

The Axion Echo Method and the Big Flow

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Outline

- Production and detection of an axion dark matter echo

with Ariel Arza, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 131804

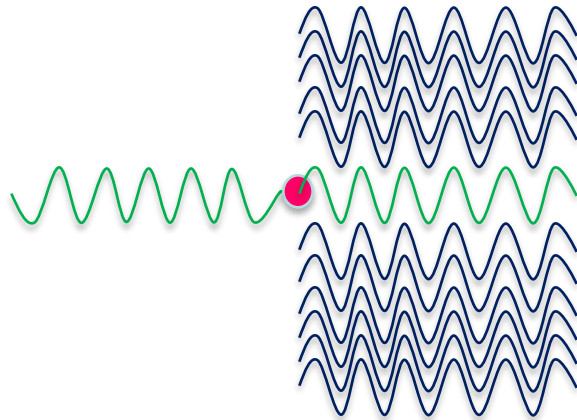
- Constraints on the Big Flow from the GAIA skymap

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Stimulated axion decay



$$\Gamma(a \rightarrow 2\gamma) \sim \frac{1}{10^{51} \text{ sec}}$$



$$\omega = \frac{m_a}{2}$$

P_1

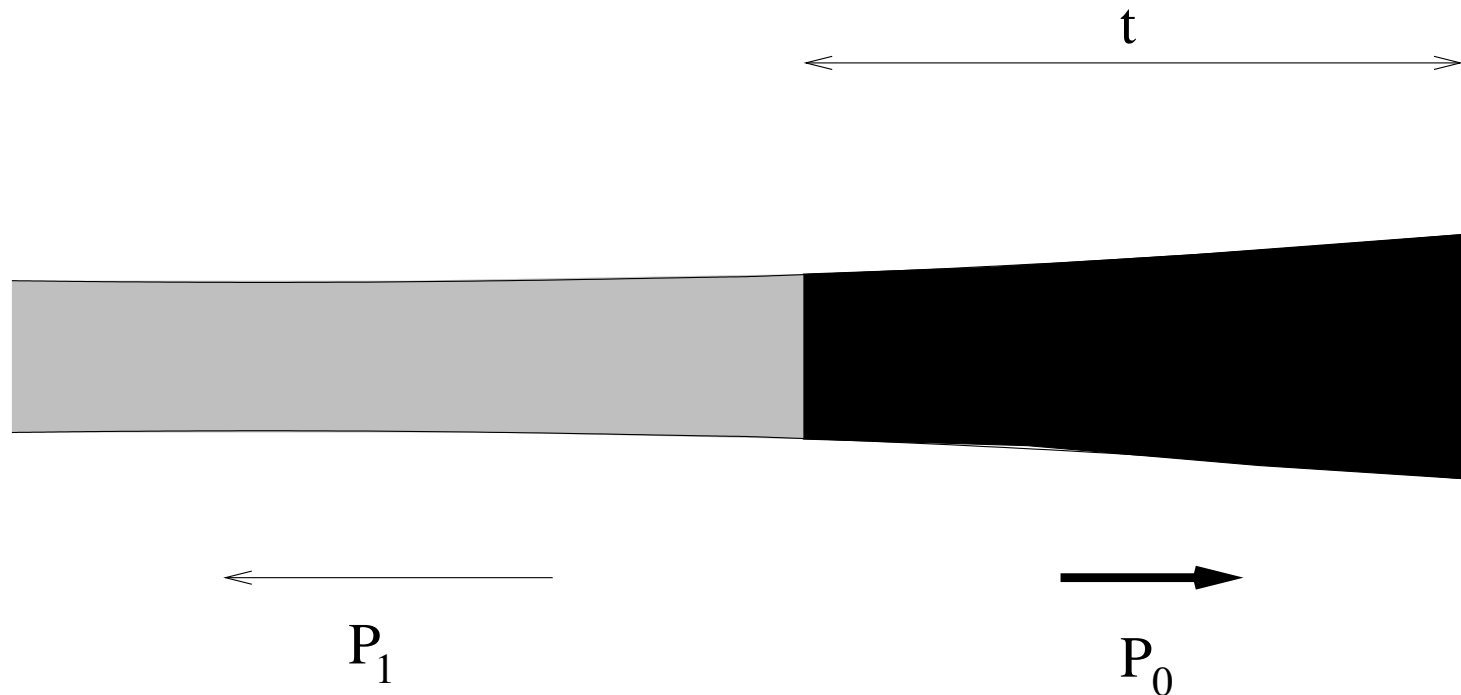
P_0

P_0 = outgoing power

P_1 = echo power

In the rest frame of a perfectly cold axion fluid

the echo traces the outgoing power exactly backward, and lasts forever



$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -g \, \phi(x) \vec{E}(x) \cdot \vec{B}(x)$$

$$g = g_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{f_a}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{16} g^2 \rho \frac{dP_0}{d\nu} t$$

$$= 7.8 \times 10^{-29} \, P_0 \, \left(\frac{10 \, \text{kHz}}{\Delta\nu} \right) \left(\frac{g_\gamma}{0.36} \right)^2 .$$

$$\cdot \left(\frac{10^{12} \, \text{GeV}}{f_a} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3} \right) \left(\frac{t}{1 \, \text{sec}} \right)$$

In case of a perfectly cold axion fluid moving with velocity \vec{v} with respect to the observer:

$$\vec{k} = \omega \hat{k} \quad = \text{wavevector of outgoing power}$$

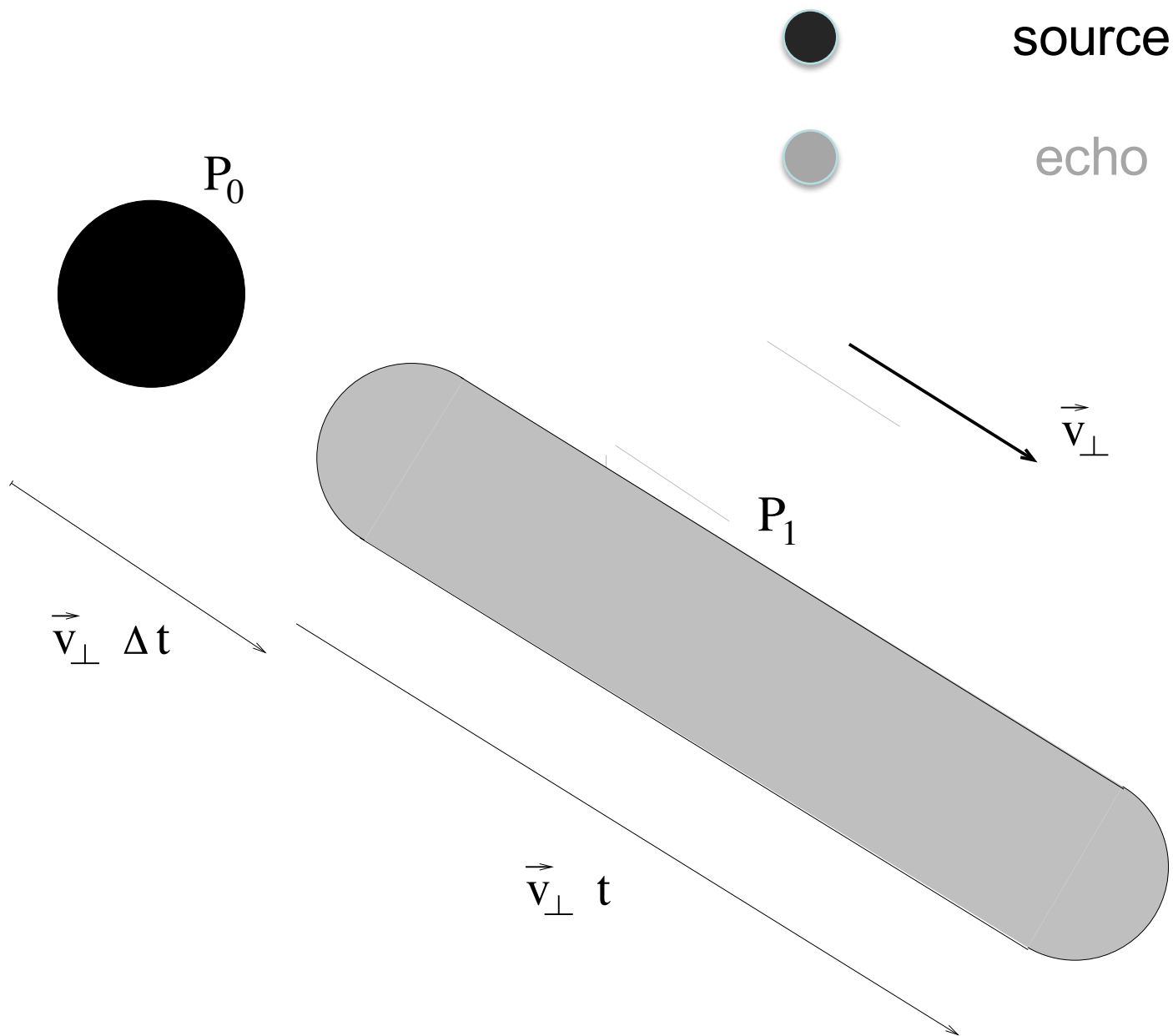
$$\vec{v} = v_{\parallel} \hat{k} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$$

outgoing
resonance frequency

$$\omega_0 = \frac{m_a}{2} (1 + \vec{v} \cdot \hat{k}) + \mathcal{O}(v^2)$$

echo frequency

$$\omega_1 = \frac{m_a}{2} (1 - \vec{v} \cdot \hat{k}) + \mathcal{O}(v^2)$$



Collected Echo Power

$$P_c = \frac{1}{16} g^2 \rho \frac{dP_0}{d\nu} t_c$$

$$t_c = C \frac{R}{|\vec{v}_\perp|}$$

$R =$ radius of receiver dish

$$C = \frac{|\vec{v}_\perp|}{2RP_0} \int dt \int_{S_0} d^2x I_0(\vec{x}) \Theta_c(\vec{x} + \vec{v}_\perp t)$$

Two contrasting galactic halo models

- the isothermal model

$$\rho = 300 \text{ MeV/cc} \quad \delta v = 270 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\vec{v} = - 220 \text{ km/s } \hat{\phi}$$

- the caustic ring model (L. Duffy & PS, 2008)
has a locally prominent cold flow

$$\rho_{\text{BF}} \sim (1 \text{ to } 10) \text{ GeV/cc} \quad \delta v_{\text{BF}} < 70 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{BF}} \simeq (290 \hat{\phi} - 111 \hat{r} - 19 \hat{z}) \text{ km/s}$$

(preliminary)

For a general velocity distribution

$$\rho = \int d^3v \frac{d^3\rho}{dv^3}(\vec{v})$$

The echo is spread in frequency

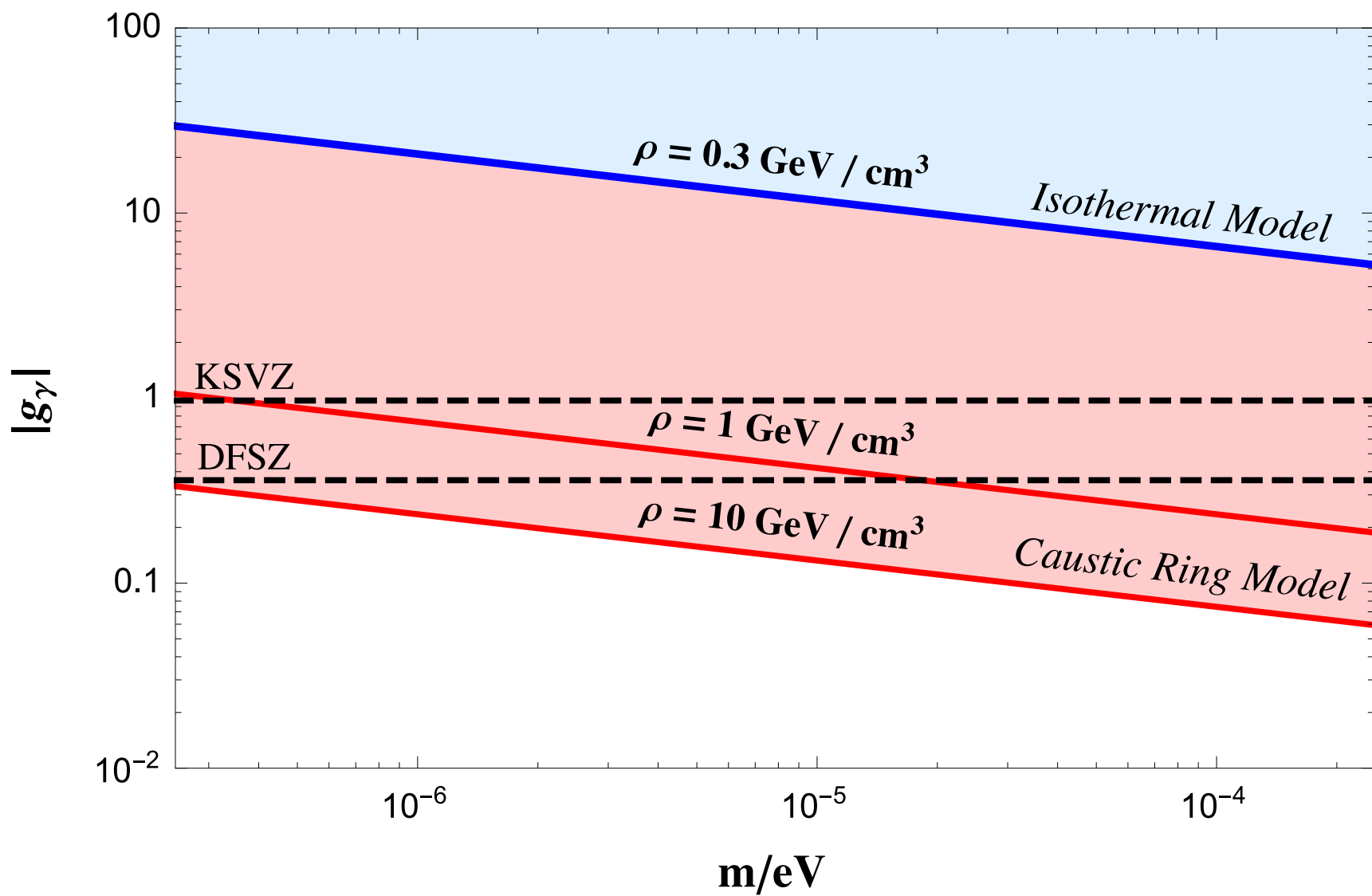
$$\delta\omega_1 = \frac{m_a}{2} \delta v_{\parallel}$$

