

Title: Local Group Dwarfs and the Cold Dark Matter Paradigm

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Abstract:



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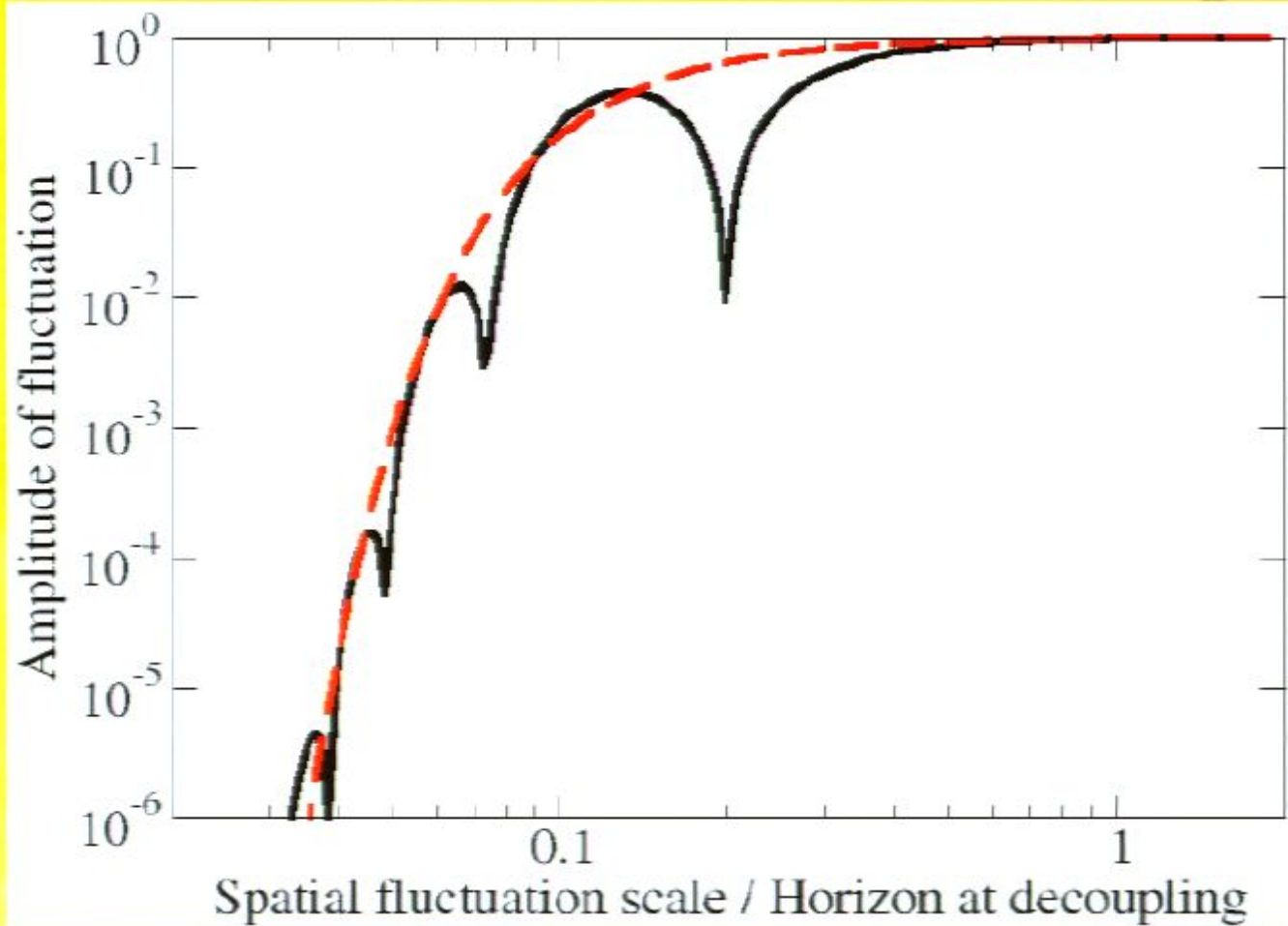
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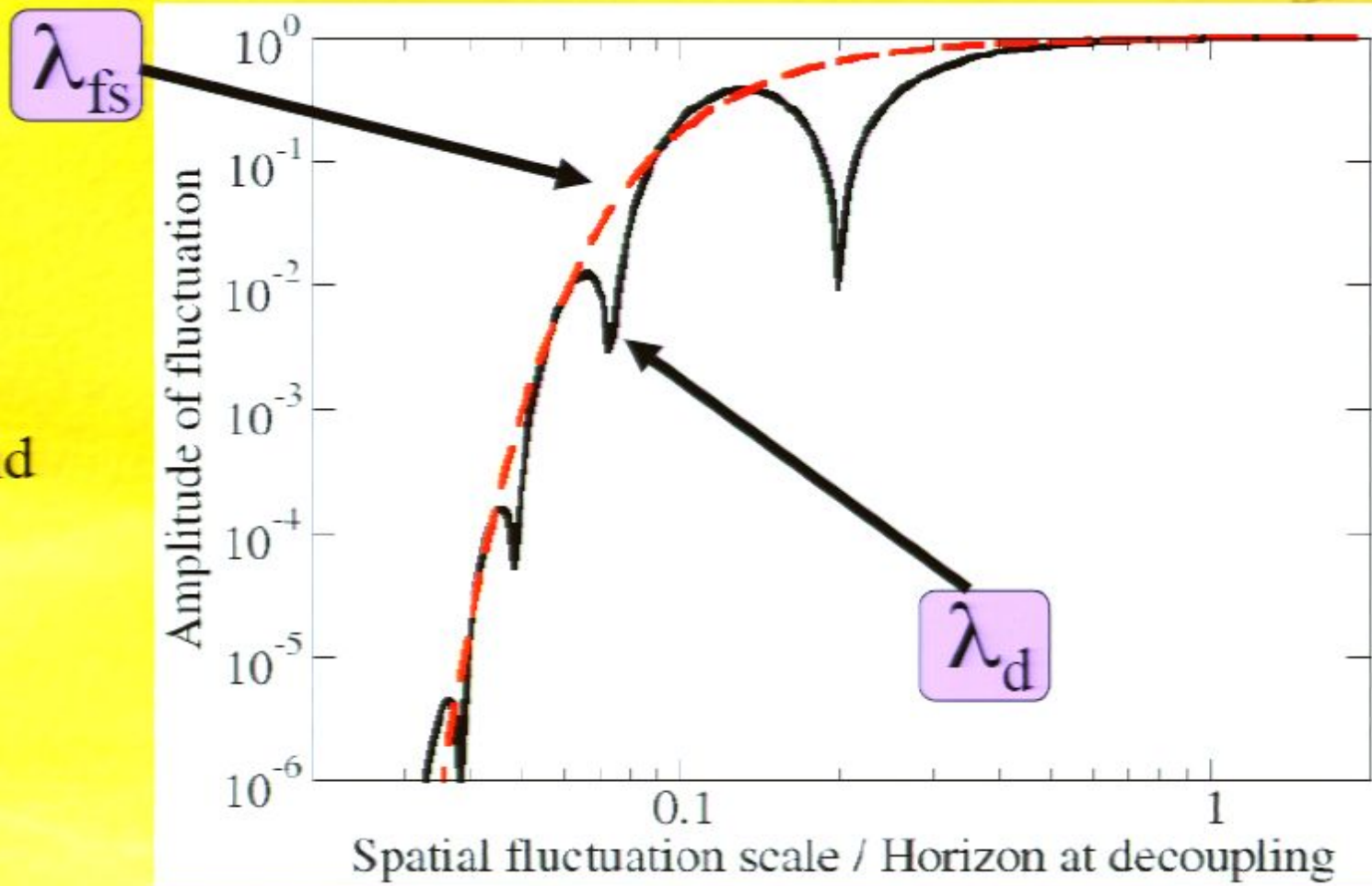
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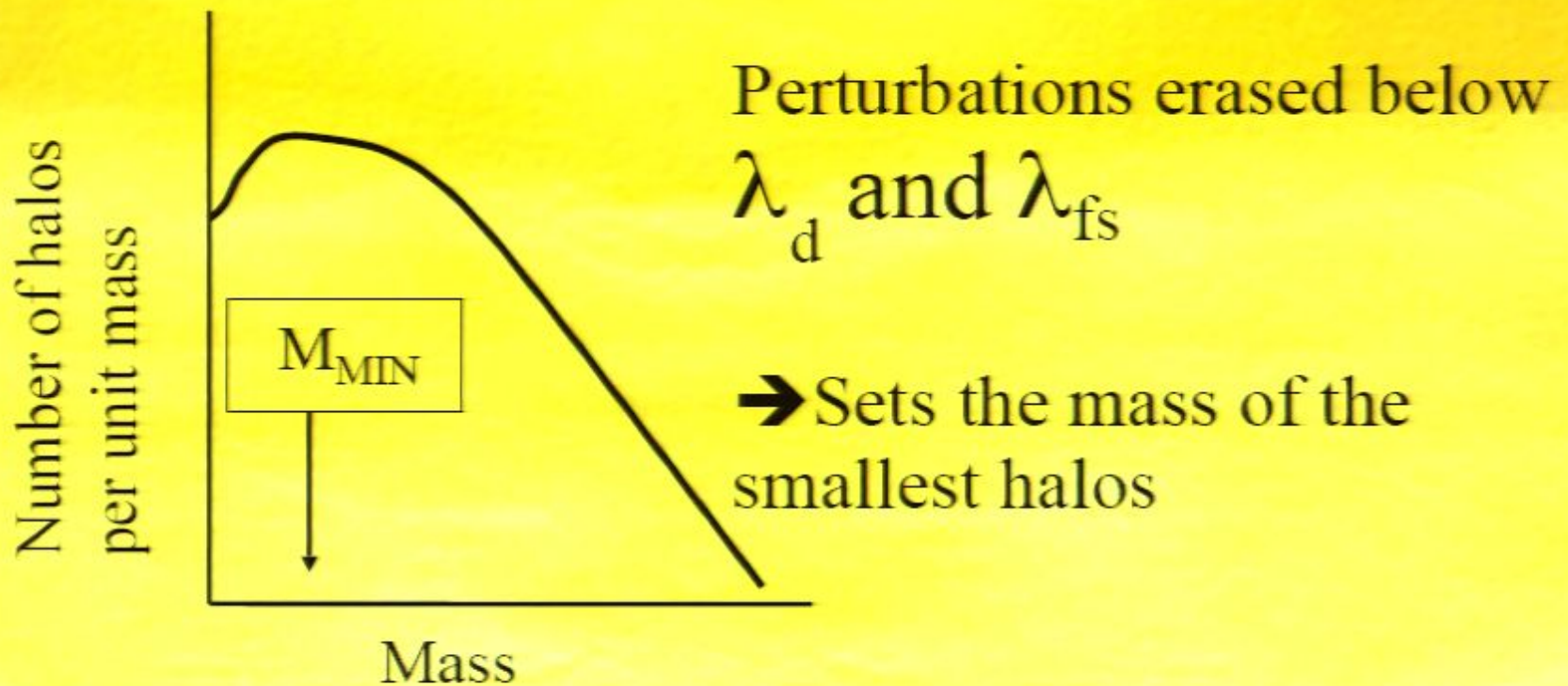
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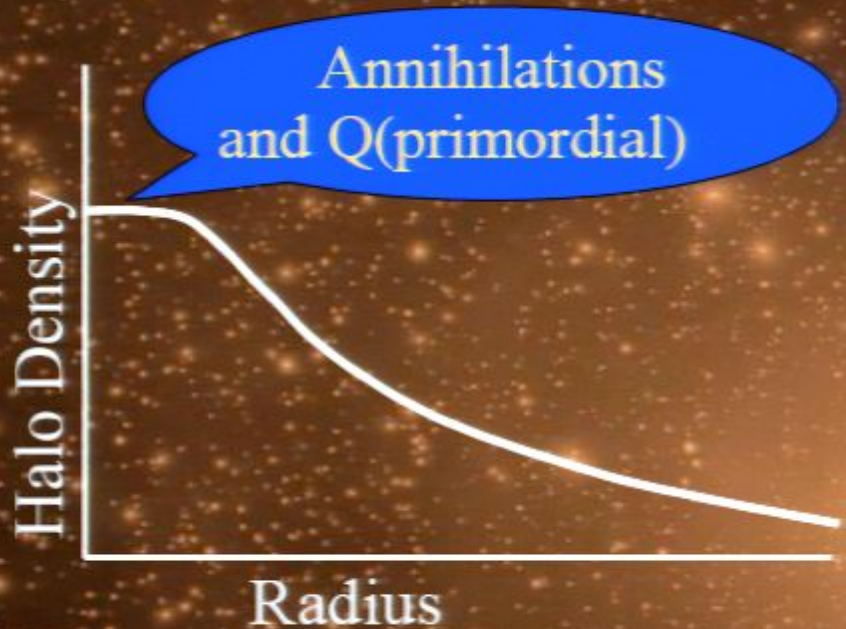
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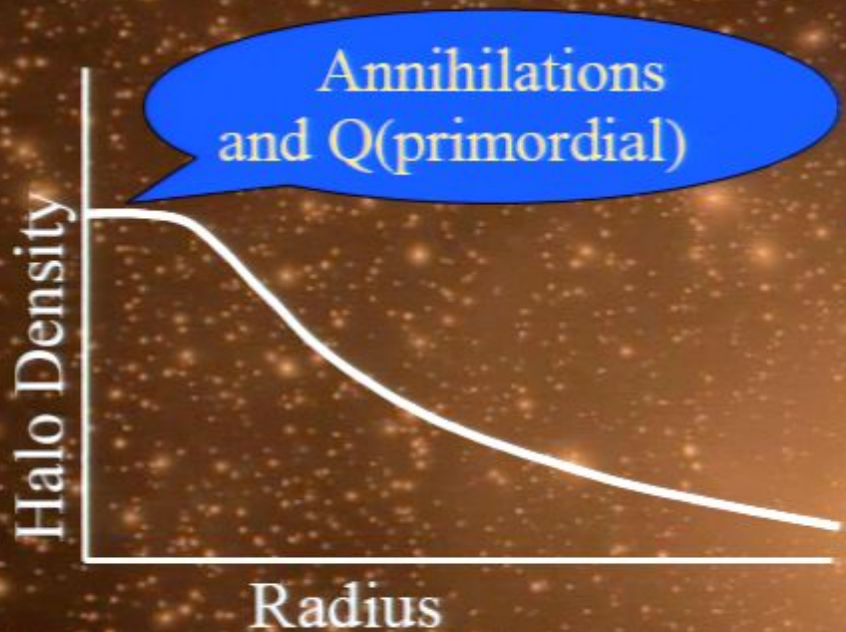
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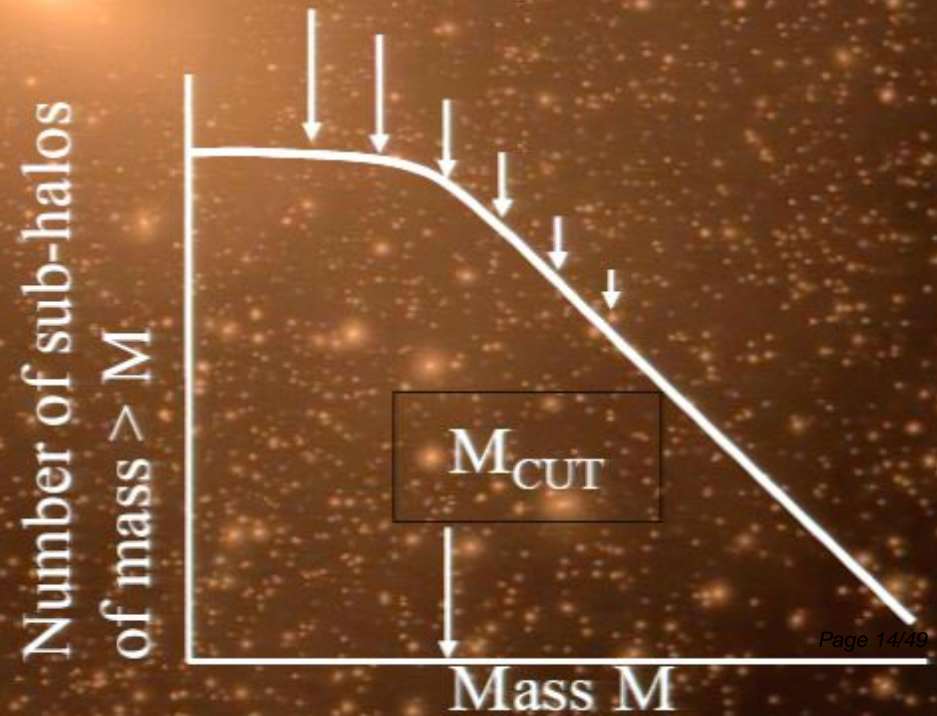


