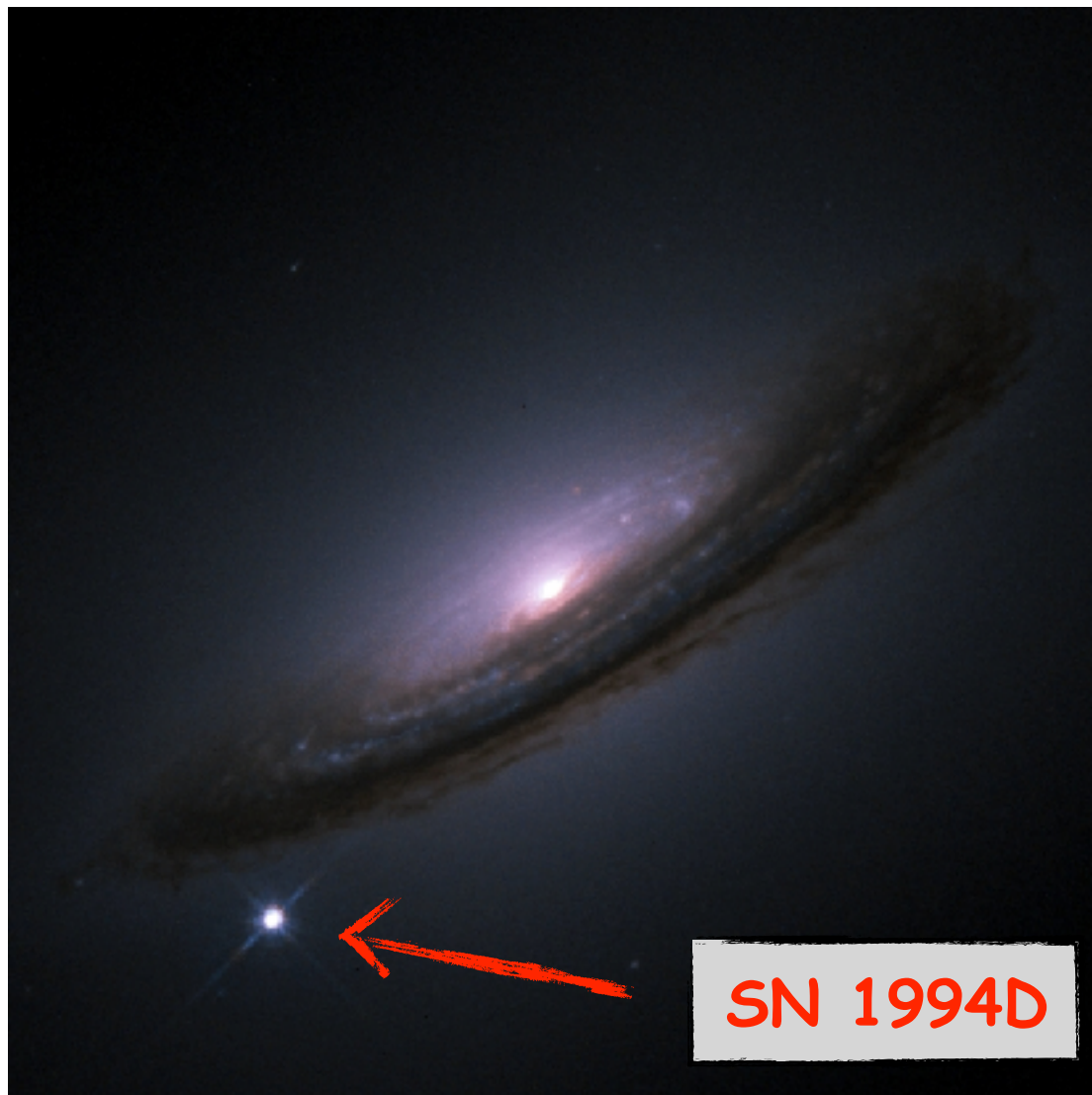


NPAC course on Astroparticles

III - ASTROPHYSICS: SUPERNOVA REMNANTS

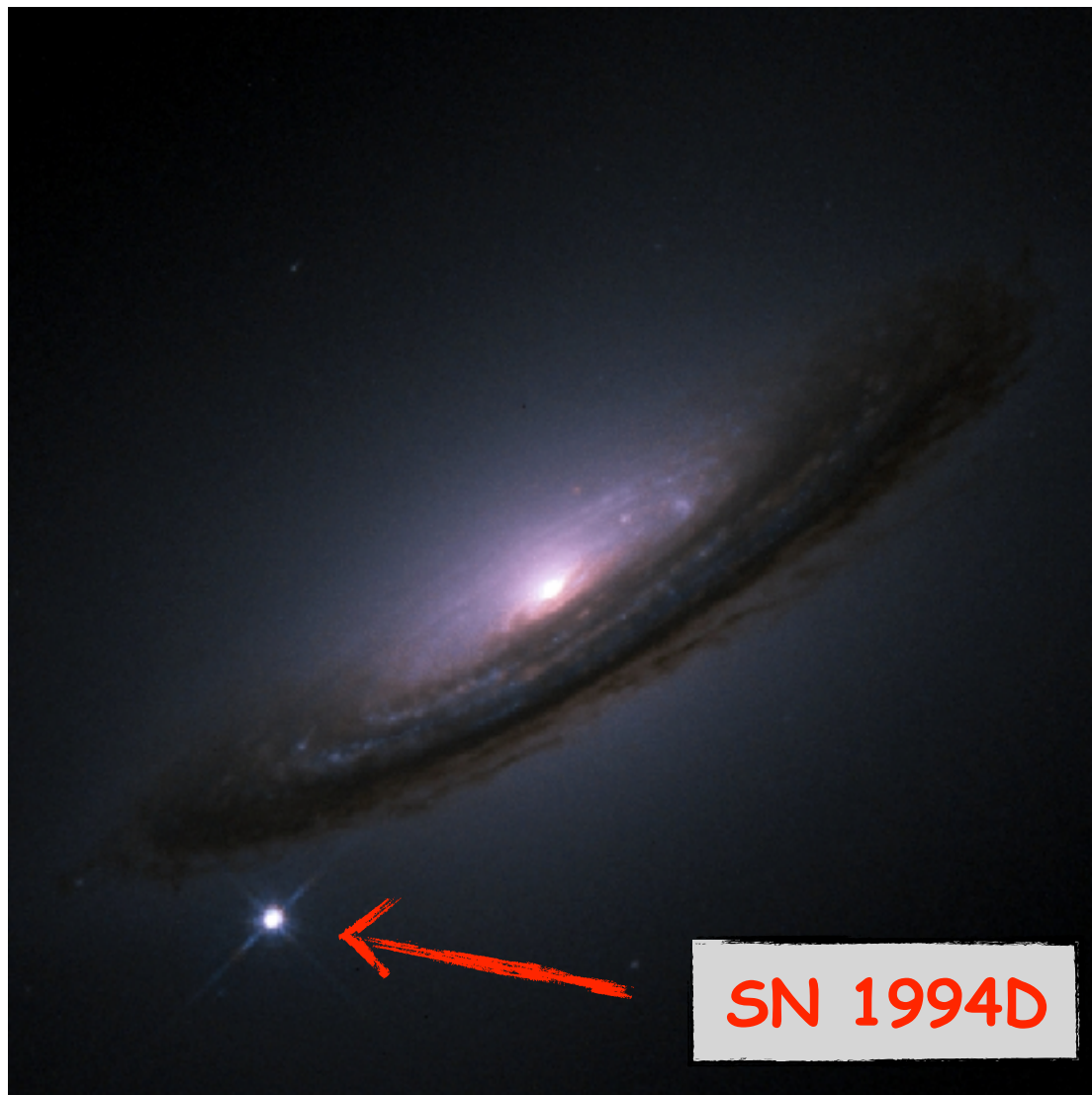
