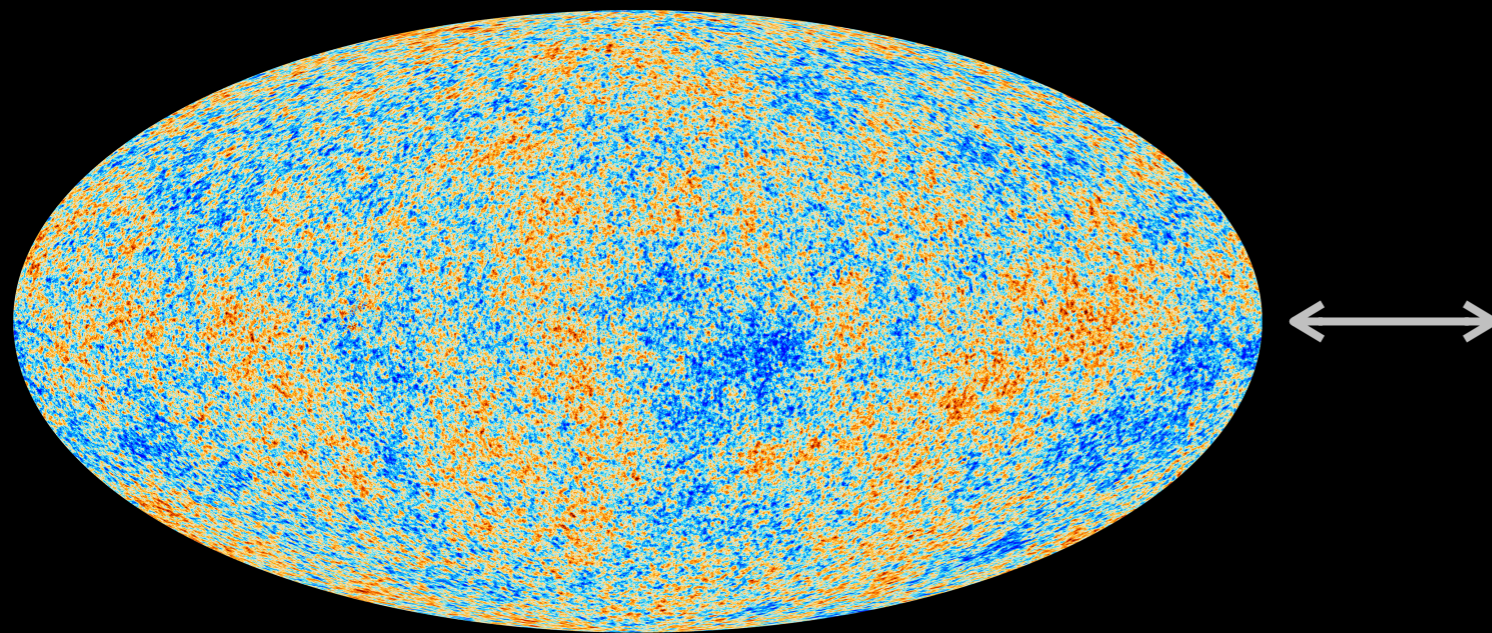


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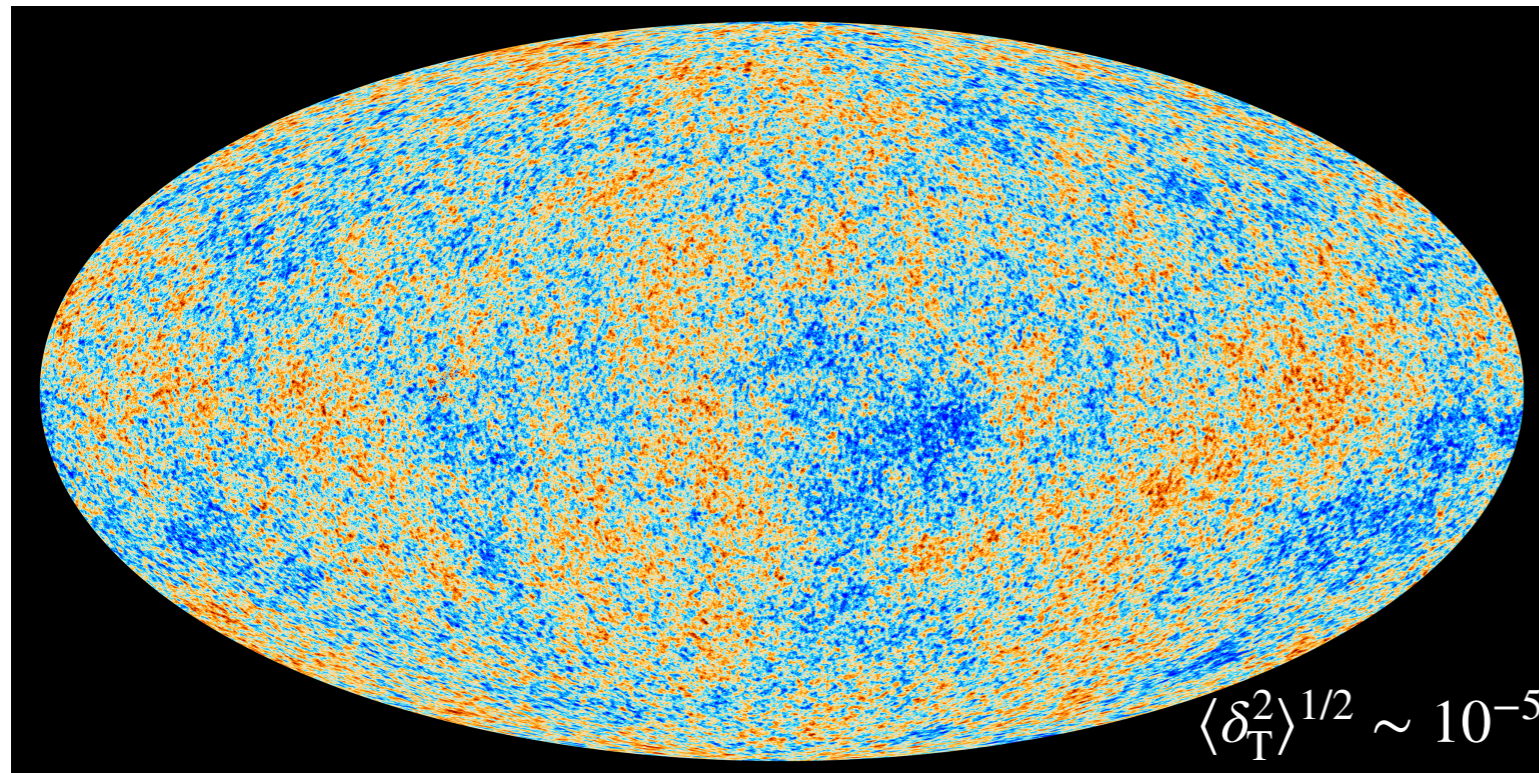
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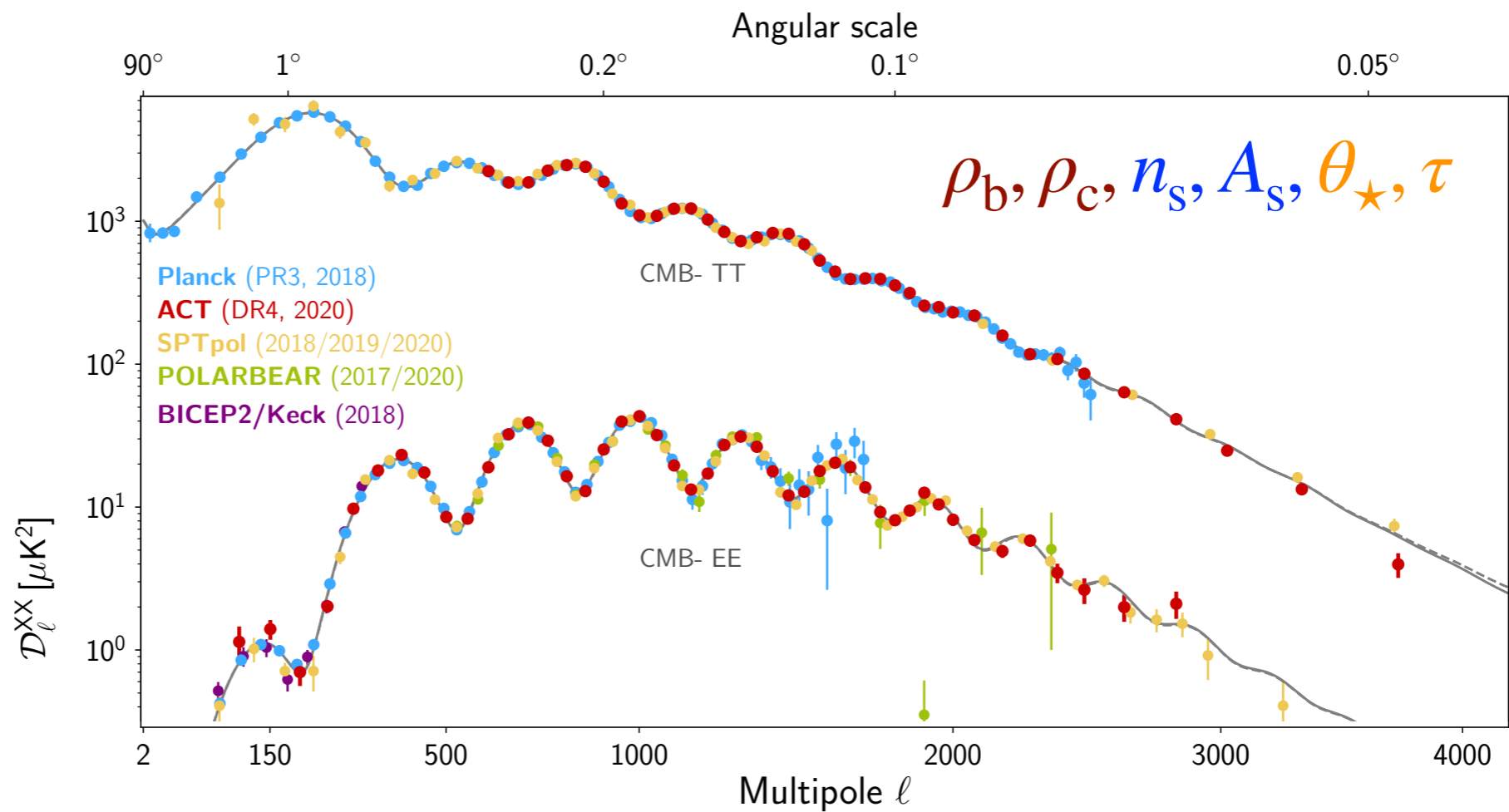
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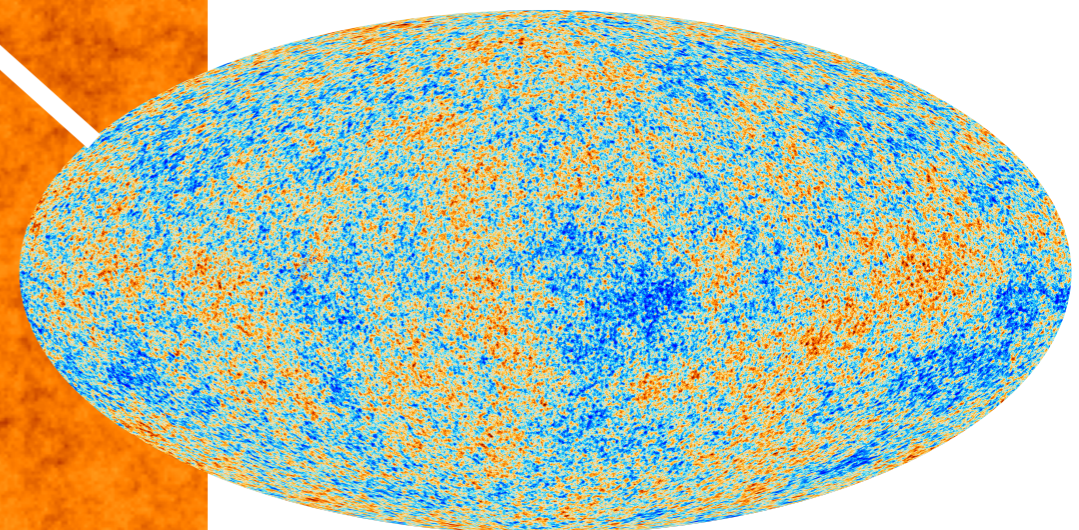
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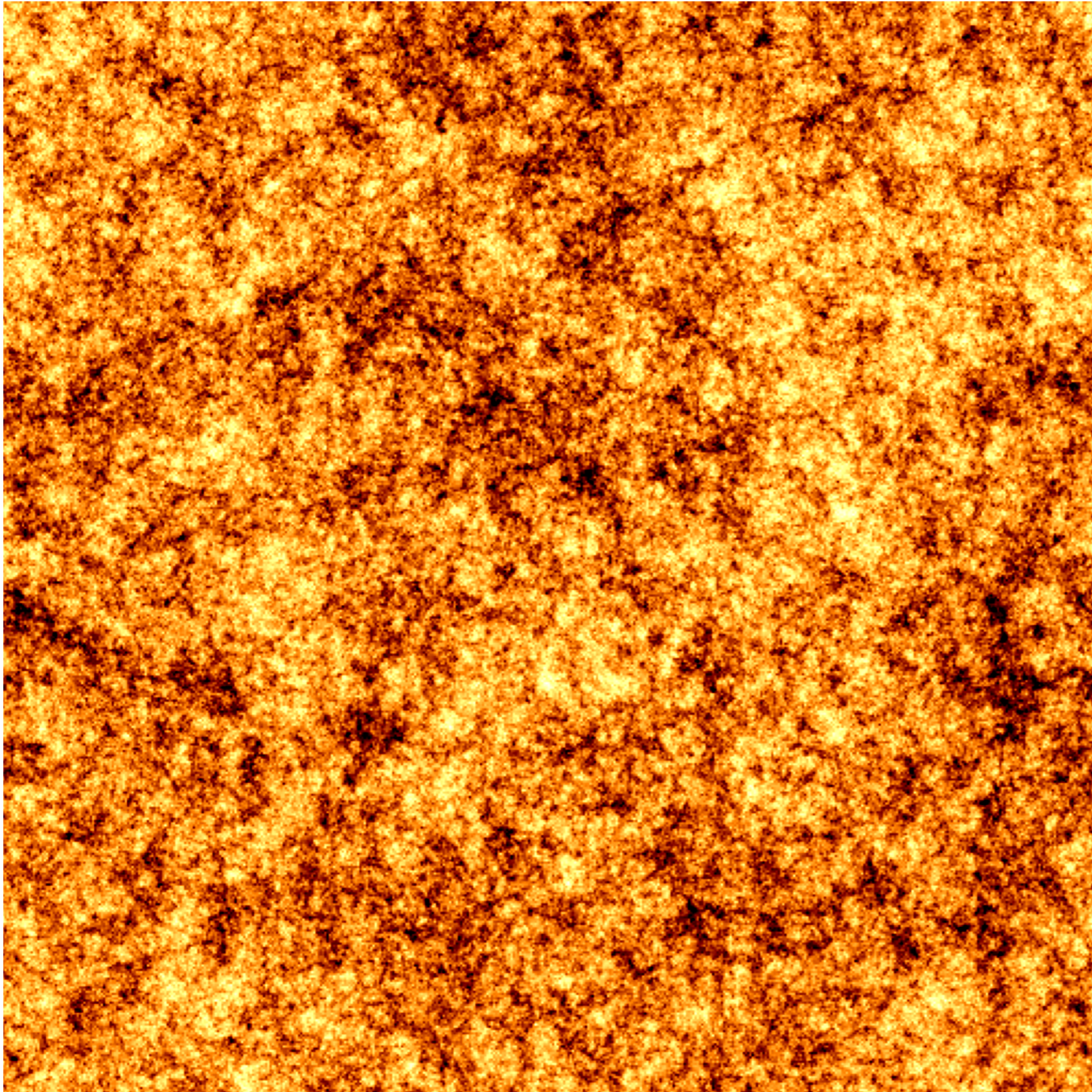
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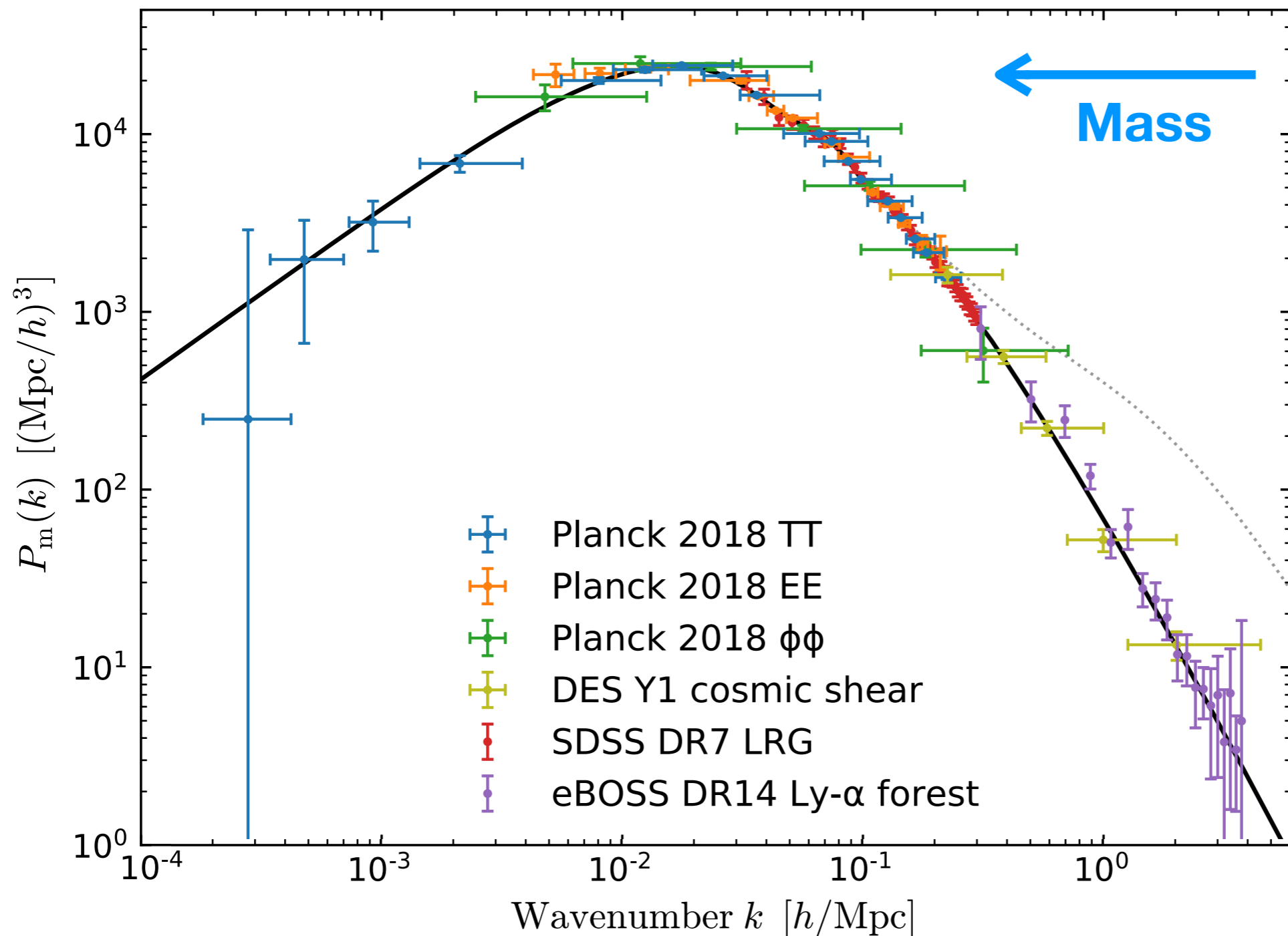
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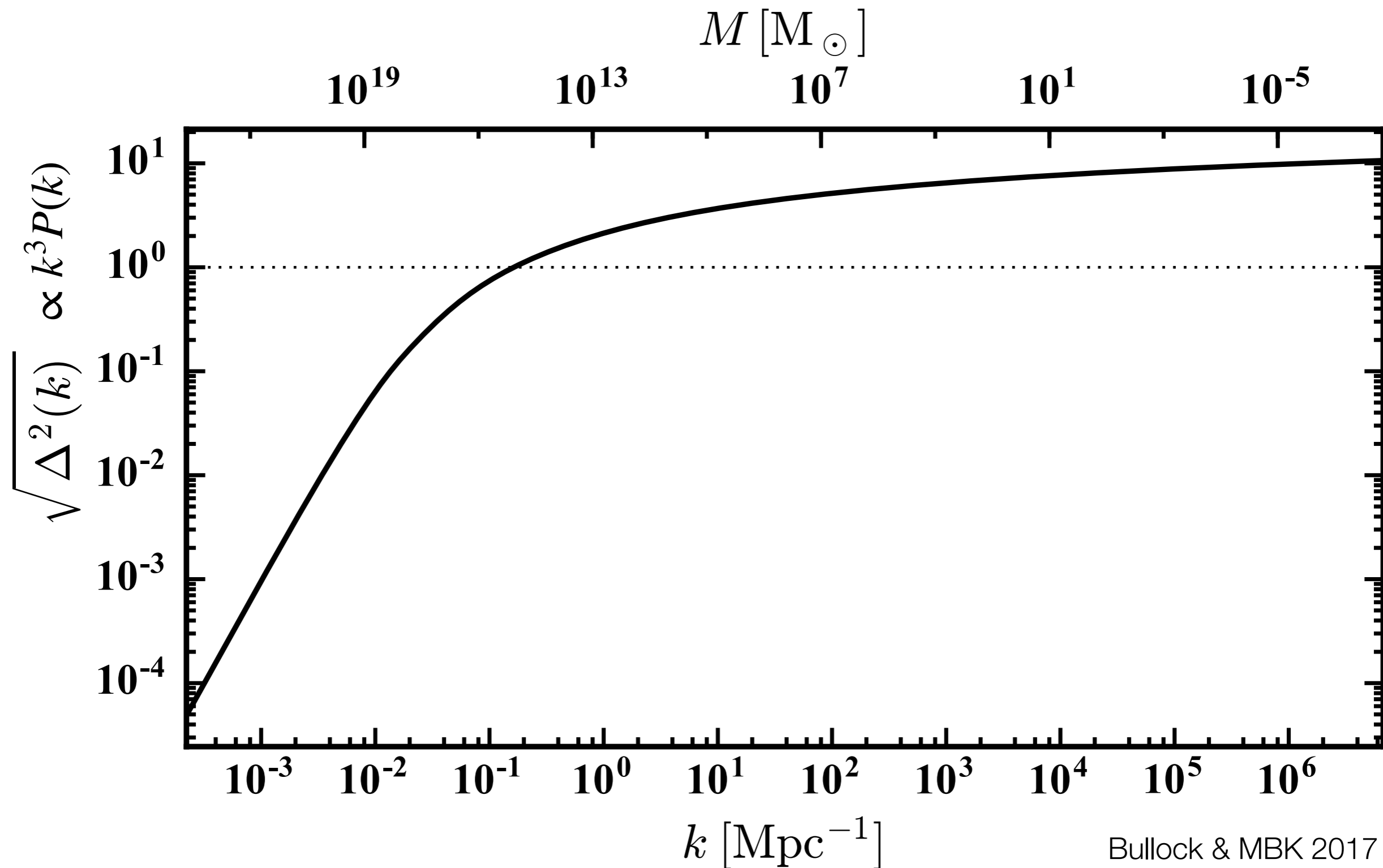
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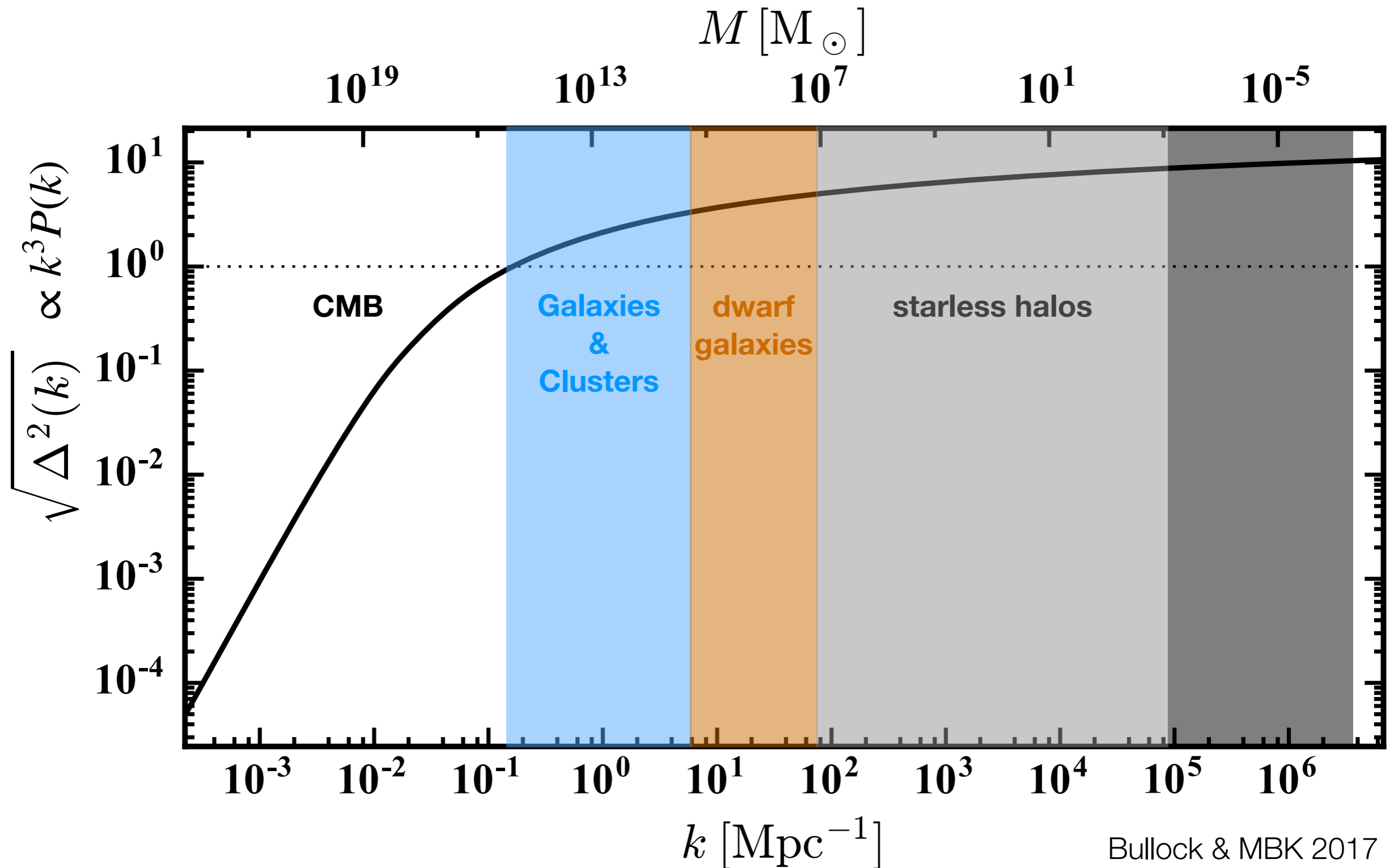


