



Self-interacting dark matter, collapsed halos, and high-redshift supermassive black holes

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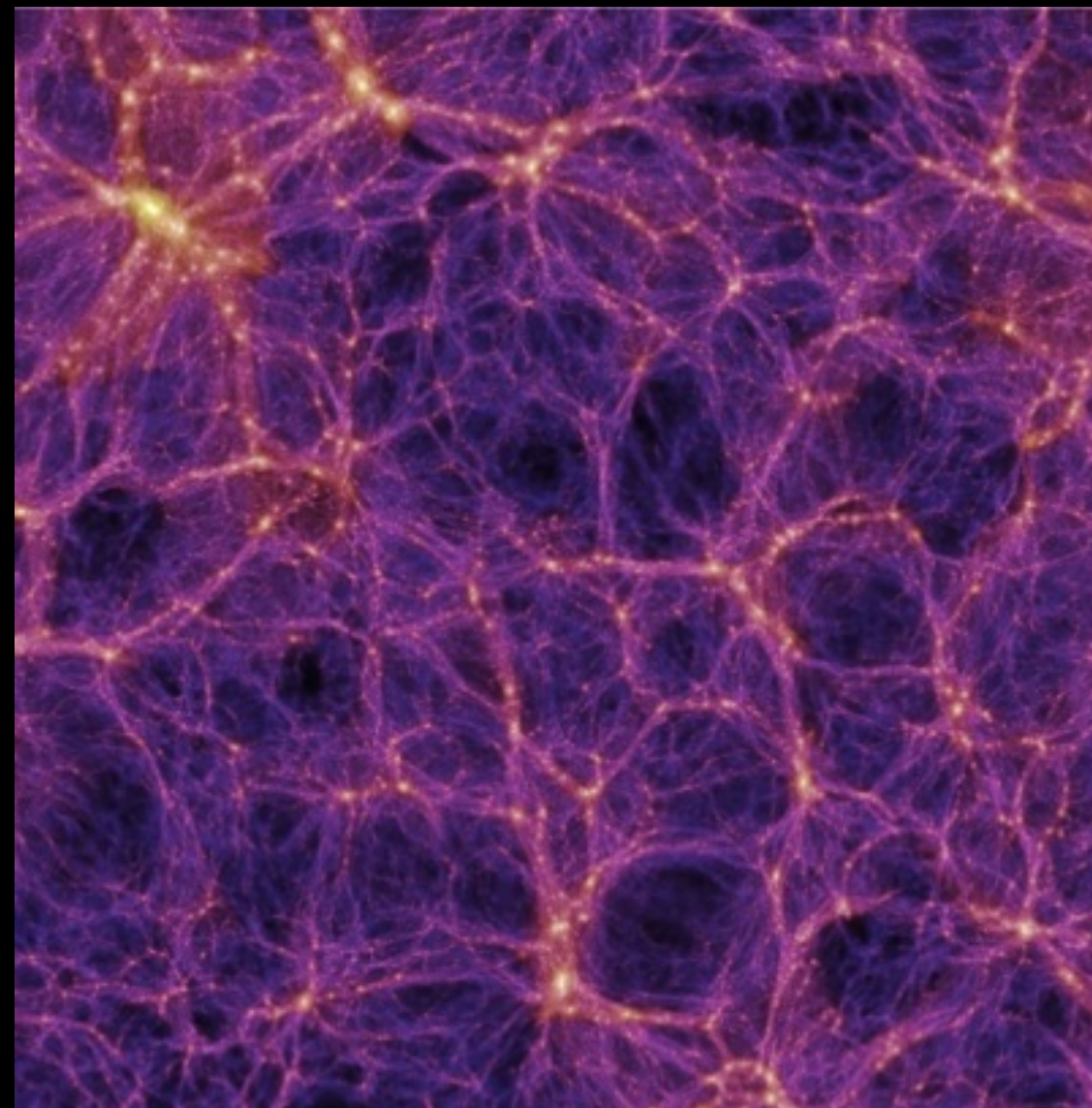
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- Introduction
- Gravo-thermal collapse of self-interacting dark matter (SIDM) halos
- Collapsed halos give birth to high- z supermassive black holes
- Summary

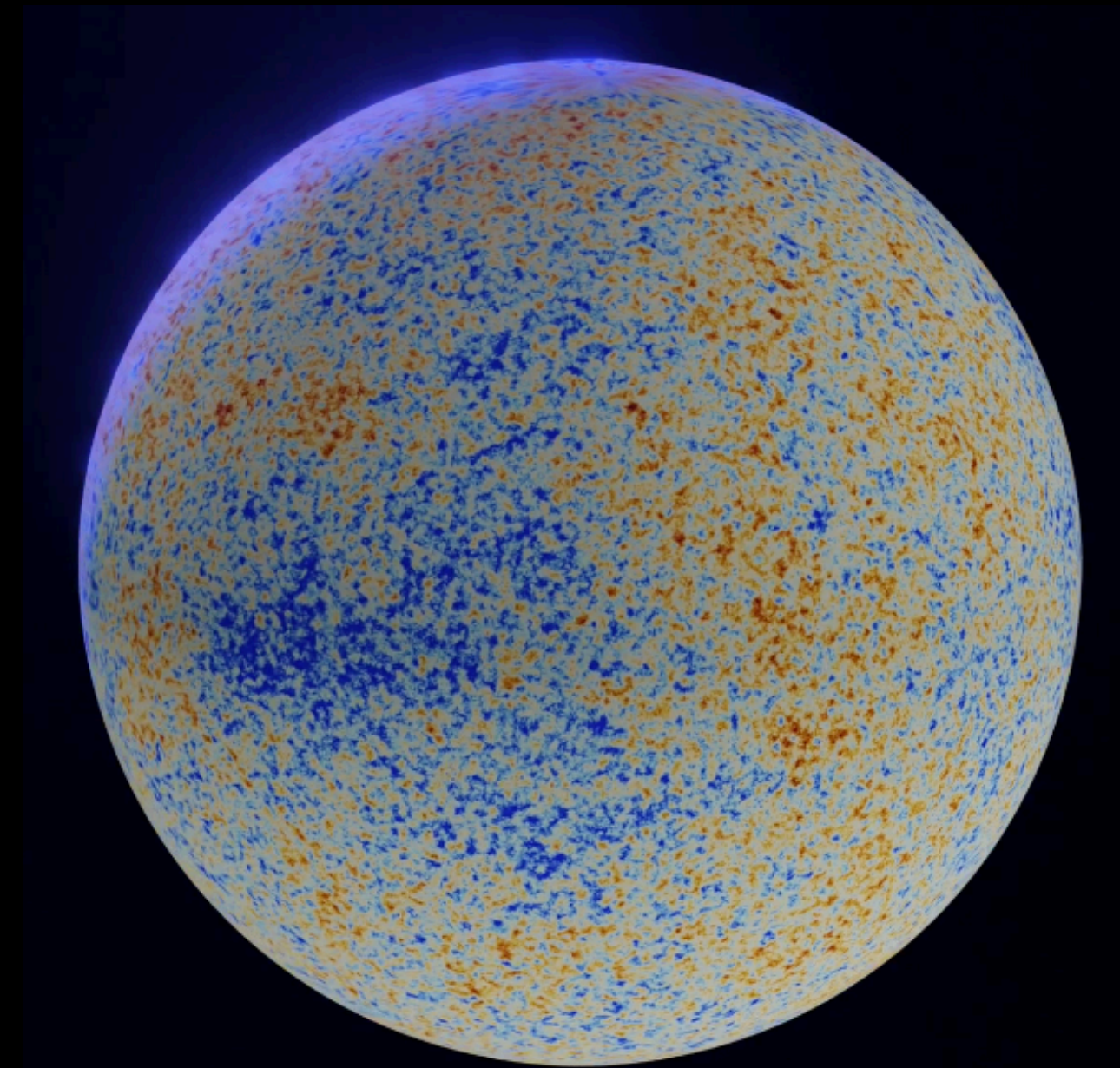
Evidence for dark matter



Bullet Cluster

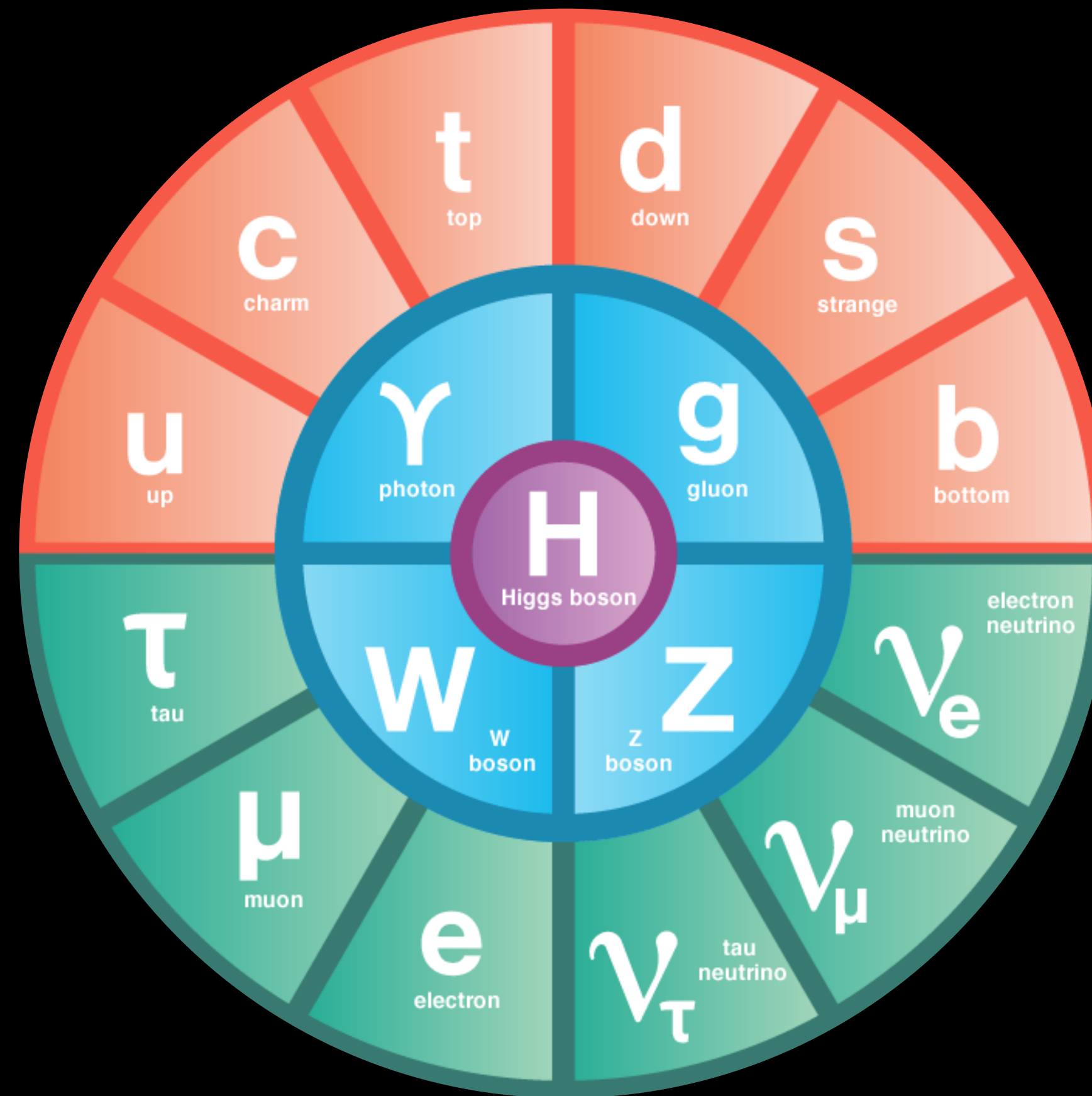


Large-Scale Structure

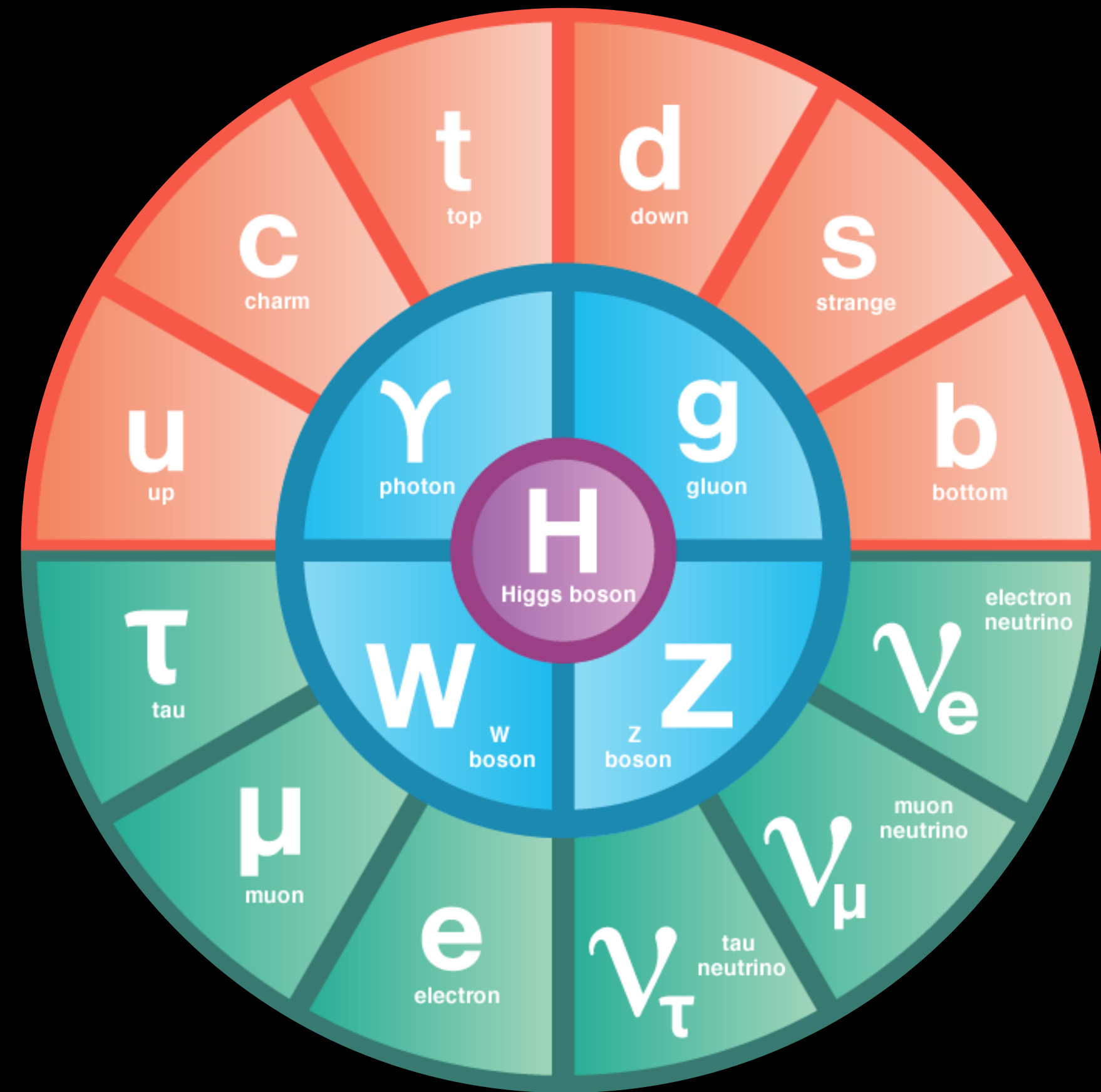


**Cosmic Microwave Background
Background**

Ordinary matter



The Standard Model of Particle Physics



Ordinary matter



What is dark matter?

Dark matter candidate

Astro bound

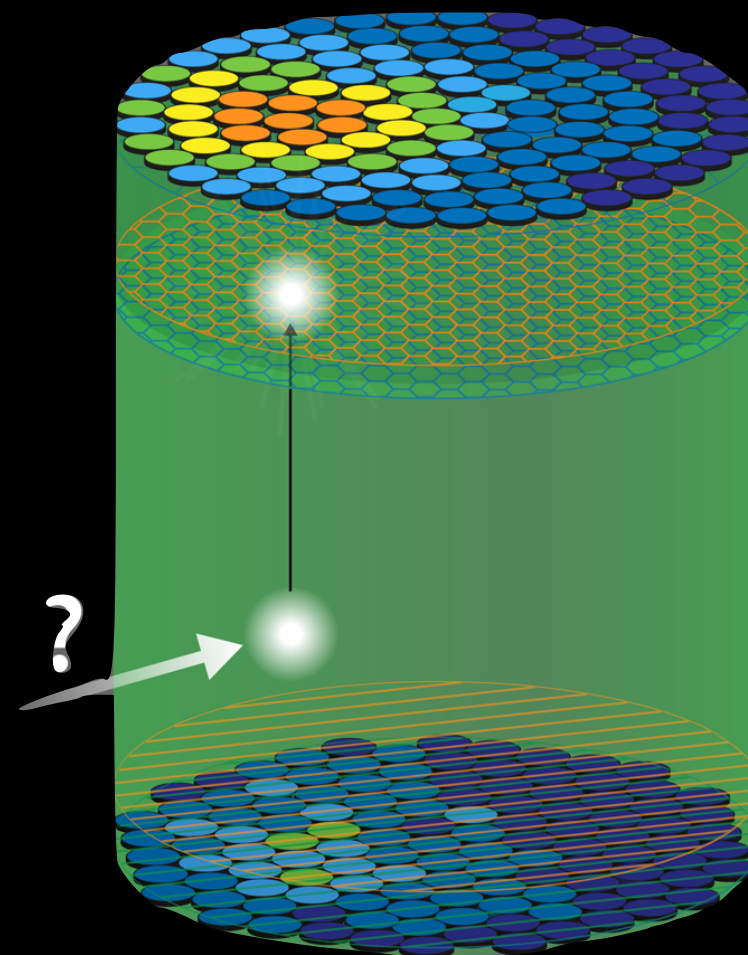
Ultralight dark matter
(e.g. axion, dark photon)

10^{-22} eV — 1 eV



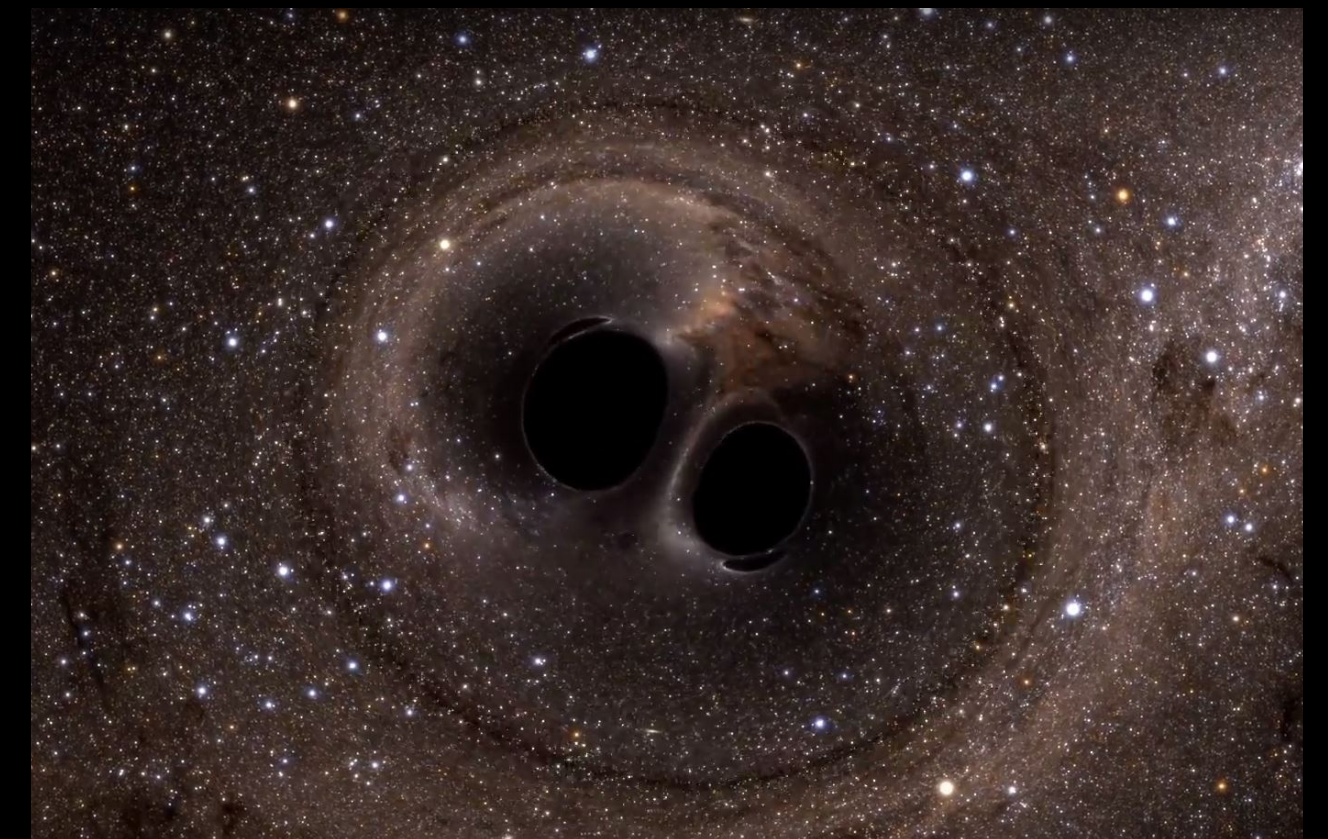
Weakly interacting
massive particles (WIMP)

10^9 eV — 10^{13} eV



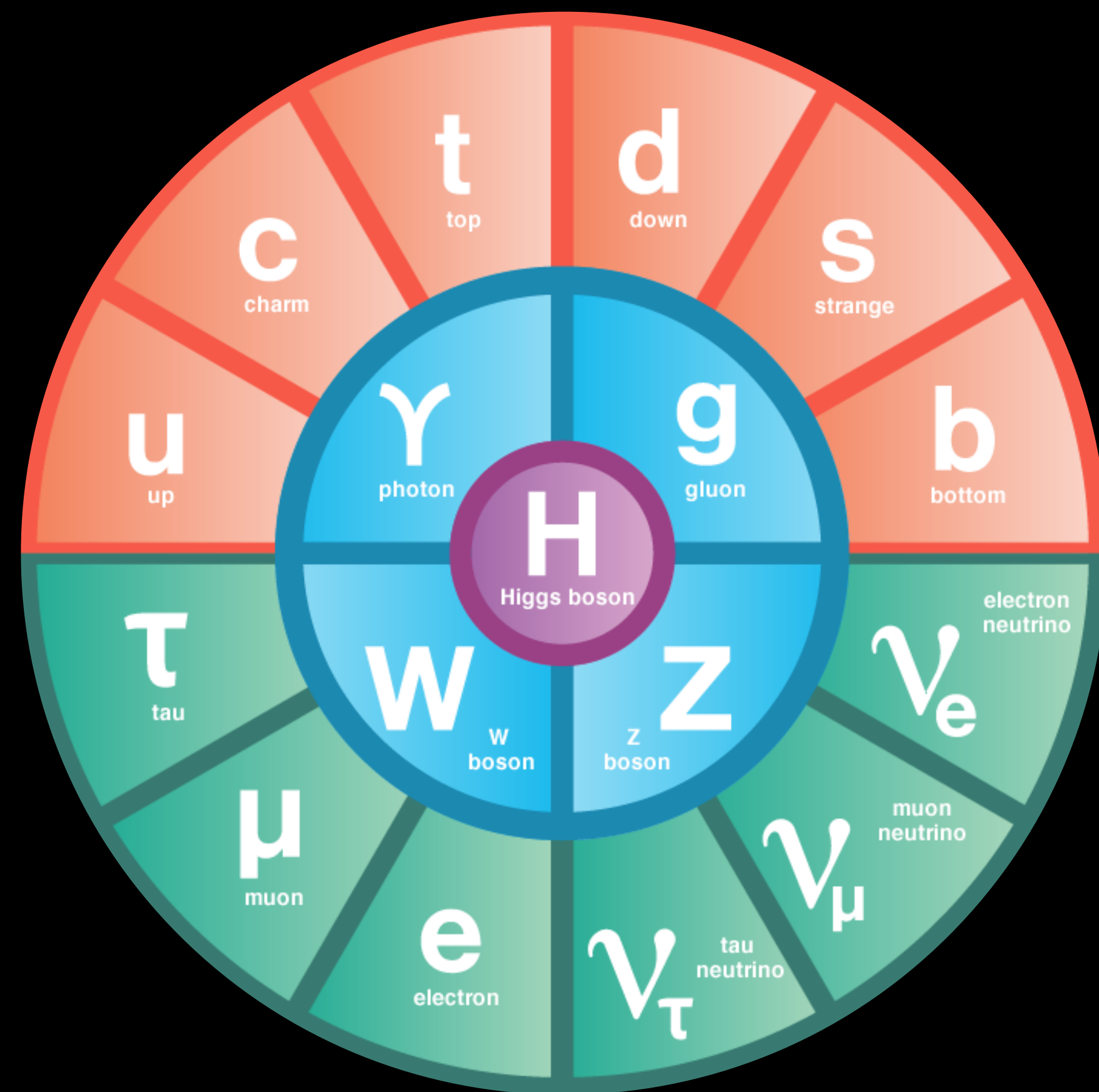
Ultraheavy dark matter
(e.g. black holes)

10^{50} eV — 10^{53} eV

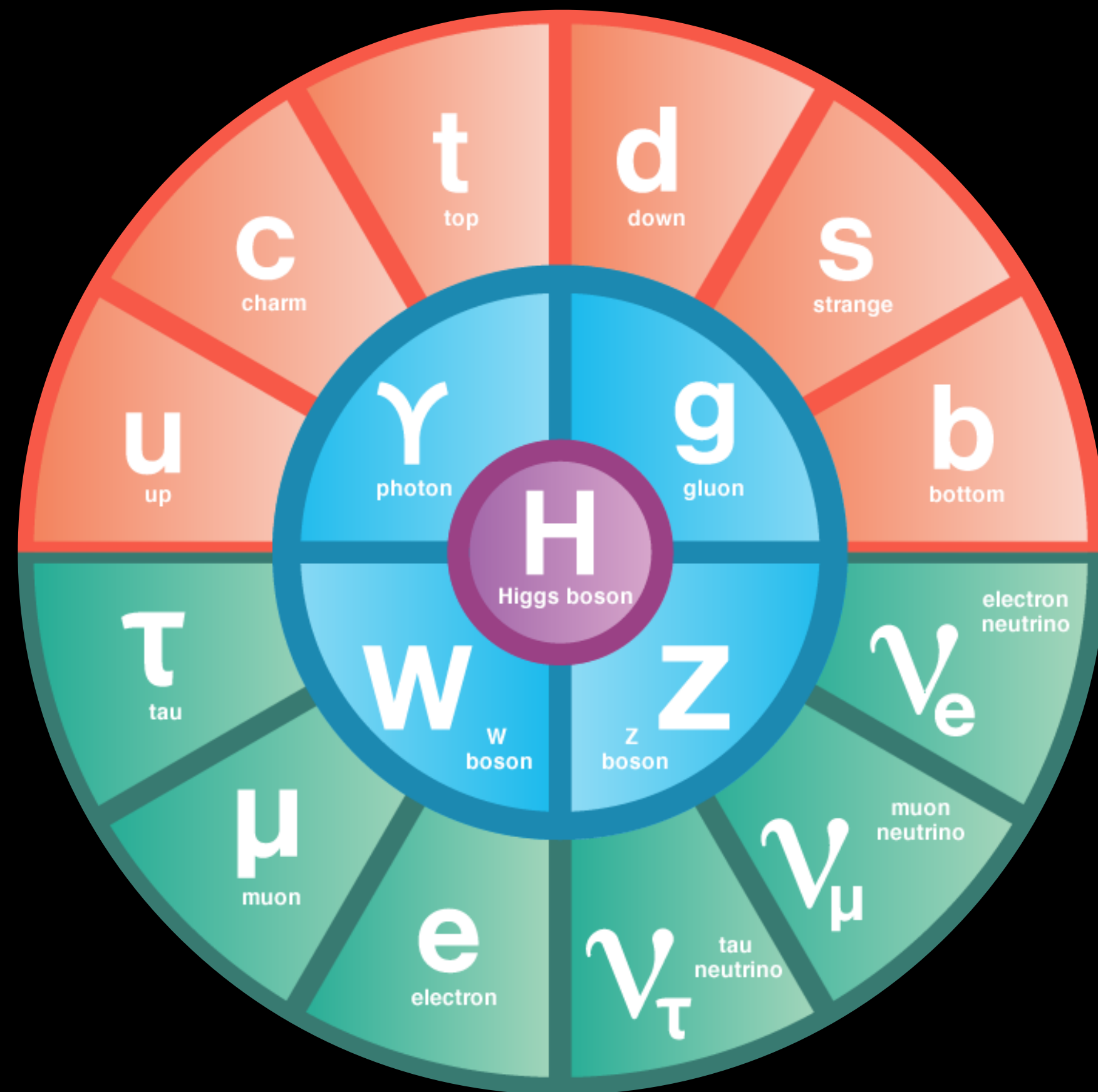


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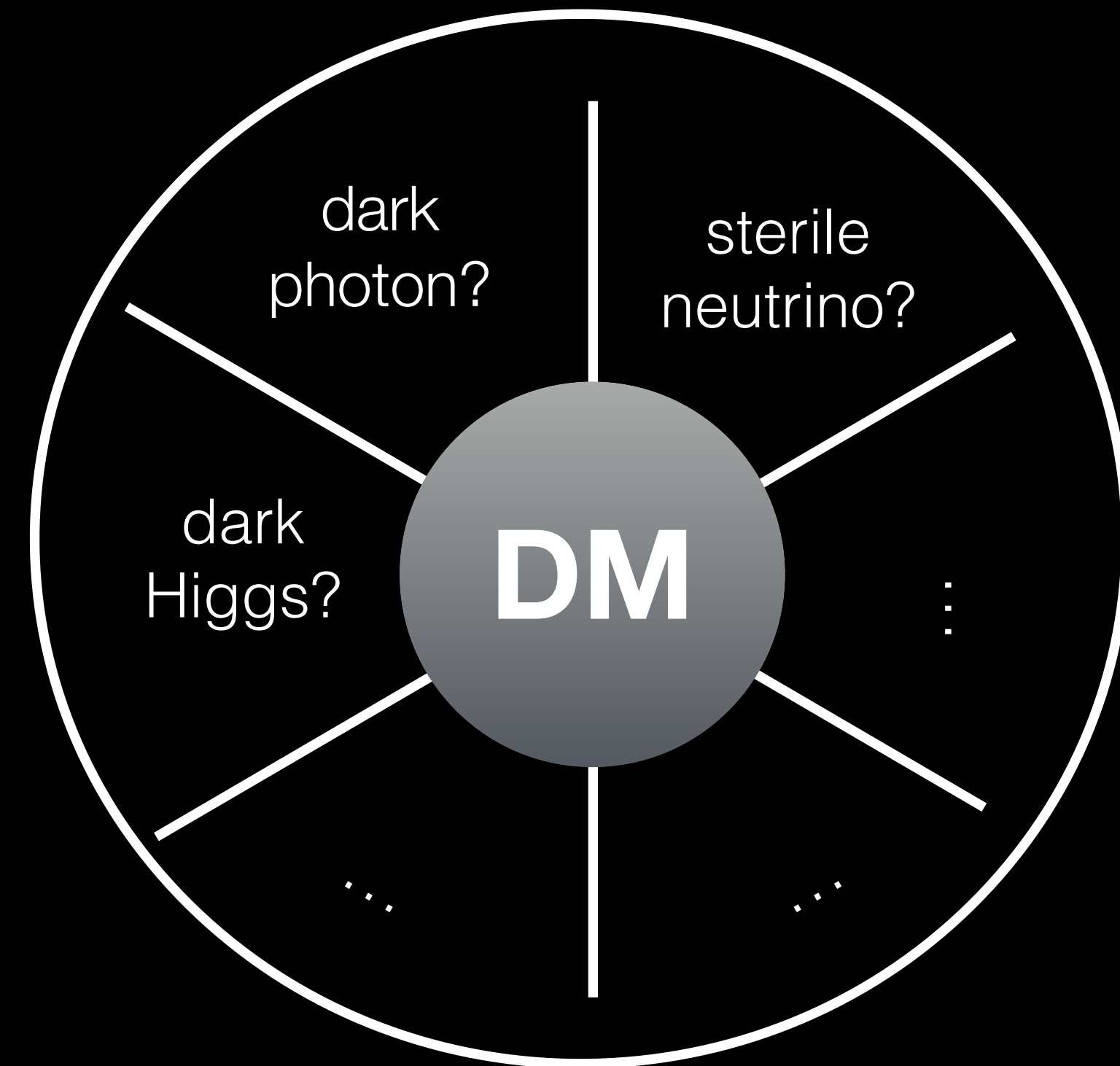
Is dark matter alone?



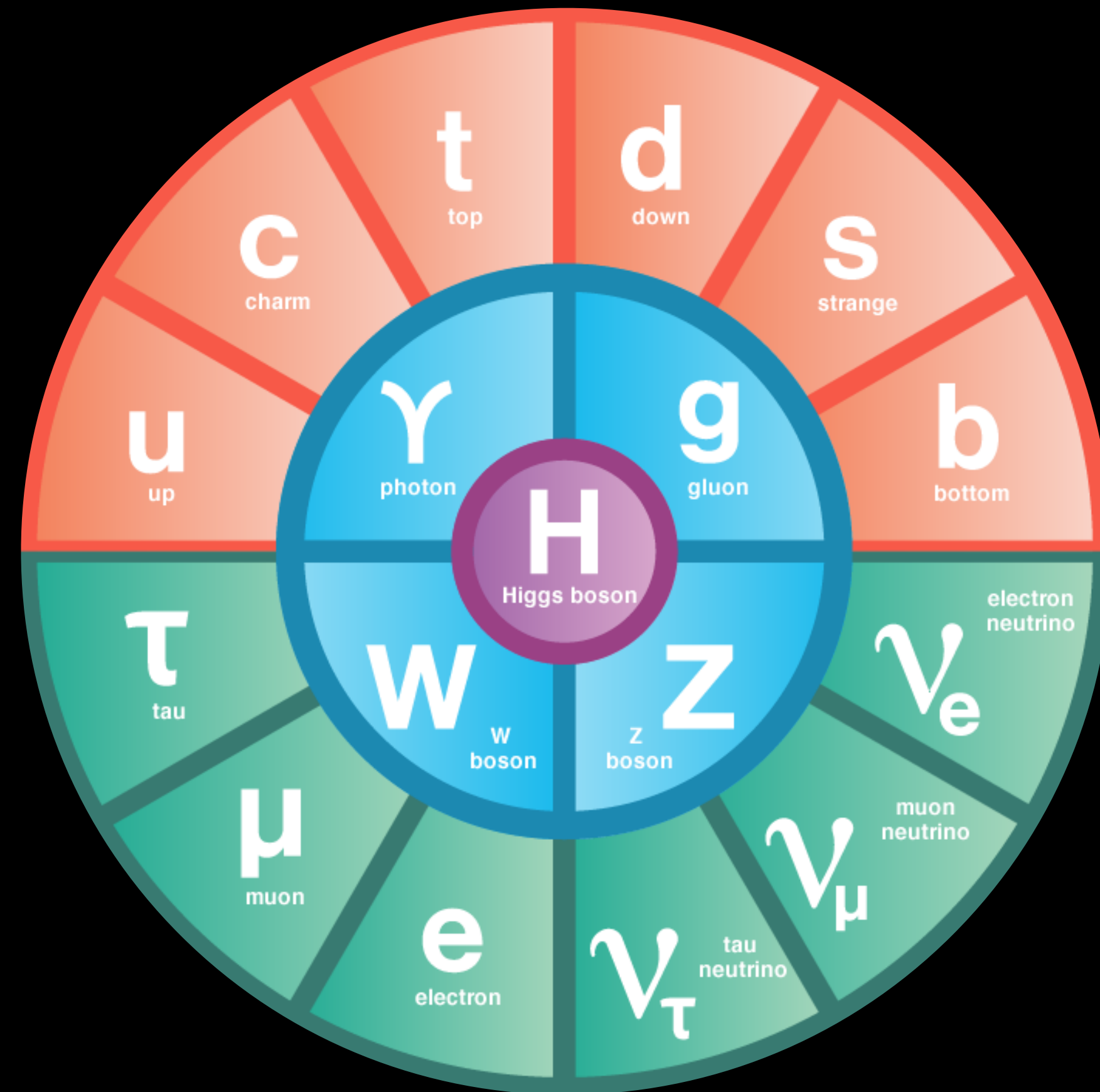
Ordinary matter



Ordinary matter

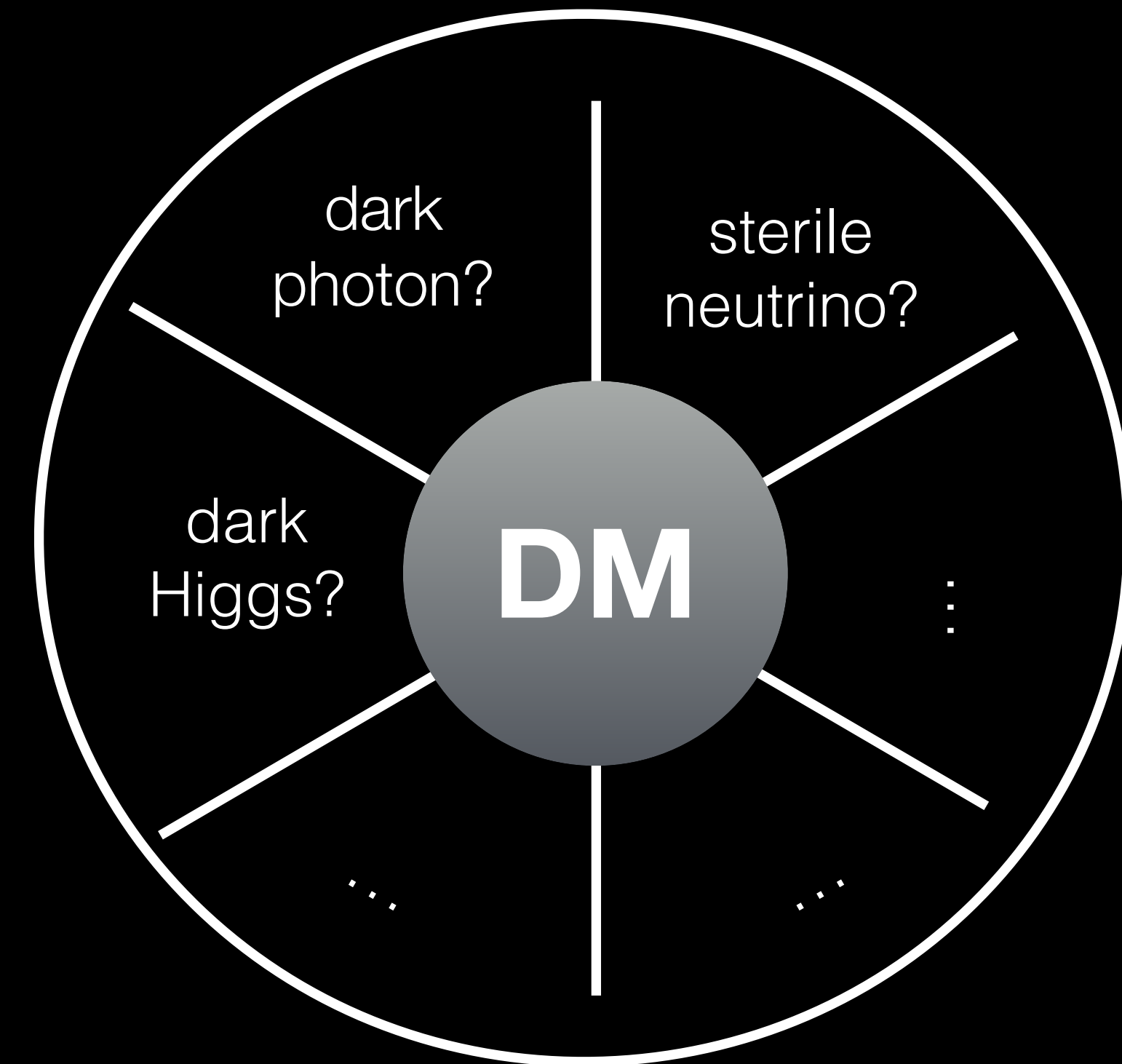


Dark sector



Ordinary matter

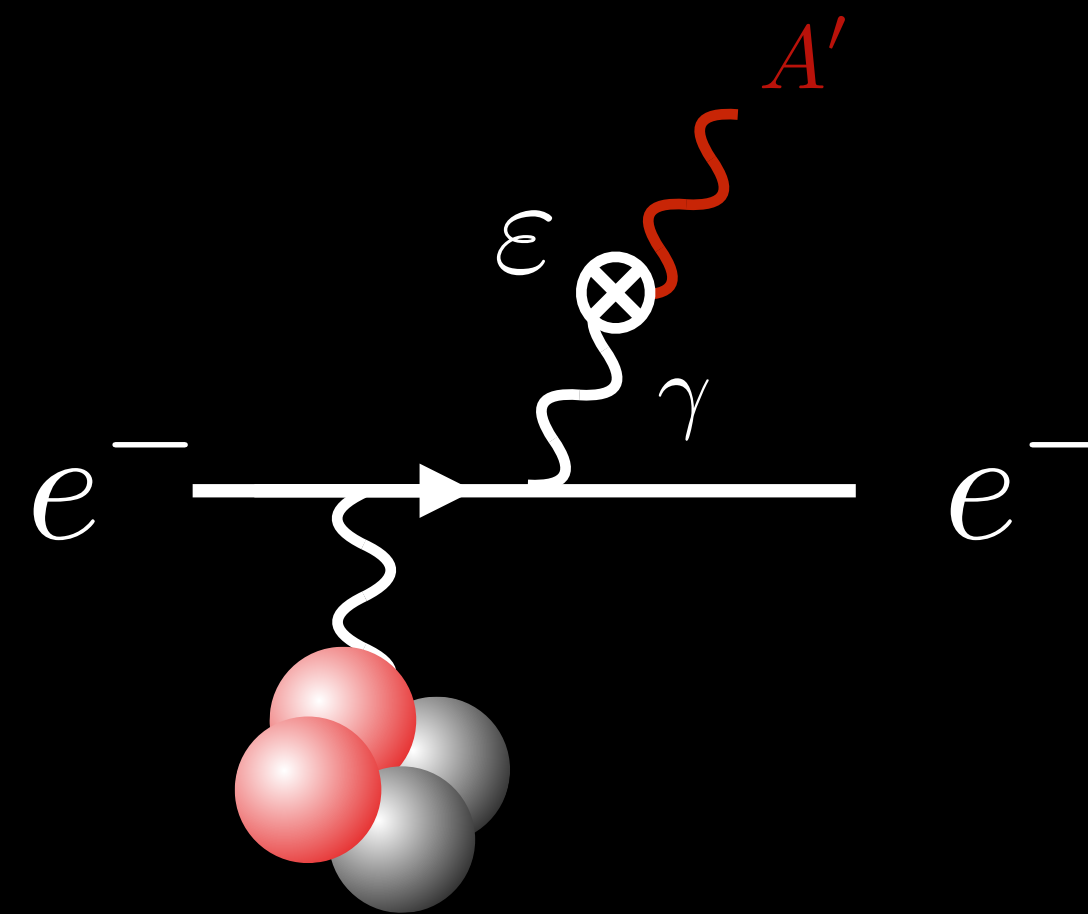
Portal?
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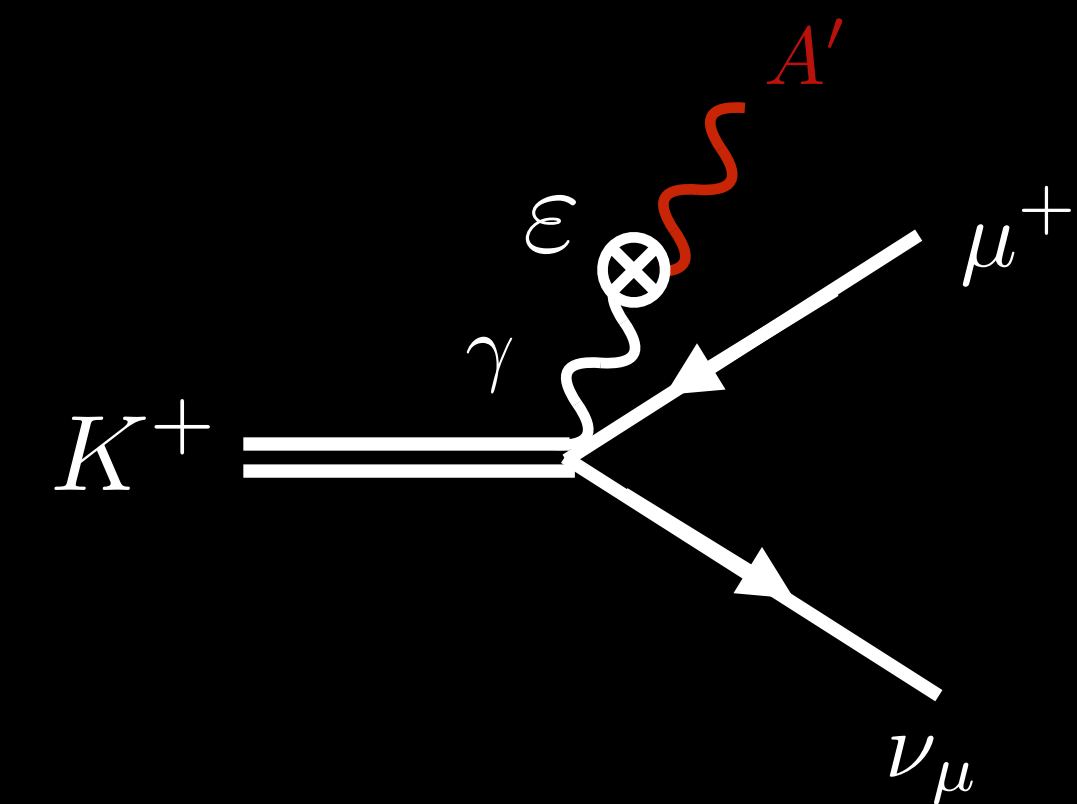
Dark sector