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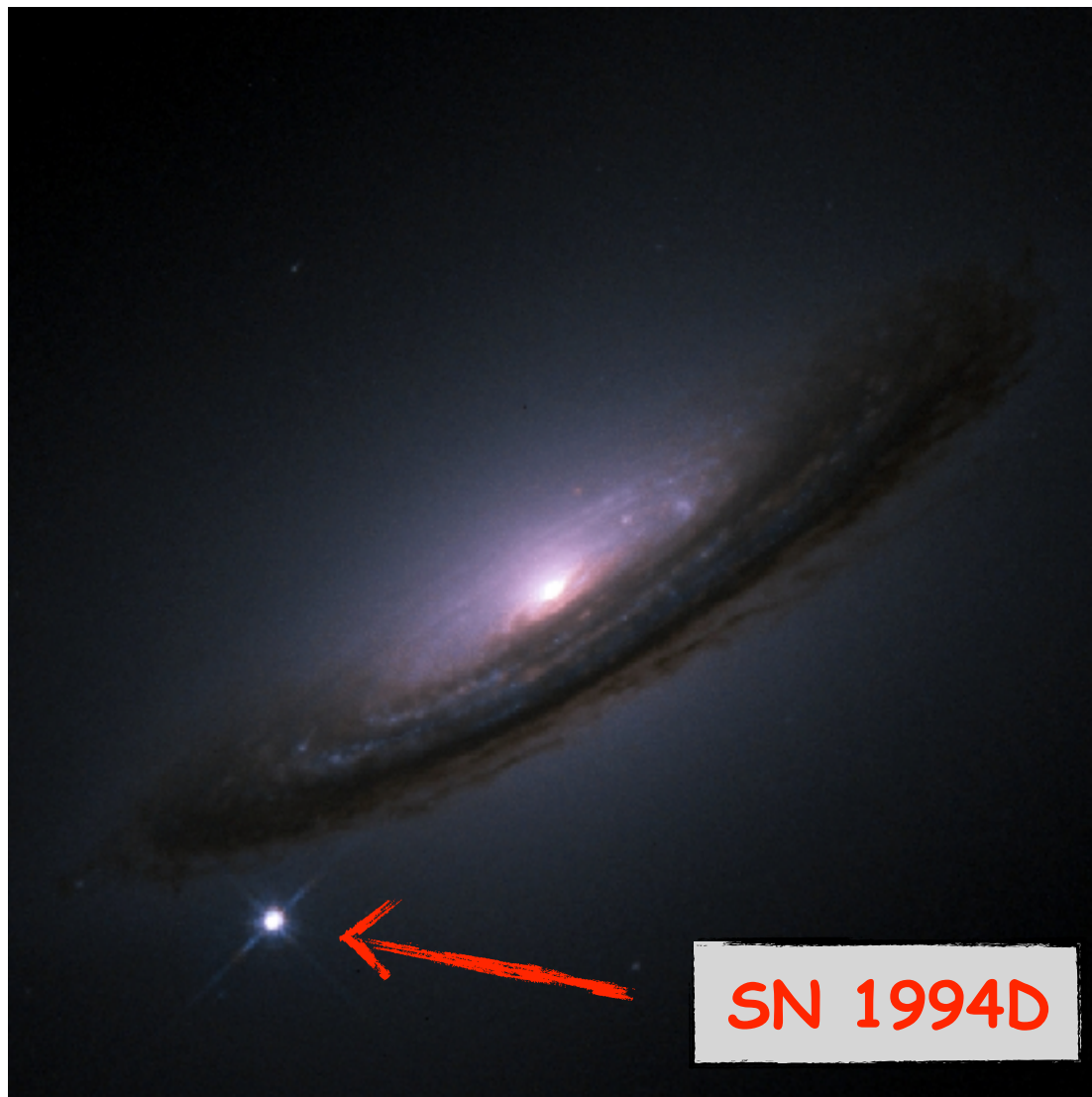
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