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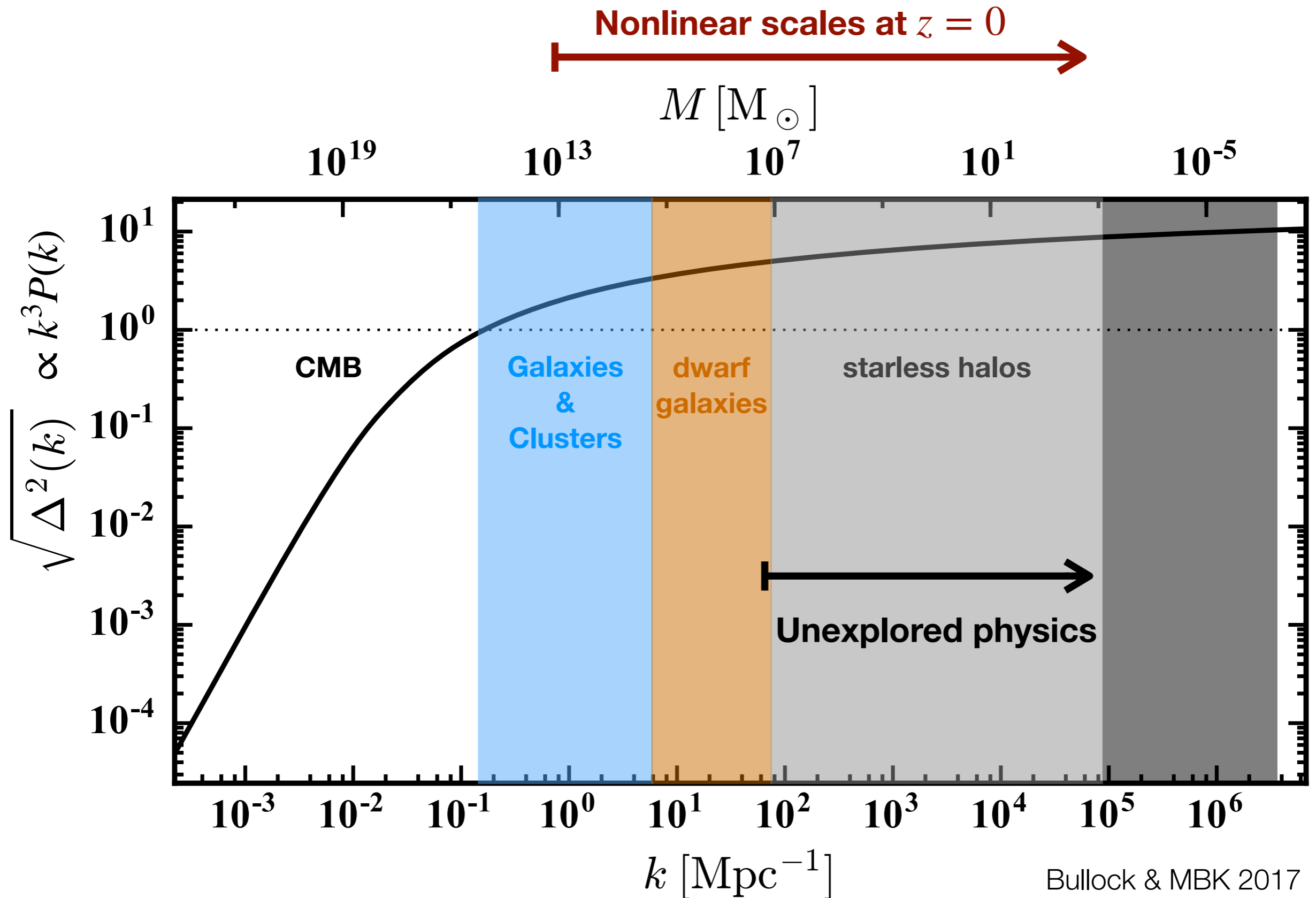
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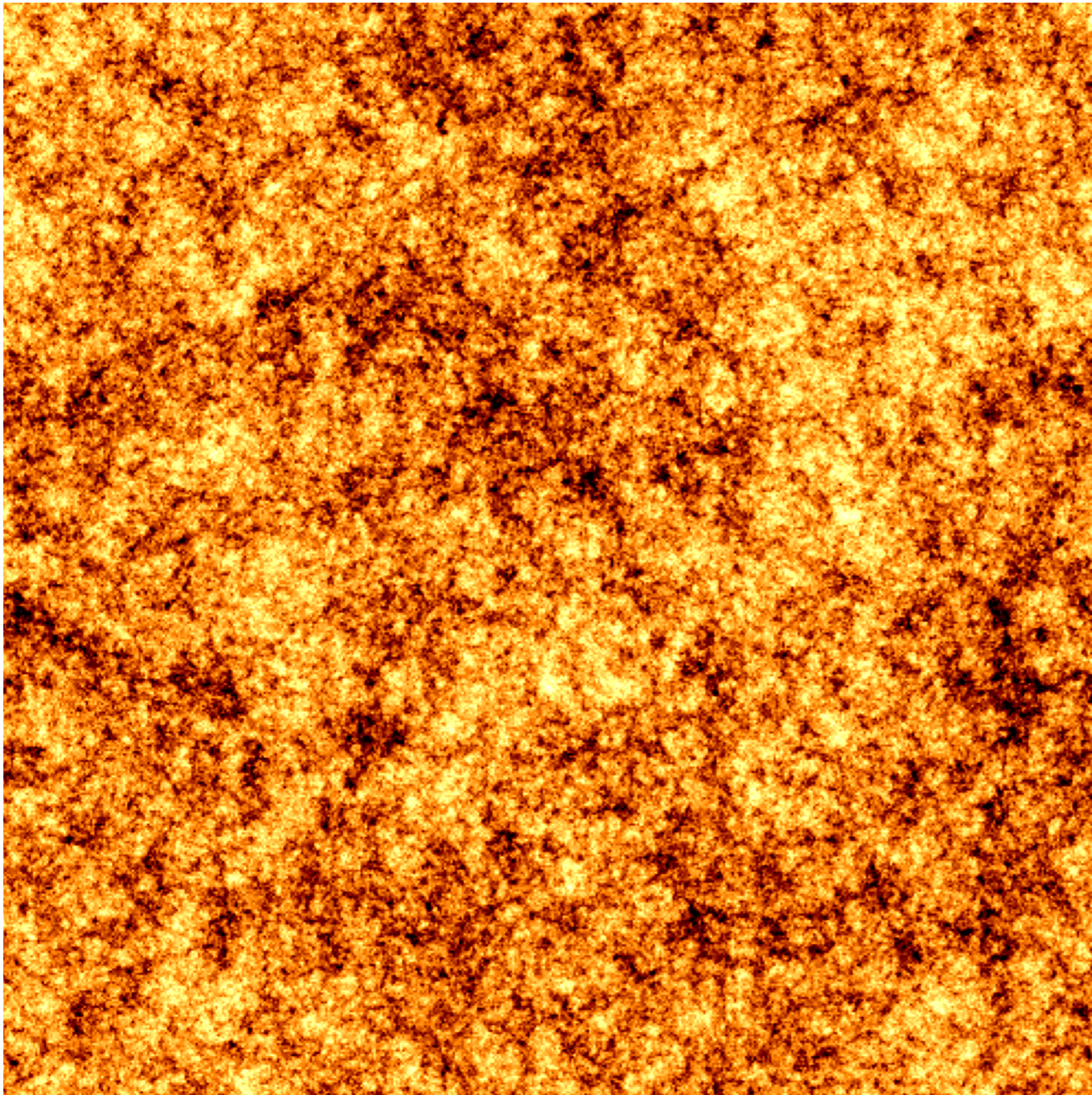
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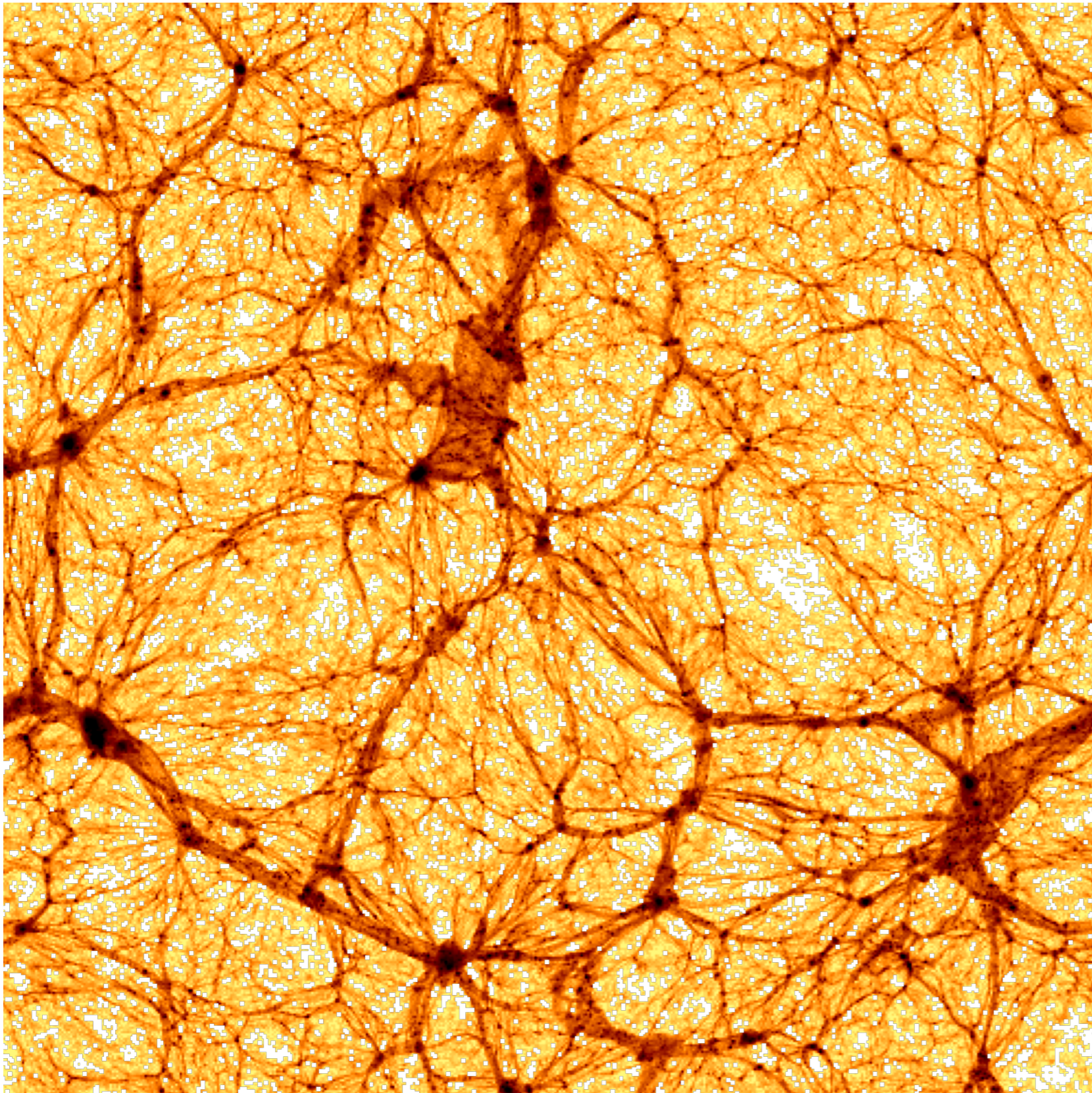
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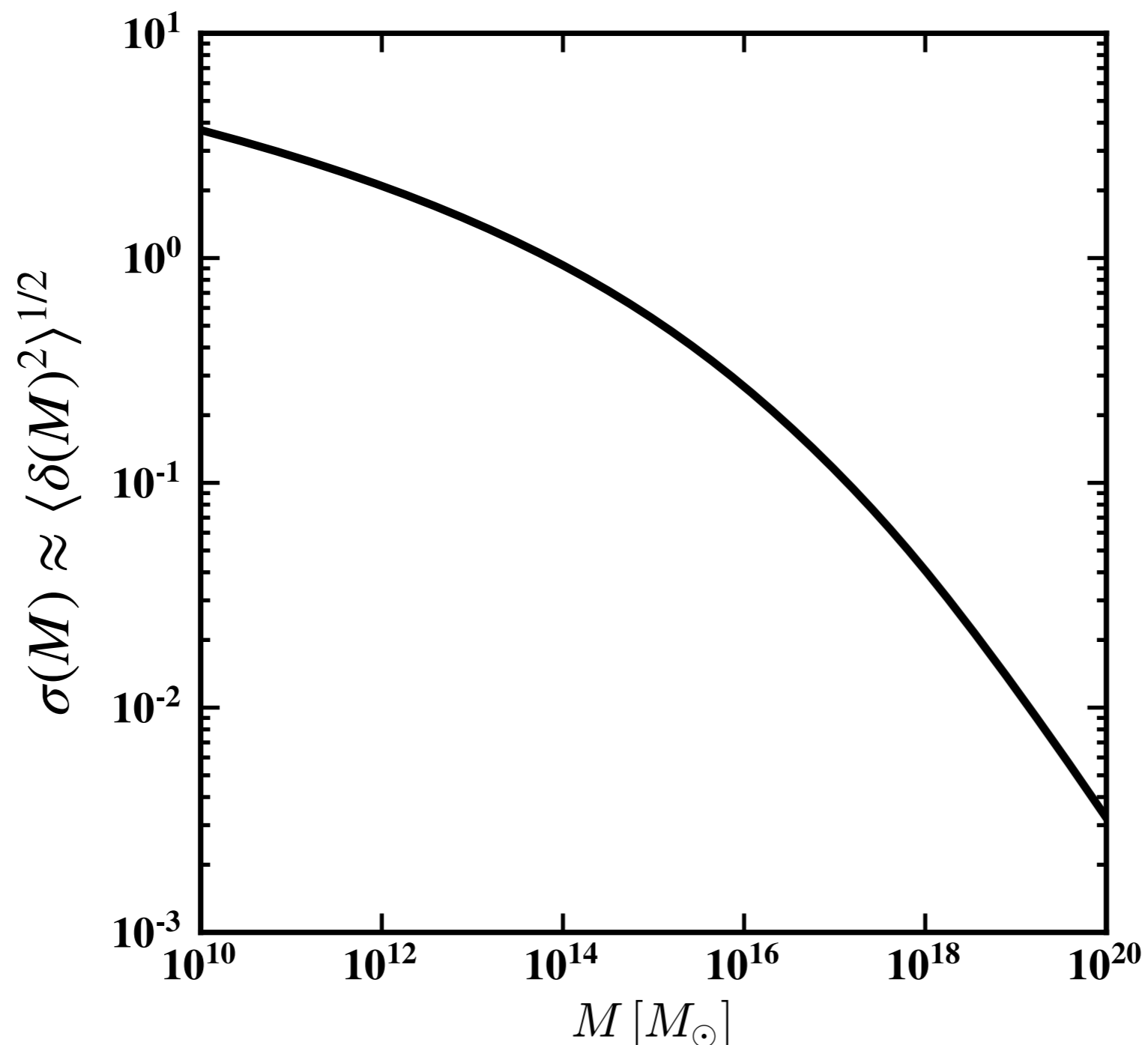
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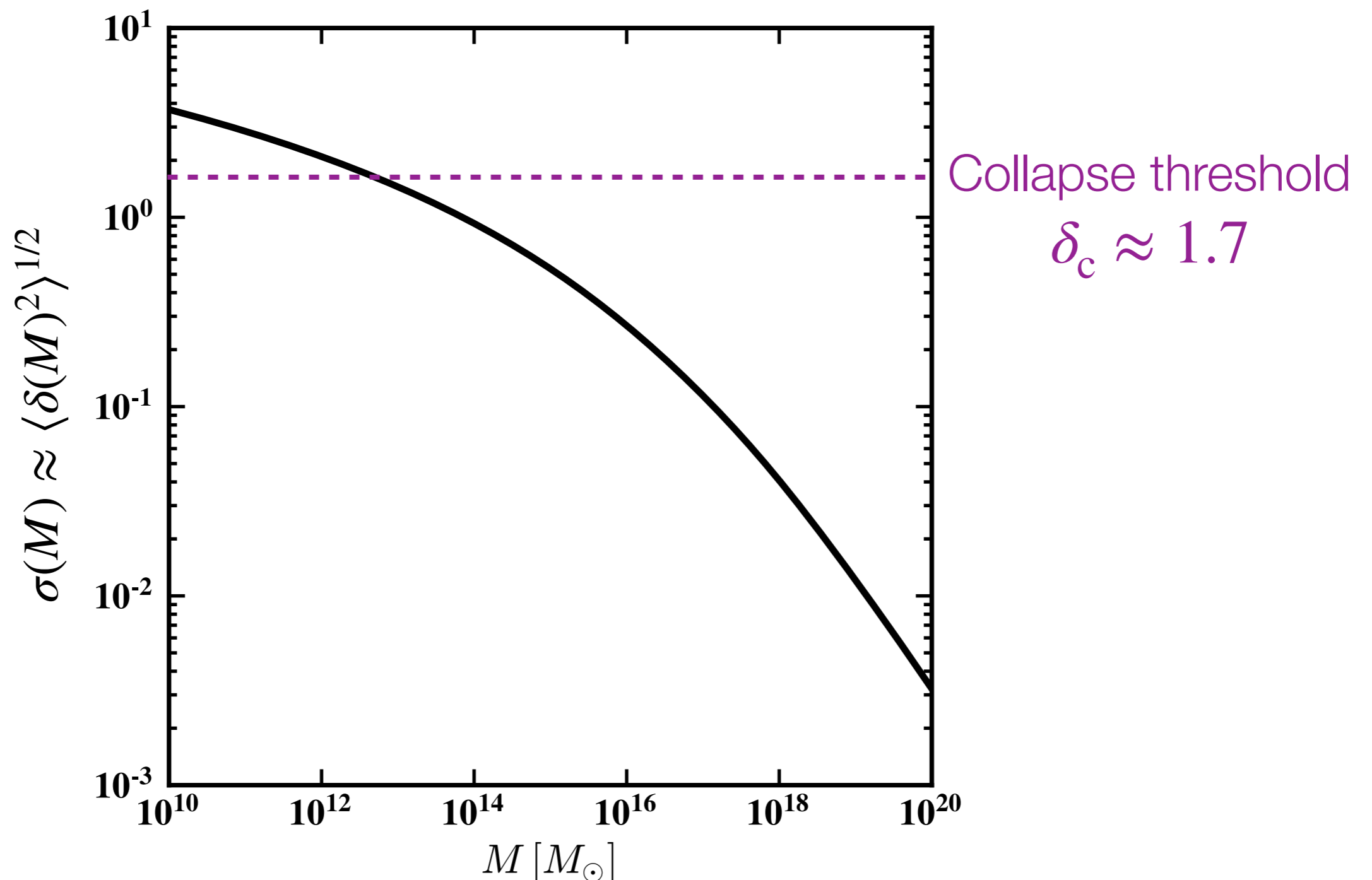
