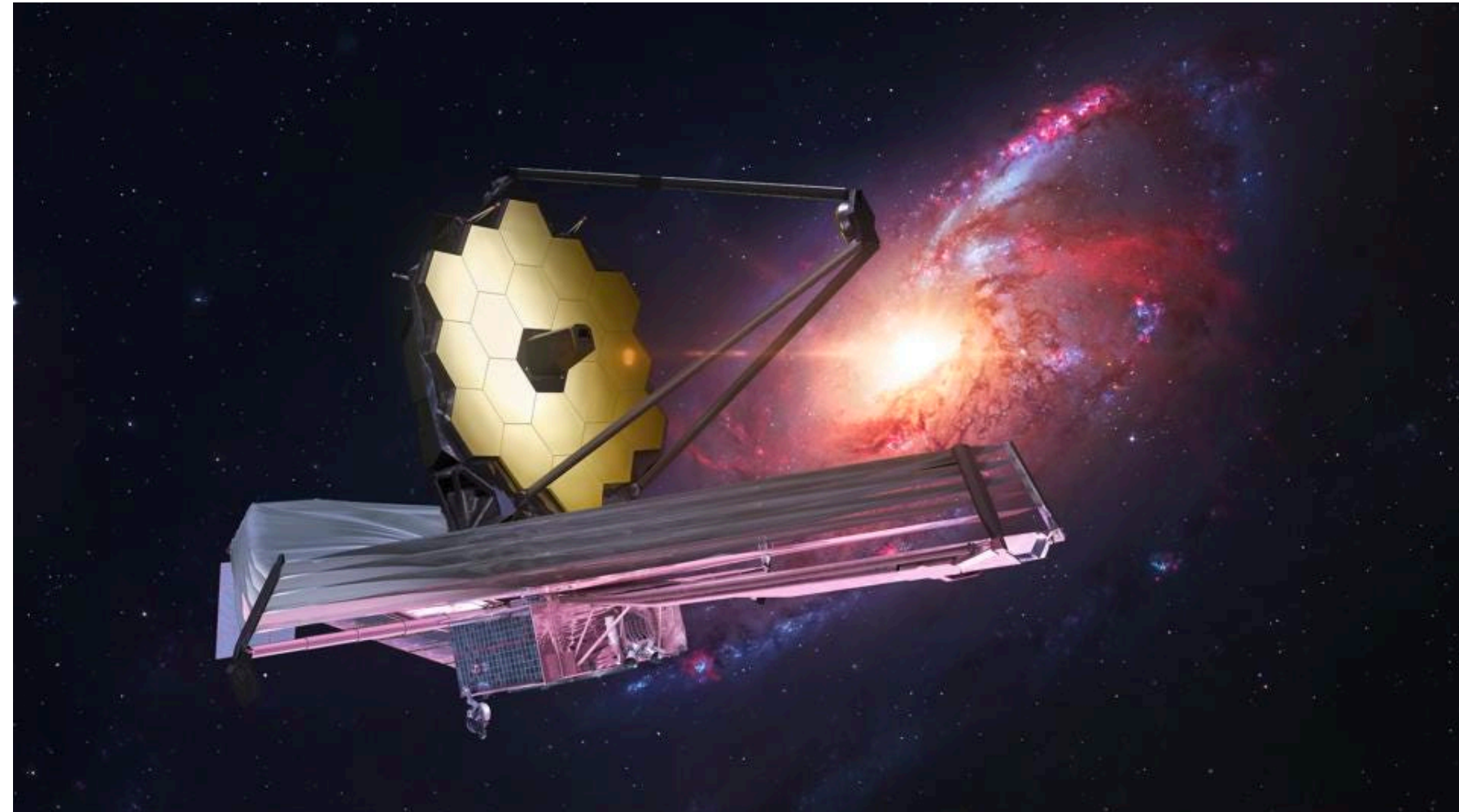
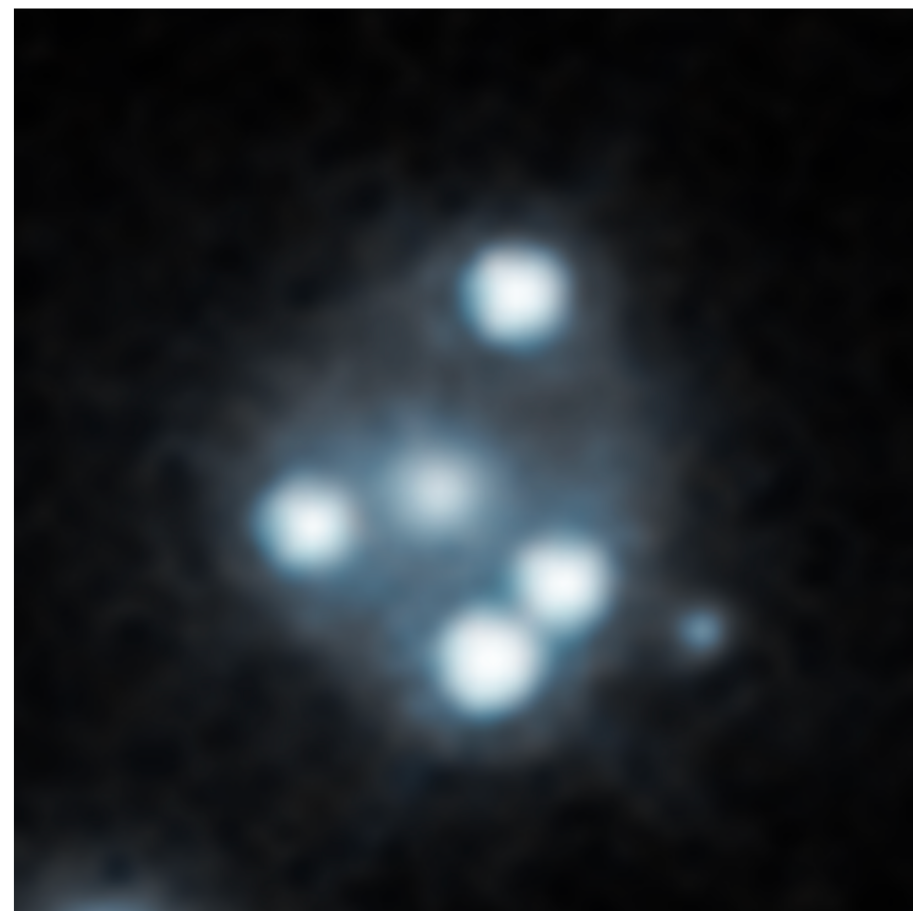
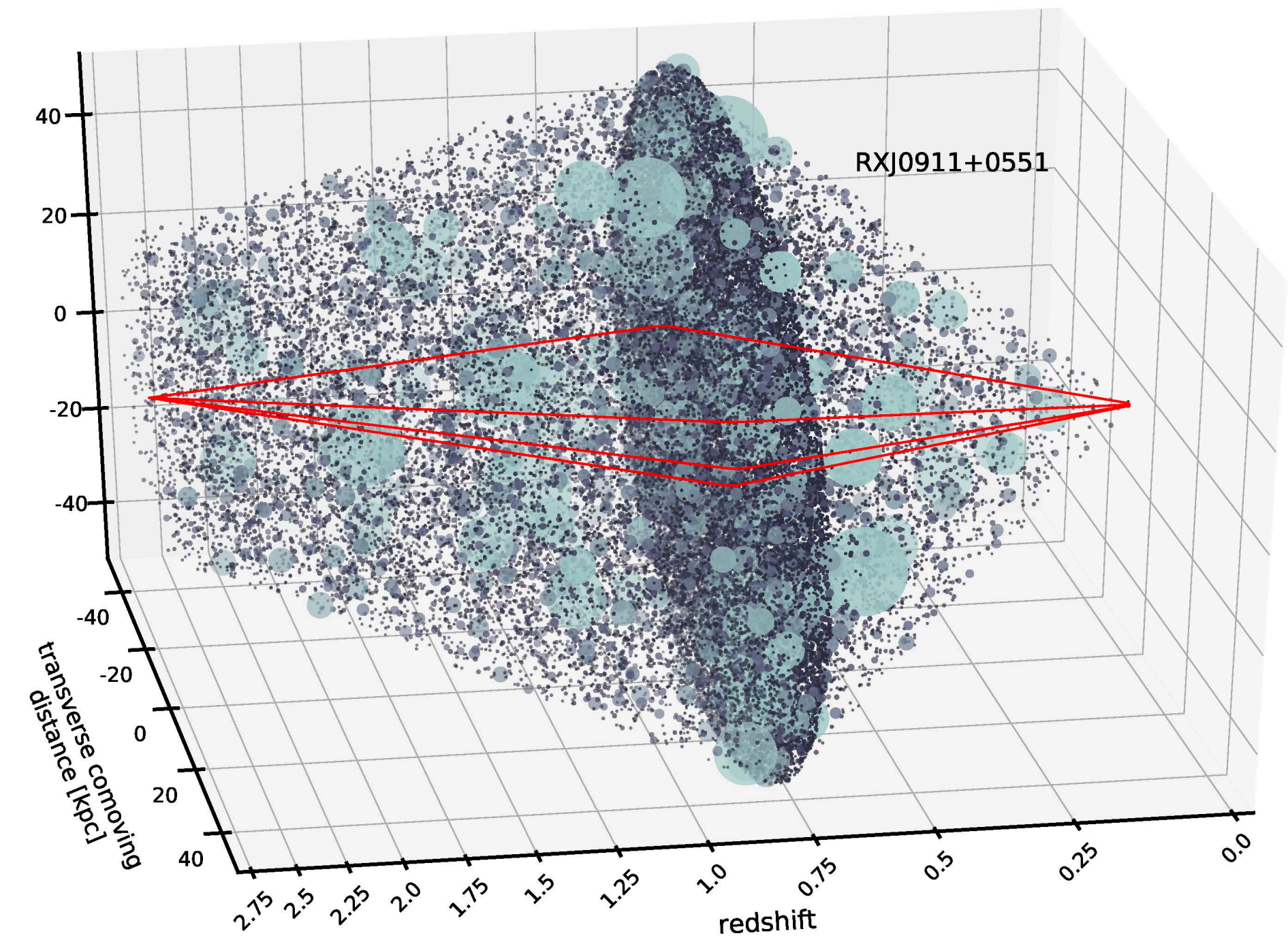


# The JWST lensed quasar dark matter survey

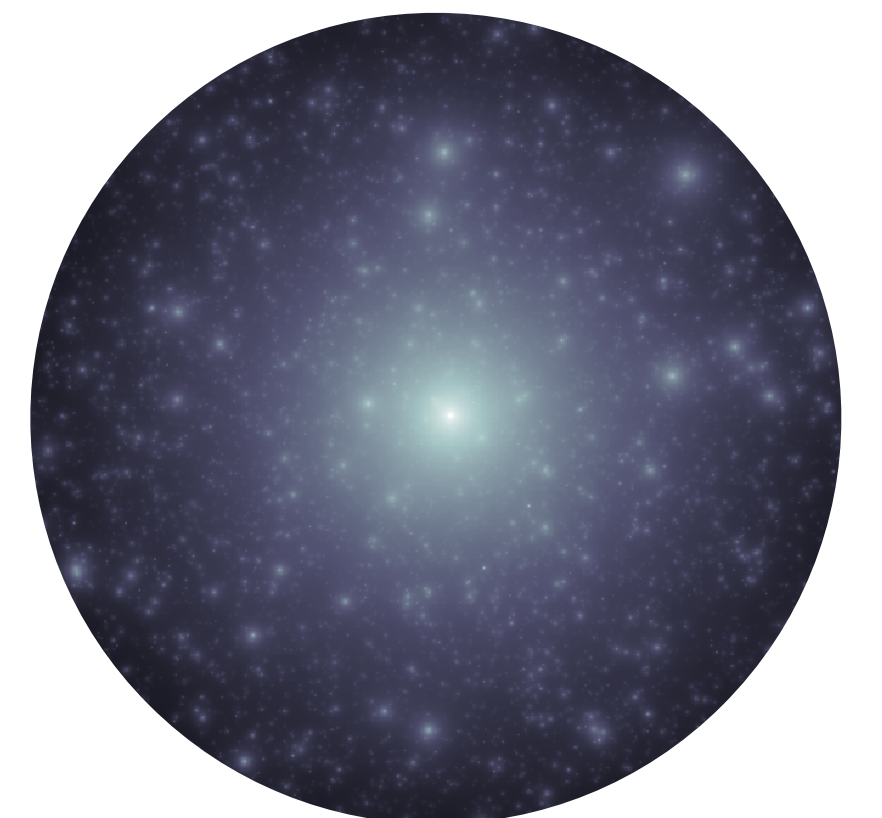
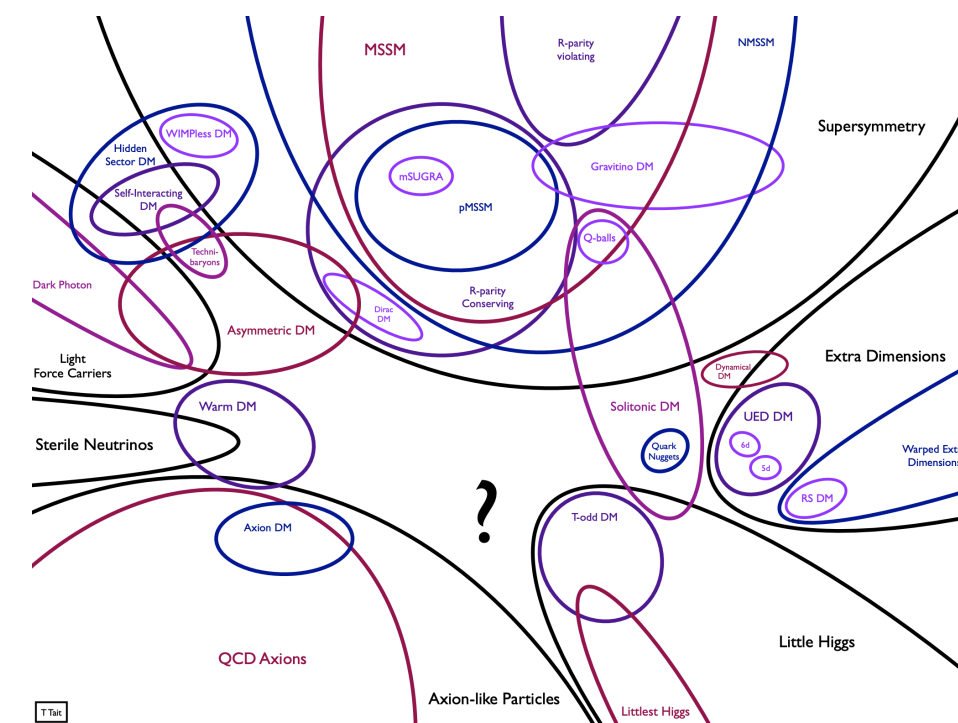


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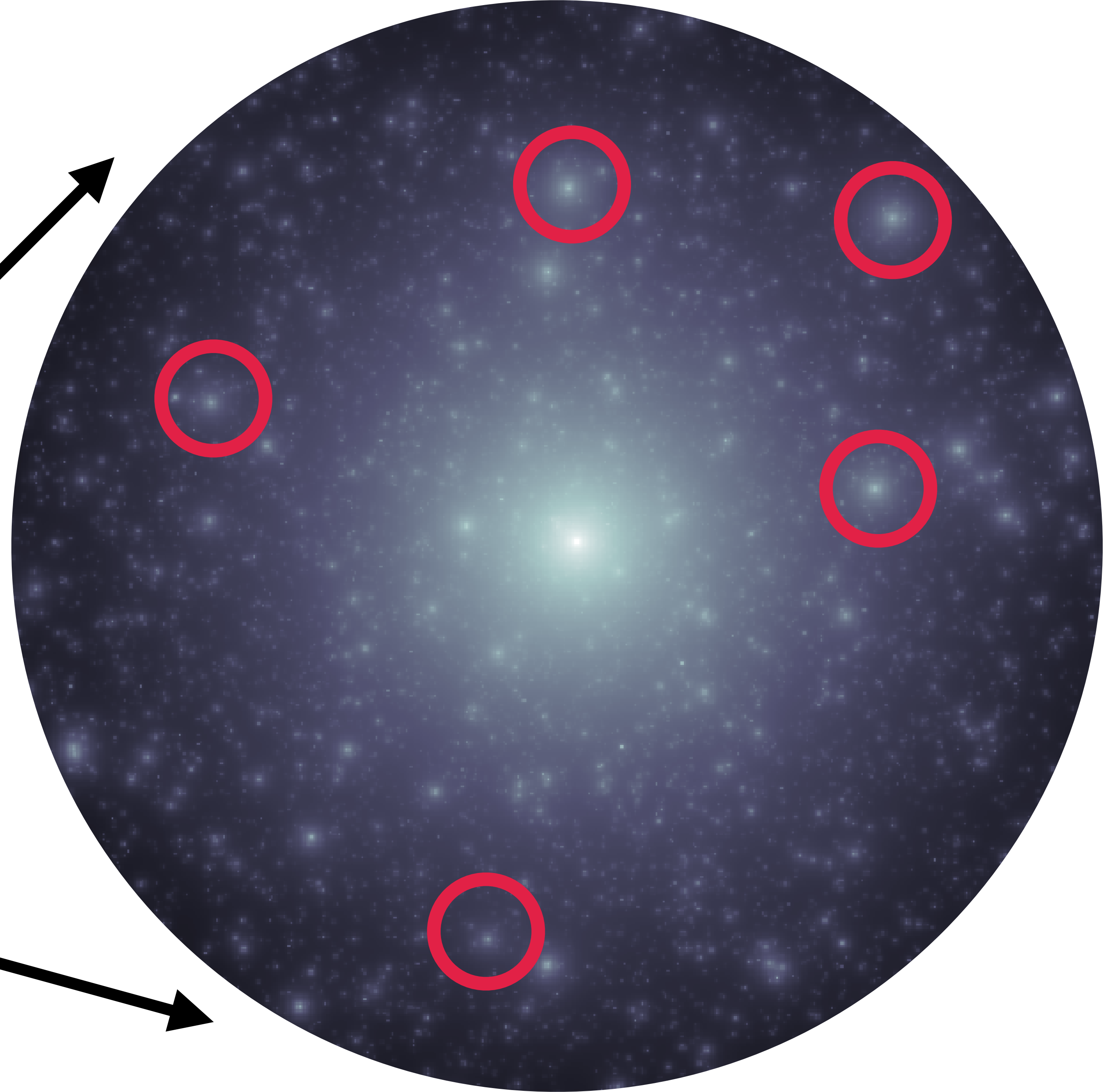
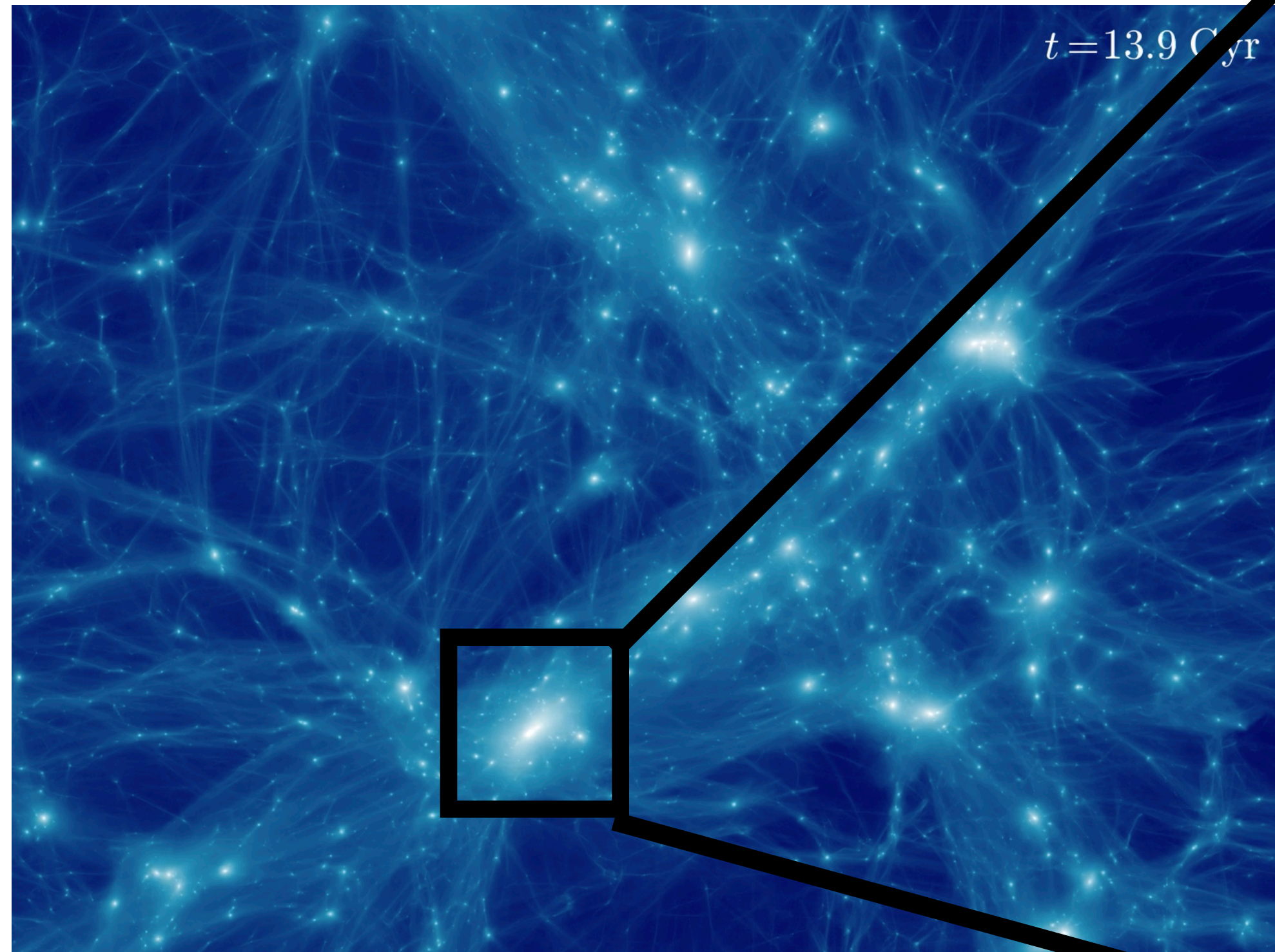
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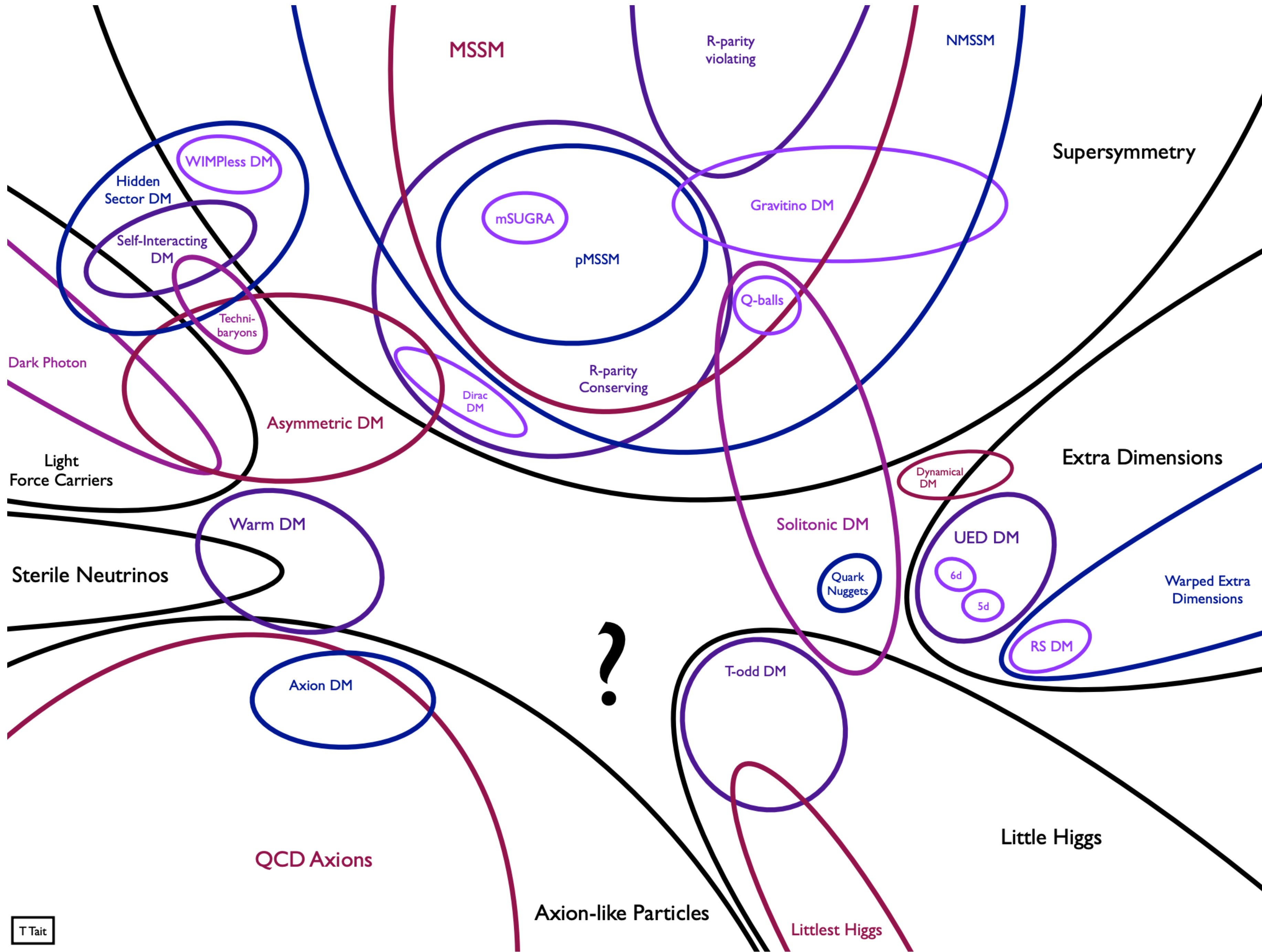


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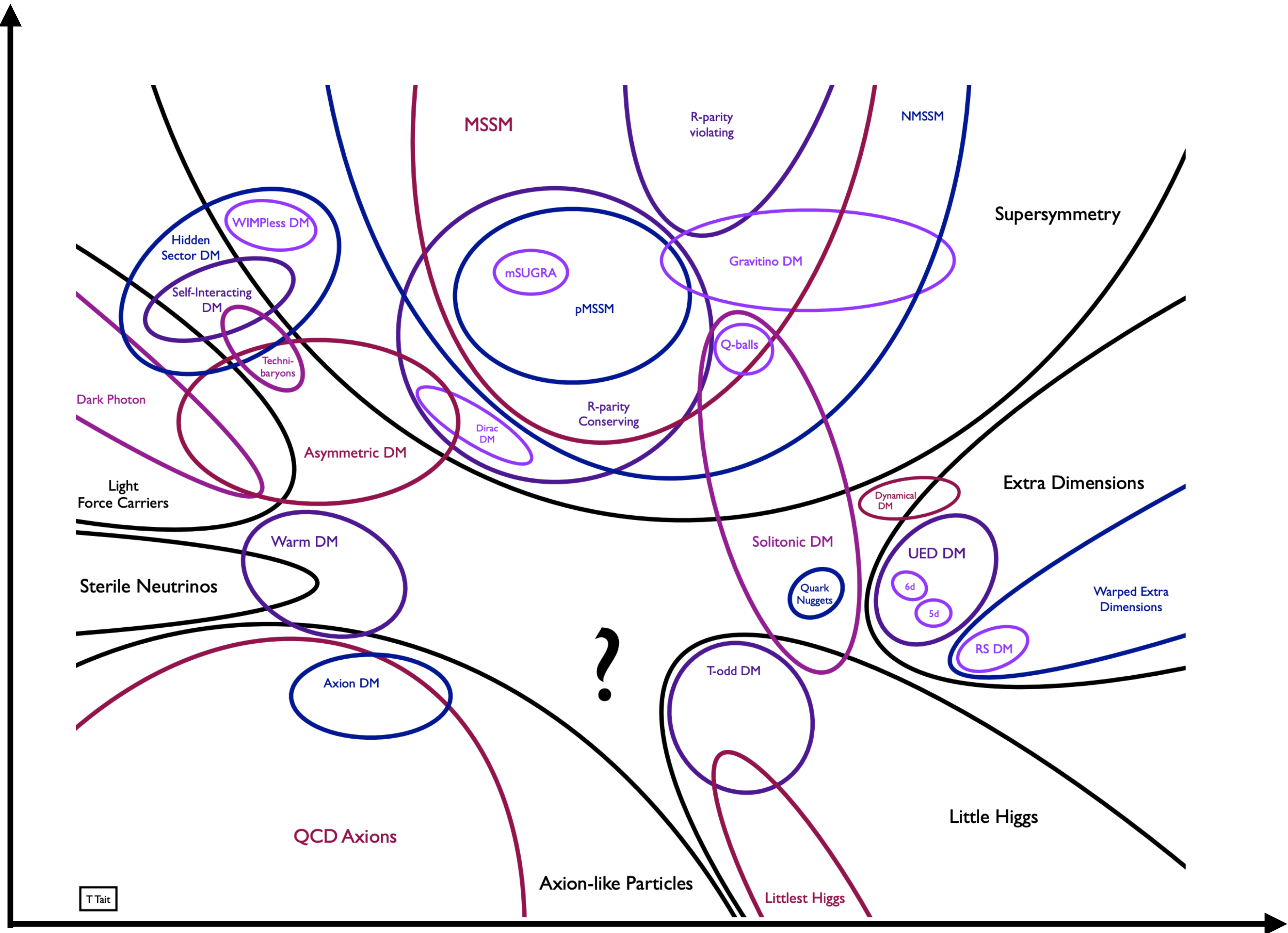
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Diemer & Mansfield

Halos contain **subhalos** which themselves contain **sub-subhalos**





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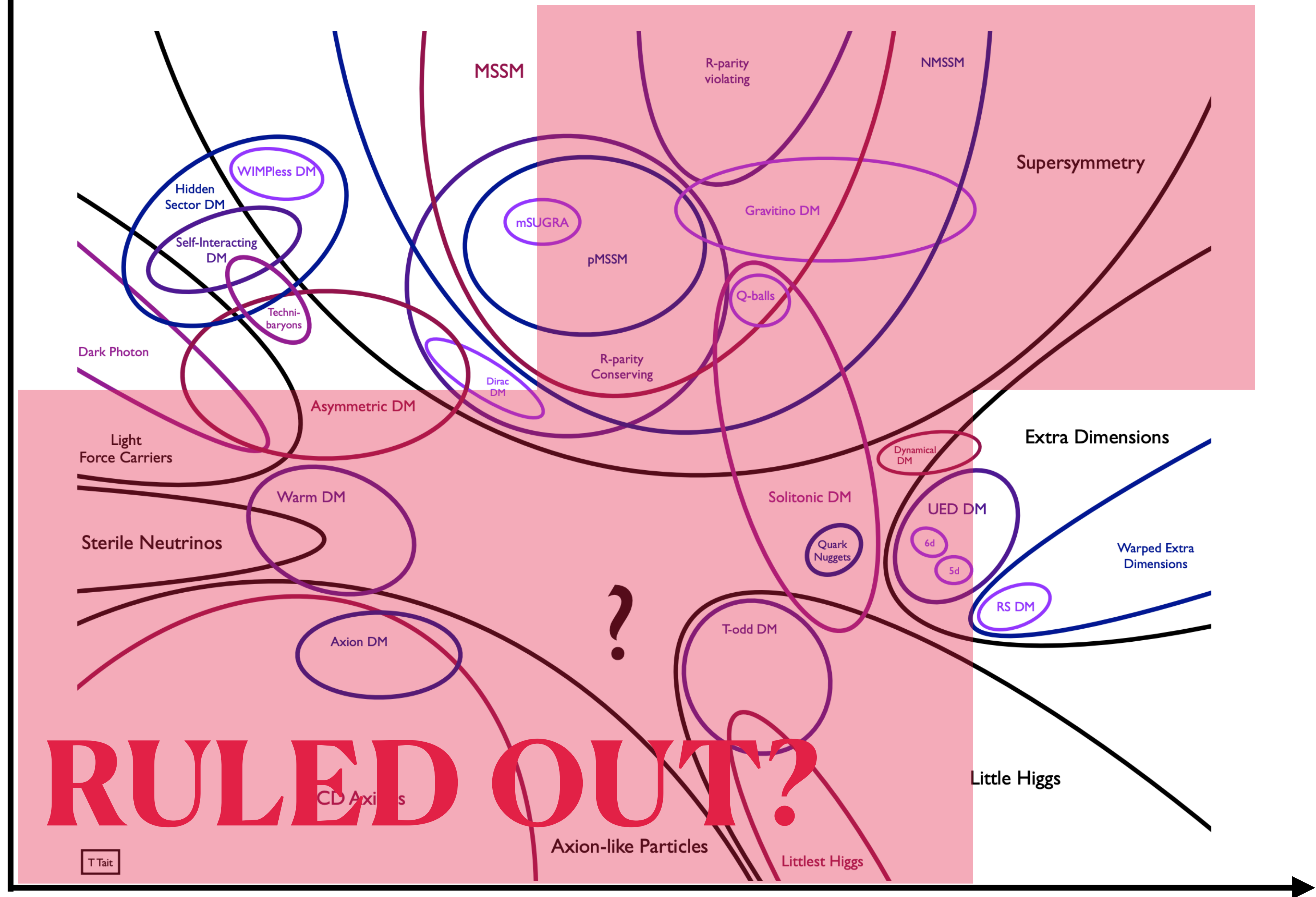


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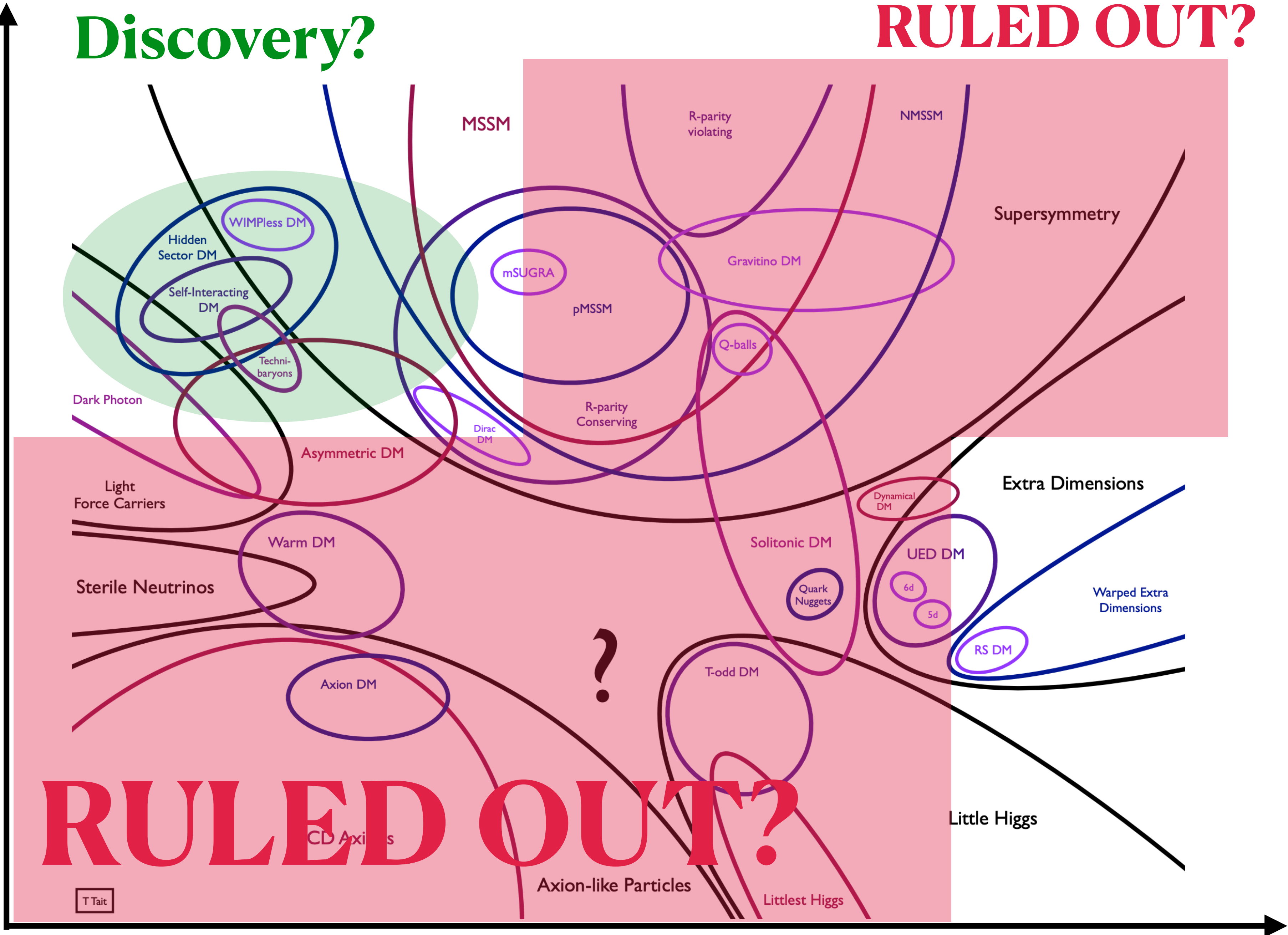
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Discovery?

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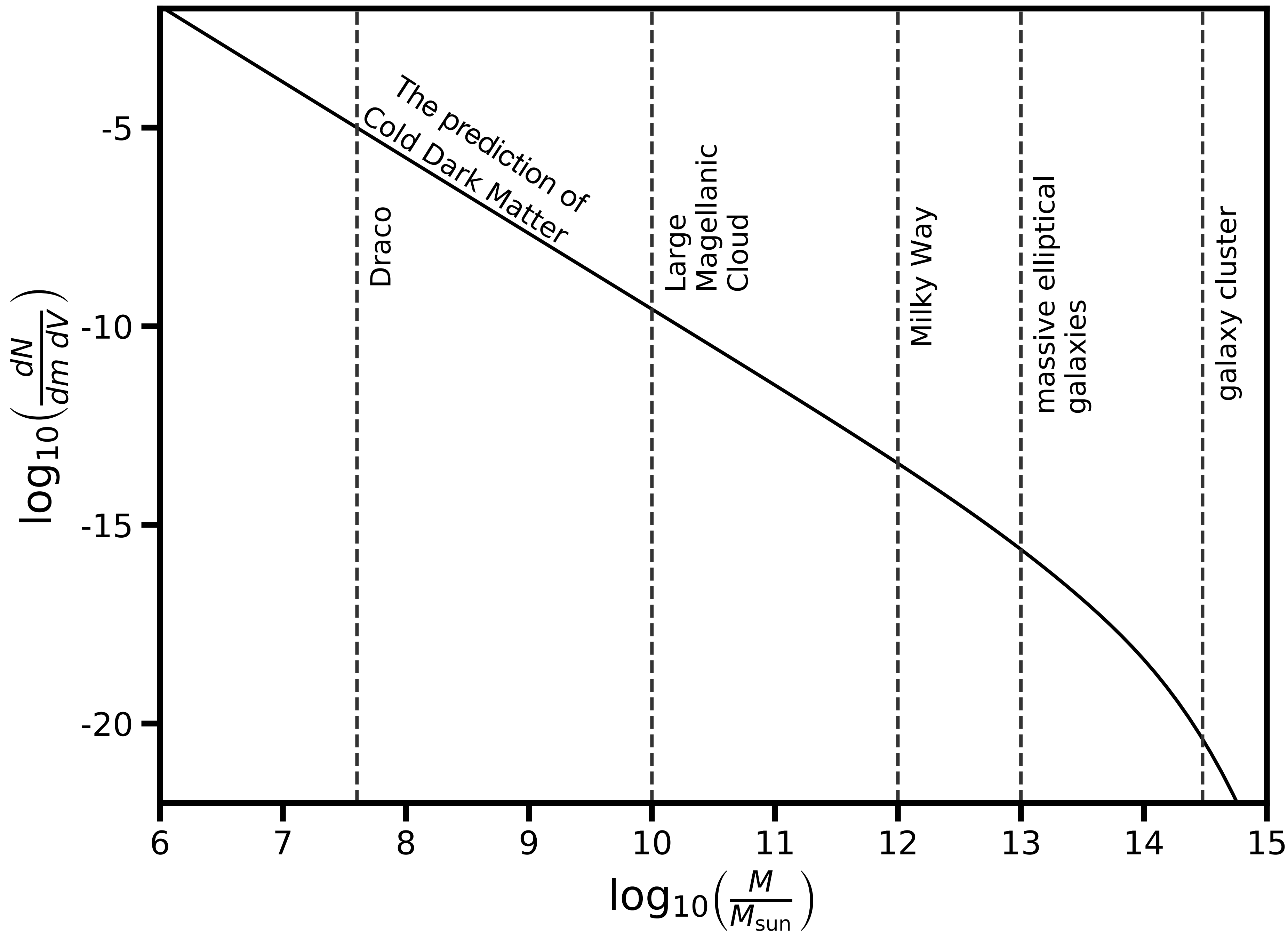
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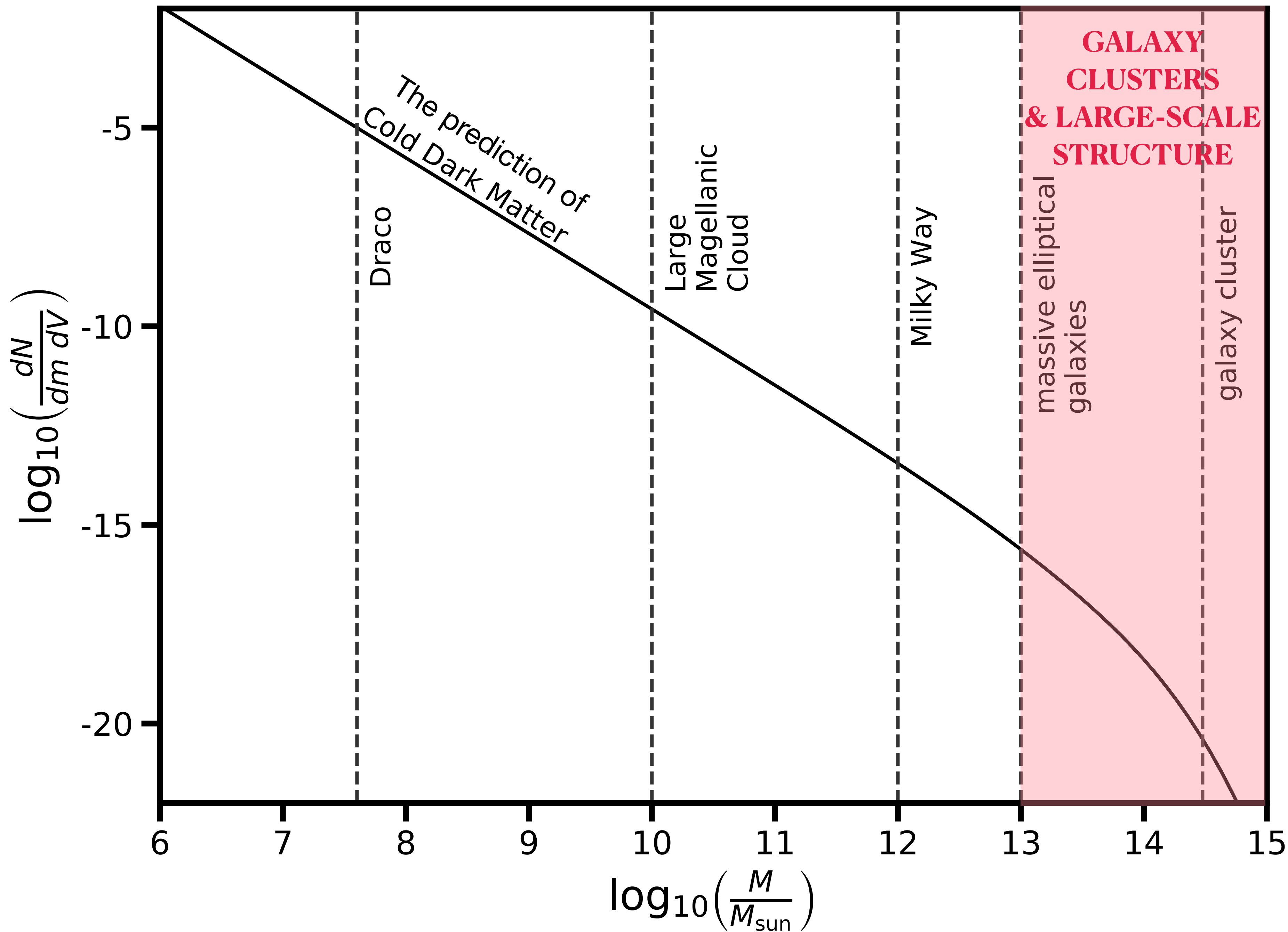
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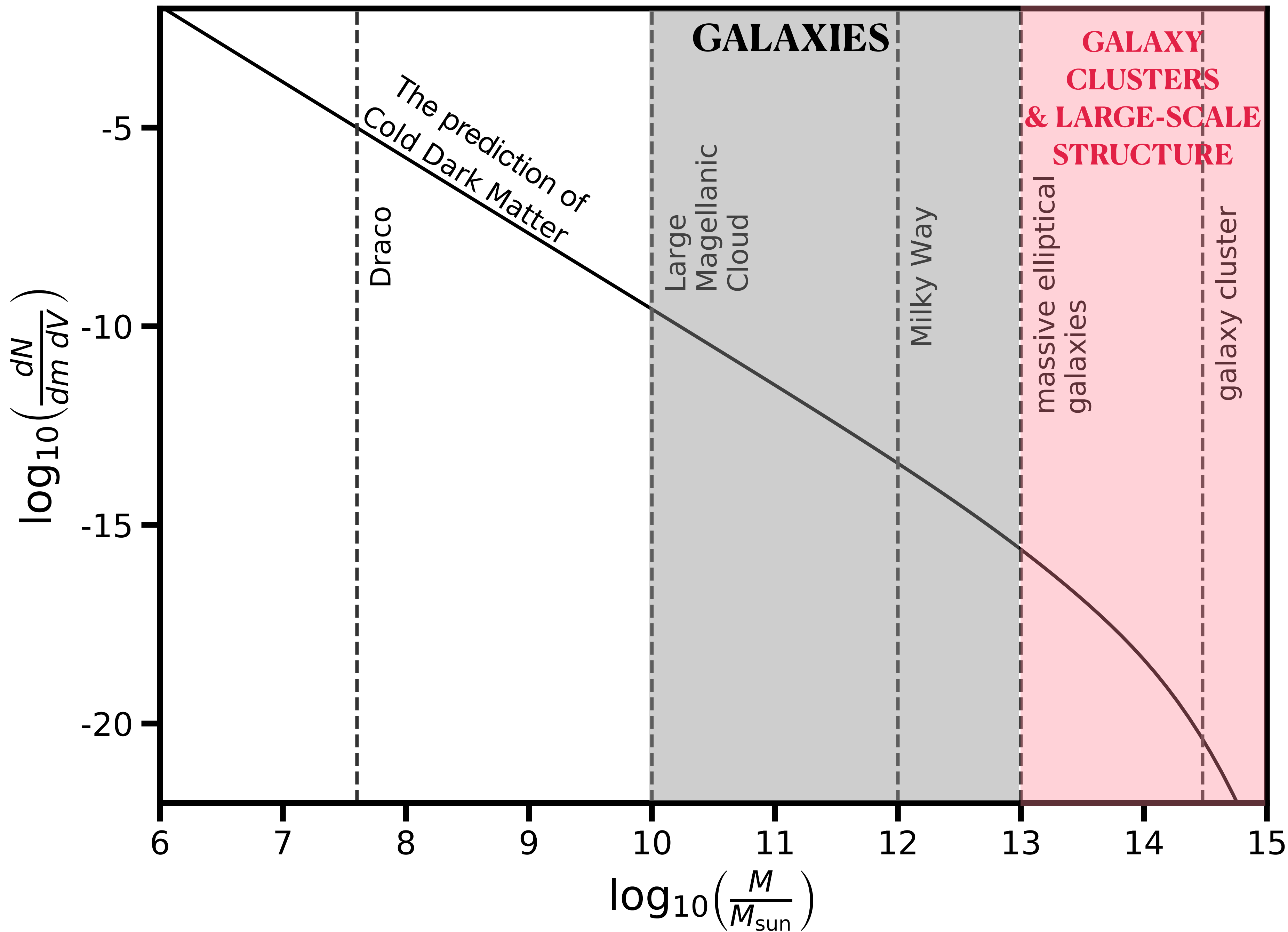
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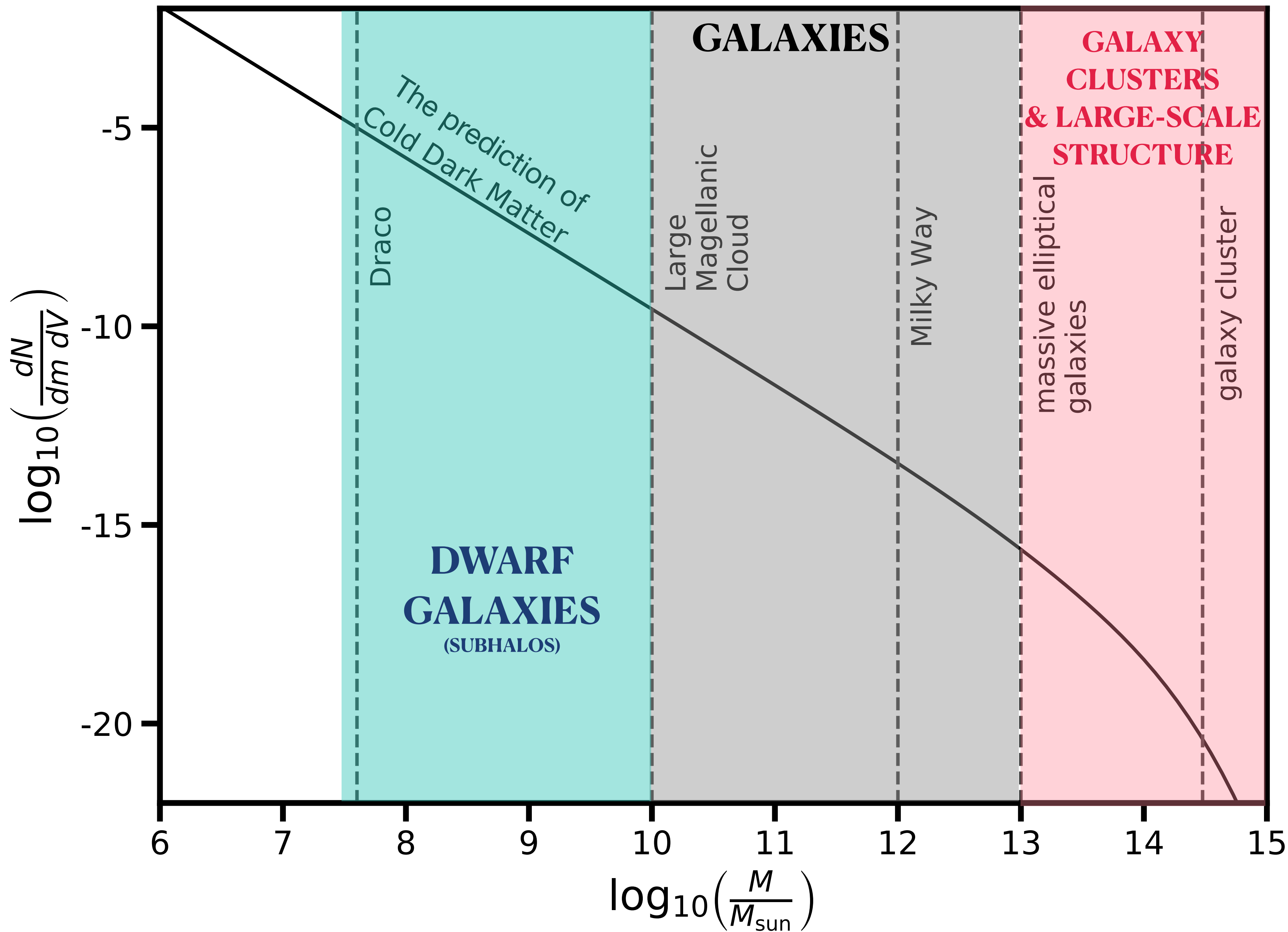
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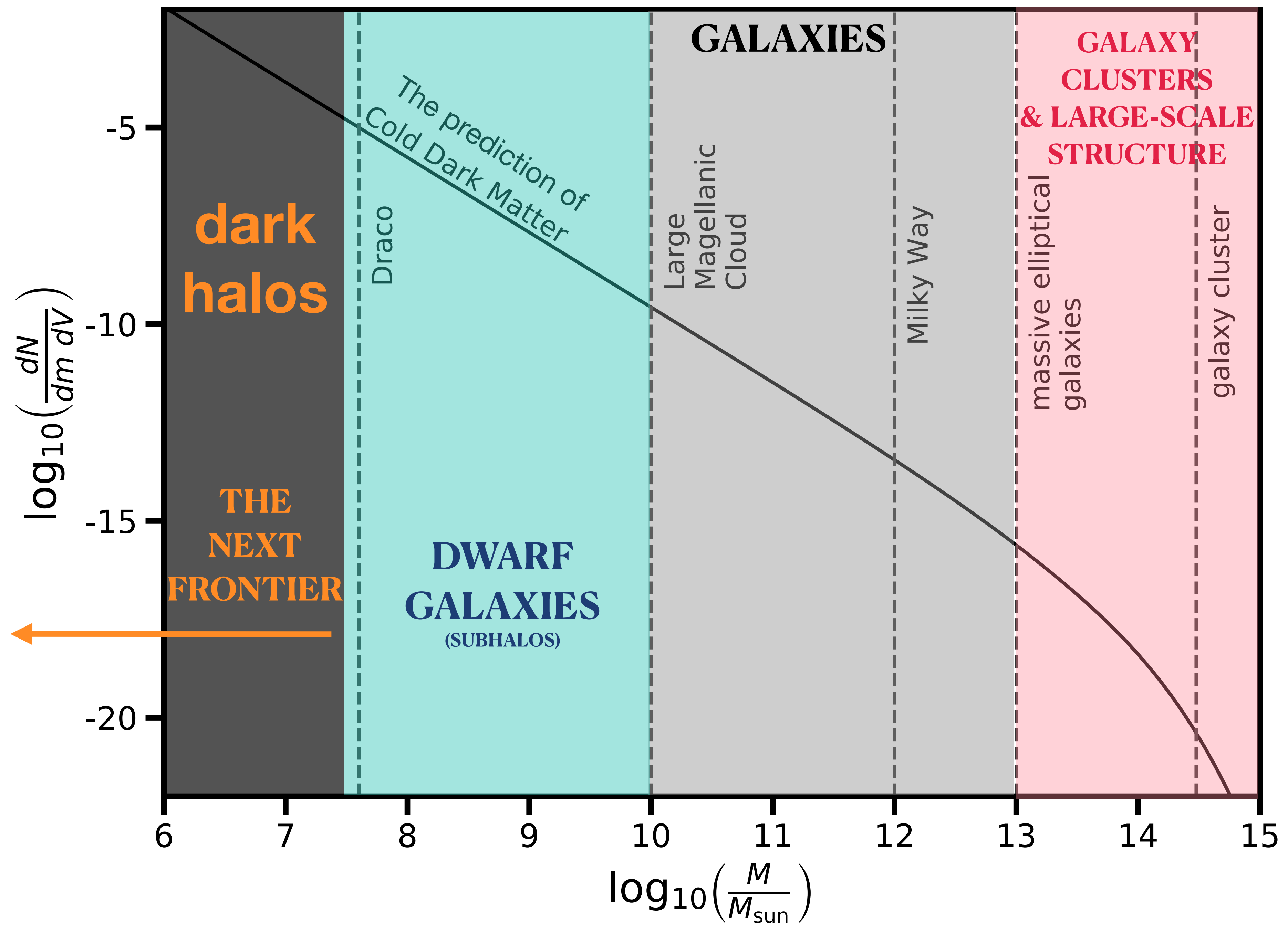










