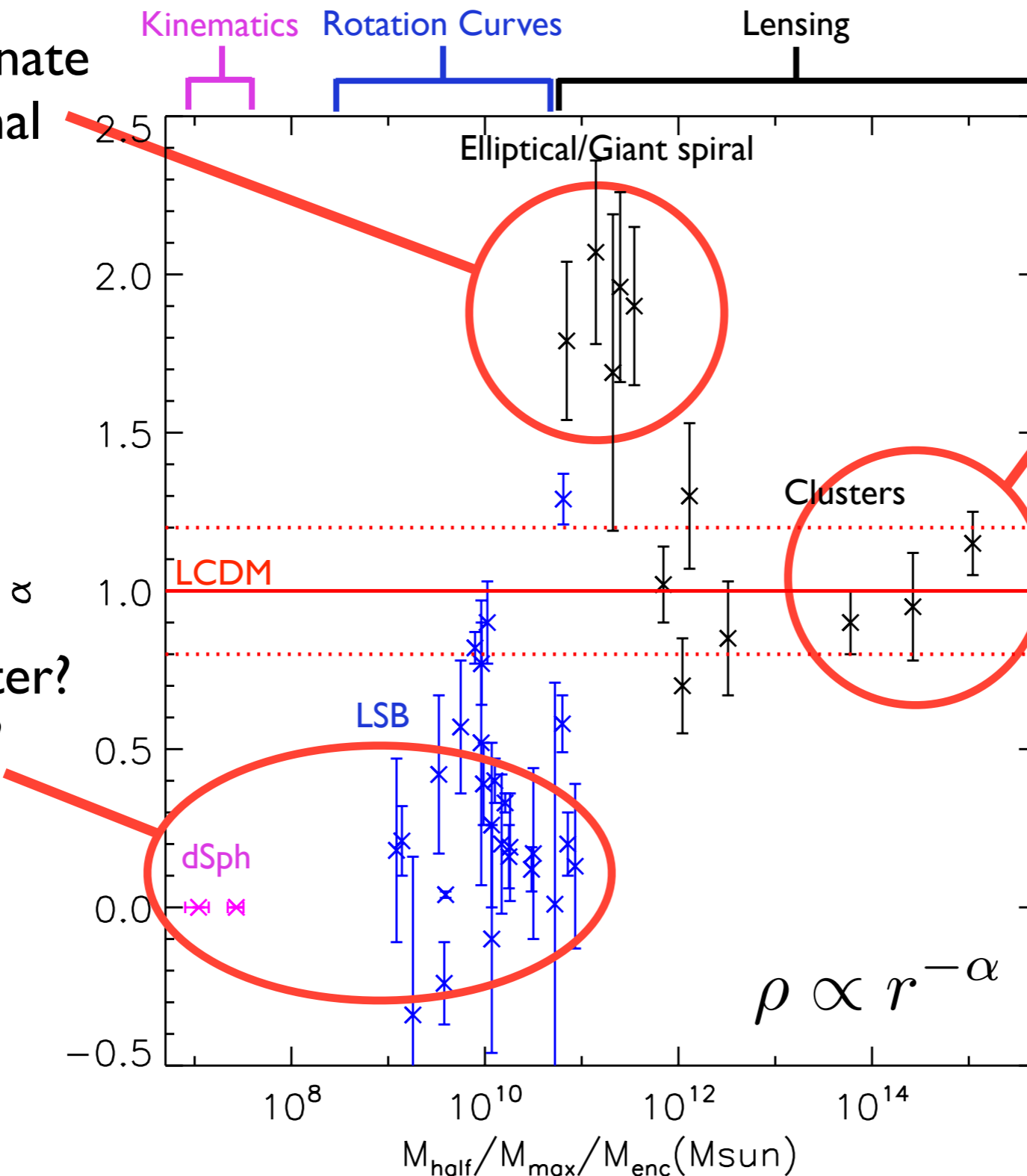


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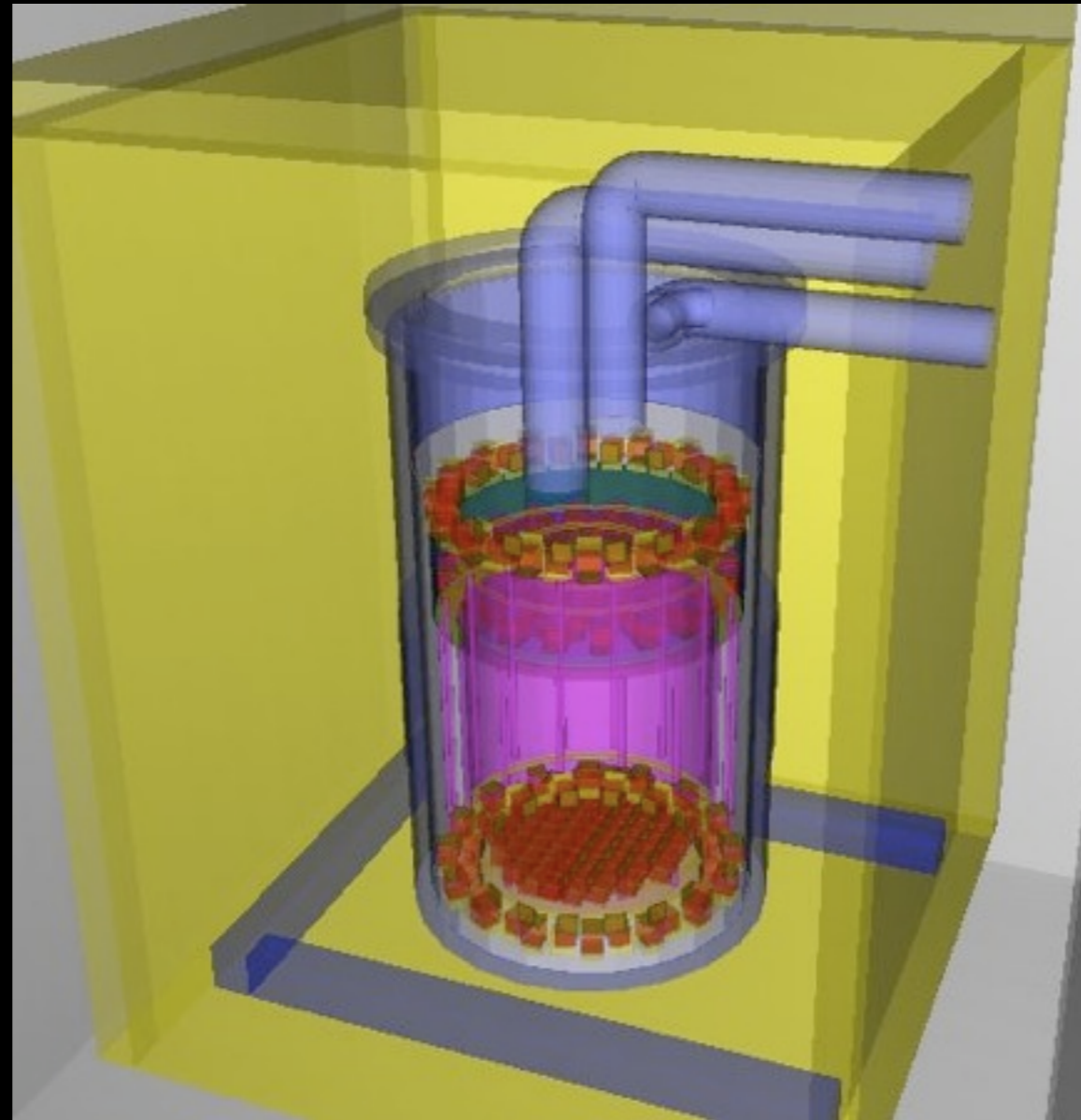
Baryons dominate the gravitational potential

Exotic dark matter?  
Baryonic effects?



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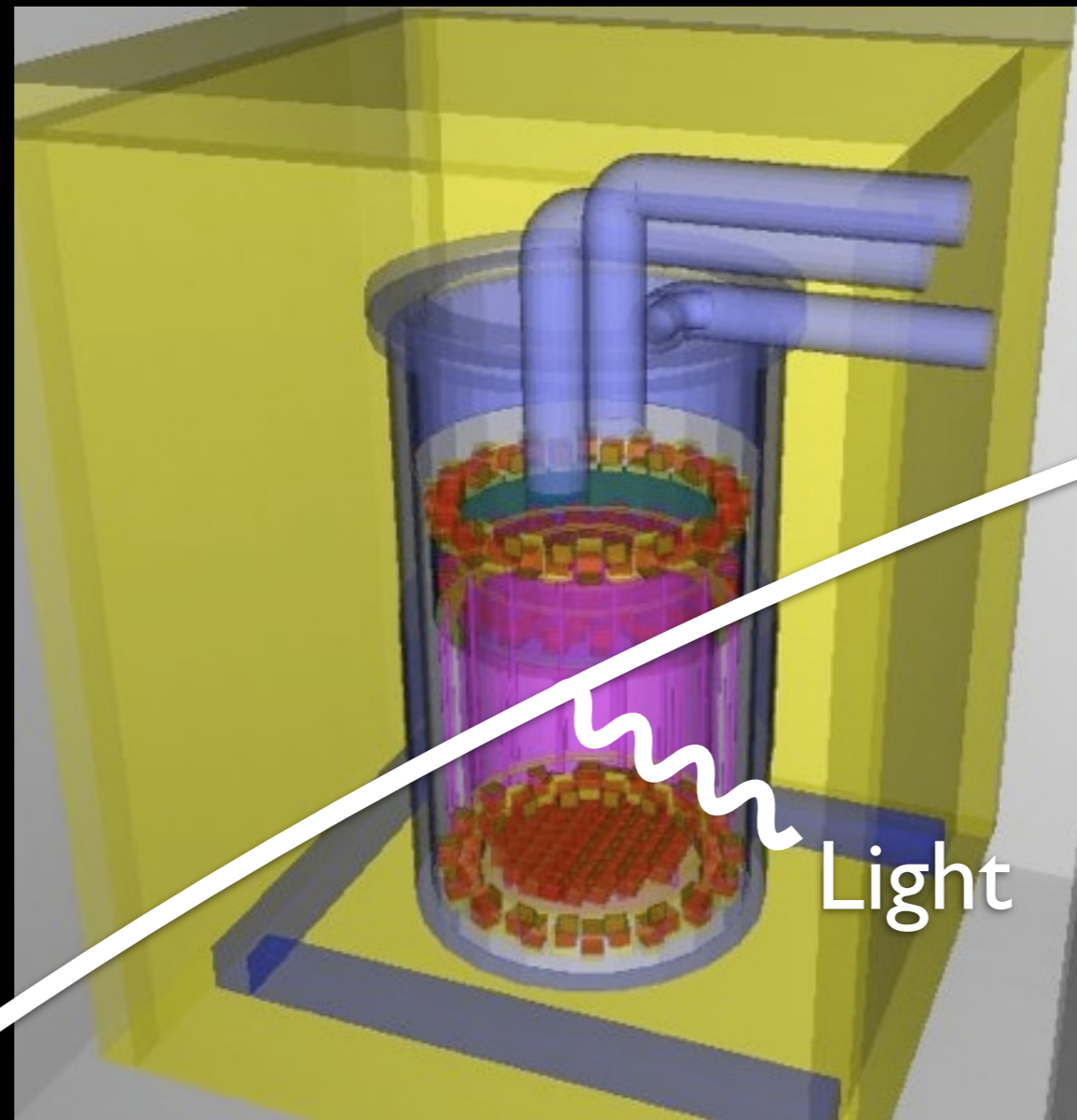
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Detector

●  
DM particle

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DM particle

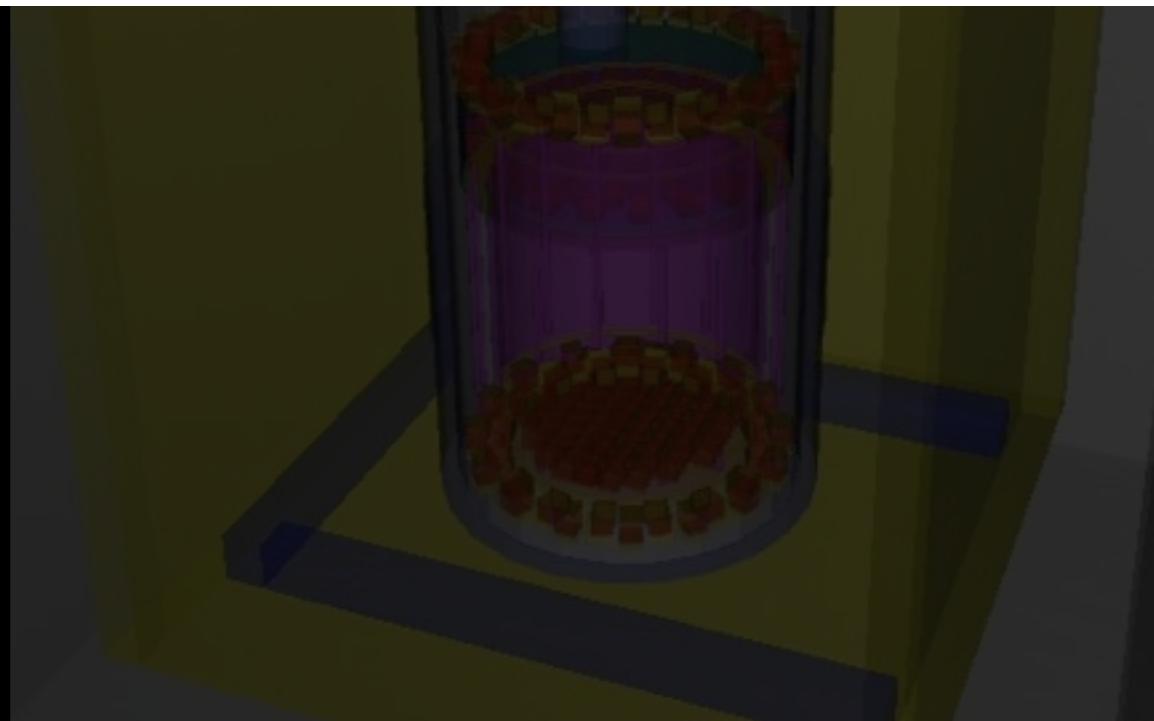
Detector

Light

### 3. Detecting DM particles | 'Direct' detection

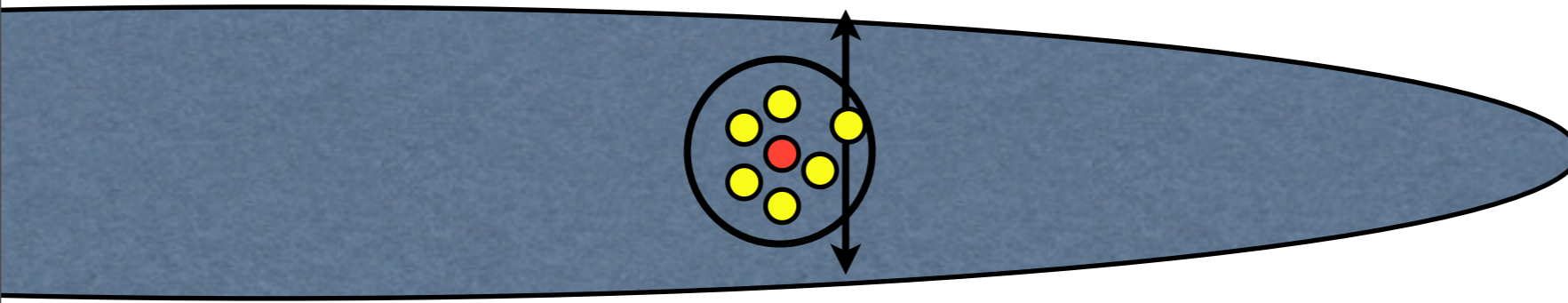
$$\frac{dR}{dE} = \frac{\rho \sigma_{\text{wn}} |F(E)|^2}{2m\mu^2} \int_{v > \sqrt{ME/2\mu^2}}^{v_{\text{max}}} \frac{f(\mathbf{v}, t)}{v} d^3v$$

