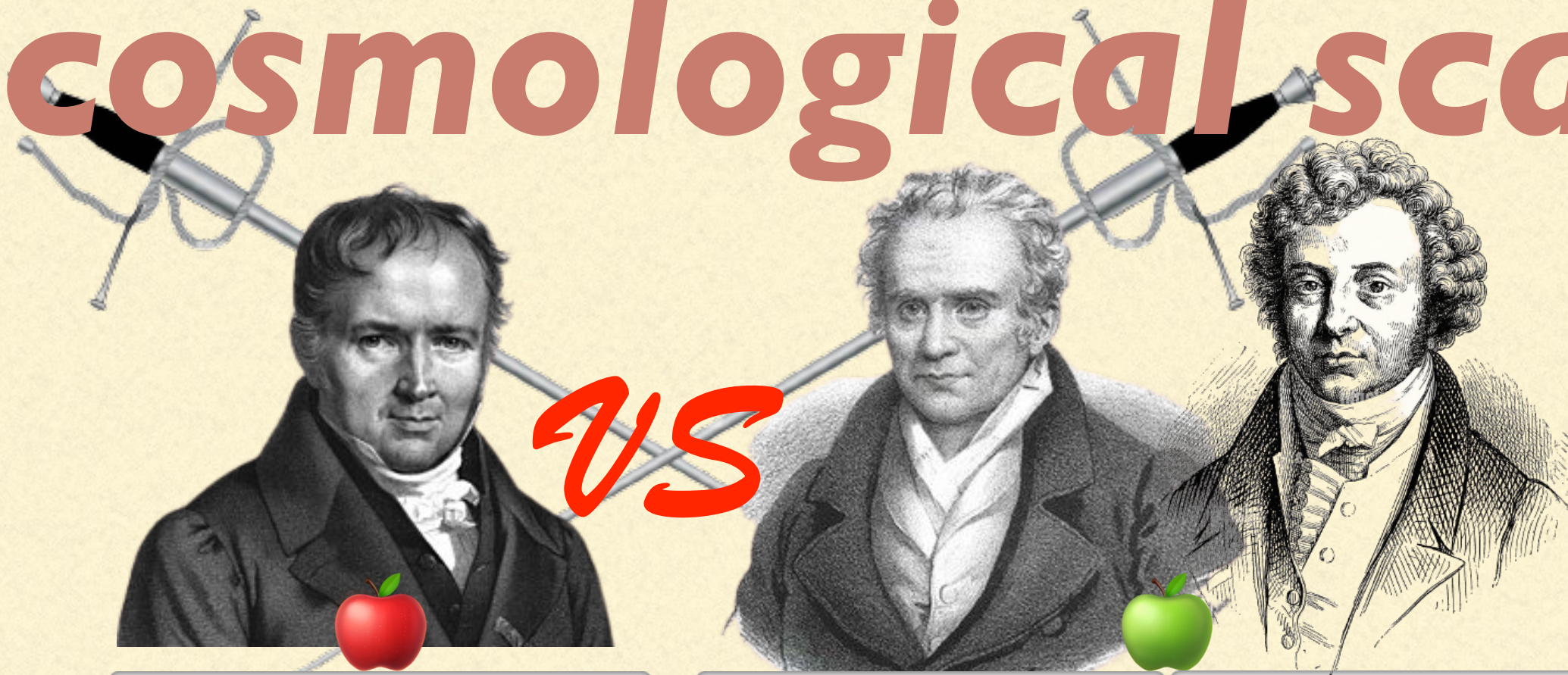


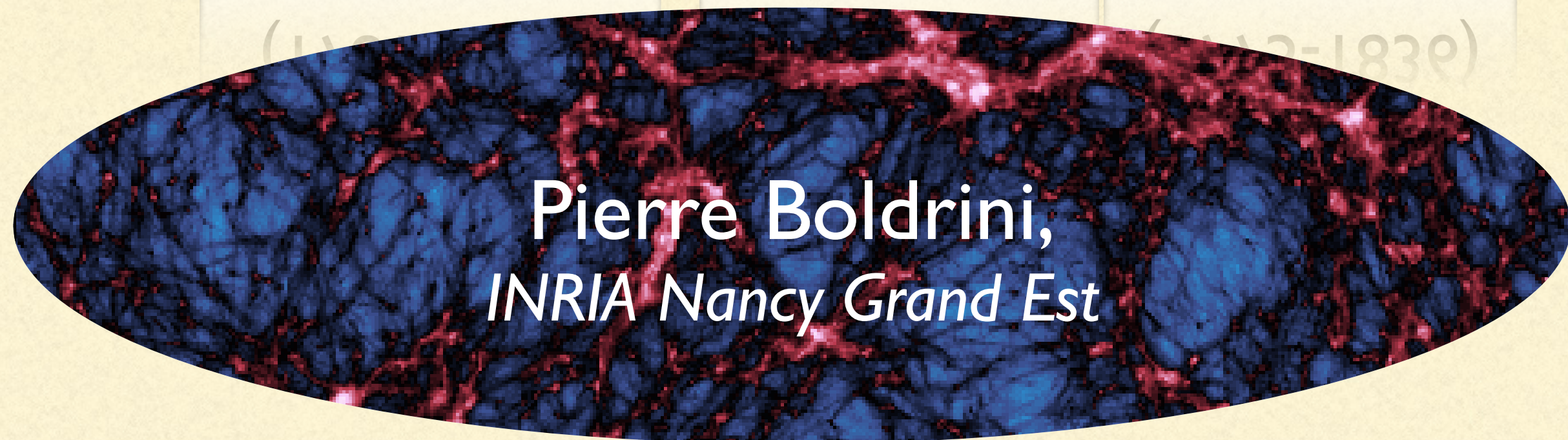
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Poisson  
(1781-1840)

Gaspard  
Monge  
(1746-1818)

André-Marie  
Ampère  
(1775-1836)



