

# Gravity does it all: A Top-Down Multiscale Analysis of the Cosmic **Emergence**\* of Thin Galactic Discs.



New Horizon Simulation

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Order out of Chaos = Secular Disc Settling **explains tightness of scaling laws?**

\* **emergence** = the arising of novel and coherent structures through self-**organization** in complex systems



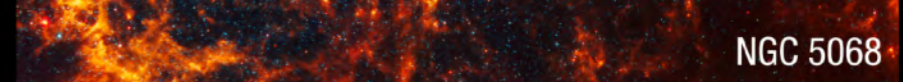
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NGC 1433



NGC 3627



# Context

Observation

A fragile object : with a significant axis ratio

Thin discs: an incongruous structure in a stochastic universe?

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One needs to form stars **AND** maintain them **in** the disc



flock



School

\* **Emergence:** arising of novel coherent (unlikely) structures through self-organisation



*Near phase transition  
in open dissipative systems.*

The **whole** does **not** simply behave like the **sum** of its parts!

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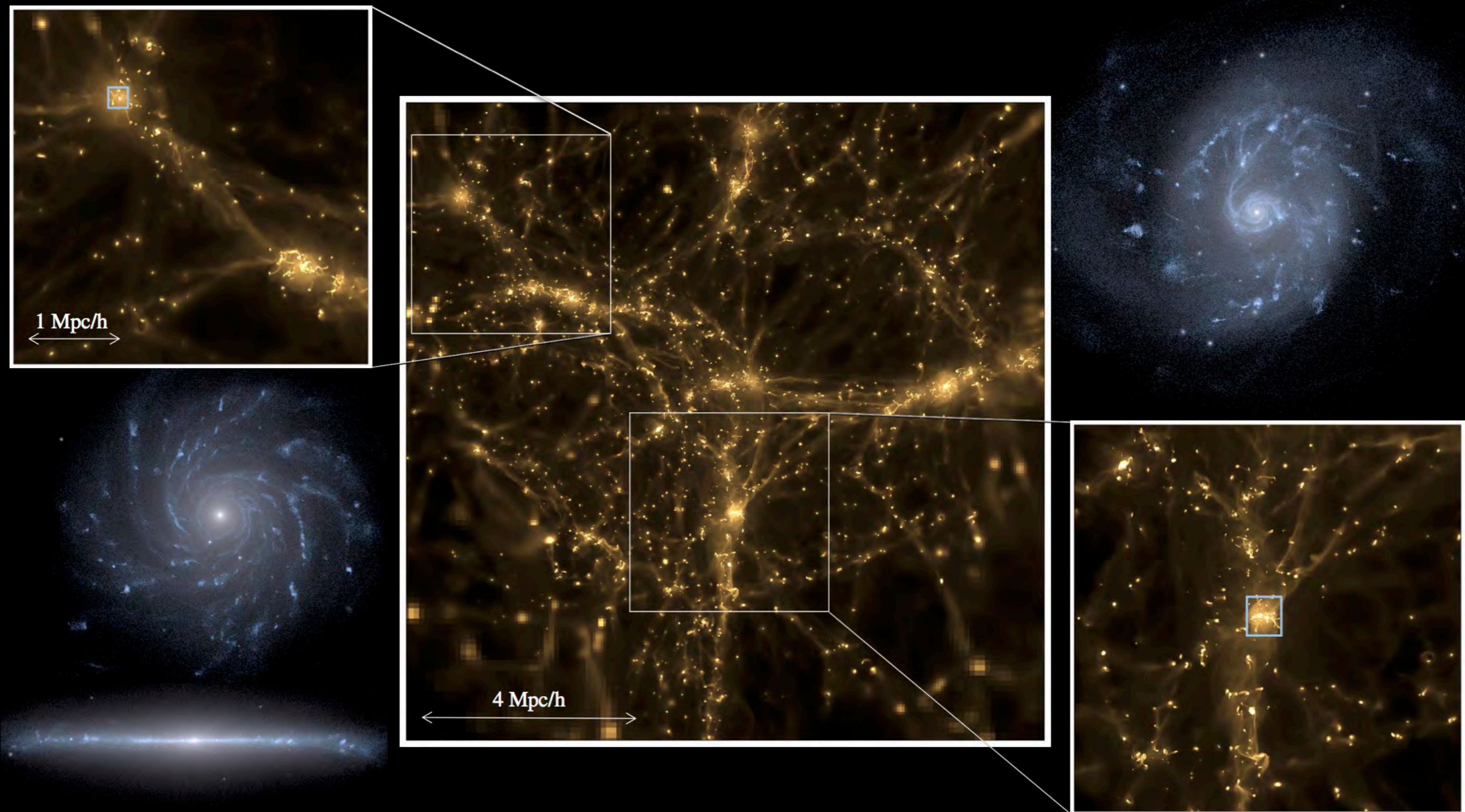
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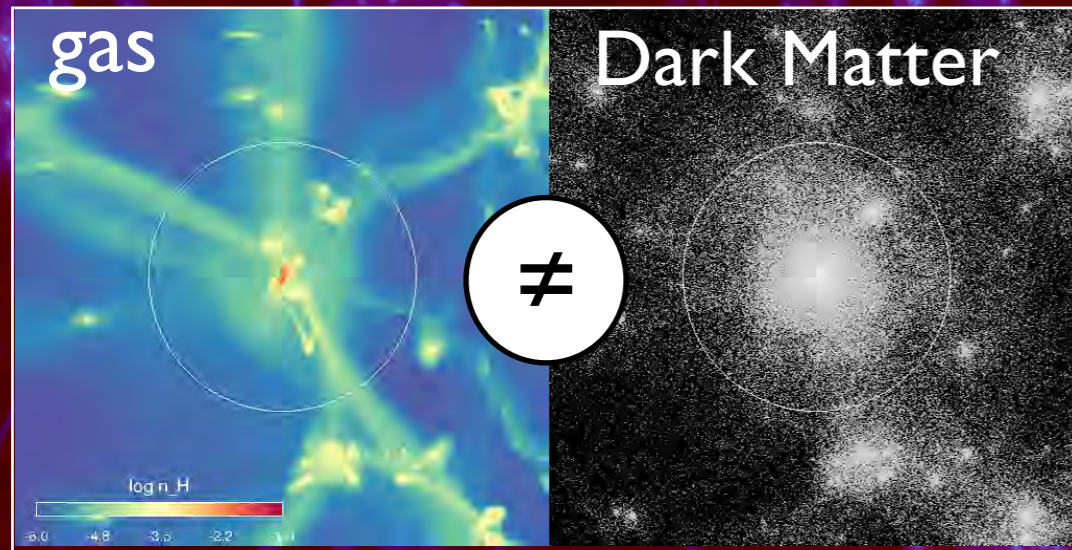




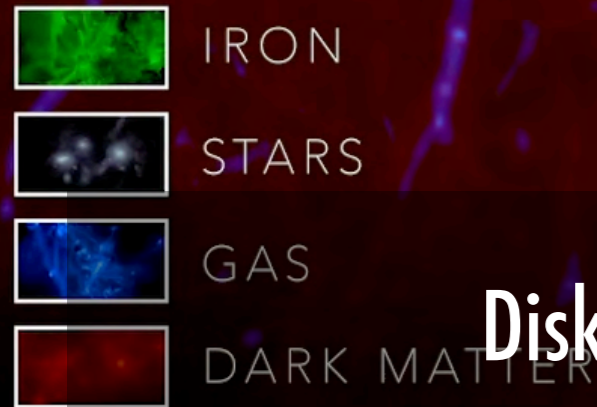
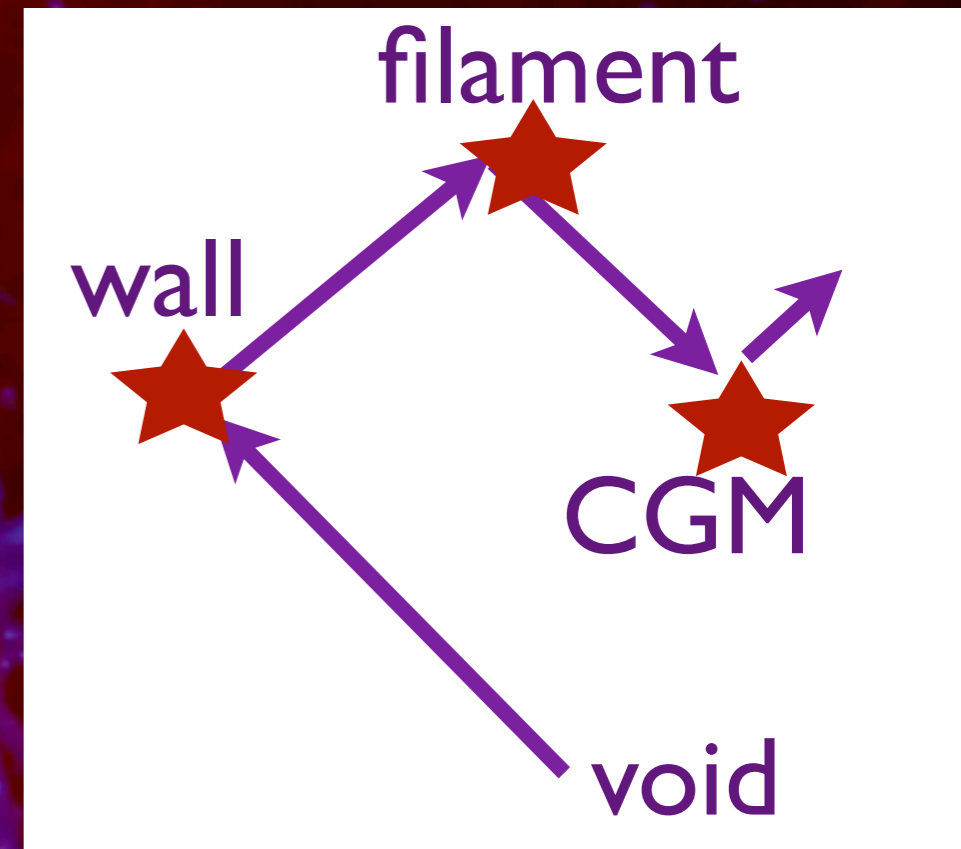
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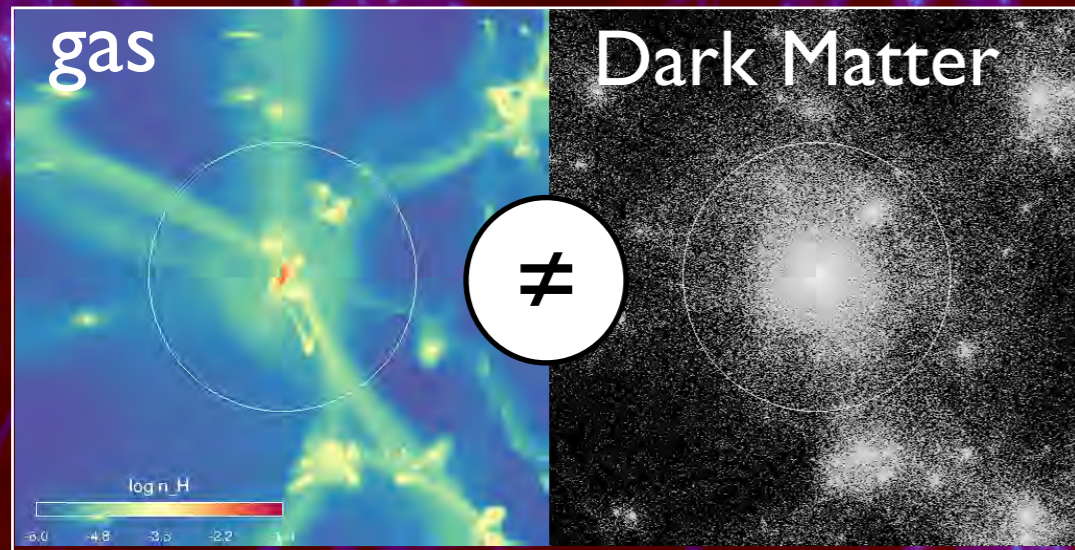
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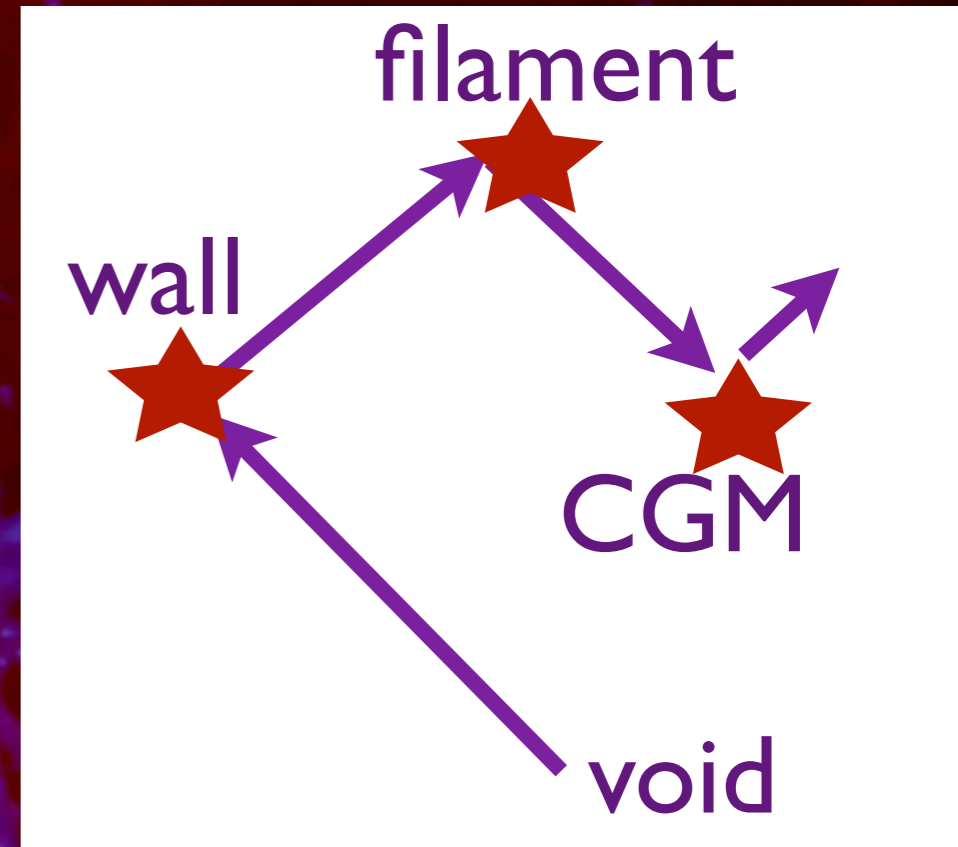
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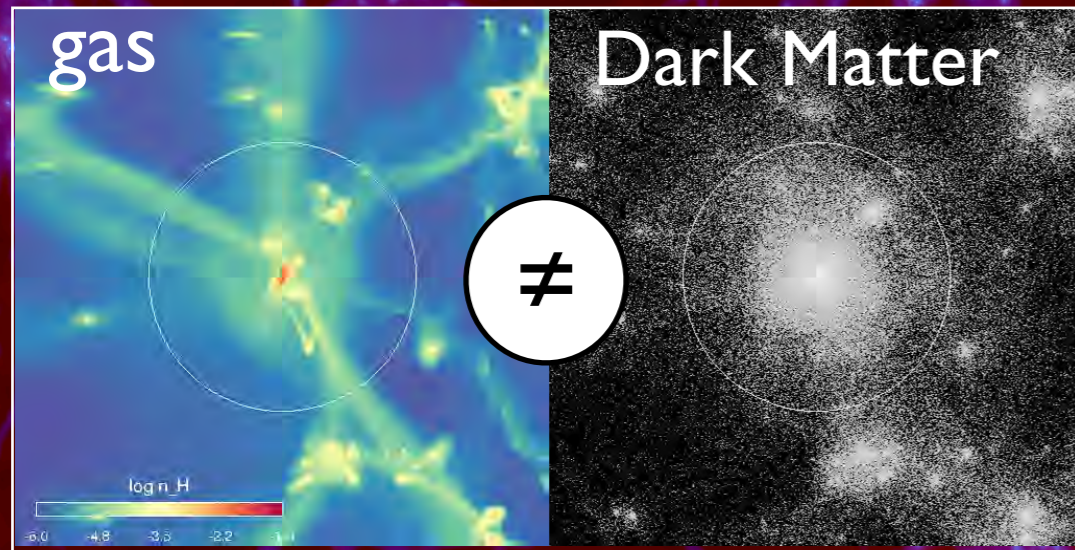
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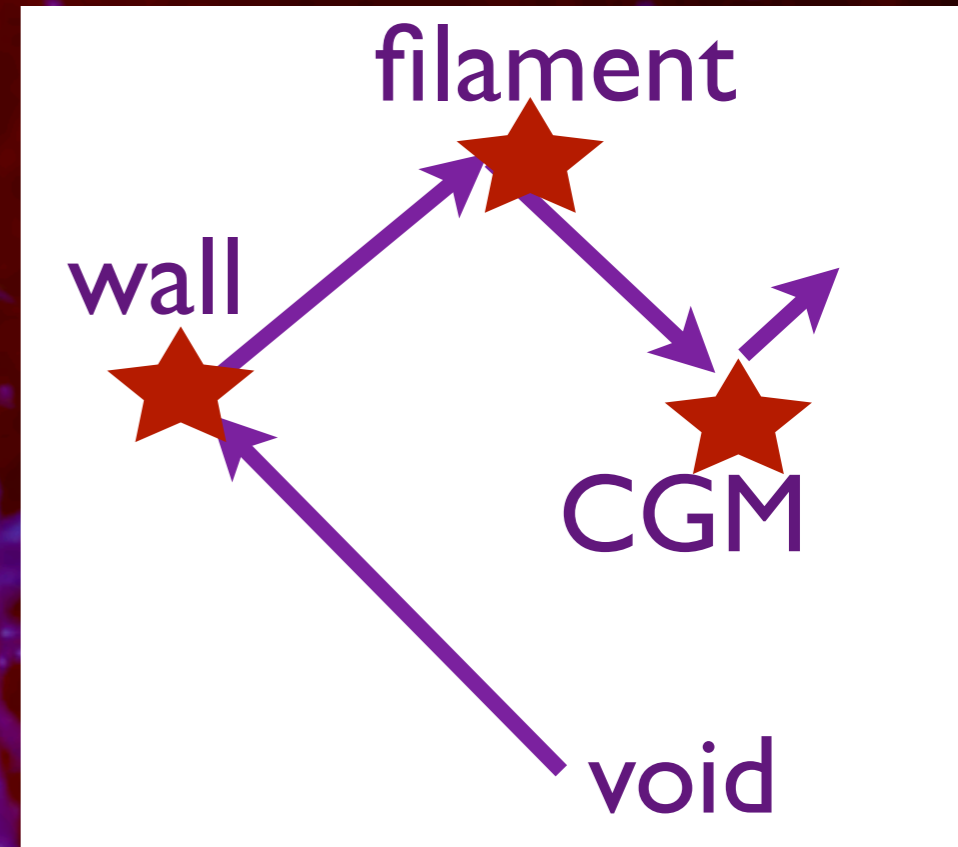
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# The impact of shocks in gaseous cosmic web

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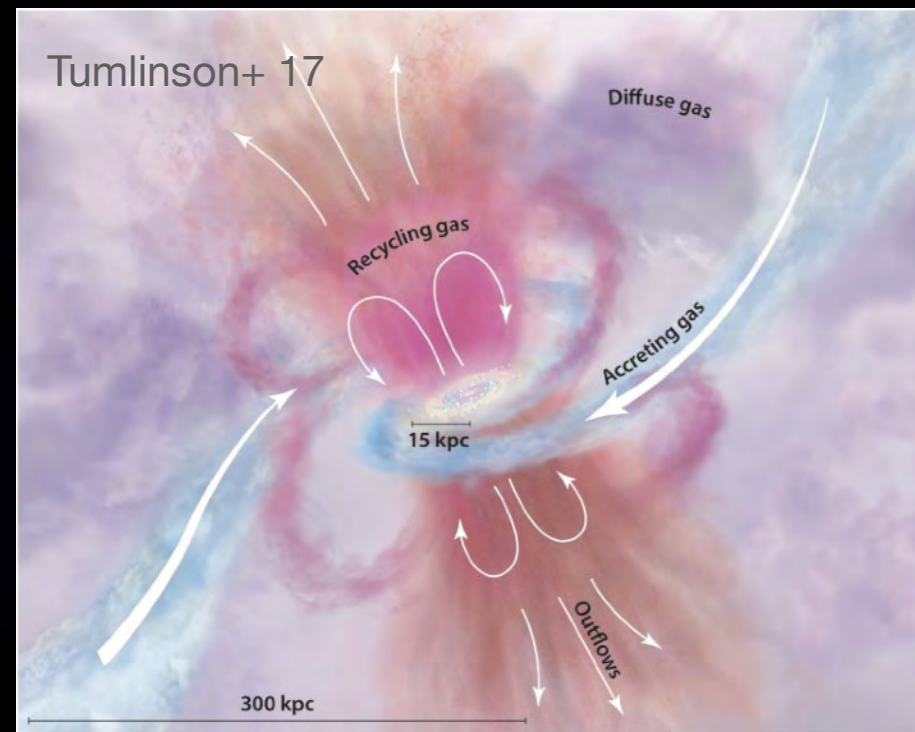
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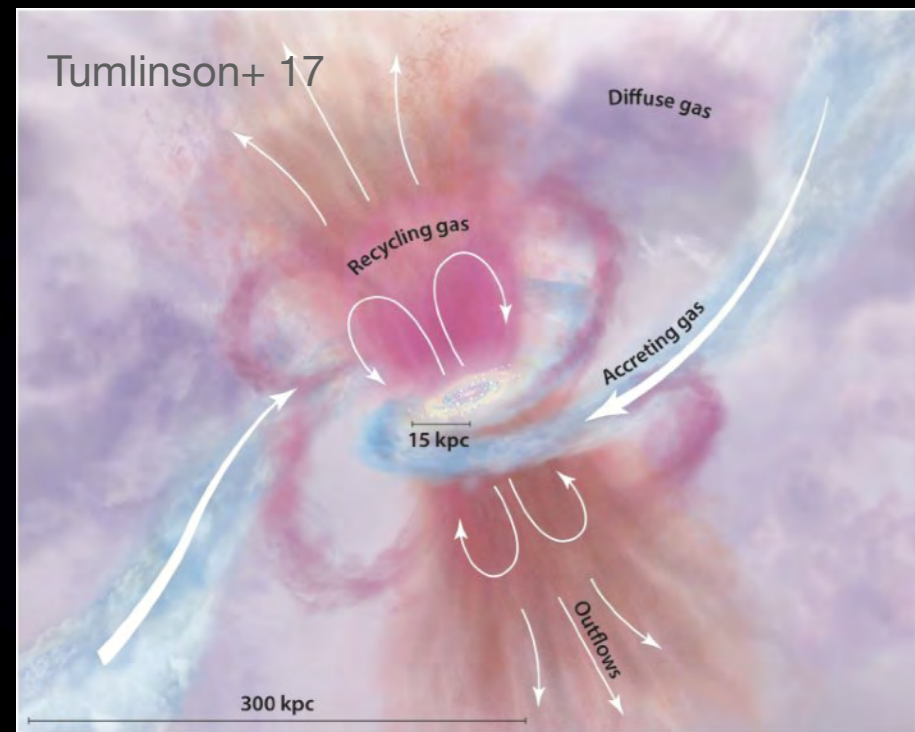


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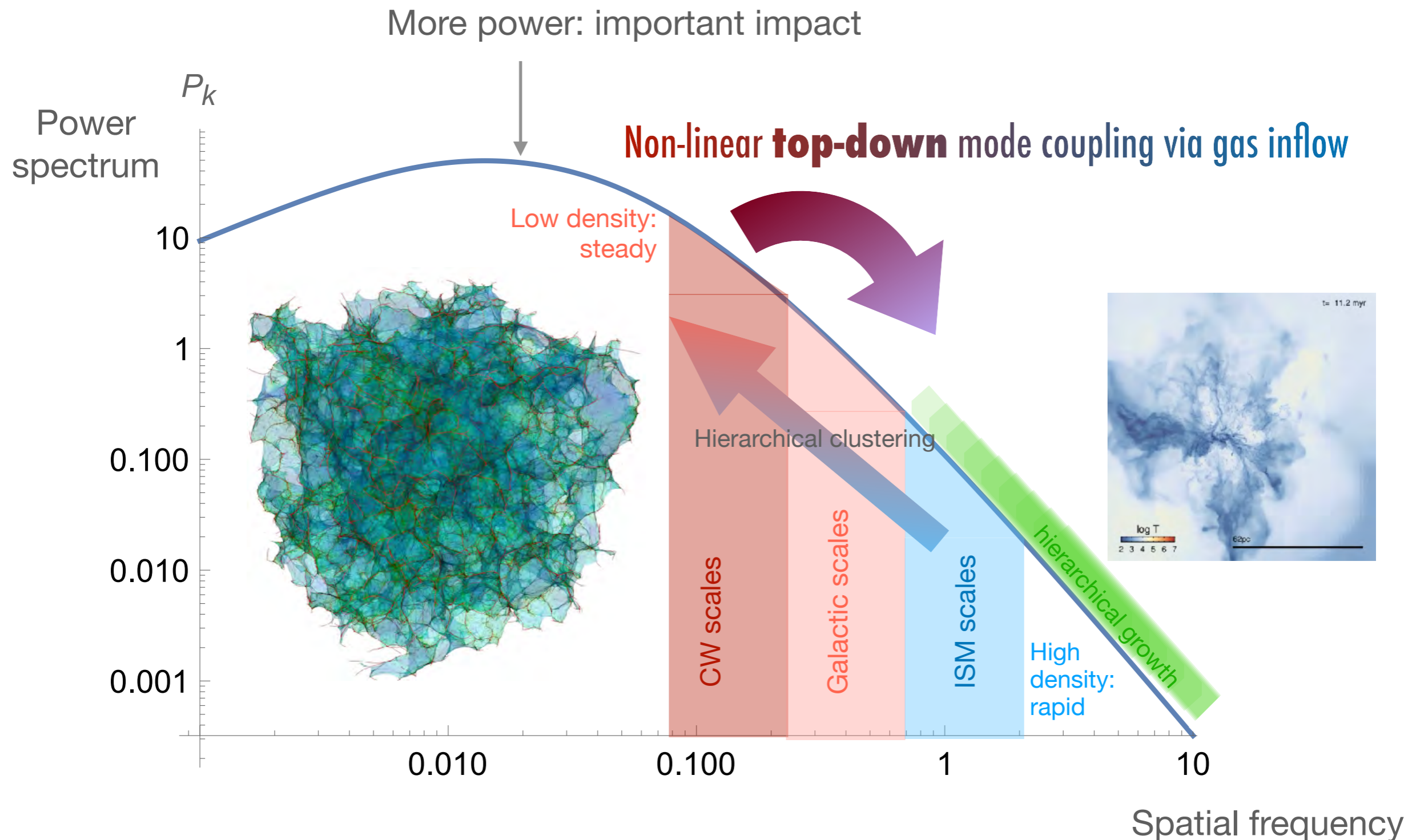
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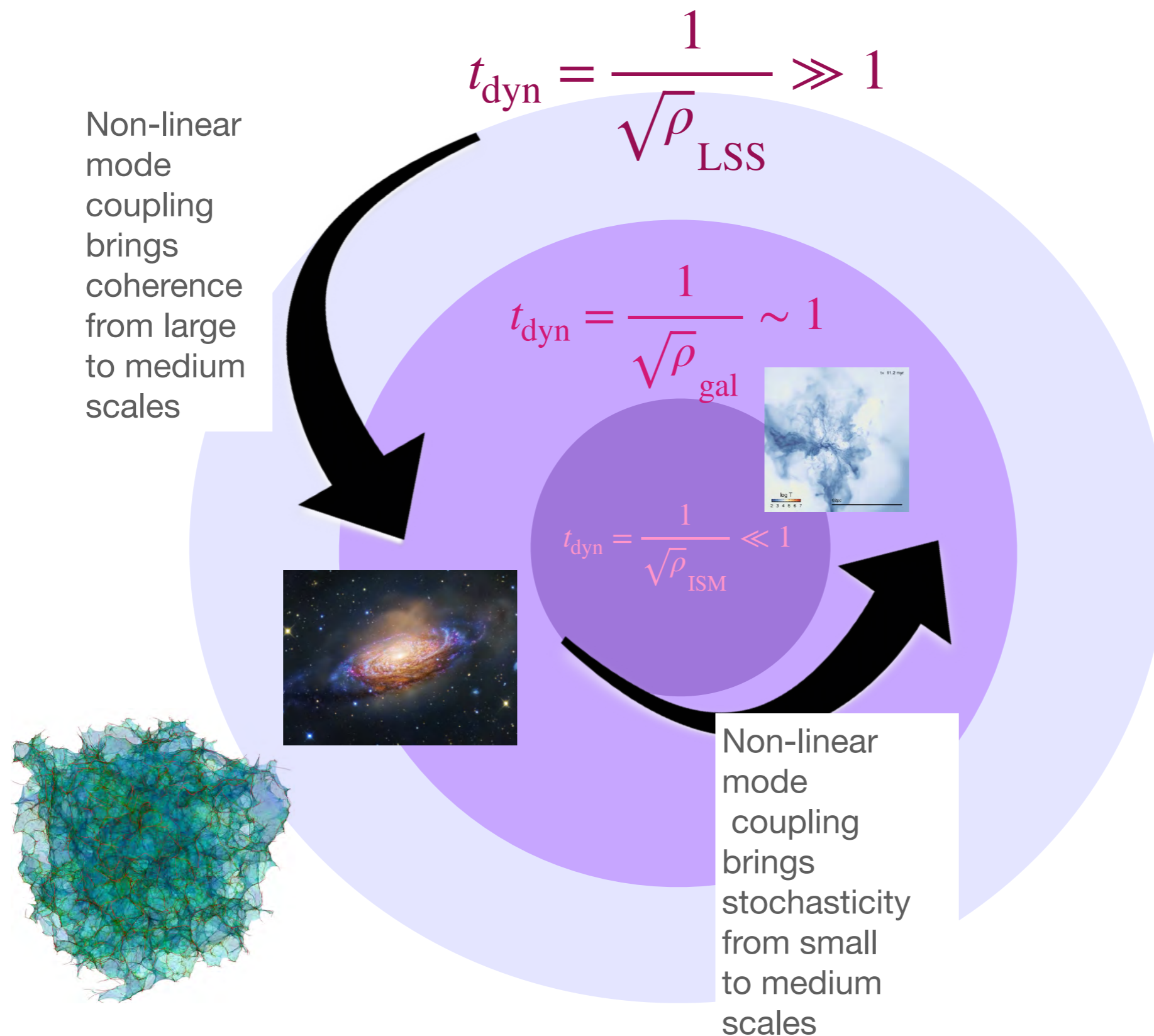
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On galactic scales, the **Shape** of initial  $P_k$  is such that galaxies **inherit stability** from LSS **via cold flows**





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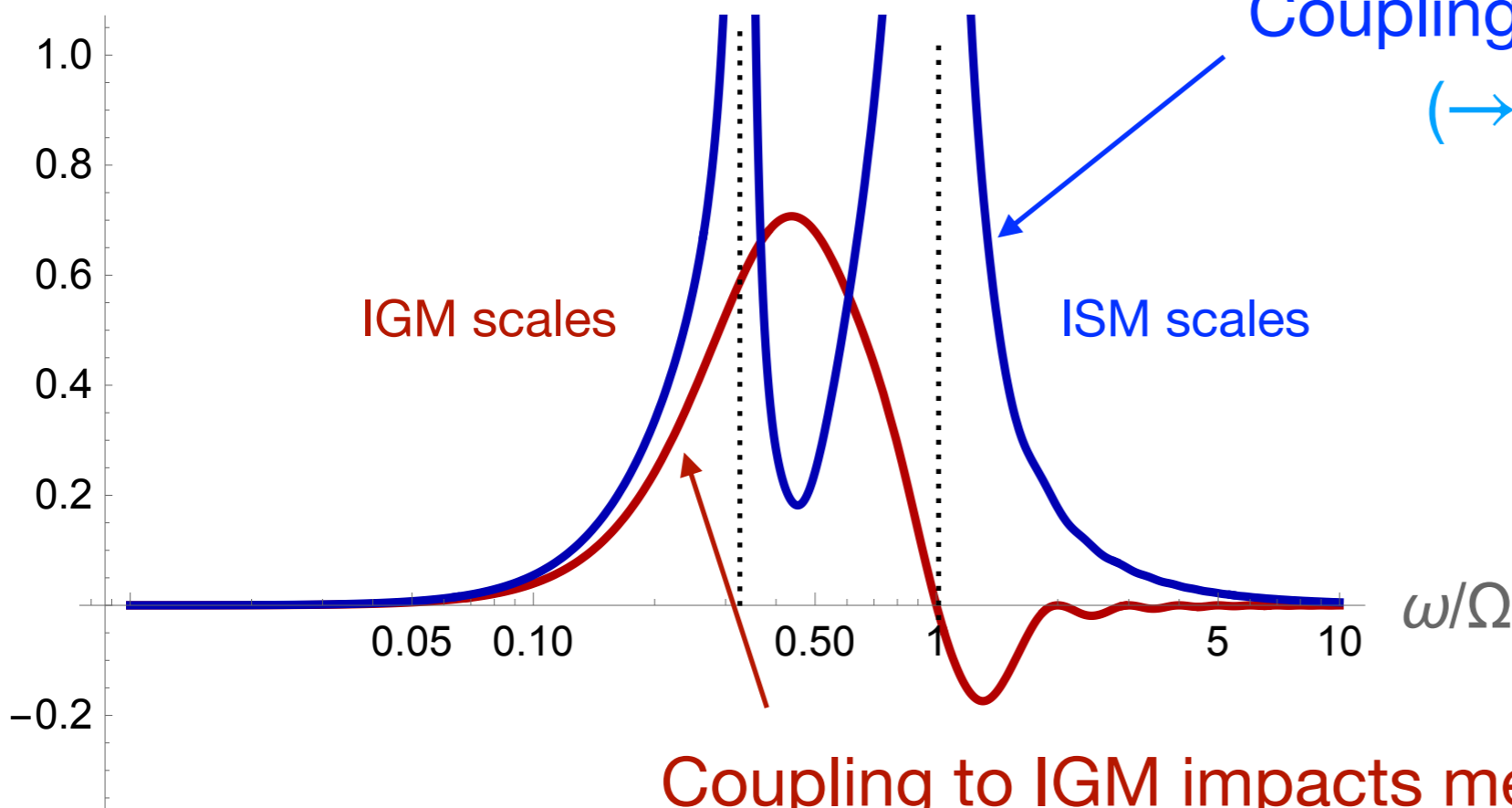
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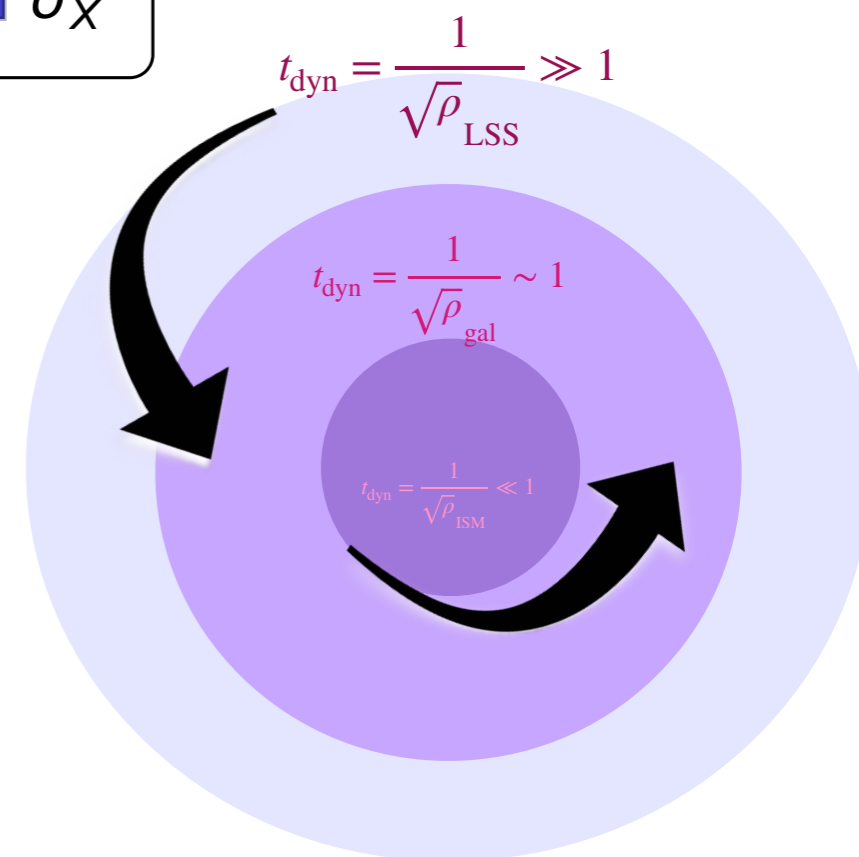
perturbative coupling to environment

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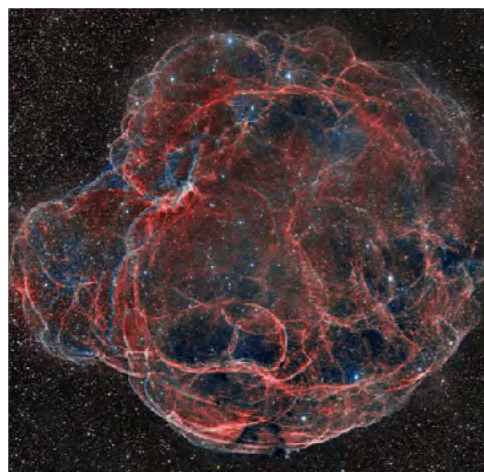
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$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{\sin^2(3\pi\omega)}{12\pi\omega(3\omega-1)(3\omega+1)} - \frac{3\sin^2(\pi\omega)}{4\pi(\omega-1)\omega(\omega+1)}$$

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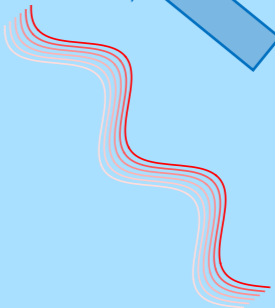


## Destabilising effects

- supernovae 
- Turbulence 
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- Minor merger
- accretion
- flybys 



## Stabilising effects

- Stellar formation 
- Cooling
- Shocks 
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- aligned accretion 

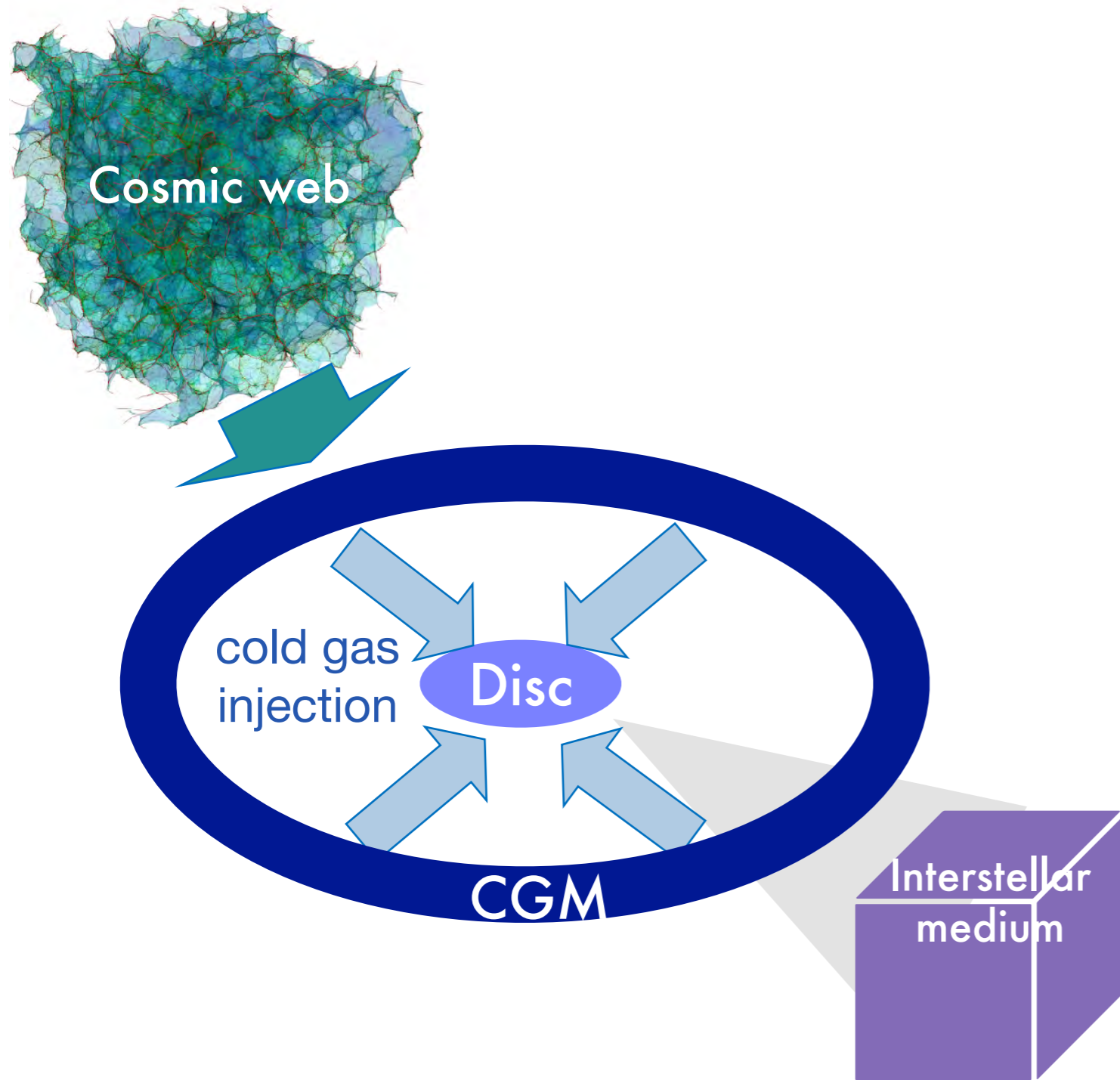
Cosmic perturbation



Free energy reservoir in CGM



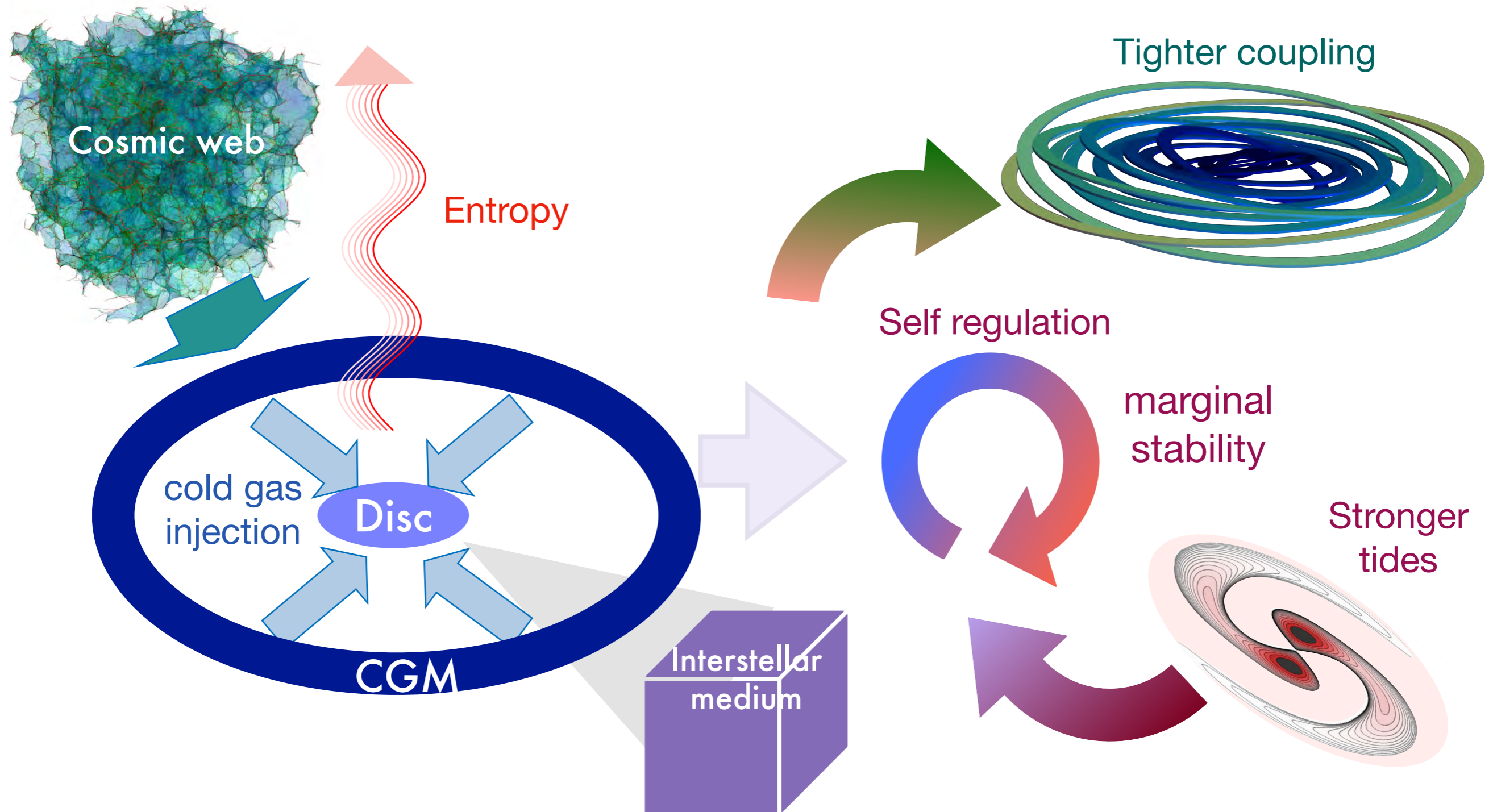
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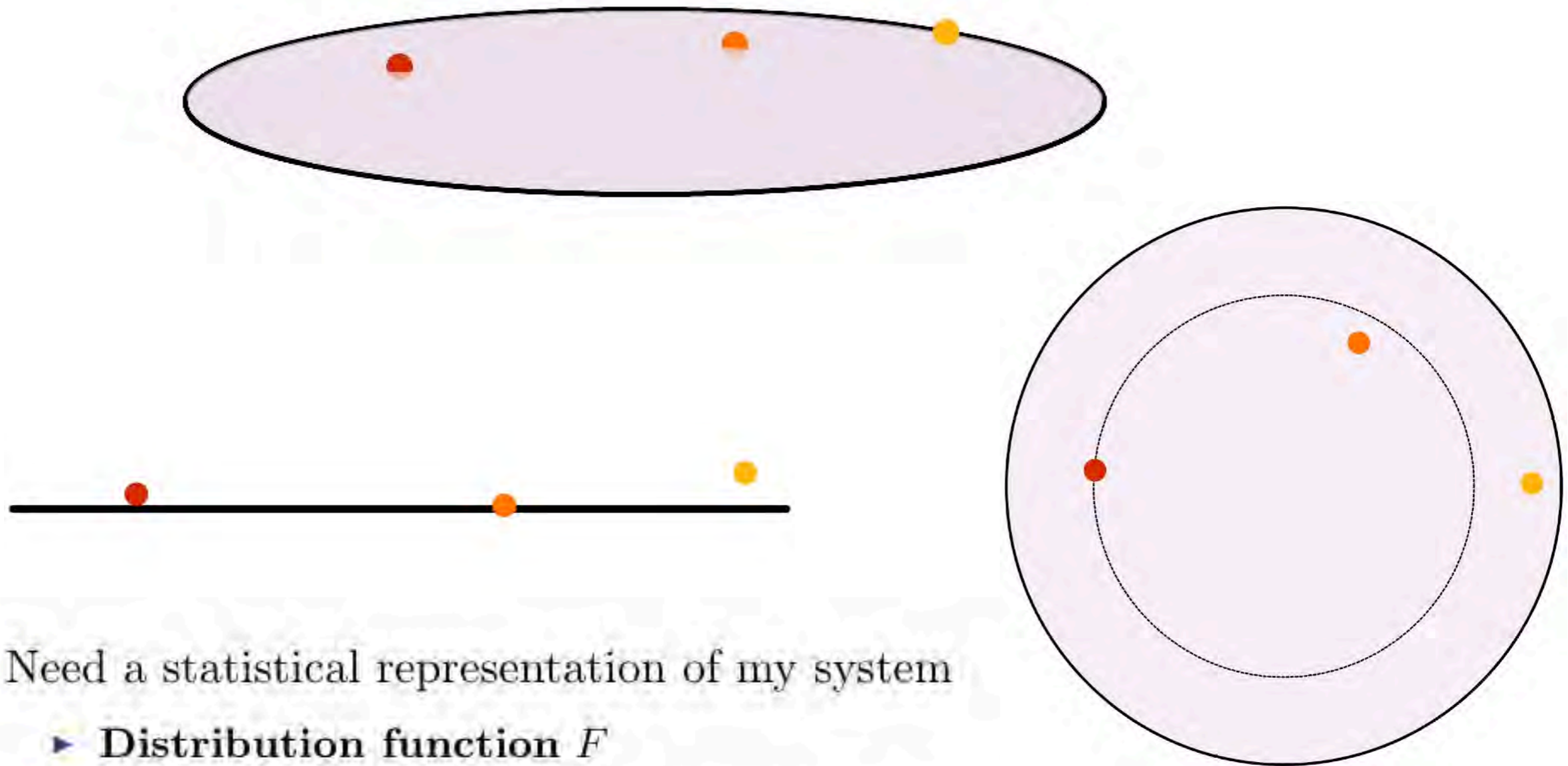
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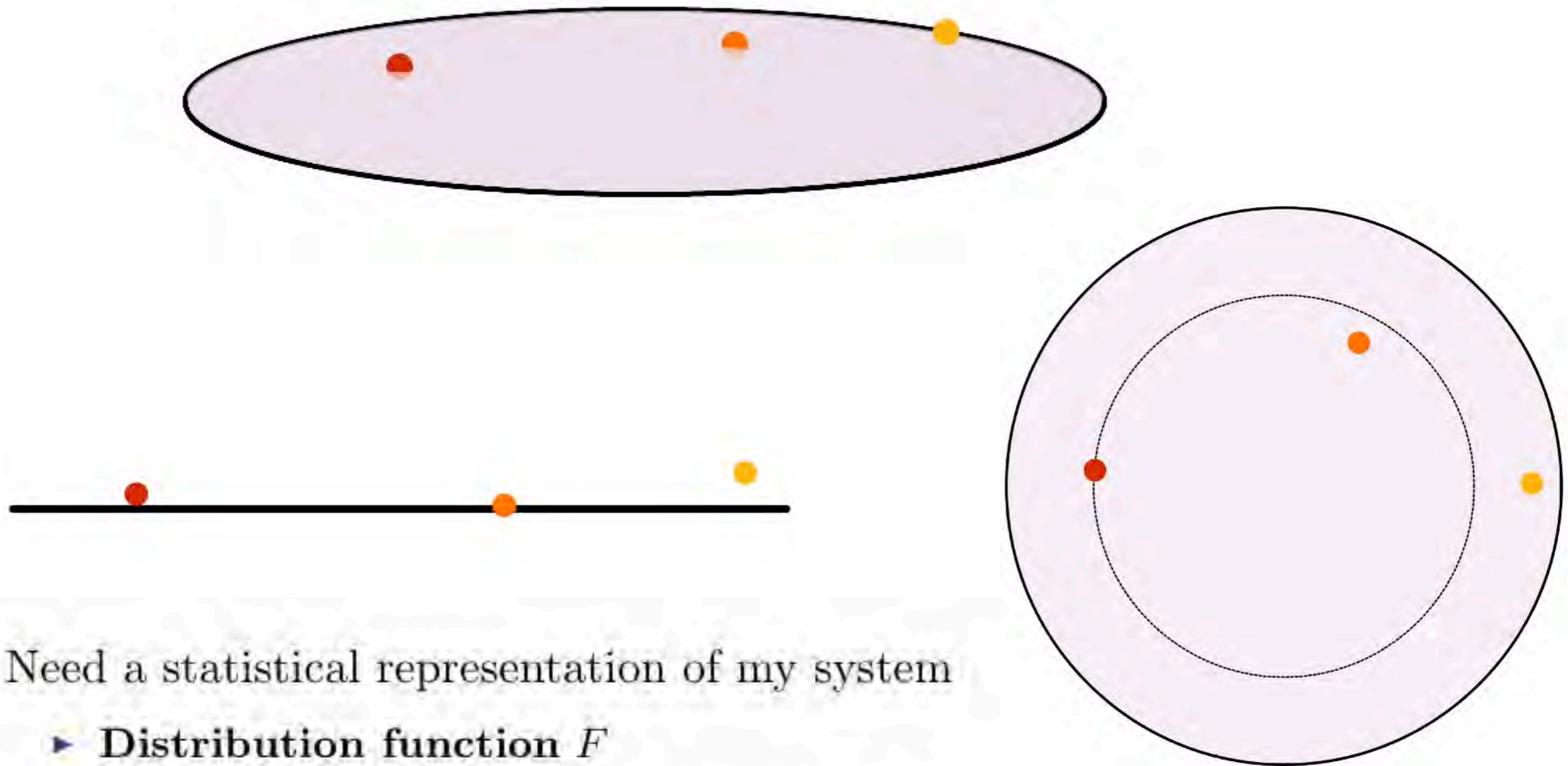


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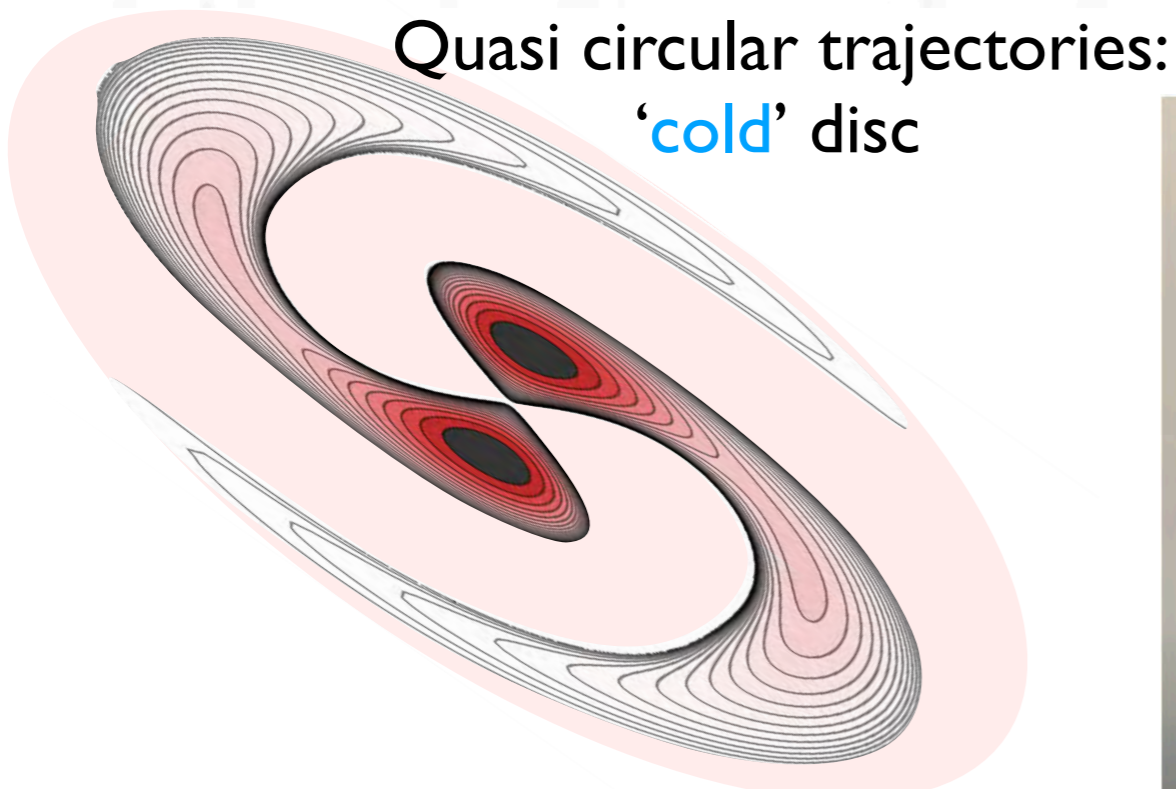
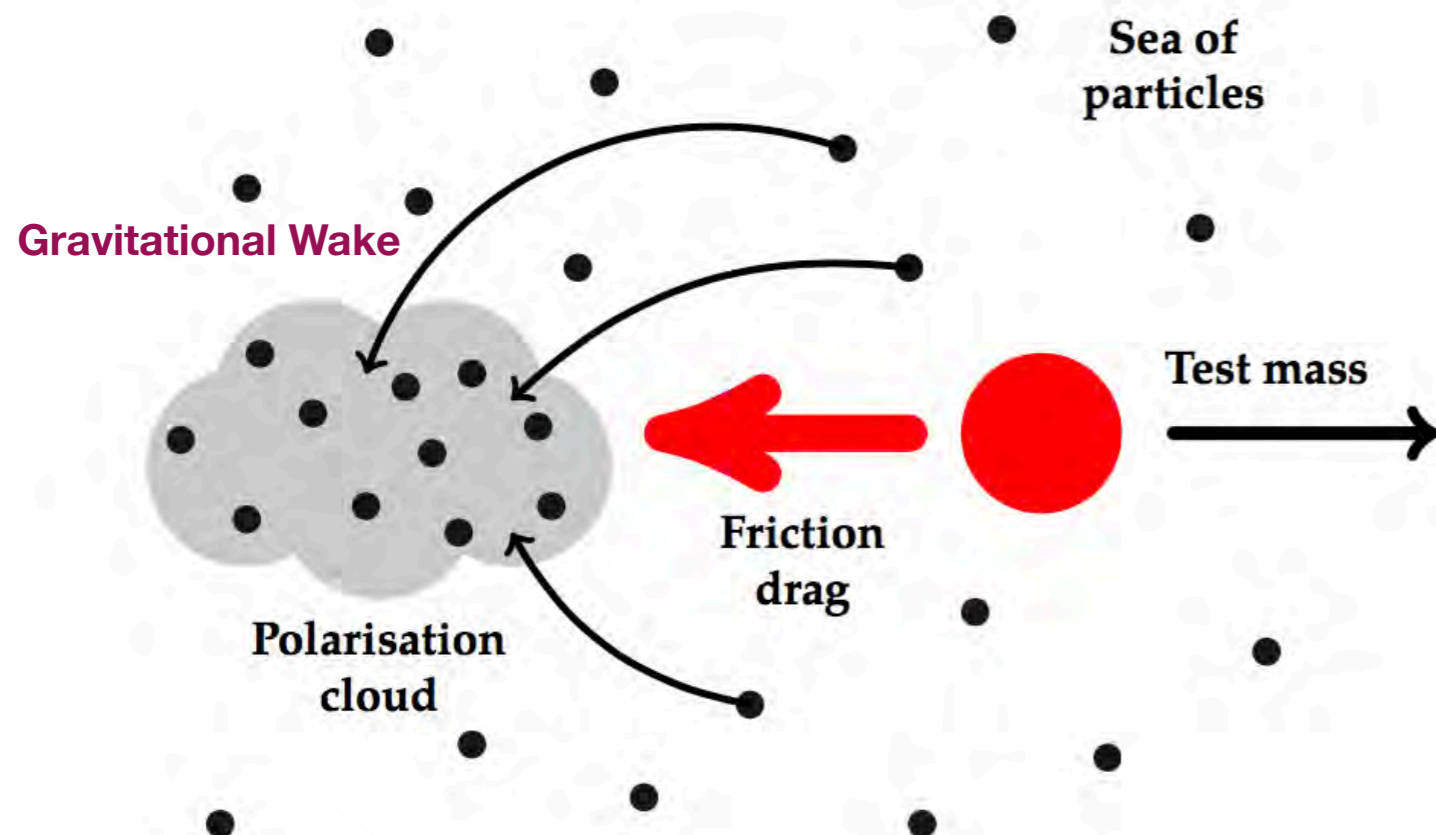
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## Chandrasekhar polarisation



→ No significant relative motion to oppose gravitation



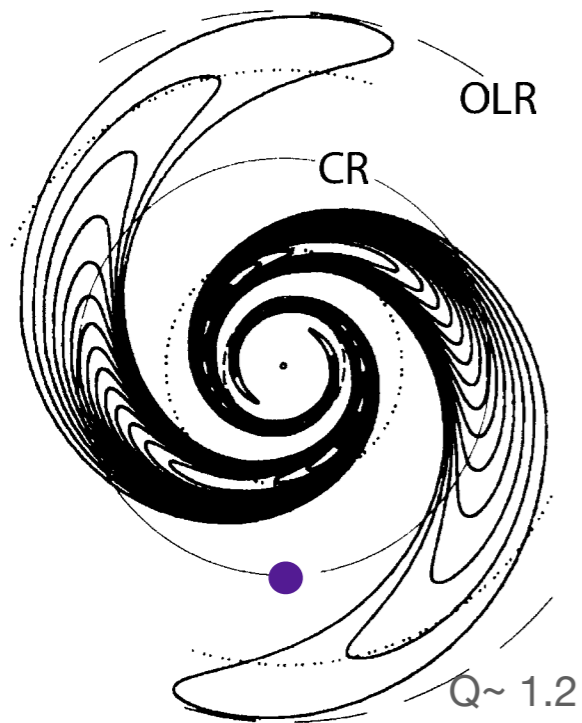


Quasi circular Trajectories: 'cold' disc

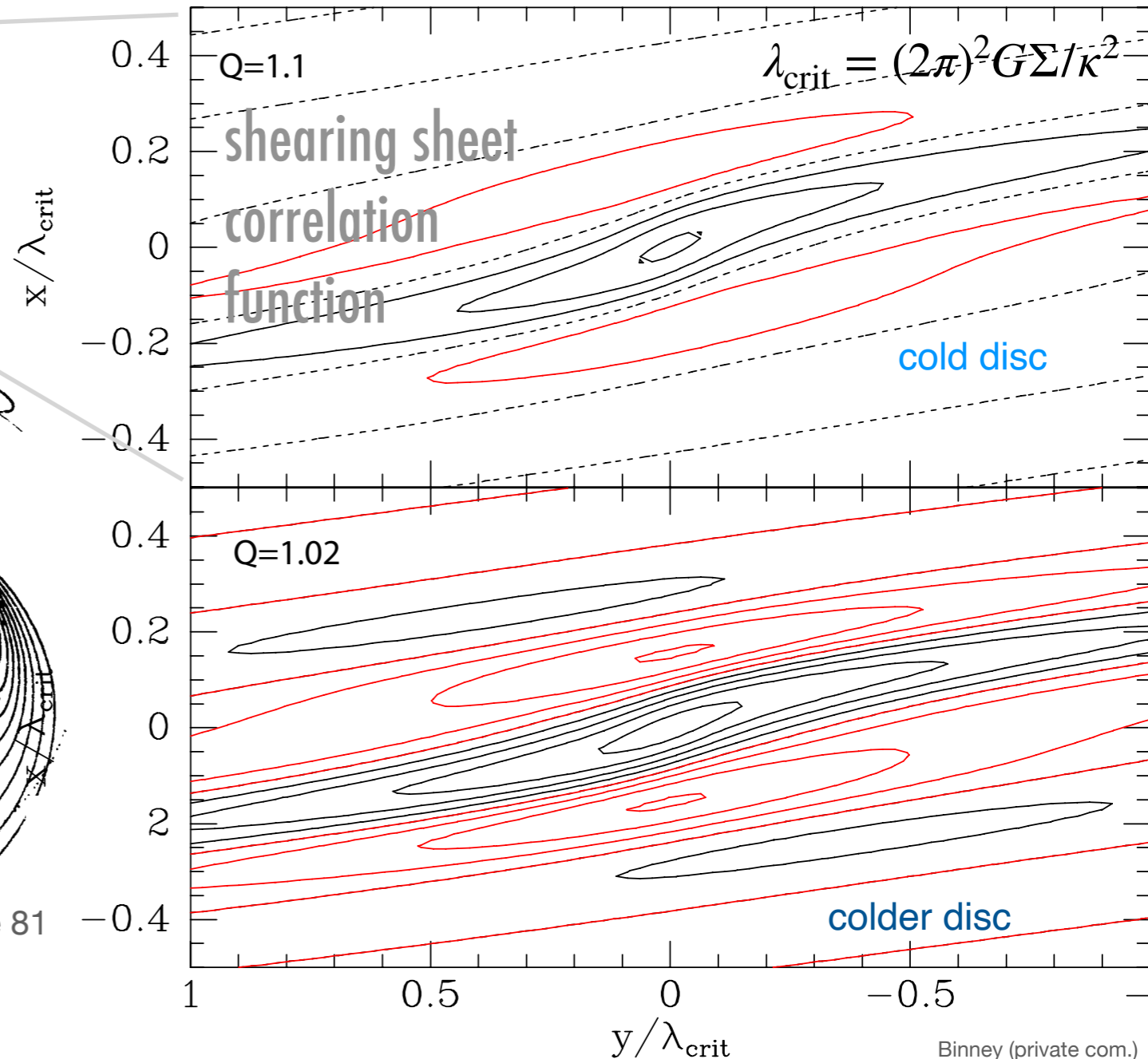
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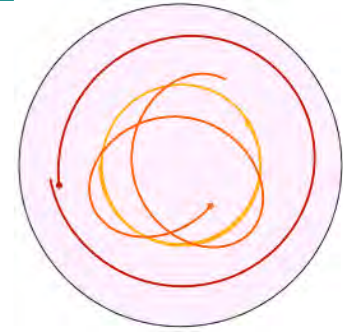
- colder disc means **larger** wake
- colder disc means **stronger** wake
- colder disc means **shorter** dynamical time

Mass in **wake** = mass in perturbation **X 30 !!** Kalnajs



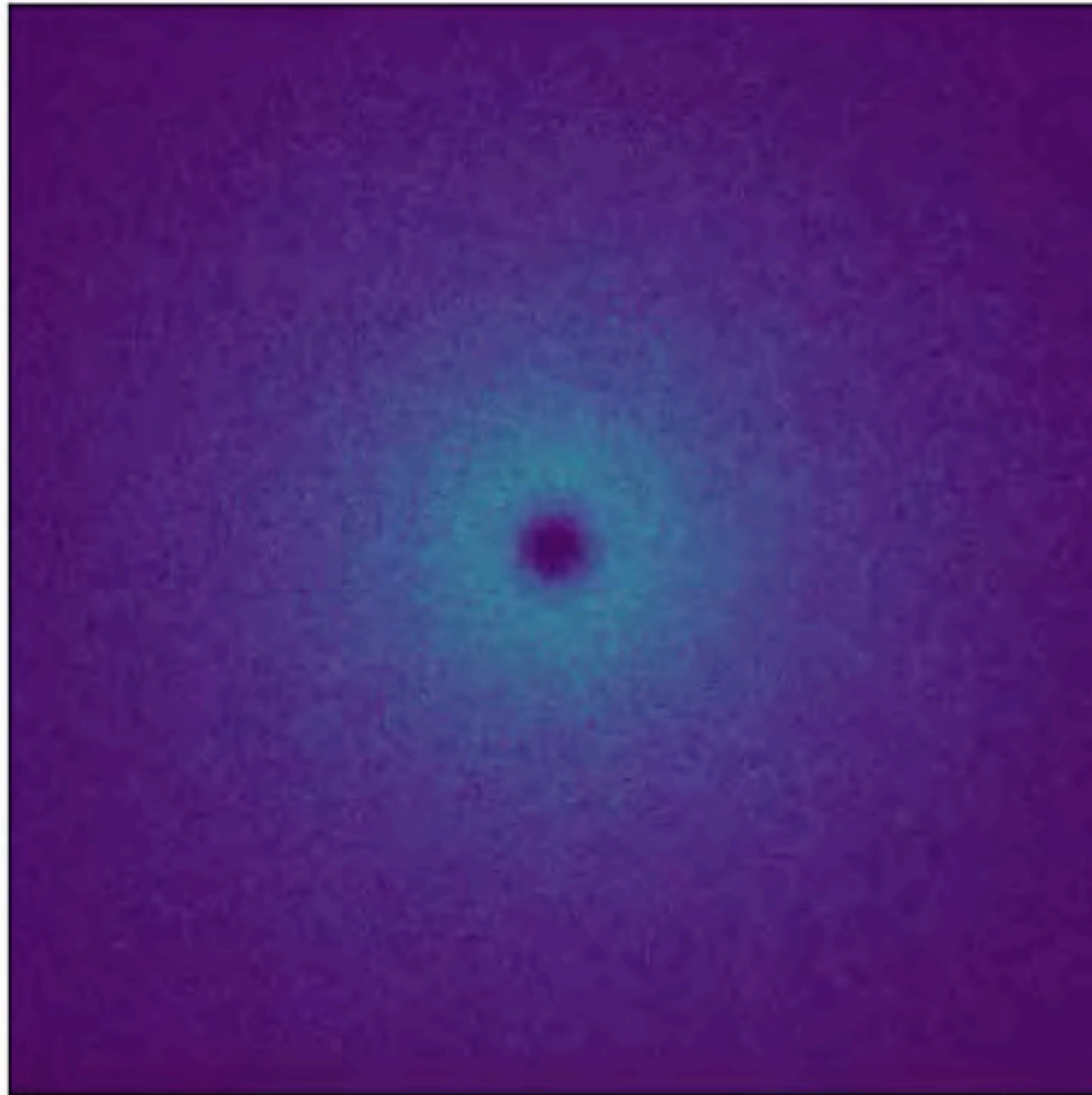
→ long range **correlations**





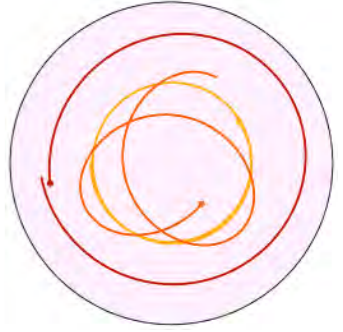
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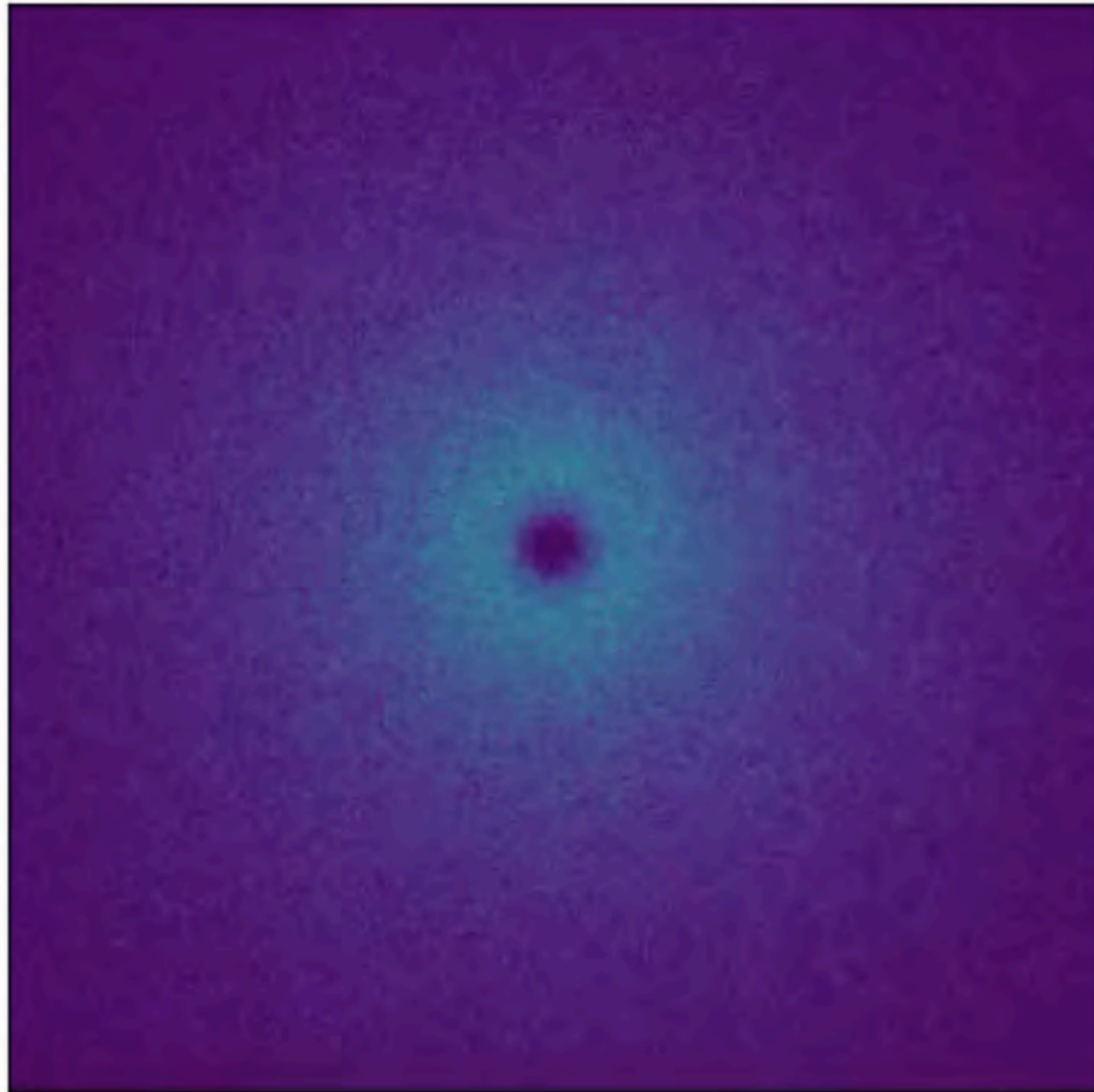
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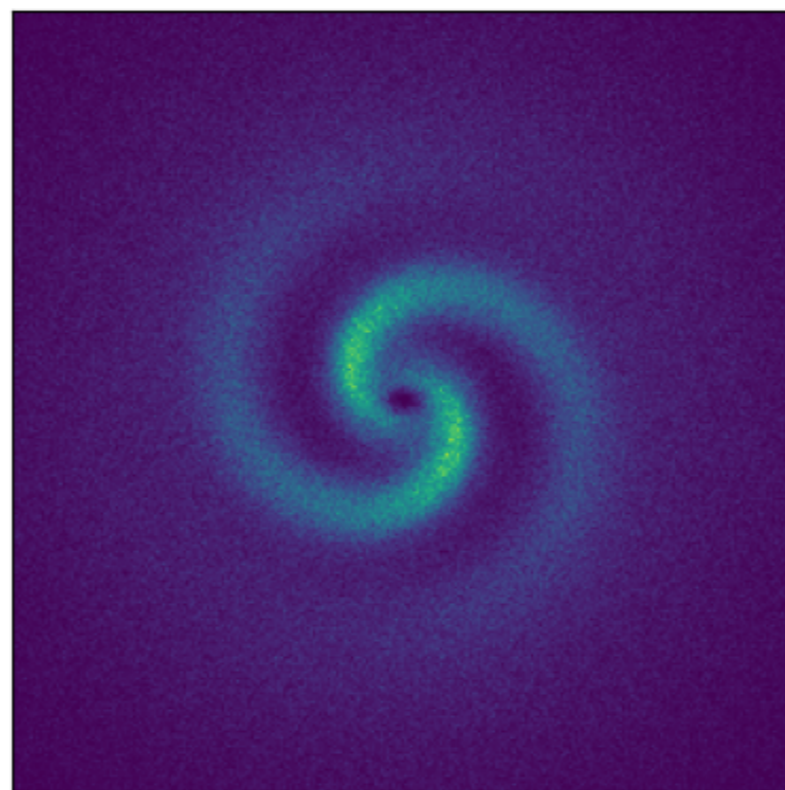
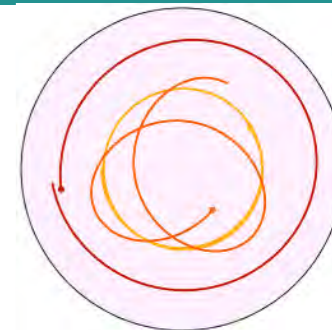
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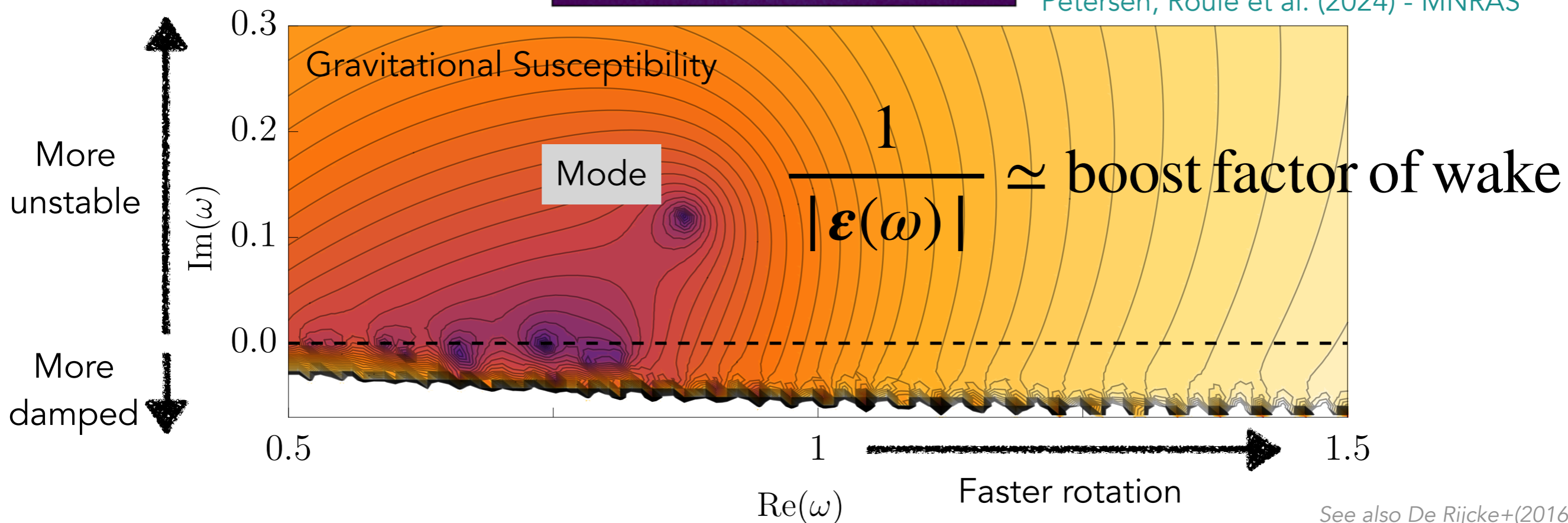
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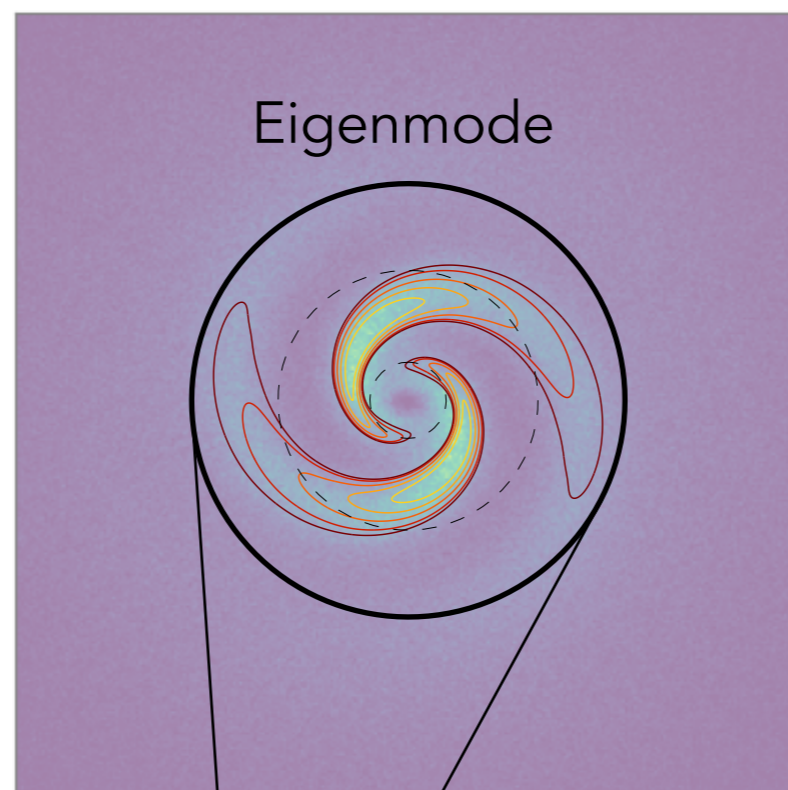
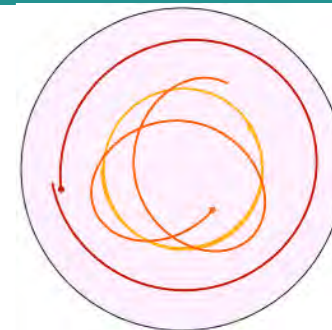
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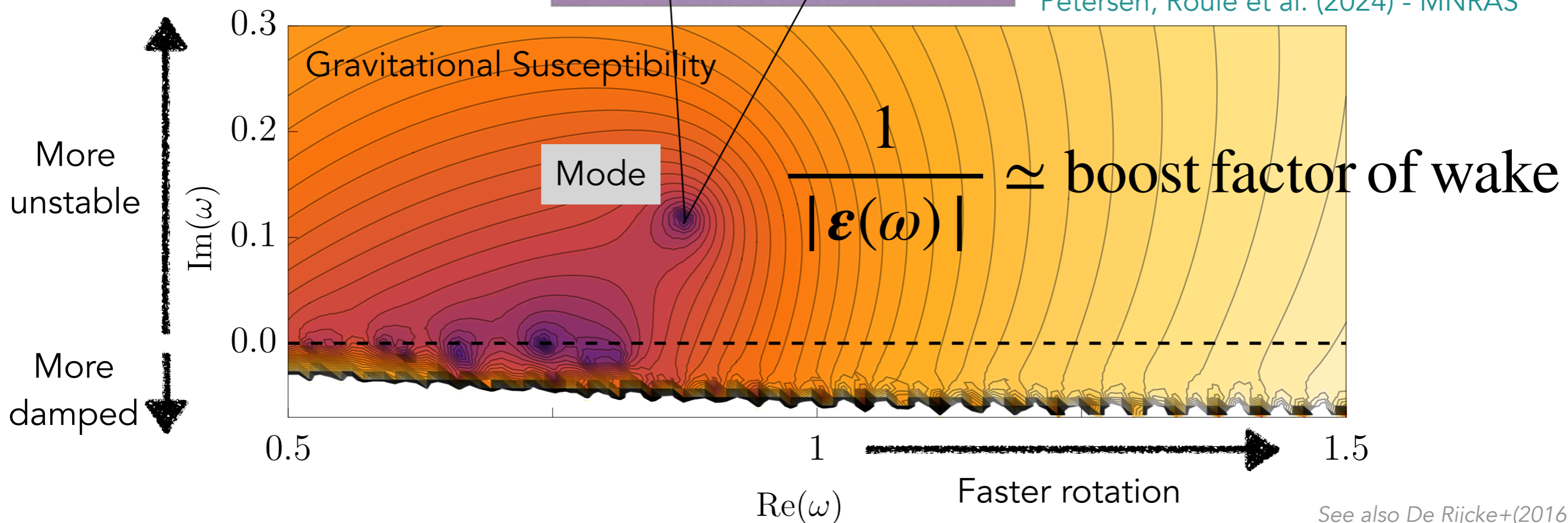
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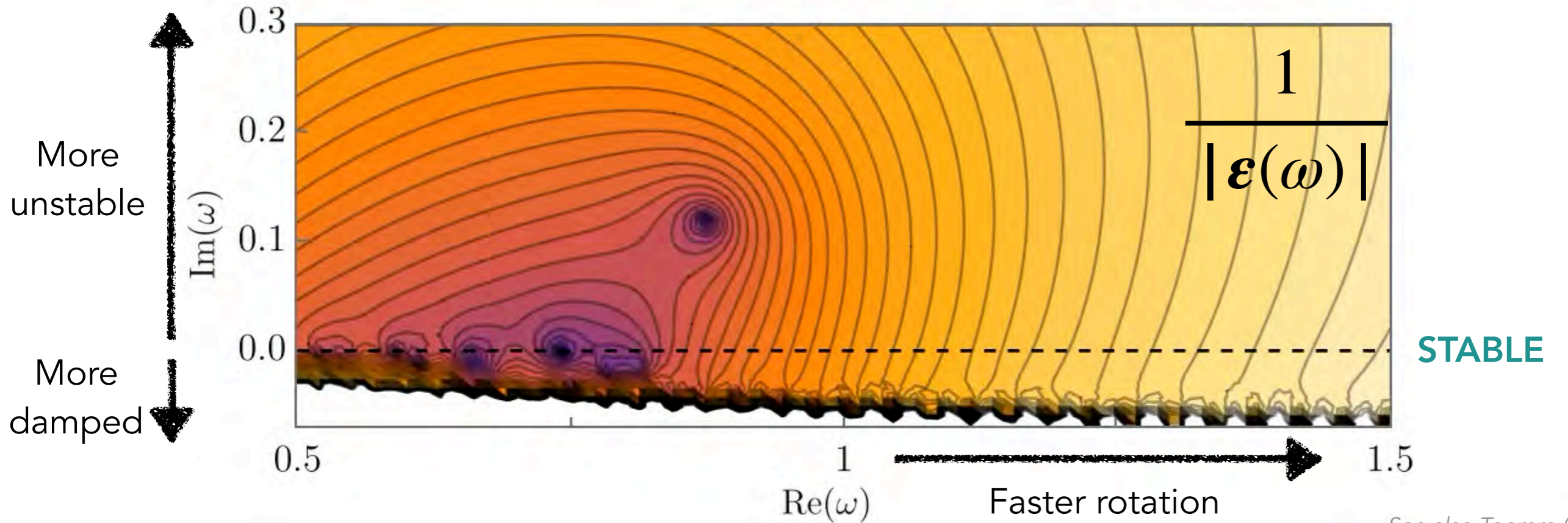
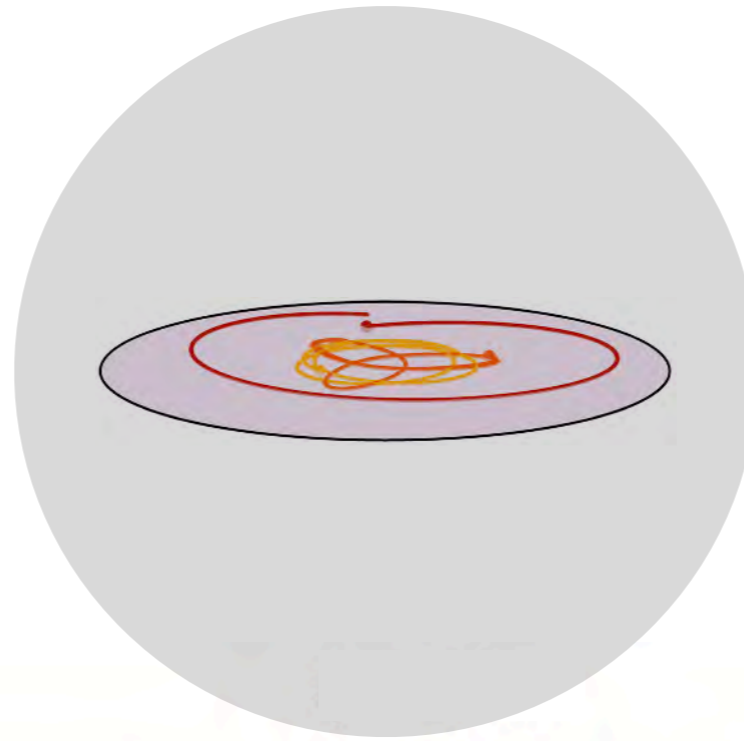
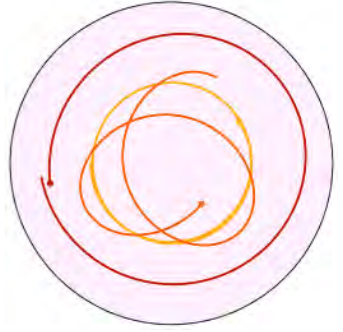


