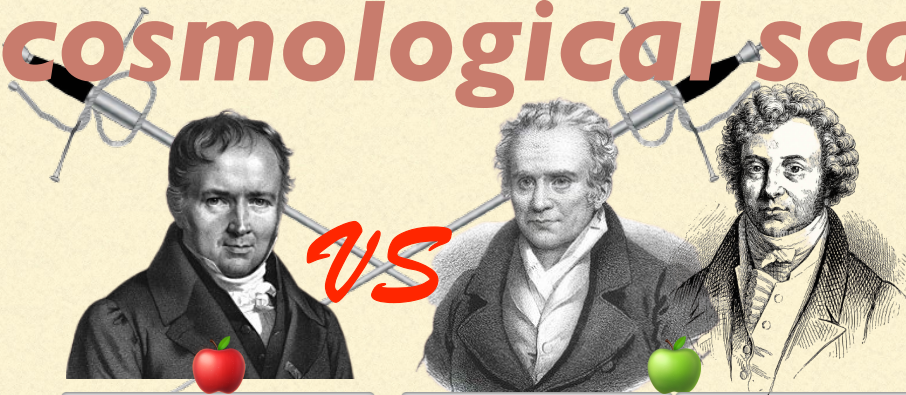


Monge-Ampère gravity at cosmological scales



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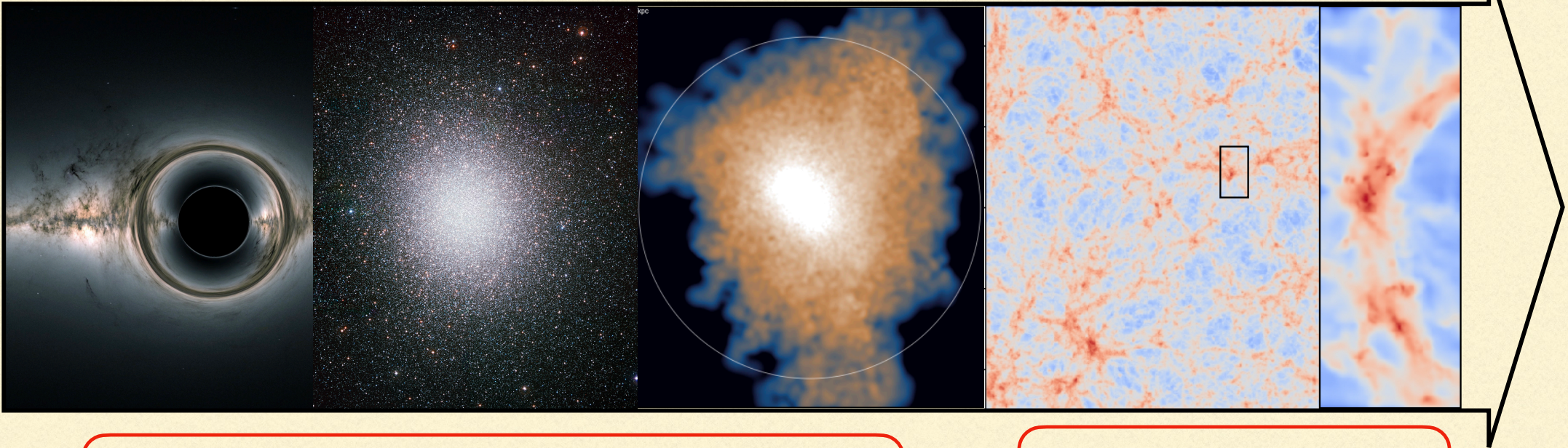
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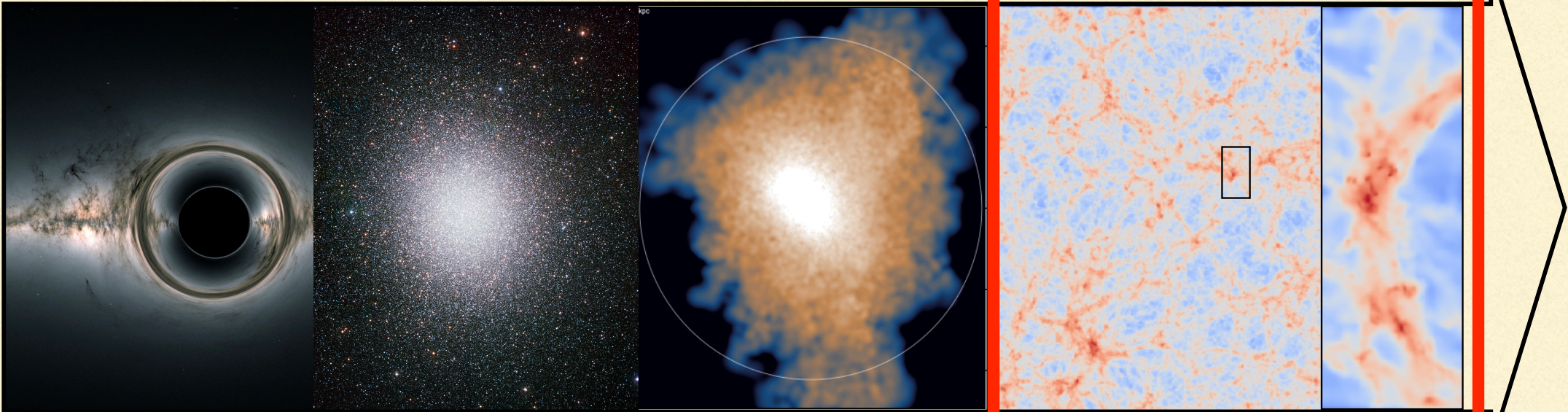
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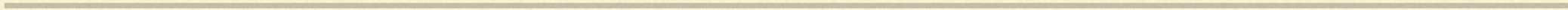
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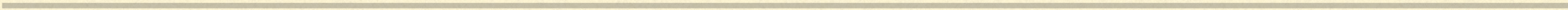
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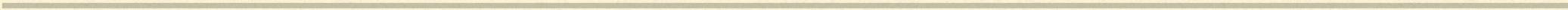


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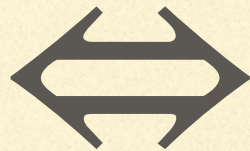
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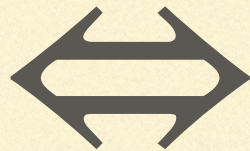
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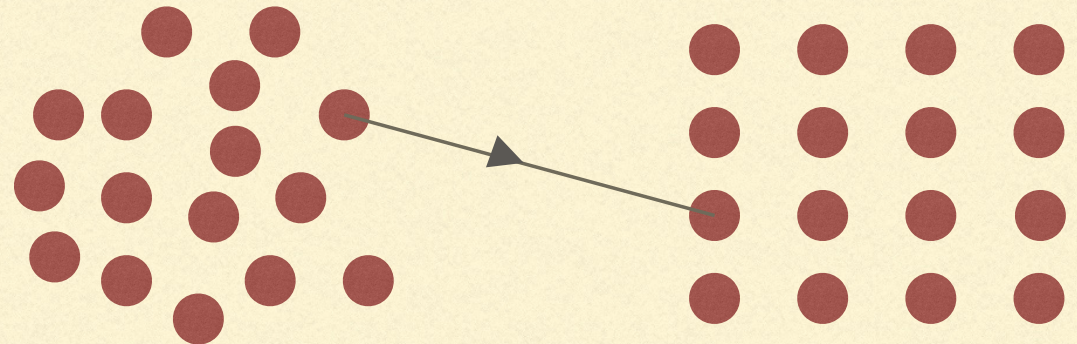
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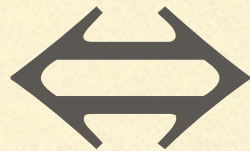
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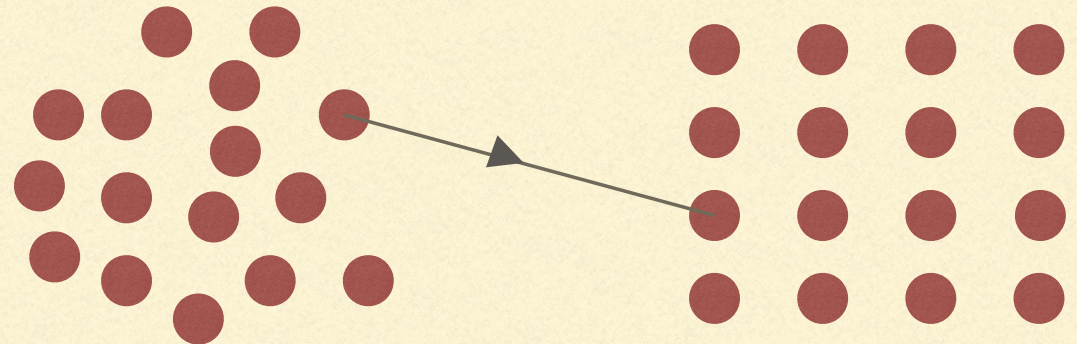
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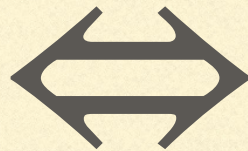
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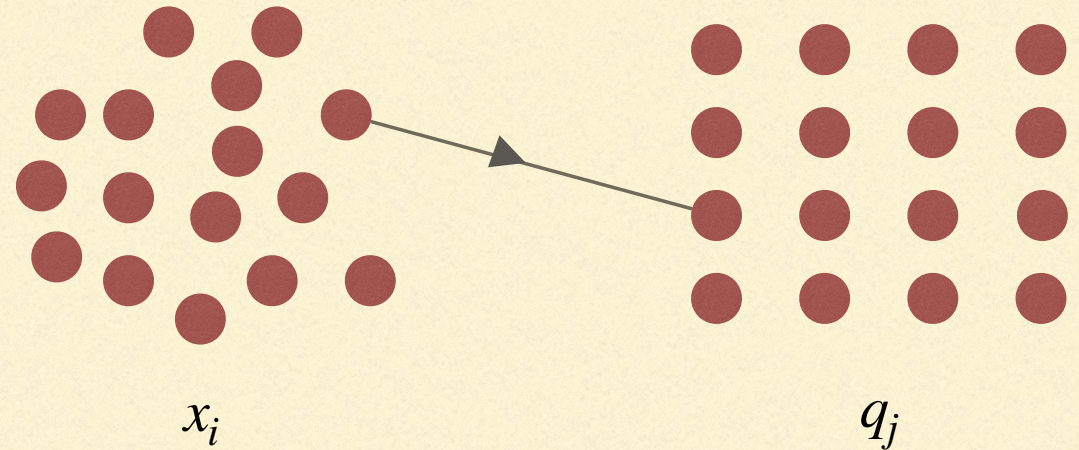
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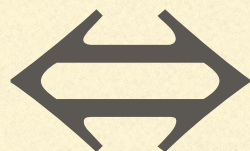


