

Enabling Rubin Science with Robust Cross-Matches in the Crowded LSST Sky

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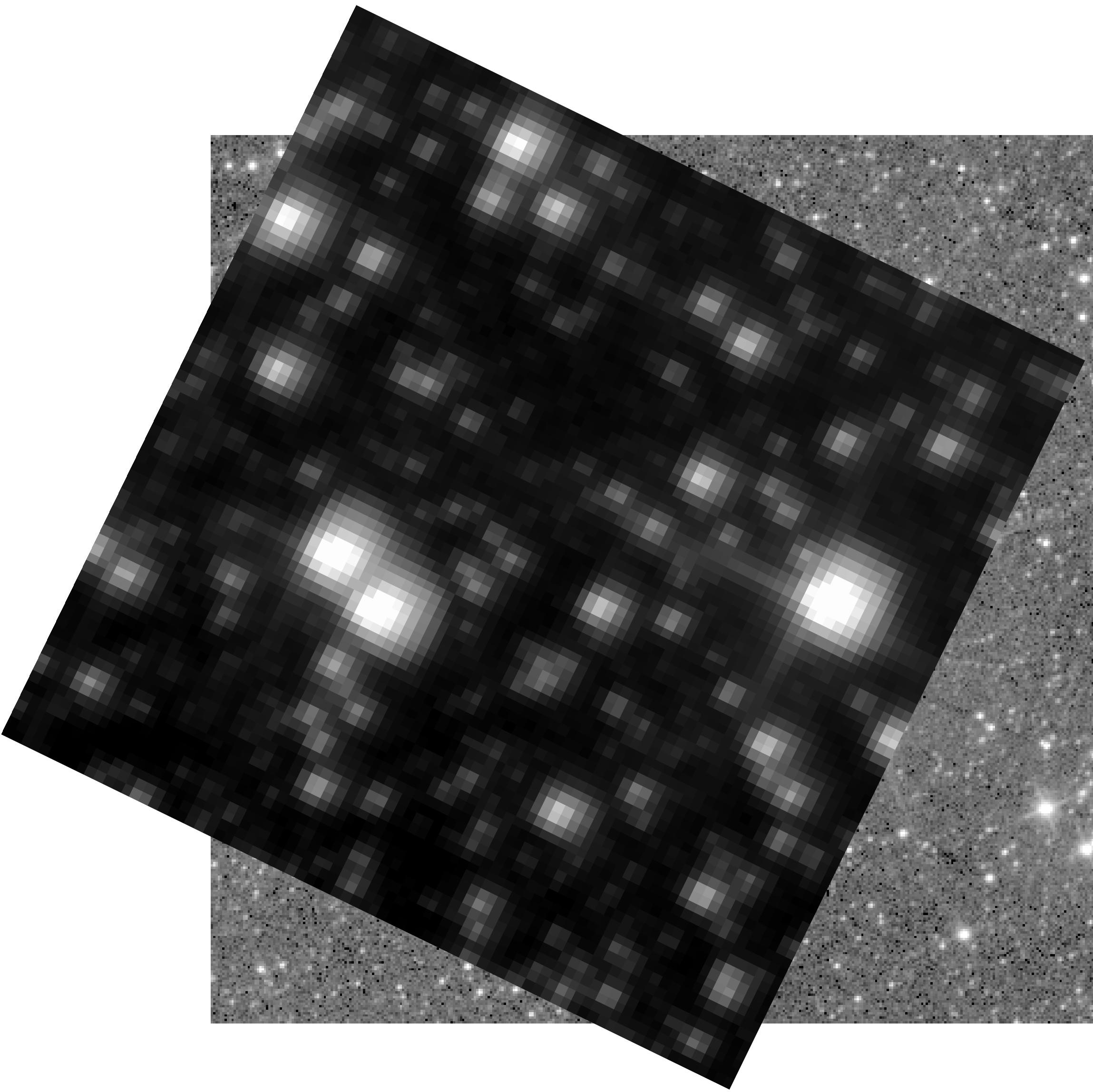