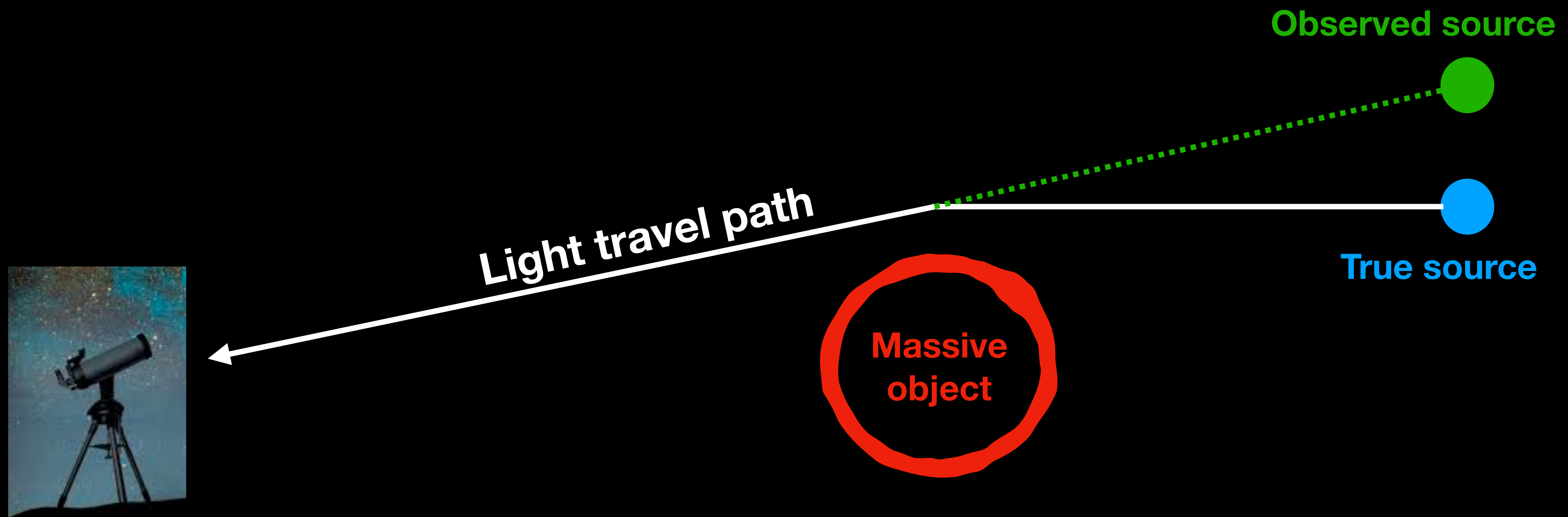


# Strong lensing

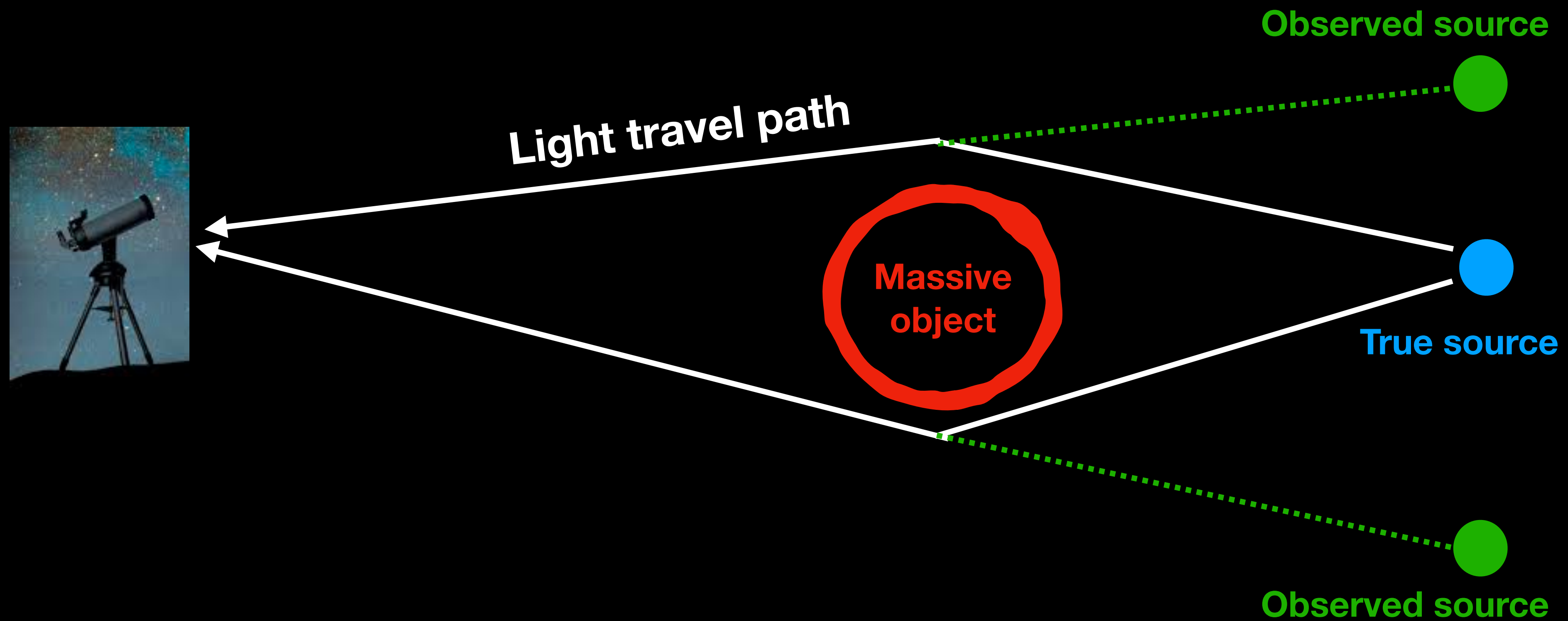


Movie by Yashar Hezaveh

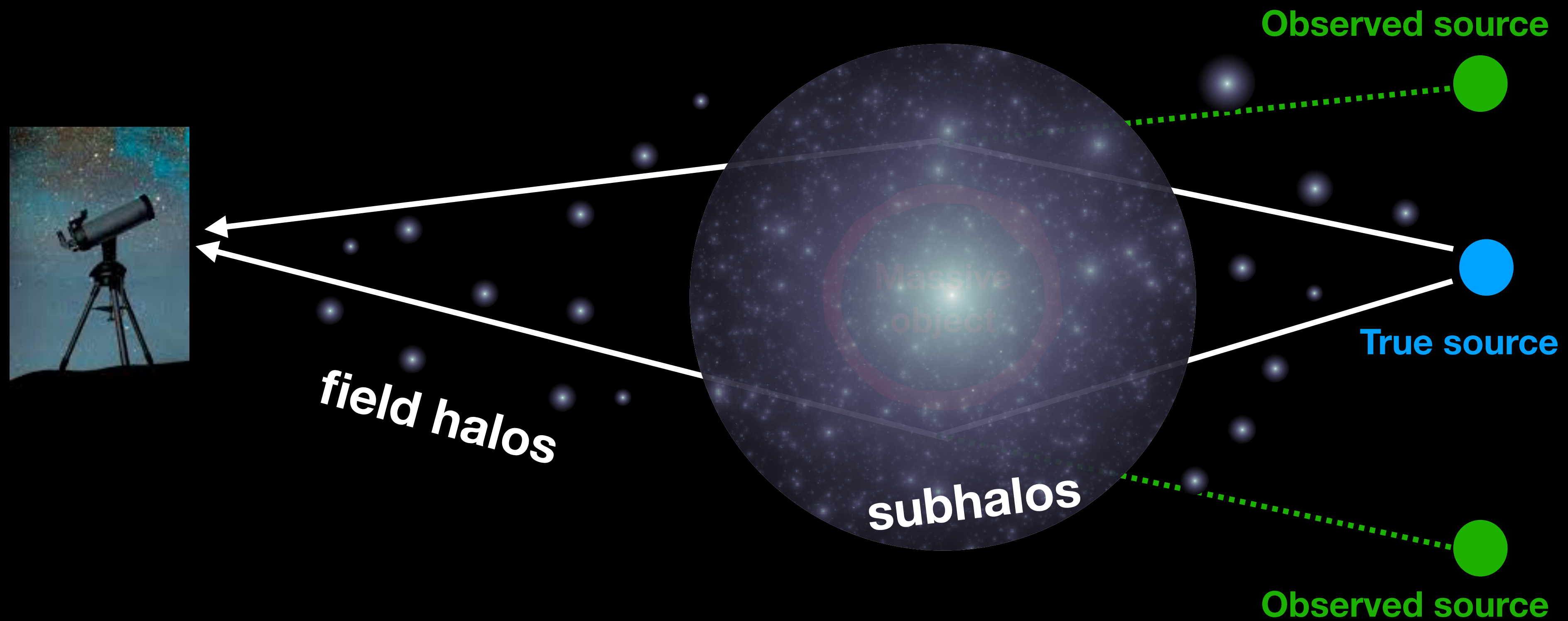
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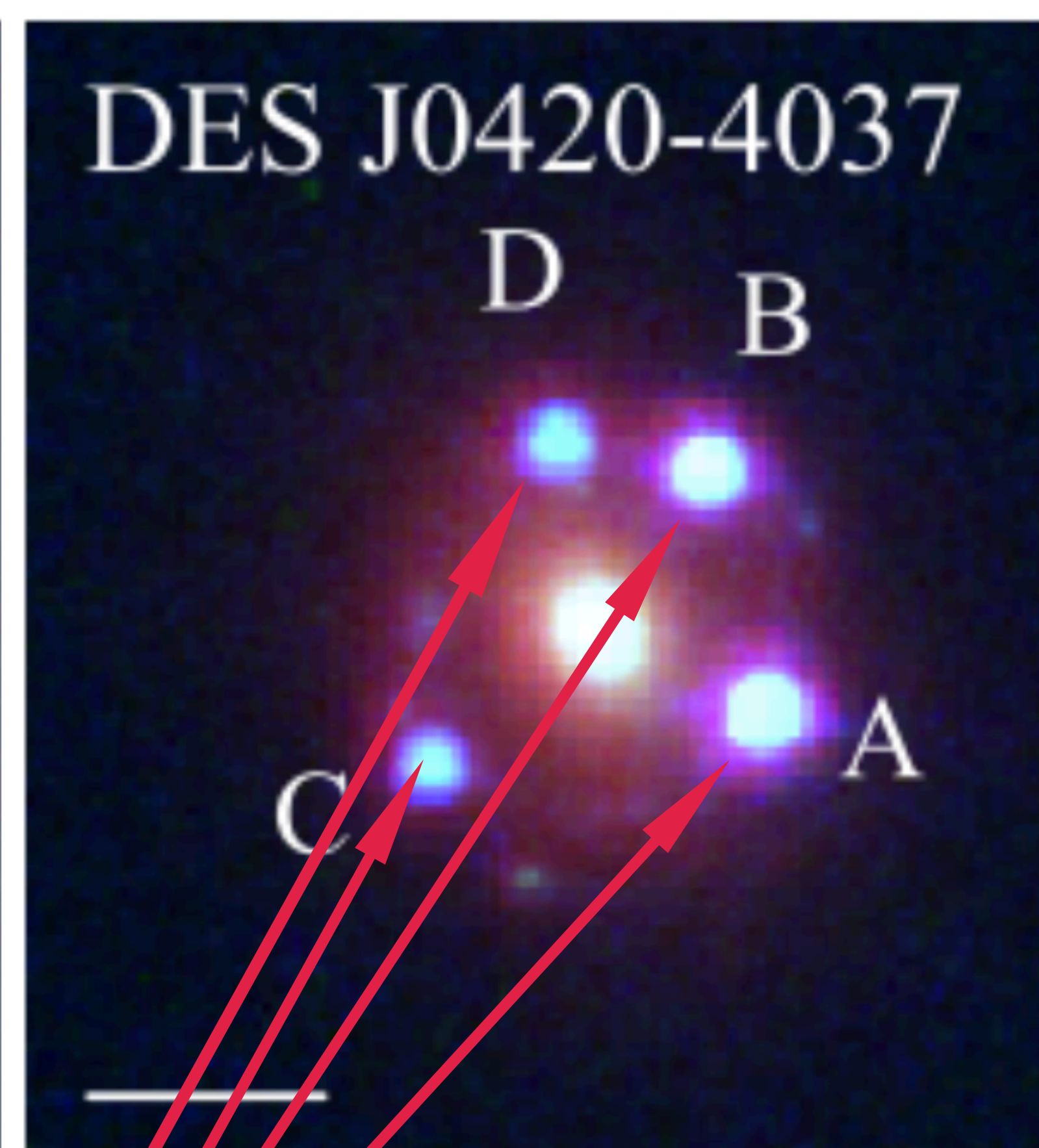
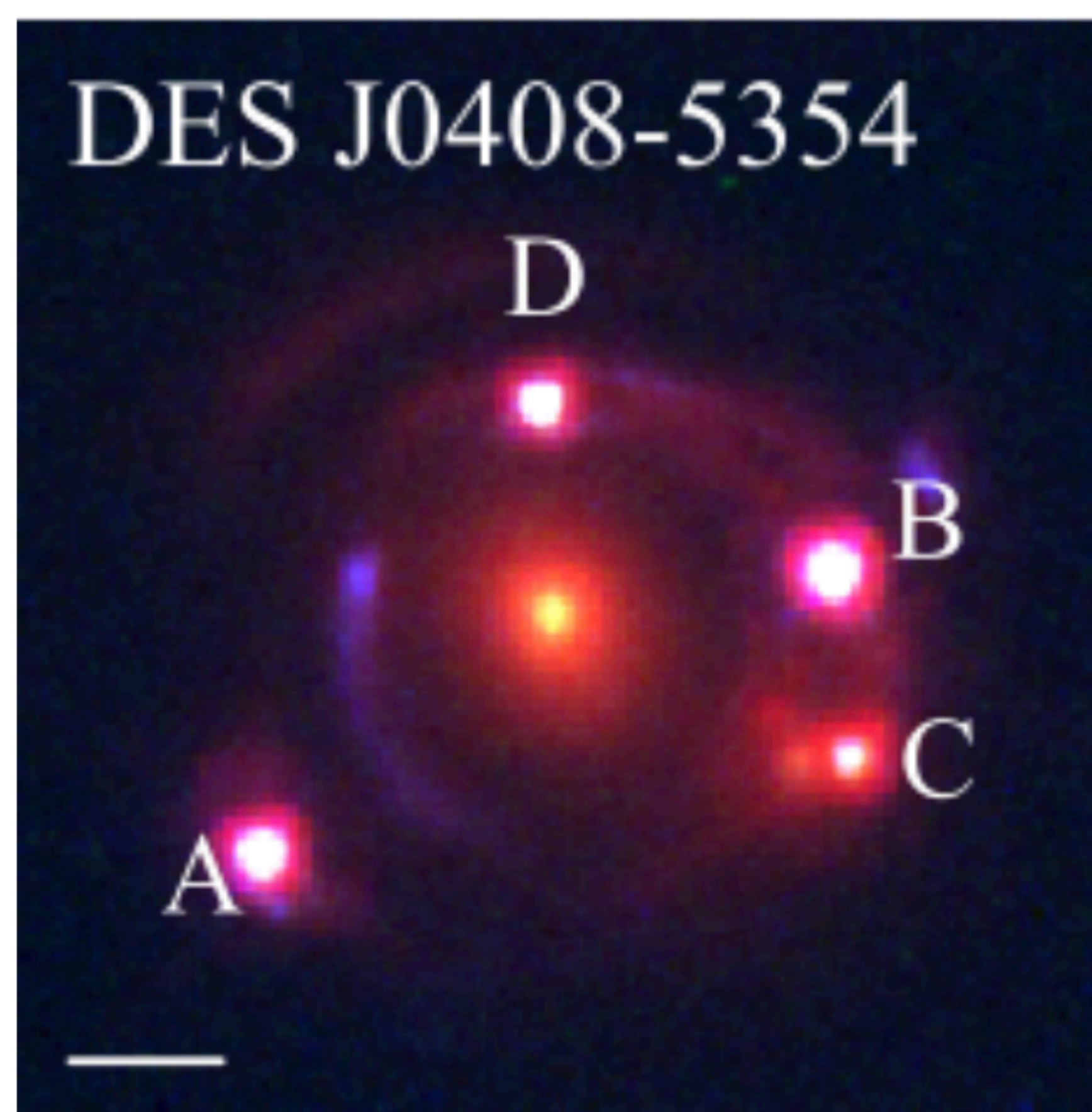
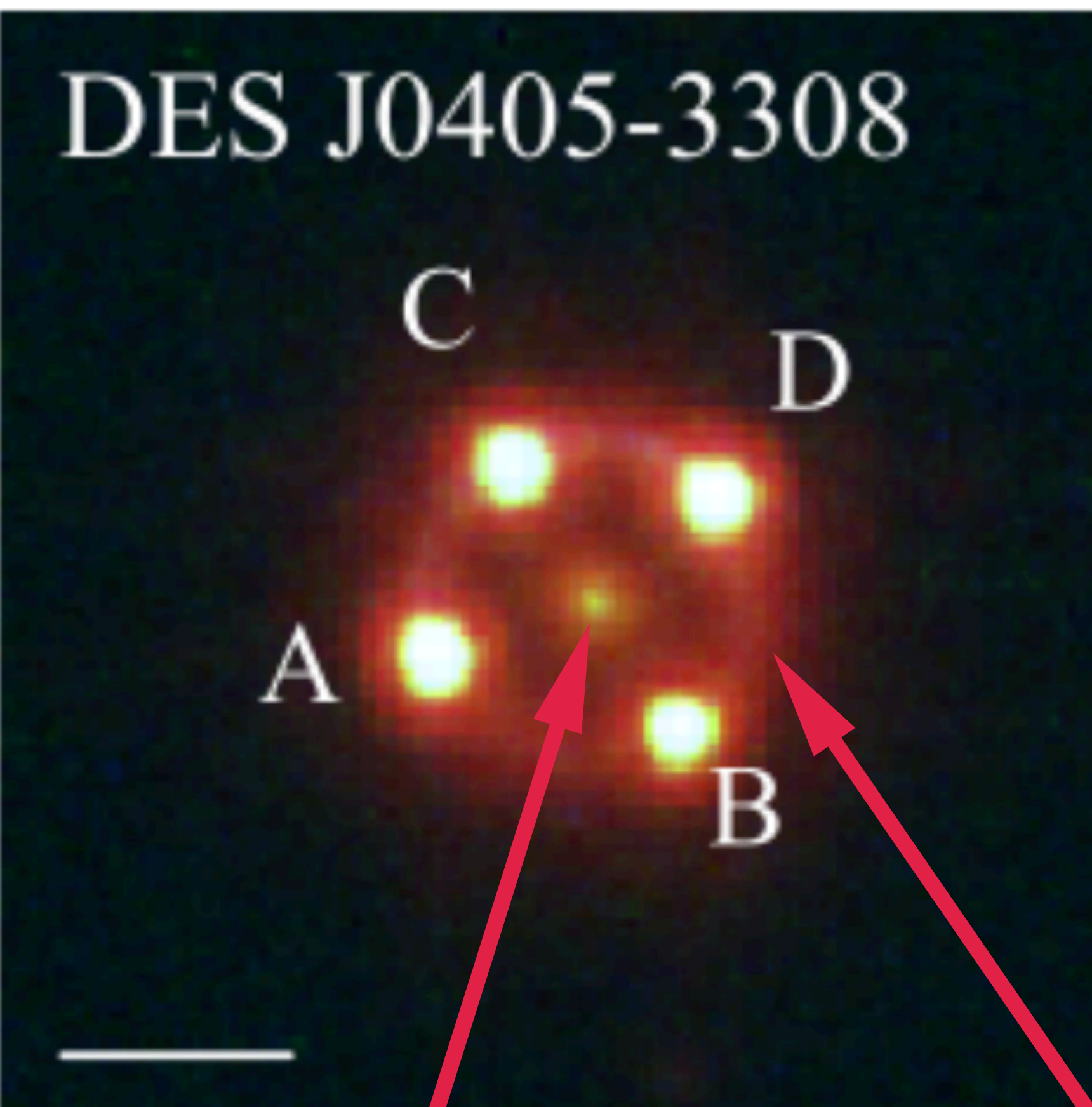
# Strong lensing produces multiple images of a single source



# Strong lensing produces multiple images of a single source







**Main deflector**

**(Lensed) quasar  
host galaxy**

**Multiple  
images of  
background  
quasar**

Figure adapted from  
Shajib et al. (2019)

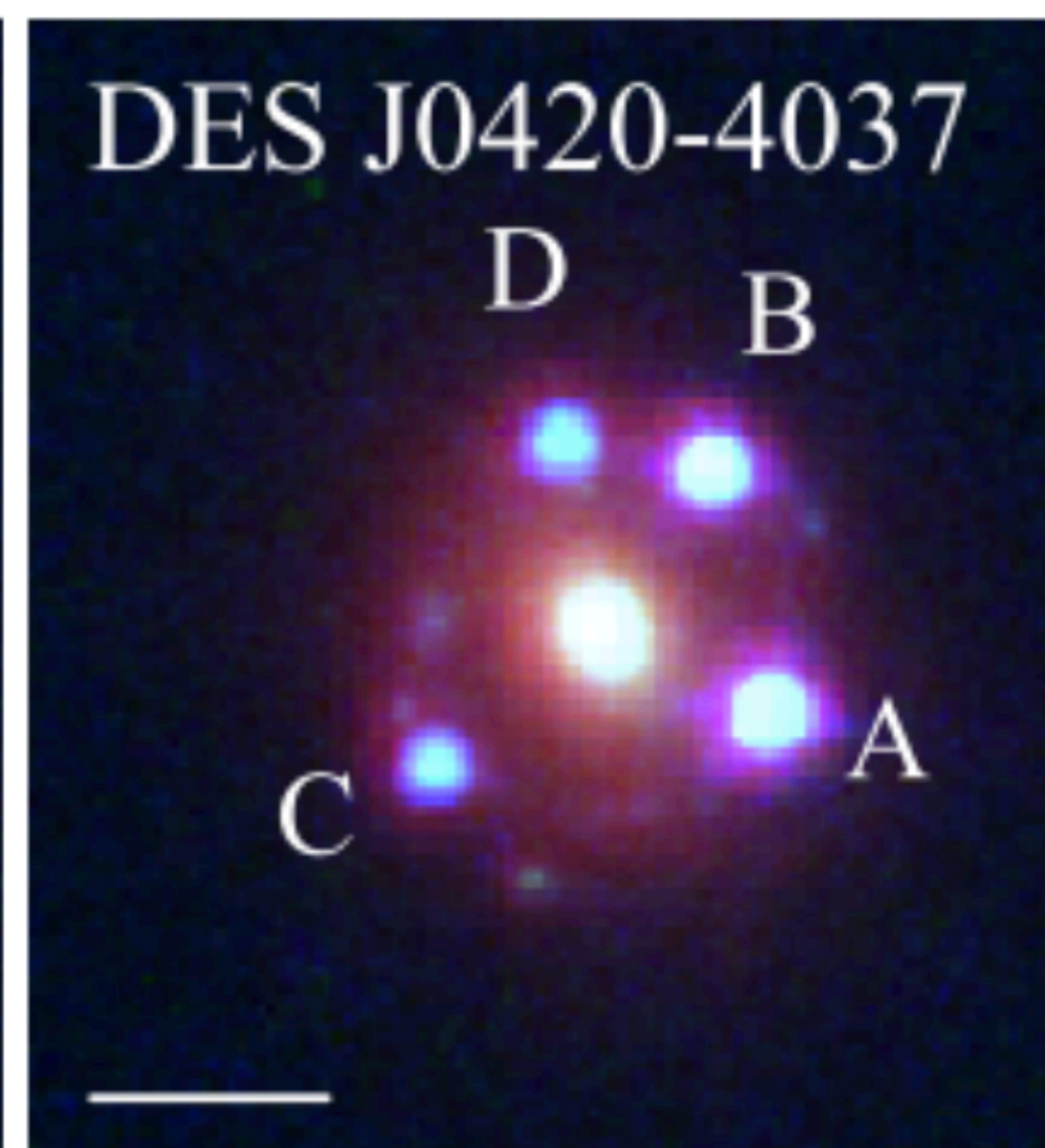
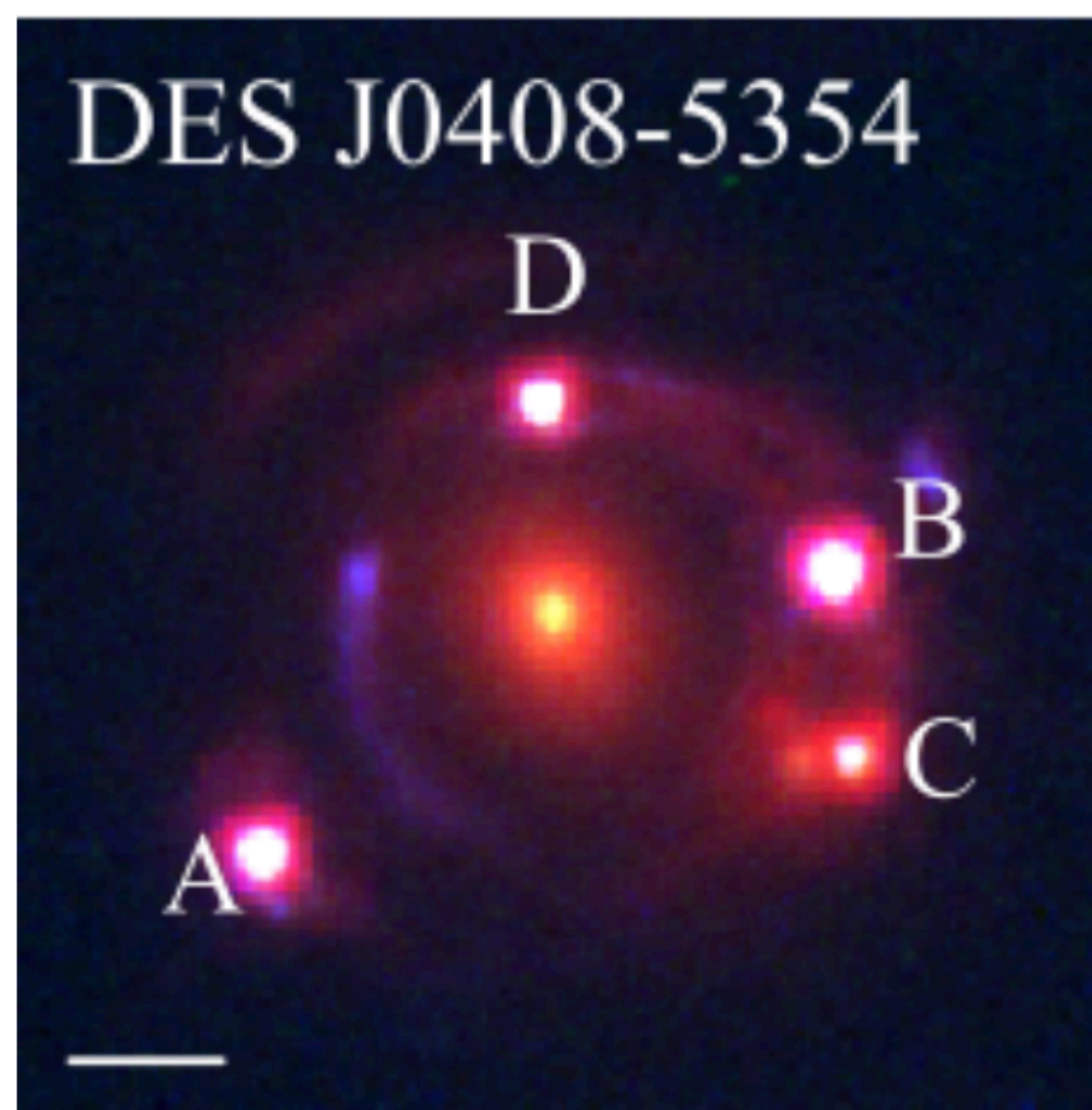
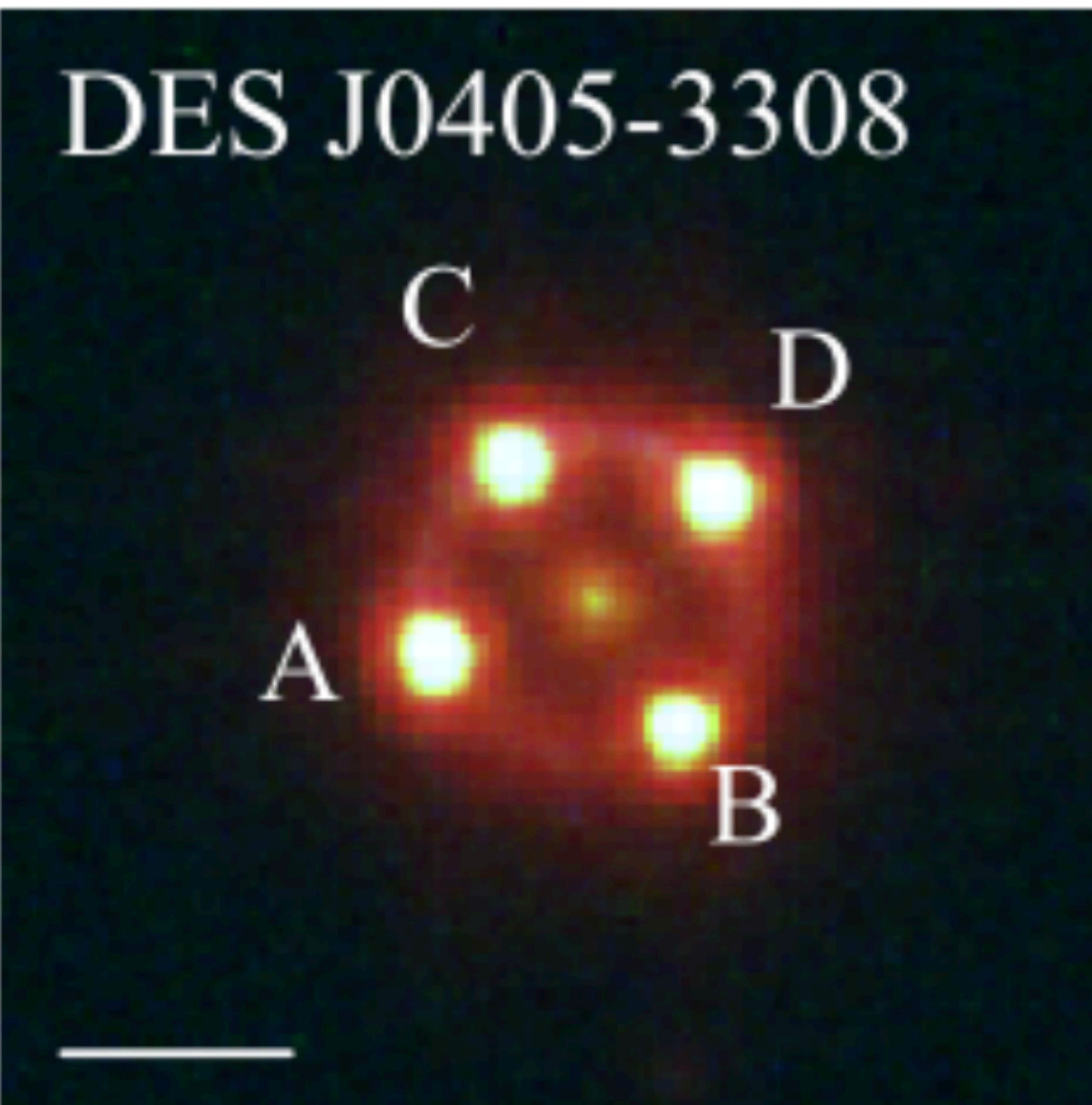
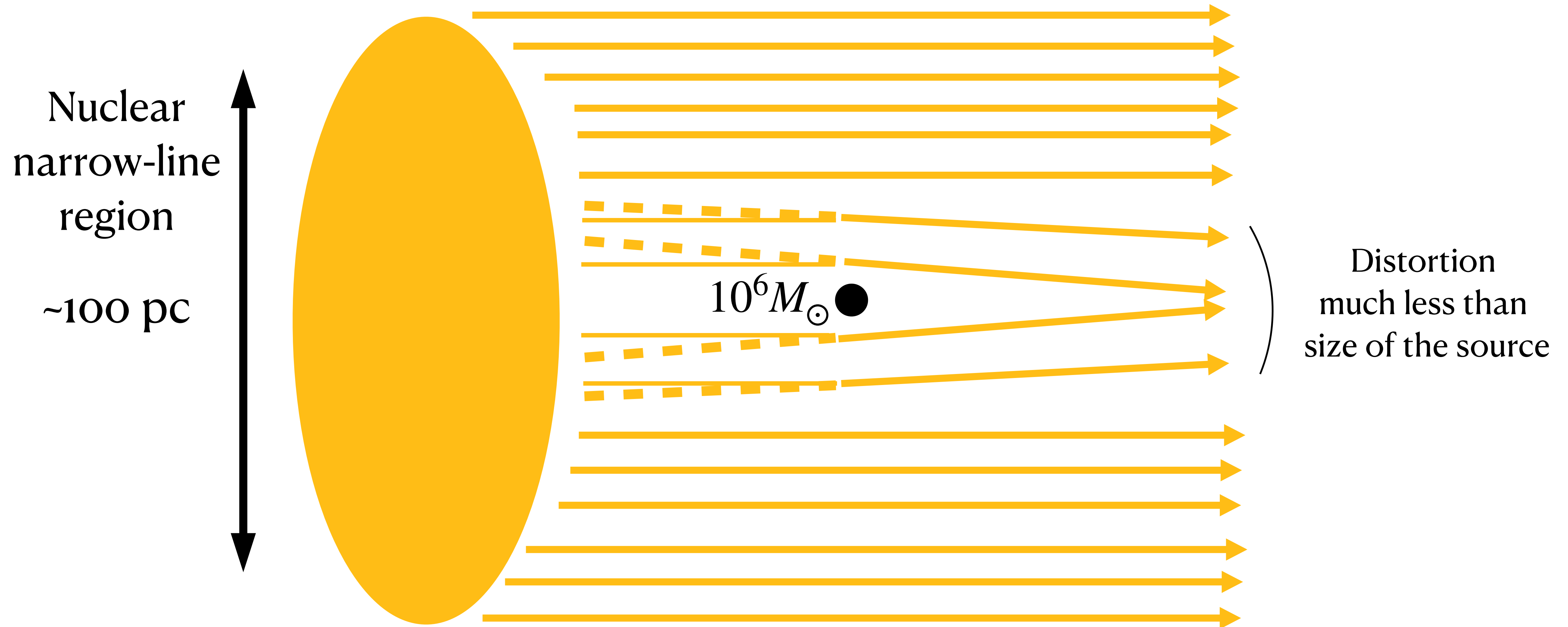


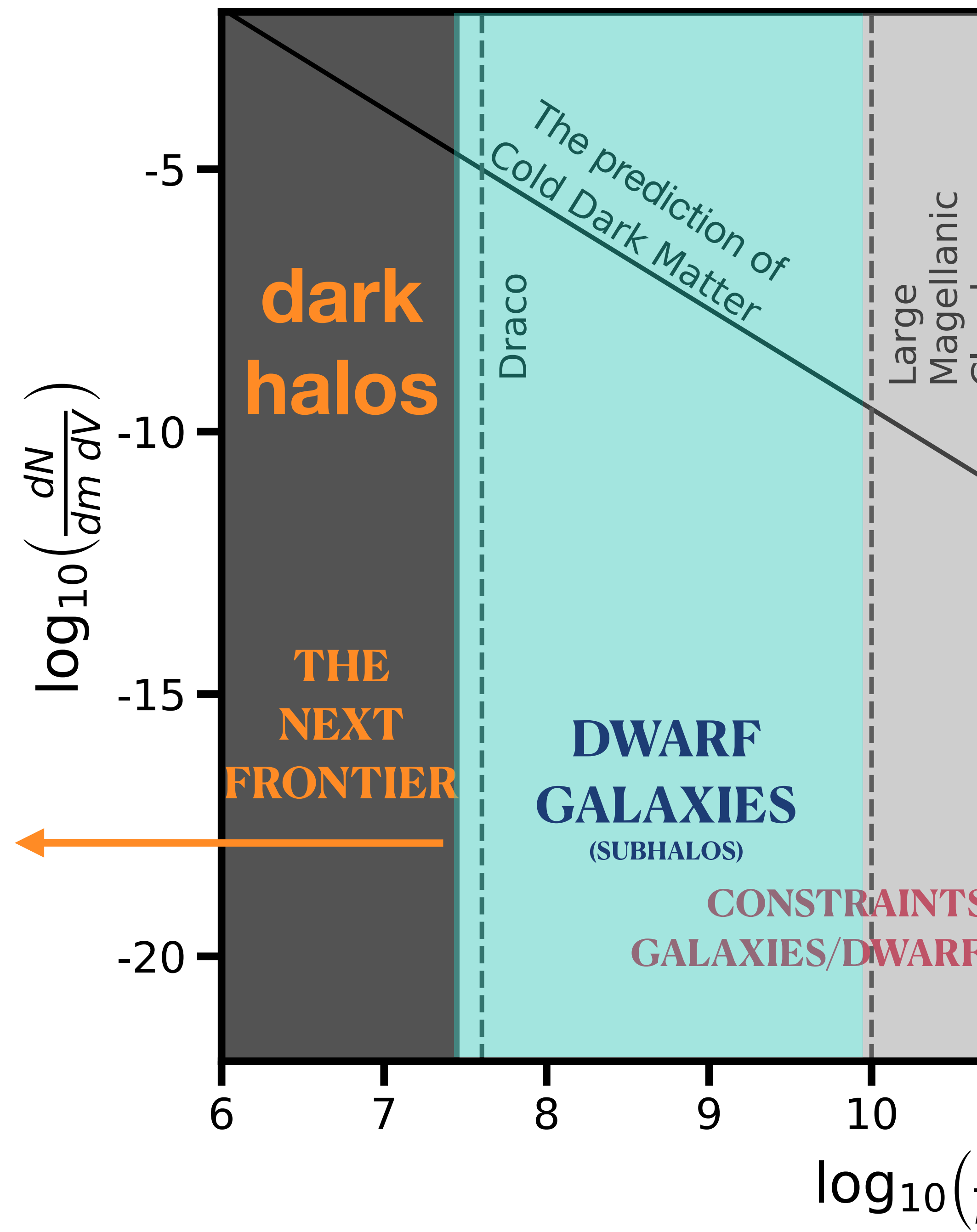
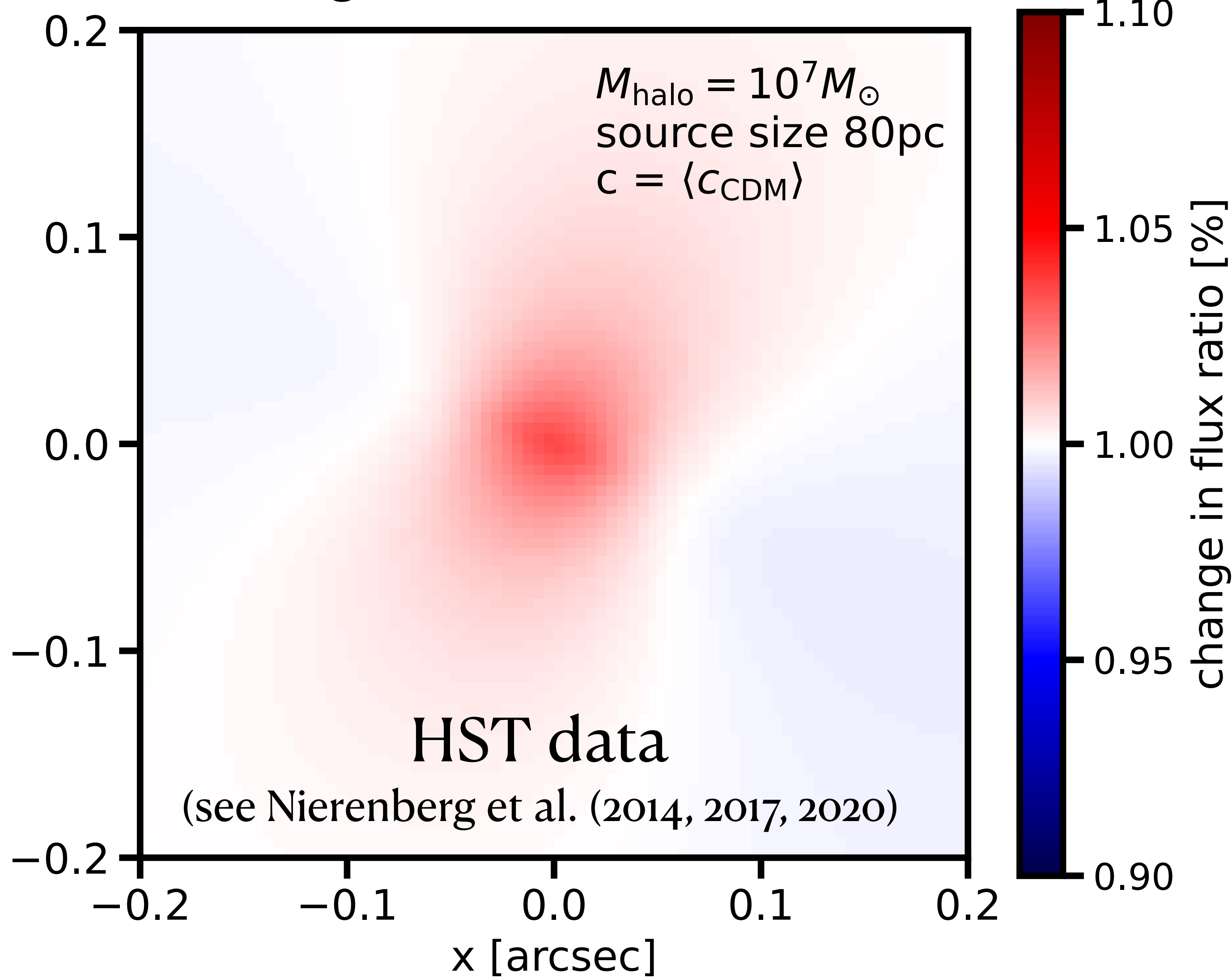
Image magnifications  $\sim \partial^2 \Psi (r) / \partial r^2 \propto$  projected mass  
-> sensitive to small-scale  
structure

# THE (recent) PAST: narrow-line flux ratios from HST



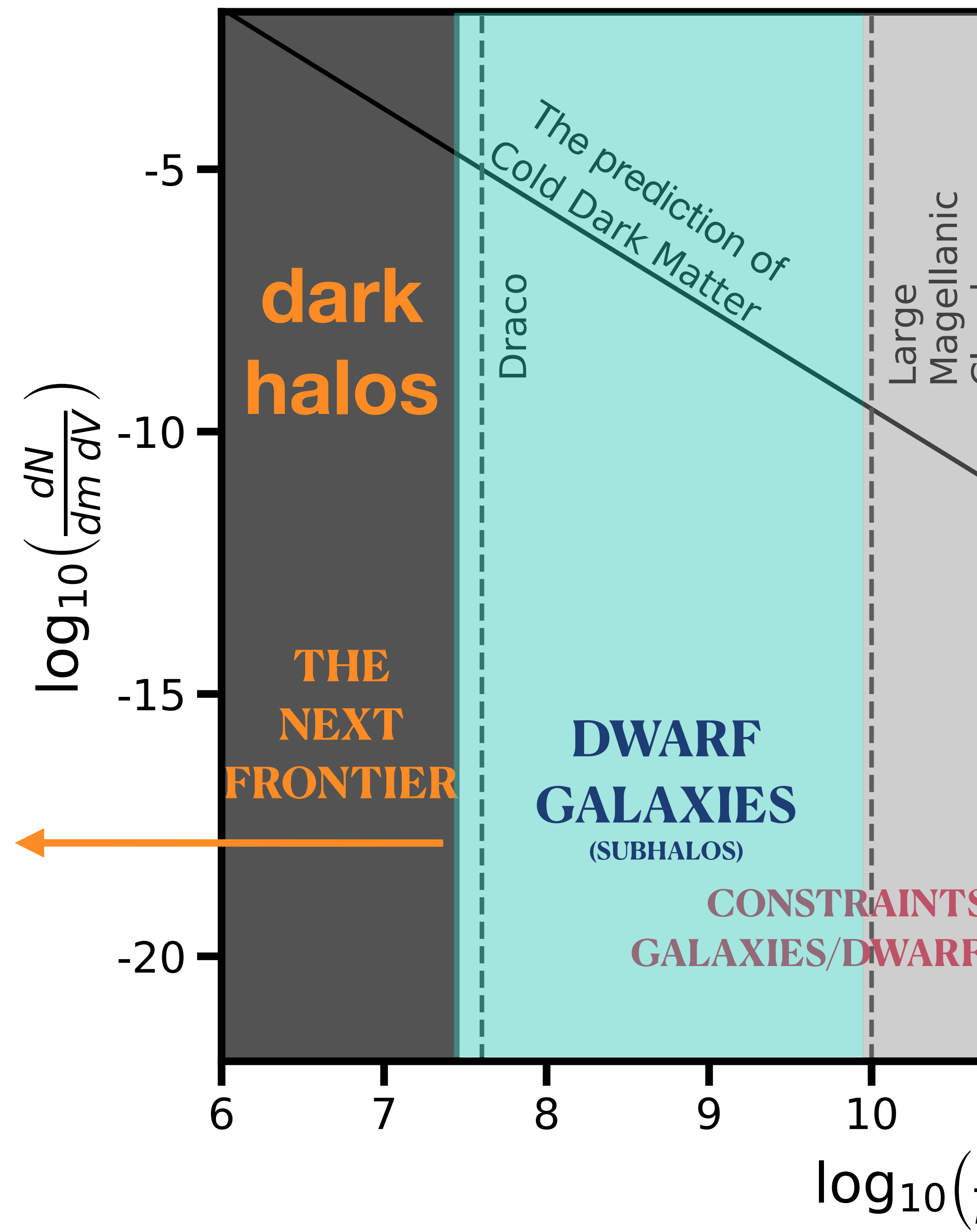
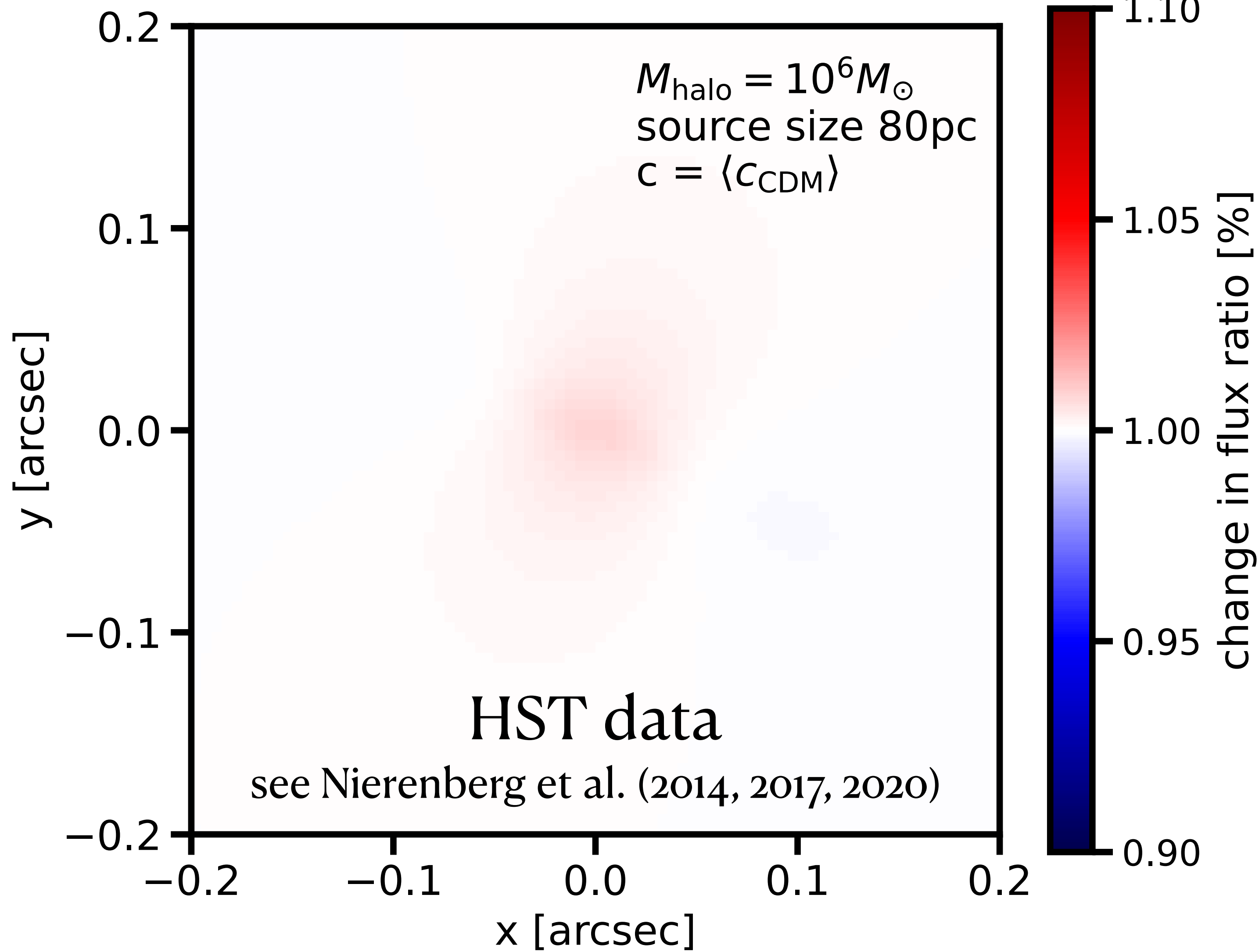
$$M = 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

Magnification cross section

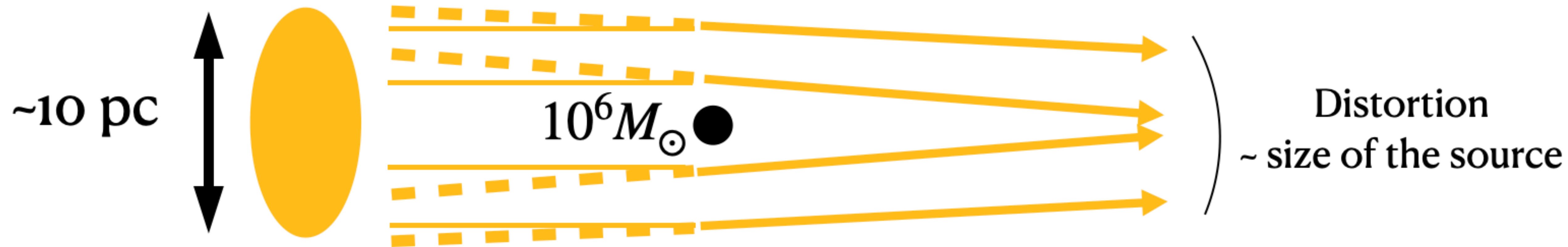


$$M = 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

### Magnification cross section



# THE PRESENT: mid-IR flux ratios from JWST GO-2046



## JWST GO-2046 “A definitive test of the dark matter paradigm”

PI Anna Nierenberg, Co-Is include D. Gilman

### Survey introduction:

- Nierenberg, incl. Gilman et al. (2023) (arXiv: 2309.10101)