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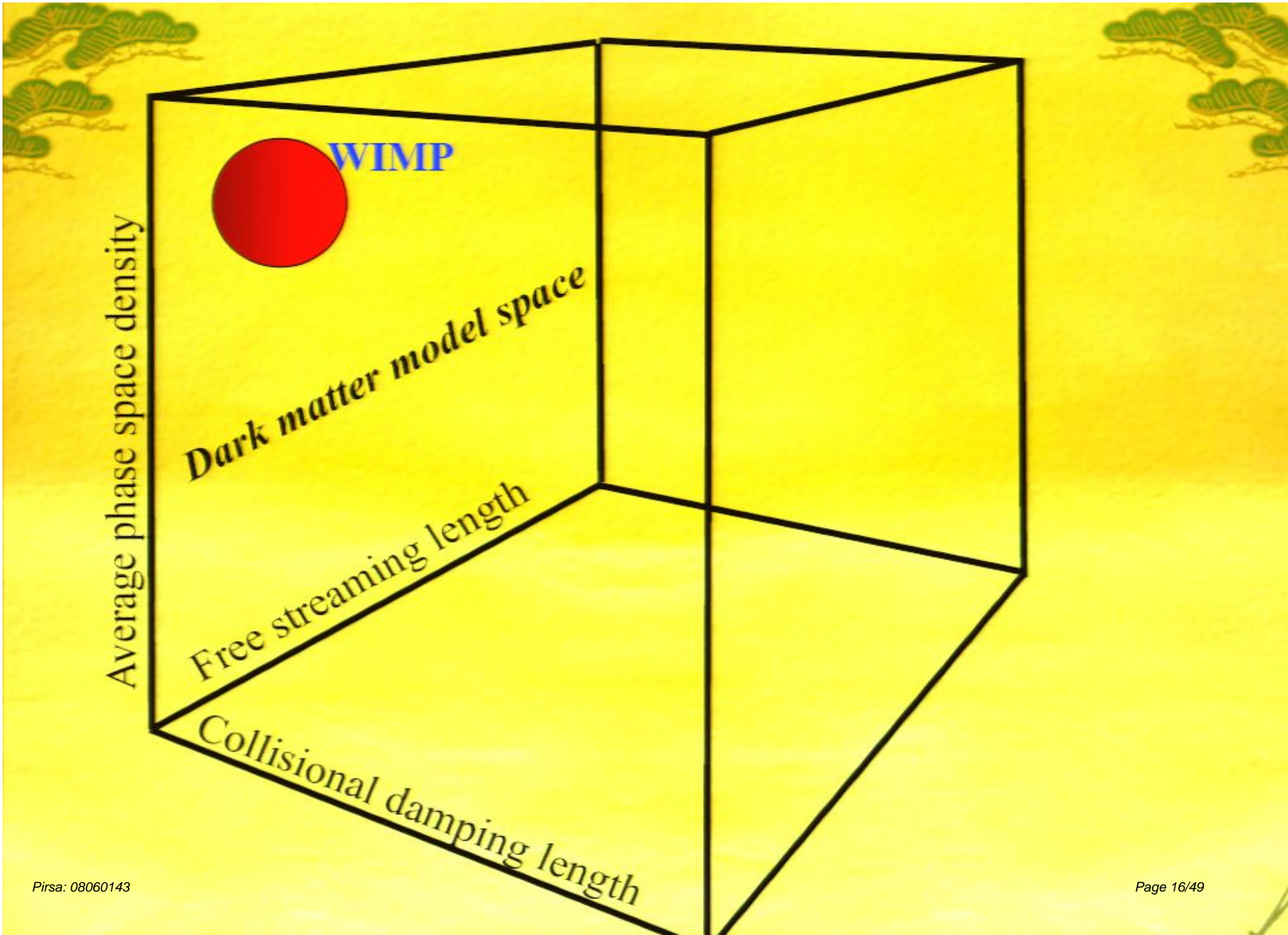
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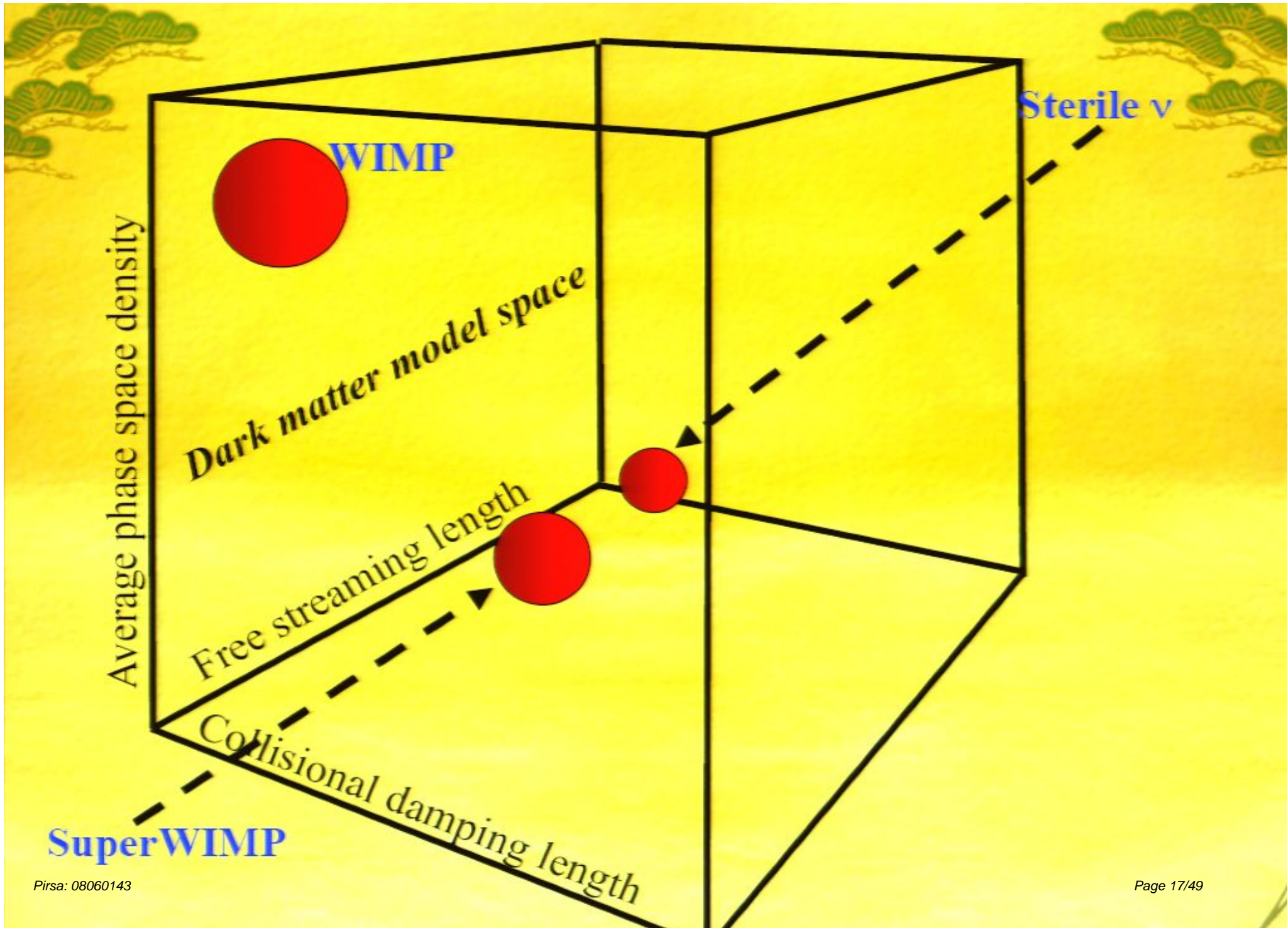
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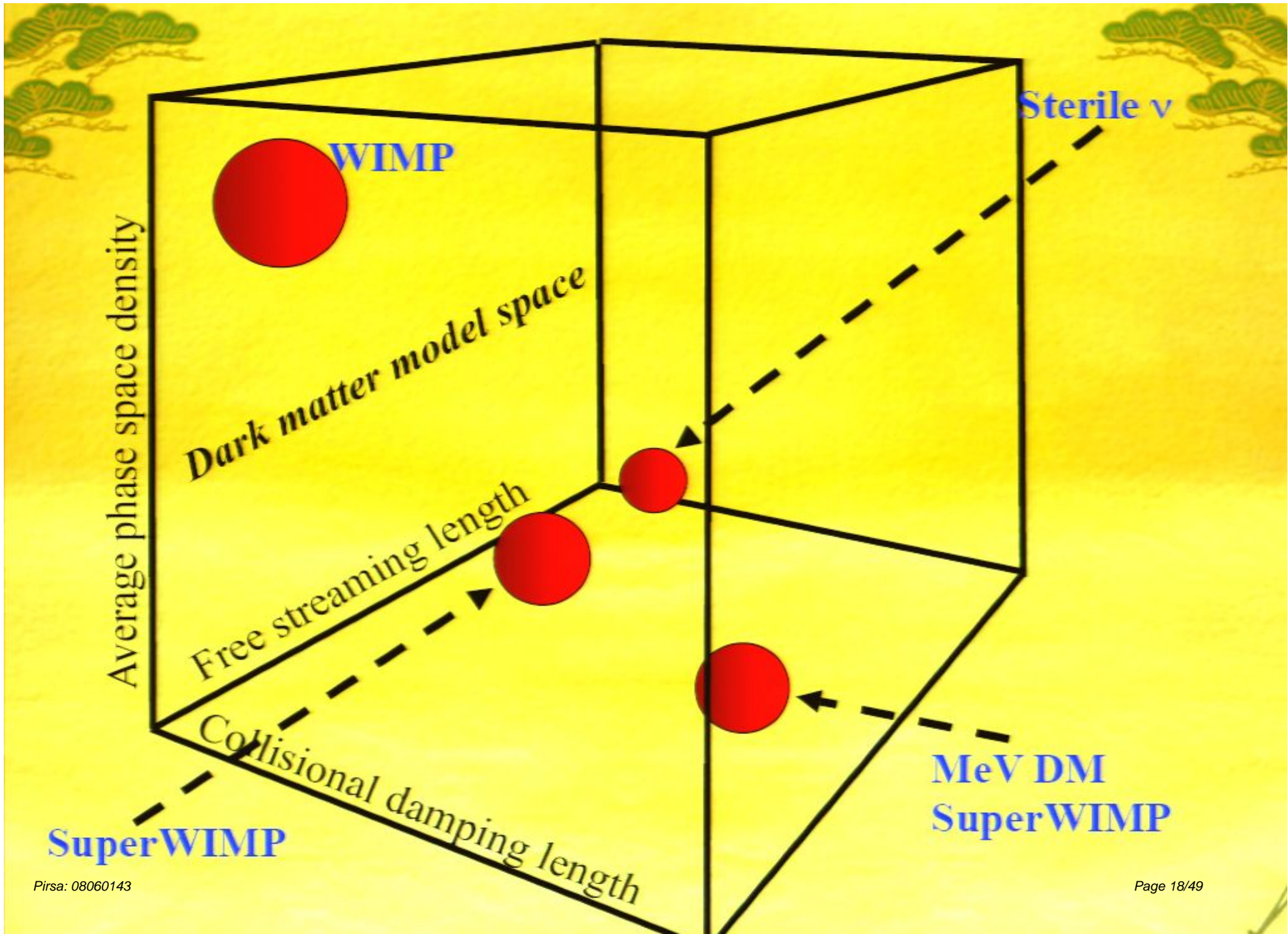
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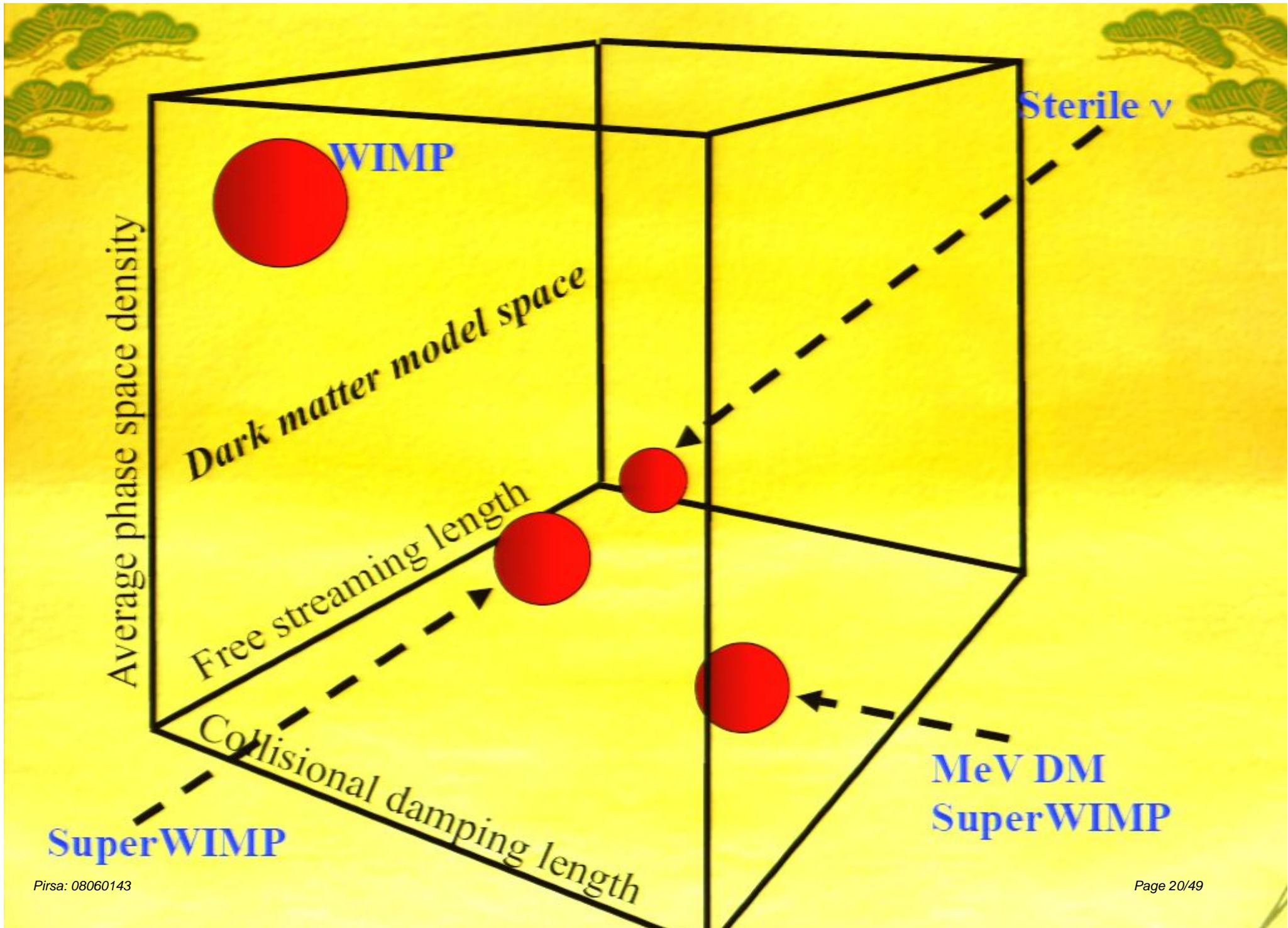
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Review