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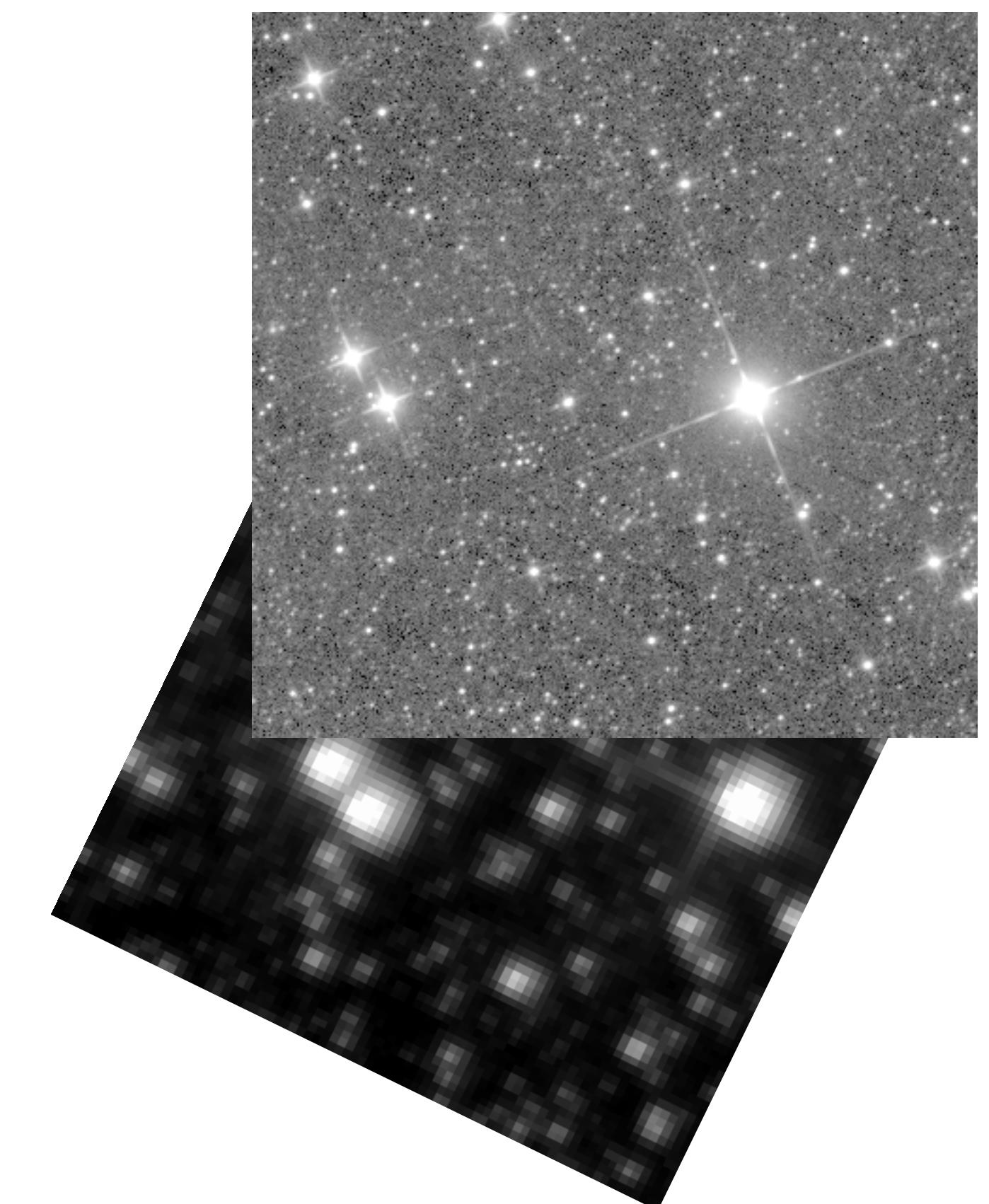
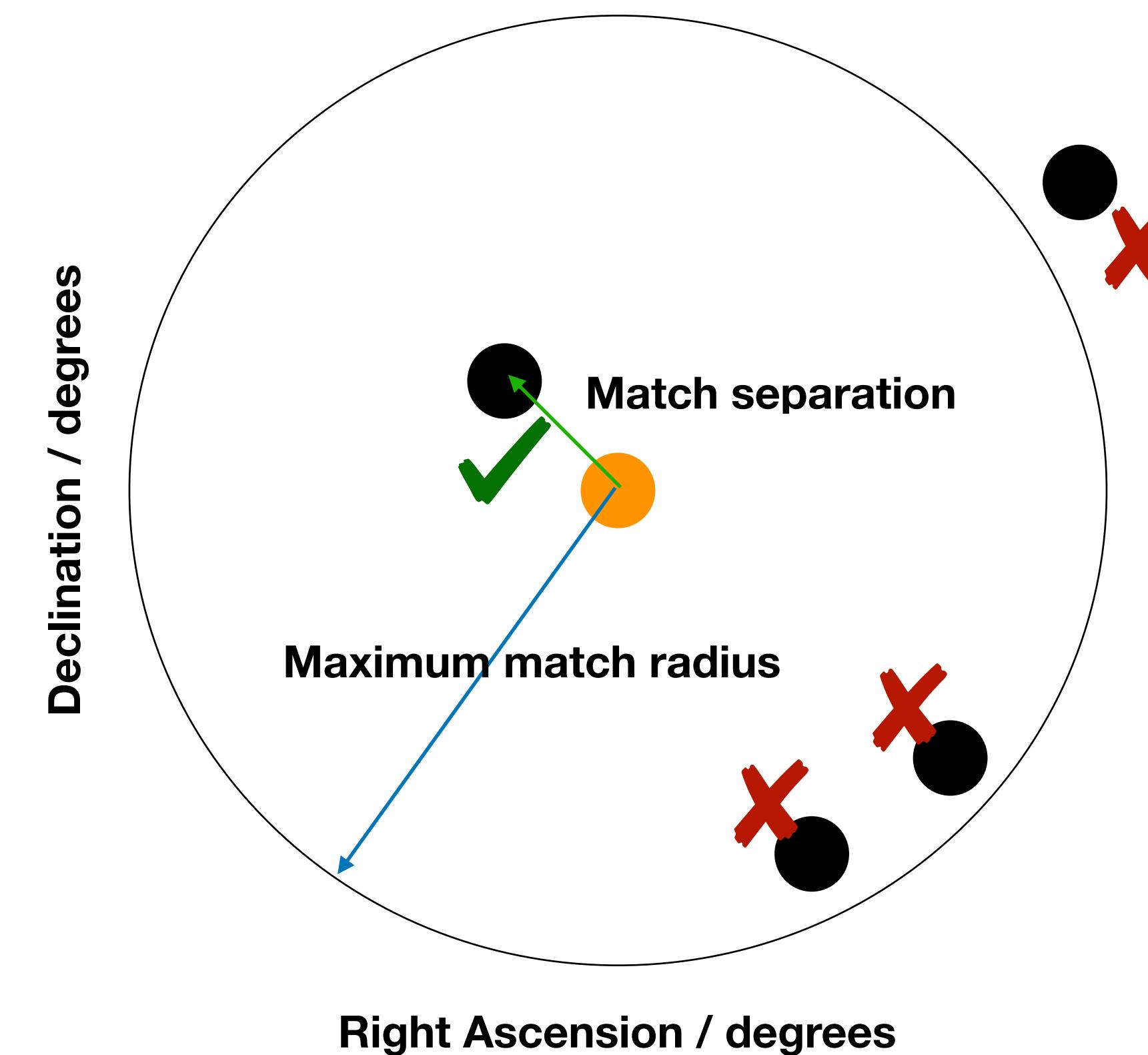
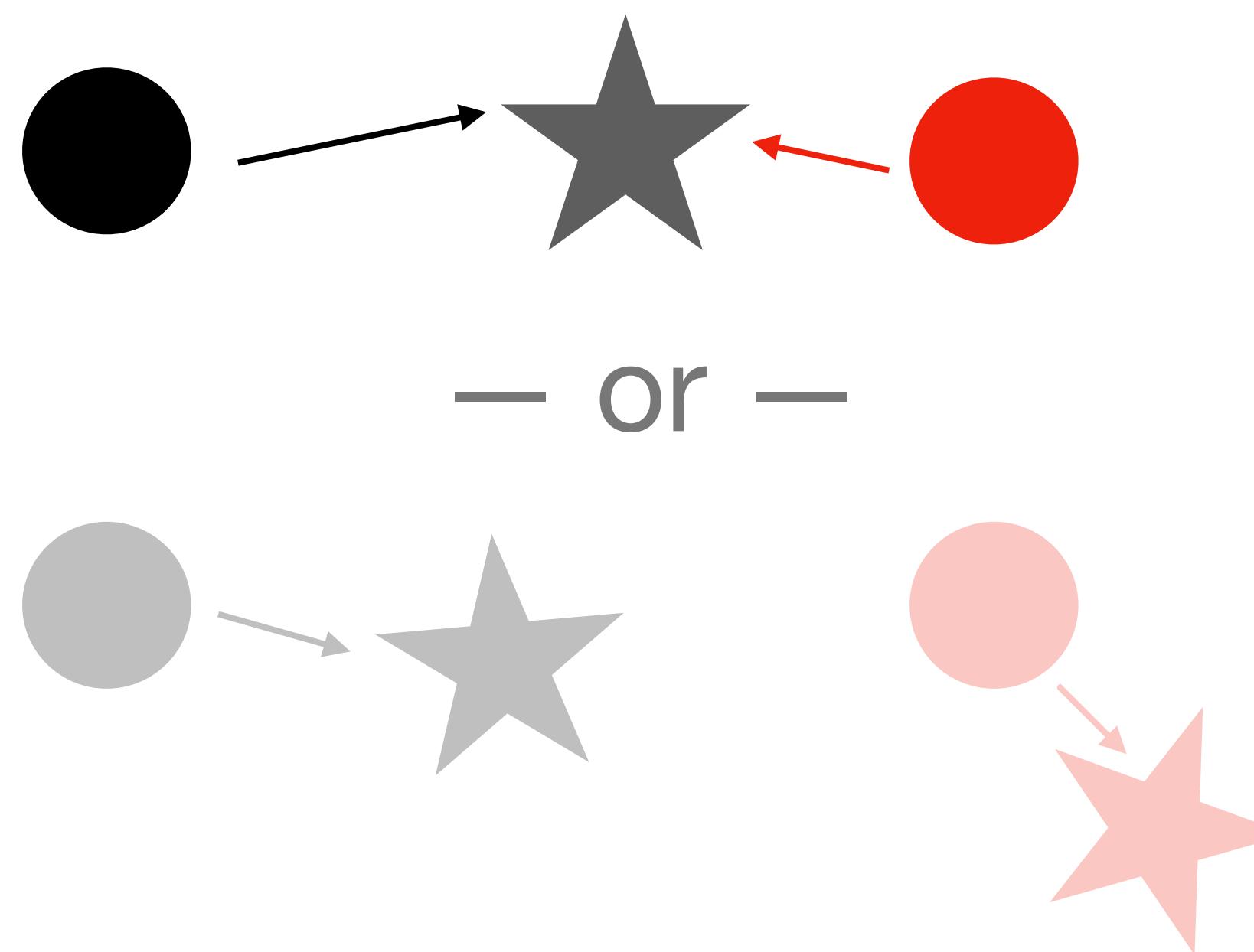
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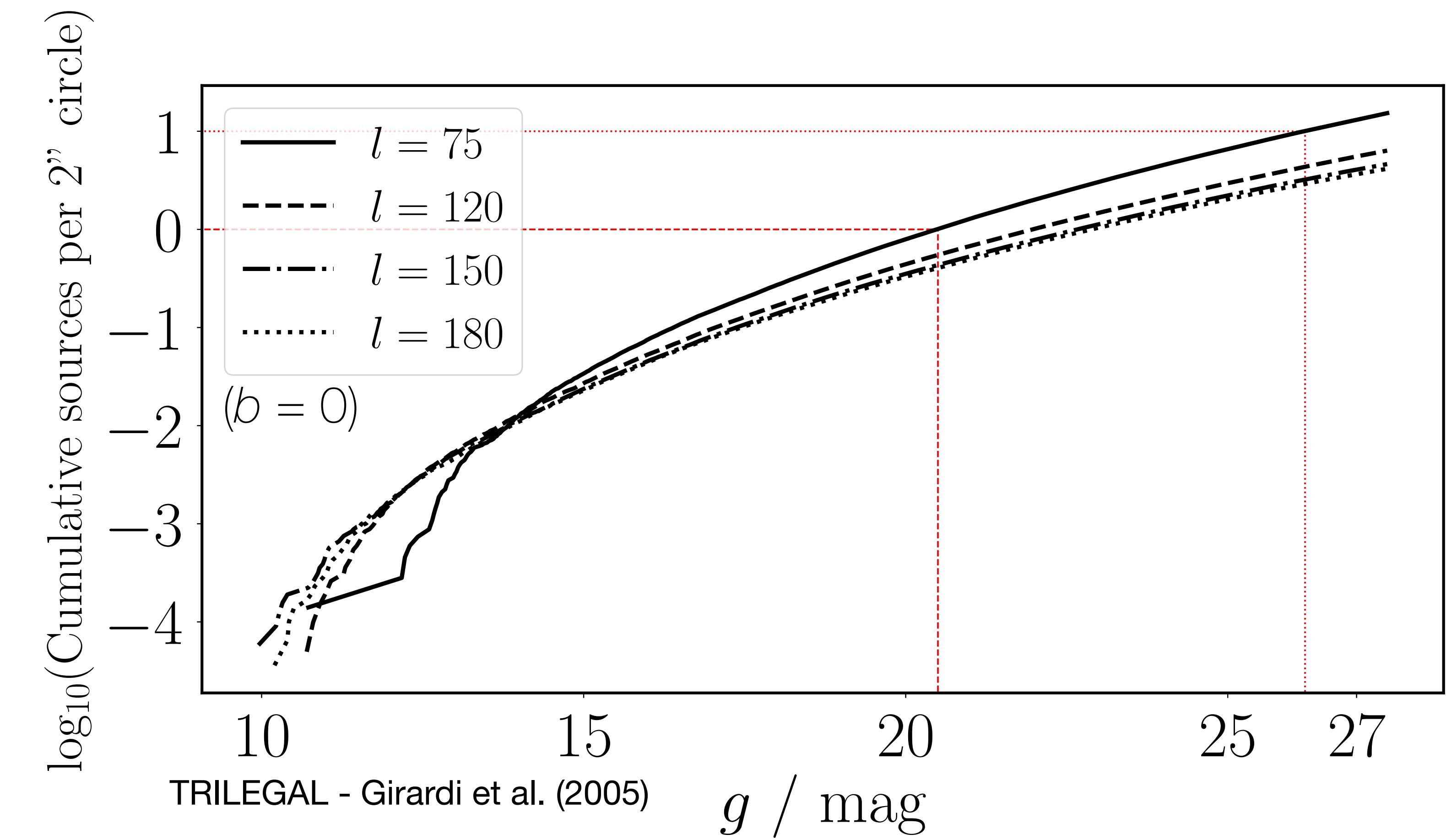
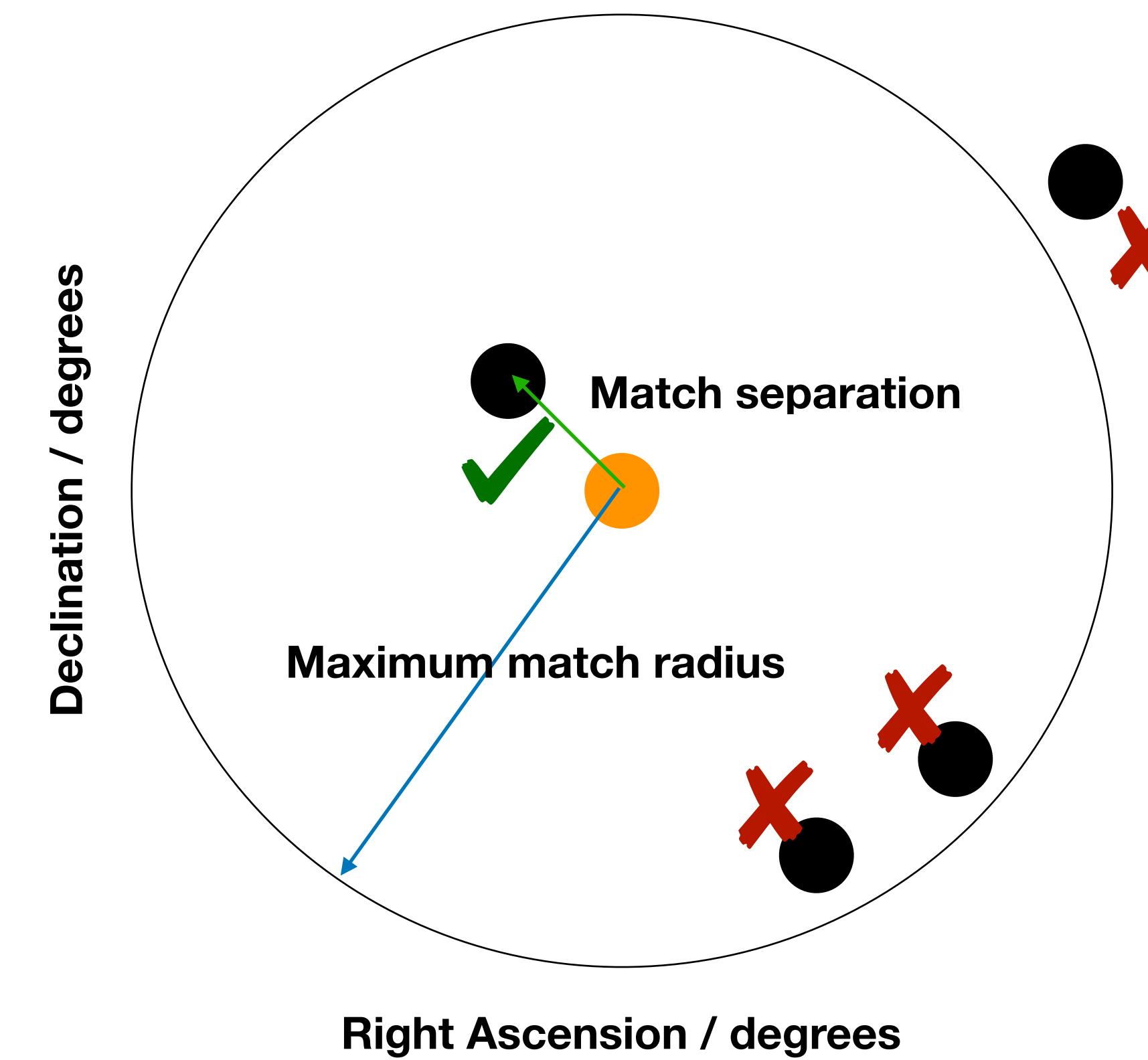
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“Simple” Cross-Matching

