

# Impact of blending on weak lensing measurements with Rubin/LSST

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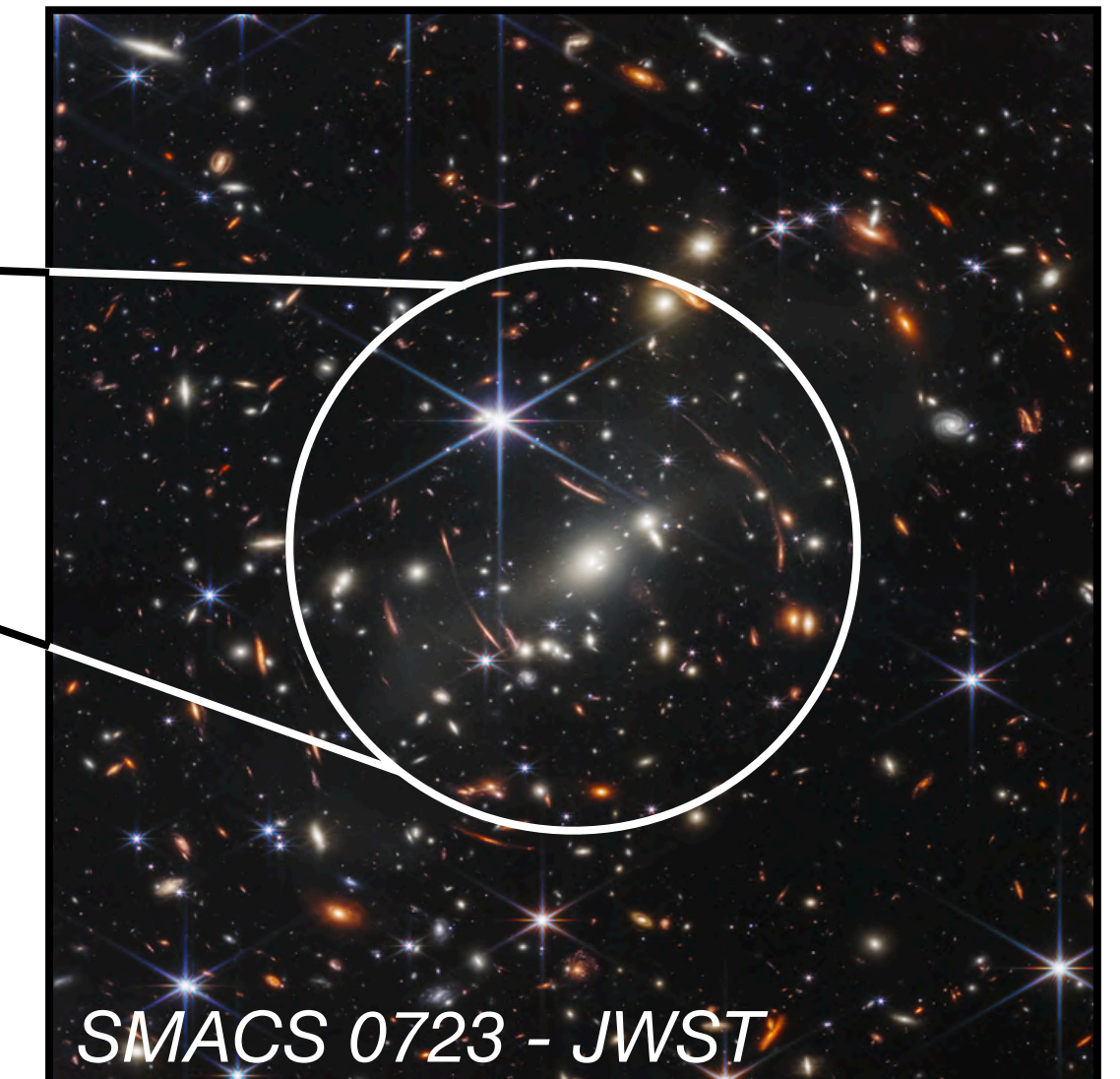
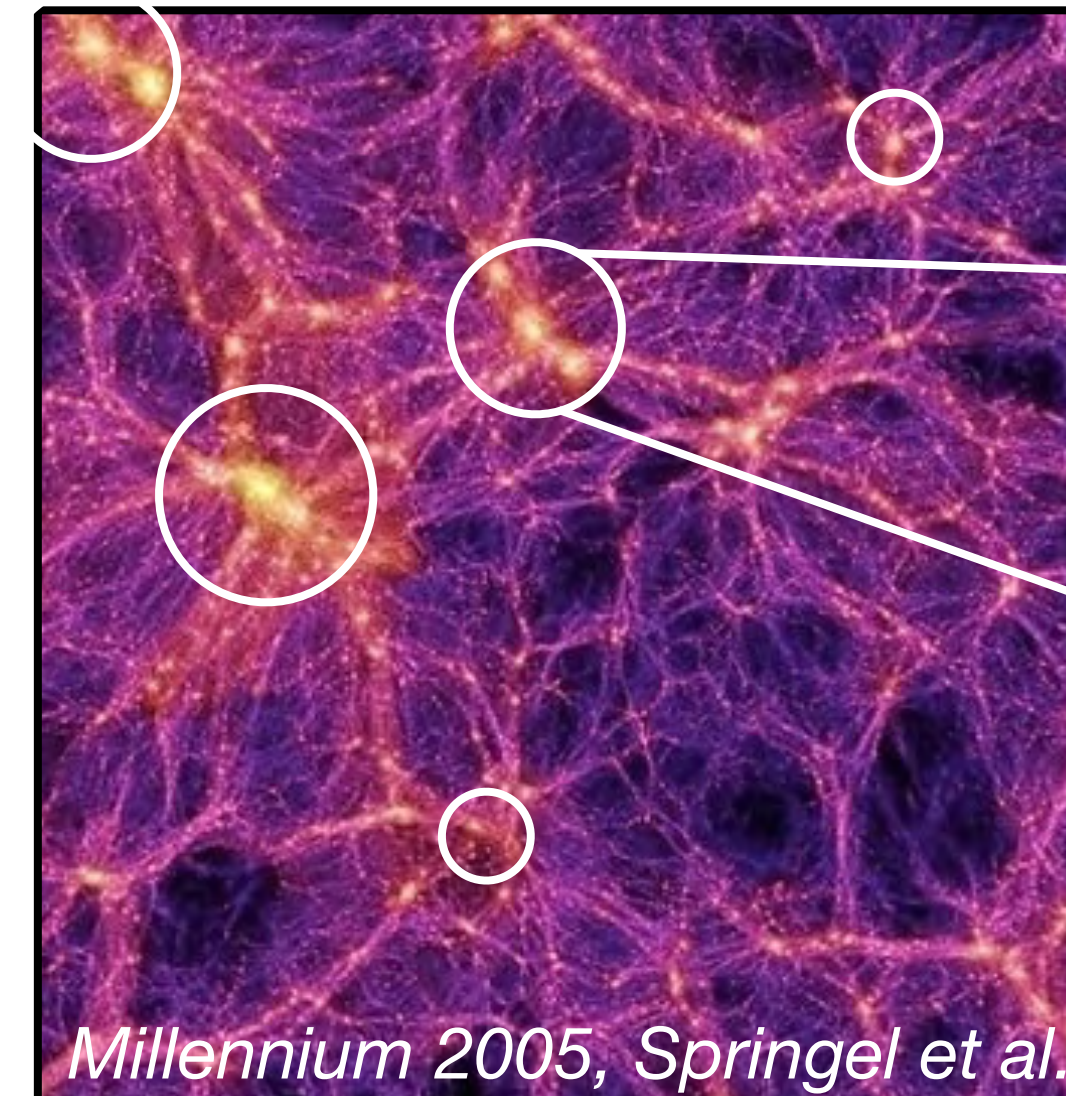
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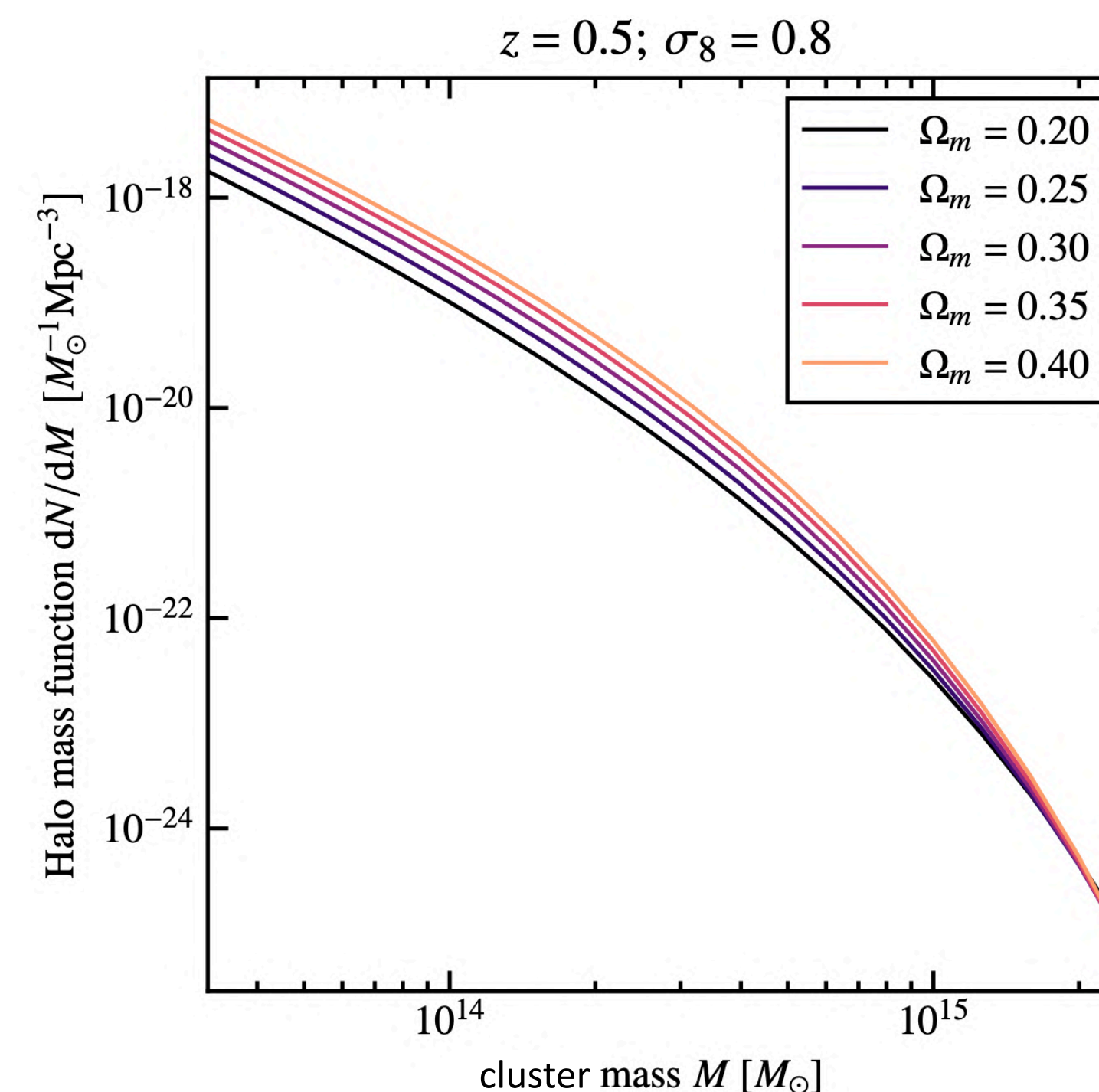
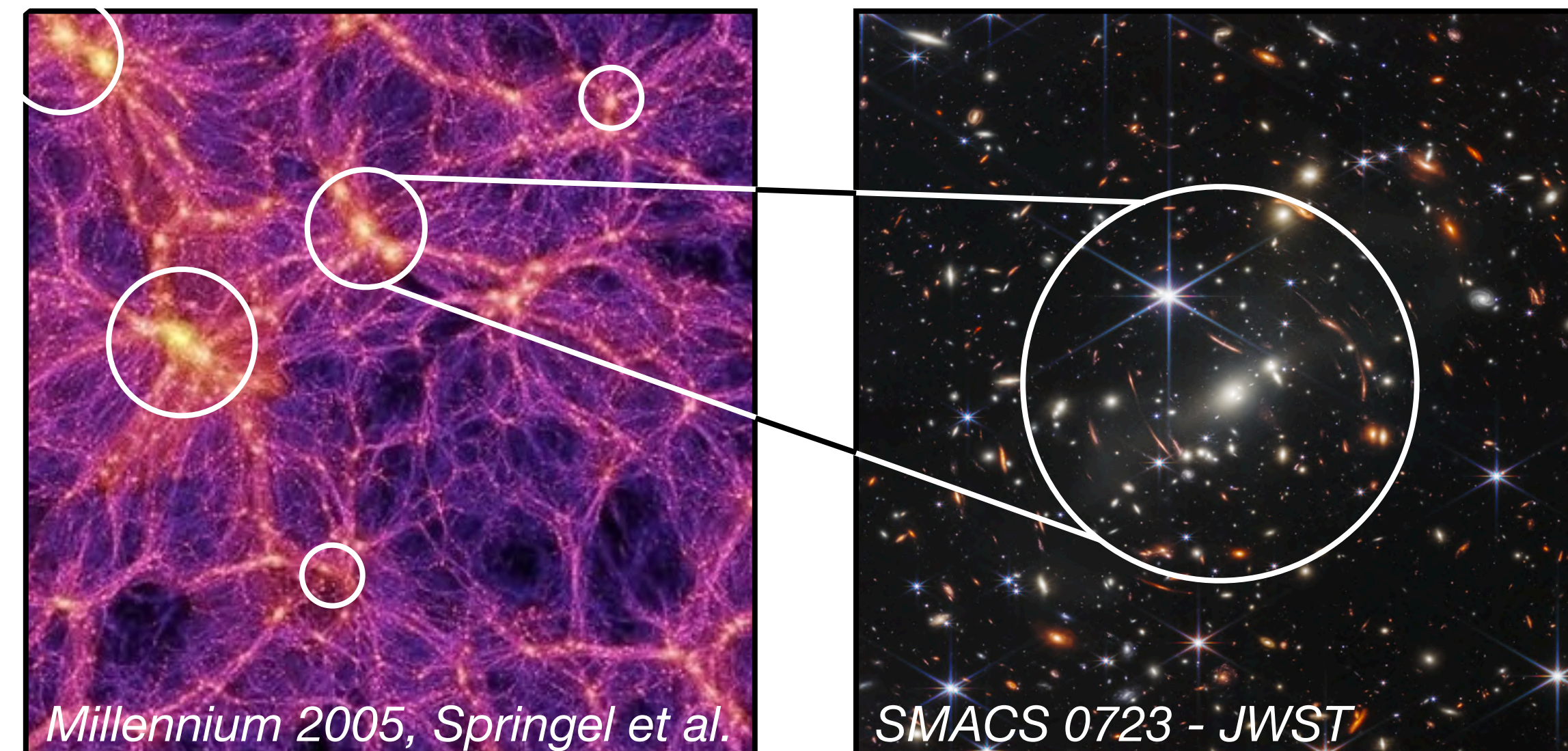
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### Studied through their counting per bins of mass and redshift

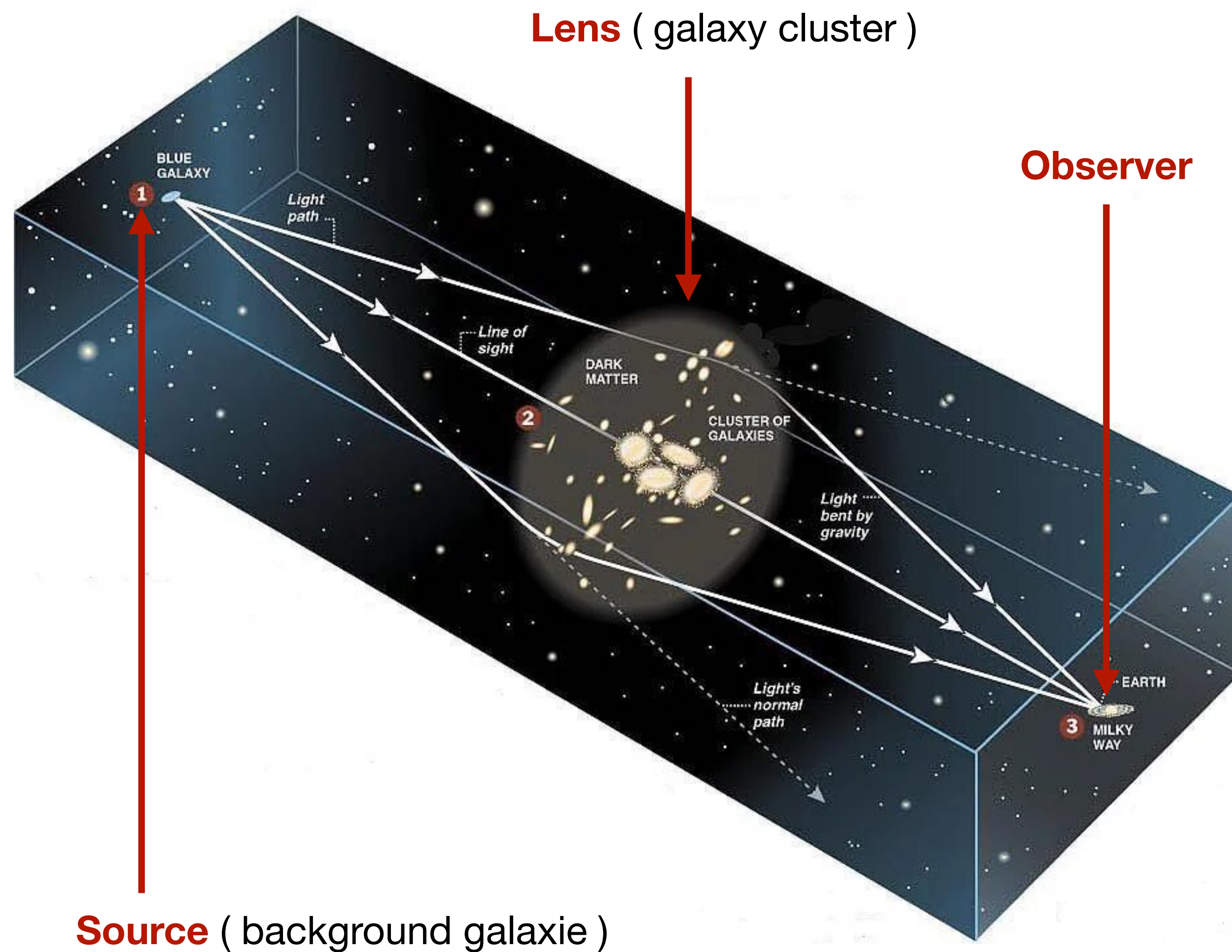
$$\frac{\partial^2 N_{th}}{\partial z \partial m} \propto \frac{dn(m, z)}{dm} \frac{d^2 V(z)}{dz d\Omega}$$

Mass is not an observable: indirect measurements through weak lensing



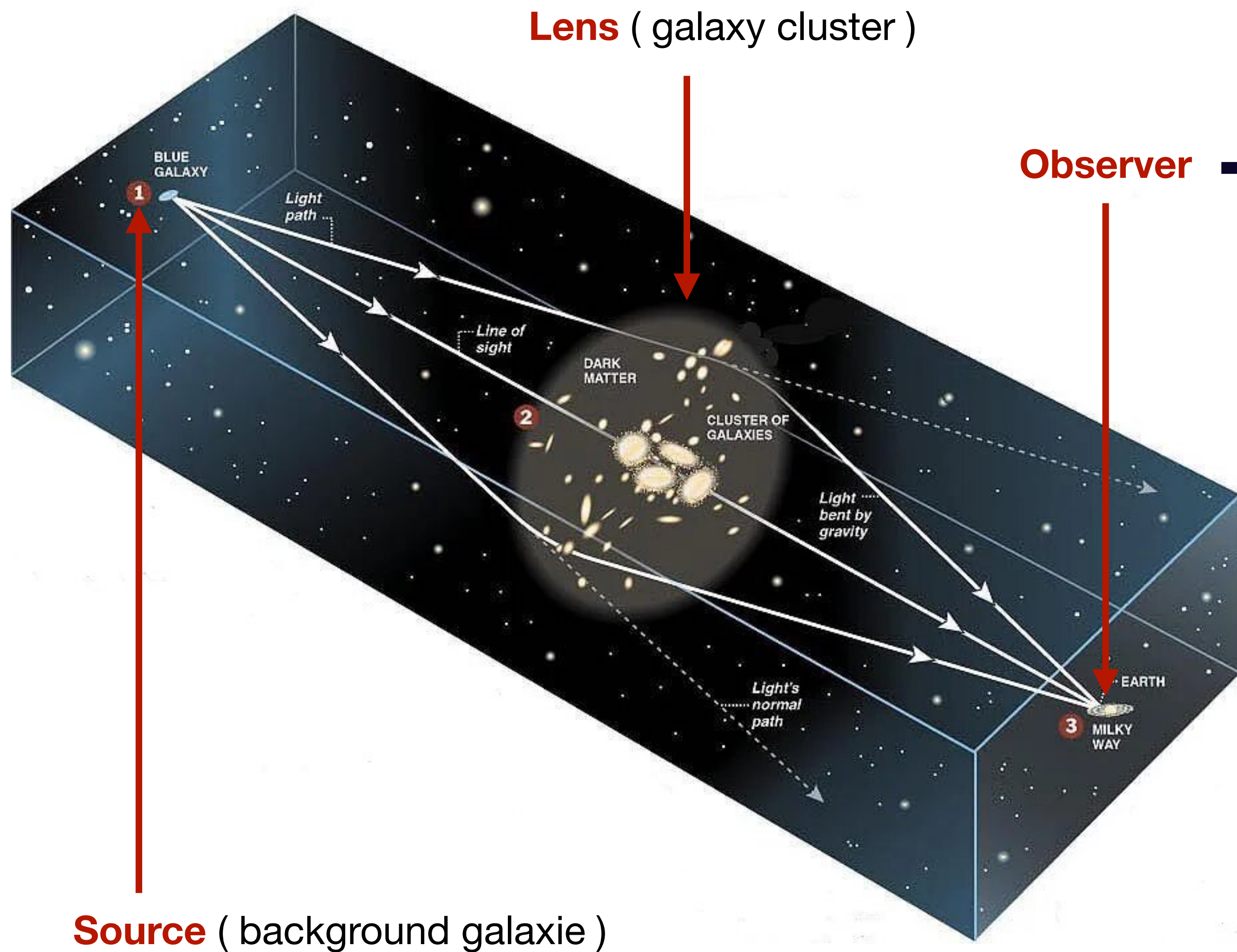
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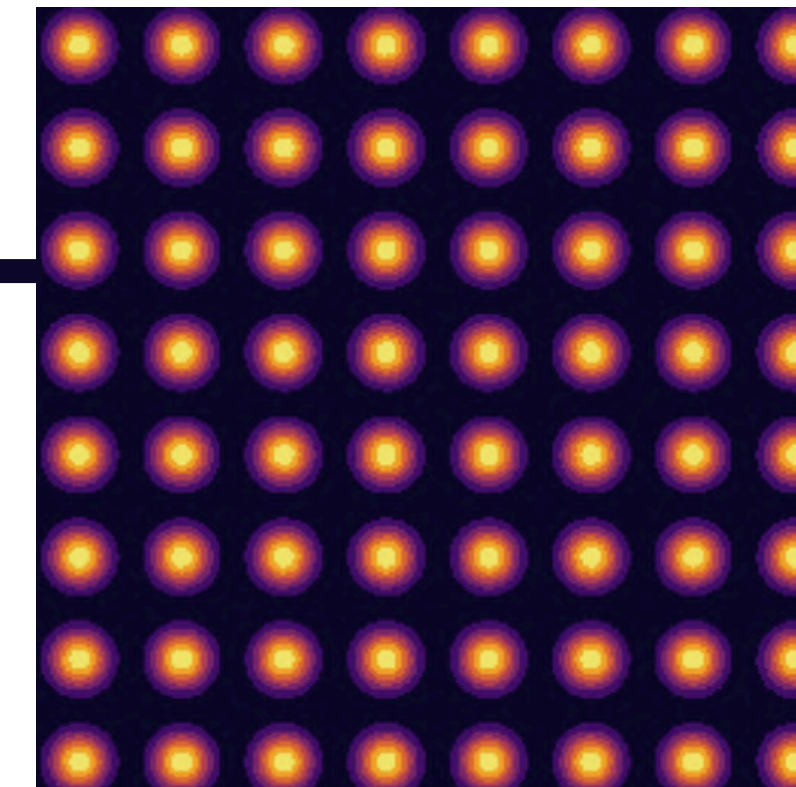


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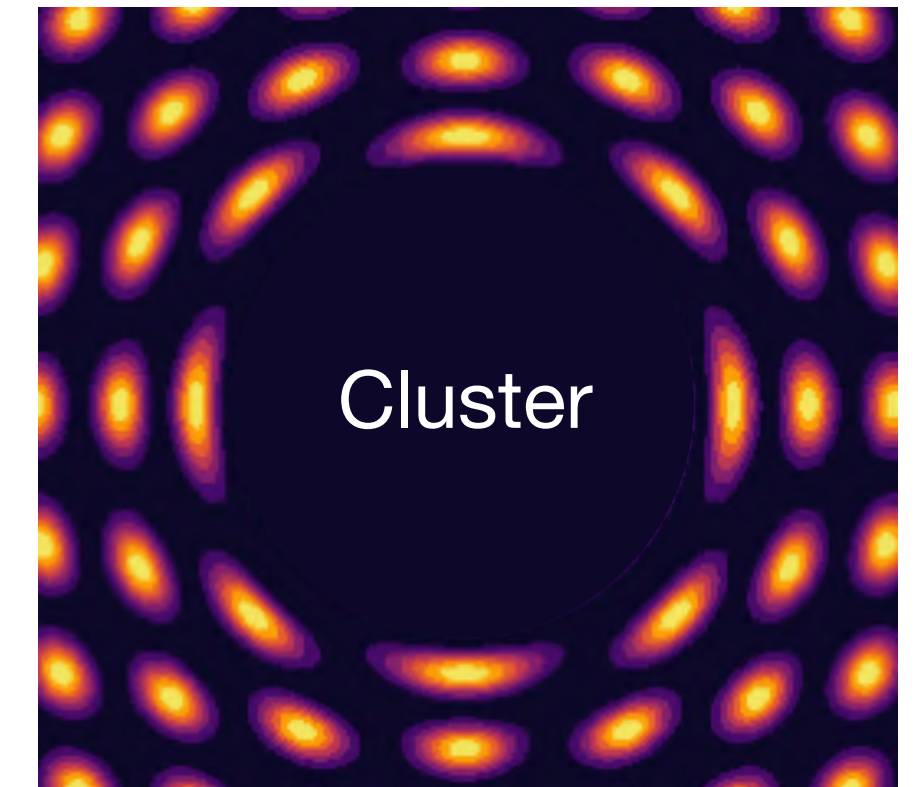
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Galaxy shapes are used to measure the *lensing shear*

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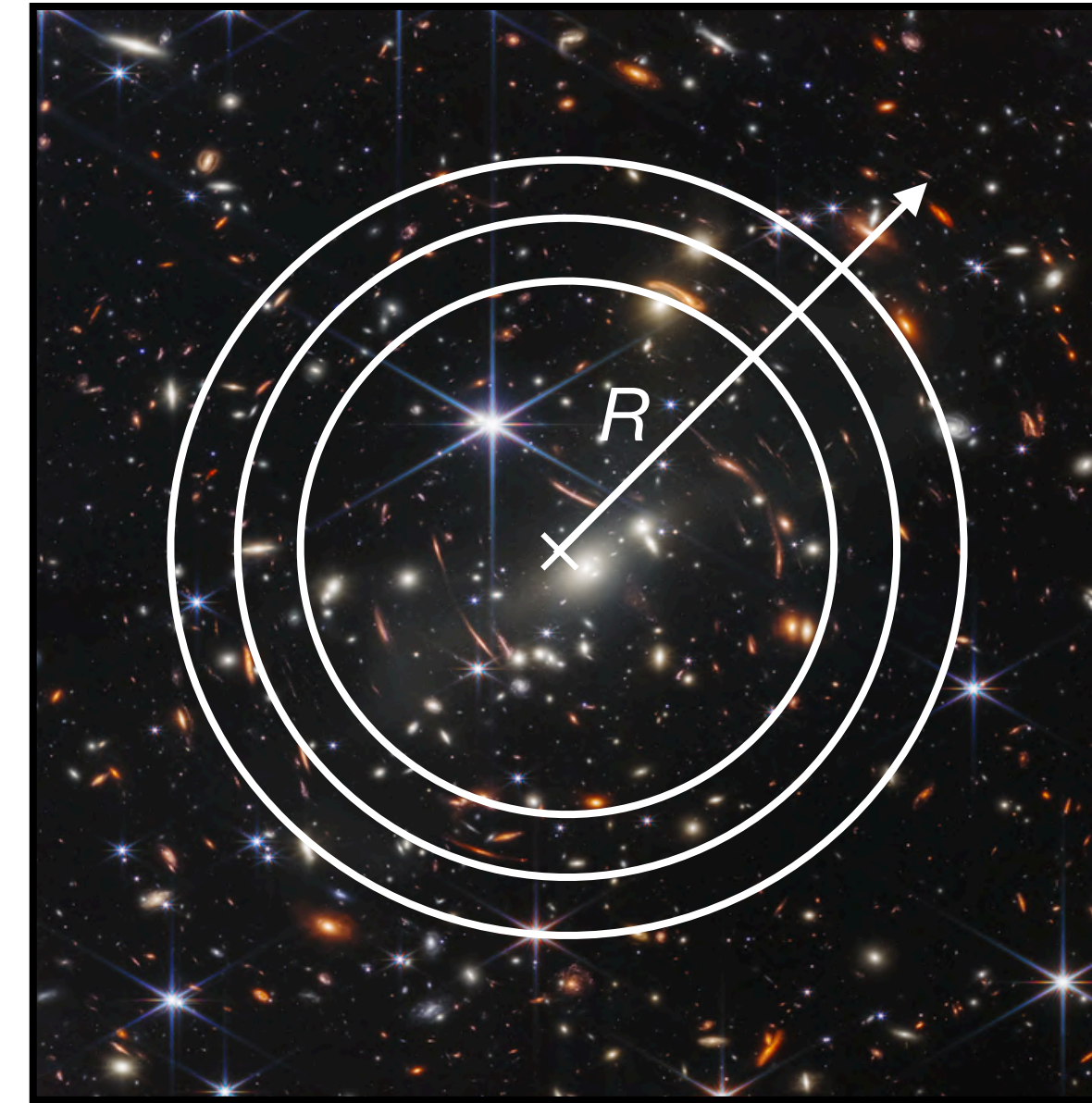
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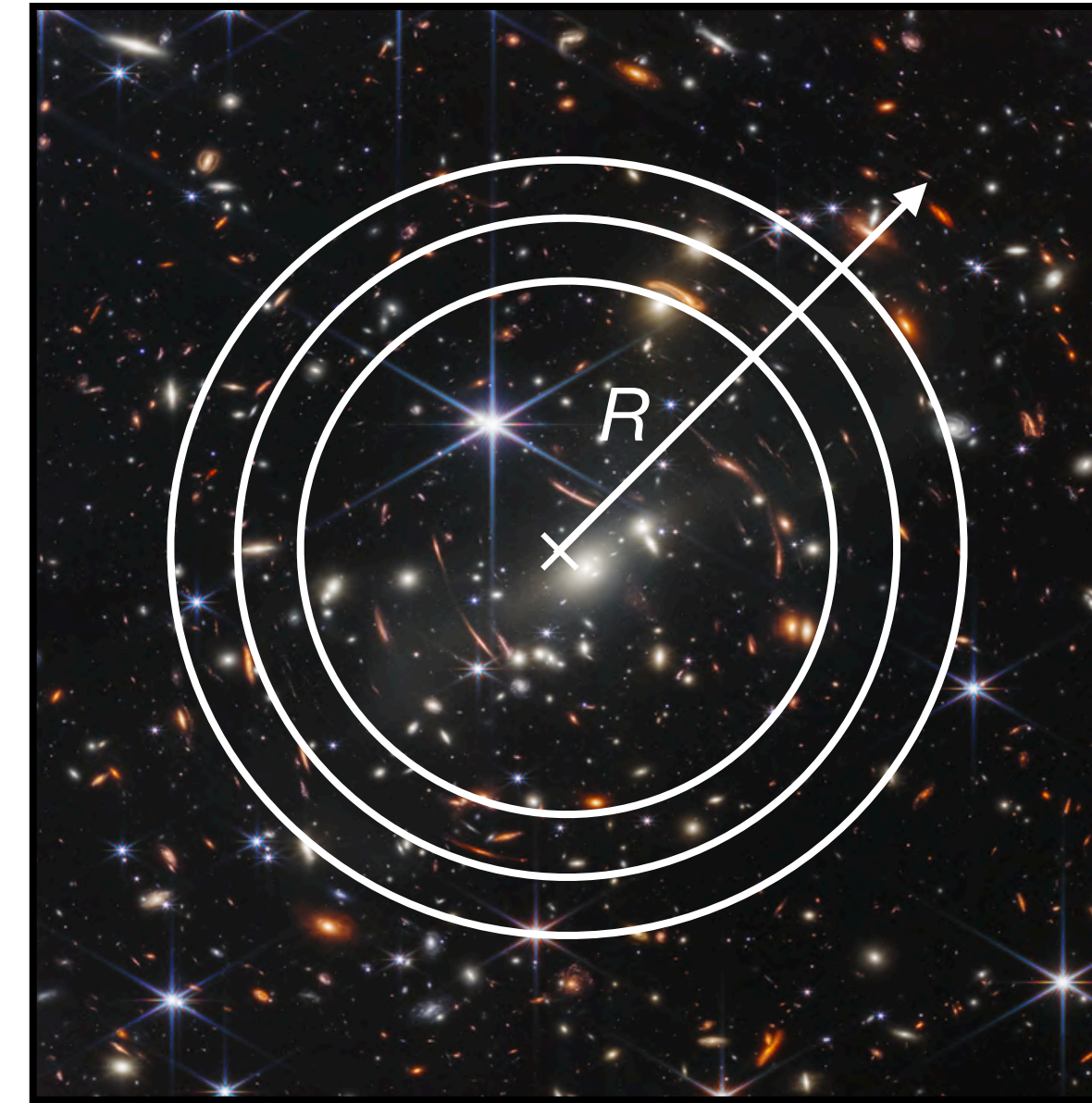
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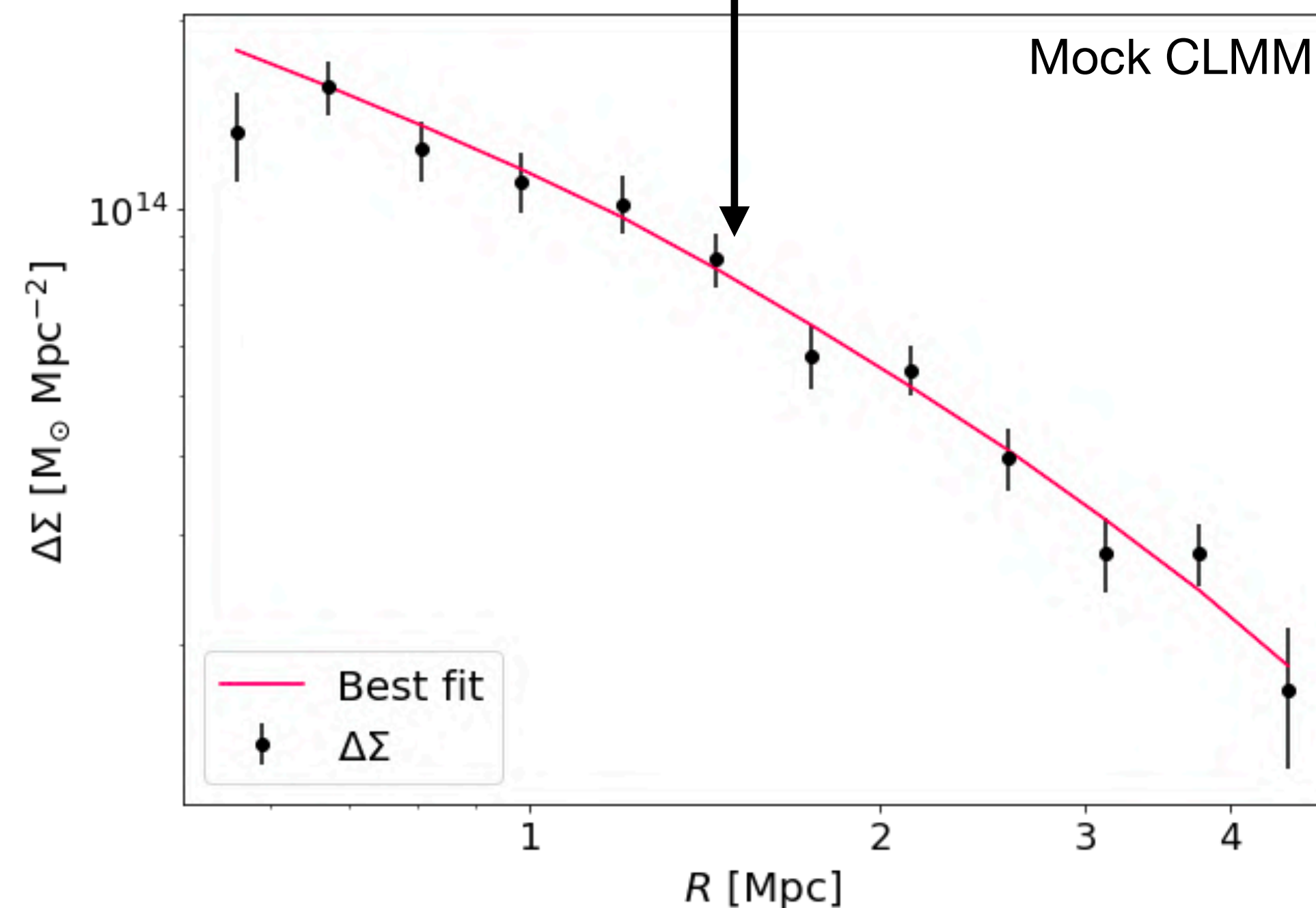
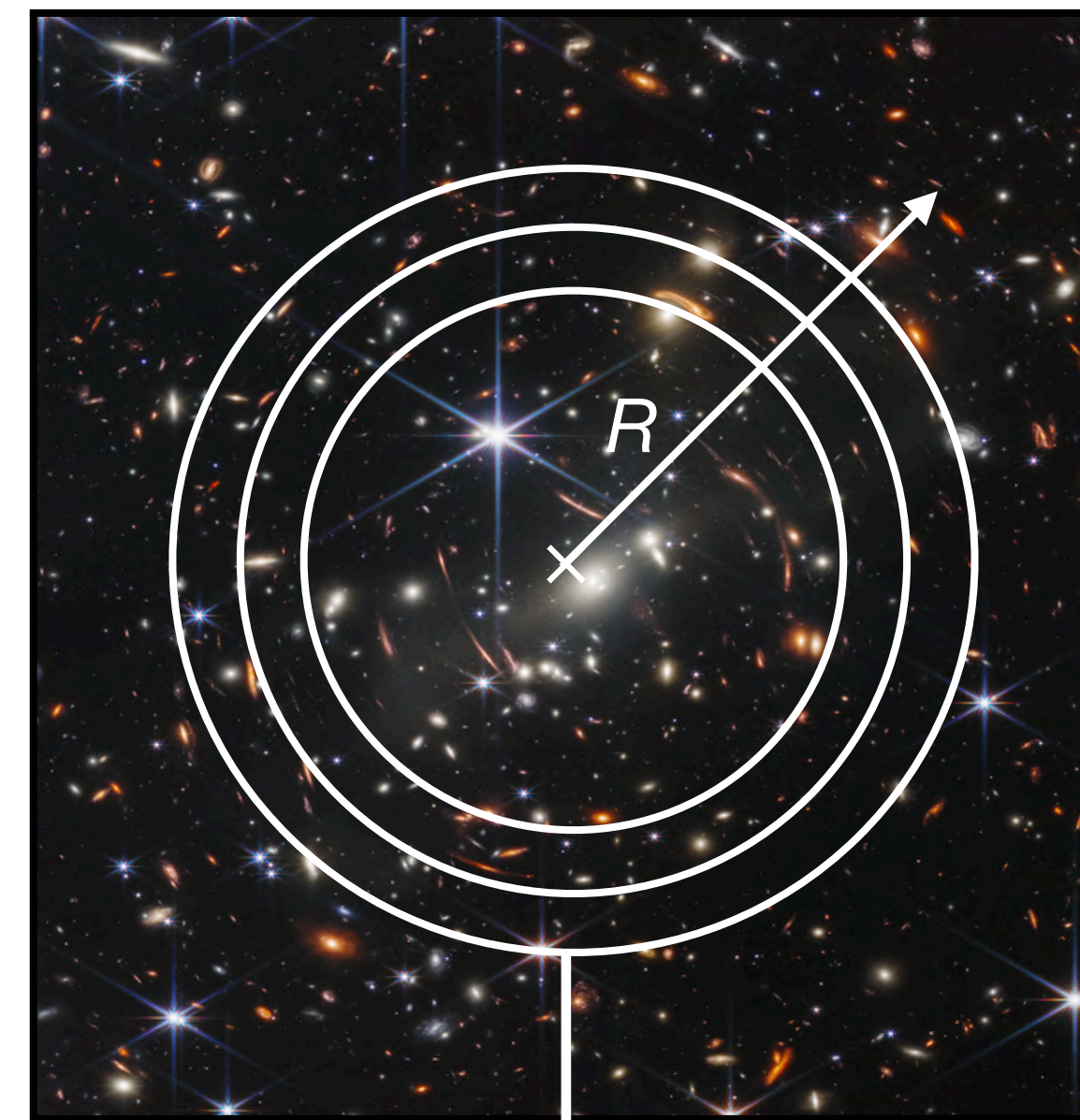
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Fit of  $\Delta\Sigma$  = Estimate of galaxy clusters masses