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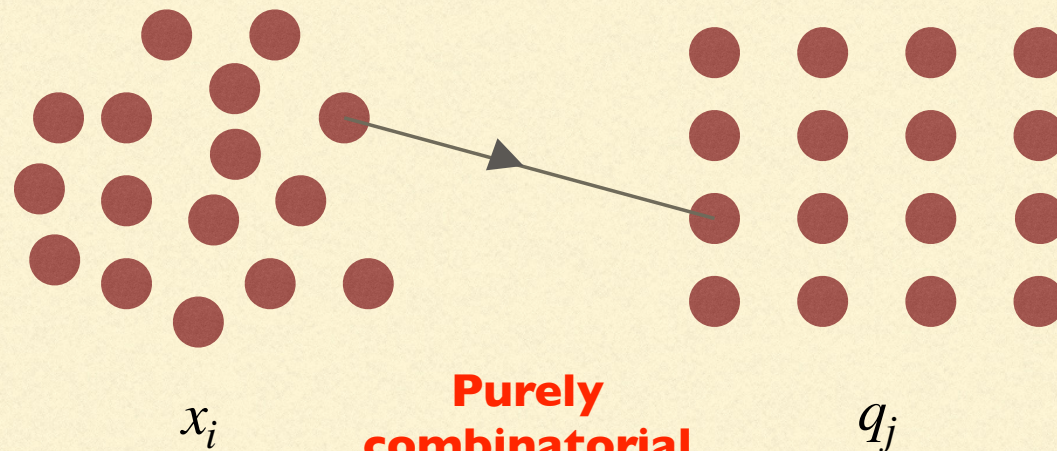
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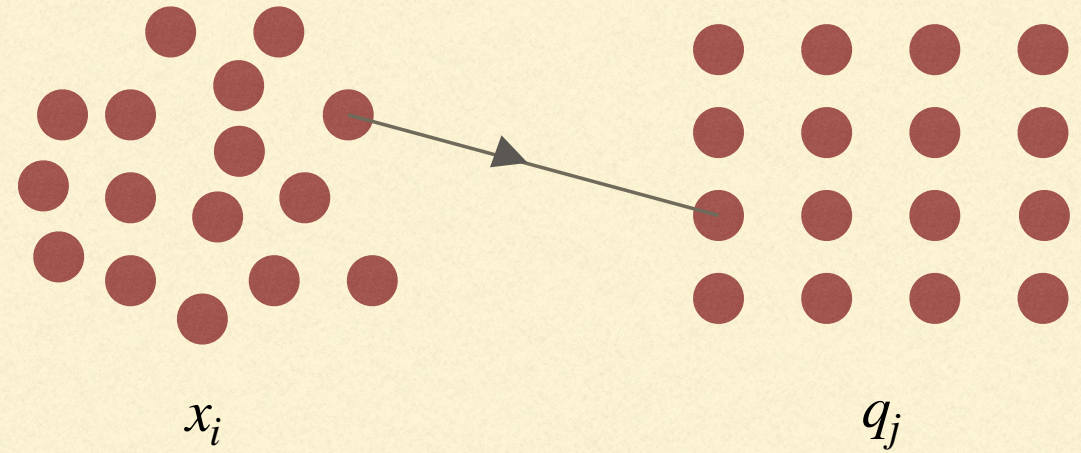
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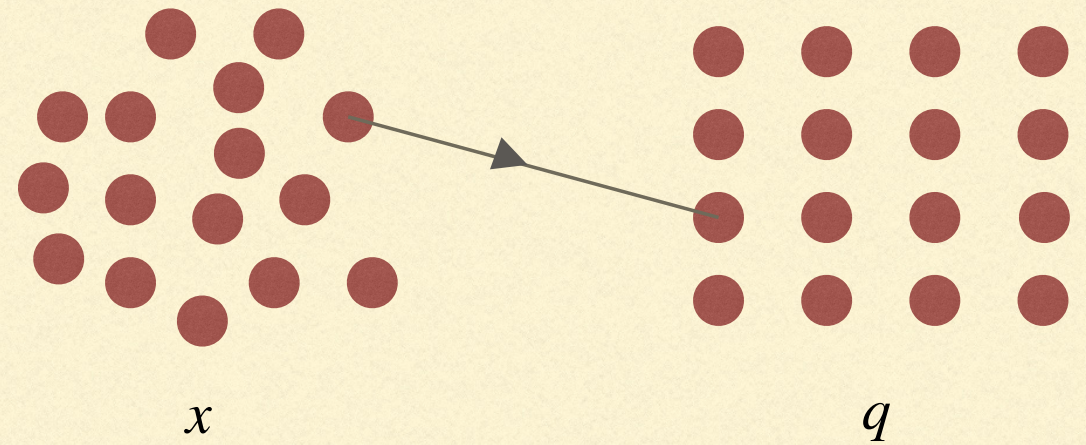