Dark sector searches

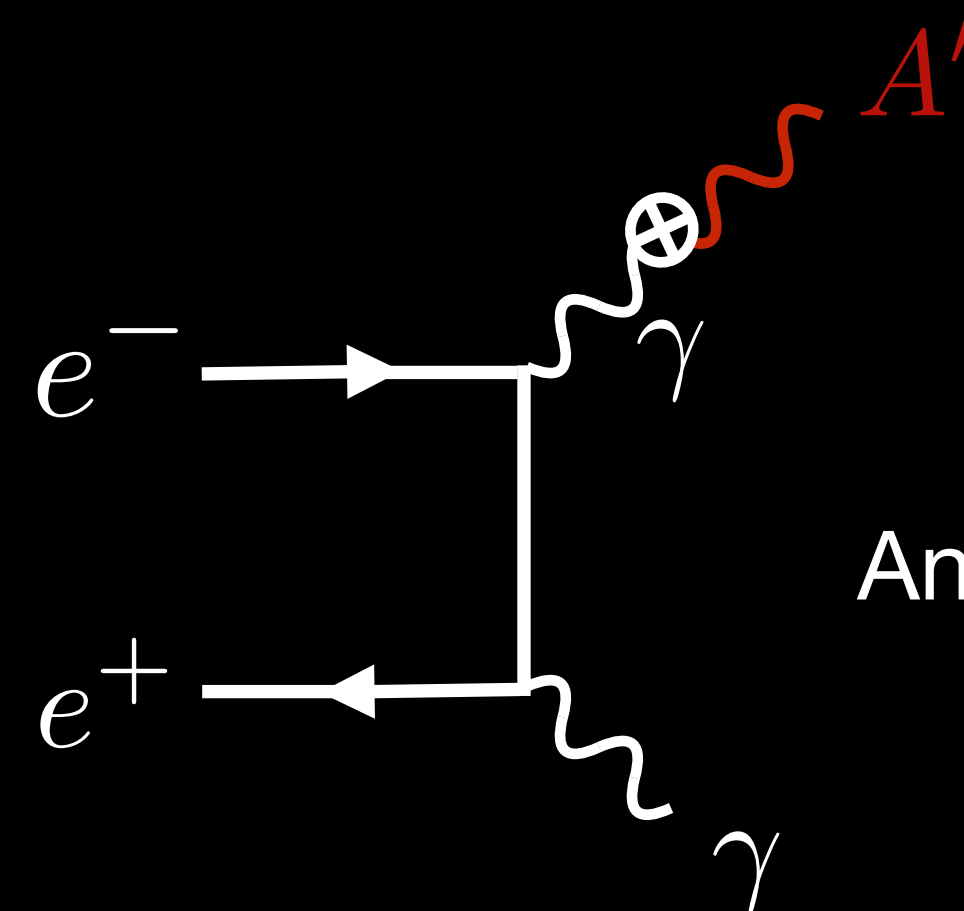
If dark photon couples to the Standard Model charged particles



Bremsstrahlung



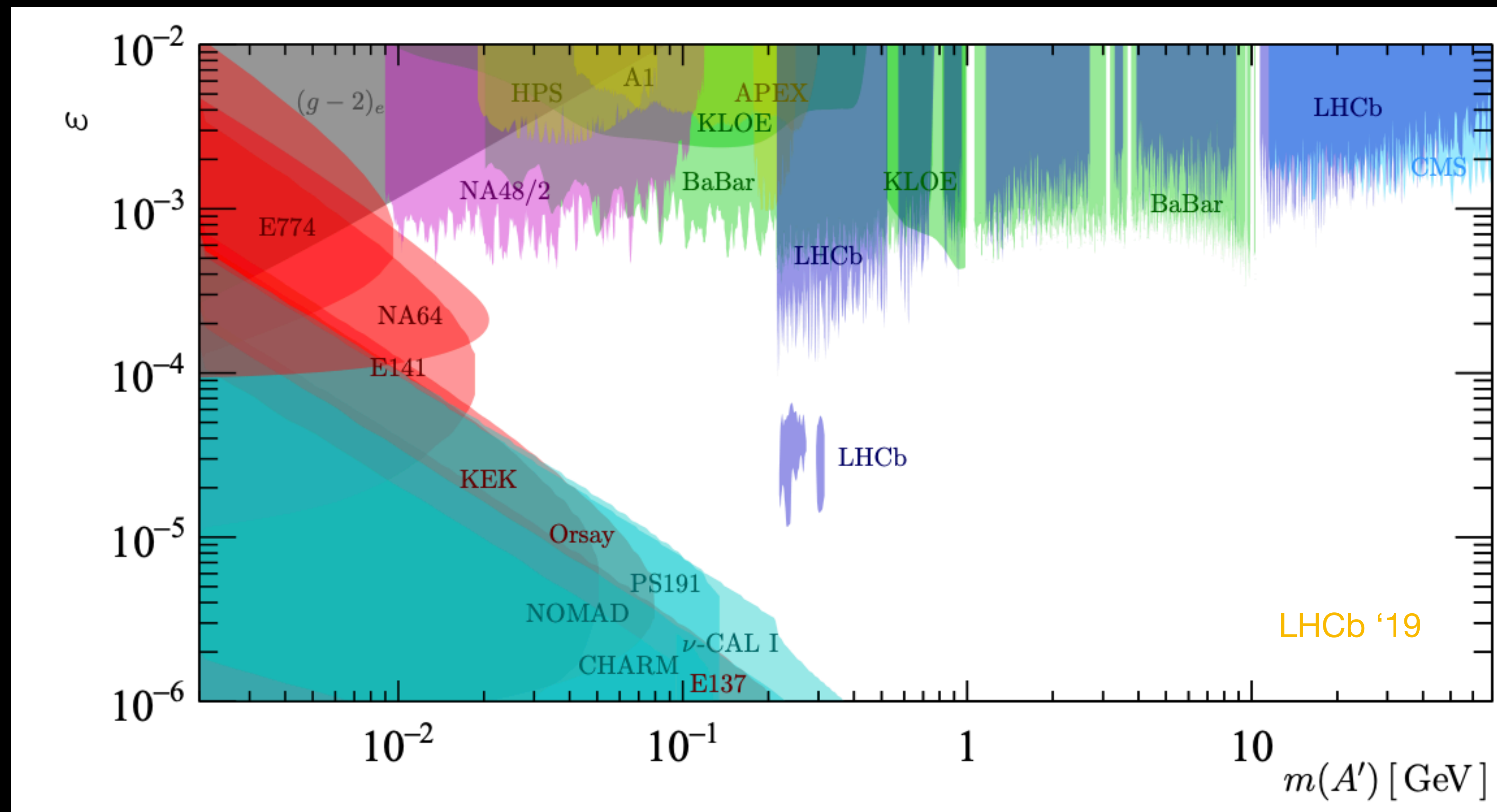
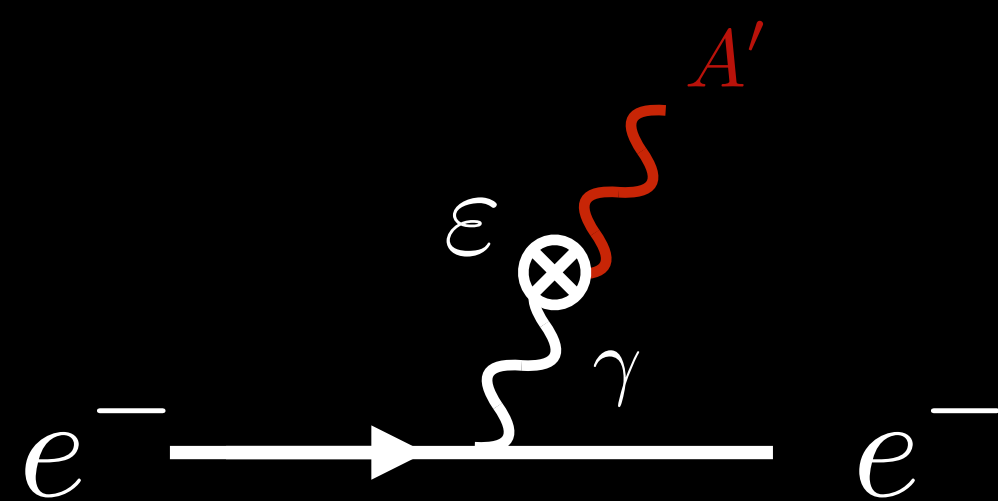
Decay



Annihilation

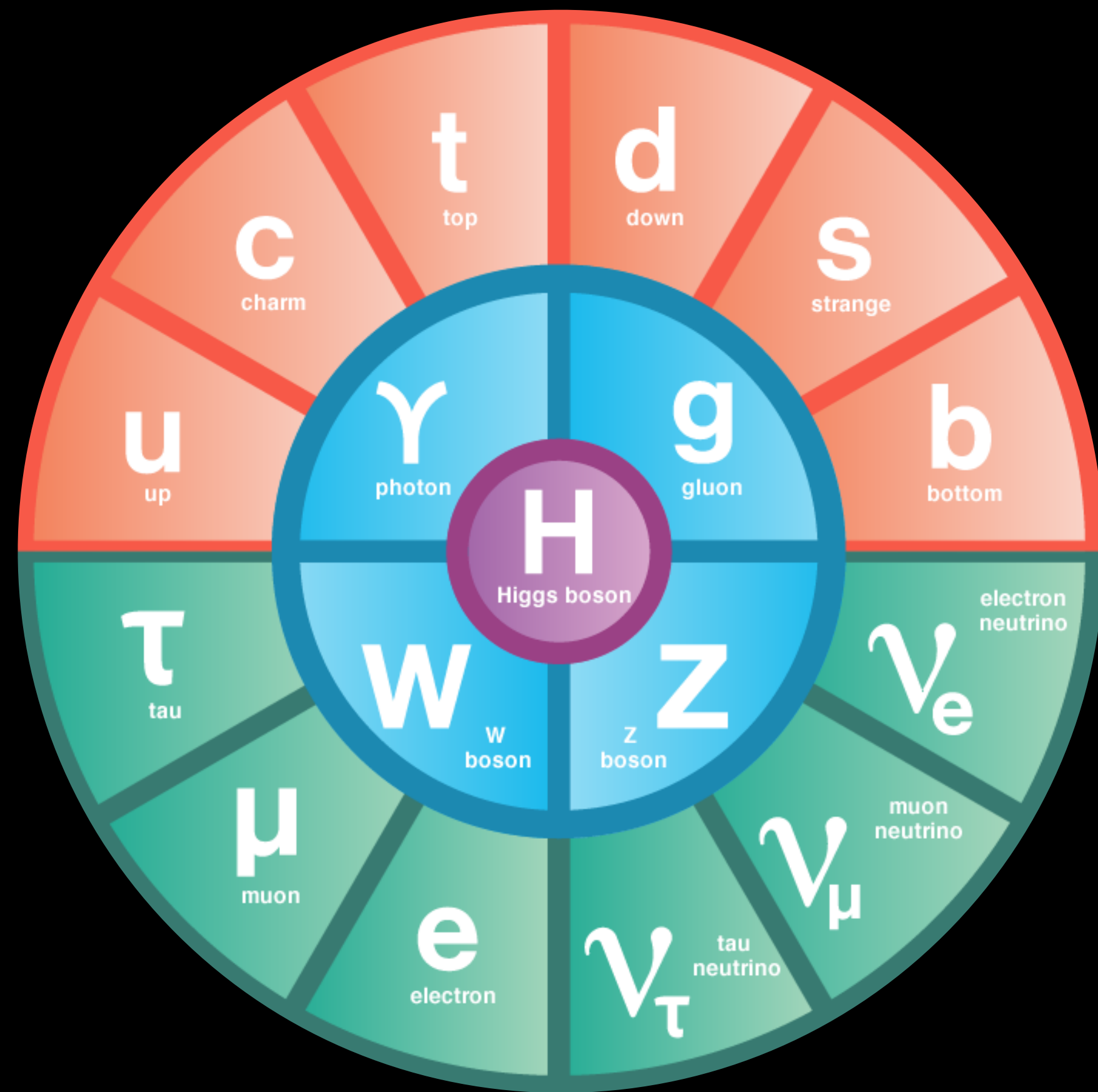
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Coupling to the Standard Model charged particles

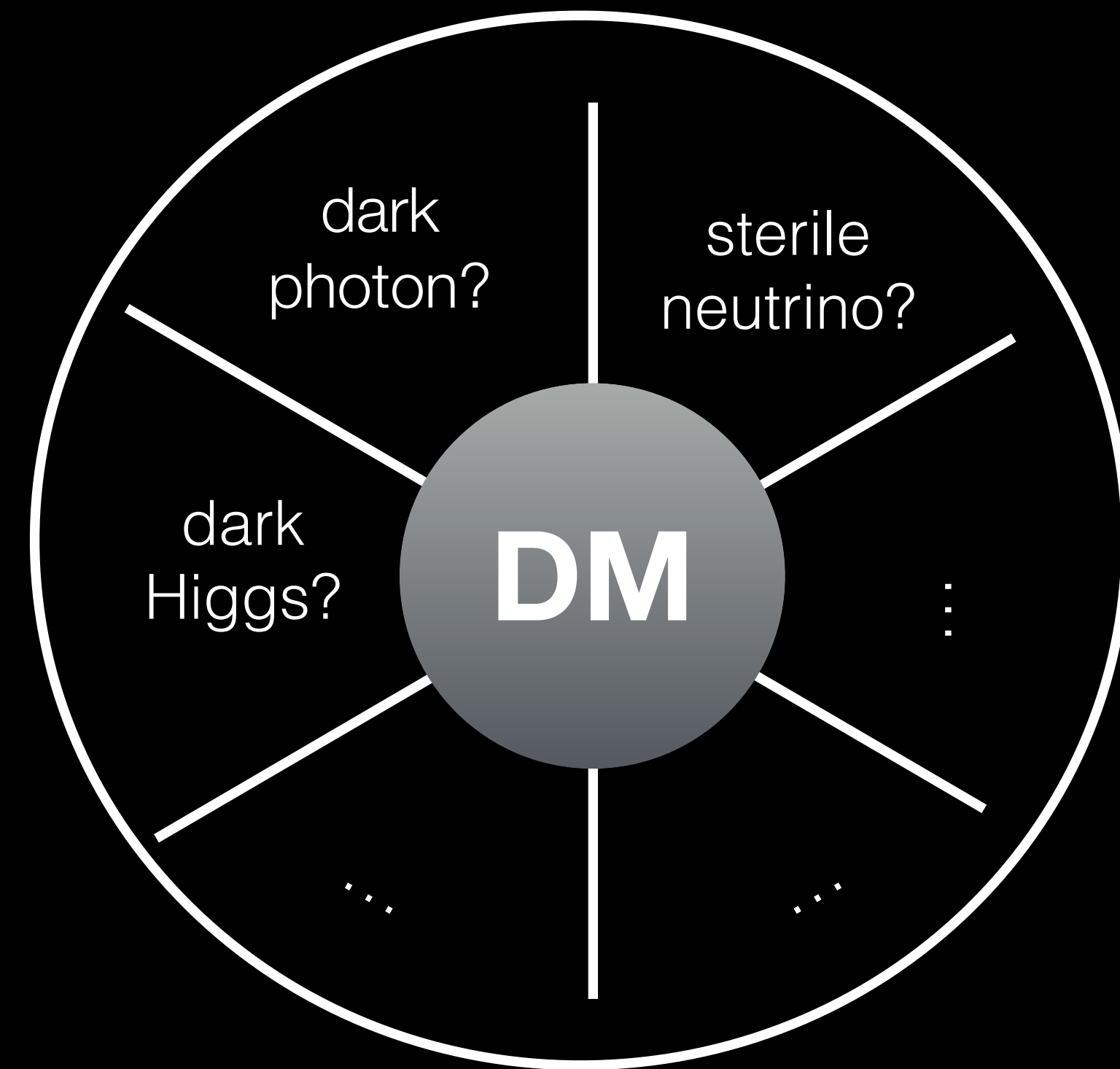
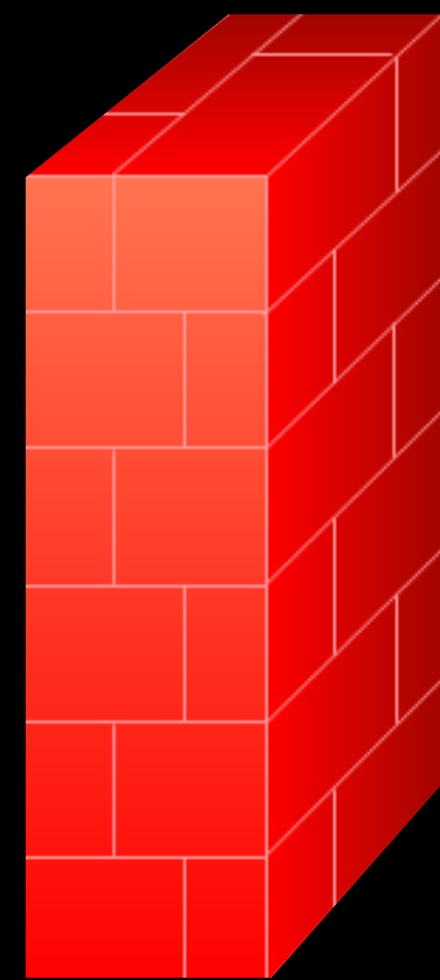


Dark photon mass

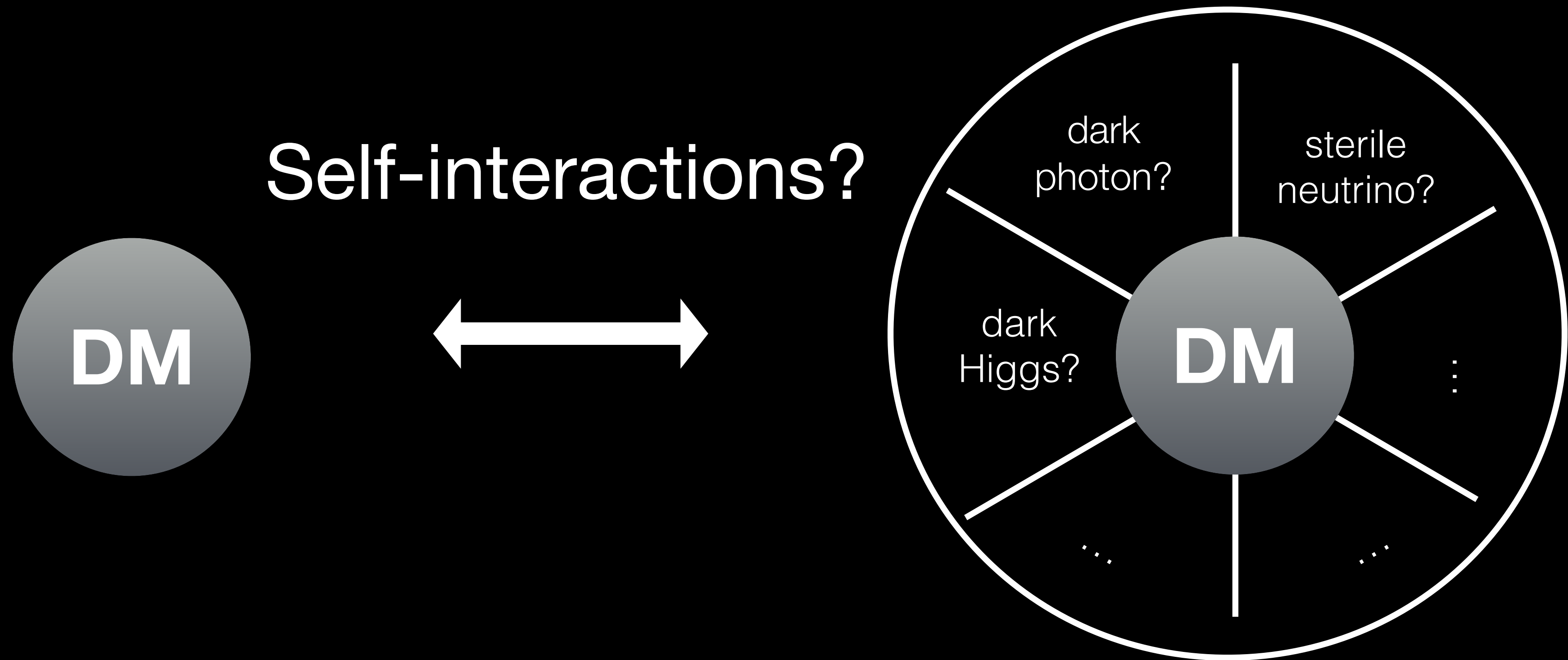
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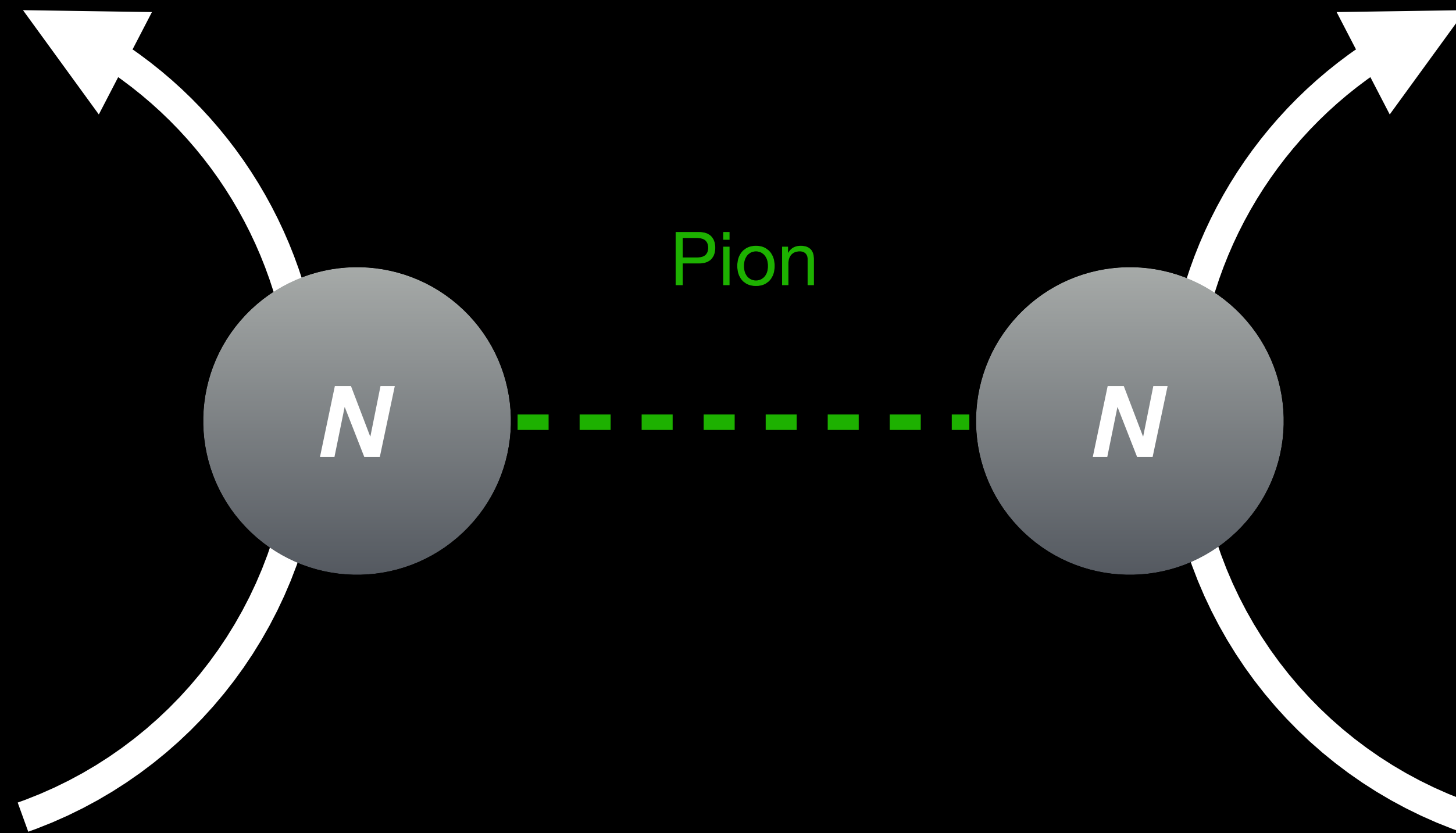
Ordinary matter



Dark sector



Dark sector

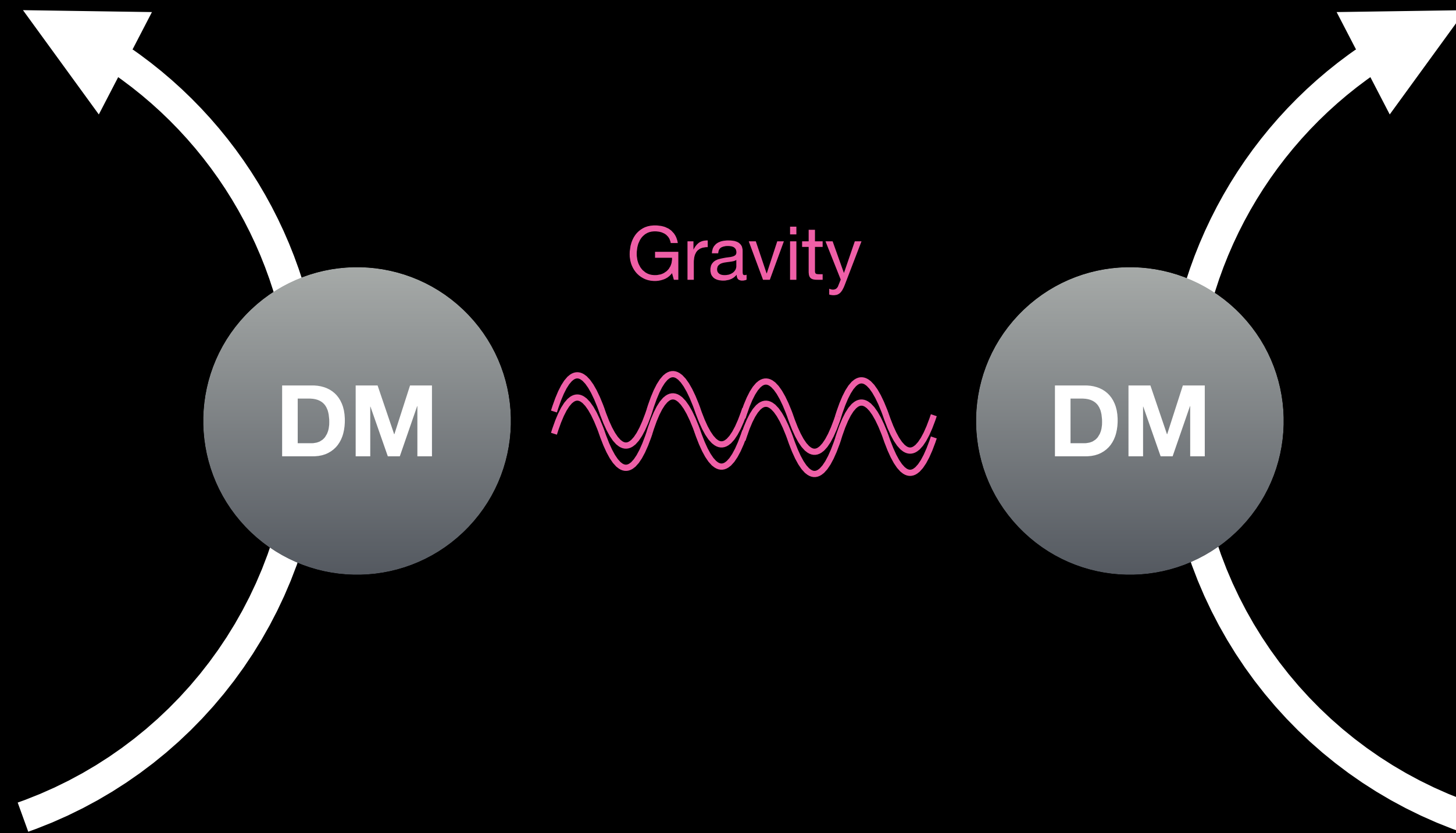


Nucleon-nucleon self-interaction

Cross section strength: $\sigma_T/m_N \sim 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

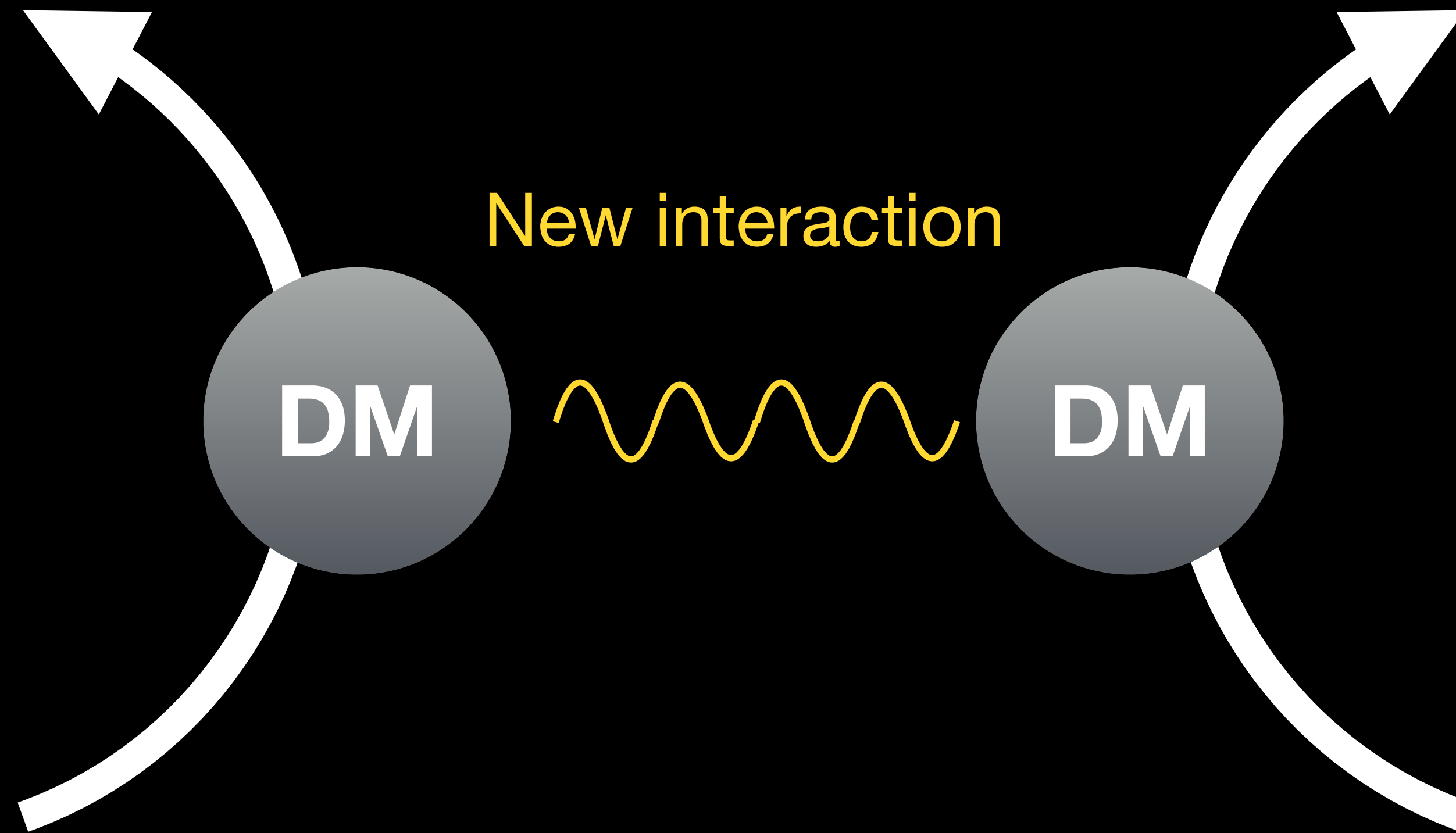
Nuclear Data Sheets '11

$1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$
 $\approx 2 \text{ barn}/\text{GeV}$



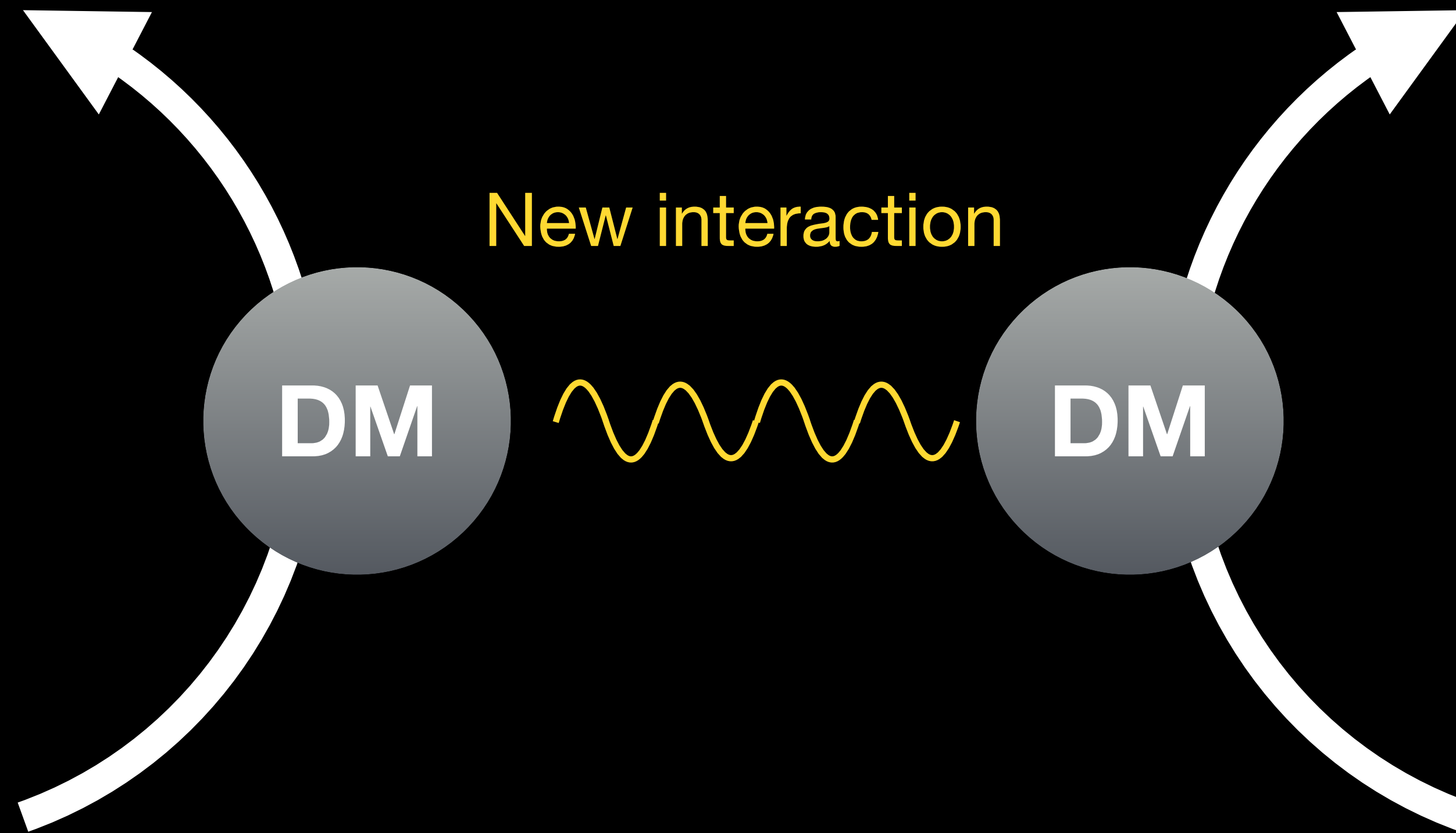
Cold Collisionless Dark Matter (CDM)

Cross section strength: $\sigma_T/m_{\text{DM}} \sim 10^{-70} \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ (DM mass \sim GeV)



Self-Interacting Dark Matter (SIDM)

Cross section strength: $\sigma_T/m_{\text{DM}} \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