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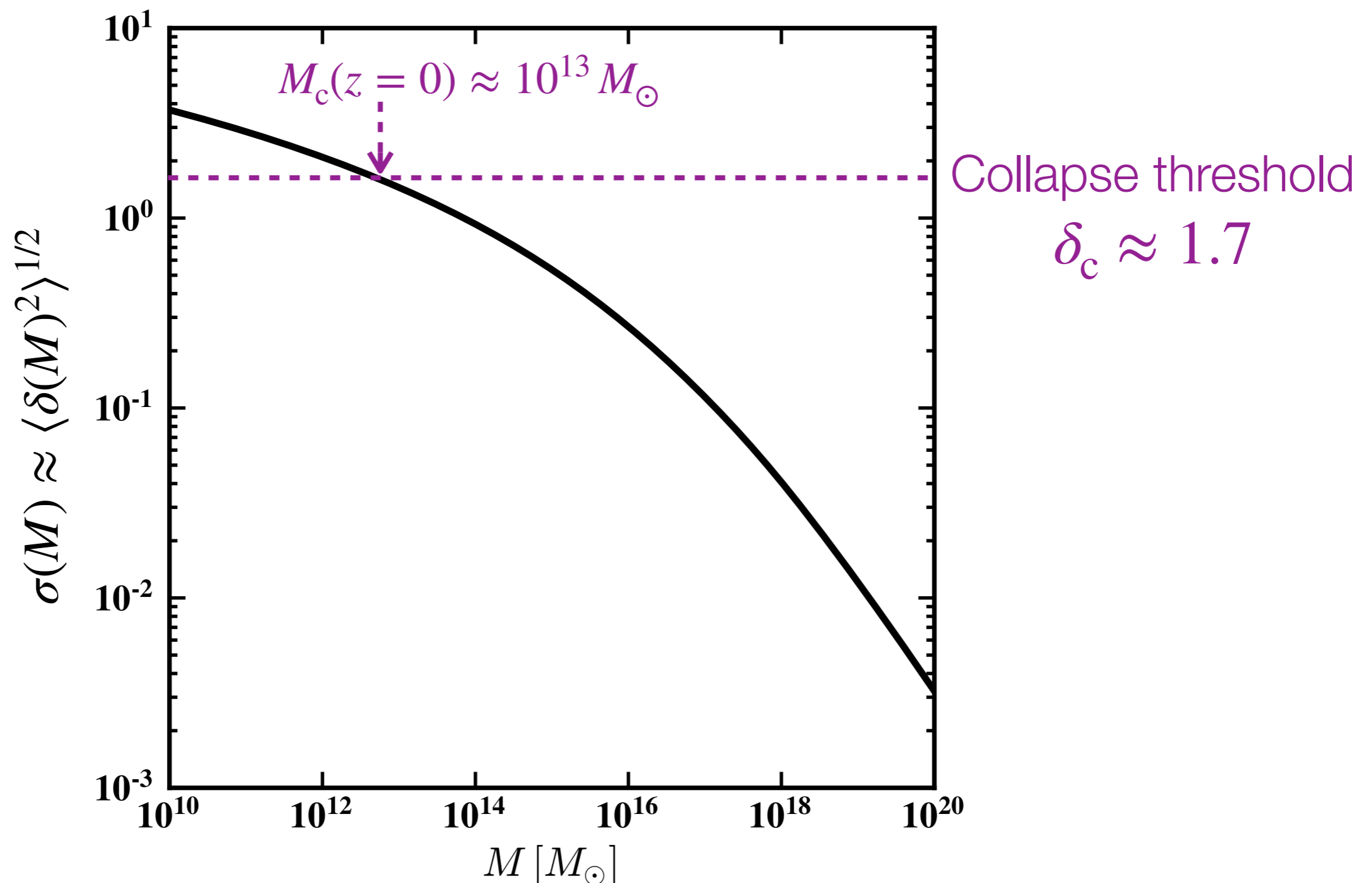
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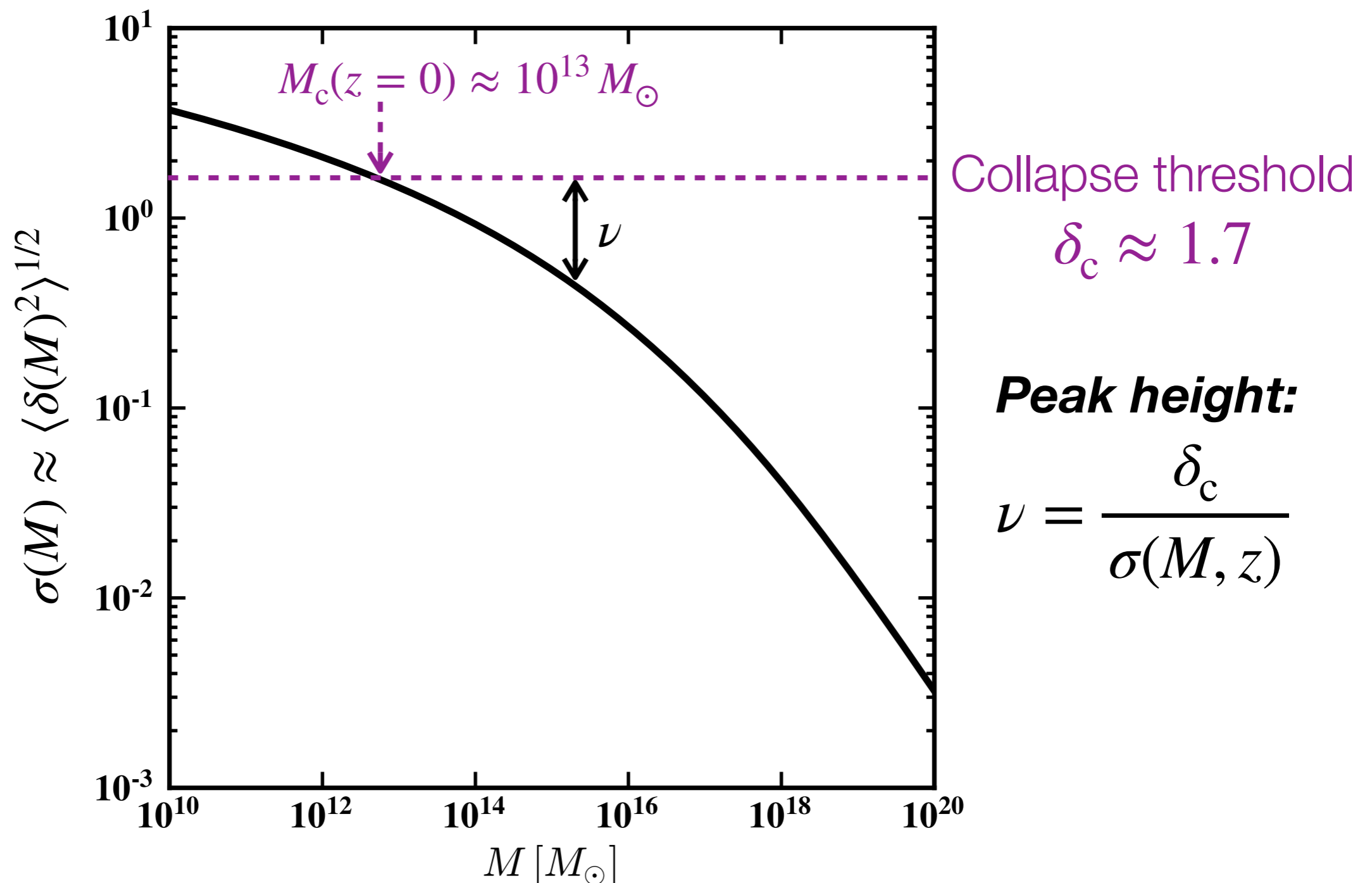
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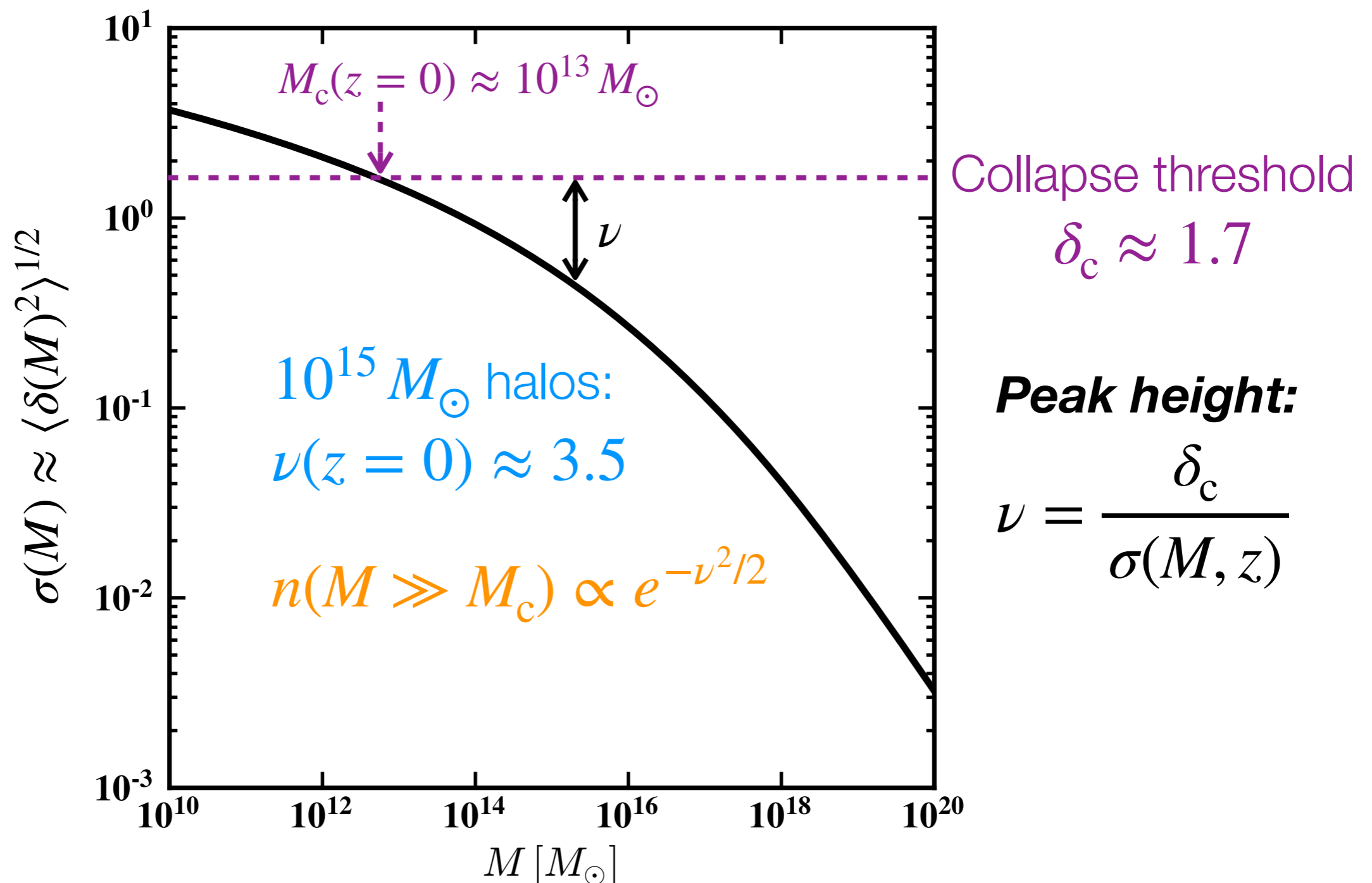
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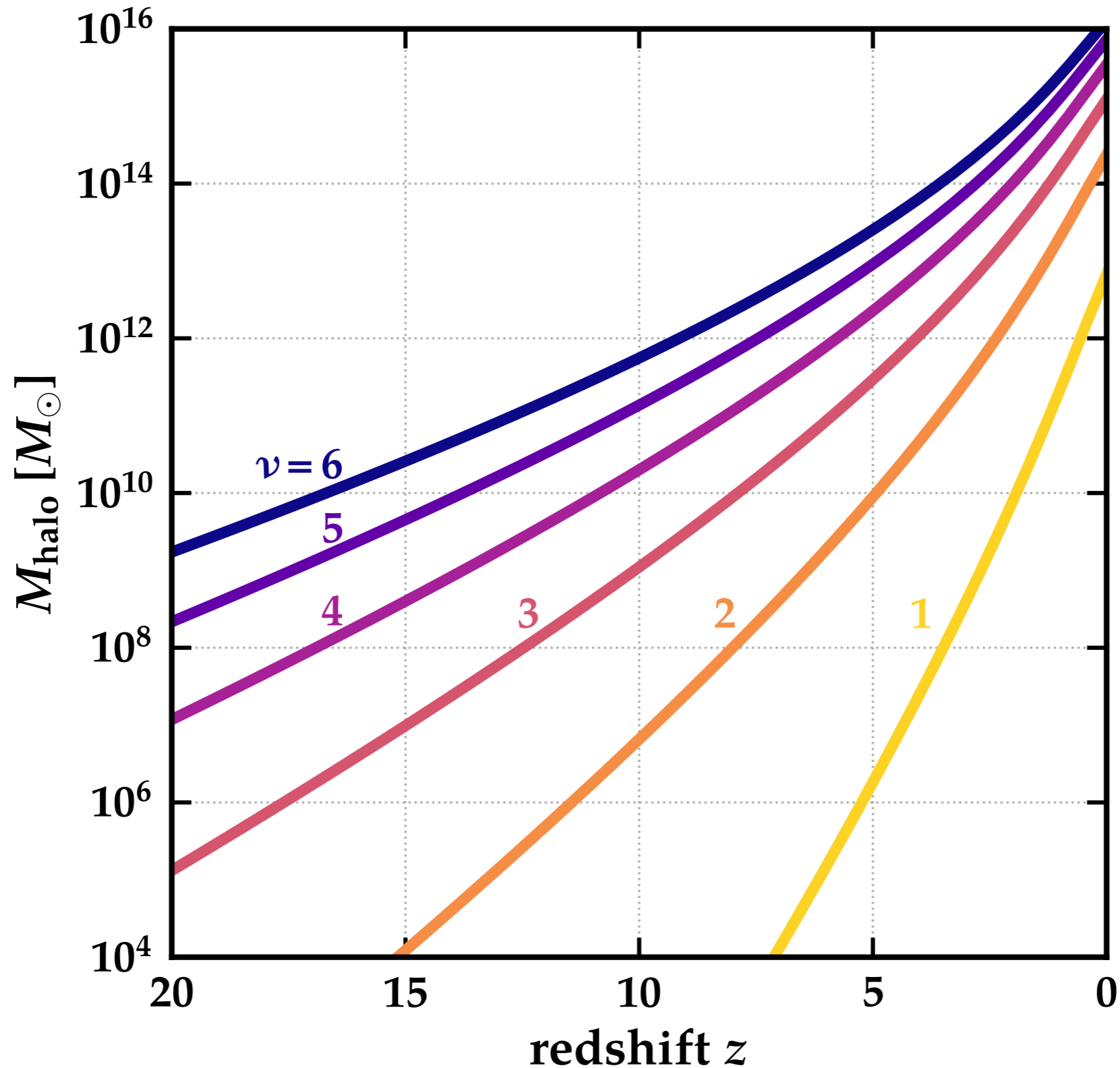
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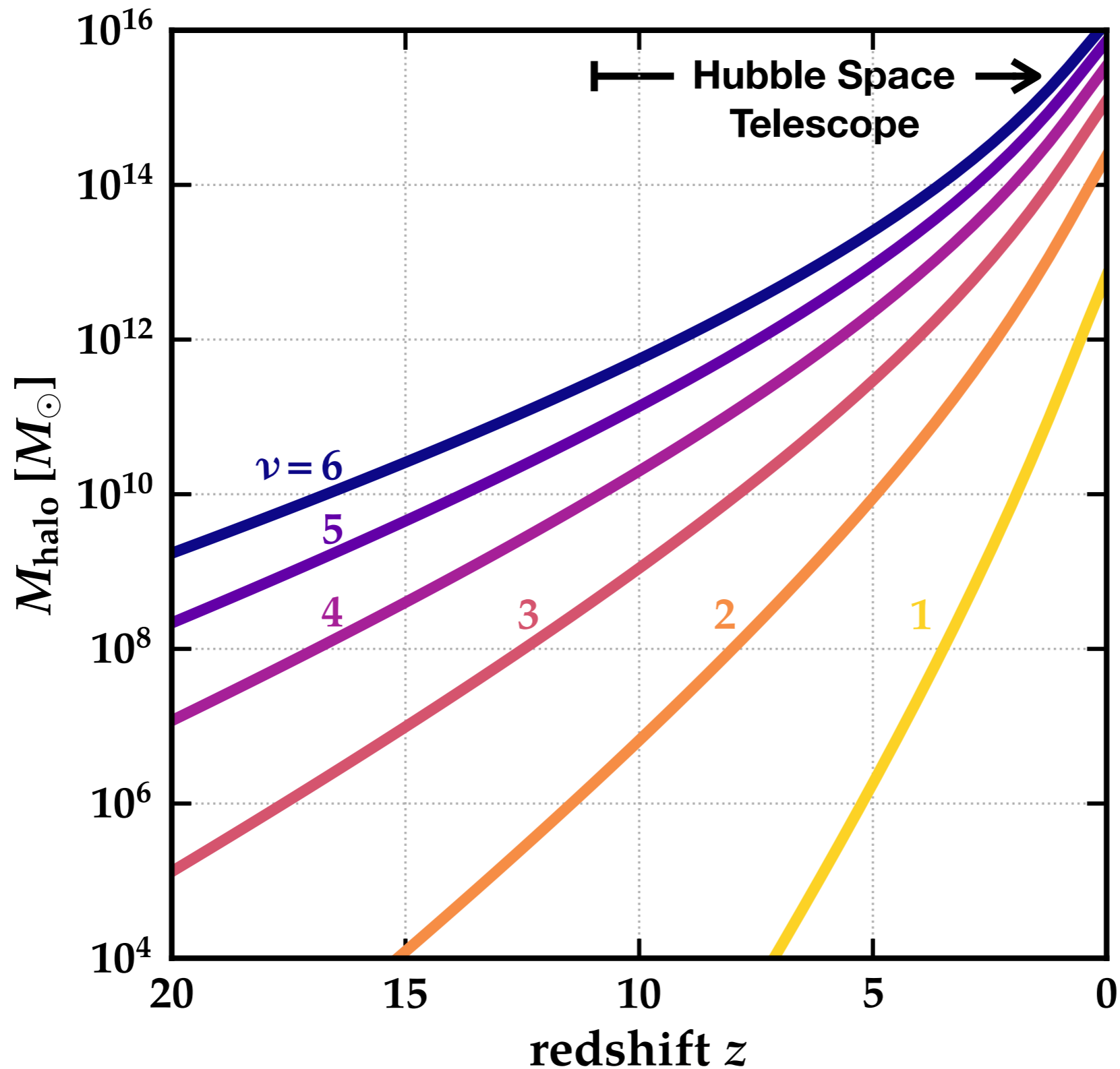