Particle | Astro



### 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

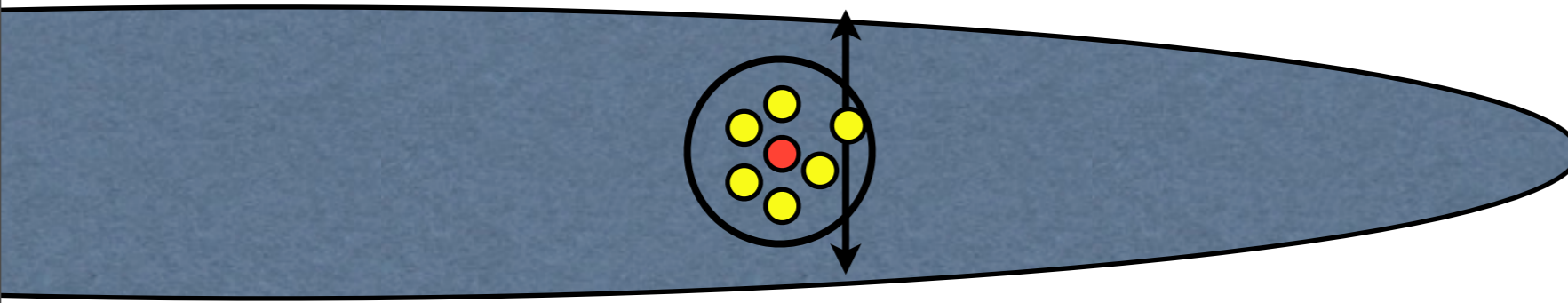
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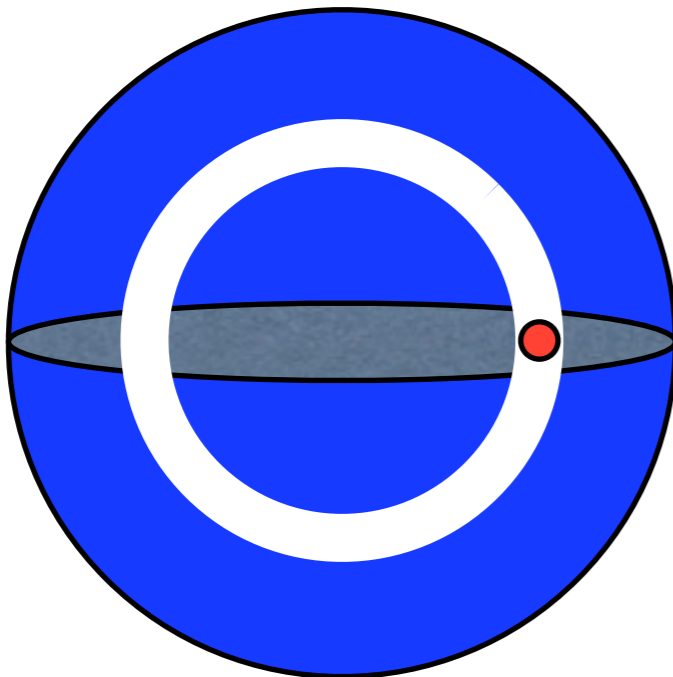
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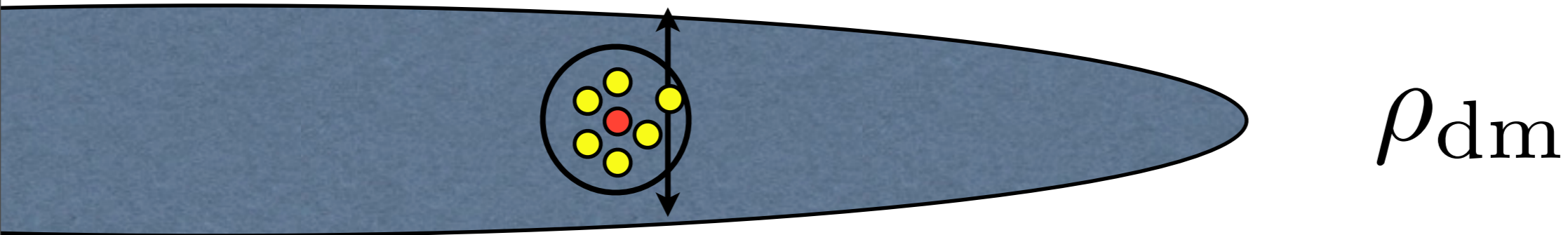
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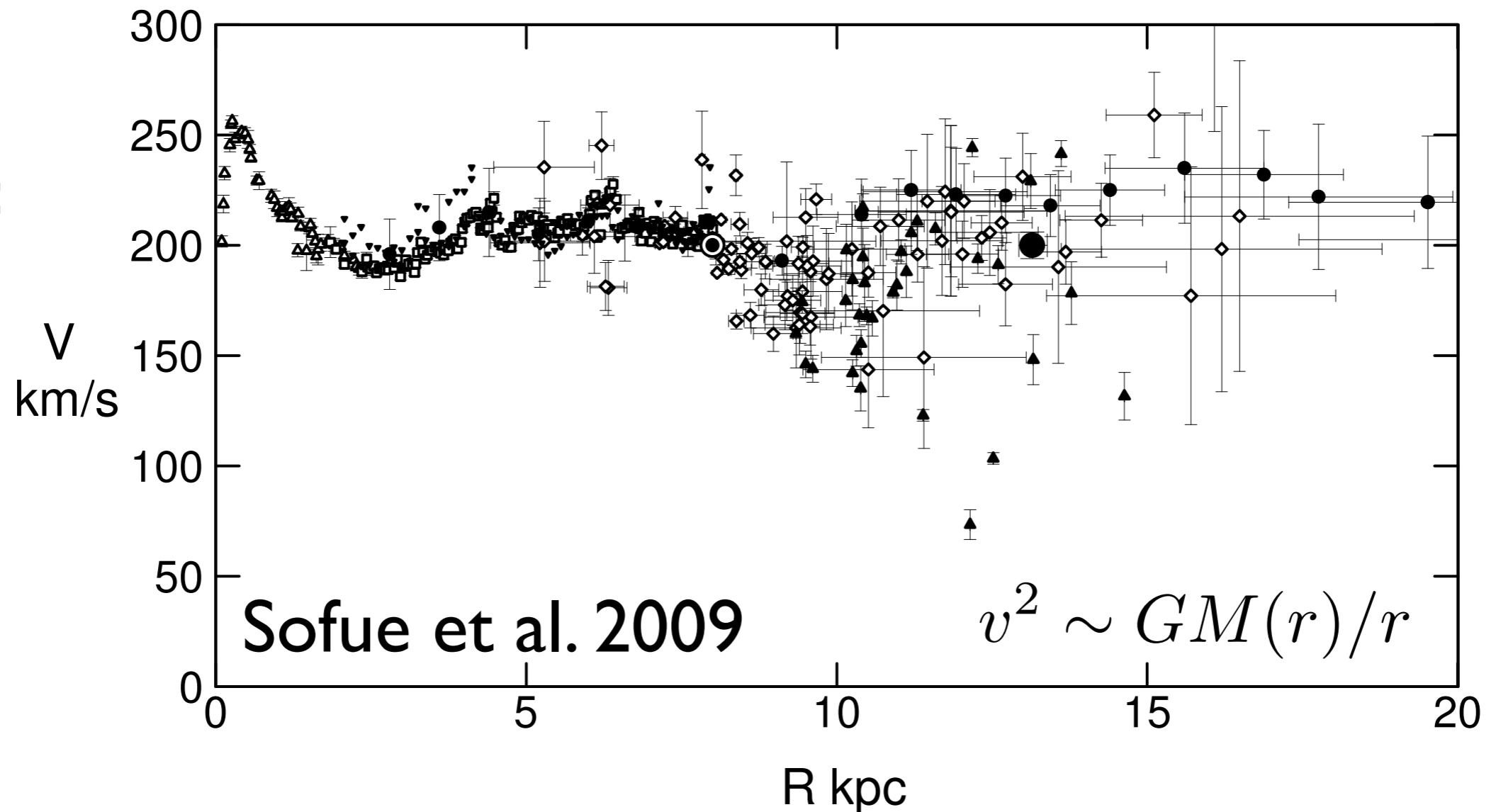
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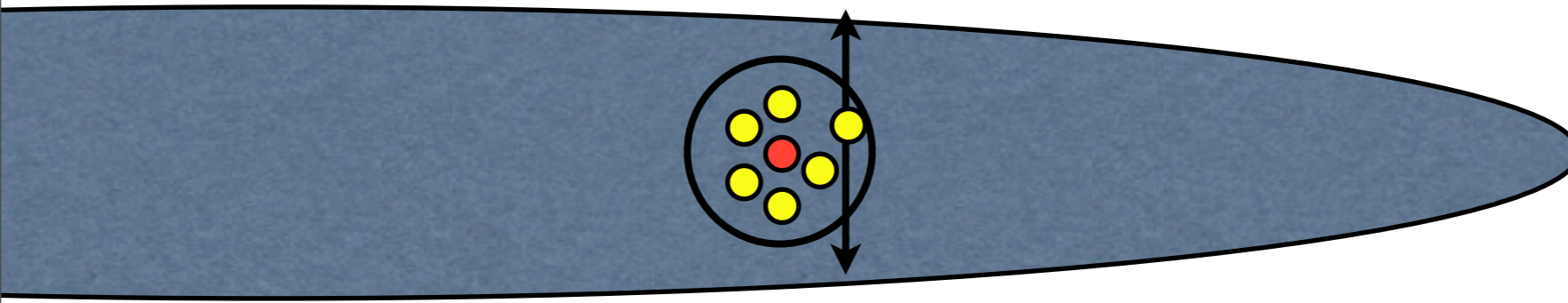
#### 2. Glc