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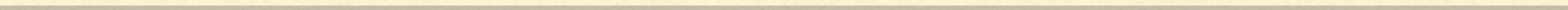
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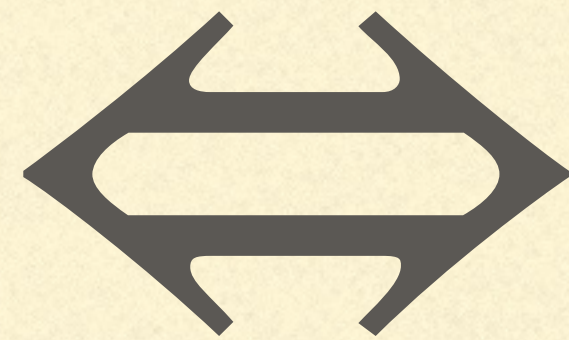
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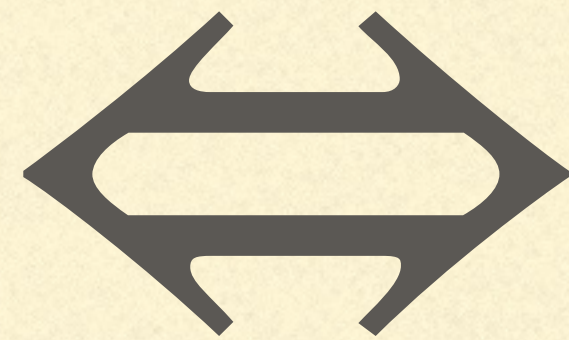
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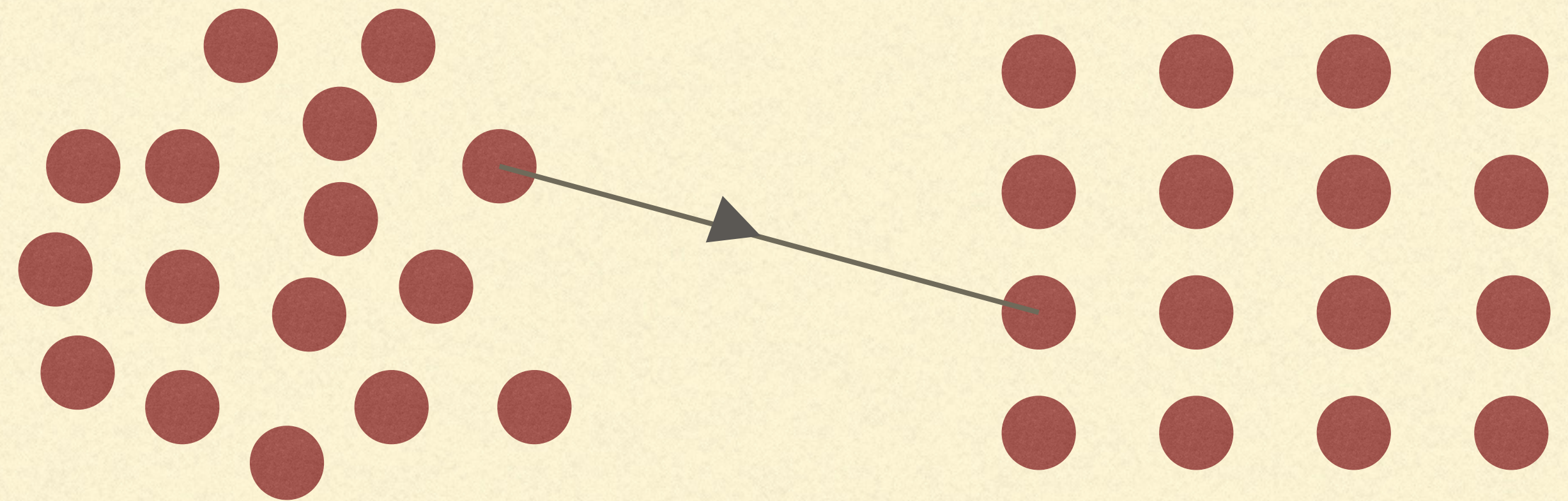
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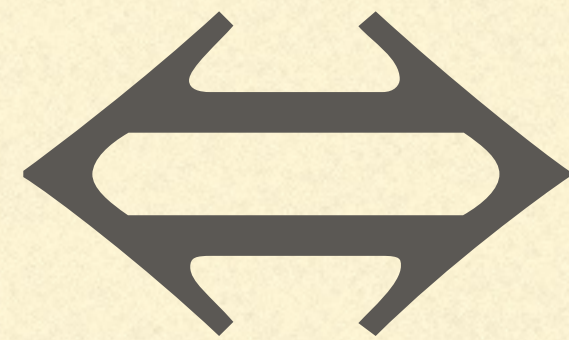
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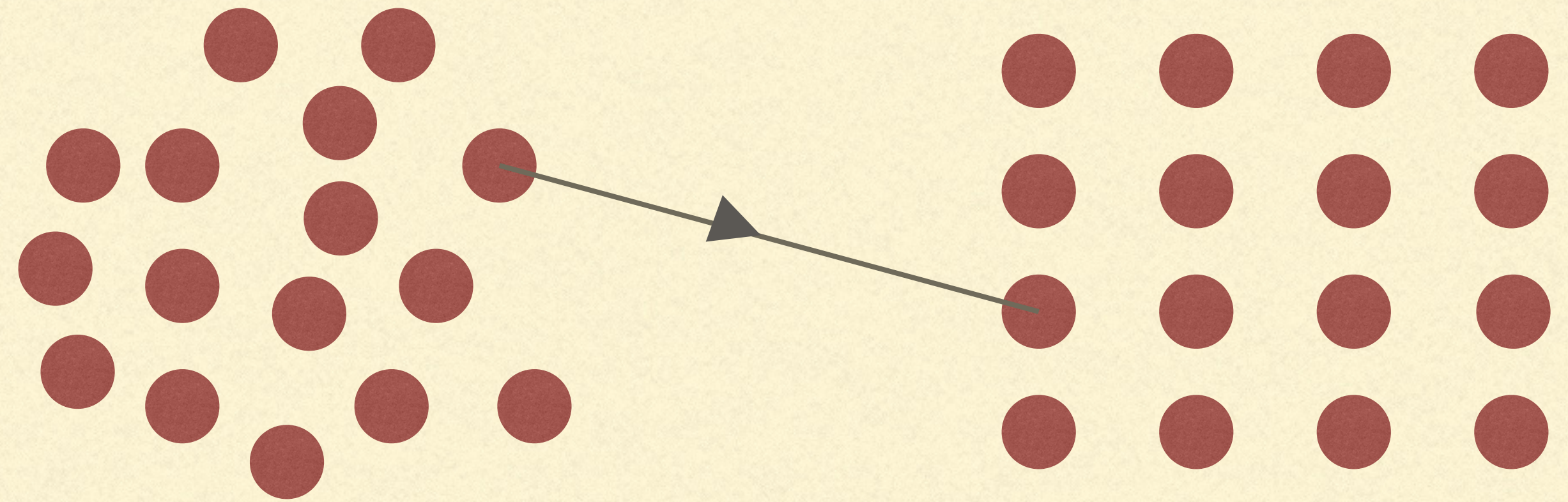
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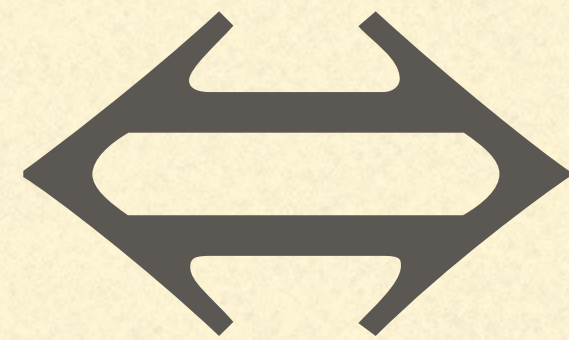
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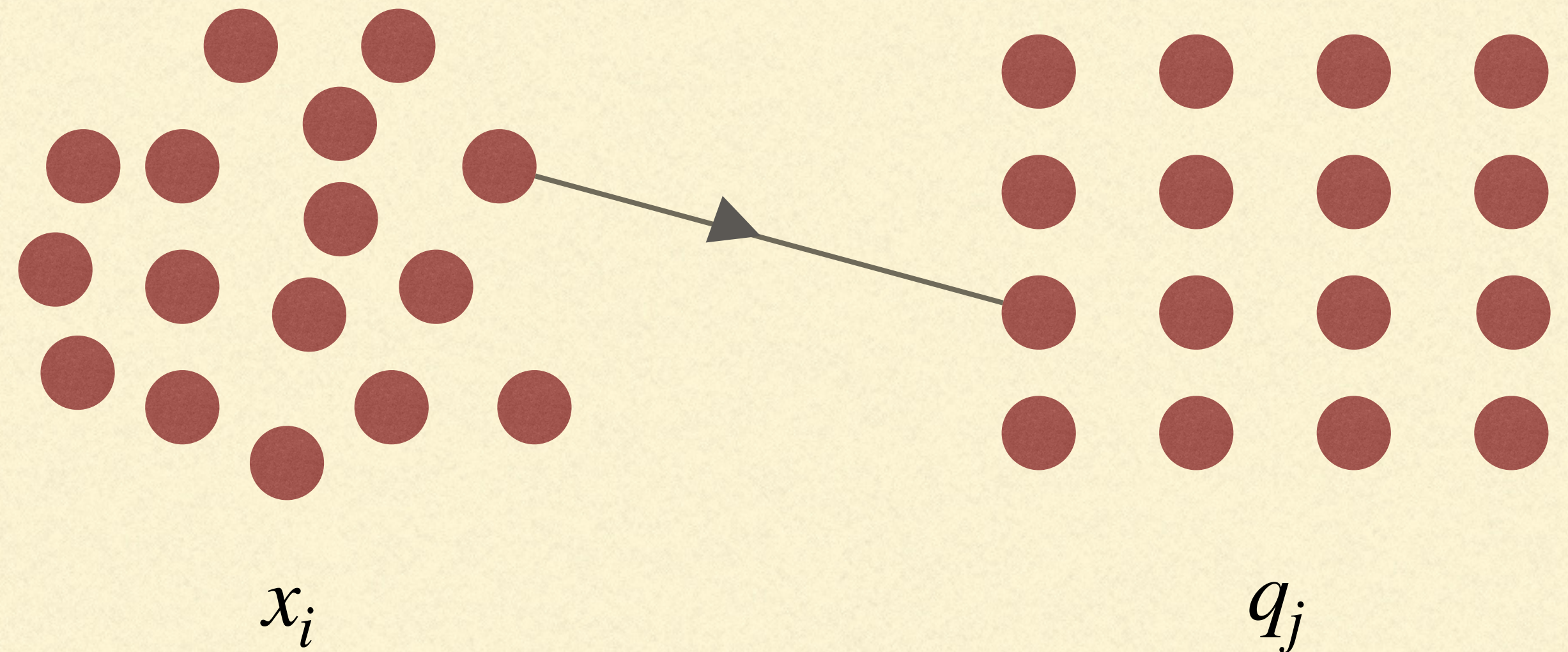
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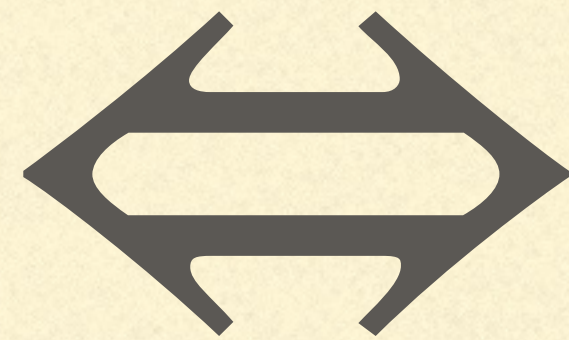
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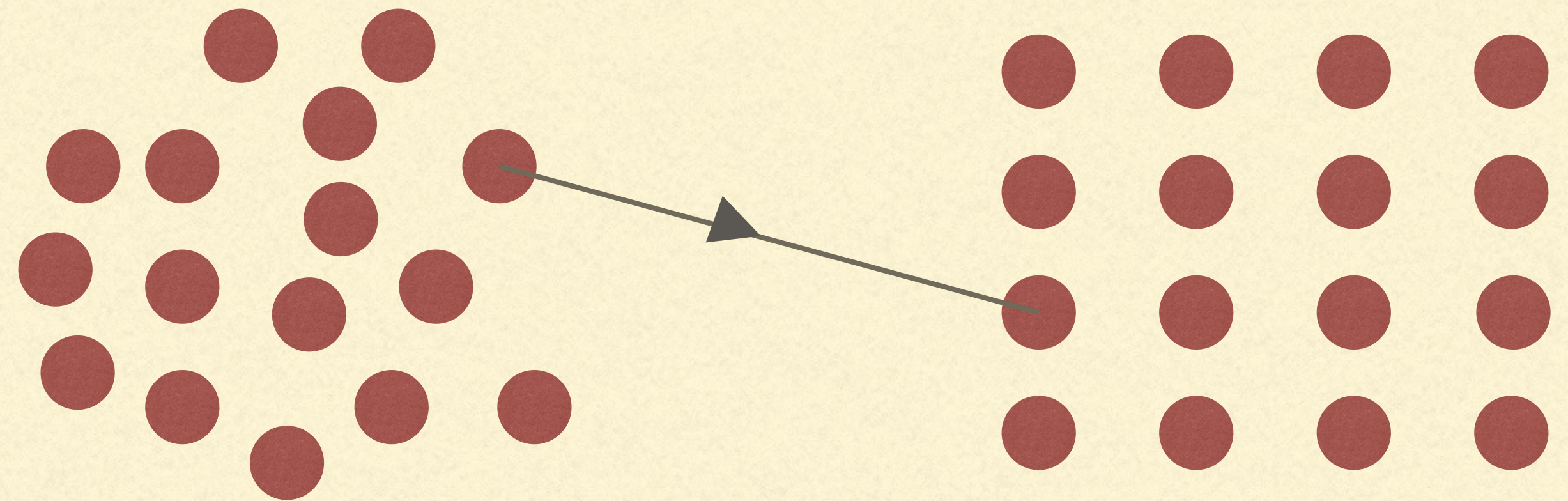
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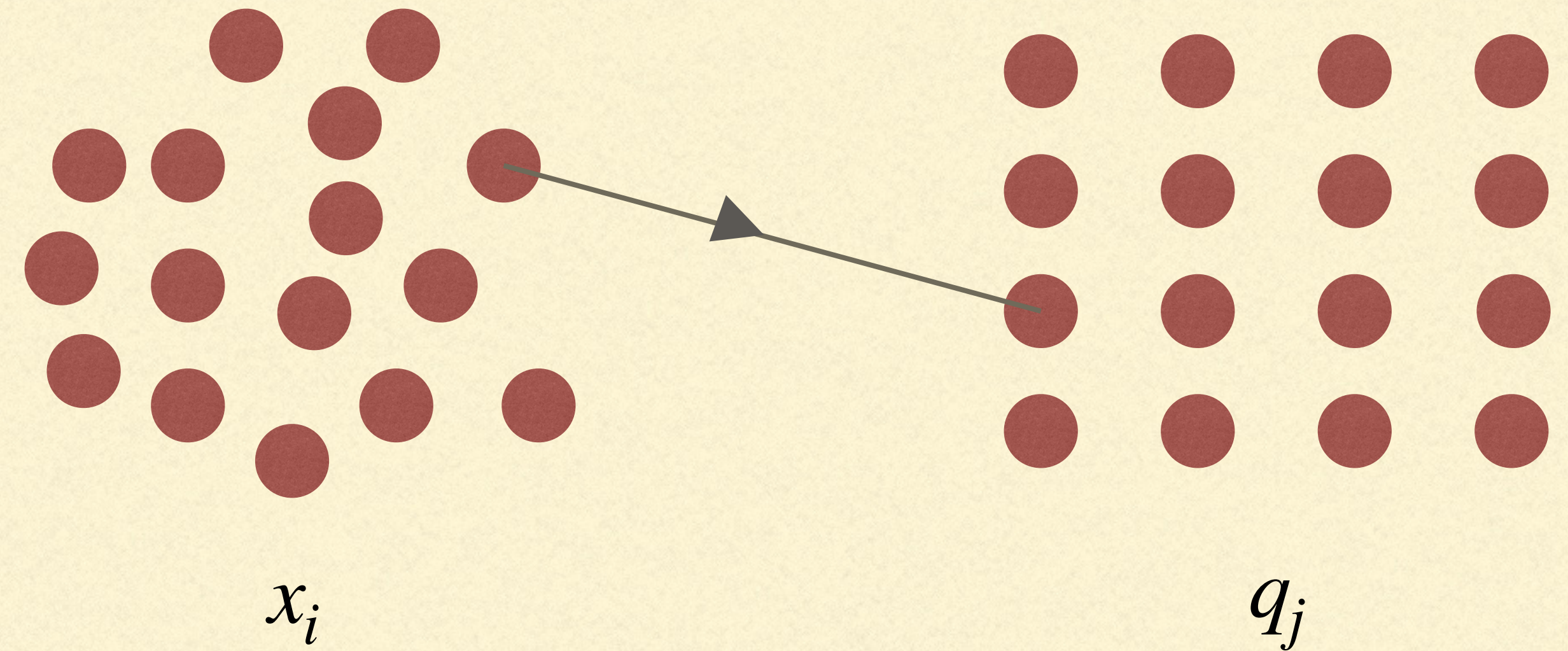
