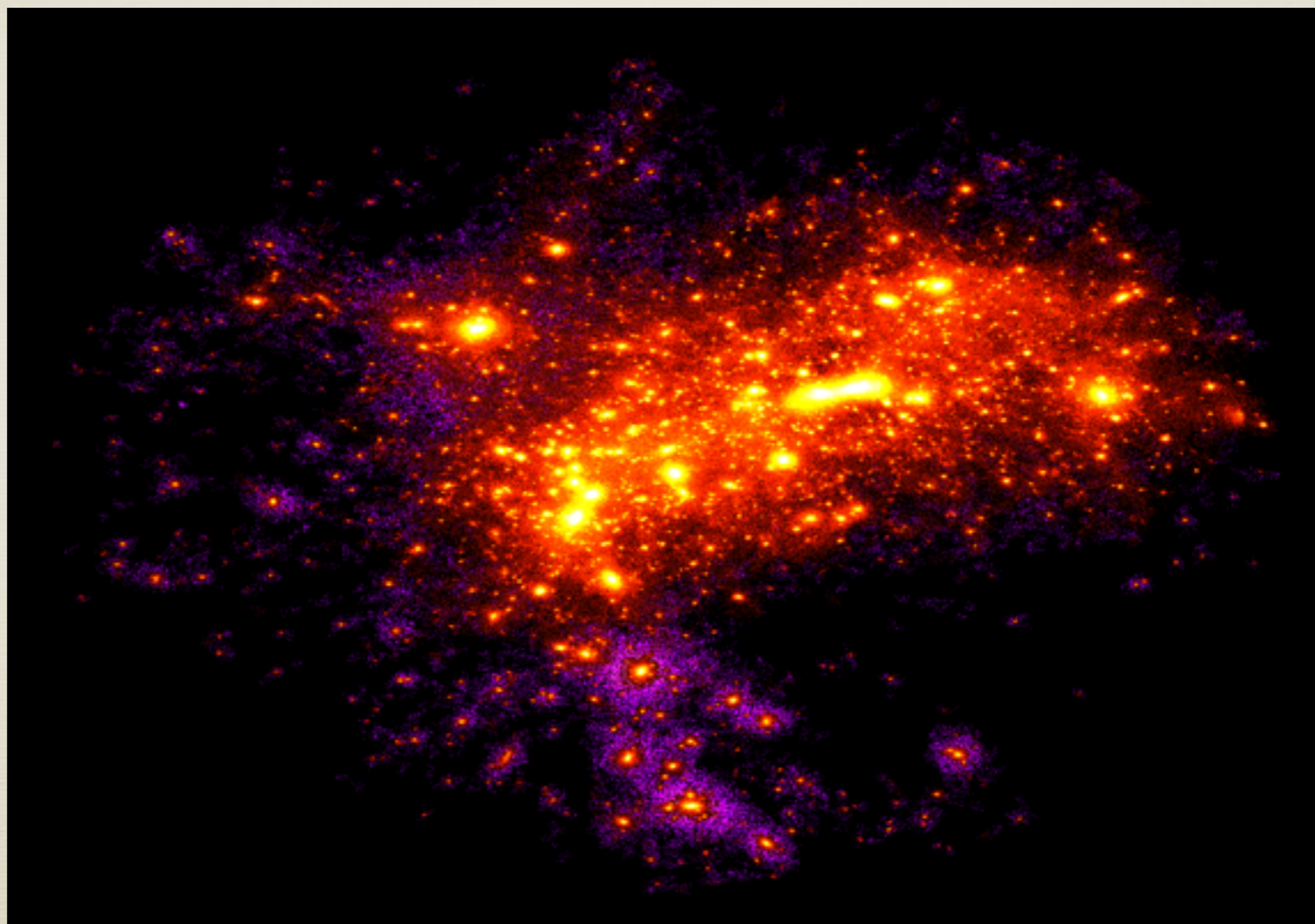


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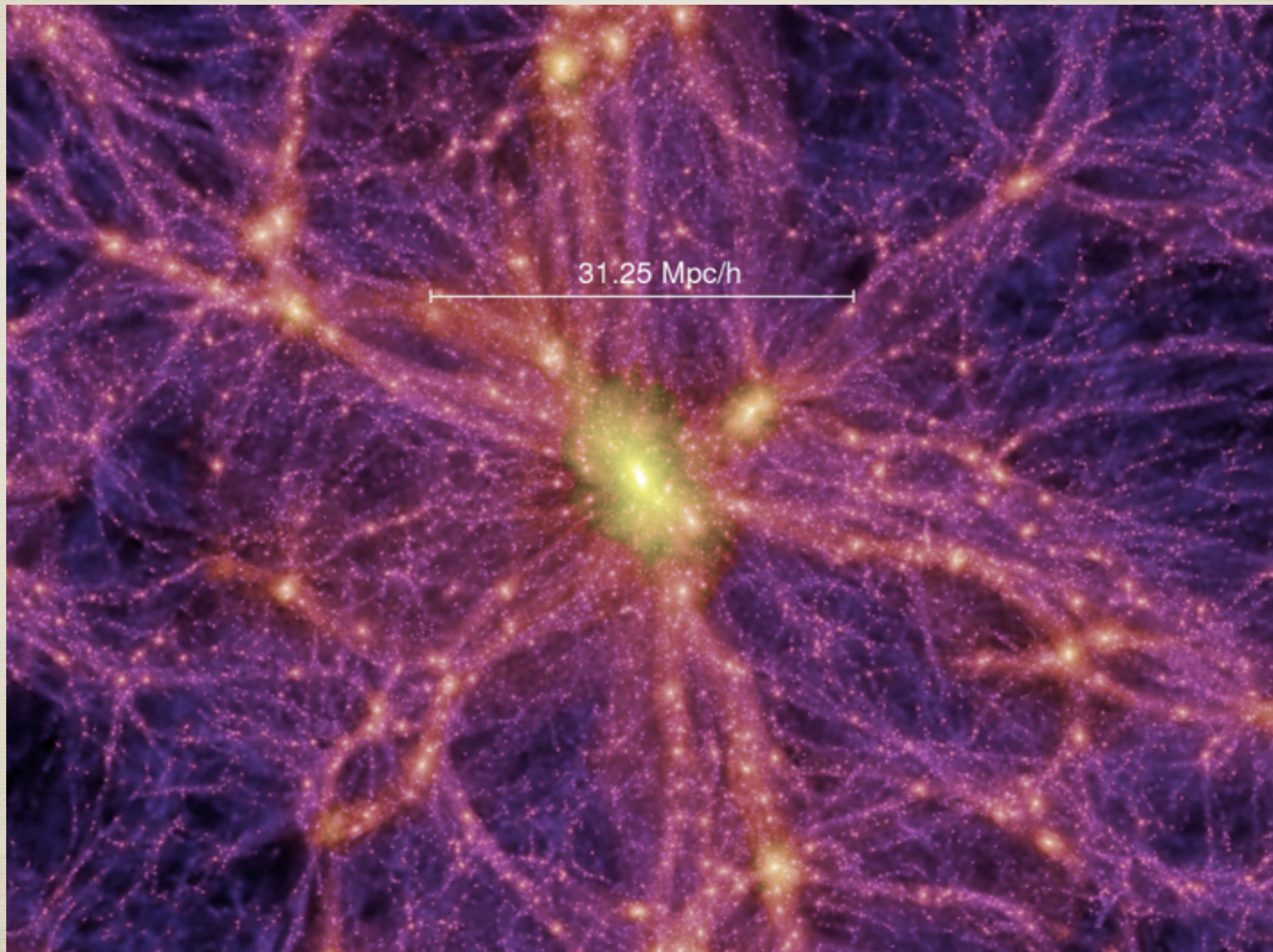
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