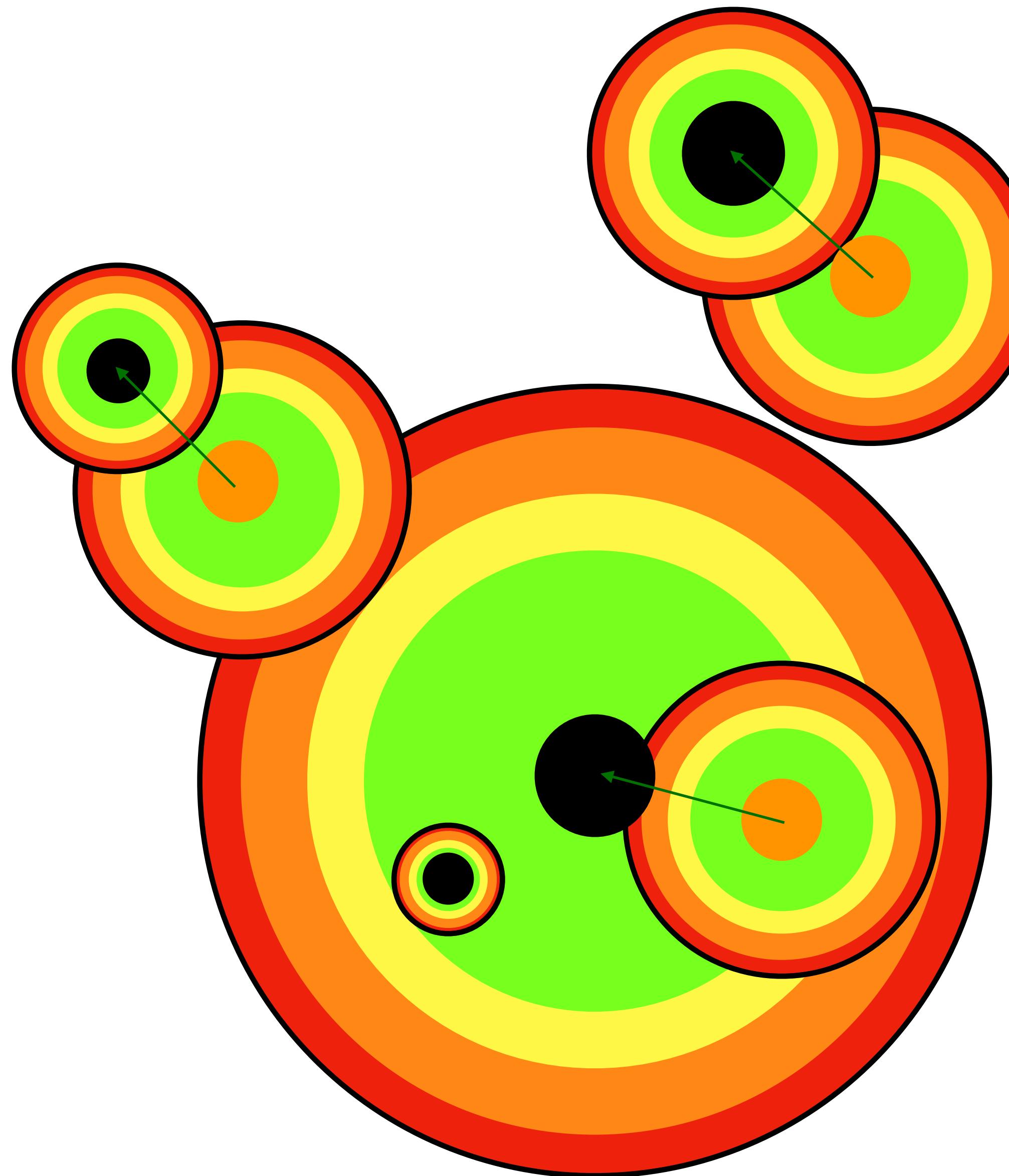


The Problem With Rubin Obs.'s LSST

**Nearest neighbour/
proximity matching**



Probabilistic Cross-Matching



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

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

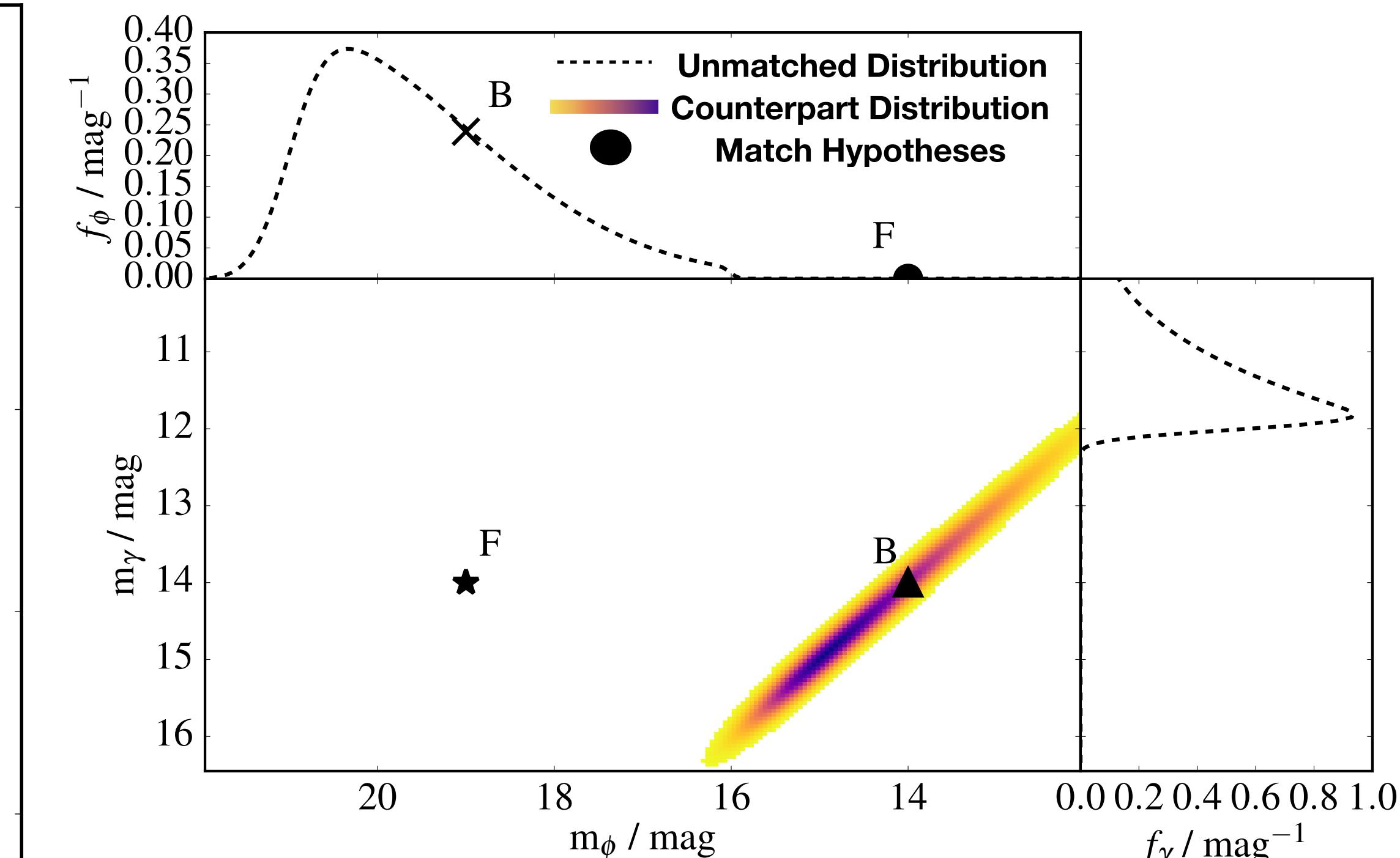
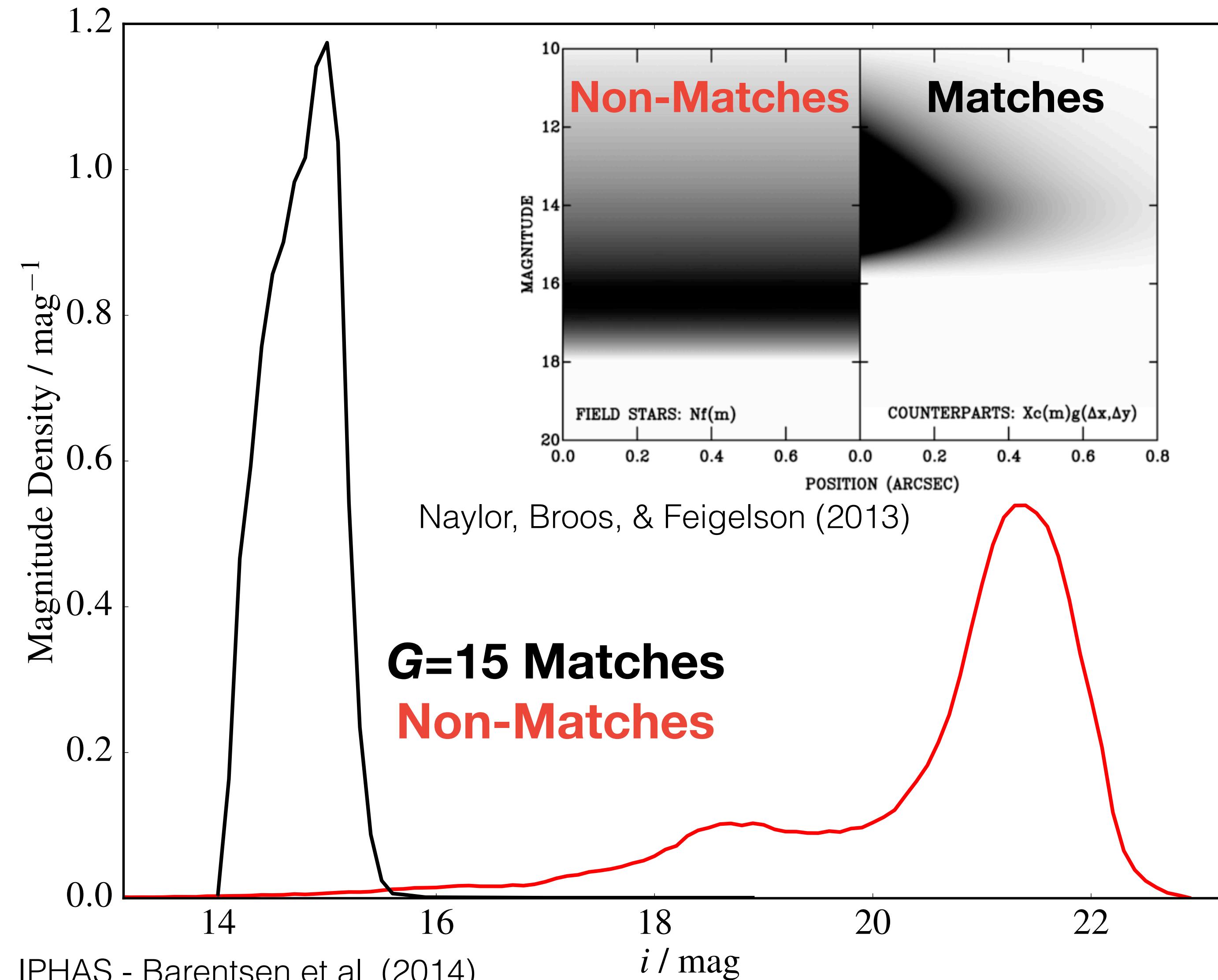
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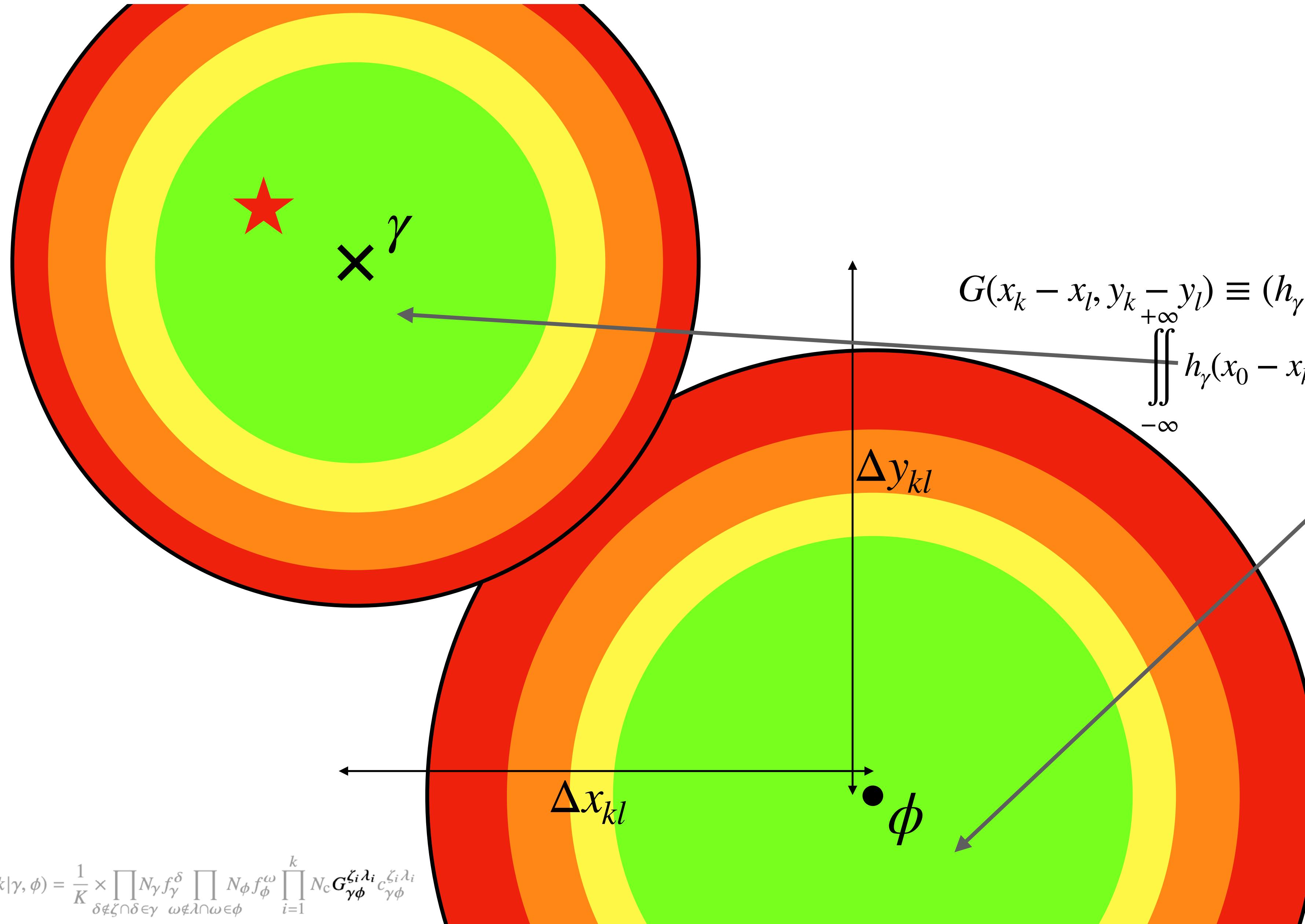
Including Magnitude Information