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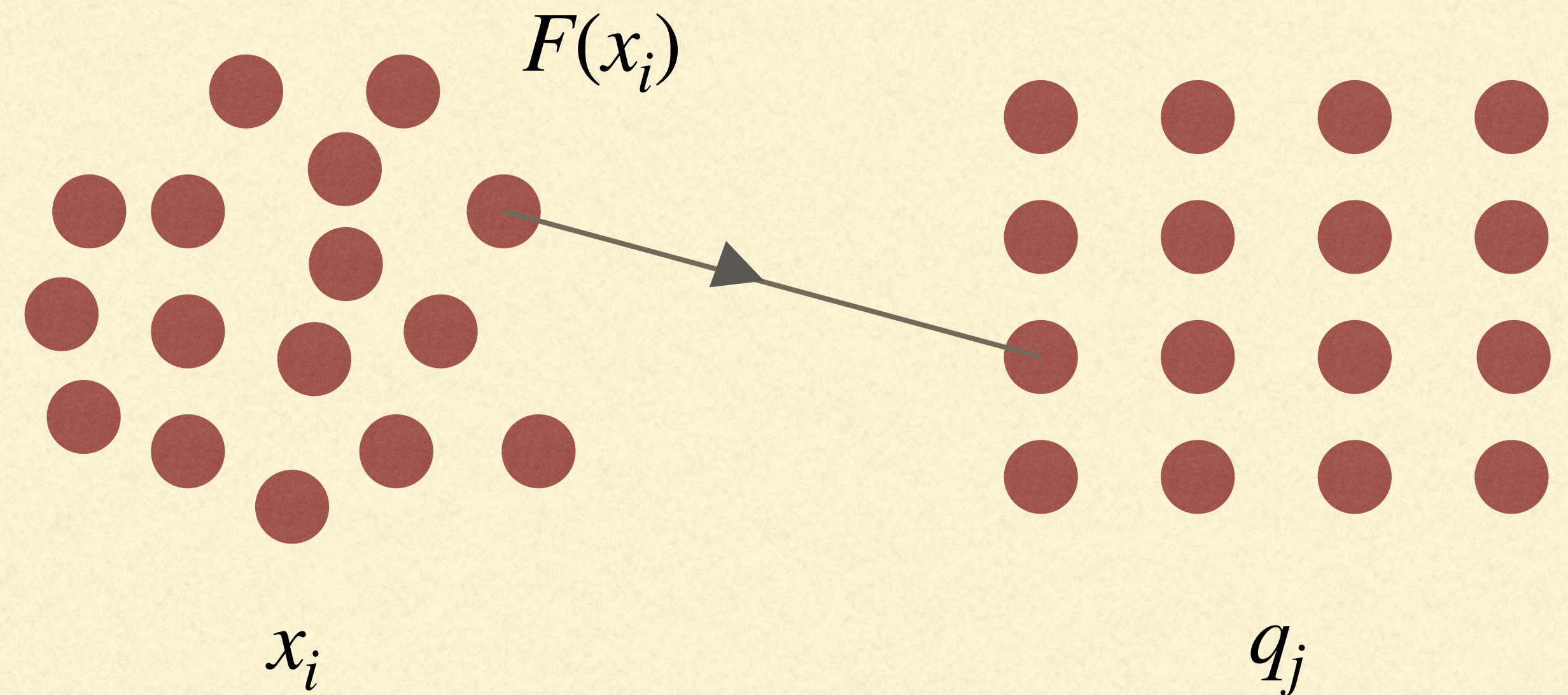
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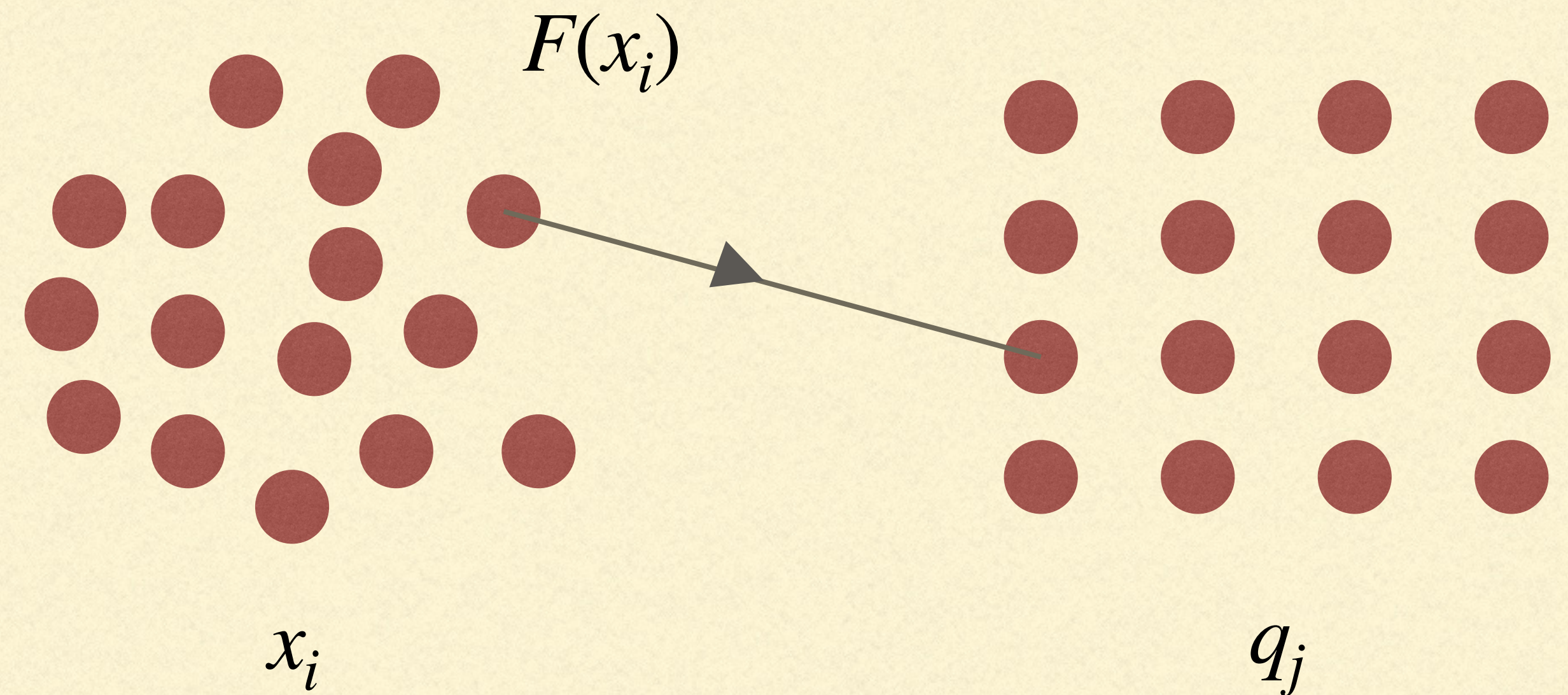
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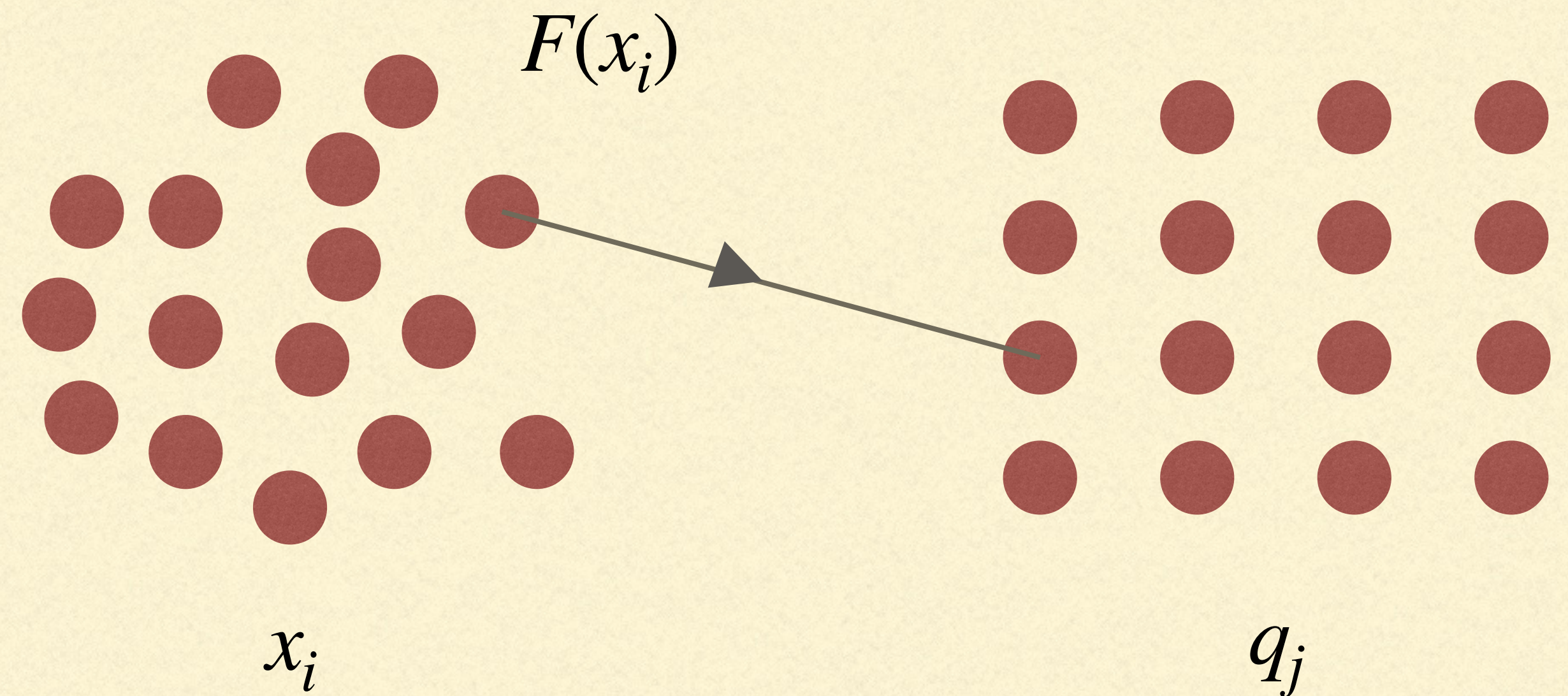
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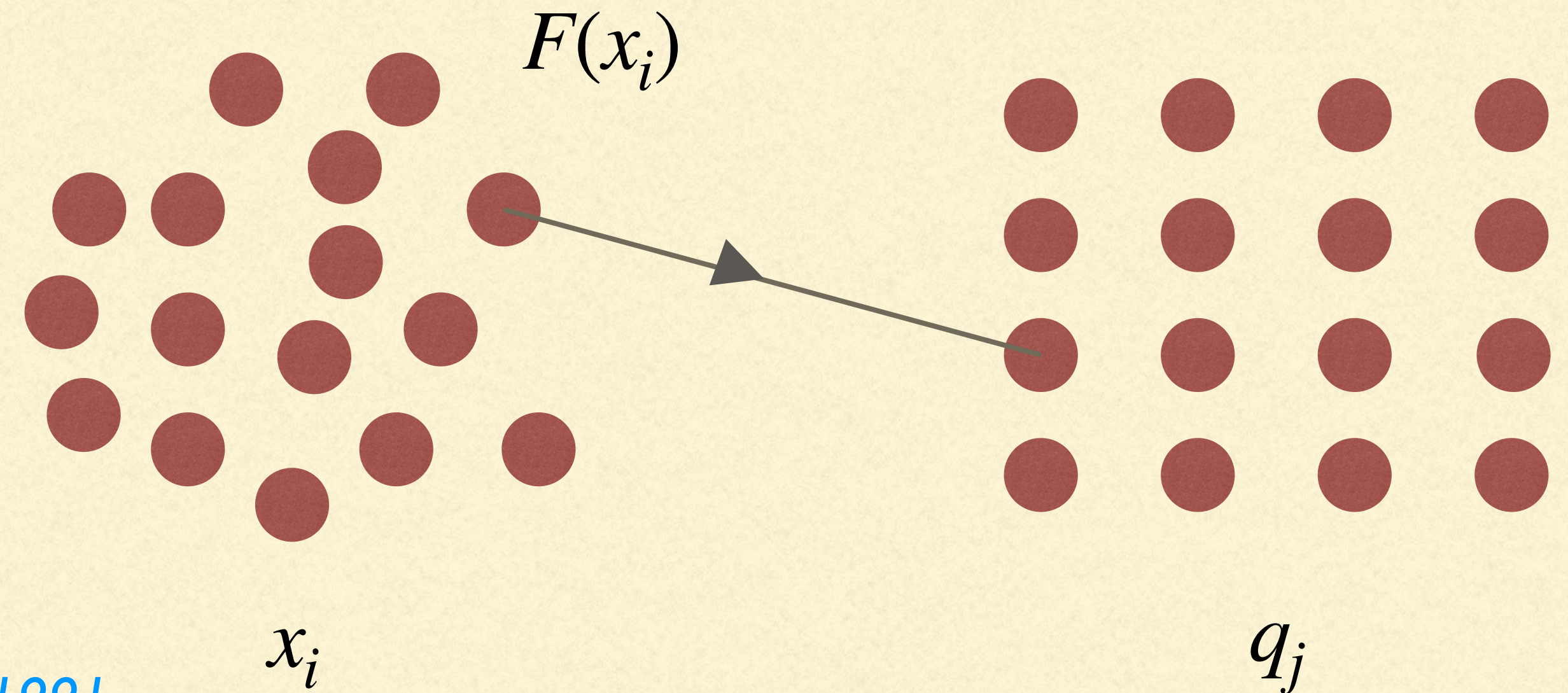
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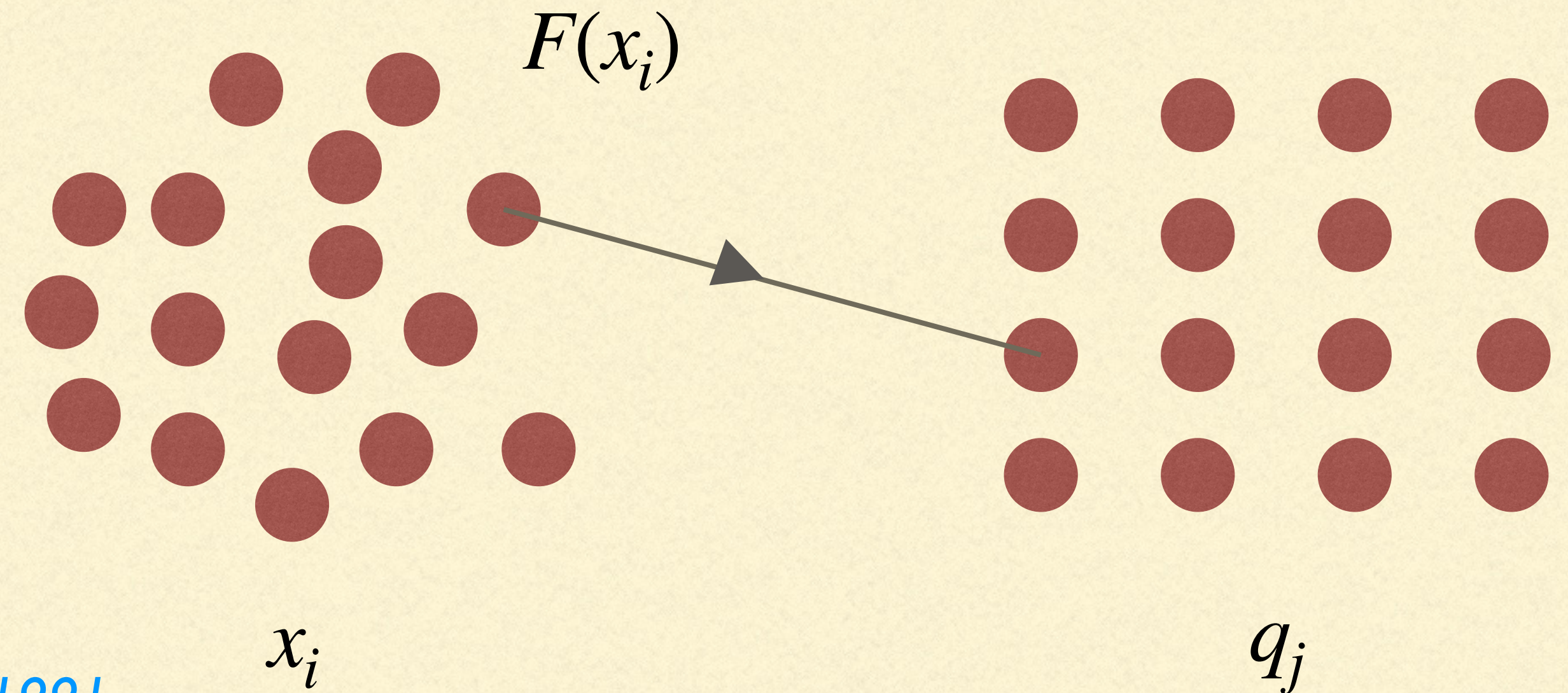
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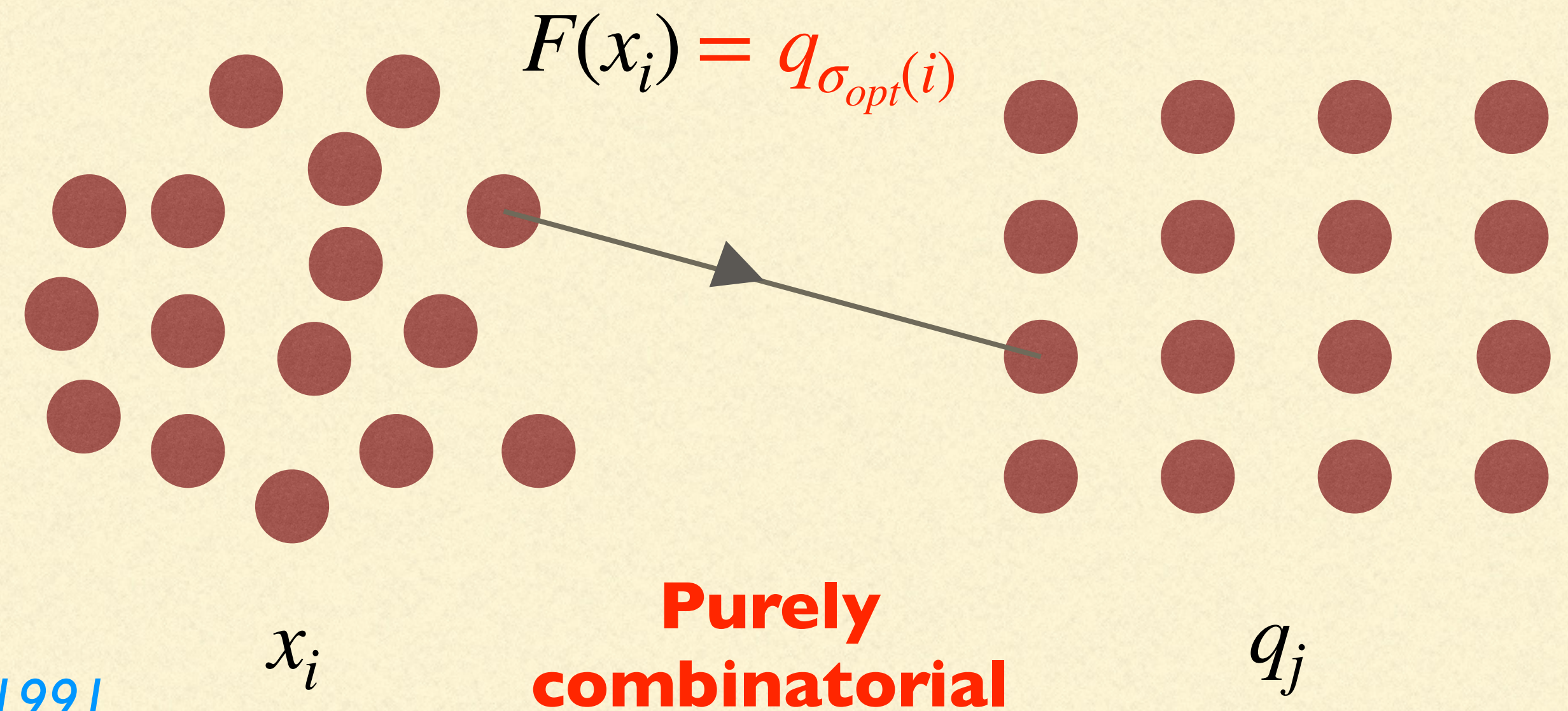
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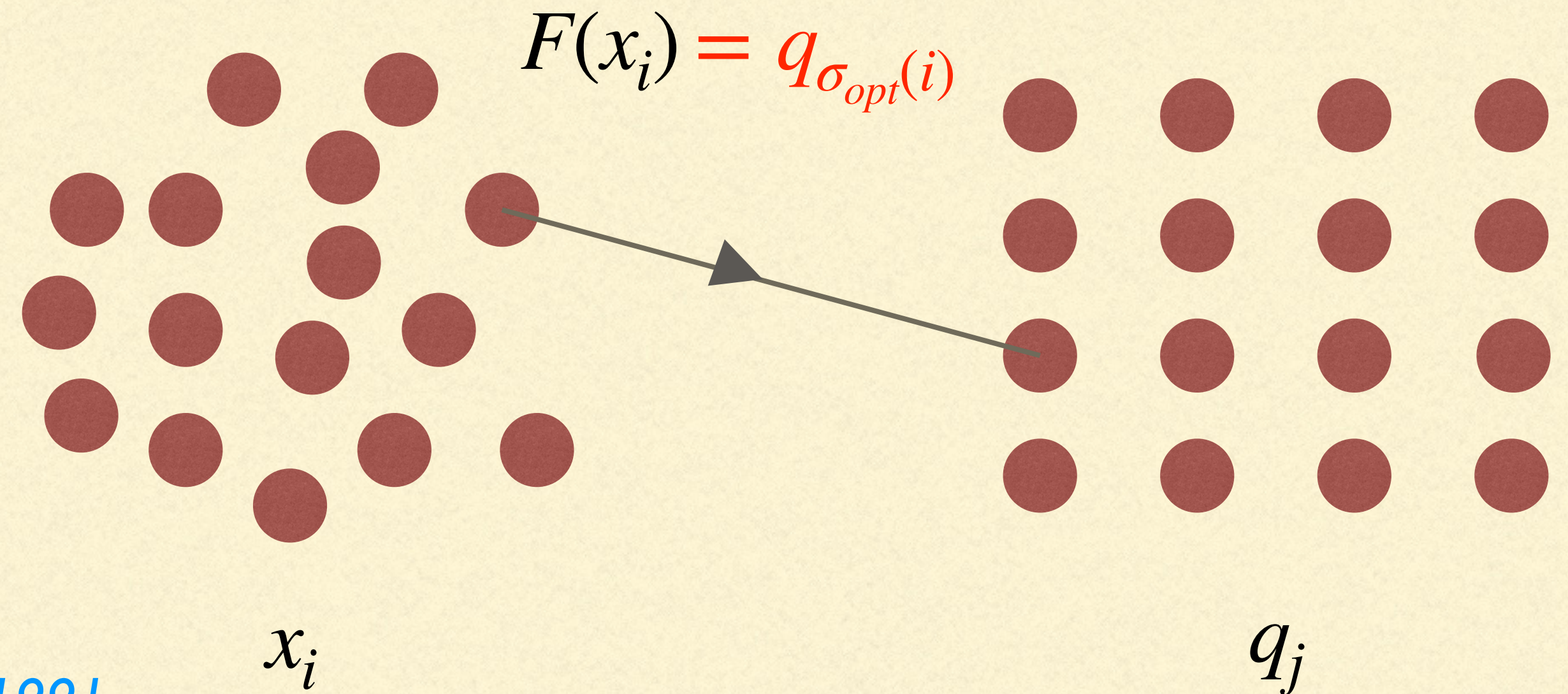
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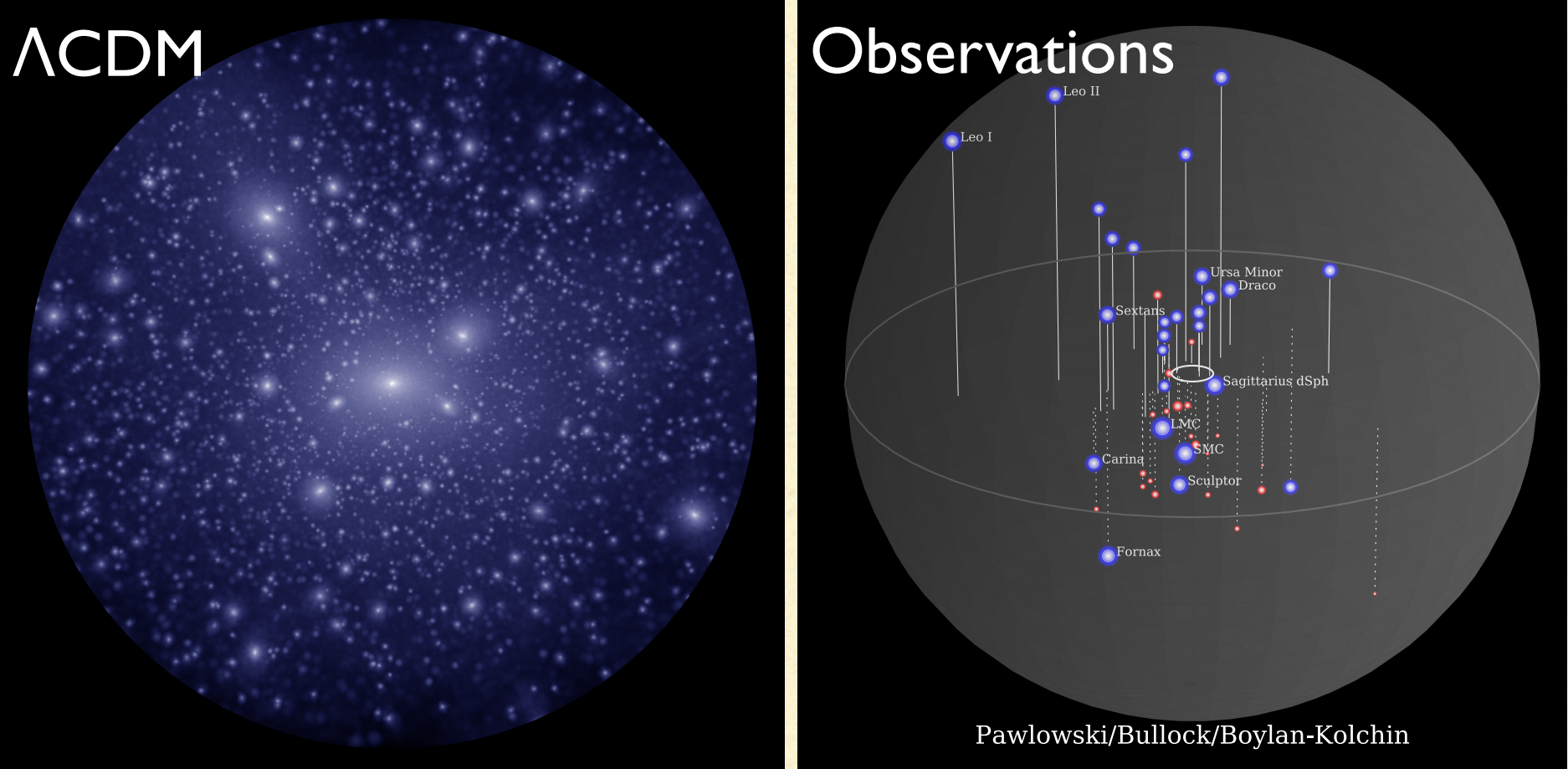
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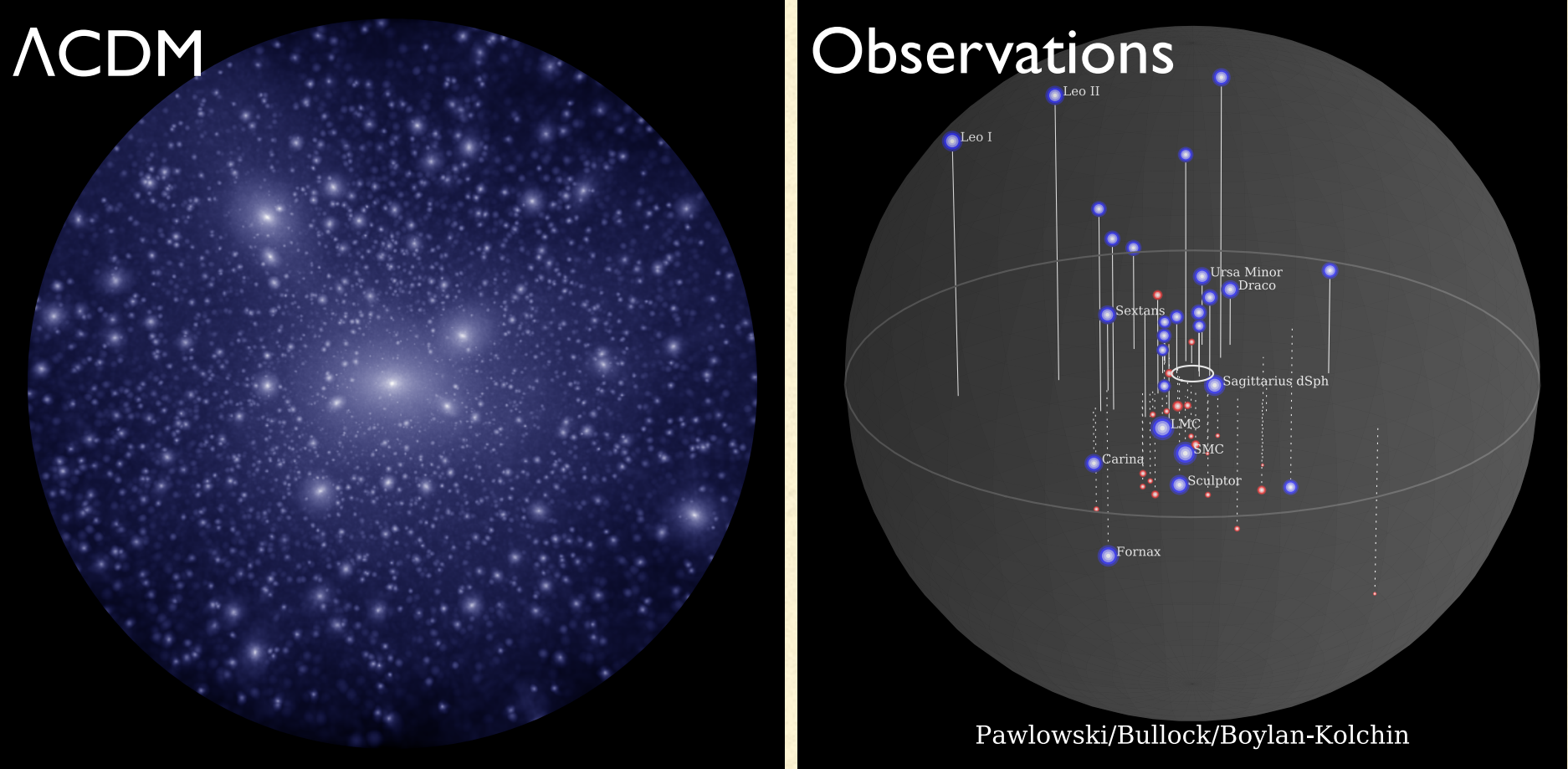
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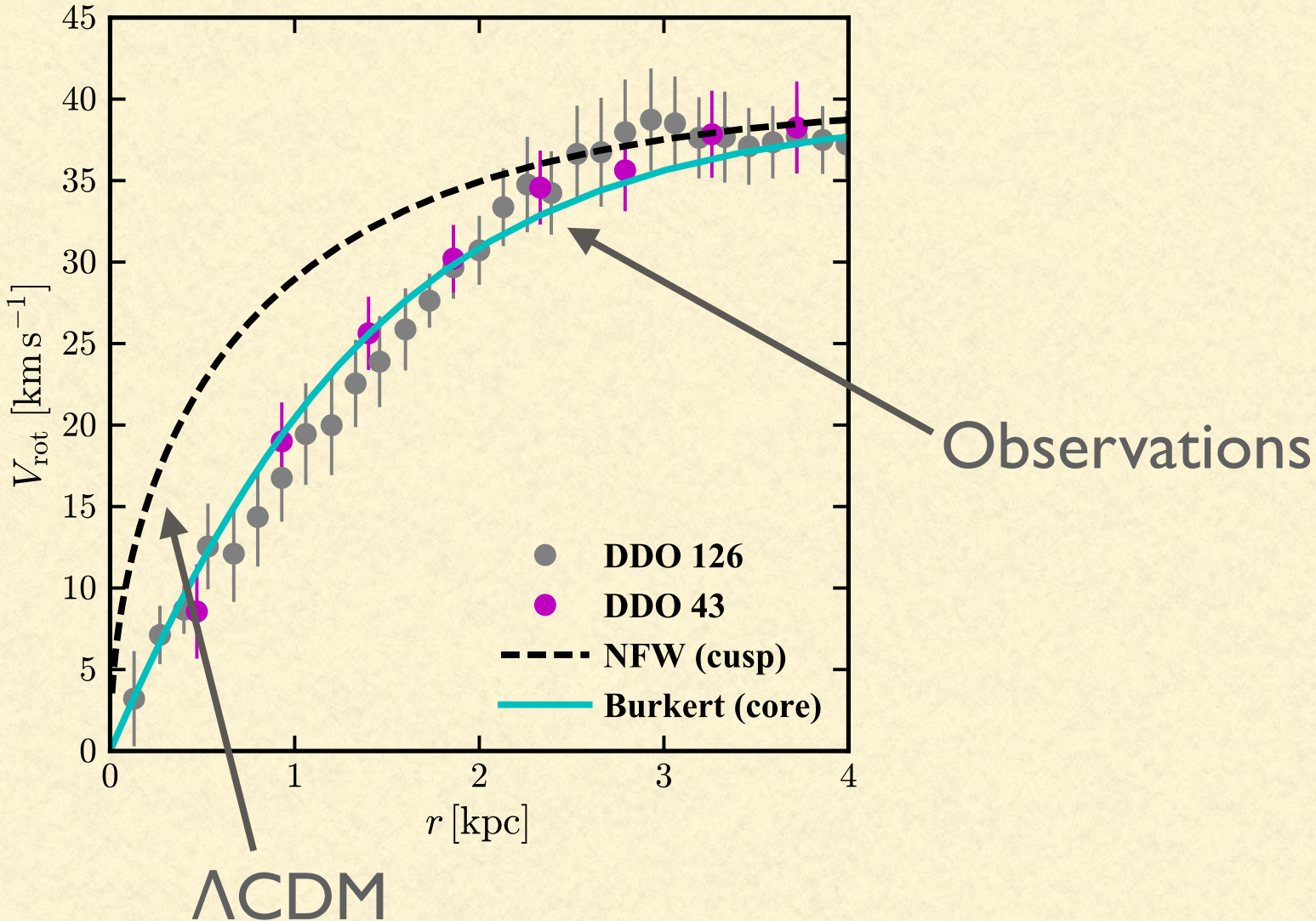