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## Vera C. Rubin - LSST

### Vera C. Rubin Observatory

- World's largest camera (3 billions pixels)
- 8-diameter primary mirror
- 0.2 arcseconds per pixel

### Legacy Survey of Space and Time - LSST

- **Optical** and **deep** sky survey over 10 years
- Footprint of 18,000 deg<sup>2</sup>
- First scientific data in **2025**

#### DES

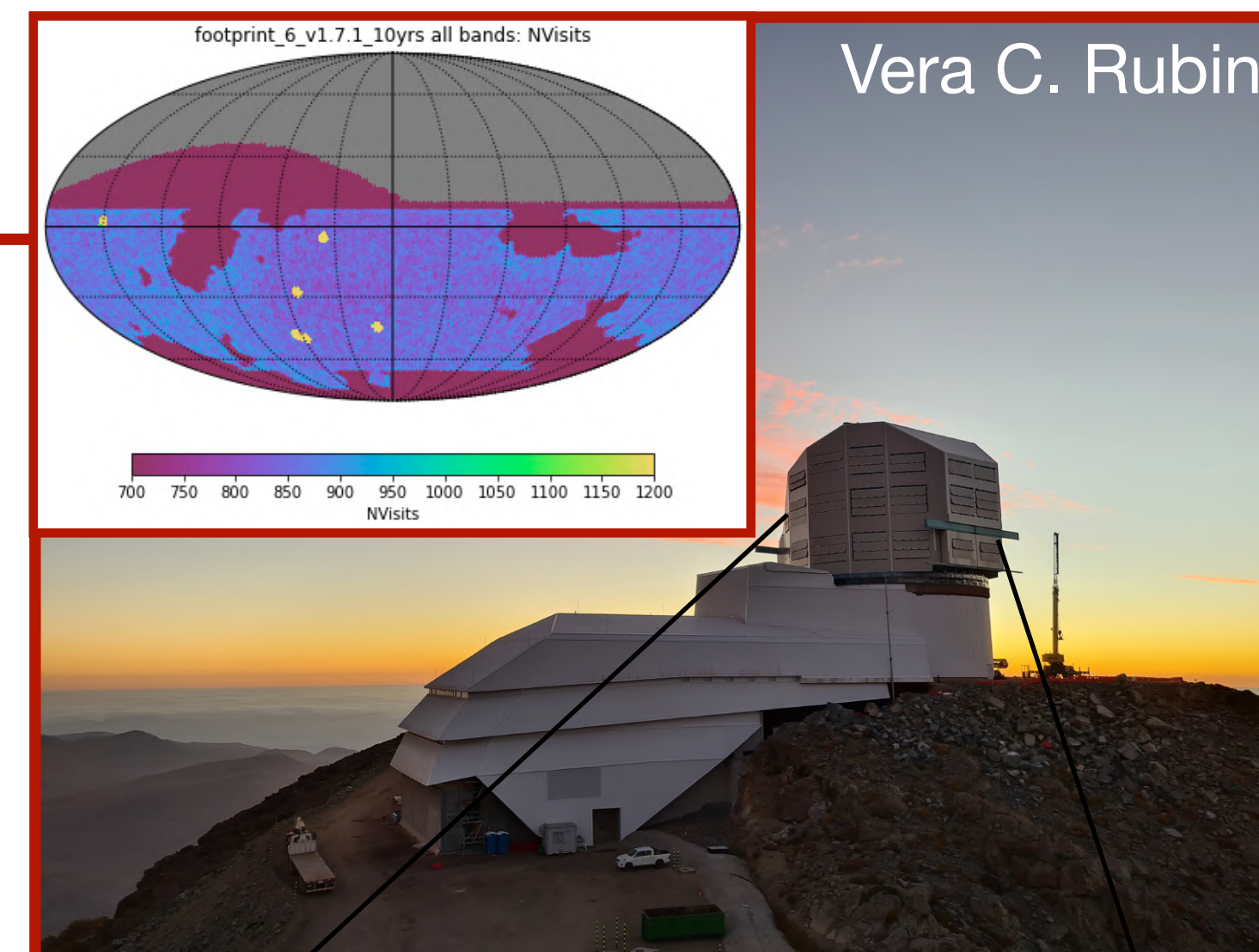
0.5 billion  
redshift  $\leq 1.5$   
magnitude  $\leq 23$

#### LSST

10 billions of galaxies  
redshift  $\leq 3$   
magnitude  $\leq 27$

### International scientific collaboration **DESC**

- ~ 1000 members, 20 countries

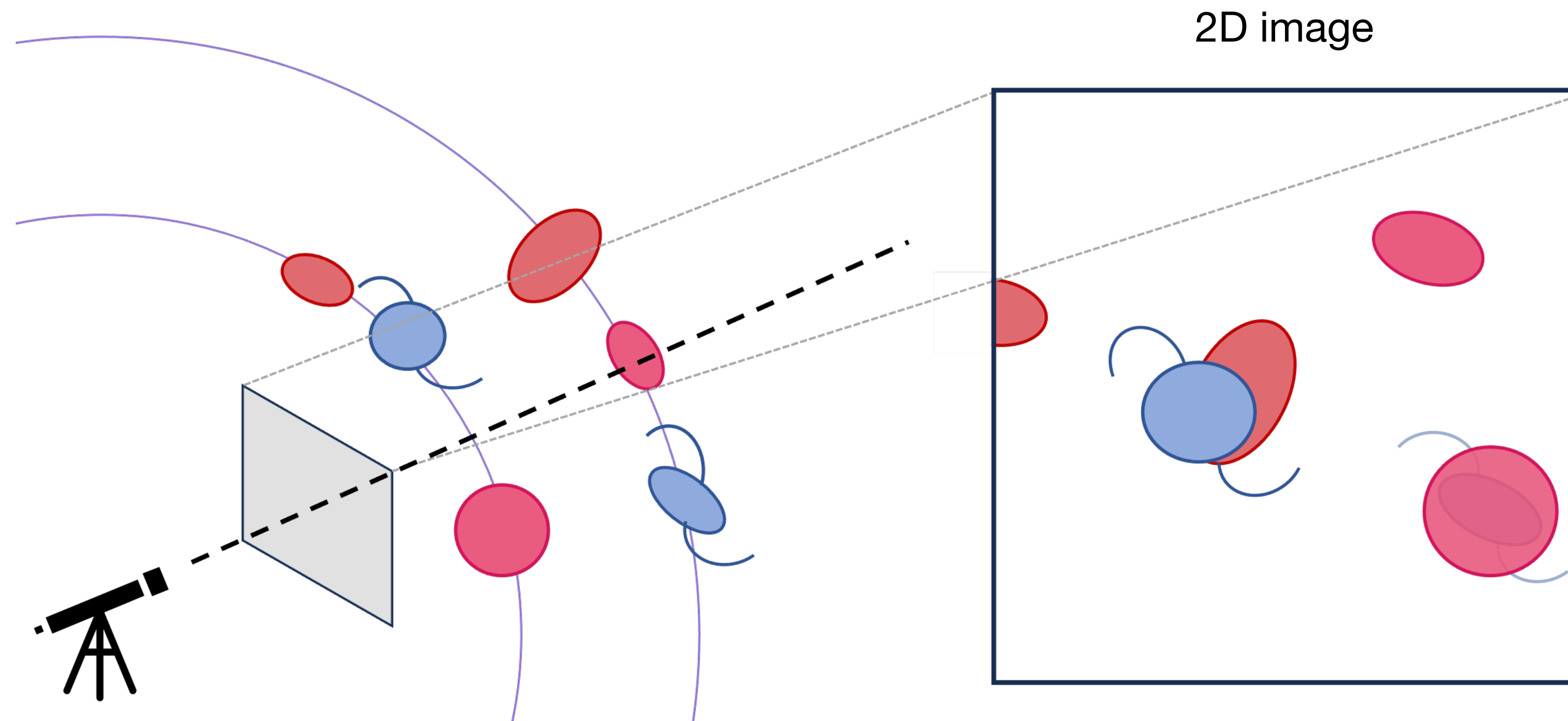


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## Blending

**Superposition** of galaxies on the images due to:

- The **number** of observed galaxies
- the **depth** of observation
- the survey's **resolution**/PSF



Scientific context  
**Blending**

**1. Number of galaxies**



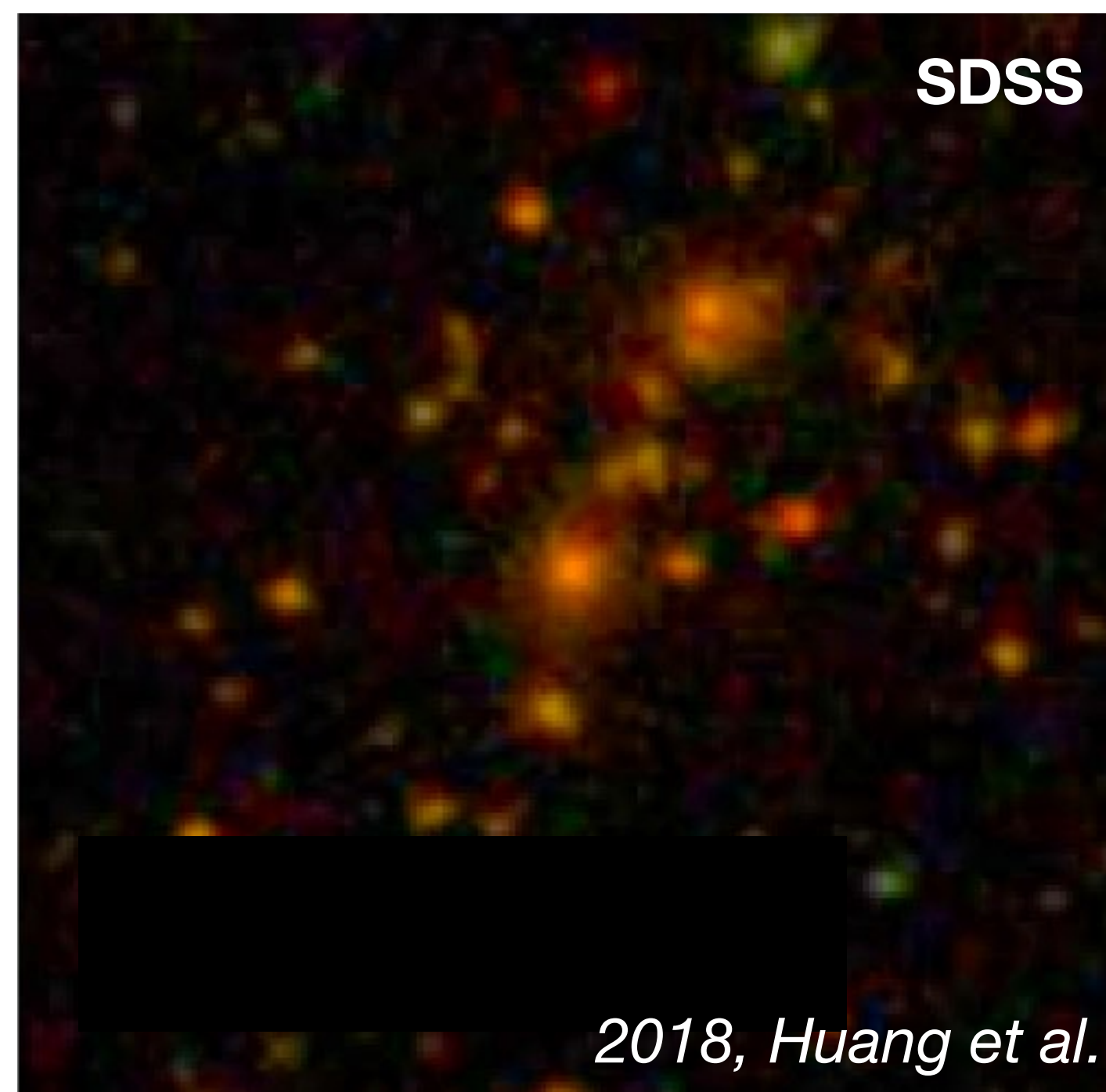
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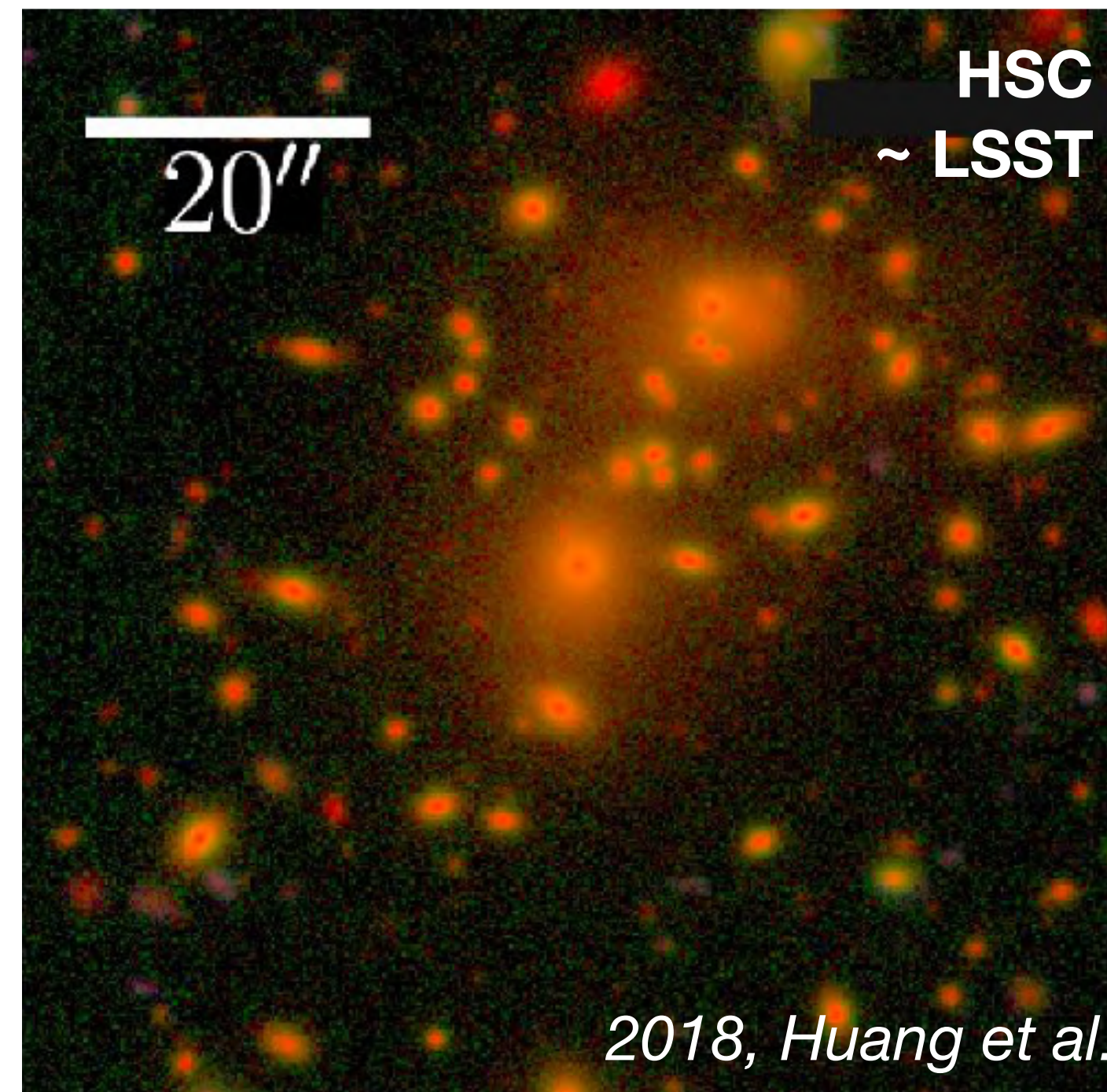
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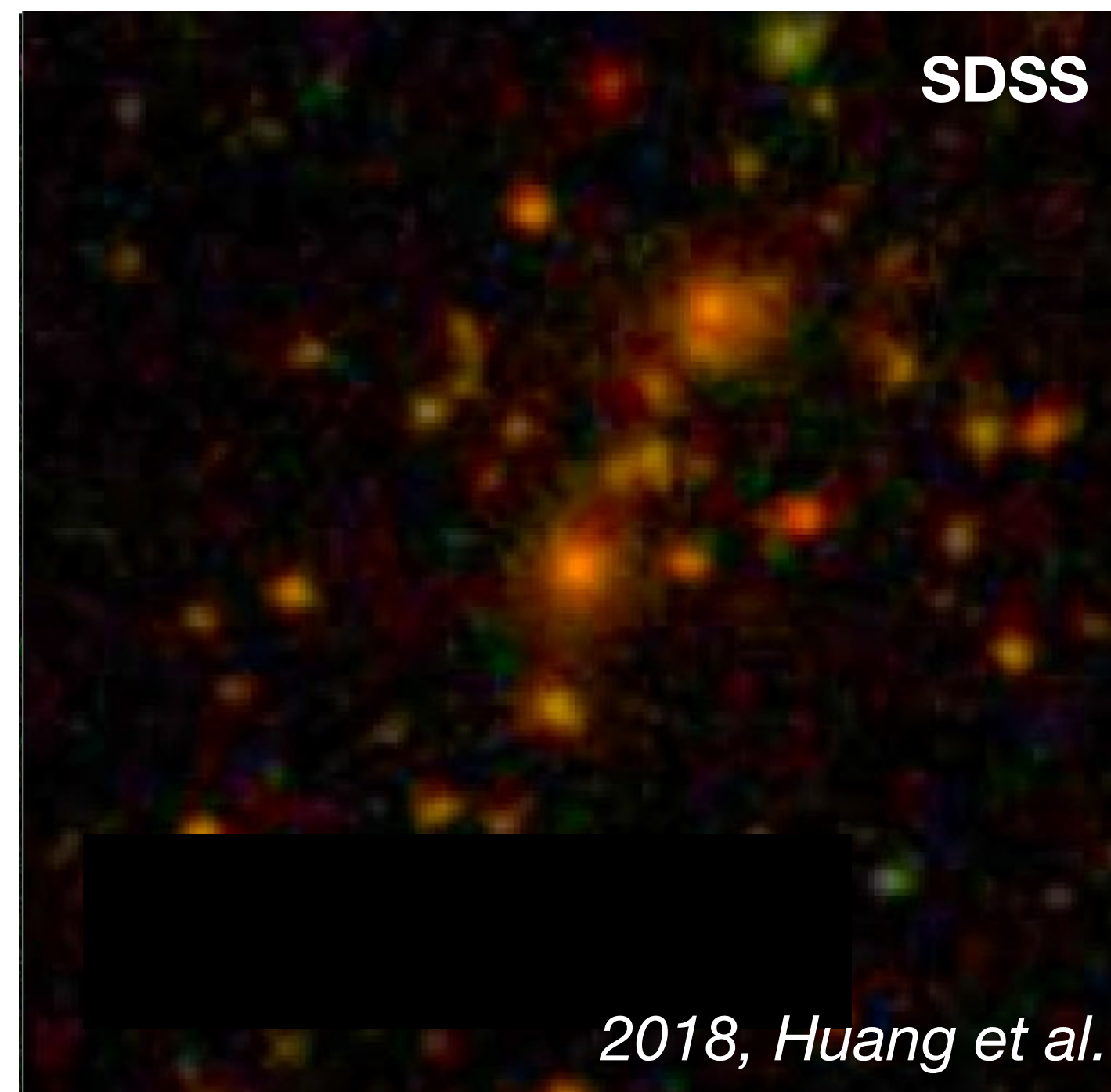
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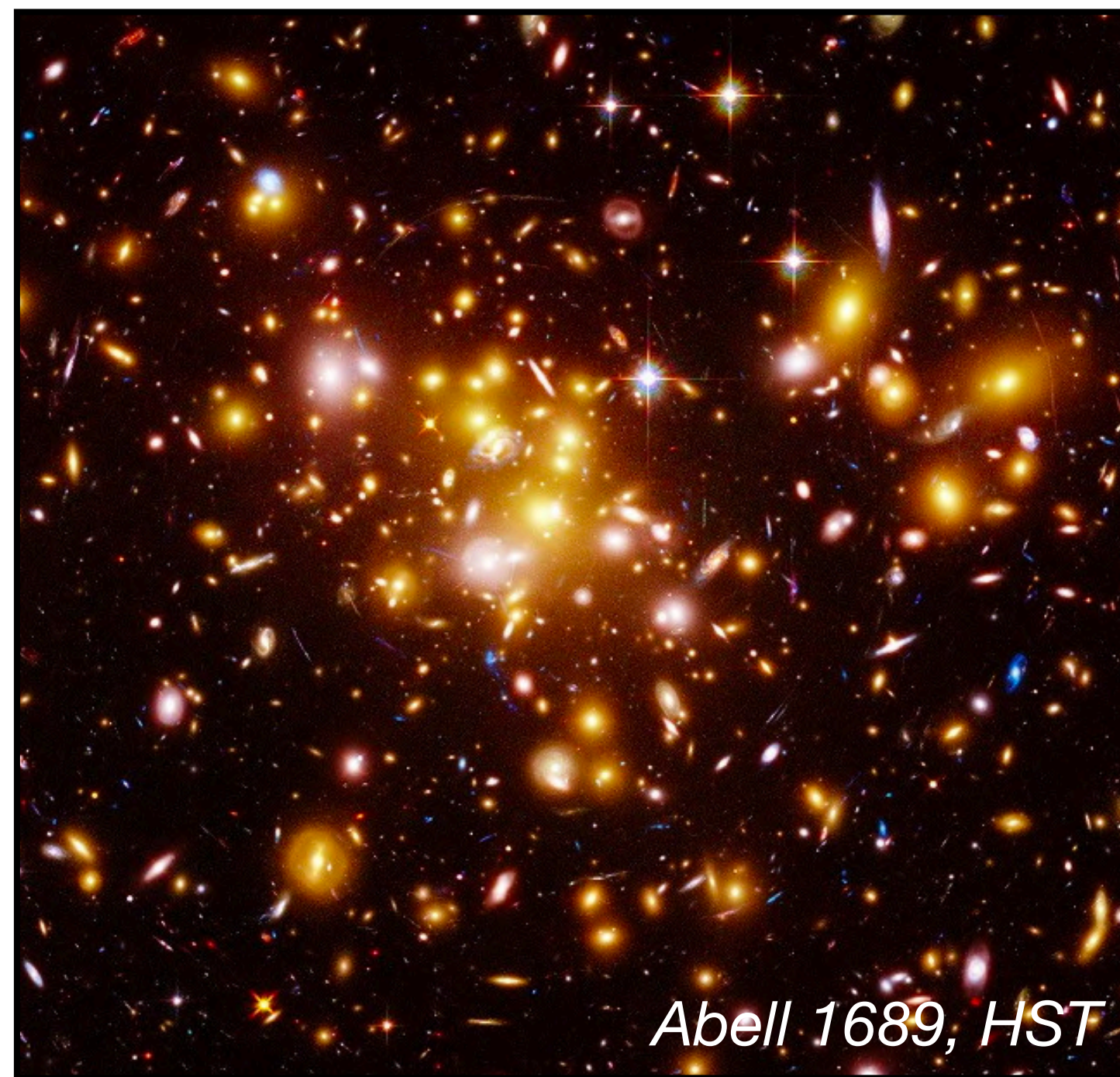
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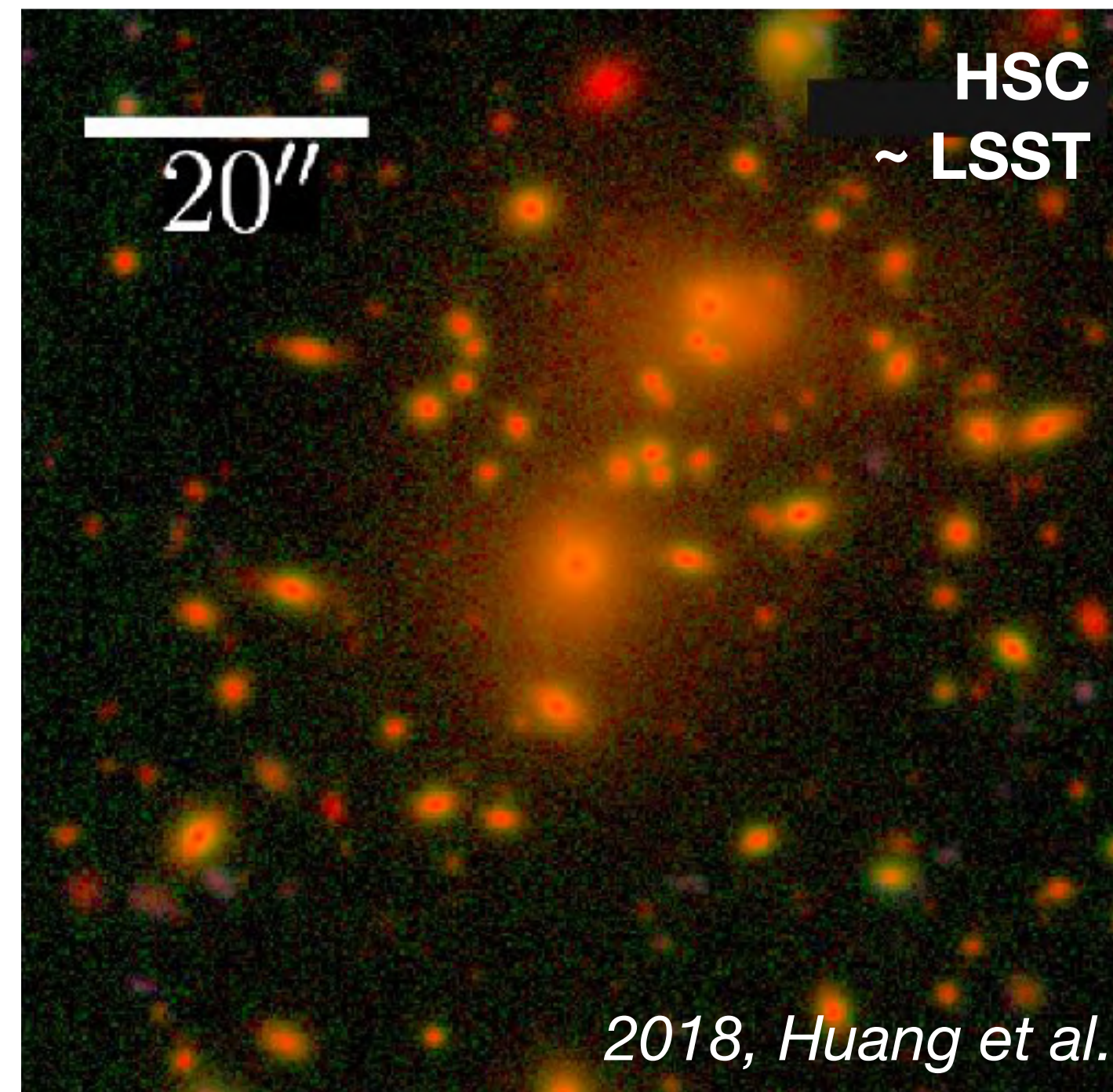
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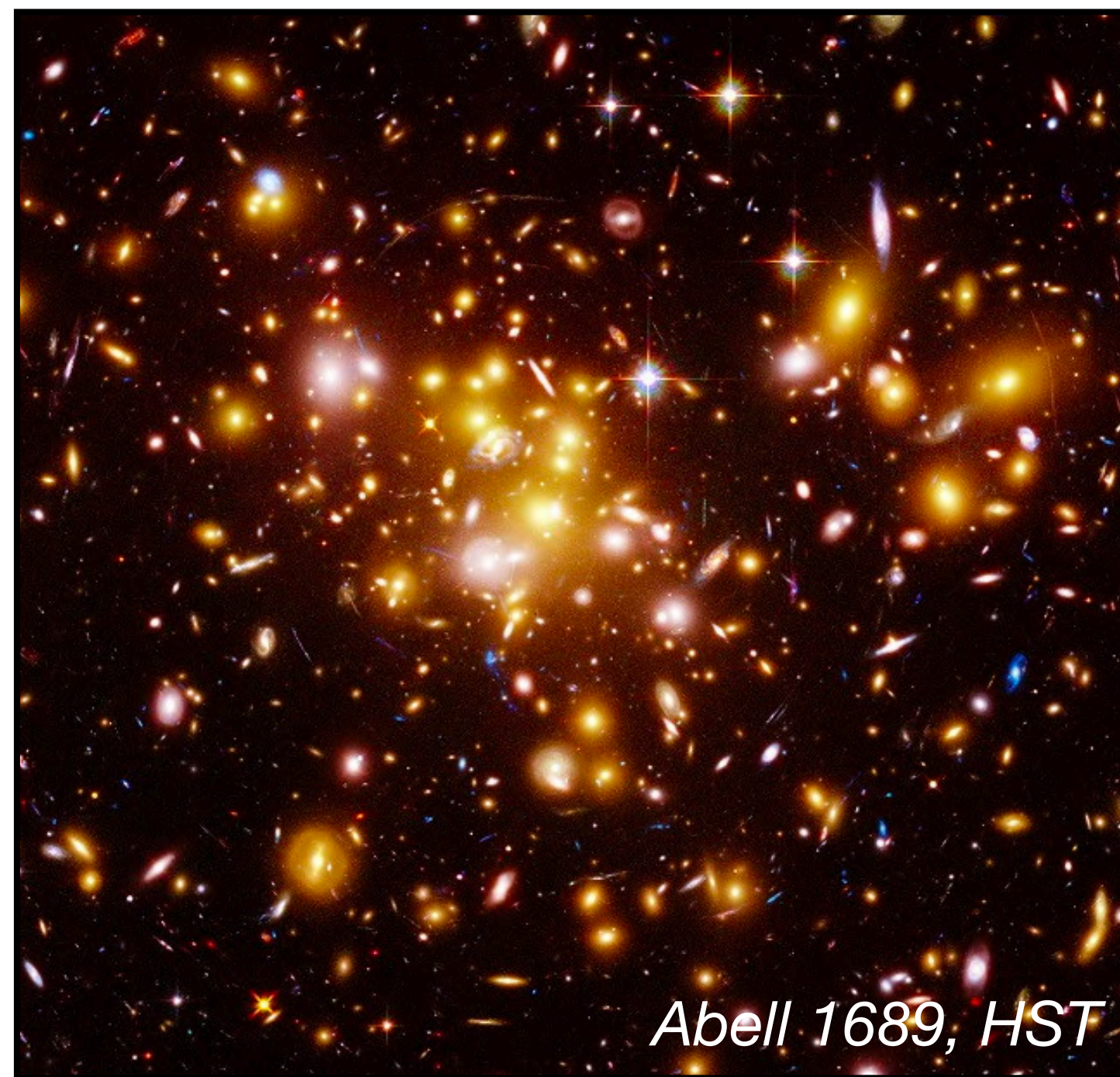
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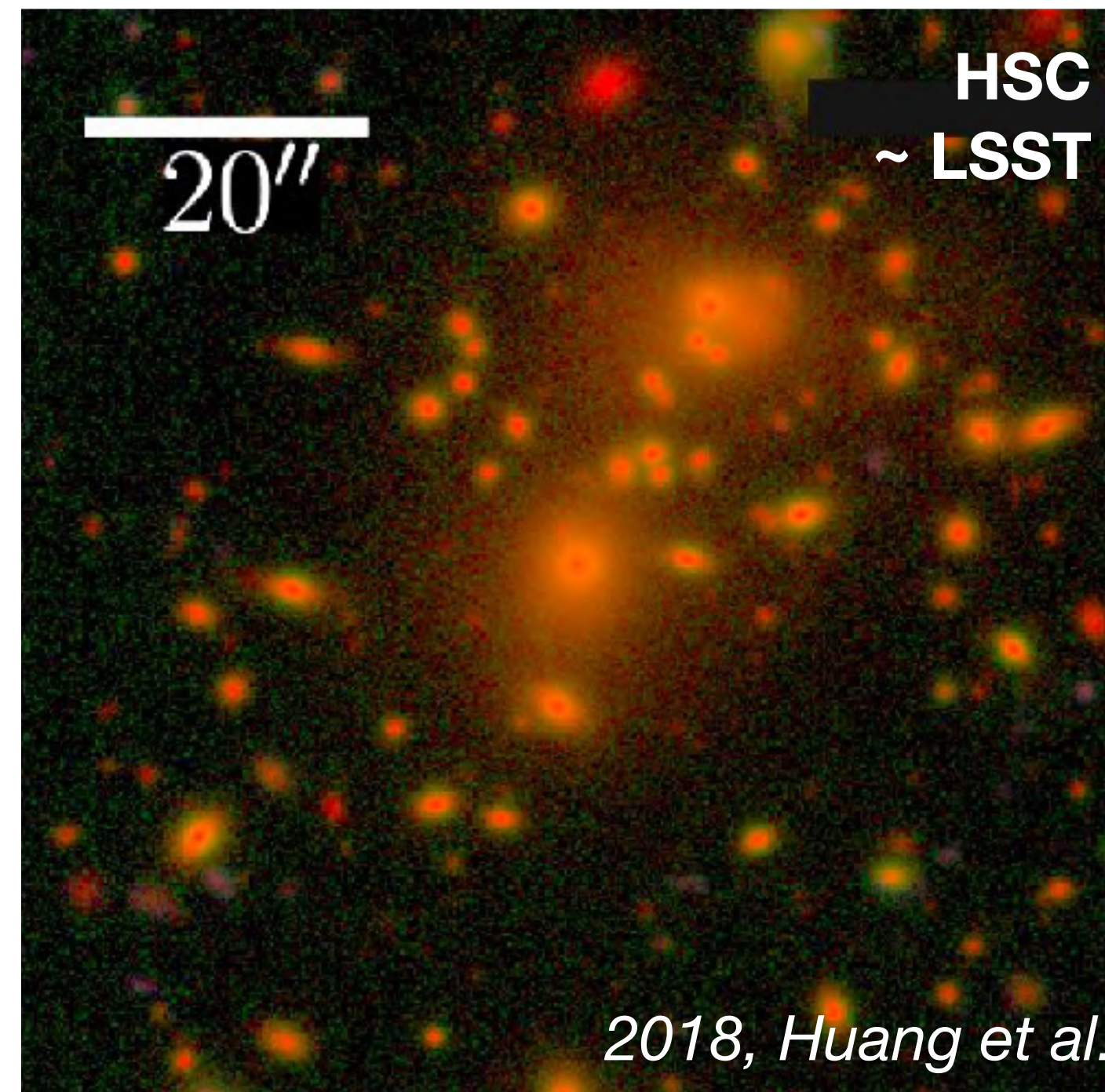
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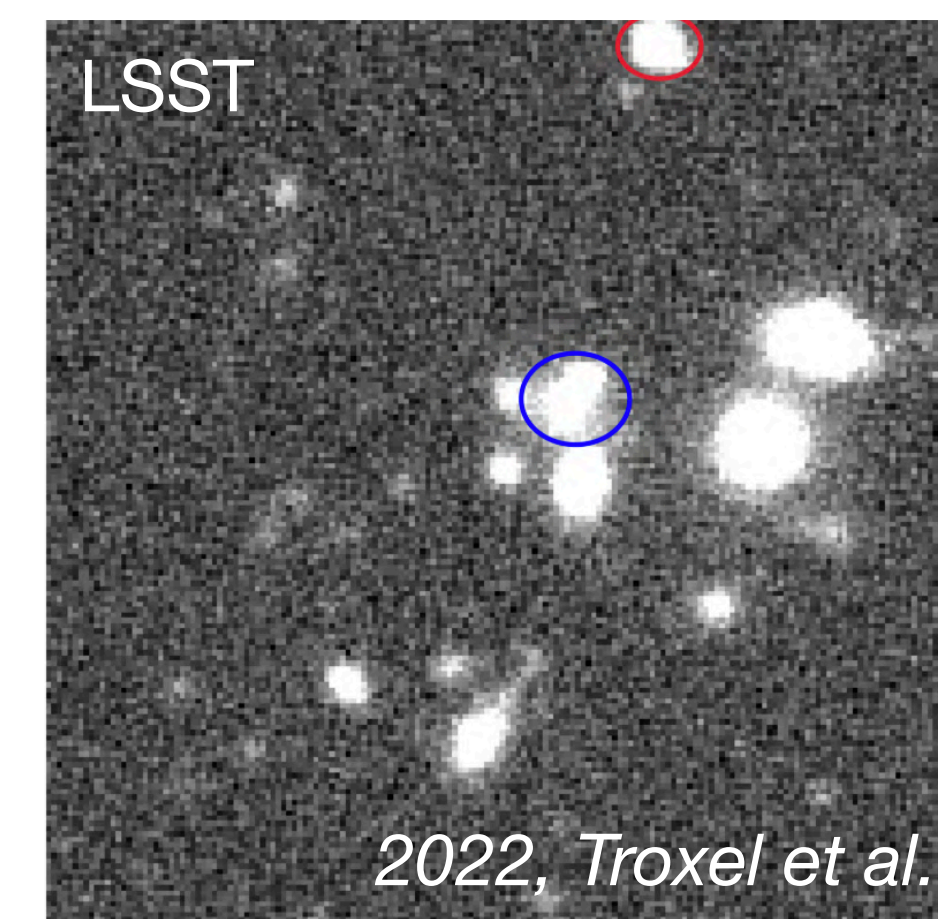
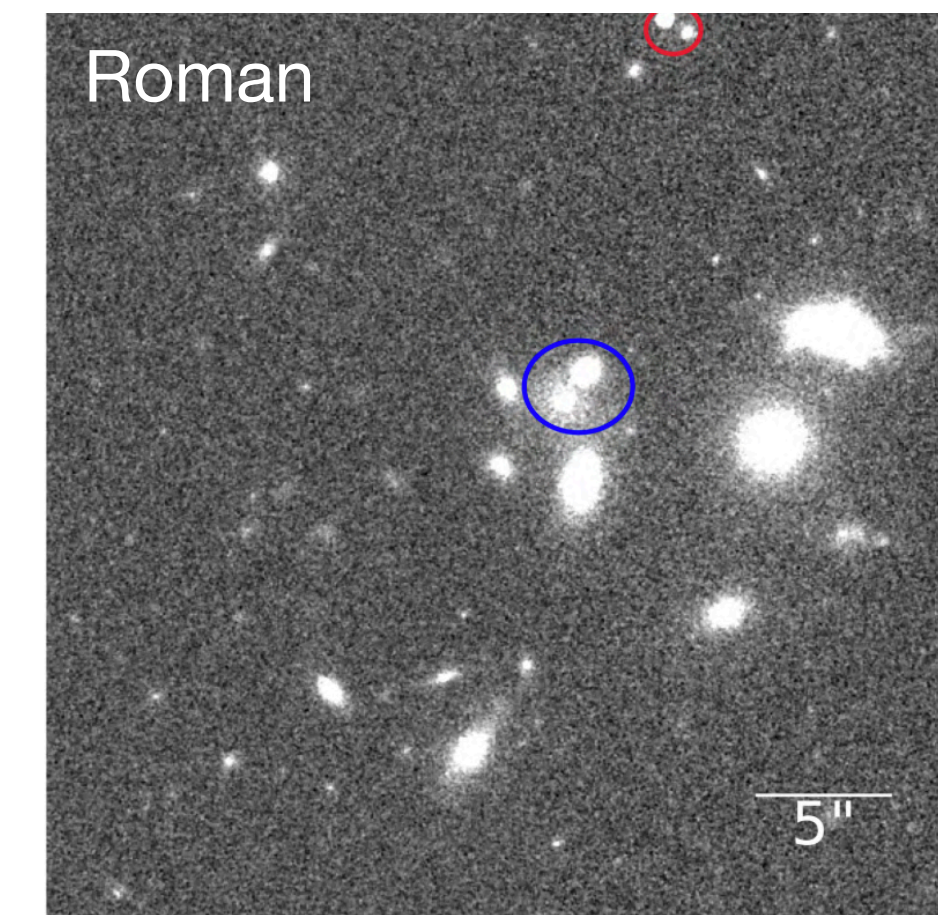
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### 3. Survey's resolution



