



# LSDB - Macauff: The Trials and Tribulations of Catalogue Cross-Matching in the Era of LSST

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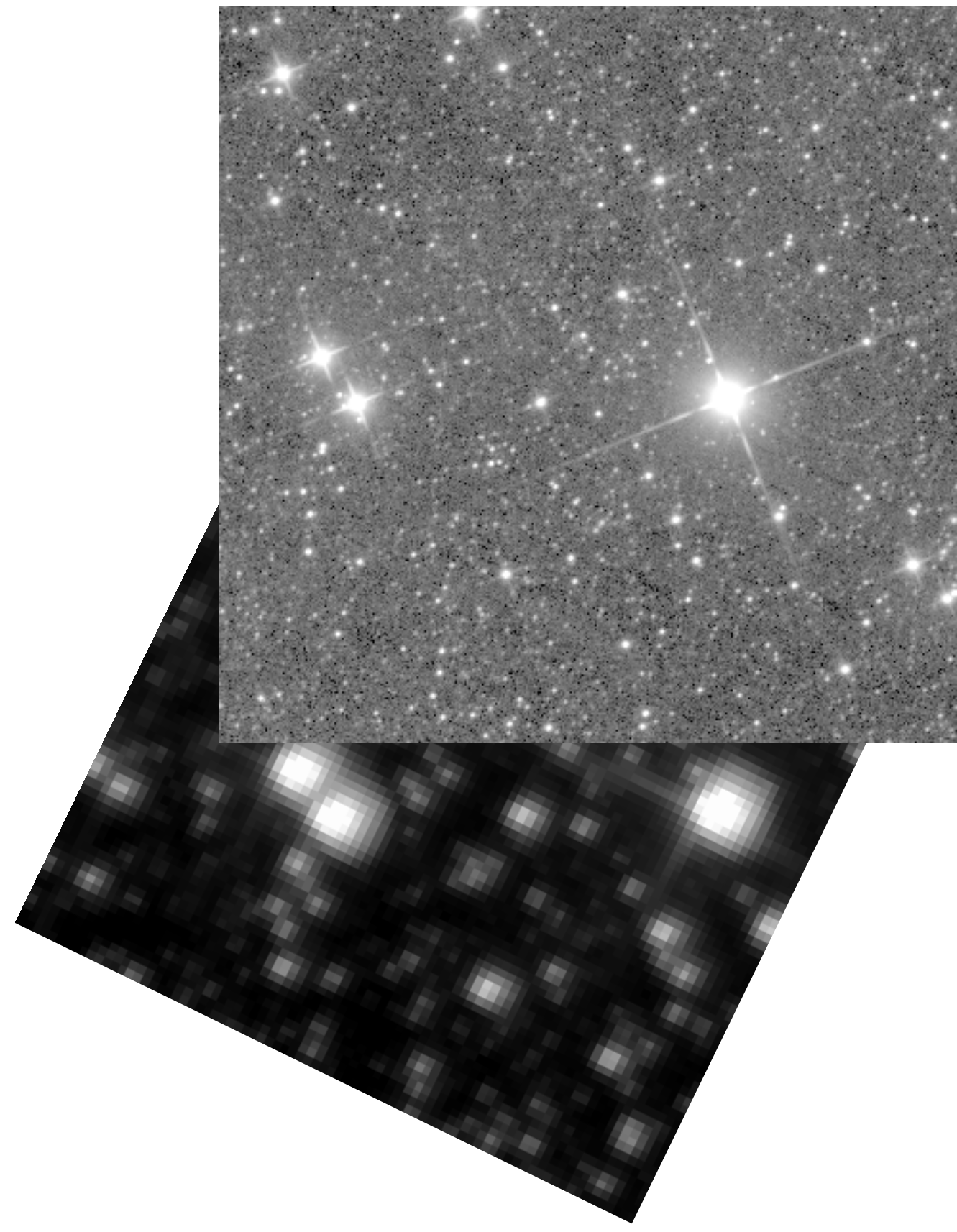
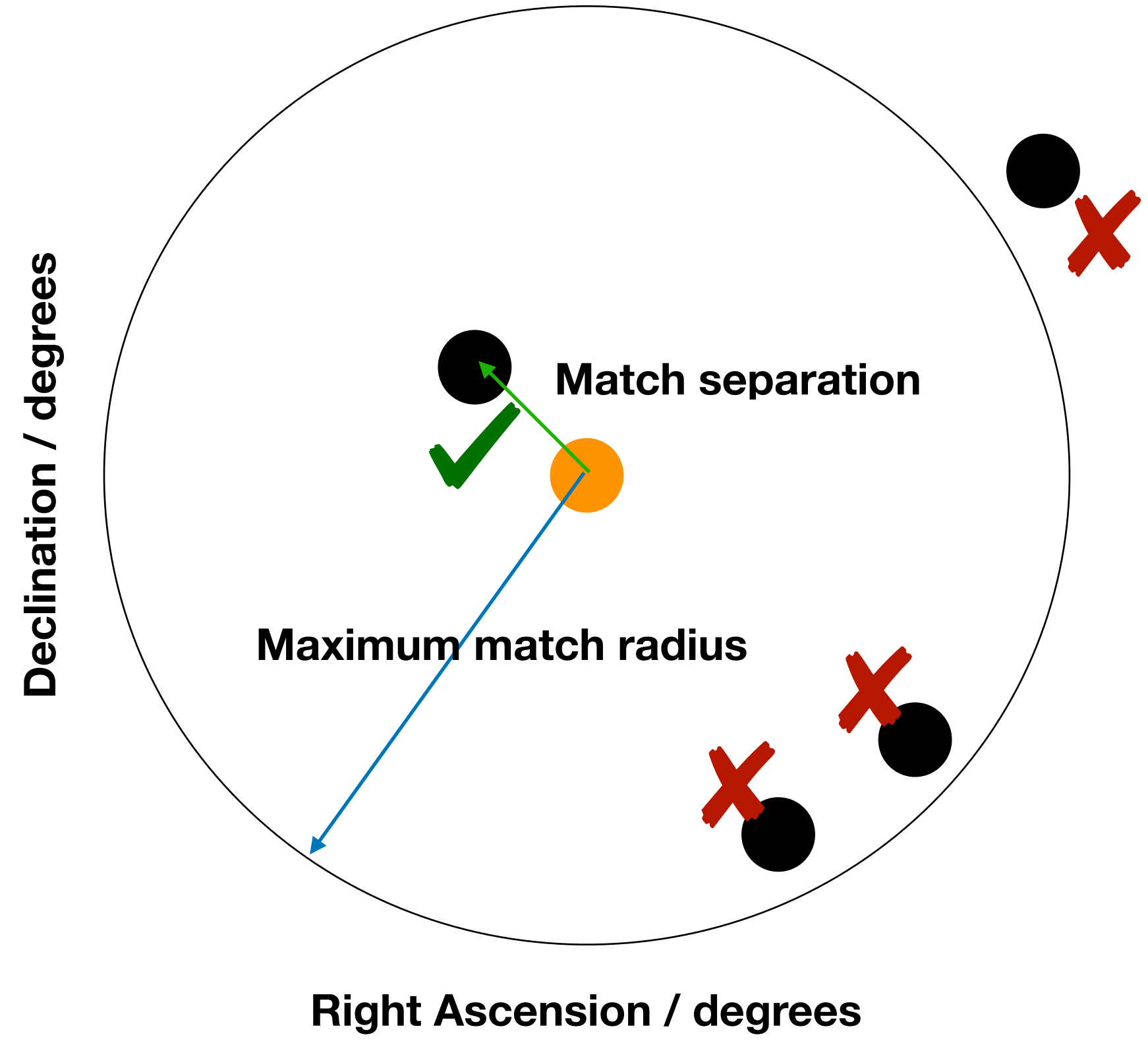
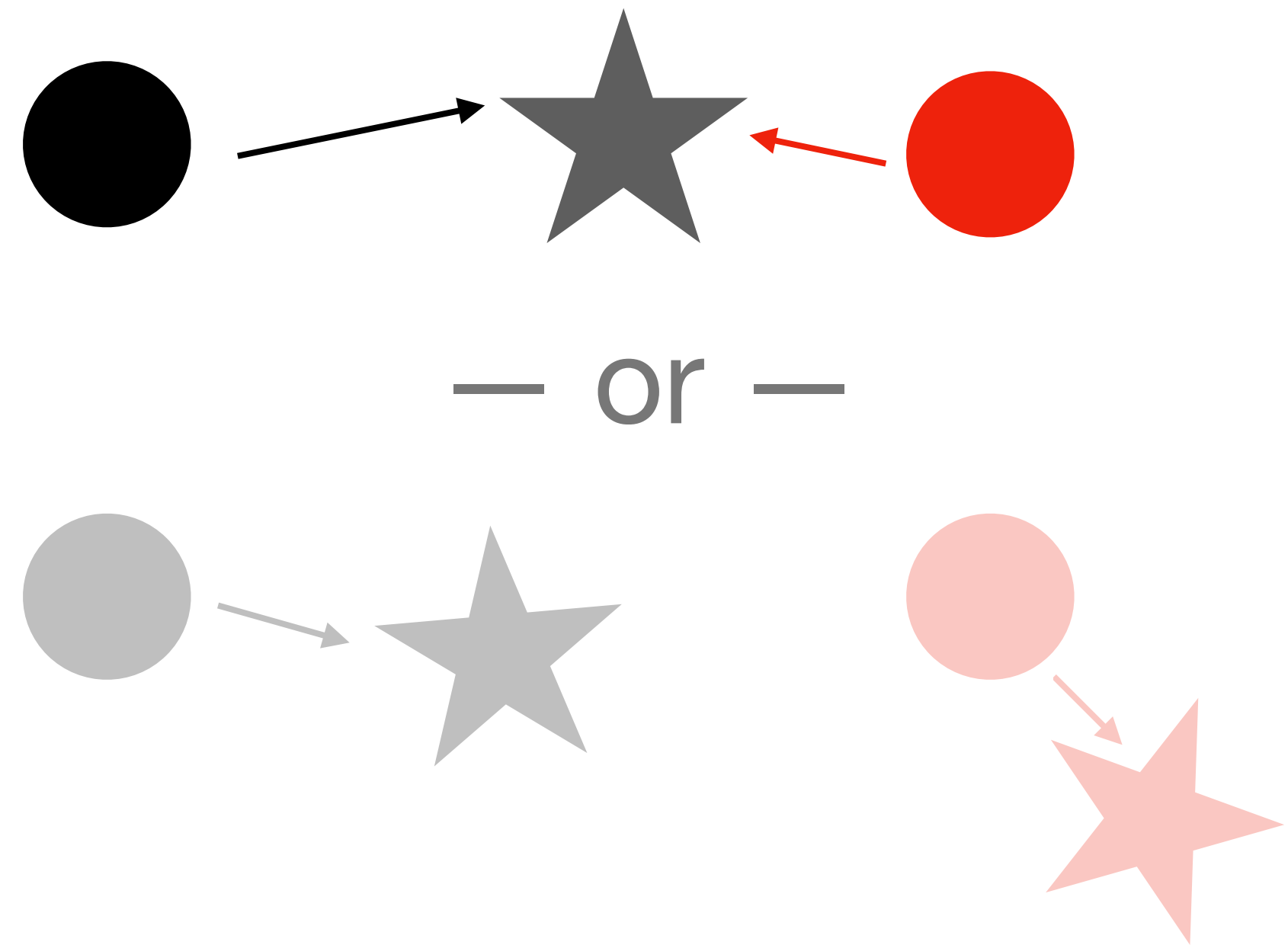




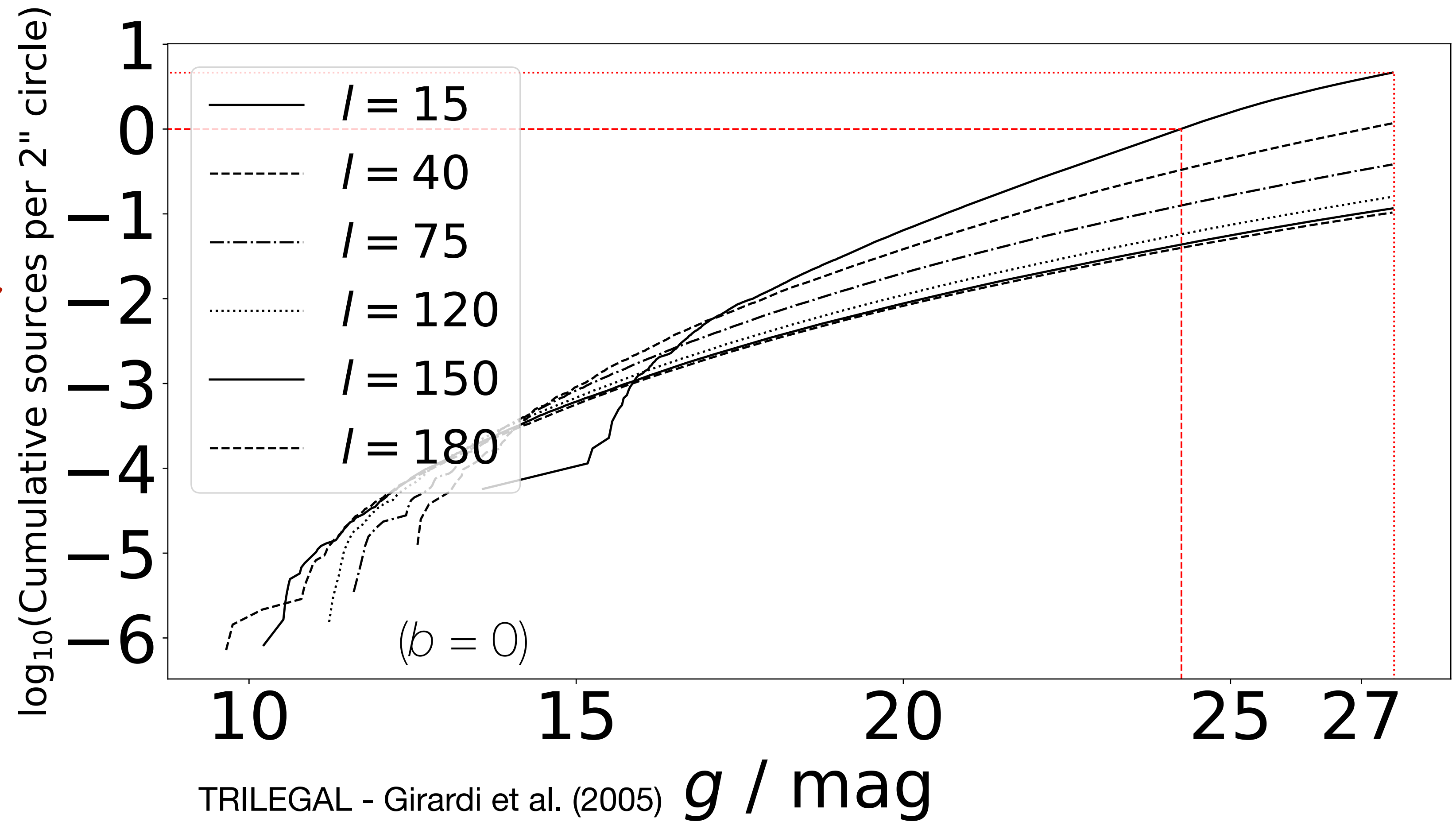
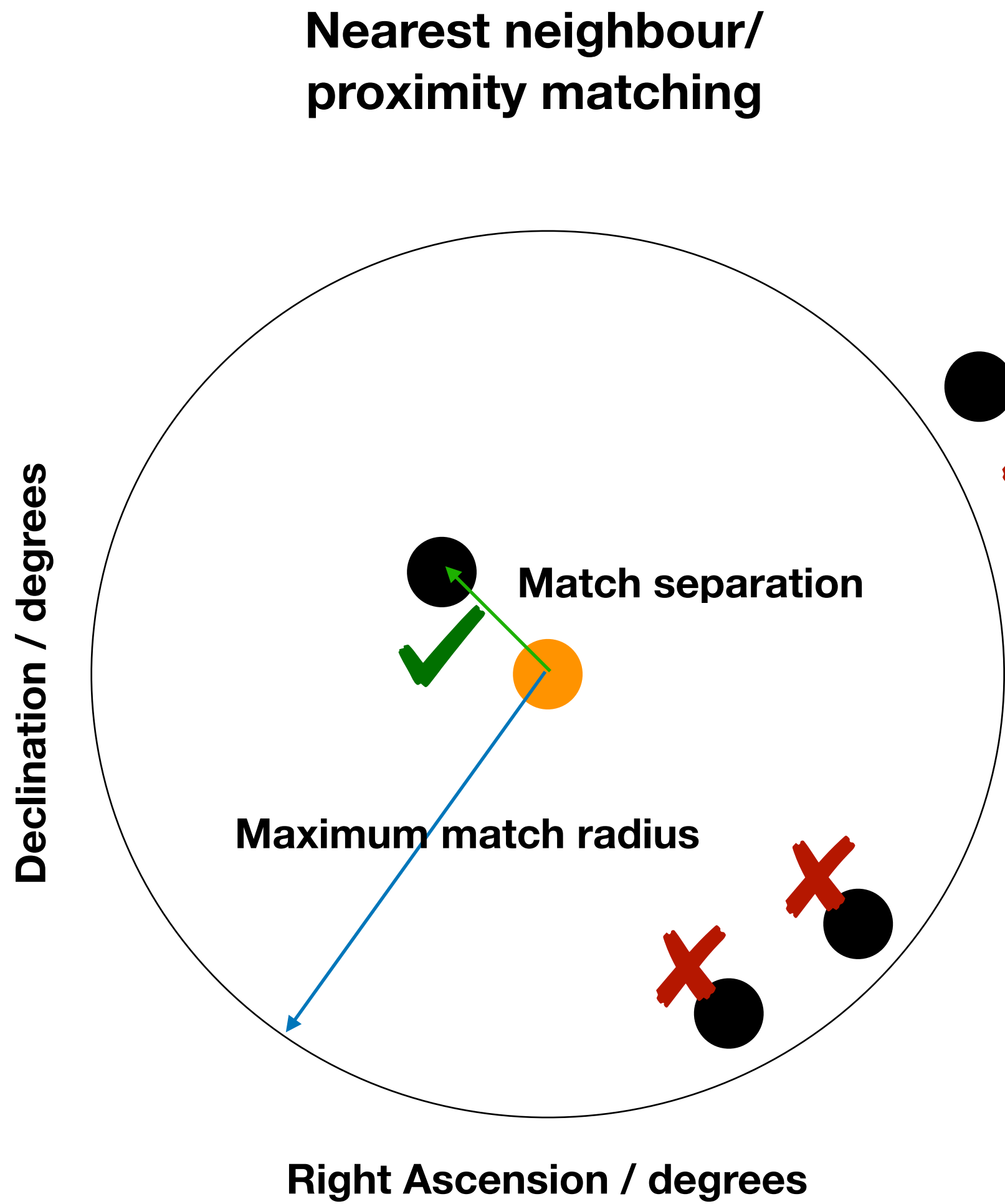
**Or, Catalogue Cross-Matching in the Crowded LSST Sky**



# “Simple” Cross-Matching



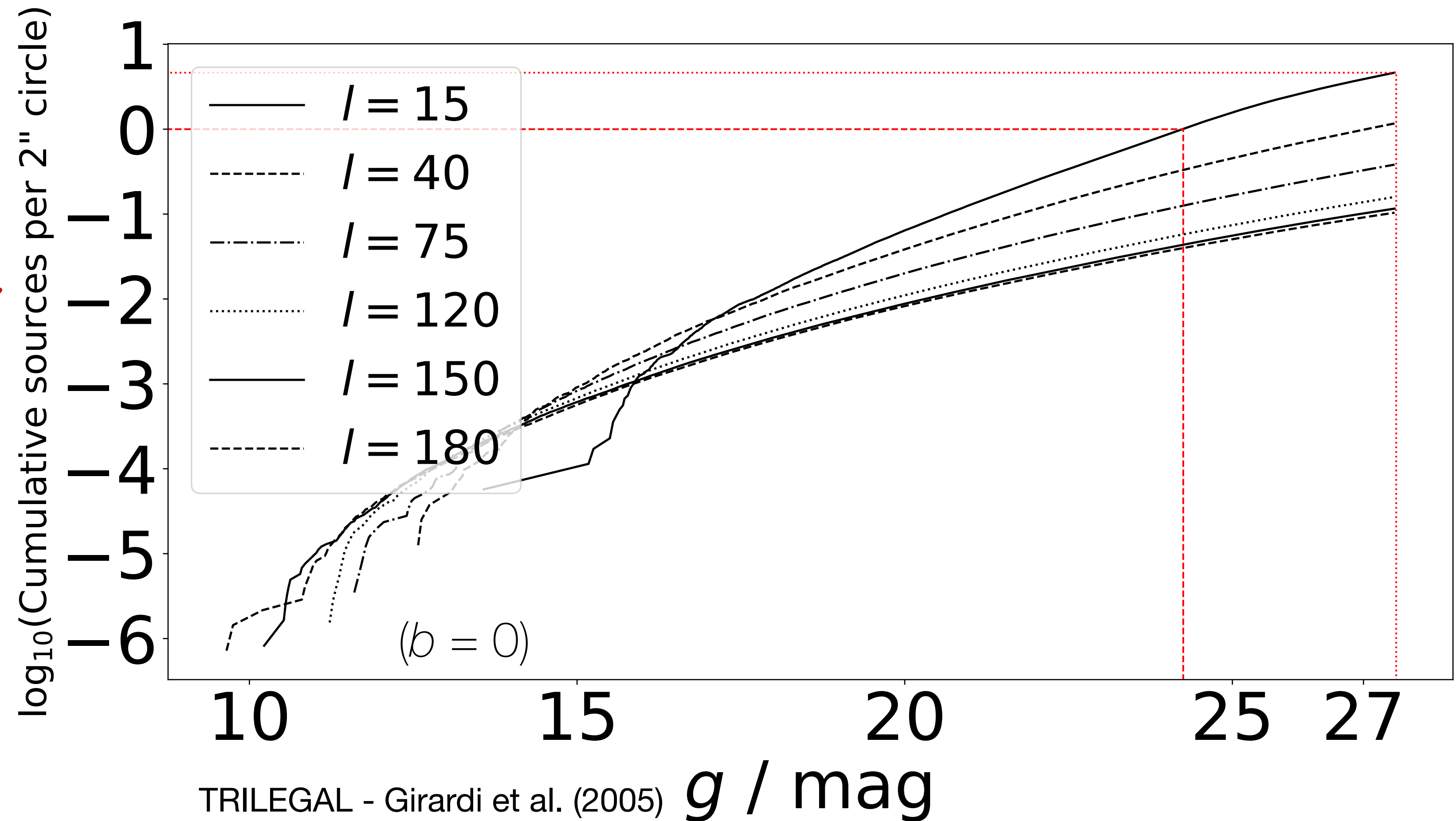
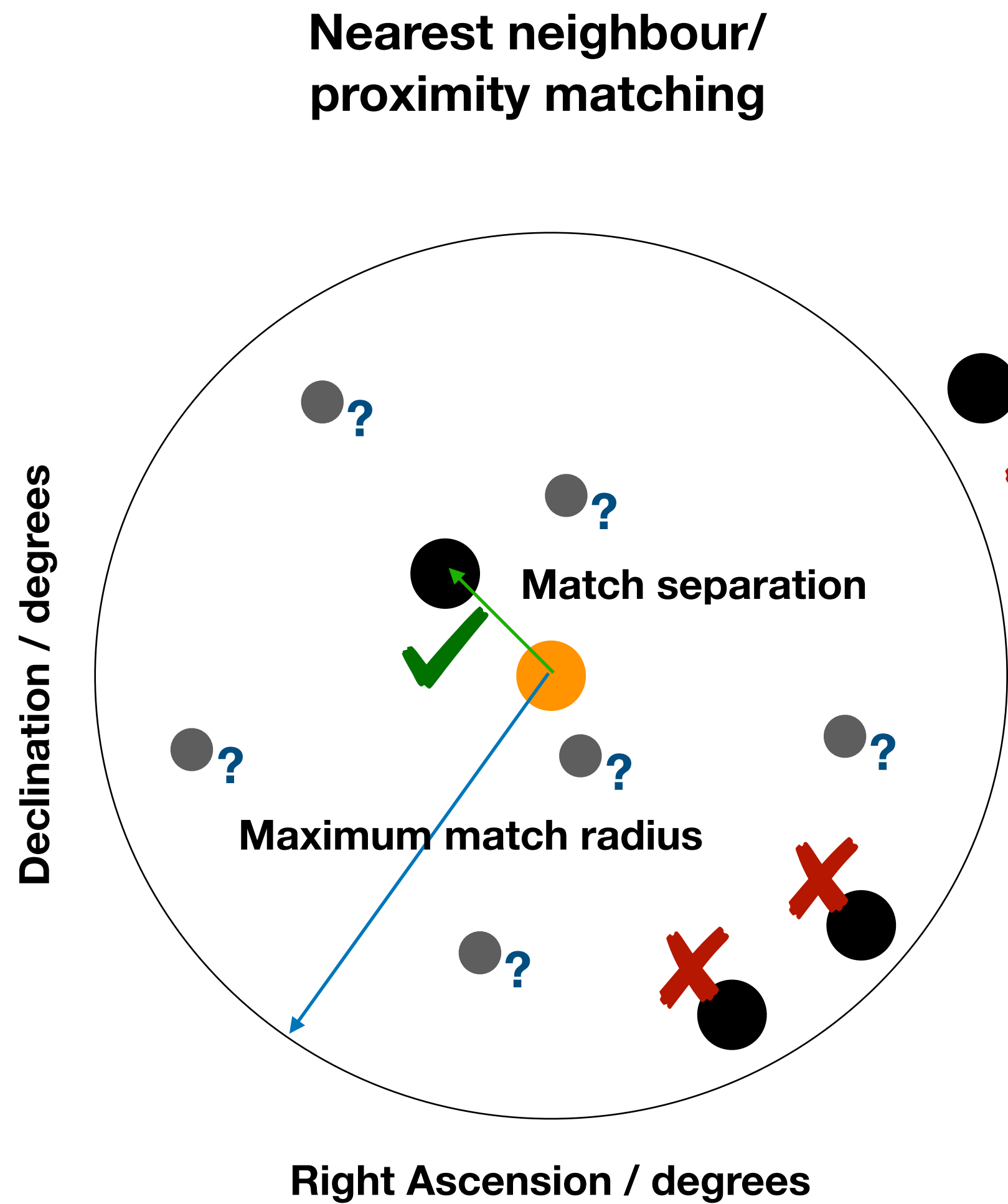
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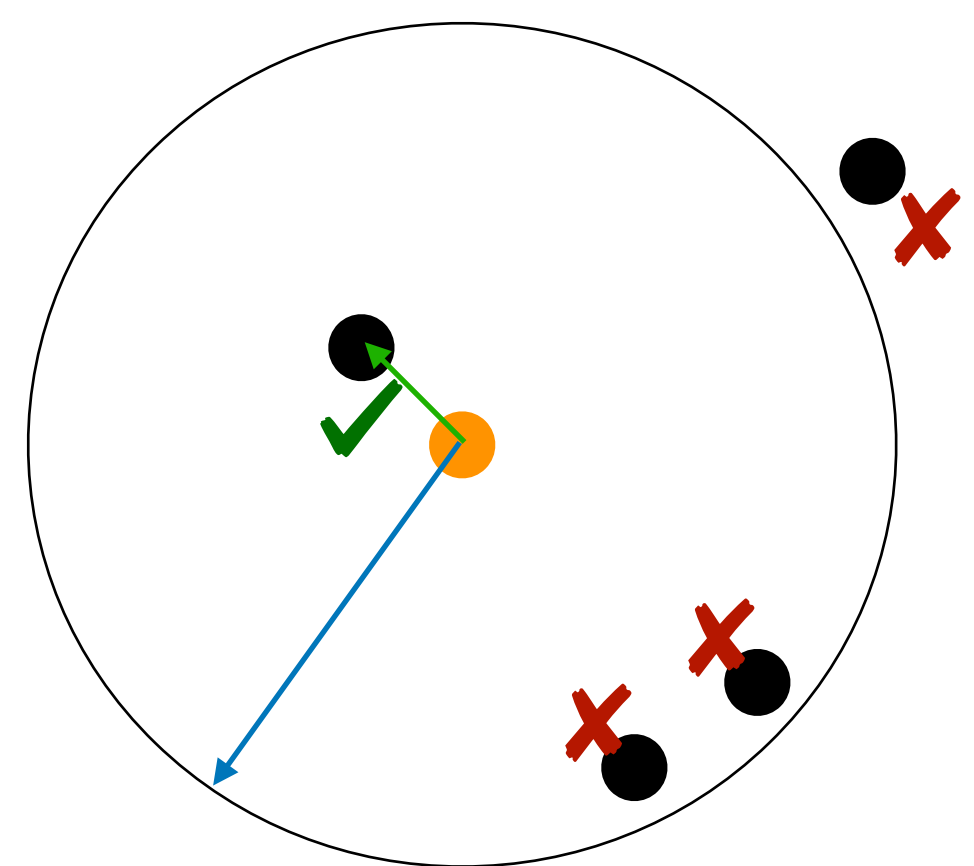
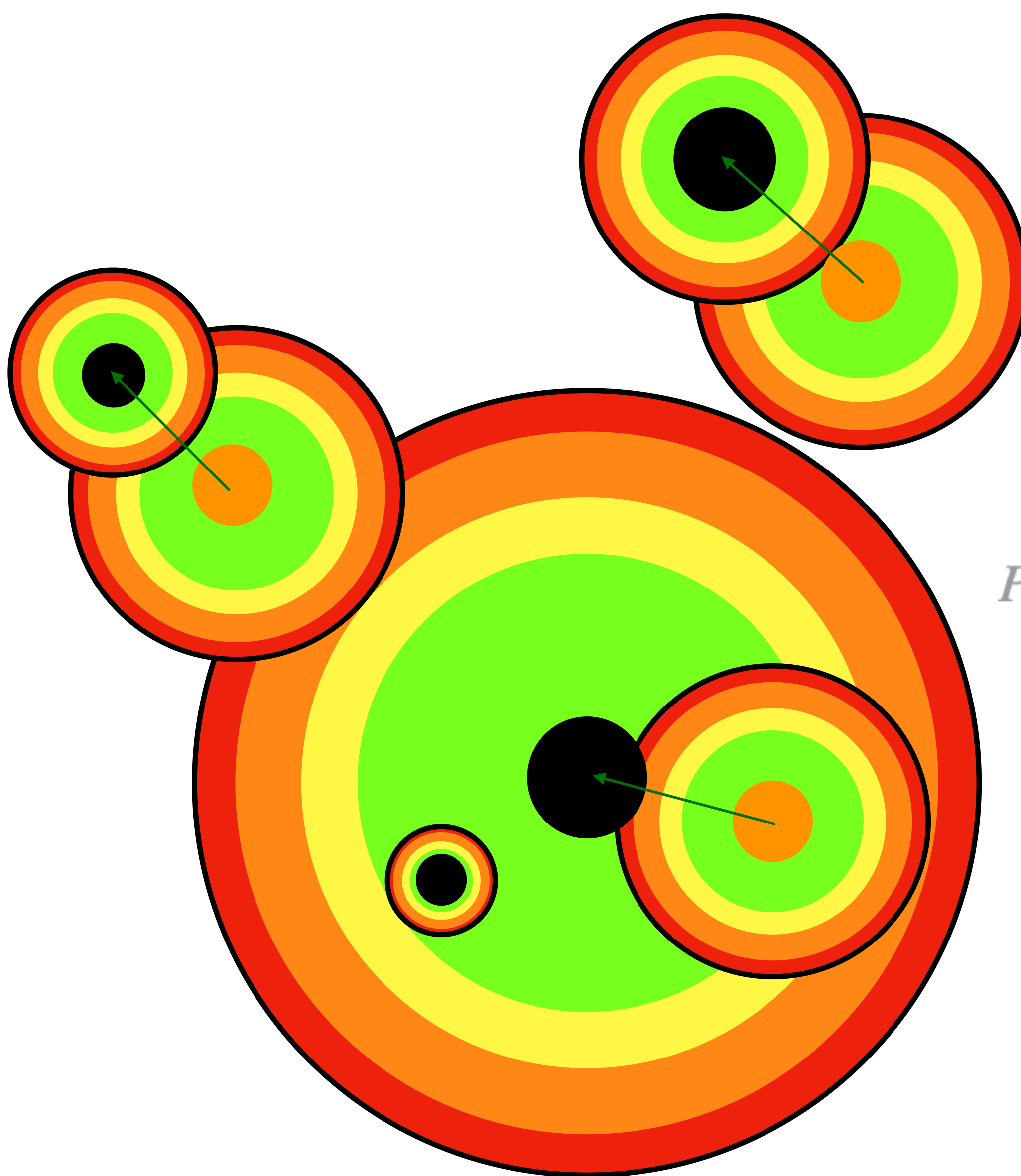
(It's still a few randomly placed objects in every match radius at high Galactic latitudes)



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# Probabilistic Cross-Matching



Probability of two sources having their on-sky separation given the hypothesis they are counterparts

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Wilson & Naylor (2018a)