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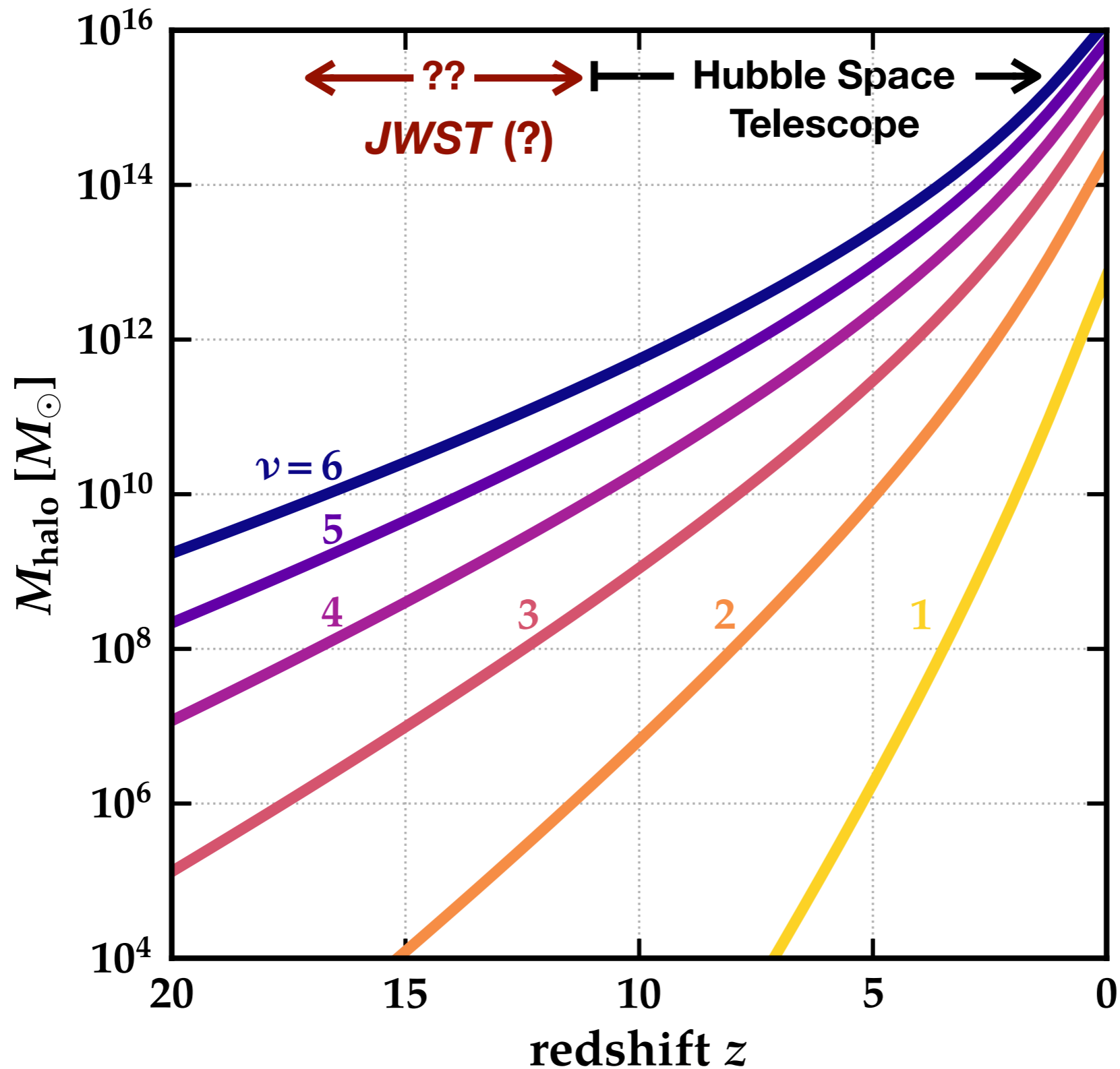
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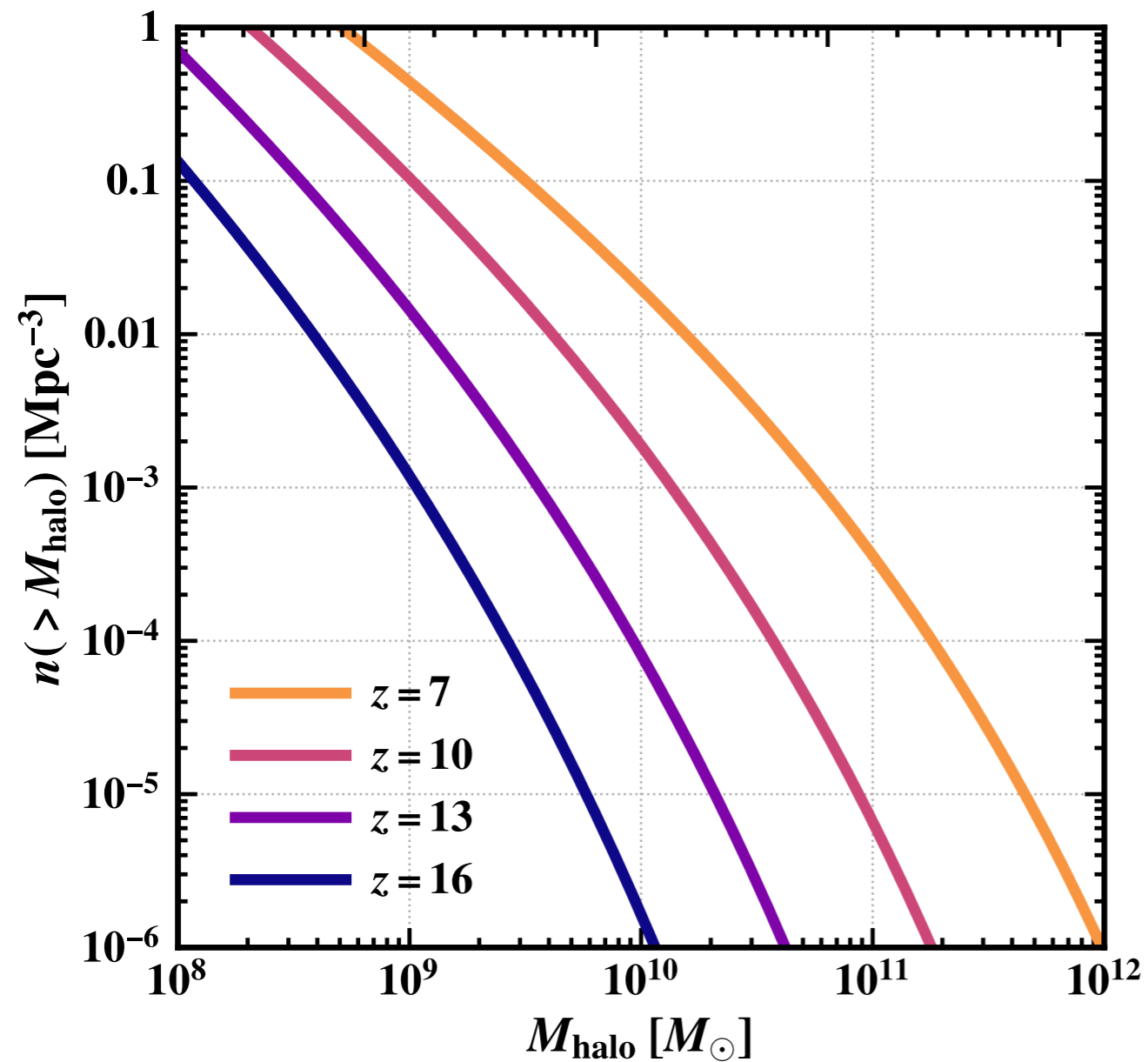
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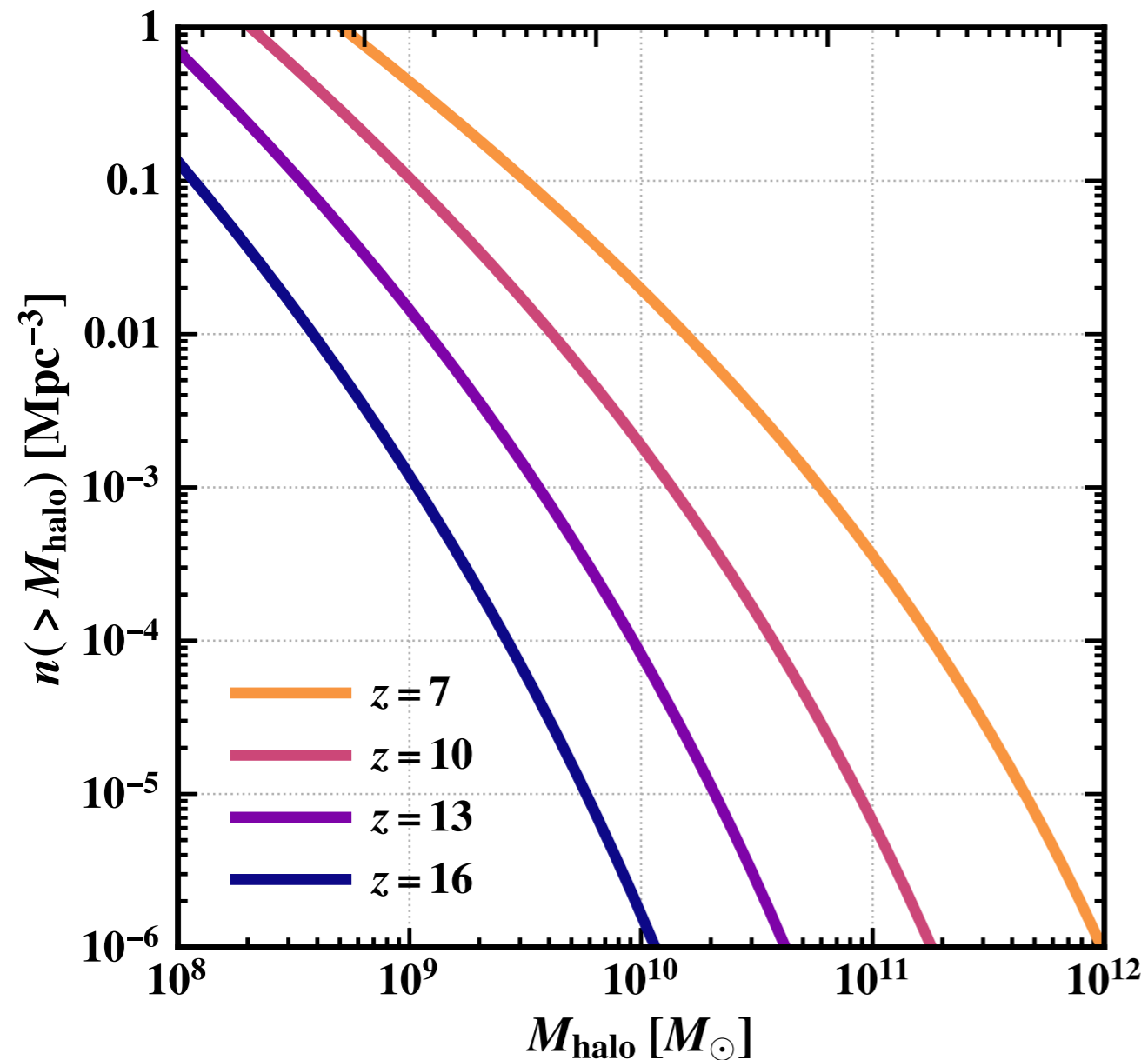
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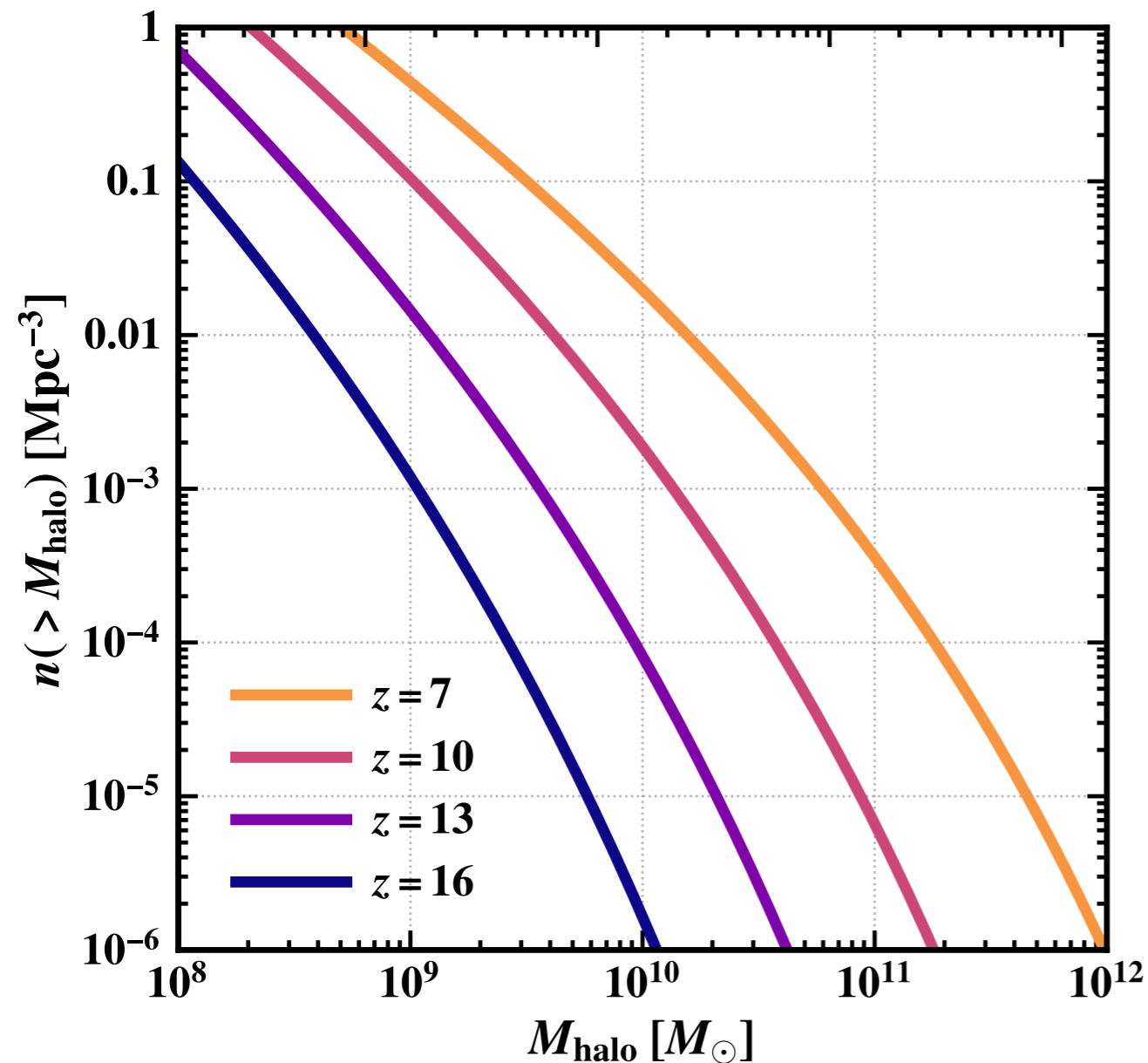
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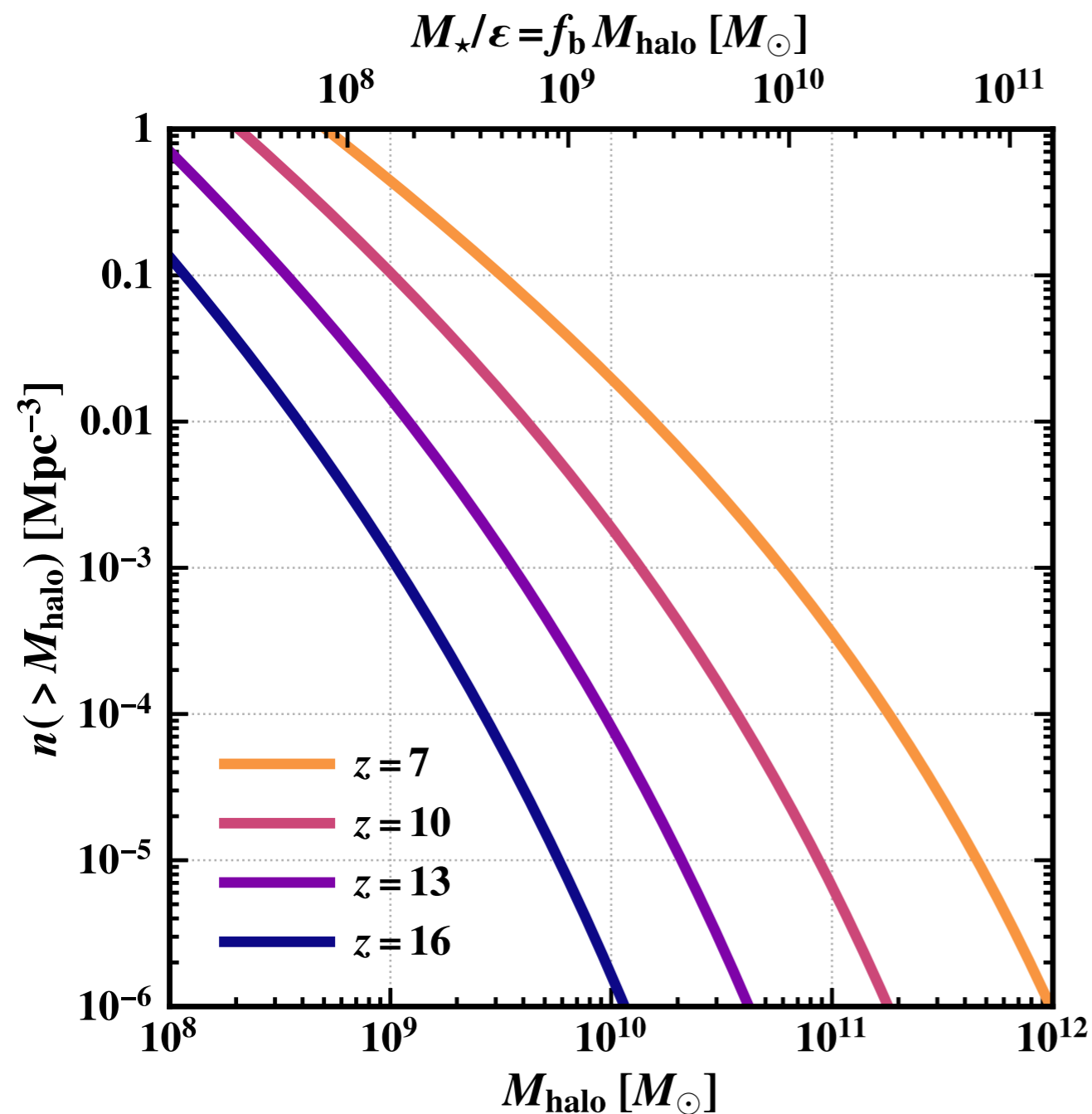