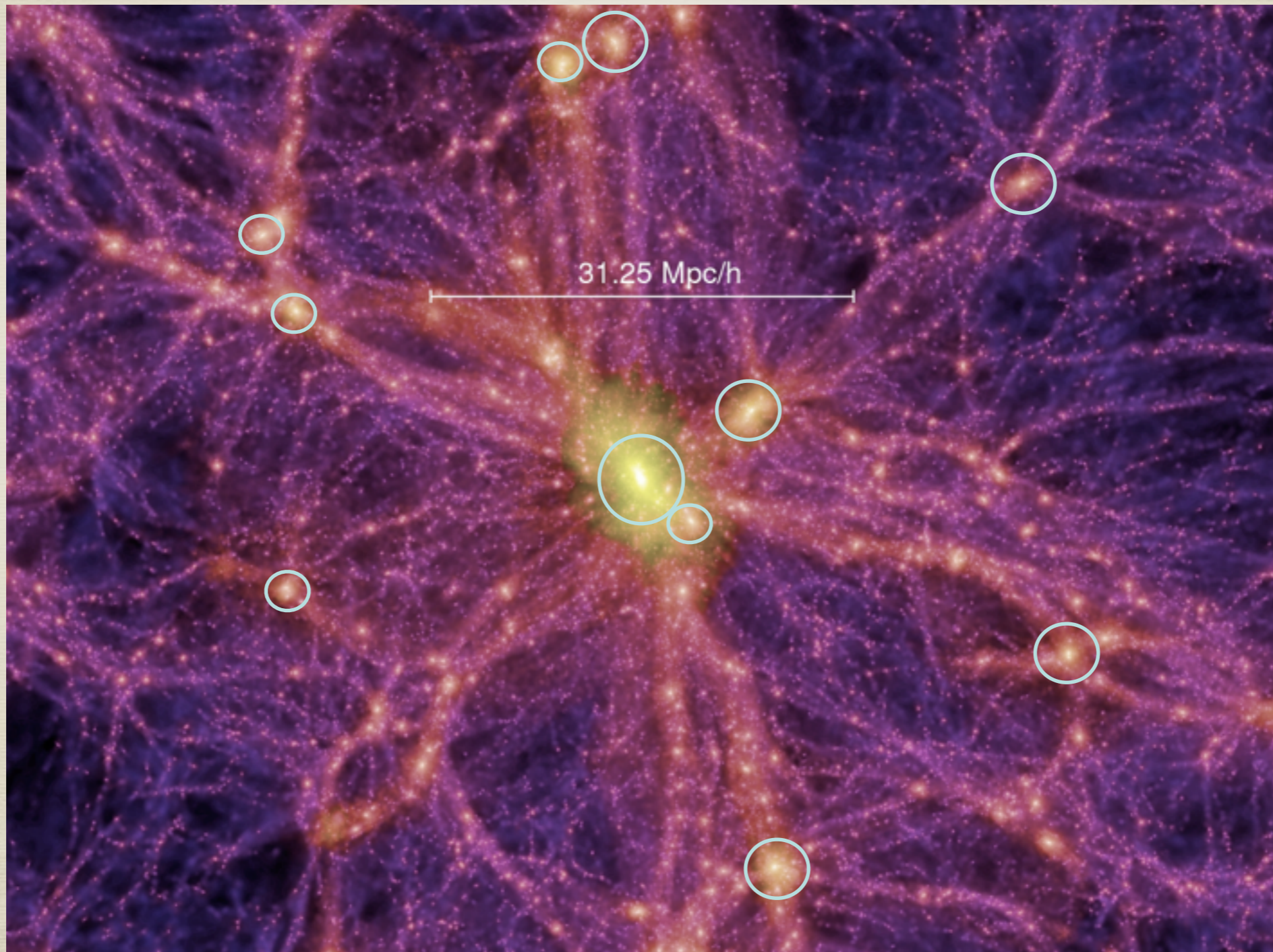
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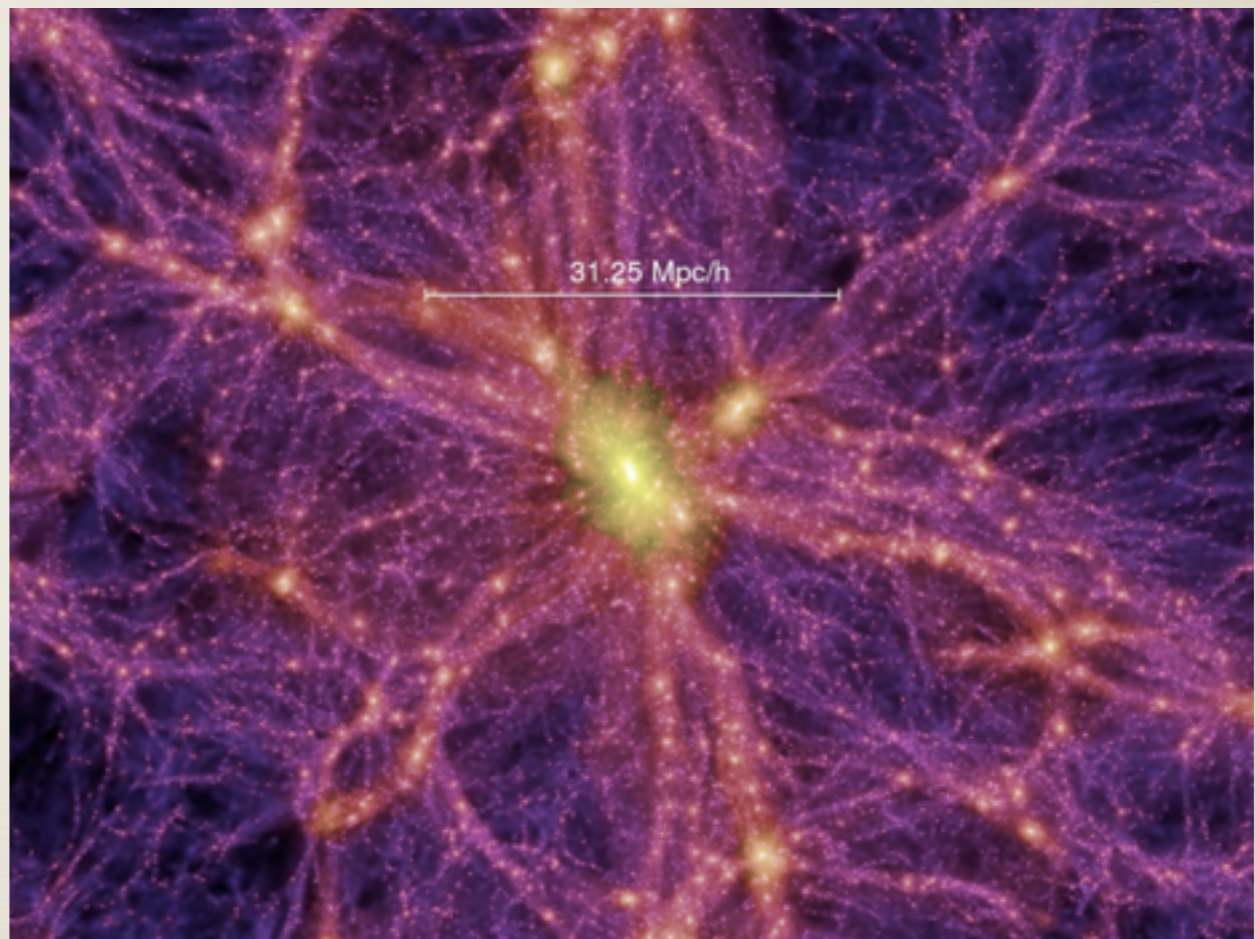
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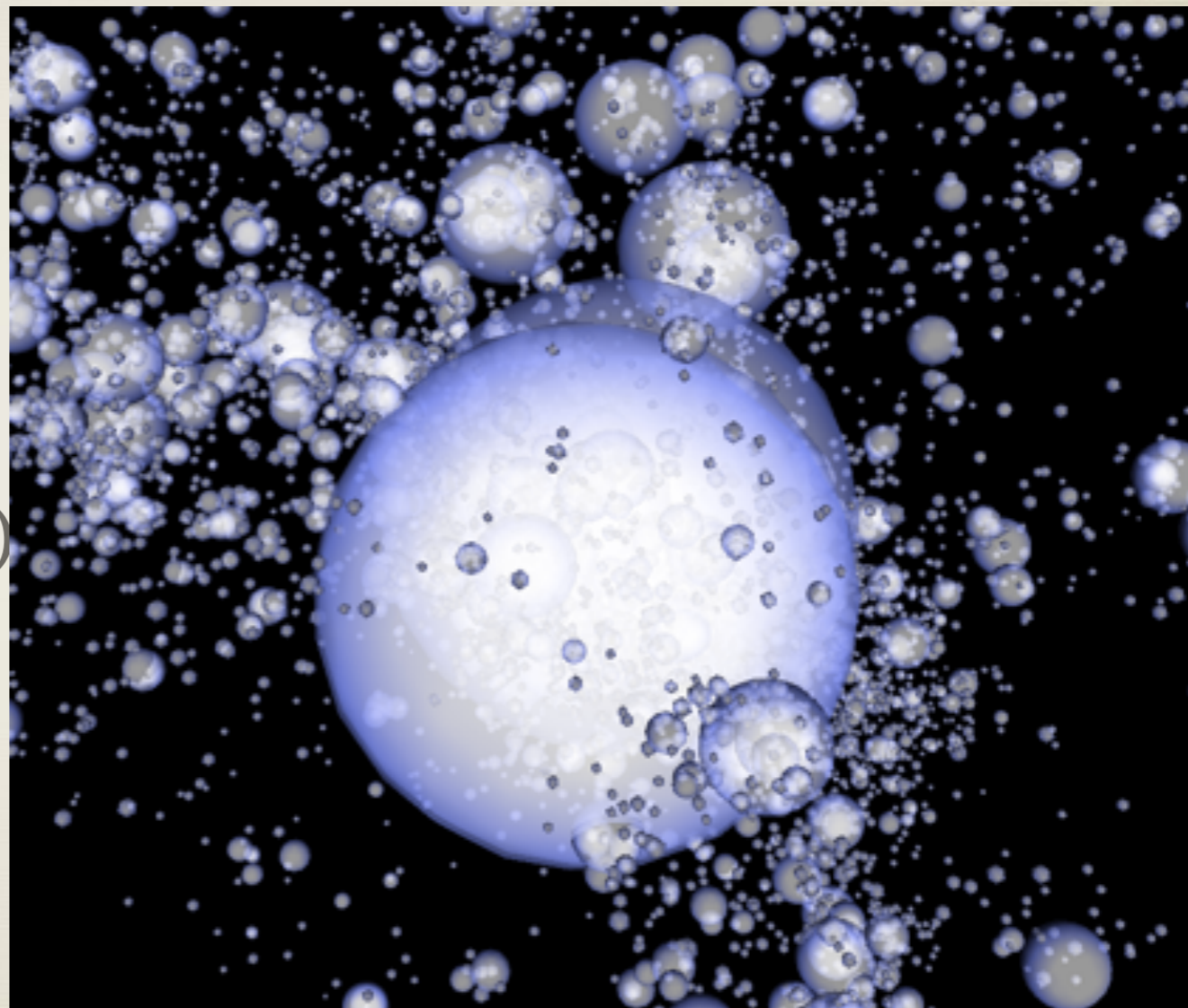