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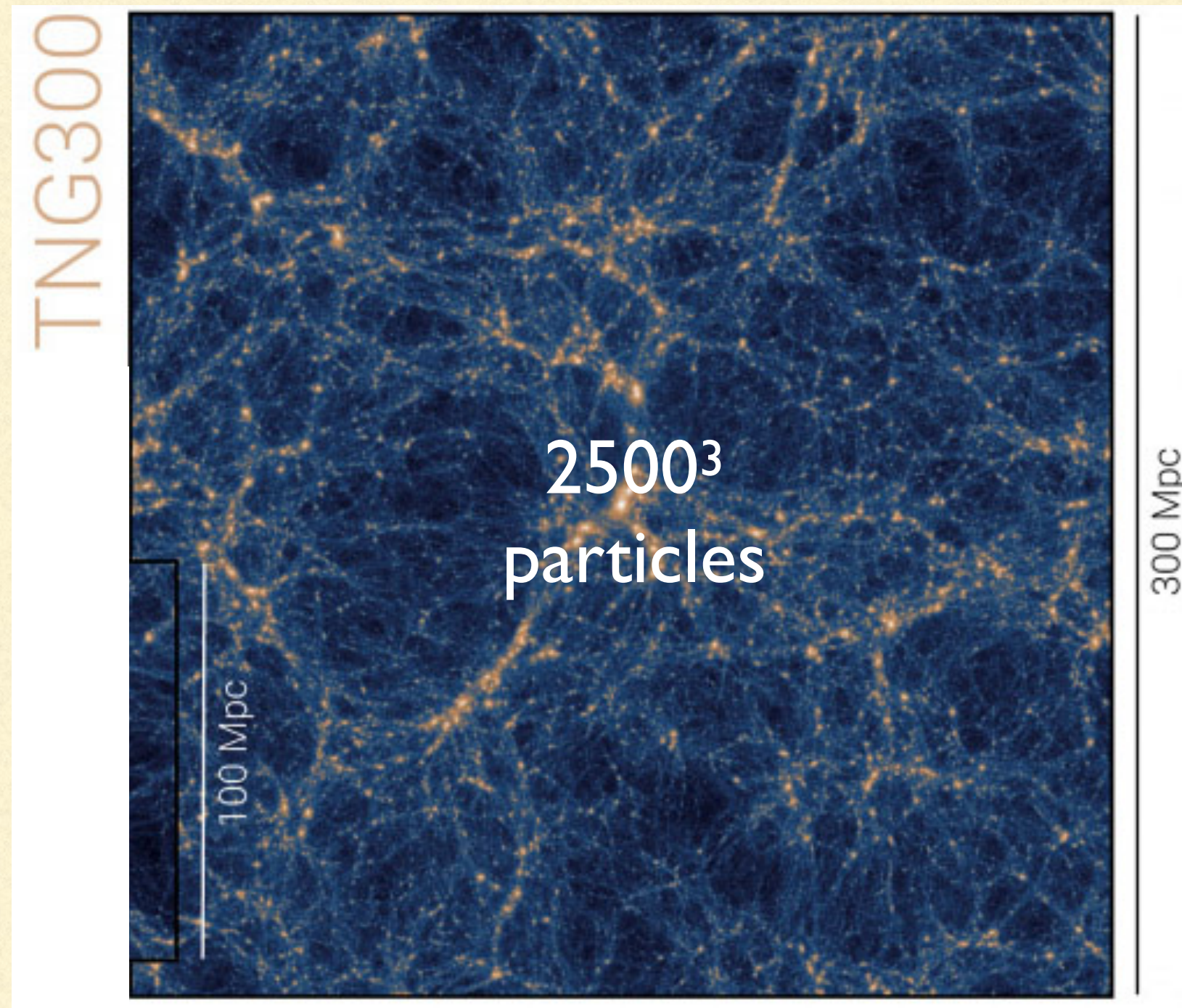
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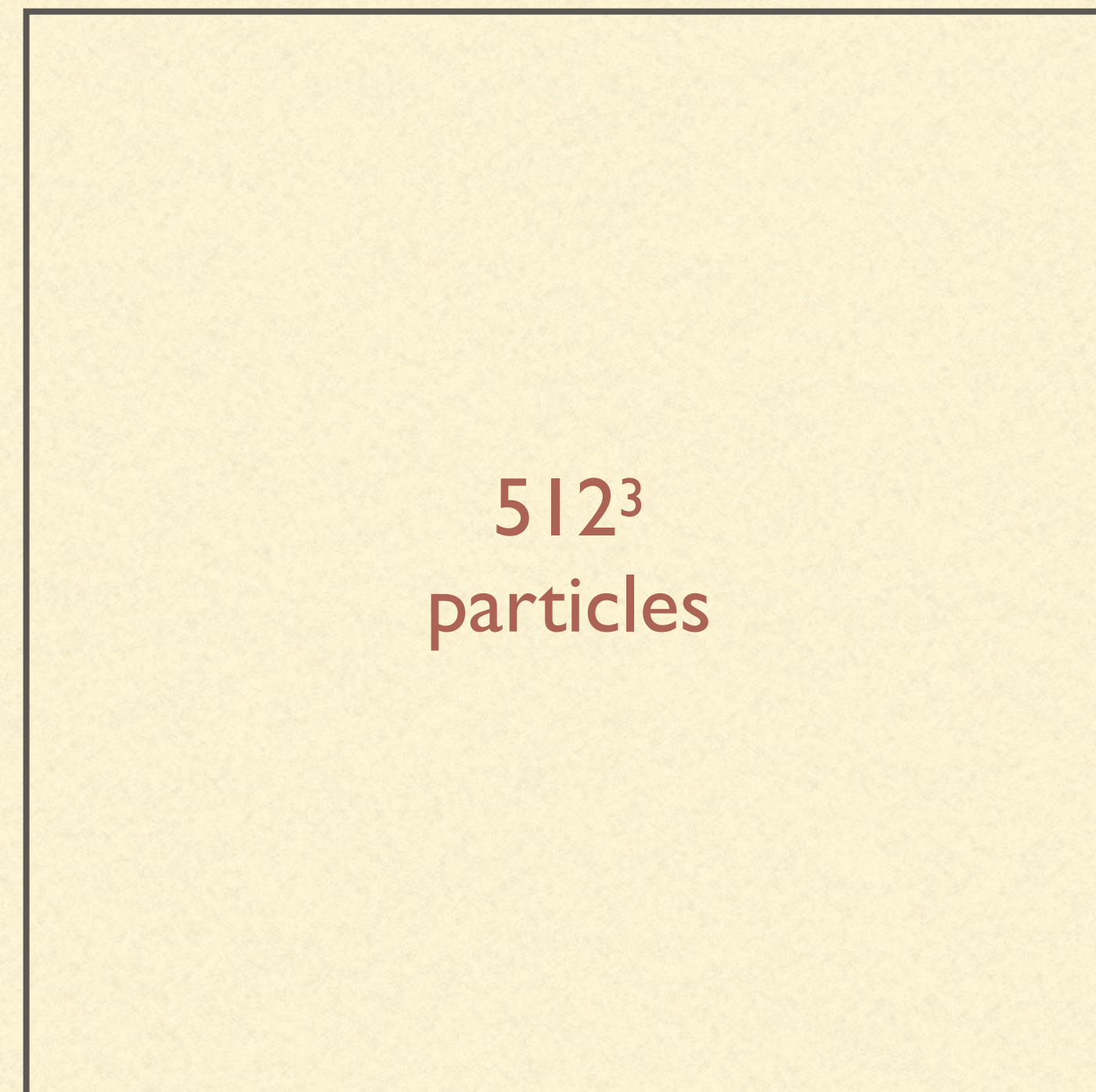
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[Springel et al. 2018]  
(arXiv:1707.03397)