and in space

$$\delta\vec{x}_{\perp} = \delta\vec{v}_{\perp} t_e$$

Assumptions

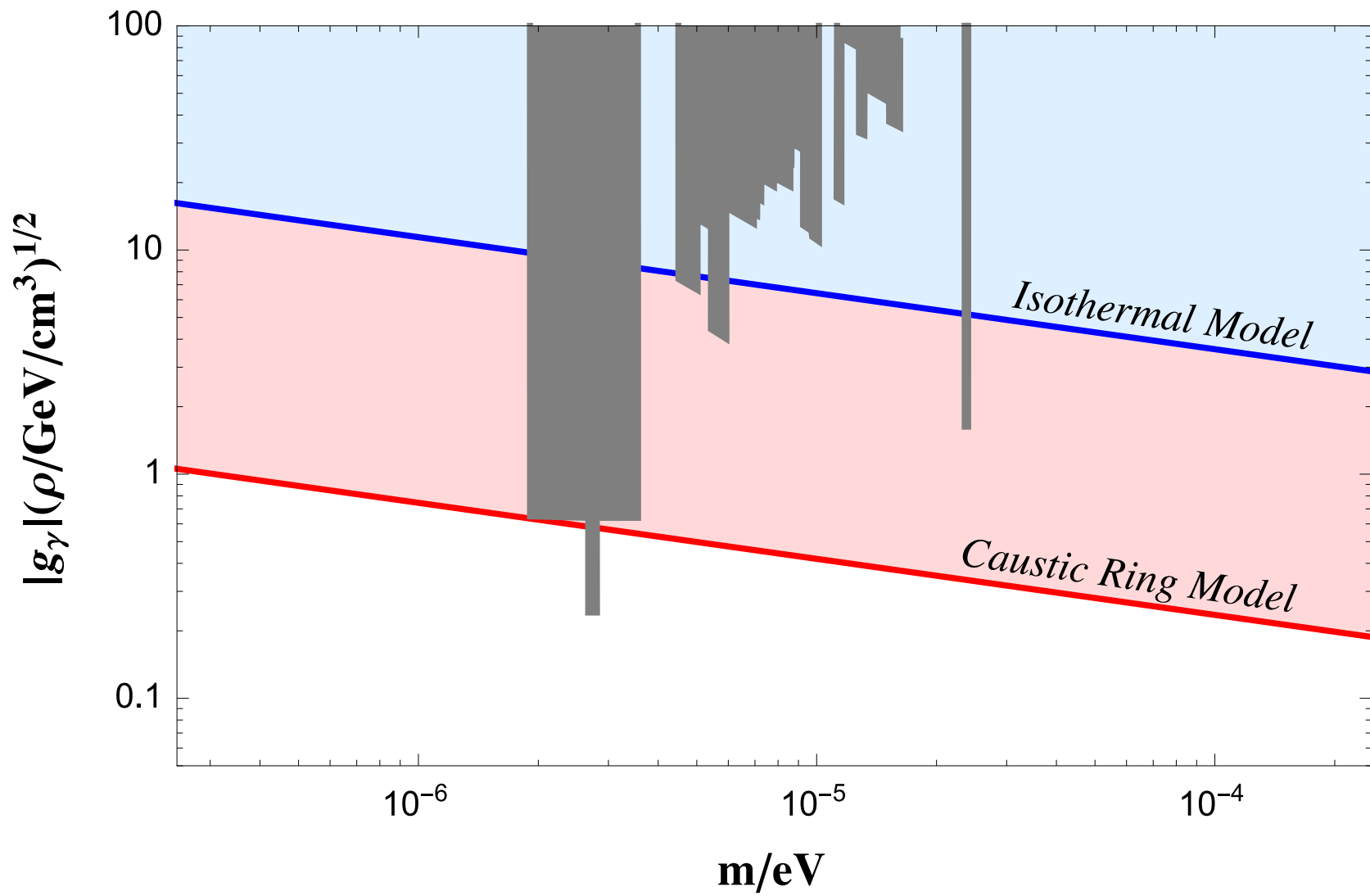
- outgoing energy: 10 MW year per factor of two in frequency covered
- the outgoing power is pulsed (or modulated) on 10 millisec time scale
- 50 meter receiving dish & 20 K system noise temperature
- cold flow with velocity dispersion less than 70 m/s, and known direction
- $|\vec{v}_\perp| < 5 \text{ km/s}$



The Axion Echo Method works better in the Caustic Ring Model than in the Isothermal Model for three reasons:

- 1) the axion density is higher
- 2) the echo has less spread in frequency
- 3) the echo has less spread in space

Reason 1) helps the cavity method equally.



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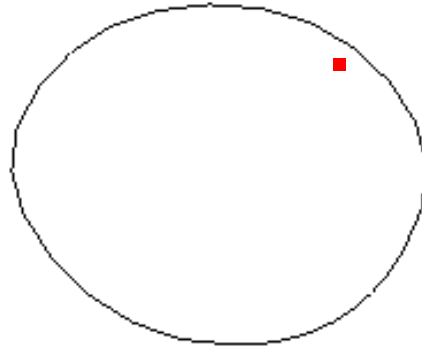
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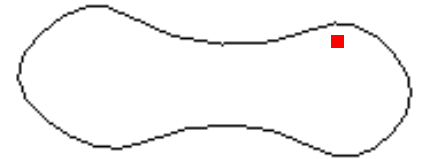
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As the shell falls in and out of the galaxy, it turns itself inside out.

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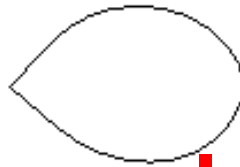
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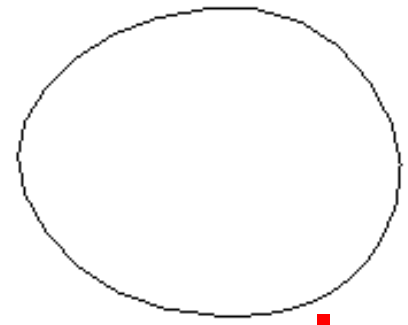
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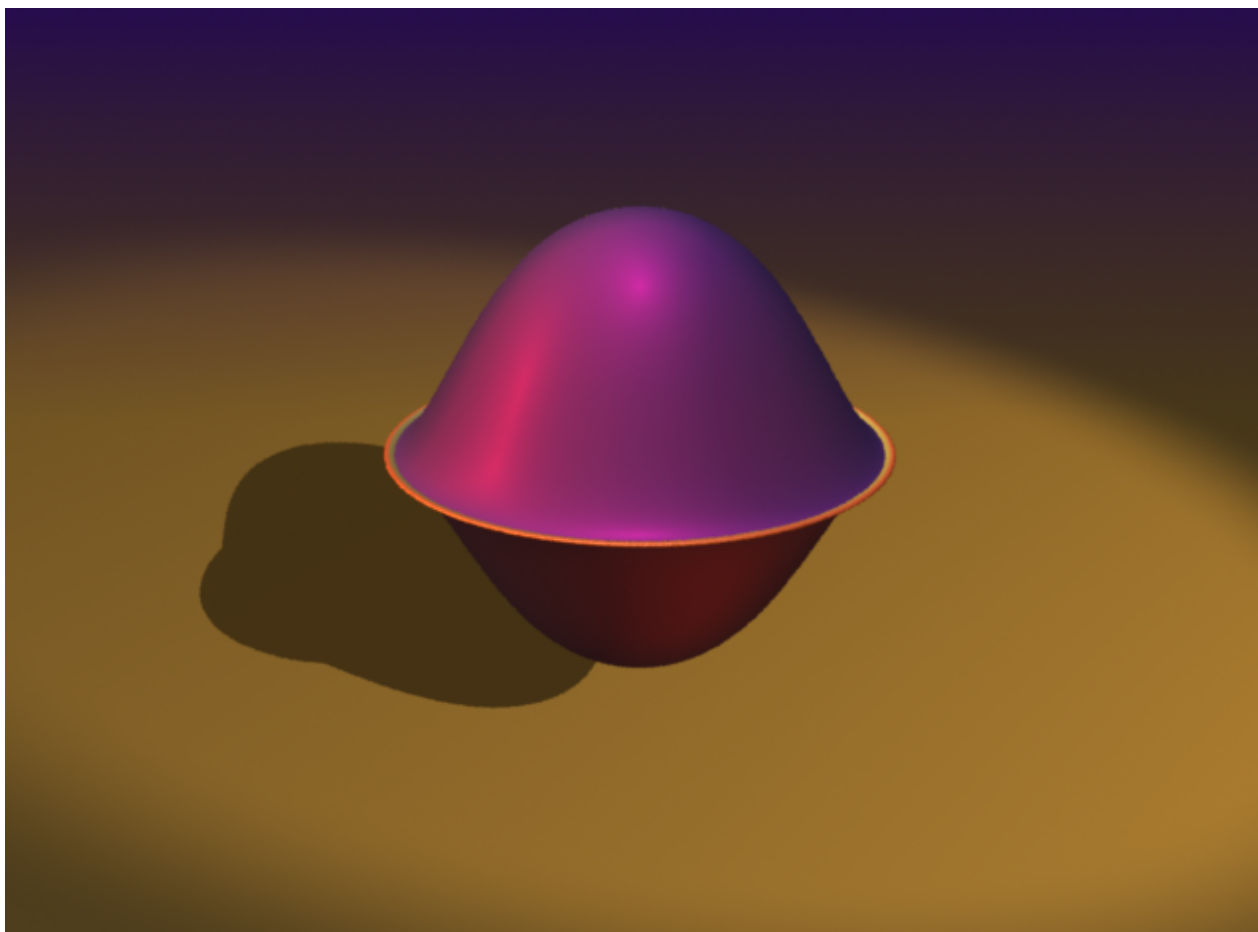
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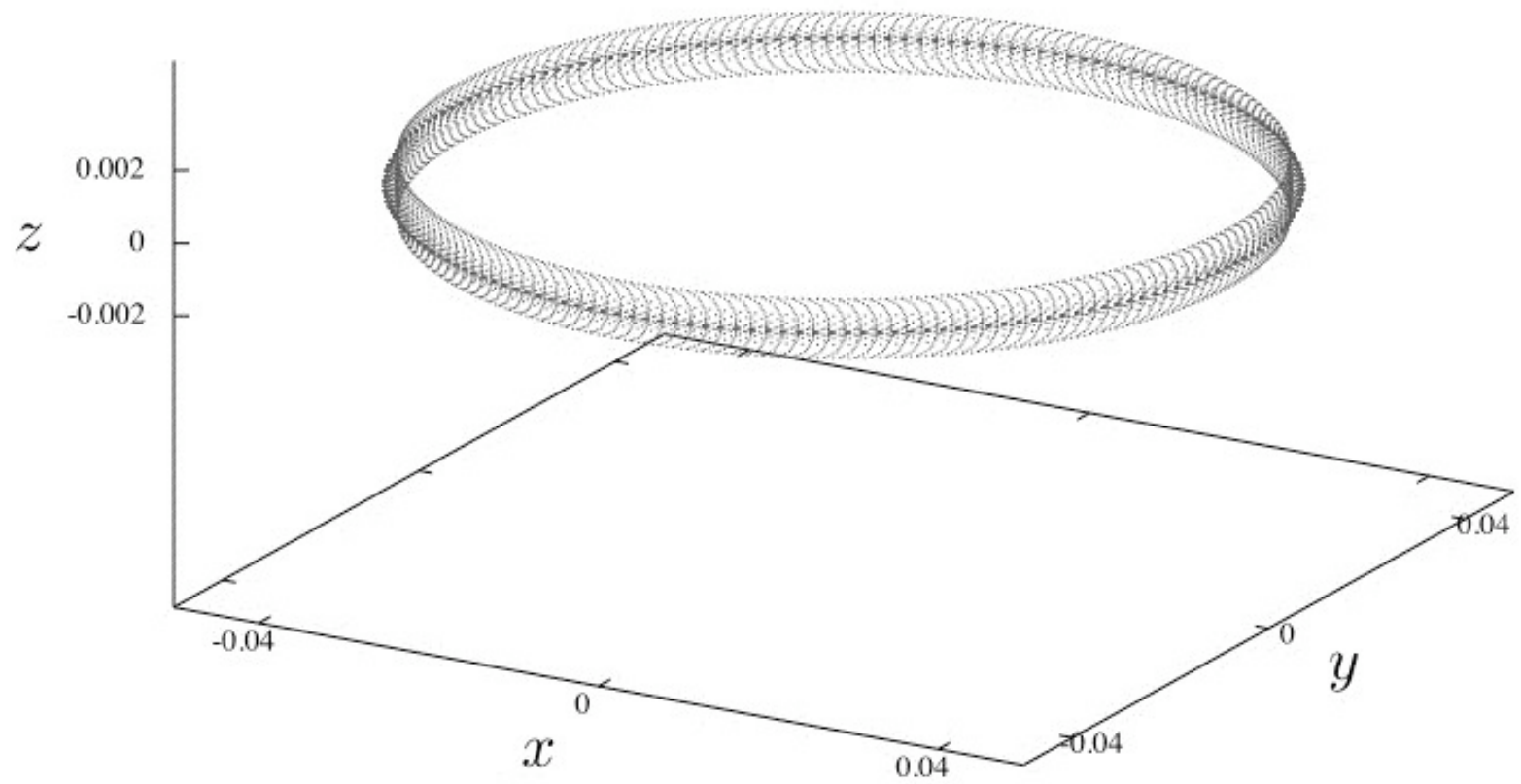
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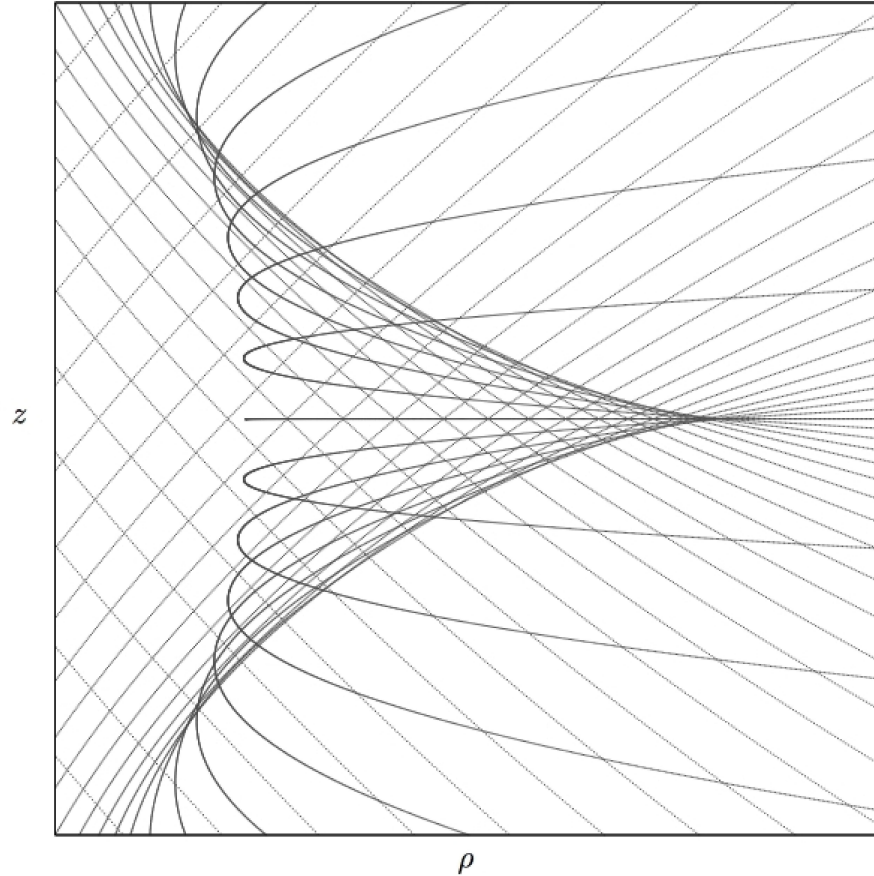
Sphere turning inside out