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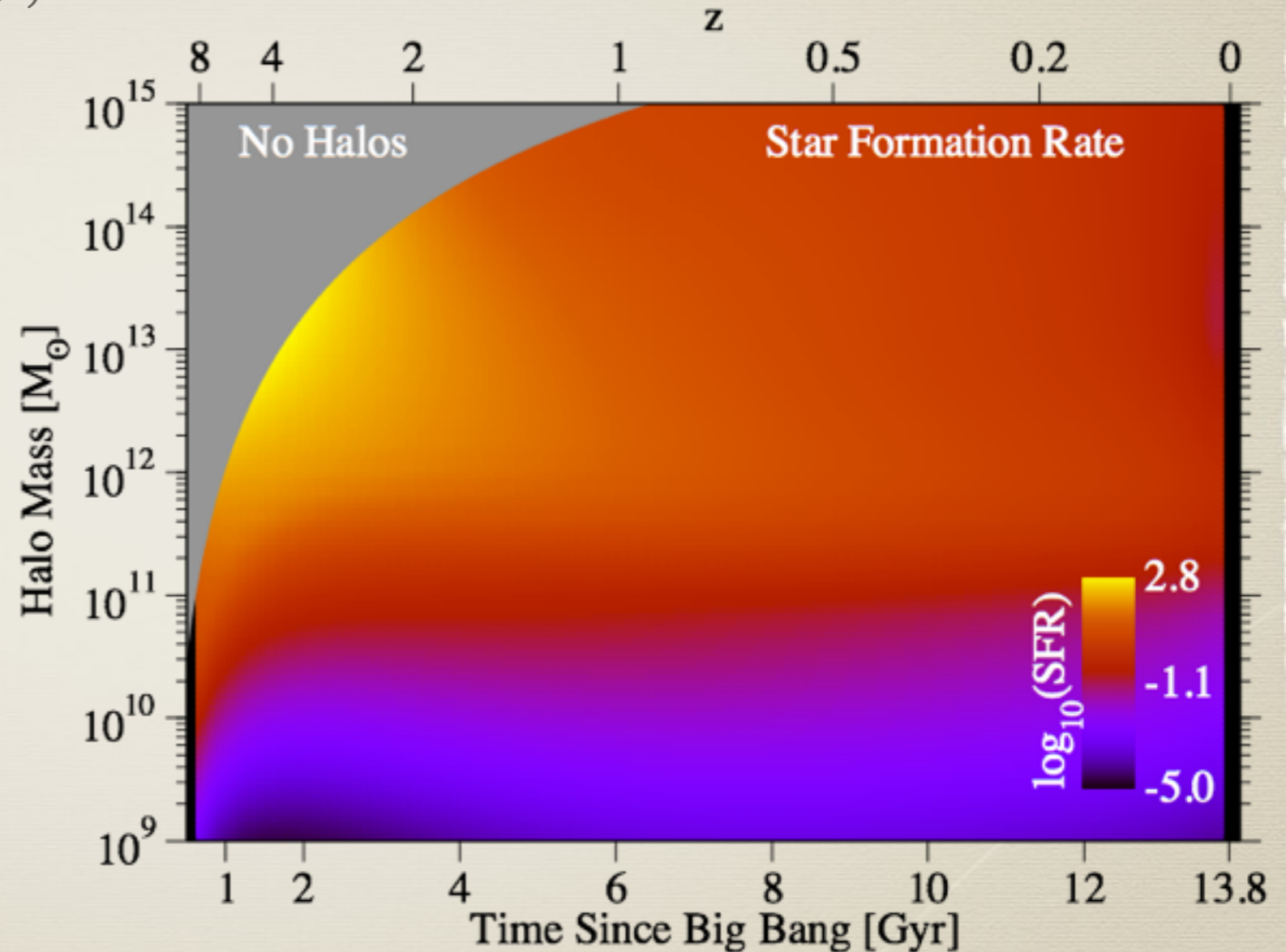
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Credit: M101, Robert Gendler