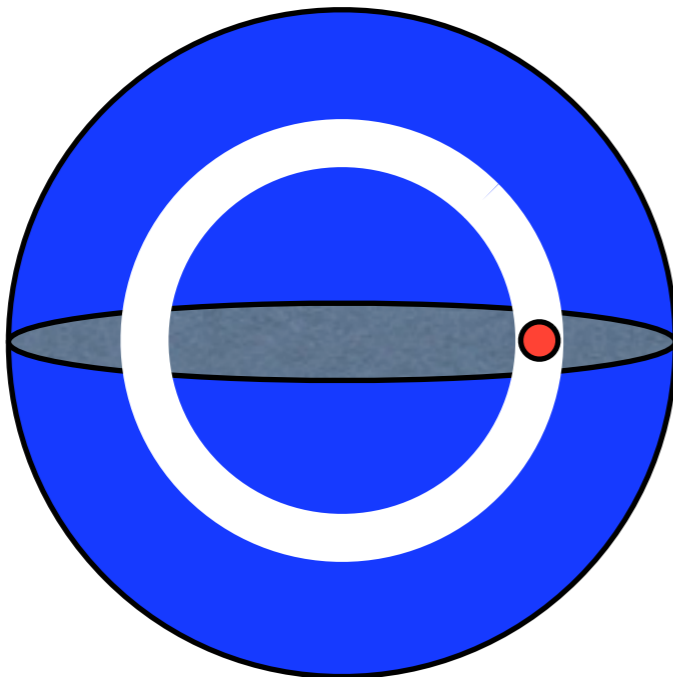
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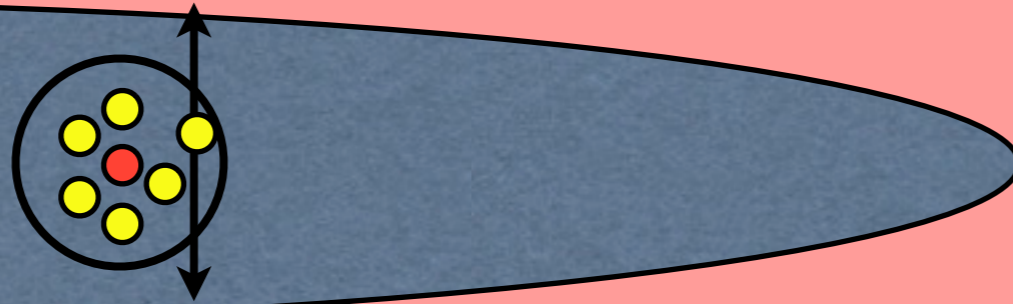
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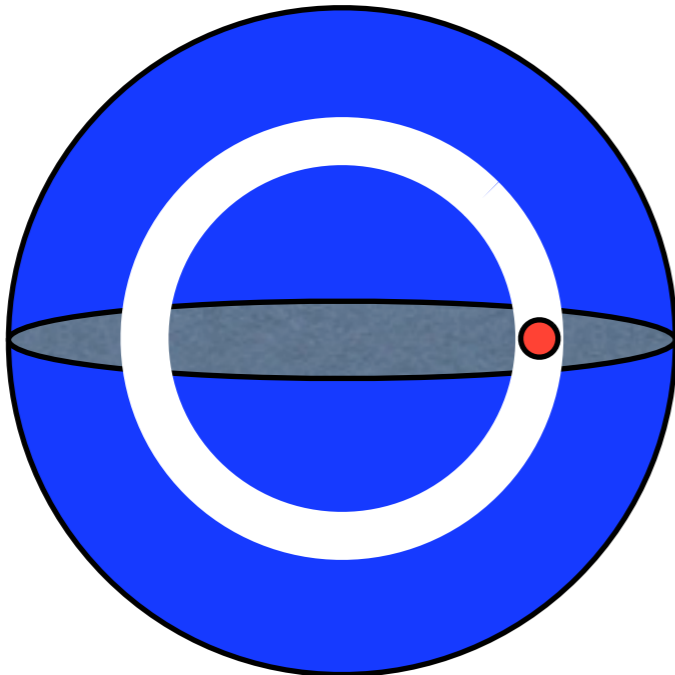
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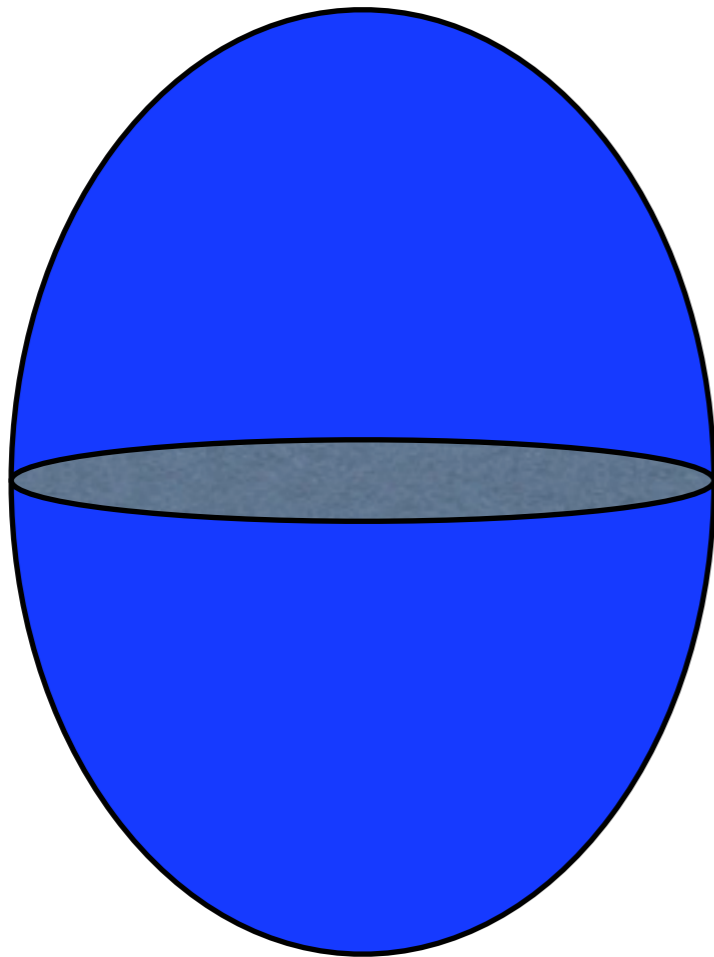
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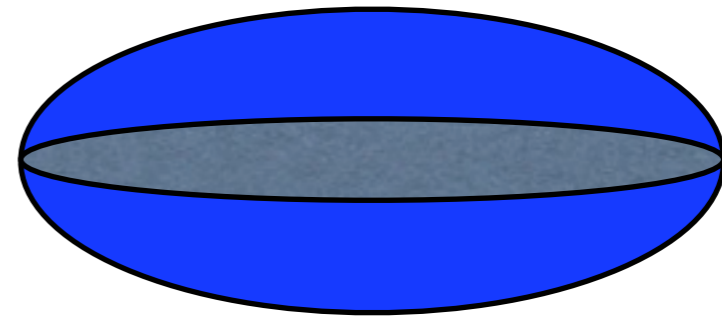
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$$\rho_{\text{dm}} < \rho_{\text{dm,ext}}$$



Prolate

$$\rho_{\text{dm}} > \rho_{\text{dm,ext}}$$



Oblate/dark disc

### 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

Our **Minimal Assumption** (MA) method:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} - 4\pi G \sum_i \nu_{0,i} \exp\left(-\frac{\Phi(z)}{v_{z,i}^2}\right) - 4\pi G \rho_{\text{dm}}^{\text{eff}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\nu_i(z_*)}{\nu_i(0)} = \frac{v_{z,i}^2(0)}{v_{z,i}^2(z_*)} \exp\left(-\int_0^{z_*} \frac{1}{v_{z,i}^2(z)} \frac{d\Phi}{dz} dz\right)$$

Assumes only:

- Equilibrium
- ‘Tilt’ term in Jeans equation small

All other uncertainties MCMC marginalised

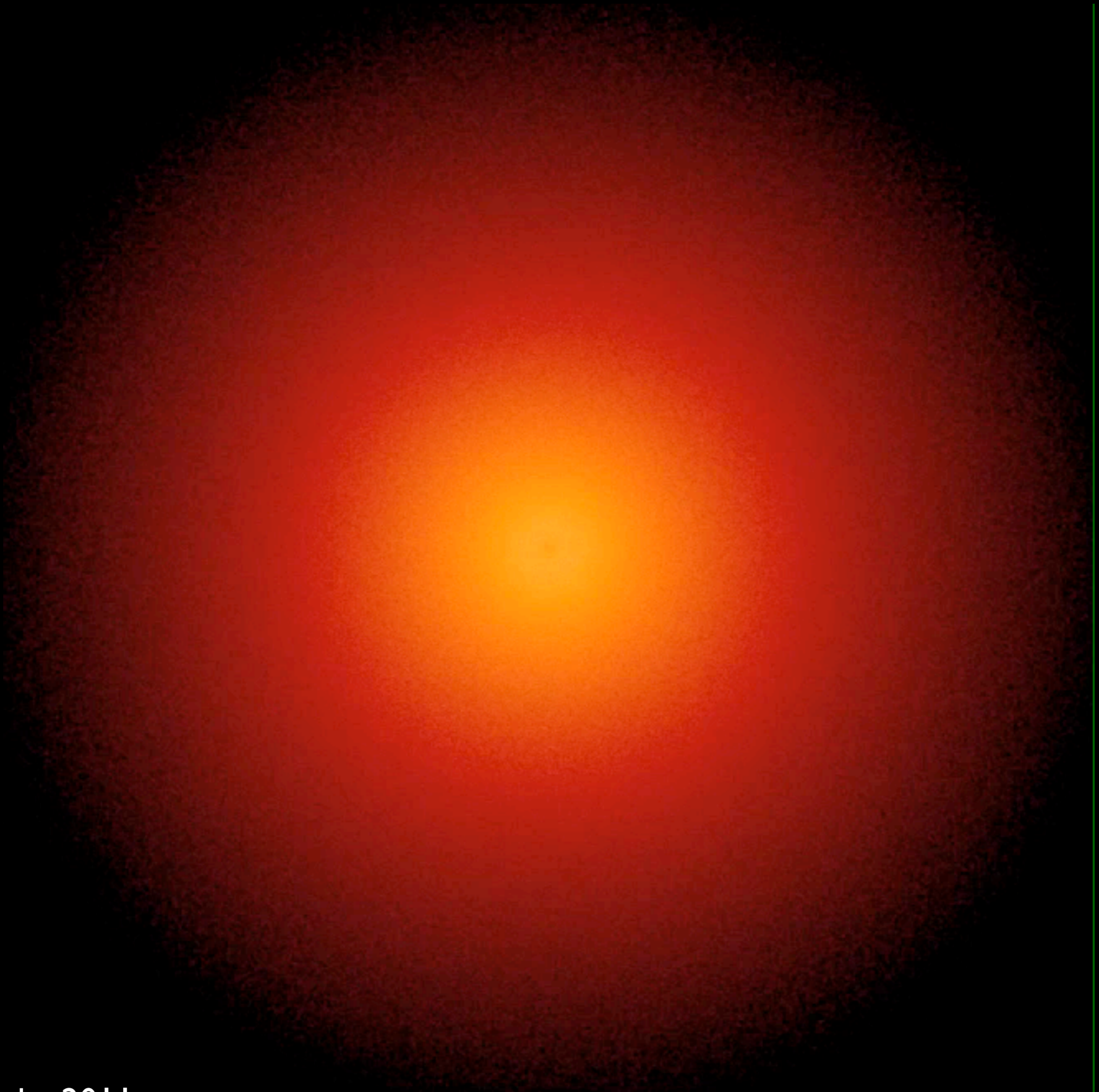
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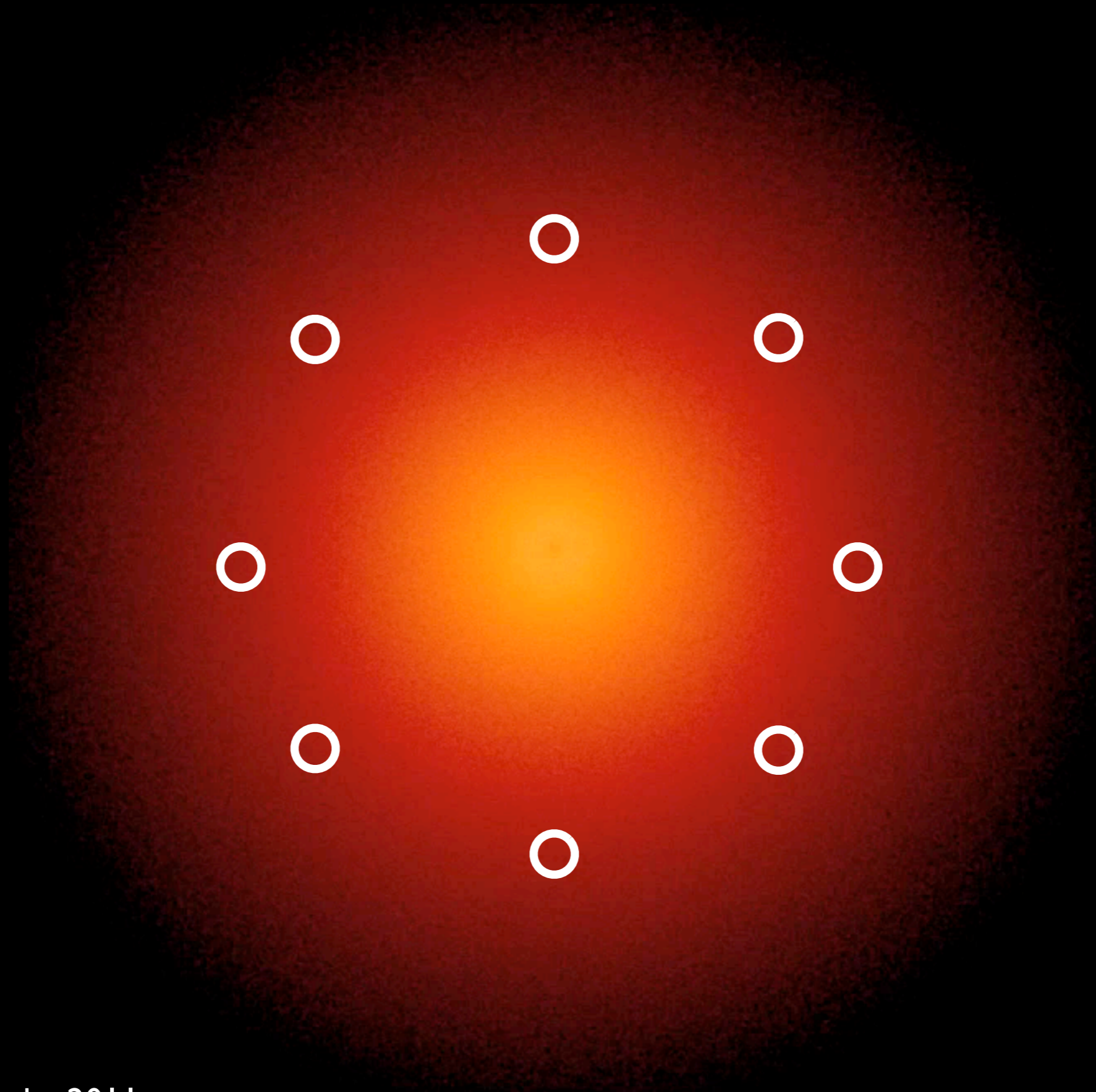
Unevolved disc



