

Impact of blending on weak lensing measurements with Rubin-LSST

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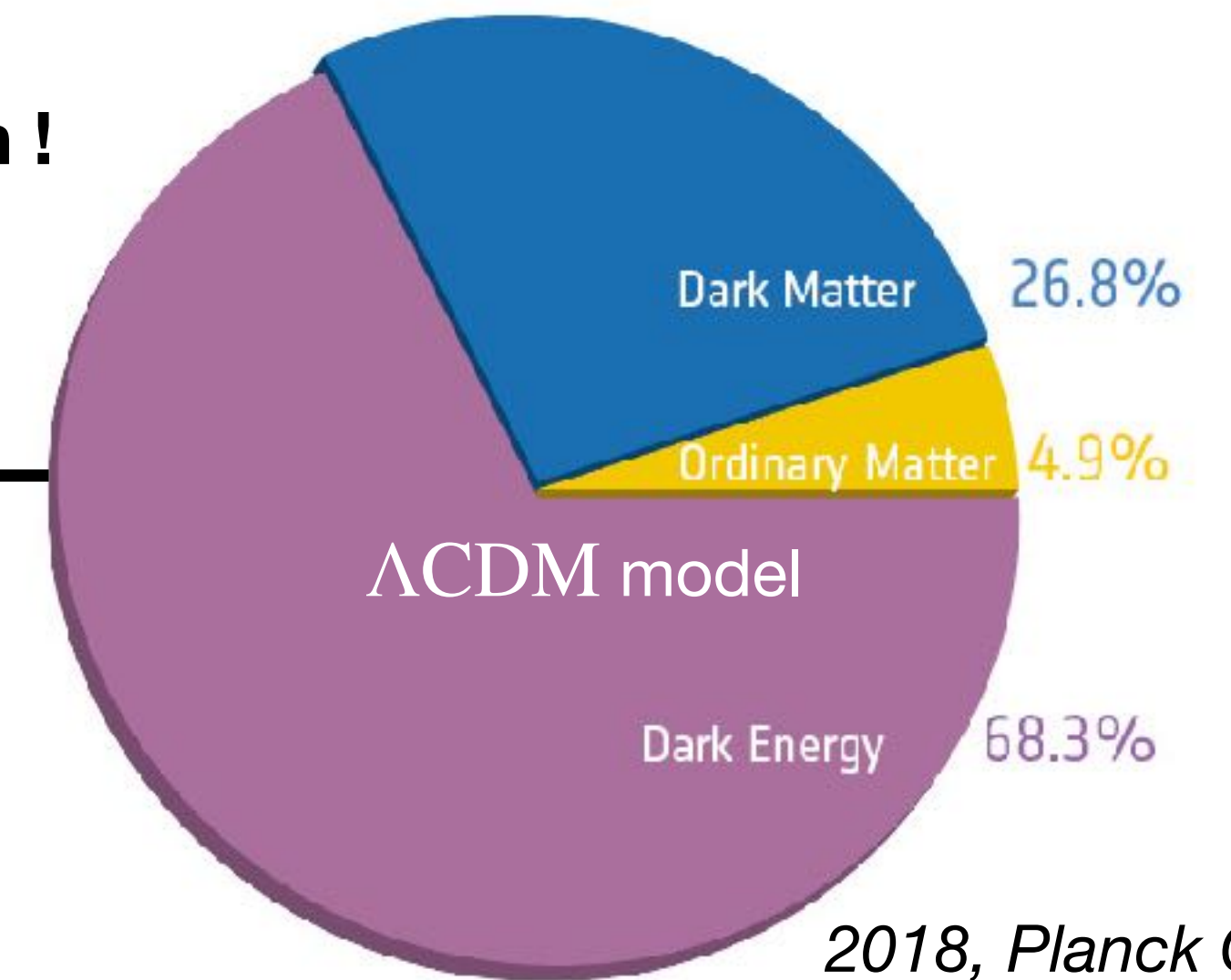
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Cosmology

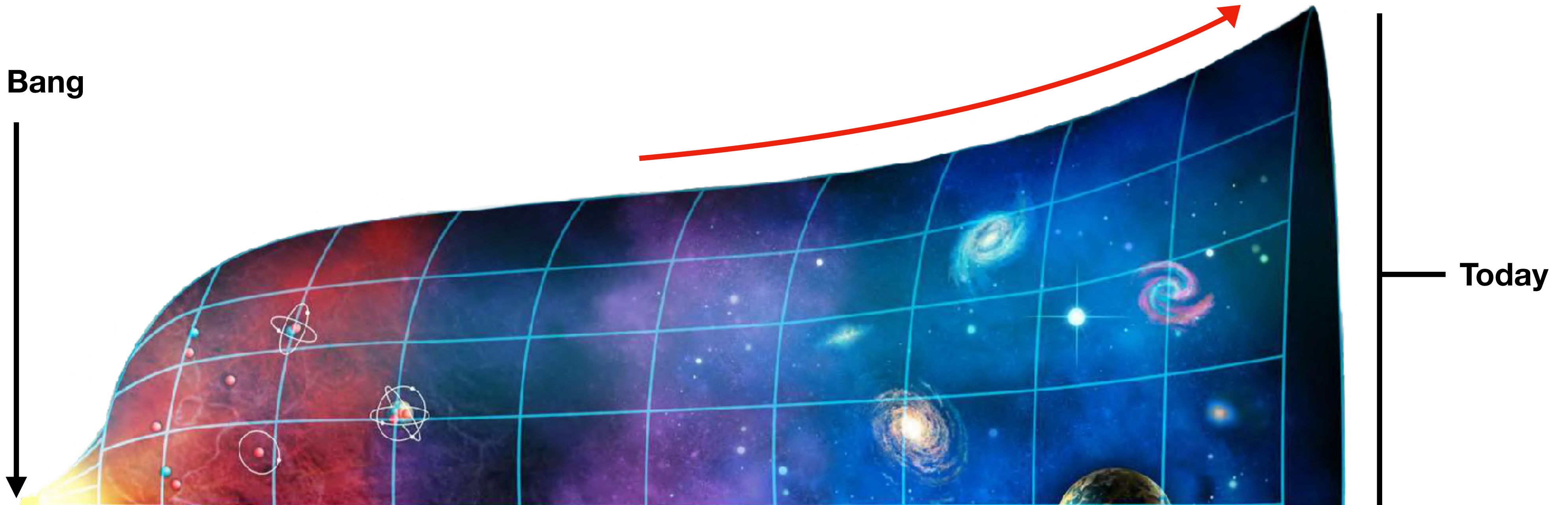
Study the nature of **dark matter** and **dark energy**

- **Dark matter**: invisible, detected through its gravitational effects
- **Dark energy**: responsible for the current acceleration of the Universe **expansion**

95% unknown !



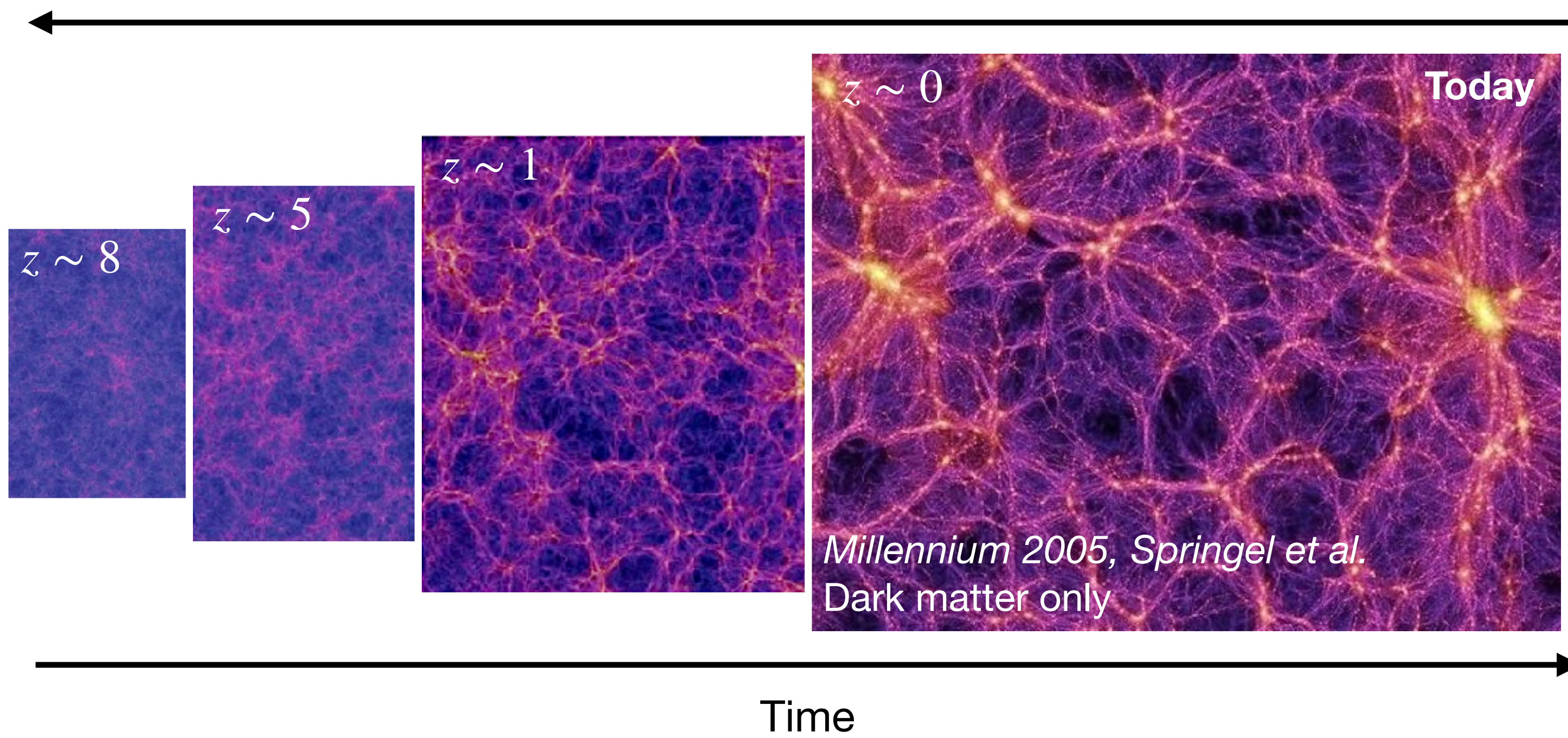
Big Bang



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Cosmology with galaxy clusters

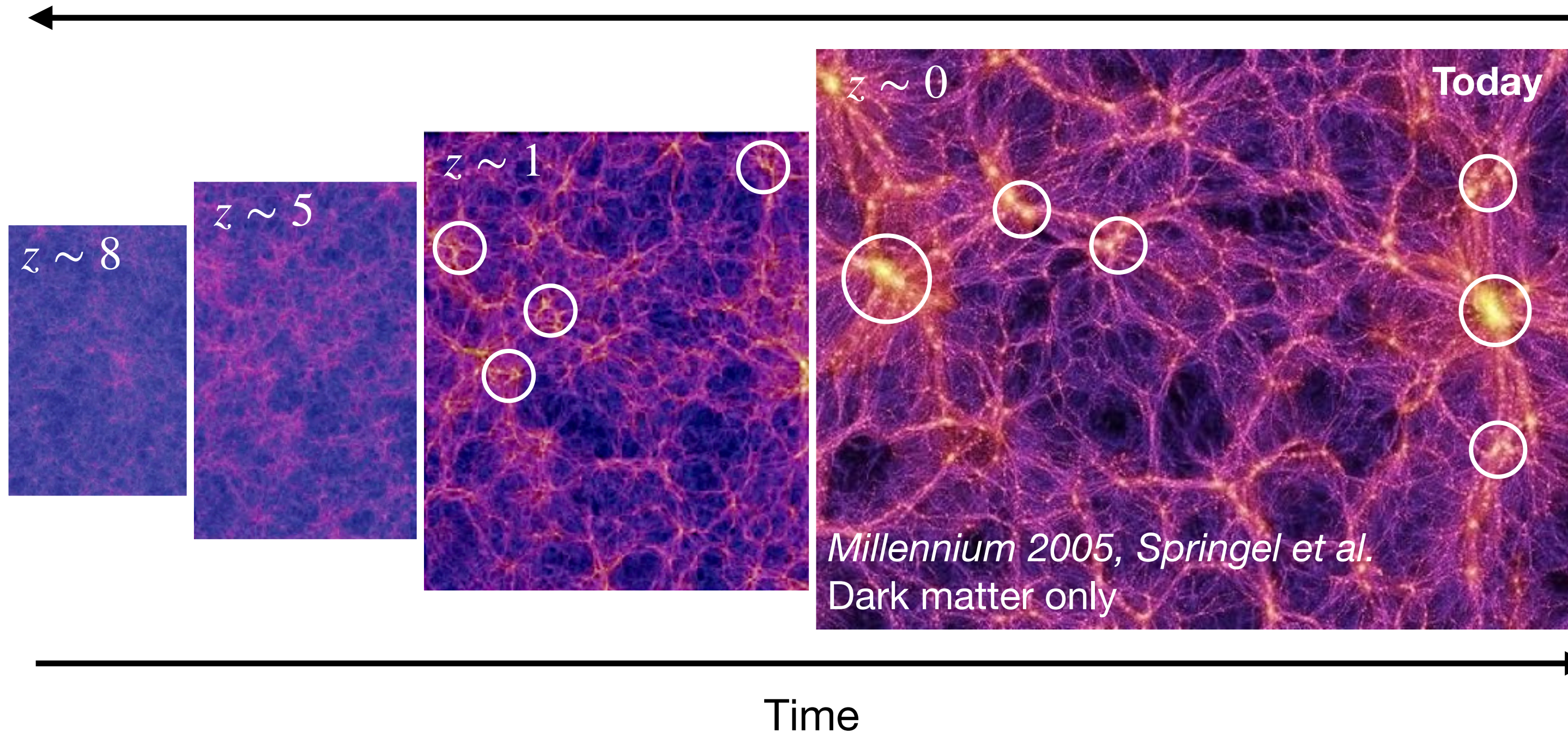
Redshift $z \sim$ distance \sim look in the past



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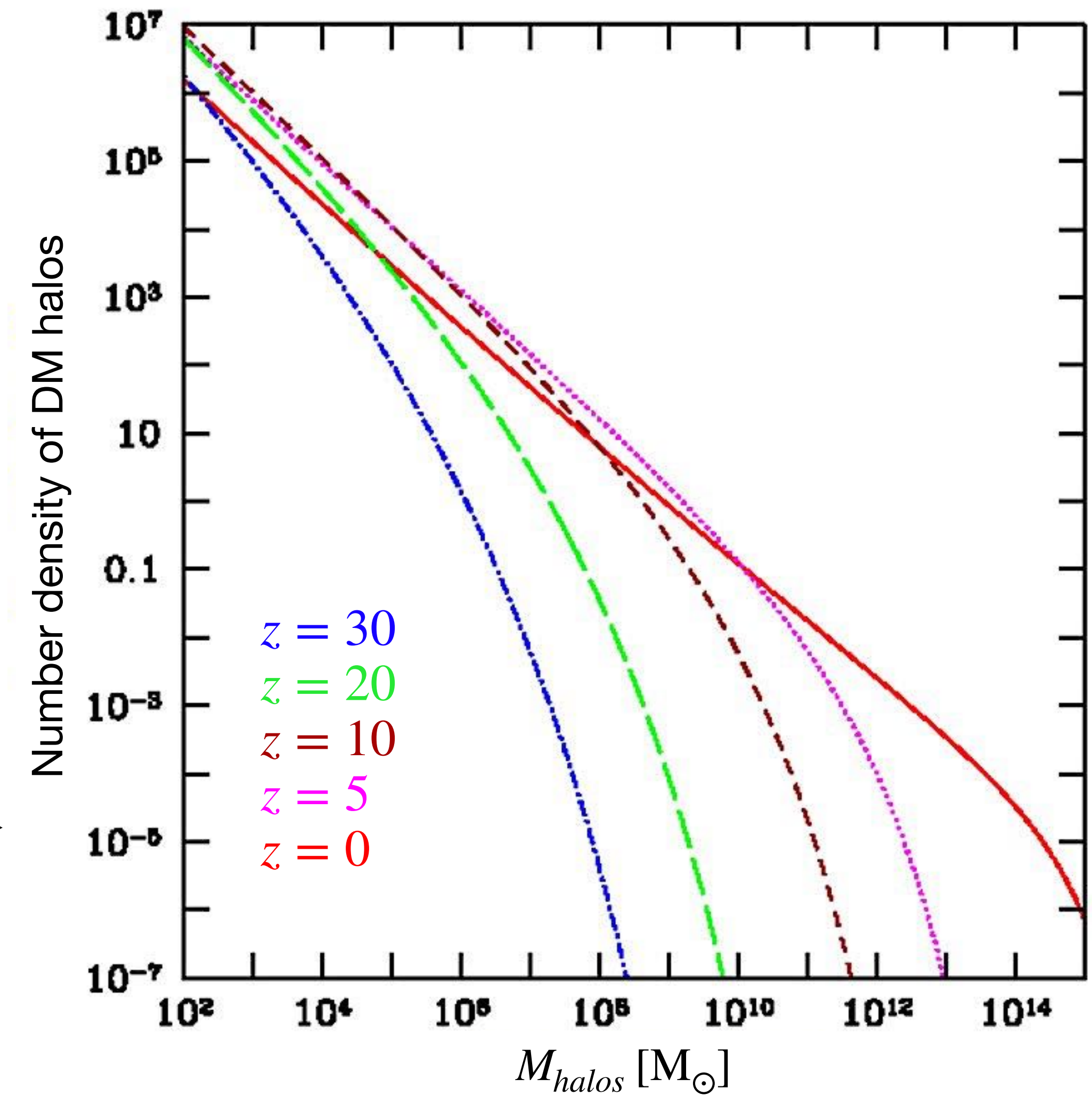
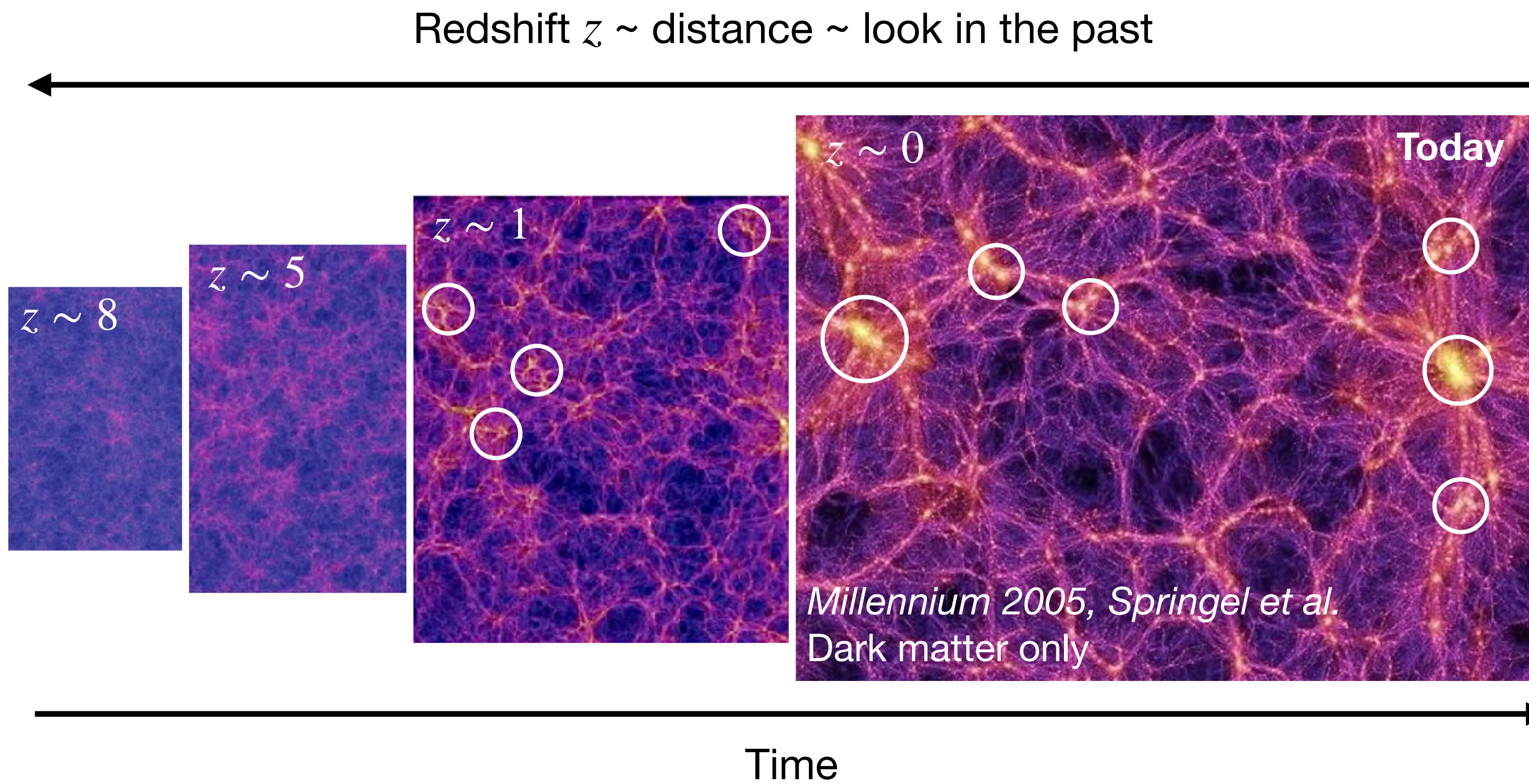
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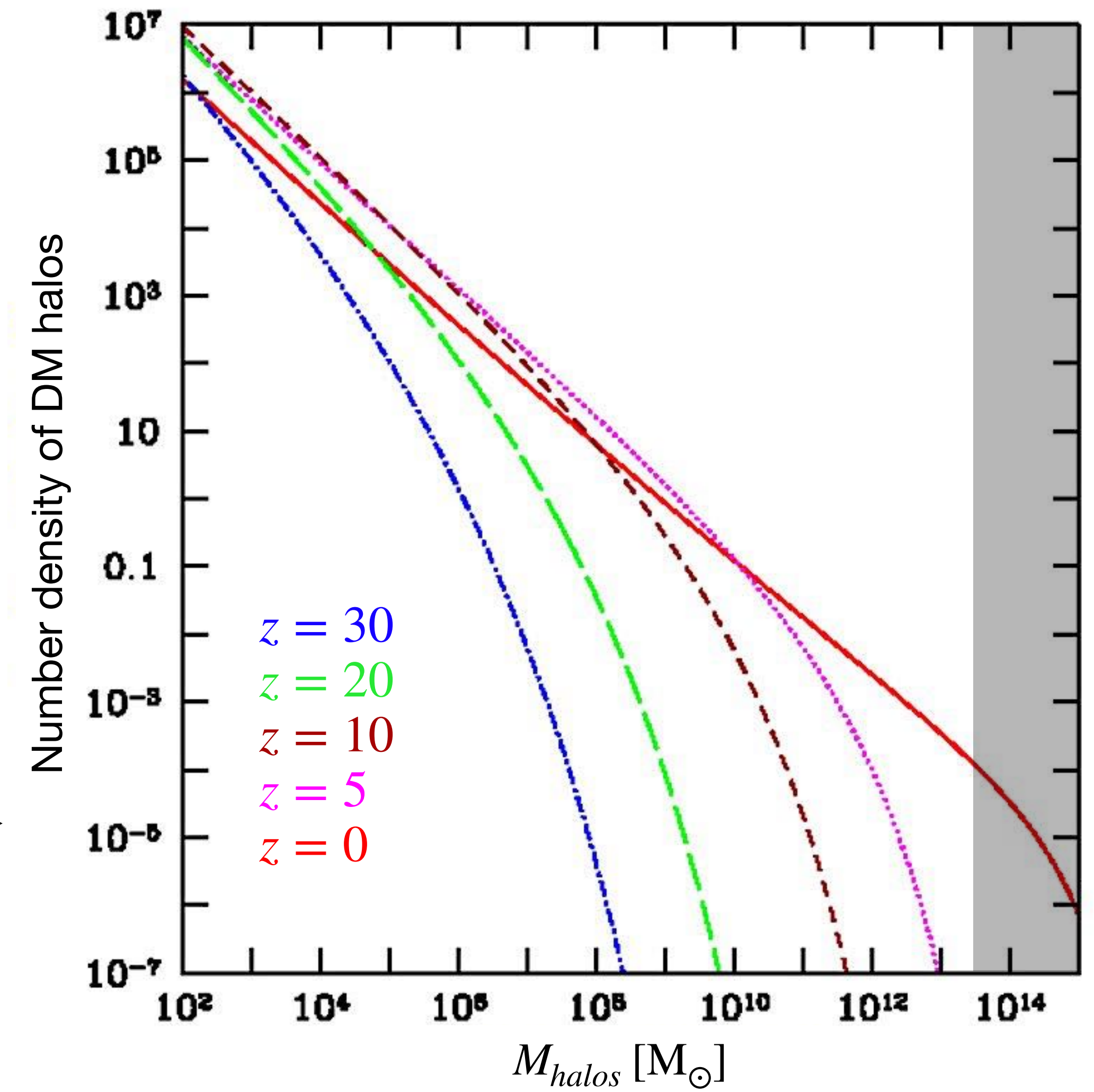
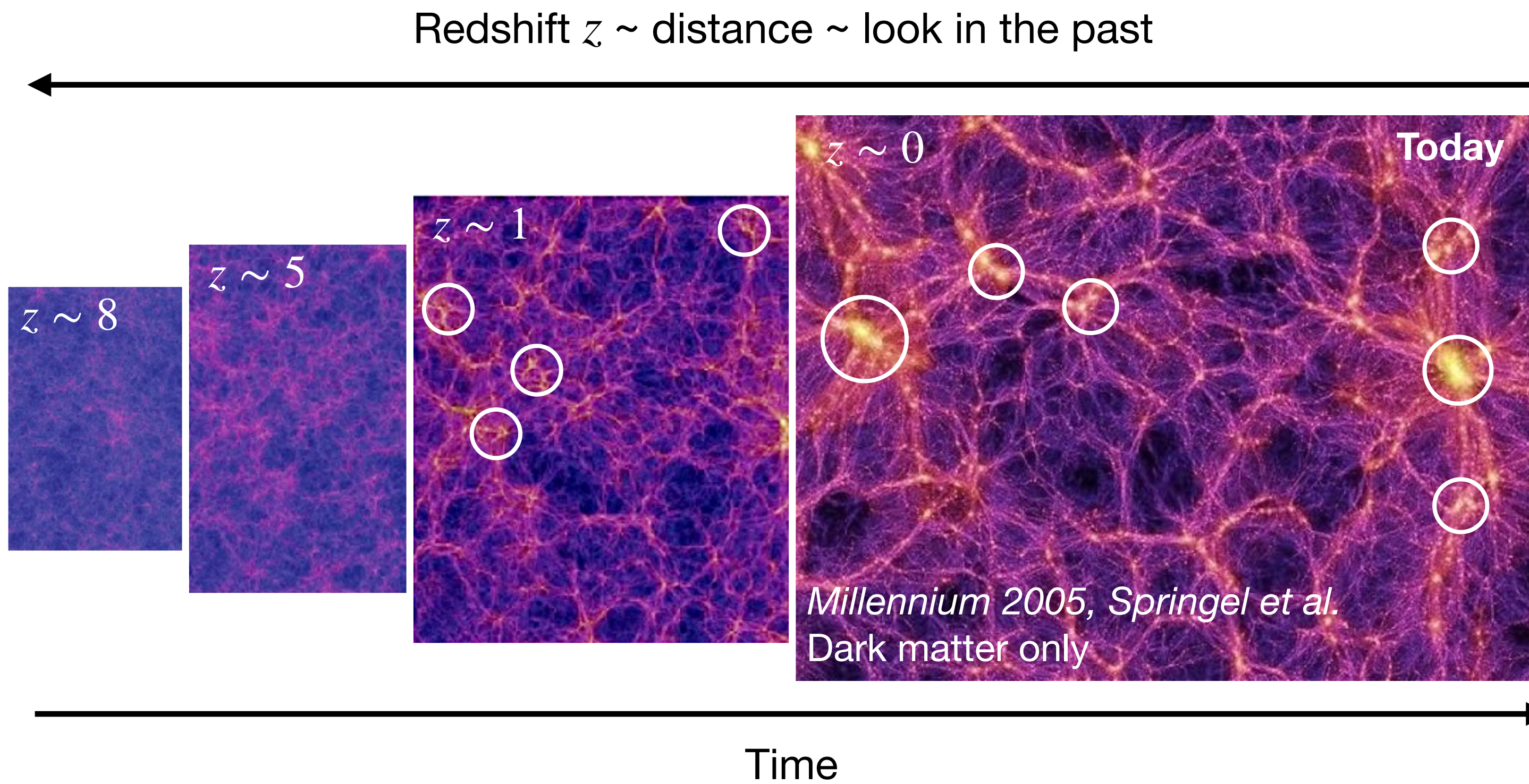
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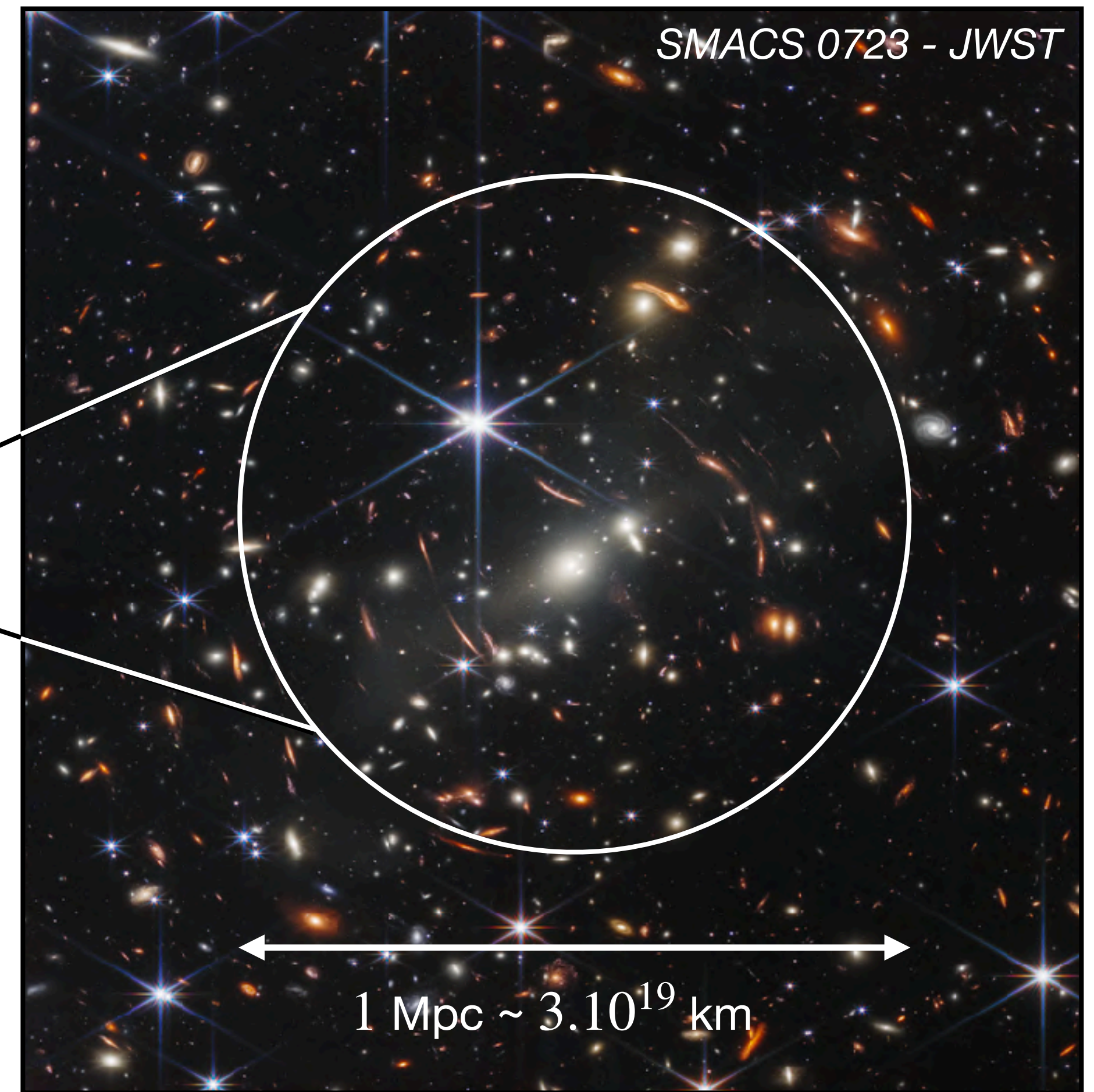
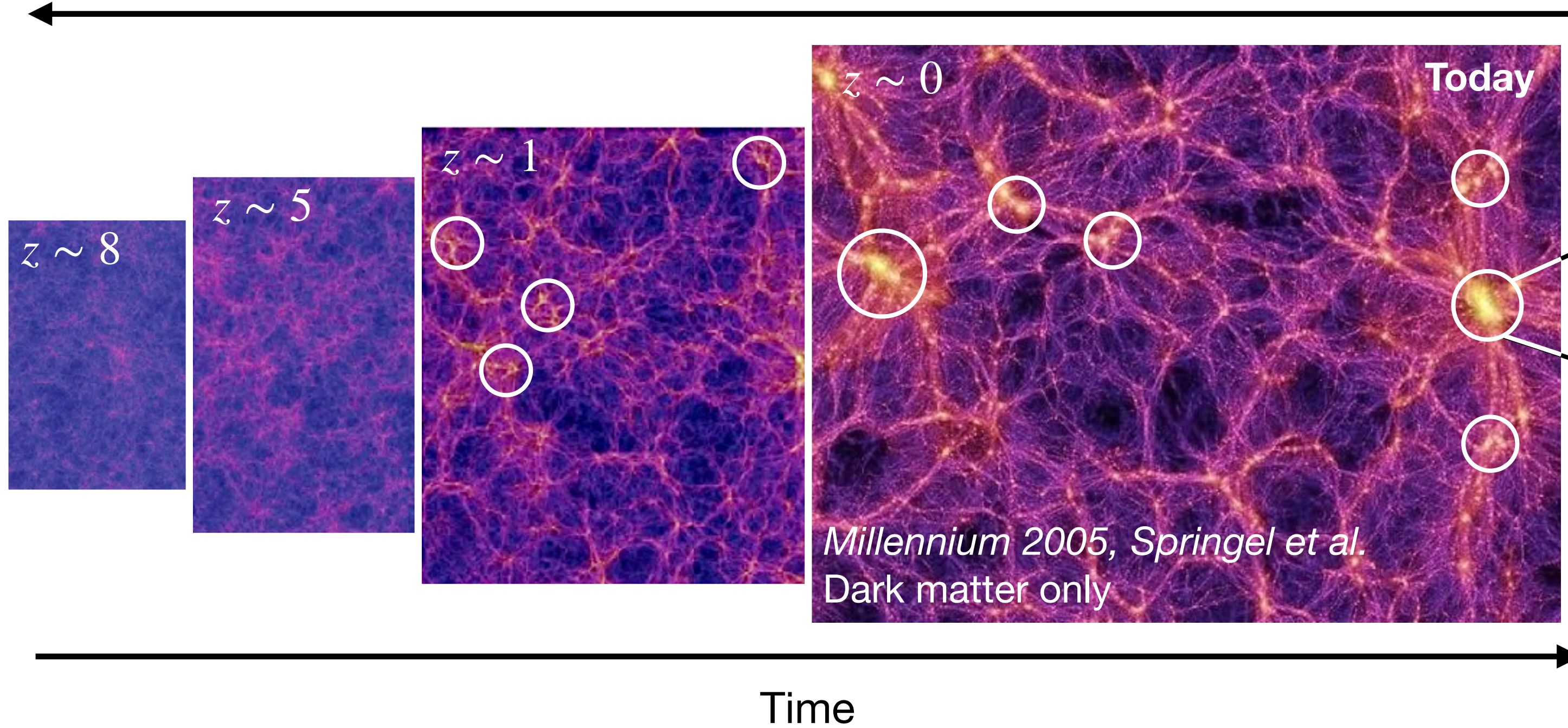
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Tracers of dark matter over-densities

