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Reconstruction in Cosmology

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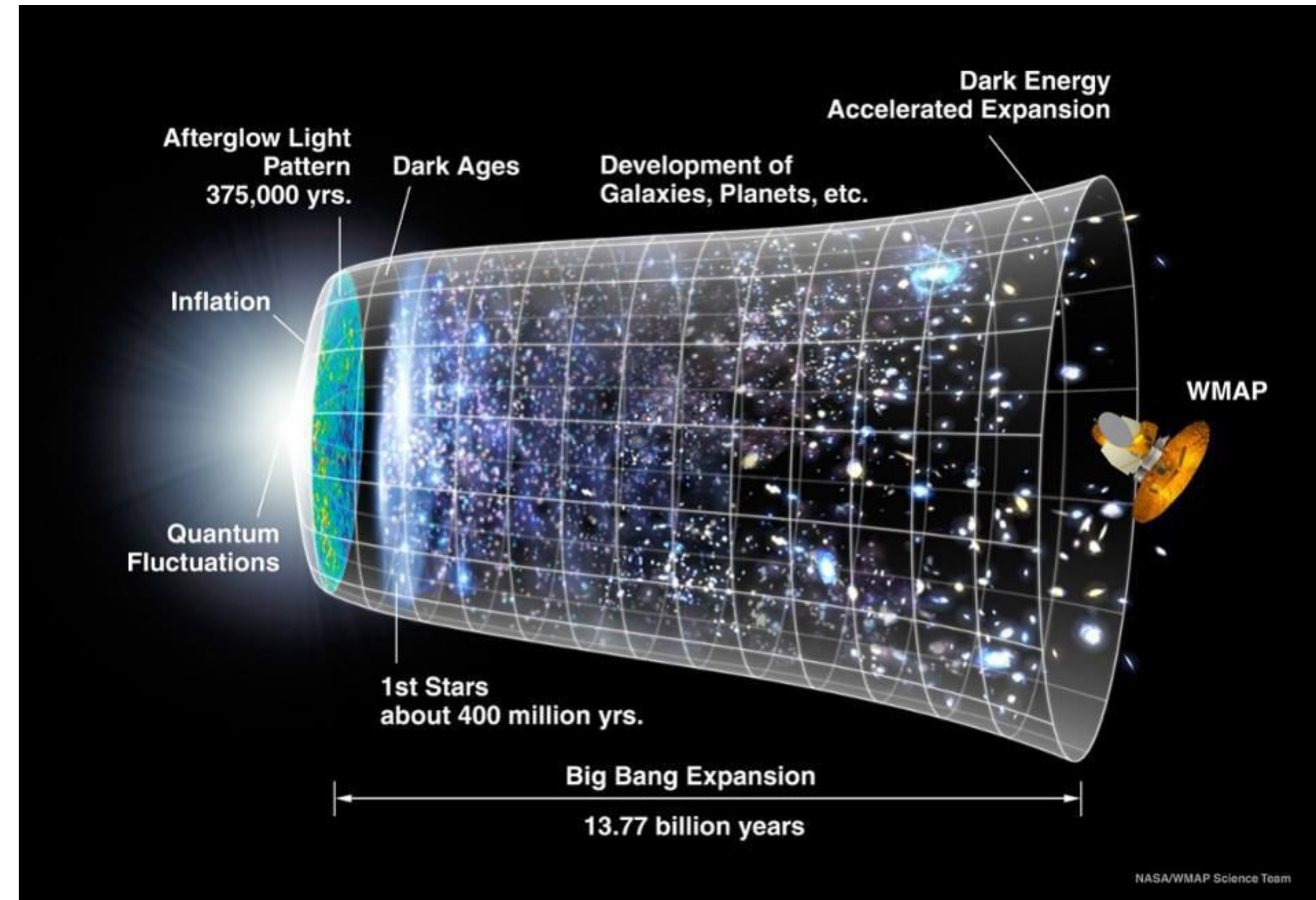


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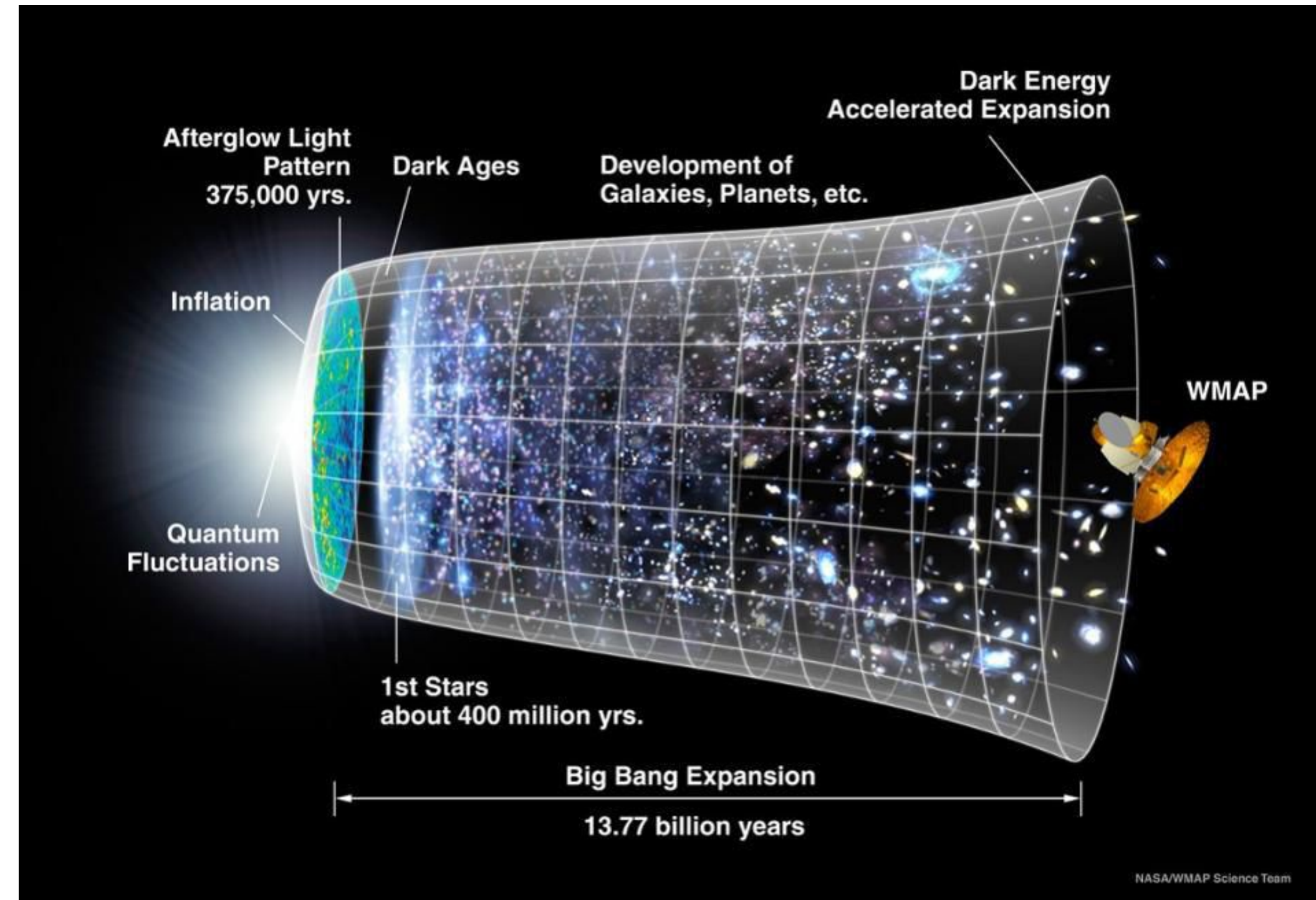
“Freedom is the consciousness of necessity”

Cosmological evolution



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Inflation

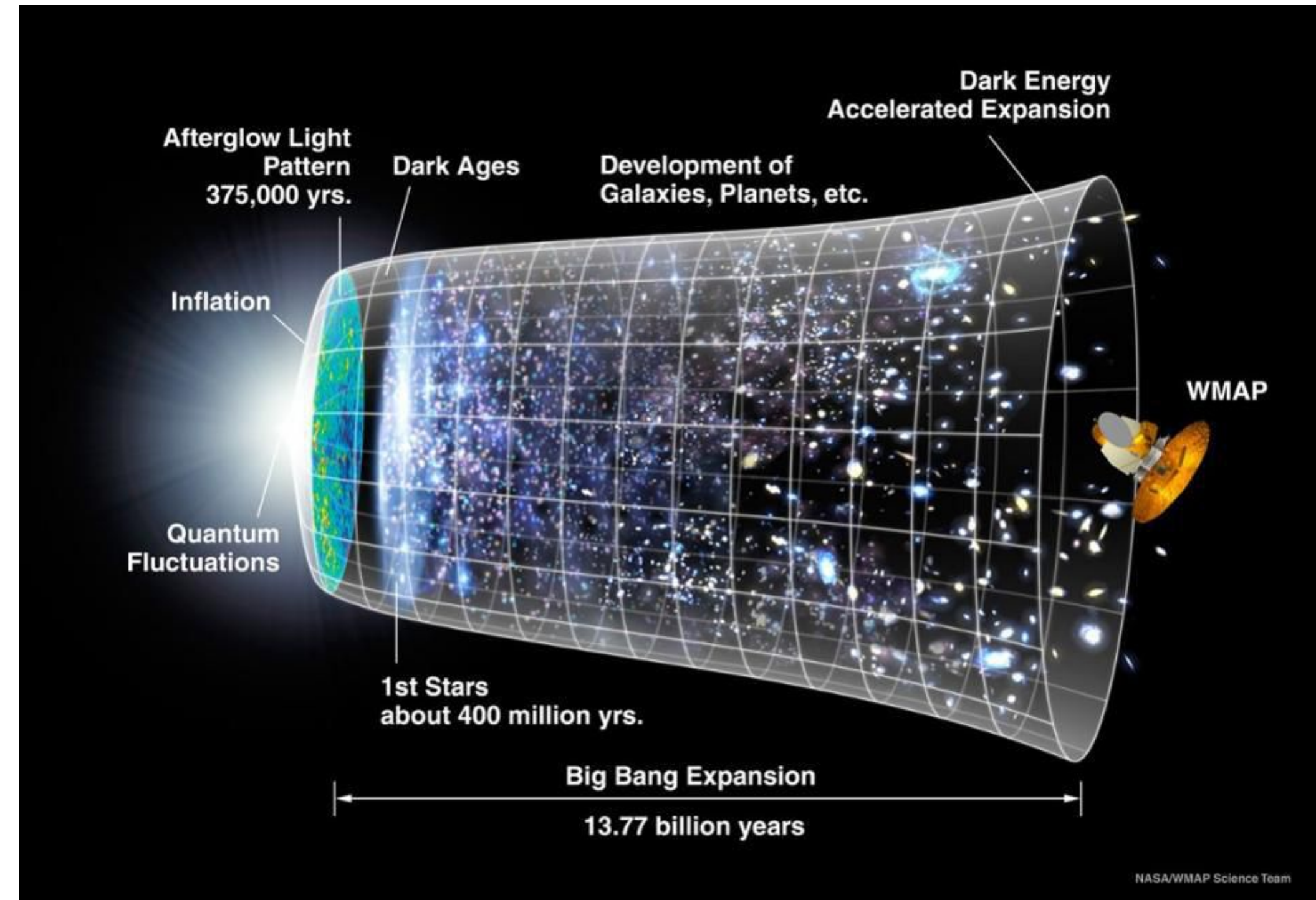


CMB



Matter distribution

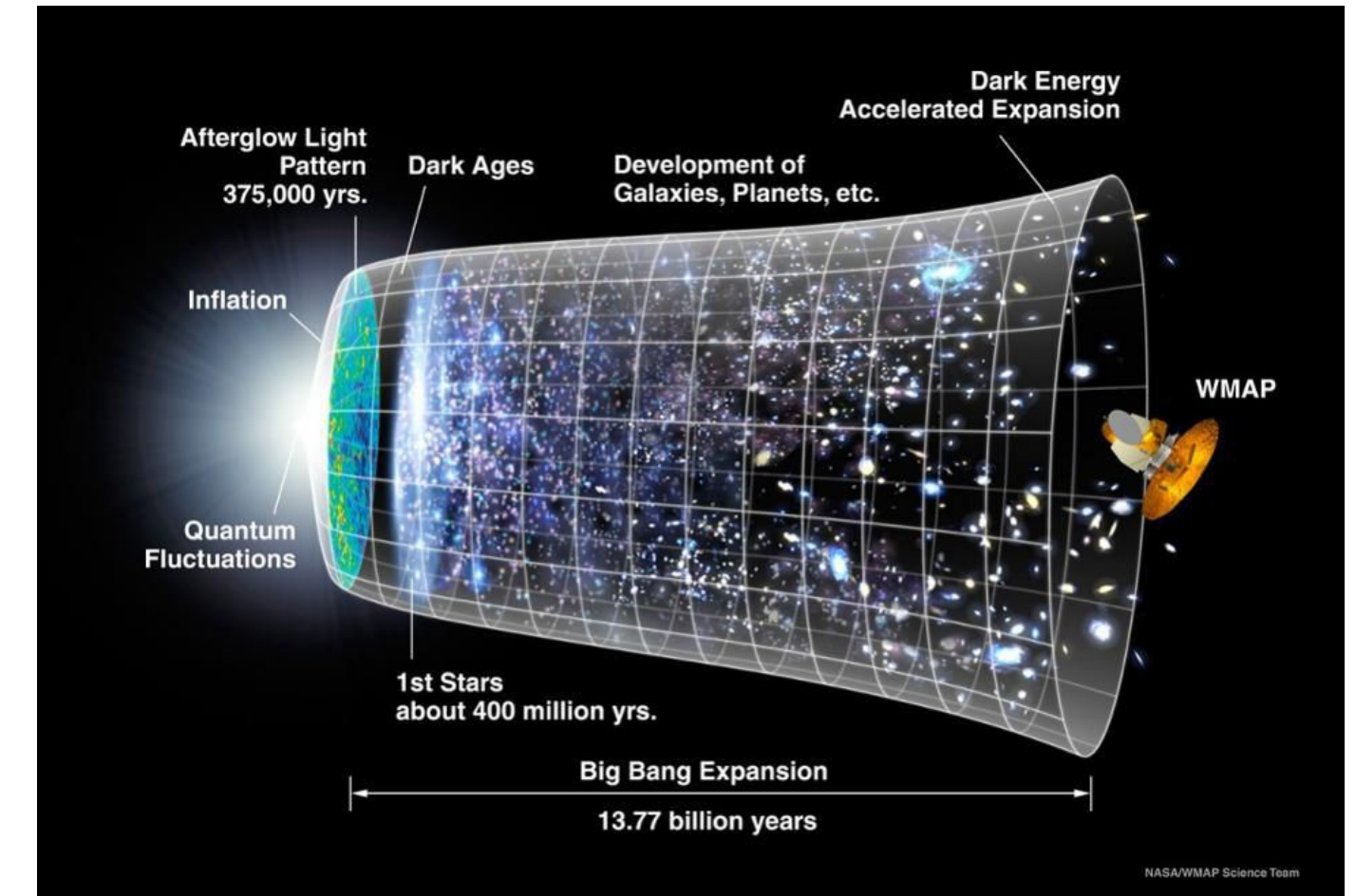
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Inflation → CMB → Matter distribution

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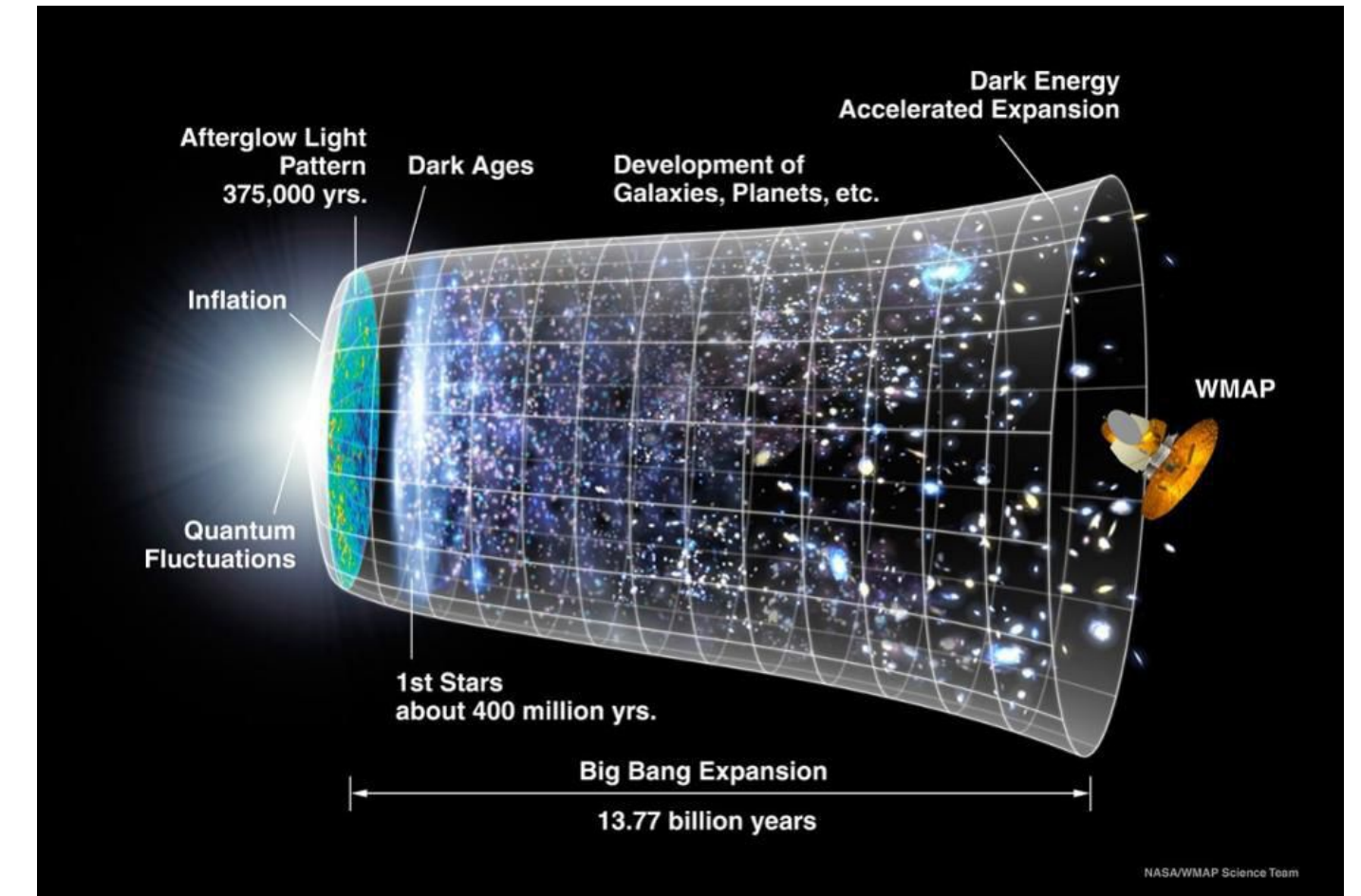
$$P(k) \propto A_s k^{n_s - 1} ?$$