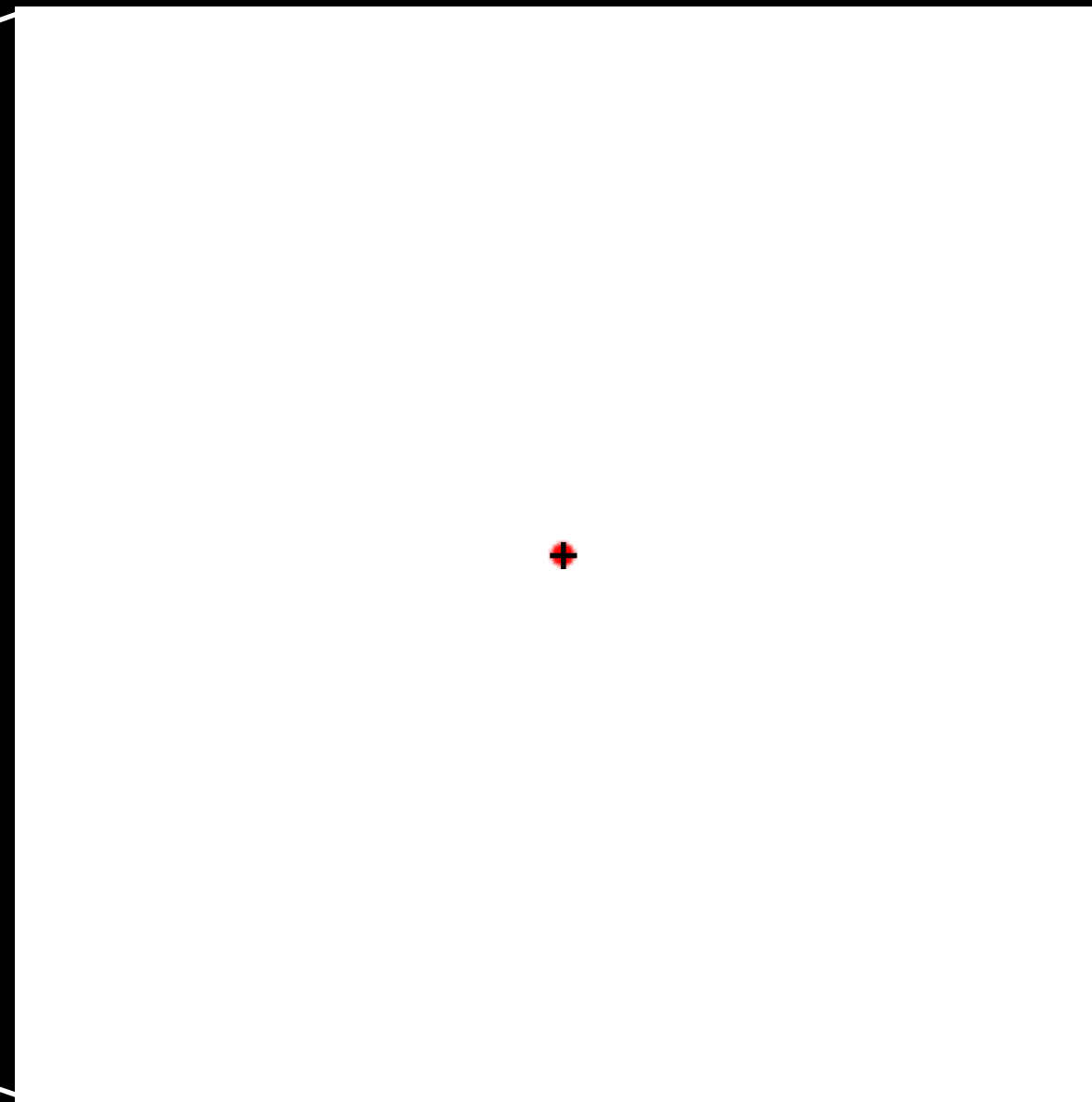
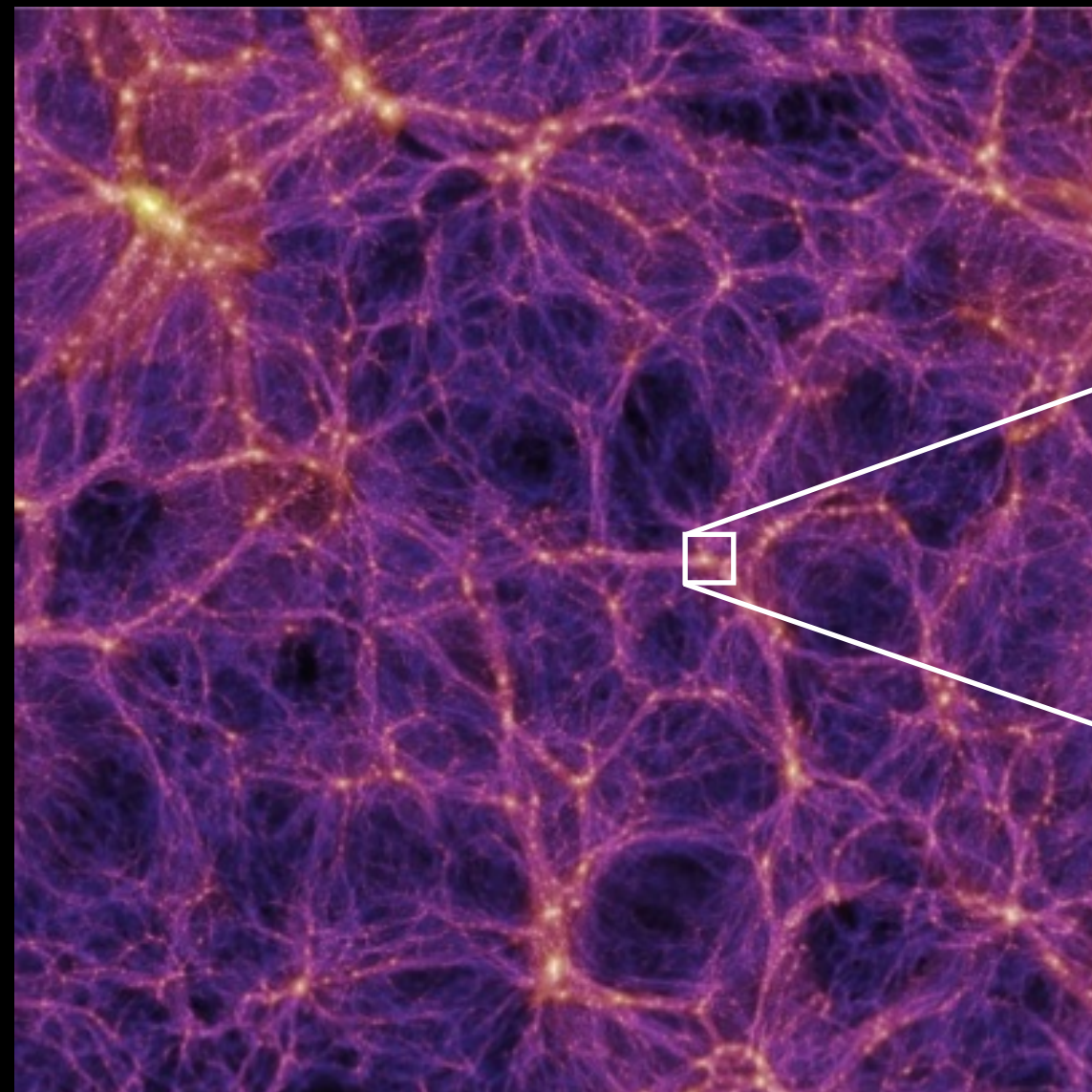


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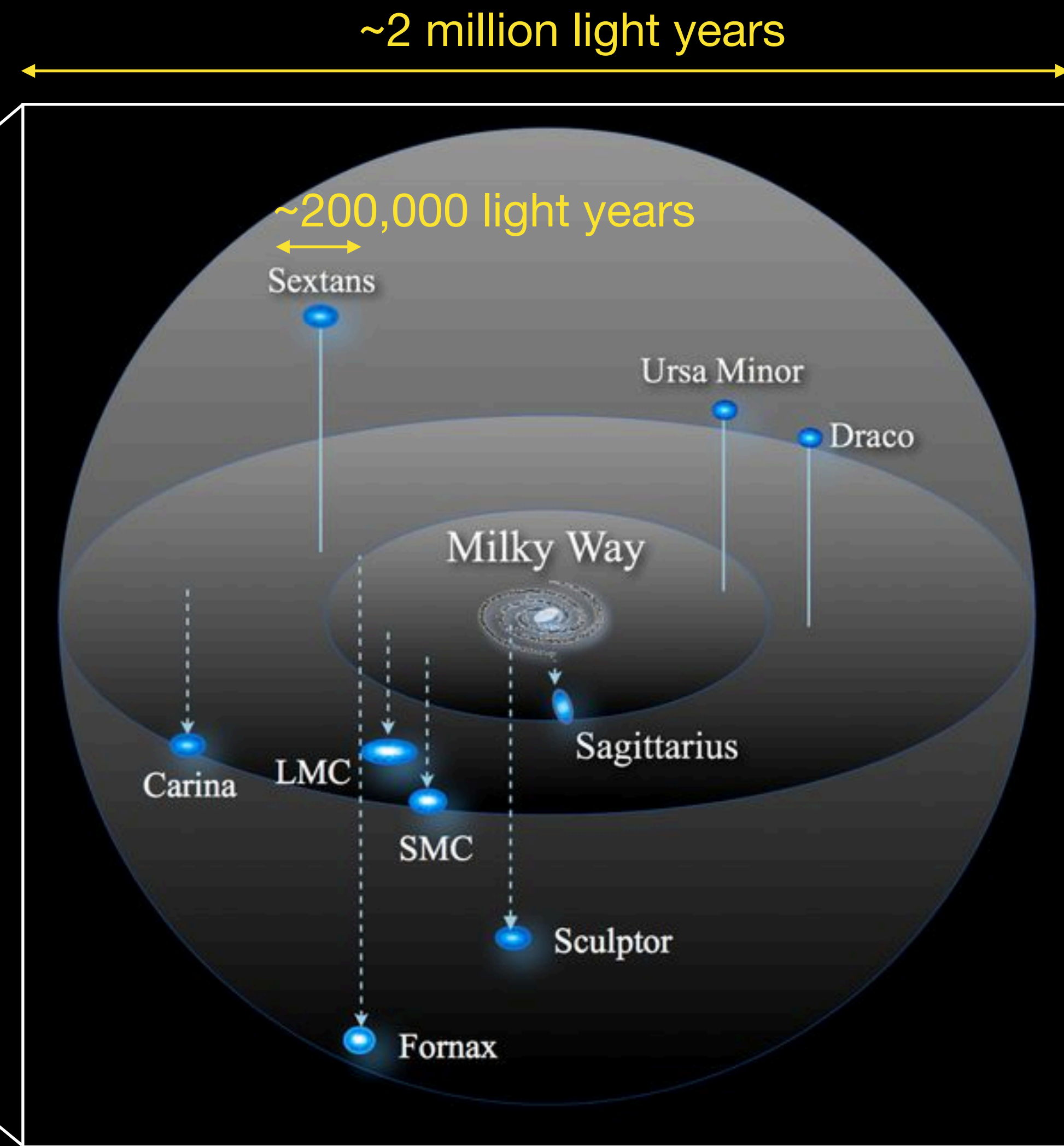
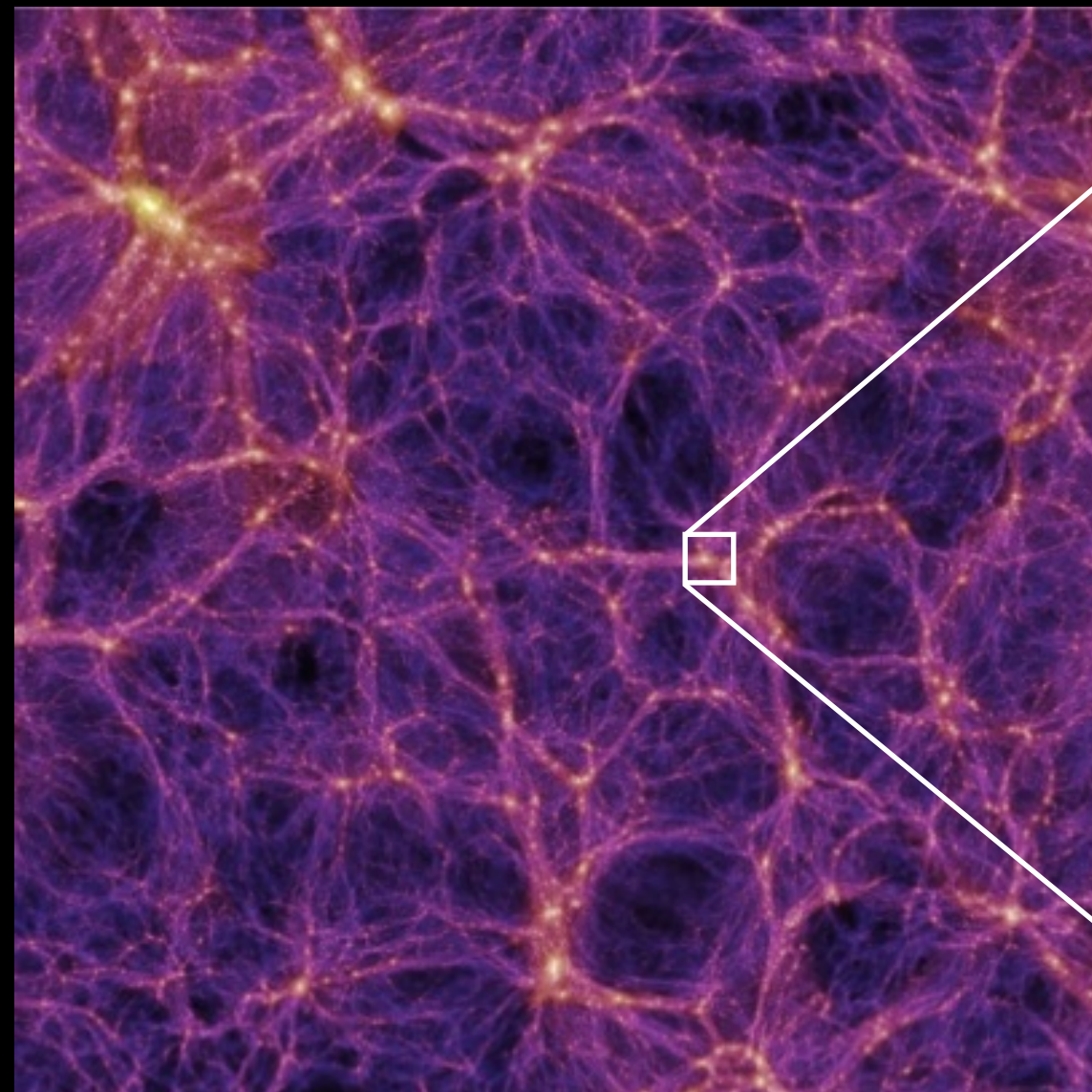
$$t_{\text{rlx}} = \frac{1}{\rho(\sigma/m)v} \sim 10 \text{ Gyr} \left(\frac{0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}}{\sigma/m} \right) \left(\frac{200 \text{ km/s}}{v} \right)$$

Spergel & Steinhardt '00

Where to look at?

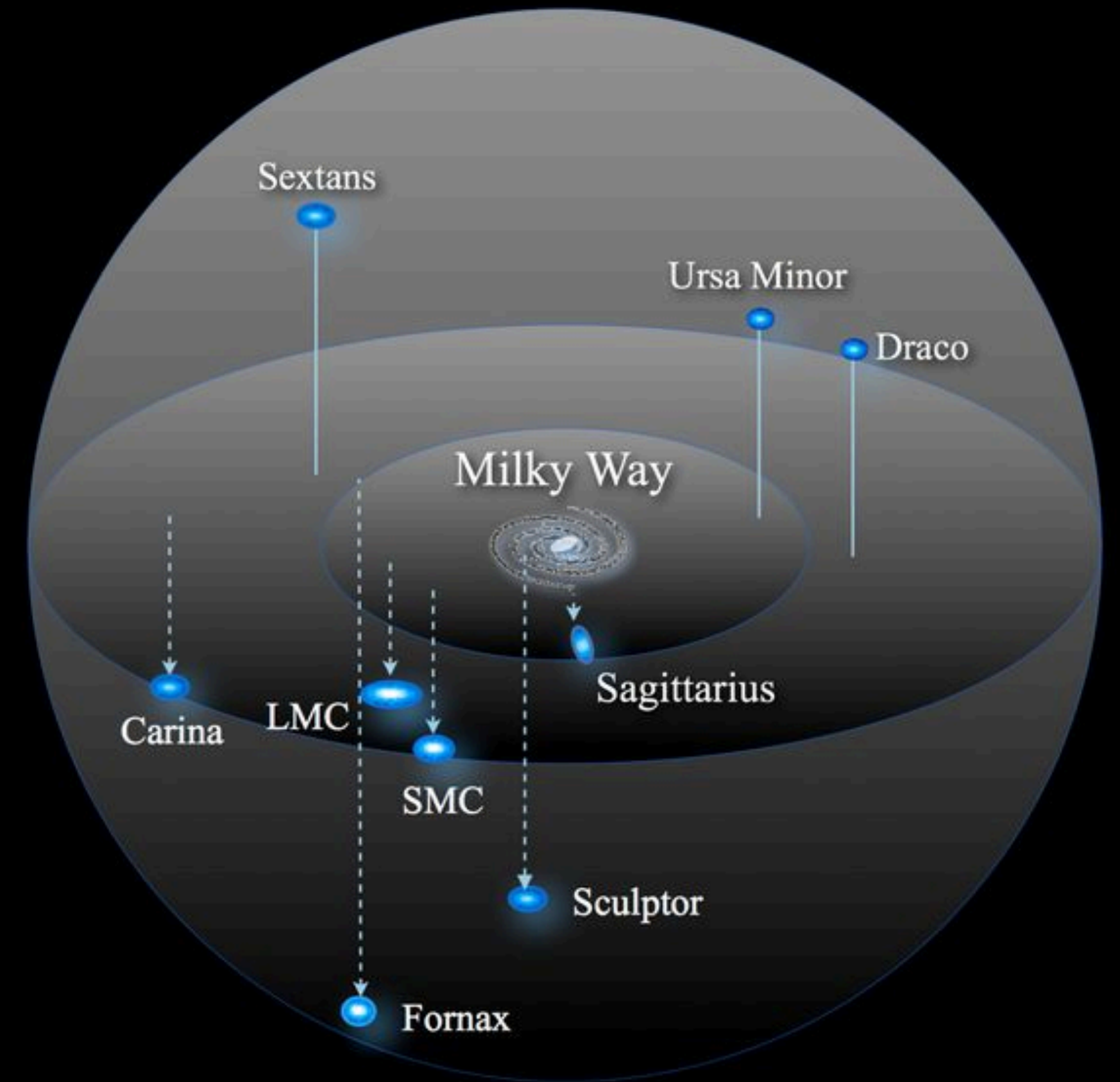
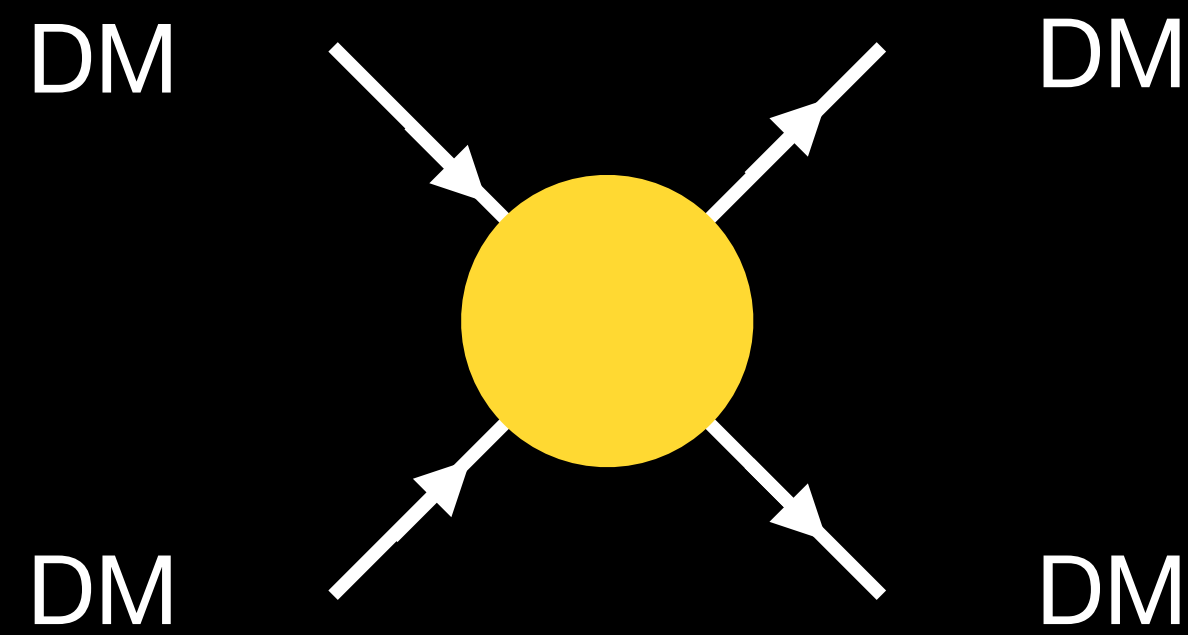


Where to look at?



Dark matter halos

Dark matter halos can probe self-interactions

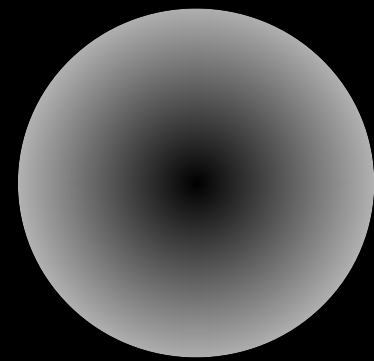


Dark matter self-interactions

Dark matter halo properties

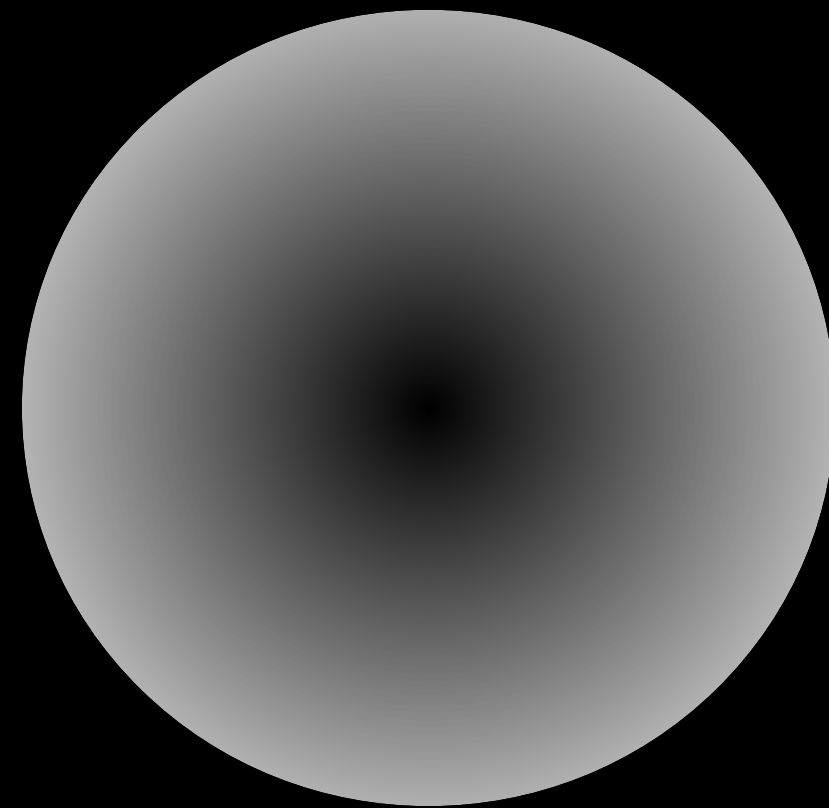
Dark matter halo classes

Dwarf halos



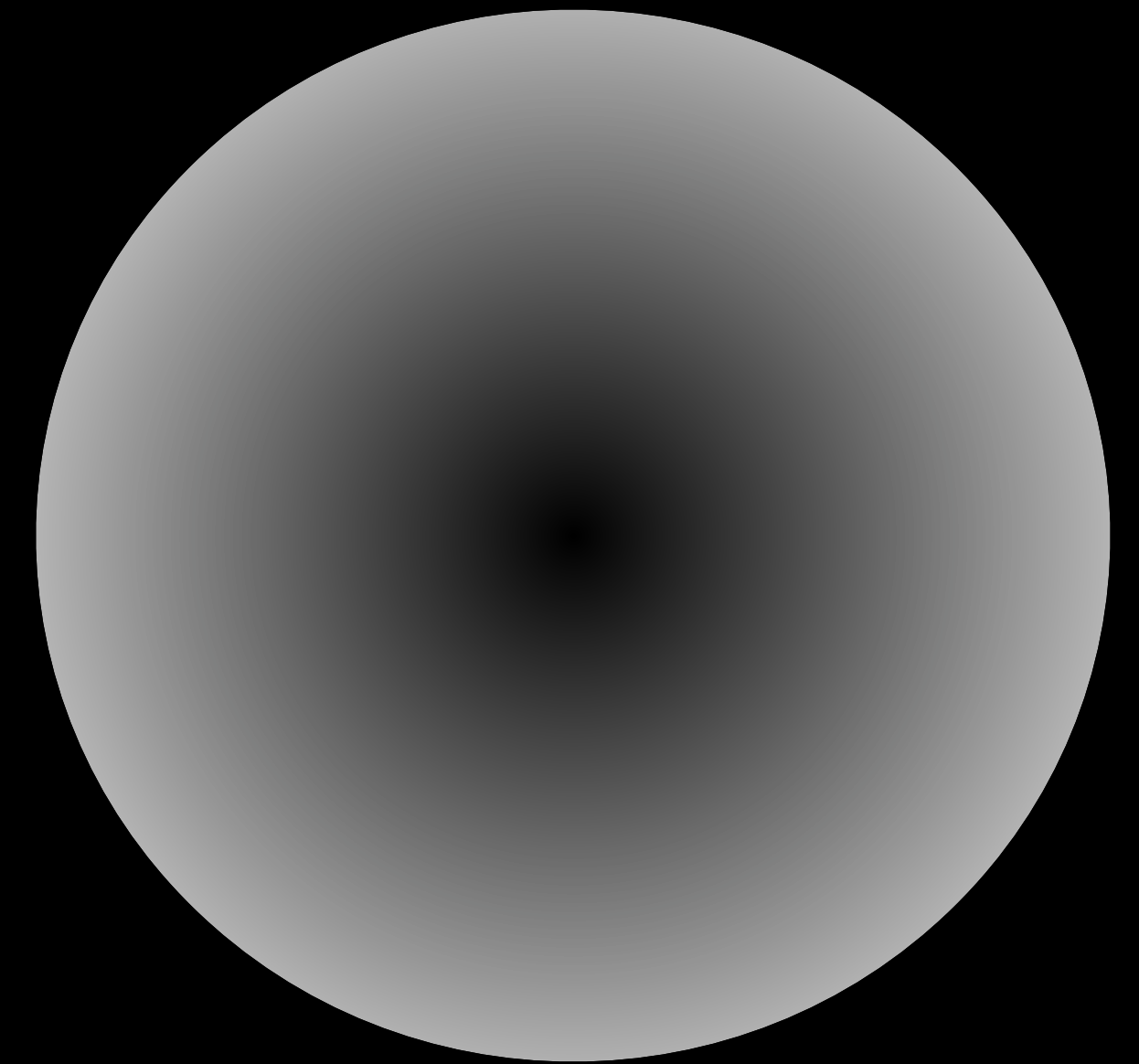
$10^8 \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$

Milky Way-sized halos



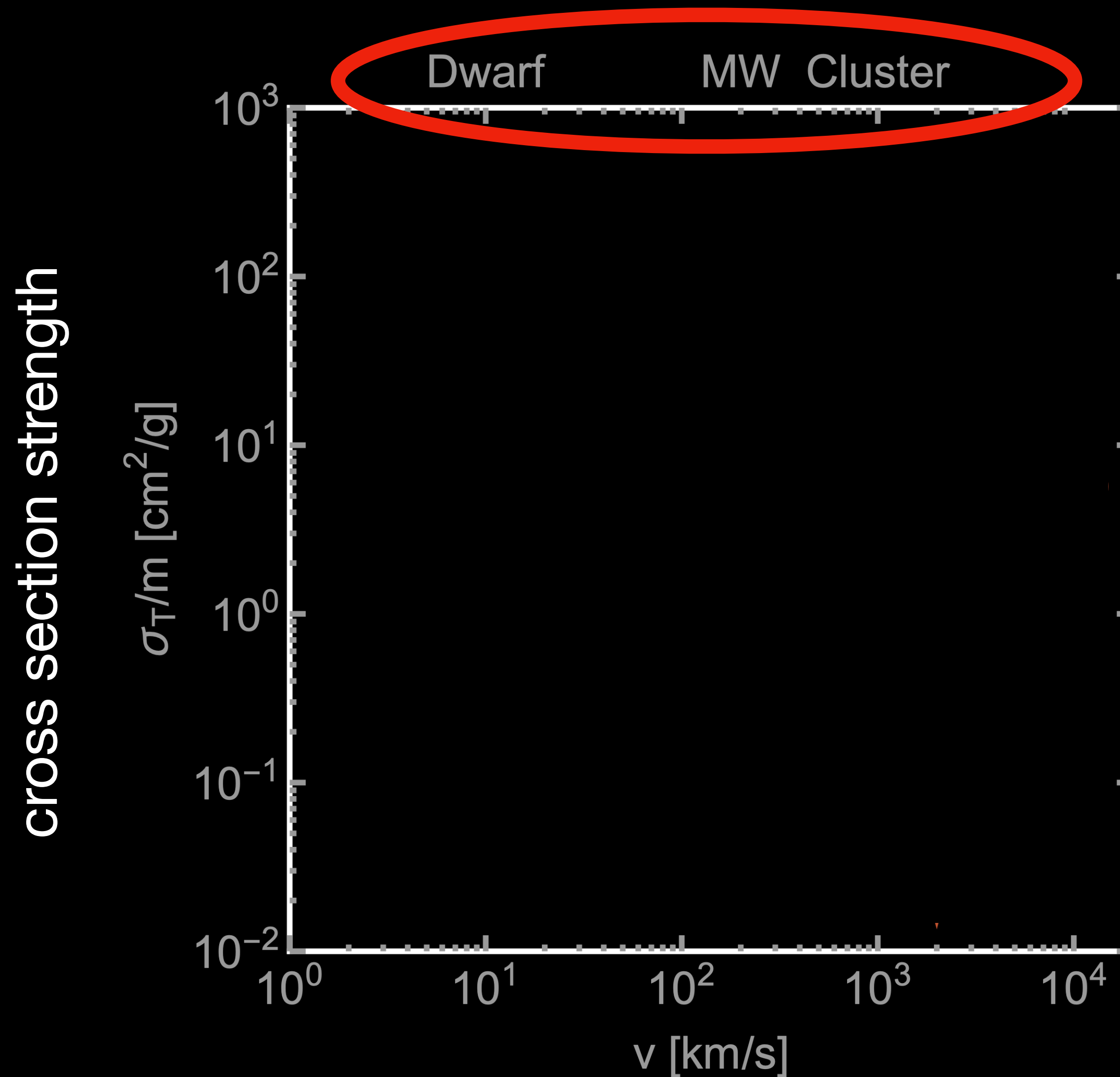
$10^{11} \sim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$

Galaxy cluster halos



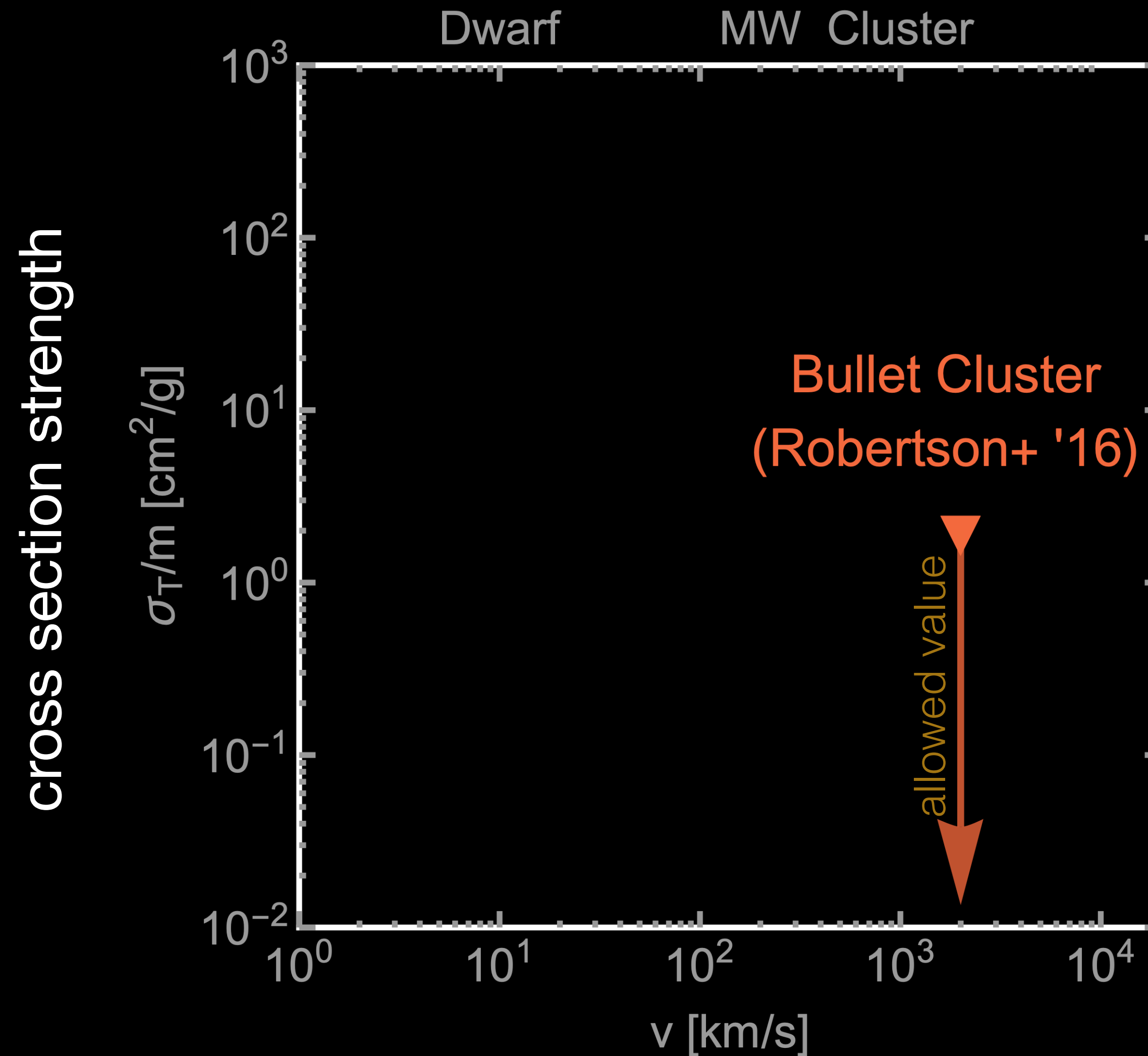
$10^{14} \sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$

Constraints on dark matter self-interaction

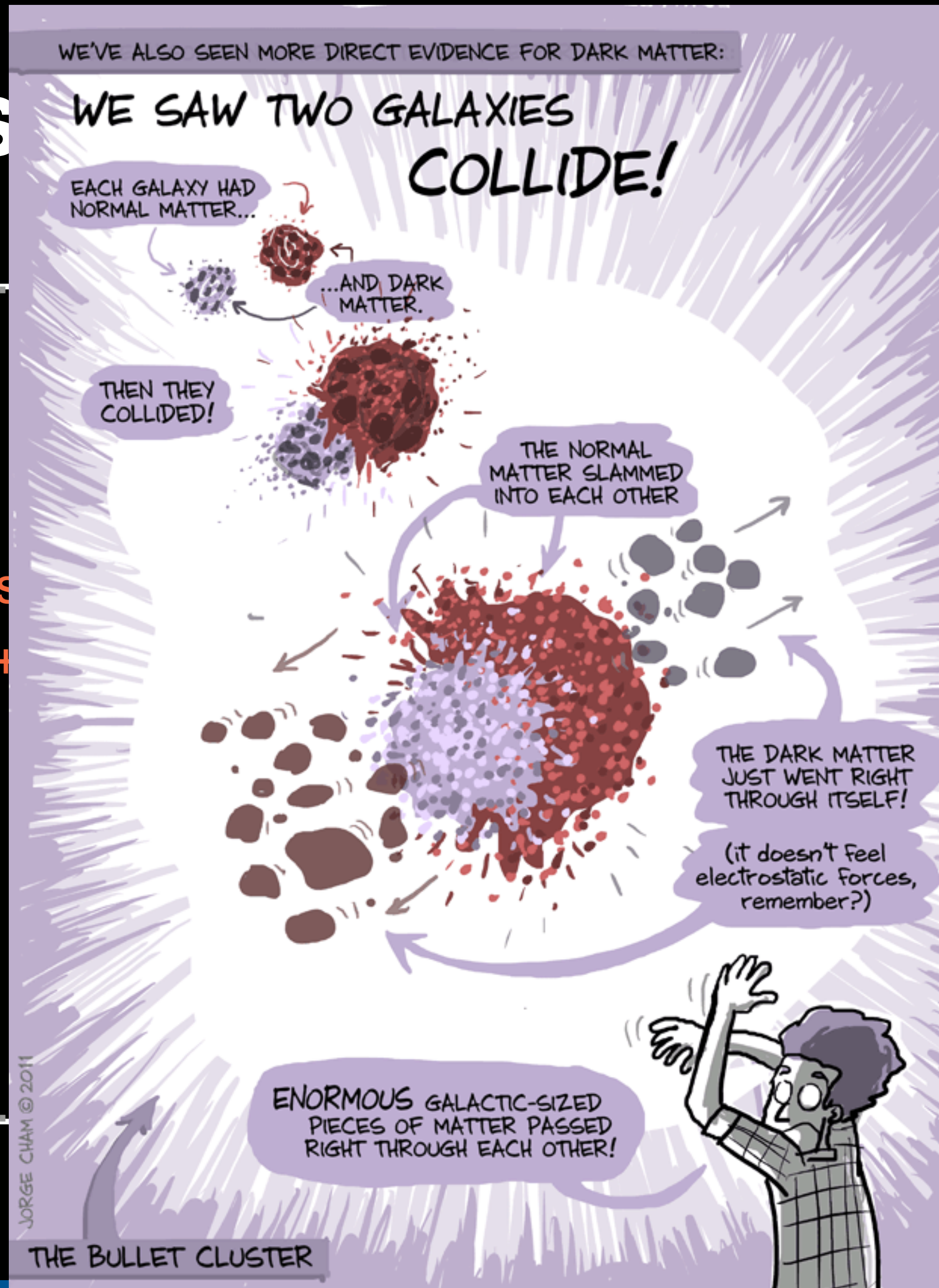
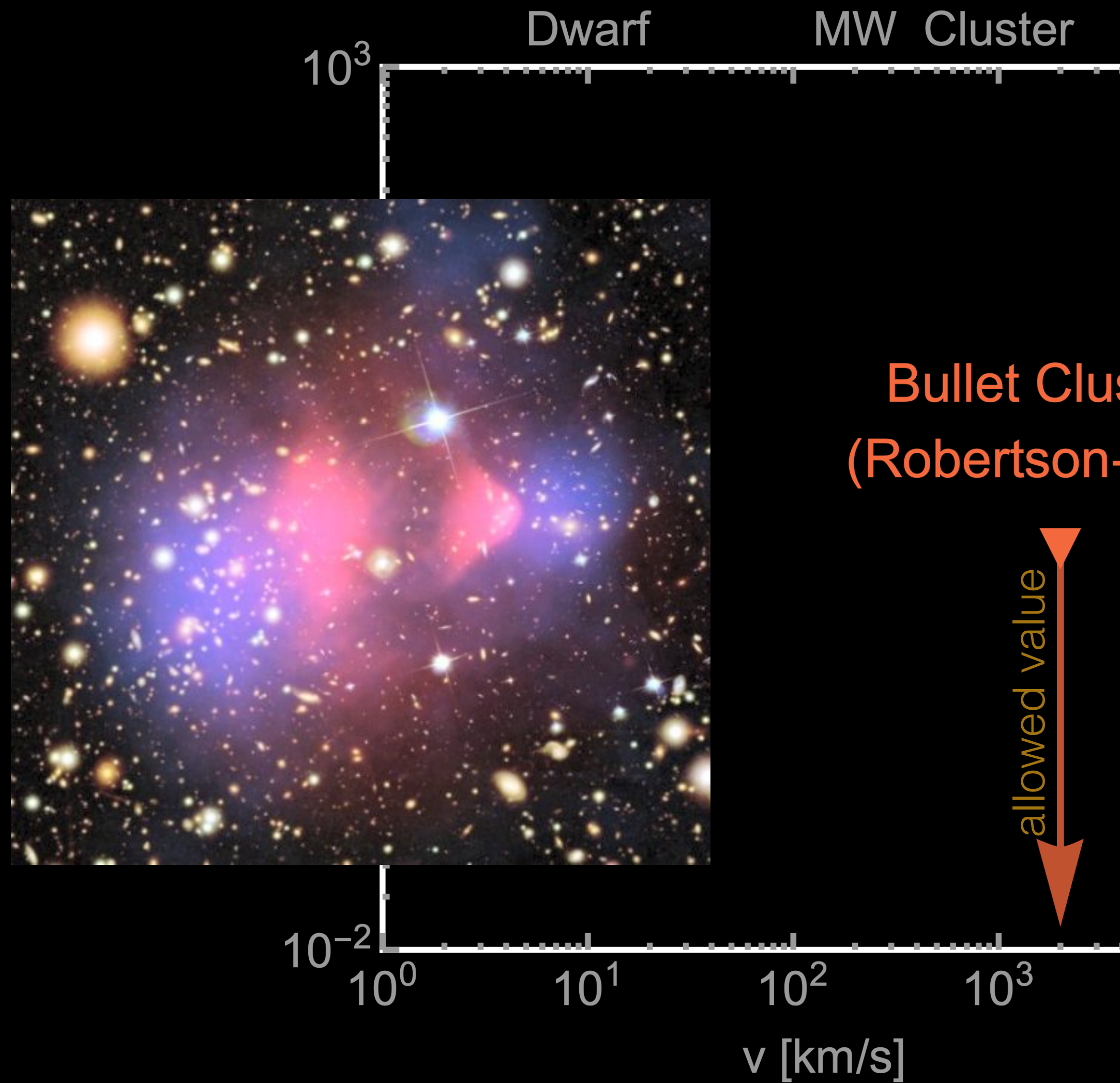