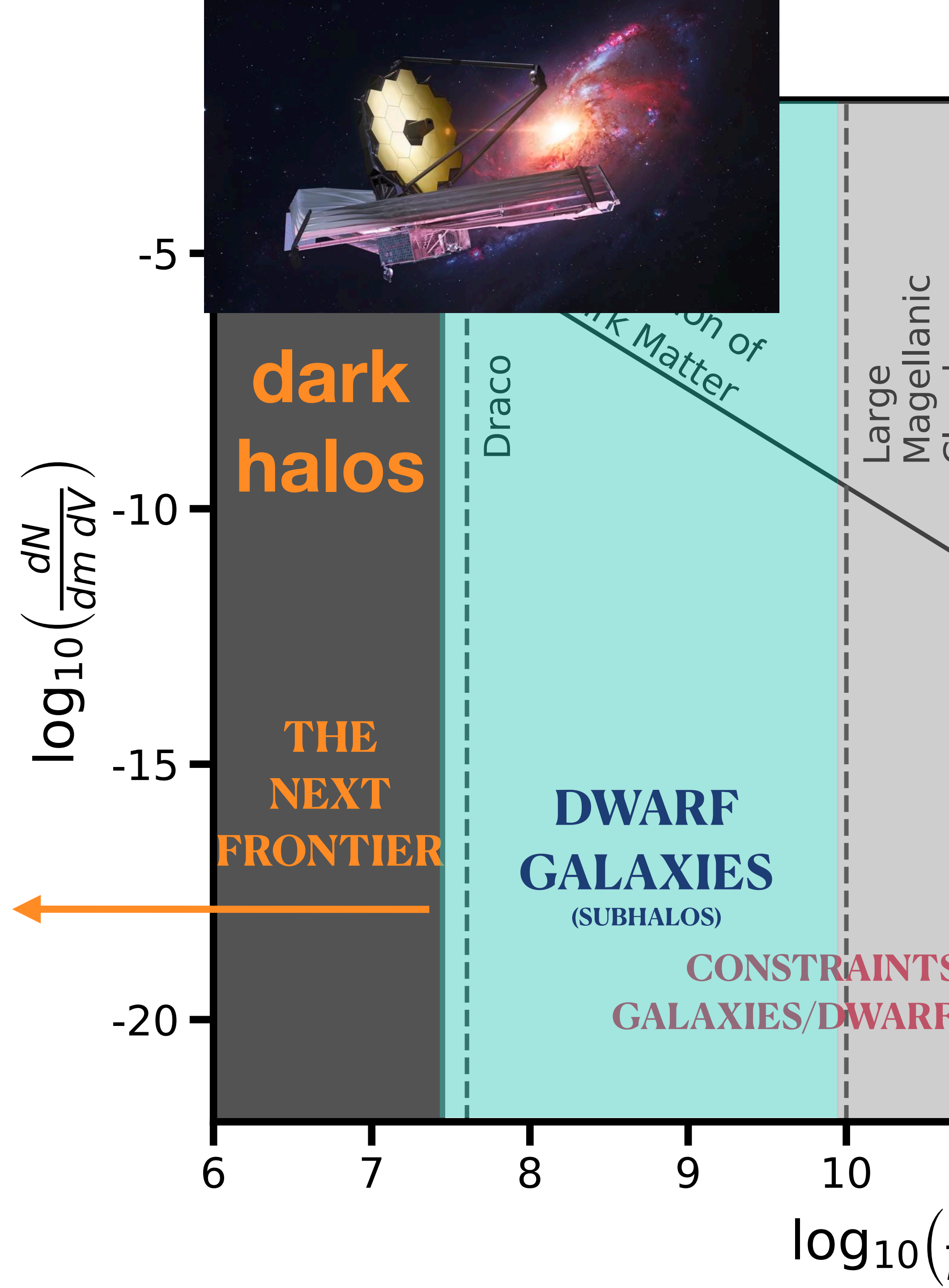
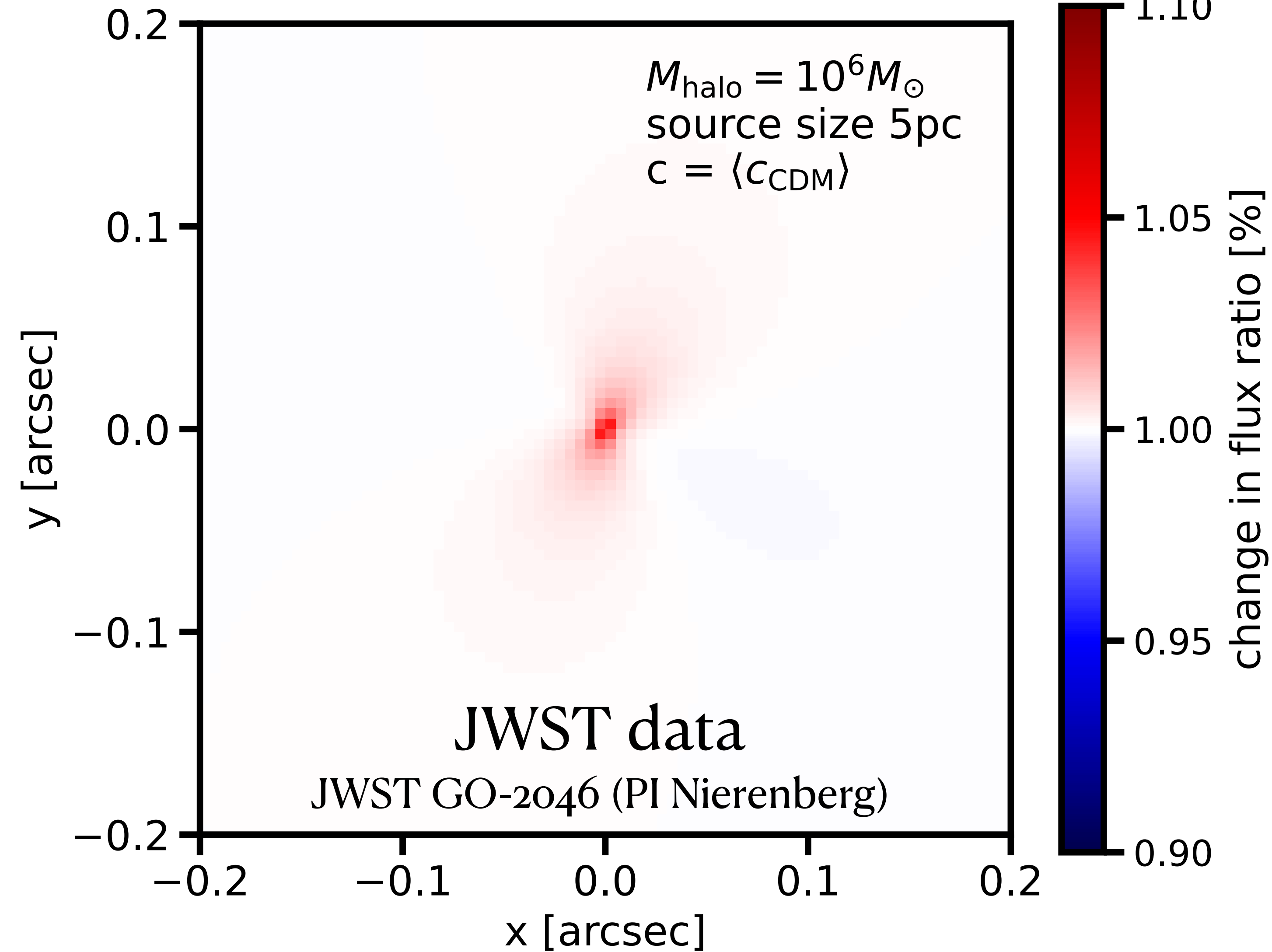
### First results with 9 systems:

- Keeley, incl. Gilman et al. (2024) (arXiv: 2405.01620)

$$M = 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

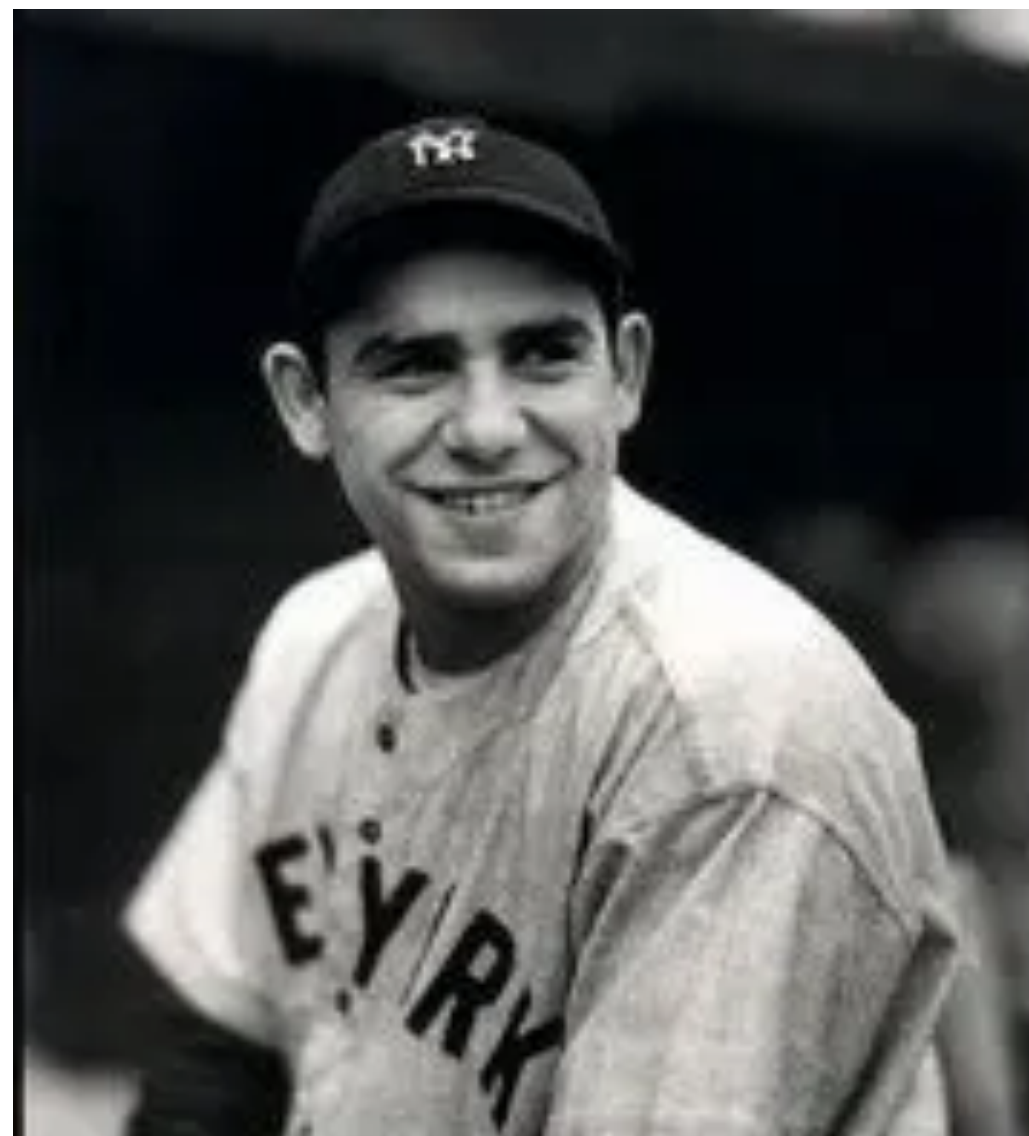
Magnification cross section

$M_{\text{halo}} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$   
source size 5pc  
 $c = \langle c_{\text{CDM}} \rangle$



# A CRASH COURSE IN FORWARD MODELING STRONG LENSES

(in the context of warm dark matter)



In theory there is no difference between theory  
and practice. In practice there is.

(Yogi Berra)

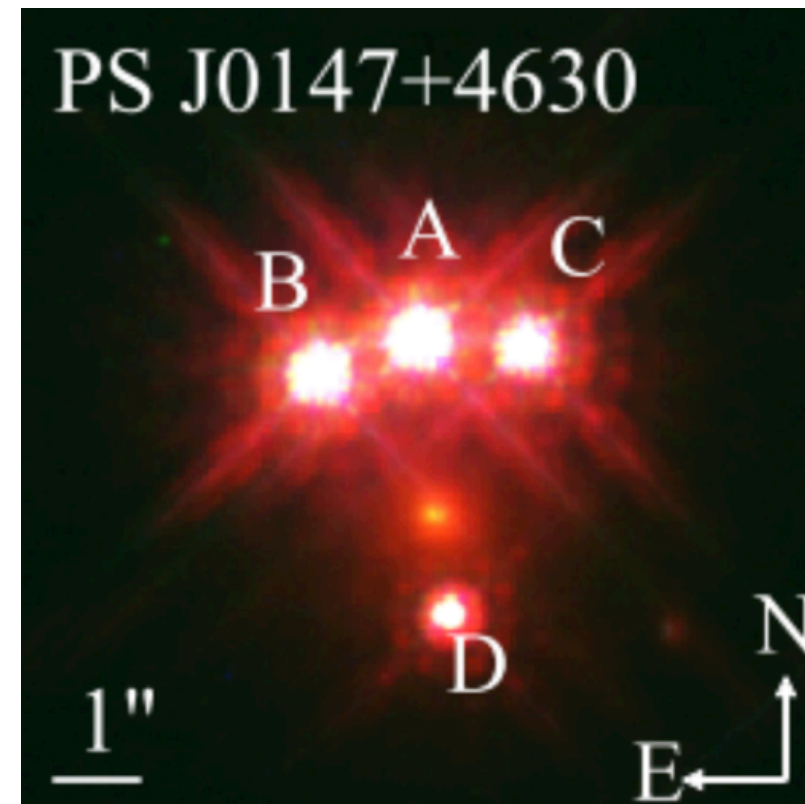
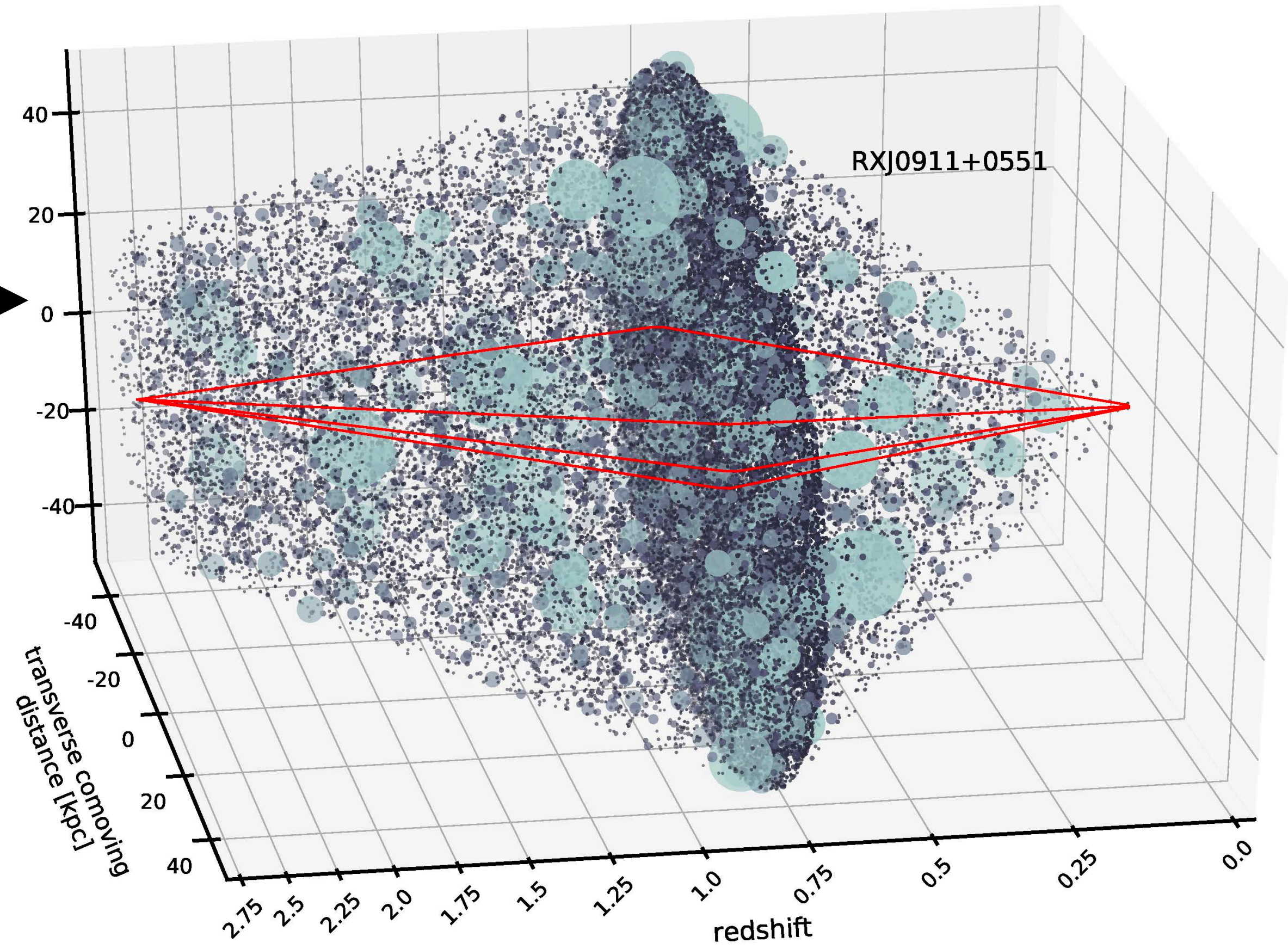


# Simulation pipeline

Dark matter  
theory



Halo mass function,  
halo density profiles



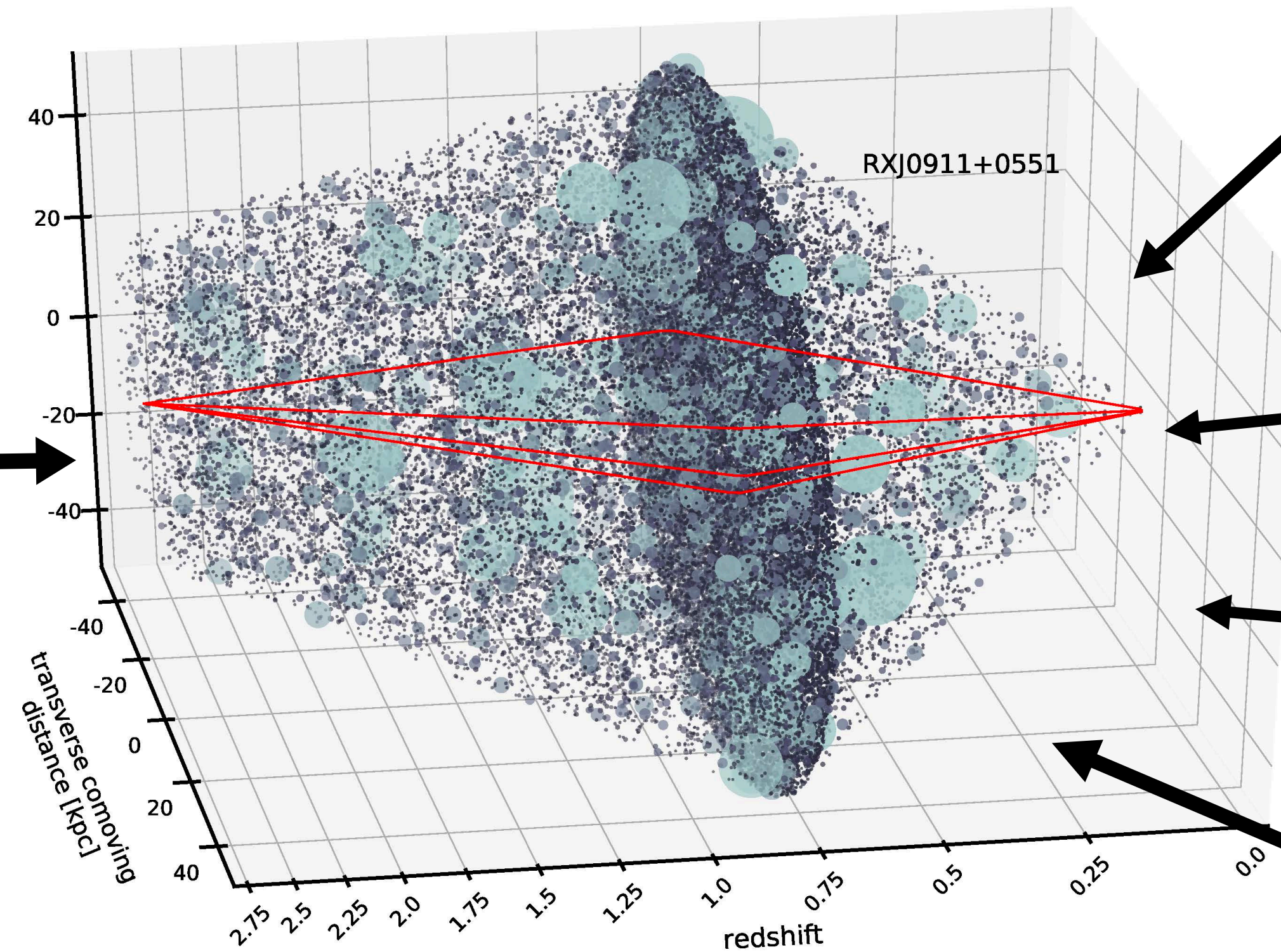
$10^5 - 10^6 M_{\odot}$  ray-tracing  
simulations per lens

Compare with data

# Simulation pipeline

Dark matter physics/halo properties

- Both subhalos and line-of-sight halos
- (Sub)halo mass function amplitude & slope
- halo density profiles, concentrations
- Exotic DM physics



Main deflector mass models

- Satellite galaxies
- Mass profile ellipticity, slope, external shears
- Multipole perturbations

Finite-size background sources

Measurement uncertainties

The effects of baryons, e.g. tidal stripping, heating, etc.

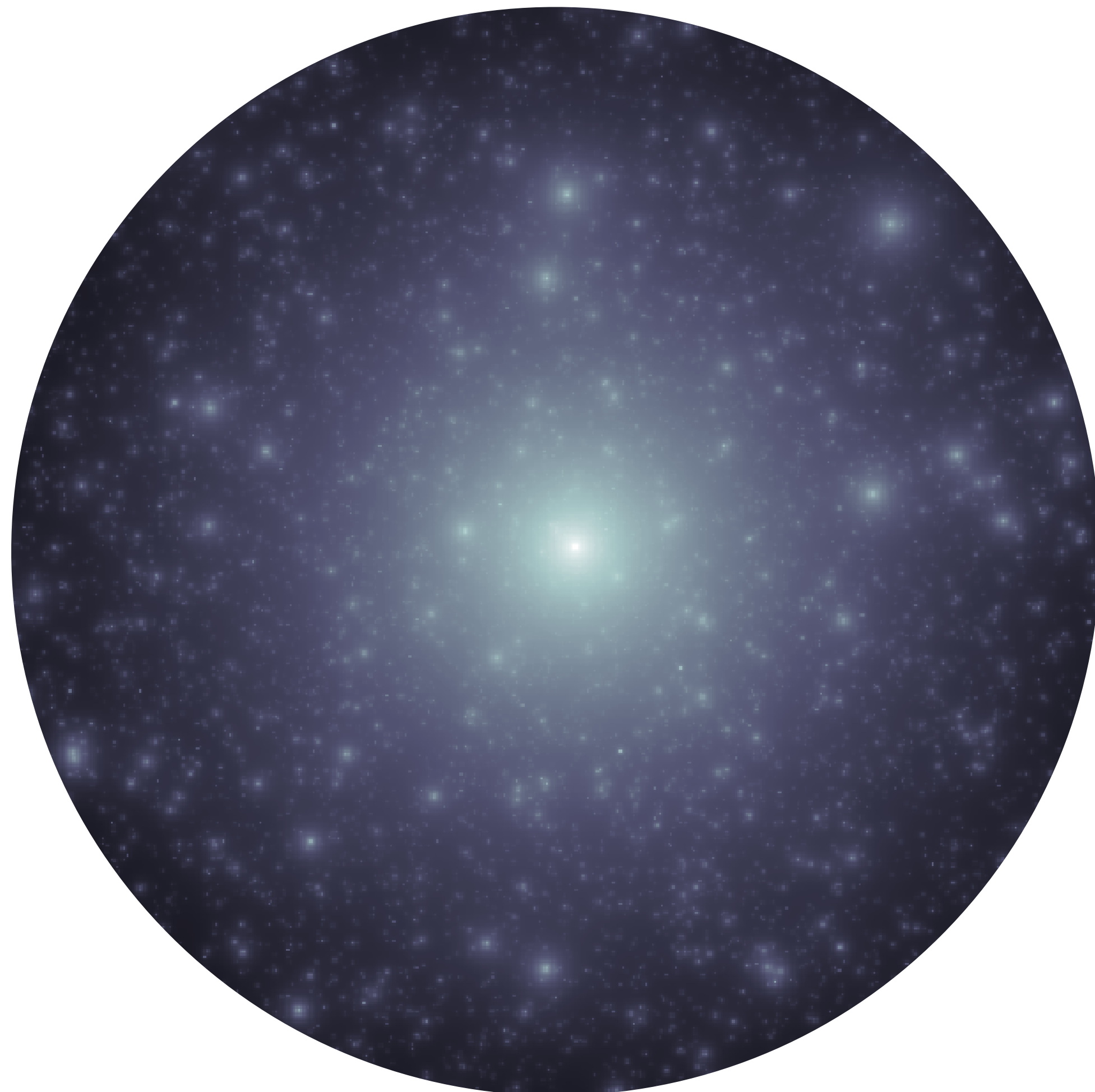
All code is open-source:

- pyHalo (generate substructure realizations)
- lenstronomy (lensing calculations)
- samana (simulation pipeline)

# Simulation pipeline example: 1) generate realizations of halos from model

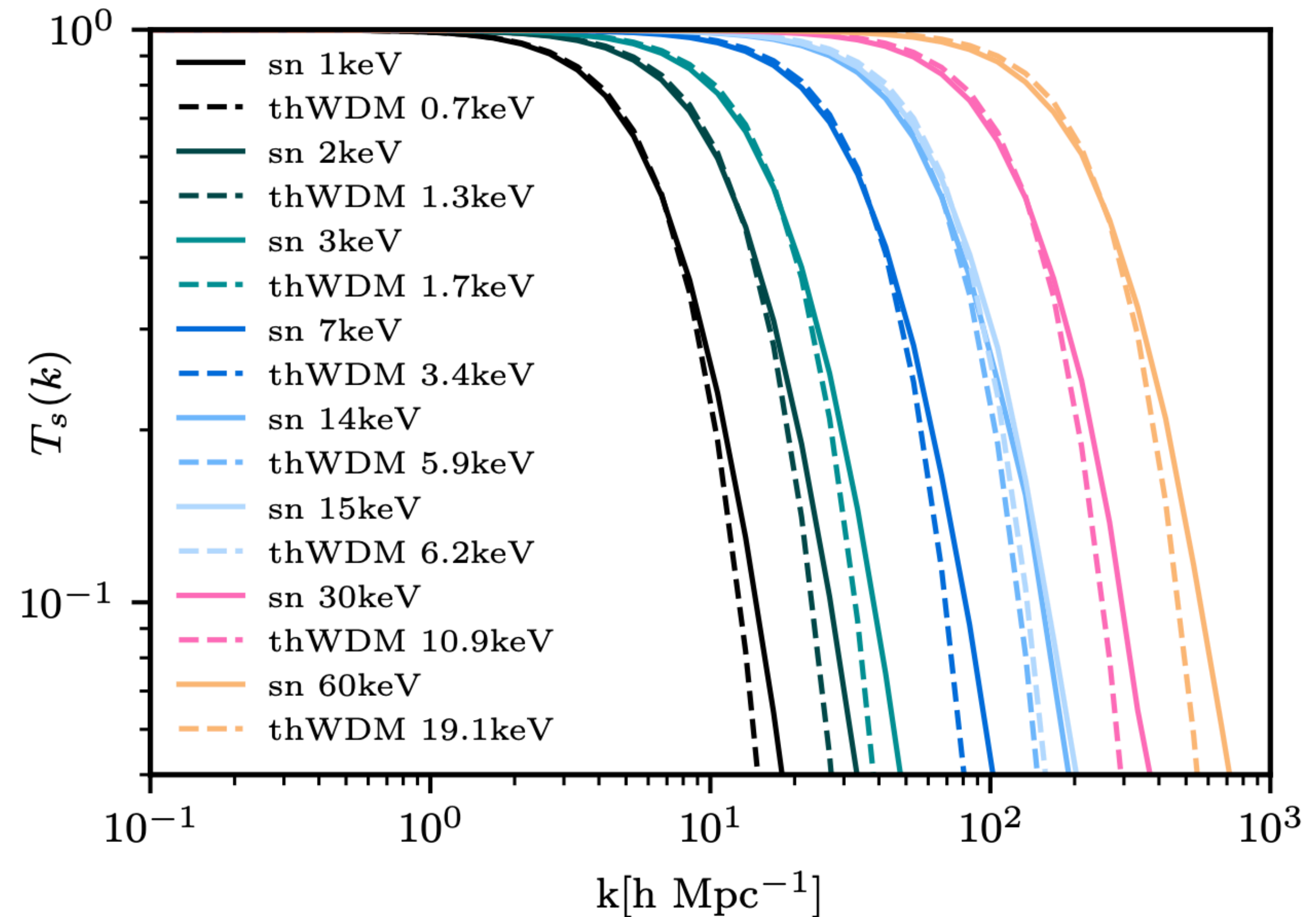
## CDM

- plethora of subhalos & field halos
- halo concentration increases at lower masses



## WDM

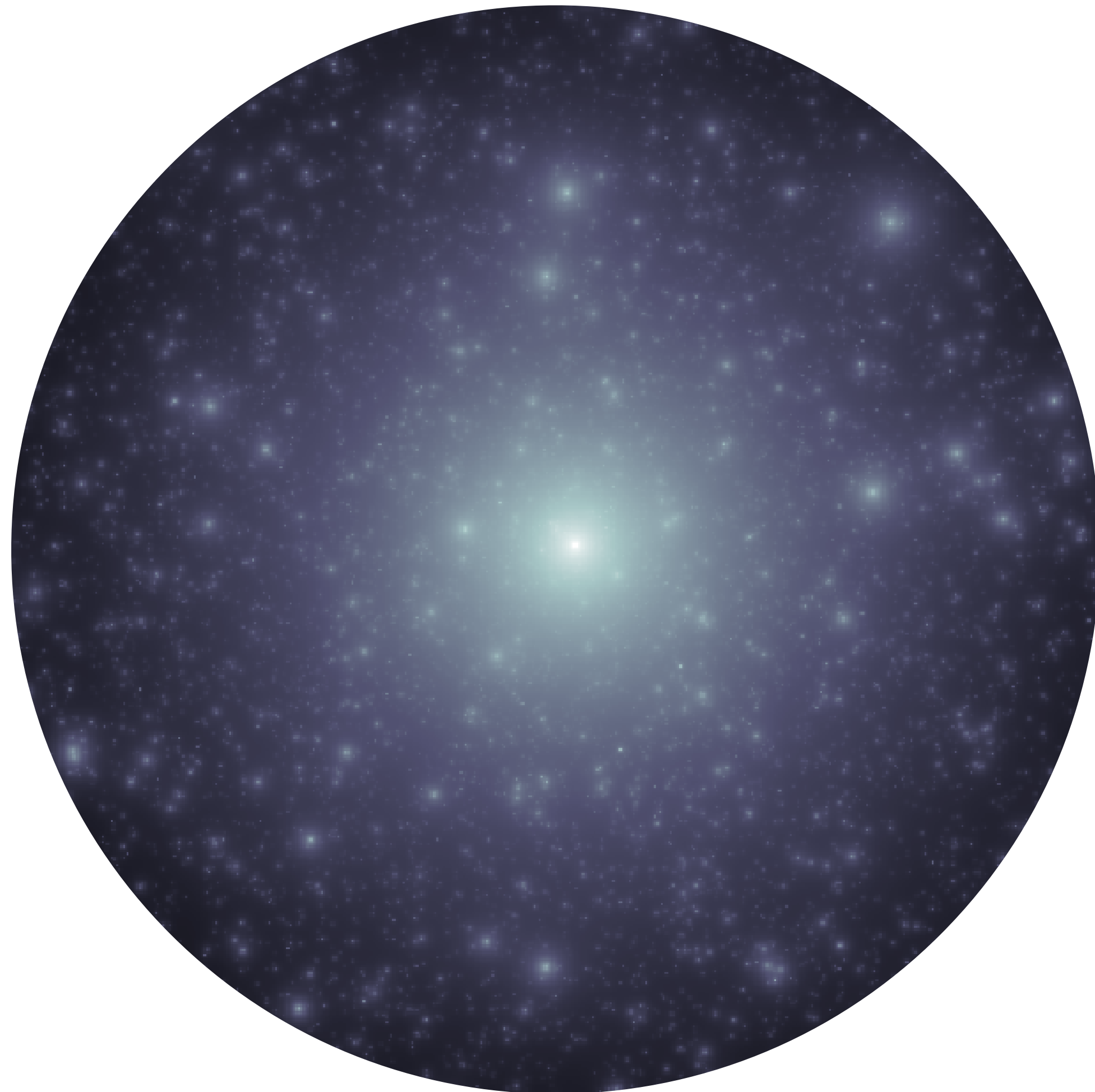
- No structure below a cutoff scale
- halo concentrations suppressed below cutoff



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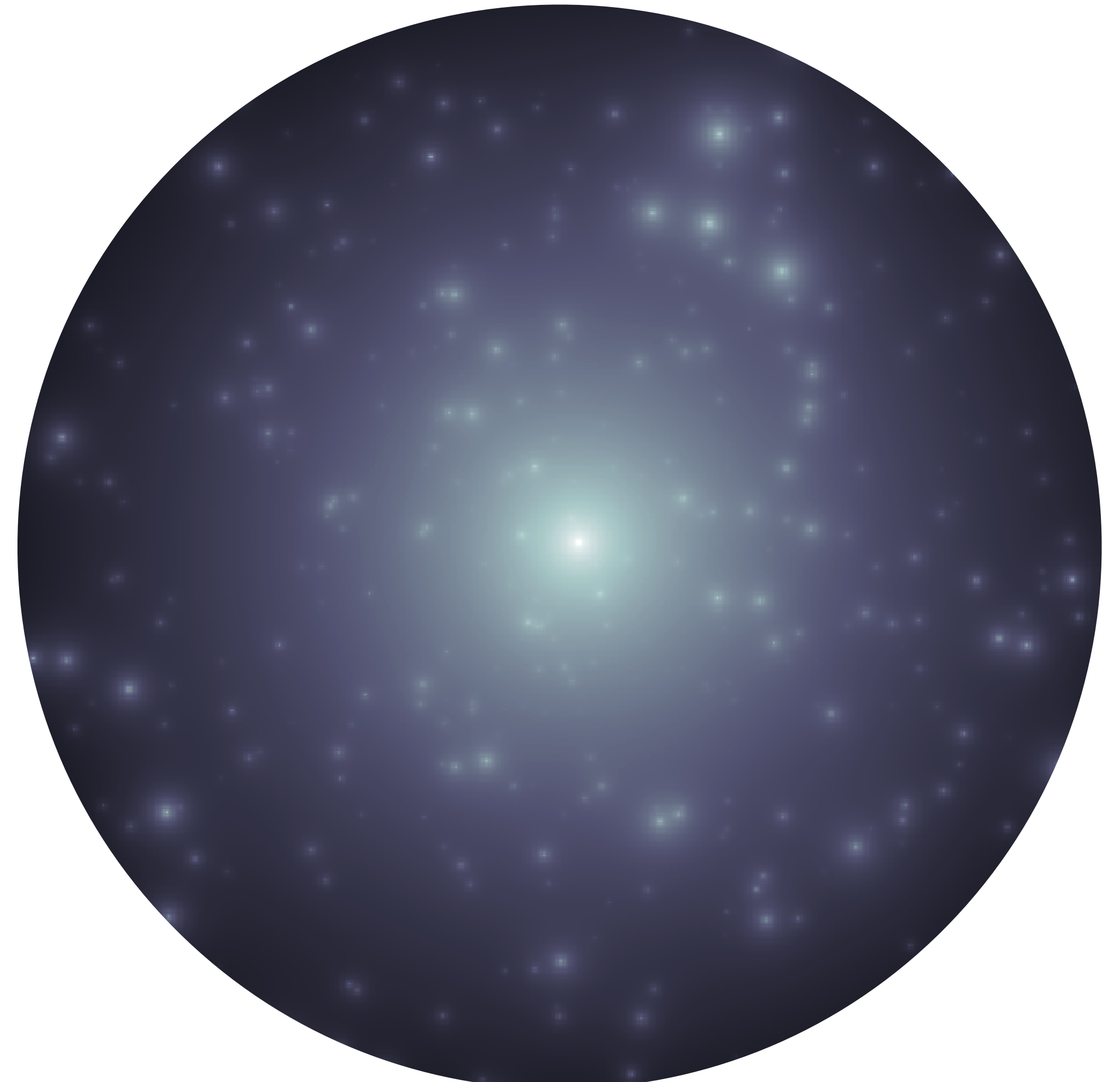
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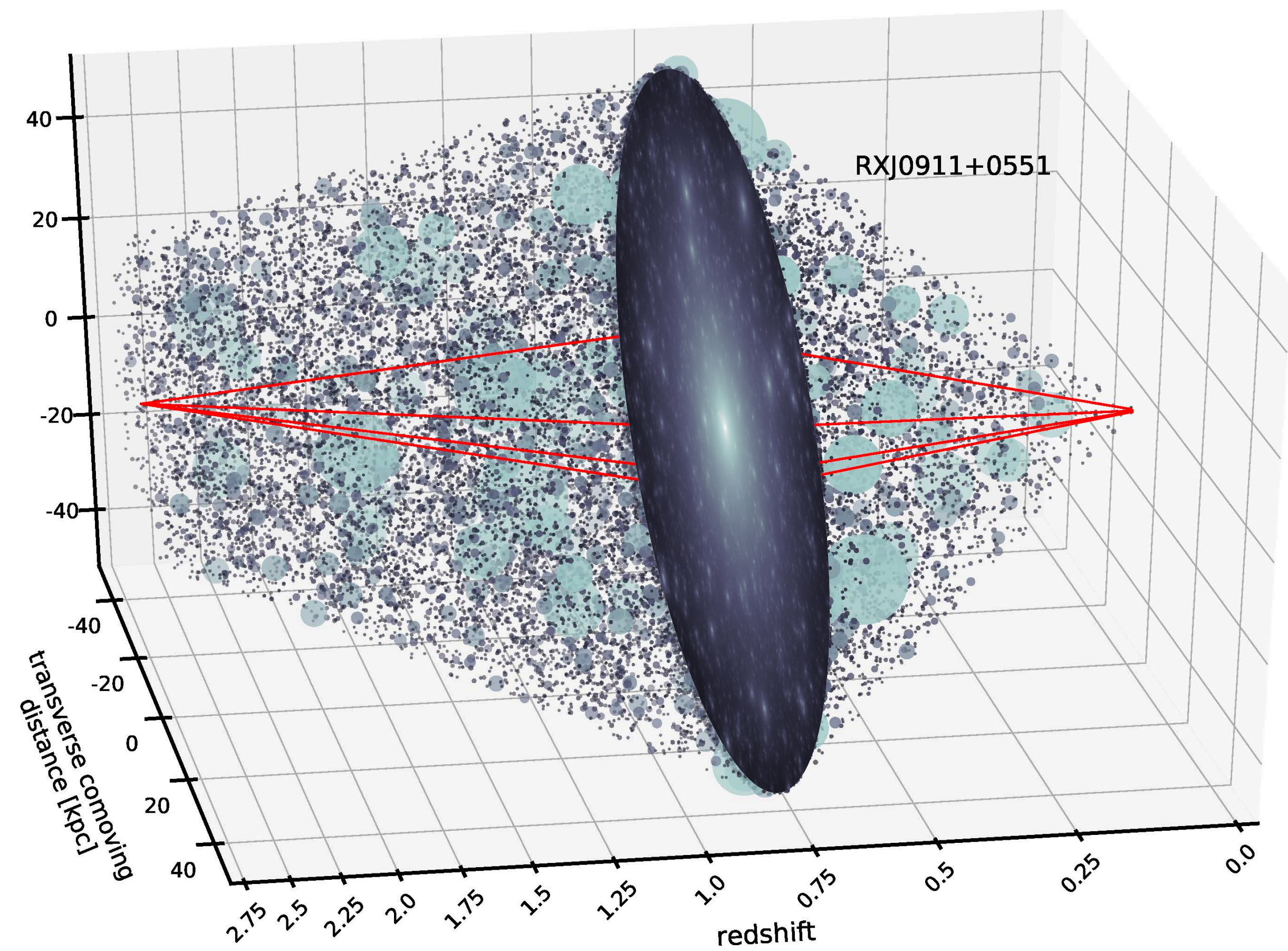
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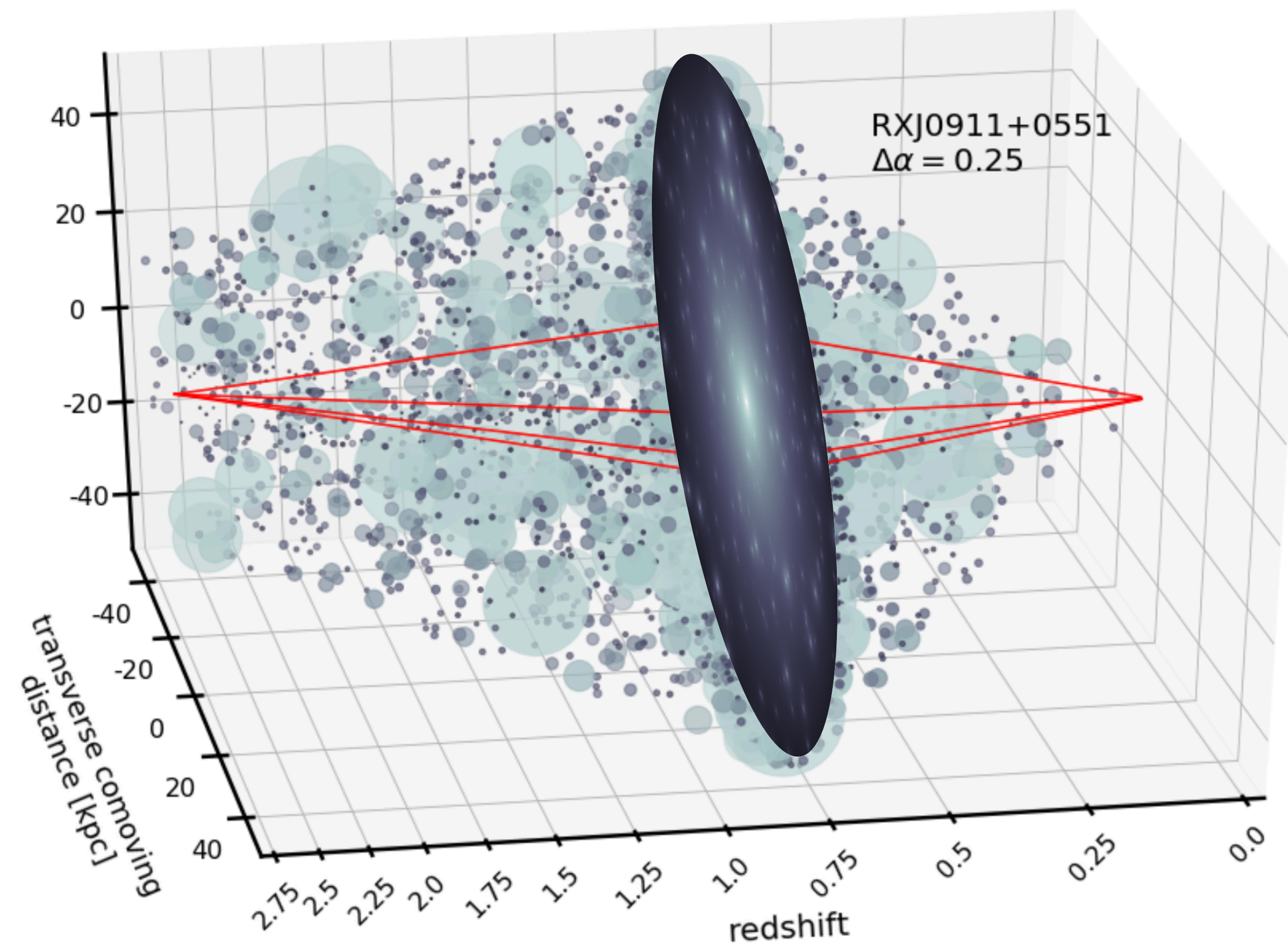
# Simulation pipeline example: 2) forward model lenses with halos

$\sim 10^6$  simulations per lens for accurate statistics

**CDM**



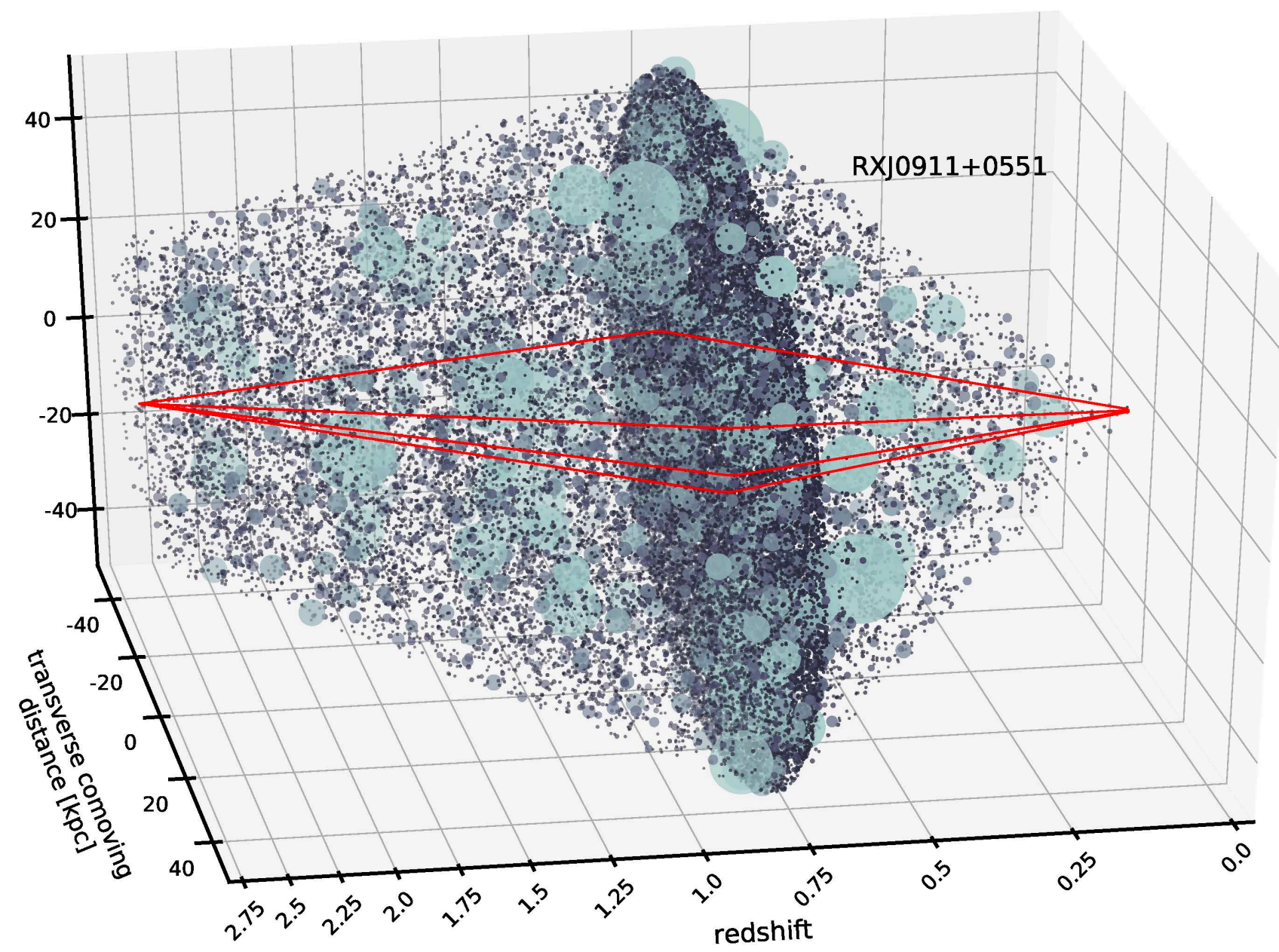
**WDM**



# Simulation pipeline example: 3) compute flux ratios

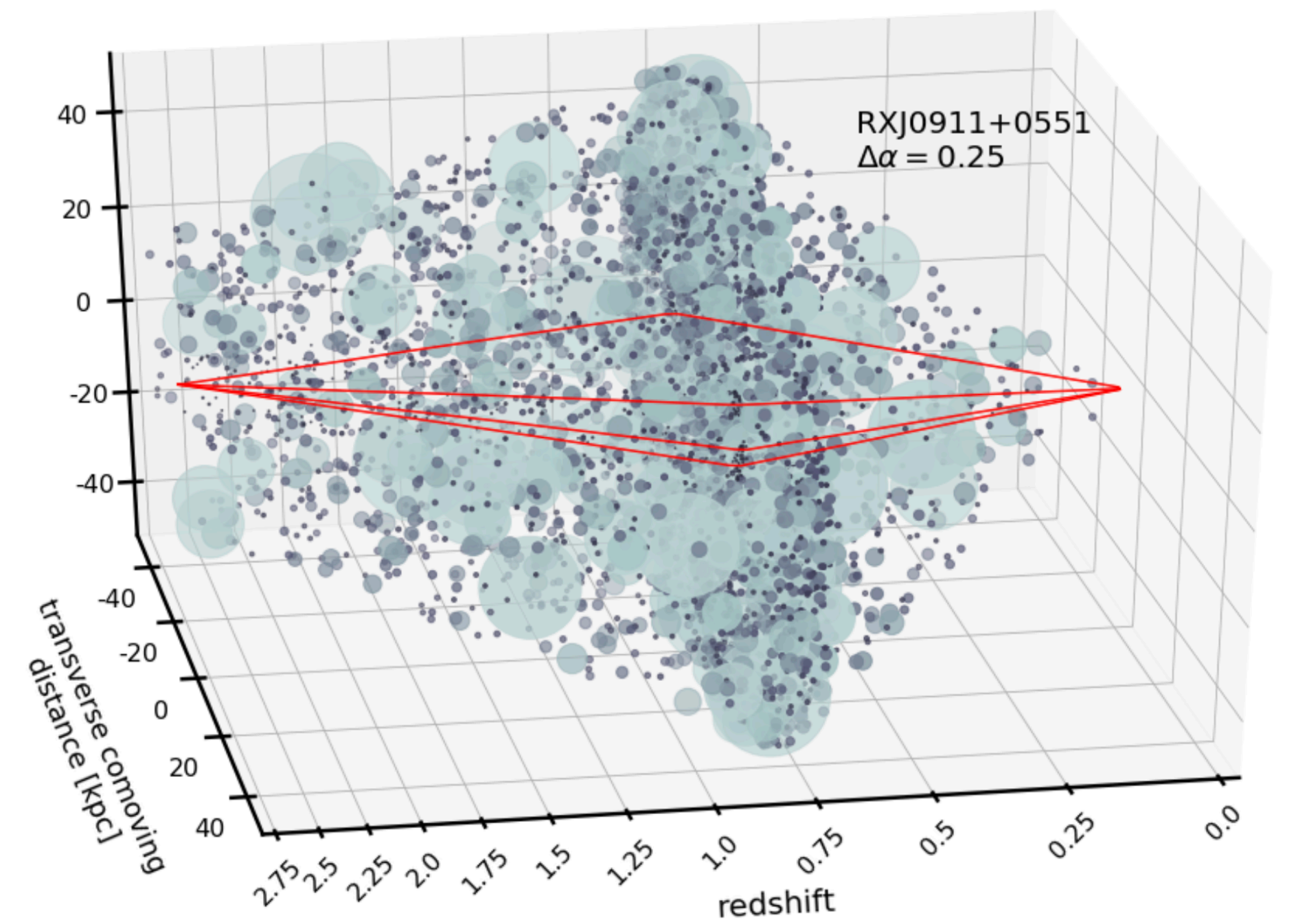
**CDM**

**more structure = more perturbation**



**WDM**

**less structure = less perturbation**



**FLUX RATIO (IMAGE 1 / IMAGE 2)**

# Simulation pipeline example: 4) derive likelihoods

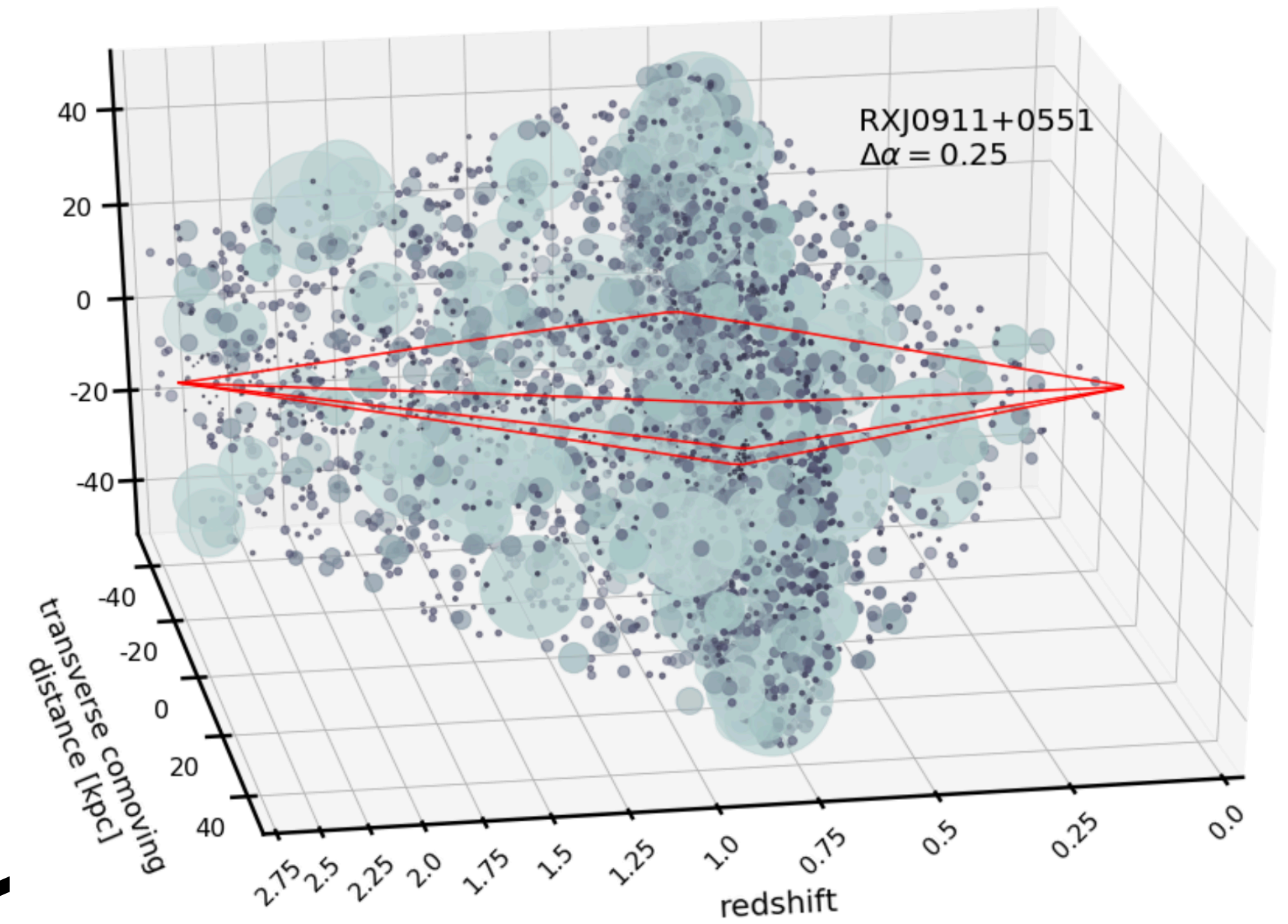
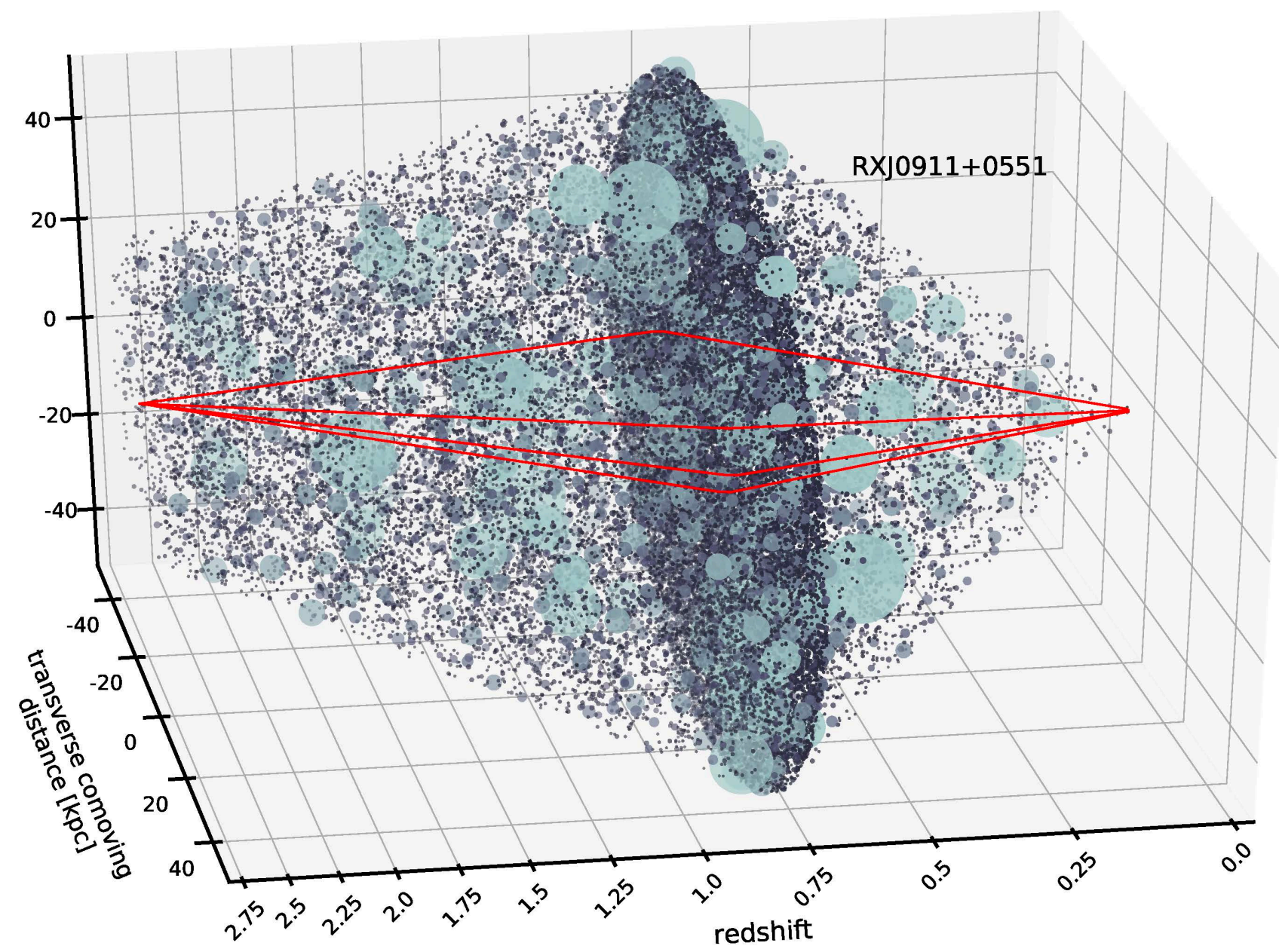
## Measured flux ratio