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The photometry-based likelihoods (c and f) allow us to mitigate high false positive rate in crowded fields, but now we need the position-based likelihood G

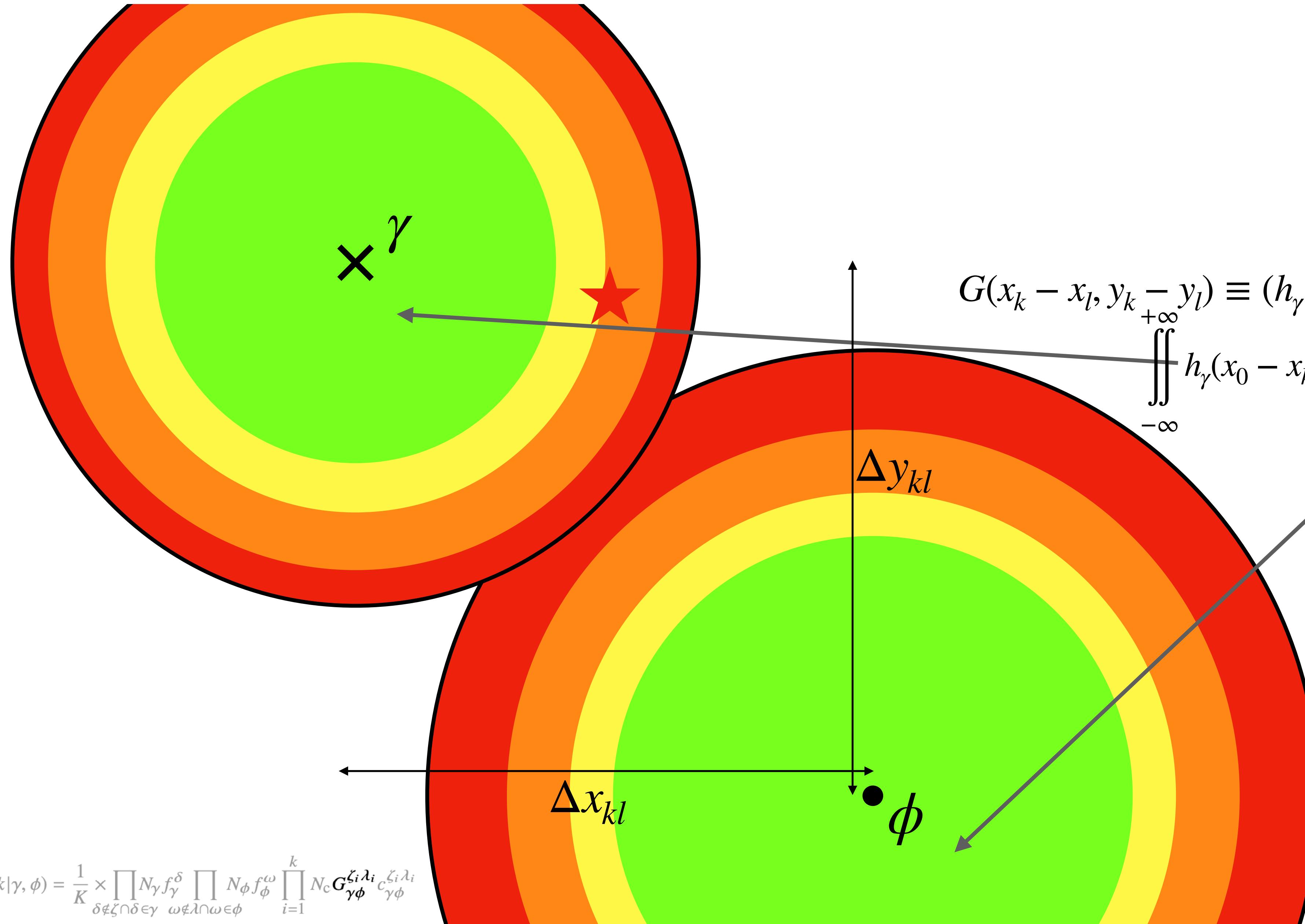
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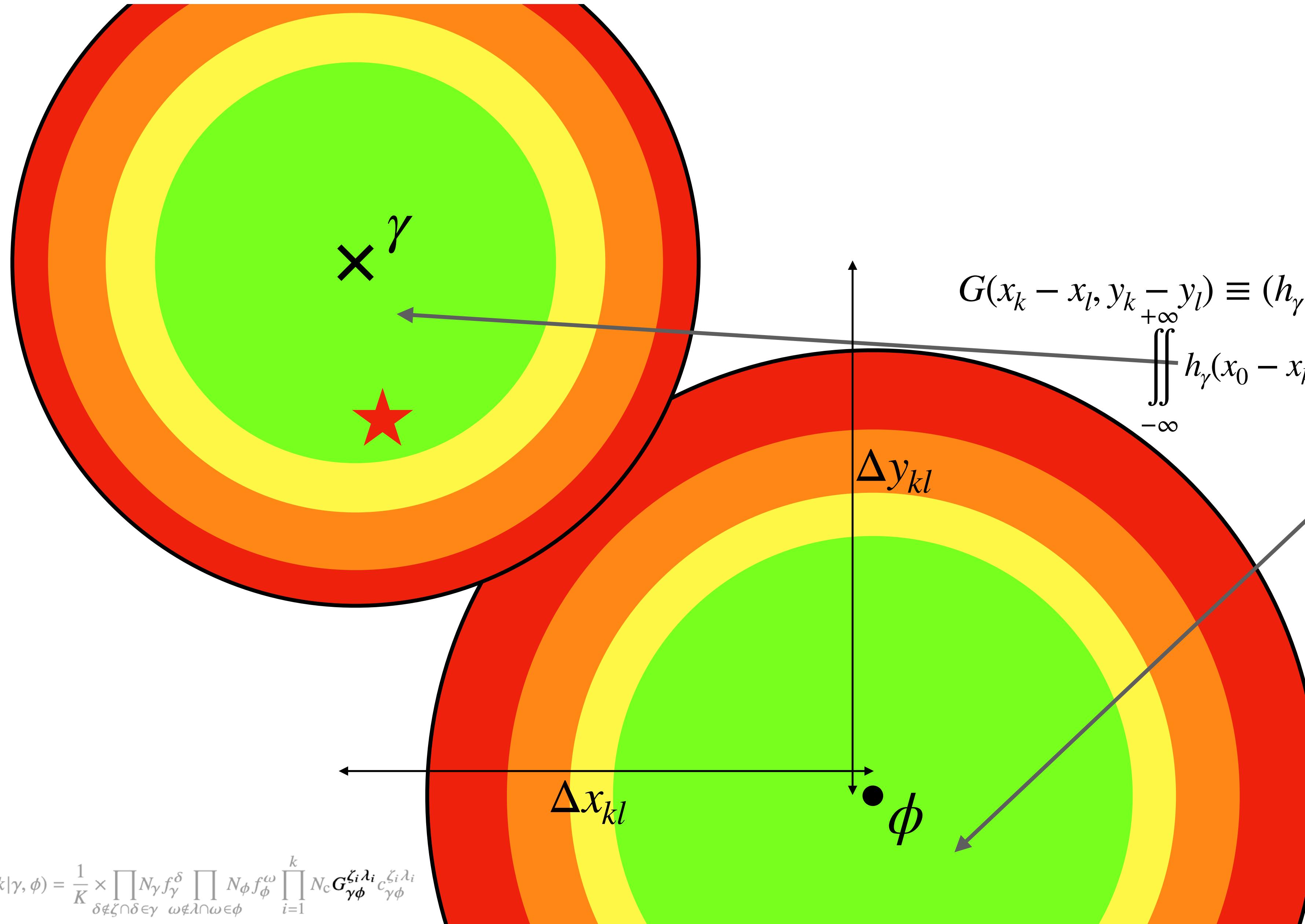
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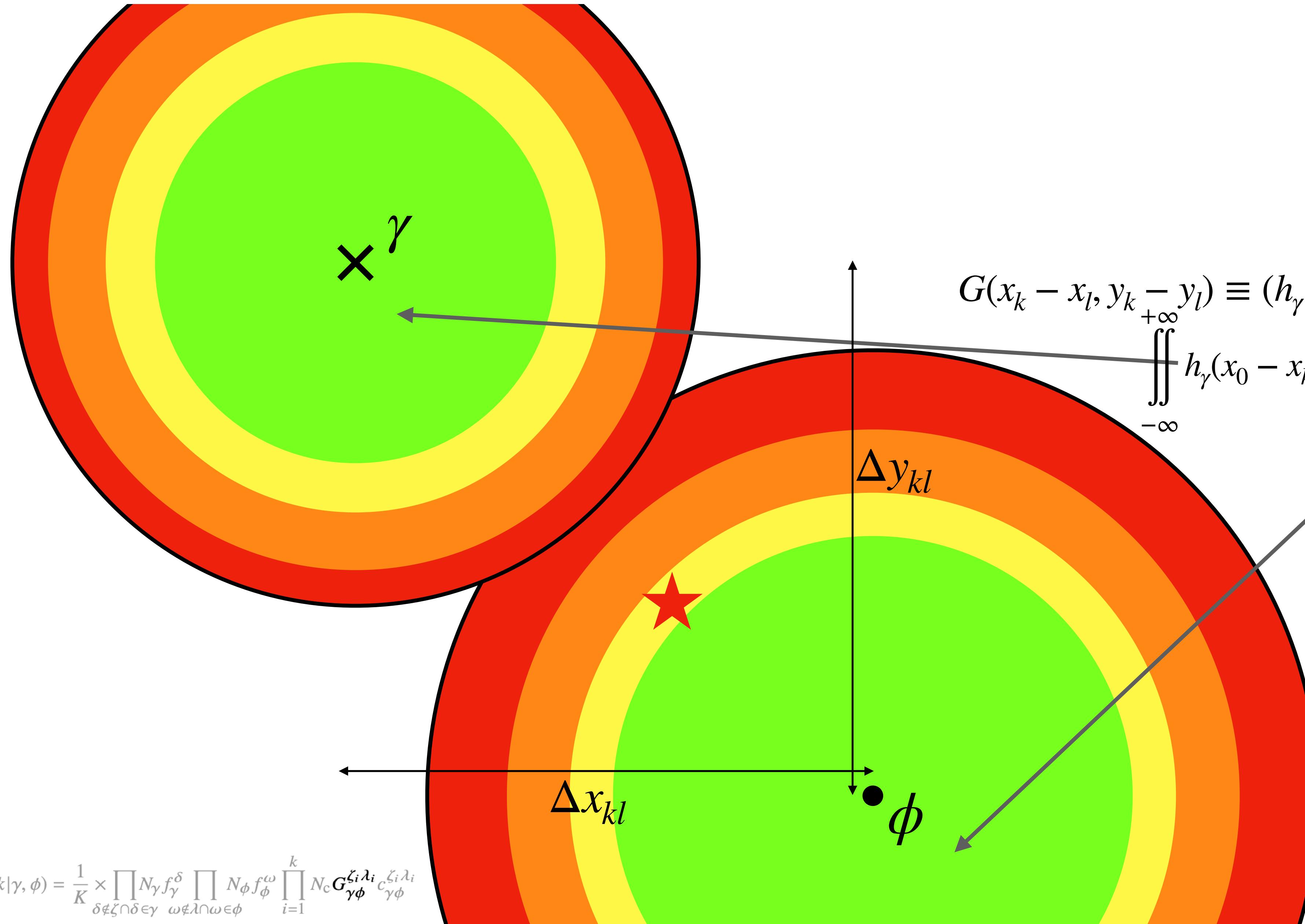