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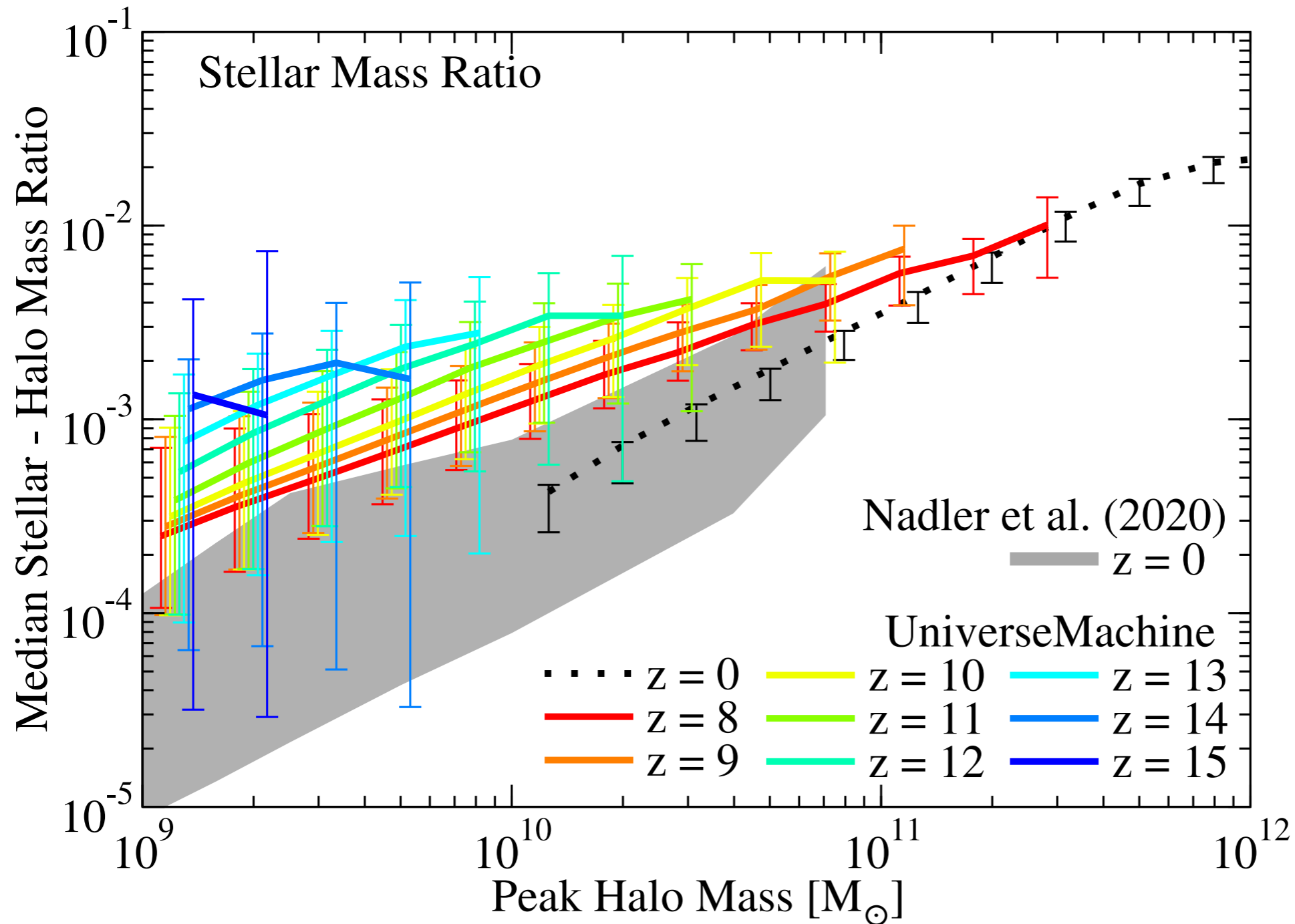
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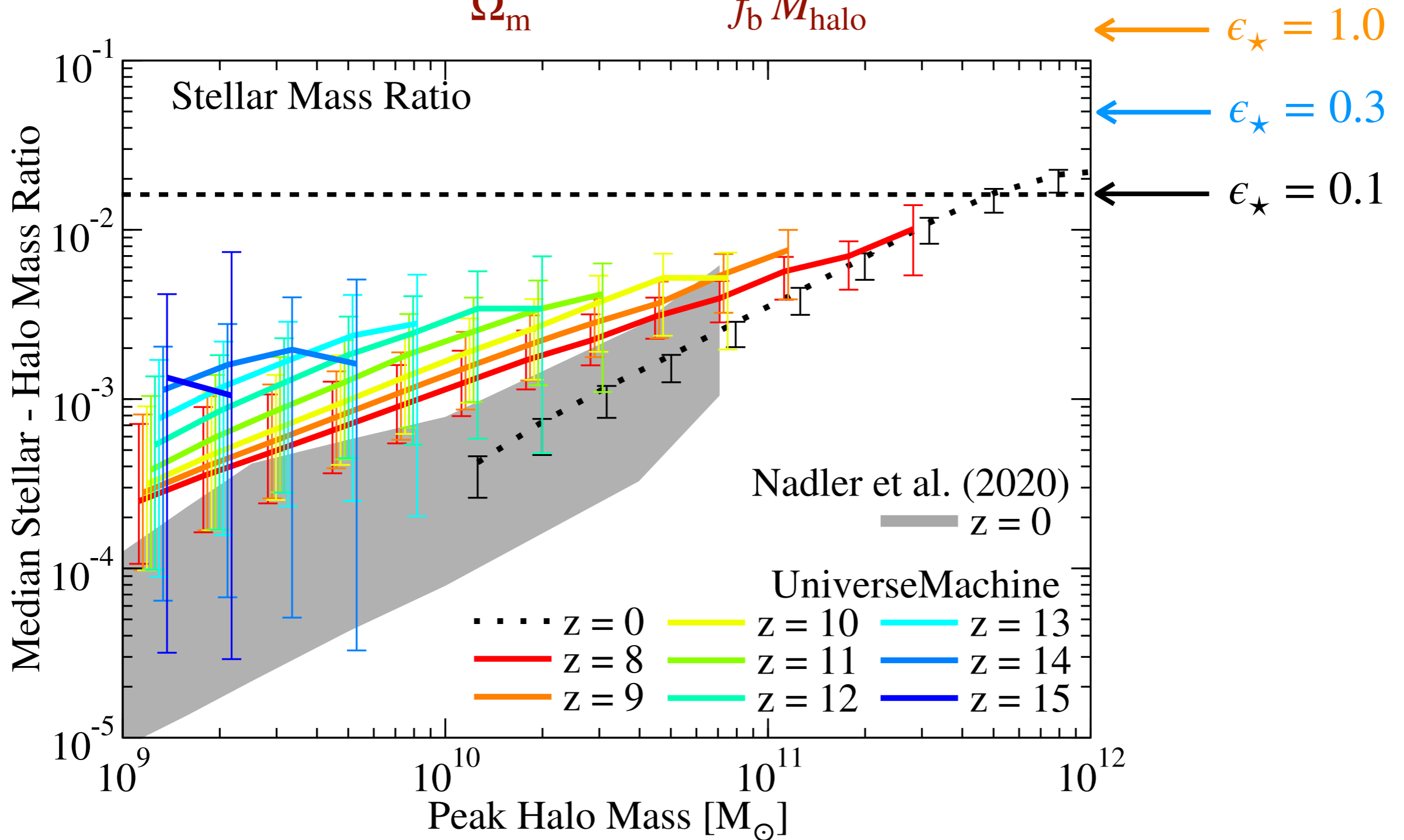
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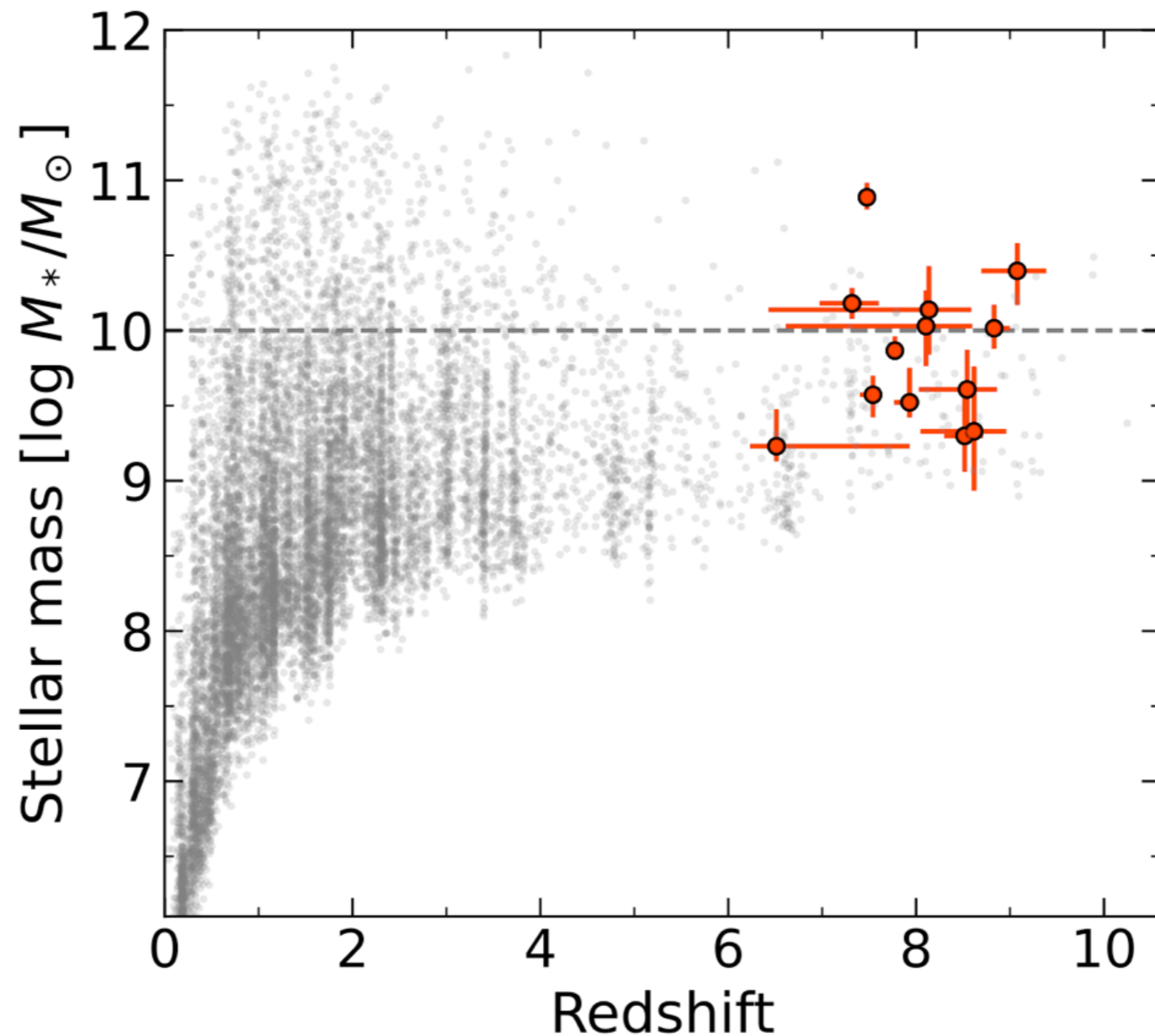
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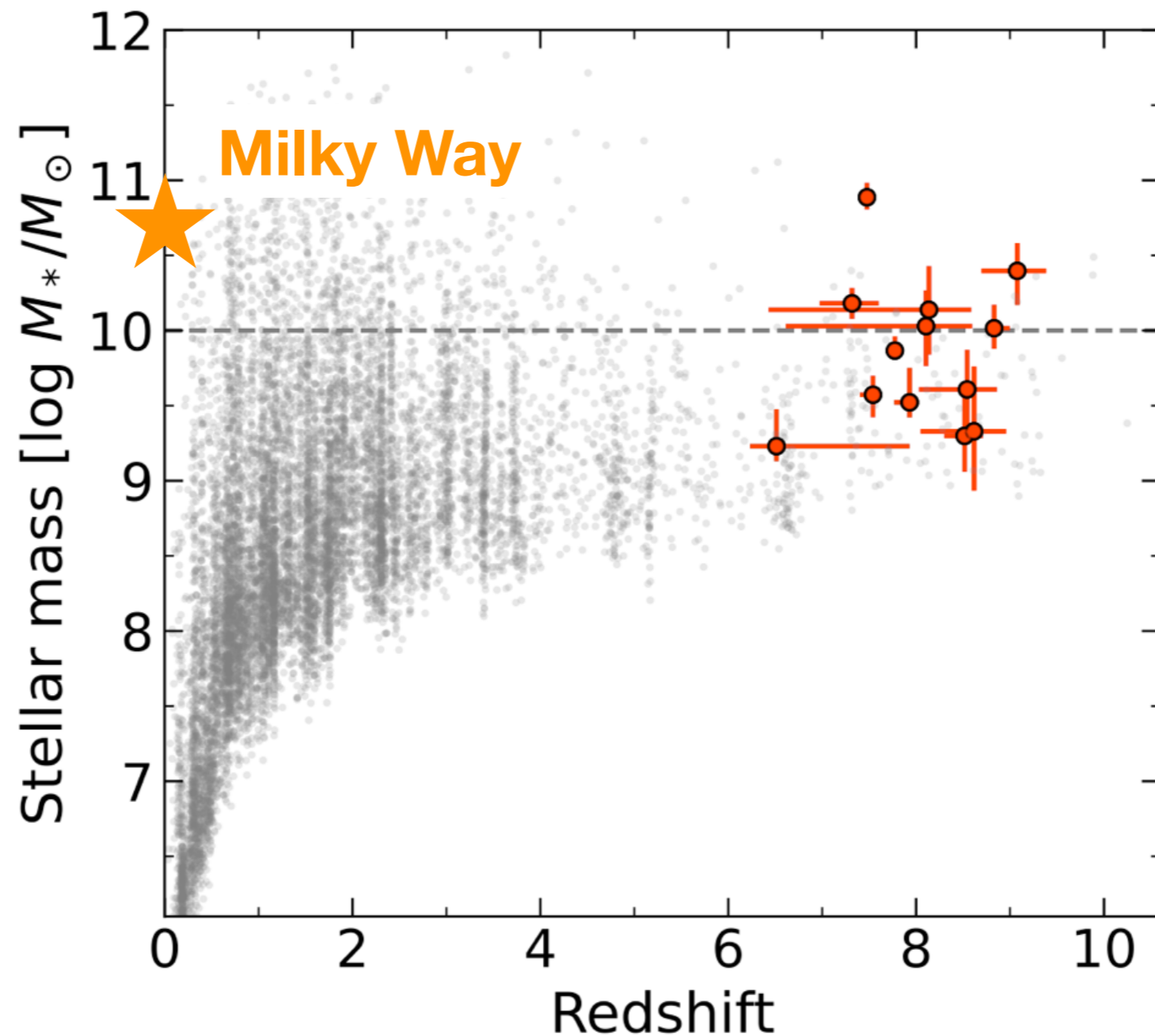
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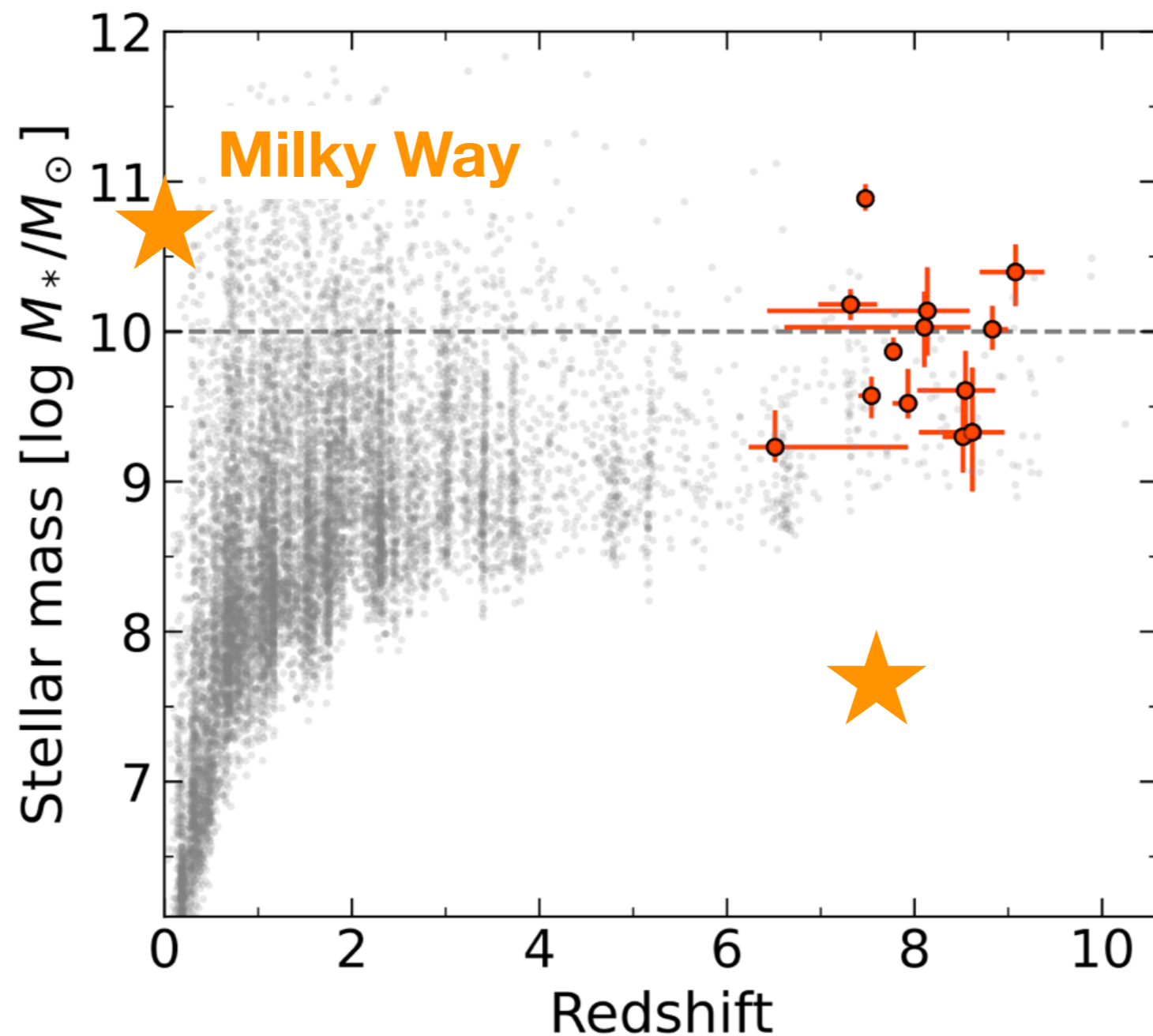
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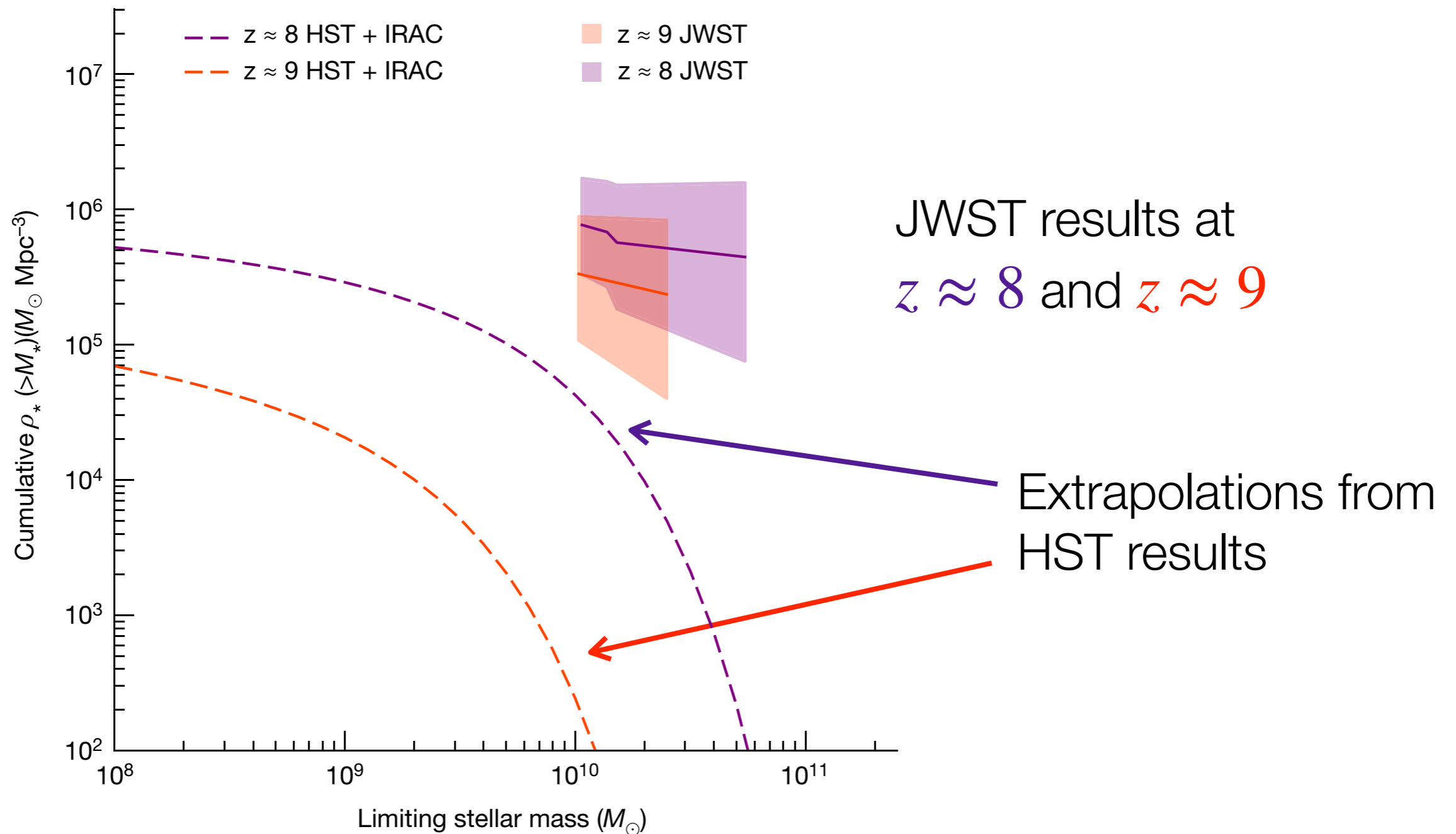
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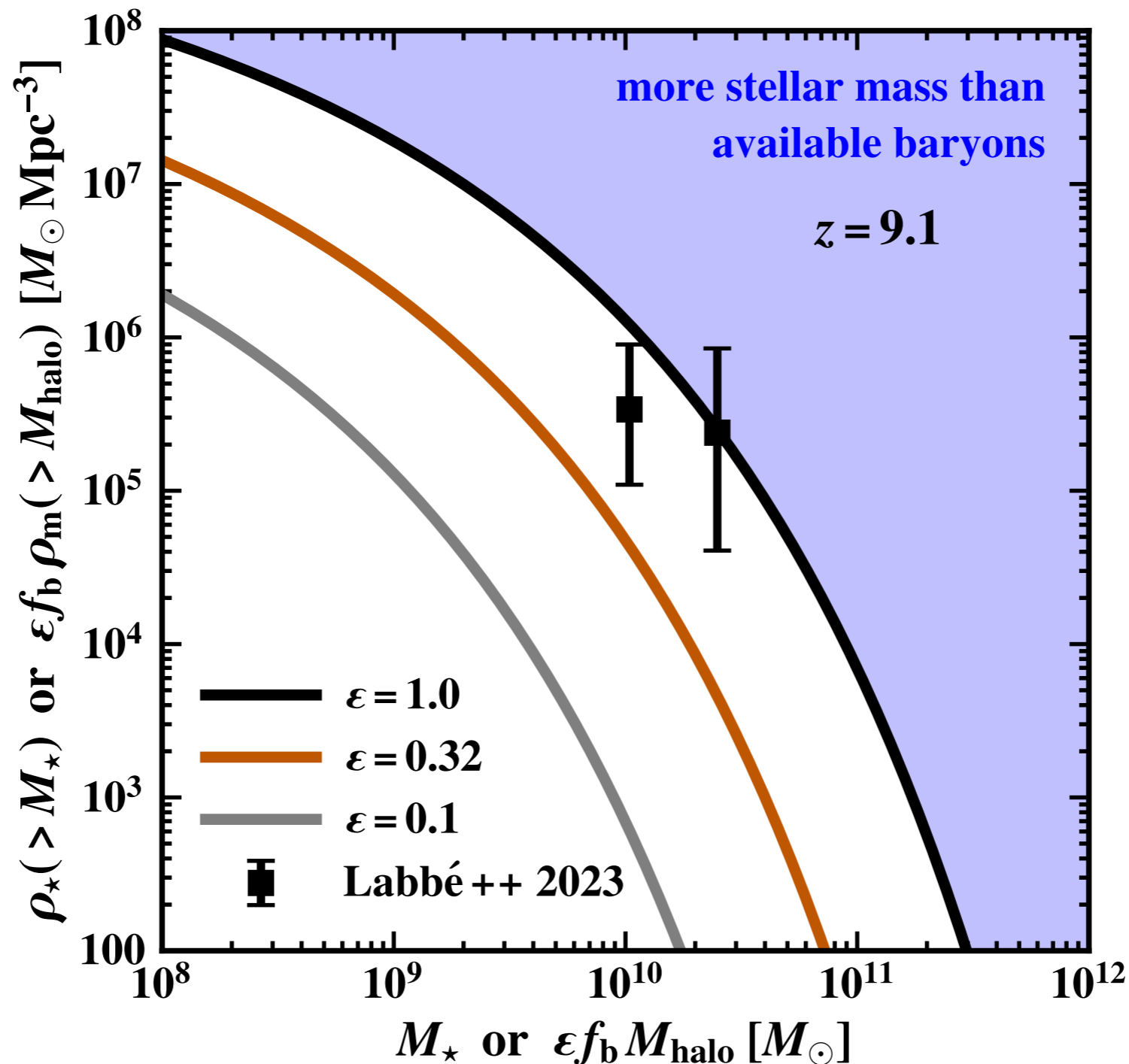
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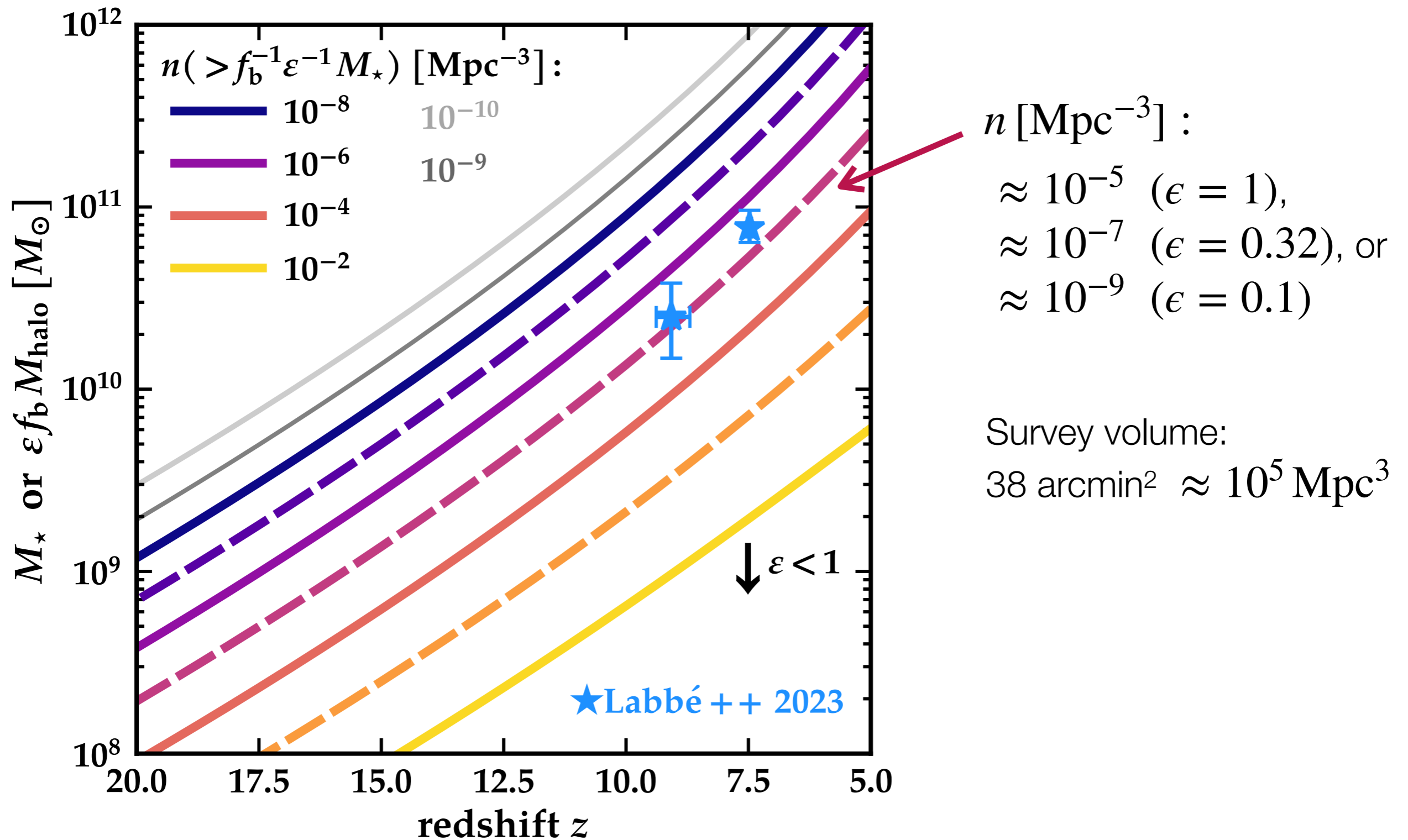
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**Uh oh:** require *all* available baryons in the halo to be converted into stars in  $\Lambda$ CDM (i.e.,  $\epsilon_\star \approx 1$ ). Note: at  $z = 0$ ,  $\langle \epsilon_\star \rangle \lesssim 0.2$  at all halo masses