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**Gas (Cold and Hot)**

Popping, PB+ (2015)

**Metals / Outflows**

Peeples, PB+ (prep.)

**Quenching**

PB, Zhu+ (2015)

**Black Hole Growth**

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**BH Merger Rates**

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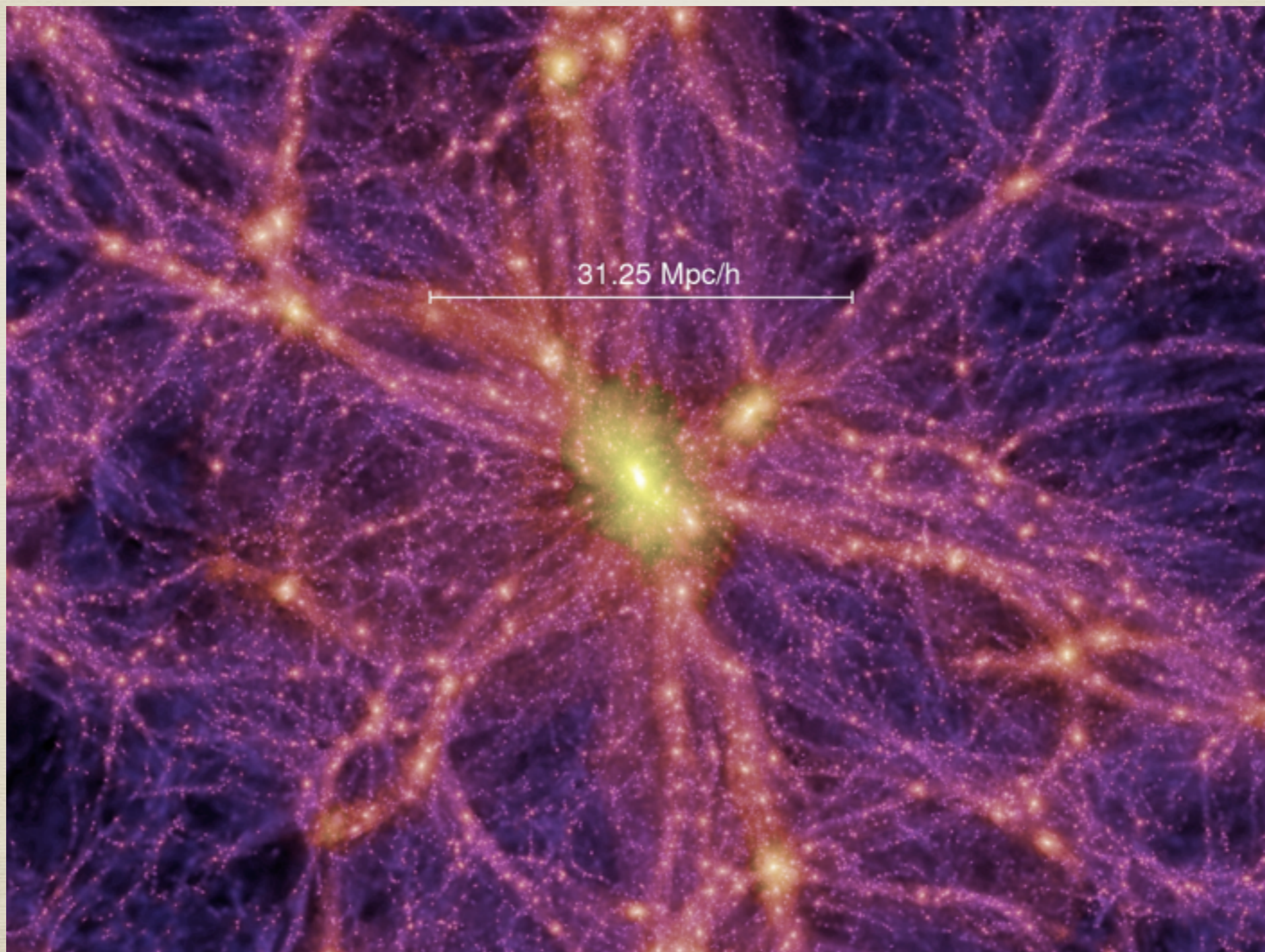
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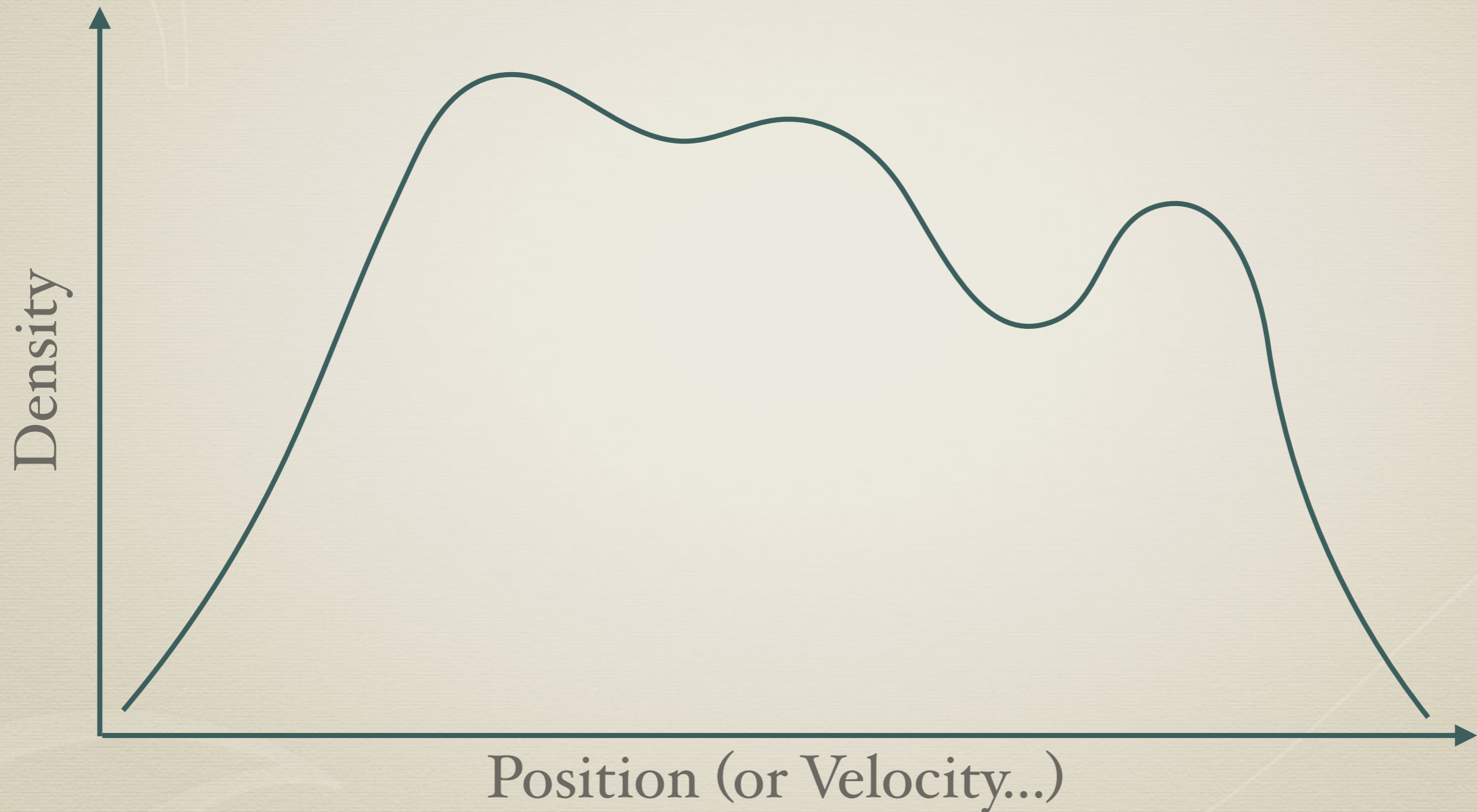
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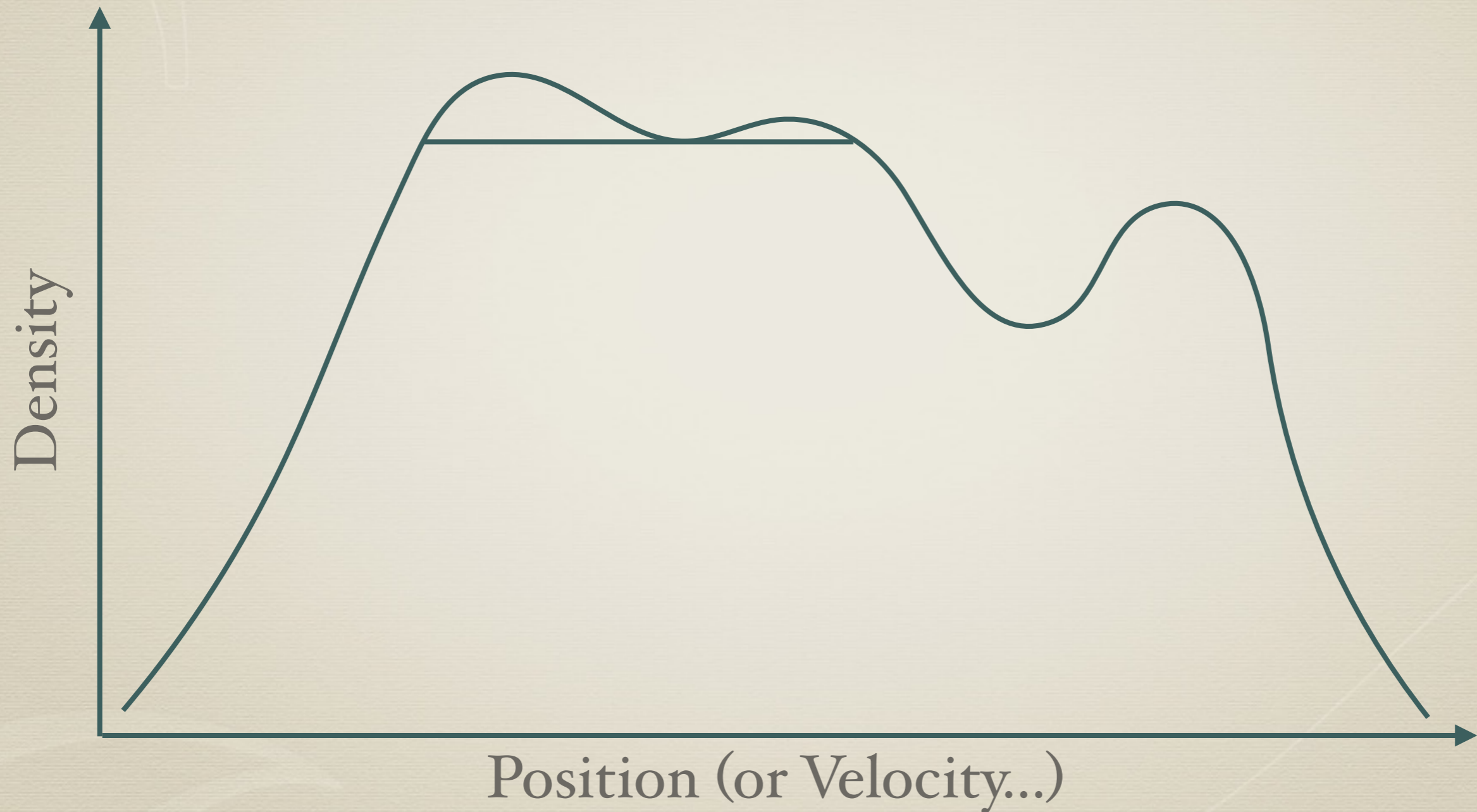