Composed of 80% of dark matter

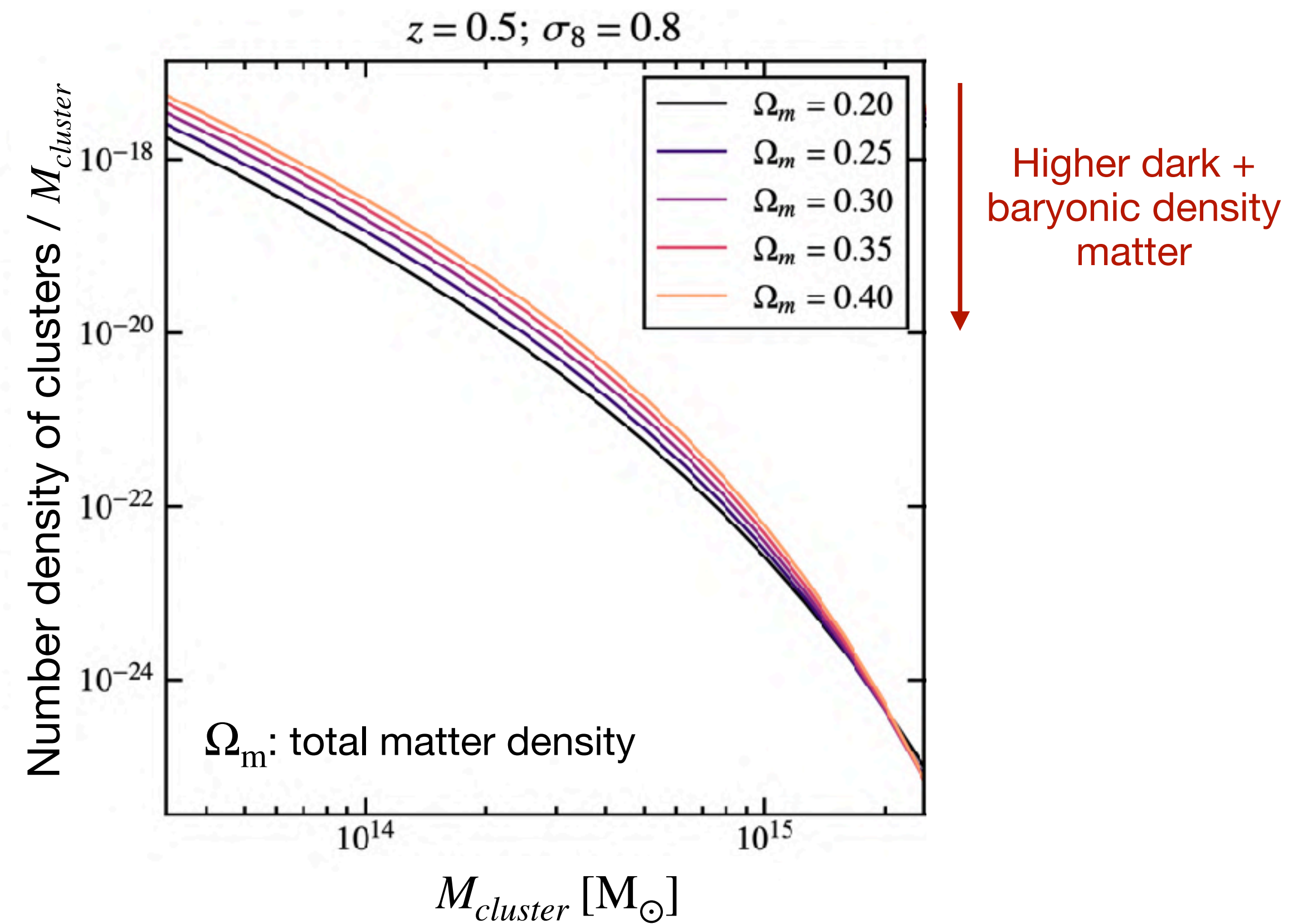
Sensitive to dark energy

Accelerated expansion vs. gravity

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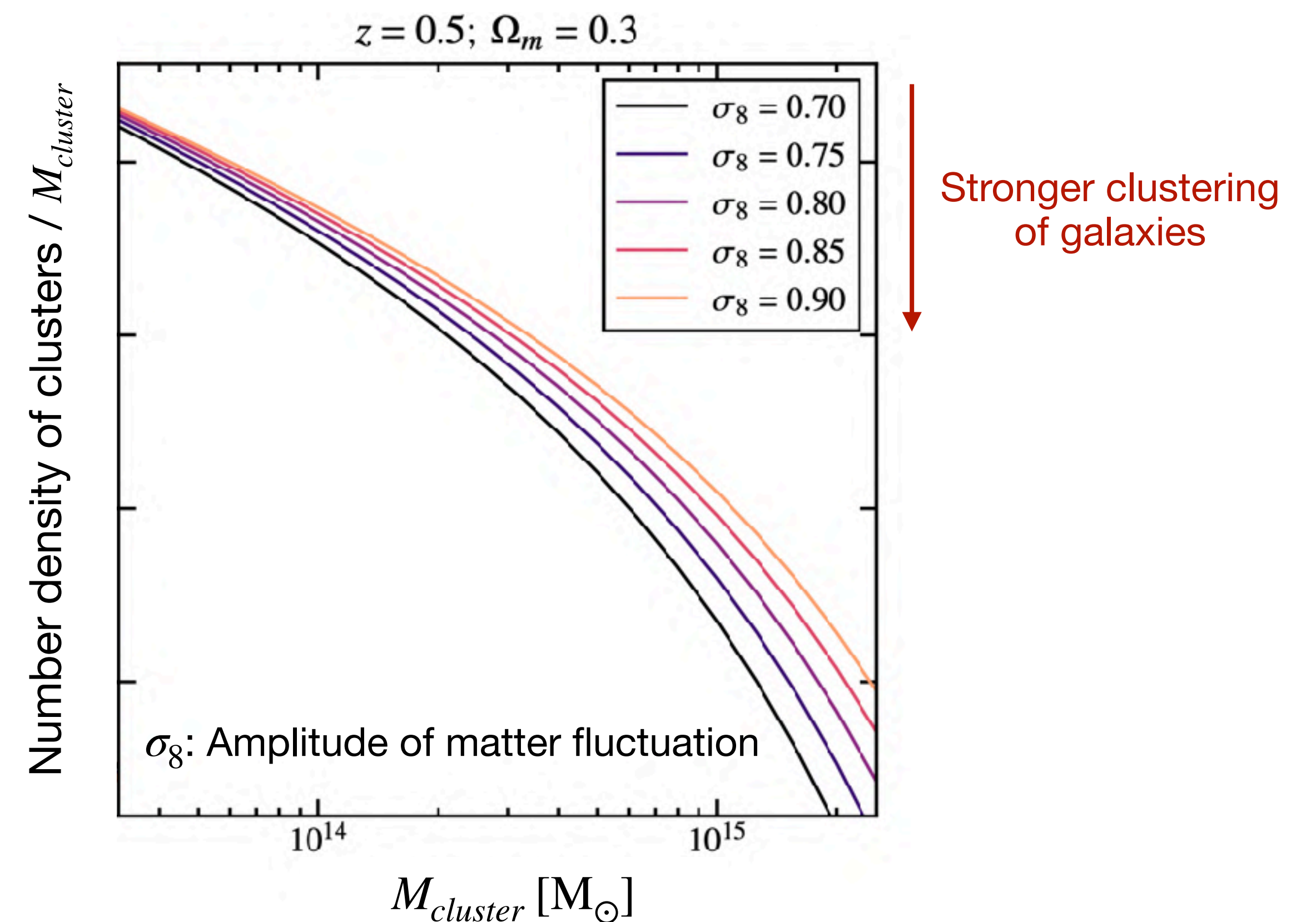
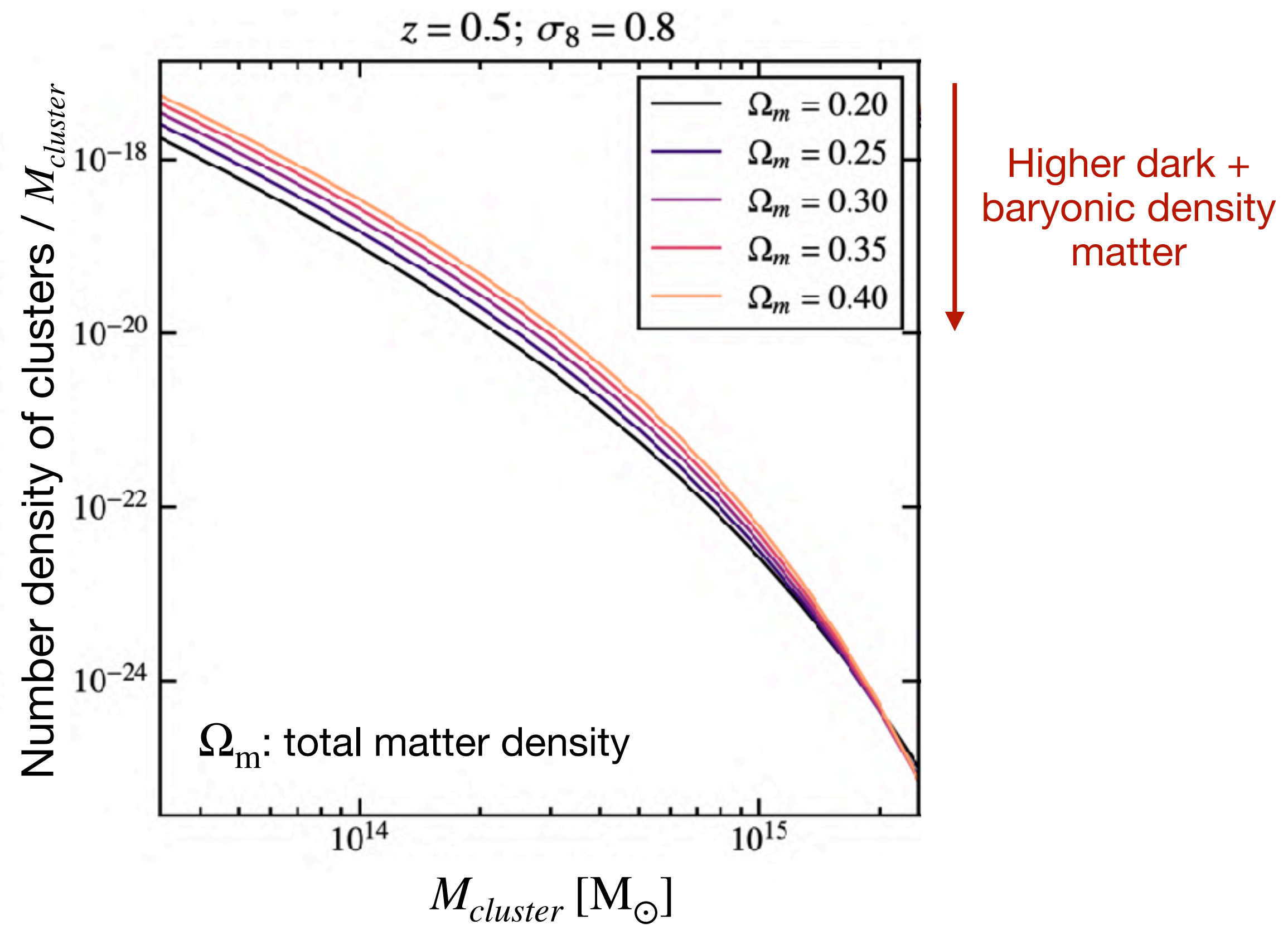
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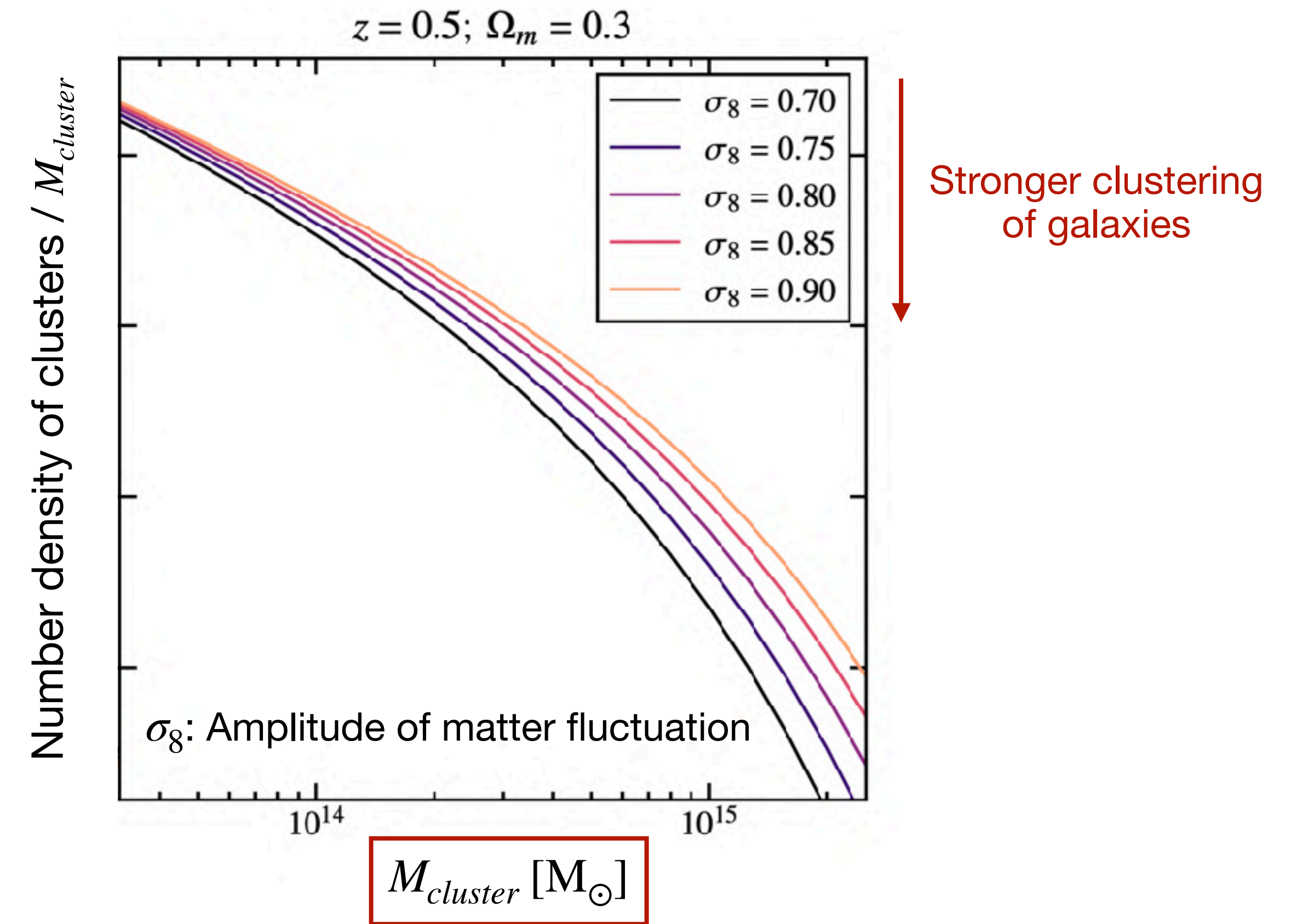
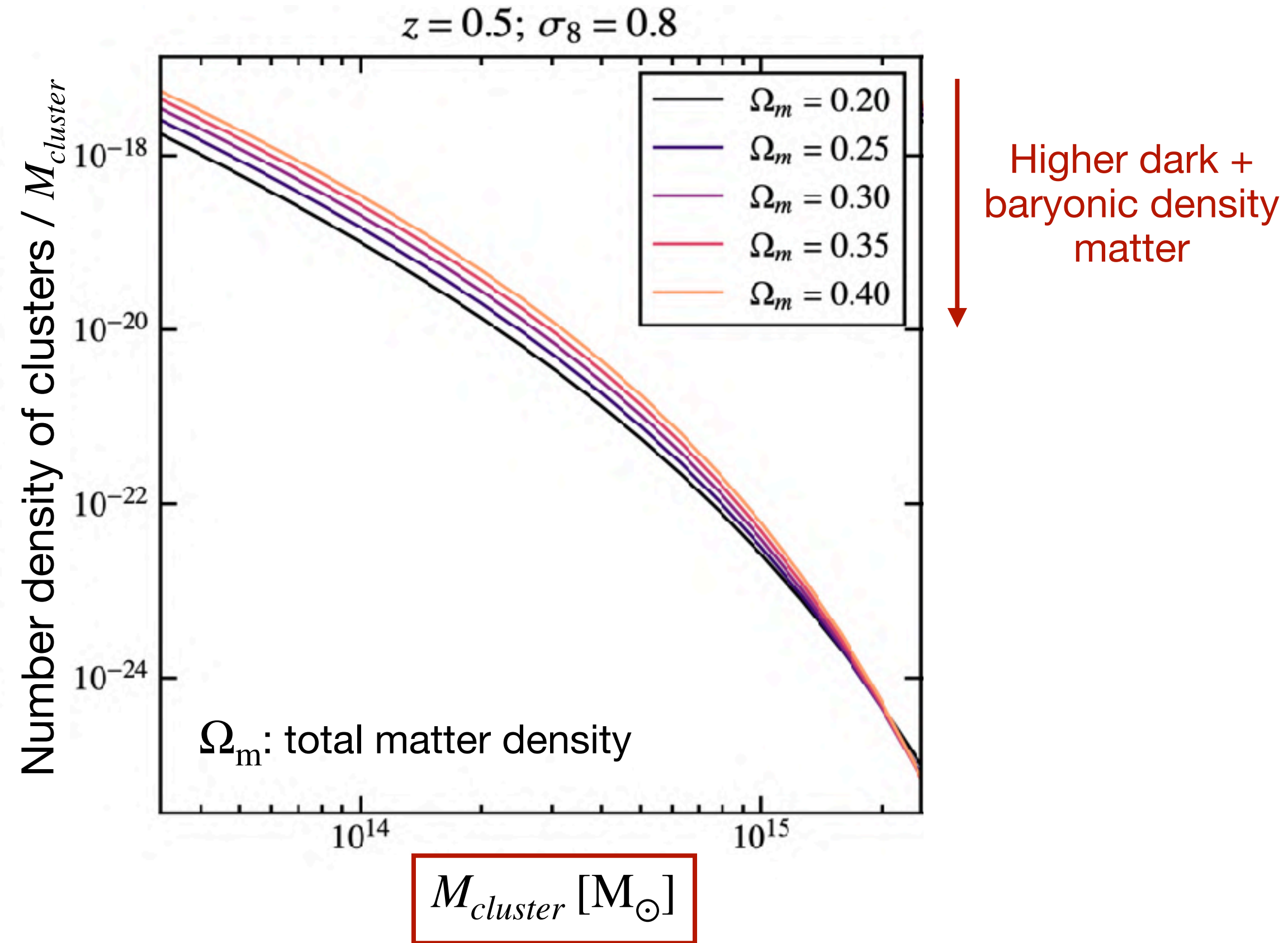
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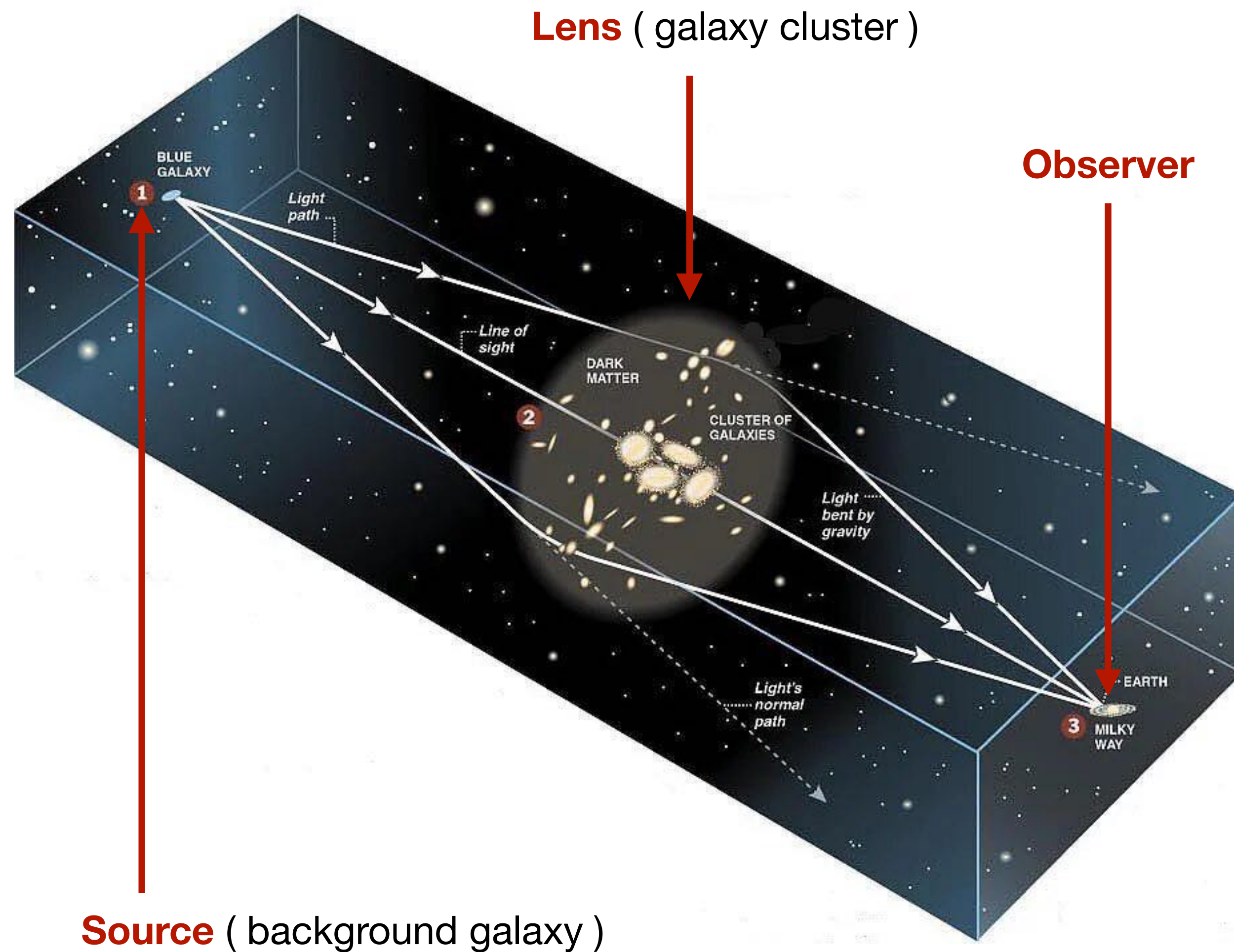
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Mass is **not an observable**: indirect measurements through weak lensing

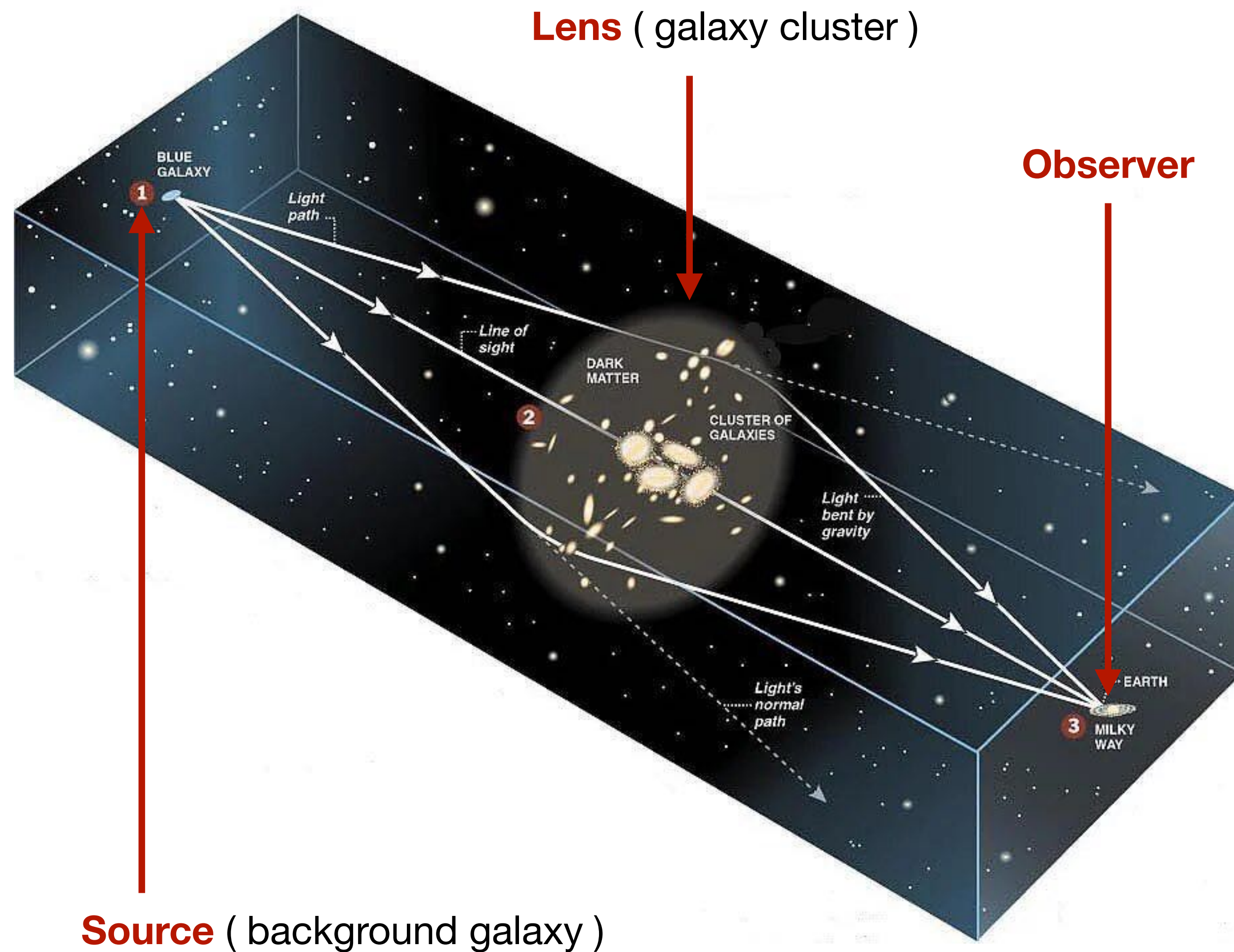
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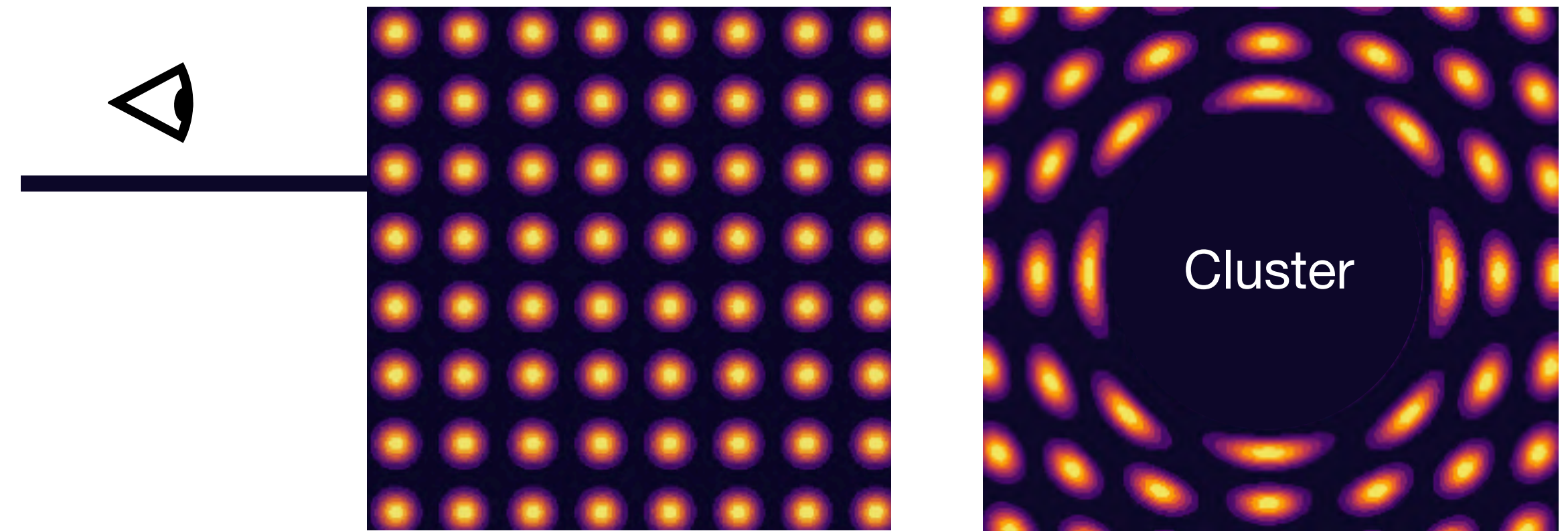
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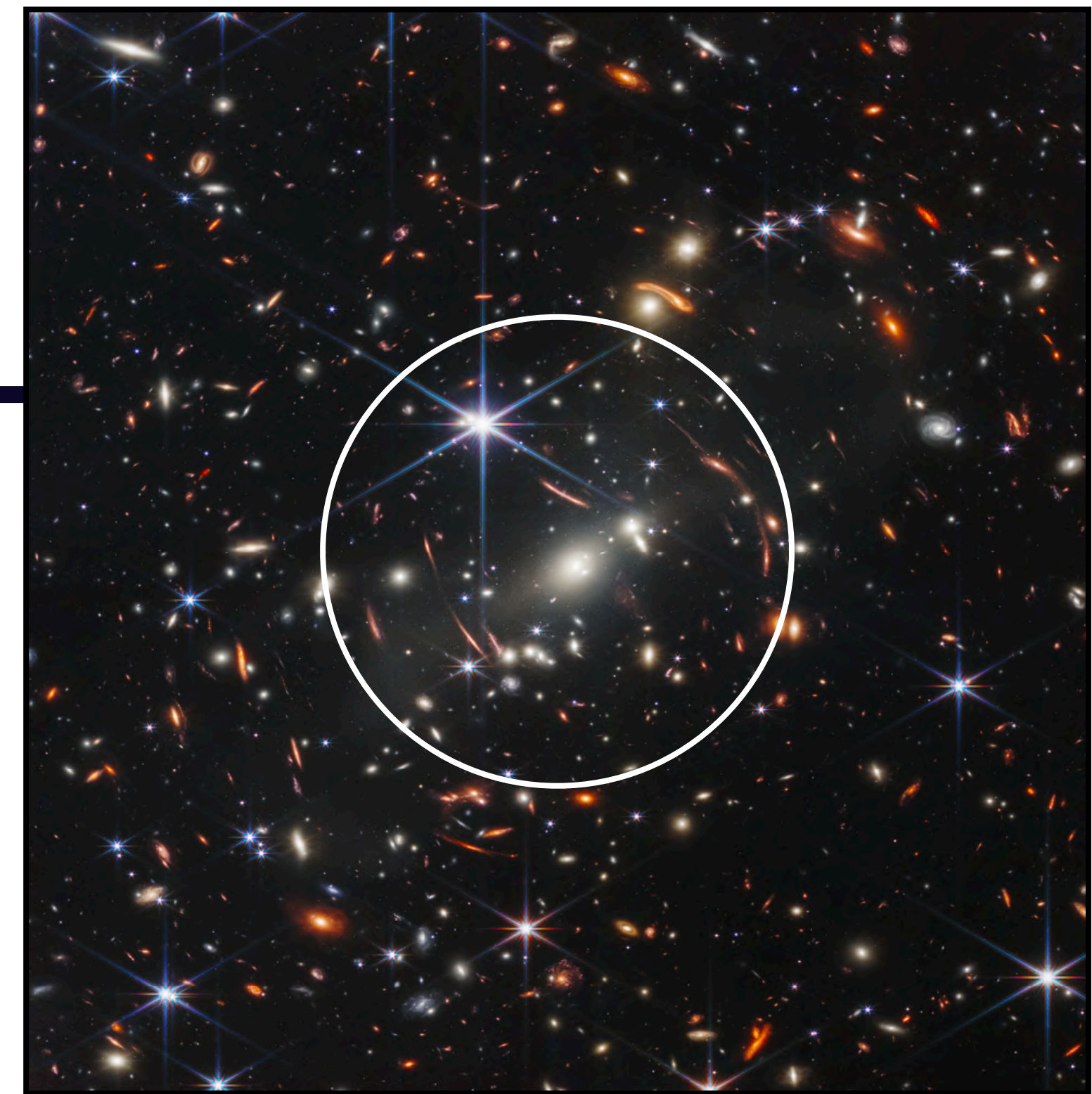
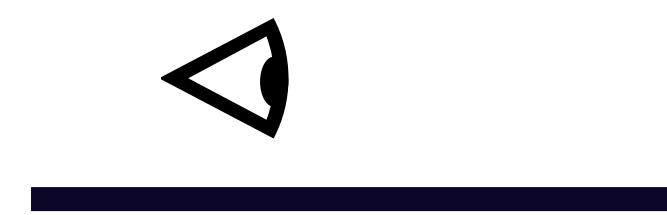
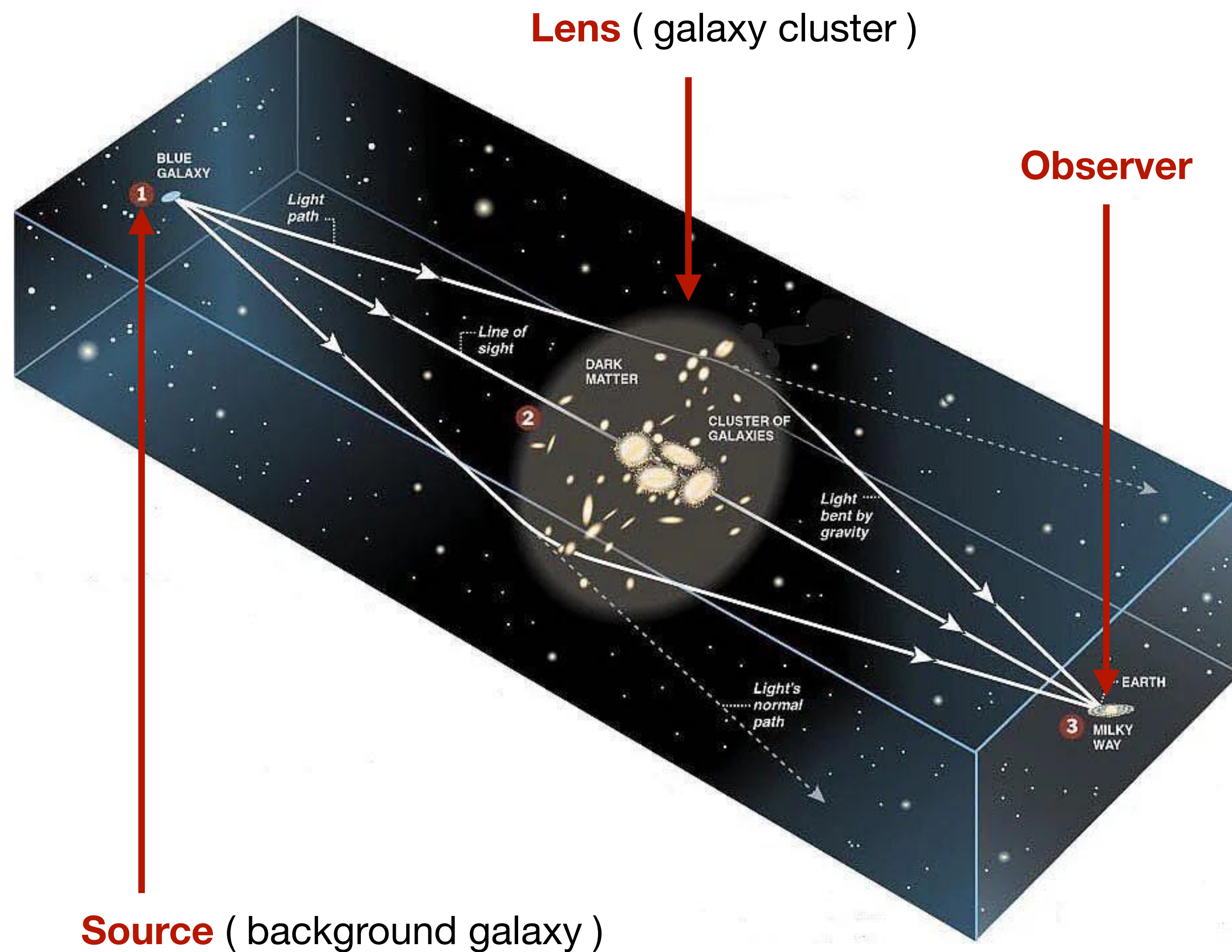
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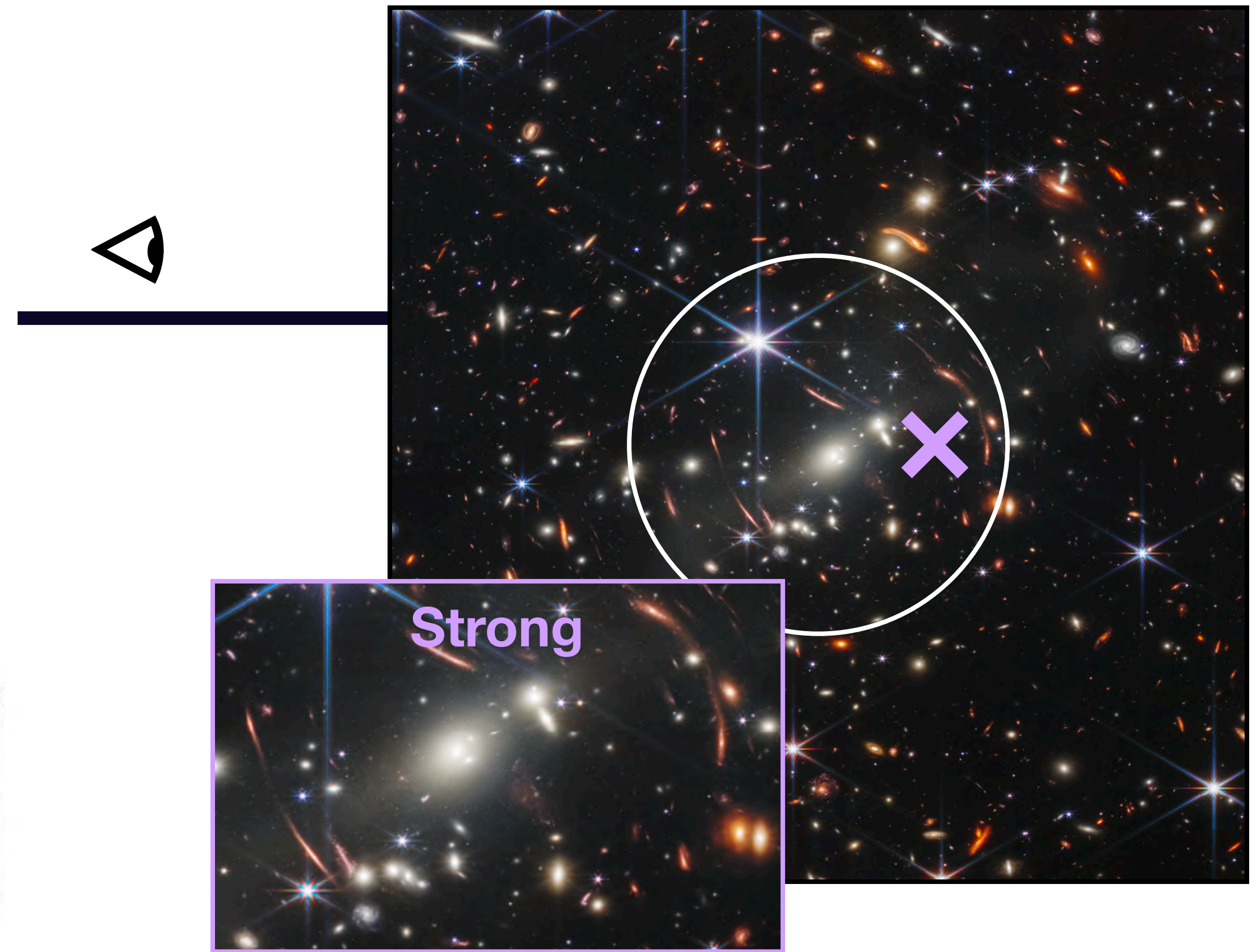
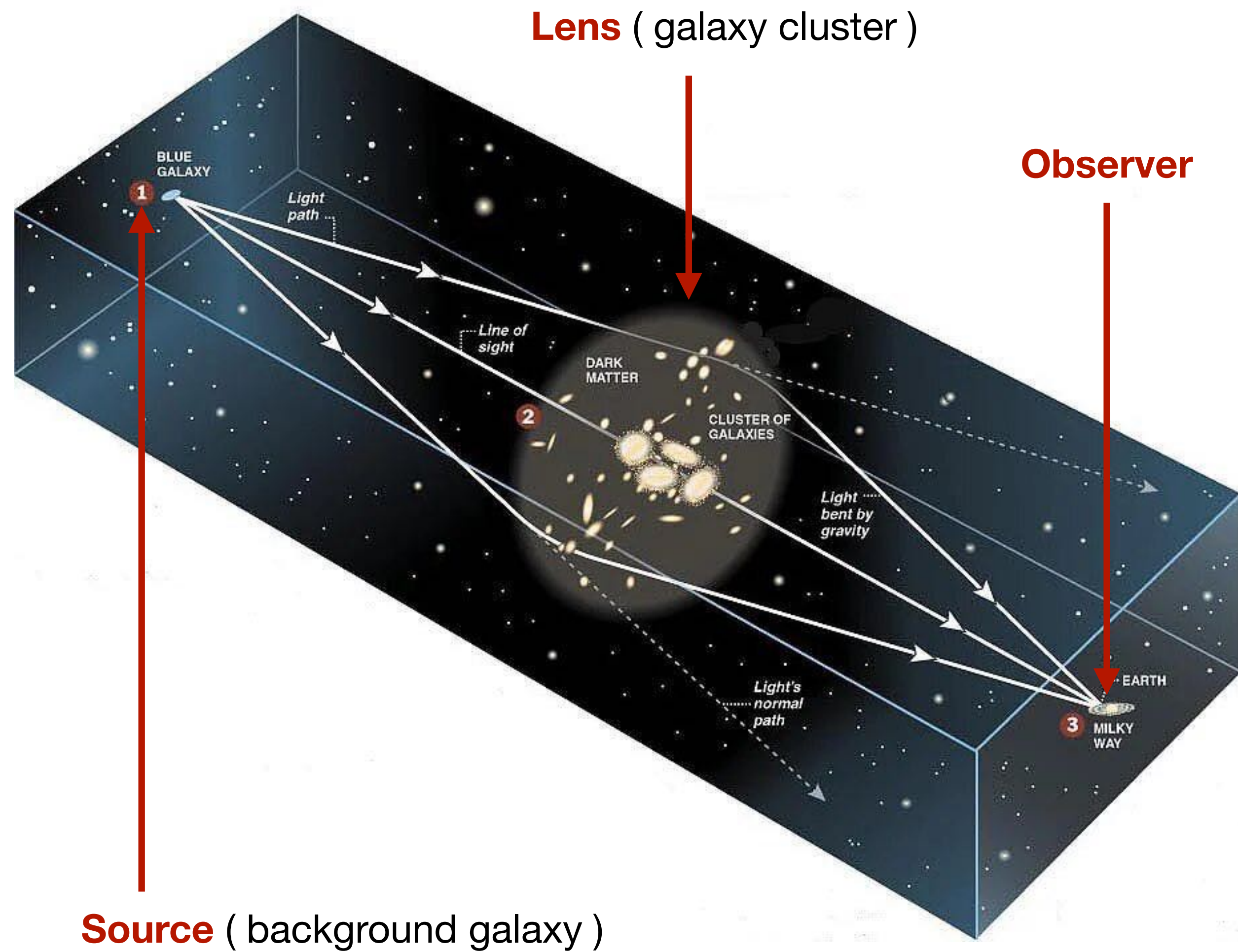
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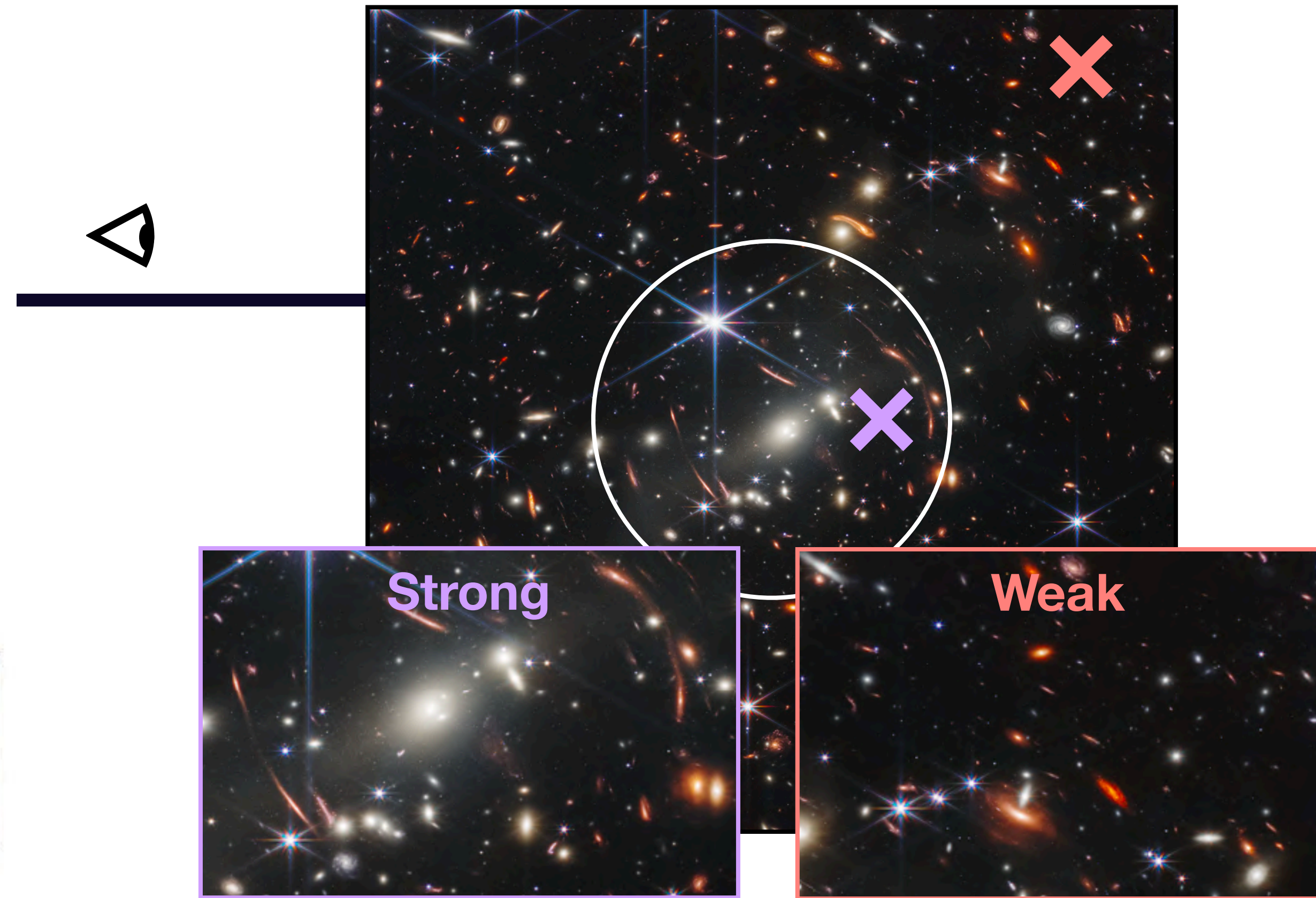
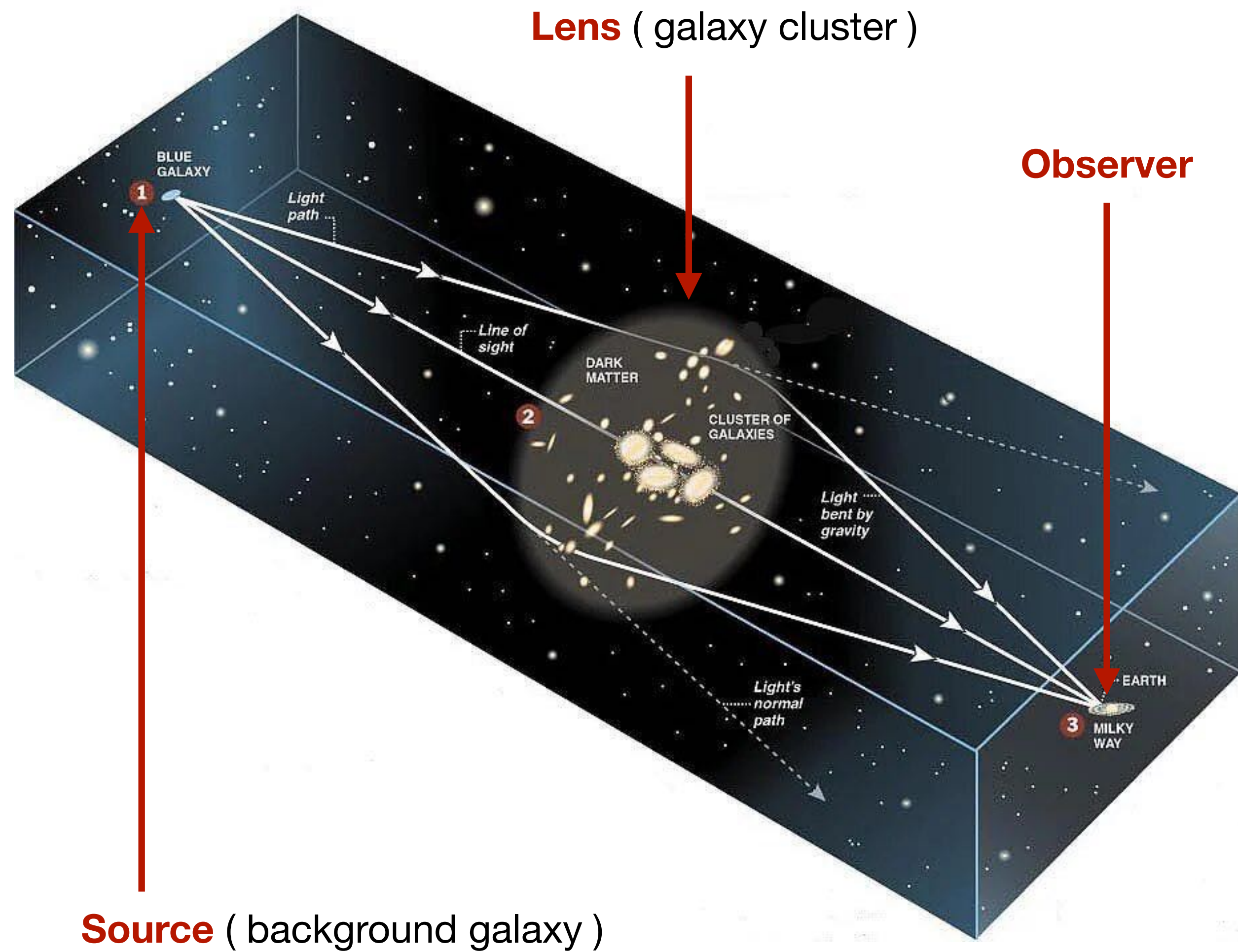
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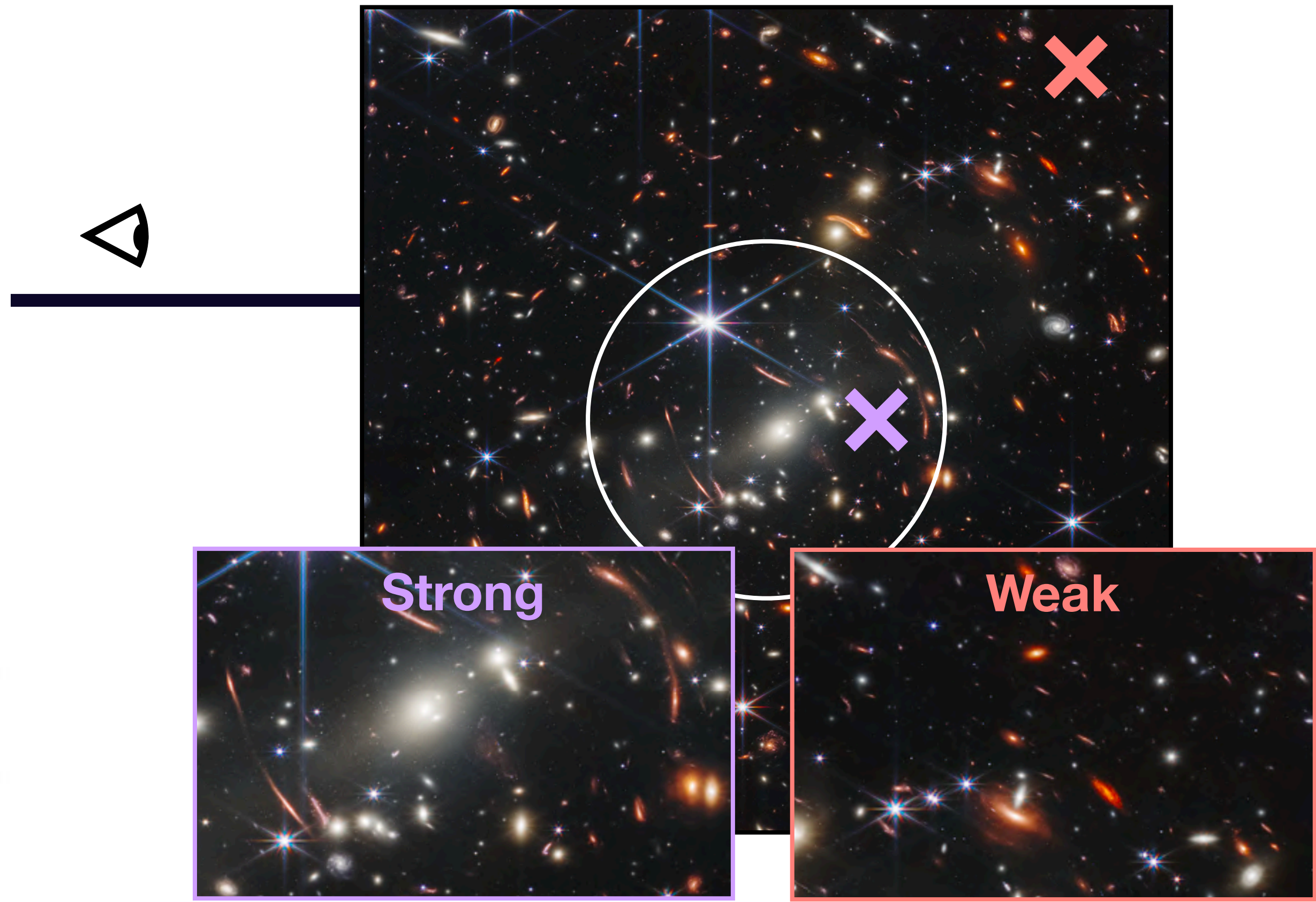
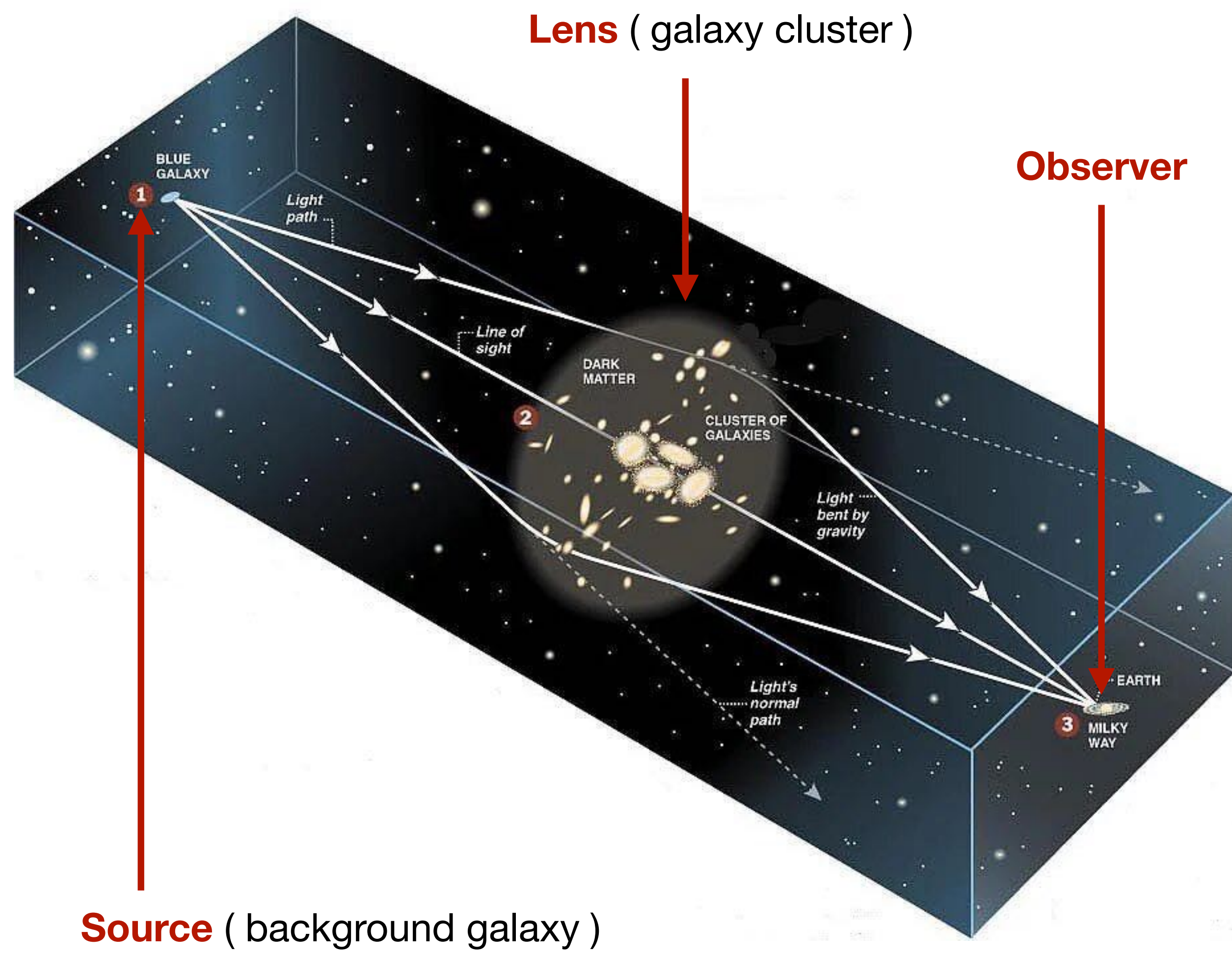