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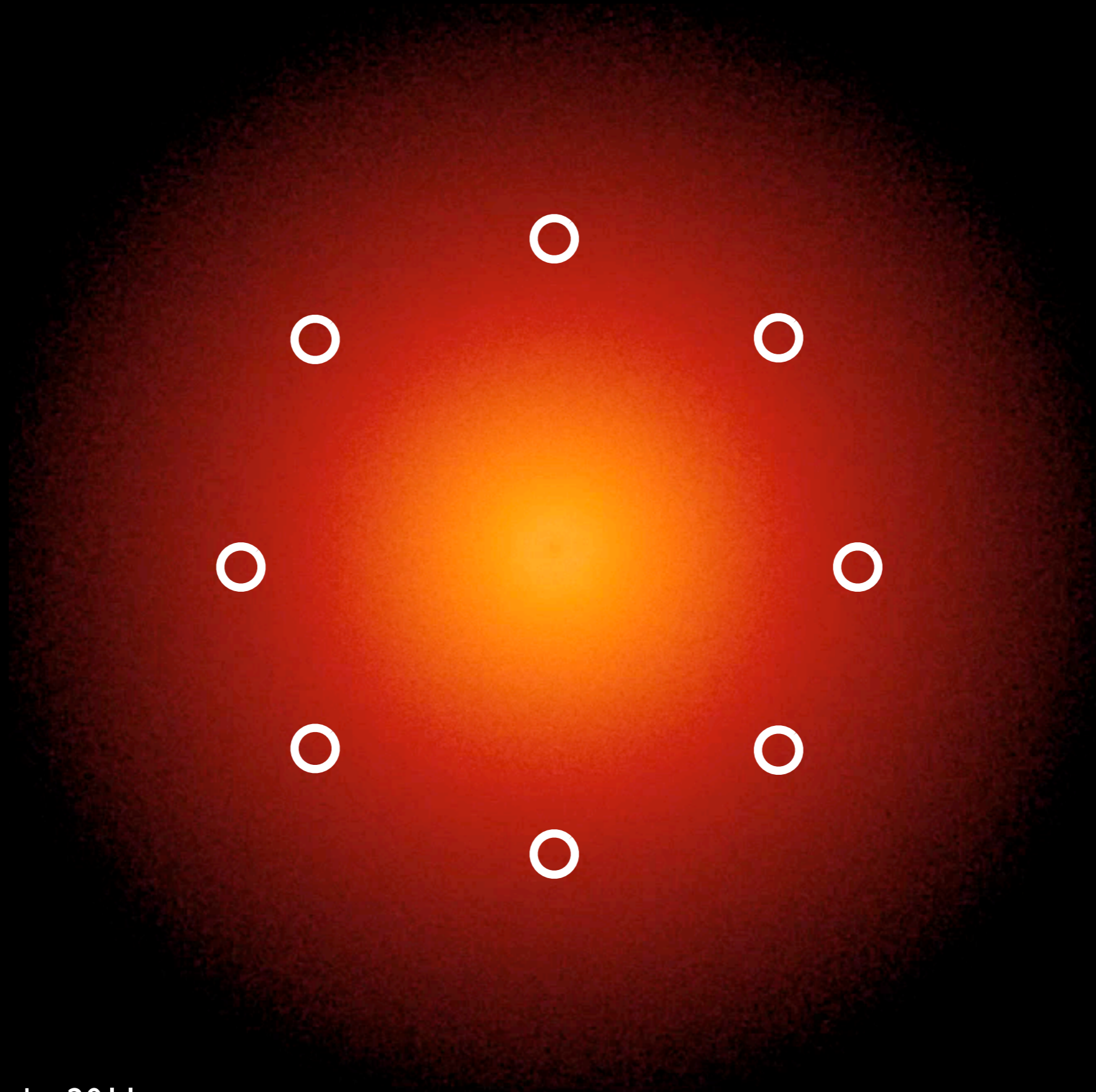


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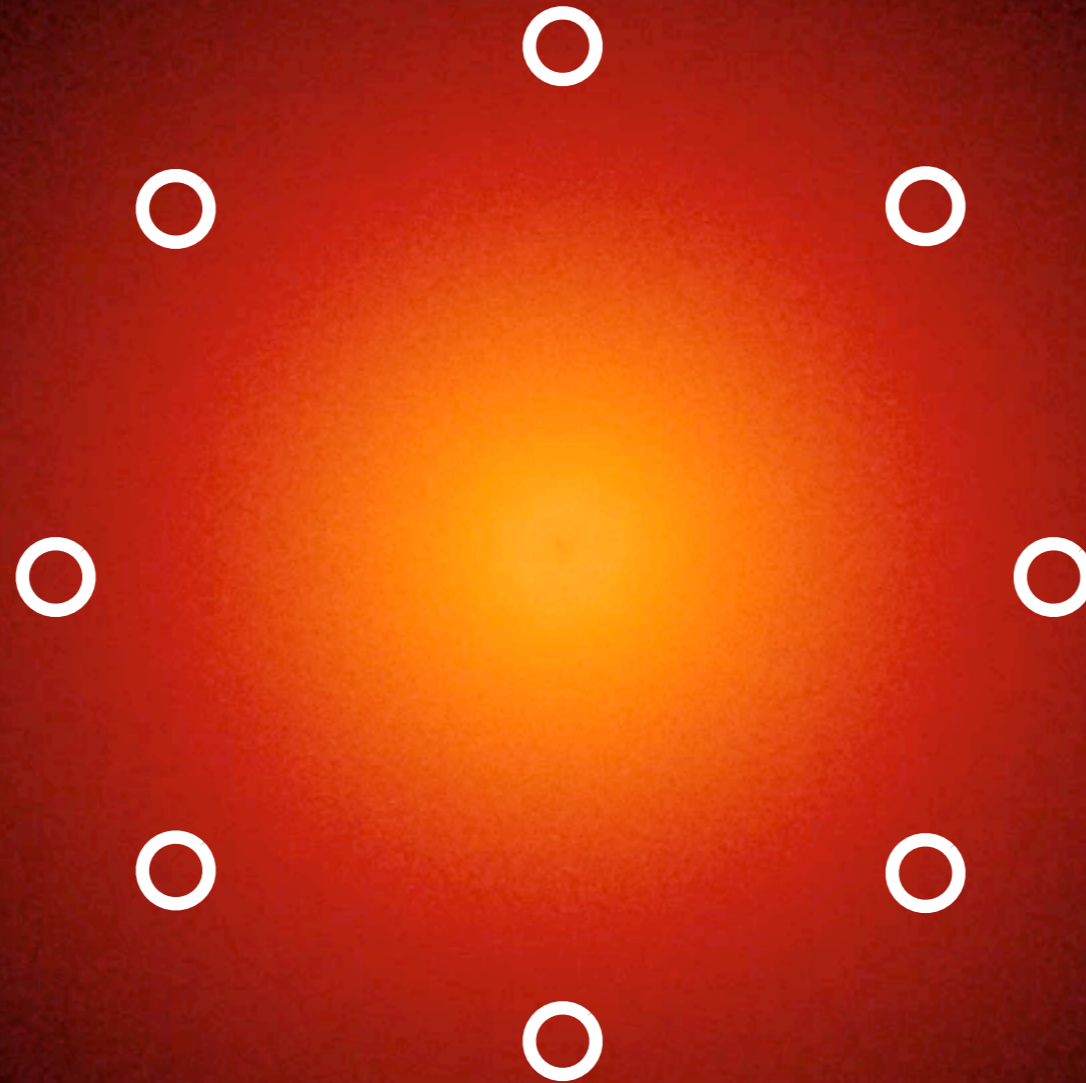


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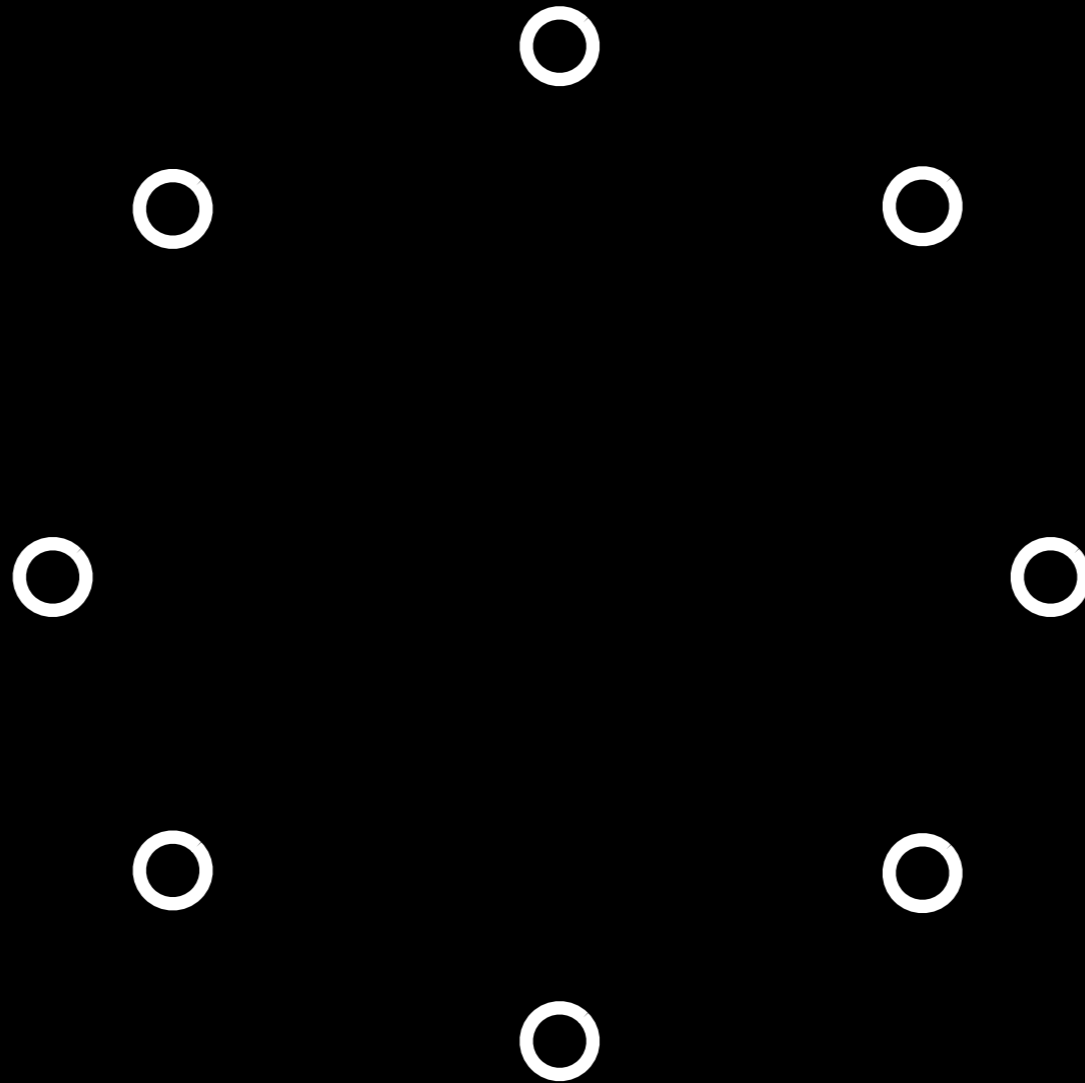


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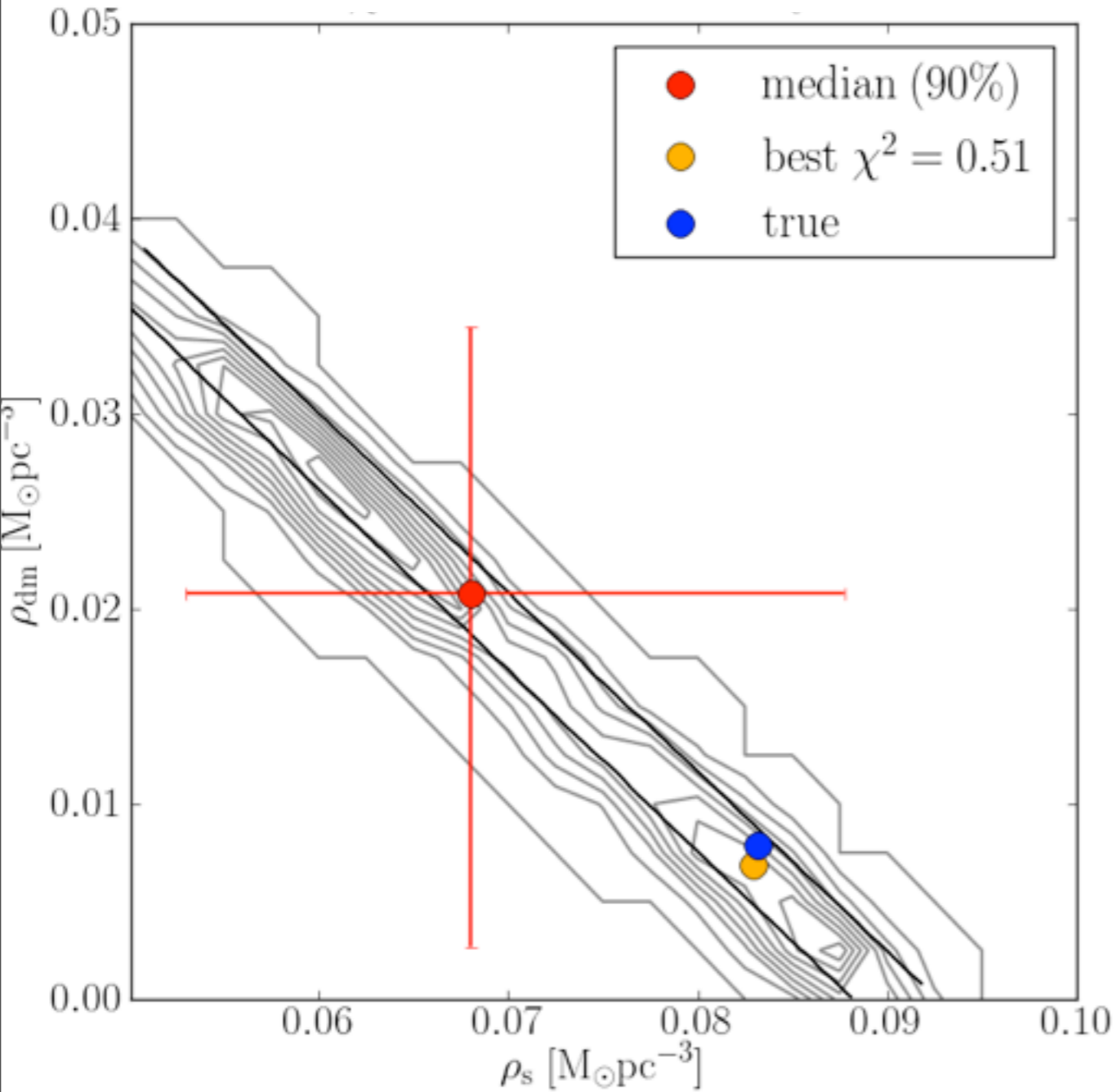