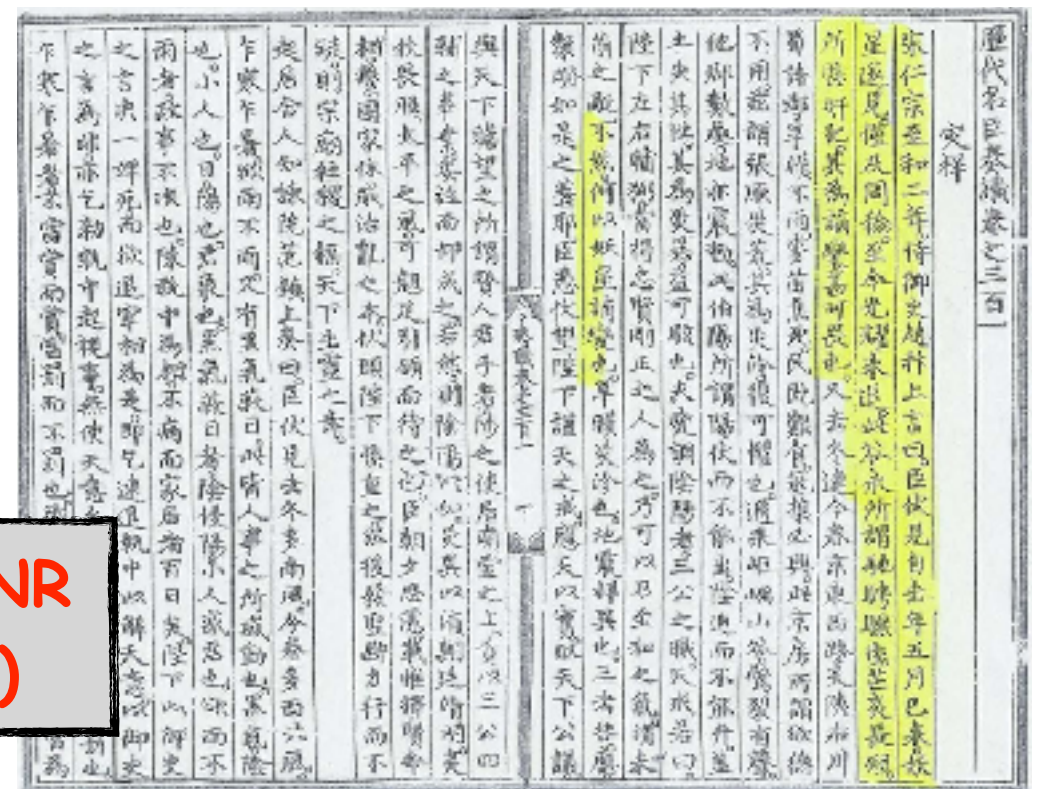
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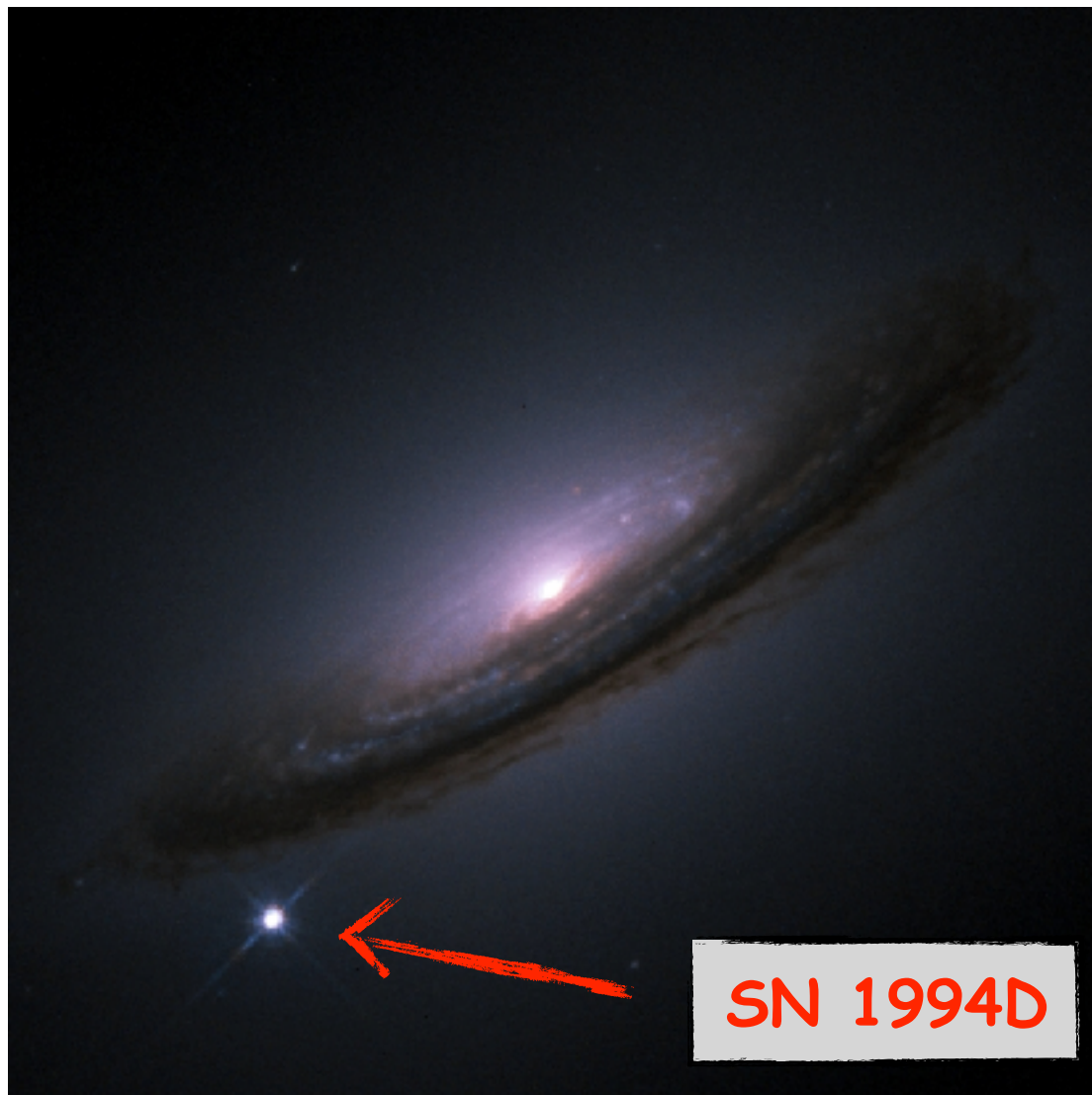
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