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Distorted source shapes ↔ Lens mass

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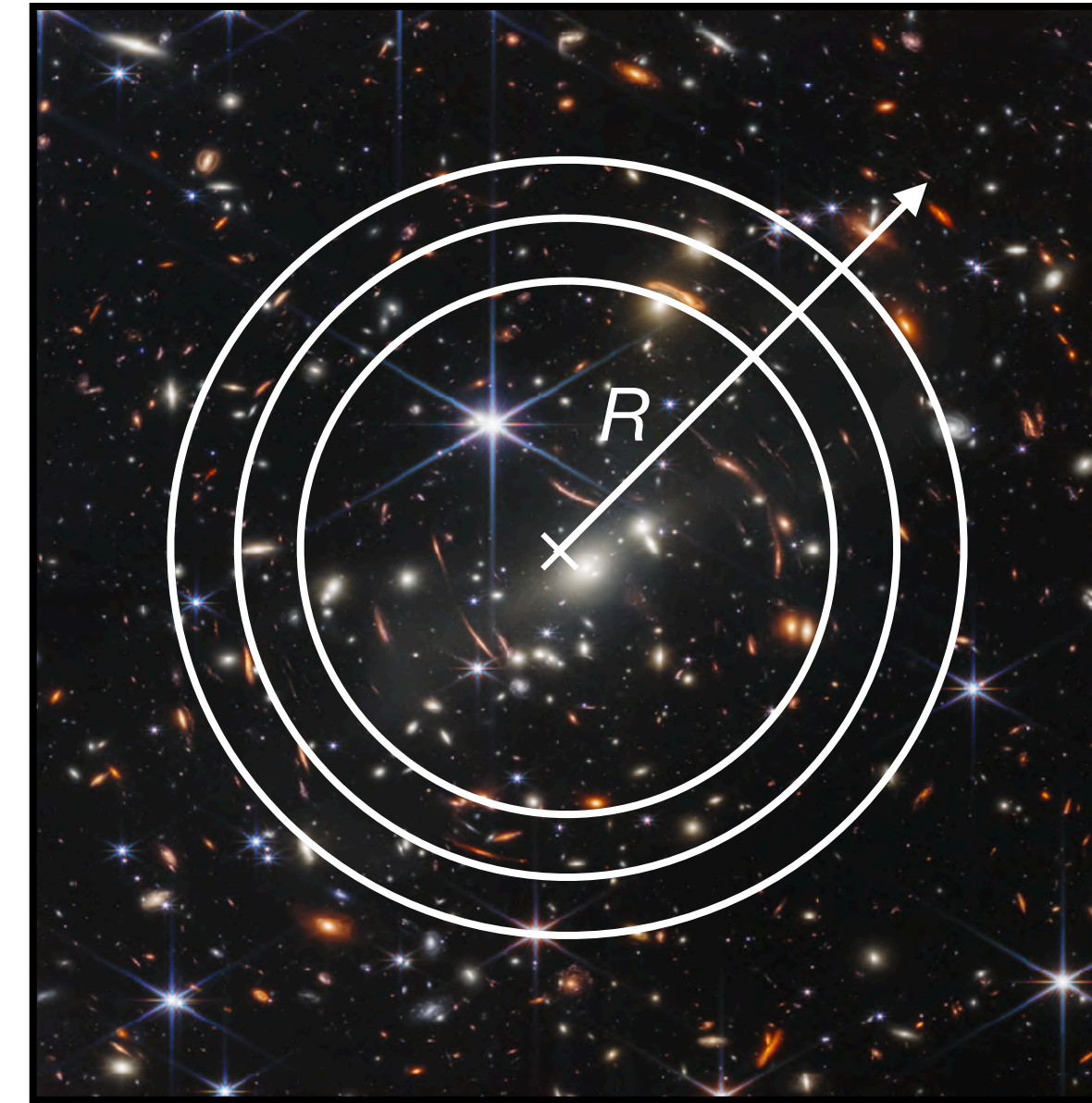
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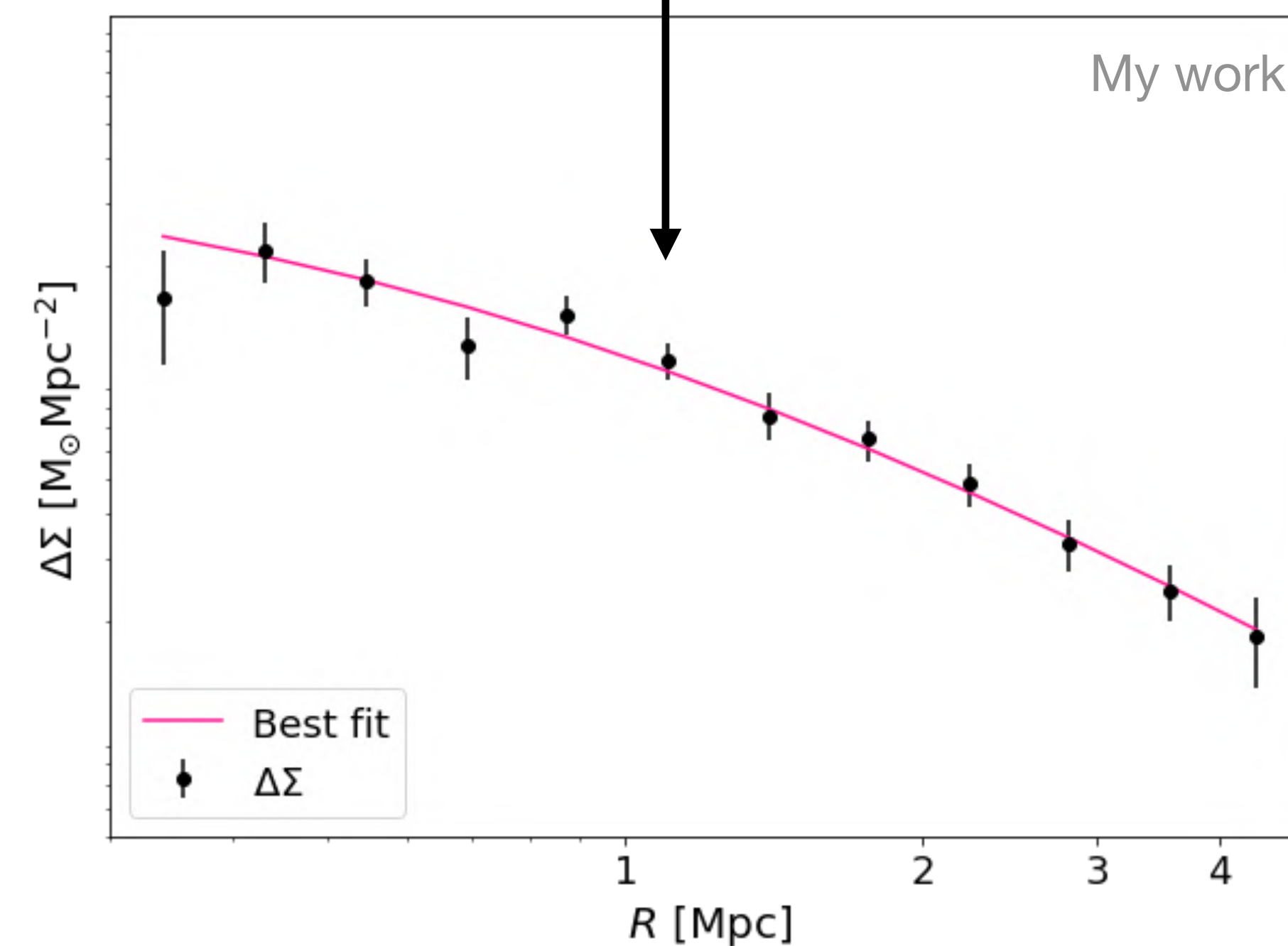
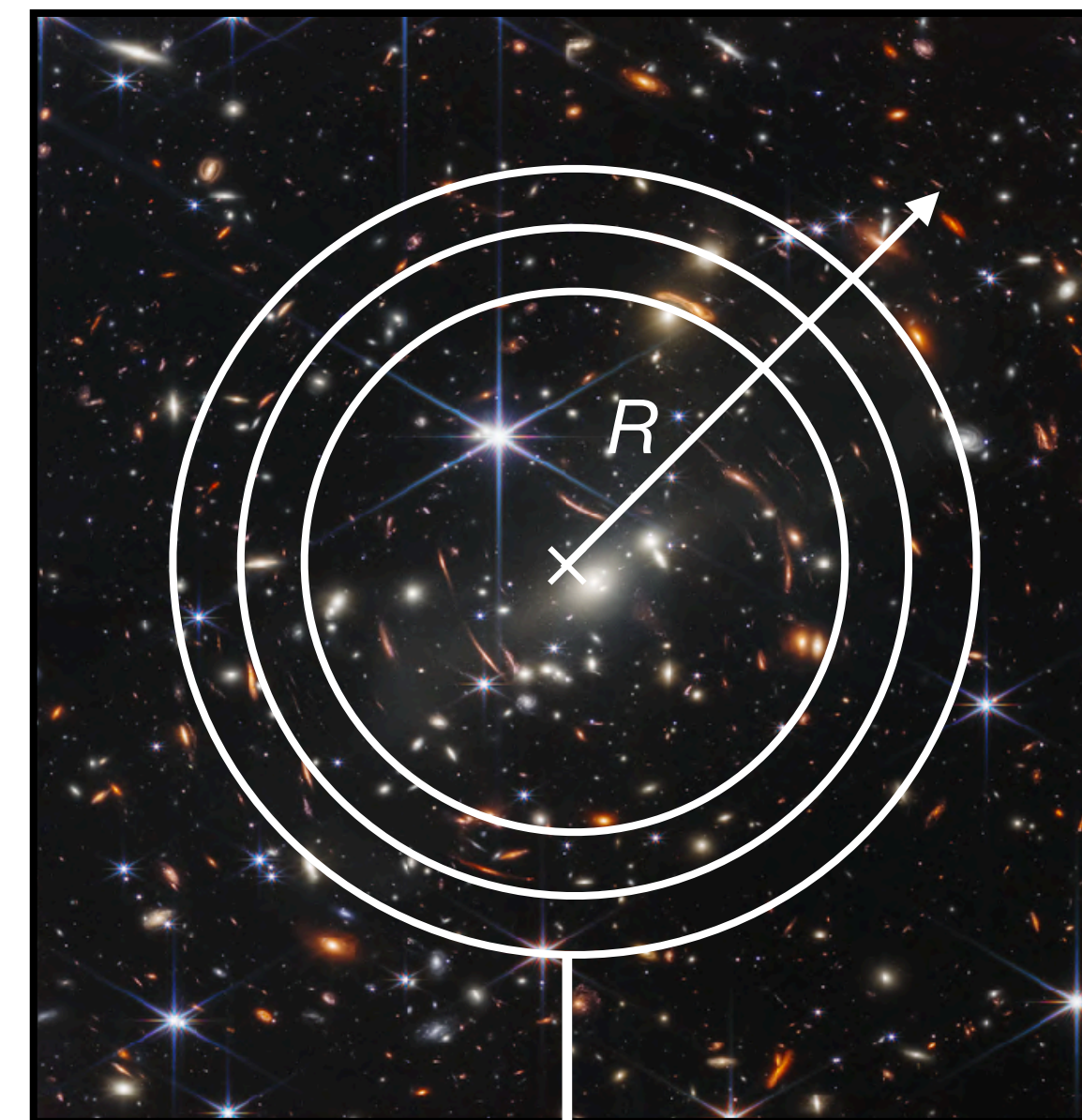
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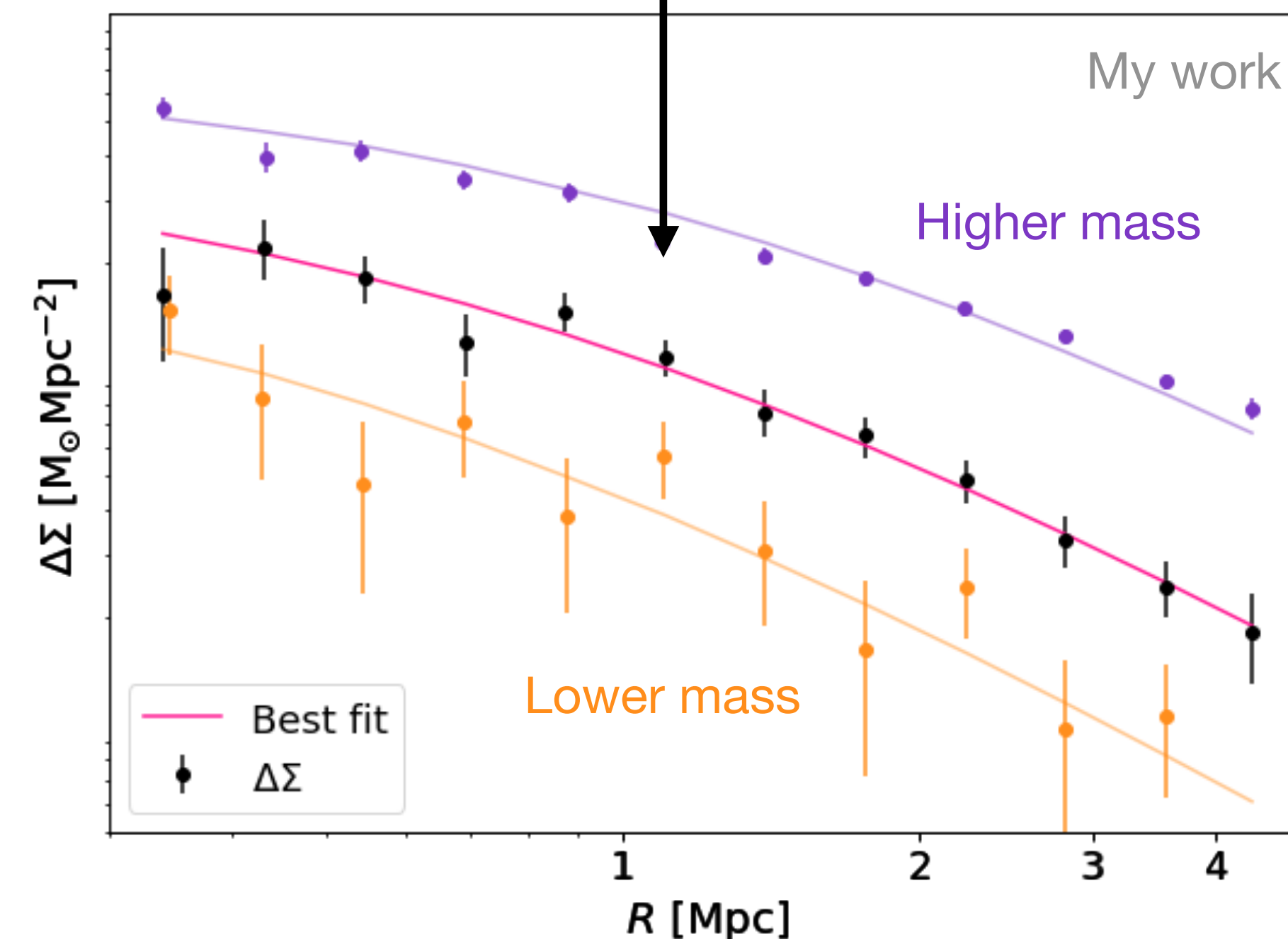
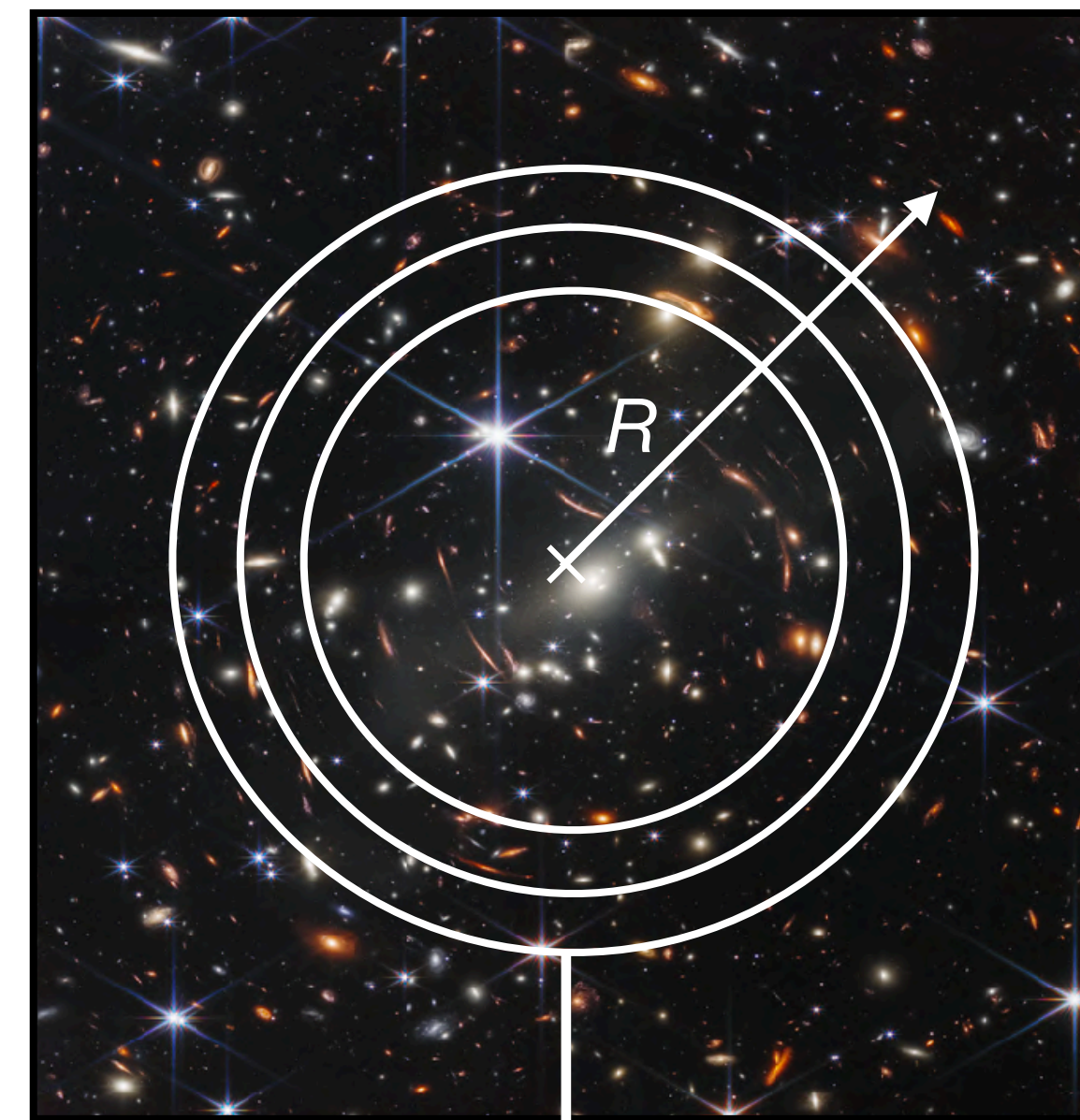
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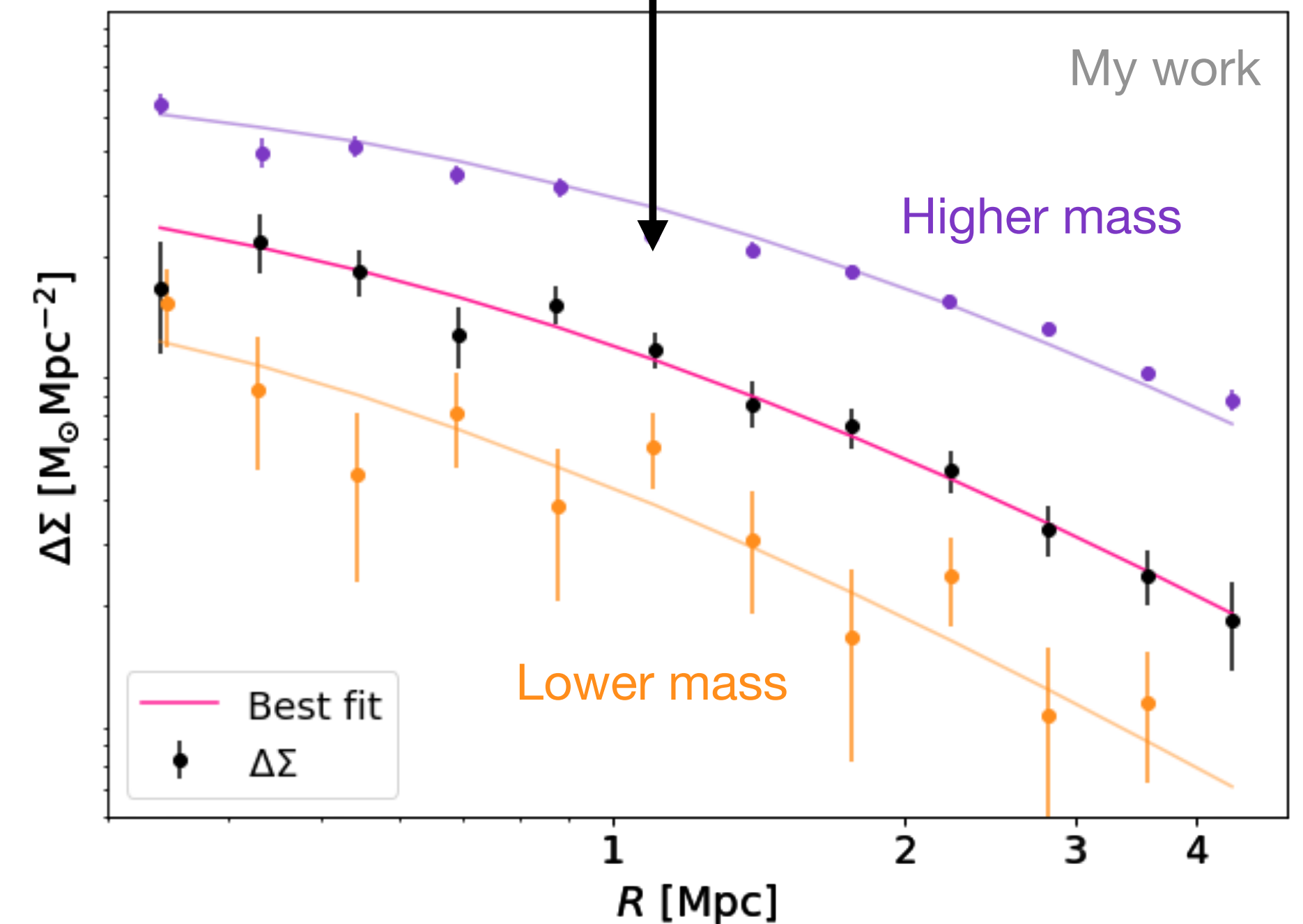
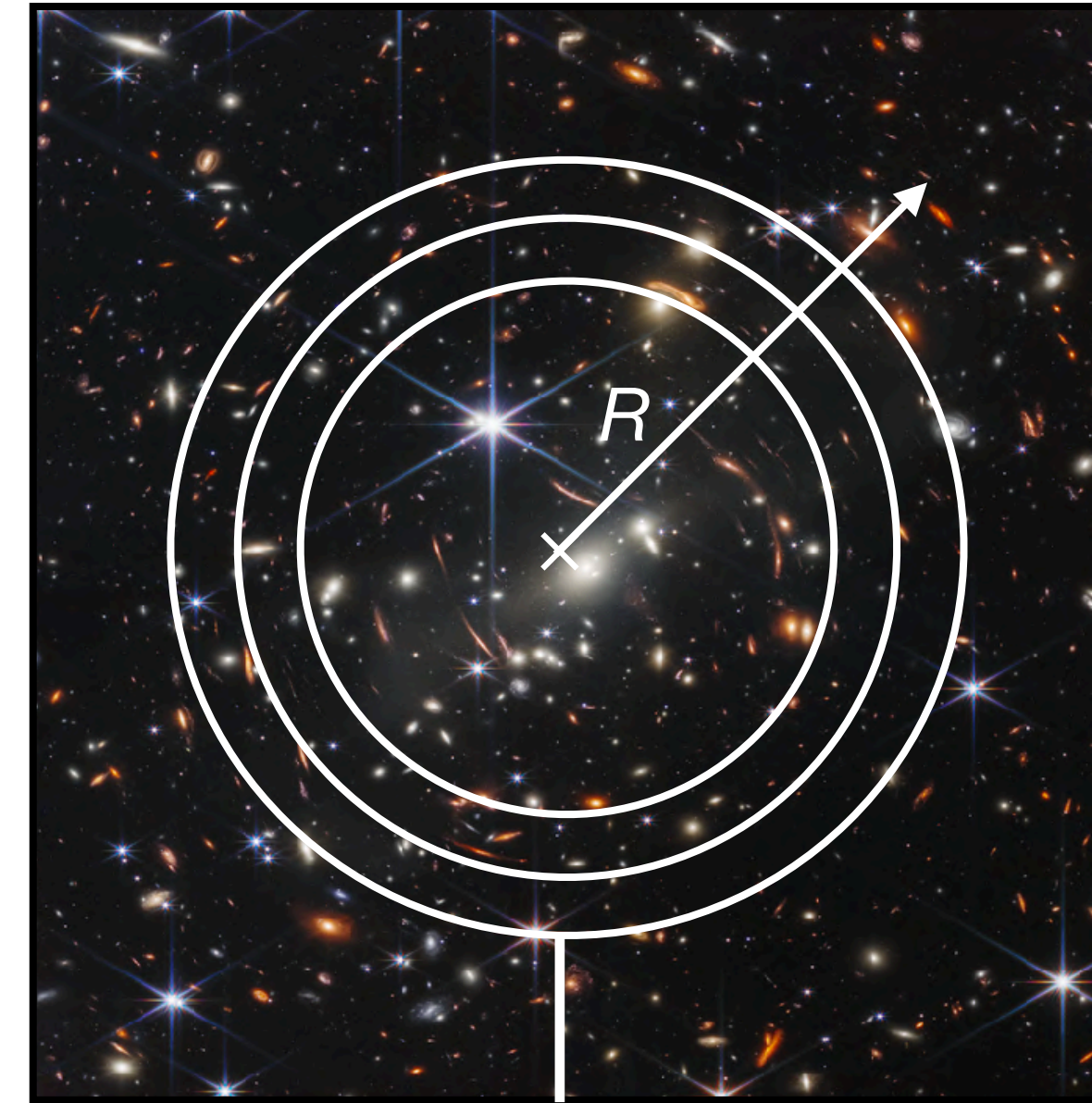
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needs
redshifts

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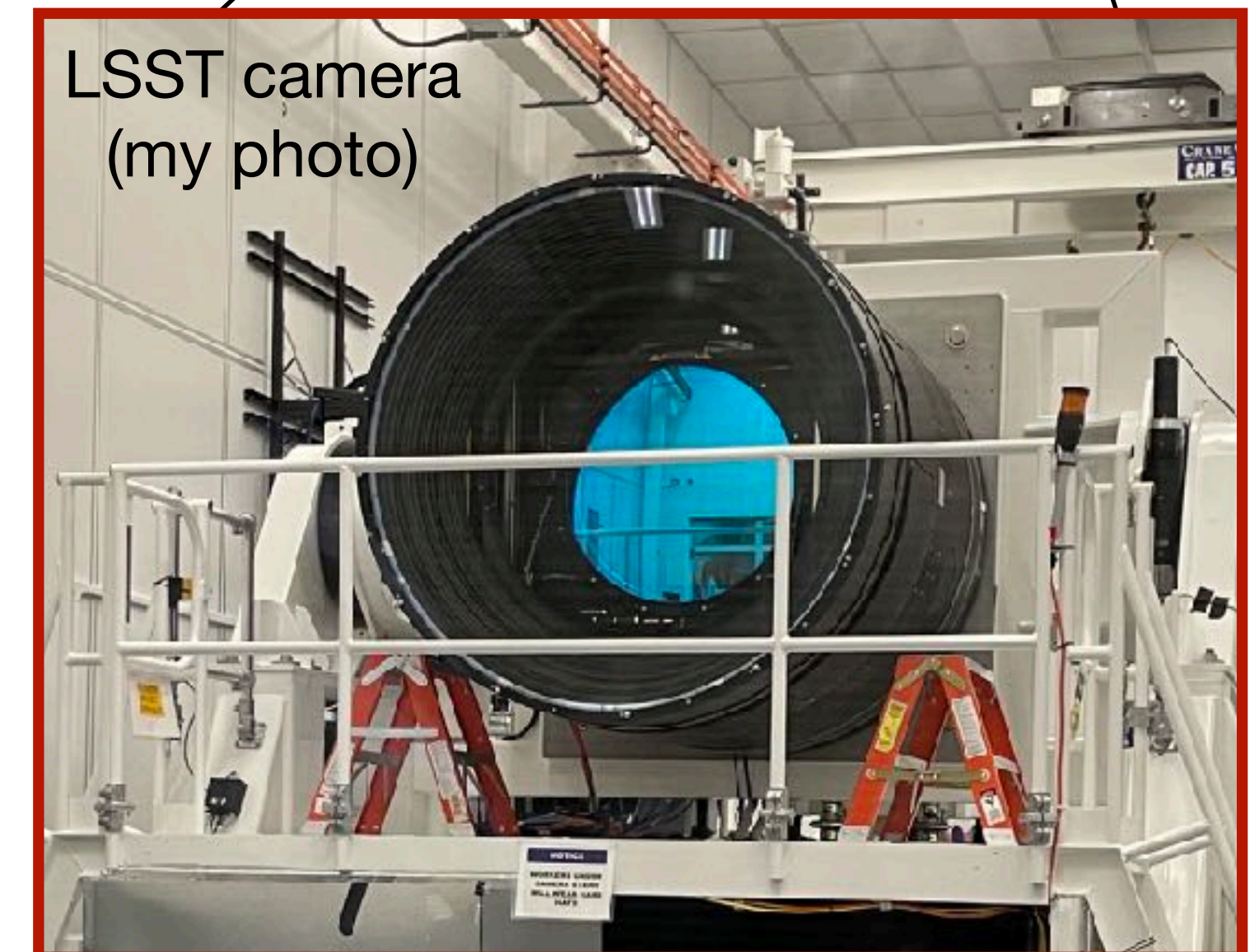
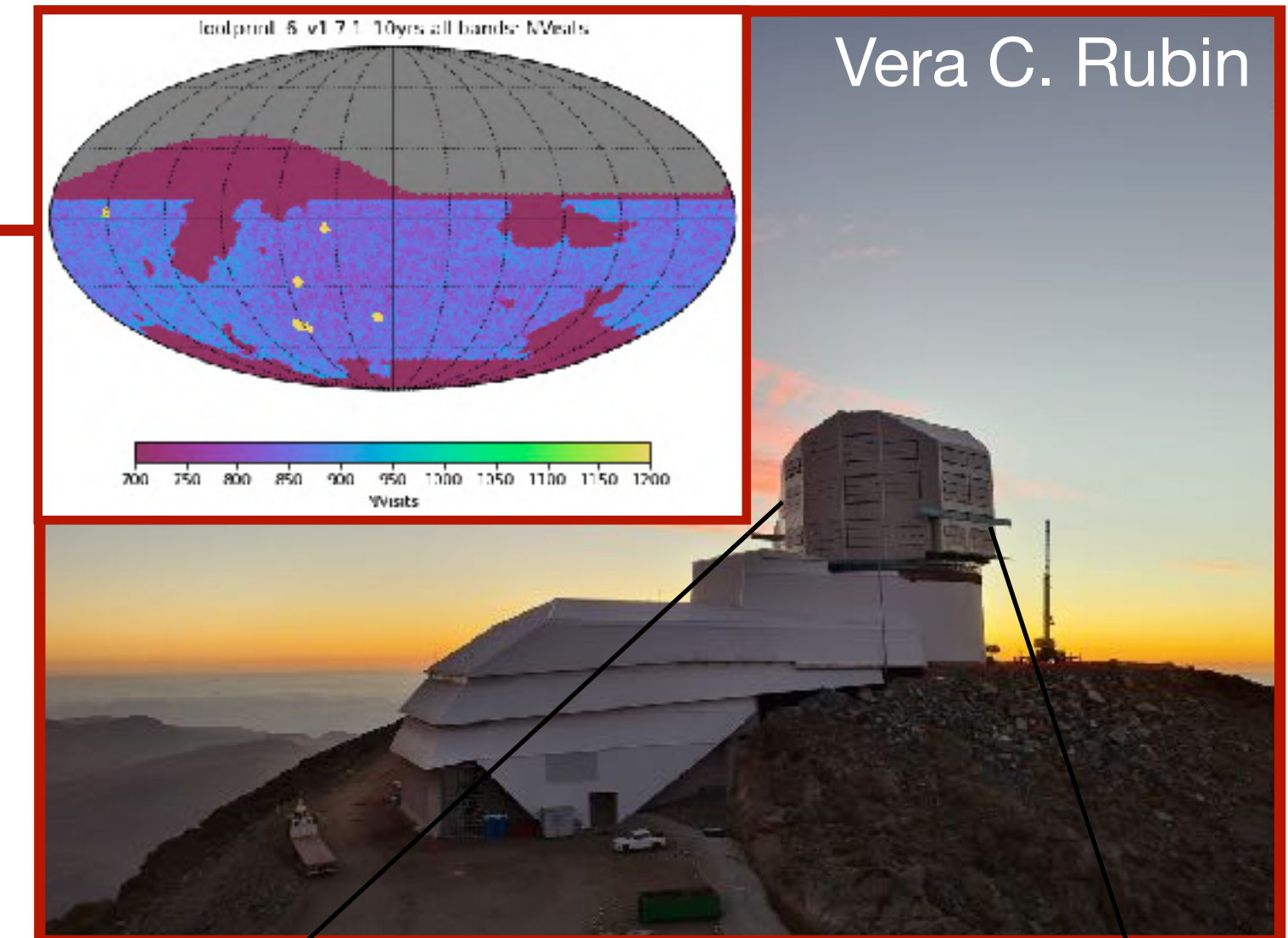
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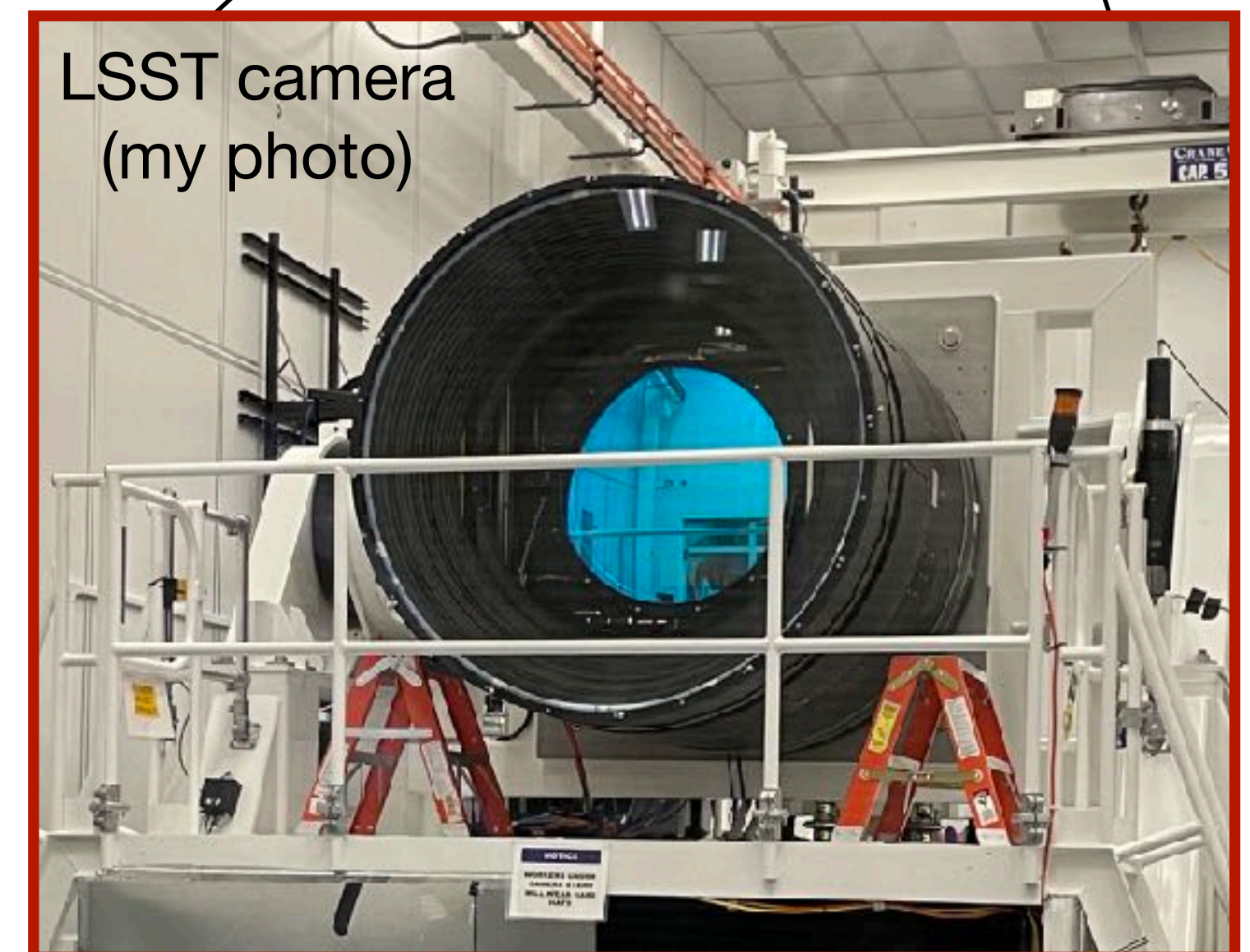
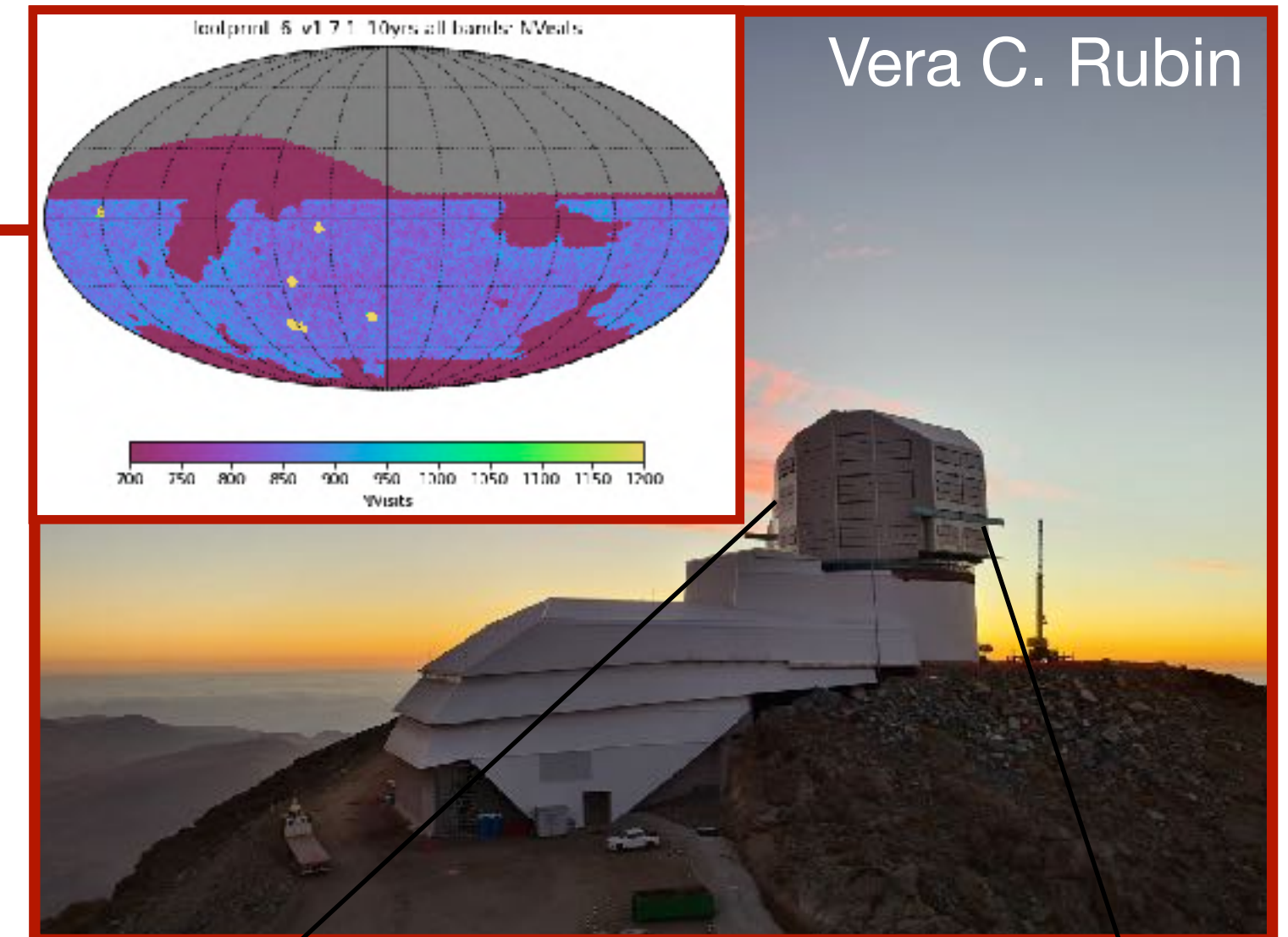
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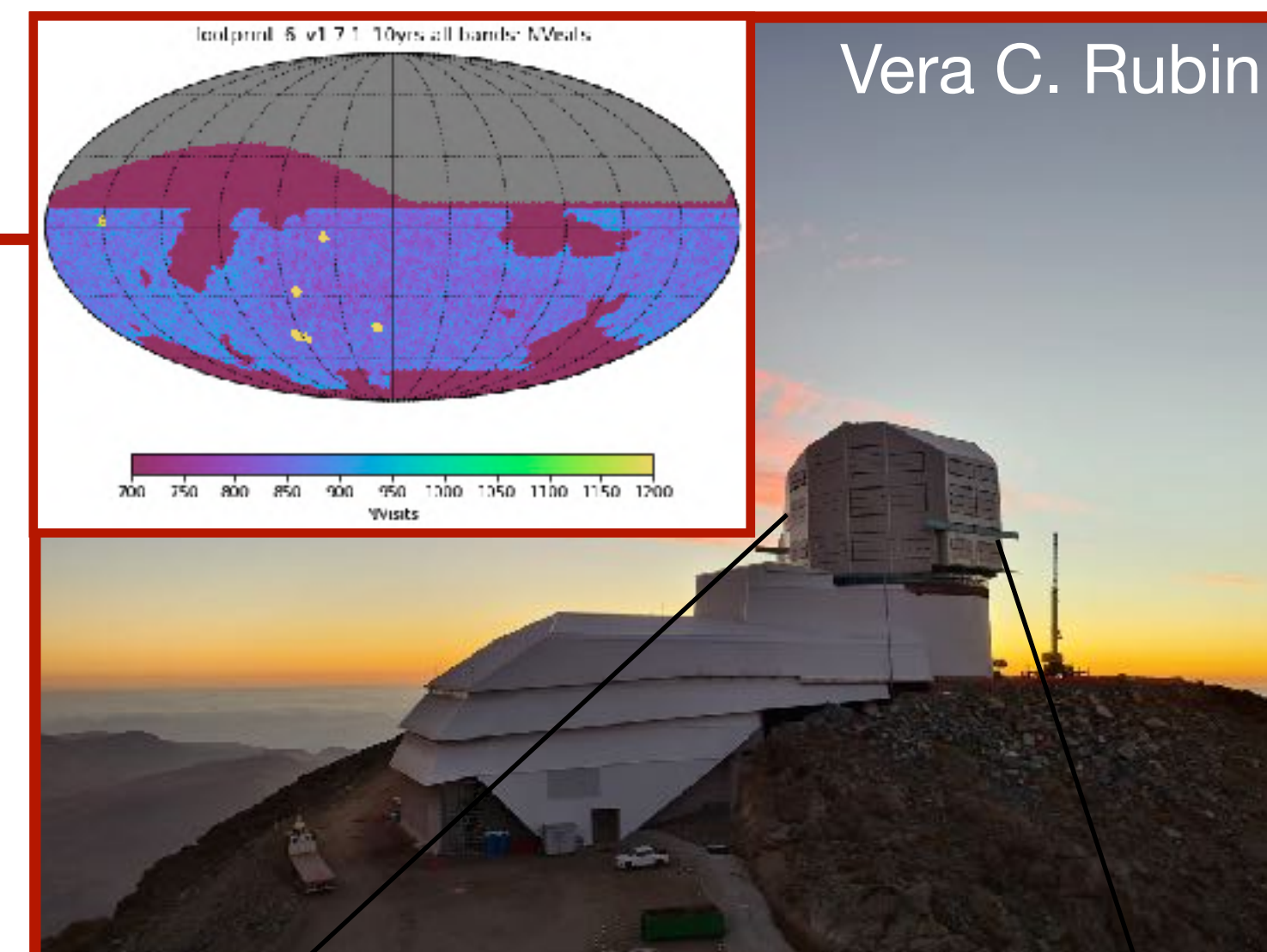
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Deepest ground-based survey