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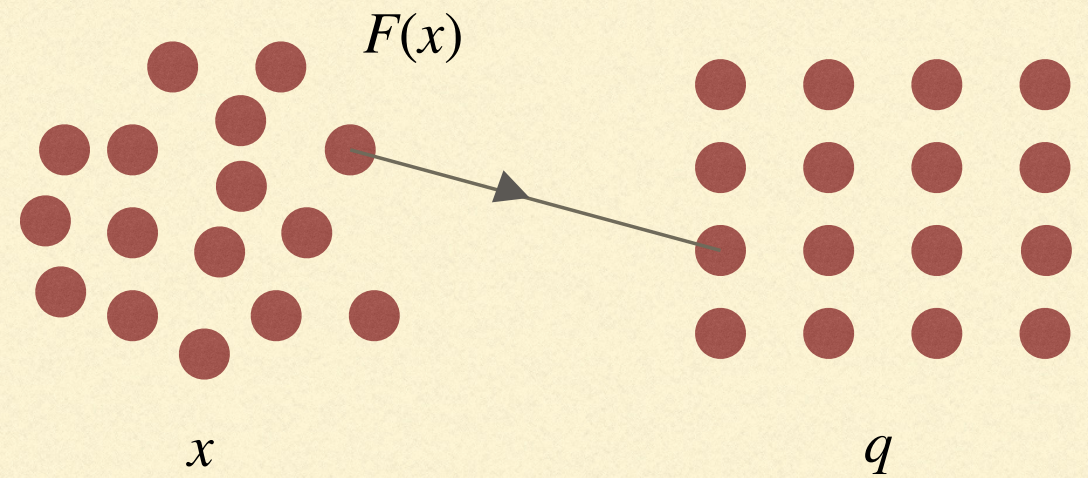
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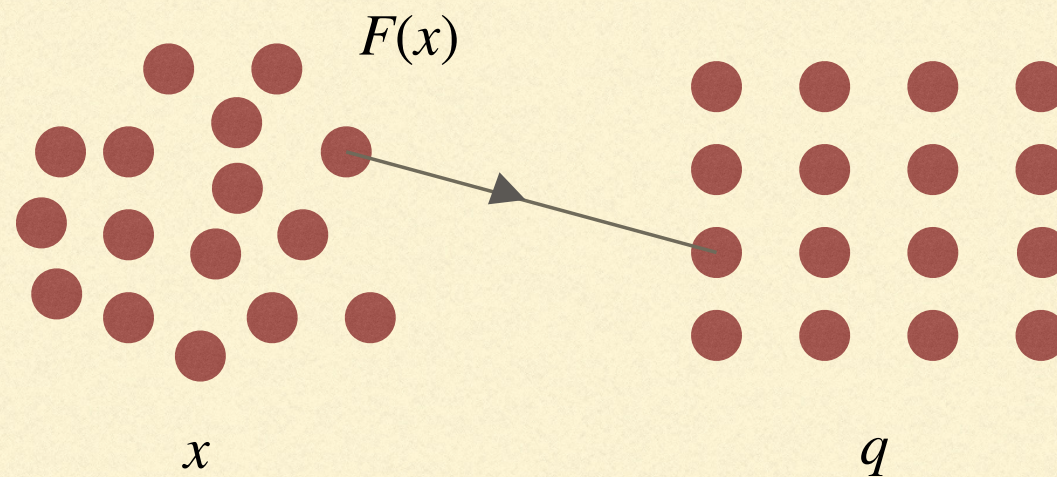
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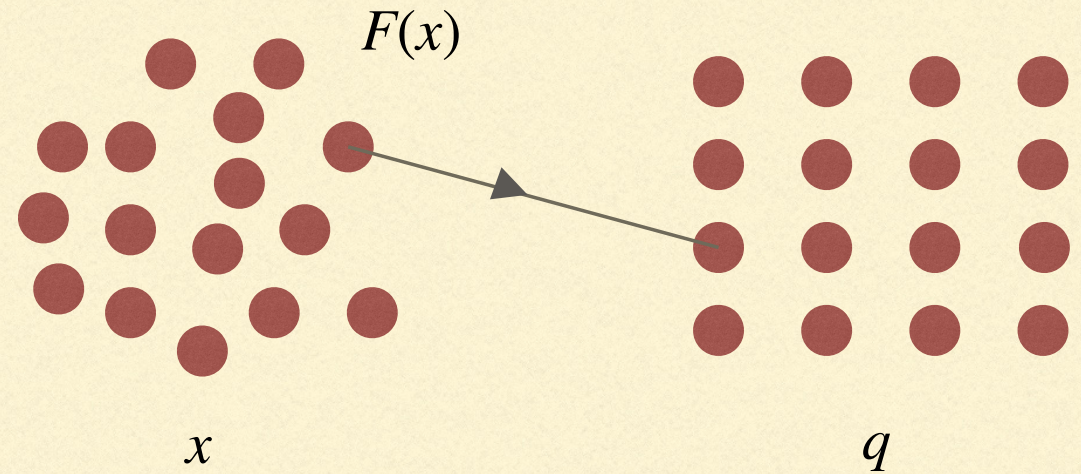
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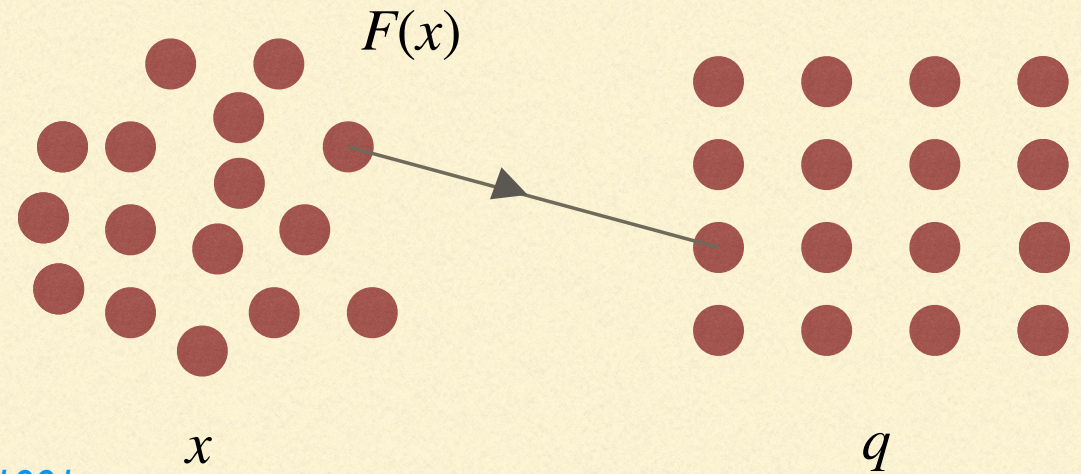
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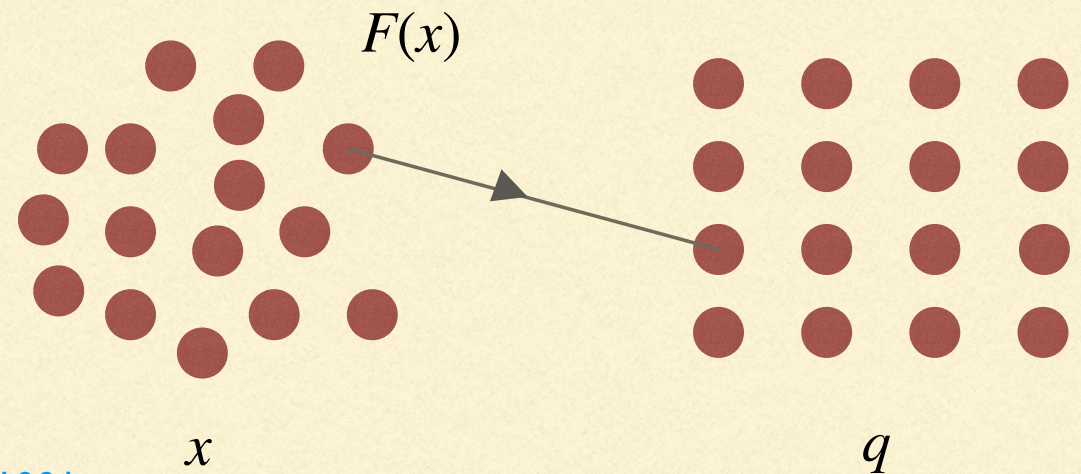
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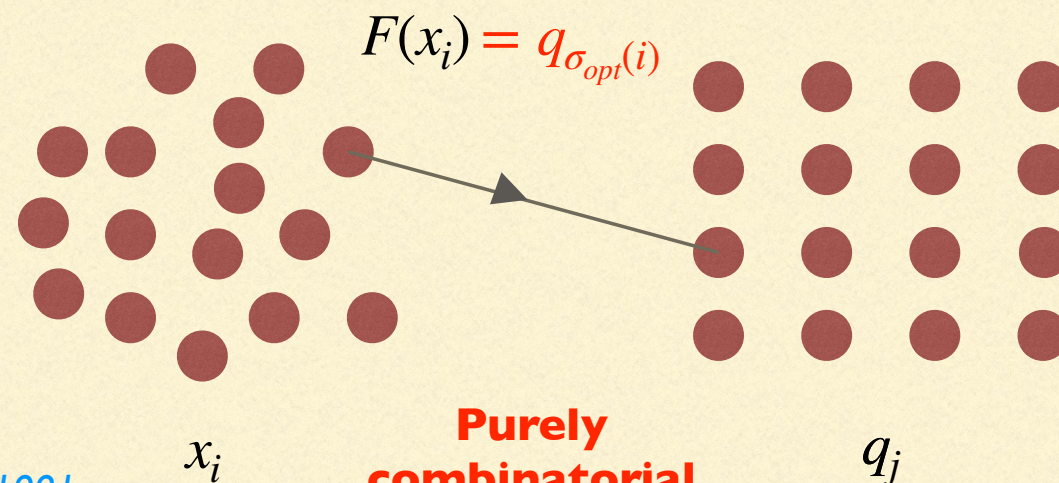
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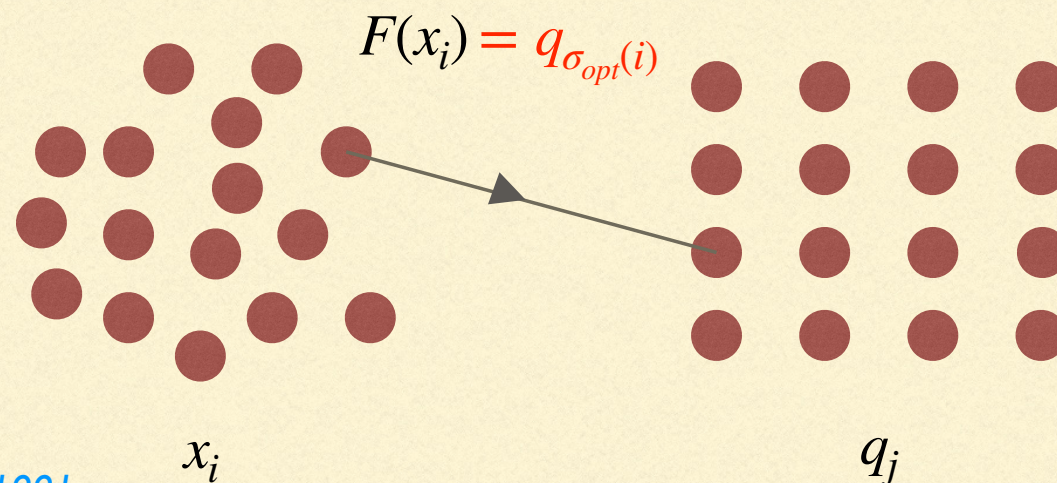
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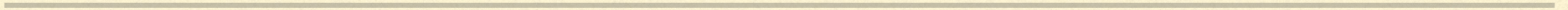
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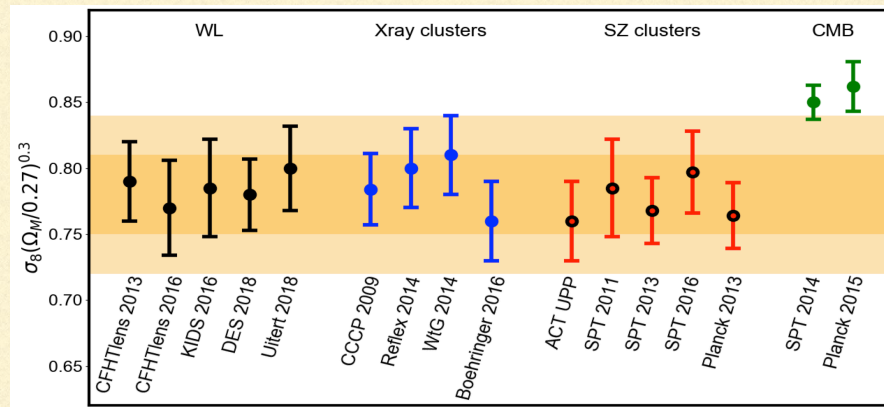
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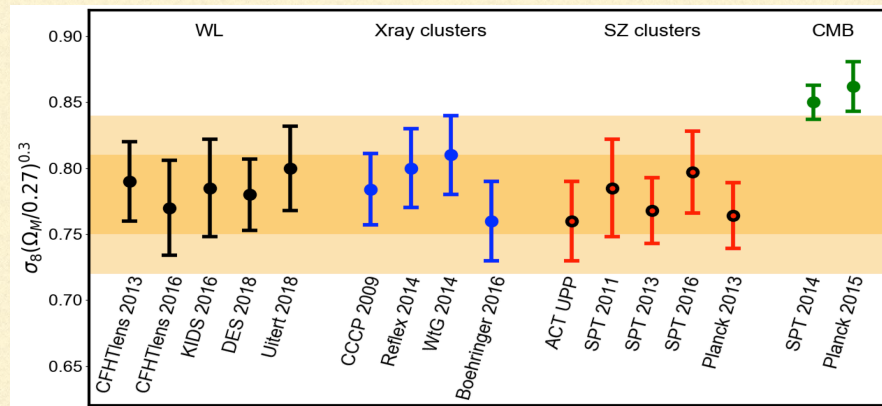
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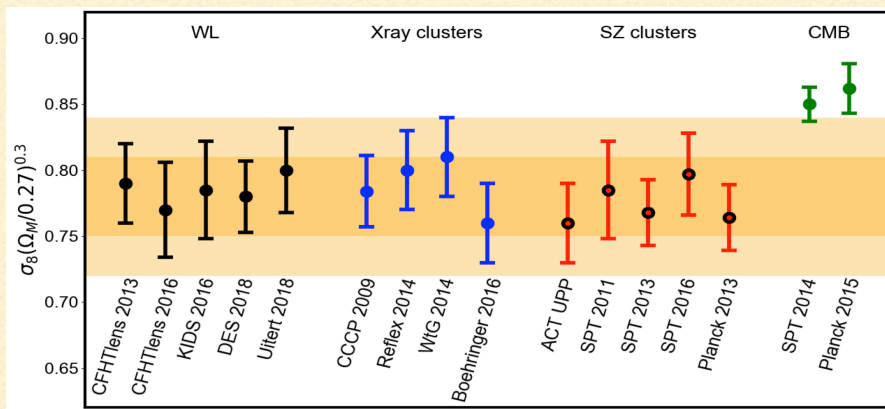
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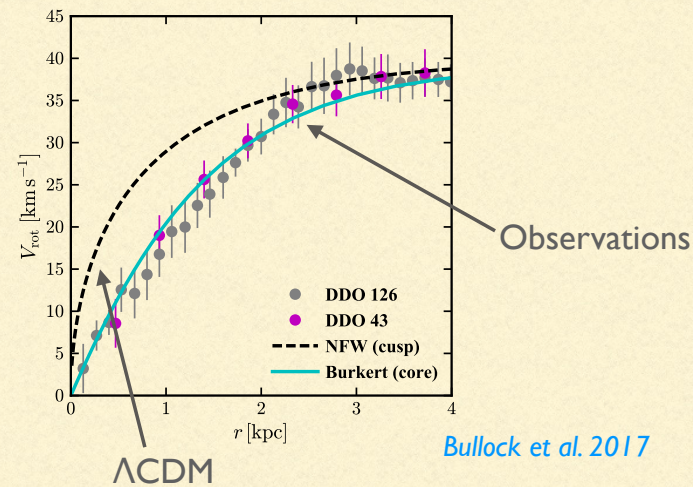
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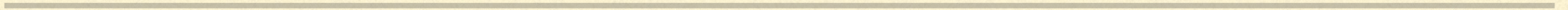
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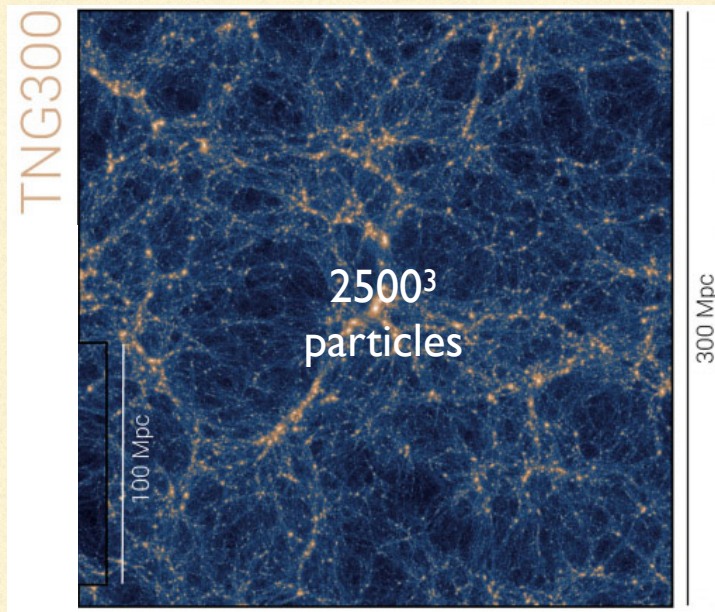
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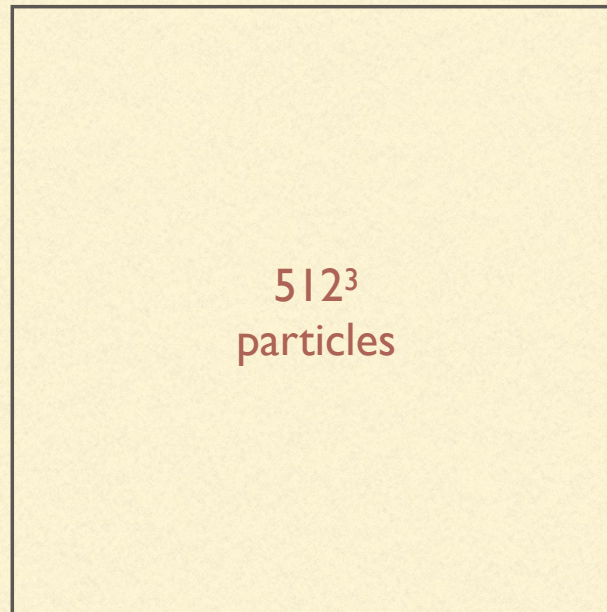
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Initial conditions