Less  
resolution

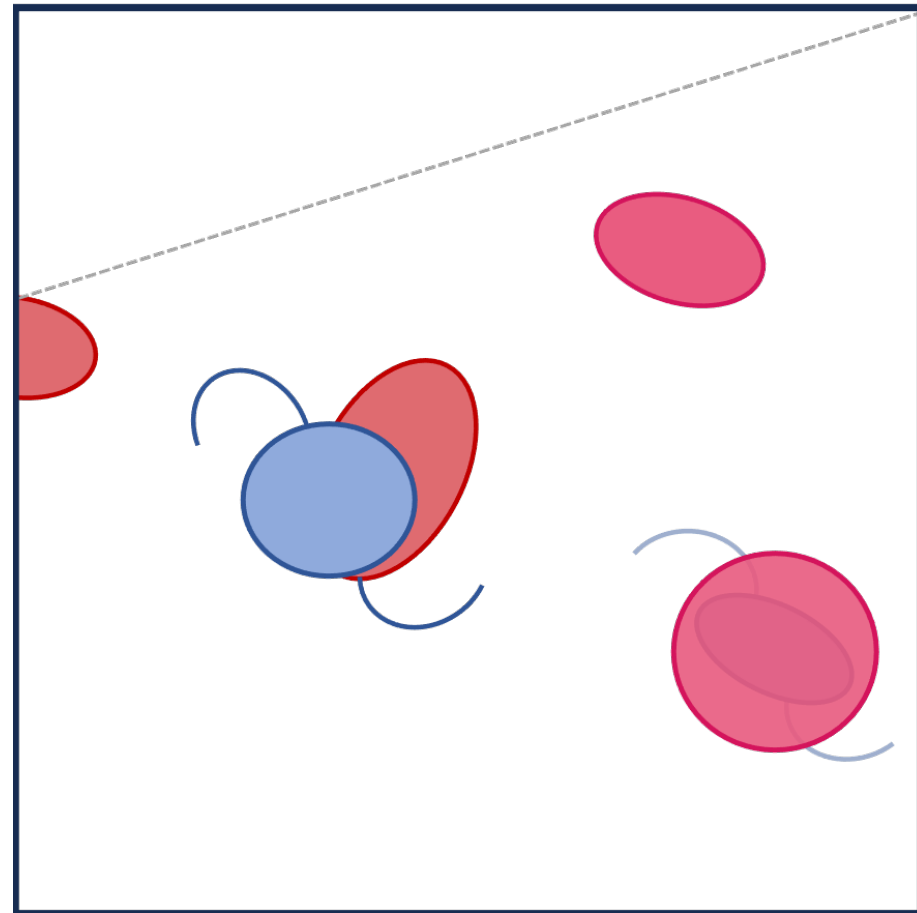
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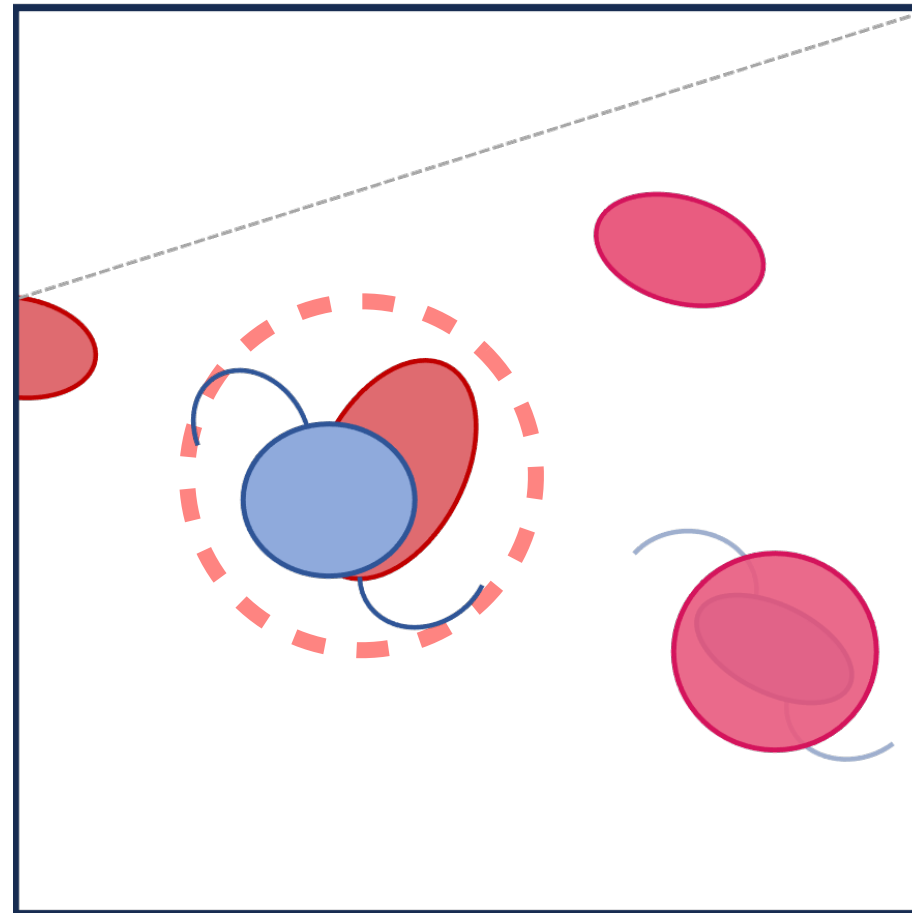
2D image



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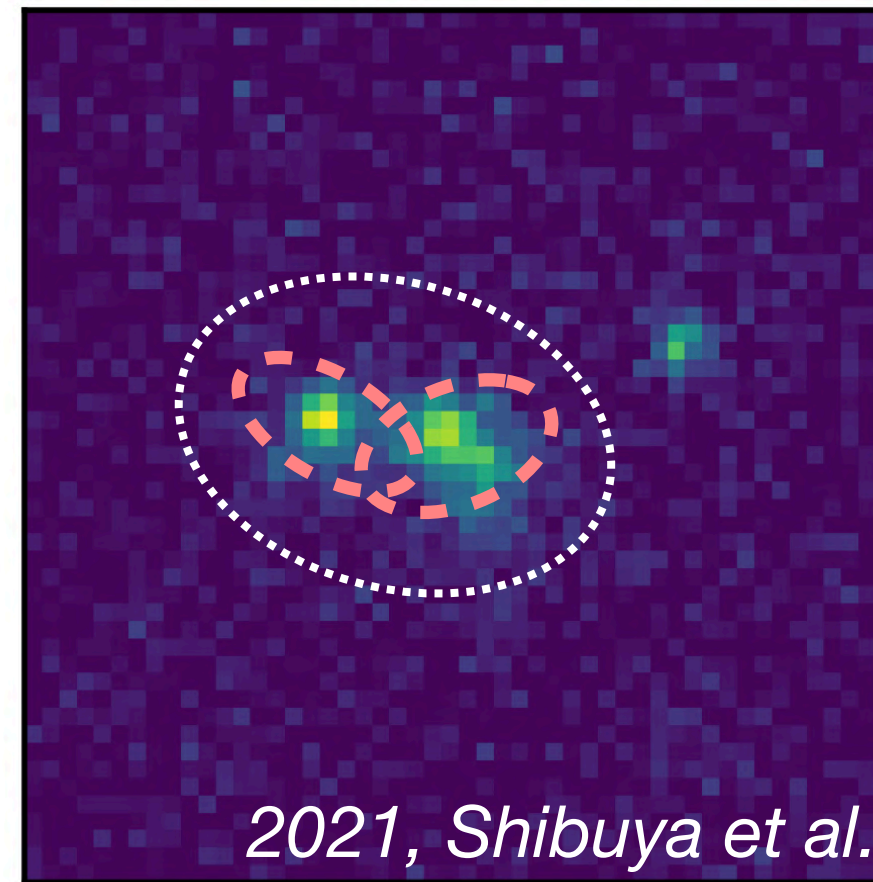
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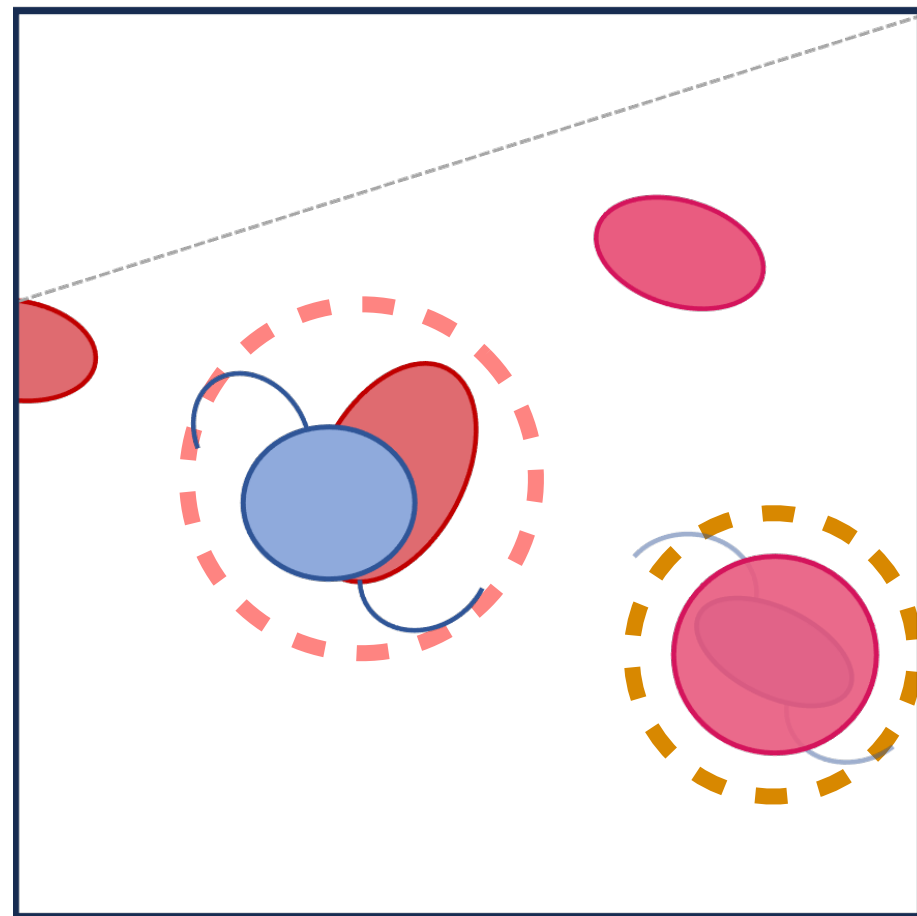
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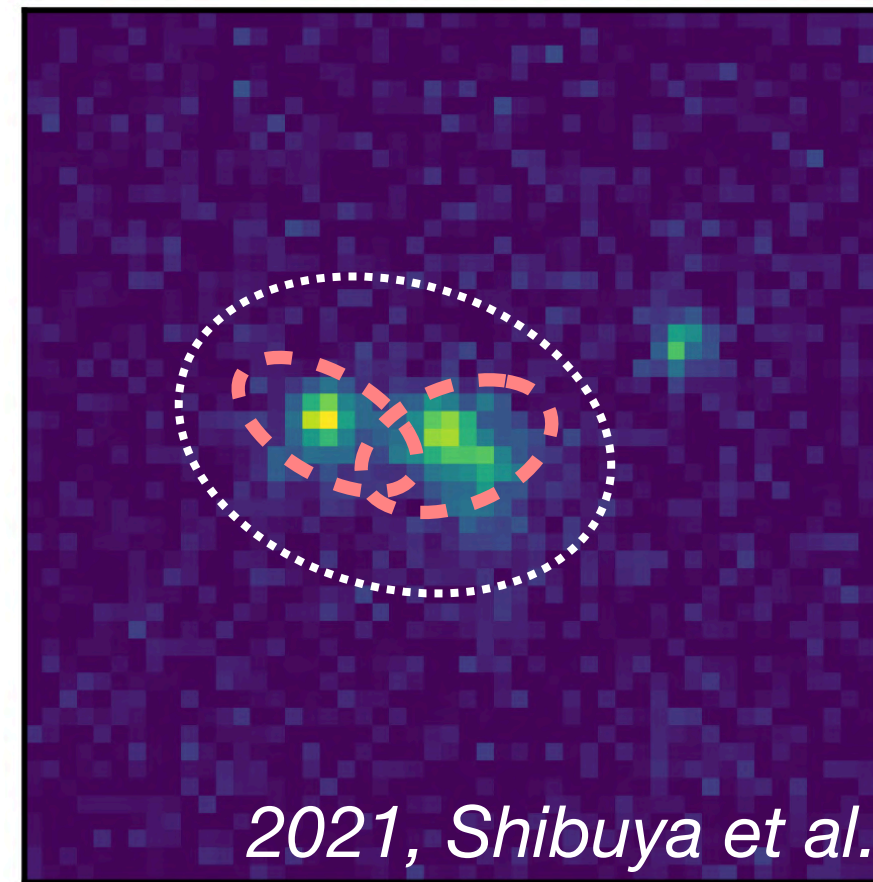


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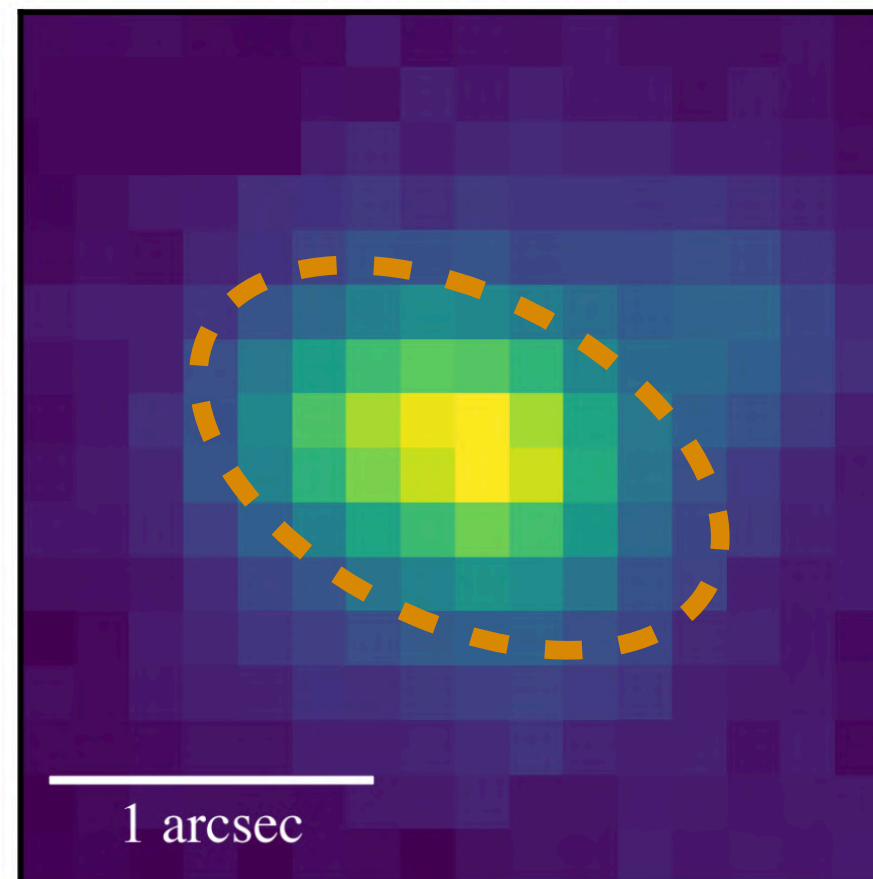
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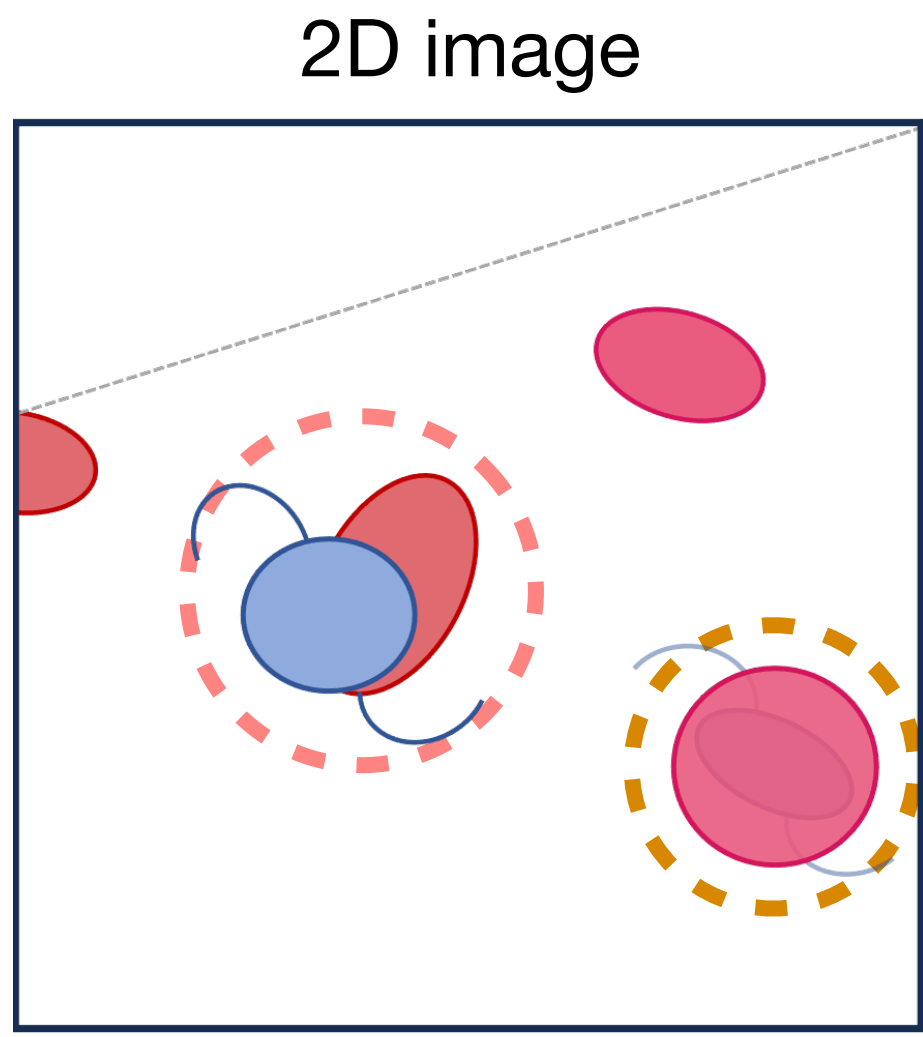
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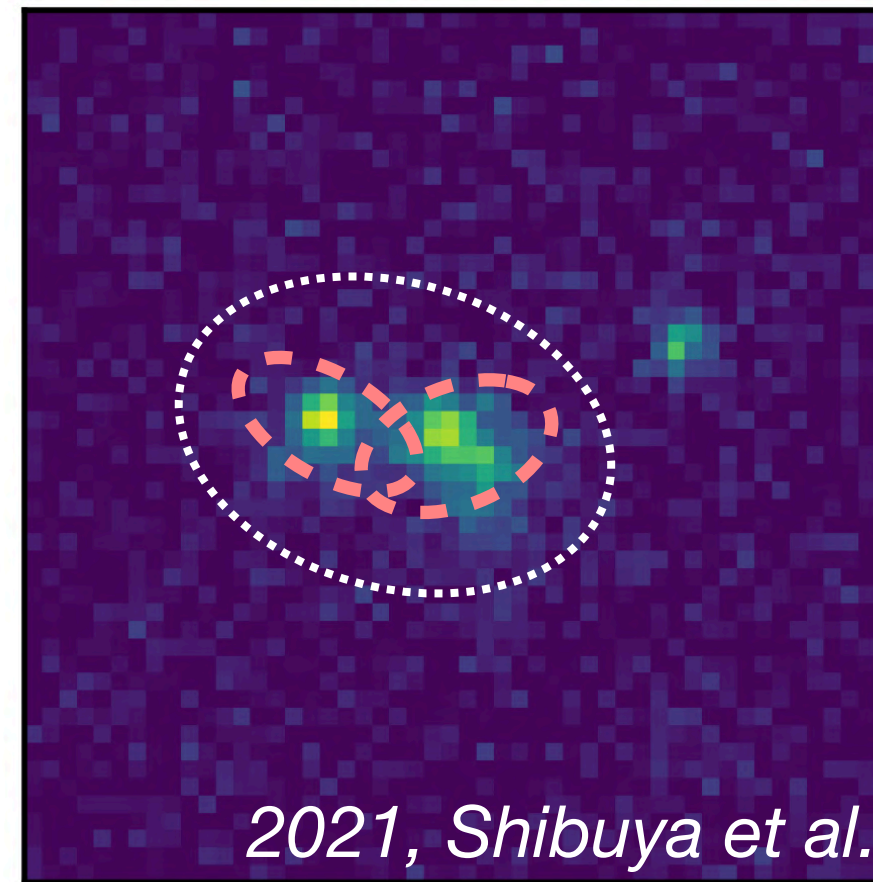
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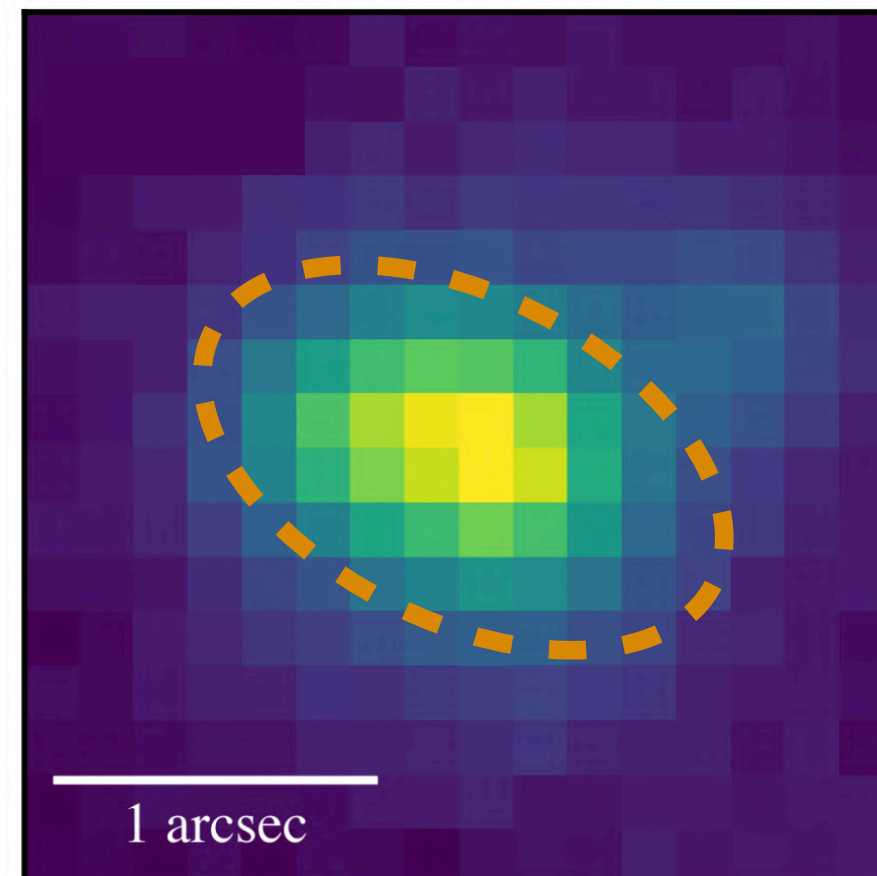
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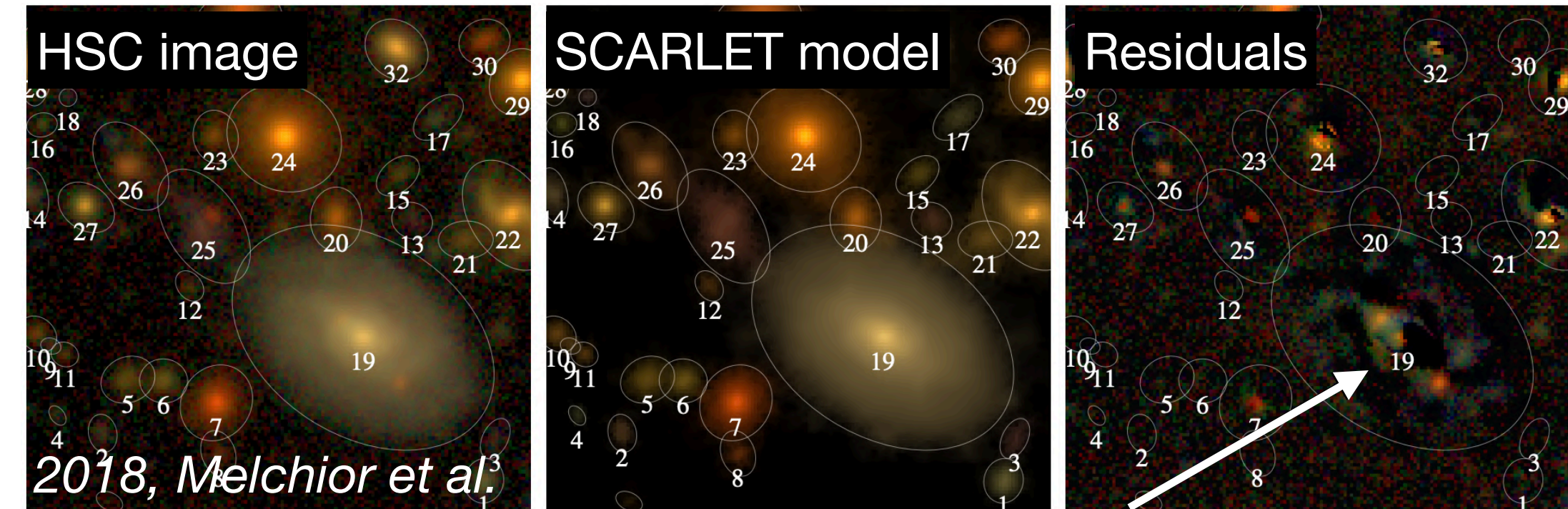
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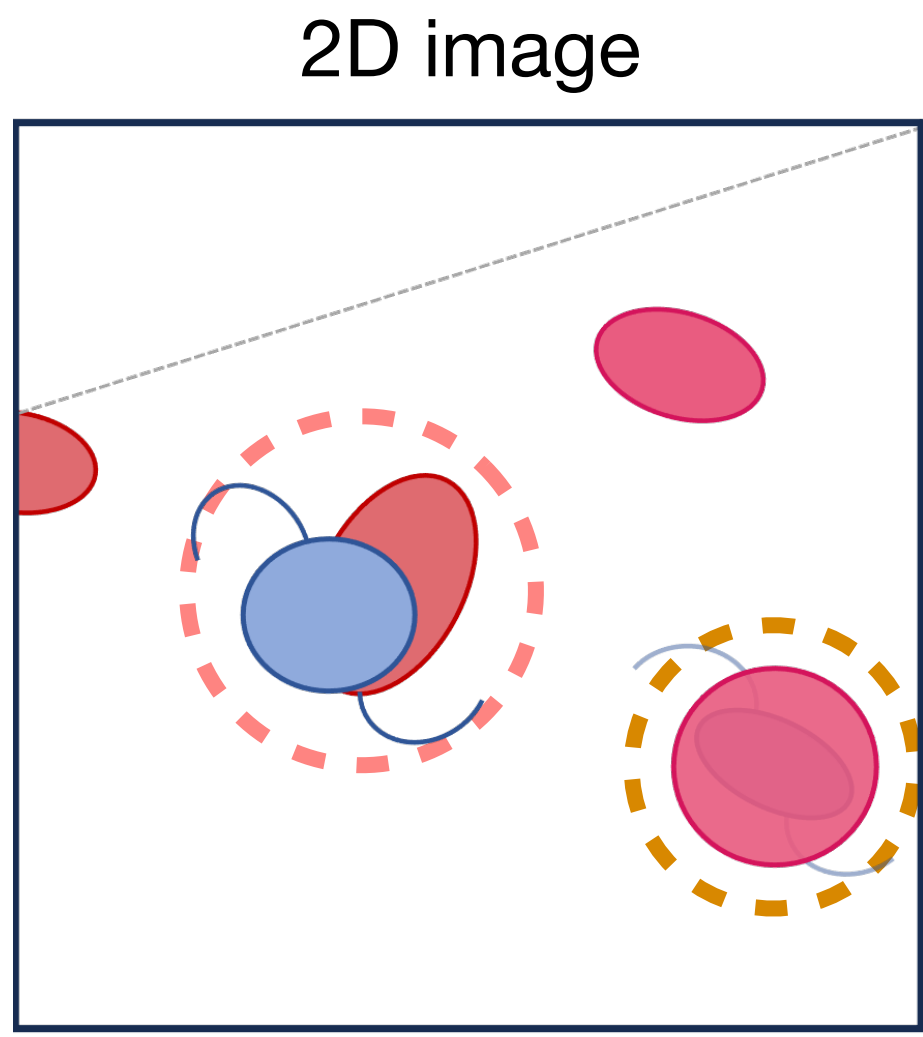
LSST deblender: **SCARLET**  
Source separation in multi-band images