<u>Survey</u>	<u>Sky area (deg²)</u>	<u># of clusters</u>	<u># of galaxies</u>
LSST	18,000	100,000	10¹⁰
DES	5,000	10,000	7.10 ⁸
HSC	1,400	5,000	10 ⁷

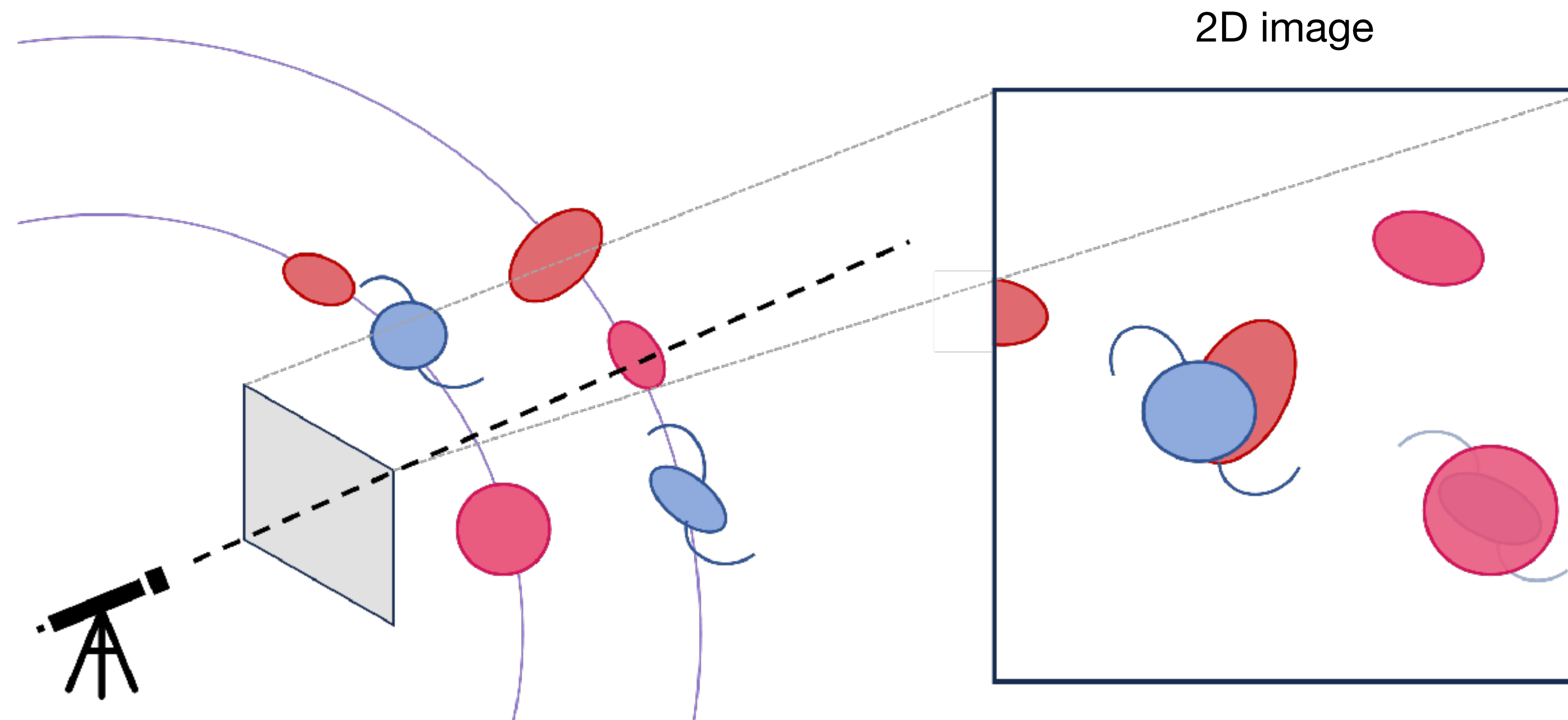


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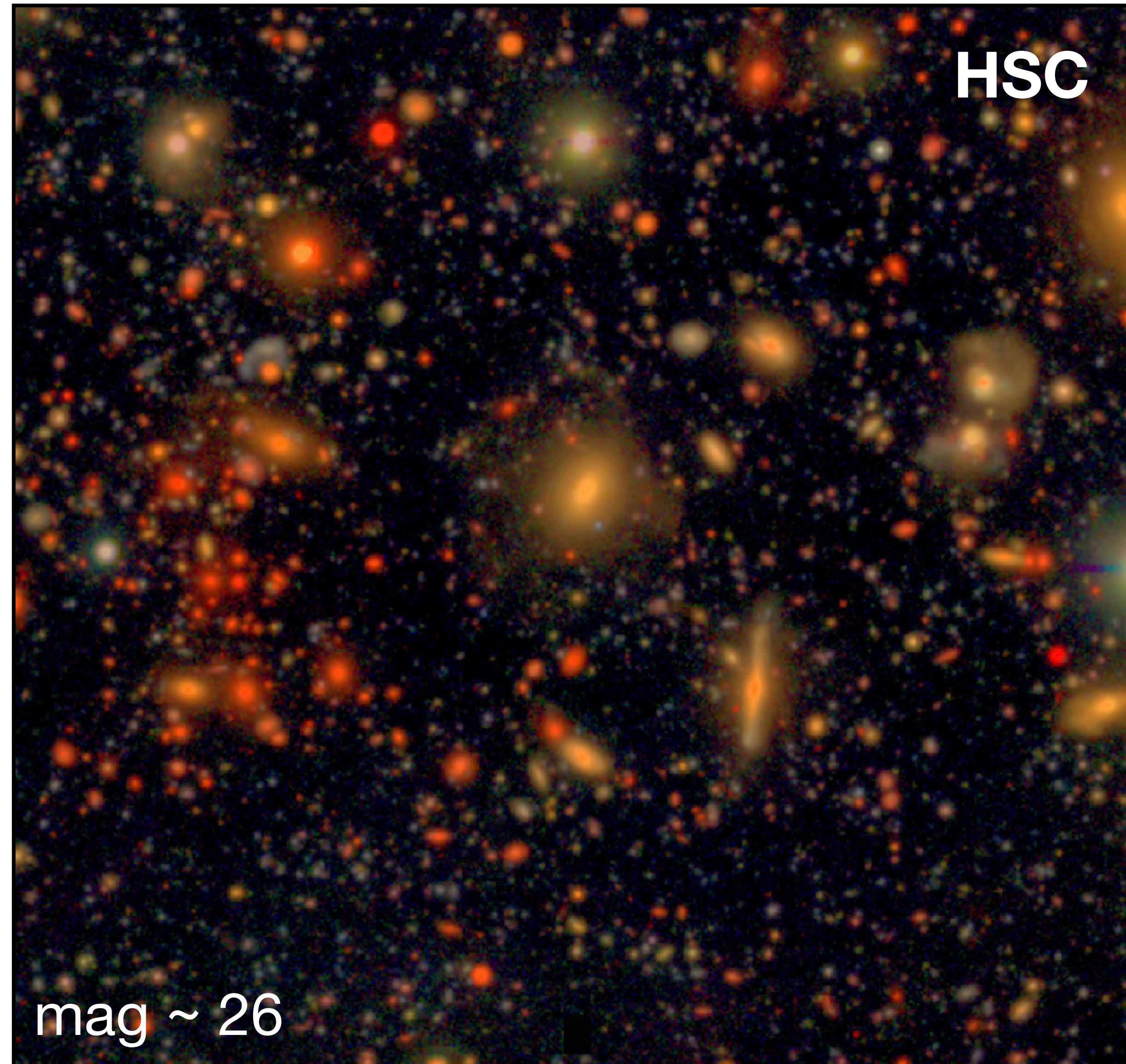
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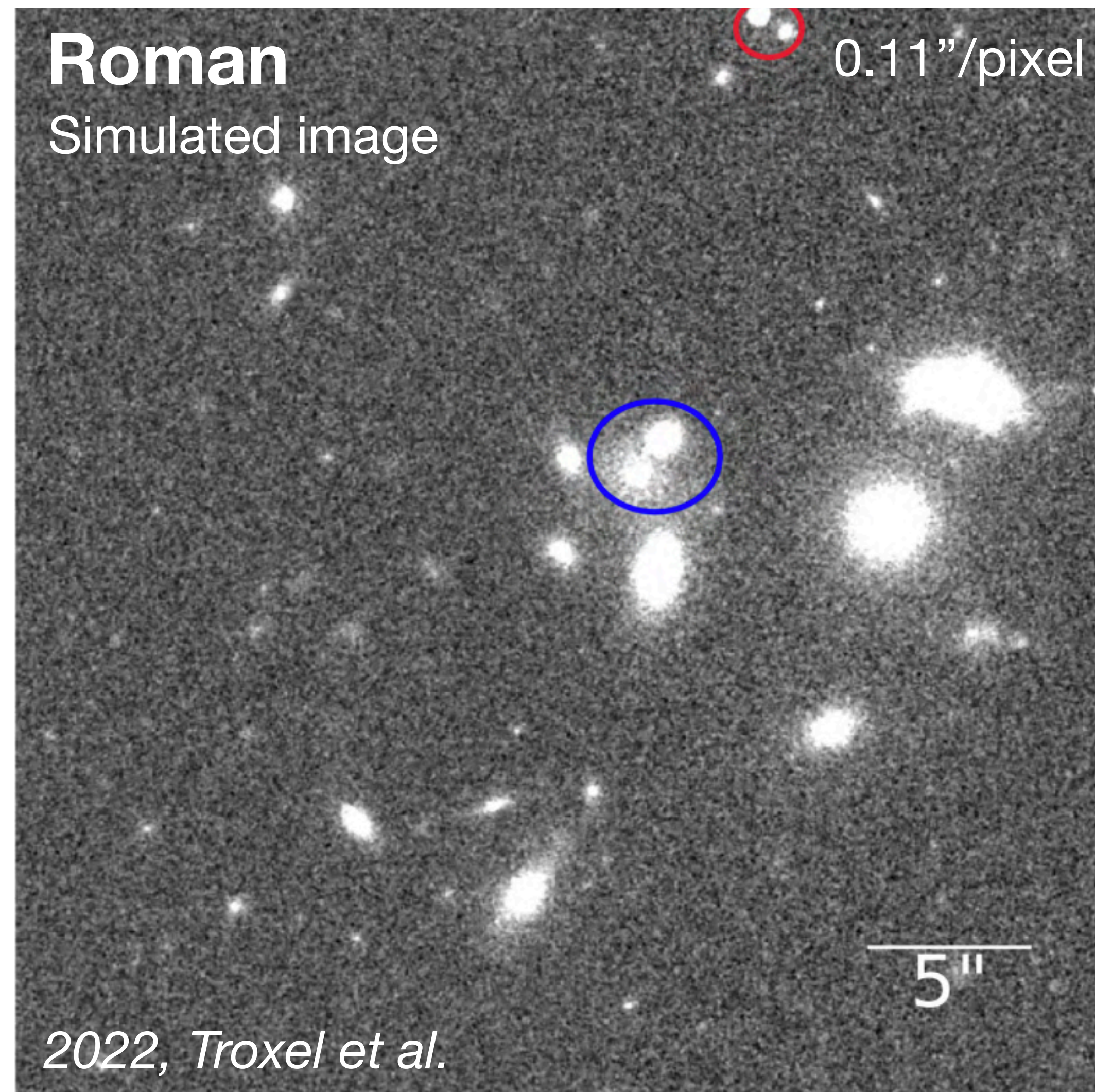


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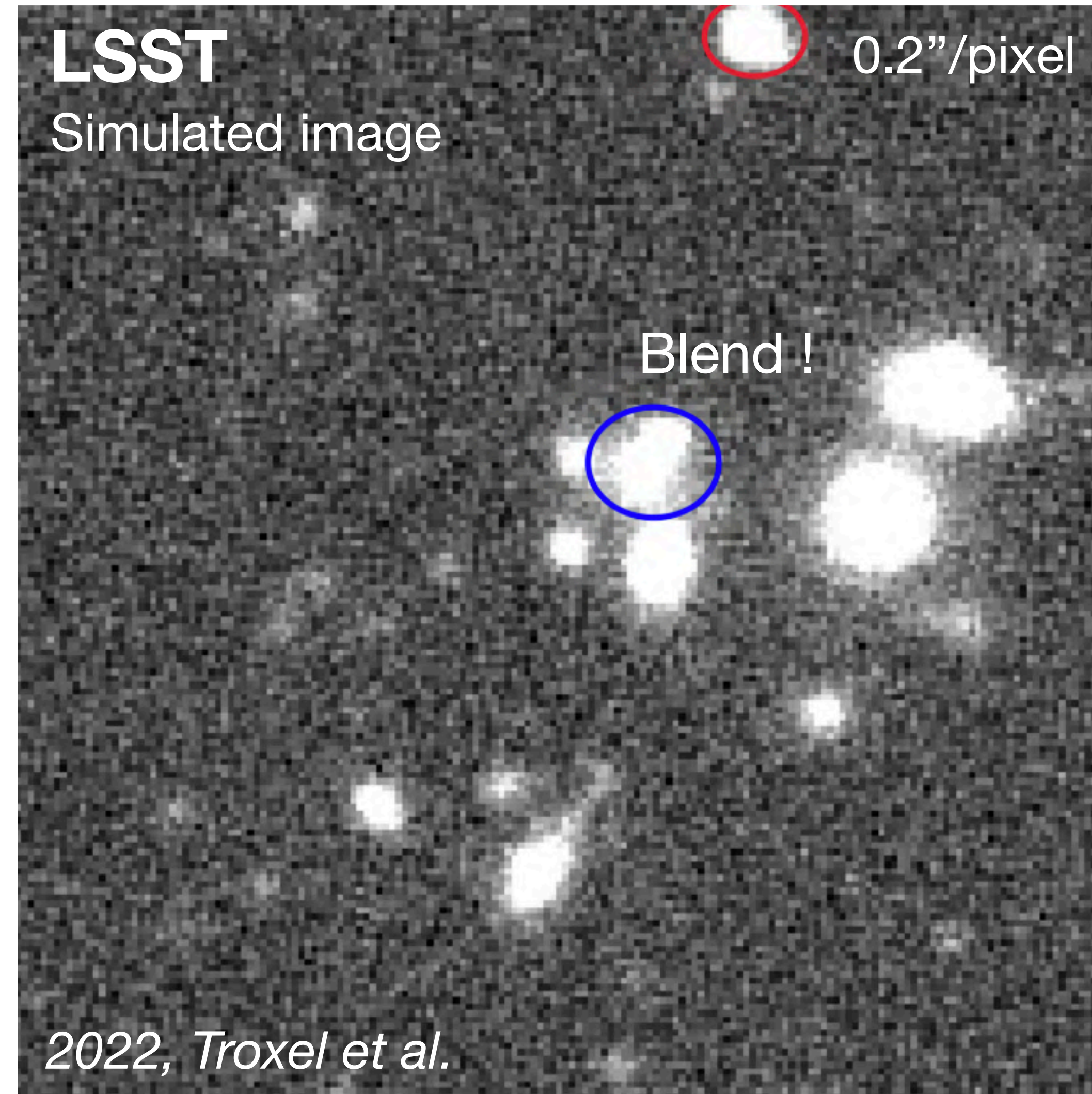


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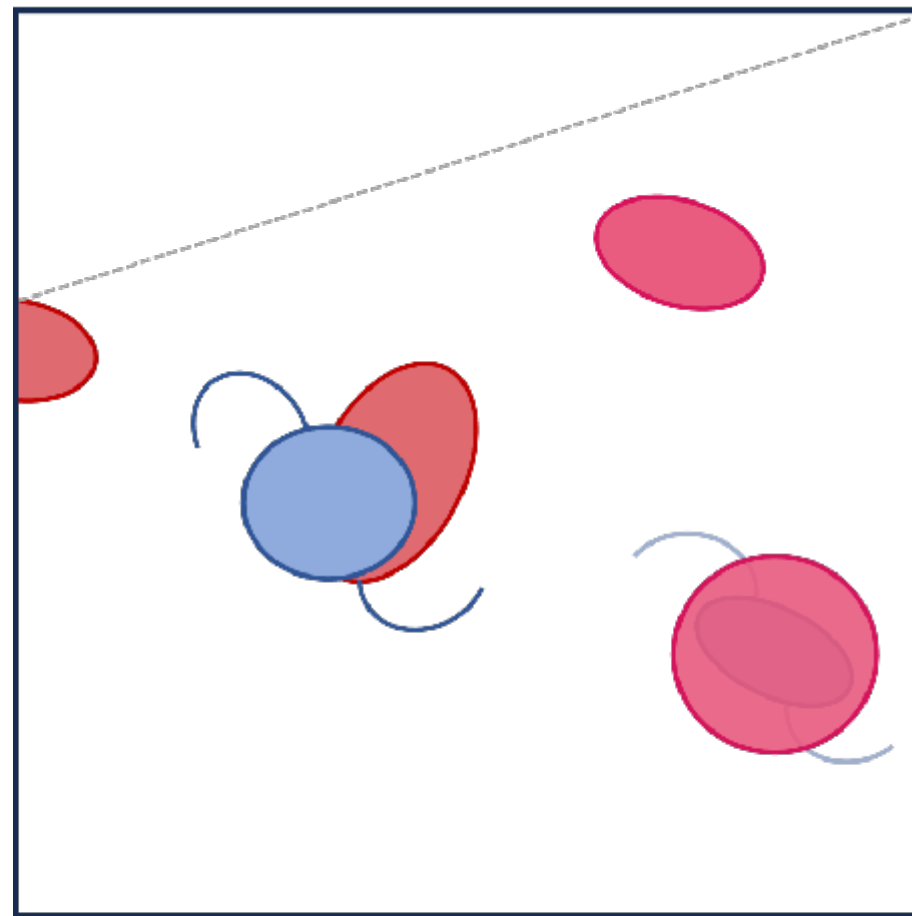
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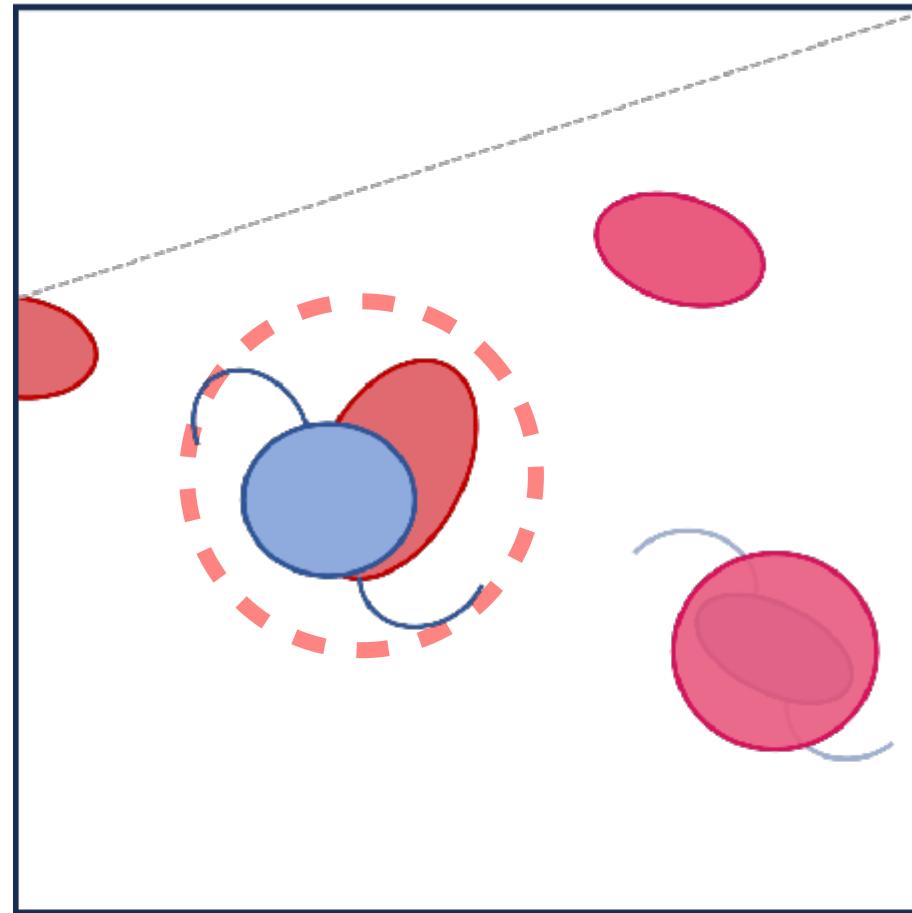
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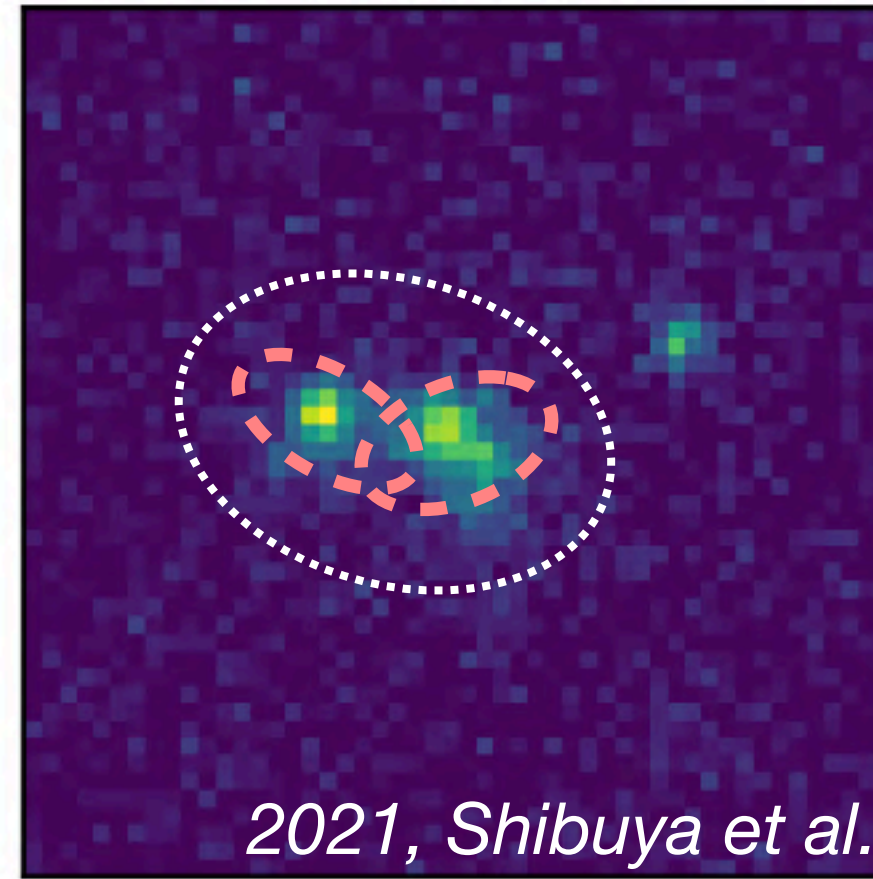
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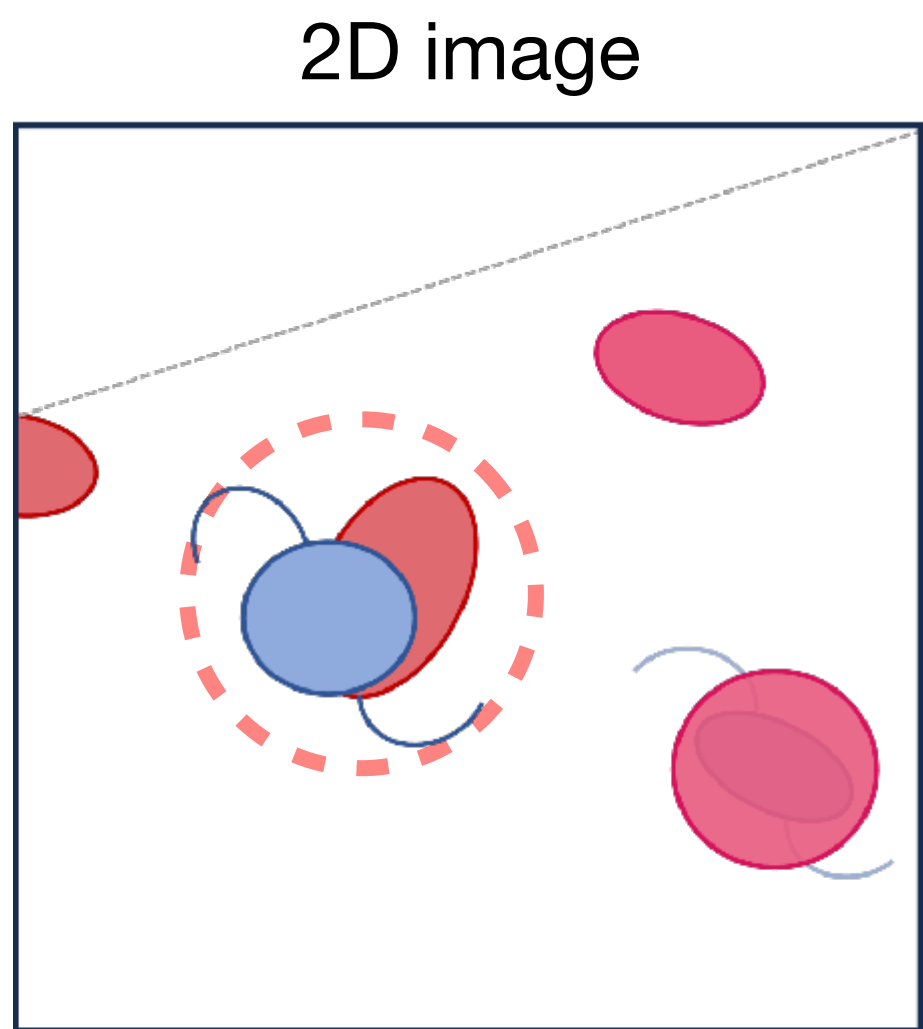
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2021, Shibuya et al.

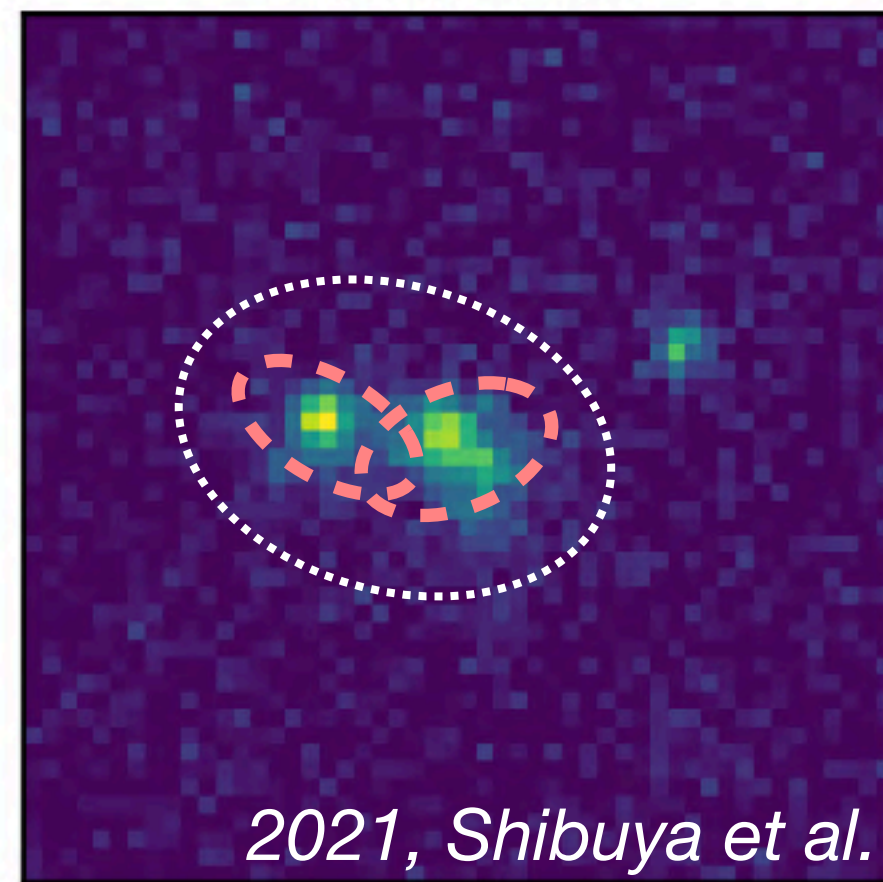
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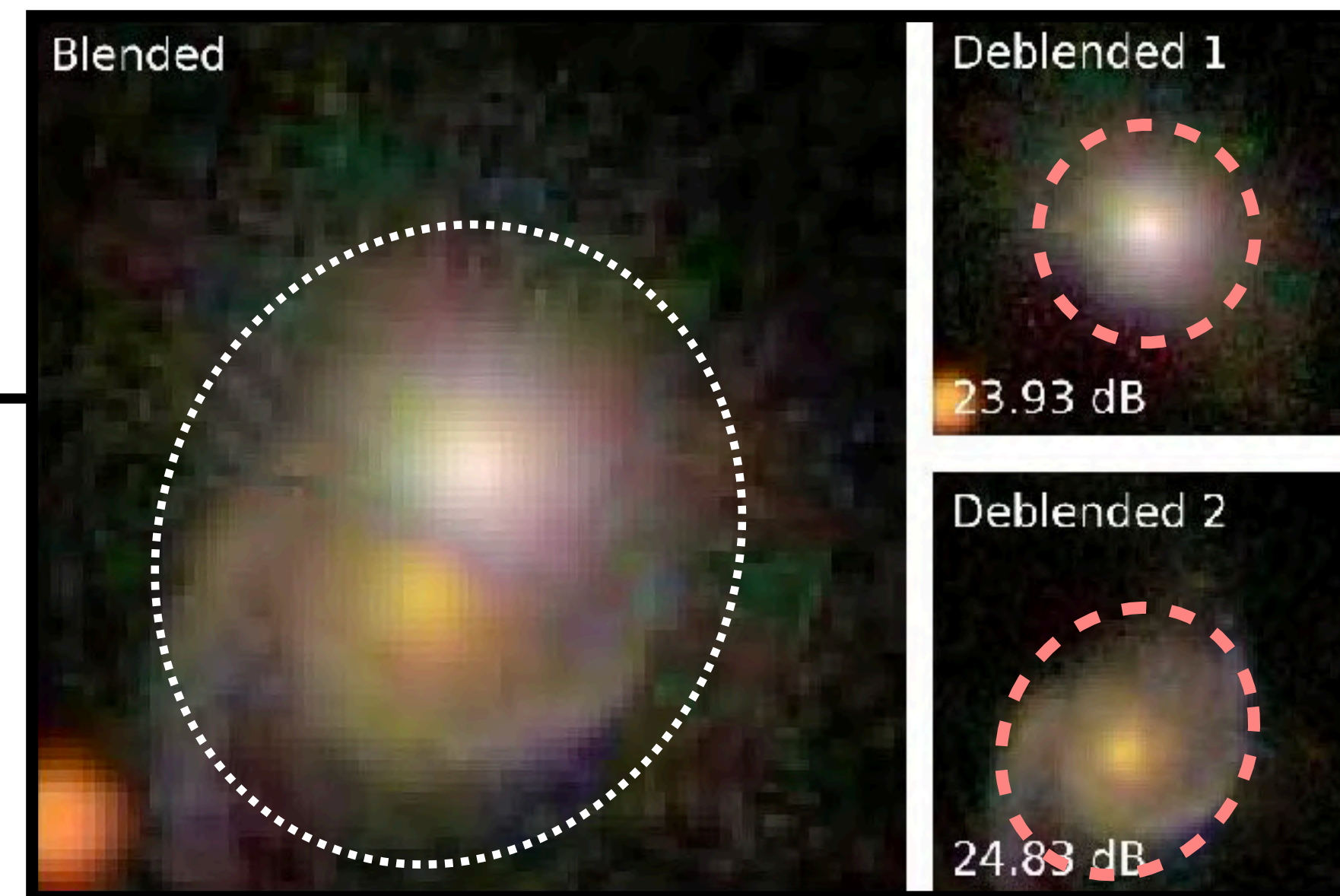


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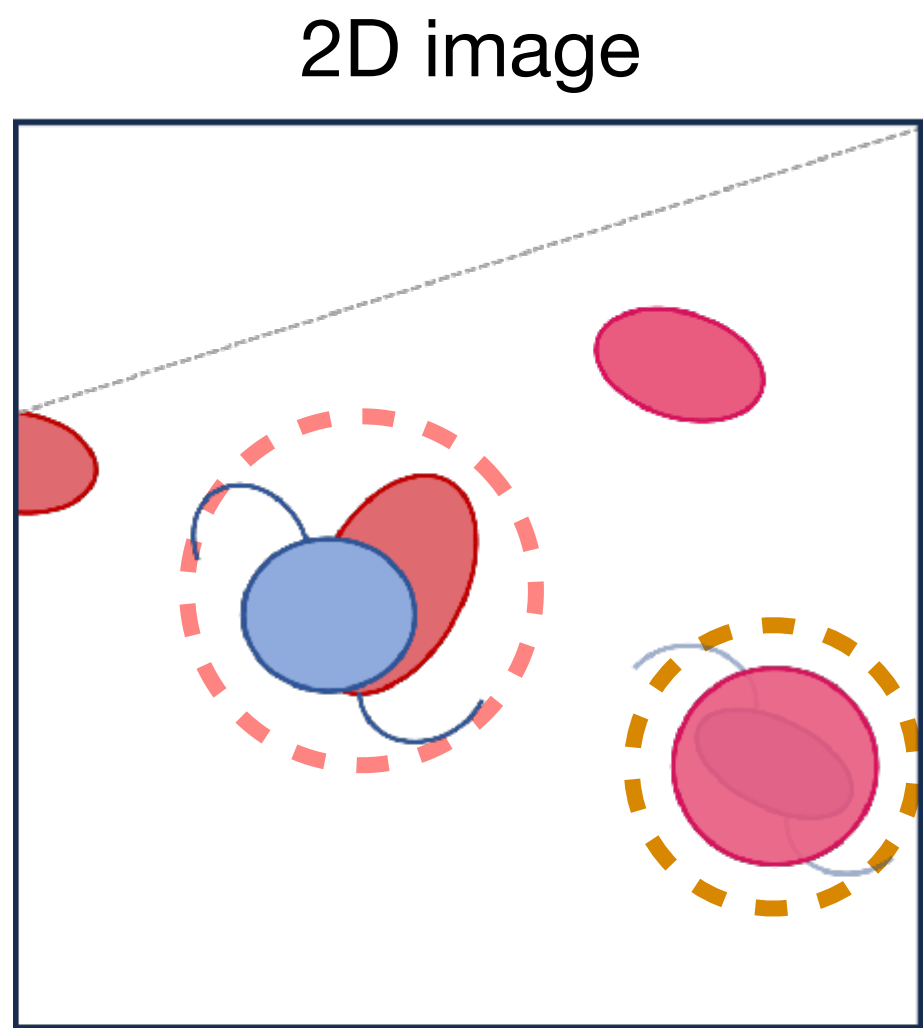