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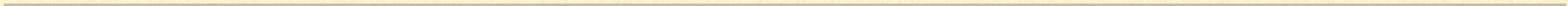
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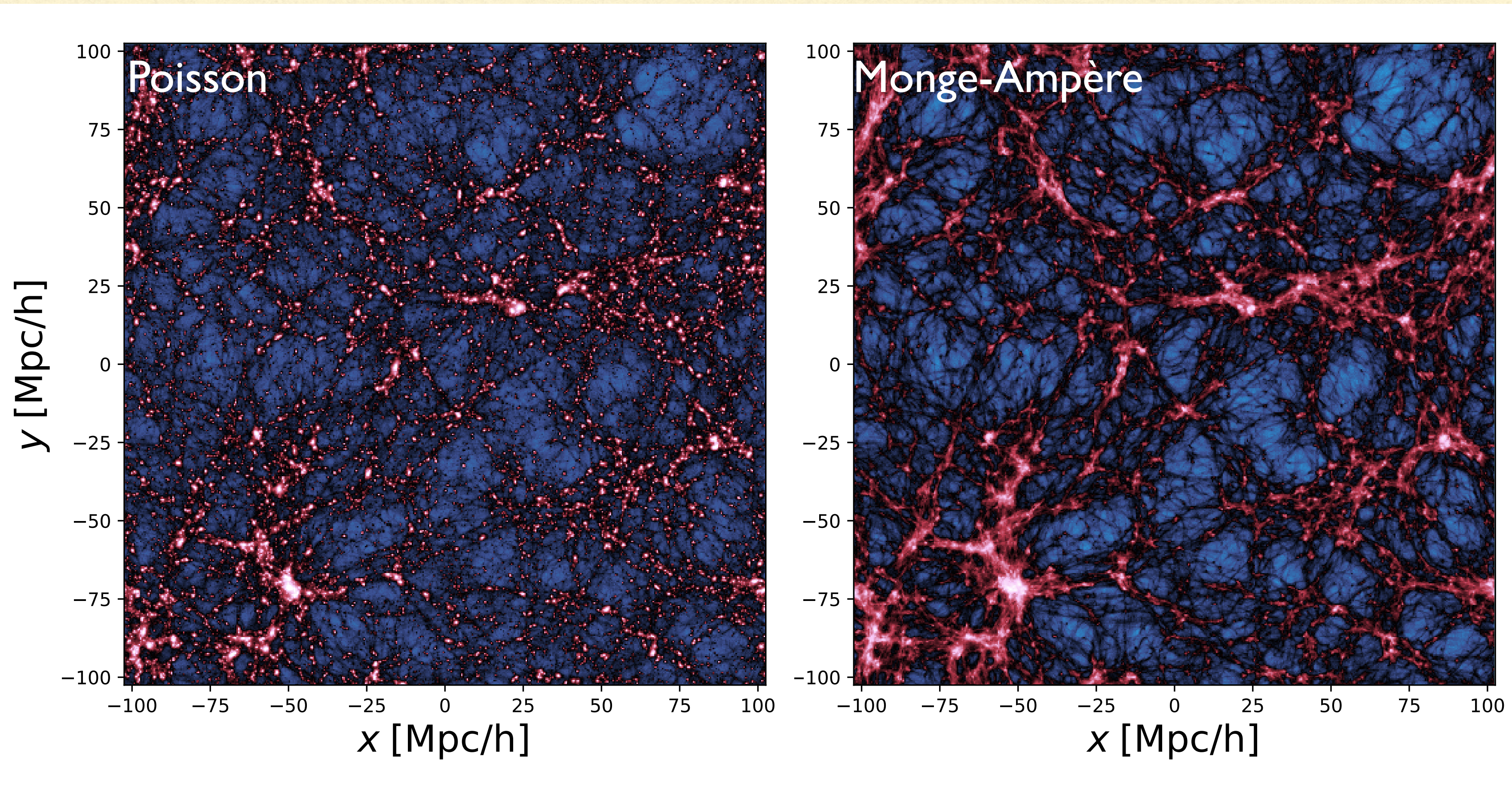
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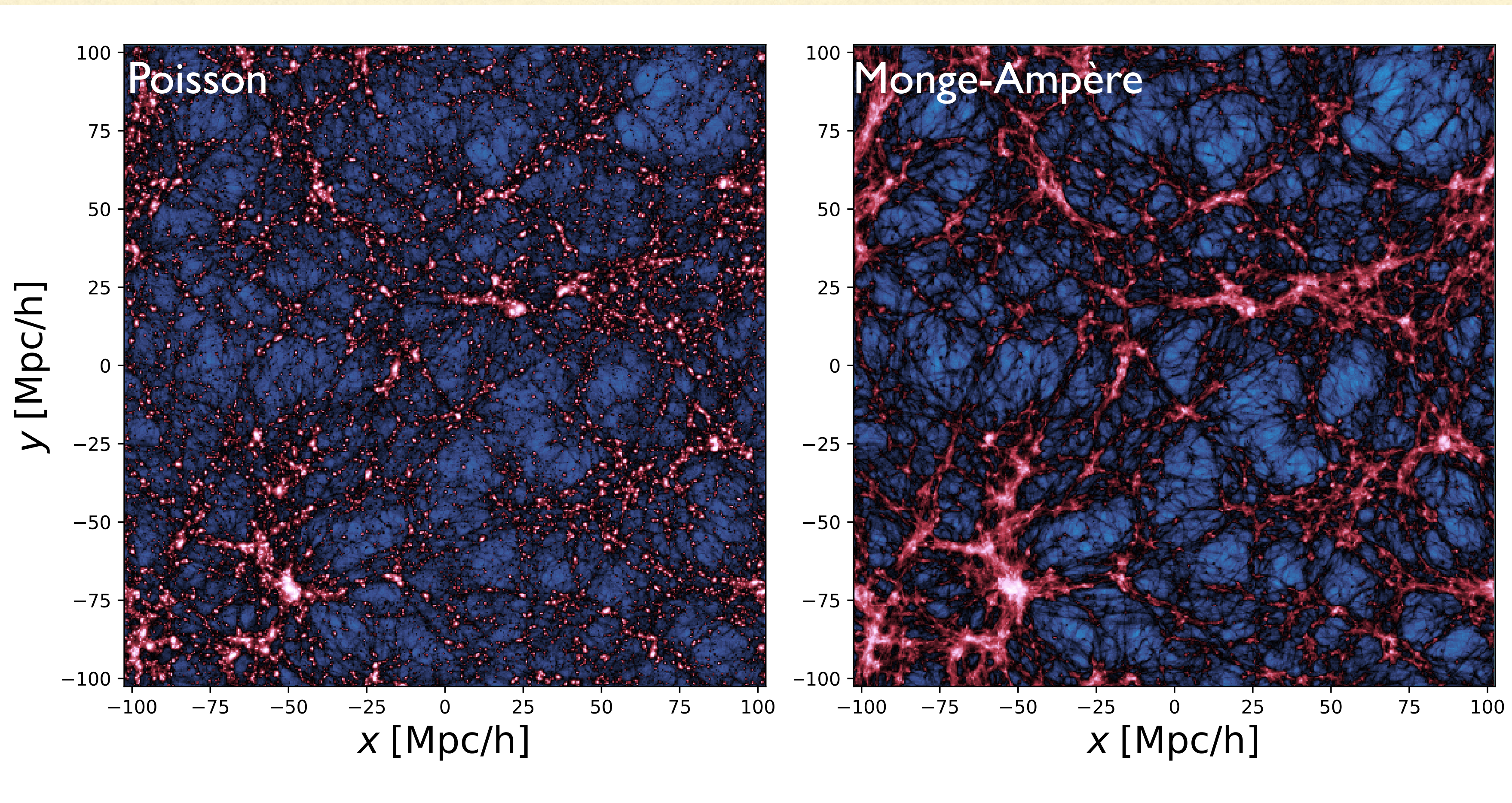
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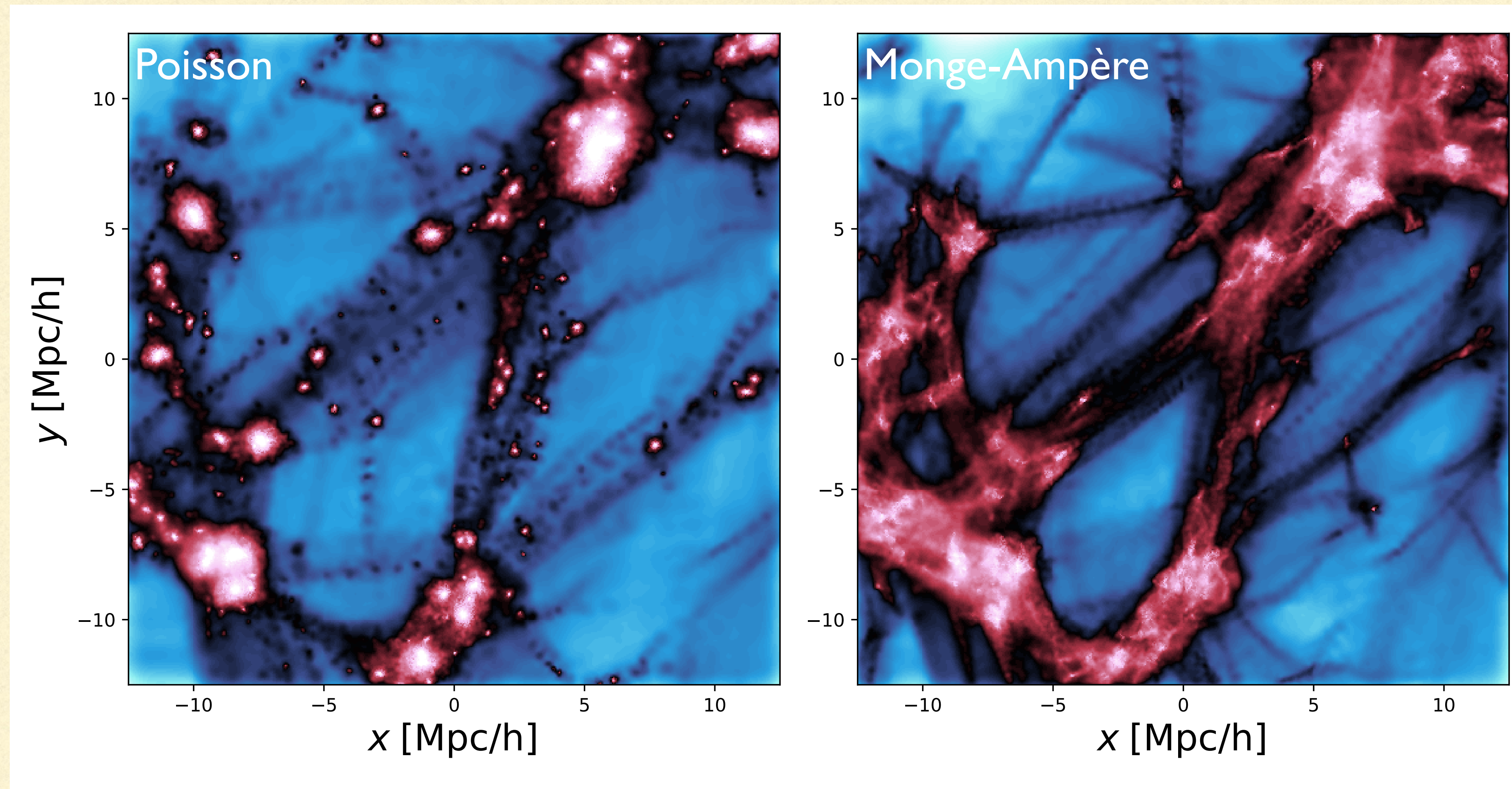
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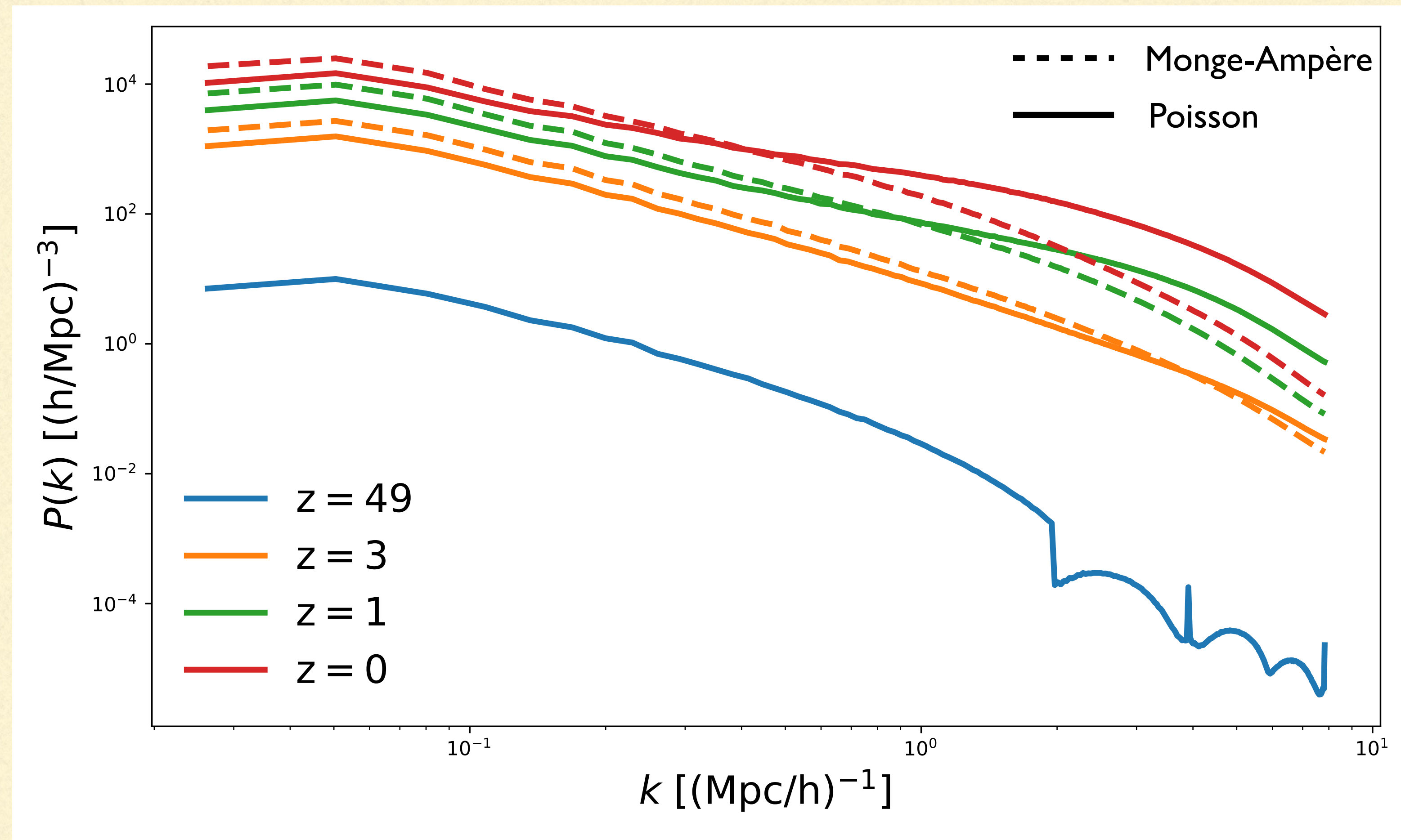
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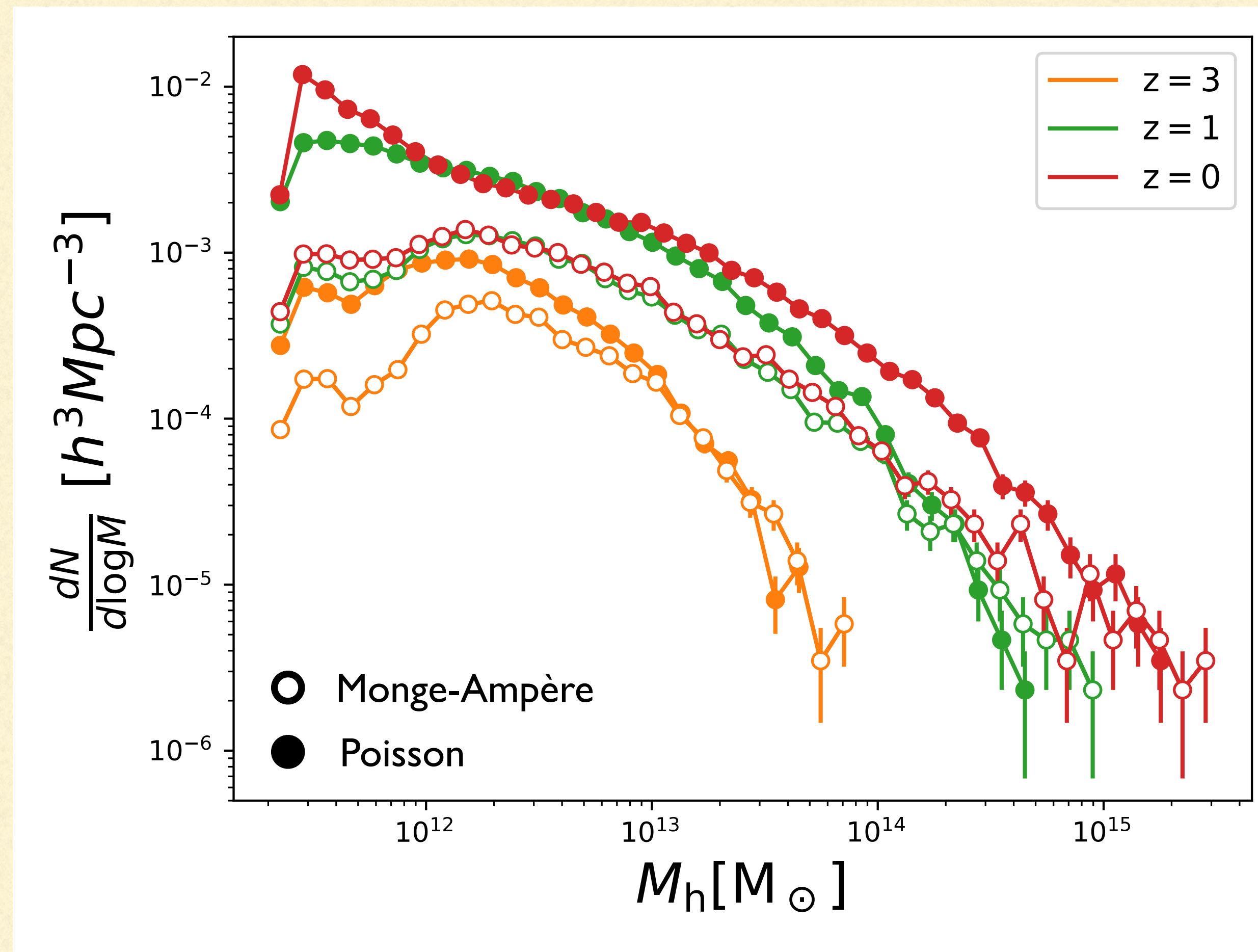
## Power spectra