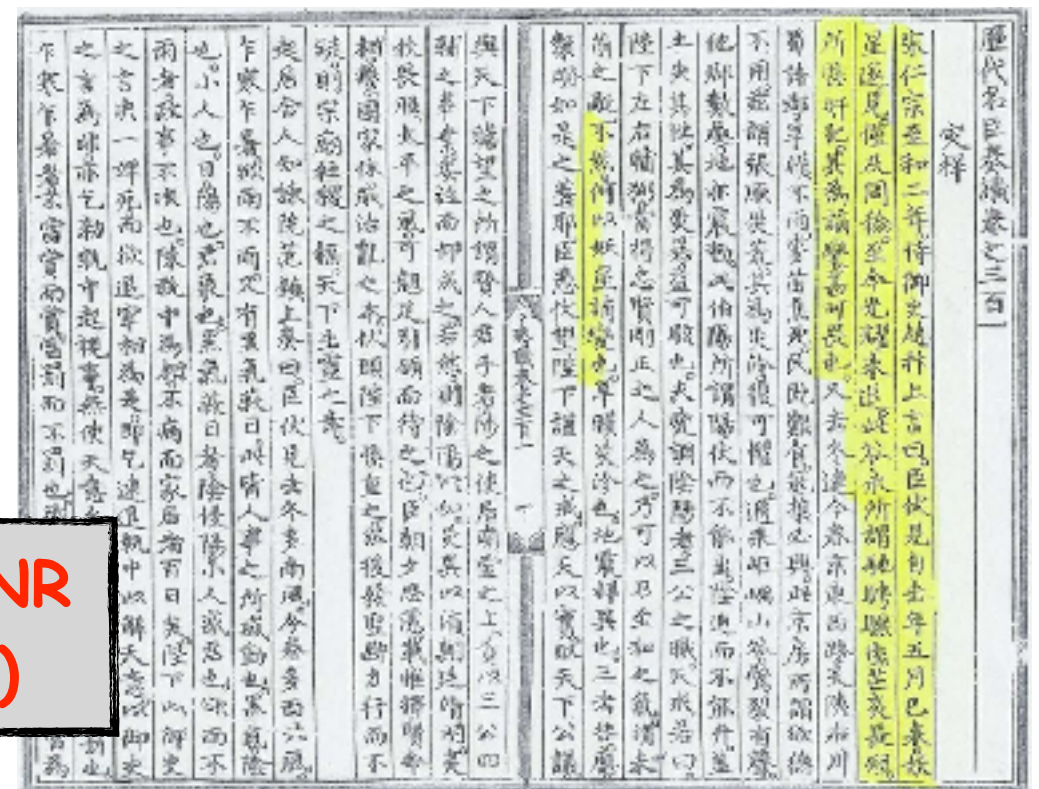


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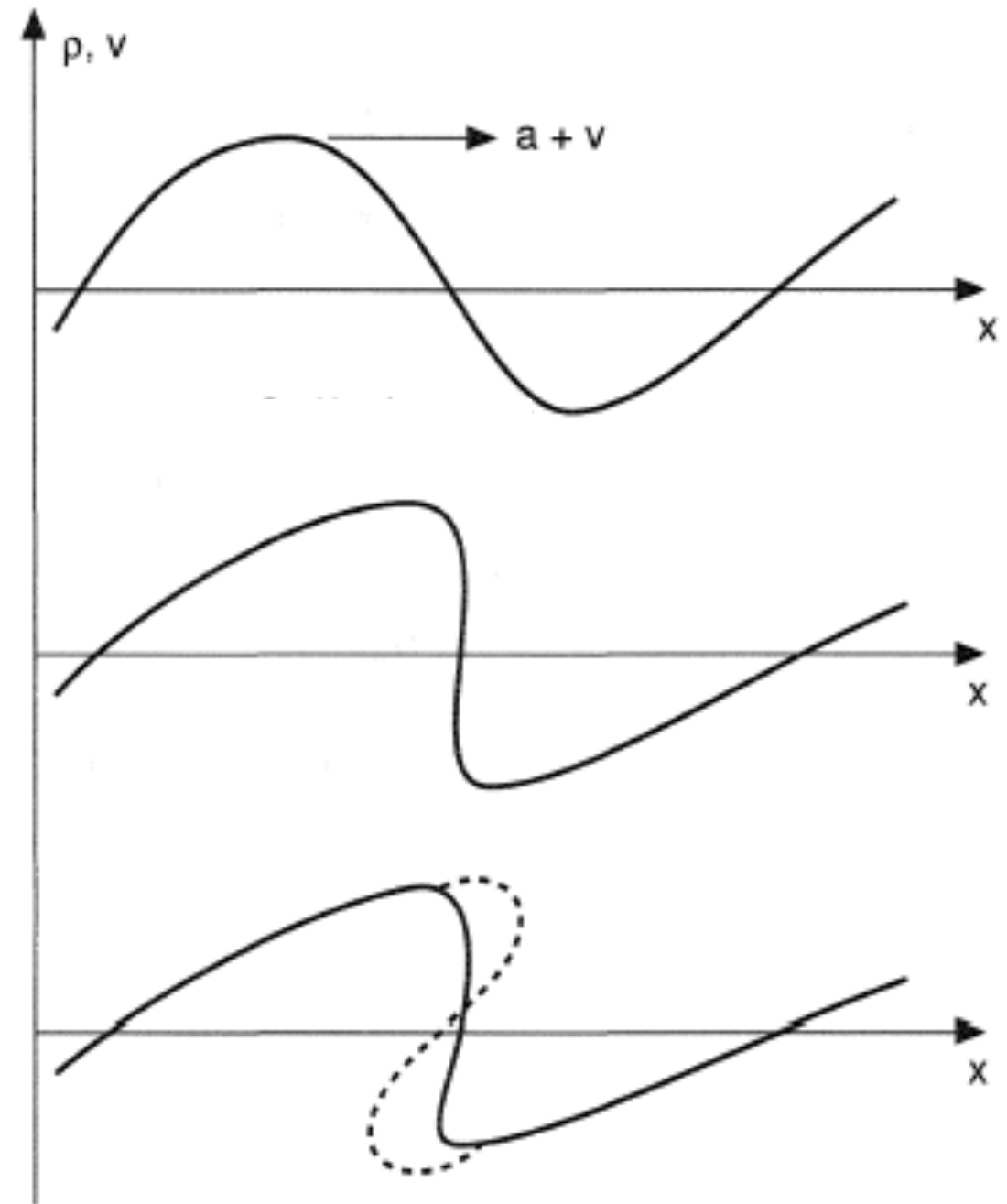