- *Free-streaming and damping lengths:*
 - ⊙ No perturbations on small scales (linear theory)
 - ⊙ No halos below a minimum mass (non-linear effect)

- *Phase space density:*
 - ⊙ Limits density in the center of halos (non-linear effect)
 - ⊙ Makes small halos susceptible to disruption
 - ⊙ Limits sub-structure in larger halos

Weak scale theories: warm to cold in SUSY

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- Gravitino or axino LSP

- Example: stau next-lightest-supersymmetric particle. stau decays to gravitino with lifetime $\sim 1/(8\pi G M_{\text{weak}}^3) \sim$ month. [Feng, Rajaraman and Takayama, PRL 2003]

- Example: axino LSP [Covi, Kim and Roszkowski, PRL 1999]

- These particles could be warm (sliding scale) or a mix of warm and cold [Kaplinghat 2005, Cembranos et al 2005, Jedamzik, Lemoine, Moutaka 2005]

- Minimum halos mass could be large enough to be ruled out by current observations. Many models have minimum mass around dwarf galaxy scale.

- Small phase space density, Q (in the above) units ~ 1 (big spread)

Distinguishing DM from decays and CDM

● Accelerator searches

- ◎ Look for signatures of long-lived charged particles at LHC [Hamaguchi et al 2004, Feng and Smith 2004]

● Cosmology

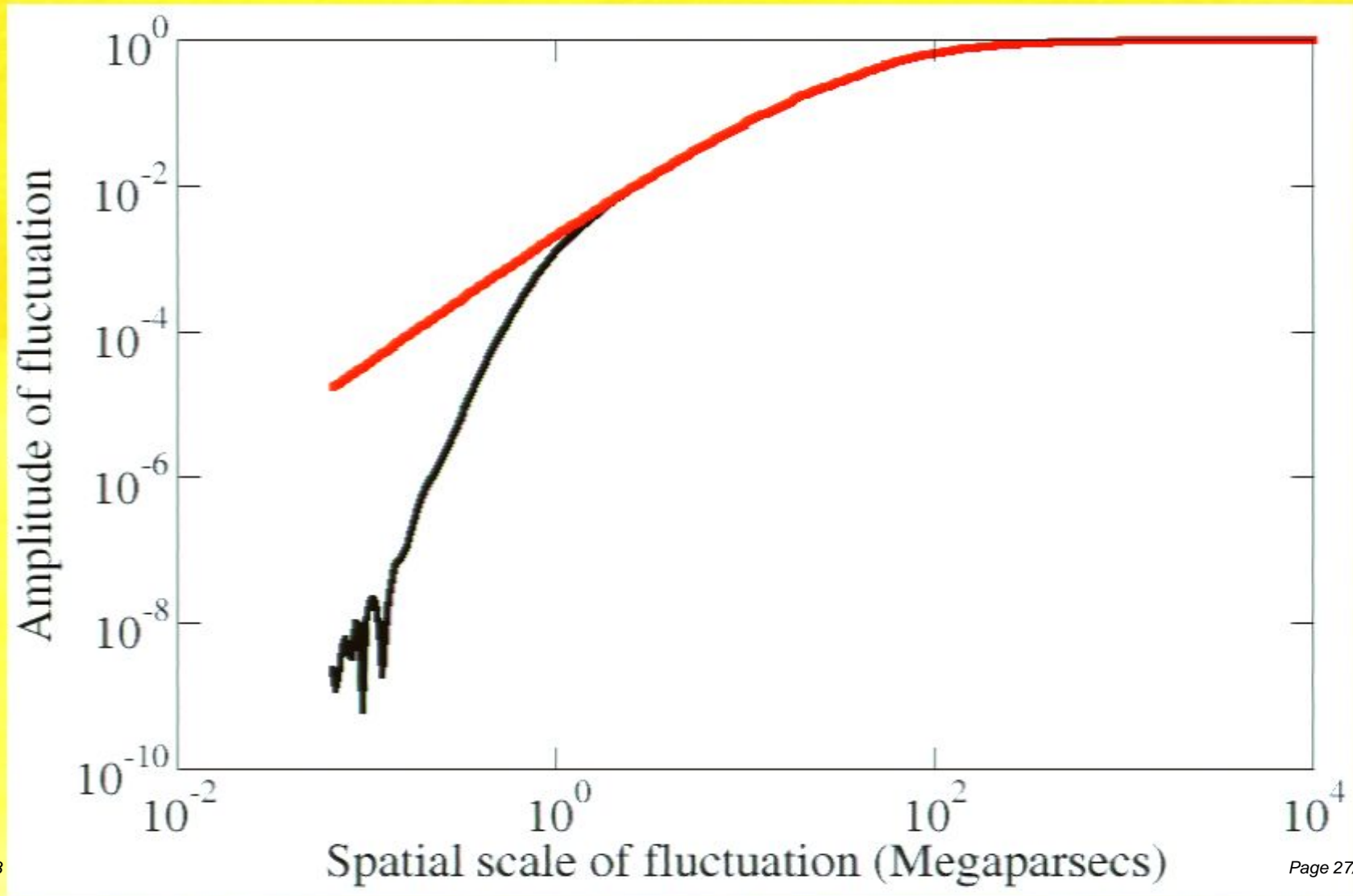
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- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- Cosmic Microwave Background black body