simulation by Arvind Natarajan

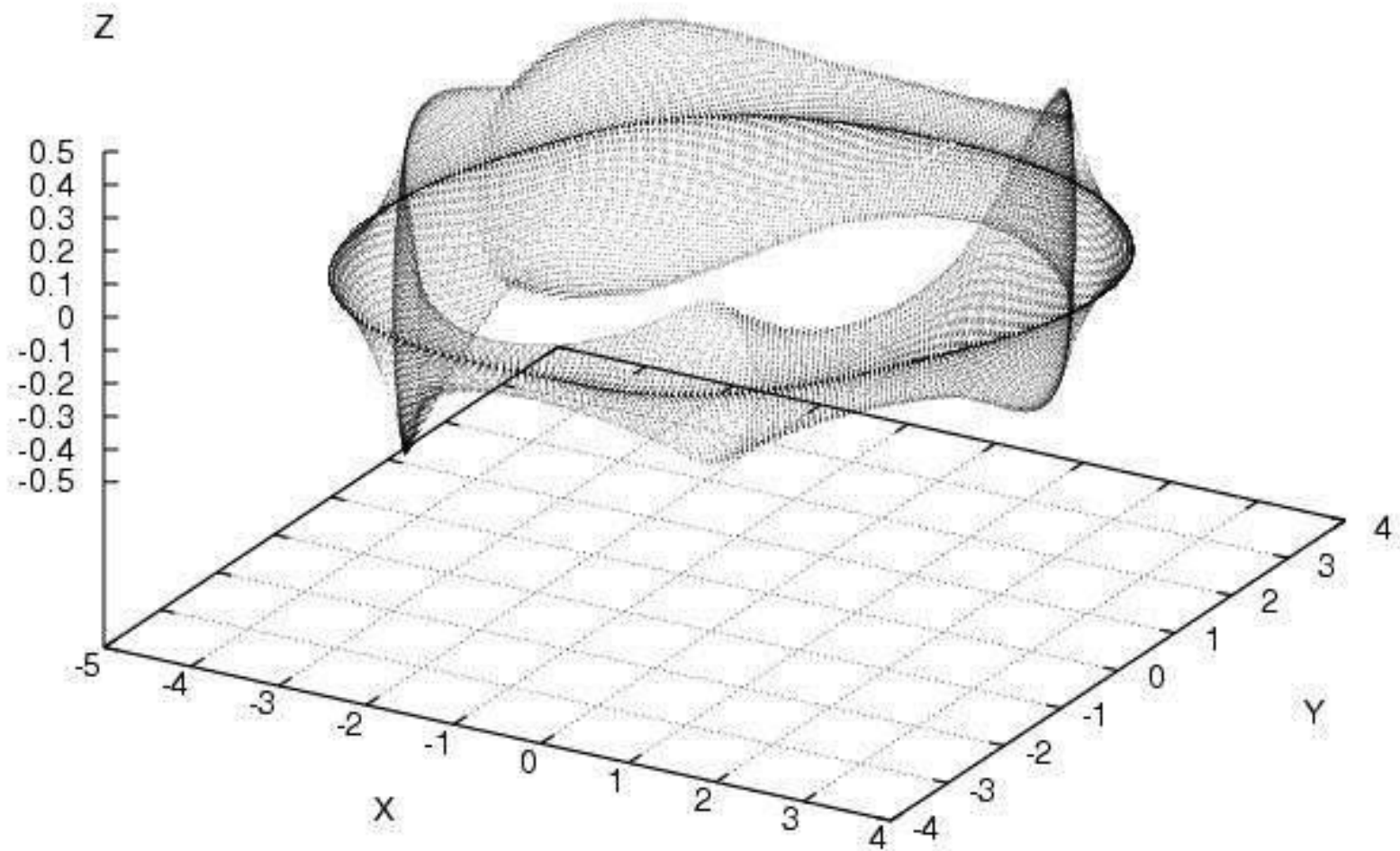


The caustic ring cross-section



D_{-4}

an elliptic umbilic catastrophe

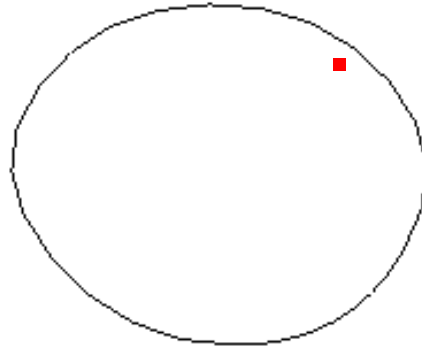


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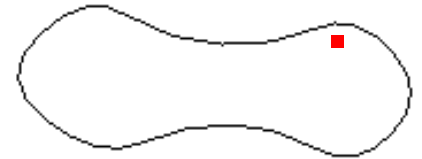
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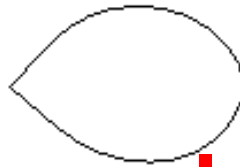
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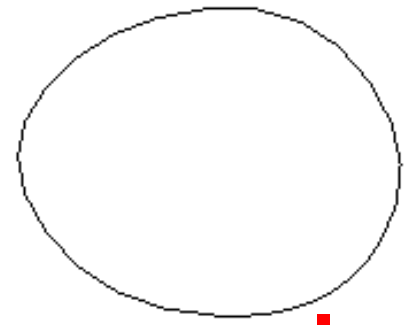
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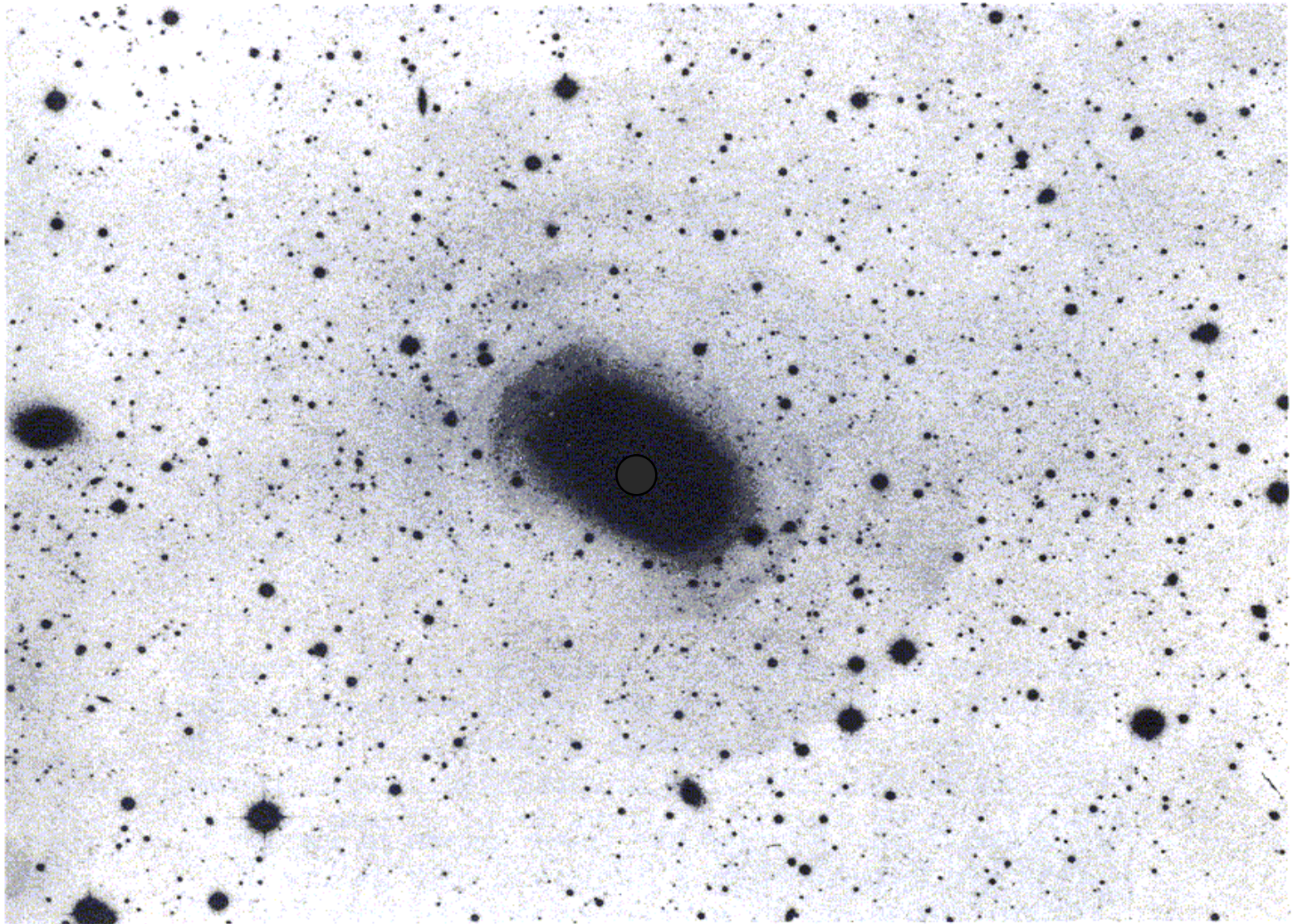


Figure 7-22. The giant elliptical galaxy NGC 3923 is surrounded by faint ripples of brightness. Courtesy of D. F. Malin and the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board.
(from Binney and Tremaine's book)

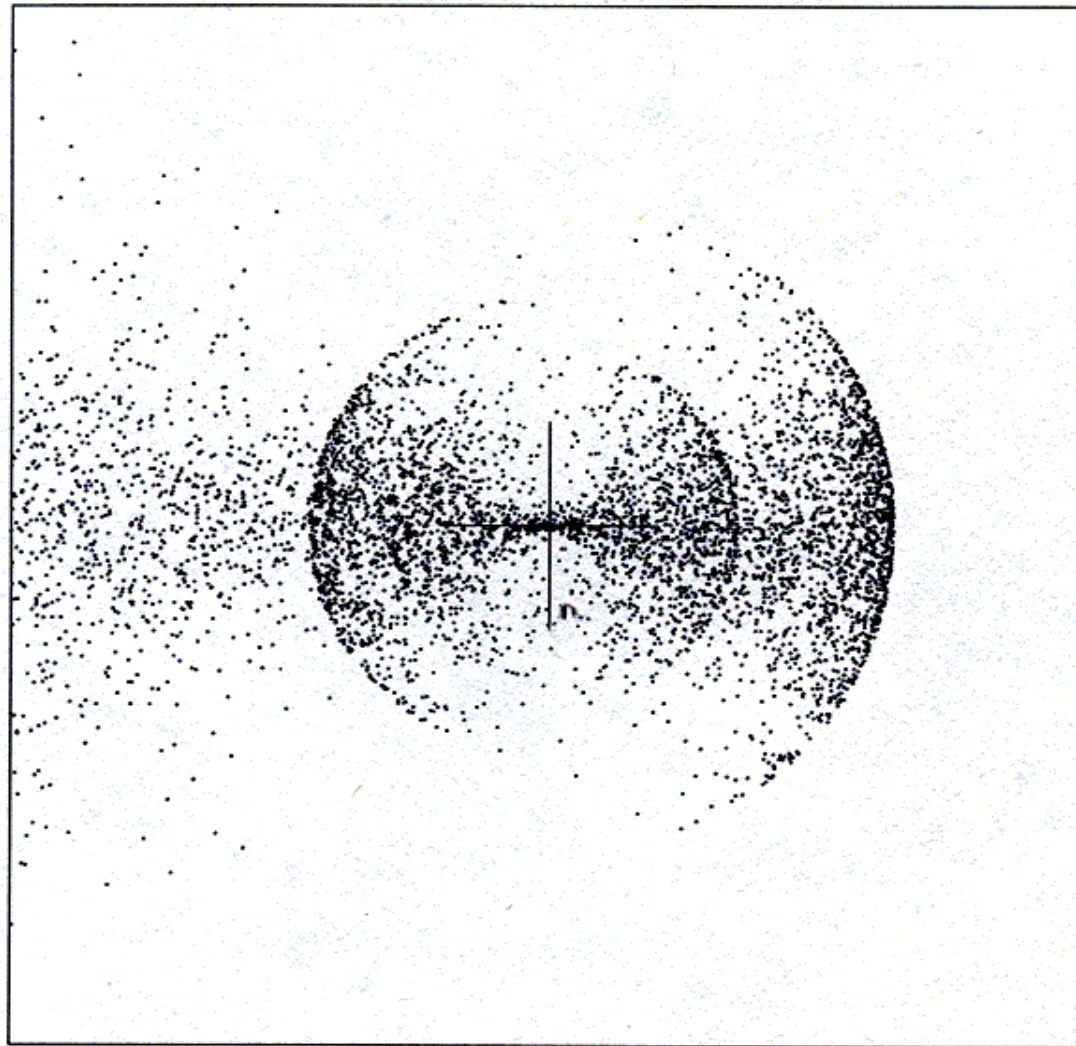


Figure 7-23. Ripples like those shown in Figure 7-22 are formed when a numerical disk galaxy is tidally disrupted by a fixed galaxy-like potential. (See Hernquist & Quinn 1987.)

On the basis of the self-similar infall model (Filmore and Goldreich, Bertschinger) with angular momentum (Tkachev, Wang + PS), the caustic rings were predicted to be

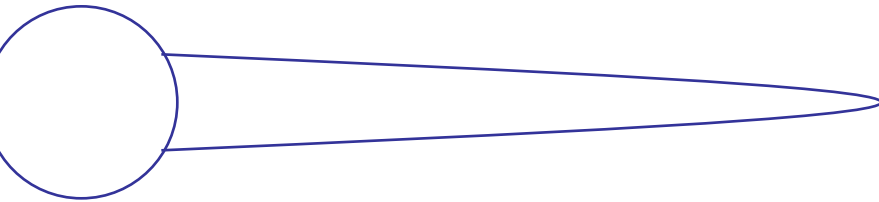
in the galactic plane

with radii $(n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$

$$a_n = \frac{40 \text{kpc}}{n} \left(\frac{V_{\text{rot}}}{220 \text{km/s}} \right) \left(\frac{j_{\text{max}}}{0.18} \right)$$

$j_{\text{max}} \cong 0.18$ was expected for the Milky Way halo from the effect of angular momentum on the inner rotation curve.