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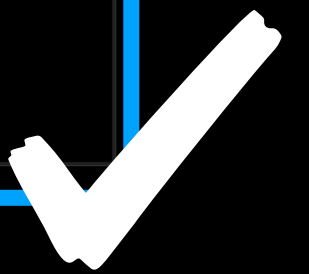
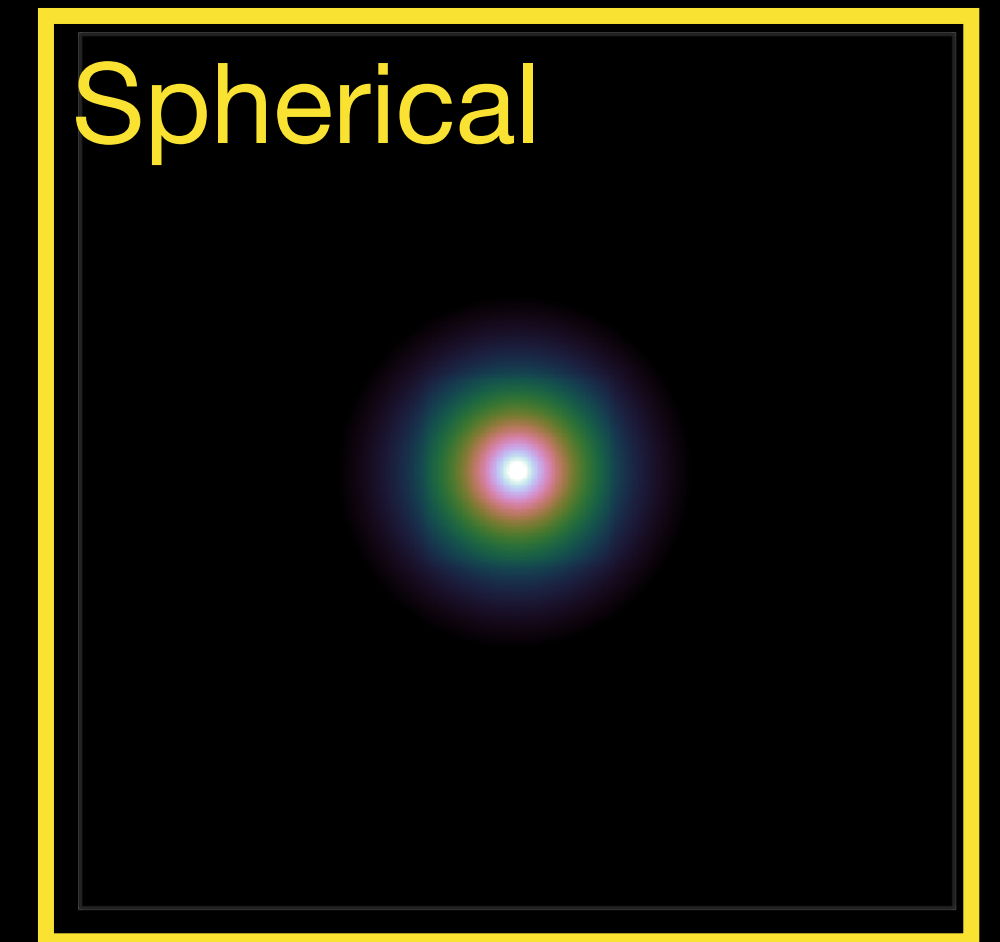
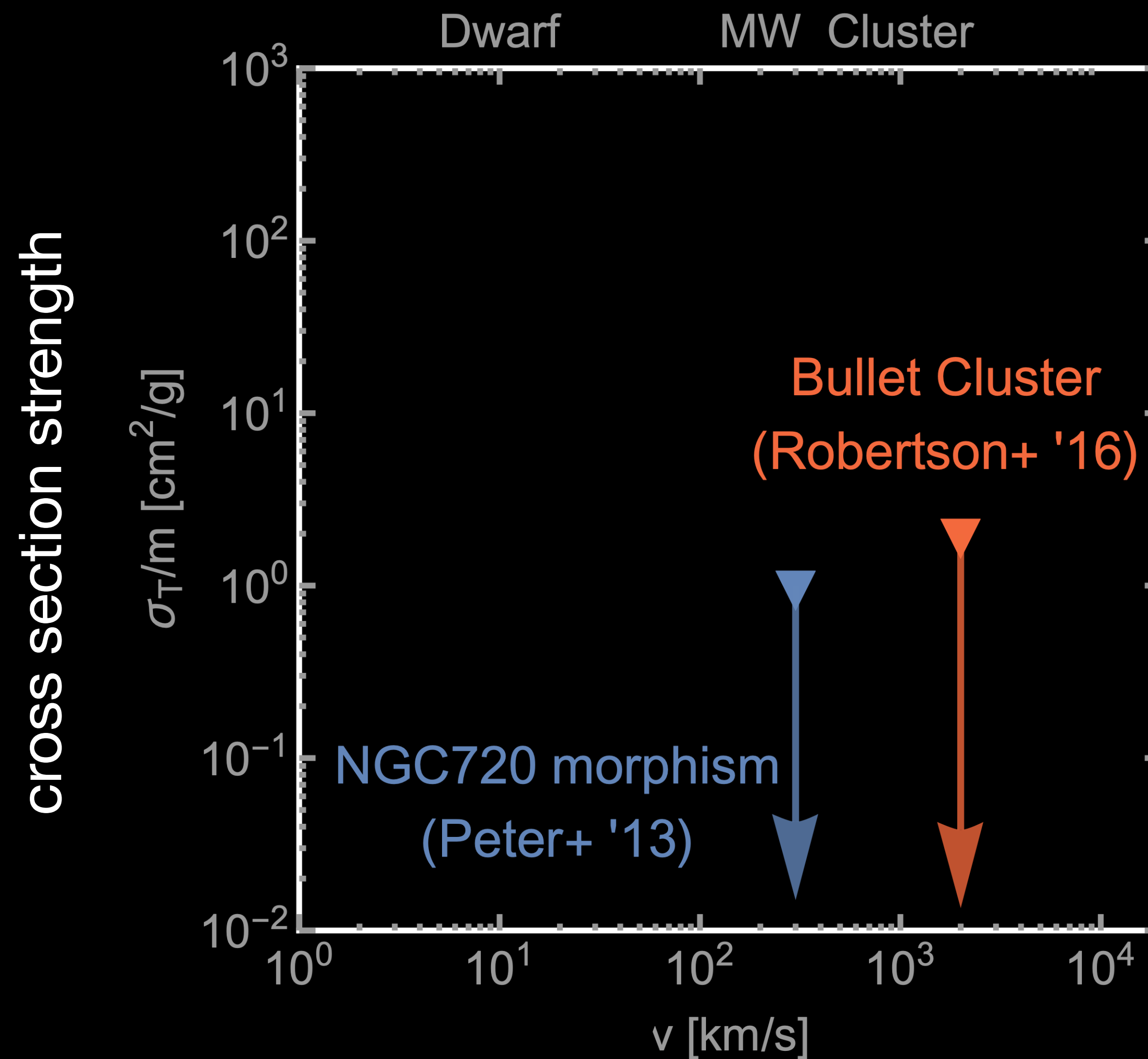
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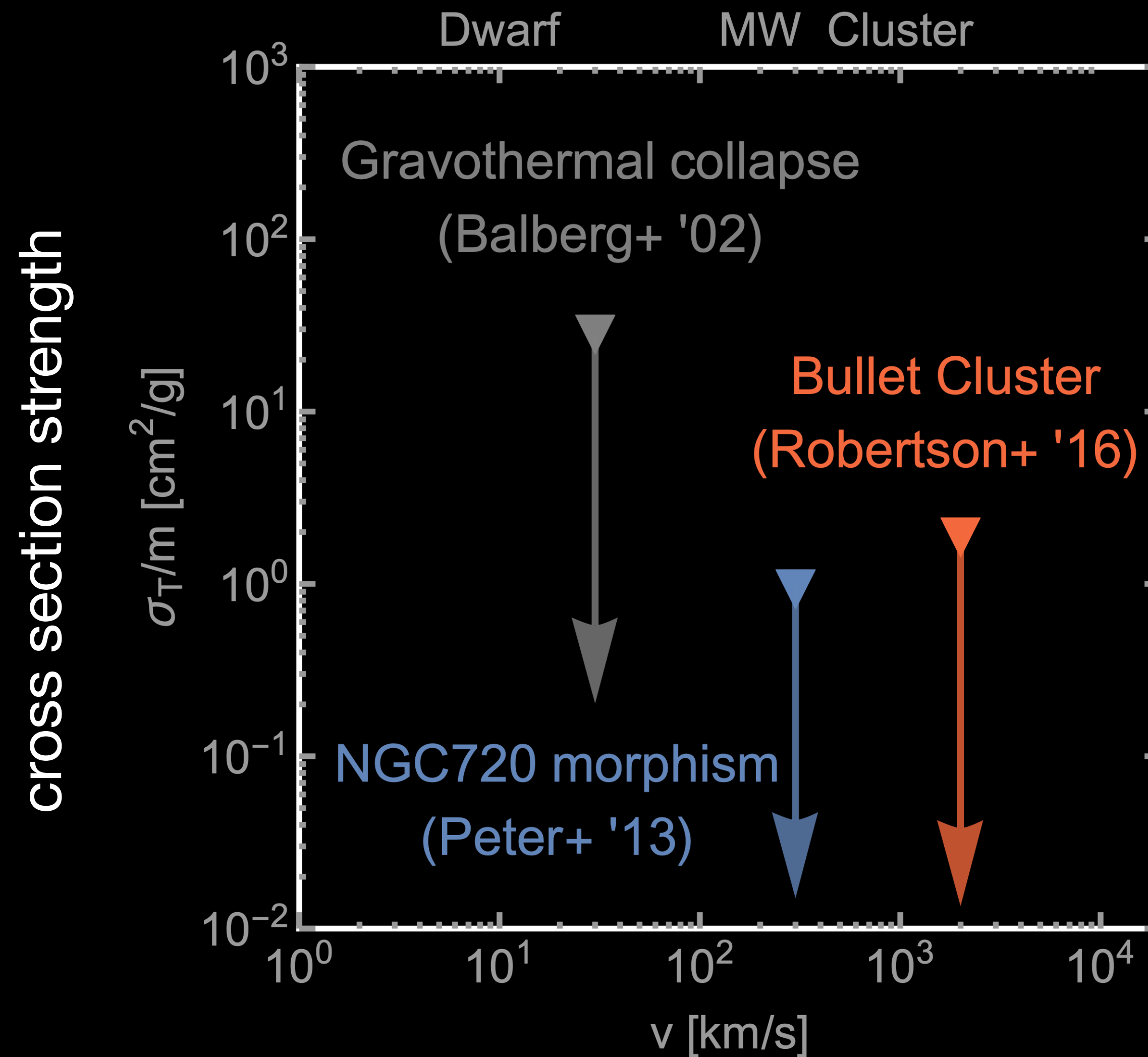
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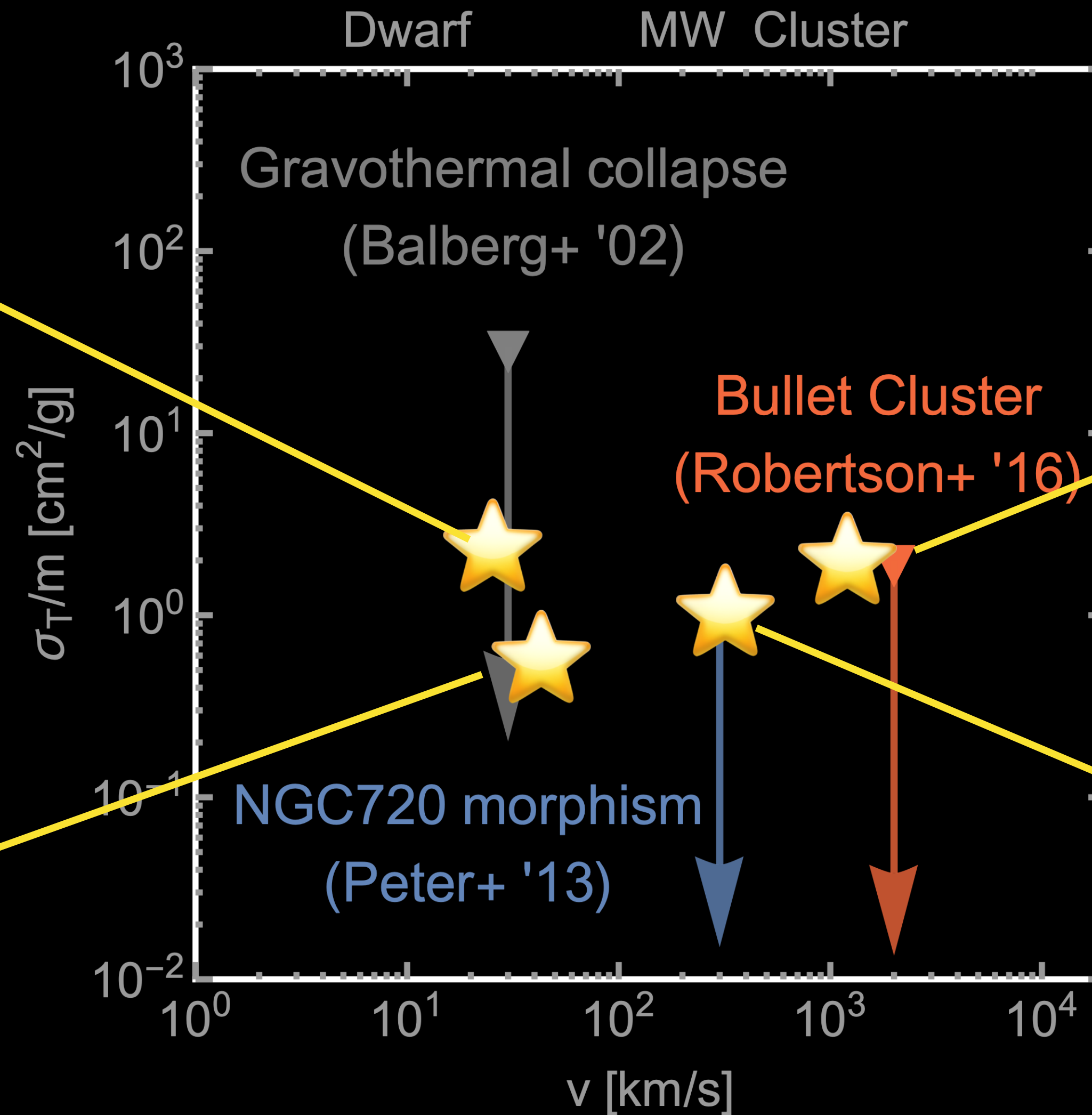


Solving “small-scale problems” of CDM

Diversity
(Kamada+ '16)

Too big to fail
(Zavala+'12
Elbert+ '14)

cross section strength



Splashback radius deficit
(More+ '16)

Cusp vs core
(Wandelt+ '00)



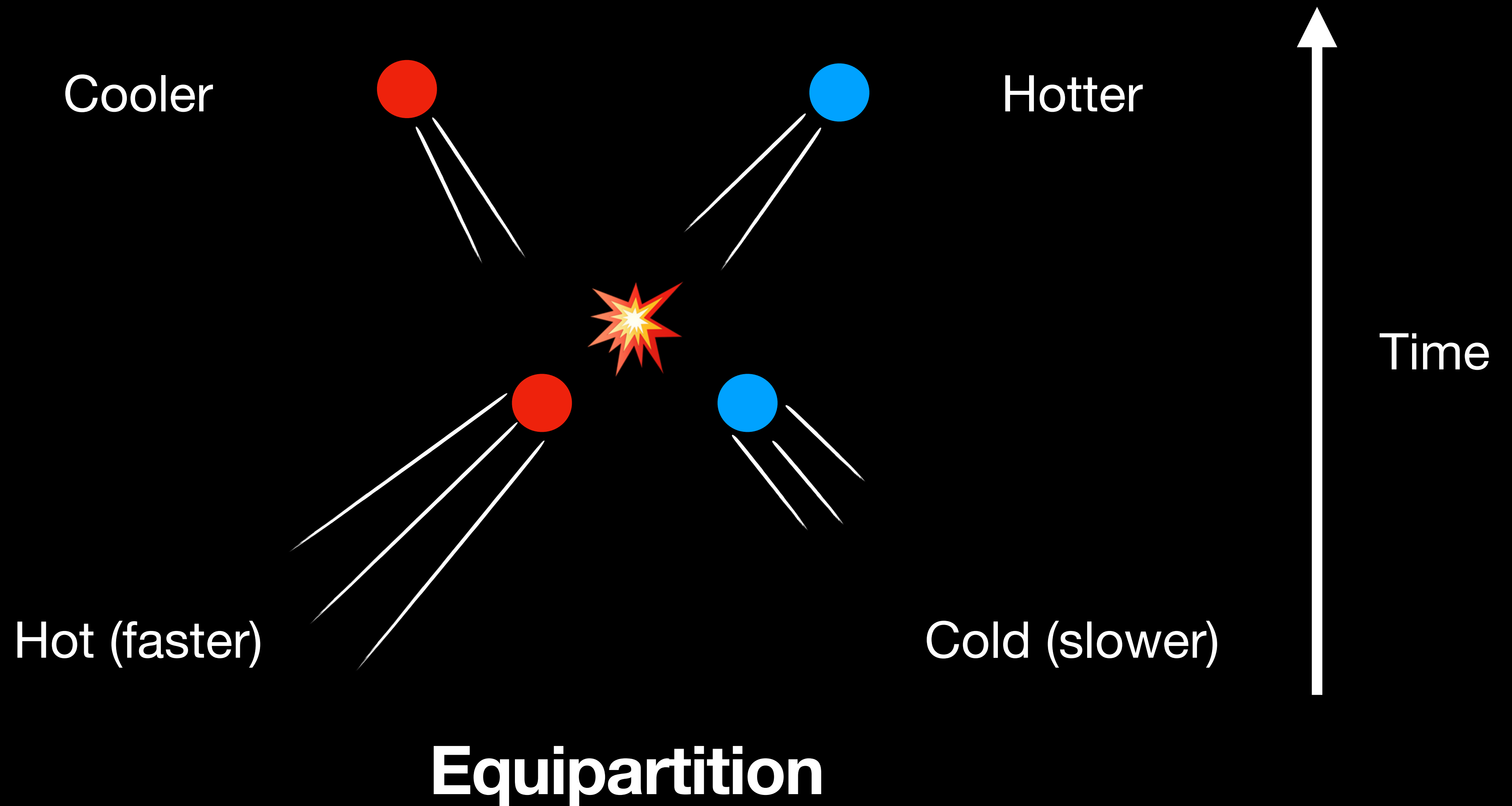
Solving small-
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Probing dark
sectors

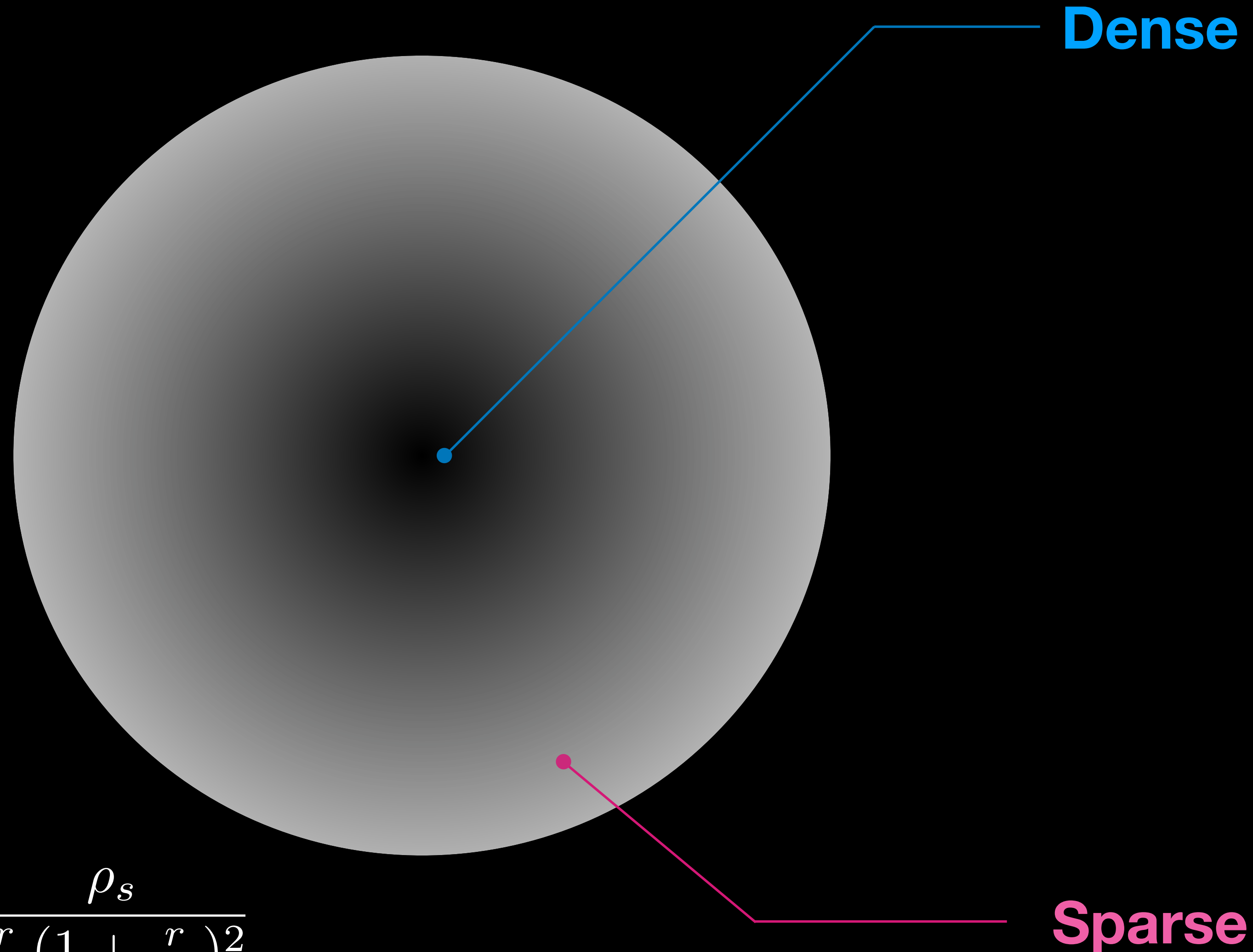
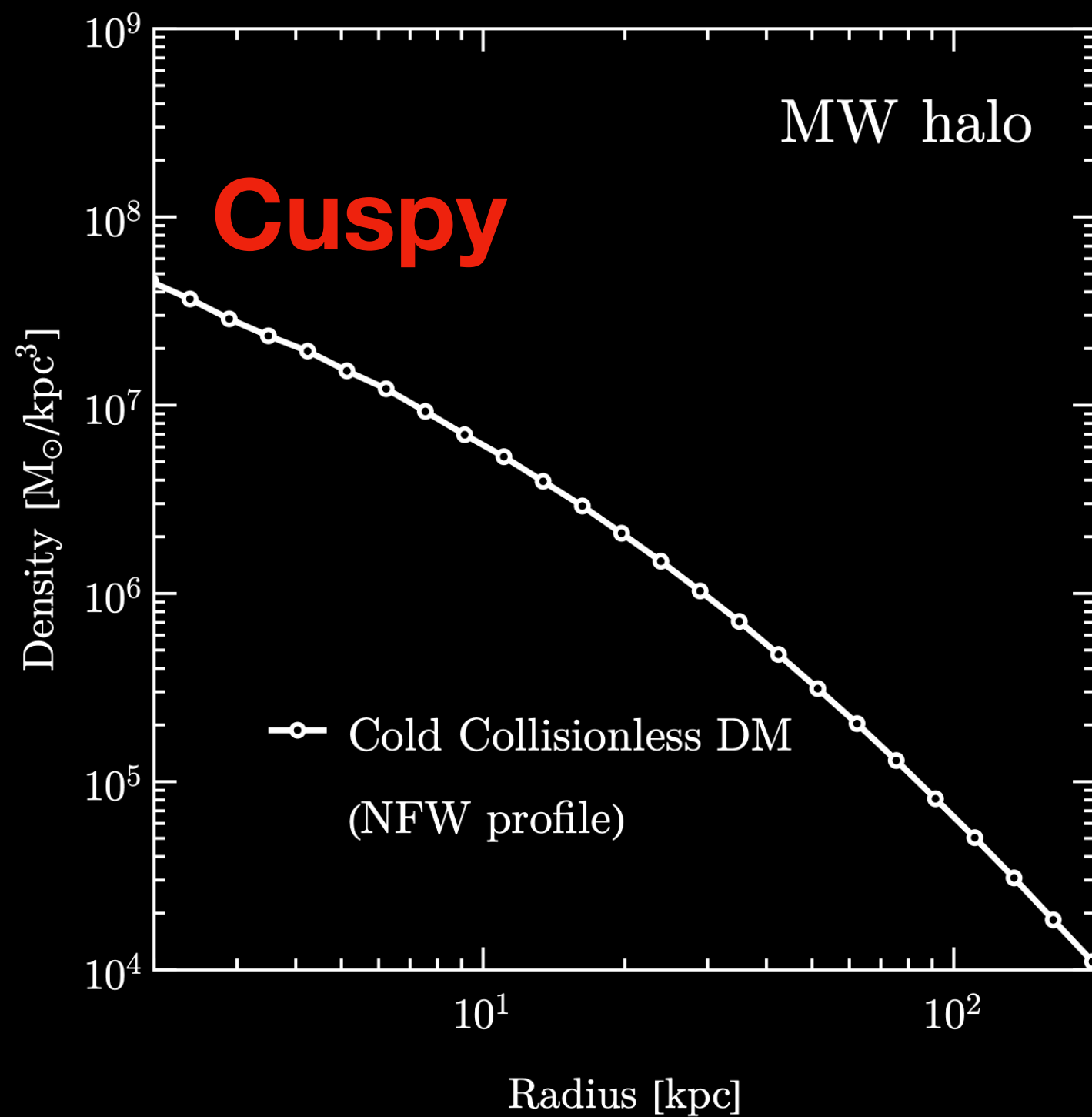
Gravothermal collapse of self-interacting dark matter halos

Effects of self-interaction



I. Halo formation

Density profile
(density at given radii)

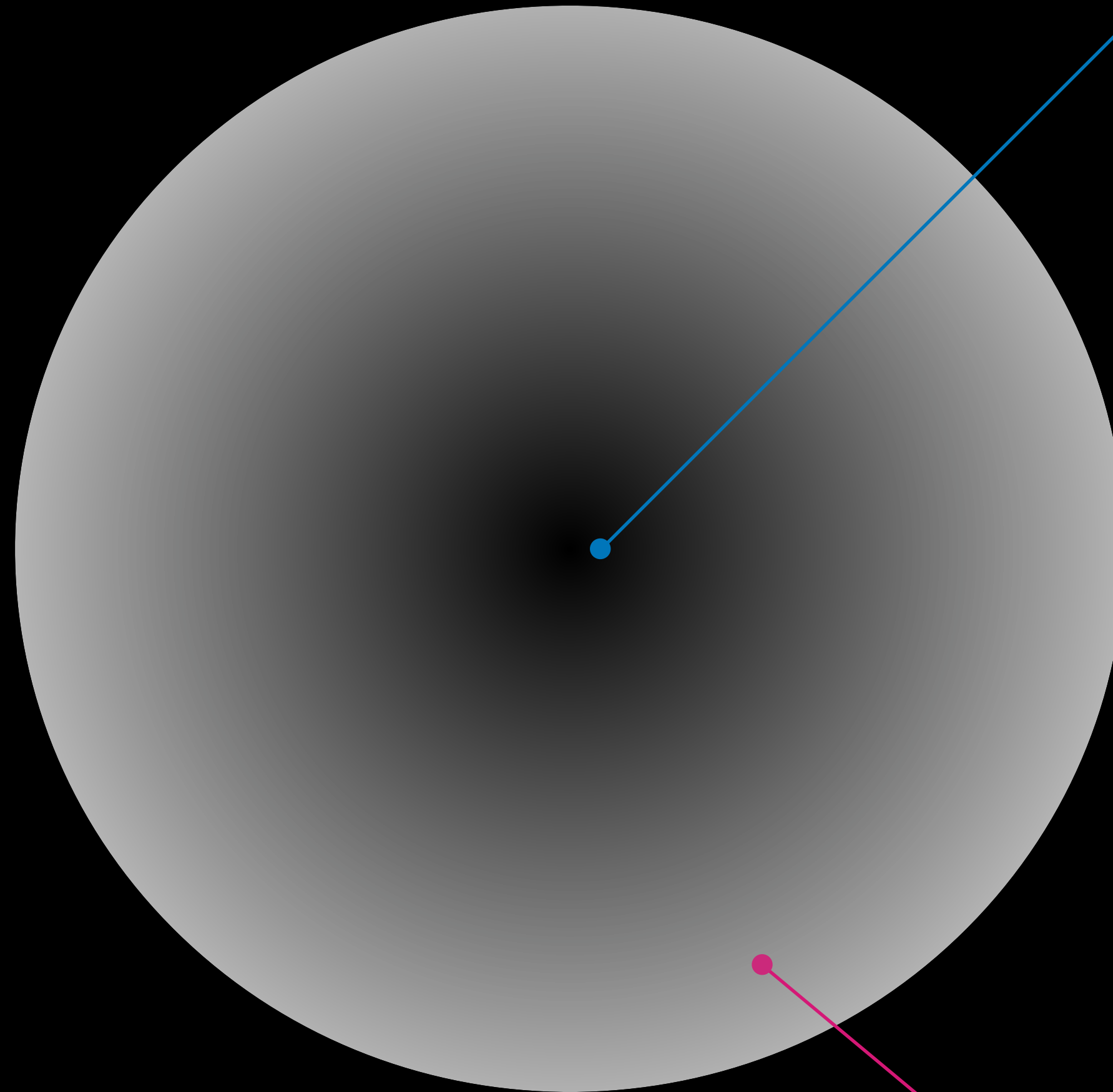
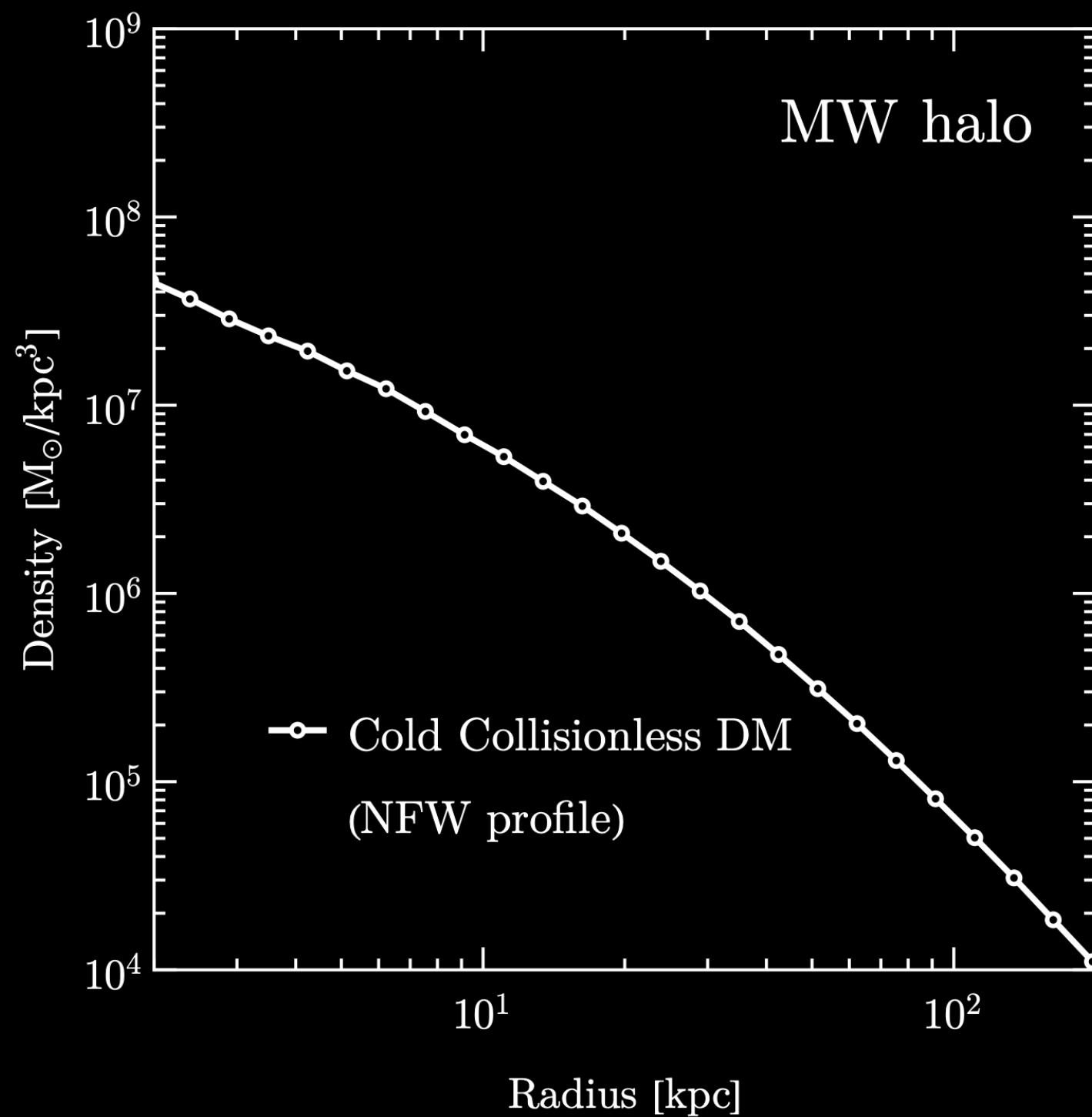


Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) profile

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_s}{\frac{r}{r_s} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^2}$$

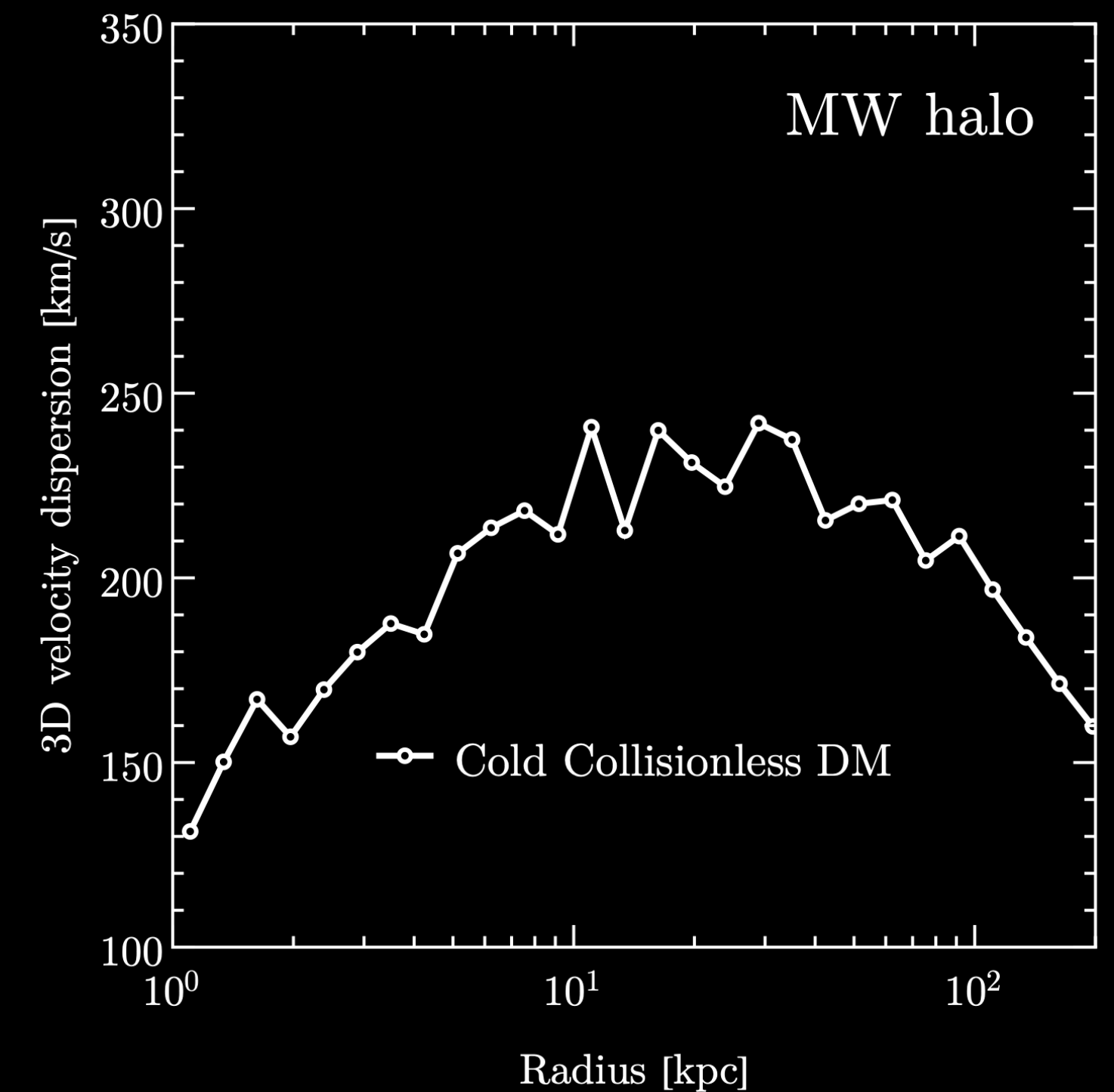
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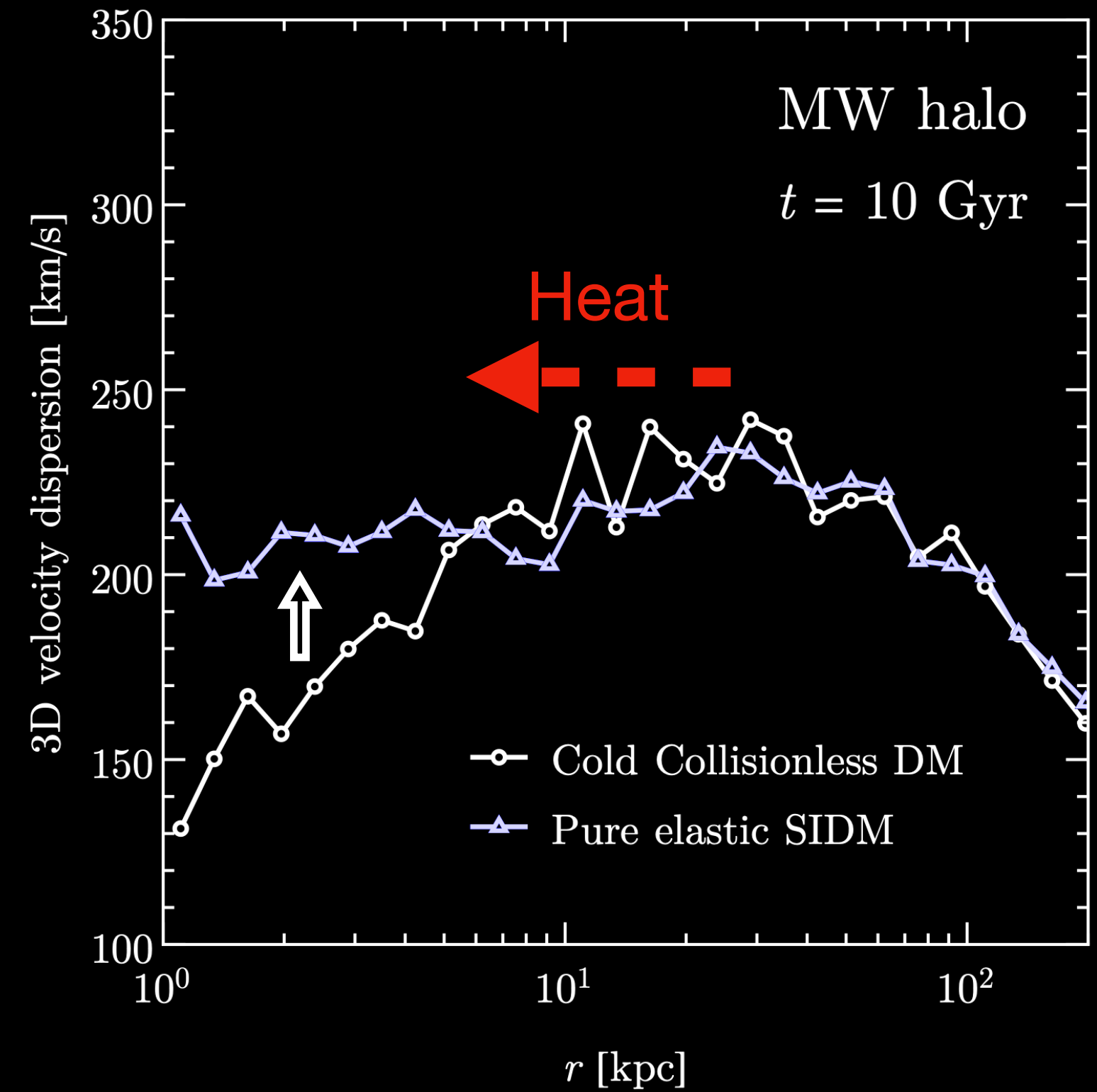
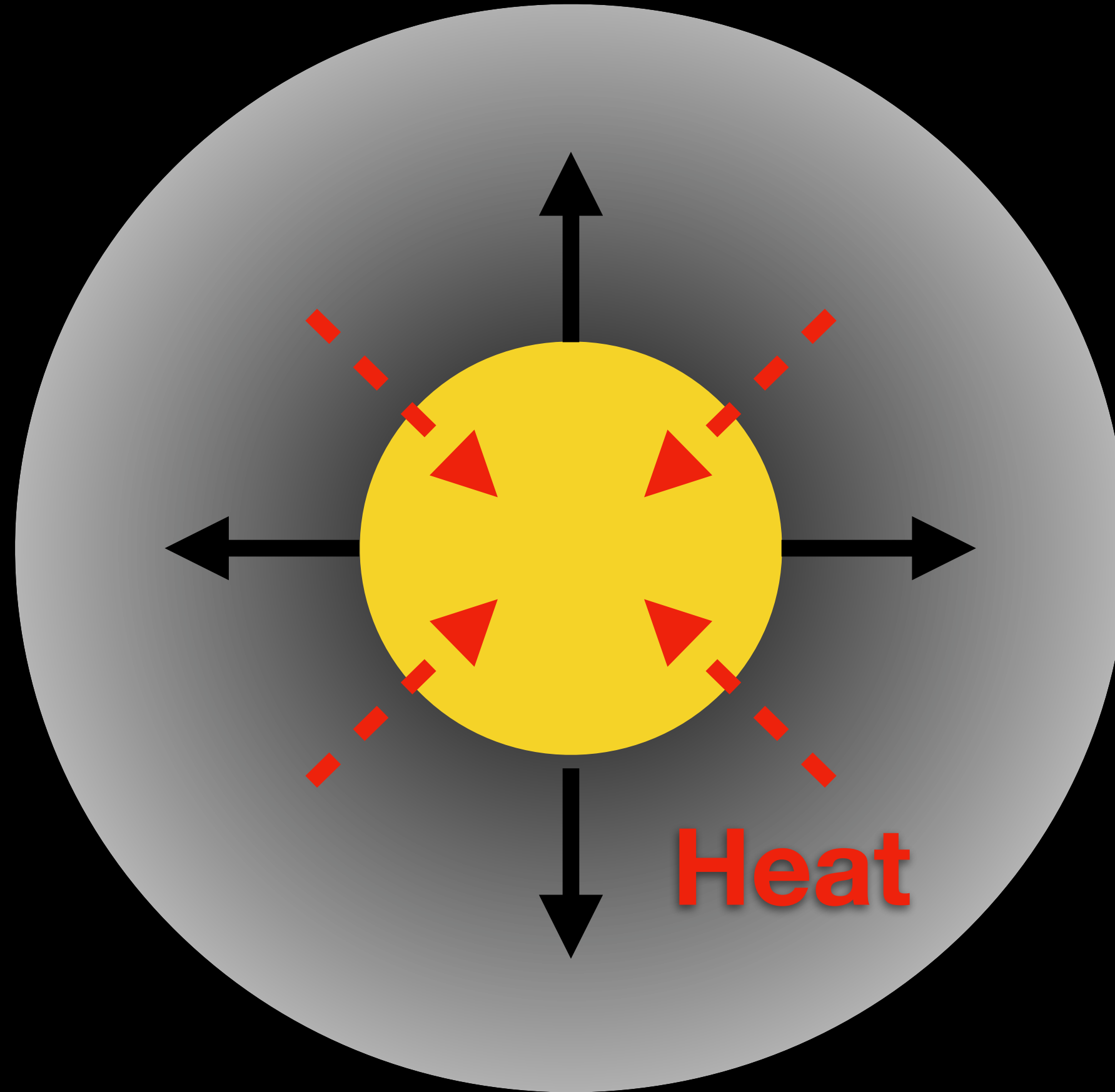
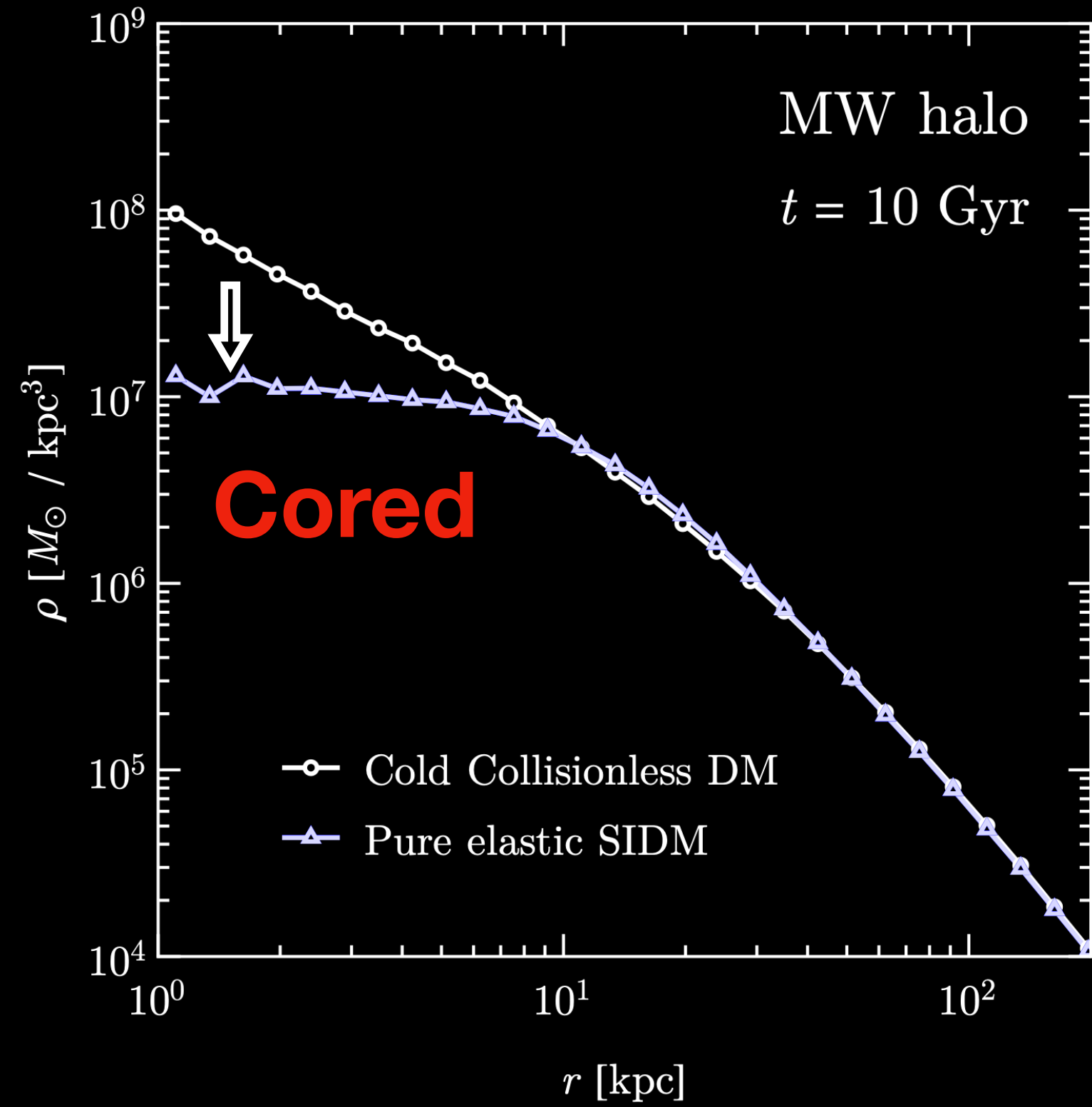
Dense, Cold