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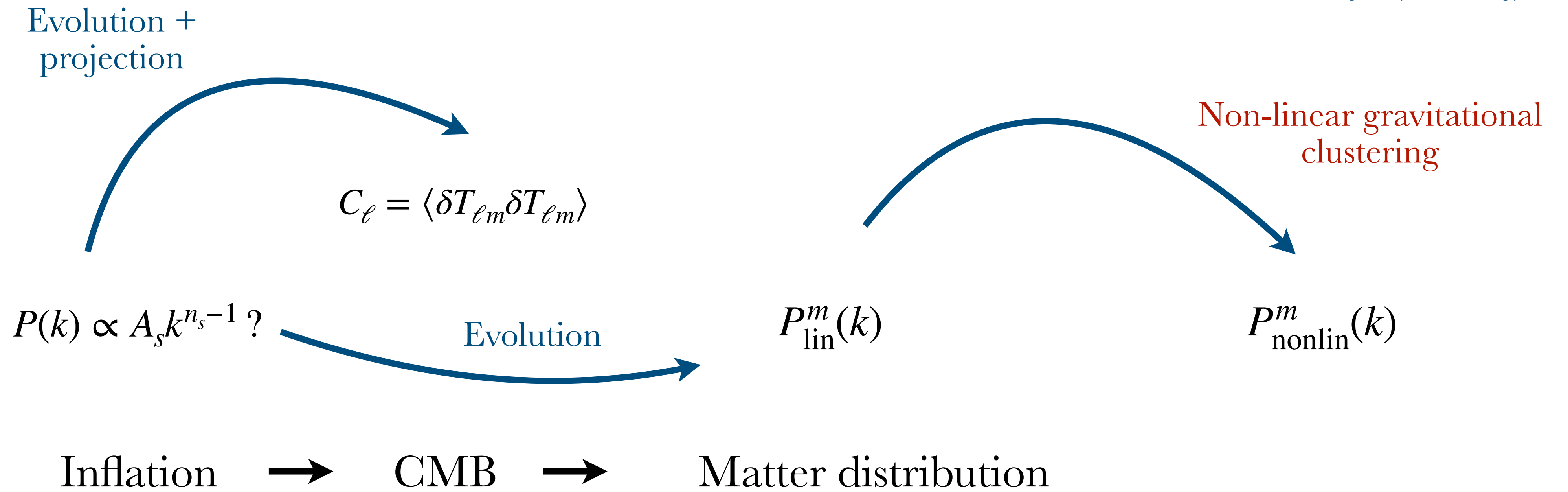
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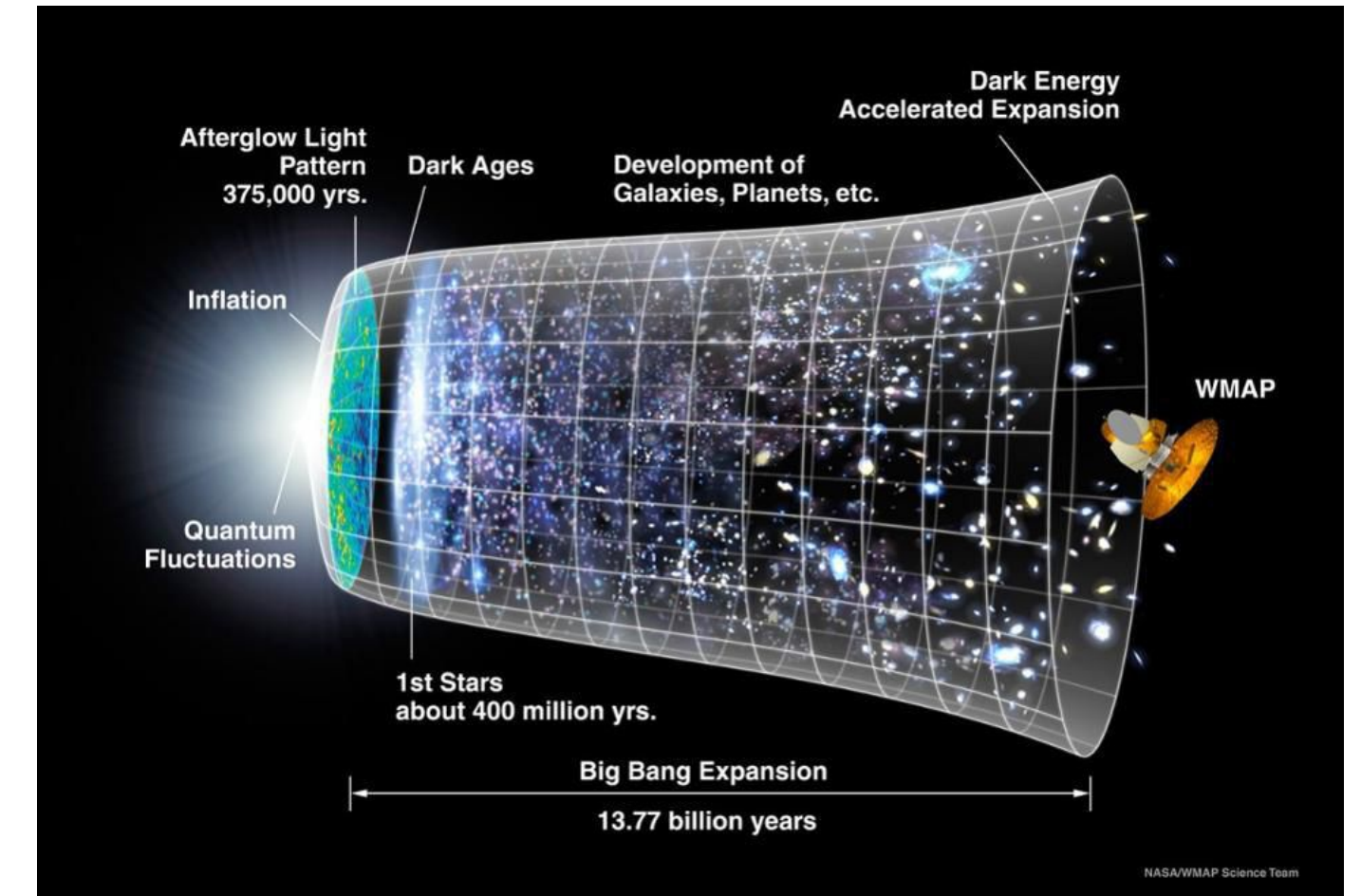
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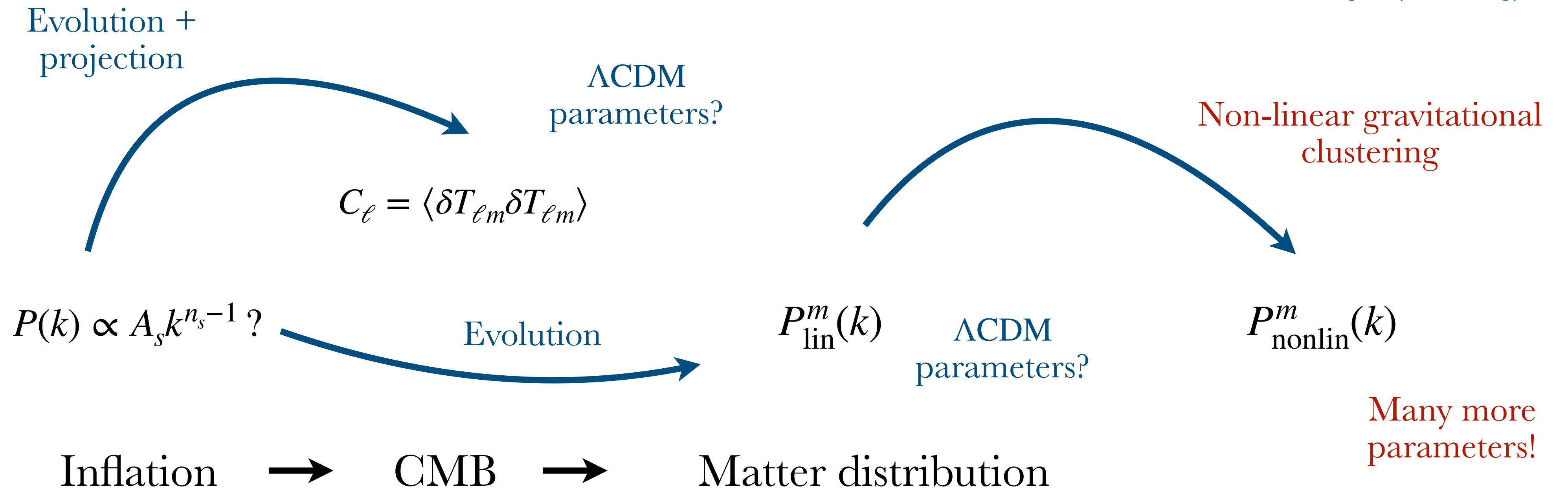
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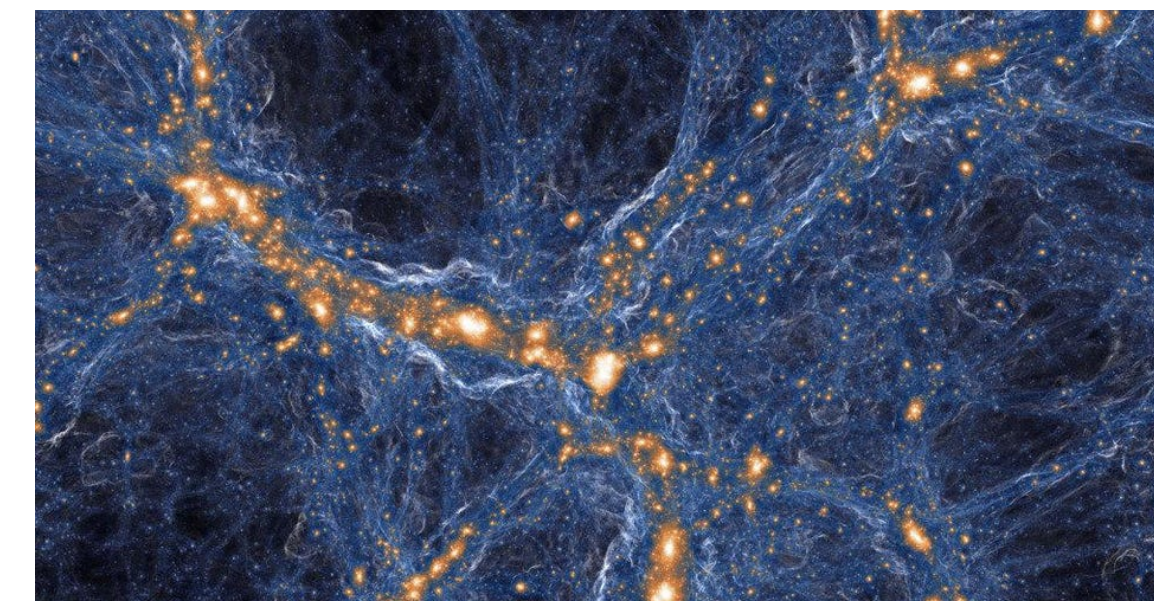
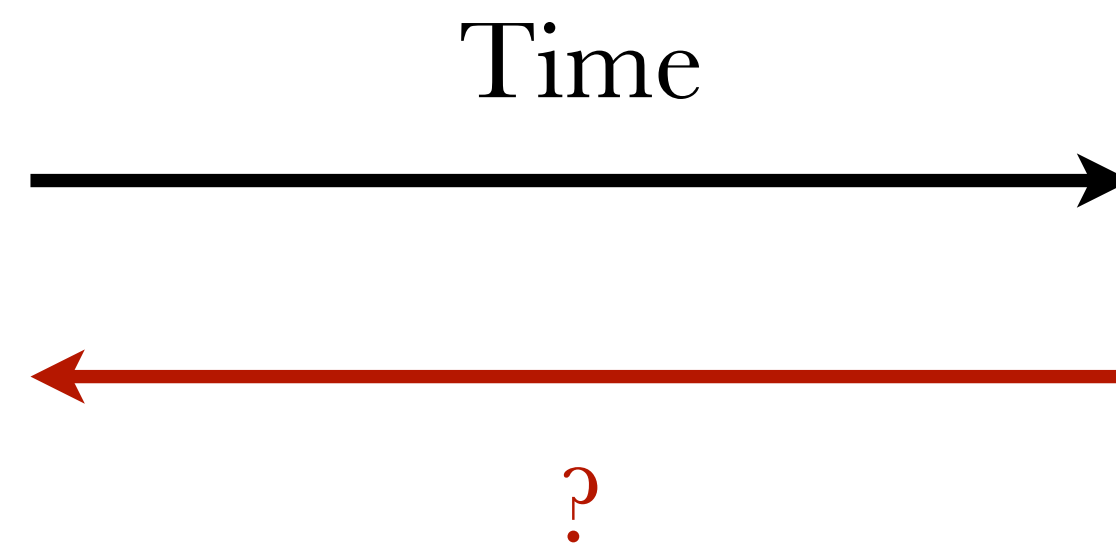
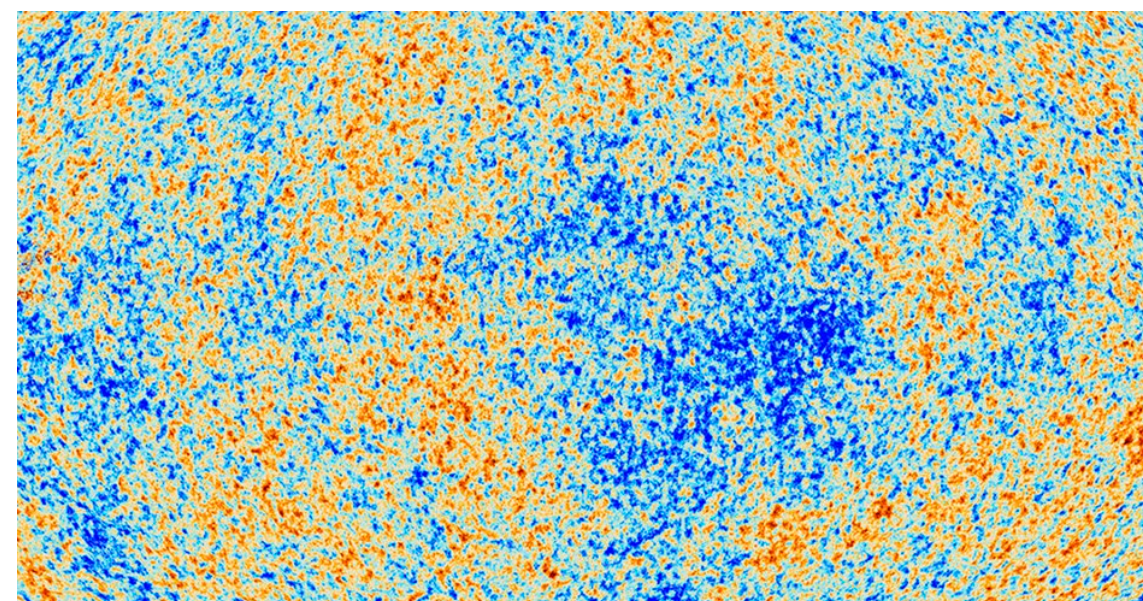
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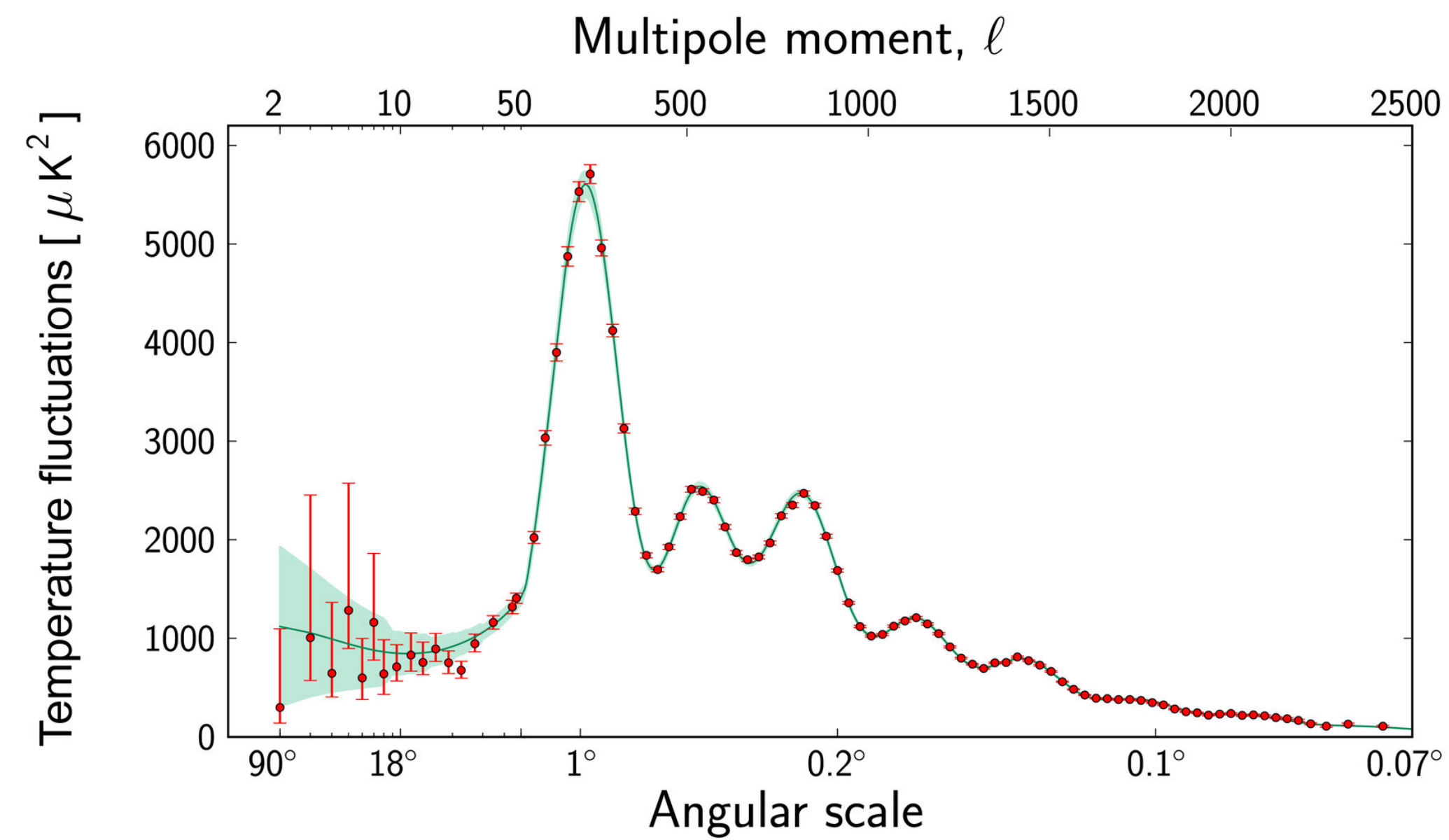


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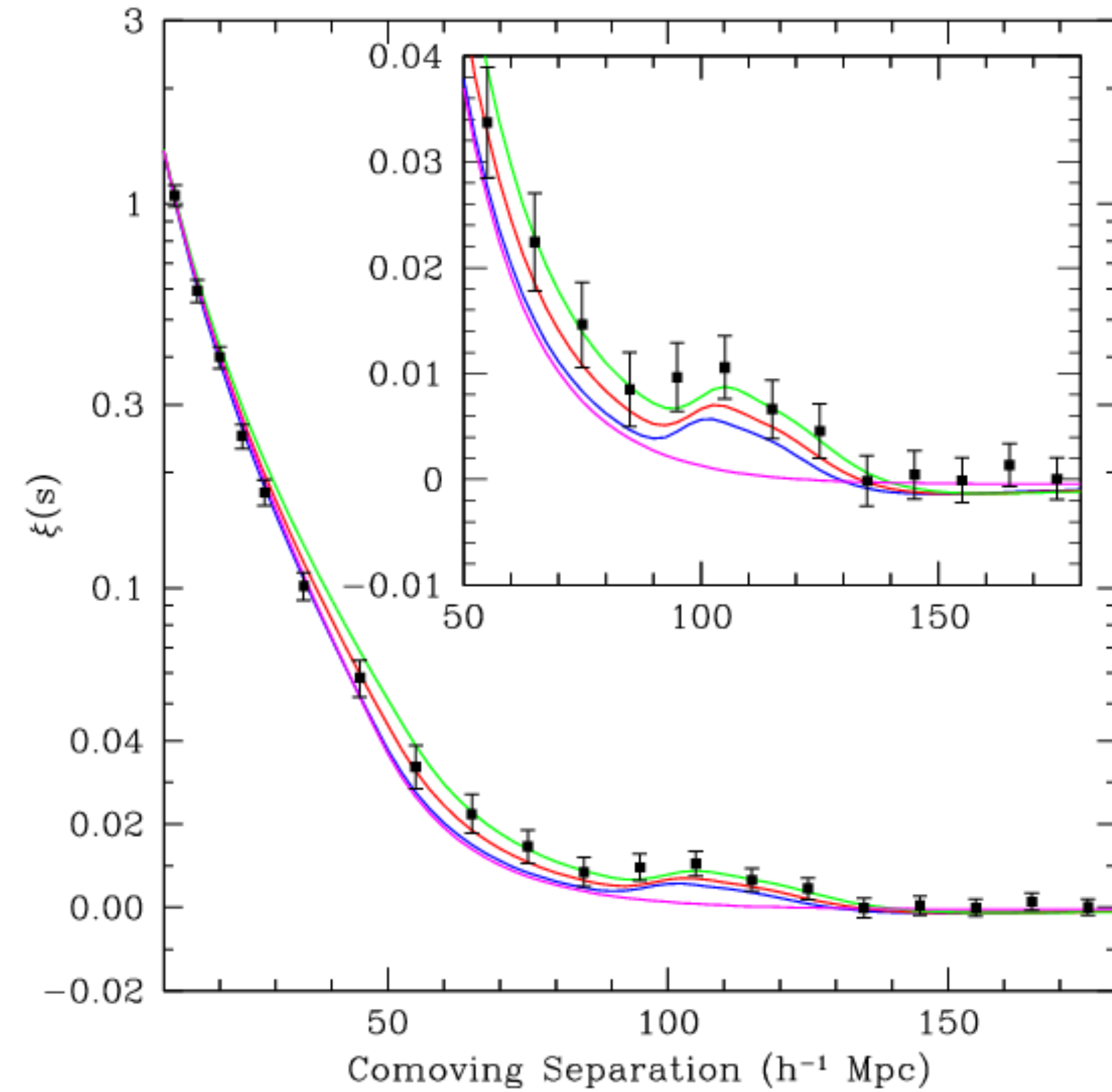