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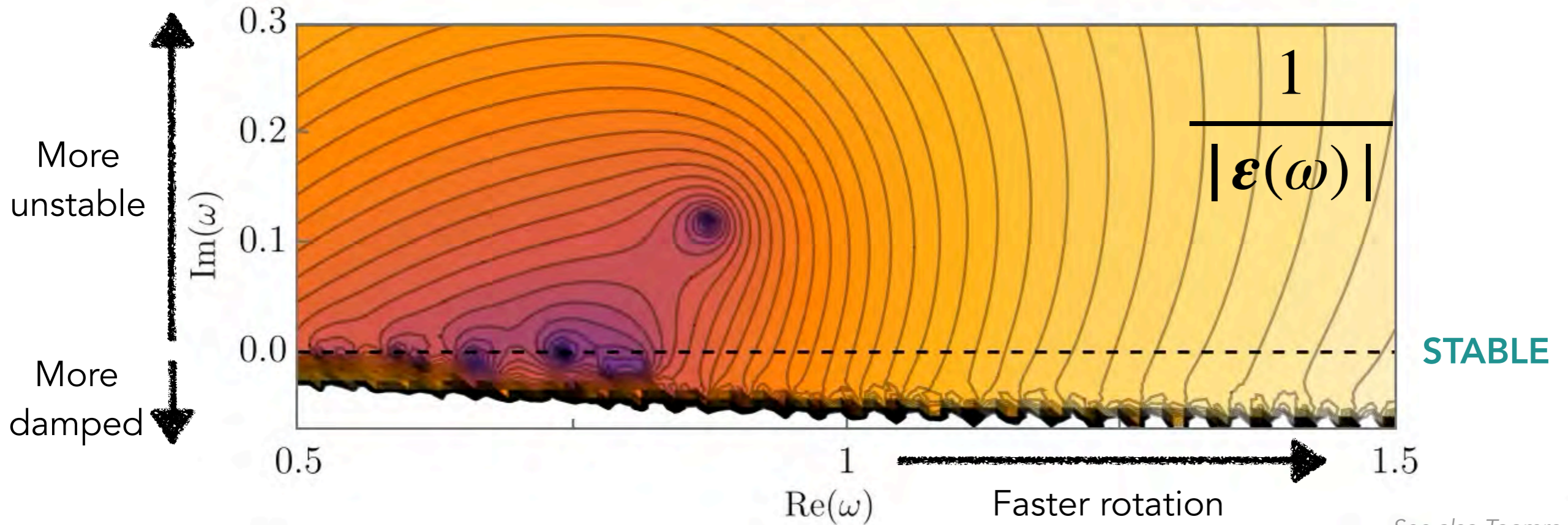
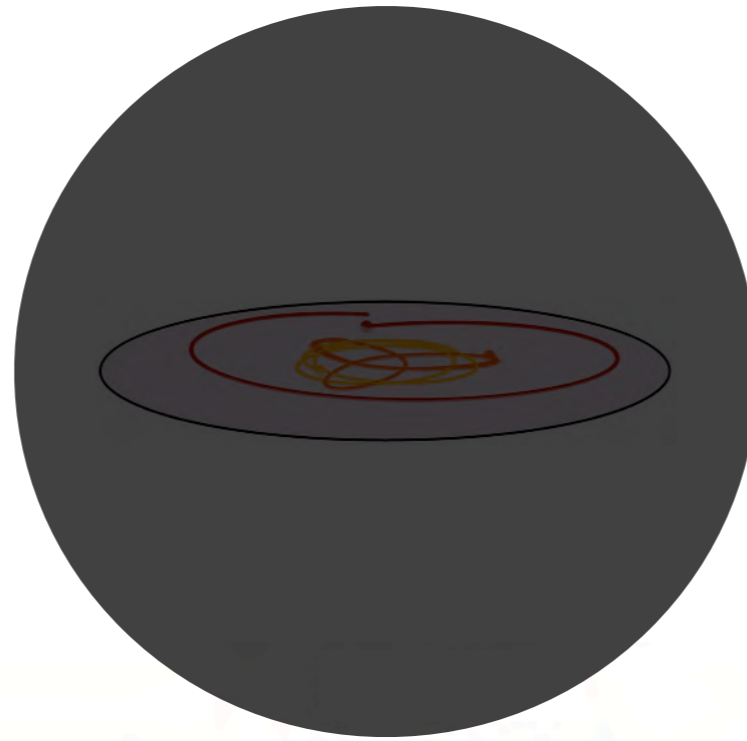
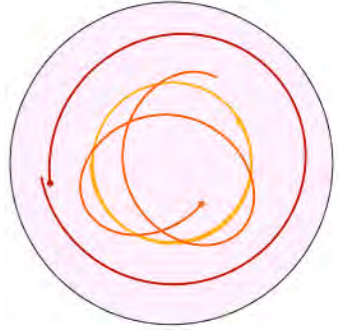


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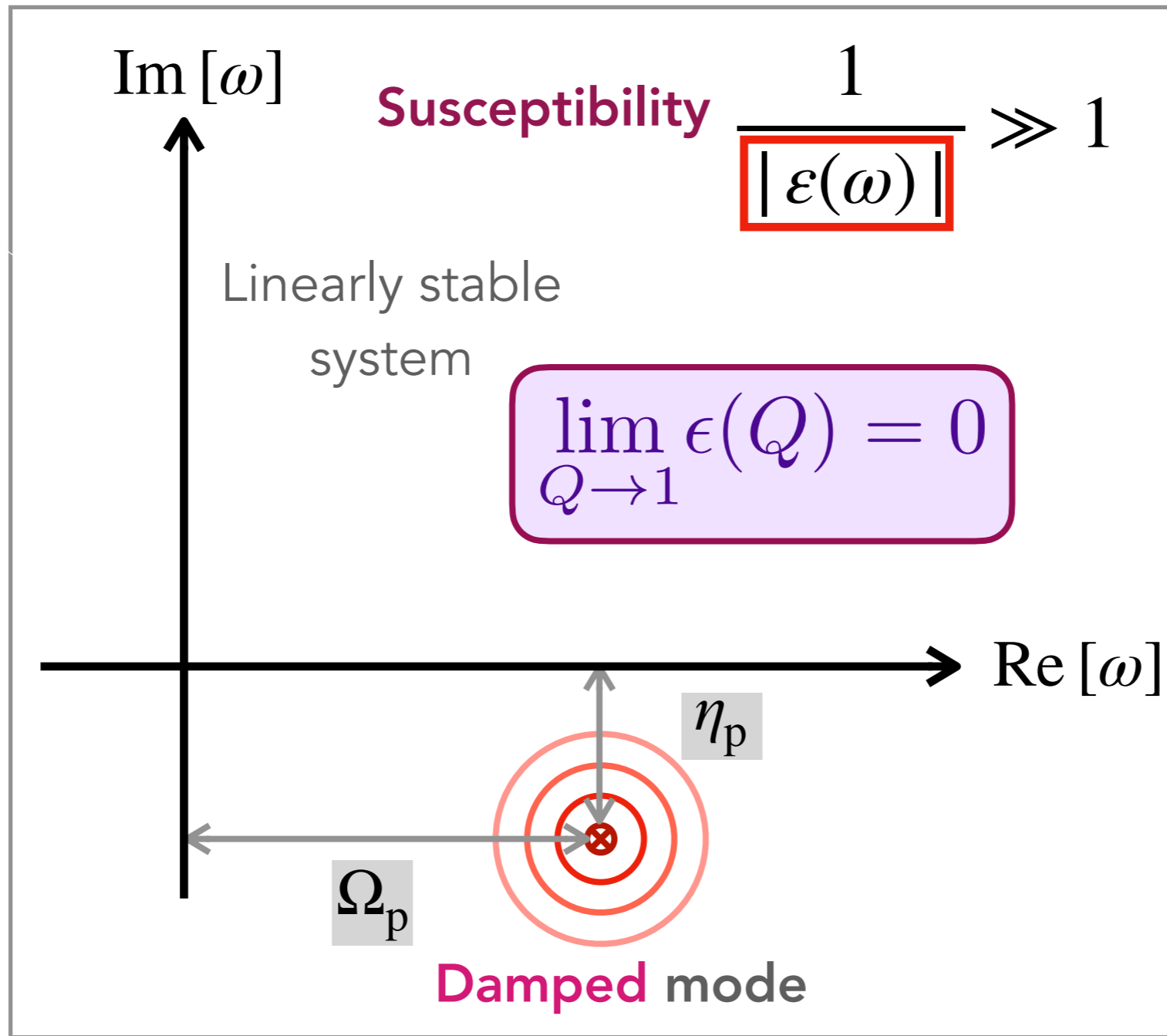
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Gravitational “*Dielectric*” function  $\epsilon$

$$\epsilon(Q) \equiv \mathcal{D}(\omega, k) = \det(1 - \mathbf{M}(\omega))$$

Dispersion relation

Response matrix



$$[\delta\psi]_{\text{dressed}} = \frac{[\delta\psi]_{\text{bare}}}{|\epsilon(\omega)|}$$

$$T_{\text{dressed}} \approx |\epsilon| T_{\text{bare}}$$

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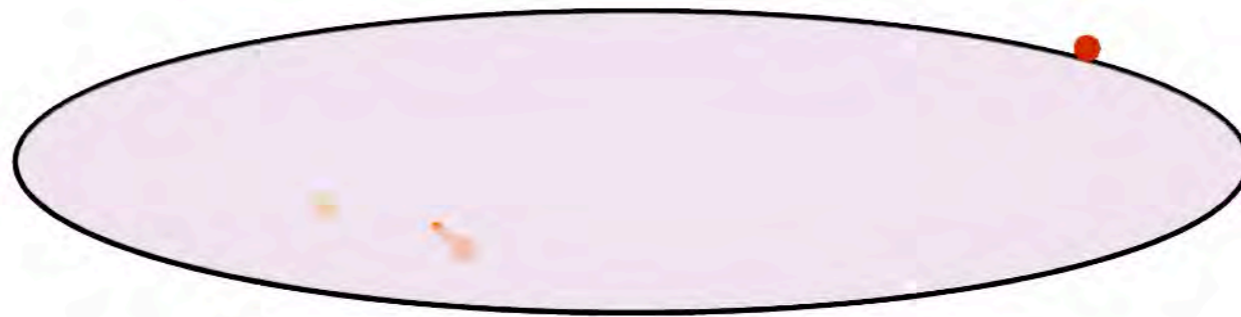
thanks to cosmic web which sets up cold disc

**Wake drastically boost** orbital frequencies, stiffening coupling/tightening control loops

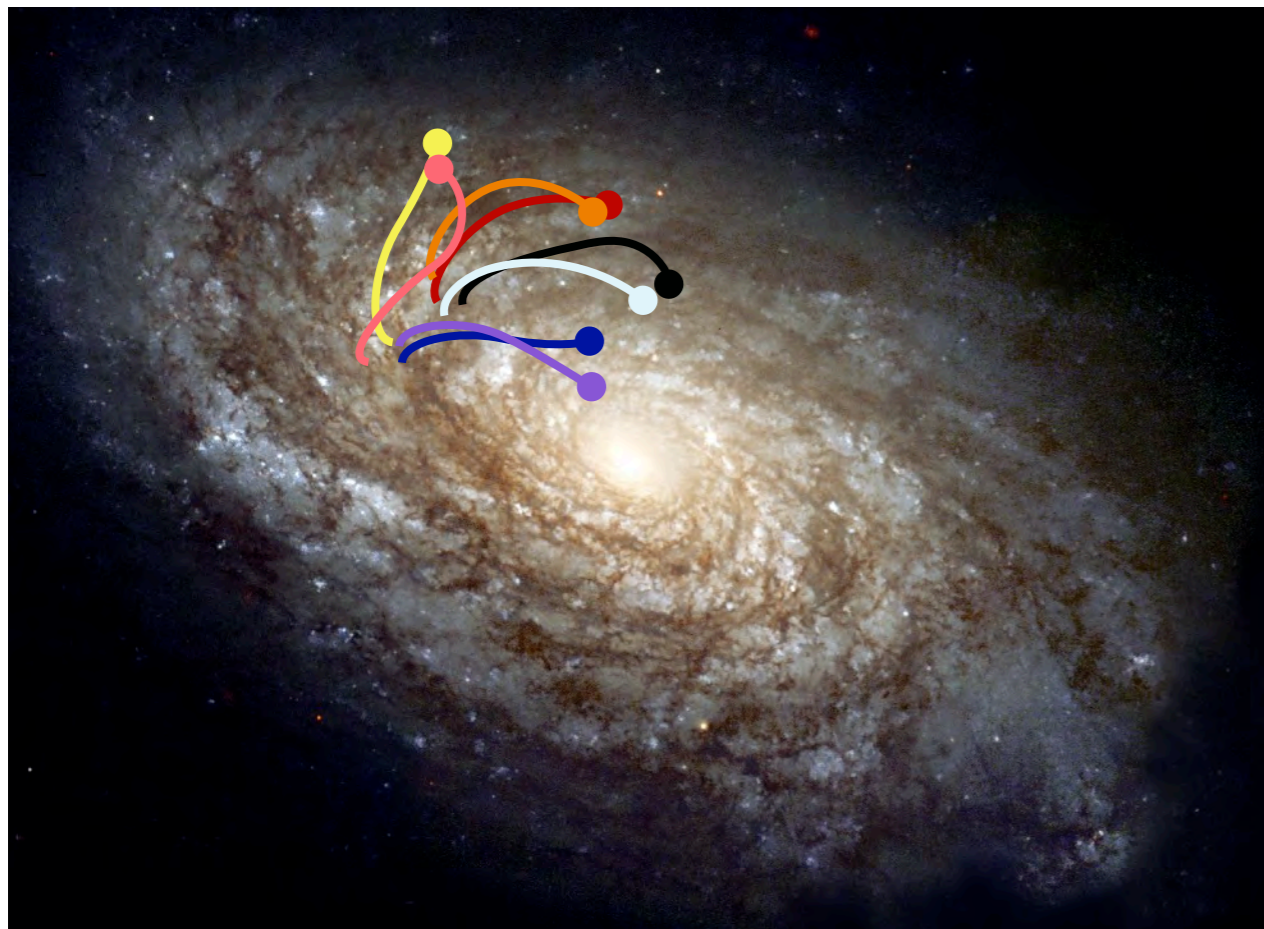
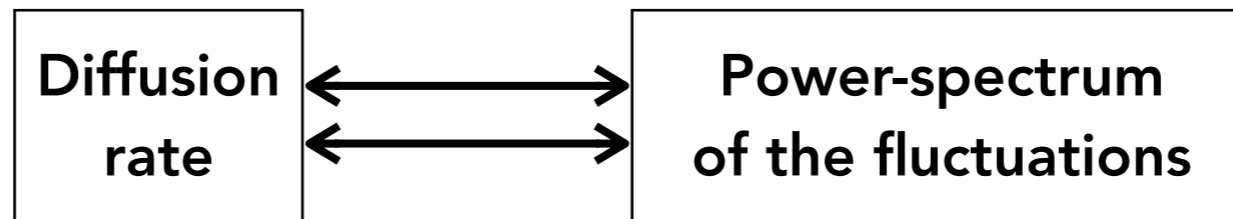




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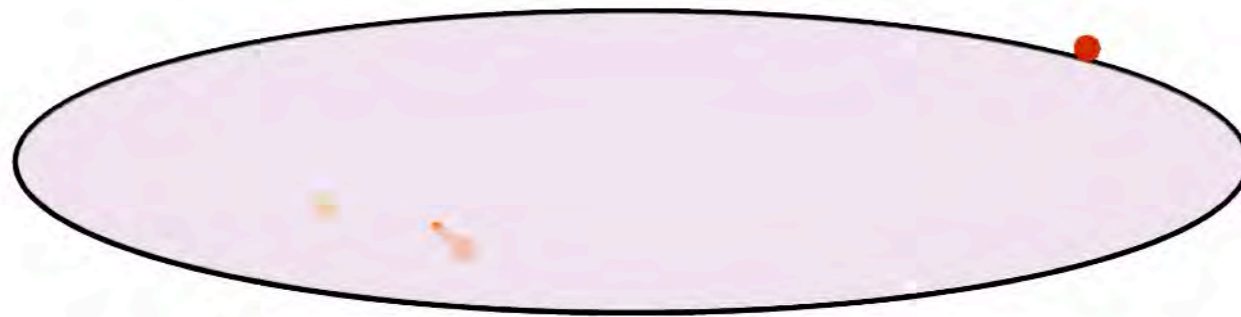


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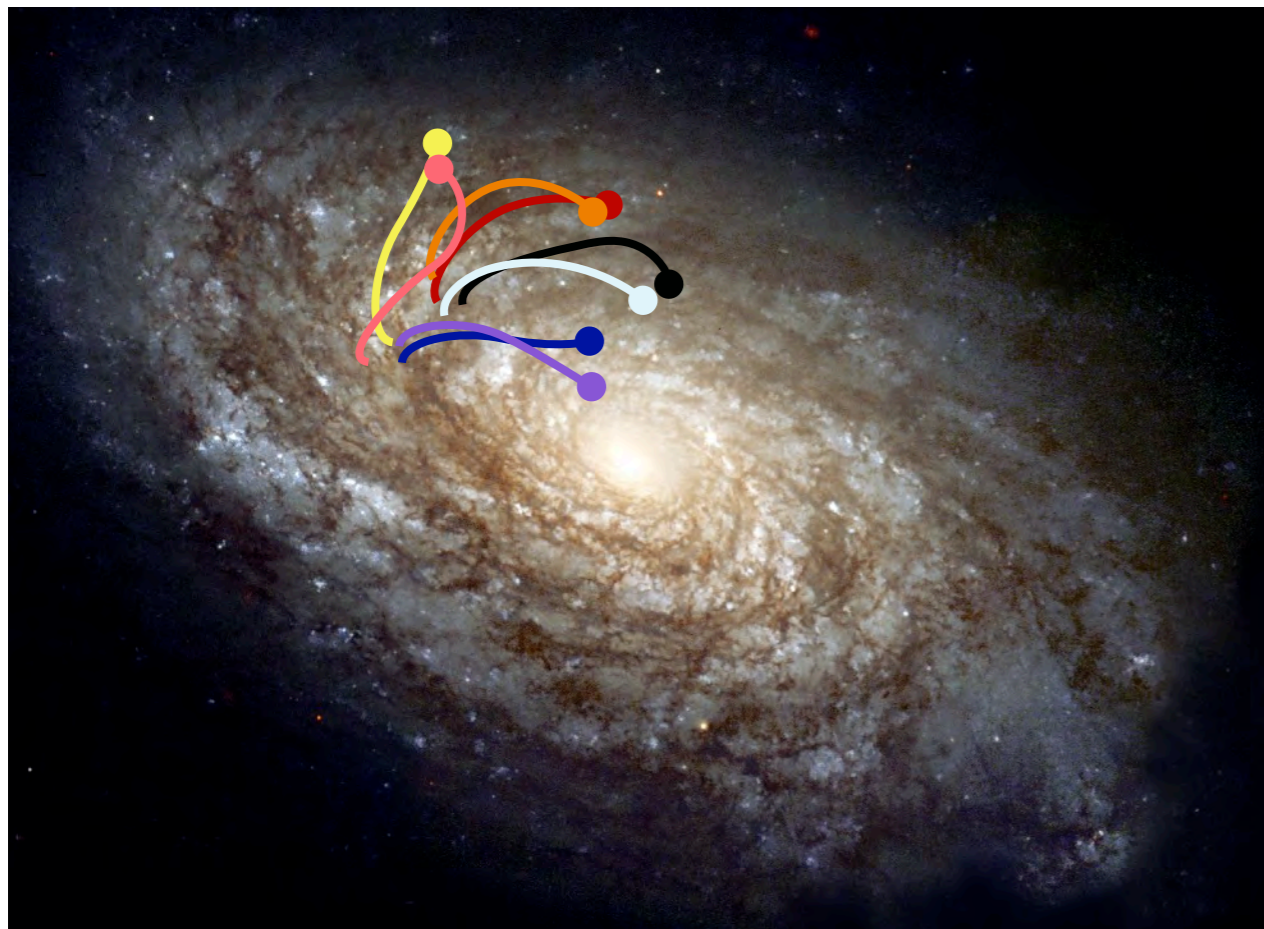
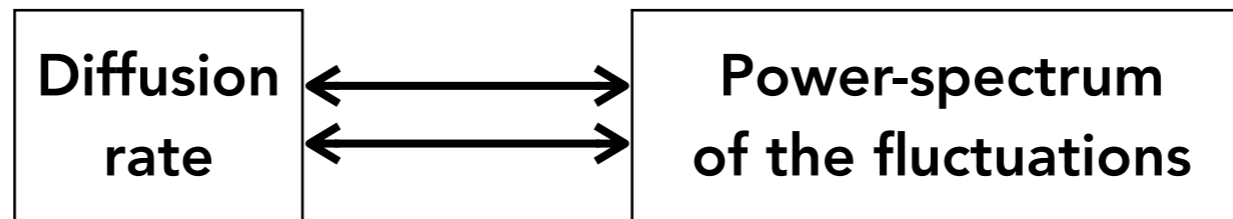
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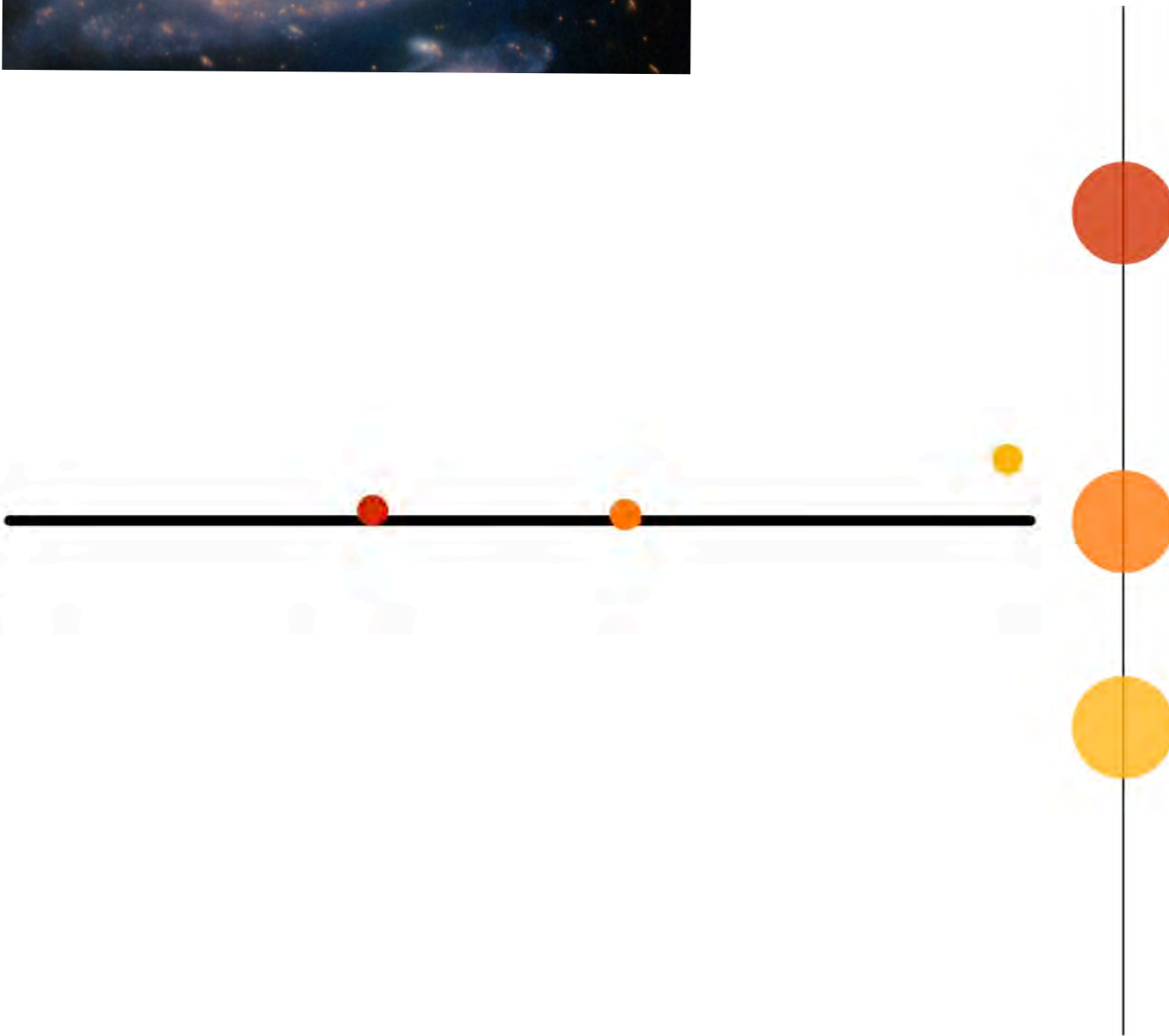
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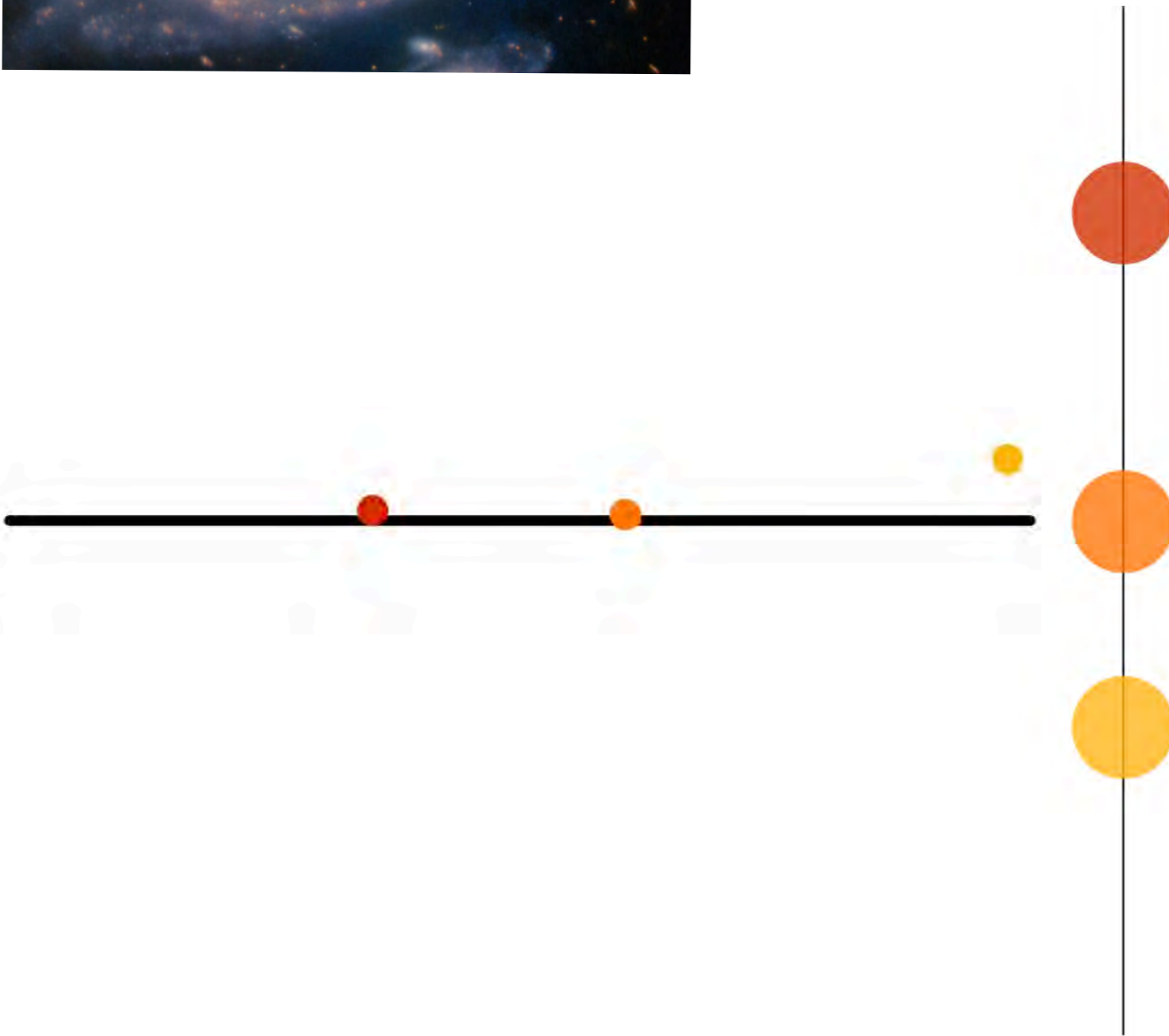


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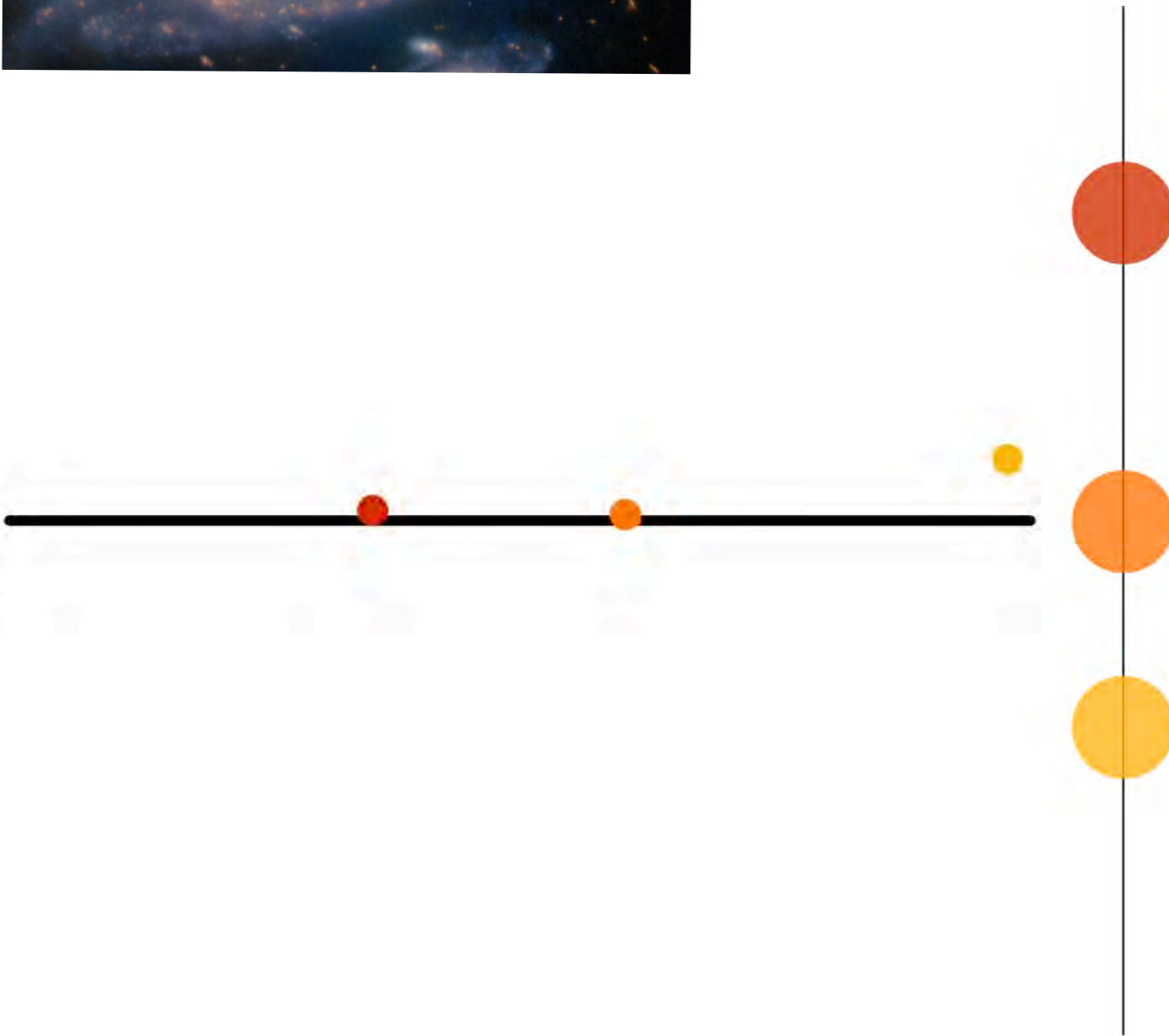


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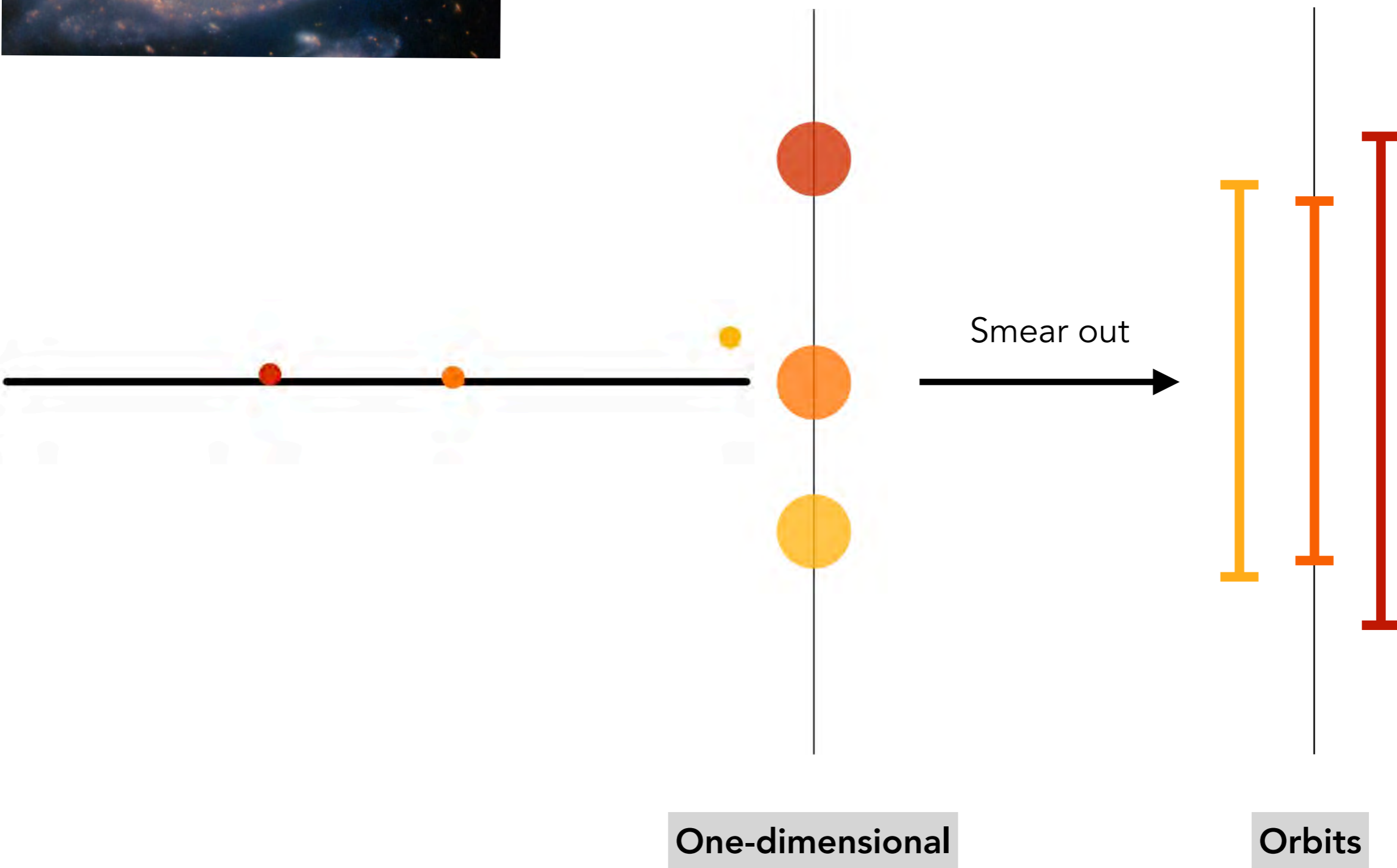
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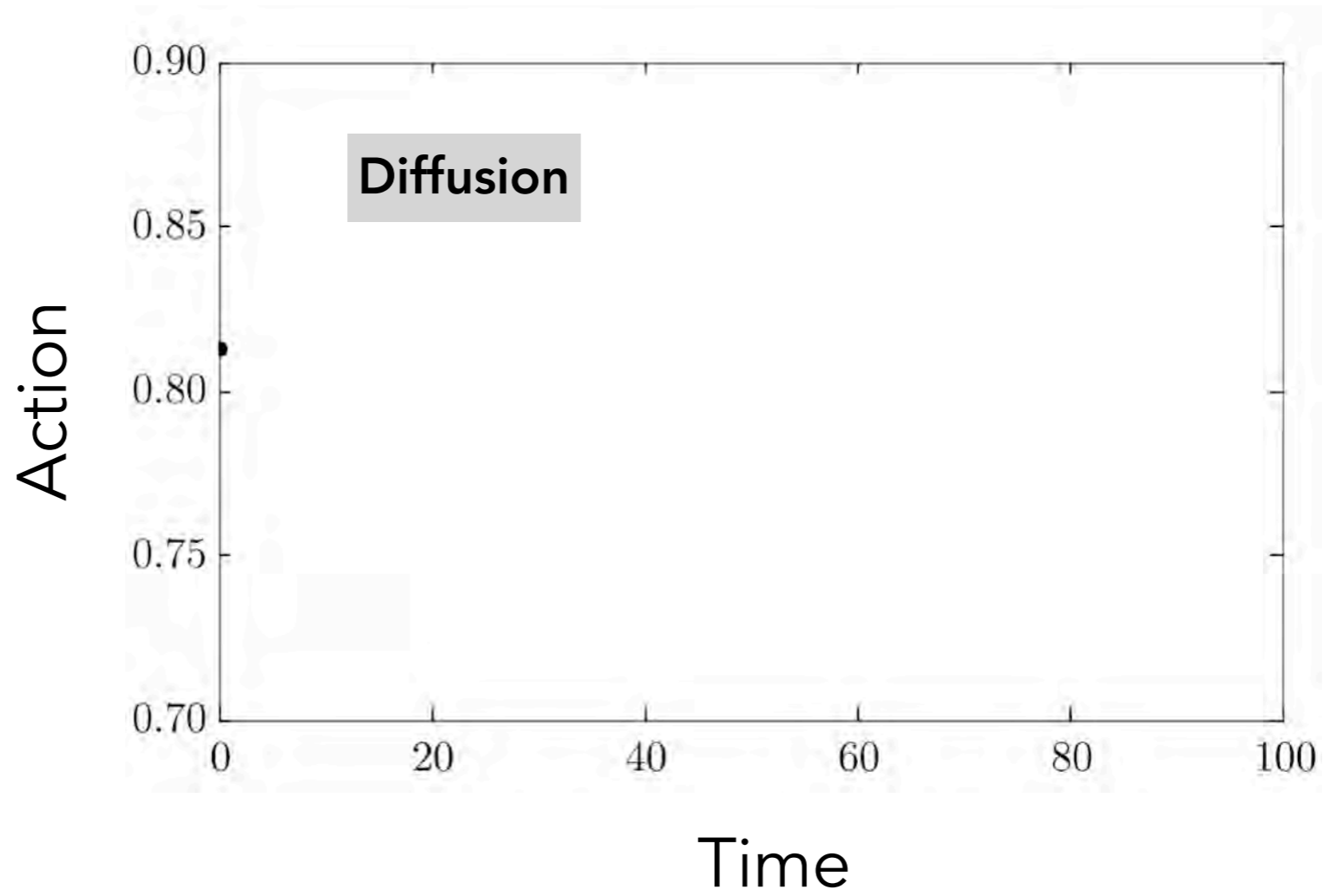




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Disc thickening



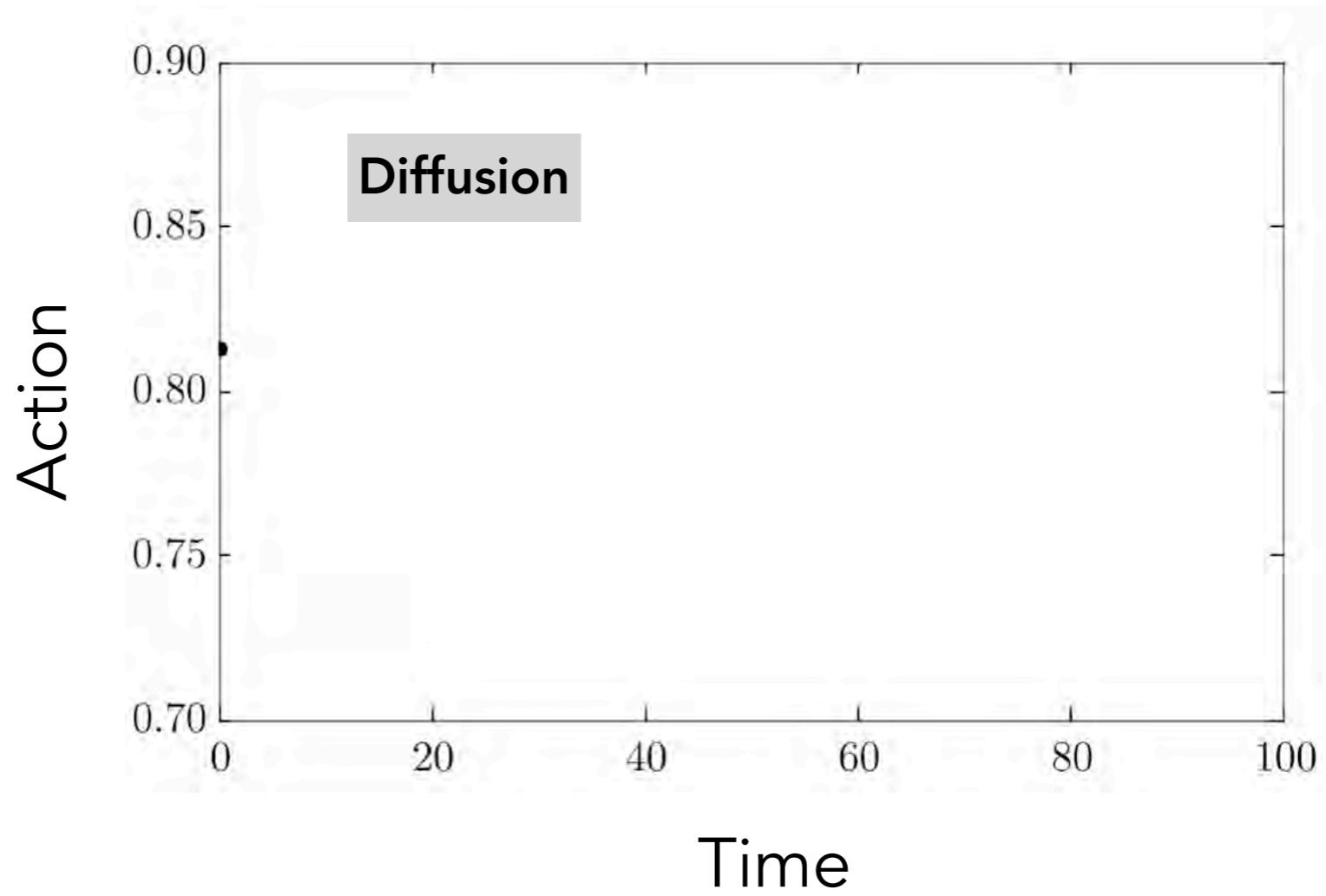




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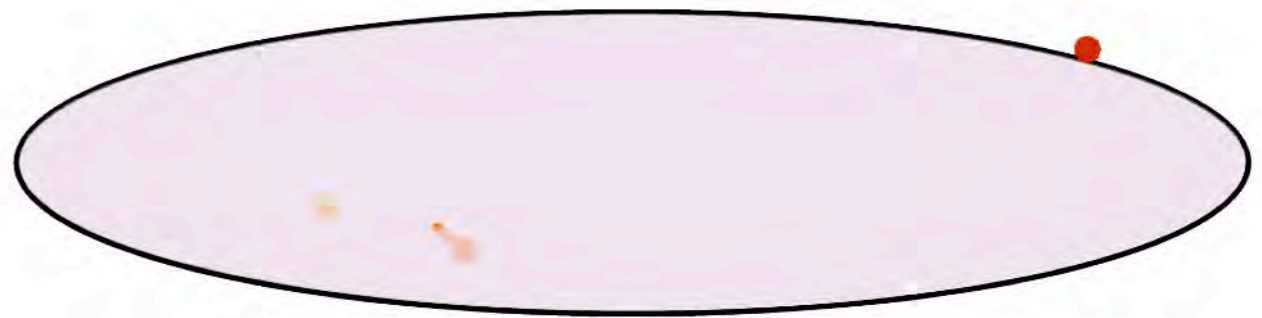


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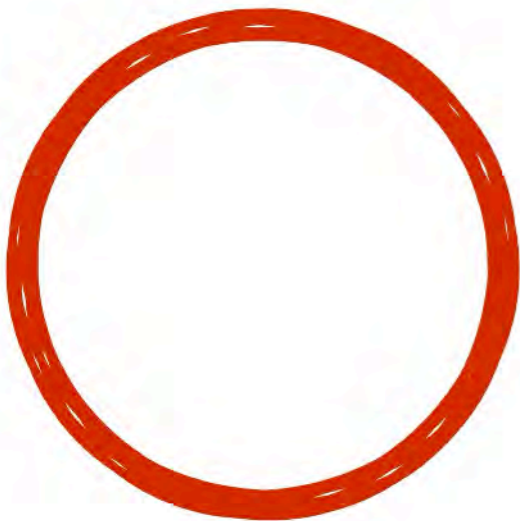
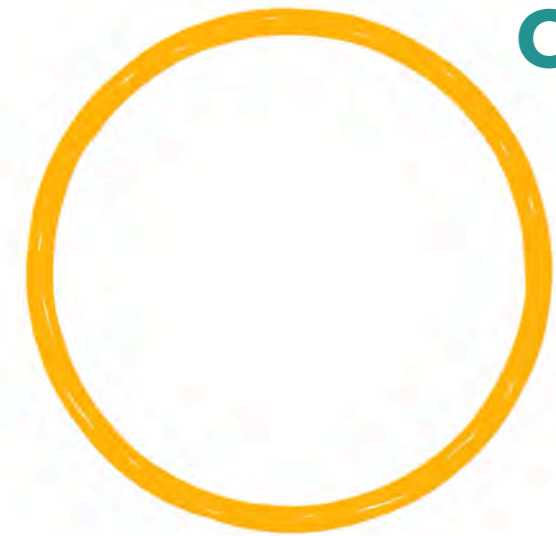


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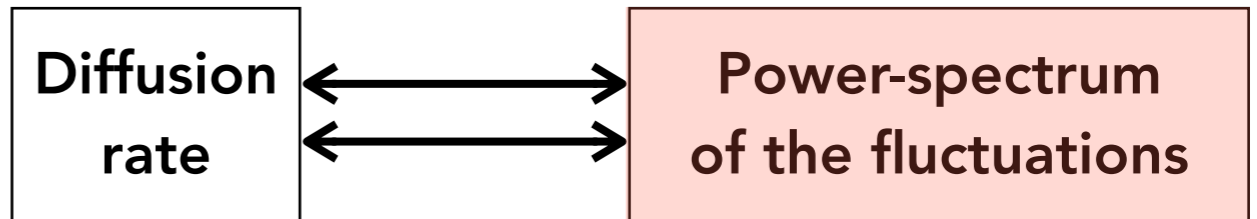




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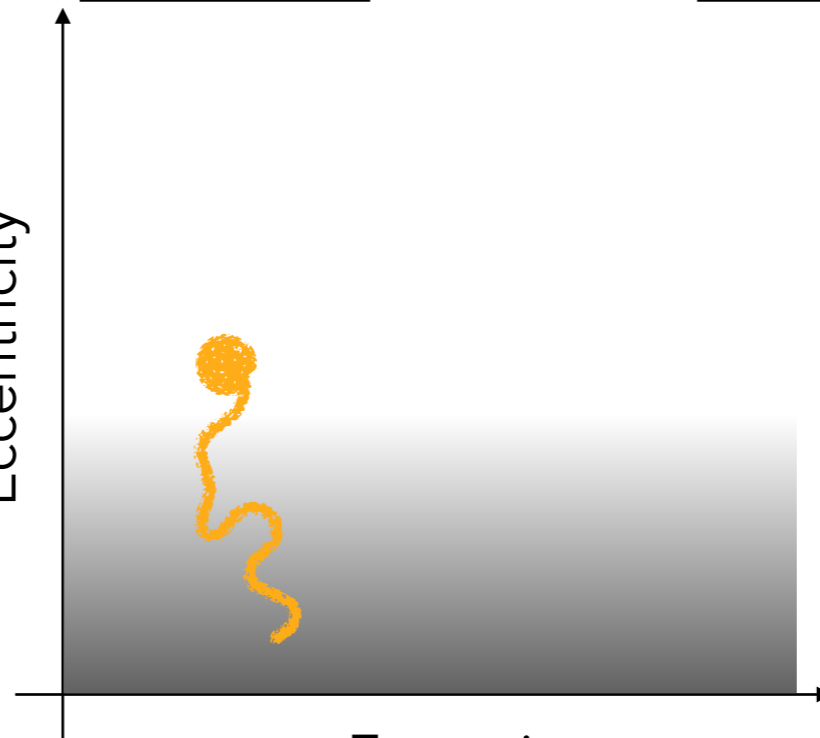


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Radial action  $J_r$

“Eccentricity”



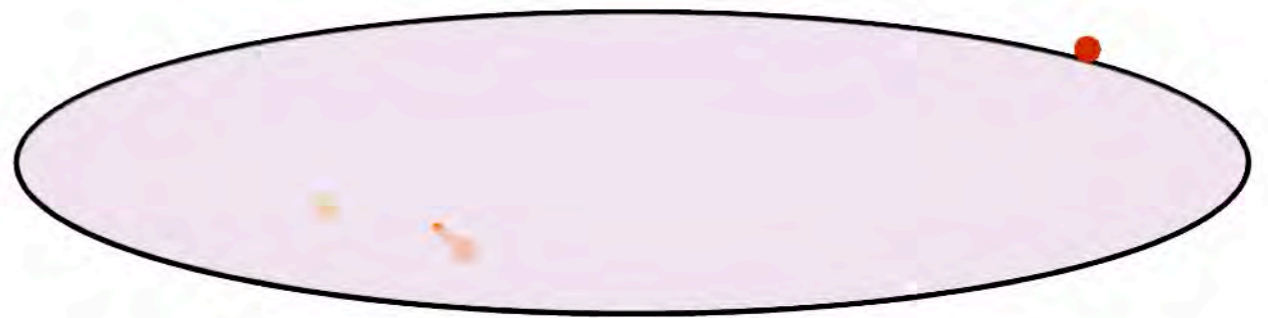
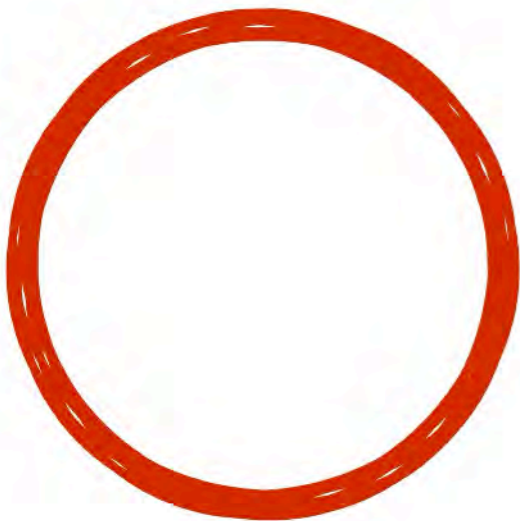
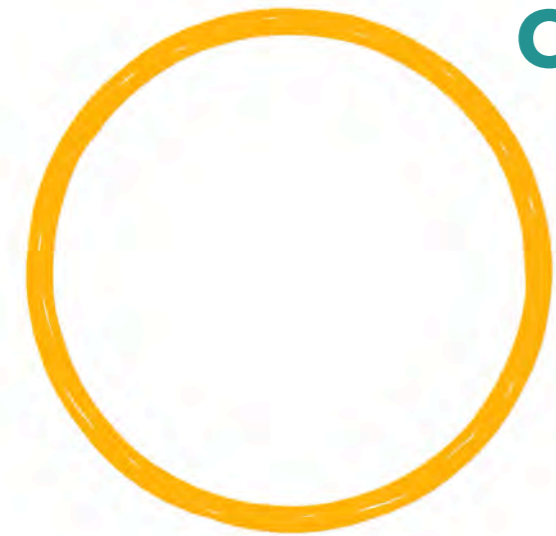
Initially cold

Angular momentum  $L$

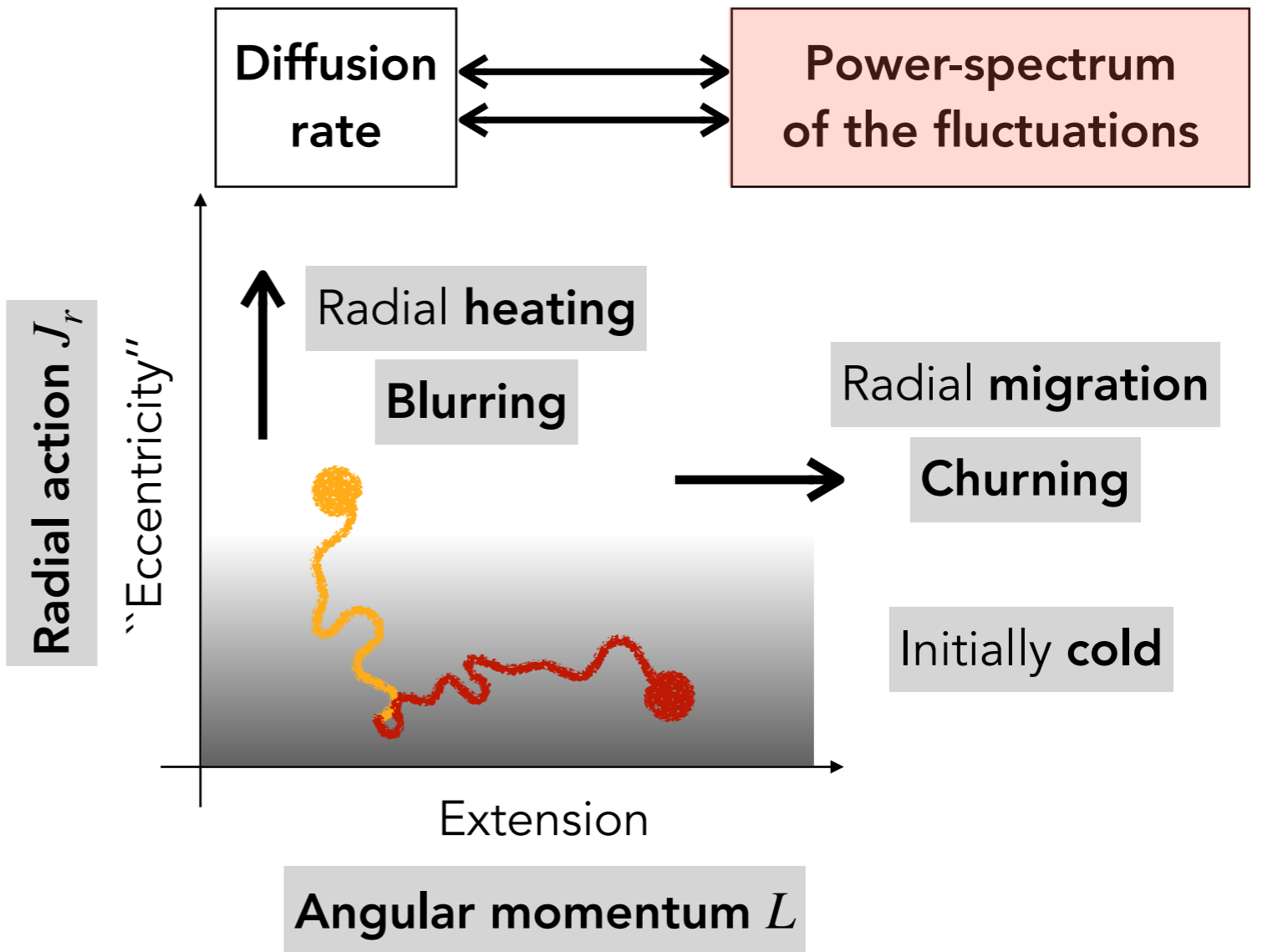
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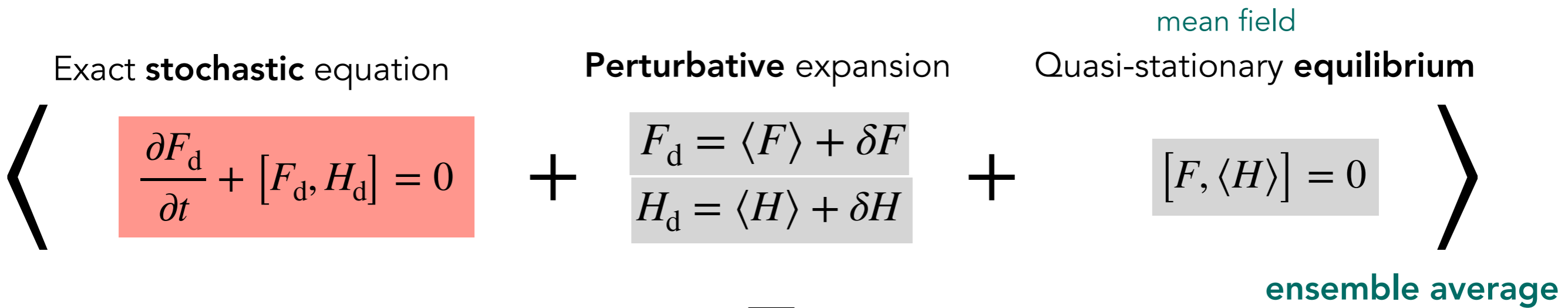


### Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem



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# Perturbative quasi-linear/Kinetic theory

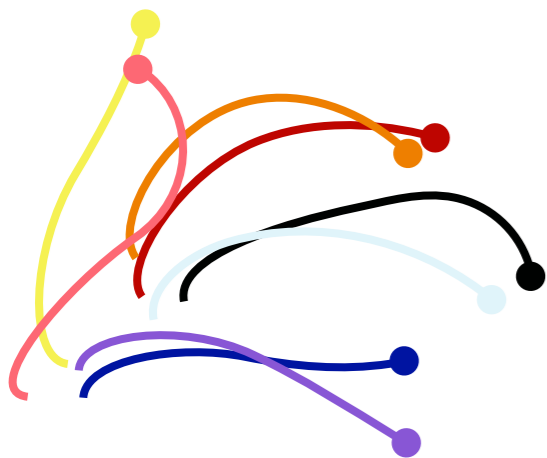
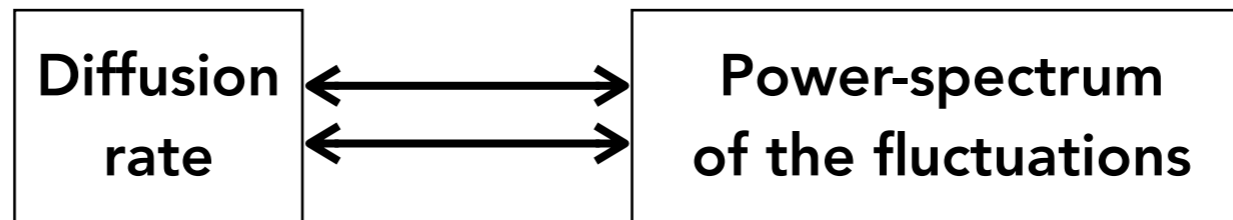


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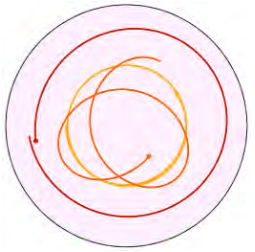
quadratic term

Fluctuations **correlations** inertial time delay

## Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem



**Mean** galaxy subject to **deterministic** orbital **diffusion**



## Collective amplification

Secular evolution equation

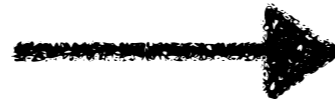
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Dressing comes twice

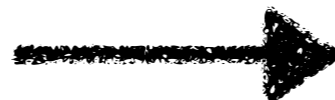
$$M_{\text{wake}} = \frac{M_{\text{perturb}}}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|}$$



$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \simeq \frac{M_{\text{perturb}}^2}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|} \sim 30$$

Toomre (1981)



$$\frac{1}{|\varepsilon(\omega)|^2} \sim 1000$$

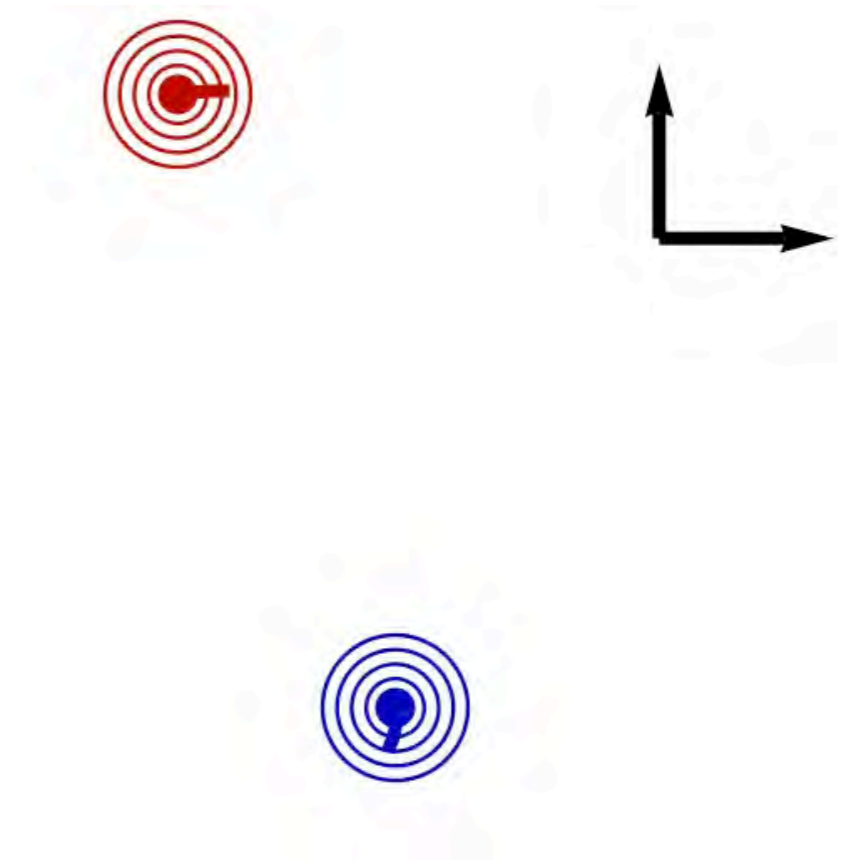
Collective effects drastically **accelerate** orbital **heating**, in particular on **large scales**

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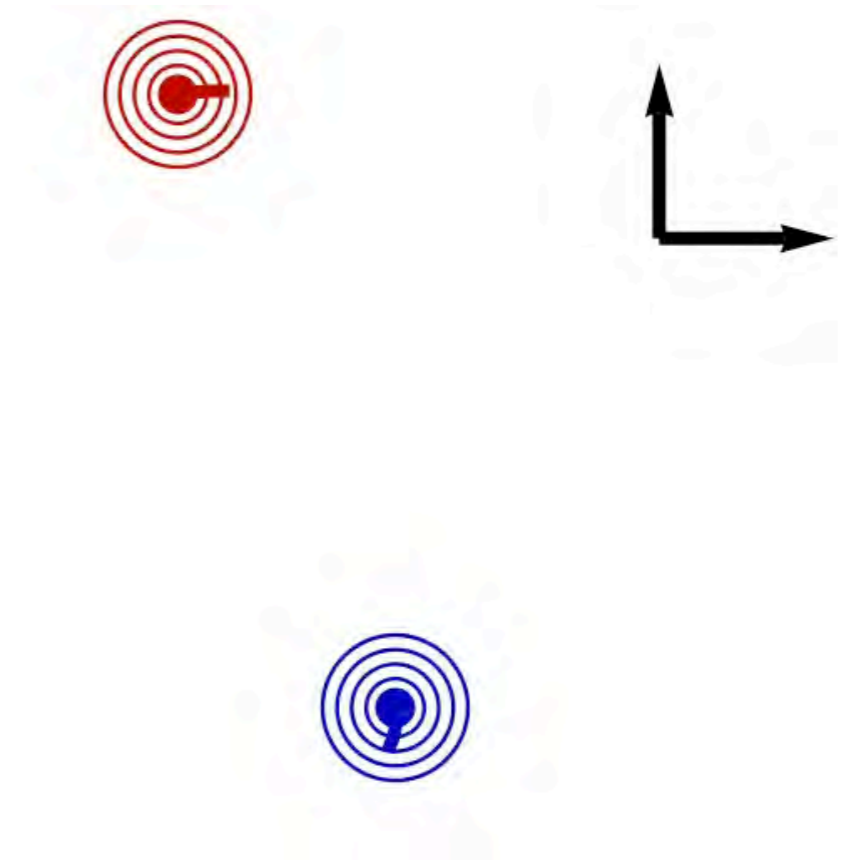
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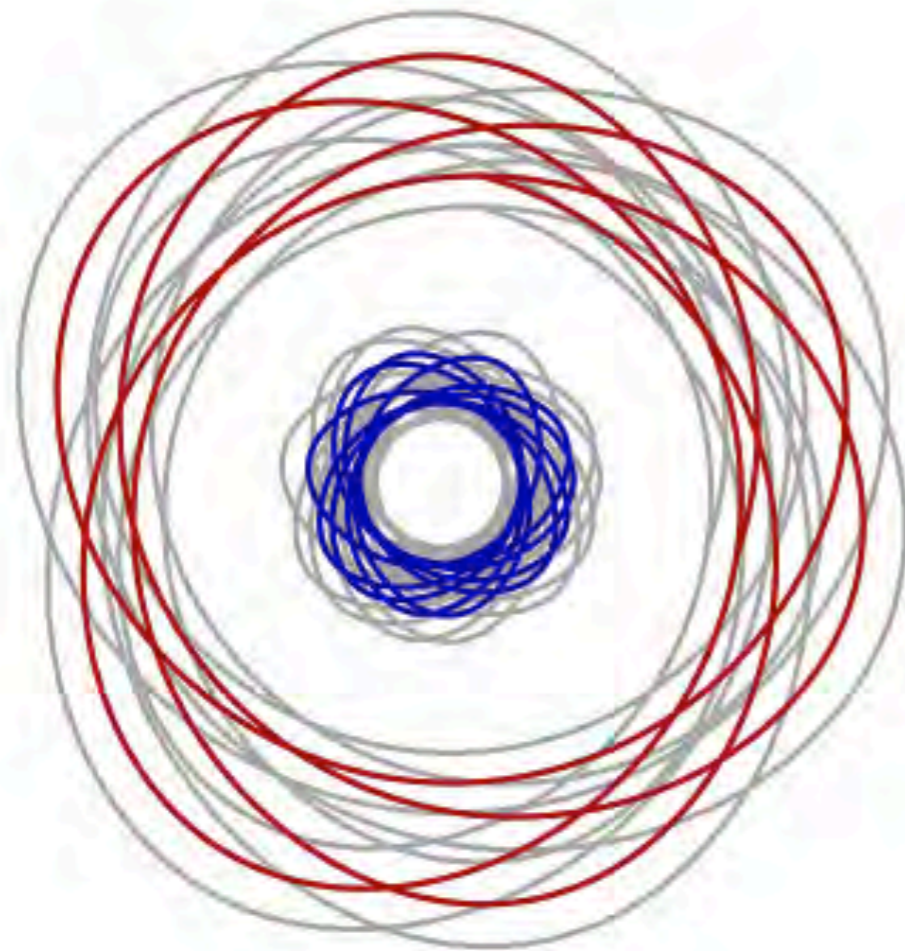
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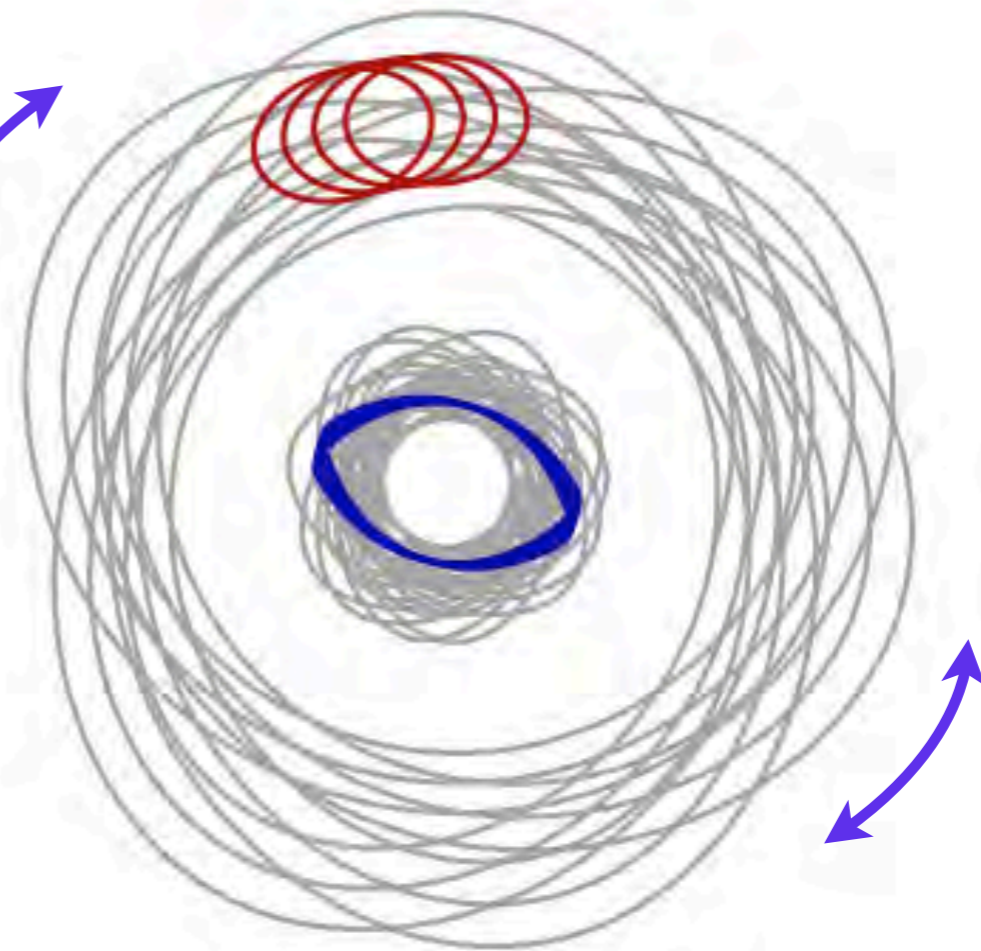
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Through resonances  
departure from axial symmetry