Galactic rotation curves



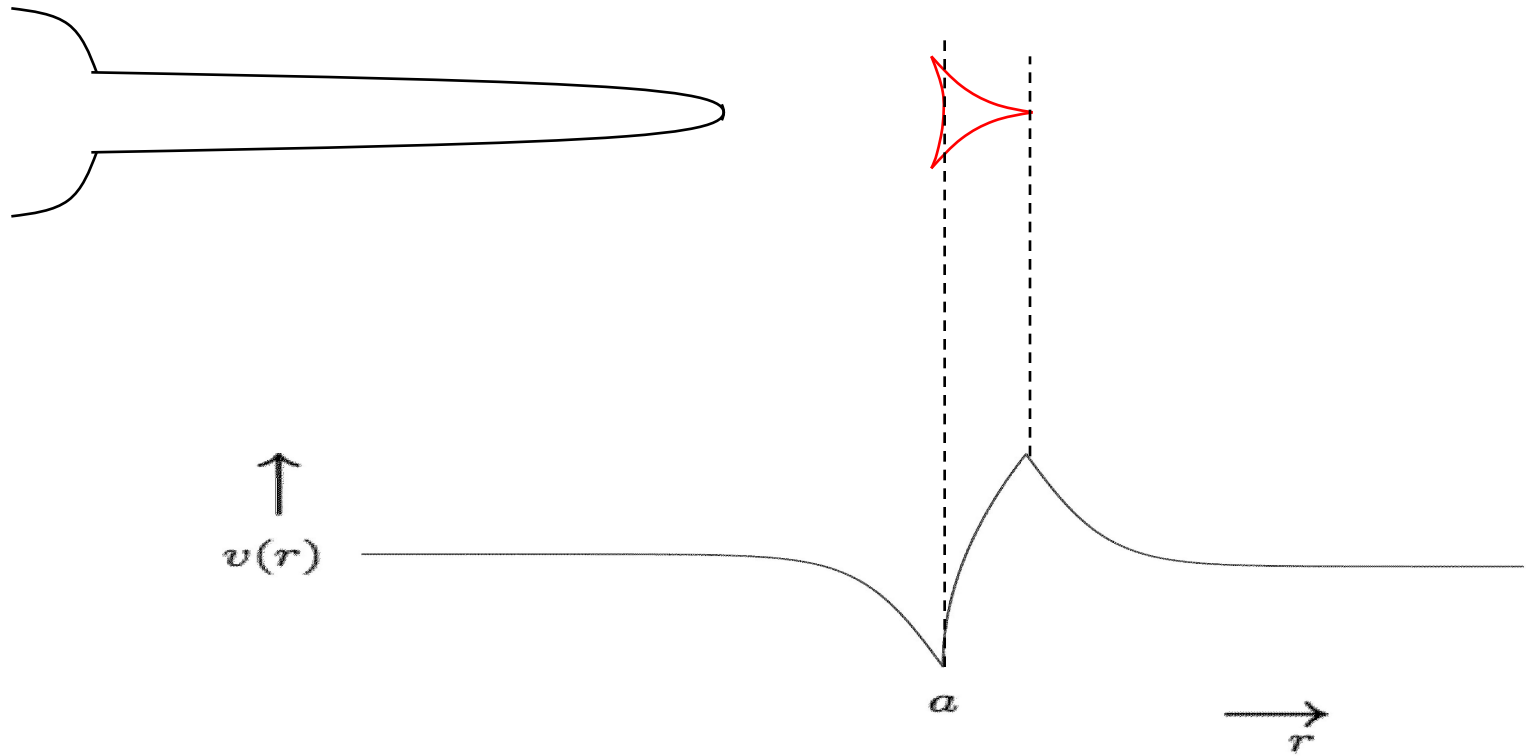
r

$$v^2(r) = \frac{G M(r)}{r}$$

galactic
mass

rotation speed

Effect of a caustic ring of dark matter upon the galactic rotation curve



Rotation curve of Andromeda Galaxy

from L. Chemin, C. Carignan & T. Foster, Ap.J. 705 (2009) 1395

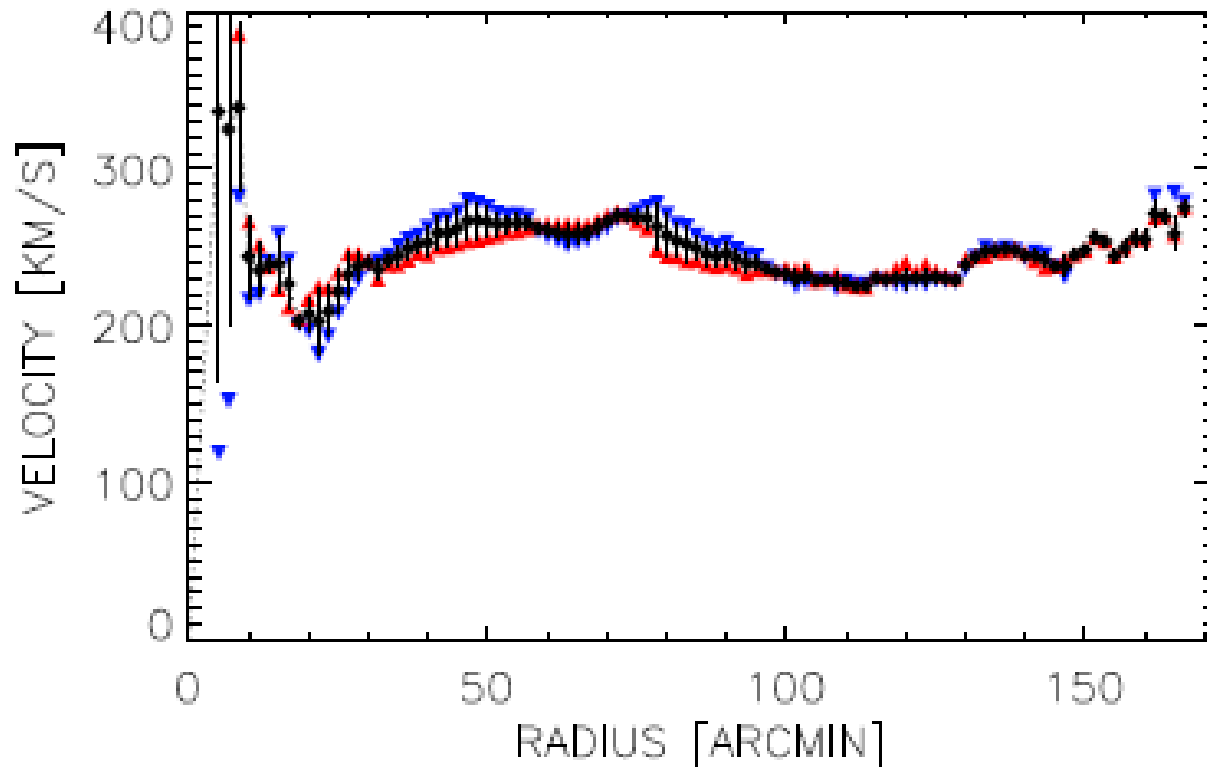
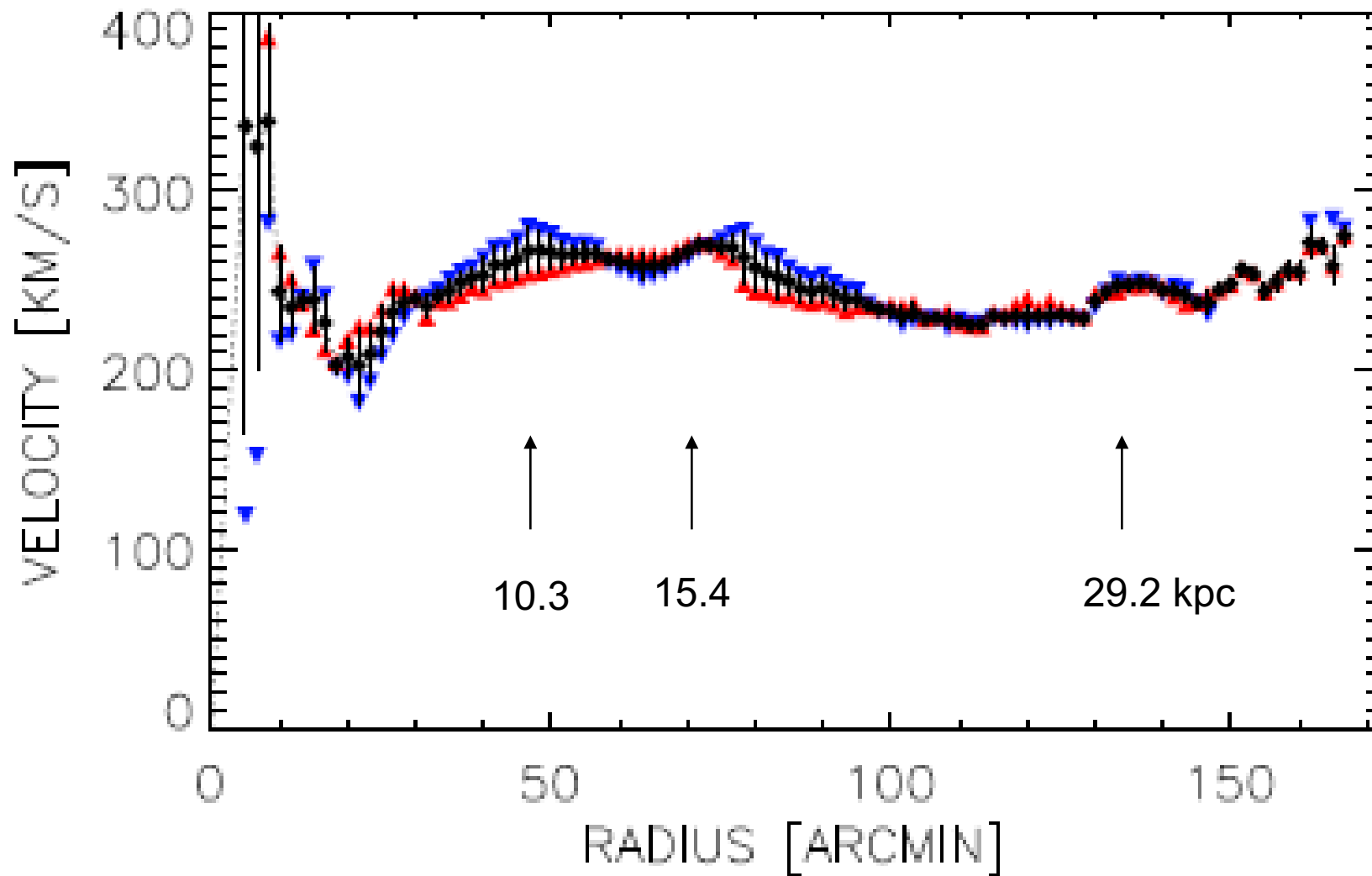


FIG. 10.— H I rotation curve of Messier 31. Filled diamonds are for both halves of the disc fitted simultaneously while blue downward/red upward triangles are for the approaching/receding sides fitted separately (respectively).

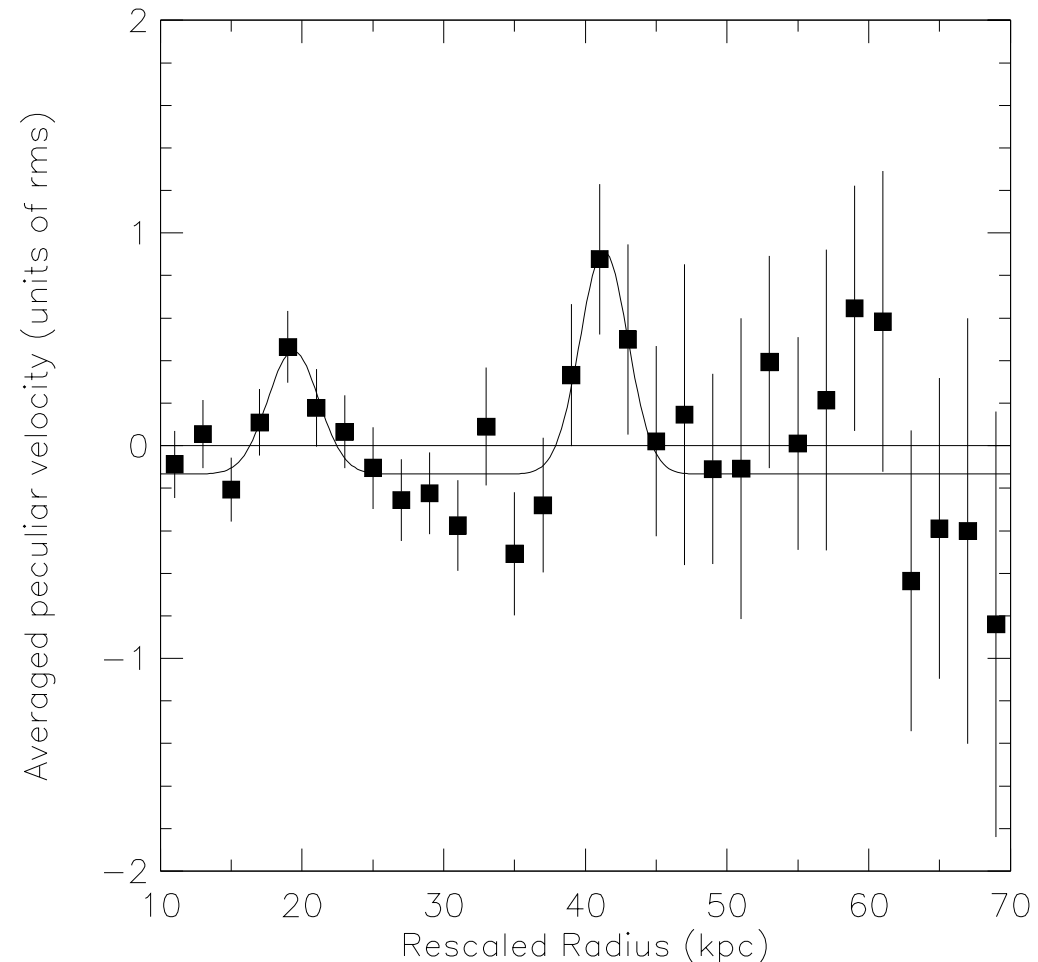


10 arcmin = 2.2 kpc

Composite rotation curve

W. Kinney and PS, Phys. Rev. D 62 (2000) 087305

- combining data on 32 well measured extended external rotation curves
- scaled to our own galaxy