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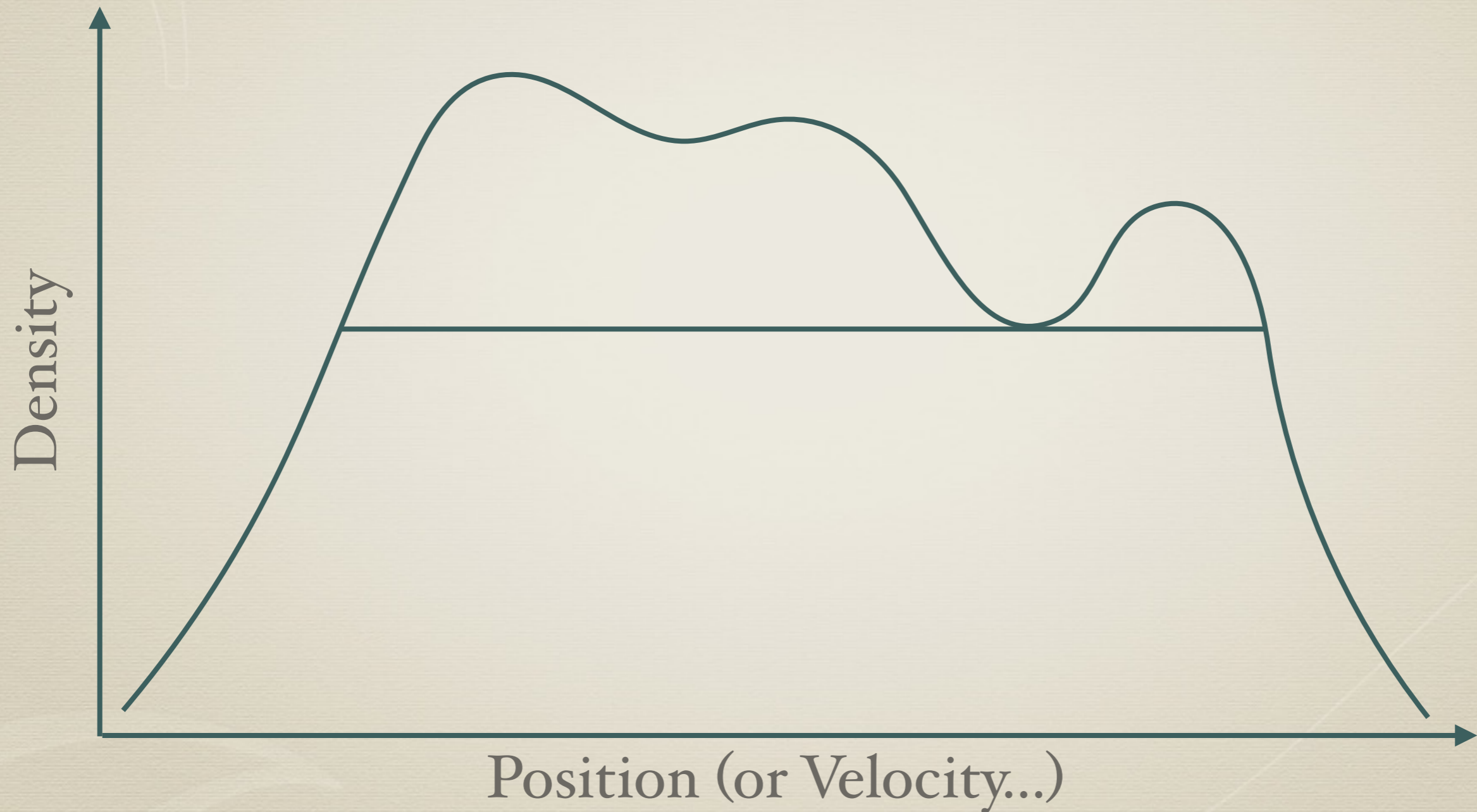
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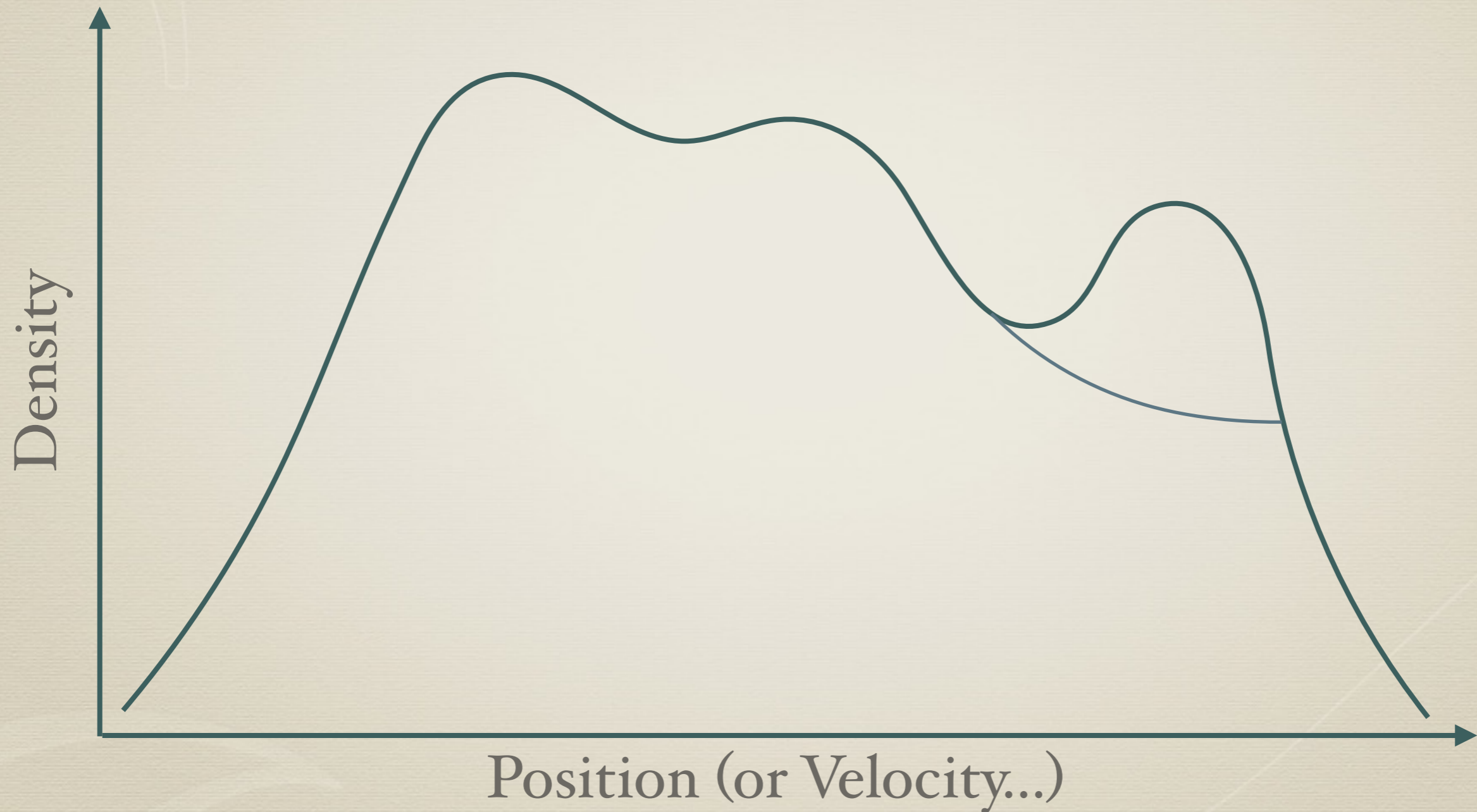
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# Rockstar

Robust Overdensity Calculation using K-Space Topologically Adaptive Refinement

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Freely Available

<http://www.peterbehroozi.com/code.html>

Fast, Memory Efficient

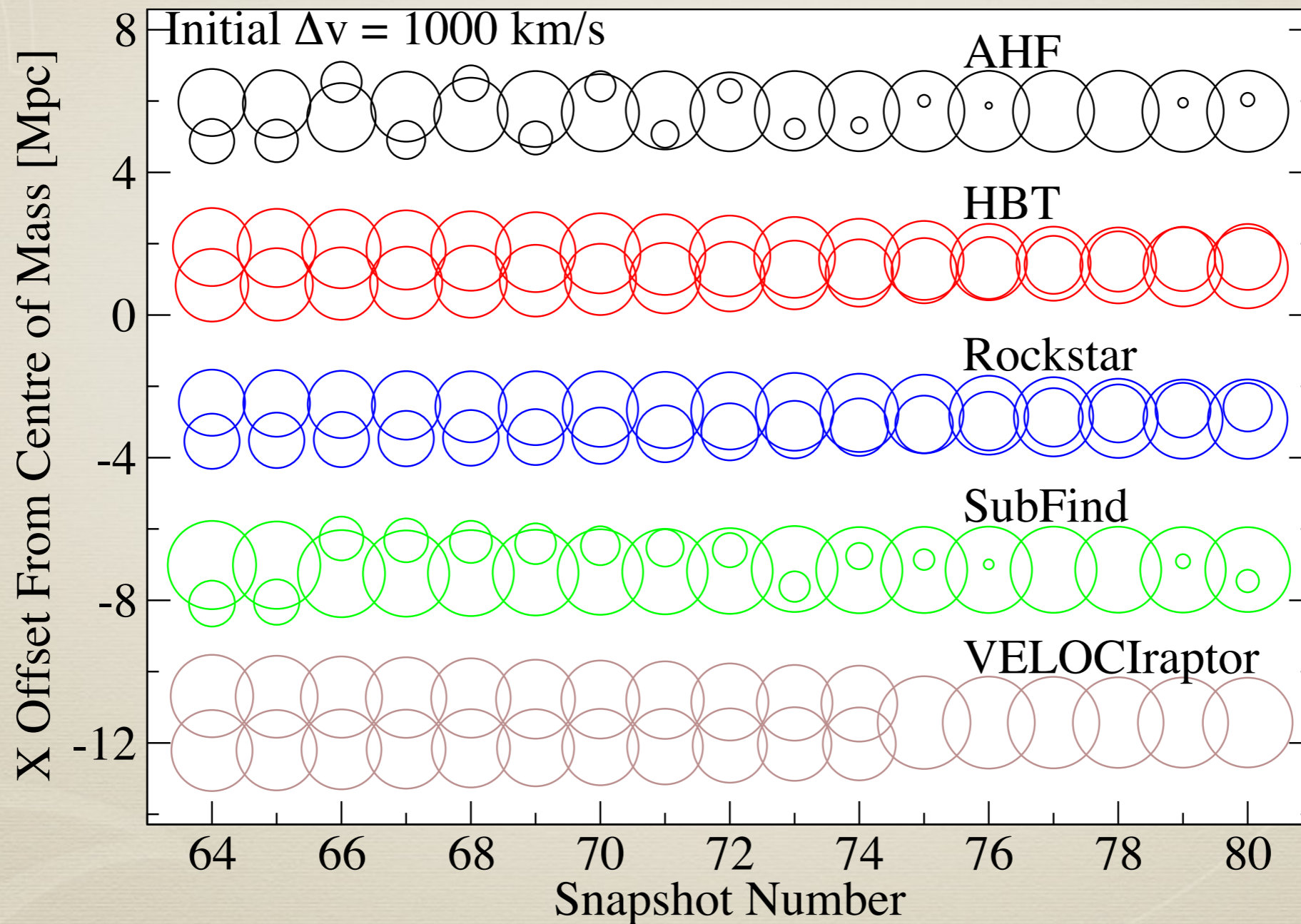
Small fraction of simulation runtime; massively parallel

Phase Space+Time (7D), Accurate & Consistent Recovery

PB, Wechsler, Wu (2013)

Knebe+ (2011, 2013), Onions+ (2012,2013), Srisawat+ (2013), ...