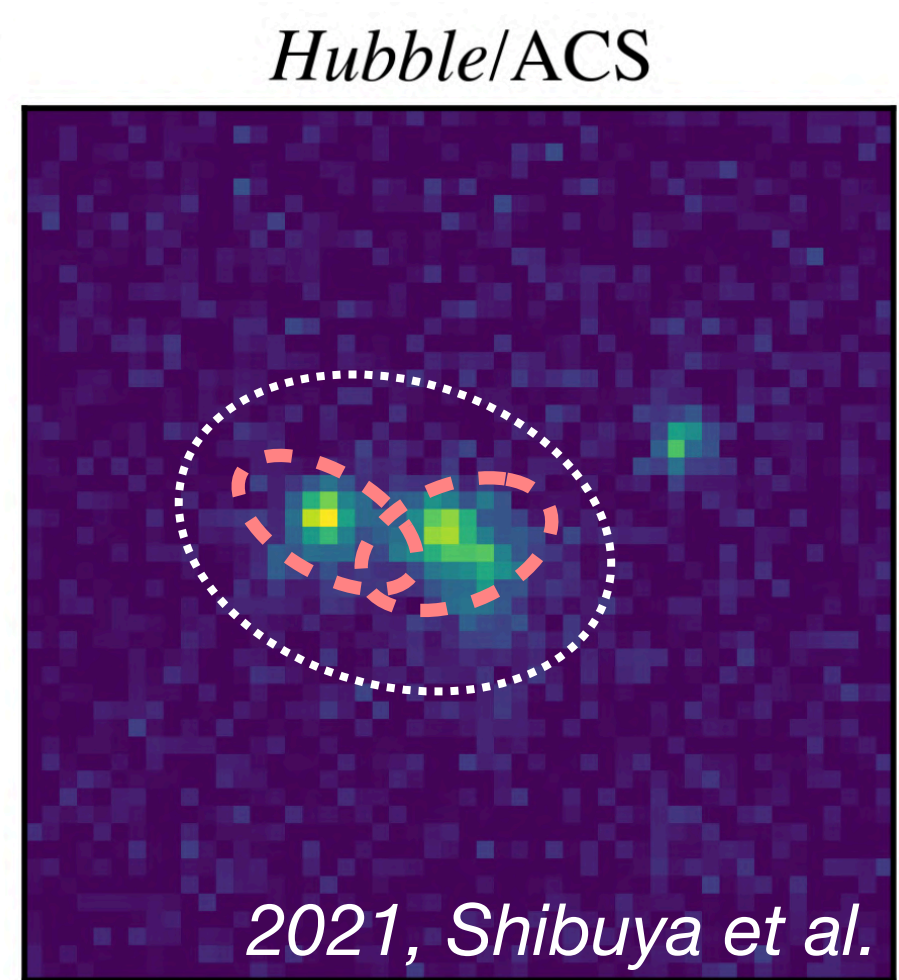
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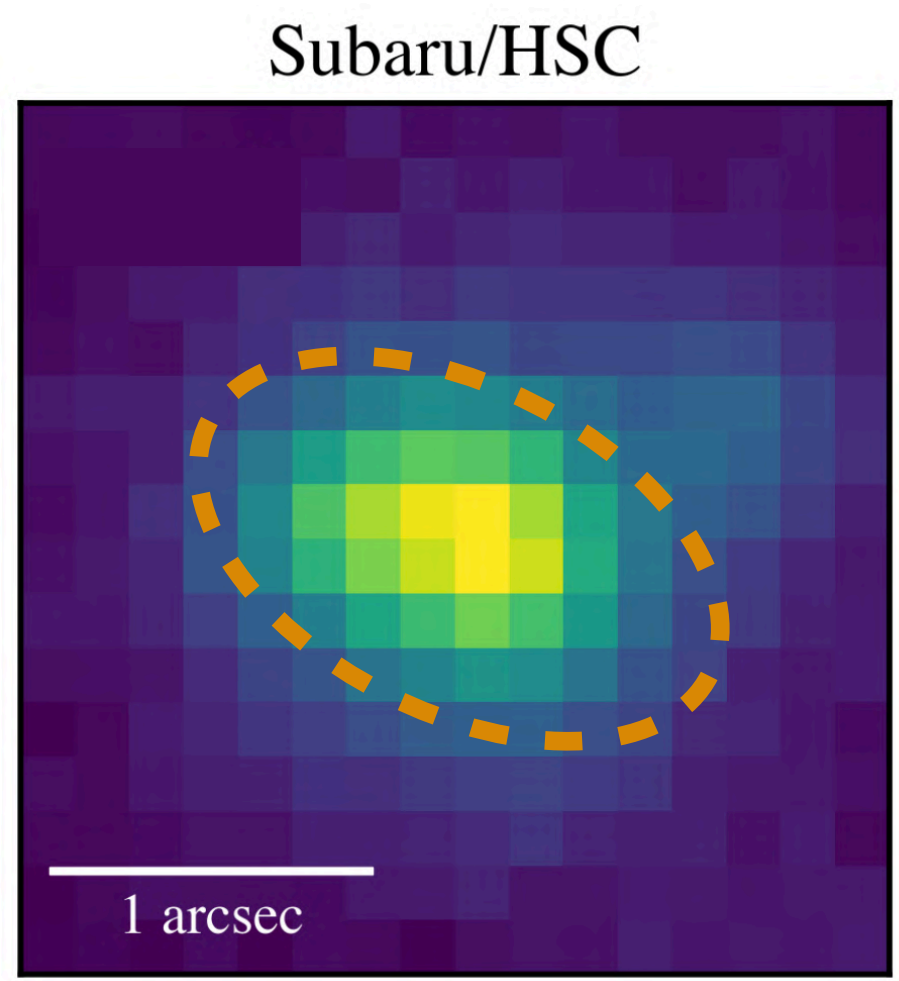


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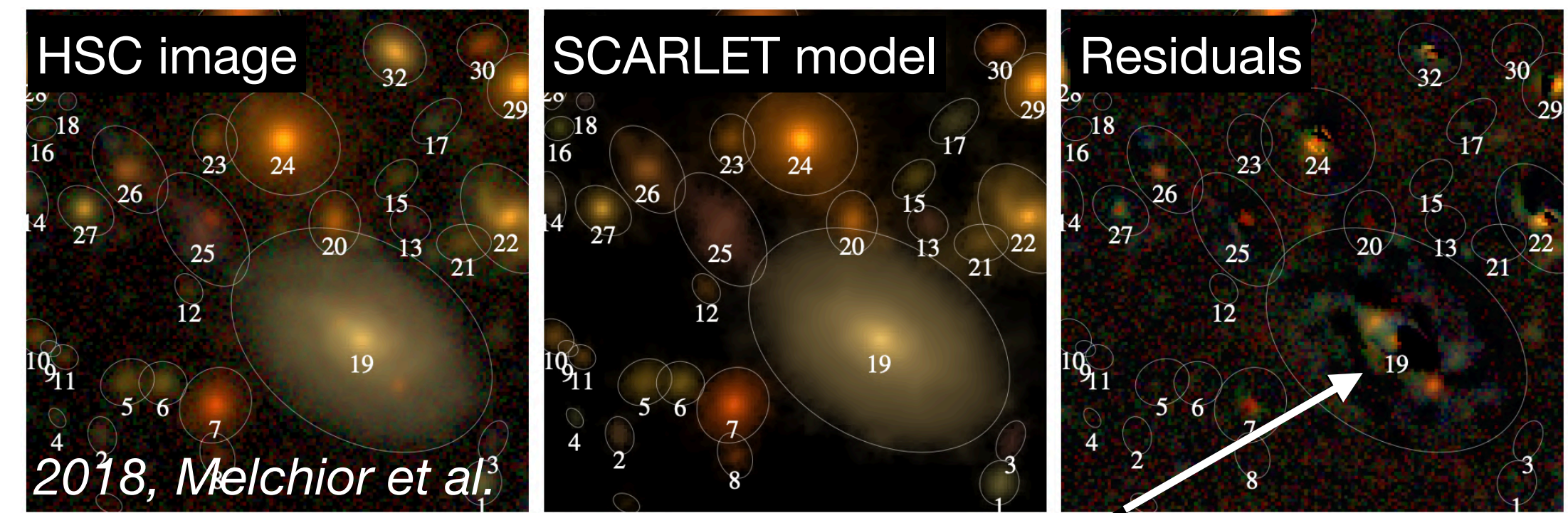
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- Recognized blends: **~40 %**
- Unrecognized blends: **~14 - 20 %\***

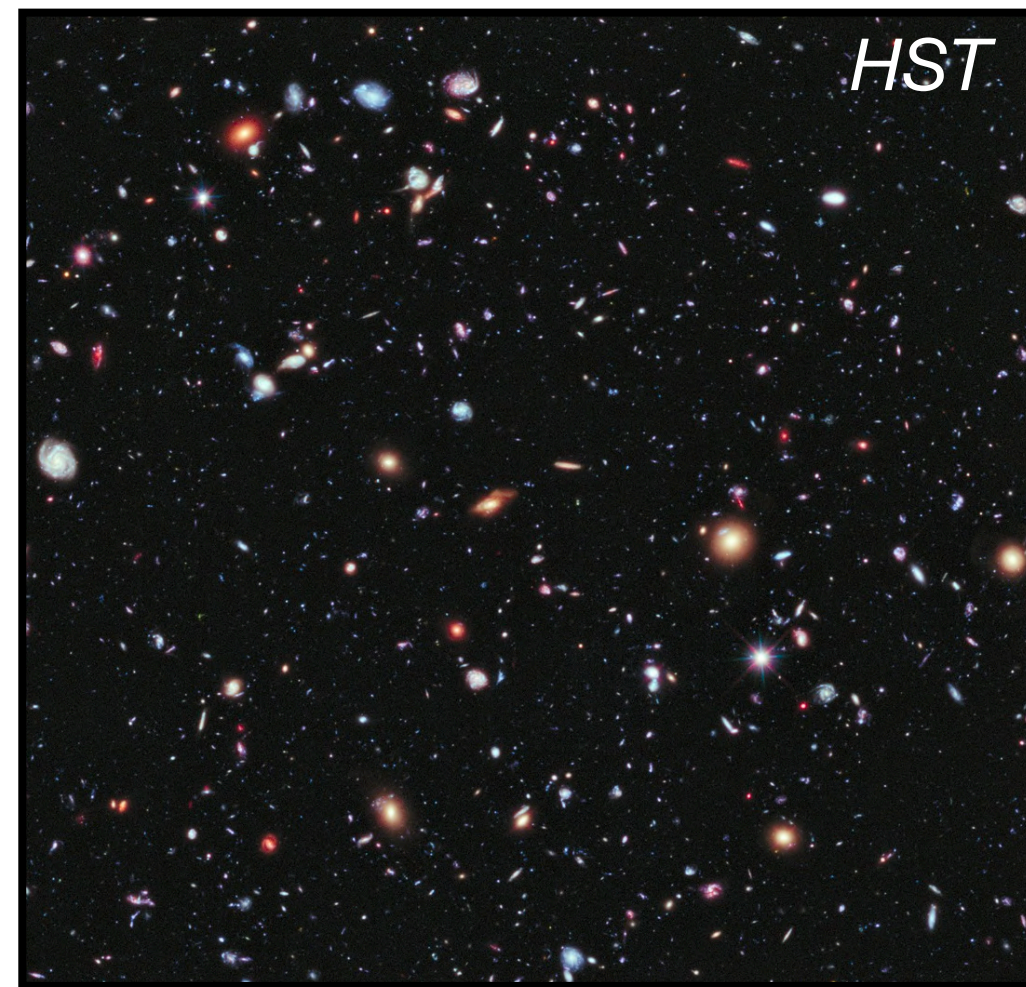
\* 2016, Dawson et al.  
2022, Troxel et al.

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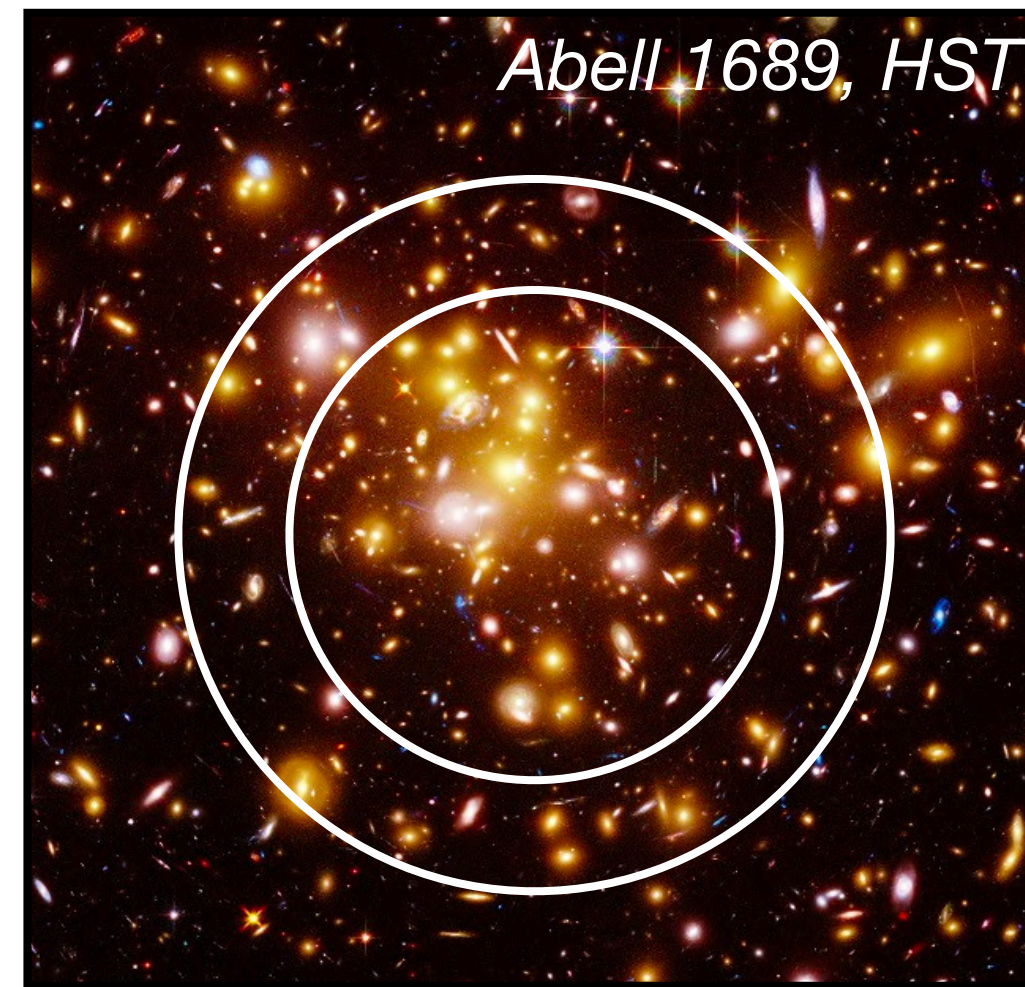
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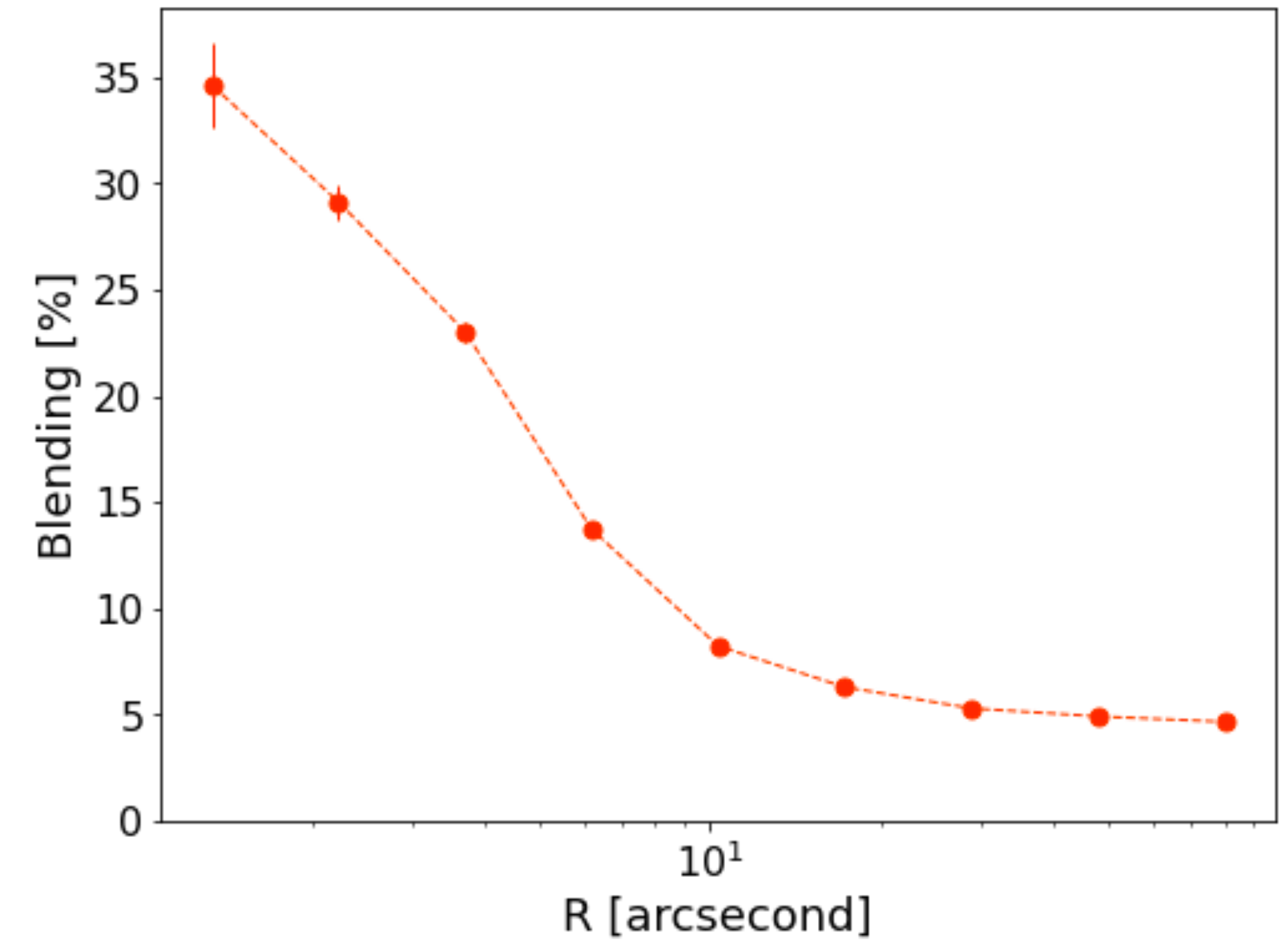
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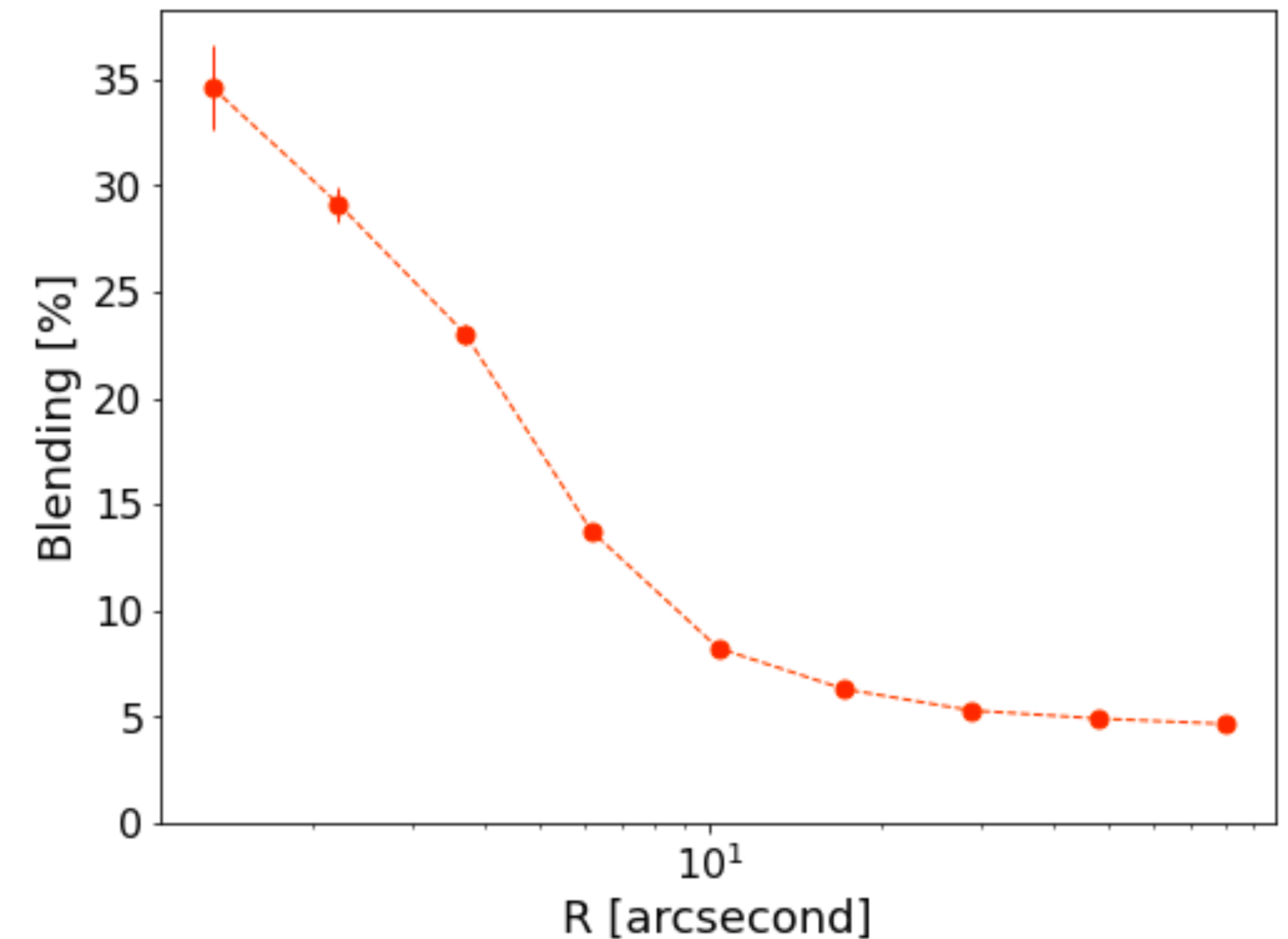
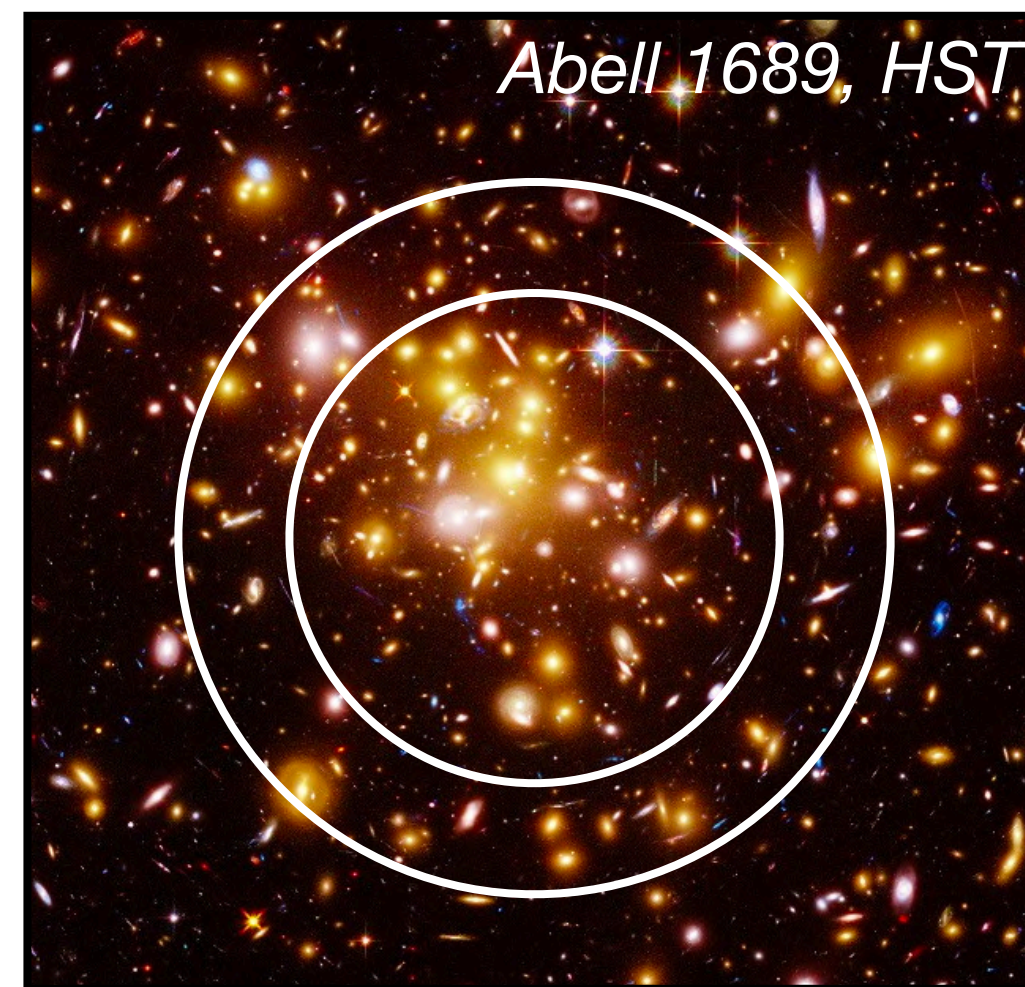
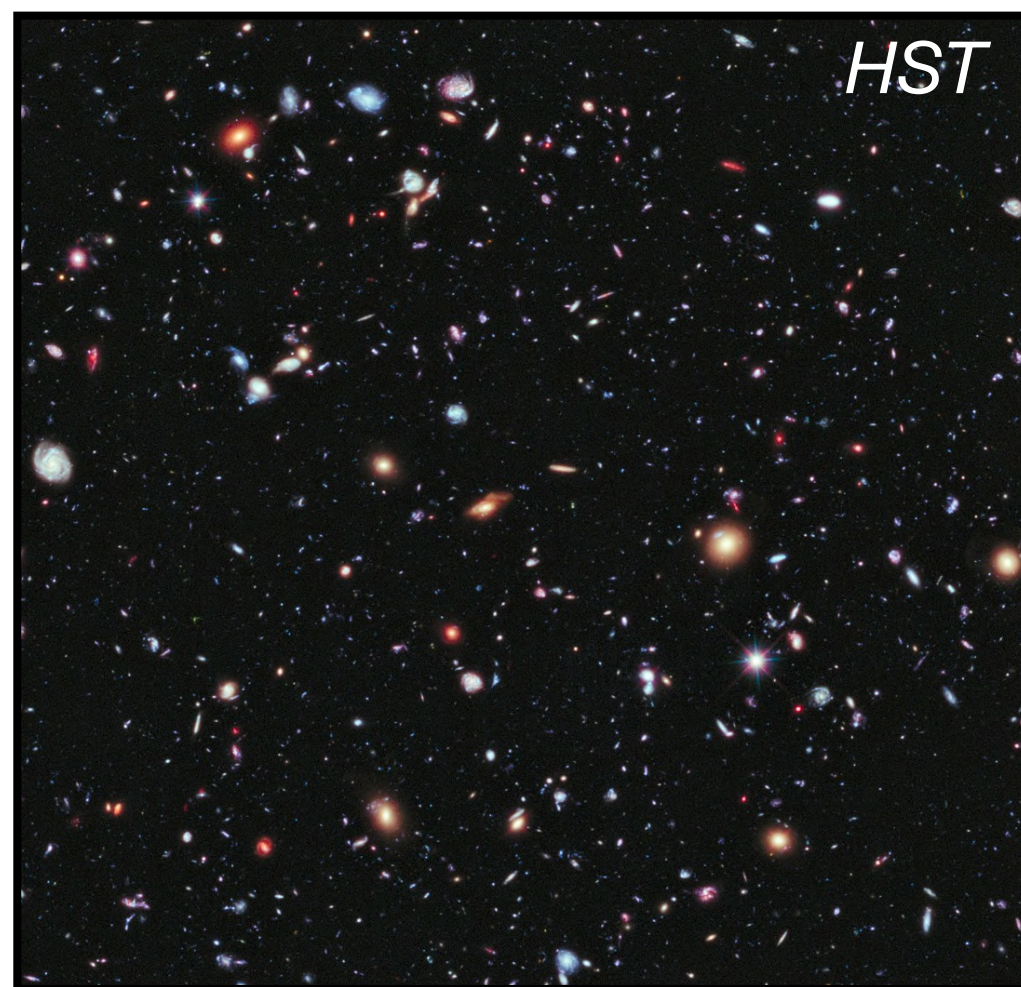
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Blending impacts the **detection** of galaxies and the measurement of galaxy **shapes**



**Blending will impact future Rubin/LSST weak lensing data induced by massive clusters**



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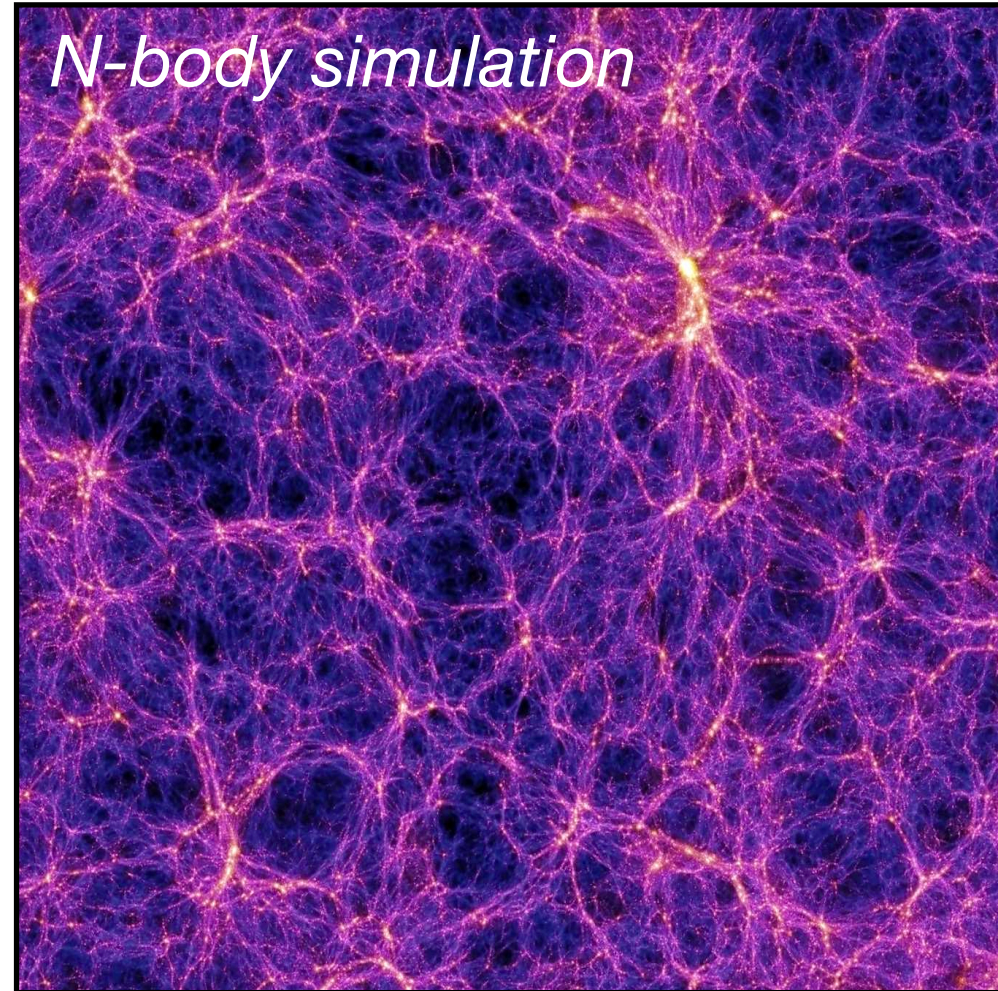
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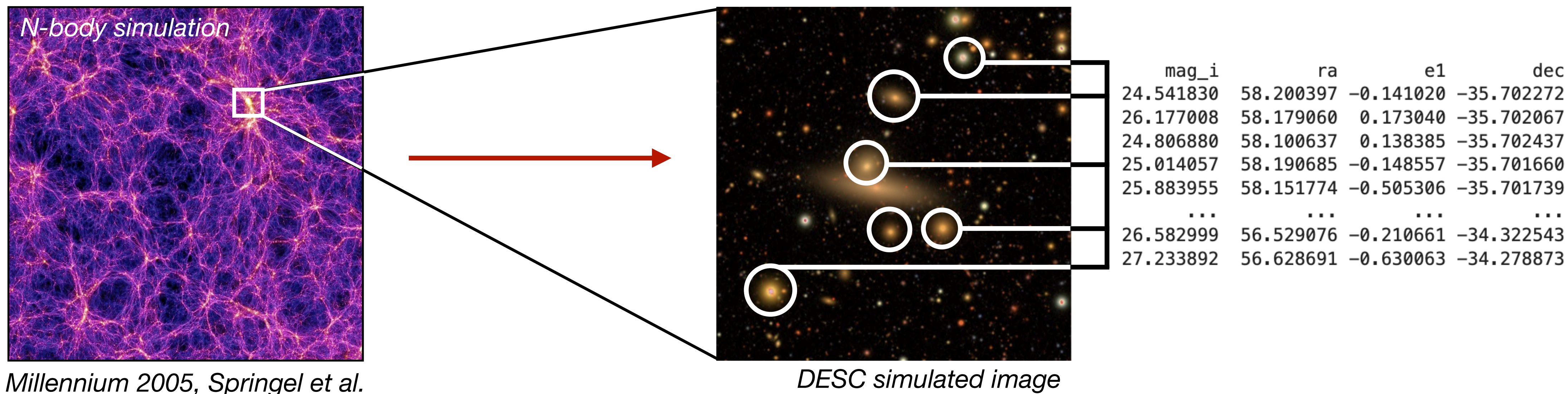
*Millennium 2005, Springel et al.*

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DC2object = **object** catalog

- Simulated images from cosmoDC2
- Detection of **objects**
- Measured positions, magnitudes (< 28), shapes...