**CDM**

more structure = more perturbation

**WDM**

less structure = less perturbation



FLUX RATIO (IMAGE 1 / IMAGE 2)

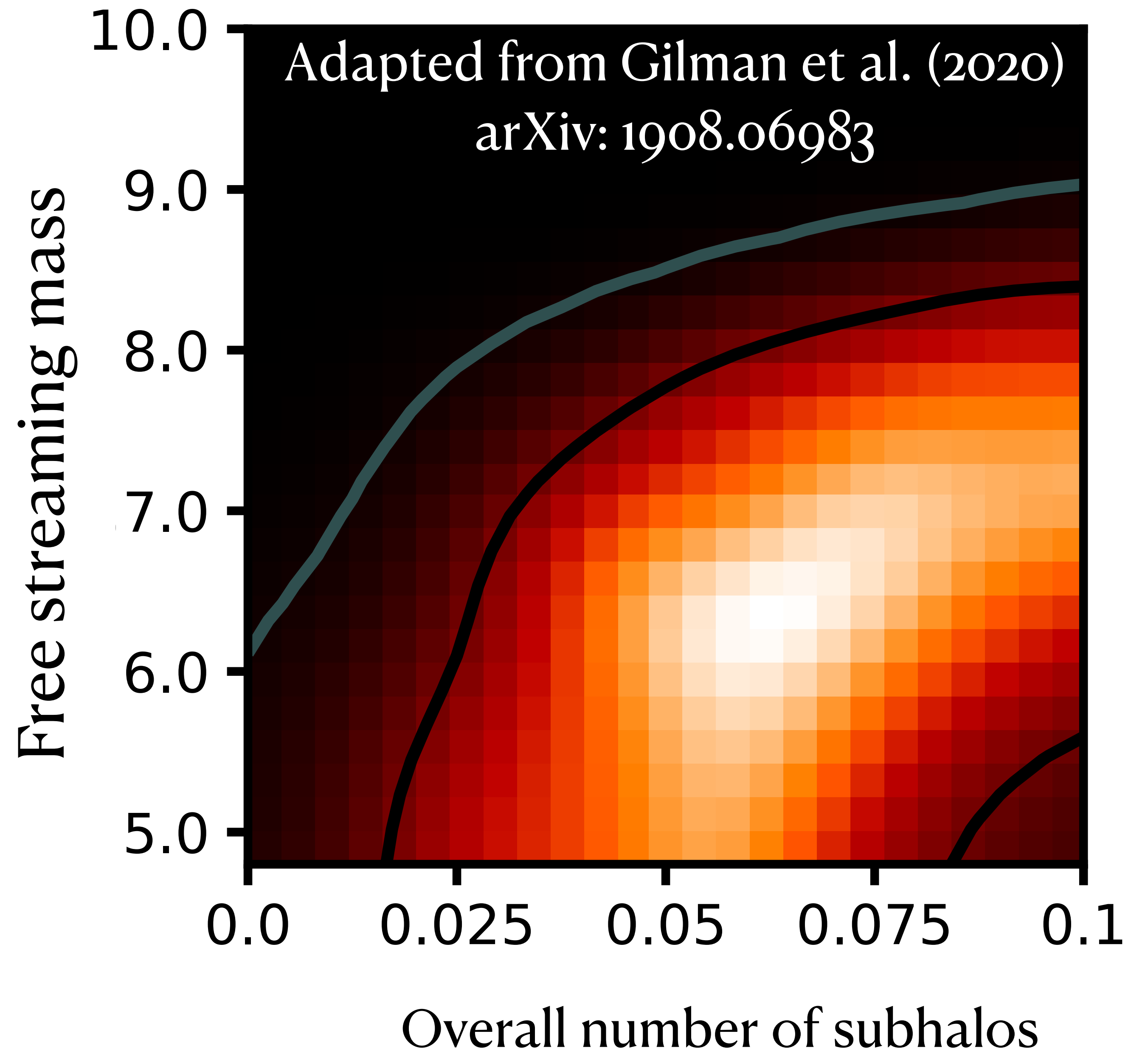
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# First application to WDM

Gilman, et al. (2020)

Used narrow-line flux ratios from  
Nierenberg et al. (2014, 2017, 2020)

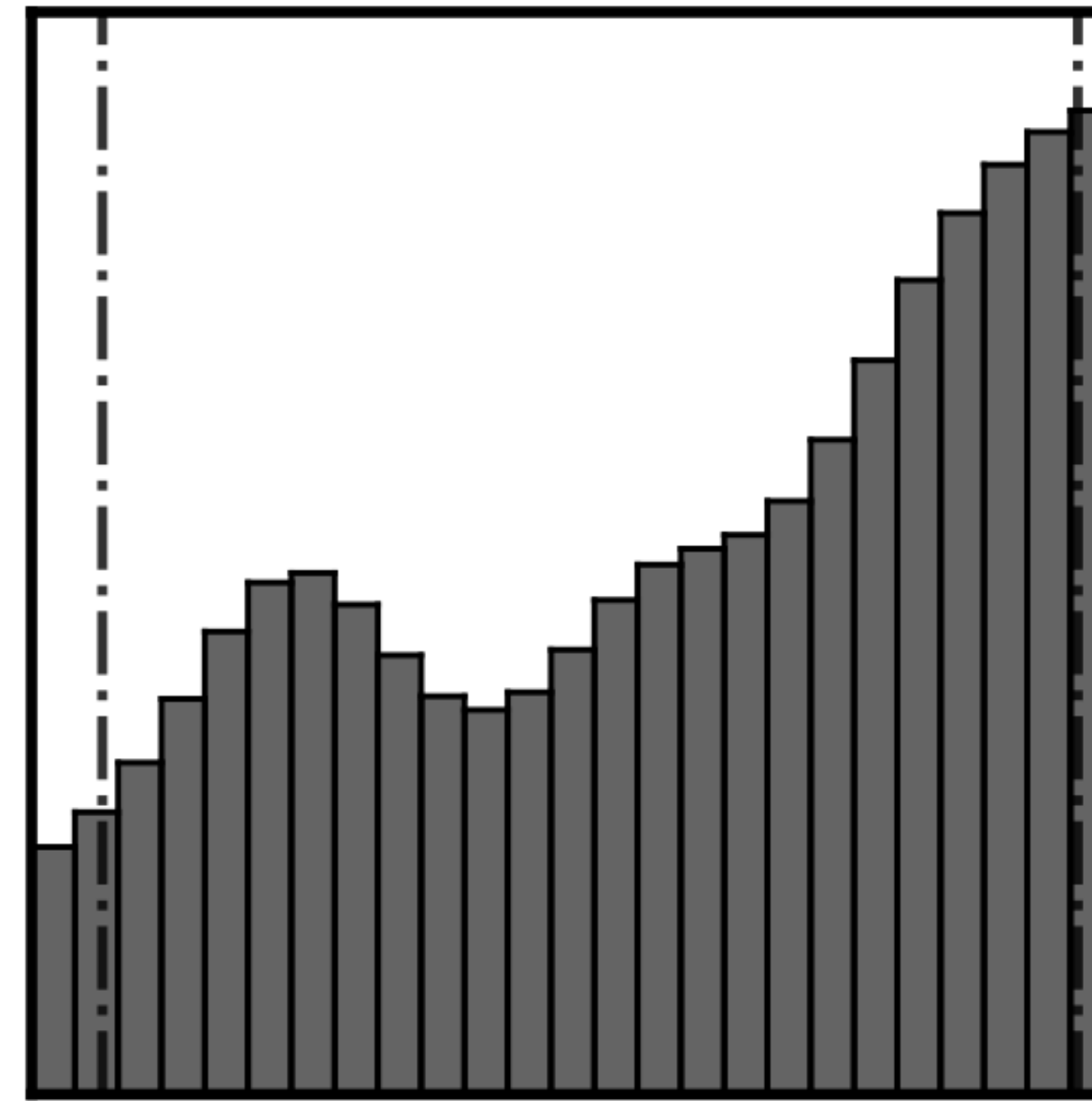
$$m_{\text{thermal}} > 5.2\text{keV}$$





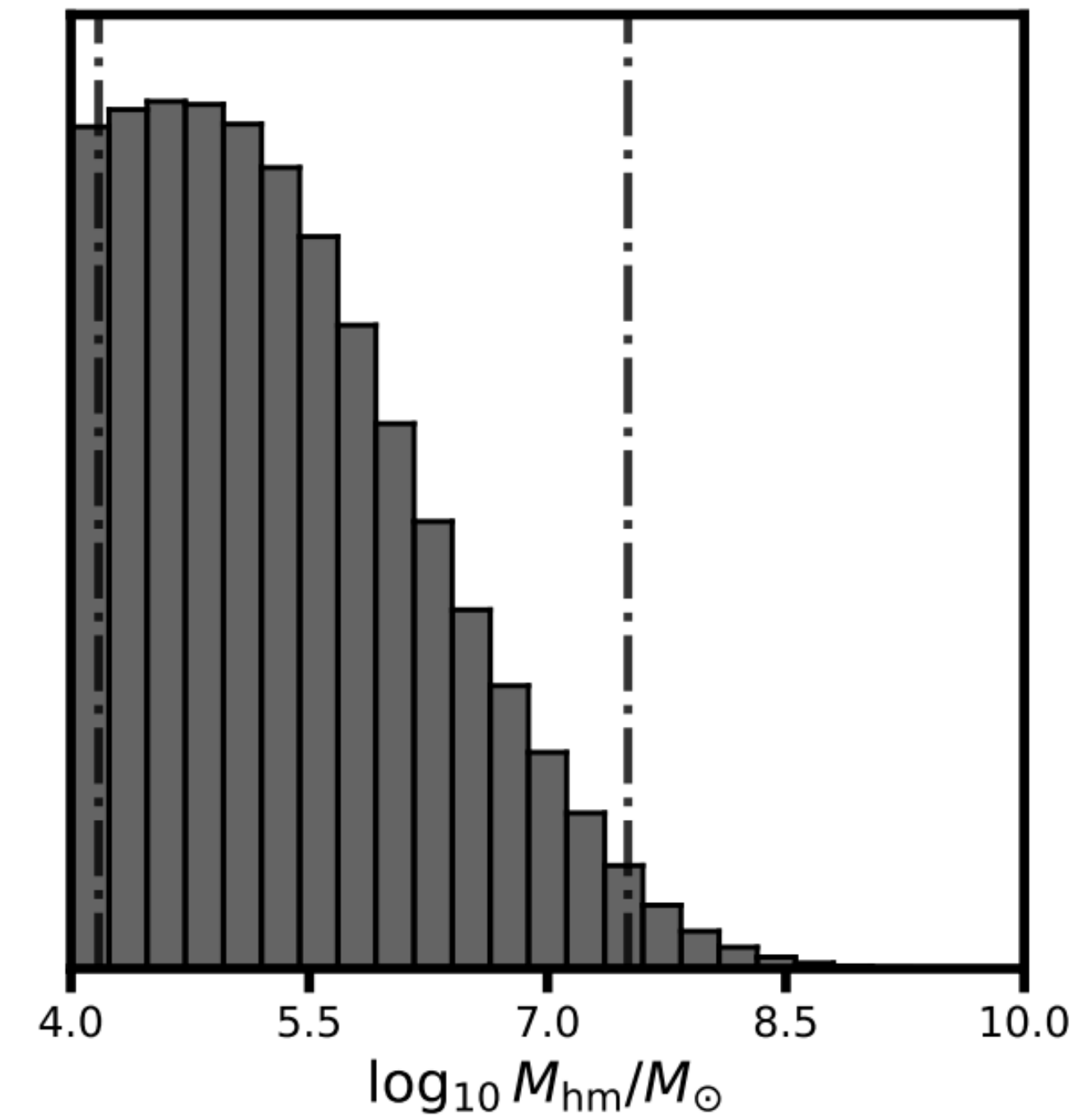
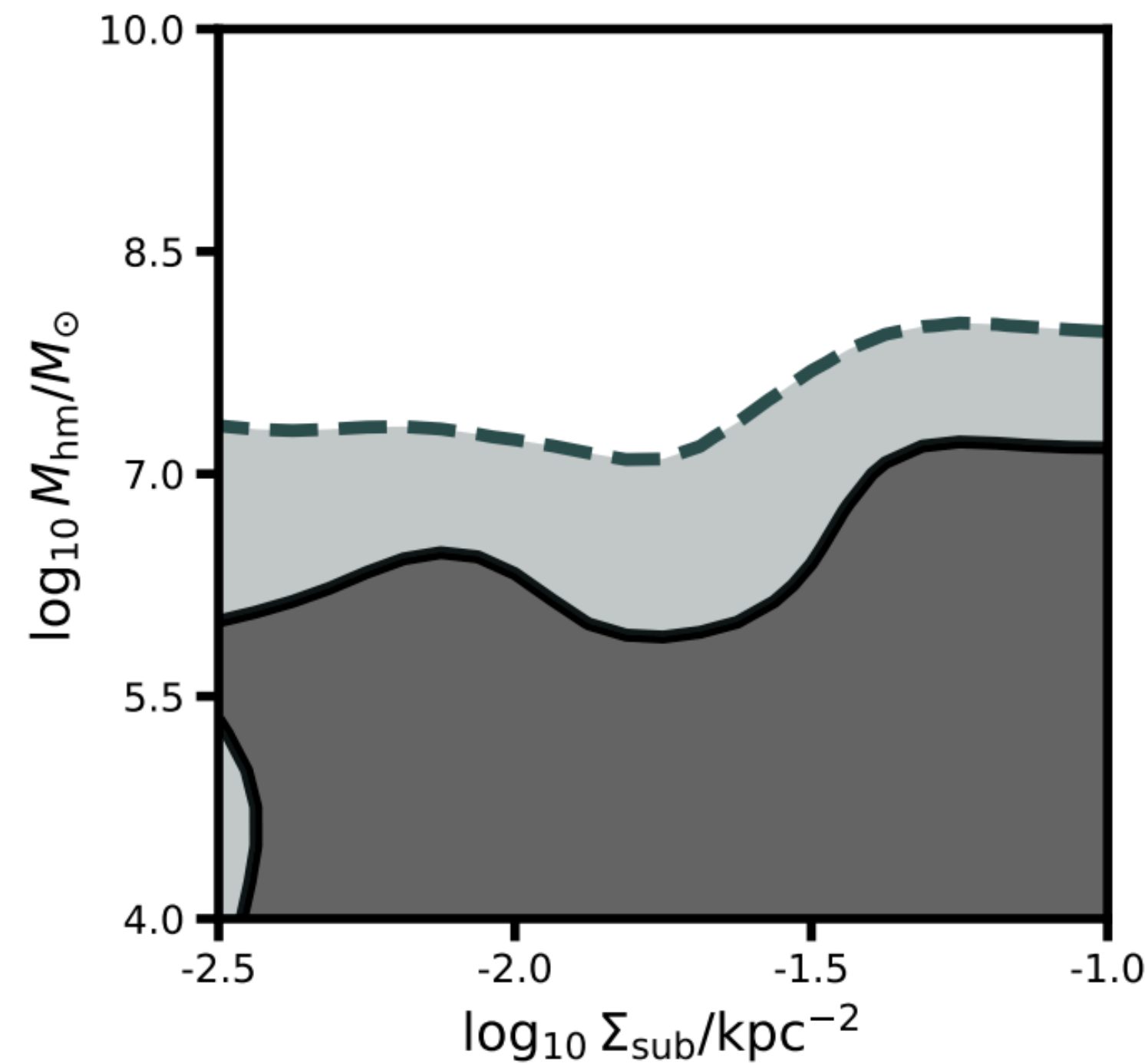
# First constraints from JWST lensed quasar DM survey

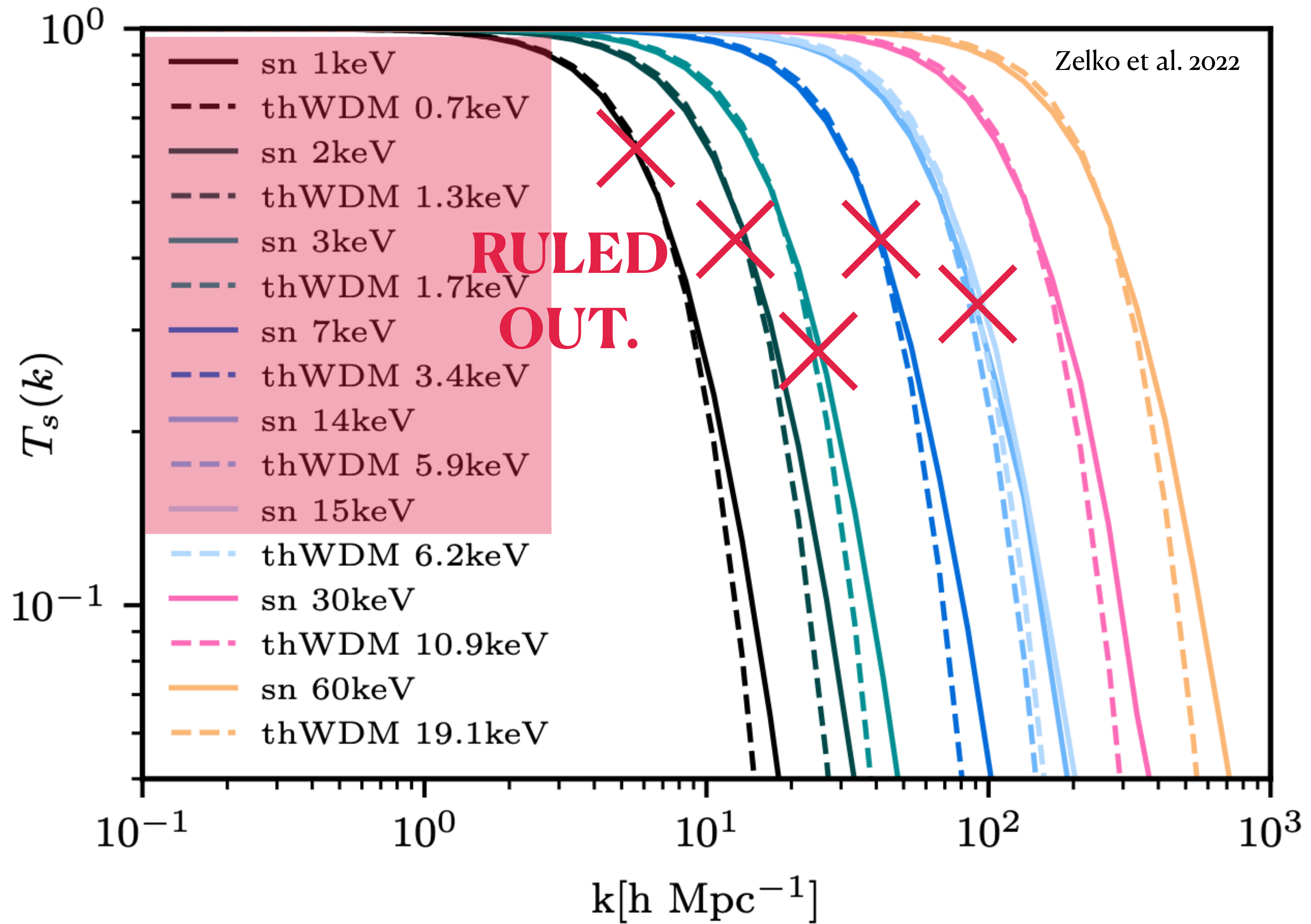
see Keeley, Nierenberg, Gilman, et al. (2024)  
arXiv: 2405.01620



## Improve on previous constraints by Gilman et al. (2020)

- 10:1 posterior odds at  $10^{7.6} M_{\odot}$
- ~ 6 keV thermal relics ruled out





# We can test **any** theory that alters the internal and/or abundance of halos

**Warm dark matter:** halos less abundant and less concentrated

Gilman et al. (2019, 2020) (arXiv: 1901.11031, 1908.06983)

Keeley, Nierenberg, Gilman et al. (2024) (arXiv: )

**Fuzzy dark matter:** halos less abundant, quantum wave interference effects in halo density profiles

Laroche, Gilman et al. (2022) (arXiv: 2206.11269)

**Self-interacting dark matter:** core formation and collapse change the lensing efficiency of halos

Gilman et al. (2021, 2022) (arXiv: 2105.05259, 2207.13111)

**Inflation/early Universe:** enhanced/suppressed small-scale power impacts

halo abundance/concentration Gilman et al. (2022) (arXiv: 2112.03293)

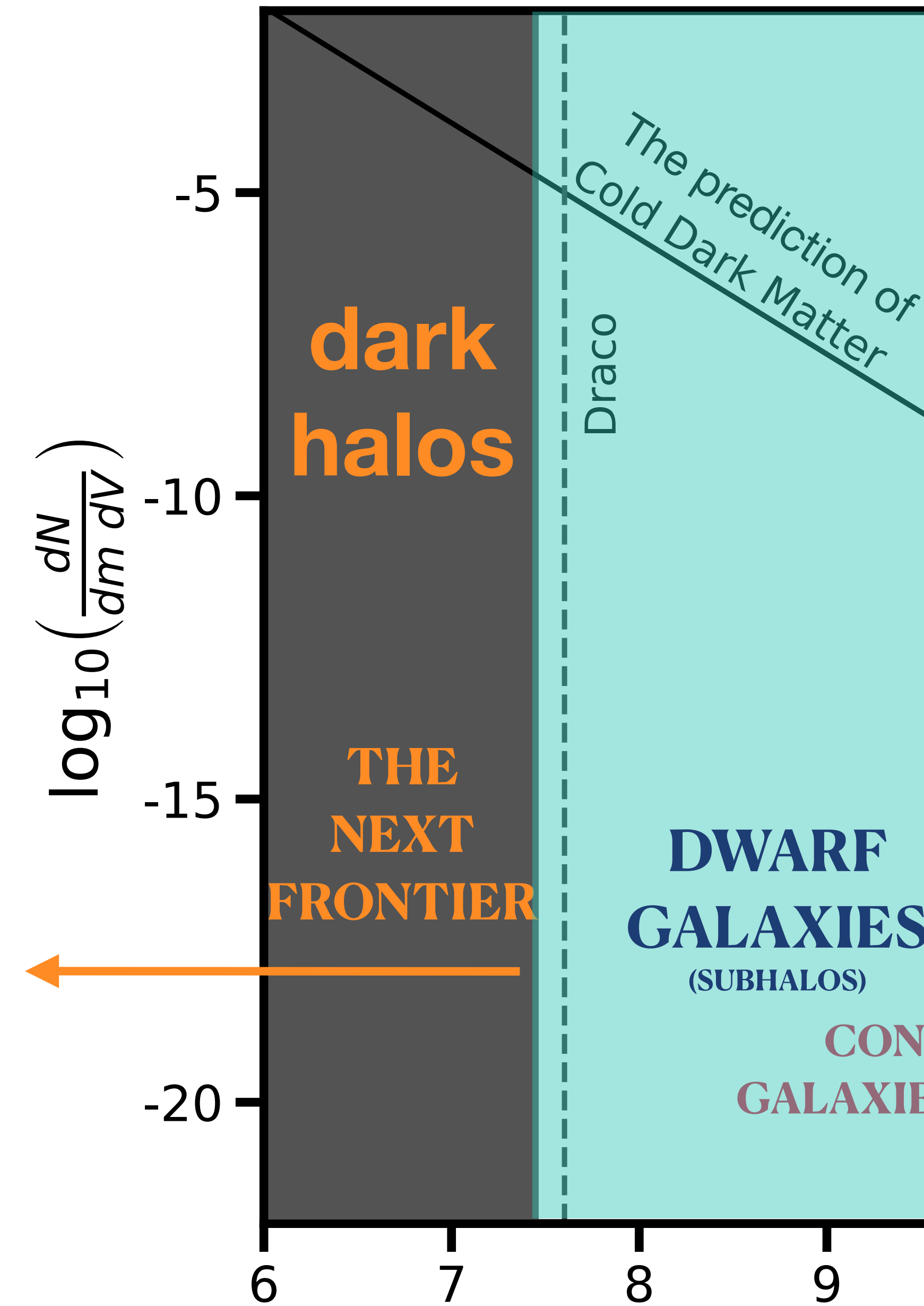
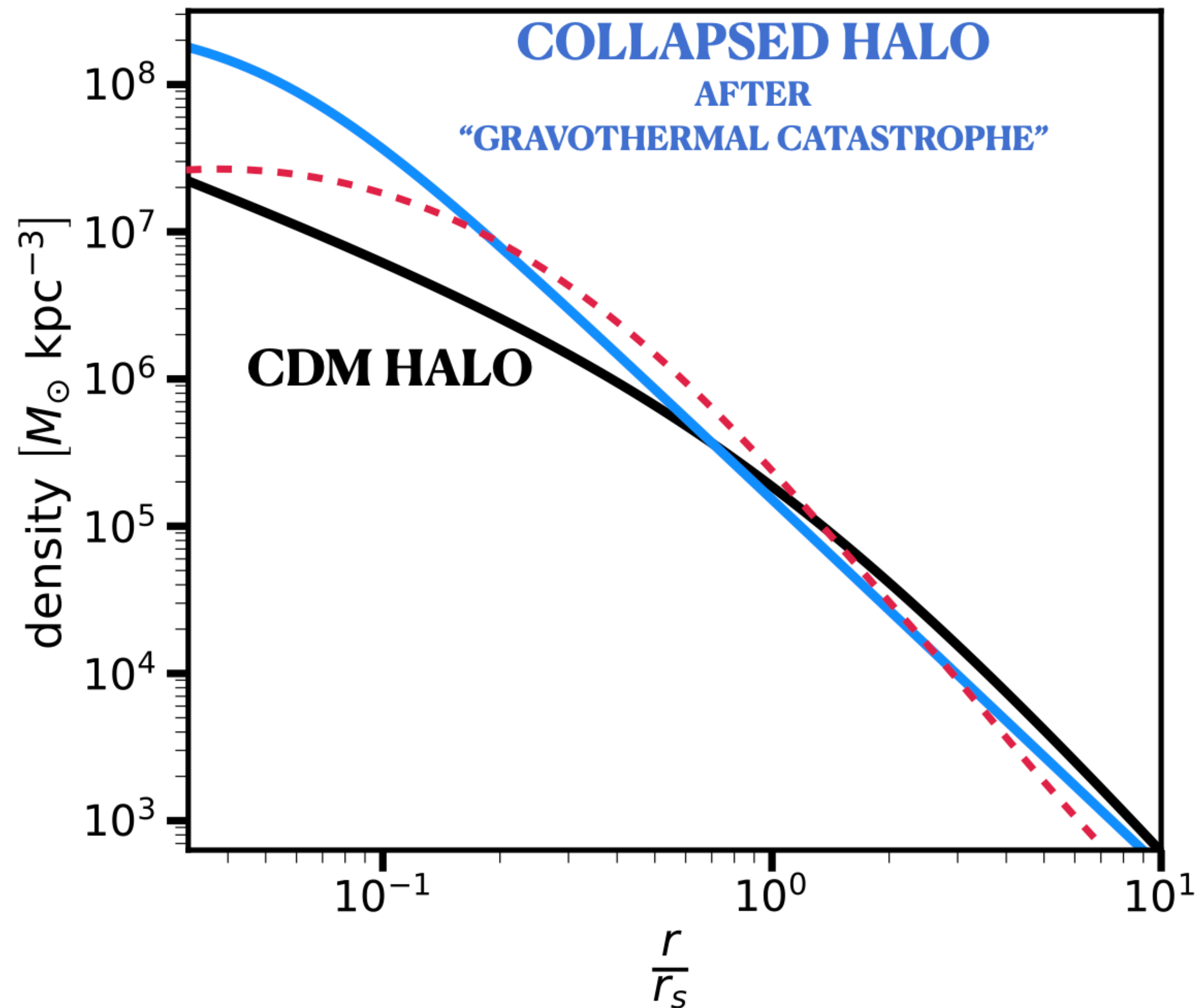
**Massive free-floating primordial black holes:** the most efficient lenses

Dike, Gilman et al. (2022) (arXiv: 2210.09493)

**Mixed warm/cold dark matter:** aka lukewarm dark matter

Keeley, Nierenberg, Gilman et al. (2023) (arXiv: 2301.07265)

**Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM):**  
halos undergo core collapse and become  
extremely dense



# **Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM)**

-> dark matter not collisionless; exchanges energy, momentum with itself

# Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM)

-> preserves large-scale structure

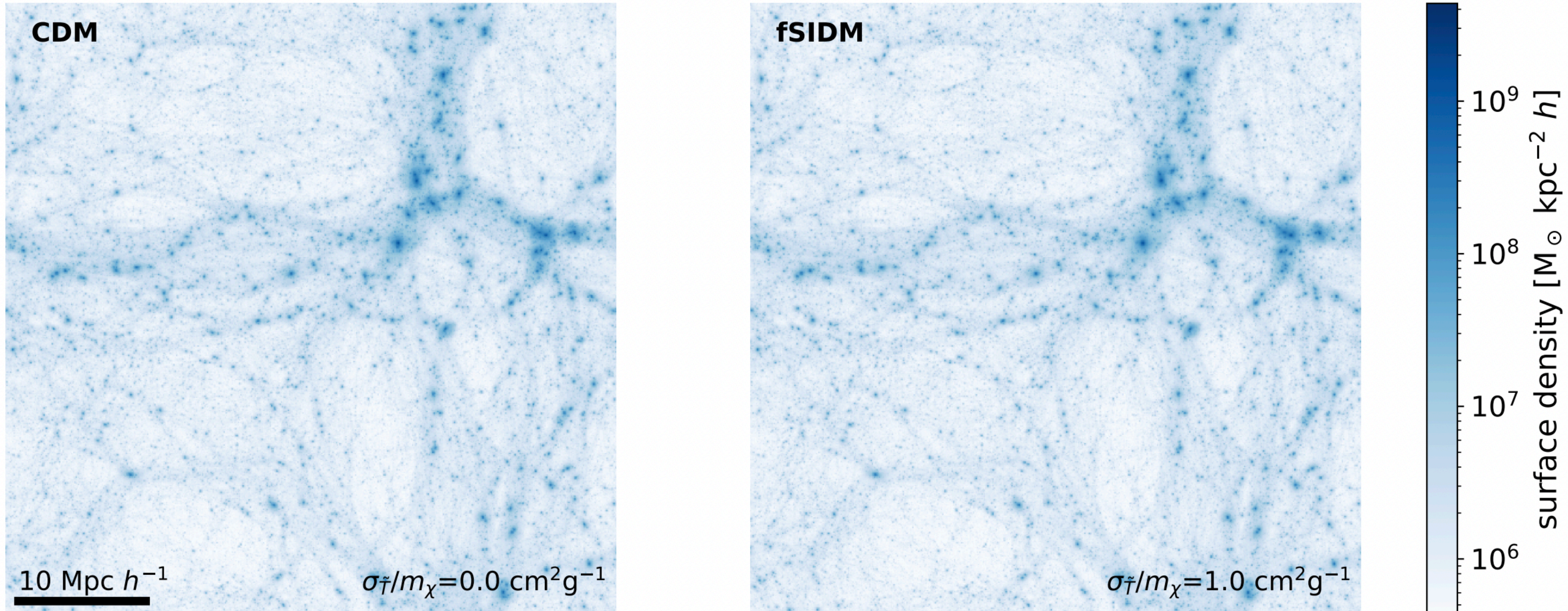


figure from Fischer et al. (2022)

# Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM)

-> collisionless (CDM-like) at high speeds ( $v \sim 1,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )  
in cluster-mass halos

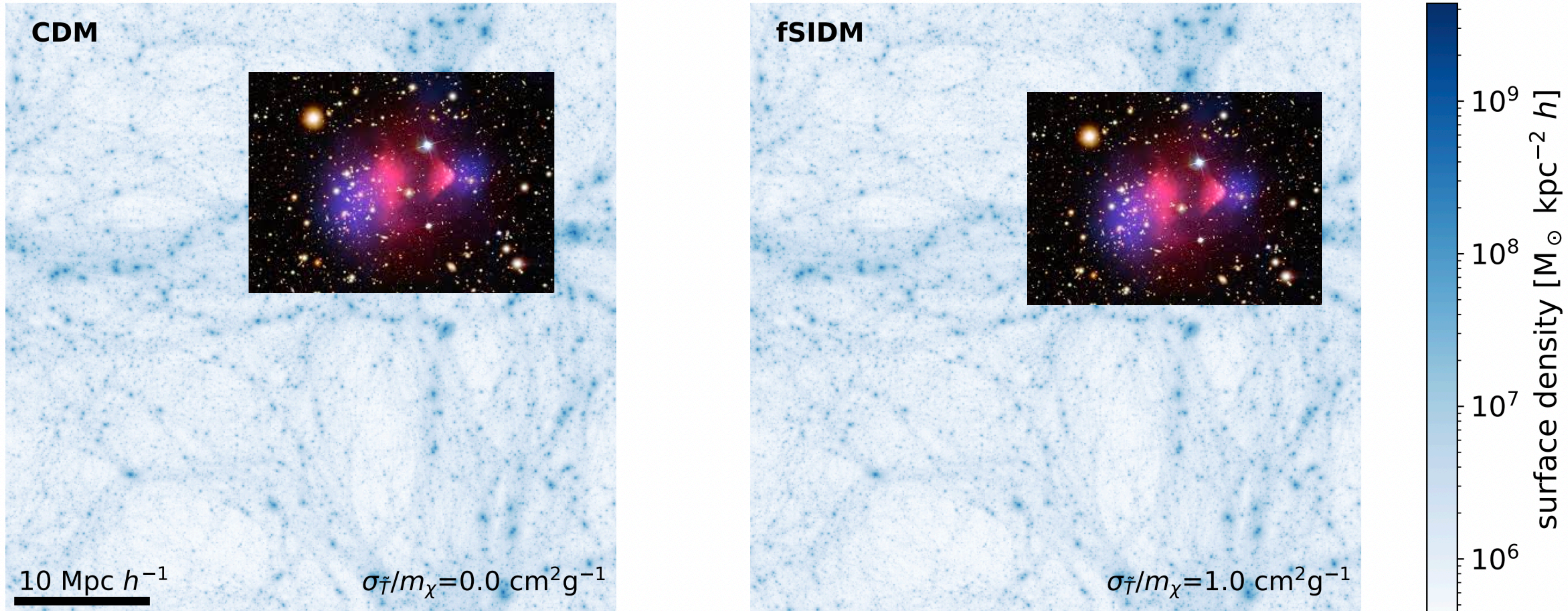


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# Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM)

-> “large” cross sections ( $\sigma > 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ) at low speeds ( $v \sim 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )  
inside low-mass halos

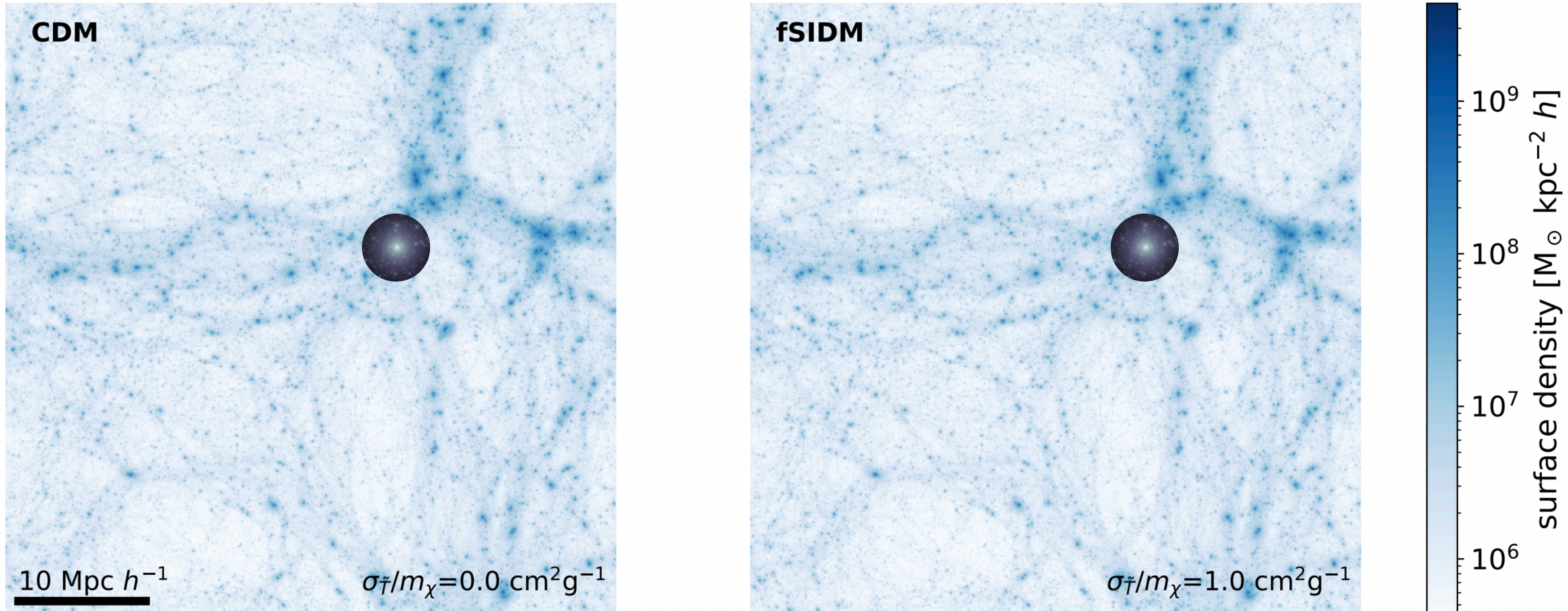
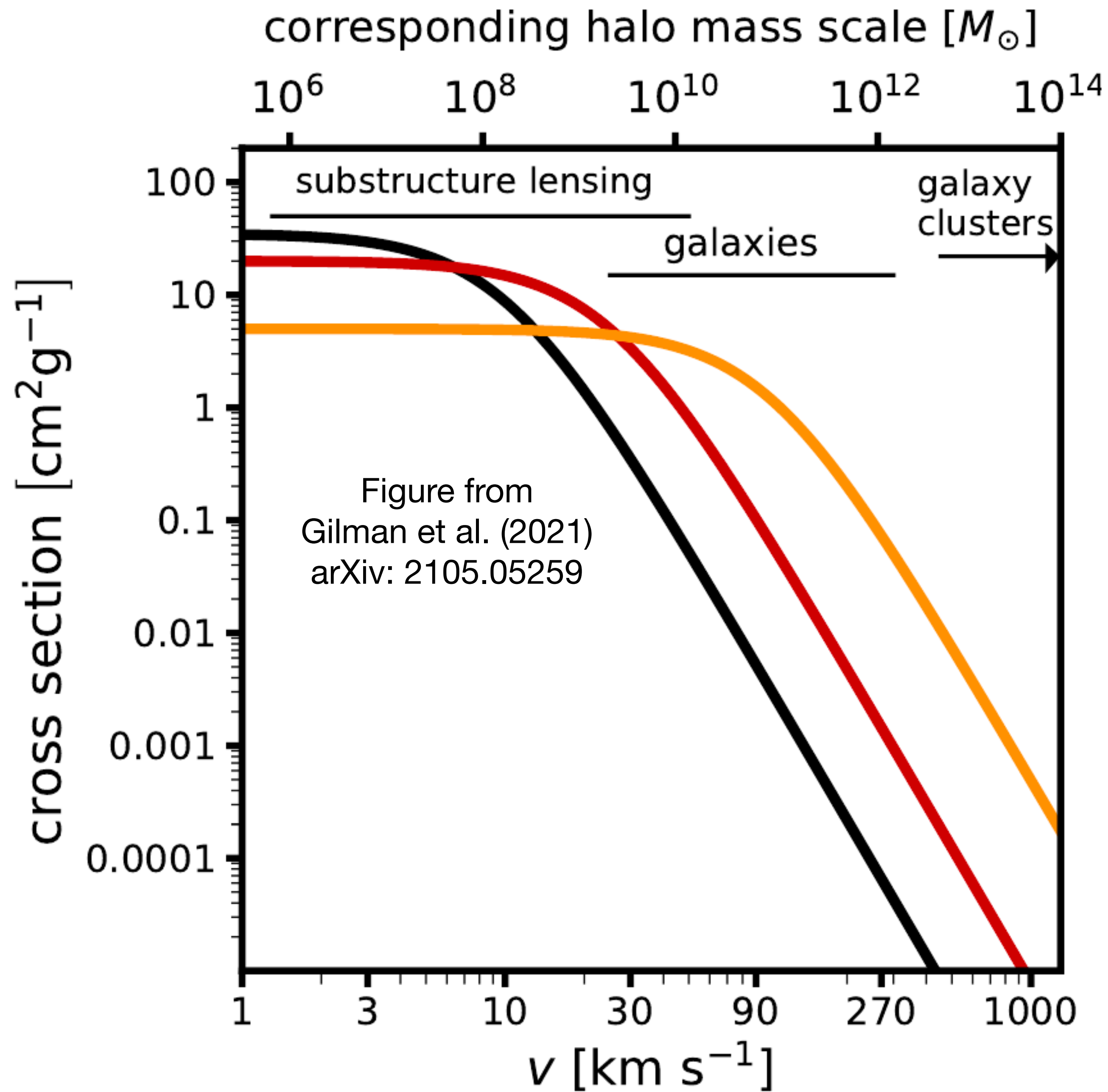


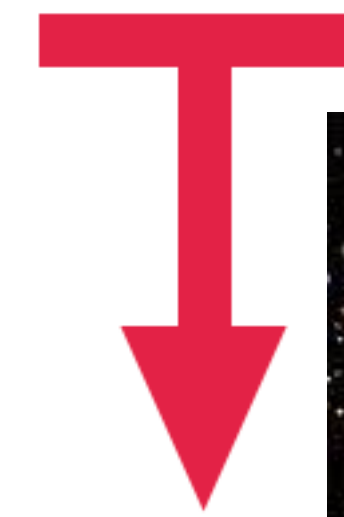
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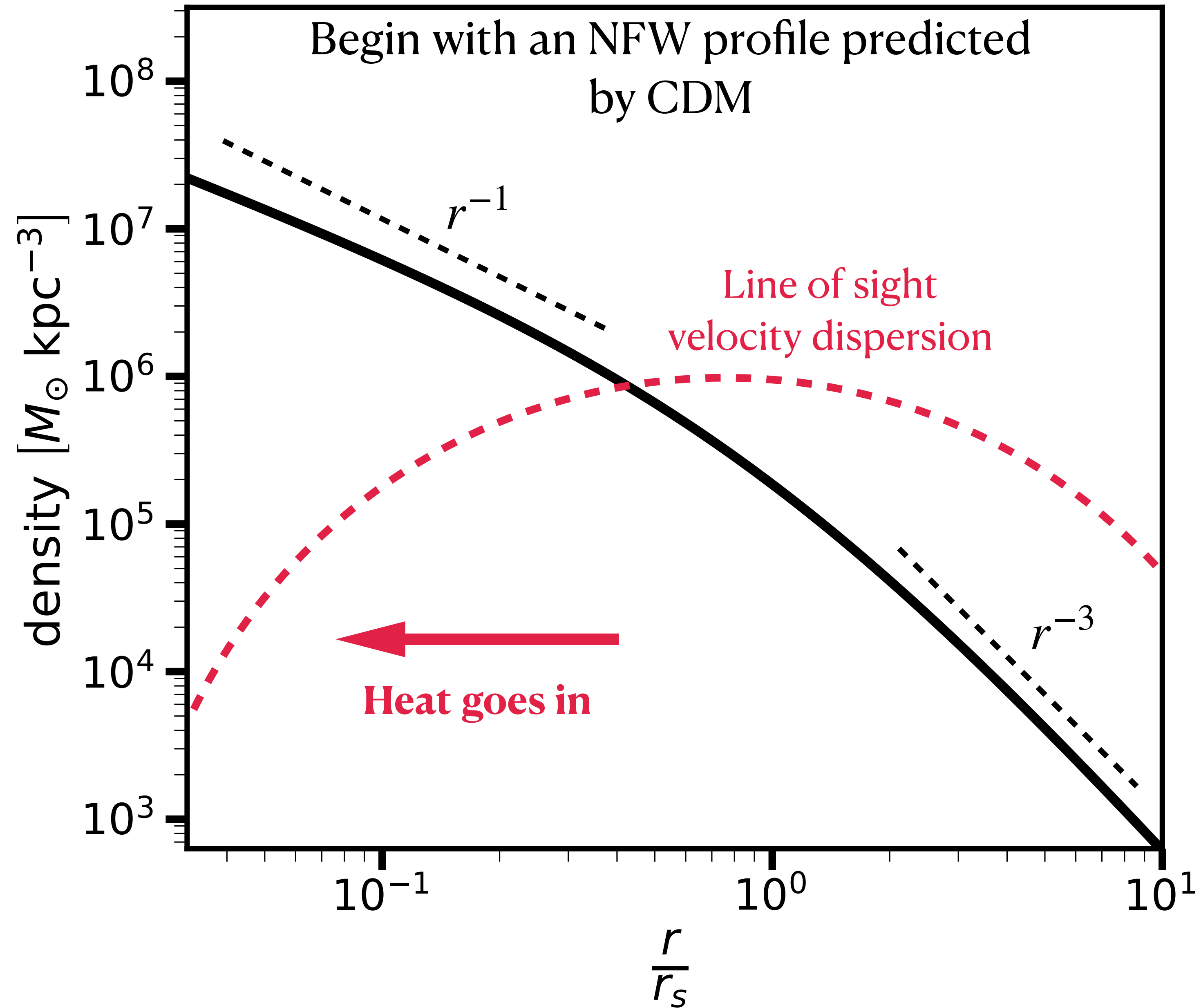


Velocity dependence  
necessary to evade  
constraints from  
galaxy clusters

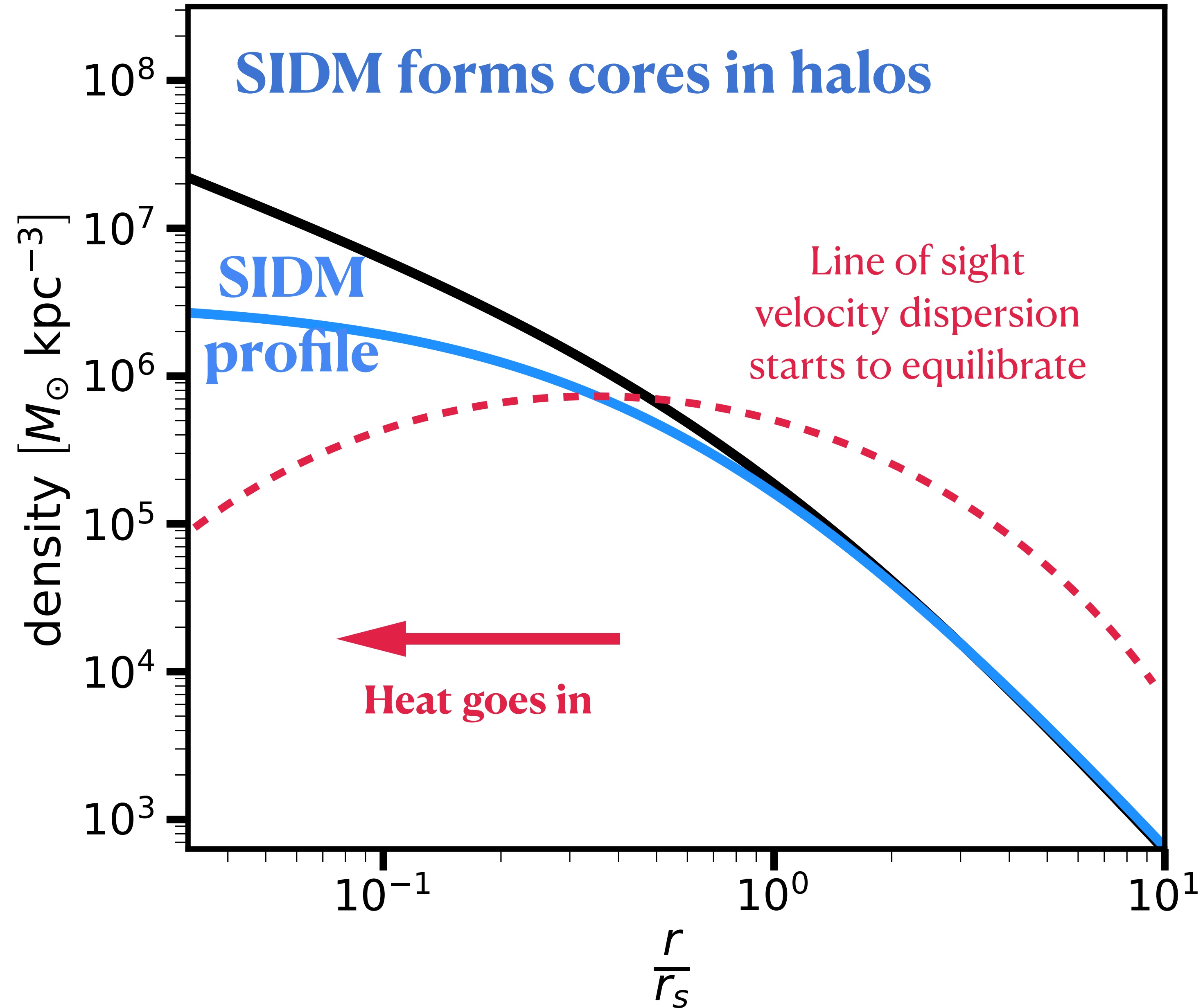
**Strongly-enhanced cross  
section at low speeds  
(in low-mass halos)**