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Halo mass function



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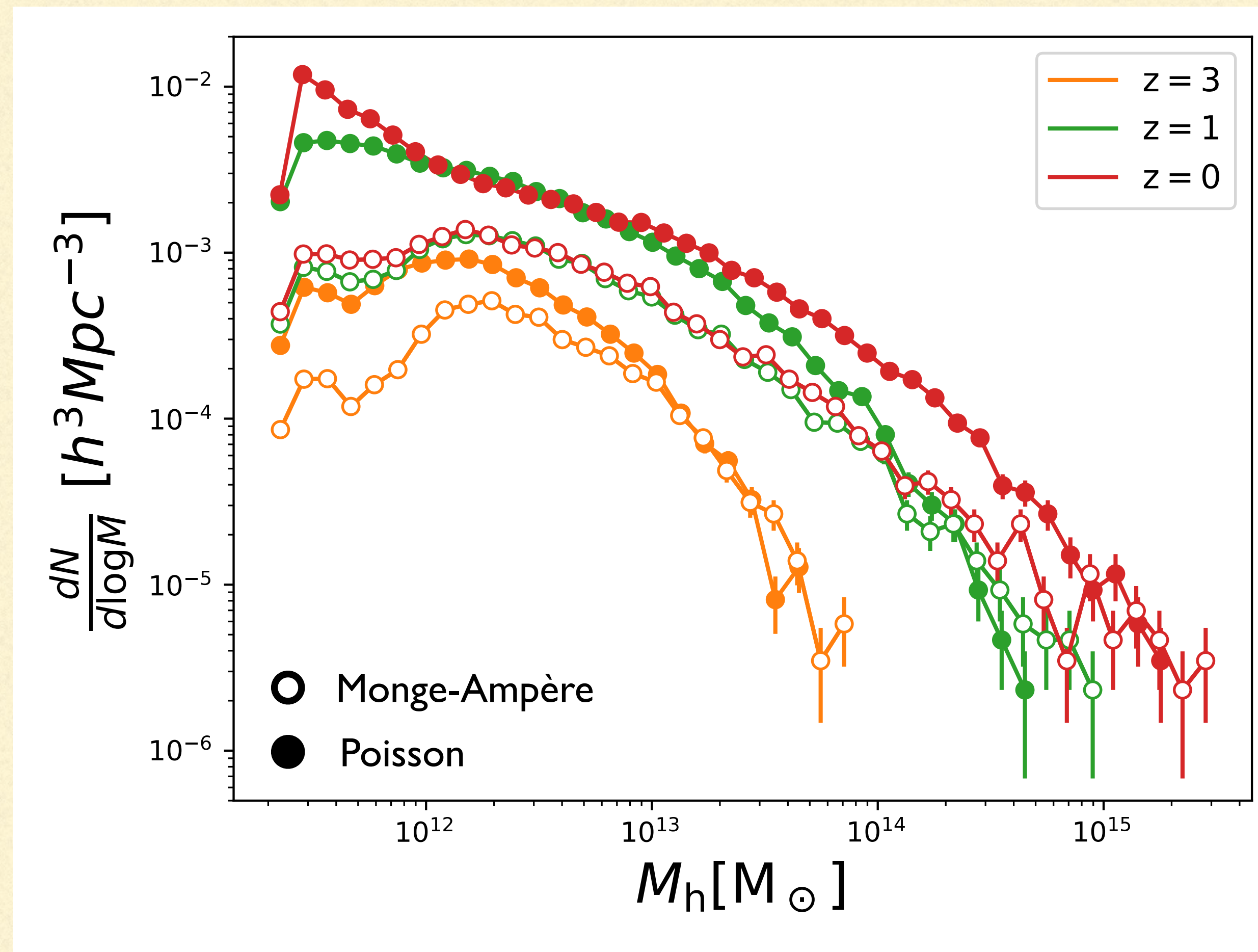