Monoceros Ring of stars

H. Newberg et al. 2002; B. Yanny et al., 2003; R.A. Ibata et al., 2003;
H.J. Rocha-Pinto et al, 2003; J.D. Crane et al., 2003; N.F. Martin et al., 2005

in the Galactic plane

at galactocentric distance $r \sim 20$ kpc

appears circular, actually seen for $100^\circ < l < 270^\circ$

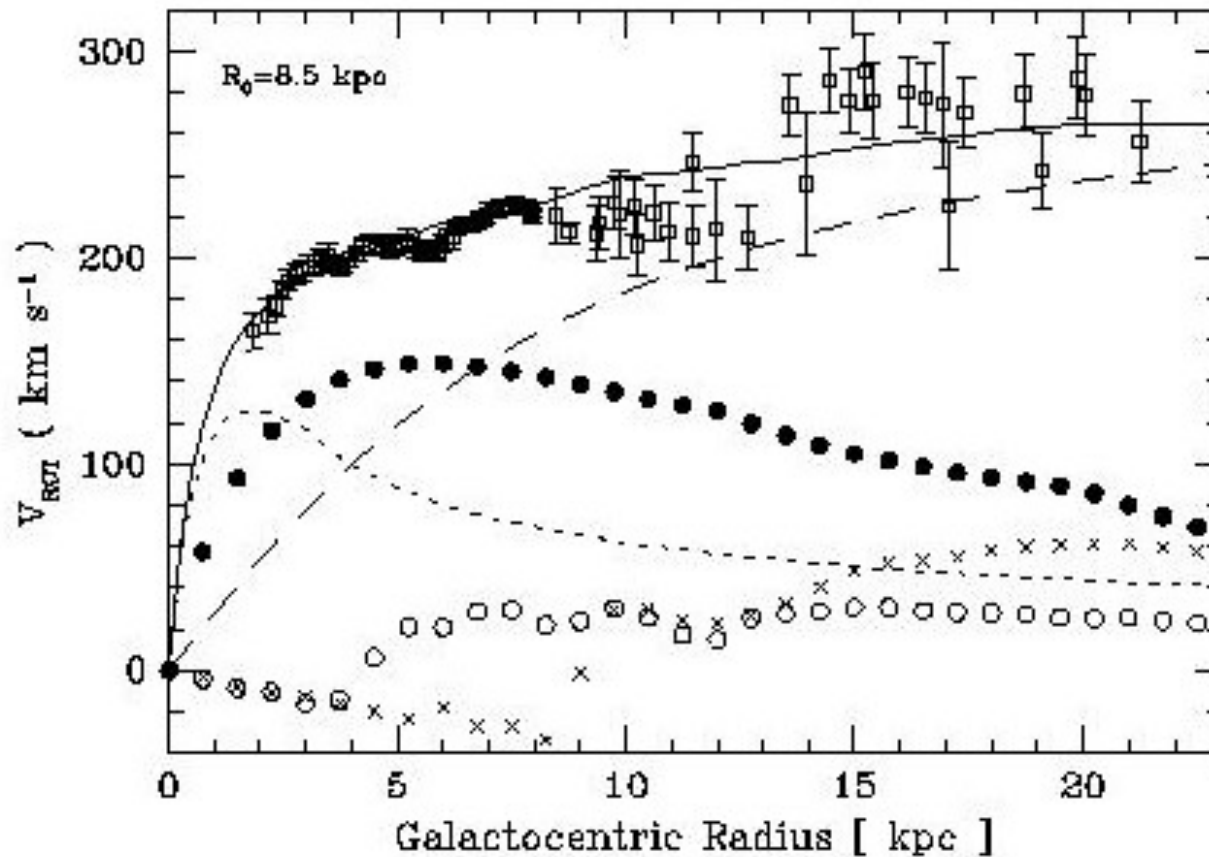
scale height of order 1 kpc

velocity dispersion of order 20 km/s

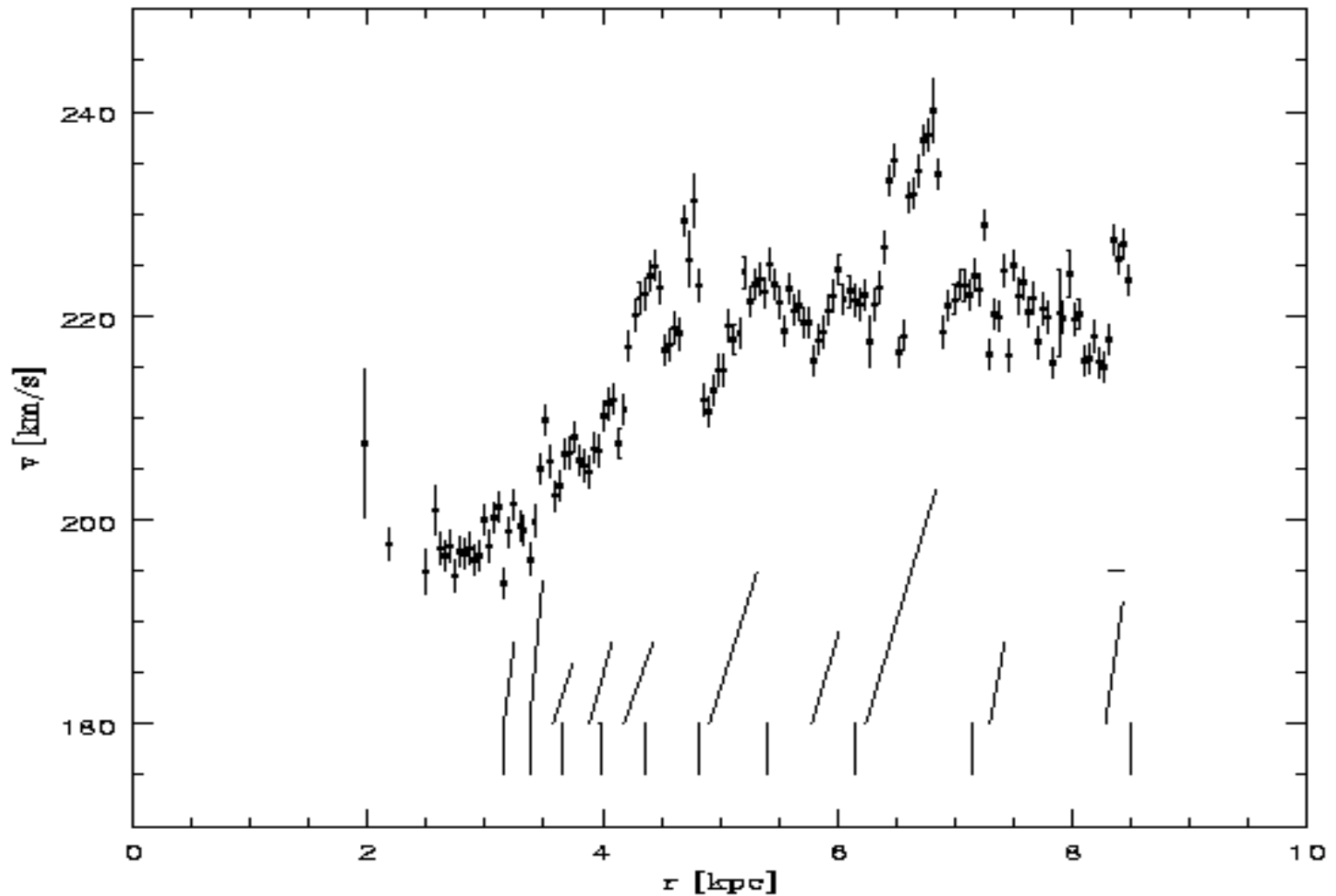
may be caused by the $n = 2$ caustic ring of
dark matter

(A. Natarajan & PS, 2007;
S. Chakrabarty & PS, 2018)

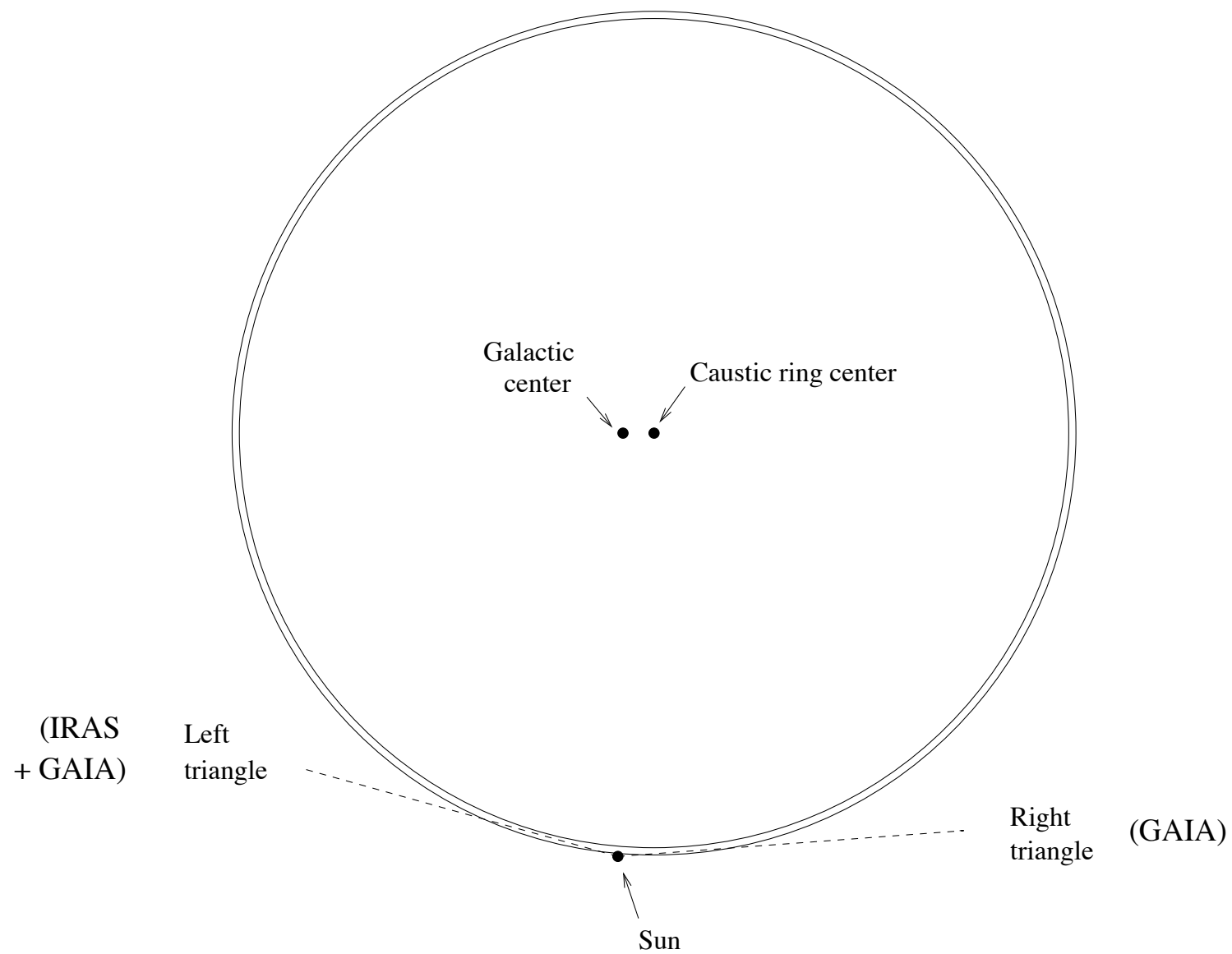
Outer Galactic rotation curve



Inner Galactic rotation curve



from Massachusetts-Stony Brook North Galactic Plane CO Survey (Clemens, 1985)

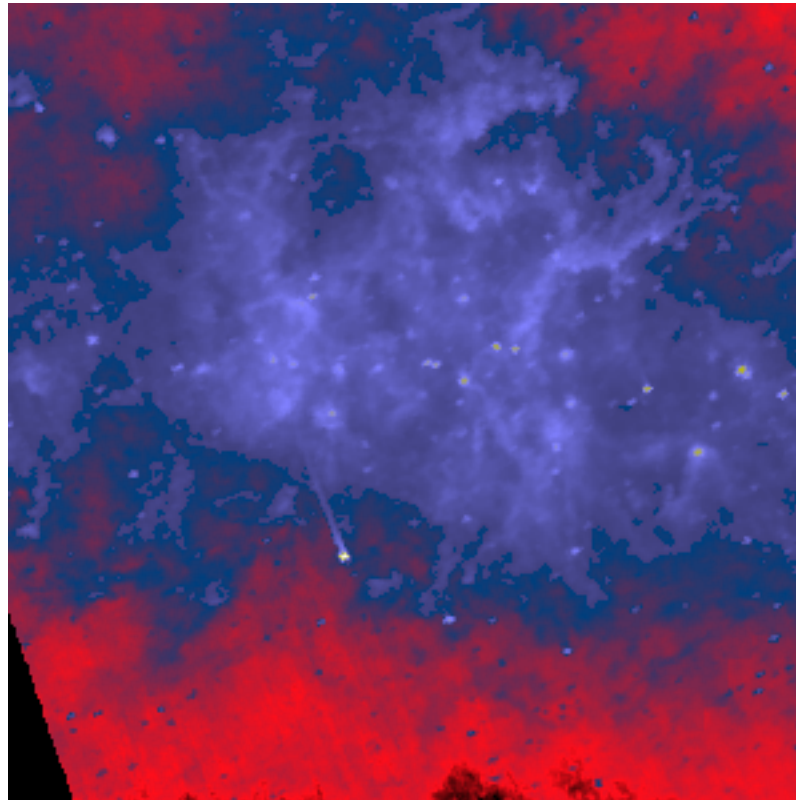


IRAS

$12\ \mu\text{m}$

$(l, b) = (80^\circ, 0^\circ)$

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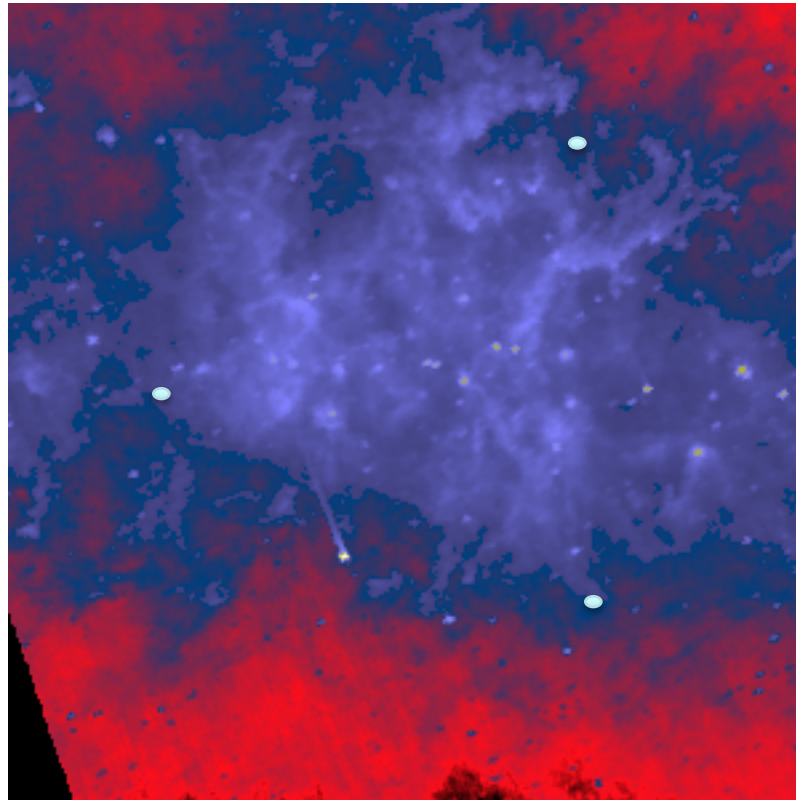