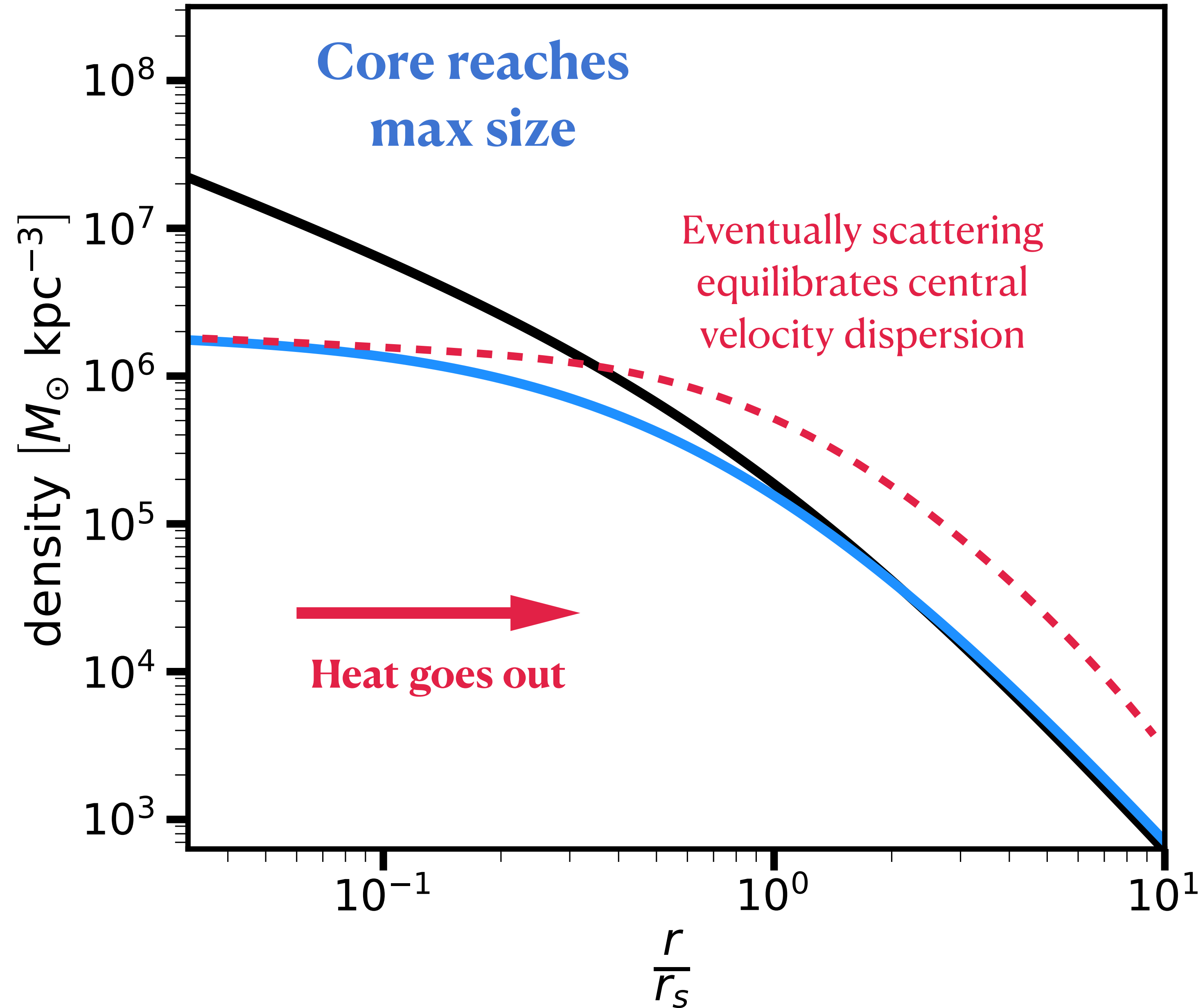
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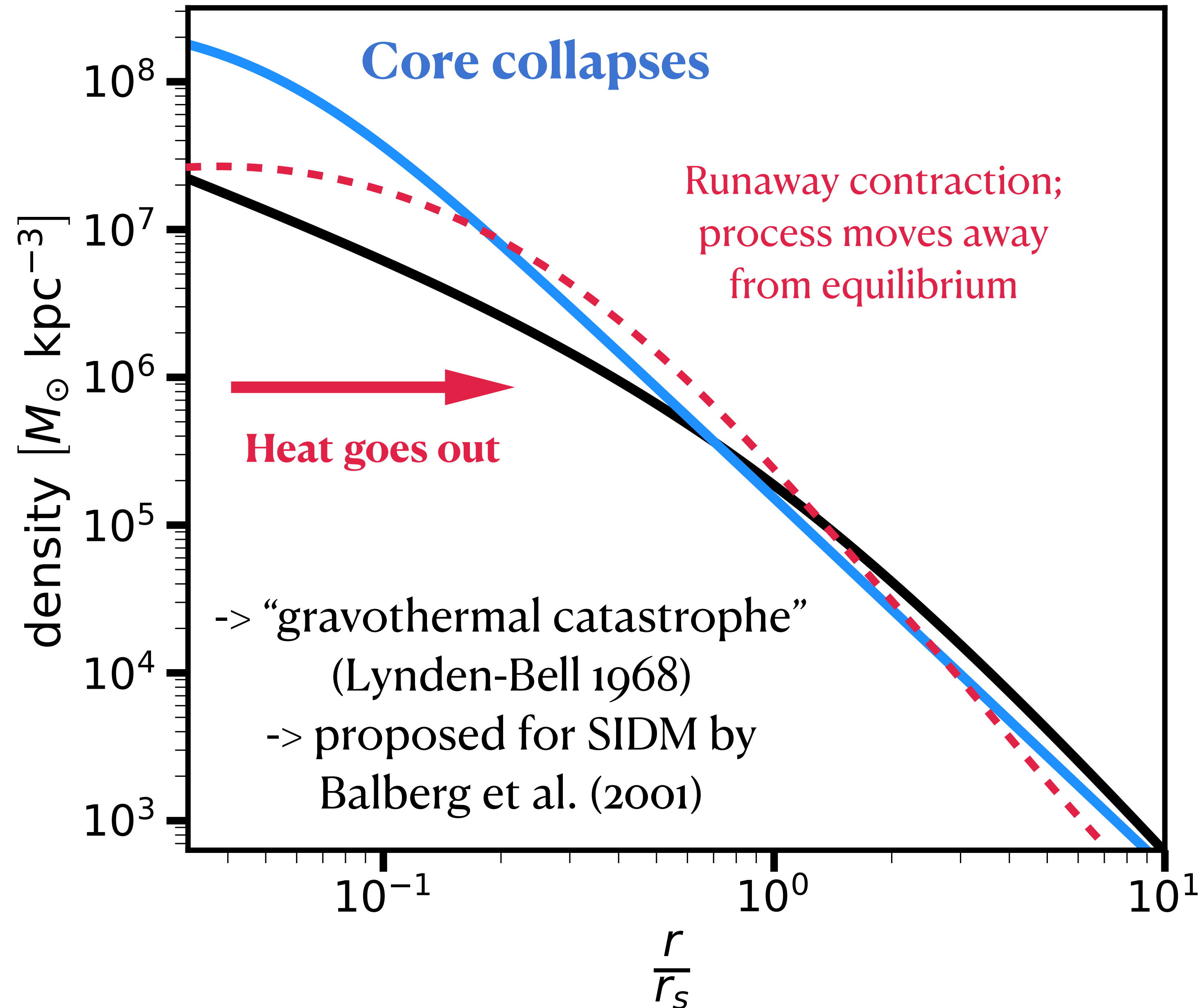
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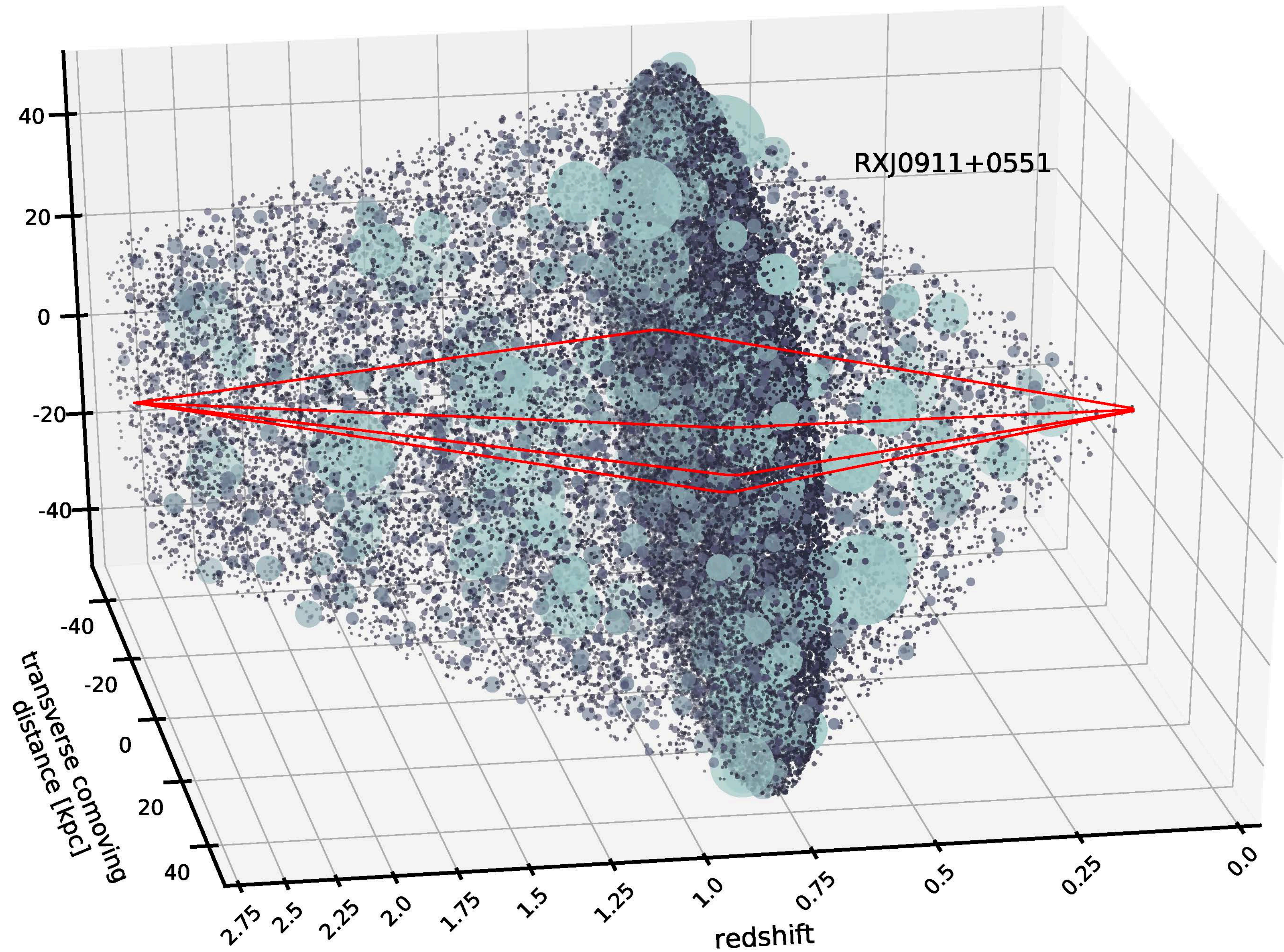
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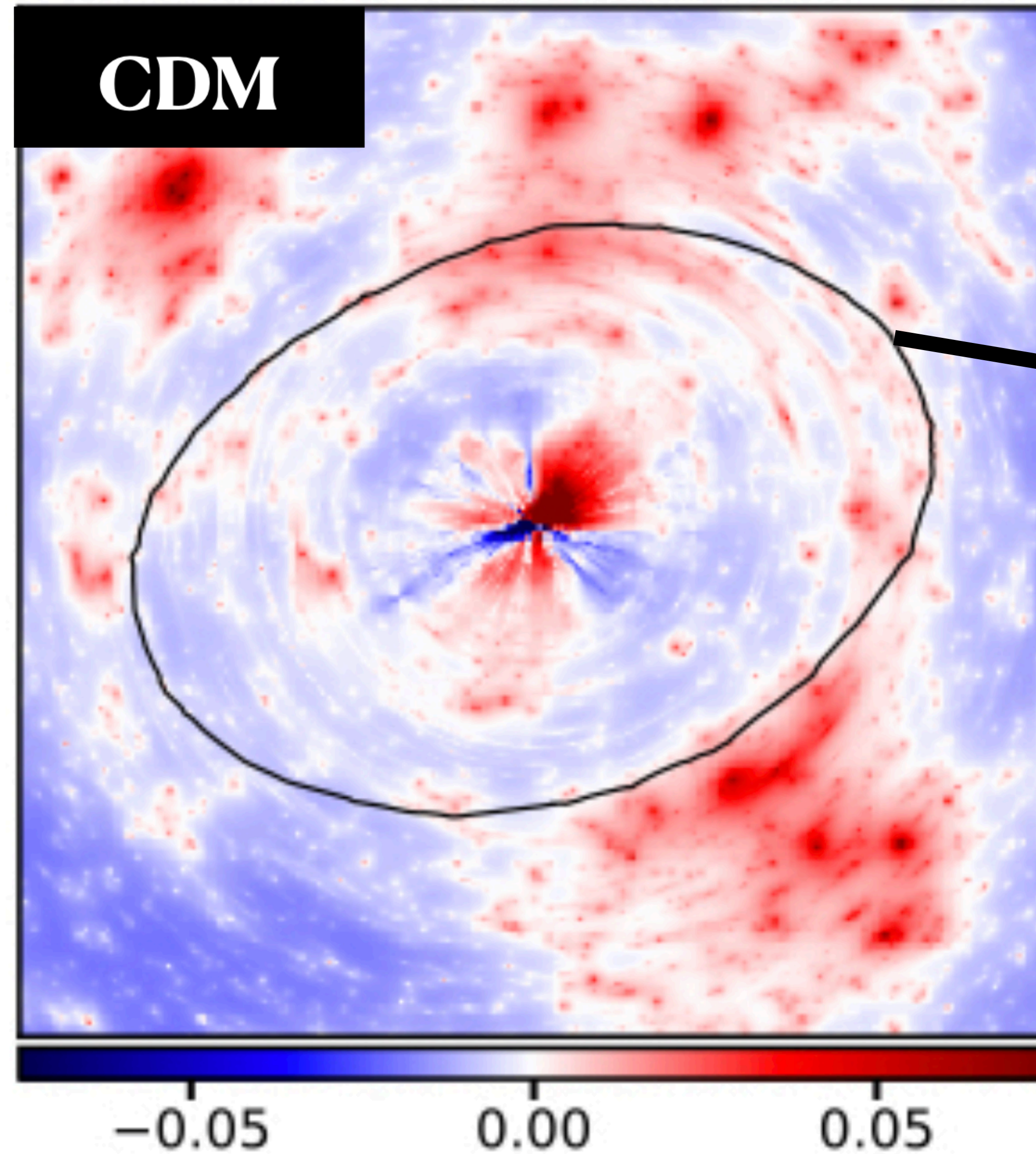


# Core-collapsed halos are extremely efficient lenses



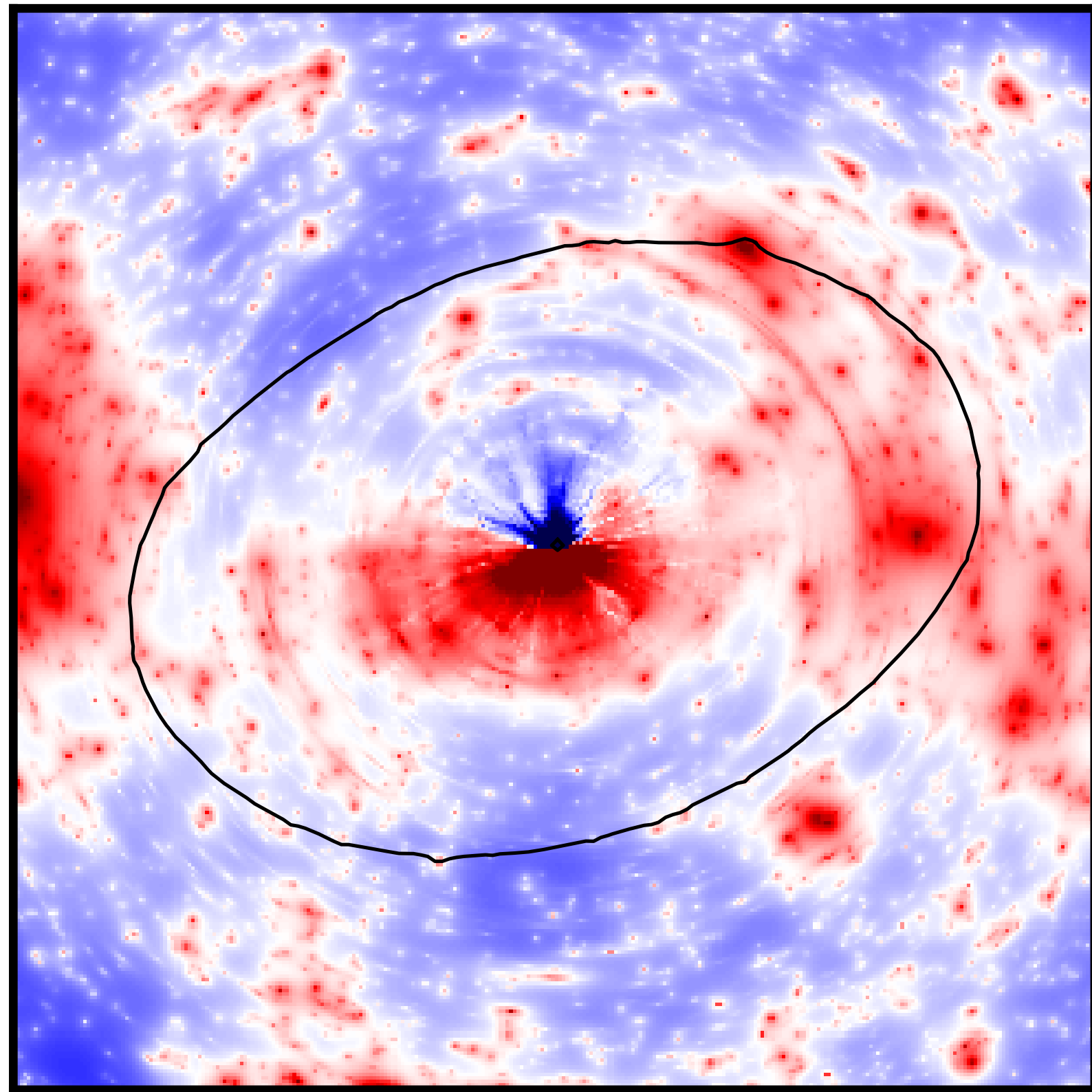
# Core-collapsed halos are extremely efficient lenses

Now we are looking  
down the line of sight

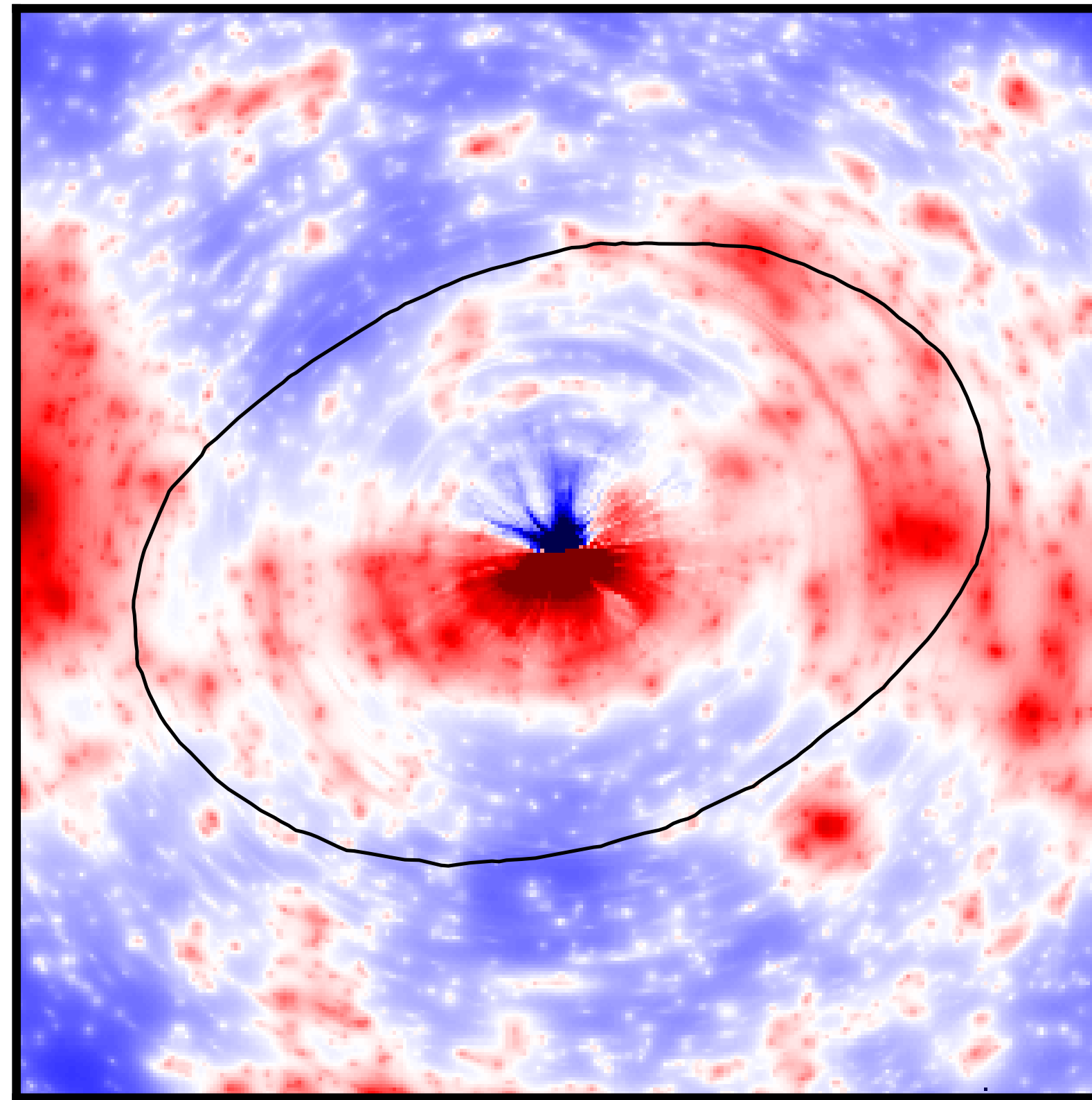


Critical curve  
(high magnifications)

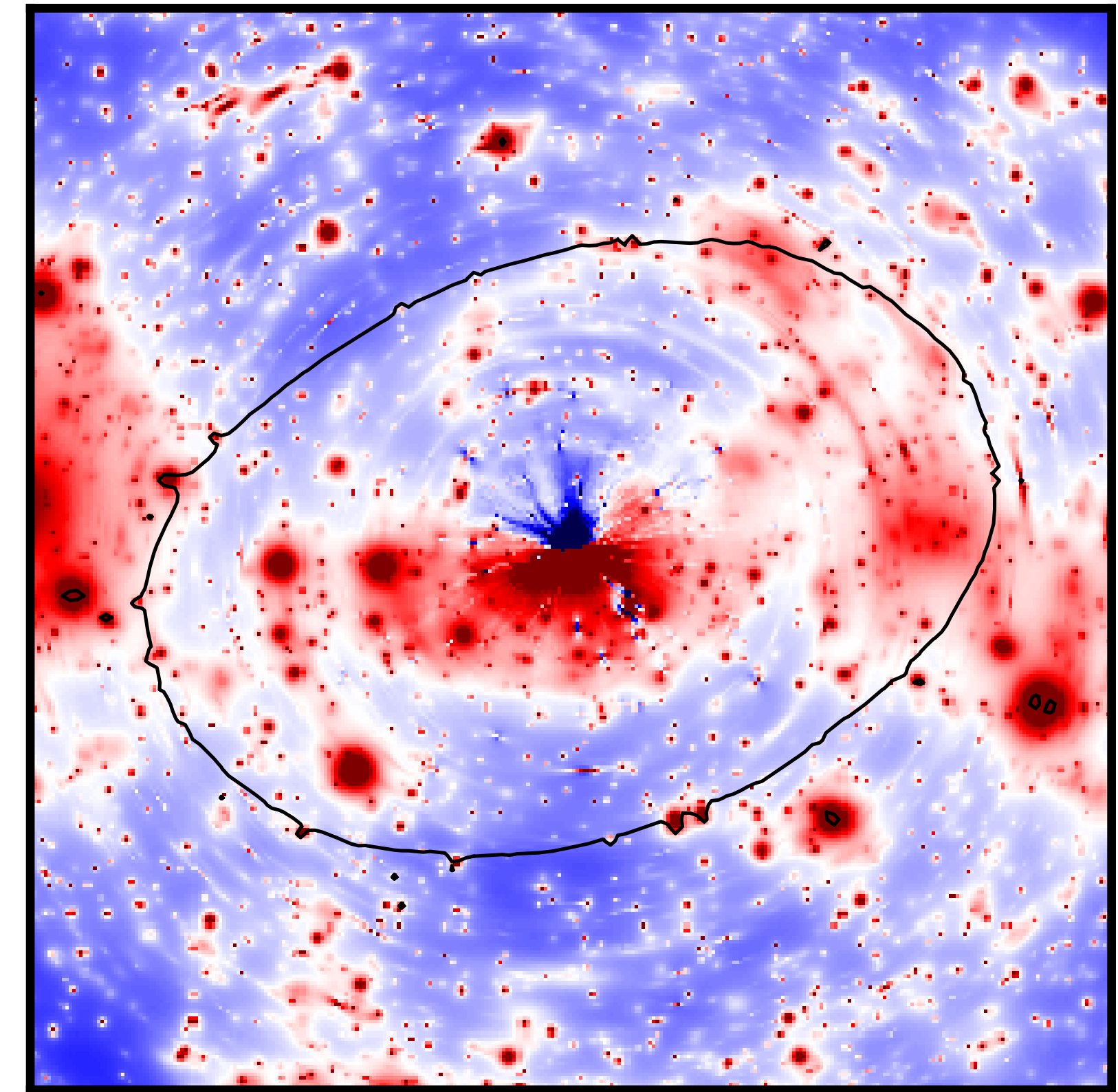
CDM



SIDM with cores only



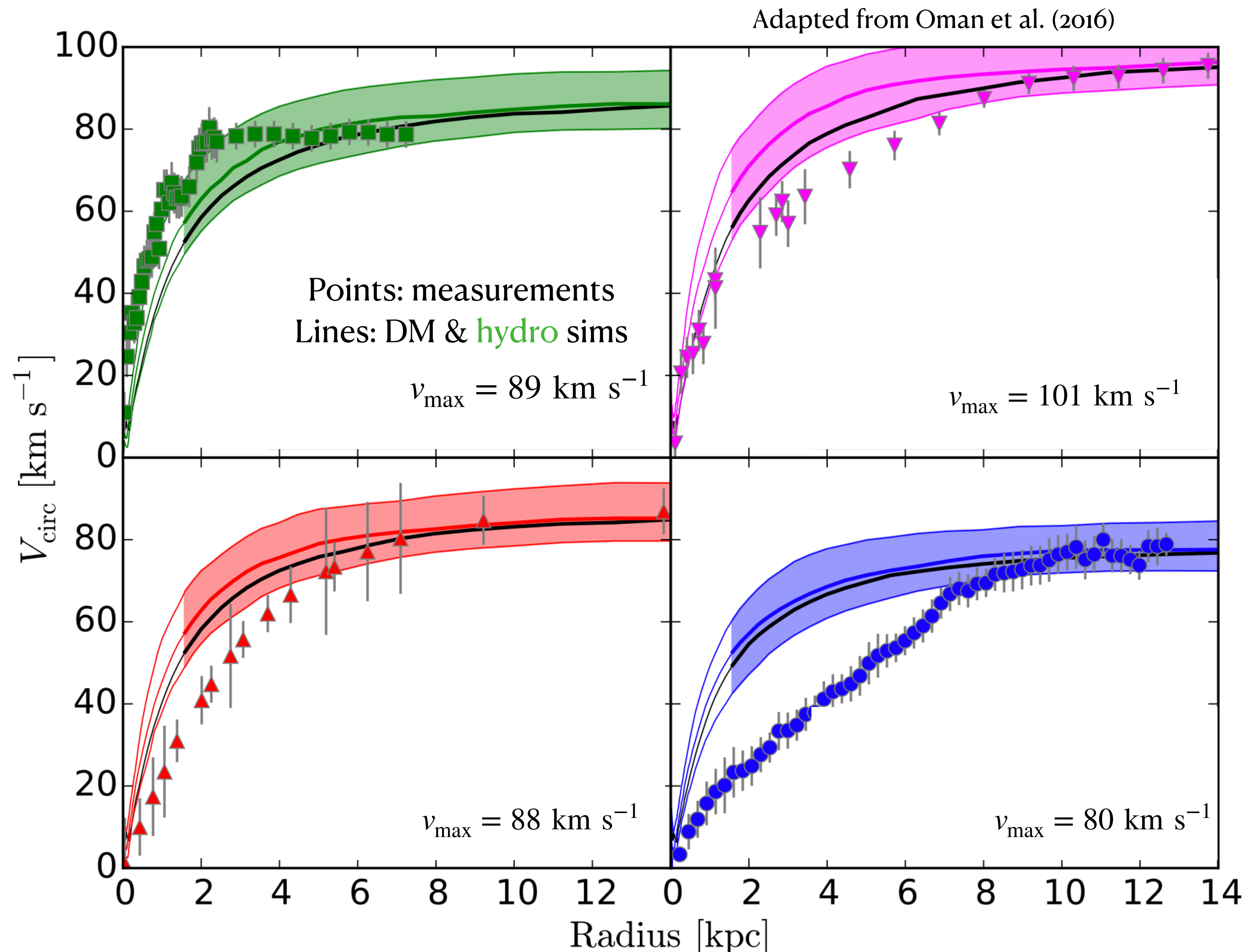
SIDM cores+core collapse

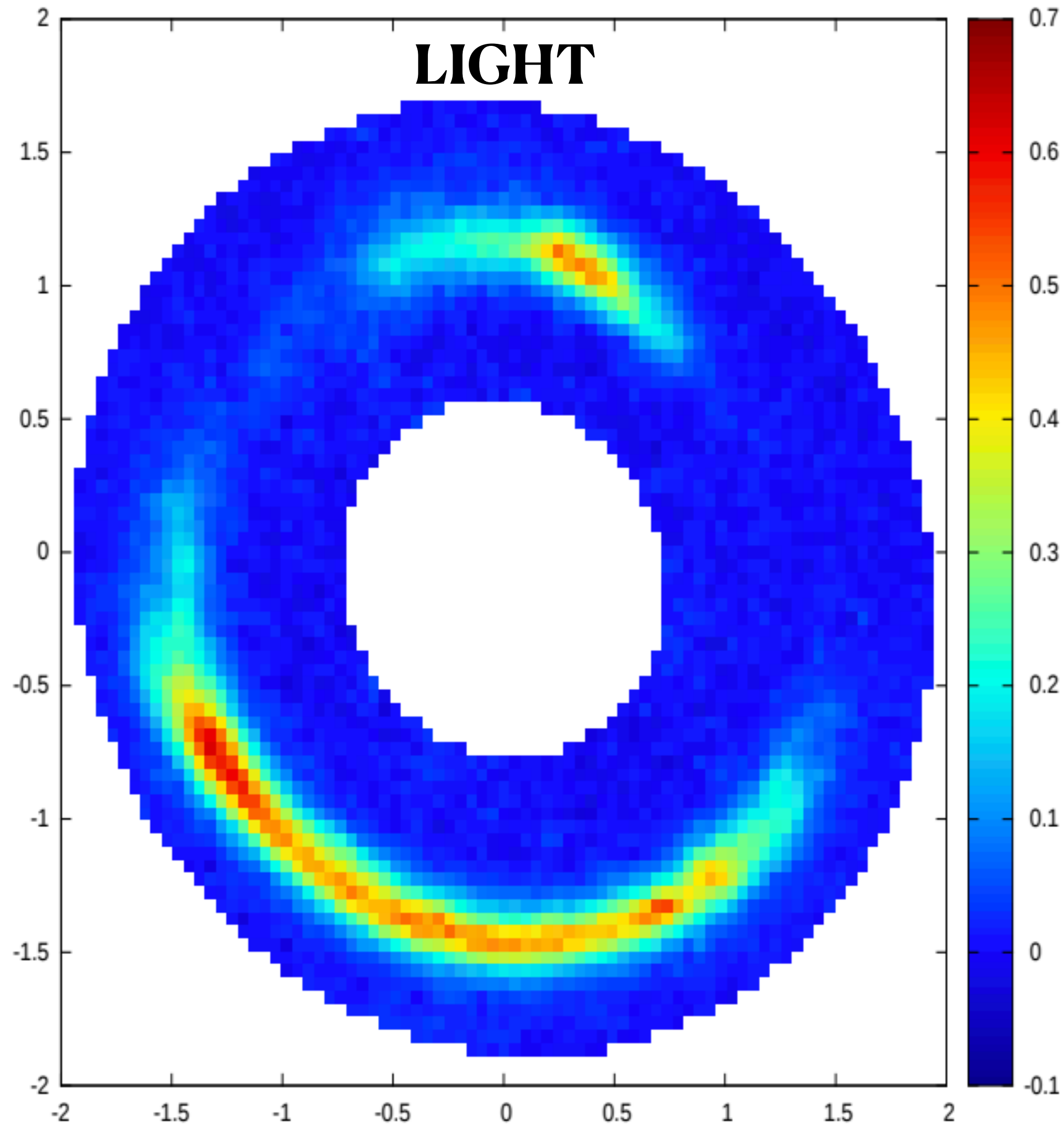




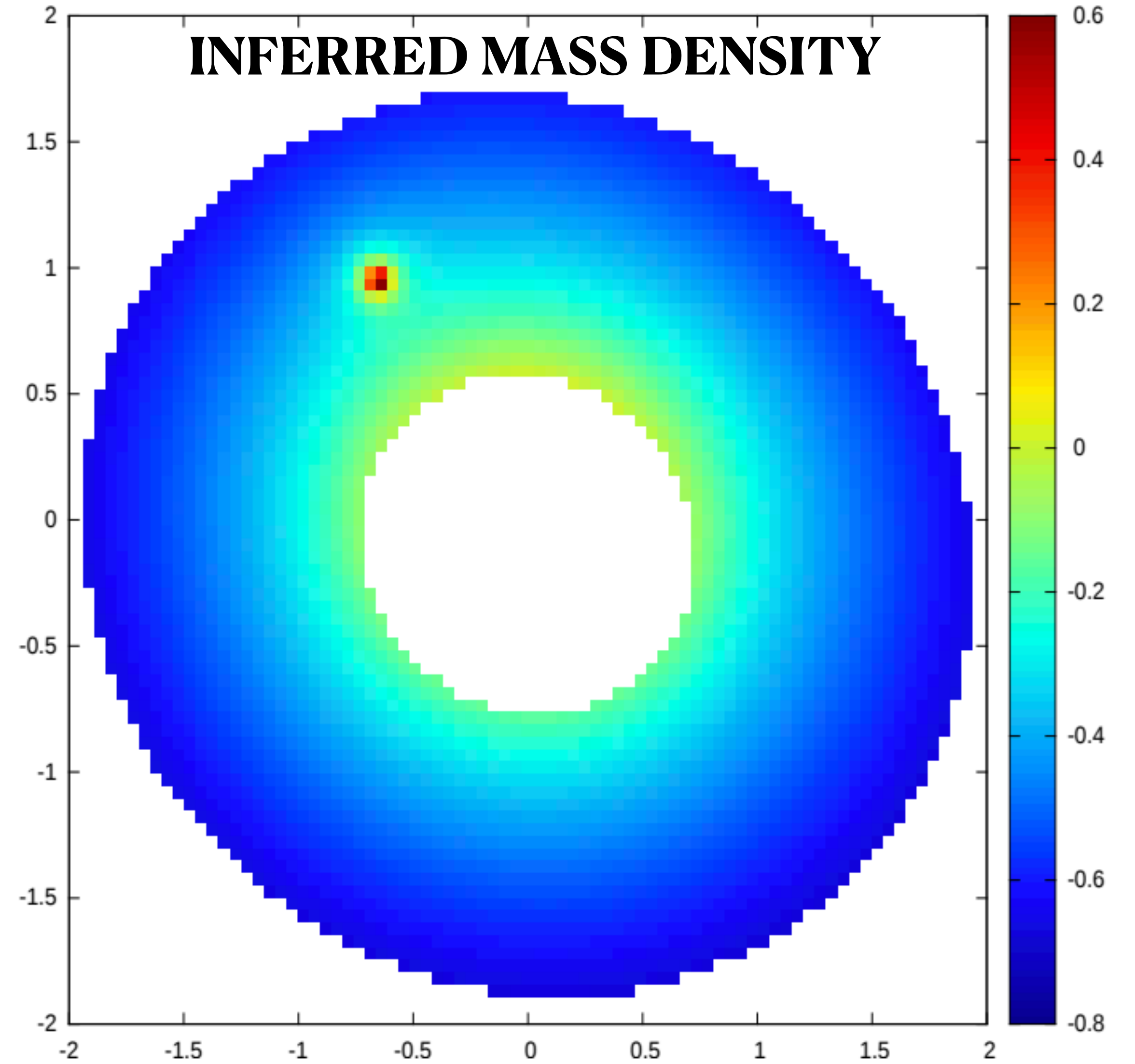
# Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM)

Core formation+collapse  
match diversity of  
observed rotation curves?

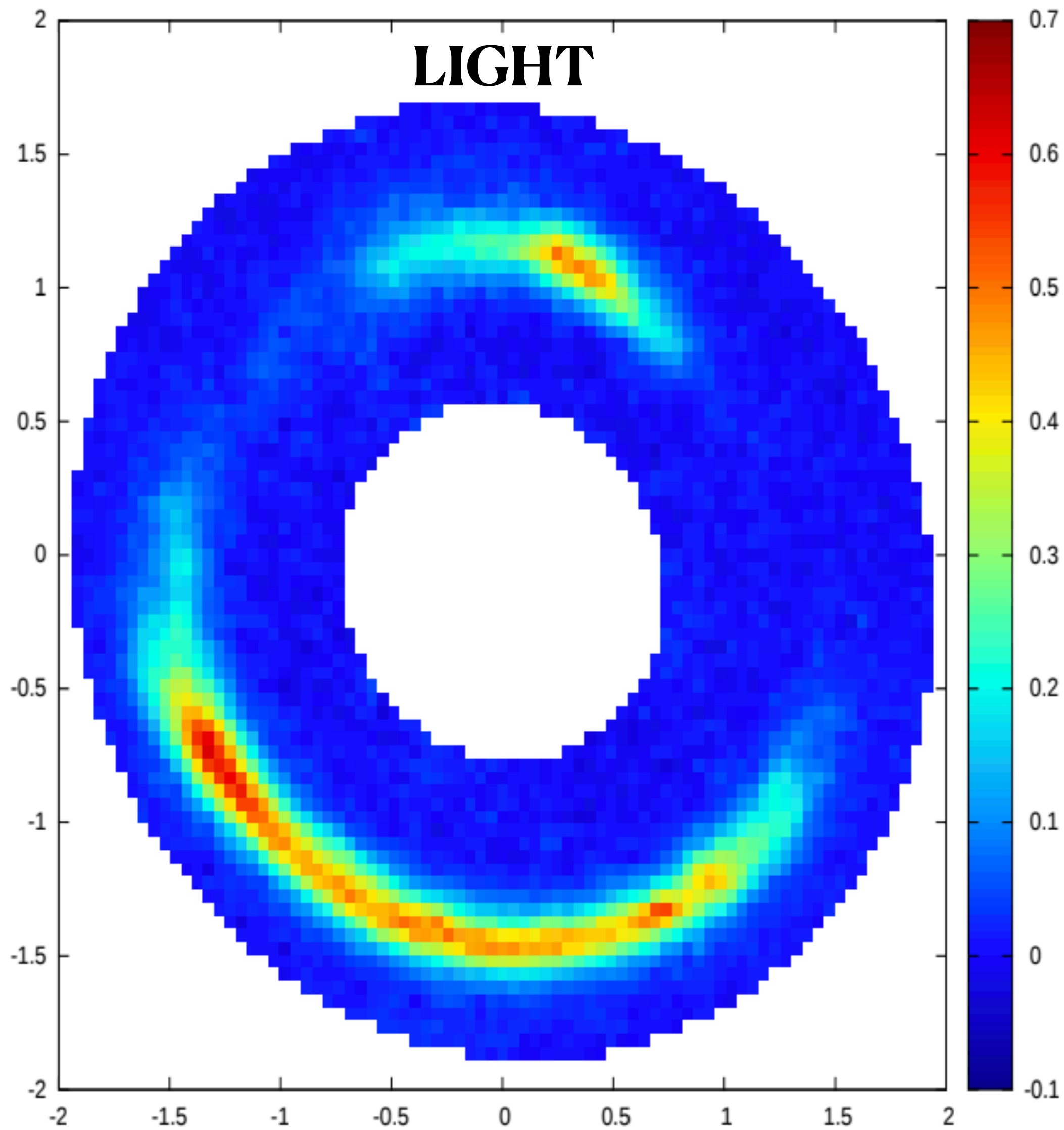




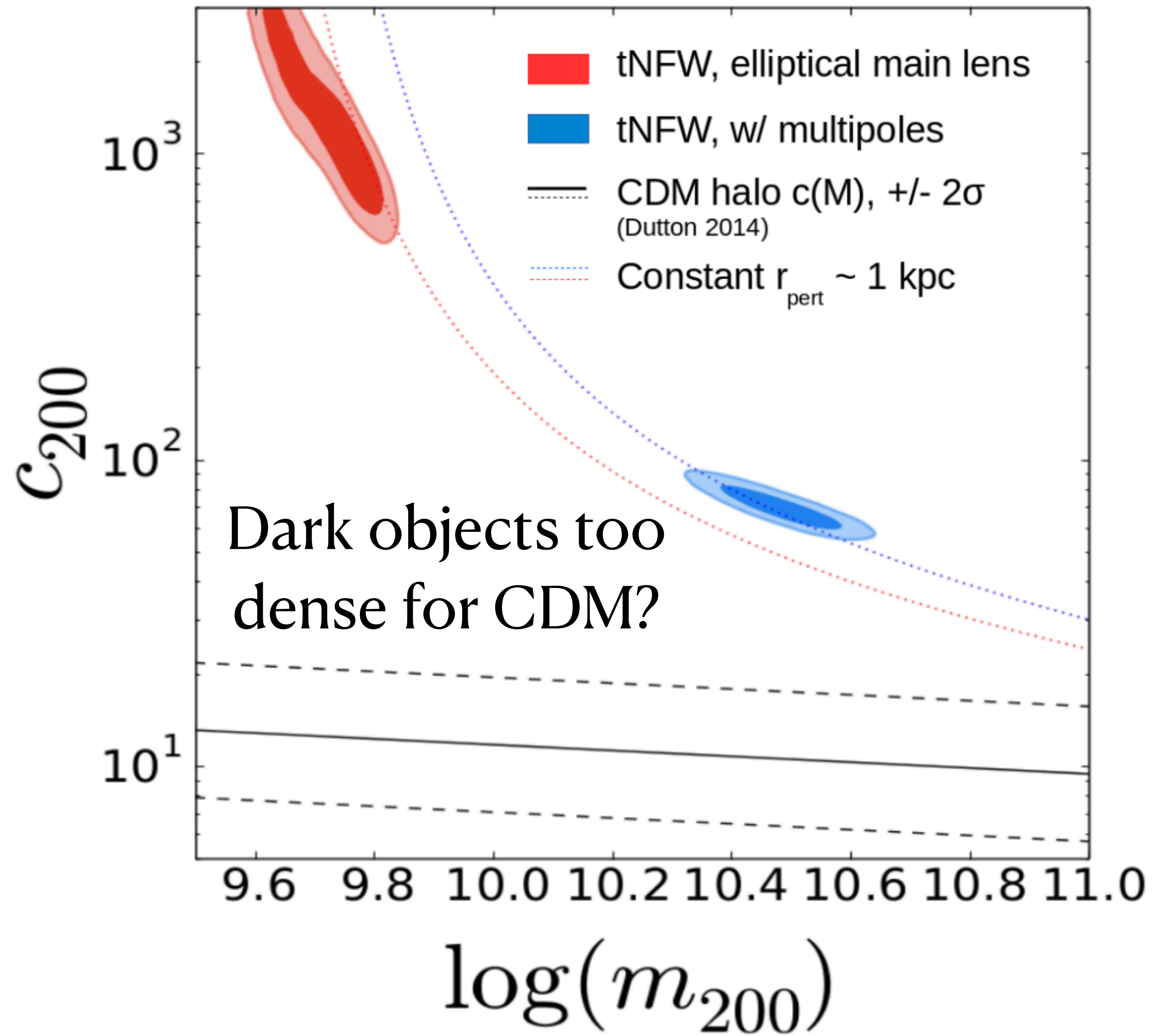
(a) masked HST image



(a) tNFW model

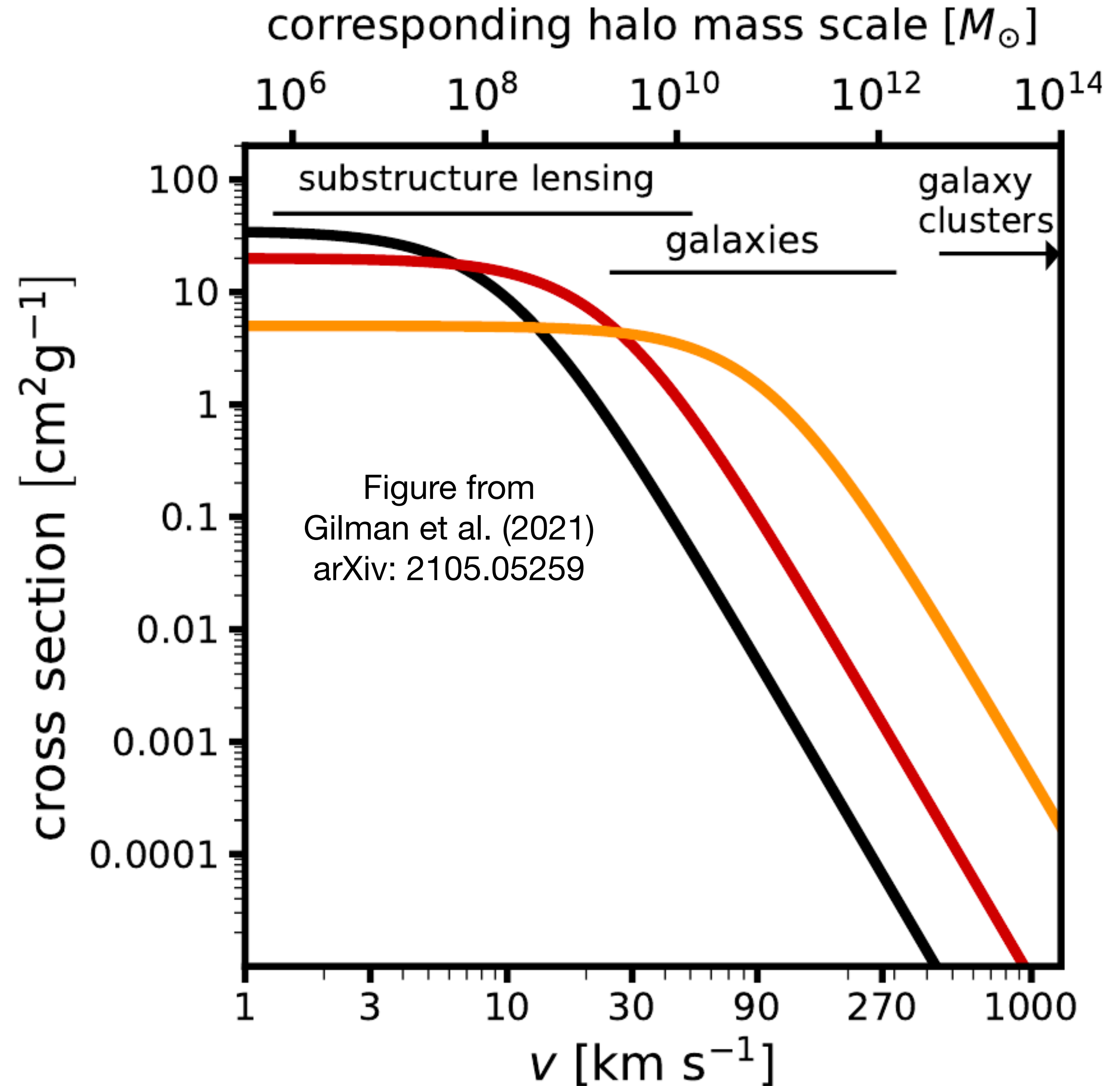


(a) masked HST image



**IF** we accept then the SIDM interpretation of these observations

**THEN** we should expect to find many collapsed halos at lower masses



# We can explore SIDM's rich phenomenology

-> example: attractive dark force exchanged via light mediator

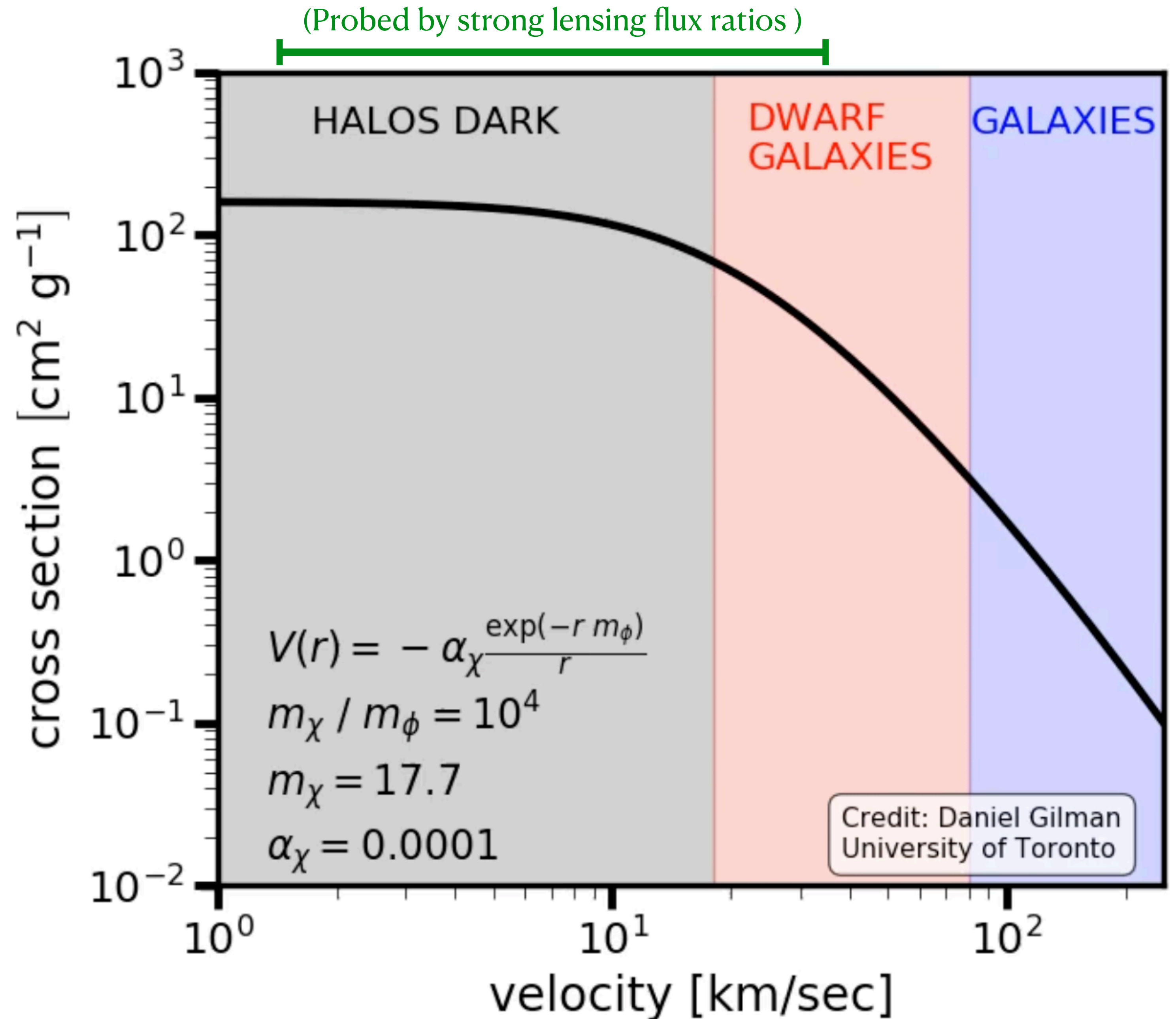
-> solving Schrodinger Eqn. reveals resonances at particular speeds/halo mass scales

$$V(r) = -\alpha_\chi \frac{\exp(-r m_\phi)}{r}$$

$\alpha_\chi$  = potential strength

$m_\phi$  = mediator mass  $\sim 1$  MeV

$m_\chi$  = DM mass  $\sim 1 - 10$  GeV



# Proof of concept with Hubble Space Telescope data and 11 lenses

Gilman, Zhong, Bovy; PRD 2023 arXiv: 2207.13111

## Constraining resonant dark matter self-interactions with strong gravitational lenses

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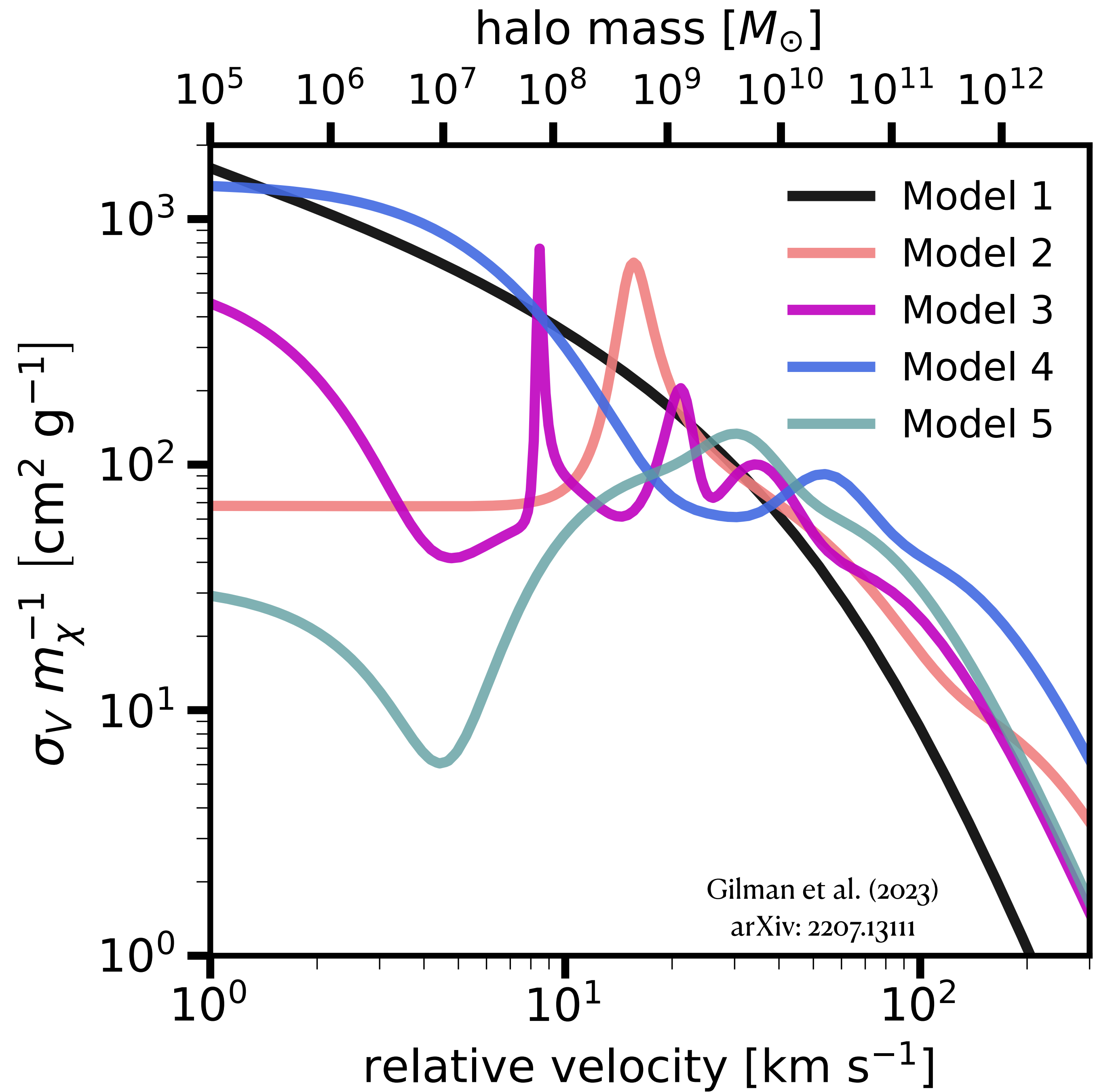
(Dated: May 10, 2023)