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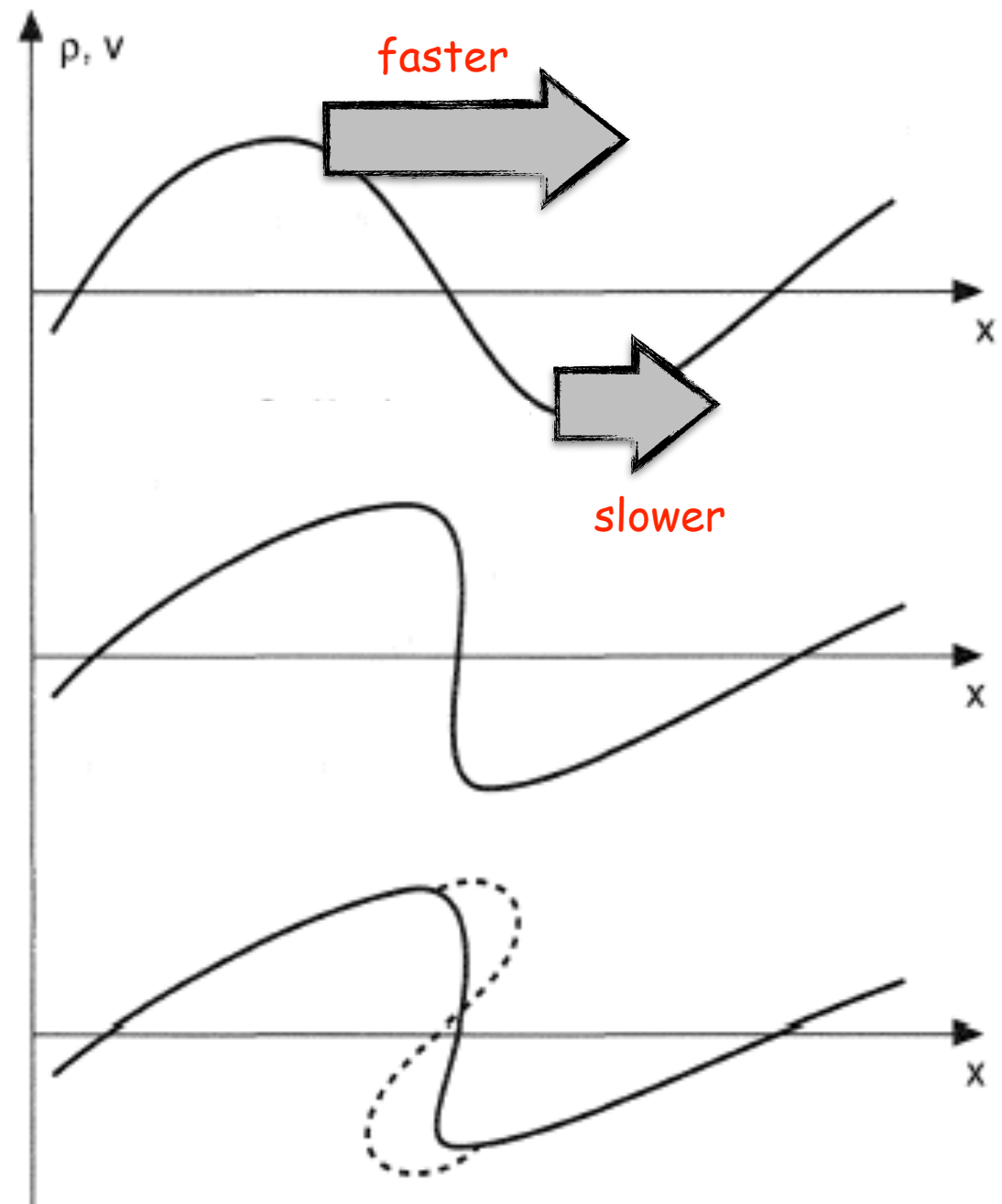
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