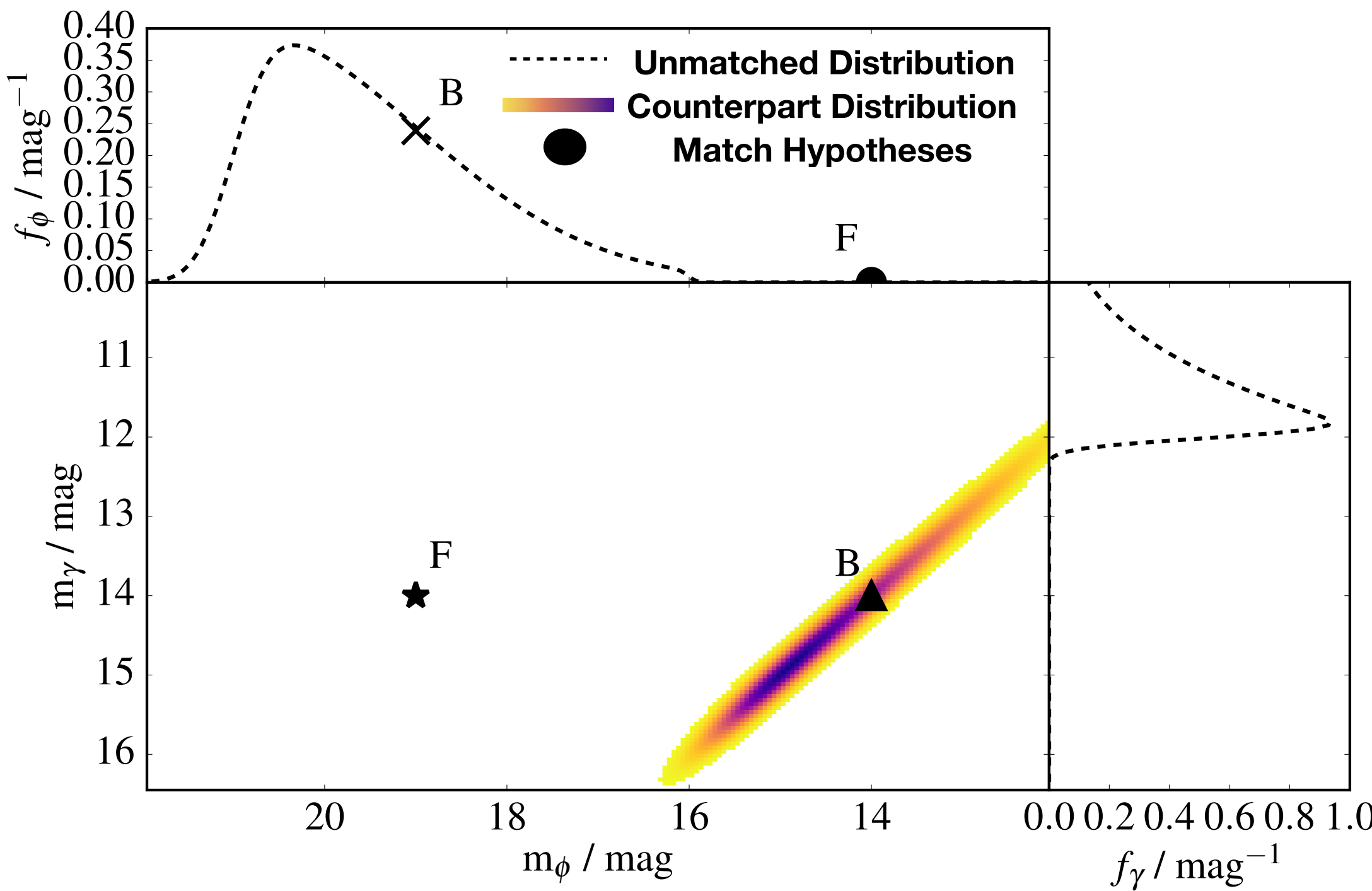
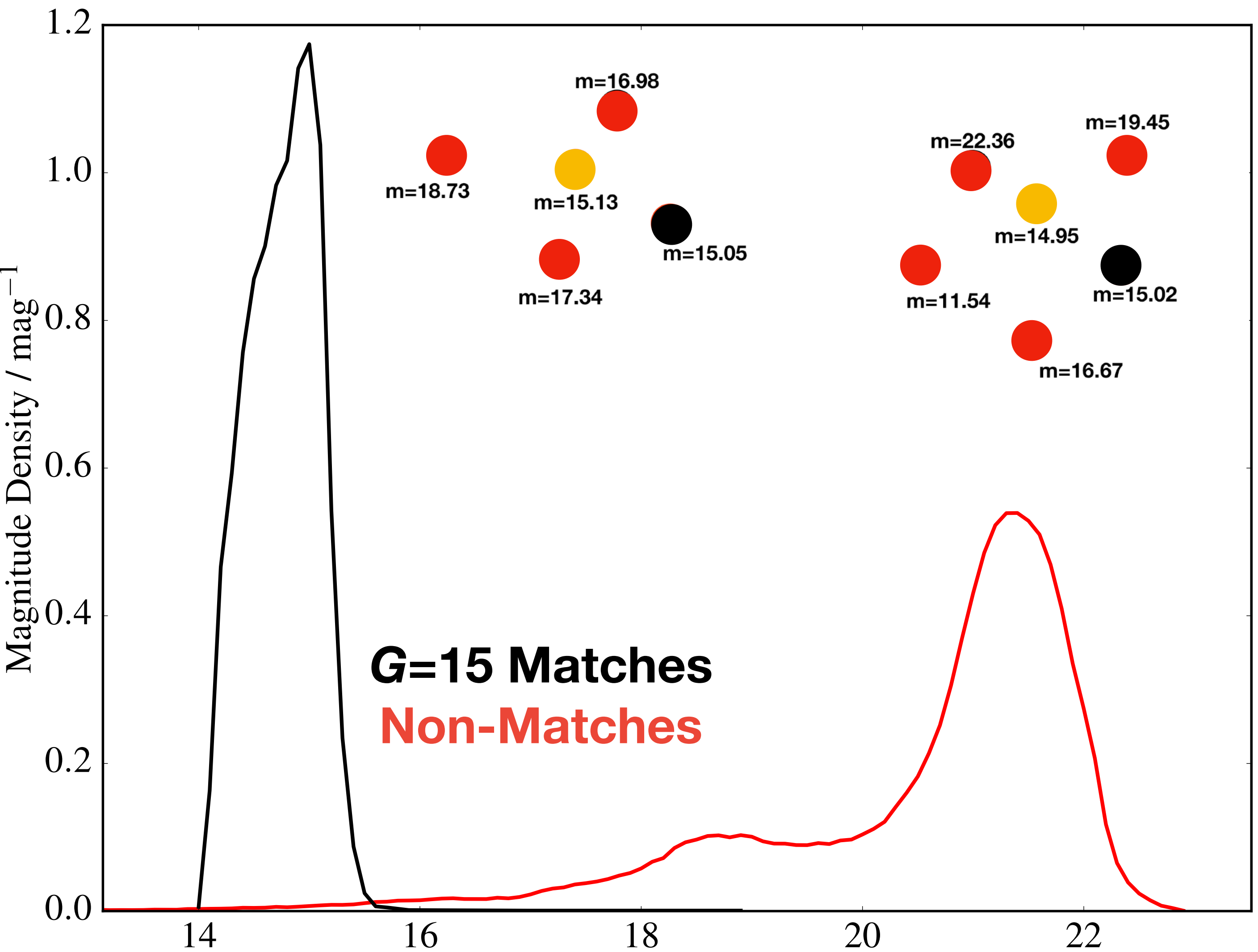
Probability of sources having their brightnesses given they are unrelated to one another (“field stars”)

Probability of sources having their brightnesses given they are counterparts



# Photometry: Rejecting False Positives

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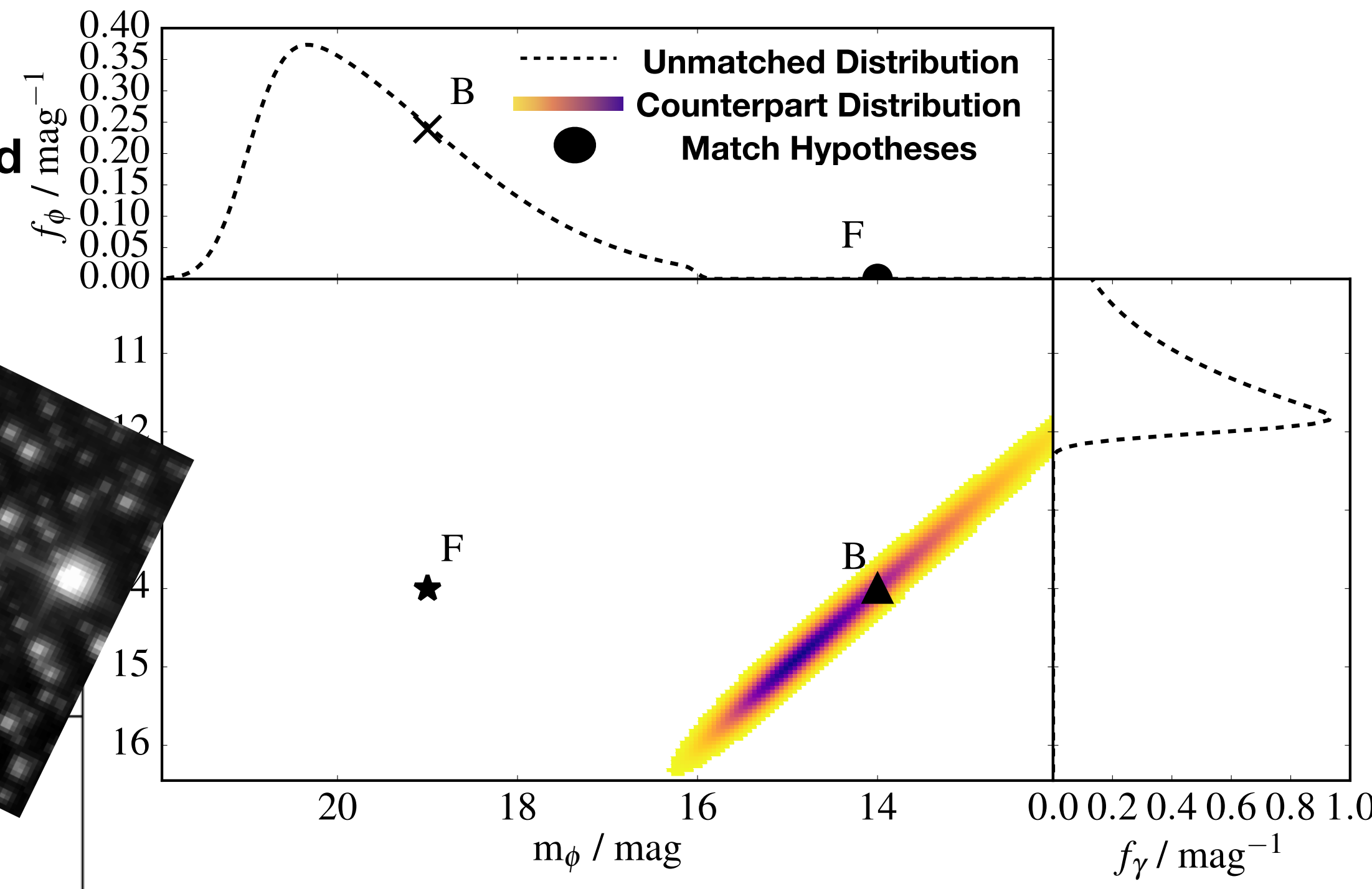
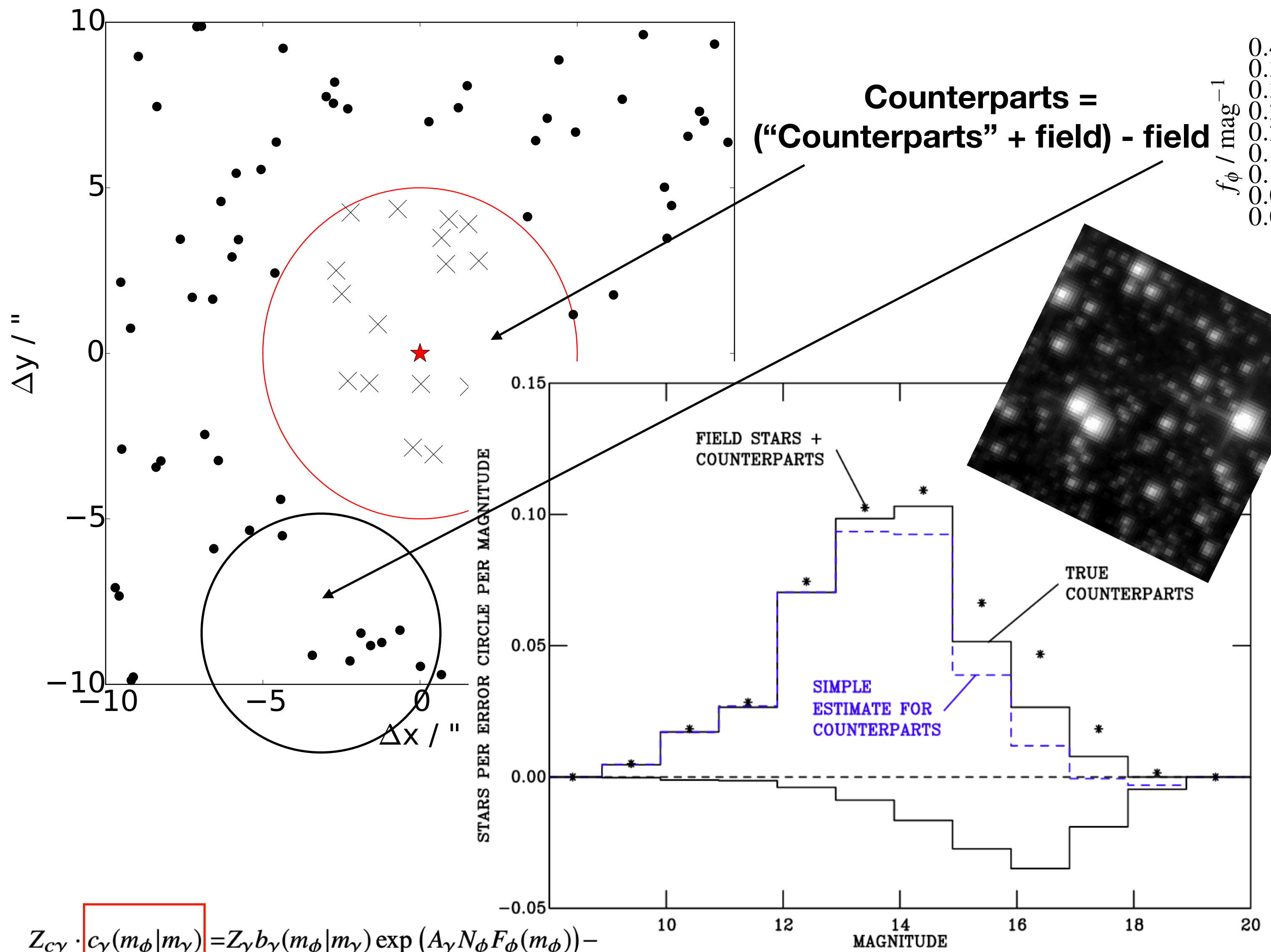
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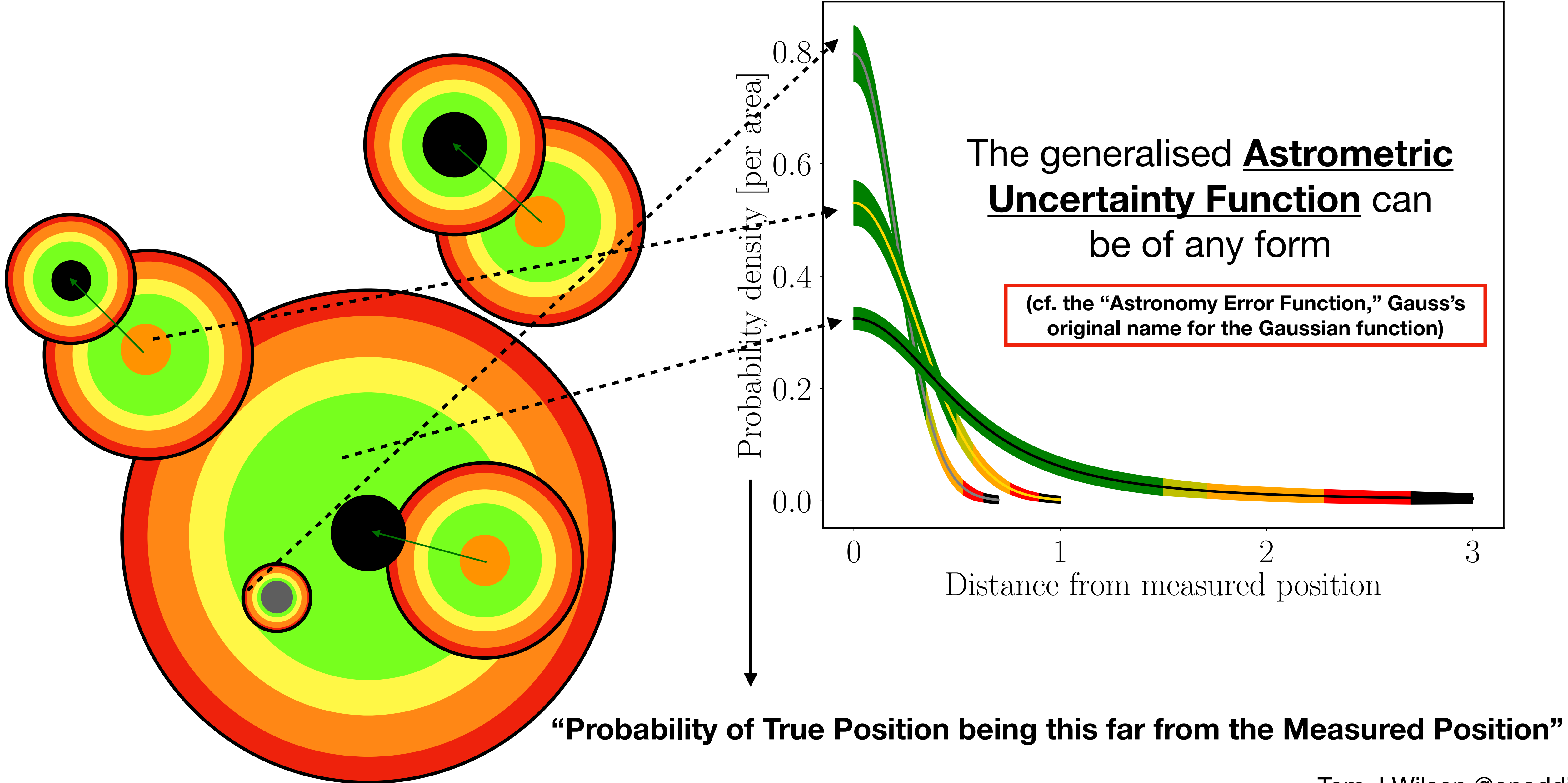


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$$Z_{c\gamma} \cdot c_{\gamma}(m_{\phi}|m_{\gamma}) = Z_{\gamma} b_{\gamma}(m_{\phi}|m_{\gamma}) \exp(A_{\gamma} N_{\phi} F_{\phi}(m_{\phi})) - (1 - Z_{c\gamma} C_{\gamma}(m_{\phi}|m_{\gamma})) A_{\gamma} N_{\phi} f_{\phi}(m_{\phi}).$$

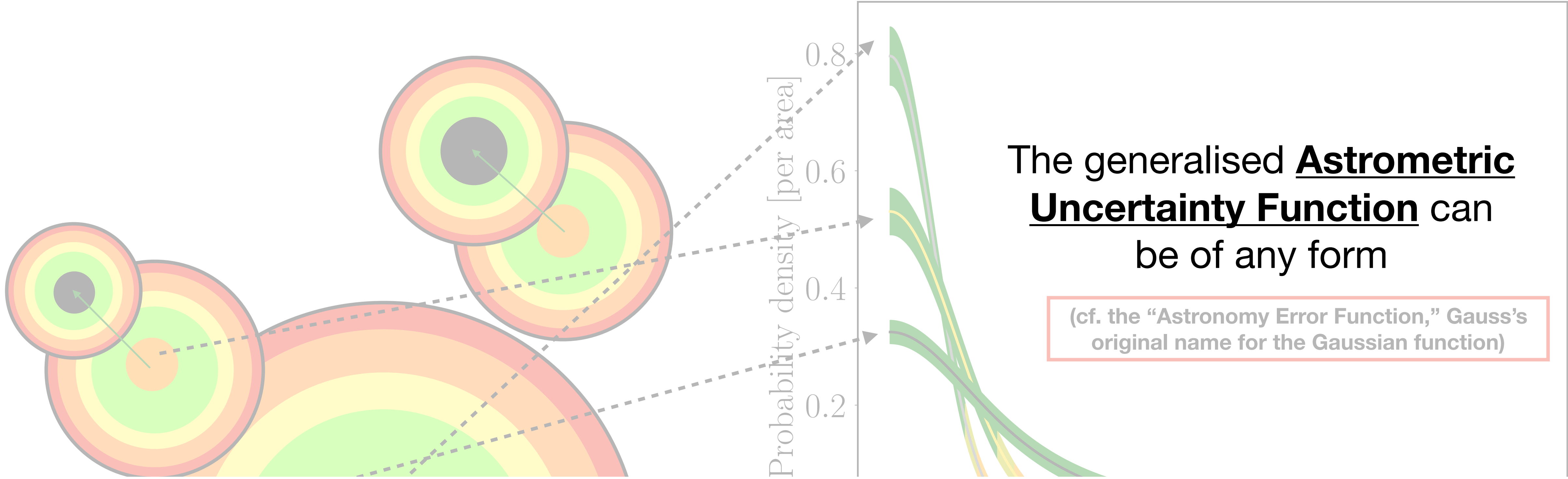
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One assumption made in basically all literature: positional errors of sources are Gaussian!

$$dp(r|id) = r \times e^{-r^2/2} dr.$$

de Ruiter, Willis, & Arp (1977)

$$P(i) = \frac{\frac{Xc(m_i) g(\Delta x_i, \Delta y_i)}{Nf(m_i)}}{1 - X + \sum_j \frac{Xc(m_j) g(\Delta x_j, \Delta y_j)}{Nf(m_j)}}$$

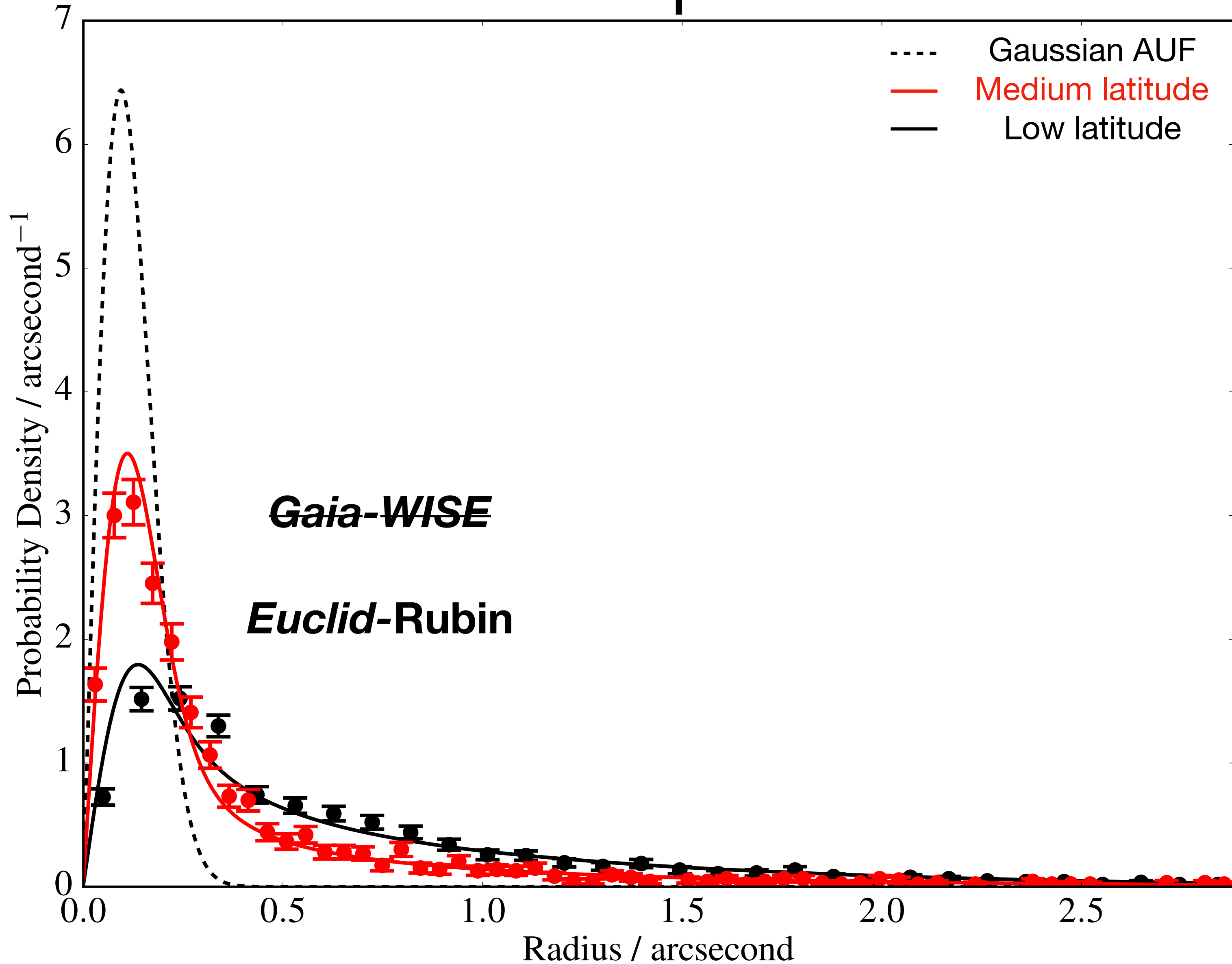
Naylor, Broos, & Feigelson (2013)

$$p(D|H) = \int p(m|H) \prod_{i=1}^n p_i(x_i|m, H) d^3m$$

Budavári & Szalay (2008)

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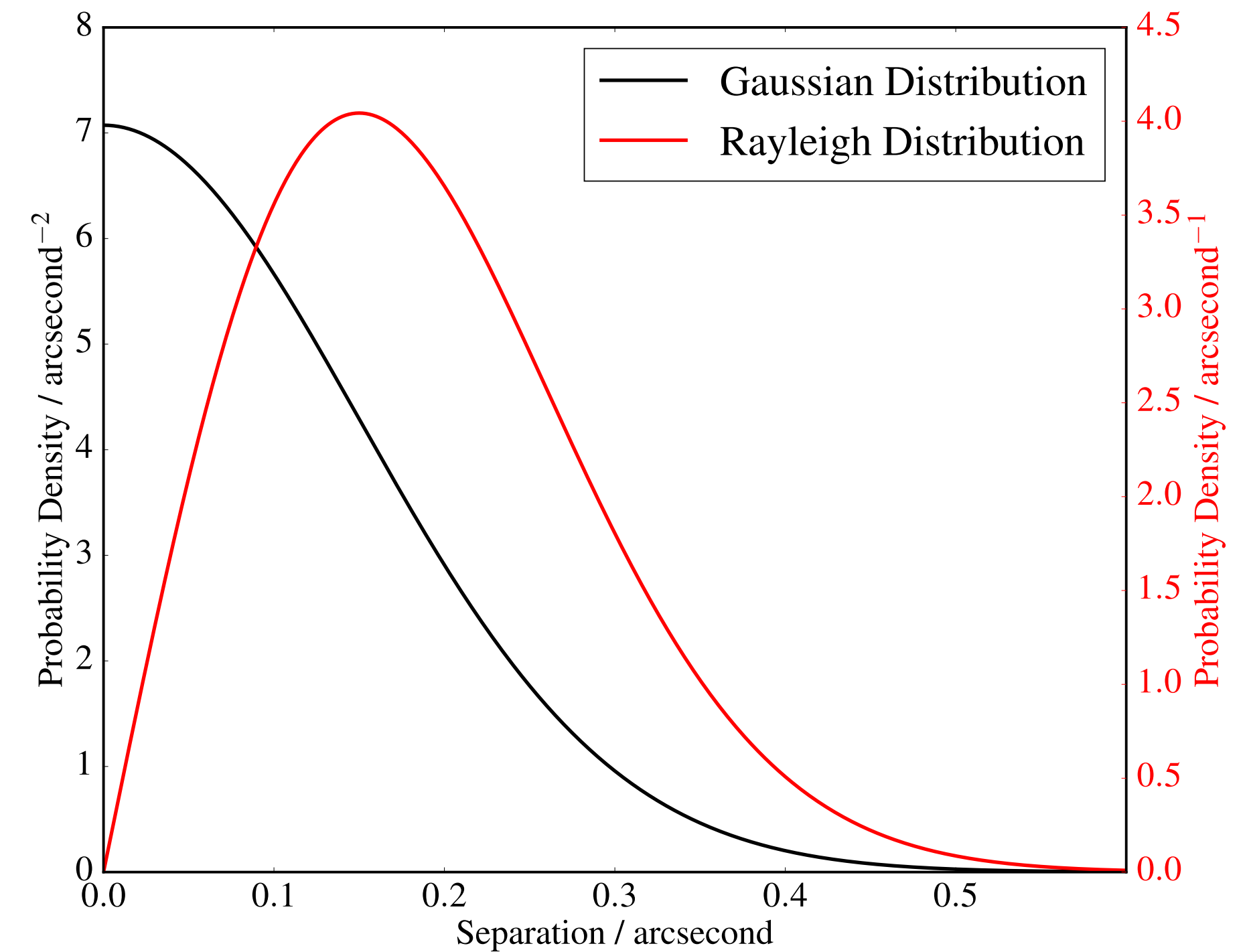
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$$g(x, y, \sigma) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