We devise a method to constrain self-interacting dark matter (SIDM) from observations of quadruply-imaged quasars, and apply it to five self-interaction potentials with a long-range dark force. We consider several SIDM models with an attractive potential that allows for the formation of quasi-bound states, giving rise to resonant features in the cross section localized at particular velocities below  $50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . We propose these resonances, which amplify or suppress the cross section amplitude by over an order of magnitude, accelerate or delay the onset of core collapse in low-mass dark matter halos, and derive constraints on the timescale for core collapse for the five interaction potentials we consider. Our data strongly disfavors scenarios in which a majority of halos core collapse, with the strongest constraints obtained for cross section strengths exceeding  $100 \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$  at relative velocities below  $30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . This work opens a new avenue to explore the vast landscape of possible SIDM theories.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM) has gained trac-

background source. We focus on a particular kind of lens system in which a quasar becomes quadruply imaged by a foreground galaxy, as depicted in Figure 1. The



characteristic collapse timescale

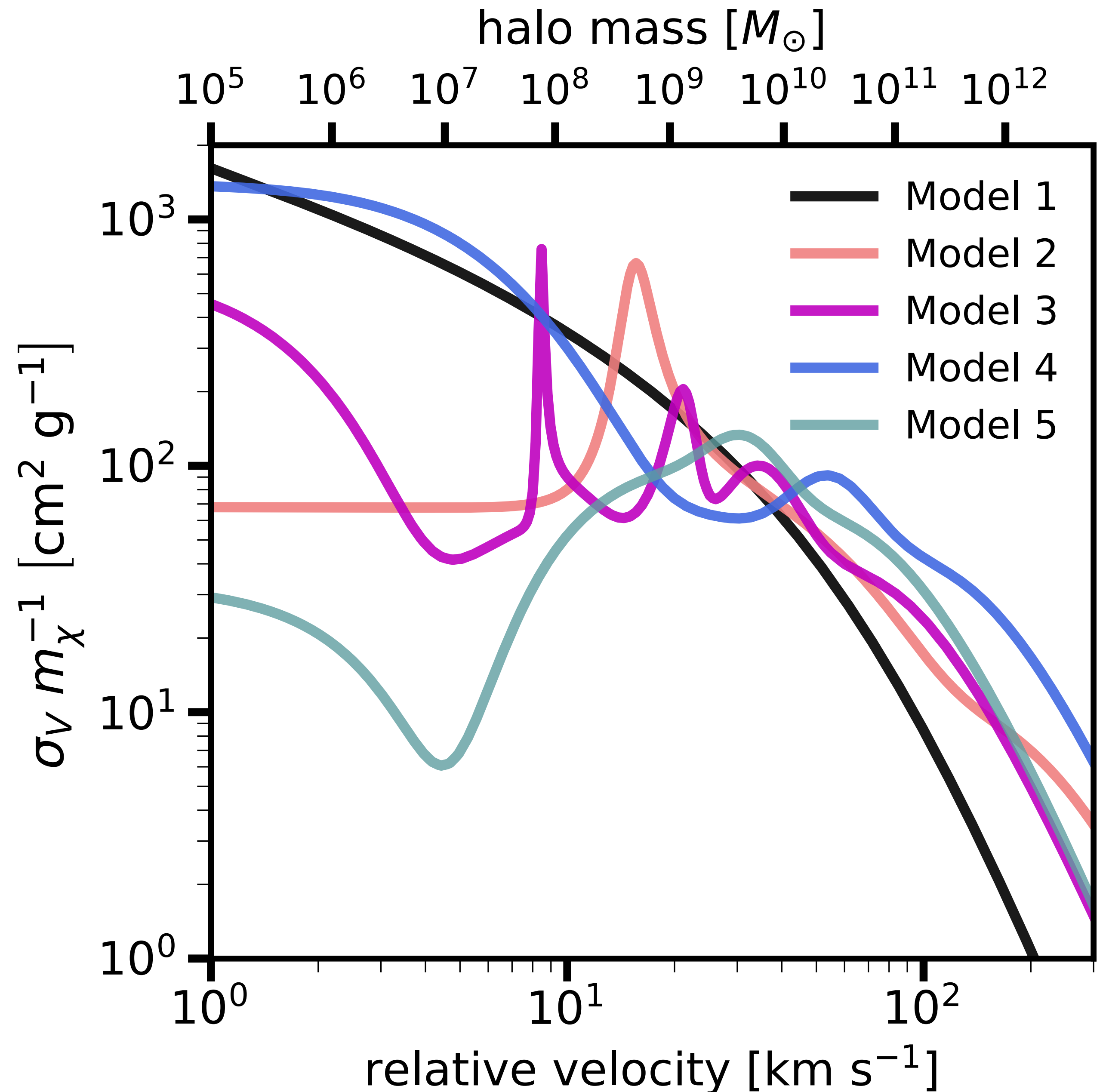
$$t_0^{-1} \sim \langle \sigma v^5 \rangle / \langle v^5 \rangle \times \text{density} \times \text{velocity}$$

Yang & Yu (2022) arXiv: [2305.16176](#),  
Yang, Du et al. (2023) arXiv: [2205.02957](#)

Halos collapse after some  
**multiple** of the timescale

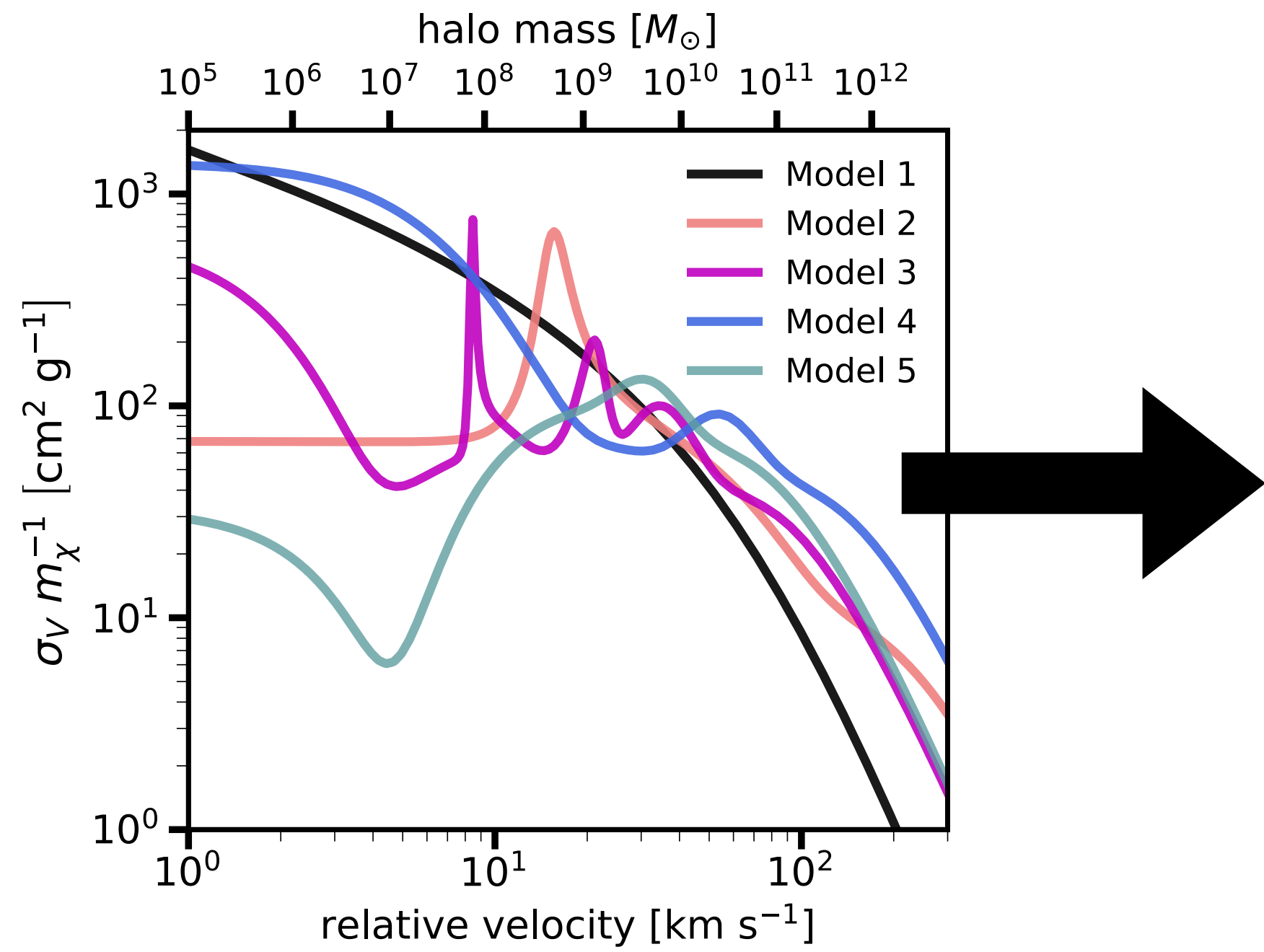
$$t_{\text{subhalo}} \sim \lambda_{\text{sub}} t_{\text{collapse}}$$

$$t_{\text{fieldhalo}} \sim \lambda_{\text{field}} t_{\text{collapse}}$$

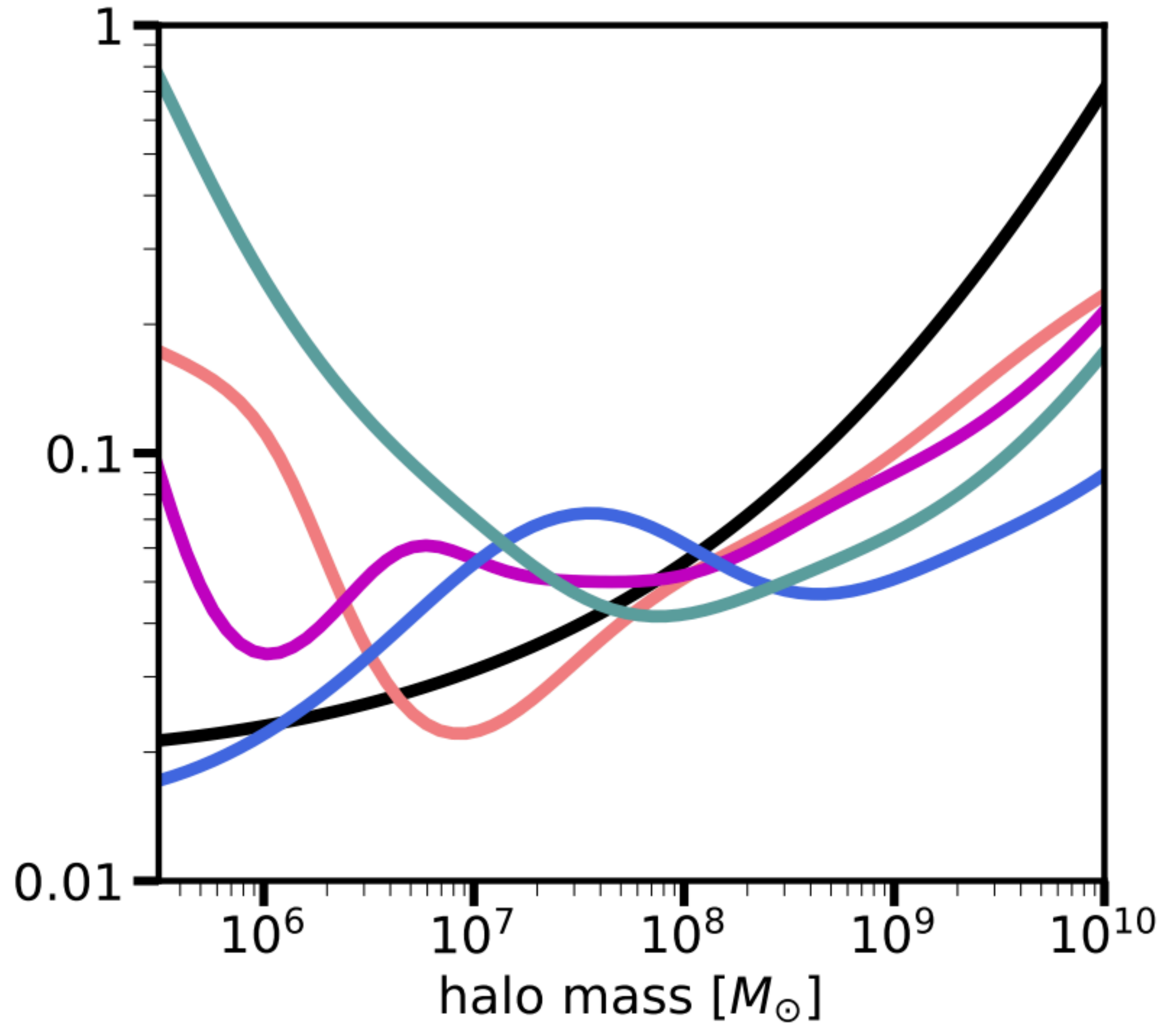




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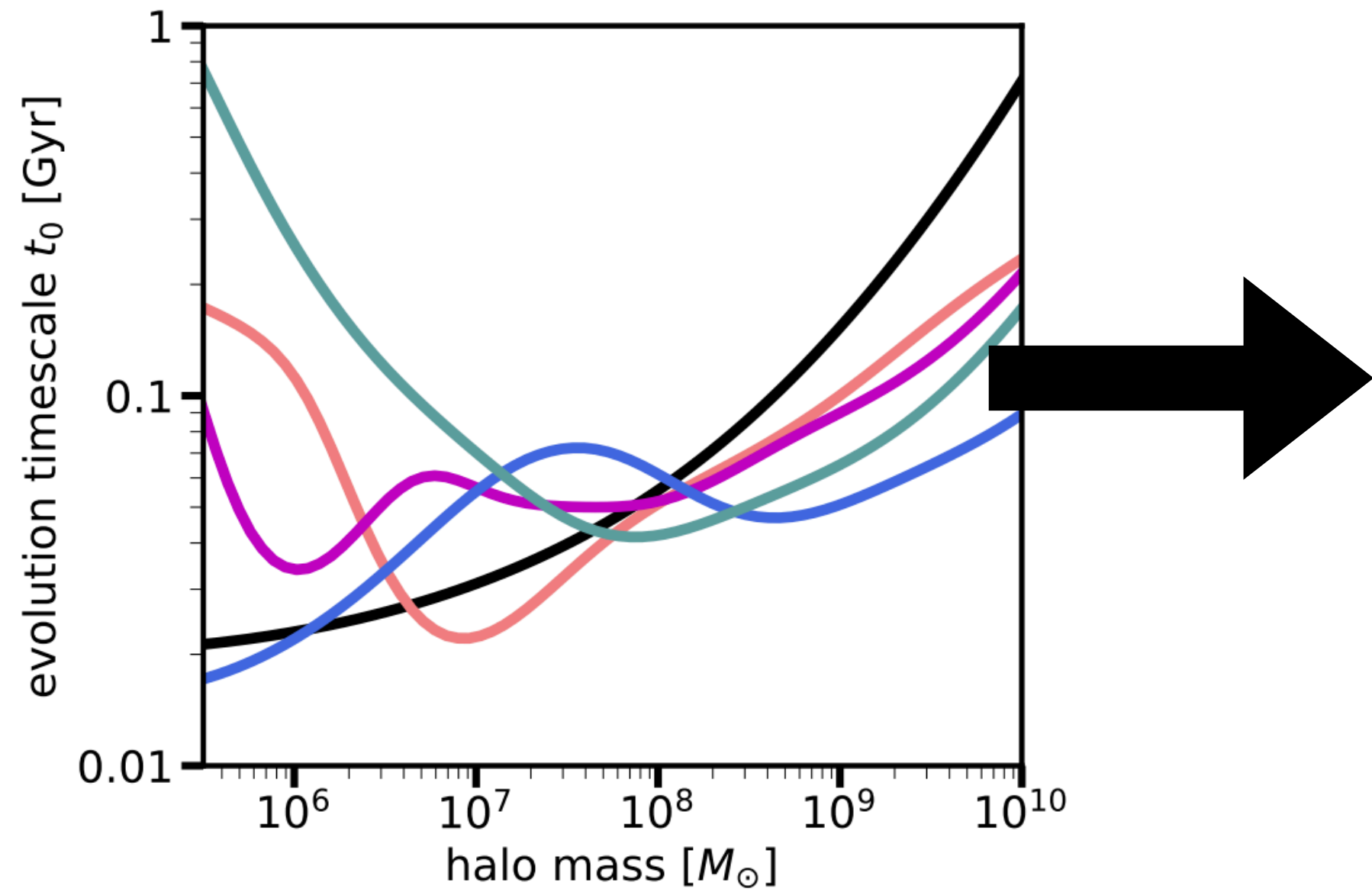
evolution timescale  $t_0$  [Gyr]



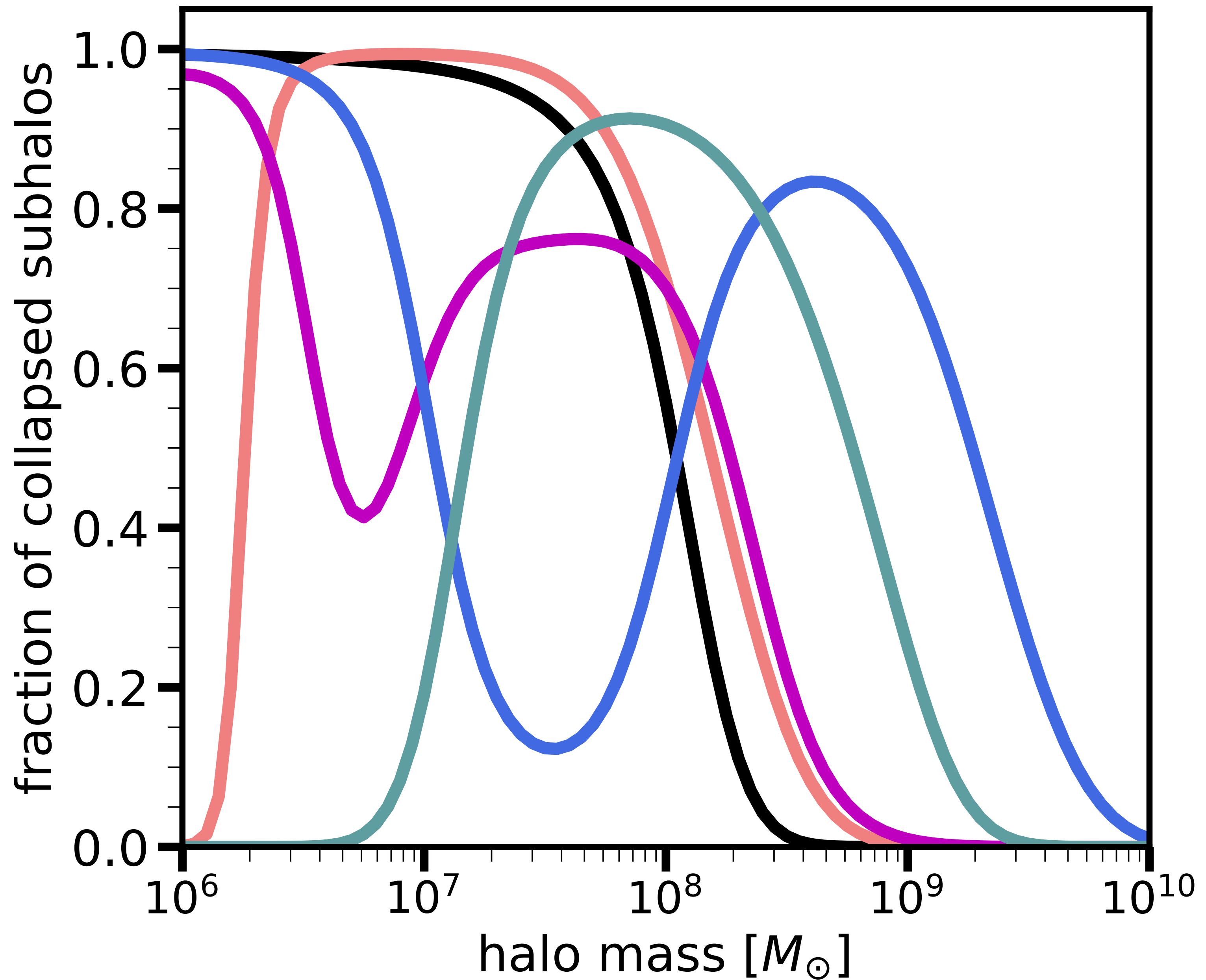
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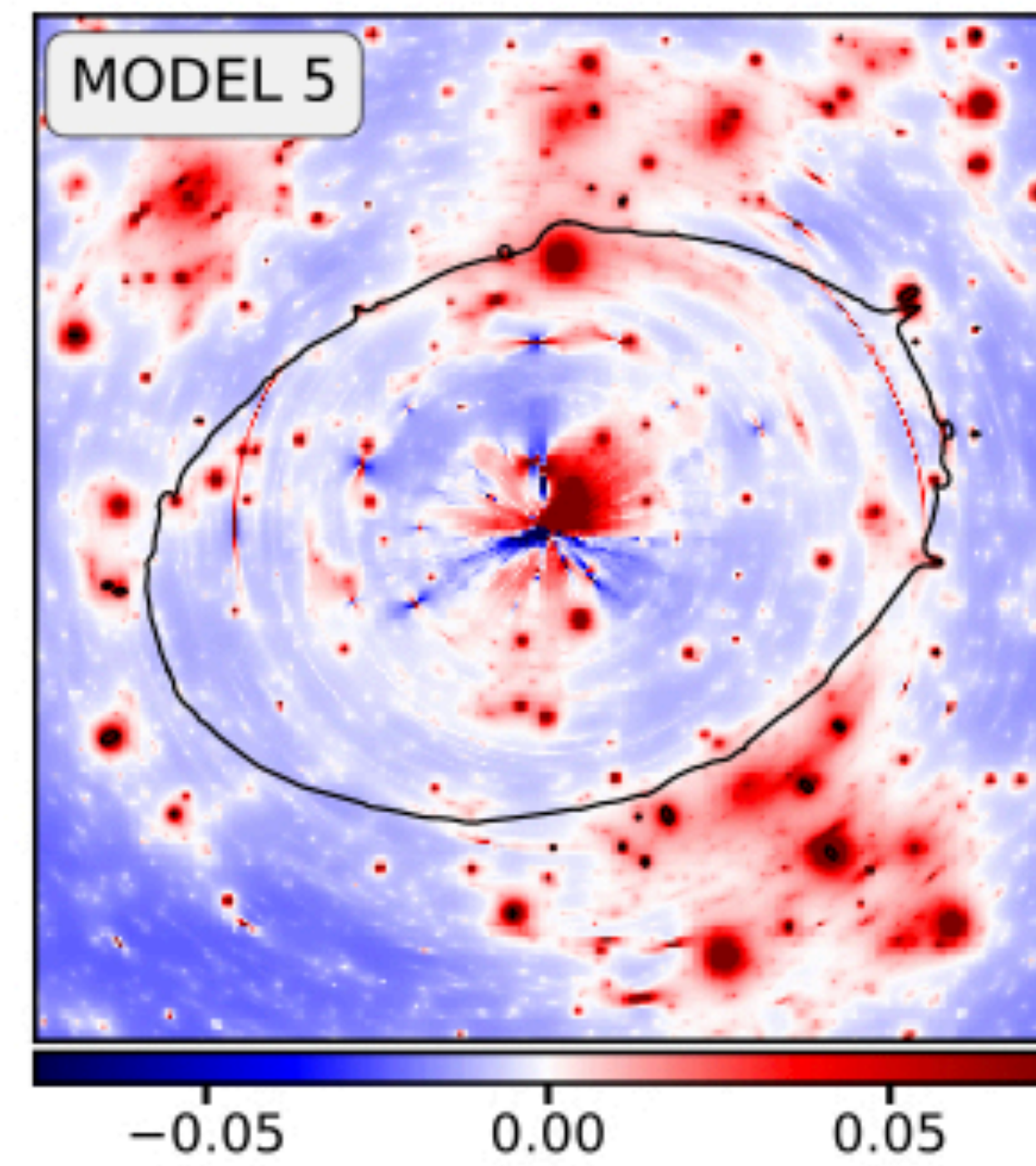
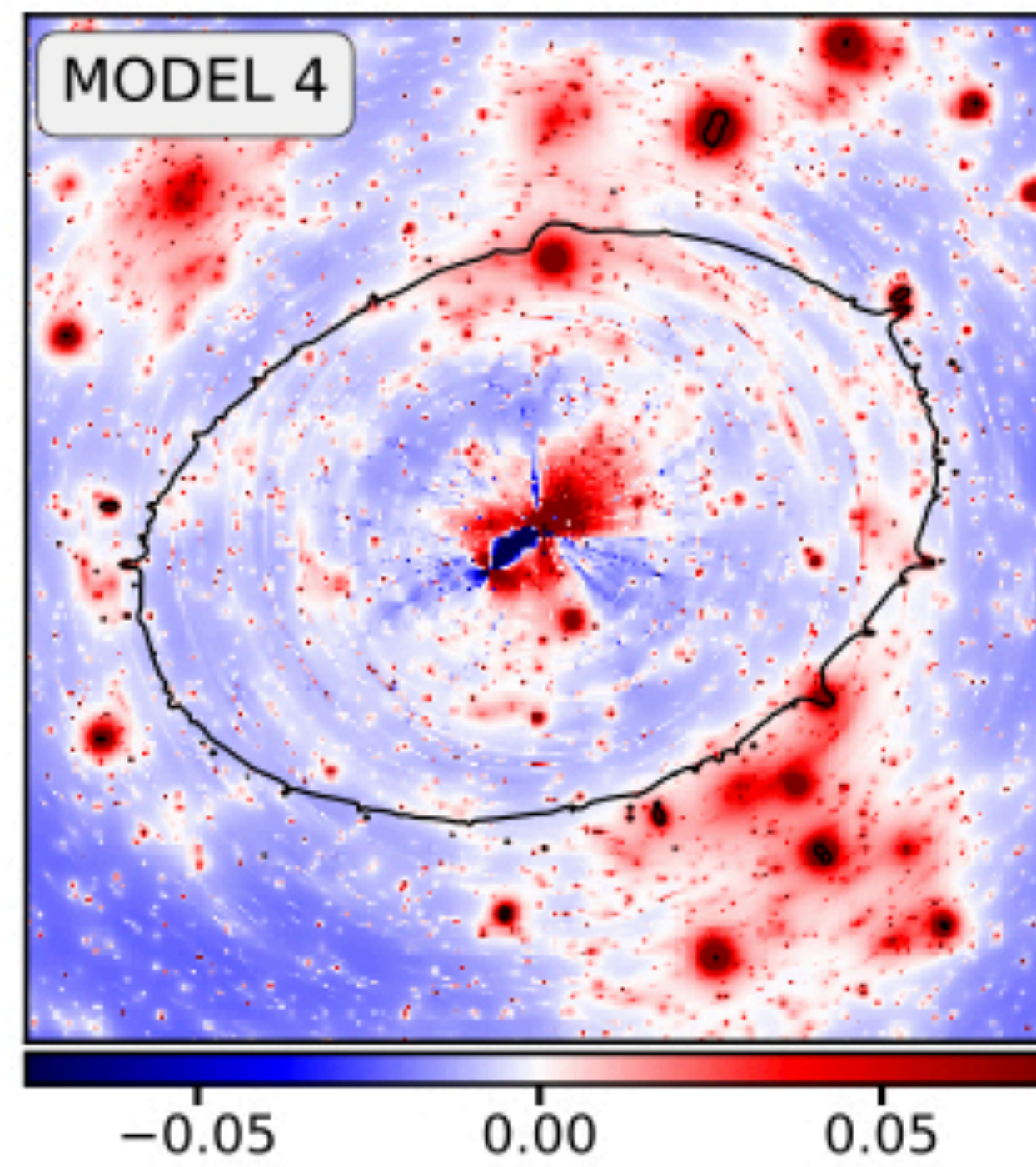
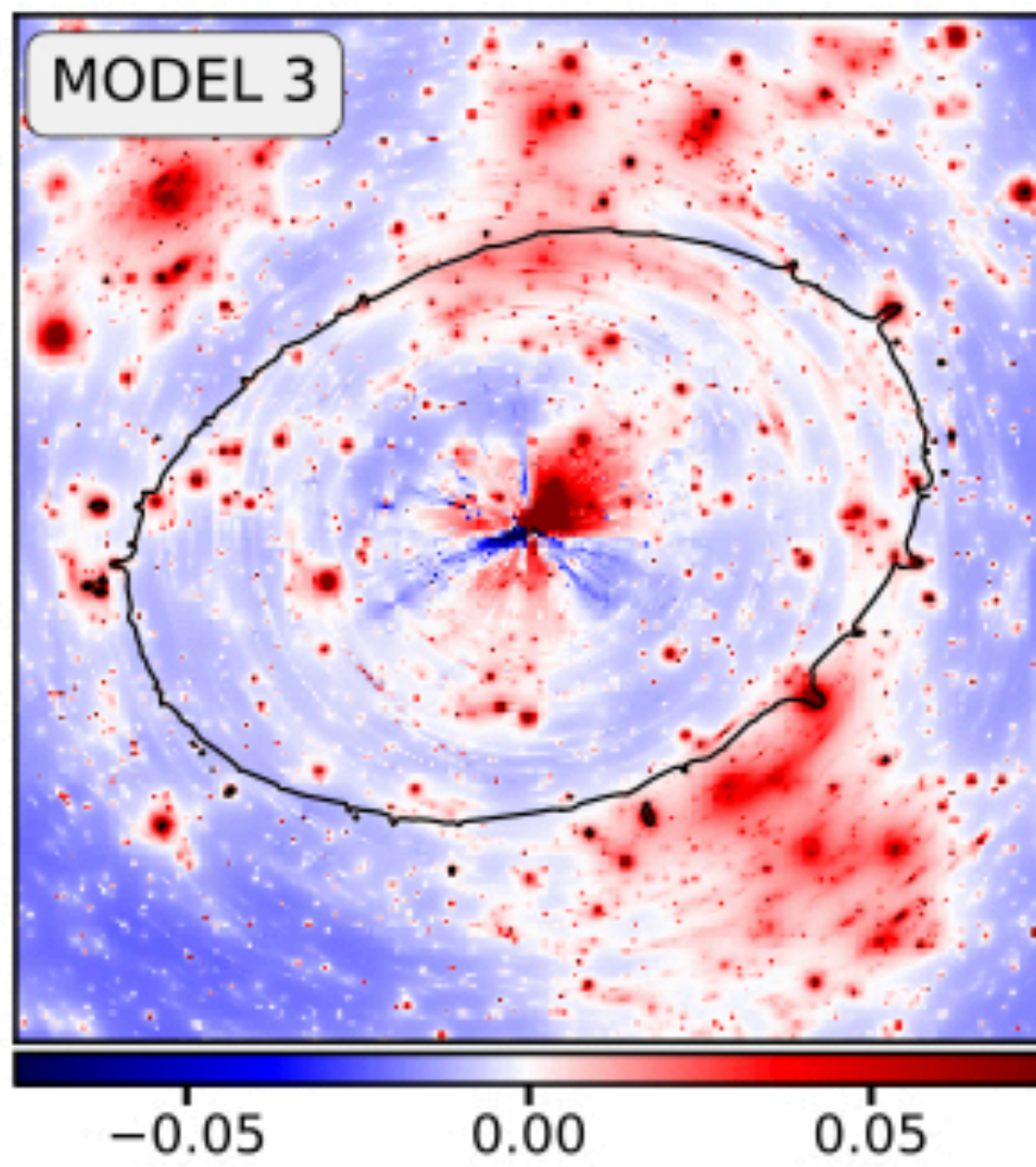
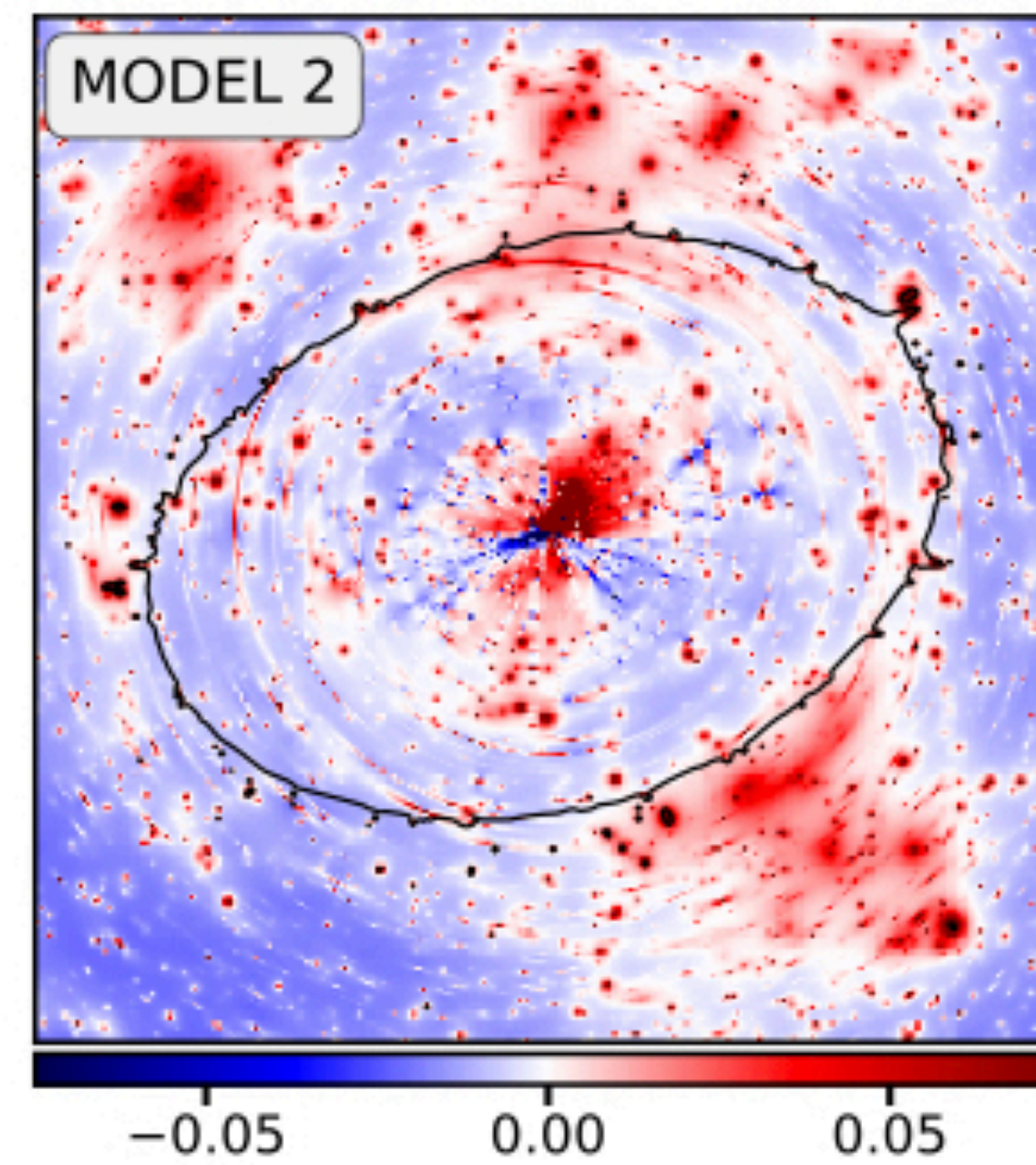
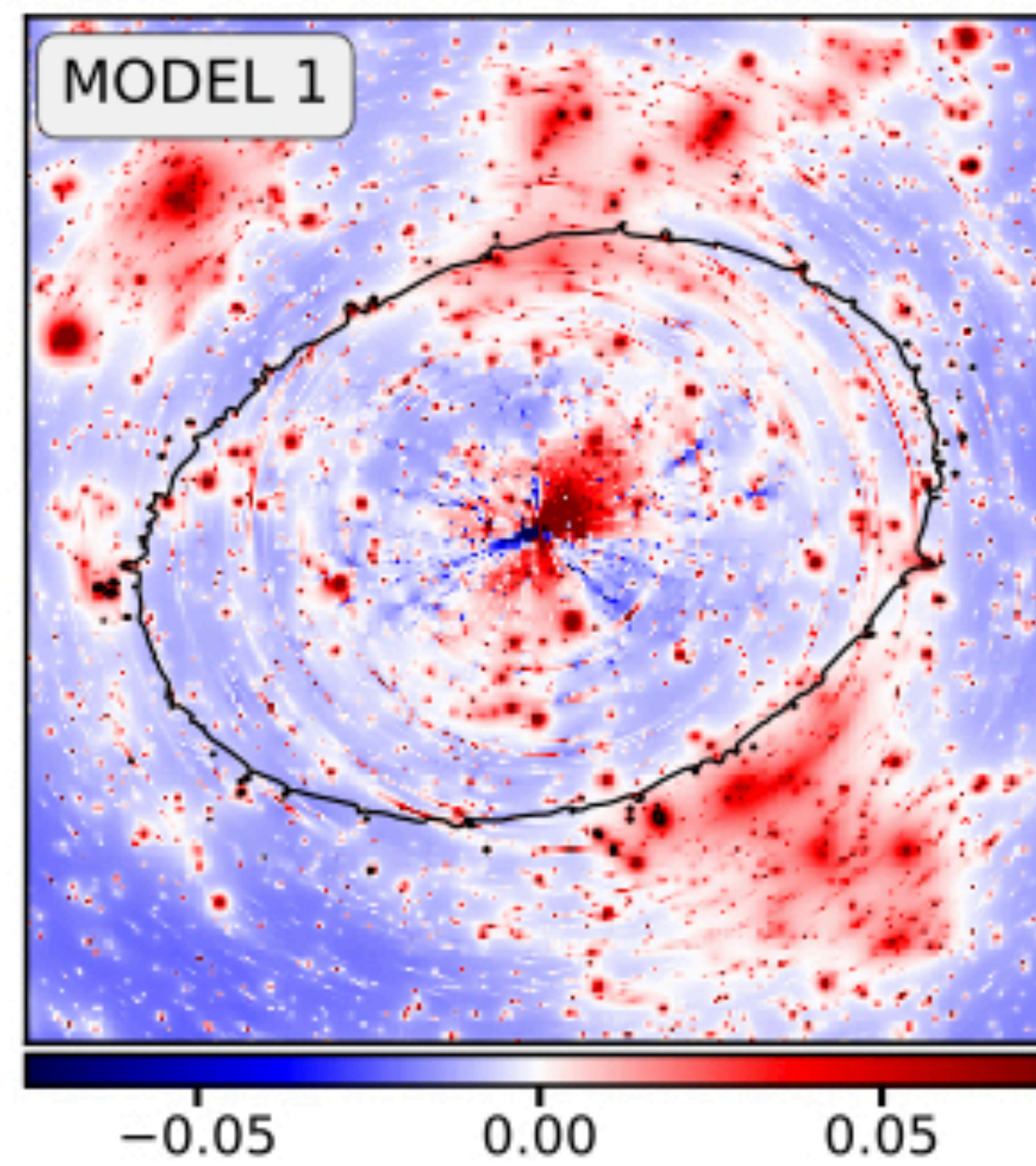
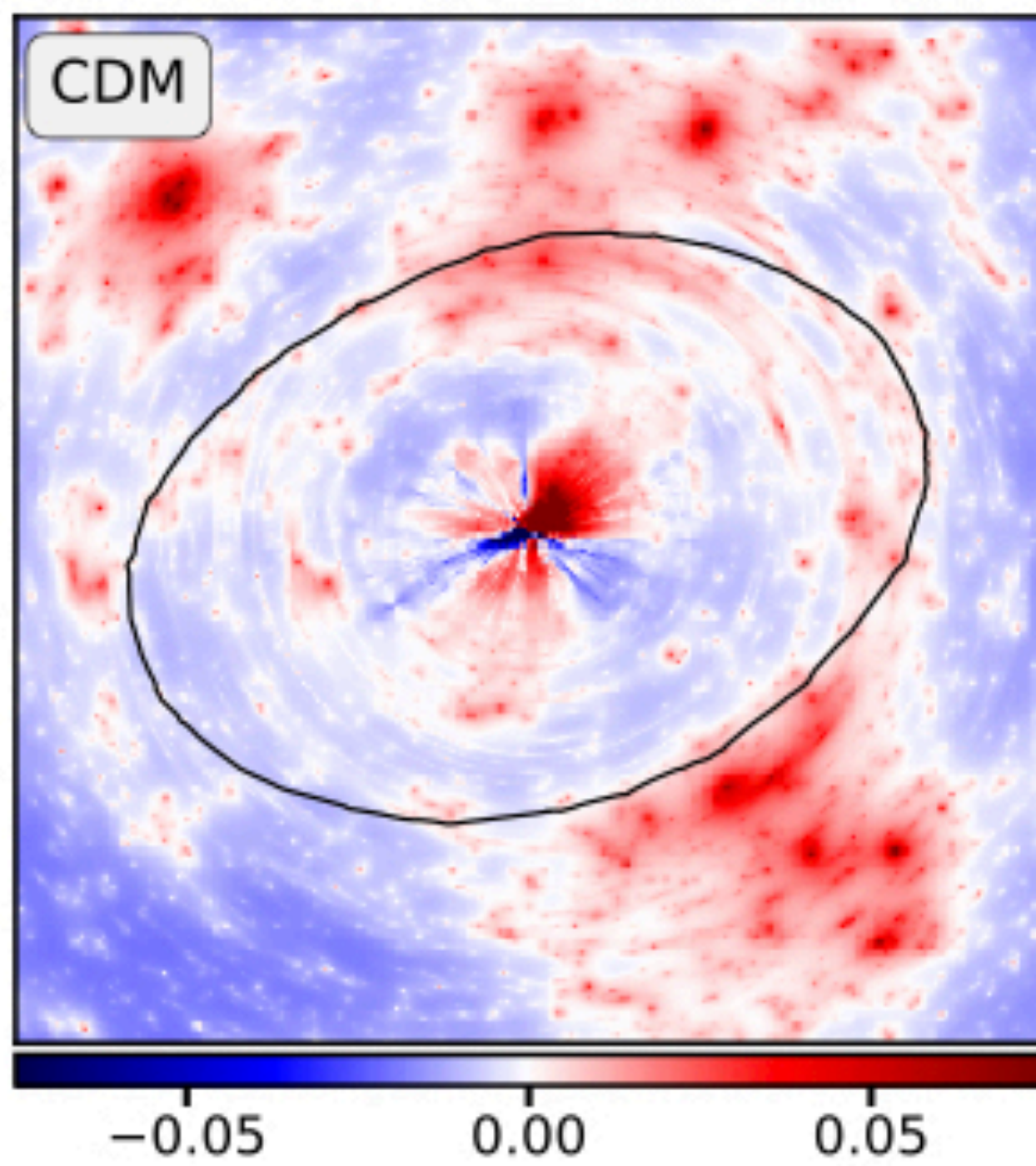
$$\lambda_{\text{sub}} = 150$$

$$t_{\text{subhalo}} \sim \lambda_{\text{sub}} t_0$$



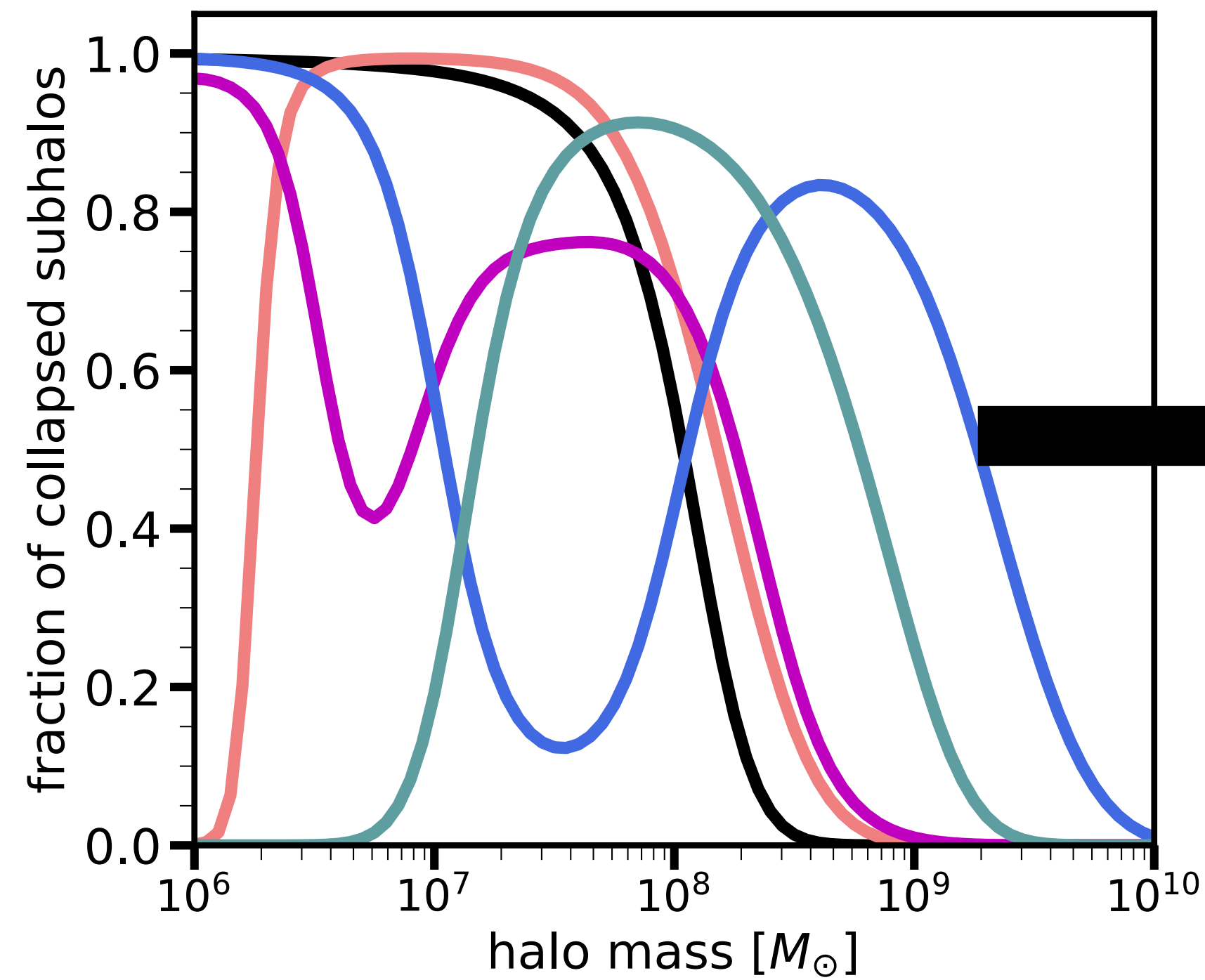
Allow halos to collapse after a multiple of the collapse time





We can compute the likelihood of data given  
**fraction of collapsed halos as a function of halo mass:**

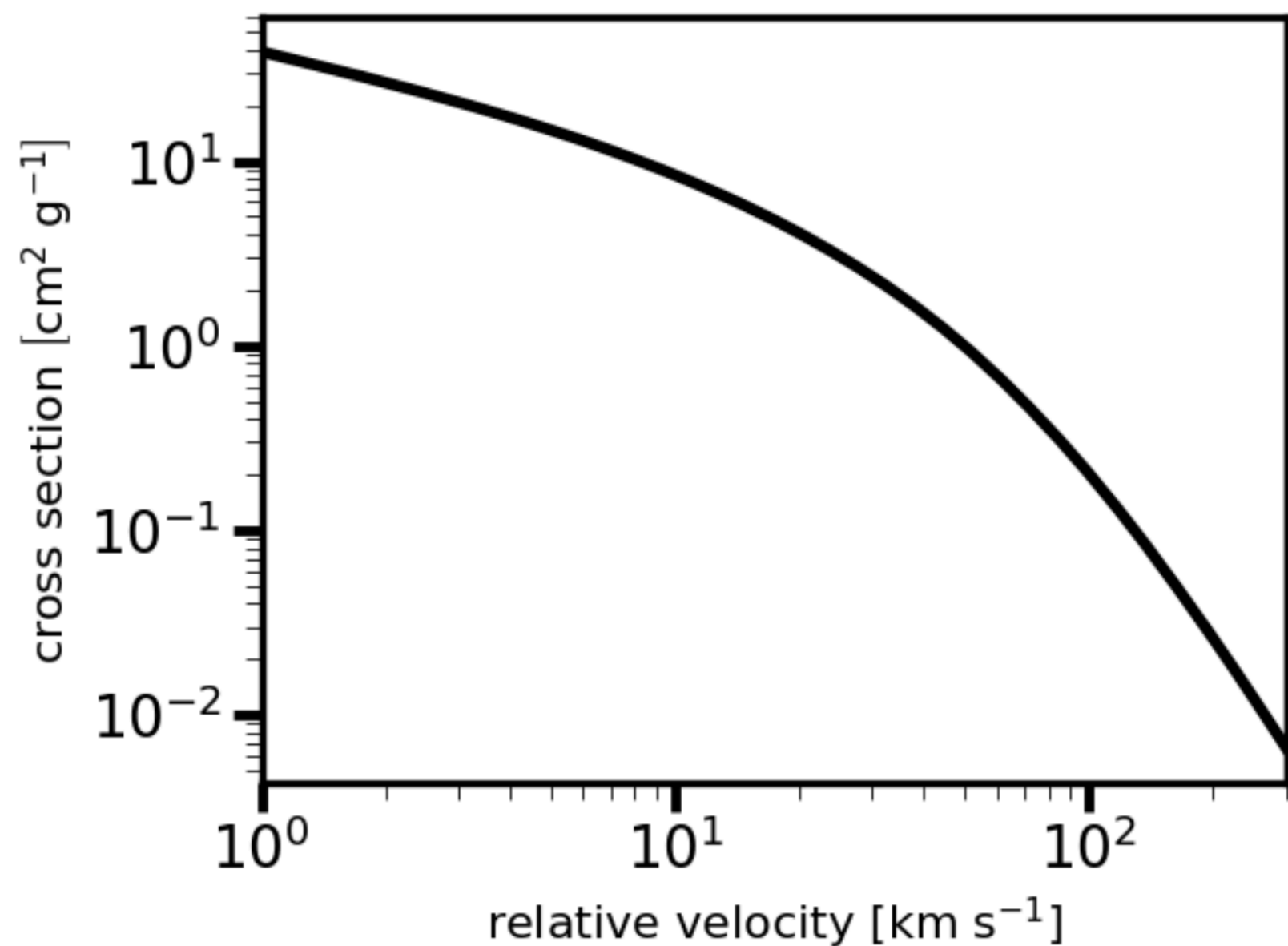
$$\mathcal{L} \left( \mathbf{data} \mid f_{\text{collapsed}}(M) \right)$$



And recast this as constraints on  
the core-collapse timescale

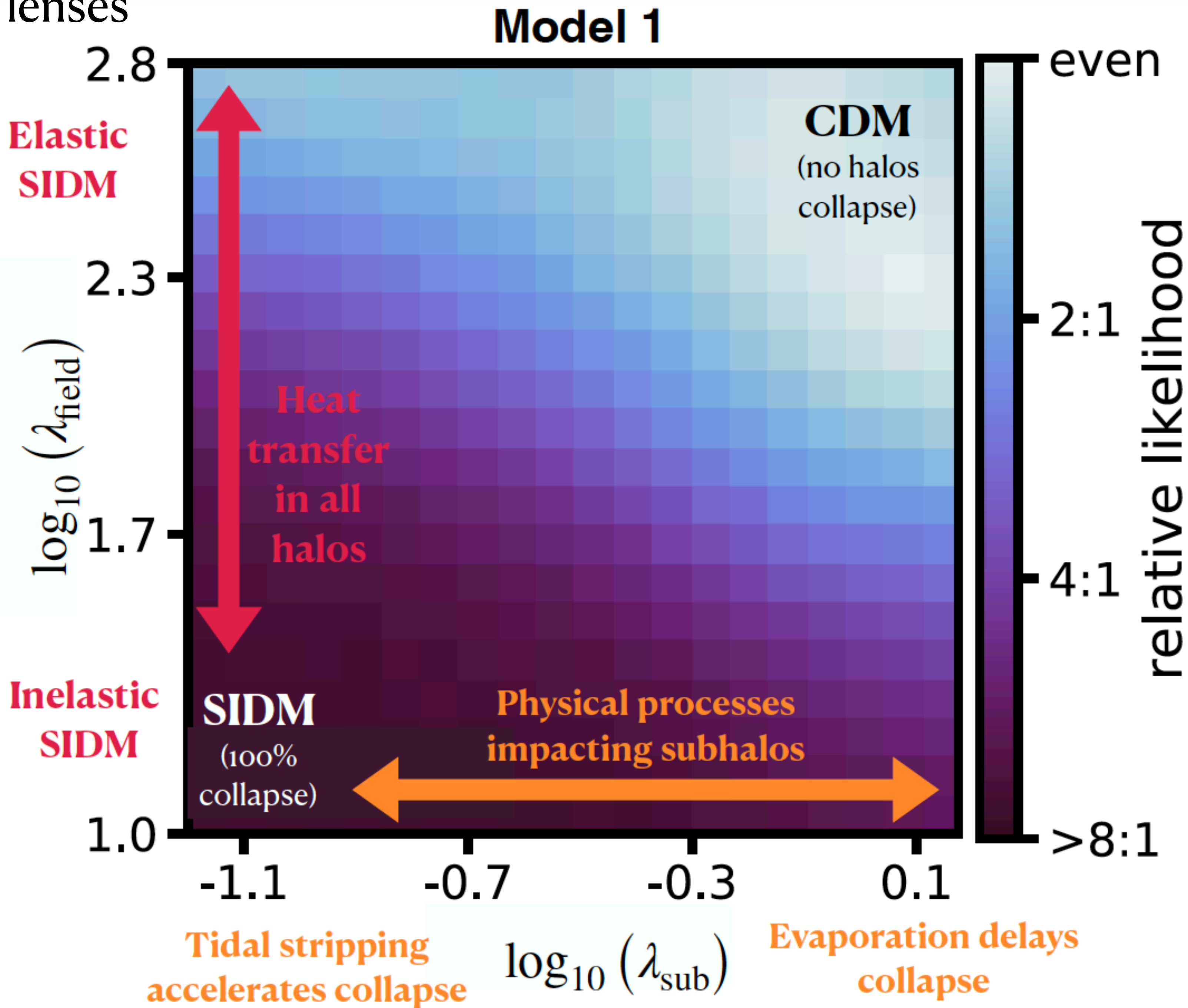
$$\mathcal{L} \left( \mathbf{data} \mid \lambda_{\text{sub}}, \lambda_{\text{field}}, \sigma \right) = \int \mathcal{L} \left( \mathbf{data} \mid f_{\text{collapsed}}(M) \right) \times p \left( f_{\text{collapsed}}(M) \mid \lambda_{\text{sub}}, \lambda_{\text{field}}, \sigma \right) df_{\text{collapsed}}$$