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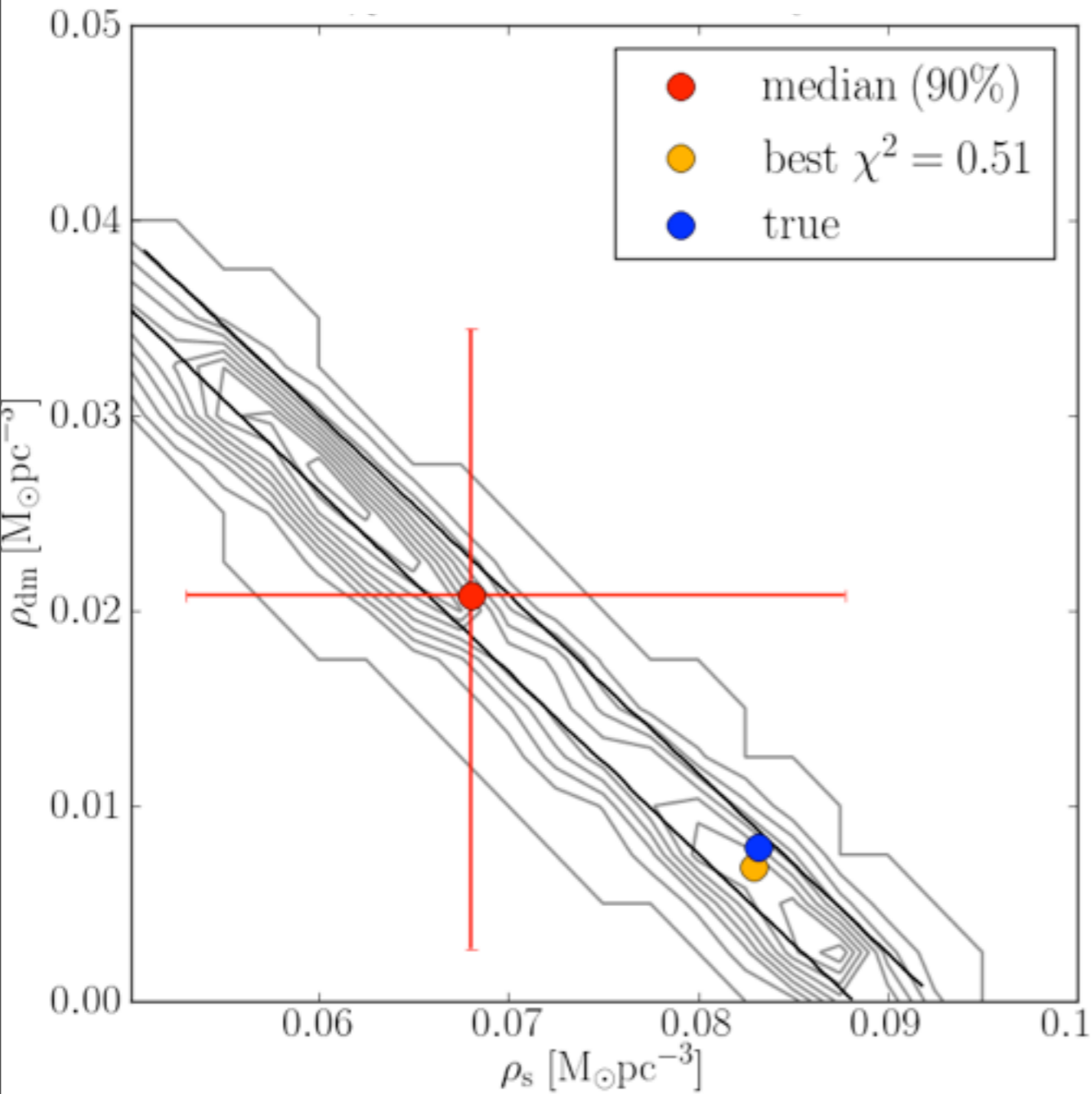
#### Unevolved disc



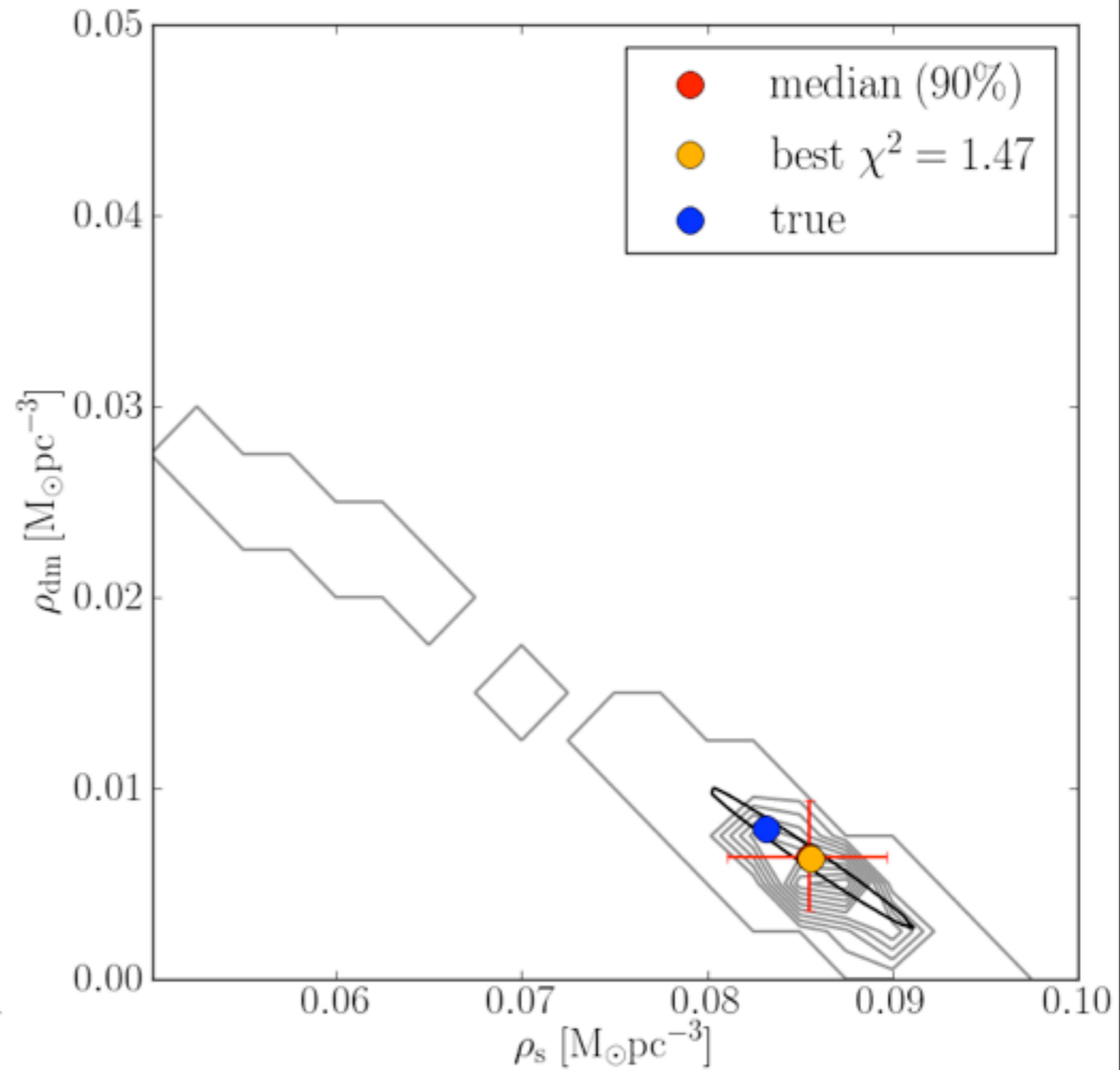
$z=0.25\text{kpc}$

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## Unevolved disc



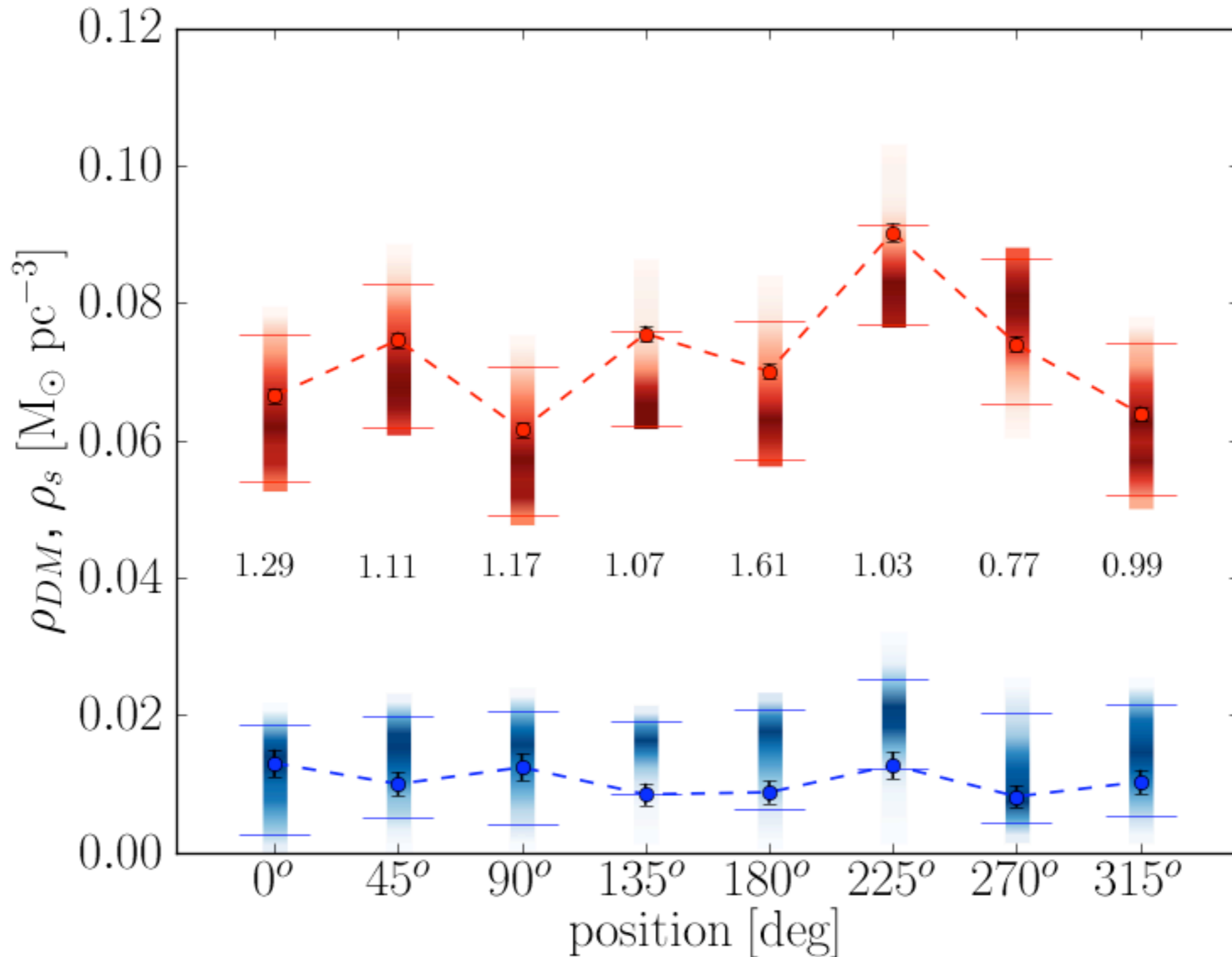
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$z=0.75\text{kpc}$

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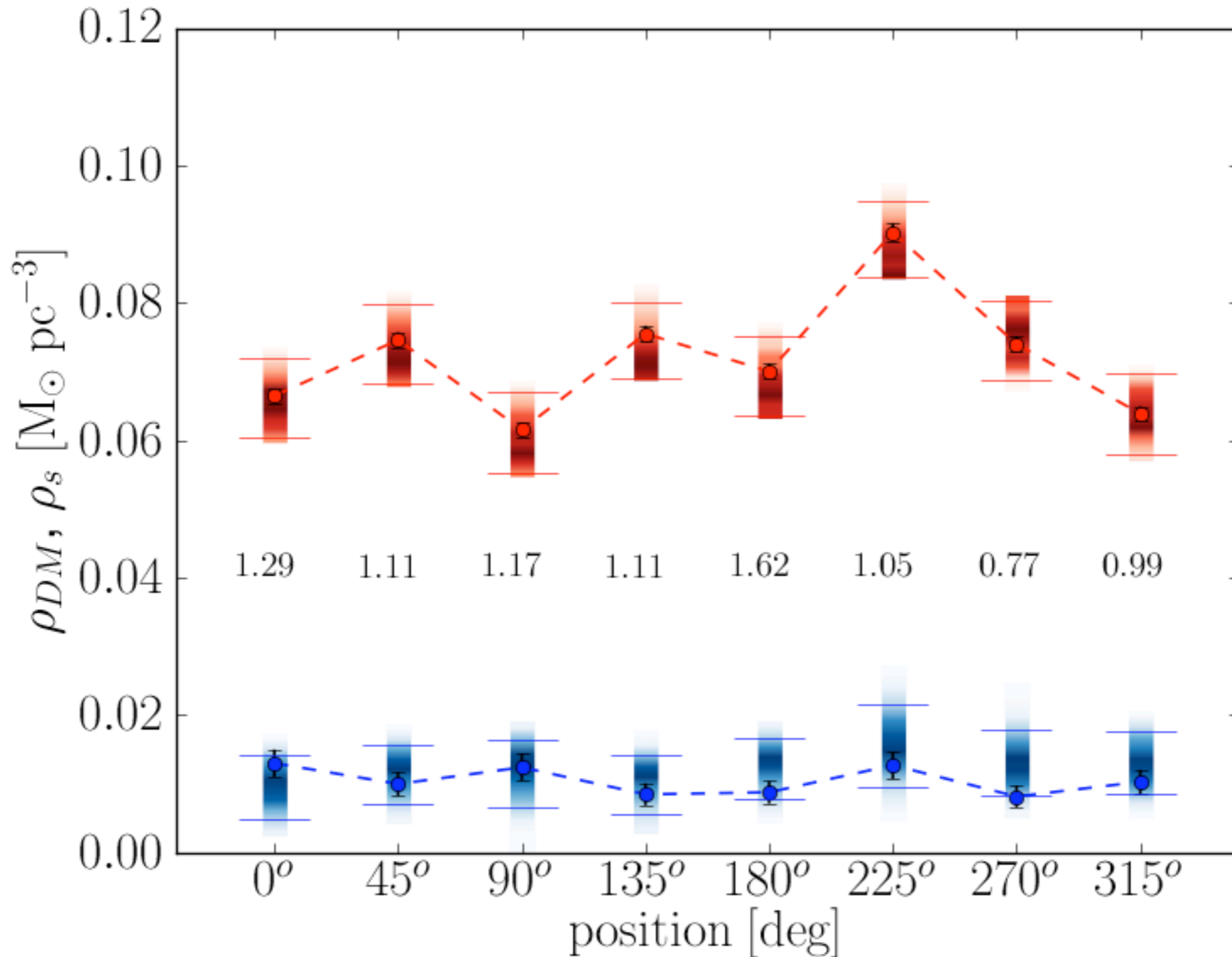
Evolved disc; **MA** method





