

The low-redshift distance-redshift relation beyond FLRW

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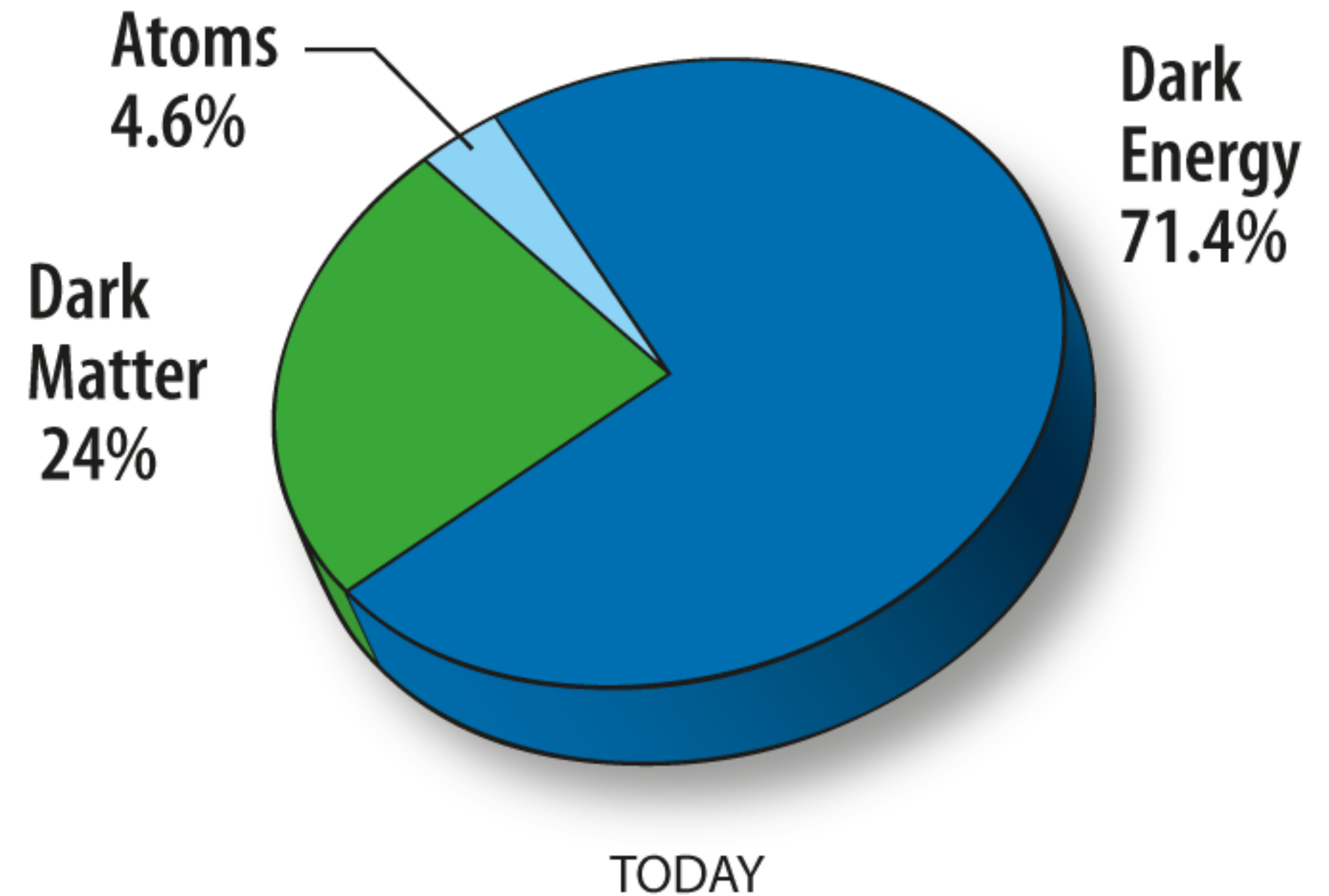
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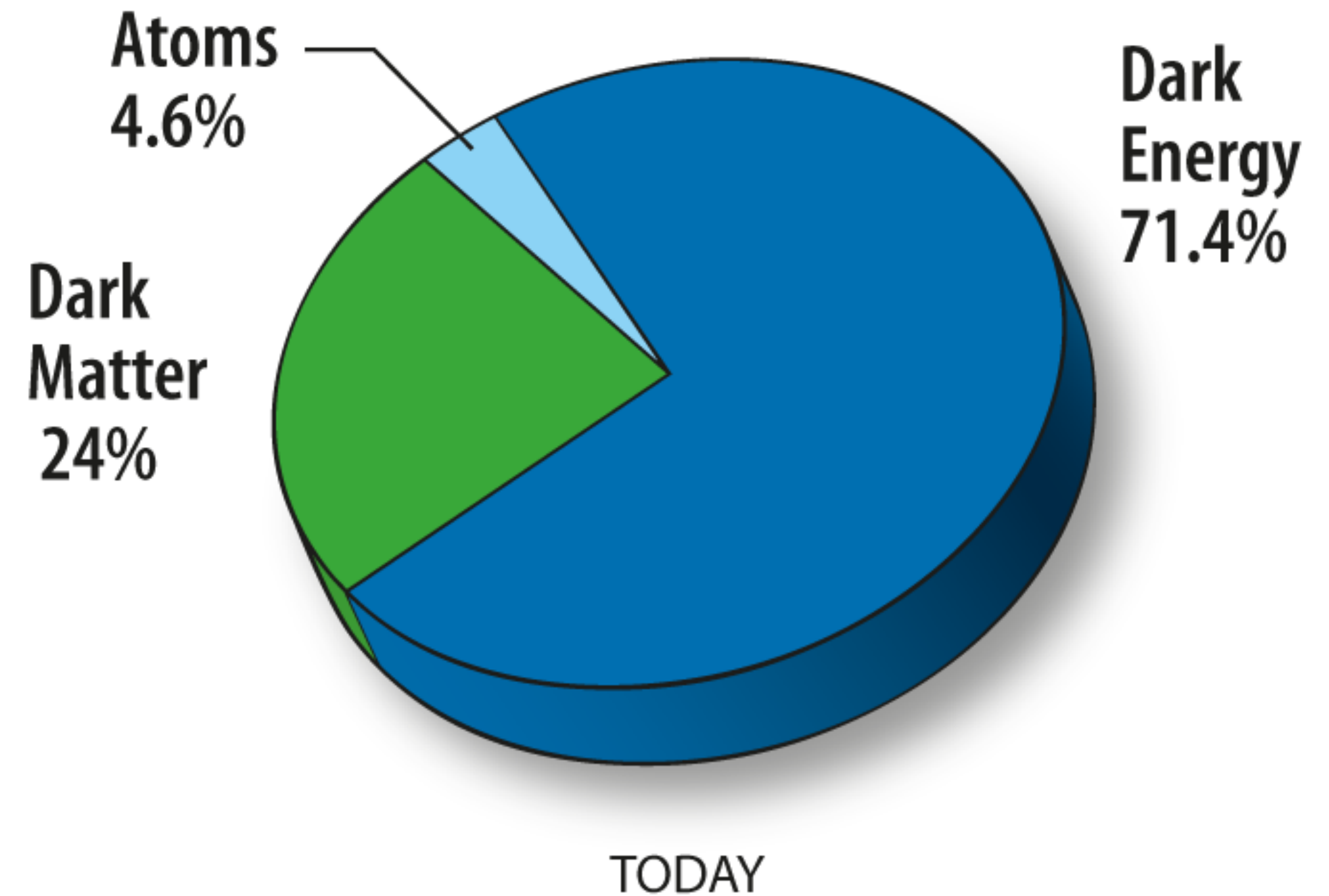