No Torque



Net Torque

resonance drives recurrence



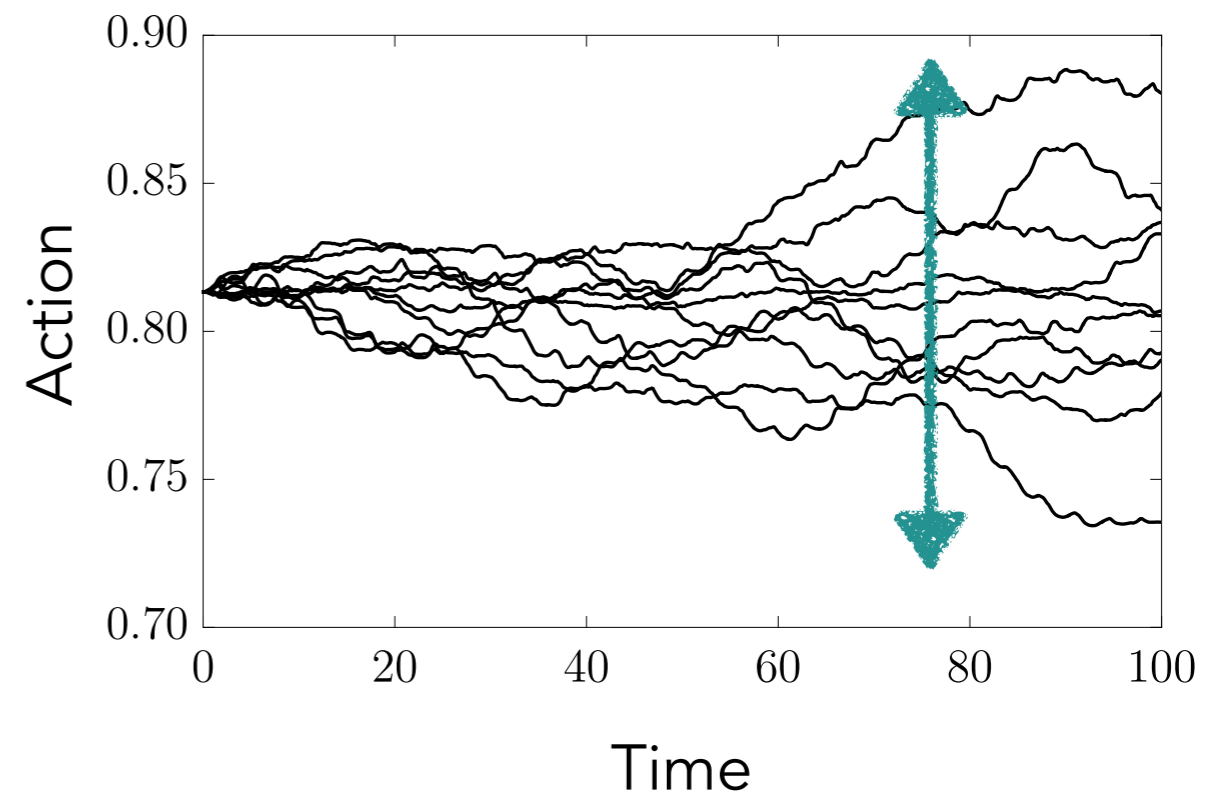
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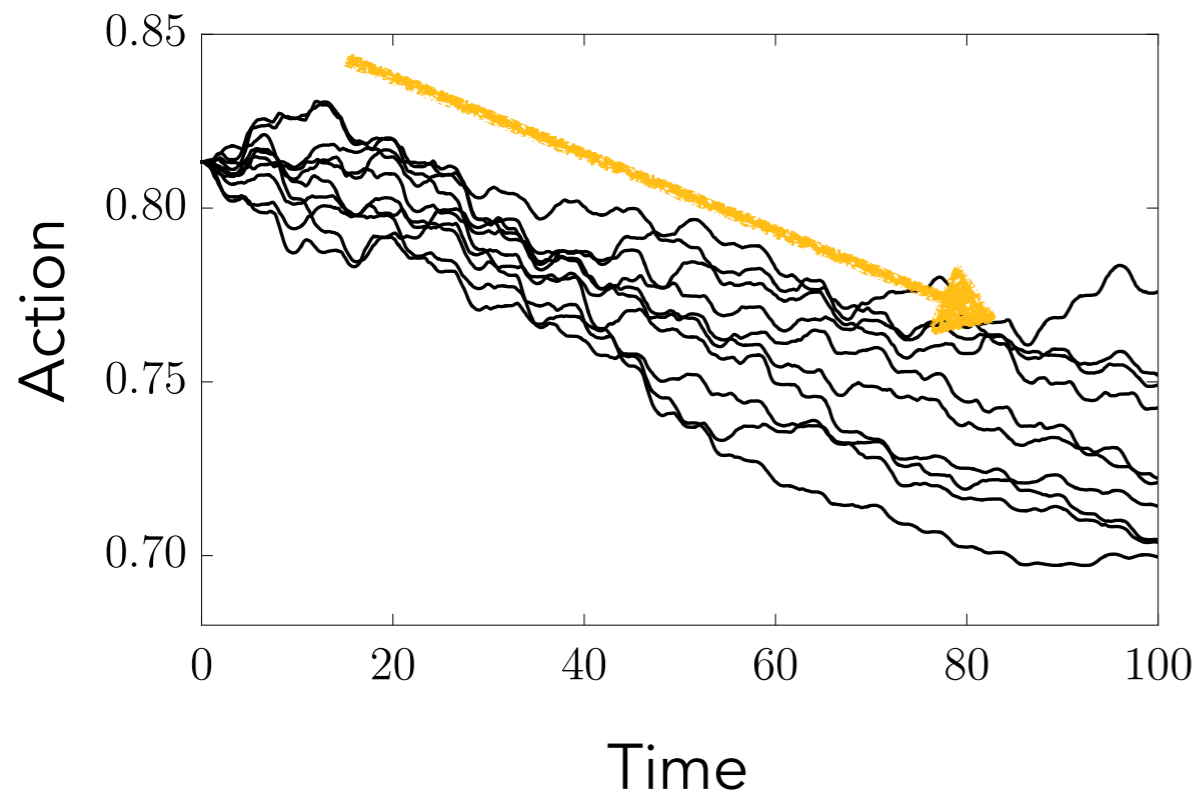


**Stars spread**

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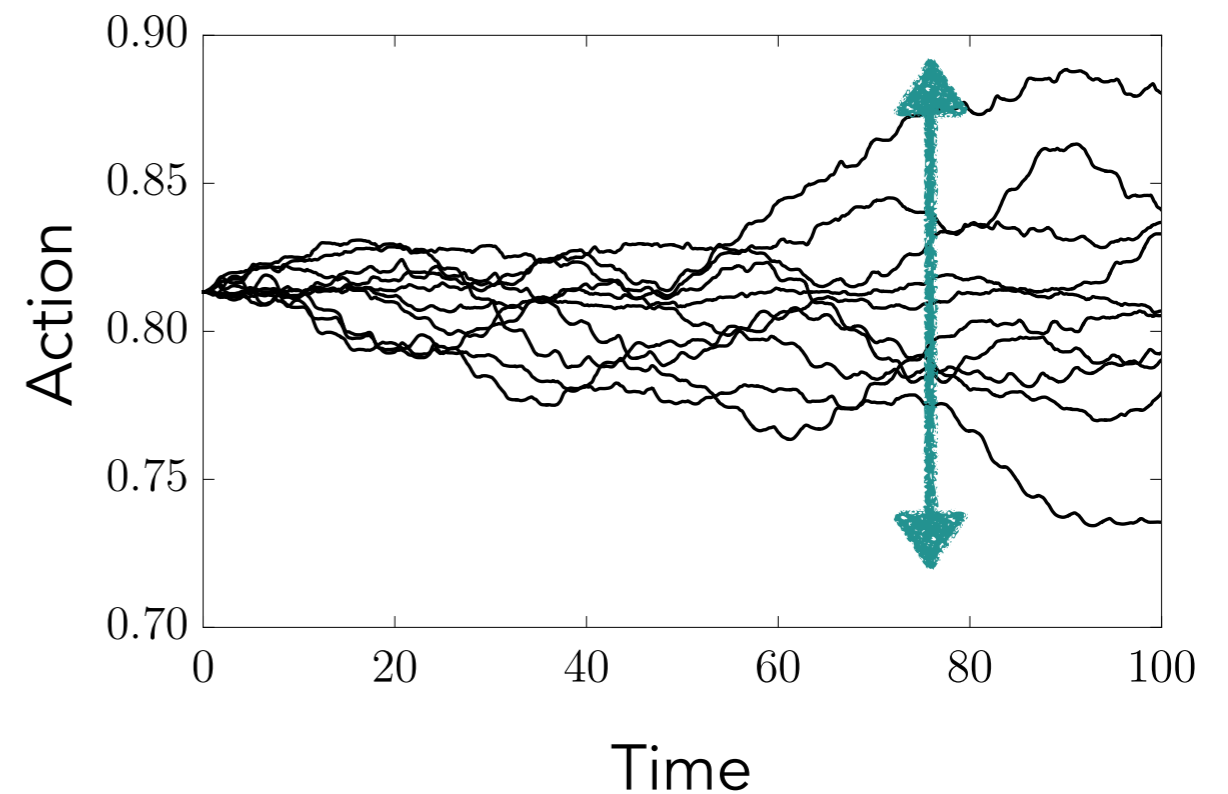
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### Dynamical friction



Massive stars sink

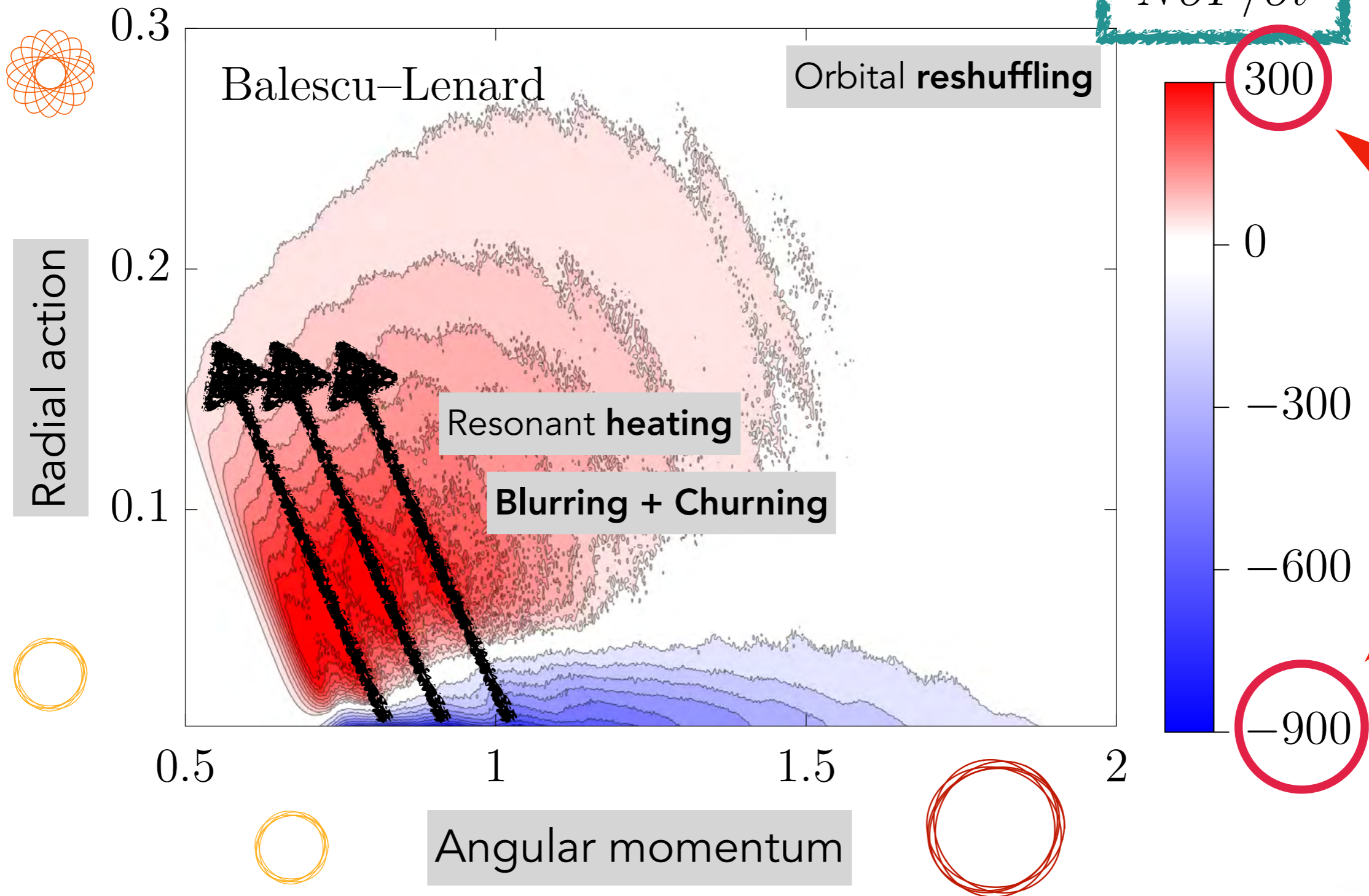
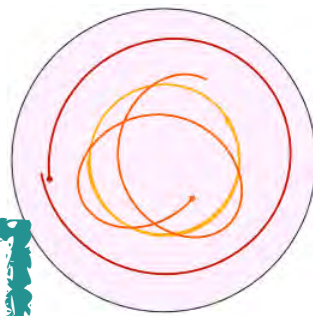
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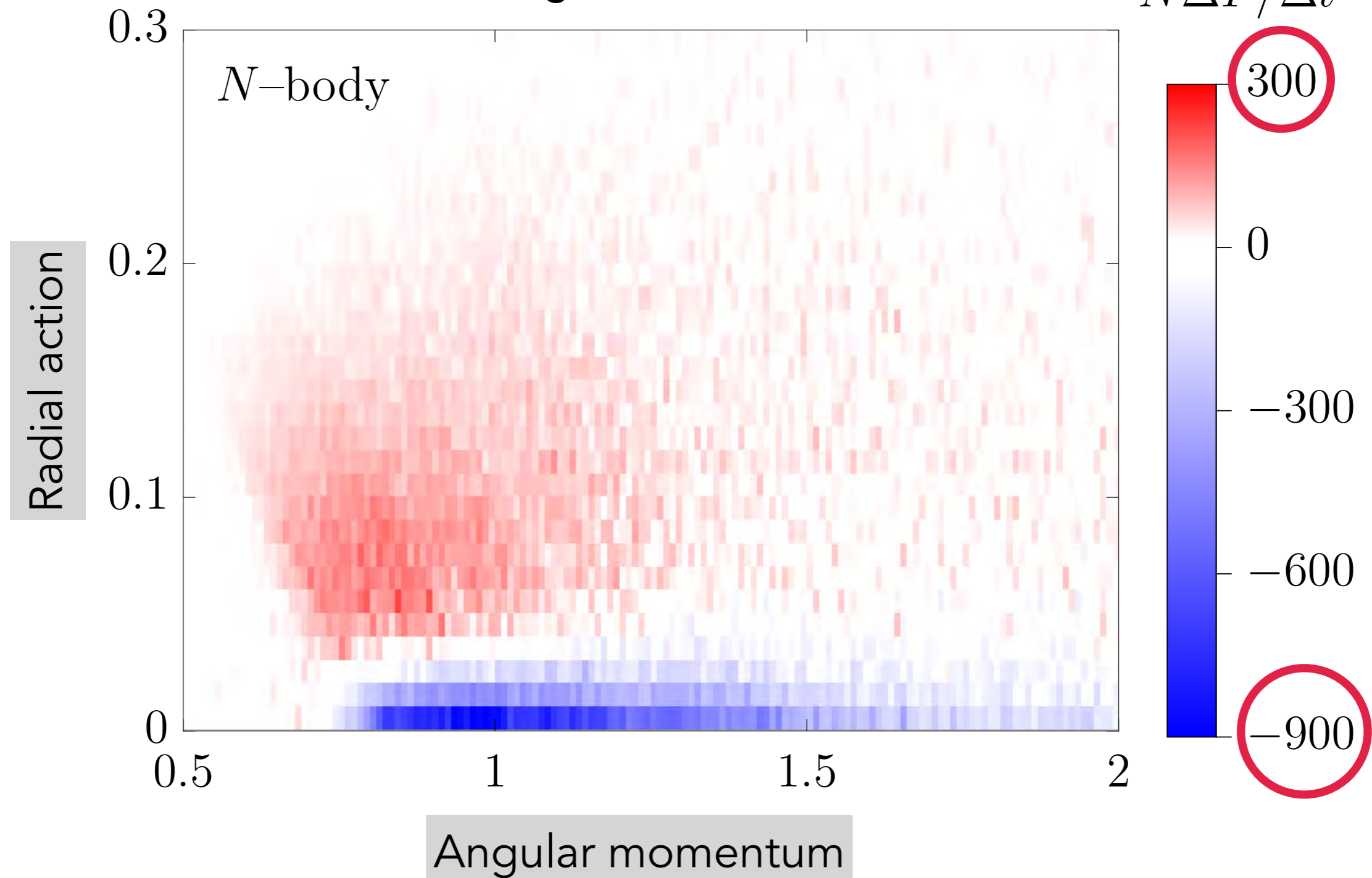
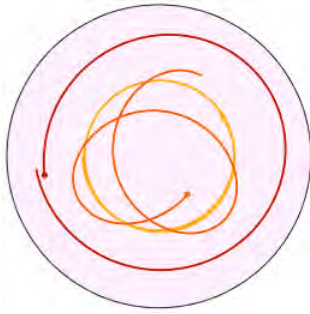
# Self induced secular prediction





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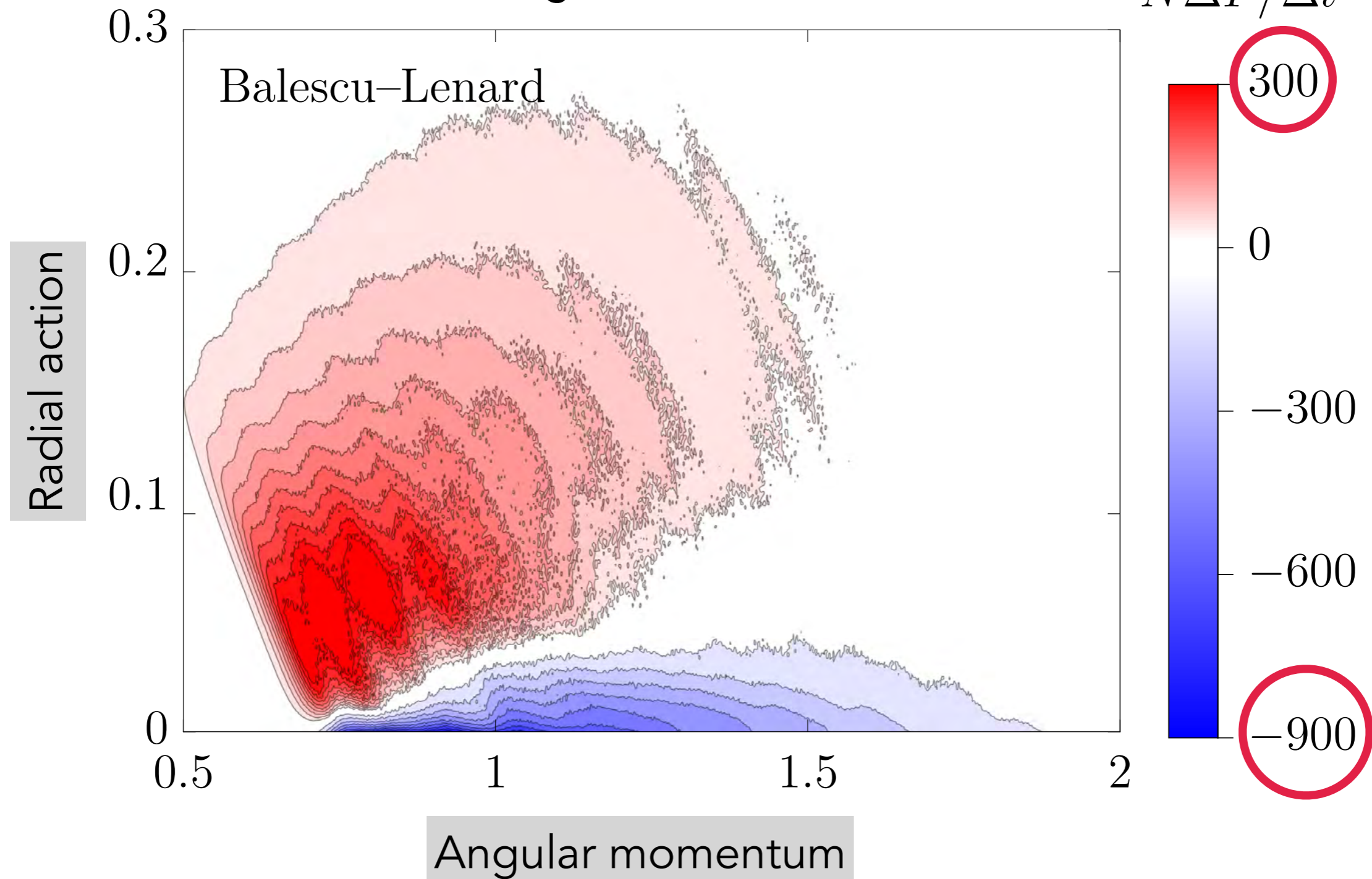
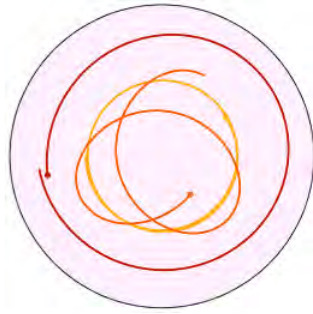
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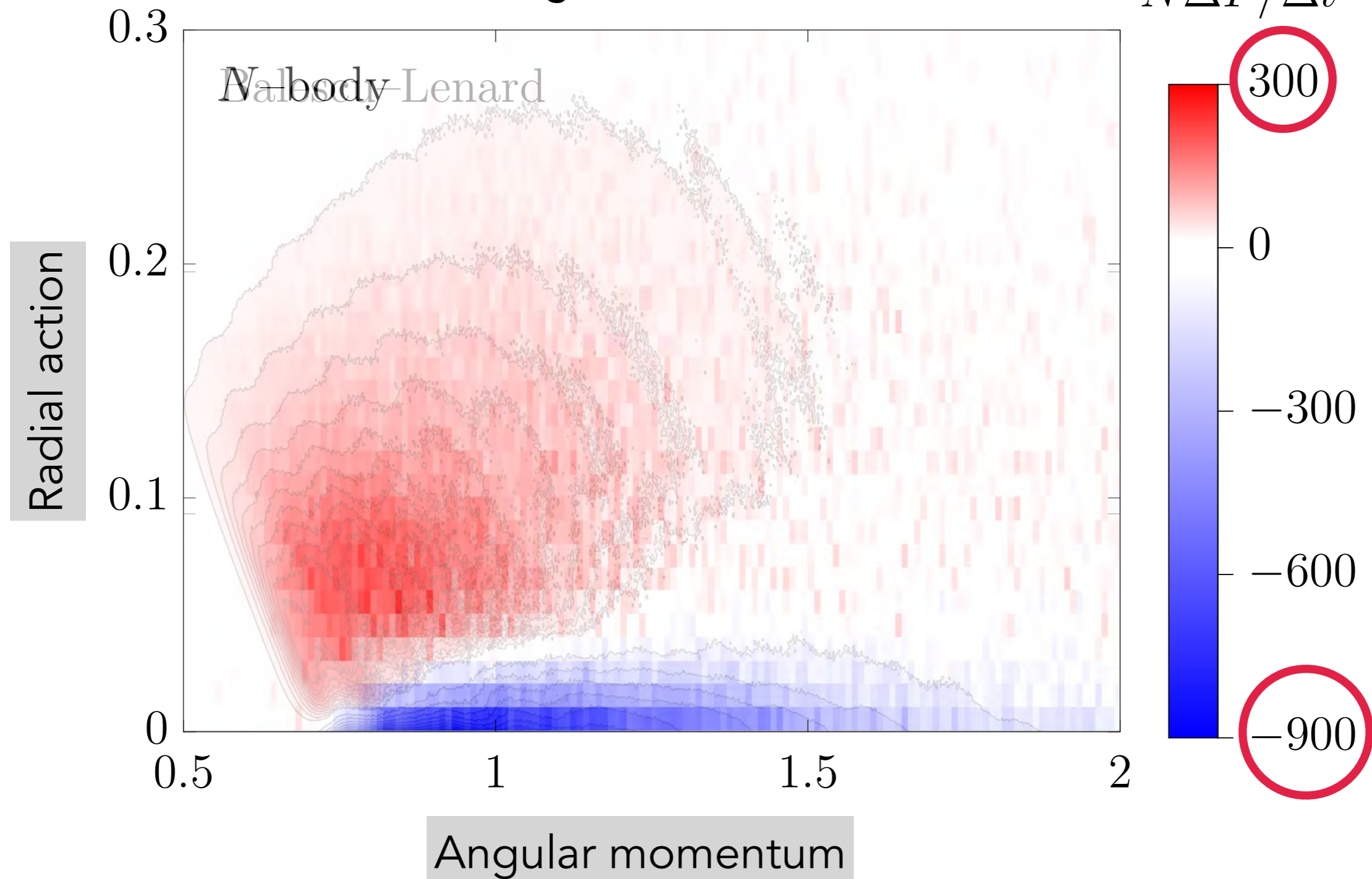
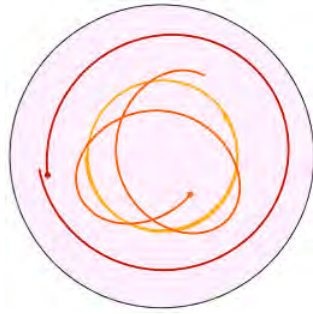
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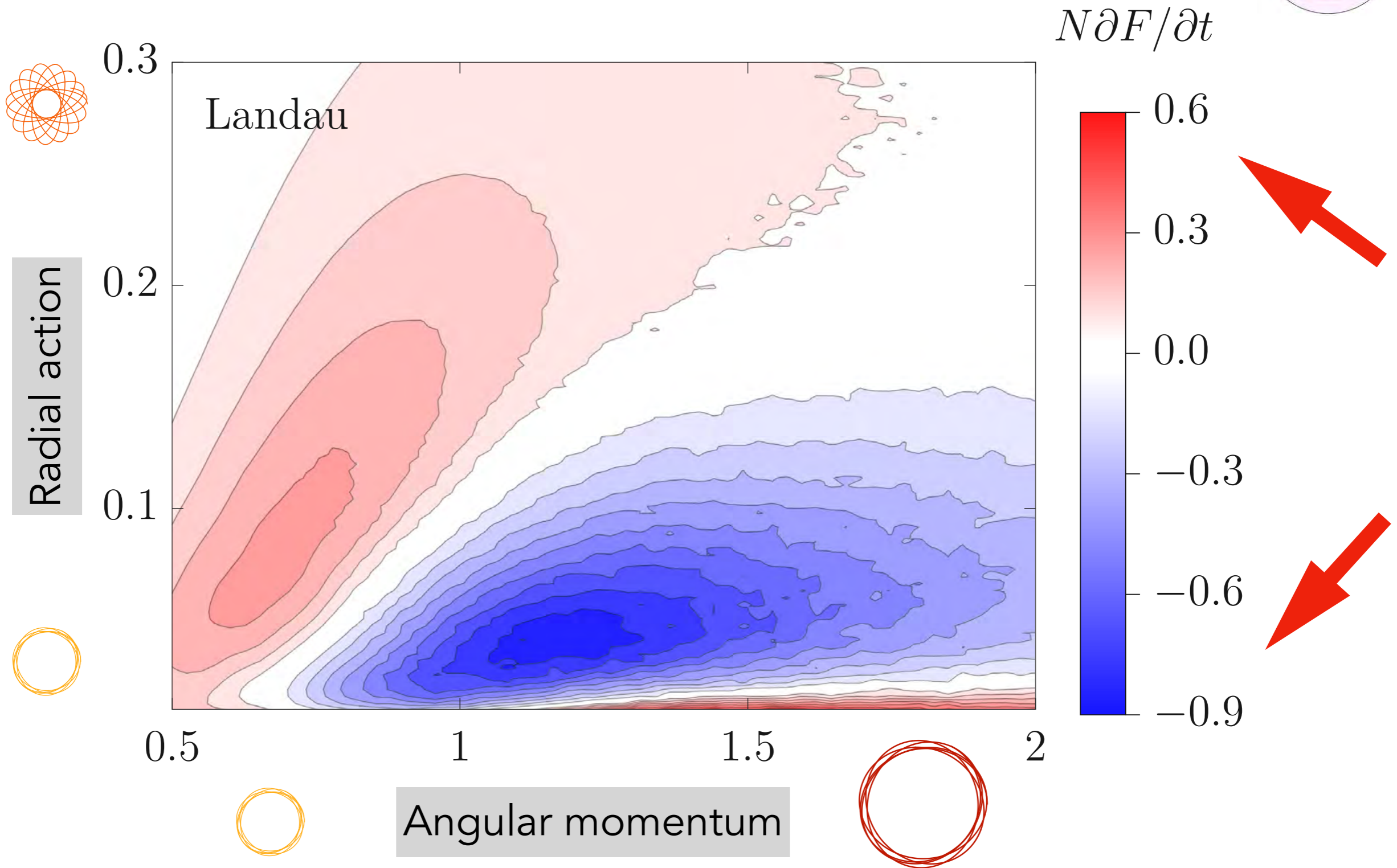
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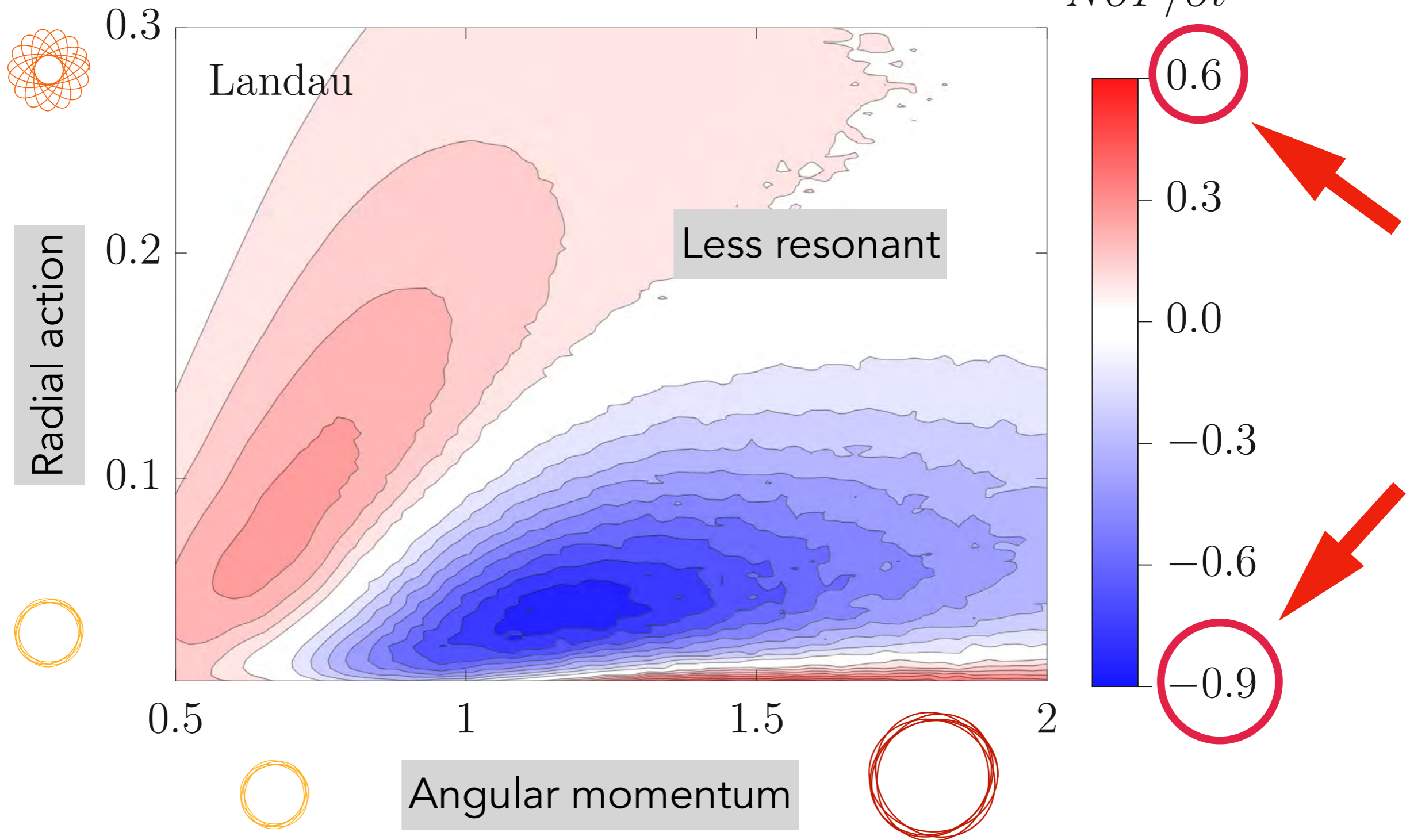
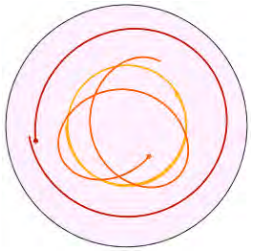
Kinetic theory **quantitatively** captures the long-term heating of isolated cold discs

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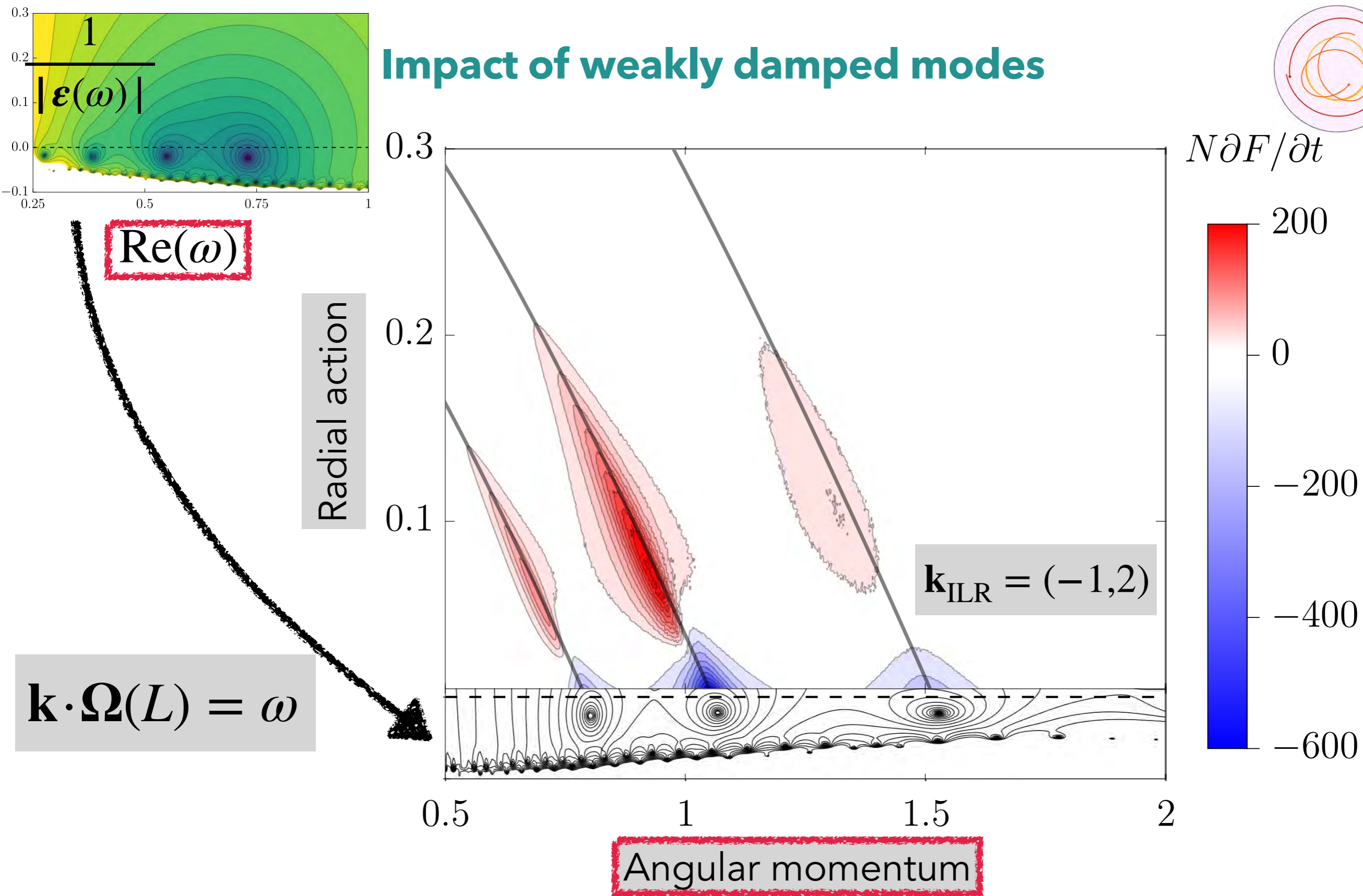


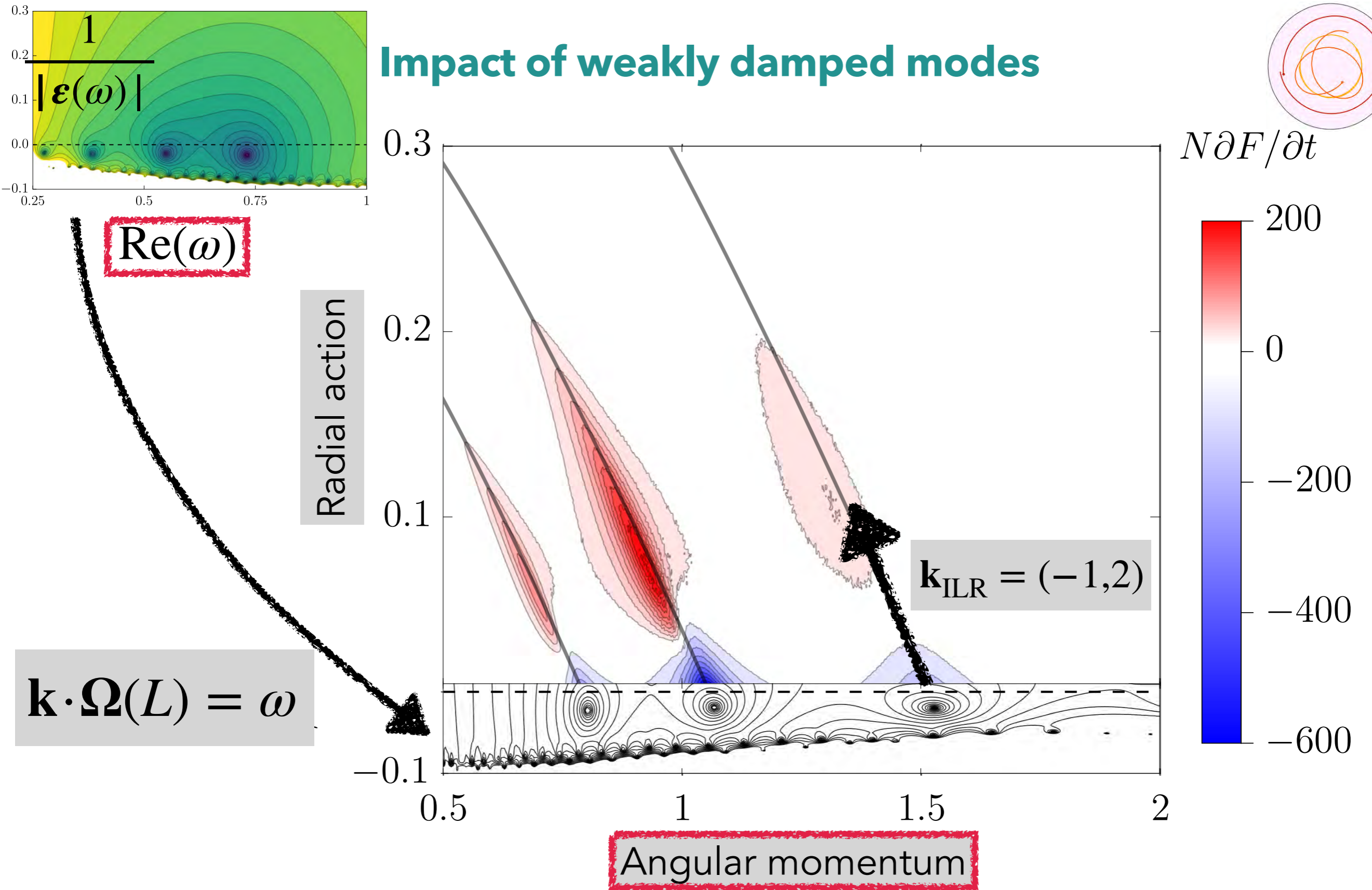


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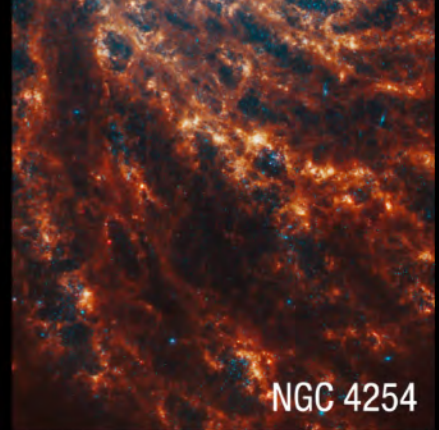
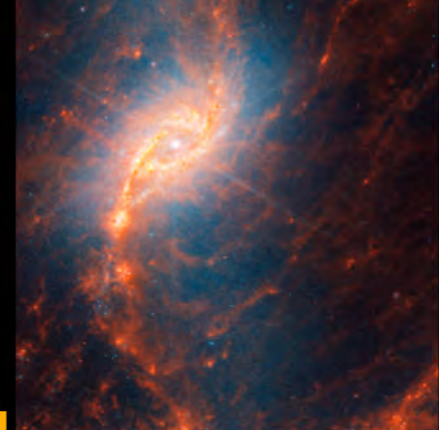
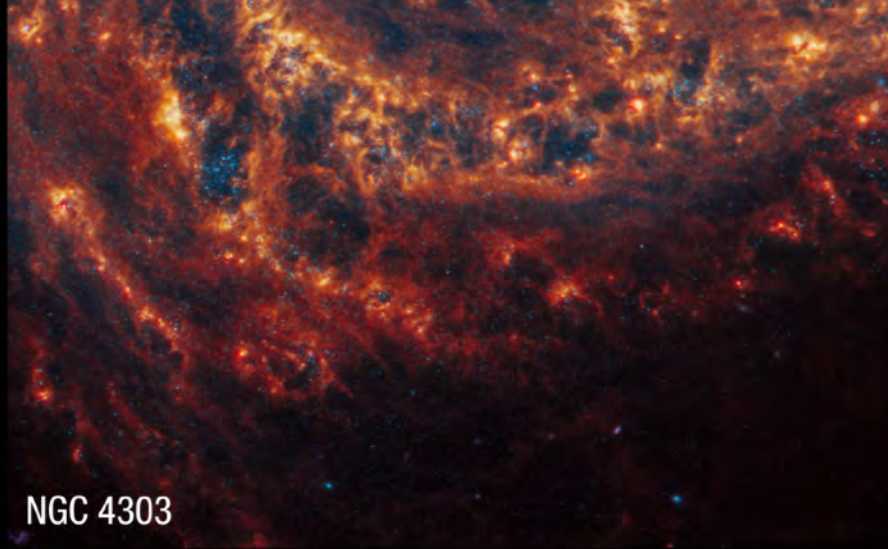


**Collective effects strongly enhance radial heating in cold discs**





Heating is strongly enhanced at resonance with weakly damped modes



# Cooling

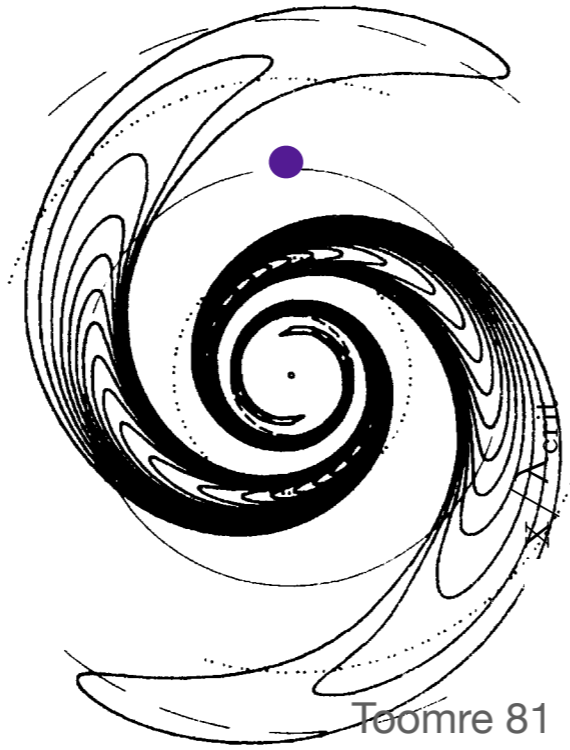
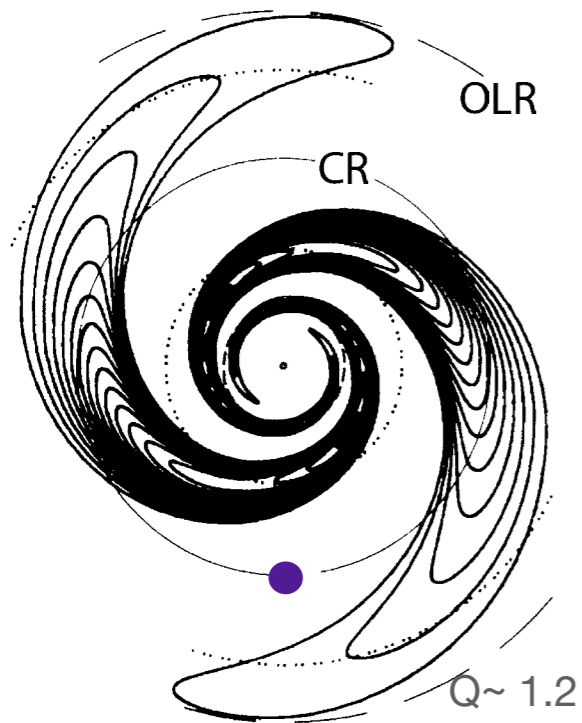
Quasi circular Trajectories: 'cold' disc

$$Q = \frac{\kappa\sigma}{\pi G\Sigma} \rightarrow 1$$

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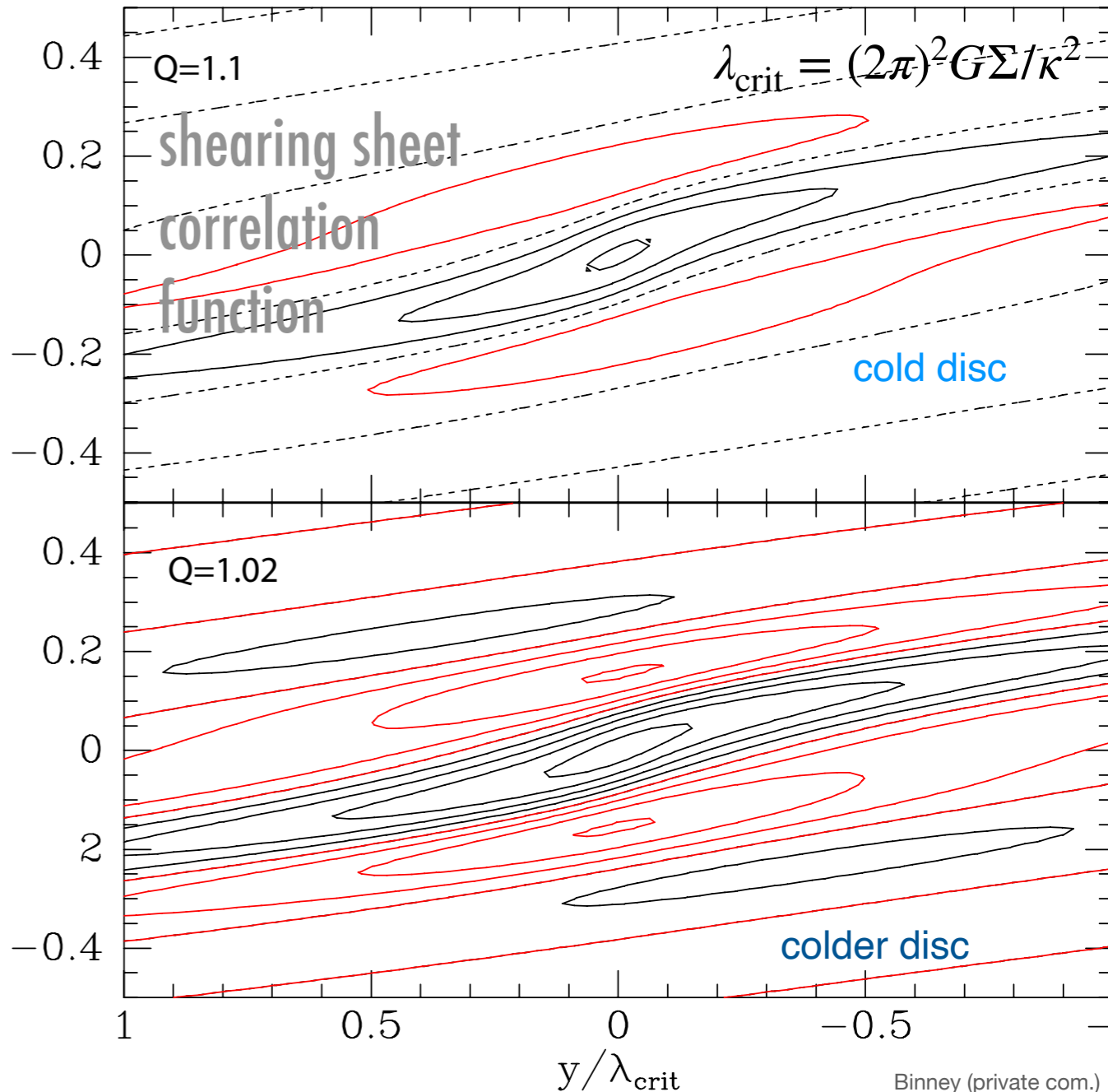
Mass in **wake** = mass in perturbation **X 30 !!**

Kalnajs



→ long range **correlation**

$x/\lambda_{crit}$



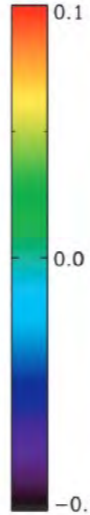
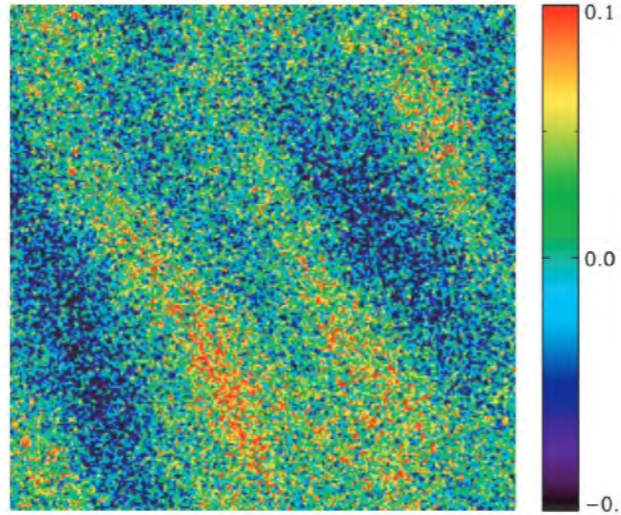
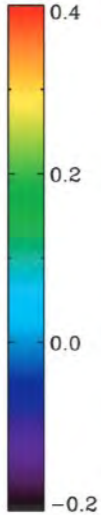
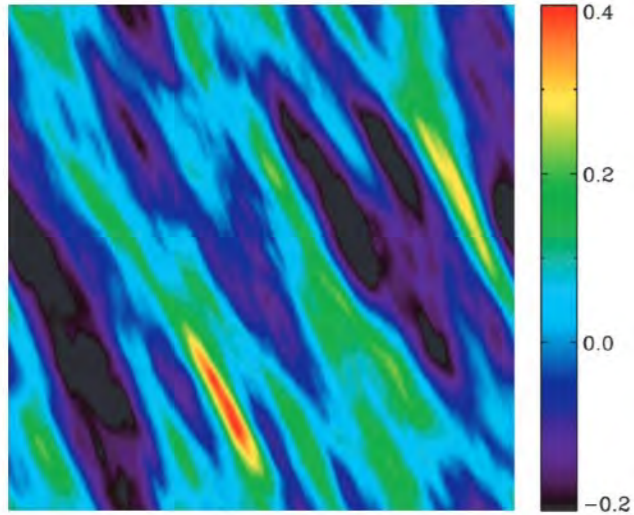
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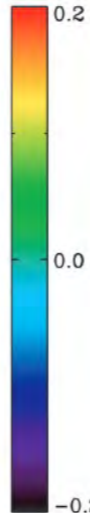
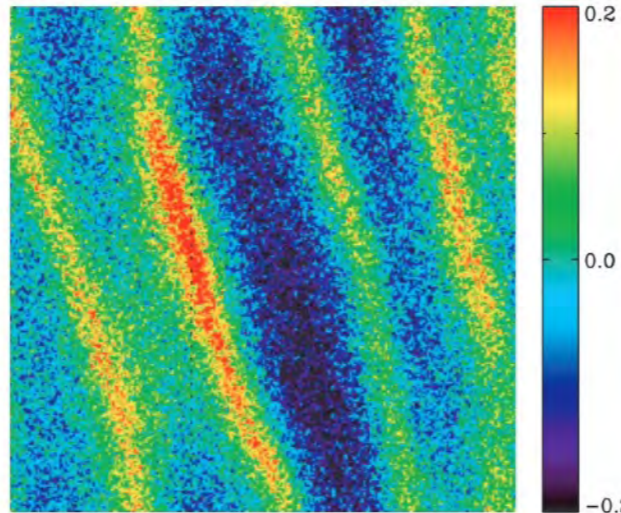
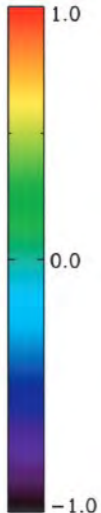
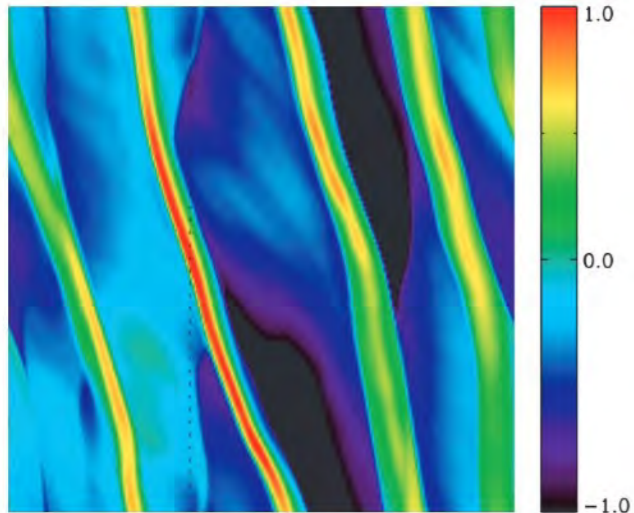
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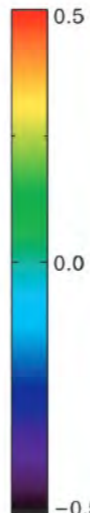
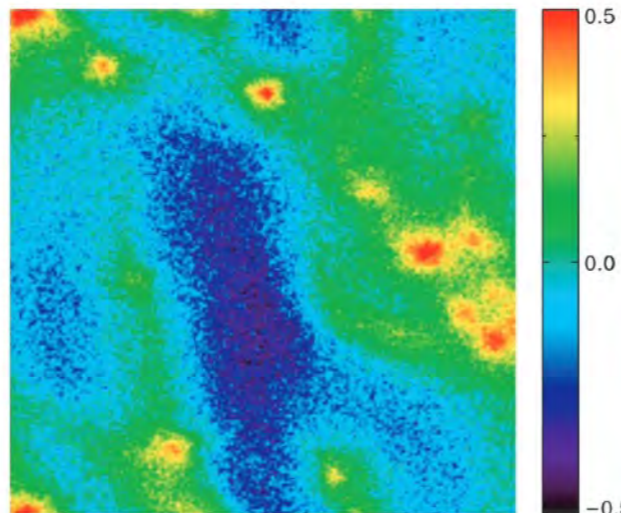
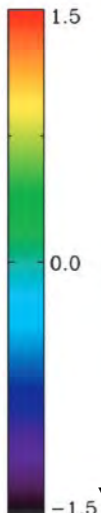
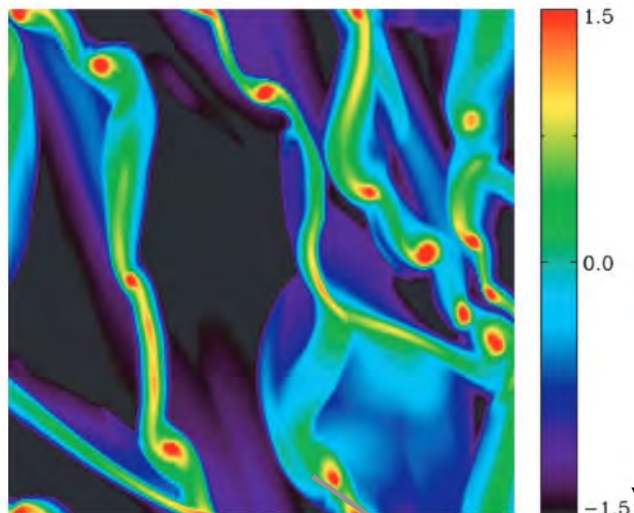
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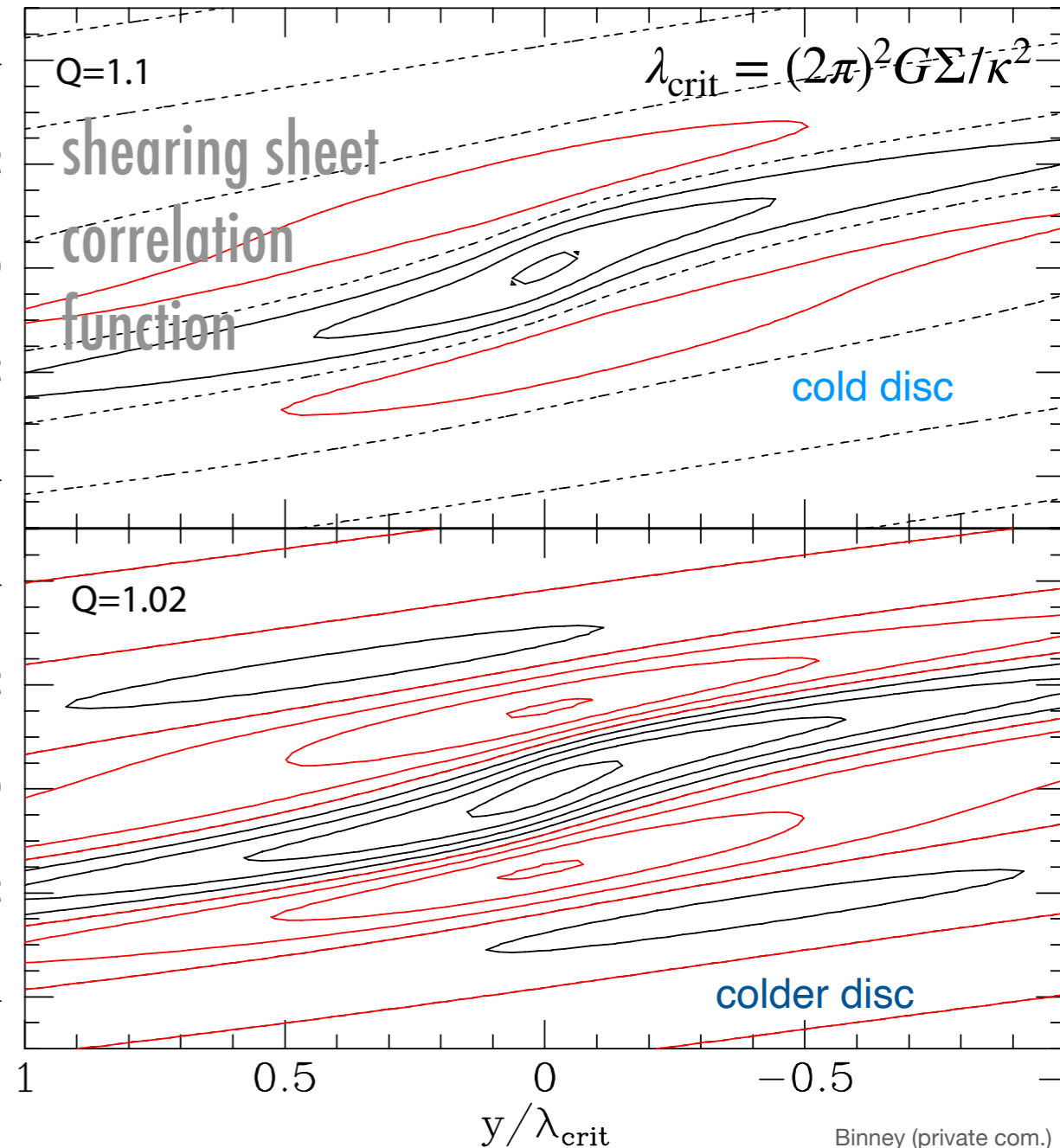
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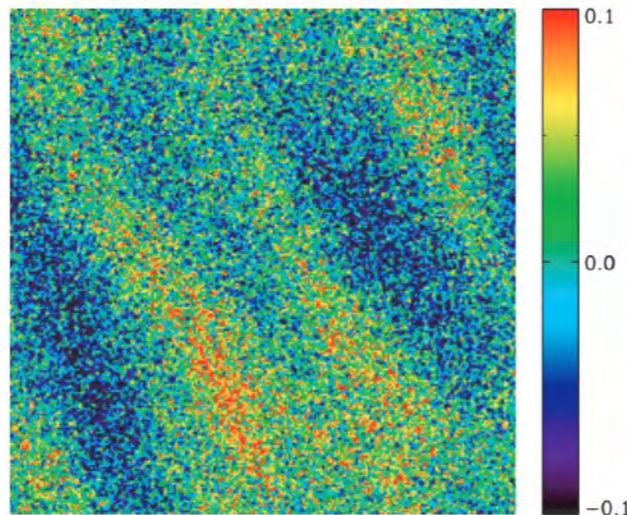
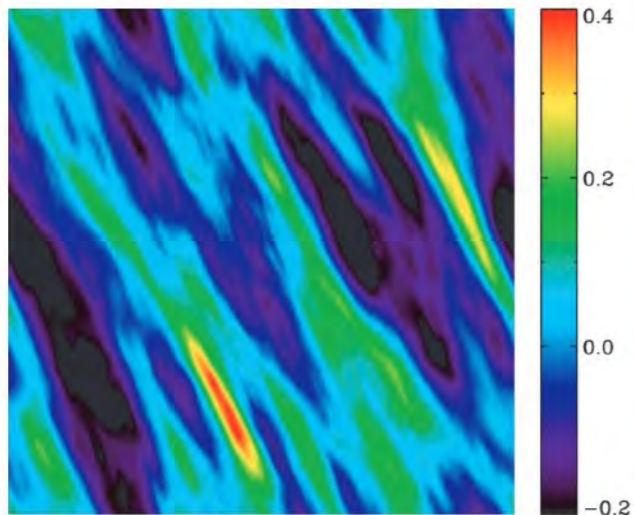
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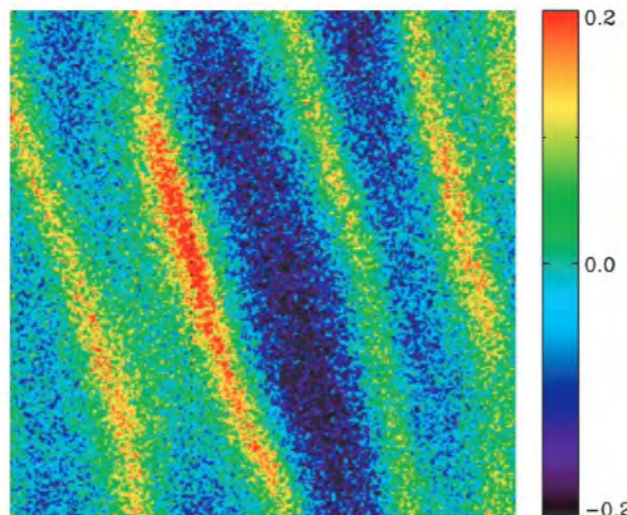
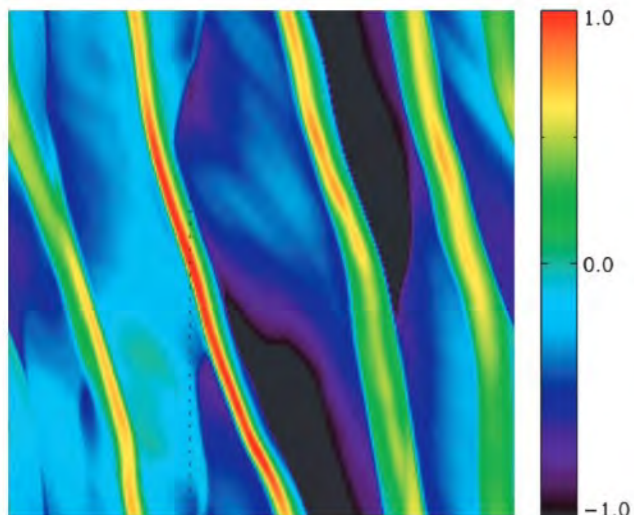
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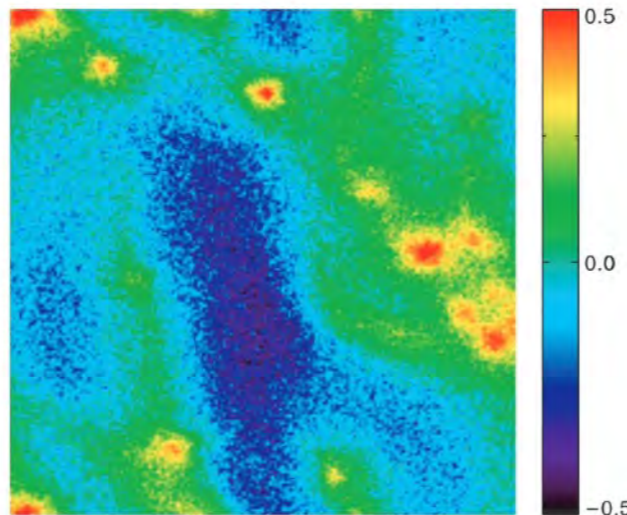
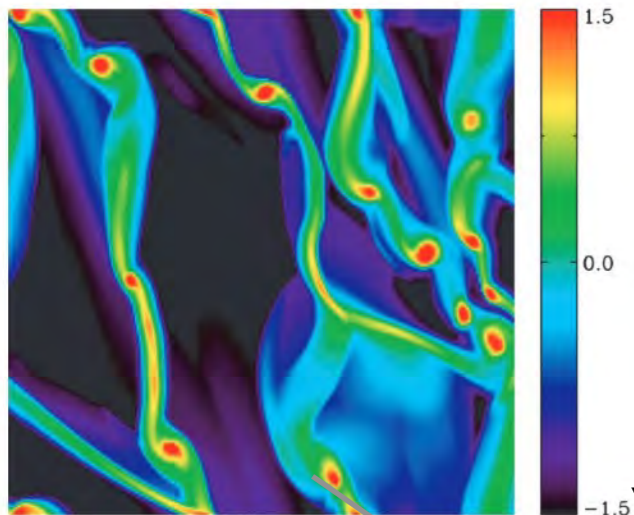
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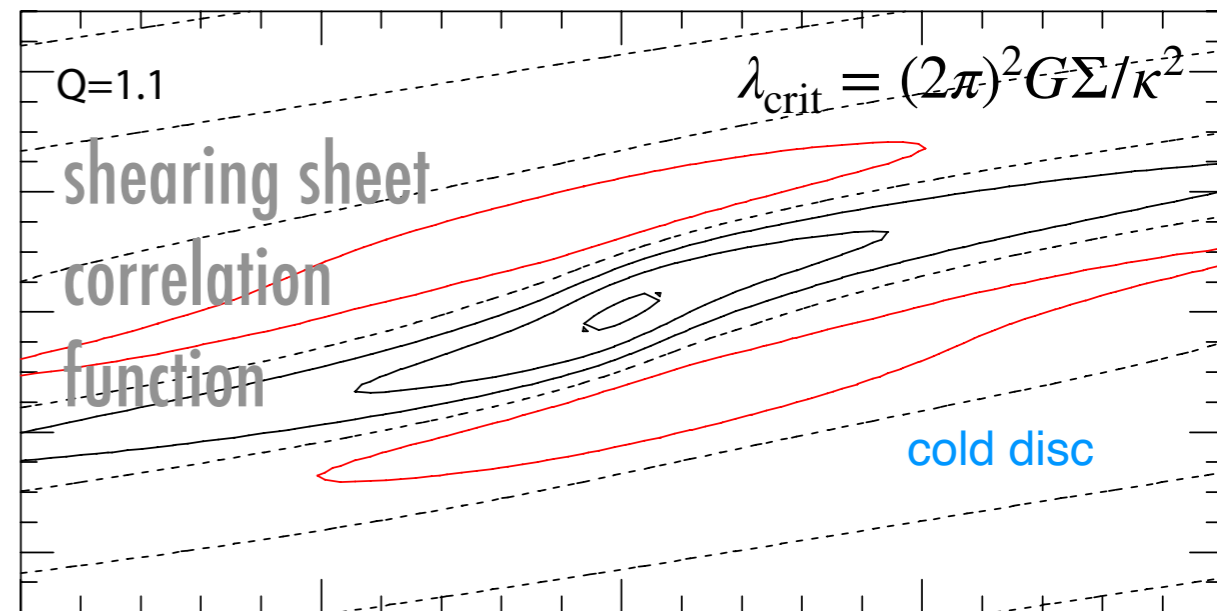


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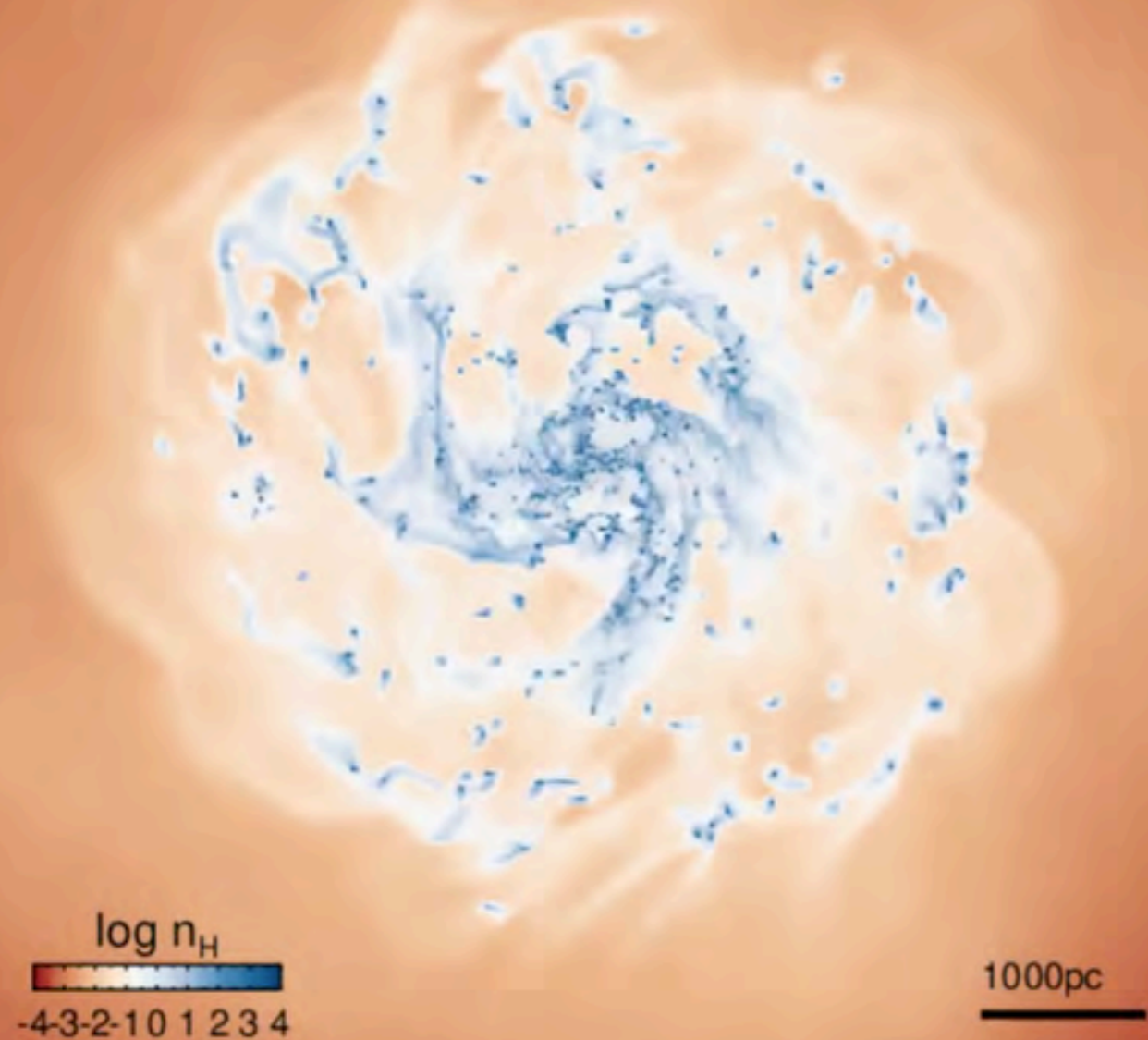
During each swing amplified cycle the gas clumps, form new stars with an efficiency  $\propto$  proximity to (marginal stability)<sup>2</sup>

# Internal Structure of a simulated thin disc

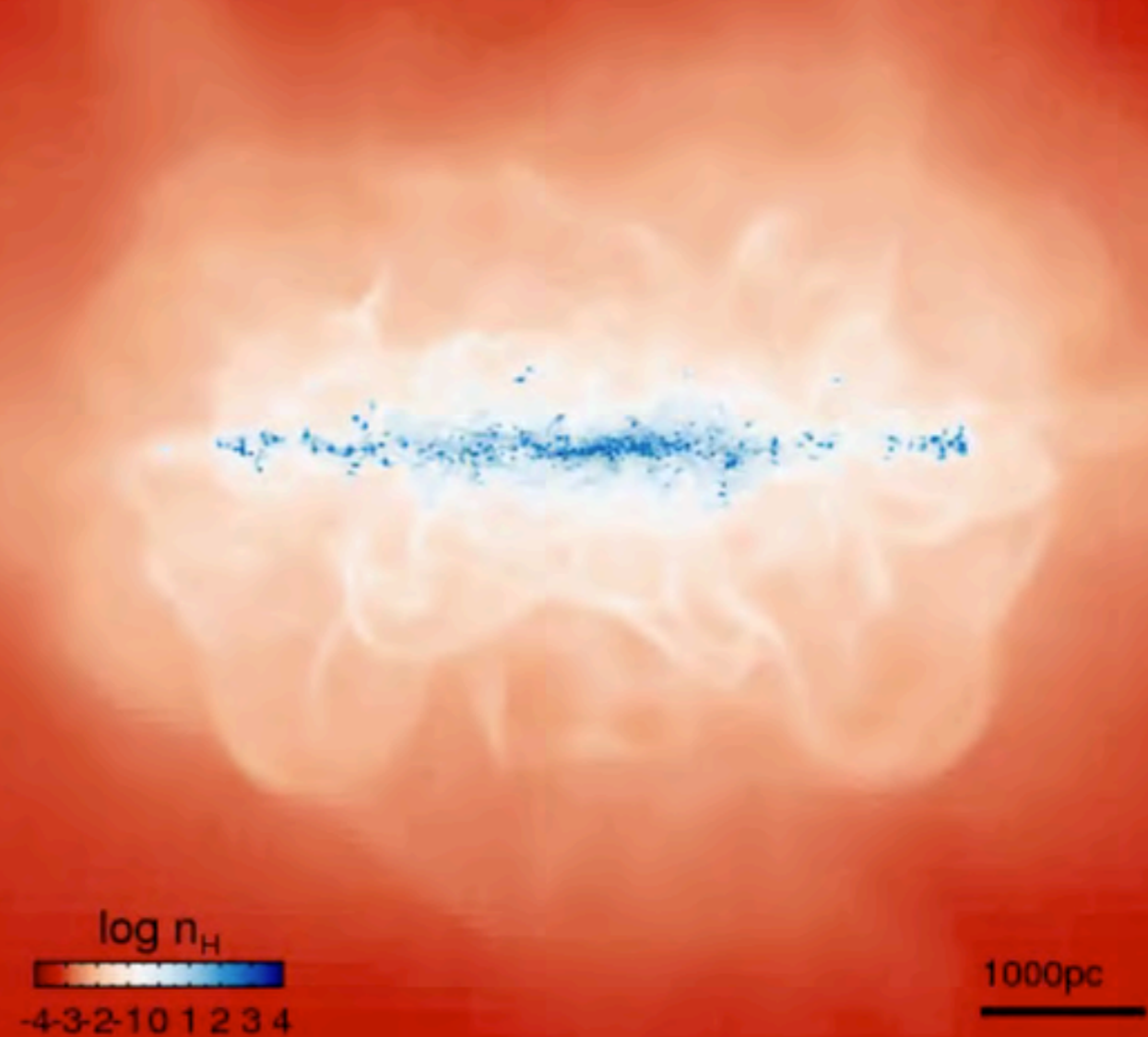
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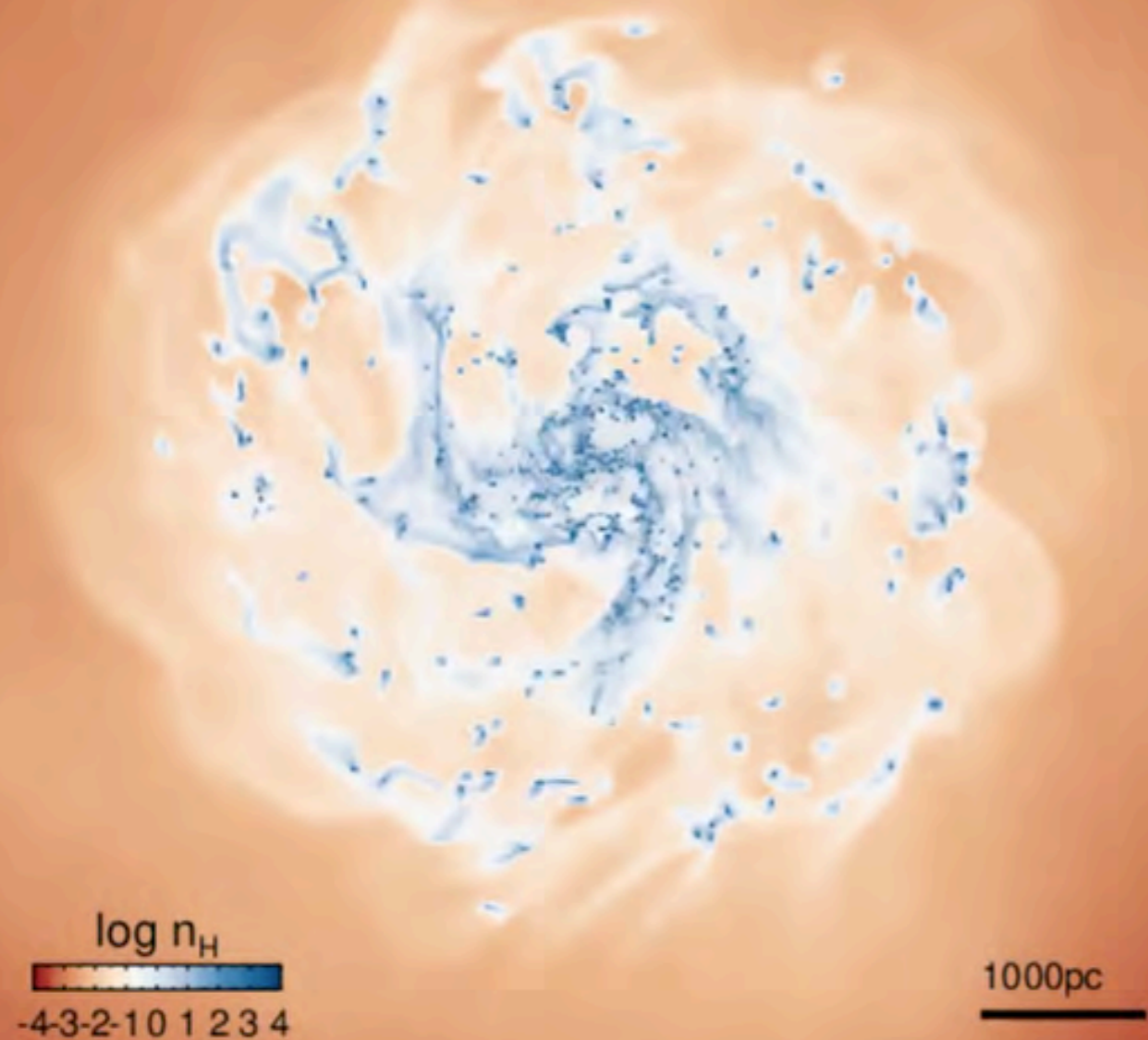