### 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

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Visible Mass  
Model by  
Flynn et al  
2006

density errors:  
Stars: 10-20%;  
Gas\*: 50%

Component	$\nu_{i,0}(0)$ [ $M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3$ ]	$\overline{v_{z,i}^2}(0)$ [km/s]
$\text{H}_2^*$	0.021	$4.0 \pm 1.0$
HI(1)*	0.016	$7.0 \pm 1.0$
HI(2)*	0.012	$9.0 \pm 1.0$
Warm gas*	0.0009	$40.0 \pm 1.0$
Giants	0.0006	$20.0 \pm 2.0$
$M_V < 2.5$	0.0031	$7.5 \pm 2.0$
$2.5 < M_V < 3.0$	0.0015	$10.5 \pm 2.0$
$3.0 < M_V < 4.0$	0.0020	$14.0 \pm 2.0$
$4.0 < M_V < 5.0$	0.0022	$18.0 \pm 2.0$
$5.0 < M_V < 8.0$	0.007	$18.5 \pm 2.0$
$M_V > 8.0$	0.0135	$18.5 \pm 2.0$
White dwarfs	0.006	$20.0 \pm 5.0$
Brown dwarfs	0.002	$20.0 \pm 5.0$
Thick disc	0.0035	$37.0 \pm 5.0$
Stellar halo	0.0001	$100.0 \pm 10.0$

## 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

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### 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

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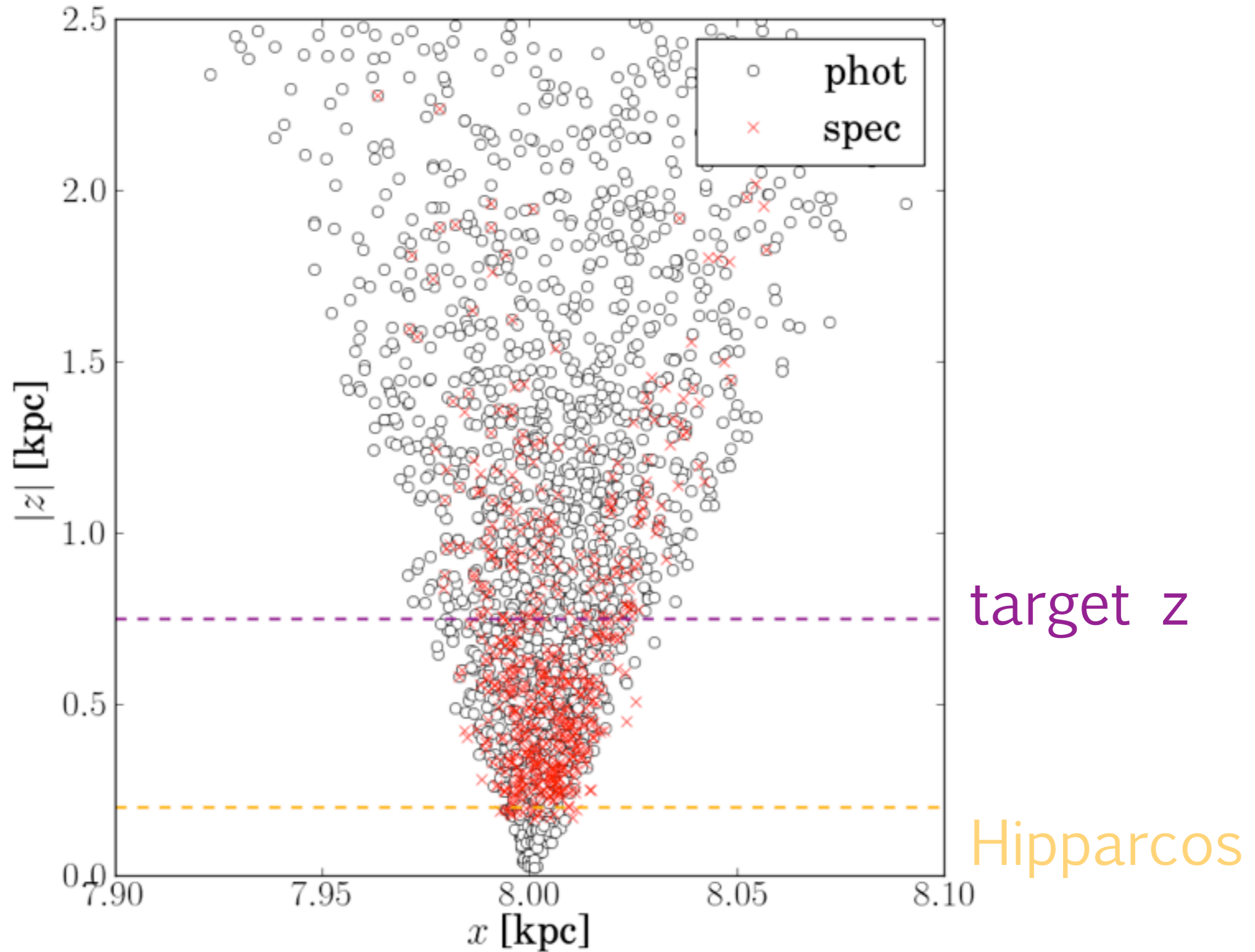
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=> K dwarfs (c.f. Kuijken & Gilmore 1989-91)

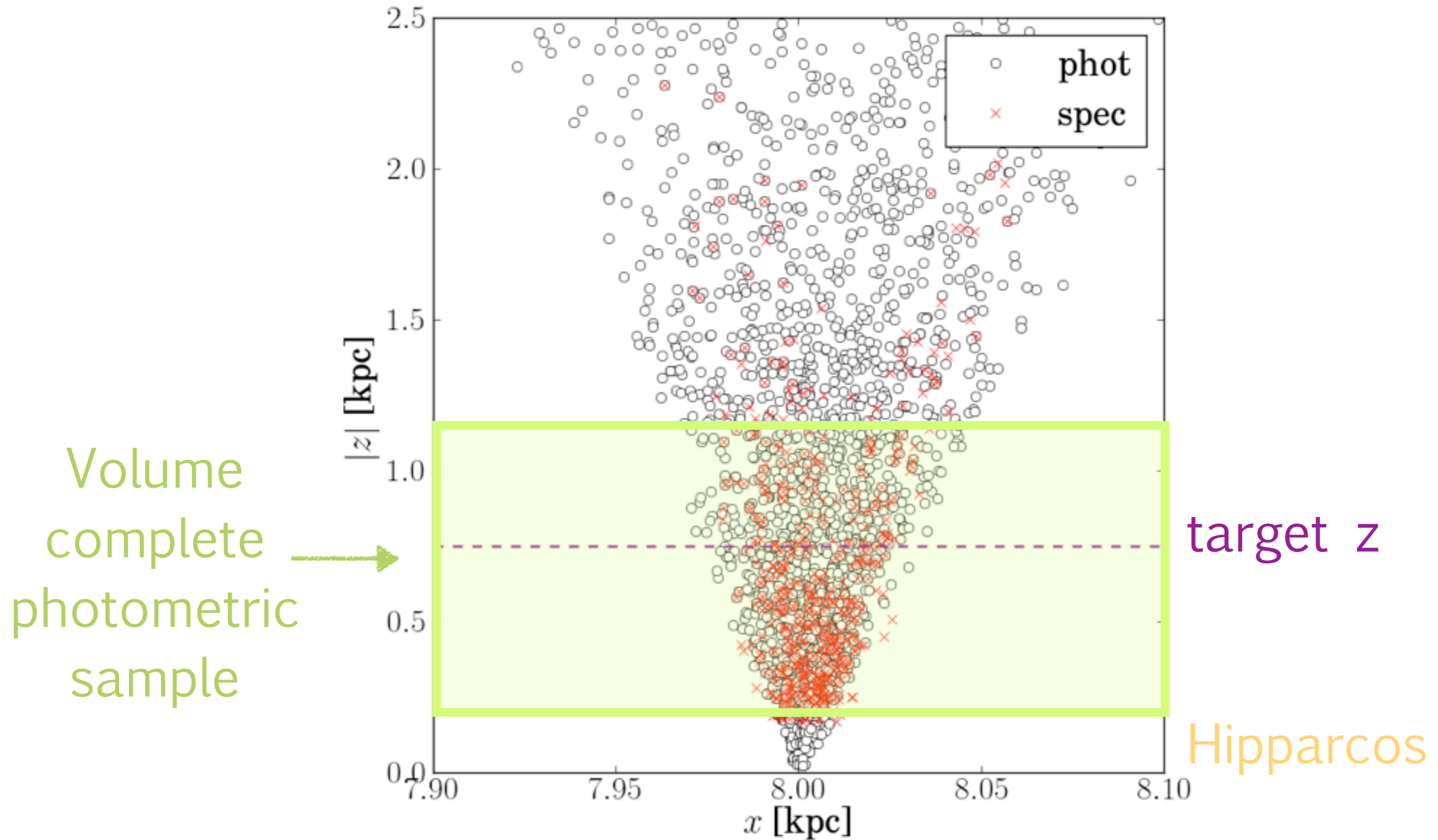
- 2016 K dwarf stars; photometry in B and V bands
- 580 K dwarfs with radial velocities

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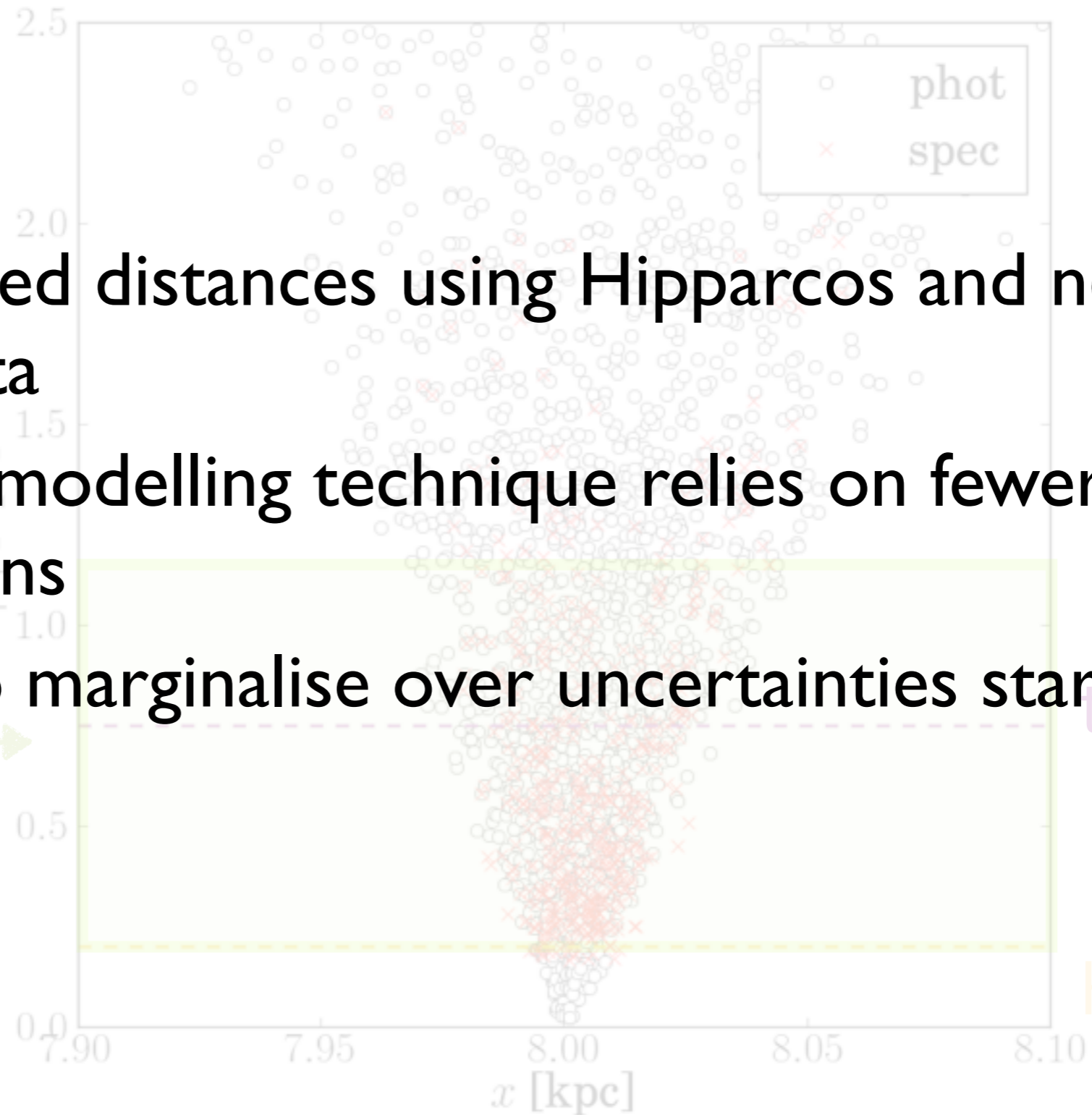