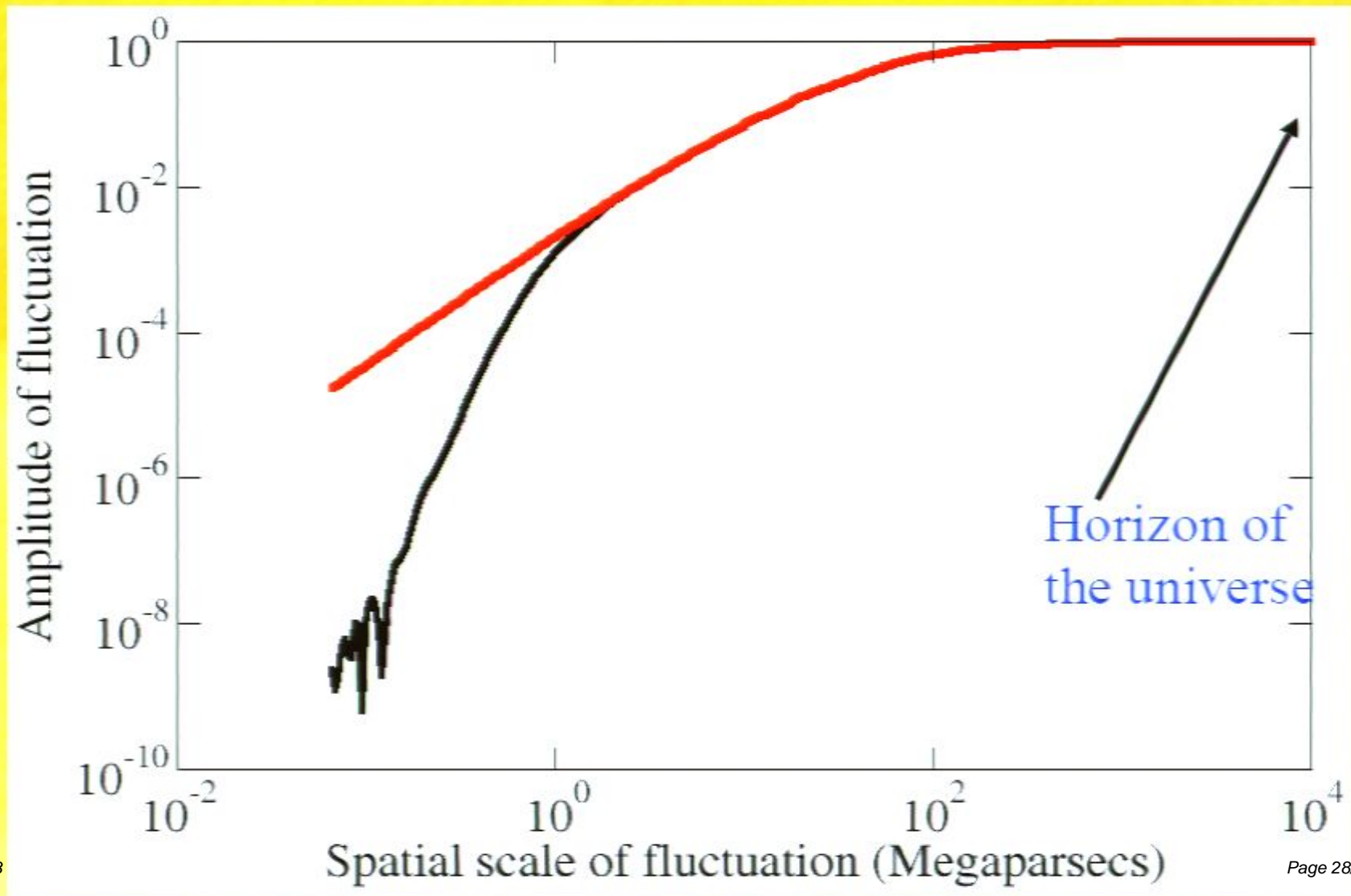
◎ Late Universe

- Small scale structure formation

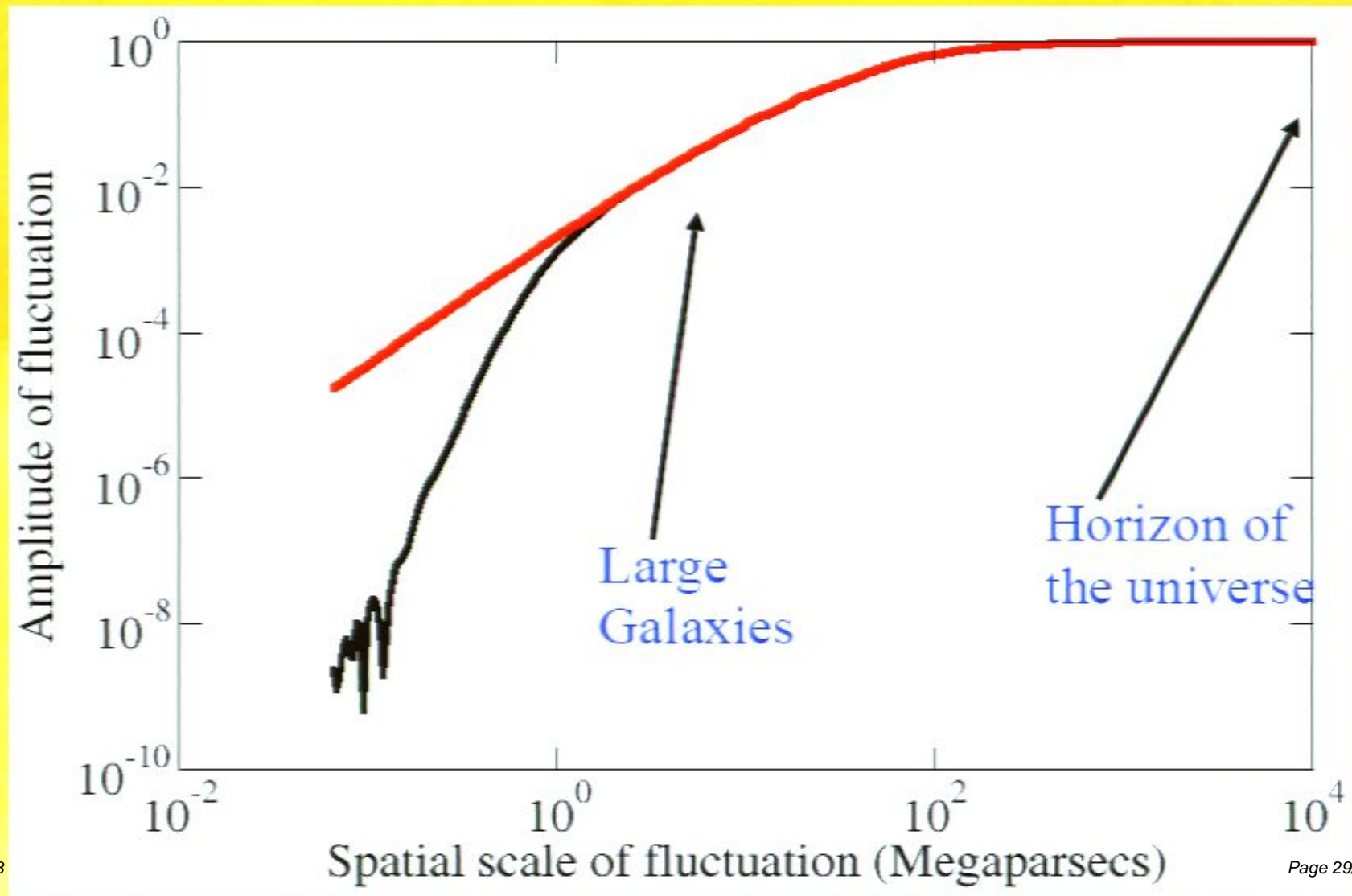
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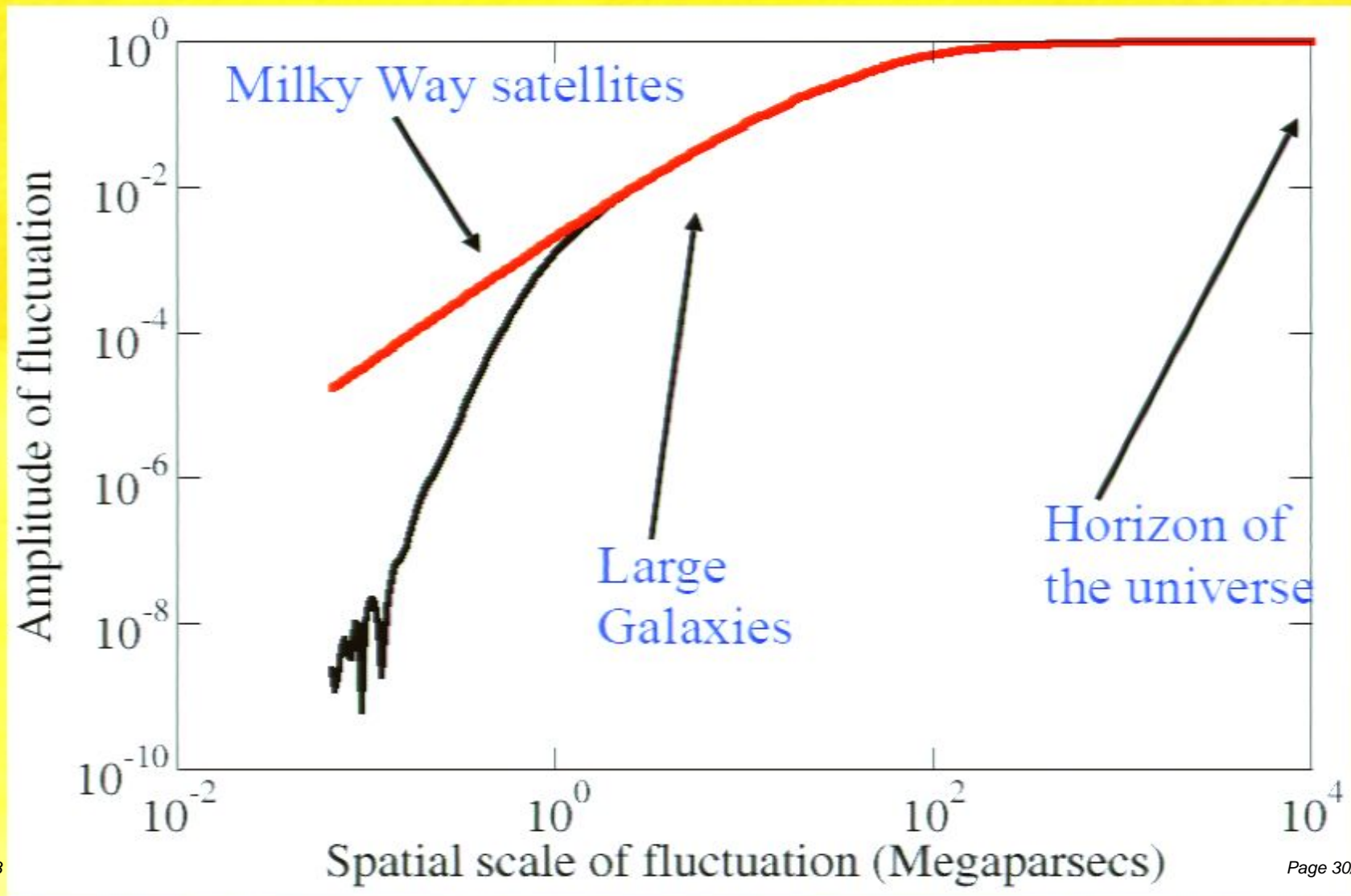
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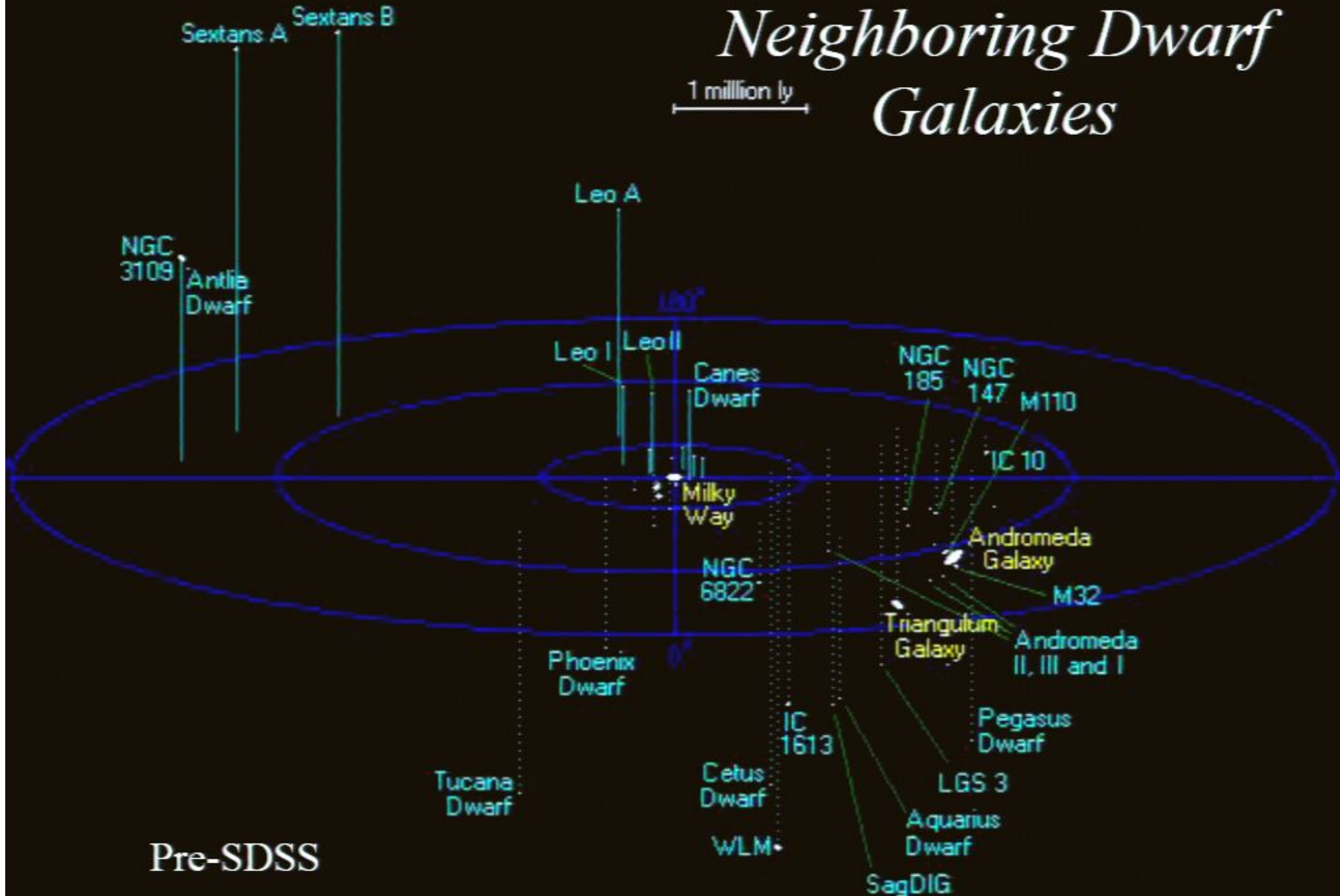