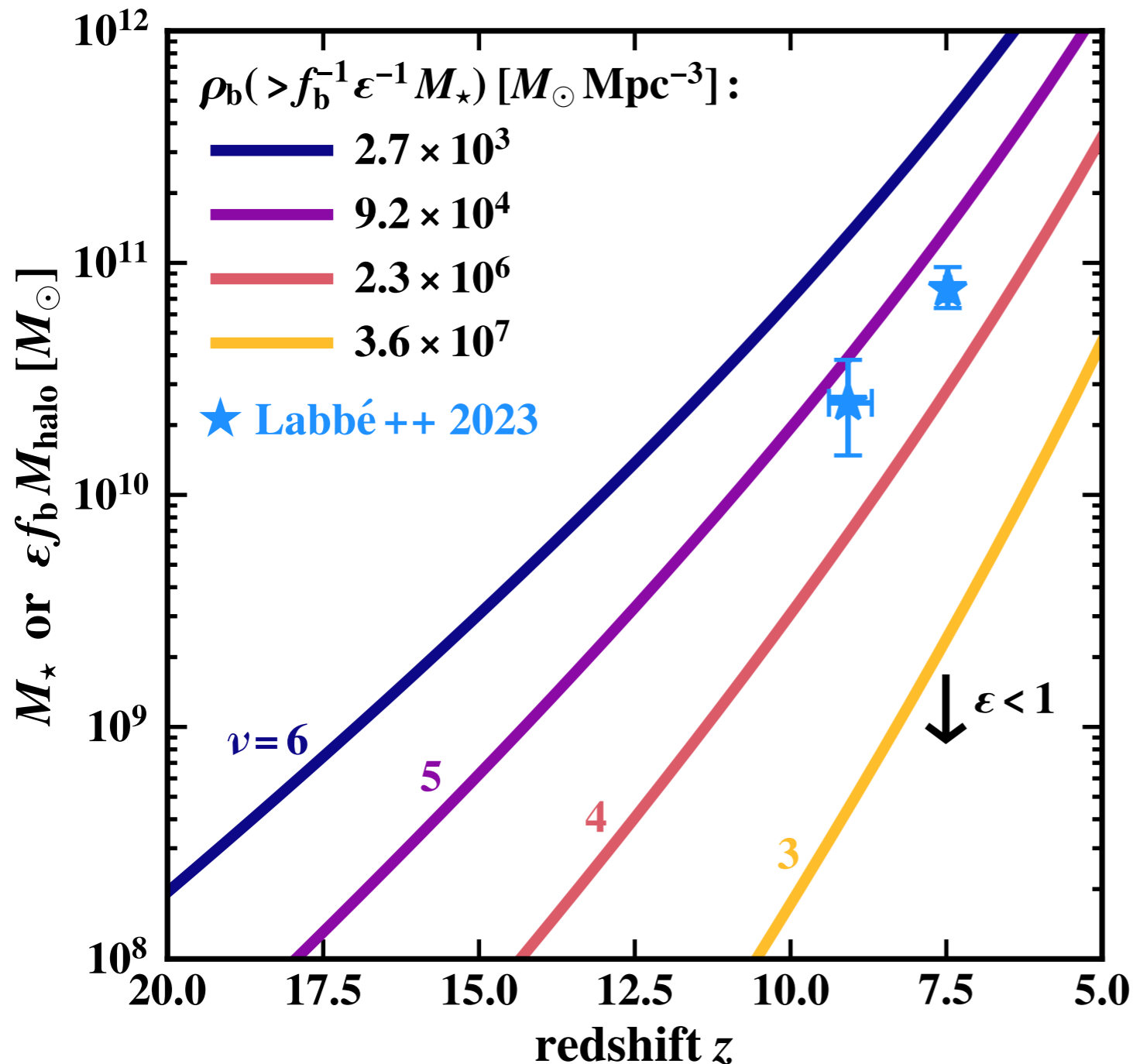


similar result  
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$$\nu \approx 6.4 \quad (\epsilon = 0.1)$$

$$\nu \approx 4.5 \longleftrightarrow M_{\text{halo}}(z=0) \approx 5 \times 10^{15} M_\odot$$

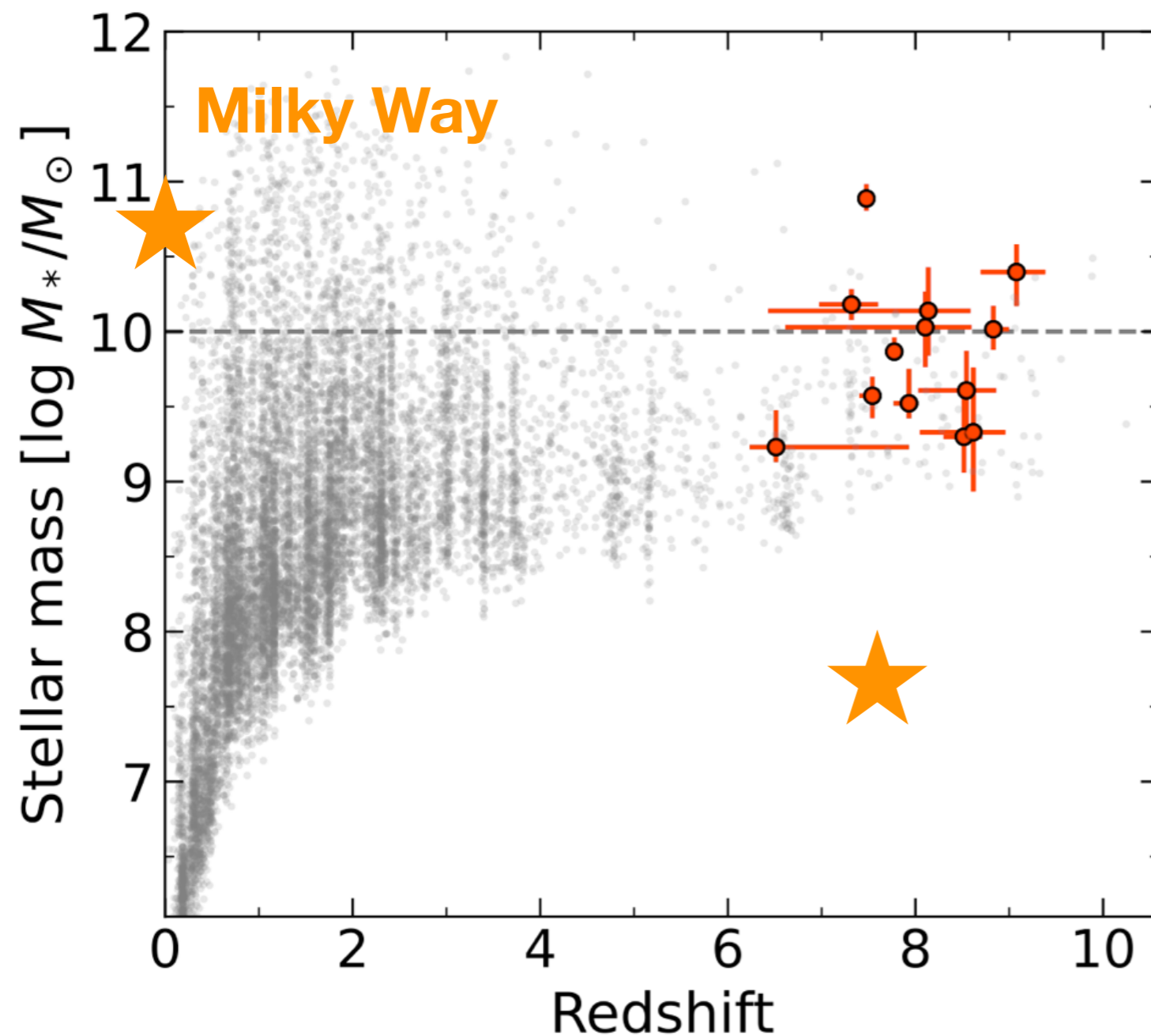
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$$38 \text{ arcmin}^2 \approx 10^5 \text{ Mpc}^3$$



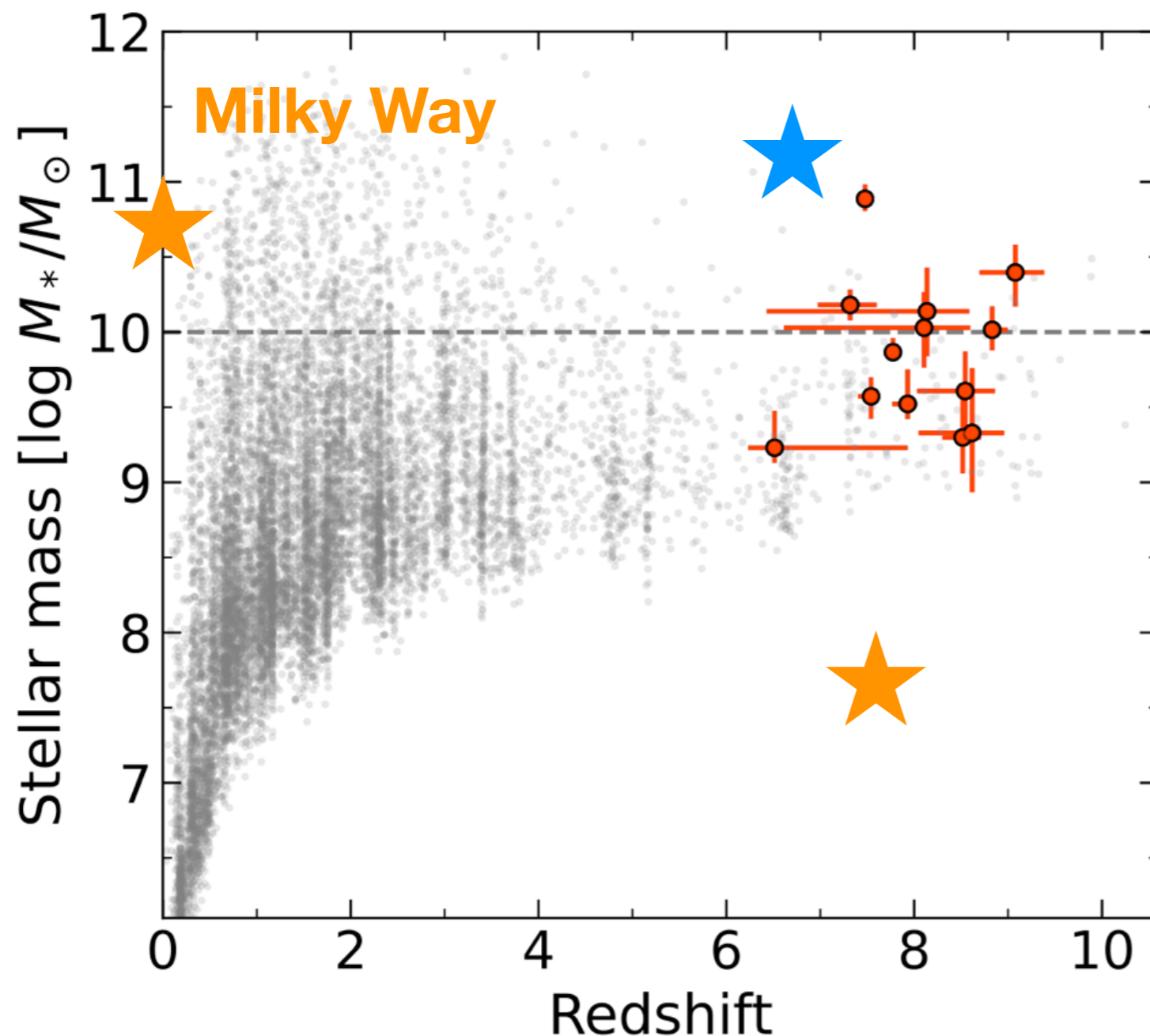
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**HST+ALMA-detected galaxy at  $z=6.83$  with:**