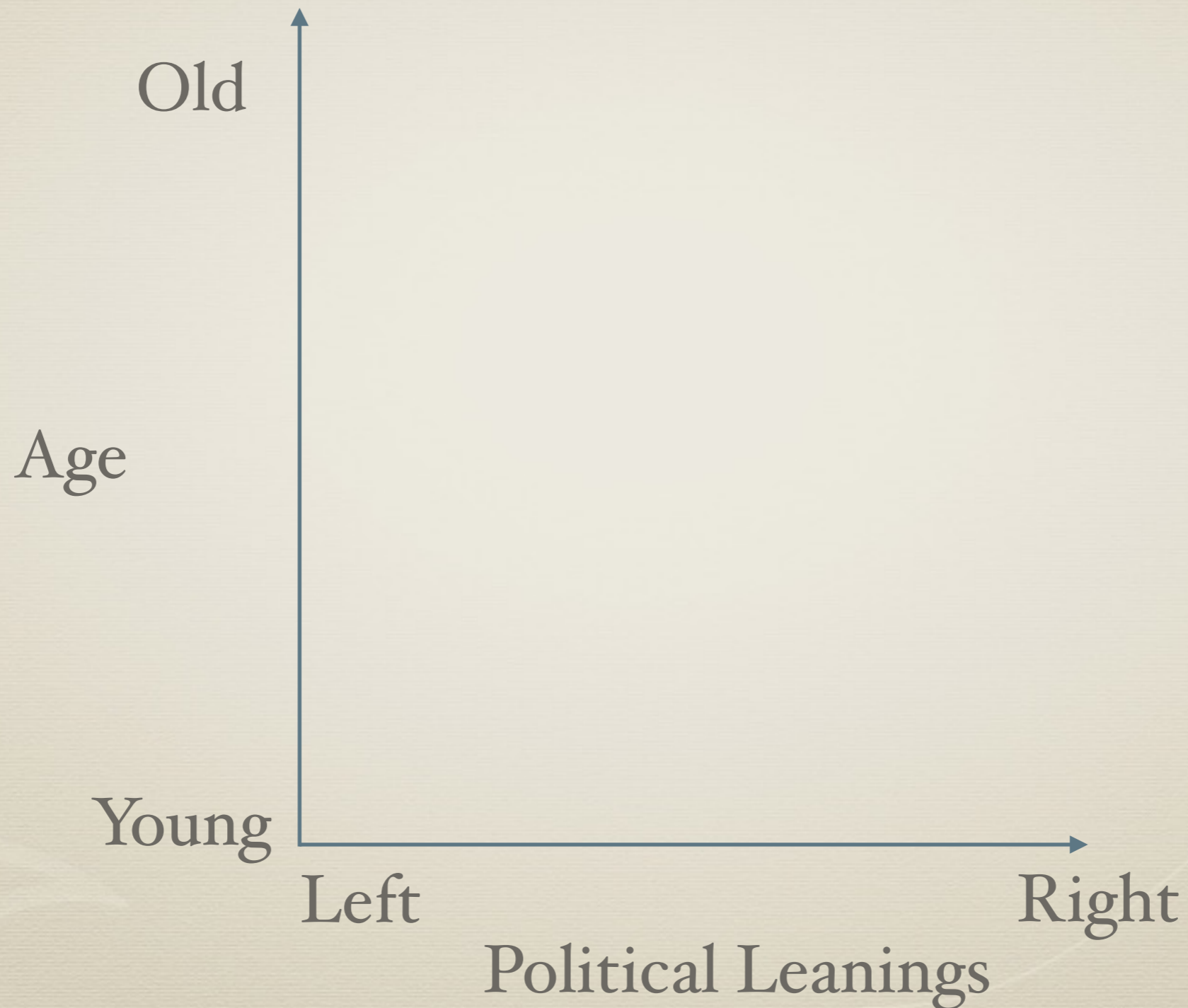
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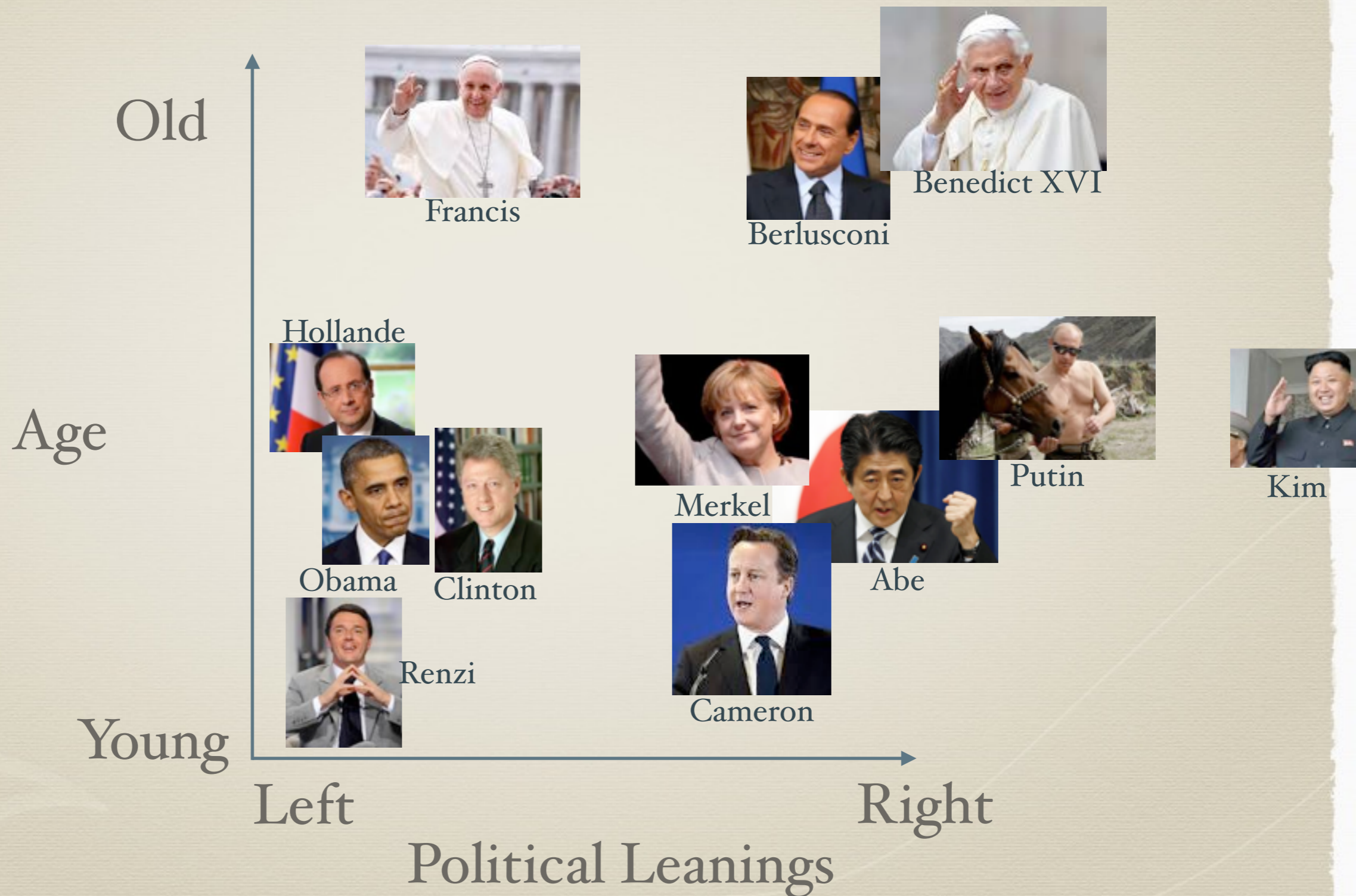
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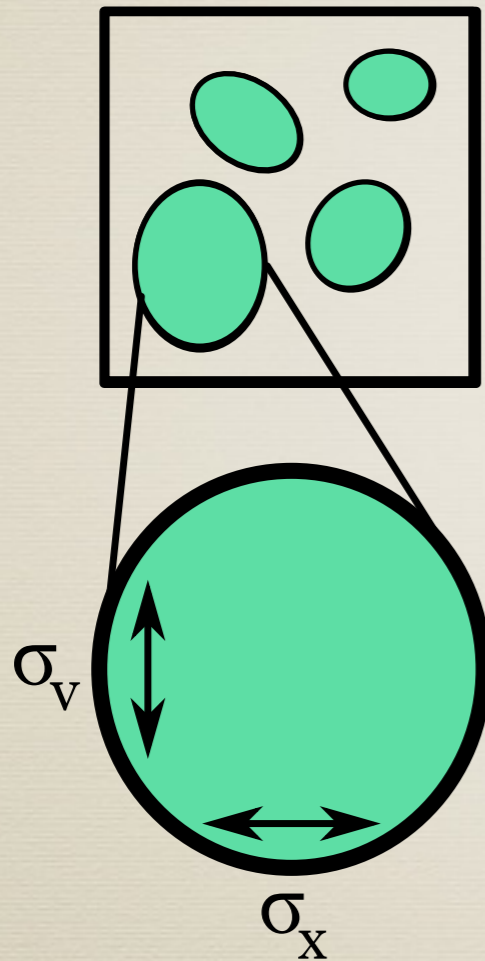


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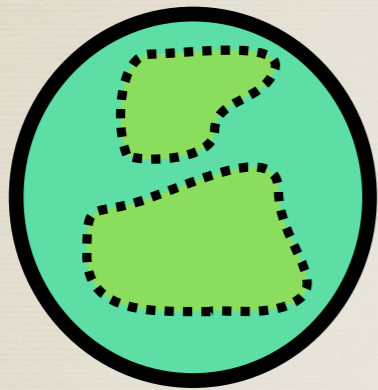


The simulation is divided into FOFs for easy parallelization.