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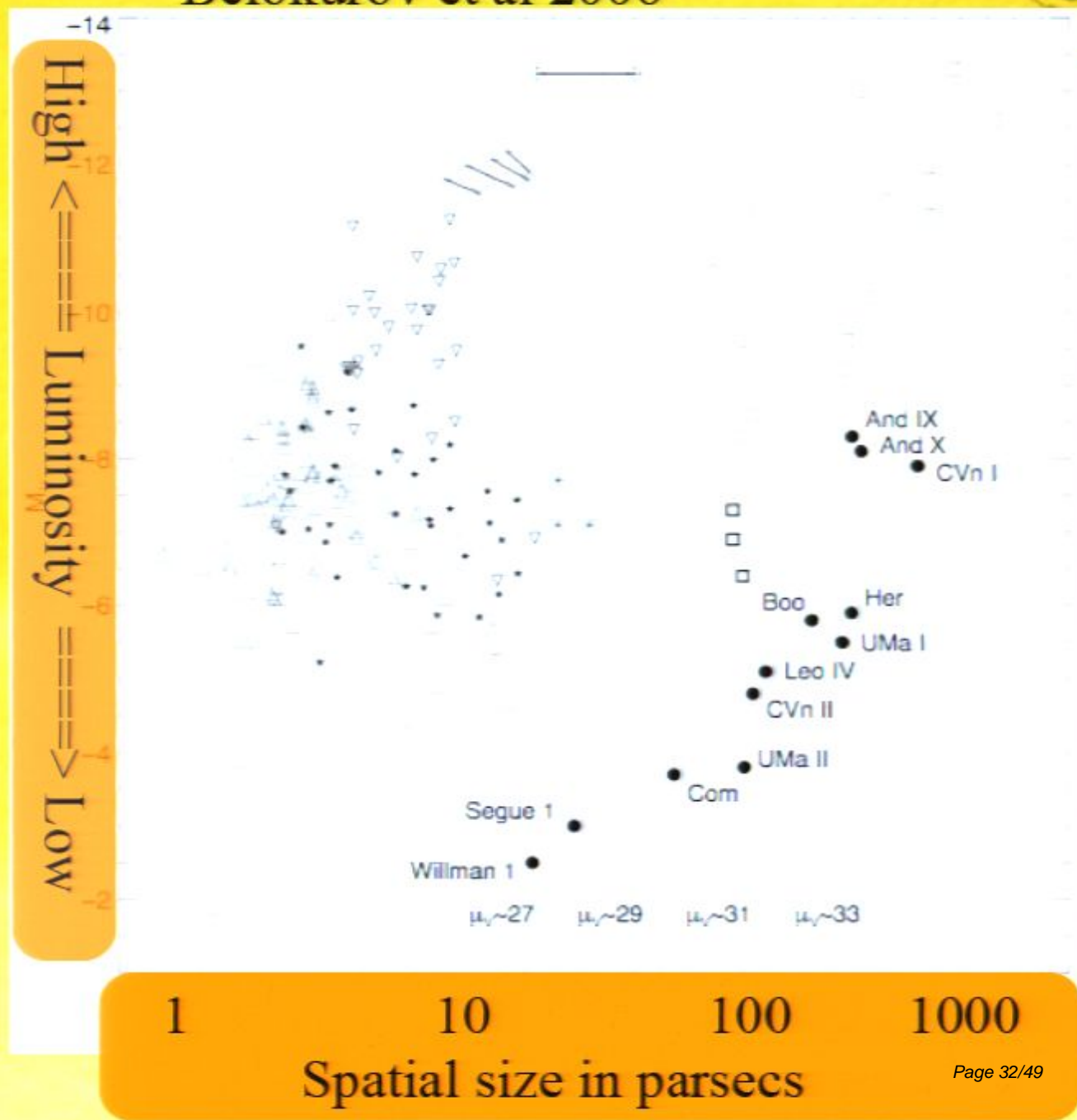
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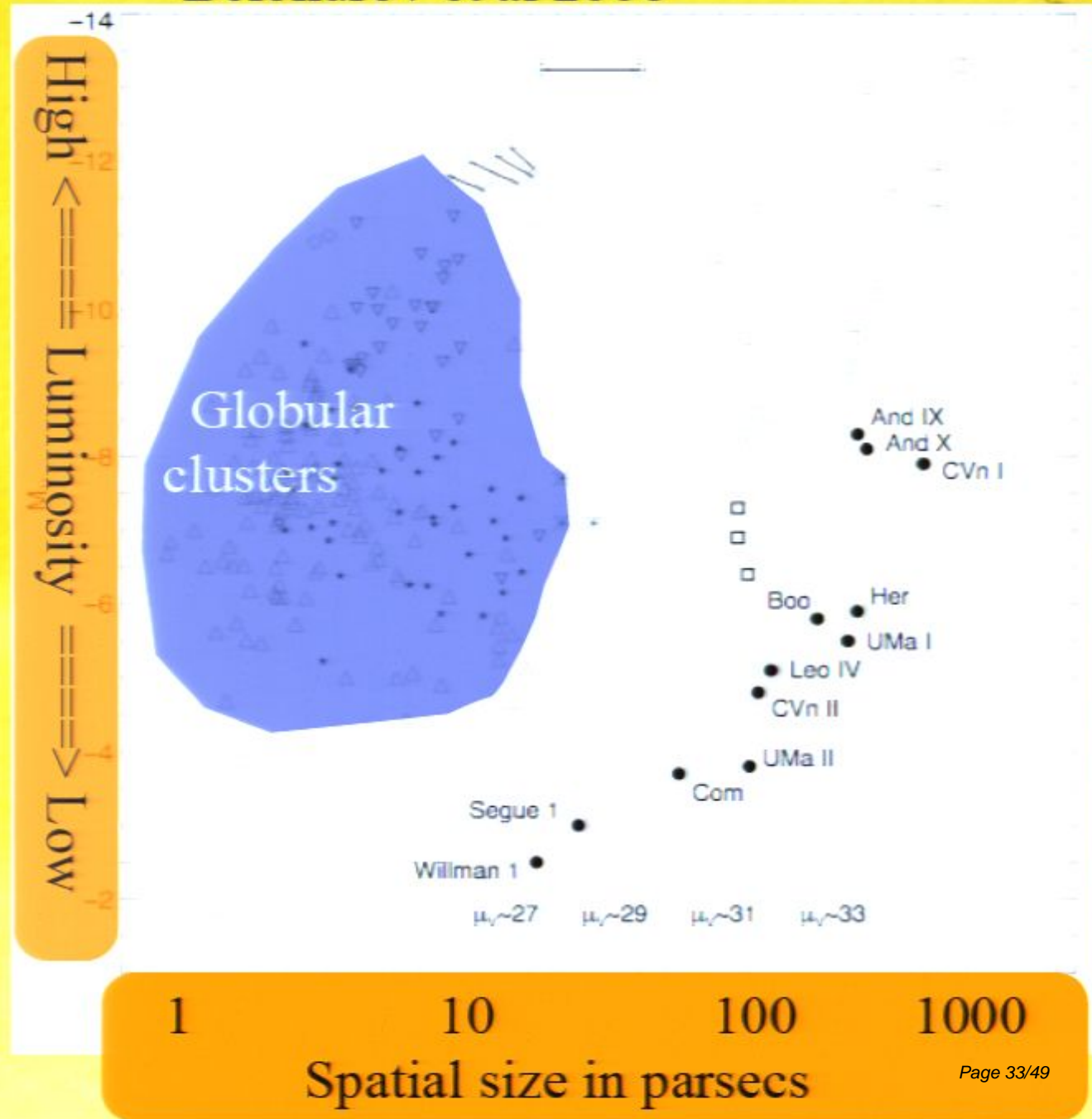
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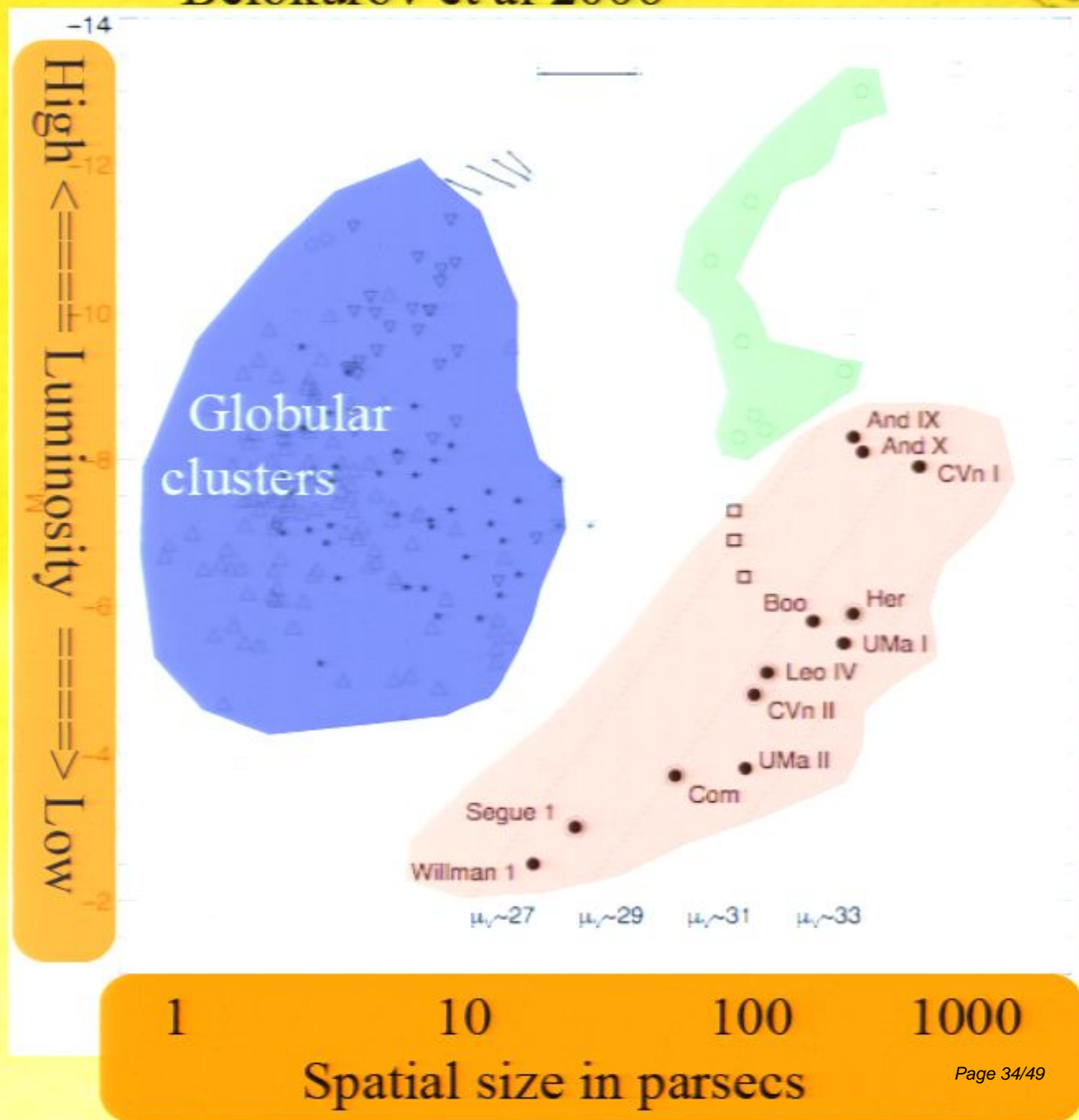
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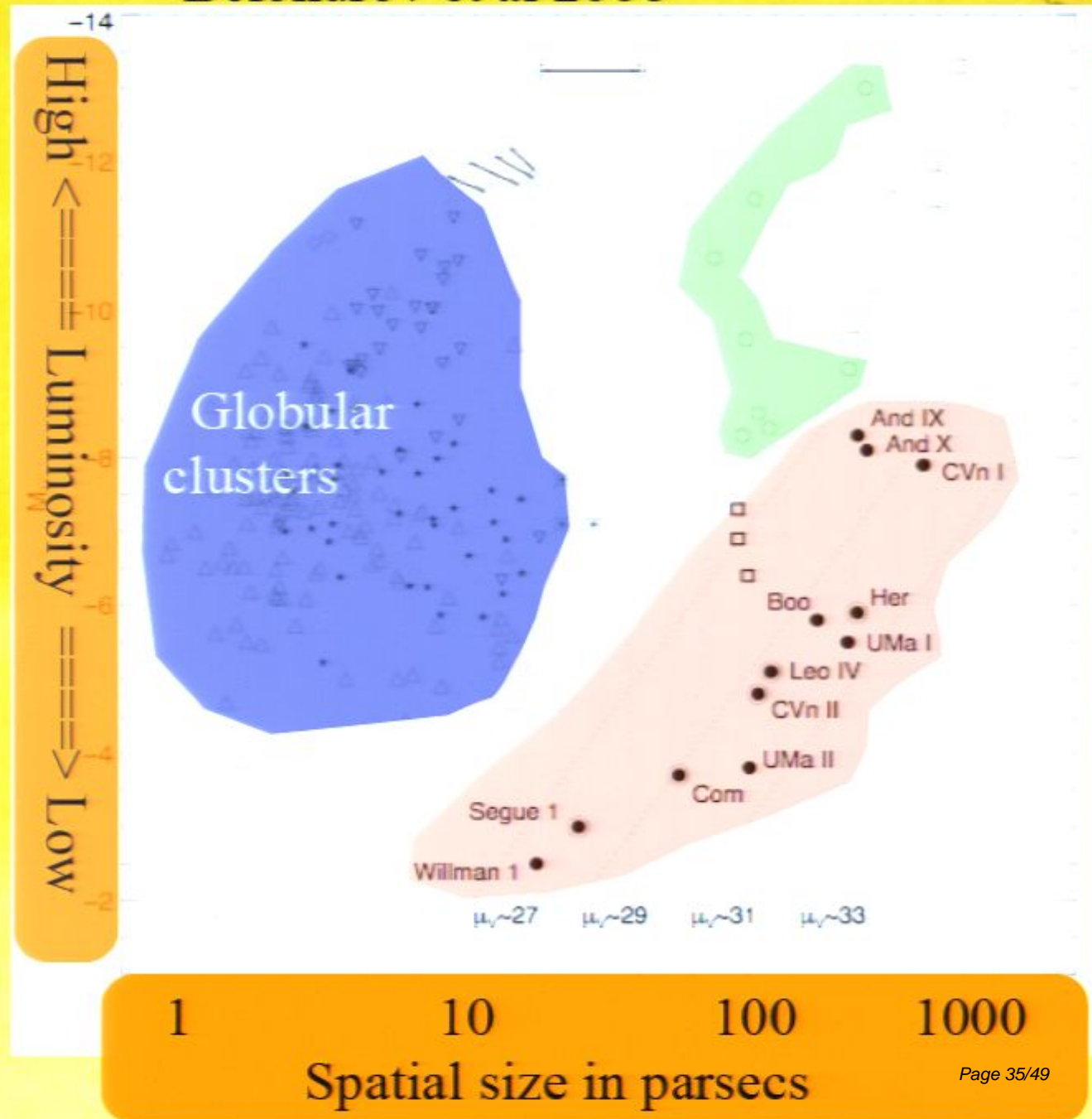
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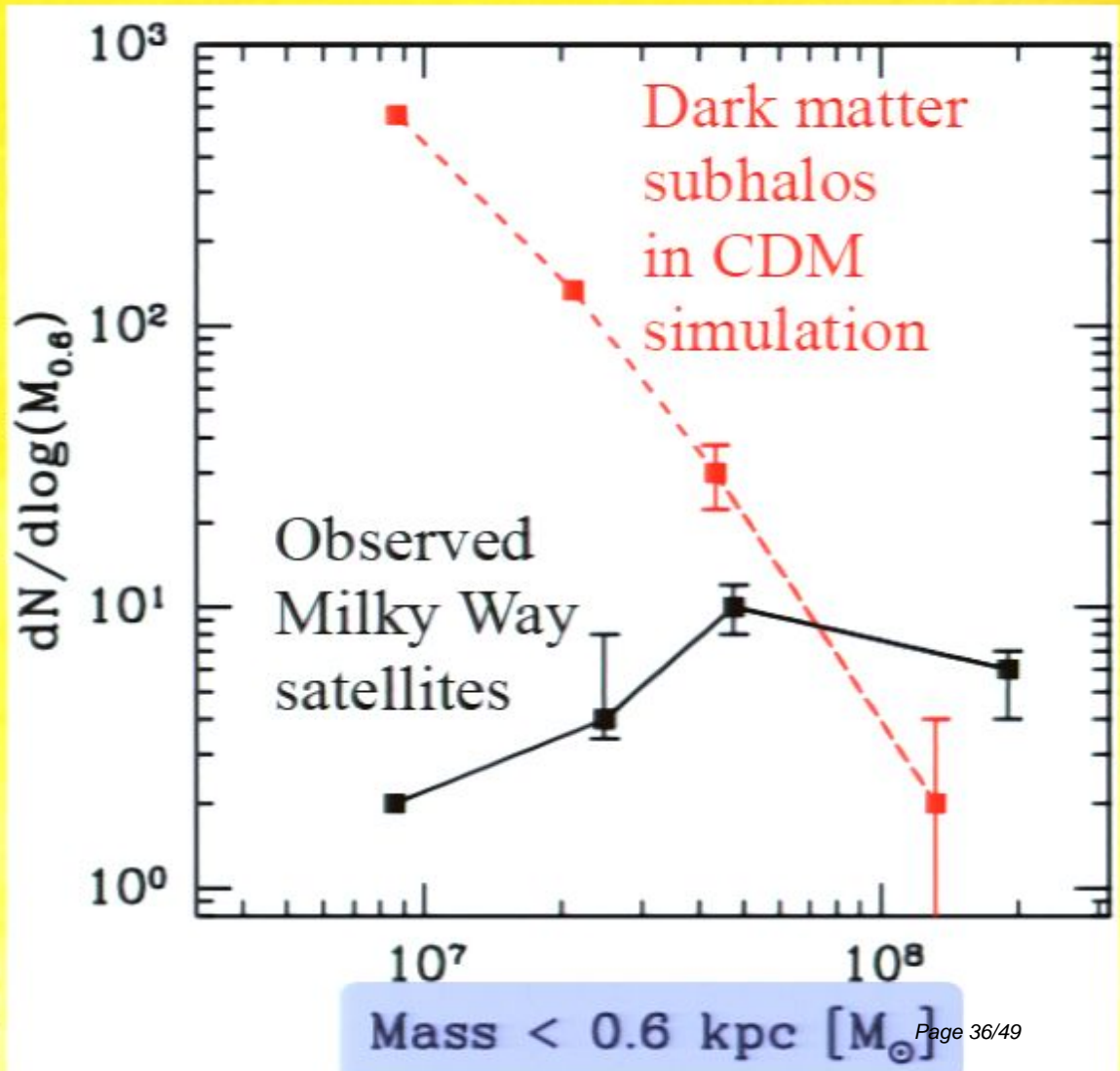
Luminosity spans over four orders of magnitude from 1000 to 10 million solar luminosities