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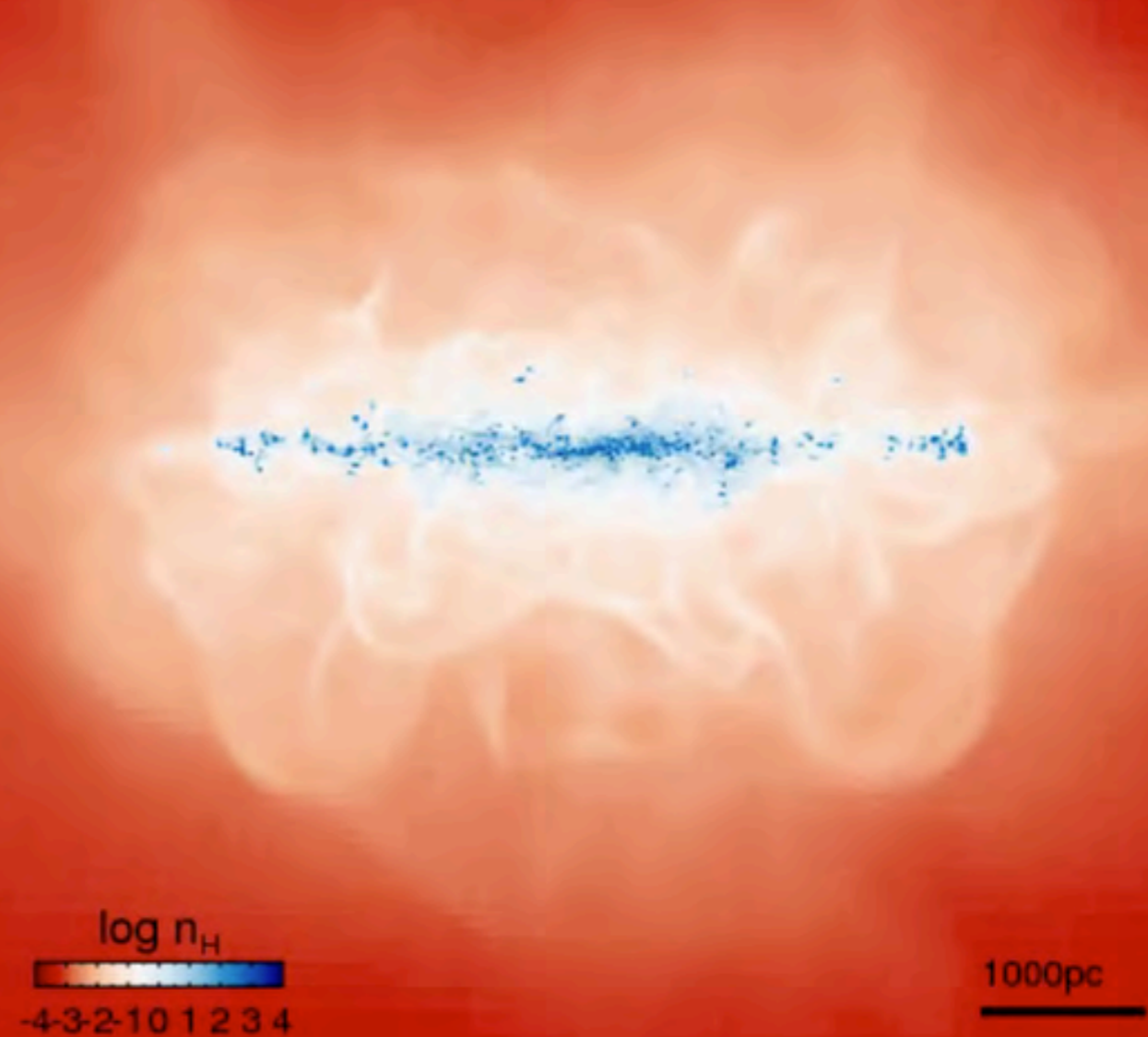
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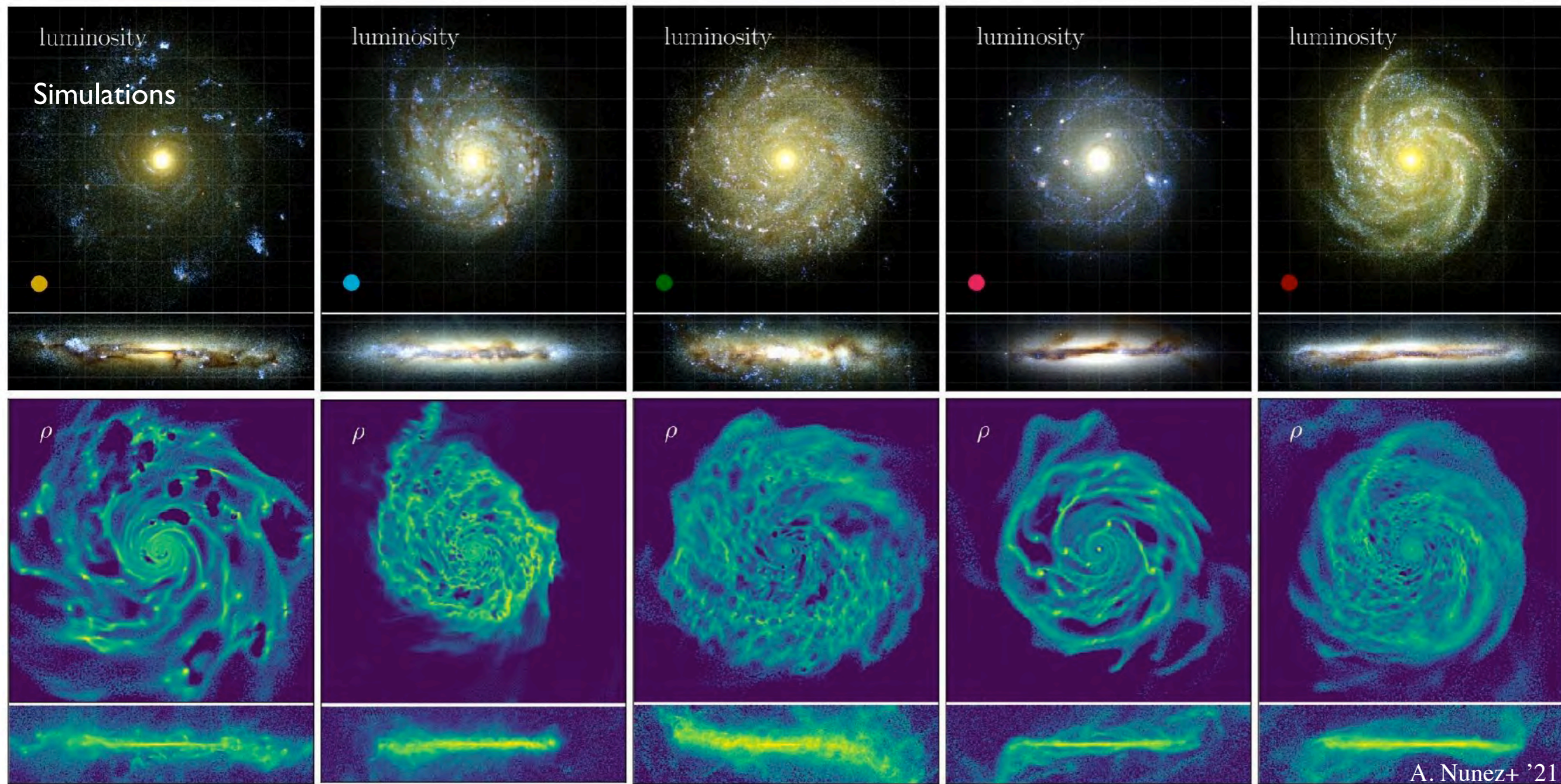
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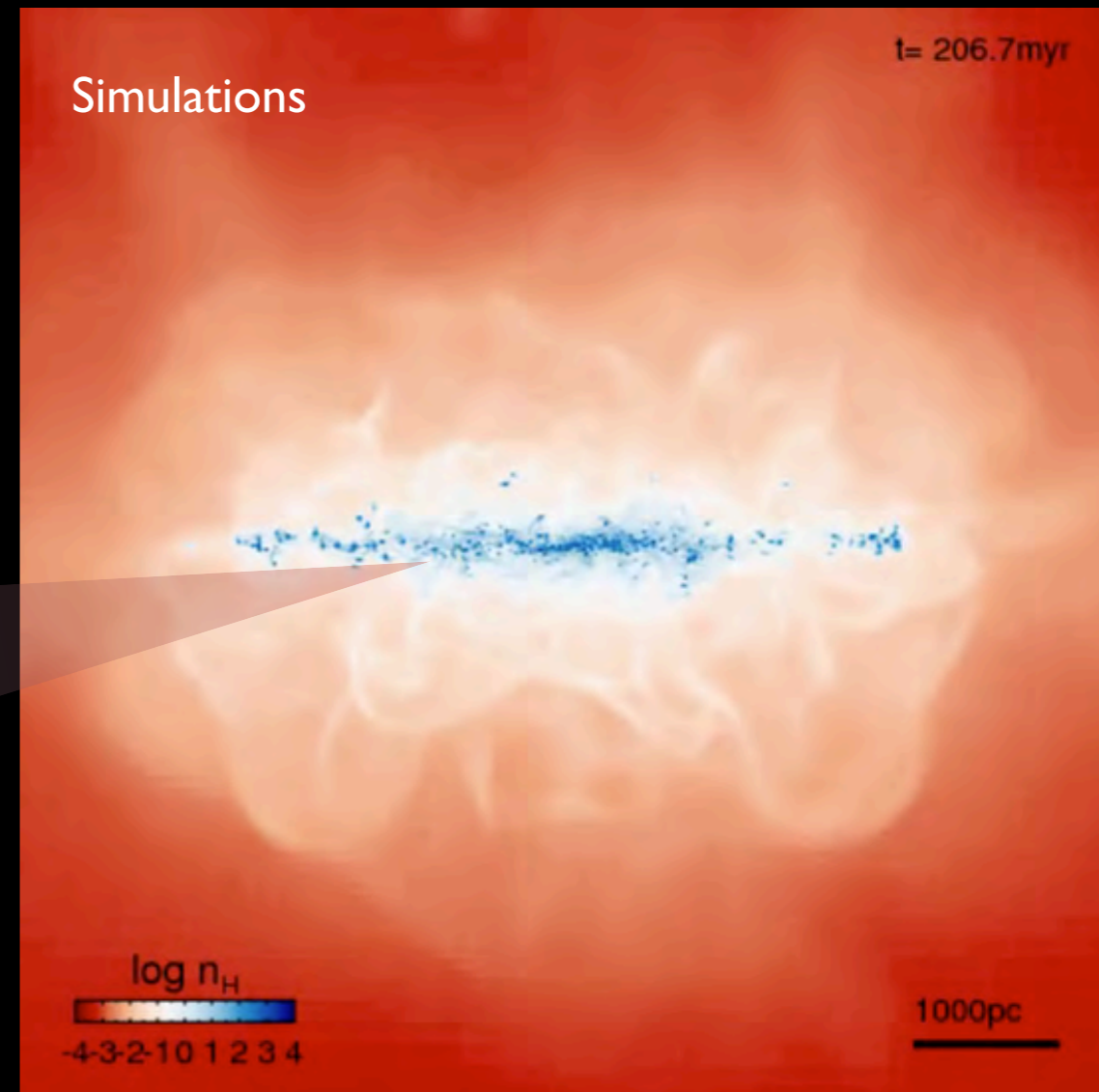
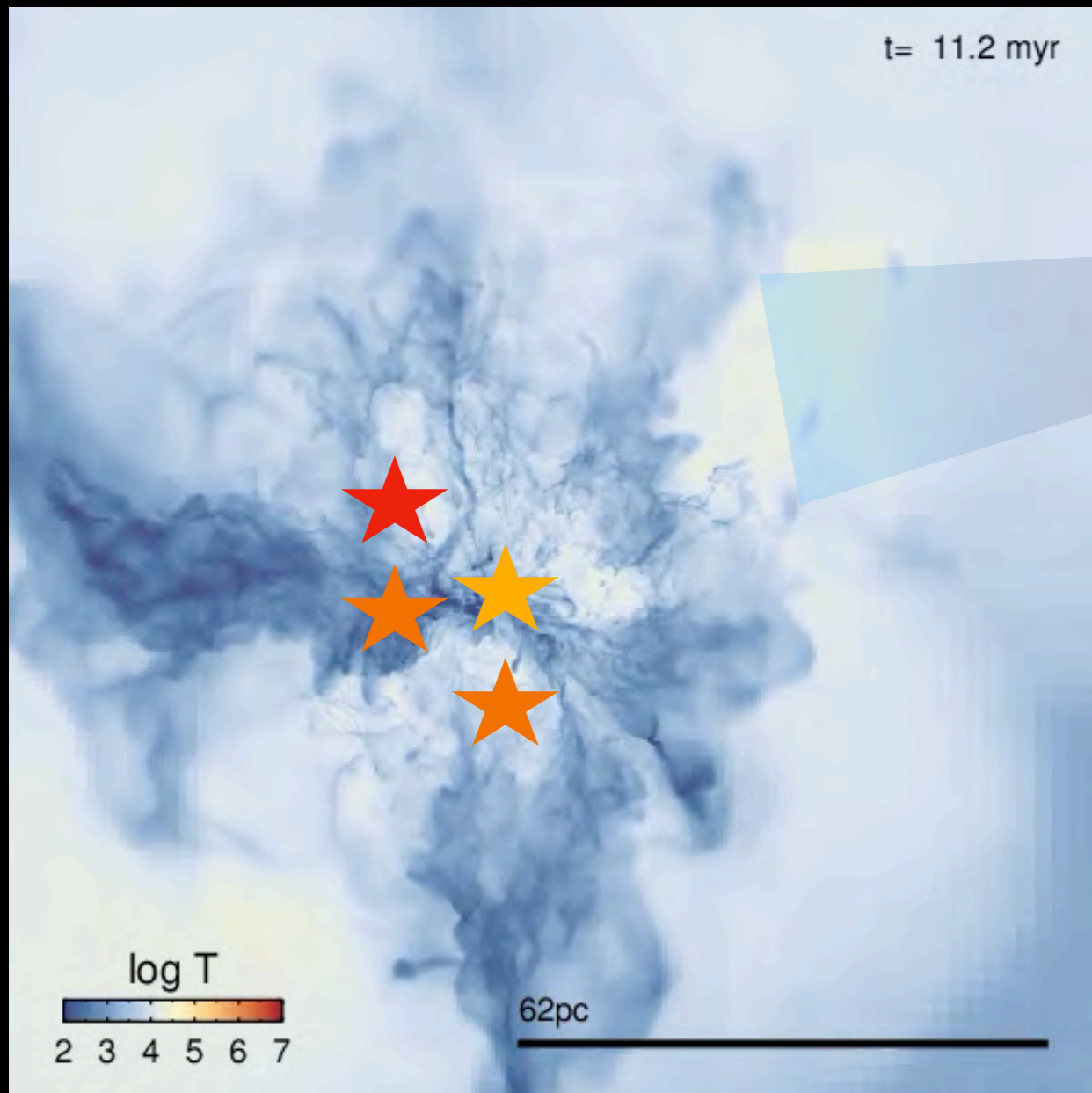


Note that the **exact** model of feedback impacts face-on view BUT does not impact much disc thickness.

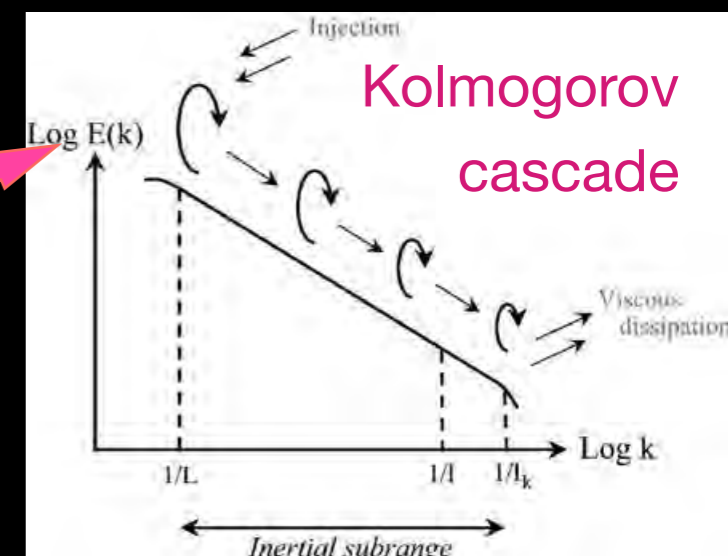
No fine tuning required: something more fundamental operates

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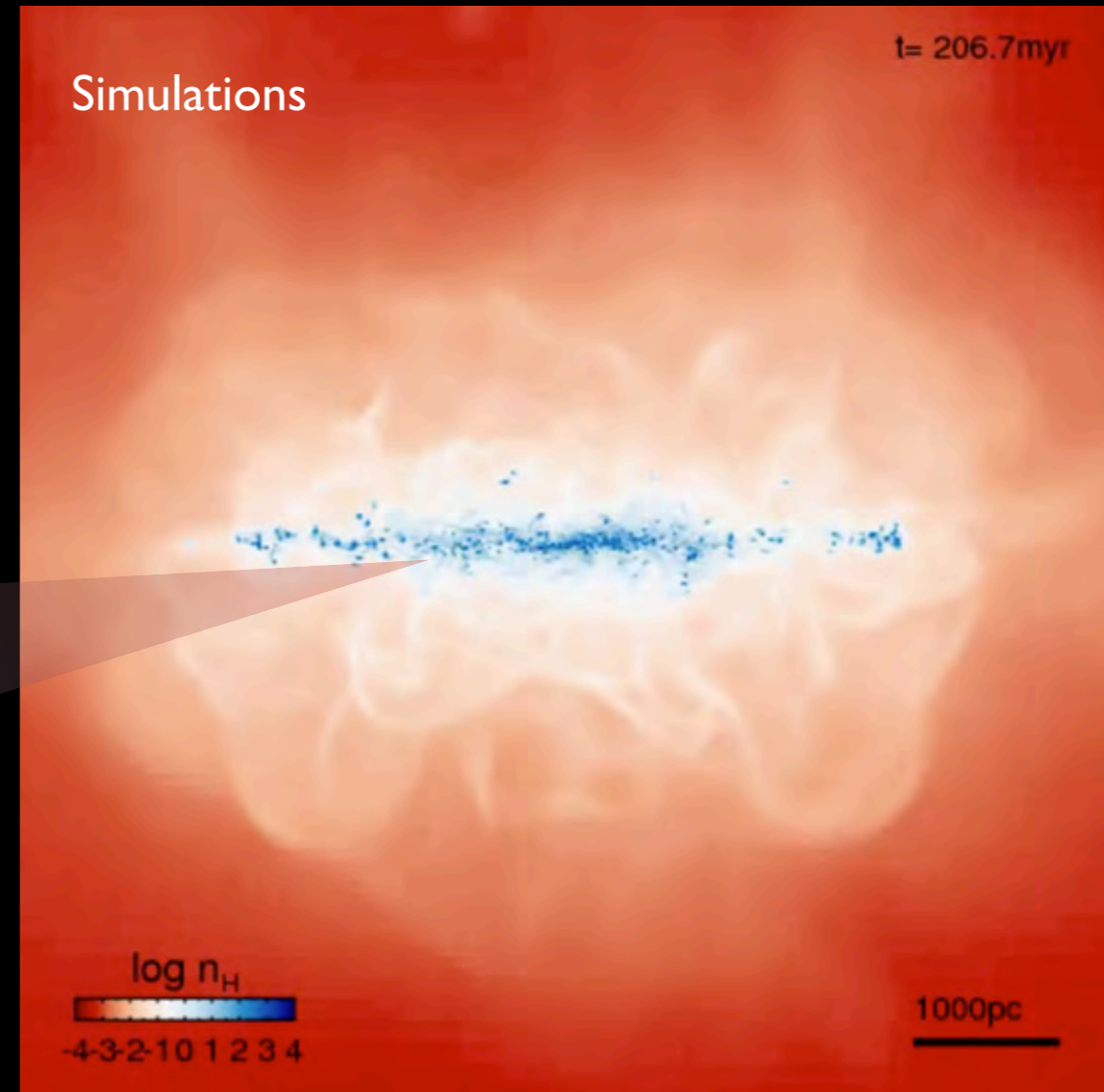
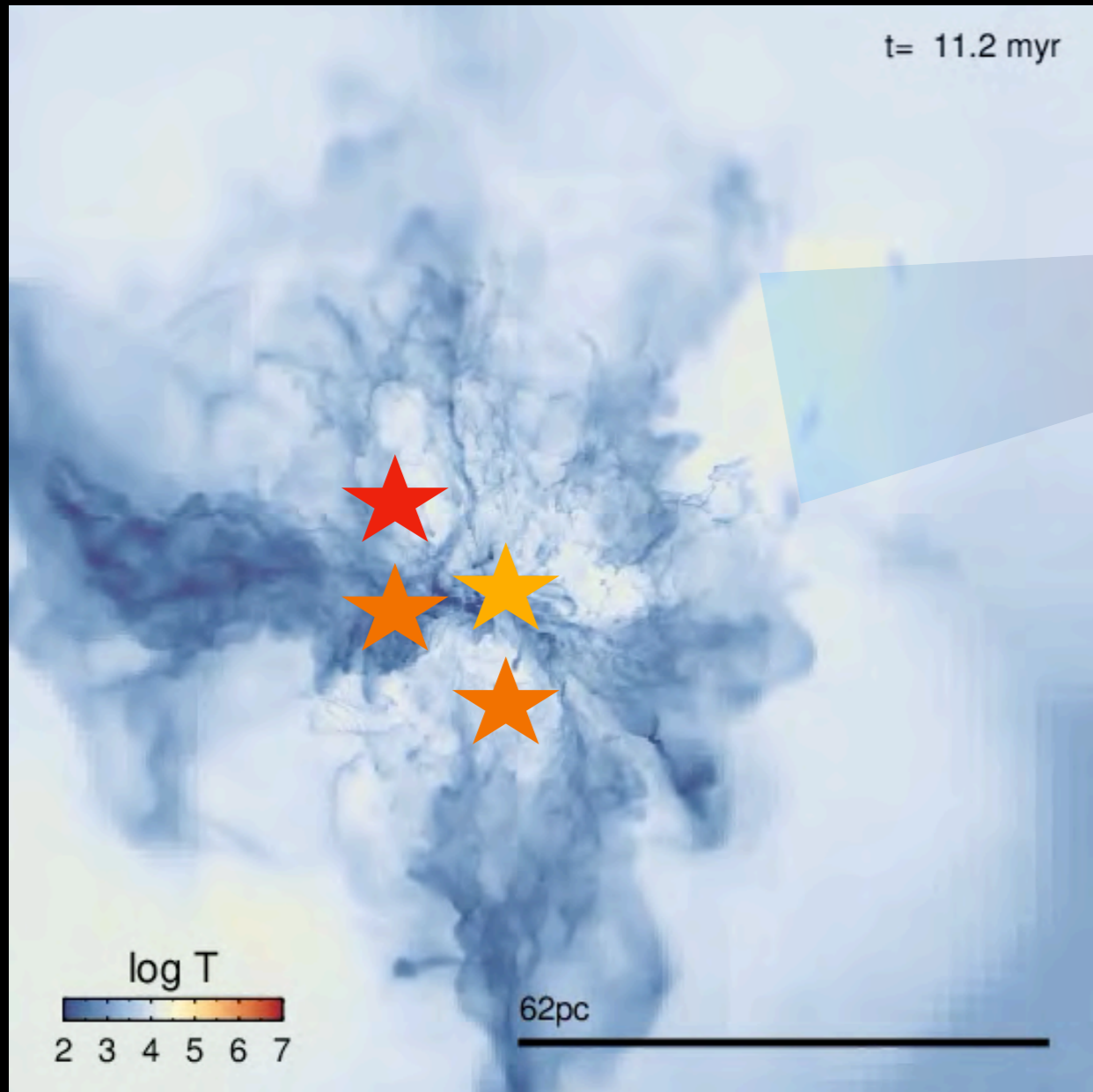


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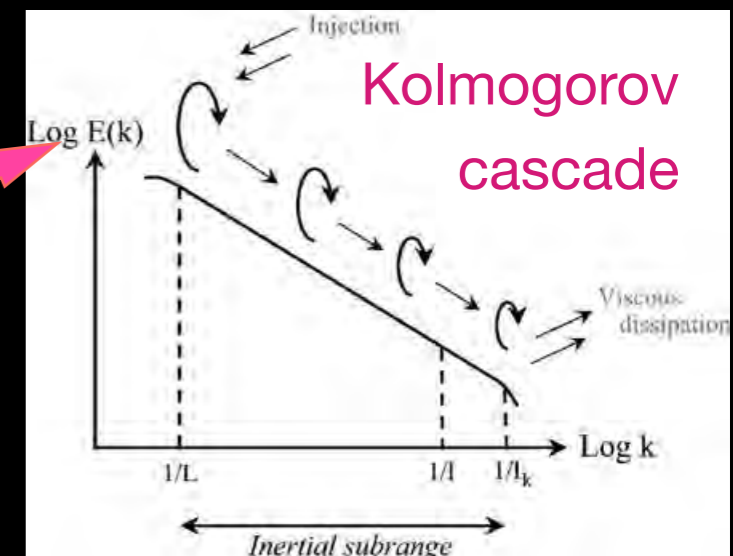


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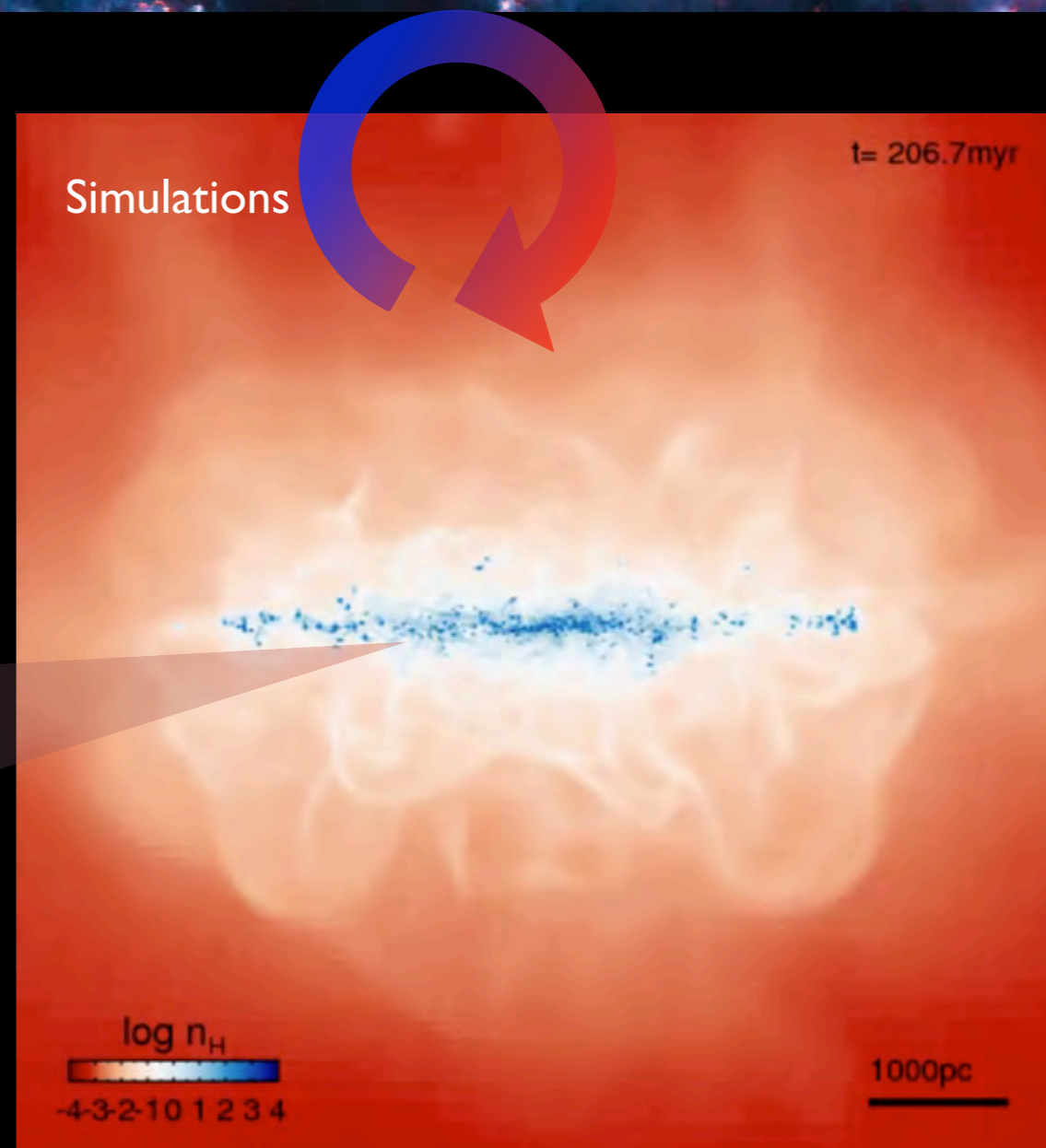
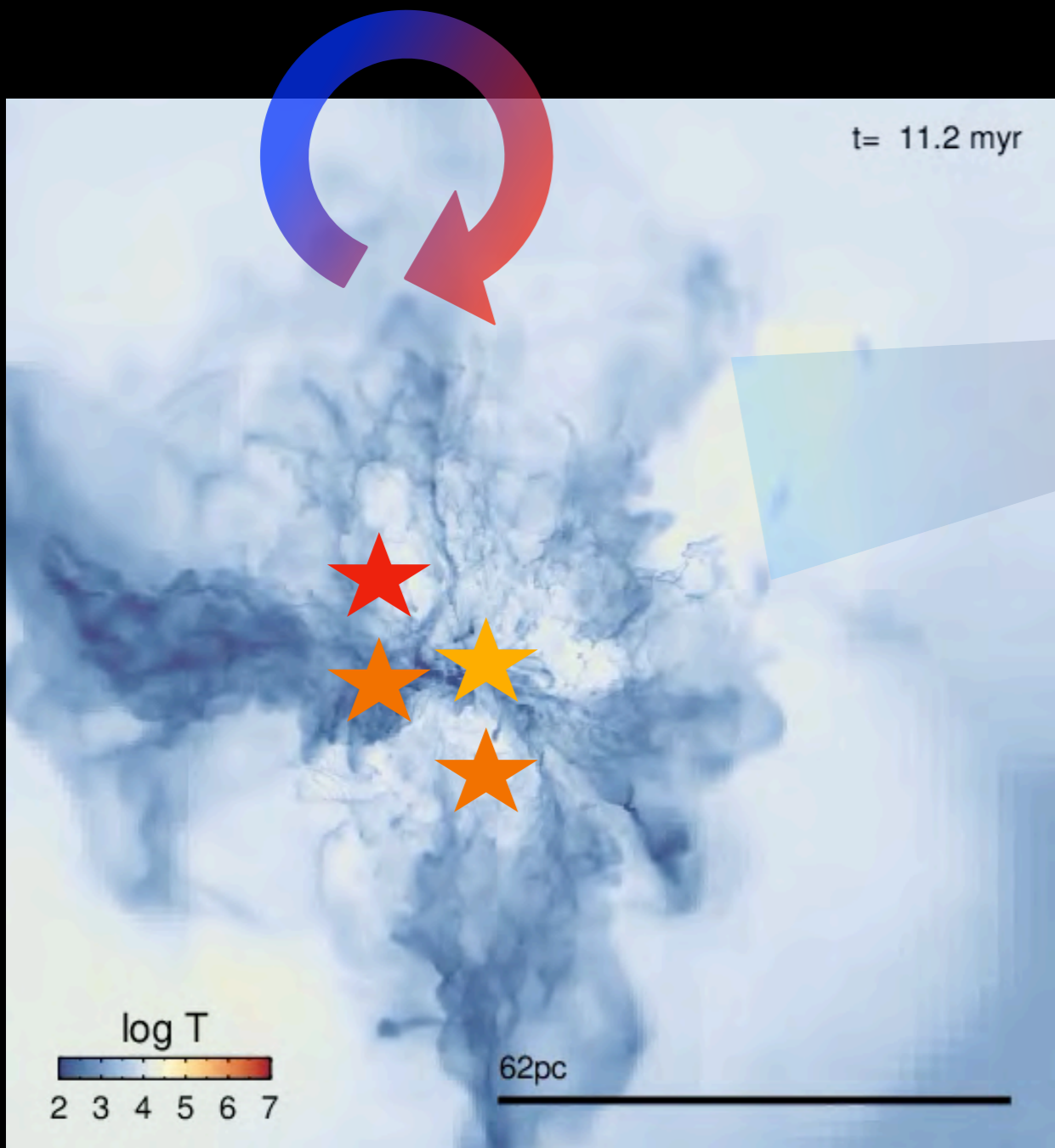


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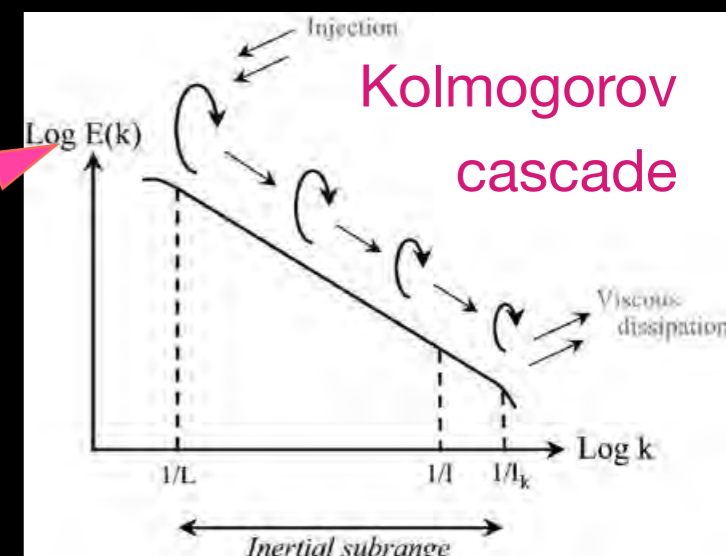


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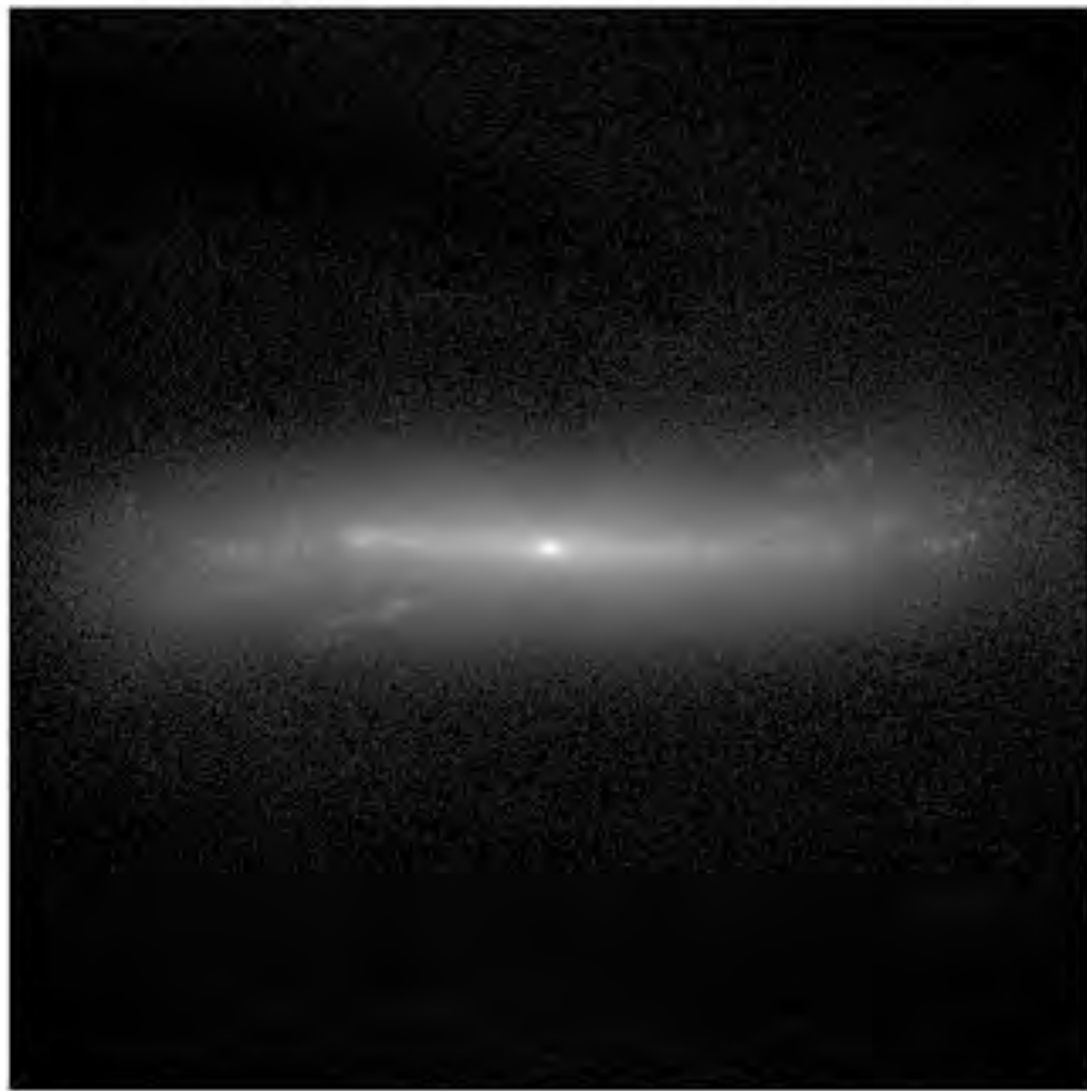


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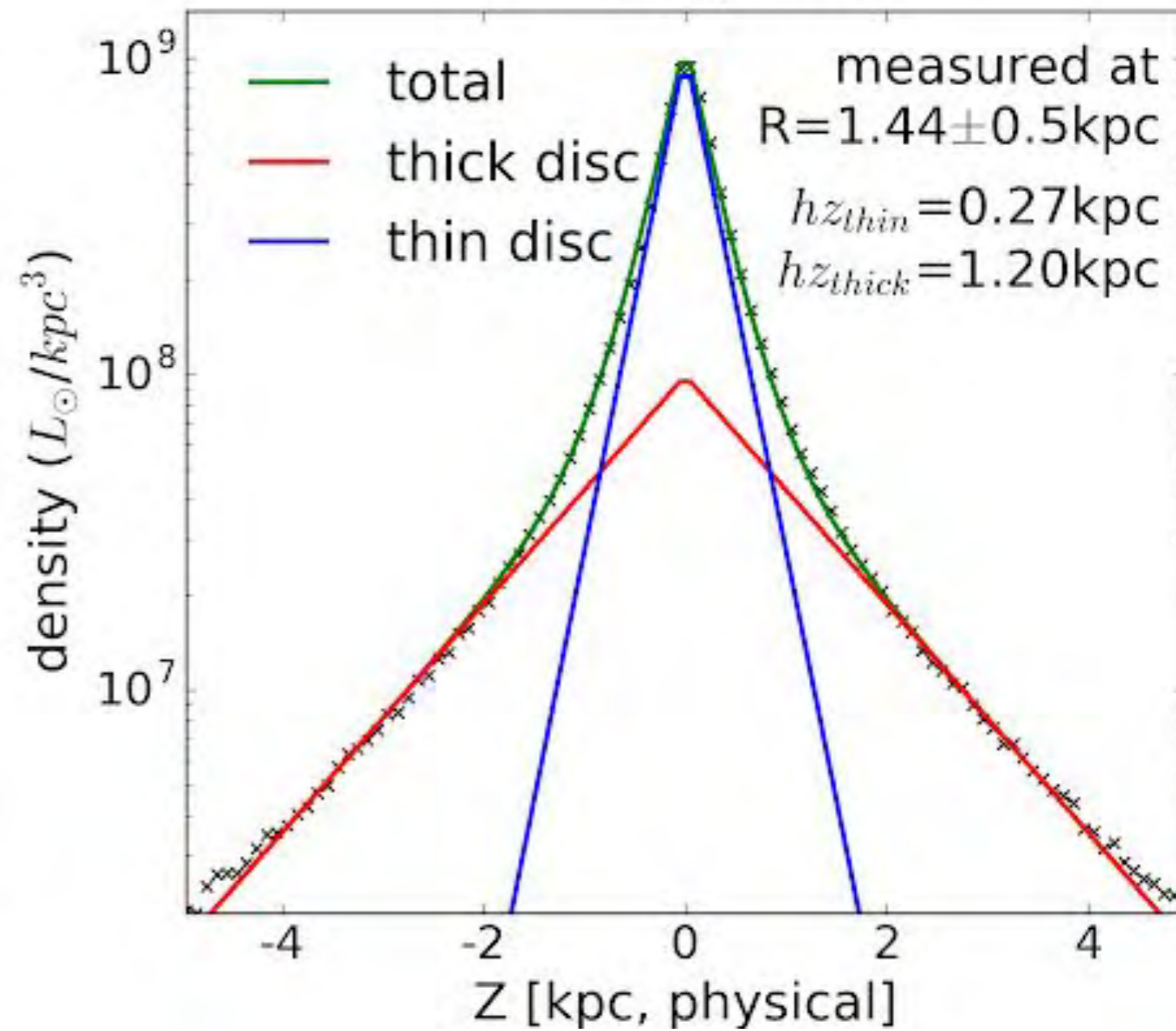


Quid of the effect of wakes on injection scale?

$$M_{*,disc} = 4.53 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$$

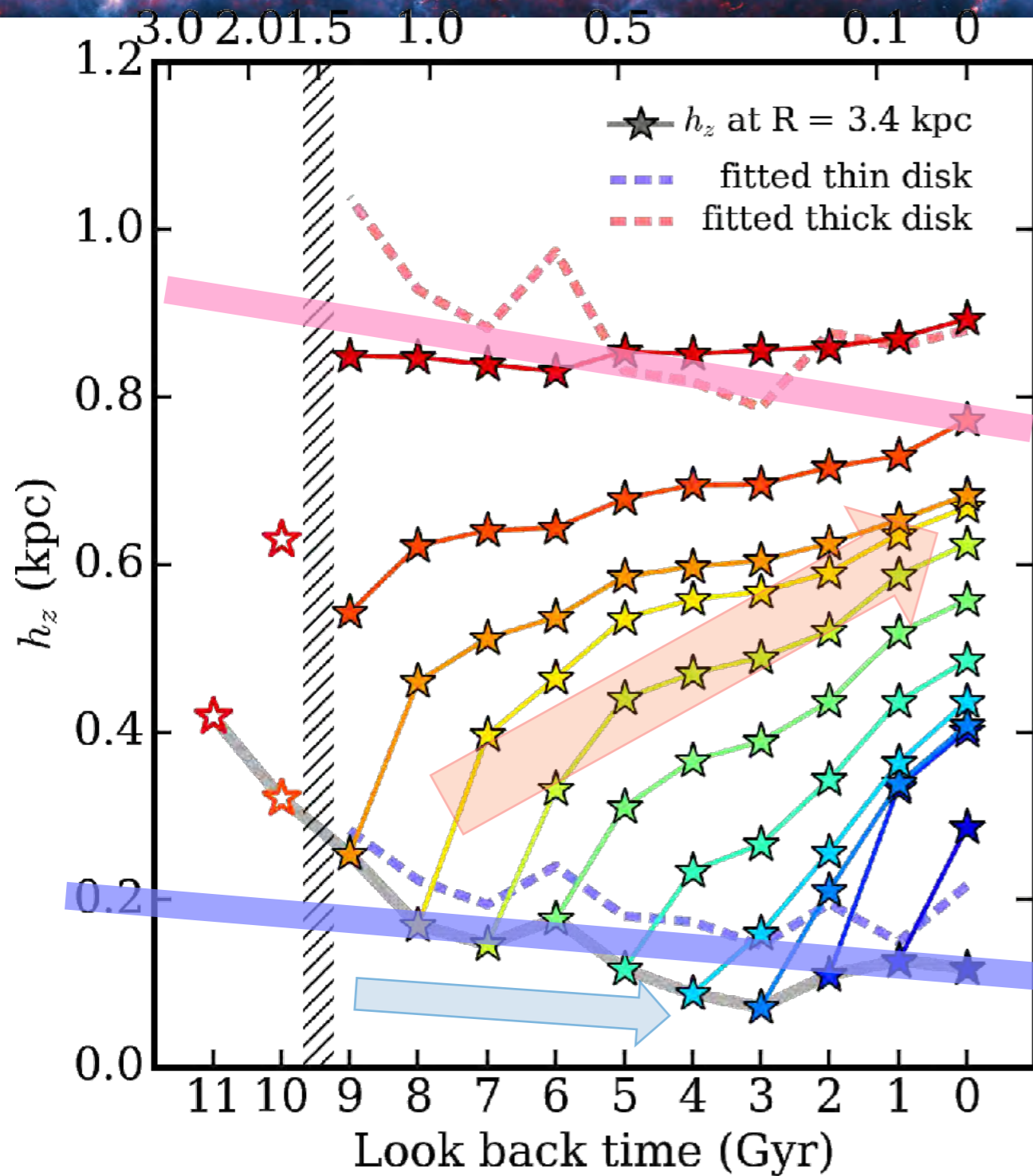


vertical profile



Both **star formation** and **vertical orbital diffusion** regulated by (Q → 1) **confounding** factor.

Stellar thick disc = **secular remnant** of (self regulated) disc settling process.



➔ Pre-existing disk stars **get thicker** with time due to **heating**

➔ Galaxy keeps forming in // **young thin-disk stars**

As a result, the vertical distribution (scale heights of the two components from fit) **do not change** since self-regulation controls both processes

Vertical orbital diffusion

$$D_{\text{dressed}} \propto D_{\text{raw}} / \epsilon^2(Q)$$

$$\eta_{\text{dressed}} \propto \eta_{\text{raw}} / \epsilon^2(Q)$$

SF efficiency ➔

Both **star formation** and **vertical orbital diffusion** regulated by ( $Q \rightarrow 1$ ) **confounding** factor.

Stellar thick disc = **secular remnant** of (self regulated) disc settling process.



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# Emergence

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- SN1a
- Turbulence
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- Minor Mergers
- Misaligned infall
- FlyBys

Star formation and feedback define control loop on disc

## Stabilising effects

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Heating

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Cooling

Free energy reservoir in CGM

Cosmic perturbation

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$$T_{\text{dressed}} \simeq |\epsilon| T_{\text{bare}}$$

so long as  $T_{\text{dressed}} > T_{\text{cool}}$

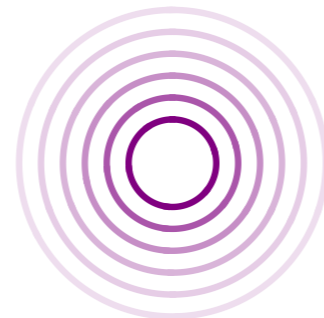
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## Tighter loop



Gravitational Wake

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Open system with control loop generates complexity through self-organisation

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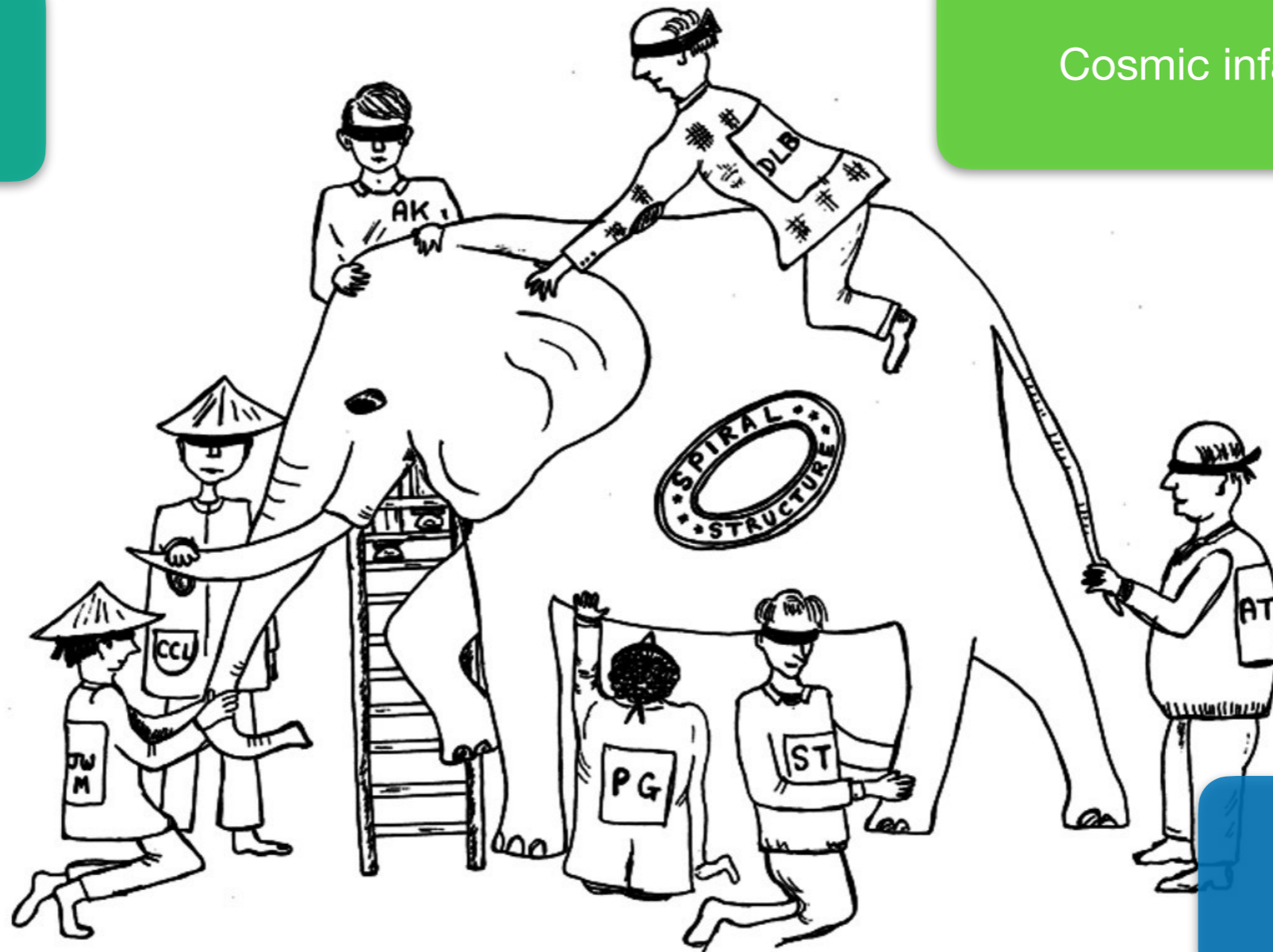
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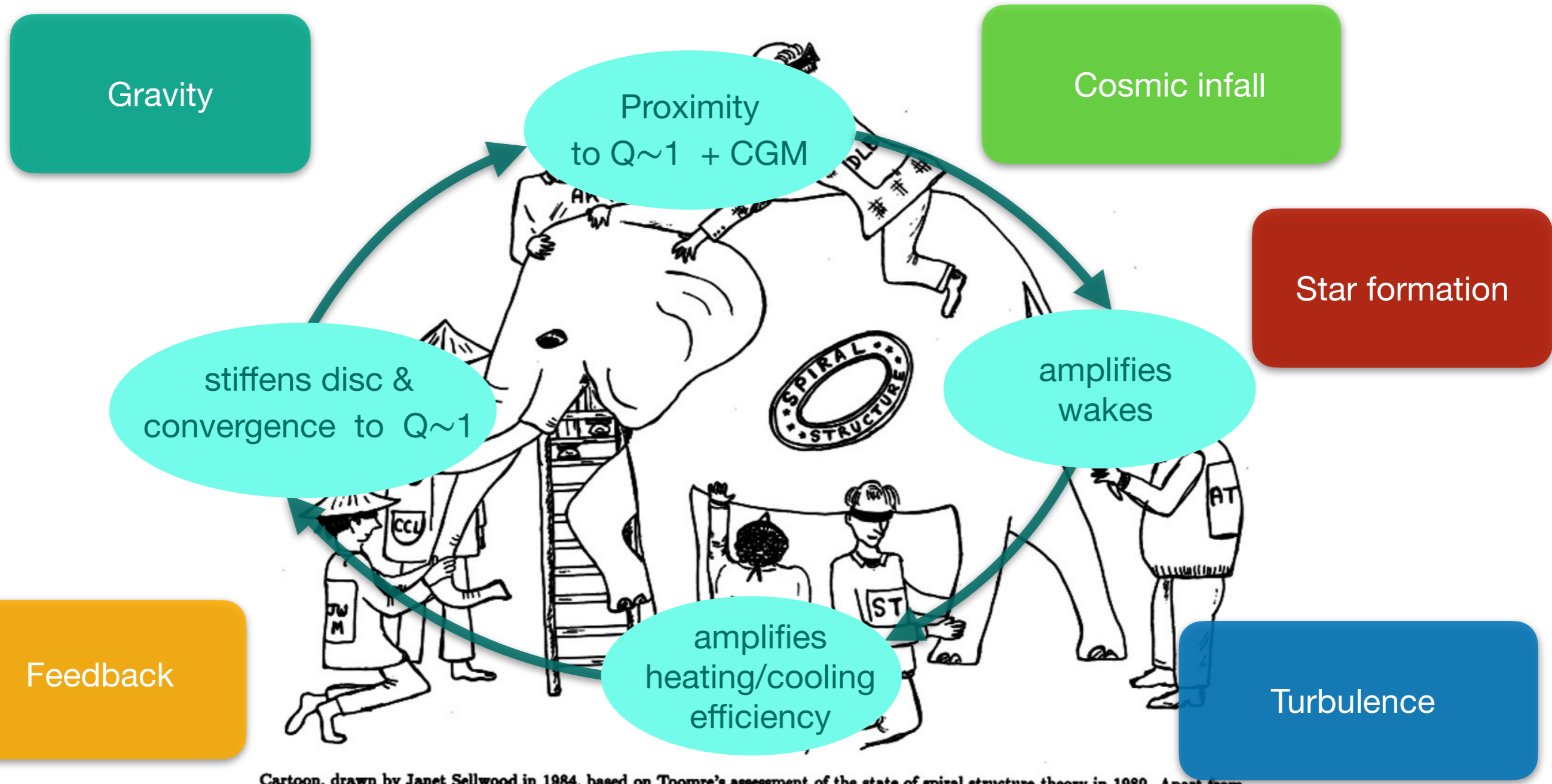
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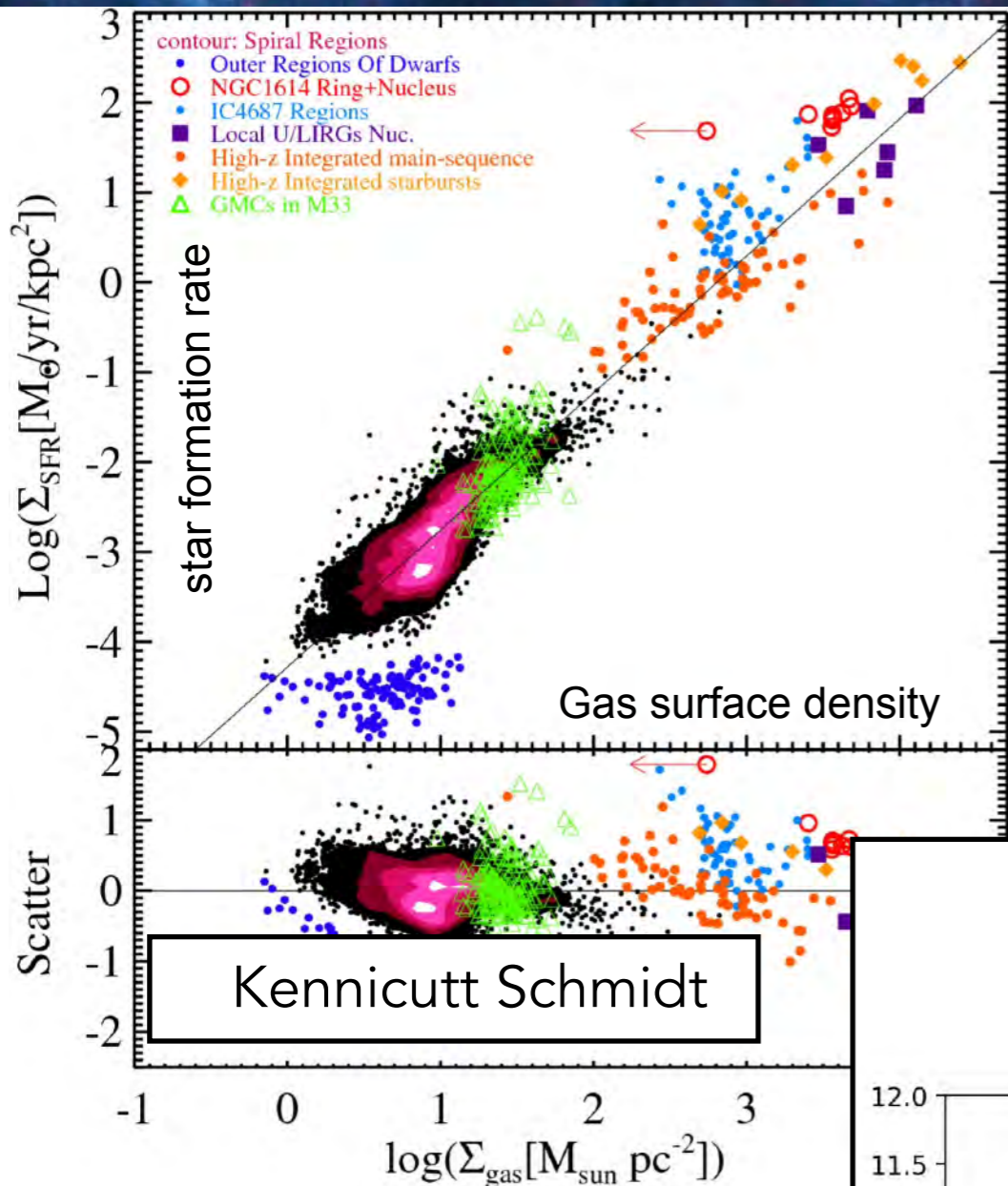
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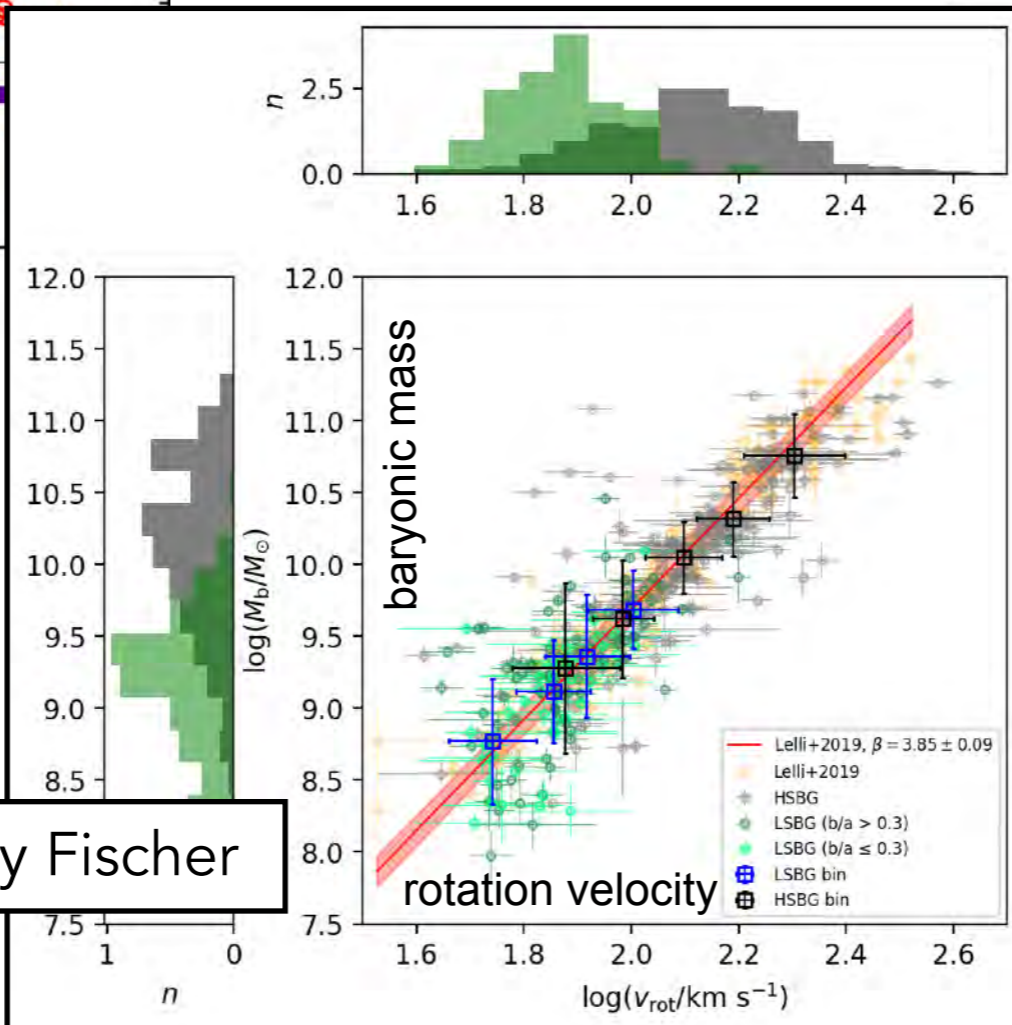
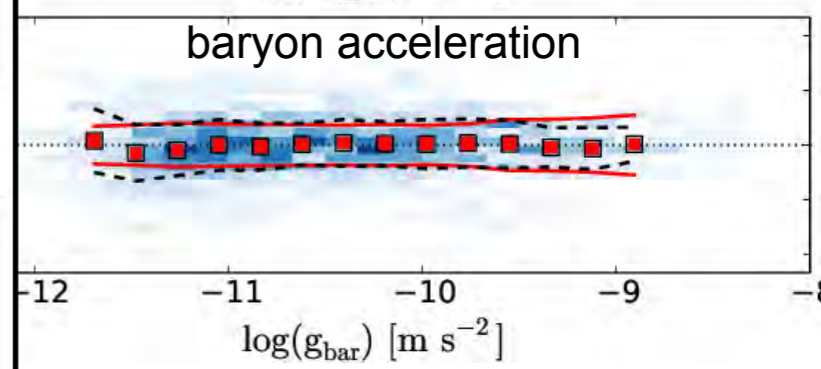
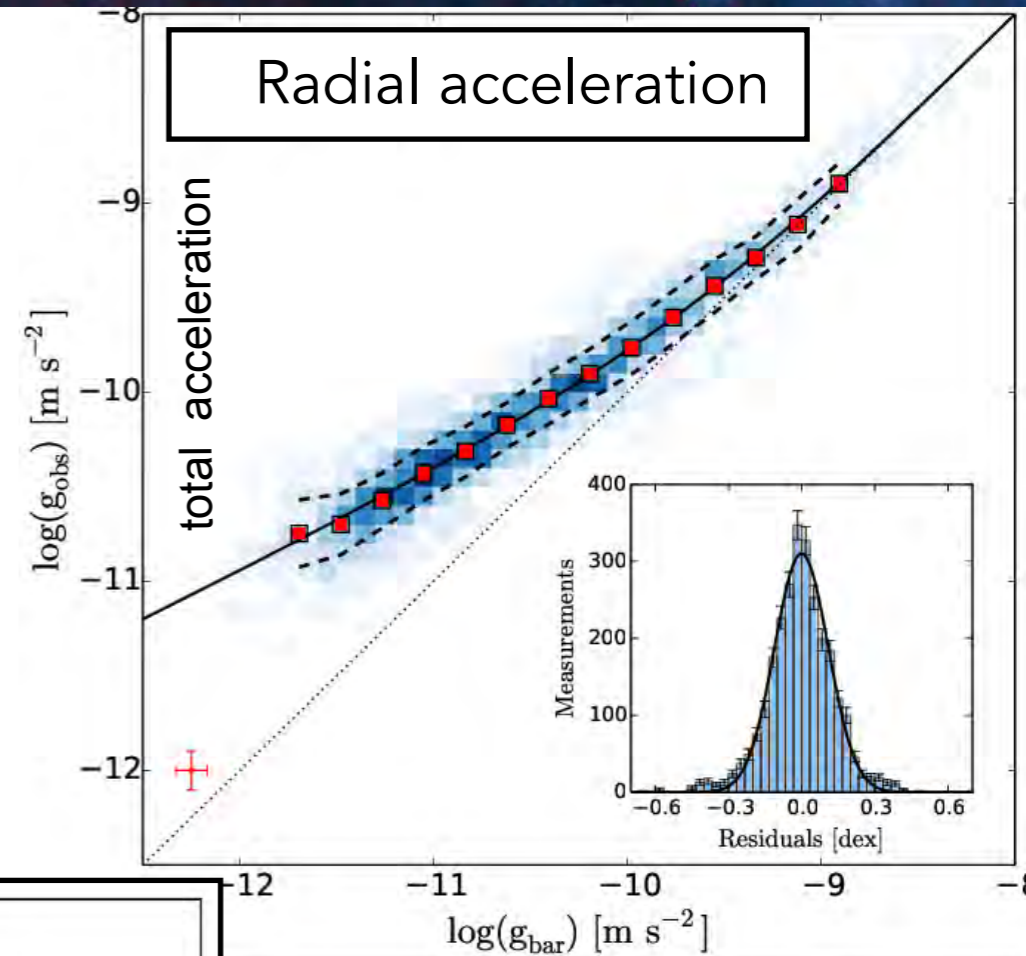
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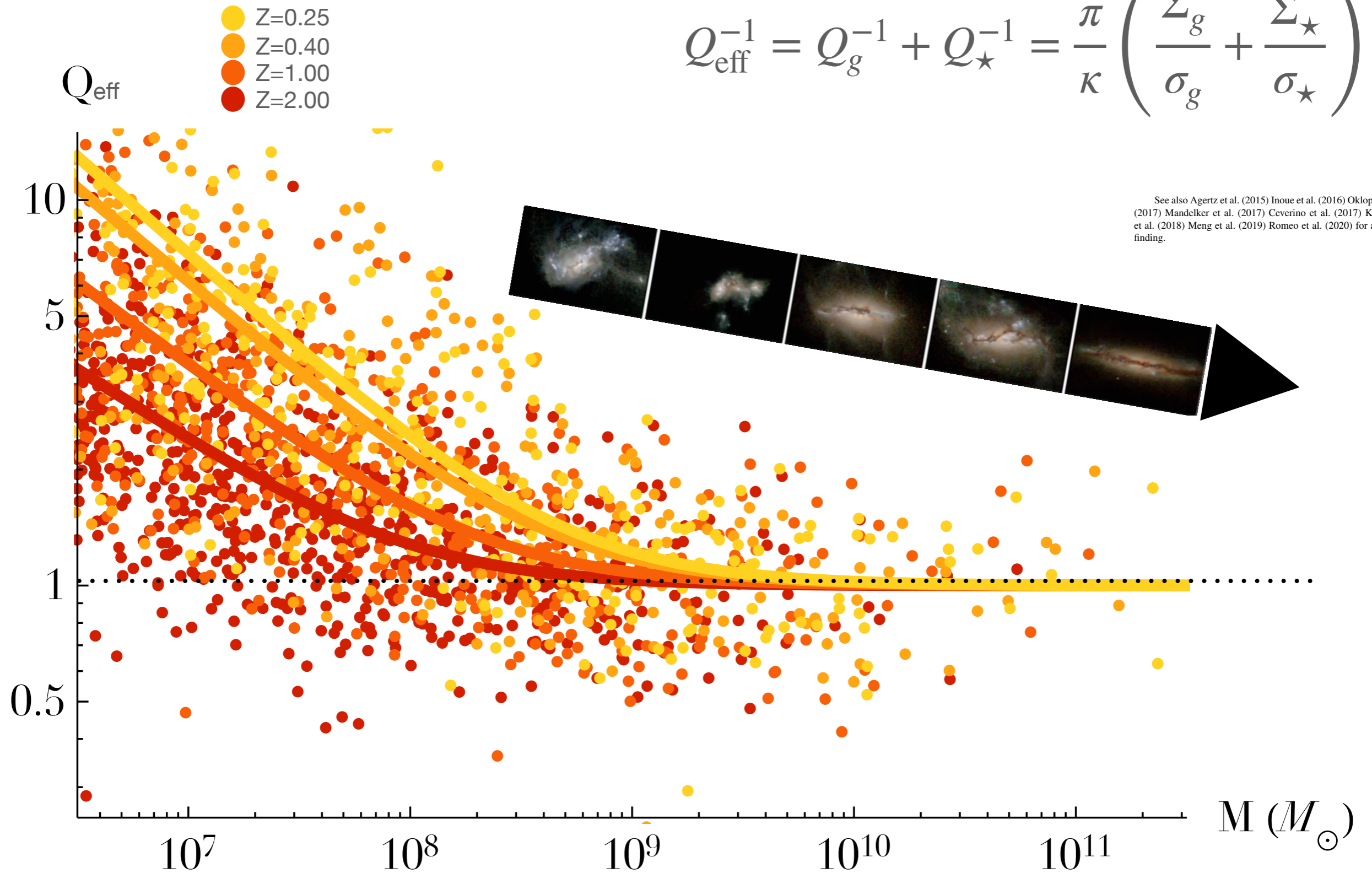


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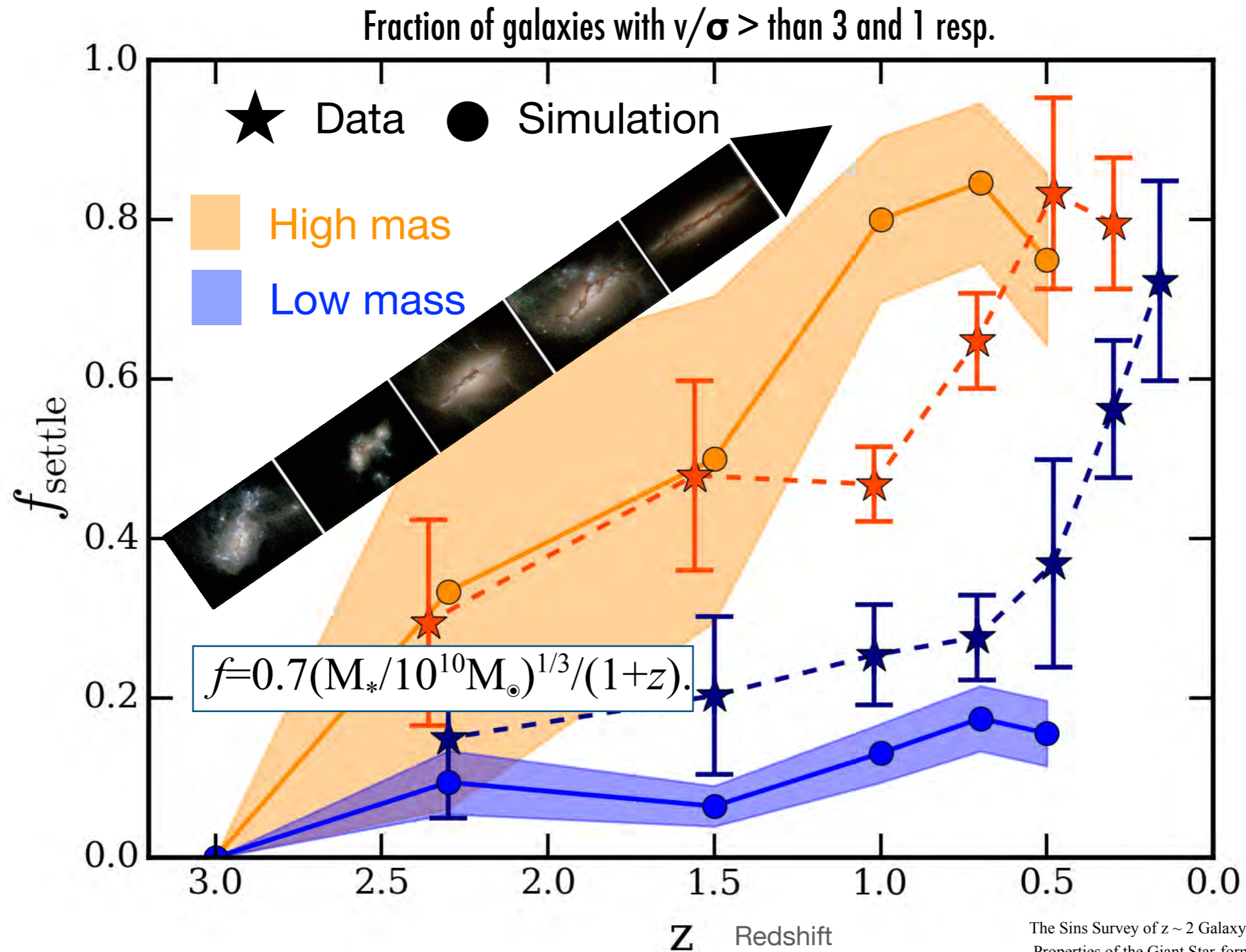
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Toomre Q (★+gas) parameter convergence as a function of *both* mass and redshift

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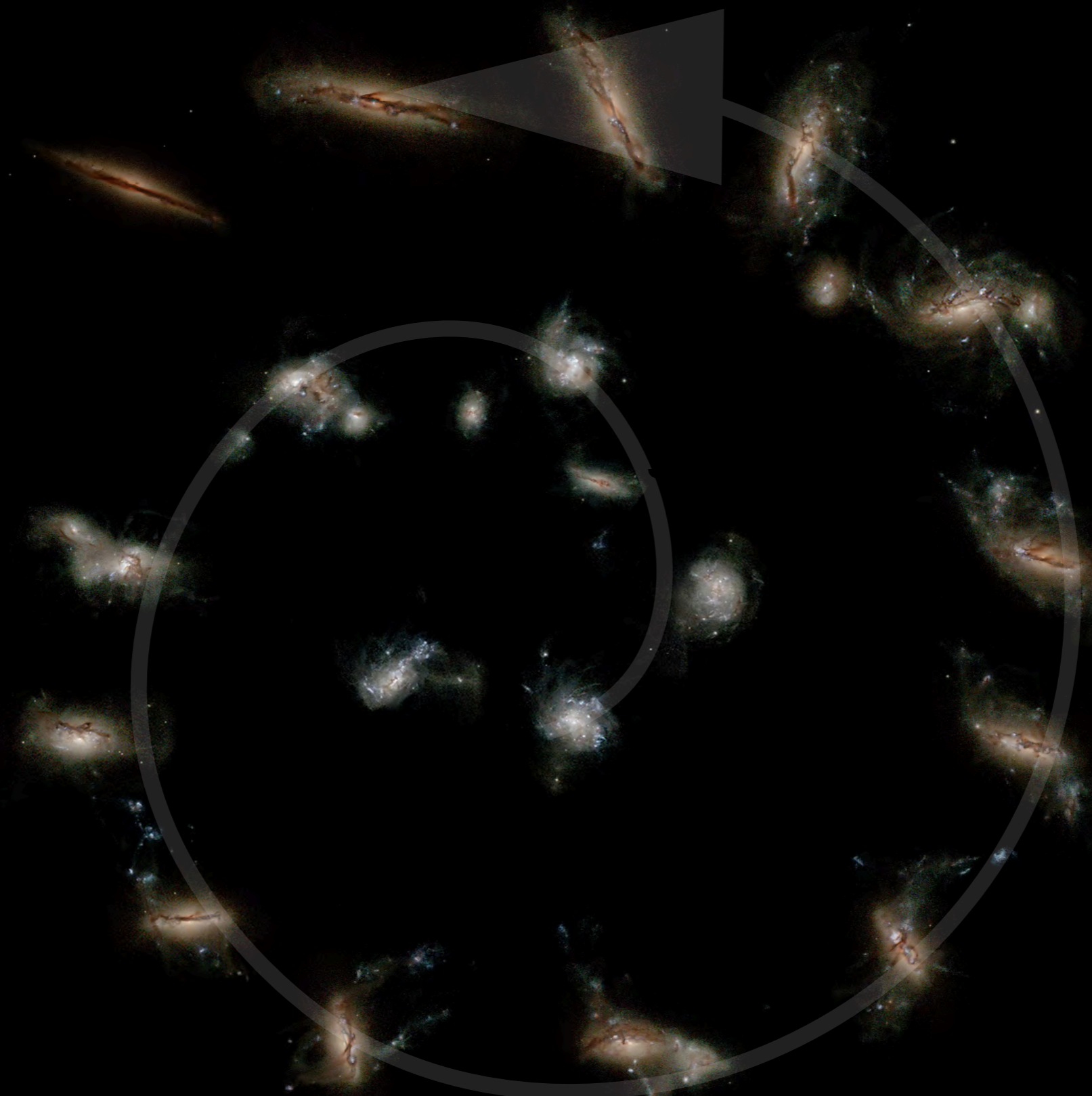
Match between simulation and observation as a function of *both* mass and redshift



The Sins Survey of  $z \sim 2$  Galaxy Kinematics:  
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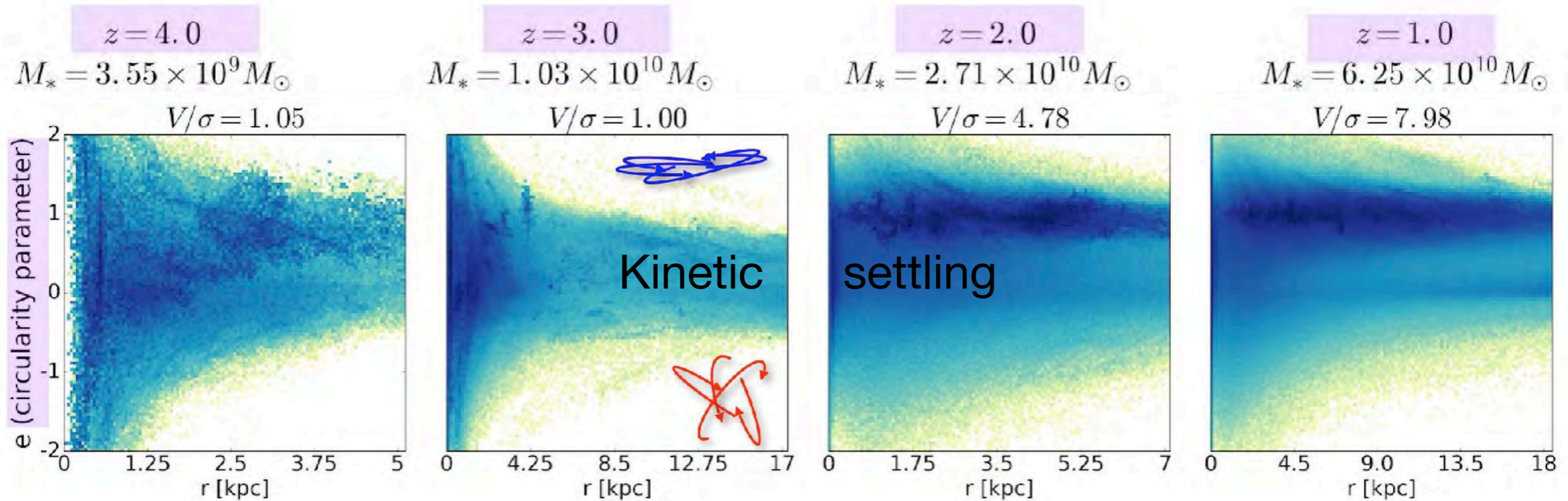


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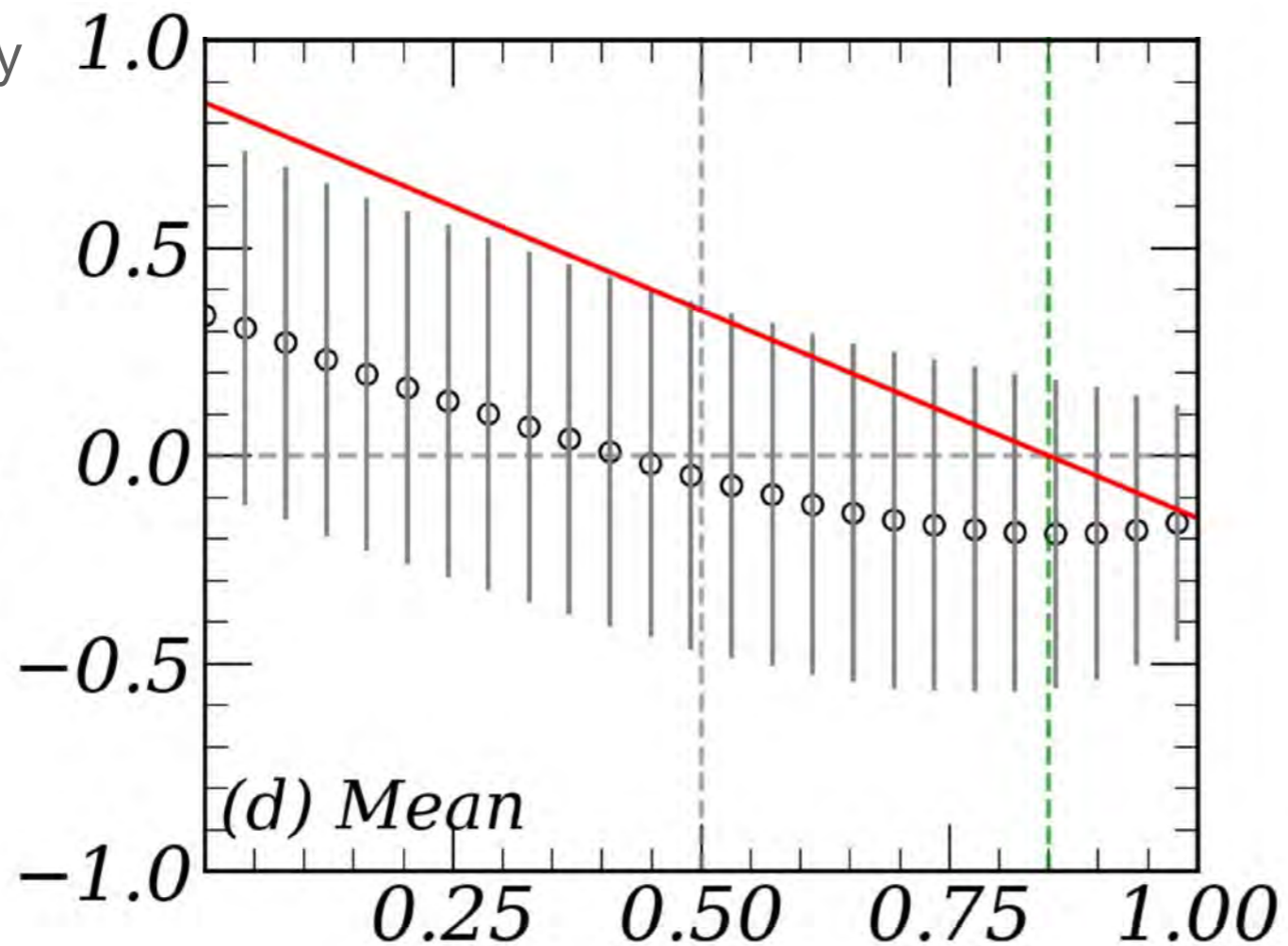
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Change in circularity

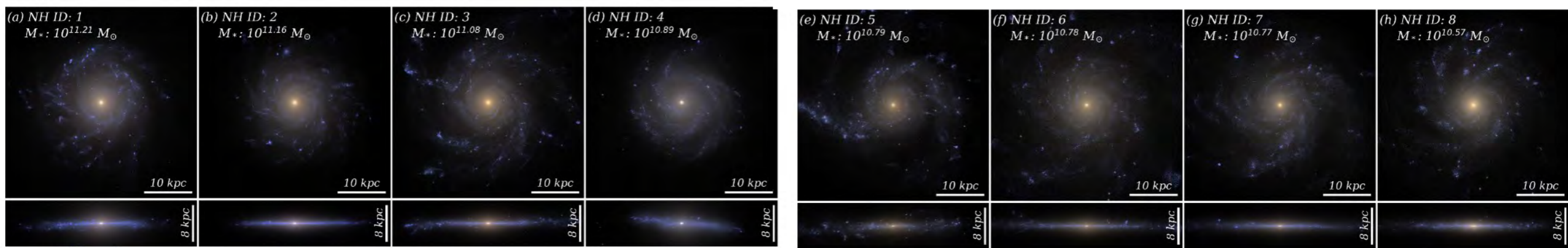
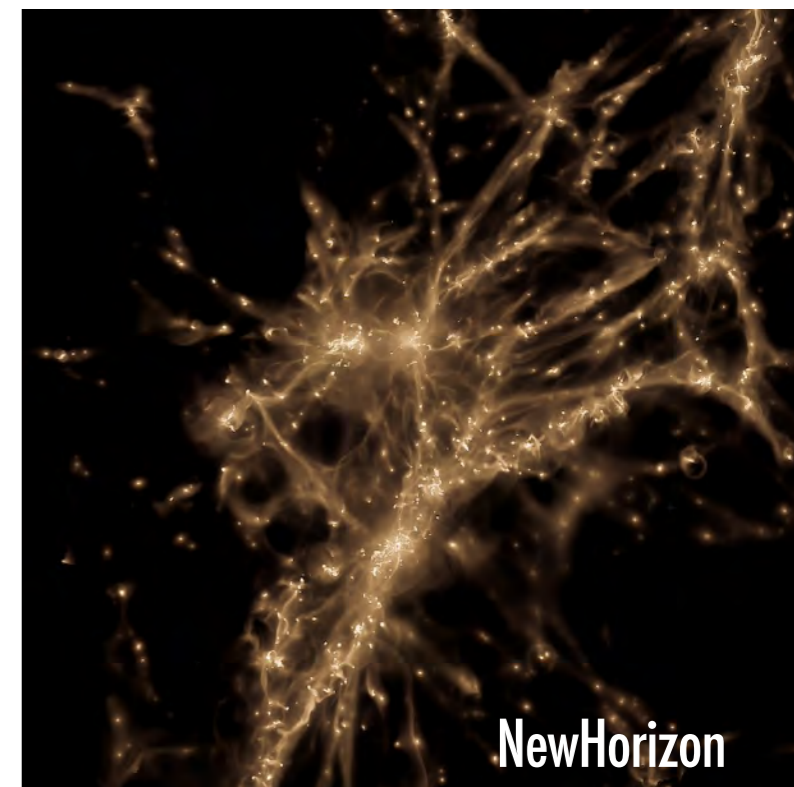
$\langle \Delta \epsilon \rangle$



Yi et al. 2024

$\epsilon_{birth}$

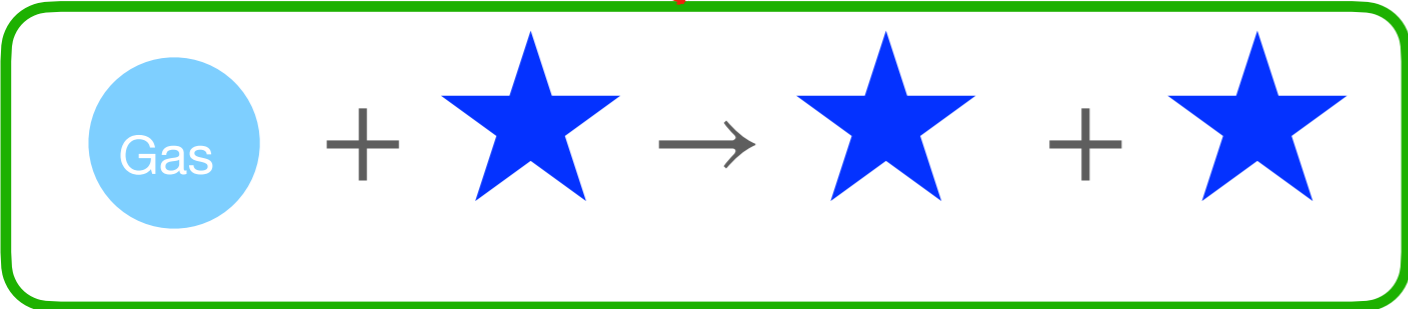
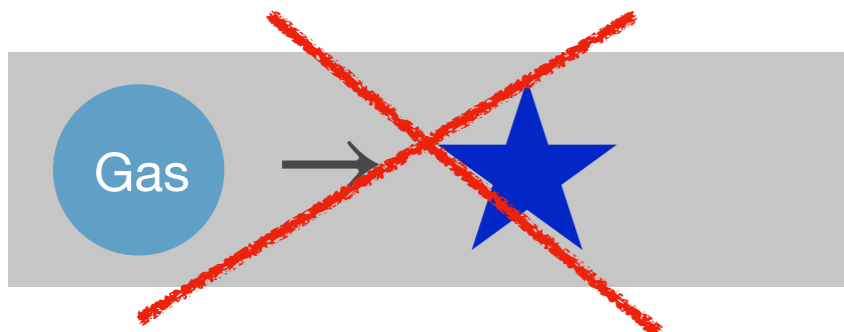
Circularity @ birth



# Why finite thickness? Chemistry of emergence

Let us write down effective (closed loop) production rate for cold stellar component

**Auto-catalysis** of the cold component (via **wakes**) converts kinetic evolution into a **logistic differential equation**.