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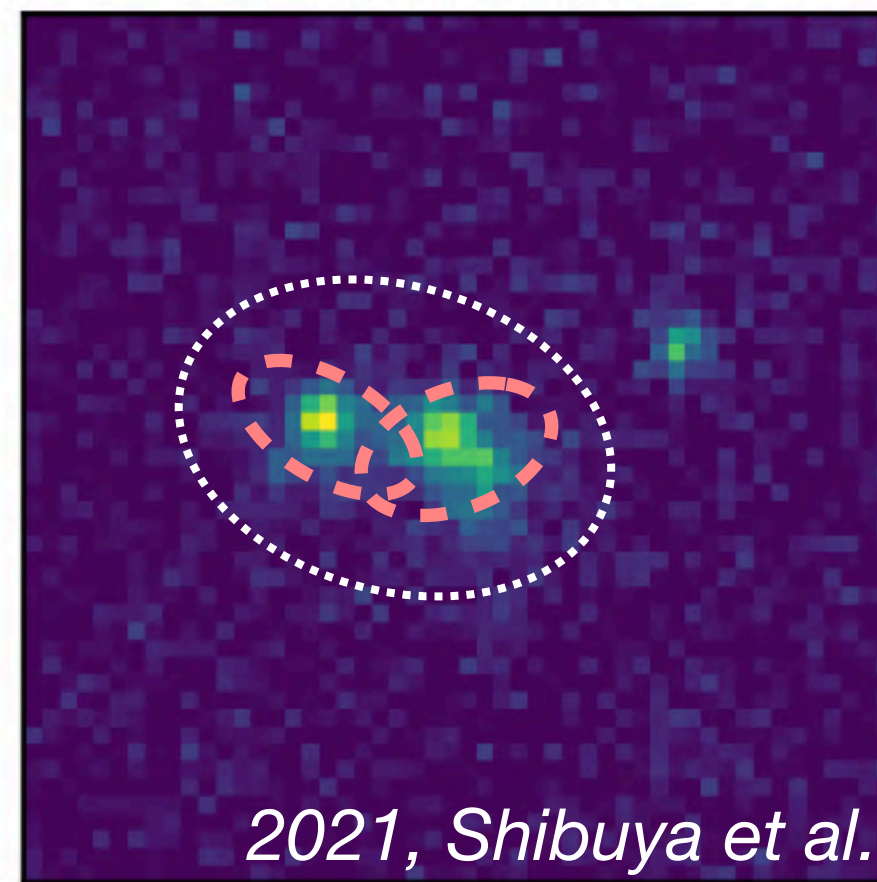
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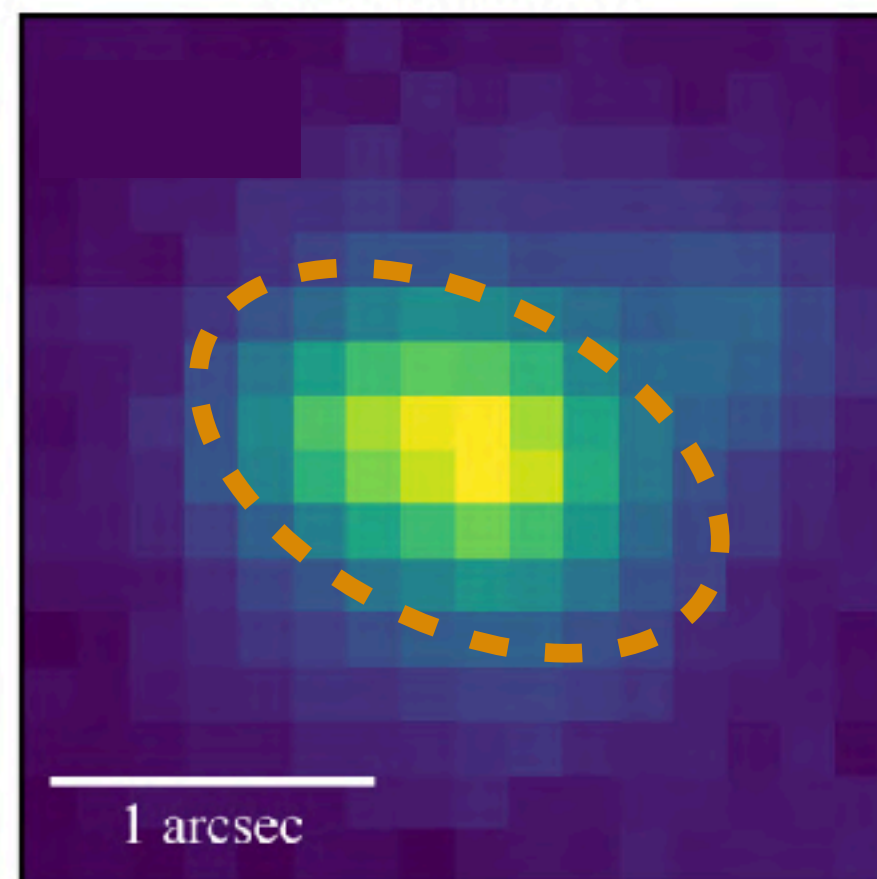
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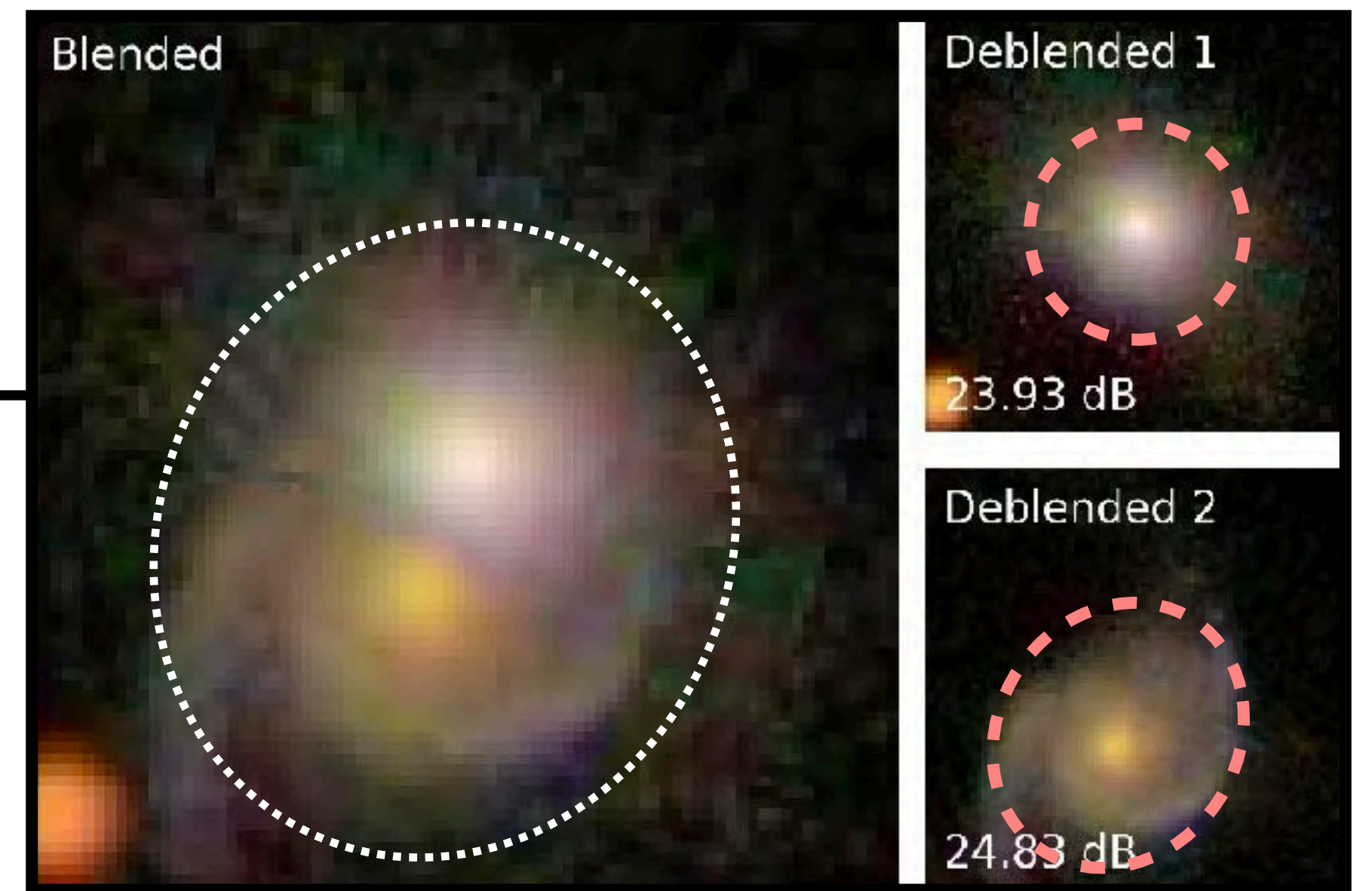
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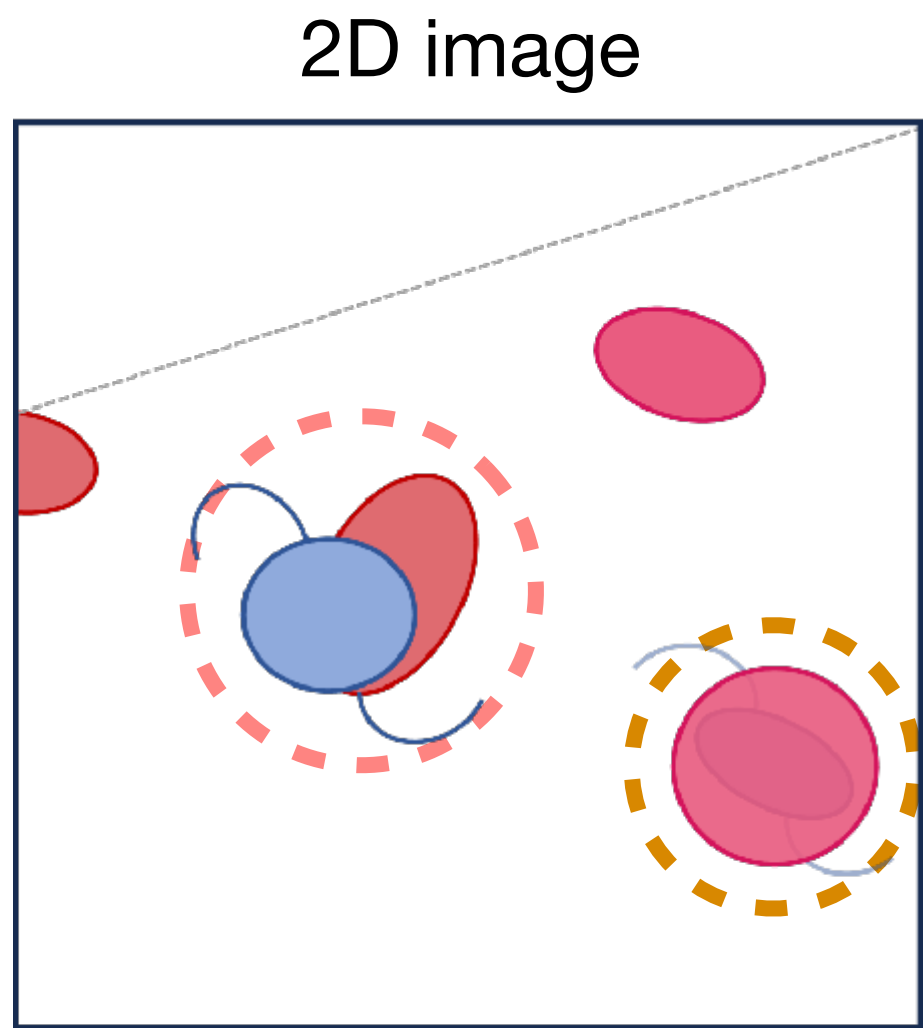


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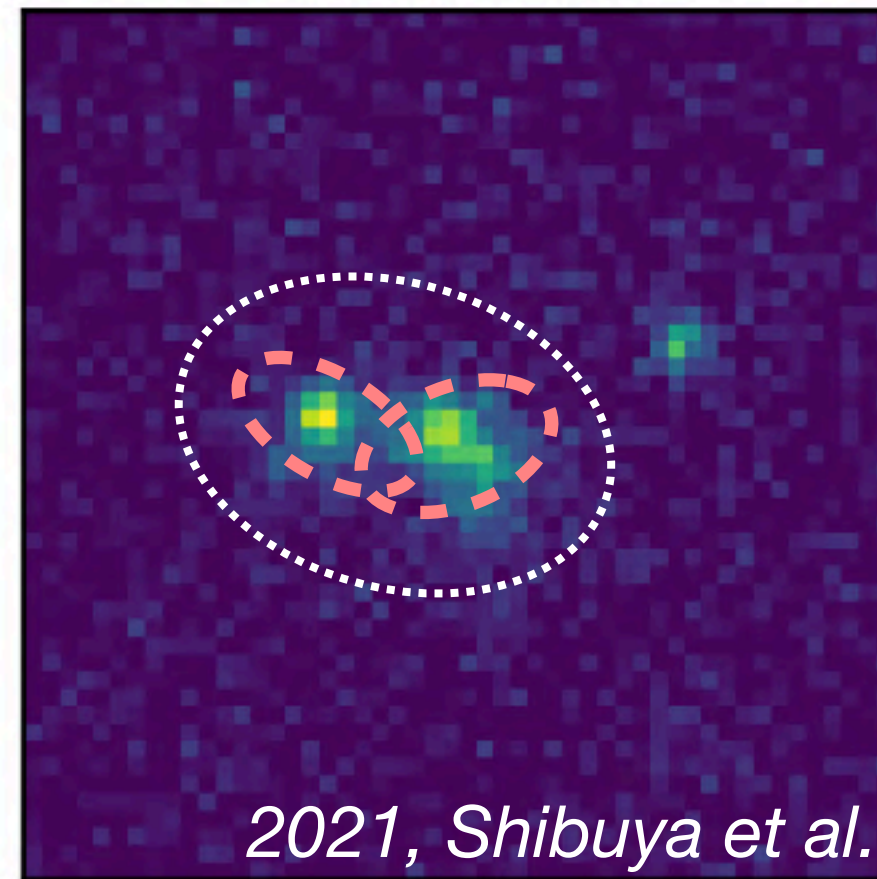
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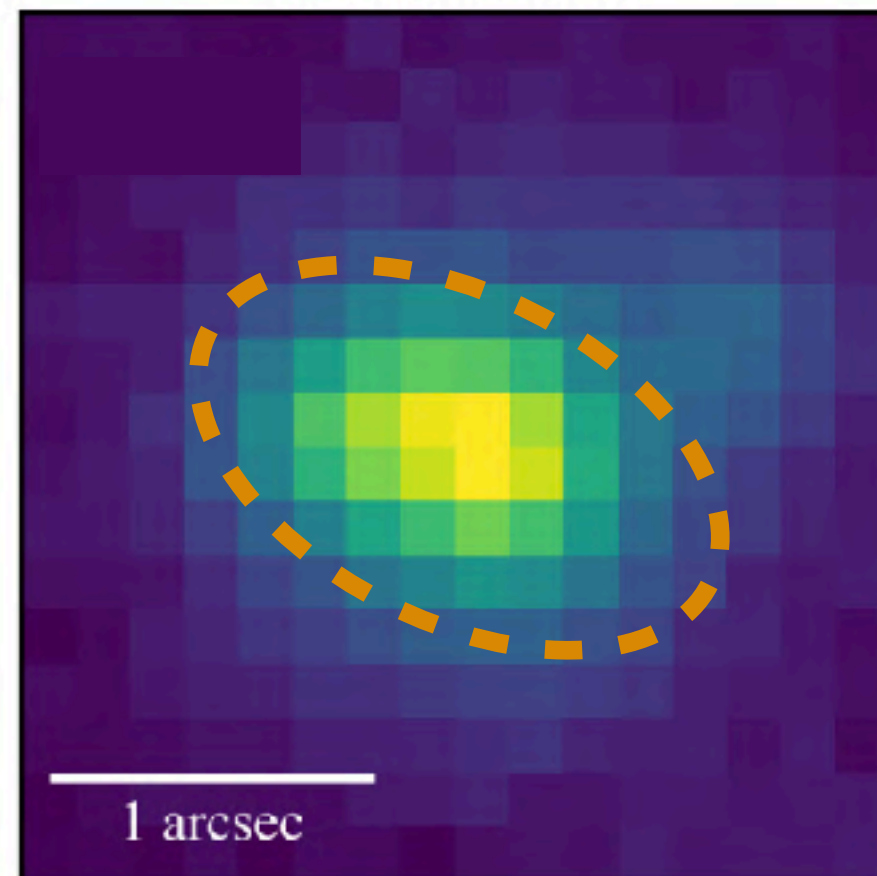
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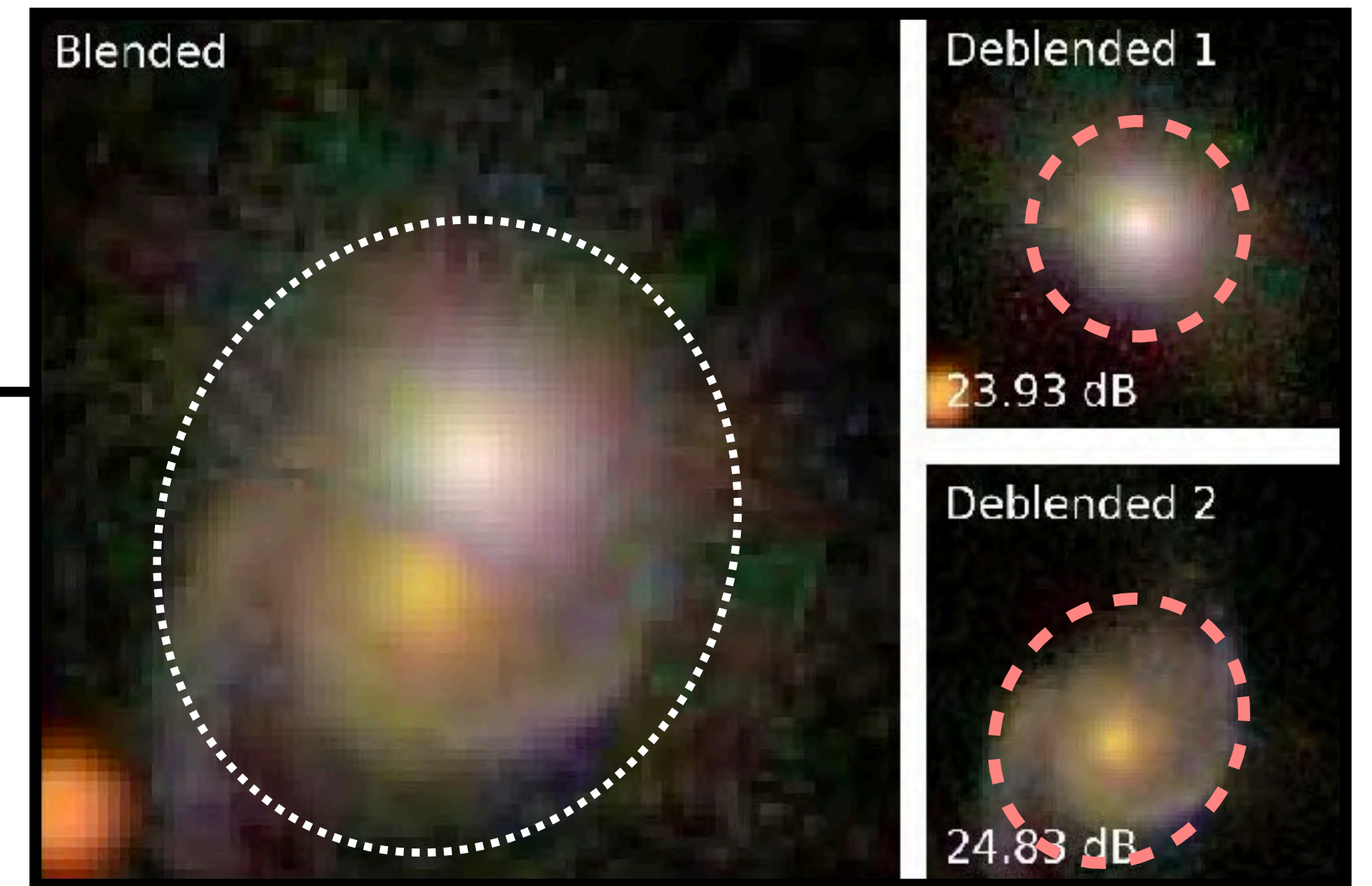
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LSST ~ 60% of blends

- Recognized blends: ~40 %
- Unrecognized blends: ~14 - 20 %*

DES ~ 10% of blends

* 2016, Dawson et al.
2022, Troxel et al.

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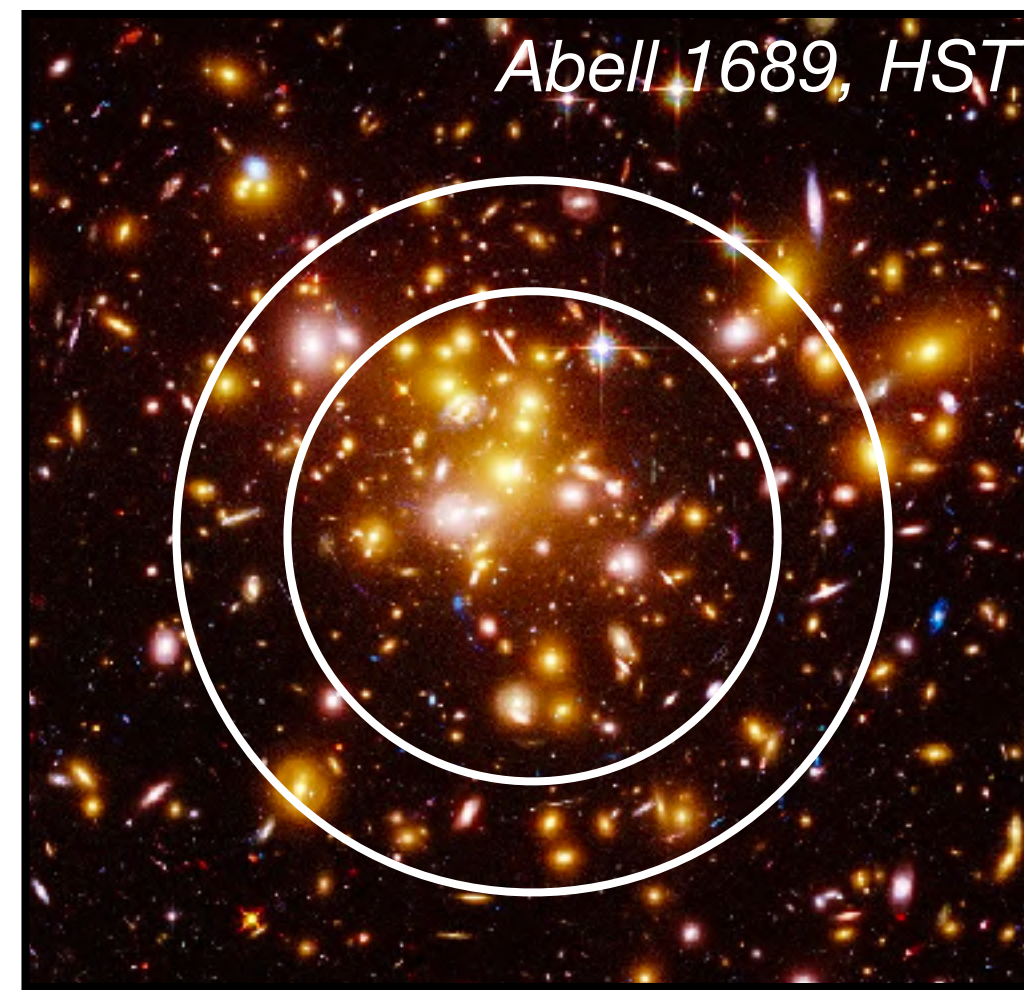
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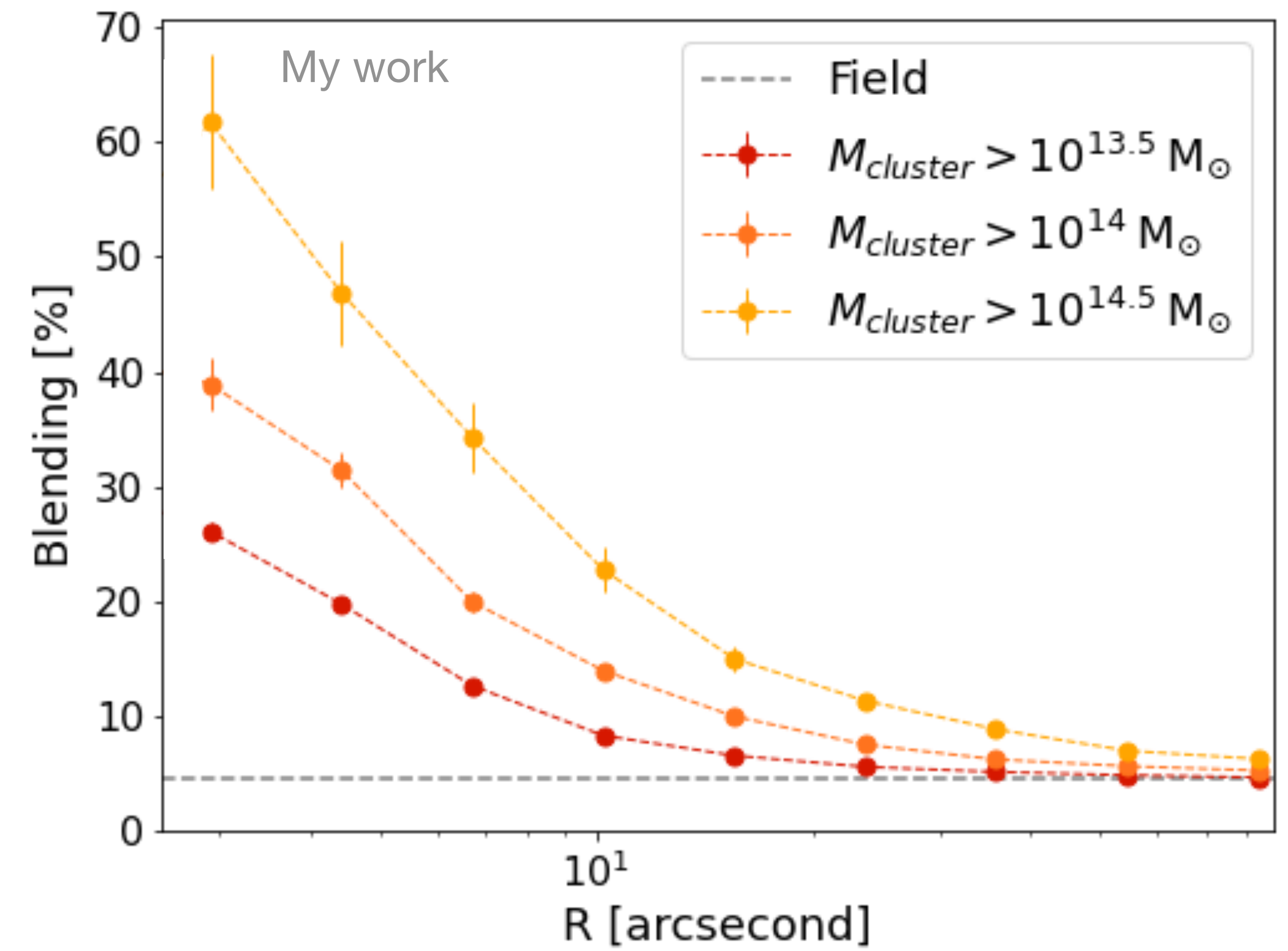
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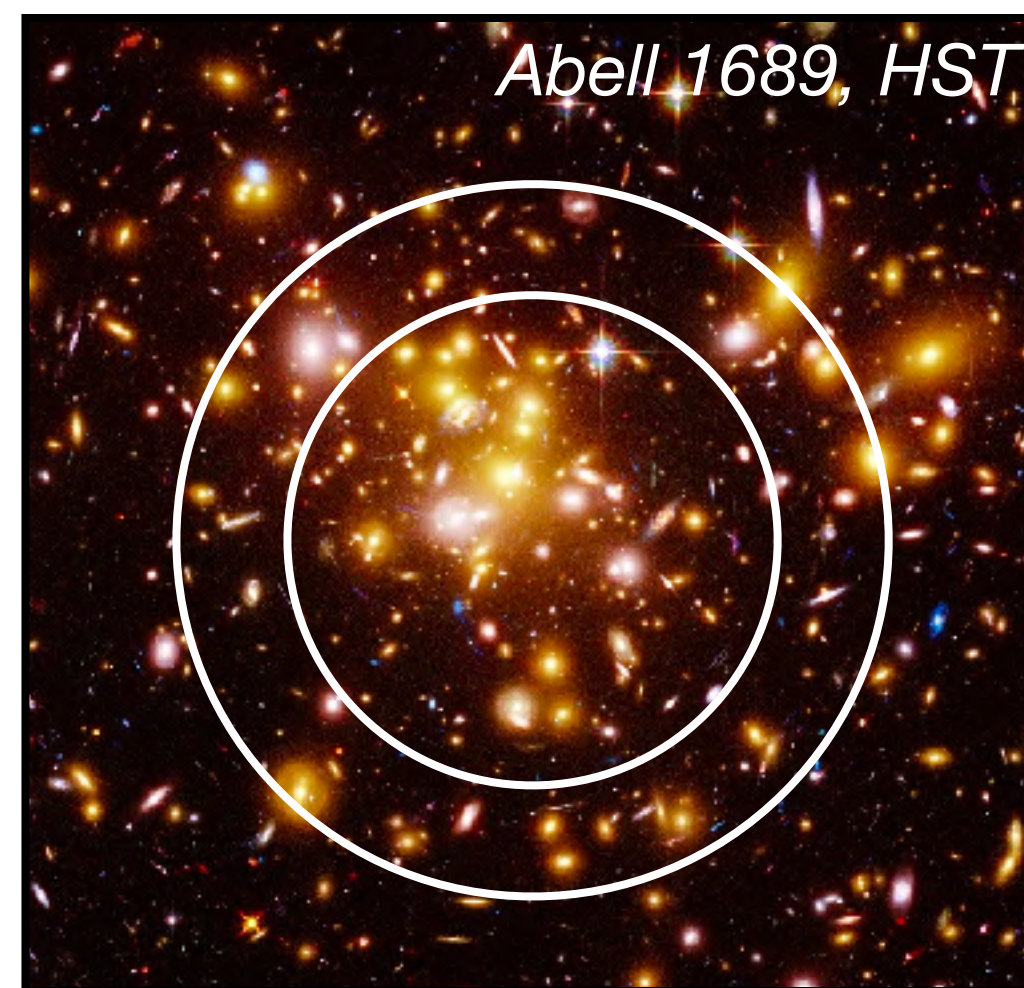
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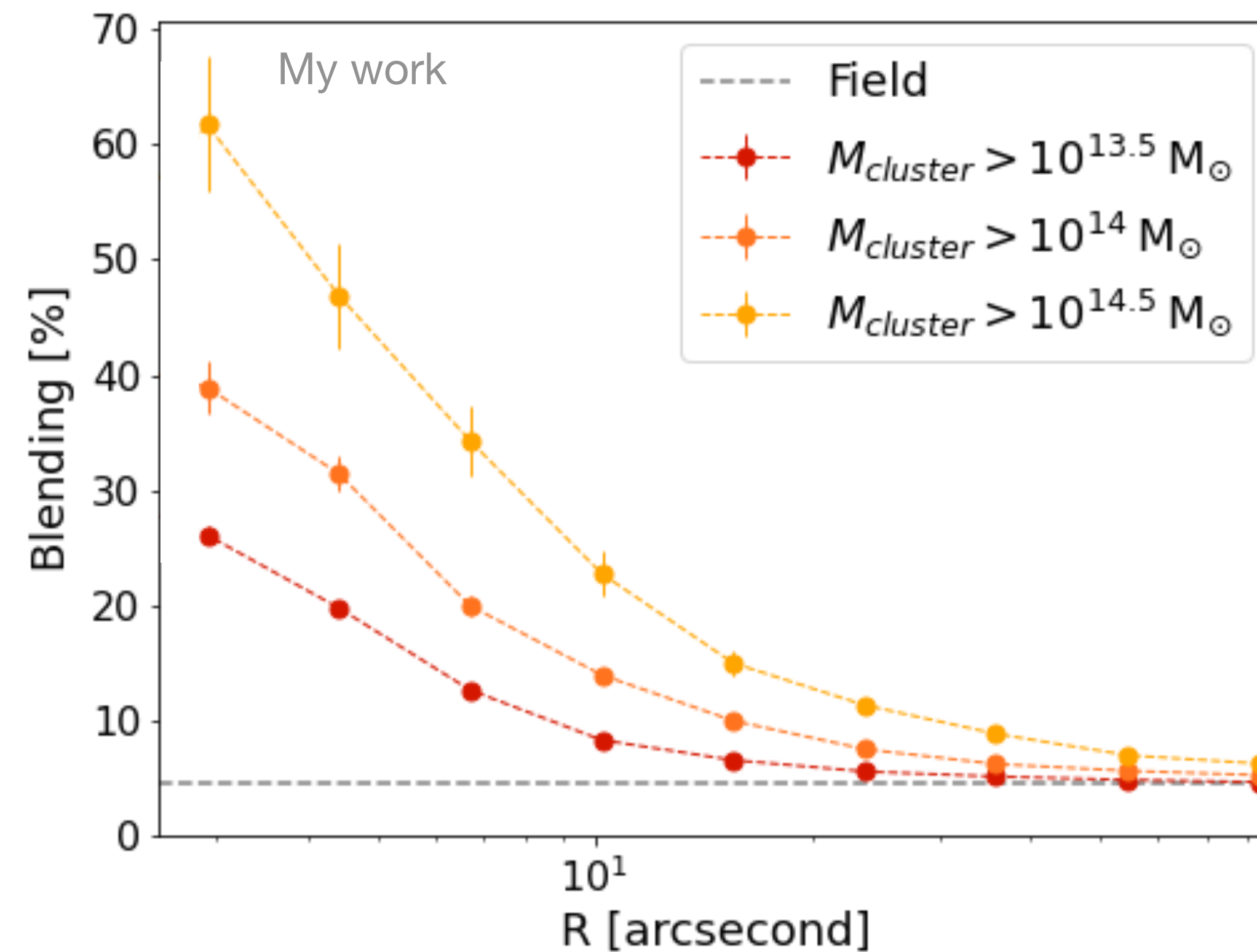
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Blending impacts:

- The **detection** of galaxies
- The measurement of **shapes**
- The measurement of **redshifts**

WL profiles ↔ galaxy cluster masses ↔ cosmology

My PhD subject

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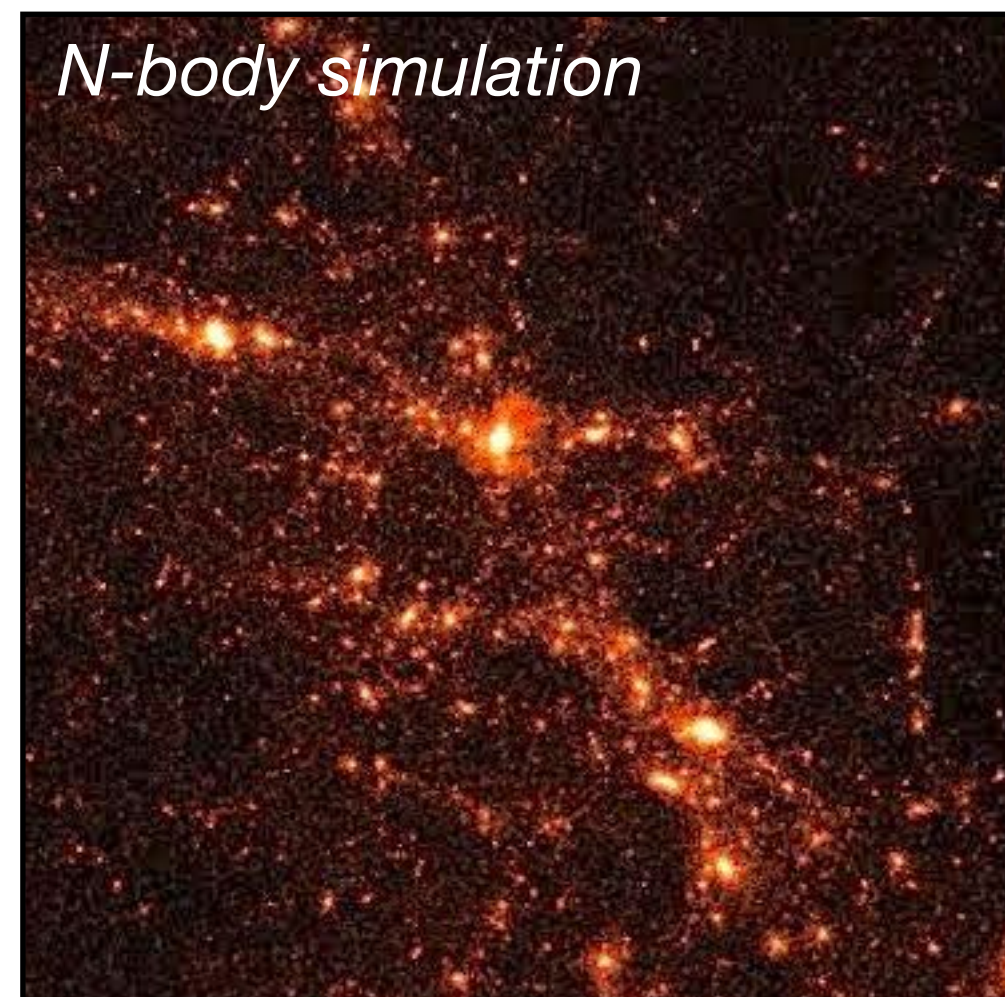
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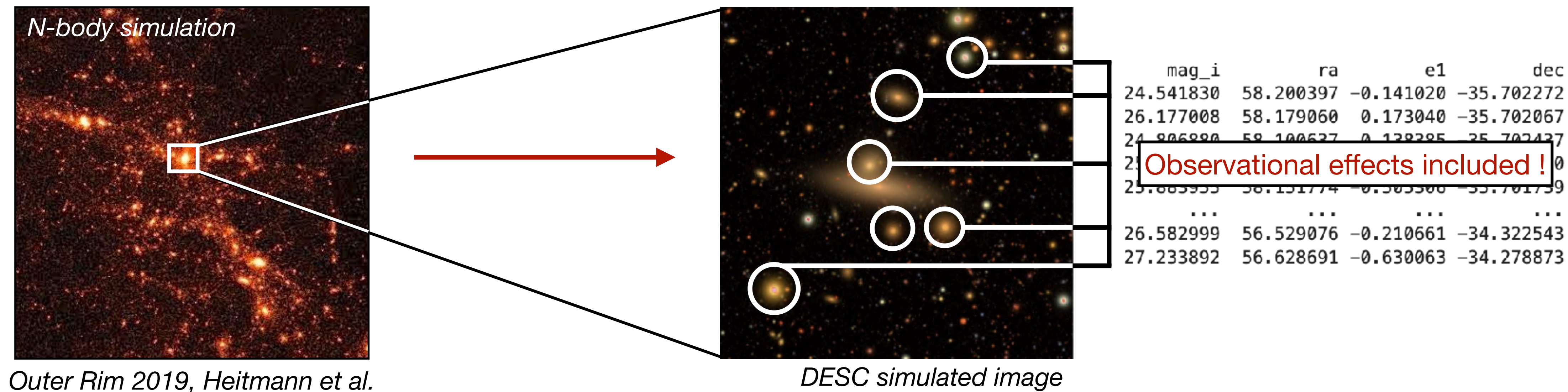


Outer Rim 2019, Heitmann et al.

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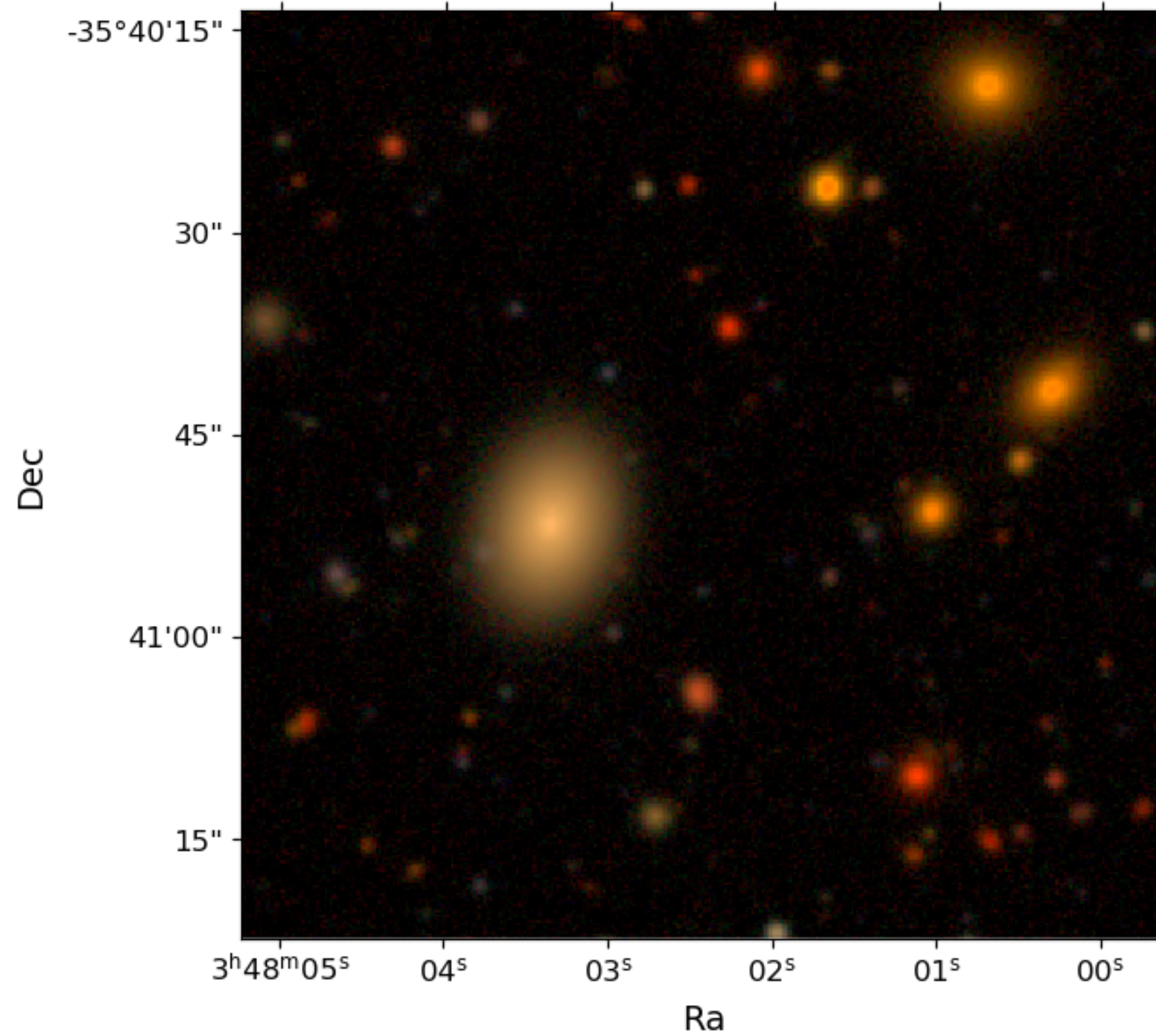
DC2object = **object** catalog

- Simulated images from cosmoDC2
- Detection of **objects**
- Measured shapes, brightnesses, positions