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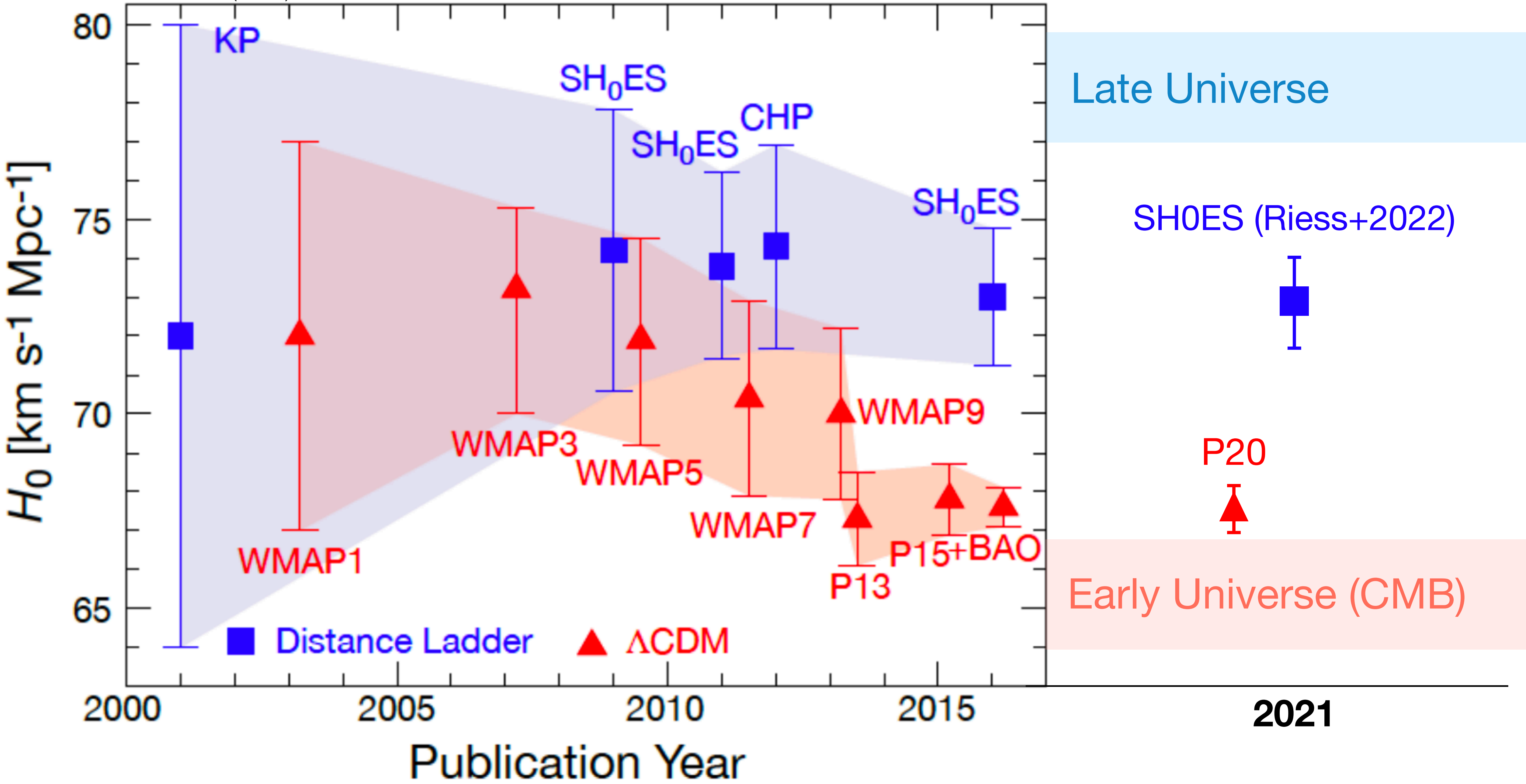
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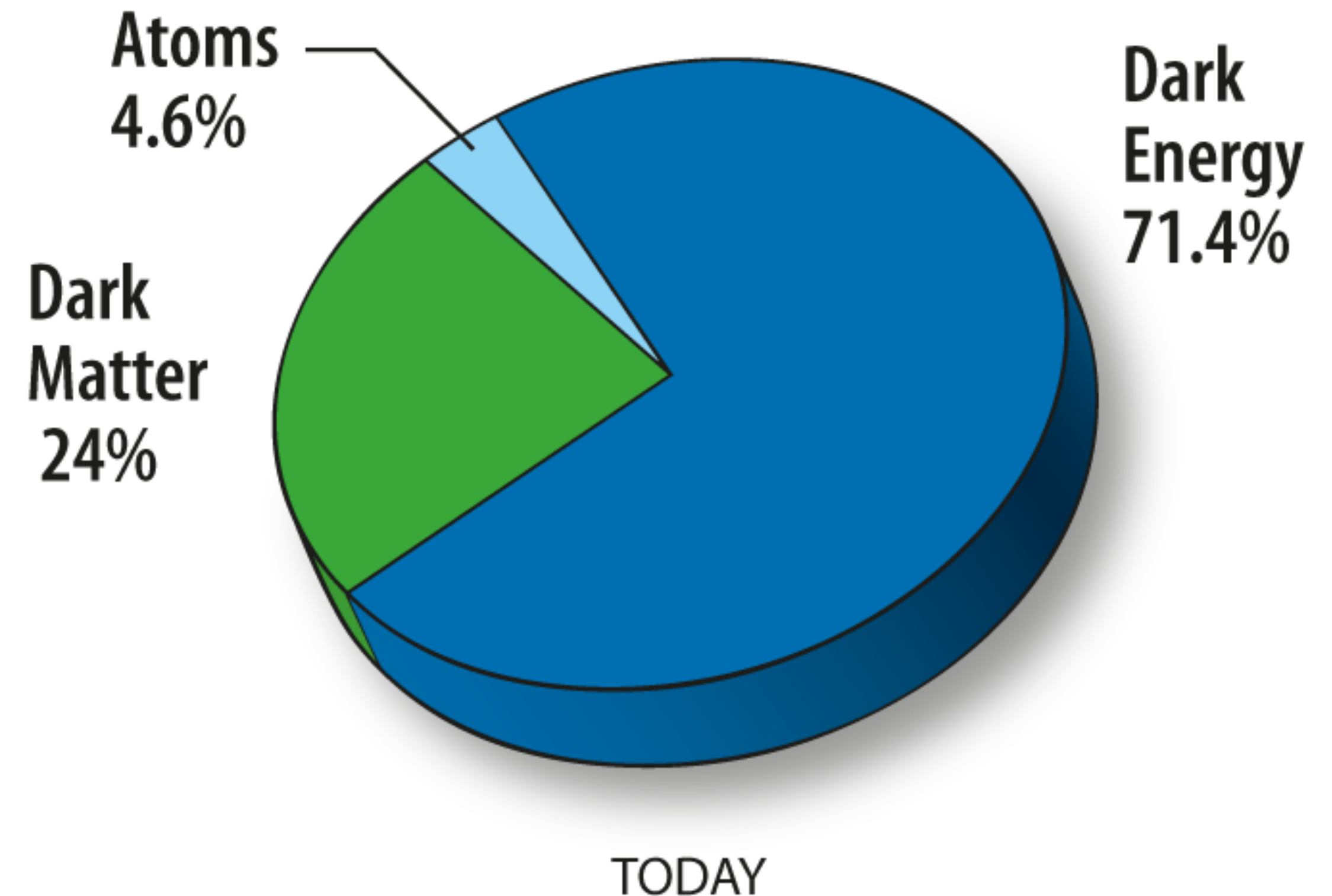
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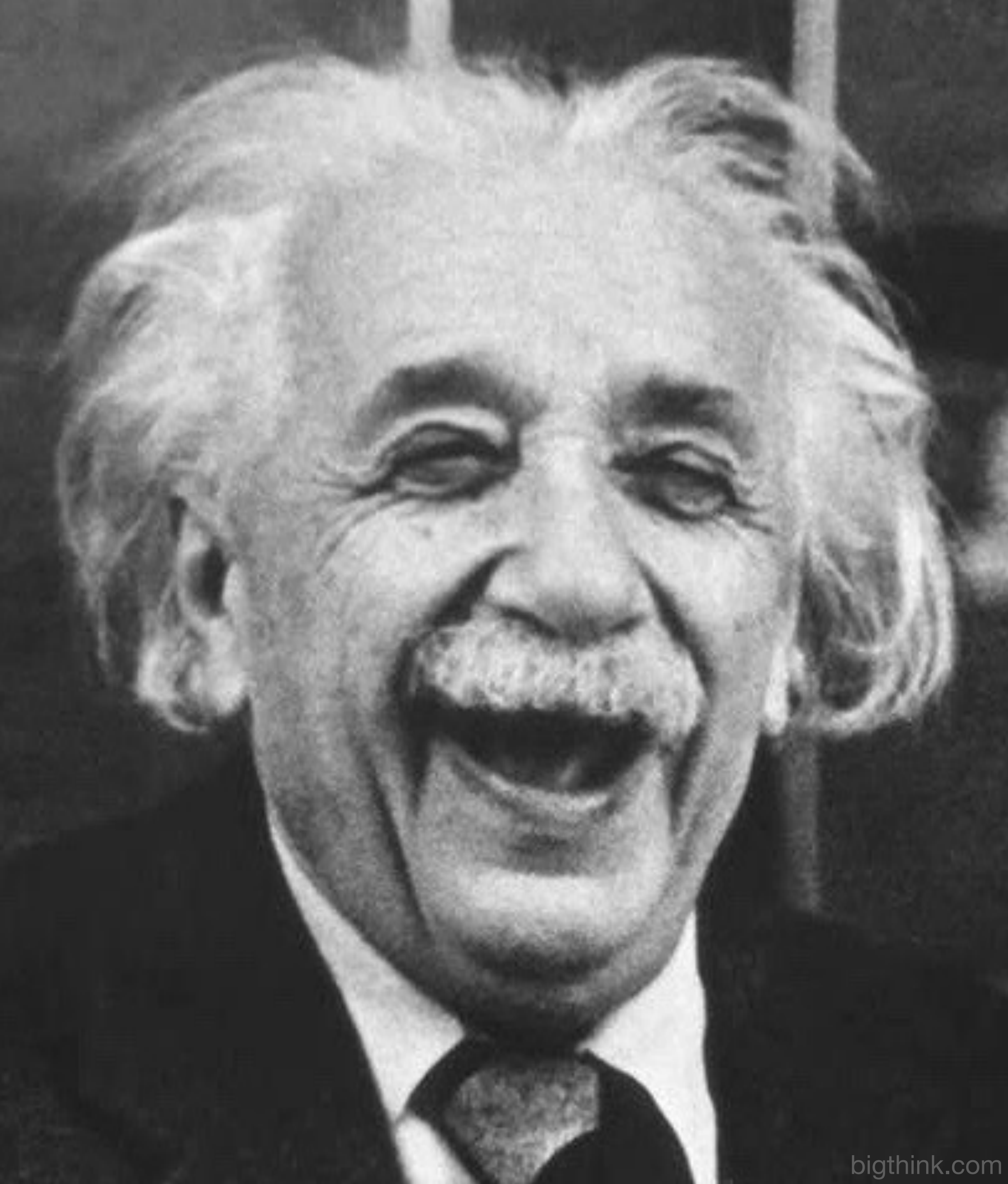
...and 95% of the Universe remains unexplained