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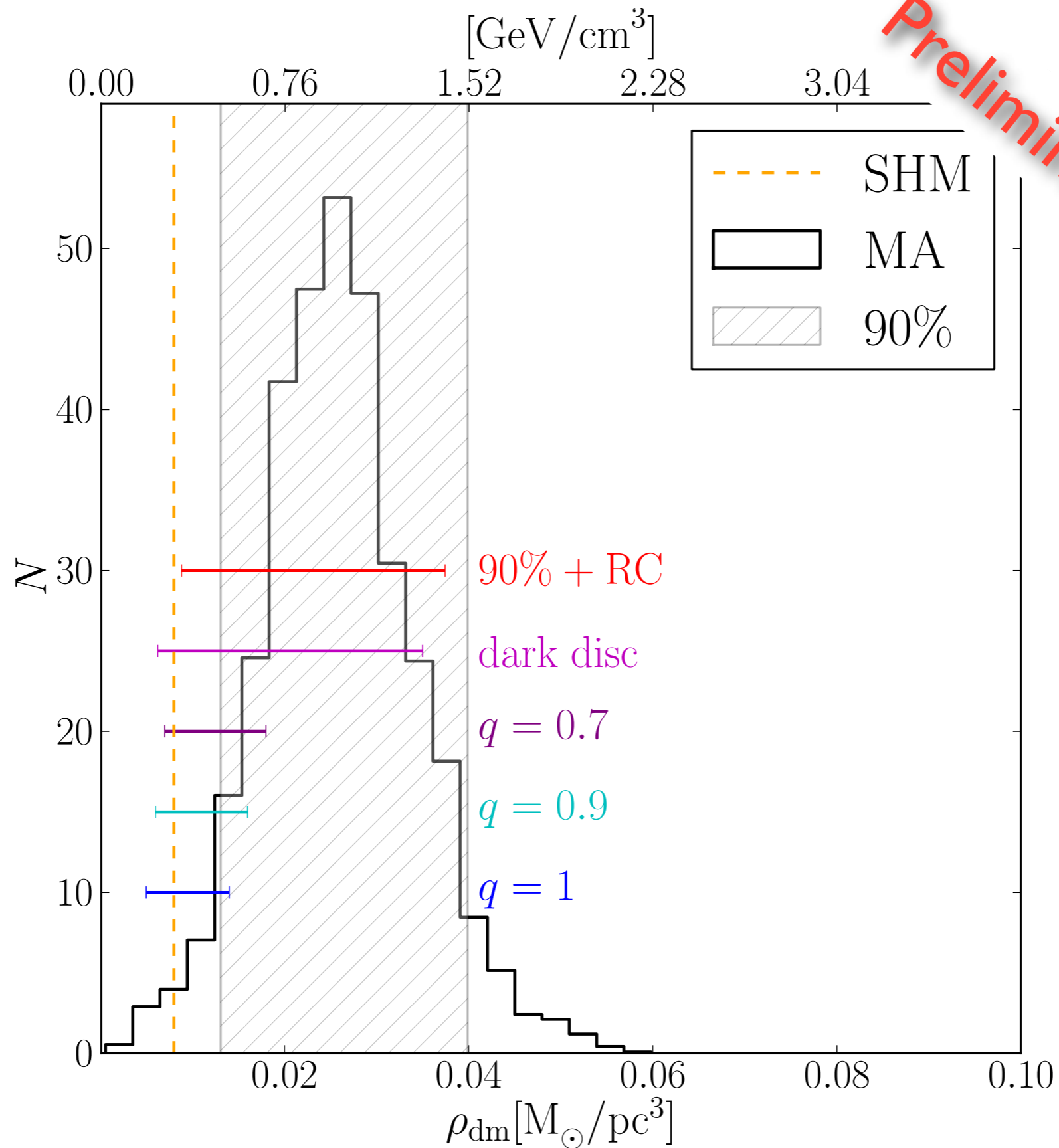


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- Recalibrated distances using Hipparcos and new survey data
- New MA modelling technique relies on fewer assumptions
- MCMC to marginalise over uncertainties star by star

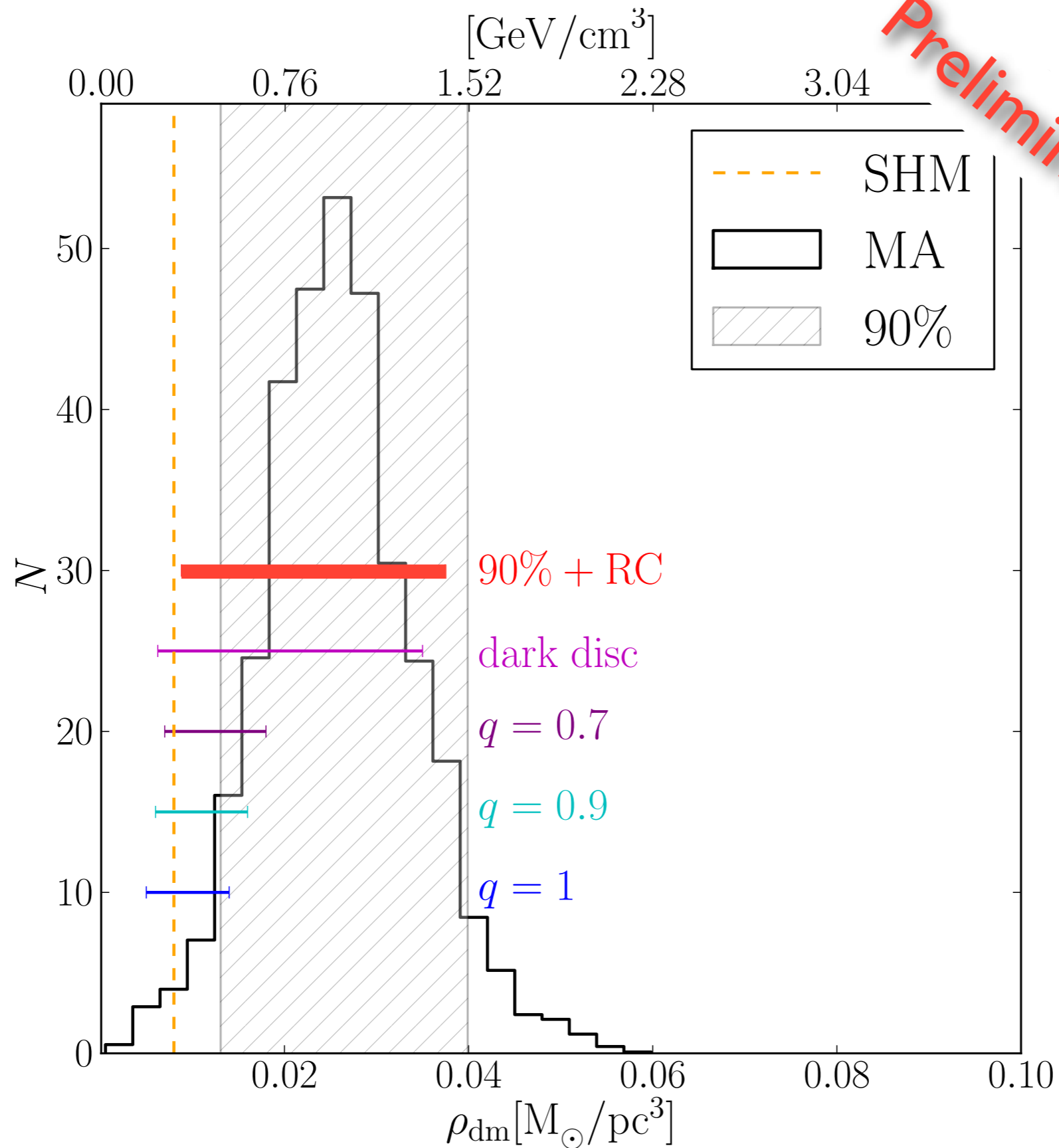


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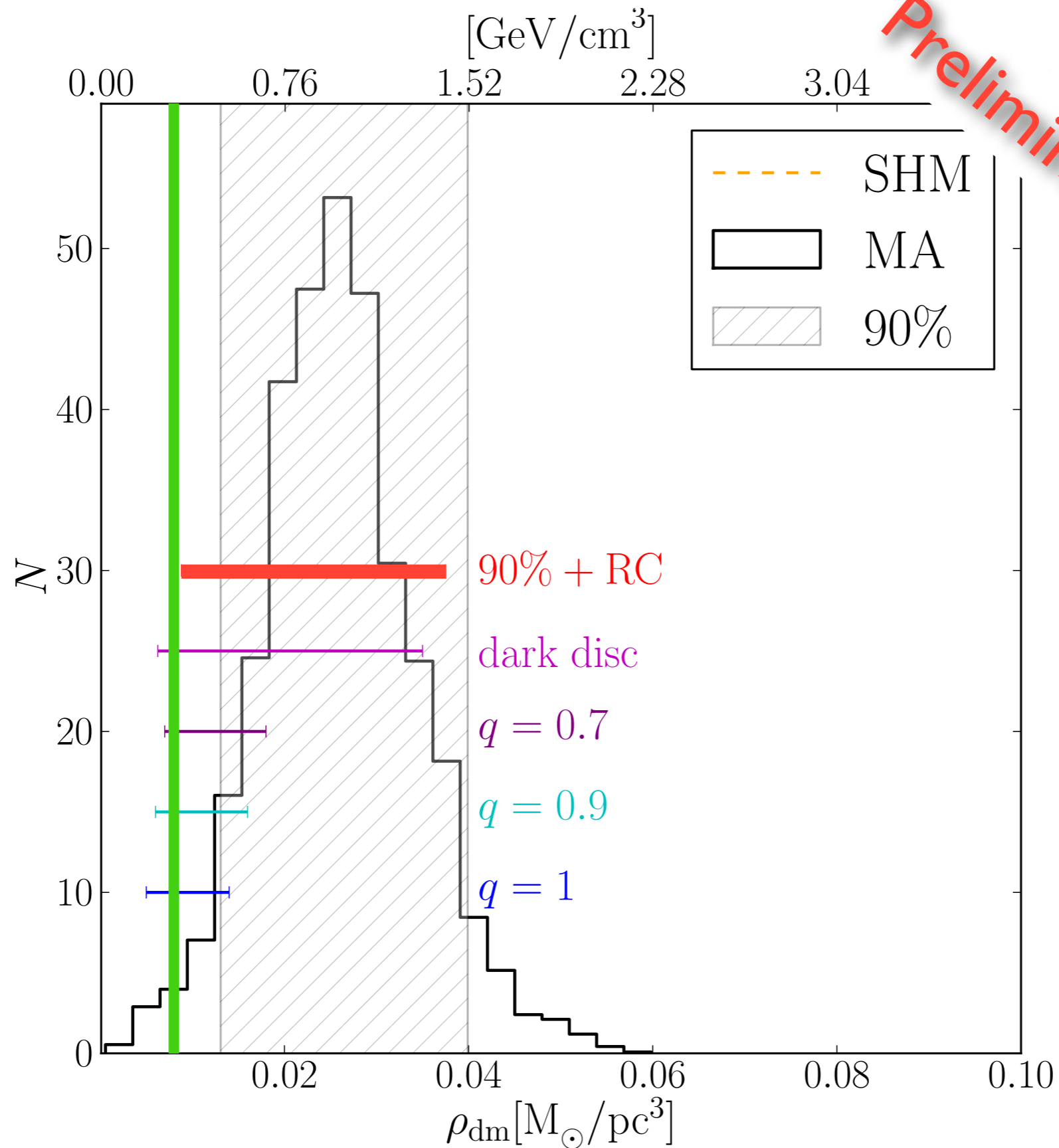
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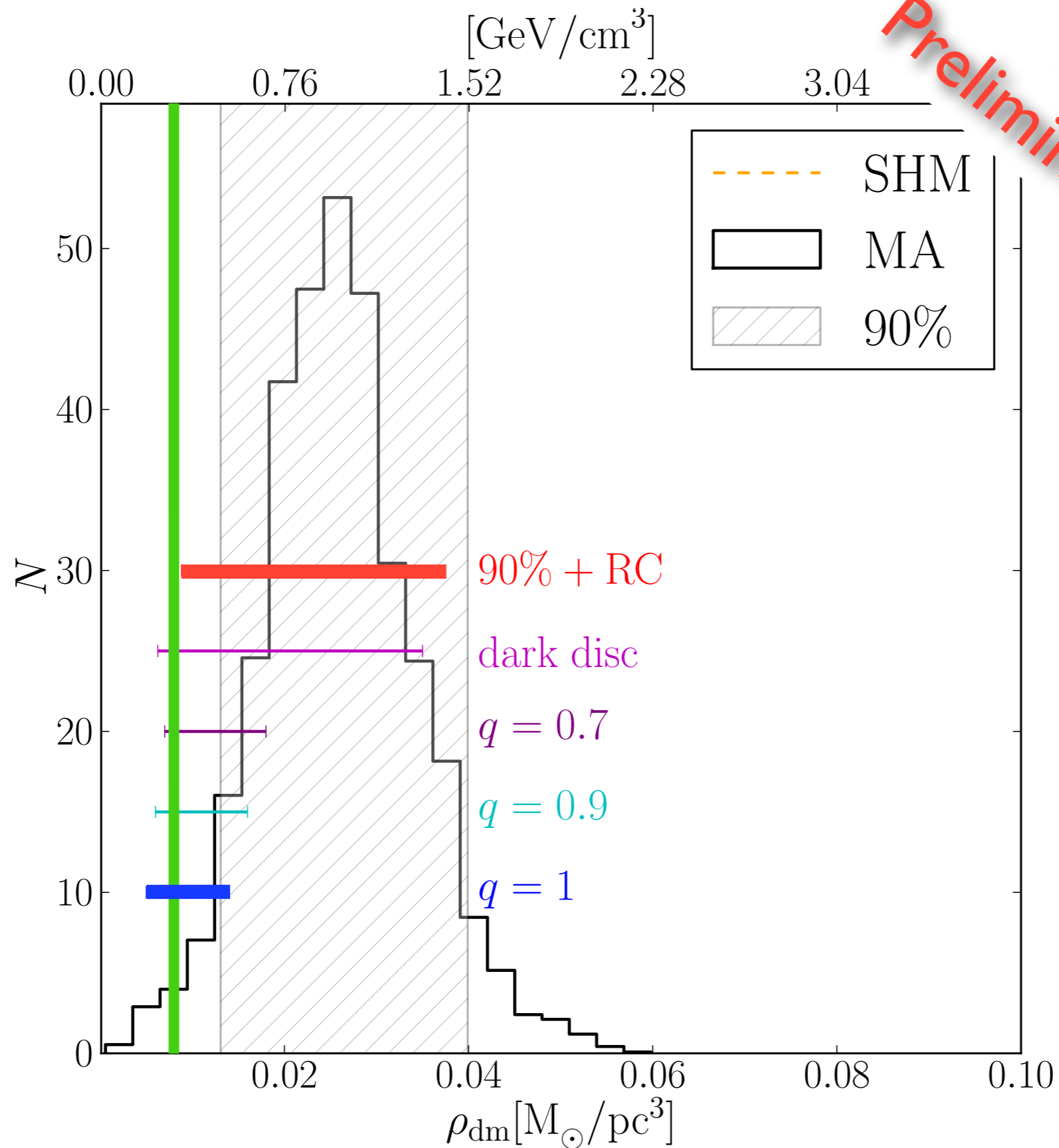