Identification of blends through catalog matching

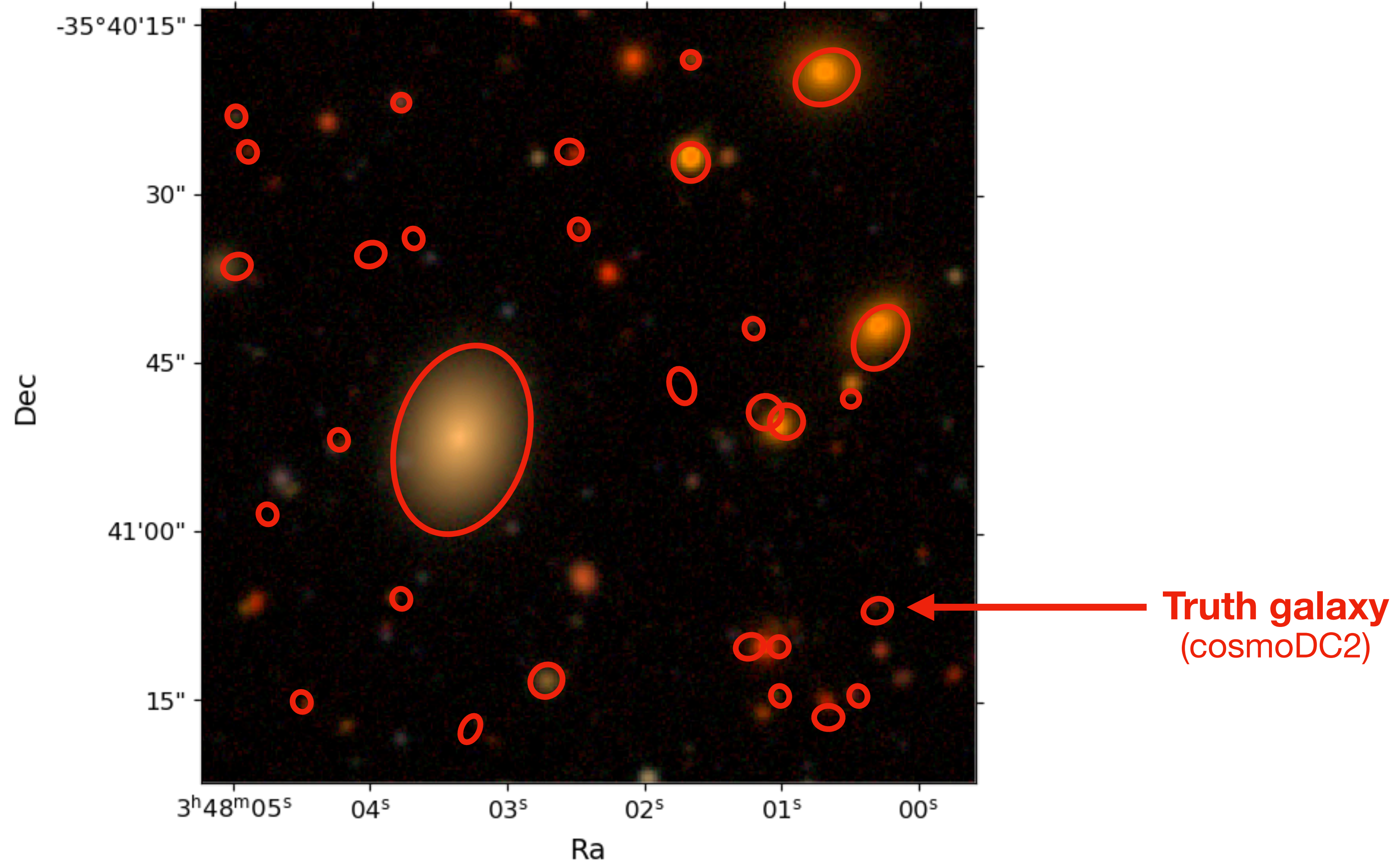
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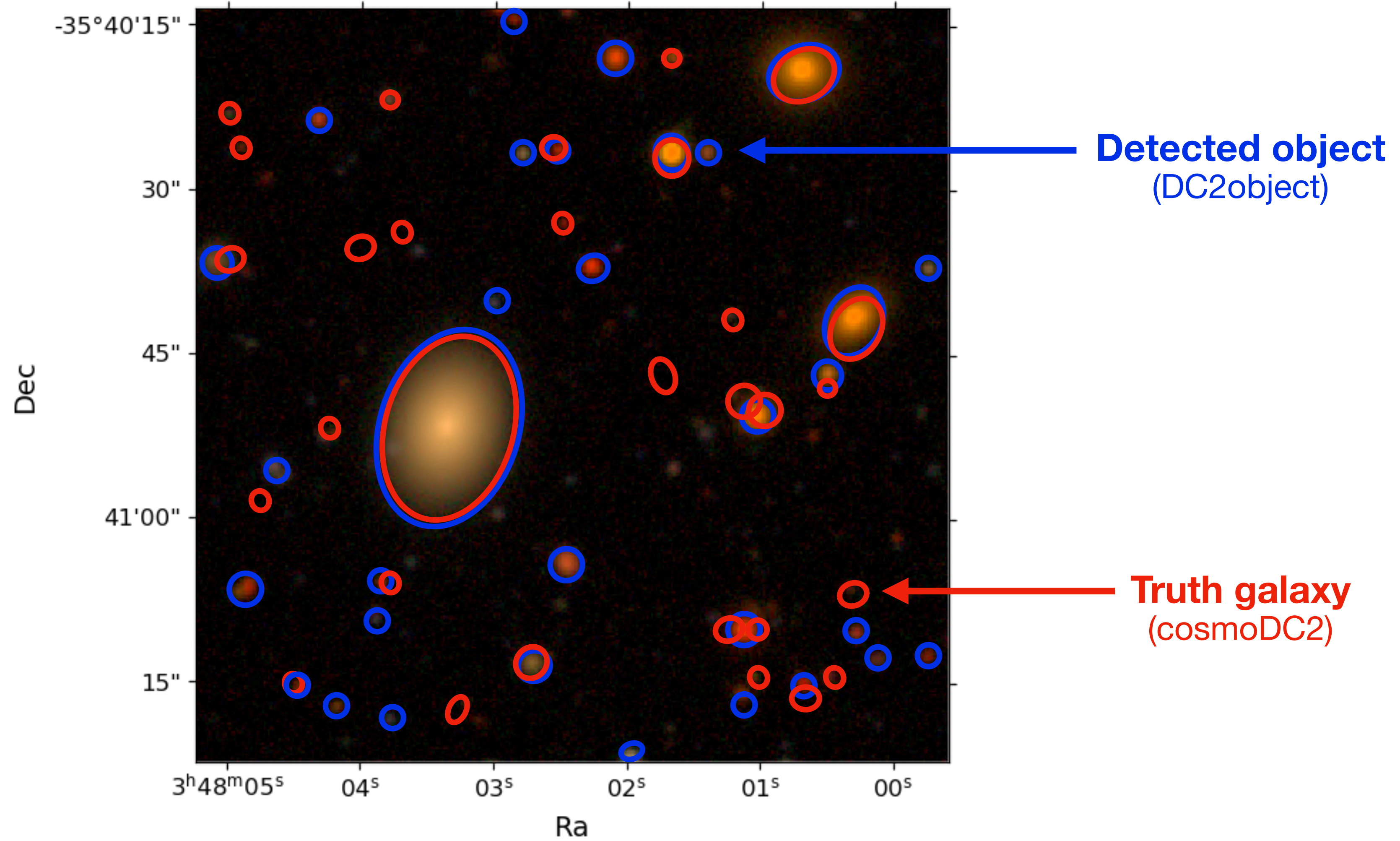
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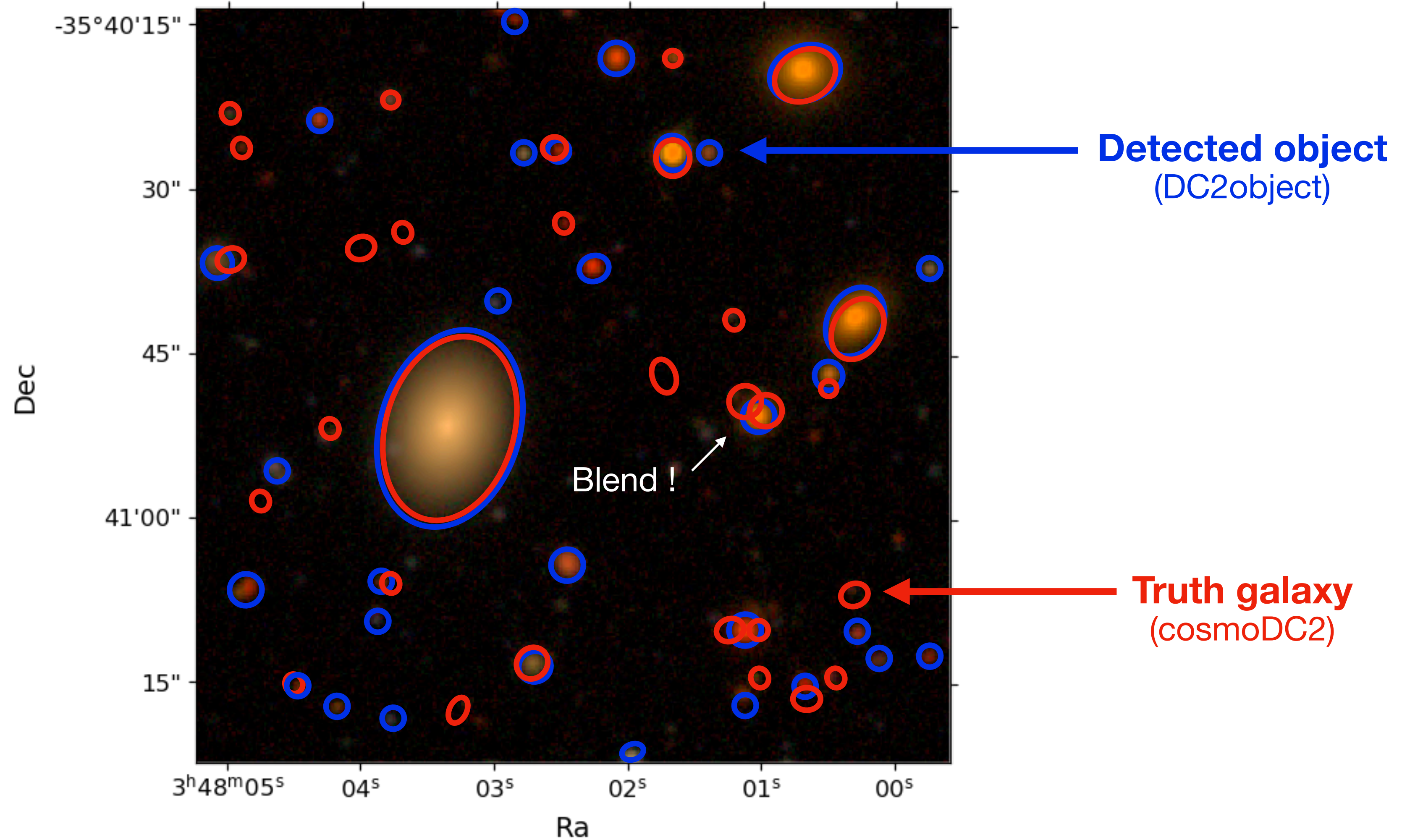
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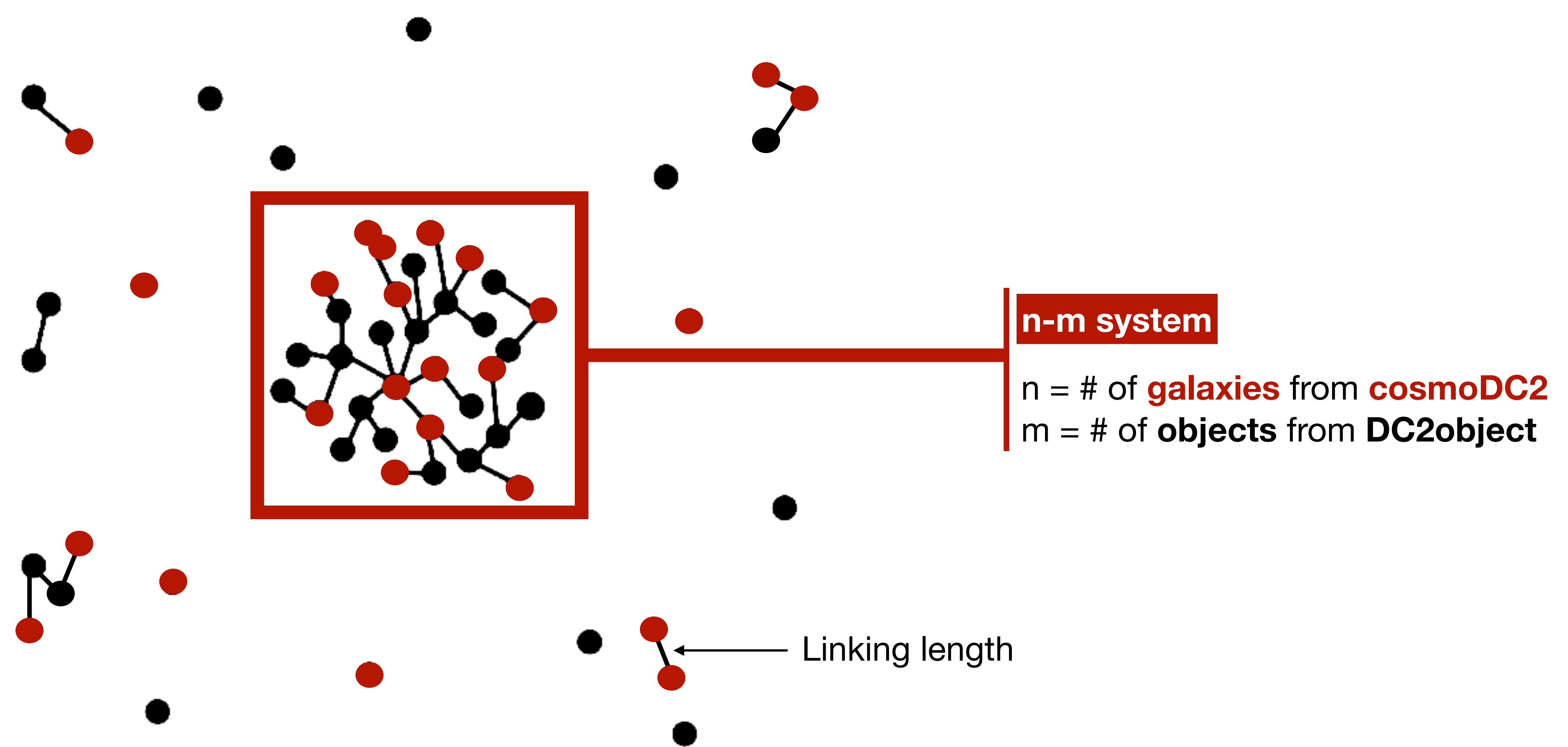


Catalogs matching = groups of blended systems

Detection of blends in DESC simulations

Matching procedure: Friends-of-Friends

<https://github.com/yymao/FoFCatalogMatching>



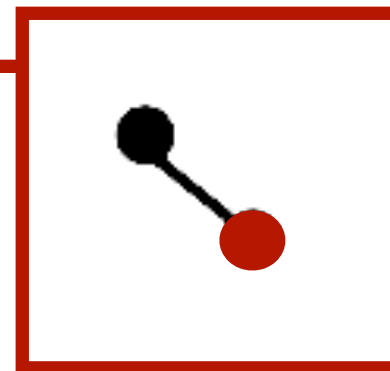
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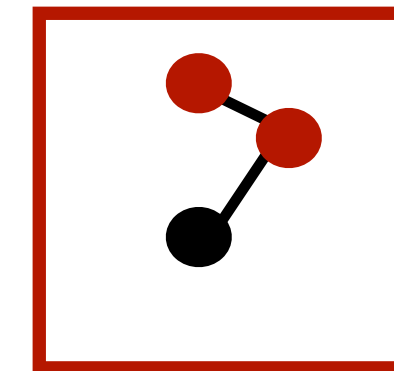
Perfect match

1-1 system



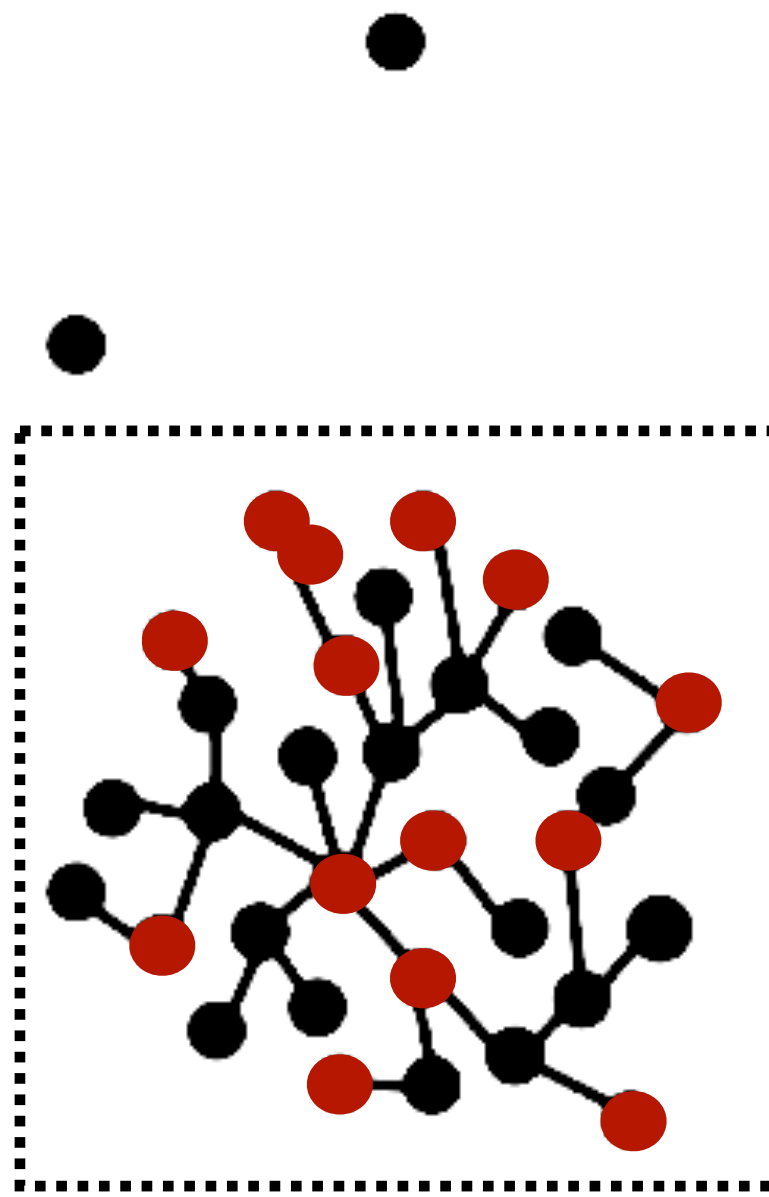
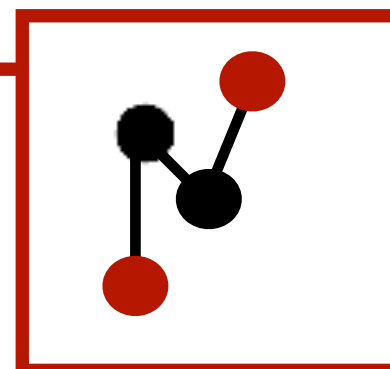
Unrecognized blend

2-1 system



Recognized blend

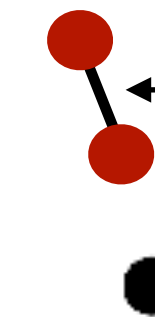
2-2 system



n-m system

$n = \#$ of **galaxies** from **cosmoDC2**
 $m = \#$ of **objects** from **DC2object**

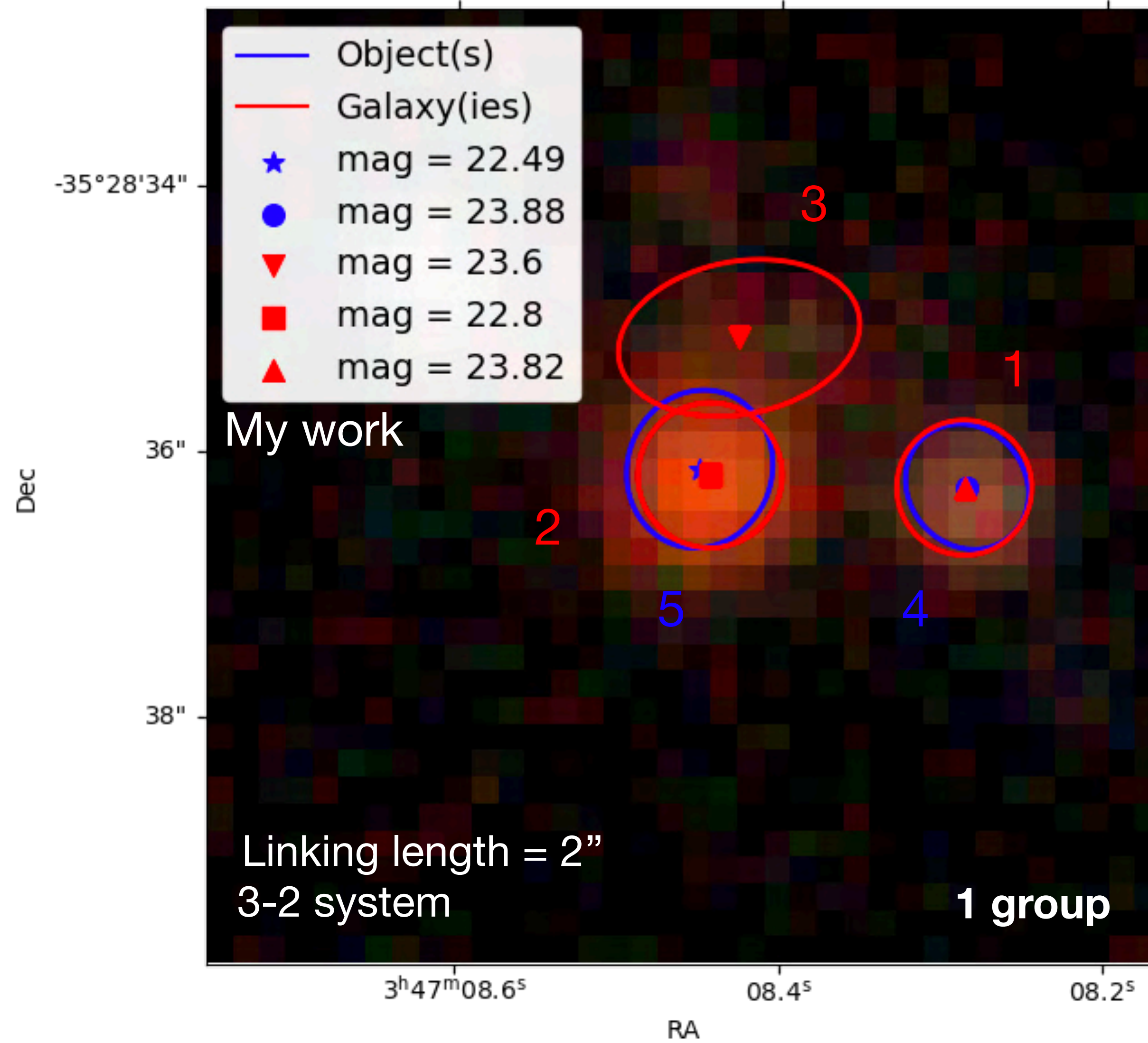
Linking length



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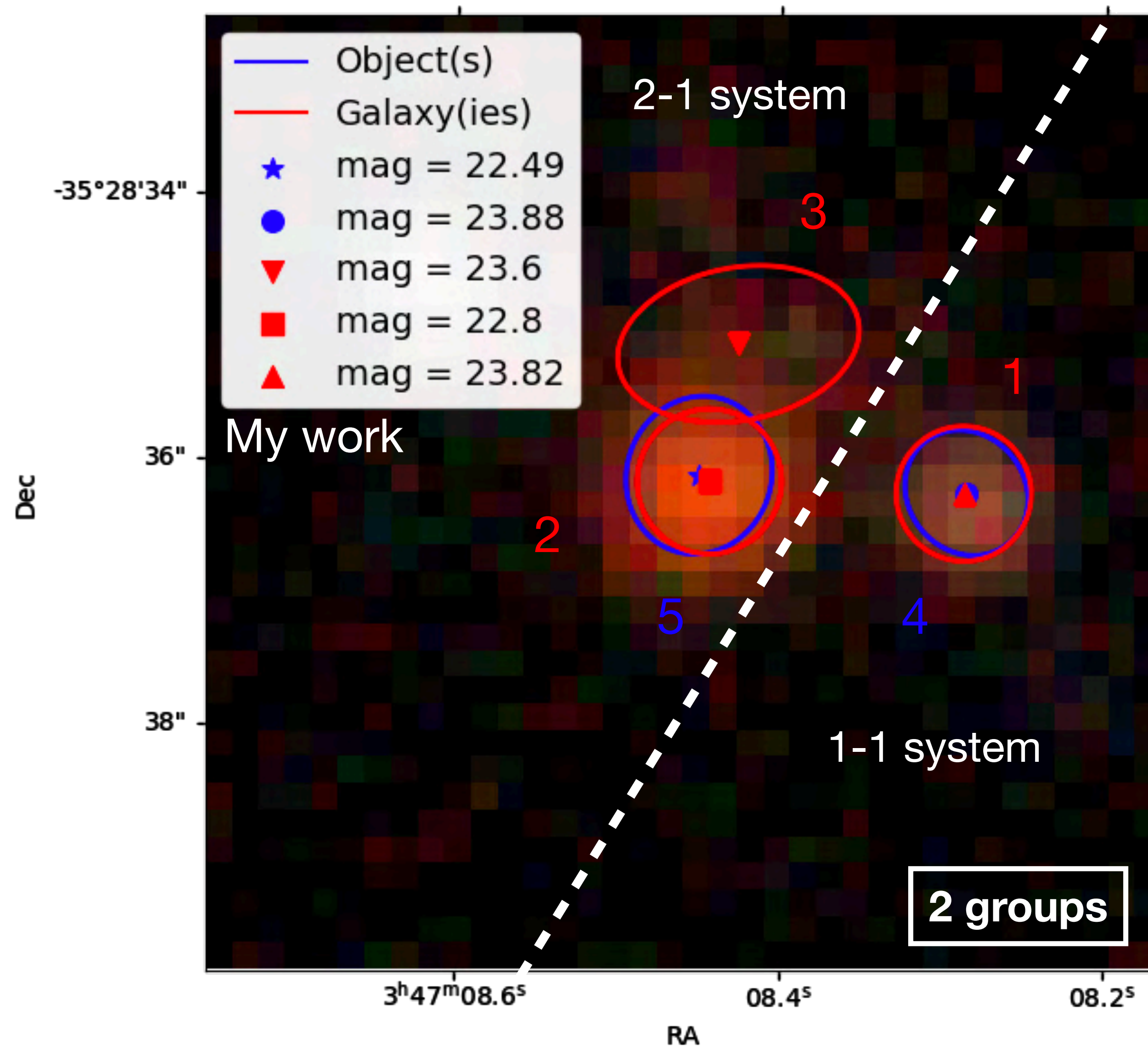
Matching procedure: friendly

<https://github.com/LSSTDESC/friendly>



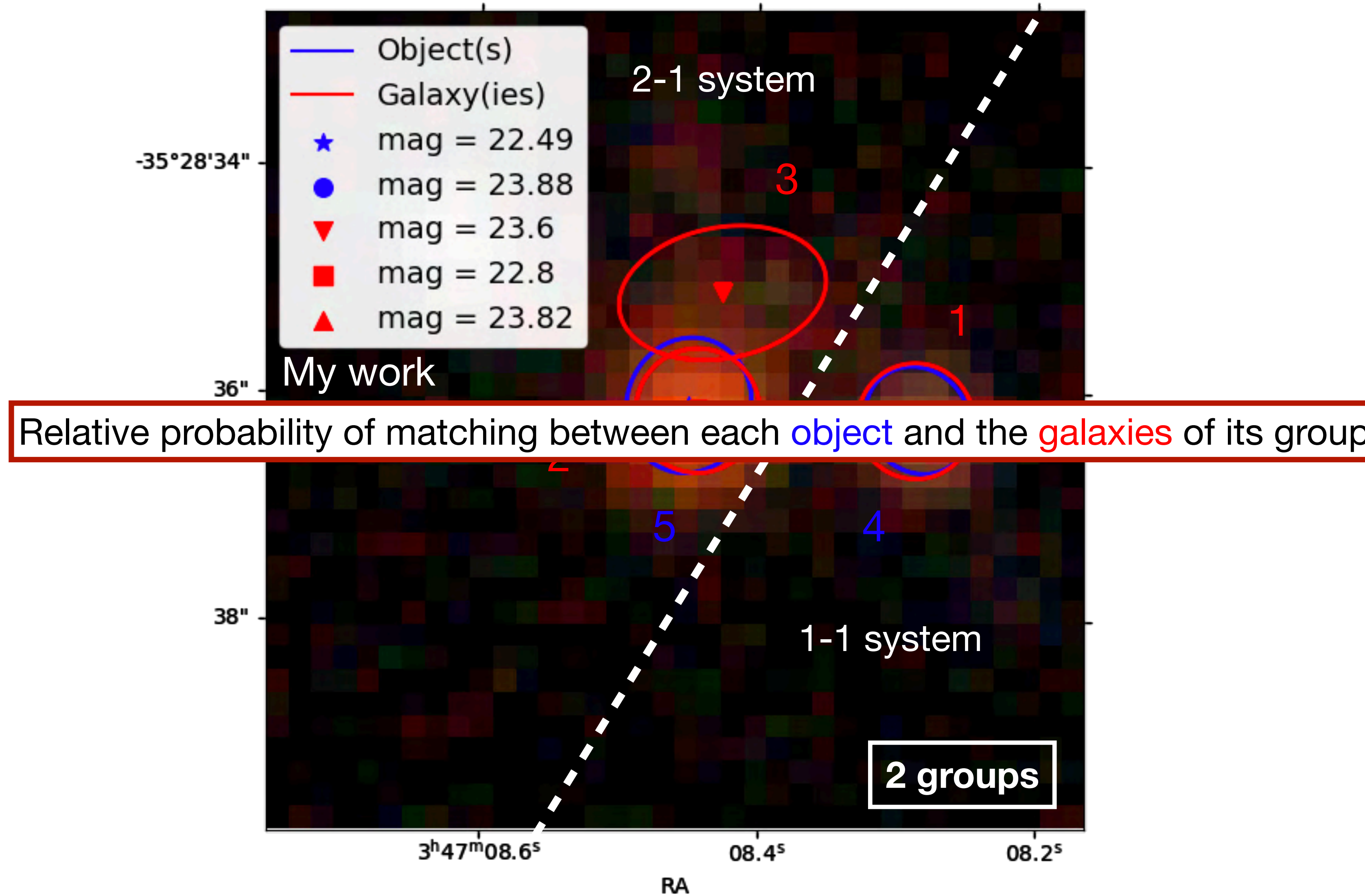
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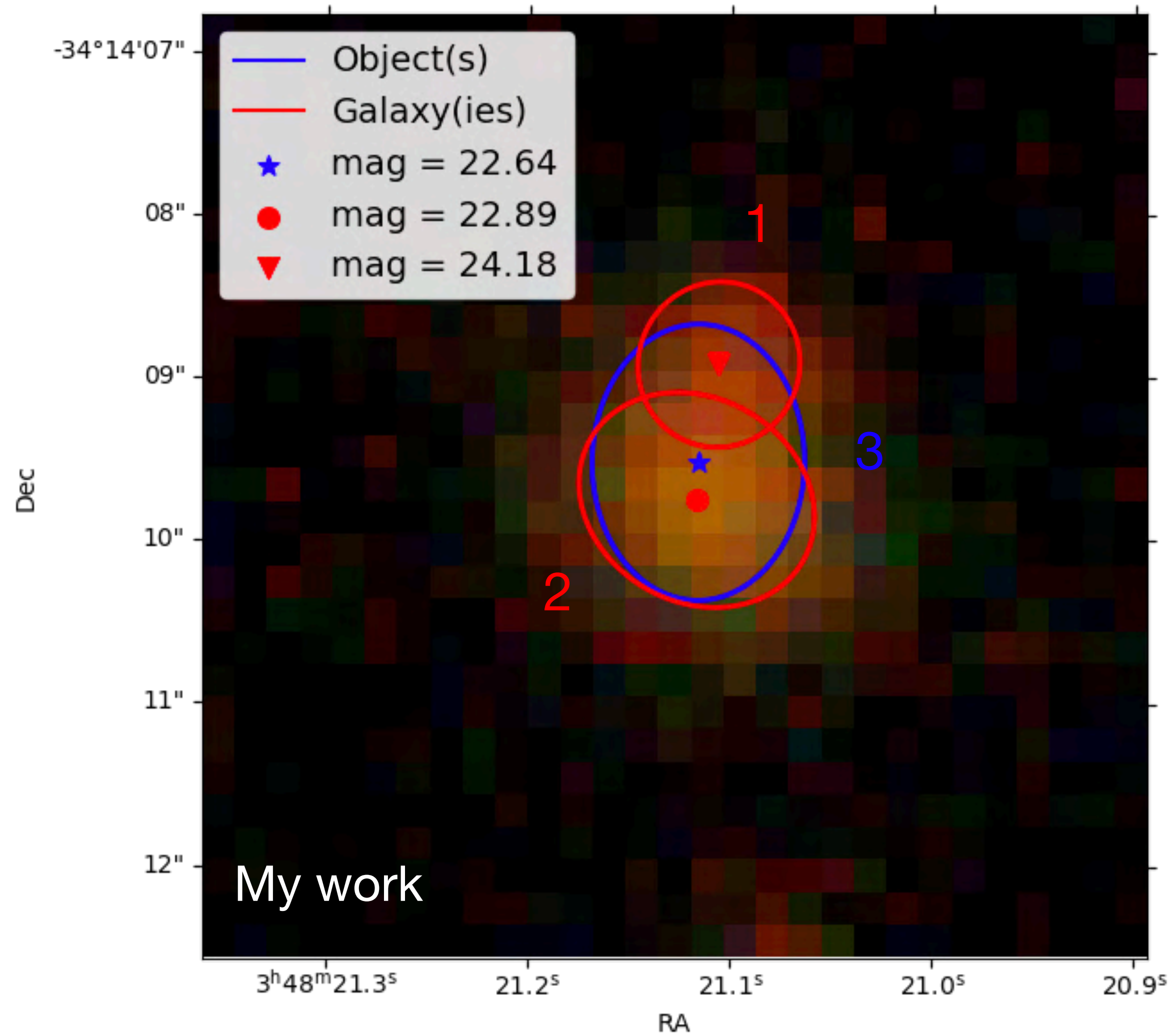
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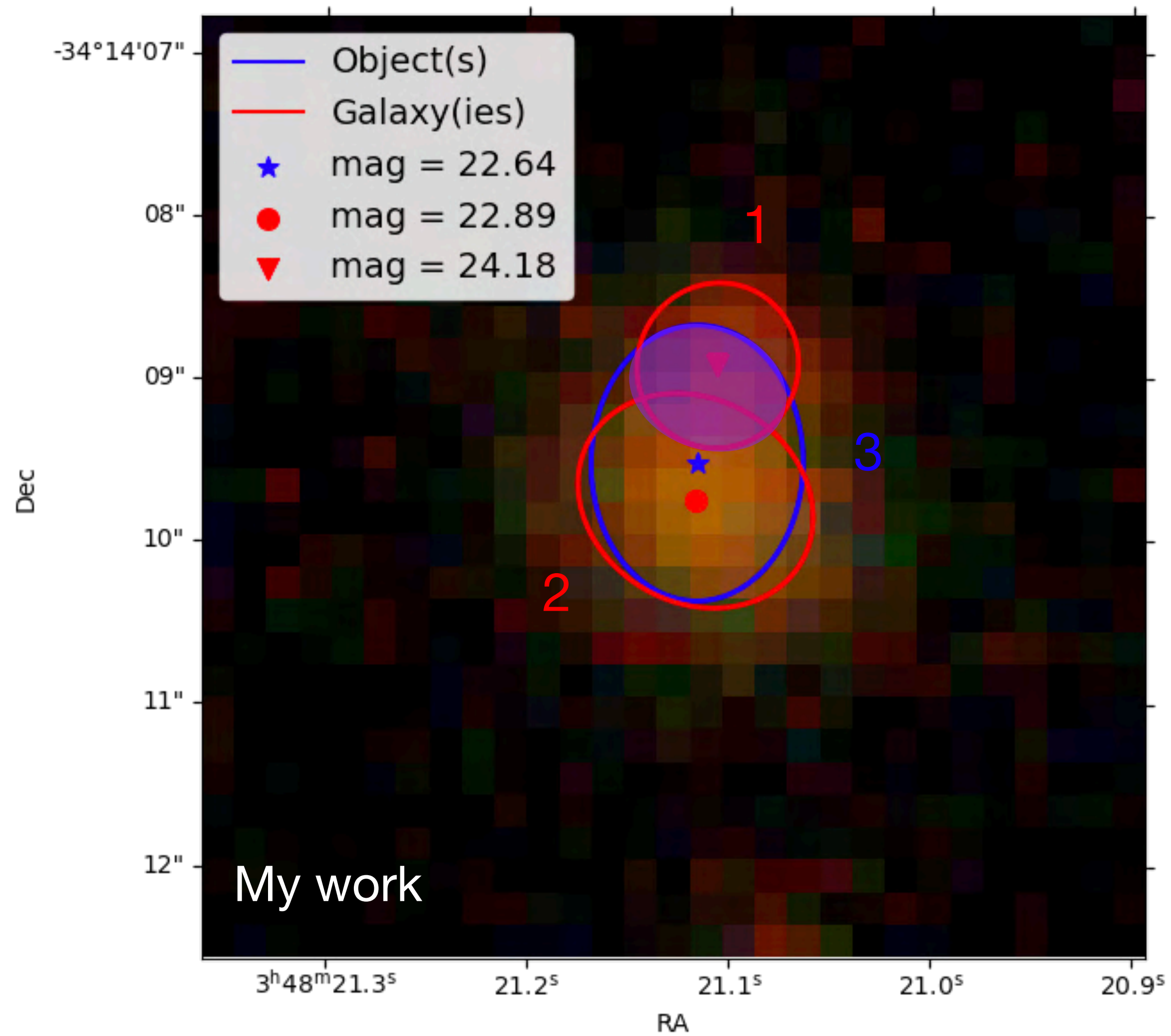
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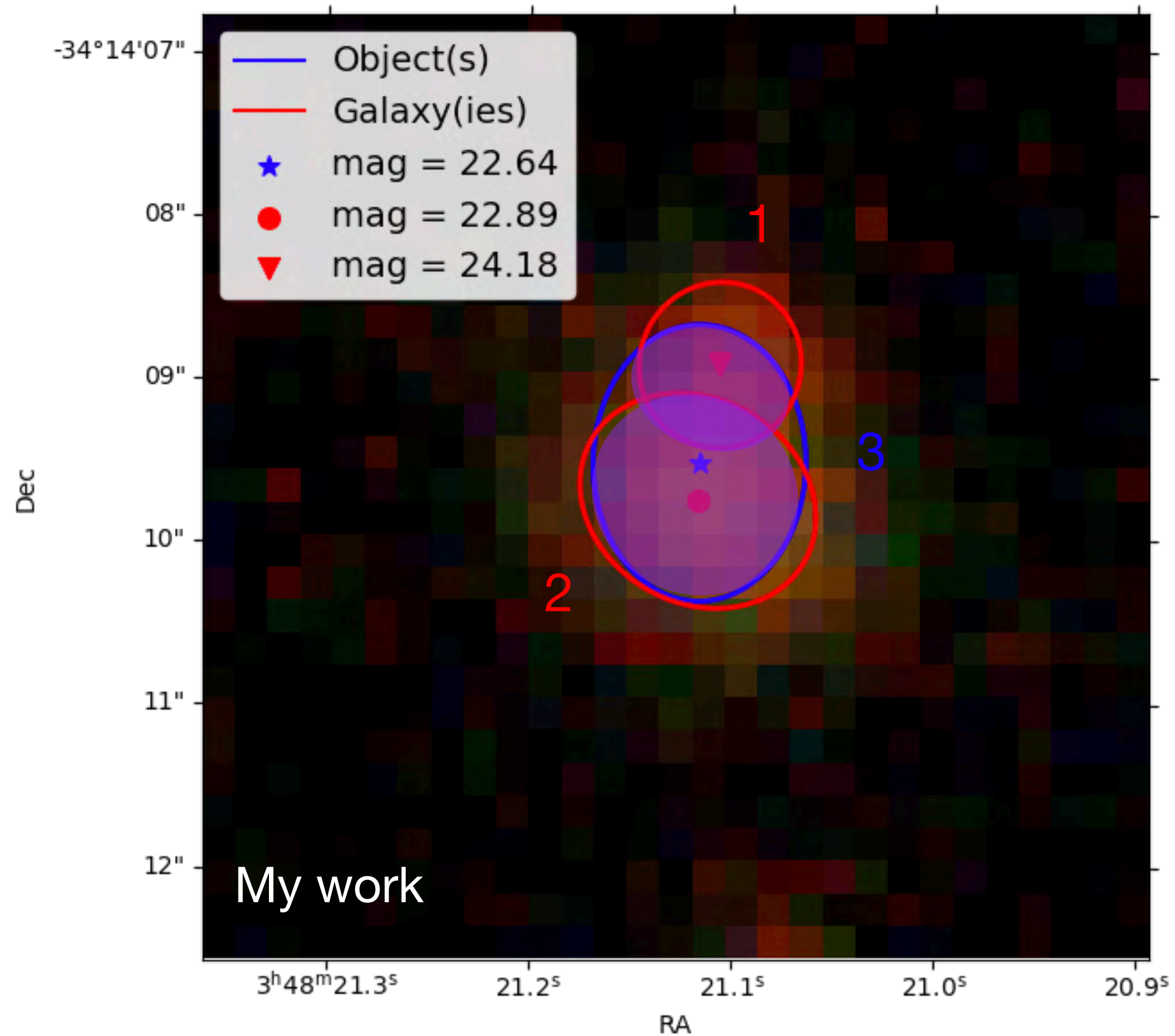


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* $S_b = 0$ for 1-1 systems



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2. Vector of matching probabilities