Springel et al. 2018



205 Mpc/h \sim 300 Mpc

$$z = 49 \longrightarrow z = 0$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.3089$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6911$$

$$H_0 = 67.74 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

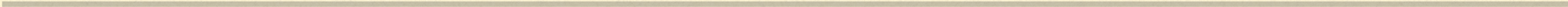
$$m_{DM} \sim 10^{10} M_\odot$$

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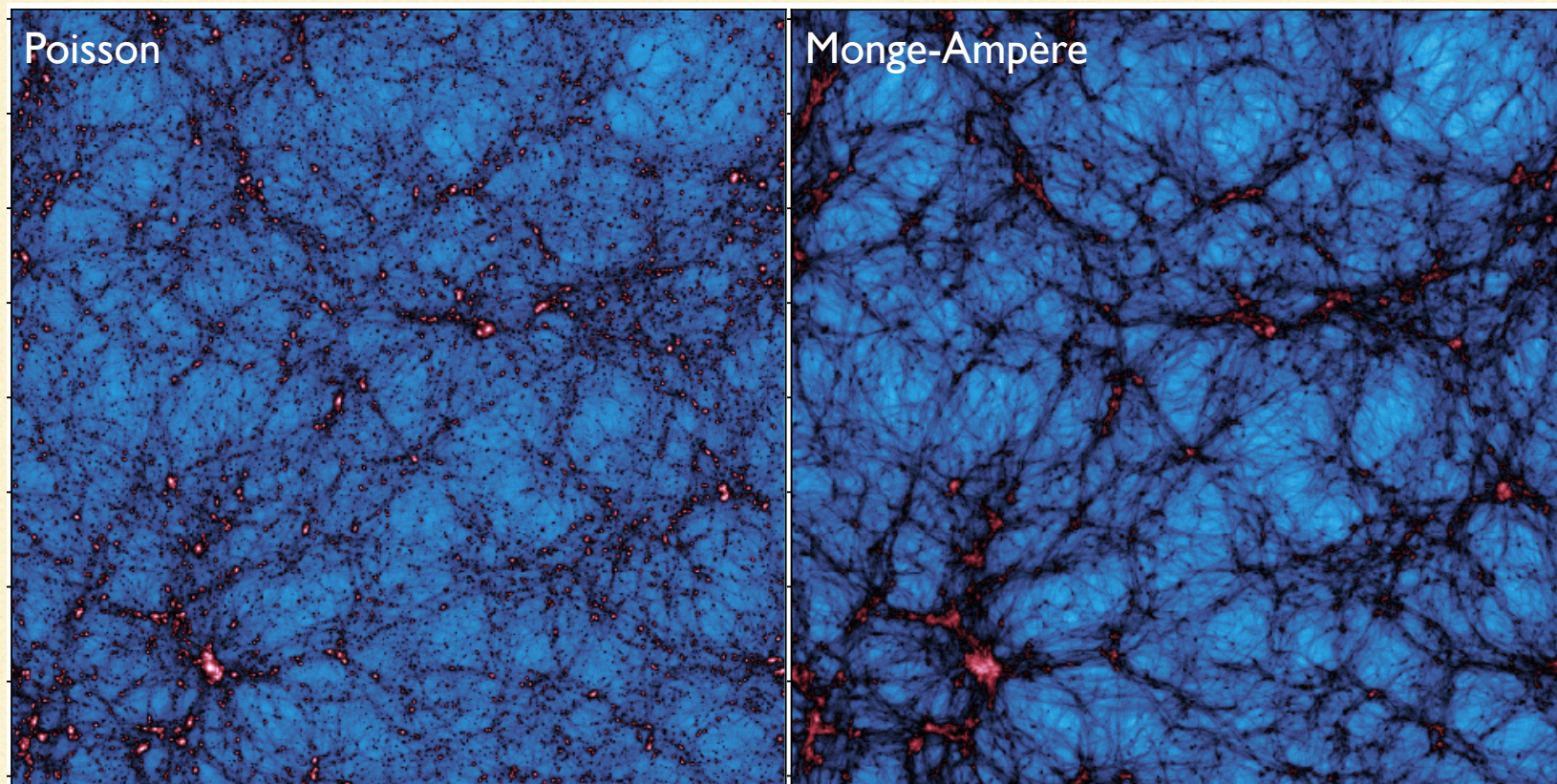
Optimal transport algorithm

Lévy 2022

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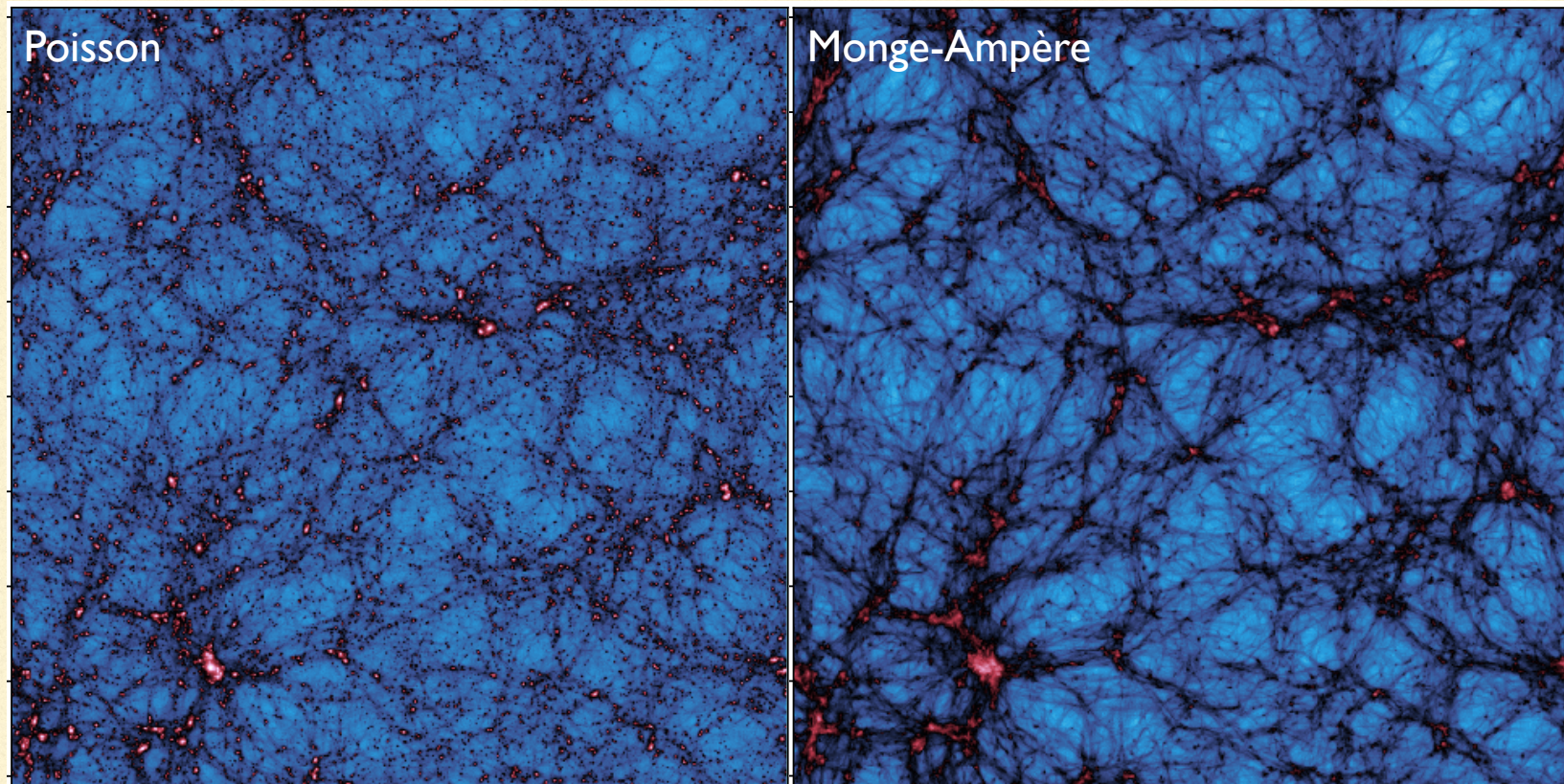
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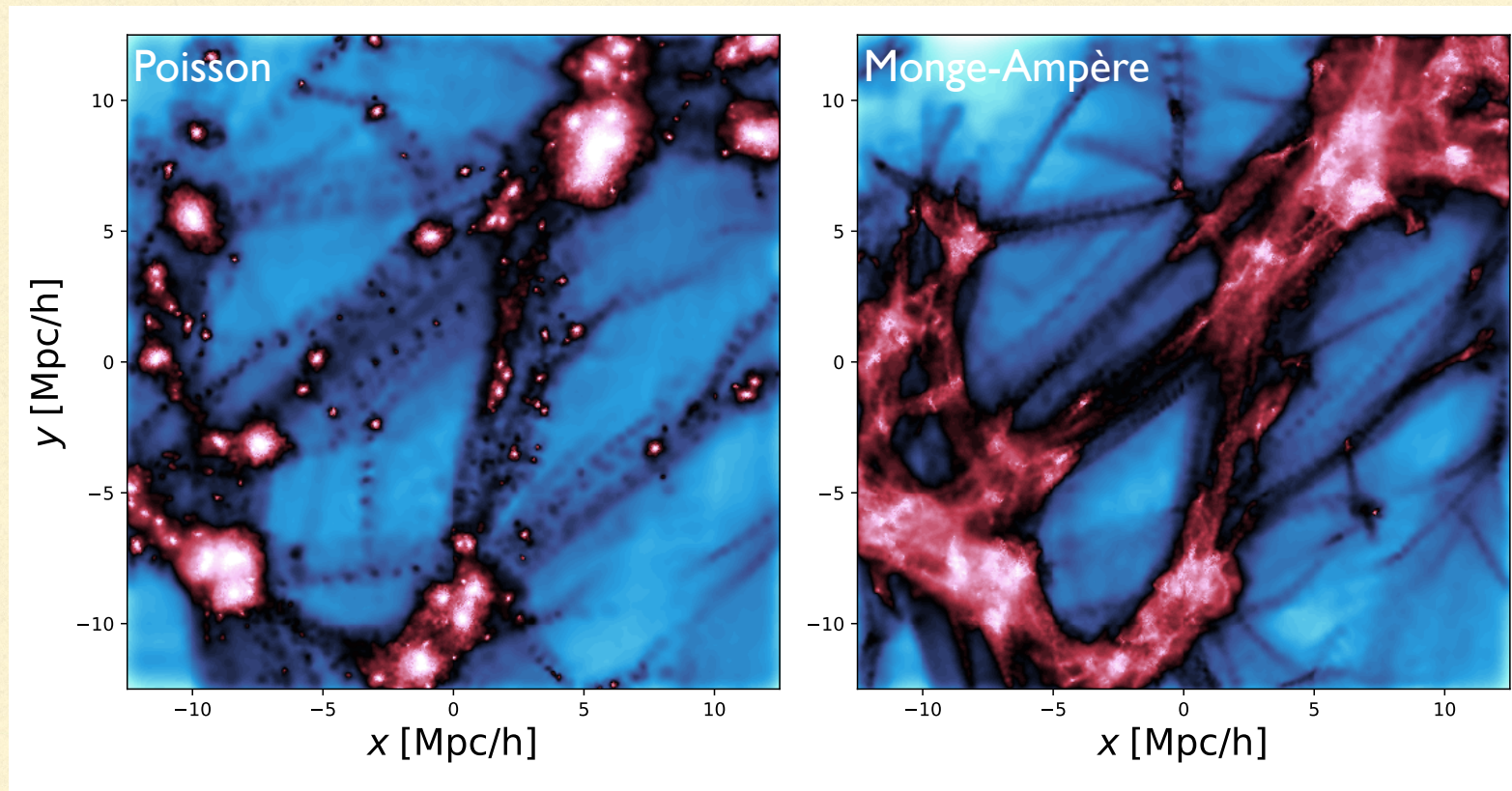
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A weaker gravitational clustering