# Inference on real data with 11 lenses

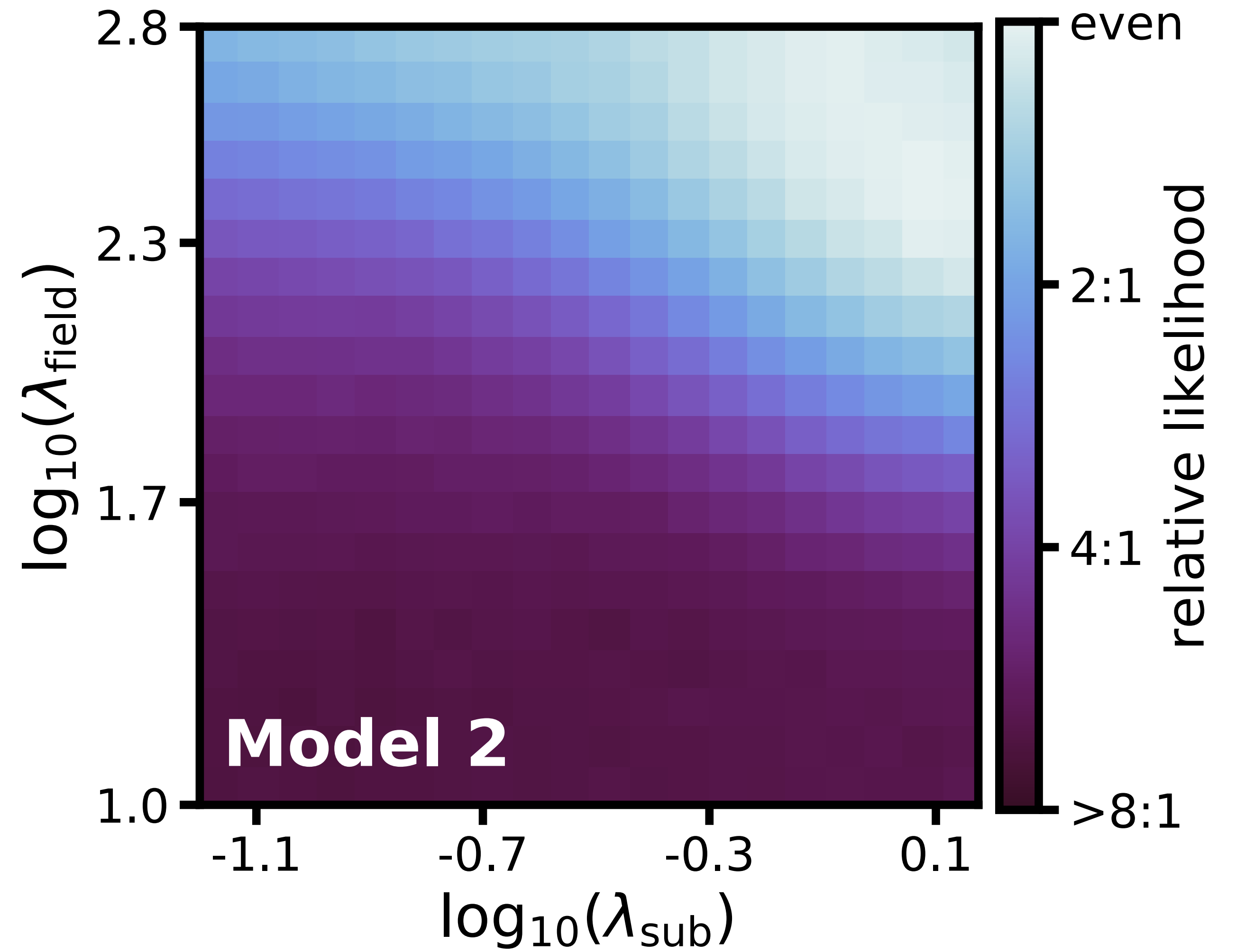
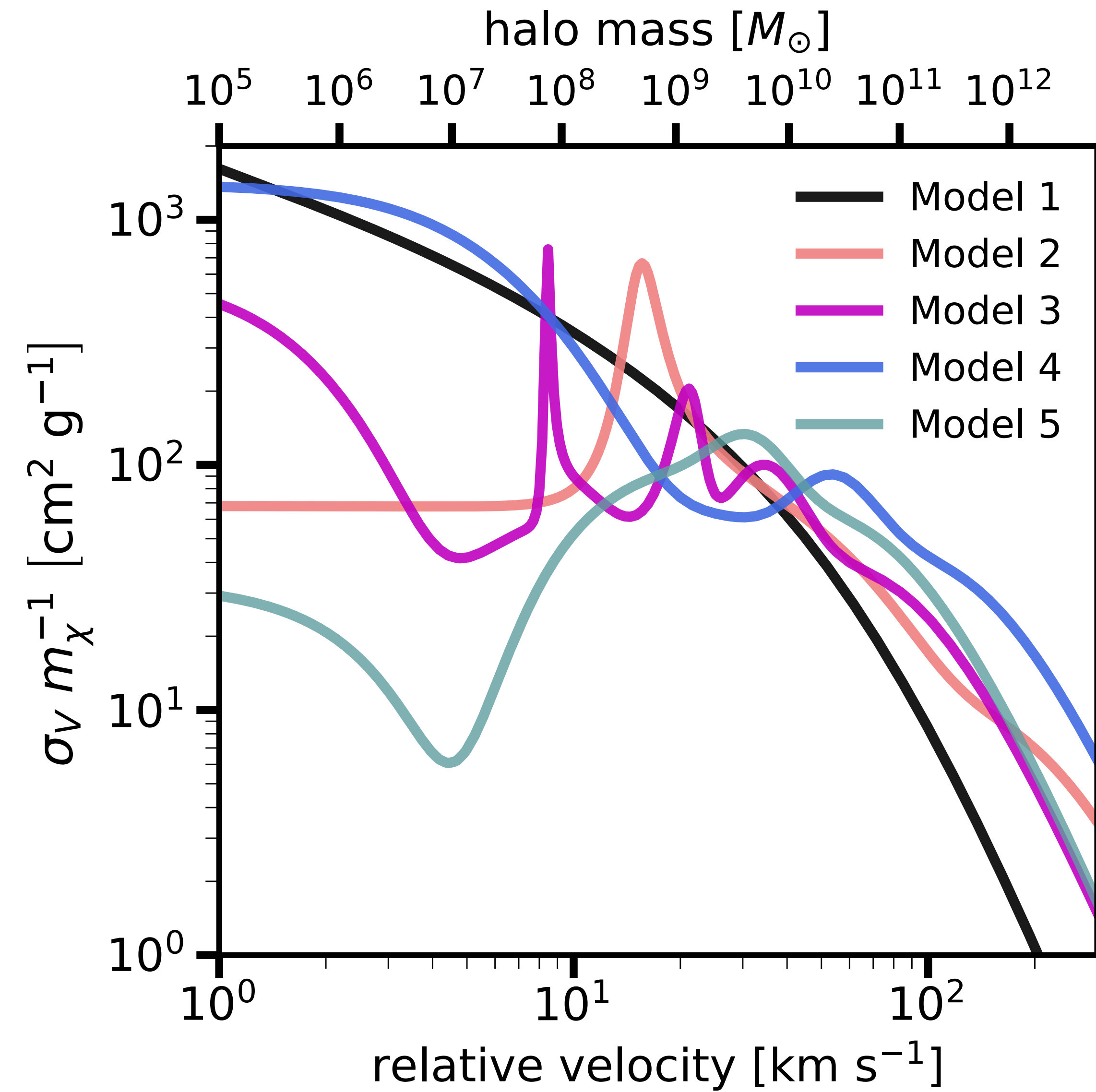


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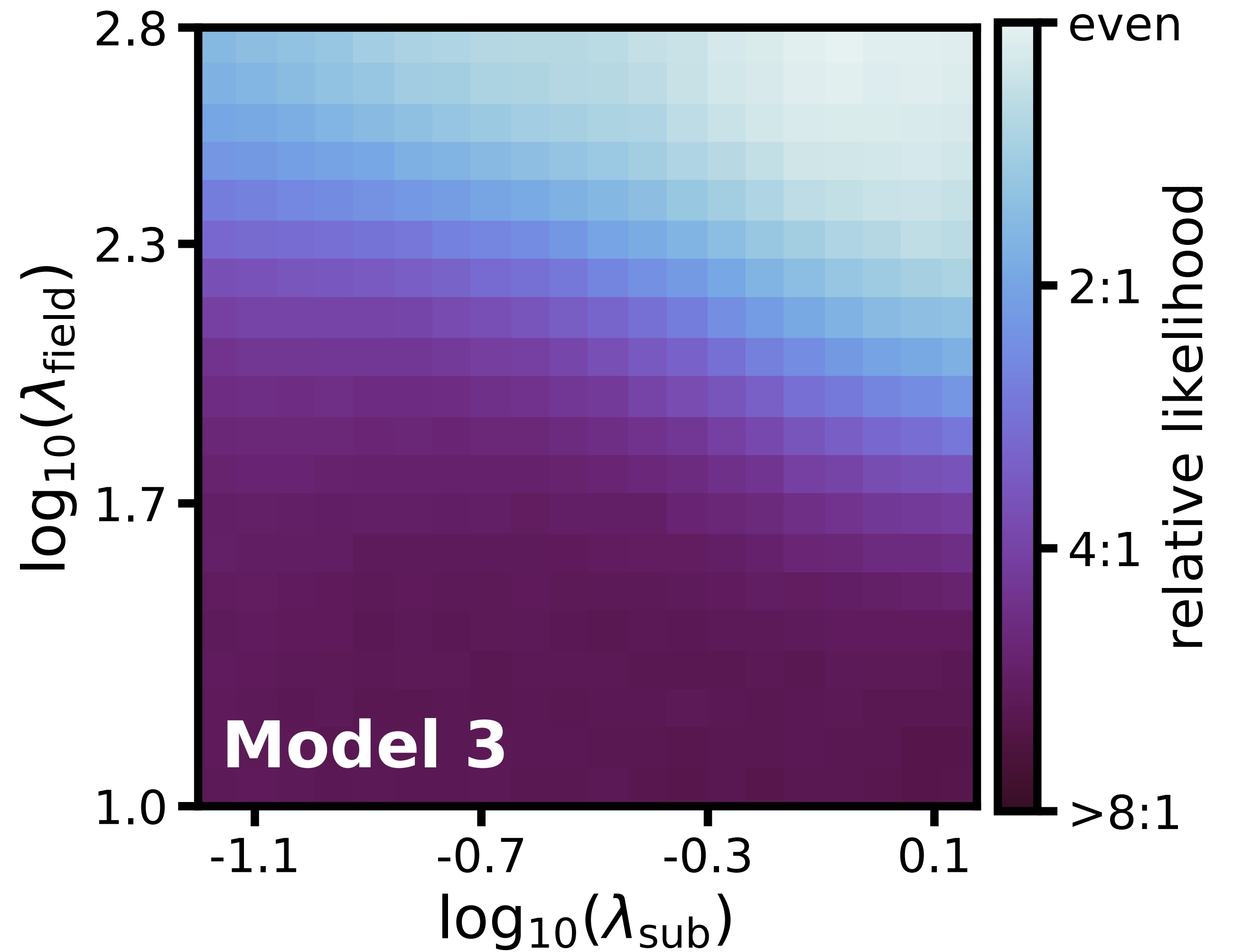
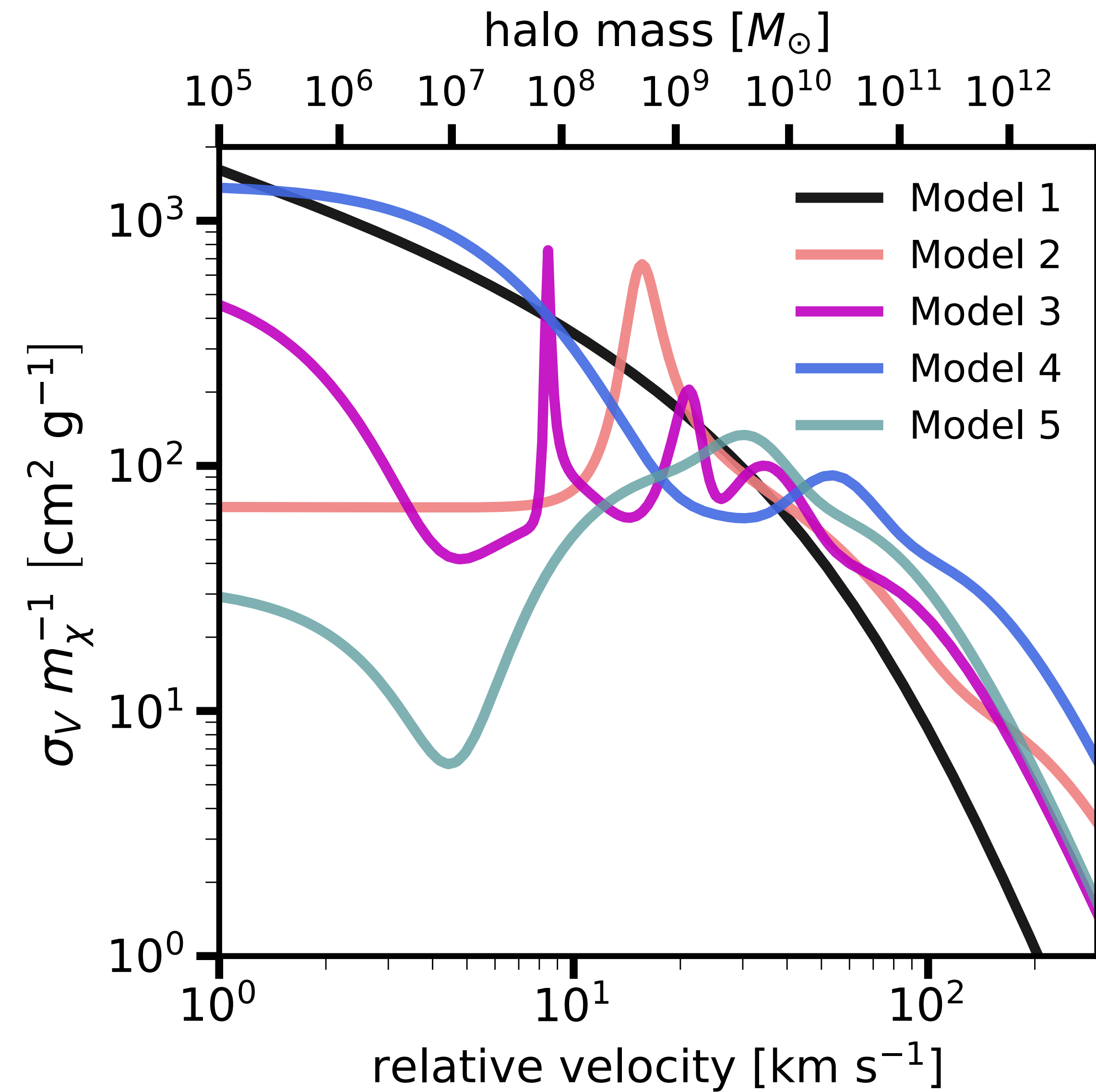
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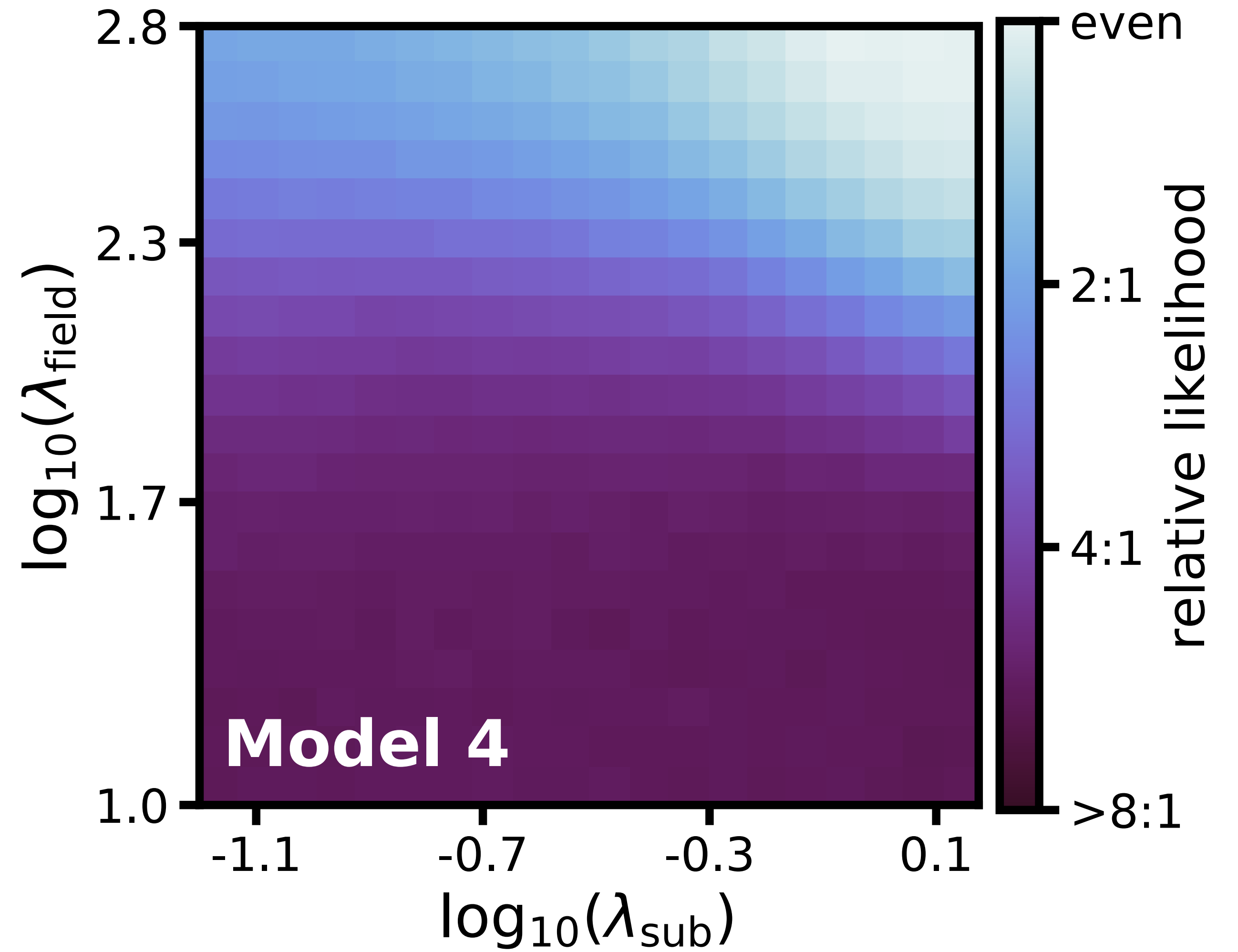
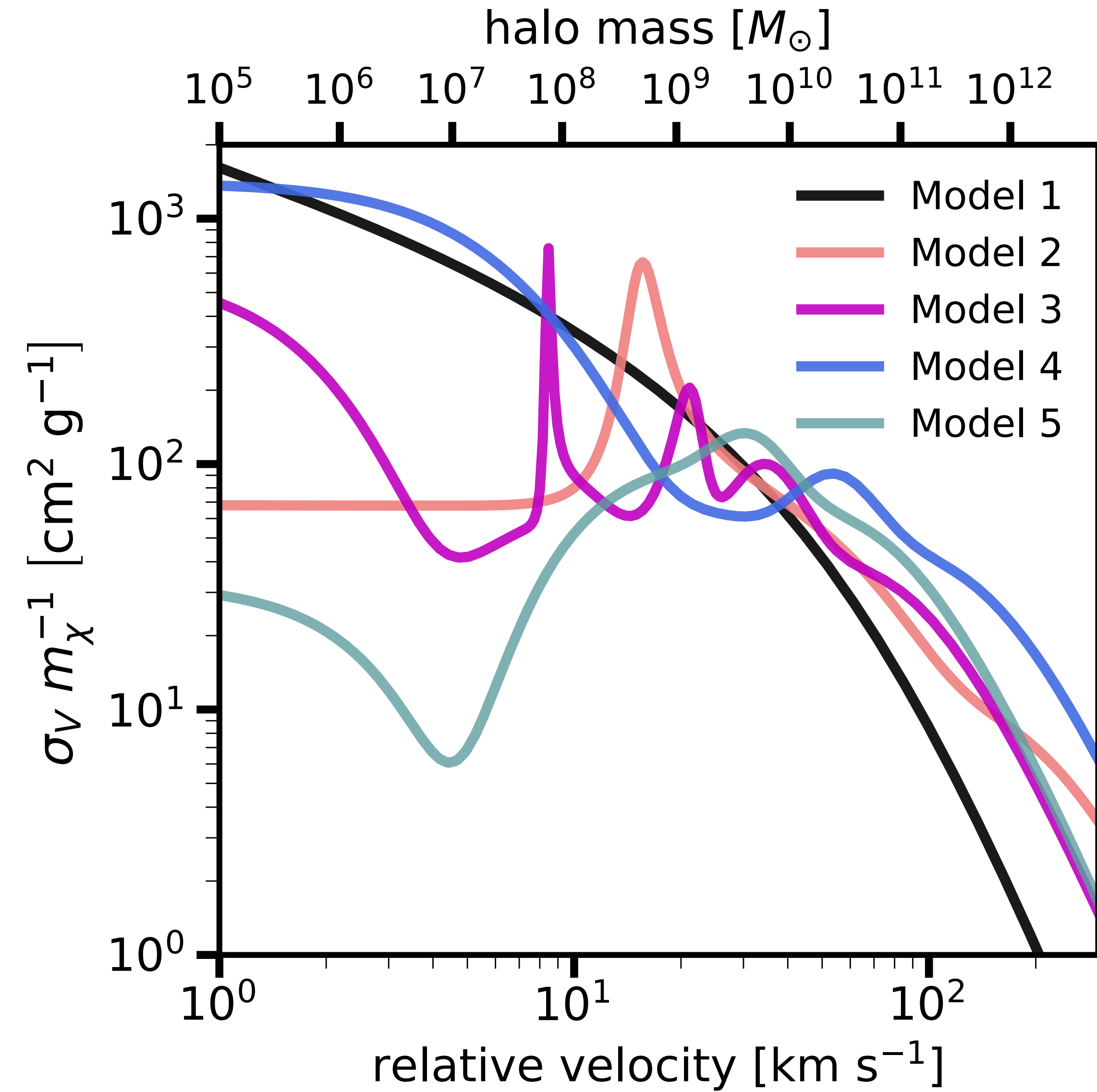
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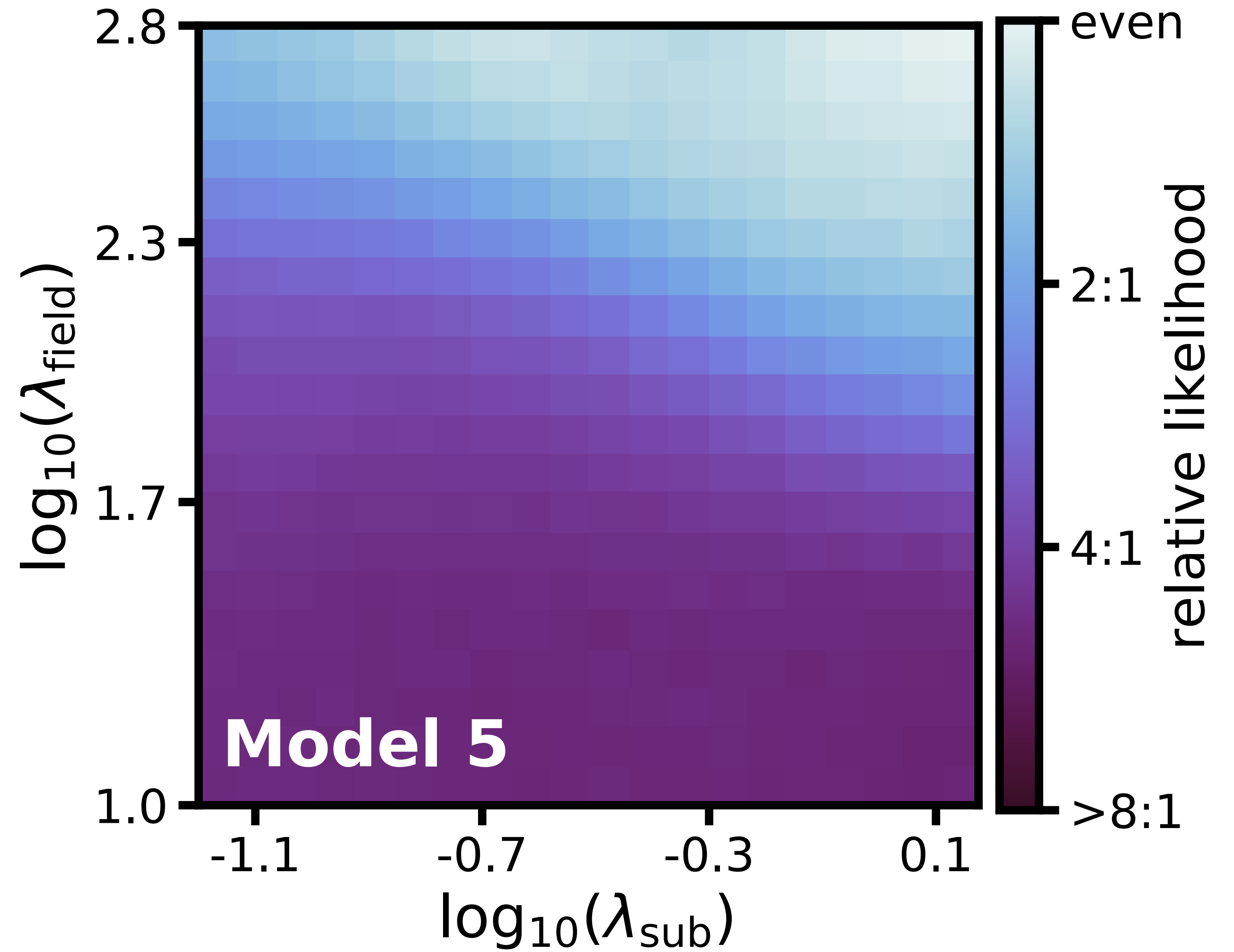
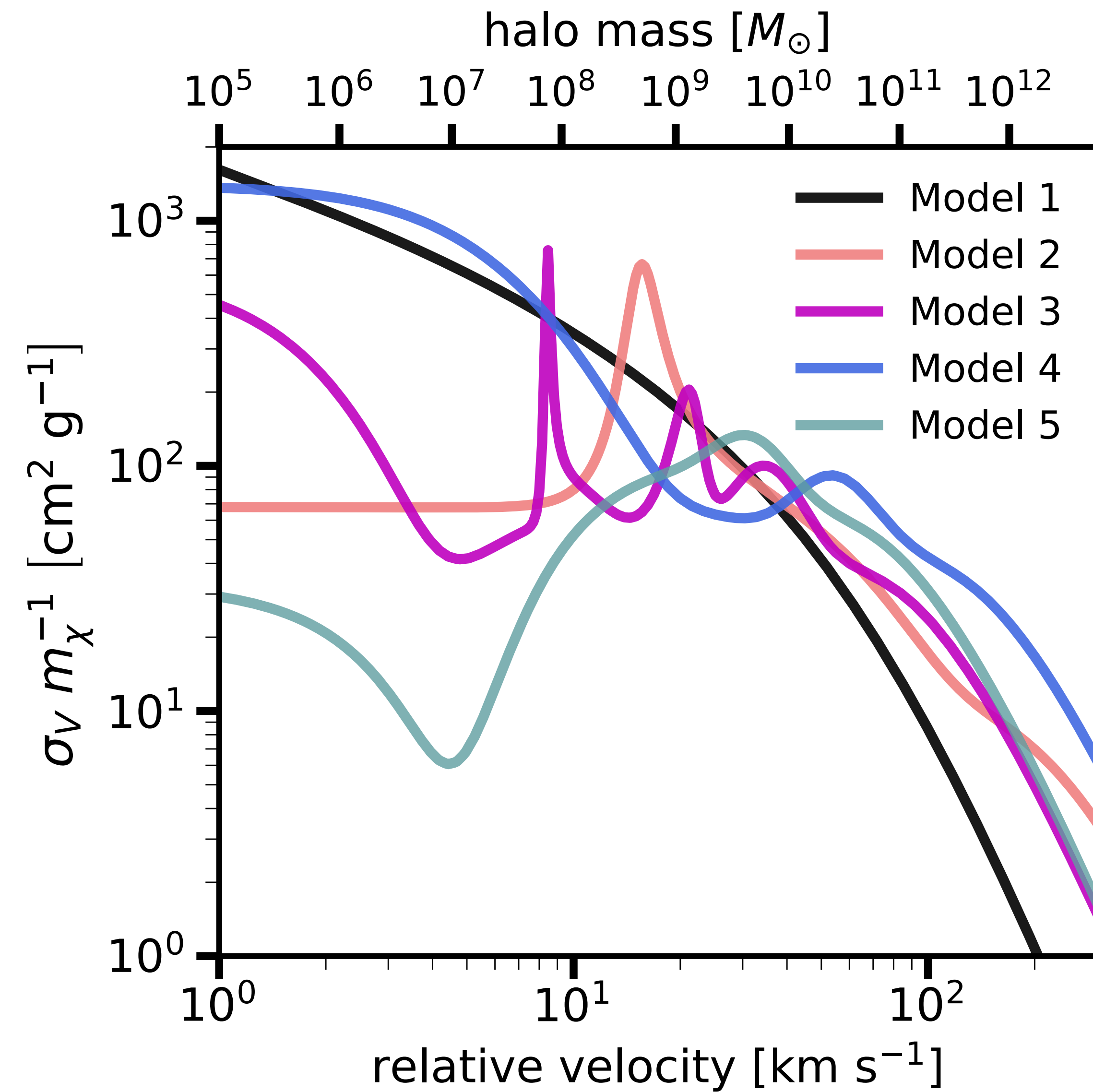


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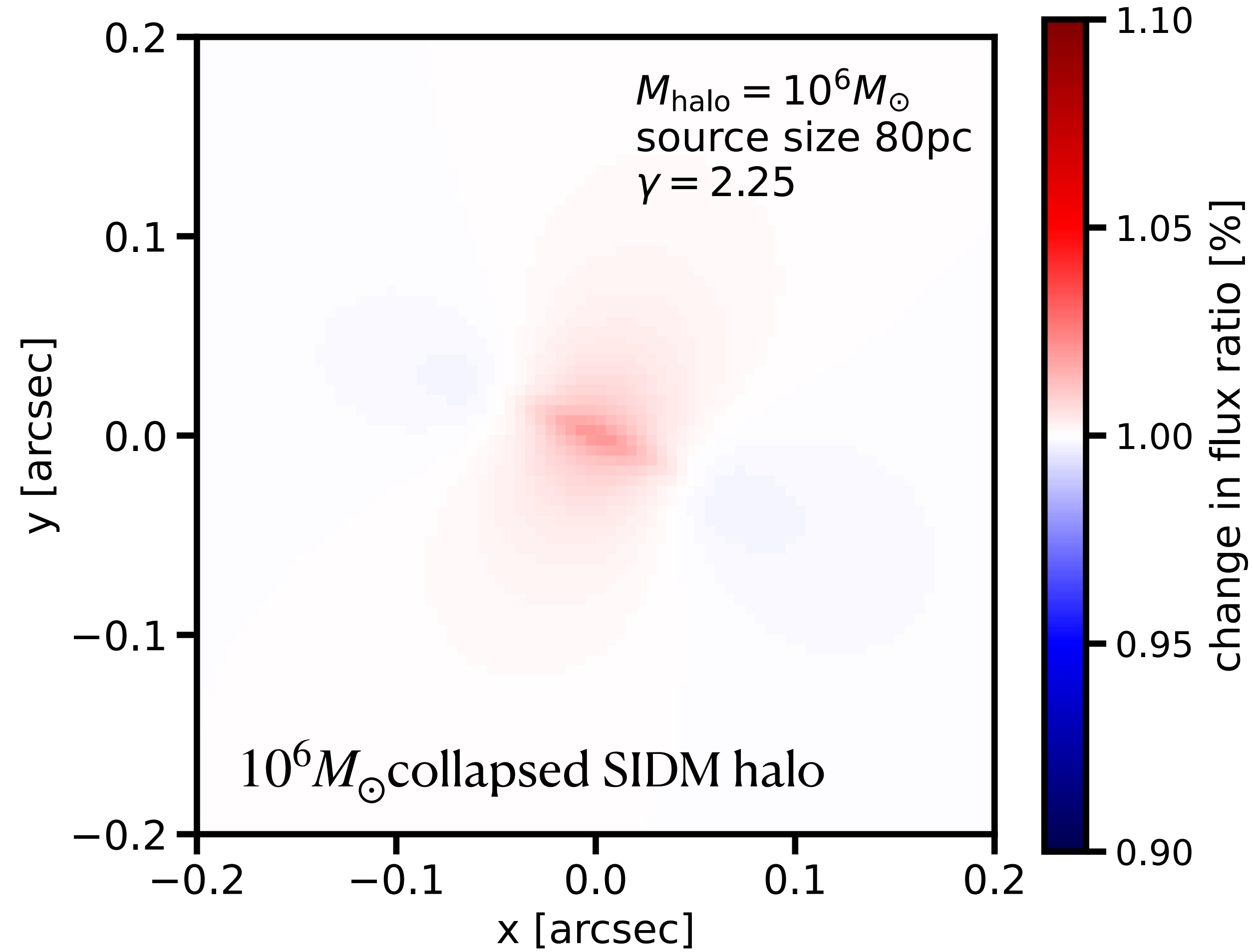


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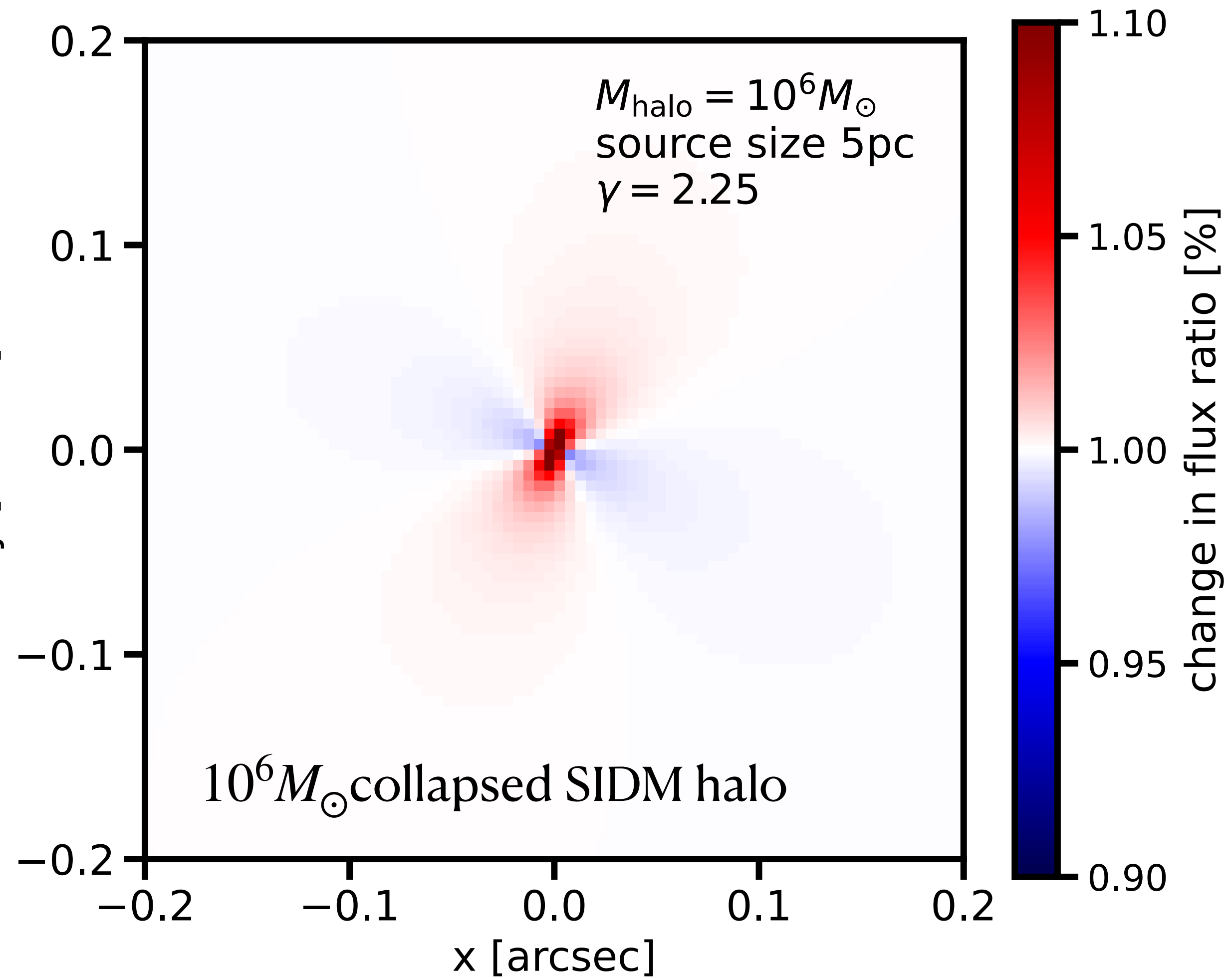


# (Near) future lensing-based constraints on SIDM

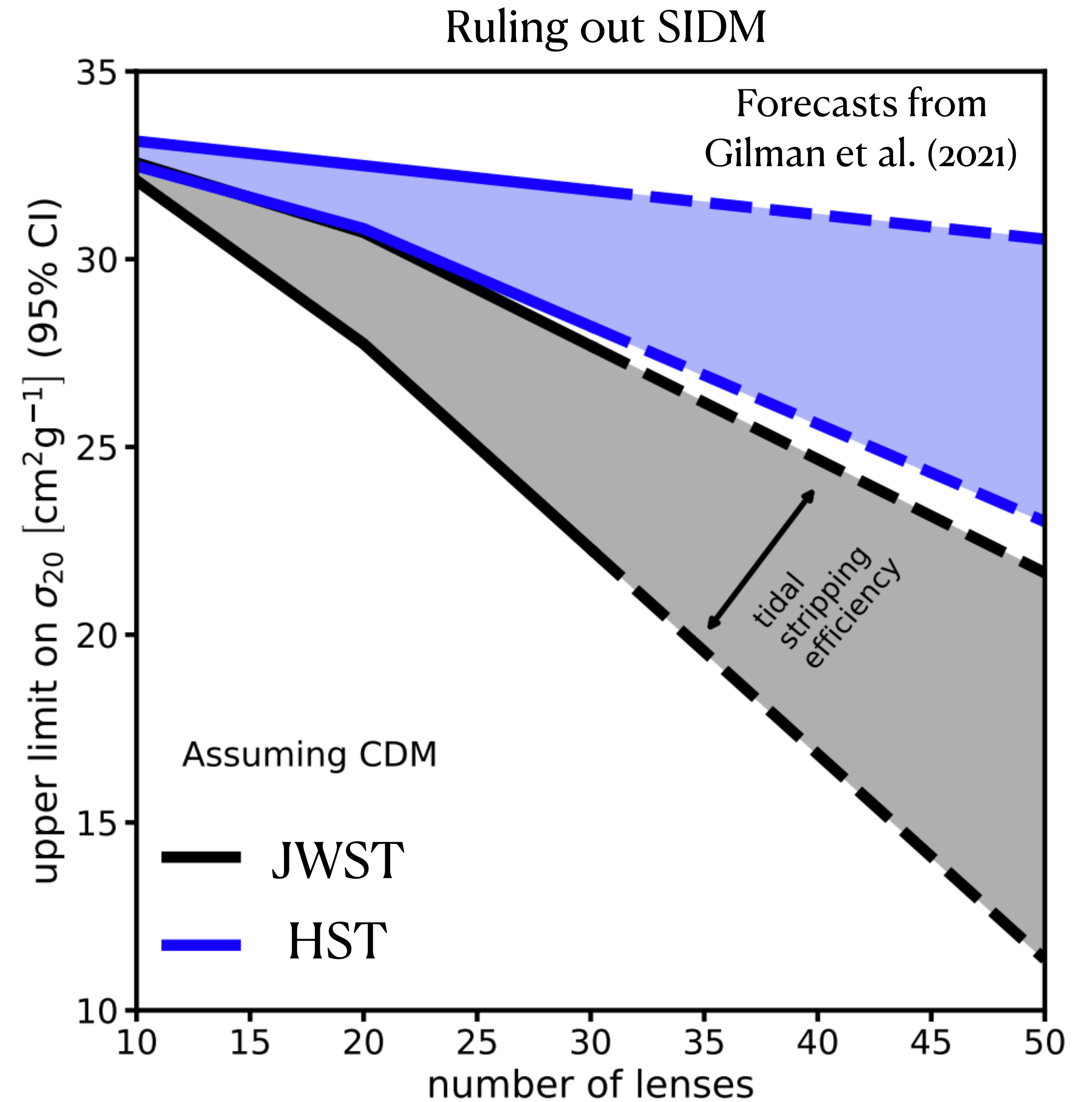
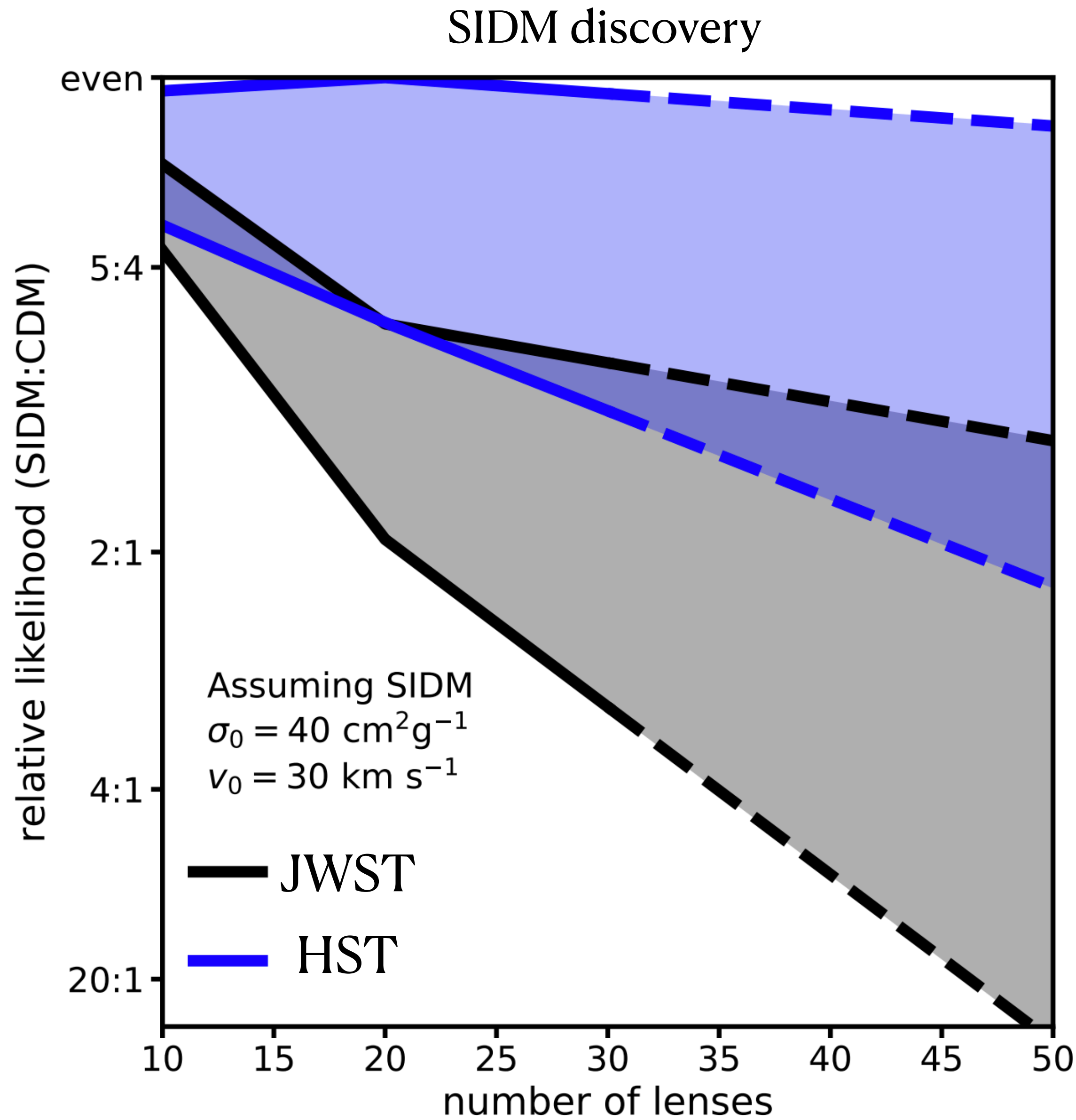
## HST-like data



## JWST data



# If many collapsed halos exist, we should soon be able to detect them

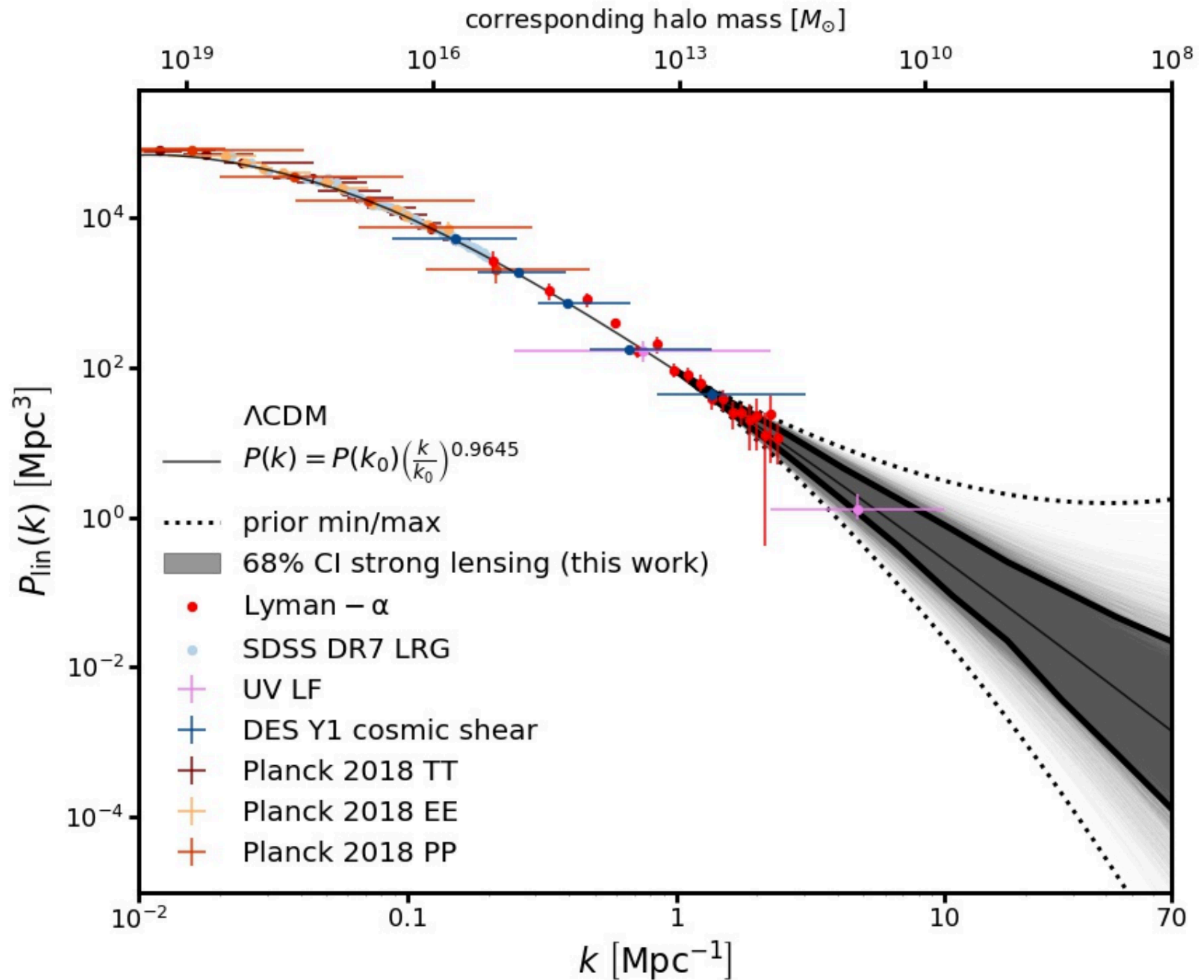


# Applications beyond WDM/SIDM

## the (primordial) matter power spectrum

(e.g. Gilman et al. 2022)