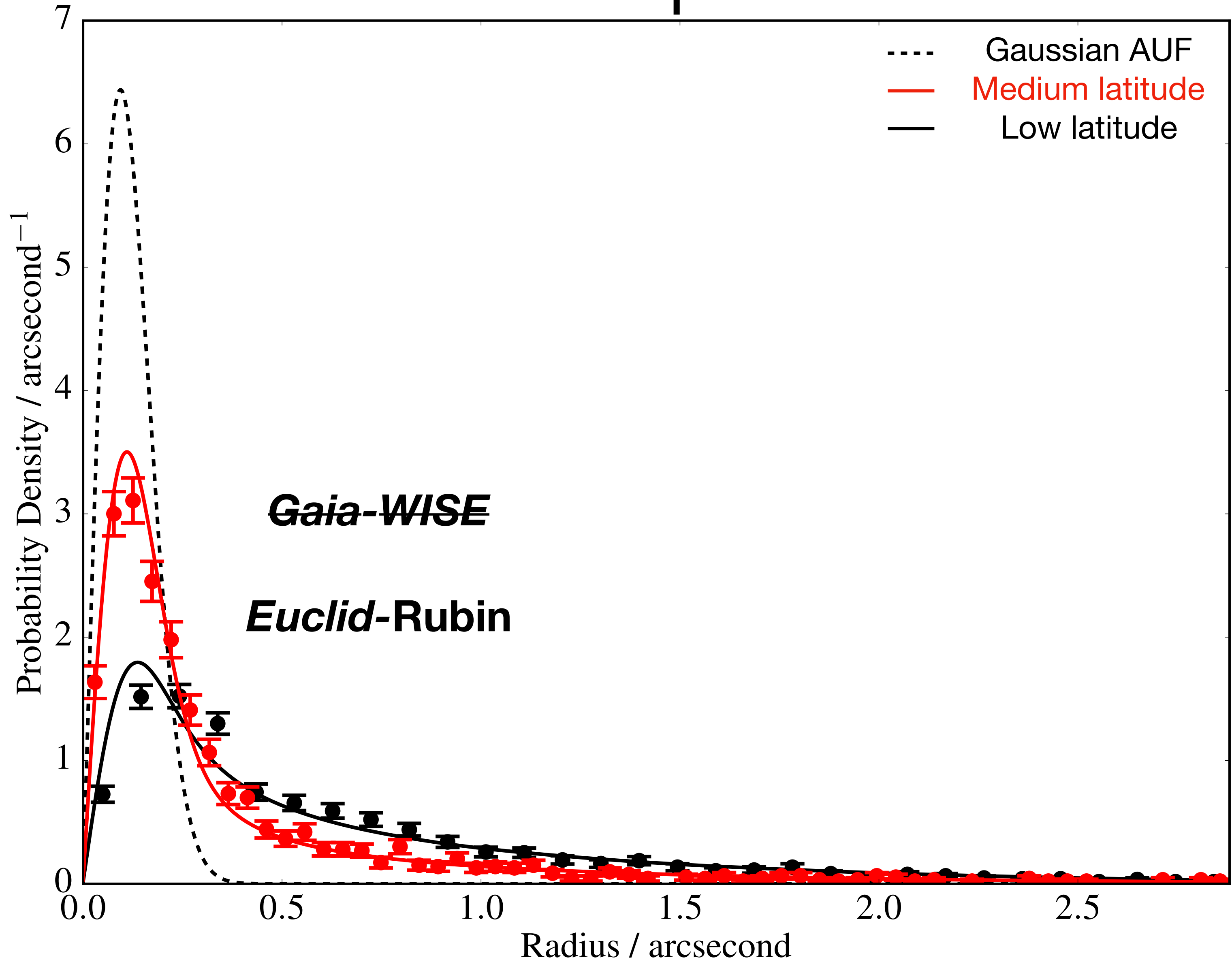
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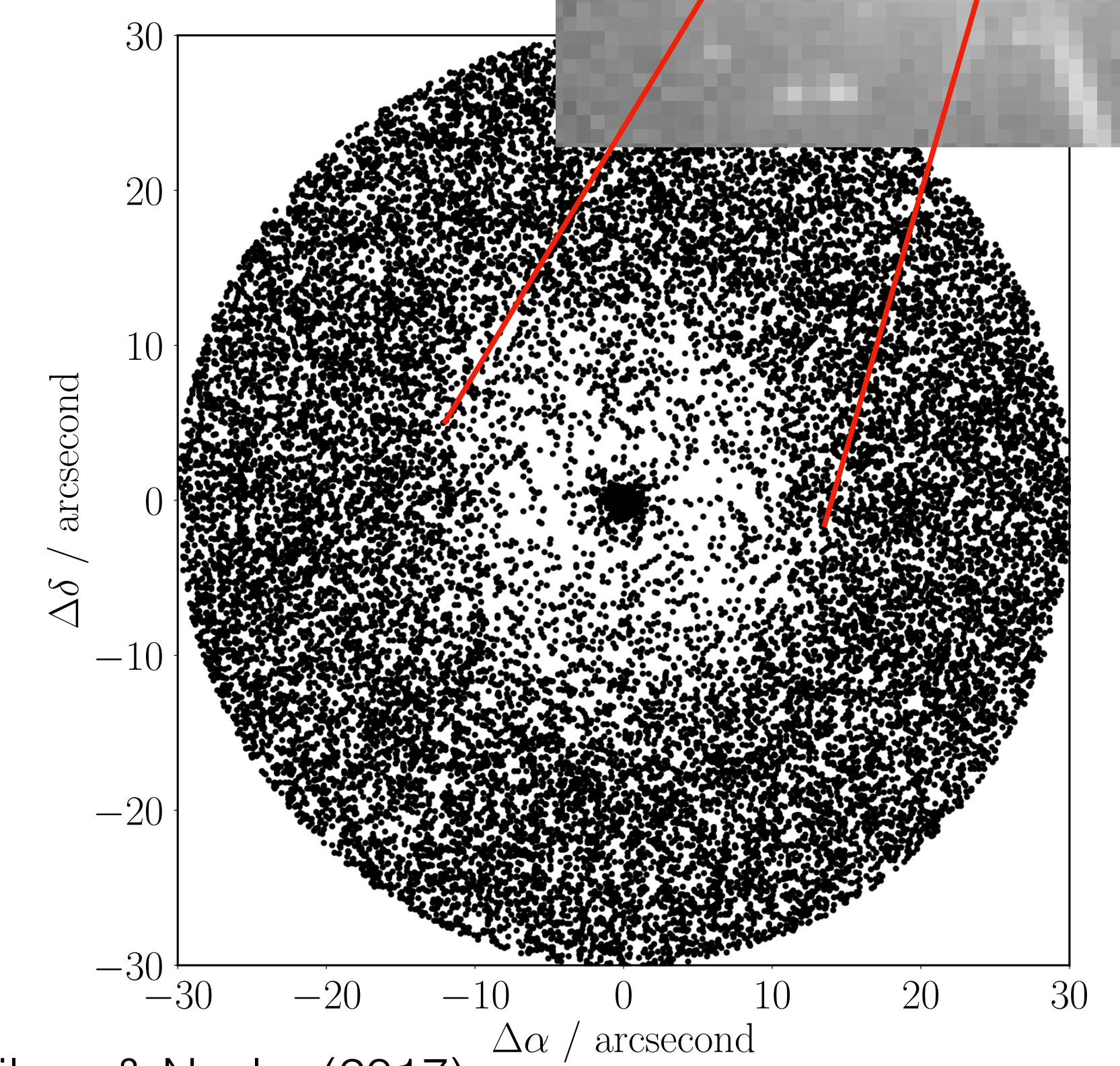
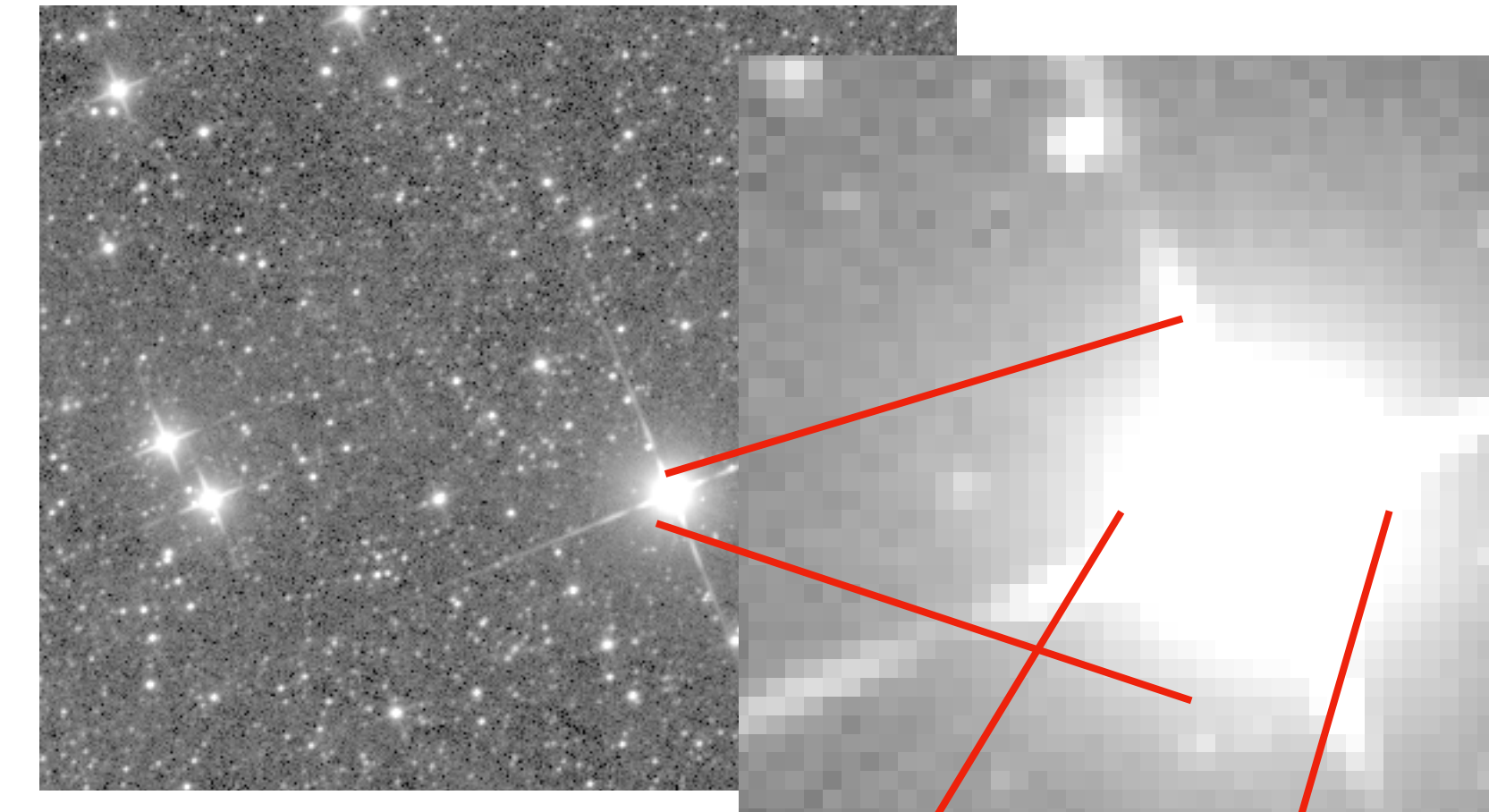
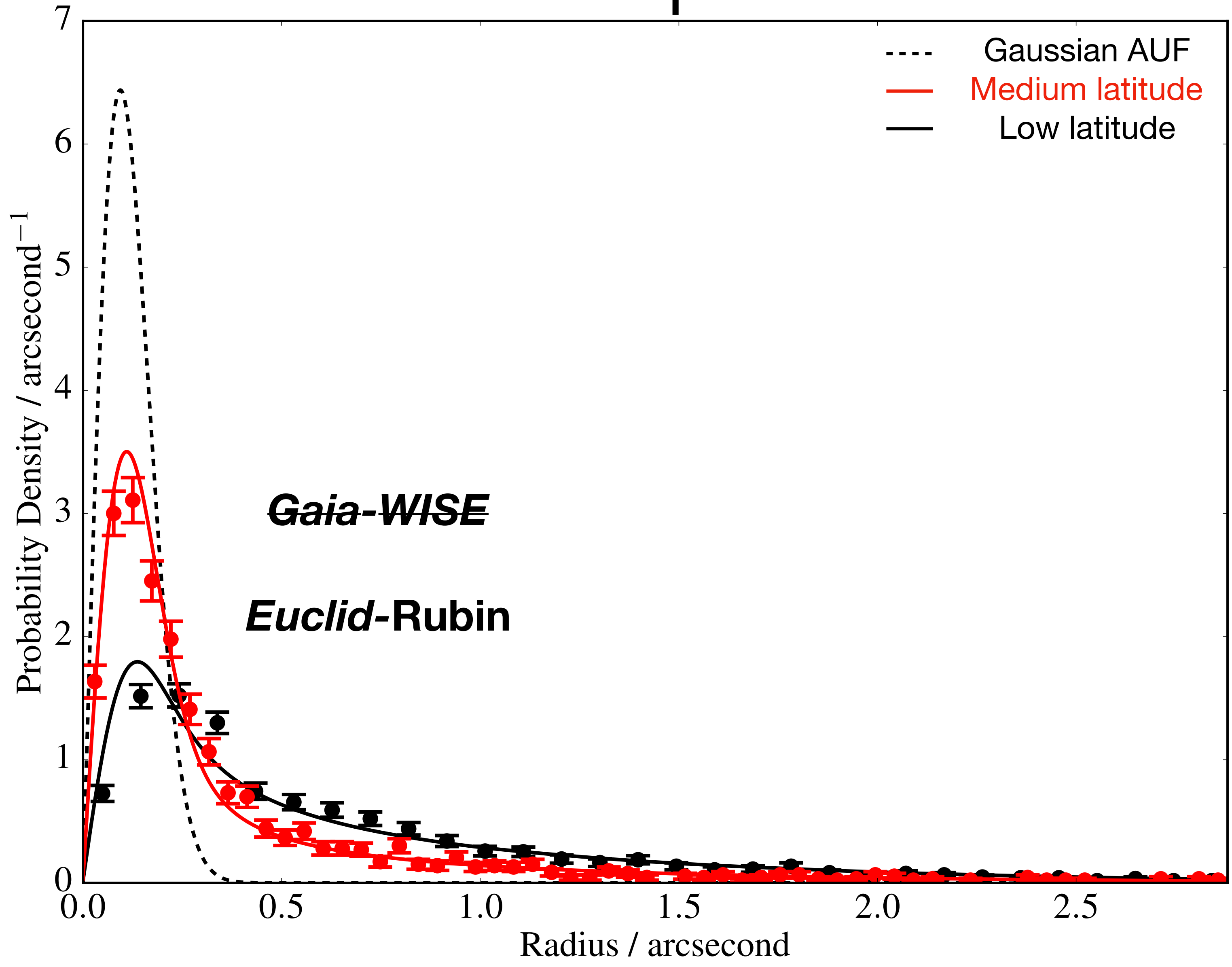


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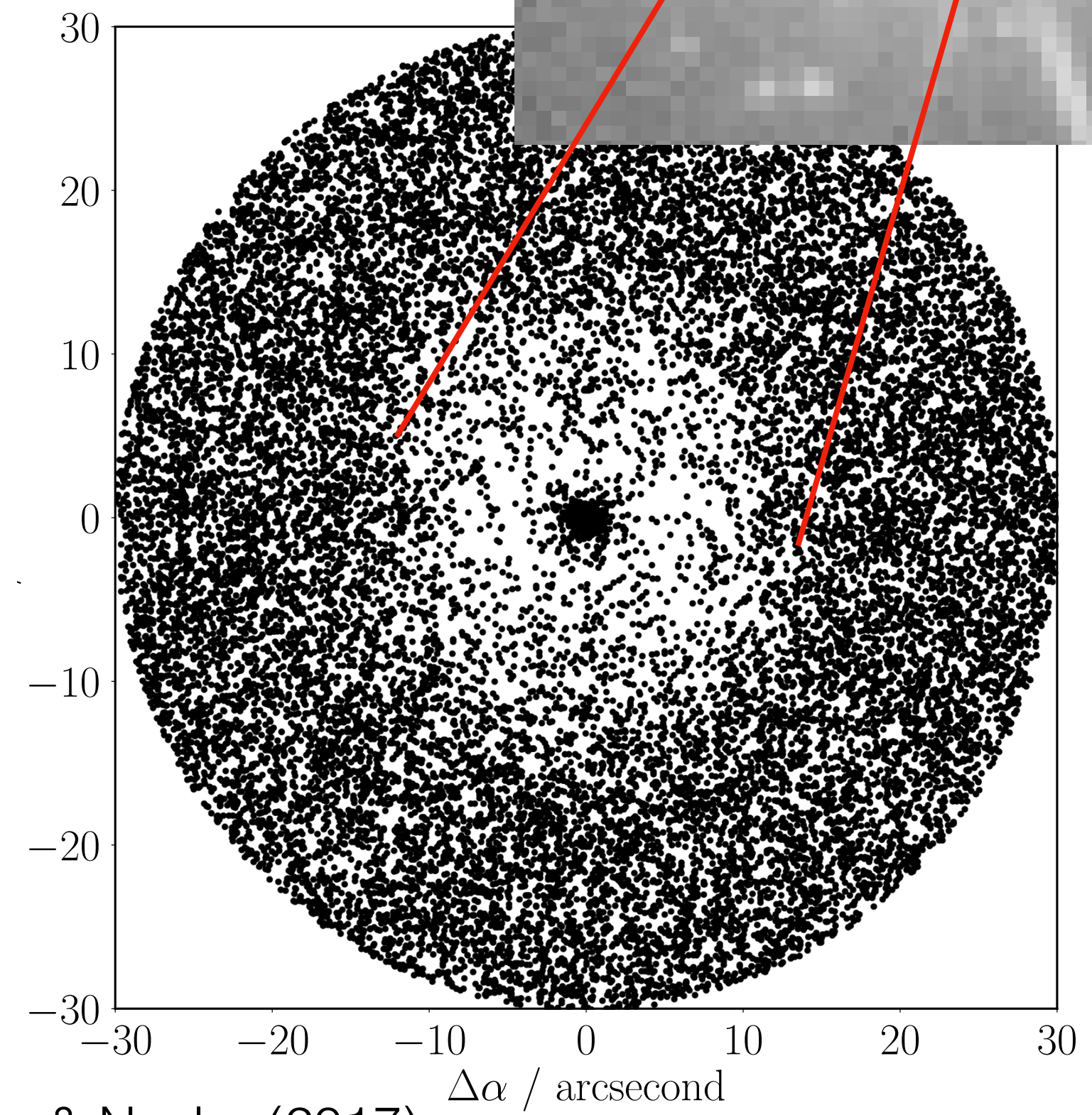
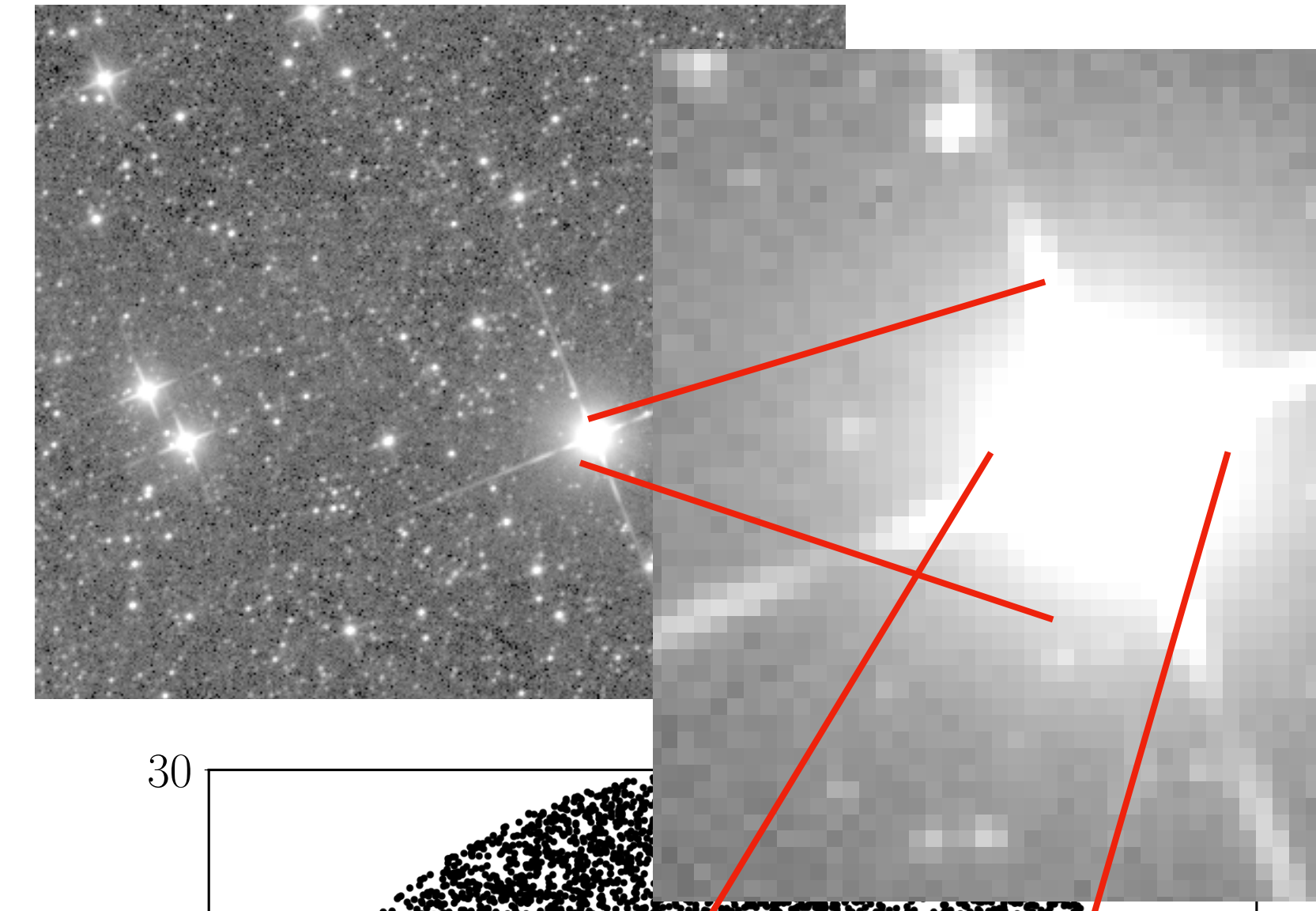
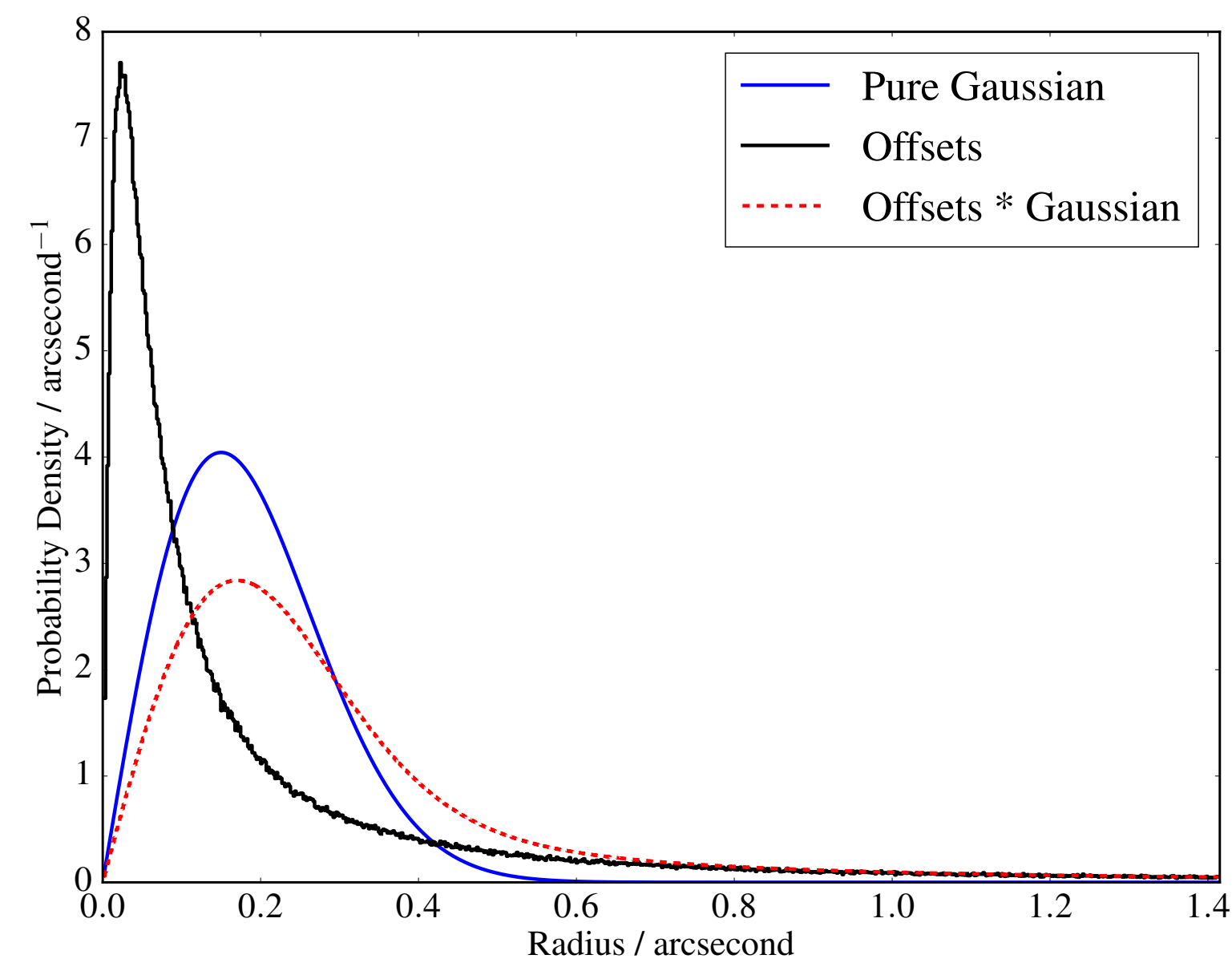
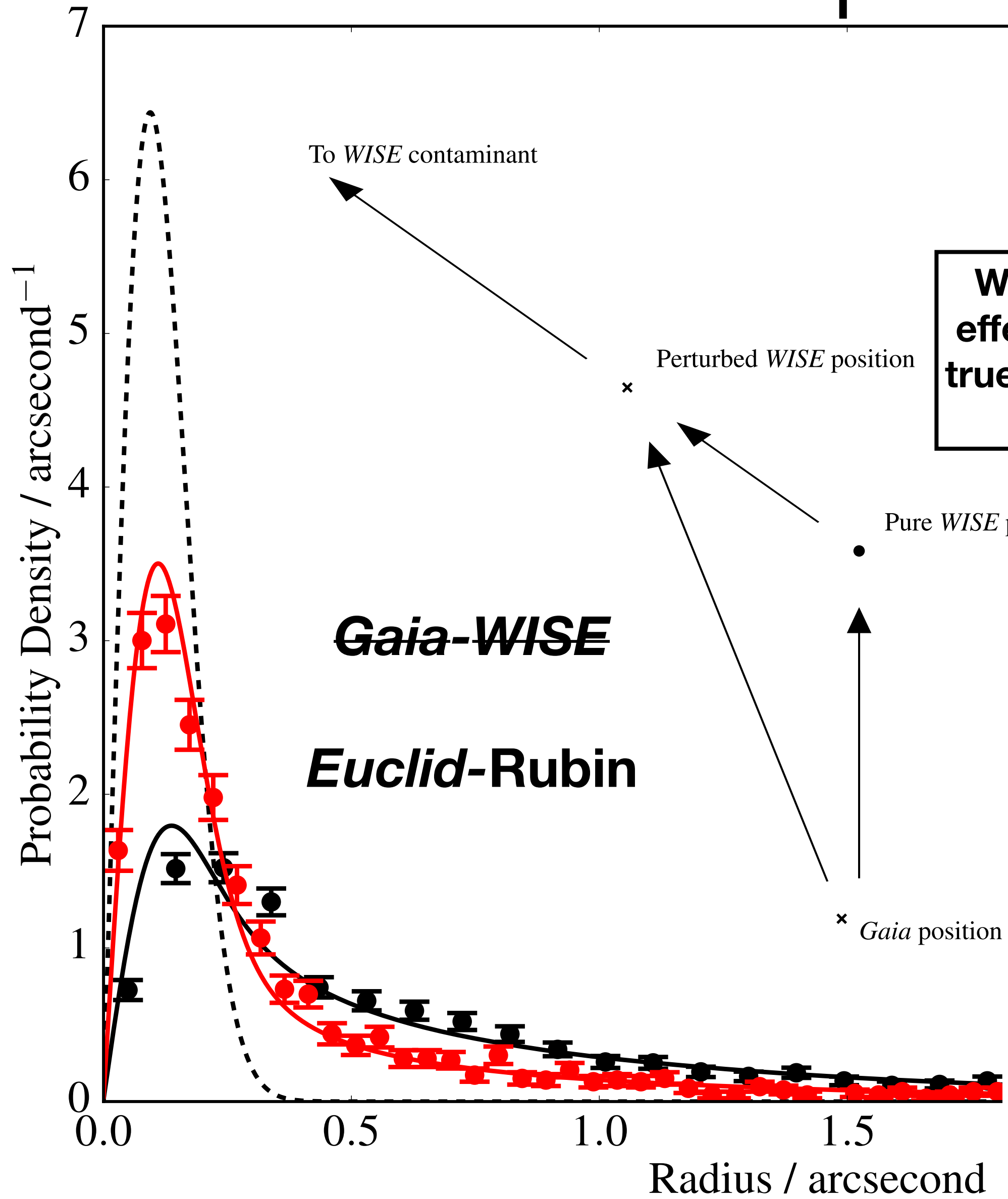


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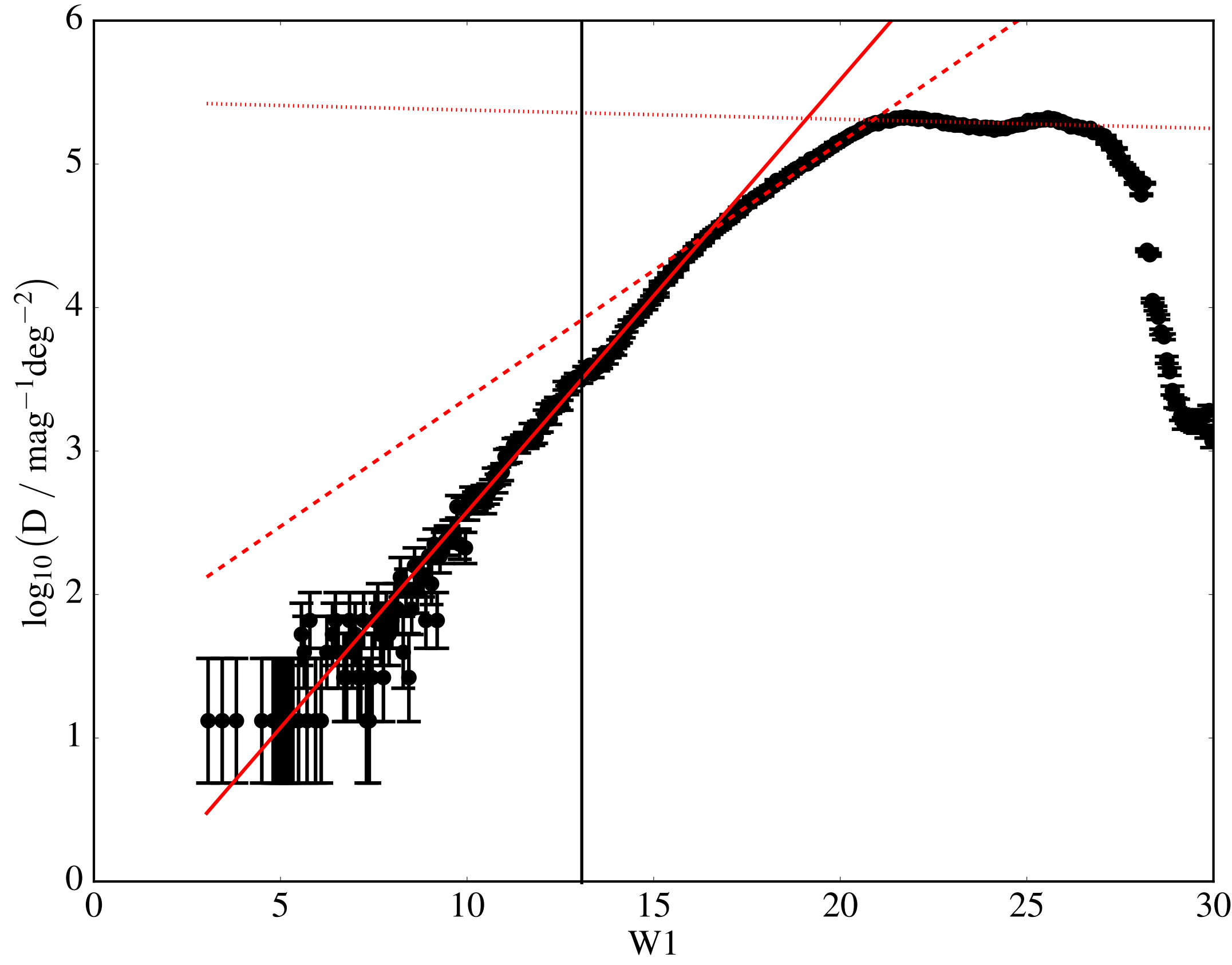
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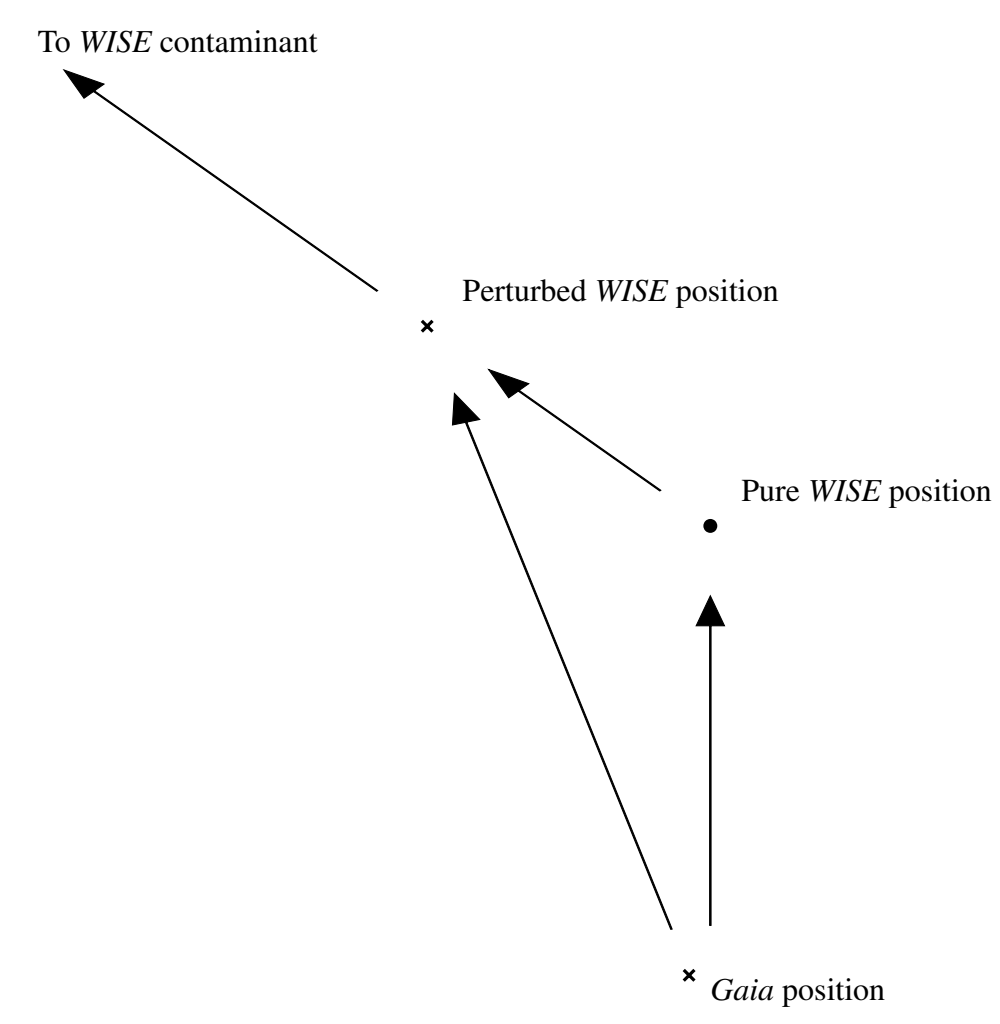
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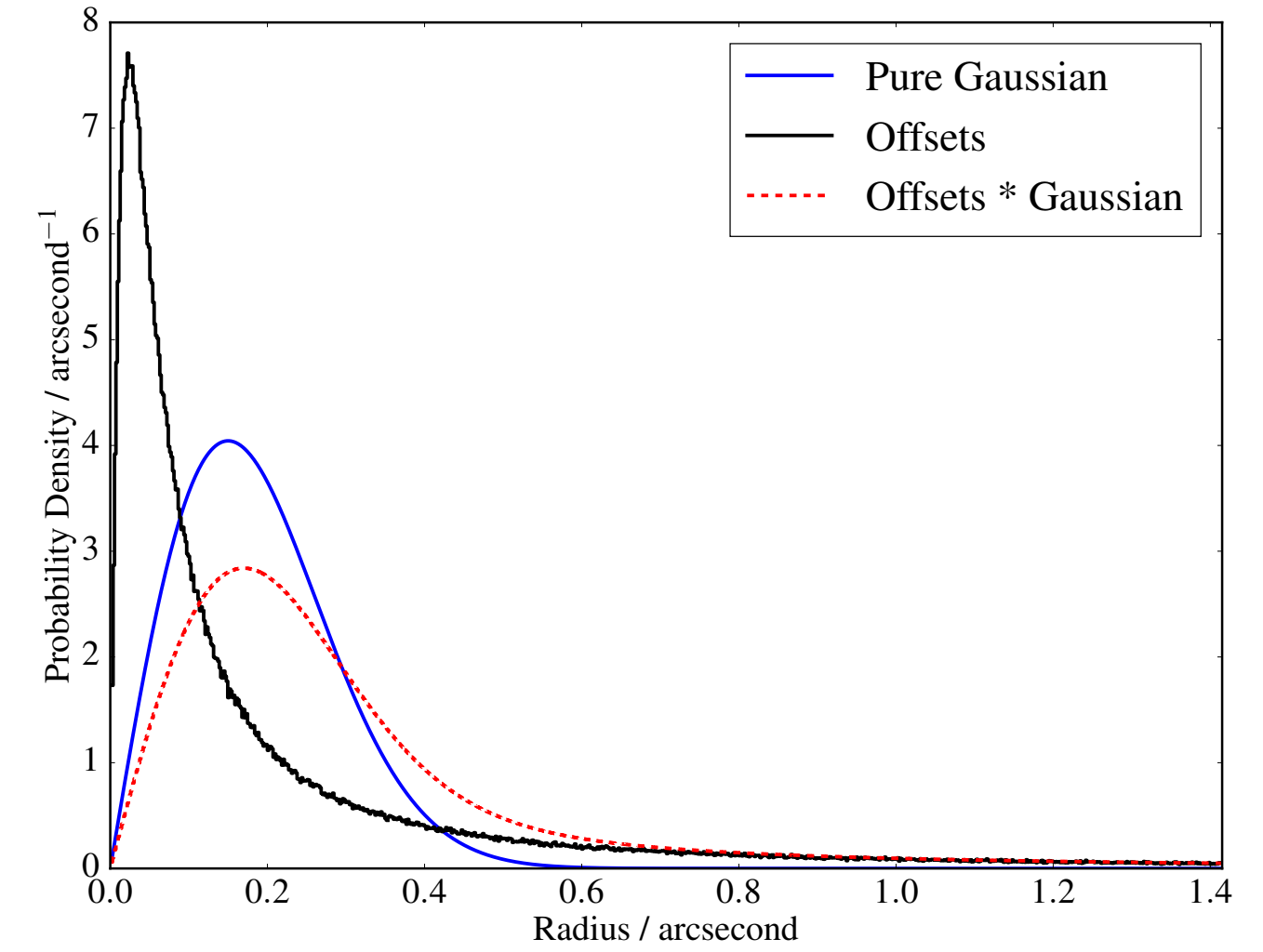
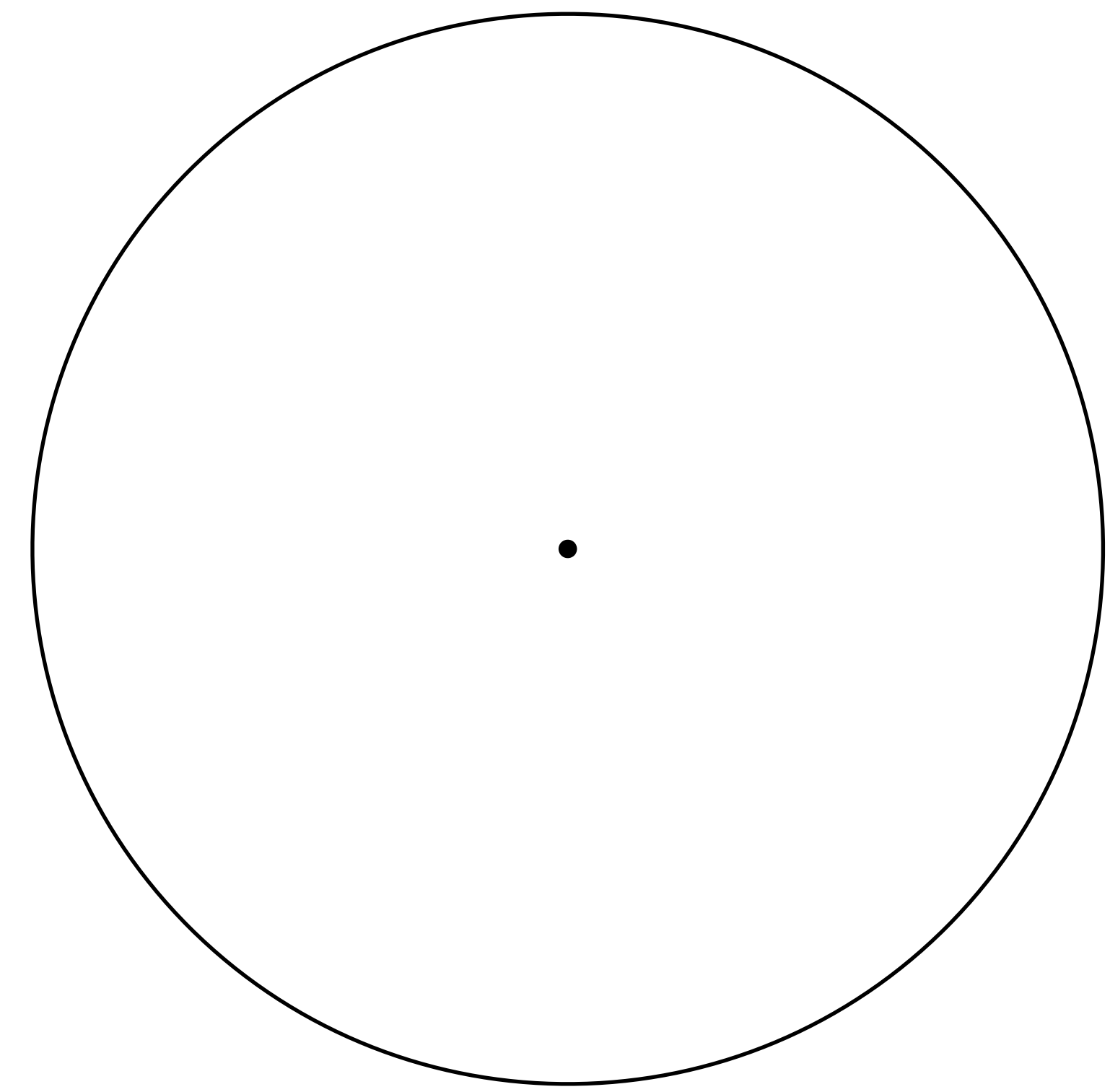
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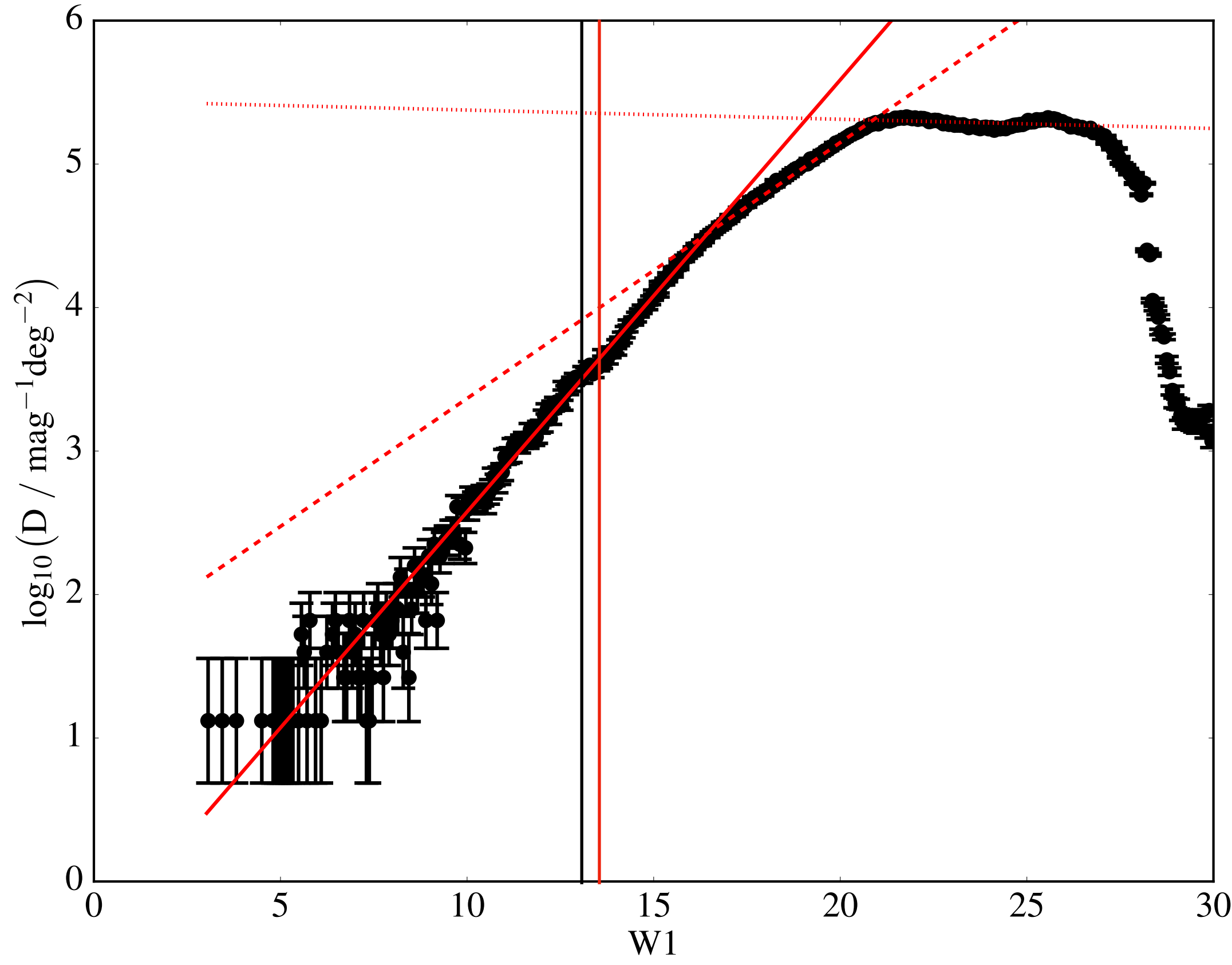