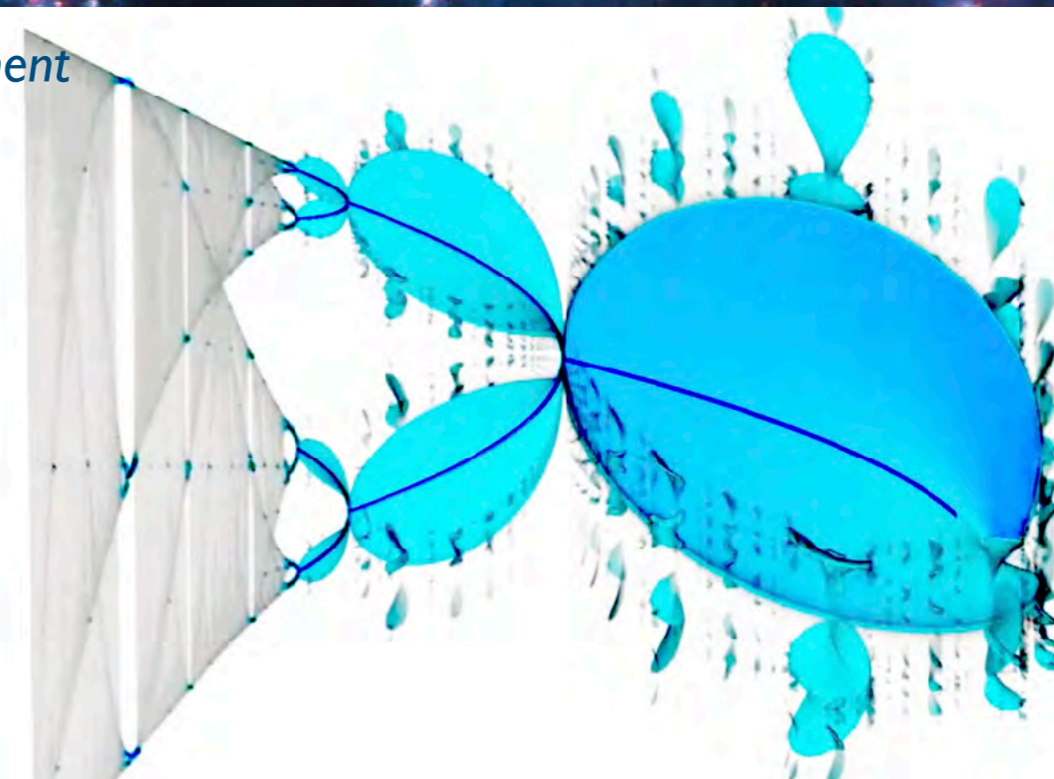


$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{★} = r \text{★} (1 - \text{★})$$

control parameter

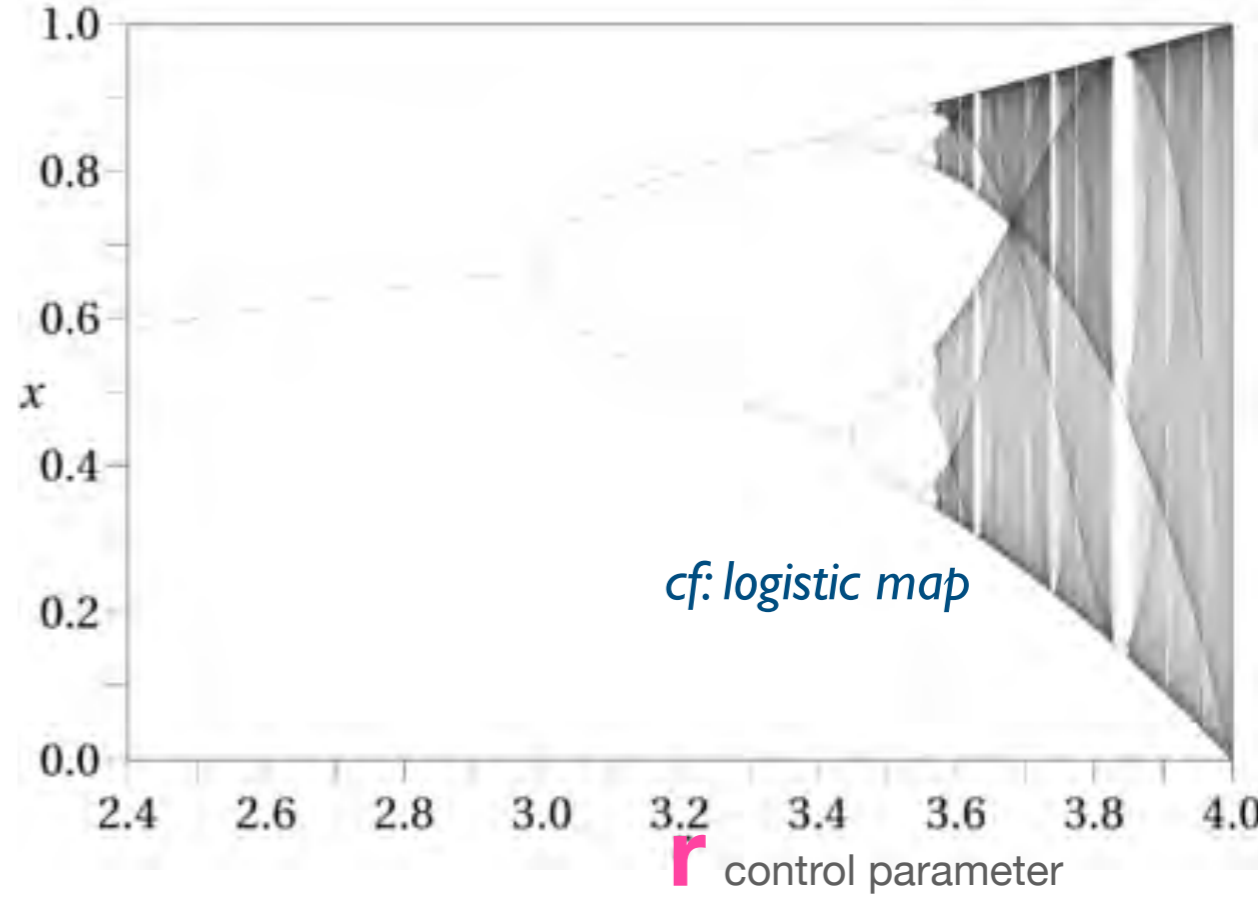
**Logistic ODE** (cf Ecology, Chaos, Covid, Innovation etc..)

- = Simplest **quadratic** model for self-regulation
- = Taylor expansion of effective production rate



Link to Mandelbrot Set (Veritassium 2021)

★ = cold stellar component



cf: logistic map

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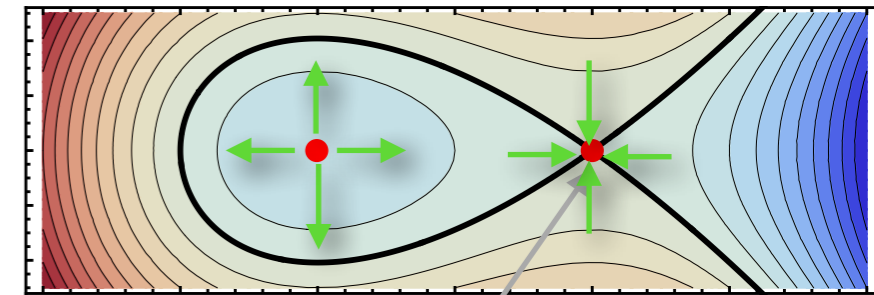
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Reaction-Diffusion equation (cf morphogenesis)

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Fokker Planck orbital diffusion

Logistic map Hamiltonian

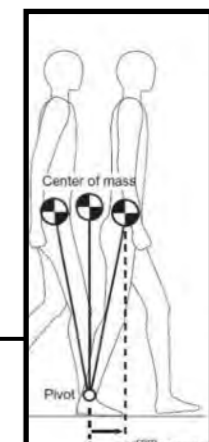


**Cooling**      **Heating**

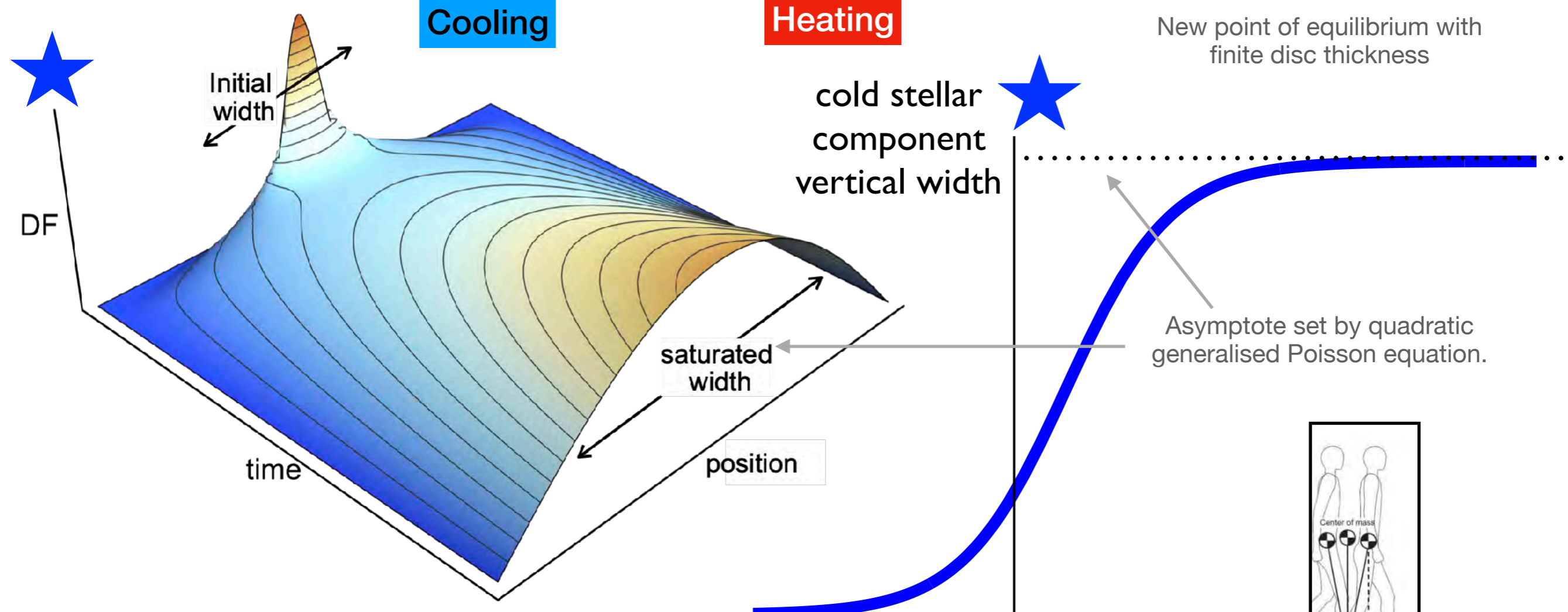
New point of equilibrium with finite disc thickness

cold stellar component vertical width

Asymptote set by quadratic generalised Poisson equation.



time



→ **Emergence** of thin **fixed width** disc in open dissipative system

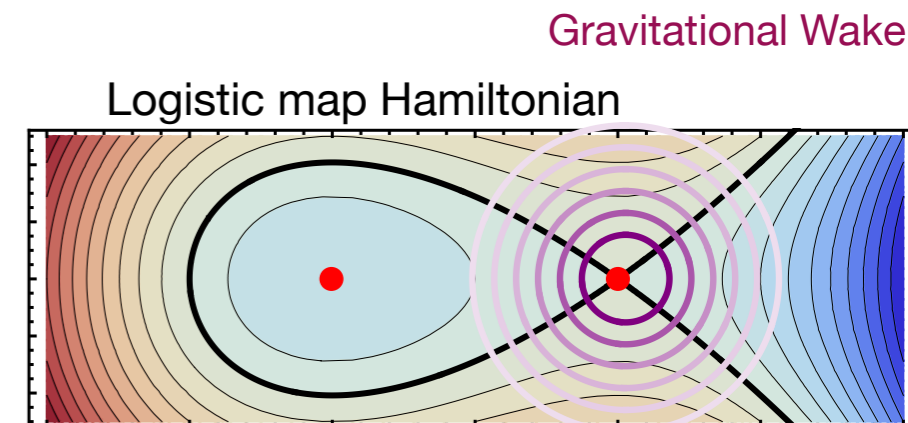
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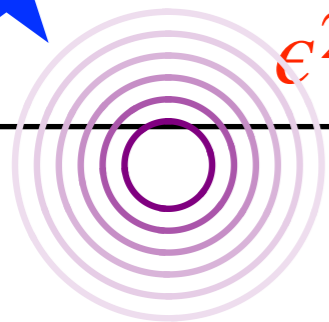
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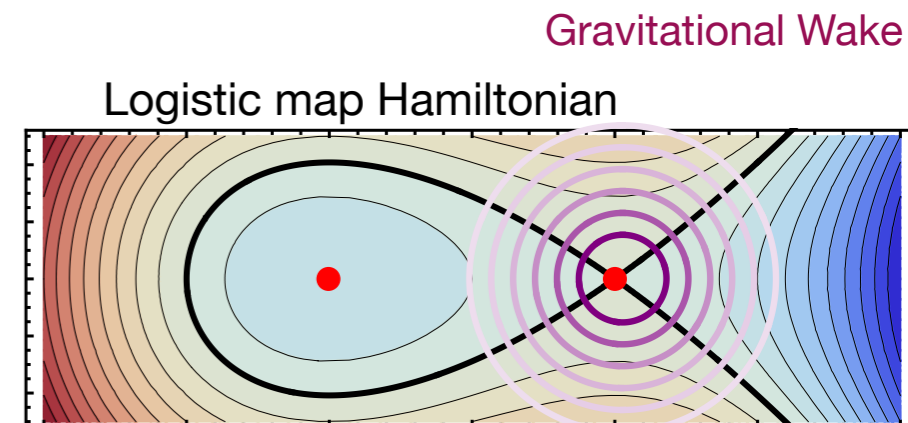
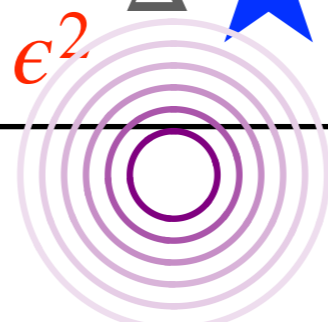
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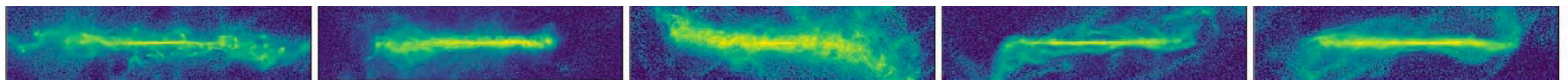
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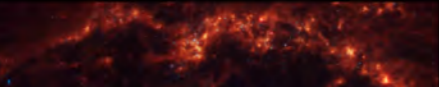
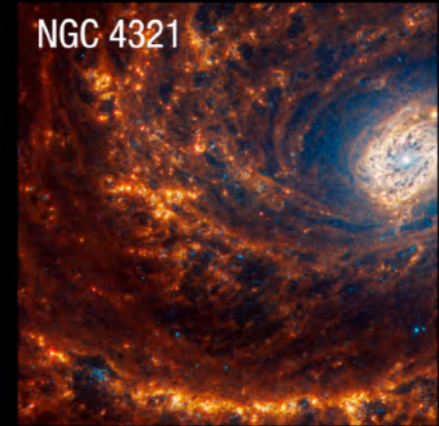
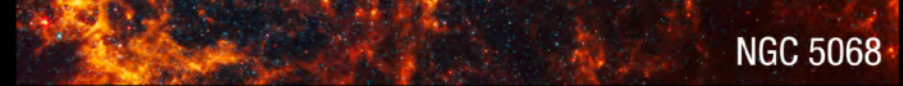
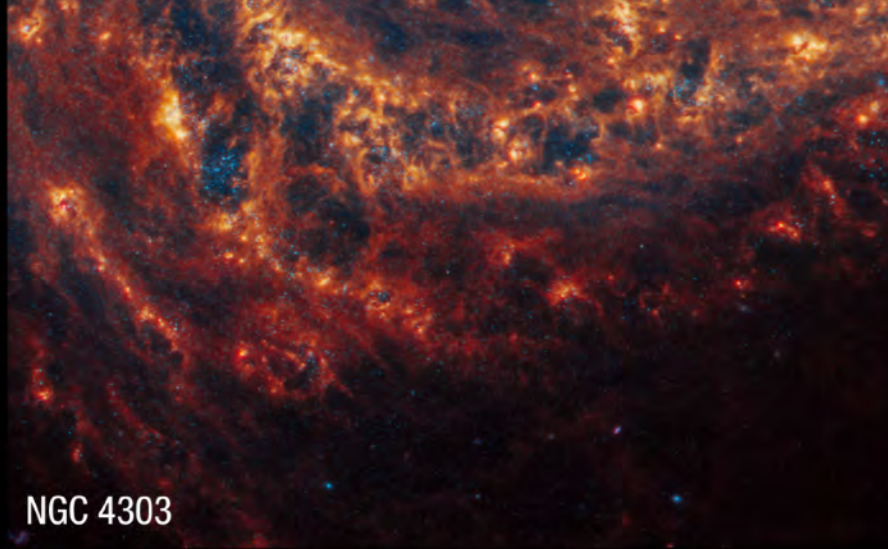
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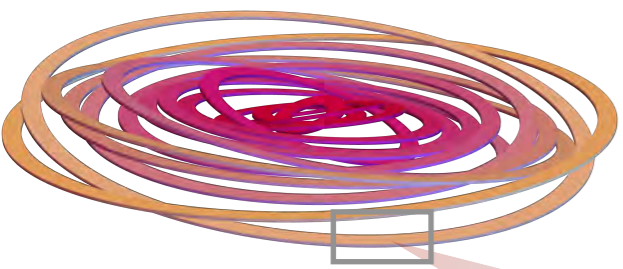
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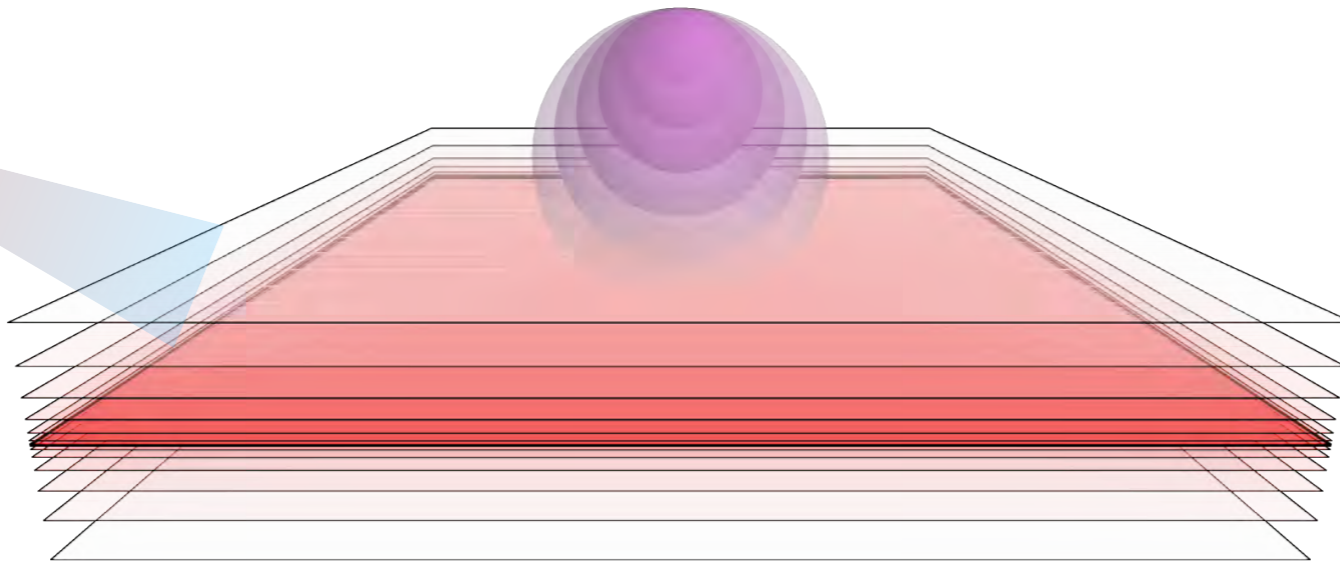
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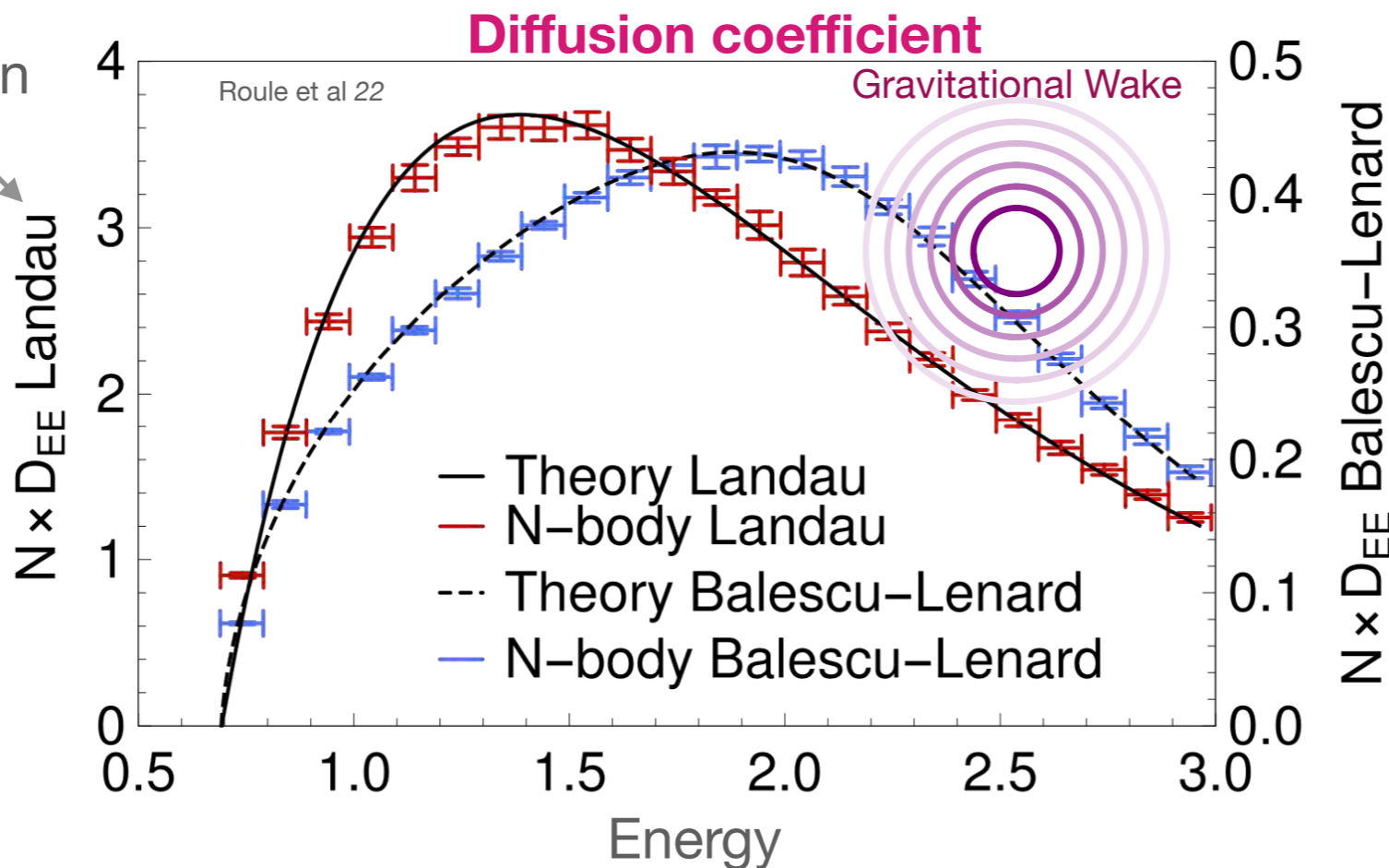
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Kinetic theory of (toy model) parallel planes with and w/o dressing



Without polarisation



With polarisation:

rate of diffusion  
**x 1/10**

Polarisation **stiffen** coupling between planes → wakes stiffen disc



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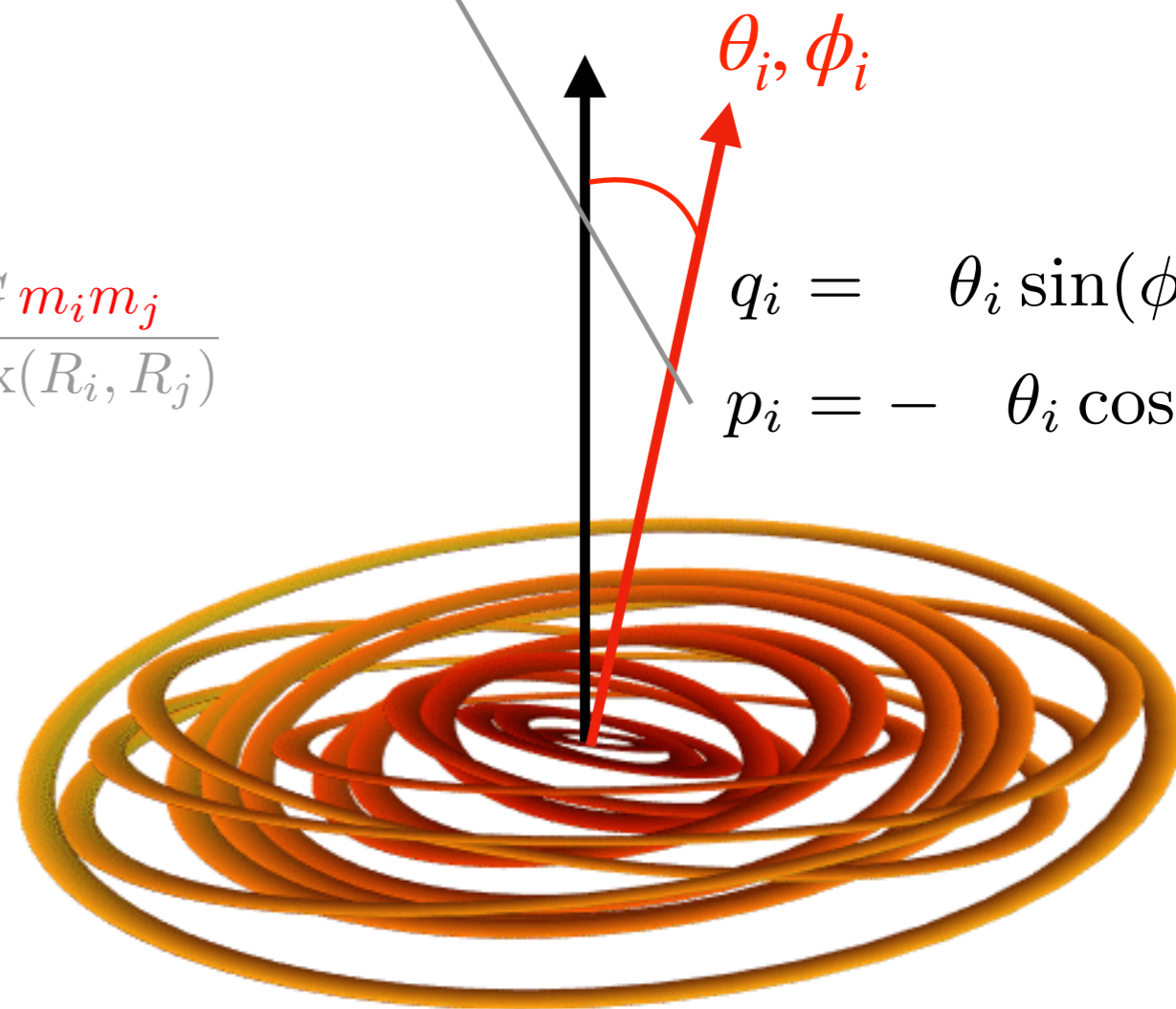
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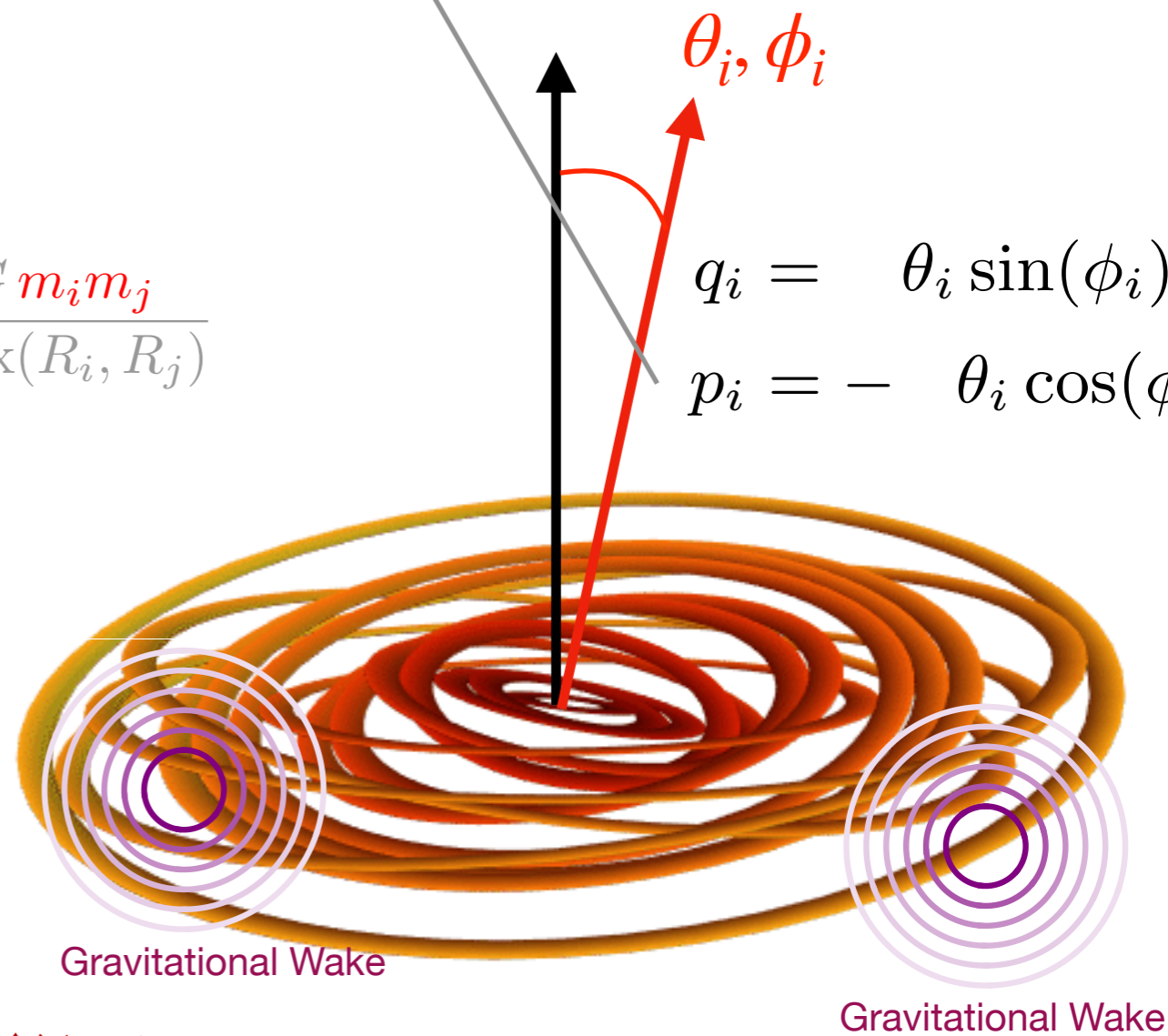
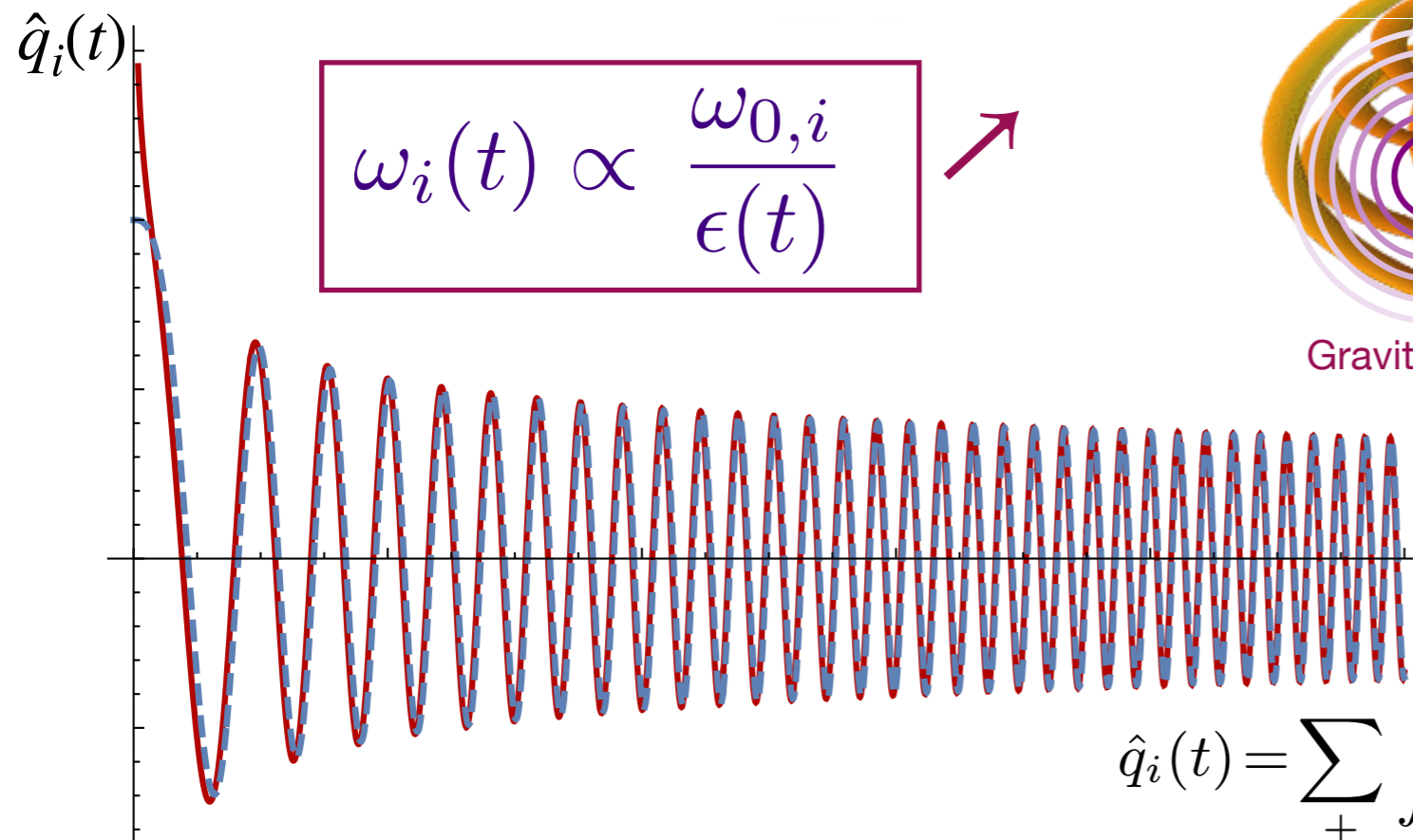
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Secular WKB solution

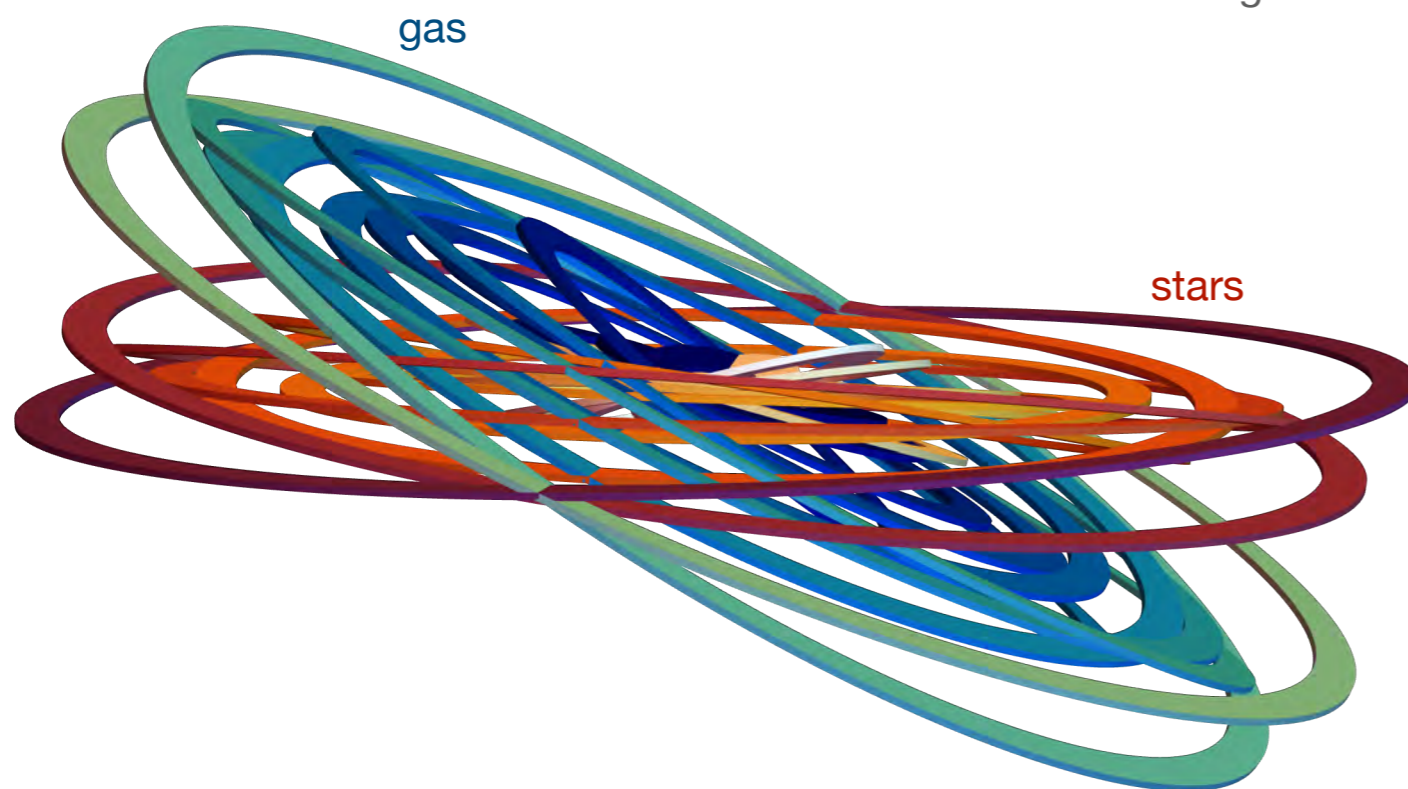
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gravitational coupling

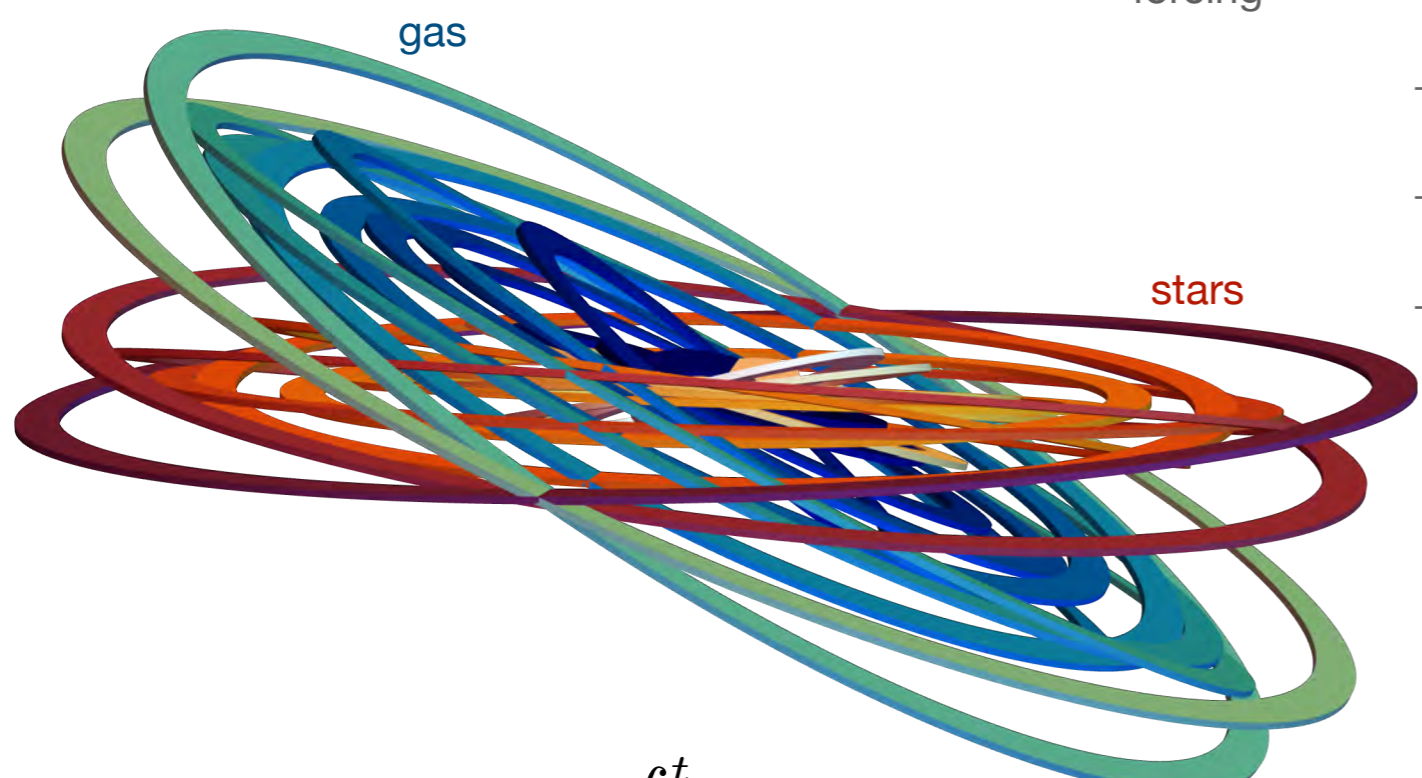
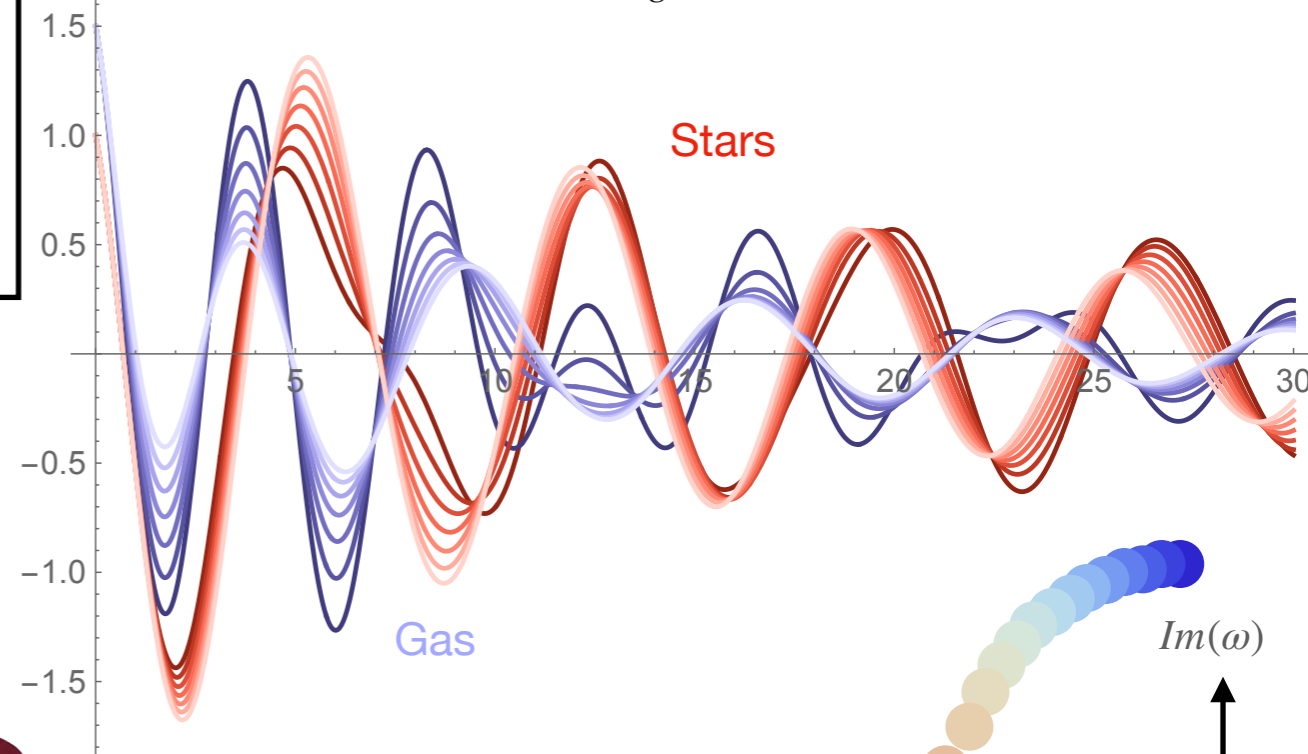
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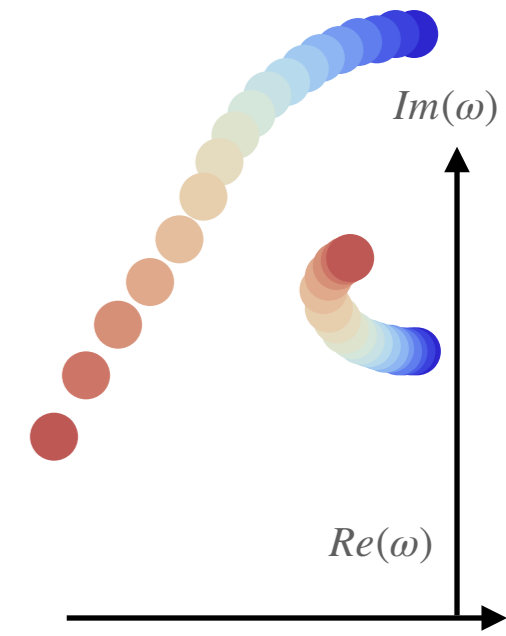


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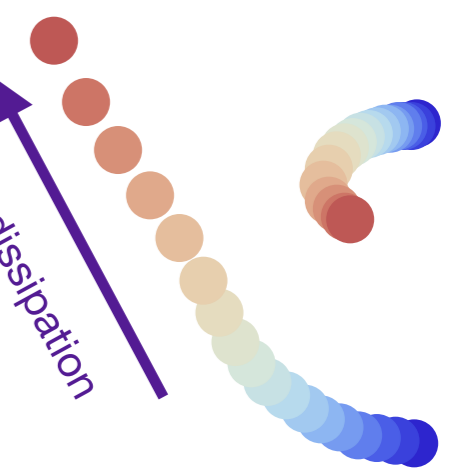
Nyquist diagram



$$q_\star(t) = - \sum_{\omega \in S_4} \frac{\omega_{g\star}^2 \int_{-\infty}^t \exp((t-\tau)\omega) \xi(\tau) d\tau}{\eta(3\omega^2 + \omega_\star^2) + 2\omega(2\omega^2 + \omega_g^2 + \omega_\star^2)},$$

$$S_4 = \{\omega \mid (\omega^2 + \omega_\star^2)(\omega(\eta + \omega) + \omega_g^2) = \omega_{g\star}^4\},$$

Increasing dissipation



*Dissipation in gas also brings down the ★ modes*

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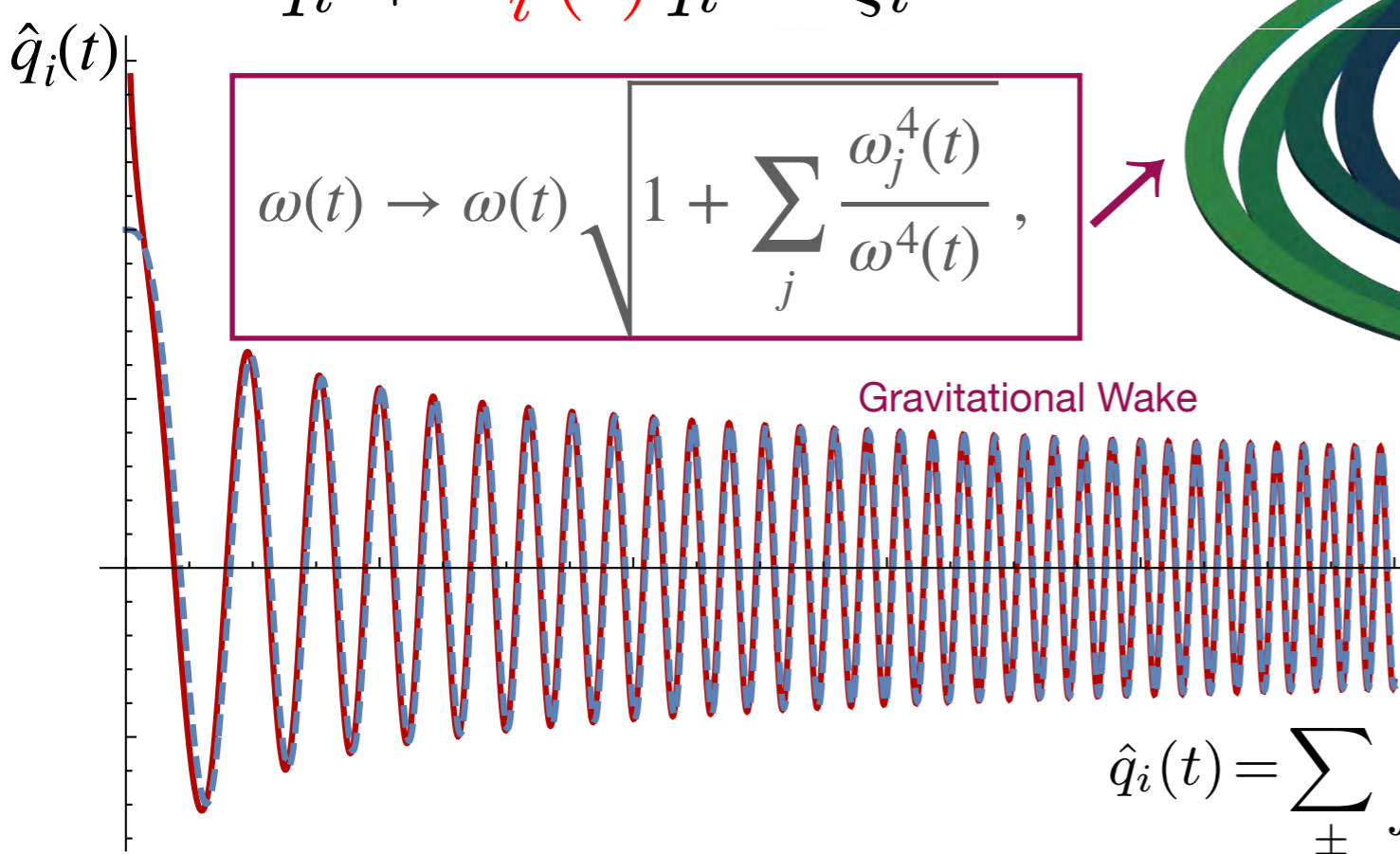
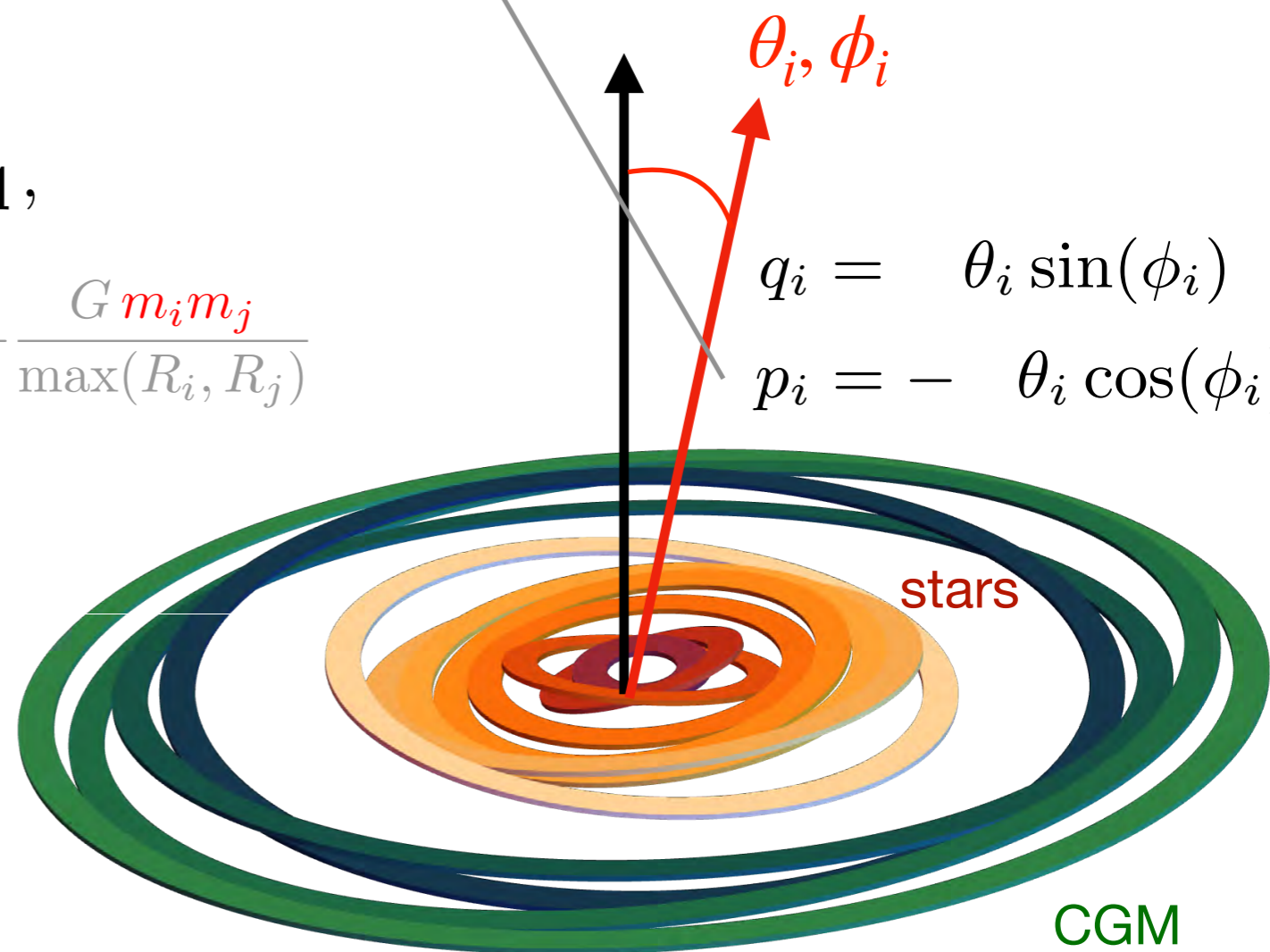
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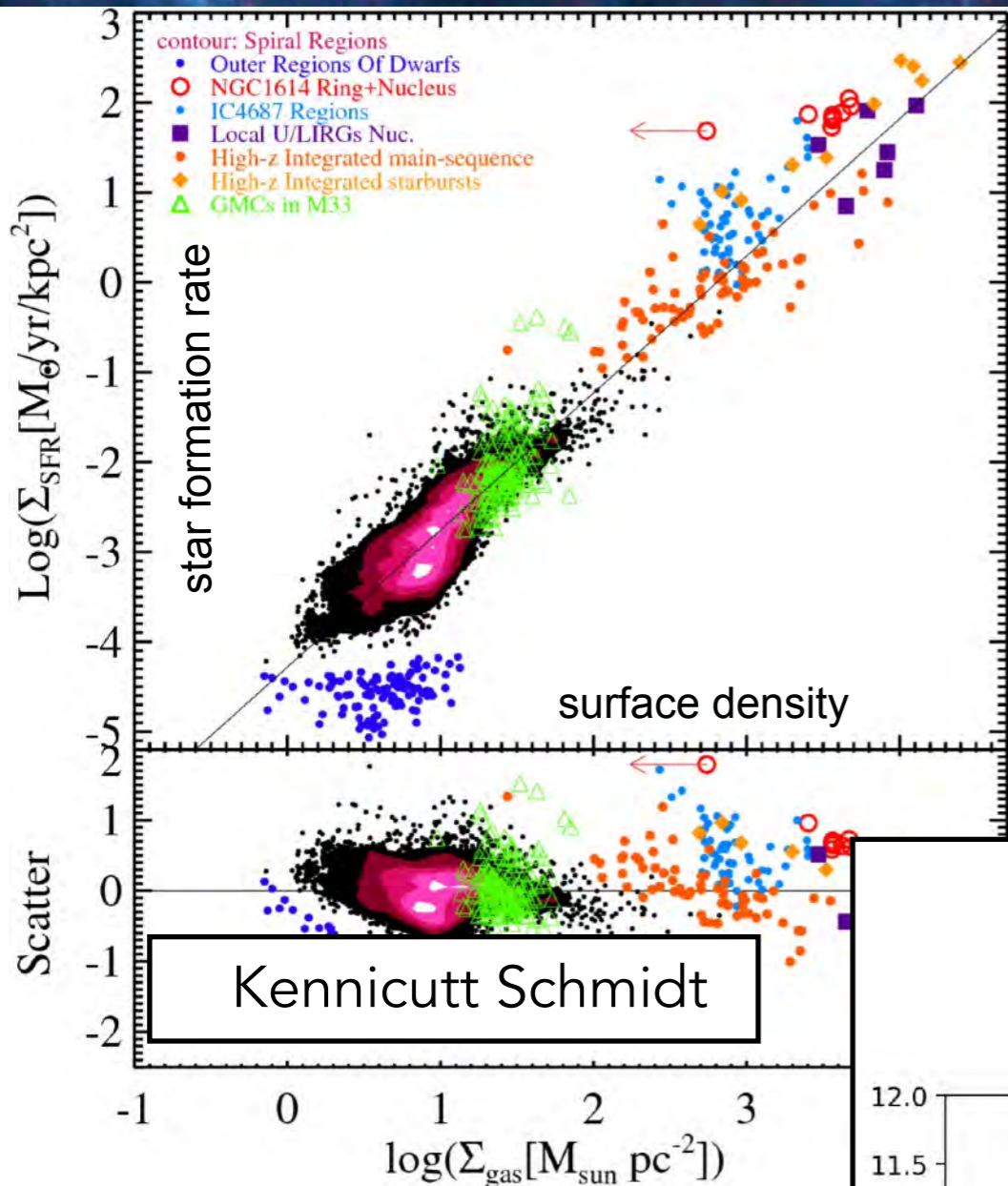
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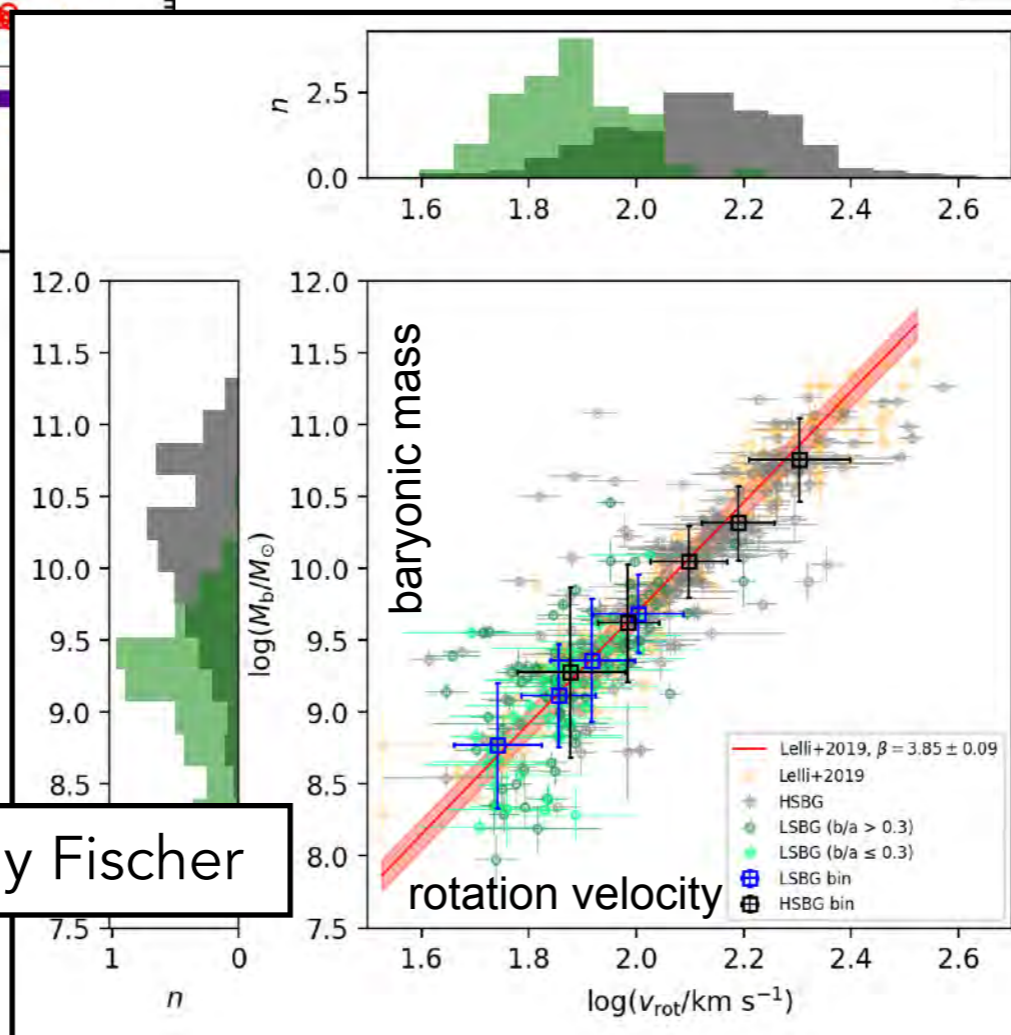
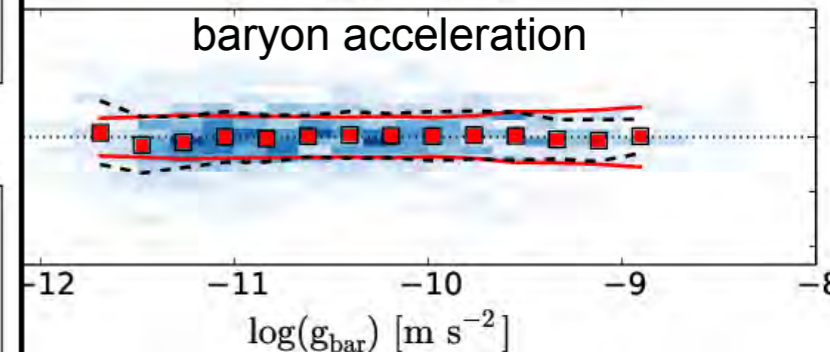
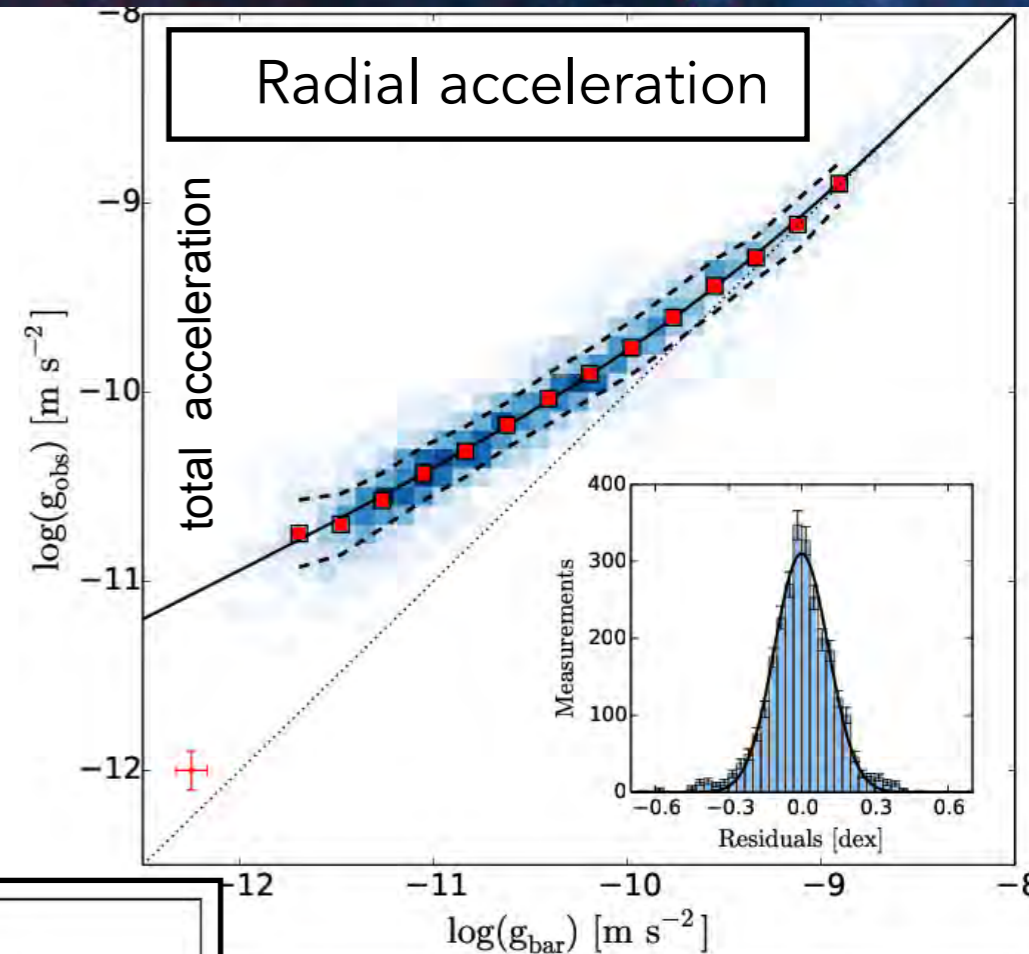
Growth of CGM component **also** brings down the ★ modes

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Access **full statistics** in the (least rare) small perturbation regime  
through **cumulant generating function**

$$\Phi[H] = \log \left( \right.$$

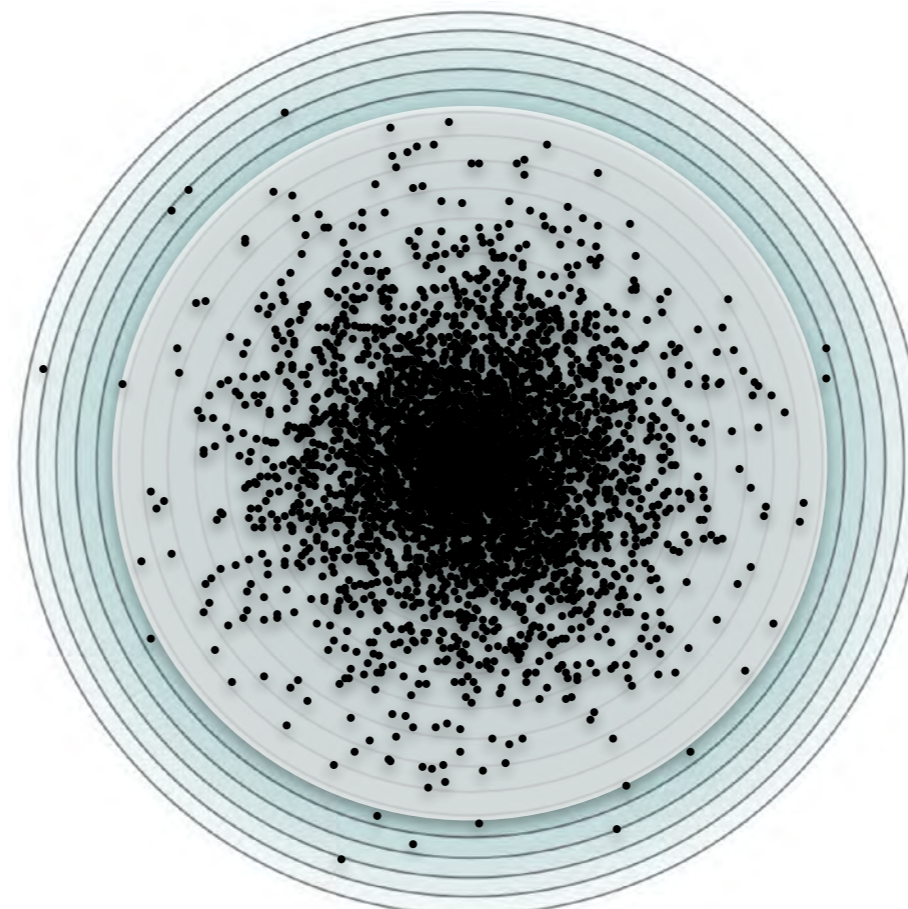
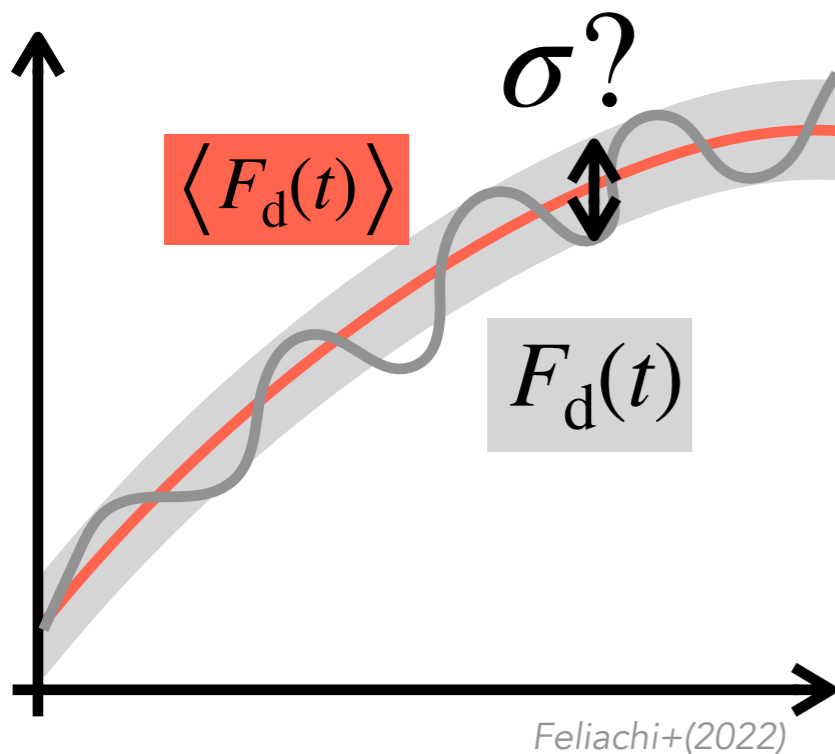
Exact **Klimontovich** equation

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} + [F_d, H_d] = 0 \right.$$

Perturbative expansion

$$\begin{aligned} F_d &= F + \delta F \\ H_d &= H + \delta H \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \exp \left( \int dt \dot{F}_d H \right) \right\rangle$$



Weighted **Stack**

Predict **variance**

**Quantify** tightness of scaling relations

**IN PROGRESS**

# CONCLUSIONS

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gravity-driven baryonic processes operate on **multiple anisotropic** scales, working to **spontaneously** set up a remarkably efficient level of **self-regulation**.