Halo mass function

Poisson | Monge-Ampère

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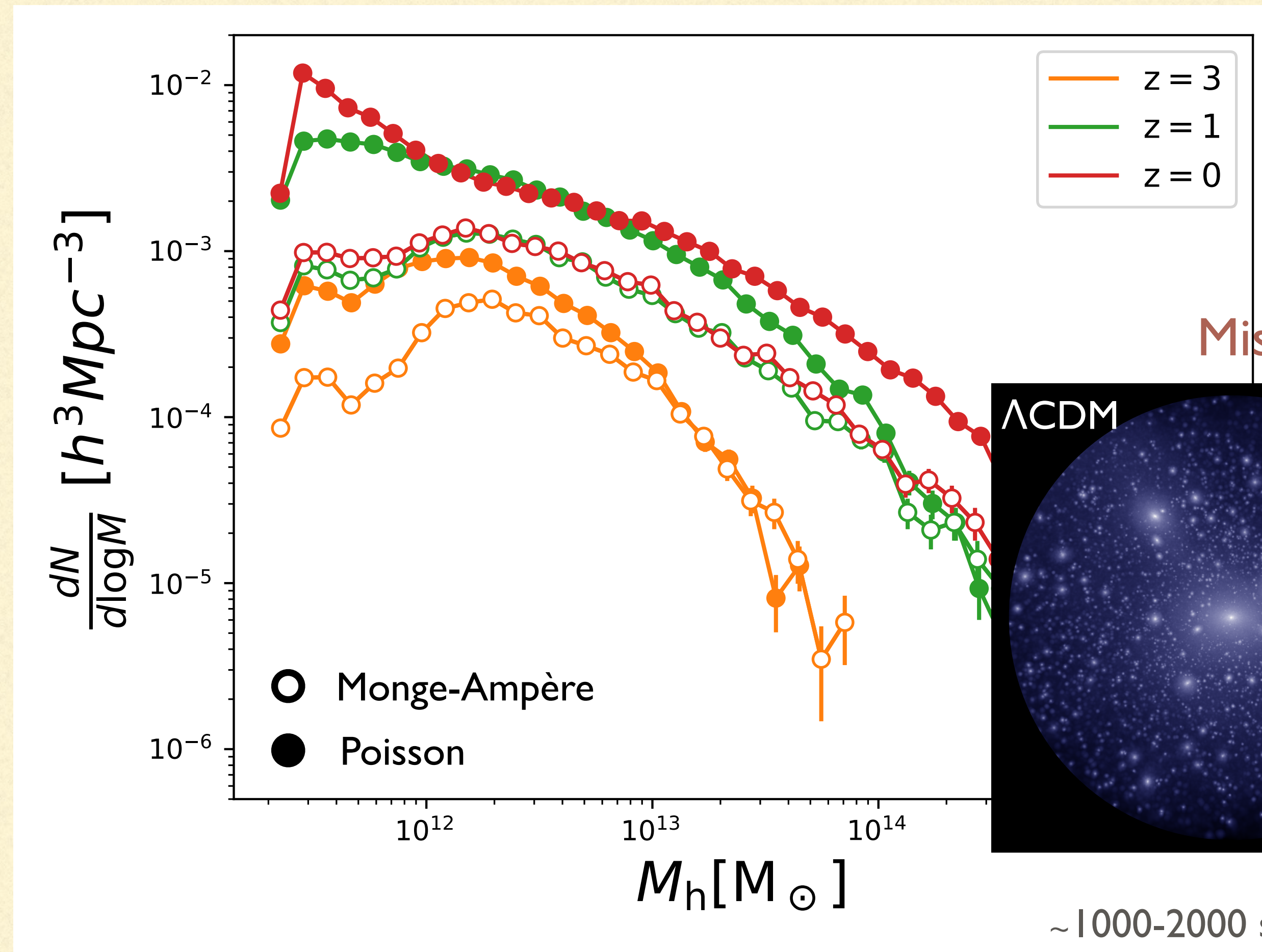


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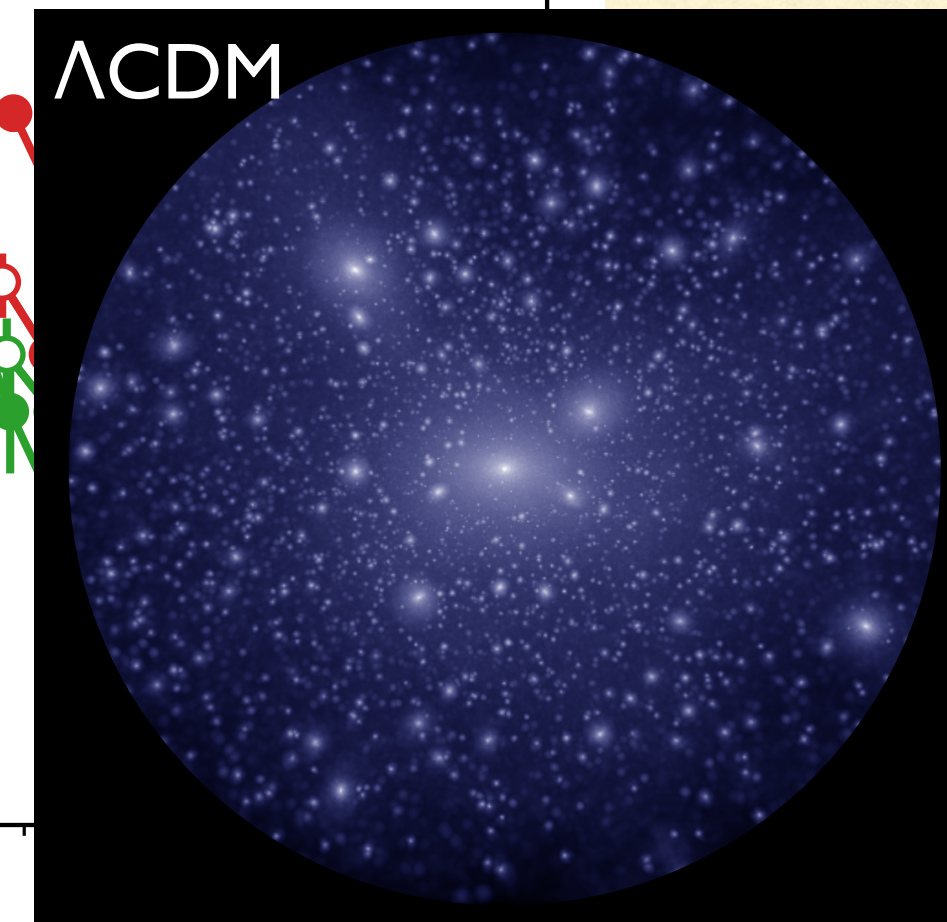
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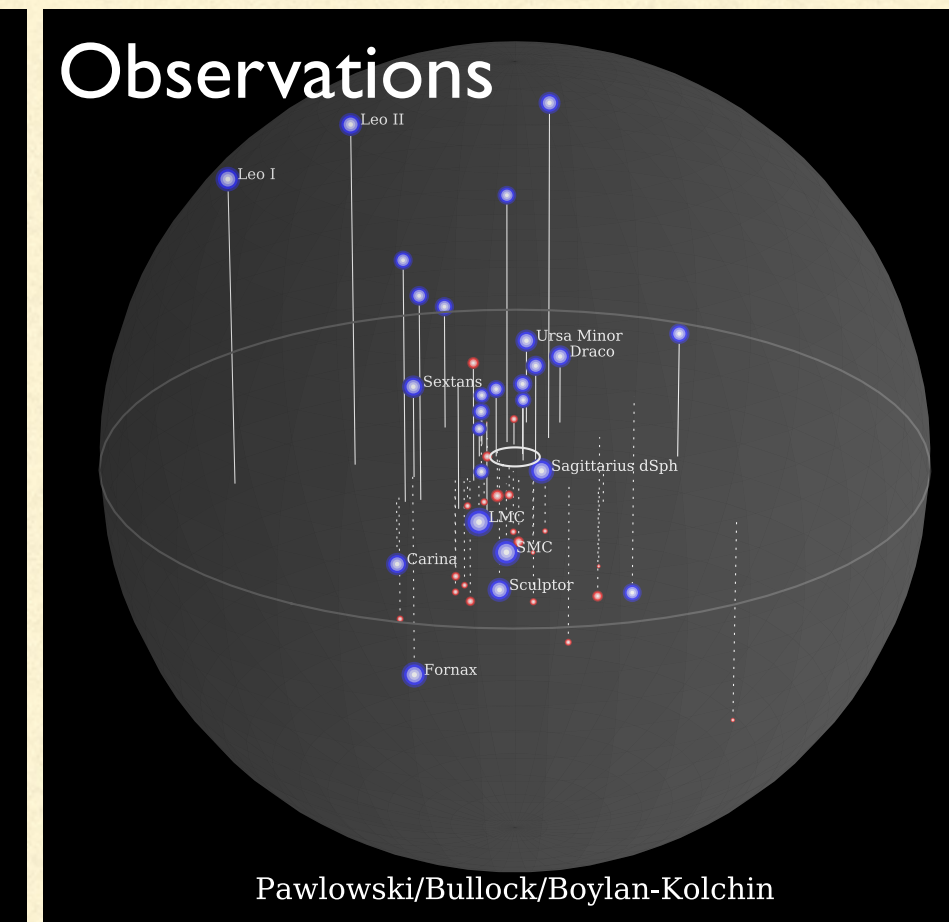
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Missing satellite problem



~ 1000-2000 satellites



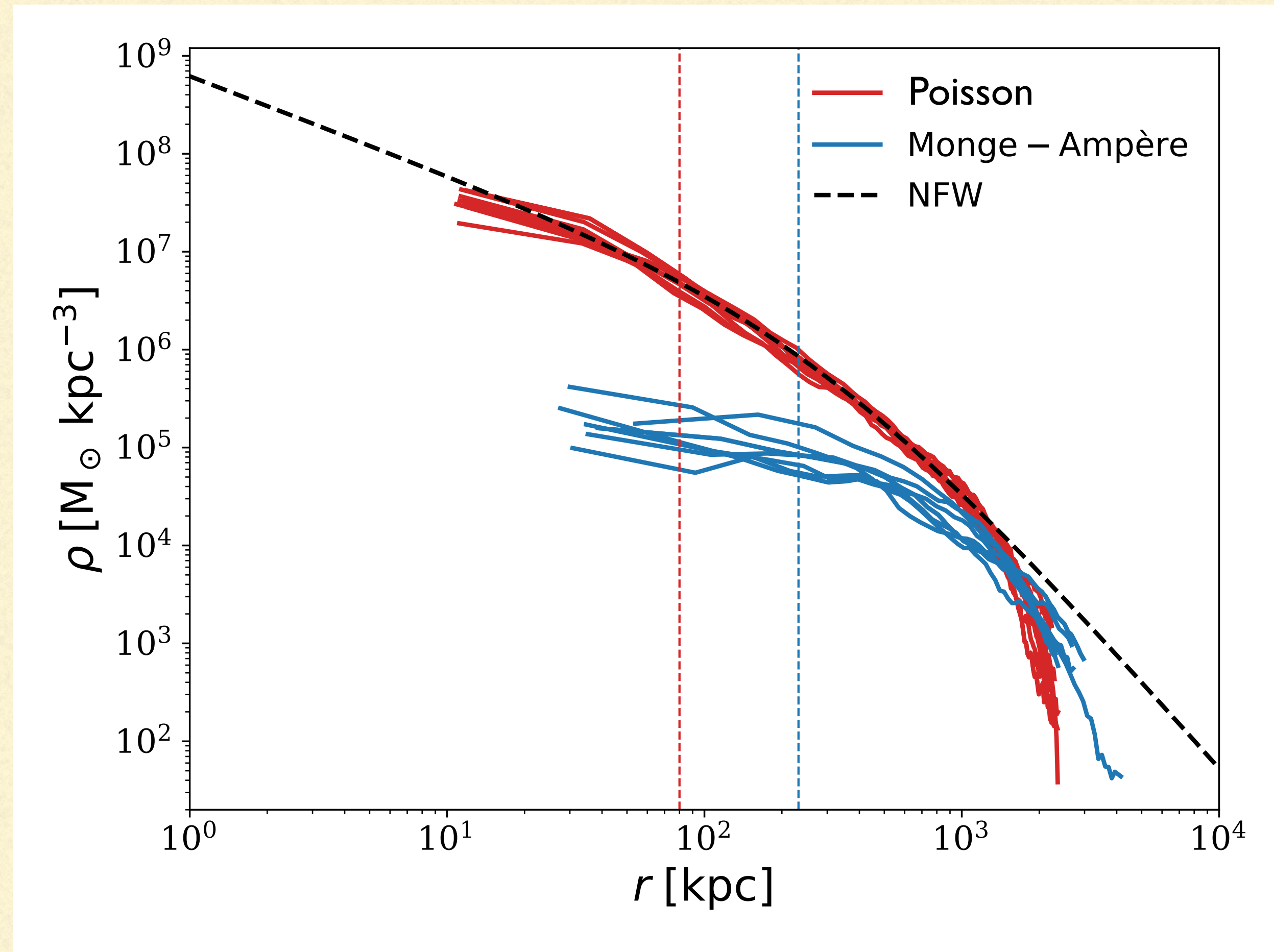
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A potential solution to the missing satellite problem