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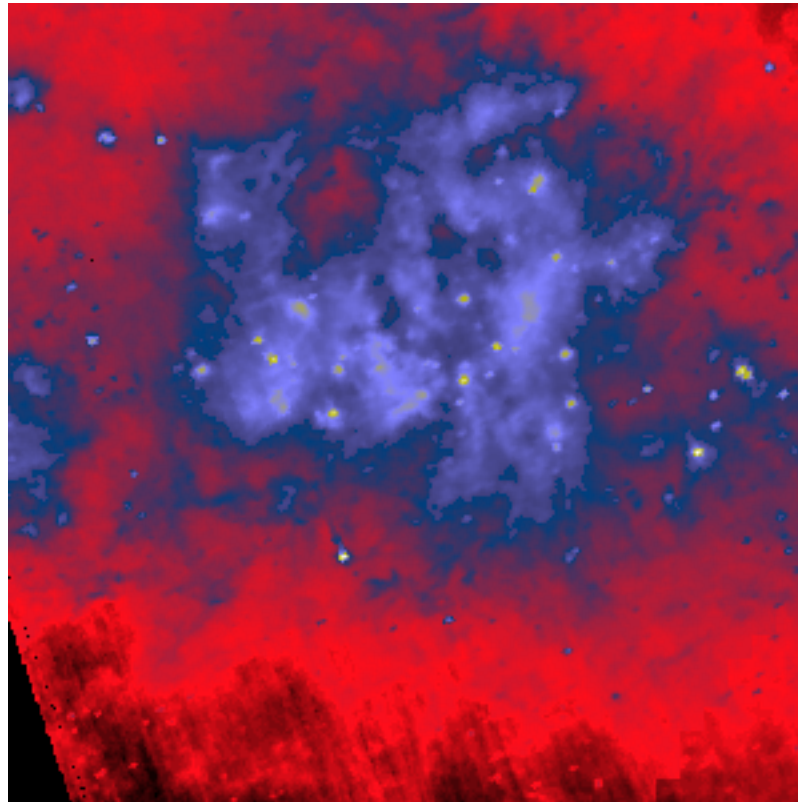


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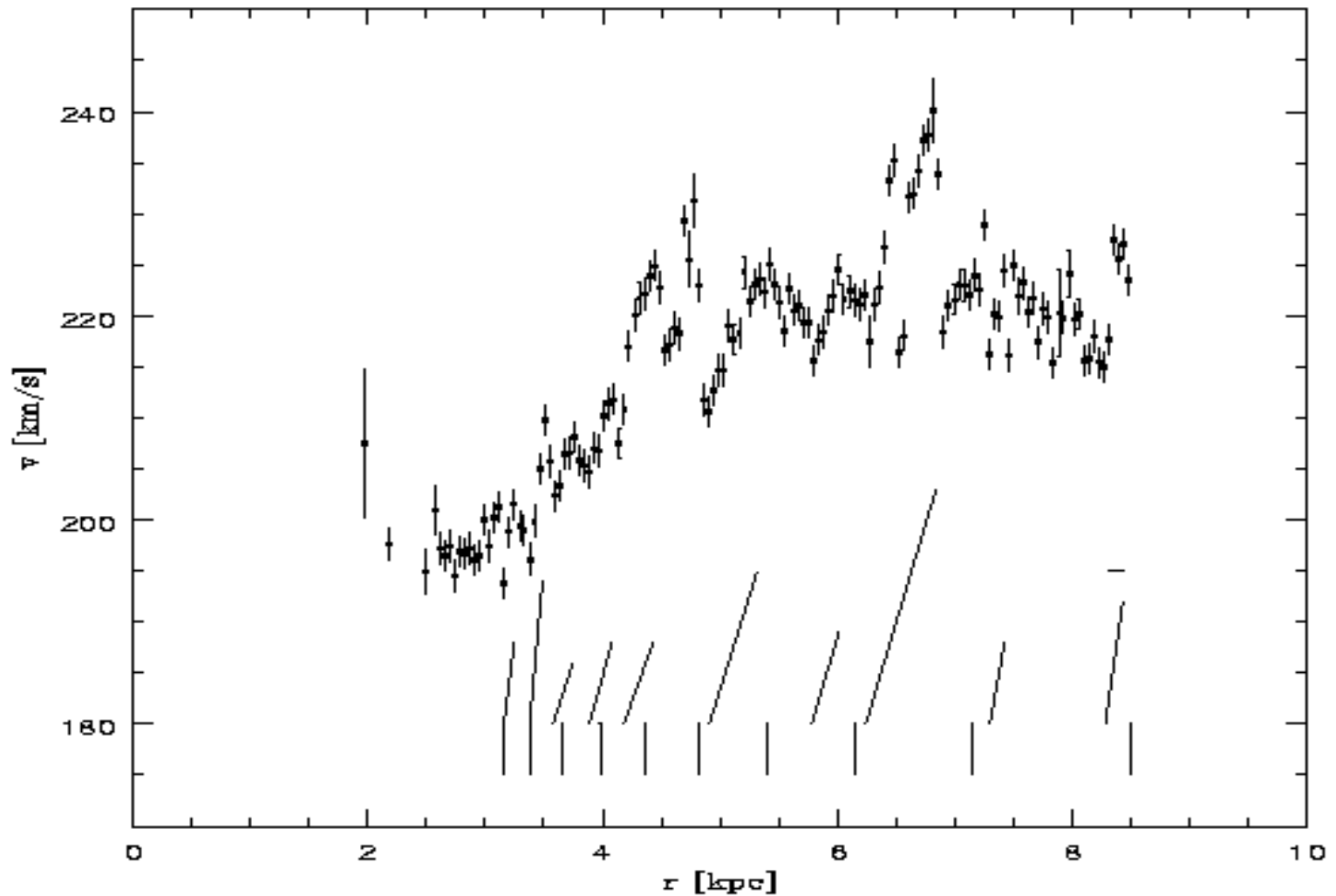
$25\ \mu\text{m}$

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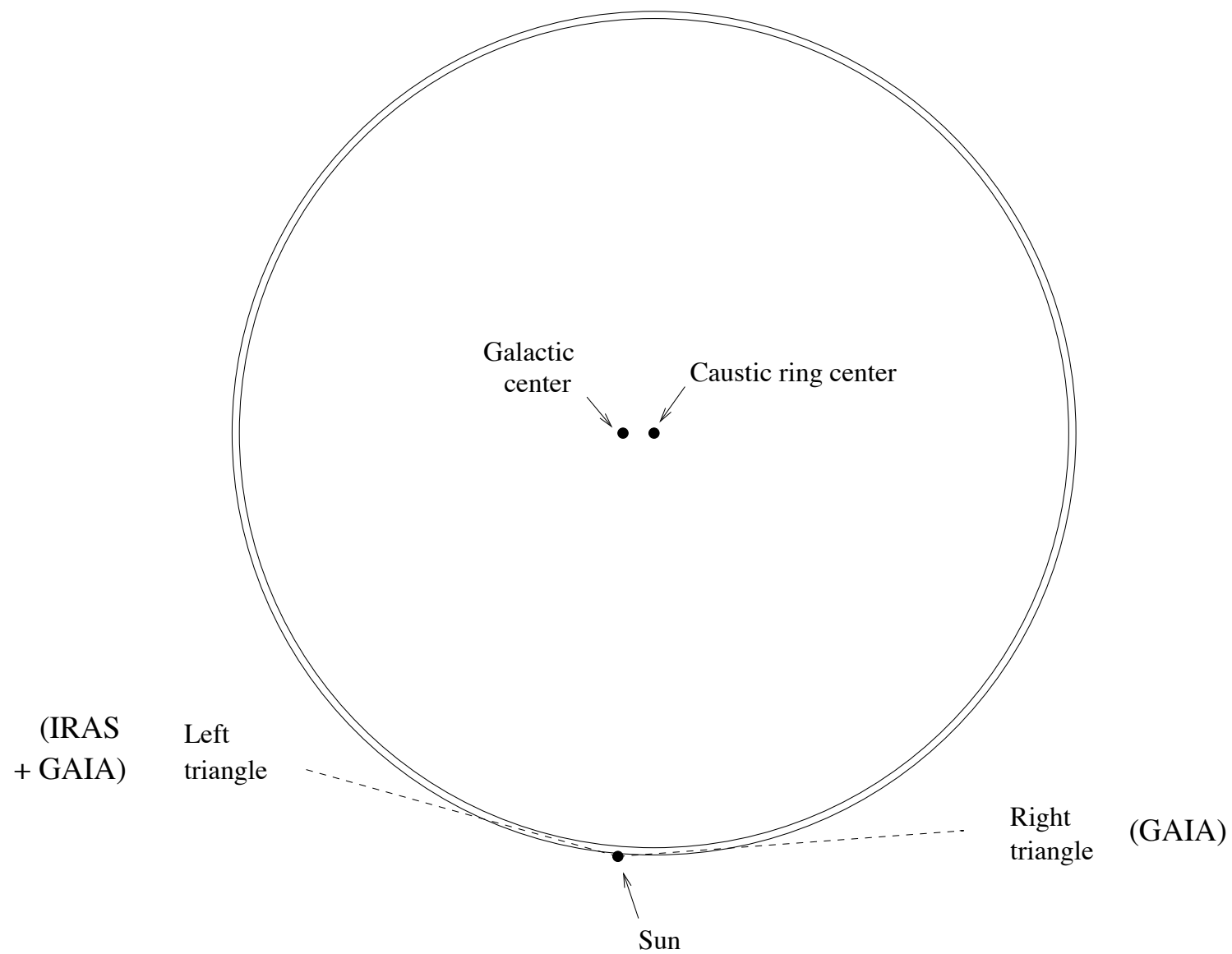
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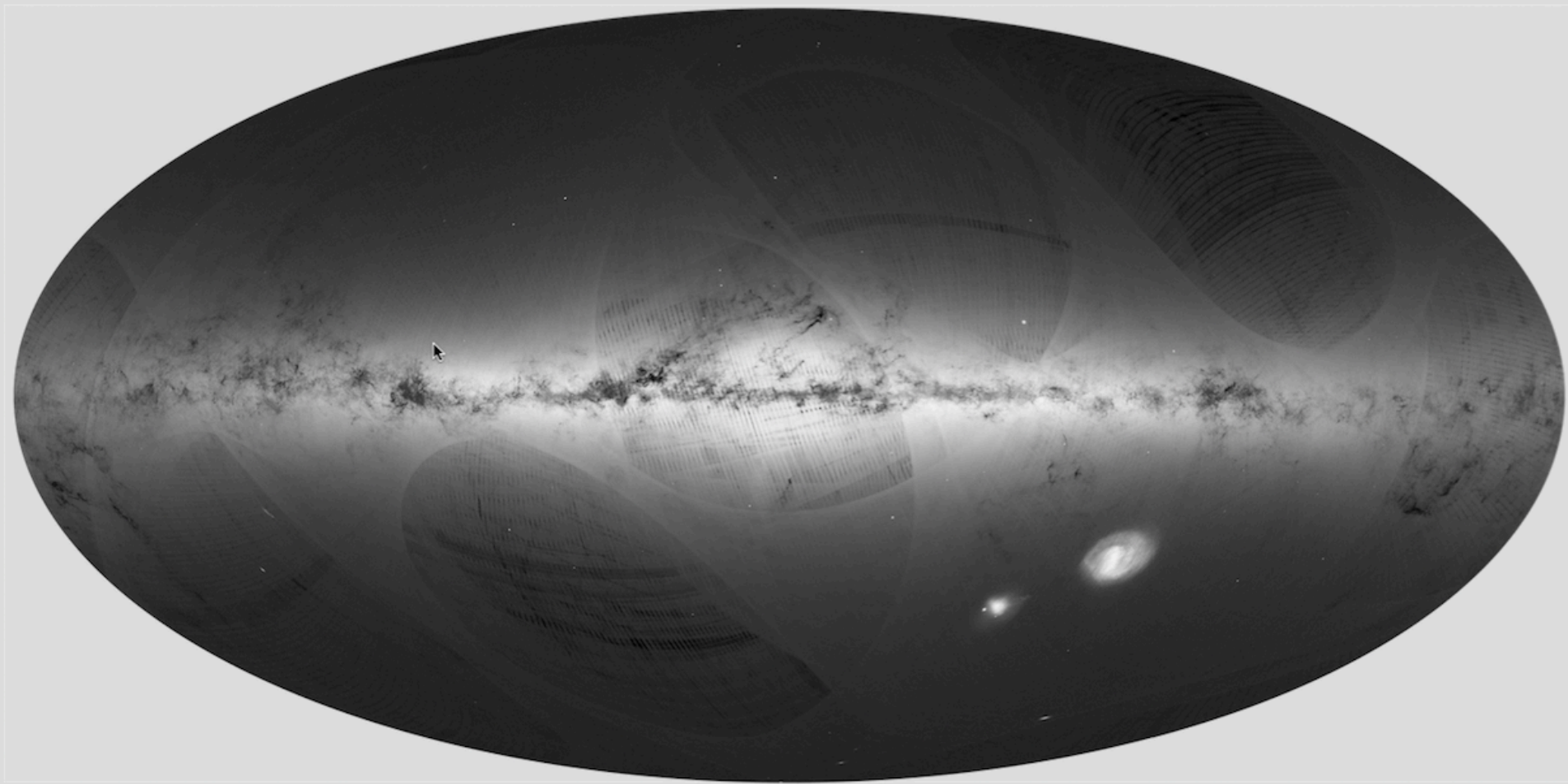
Inner Galactic rotation curve