Vel. dispersion profile



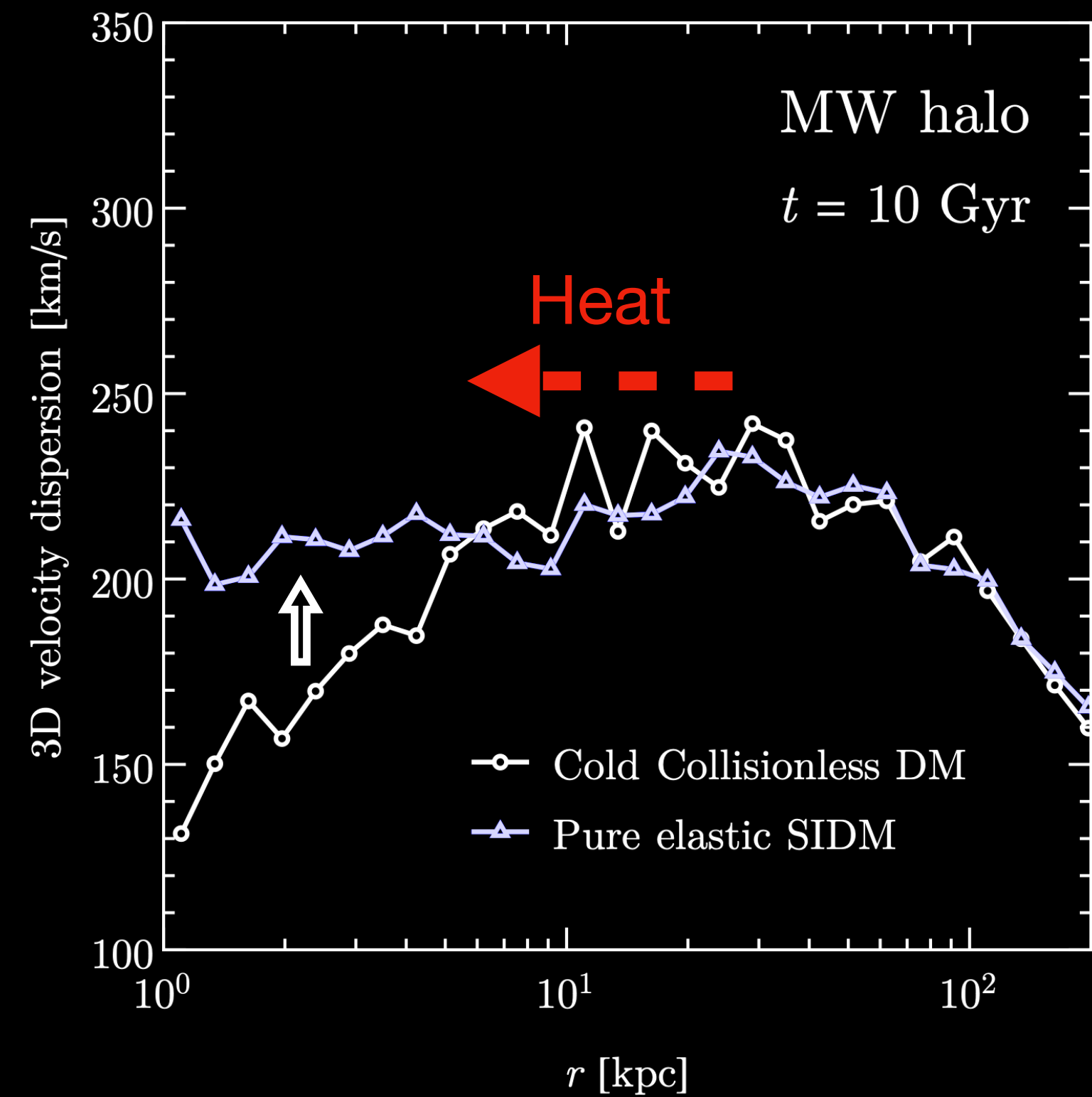
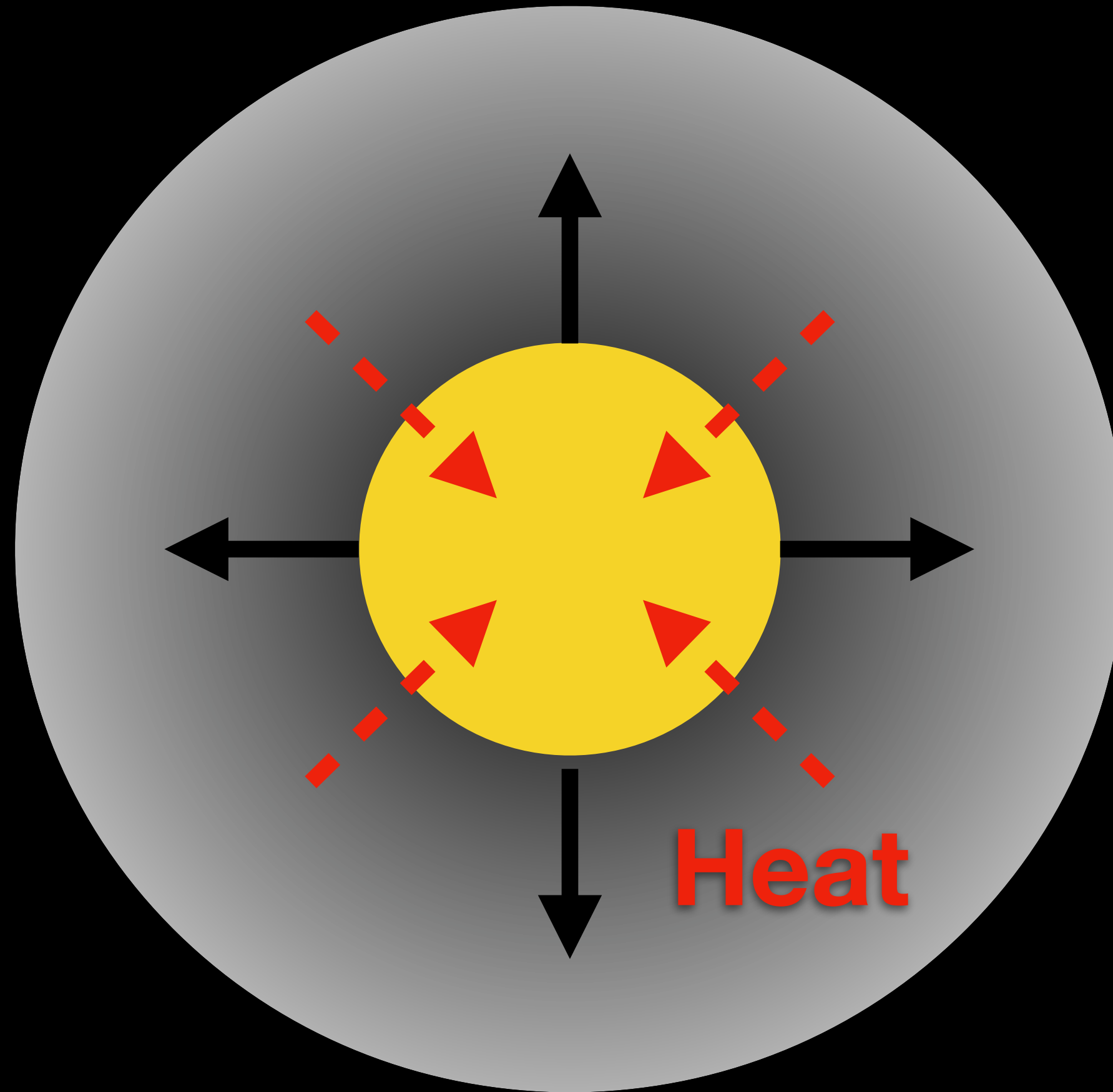
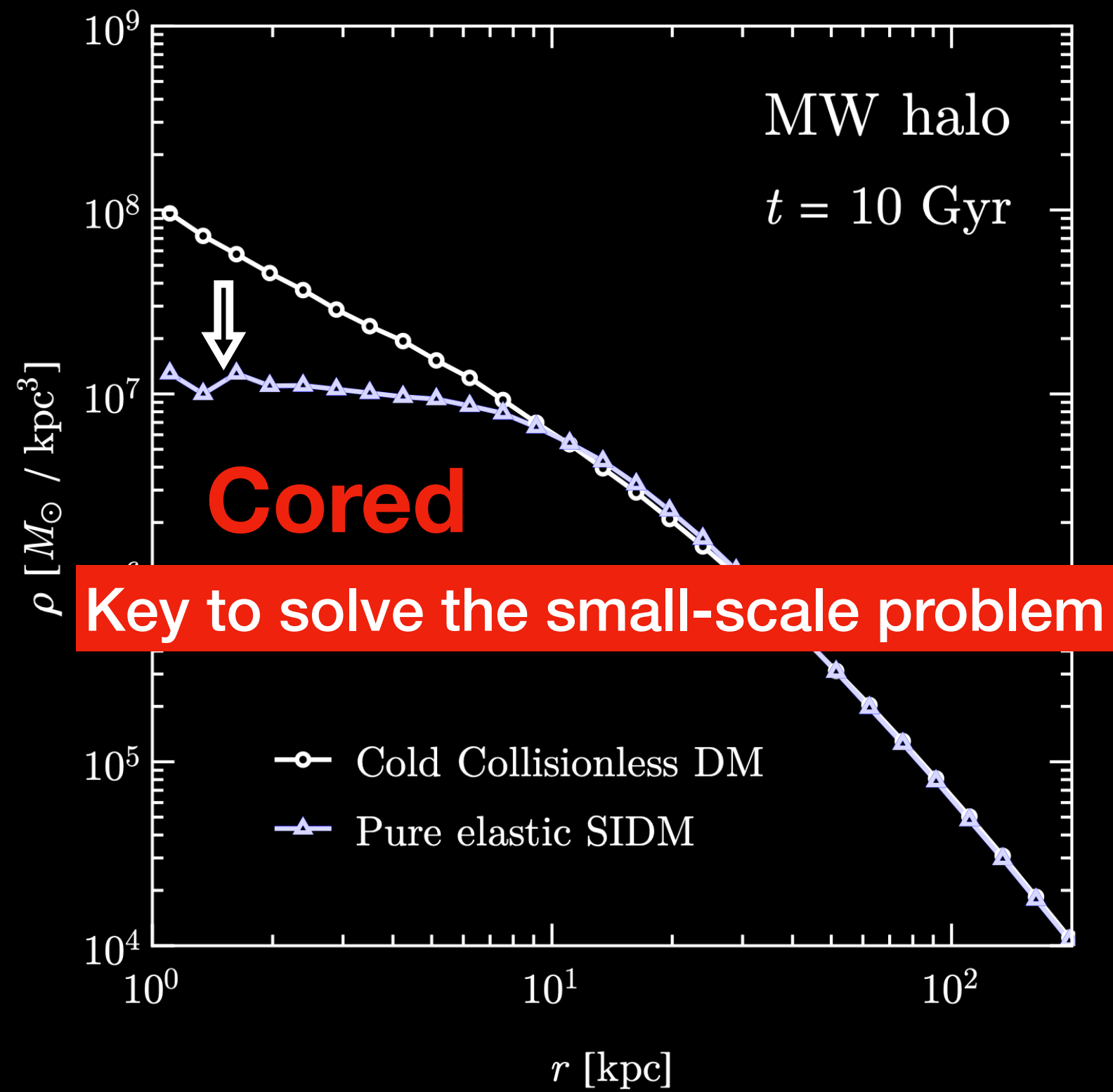
Sparse, Hot

II. Core expansion



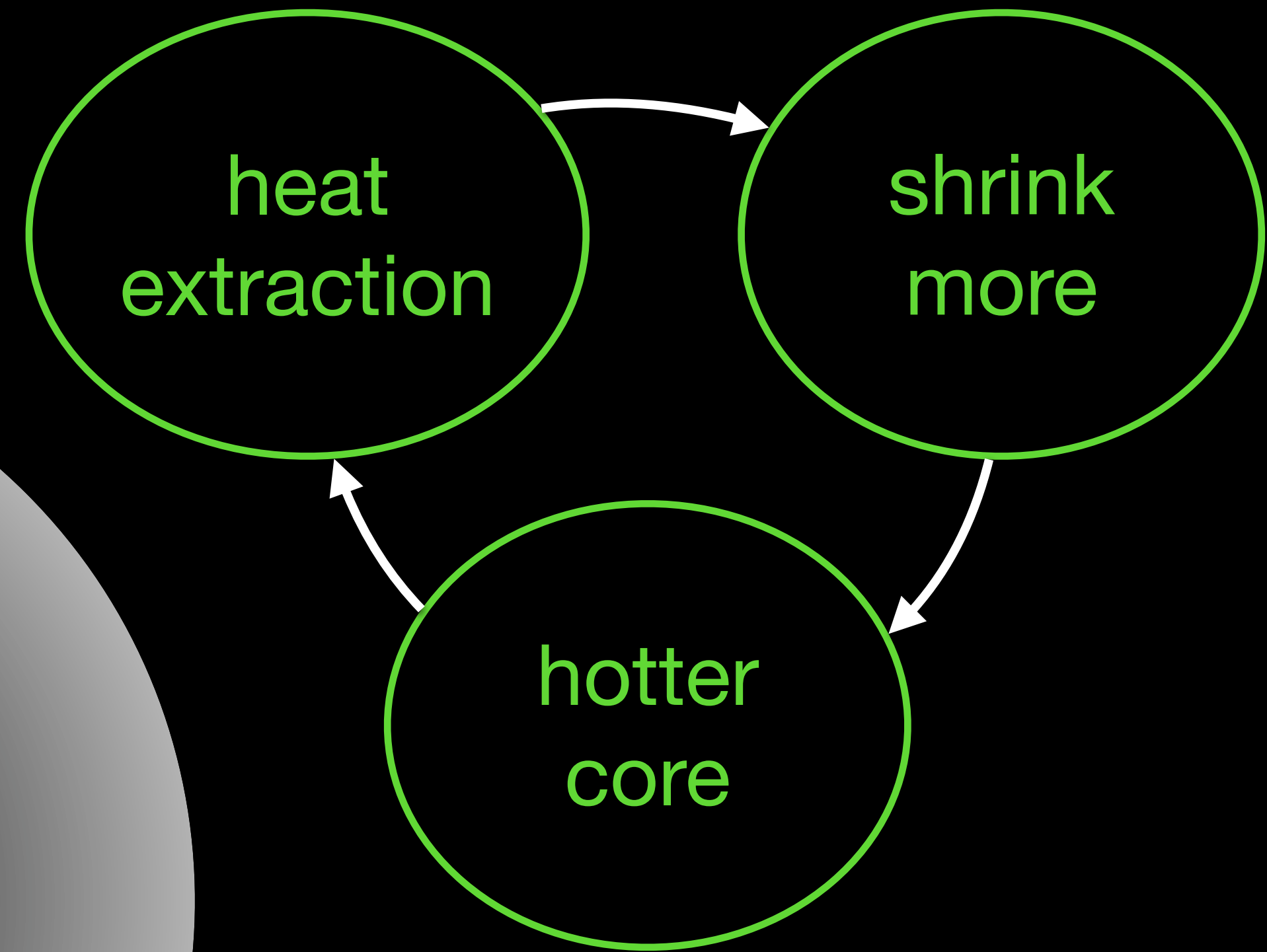
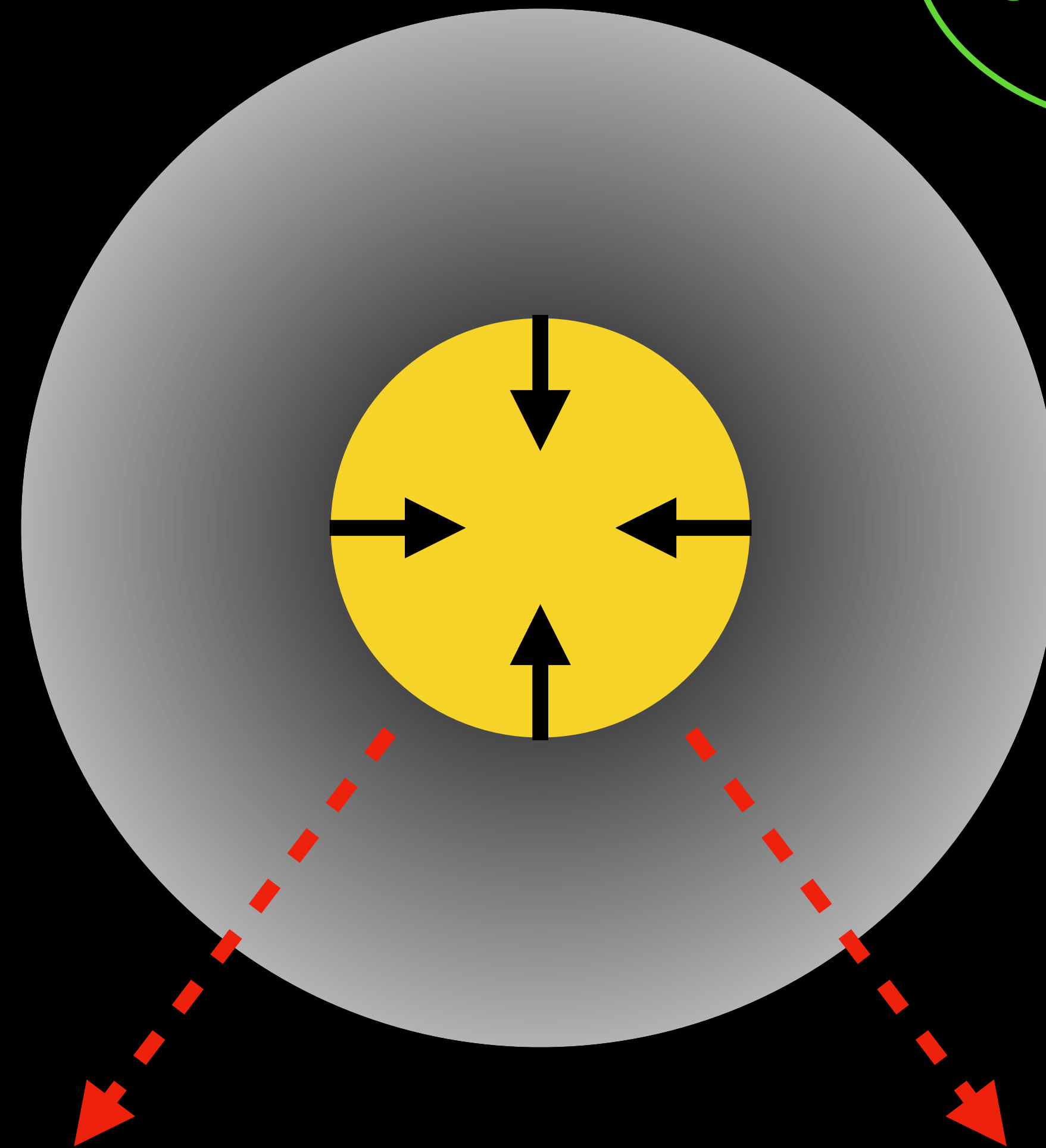
Huo, Yu & YZ '20

II. Core expansion



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III. Core collapse

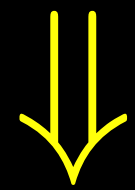


Spergel & Steinhardt '00

Heat

III. Core collapse

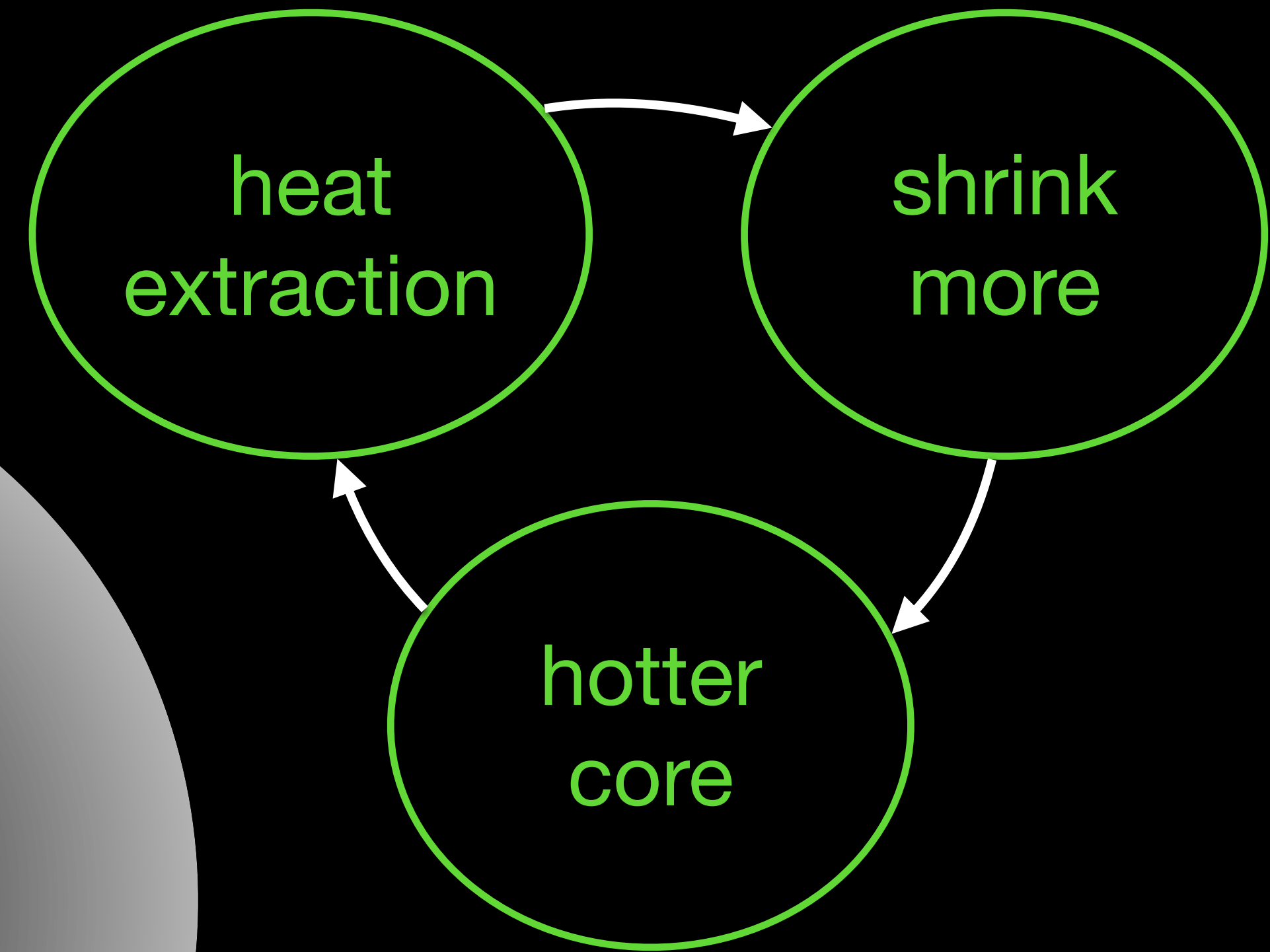
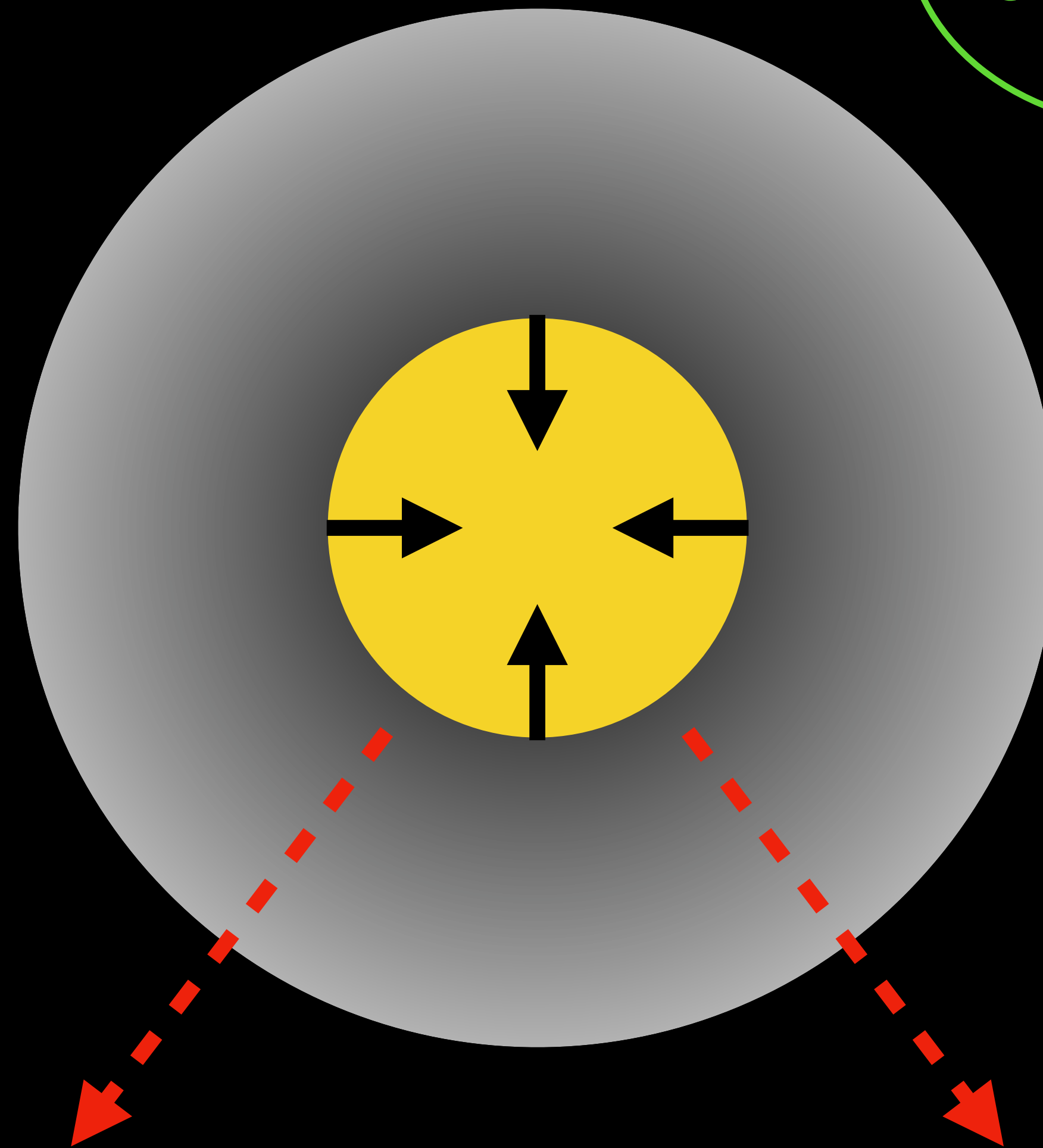
$$2E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{pot}} = 0$$



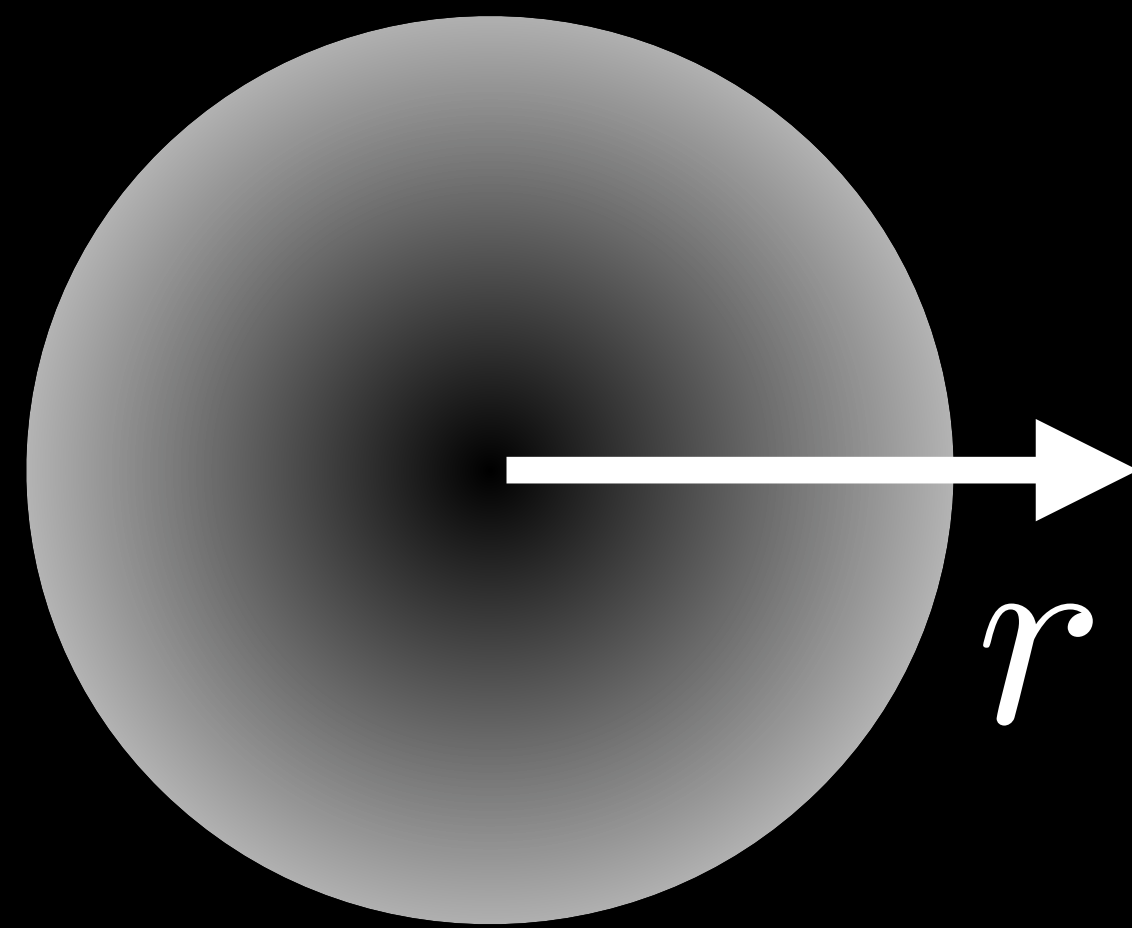
$$E_{\text{total}} = -E_{\text{kin}}$$



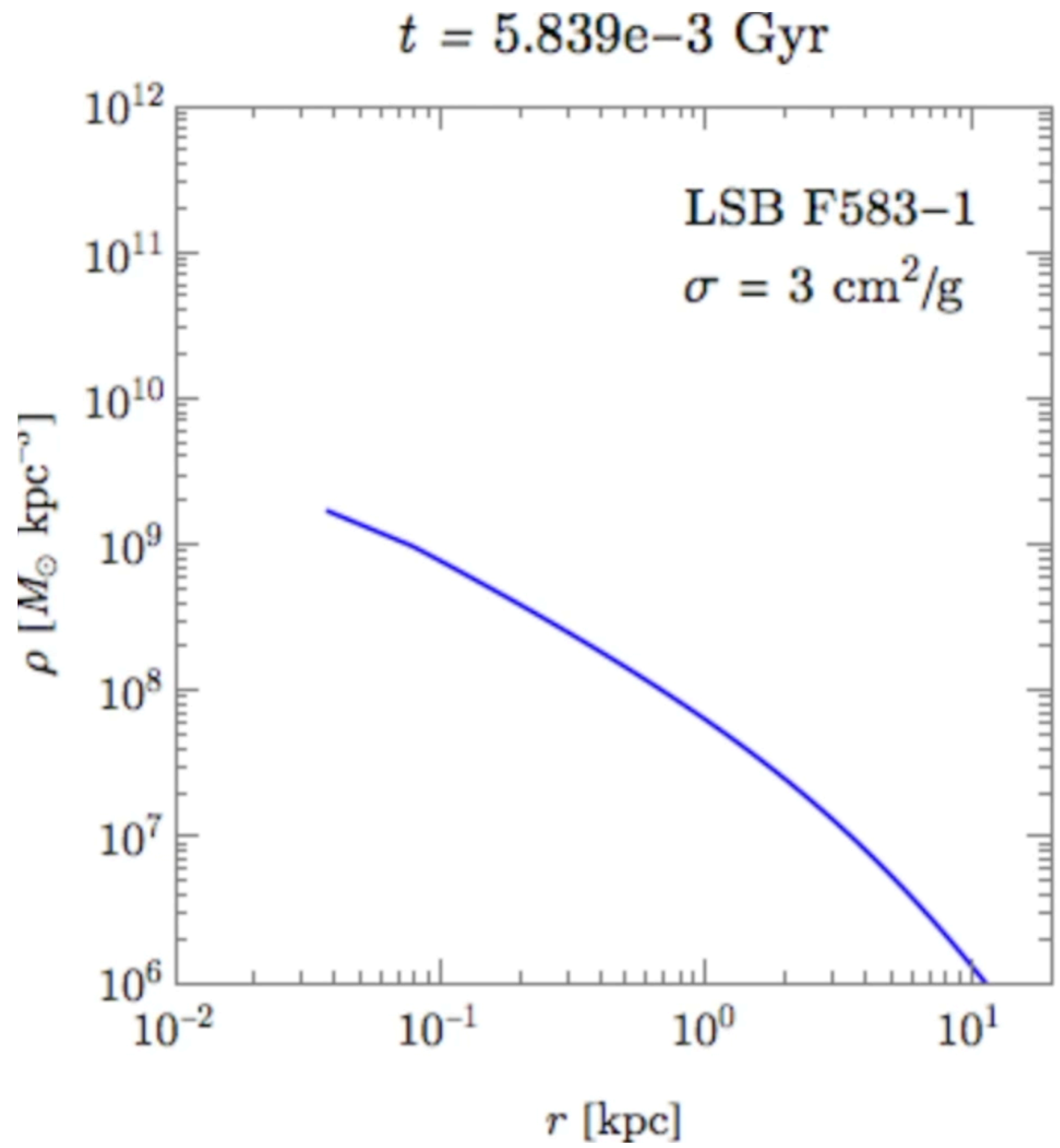
$$C \equiv \frac{E_{\text{total}}}{T} < 0$$



Heat



Dark matter halo



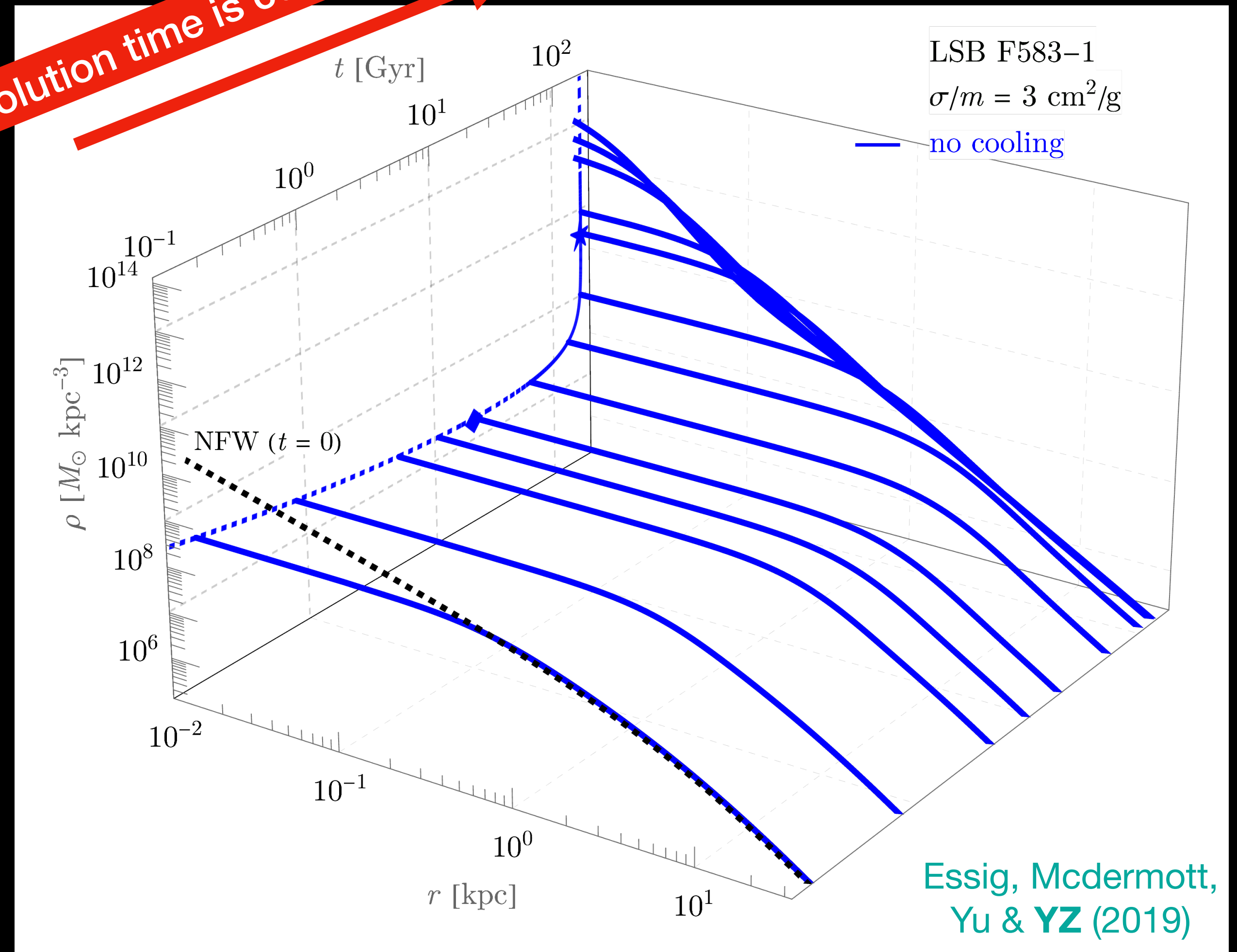
Gravothermal evolution

Evolution time is controlled by σ/m

Density evolution

Evolution stages:

0. Halo formation
1. Core expansion
2. Quasi-stable
3. Core collapse



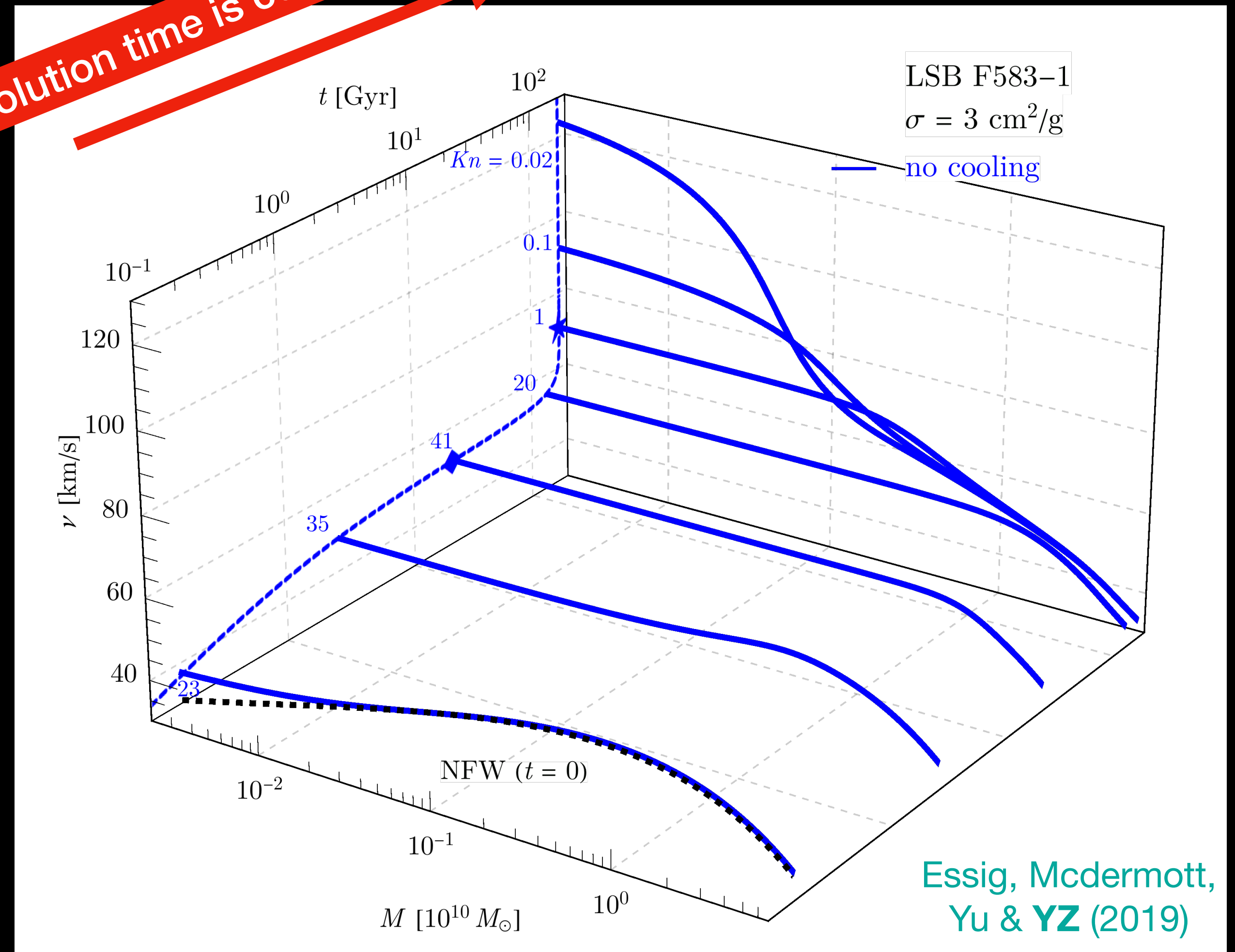
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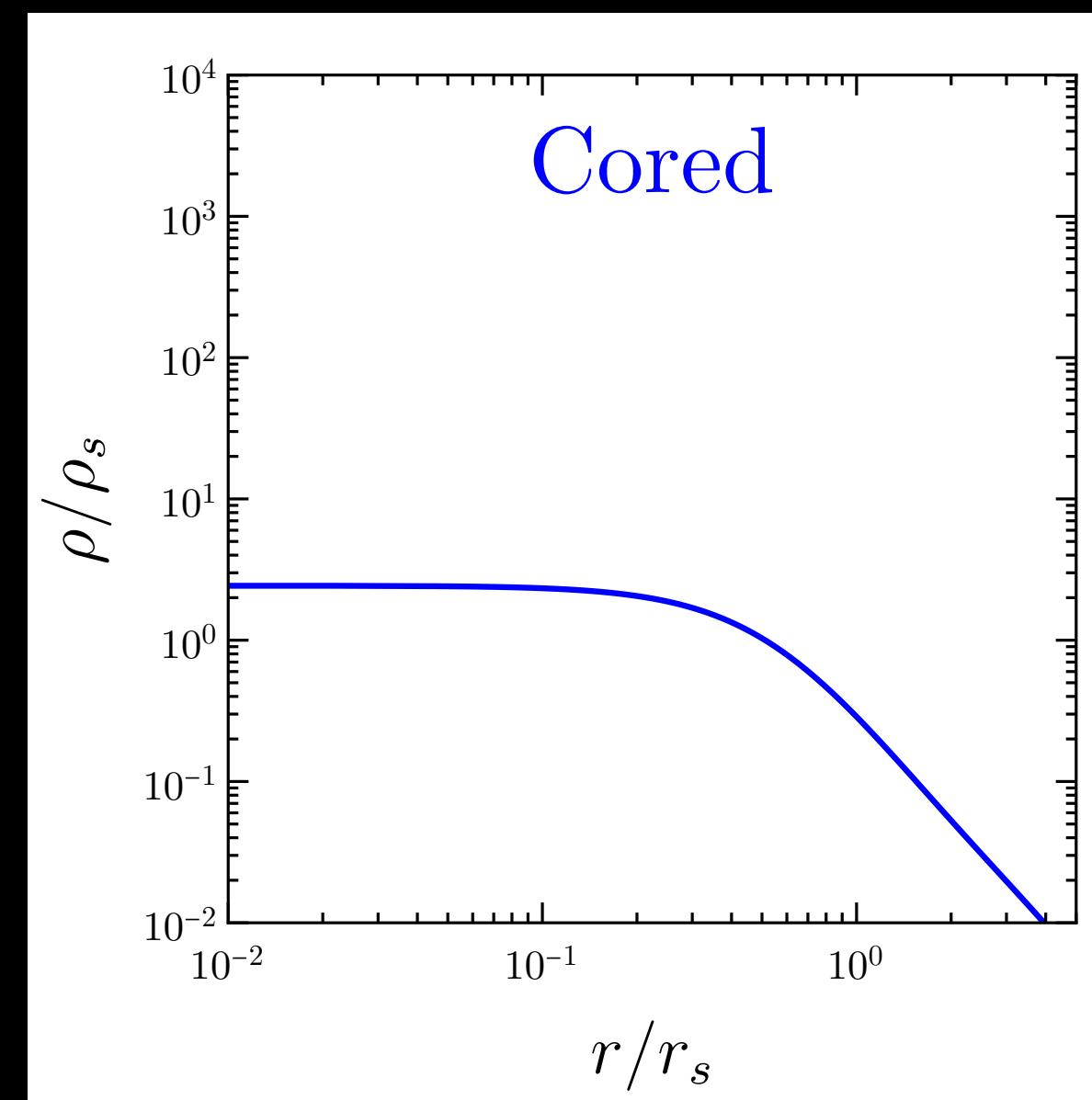
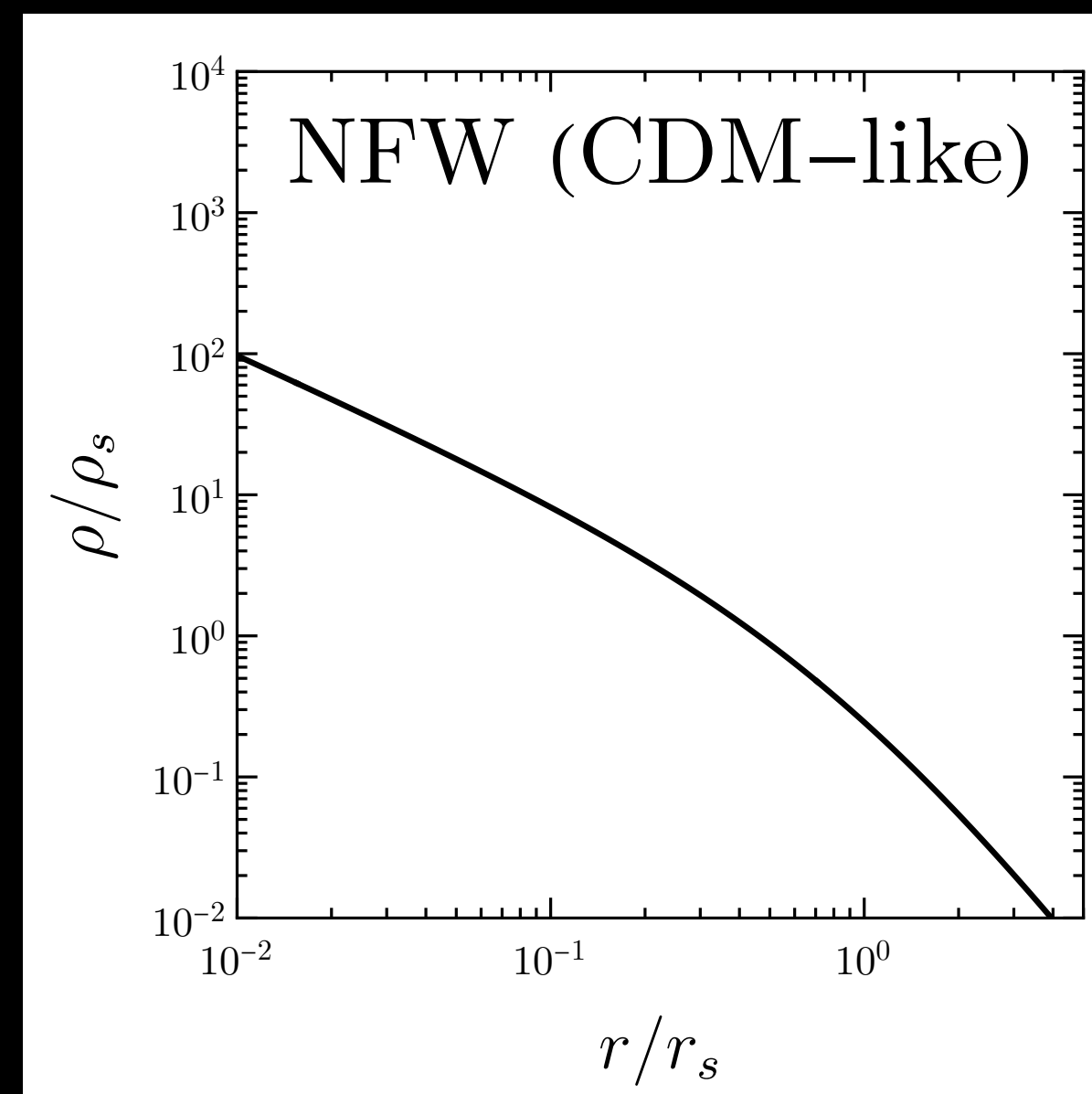
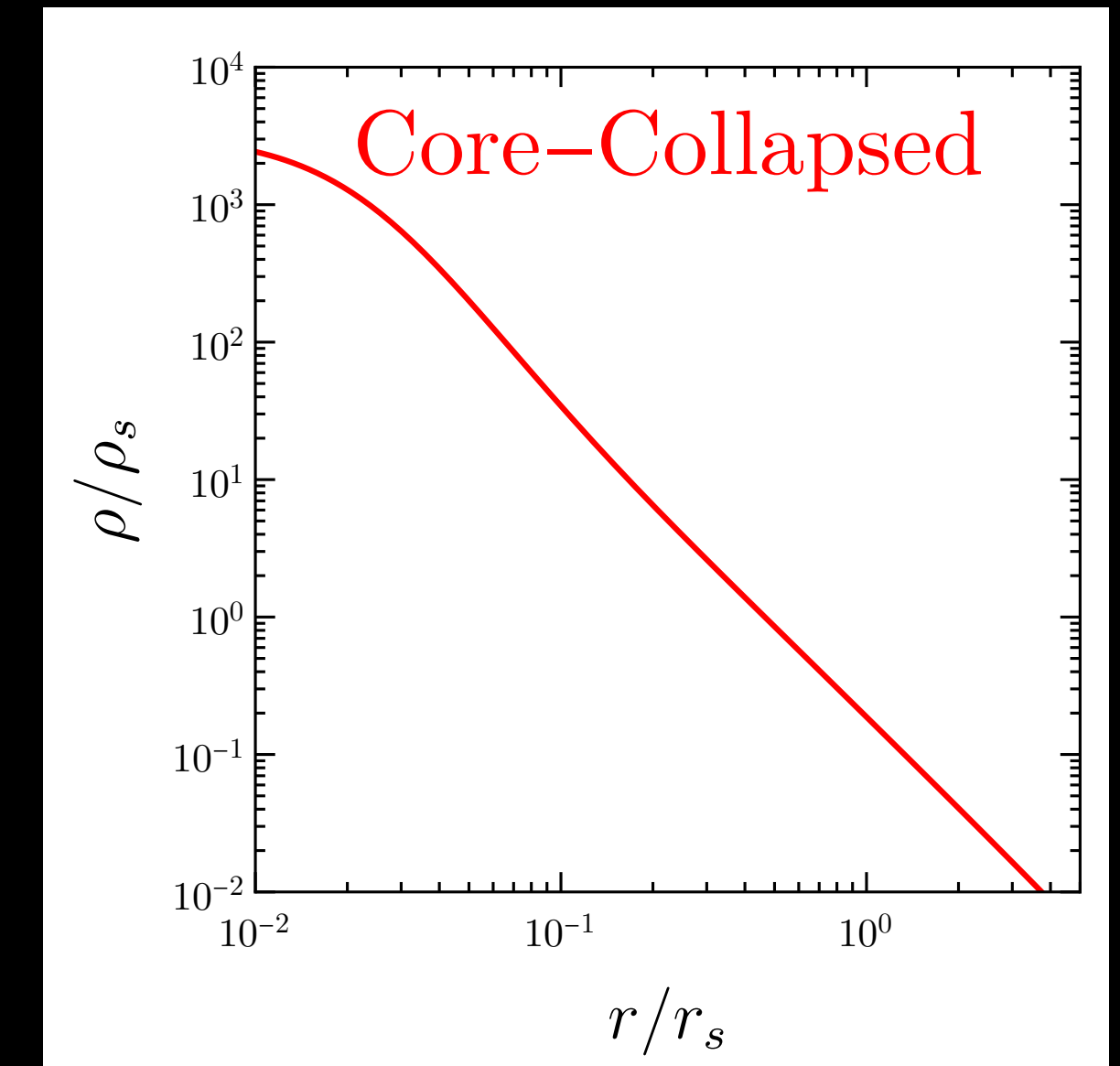
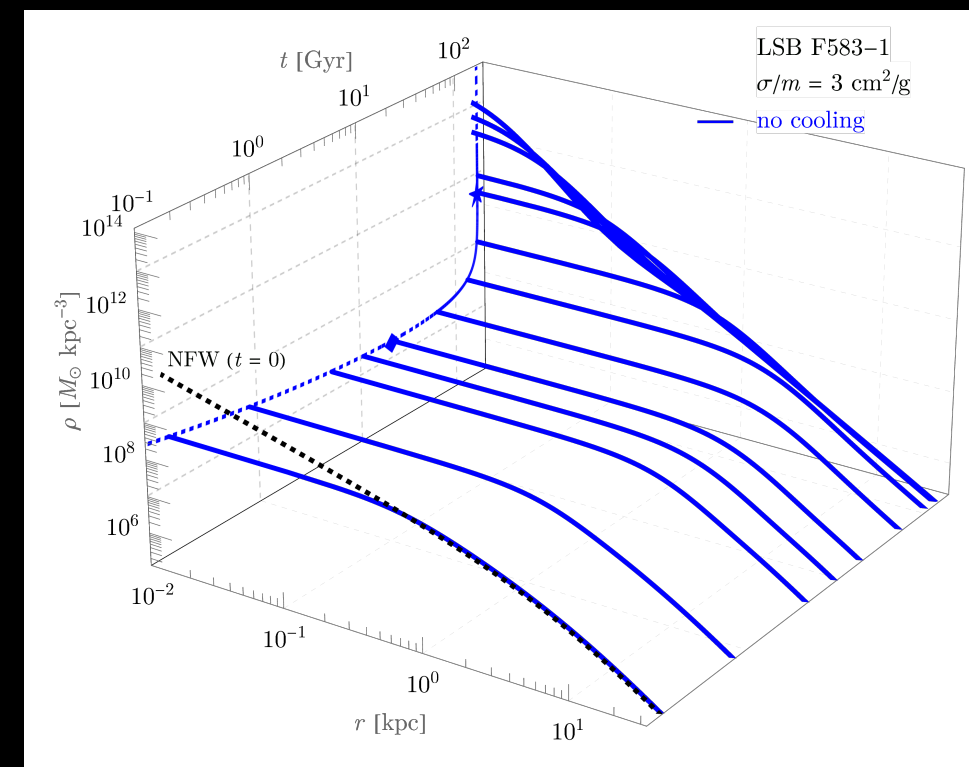
Velocity dispersion evolution

Evolution stages:

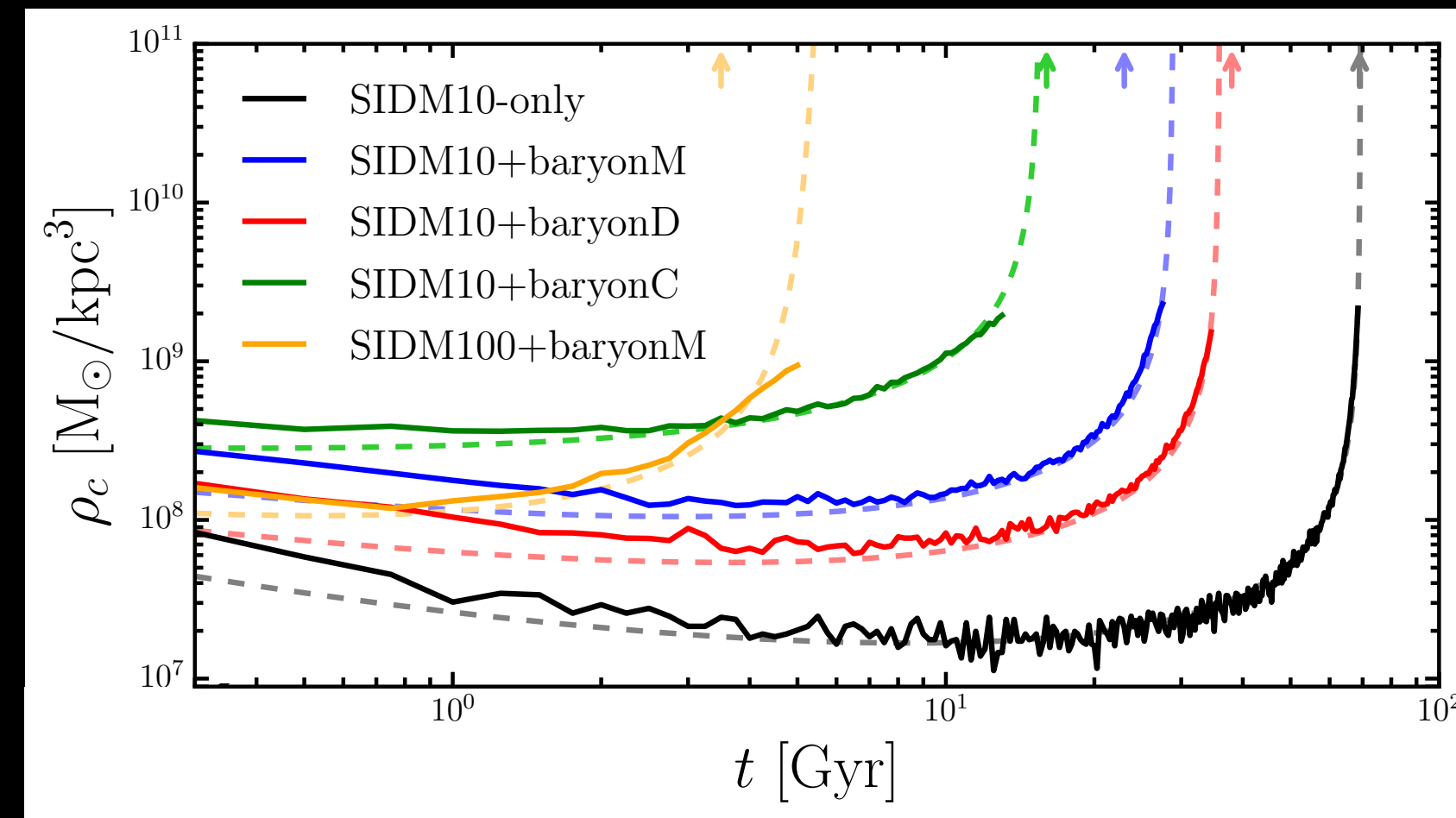
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Self-interactions increase halo's ****diversity****

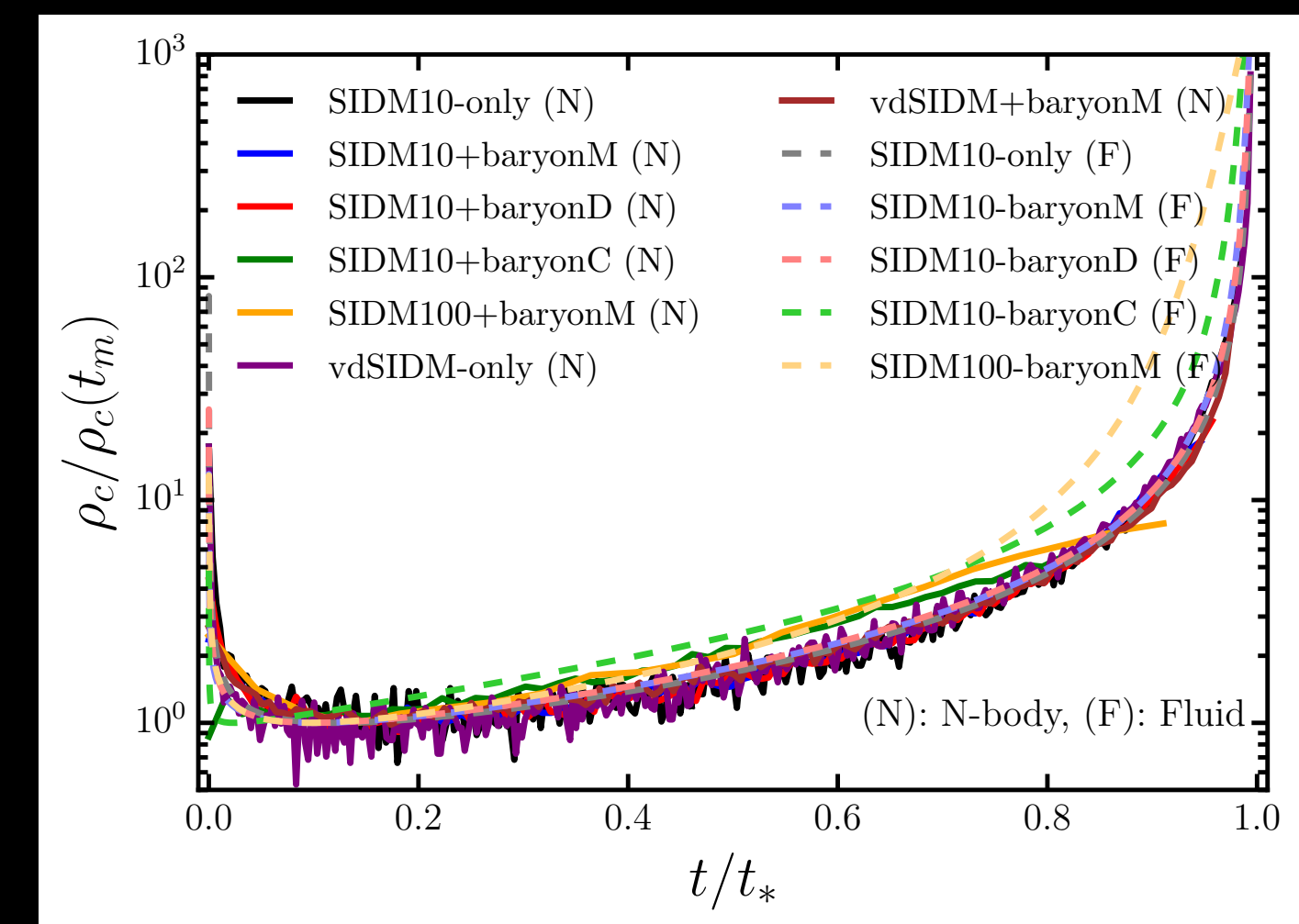


Self-interactions enforce halo's ****universality****

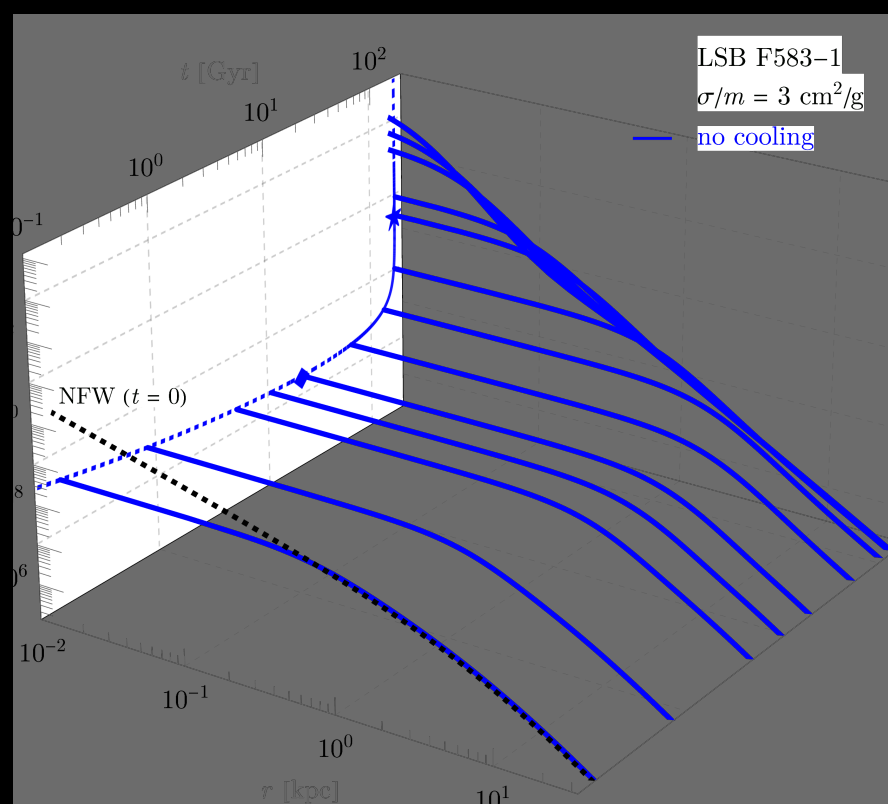


Different halo configurations

Rescaling

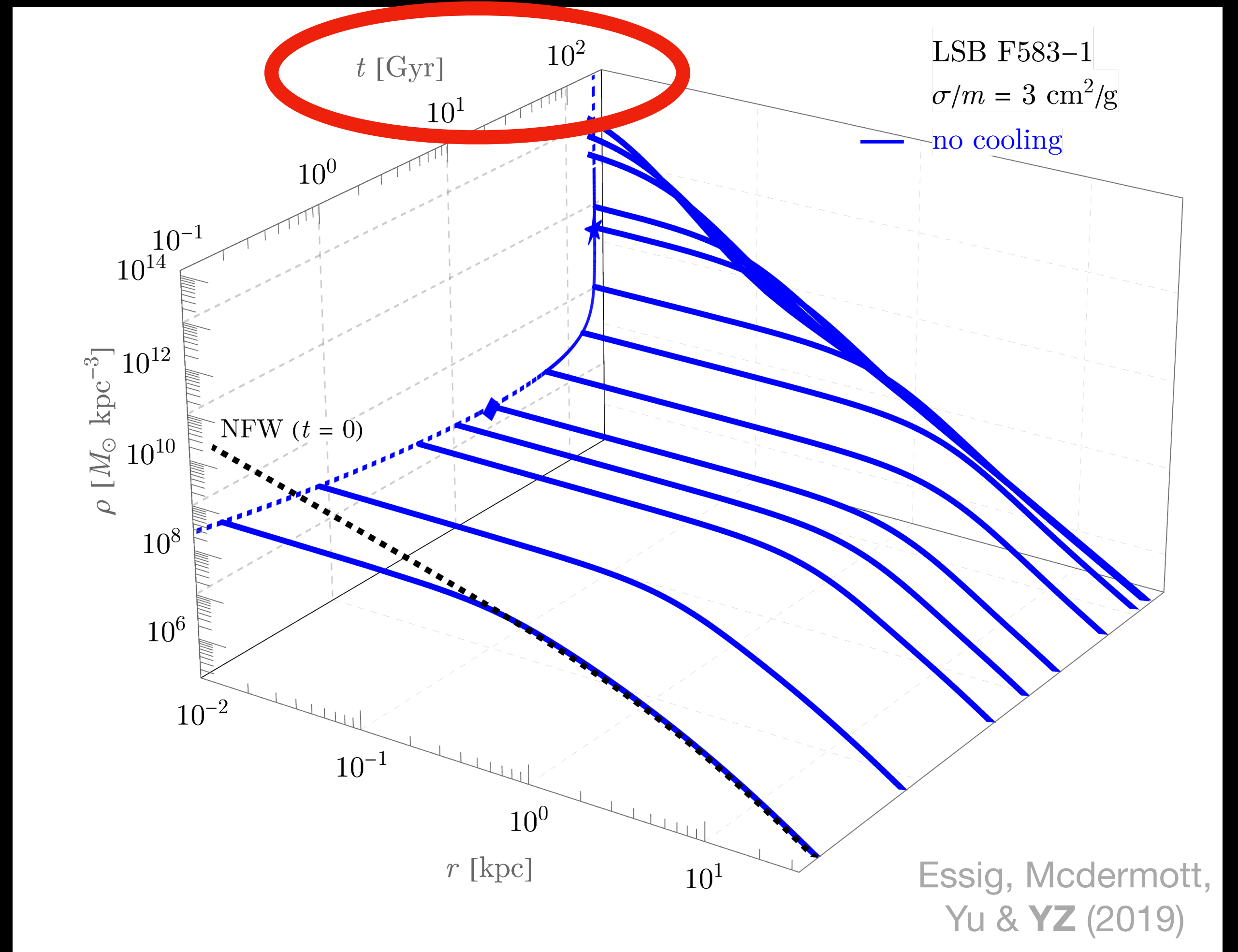


YZ, Yang & Yu '23

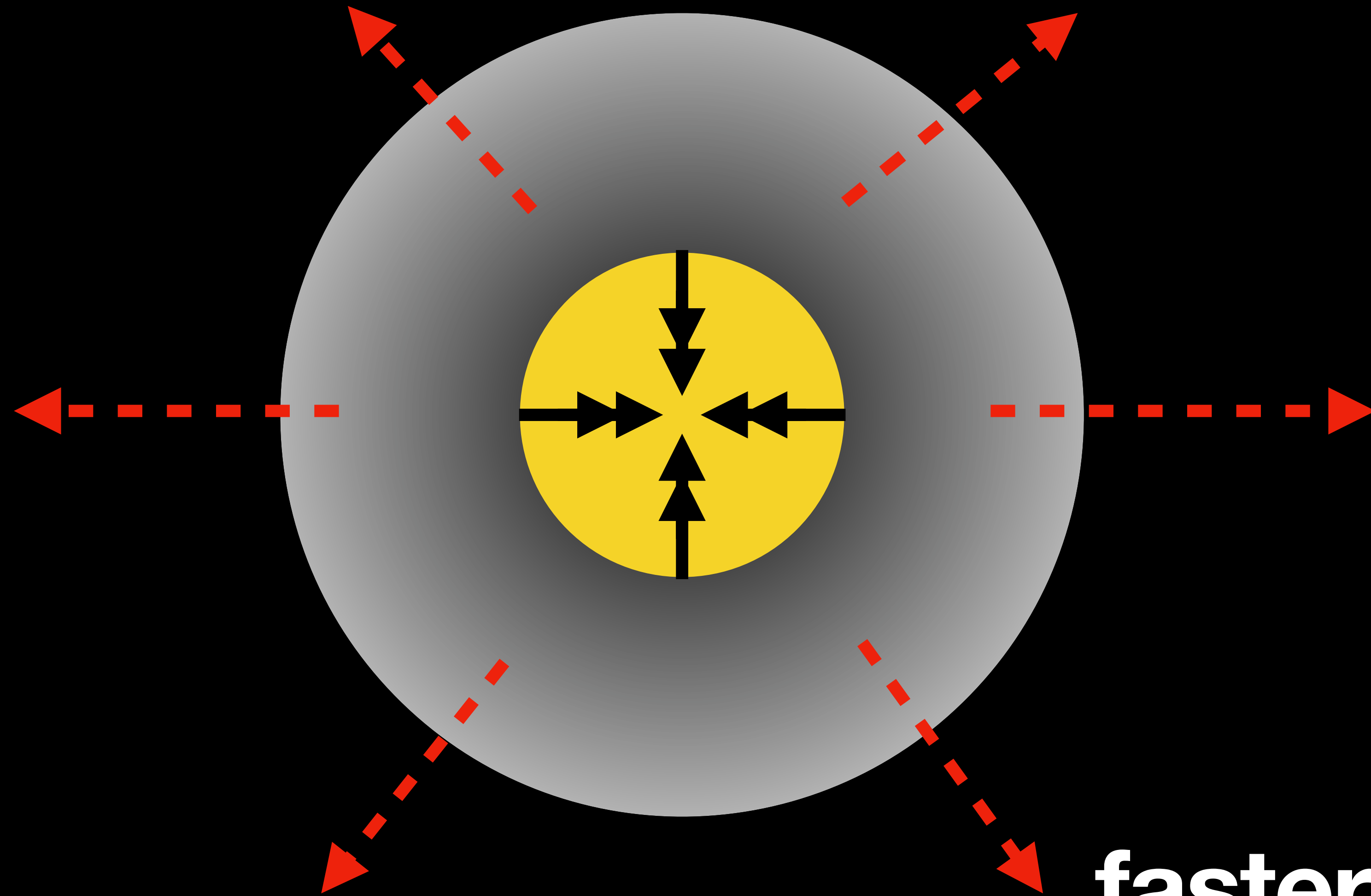


But it takes too long...

Why should we care?