Identification of blends through catalog matching

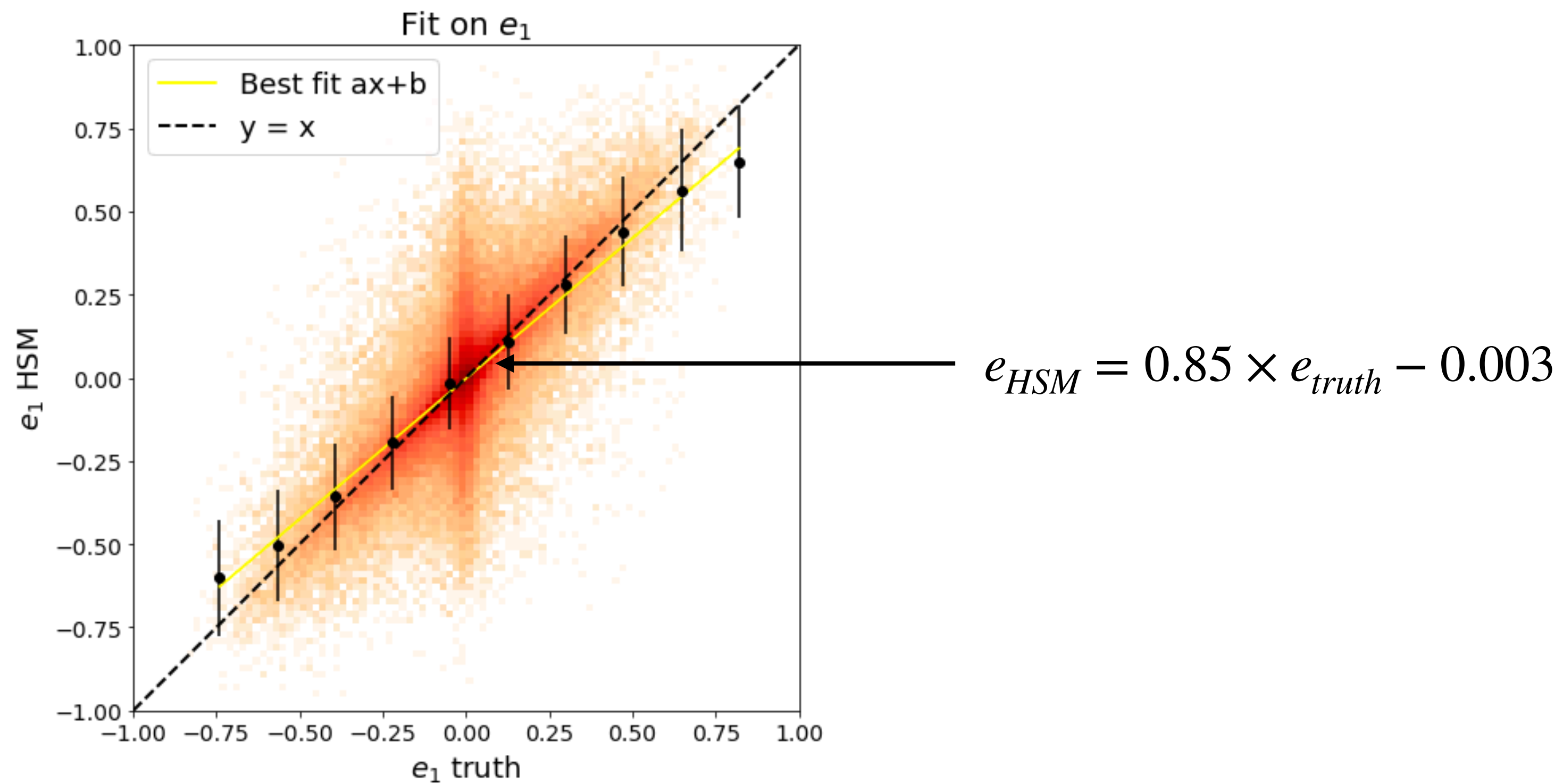
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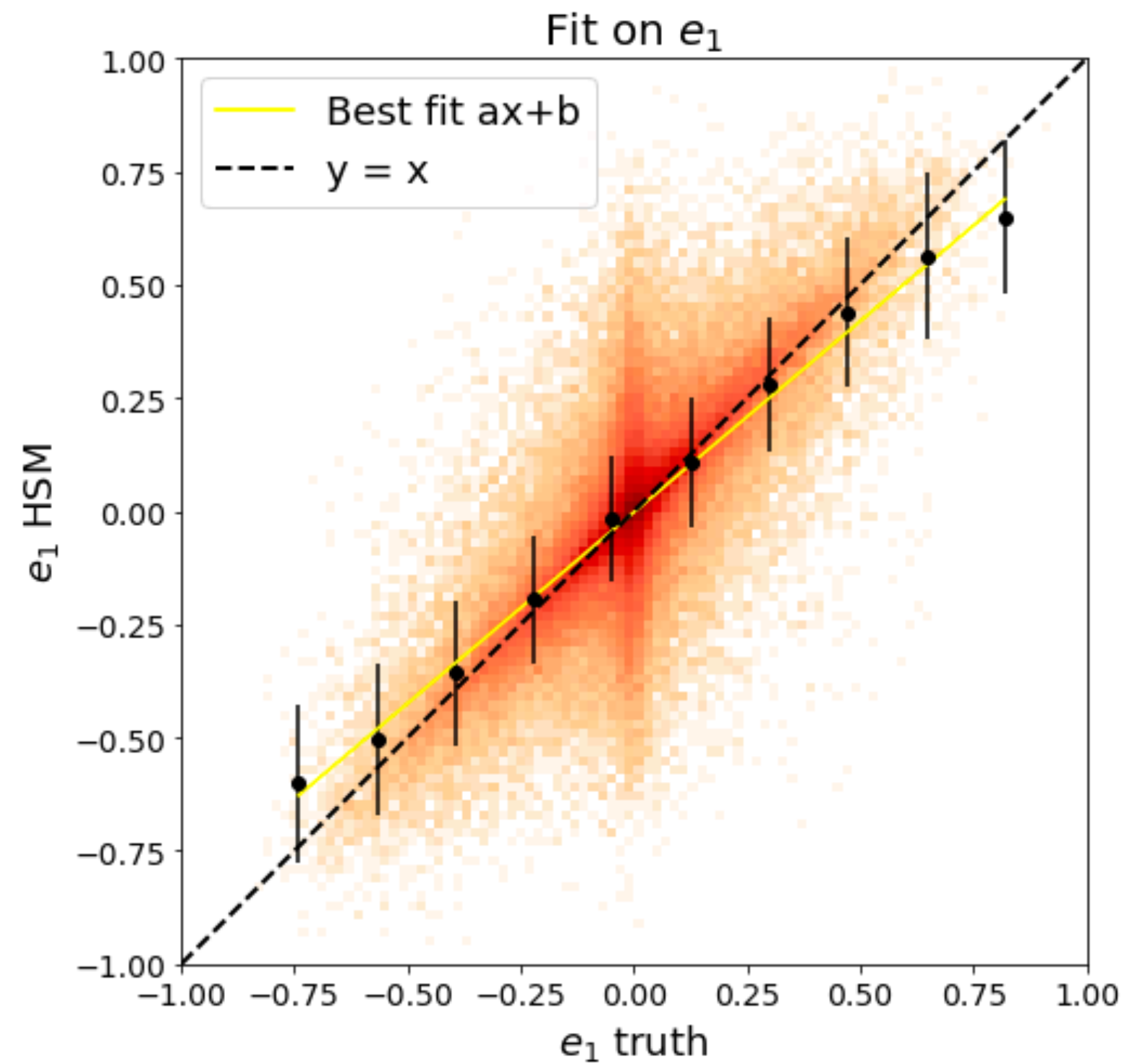
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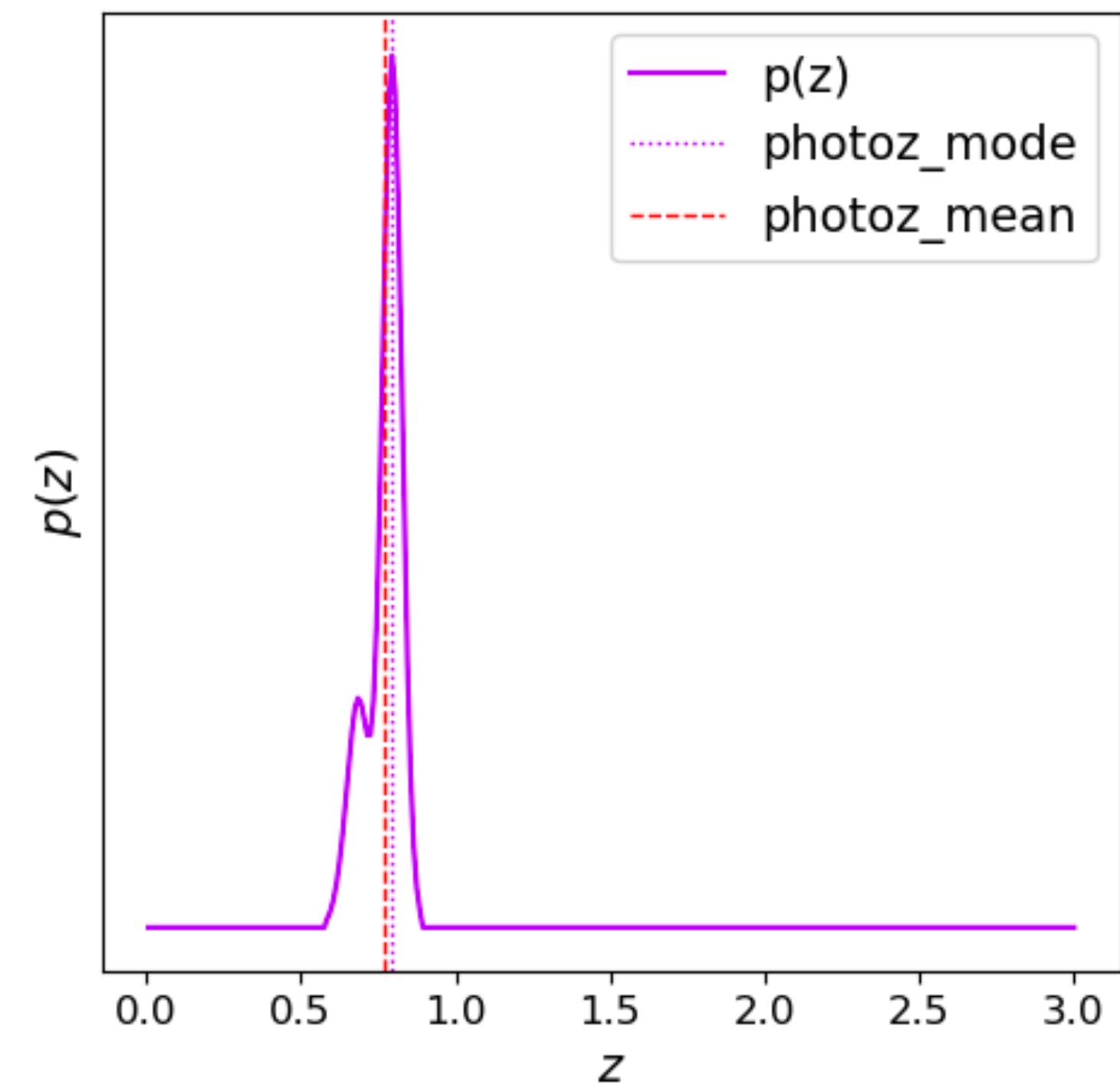
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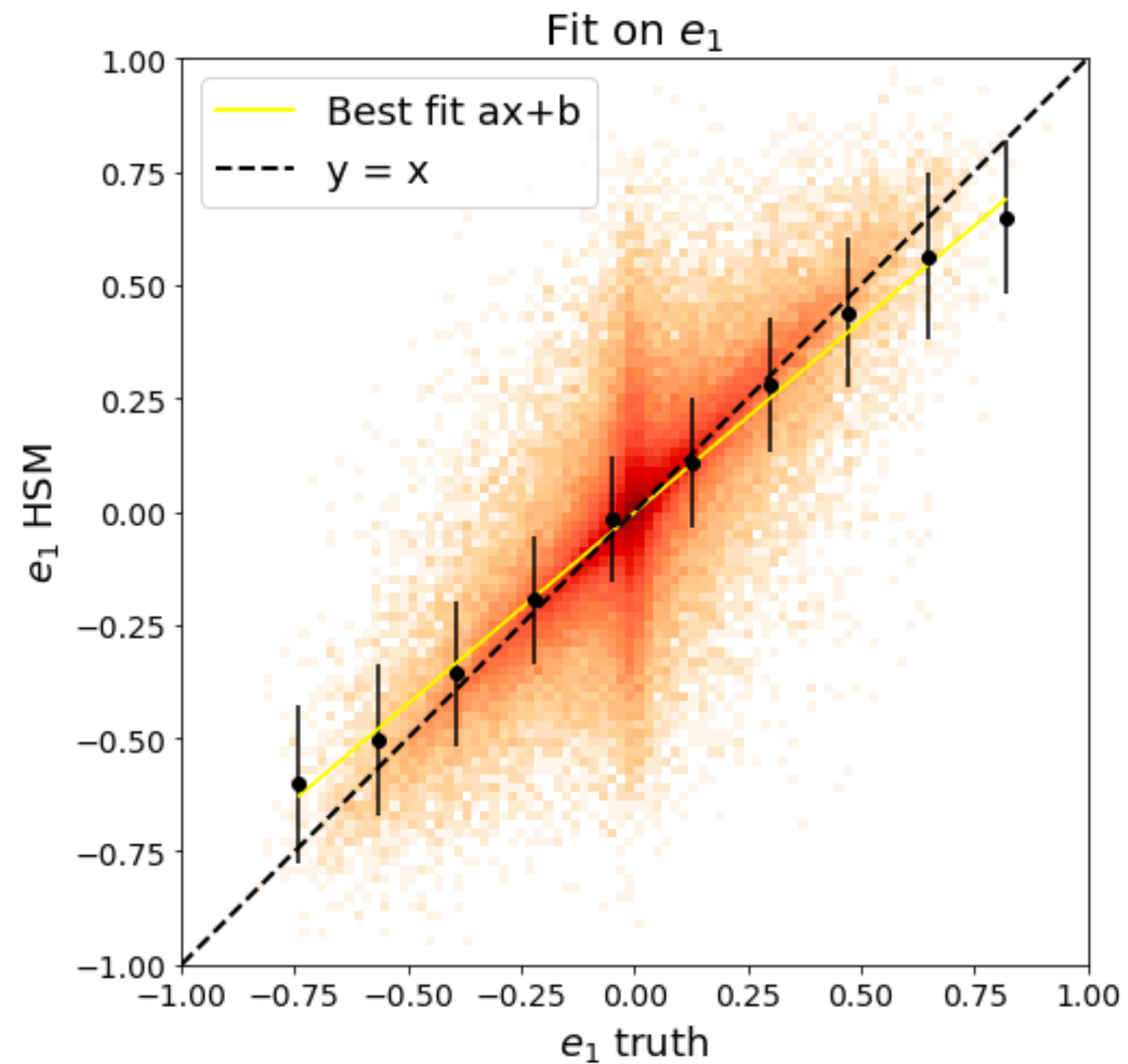
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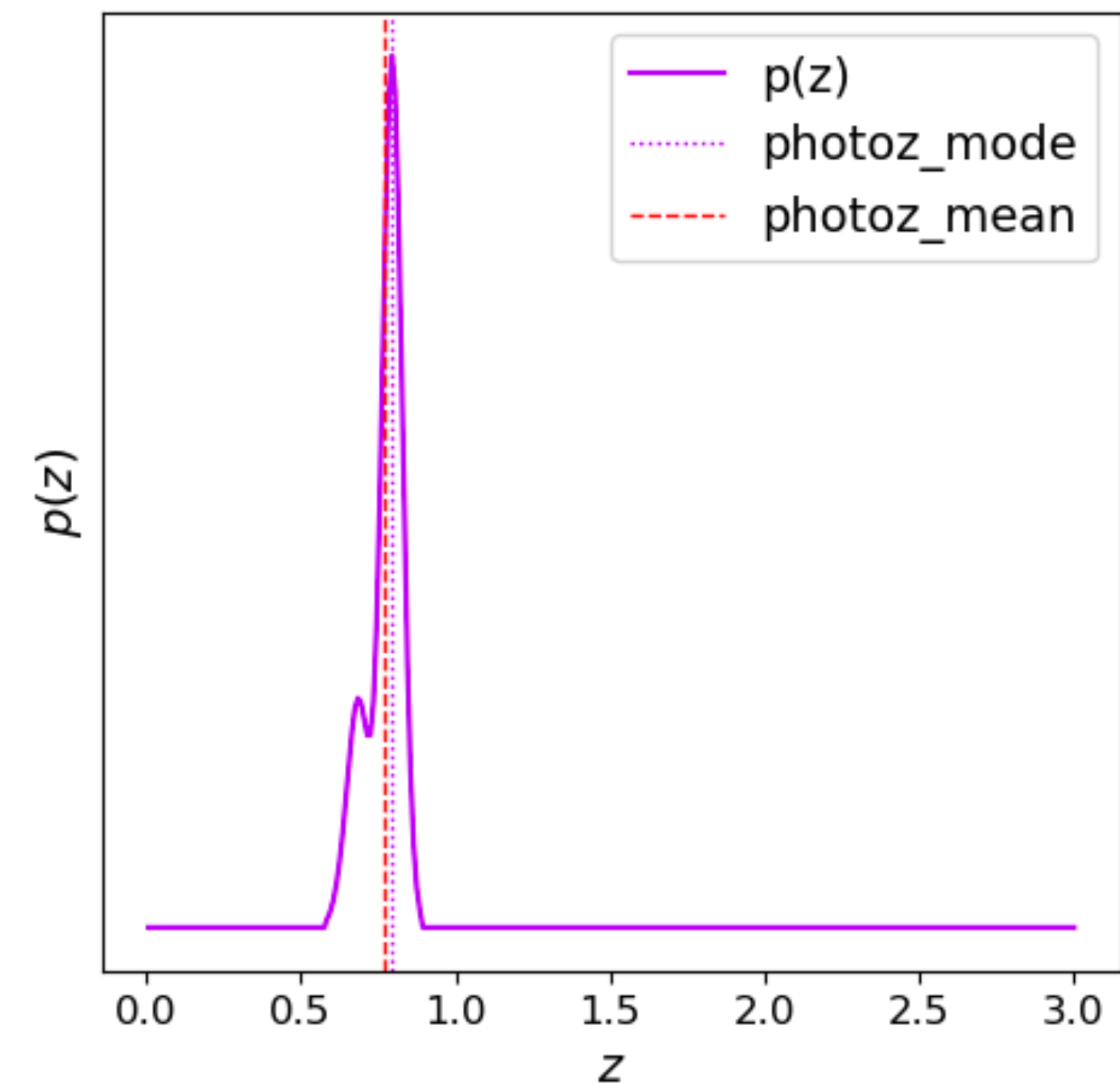
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**Individual errors that we can calibrate  $\rightarrow$  sufficient for blending?**



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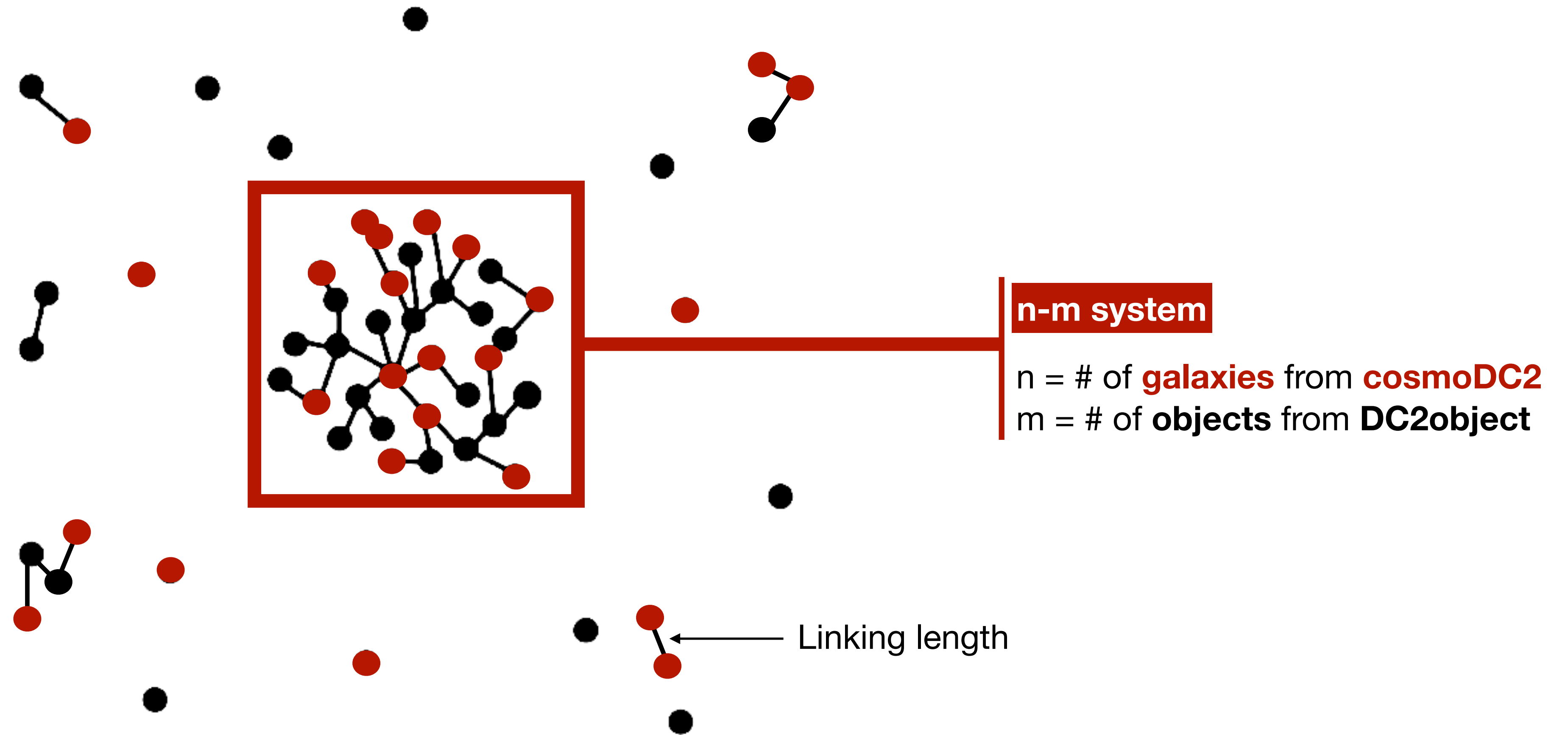
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<https://github.com/yymao/FoFCatalogMatching>





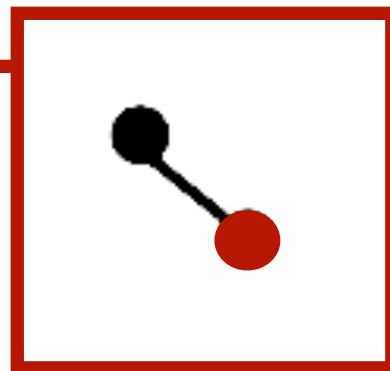
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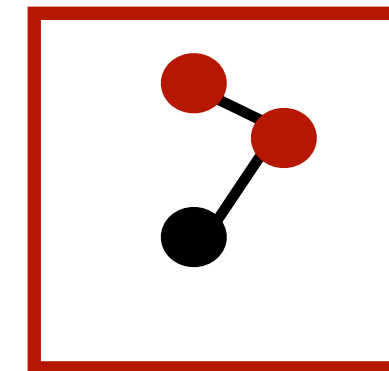
**Perfect match**

*1-1 system*



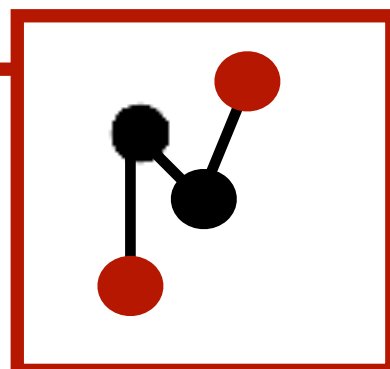
**Unrecognized blend**

*2-1 system*



**Recognized blend**

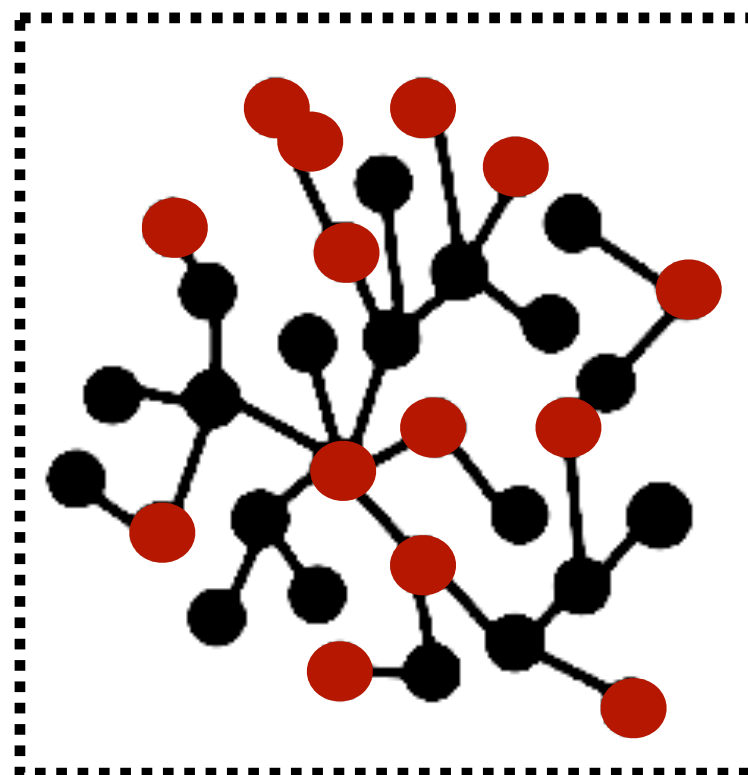
*2-2 system*



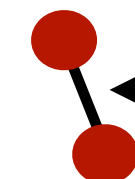
**n-m system**

$n = \#$  of **galaxies** from **cosmoDC2**

$m = \#$  of **objects** from **DC2object**

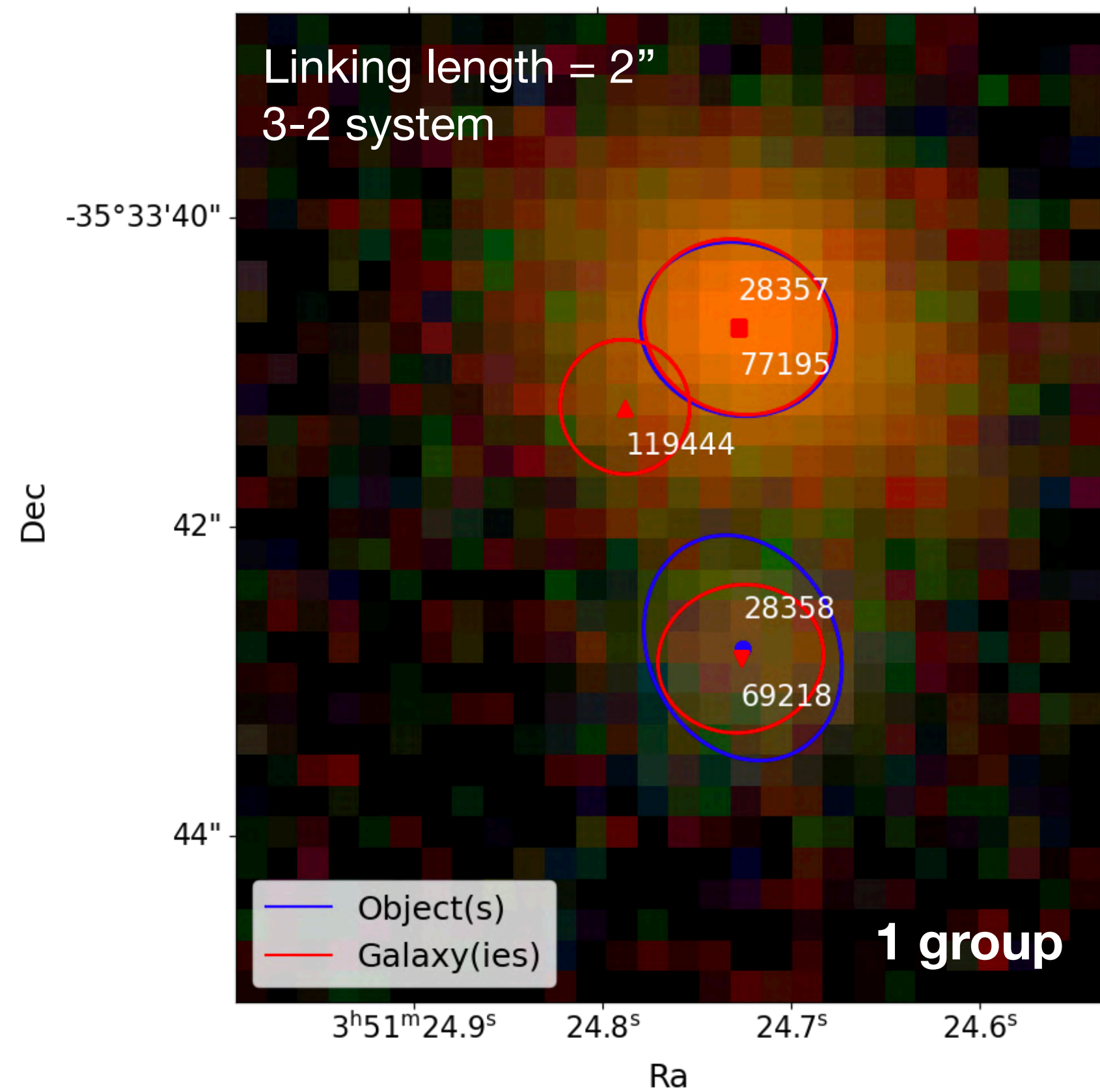


Linking length



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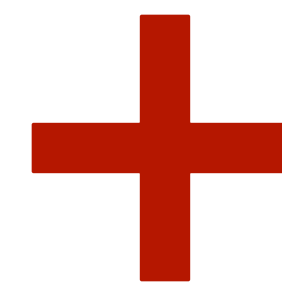
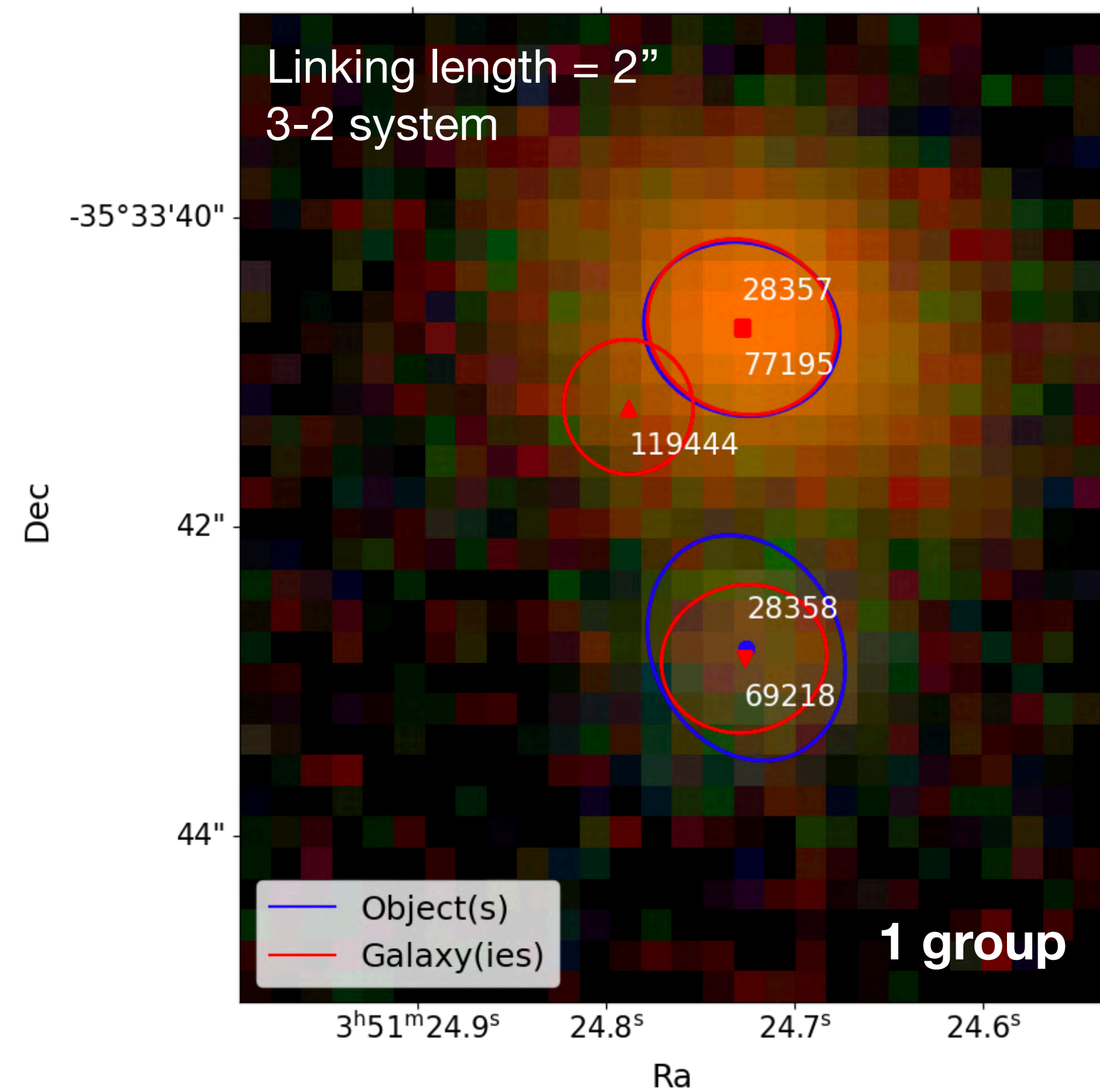
Friends-of-Friends = **distances** information