New physics beyond LCDM?

Modifications to GR?

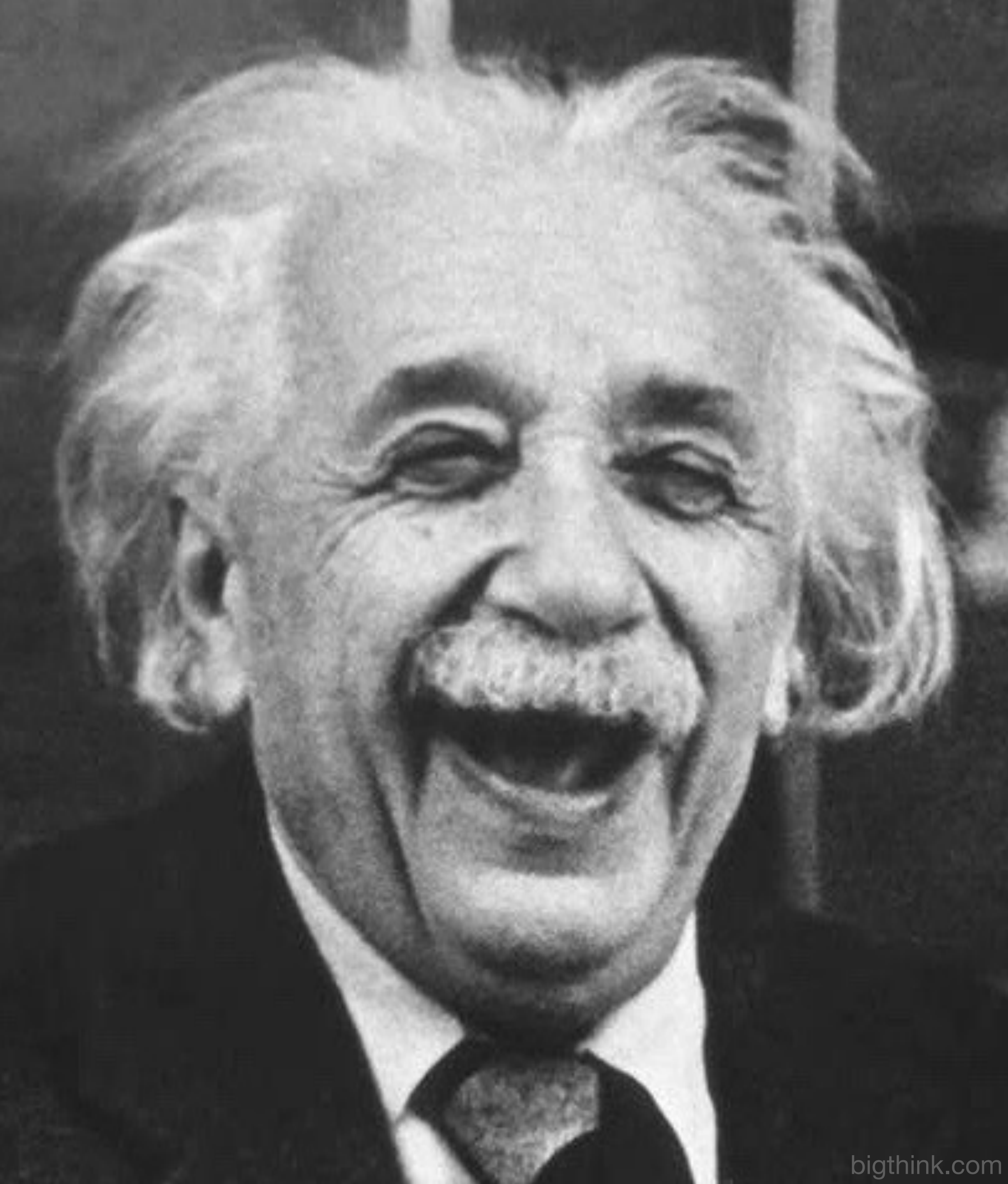
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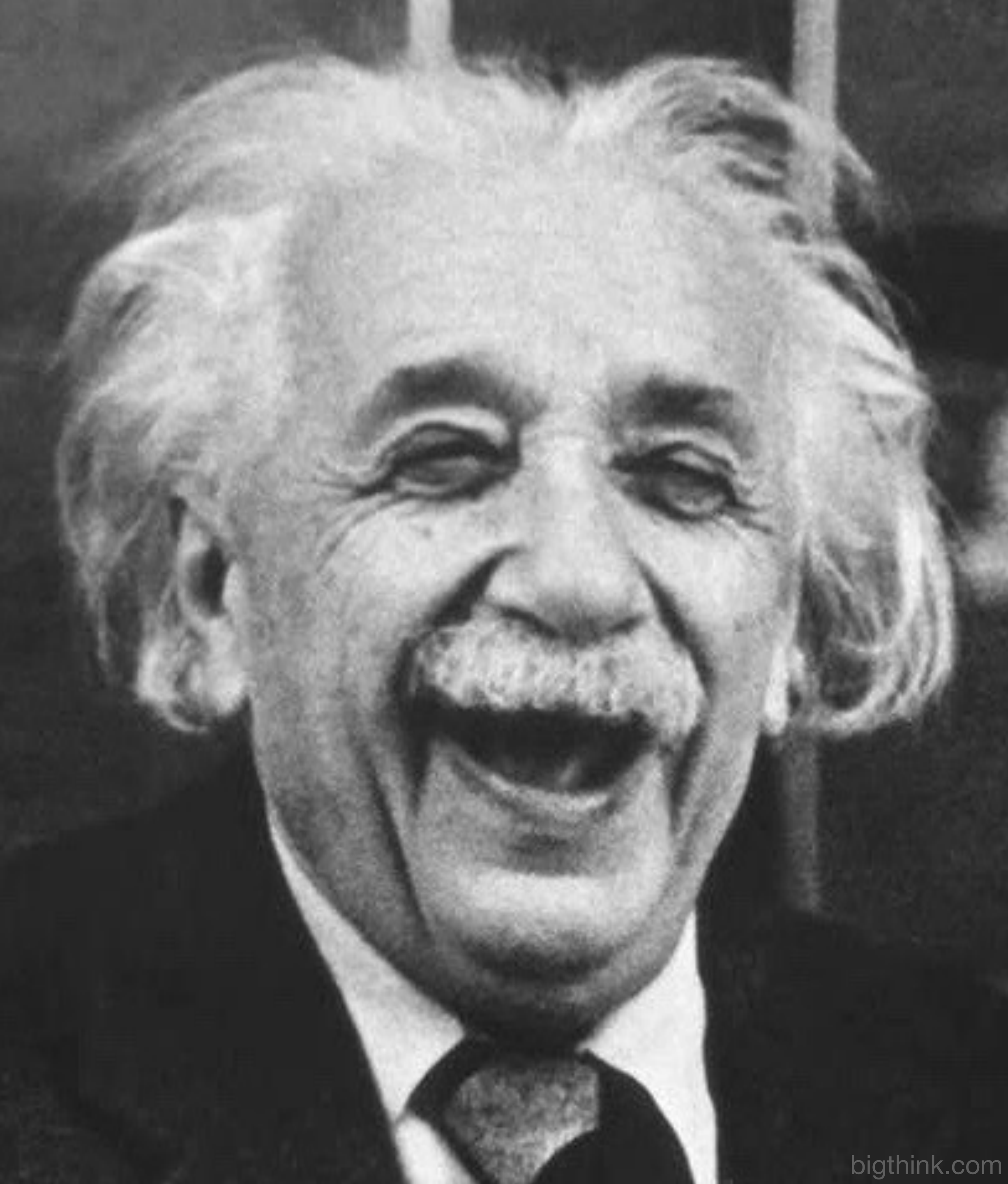
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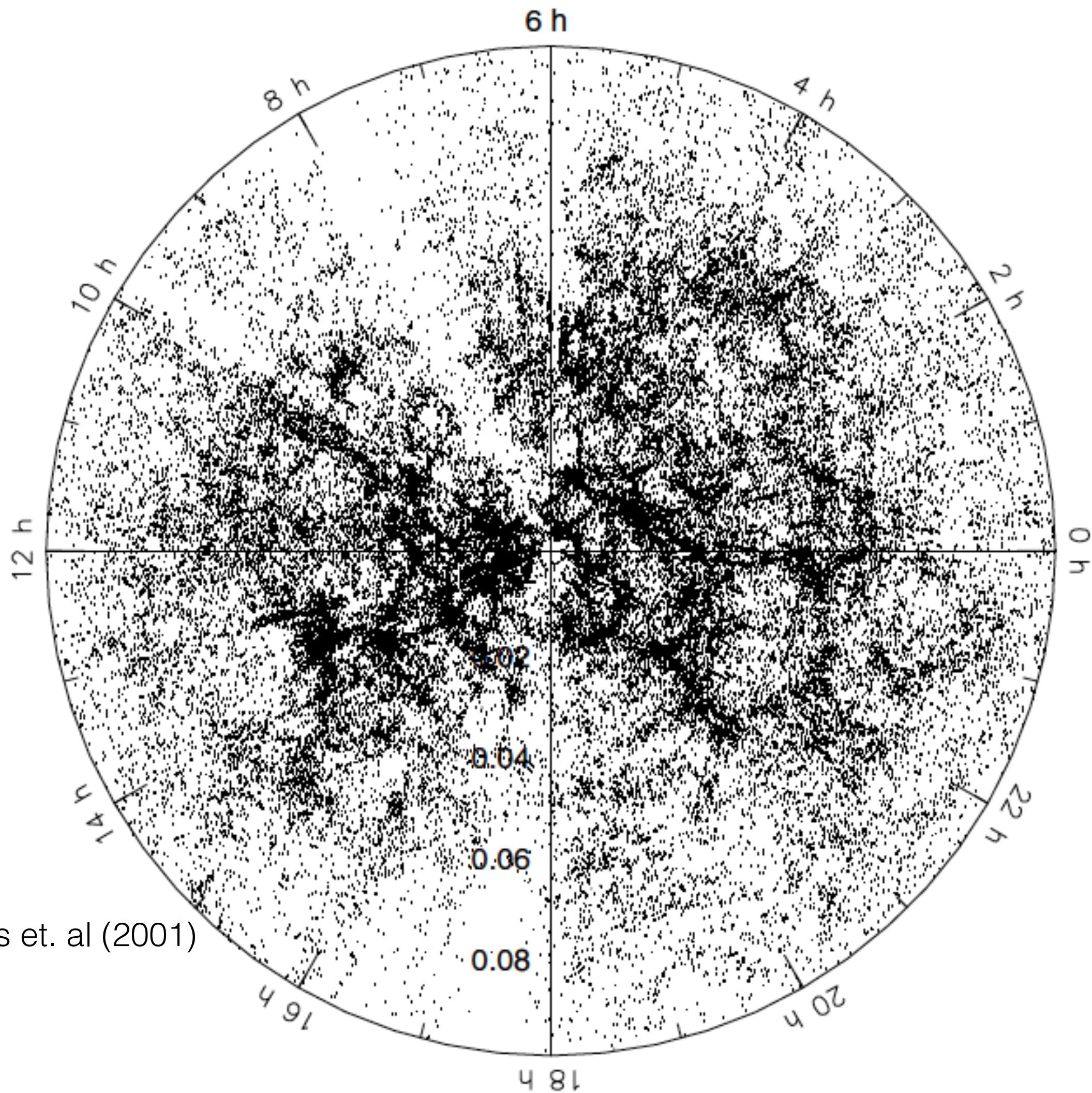