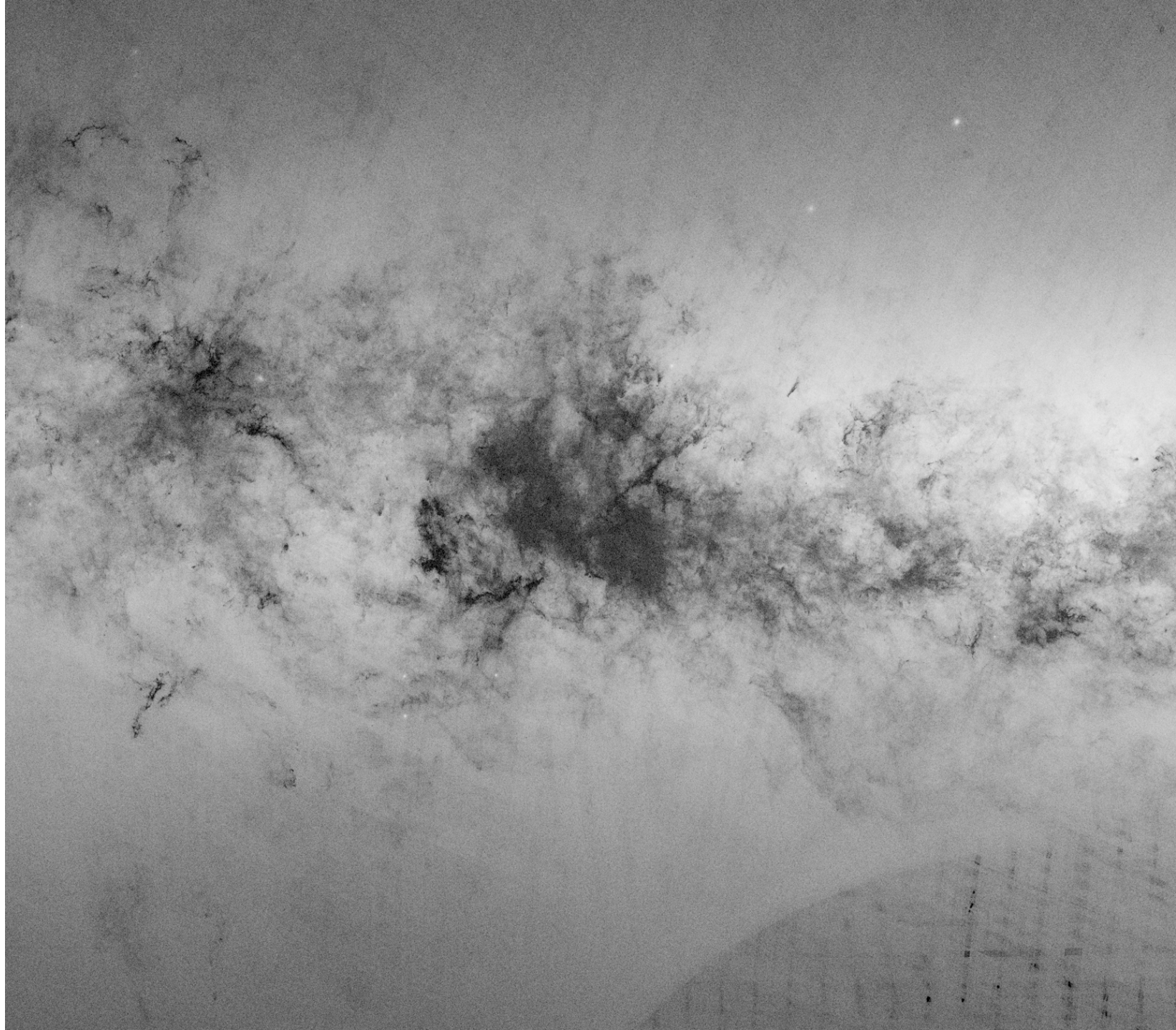


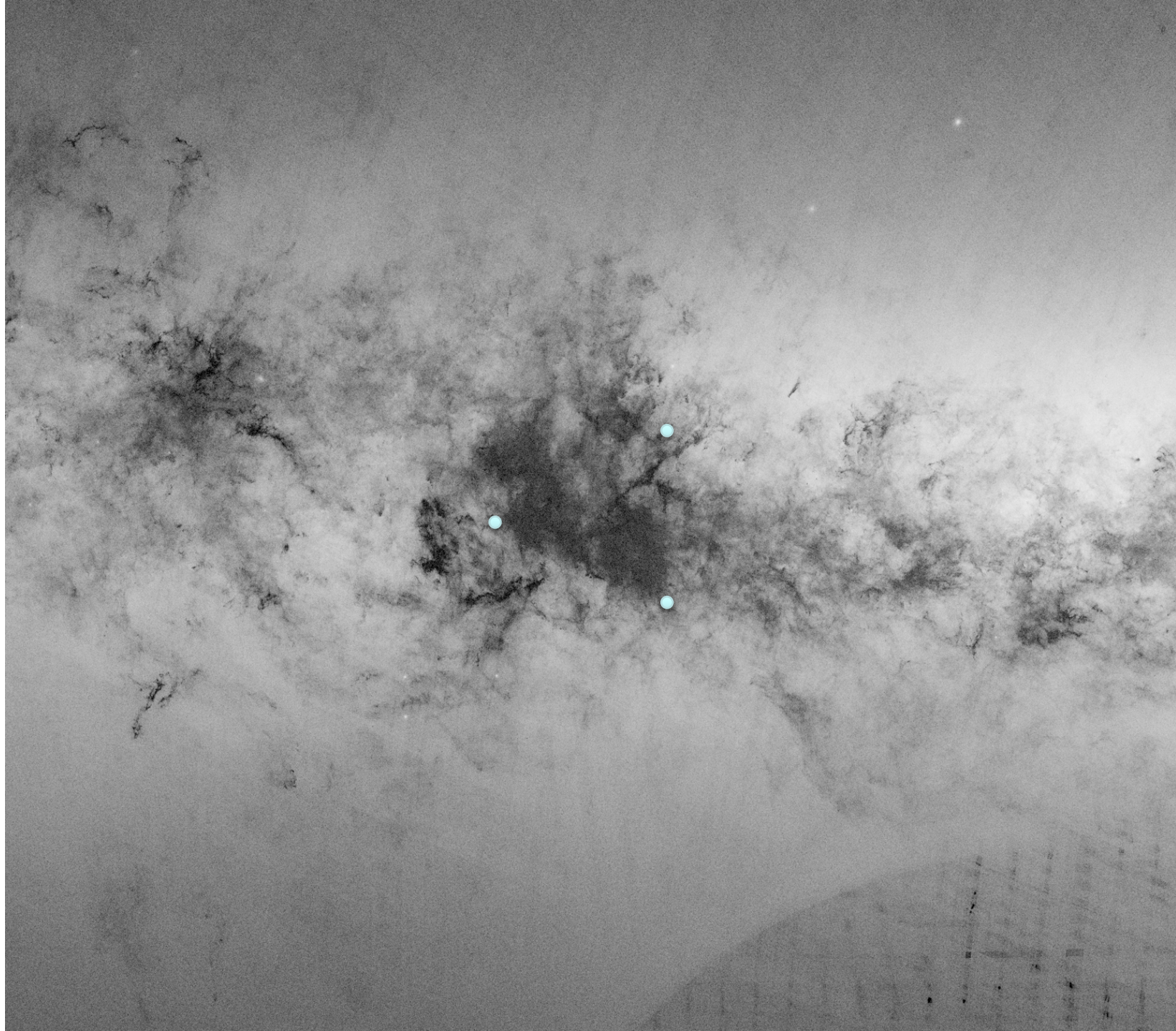
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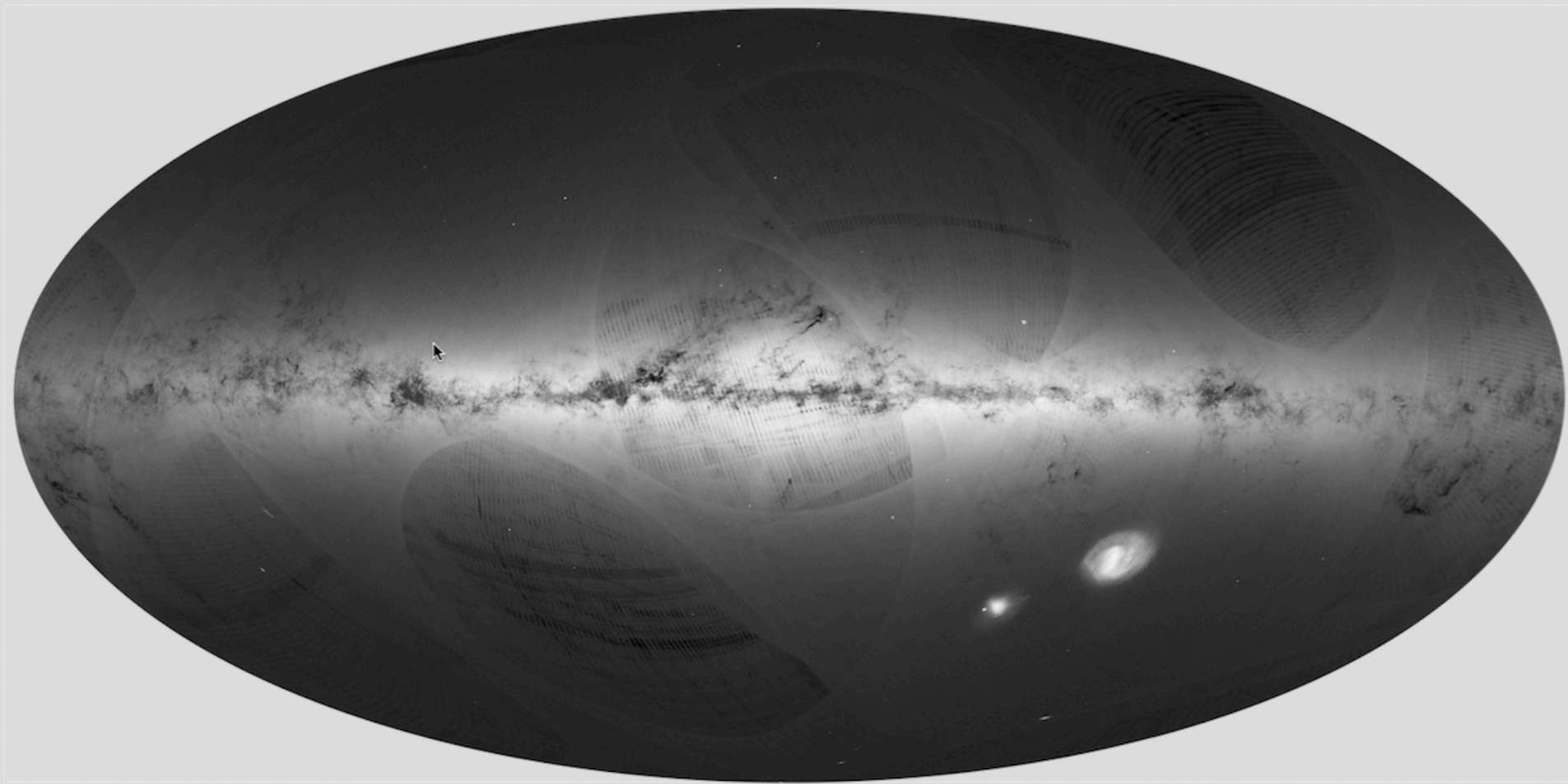
GAIA sky map