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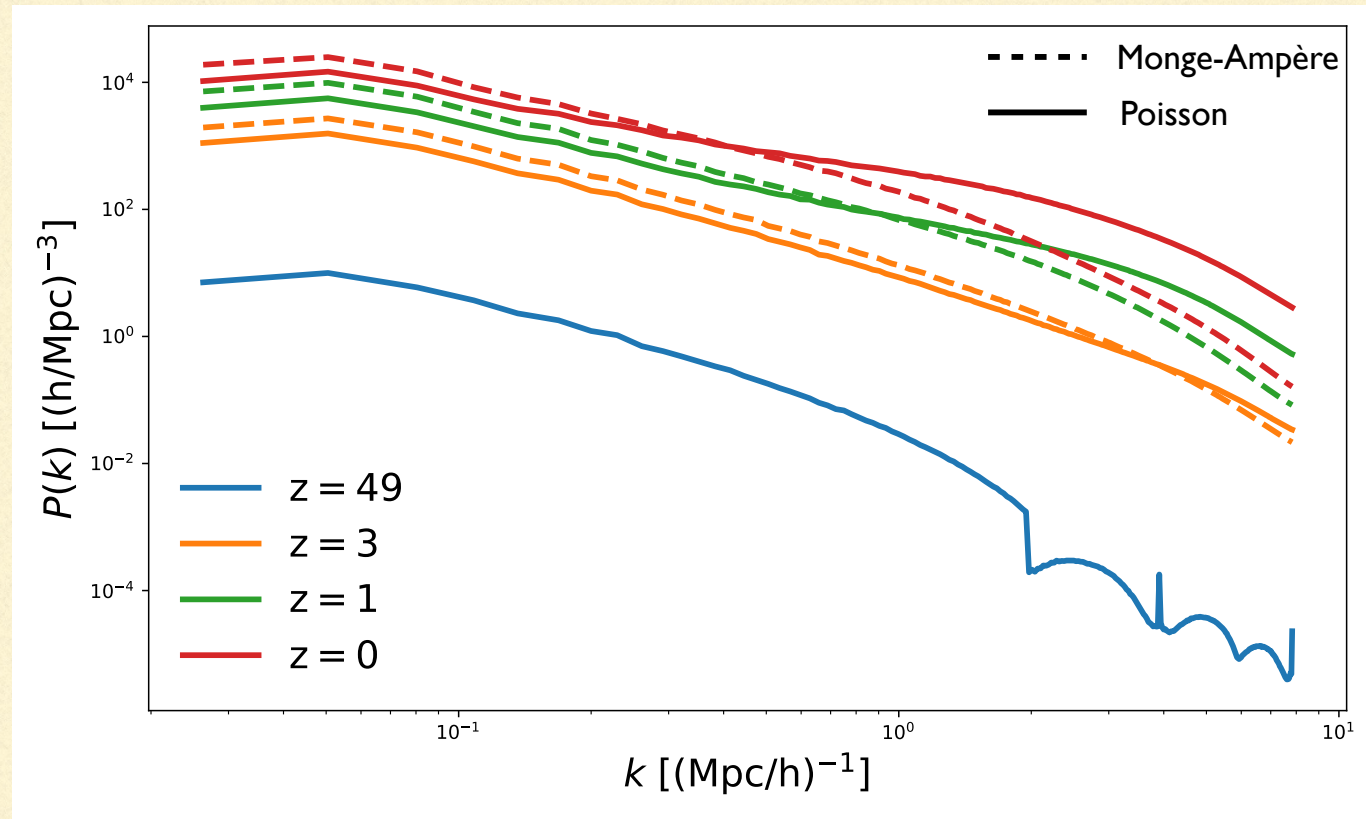
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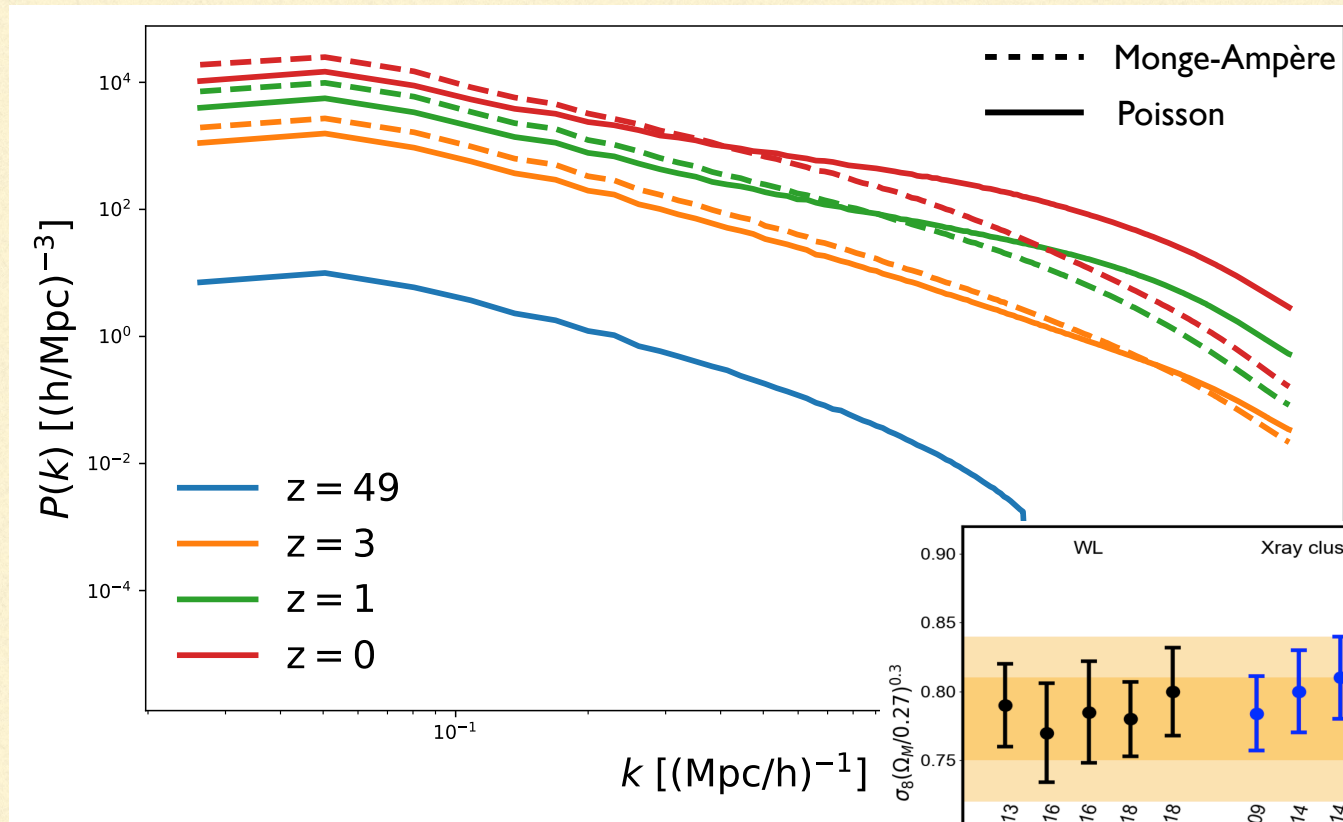
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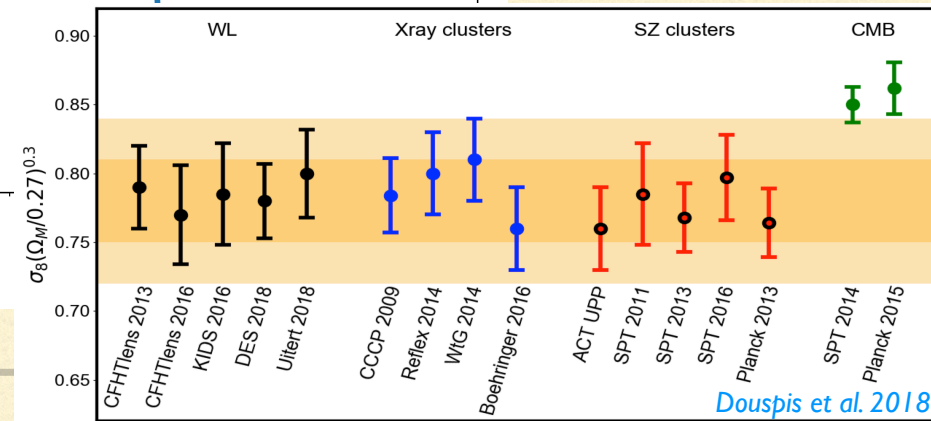


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Gravity is getting **weaker** at low z ?