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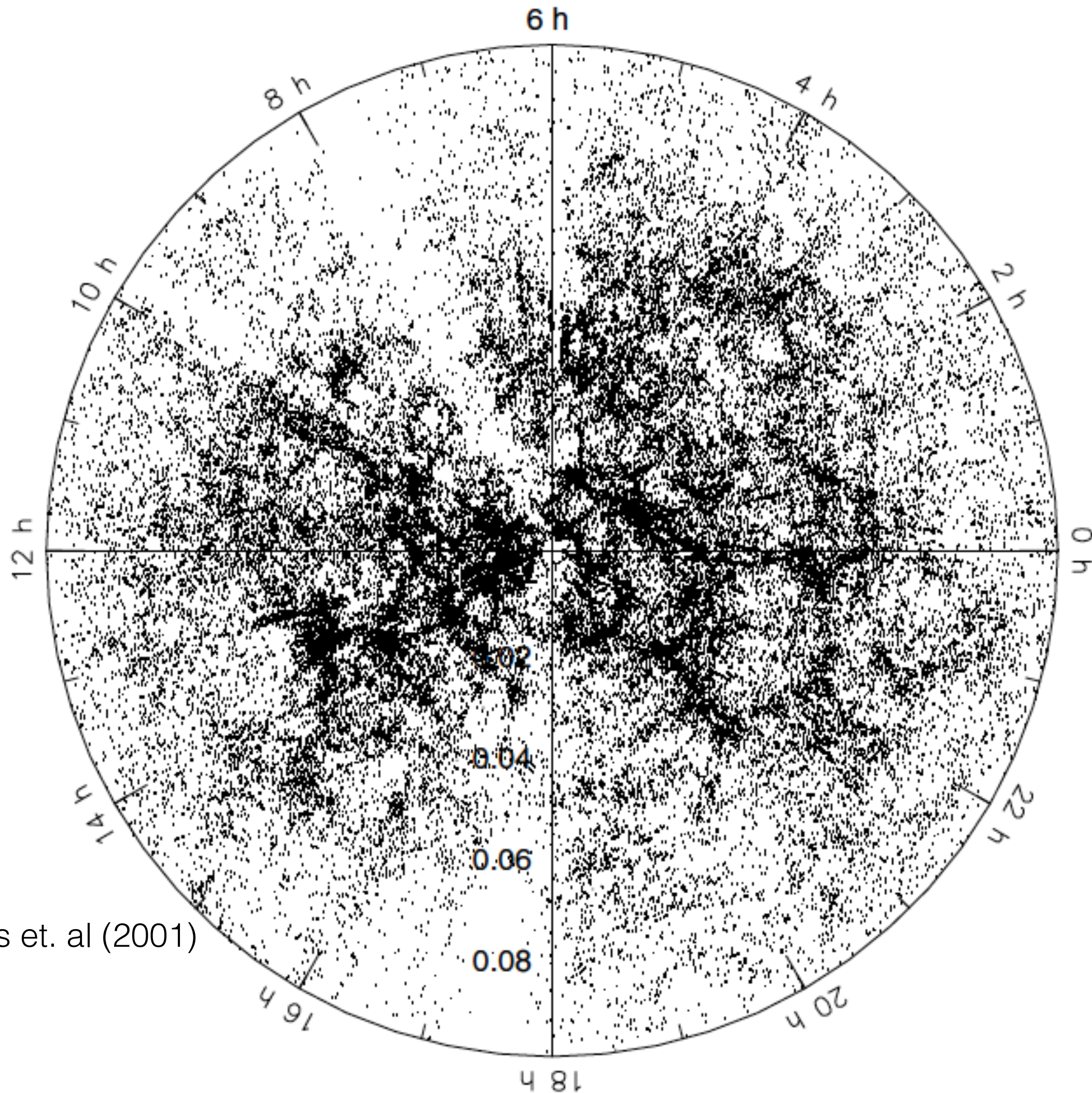
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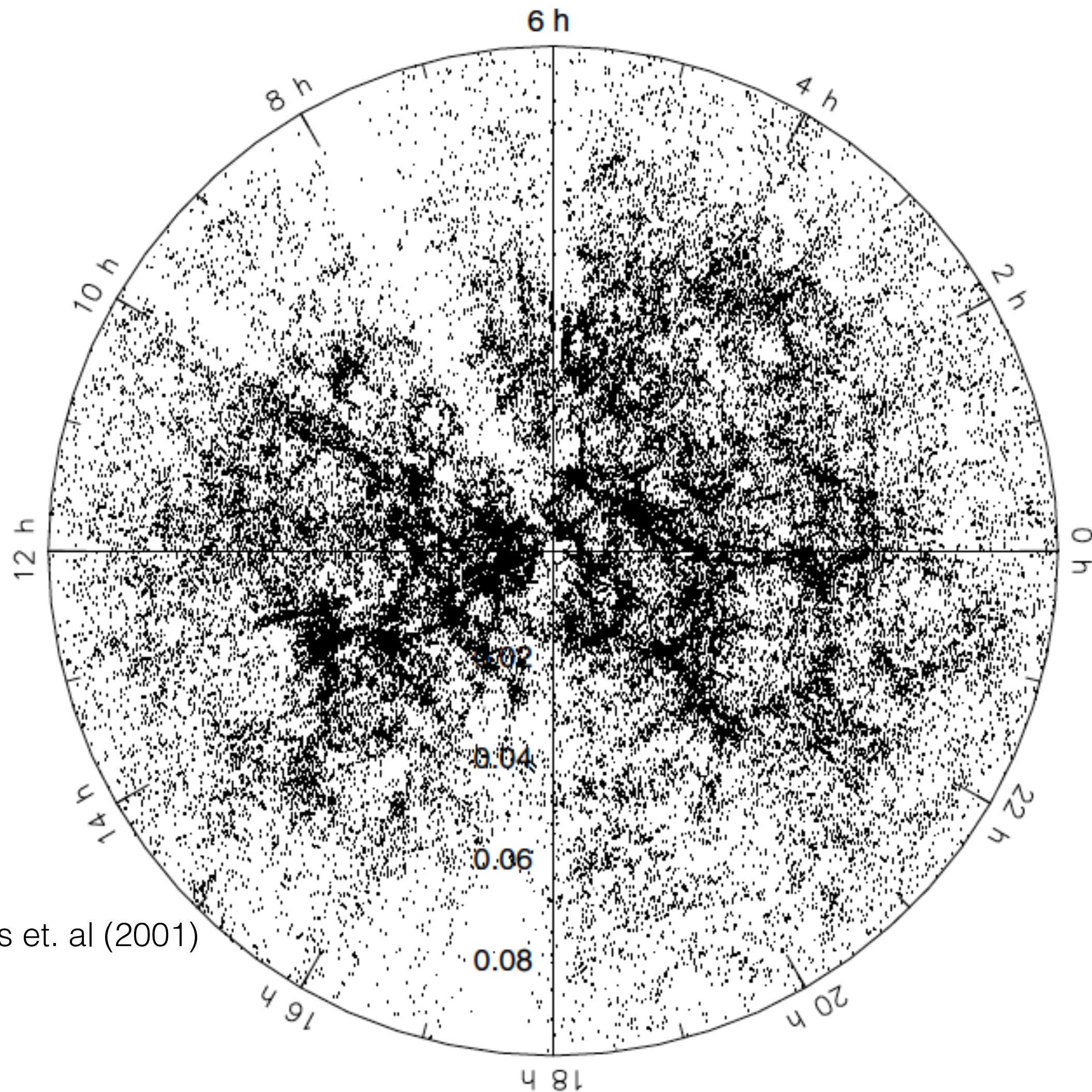
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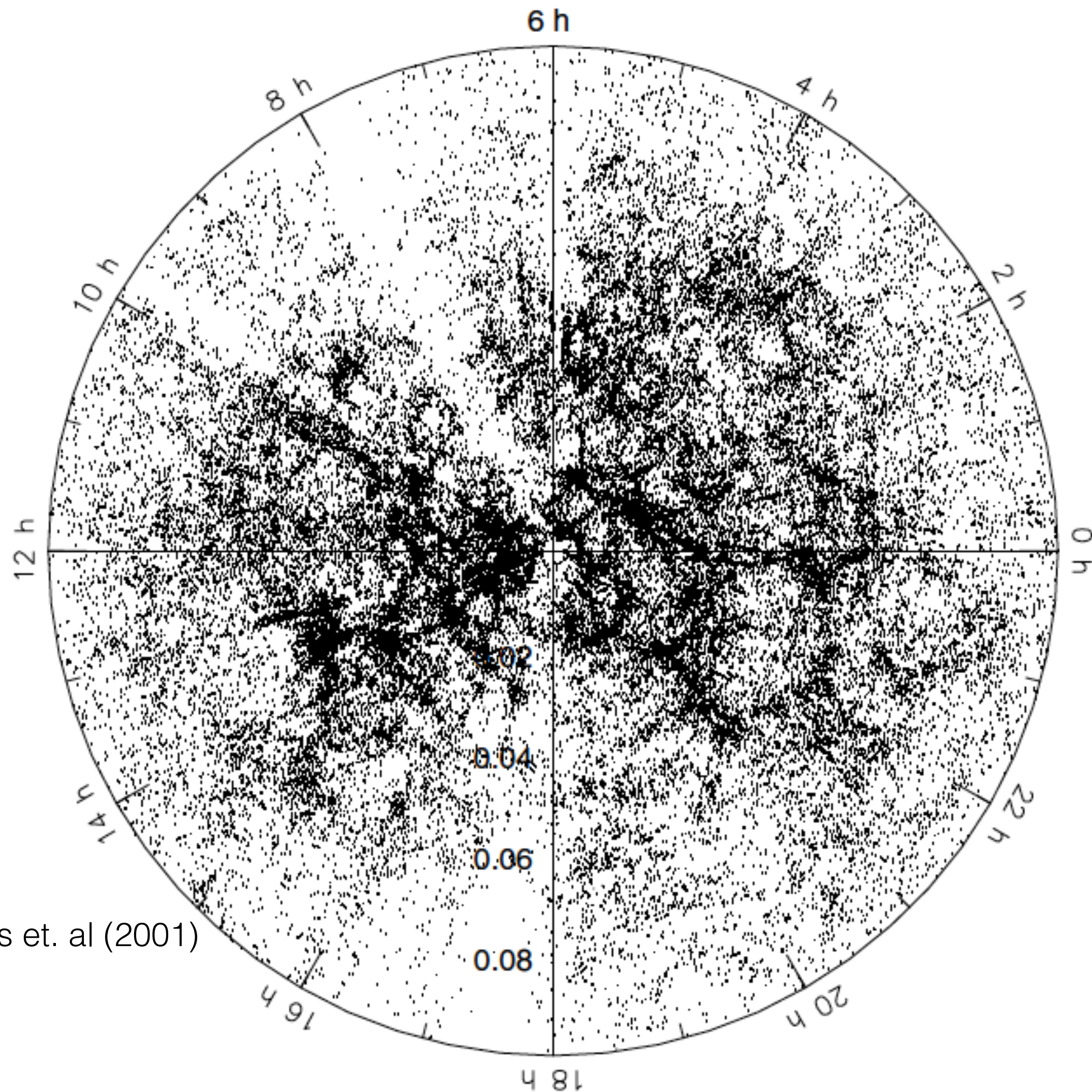