For each group, particle positions and velocities are normalized by the group position and velocity dispersions, giving a natural phase-space metric.

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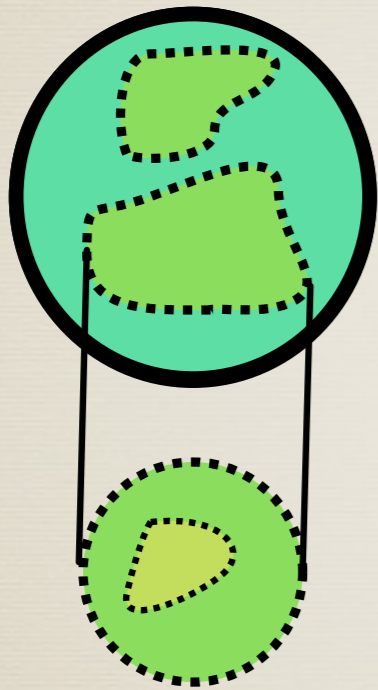
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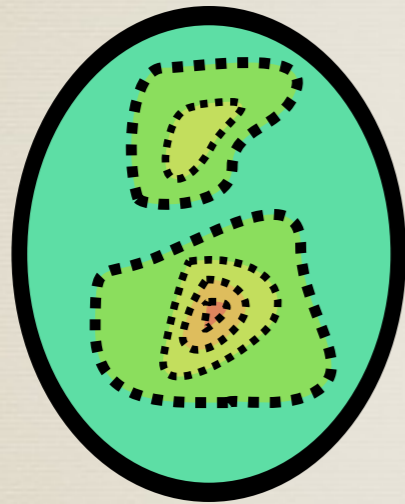


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The process repeats for each subgroup: renormalization, a new linking length, and a new substructure level calculated.

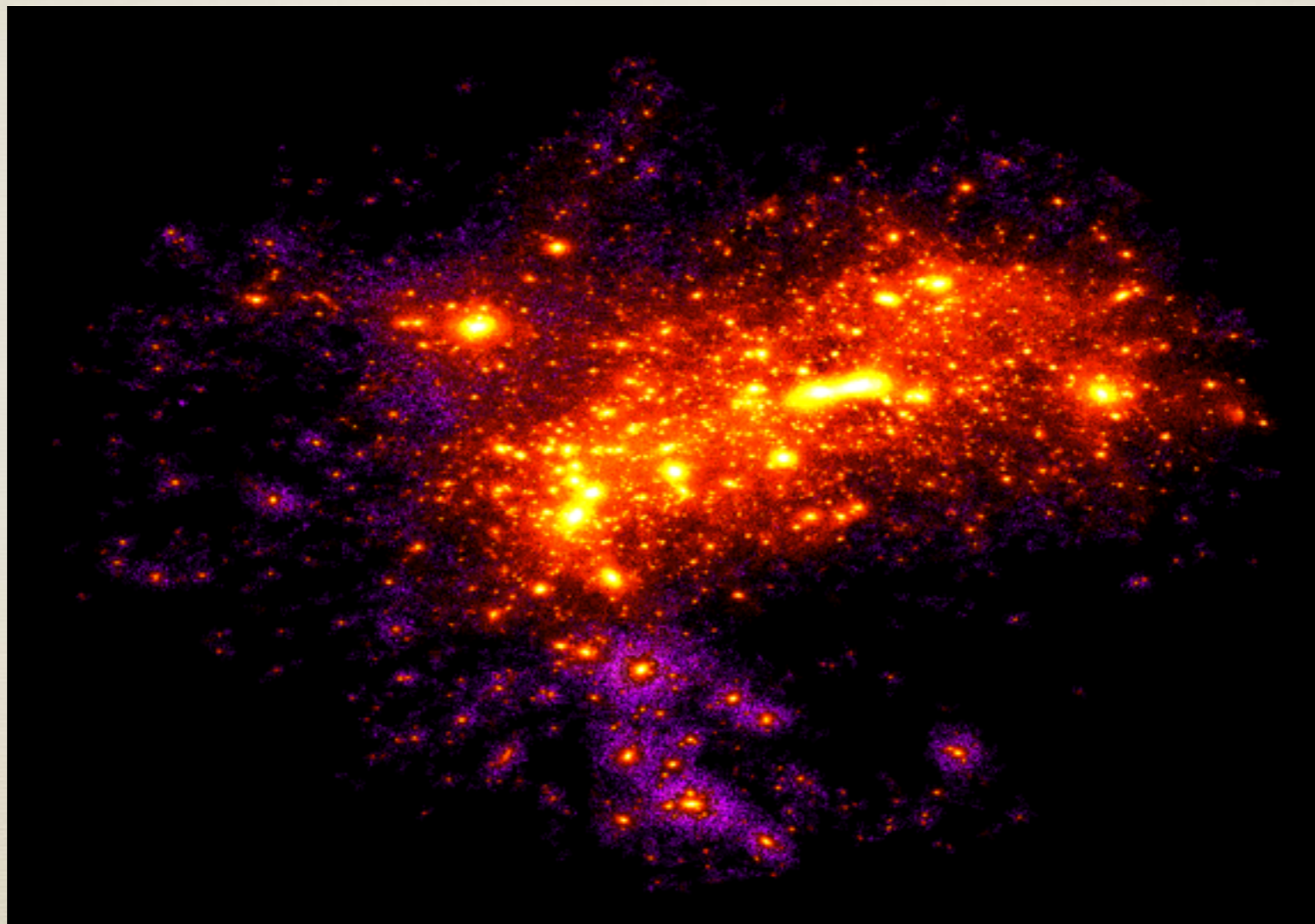
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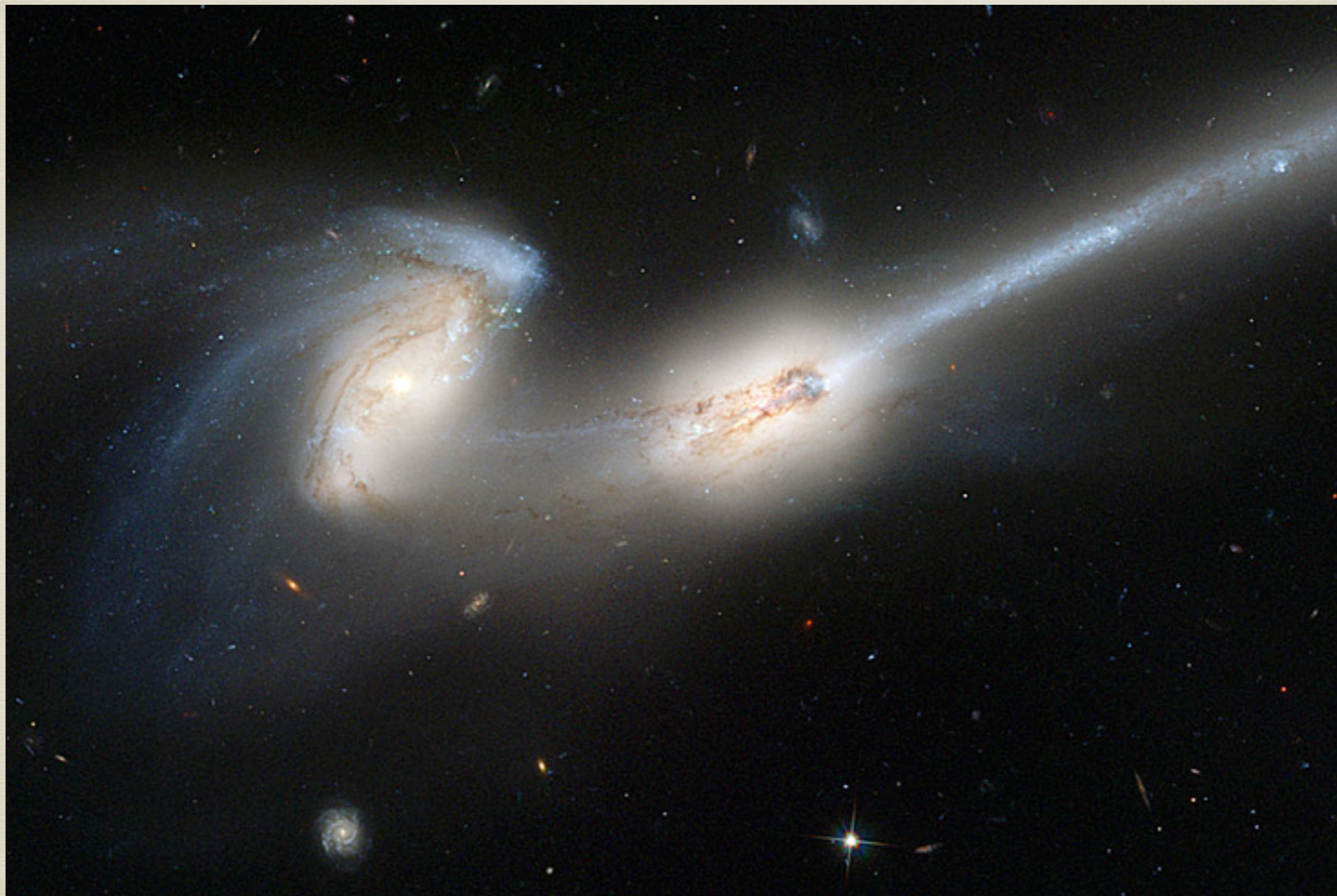
Once all levels of substructure are found, seed halos are placed at the deepest substructure levels and particles are assigned hierarchically to the closest seed halo in phase space.