Cosmic growth of structure

Late-time effects and Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations



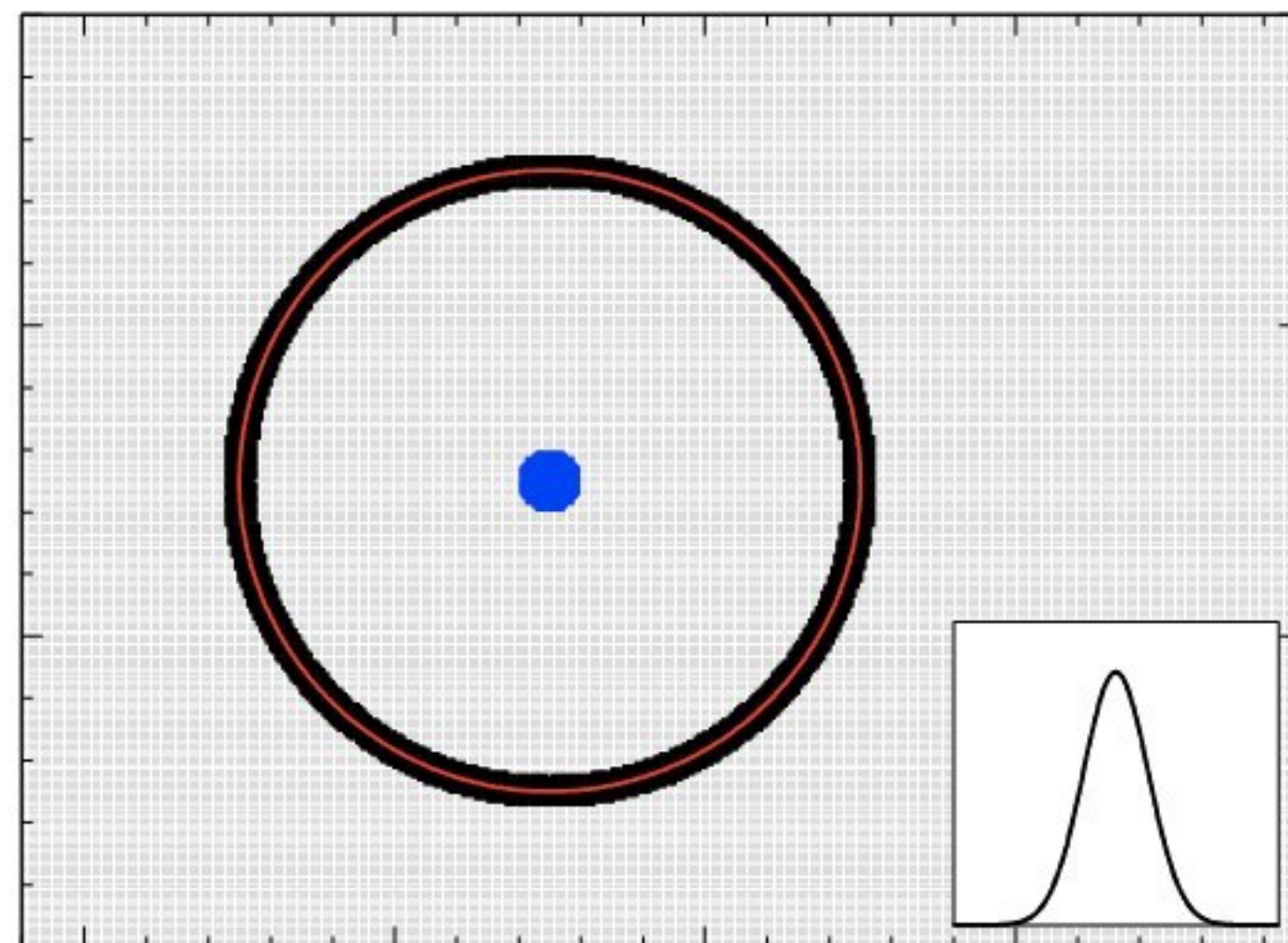
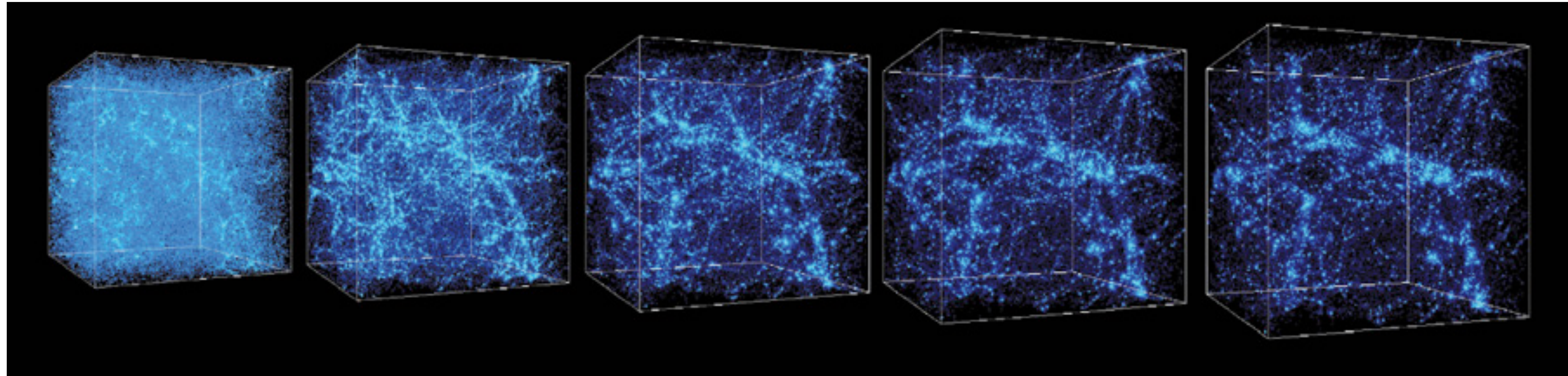
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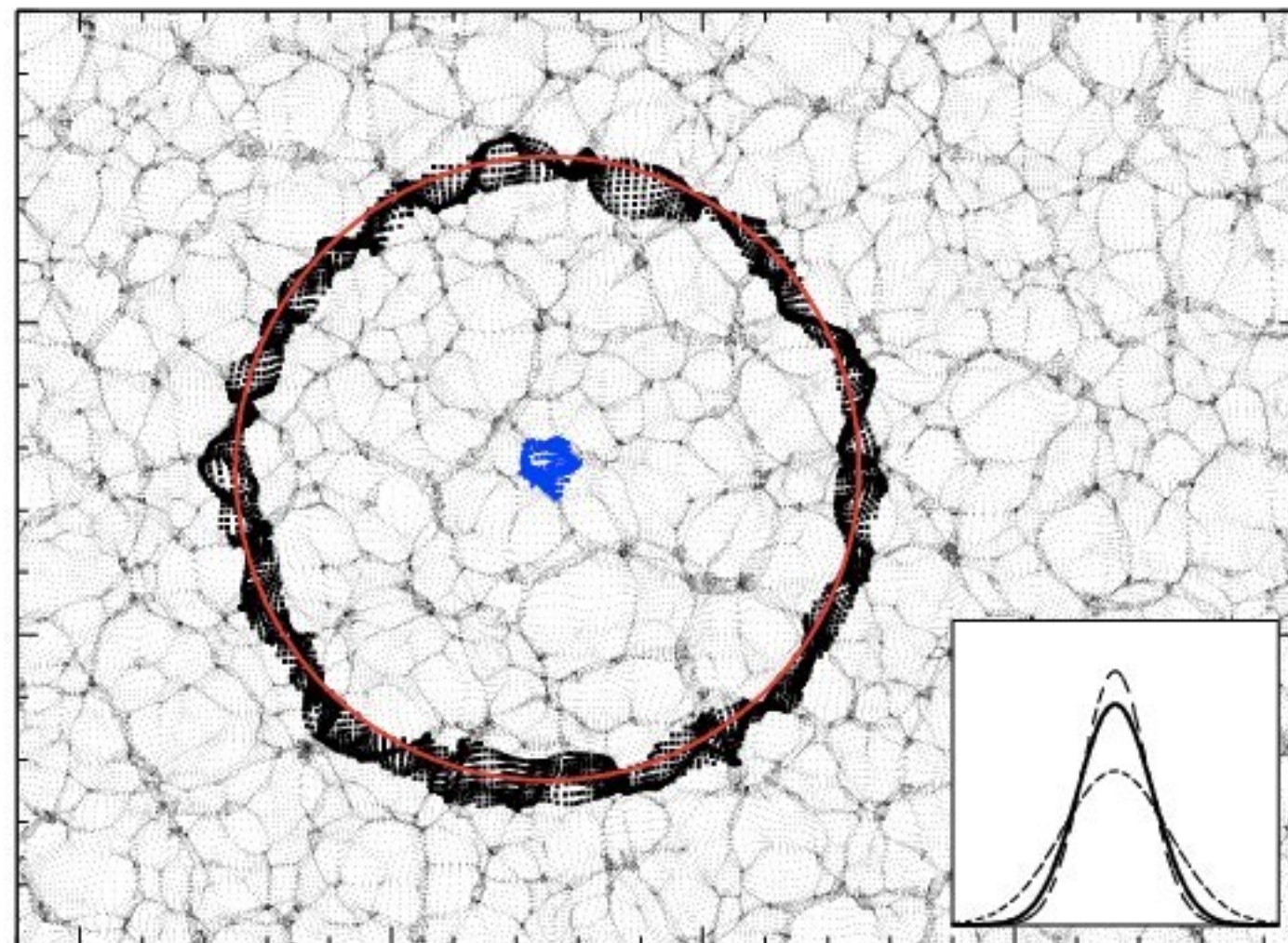
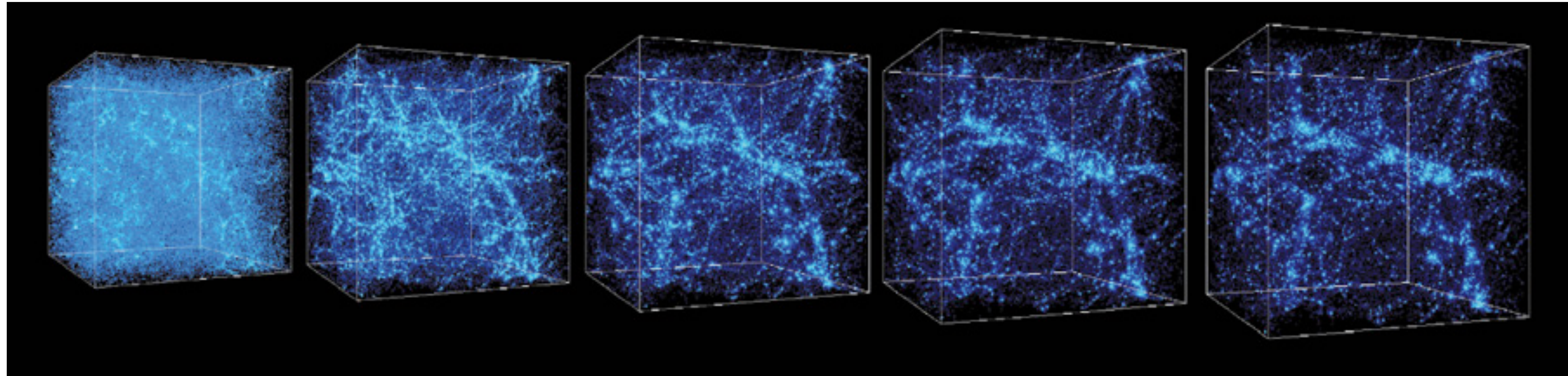
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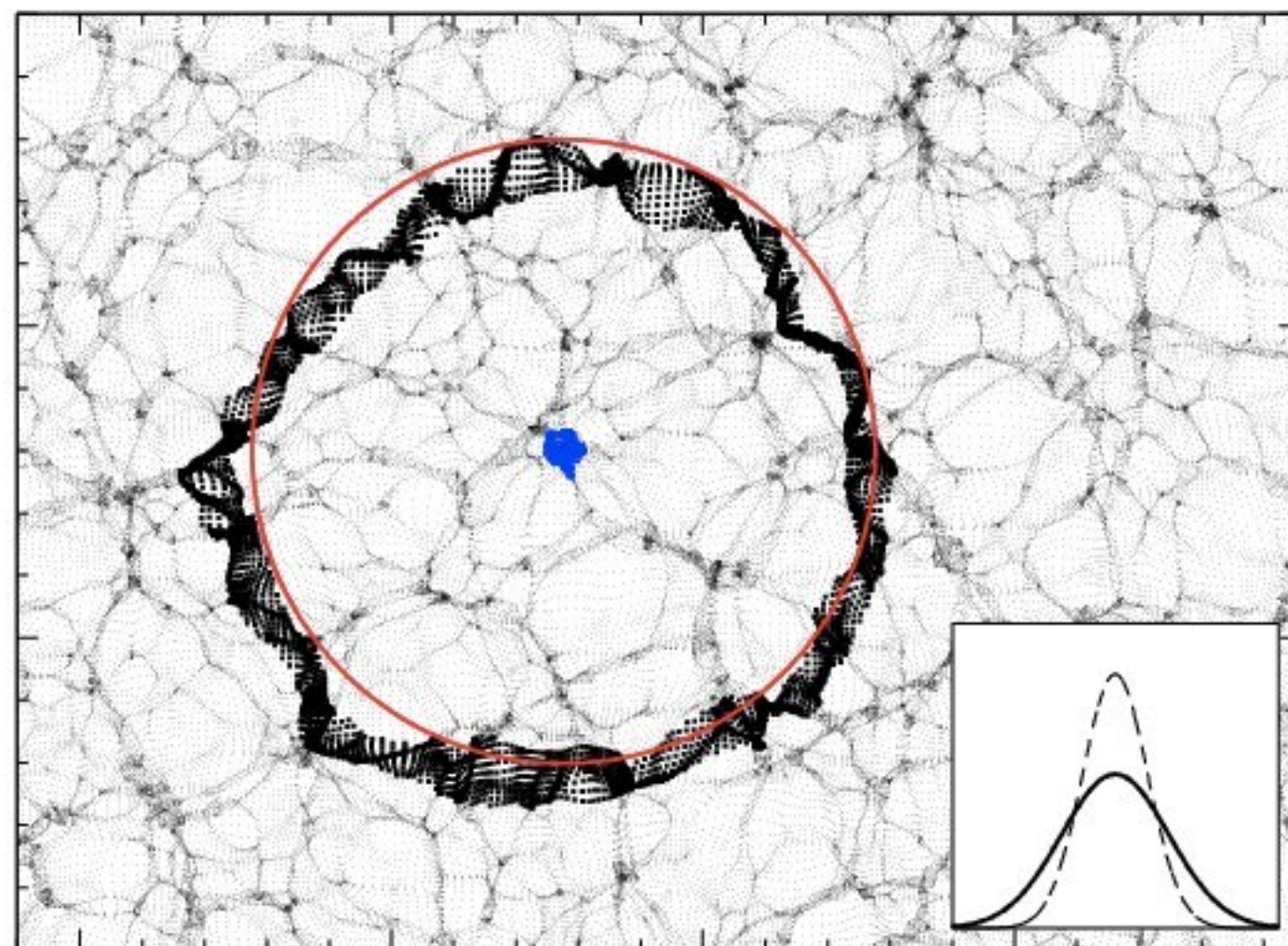
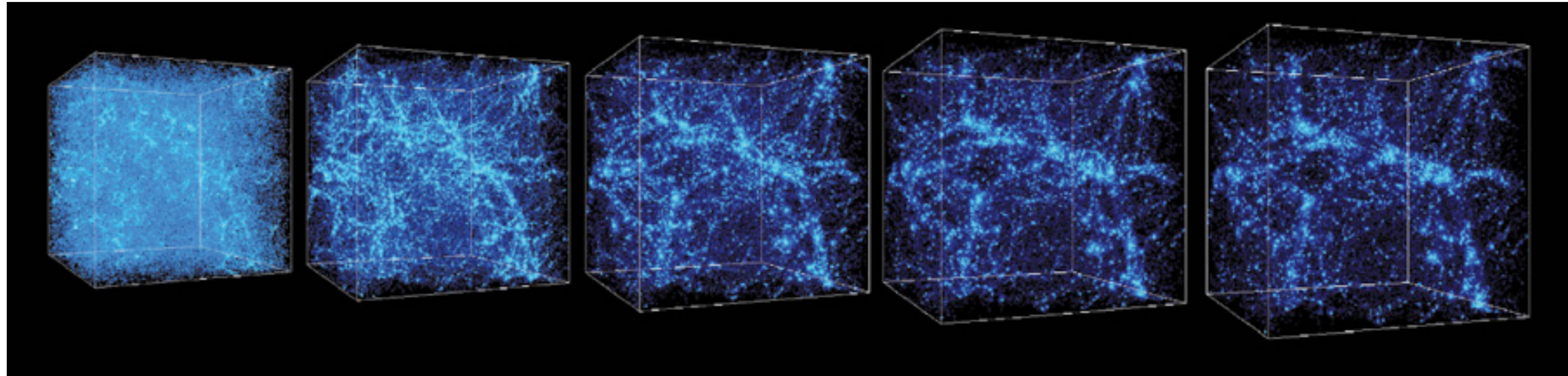


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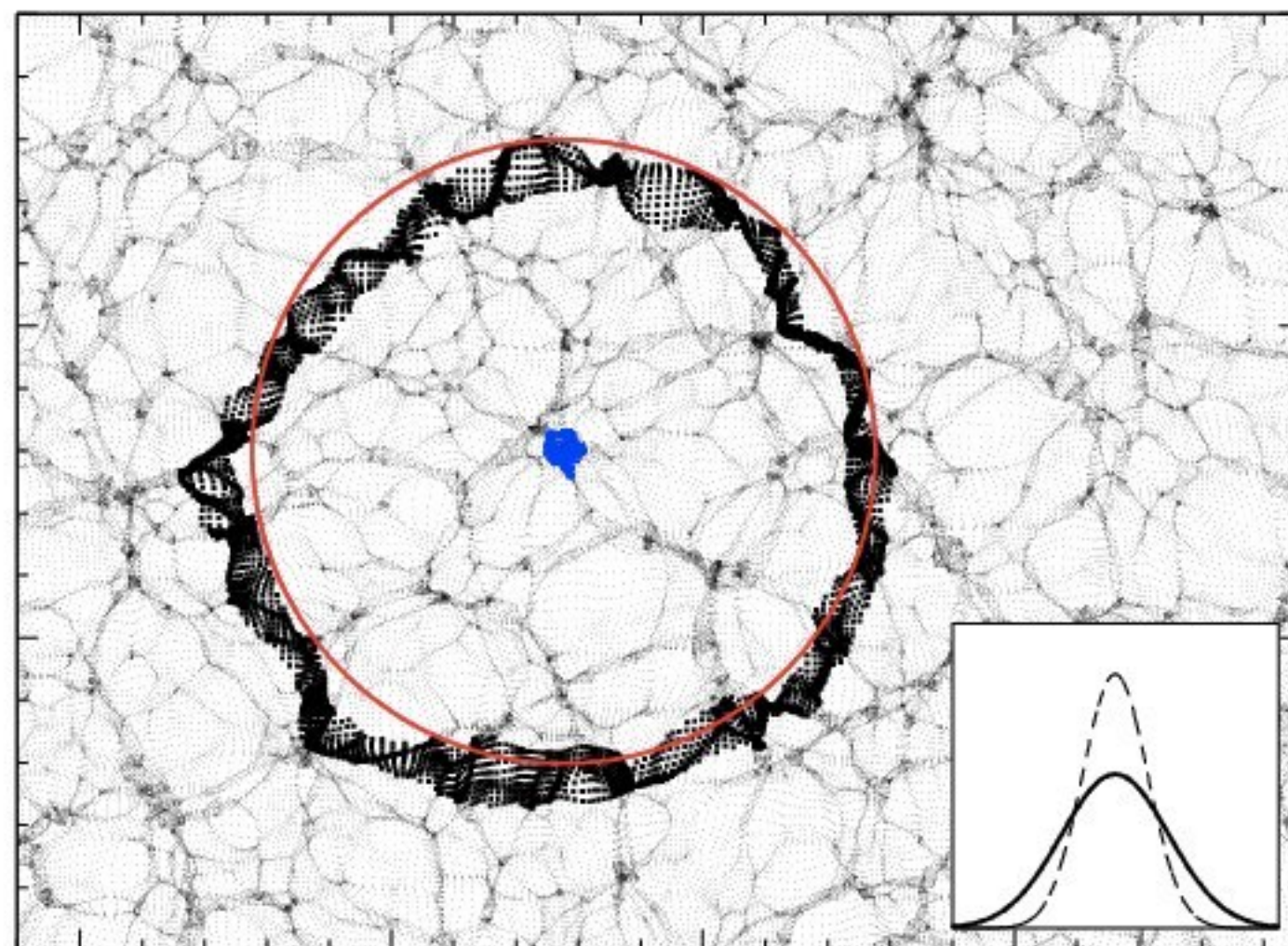
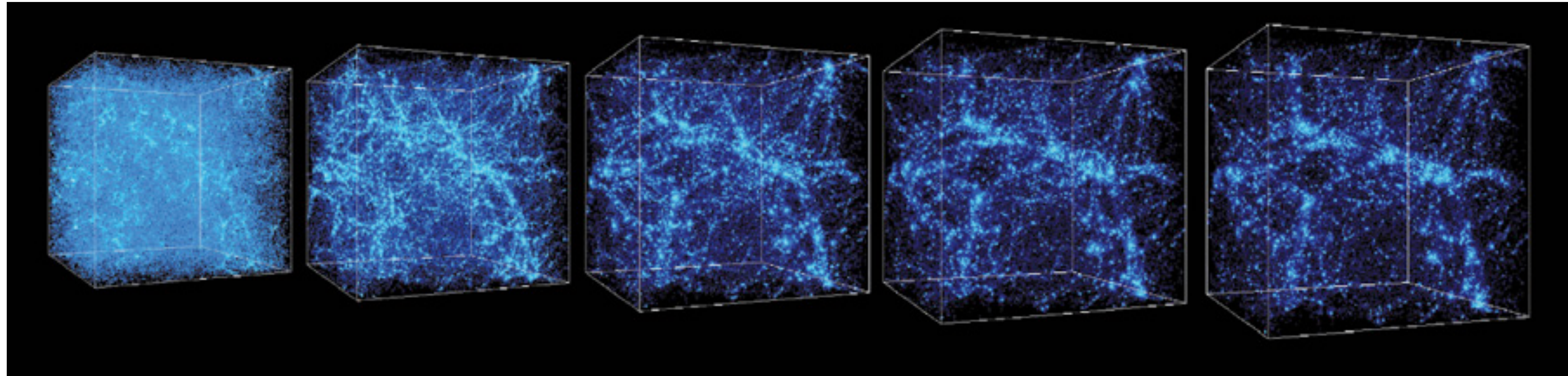