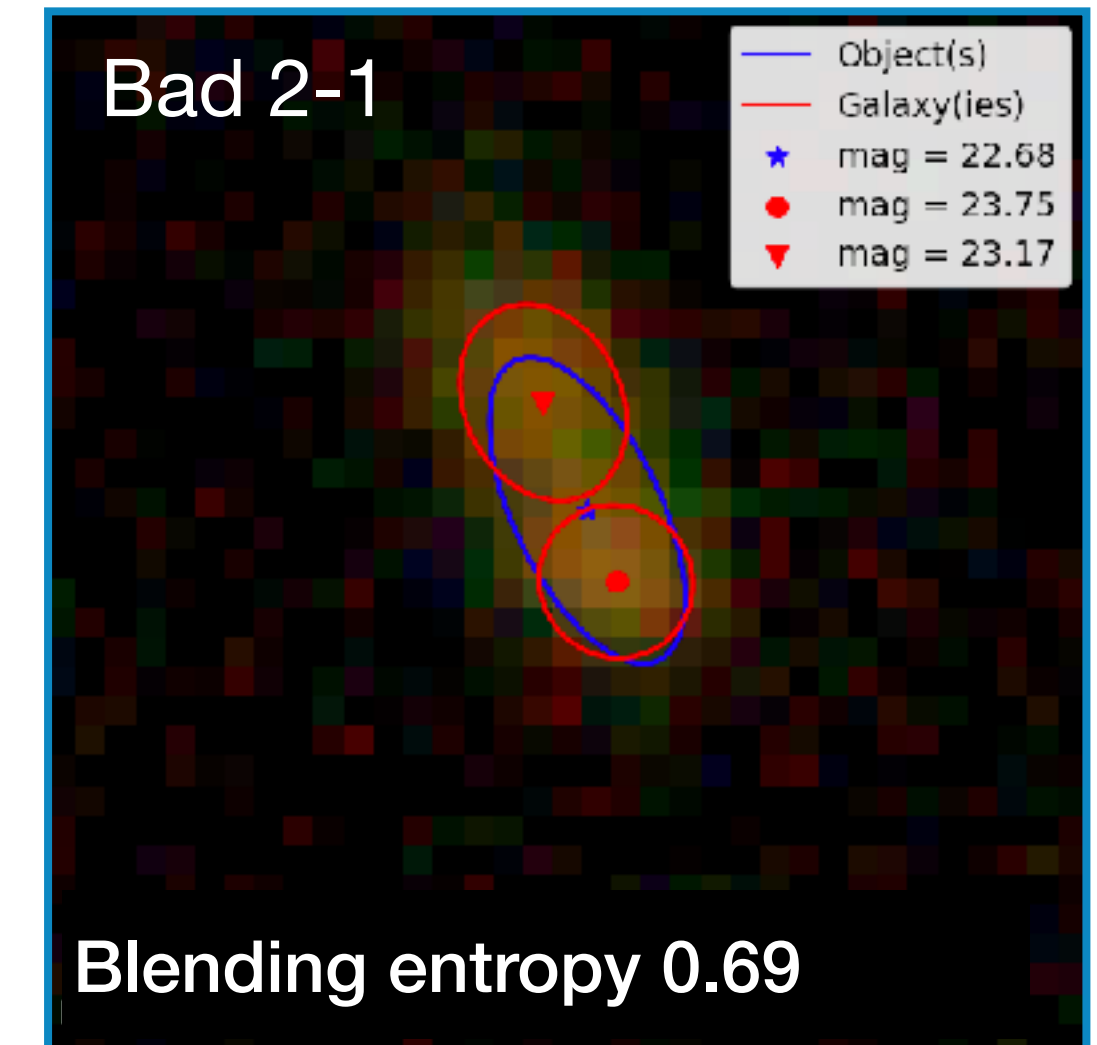
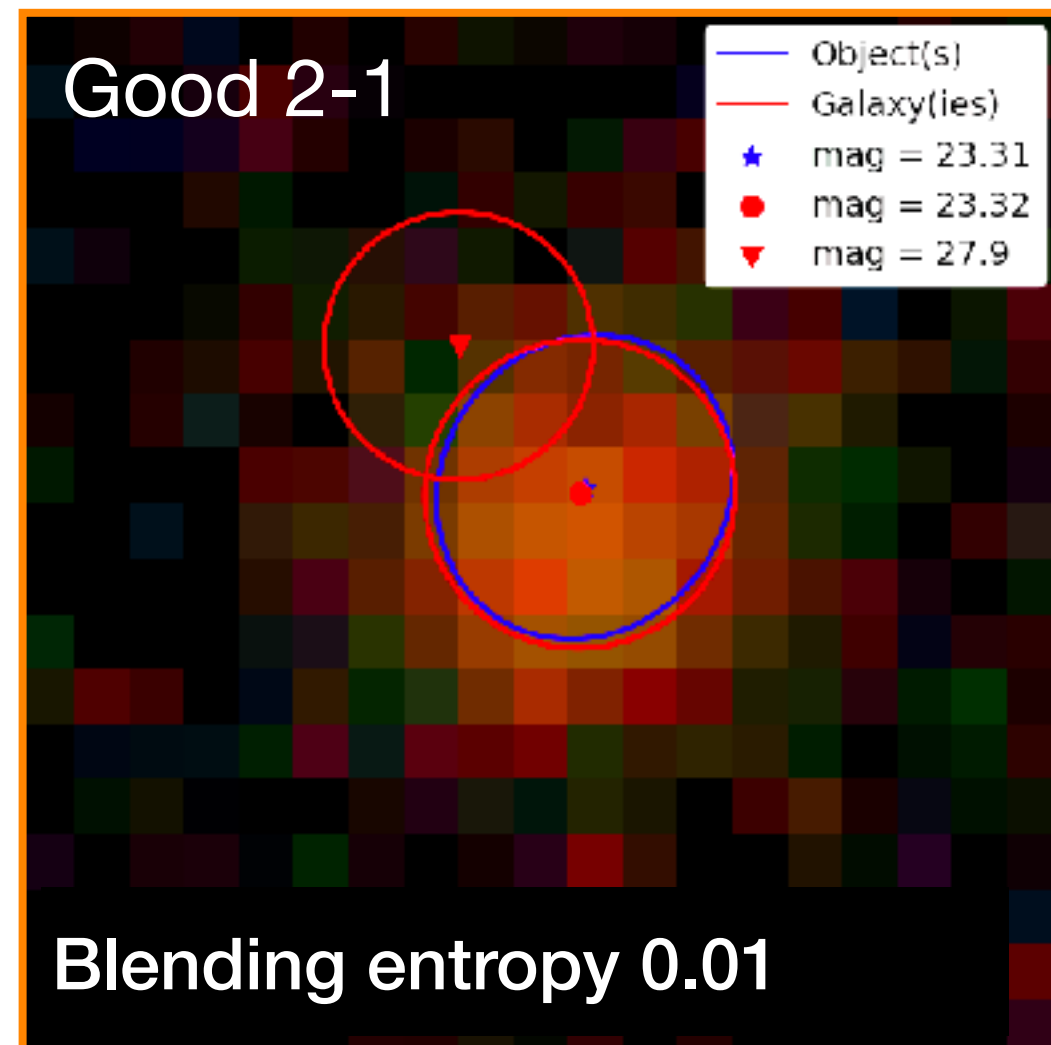
3. Blending entropy:

$$S_b = - \sum_i p_i \log p_i$$

= score for each object

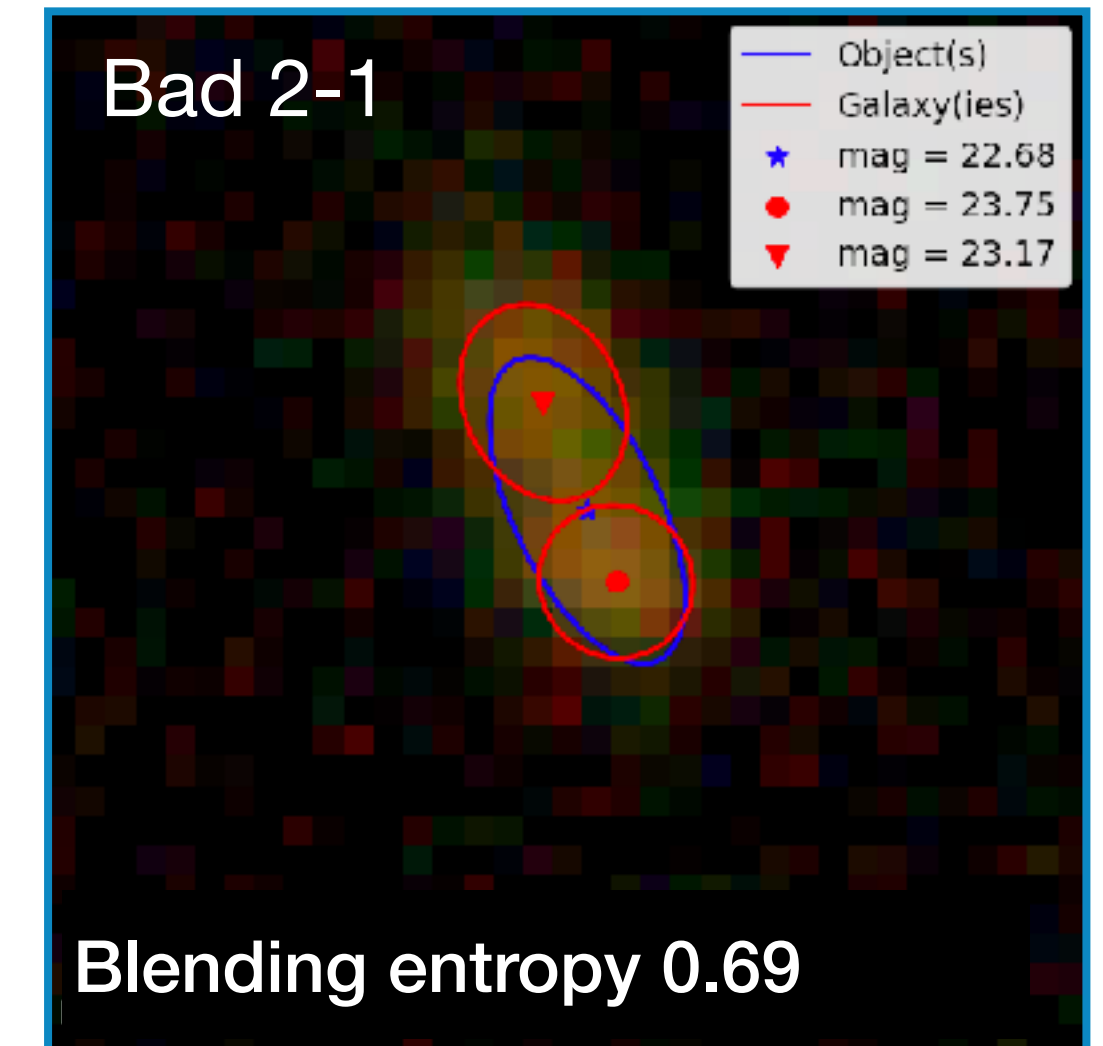
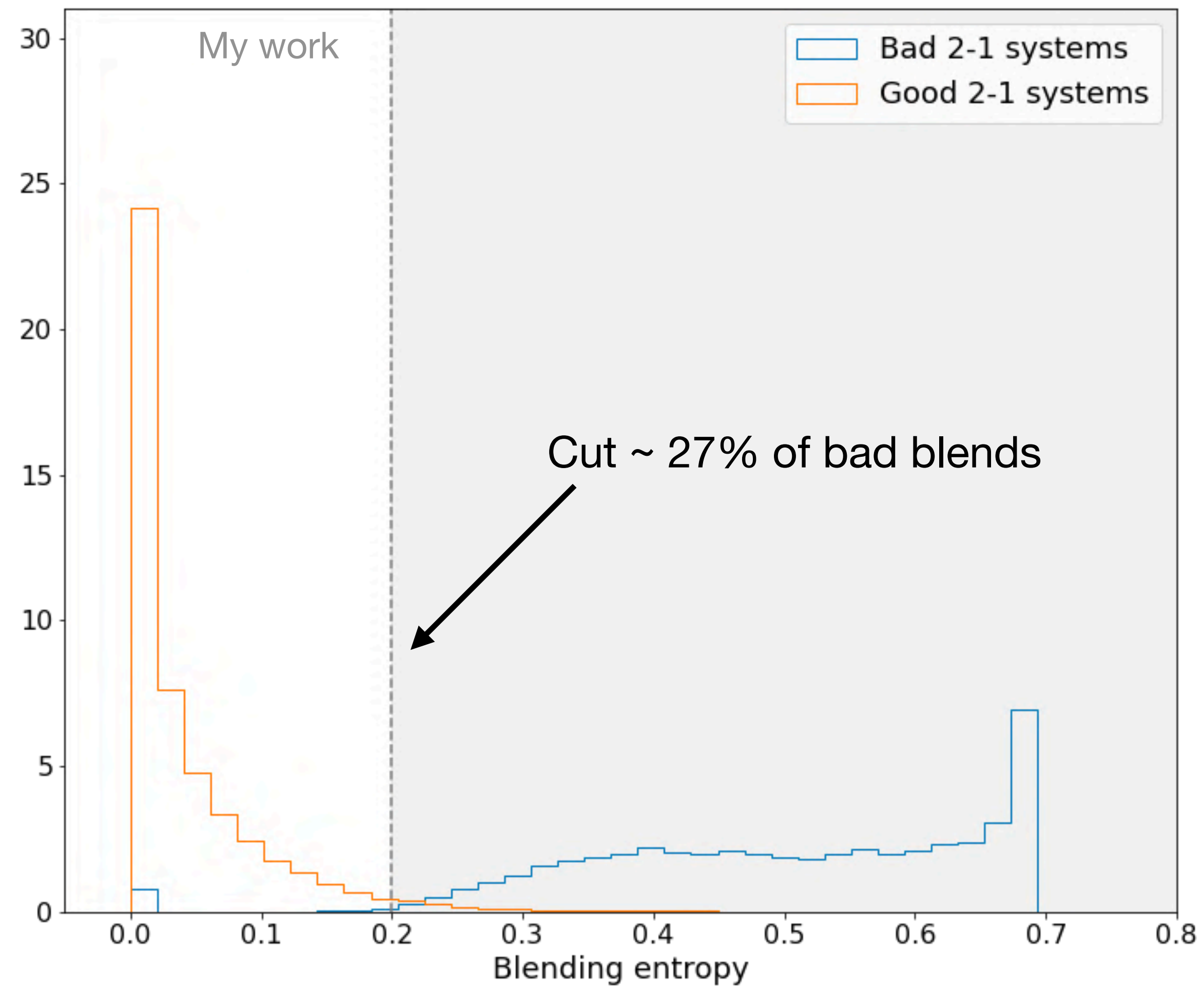
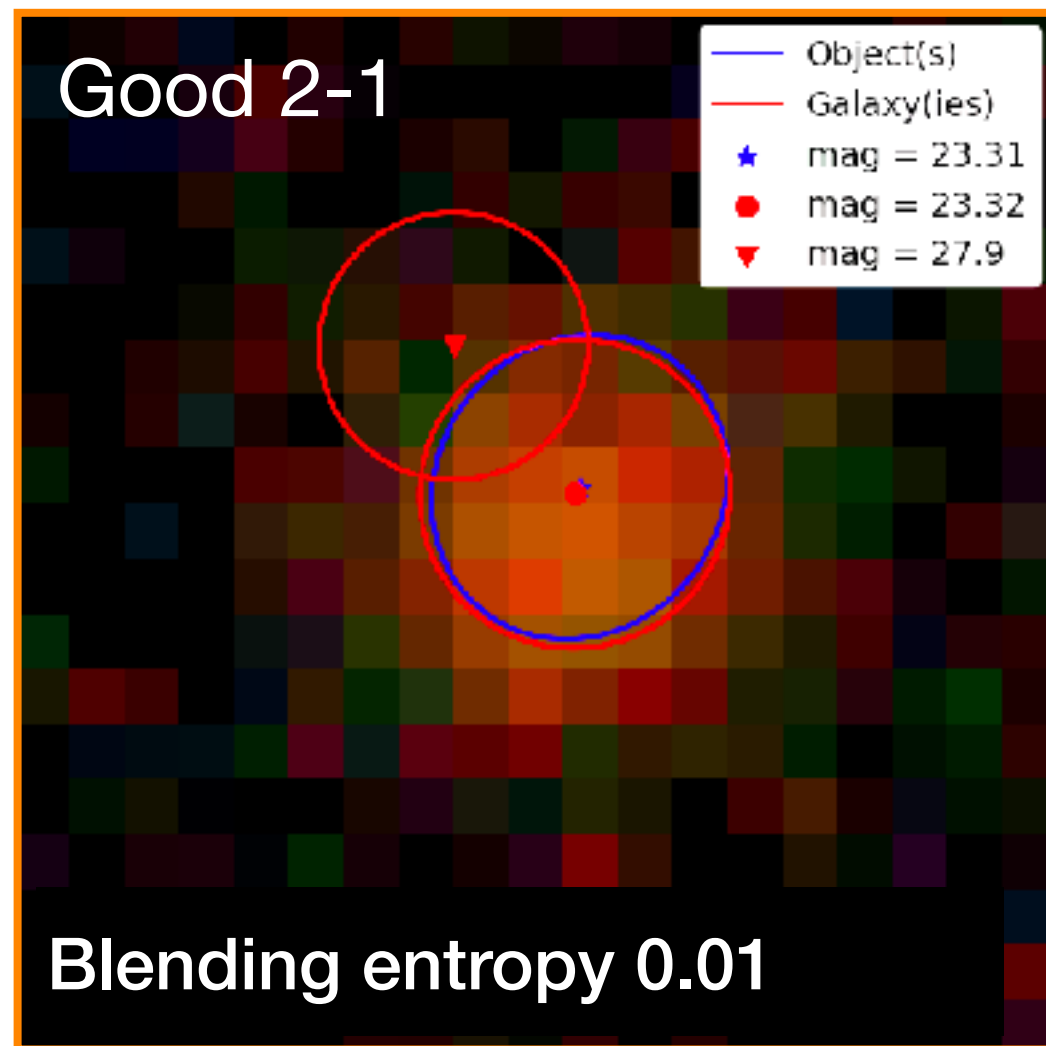
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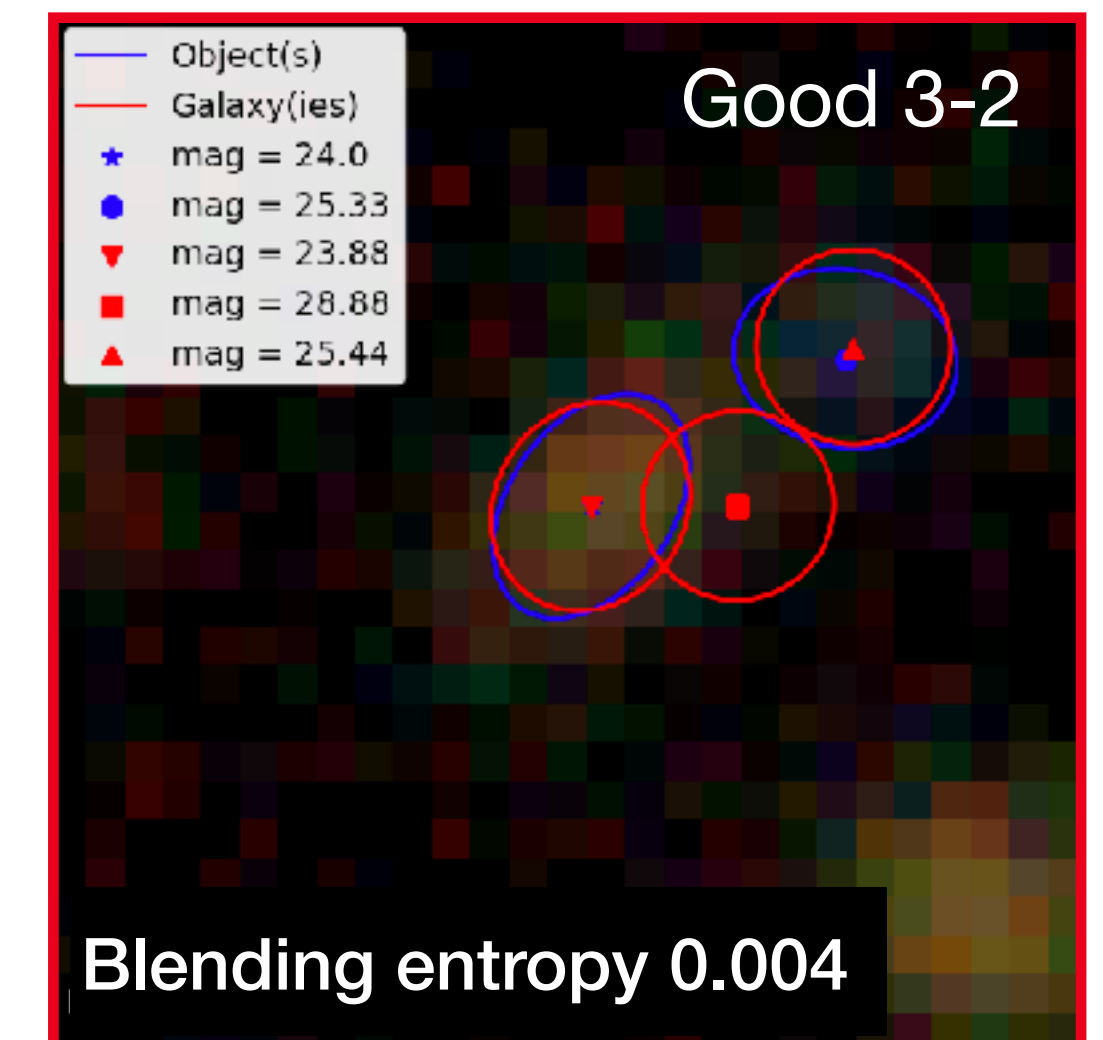
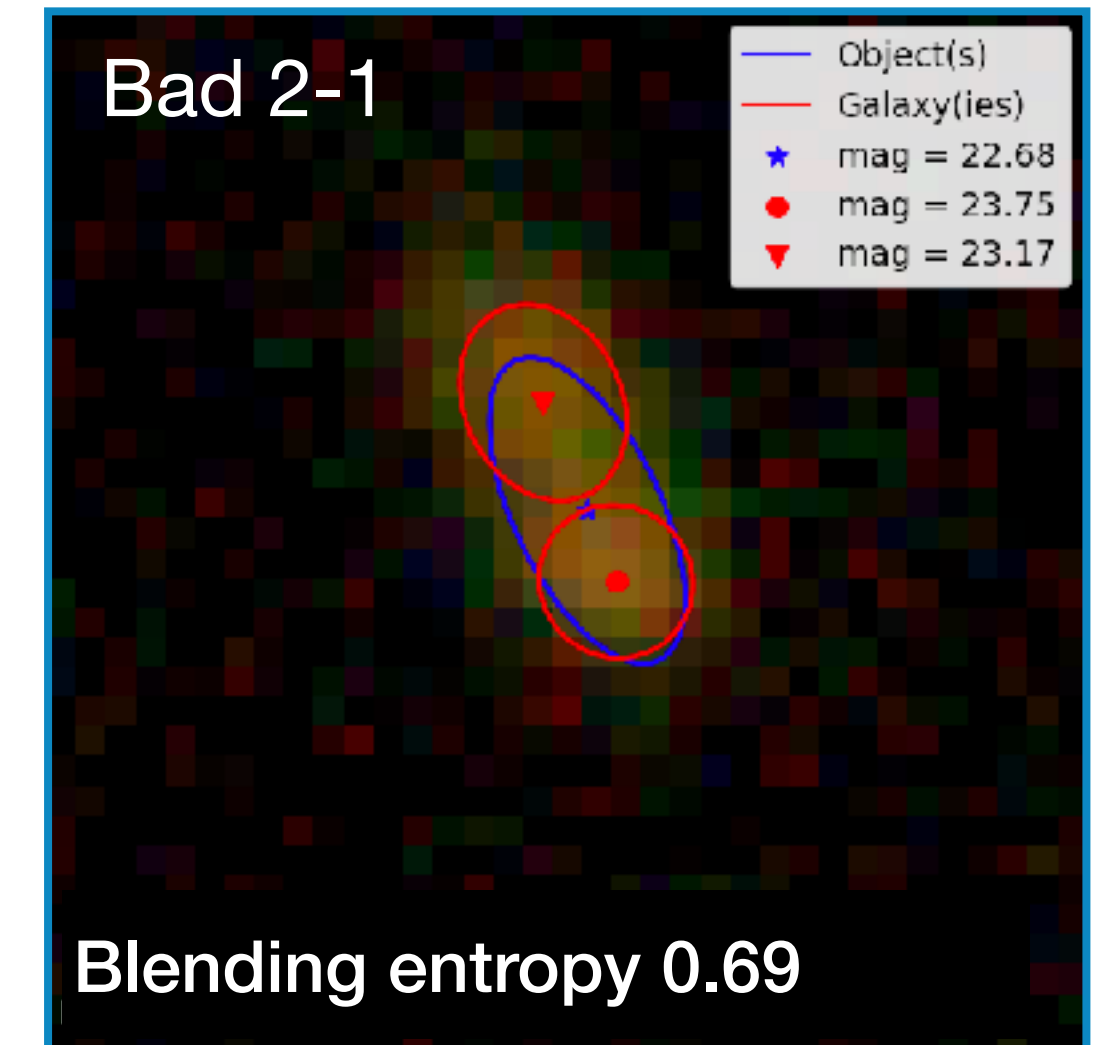
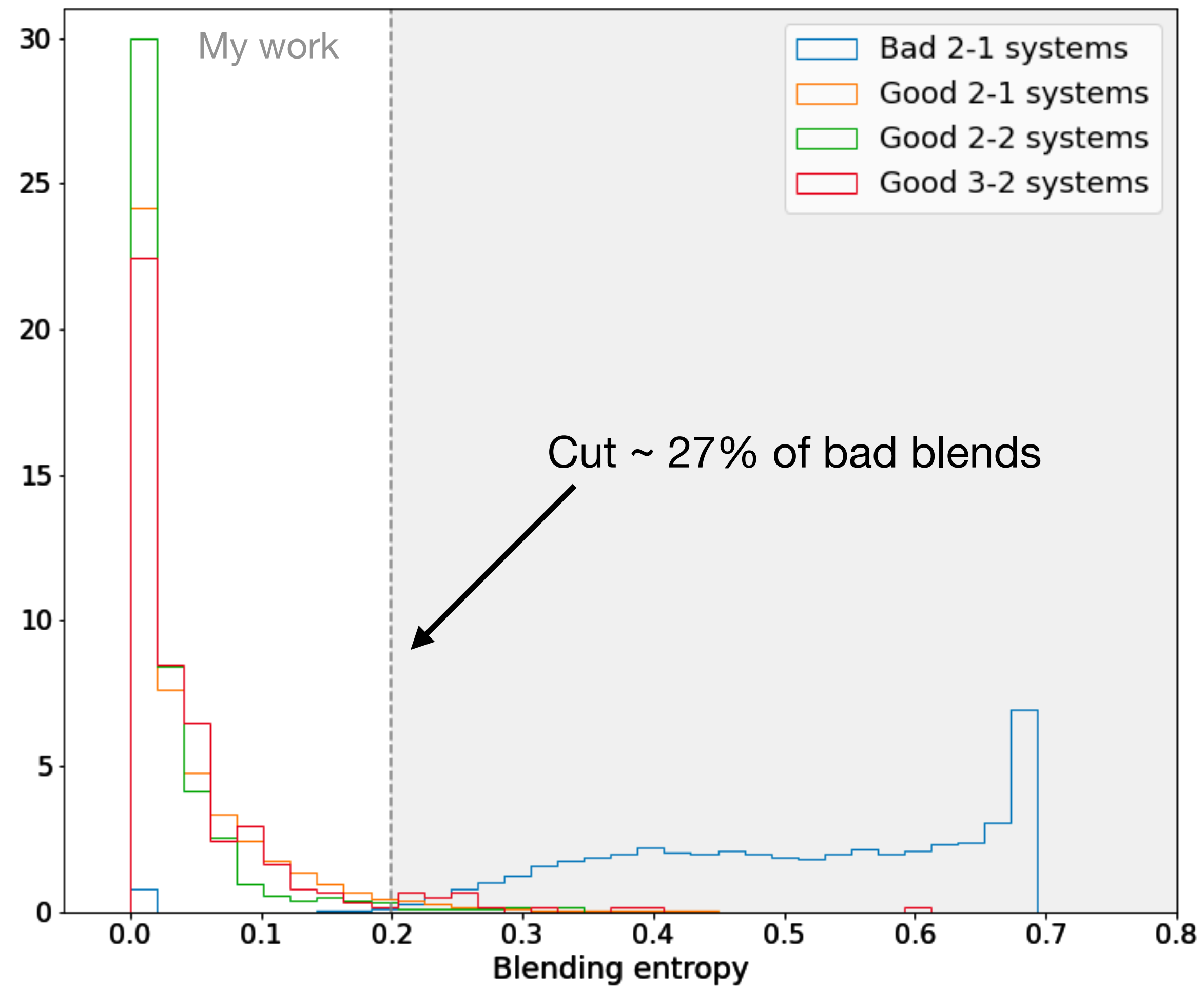
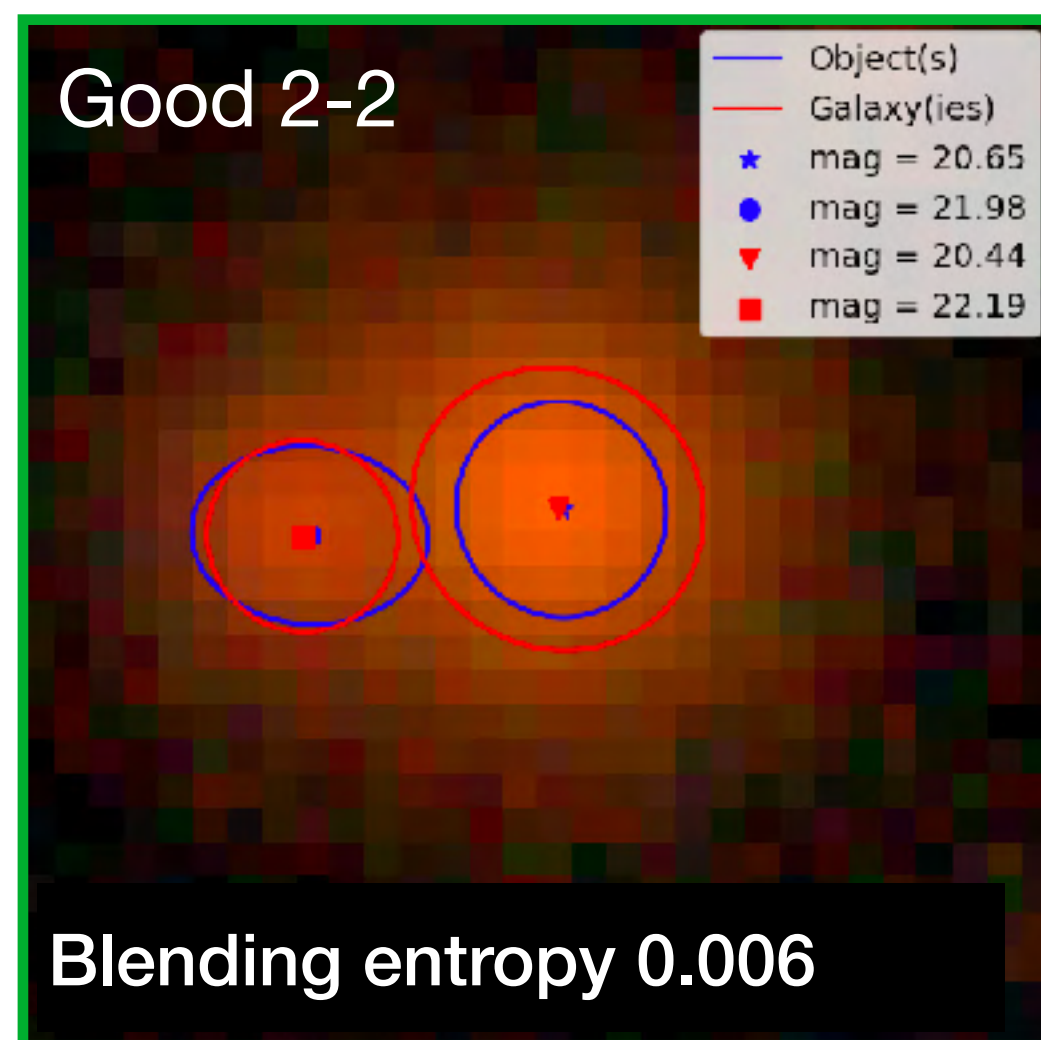
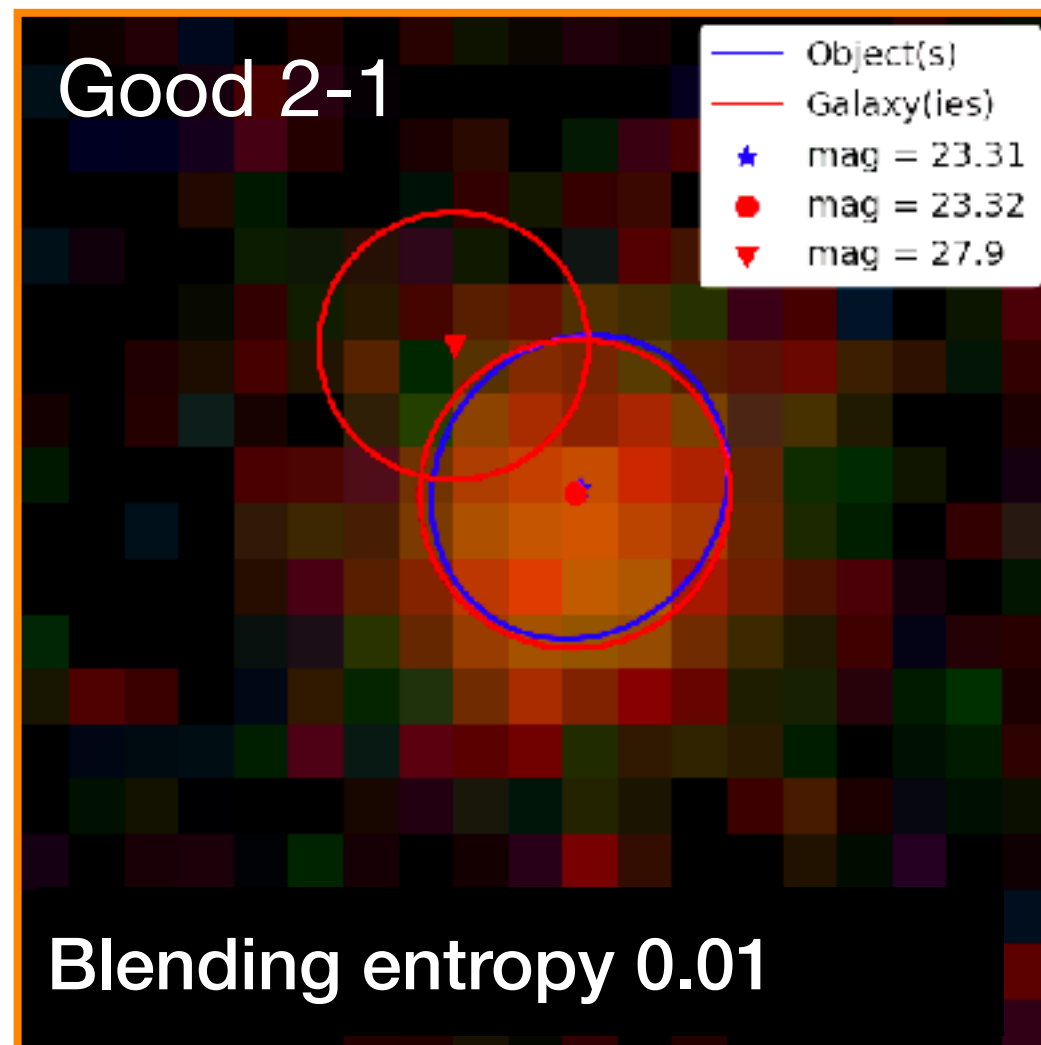
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Partial conclusions

- **Friendly**: matching algorithm development for DESC
- **New approach** based on matching probabilities
- Powerful tool to **identify** problematic **blended systems**
- Integration of **blending entropy** in DC2object catalog

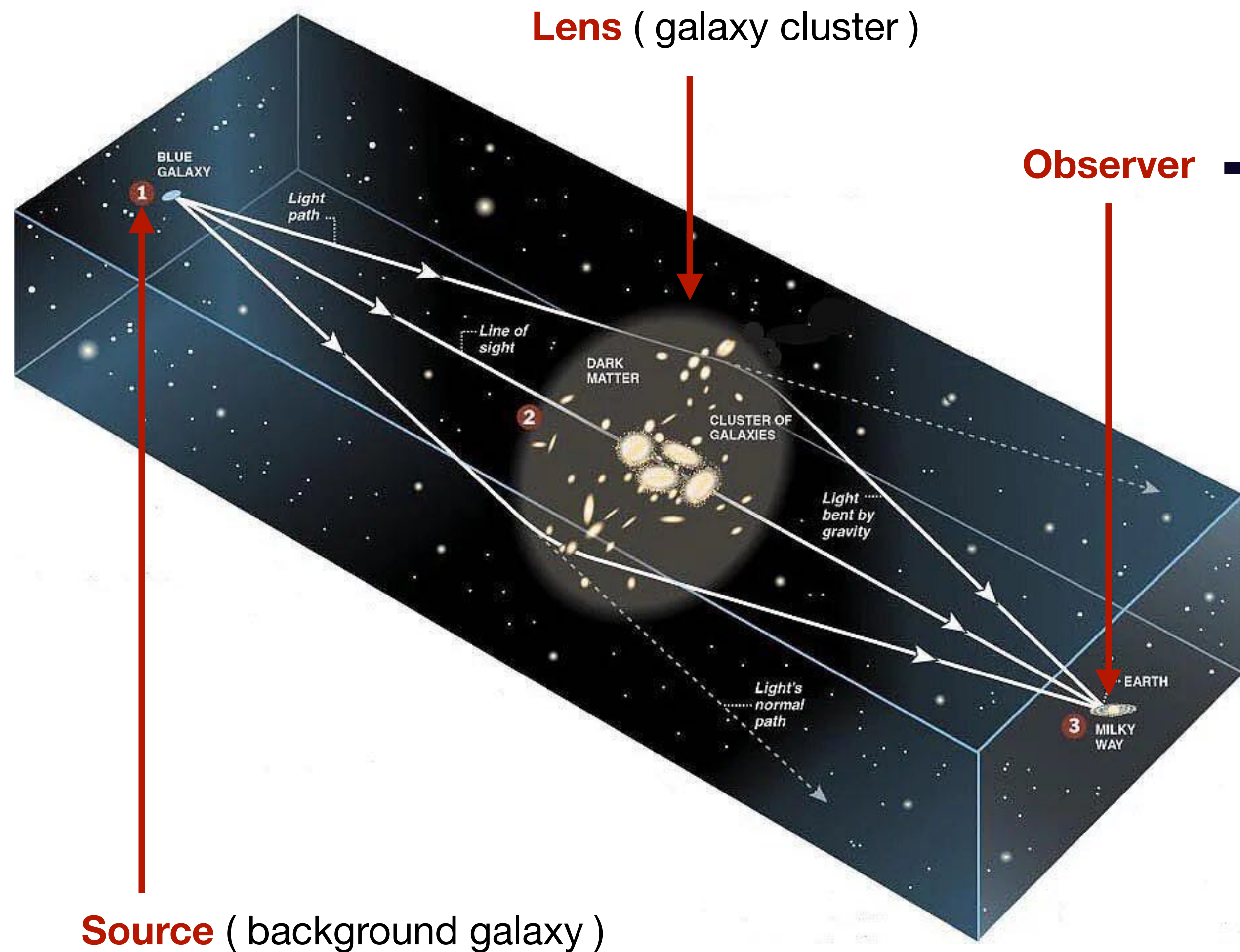




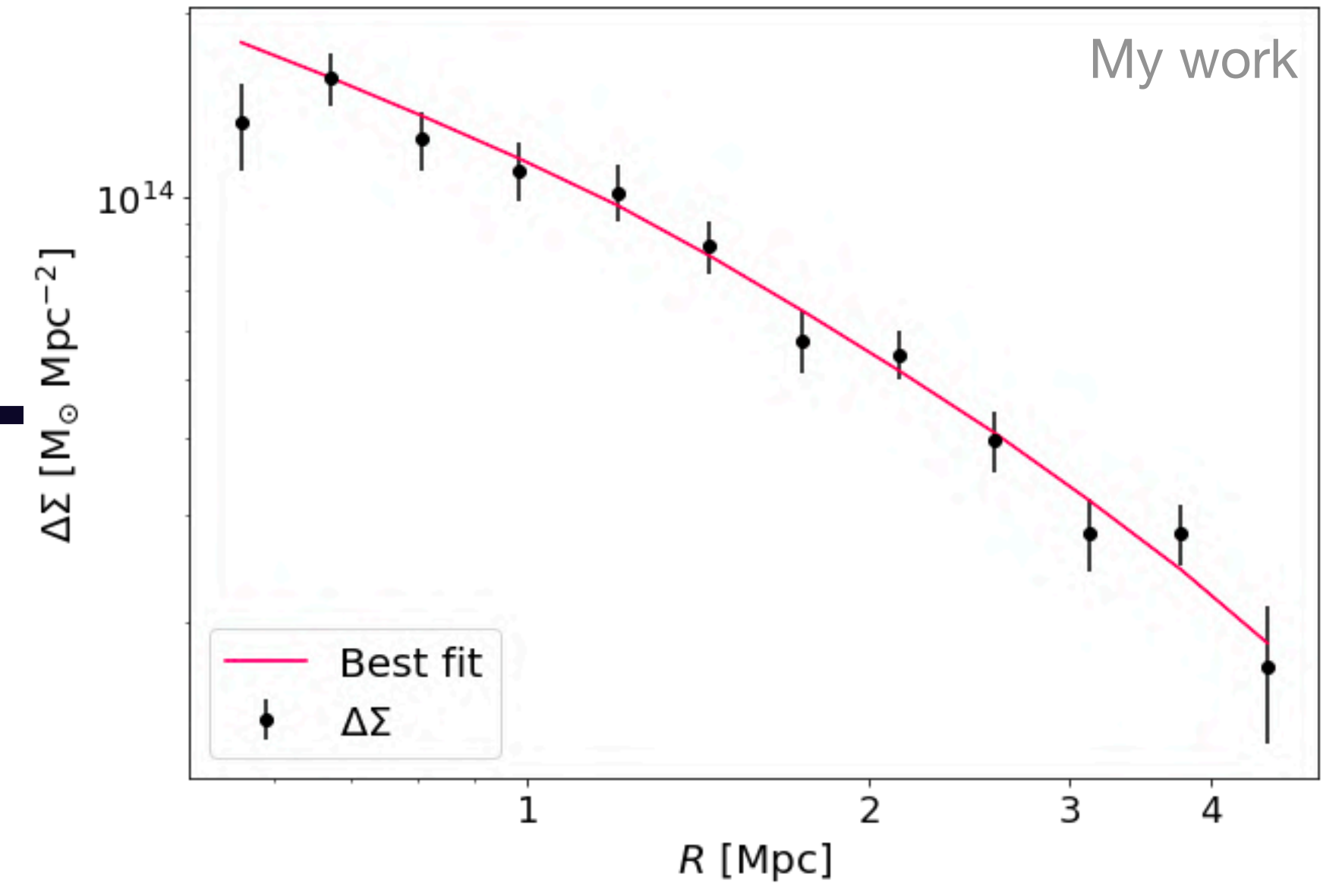
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Blending and weak lensing

Reminder: weak gravitational lensing



$$\widehat{\Delta\Sigma}(R, z_l) = \langle \Sigma_{crit}(z_{gal}, z_l) \epsilon_+^{obs} \rangle$$