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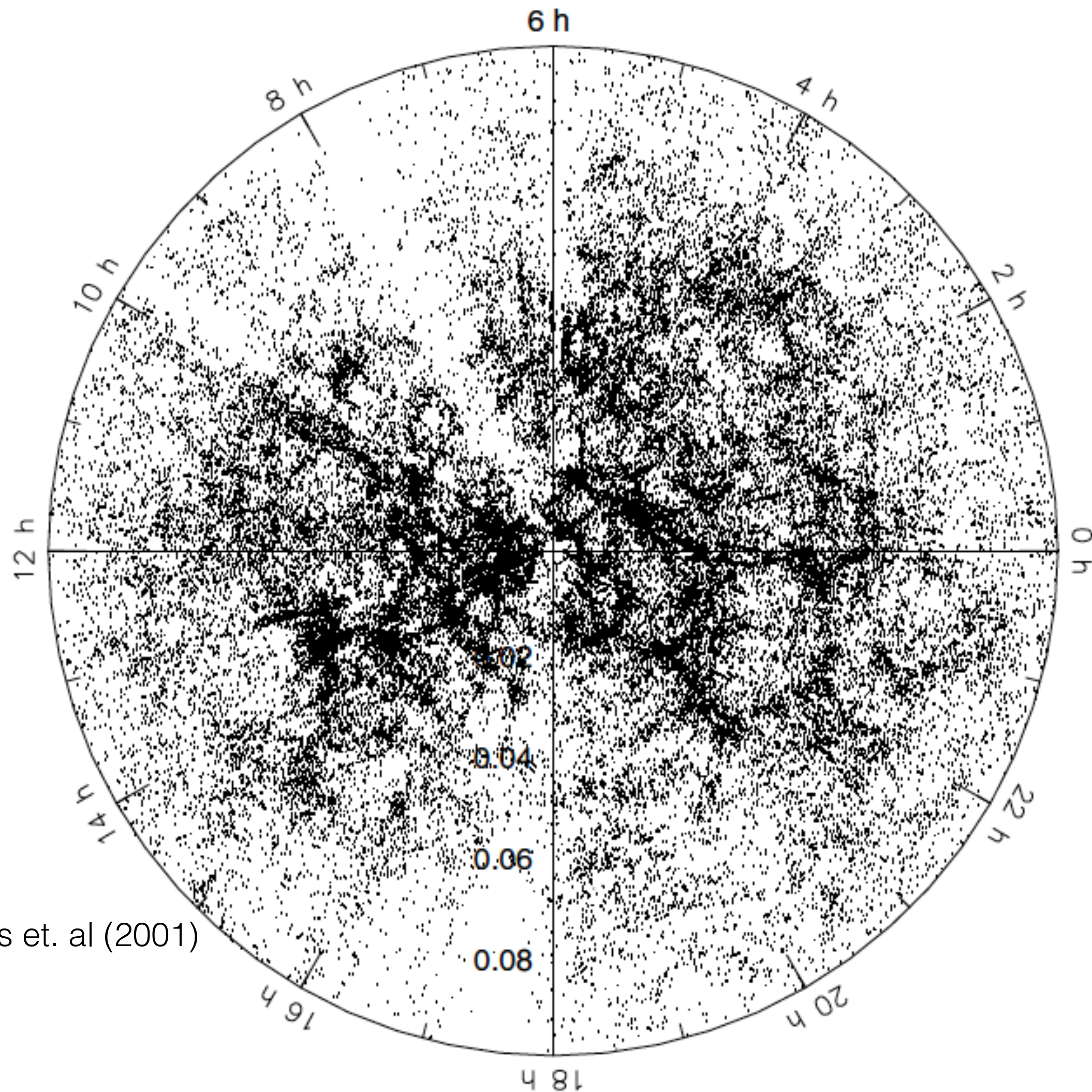
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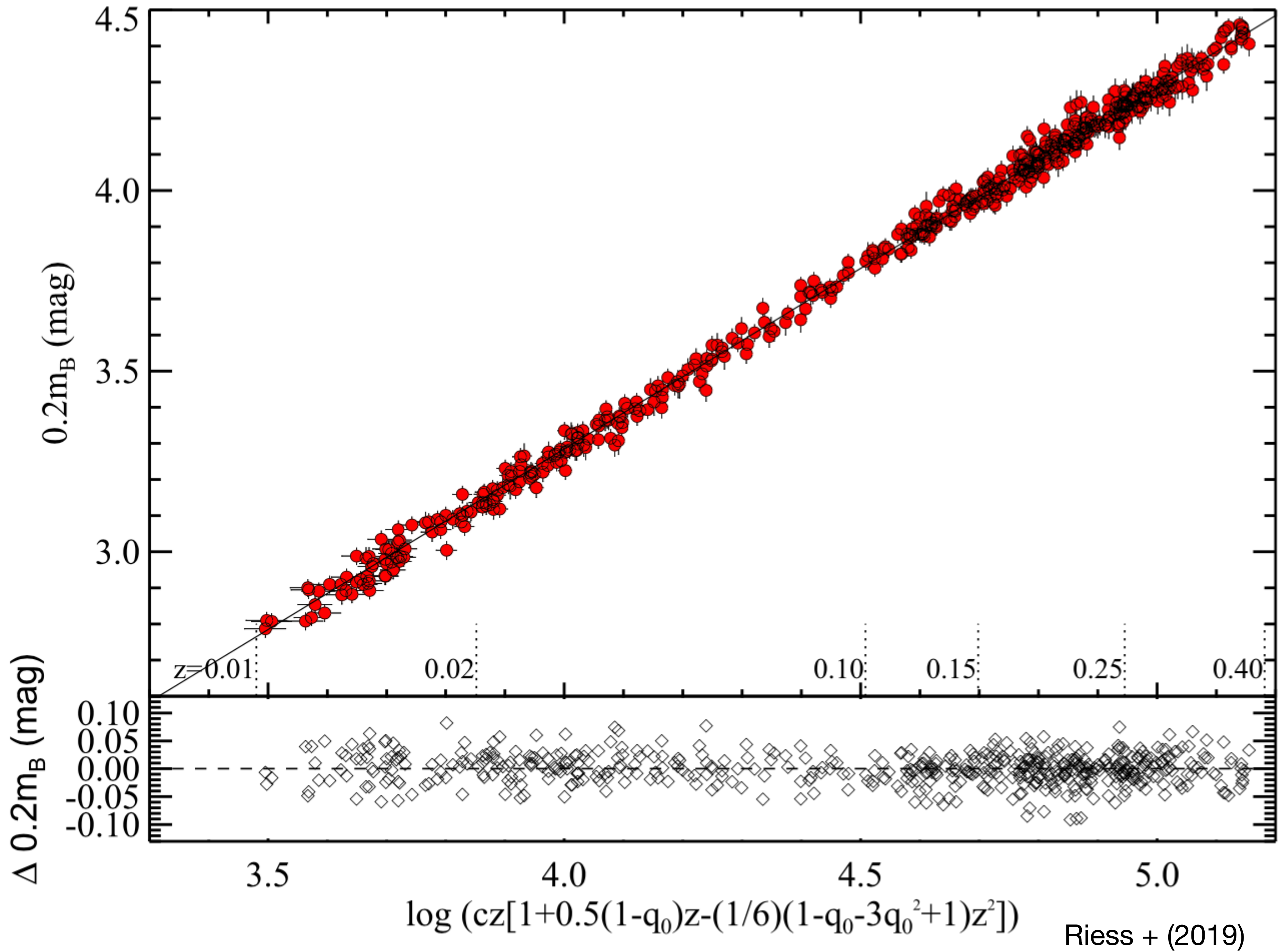
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At low redshift, inhomogeneities distort the metric of space-time away from FLRW