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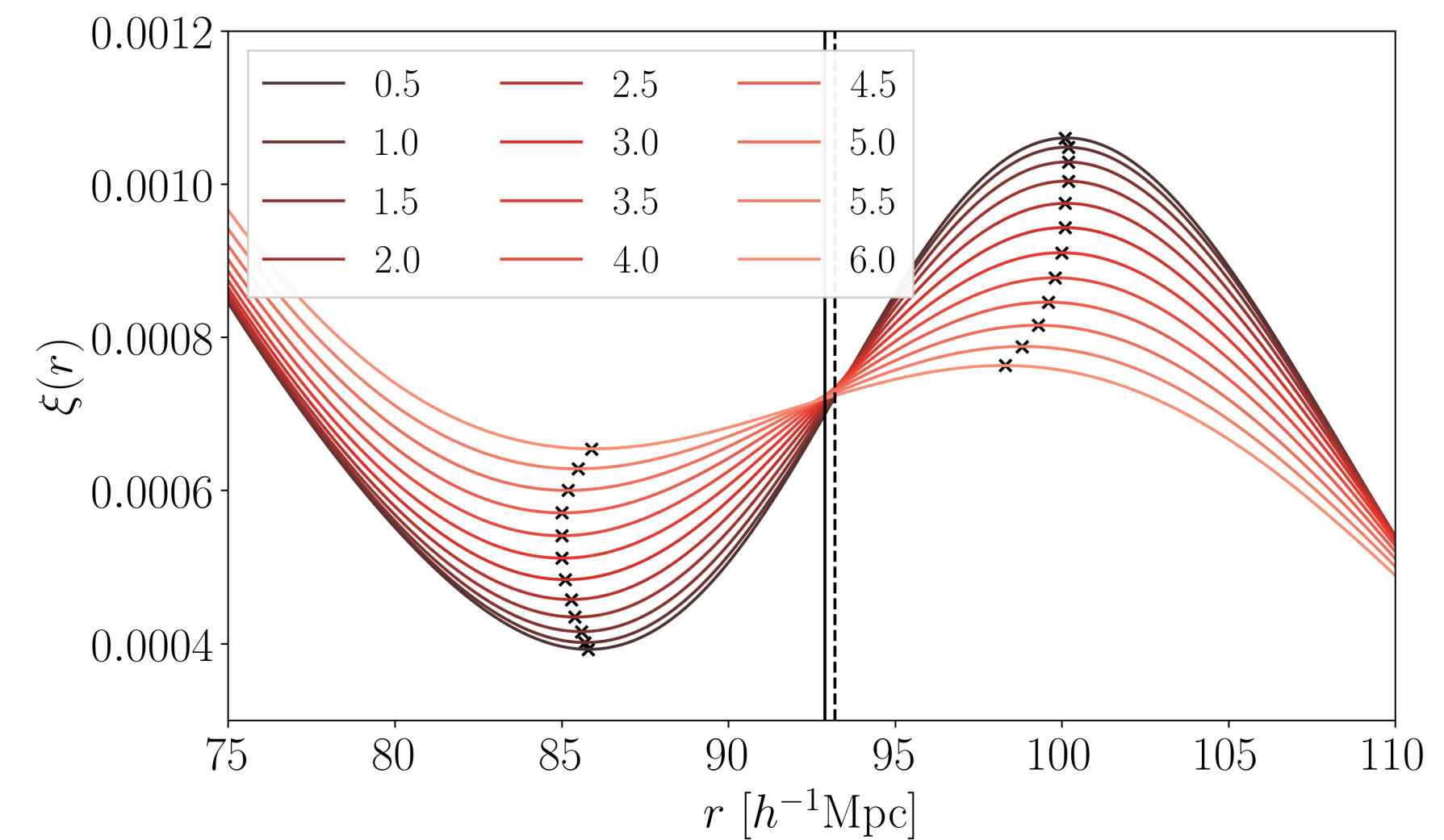
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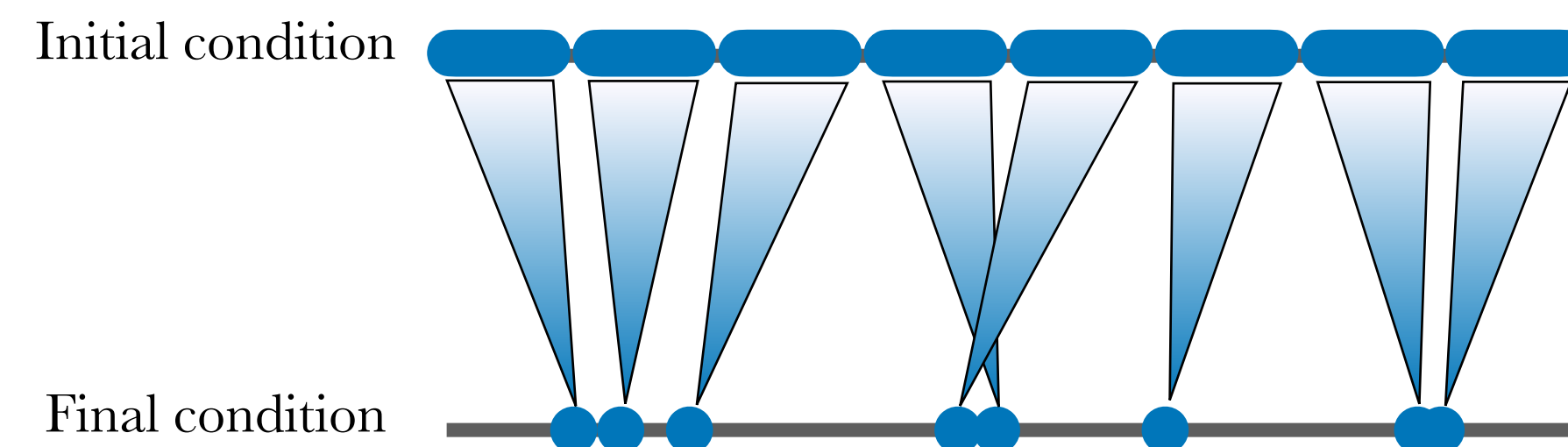
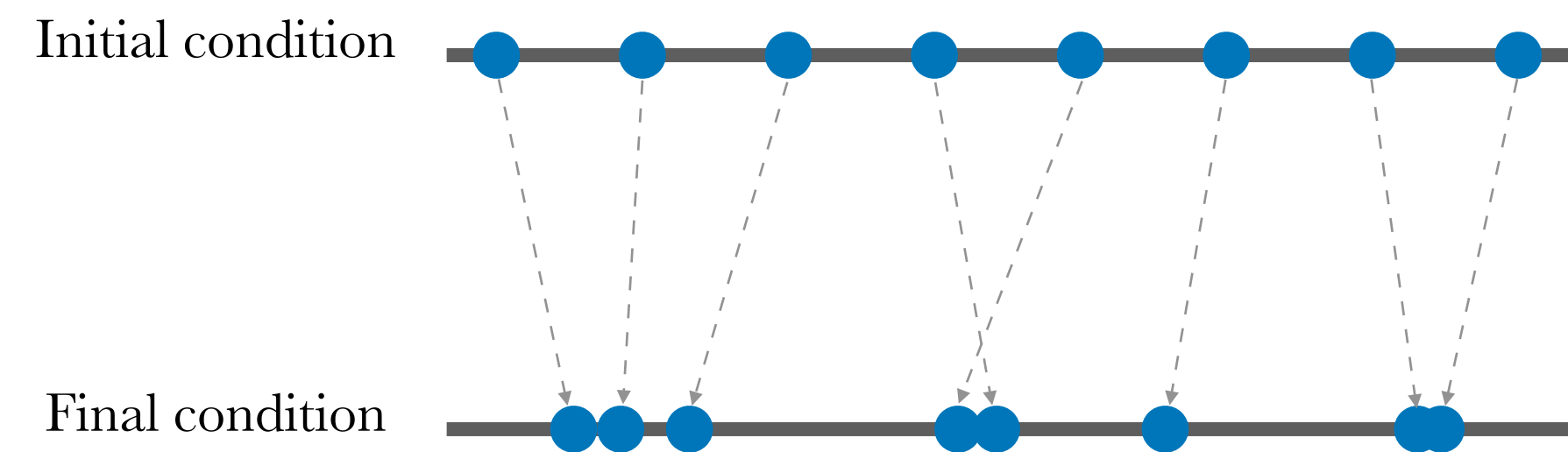
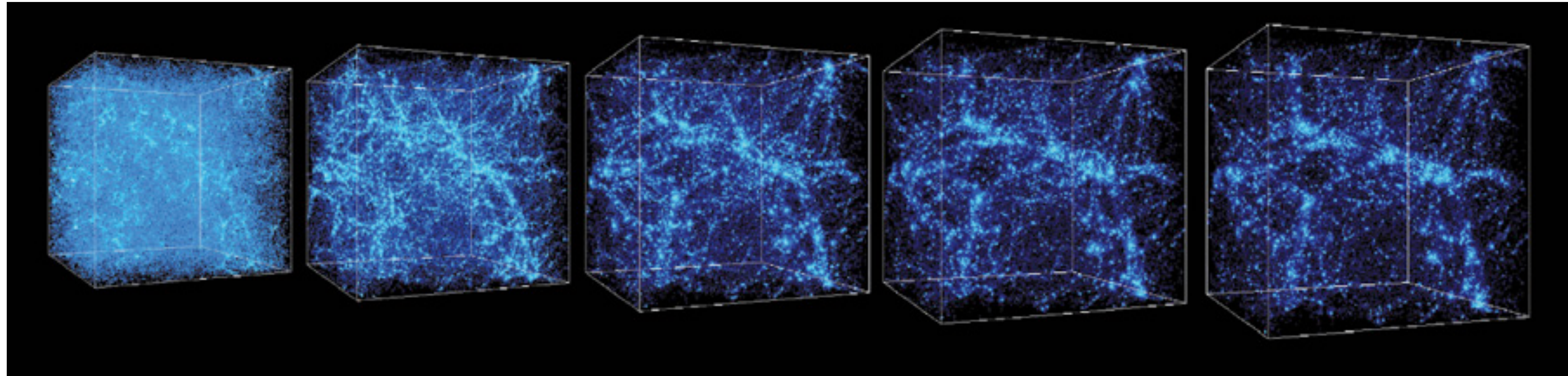
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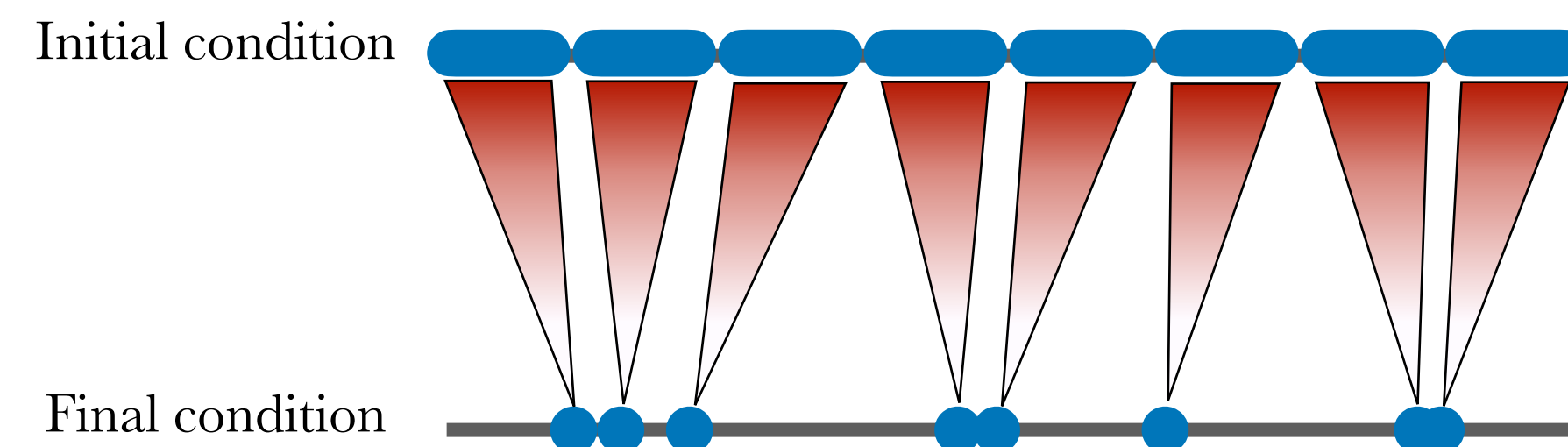
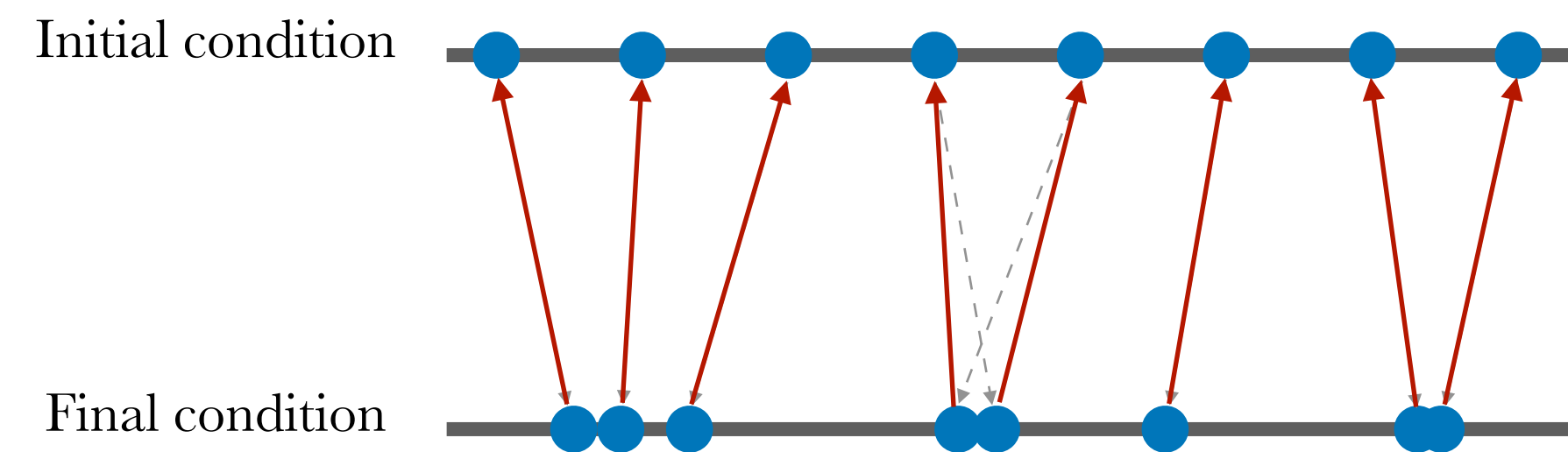
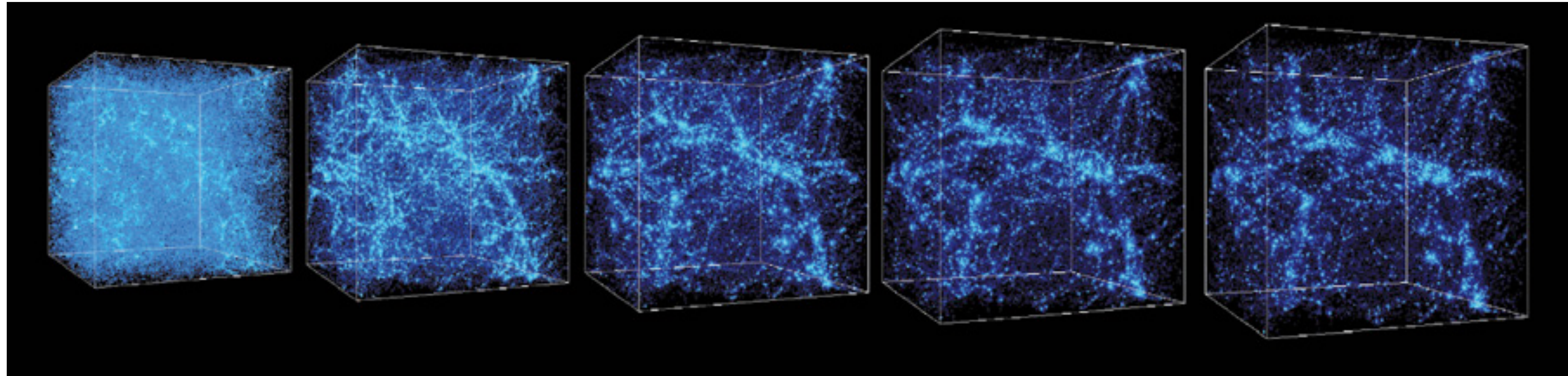
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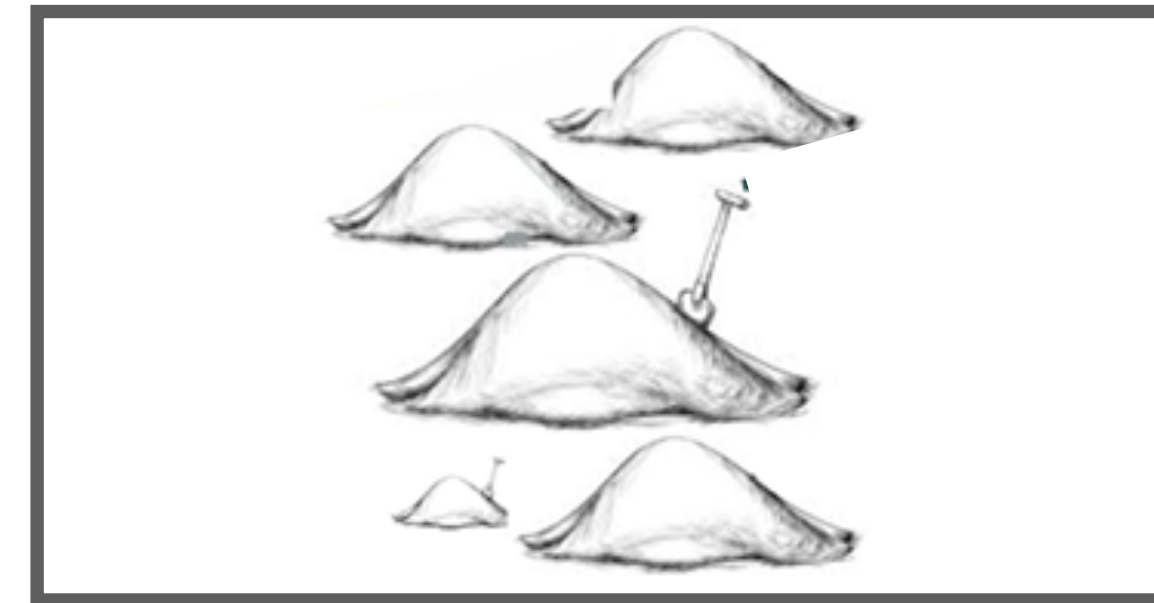
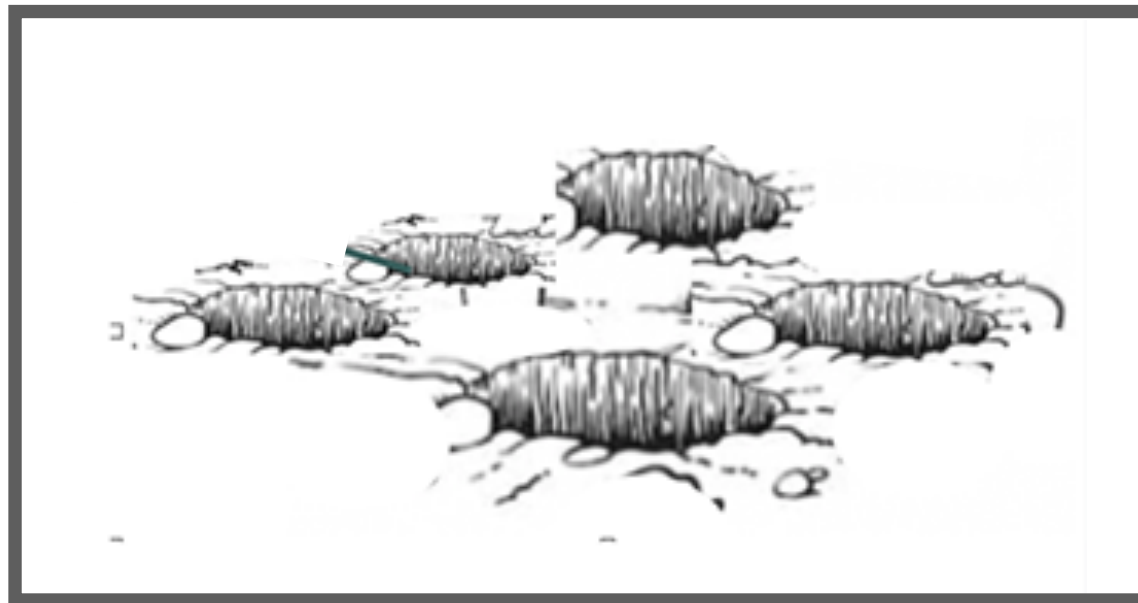


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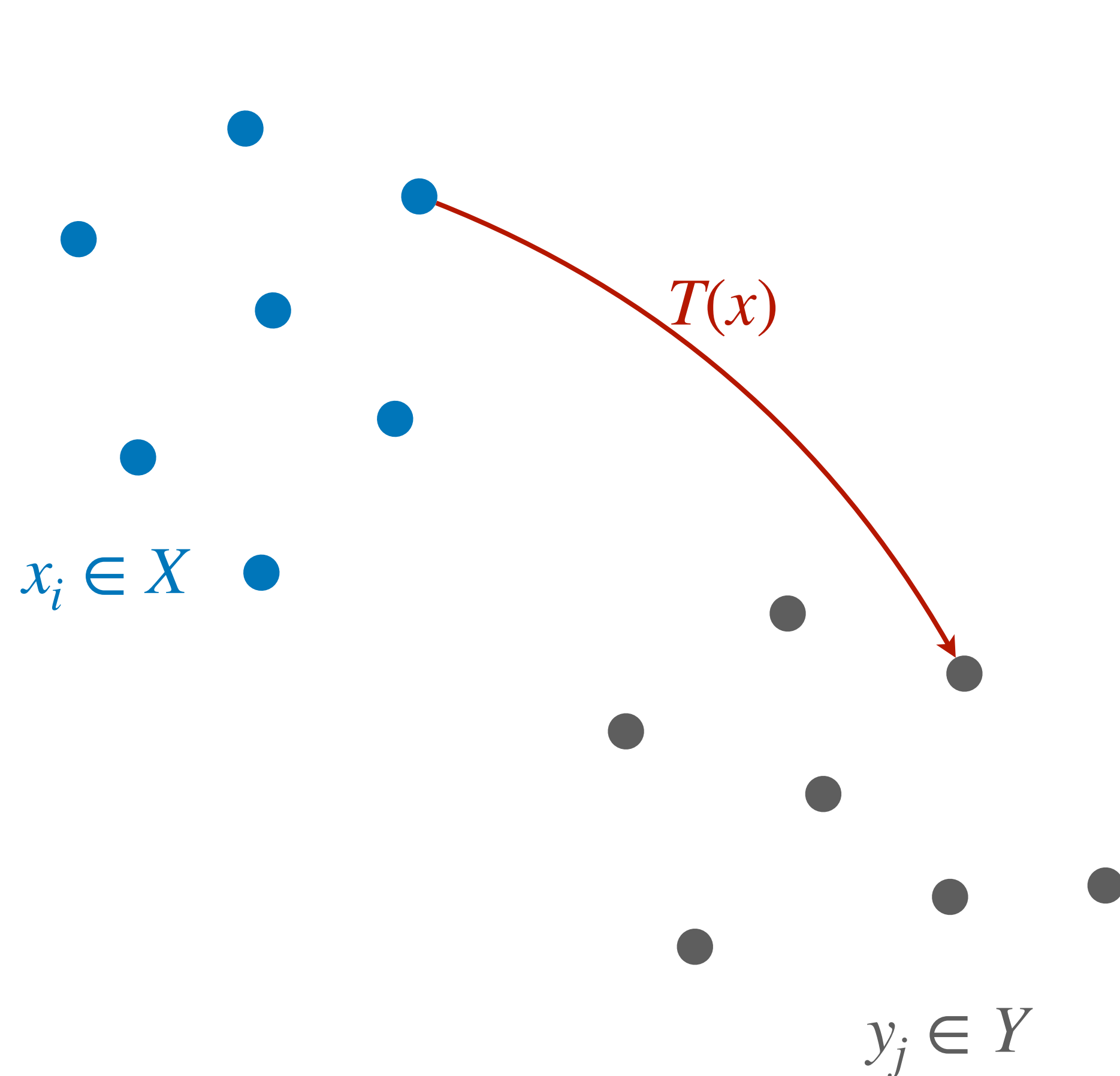


Introduction to Optimal Transport



Monge's Optimal Transport (1/3)