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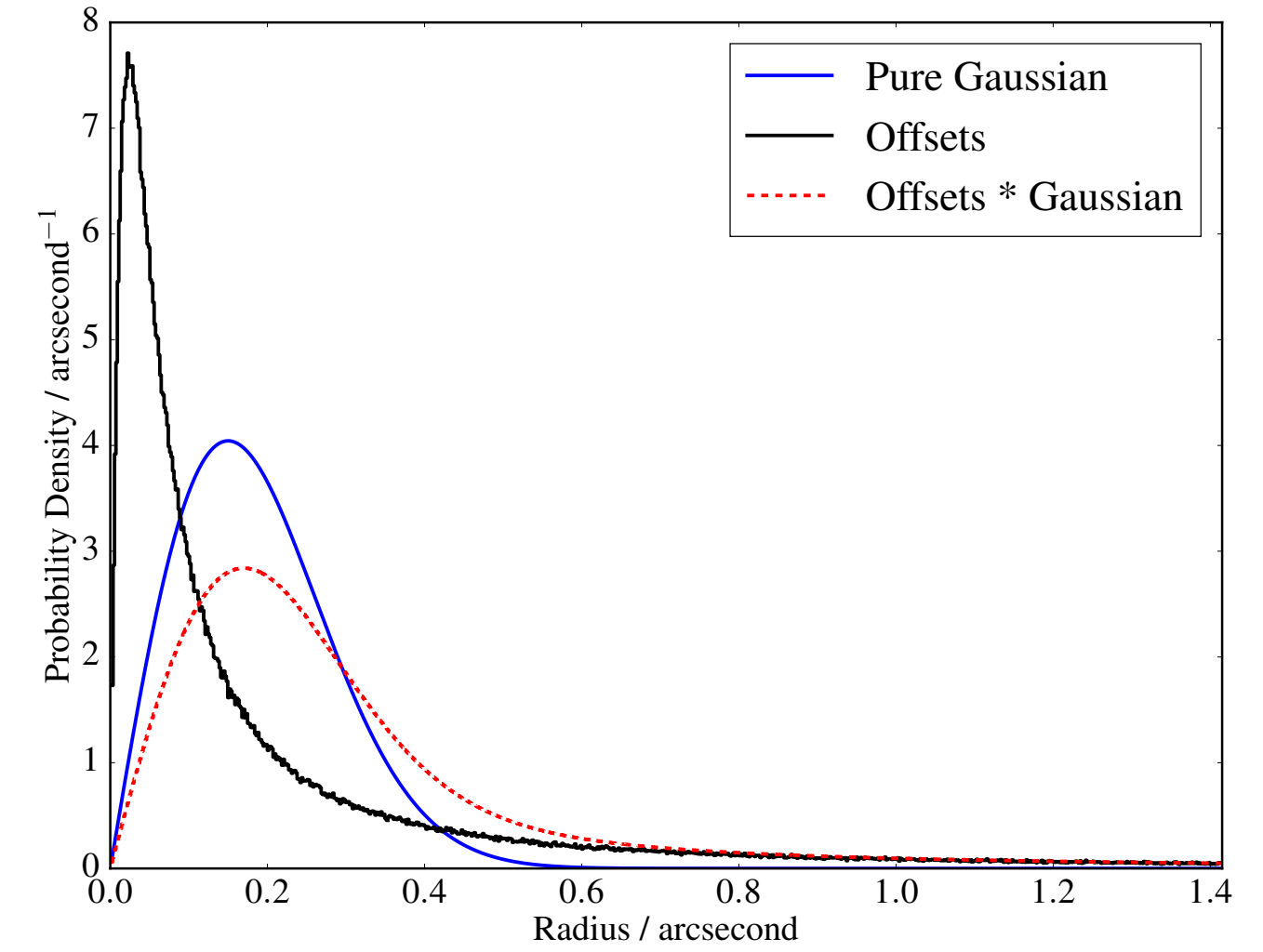
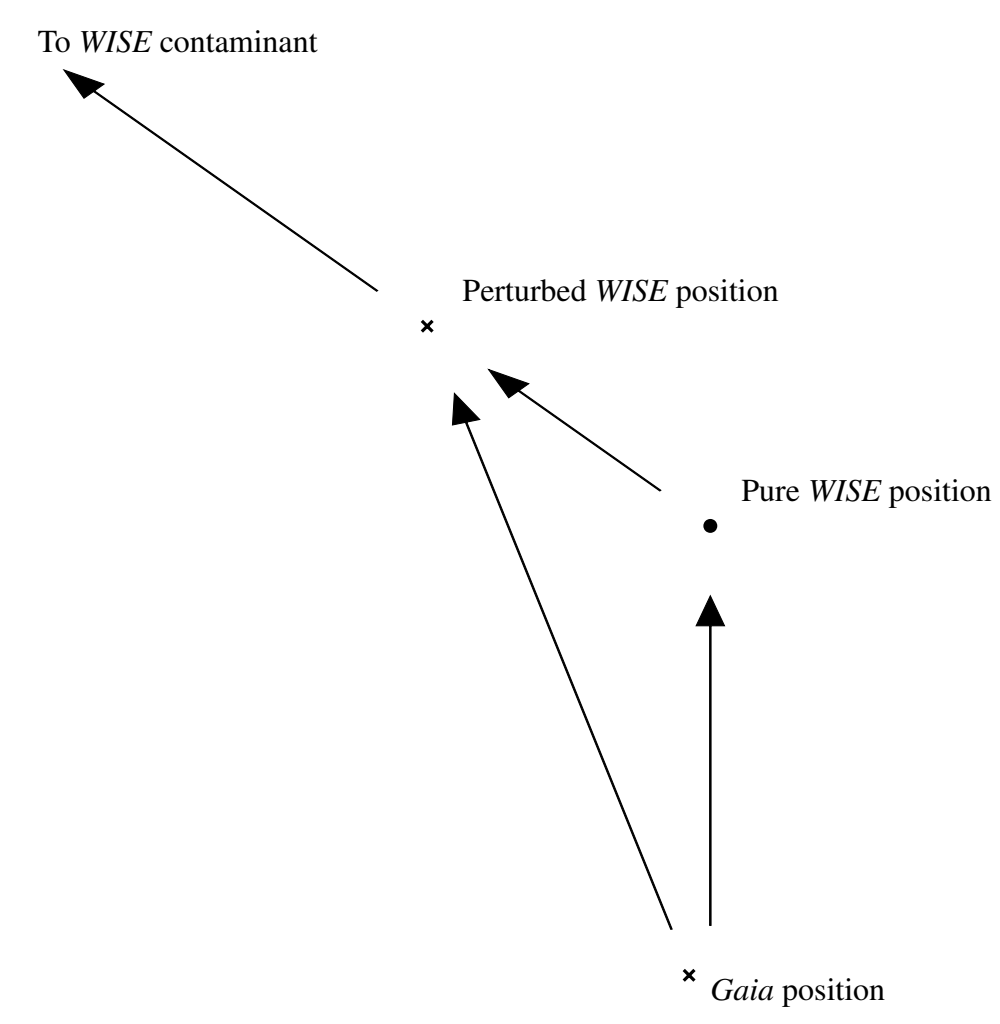




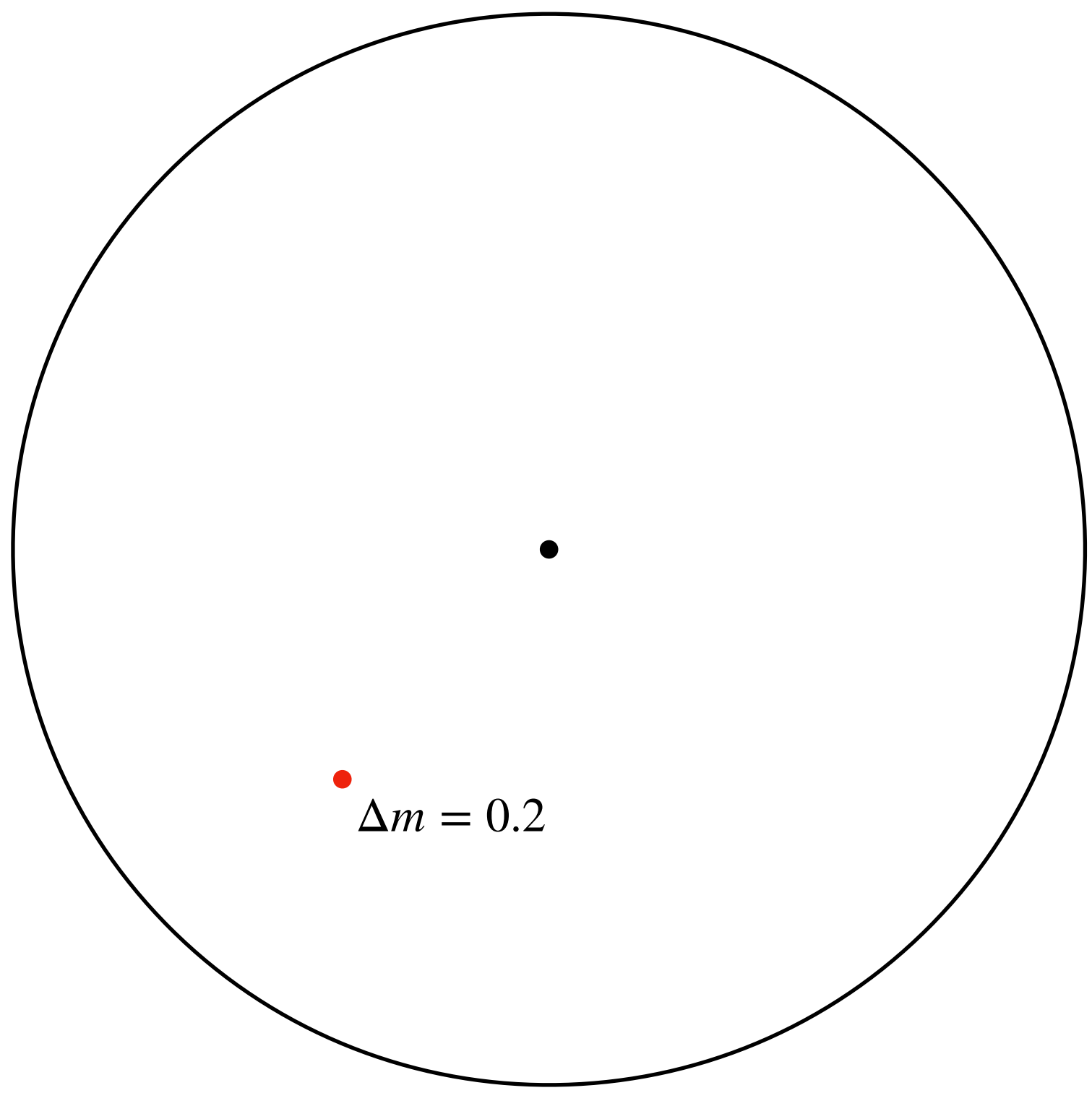
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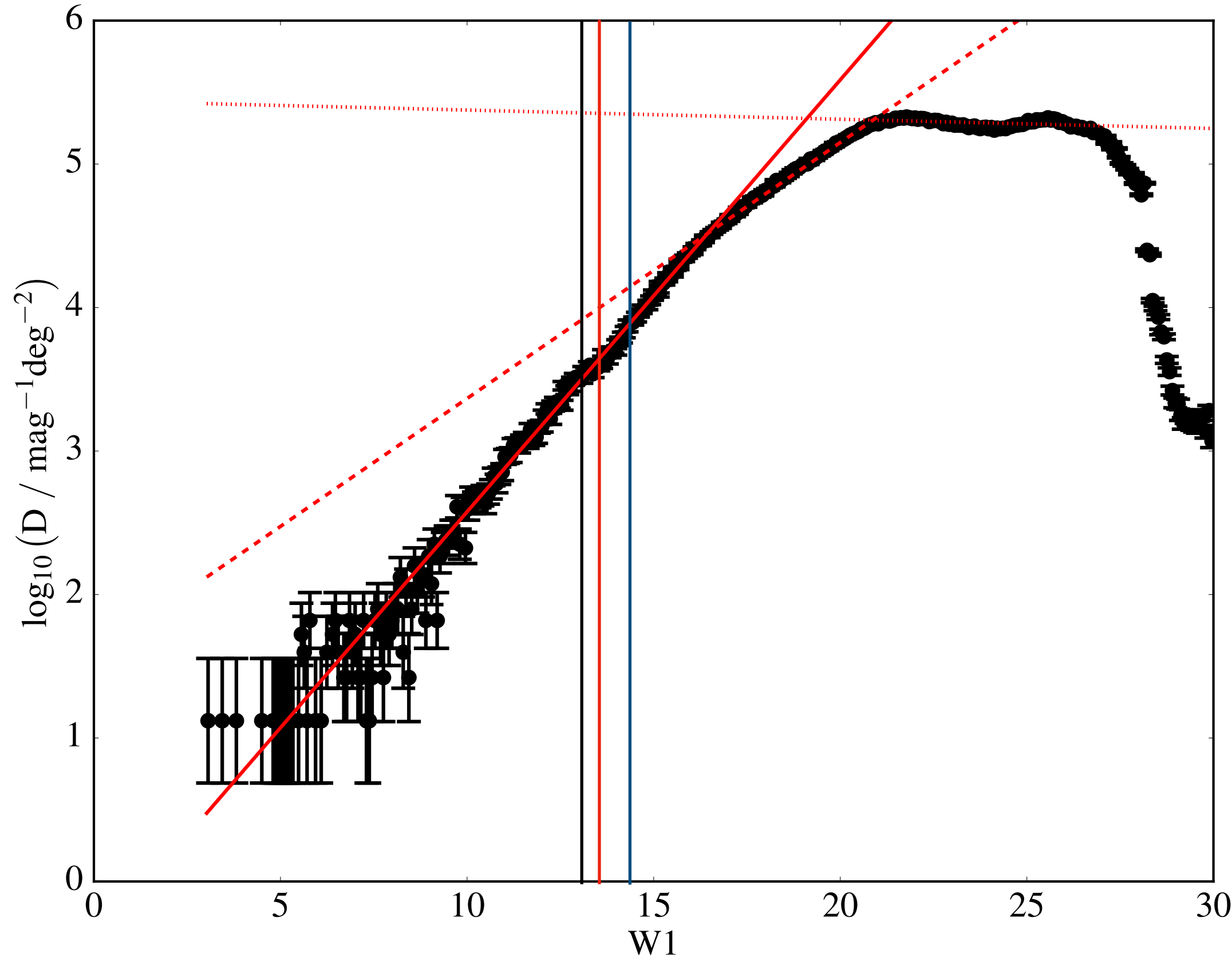
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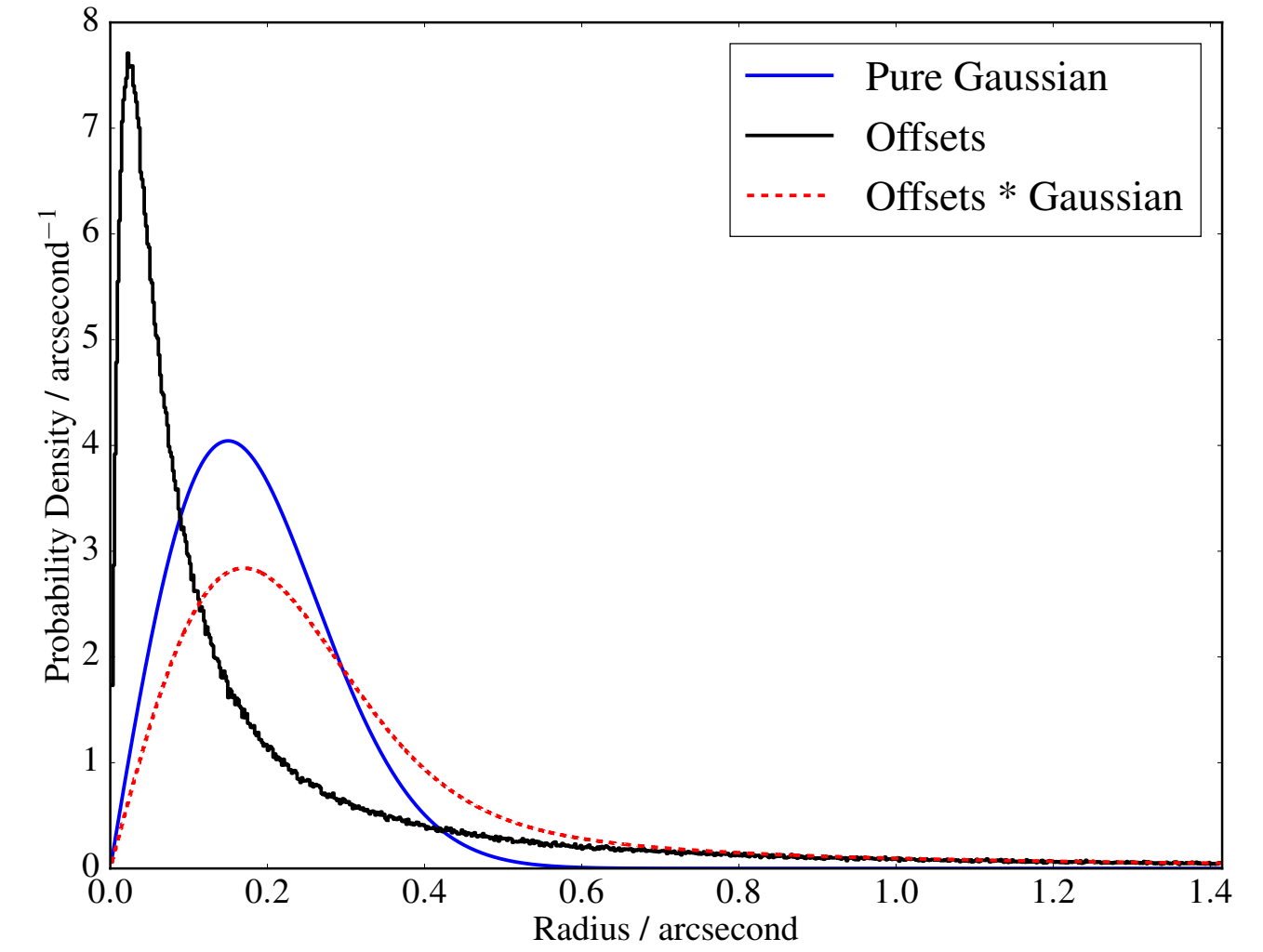
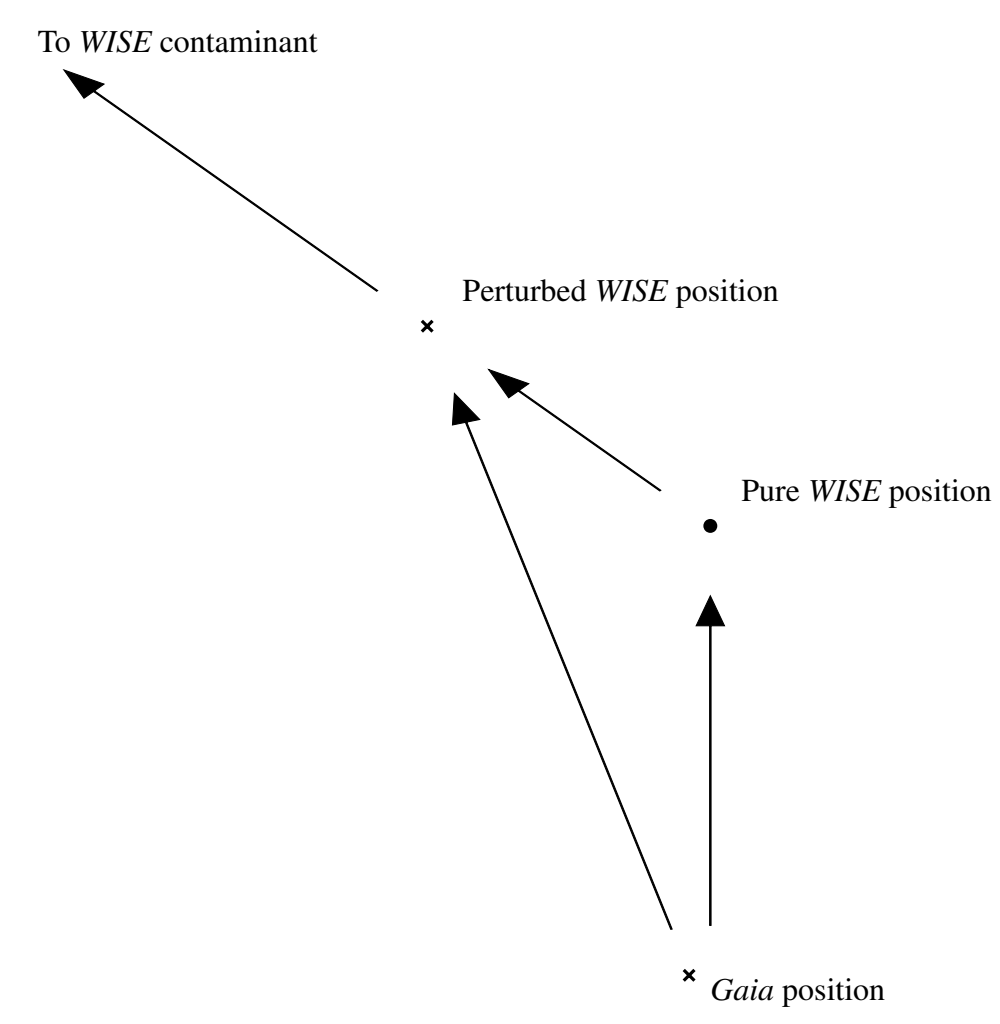
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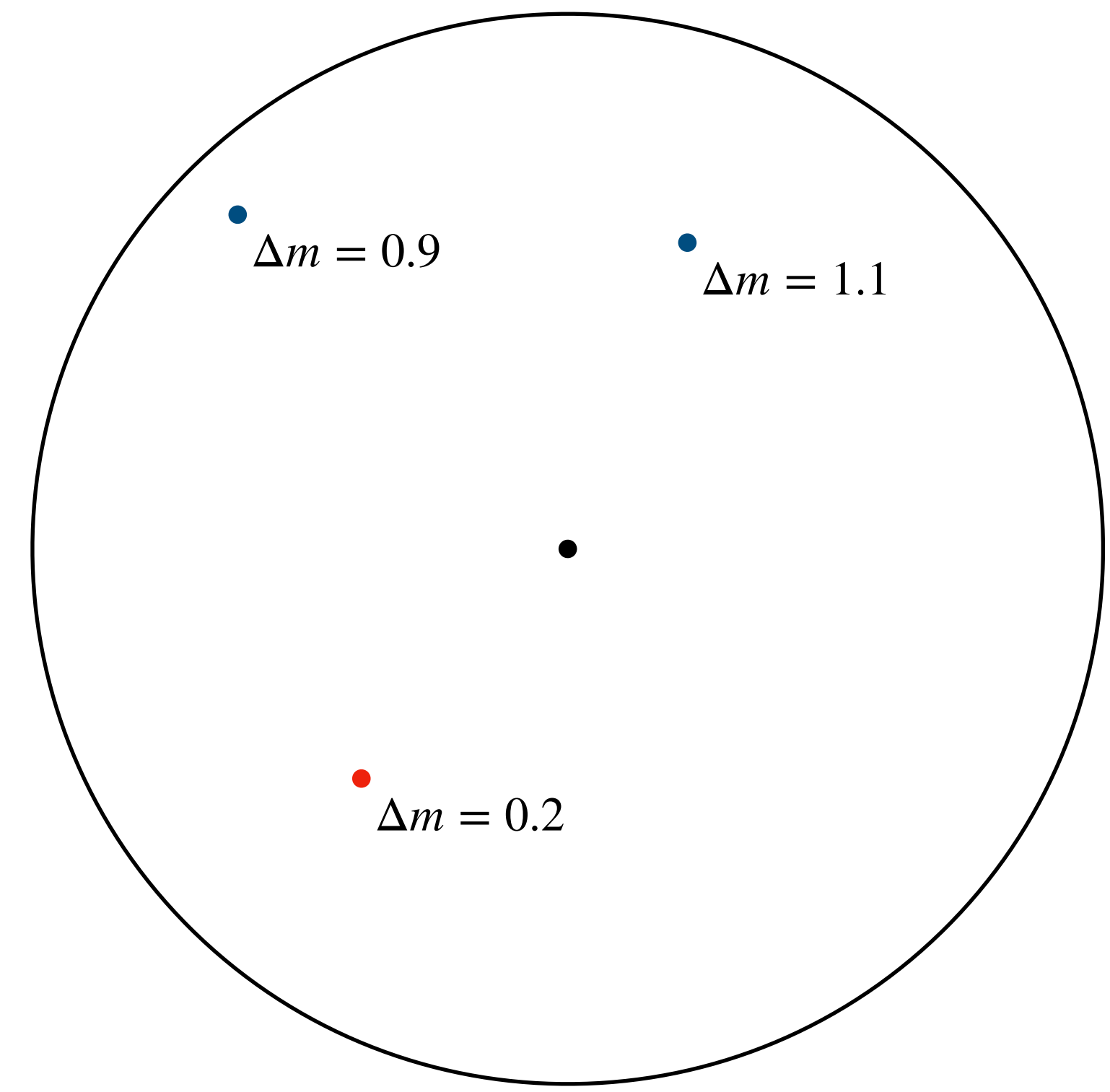
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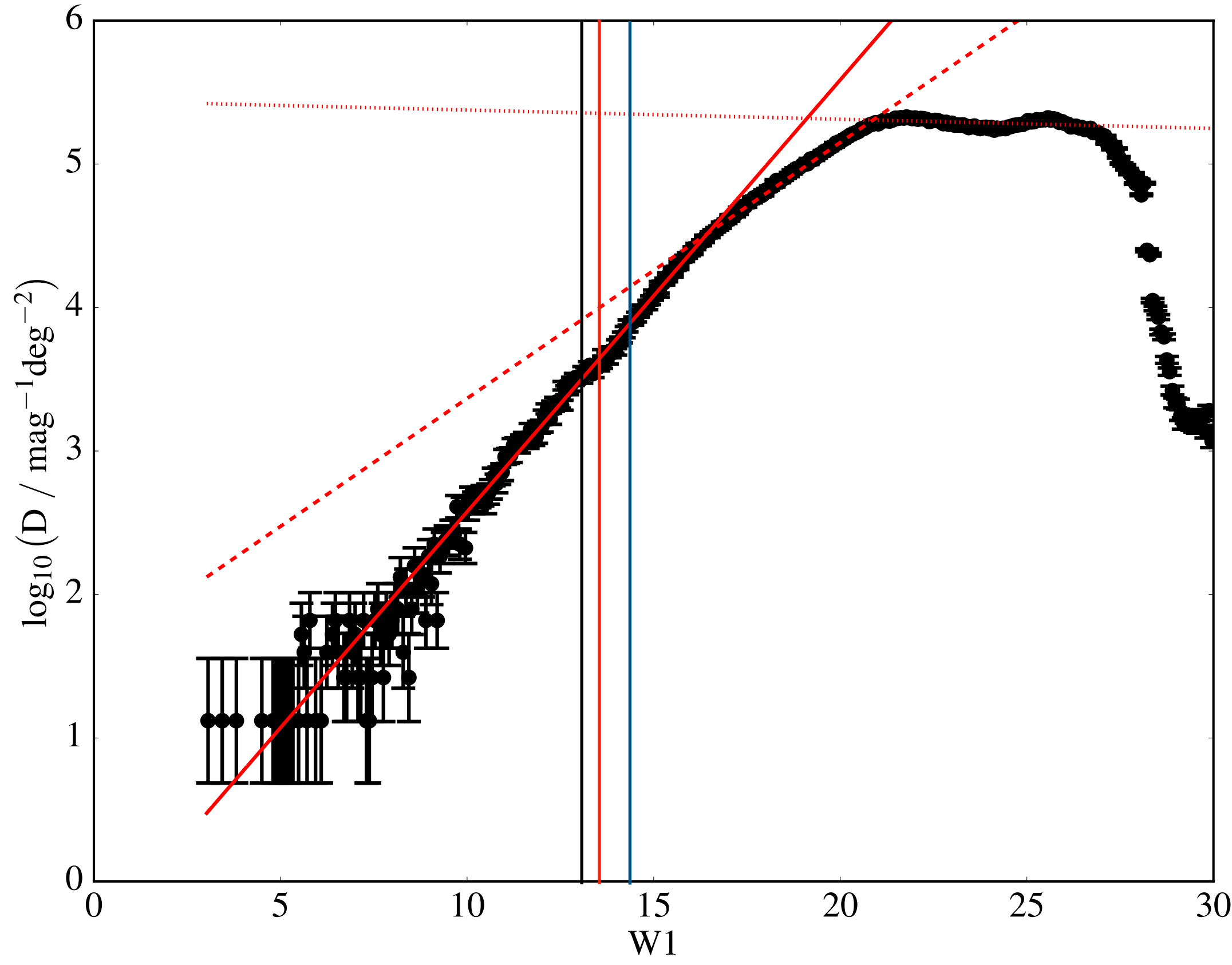