arXiv: 2112.03293

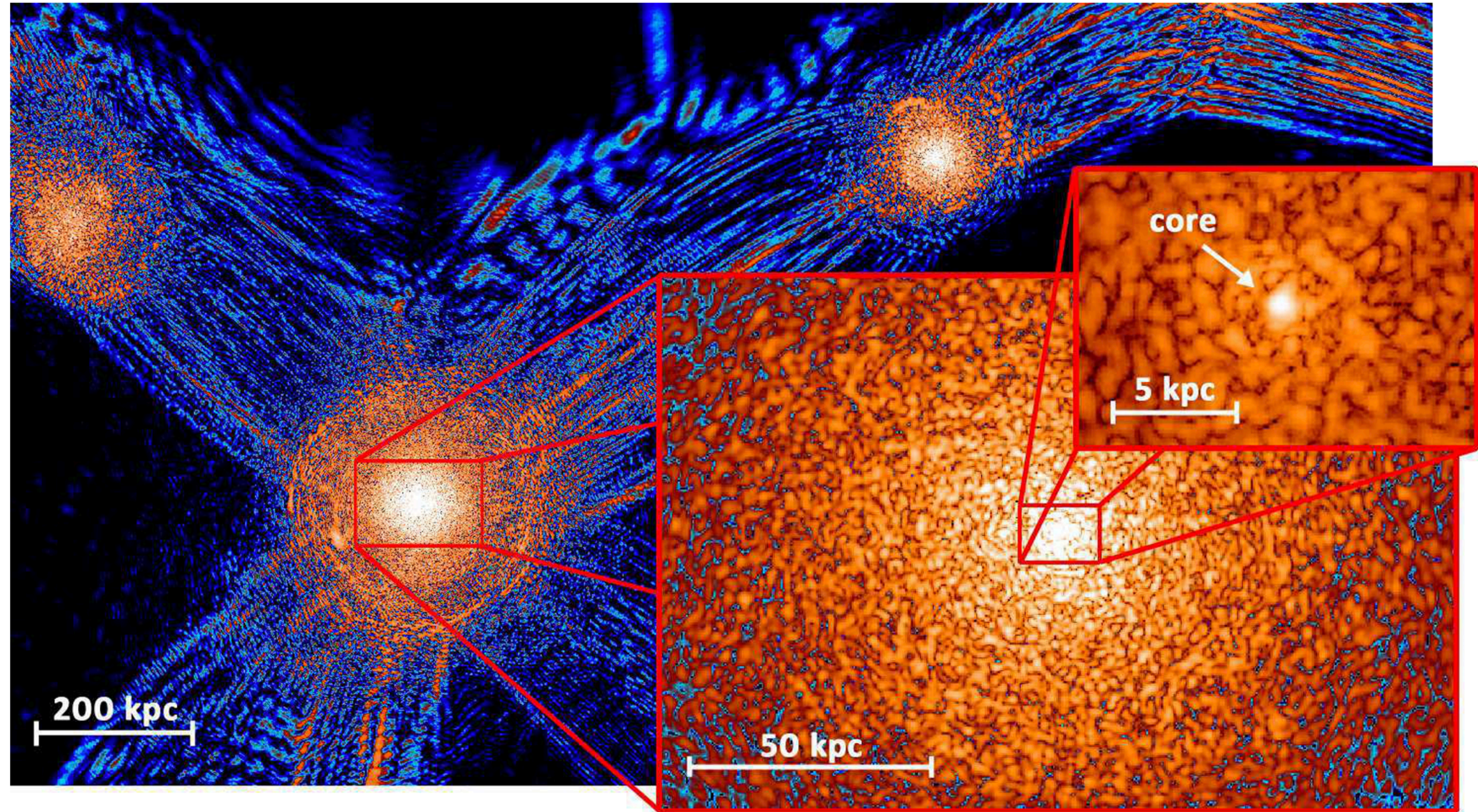


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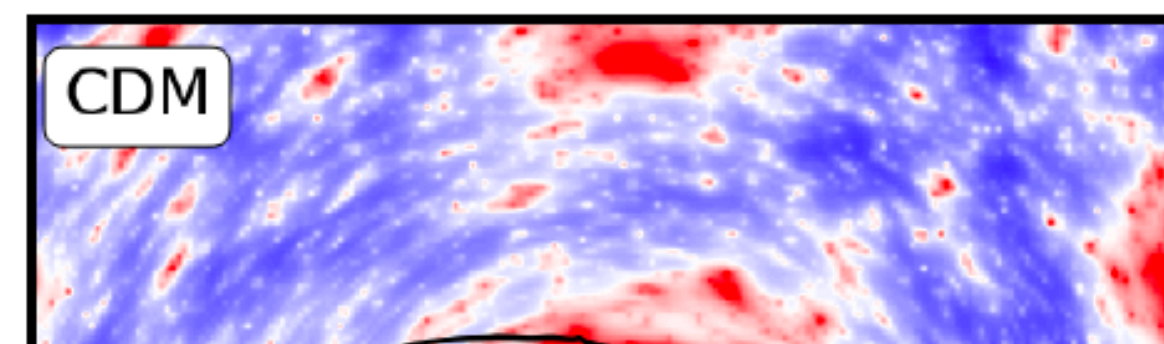
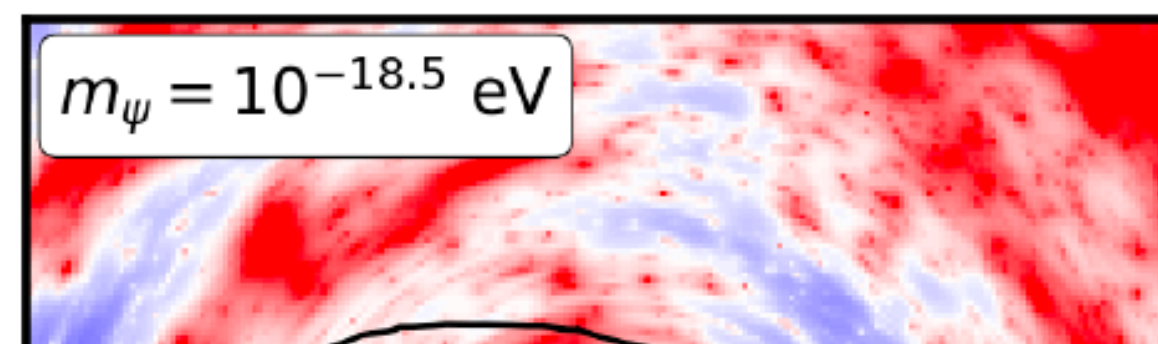
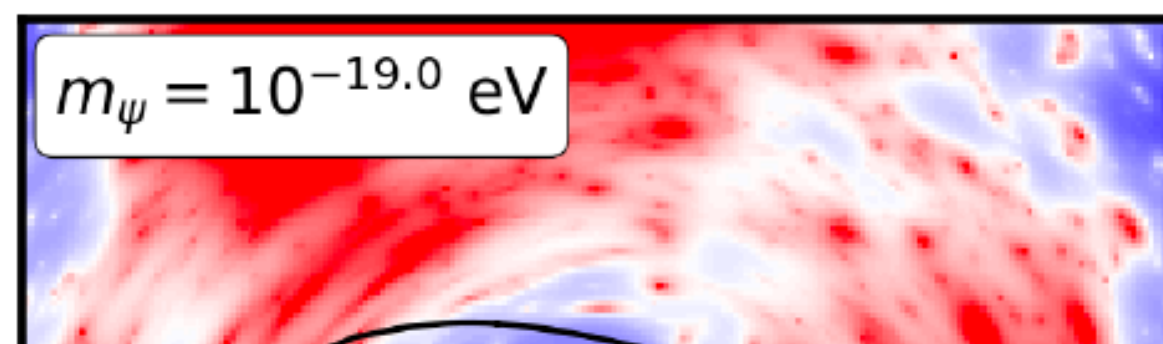
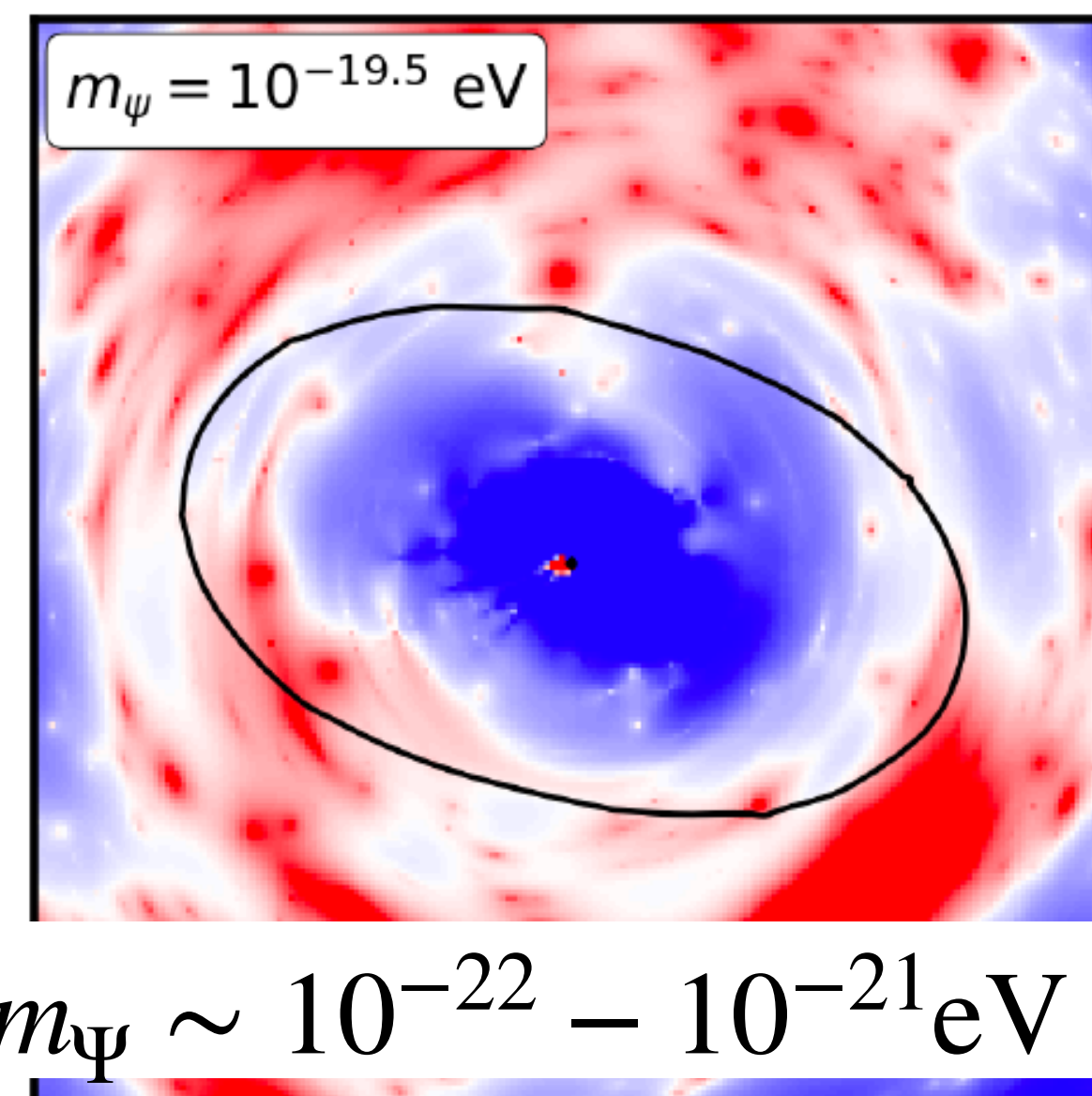
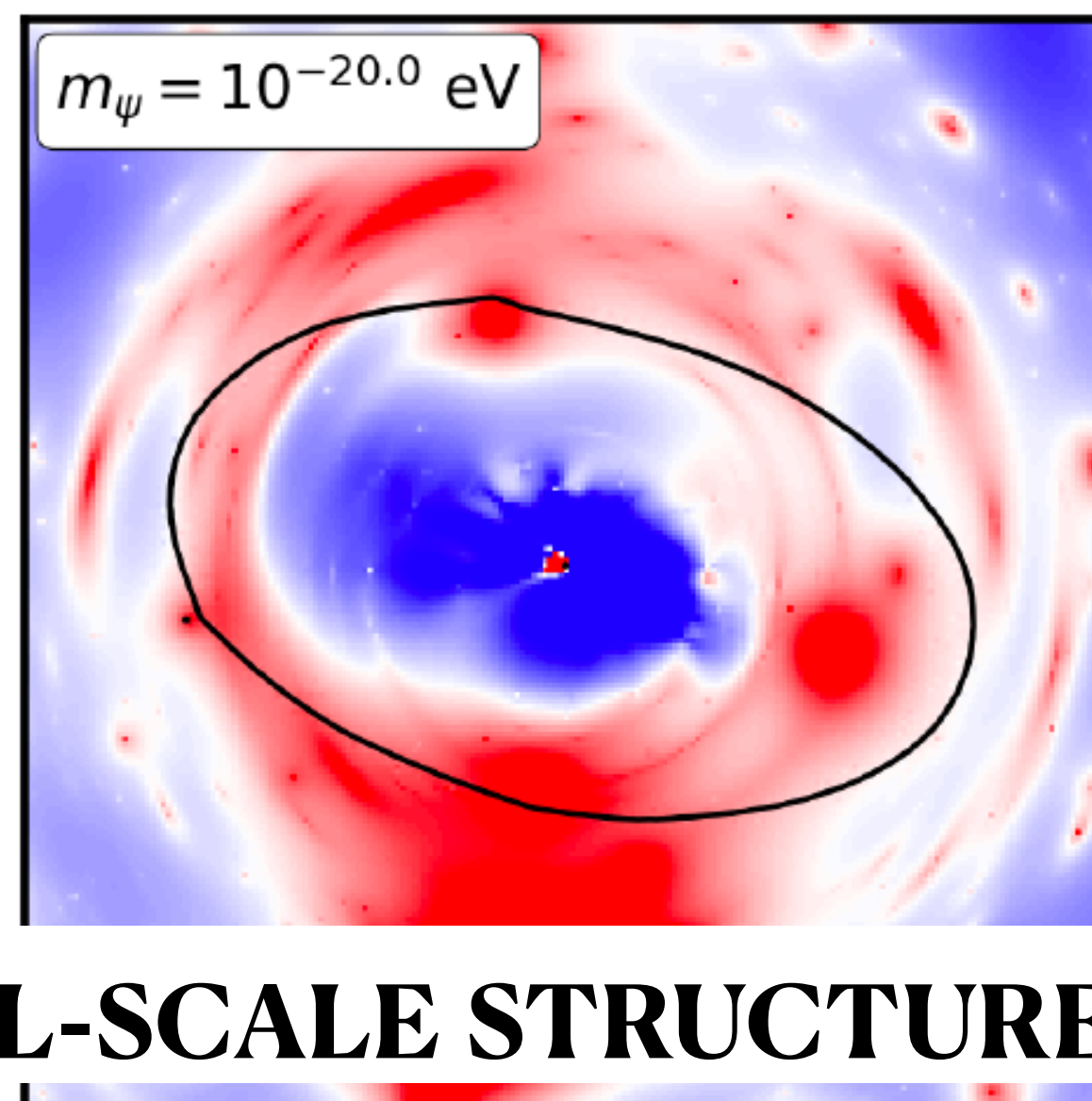
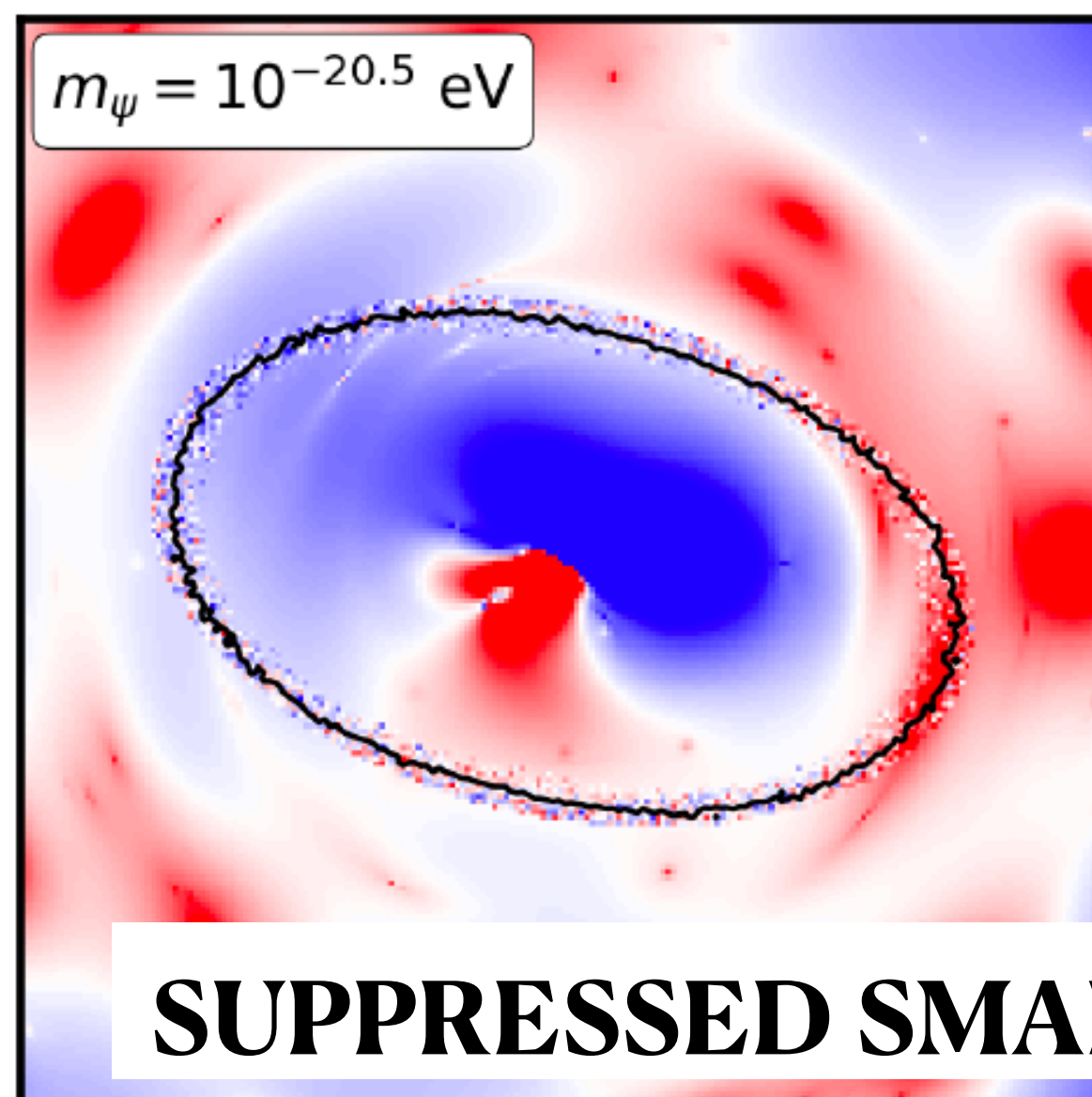
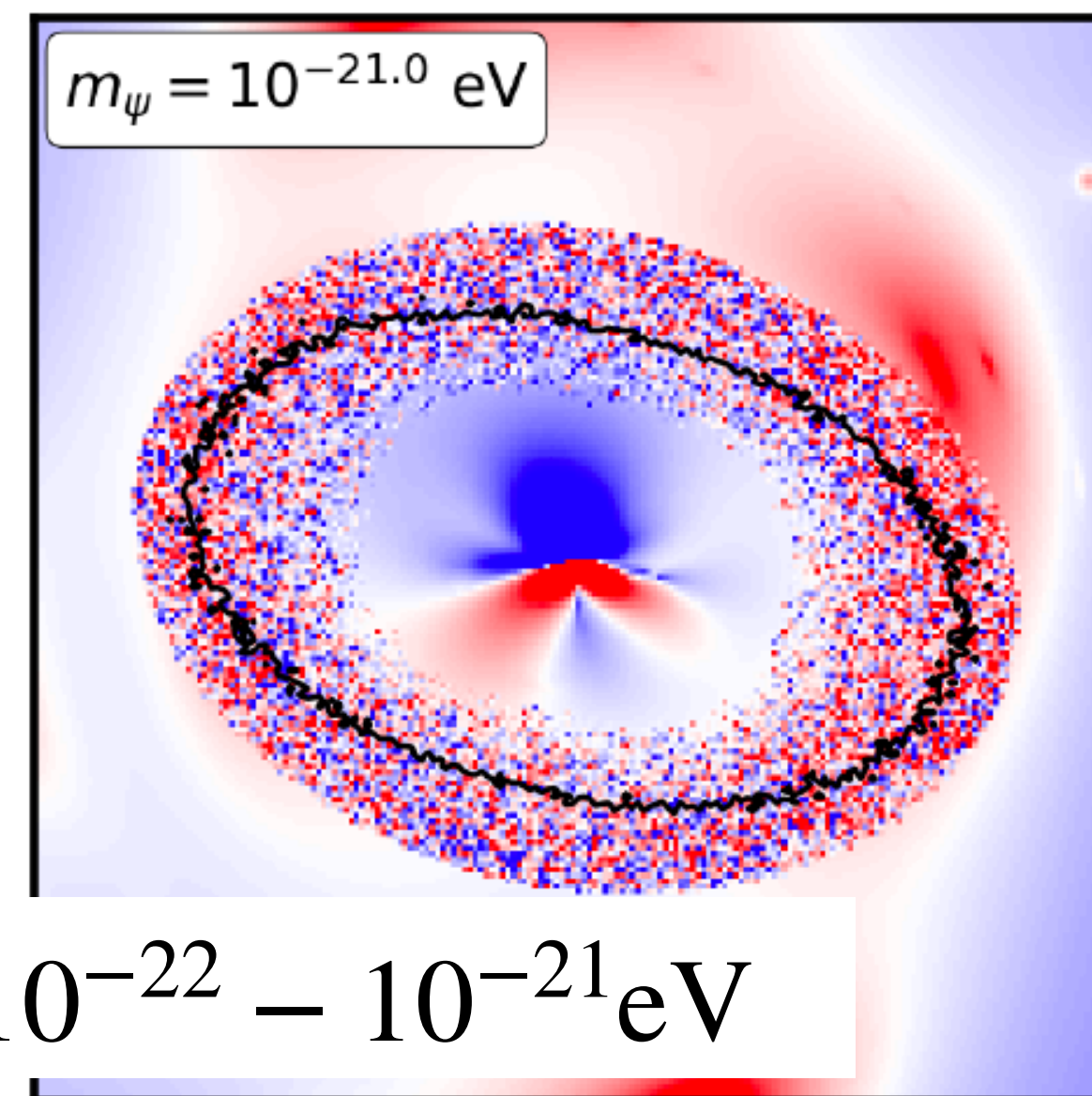
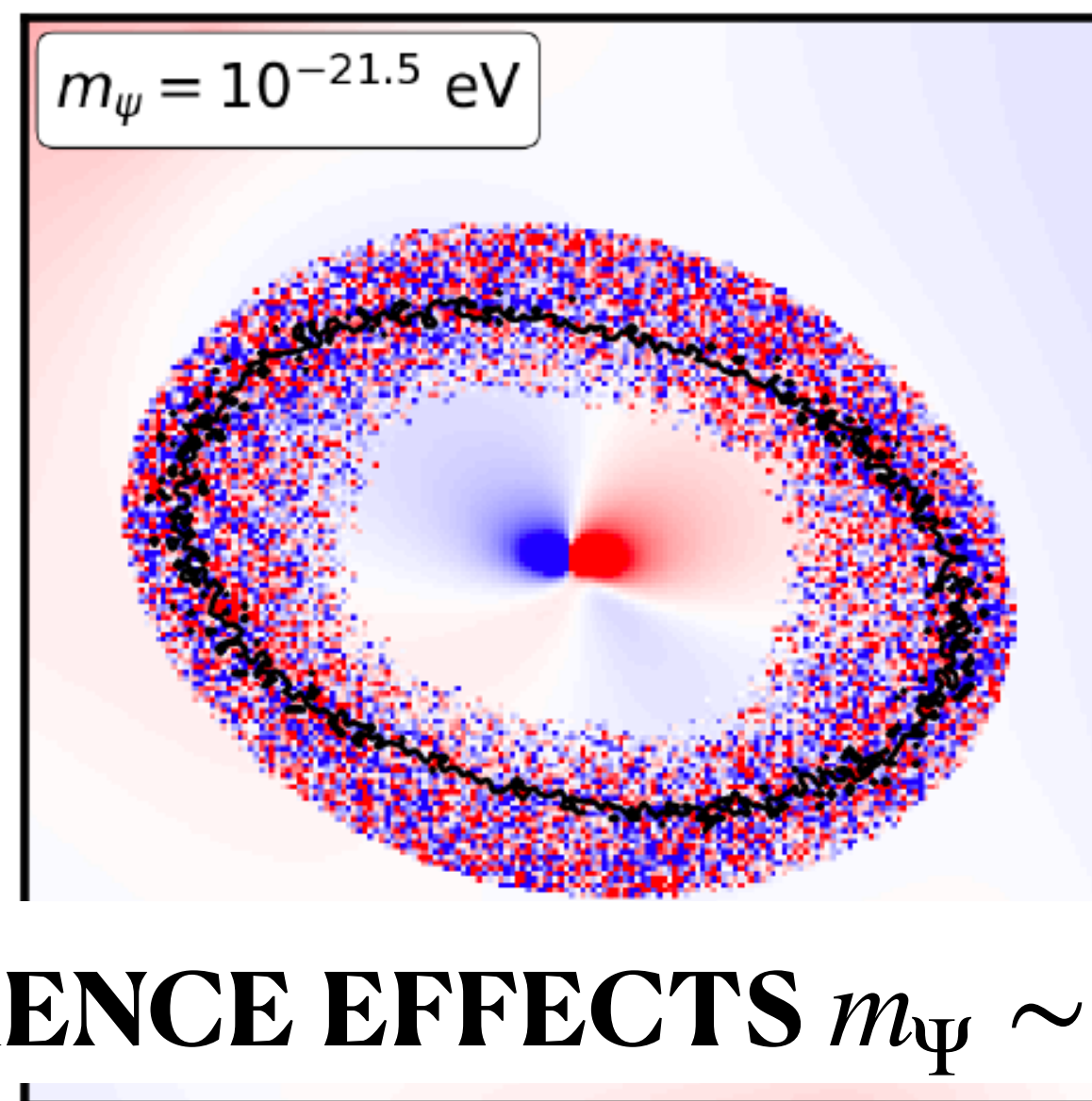
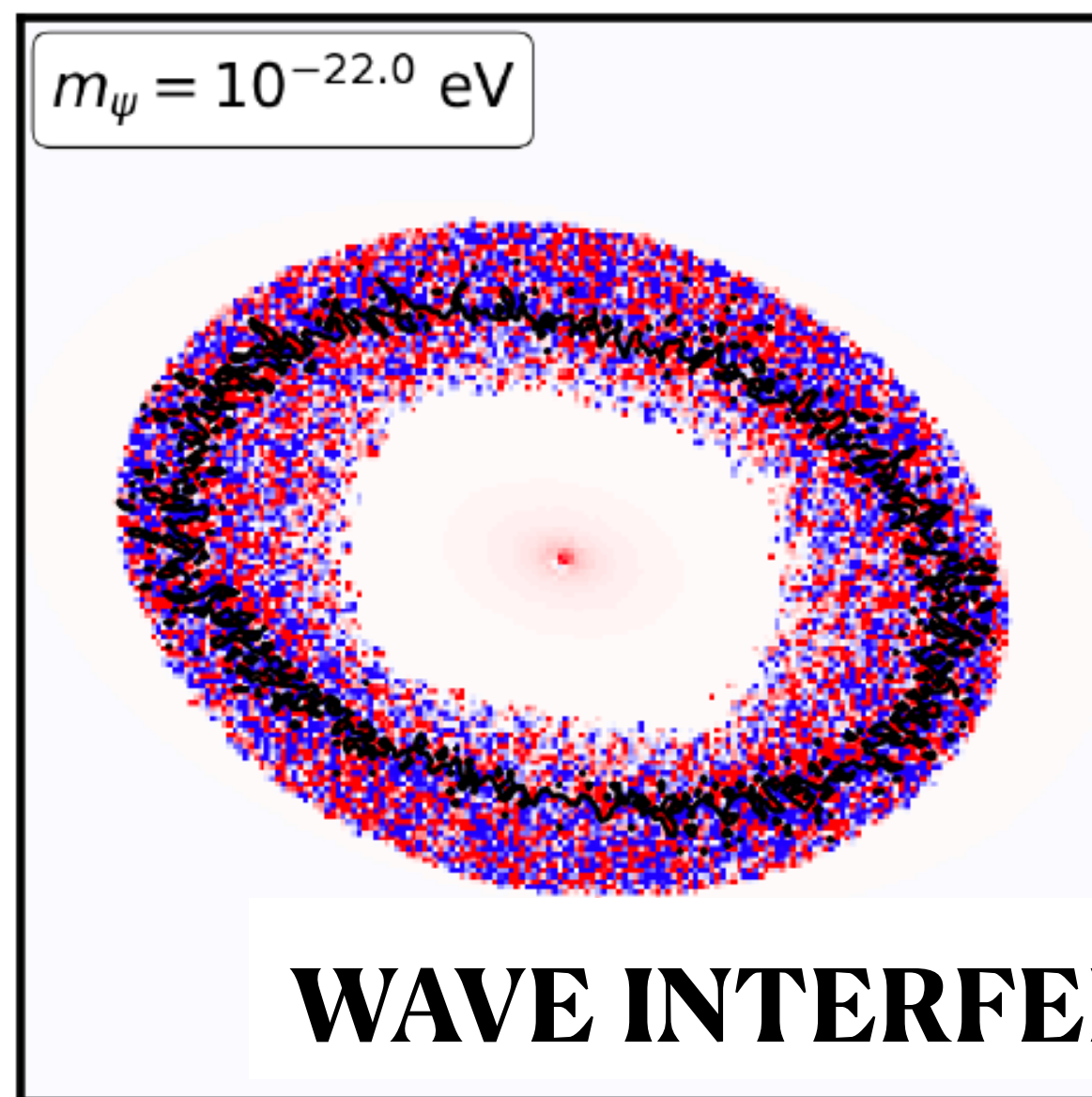
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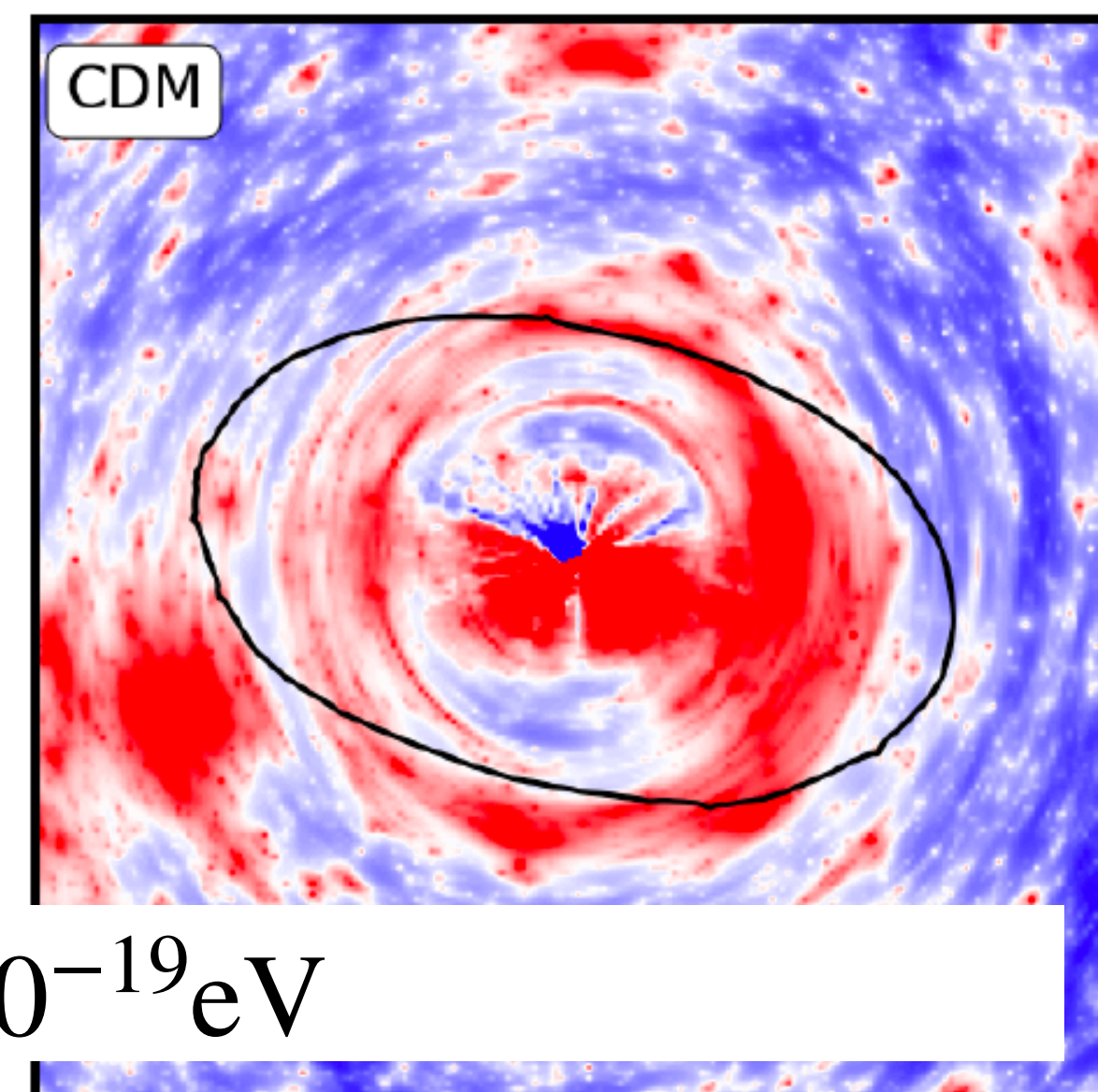
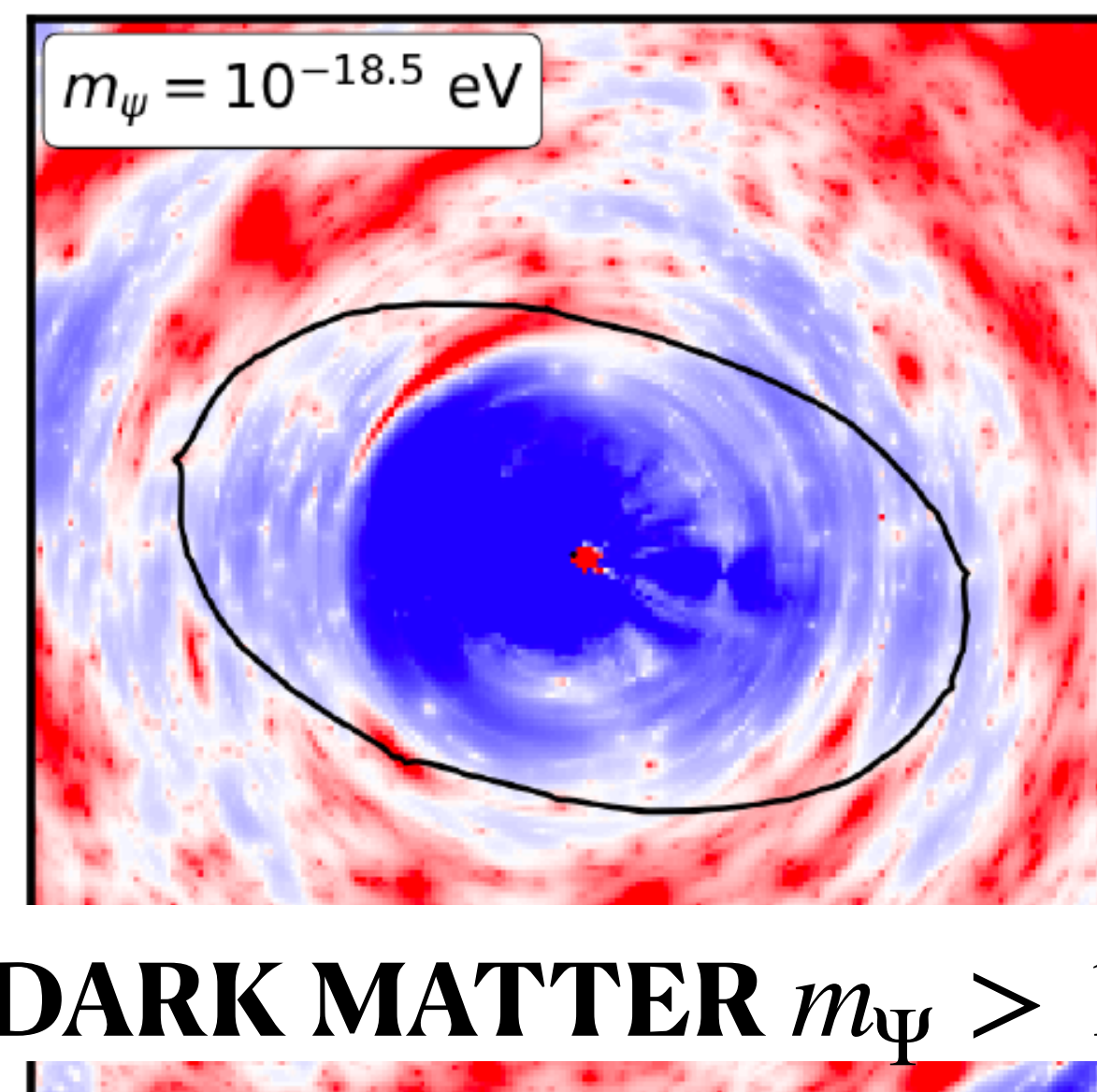
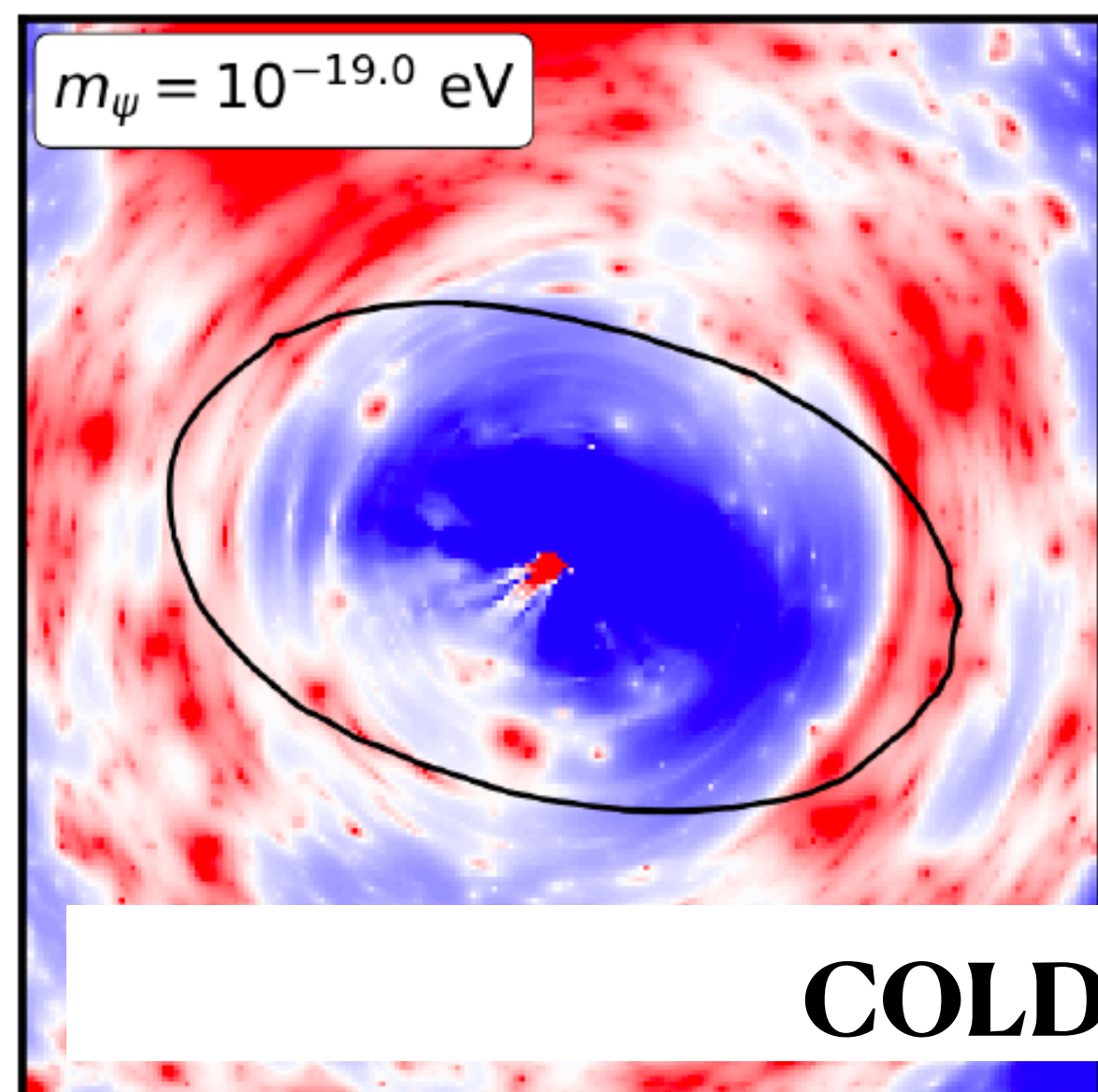
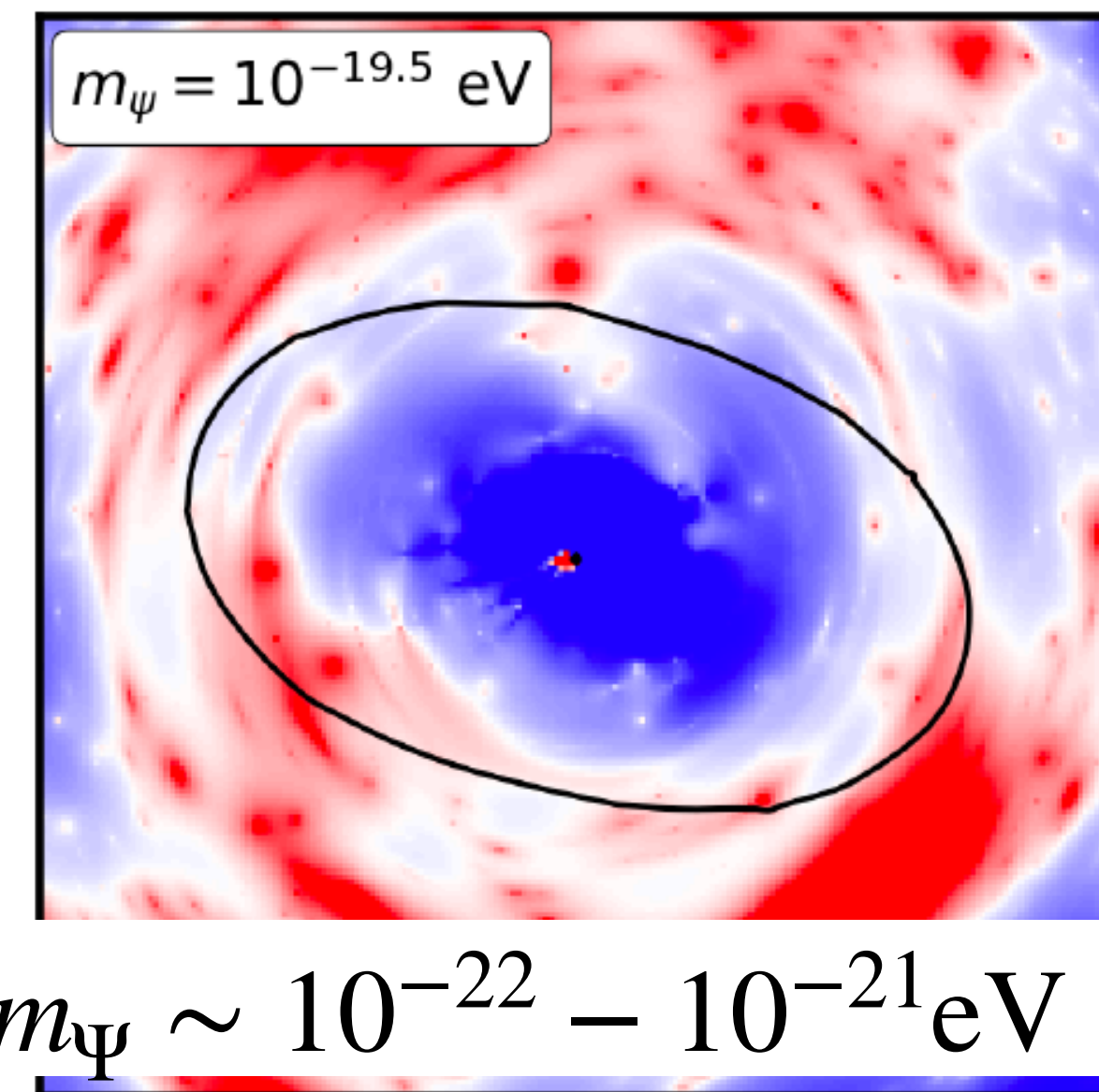
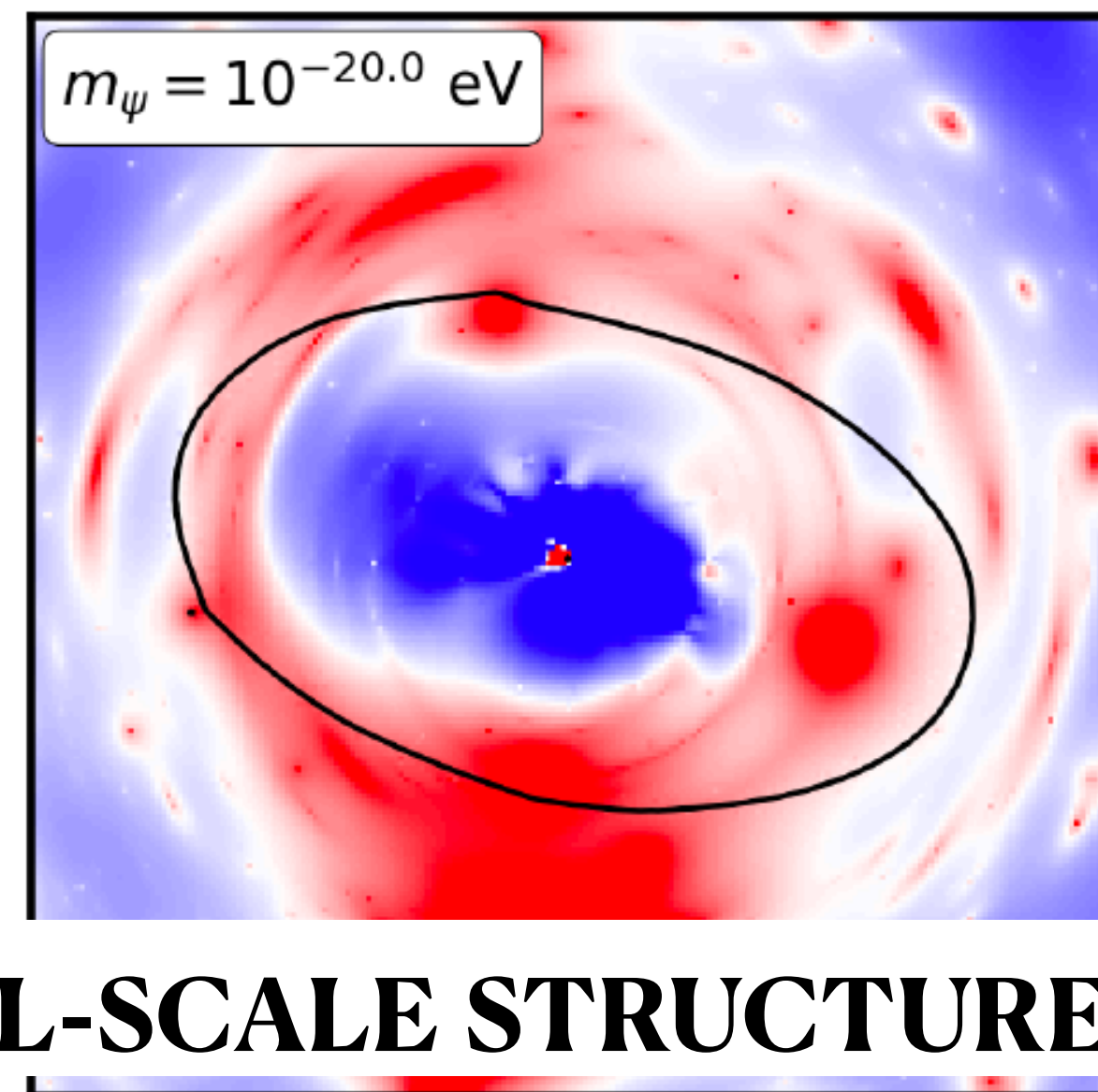
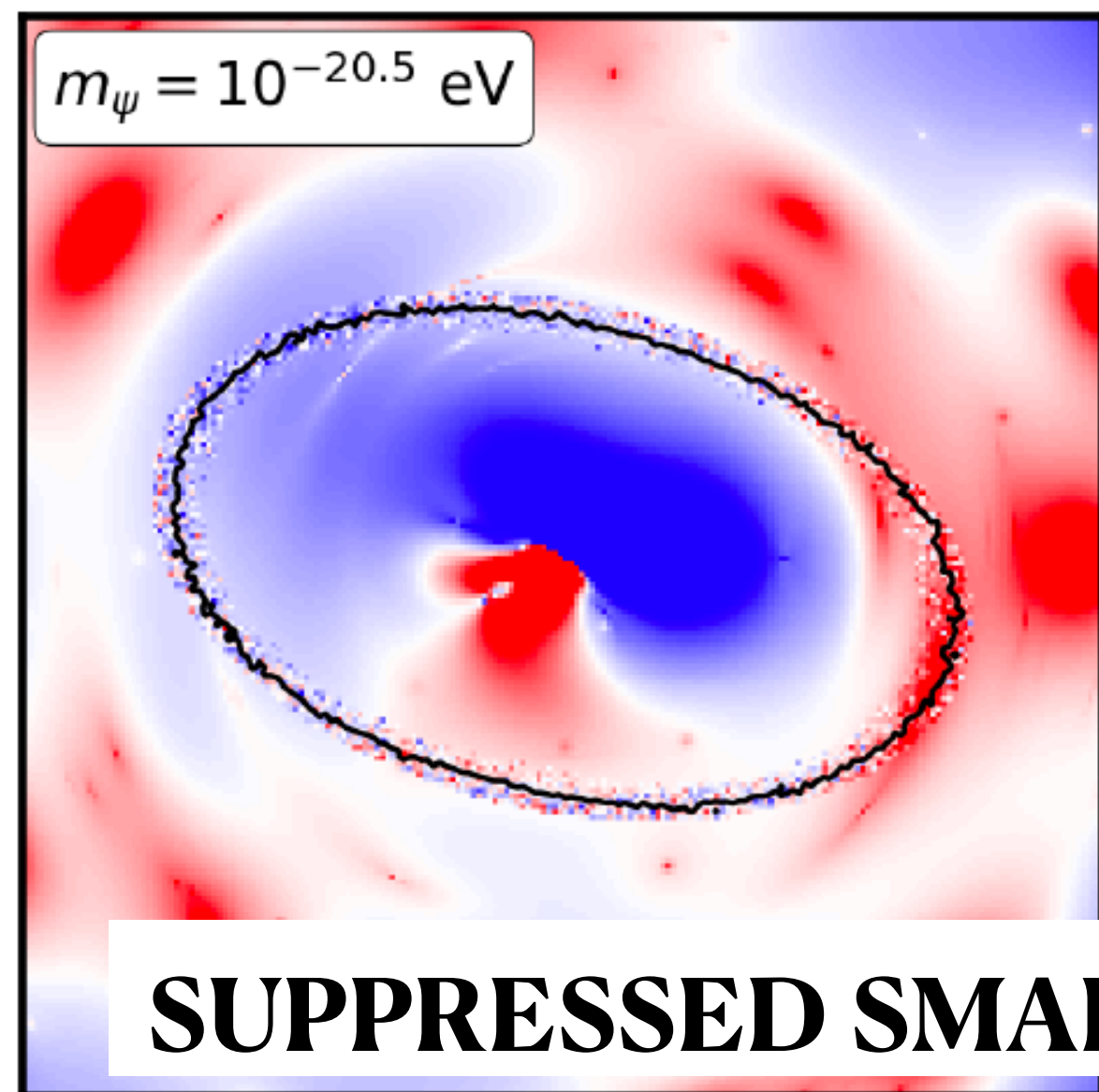


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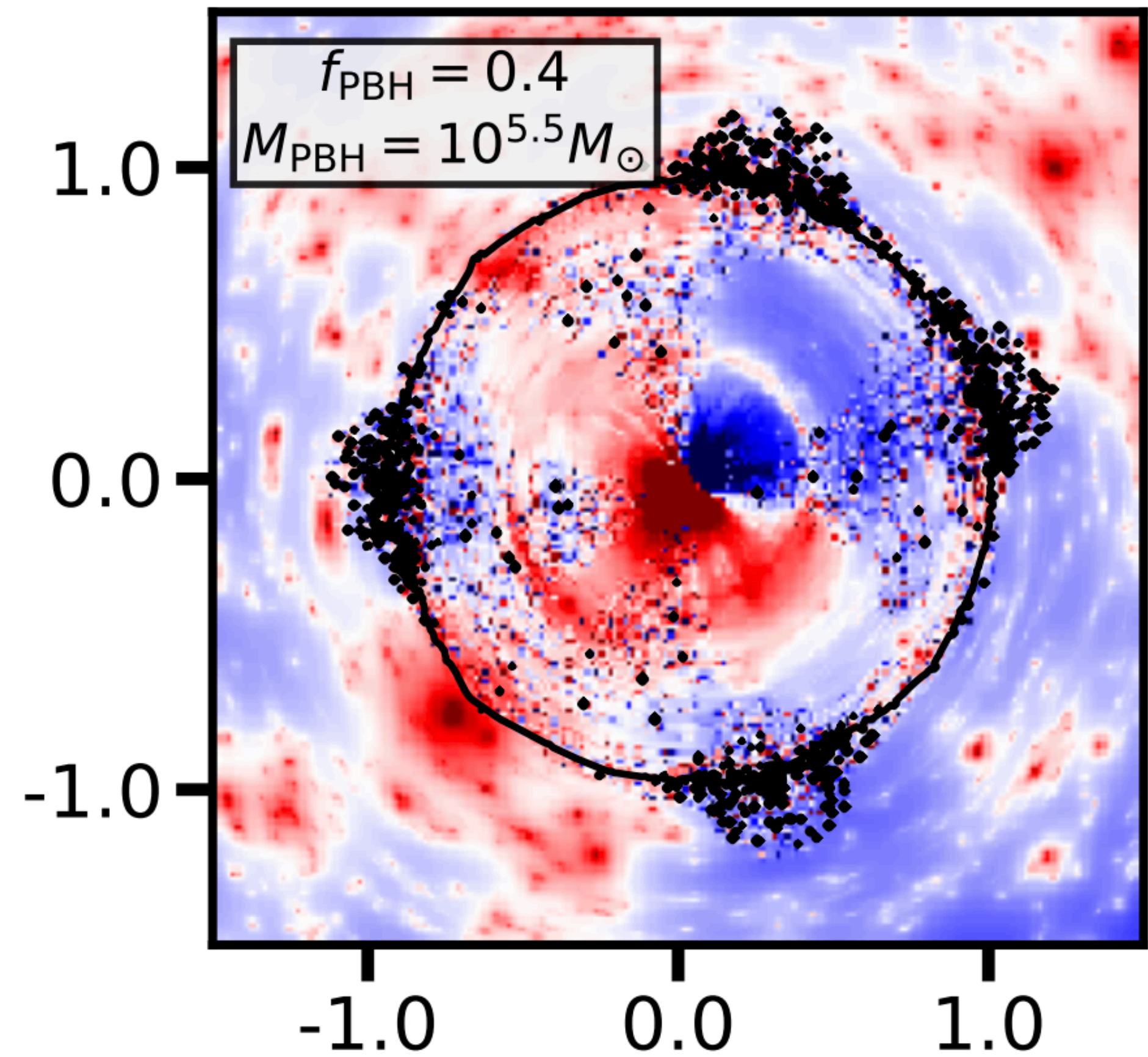
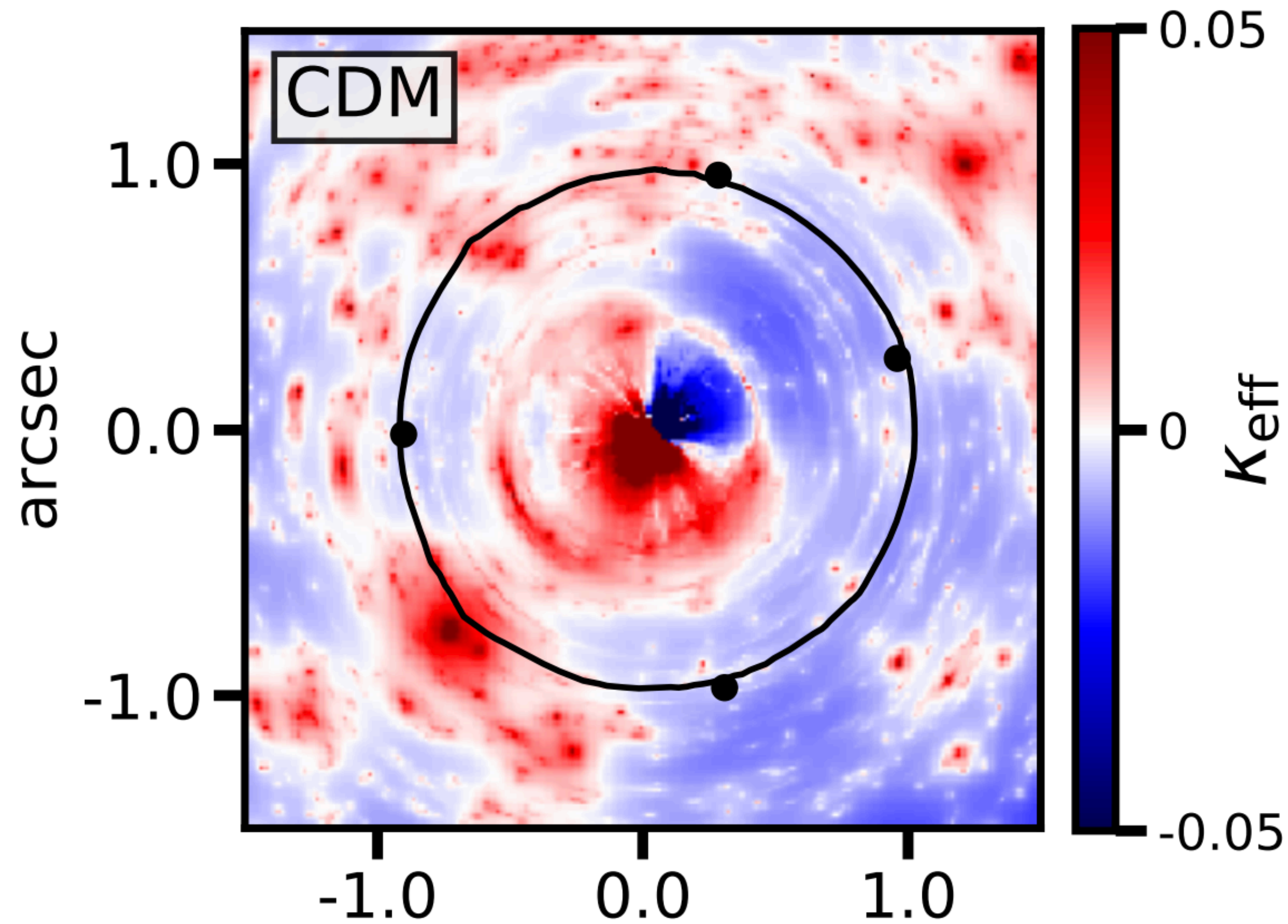
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# Massive free-floating black holes

(Dike, Gilman, Treu; 2022)

arXiv: 2210.09493





## **Takeaways:**

JWST has observed 31 lens systems that will revolutionize our understanding of dark matter through the gravitational detection of dark halos

**Expect new constraints on WDM/SIDM by end of 2024**

Upcoming surveys will find hundreds more strong lenses!