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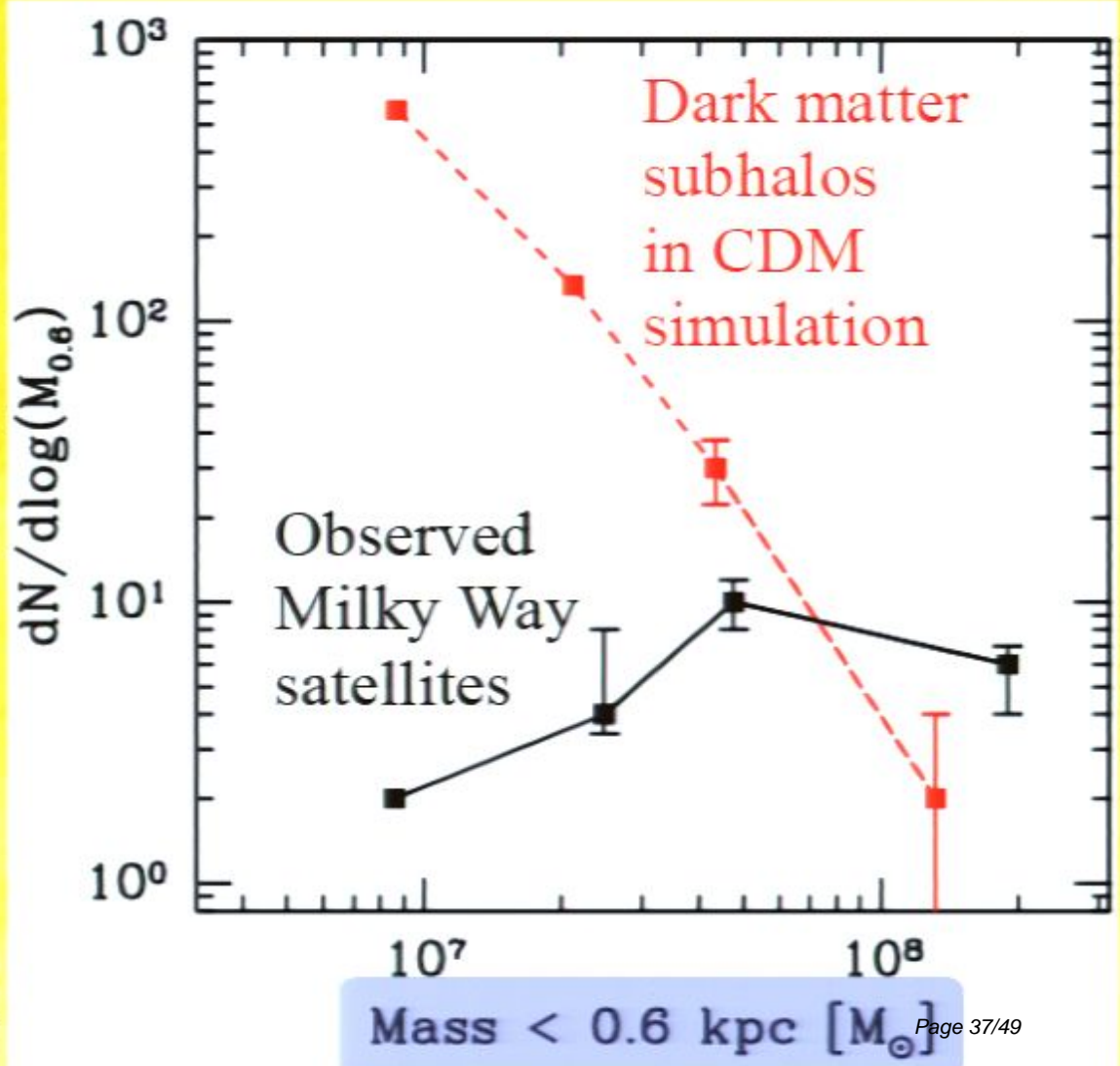
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Not all subhalos have to light up.