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## Dark matter density profiles

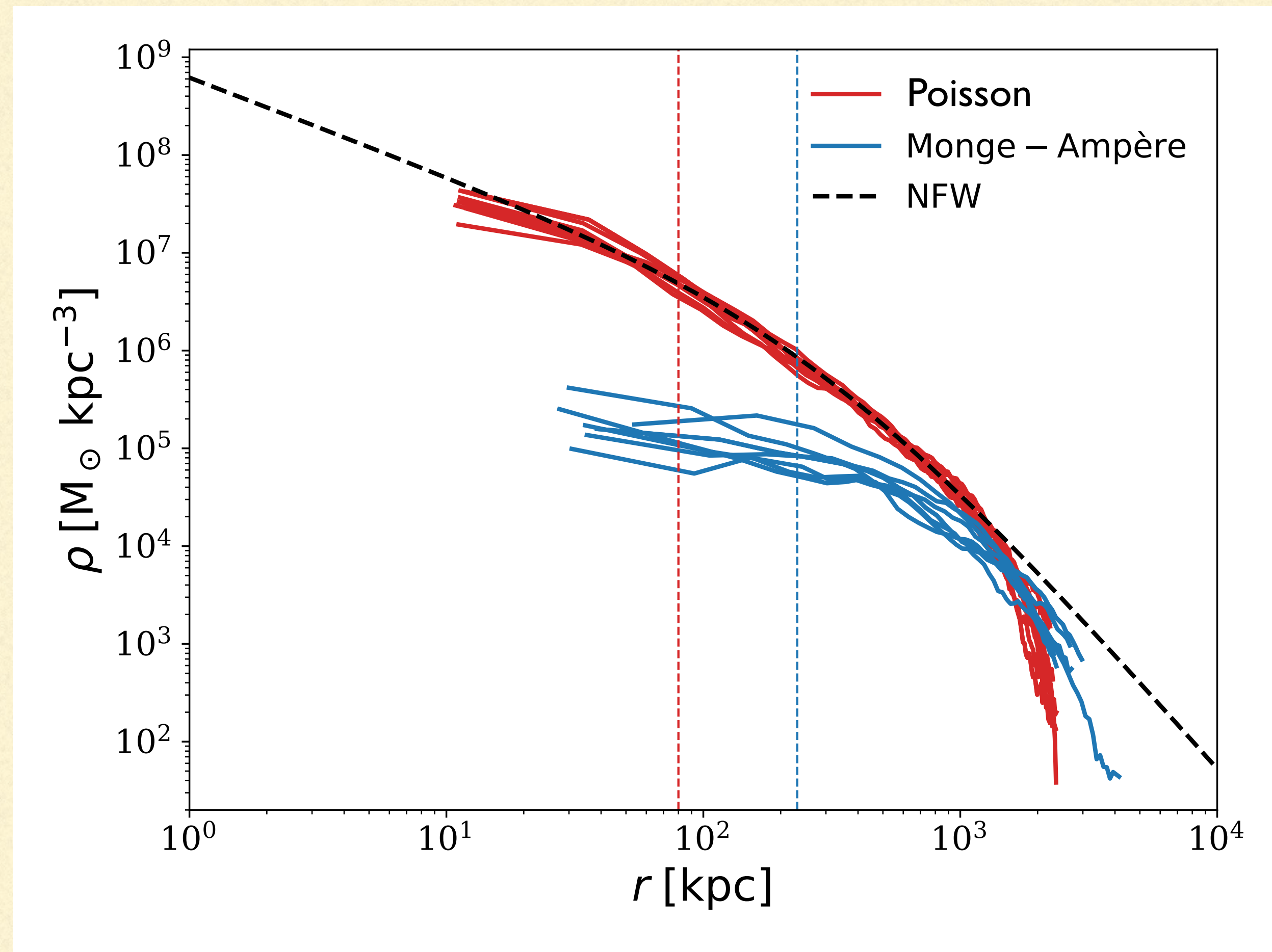




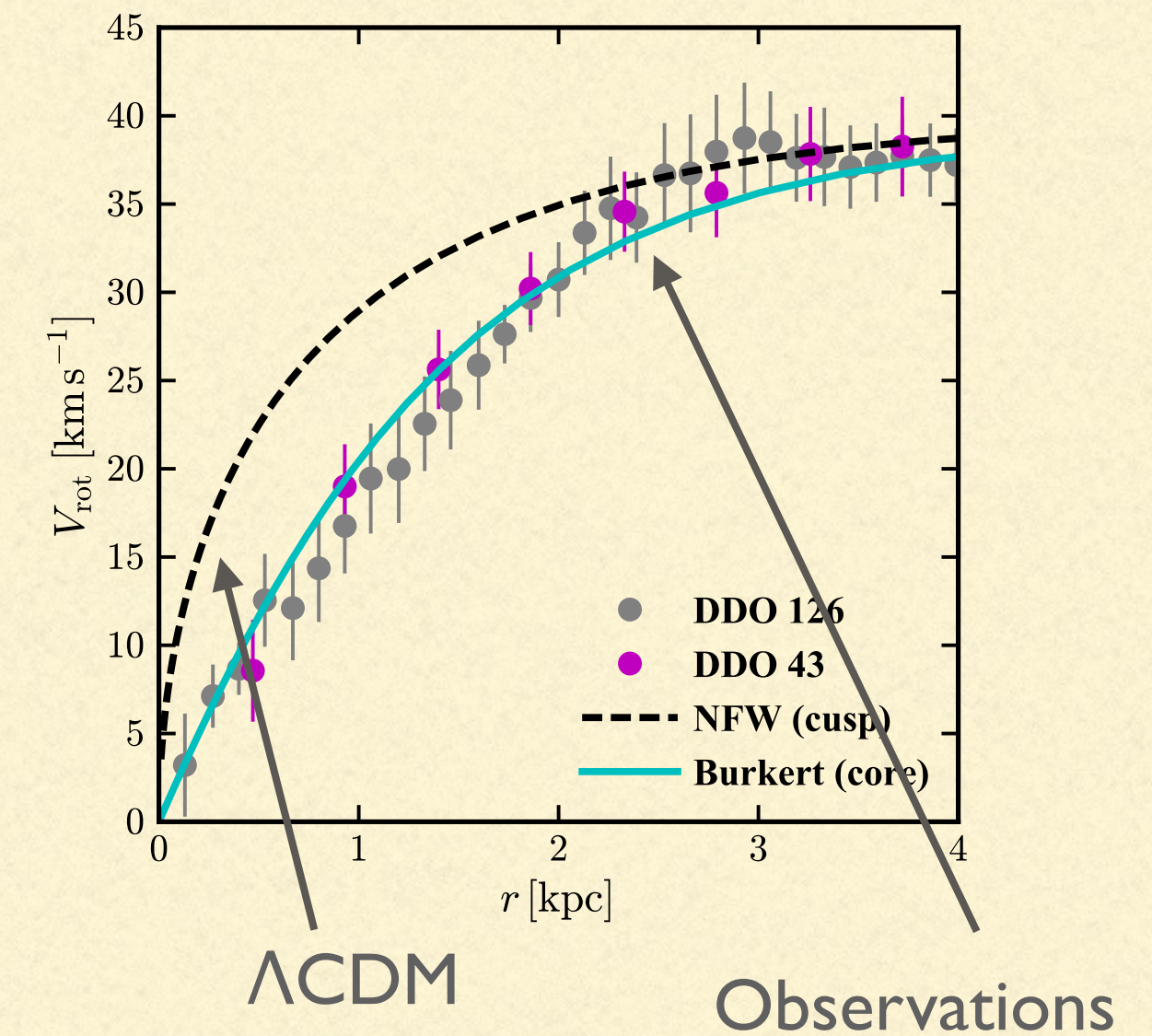
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## Dark matter density profiles



## Cusp-core problem

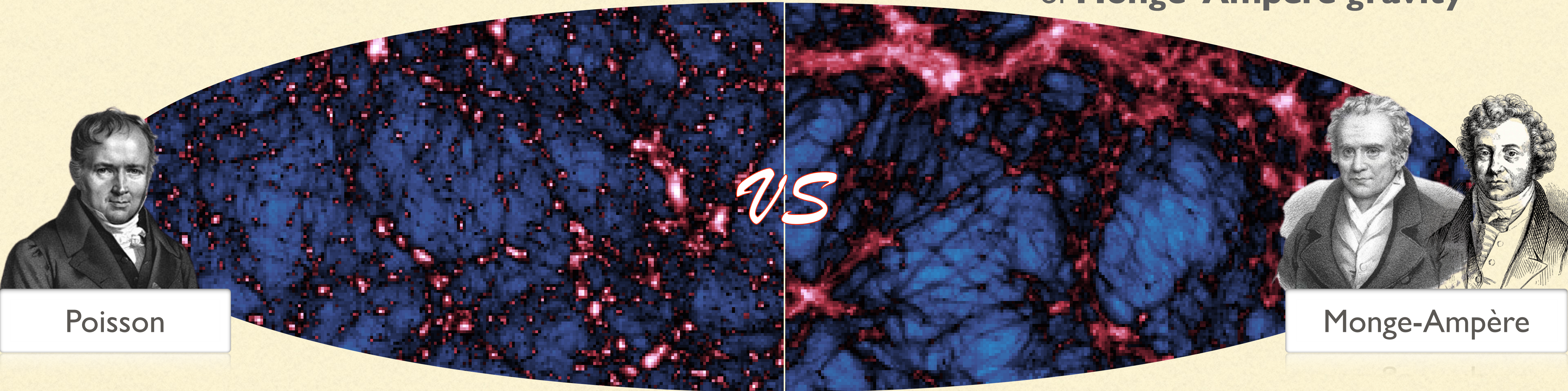


A potential solution to the cusp-core problem

# Conclusion

A **motivated** gravity theory

**First** N-body cosmological simulation  
of **Monge-Ampère** gravity



Poisson

Monge-Ampère

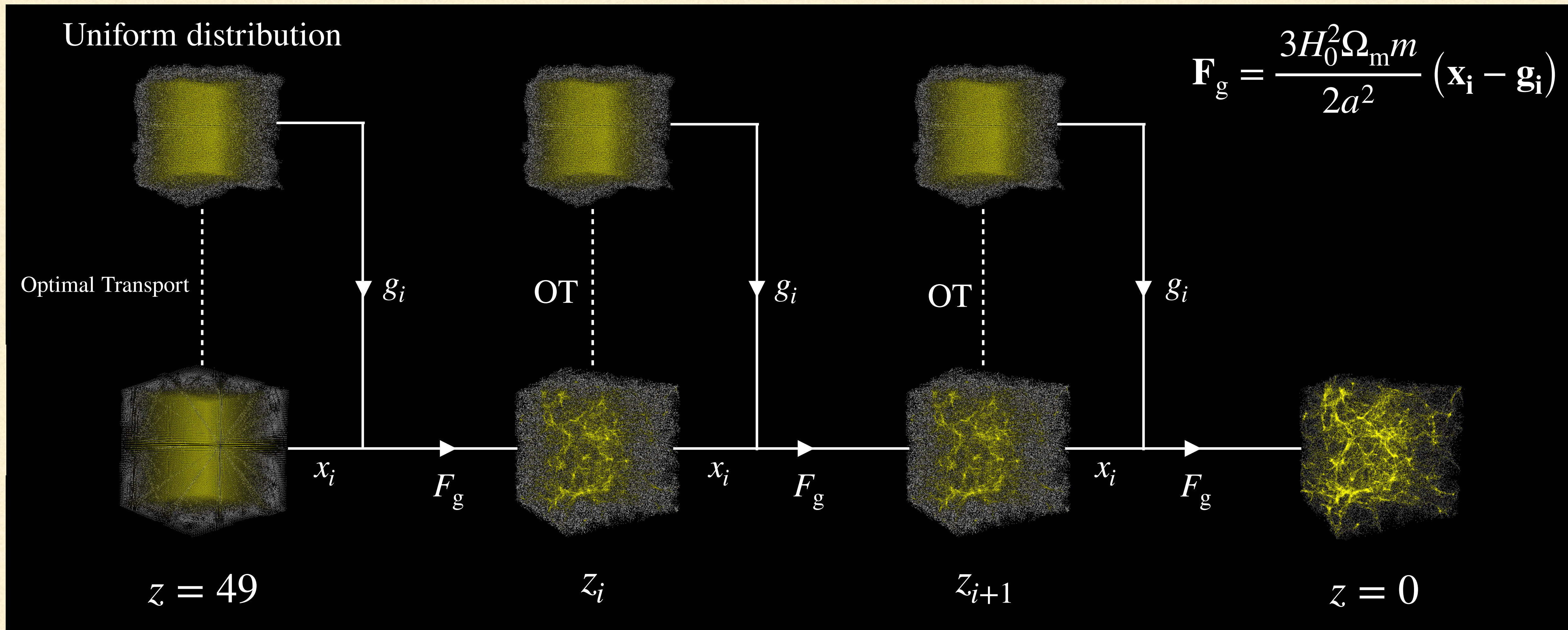
**State-of-the-art** algorithms  
from computer science for **Optimal Transport** problem

A **weaker gravitational** clustering  
for dark matter particles


**Promising alternative theory of gravity**

# Cosmological simulation of Monge-Ampère gravity

🍊 Solving Monge-Ampère equation with Optimal Transport



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 Equations of motion in comoving coordinates

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{da} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{ma^2S(a)} \quad \& \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{da} = \frac{1}{aS(a)} \left[ a^2\mathbf{F}_{\text{g}} + \frac{mH_0^2\Omega_m}{2}\mathbf{x} \right]$$

$$S(a) = aH_0\sqrt{\Omega_m a^{-3} + (1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda)a^{-2} + \Omega_\Lambda}$$

Poisson

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{g}} = \sum_{j=0, i \neq j}^{N-1} \frac{Gm_i m_j (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i)}{a^2 (|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i|^2)^{3/2}}$$

Monge-Ampère

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{g}} = \frac{3H_0^2\Omega_m m}{2a^2} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{g}_i)$$