Distorted shapes
+
Redshifts

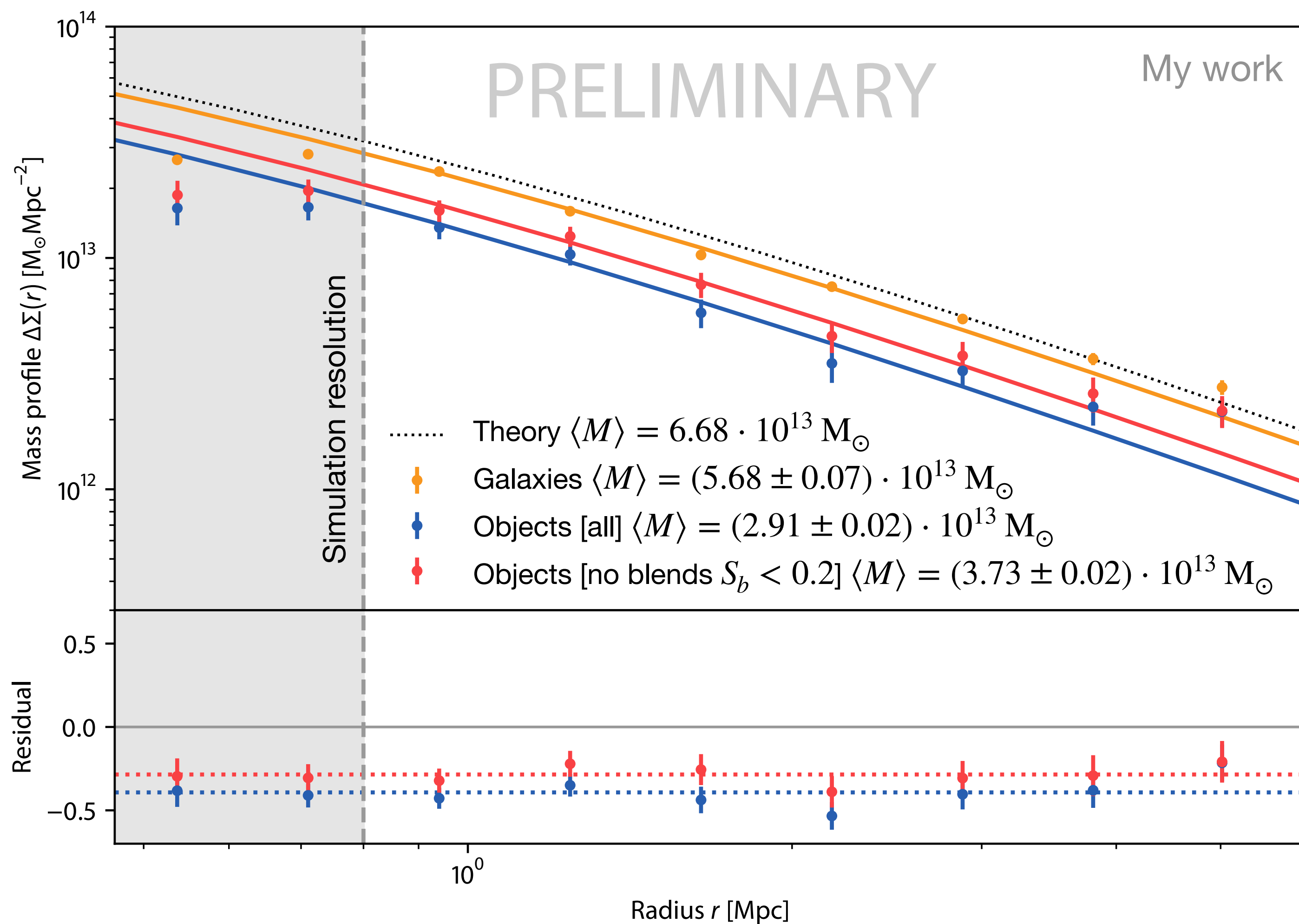
Lens mass

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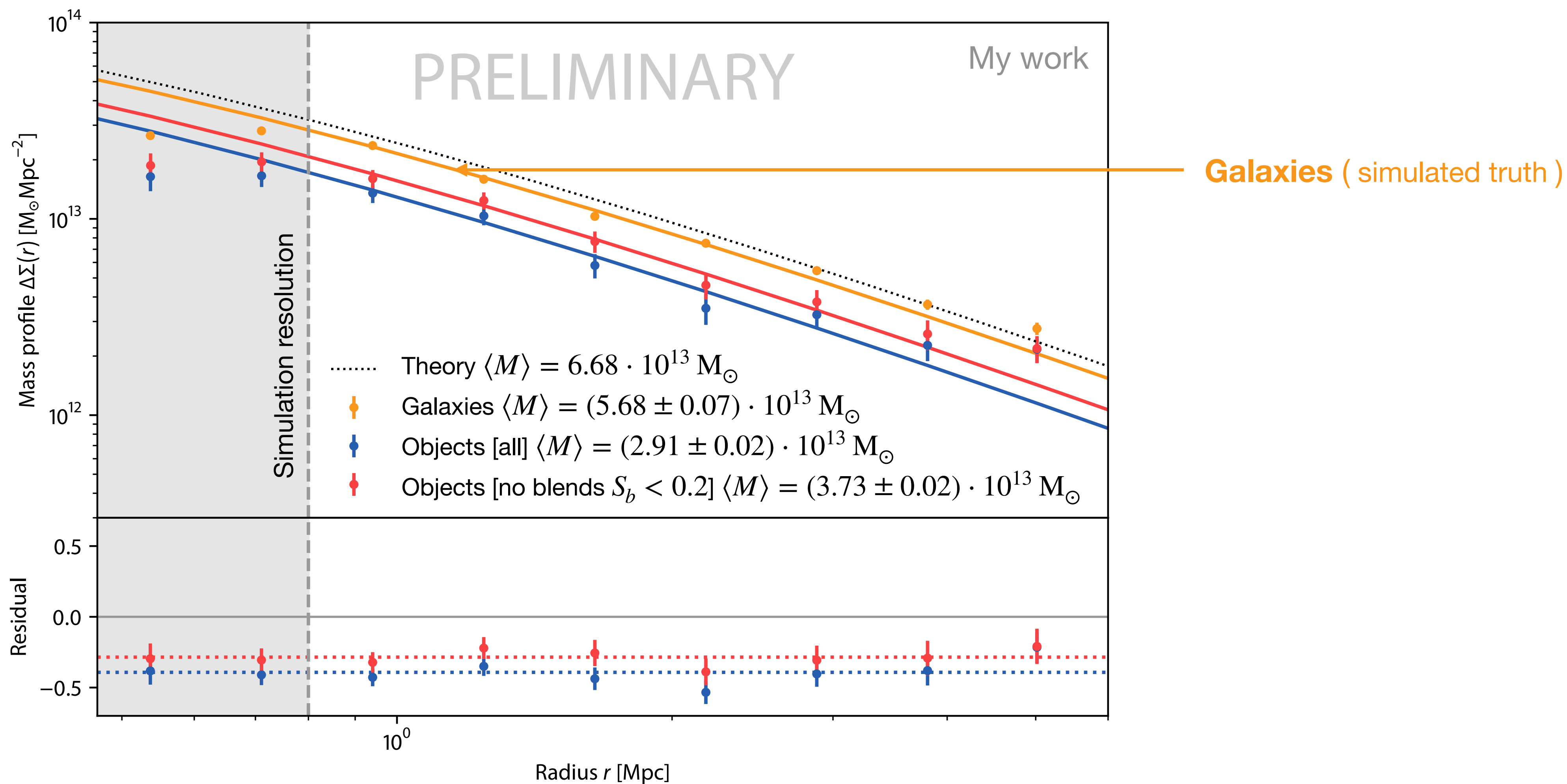
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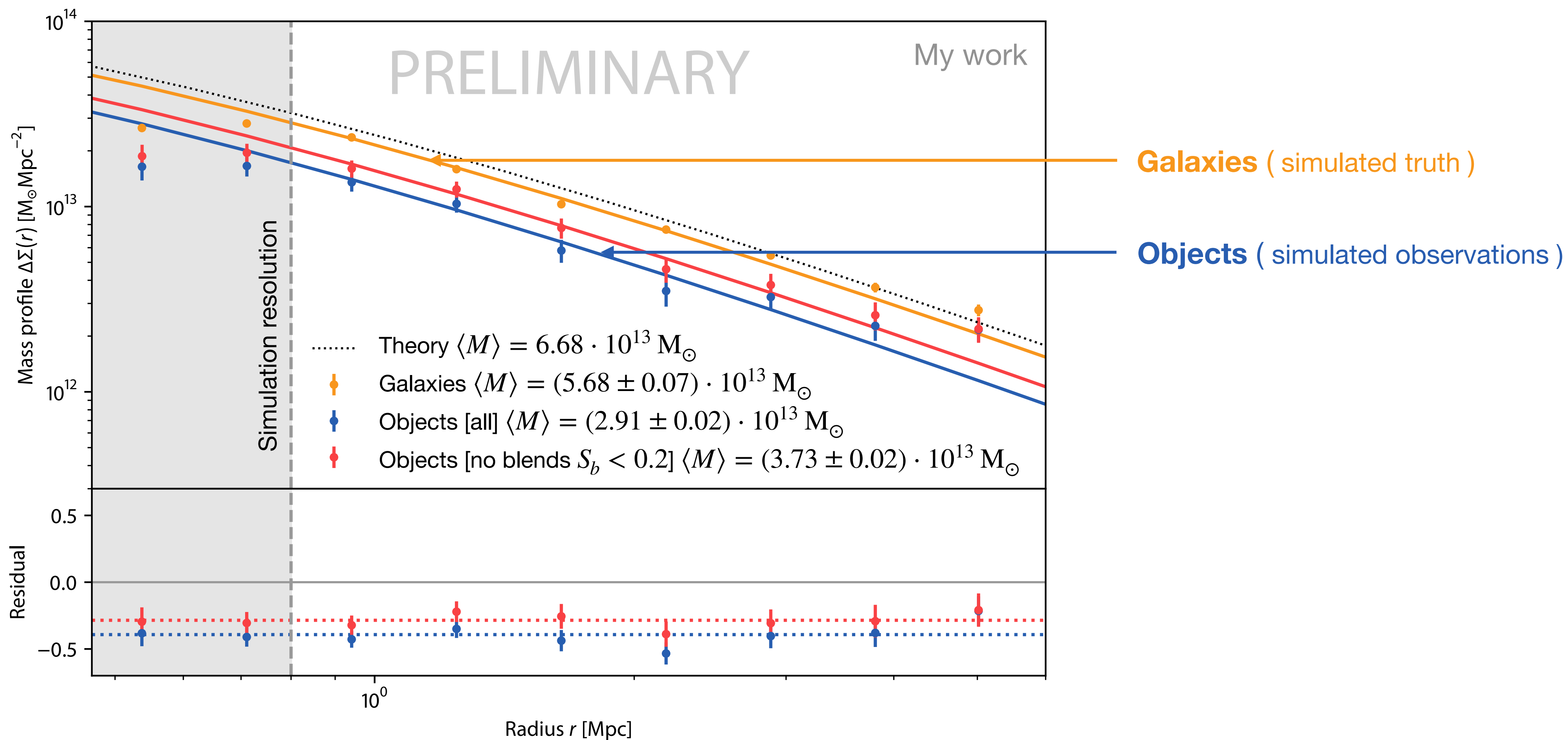
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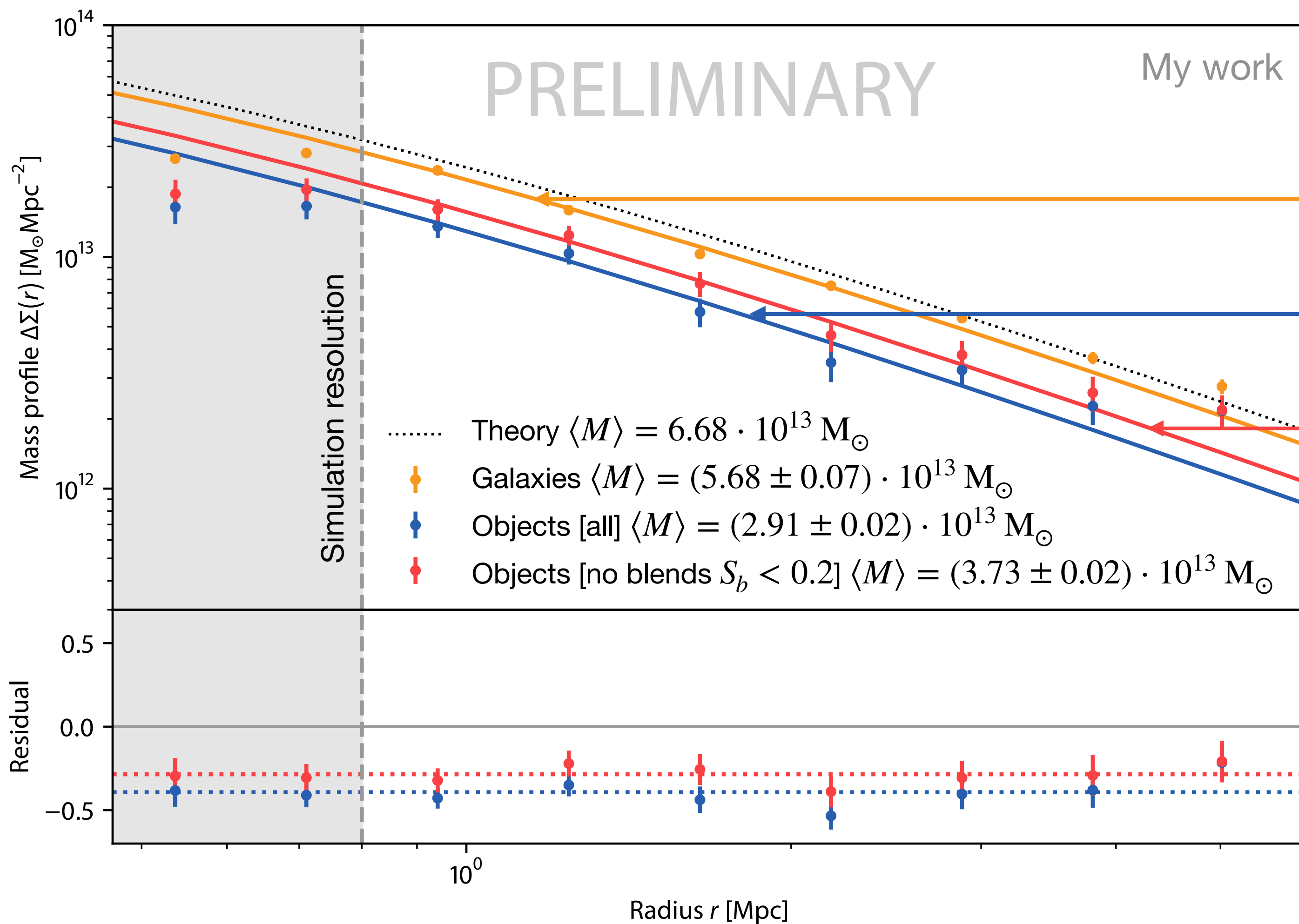
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Galaxies (simulated truth)

Objects (simulated observations)

Objects with $S_b < 0.2$ (my work)

Removing bad blends

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Shifting the profiles upwards

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Getting closer to the truth galaxy cluster mass

Conclusions

1. **Blending, major issue for weak lensing studies with Rubin/LSST**

- Confusion of sources will impact galaxy shapes measurements
- Biased estimates of galaxy clusters masses and of cosmological parameters
- Poorly studied, difficult to separate from other systematics

2. **Development of friendly, new DESC matching algorithm**

- New blending entropy metric to characterize blends
- Efficiency in identifying problematic blended galaxies
- Impact of blending on weak lensing profiles and galaxy cluster mass estimates

3. **Shared work with the DESC collaboration**

- Friendly will be public and available for the collaboration
- Blending entropy will be added to DESC catalogs metrics
- DESC paper in preparation

Perspectives

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- Propagation of this work to cosmological parameters
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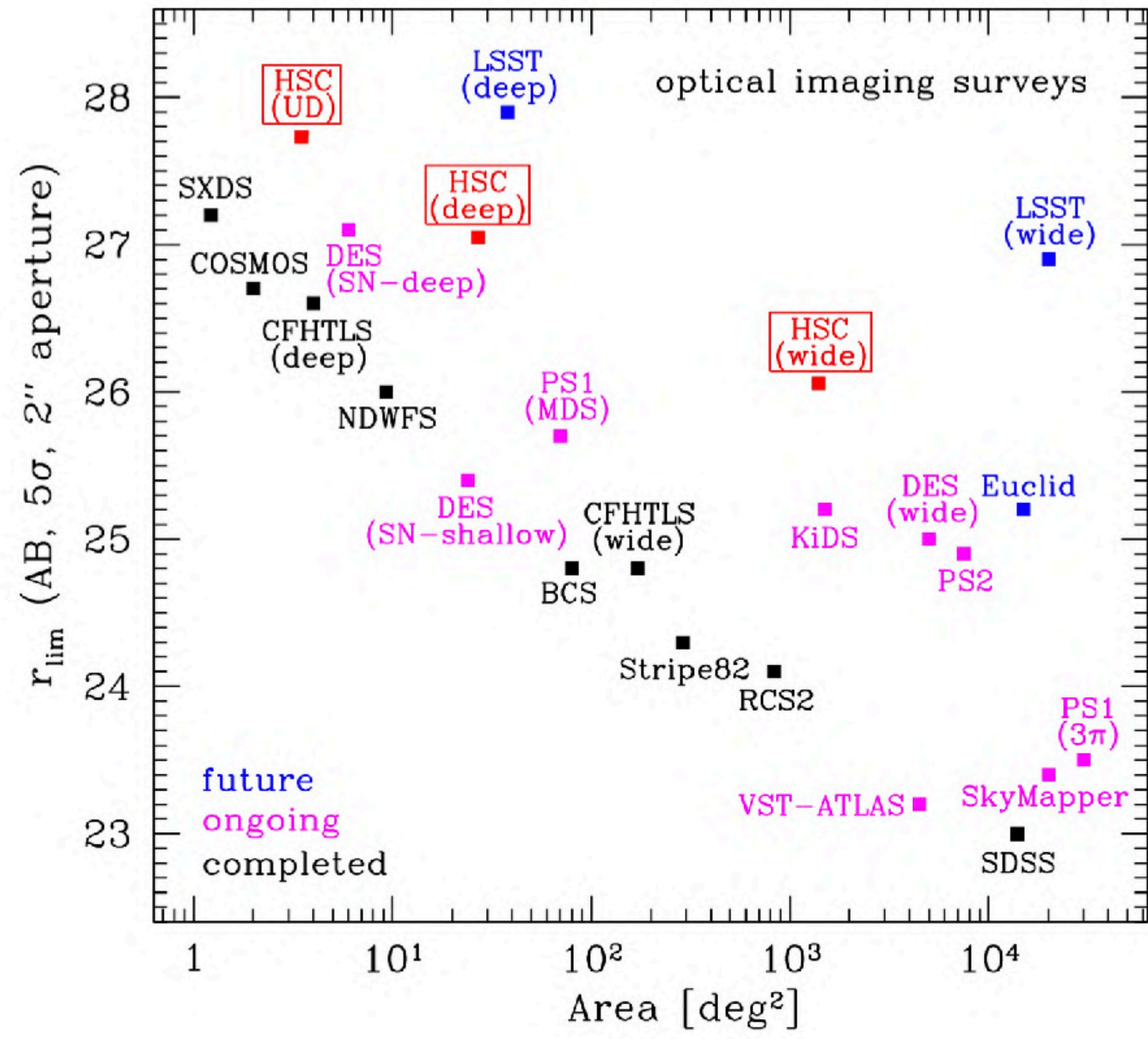
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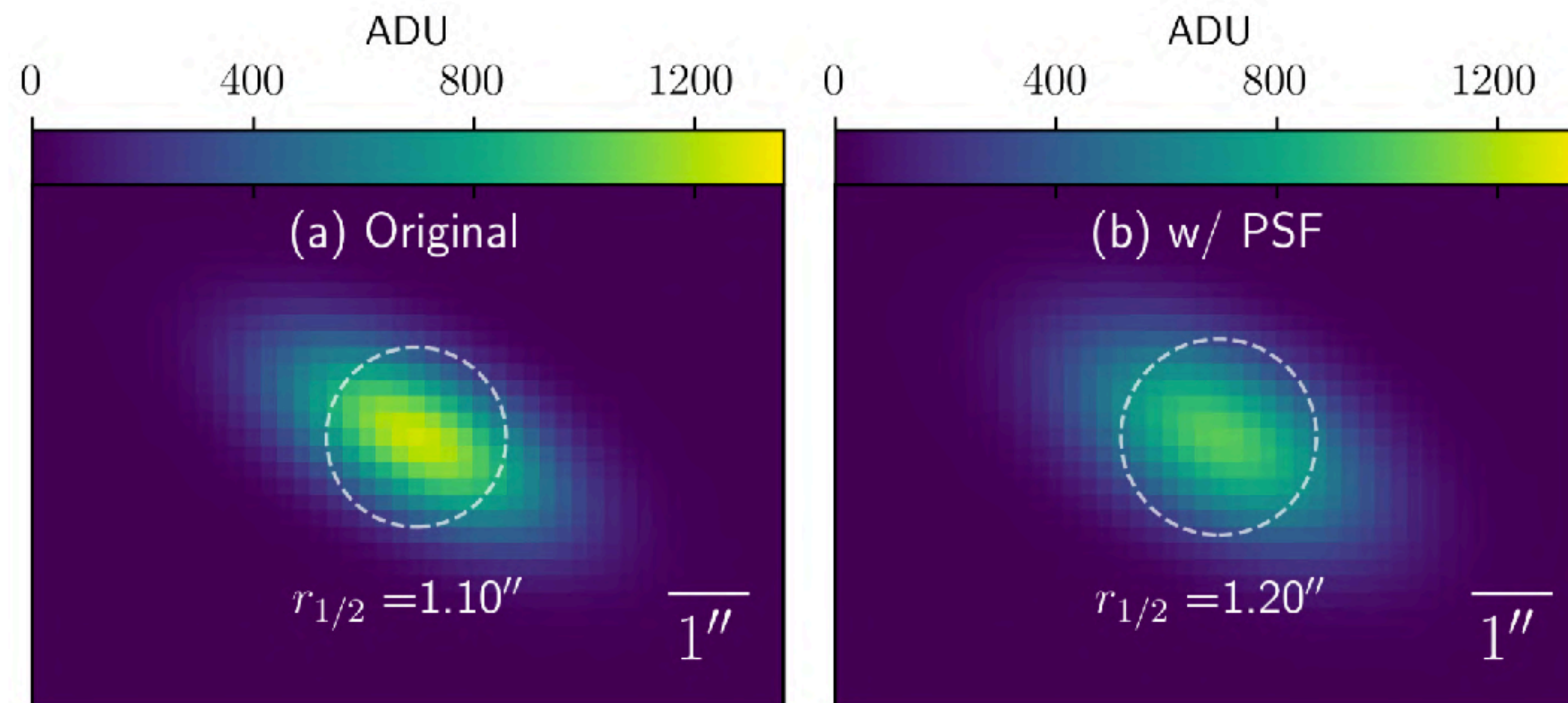
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Thank you for your attention!

Back-up Rubin-LSST



Back-up Point Spread Function (PSF)



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Back-up

Ellipses definition

cosmoDC2

- Positions x_0, y_0
- Minor/Major axis a and b
- Position angle θ
- Convolution with the PSF

DC2object

- Positions x_0, y_0
- Second moments I_{xx}, I_{yy}, I_{xy}
converted to a, b, θ parameters

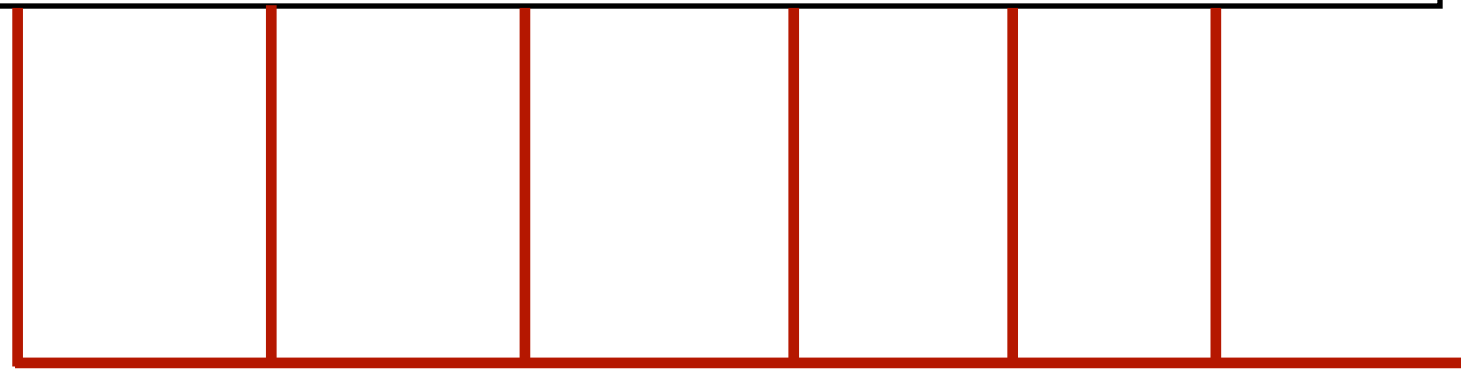
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Functions of a, b, θ, x_0, y_0

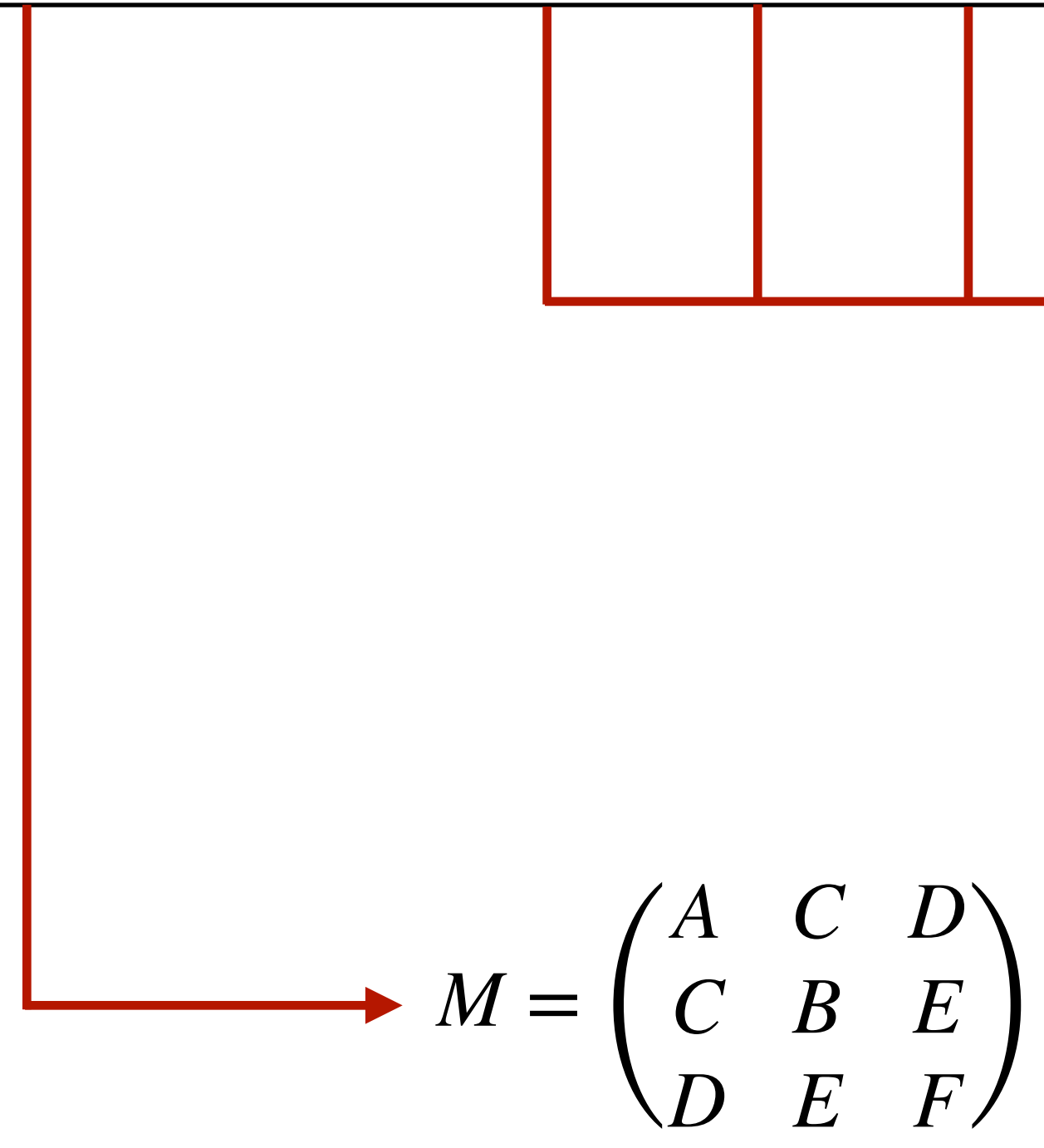
Ellipse overlap test

https://github.com/LSSTDESC/Cluster_Blending/blob/main/match_ellipse_dc2.ipynb

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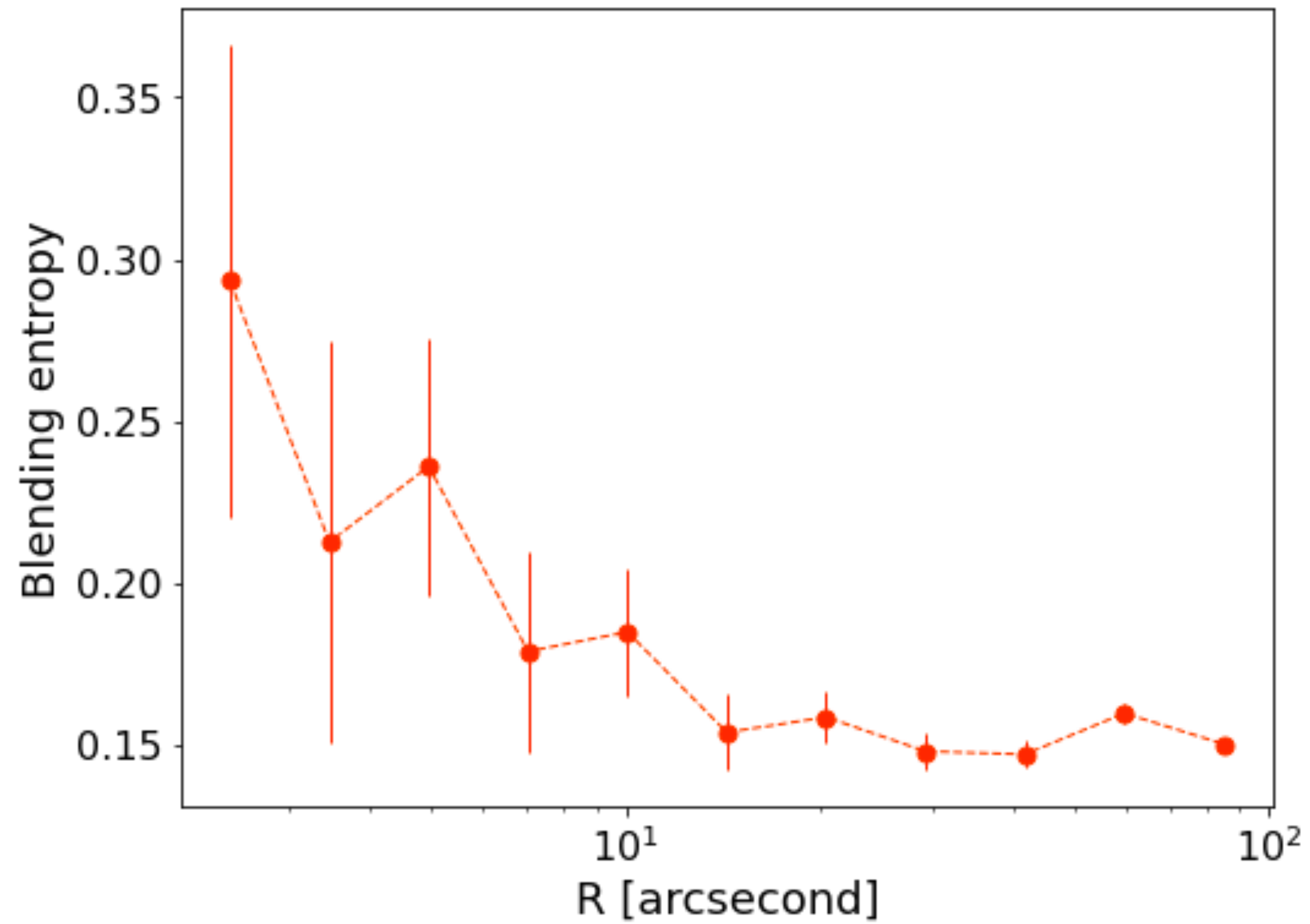
Determinant computation



Overlap of 2 ellipses ?

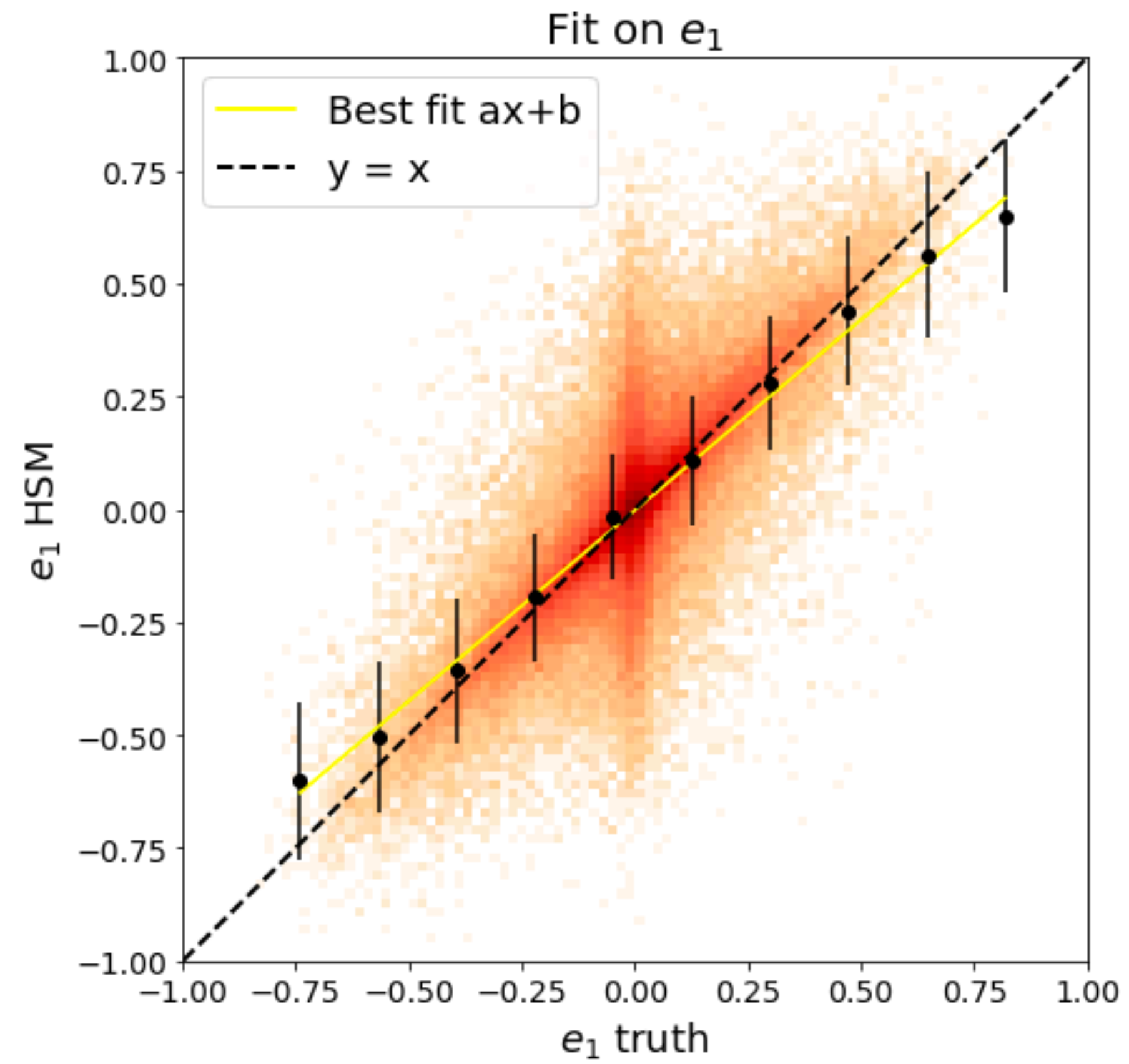
- True
- False

Blending entropy vs. halo radius

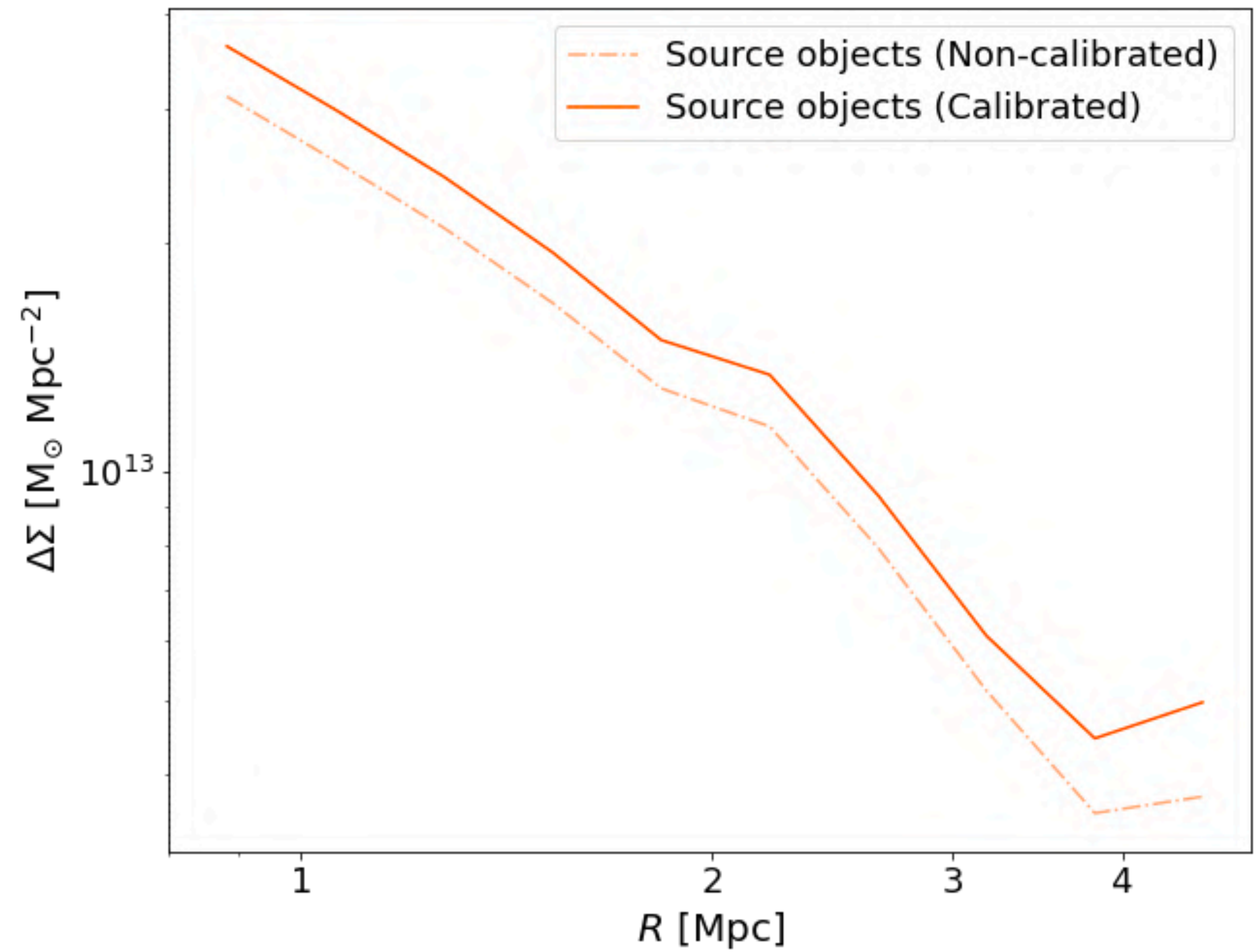


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HSM ellipticities calibration

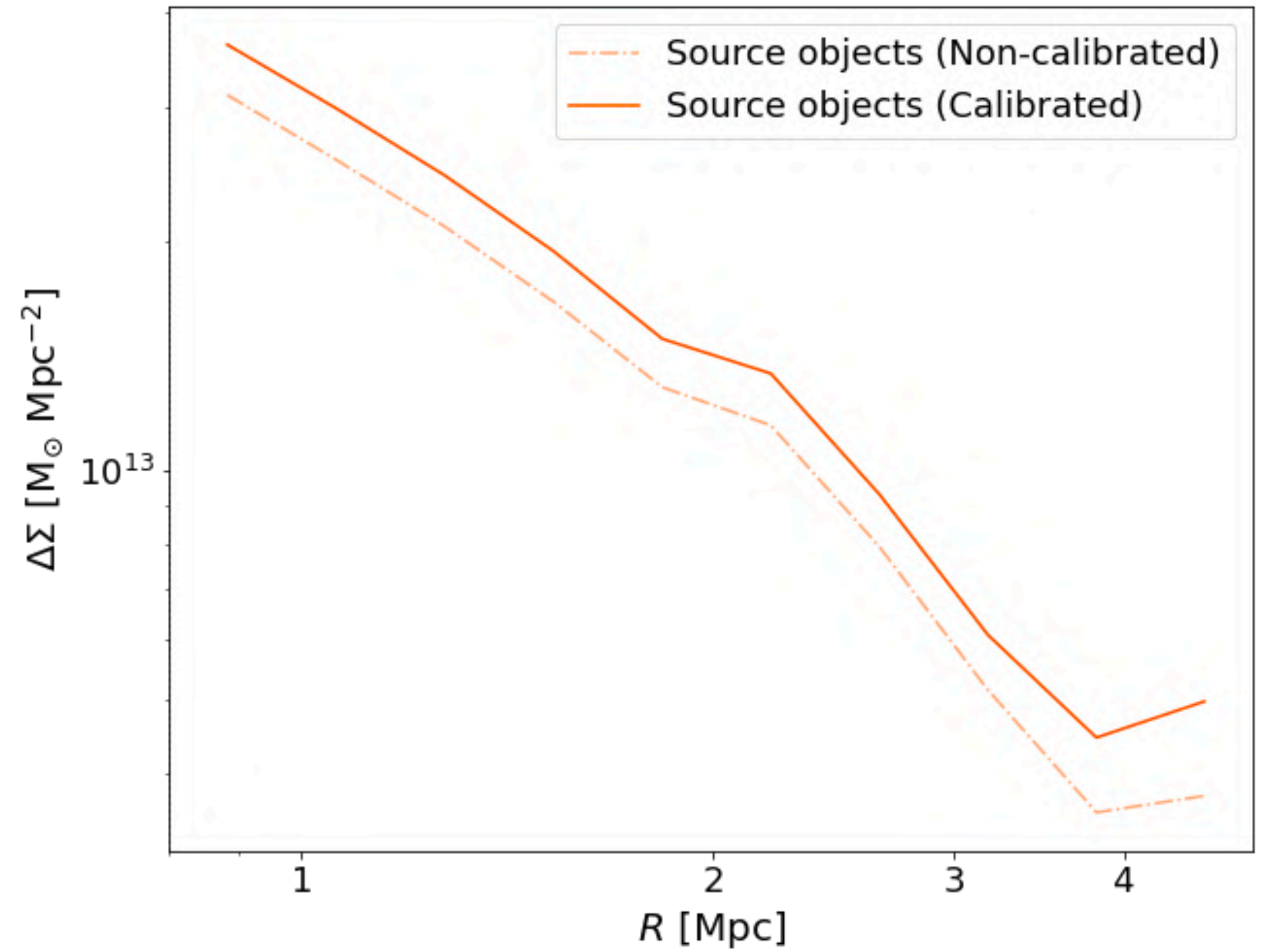
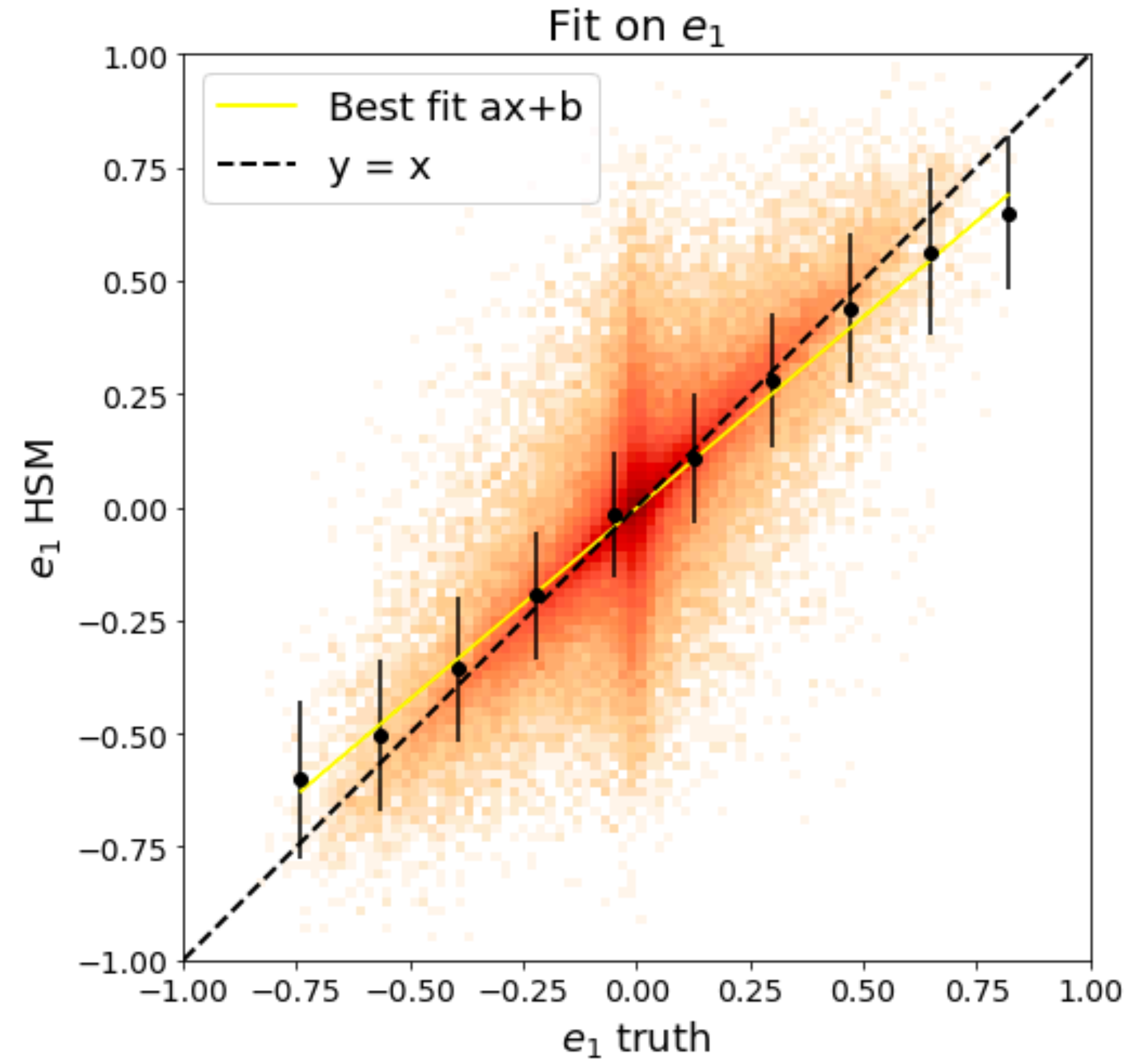


$$e_{HSM} = 0.85 \times e_{truth} - 0.003$$

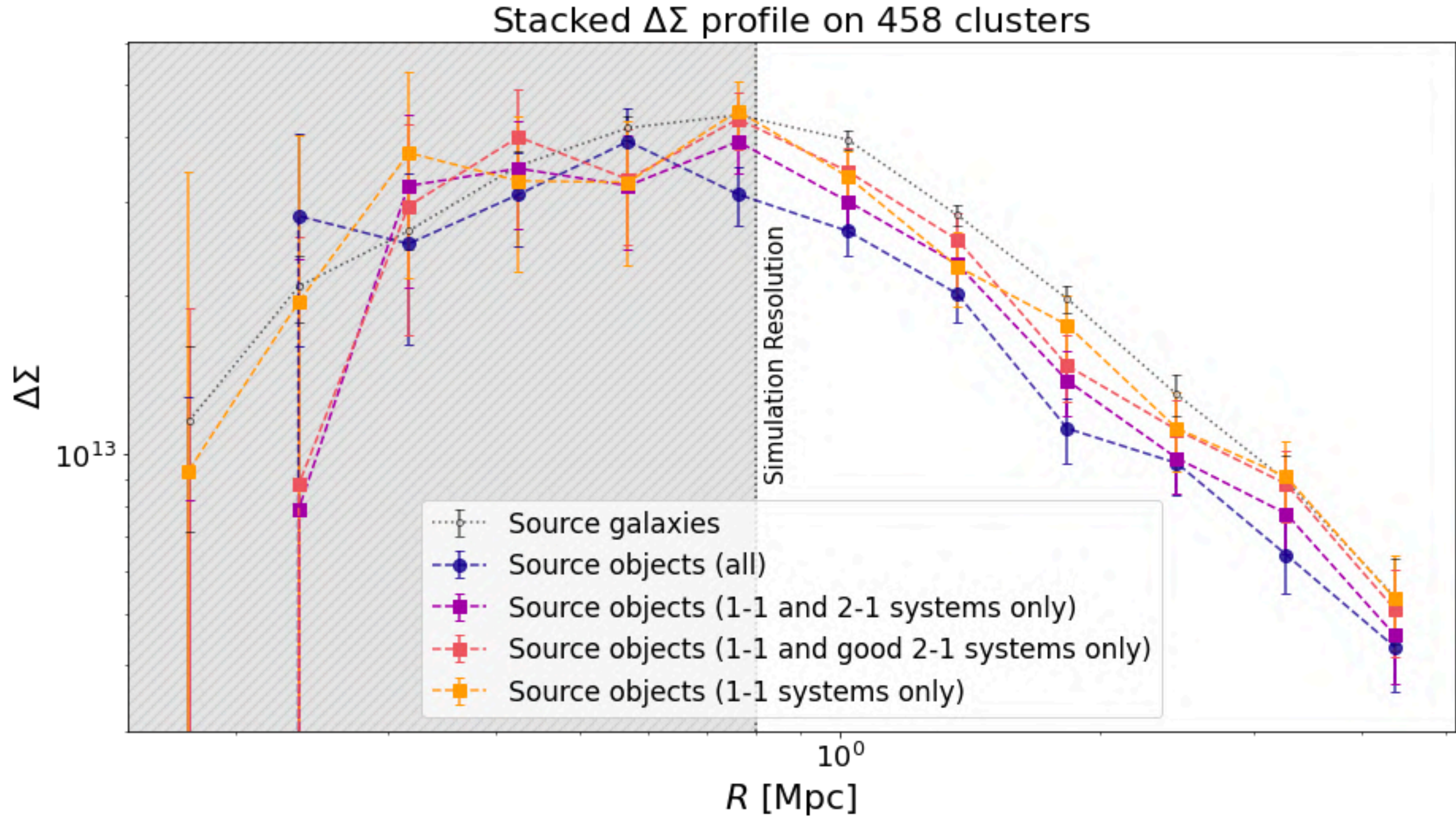


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Impact of systems on $\Delta\Sigma$ profiles



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