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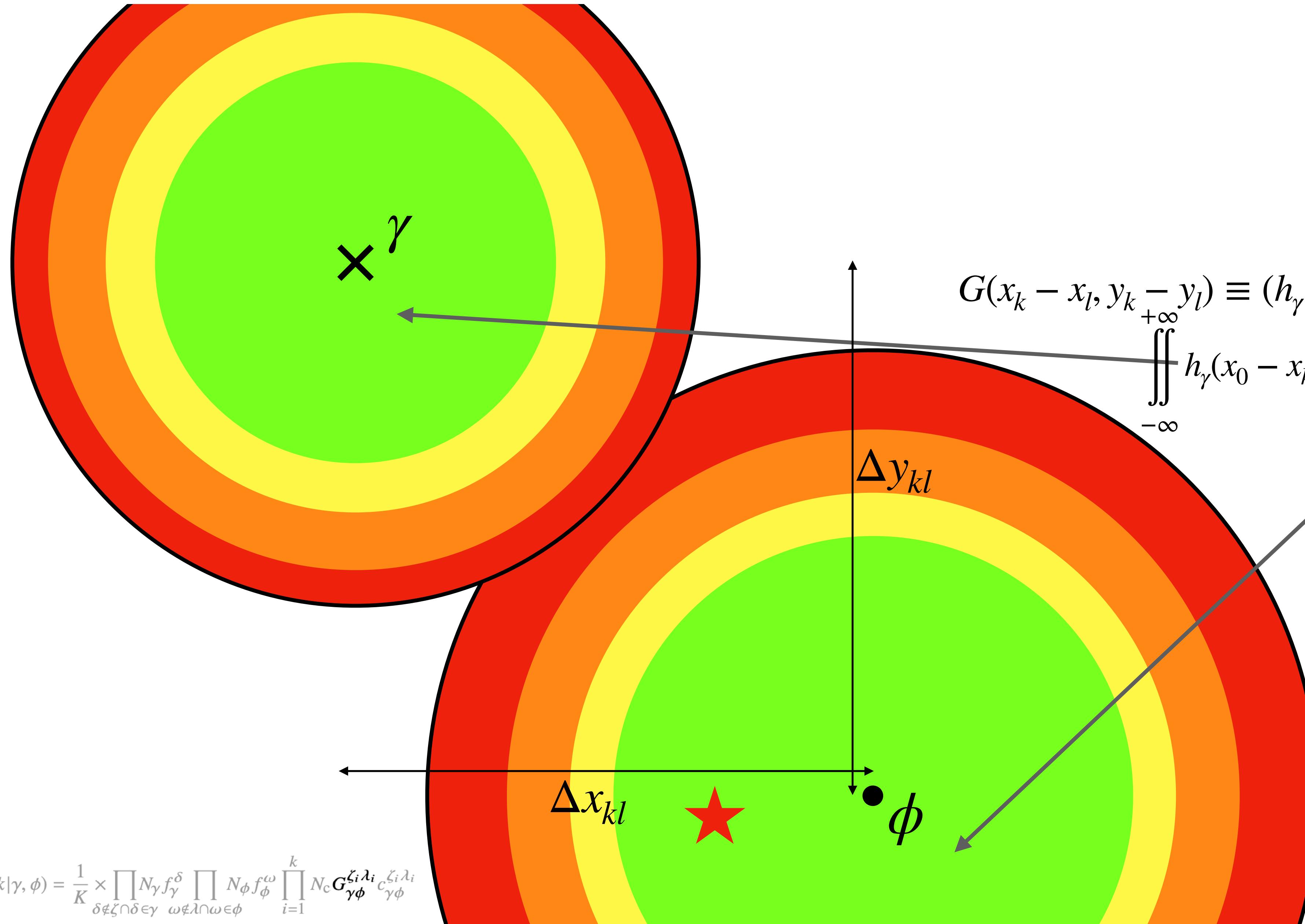
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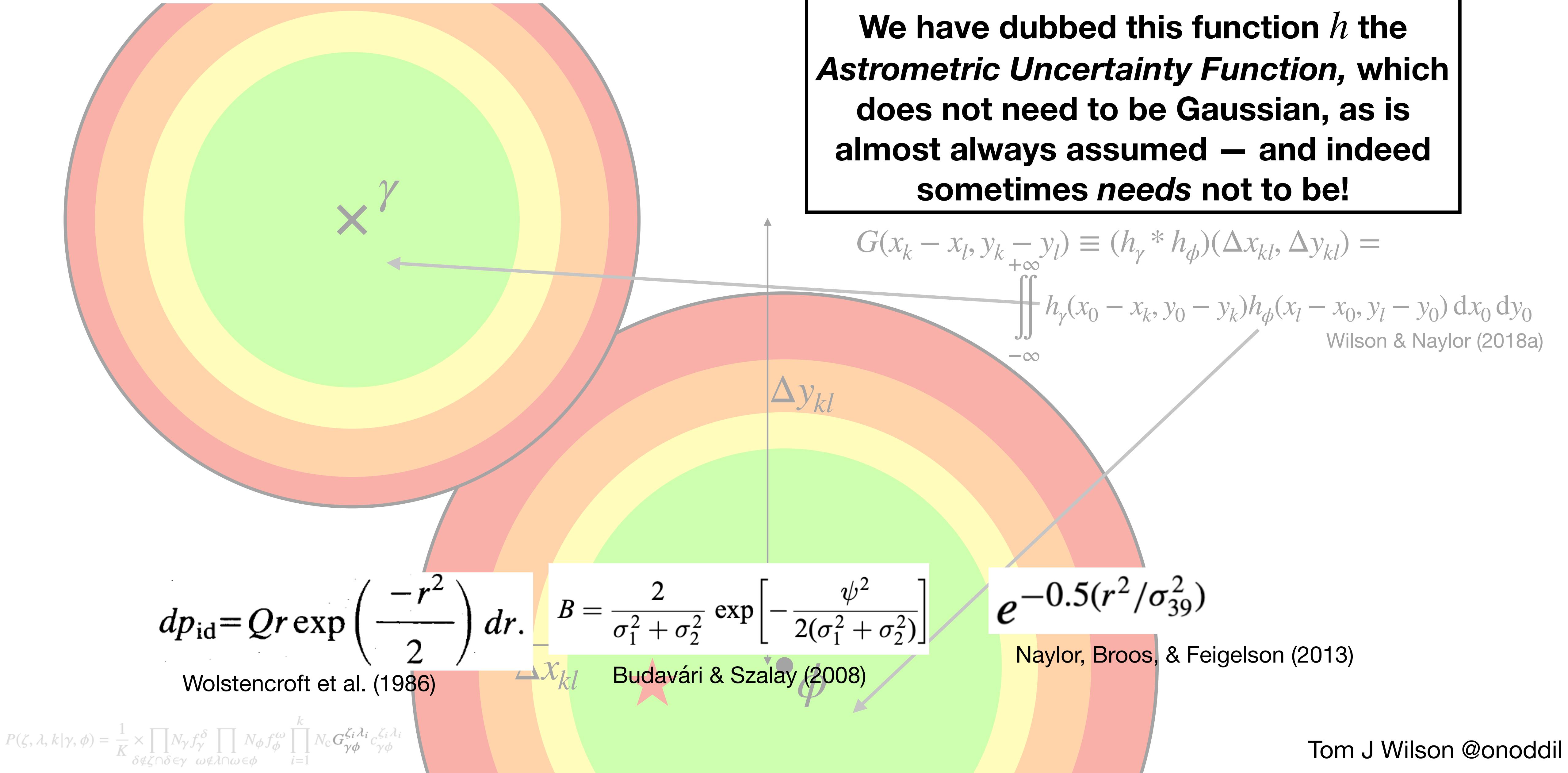
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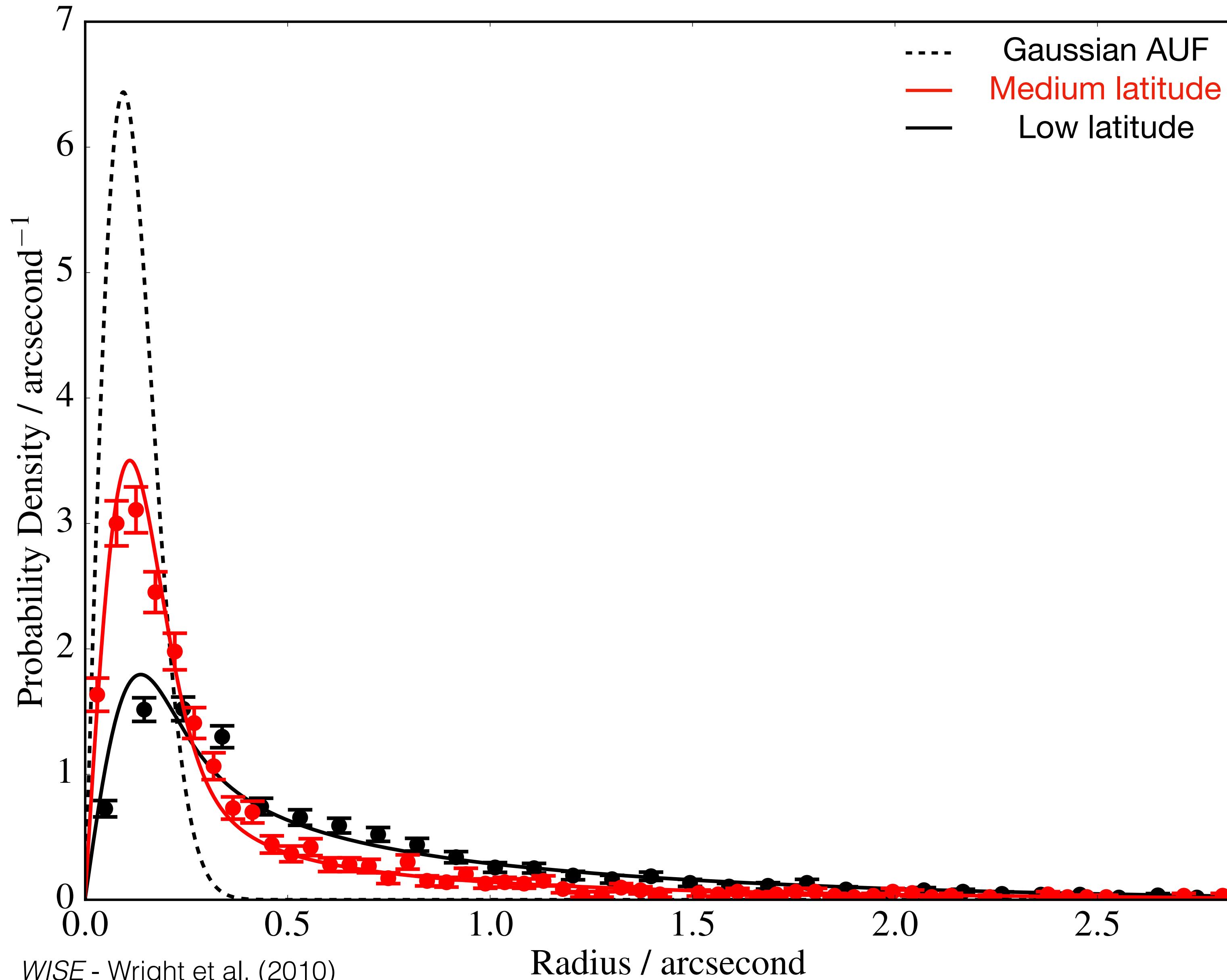
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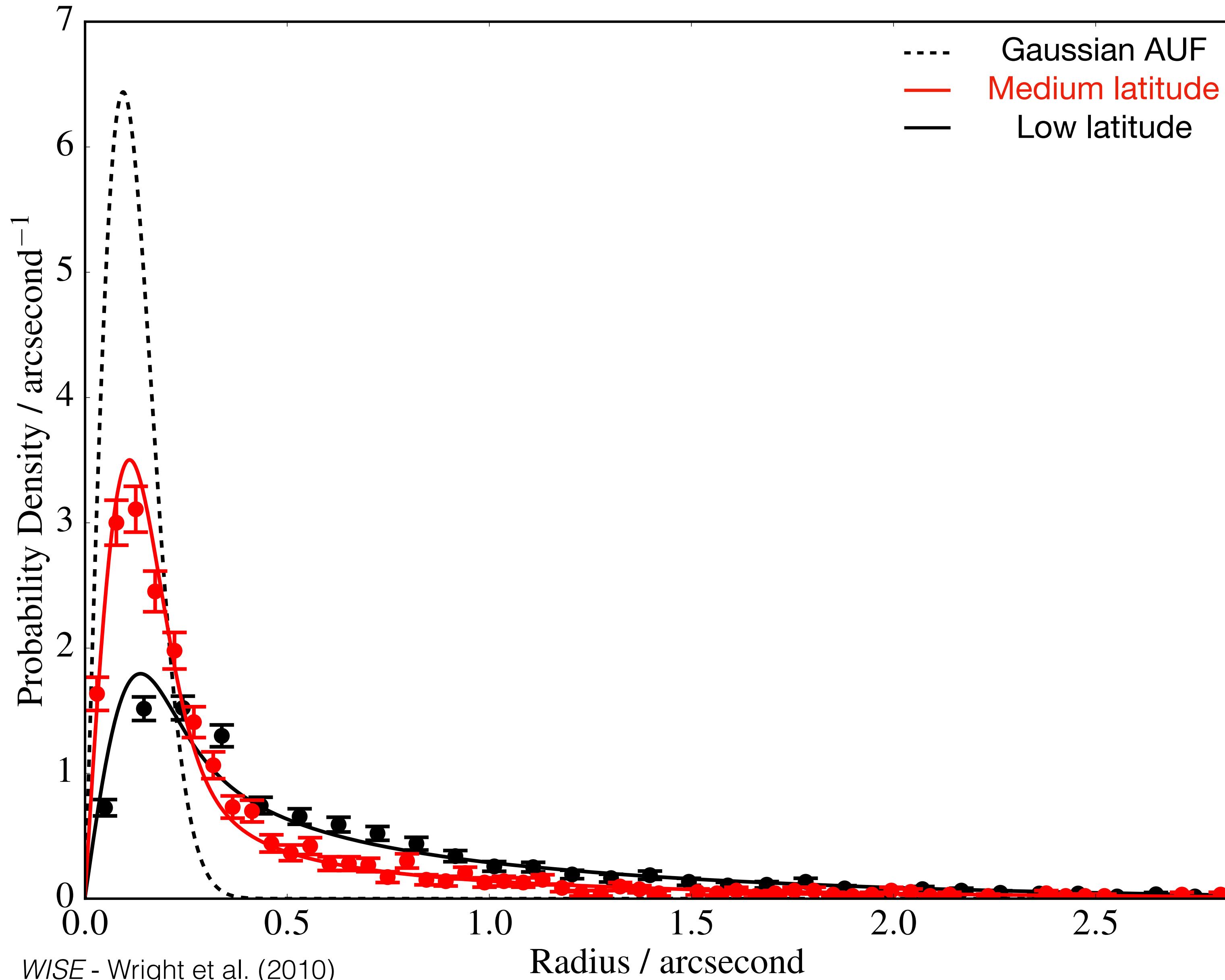