This regulation is responsible for disc emergence/resilience & the **tightness** of observed scaling laws (KS,bTF,RAR).

- + recent perturbative modelling explains half of the loop;
- + current efforts involve
  - extend kinetic theory to sourced dissipative regime.
  - model excursion using large deviation theory



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On galactic scales, the shape of initial powerspectrum is such that galaxies inherit **stability** from non-linear scale coupling to the LSS via cold flows, which sets up the circumgalactic engine.

When secular processes take over, gravitational **wakes** tightens a self-regulating loop, driving the discs towards marginal stability, while pumping free rotational energy from the CGM.

Homeostatic thin disks are **emerging** structures: They are made possible by shocks, star formation, feedback & turbulence controlled by **gravity**.



when the control loop fails → quantify morphological diversity

Merci !

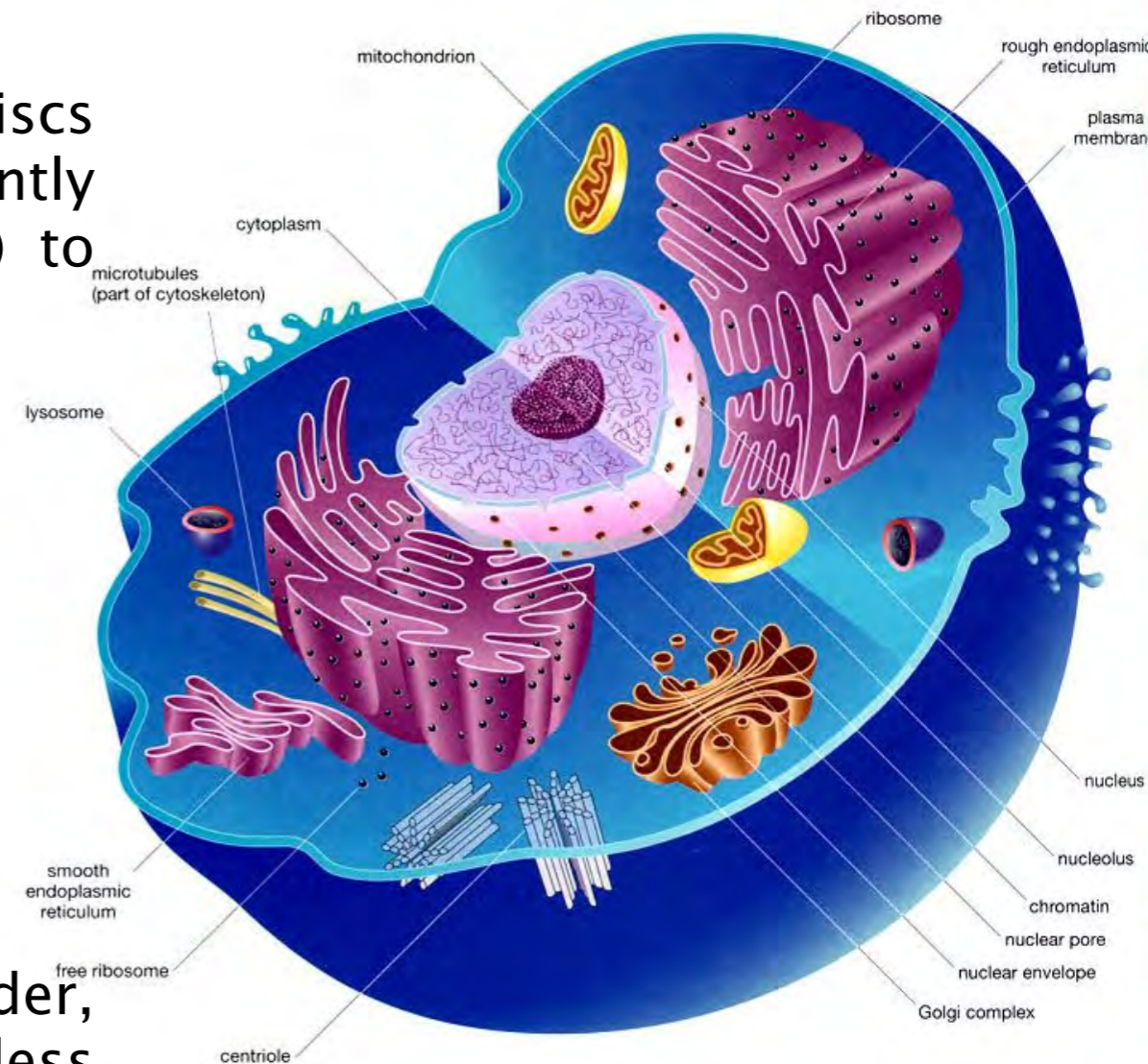


Interestingly, though anecdotal, the thin discs possess at least three out of four pillars recently required by some authors (Wong & Bartlett 2020) to define **pre-biotic systems**:

- i) they are open dissipative structures;
- ii) auto-catalytic;
- iii) homeostatic,
- iv) but not (quite) learning.

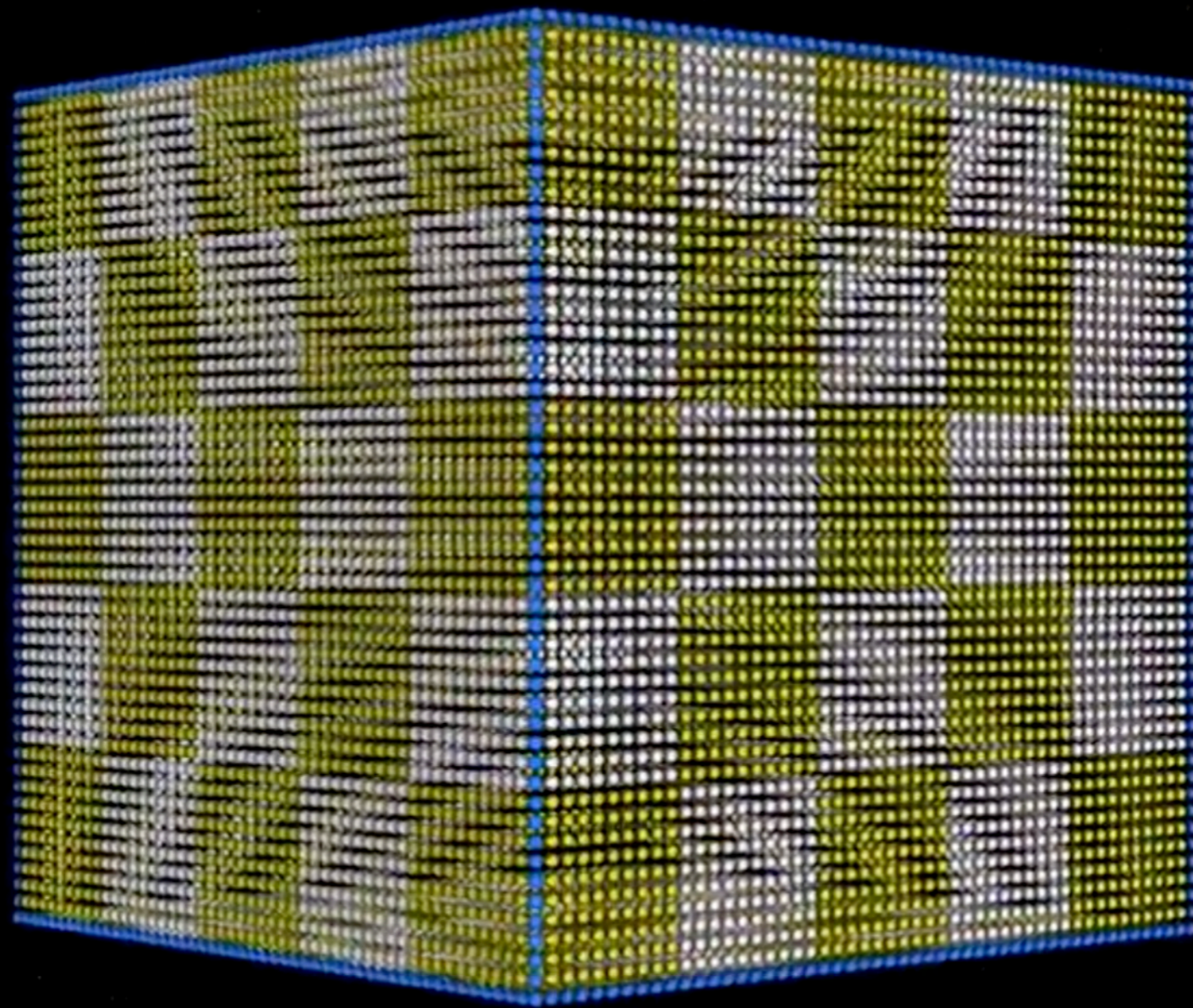
May be in a **neg-entropic** (information) sense:

as the stellar disc grows, it accumulates (stellar) order, which makes its **effective** Toomre parameter less sensitive to the environment: it has **learnt!**



# Attractor for dissipative systems

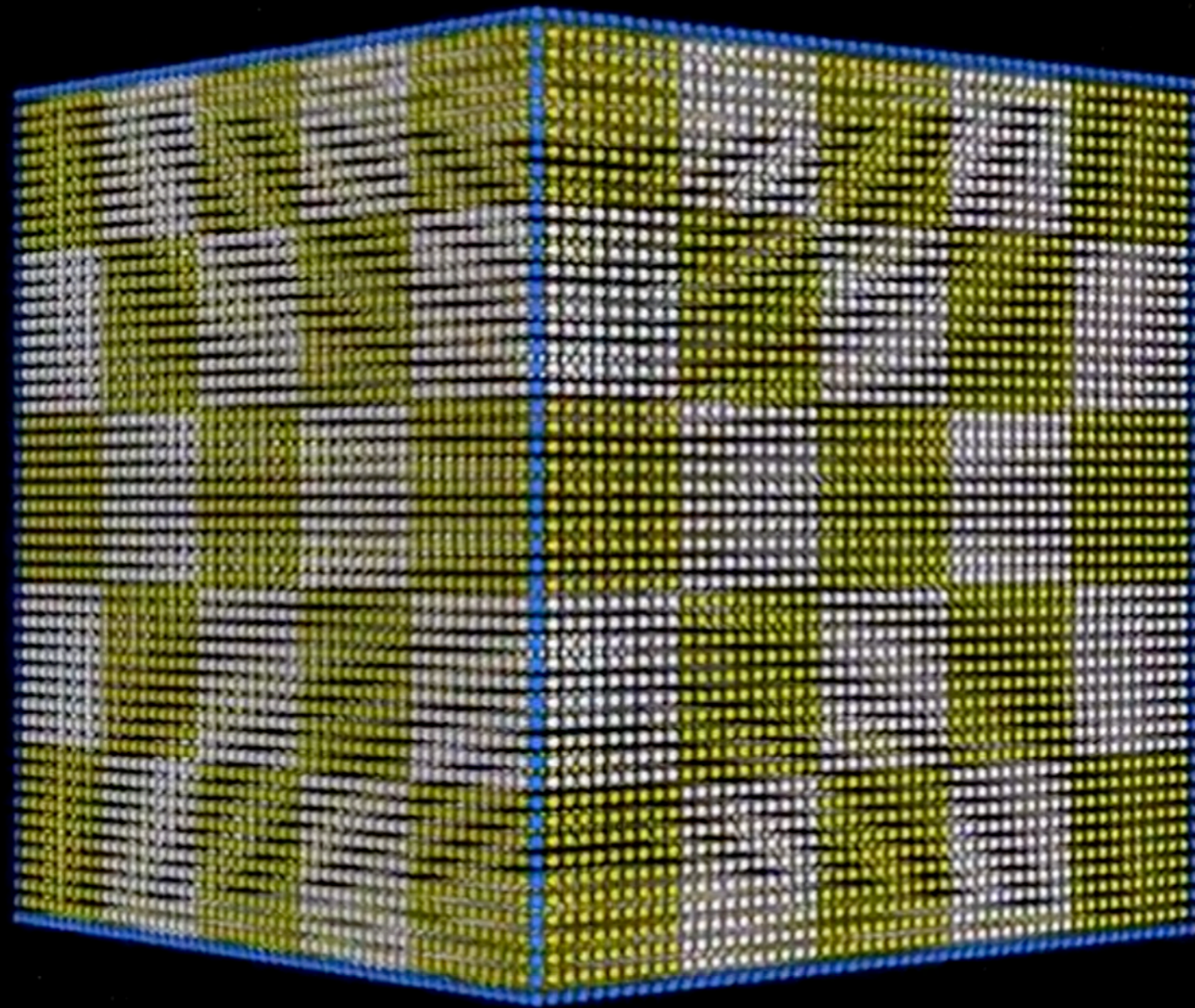
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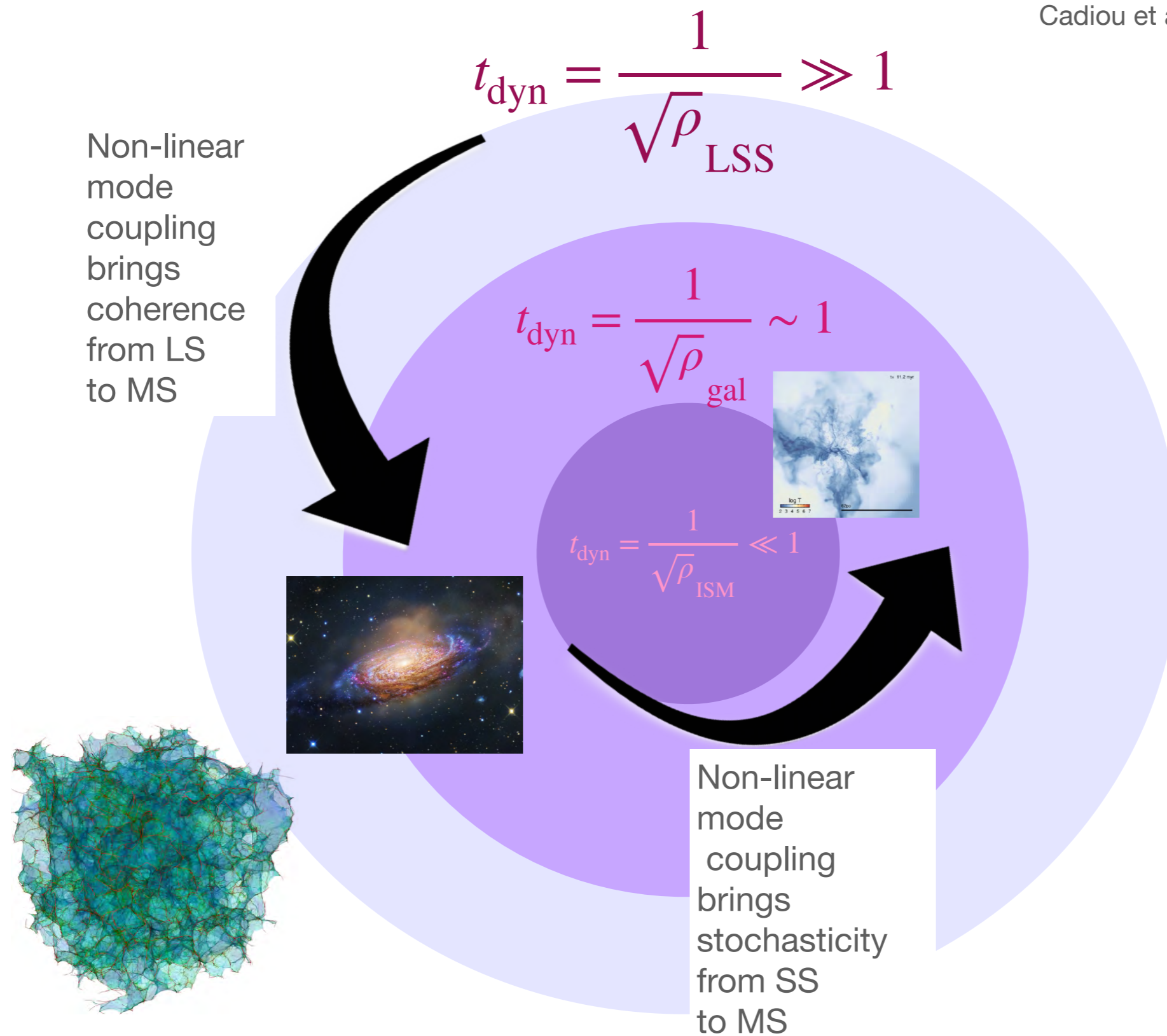
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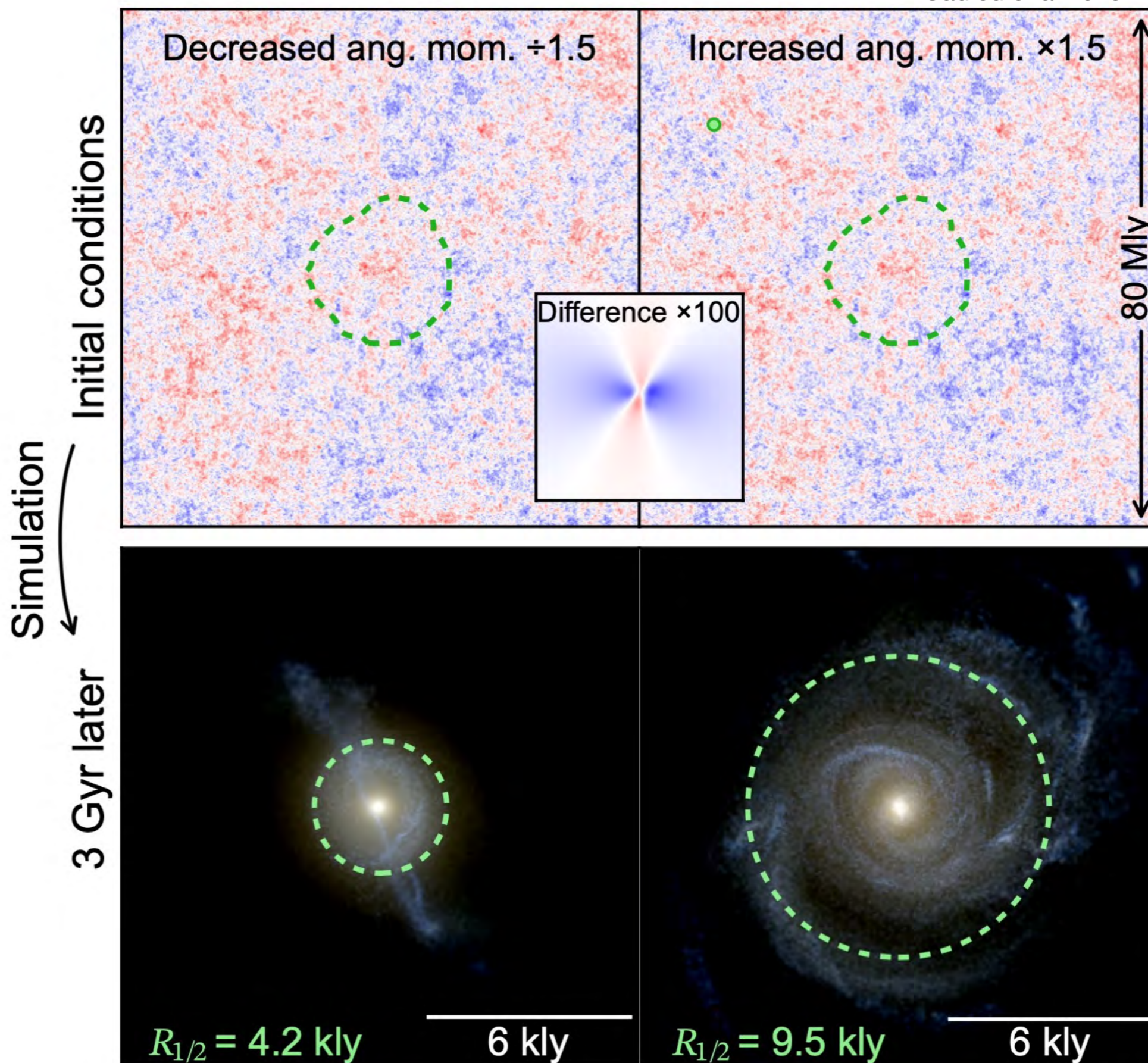
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Why (naive) subgrid physics is a bad idea...

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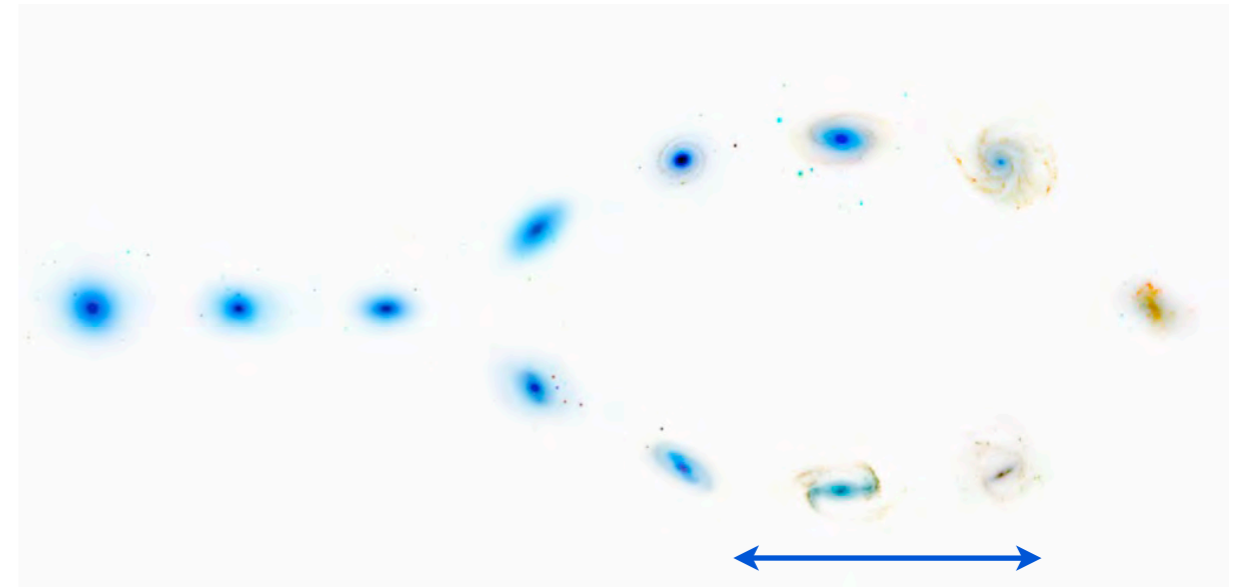


# Why Secular Dynamics?

What happens to **stable** self-gravitating galactic discs on **a Hubble time**?

How does a galaxy respond

- *to its environment?* Nurture  
Dressed Fokker Planck diffusion
- *to its internal graininess?* Nature  
Balescu-Lenard diffusion
- *Which process matters most on cosmic timescales?*



Move along  
Hubble Fork

Of interest for galactic chemodynamics (GAIA), Galactic Centre, planetesimals, DM haloes...

*Provide* quasi-linear theories accounting for non-linear gravity for  $t \gg t_{\text{dyn}}$

- **Resonant effects**  $\implies$  **Secular evolution**

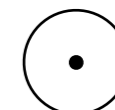
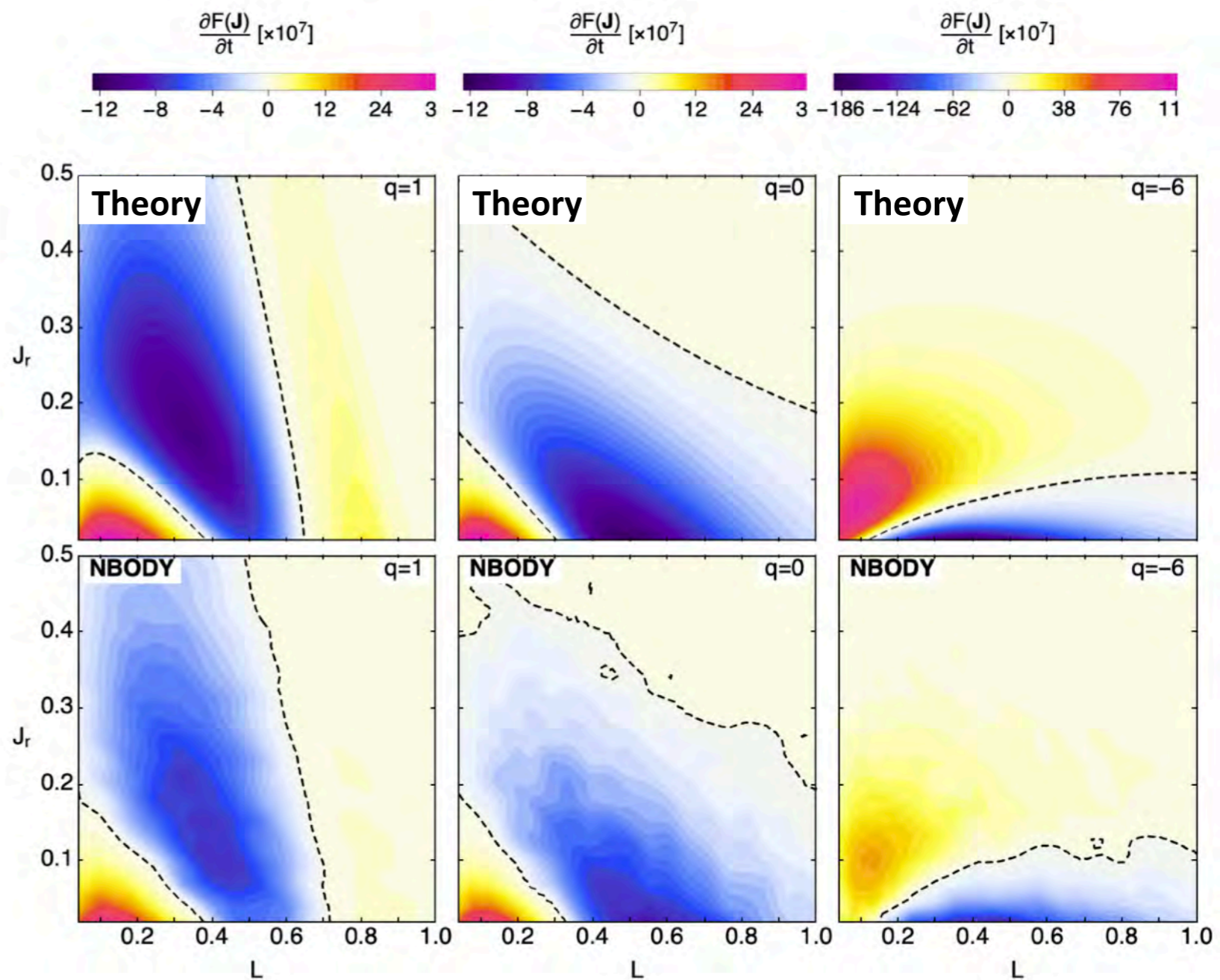
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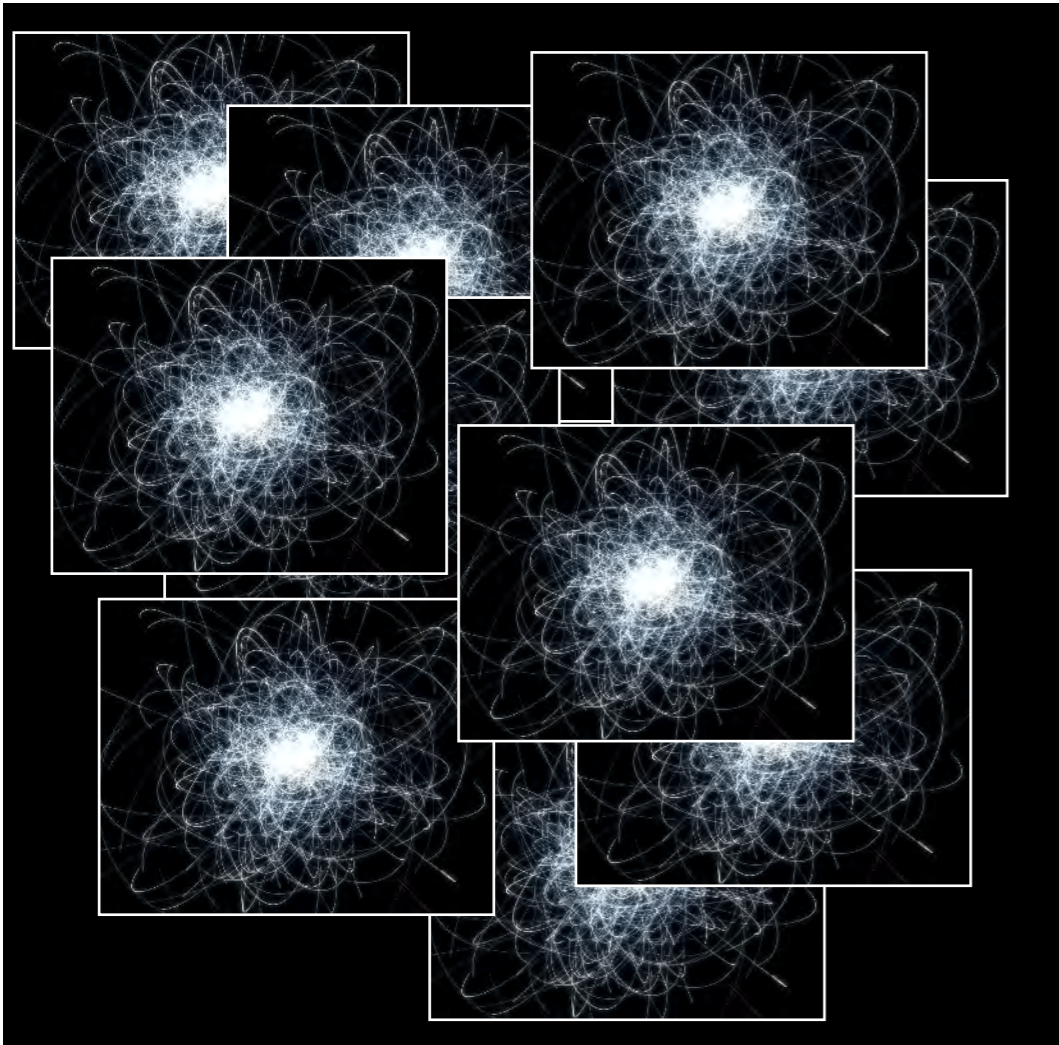
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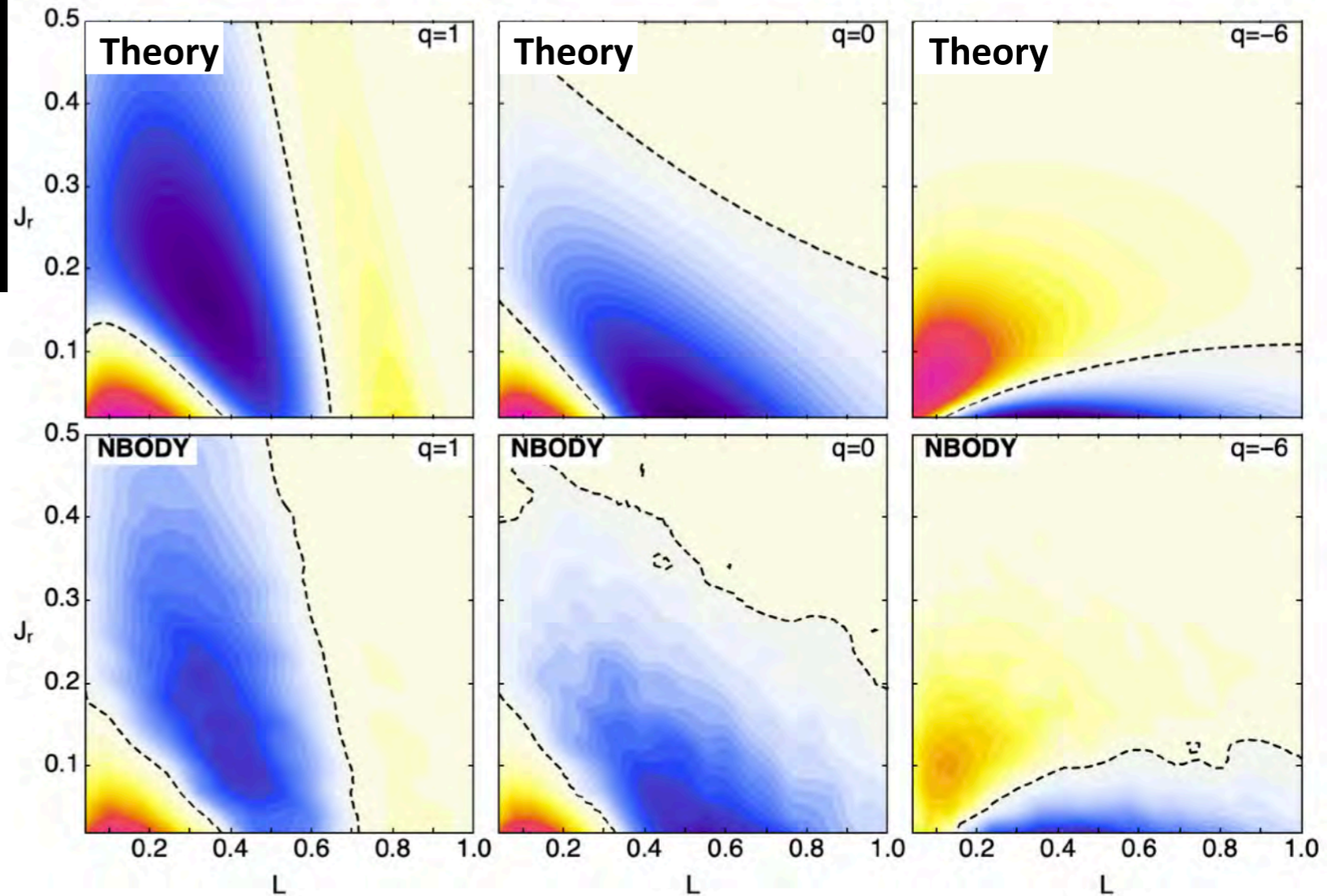
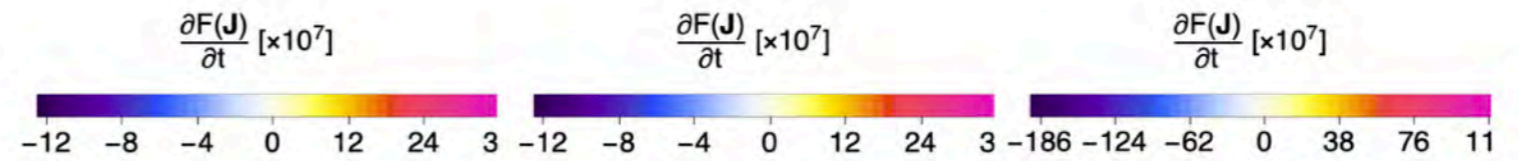
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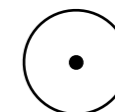
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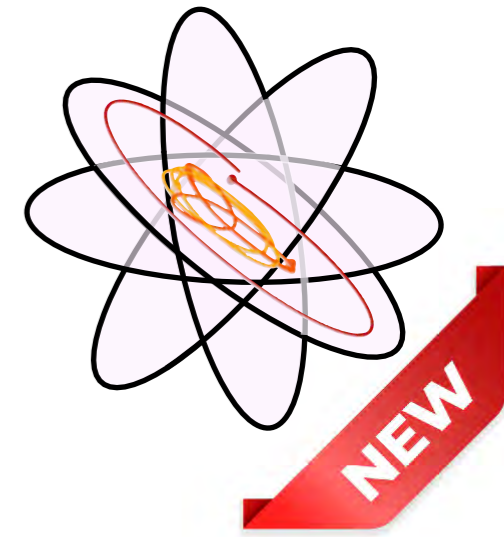
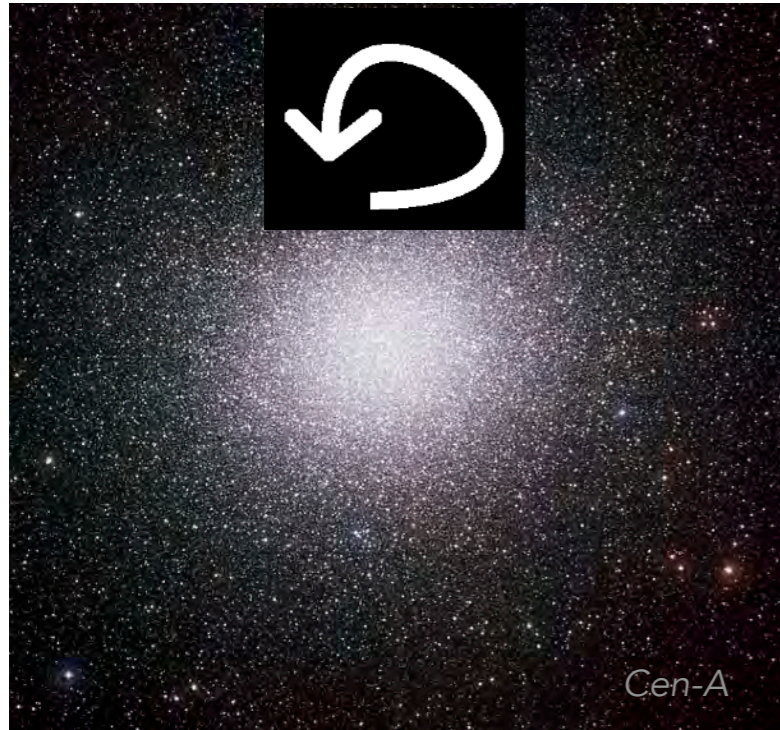
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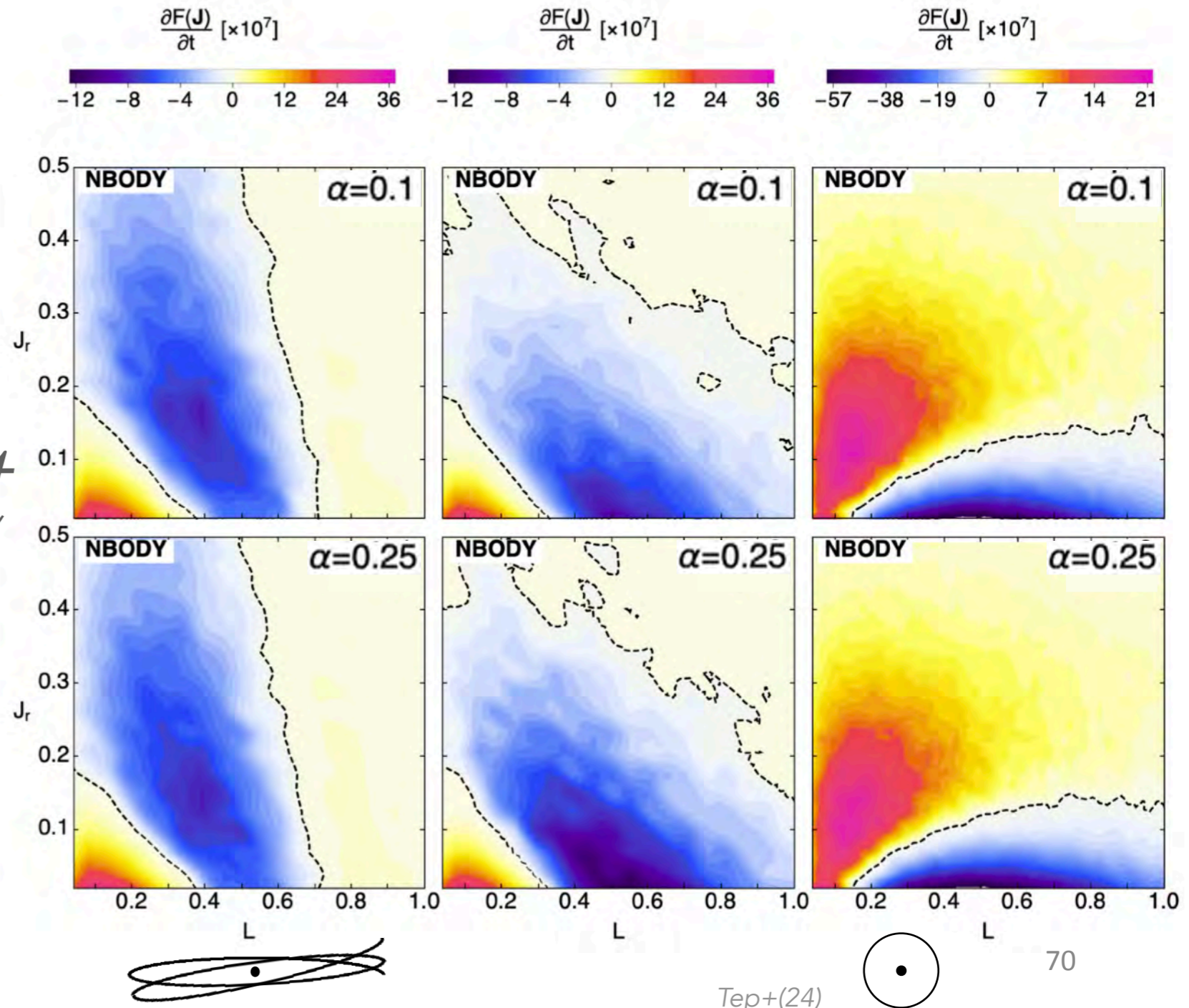
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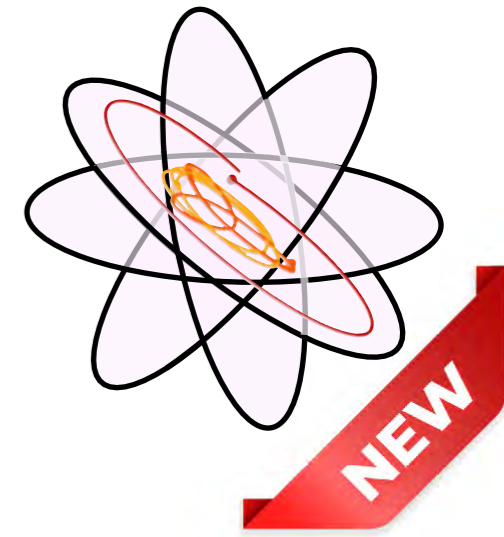
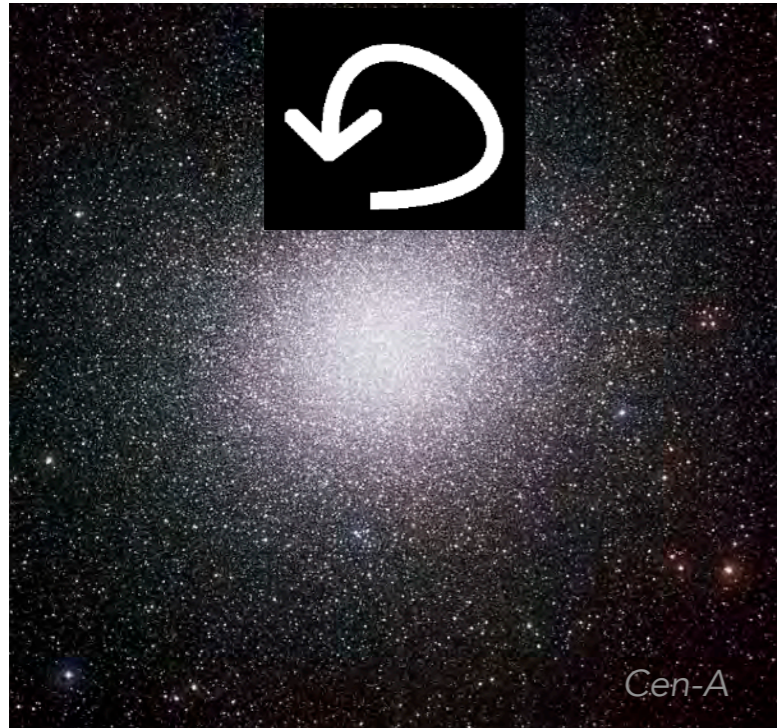
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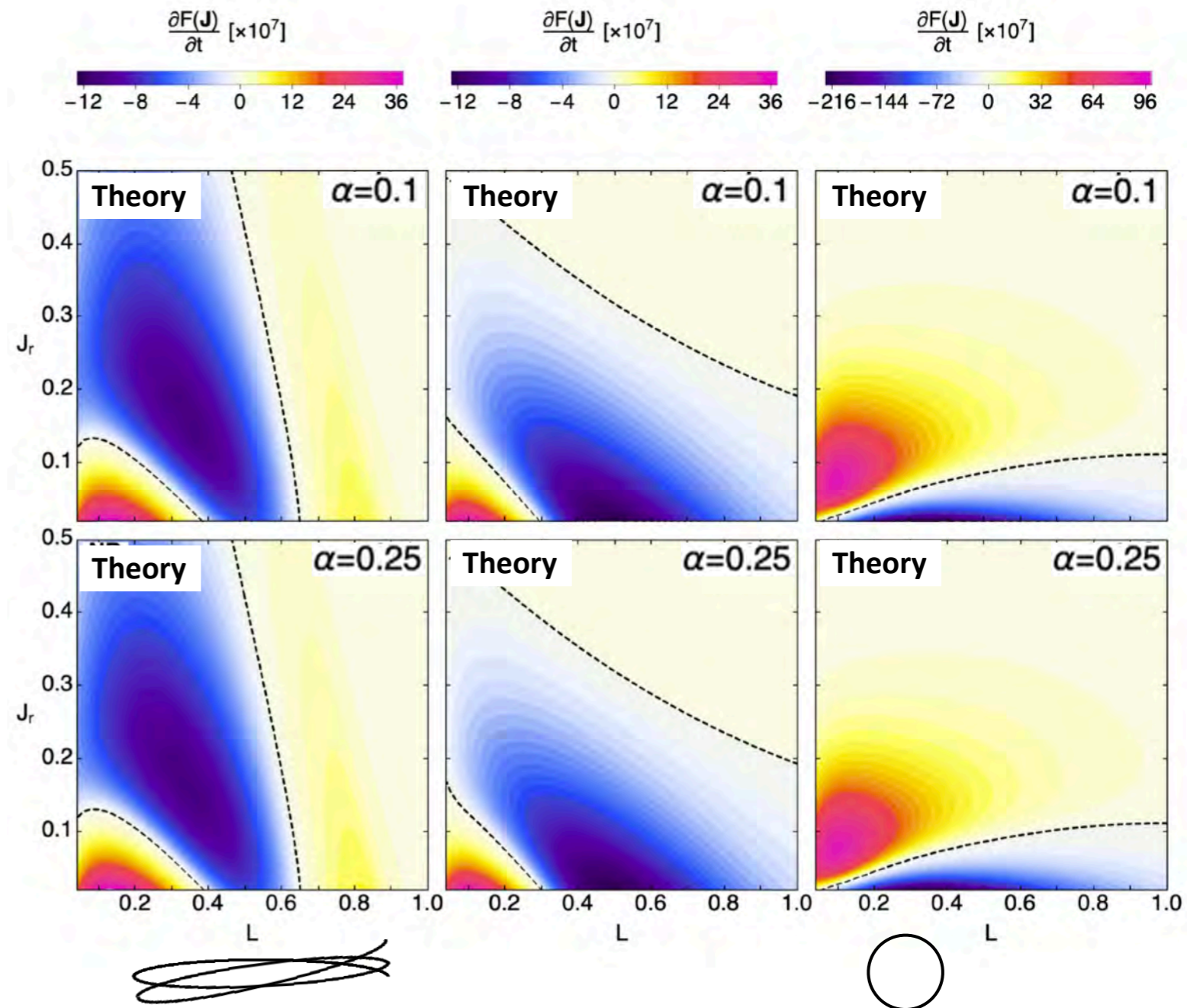


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## A unified model for galactic discs: star formation, turbulence driving, and mass transport

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## The evolution of turbulent galactic discs: gravitational instability, feedback and accretion

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## Regulation of star formation by large scale gravito-turbulence

Adi Nusser<sup>1</sup> and Joseph Silk<sup>2,3,4</sup>

open (*spherical*) box where free energy driven by **contraction** induced by **unstable** disc

this induces radial transport and generates the energy to feed the turbulence which regulates star formation

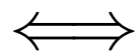
# Fluctuations and dissipation

- Einstein (1905) and Perrin (1908): we know how ink diffuses in water.



- **Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem**

Diffusion  
rate



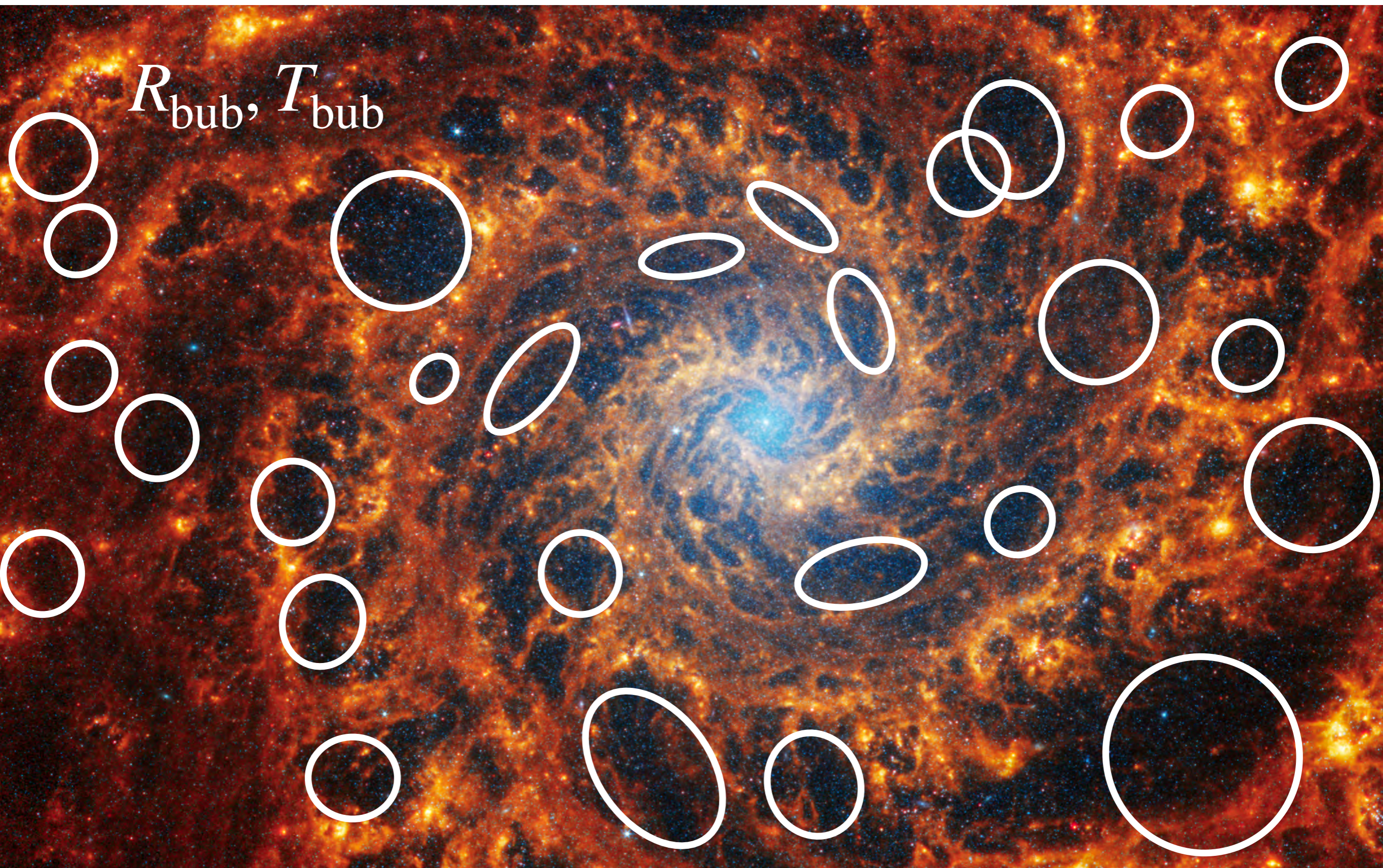
Power spectrum  
fluctuating forces

- Stars in cold galaxies undergo the same process  
⇒ But, gravity is a **long-range interaction**.
  - ▶ To diffuse, stars need to **resonate**, otherwise follow the **mean field**.
  - ▶ Fluctuations are boosted by **collective effects**.

**How do stars' orbits distort on cosmic times?**

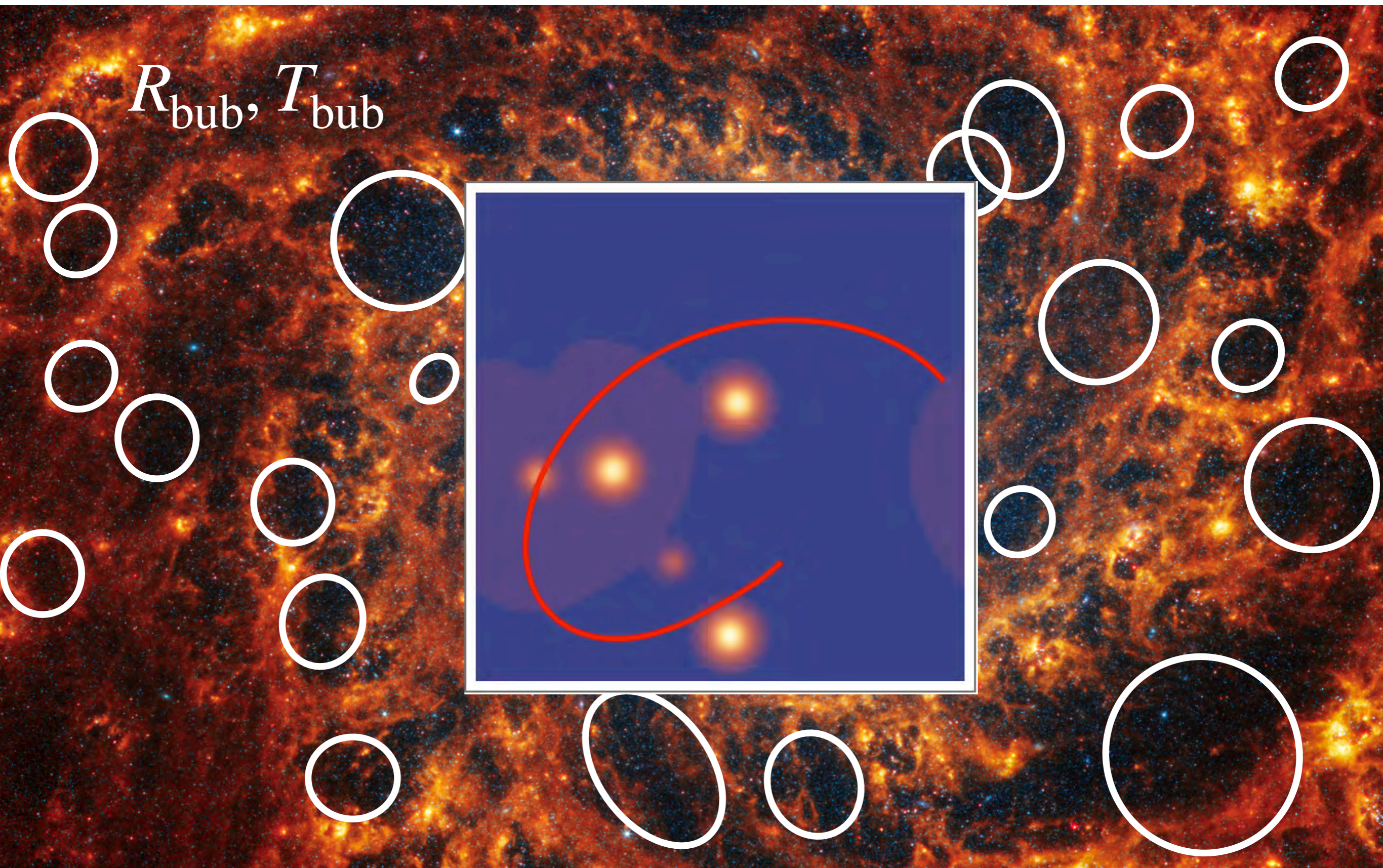
→ Morphological transformation of mean galaxy

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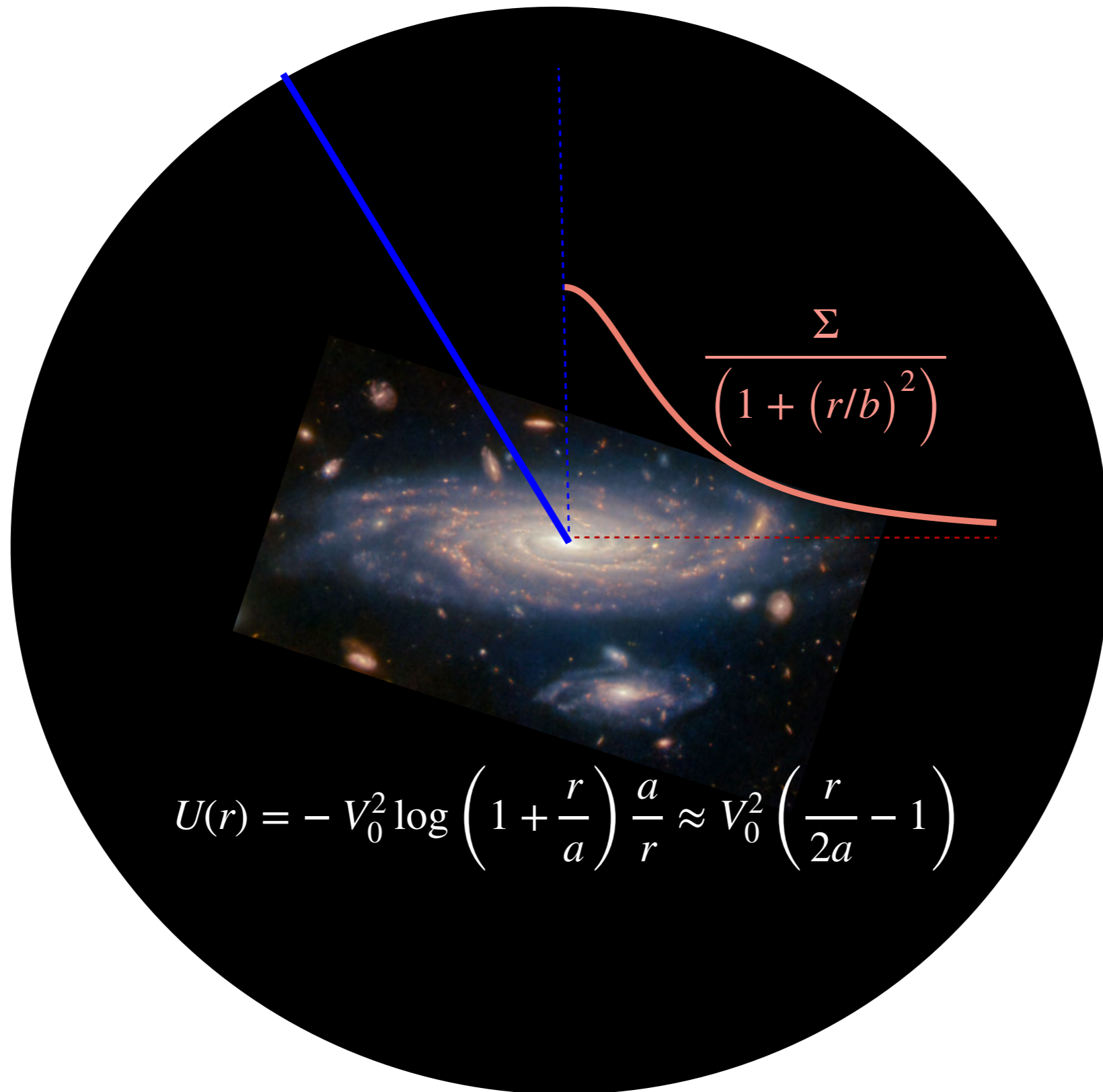
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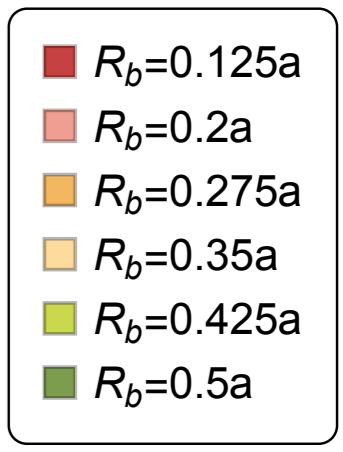
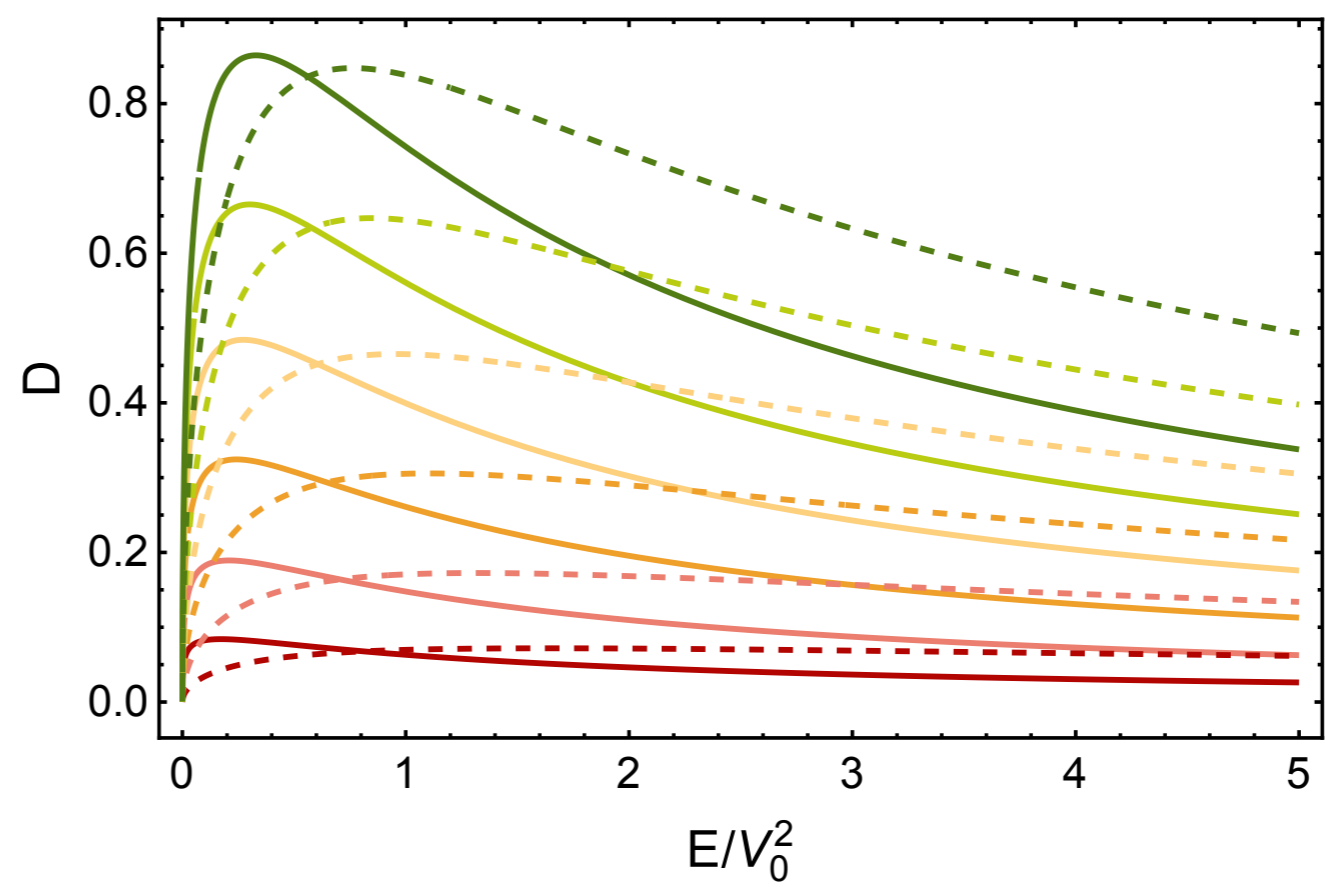
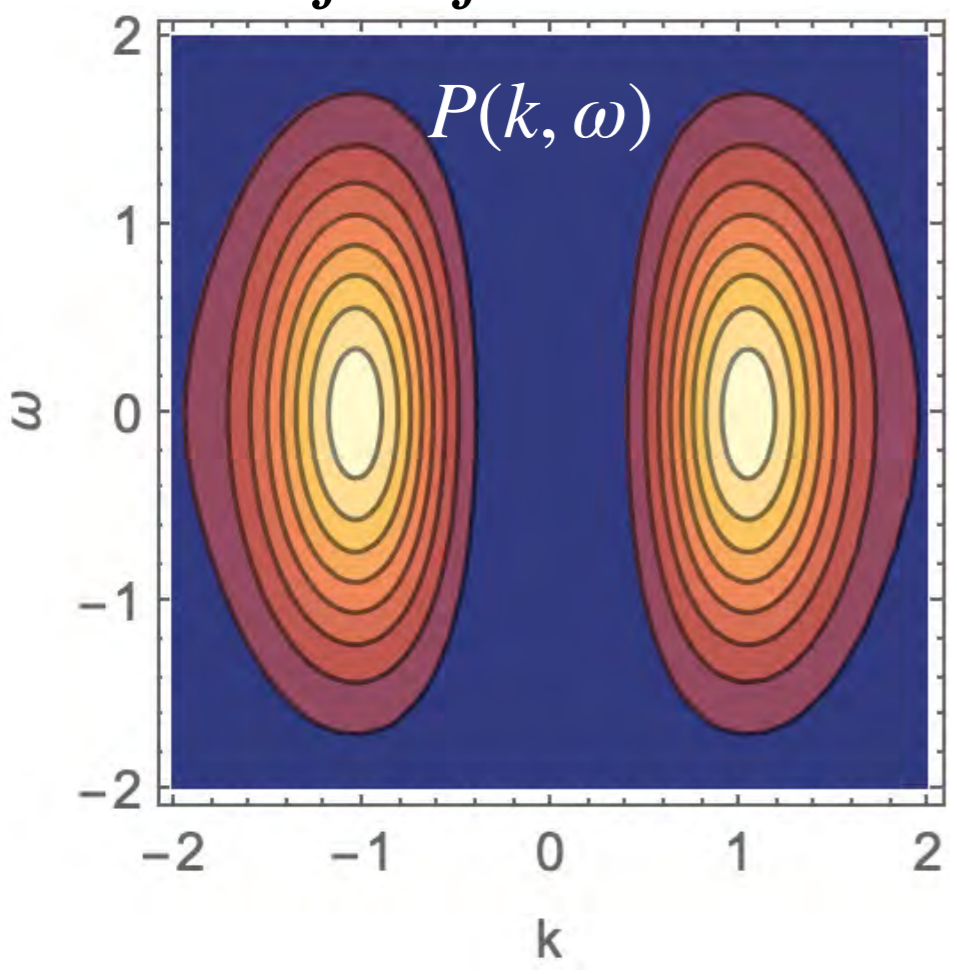
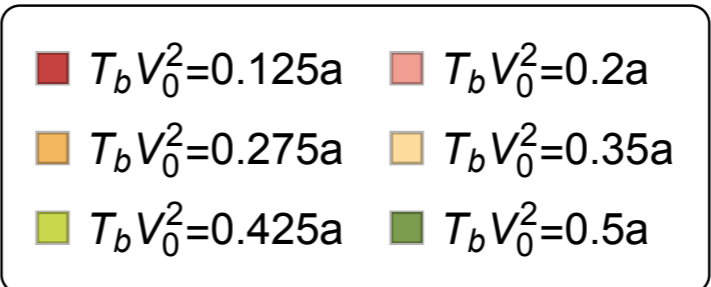