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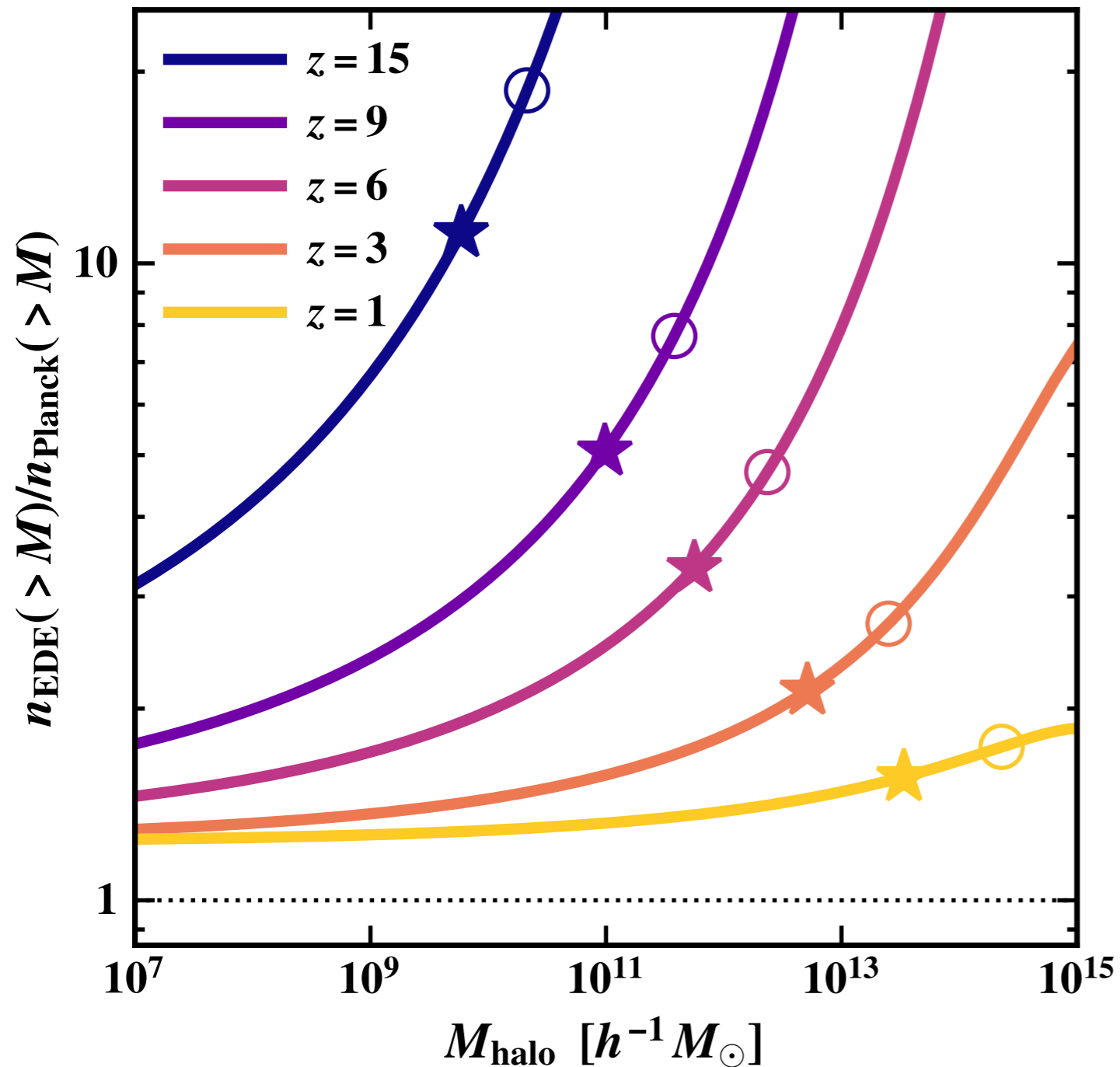
**If it is a cosmology issue:** need more (faster) formation of cosmological structure at early times. **No wiggle room in base  $\Lambda$ CDM** — all parameters are known to  $\lesssim 1\%$  precision. What about extensions?

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- ▶ a small(ish) possible modification: a short period of **early dark energy** with  $\Omega_{\text{EDE}} \sim 0.1$  at  $z \sim 3500$

(Karwal++ 2016; Poulin++ 2018, 2019; Smith++ 2020, Riess & Kamionkowski 2022)

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higher  $\omega_m$ ,  $\sigma_8$ , &  $n_s$  than base Planck model: **more high- $z$  galaxies**  
(Klypin et al. 2021)



$$n(M \gg M_c) \propto e^{-\nu^2/2}$$

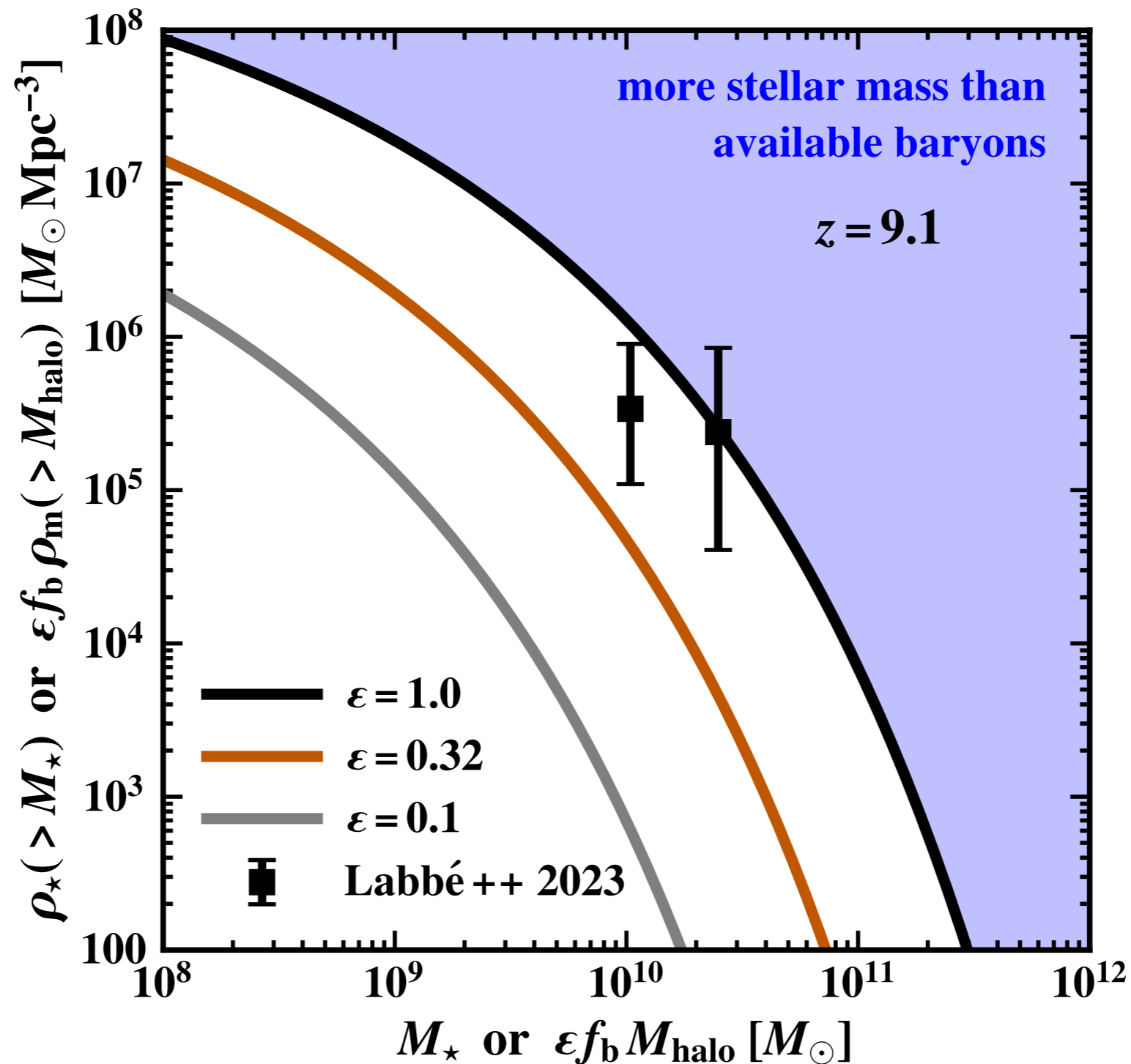
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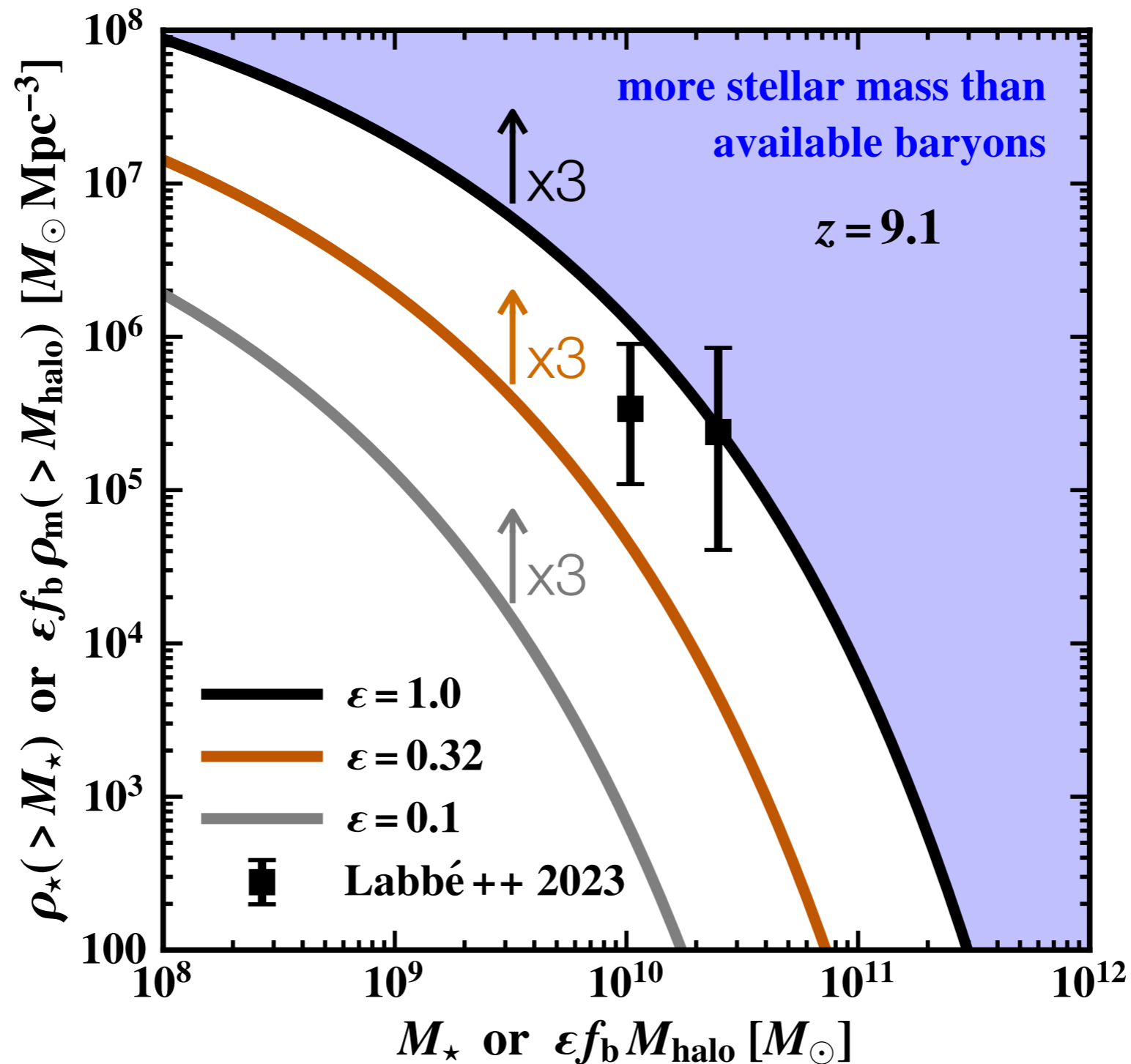
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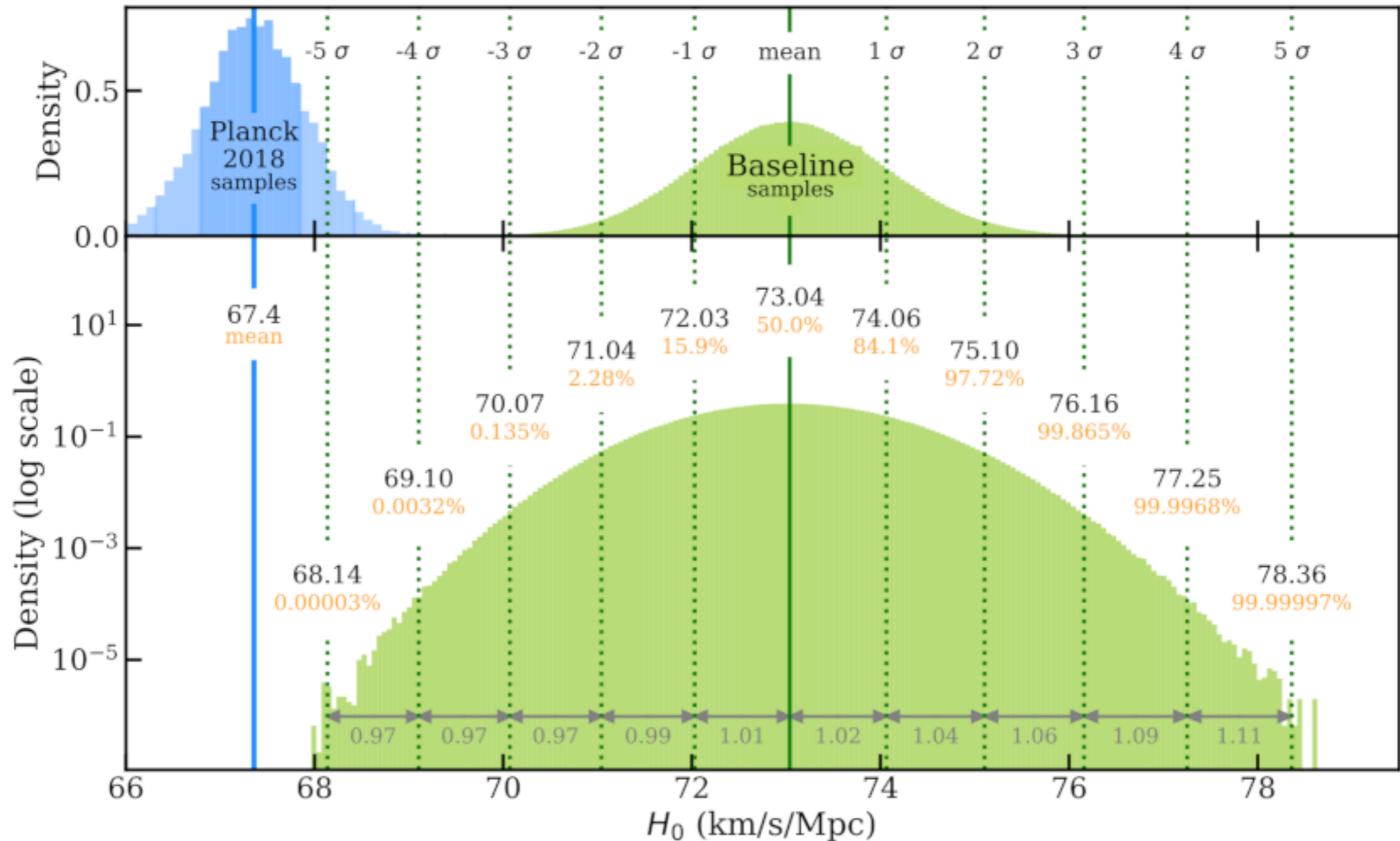
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Riess et al. 2022



$> 5\sigma$  discrepancy (but see, e.g., Freedman et al.)



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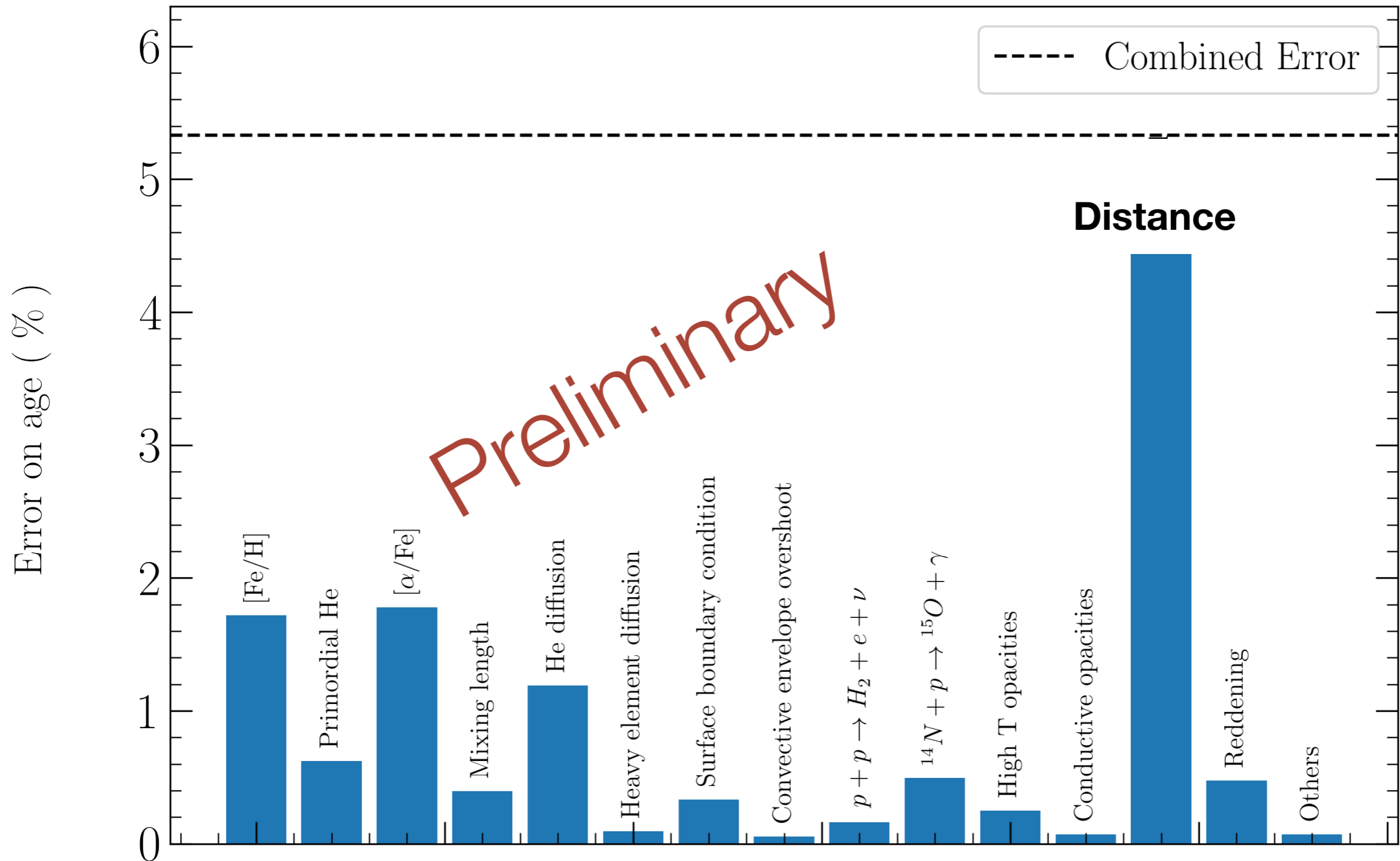
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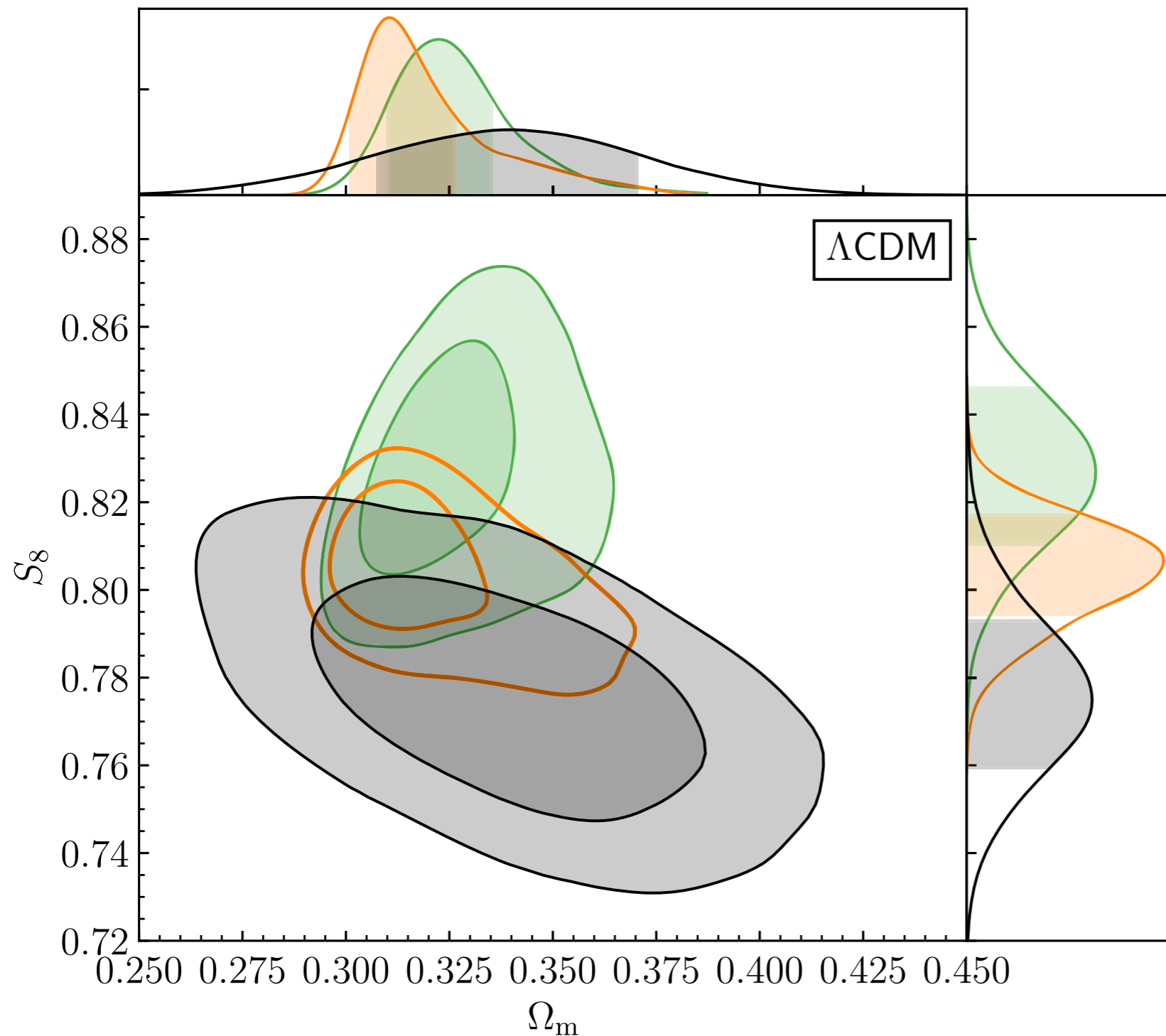
if we can reduce distance uncertainties, **globular cluster ages** can strongly constrain any resolution to Hubble tension that **modifies early Universe physics** (e.g., early dark energy).