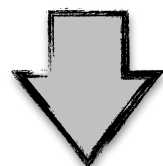
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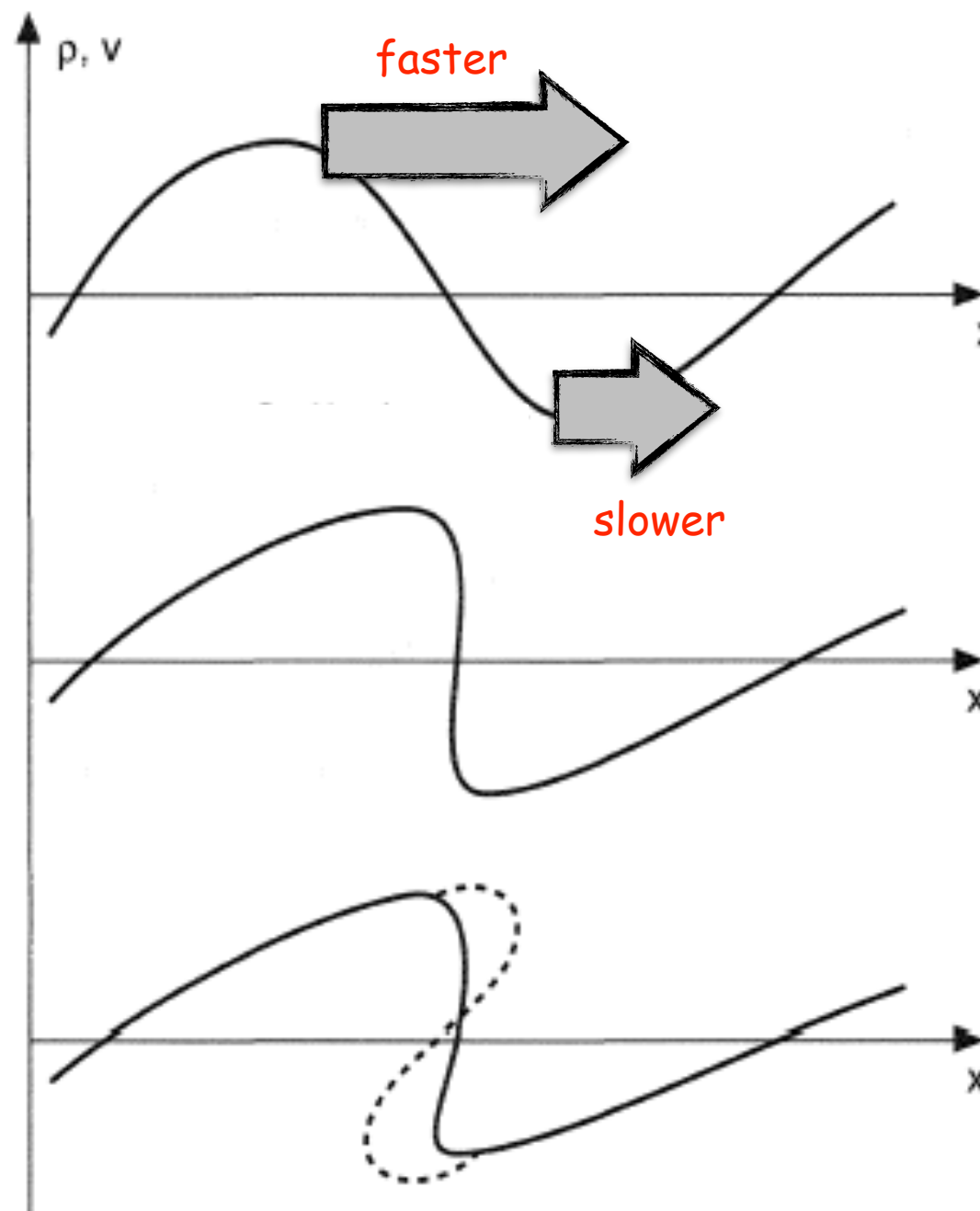