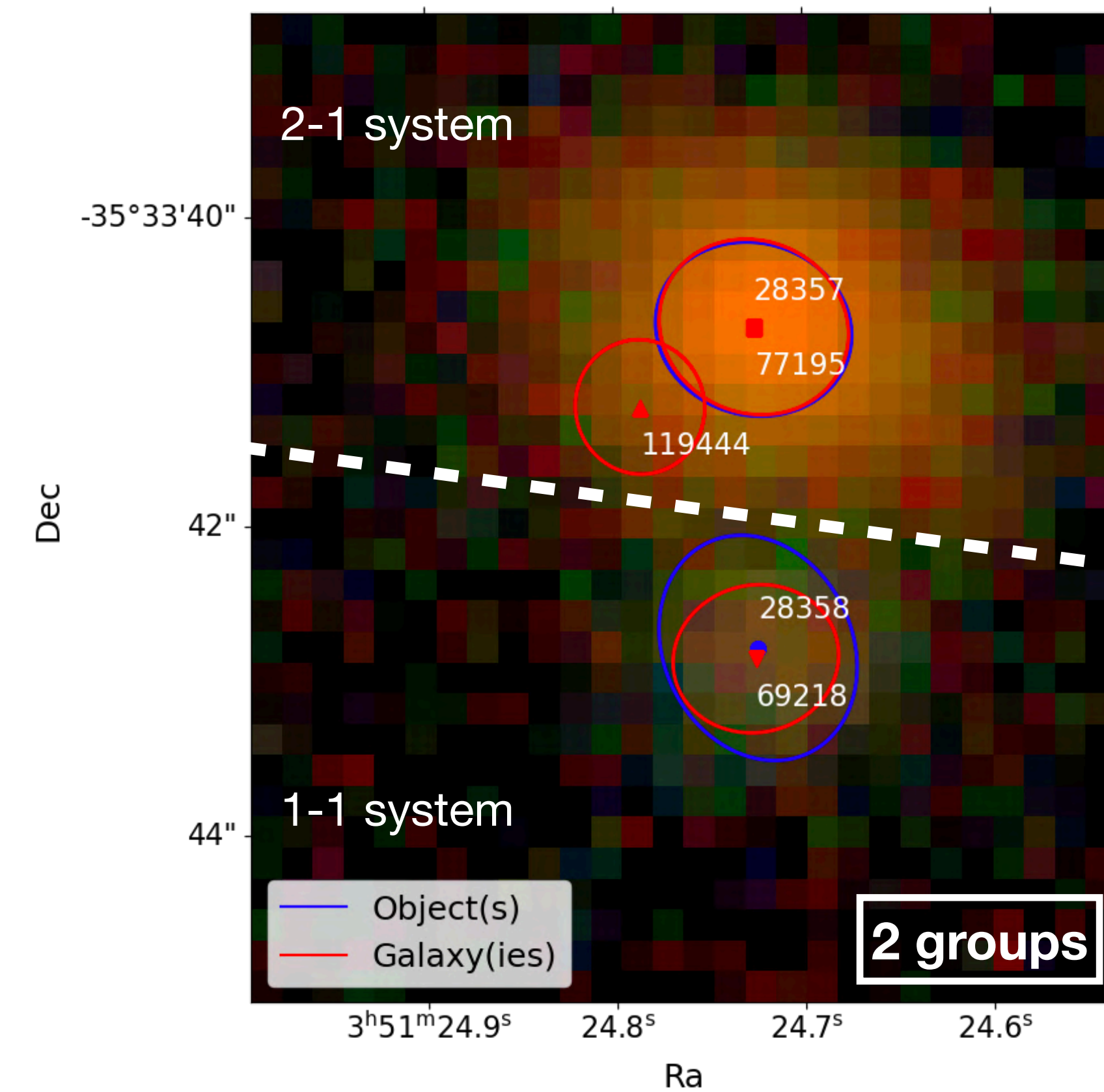
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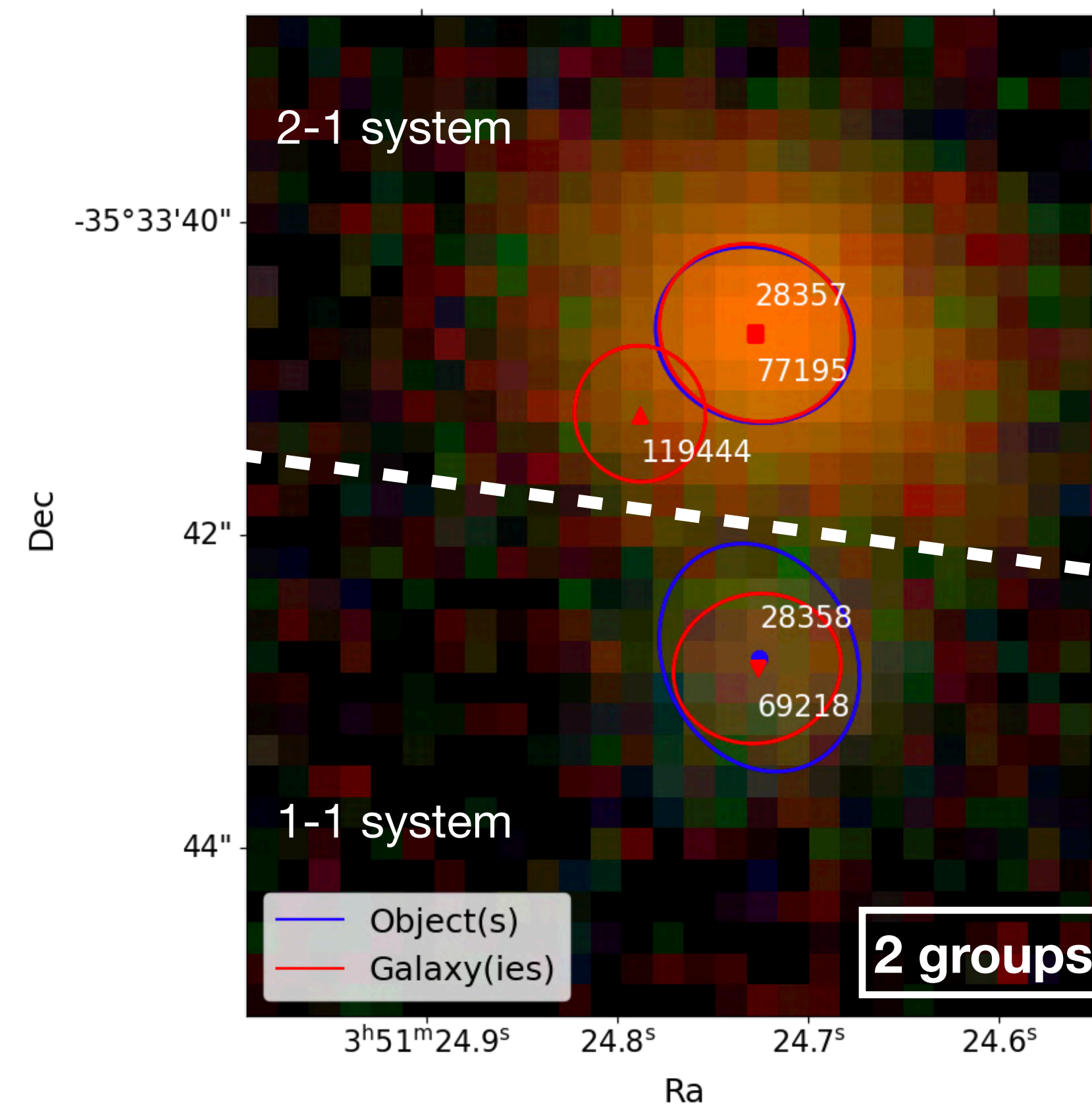
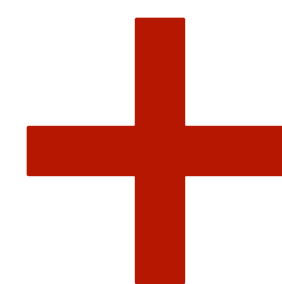
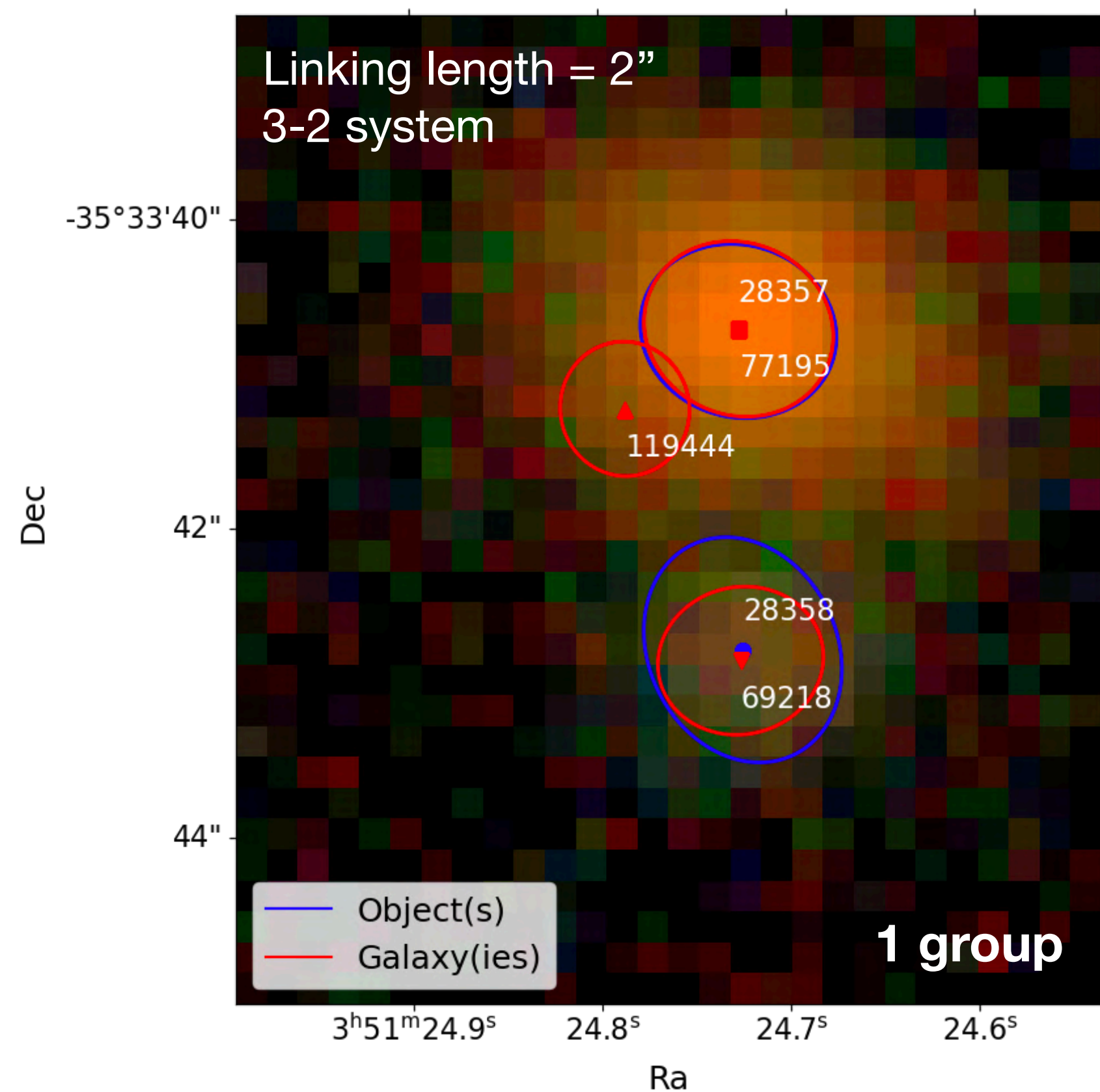
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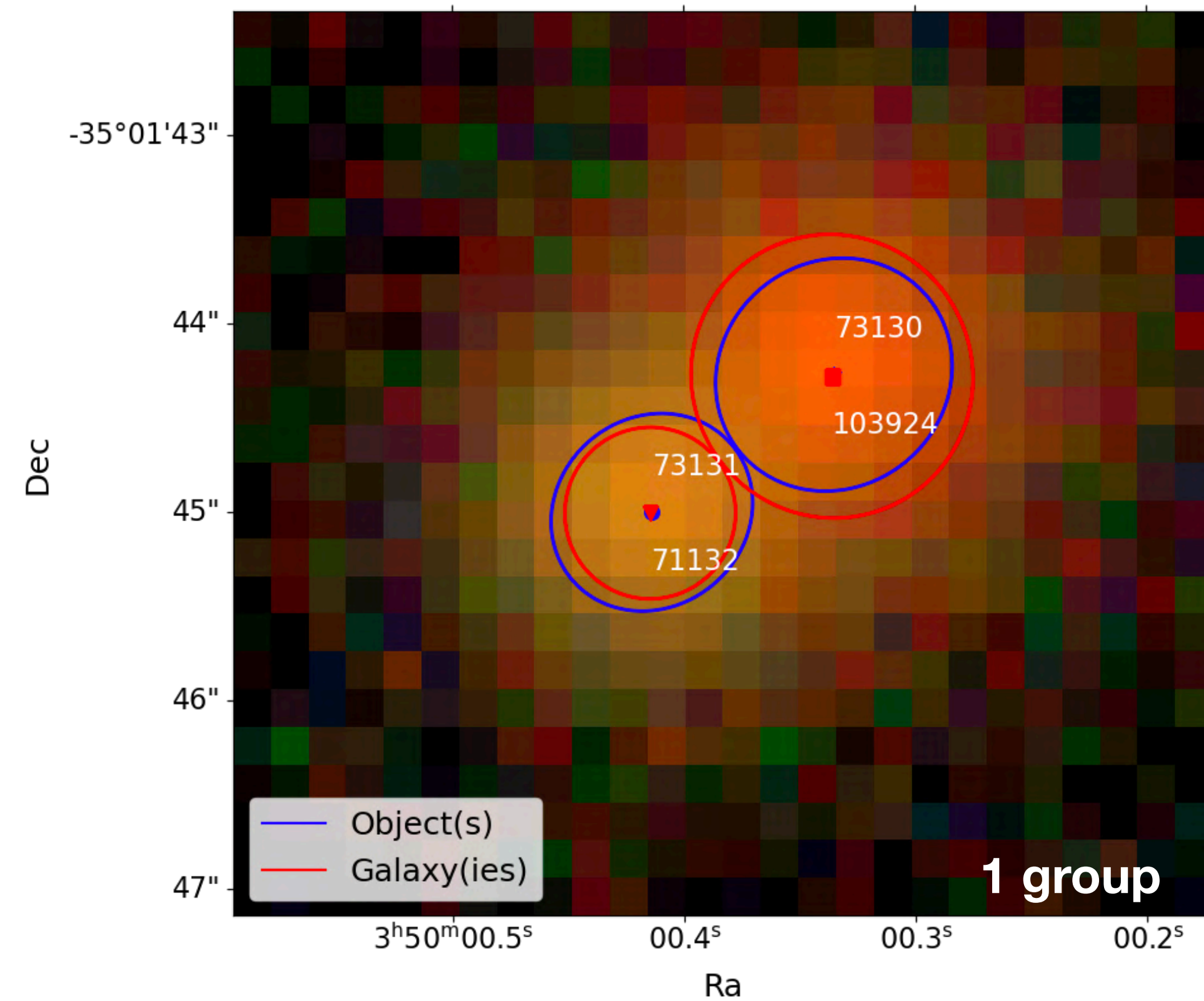


**Friendly** = more robust matching algorithm

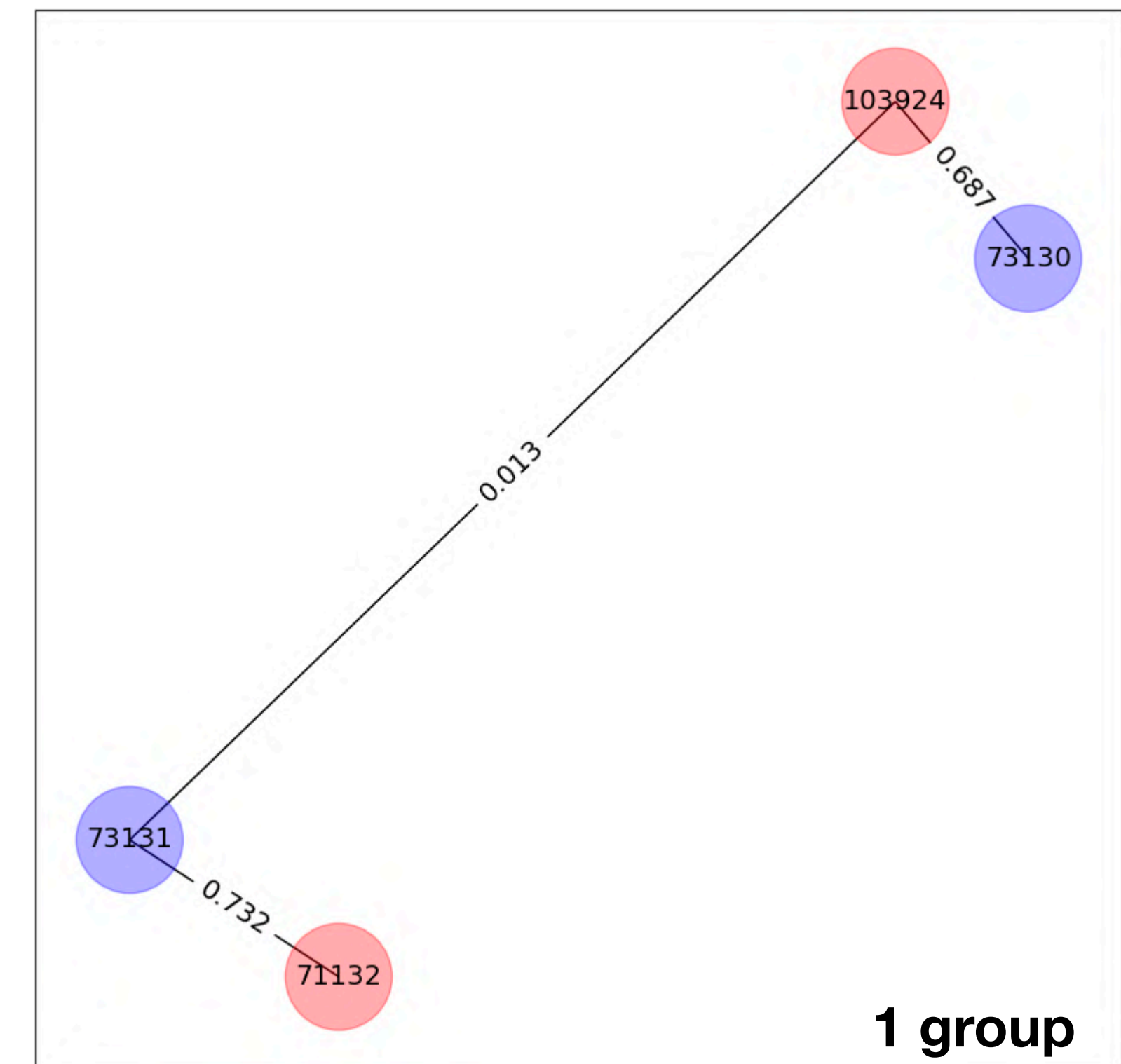
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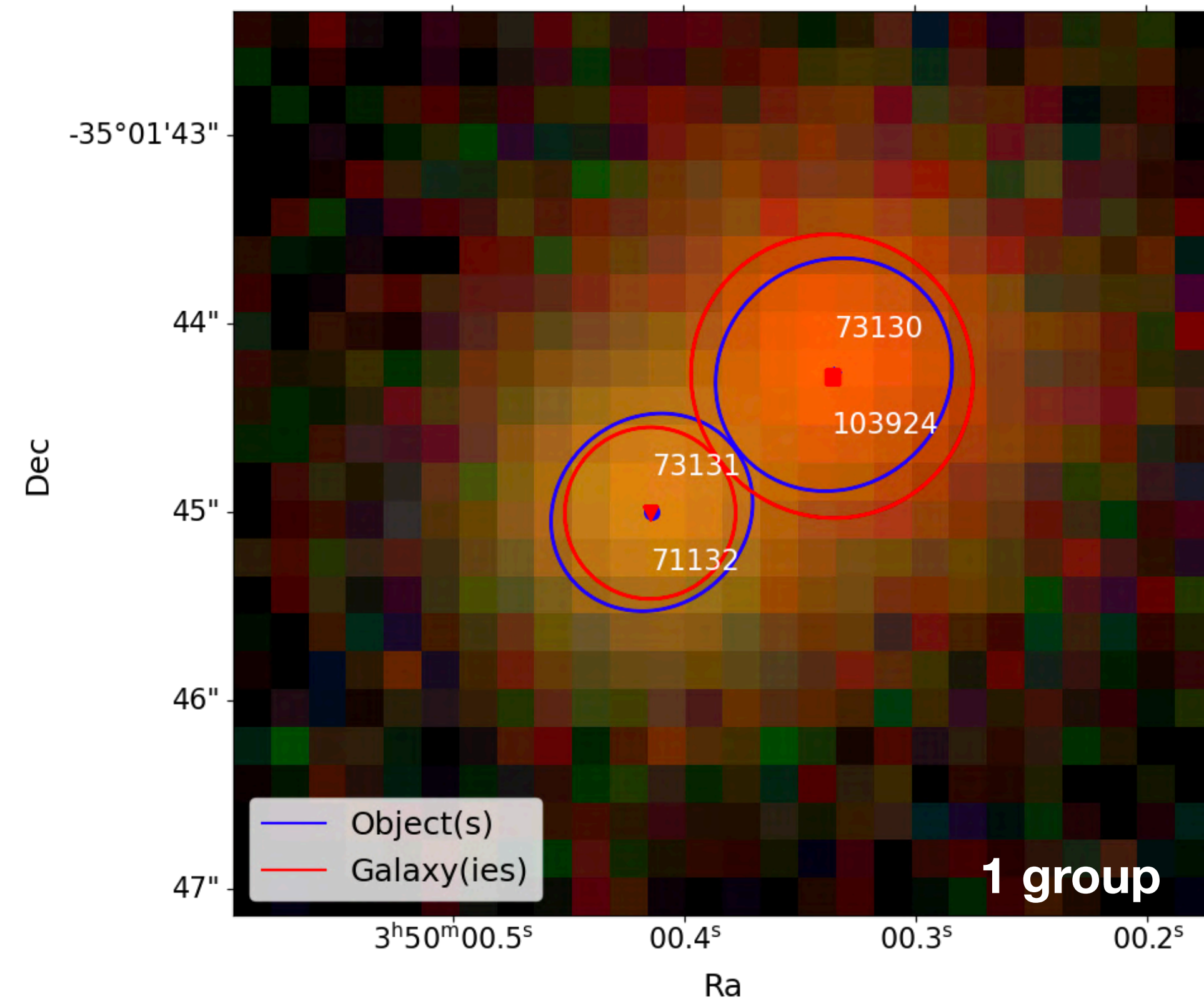


NetworkX graph

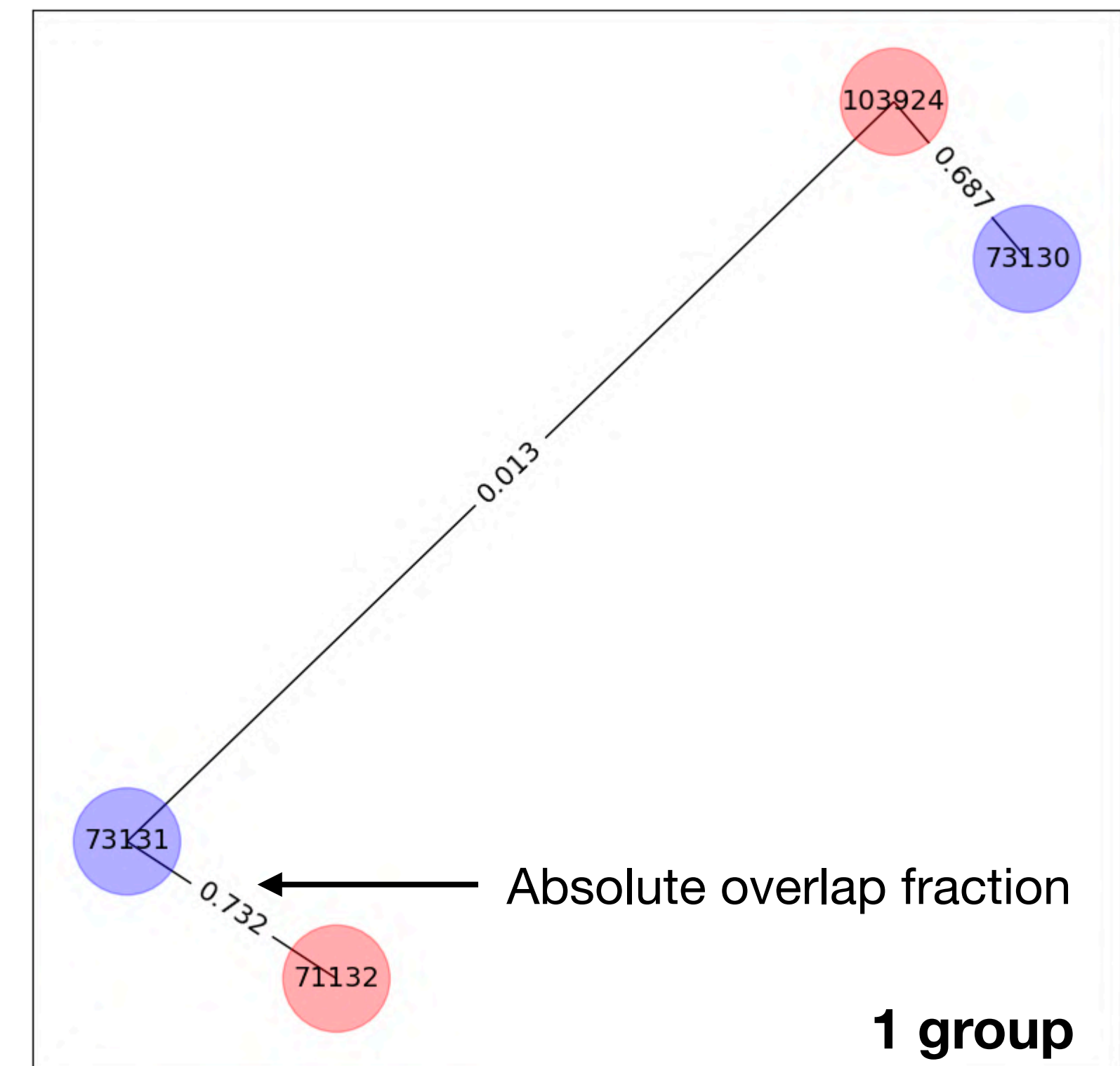


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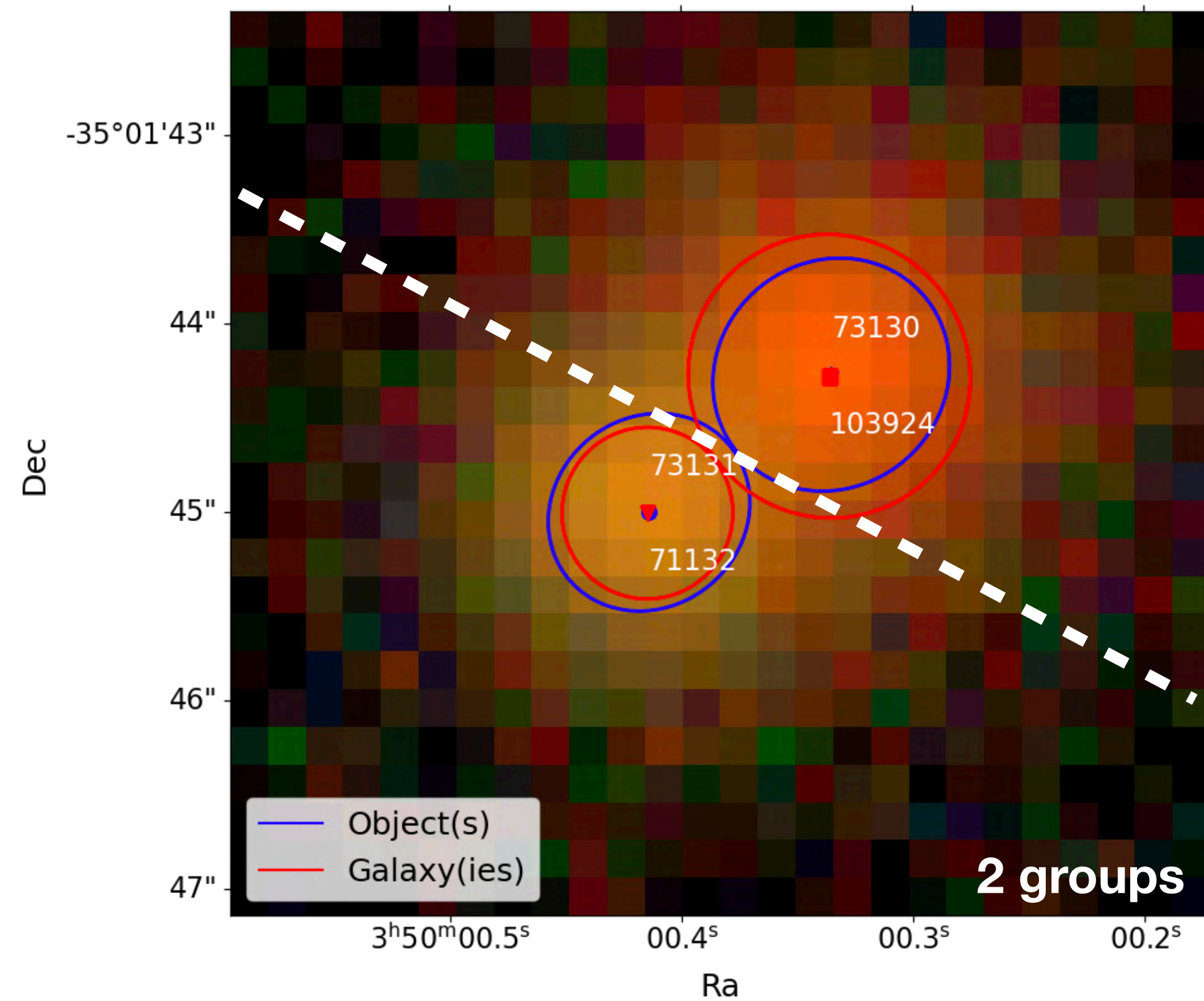


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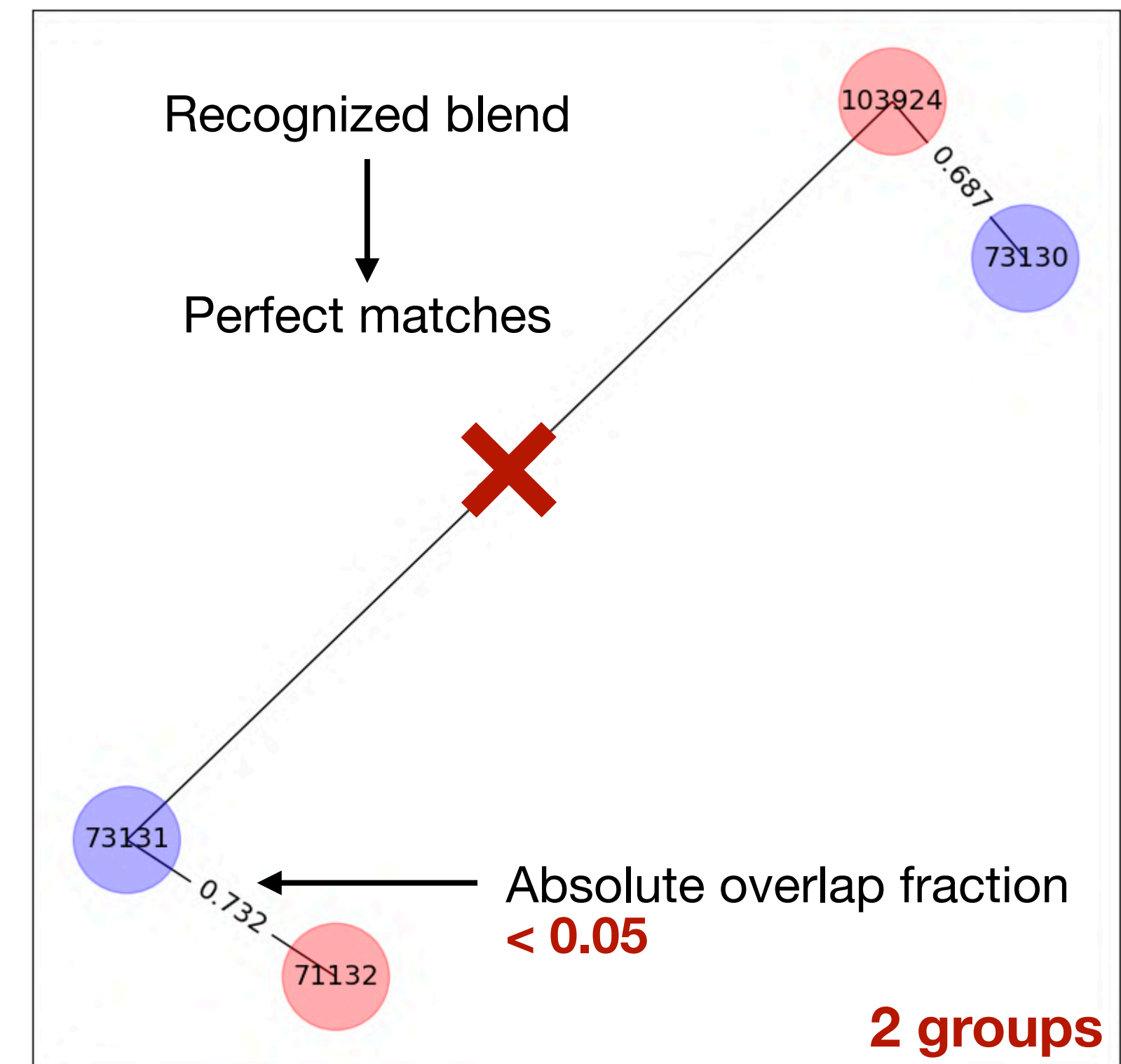


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Friendly group



NetworkX graph

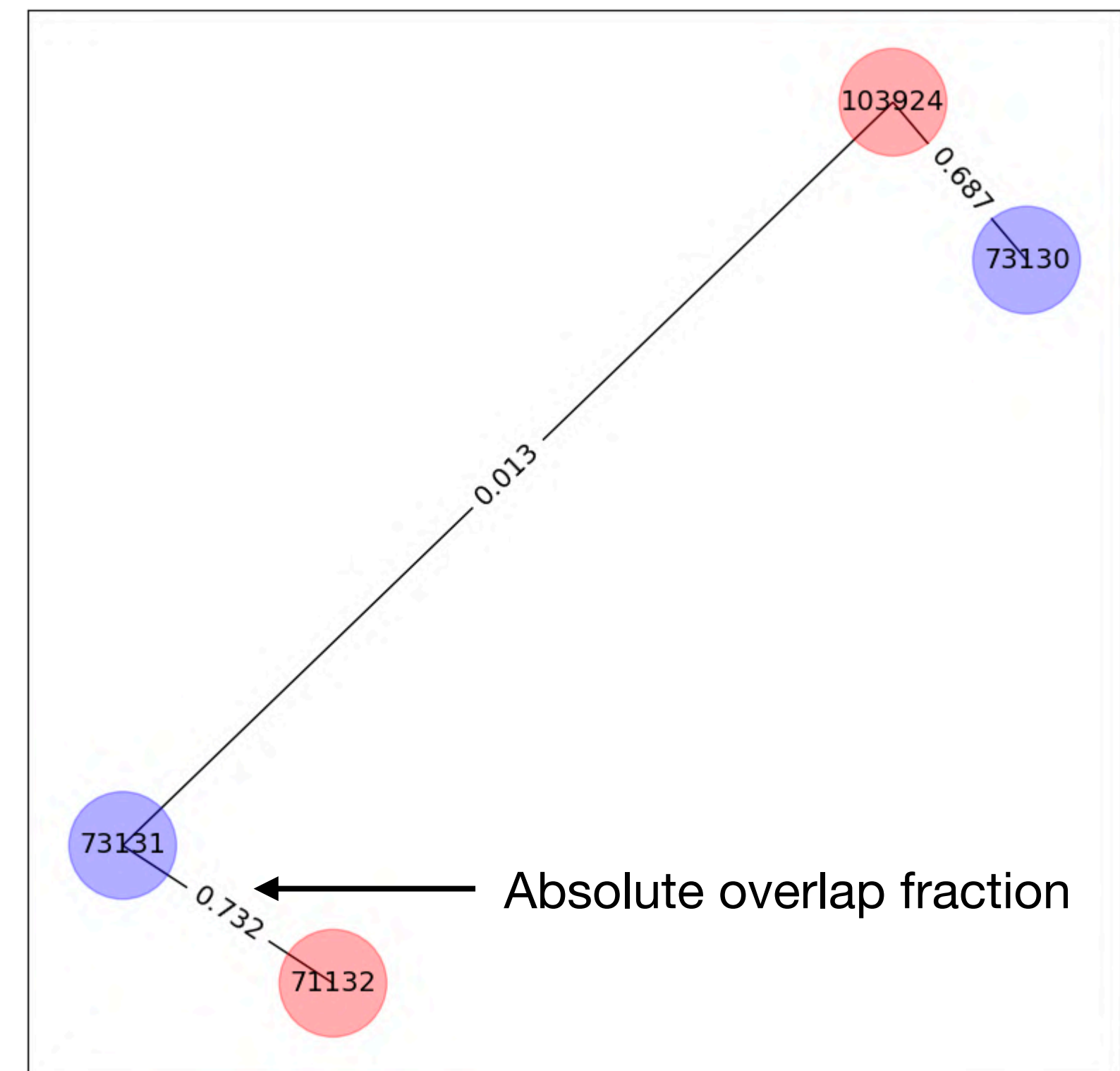


# New matching algorithm: friendly

**Next steps:** Add metrics on the nodes/edges

- Absolute overlap fraction
- Purity
- Magnitudes/colors
- ...