# How does it work?



Behroozi, Wechsler, Wu (2013)

# Next Frontier



Credit: NGC 4676; NASA, H. Ford (JHU), G. Illingworth (UCSC/LO), M. Clampin (STScI),  
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## Automated Classification of Galaxies in Simulations



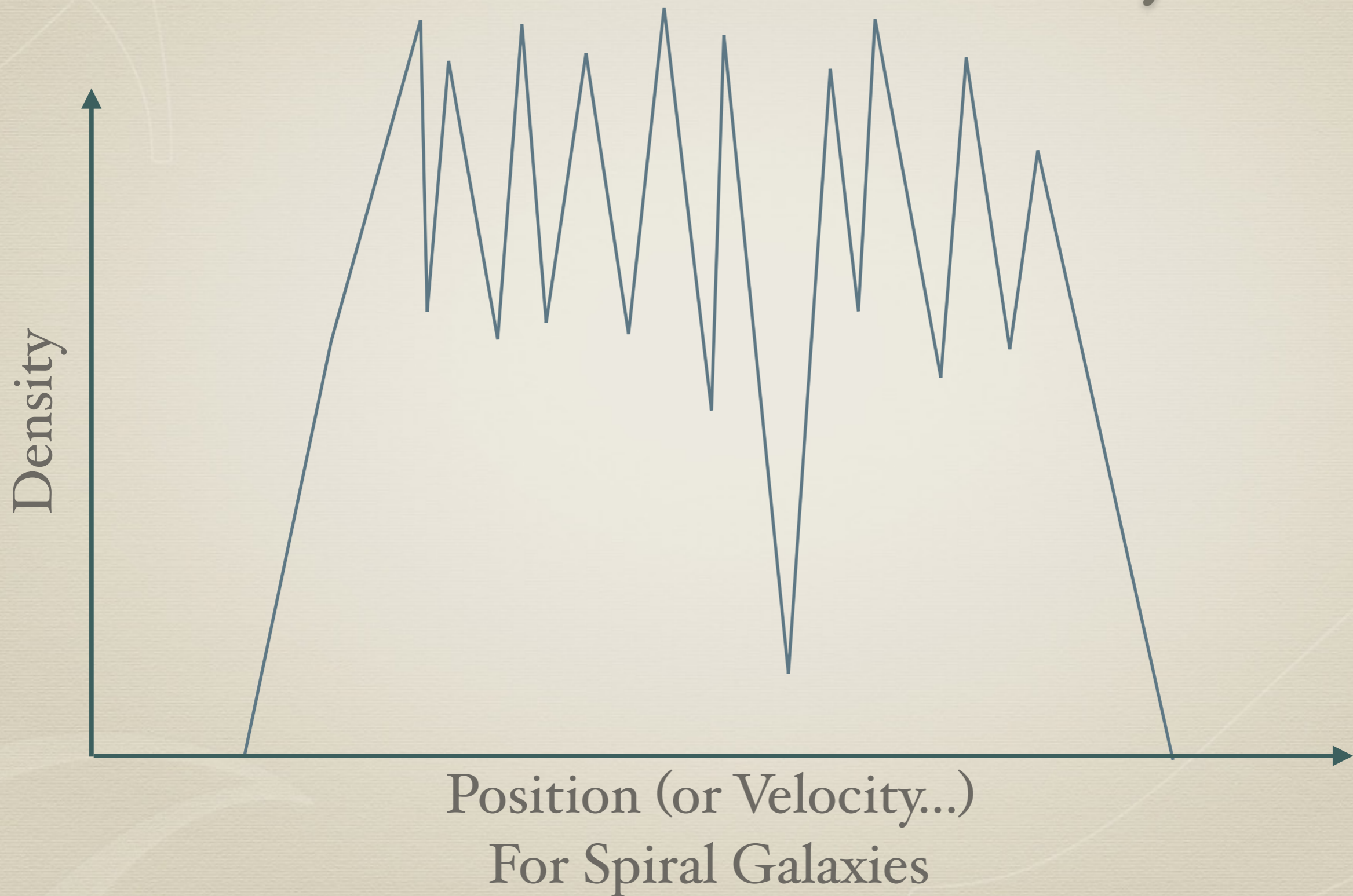
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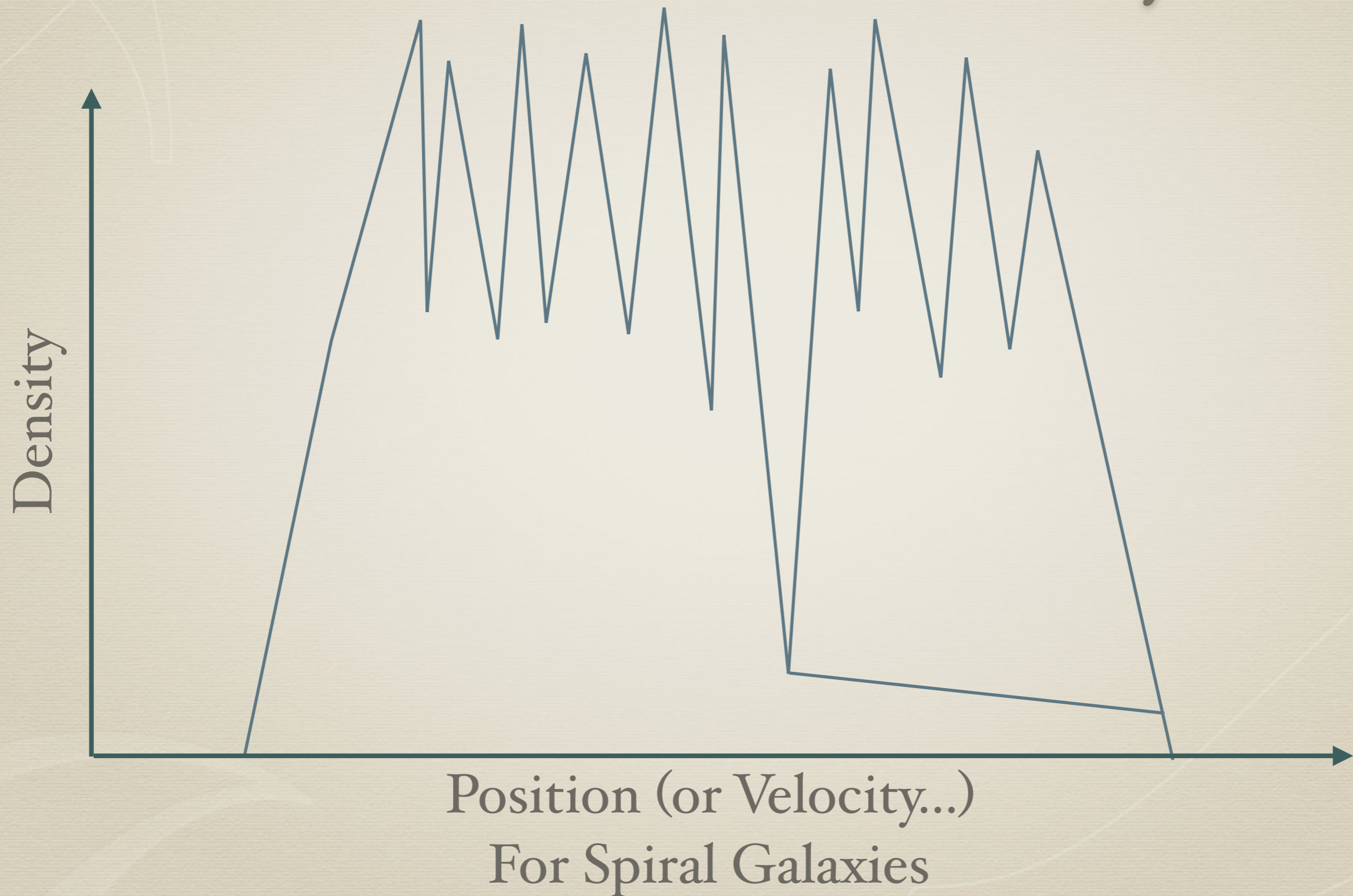
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# Summary

Using Position + Velocity information improves stability of halo classification

Rockstar Algorithm can be applied to find hierarchical structure in arbitrary-dimensional spaces

Future applications to merging galaxies for IFU observations

<http://code.google.com/p/rockstar>