Is this important for our current measurements? Or for future high-precision surveys?

Or is it totally negligible?

Heinesen (2020) derived the $dL(z)$ cosmographic expansion to third order with **no assumptions of any underlying metric or field equations**

Building on: Kristian & Sachs (1966), Ellis & MacCallum (1970), Clarkson & Umeh (2011), Clarkson et. al (2012)

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“Effective” because interpretation of these parameters is not so simple outside the safety of FLRW...

(but they play the same roles in the general relation as they do in FLRW)

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e.g., 'Q' can be negative
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Reduces to Hubble parameter in FLRW limit

Depends on observer position - “cosmic variance”

Variations have been shown to be small* in:

- Perturbation theory and Newtonian sims (e.g. *Odderskov+2014,2016, Wojtak+2014, Ben-Dayan+2014, Wu & Huterer 2017*)
- Weak-field GR sims (*Adamek+ 2017*)
- NR sims (***HJM+, 2018***)

*on the scales of interest for the SH0ES measurement

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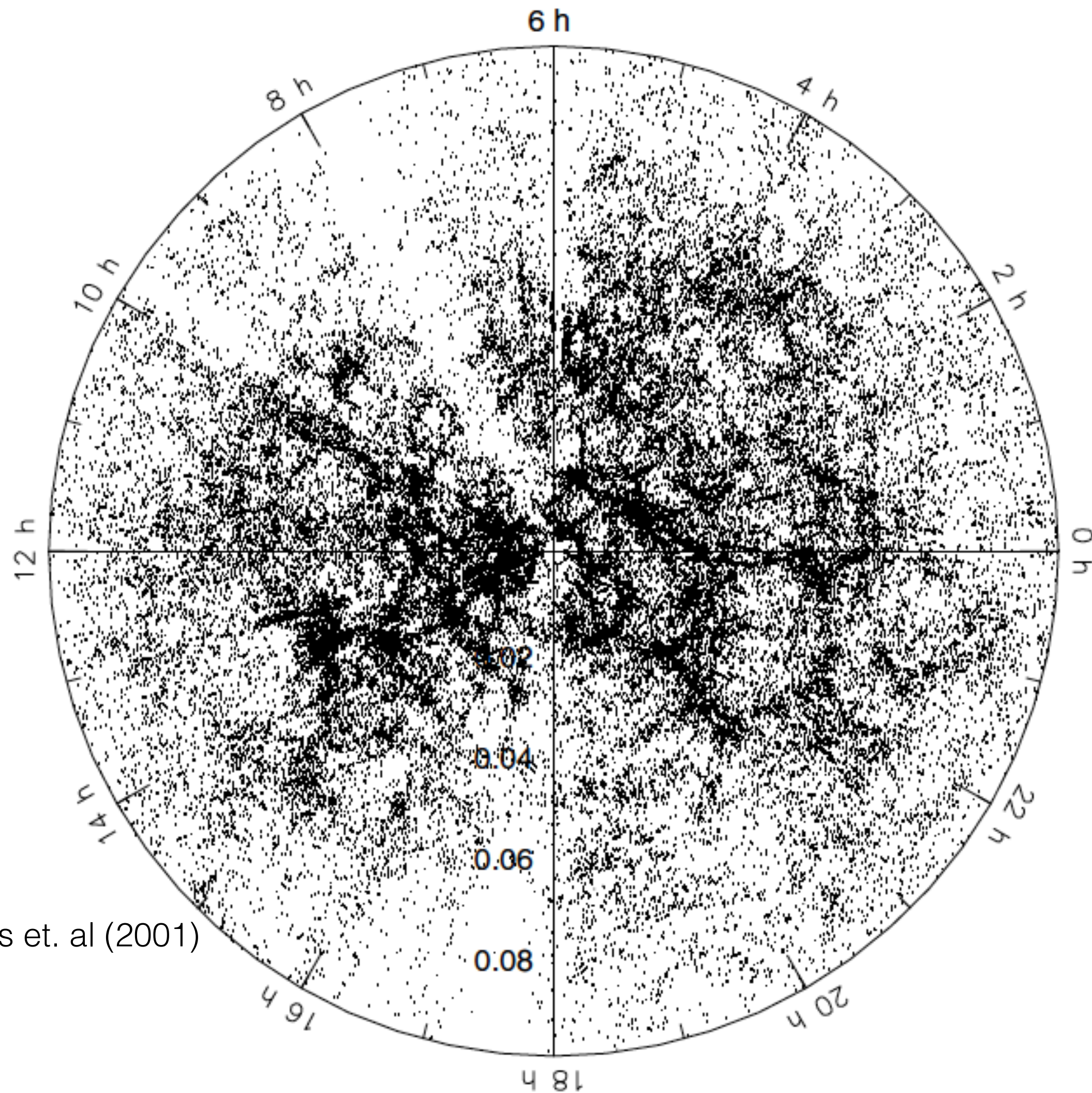
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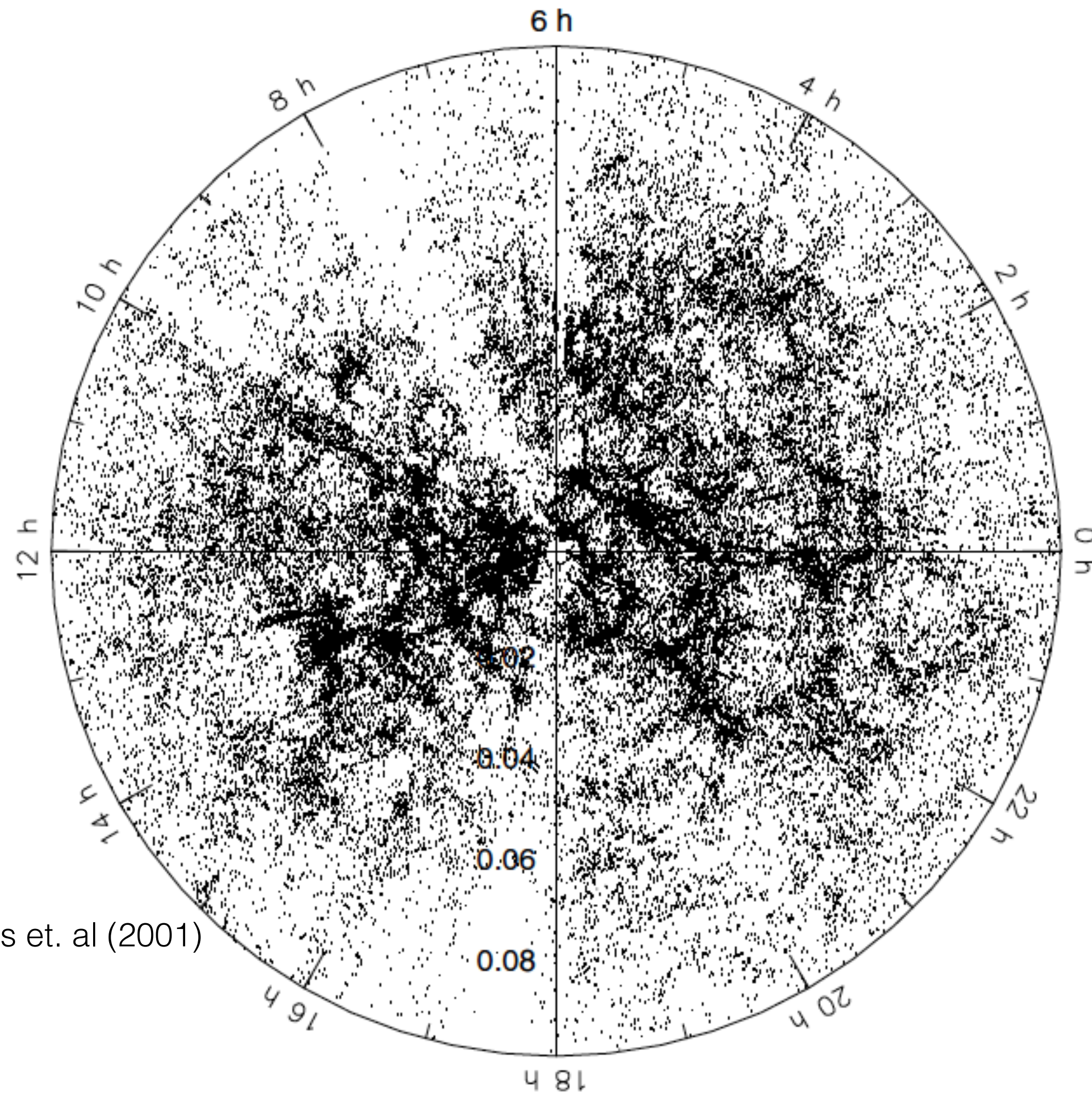
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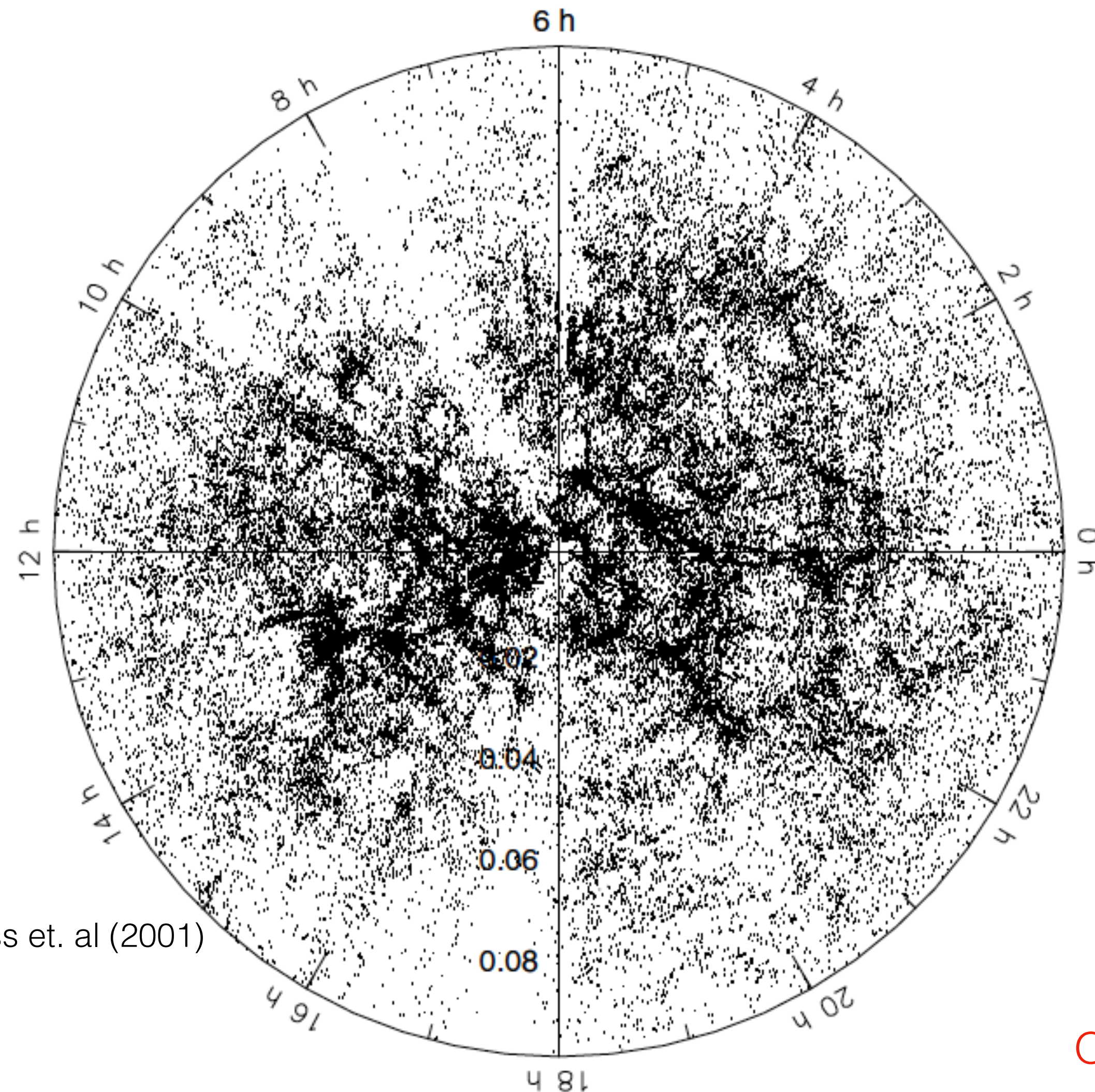
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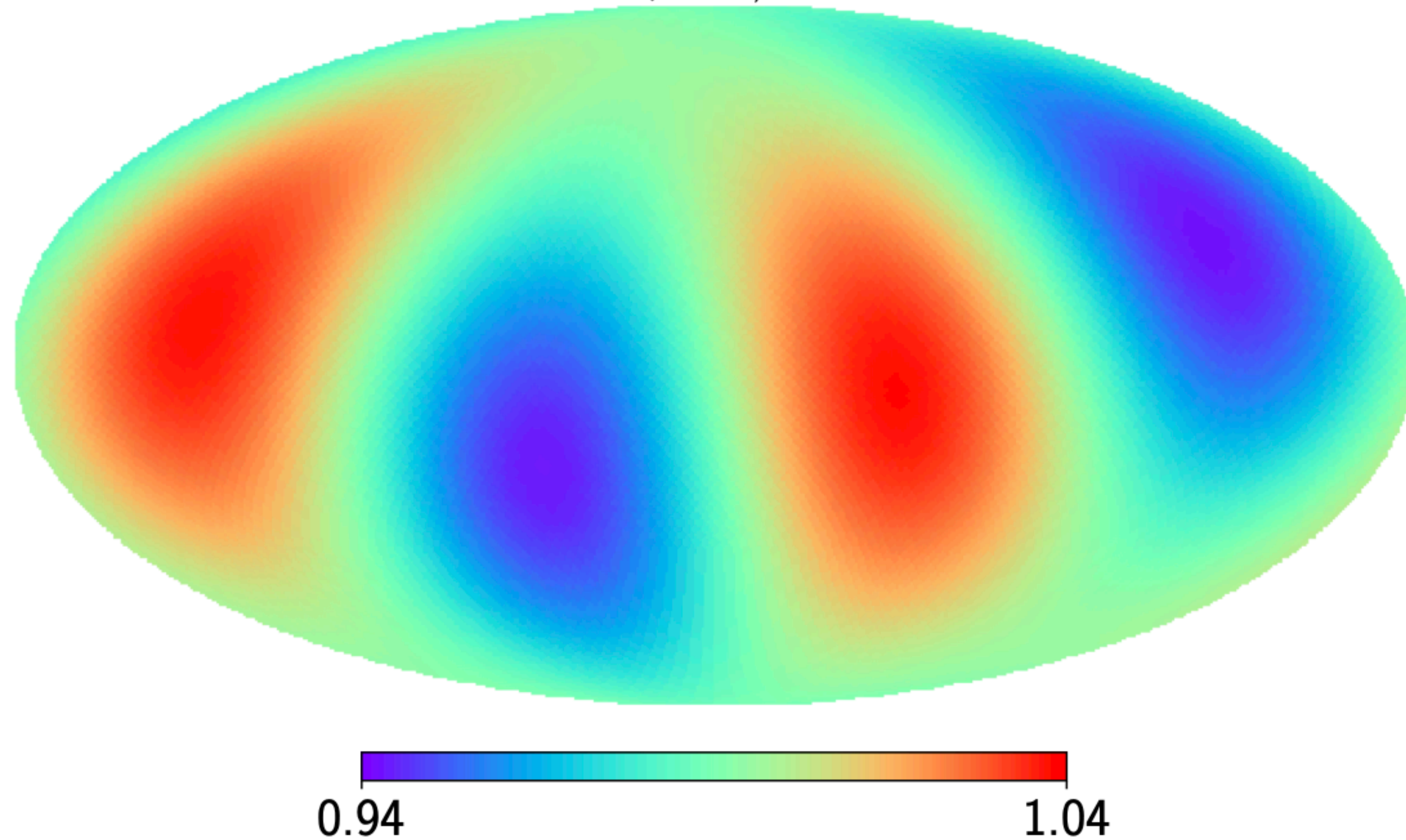
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Conclusion... probably not. ***But it could still impact the accuracy of our measurements!***