If more heat goes out

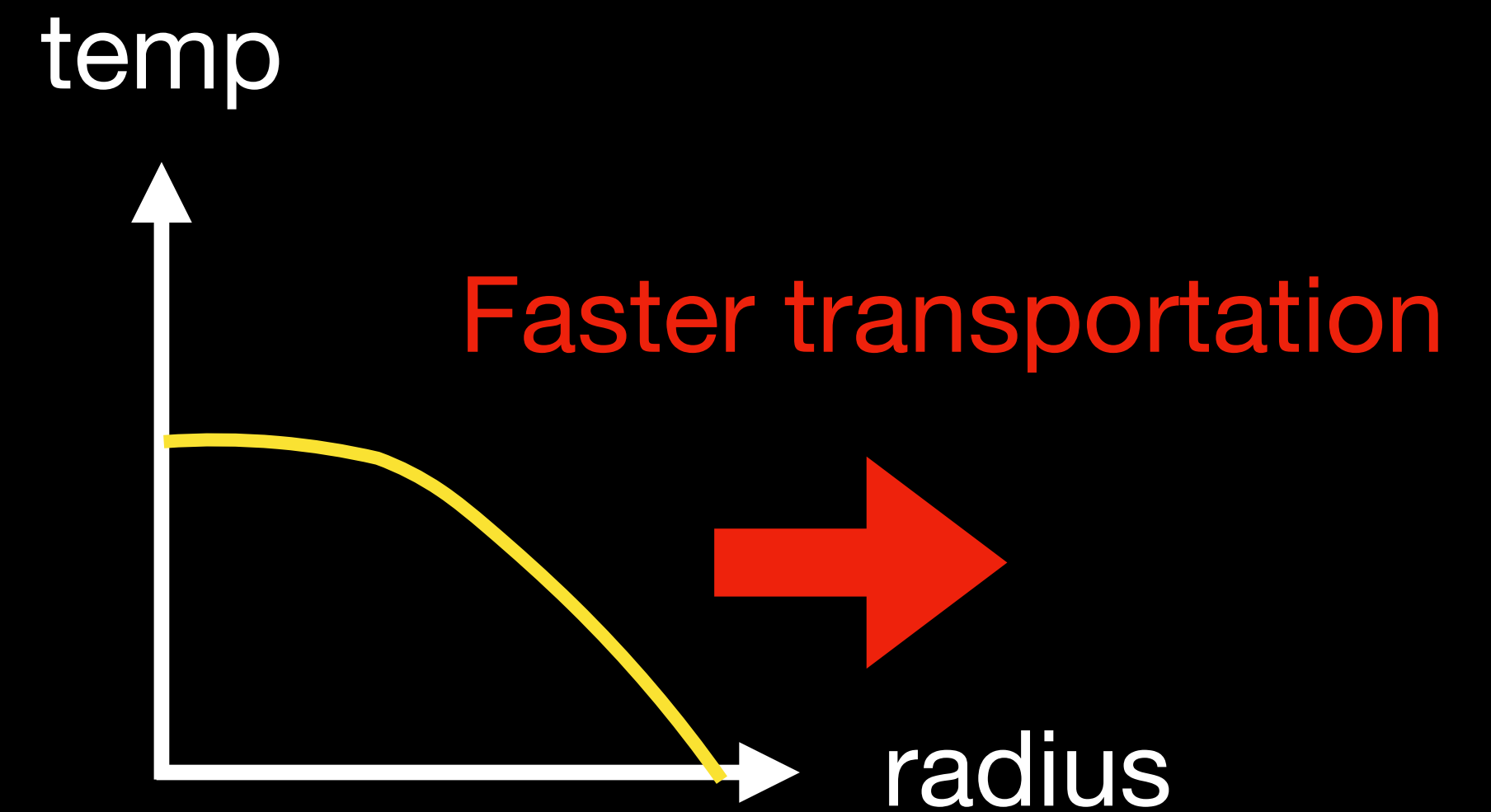
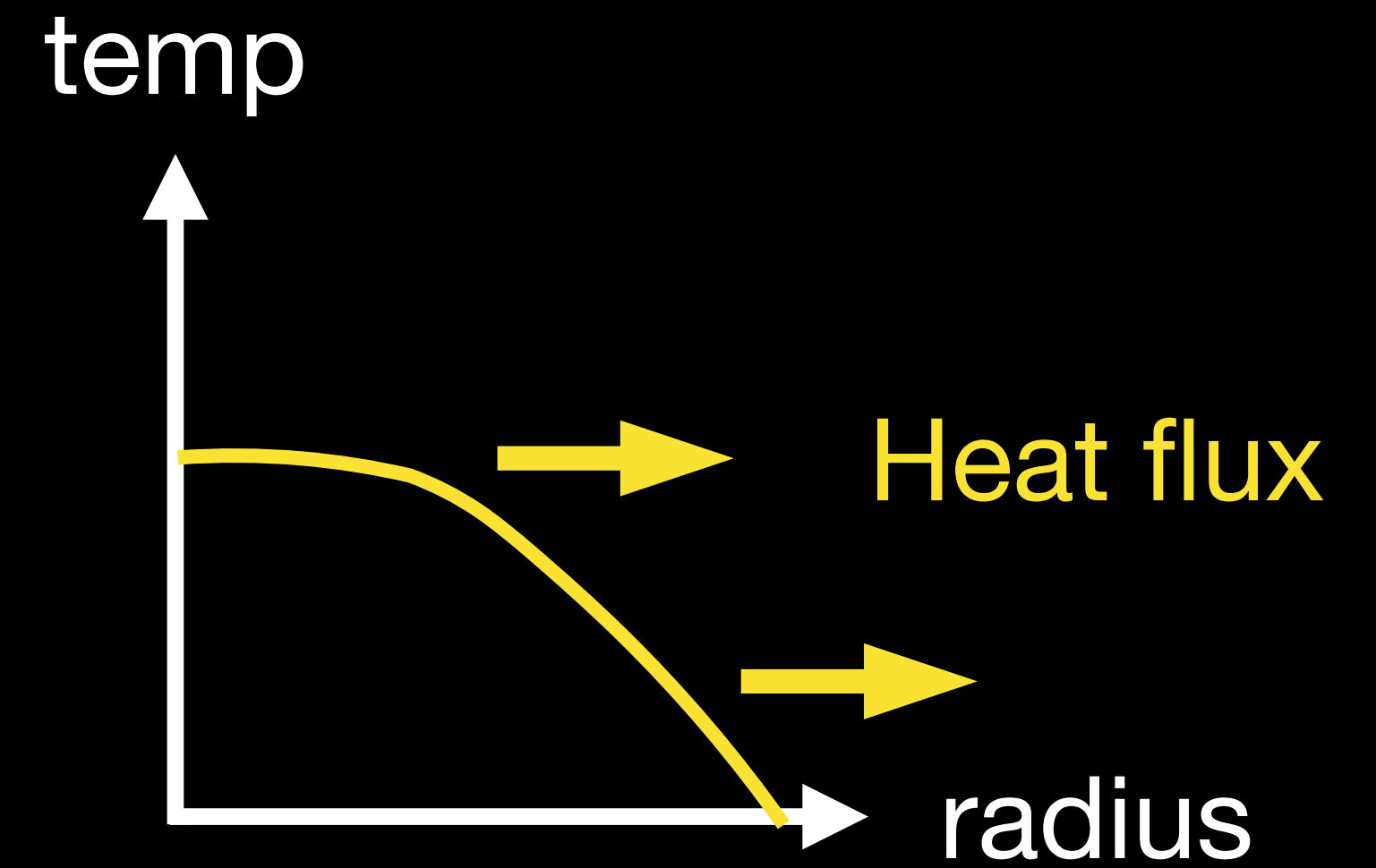
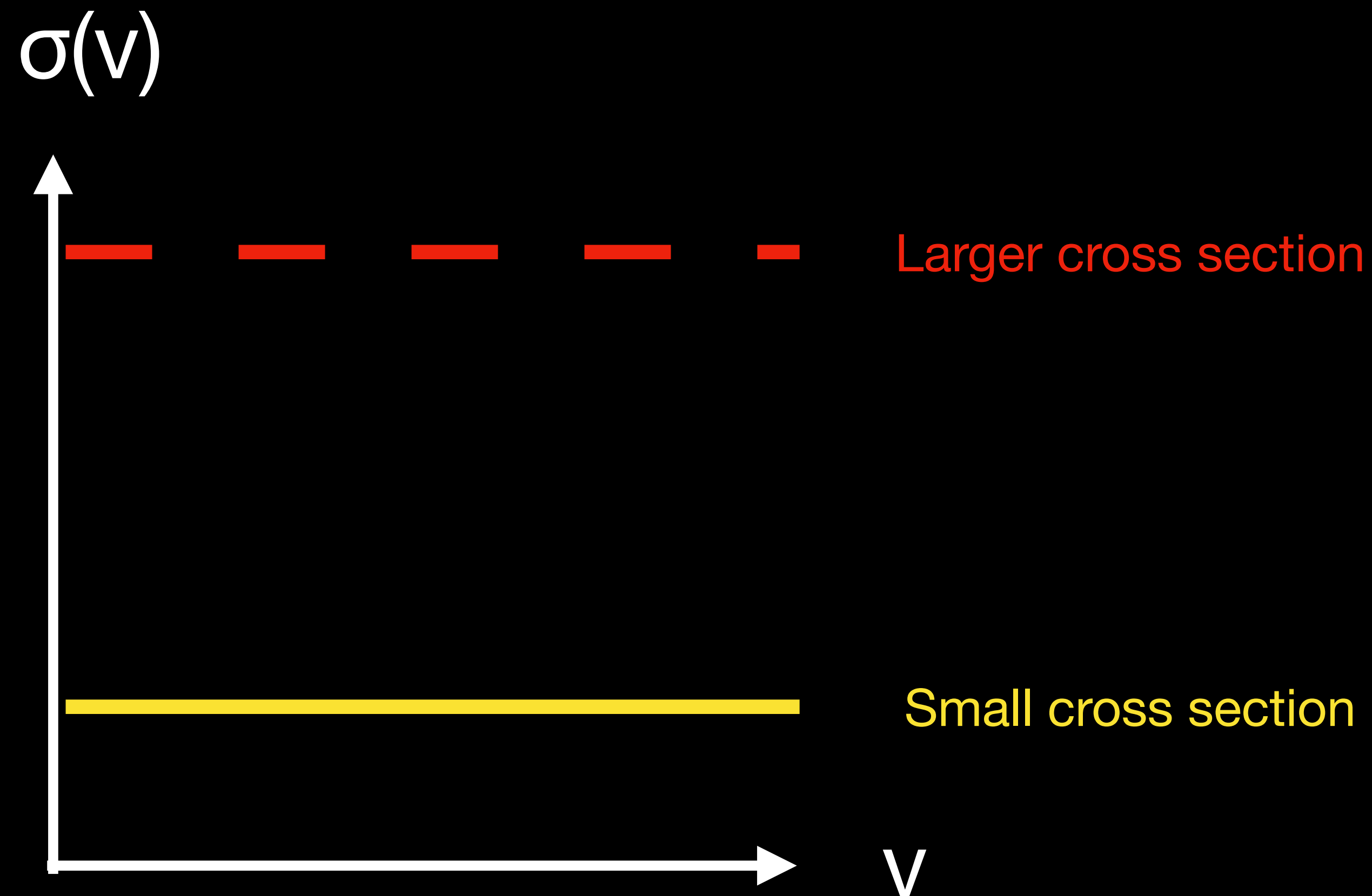


faster collapse

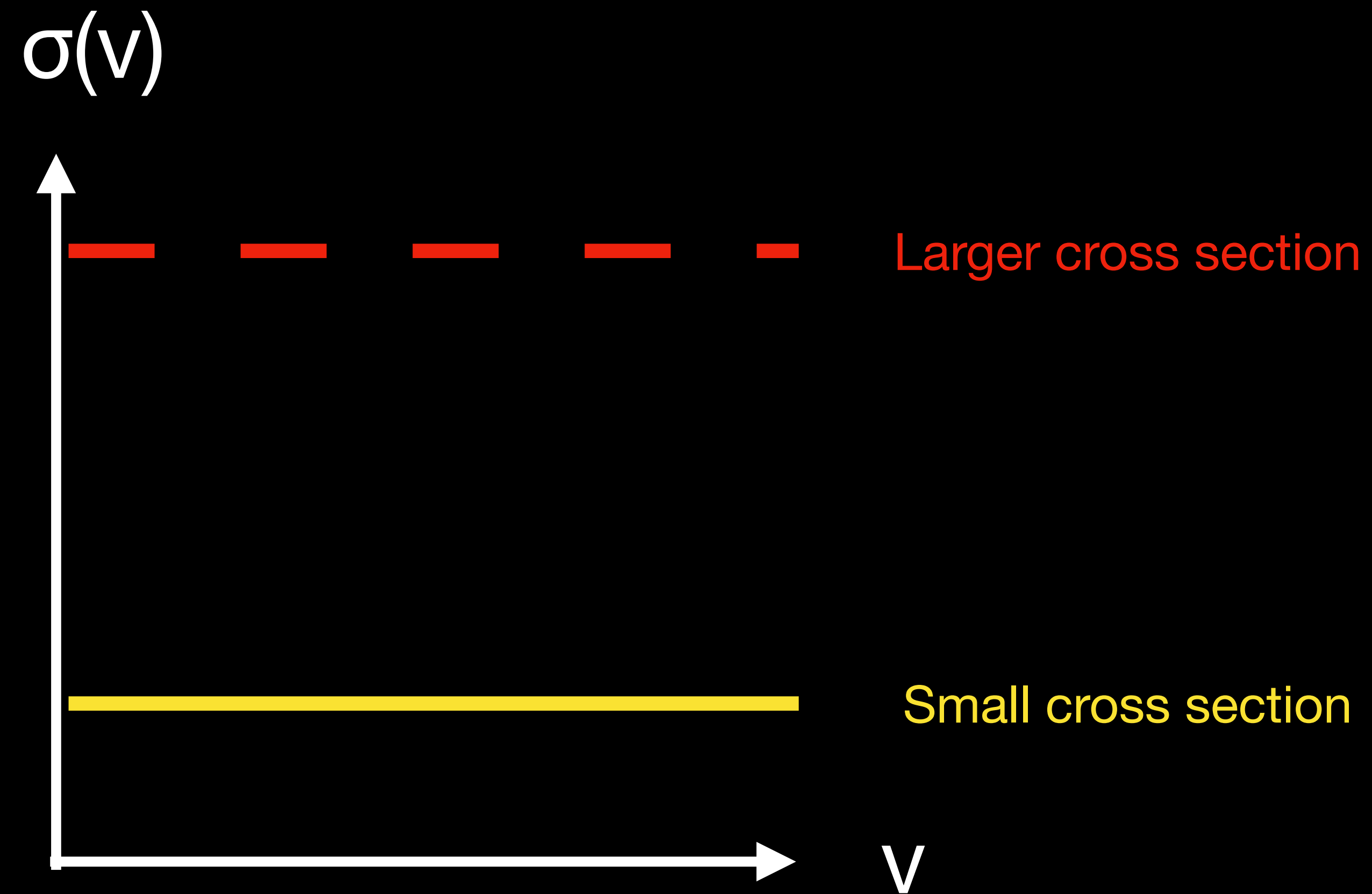
How to transfer more heat out?

- **Velocity-dependent (vd) self-interaction**
- **Dissipative self-interaction** Essig, Mcdermott, Yu & YZ (2019); Huo, Yu & YZ (2020)
- **Central baryon component** Yang, Yu & YZ (2023); Yang+ (YZ included, 2023)
- **Tidal stripping** Nishikawa+ (2019)
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1. Larger self-interaction

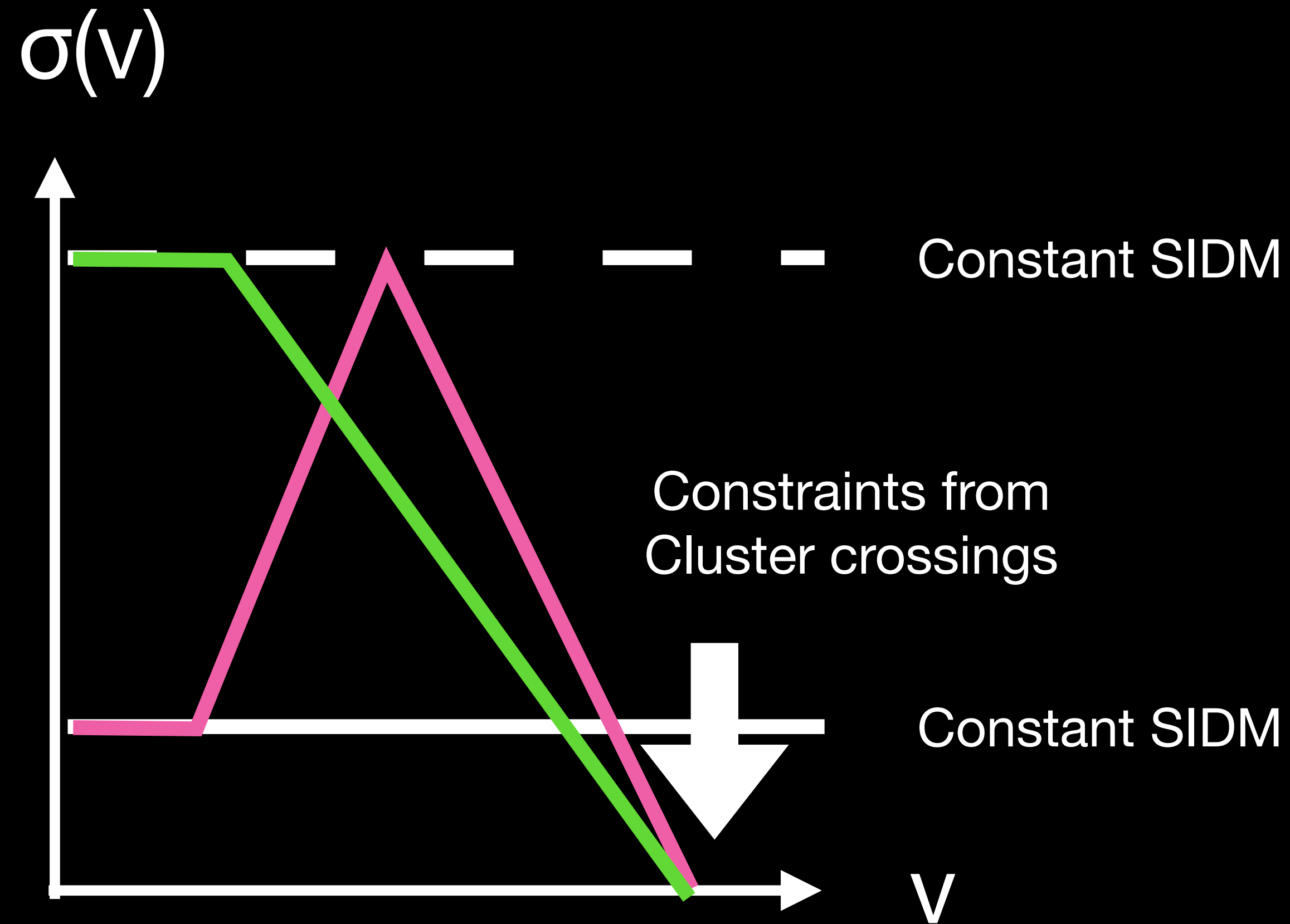


1. Larger self-interaction



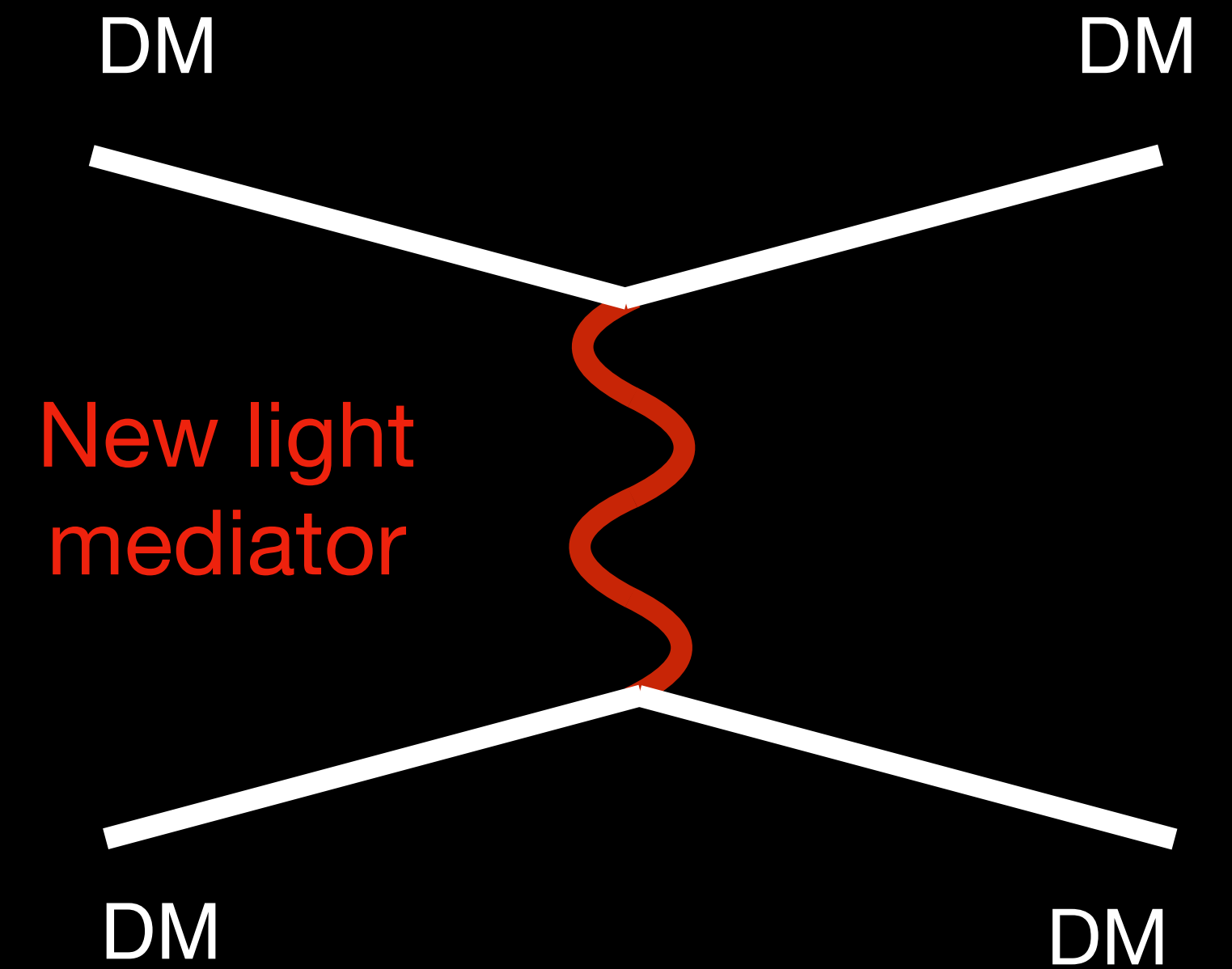
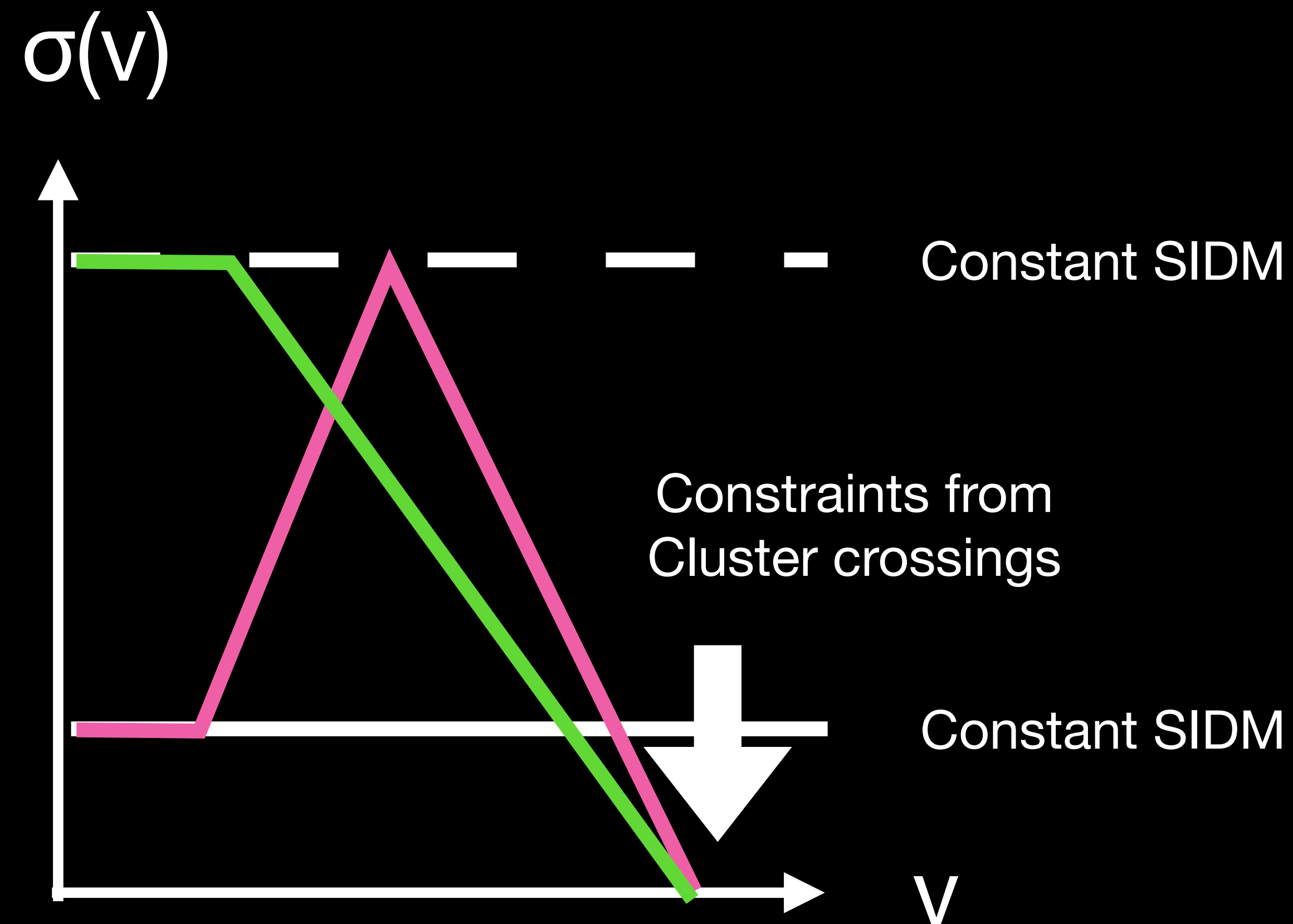
Bullet cluster crossing

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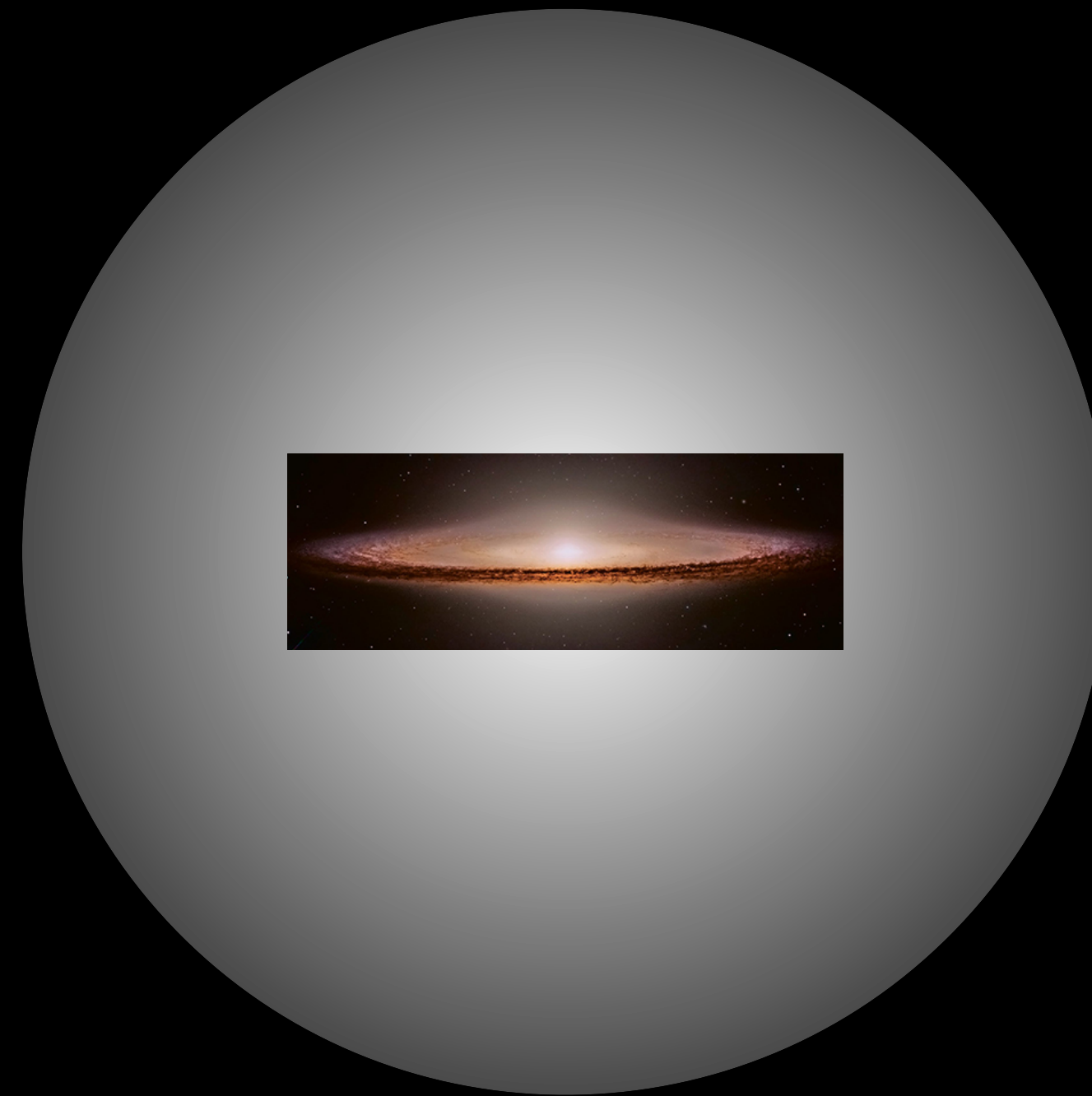
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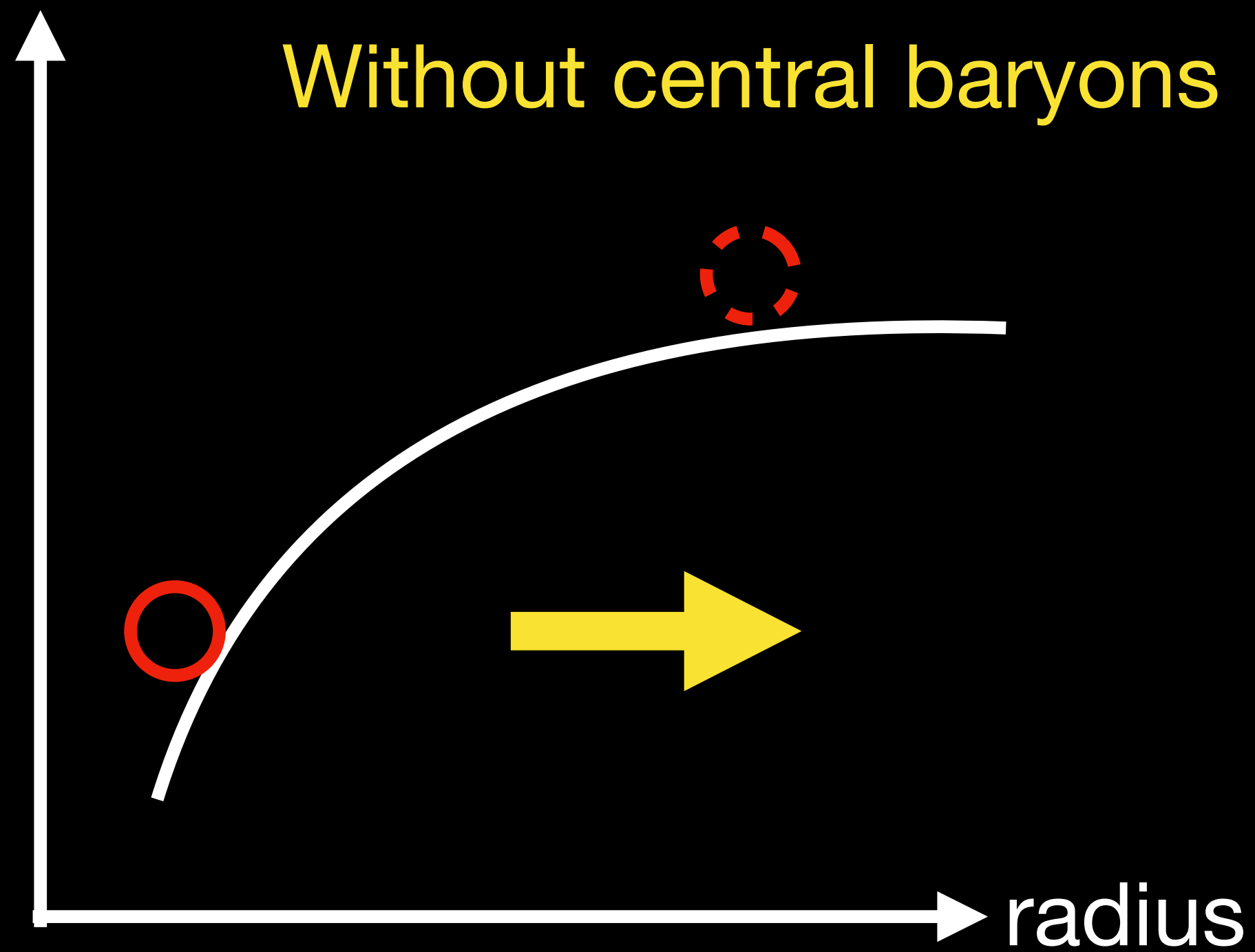
Central baryonic component (CBC)

Objects made of ordinary particles
(gas, stars, disk, bulge...)

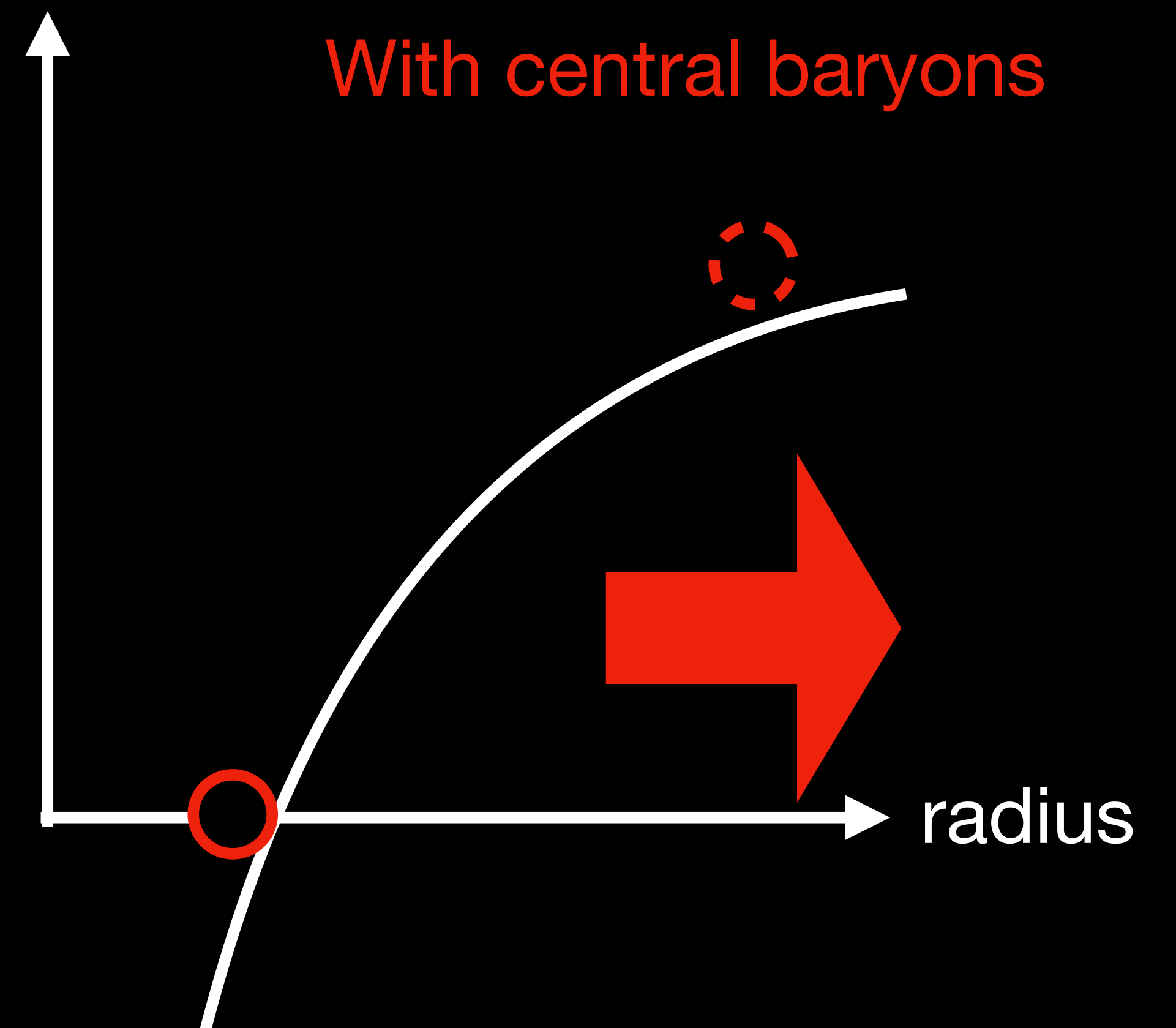


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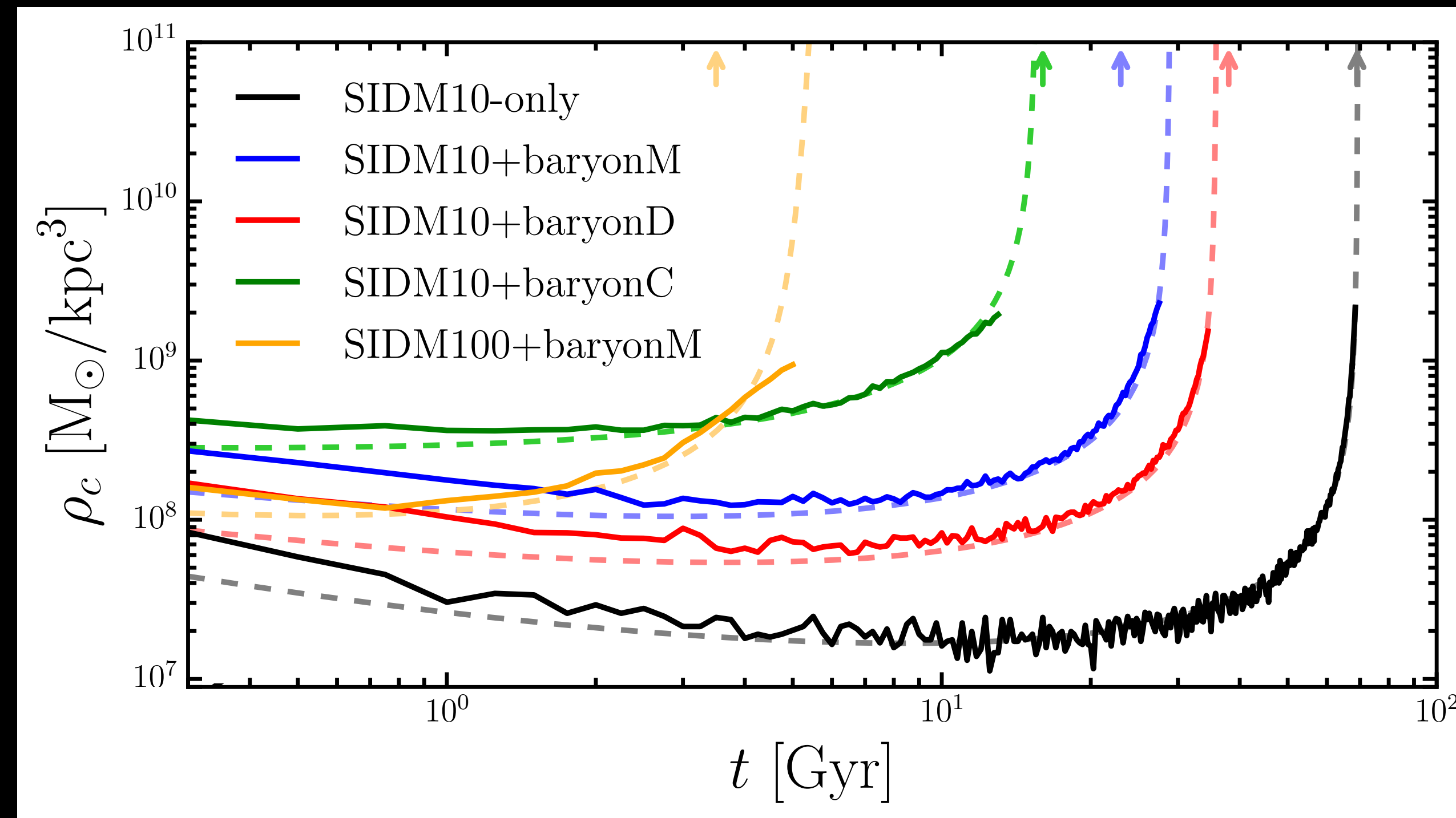
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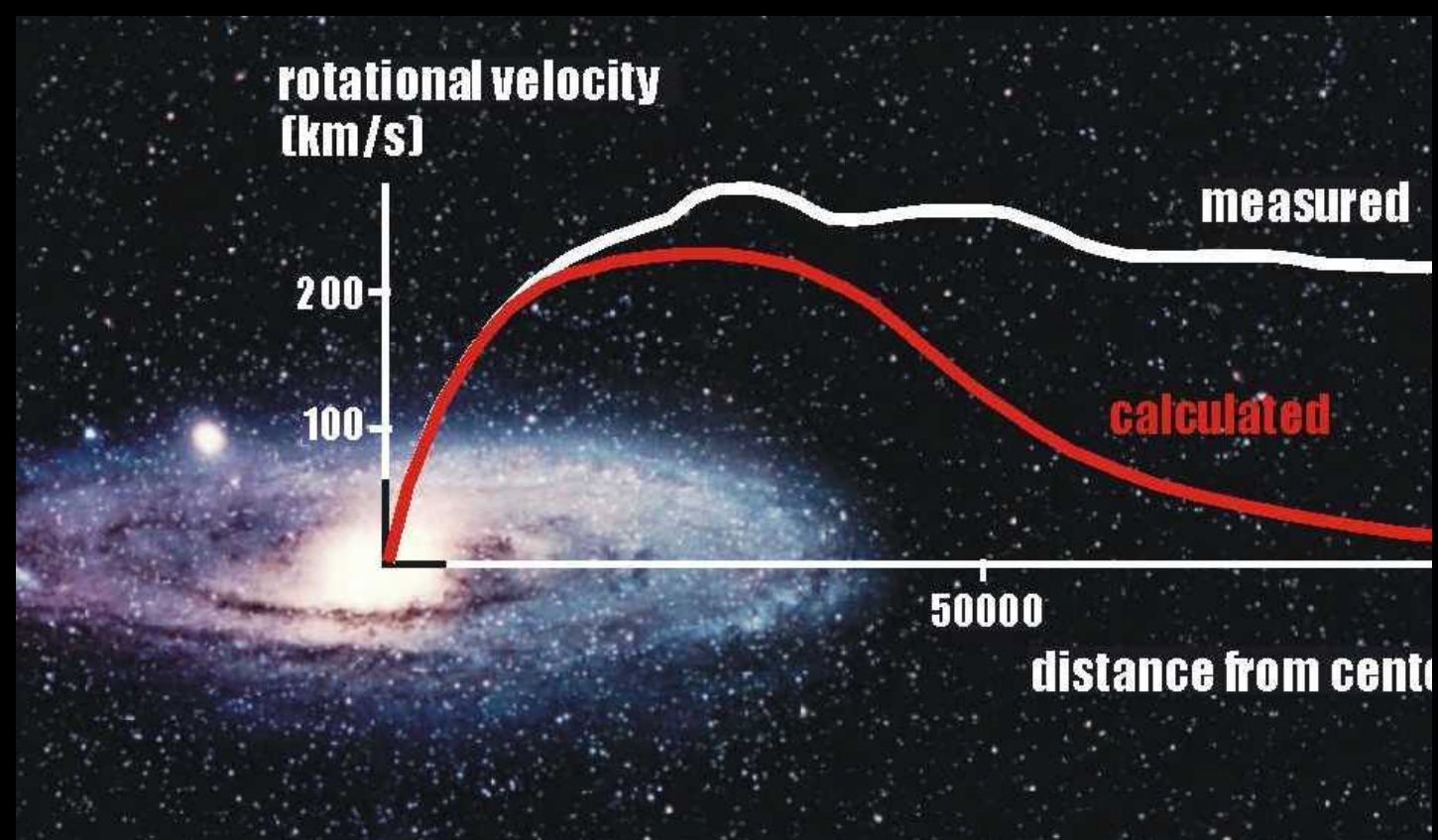
Central baryonic component (CBC)



Collapse
much faster

(Up to a factor of 10–100)

**How to probe self-interacting
dark matter?**



Rotation curves

Essig, Mcdermott, Yu & **YZ** (2018),
Yang+ (**YZ** included, 2023)