[Bullock et al 2000]

[Kravtsov, Gnedin and Klypin 2004]



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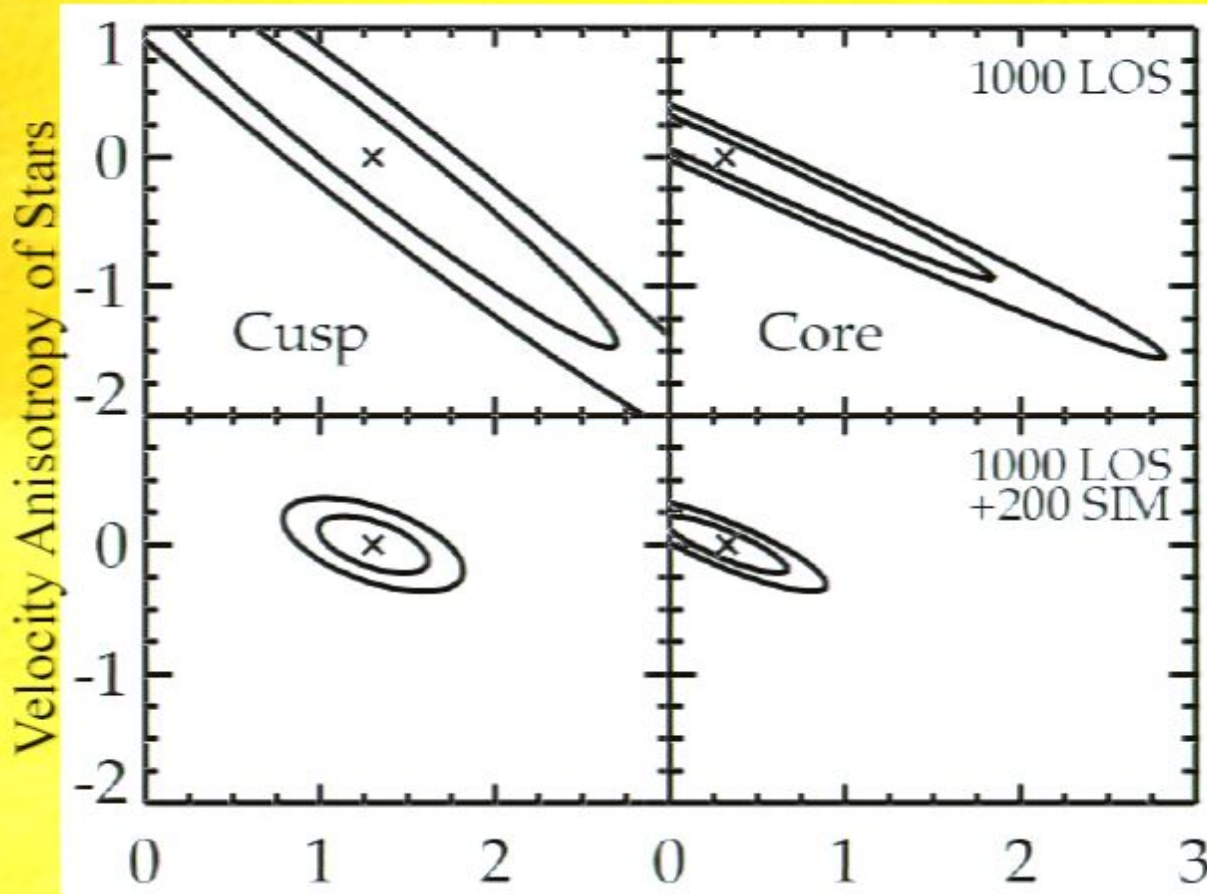
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- Why Local Dwarf Galaxies?
 - ◎ Look for products of self-annihilation or decay of dark matter particles (GLAST, VERITAS, MAGIC, HESS, CHANDRA)
 - ◎ Close and dark matter dominated
 - ◎ Low intrinsic backgrounds
 - ◎ Good chance we will understand their spatial mass profile
 - ◎ Measure the dark matter halo density profile
 - ◎ Constrains Q and power spectrum
 - ◎ Census of dwarfs
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Measuring Density Profile: Solution

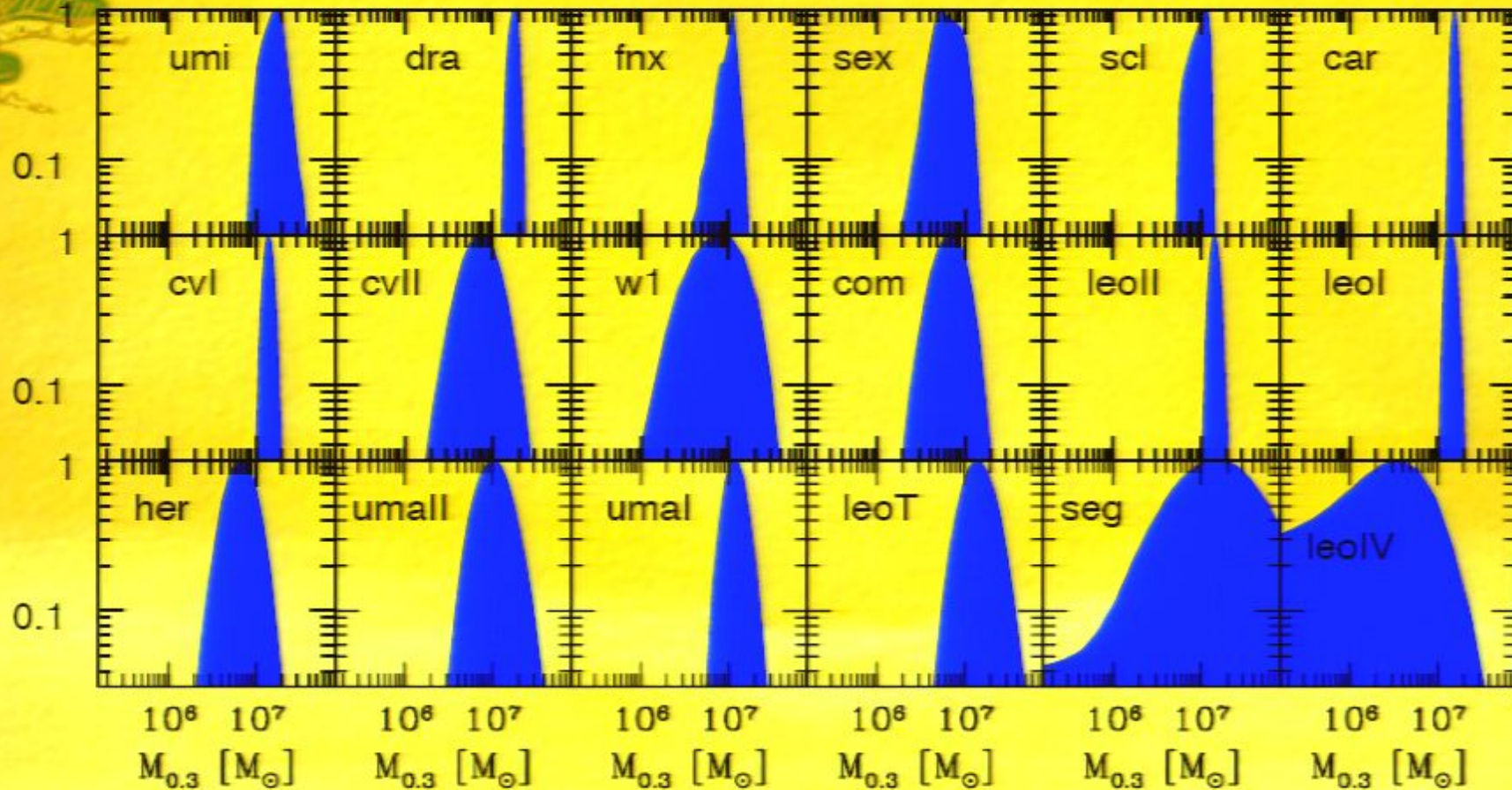


Use proper motions to get 3-d velocity dispersion. Breaks the degeneracy of slope with velocity dispersion anisotropy.



Log-slope of dark matter density profile
Strigari, Bullock and Kaplinghat, 2007

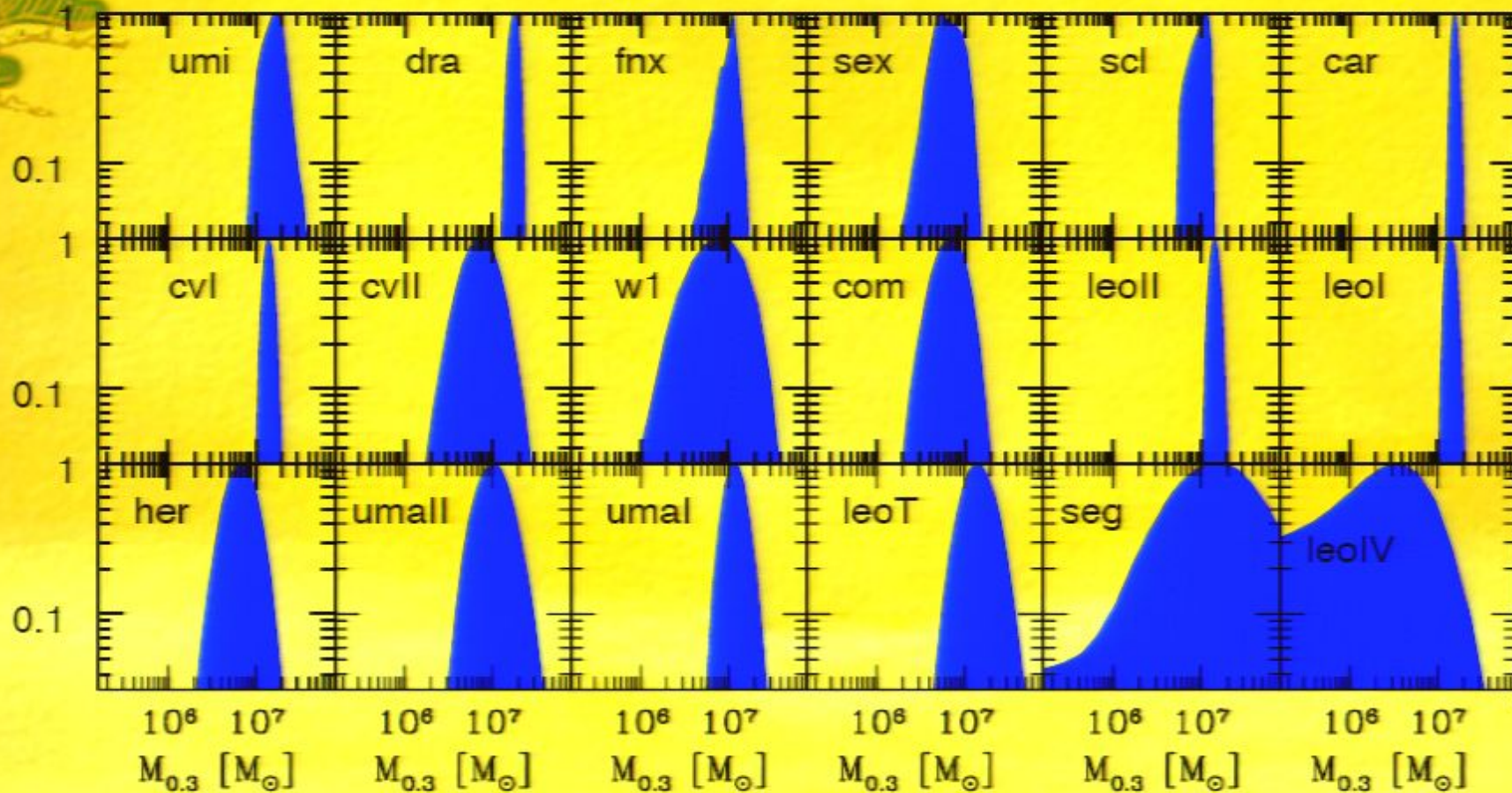
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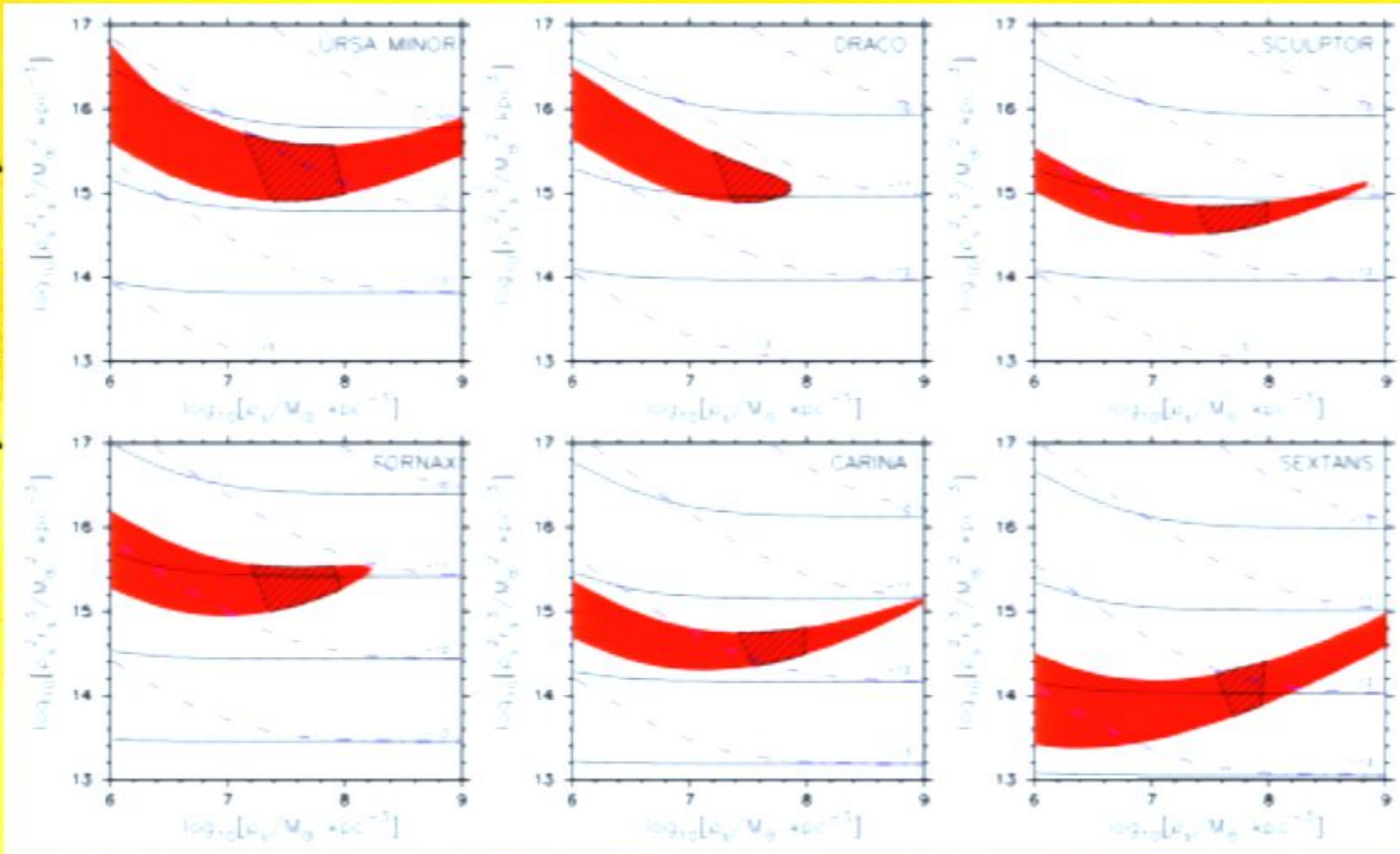