Discrete setting



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$$T : X \rightarrow Y$$

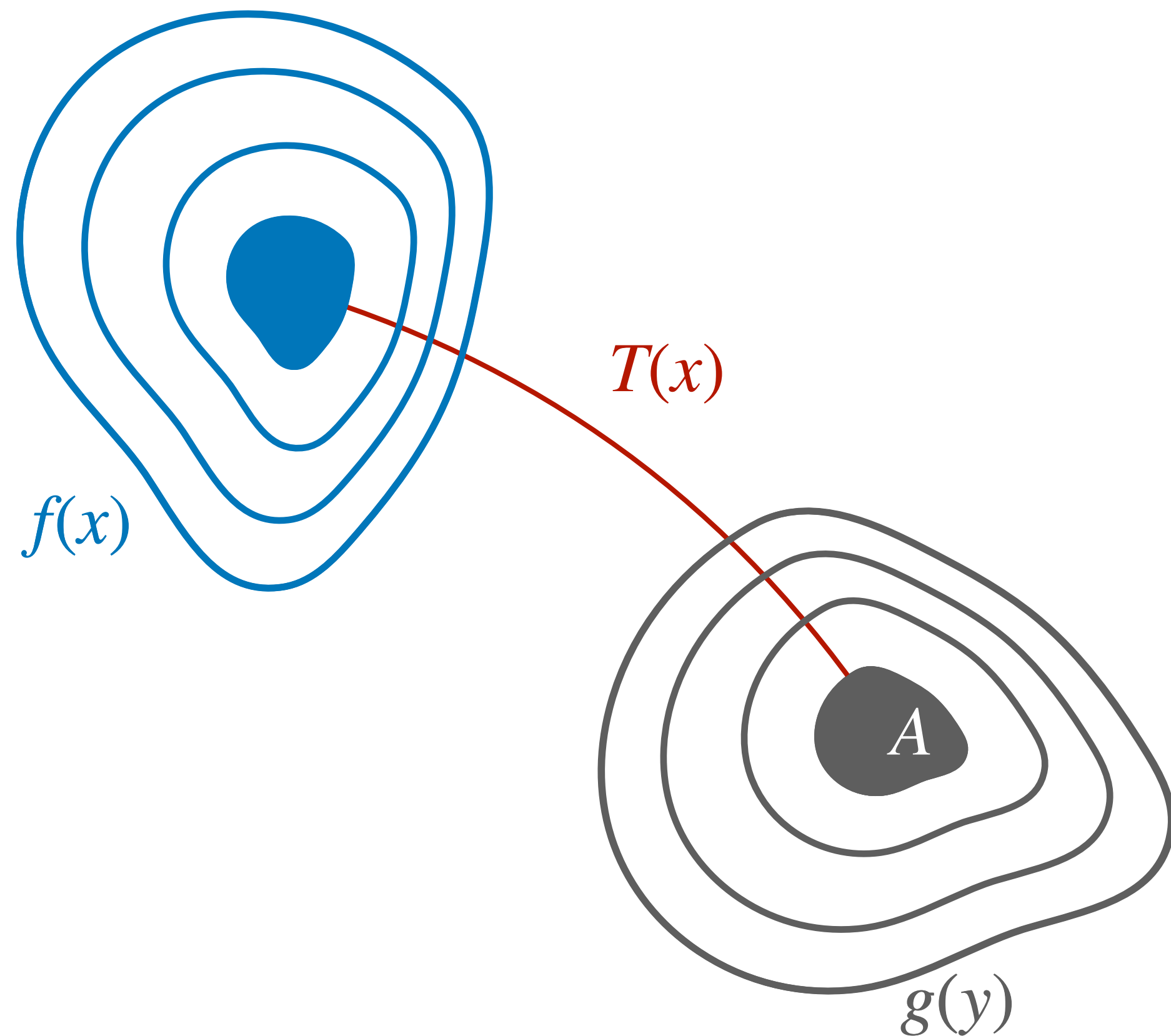
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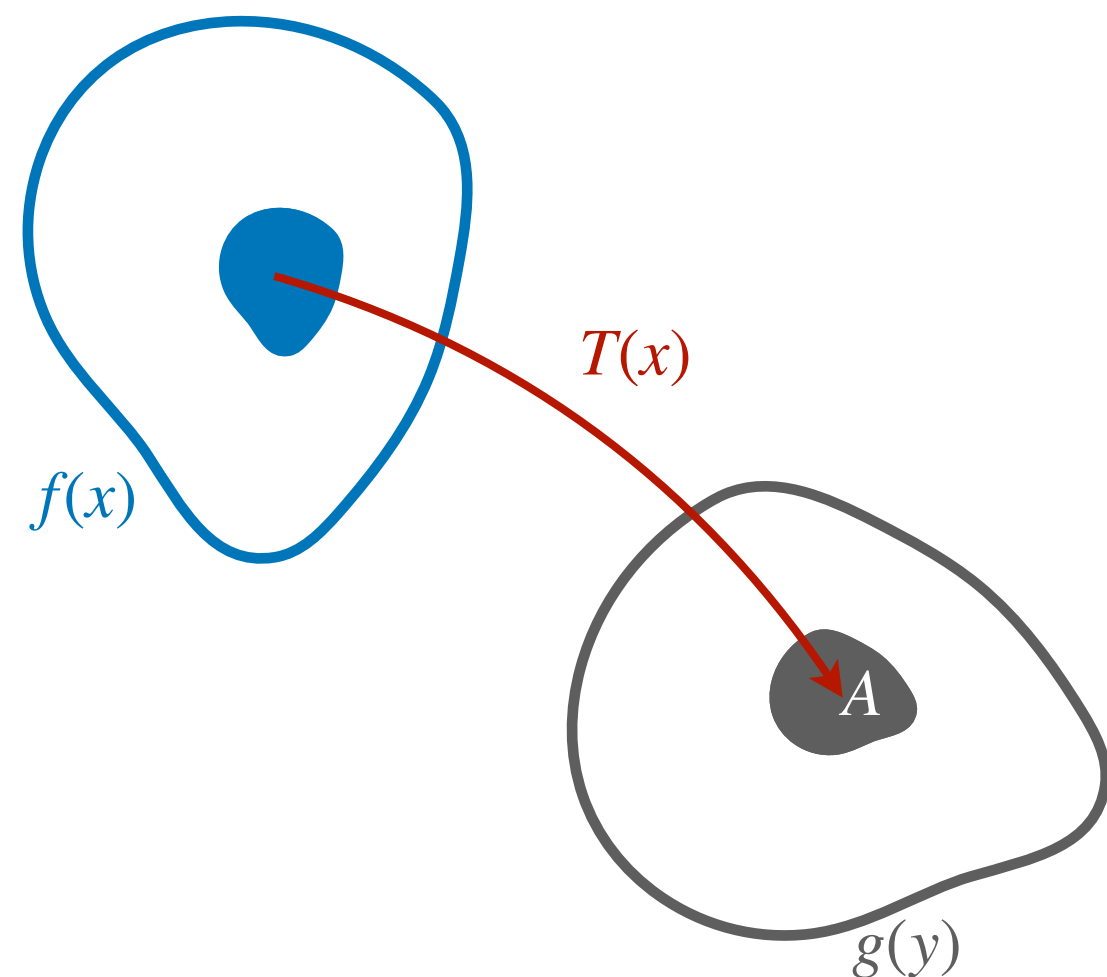
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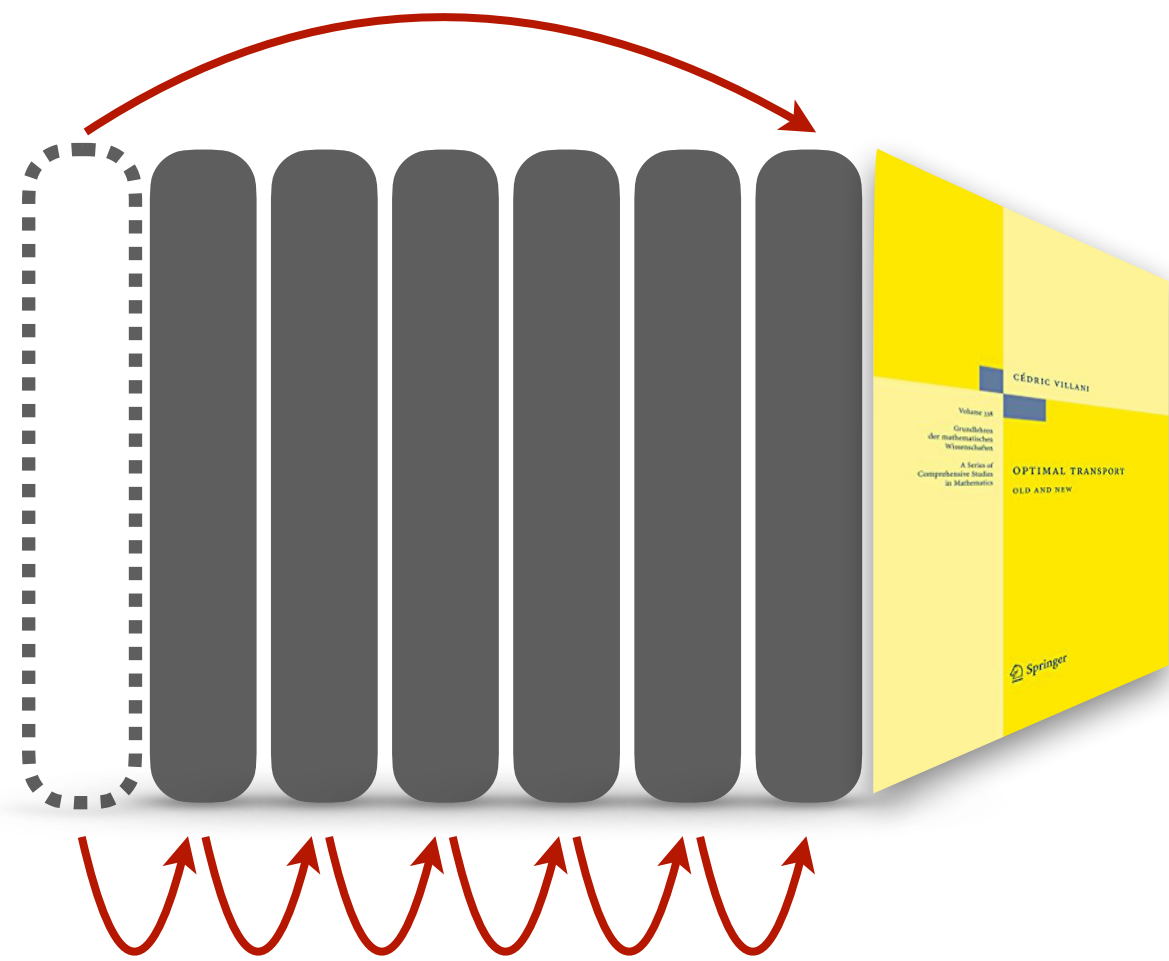
Find optimal transport map T by

$$\inf_T \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} c(x, T(x)) d\mu \mid T\#\mu = \nu \right\}$$

See also “Earth-movers distance (EMD)”

Book-moving problem (1/3)

A 1-dimensional, discrete example



Transport distribution of books $f(x)$ to form other distribution $g(y)$ at a cost $c(x, y)$ without loss via a 'transport map' $T(x)$.

Consider $c_1(x, y) = |x - y|$ and $c_2(x, y) = (x - y)^2$:

$$\hat{d} = \inf_T \left\{ \sum_i c(x_i, T(x_i)) \right\}$$

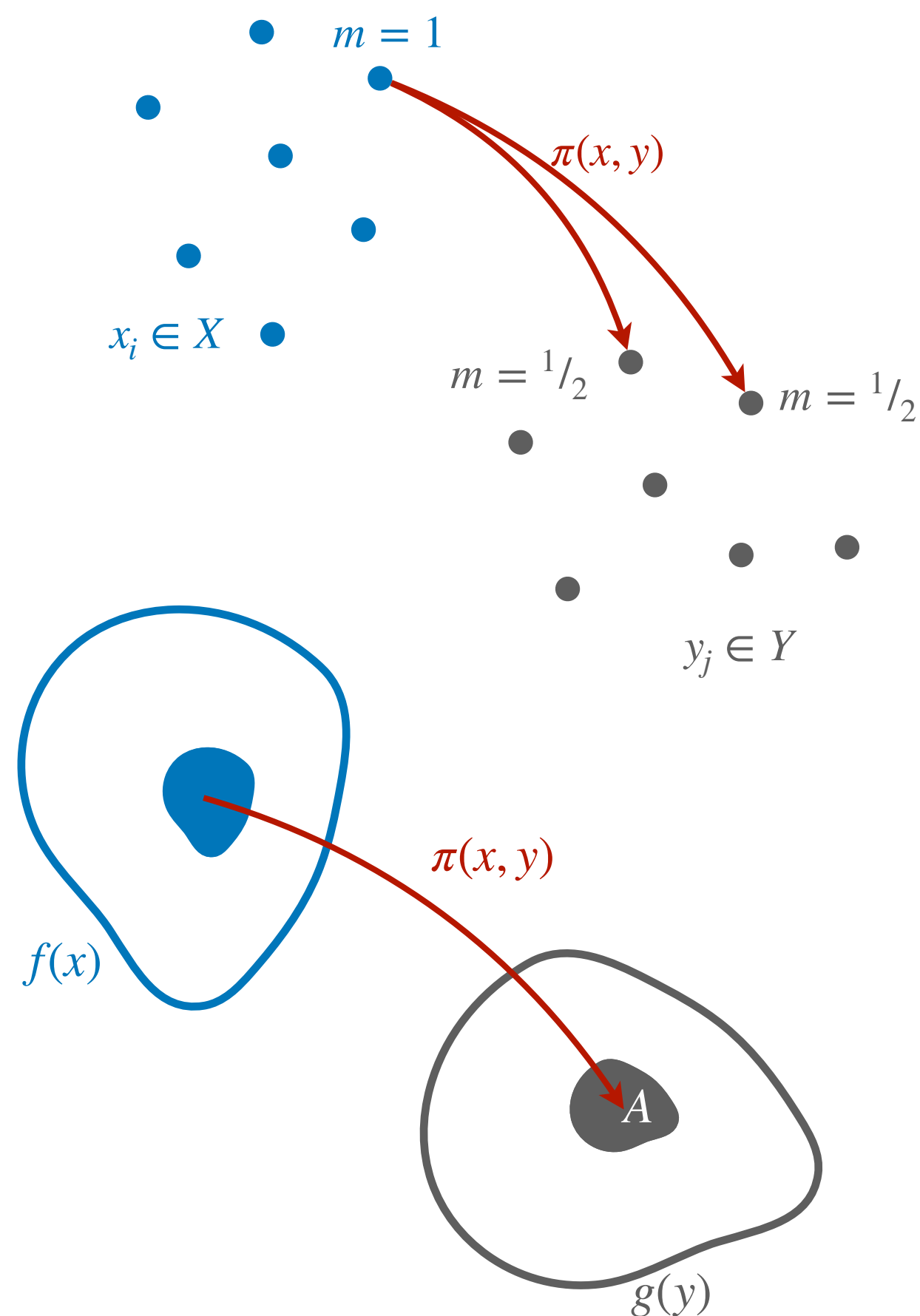
Solution 1: Move 1 book by N separations.

Solution 2: Move all N books by 1 separation each.

Optimal transport plan depends on cost!

Kantorovich's Optimal Transport (2/3)

Considering weights and 'splitting mass'



How much mass is transported from x_i to y_j can be stored in another measure $\pi(x, y)$

e.g. $\pi(B, A)$ documents how much mass moves from B to A , $\forall B \subset X$ and $A \subset Y$.

Conservation of mass:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(B, Y) &= \mu(B) \quad \forall B \subset X \\ \pi(X, A) &= \nu(A) \quad \forall A \subset Y \end{aligned}$$

Optimal transport:

$$\inf_{\pi} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y) \mid \pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) \right\}$$

Quadratic cost (2/3)

This ensures convexity, *cf.* the cosmological setting

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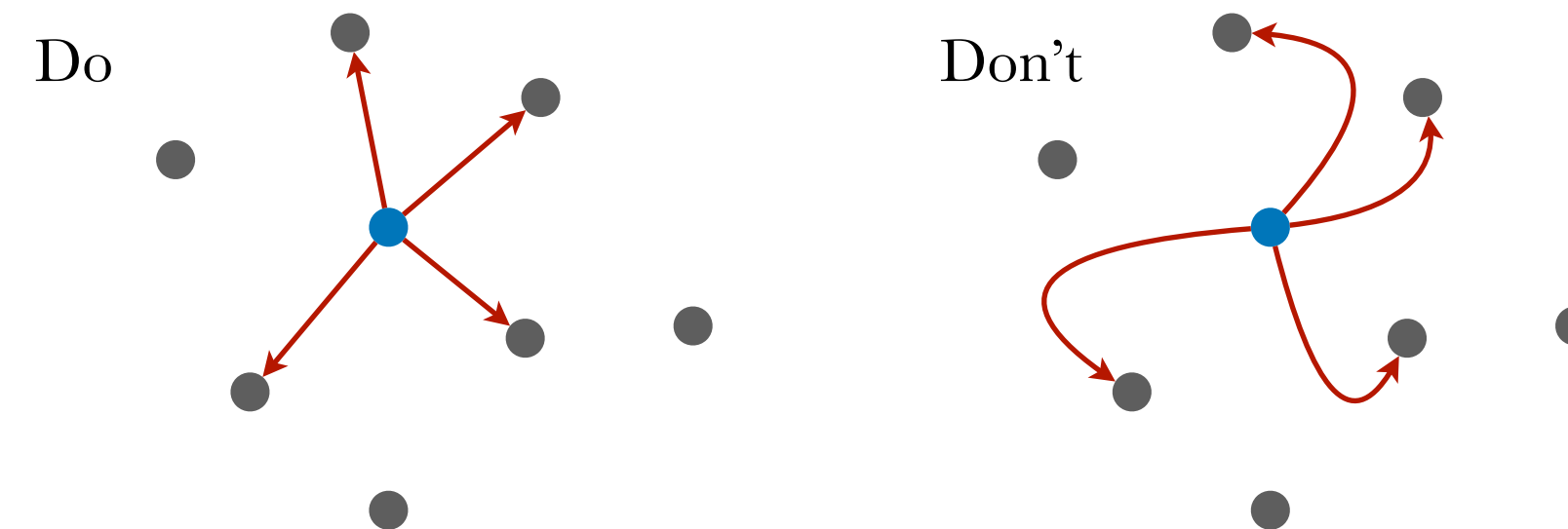
$$f(x) = g(y) \det(\nabla T(x))$$

Constraint can be non-linear

Brenier's theorem:

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Transport goods along direct ways, or don't move in circles! (Note relation to curl-free fields in physics)

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With mass conservation this becomes:

$$\det(D^2 p(x)) g(T(x)) = f(x)$$

Monge-Ampère equation

Gradient flow in two slides (1/2)

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Backward Euler scheme (discrete)

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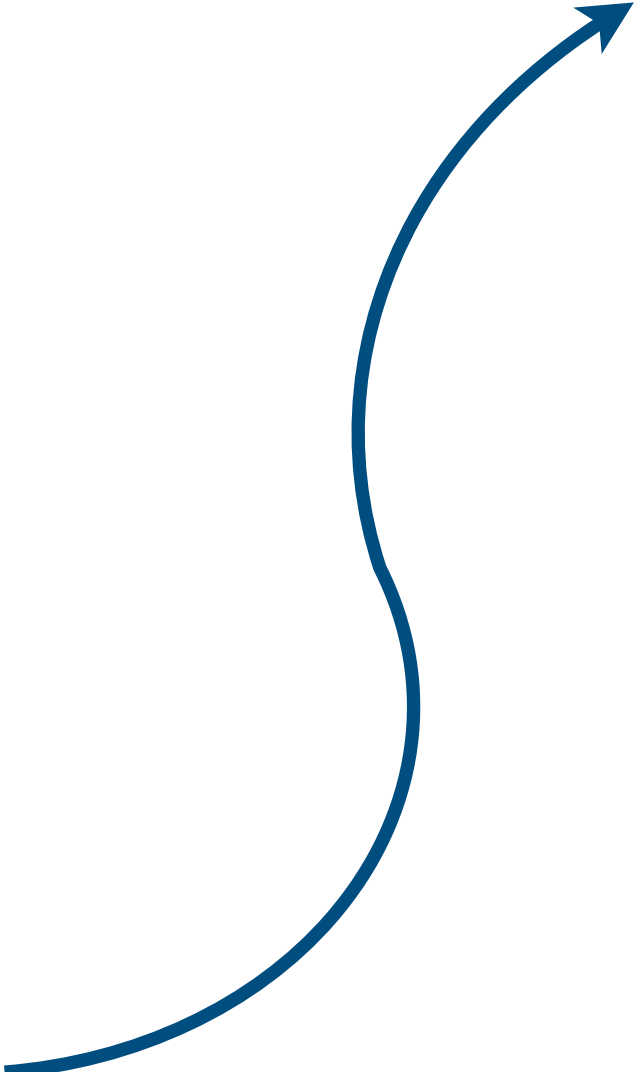
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Example:

$$F(\rho) = \int \rho \log \rho \, dx$$

leads to the PDE:

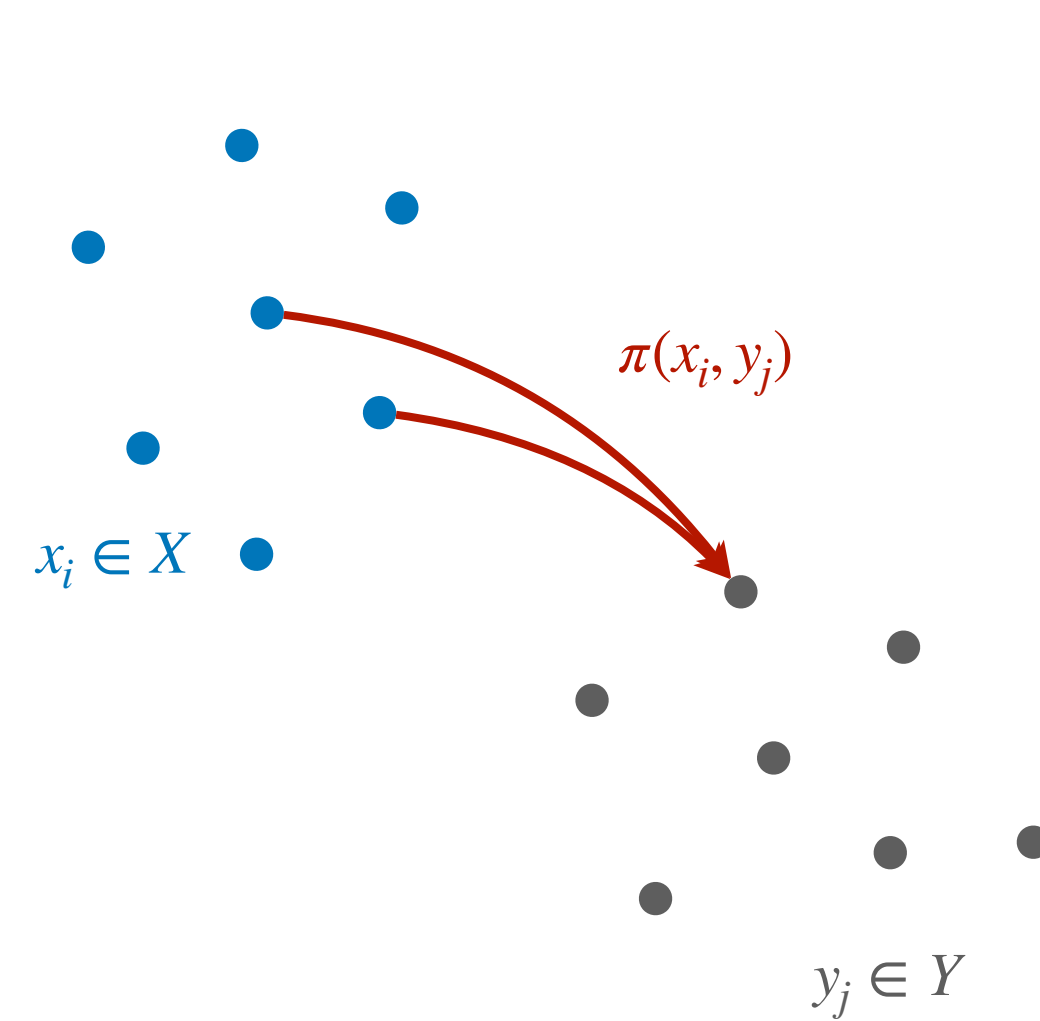
$$\rho_t - \nabla^2 \rho = 0$$

Heat equation from optimal transport!