# 2.4 Bubble induced orbital diffusion

Chandrasekhar phase averaging Diffusion coefficient

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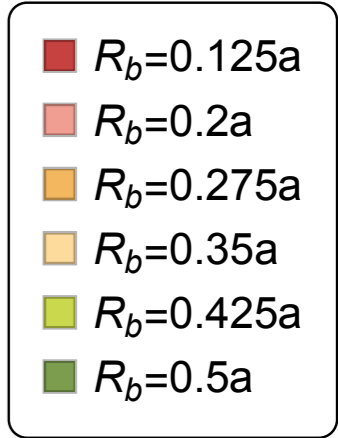
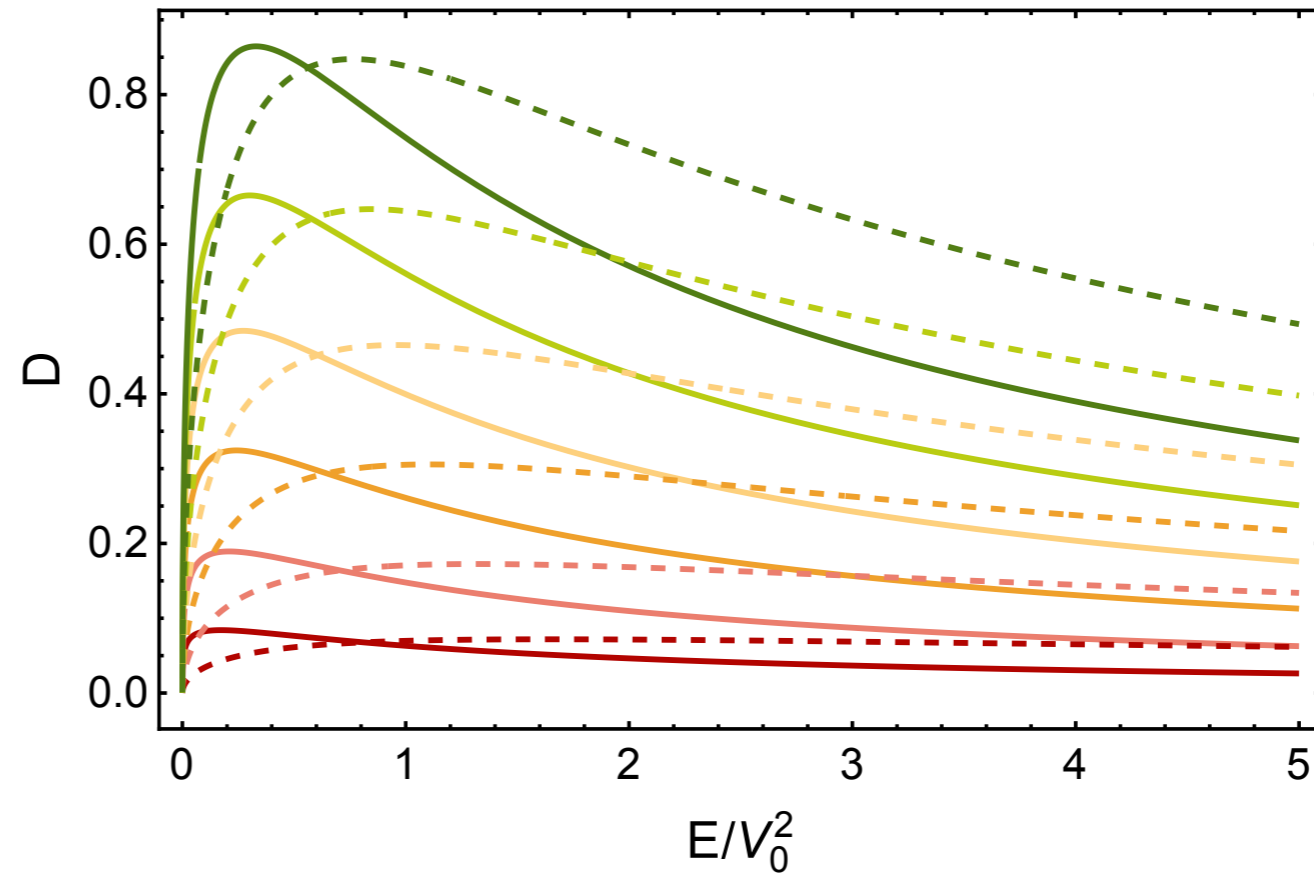
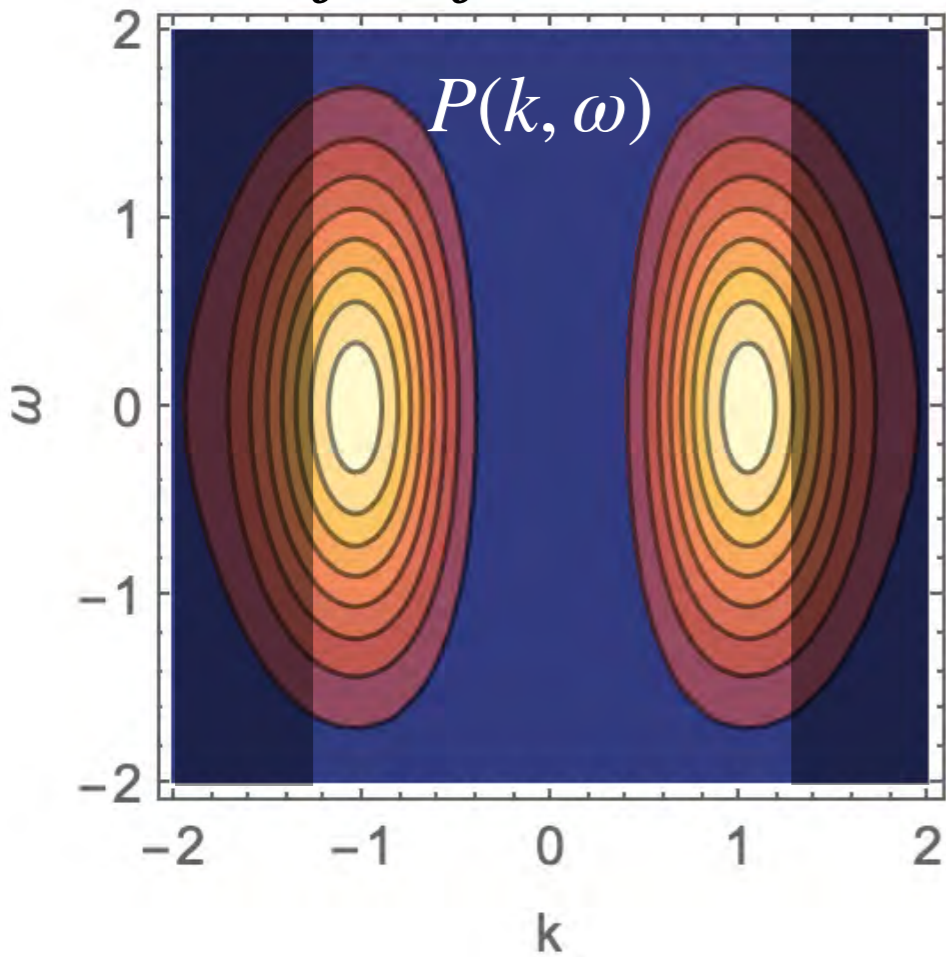
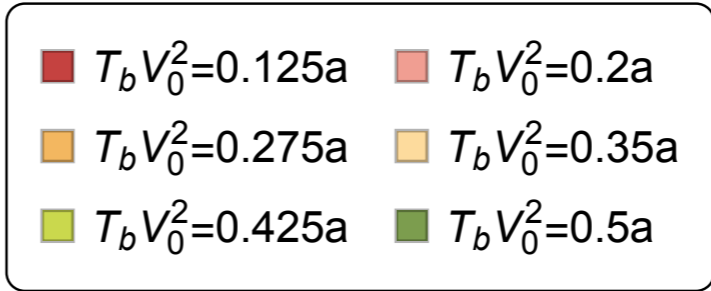
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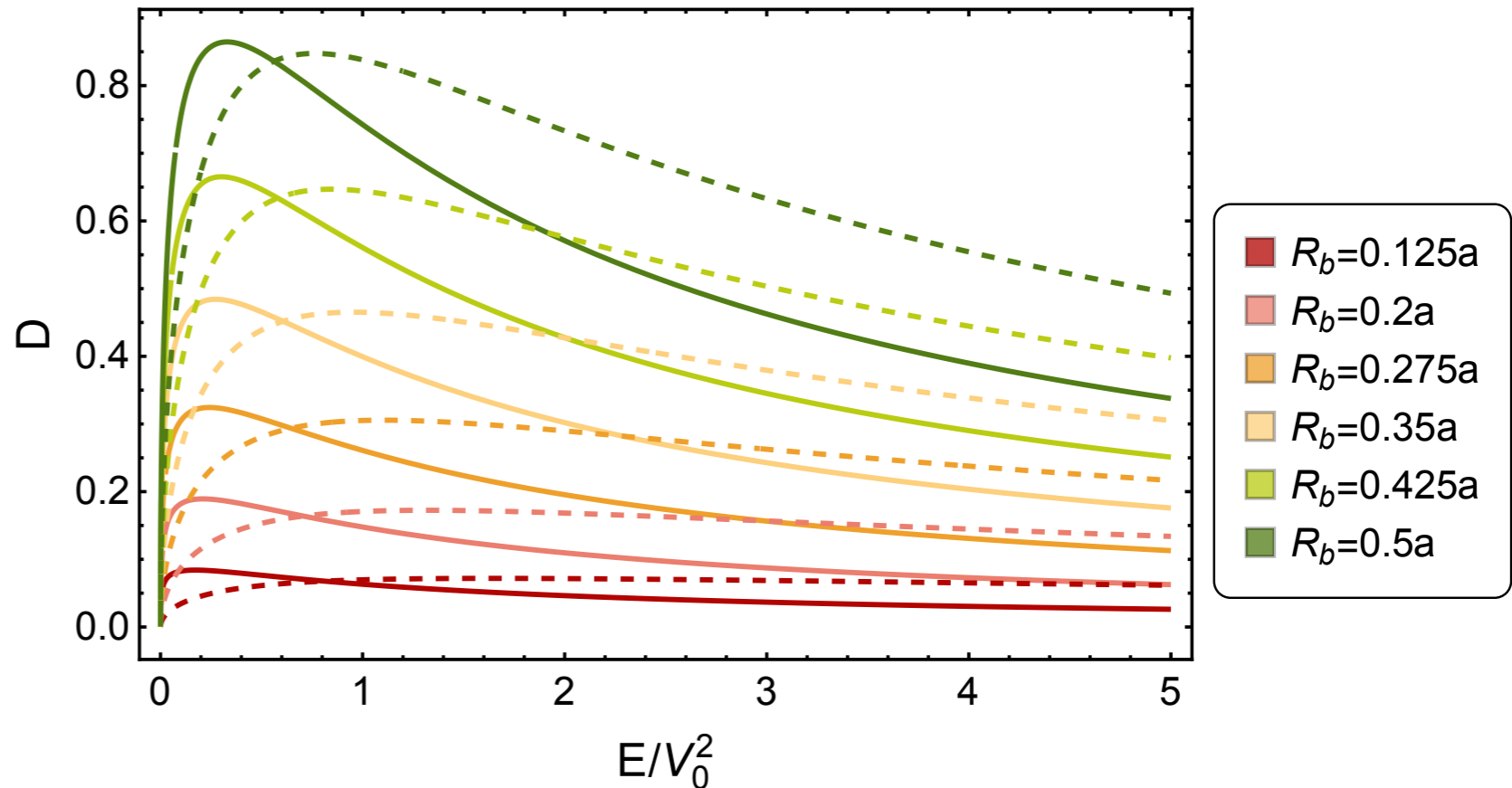
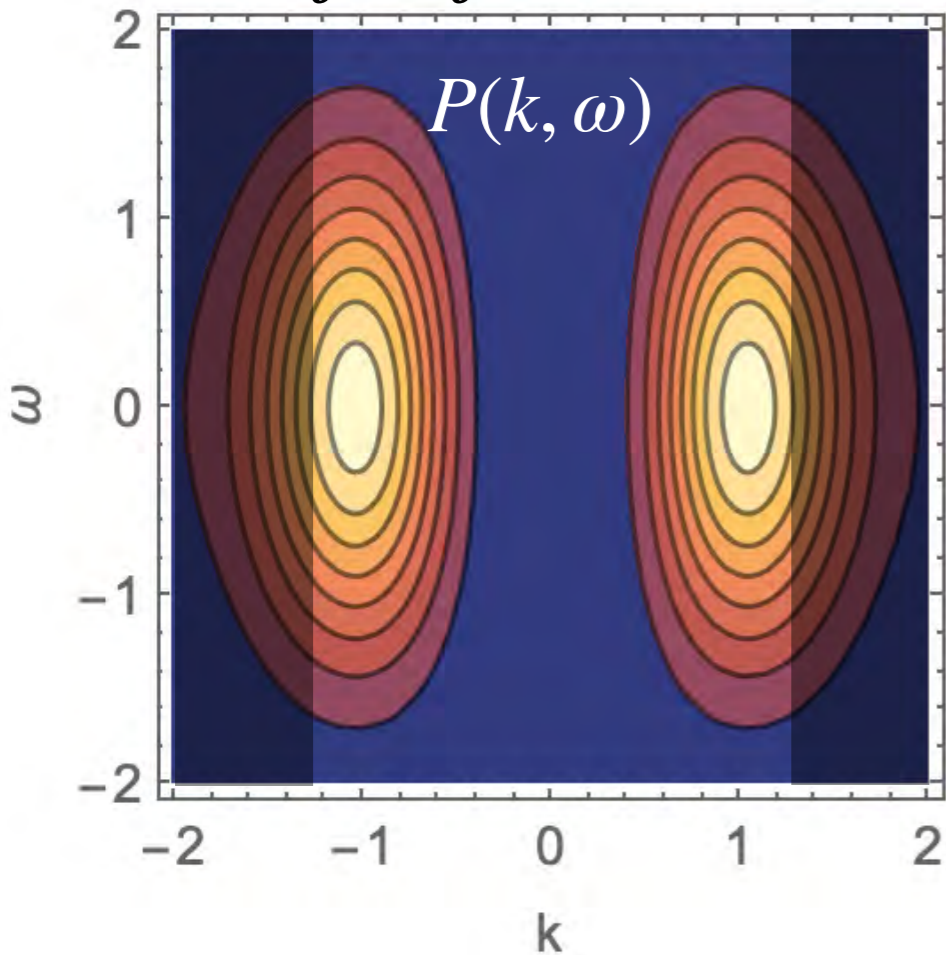
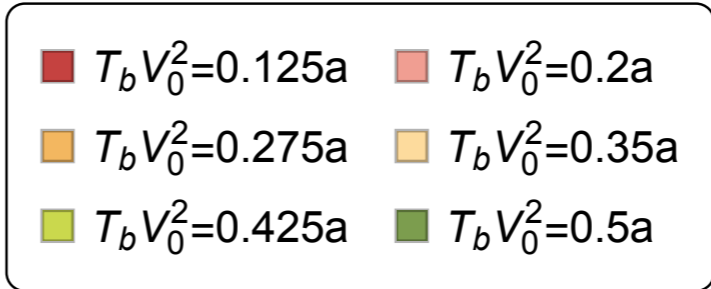
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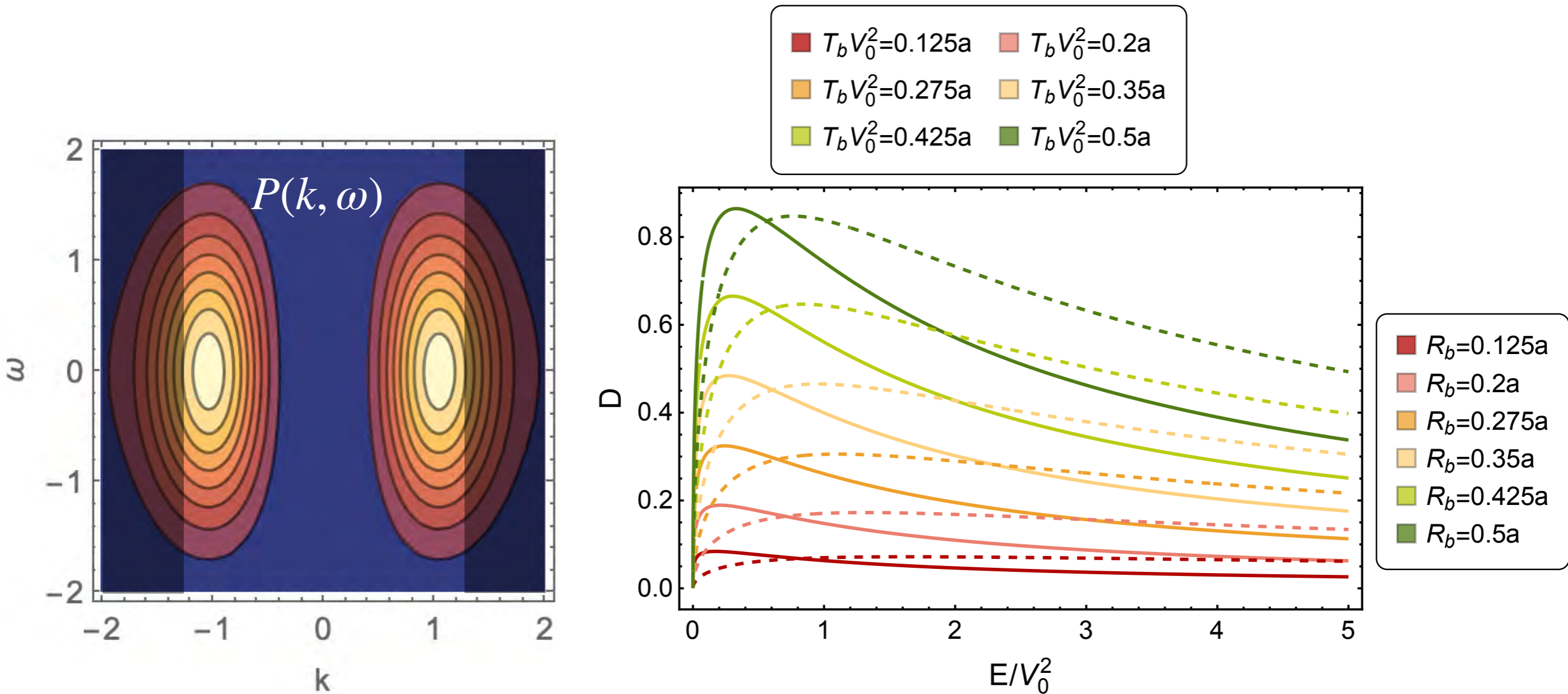
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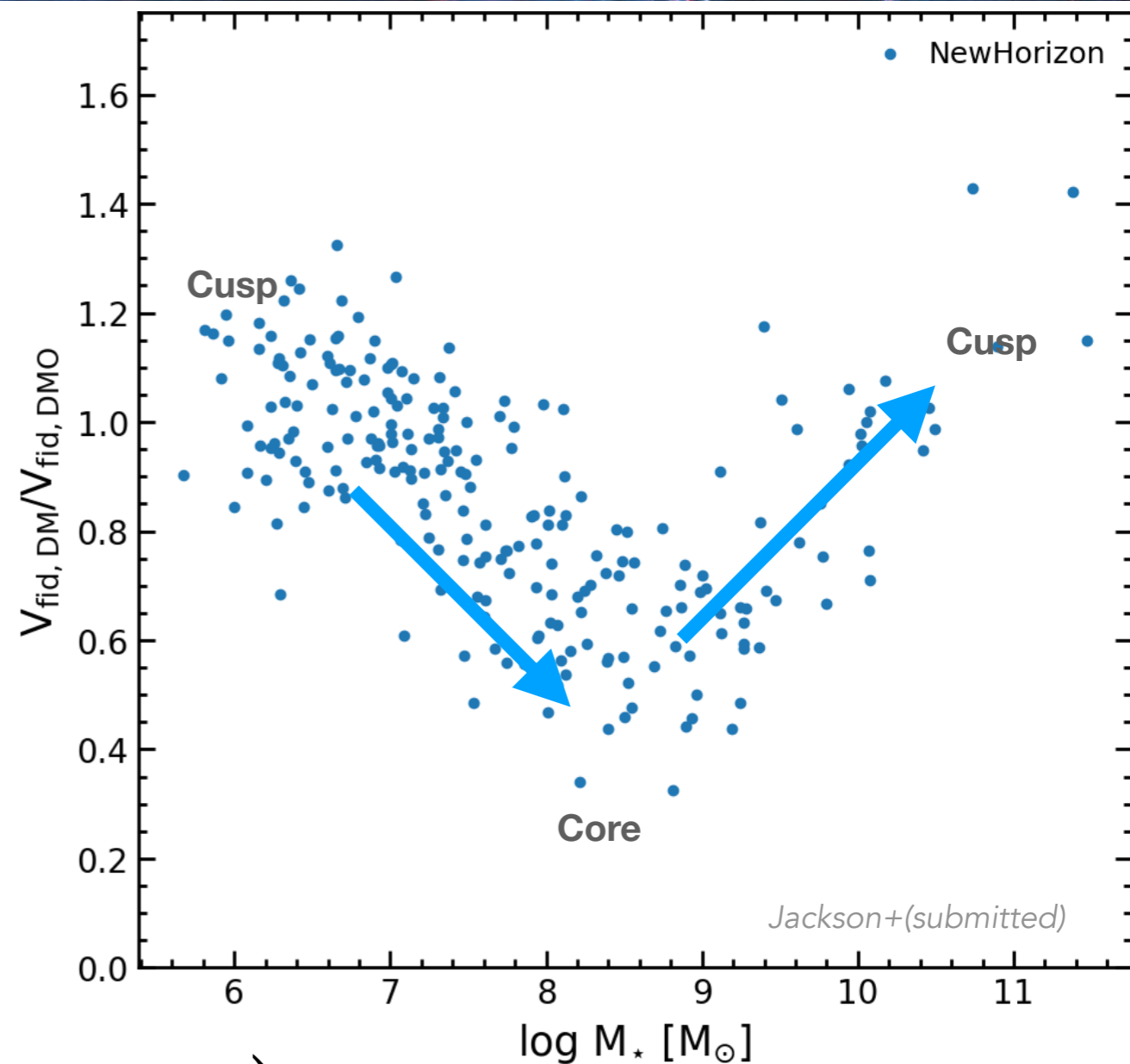
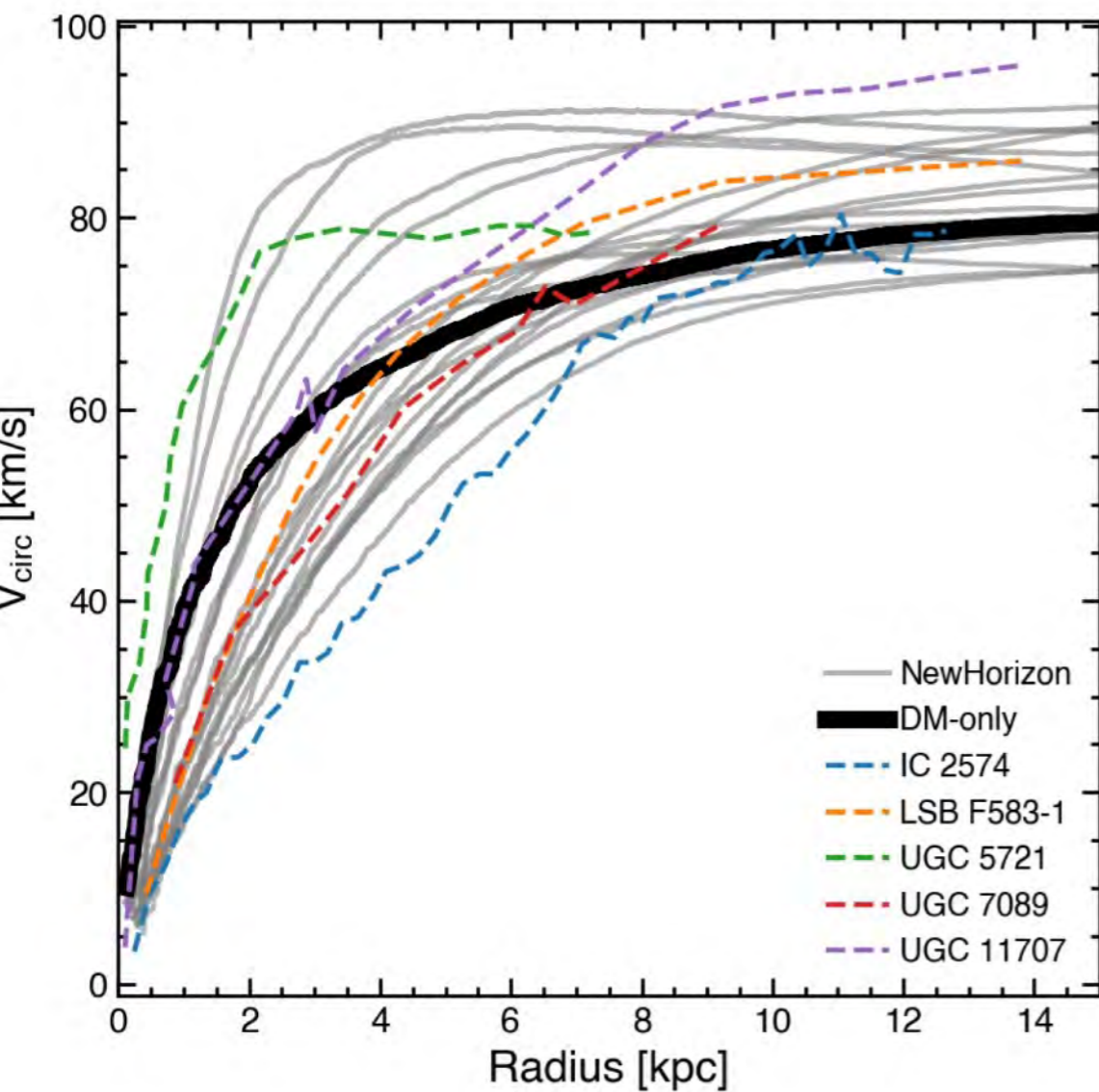
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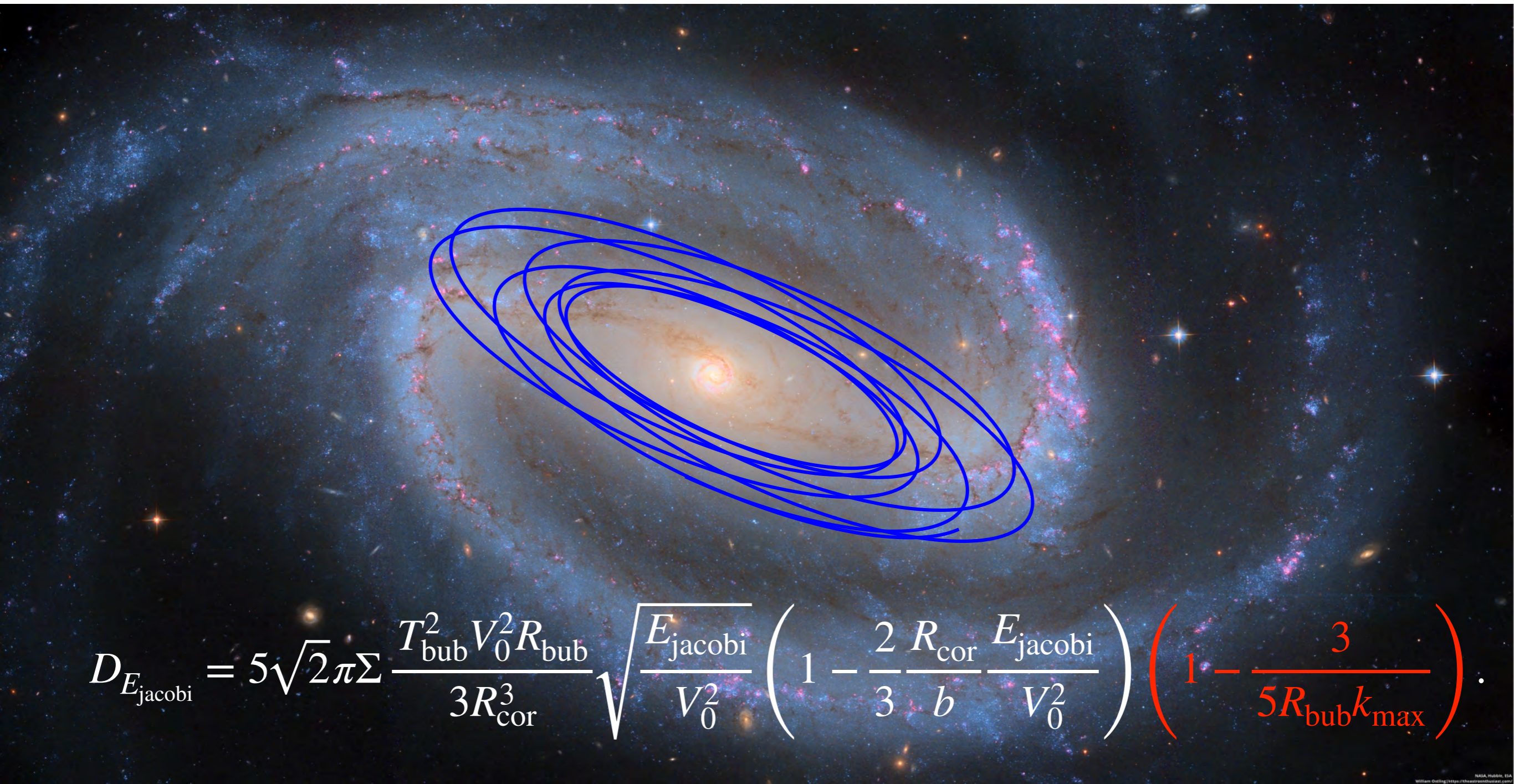


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**IN PROGRESS**

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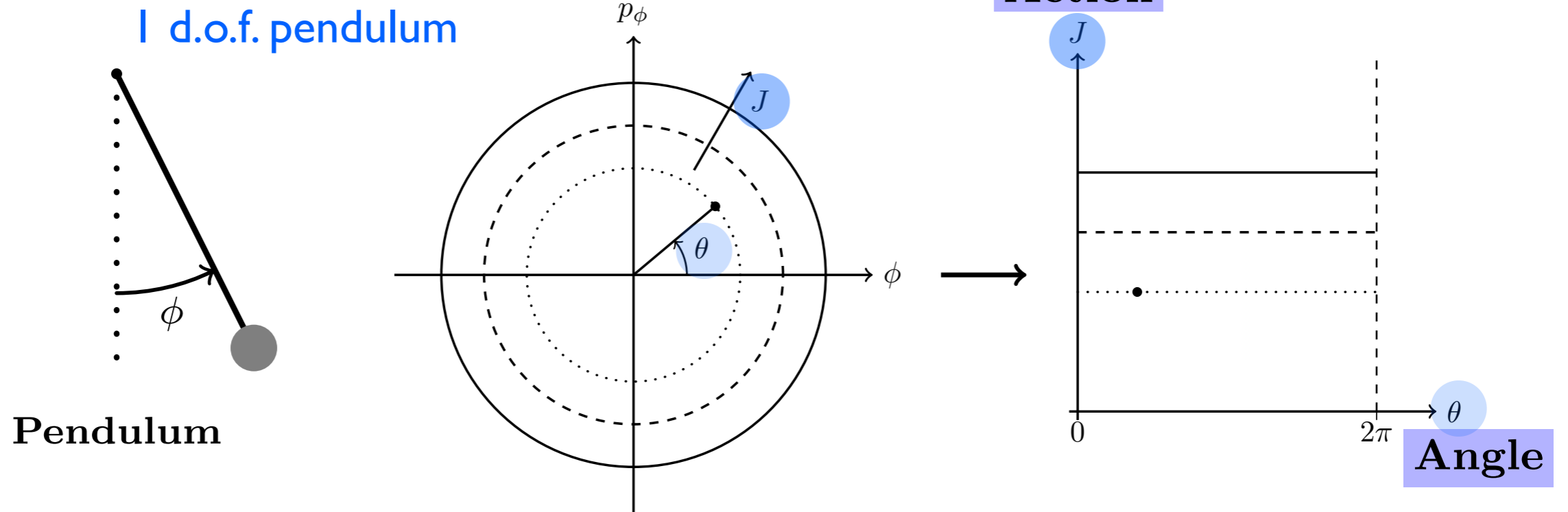
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- Why resolution impacts bar resilience  $(k_{\text{max}}R_{\text{bub}} \neq \infty)$

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$$\begin{cases} \theta(t) = \theta_0 + t \Omega, \\ J(t) = \text{cst.} \end{cases}$$

$\implies$  Straight lines.

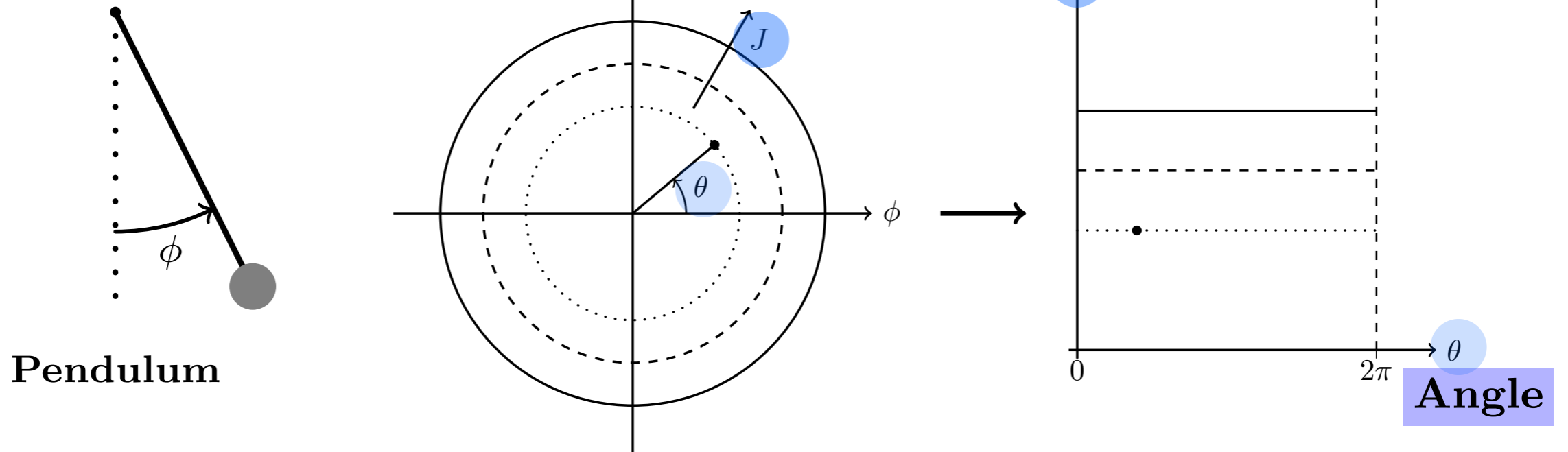
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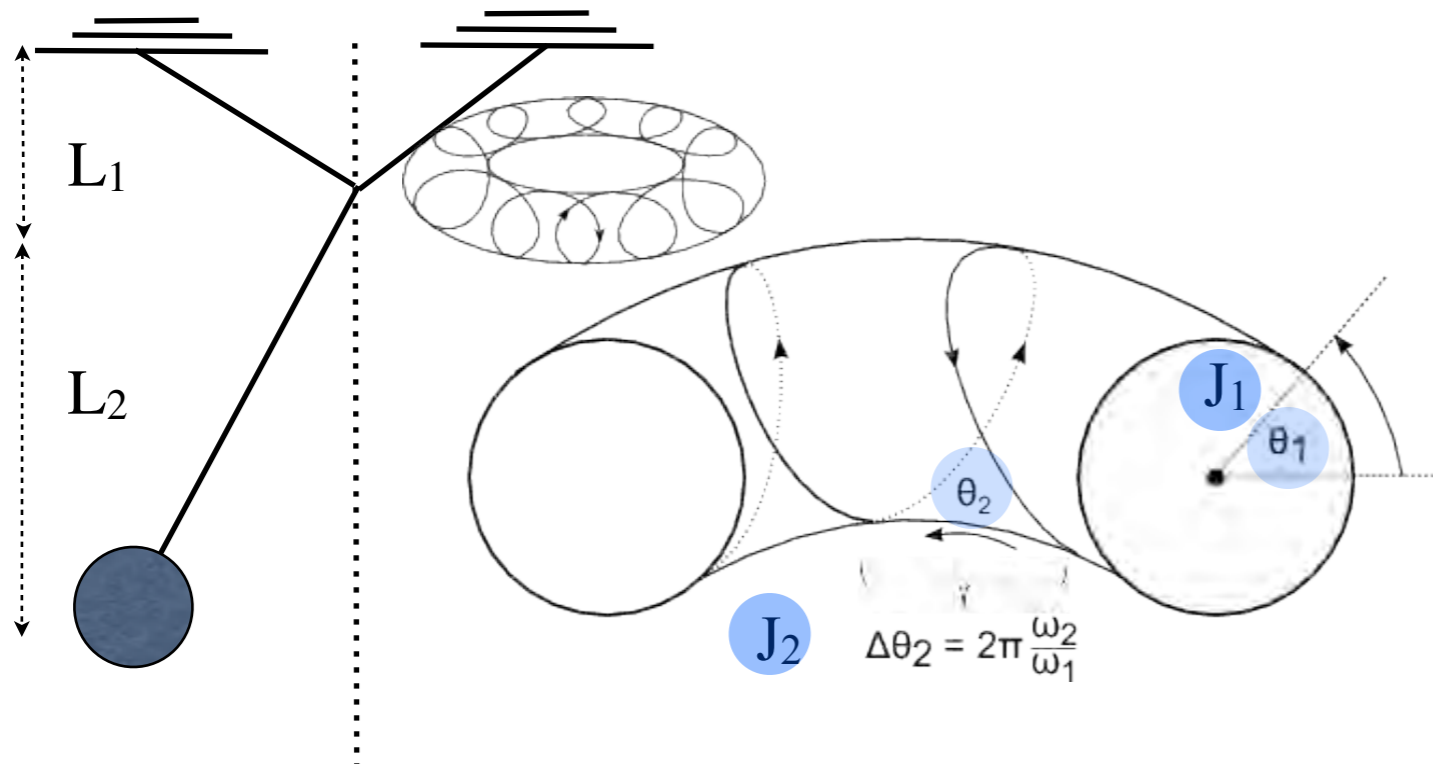
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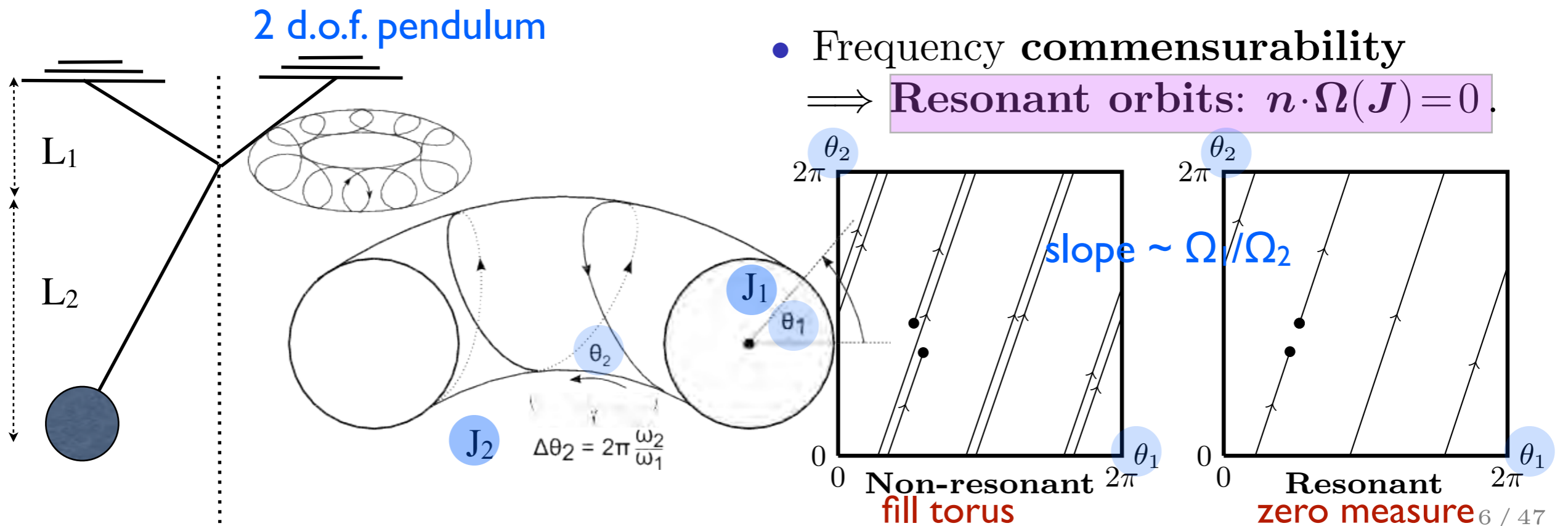
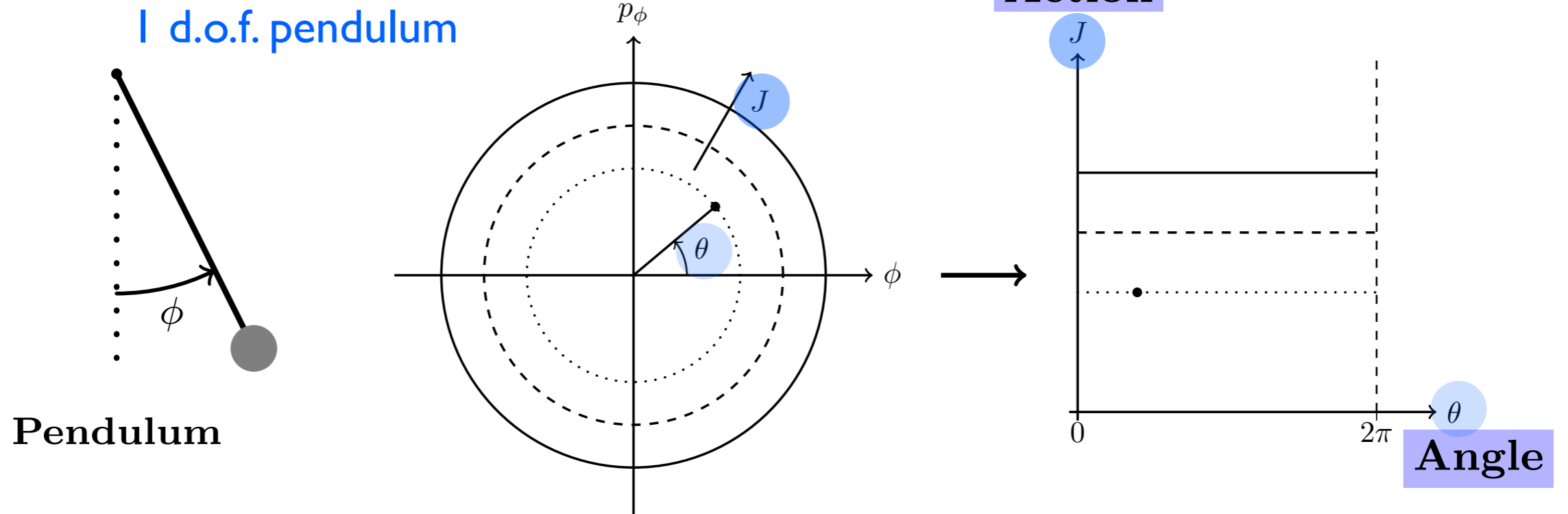


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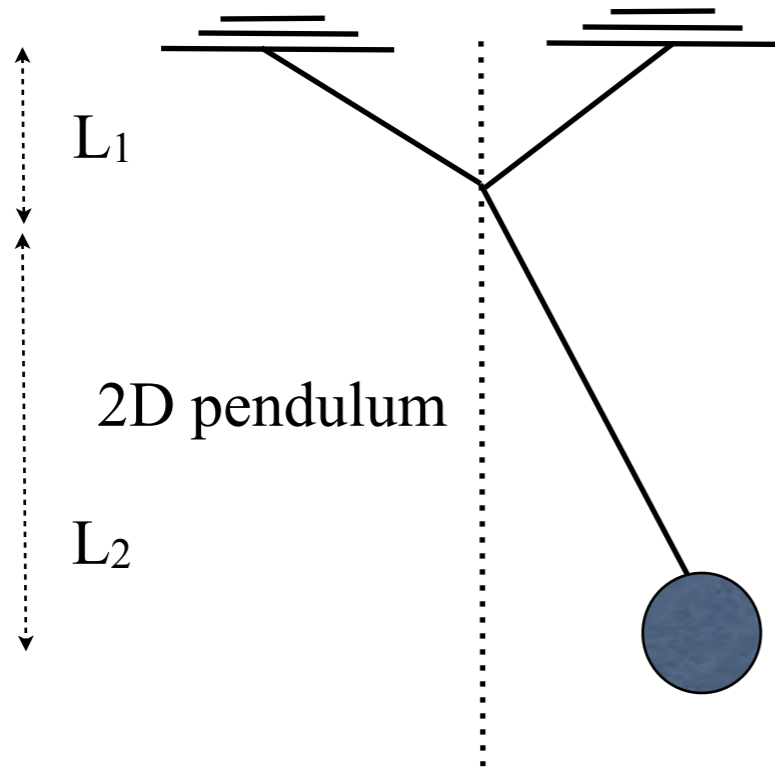
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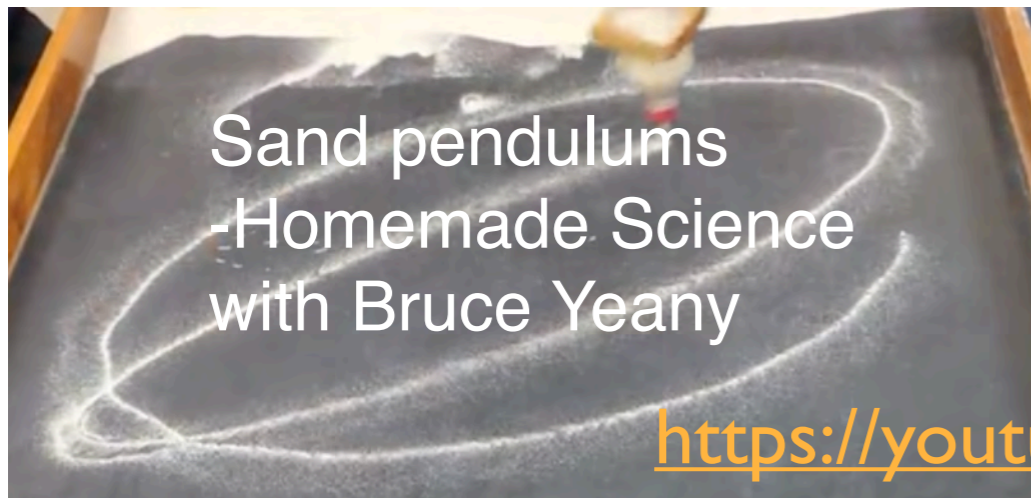


- Frequency commensurability  $\implies$  Resonant orbits:  $n \cdot \Omega(J) = 0$ .

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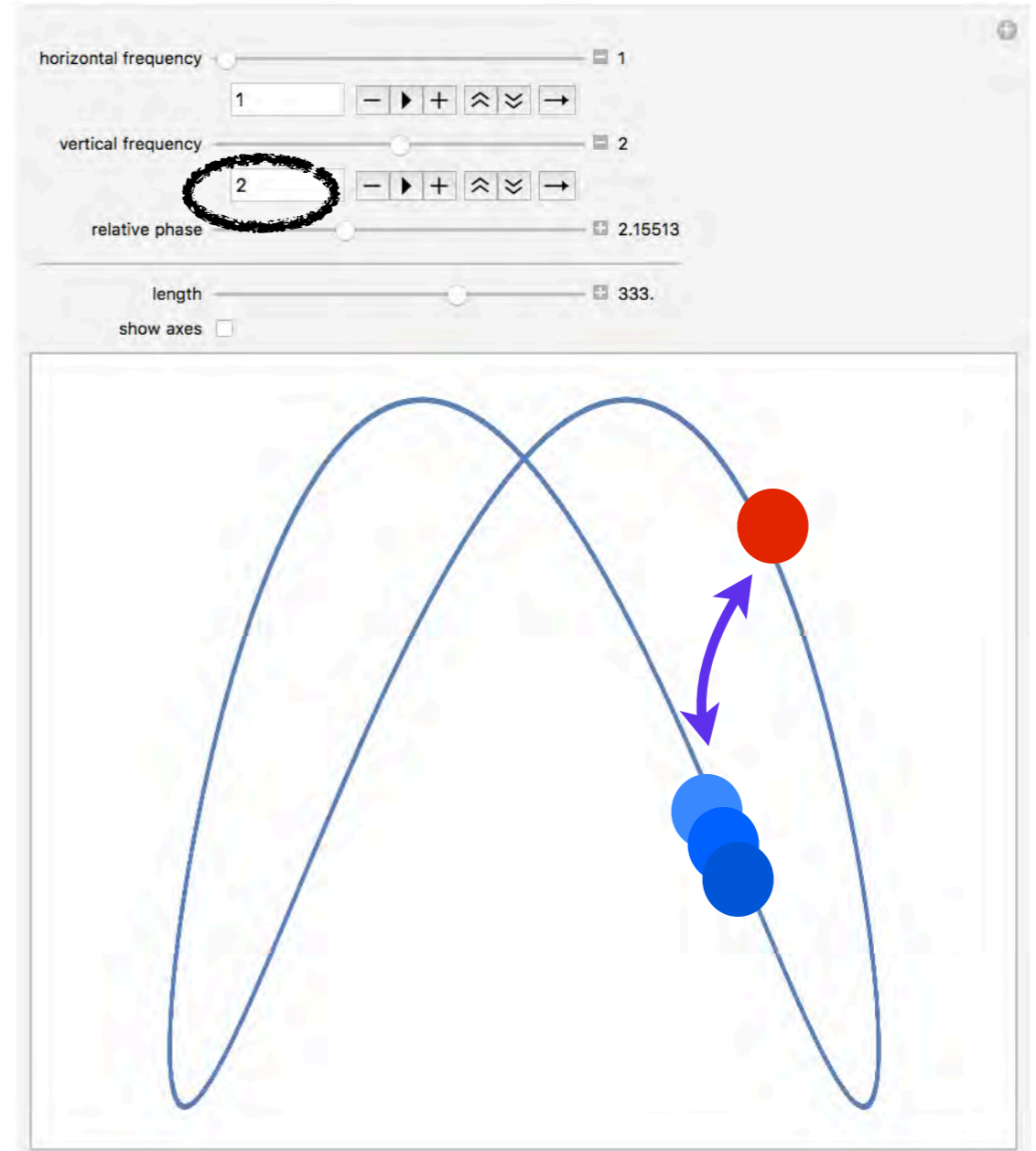
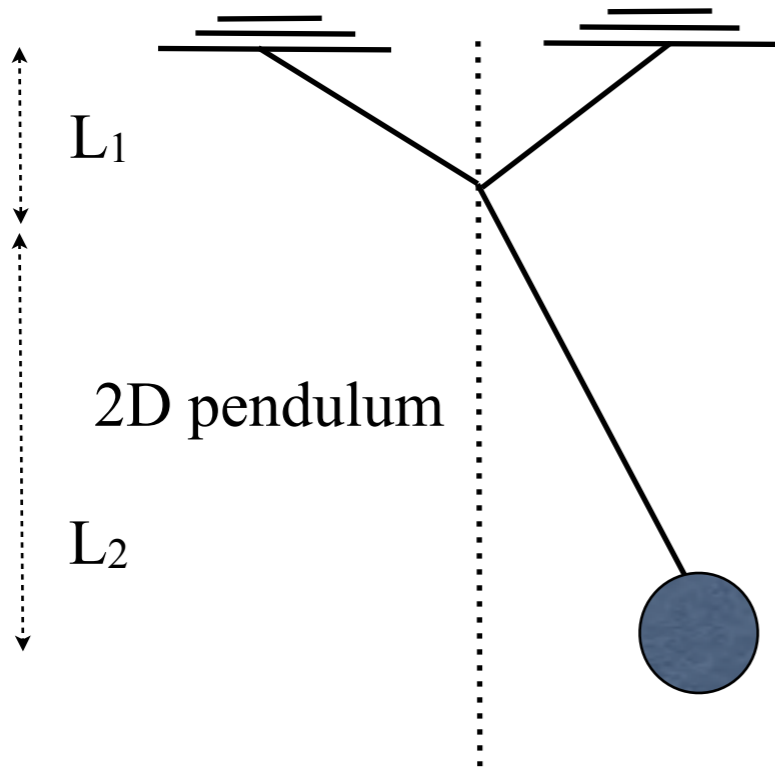


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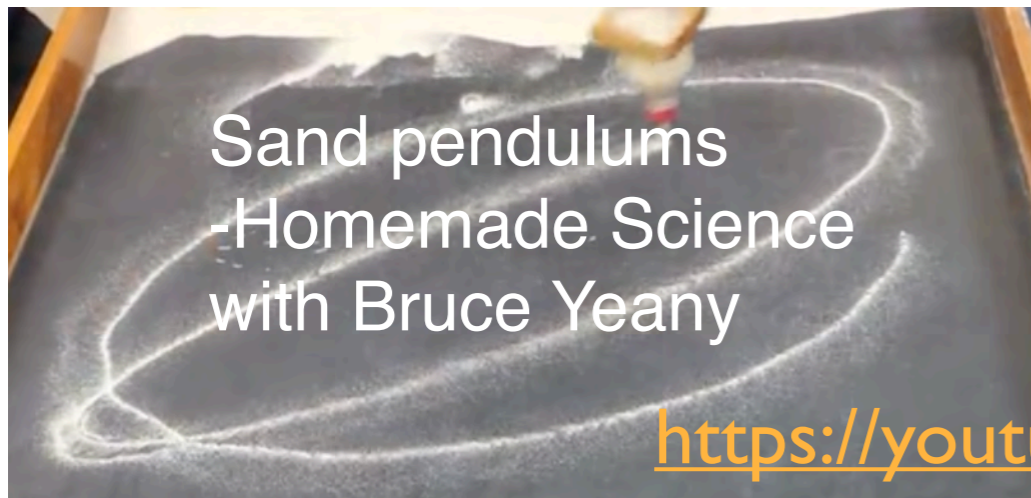
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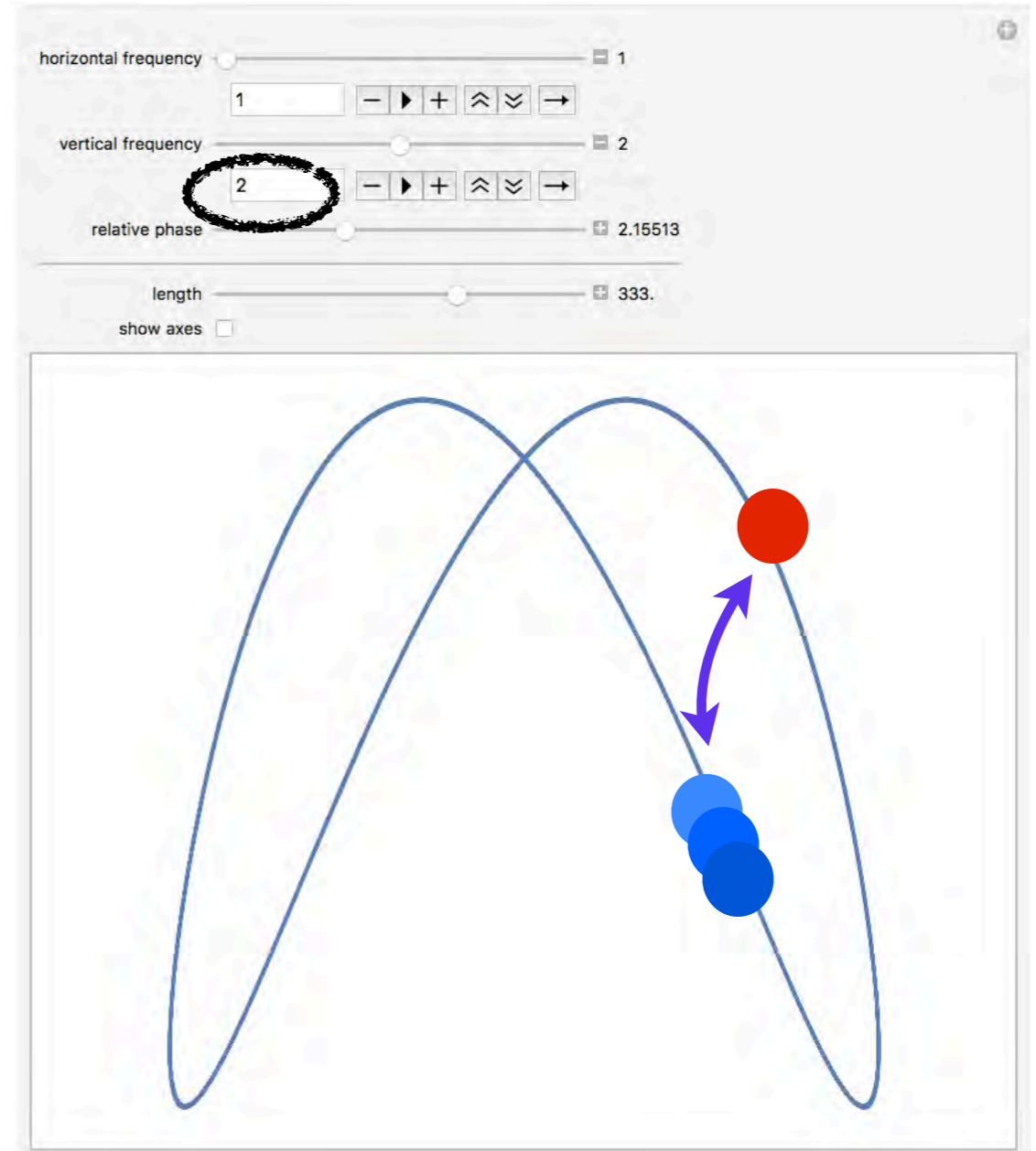
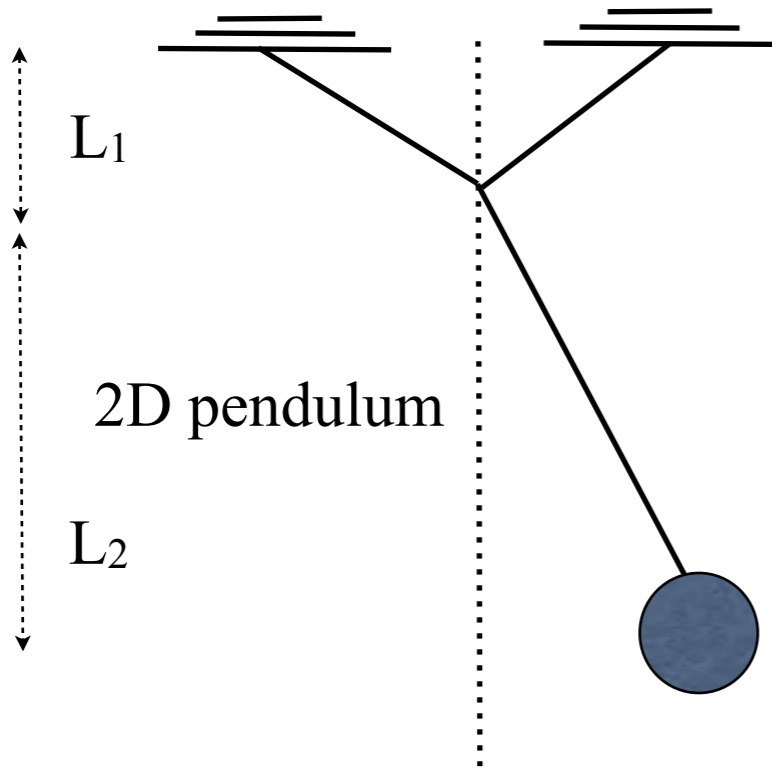
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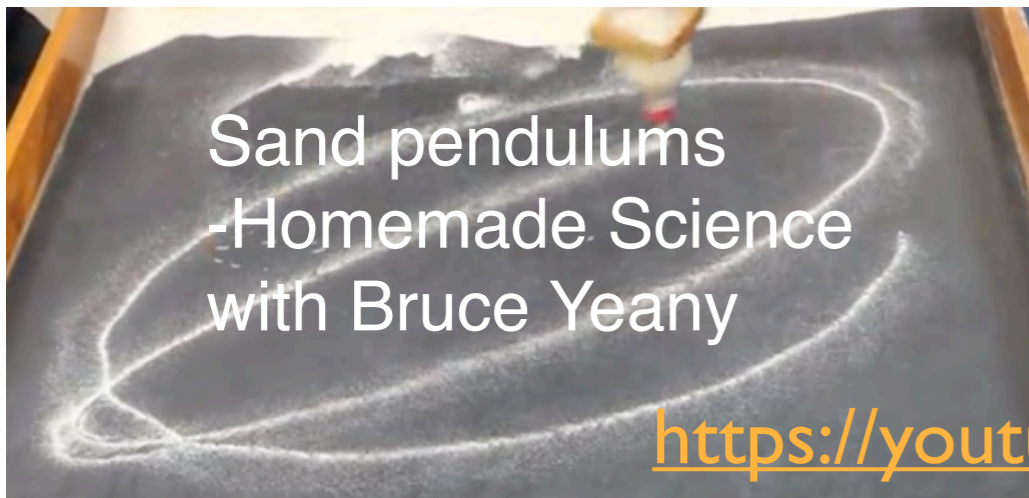
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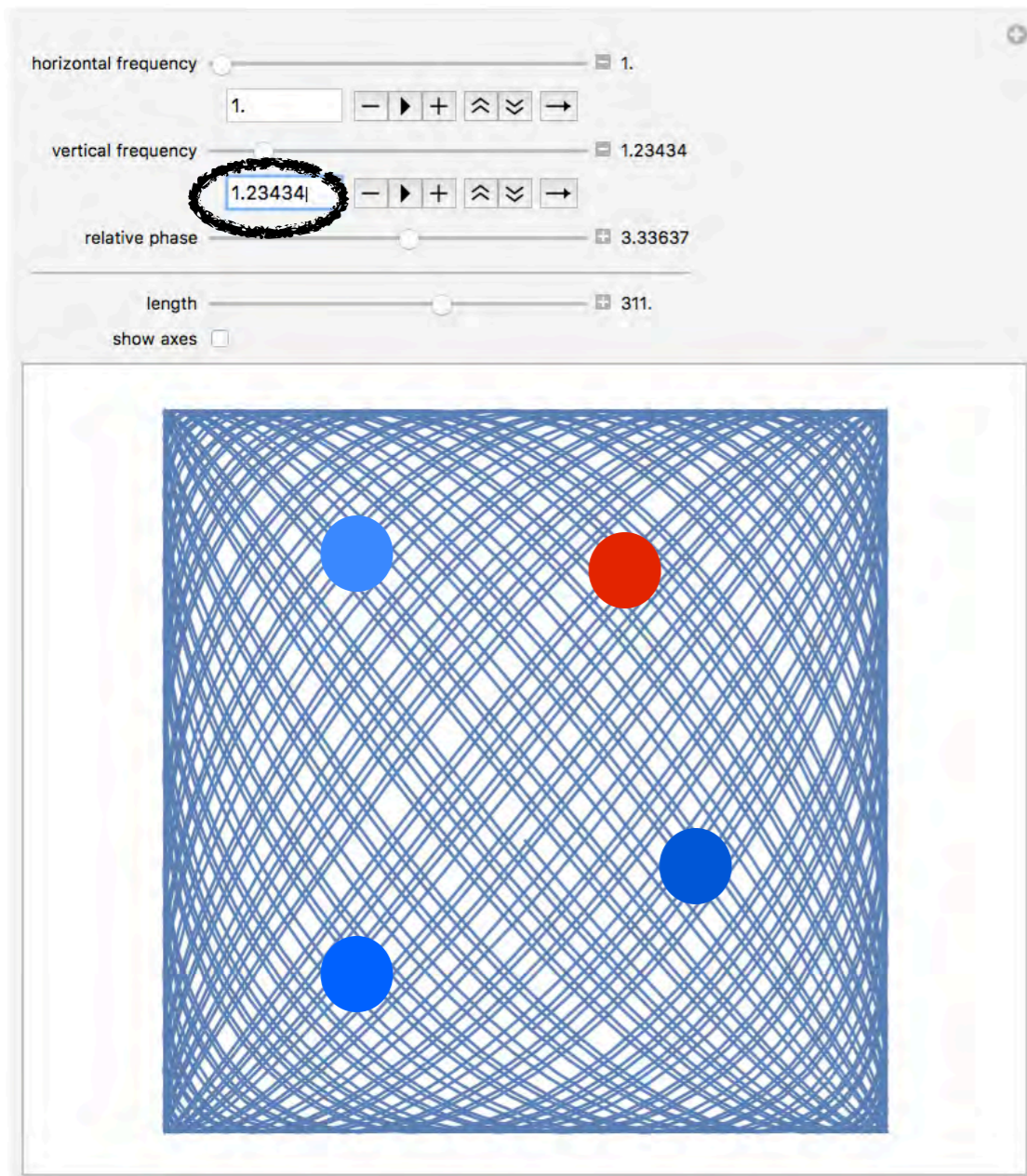
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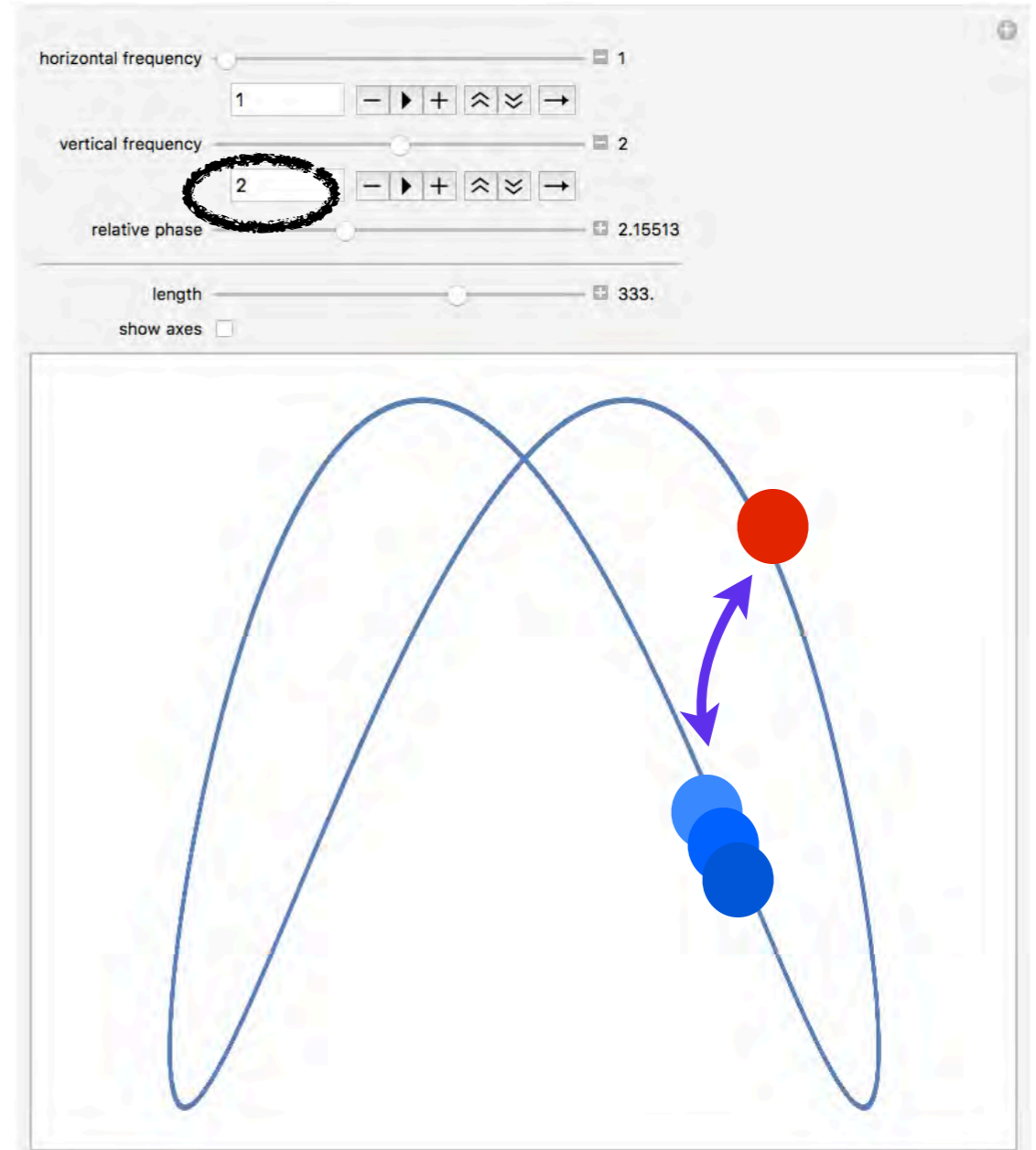
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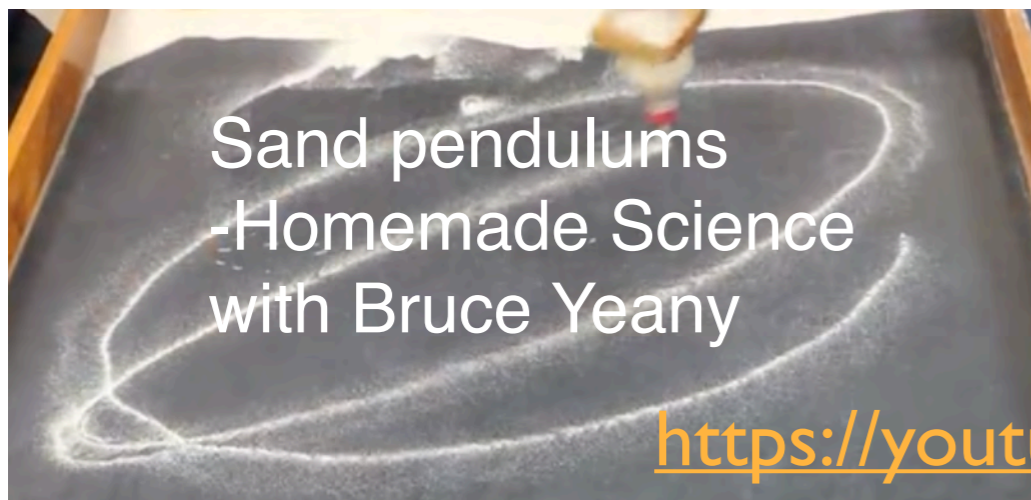


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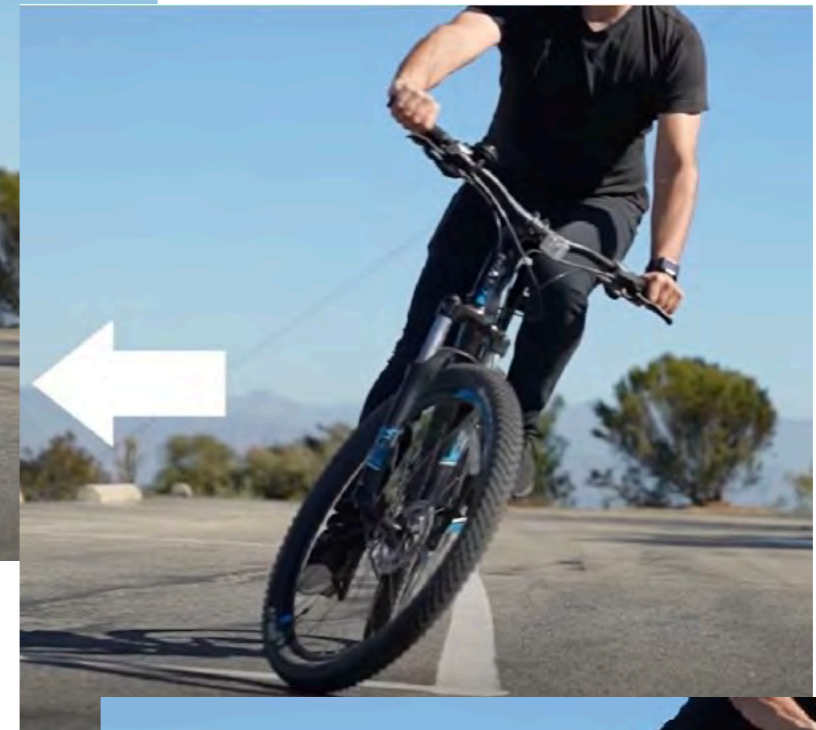
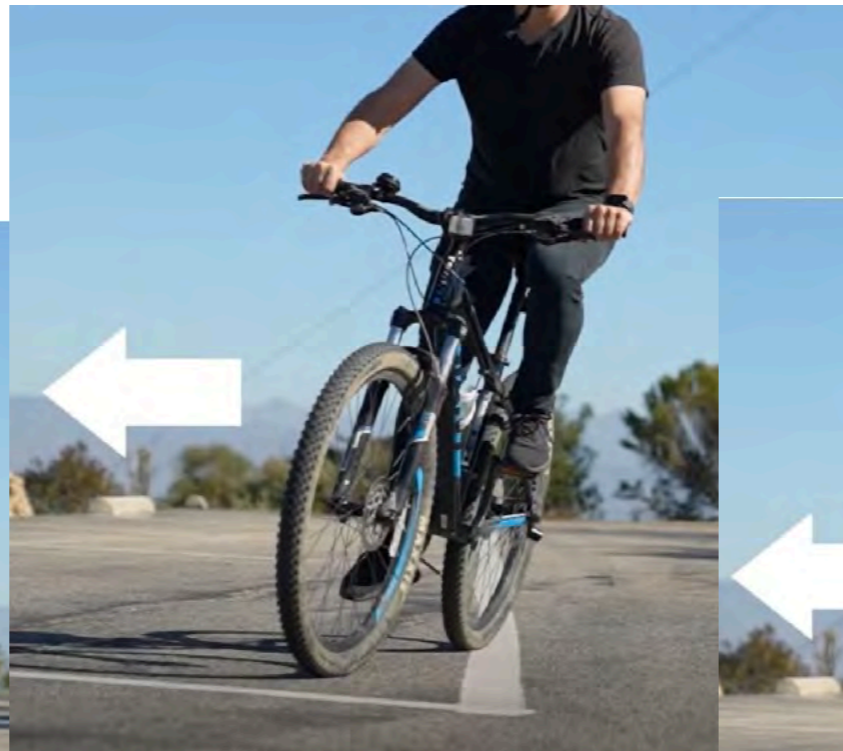


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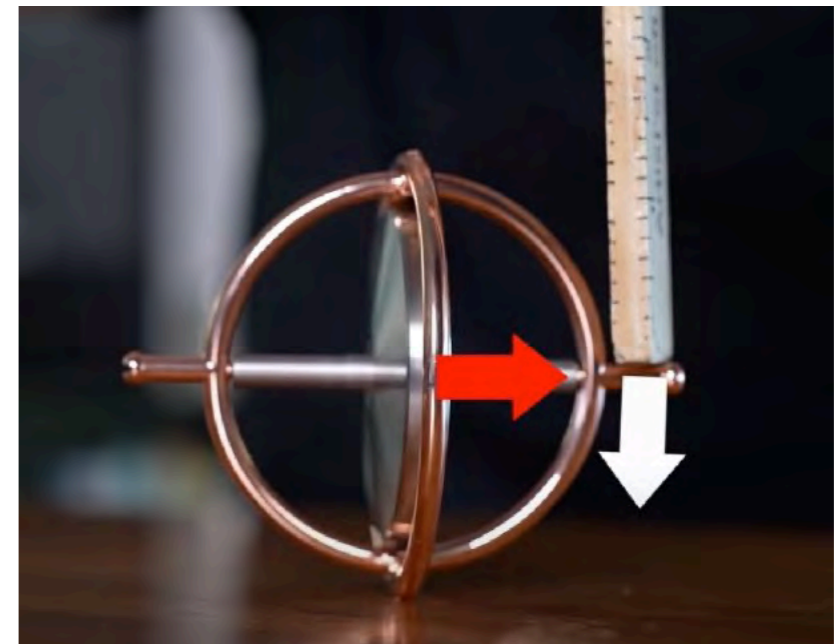
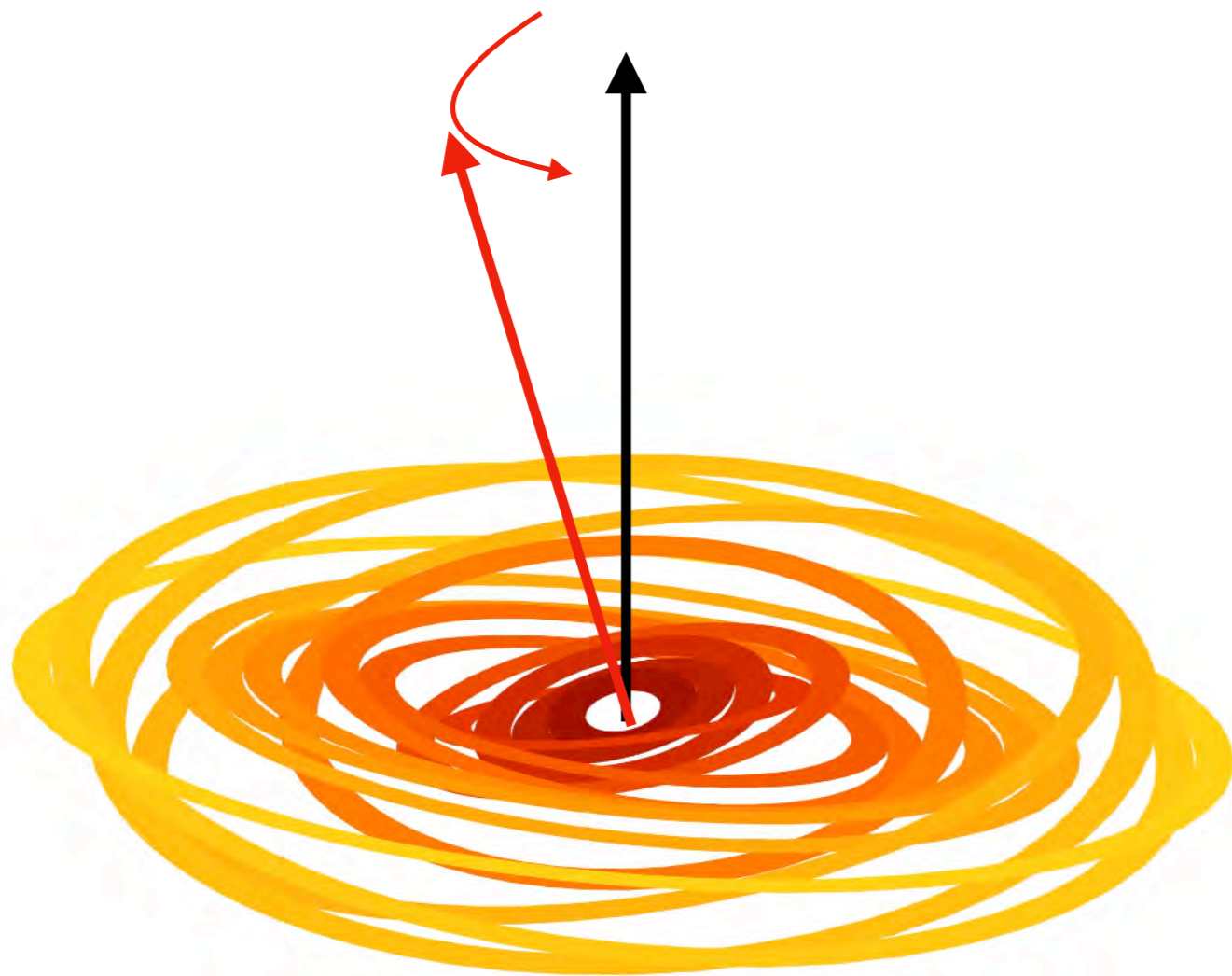
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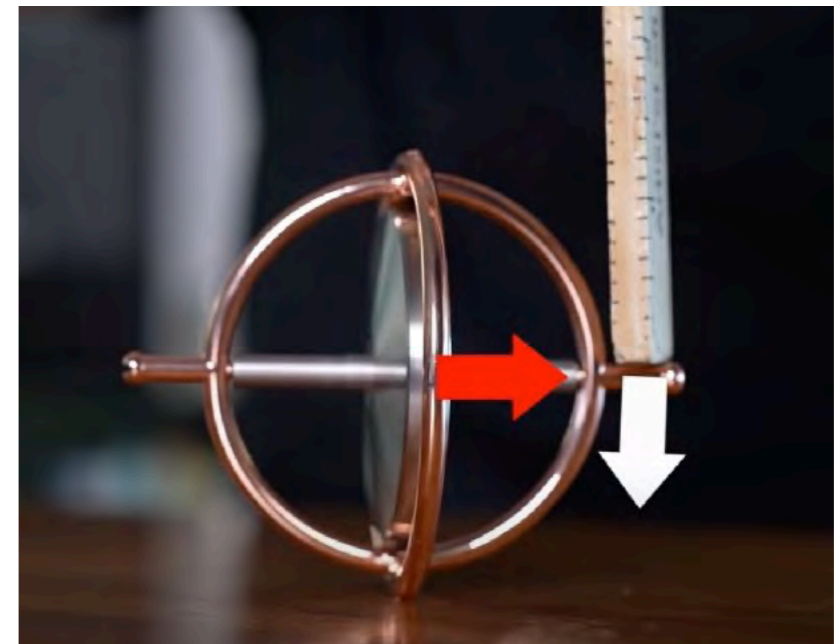
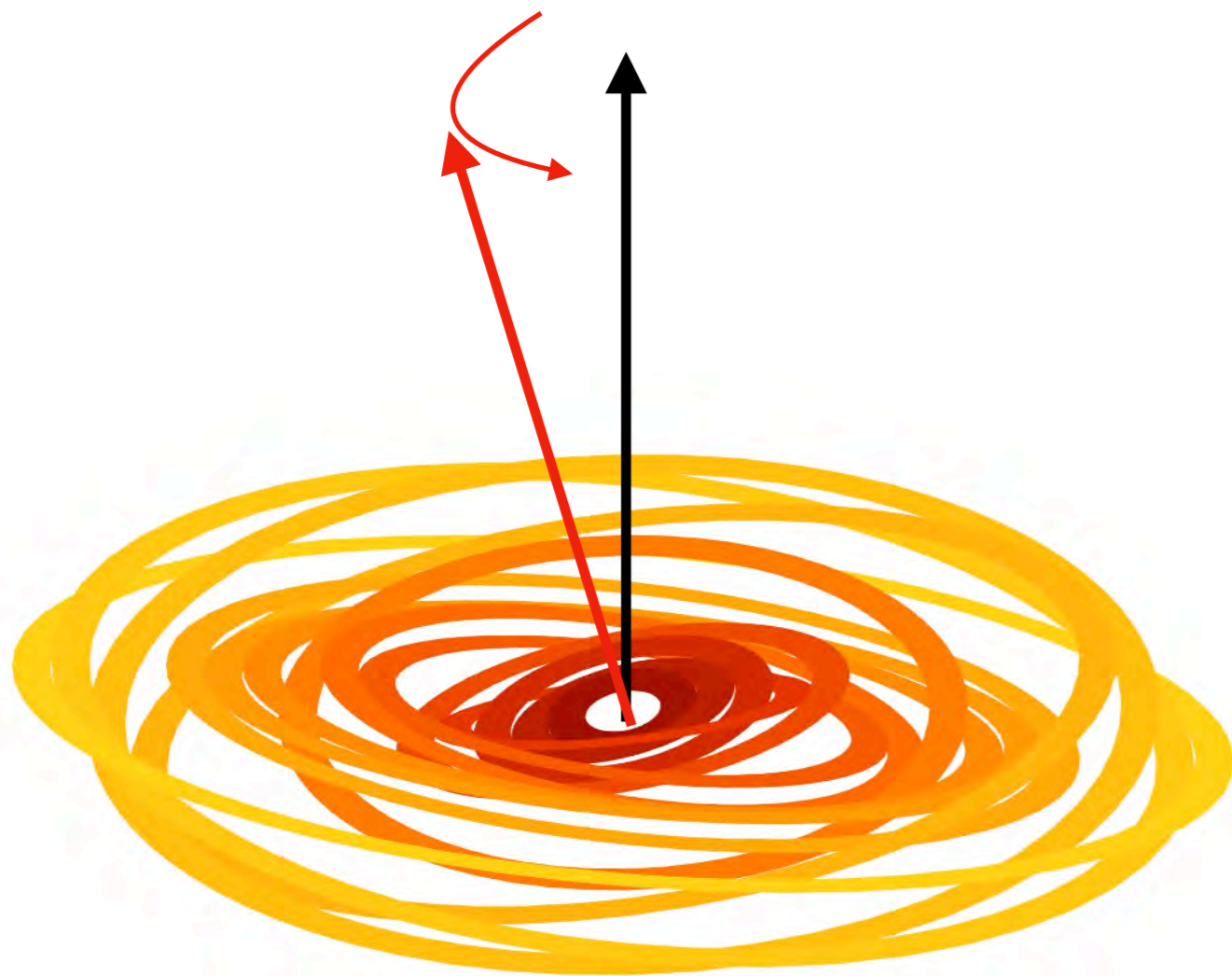
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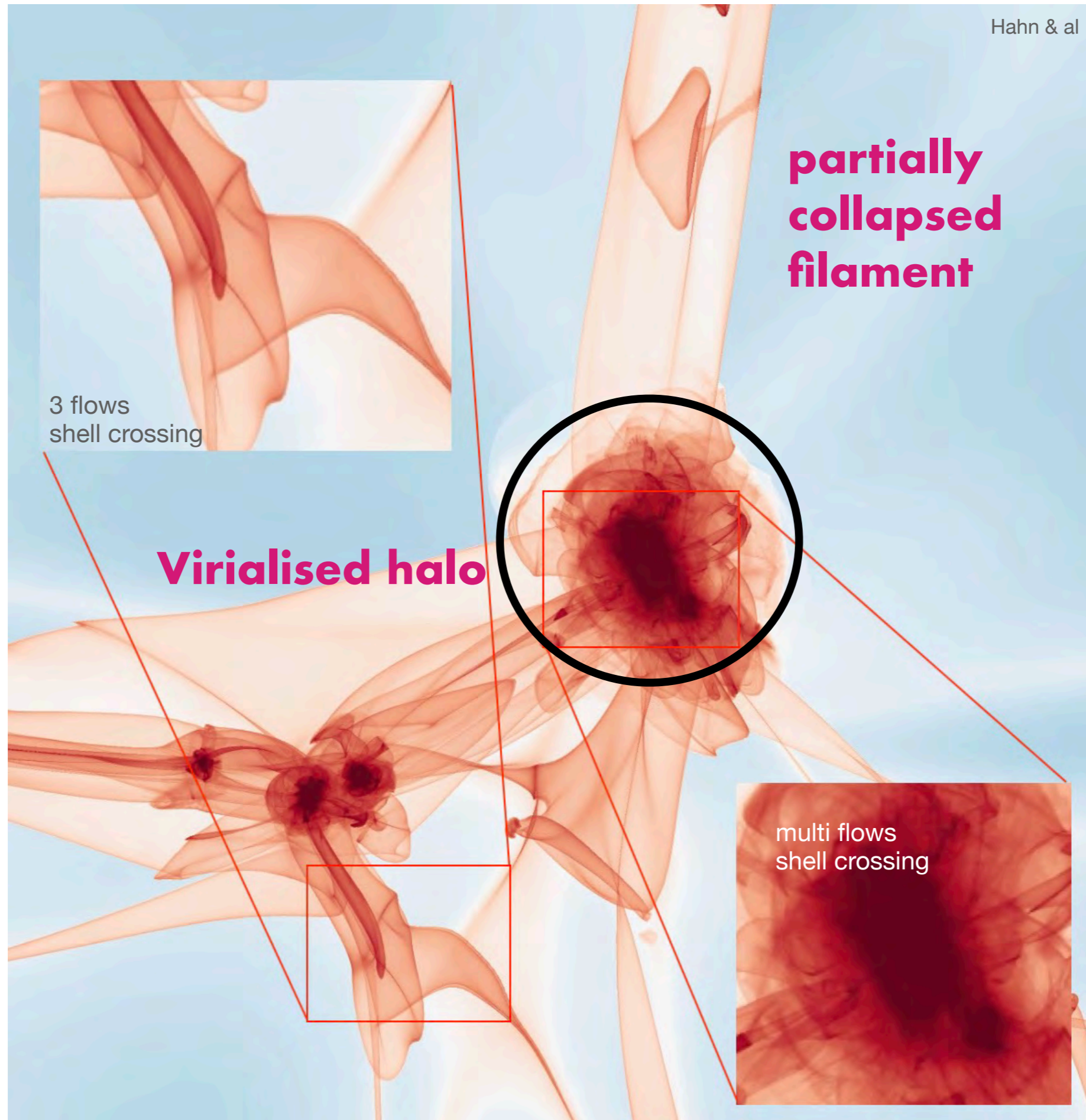
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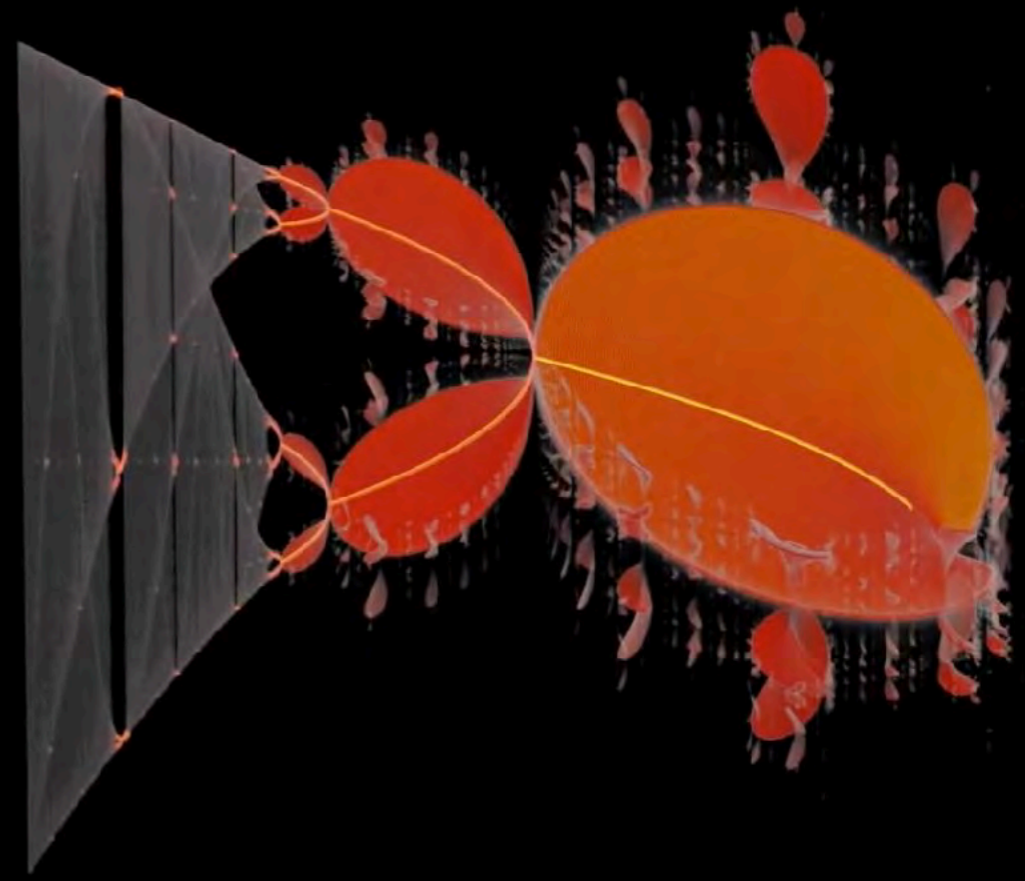
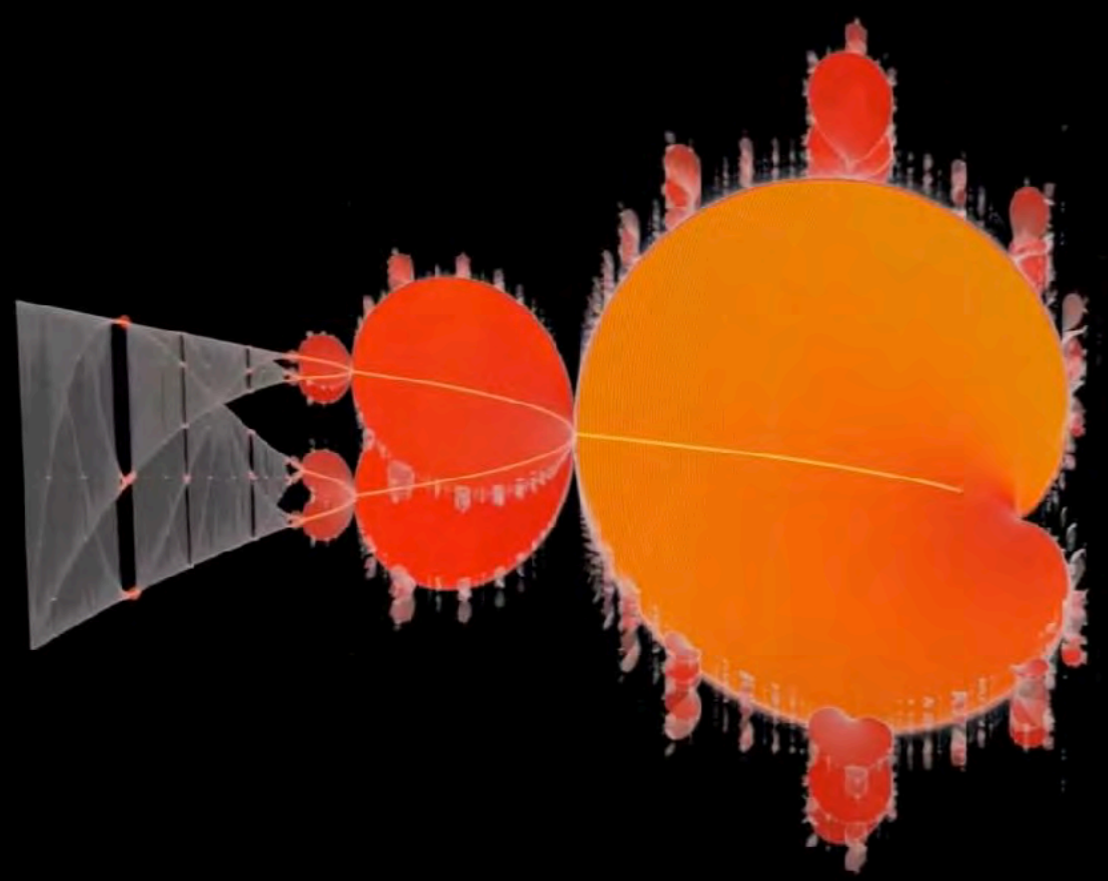
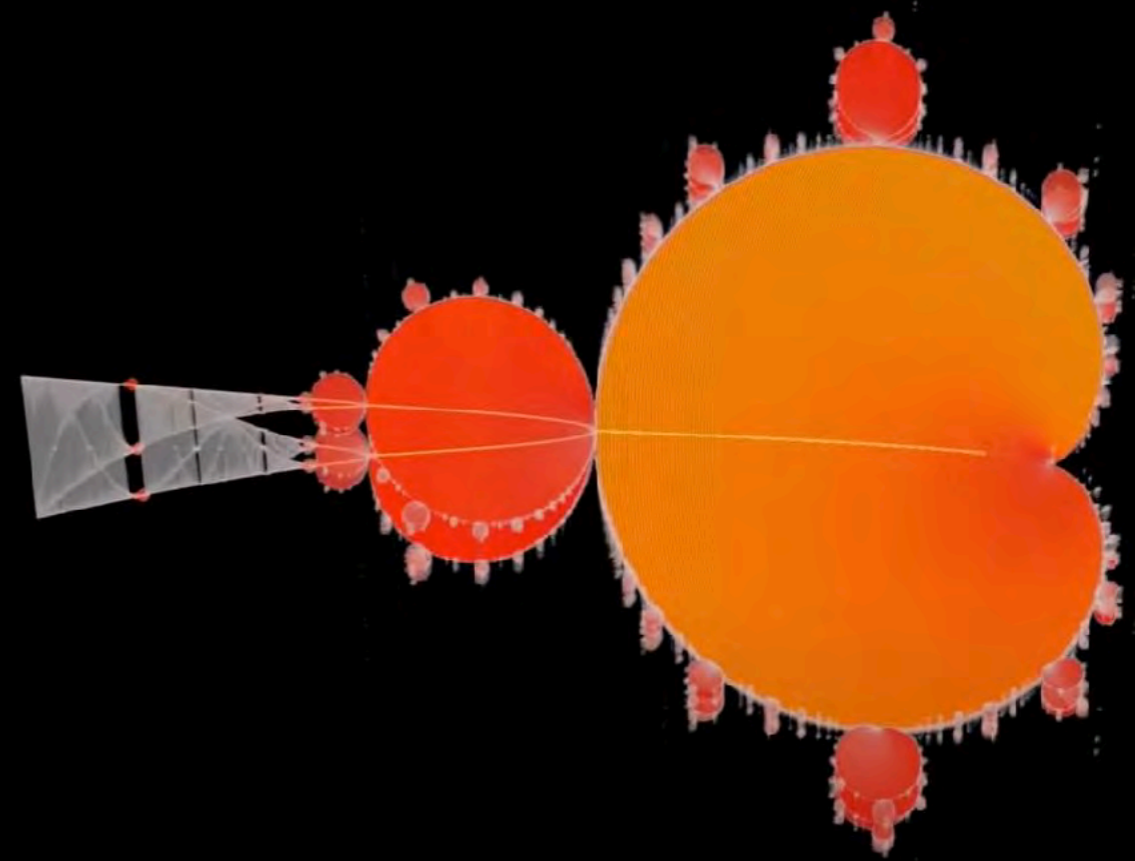
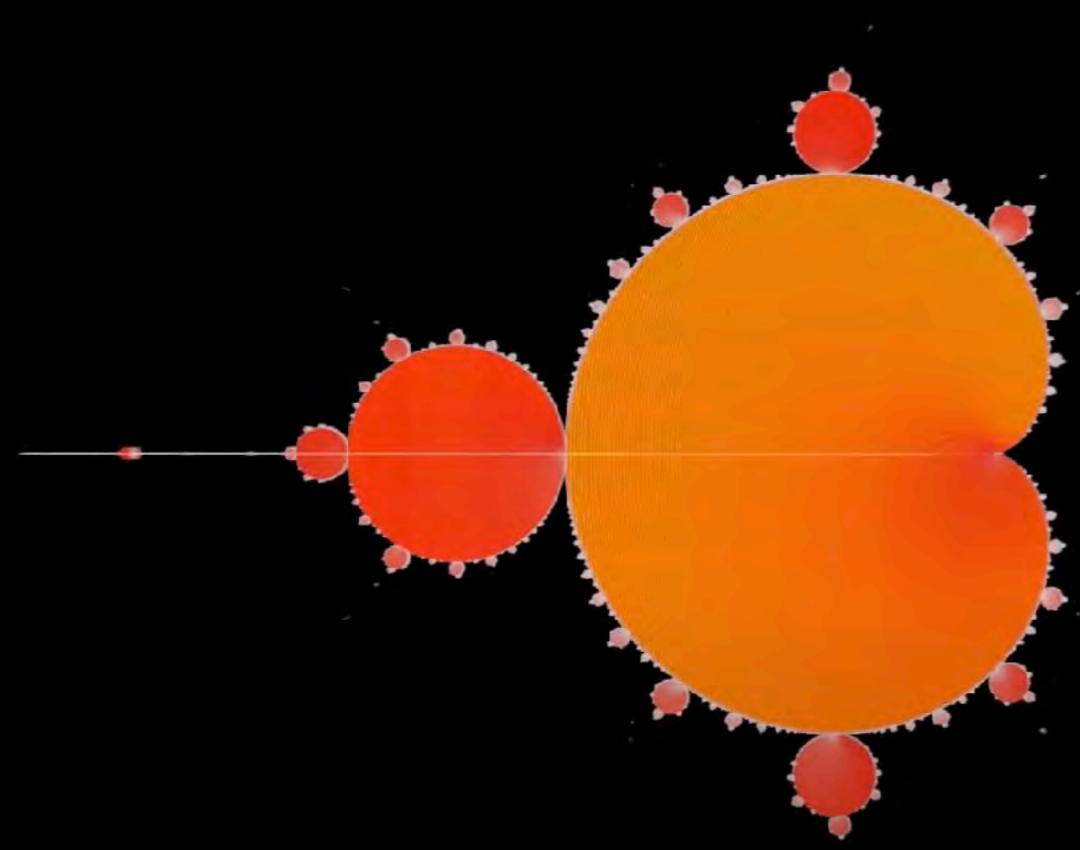