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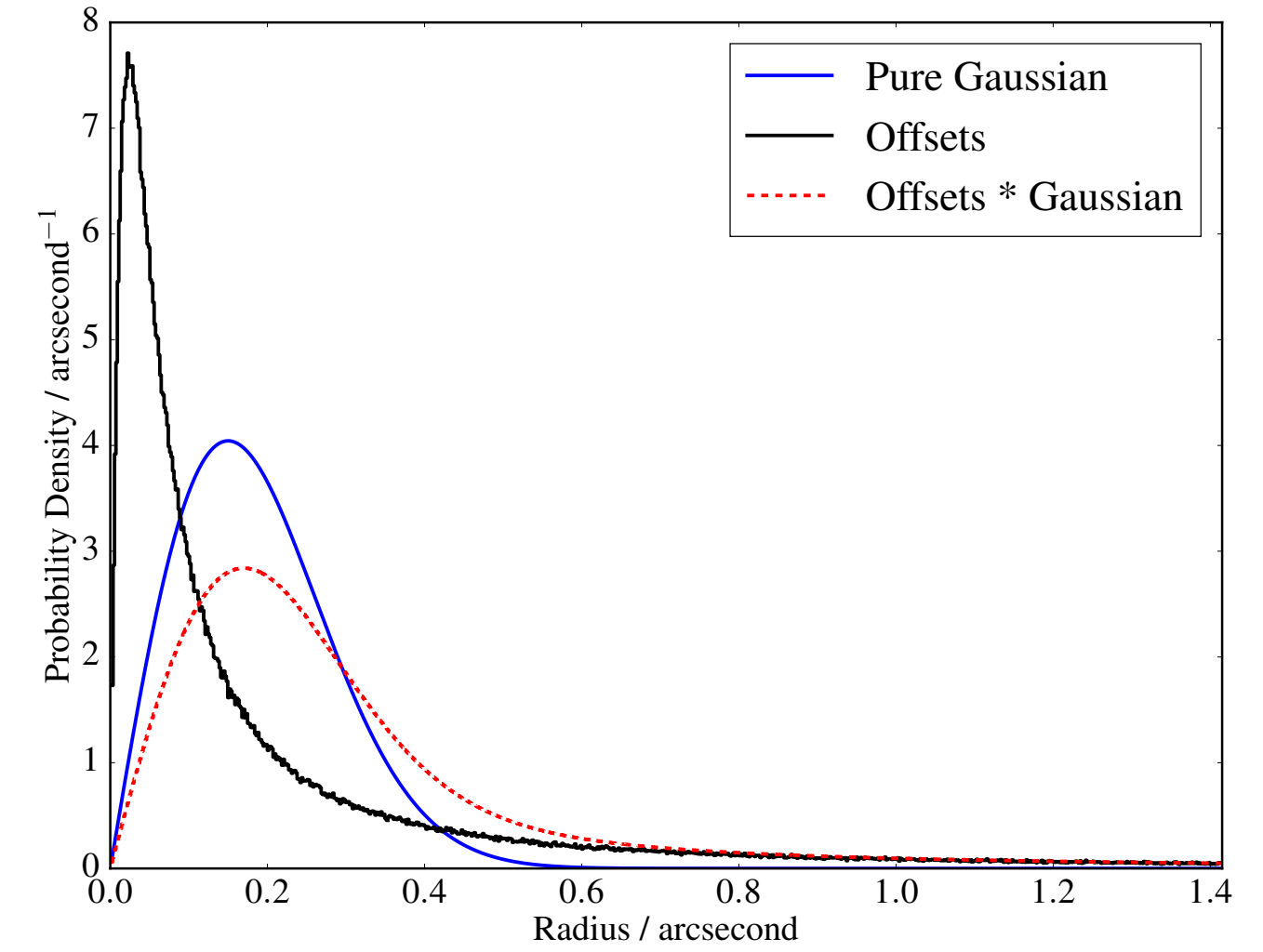
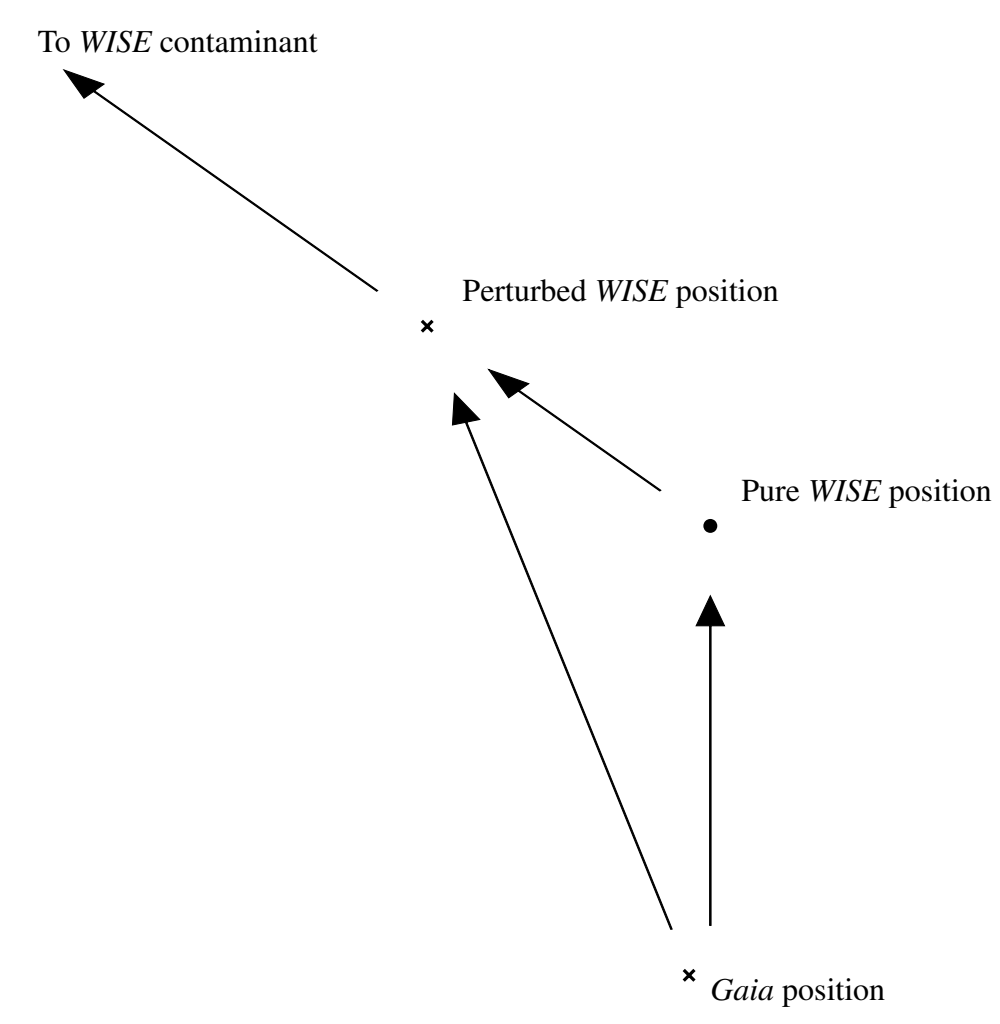




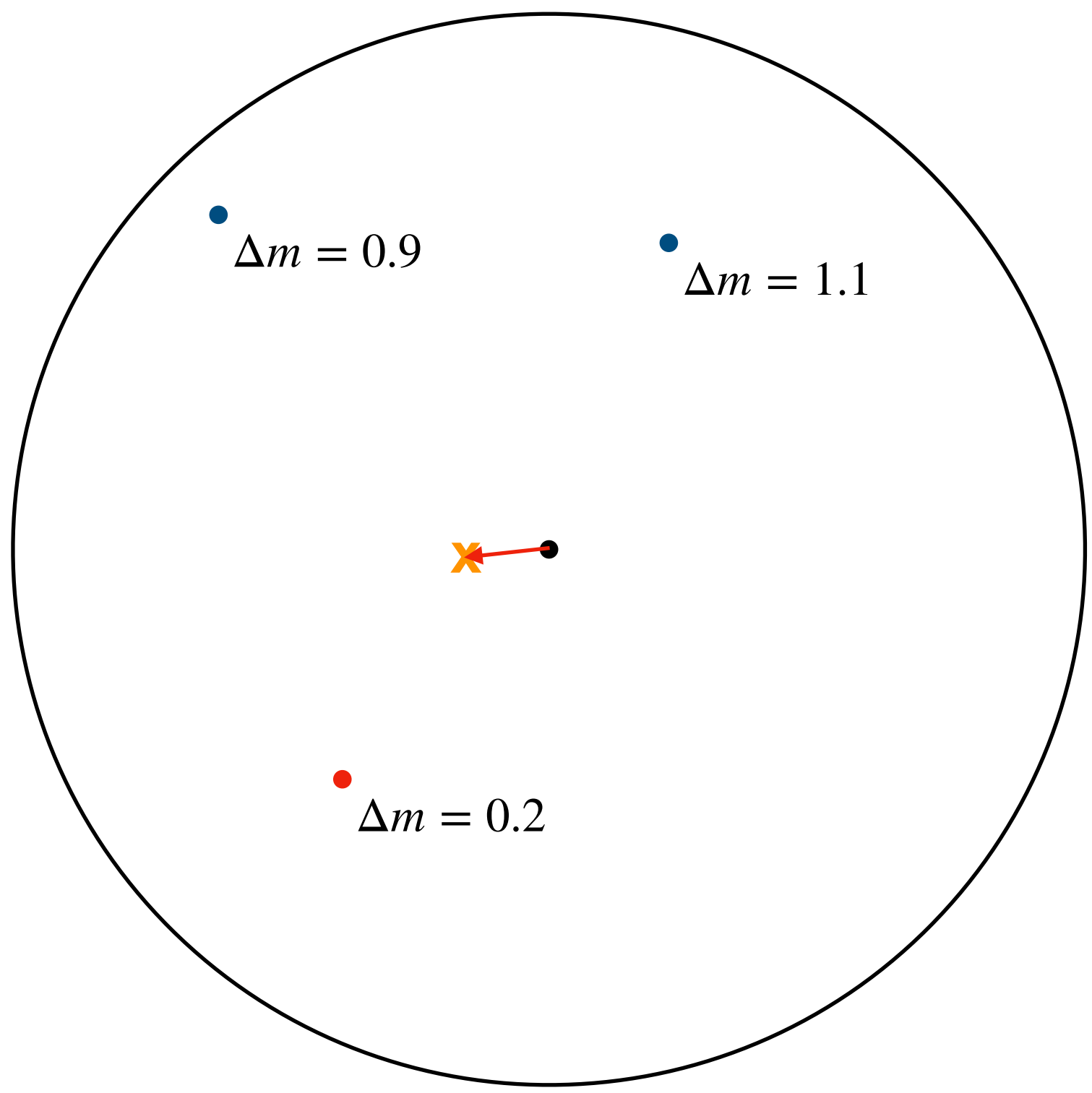
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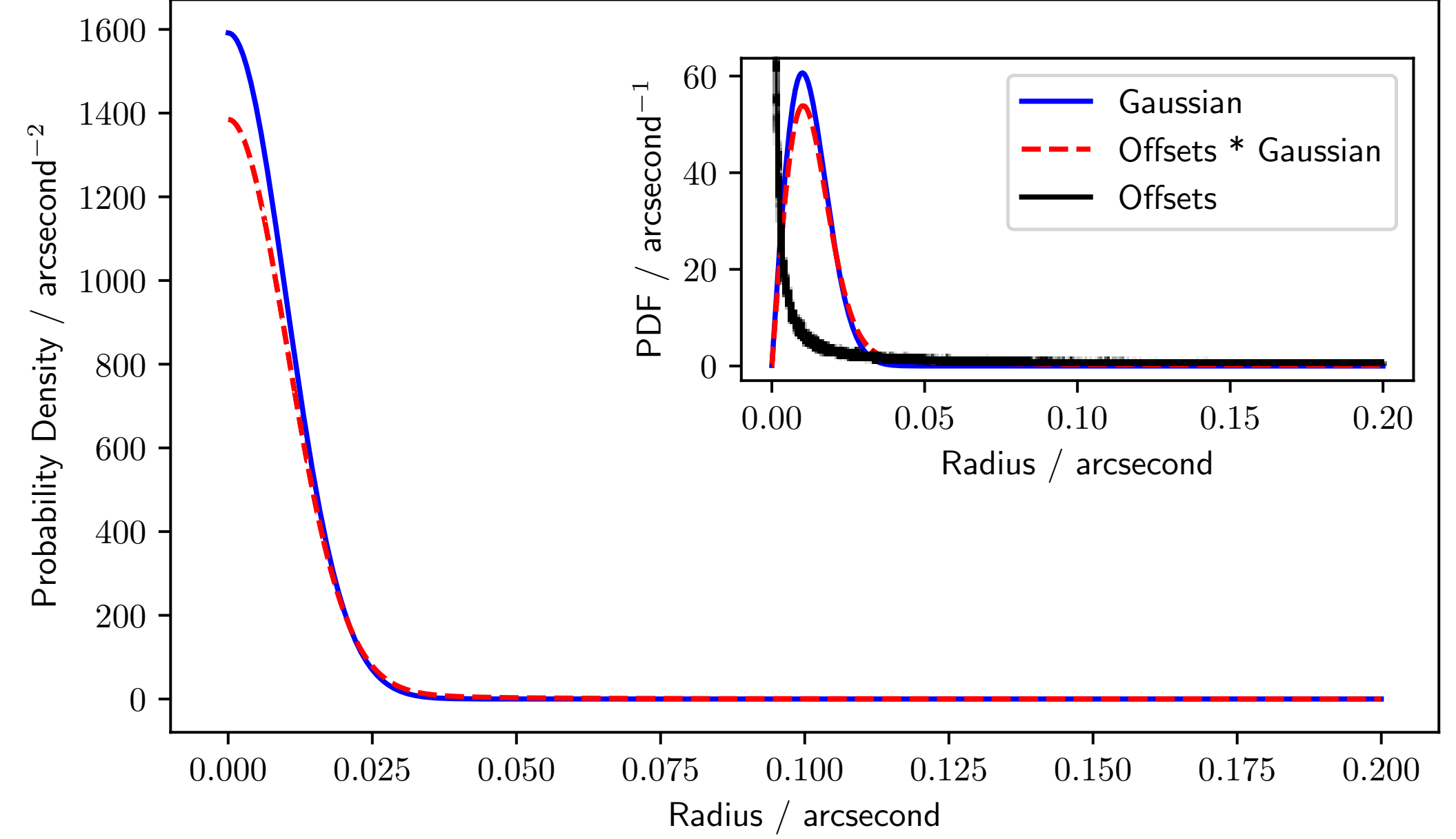
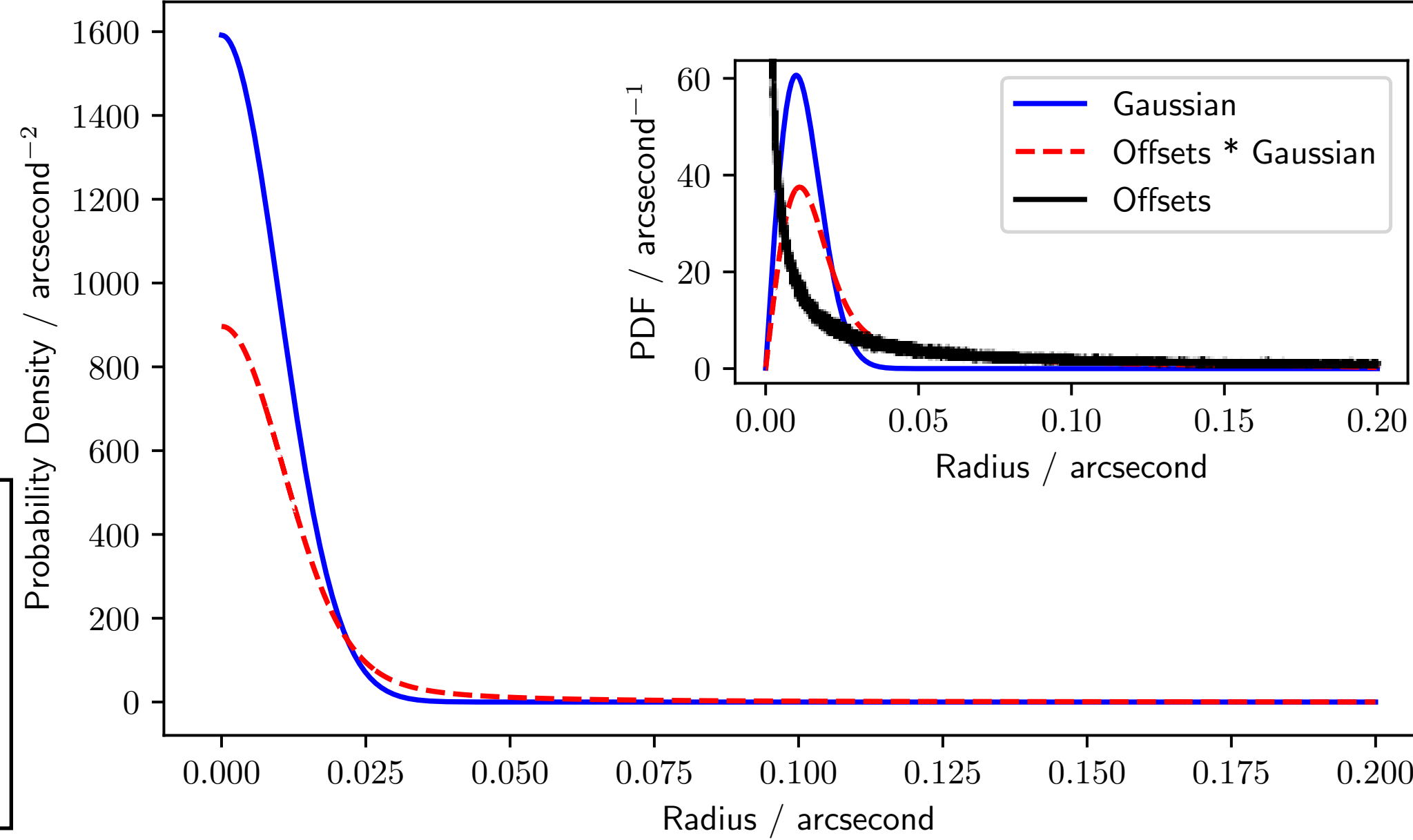


# The Rubin AUF: Galactic Plane

## Galactic Centre

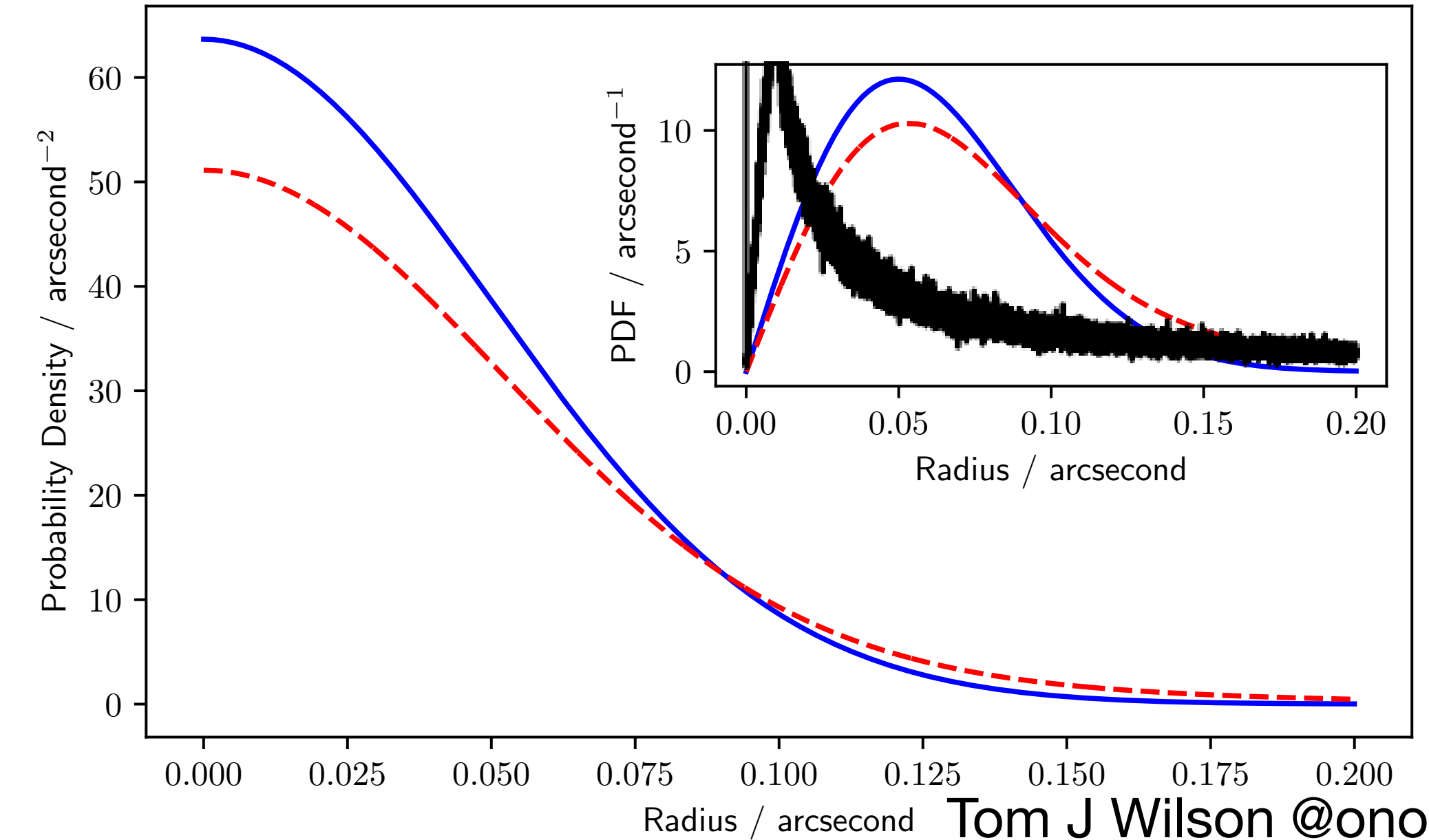
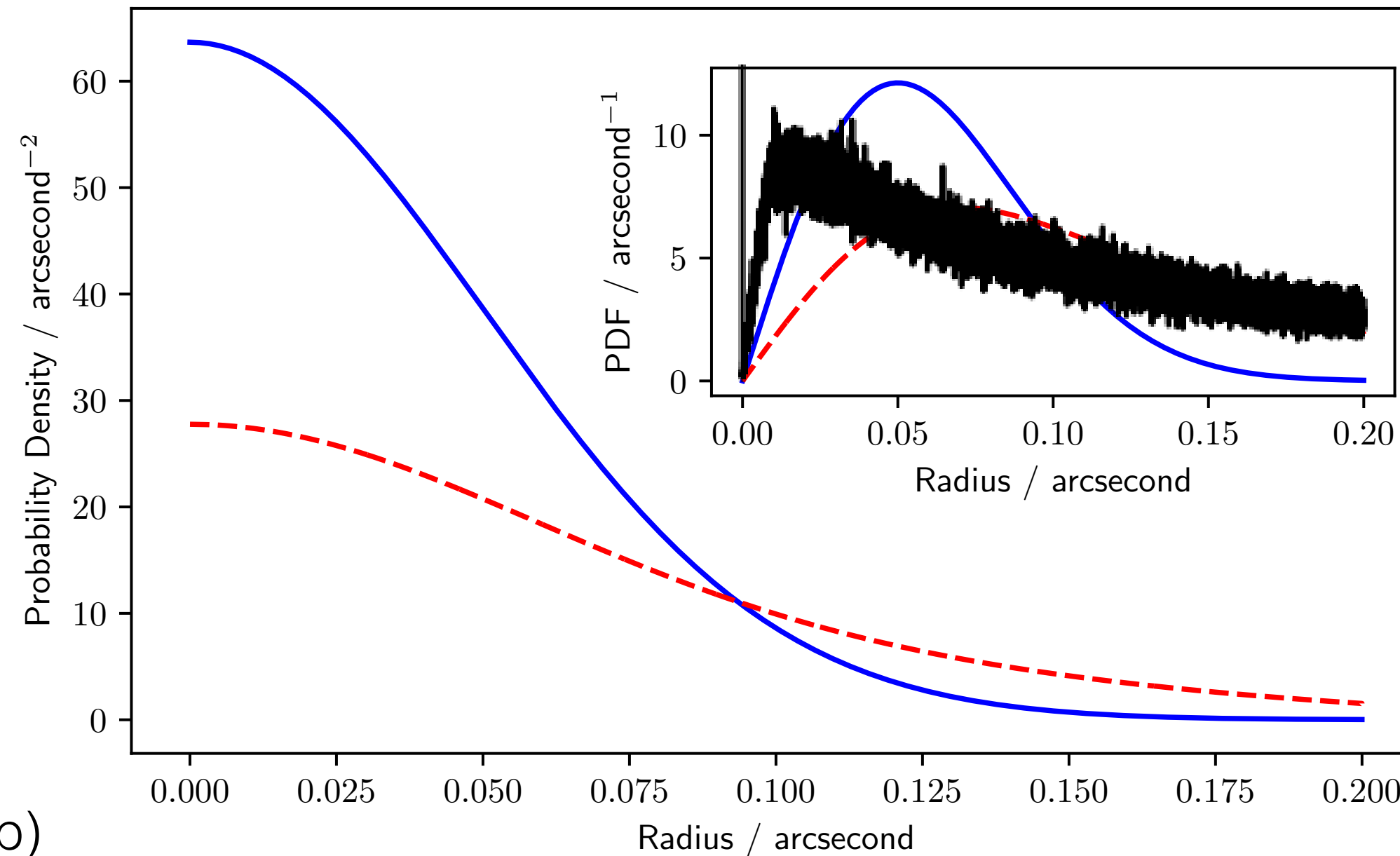
## Not the Galactic Centre

**Single-visit**



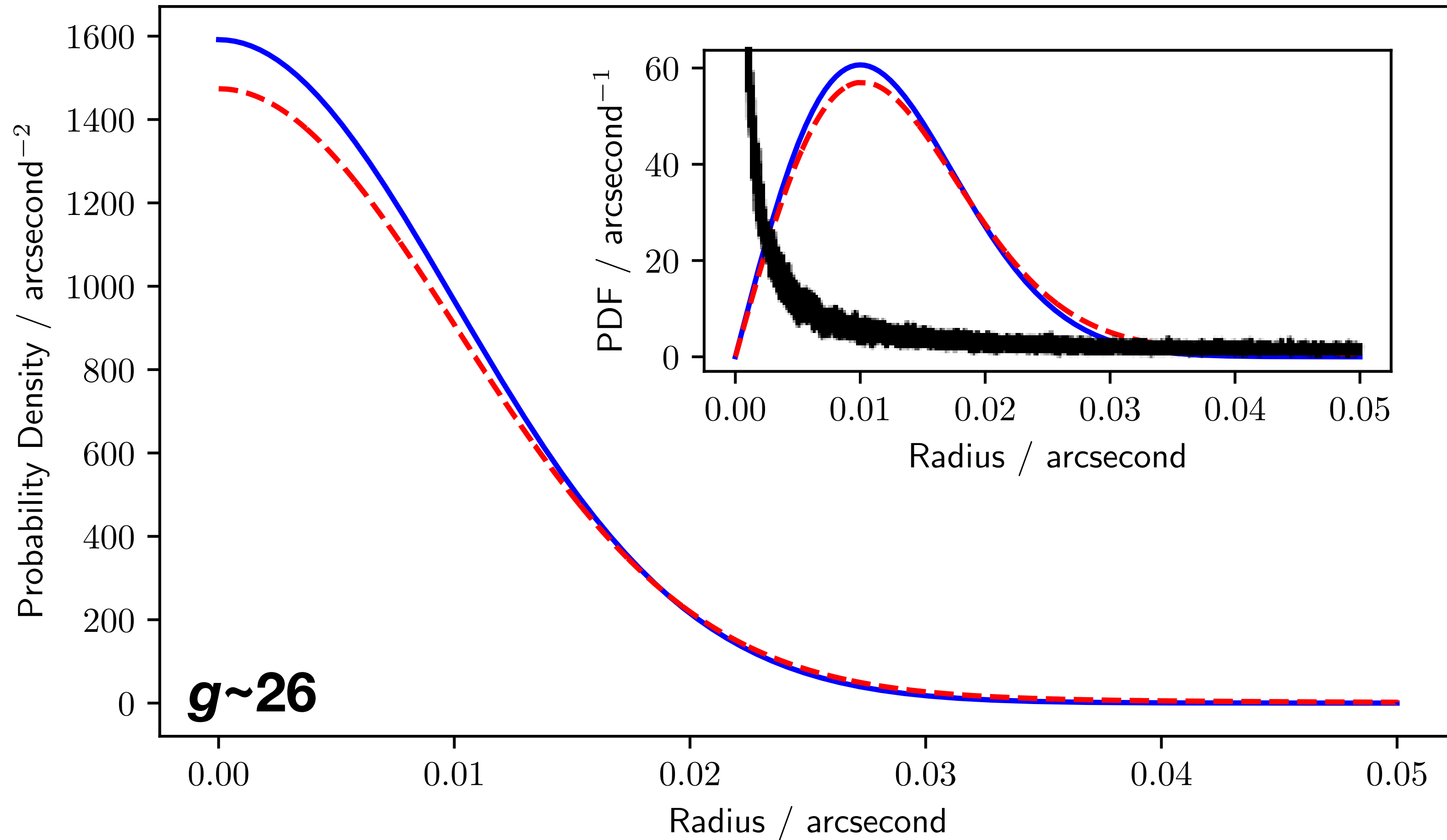
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**Co-add**

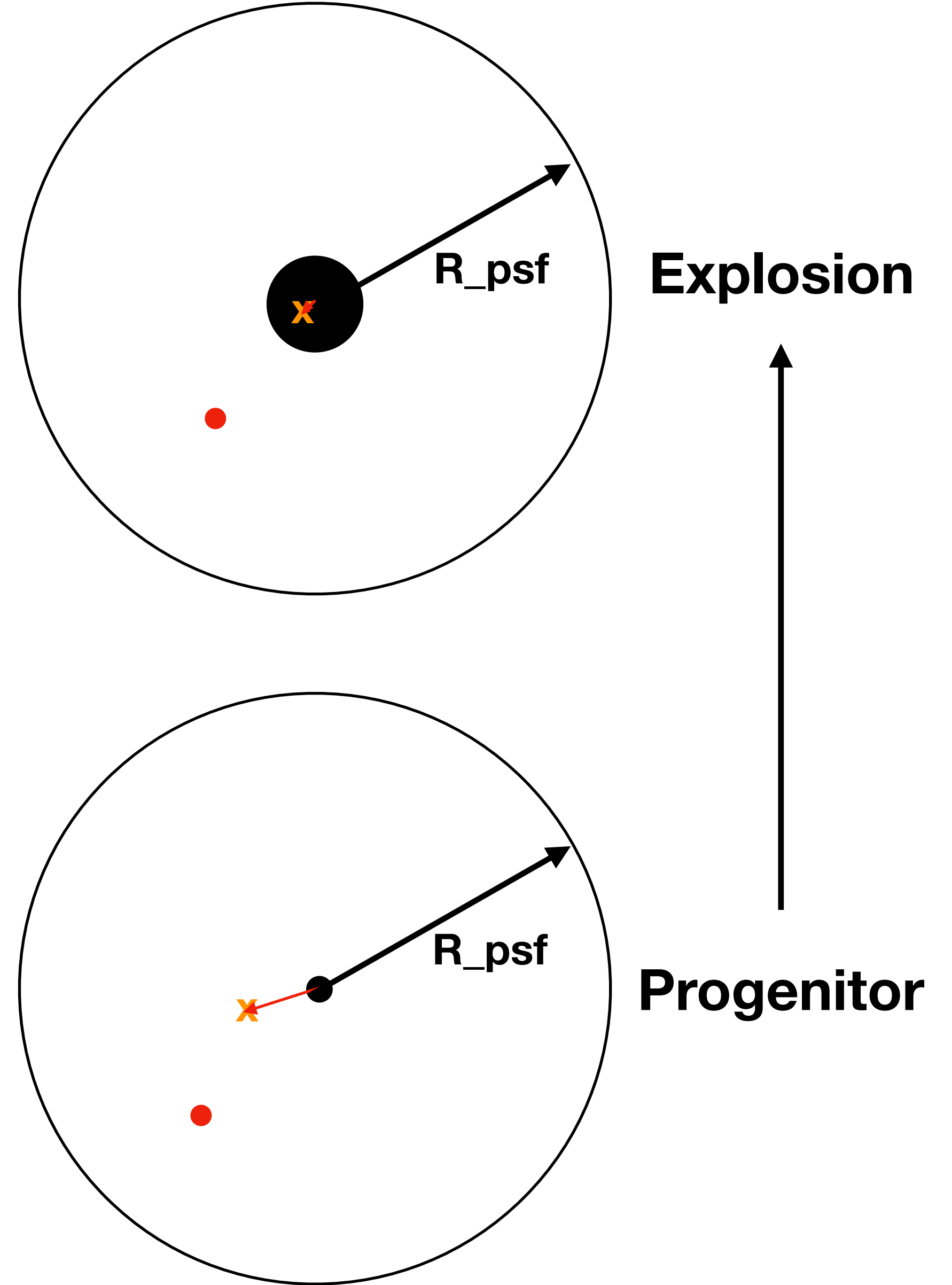
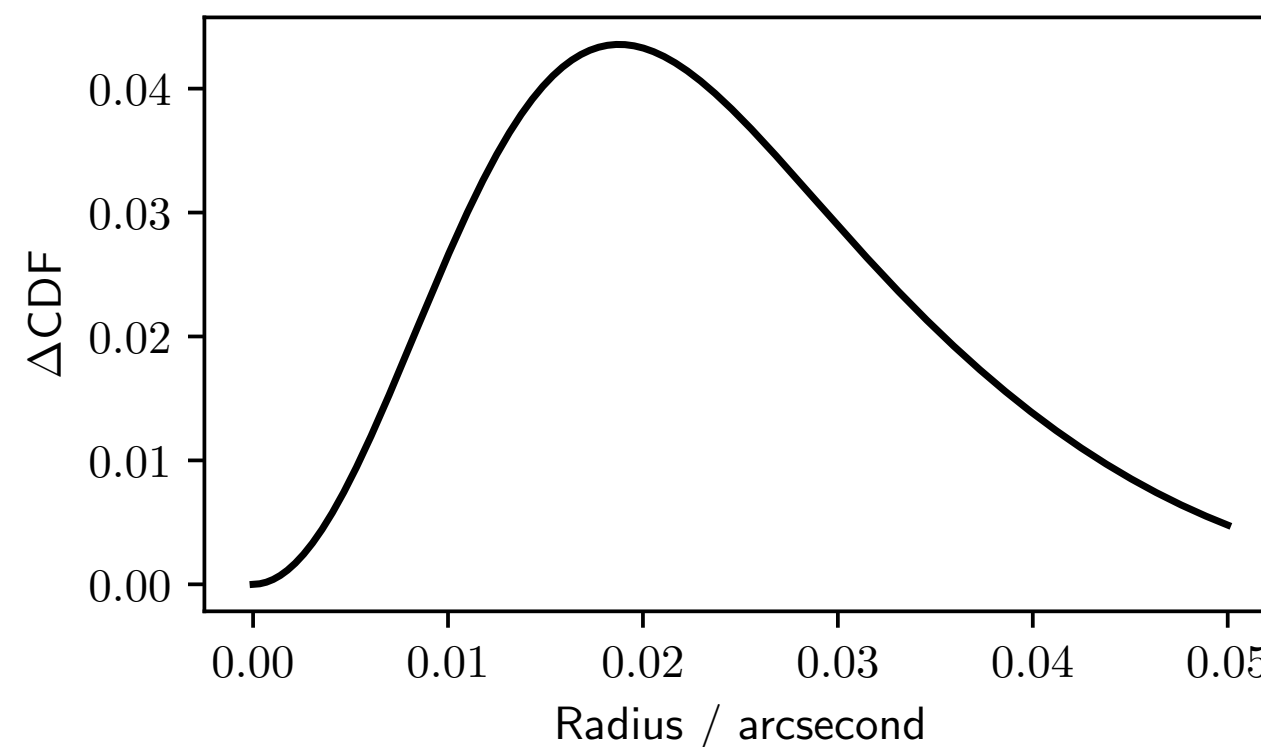