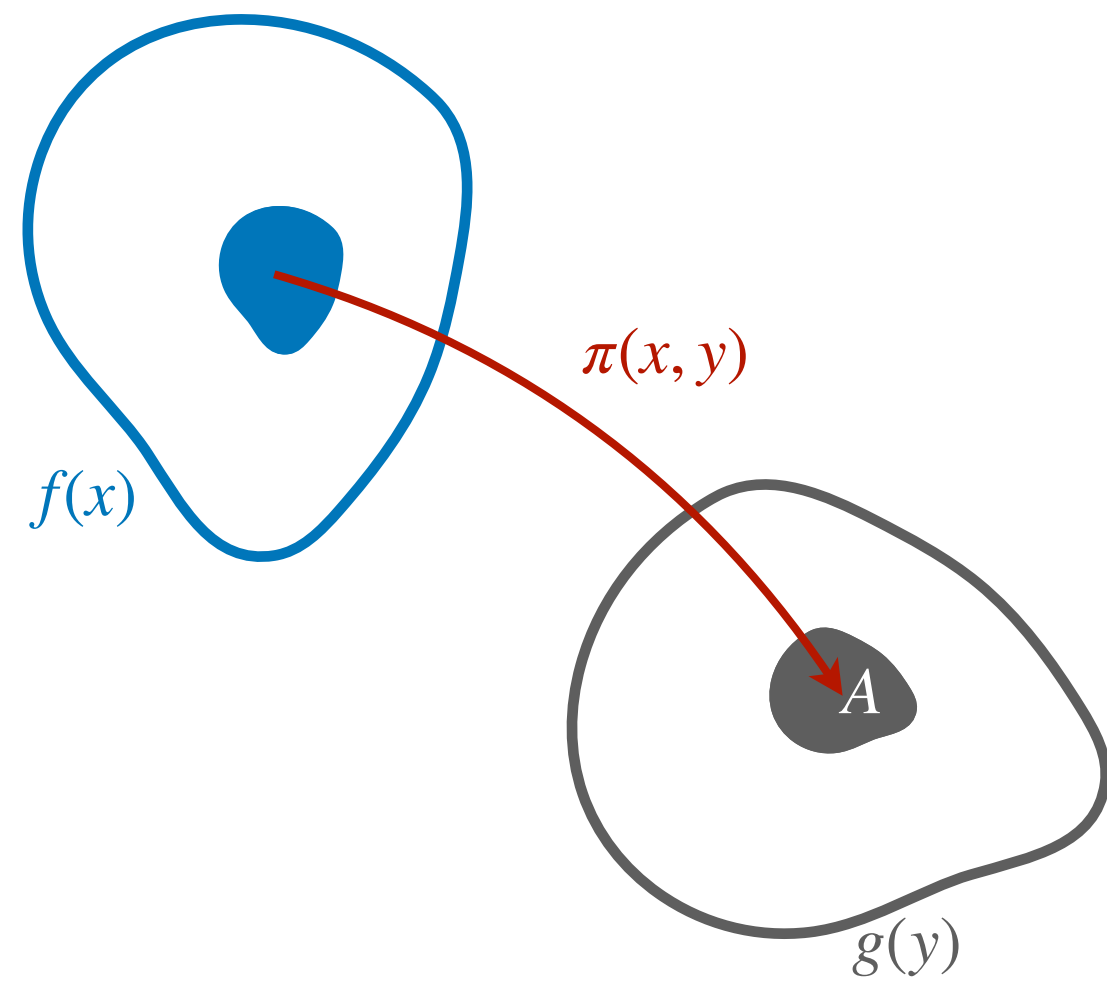
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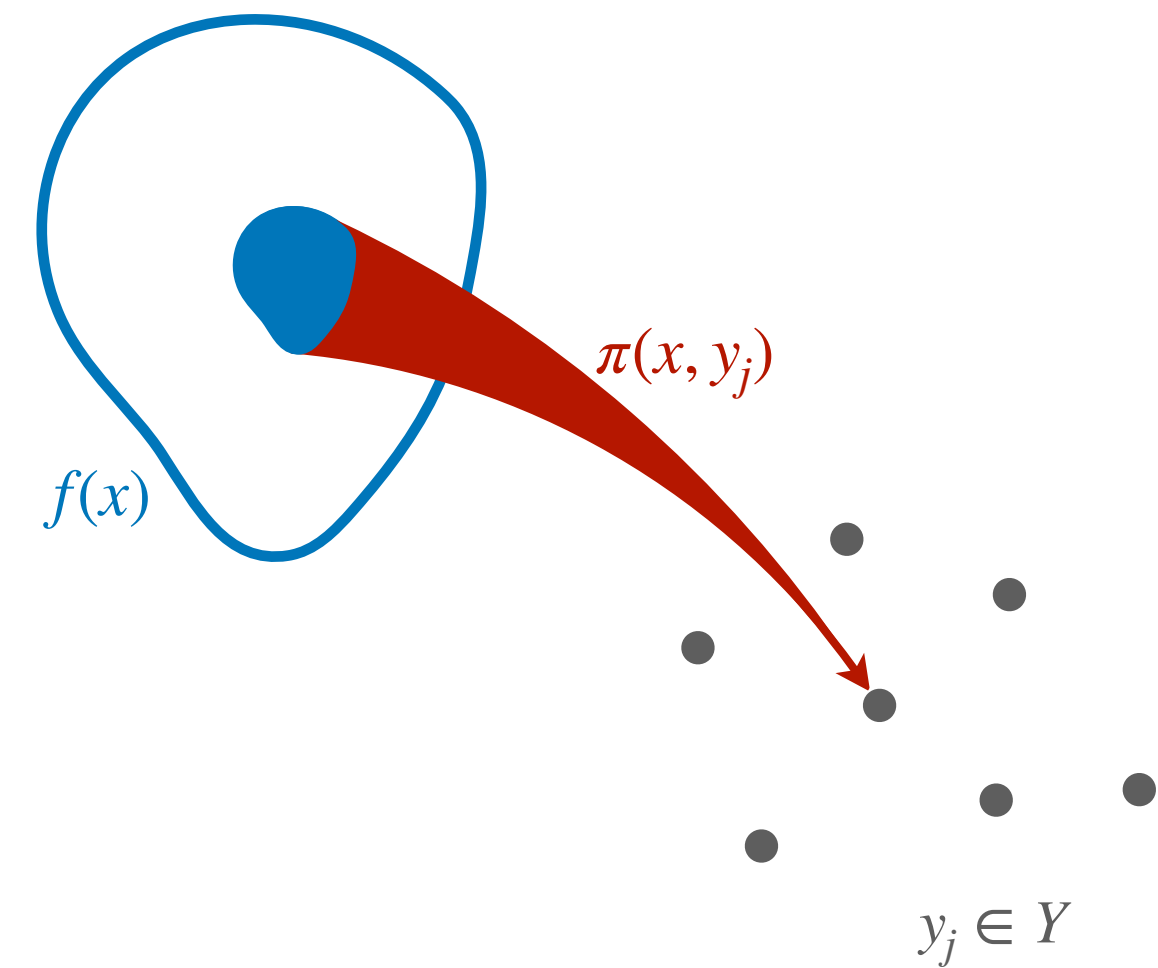
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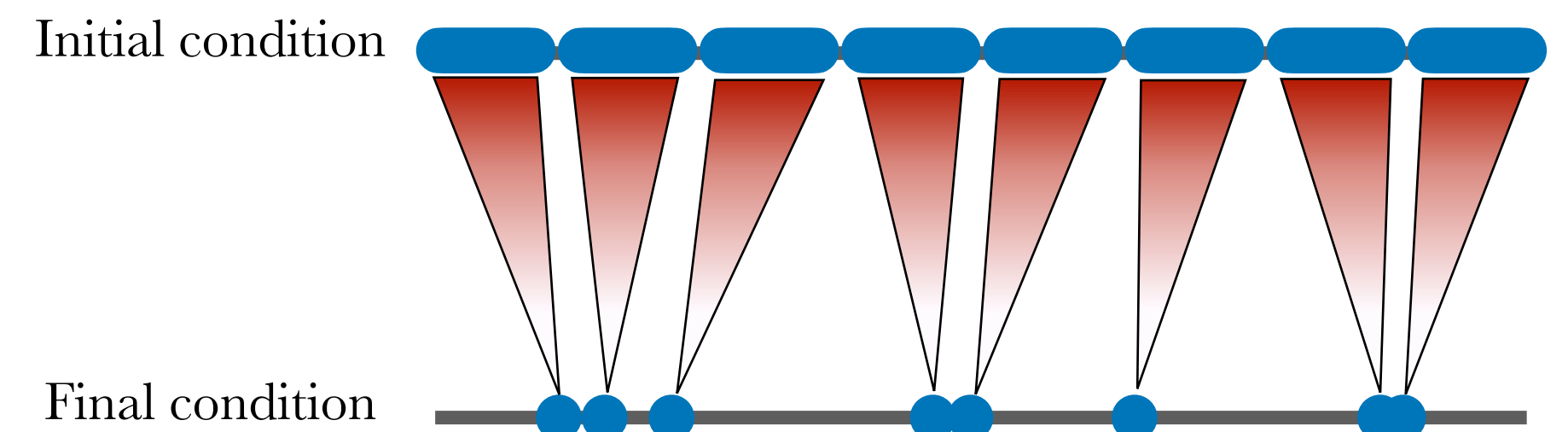
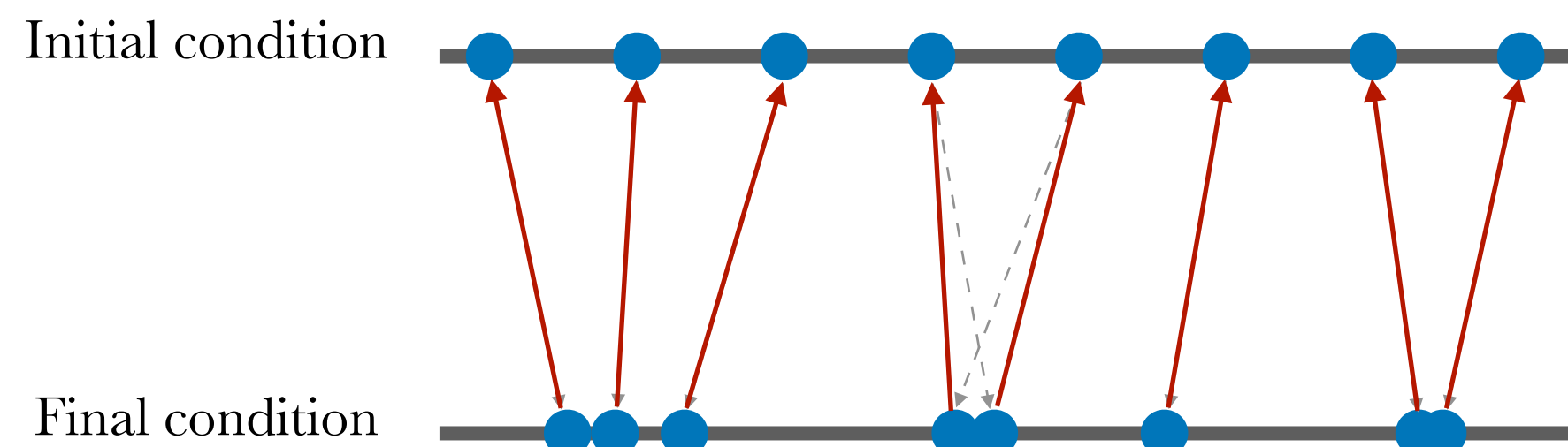
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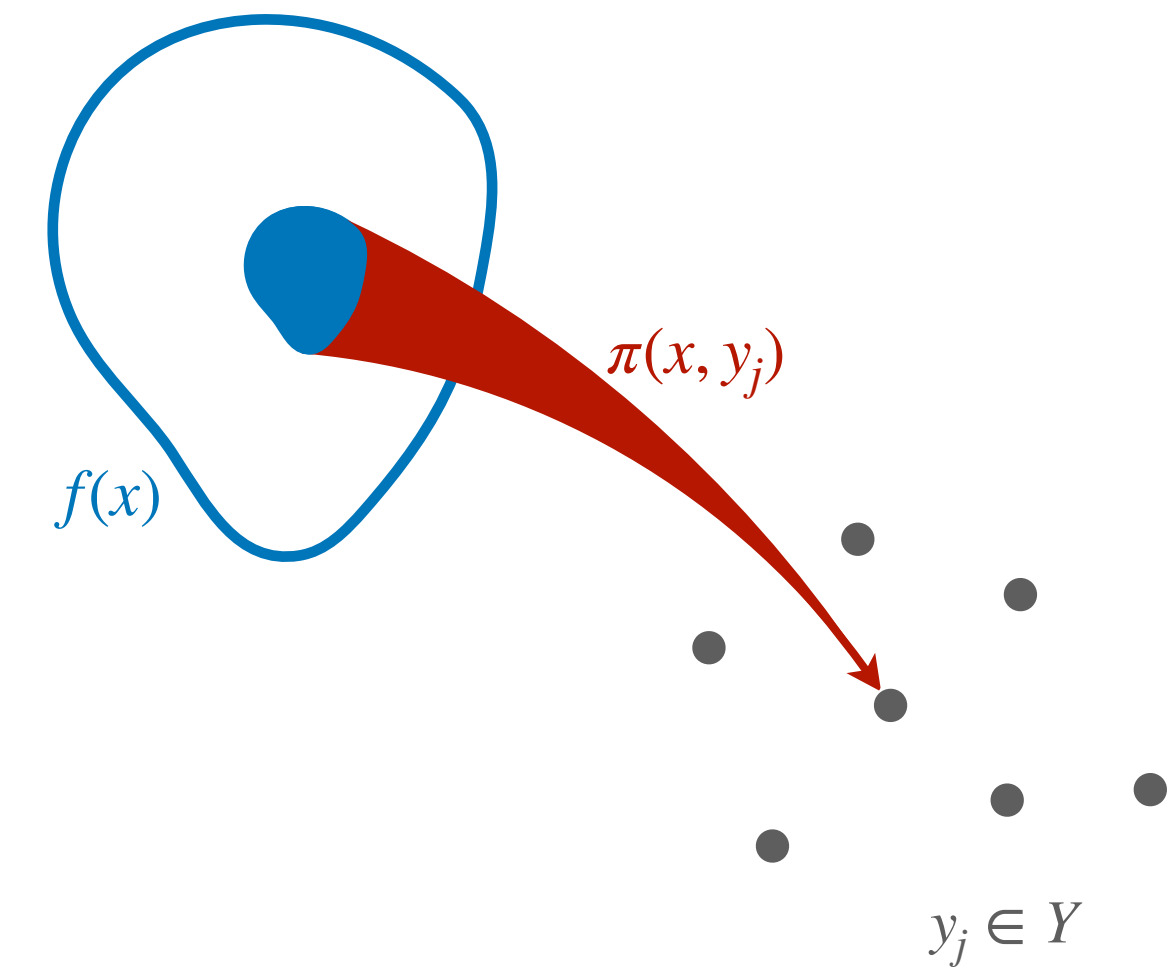
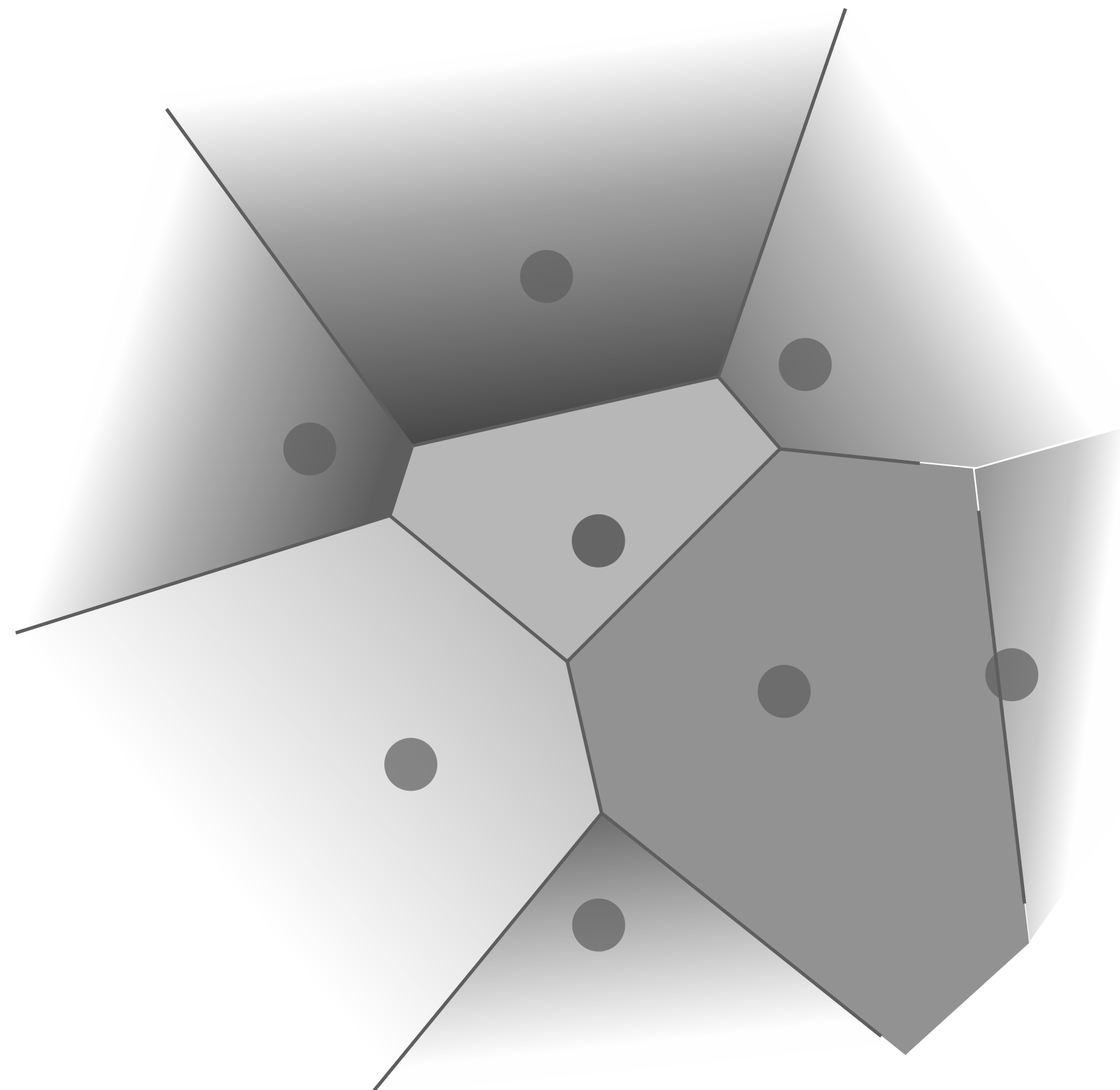
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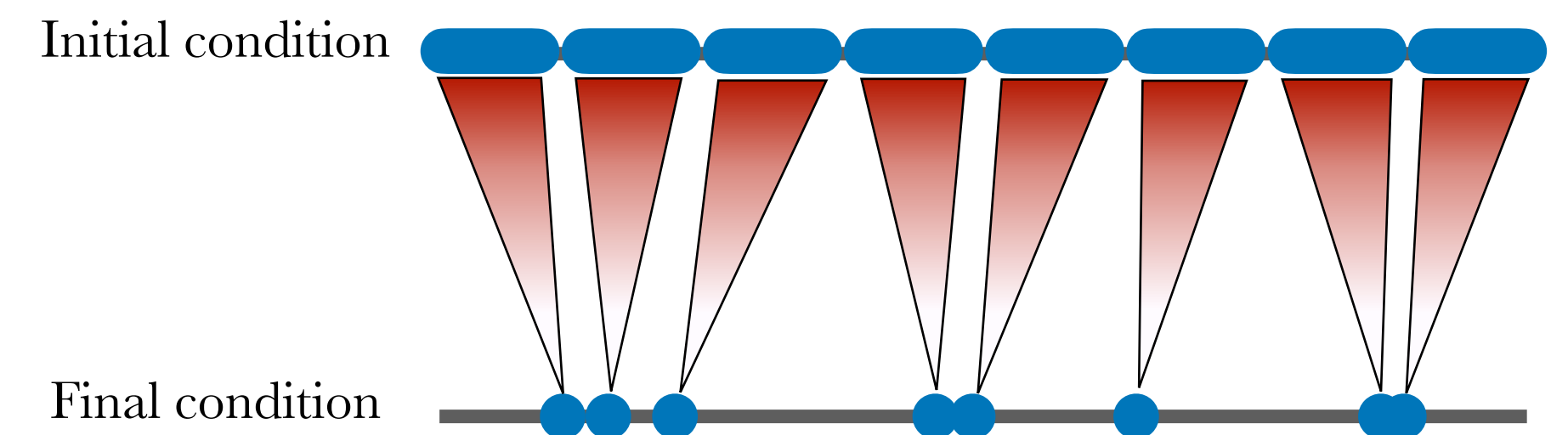
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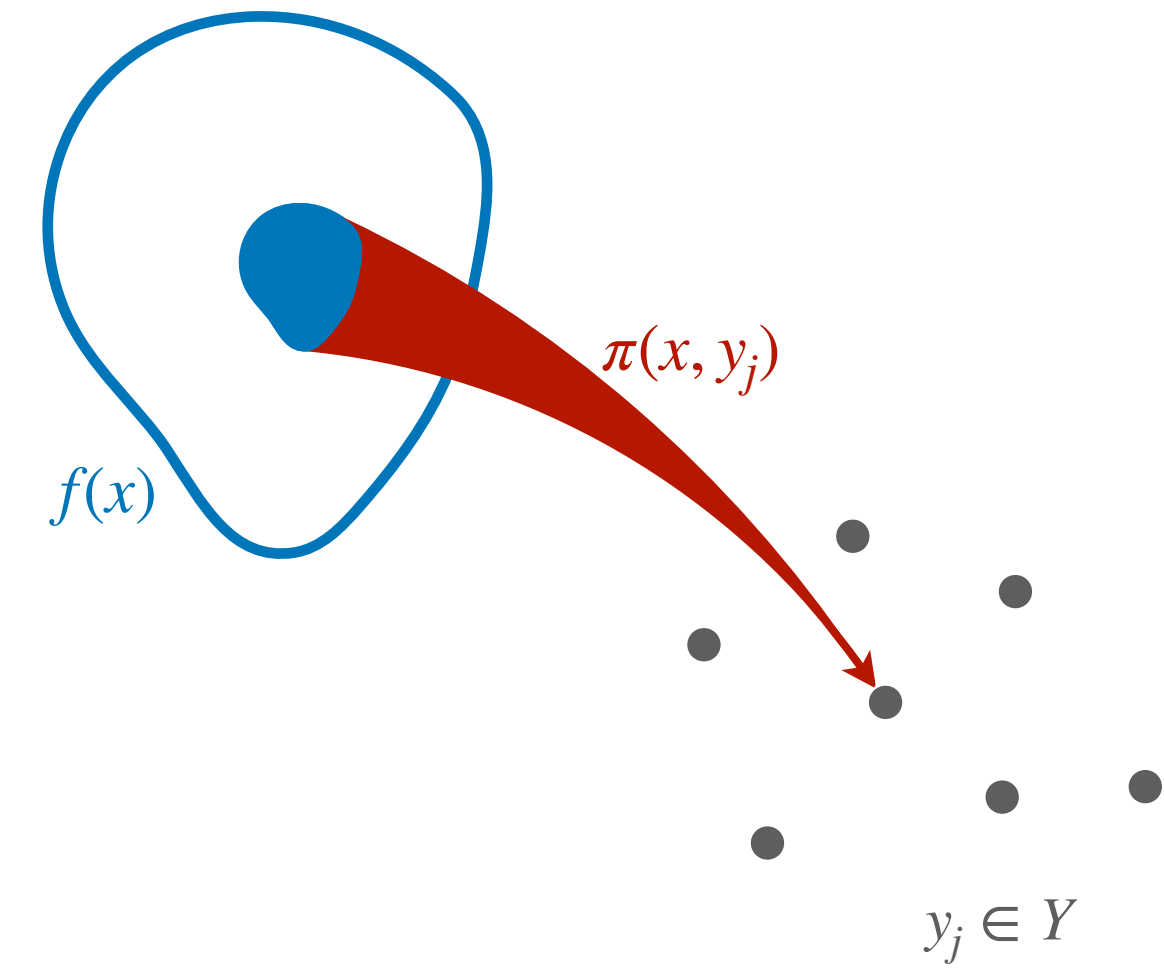
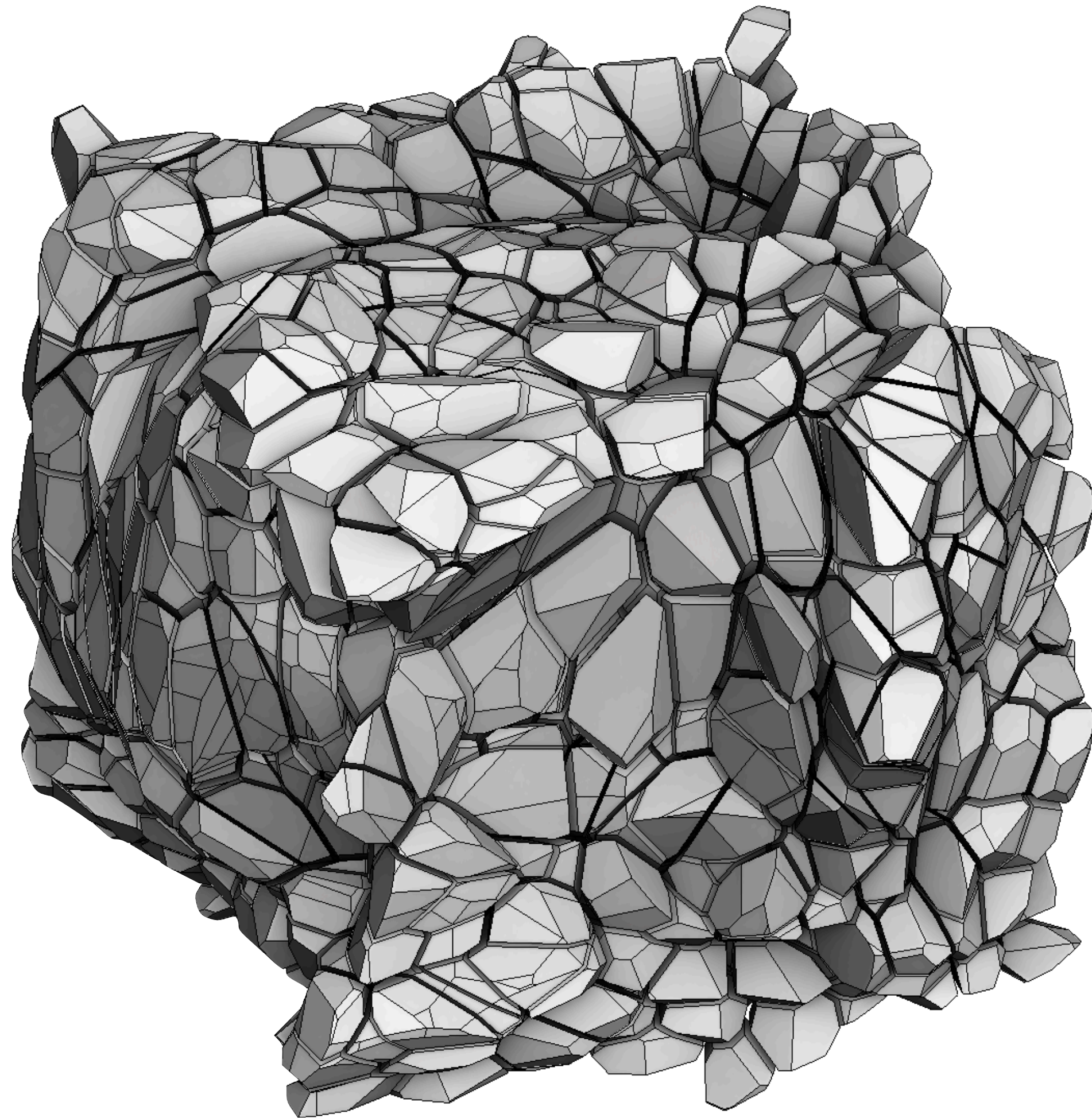
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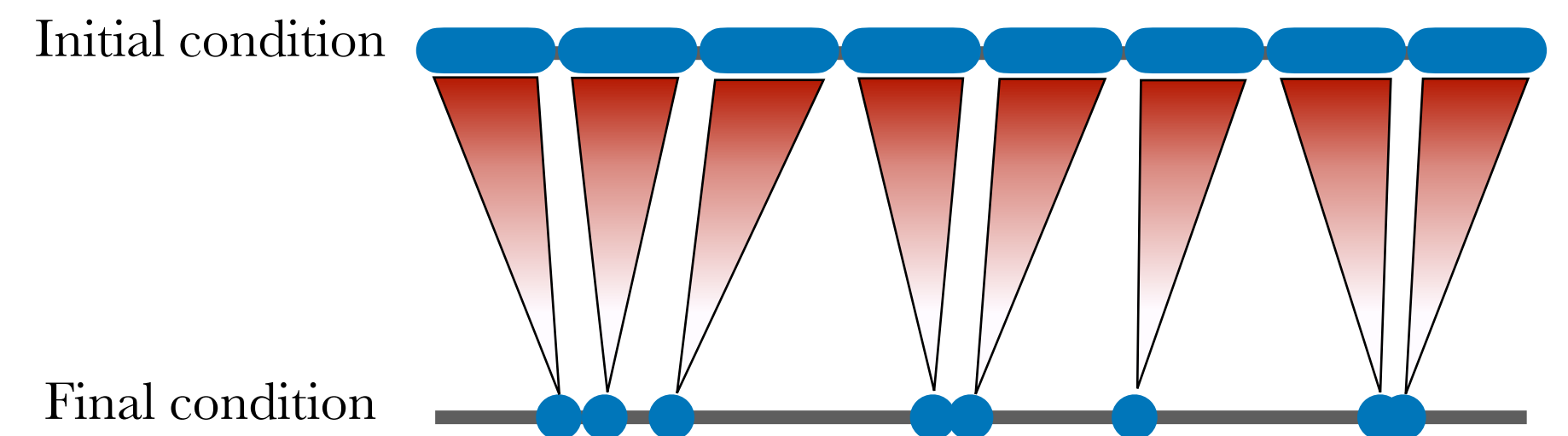
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Cosmological growth of matter