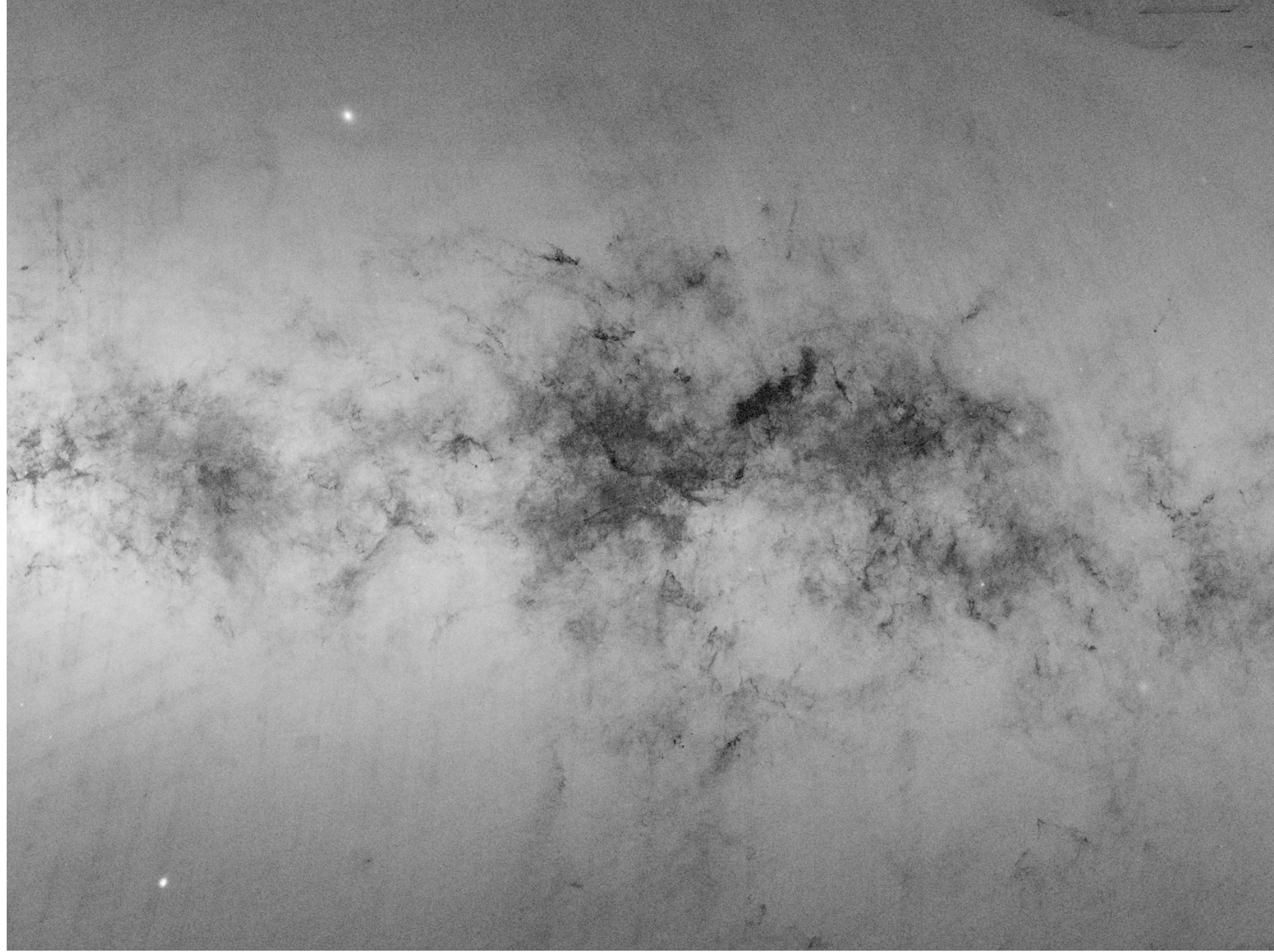


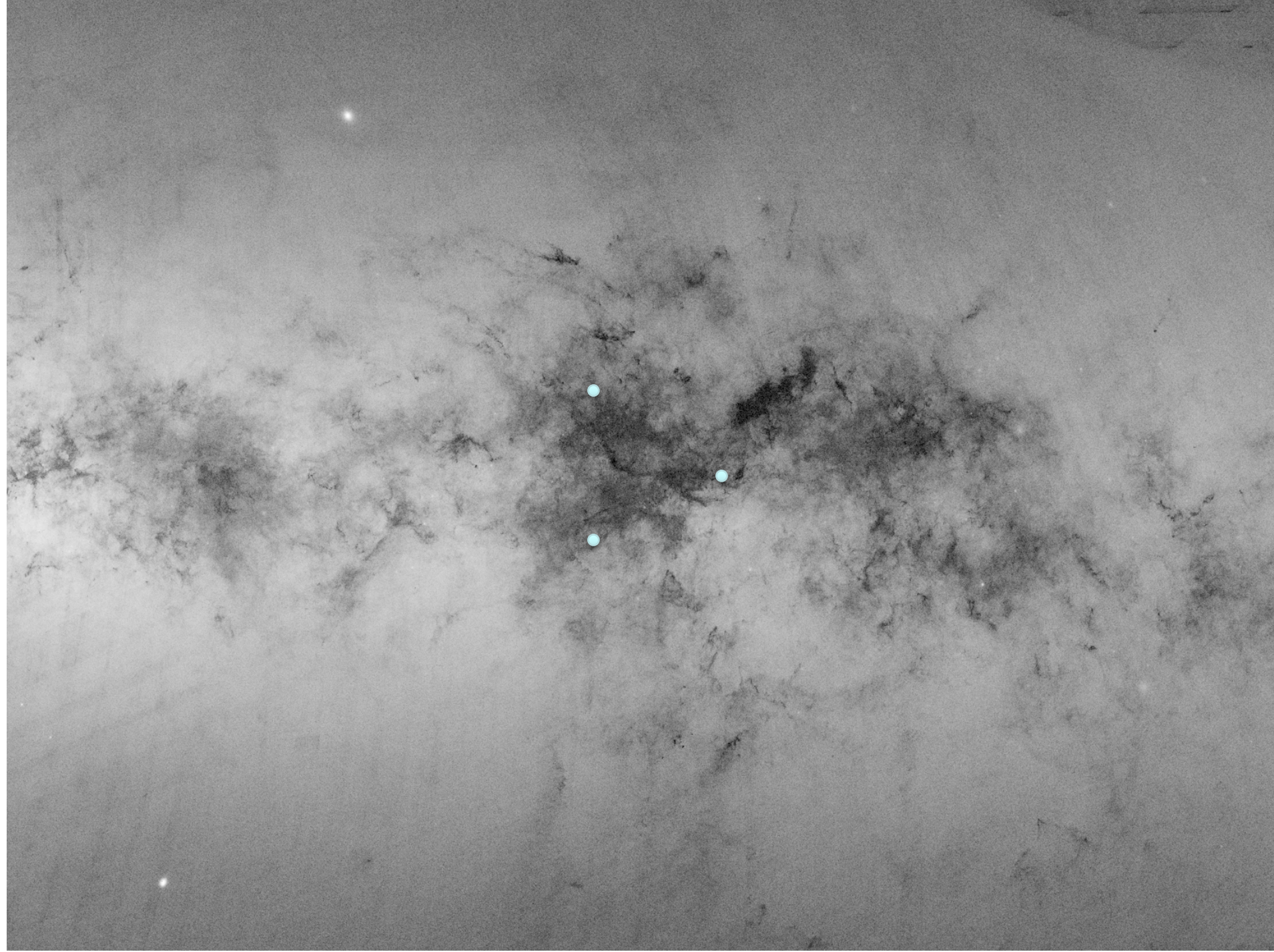


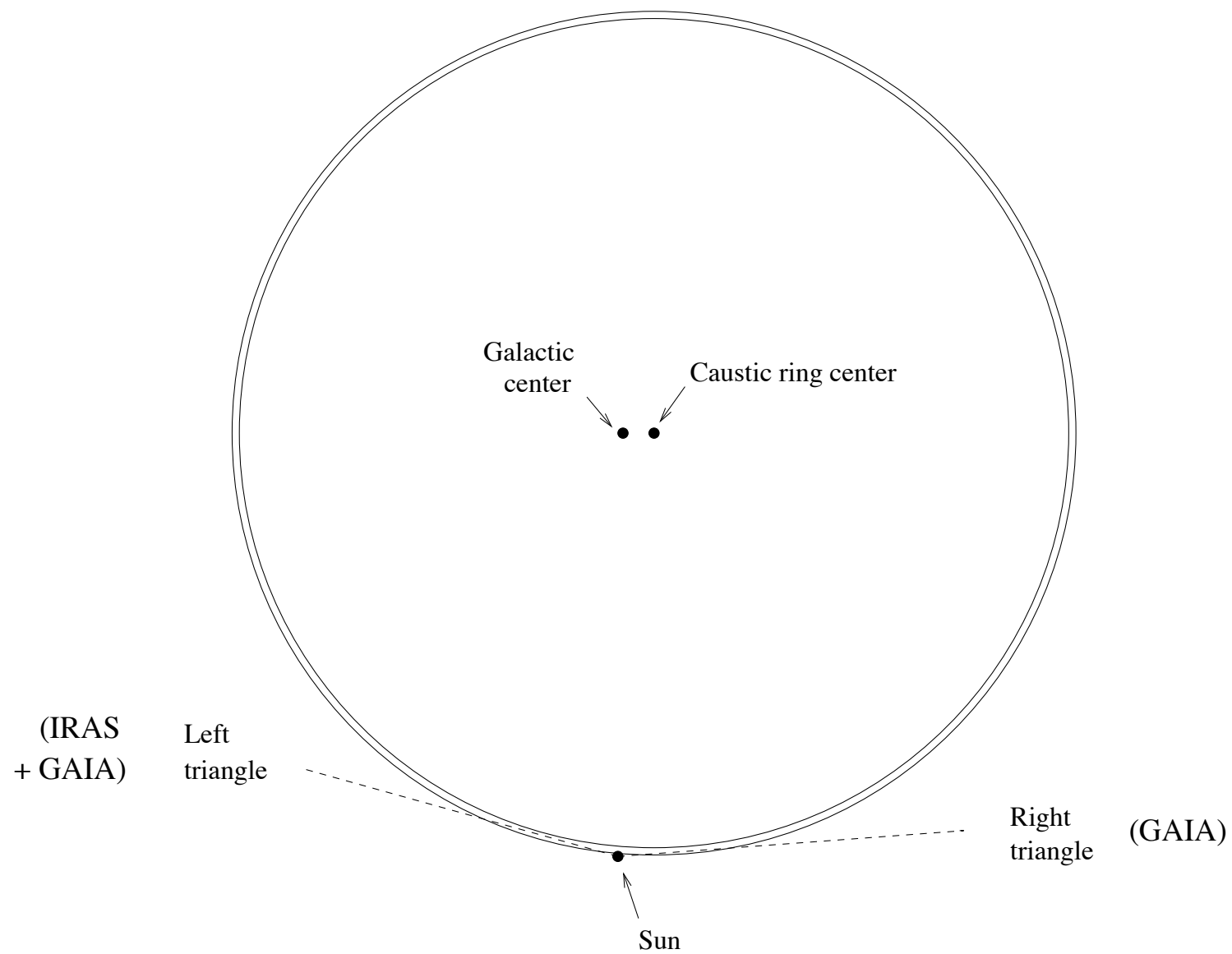


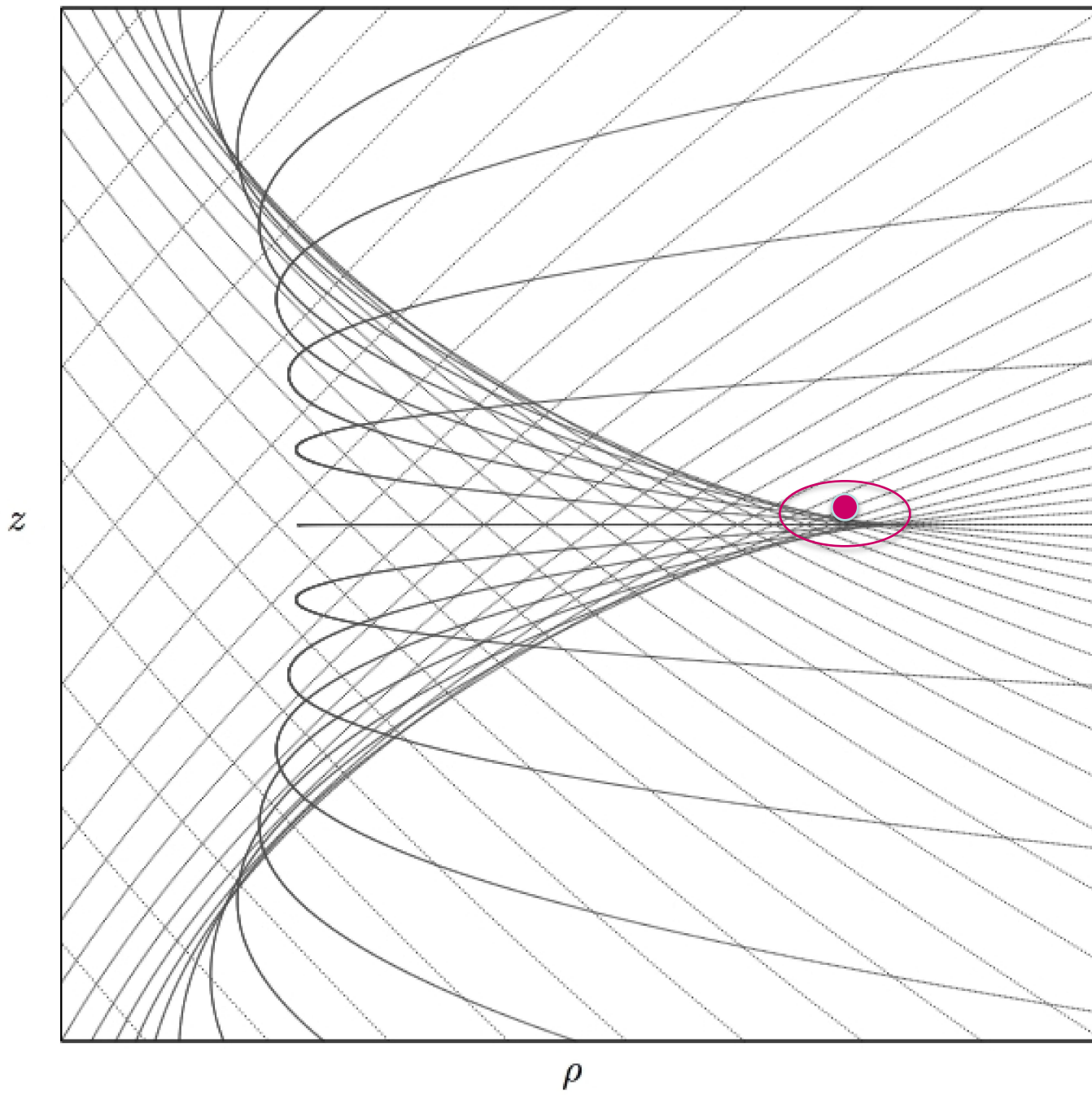
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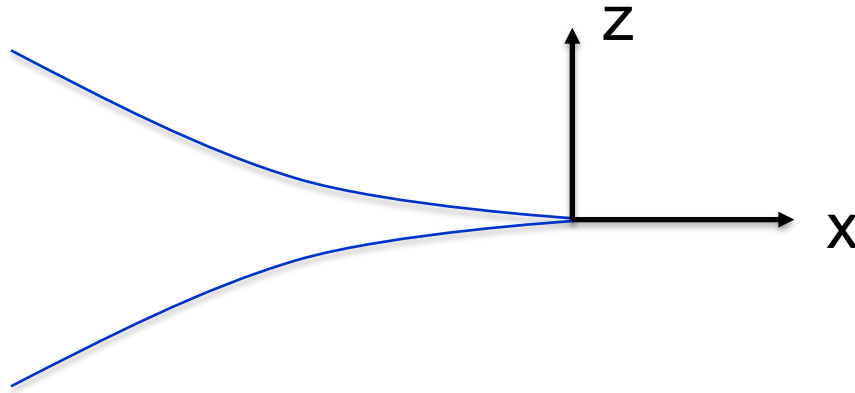












$$x = (-2T - A^2)(61.5 \text{ pc})$$

$$z = -2AT(54.6 \text{ pc})$$

Big Flow density:

$$\rho \simeq 0.96 \cdot 10^{-24} \frac{\text{gr}}{\text{cm}^3} \frac{1}{|T - A^2|}$$

Big Flow velocity components:

$$v_x = -57 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} (1 - T)$$

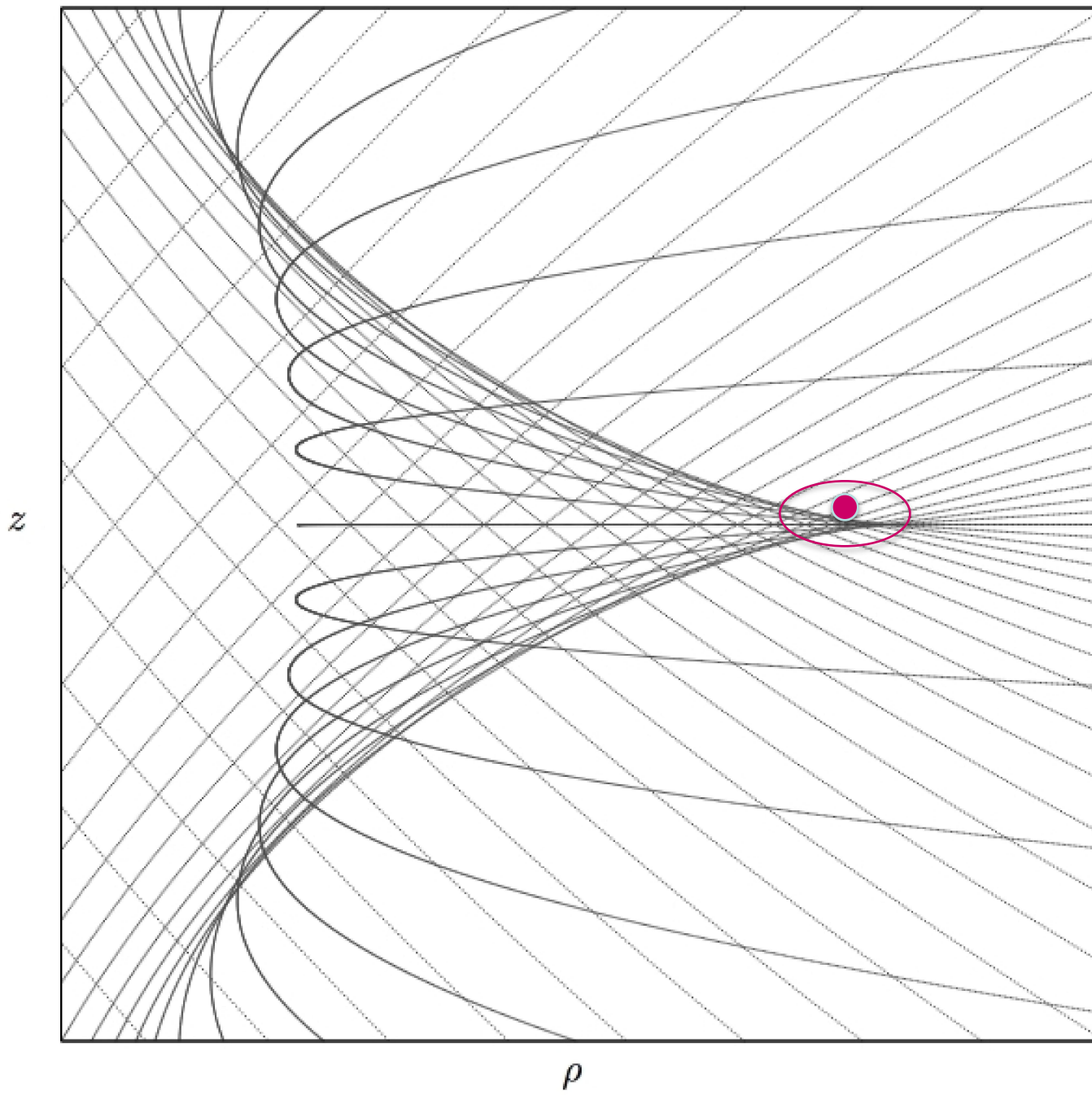
$$v_z = -50.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} A$$

Preliminary:

$$x_{\odot} = -9.2 \text{ pc} \qquad z_{\odot} = 1.2 \text{ pc}$$

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Conclusions

- Dark matter axions can be searched for by sending out a powerful beam of microwave radiation and listening for its echo.
- The GAIA skymap has triangular features which may be interpreted as manifestations of a nearby caustic ring.
- Our proximity to the caustic ring implies the existence on Earth of a Big Flow of dark matter.
- The direction on the Big Flow can be derived from the IRAS and GAIA triangles.