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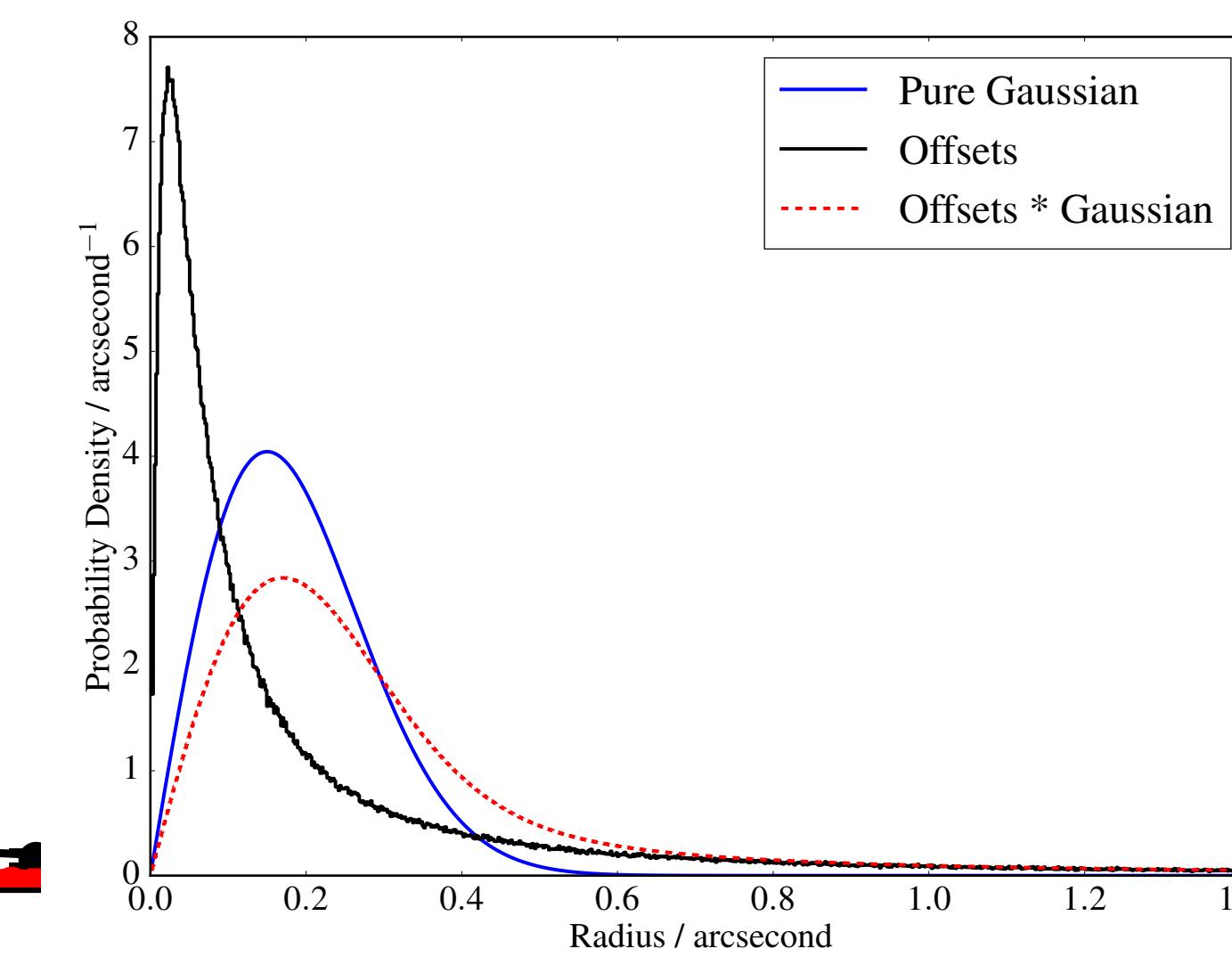
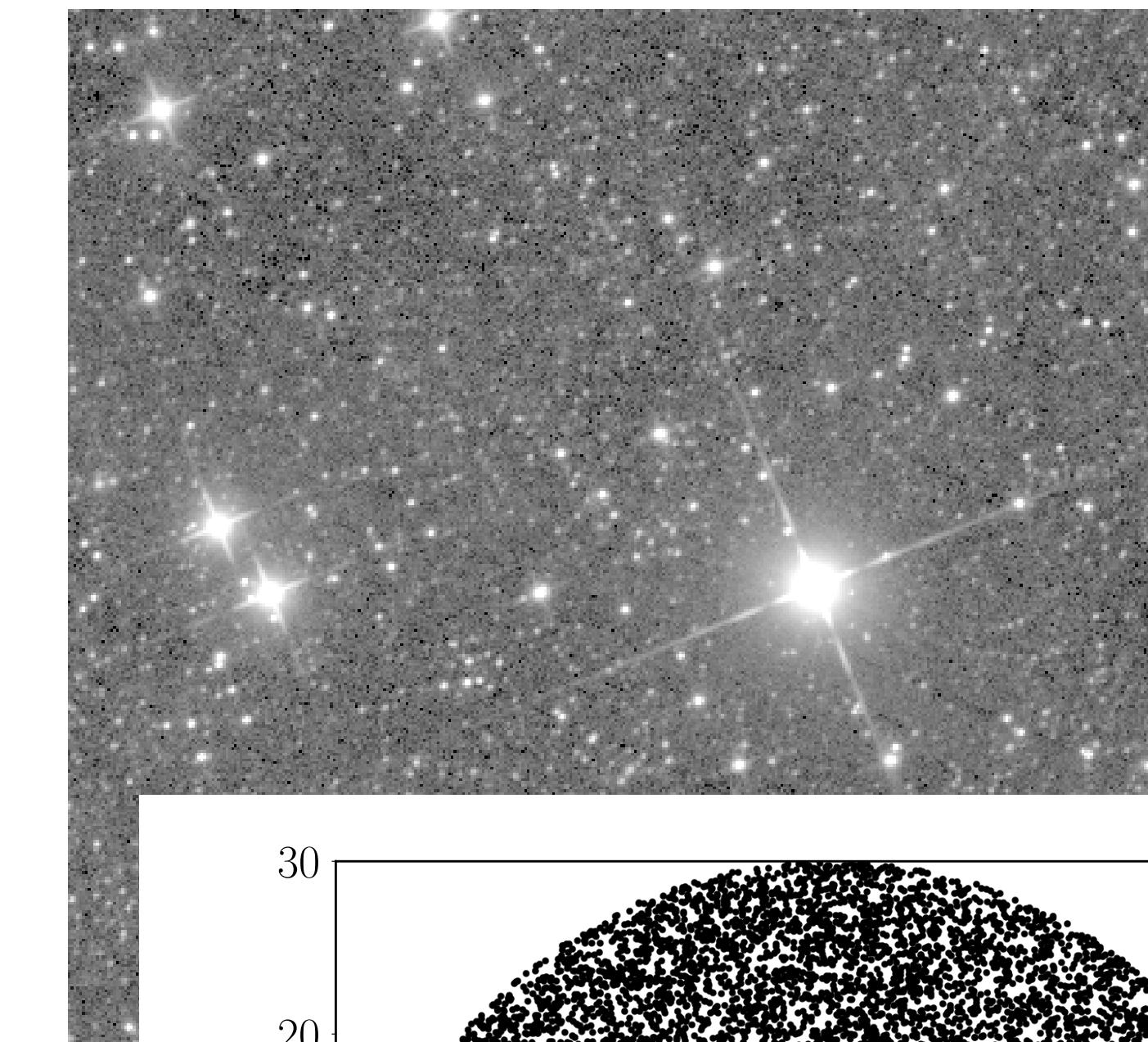
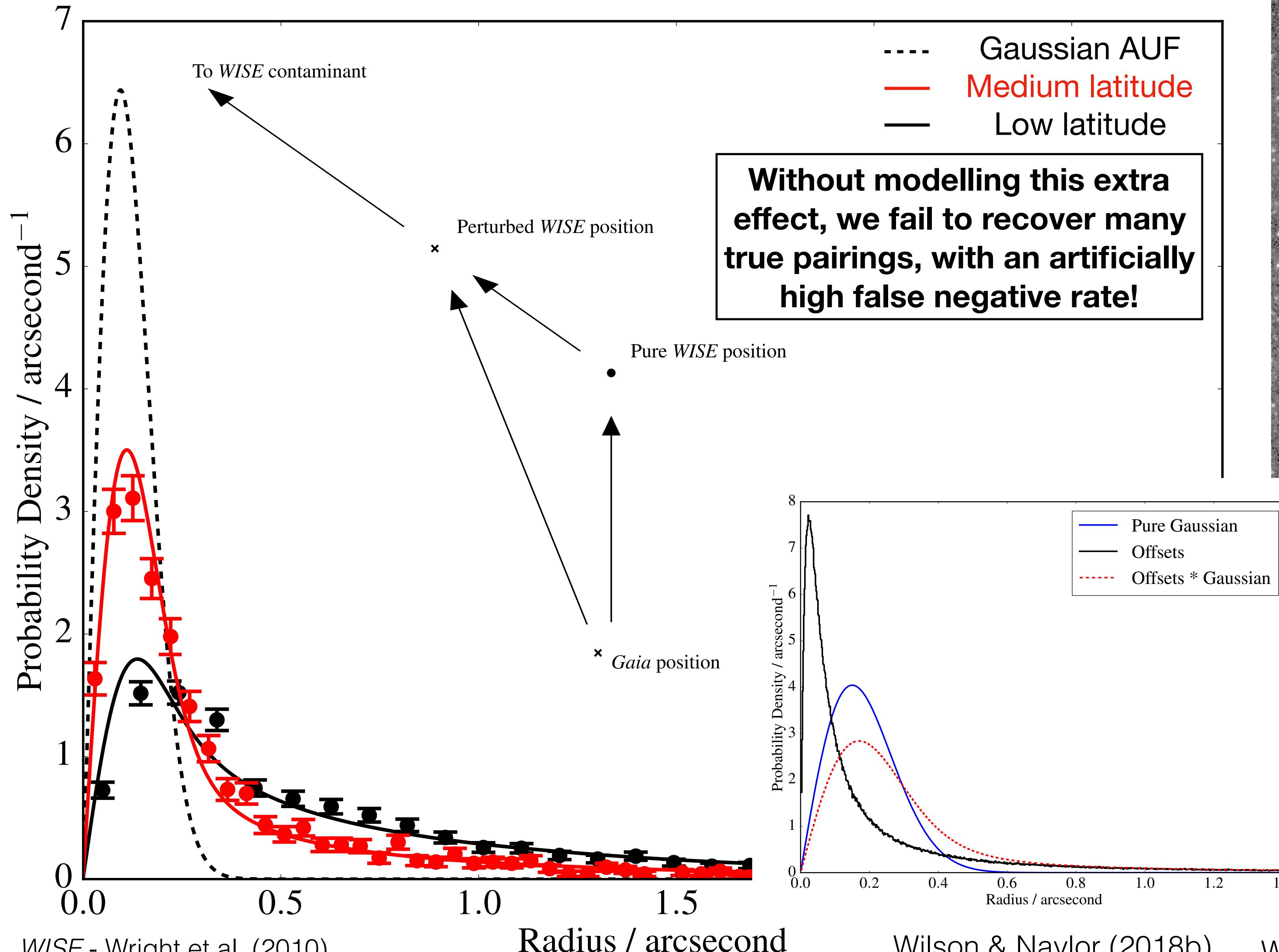
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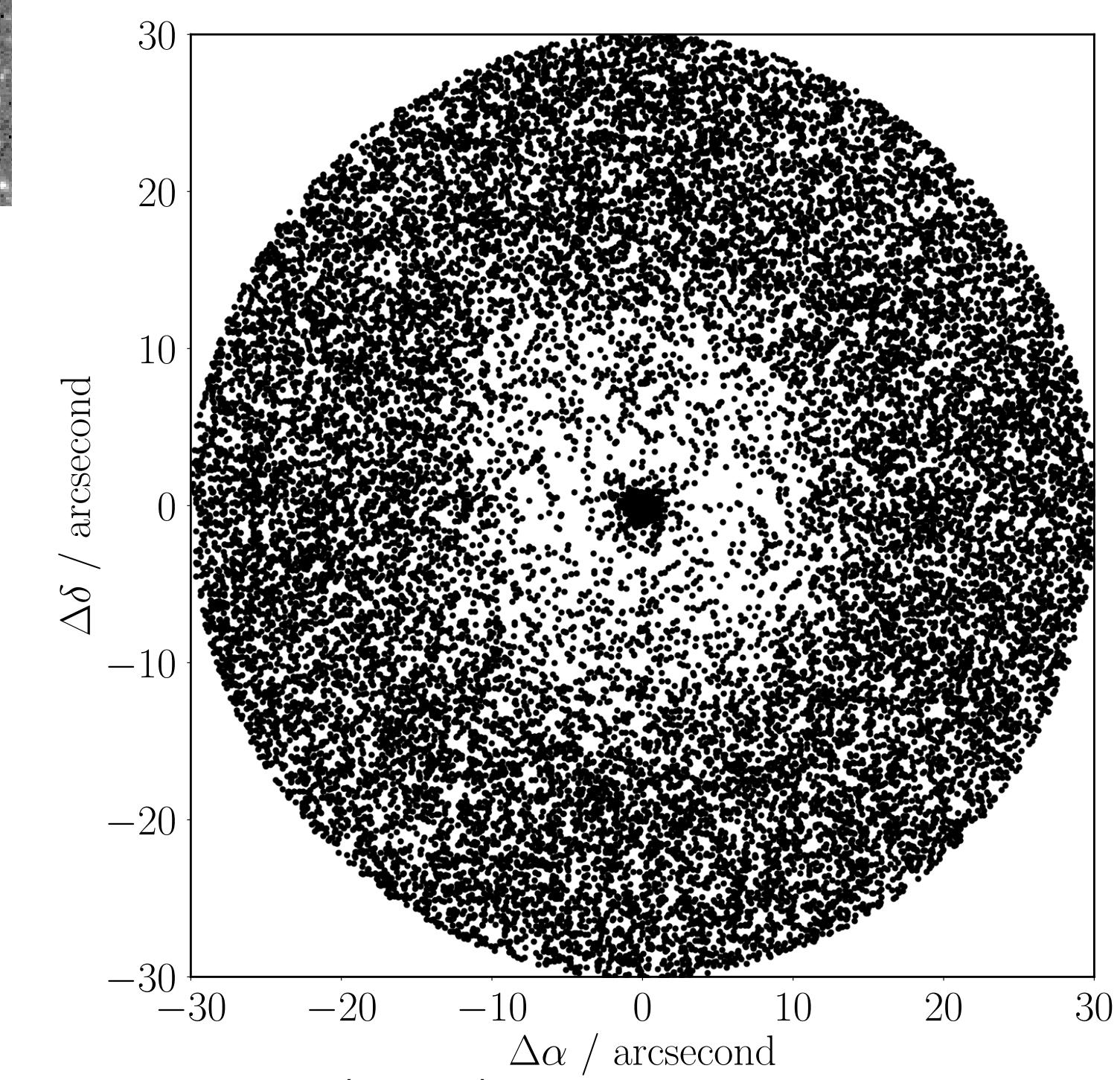
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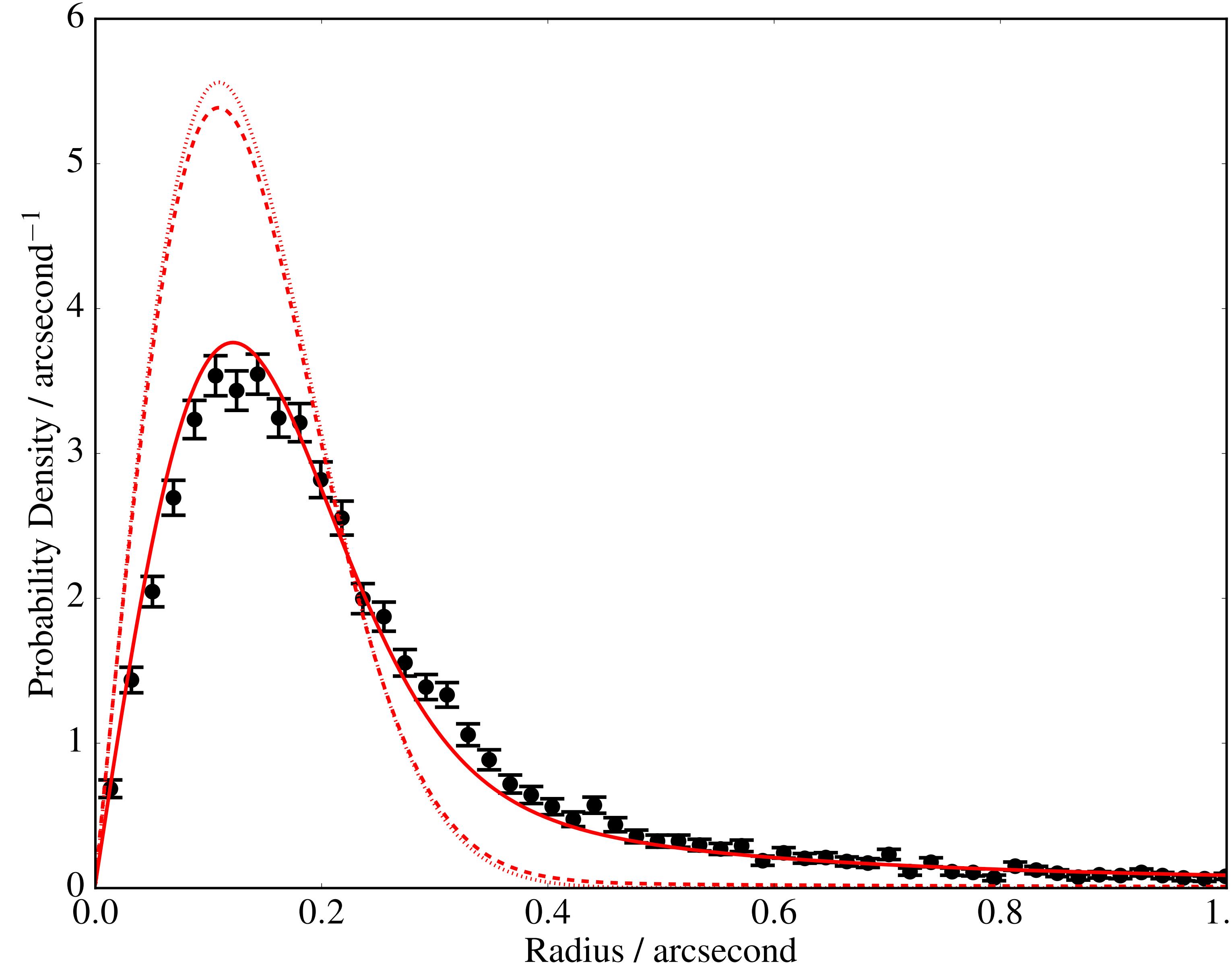
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Wilson & Naylor (2017)