**partially  
collapsed  
filament**

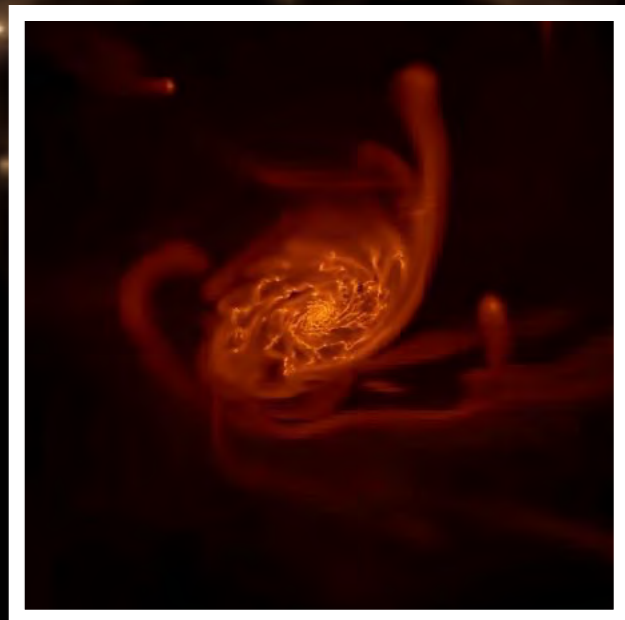
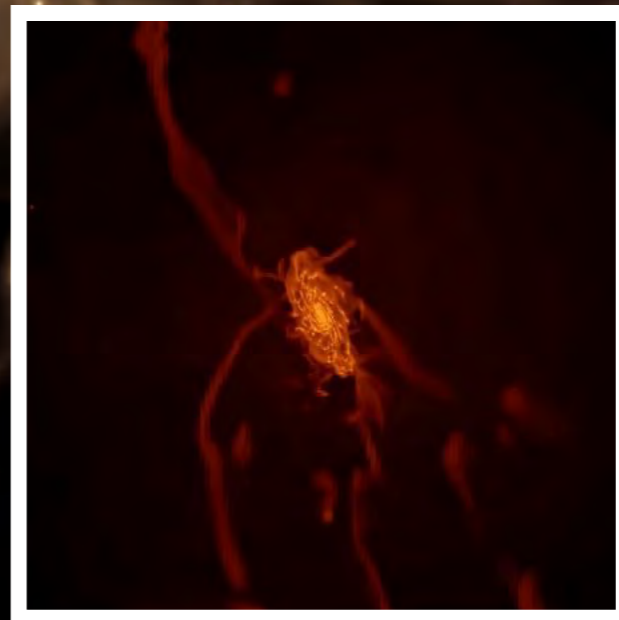
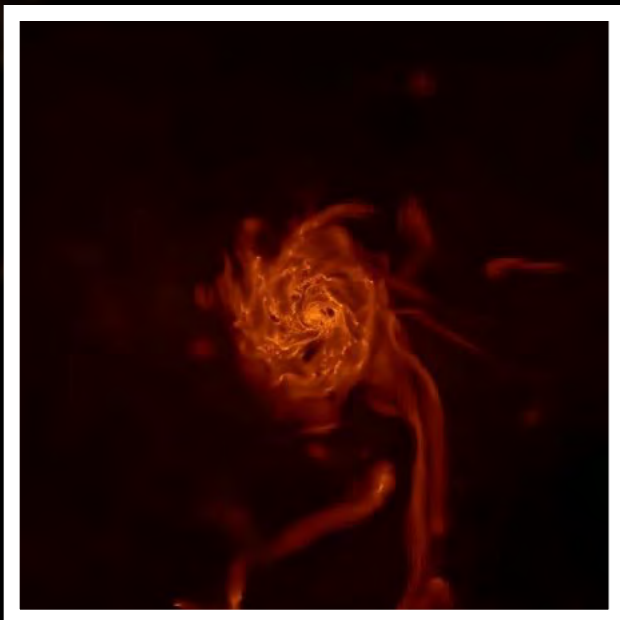
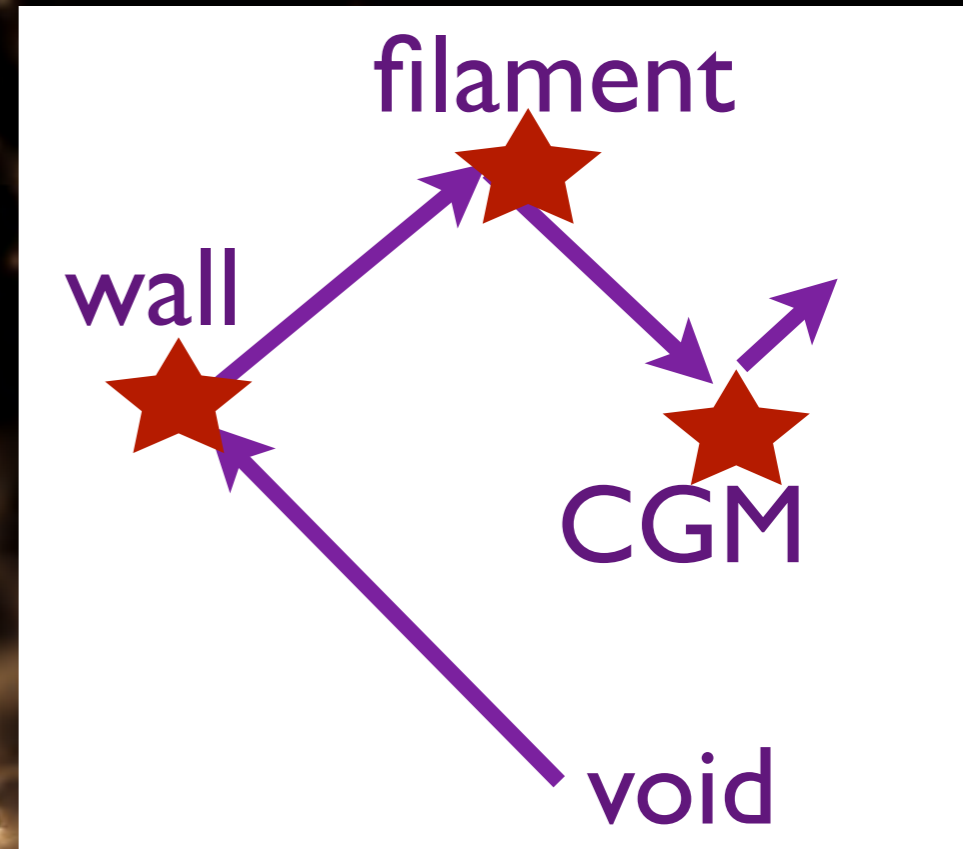
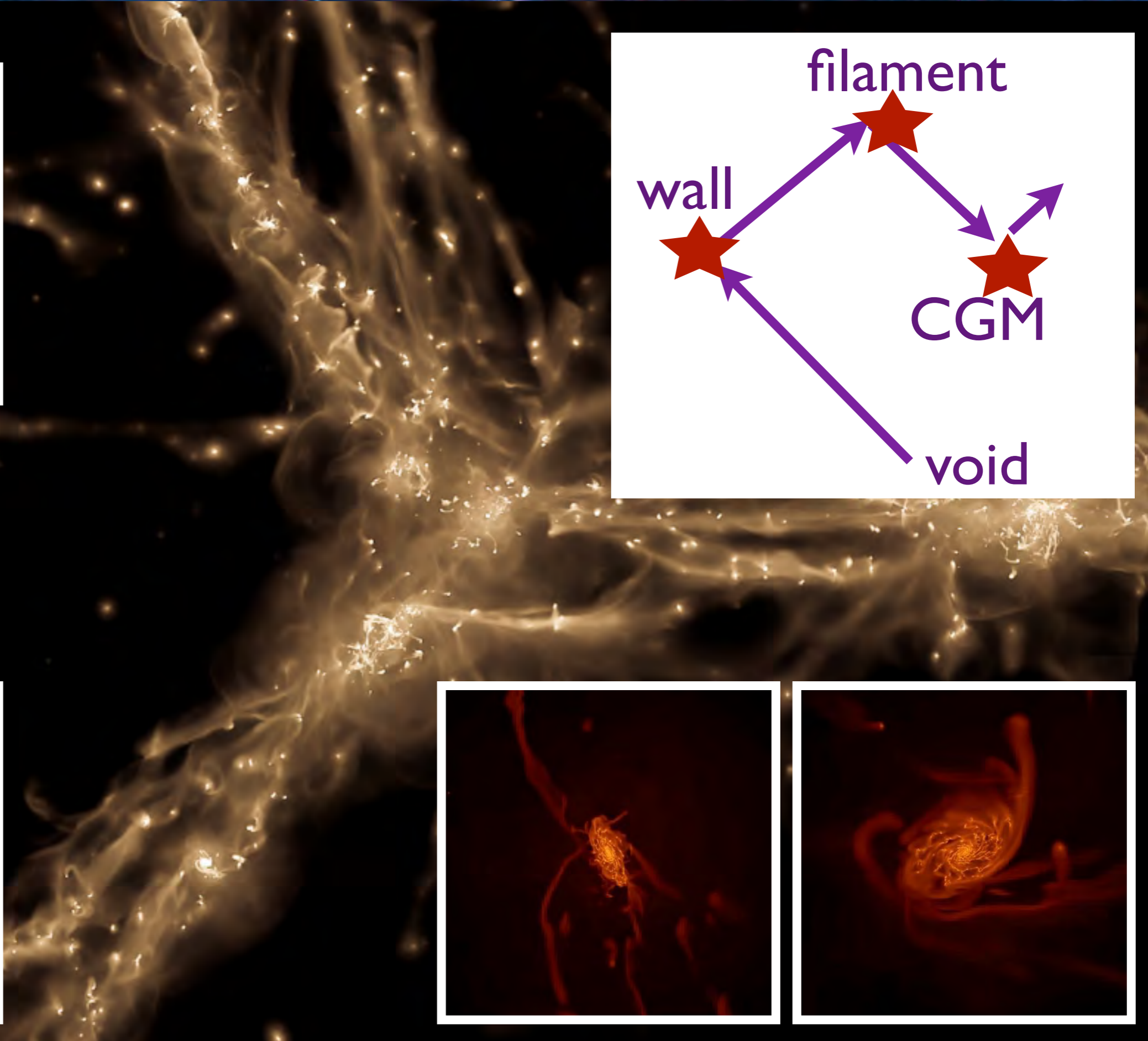
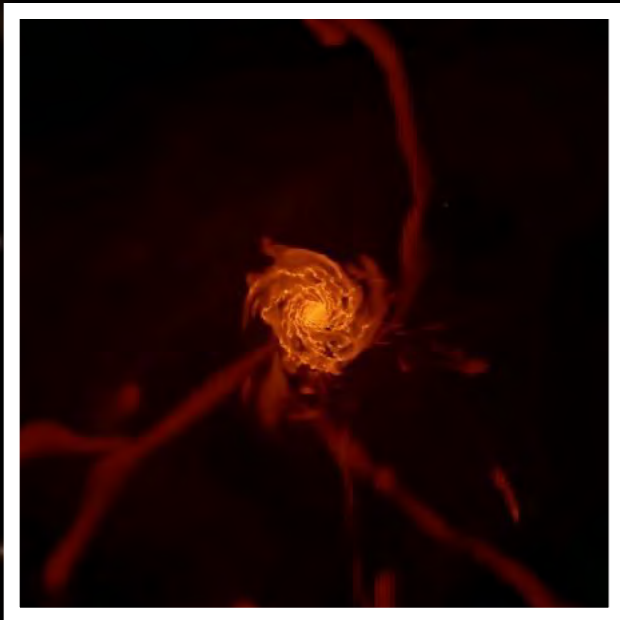
3 flows  
shell crossing

**Virialised halo**

multi flows  
shell crossing



# Geometry of flow: Eulerian view @ high resolution.





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source of new stars

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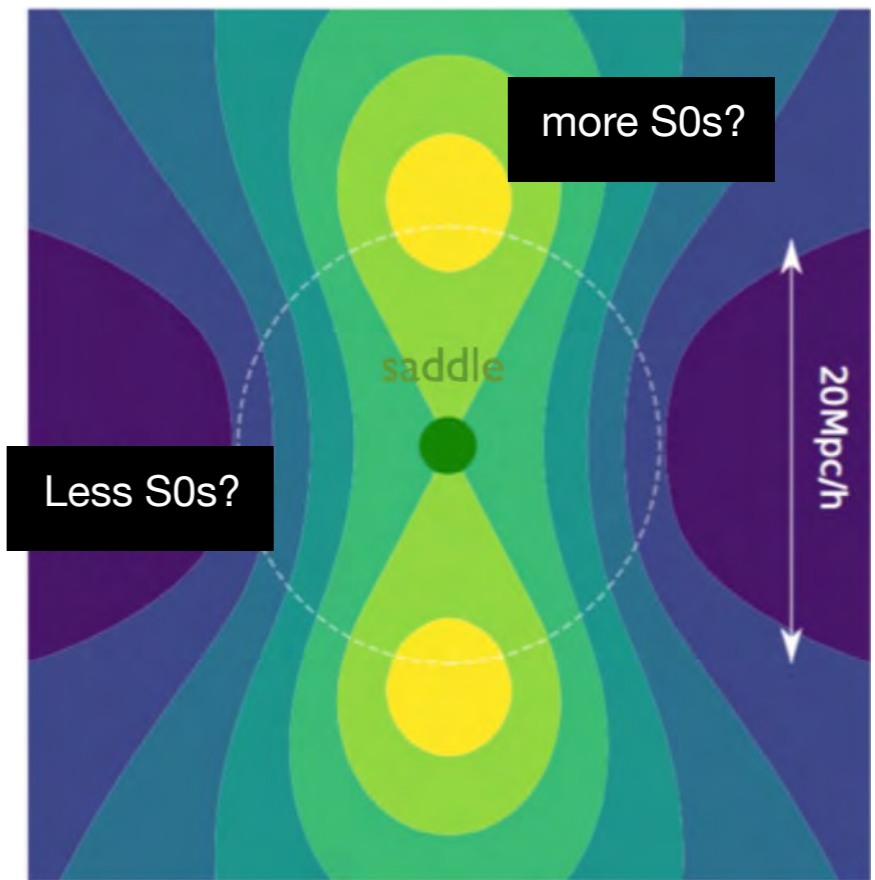
IN PROGRESS

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predict morphology (subject to R?)

$$f_R(\mathbf{J}, t) = \int d\mathbf{J}' dt' G_R(\mathbf{J}, t | \mathbf{J}', t') s_R(\mathbf{J}', t'),$$

- Differential** competition between
- **Heating** by orbital diffusion
  - **Cooling** by star formation on circular orbits
  - **Quenching** of gas inflow



Diffusion coefficient

$$\mathbf{D}_R \propto \left\langle \left| \delta\psi(k, \omega) \right|^2 \right\rangle_R$$

potential fluctuations

Surface density

$$\Sigma_R(r, t) = \int d^3v dz f_R(\mathbf{J}, t),$$

$$1/n_s(R, t) \equiv - \langle d \log \Sigma_R / d \log r \rangle_r$$

Sérsic index

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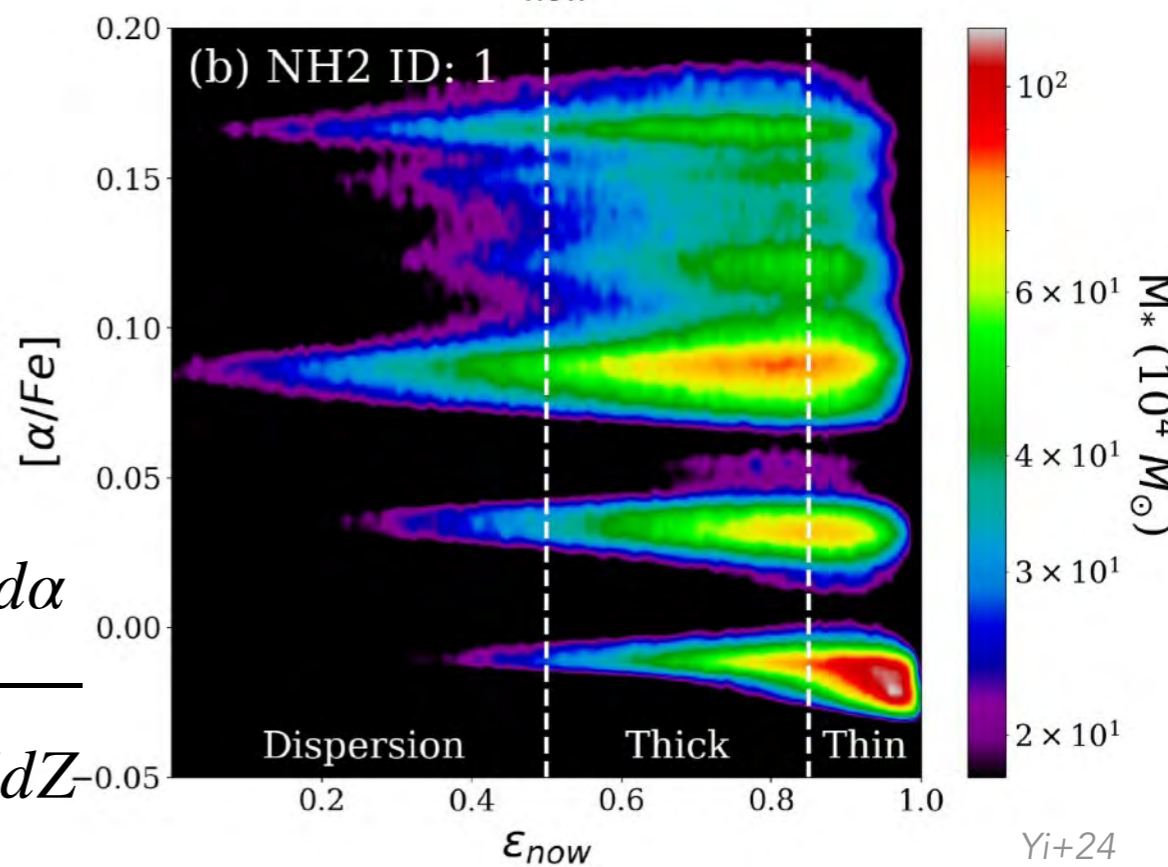
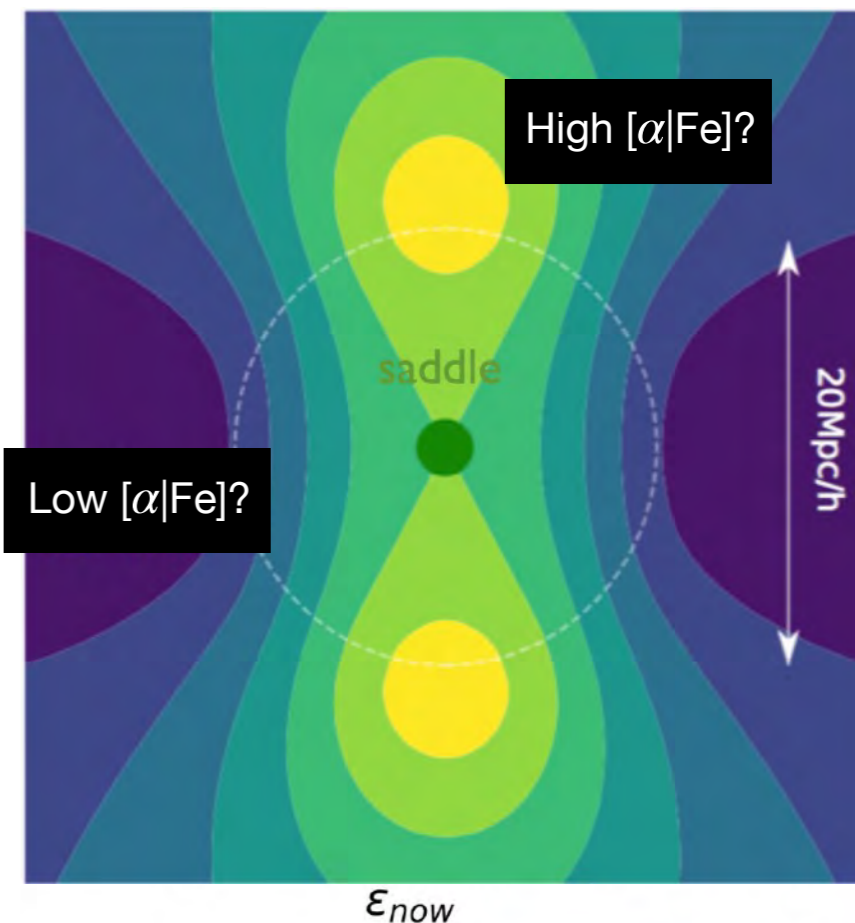
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predict element abundance ratio (subject to R?)

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## Perturbative (quasi-linear) expansion

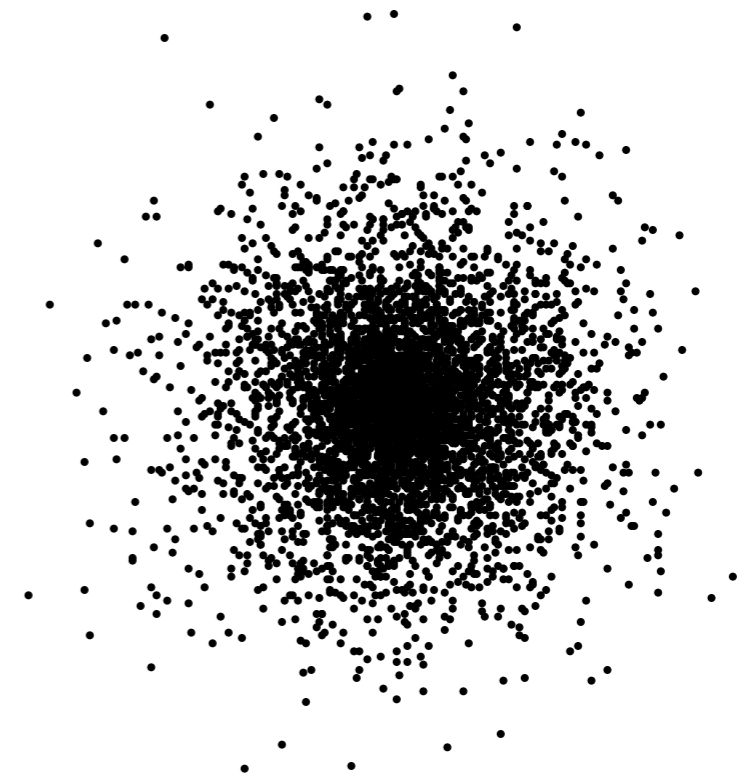
$$F_d = F + \delta F$$

$$F = \langle F_d \rangle$$

One galaxy

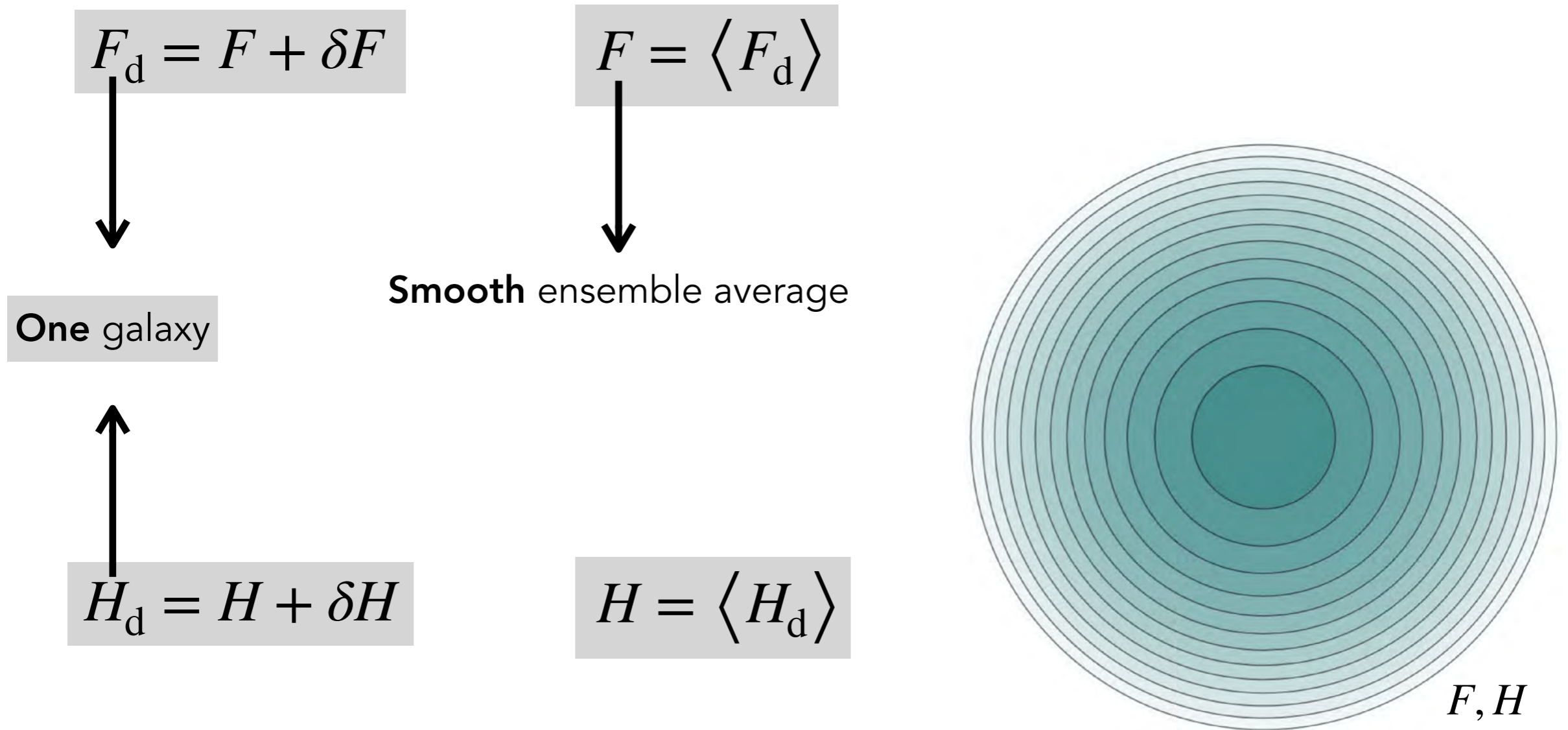
$$H_d = H + \delta H$$

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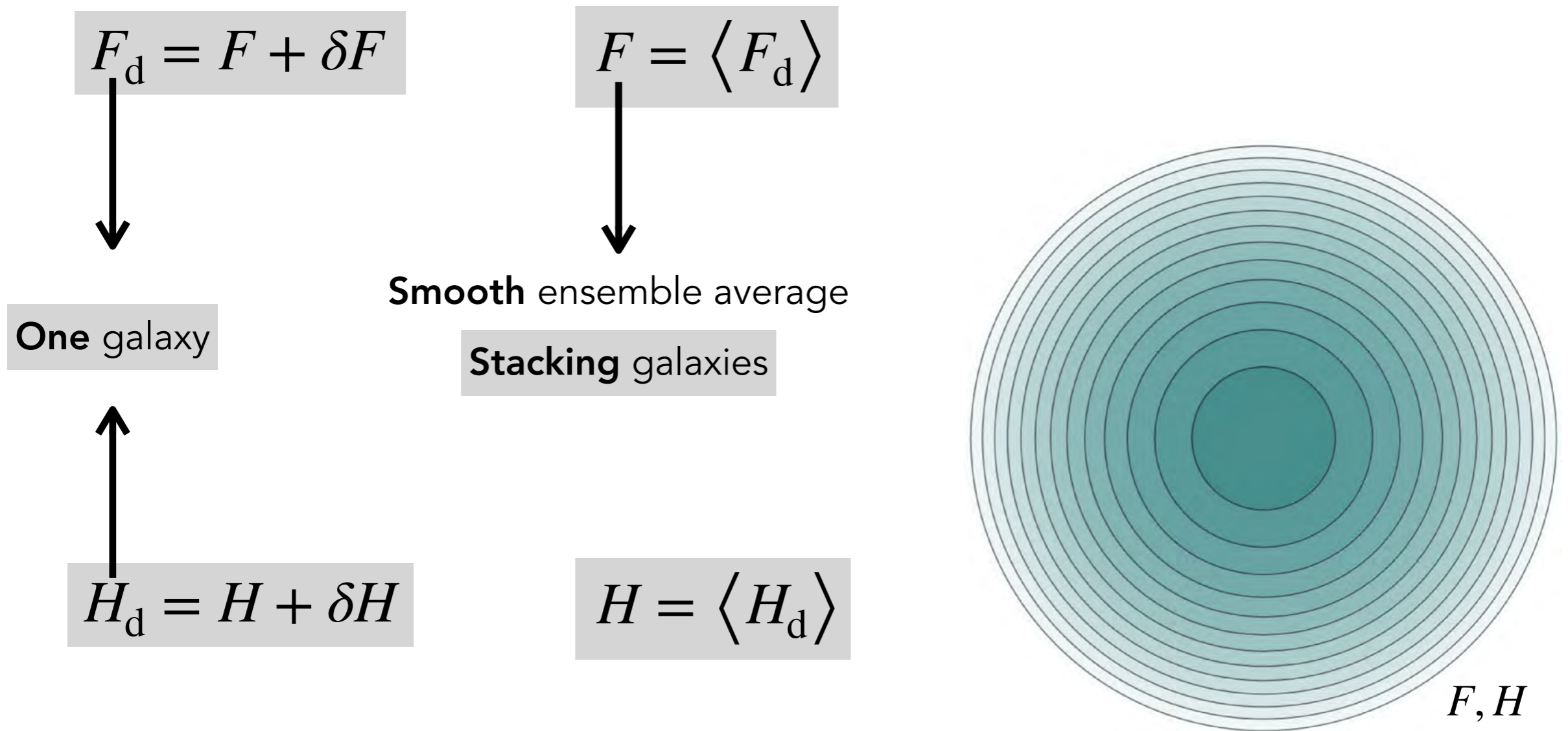
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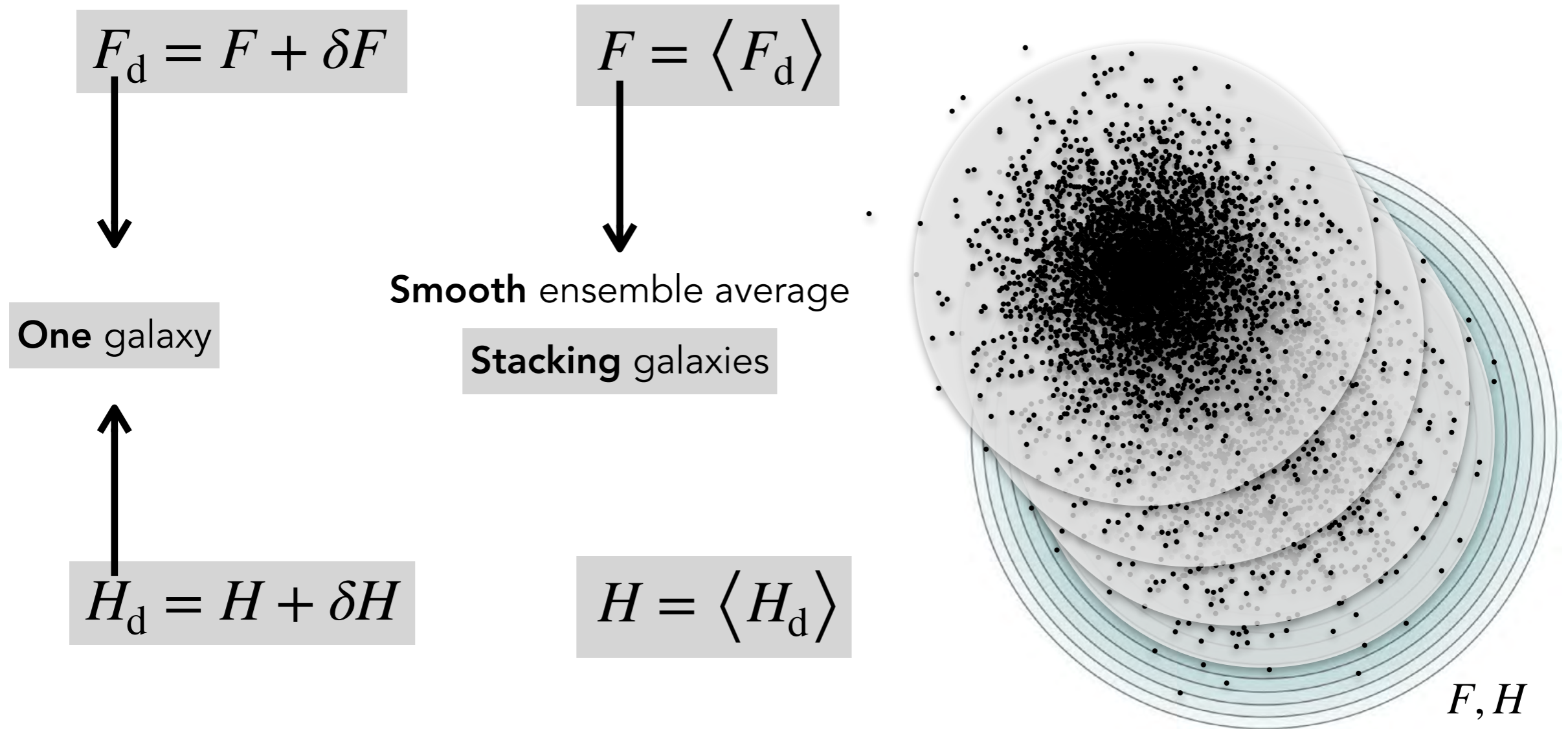
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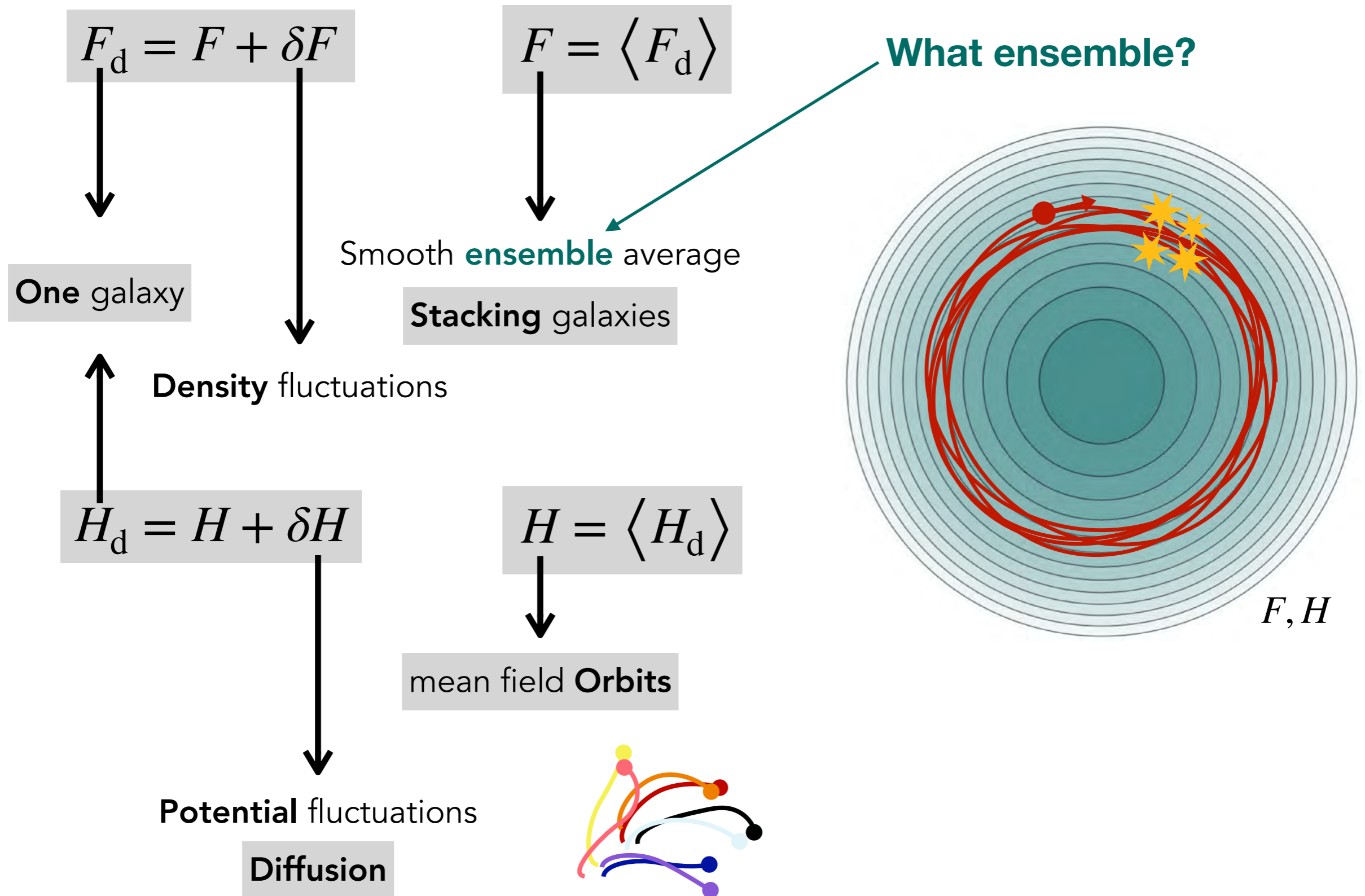
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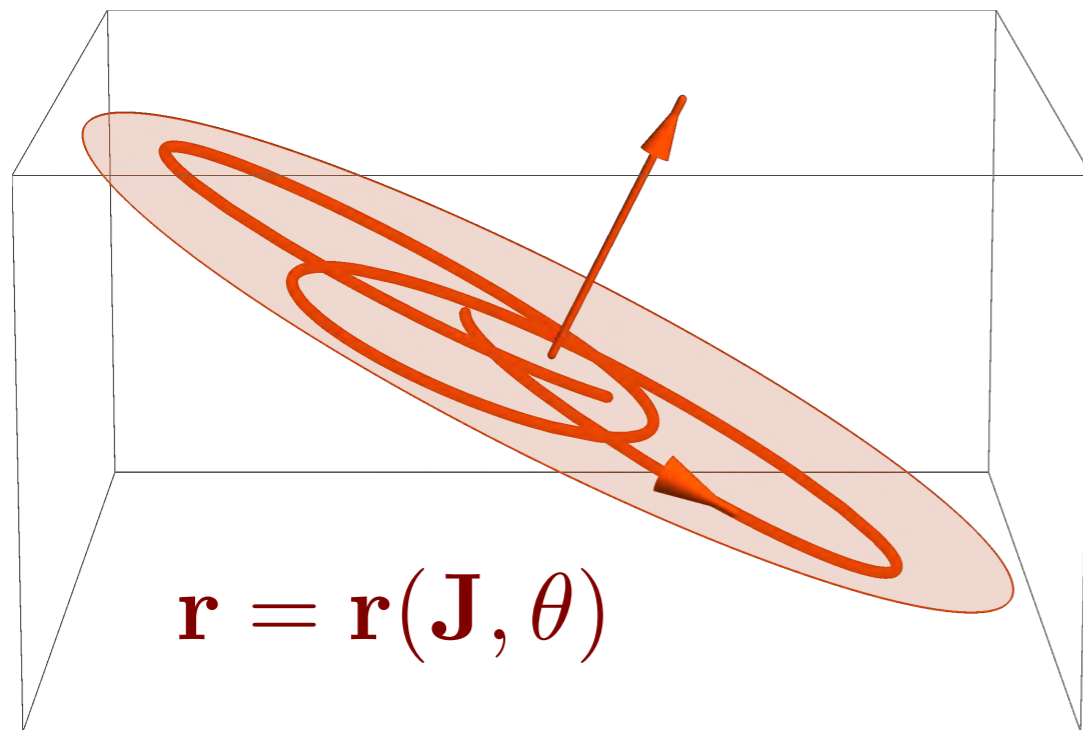


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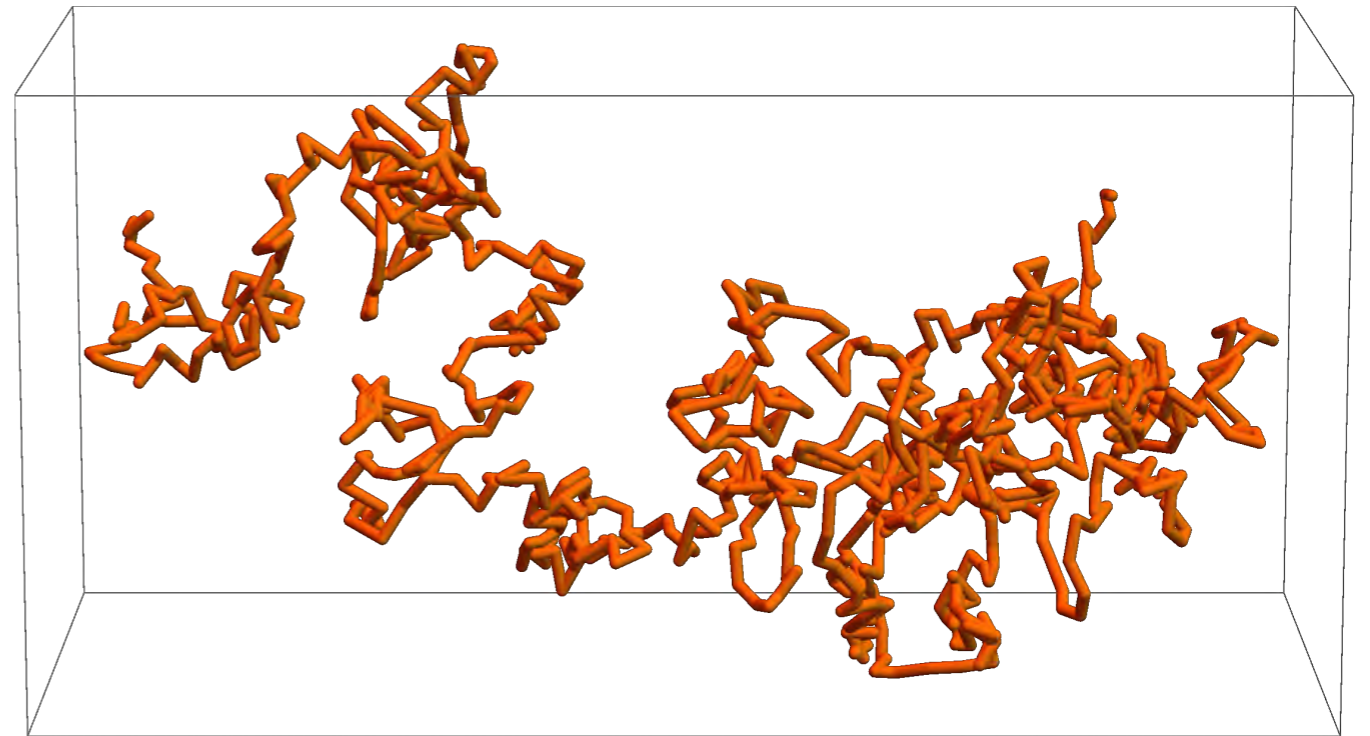
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Along the unperturbed orbit



Potential fluctuate (stronger if resonances)



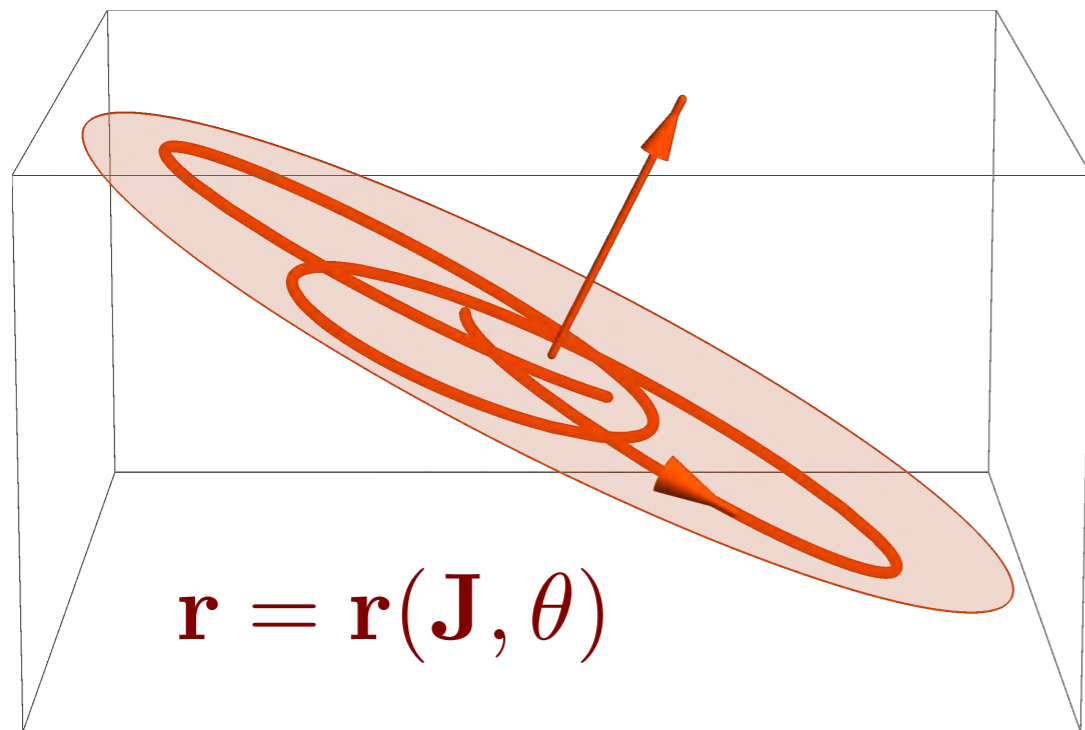
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Fluctuating potential

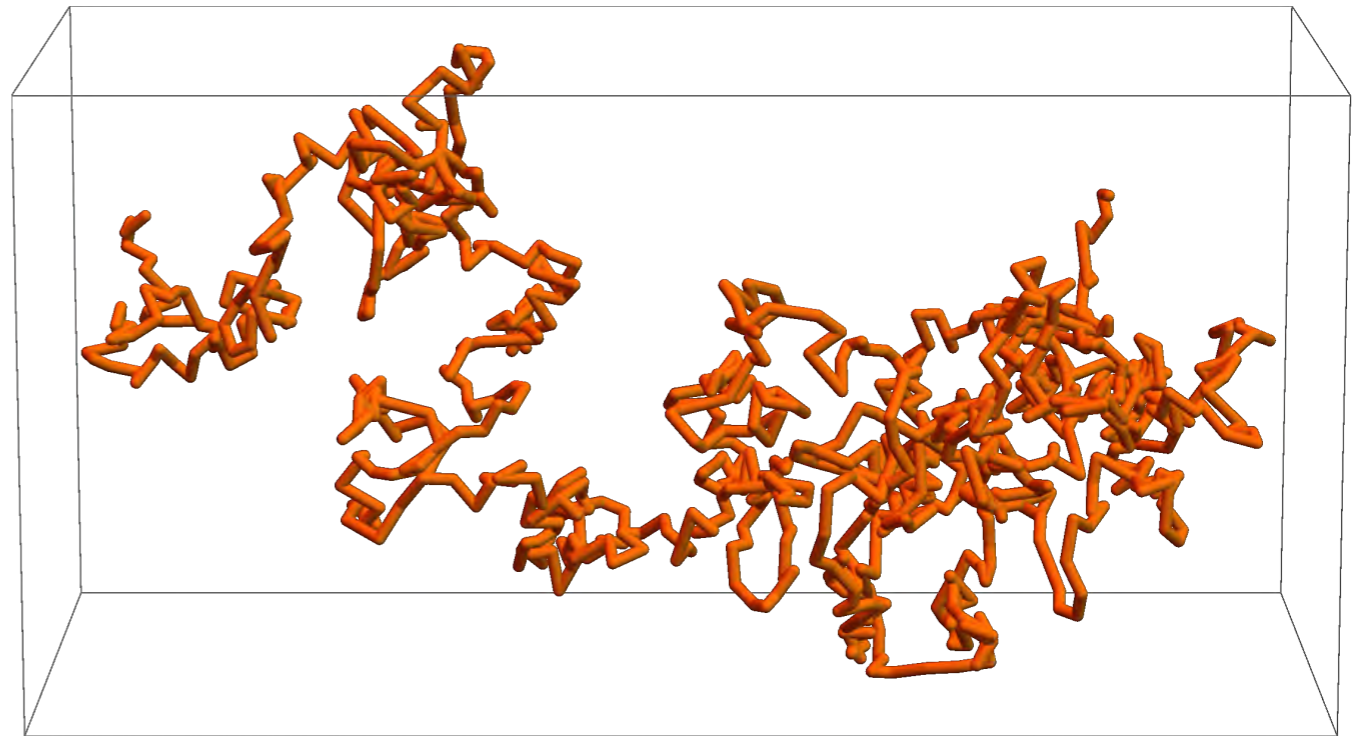
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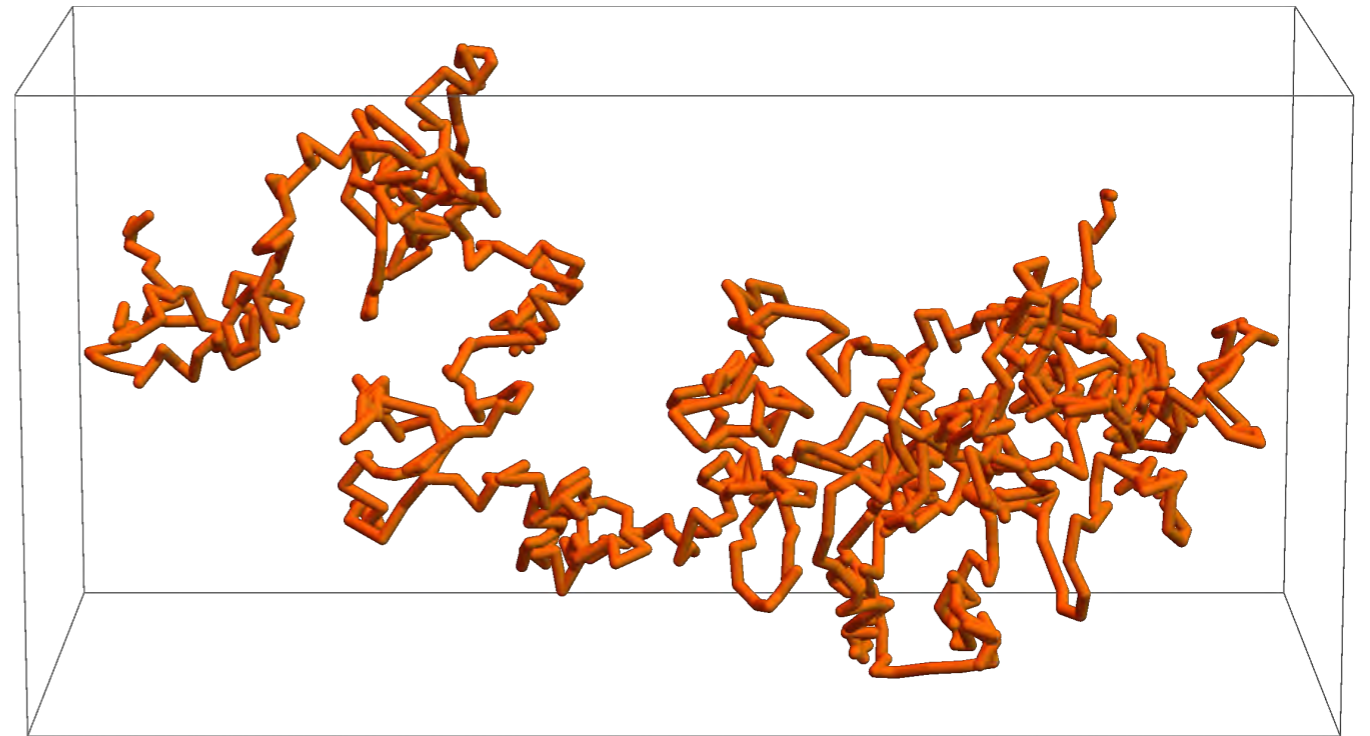
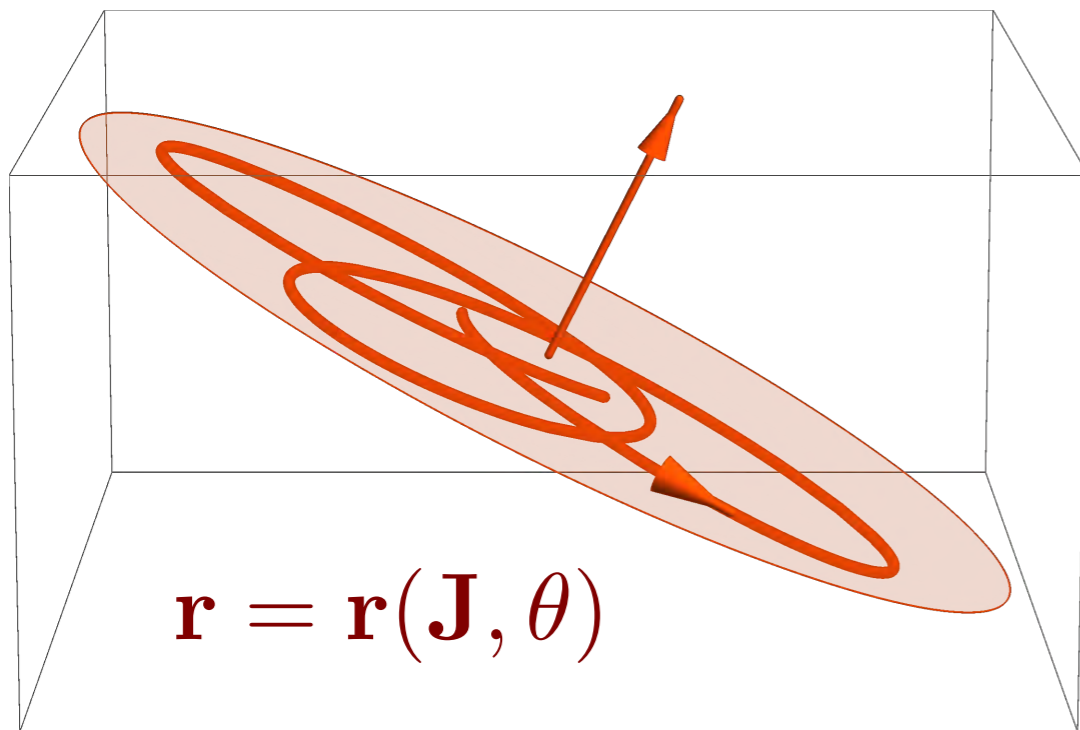
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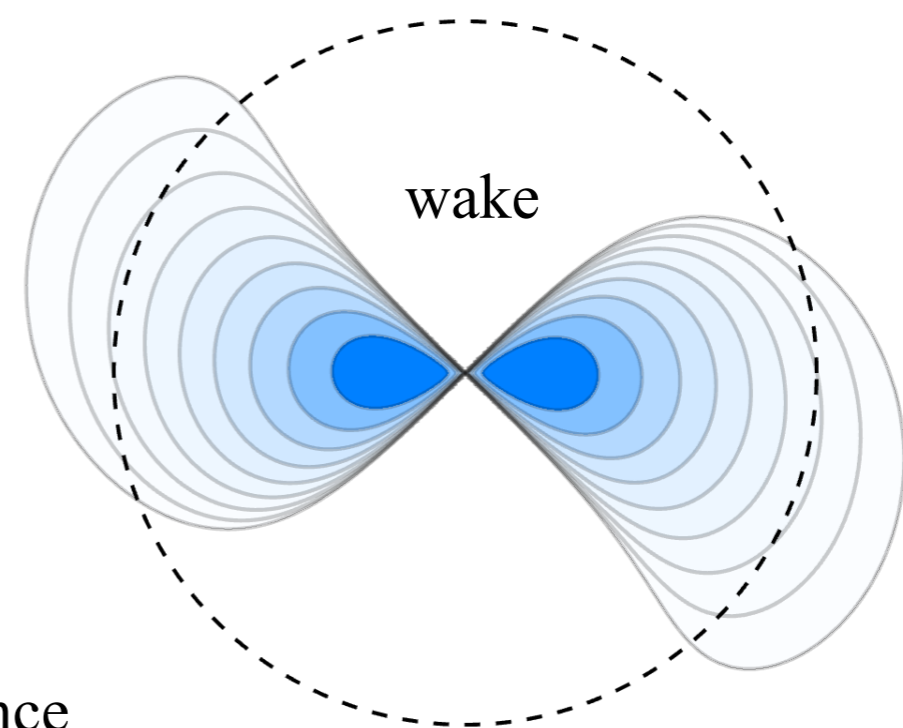
Fluctuating potential Harmonic component

$$\rightarrow \langle |\delta\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega)|^2 \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle |\delta\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{m}}^{\text{dressed}}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{m} \cdot \Omega)|^2 \rangle$$

dressed by wake

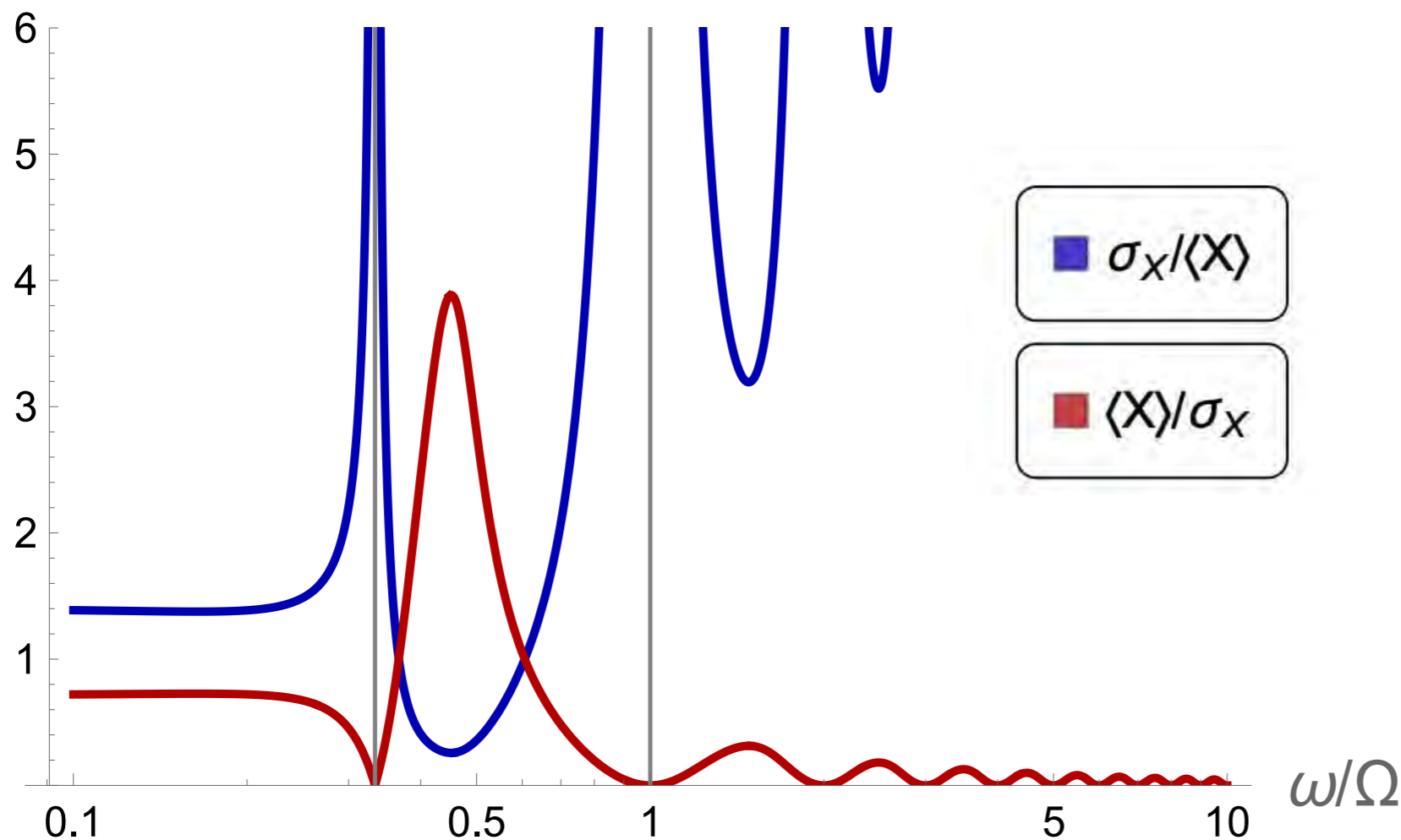
@ resonance



$$\ddot{X} + \Omega^2 X = \epsilon X_{\text{env}}^3 \quad \text{given} \quad \ddot{X}_{\text{env}} + \omega^2 X_{\text{env}} = 0$$

SNR, 1/SNR

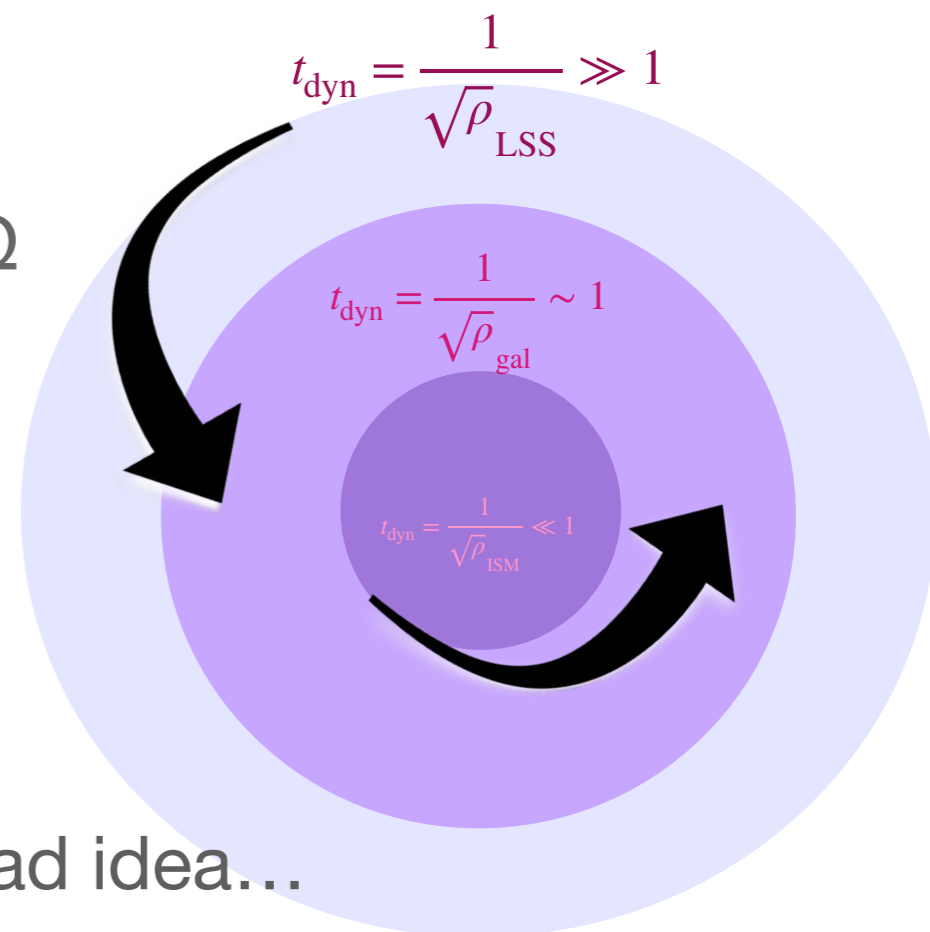
Coupling to ISM impact RMS



Coupling to IGM impacts mean

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{\sin^2(3\pi\omega)}{12\pi\omega(3\omega-1)(3\omega+1)} - \frac{3\sin^2(\pi\omega)}{4\pi(\omega-1)\omega(\omega+1)}$$

$$\sigma_X = \frac{\sin^4(\pi\omega) \left( -75\omega^2 + 8(\omega^2-1)\cos(2\pi\omega) + 4(\omega^2-1)\cos(4\pi\omega) + 3 \right)}{16\pi^2\omega^2(\omega^2-1)^2(9\omega^2-1)} - \frac{8\sin^4(3\pi\omega) + 3\pi\omega\sin(12\pi\omega)}{1152\pi^2\omega^2(1-9\omega^2)^2} + \frac{8\pi\omega(365\omega^4 - 82\omega^2 + 5) - 3(261\omega^4 - 74\omega^2 + 5)\sin(4\pi\omega) + 3(9\omega^4 - 10\omega^2 + 1)\sin(8\pi\omega)}{128\pi\omega(9\omega^4 - 10\omega^2 + 1)^2}$$

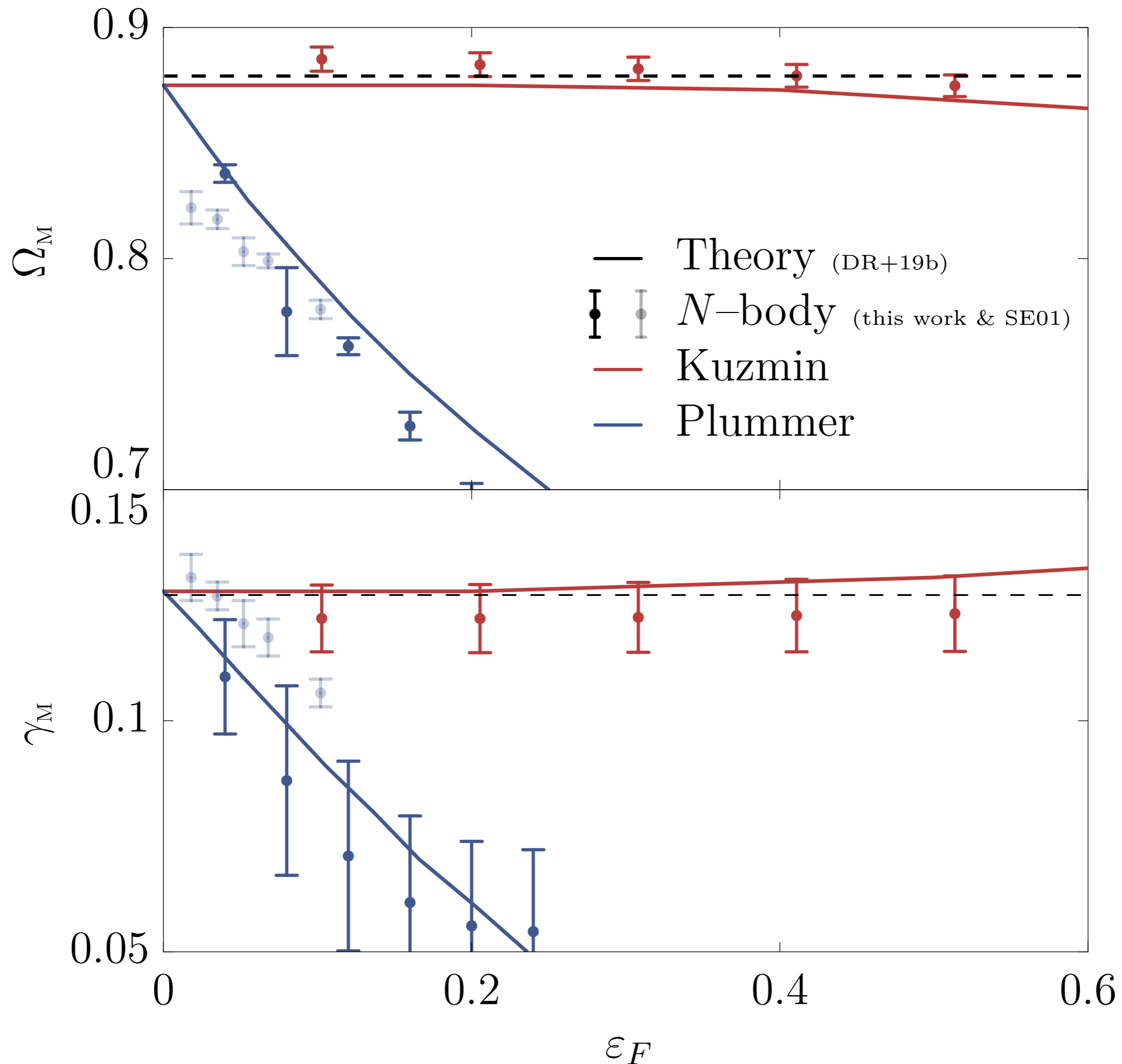


Why (naive) subgrid physics is a bad idea...

## Bring home message

- Feedback+SF physics transpires to **self-regulated** disc geometry via wake!
- **Gas inflow** yields emergence via homeostasis: **rotation** matters!
- CGM = **free** energy reservoir: top down causation from cosmic coherence
  - regulation can be broken via change in vorticity and mass content of CGM.
- Proximity to *cliff* ( $Q < 1$ ) essential
- Close link to self-organised criticality/Maximum entropy production
- No absolute transition mass
- Variation of inflow that the disc's tolerate before instability /contraction ? (cf red giants)
- Assumes disc can respond thermally fast enough
- Leap of faith in dynamical range (SF controlled by turbulent injection scale)
- Ignore extension of disc + bars /bulge + life halo (locality)





# Heuristic derivation

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$$F = f(\mathbf{I}, t) + \delta f(\mathbf{I}, \theta, t) \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial t} \gg \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

Easy to derive

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = - \langle [\delta f, \delta \Phi] \rangle$$

where  $[, ]$  a Poisson bracket and  $\langle . \rangle$  is ensemble average  
 $f$  evolves because fluctuations in  $f$  and  $\Phi$  correlated

- ▶  $\delta f$  depends on  $\delta \phi$  through eqns of motion
- ▶  $\delta \Phi$  depends on  $\delta f$  through Poisson eqn

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$$D_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}) = \langle |\psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{\text{tot}}(\omega)|^2 \rangle (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \Omega) = \frac{\langle |\psi_{\mathbf{m}}^{\text{ext}}(\omega)|^2 \rangle (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \Omega)}{|\varepsilon_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{J}, \omega)|^2} (\omega = \mathbf{m} \cdot \Omega)$$

Dressed fluctuations
Nurture
At resonance

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Nature

**Context:** explain the emergence of galactic discs and scaling laws to motivate what is observed in simulations & JWST

**Upshot:** galactic discs are attractors: no fine tuning required. Explains tightness of galactic scaling laws

**Why:**

- disc & halo form together
- disc self regulates towards attractor in frame set up by halo (dynamical response)

**Beyond speculation:** what can we do?

- + kinetic theory= perturbative theory of (dynamical) heating;  
→ extend to sourced dissipative regime.
- + perturbative theory of dynamical cooling= model for sourcing.
- + large deviation theory = quantify the expected spread in scaling laws.
- + laplace-lagrange theory: explain disc stiffening.