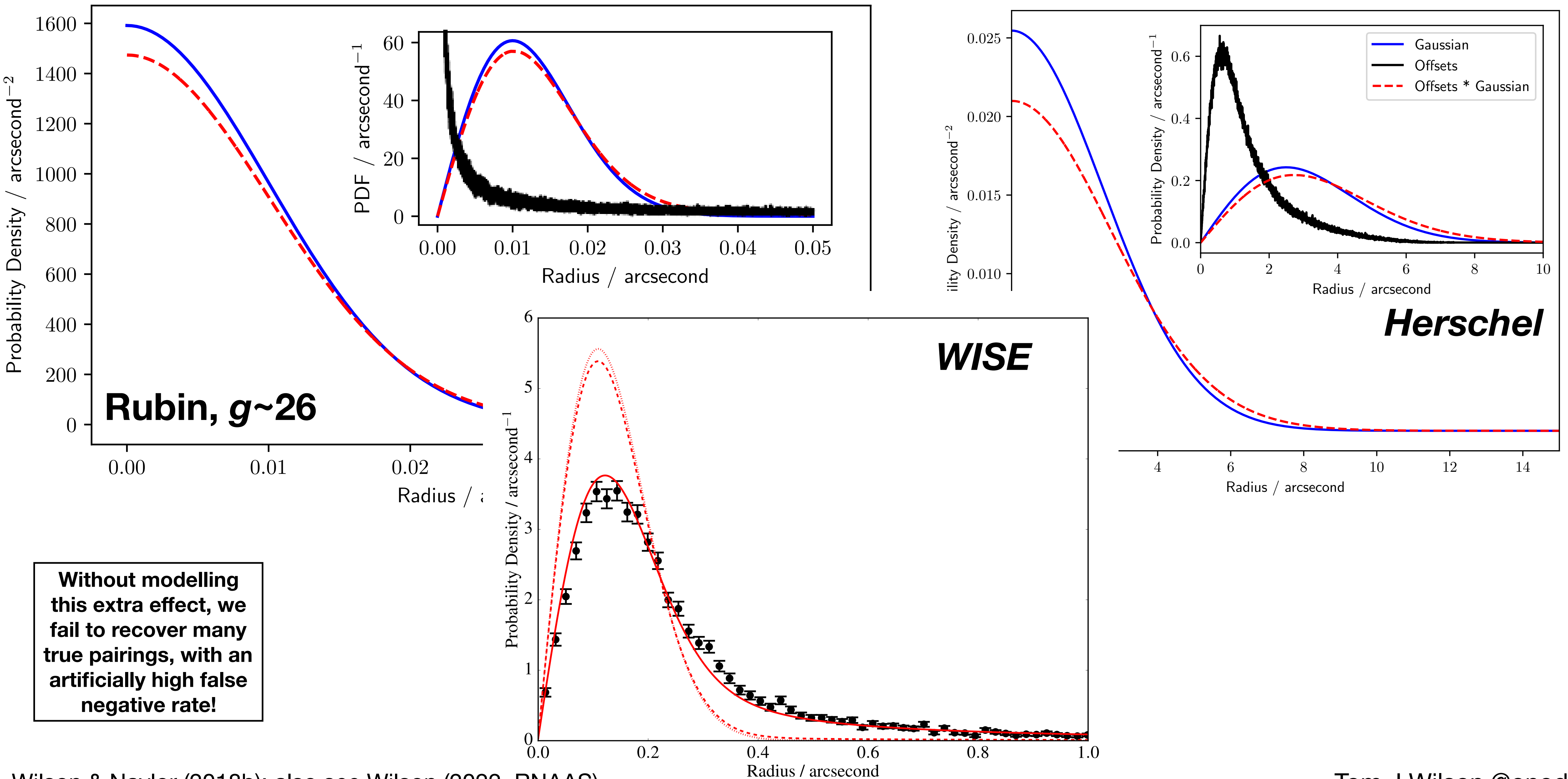
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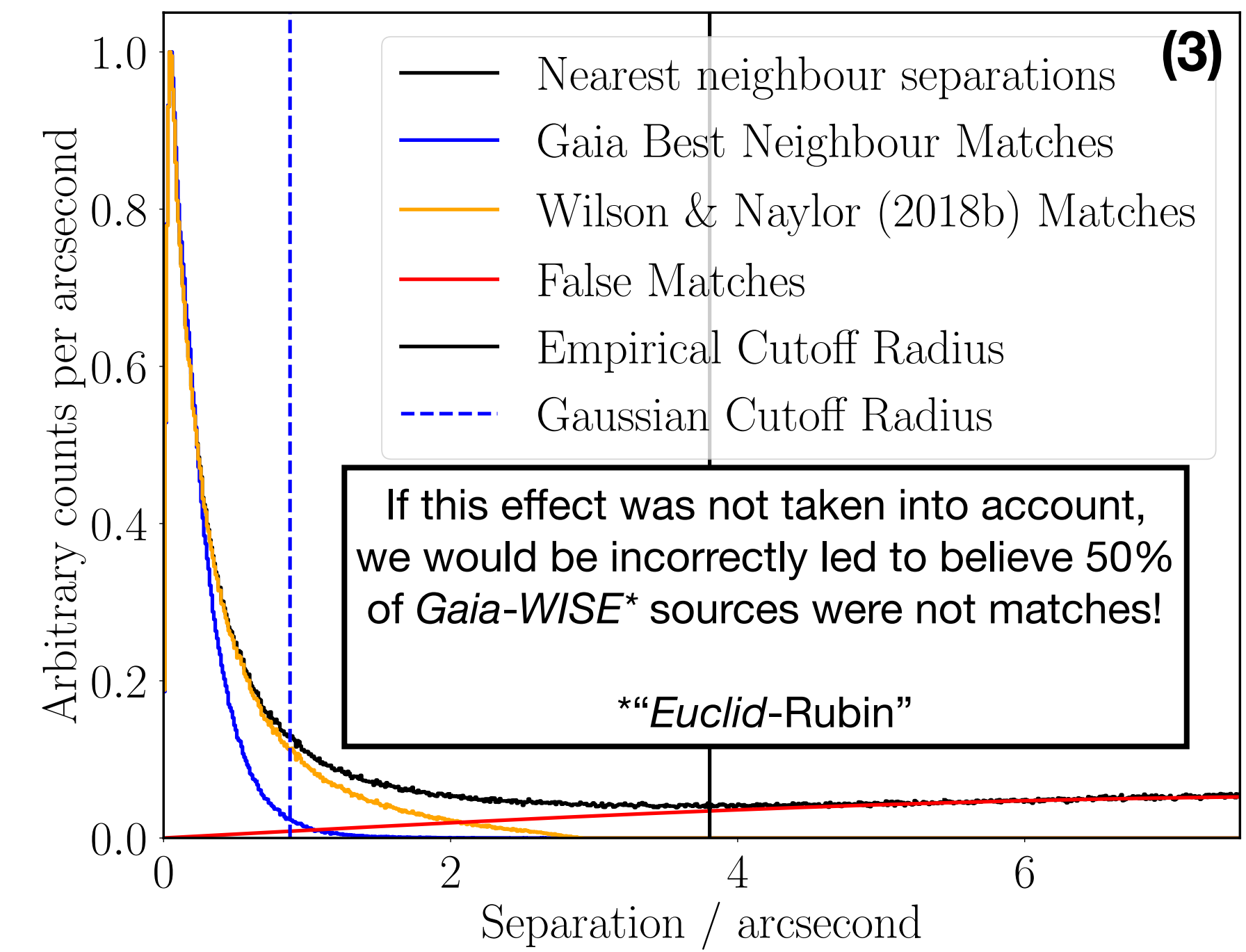
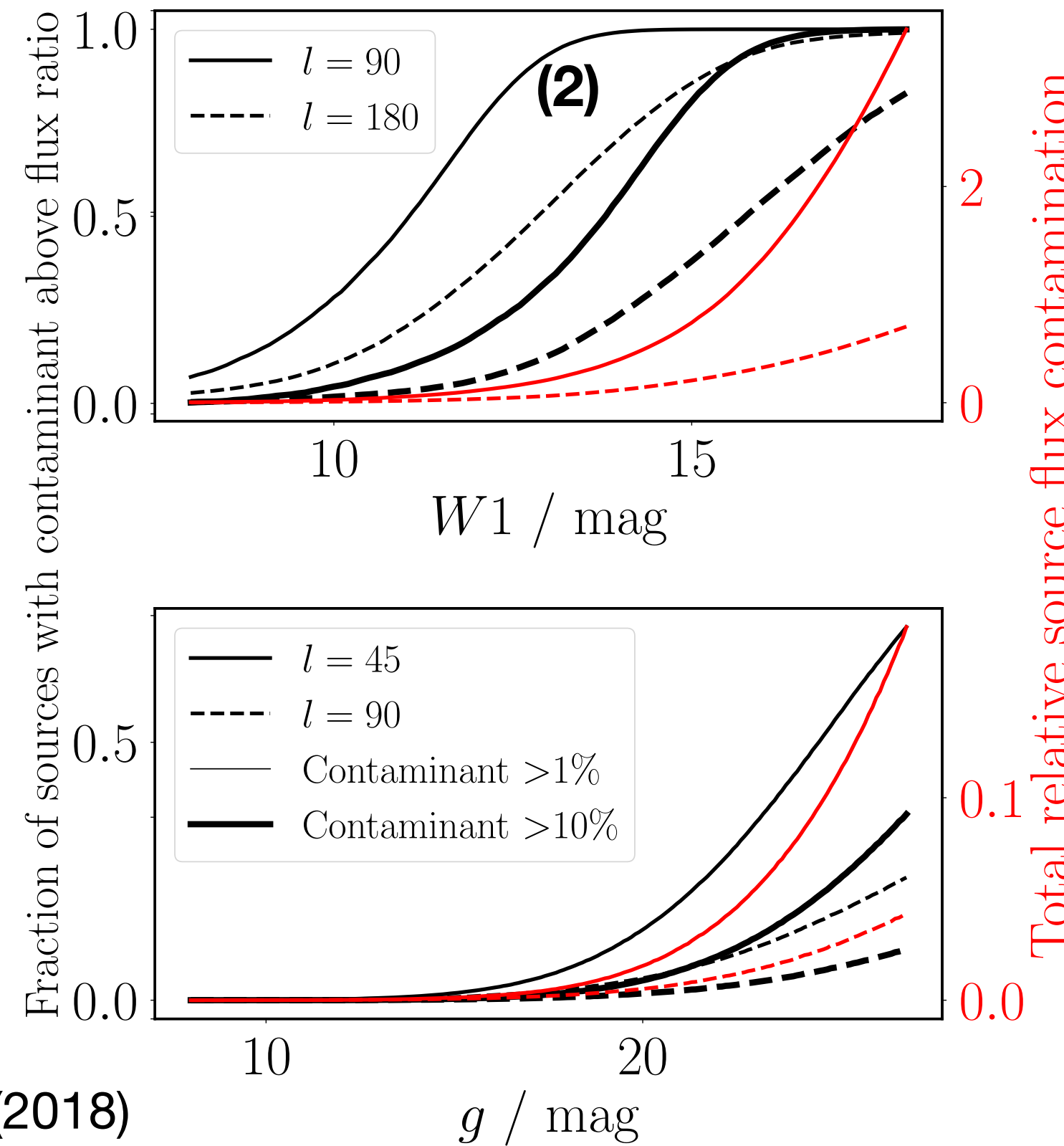
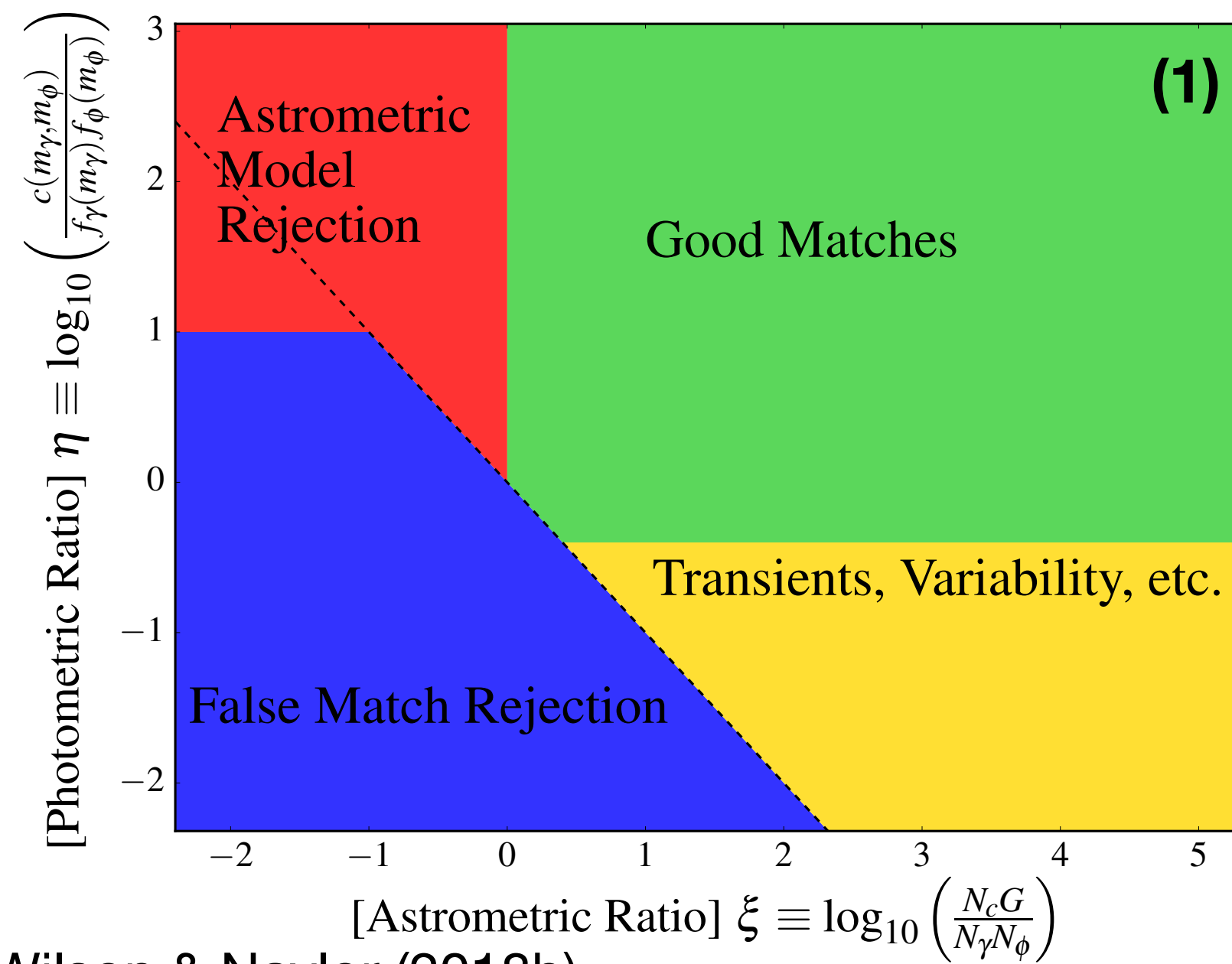
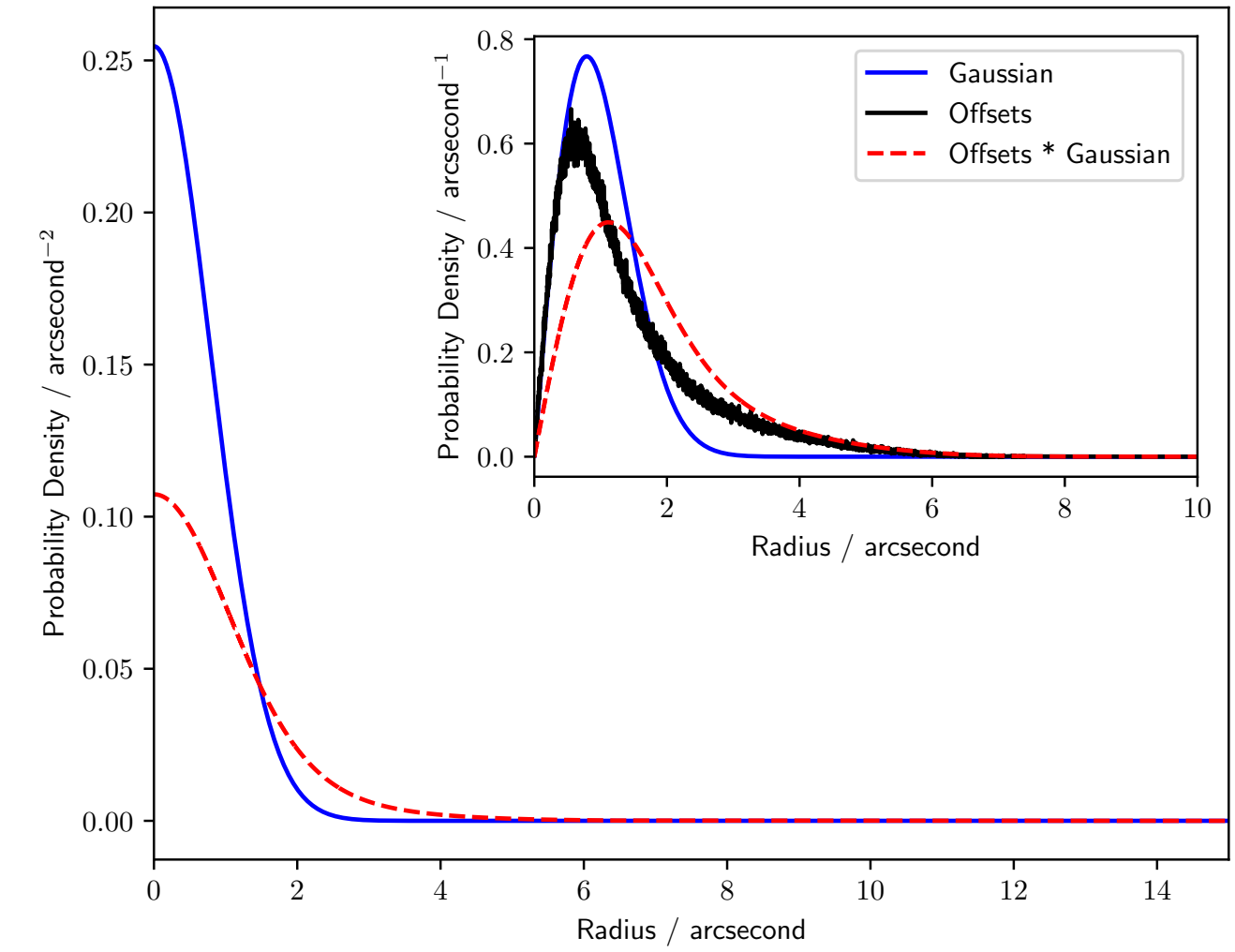
# Why Use Macauff's Cross-Matches?

0) Getting cross-matches, even for “well behaved” fields

1) Finding “odd” objects, either using the inclusion vs non-inclusion of the photometry in the two match runs, or via the likelihood ratio space – separately-planned “real time” matching service for transient objects

2) Removing e.g. IR excess or correcting for extinction-like crowding brightening, through Average Contamination; crucial for “1% photometry” in both precision *and* accuracy

3) Recovering additional sources missed by other match services – either in crowded fields (we recover up to twice as many *Gaia-WISE* matches than the *Gaia* best neighbour matches), or with our extension to unknown proper motion modelling as an extra systematic

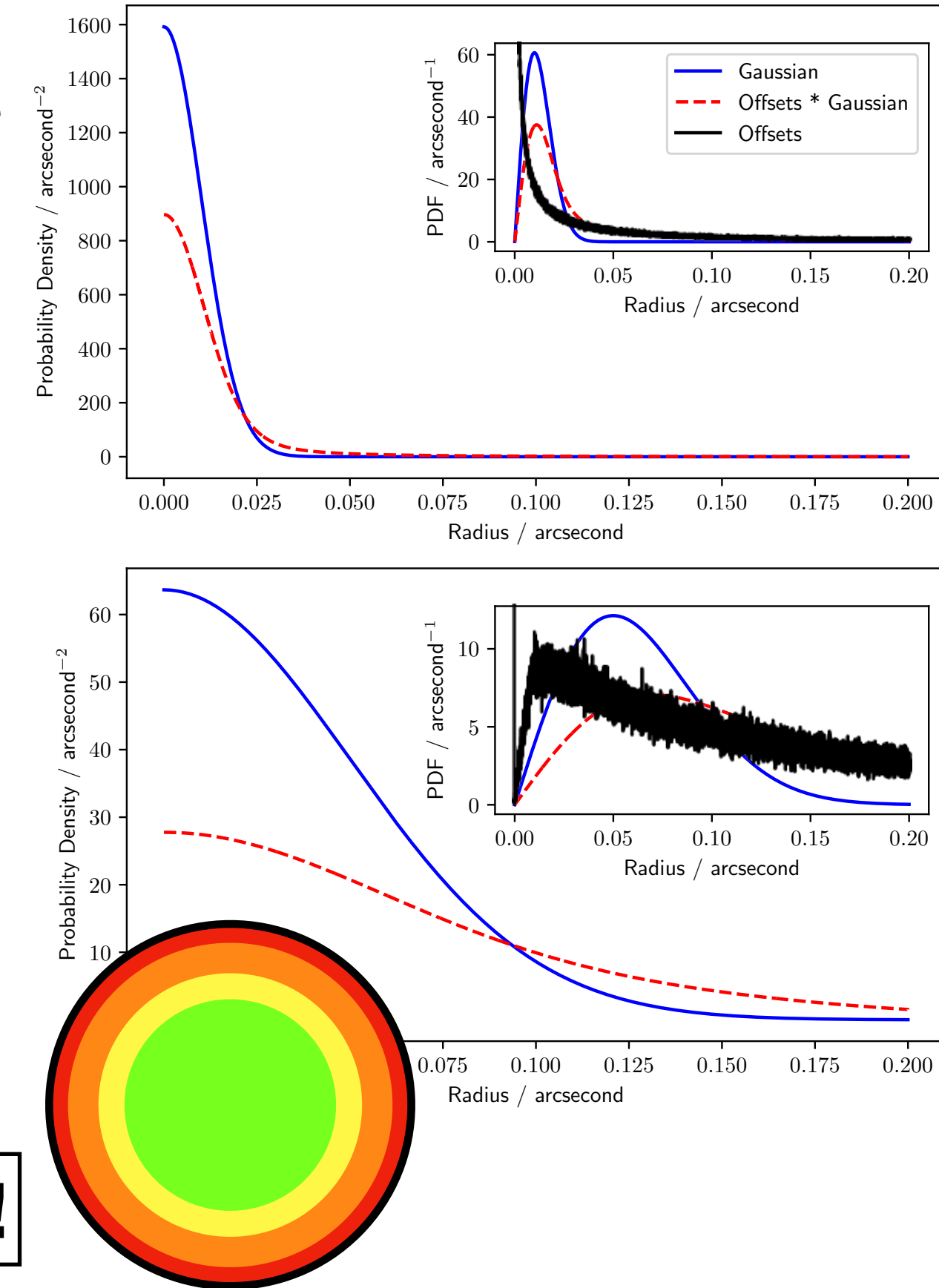


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# macauff: Cross-Matching in the Crowded LSST Sky

- Our cross-match algorithms include two key elements to avoid issues with crowded & confused data
  - A generalised approach to the Astrometric Uncertainty Function allows for the full inclusion of the effects of perturbation due to blended sources — reduce false -ves!
  - Use of (two-sided) photometry to sort out multiple competing matches— reduce false +ves!
- Software package macauff developed to cross-match catalogues, including the effect of unresolved contaminant sources (and rejection of interloper objects using photometry in the static sky)
  - Developed through an IKC to Rubin/LSST:UK, matches planned to *Gaia*, *WISE*, *VISTA*, *SDSS*, ...
  - We have compute time to cross-match datasets — let me know your favourite combo, and what you need matched (to LSST or otherwise)!
- Incorporating this extension of position uncertainty into real-time matches allows for more robust counterpart identification in the alert stream and a more accurate and precise transient SED
- Furthermore, we can provide *statistical* information on the level of photometric contamination unresolved contaminant sources cause, which can be subtracted in a probabilistic framework!



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The AUF does not need to, and in fact quite often should not, be Gaussian!



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<https://github.com/macauff/macauff>

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**Or, Algorithms Aren't The Whole Problem Anymore**

# lsdb, hipscat, and the problem of 30-billion row tables

A screenshot of a GitHub repository listing page for the 'astronomy-commons' organization. It shows three repositories: 'hipscat' (Hierarchical Progressive Survey Catalog), 'lsdb' (Large Survey DataBase), and 'hipscat-import' (HiPSCat import - generate HiPSCat-partitioned catalogs). Each repository entry includes its name, description, programming language (Python), star count, license (BSD-3-Clause), issue count, and update time.

A screenshot of the LSDB GitHub repository page. It features the repository name 'LSDB', a description: 'A framework to facilitate and enable spatial analysis for extremely large astronomical databases (i.e. querying and crossmatching O(1B) sources). This package uses dask to parallelize operations across multiple HiPSCat partitioned surveys.', and a link to the 'ReadTheDocs site'. It also lists related projects: HiPSCat and HiPSCat Import.

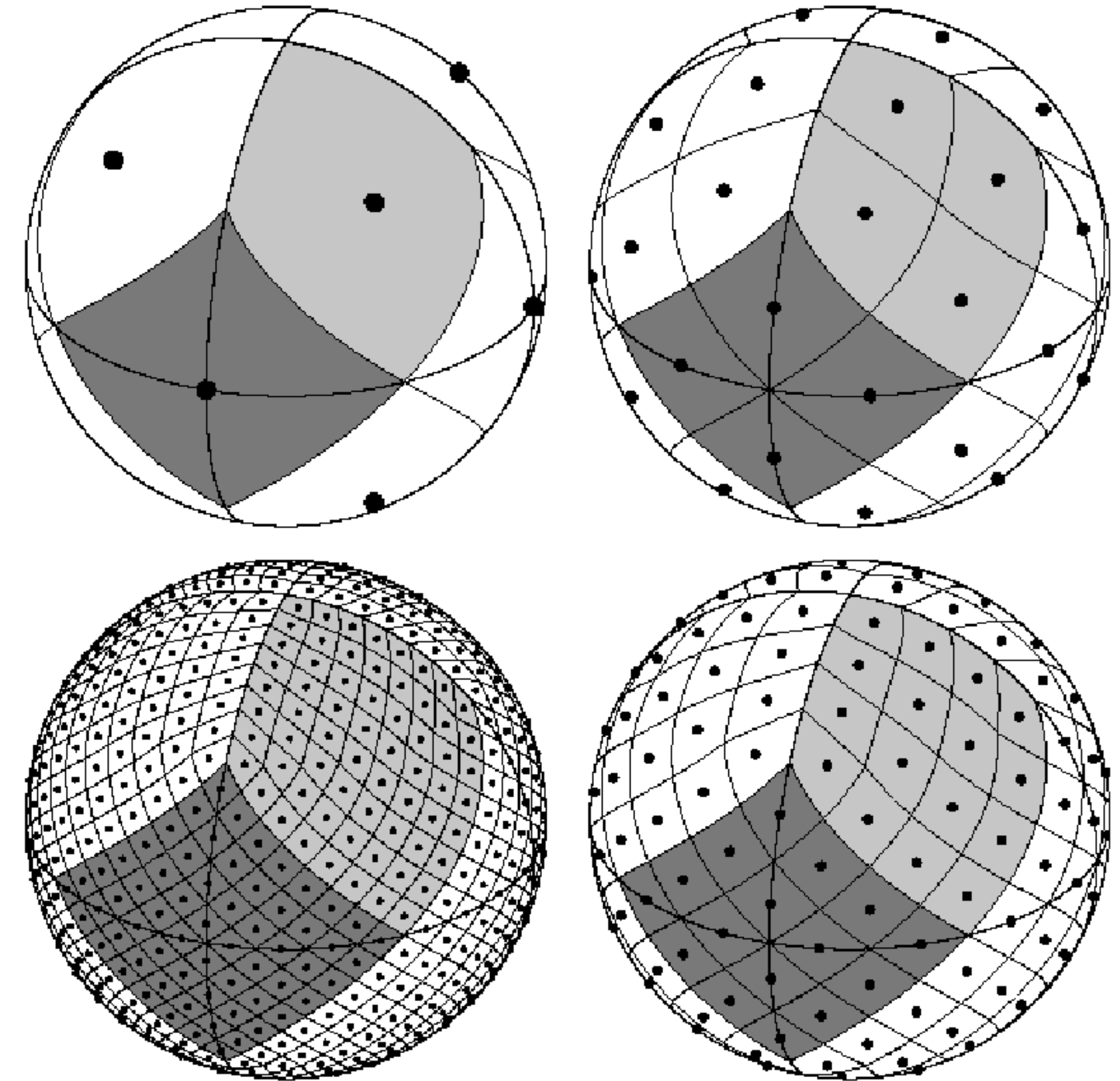
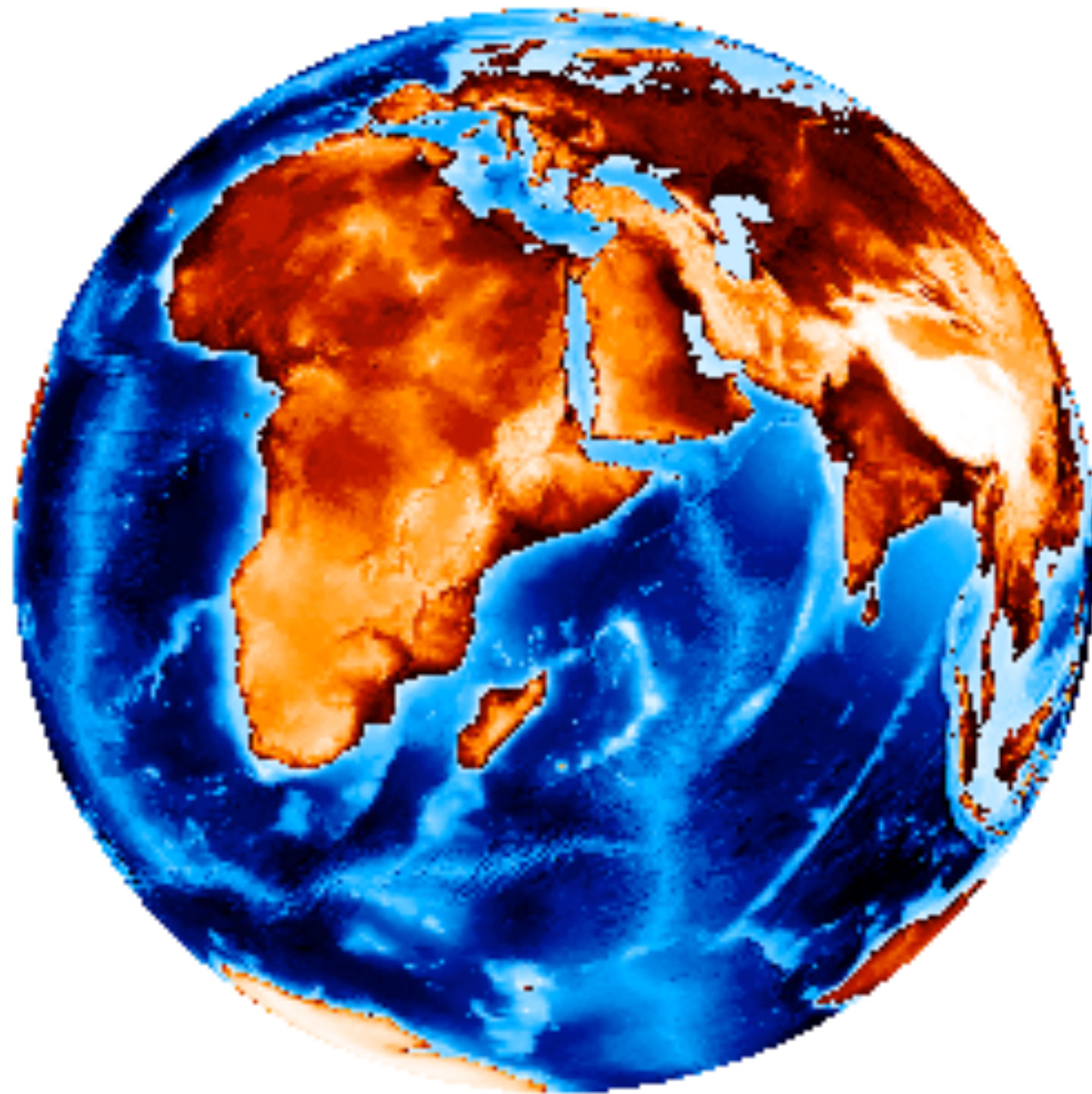
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# High-Speed, Robust Spatial Analysis

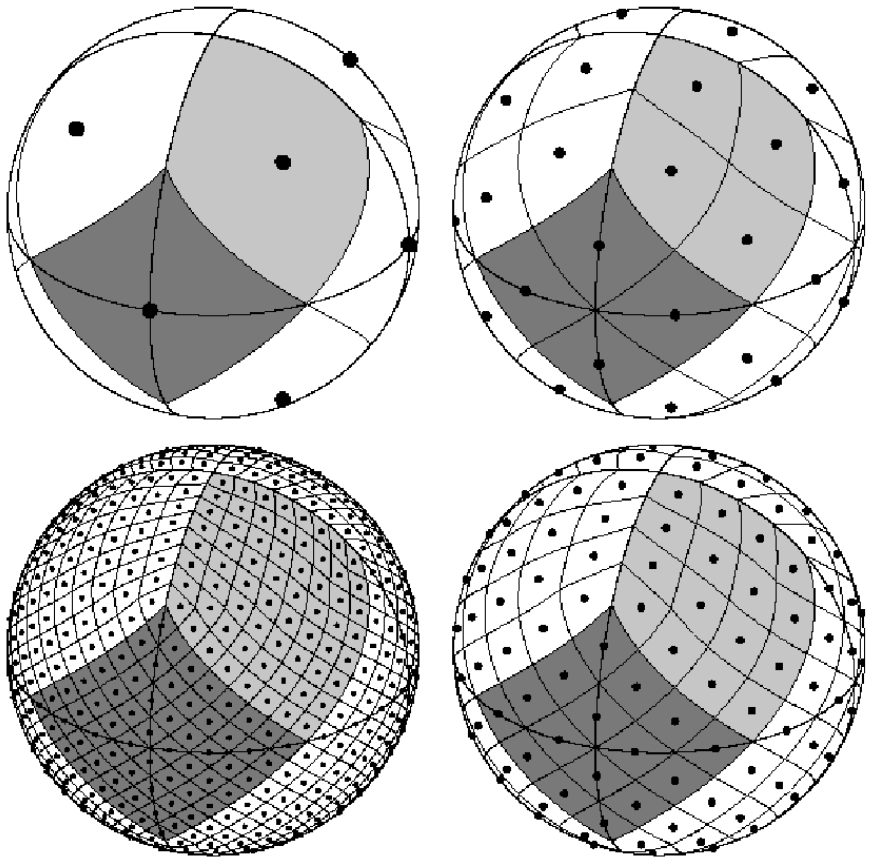
**Isdb does astronomy on hipscat-formatted surveys, with hipscat built on healpix**