σ_8 tension

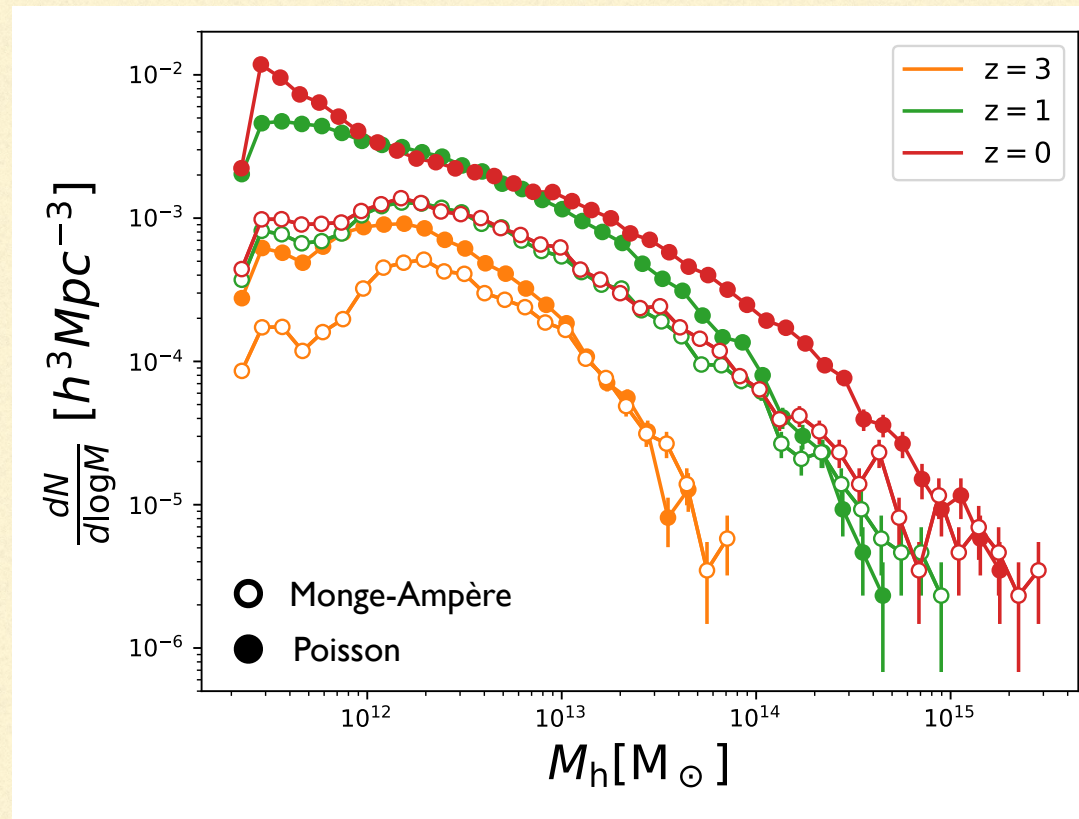


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Halo mass function



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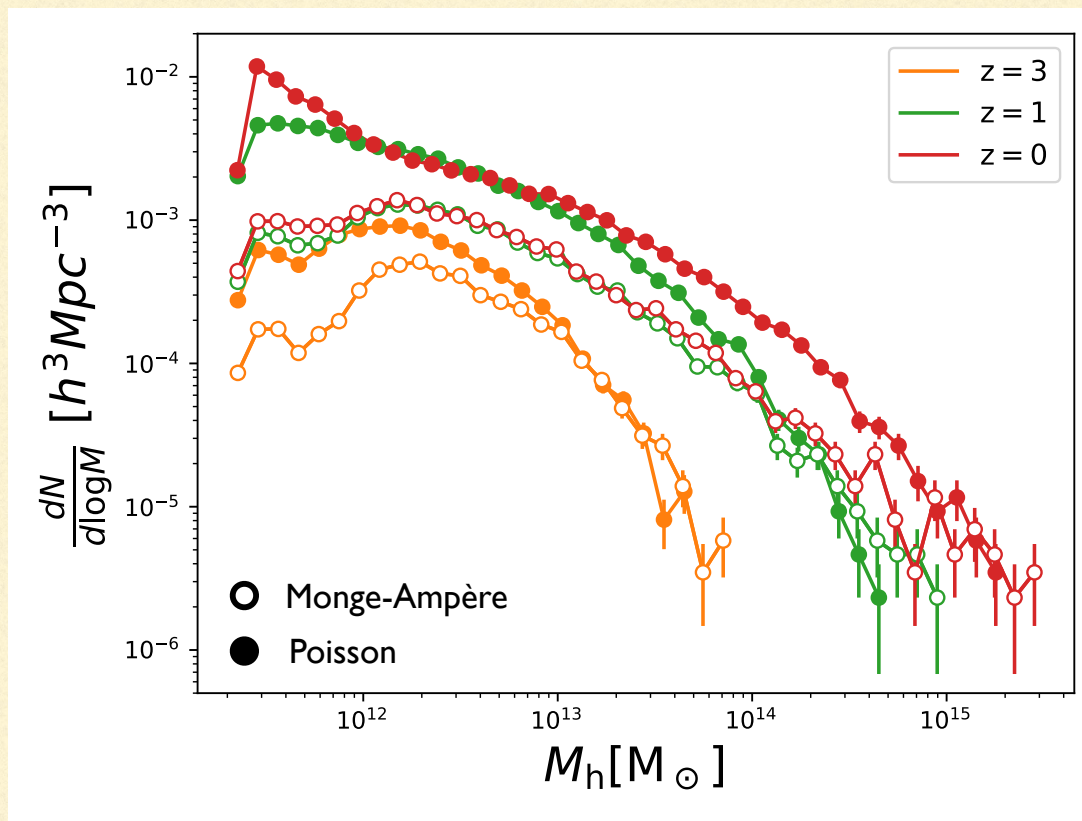


Halo mass function

Poisson | Monge-Ampère

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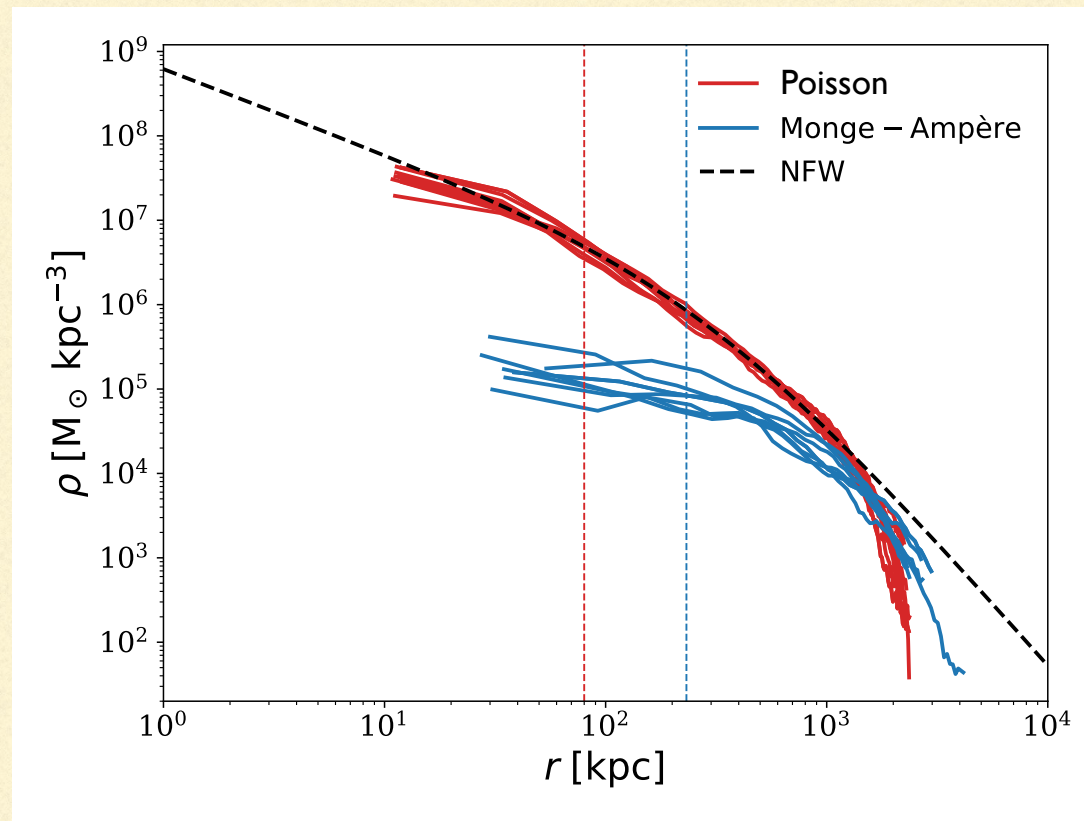
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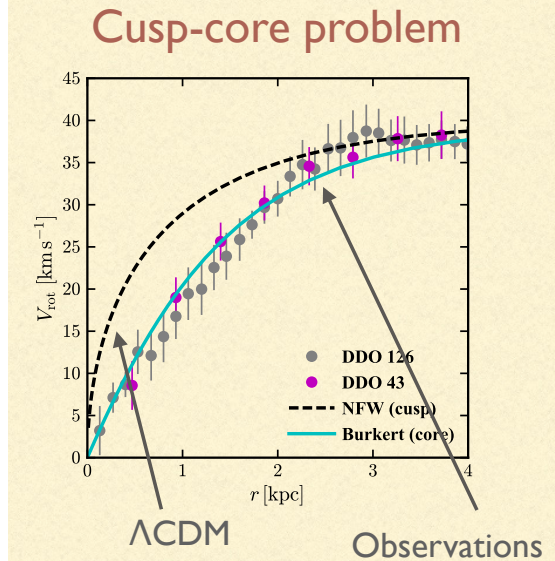
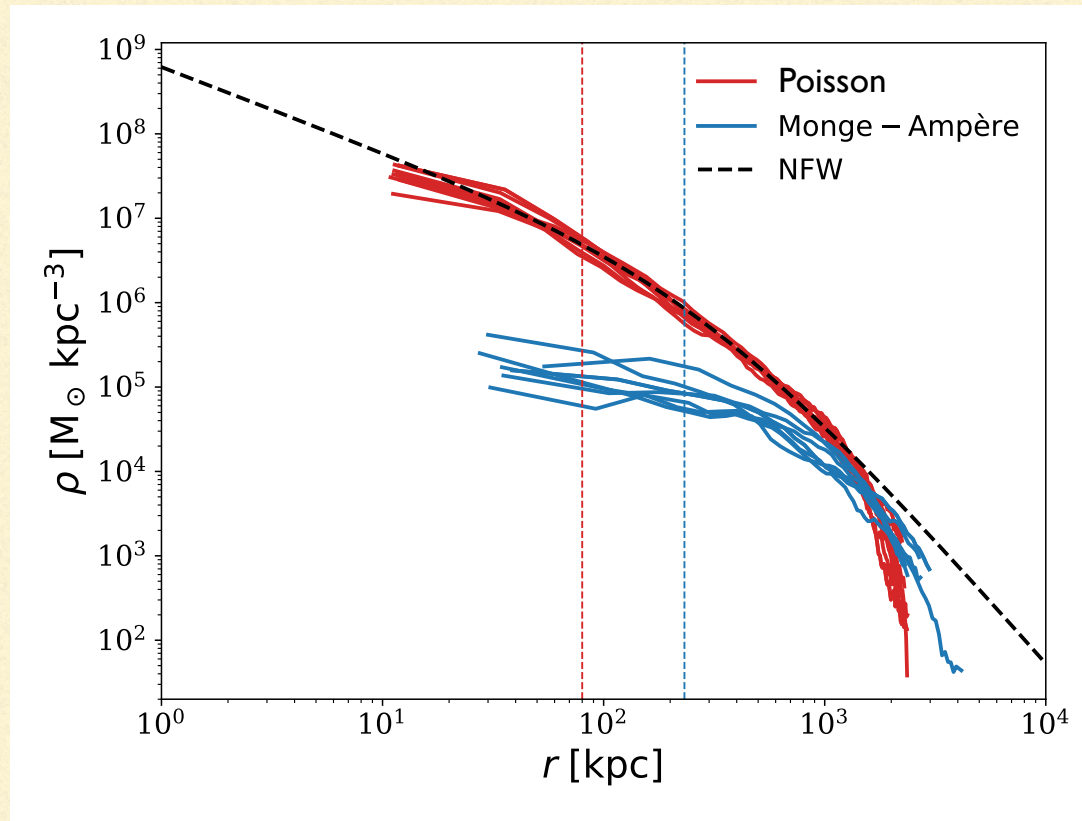
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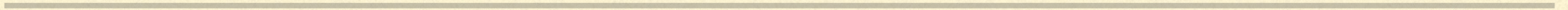
A potential solution to the cusp-core problem