Strong lensing

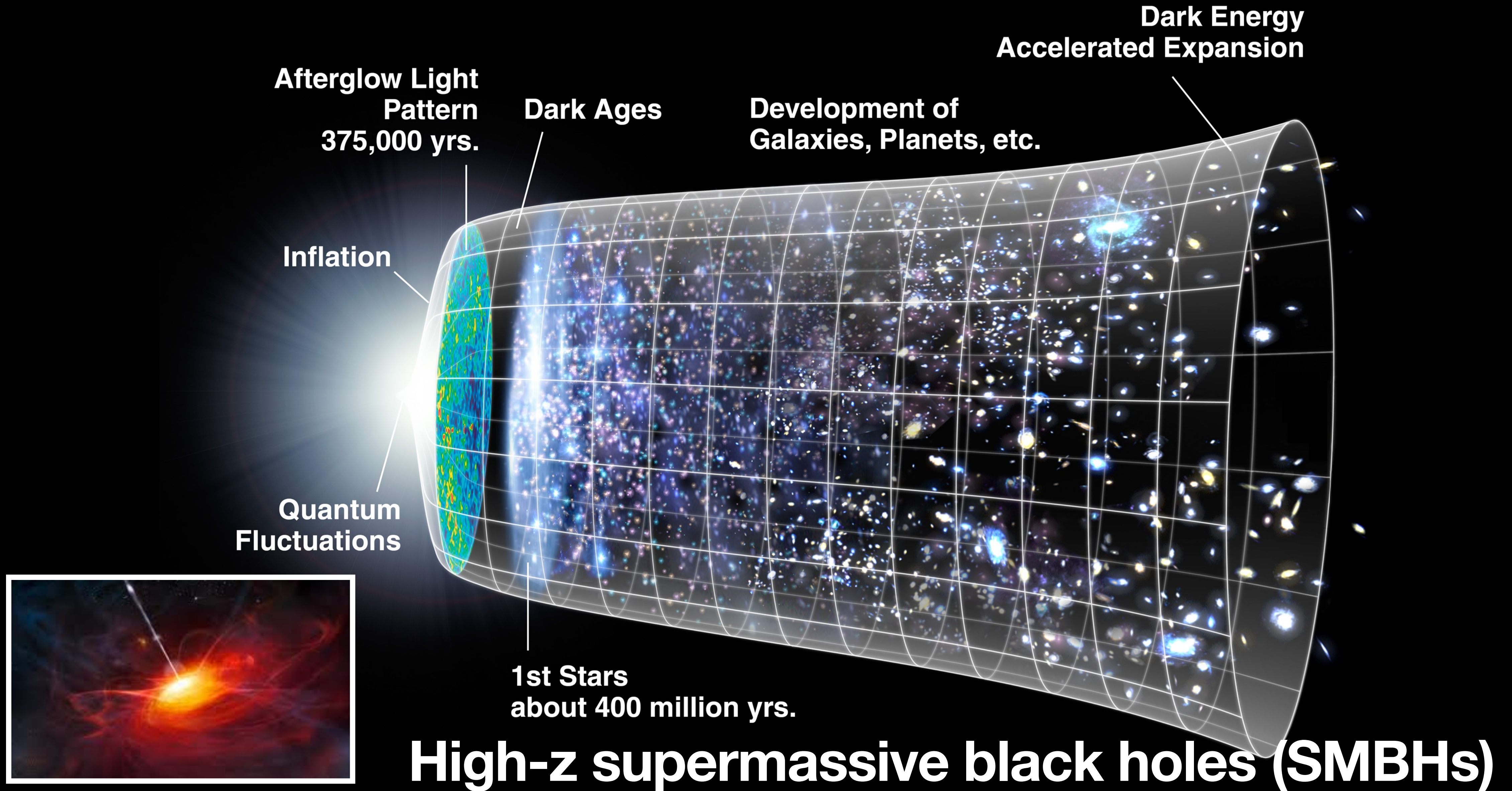
Gilman+ (2021),
Gilman, **YZ** & Bovy (2022)



Weak lensing

Adhikari, Banerjee, Jain, Hyeon-Shin
& **YZ** (2024)

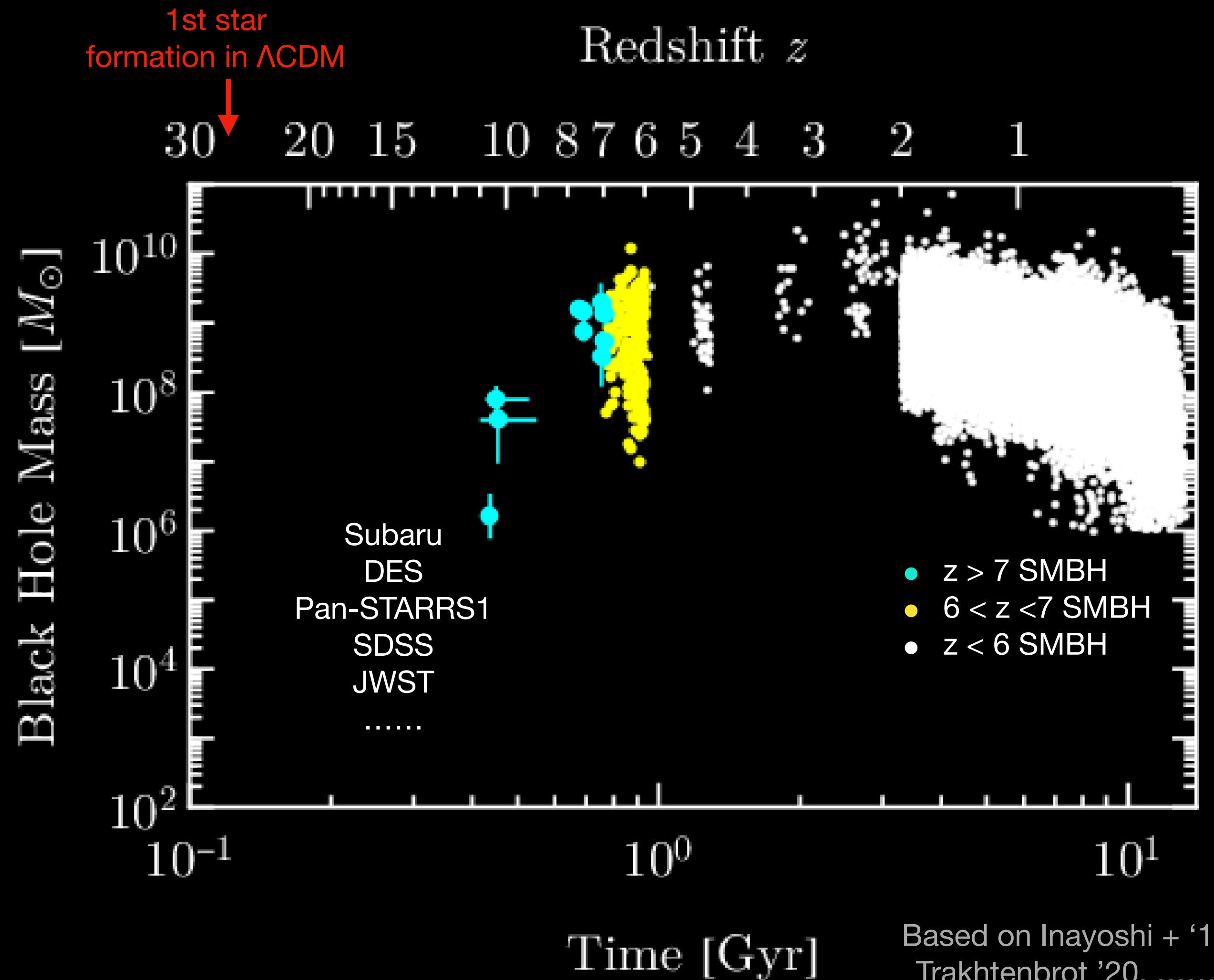
**Give birth to high-z
supermassive black holes**



The high- z supermassive black holes

> 200 SMBHs with mass $\geq 10^6 M_{\odot}$ at $z > 6$
(7% of the age of Universe)

11 SMBHs with mass $\geq 10^8 M_{\odot}$ at $z > 7$
(5% of the age of Universe)



Eddington limit

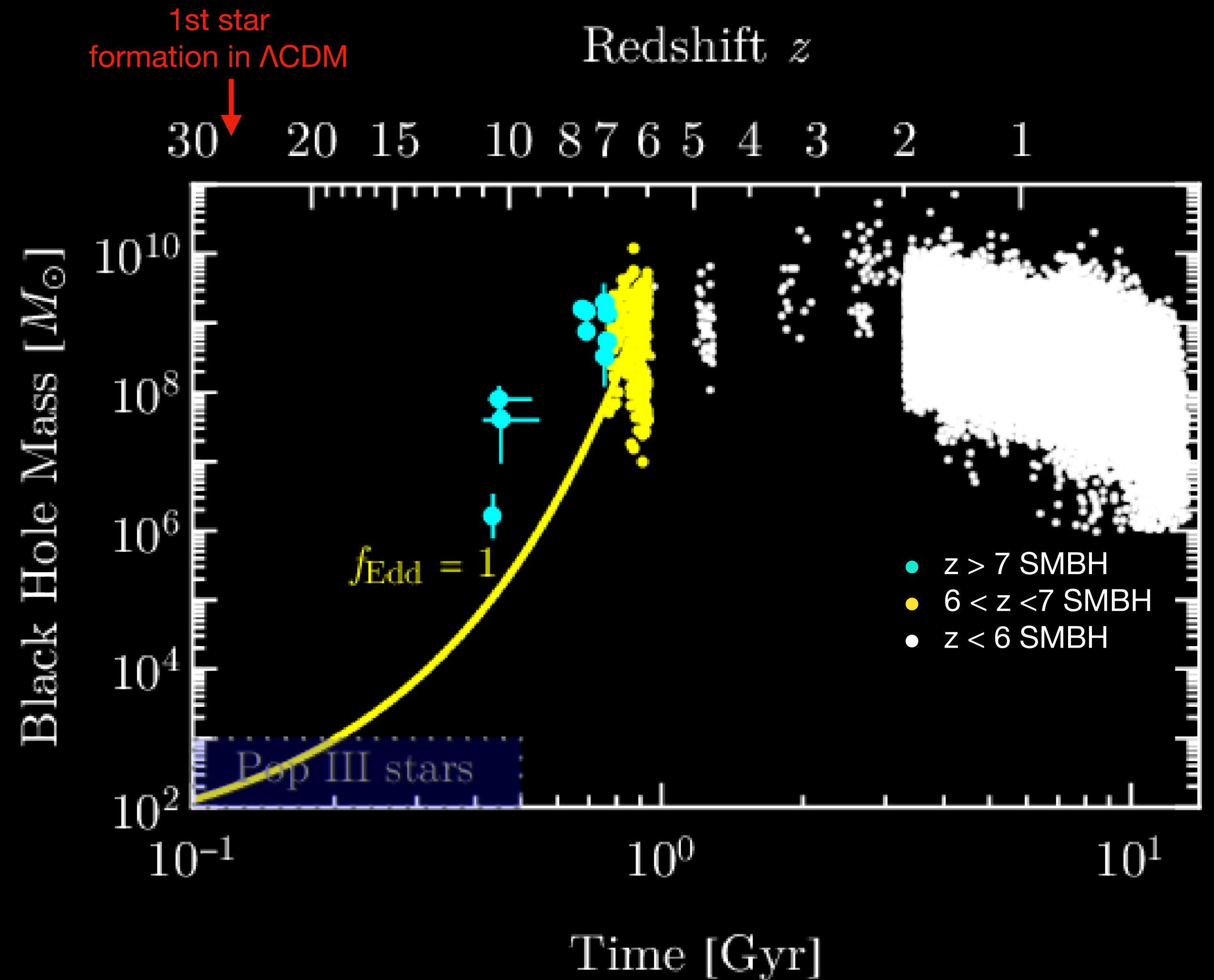


Eddington limit:
max accretion rate of BH

elapse time

$$M_{\text{BH}} = M_{\text{seed}} \exp(\Delta t / \tau)$$

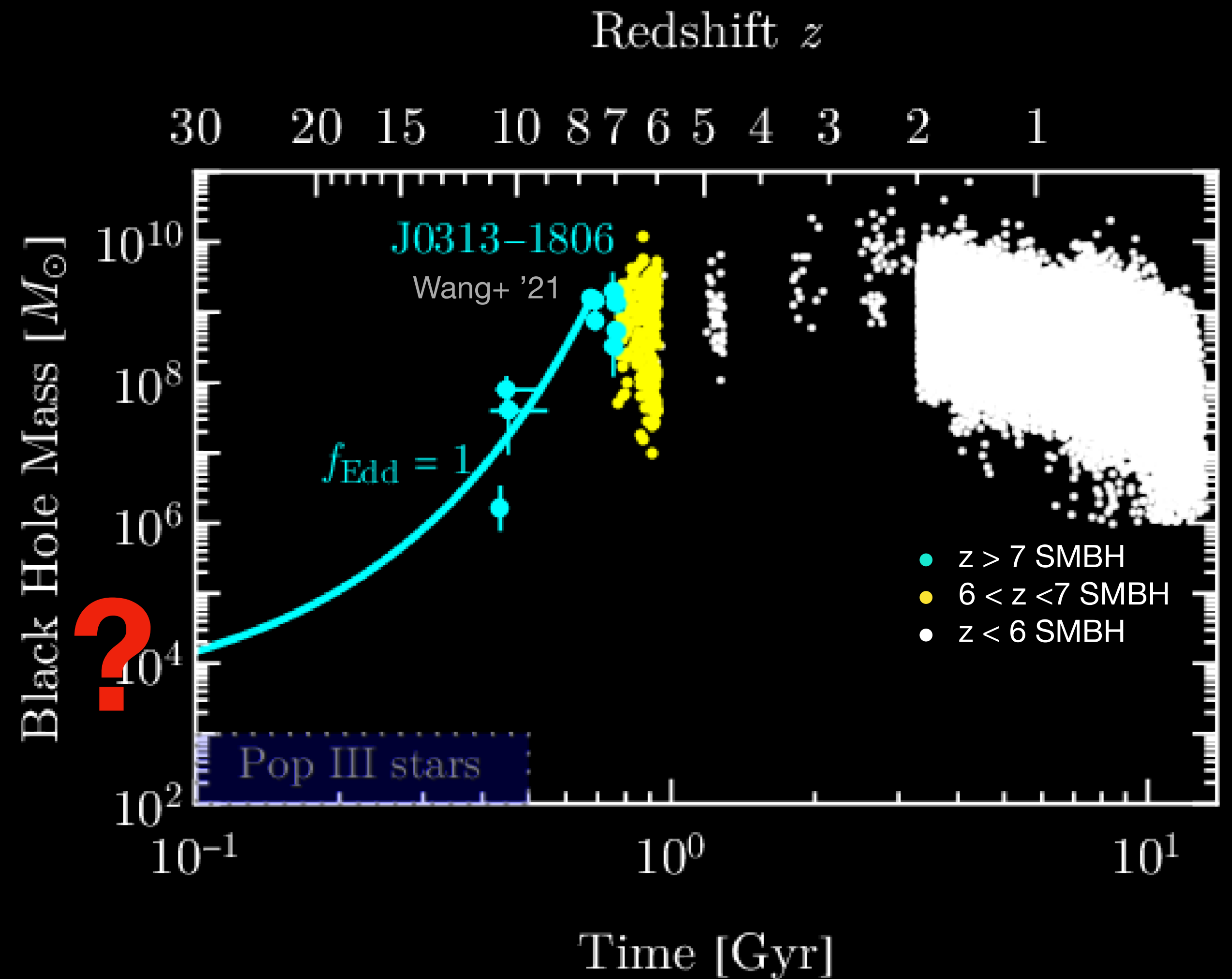
e-folding time $\tau = 0.5 \text{ Gyr } f_{\text{Edd}}$



The growth puzzle

- For $z > 7$ SMBHs, collapsed Pop III stars are not heavy enough.

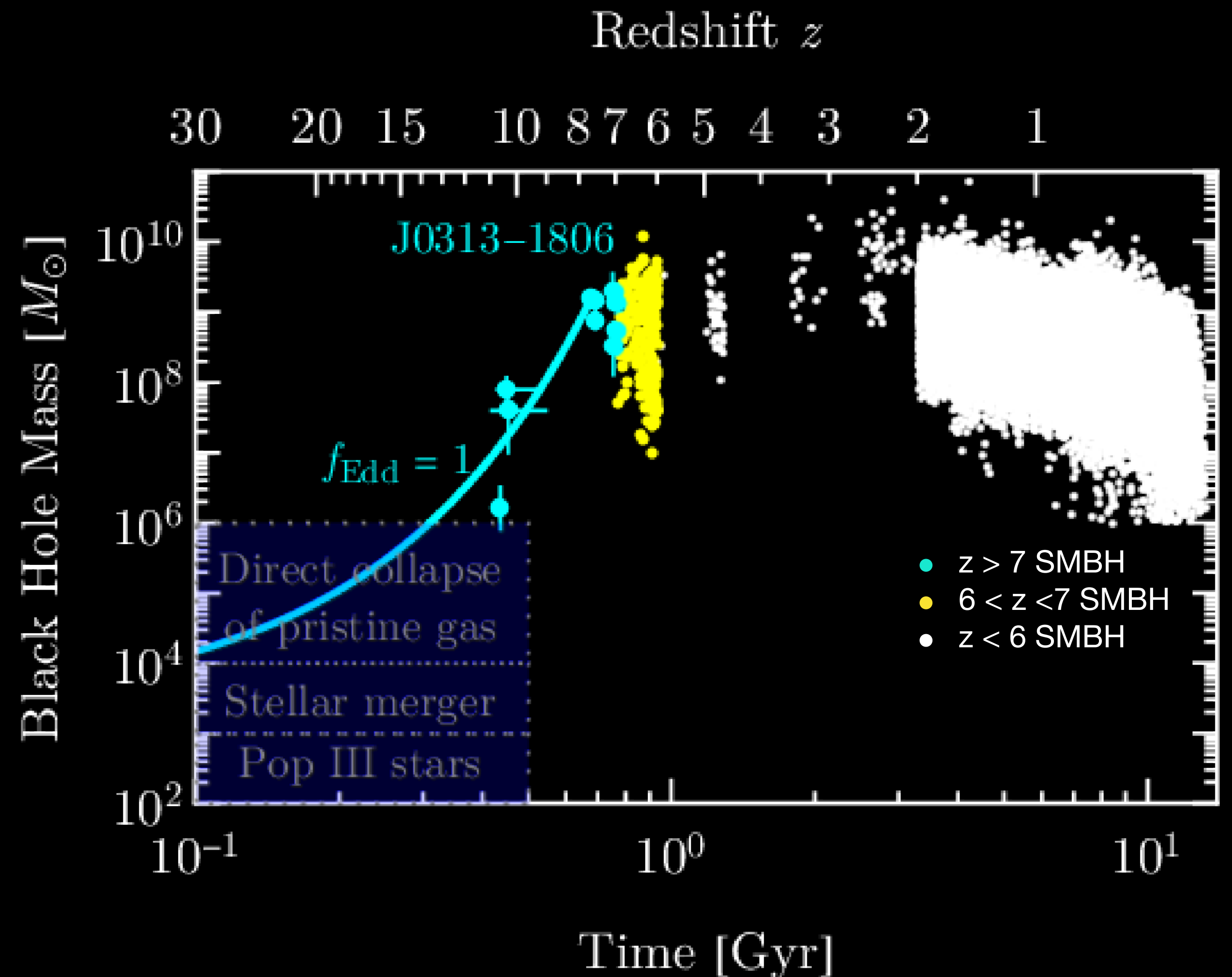
e.g. Wang+ '21



The growth puzzle

- For $z > 7$ SMBHs, collapsed Pop III stars are not heavy enough.
- One way to solve the puzzle is to form more massive seed BHs
 - Direct collapse of pristine gas ...

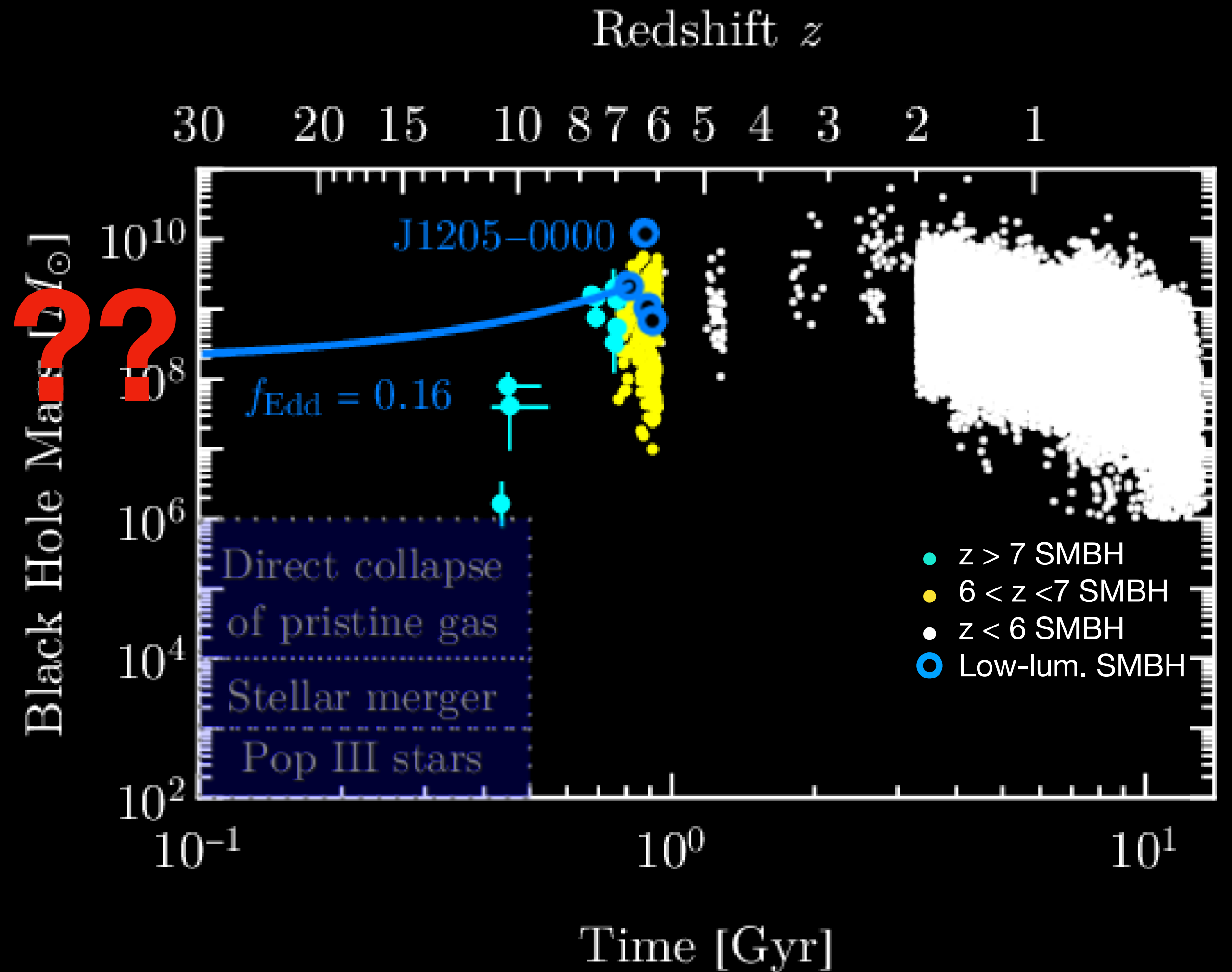
Omukai '01, Bromm & Loeb '03,
 Begelman+ '06, Hosokawa+, '13
 Regan+ '17, Ardaneh+ '18, Wise+ '19...



A worse puzzle

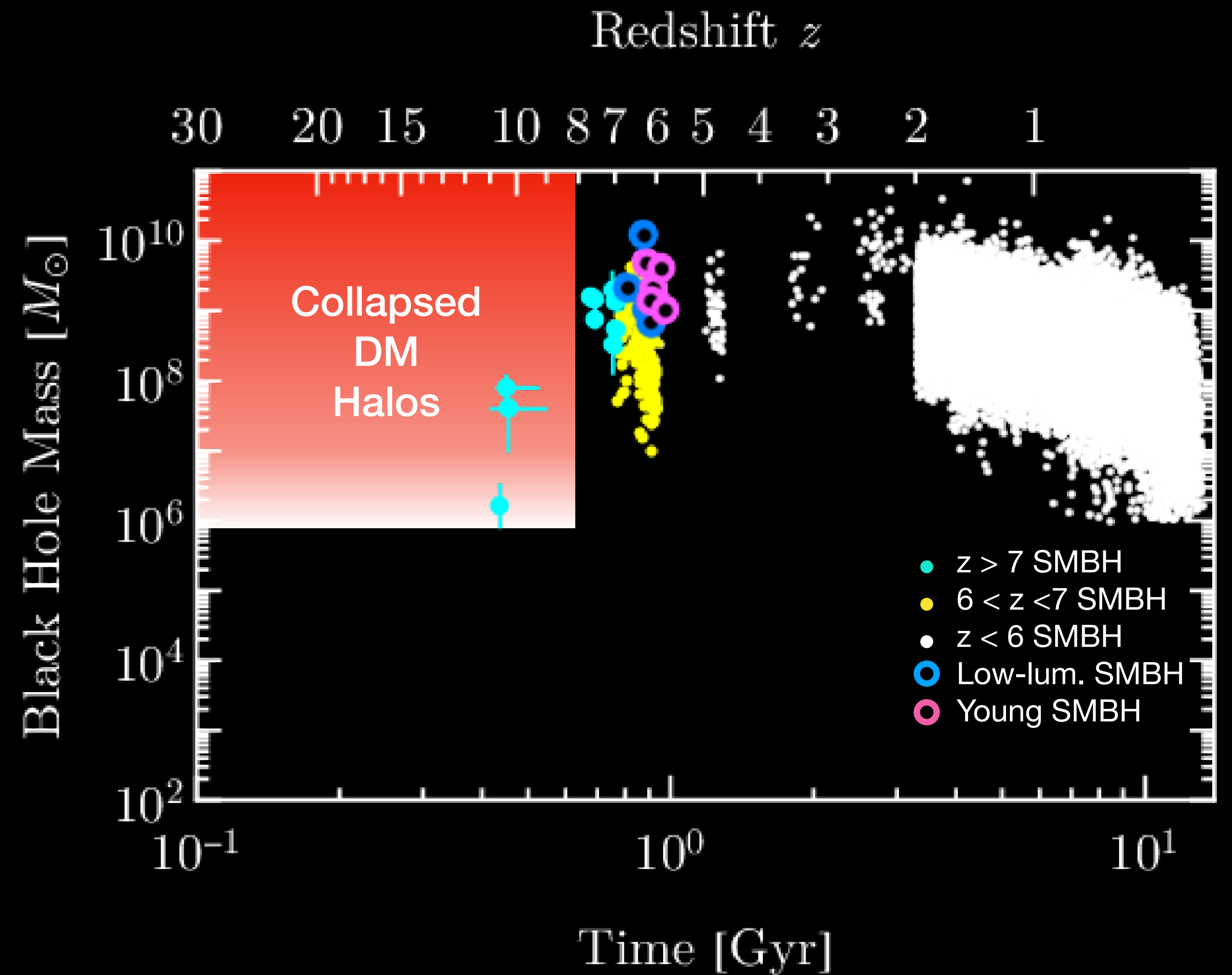
- For $z > 7$ SMBHs, collapsed Pop III stars are not heavy enough.
e.g. Wang+ '21
- There is also a population of low accretion SMBHs. $f_{\text{Edd}} \ll 1$

Mazzucchelli+ '17, Shen+ '19, Onoue+ '19 [SHELLQs]...



Seeding SMBHs from collapsed DM halos

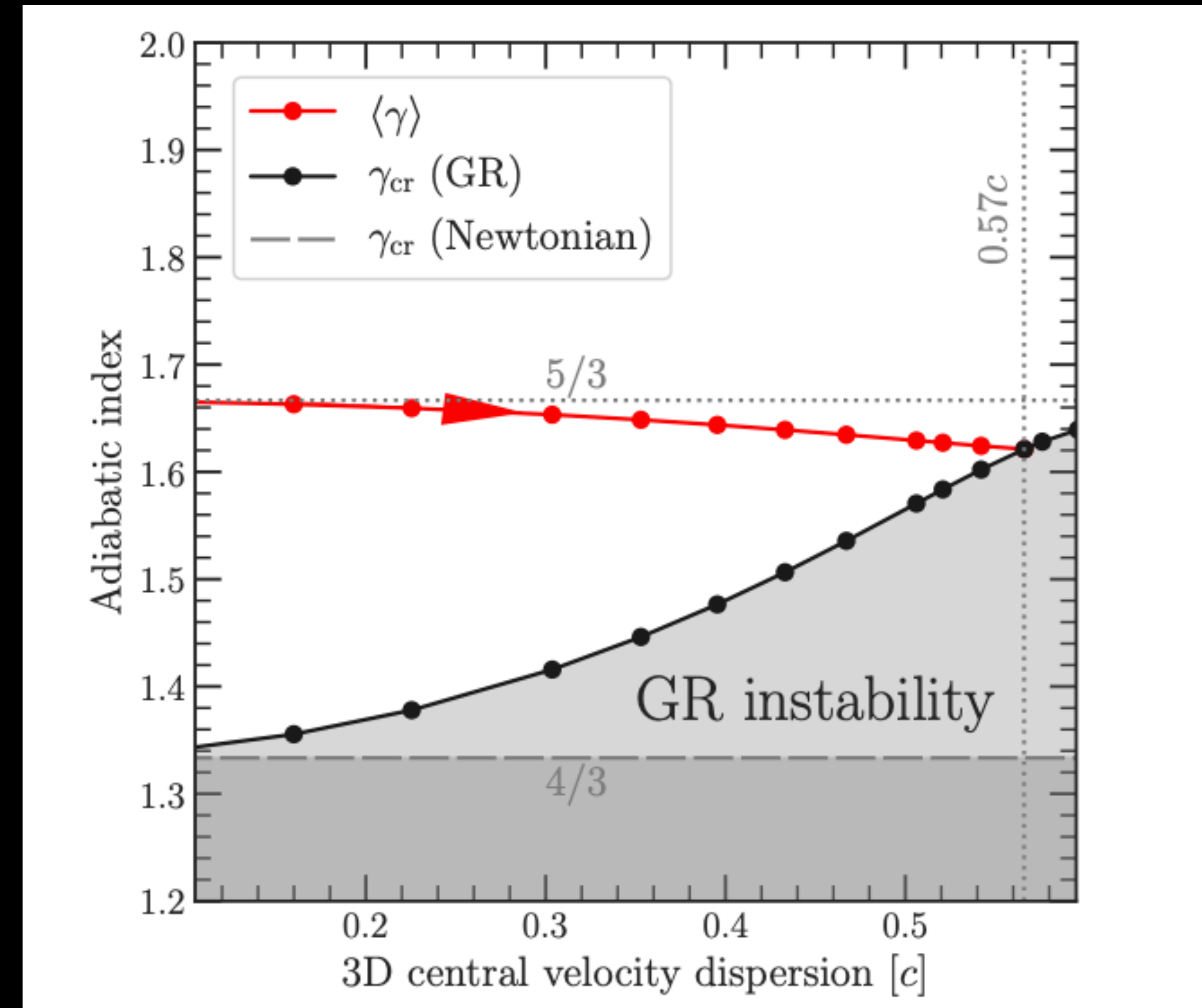
Feng, Yu & YZ '21



Our idea

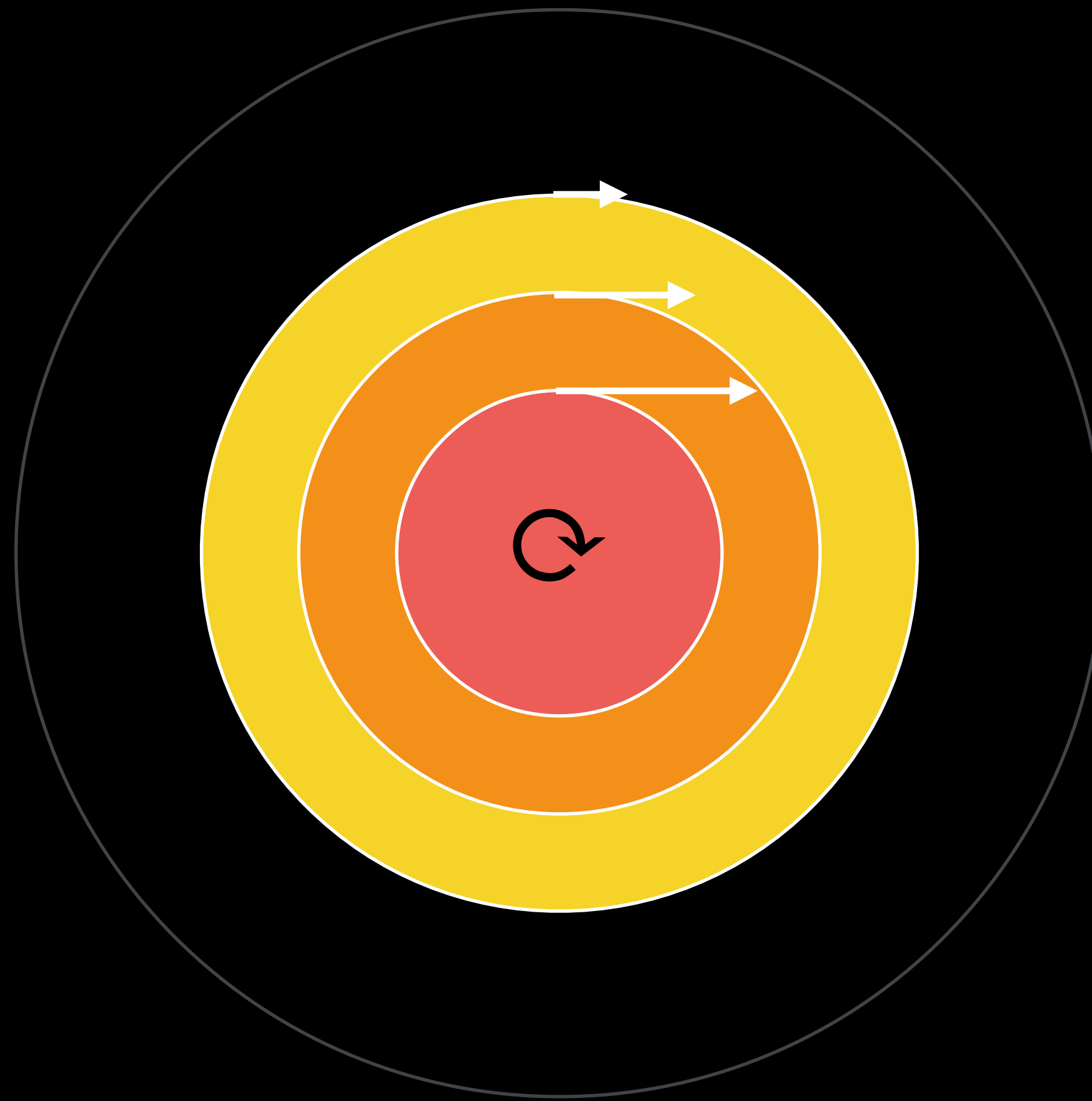
The singular state:

- Can trigger GR instability (Feng, Yu & YZ '21, '22)
- Leads to large seed BH mass ($\sim 10^{-3}$ halo mass)



How to dissipate angular momentum?

Collisional viscosity



Angular momentum for the central region can be dissipated efficiently by self-interactions.

Galactic-sized
SIDM halo



Baryons

- Need to collapse fast \Rightarrow adding central baryonic components.

Singular state

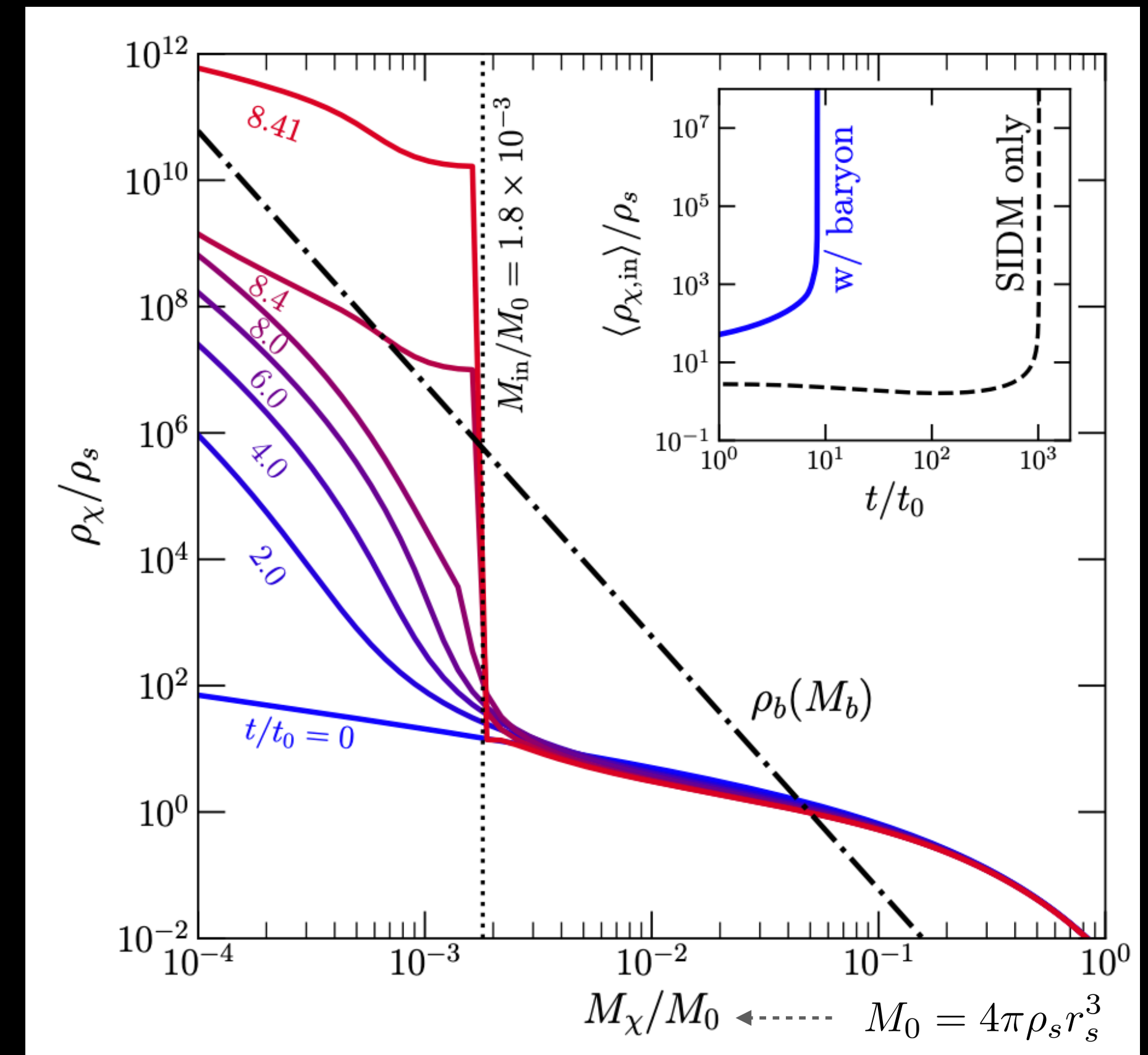


$\lambda < H$

$\lambda > H$

SMFP

LMFP



$$r_s \rho_s \sigma / m = 0.2$$

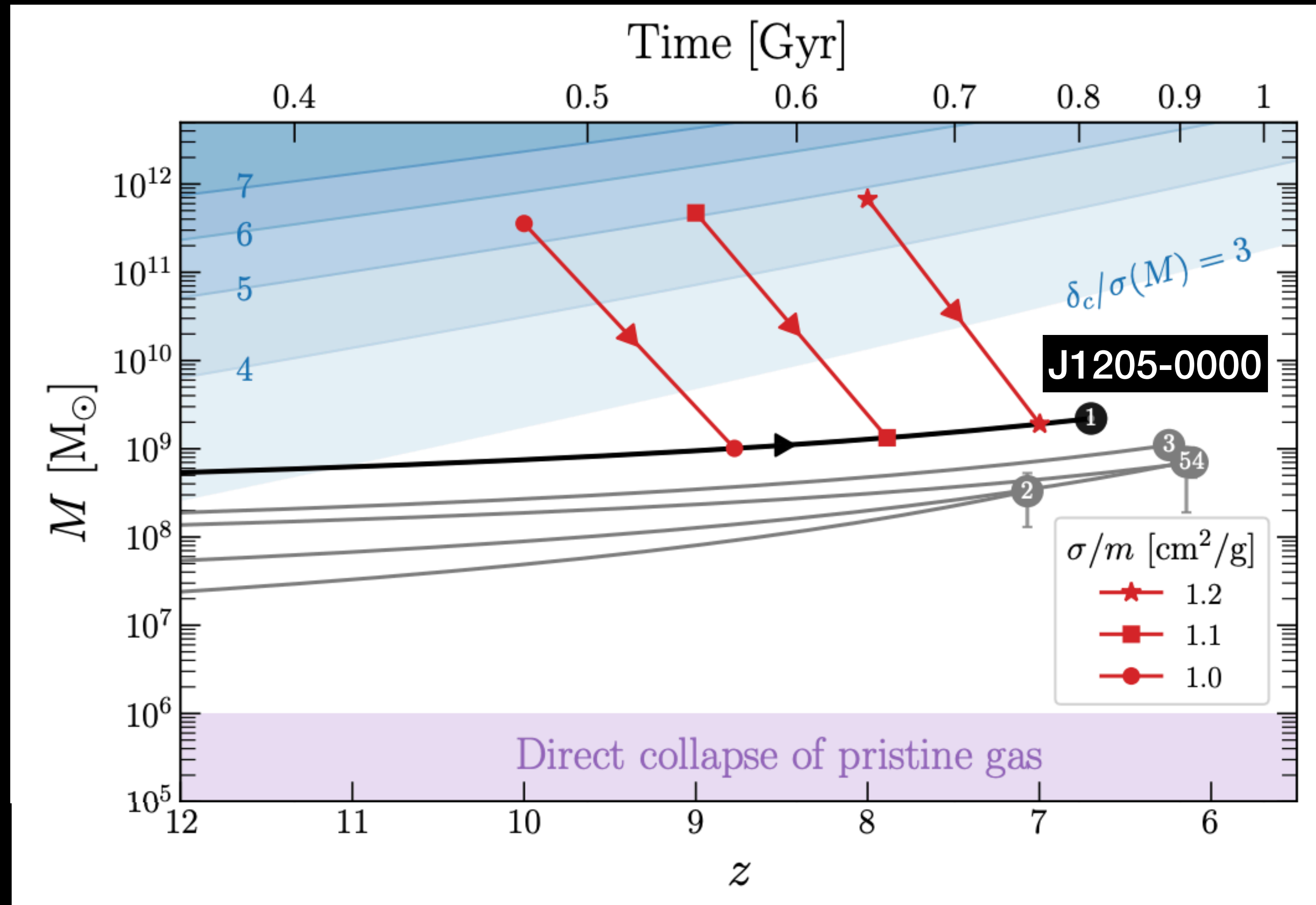
Feng, Yu & YZ, '21

To form low-luminosity high- z SMBHs

- Need galactic-sized DM halos at high redshift (rare in the early Universe).
- Need compact central baryons.
- Need cross section strength $\sigma/m \sim O(1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g})$.

solve the small-scale problems of the CDM paradigm

To form low-luminosity high- z SMBHs



$$\frac{dn(M, z)}{dM} \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\delta_c^2(z)}{2\sigma^2(M)} \right]$$

Summary

- The nature of dark matter remains unknown. Dark matter halos are important way to probe dark matter/dark sectors.
- The collapsed SIDM halos could be common.
- Many interesting observational signatures (rotation curves, strong lensing, weak lensing...), including solving the puzzle of high- z supermassive black holes.