# Importing catalogues, doing science

## 1. (Optional) Use hipscat-import to generate some valid catalogues



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|__ catalog_info.json  
|__ partition_info.csv  
|__ Norder=1/  
|   |__ Dir=0/  
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|       |__ Npix=1.parquet  
|__ Norder=J/  
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import pandas as pd  
  
import hipscat_import.pipeline as runner  
from hipscat_import.catalog.arguments import ImportArguments  
from hipscat_import.catalog.file_readers import CsvReader  
  
# Load the column names and types from a side file.  
type_frame = pd.read_csv("neowise_types.csv")  
type_map = dict(zip(type_frame["name"], type_frame["type"]))  
  
args = ImportArguments(  
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        type_map=type_map,  
        chunksize=250_000,  
    ).read,  
    ra_column="RA",  
    dec_column="DEC",  
    pixel_threshold=2_000_000,  
    highest_healpix_order=9,  
    use_schema_file="neowise_schema.parquet",  
    sort_columns="SOURCE_ID",  
    output_path="/path/to/catalogs/",  
)  
runner.run(args)
```



# Importing catalogues, doing science

## 2. Having imported your datasets, do some spatial analysis

```
[1]: import hipscat
import healpy as hp
import numpy as np

## Fill in these variables with what's relevant in your use case:

### Change this path!!!
catalog_path = "../../../tests/data/small_sky_order1"

ra = 0 # degrees
dec = -80 # degrees
radius_degrees = 10 # degrees
```

```
[2]: ## Load catalog
catalog = hipscat.read_from_hipscat(catalog_path)
```

```
[3]: ## Plot catalog pixels
hipscat.inspection.plot_pixels(catalog)
```

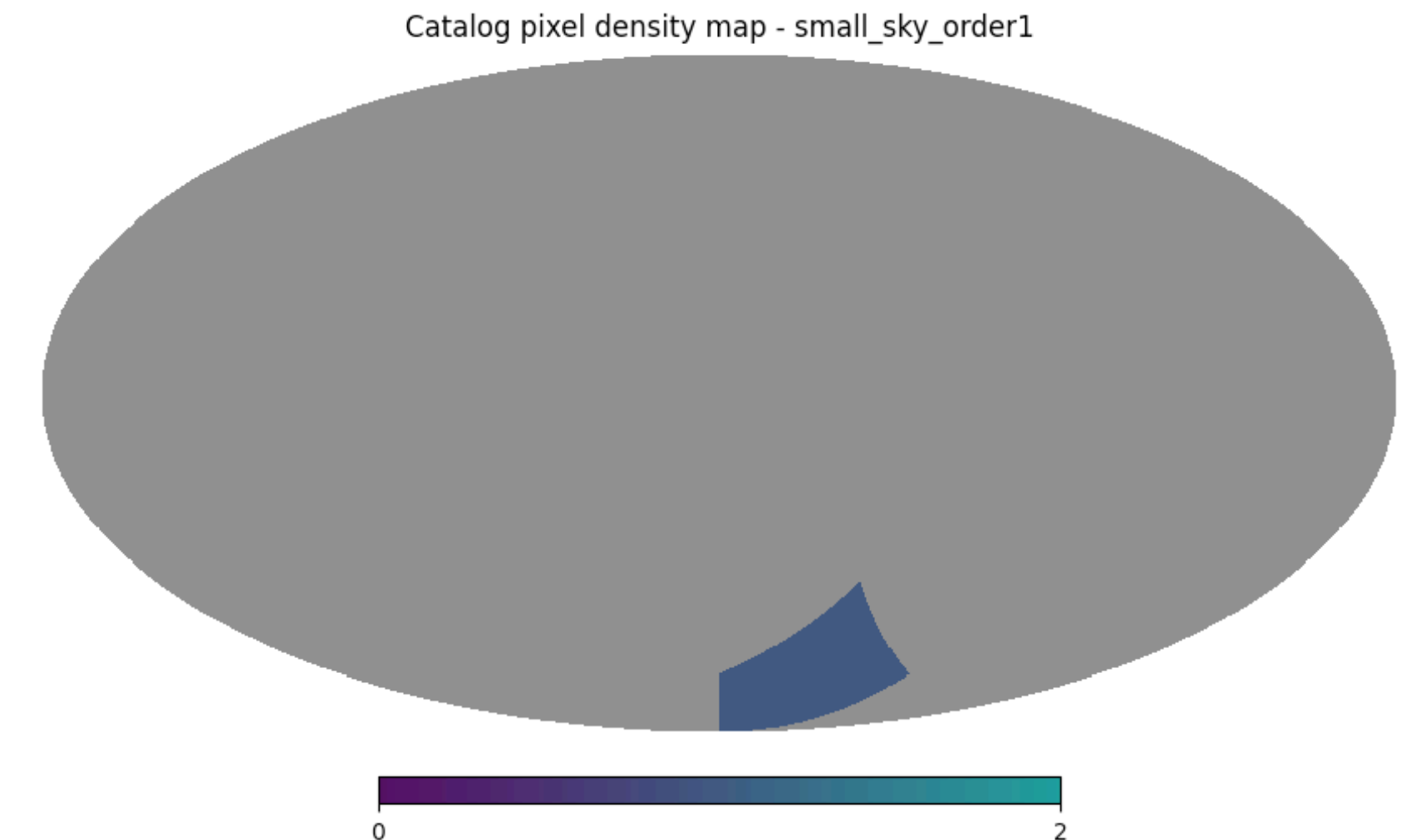
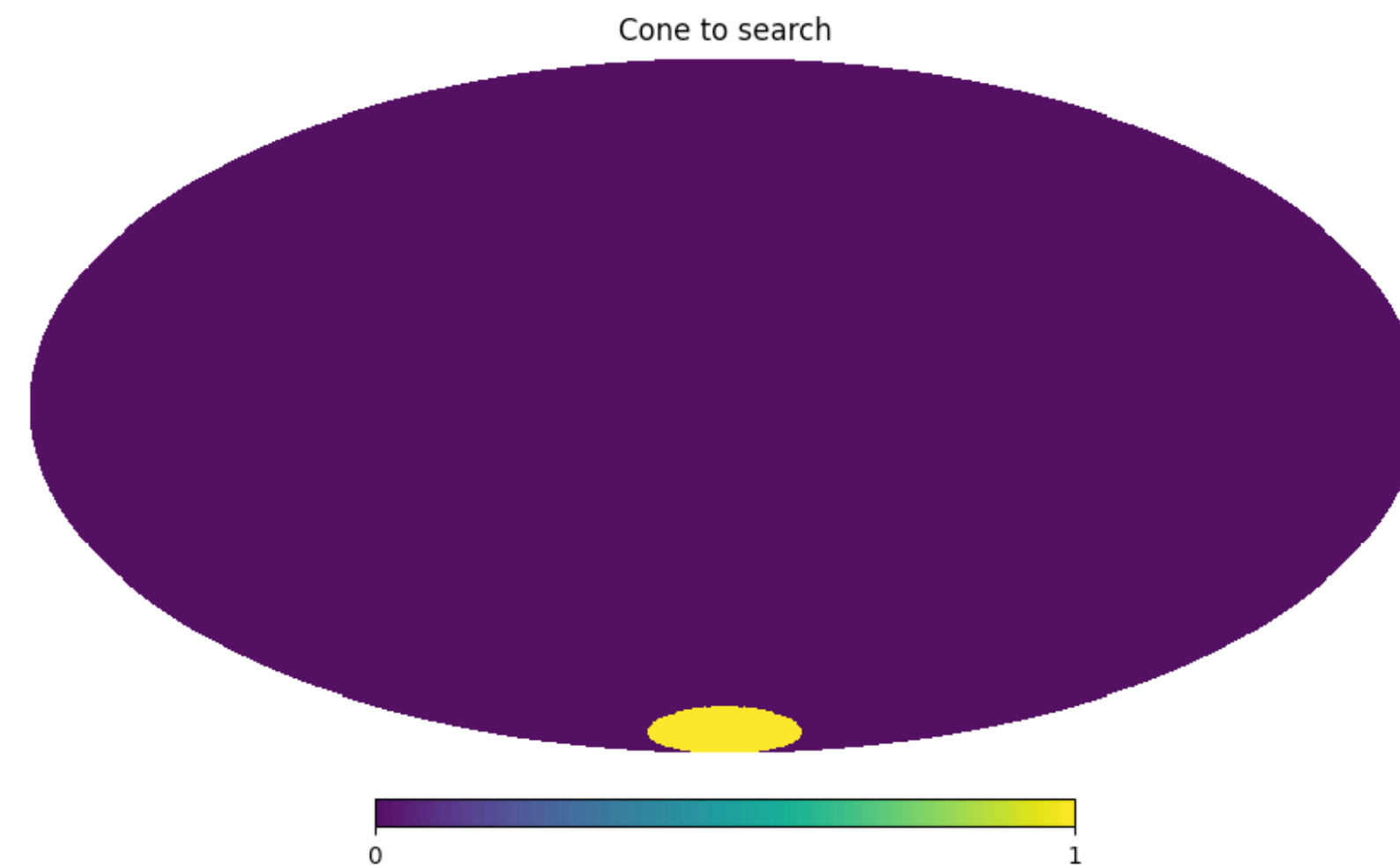
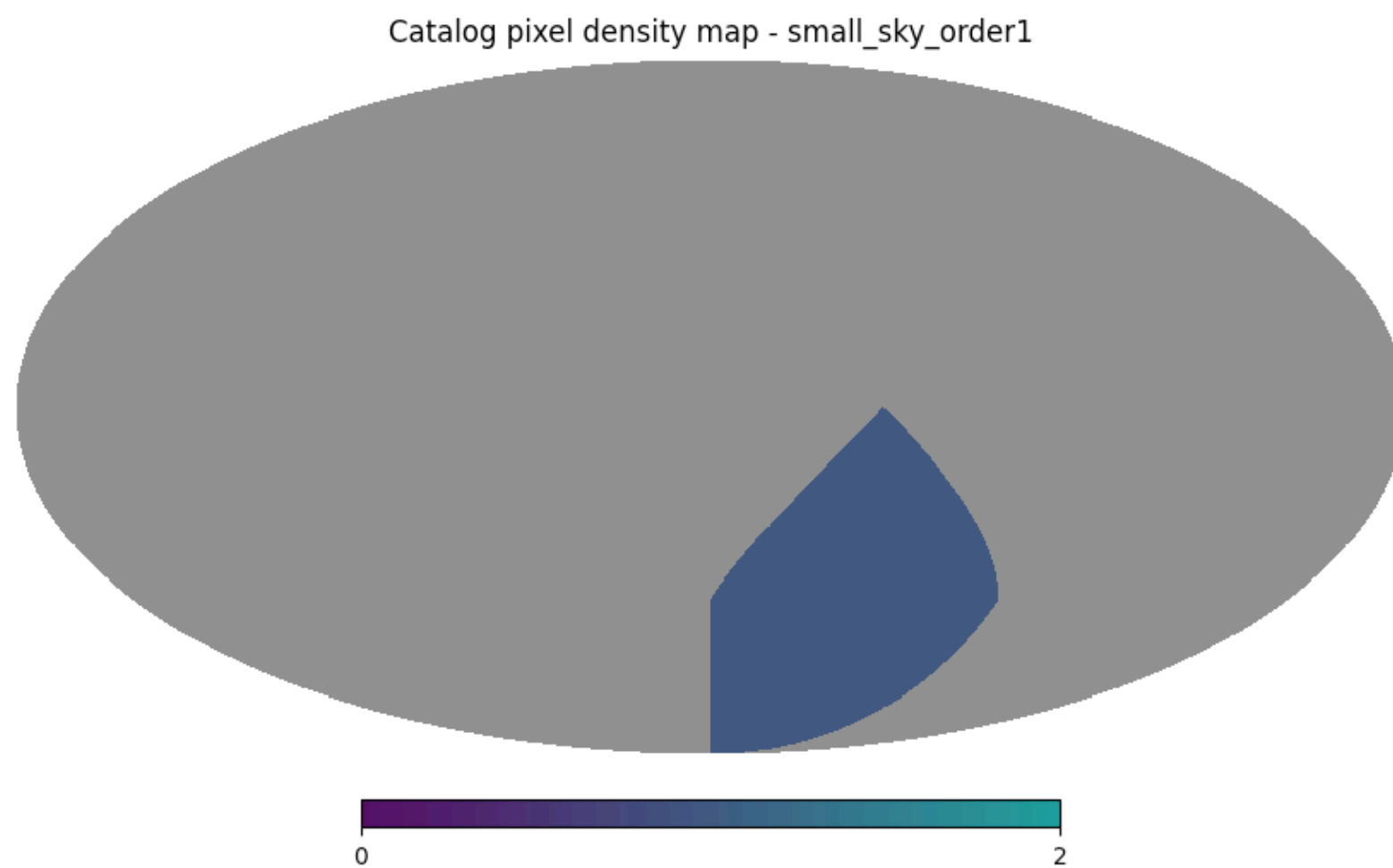
```
[4]: ## Plot the cone using healpy for demonstration

NSIDE = 256
NPIX = hp.nside2npix(NSIDE)
m = np.zeros(NPIX)
center_vec = hp.ang2vec(ra, dec, lonlat=True)
radius_radians = np.radians(radius_degrees)
cone_pixels = hp.query_disc(NSIDE, center_vec, radius_radians)
m[cone_pixels] = 1
hp.mollview(m, title="Cone to search")
```

```
[5]: ## Filter catalog and plot filtered pixels

radius_arcseconds = radius_degrees * 3600
filtered_catalog = catalog.filter_by_cone(ra, dec, radius_arcseconds)

hipscat.inspection.plot_pixels(filtered_catalog)
```







# Importing catalogues, doing science

## 3. Finally, do some science with lsdb, building off hipscat

Example use-case: cross-match ZTF BTS and NGC

[6]:

IAUID\_ztf Name\_ngc \_dist\_arcsec RA\_ztf Dec\_ztf

Here we demonstrate how (BTS) and [New General Cat](#)

# cross-match ZTF BTS and NGC

57.2  
53.8

3231460713012658176 SN2022pgf 5894 12.223285 15:11:41.90 +59:49:12.2

```
[5]: %%time
ztf_bts = lsdb.from_dataframe(df_ztf_bts, ra_column="ra_deg", dec_column="dec_deg")
ngc = lsdb.from_dataframe(df_ngc, ra_column="ra_deg", dec_column="dec_deg", margin_thresho

ztf_bts = ztf_bts.query("redshift < 0.01")

matched = ztf_bts.crossmatch(ngc, radius_arcsec=1200, suffixes=("_ztf", "_ngc"))
matched
```

```
[8]: c = SkyCoord(matched_df["RA_ztf"].values[0], matched_df["Dec_ztf"].values[0], unit=("hourar
ra = c.ra.degree
dec = c.dec.degree
```

**Args:**

algorithm (BuiltInCrossmatchAlgorithm | Type[AbstractCrossmatchAlgorithm]): The algorithm to use to perform the crossmatch. Can be either a string to specify one of the built-in cross-matching methods, or a custom method defined by subclassing AbstractCrossmatchAlgorithm.

**Built-in methods:**

- `kd\_tree`: find the k-nearest neighbors using a kd\_tree

```
[6]: %%time
# Create default local
with Client():
    matched_df = matche

# Let's output transien
matched_df = matched_df
by=["_dist_arcsec"]
)
matched_df
```

**Nearest-neighbour matching *will not* work in the era of Rubin!**

Tom J Wilson @





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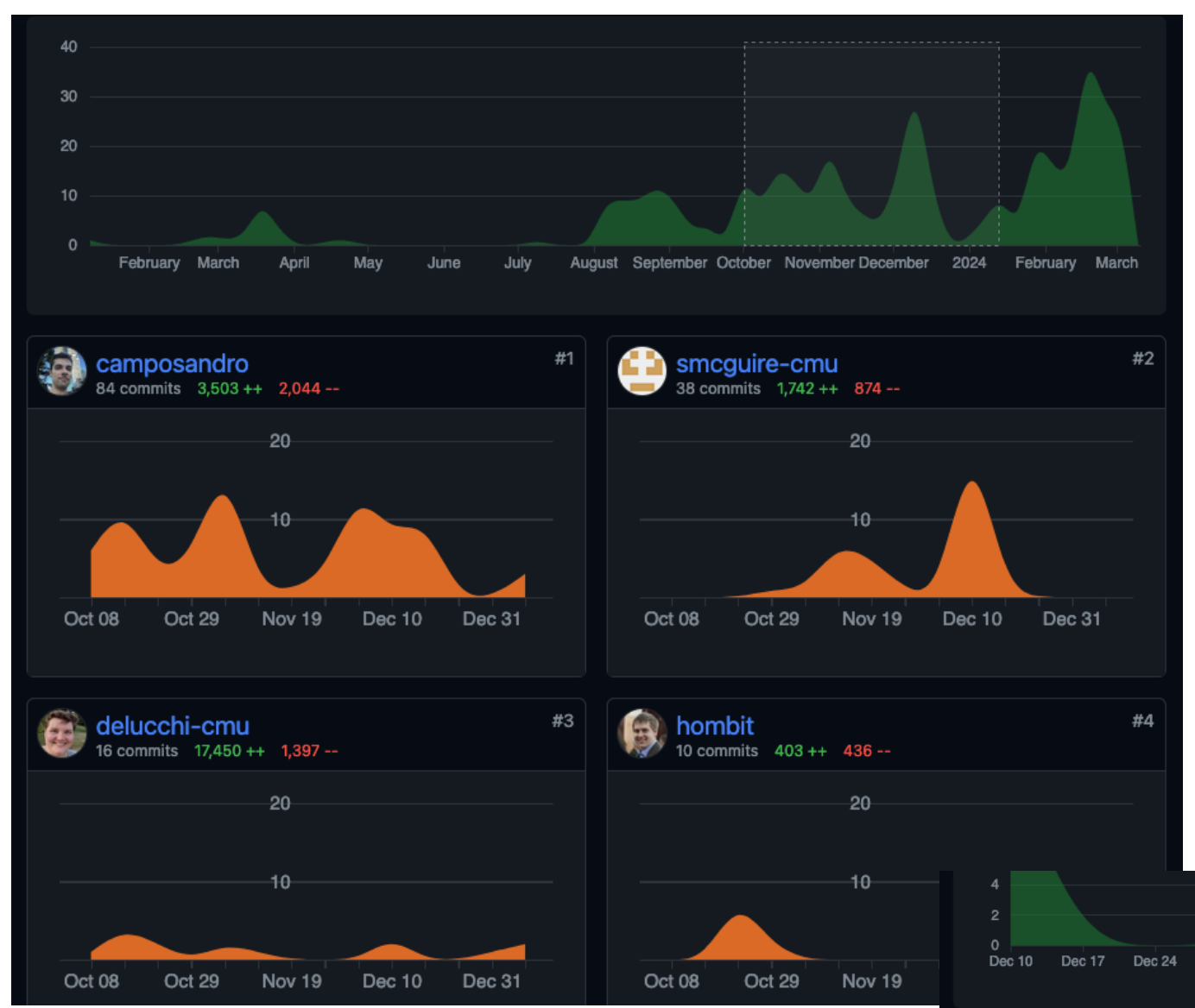
**Or, The Actual LINCC Incubator!**



# Isdb-macauff: The Best of Both Worlds

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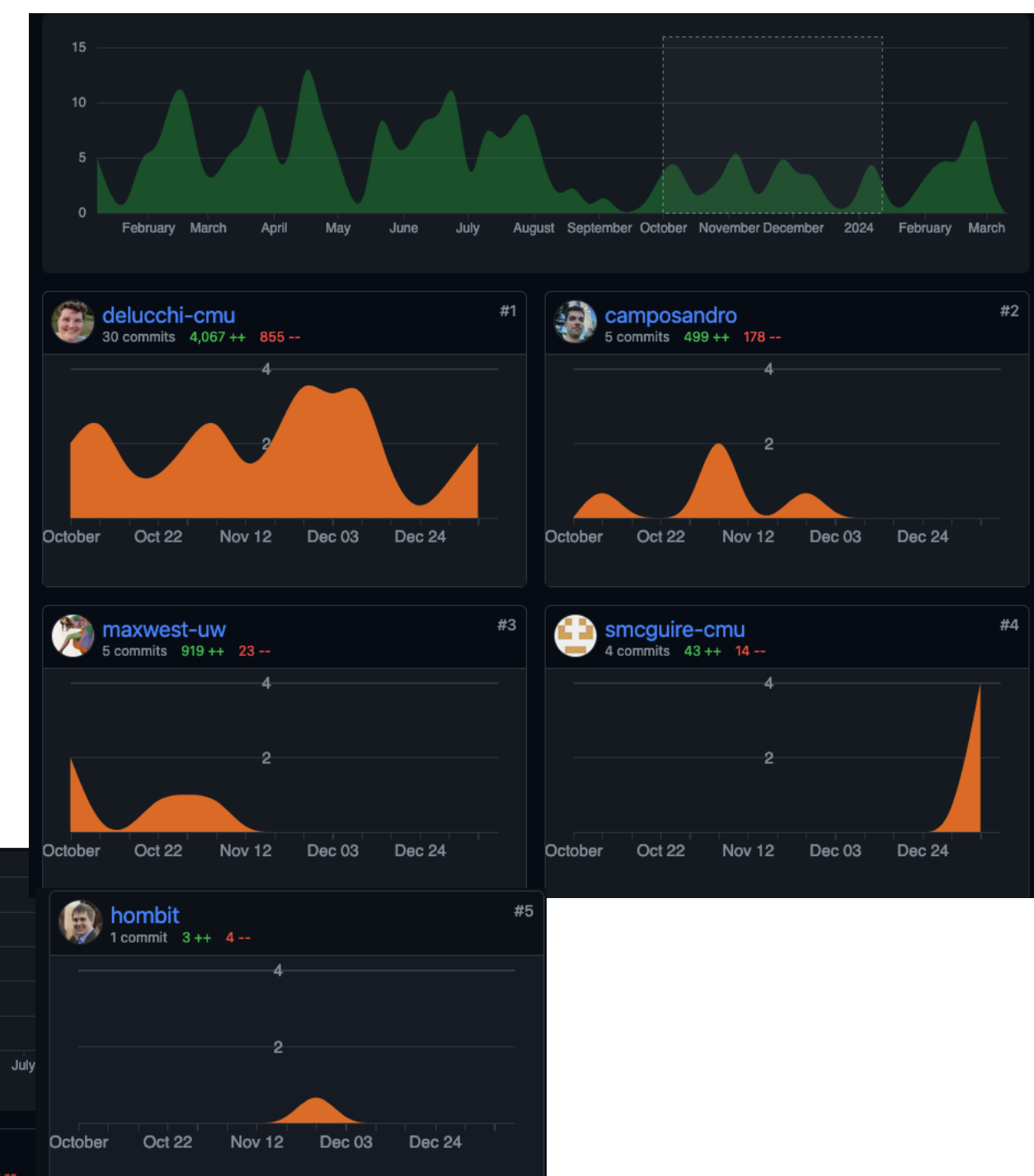
Isdb\*



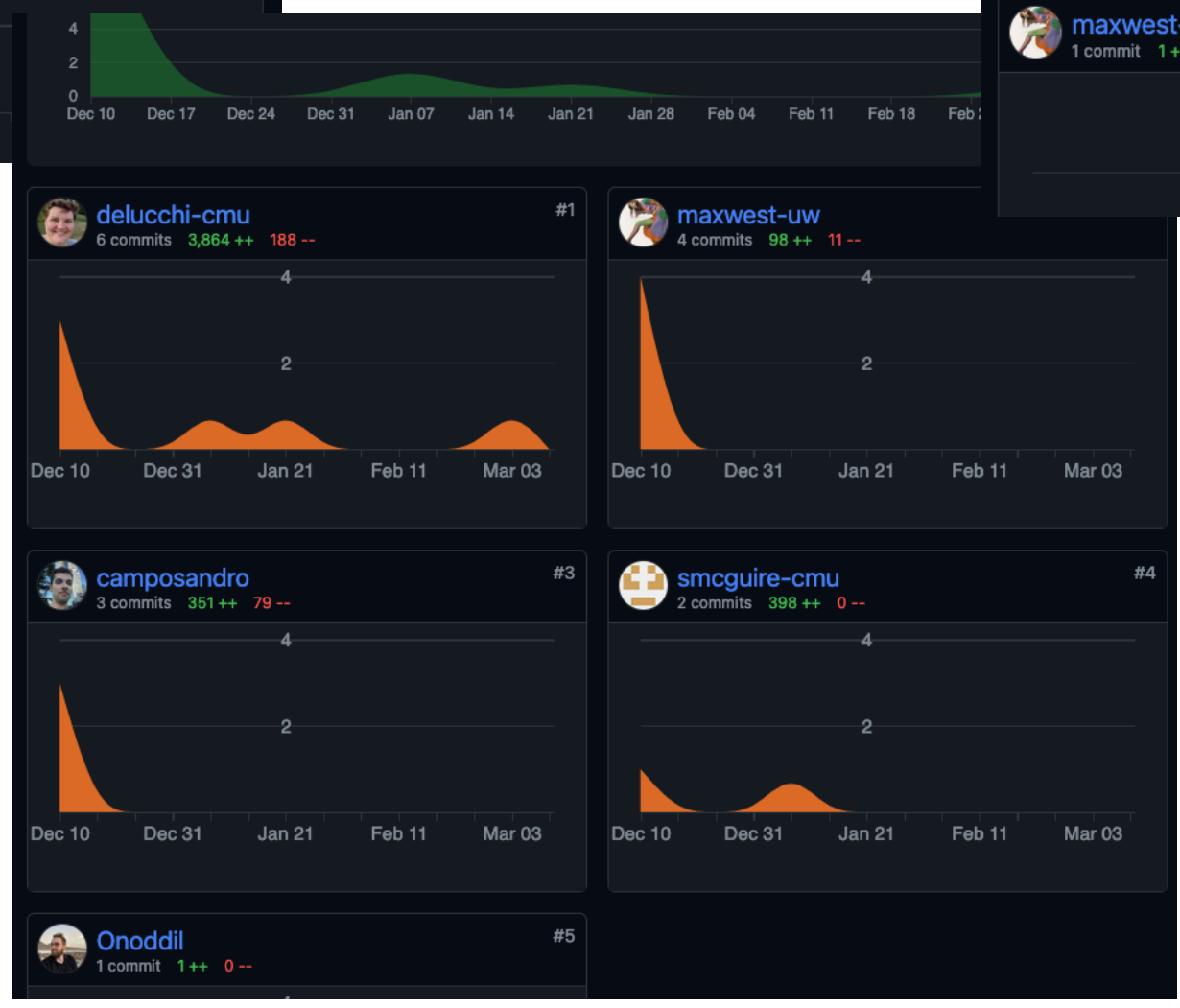
hipscat\*



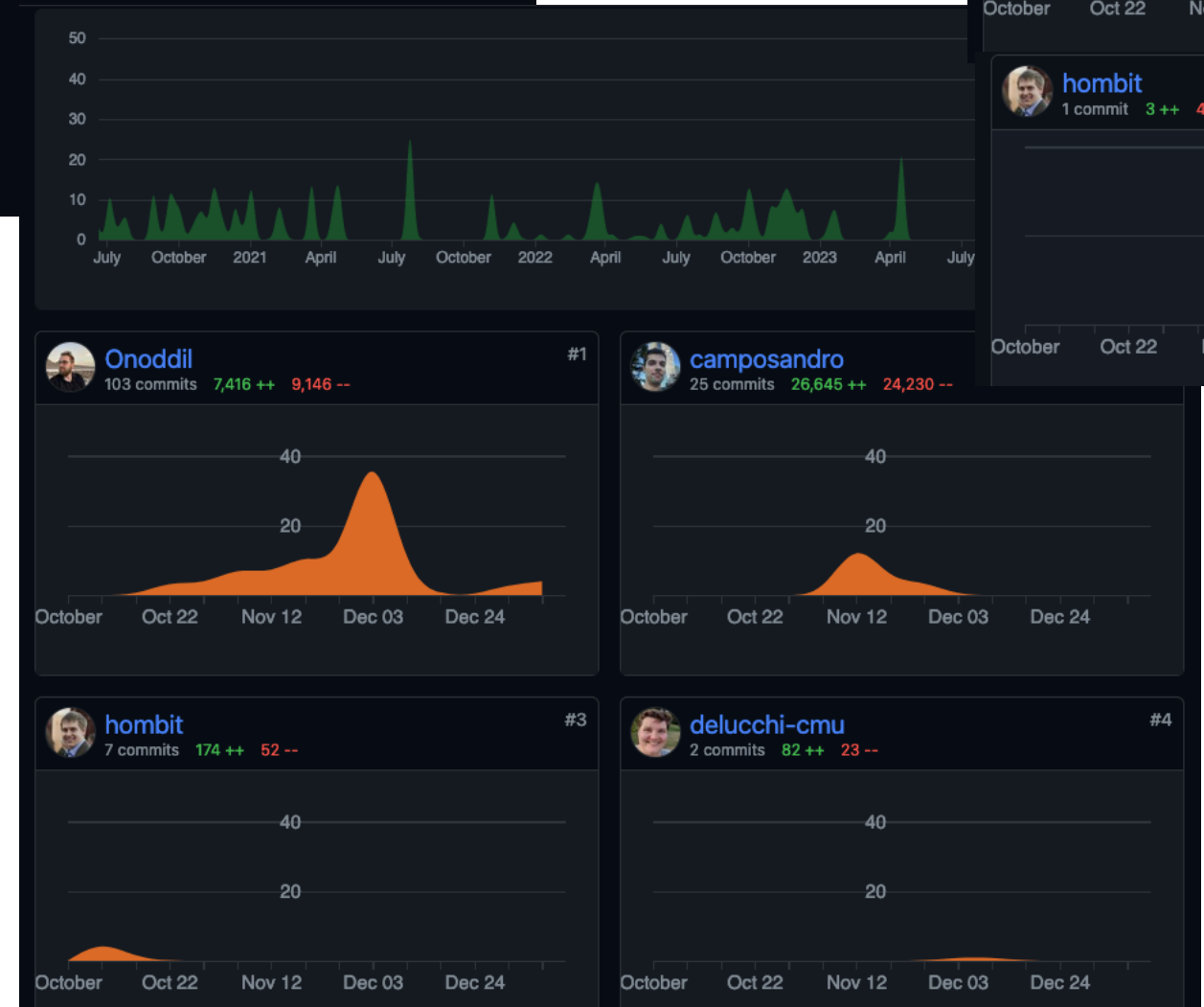
hipscat-import\*



Isdb-macauff



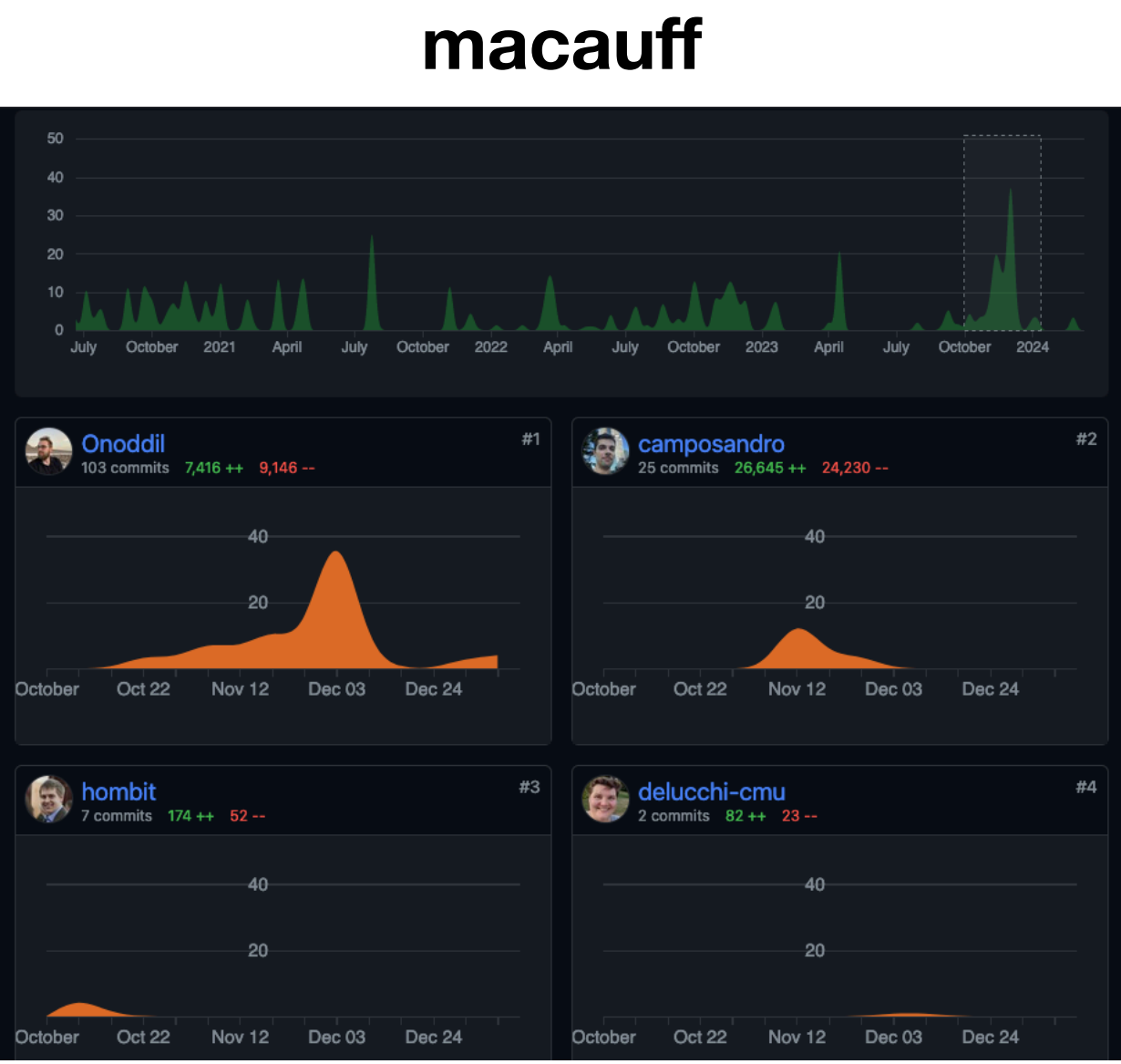
macauff



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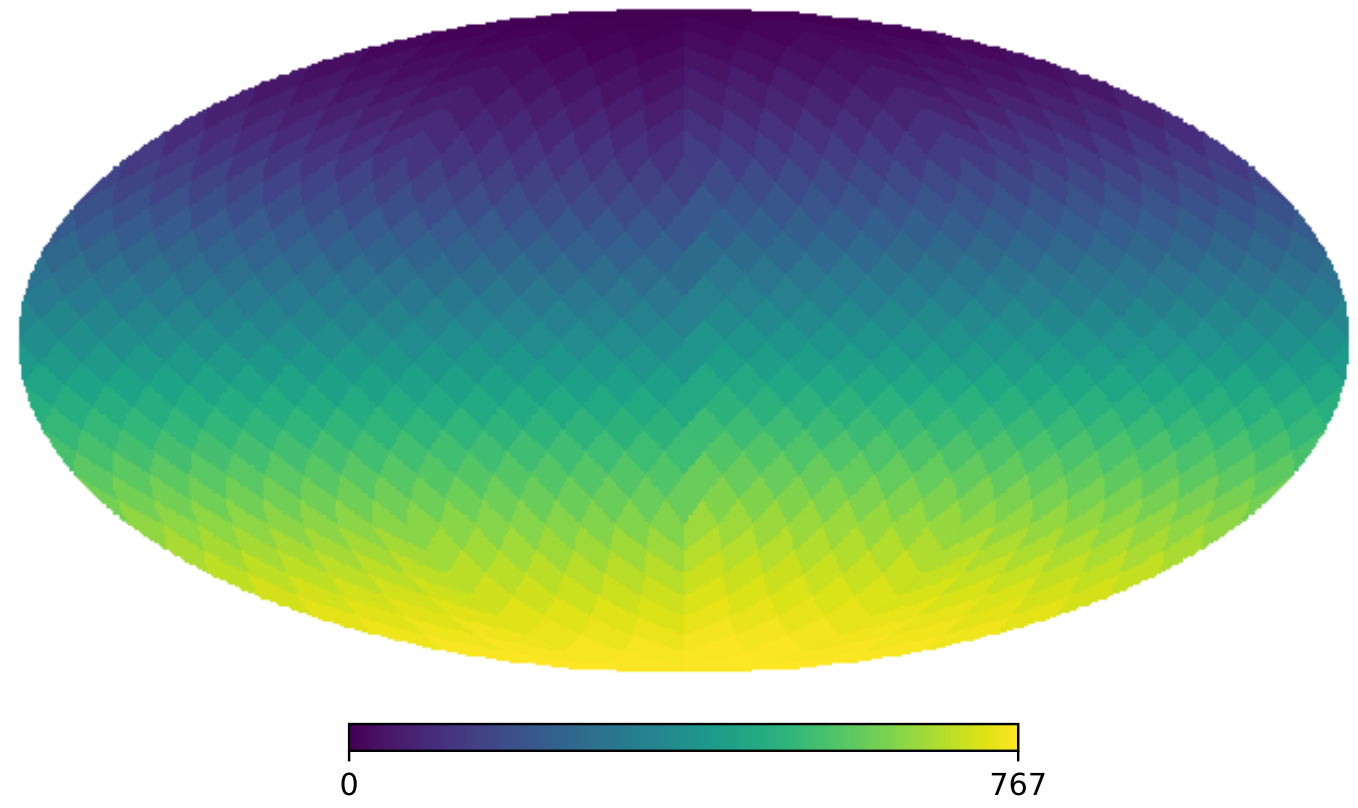
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### Improvements to macauff's algorithms:

- Better algorithms that handle more complex match arrangements, like healpix
  - Current IKC work built on rectilinear grid; relaxing this assumption improves use cases
- Split out inner loop from I/O
  - macauff-internal algorithms (i.e., code-versions of the first half of this talk) are independent of how you load input catalogues and output counterparts
  - Pass various arrays and variables around in memory, necessary for Isdb's dask functionality
- Allow for certain variables to be pre-calculated ahead of time, and others to be loaded from memory ahead of time, required for Isdb workflows

Mollweide view

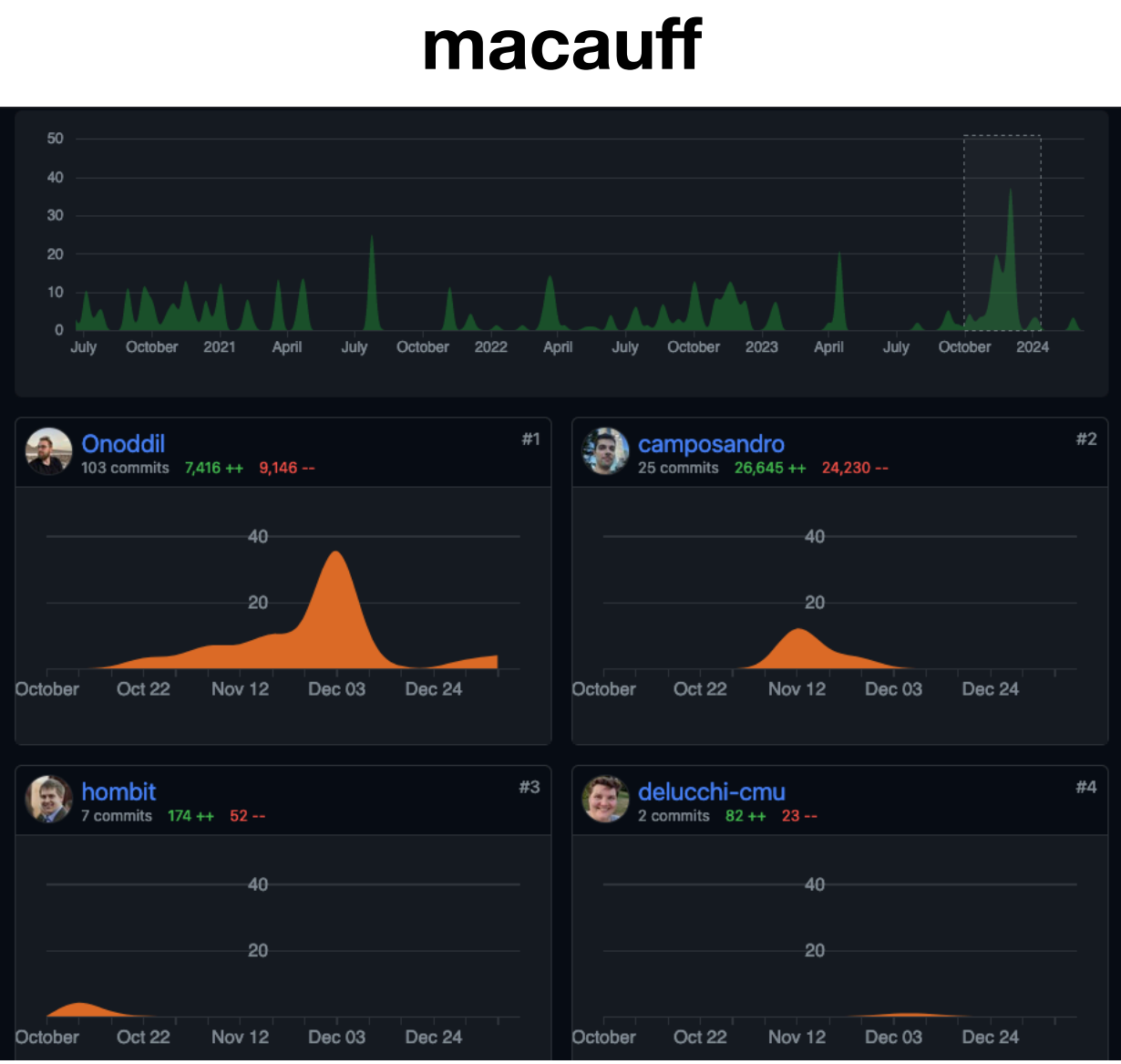