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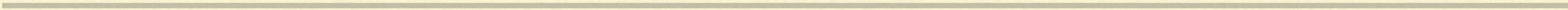
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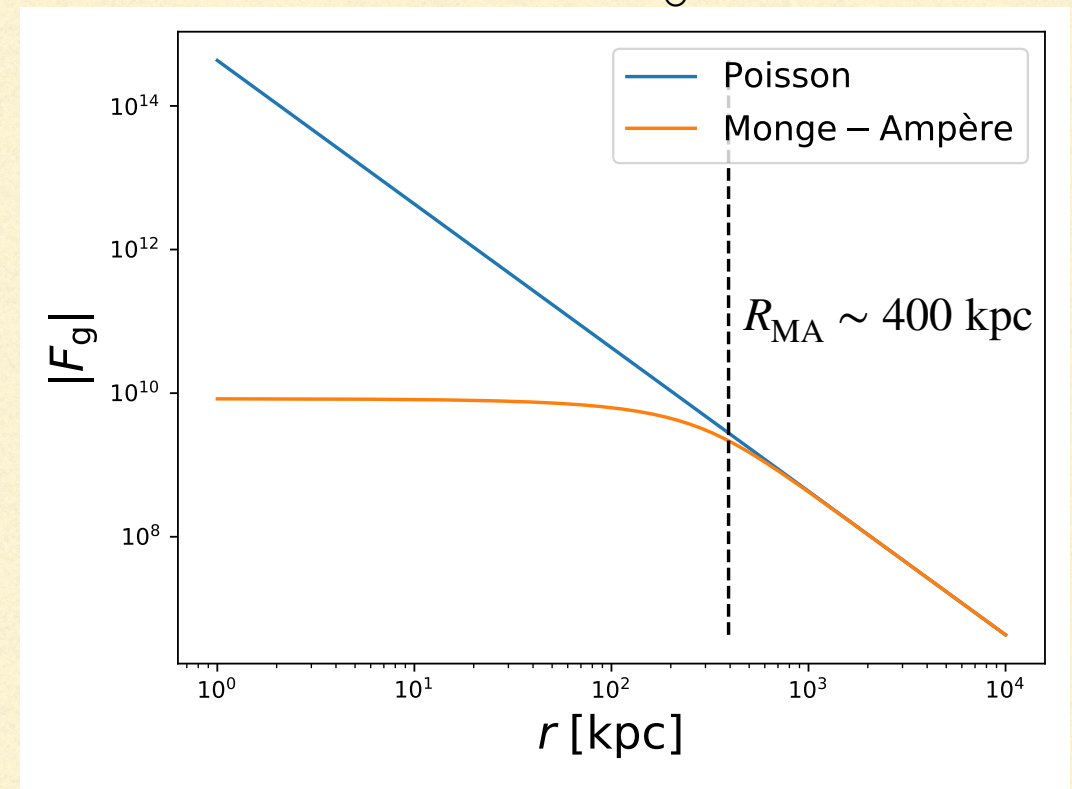
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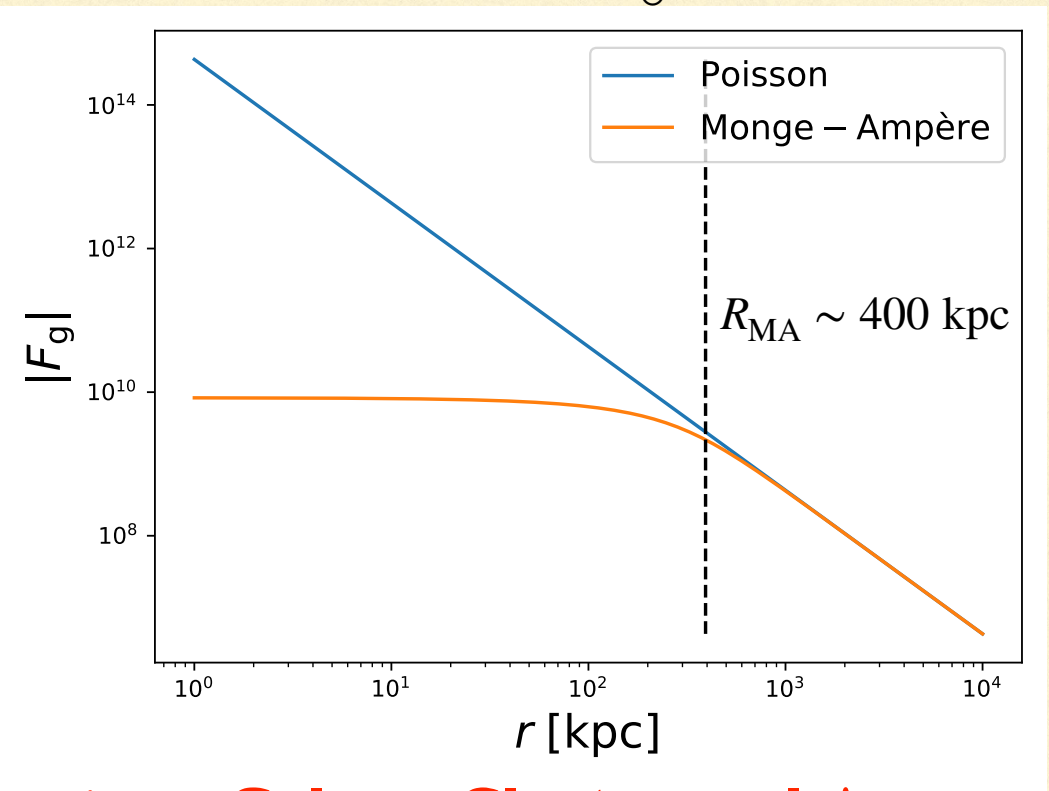
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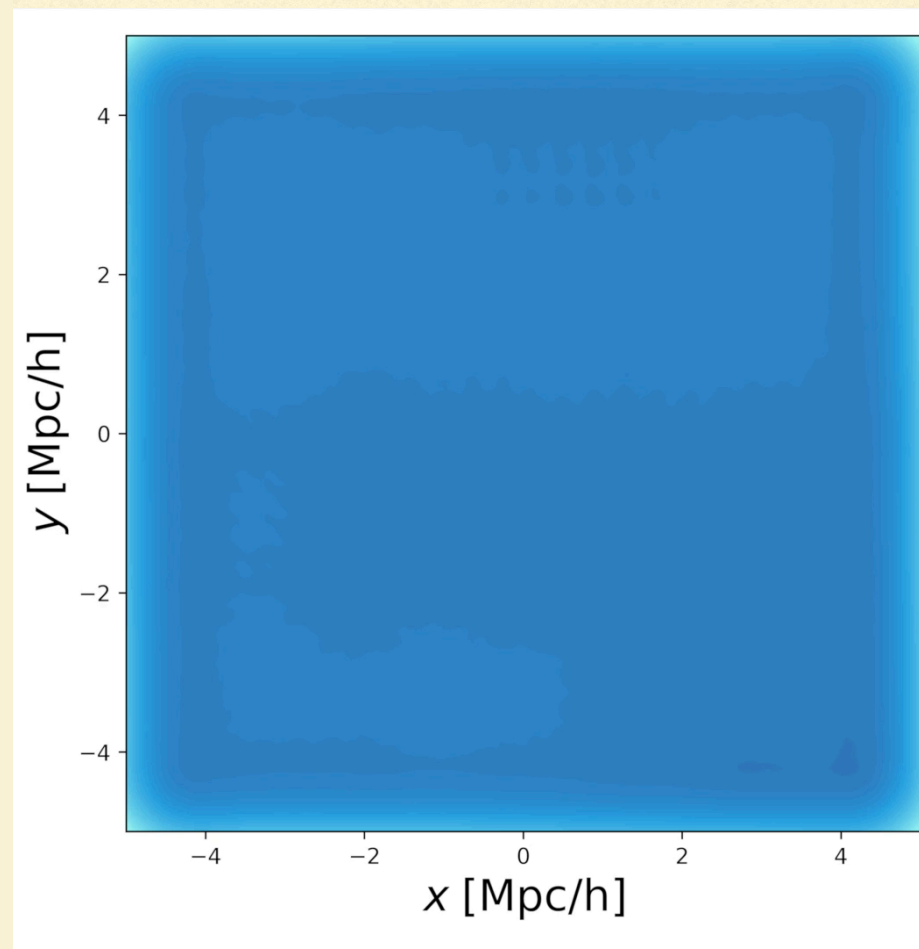