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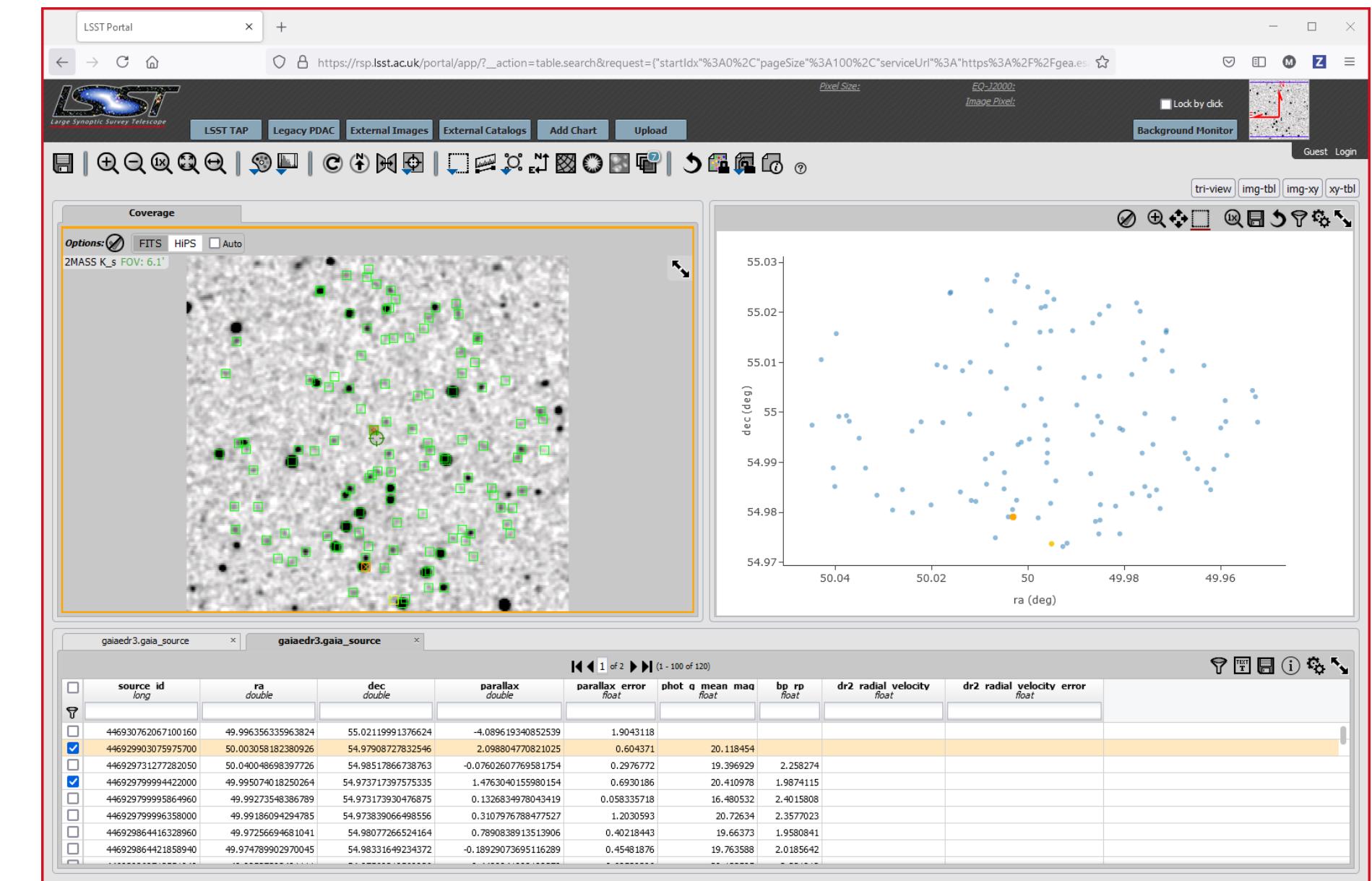
Extra-galactic Effects of Crowding