```
20 class Macauff():
21     '''
22     Class to perform the catalogue-catalogue association determination, on two
23     datasets which are already pre-processed and set up for cross-matching.
24
25     Parameters
26     -----
27     cm : Class
28         Input "IO" class, with the necessary parameters and datasets configured
29         for cross-matching.
30     '''
```



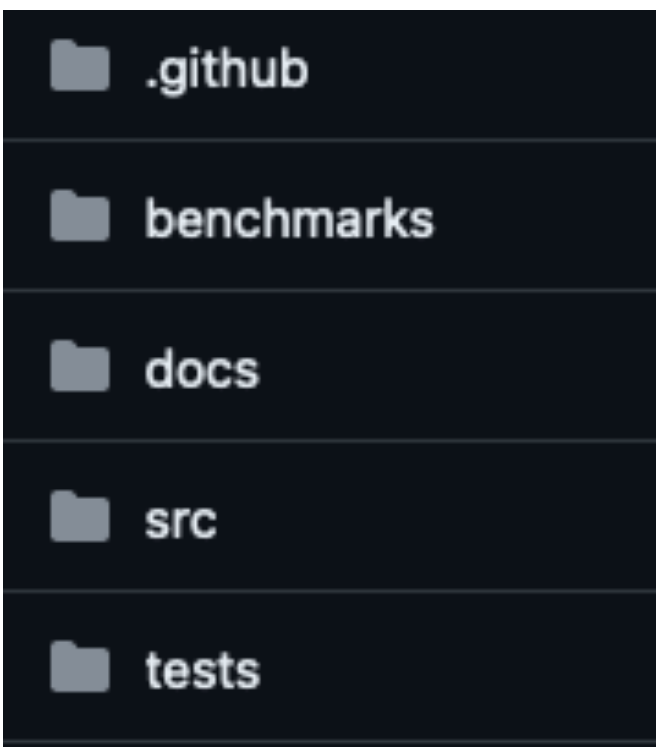
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### Improvements to macauff's codebase:

- New code layout, for better security and test reproduction
- New build system
  - As with almost every software package of recent years, macauff was compiled using setup.py, which is deprecated. Moved to a future-proofed CMake build, allowing for "modern" python packaging with Fortran code.
- Apply the LINCC Python Project Template, a very easy way to get good packaging
  - Linting, package builds, benchmarking, pip installing, automated version tags, etc. for your project.
  - A good stress-test of the PPT for an already-mature codebase as well!
- Helped set up a readthedocs account for documentation, which I had been putting off getting done...

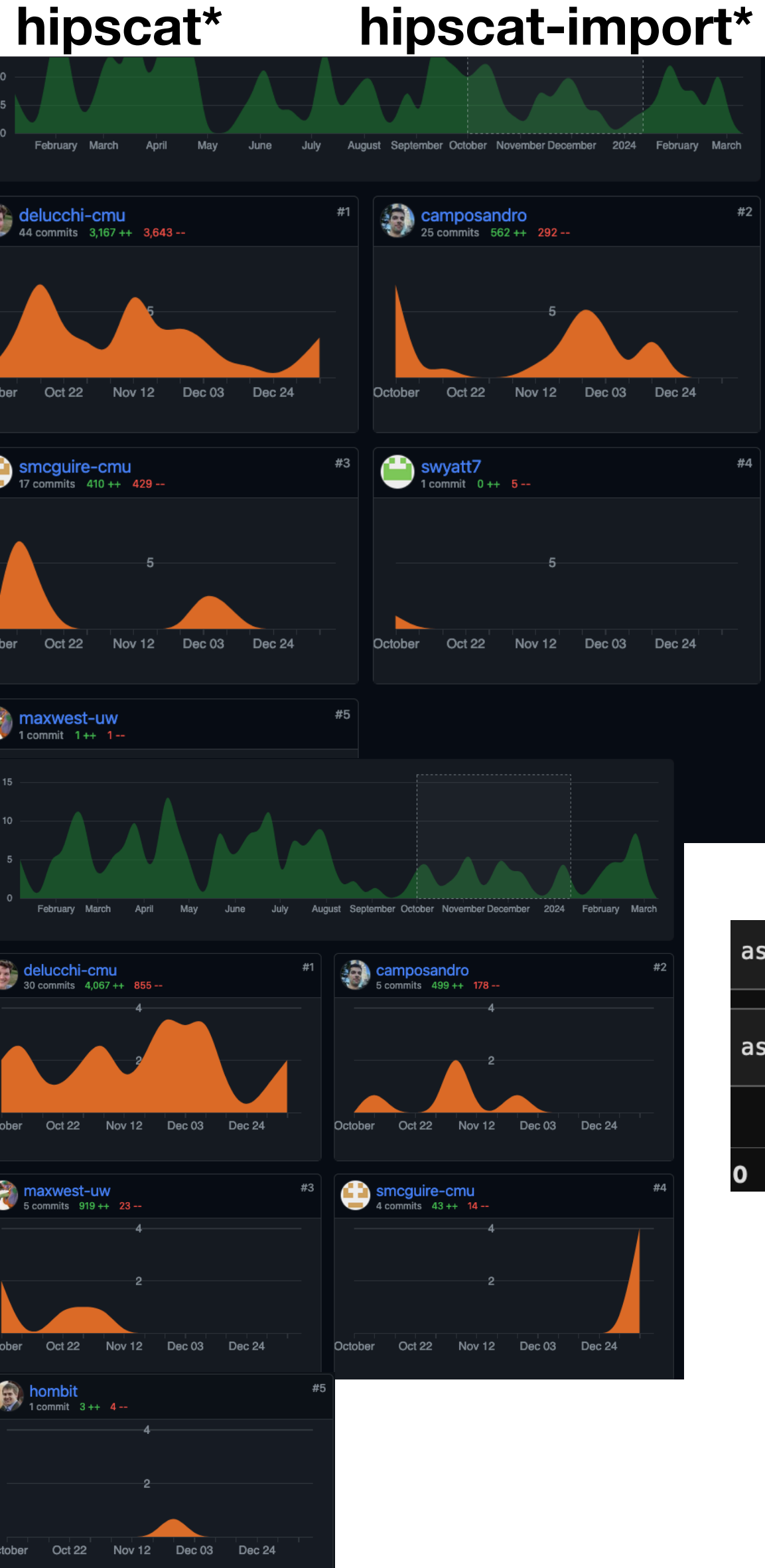
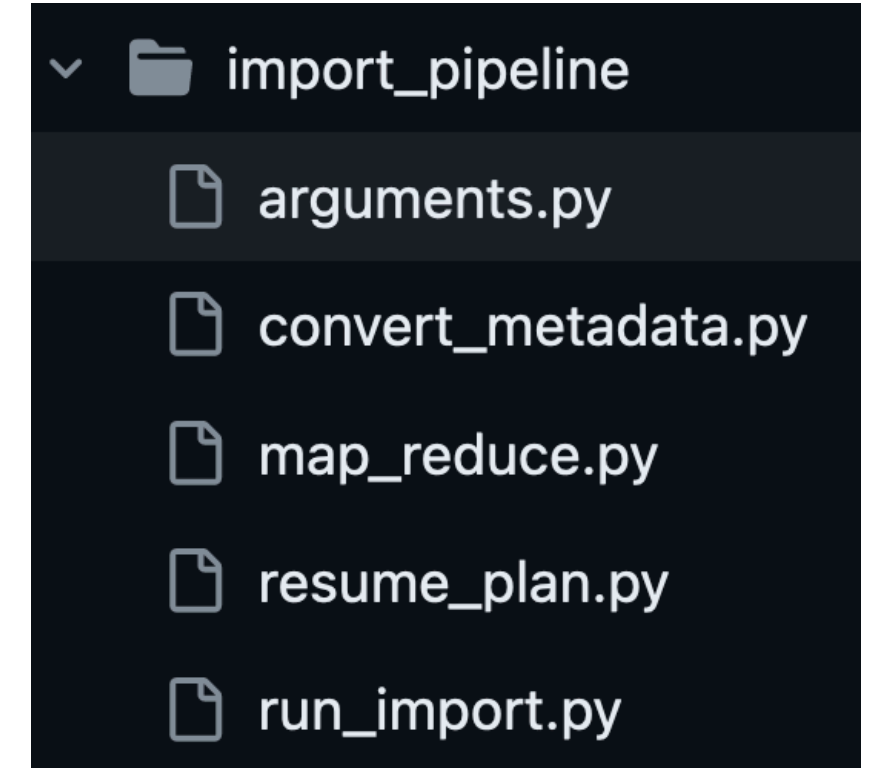


Template LINCC Frameworks Python Project Template

<https://macauff.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

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- Various extensions/changes to hipscat, hipscat-import that kicking the tyres in a new way revealed
- Added new functionality to allow for the loading of pre-computed macauff associations as a hipscat files

```
def run(args, client):
    """run macauff cross-match import pipeline"""
```

```
single_path = '/macauff_association/Norder=2/Dir=0/Npix=0.parquet'
pq.read_metadata(single_path).schema
<pyarrow._parquet.ParquetSchema object at 0x7f52db1542c0>
required group field_id=-1 schema {
  optional int64 field_id=-1 gaia_source_id;
  optional double field_id=-1 gaia ra;
```

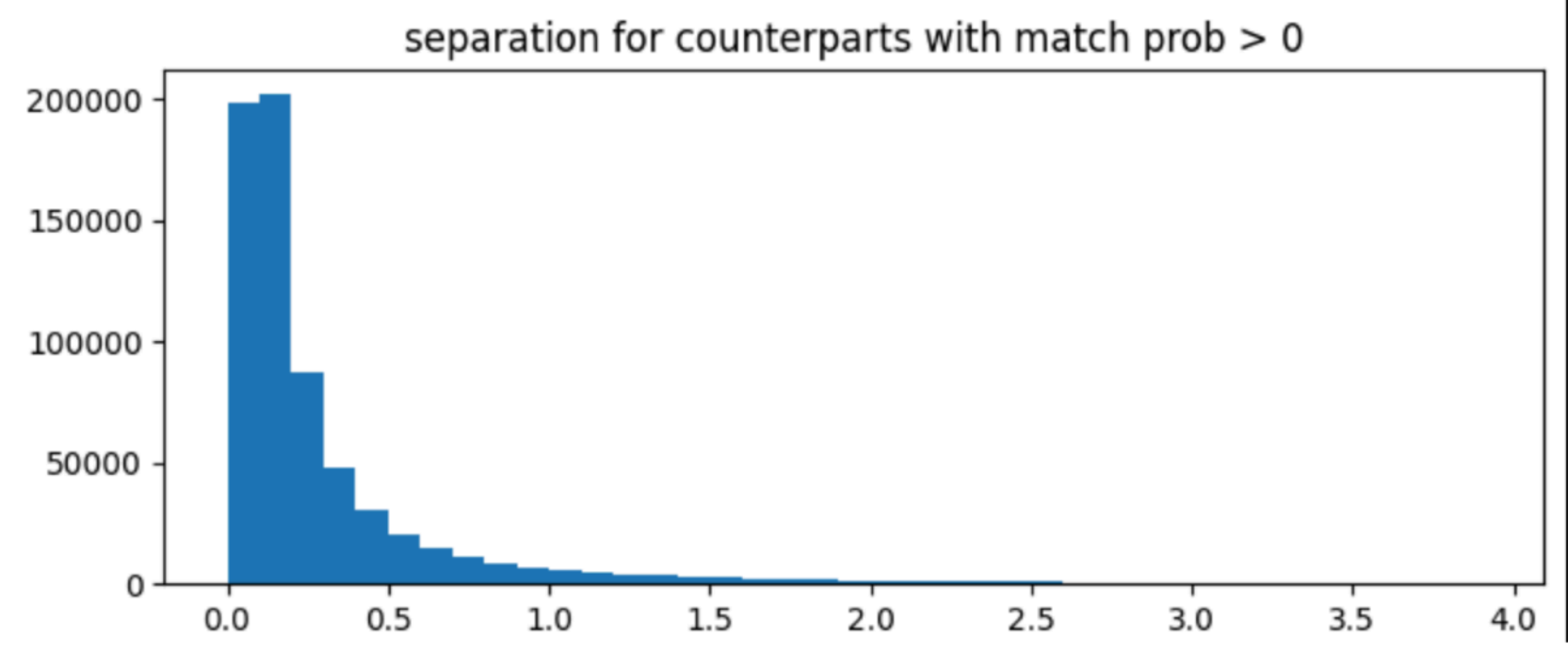
```
def from_yaml(input_file, output_directory):
    """Read YAML file with column metadata for the various cross-match files from macauff.
```

```
sep_bins = np.arange(0, 4, .1)
for threshold in [0, 0.5, 0.85, 0.95, 0.99]:
    hist, bins = np.histogram(assoc_frame["separation"][assoc_frame["match_p"] > threshold], bins=sep_bins)
    width = np.diff(bins)
    center = (bins[:-1] + bins[1:]) / 2
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,3))
    ax.bar(center, hist, align='center', width=width)
    plt.title(f"separation for counterparts with match prob > {threshold}")
    plt.show()
```

```
assoc_frame = pd.read_parquet(single_path)
assoc_frame.head(5)[["gaia_source_id", "catwise_name", "match_p", "separation"]]

```

gaia_source_id	catwise_name	match_p	separation
0	1488120269370752	J025039.37+021935.2	0.999997 0.117720



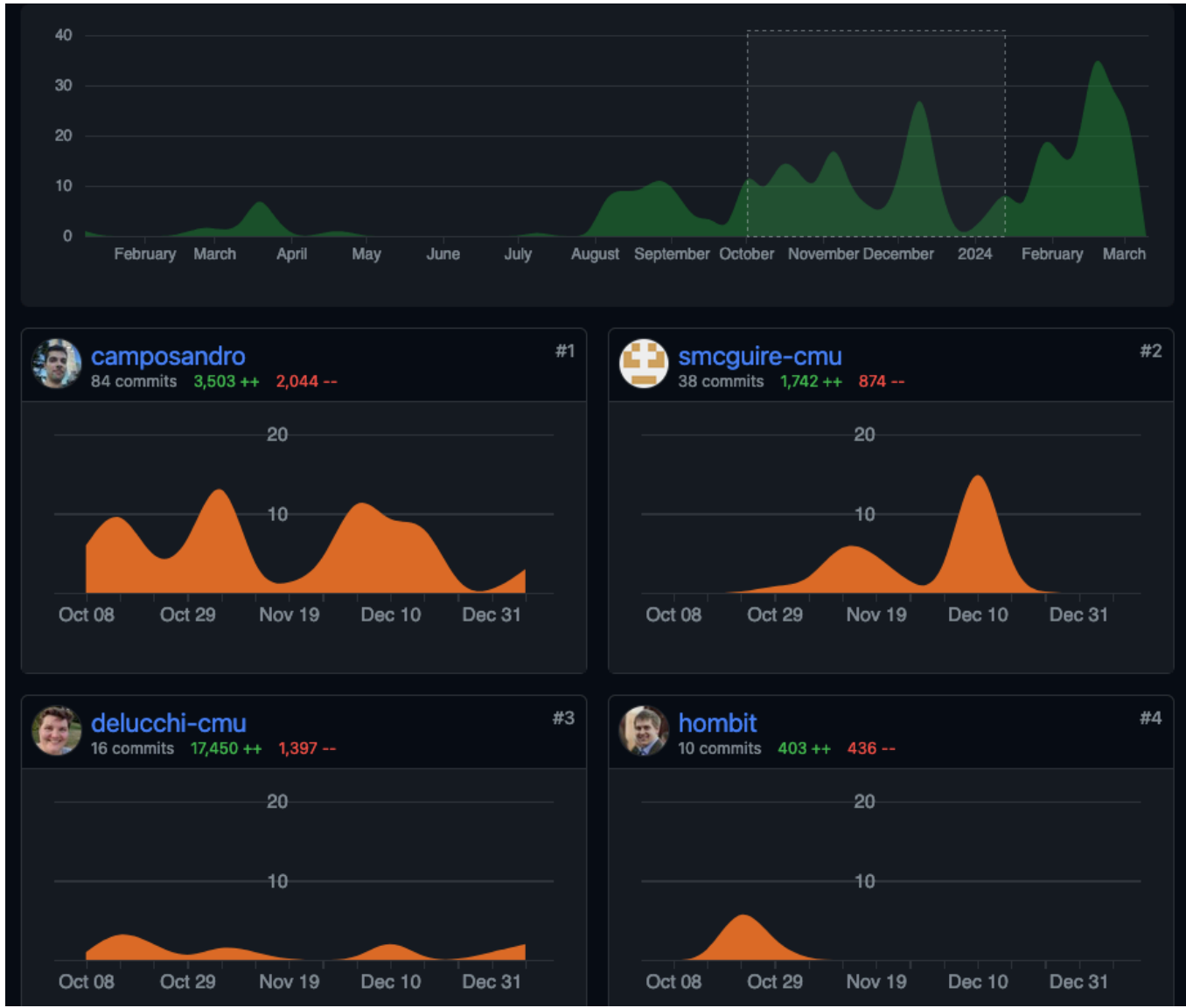
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# lsdb-macauff: The Best of Both Worlds

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## lsdb\*



- When results from macauff are imported into lsdb (through hipscat!), you will now be able to do much more flexible cross-match refining than with nearest neighbour matching, using all of the "extras" macauff will produce, basically for free!

```
import lsdb
from dask.distributed import Client

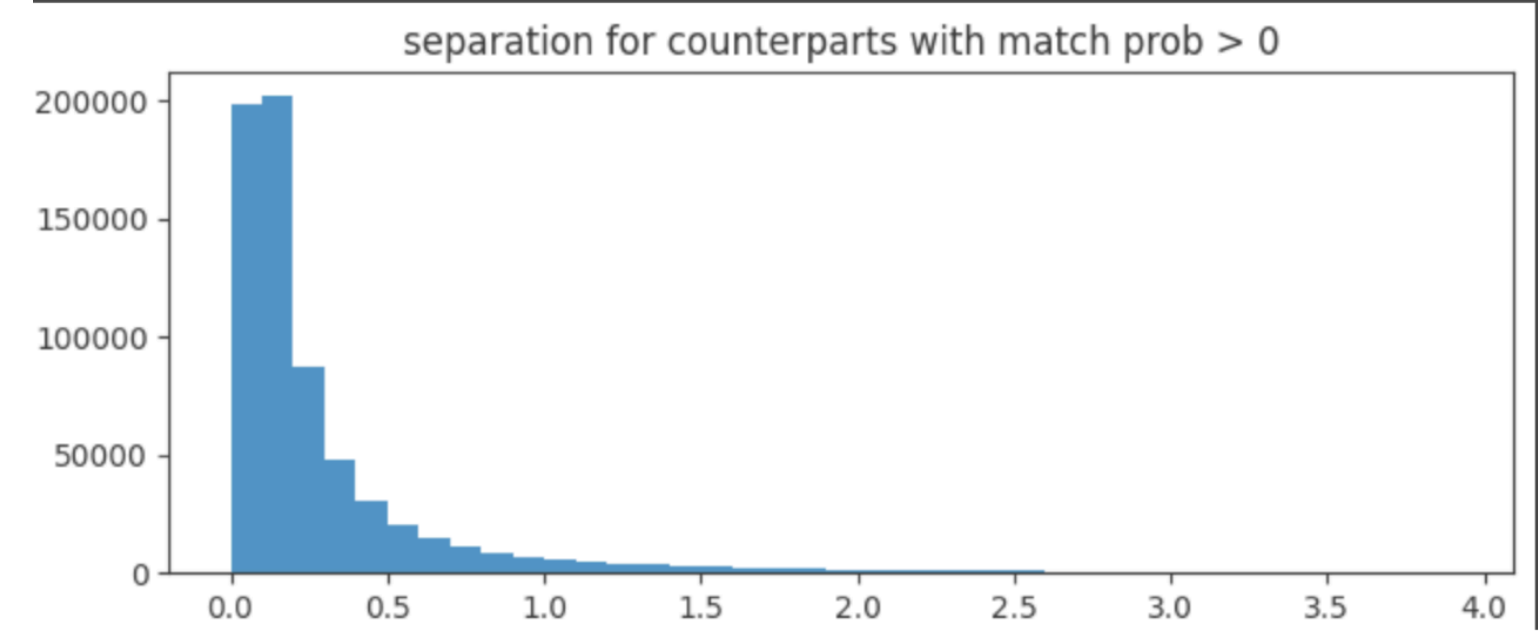
client = Client(n_workers=6, memory_limit='20GB', local_directory="")
```

Each catalog is loaded using the `lsdb.read_hipscat` method. First the macauff association table, and then the gaia and wise object catalogs. The loading is done lazily, so at this stage the results show just the column names and types.

```
macauff_association = lsdb.read_hipscat("/macauff_association/")
macauff_association

center = (bins[:-1] + bins[1:]) / 2

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,3))
ax.bar(center, hist, align='center', width=width)
plt.title(f"separation for counterparts with match prob > {threshold}")
plt.show()
```



```
joined = gaia.join(catwise, through=macauff_association)
joined
```

```
joined.query("match_p > 0.999")._ddf.partitions[0].compute()
```

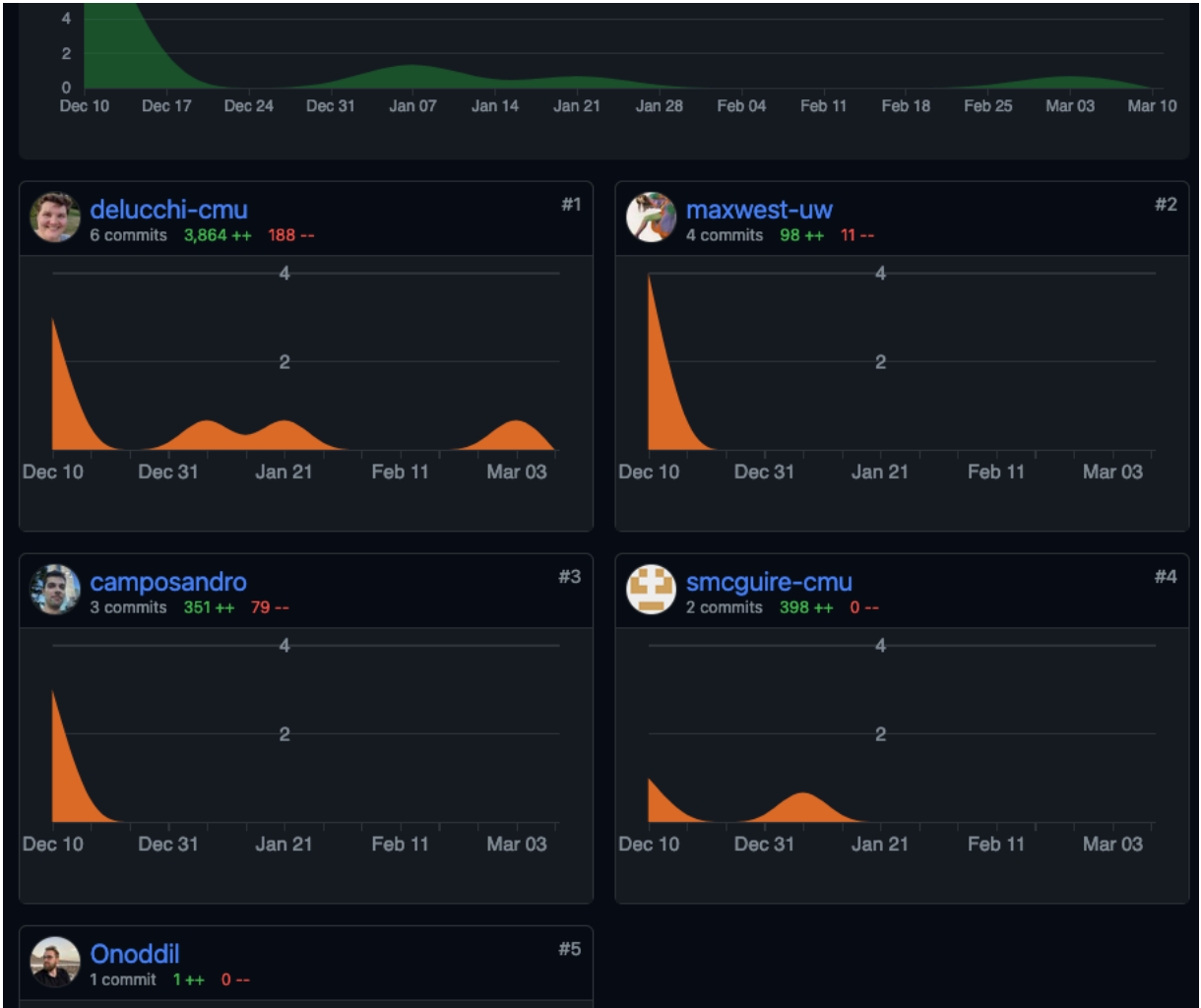
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## Isdb-macauff

- New shell that talks to both macauff and Isdb — hence Isdb-macauff!
- Allows macauff to be called within Isdb, for smaller-scale, individual cross-match runs
- Will provide all of the same advantages that using pre-join tables does, but for other science cases



```
class MacauffCrossmatch(AbstractCrossmatchAlgorithm):  
    """Class that runs the Macauff crossmatch"""  
  
    def crossmatch(  
        self,  
        joint_all_sky_params,  
        left_all_sky_params,  
        right_all_sky_params,  
        left_tri_map_histogram,  
        right_tri_map_histogram,  
    ) -> pd.DataFrame:  
        # Calculate macauff pixel params using self.left_order  
        # self.left_pixel, self.right_order, self.right_pixel  
        macauff_pixel_params = None  
        left_pixel_params = PixelParams(self.left_order, self.  
        right_pixel_params = PixelParams(self.right_order, sel  
        all_macauff_attrs = AllMacauffAttrs(  
            joint_all_sky_params,  
            macauff_pixel_params,  
            left_all_sky_params,  
            right_all_sky_params,  
            left_pixel_params,  
            right_pixel_params,
```

```
def test_macauff_crossmatch(  
    catalog_a_csv, catalog_b_csv, all_sky_params, gaia_all_sky_params, wise_all_sky_params  
):  
  
    catalog_a = Catalog(CatalogInfo({"catalog_name": "catalog_a"}), [HealpixPixel(0, 0)])  
    catalog_b = Catalog(CatalogInfo({"catalog_name": "catalog_b"}), [HealpixPixel(0, 0)])  
  
    algo = MacauffCrossmatch(  
        left=pd.read_csv(catalog_a_csv),  
        right=pd.read_csv(catalog_b_csv),  
        left_order=0,  
        left_pixel=0,  
        right_order=0,  
        right_pixel=0,  
        left_metadata=catalog_a,  
        right_metadata=catalog_b,  
        suffixes=("a", "b"),  
        right_margin_hc_structure=None,  
    )  
    algo.crossmatch(all_sky_params, gaia_all_sky_params, wise_all_sky_params, None, None)
```

```
Args:  
    algorithm (BuiltInCrossmatchAlgorithm | Type[AbstractCrossmatchAlgor  
        algorithm to use to perform the crossmatch. Can be either a string  
        the built-in cross-matching methods, or a custom method defined by  
        AbstractCrossmatchAlgorithm.  
  
Built-in methods:  
    -`kd_tree`: find the k-nearest neighbors using a kd_tree
```





- Macauff is great, lsdb is too.
- Now they can talk to each other! Either in using pre-generated all-sky association tables (such as those we are making through LSST:UK!), or through individual use-cases with the lsdb-macauff wrapper.
  - Still some work left to do — there's always more to be done in software development!
- Extends lsdb-scale catalogue analysis to probabilistic cross-matching, much-needed in the era of LSST!