NetworkX graph



**Friendly** = useful graph structure to better define the (un)recognized blends





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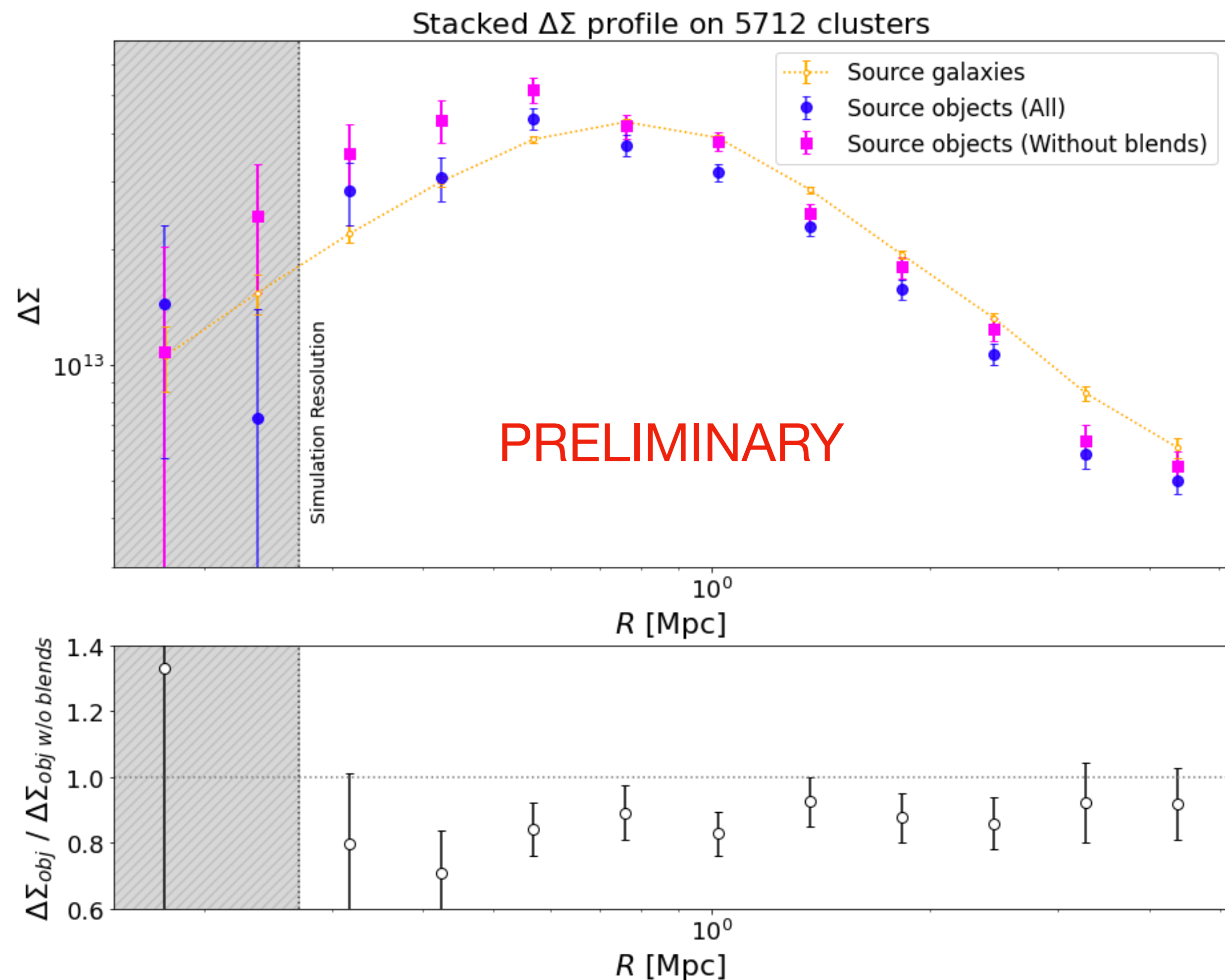
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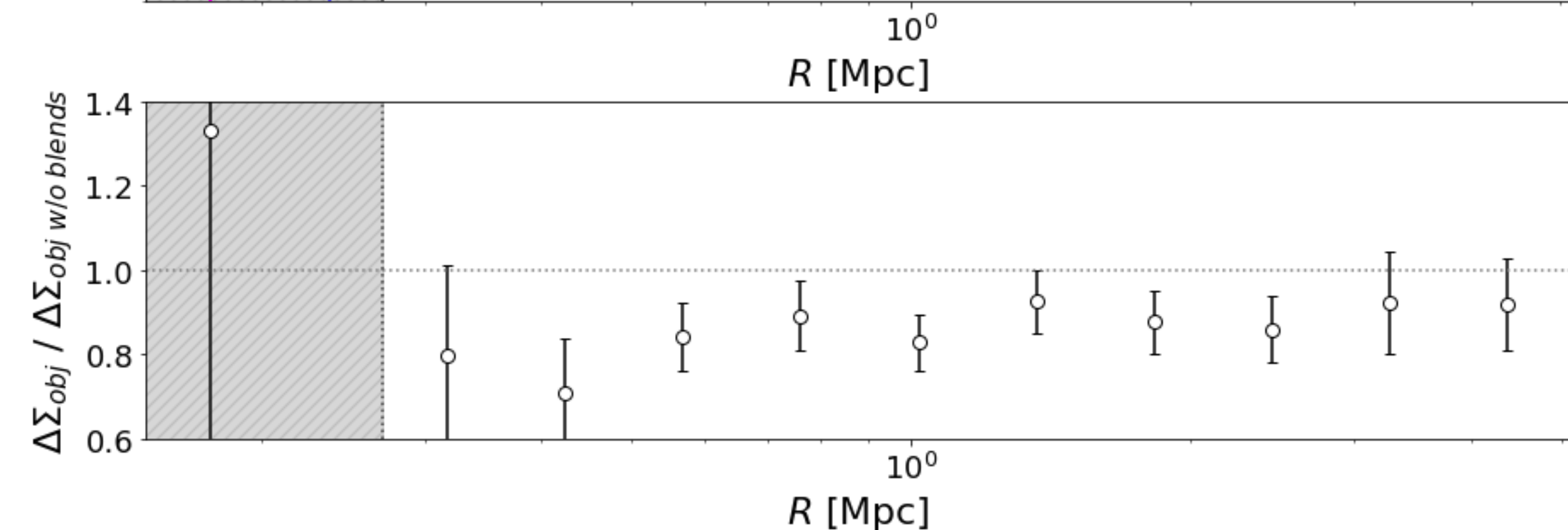
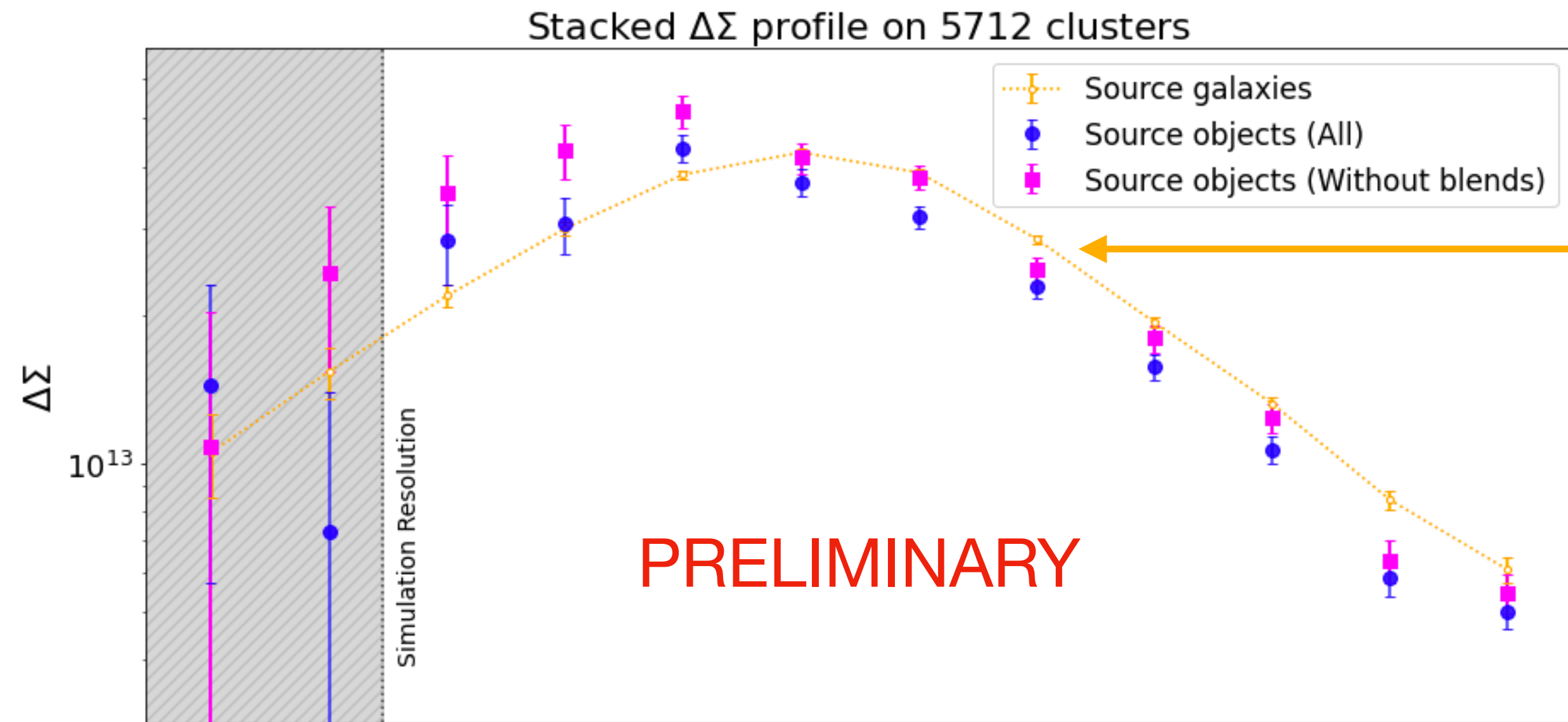
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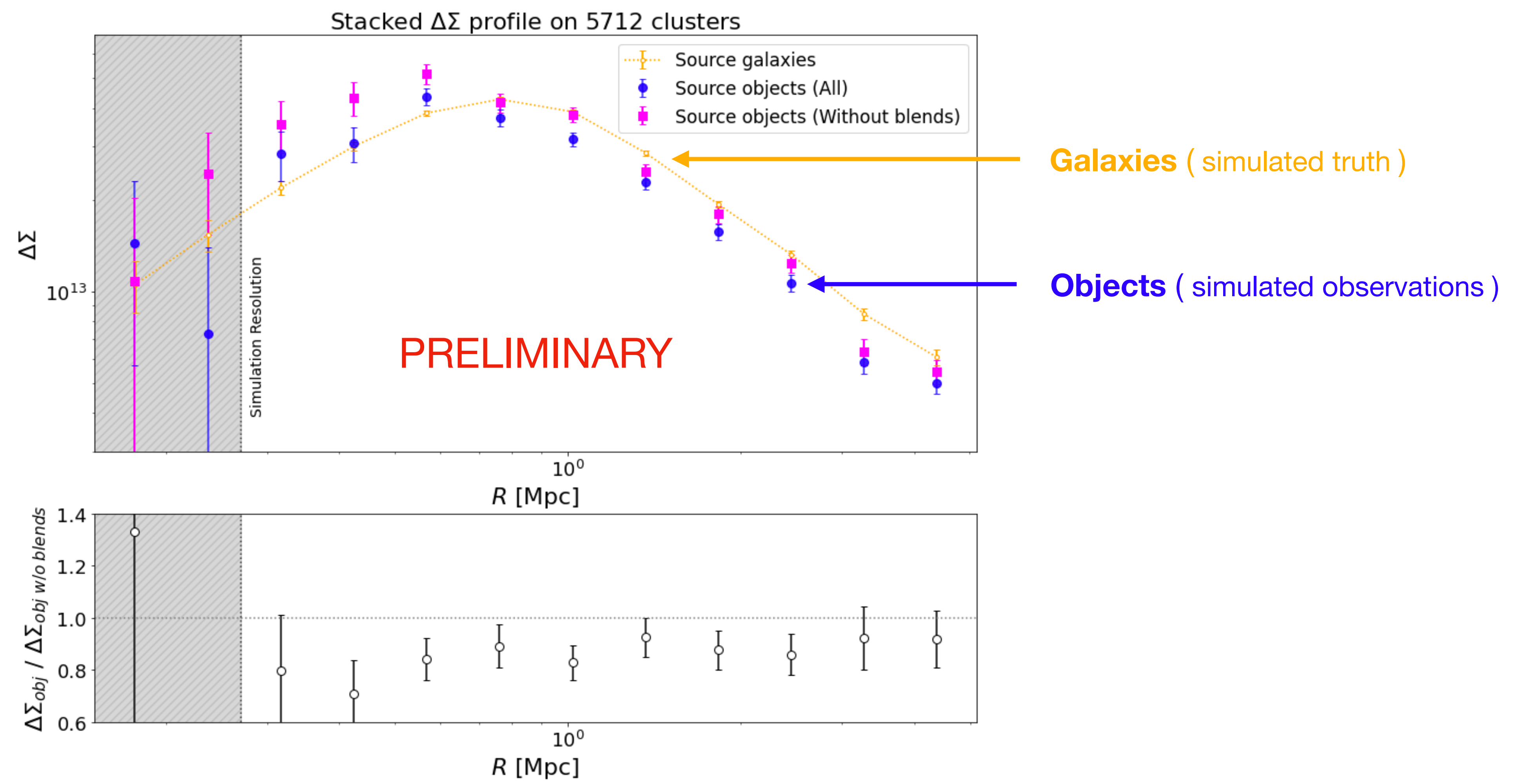
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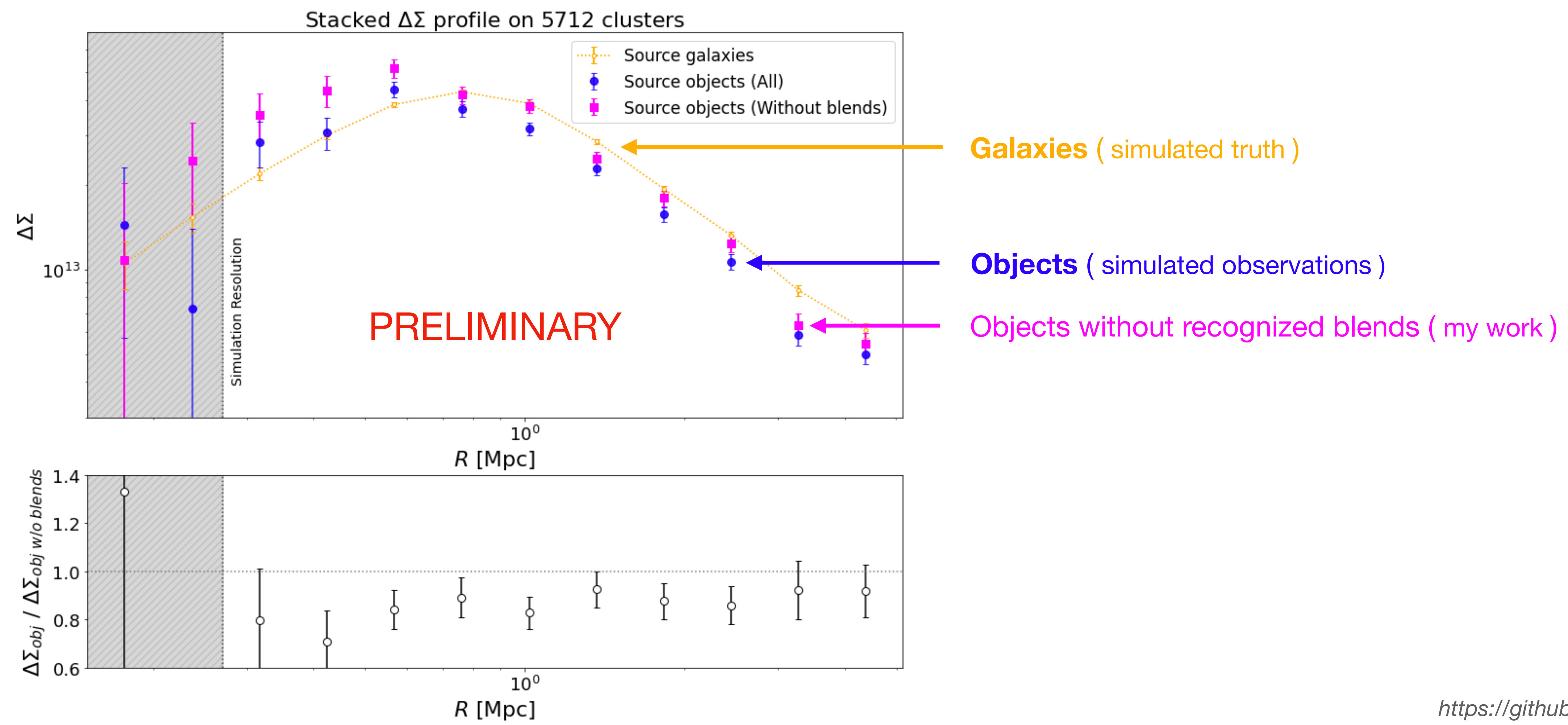
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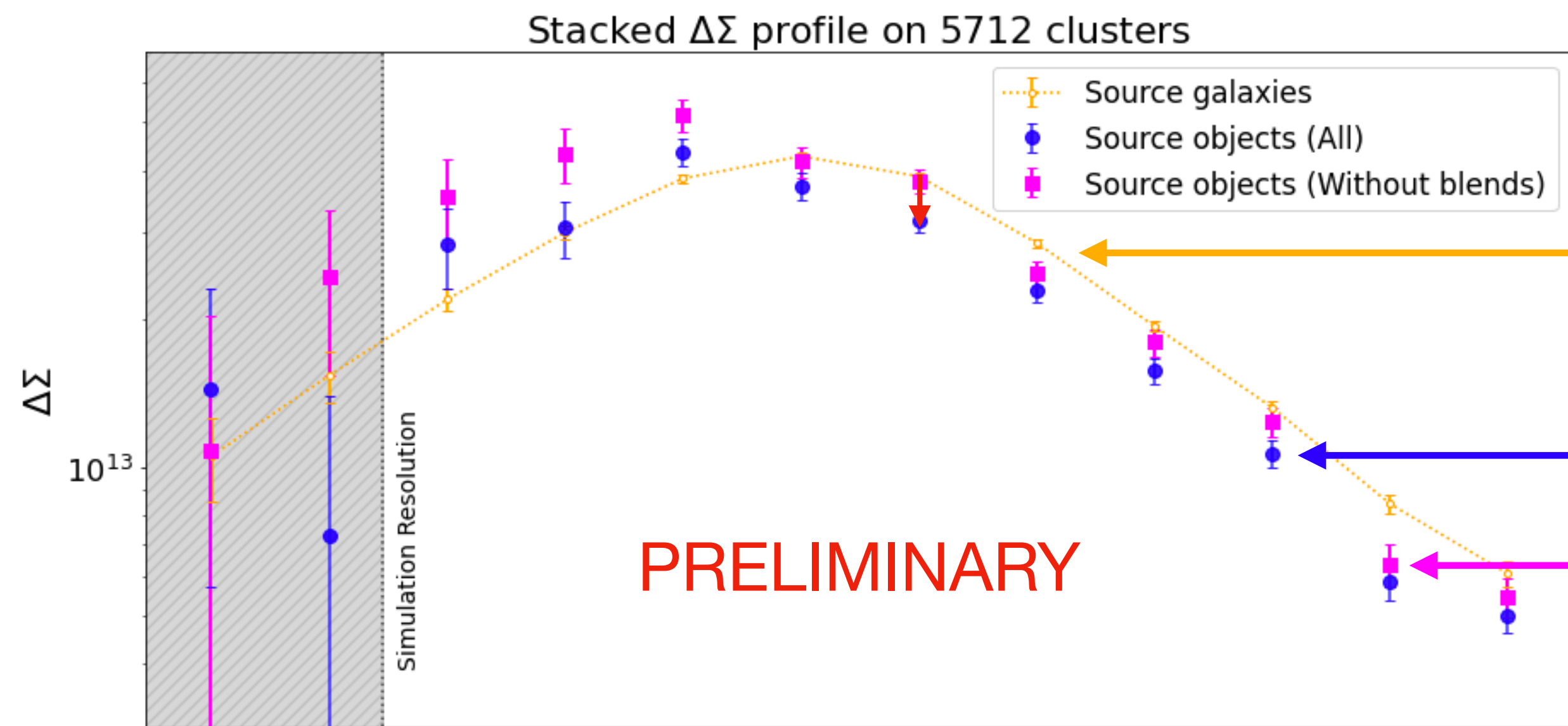
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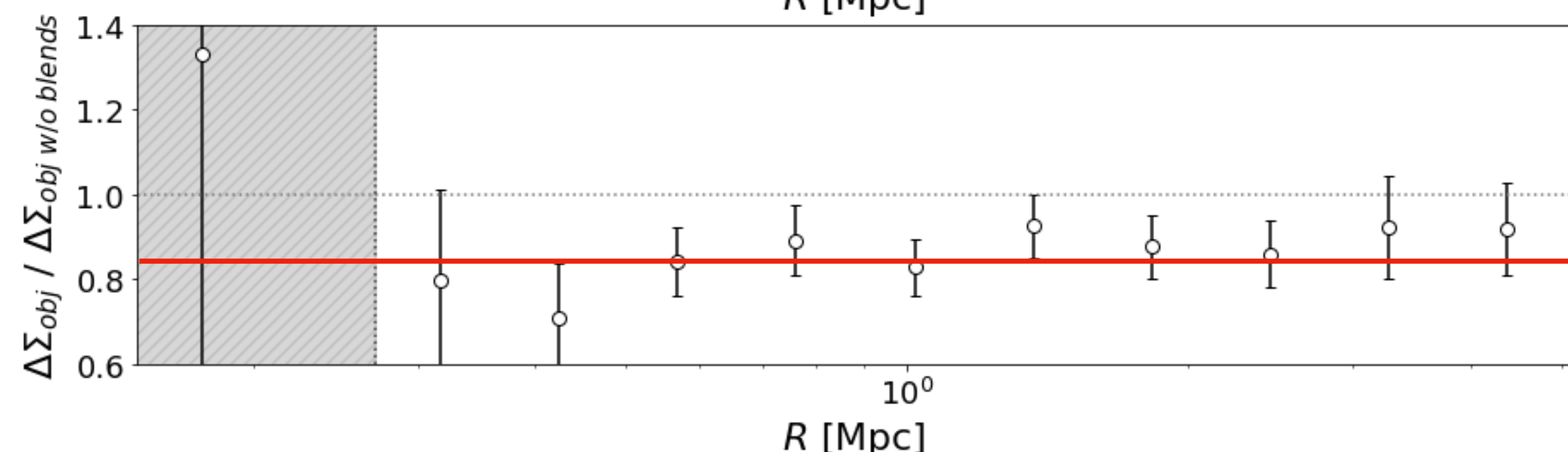
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Galaxies ( simulated truth )

Objects ( simulated observations )

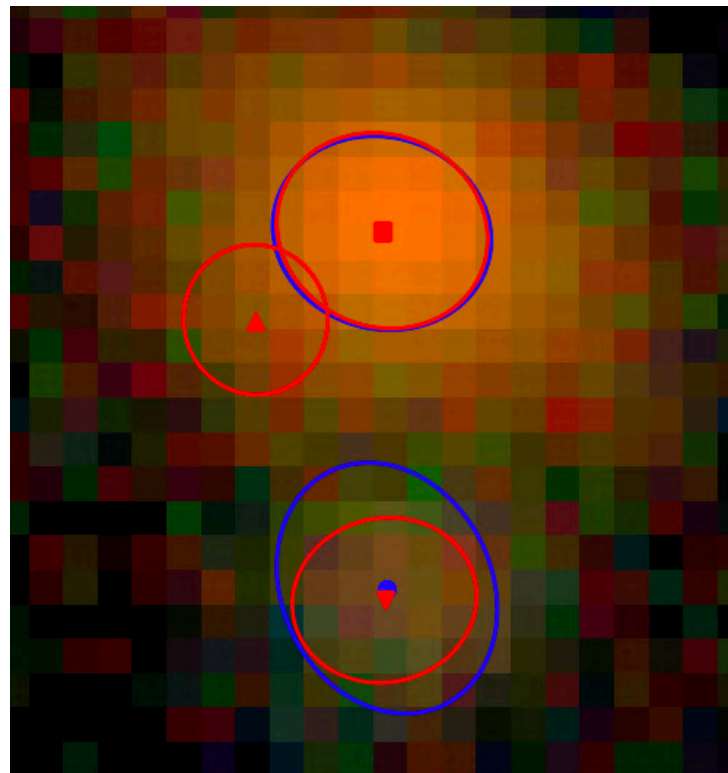
Objects without recognized blends ( my work )



- Remove blends **shift** the profile upwards by **20%**
- How to deal with blends instead? **Friendly**

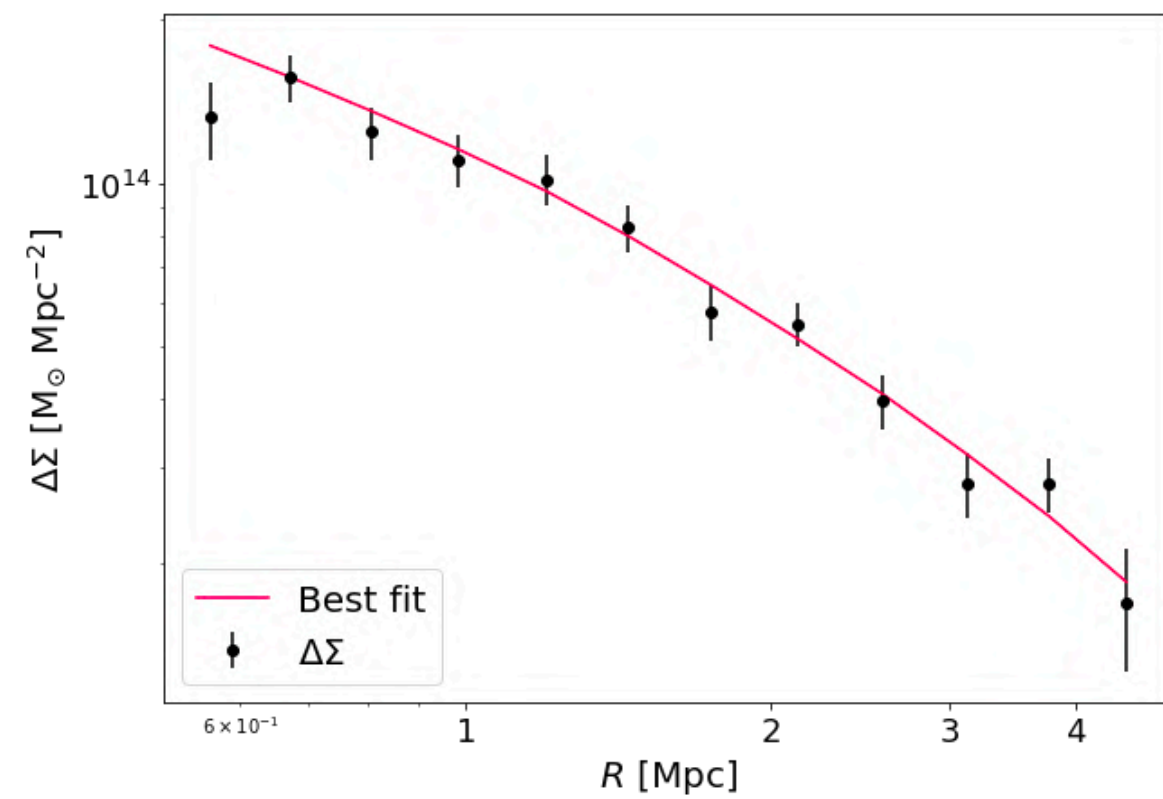
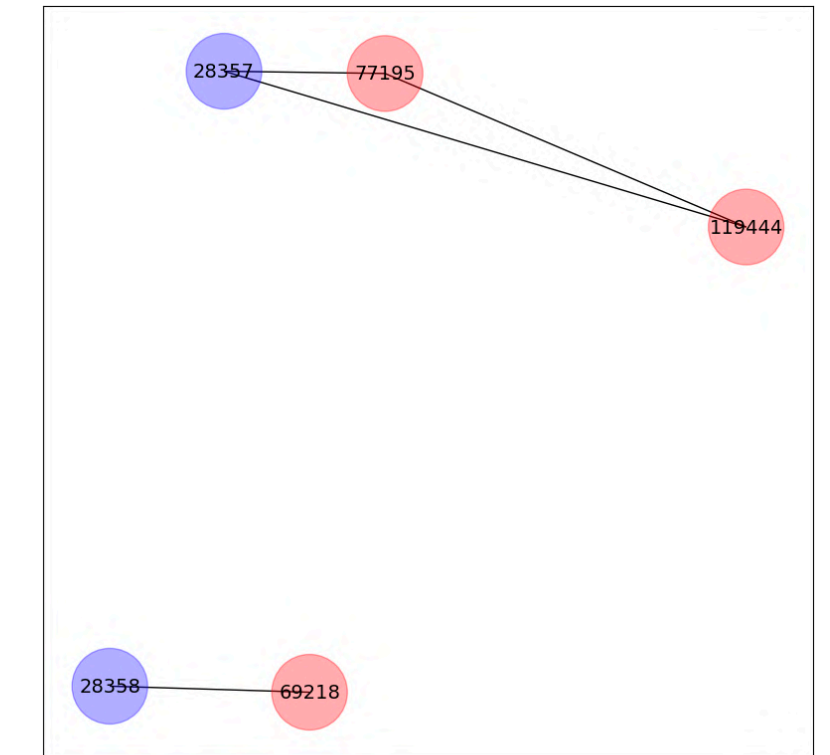
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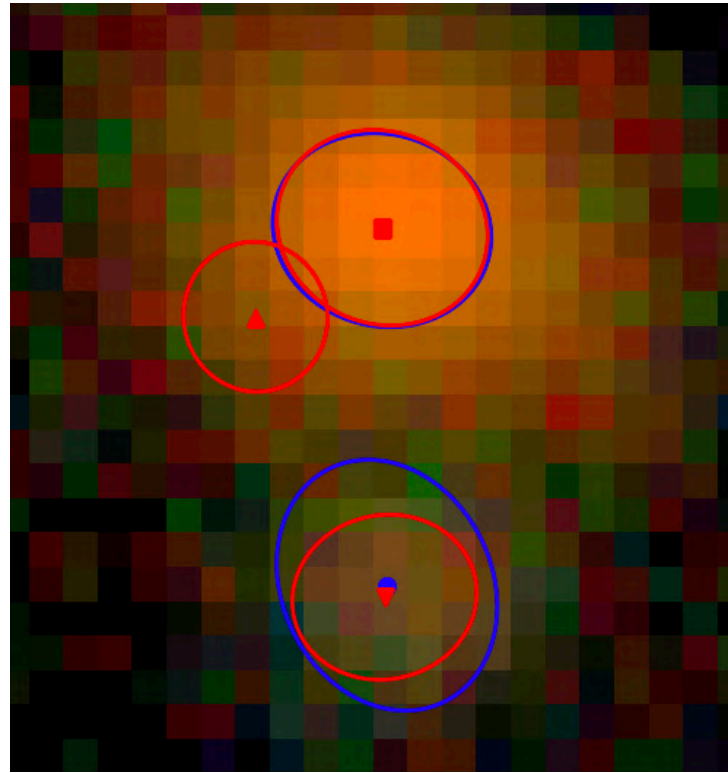


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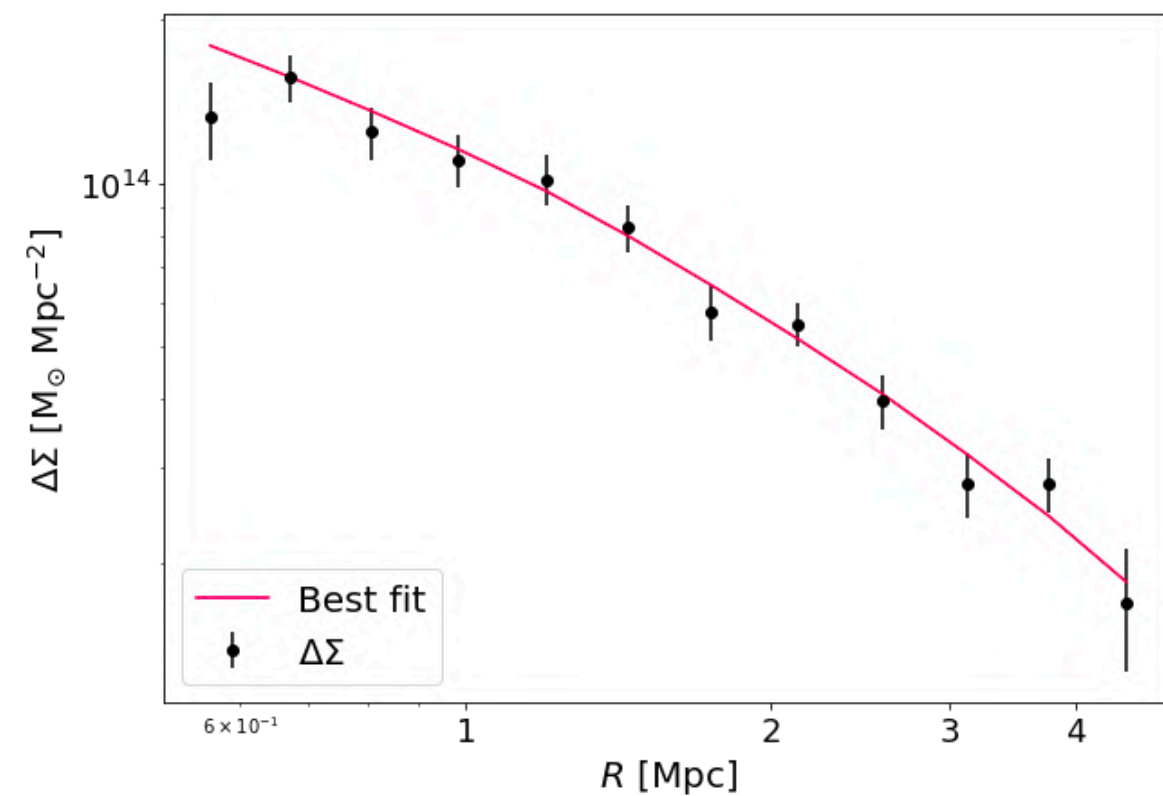
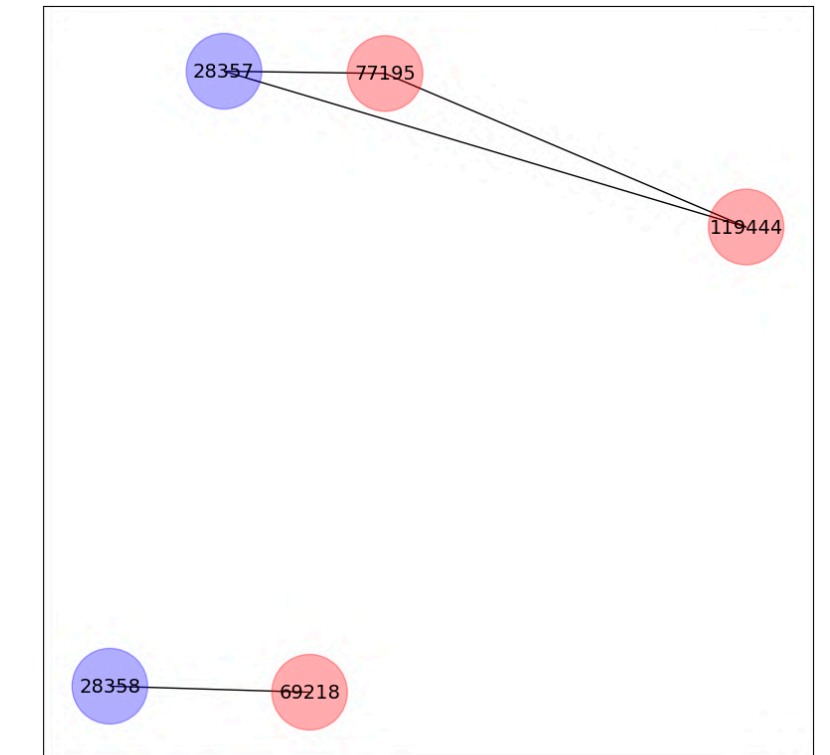