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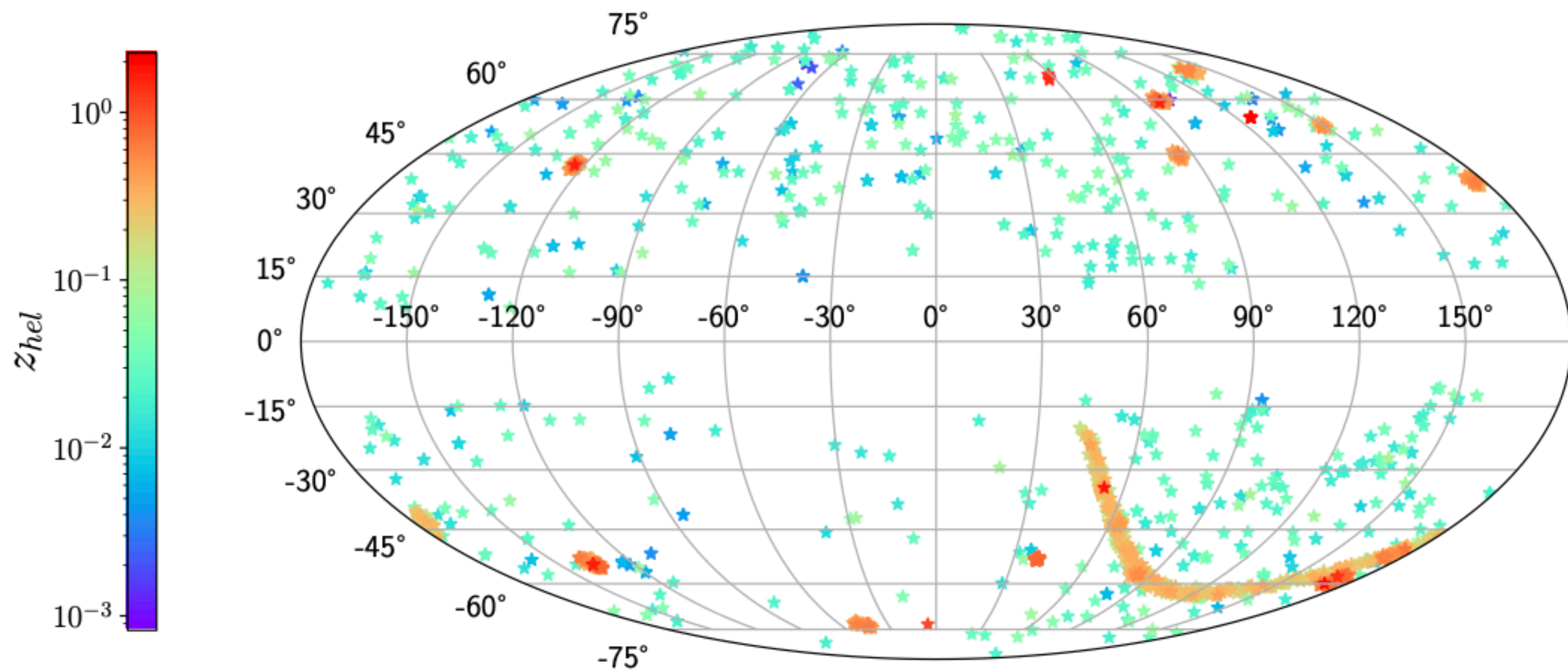


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Hubble expansion variance across the sky for one observer in an NR simulation

Dominated by a quadrupole, as expected in Heinesen (2021; [2010.06534](#))

Can we see this in data?



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Potential signature of a quadrupolar Hubble expansion in Pantheon+ supernovae