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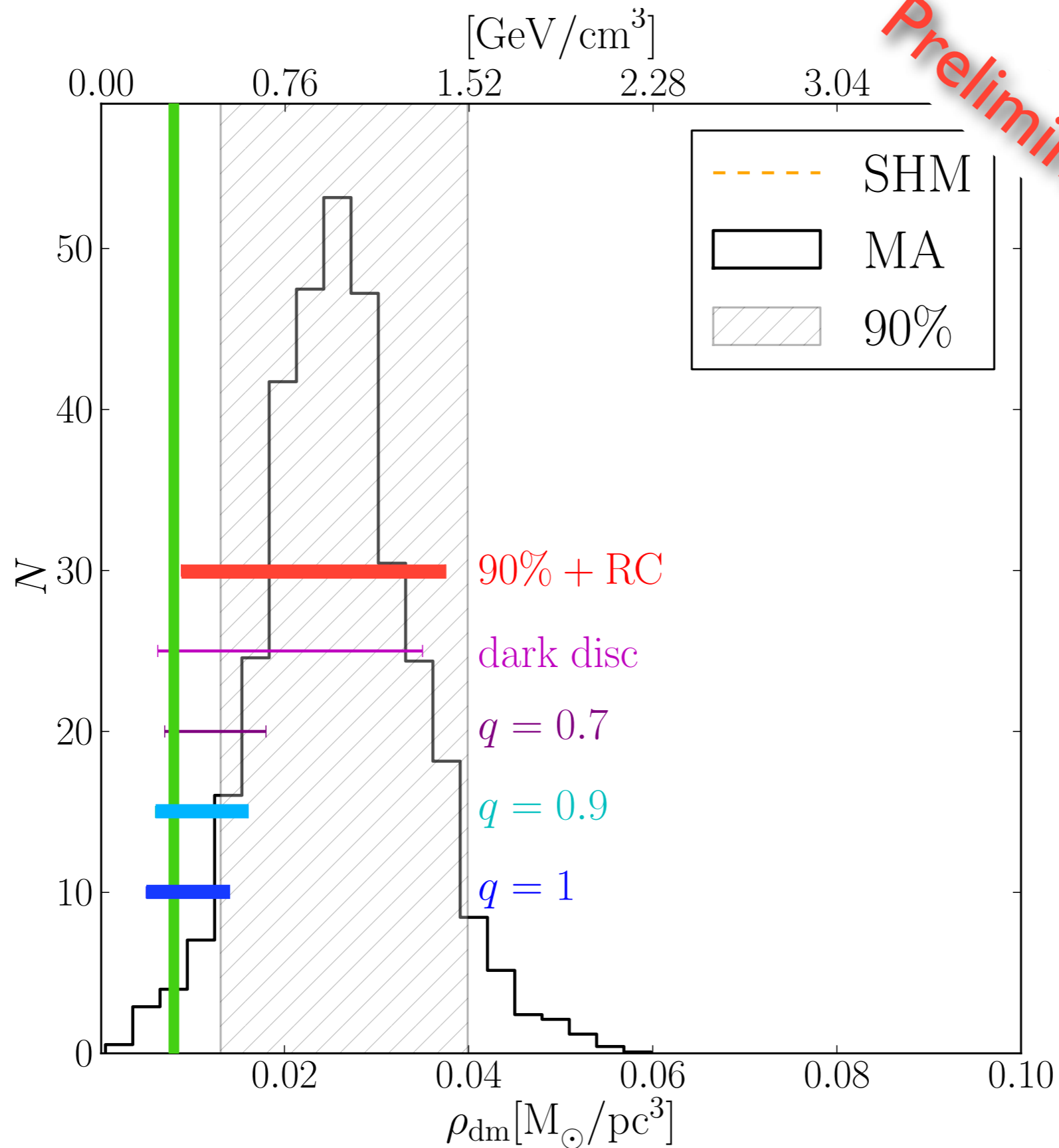
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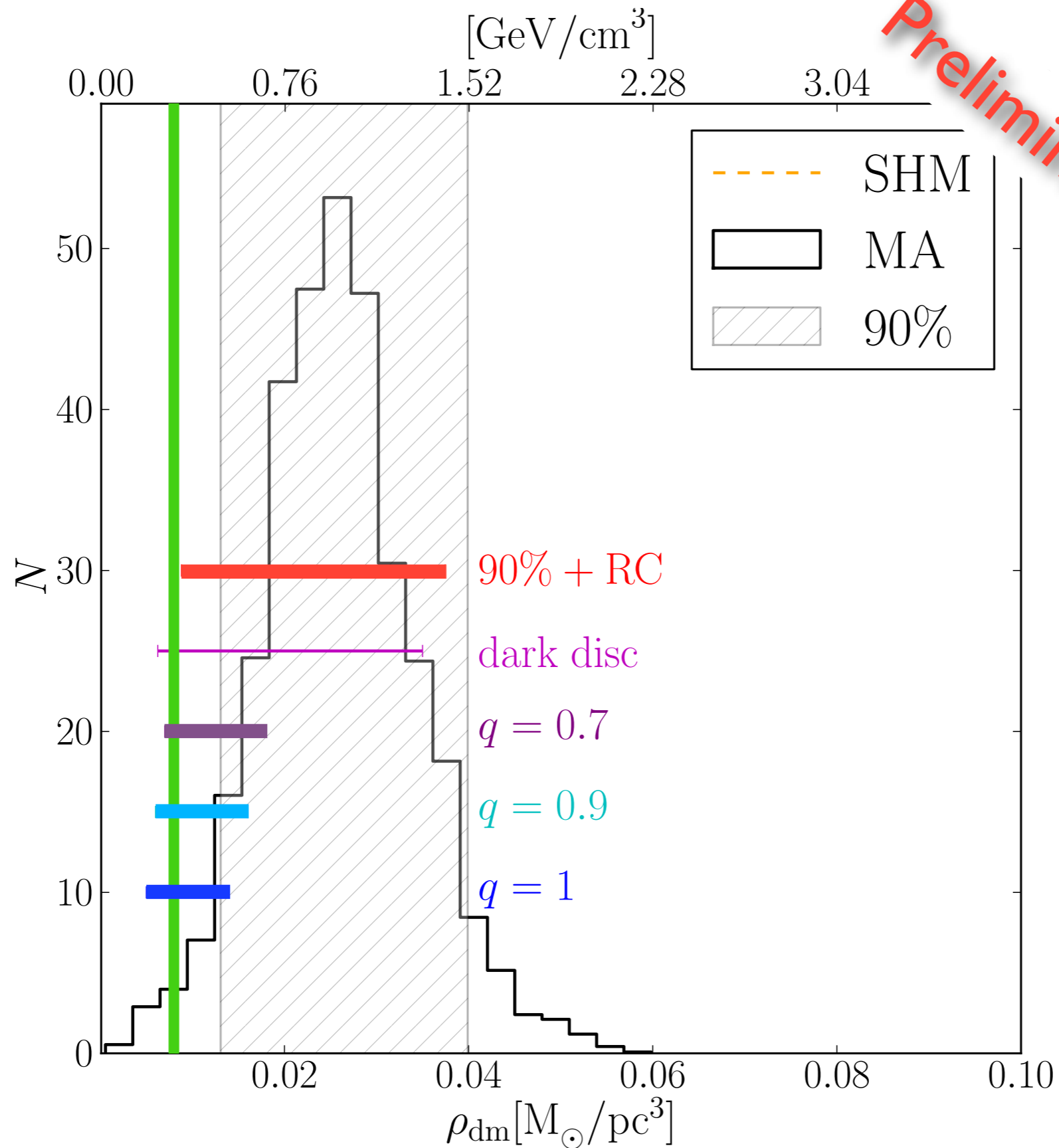


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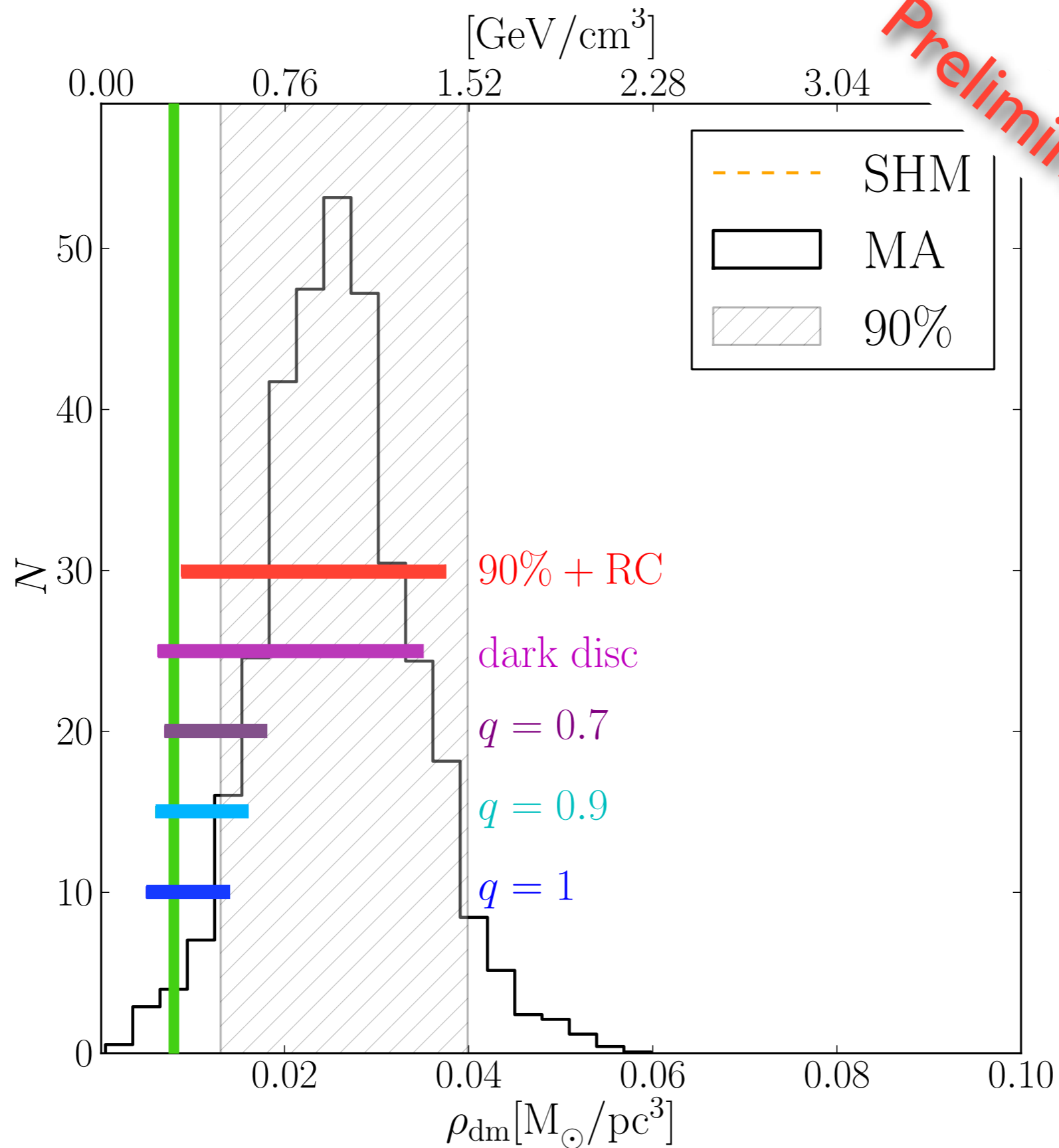
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Garbari, Liu, Read & Lake 2012, in prep.

### 3. Detecting DM particles | The local DM density

$$\rho_{\text{dm}} = 0.022^{+0.015}_{-0.013} M_{\odot} / \text{pc}^3$$

$$\left( \rho_{\text{dm}} = 0.85^{+0.57}_{-0.50} \text{GeV} / \text{cm}^3 \right)$$

Preliminary!

Sag Stream

$0.85 < q < 1.05$

  $q=0.7$   
 $q=1$  (spherical) SHM  
 $q=1.4$

# Conclusions

- Down to galaxy cluster scales dark matter is **cold** and ‘standard’.
- On dwarf galaxy scales there is mounting evidence for **dark matter cores**. However, these can arise naturally as a consequence of rapid, multiple, gas inflows and outflows driven by mergers and supernovae.
- Baryons also influence the local dark matter distribution. Including them leads to the expectation that our Galaxy has a **dark matter disc**.
- We have recently measured the local dark matter density, finding:  $\rho_{\text{DM}} = 0.85 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$ . This is at mild tension with simple spherical extrapolations from the Milky Way’s rotation curve.
- Improved modelling of baryonic processes (galaxy formation) are vital for making concrete predictions for the dark matter distribution on small scales. We have a new tool that we are applying to this problem.