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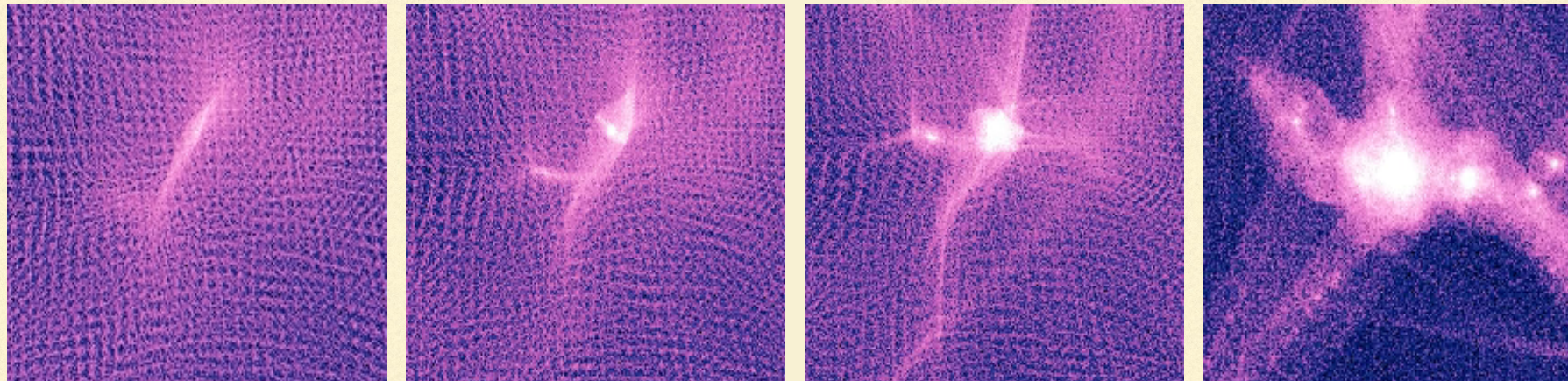
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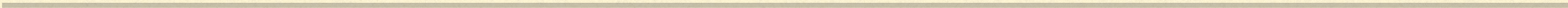
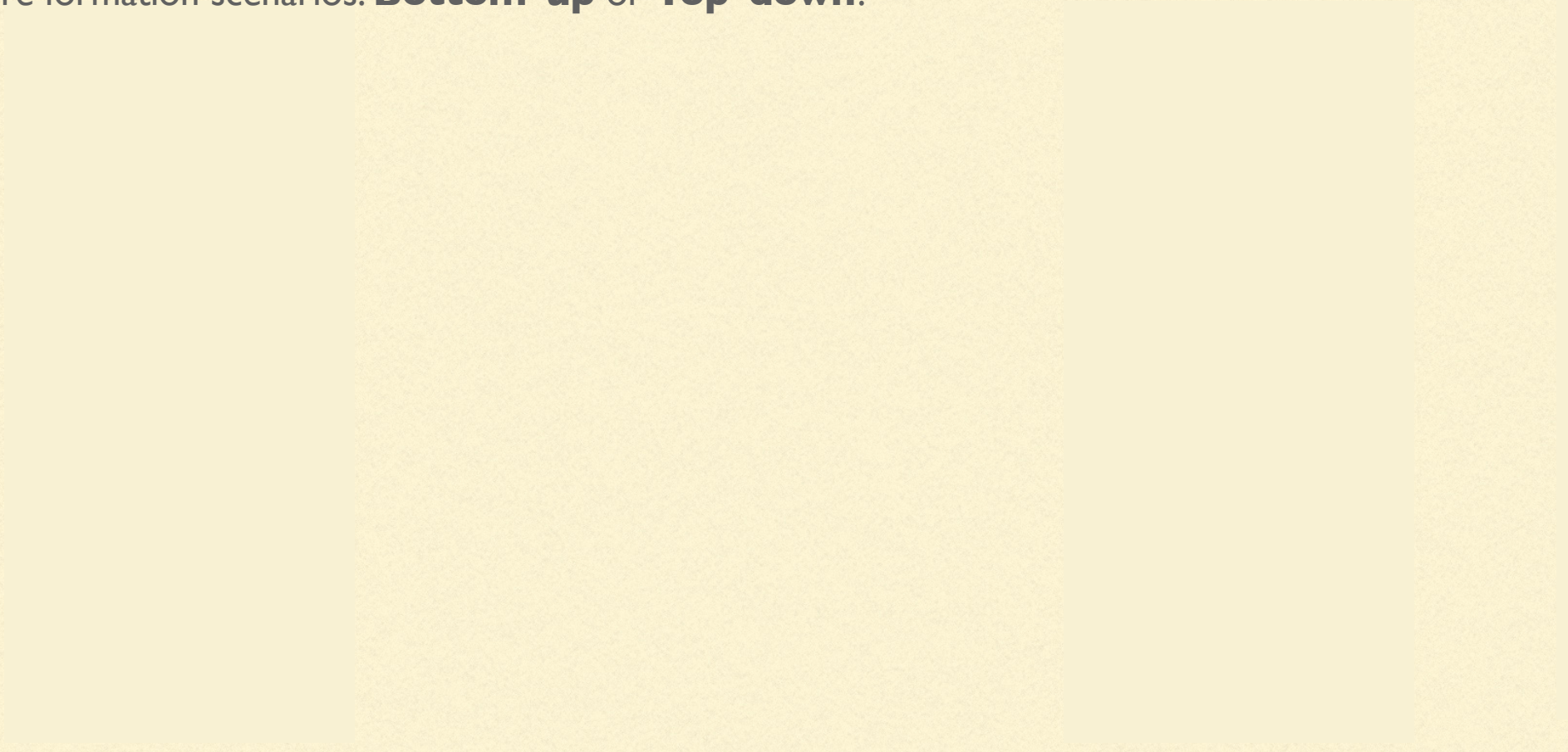
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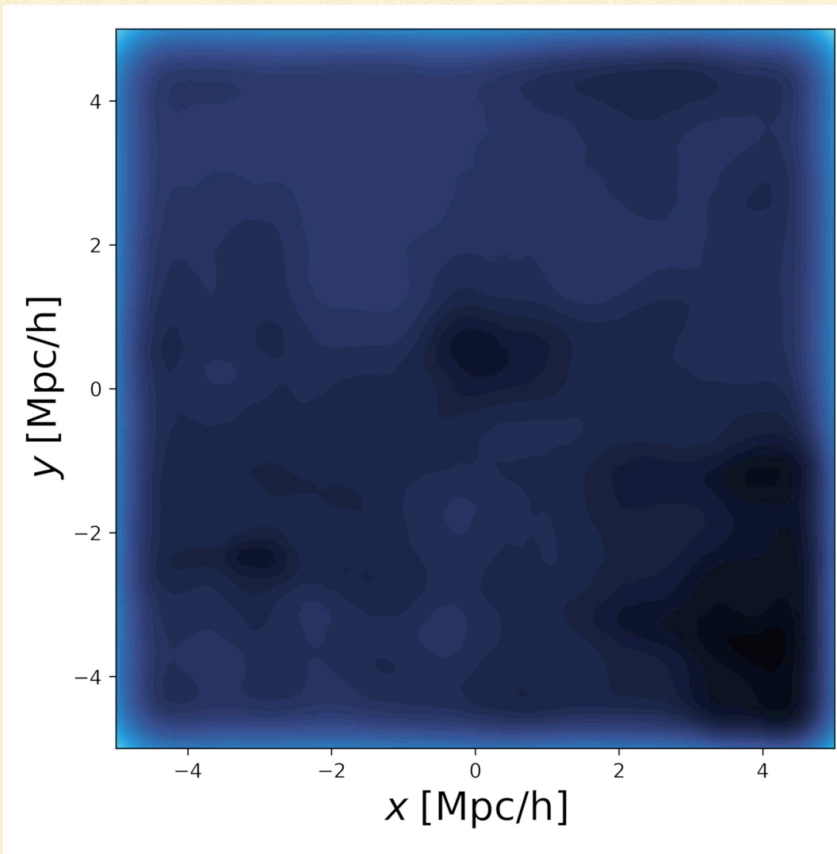


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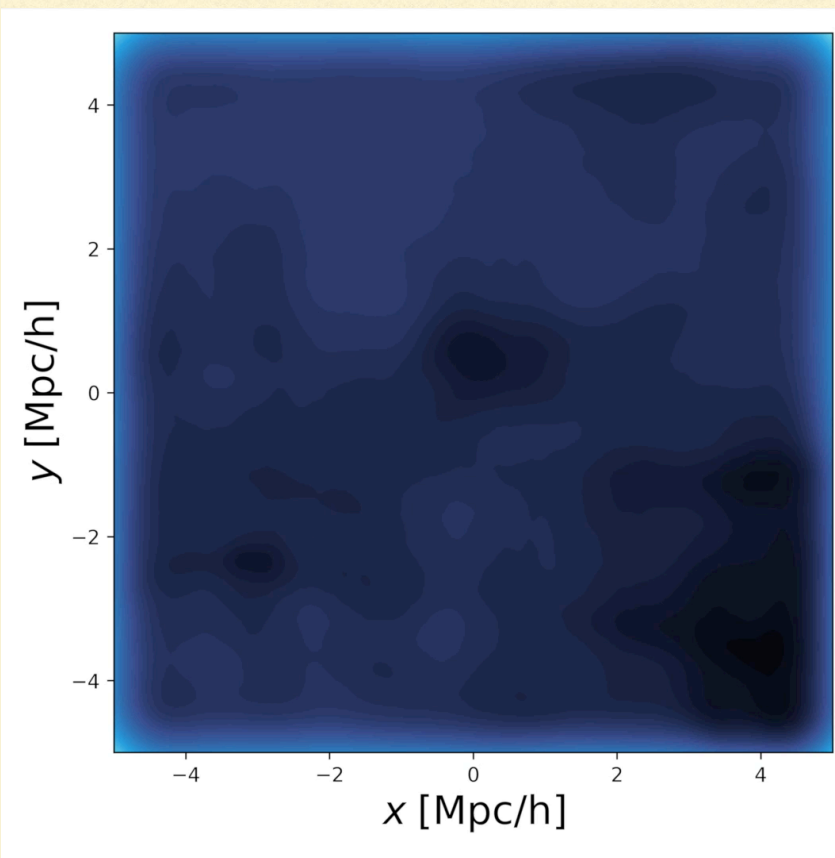
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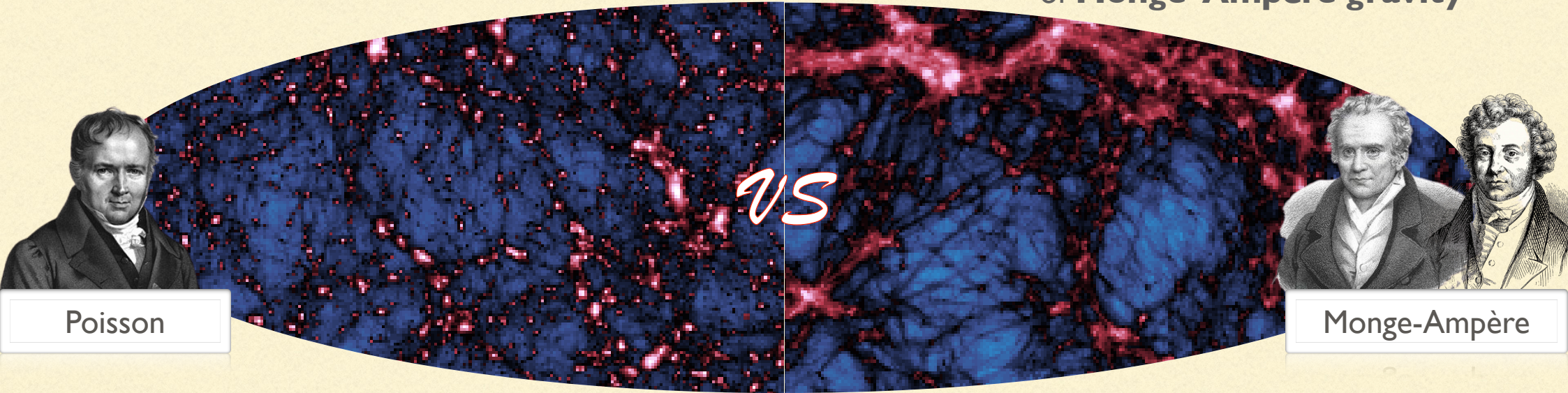


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Conclusion

A **motivated** gravity theory

First N-body cosmological simulation
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State-of-the-art algorithms
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Future projects



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Evaluating the constraints from CMB and weak lensing measurements



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Cosmic filaments

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Thanks for your attention!