Euler-Poisson system:

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \rho^{-1} \nabla p + \nabla \phi = 0$$

$$\Delta \phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

But in **expanding background**, $\mathbf{v} = H(t) \mathbf{x}$, in **comoving coordinates**, $\mathbf{x} = a(t) \mathbf{q}$, and proper time, $dt = a(t)d\tau$:

$$\partial_\tau \rho + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

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Euler eq.: $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \tau_I) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \tau_I)$

Consider Lagrangian coordinates \mathbf{q}
and Euler equation becomes

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{q}, \tau_I) \approx -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \phi(\mathbf{q}, \tau_I) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \phi_I(\mathbf{q})$$

“Zel’dovich approximation”

→ Solves Poisson equation and results in uniform, rectilinear motion:

$$\mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}_I + \tau_F \mathbf{v}_I(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}_I - \tau_F \nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \phi_I(\mathbf{q})$$

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Alternatively considering $\rho(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$ to be the \mathbb{W}_2 geodesic between $\rho_I = 1$ and ρ_F , and if ϕ is the Kantorovich potential then

$$\det (I + \tau D^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}, \tau)) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$$

→ Solves the Monge-Ampère equation and **also** results in uniform, rectilinear motion: $\mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}_I + \tau_F \mathbf{v}_I(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}_I - \tau_F \nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \phi_I(\mathbf{q})$

Cosmic growth and optimal transport

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \rho + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \partial_\tau \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \mathbf{v} &= -\frac{3}{2\tau} (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \phi + \mathbf{v}) \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{x}} \phi &= \frac{\rho - 1}{\tau}\end{aligned}$$

Benamou&Brenier (2000),
Numerische Mathematik, 84, 375

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) = \mathbf{q} + \frac{\tau}{\tau_F} (\mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{q})$$

Consider the action

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\tau_I}^{\tau_F} d\tau \int_V d^3x \rho |\mathbf{v}|^2$$

which (almost) gives the momentum equation when varied for given $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{q}, \tau)$.

Now consider the equivalently minimised functional

$$\inf_{\mathbf{x}_F} \int_V d^3q \rho(\mathbf{q}) |\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q})|^2$$

Cosmic growth and optimal transport

$$\inf_{\mathbf{x}_F} \int_V d^3q \rho(\mathbf{q}) |\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q})|^2$$

Dark matter mover's distance

Find optimal transport map T by

$$\inf_T \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} c(x, T(x)) d\mu \mid T\#\mu = \nu \right\}$$

Subject to mass conservation (continuity equation) and appropriate boundary conditions.

Mass conservation in Lagrangian coordinates:

$$\rho_F(\mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q})) \det(\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \mathbf{x}_F(\mathbf{q})) = \rho_I(\mathbf{q})$$

Subject to

$$f(x) = g(y) \det(\nabla T(x))$$

Brenier's theorem

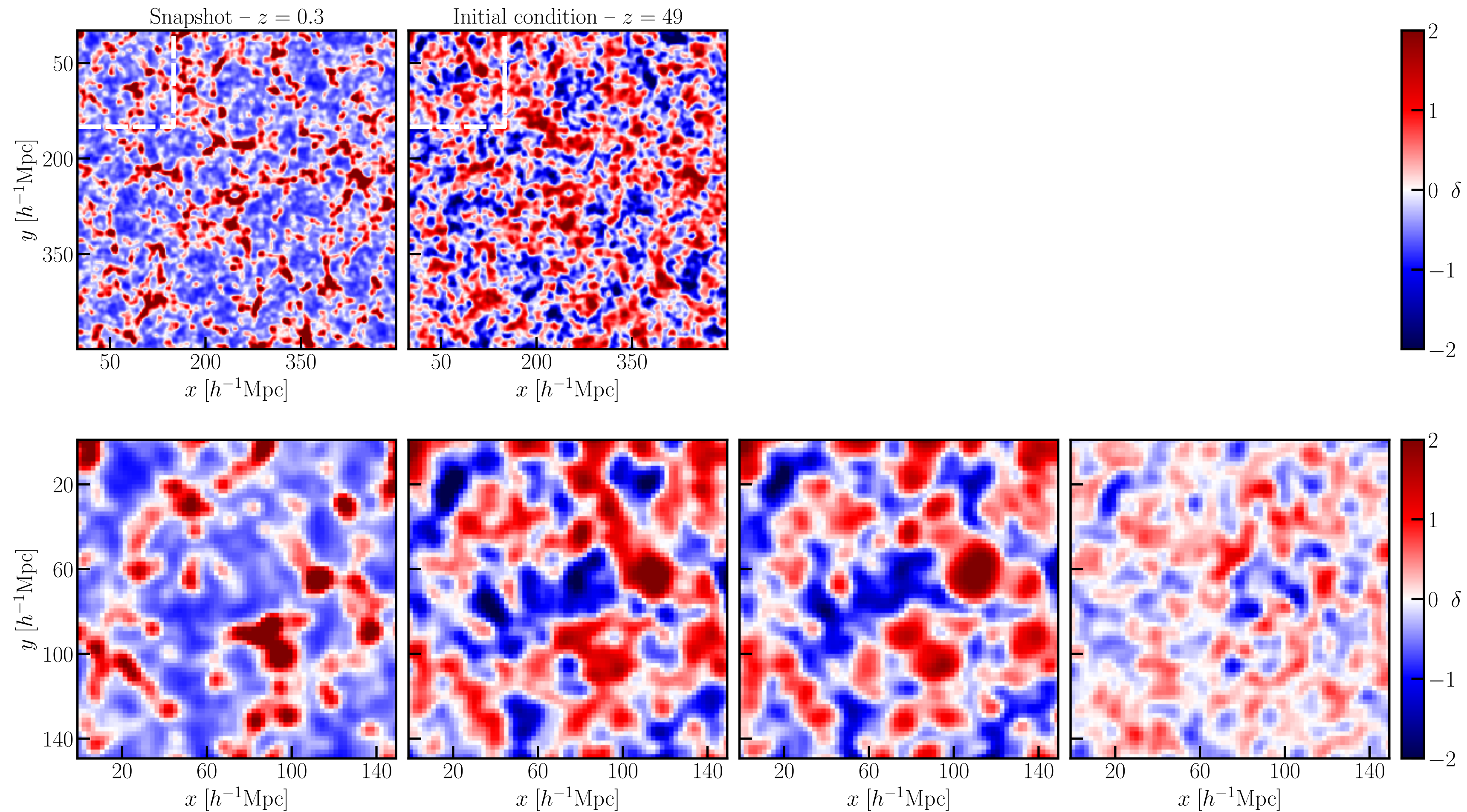
The final positions $\mathbf{x}_F(\tau)$ are the gradient of a convex potential

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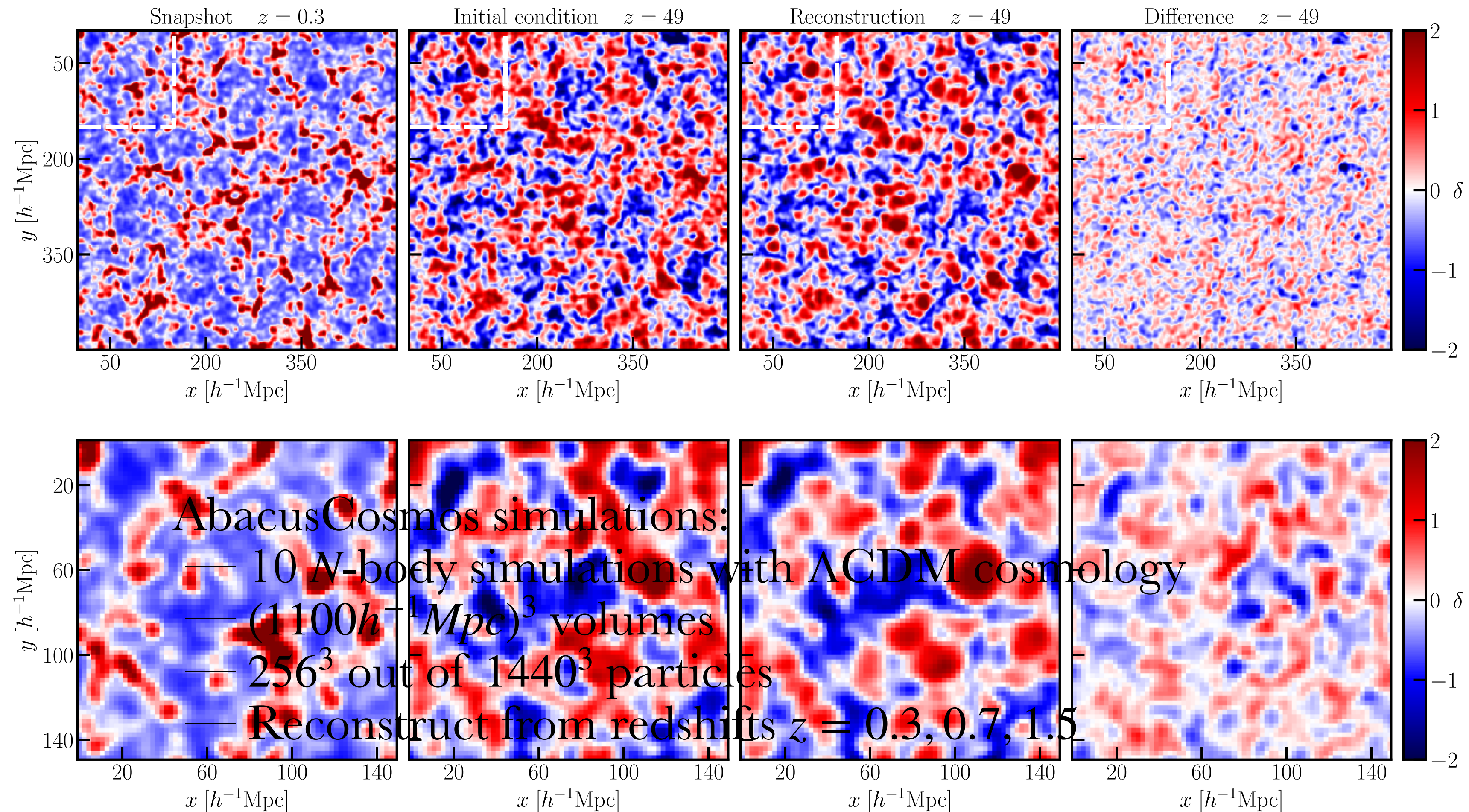
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AbacusCosmos simulations — distributions