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This mass can be reliably measured in simulations allowing robust comparison of theory and data

Indirect detection of dark matter: Annihilation products from the dwarfs

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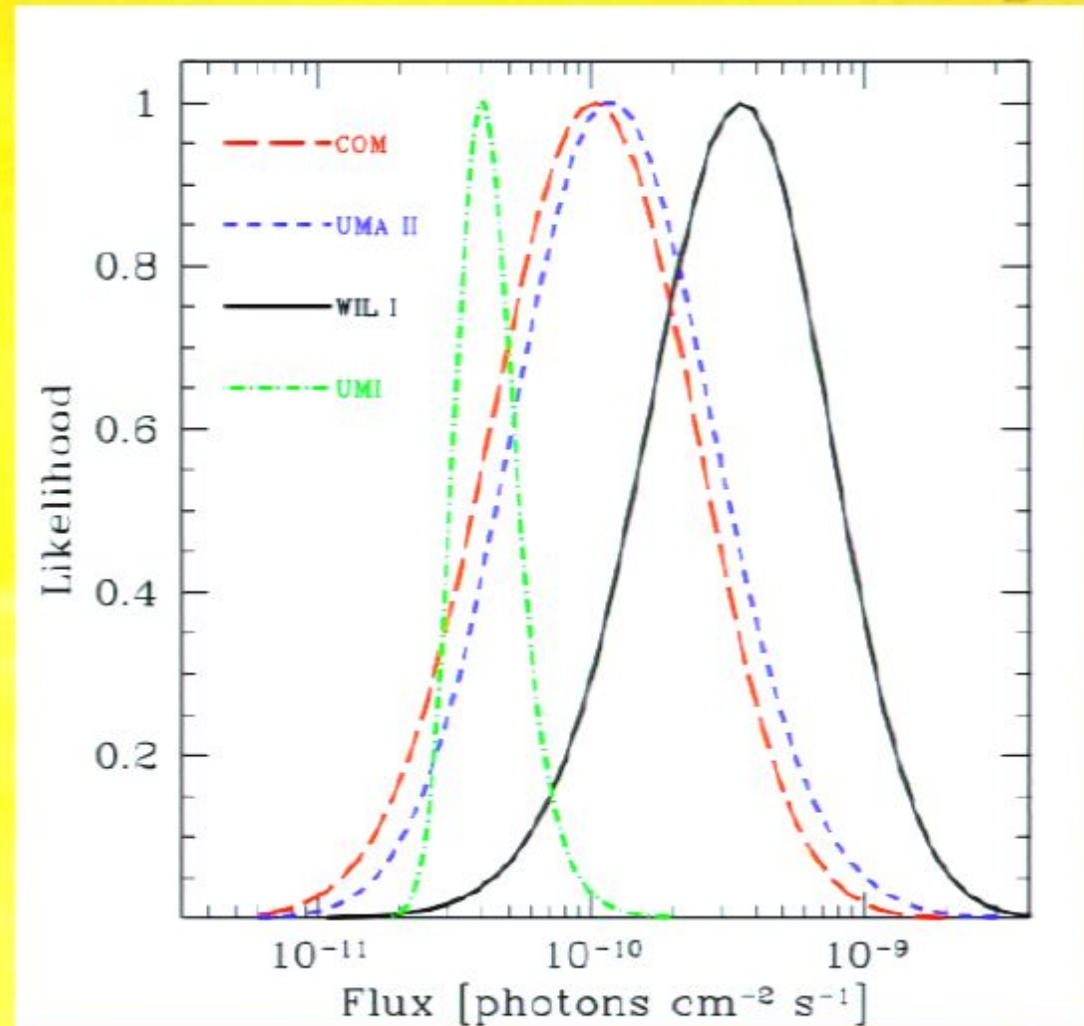


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Characteristic density

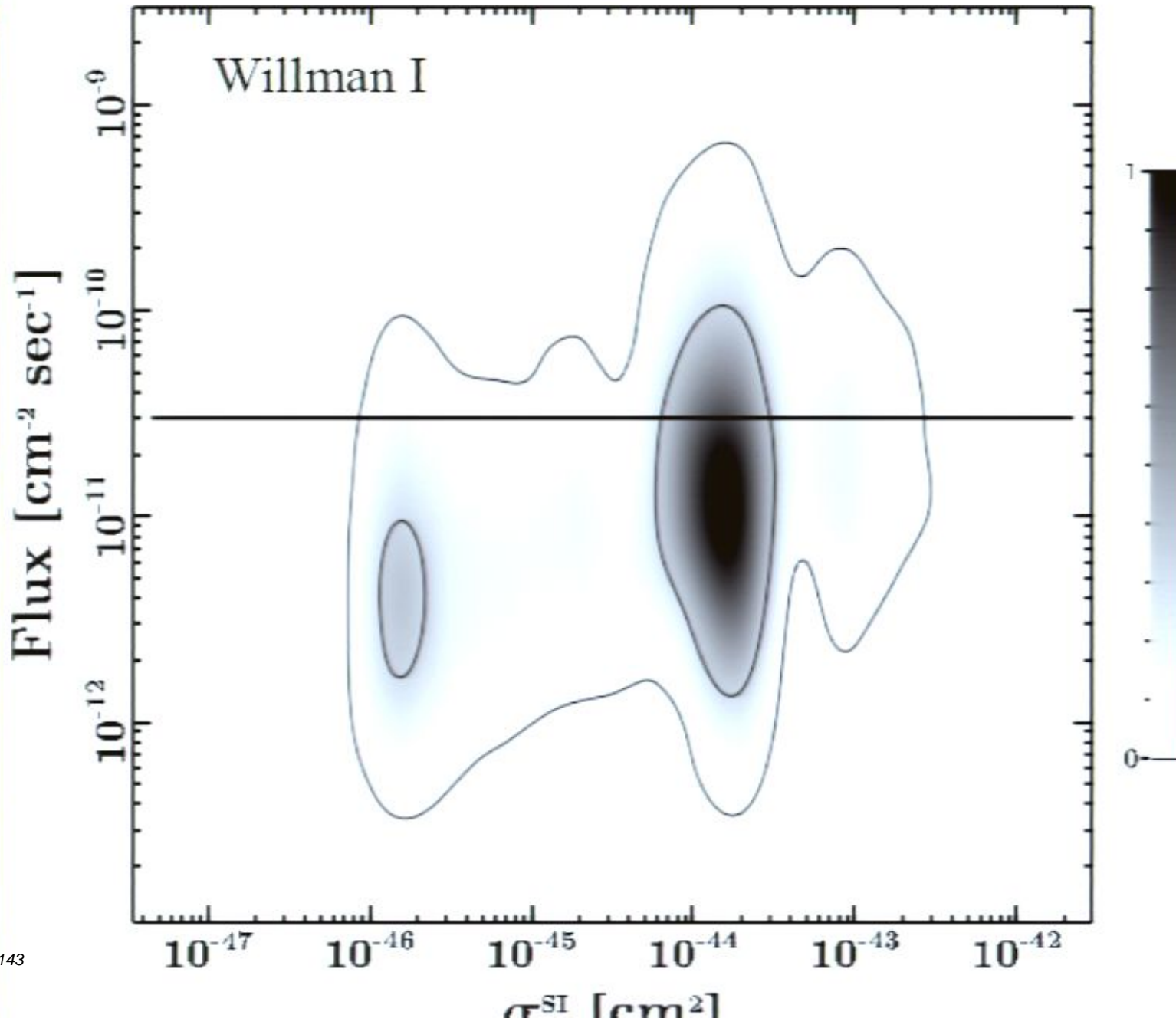
The new neighbors

- COM, WIL1, UM2 have very small luminosities ~ 1000 times the sun
- But they seem to be just as massive in dark matter as the more luminous ones!
- Make ideal targets for indirect detection of dark matter

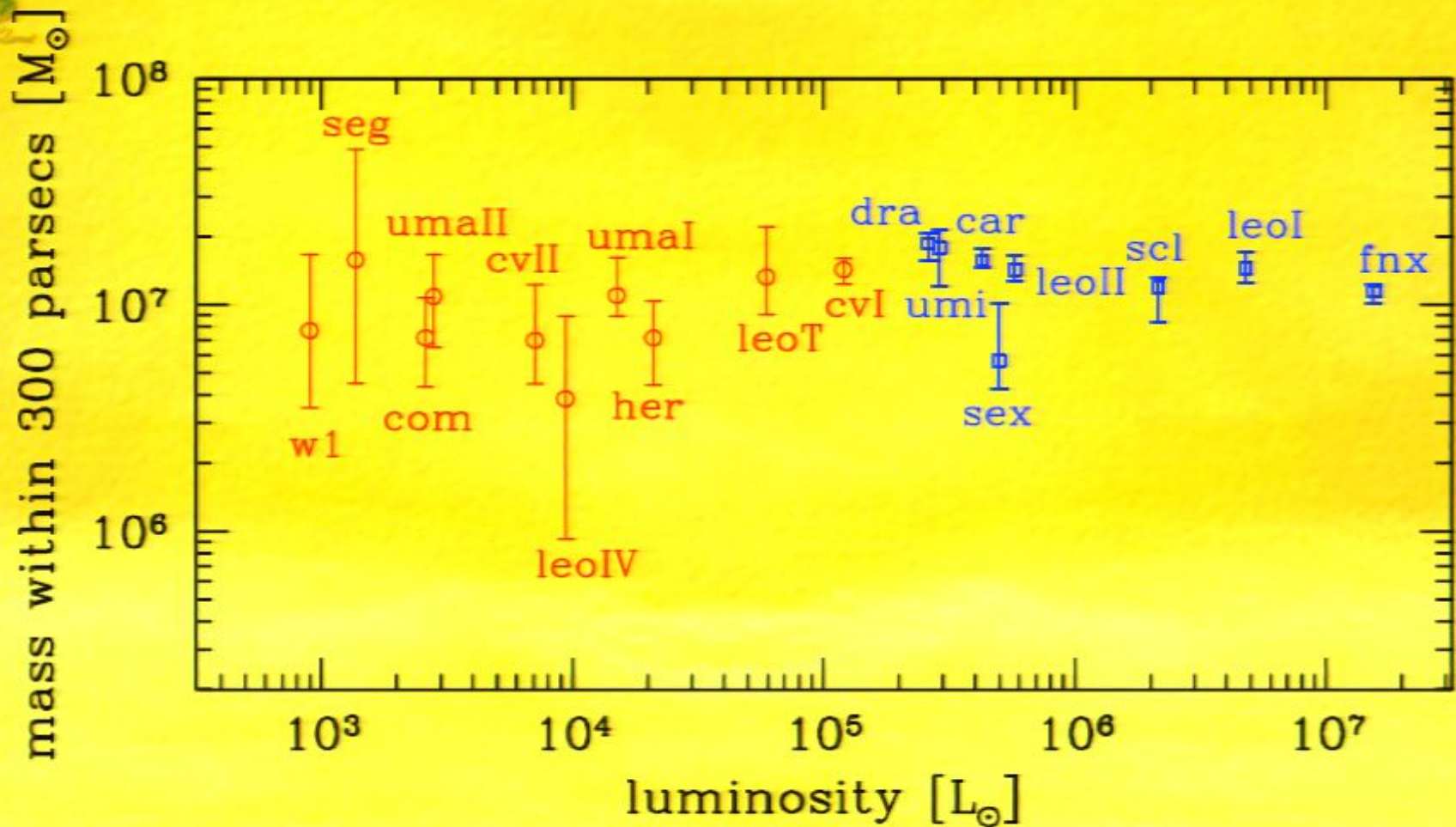


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A Common Mass



Strigari, Bullock, Kaplinghat, Geha, Simon, Willman 2008,
will be posted very soon...

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