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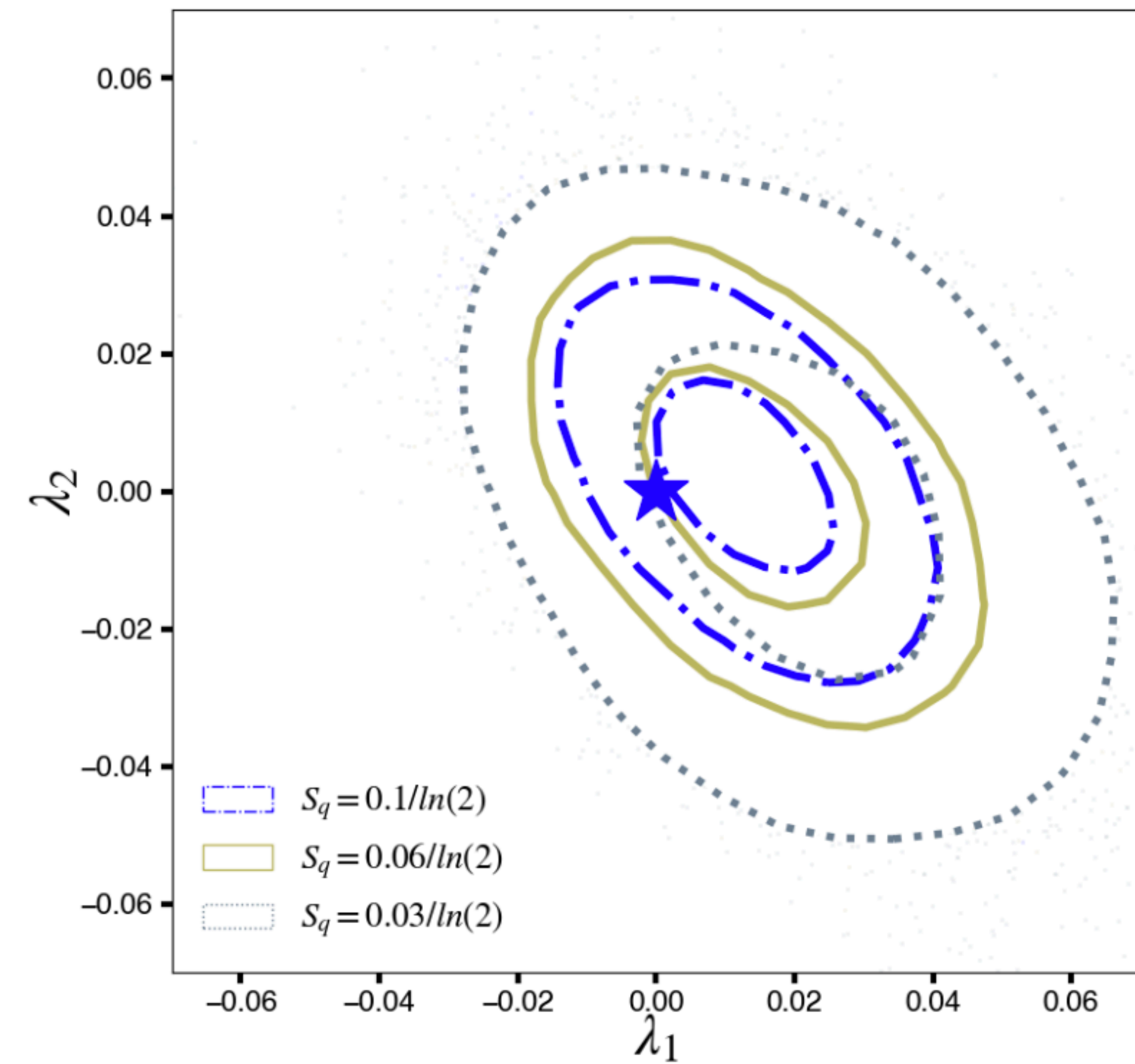
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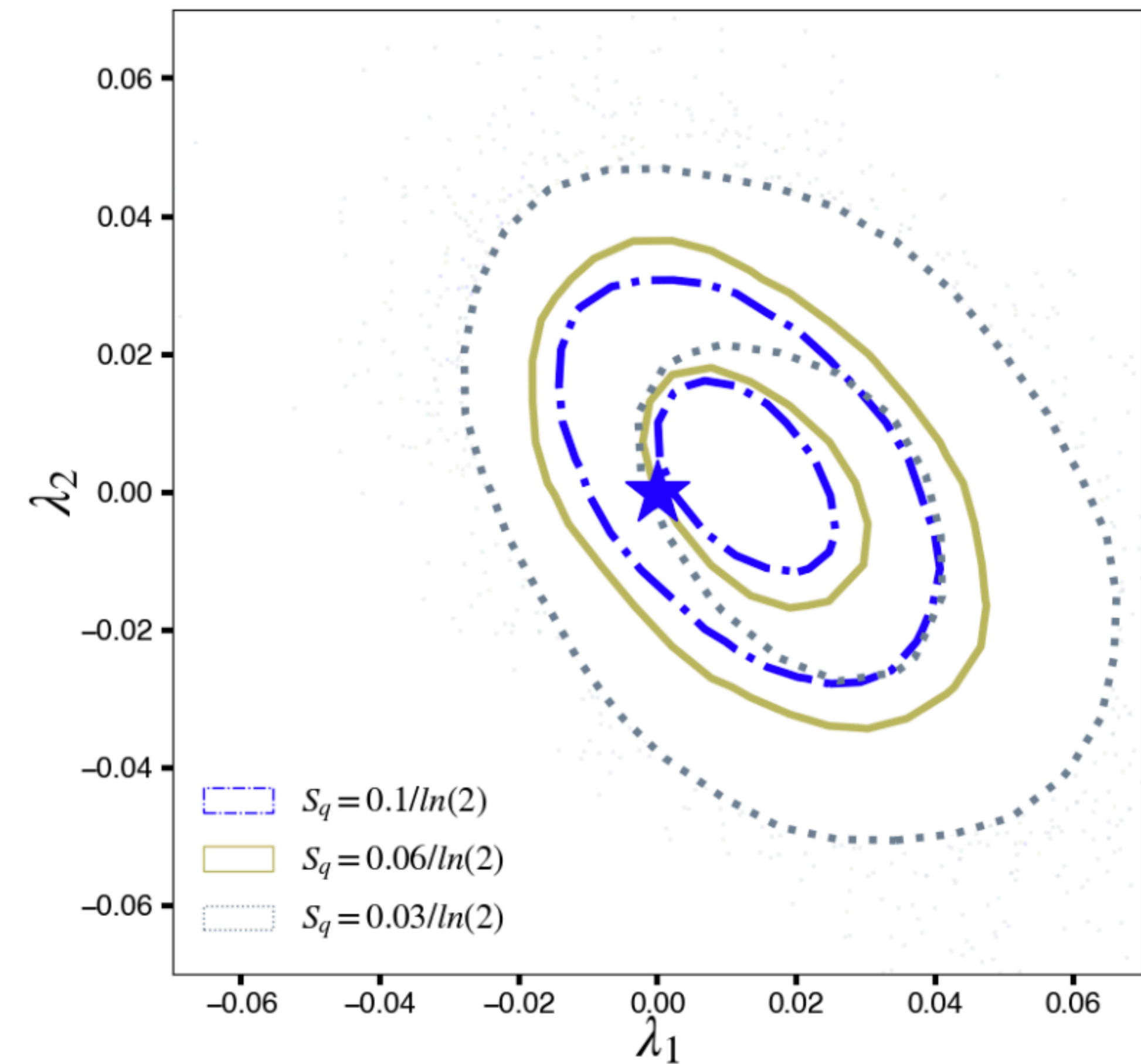
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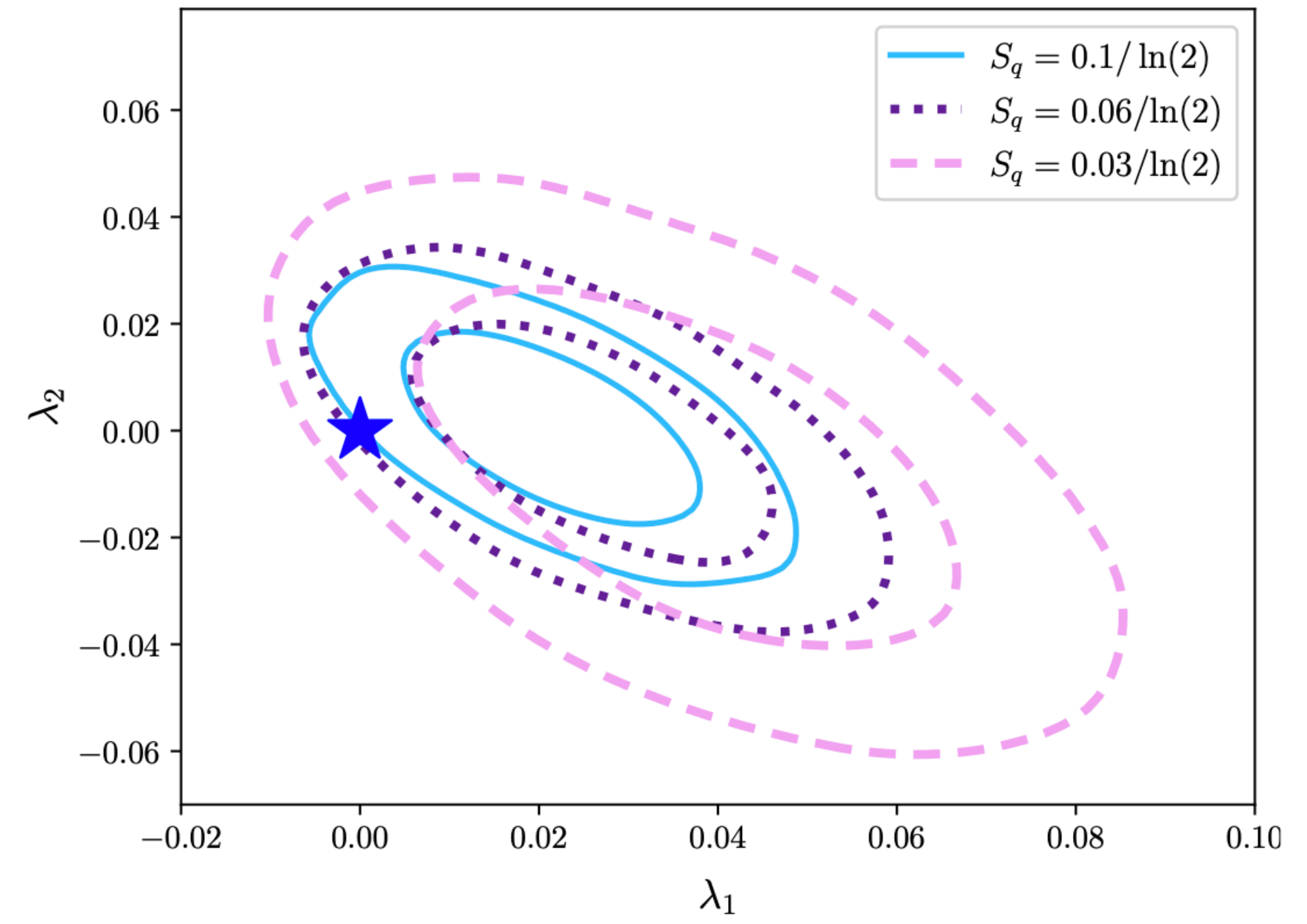
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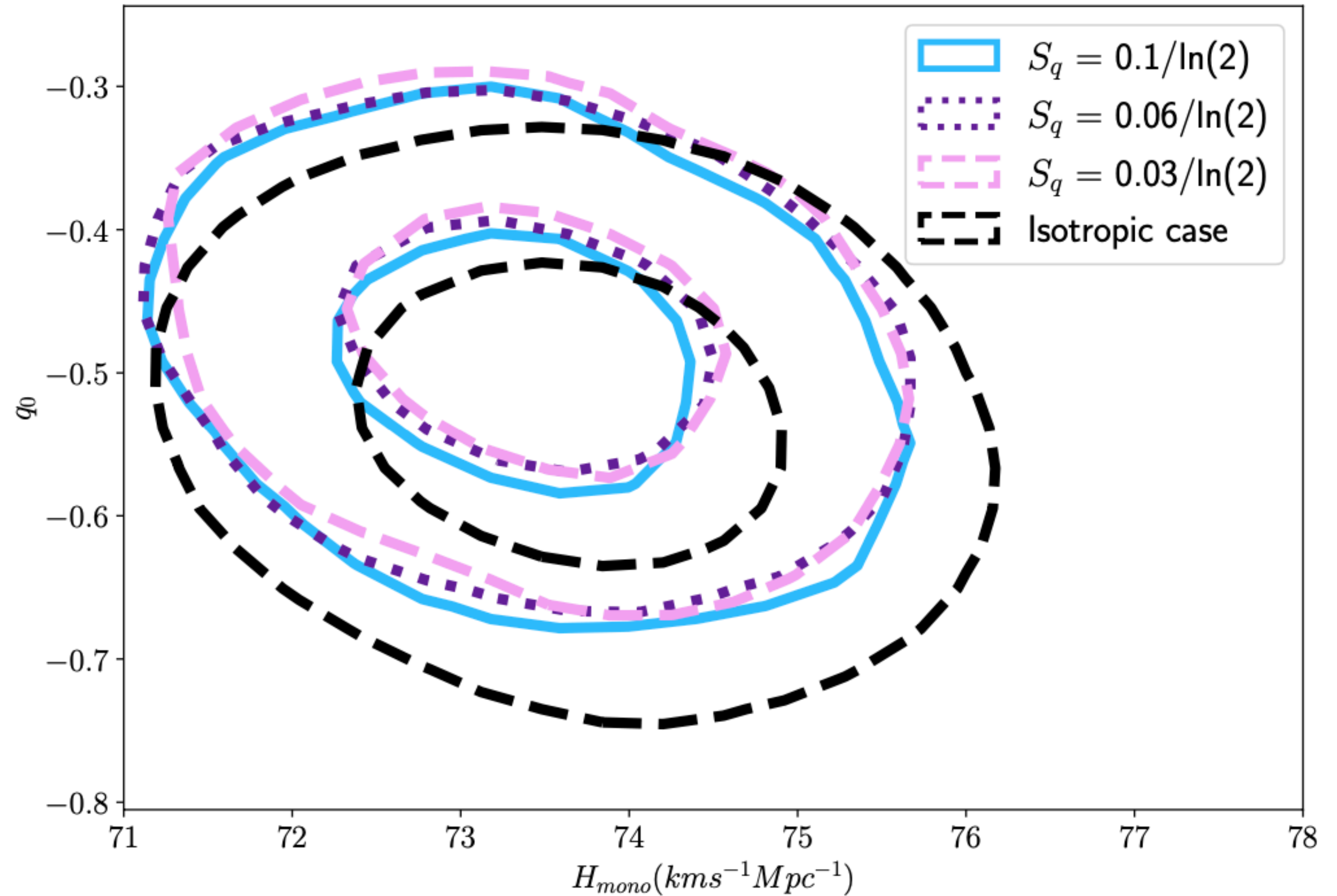
What about the Hubble tension?

Add calibrator SNe into the mix so we can also constrain the monopole

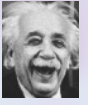
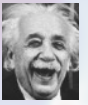
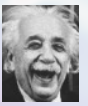
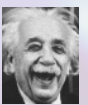
Try isotropic vs anisotropic fits to see if the monopole changes

... it doesn't, maximum shift is ~ 0.5 km/s/Mpc

Anisotropy *of this kind* is unlikely to explain the Hubble tension



Conclusions

-  The distance-redshift relation generalises in a nontrivial way in the presence of inhomogeneities
-  We can directly constrain these anisotropic signatures in local expansion
-  These don't seem to shift the monopole parameters enough to solve the Hubble tension
-  Can this act as a secondary probe of the homogeneity scale?

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Extras

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We fix this to be that found in RFGC by Parnovsky & Parnowski (2012)

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