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**Thank you for your attention !**



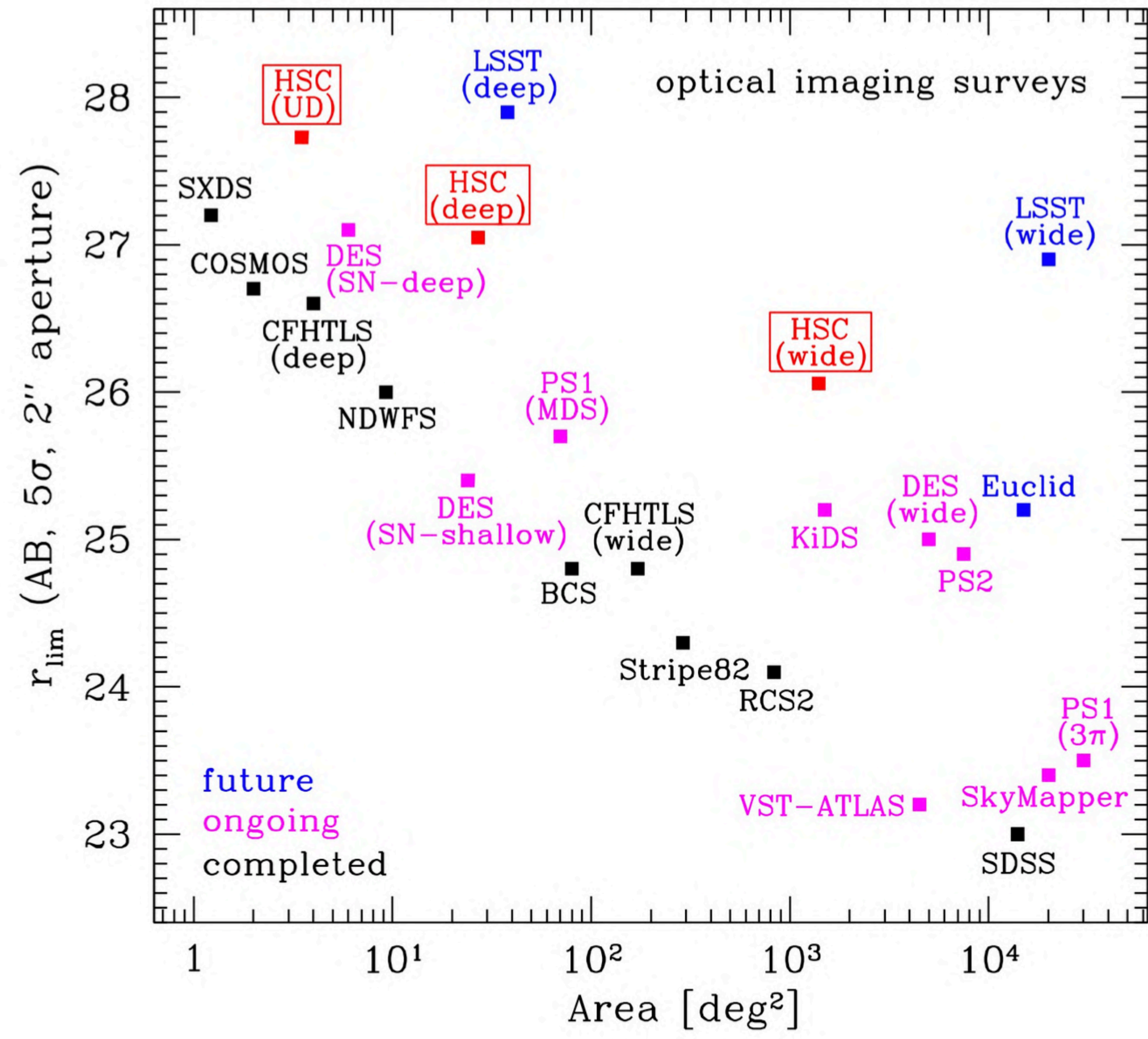


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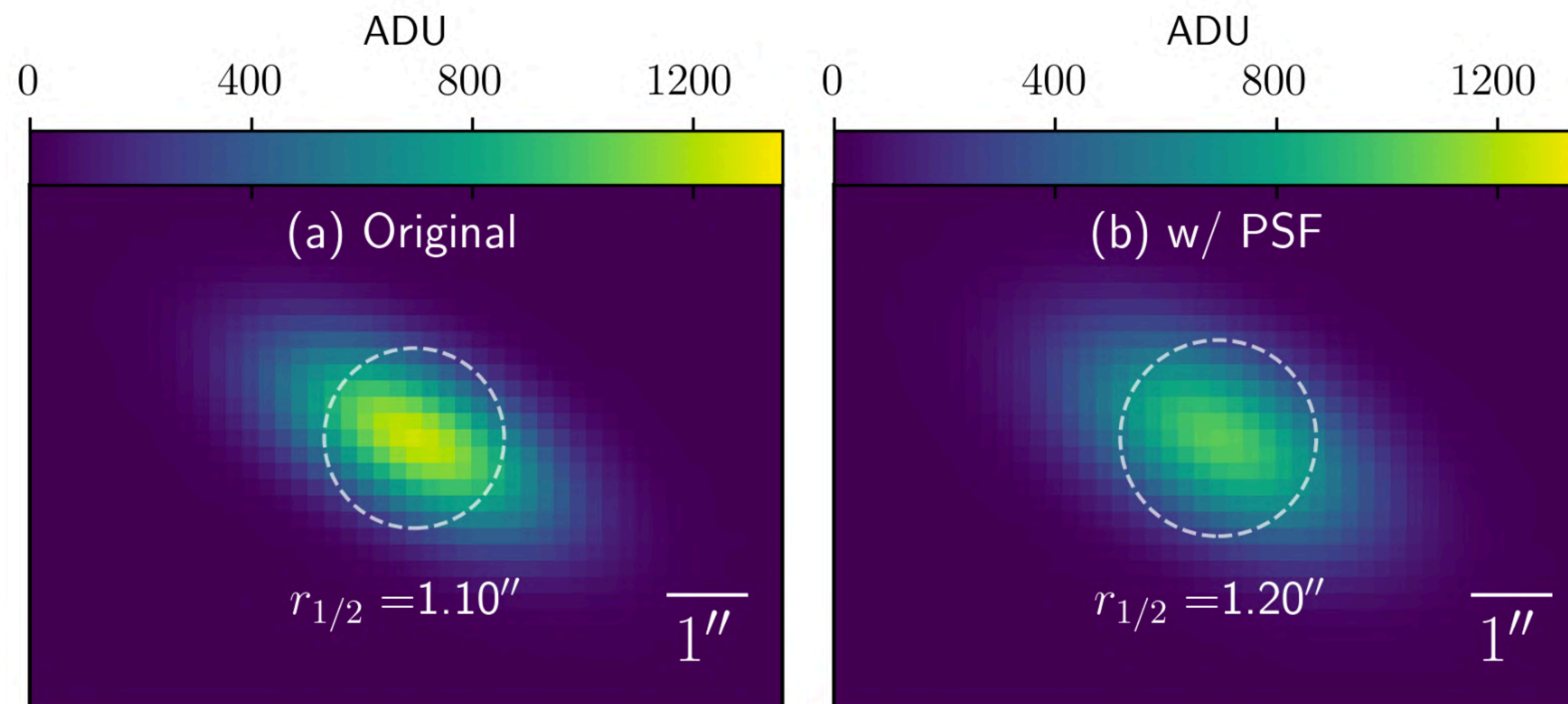
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# Back-up Rubin-LSST



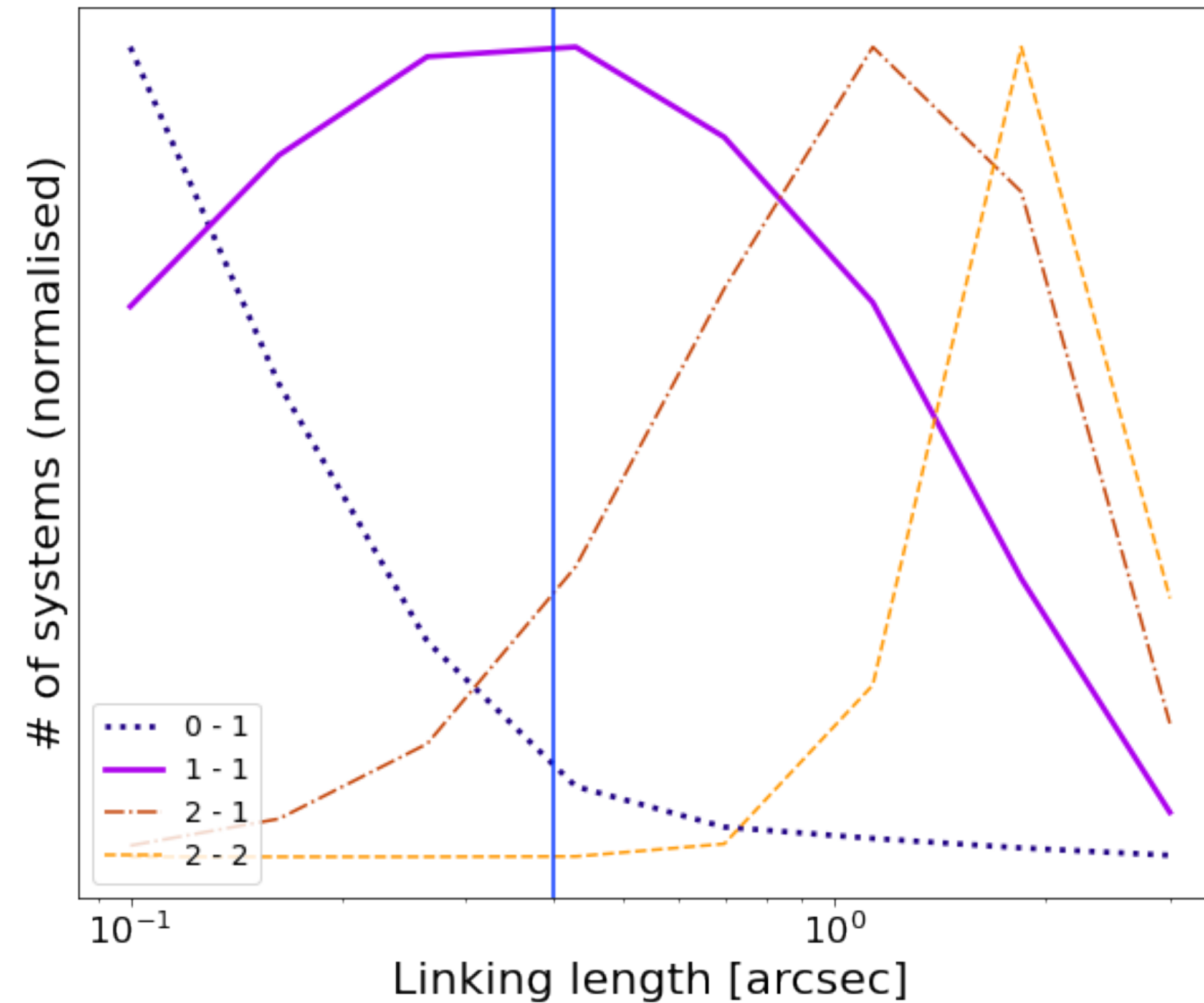
# Back-up Point Spread Function (PSF)



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# Choice of the linking length

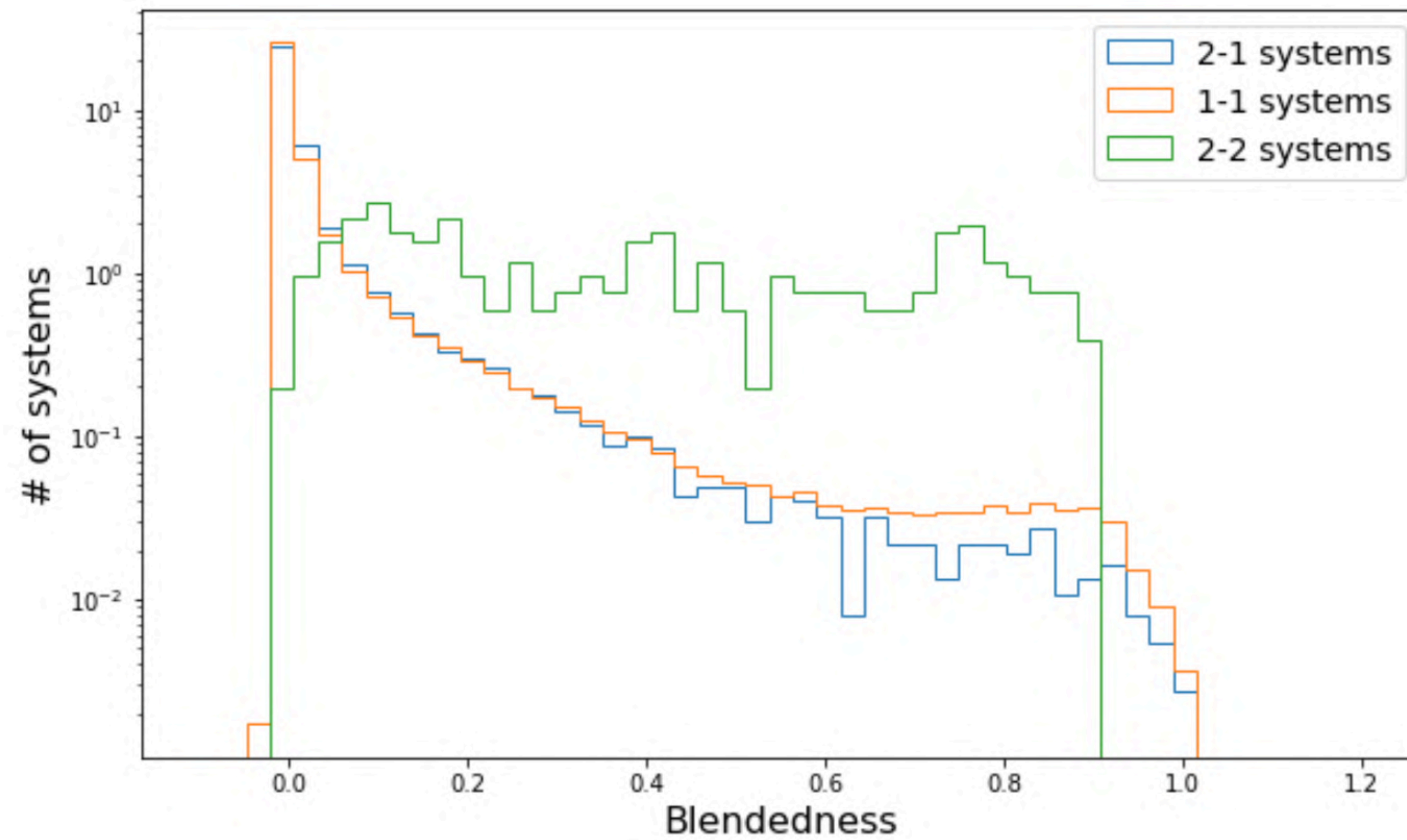
Maximize the 1-1 systems = perfect matches



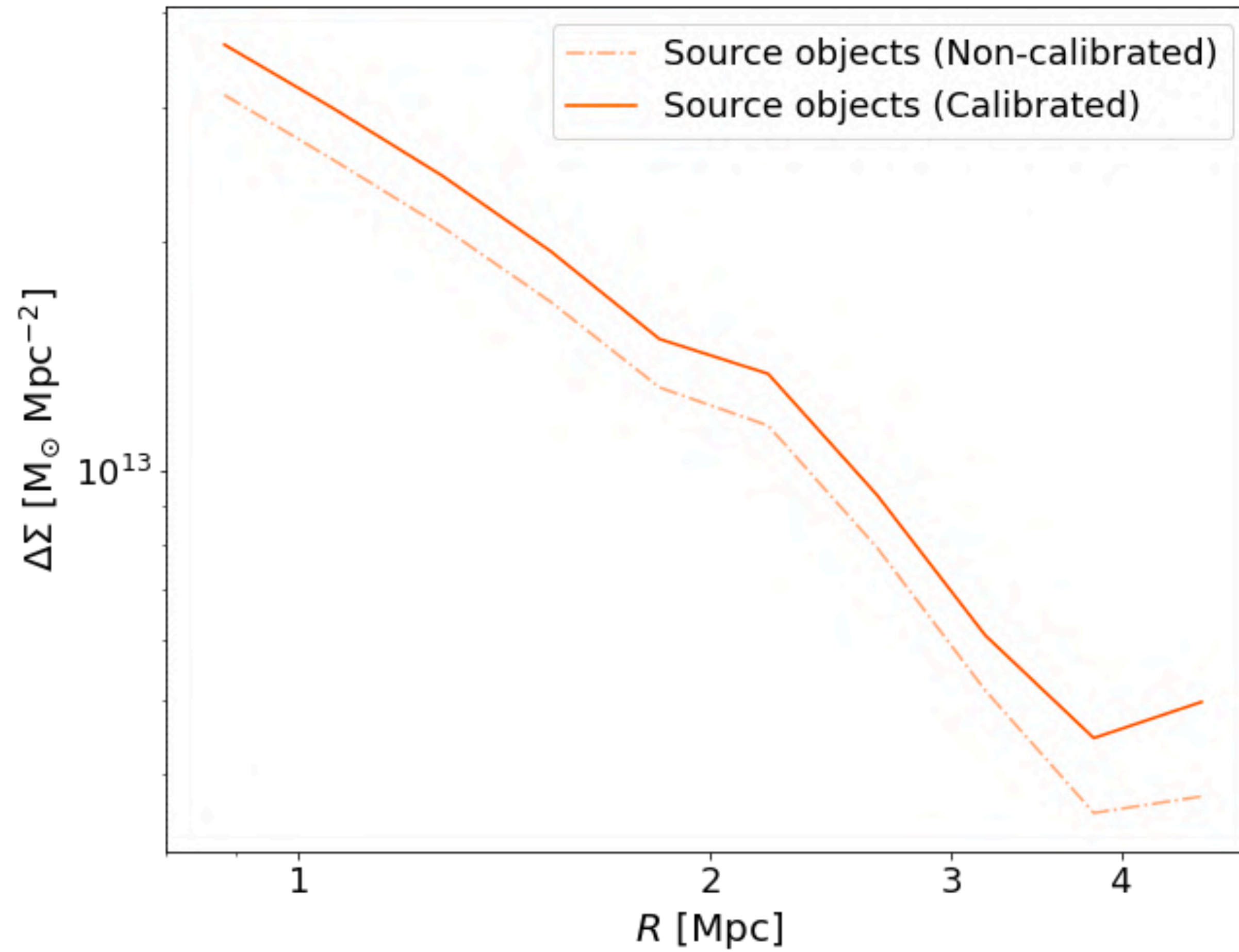
**We choose: 0.4"** (pixel size: 0.2")

- Proportion of unrecognized blends (n-1 systems with n > 1) : **~ 8%**

# Distribution of the blendedness



# Back-up HSM calibration



# Back-up

## Ellipses definition

### cosmoDC2

- Positions  $x_0, y_0$
- Minor/Major axis  $a$  and  $b$
- Position angle  $\theta$
- Convolution with the PSF

### DC2object

- Positions  $x_0, y_0$
- Second moments  $I_{xx}, I_{yy}, I_{xy}$   
converted to  $a, b, \theta$  parameters

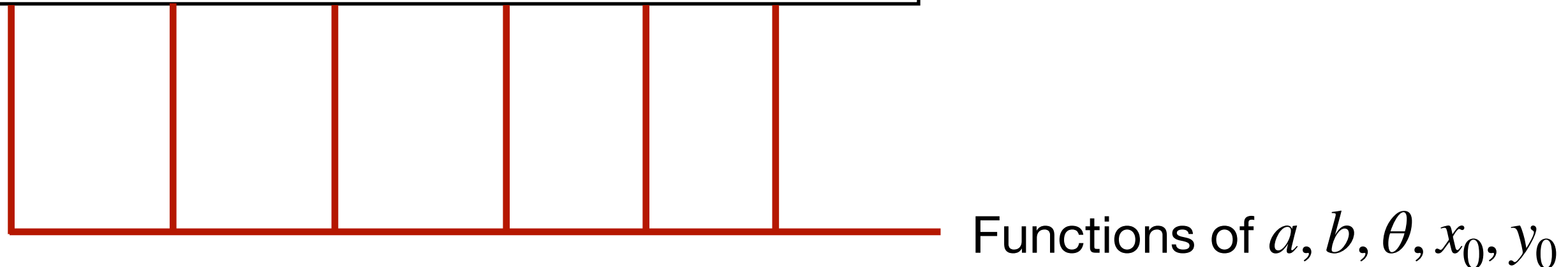
$$\text{General ellipse equation: } Ax^2 + By^2 + Cxy + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

Functions of  $a, b, \theta, x_0, y_0$

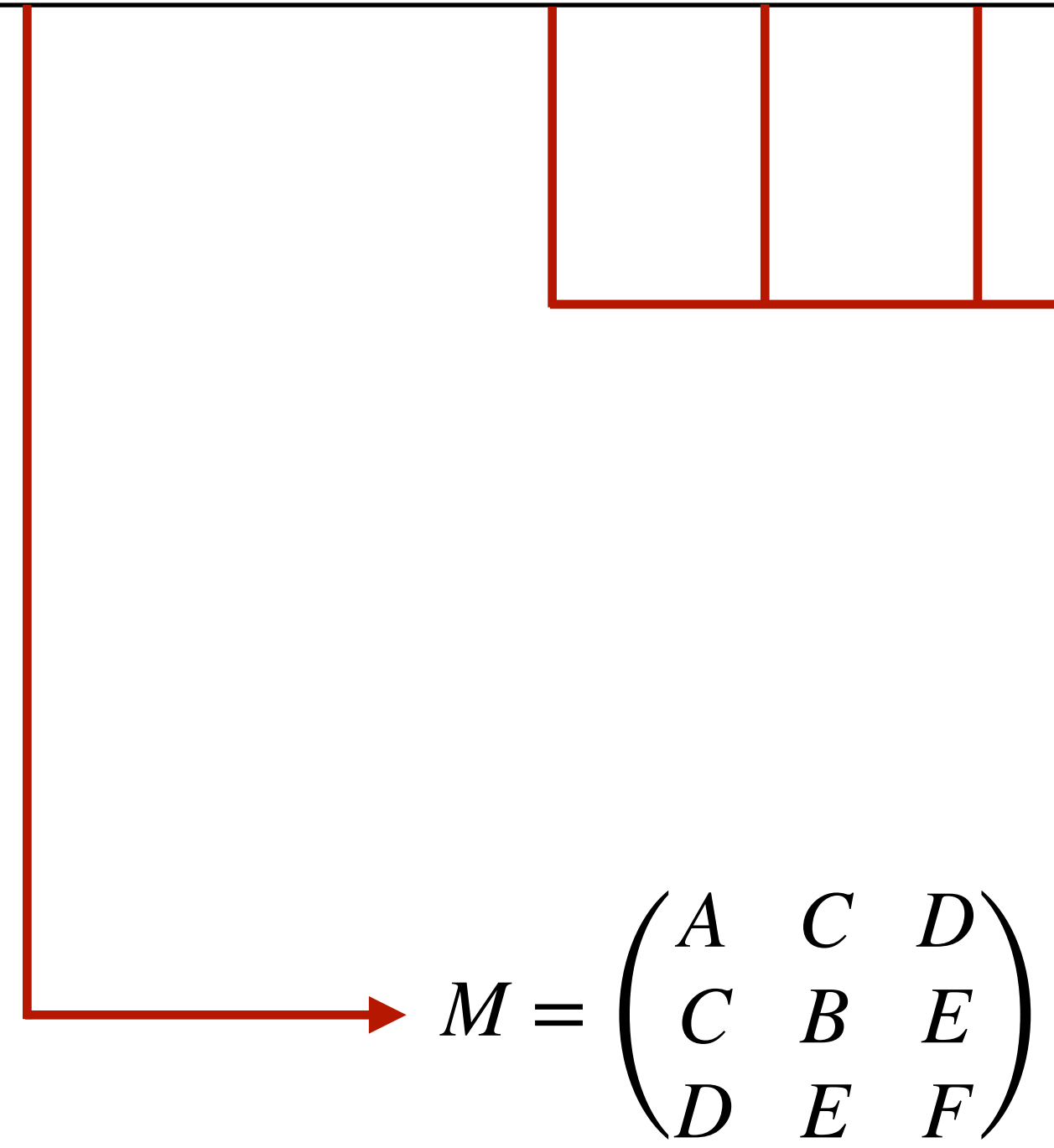
# Ellipticity overlap test

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Determinant computation

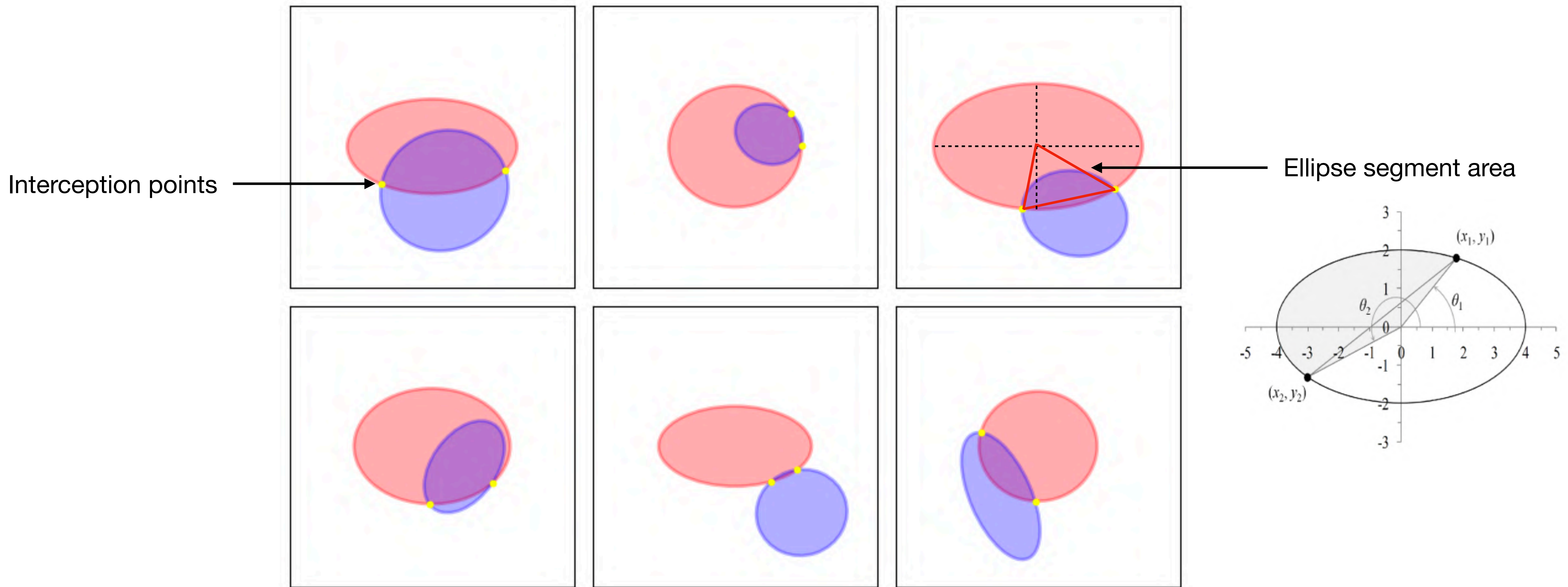


Overlap of 2 ellipses ?

- True
- False



# Absolute overlap fraction

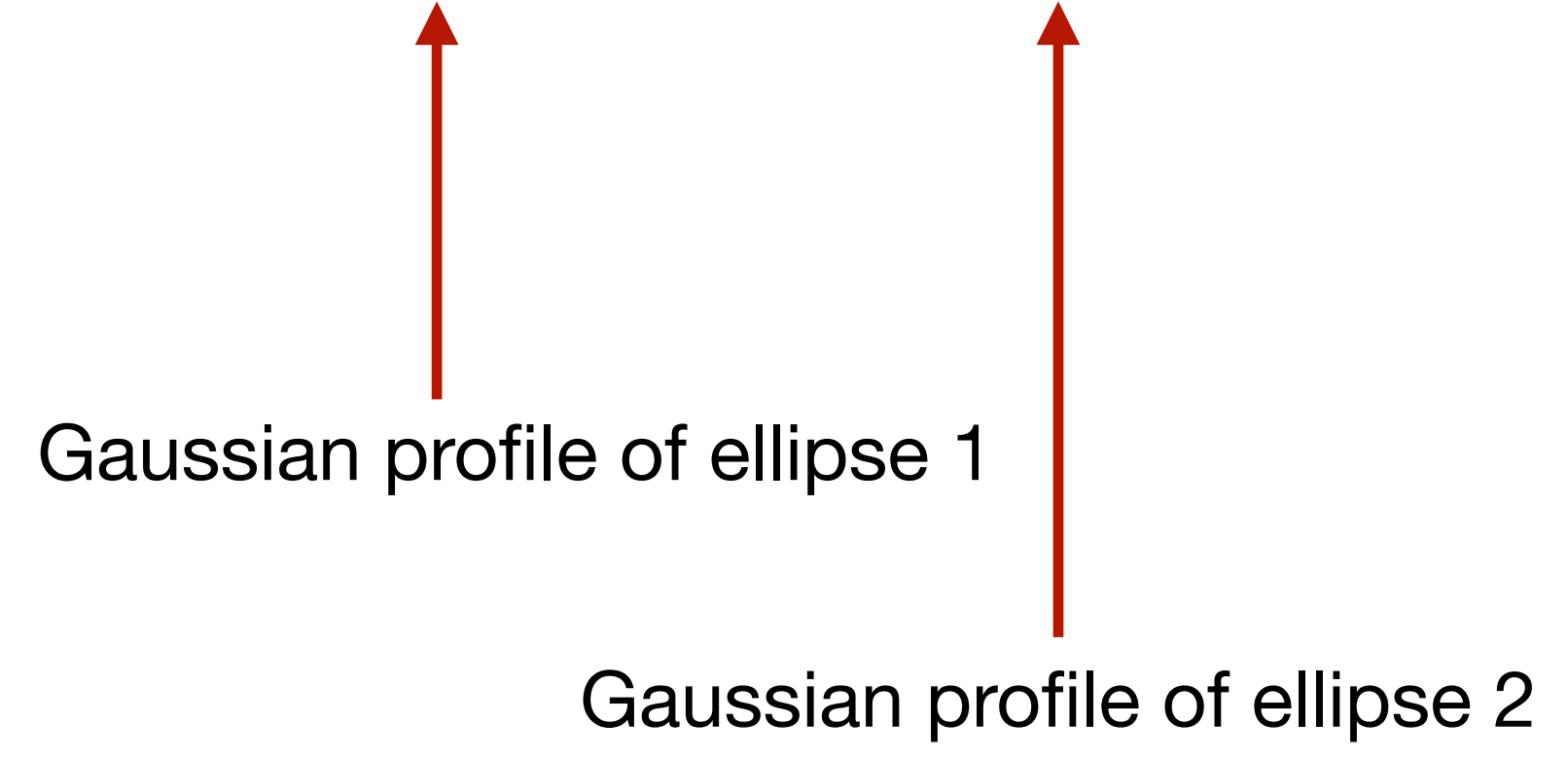


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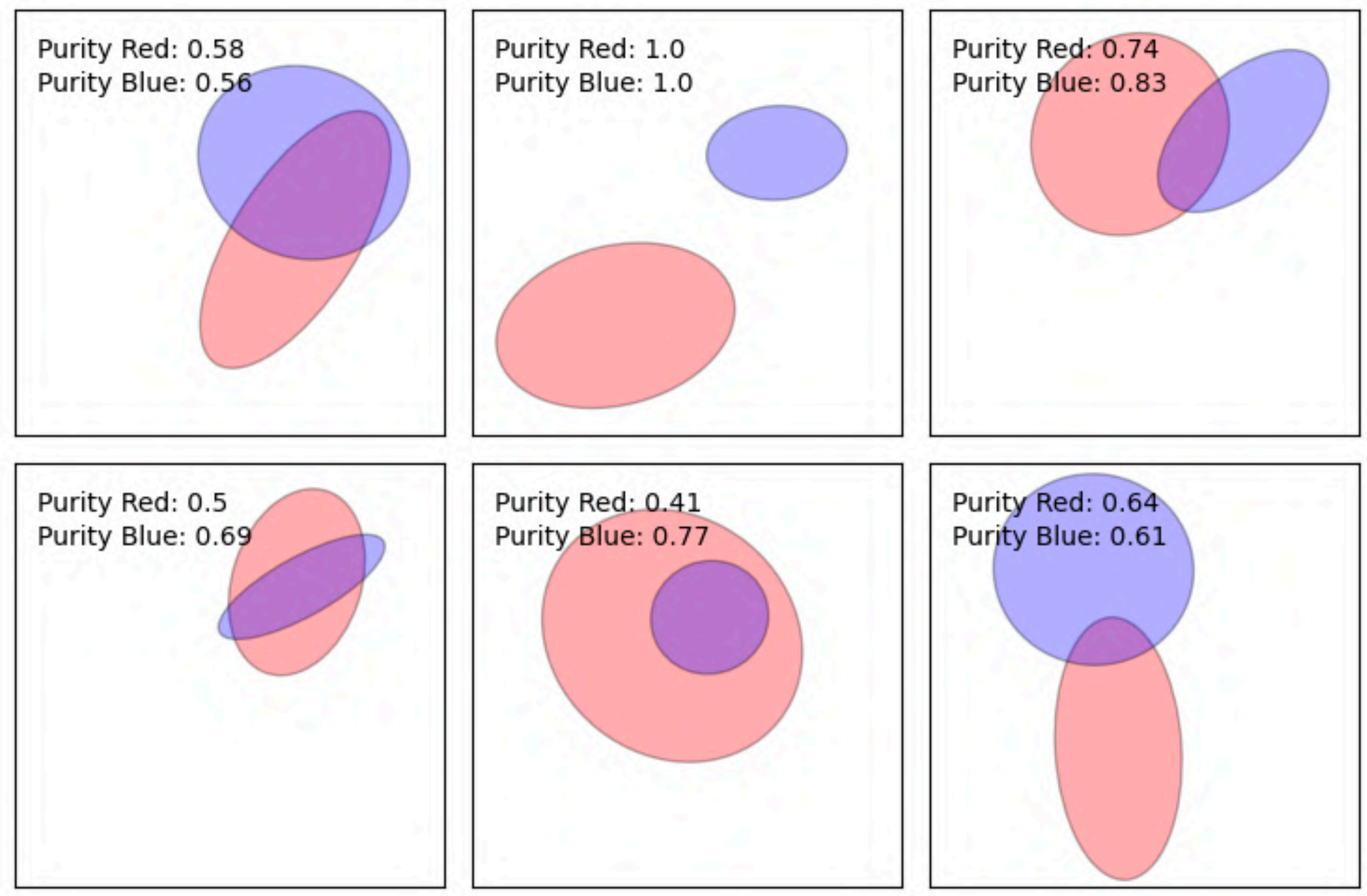
**Purity** of an object = the degree to which it overlaps with other sources

If ellipses 1 and 2 overlap, the purity of ellipse 1 is given as:

$$P_1 = \frac{\int G_1^2(r) dx dy}{\int (G_1^2(r) + G_1(r) \cdot G_2(r)) dx dy}$$



- Purity of 0: Completely blended source
- Purity of 1: Isolated source



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# Unrecognized blends and $\Delta\Sigma$ profiles