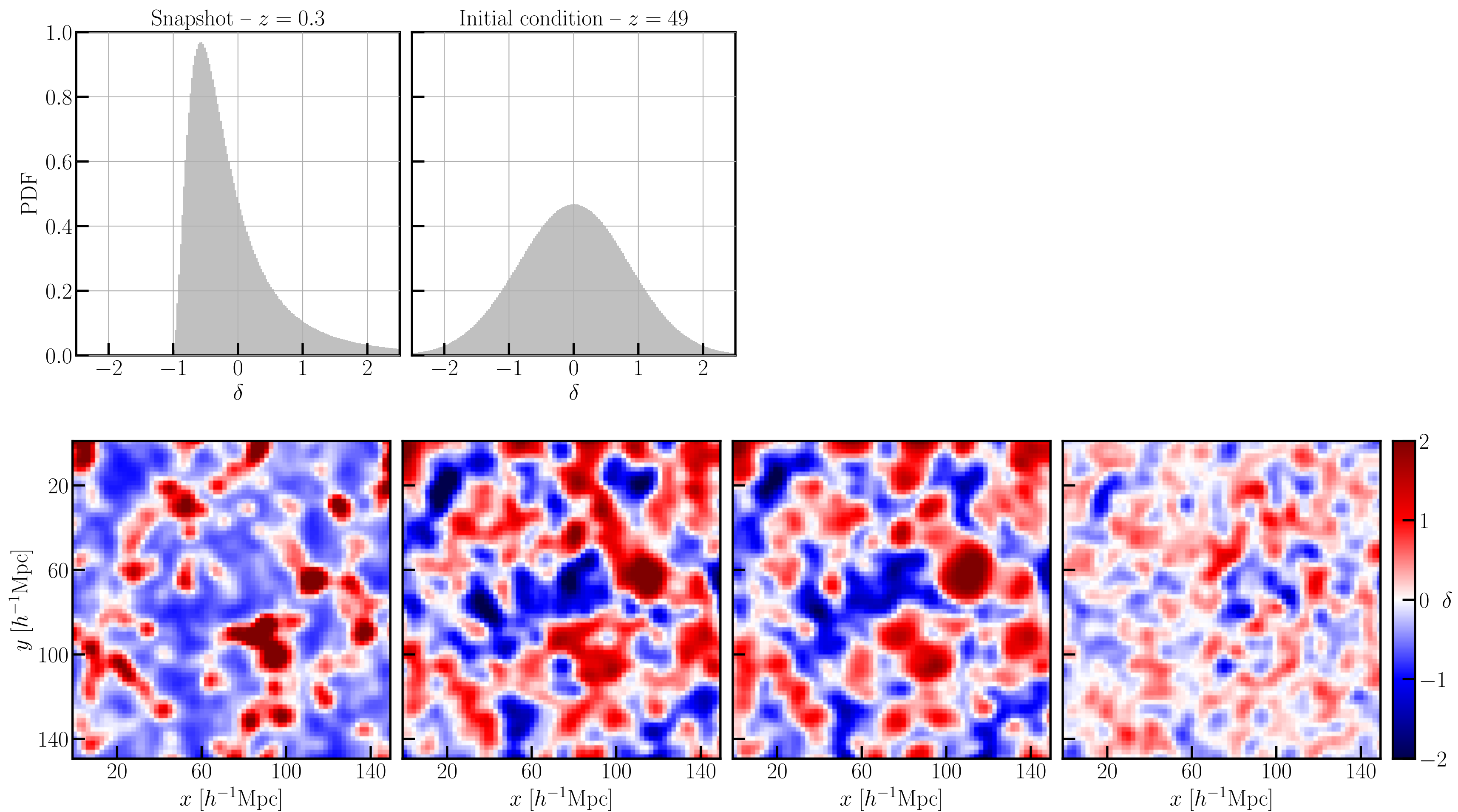
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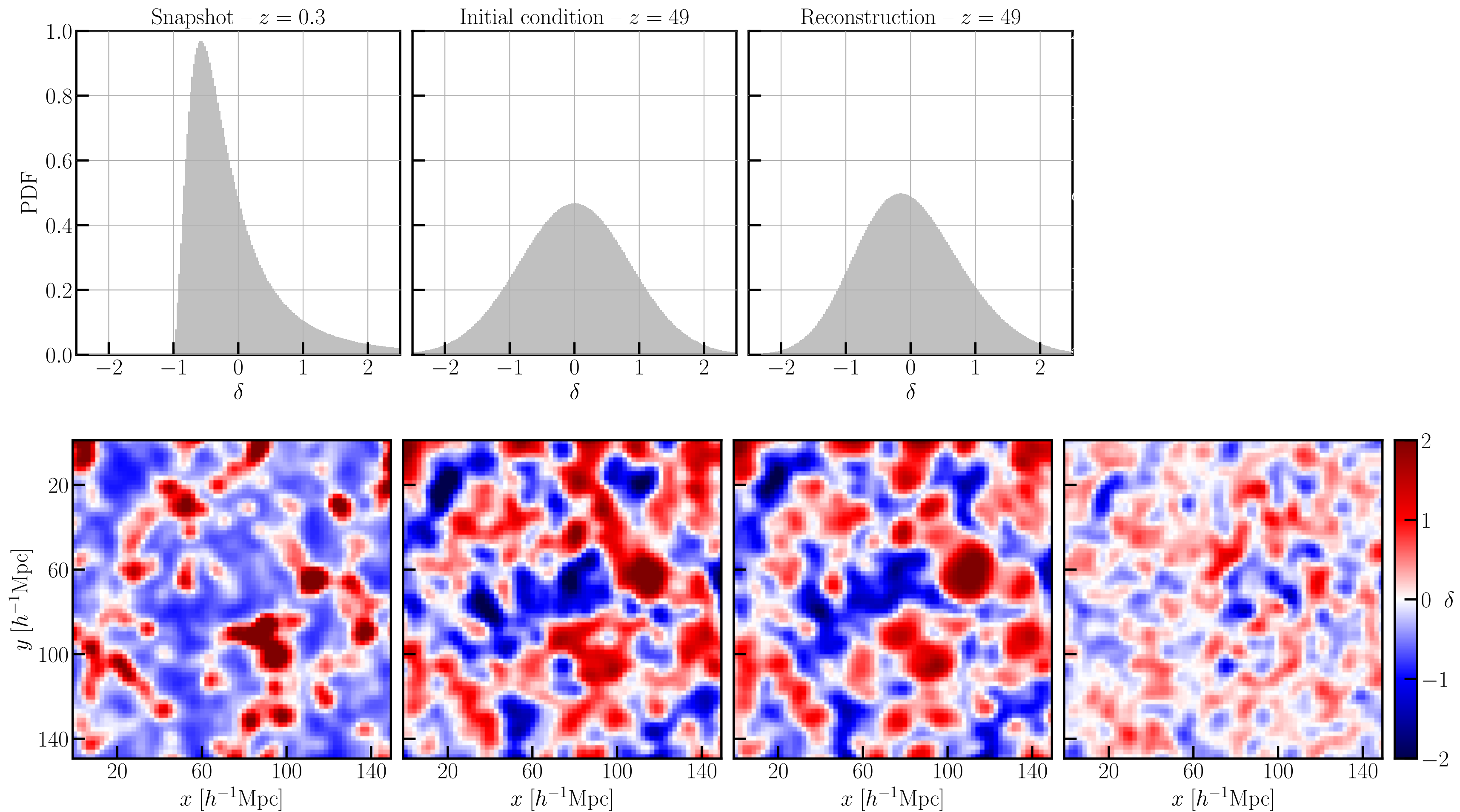
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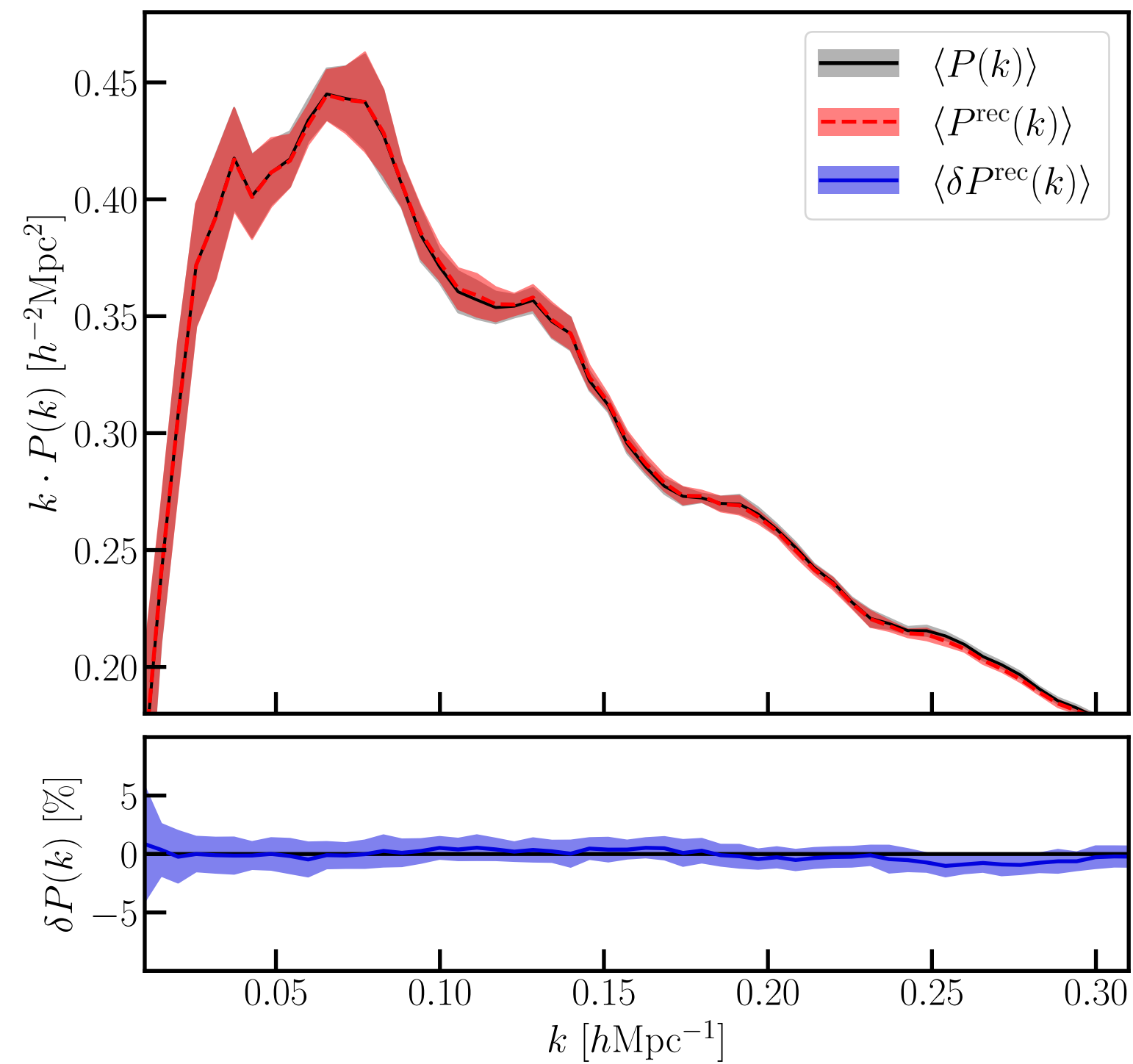
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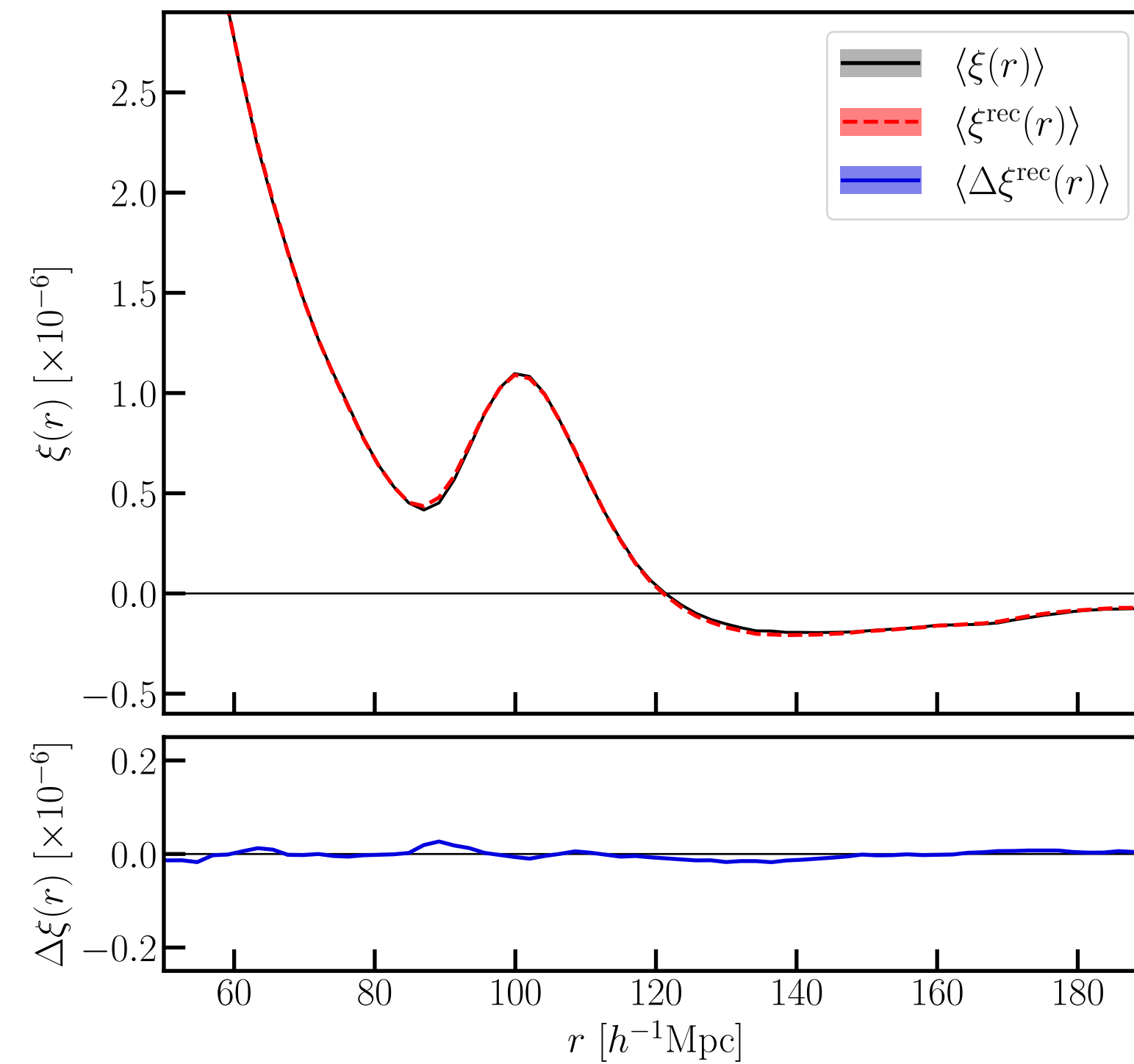


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AbacusCosmos simulations — two-point functions



$z_F = 0.3$



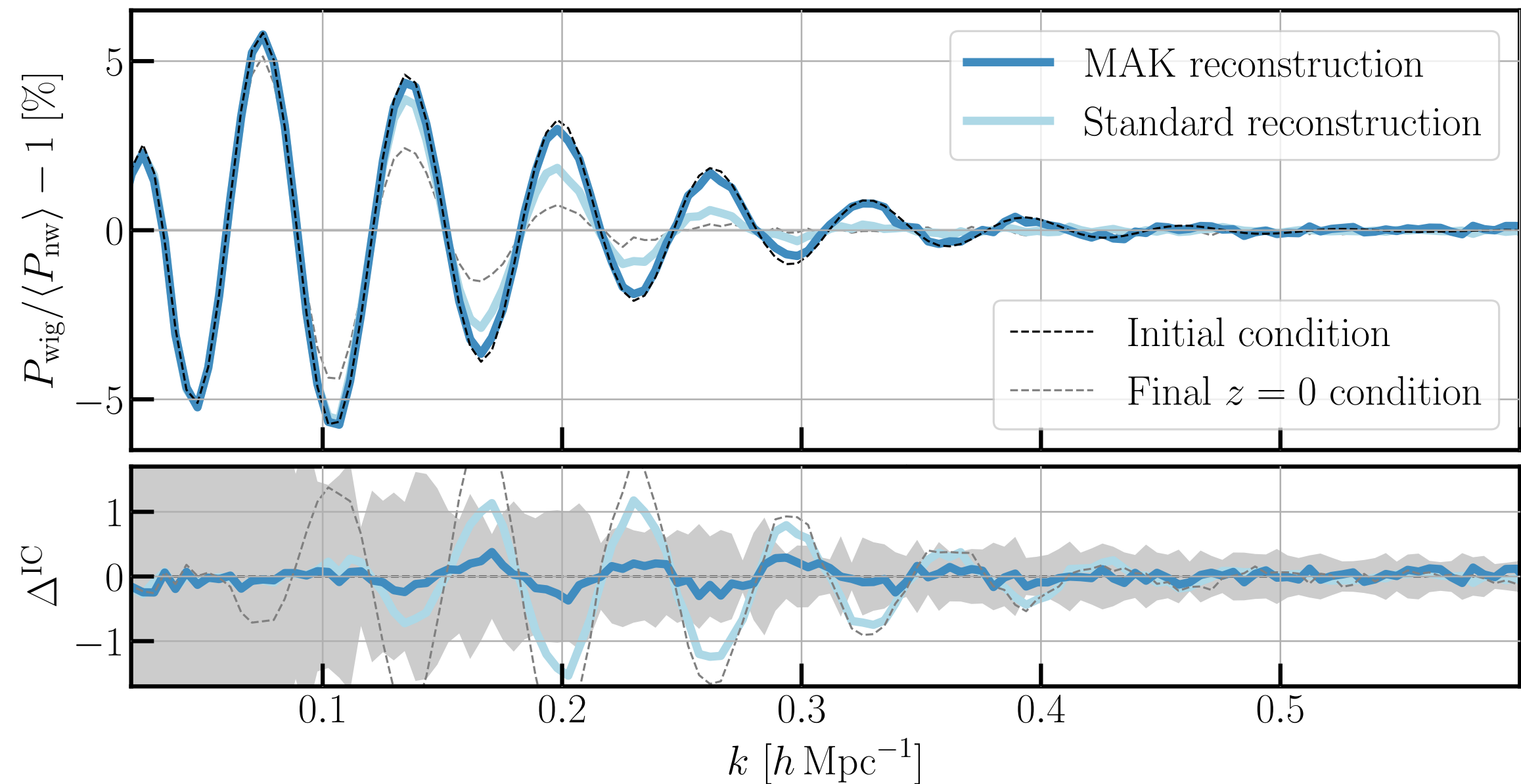
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Reconstruction of Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations

FastPM simulations and comparison with “standard reconstruction”

FastPM simulations:

- 10 *pairs* of N -body simulations with Λ CDM cosmology
 - with and without BAO
- $(1380h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3$ volumes
- $\sim 1\%$ out of 2048^3 particles (~ 85 million particles)
- Reconstruct from redshift $z = 0$



Reconstruction in Cosmology

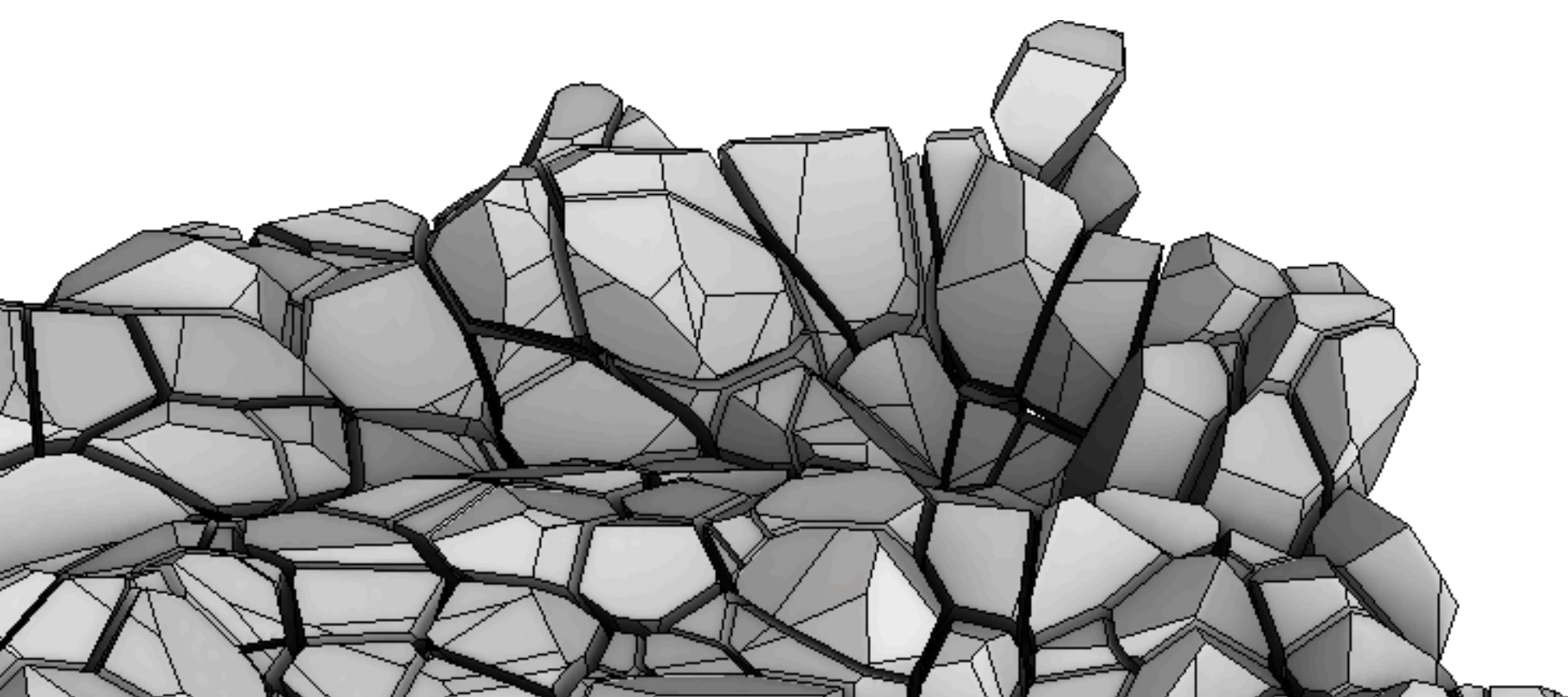
Optimal transport is a well-studied, versatile language applicable to a range of different problem settings in pure and applied mathematics + theoretical physics!

Cosmological reconstruction can be rephrased as an optimal transport problem

Efficient algorithms from computer science can make solving scalable

Results show high accuracy and promising prospects for upcoming astronomical and cosmological data

— Unveil relations to other problems!



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Niels Bohr Lecture by Prof. Subir Sarkar

Title: Connecting inner space & outer space

Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 15:15 in Aud. 3 at HCØ.

Abstract: We have just celebrated the centenary of the finding that the Earth is being constantly bombarded by high energy 'cosmic rays' from space. This initiated a glorious era of discovery of many new particles (positron, muon, pion, ...) and developed into accelerator-based research into high energy physics. A century later this has given us the triumphant 'Standard Model' of particle physics which provides a precise quantum description of all fundamental processes in terrestrial laboratories, including (with the recent discovery of "a Higgs boson") an understanding of how particles acquire mass.

Unfortunately the Standard Model does not explain any of the salient features of the universe as a whole - Why there is matter but no antimatter? Why there is so much more 'dark matter' of unknown origin? Why is the expansion rate apparently accelerating, as if driven by a Cosmological Constant-like, dominant component of 'dark energy'?

In this lecture I will describe how new kinds of experiments and theoretical developments at the rapidly growing interface of astro-particle physics are attempting to answer these cosmic questions, by linking them to possible new physics that lies beyond the Standard Model.



Prof. Subir Sarkar, University of Oxford and NBI



“Freedom is the consciousness of necessity”

Thank you! And happy birthday, Subir!