How To Use Our Cross-Matches

(Or, how this impacts you on a day-to-day basis)

Three tables per cross-match: merged catalogue dataset, and 2x non-match dataset (one per catalogue)



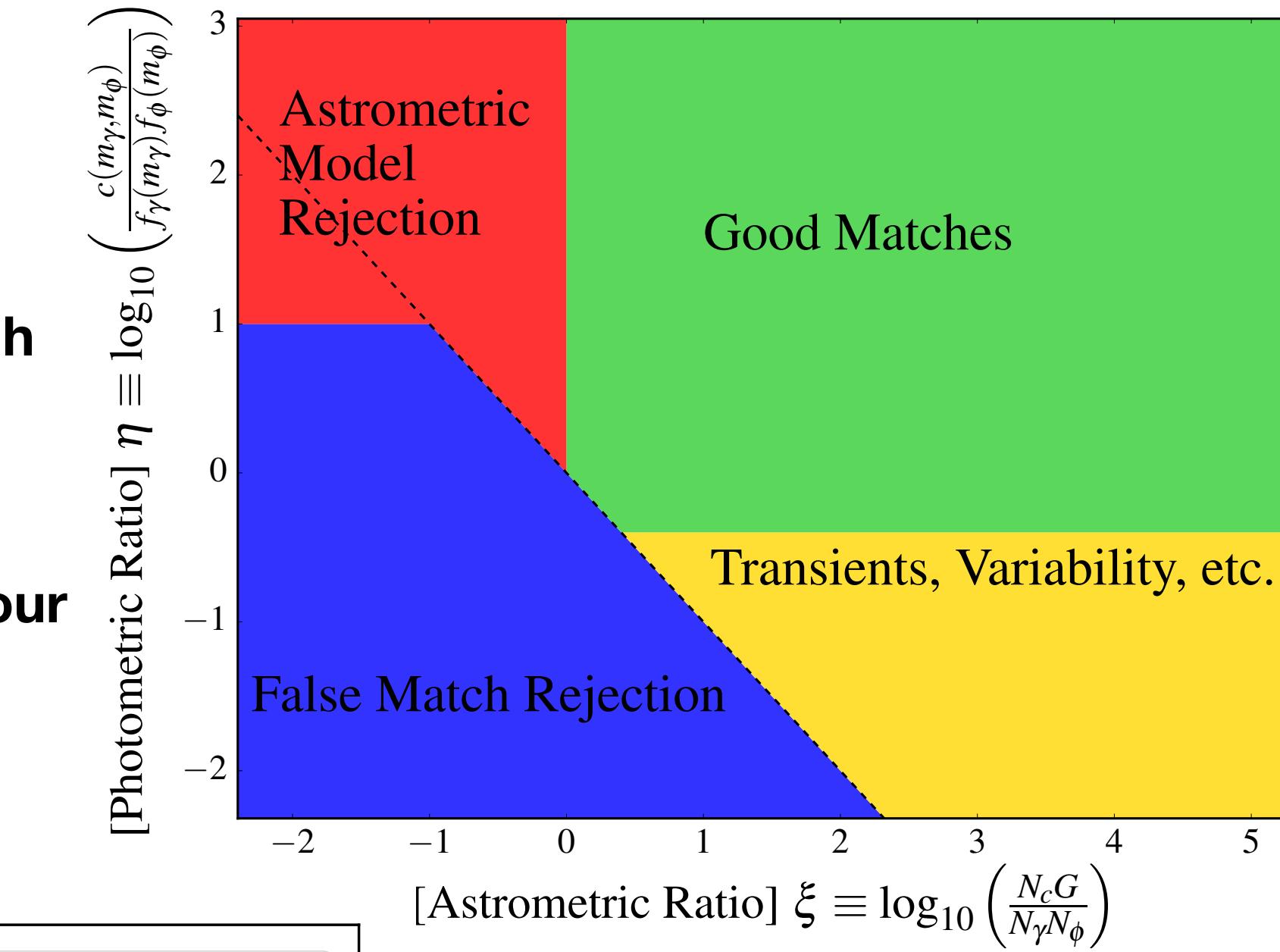
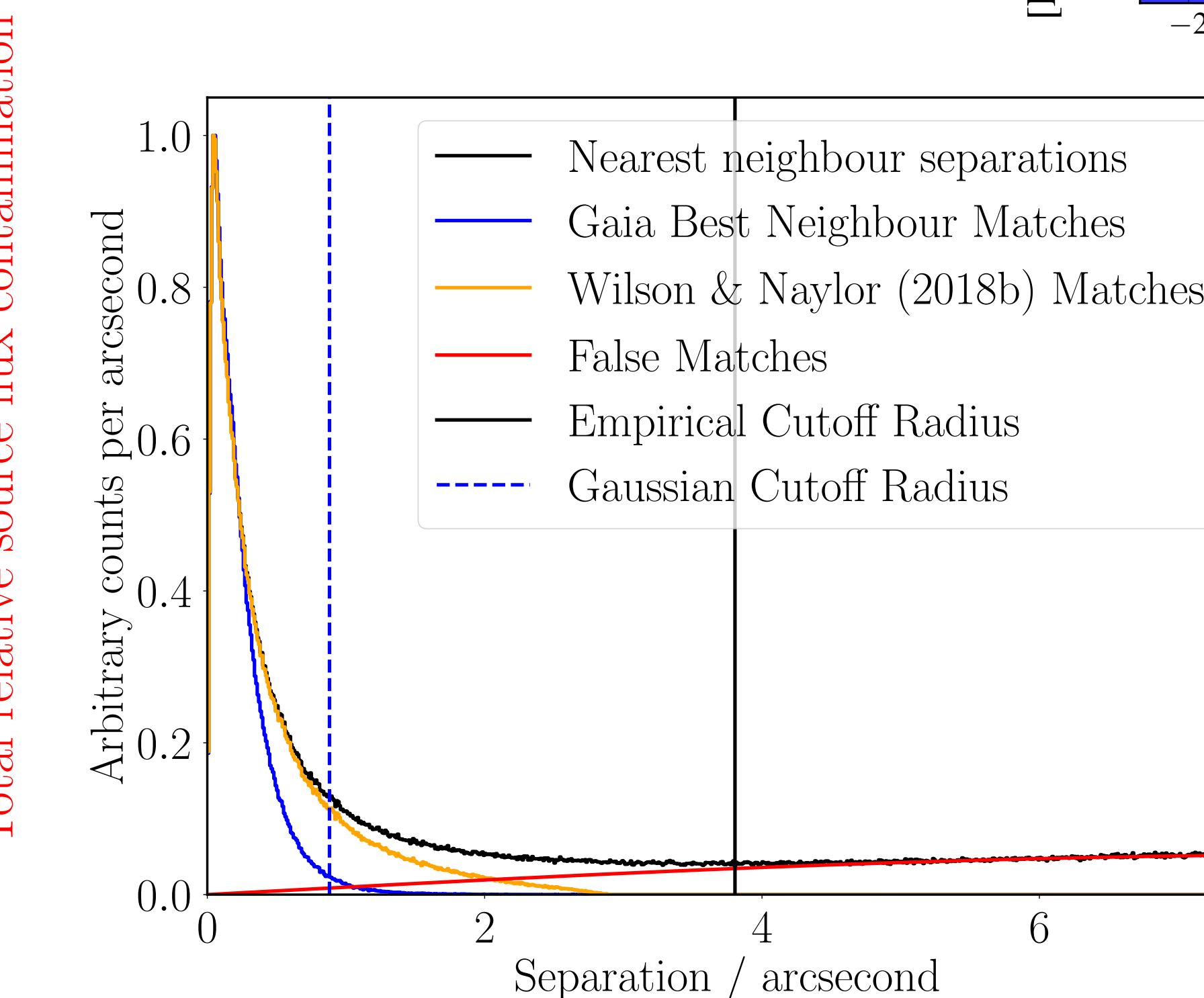
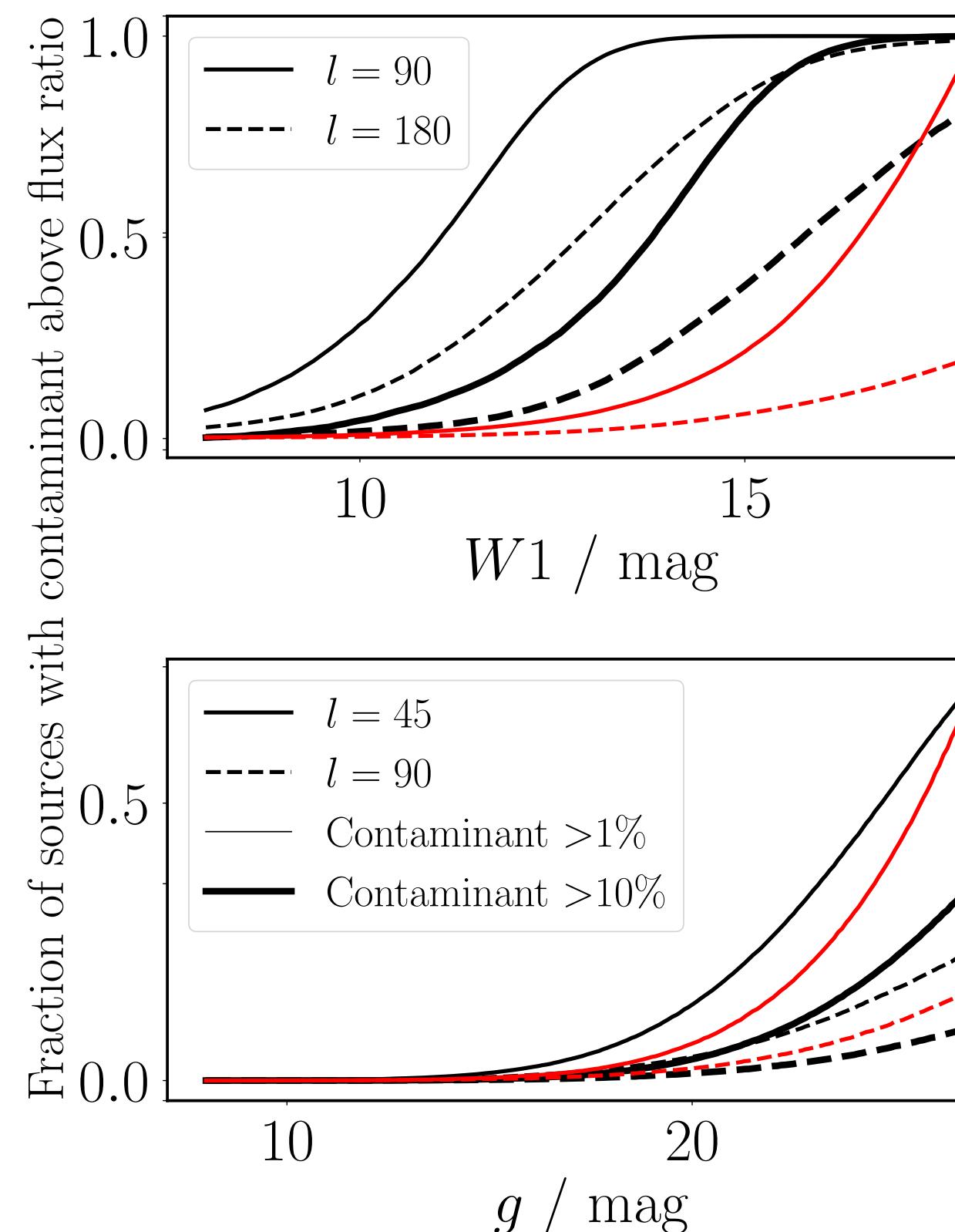
Example columns:

- Designations of the two sources (e.g., WISE J... and Gaia EDR3...)
- RA and Dec (or Galactic l/b) of the two sources
- Magnitudes (corrected for necessary effects, such as e.g. Gaia) in all bandpasses for both objects
- Match probability – probability of the most likely permutation (see equation 26 of Wilson & Naylor 2018a)
- Eta - Photometric likelihood ratio (counterpart vs non-match probability, just for brightnesses; see eq37 of WN18a)
- Xi - Astrometric likelihood ratio (just position match/non-match comparison; see eq38 of WN18a)
- Average contamination - simulated mean (percentile) brightening of the two sources, based on number density of catalogue
- Probability of sources having blended contaminant above e.g. 1% relative flux

We will provide a two match runs per catalogue pair match: one with, and one without, the photometry considered, to allow for the recovery of sources with “weird” colours but otherwise agreeable astrometry

Why Use Our Cross-Matches?

- Getting cross-matches, even for “well behaved” fields
- Finding “odd” objects, either using the inclusion vs non-inclusion of the photometry in the two match runs, or via the likelihood ratio space – planned “real time” matching service for transient objects
- Removing e.g. IR excess or correcting for extinction-like crowding brightening, through Average Contamination; crucial for removing completely unknown crowding of catalogues using aperture photometry
- 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 in-progress extension to unknown proper motion modelling



Conclusions

- Upcoming LSST:UK cross-match service macauff — let me know your thoughts/needs/hopes/dreams
 - Provide tables of cross-matches between LSST and <your favourite catalogue here!>
- Our cross-matches include two key elements for avoiding issues with the crowded LSST sky
 - A generalised approach to the Astrometric Uncertainty Function allows for the inclusion of the effects of perturbation due to blended sources and unknown proper motions — reduce false -ves!
 - Use of the photometry of sources allows for the rejection of false matches (with >1 “extra” source per 2 arcsecond circle in most of the LSST Galactic plane) — reduce false +ves!
- Will include additional information on the crowding of sources, allowing for selection of uncontaminated objects, or modelling of excess flux — crucial for removal of red excess in SEDs
 - LSST will suffer of order 10% flux contamination, which could be confused with extinction



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