- ▶ early solutions to  $H_0$  tension **generically** predict a younger Universe

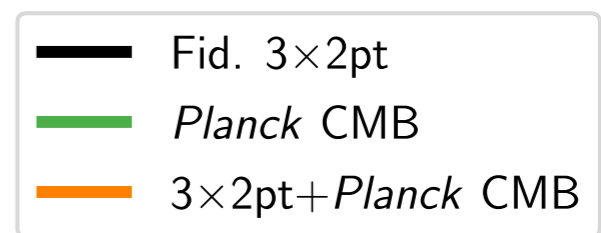


# What about the $S_8$ tension?

no tension in  $\Omega_m$  direction



$$S_8 = \sigma_8 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_m}{0.3}}$$



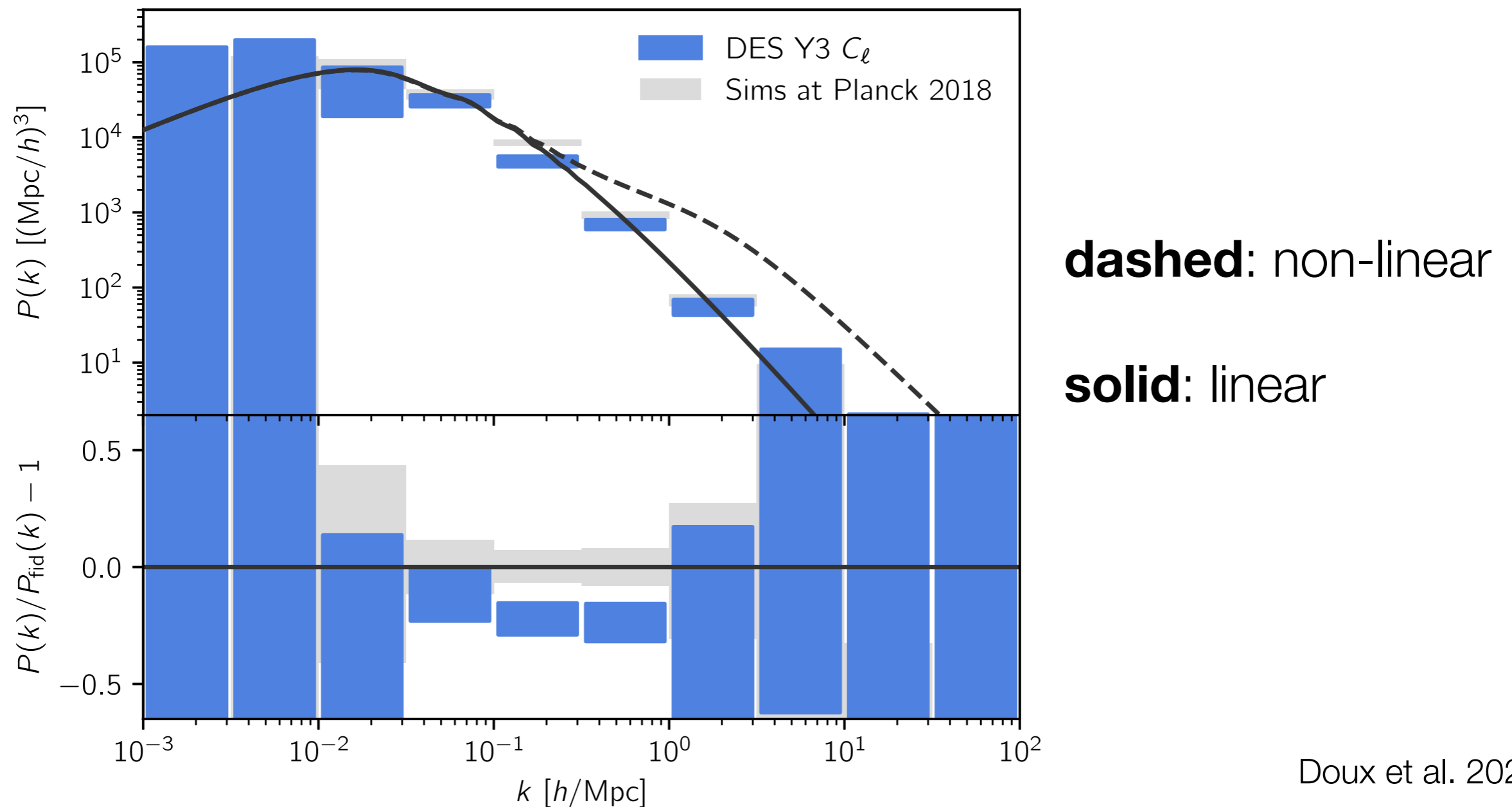
**The  $S_8$  tension is  
mostly a  $\sigma_8$  tension**

# What can go wrong in measuring $\sigma_8$ ?

Linear theory predictions are clear

Observations of  $\sigma_8$  include power from **non-linear** scales.

Significant effects from **baryonic physics** (e.g., AGN feedback)?



# Outlook

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## $\Lambda$ CDM model: just a starting point for understanding our Universe

- ▶ 95% of the Universe is can be well described but is poorly understood
- ▶ Accurate cosmological is a prerequisite for a predictive theory of galaxy formation

Tensions are appearing in **many** places; may indicate the need for a revised cosmology or may be a sign of  $\Lambda$ CDM's maturity.

*JWST* observations are challenging our inference of **galaxy properties**, our understanding of **galaxy formation**, or our **cosmological model**

- ▶ Massive galaxy candidates require perfect conversion of baryons to stars for halos predicted by the base  $\Lambda$ CDM (arXiv:2208.01611)
- ▶ **if** it is an issue with cosmology, could it be related to the Hubble tension & EDE?
- ▶ A new era of stellar astrophysics may help us understand cosmology

Data are pouring in; we should have a much better understanding of whether early galaxies truly challenge  $\Lambda$ CDM within the next 1-2 years



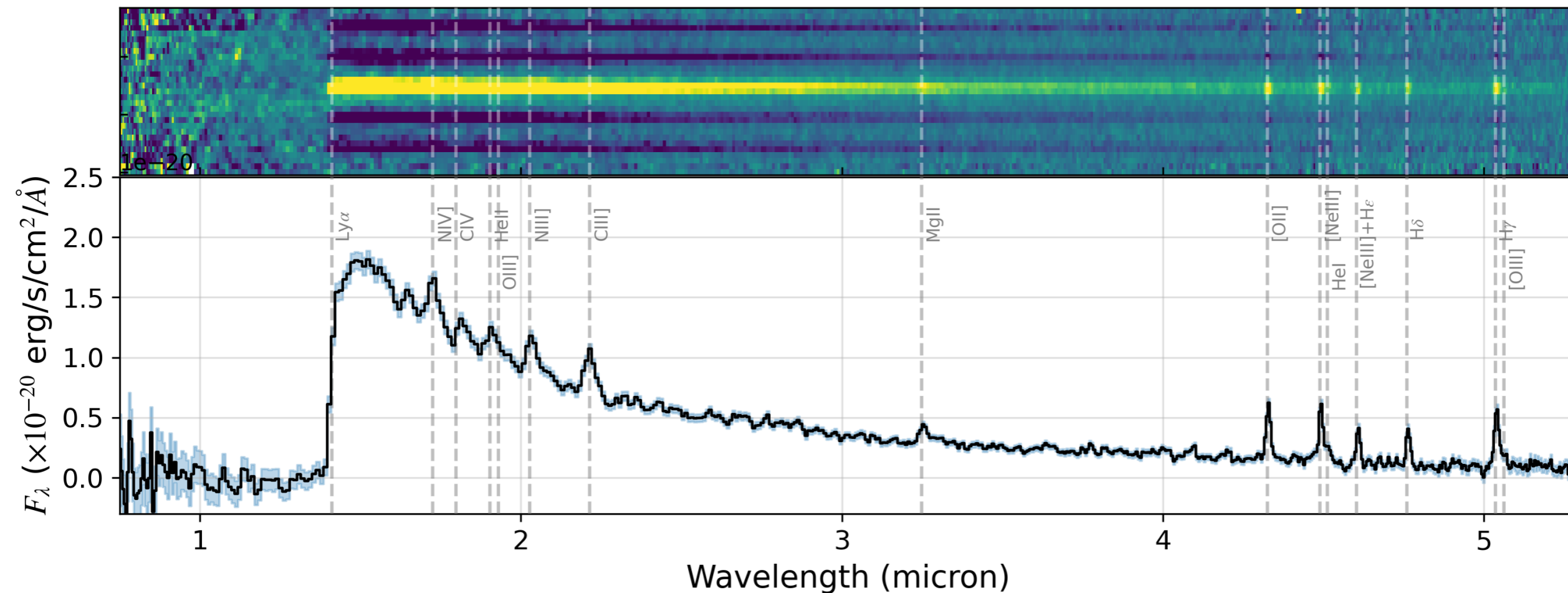


# Spectroscopic data

$z = 10.6$  galaxy with  $M_{\star} \approx 10^9 M_{\odot}$

(one of the brightest high-redshift galaxies discovered with HST)

Bunker et al. 2023 (see also Tacchella et al. 2023)



JADES: 4 confirmed galaxies at  $z = 10.4 - 13.2$  with  $M_{\star} \approx 10^8 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$

Robertson, Tacchella et al. 2022; Curtis-Lake, Carniani et al. 2022

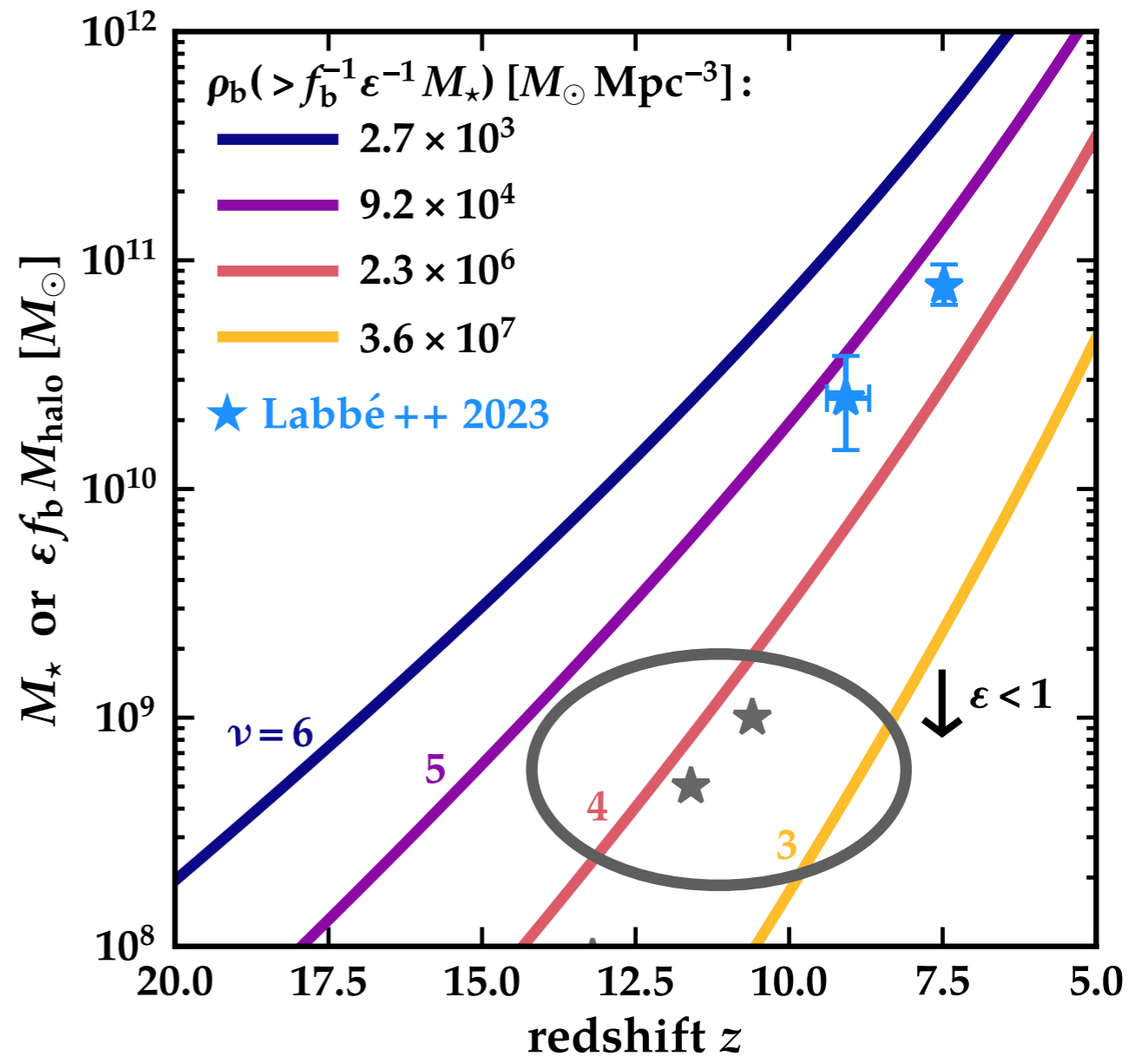
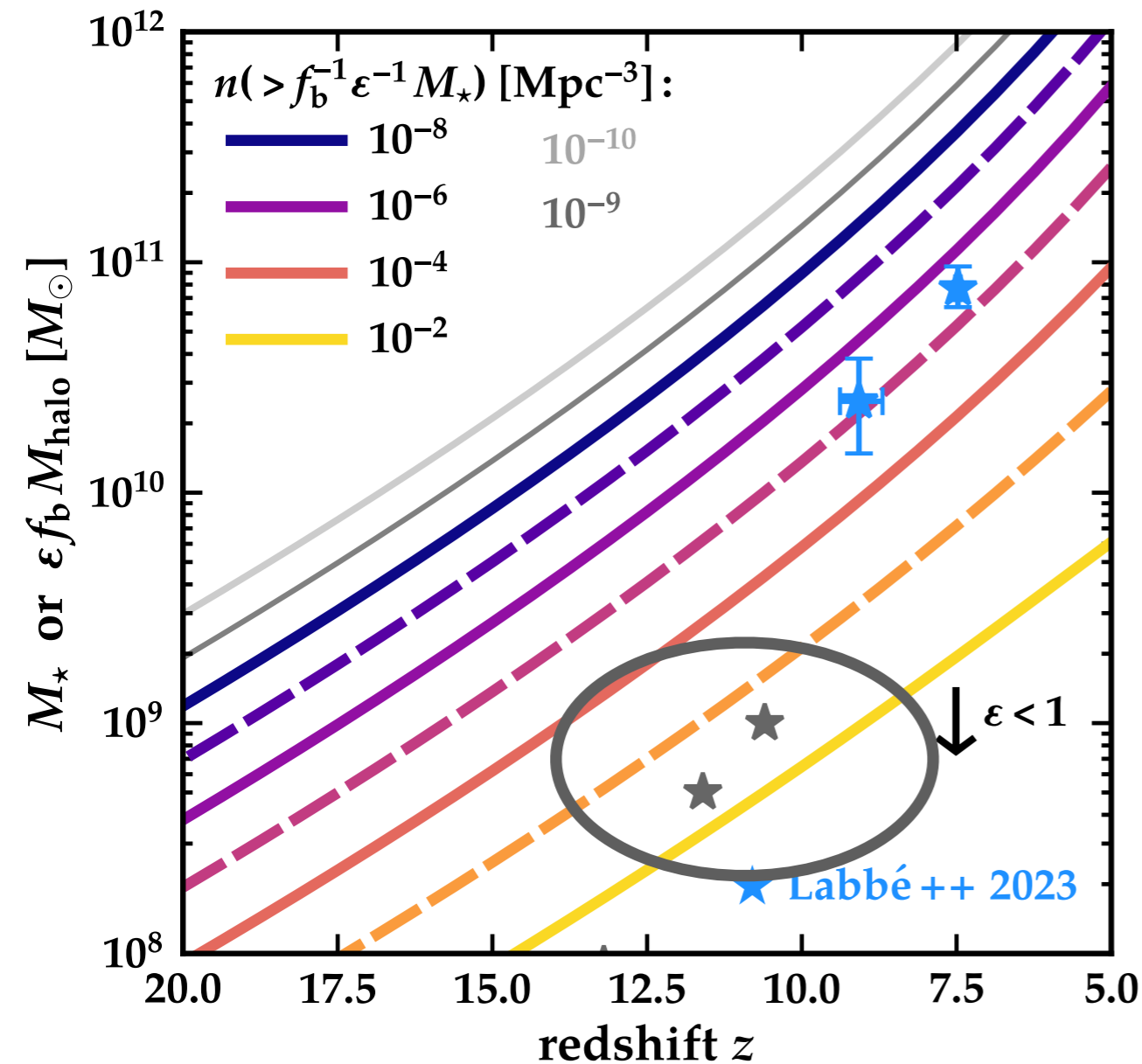
CEERS: 2 confirmed galaxies at  $z = 10.1 - 11.4$  with  $M_{\star} \approx 10^8 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$

P. Arrabal Haro et al. 2023

# Spectroscopically confirmed galaxies

Galaxies at  $z \sim 10 - 13$  with  $M_{\star} \approx 10^8 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$

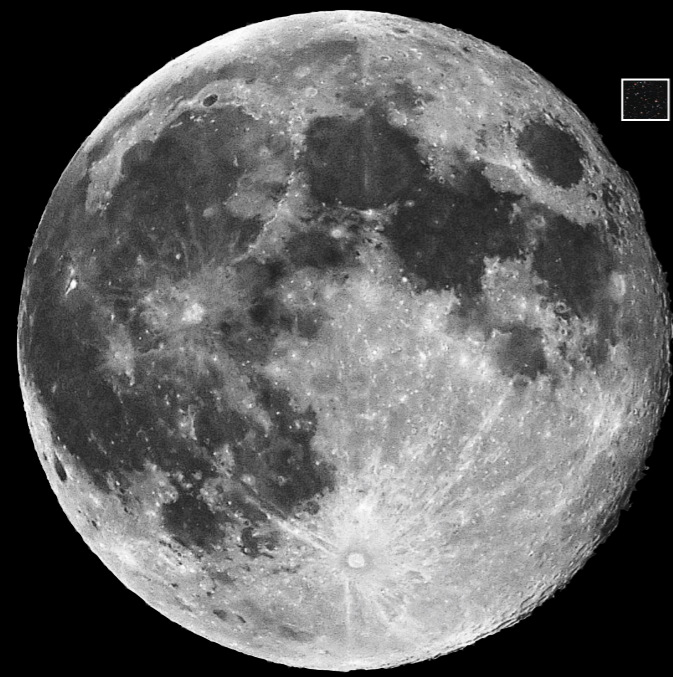
Very exciting, but **thus far** not cosmologically challenging







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