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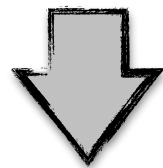


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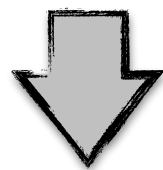
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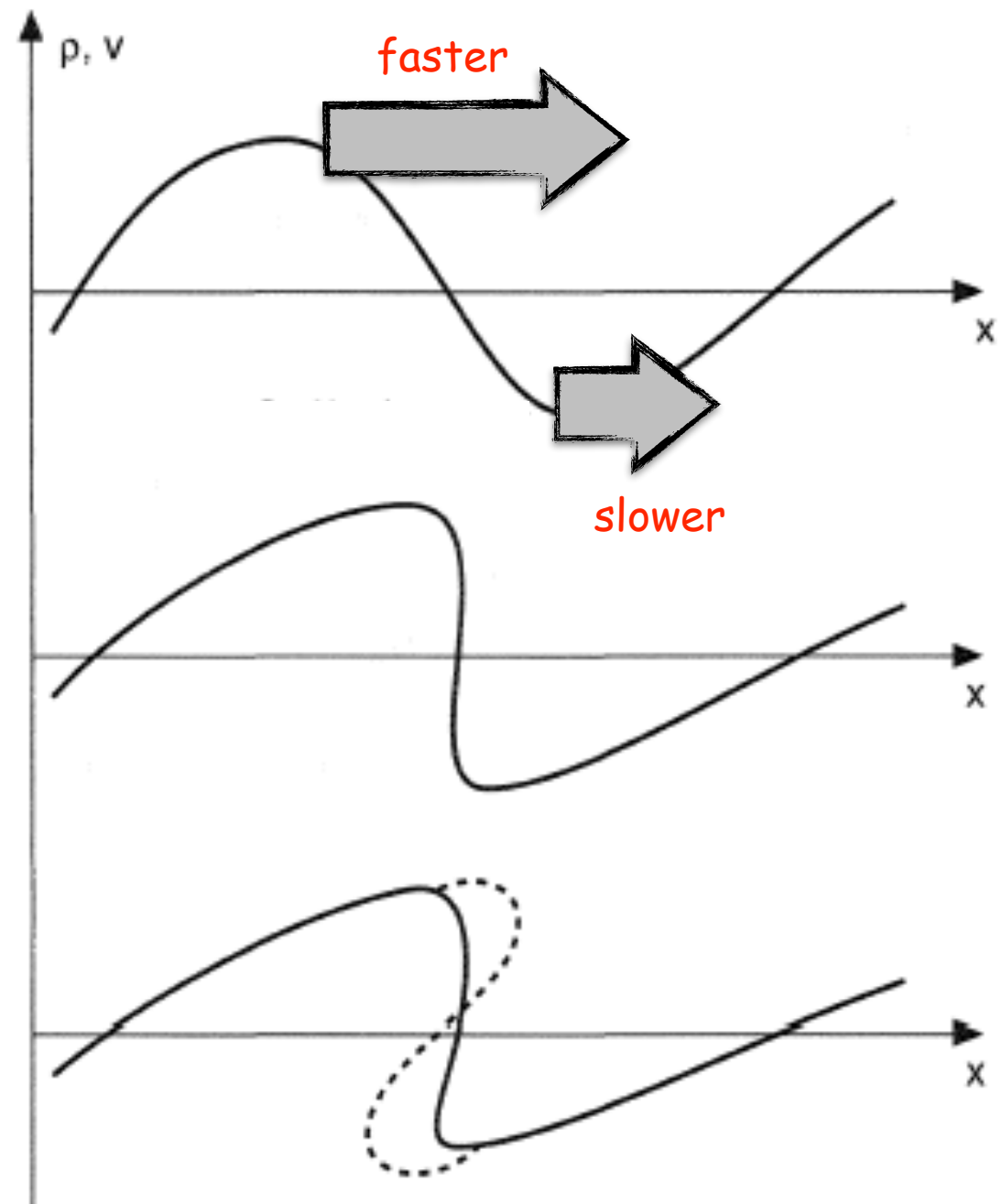
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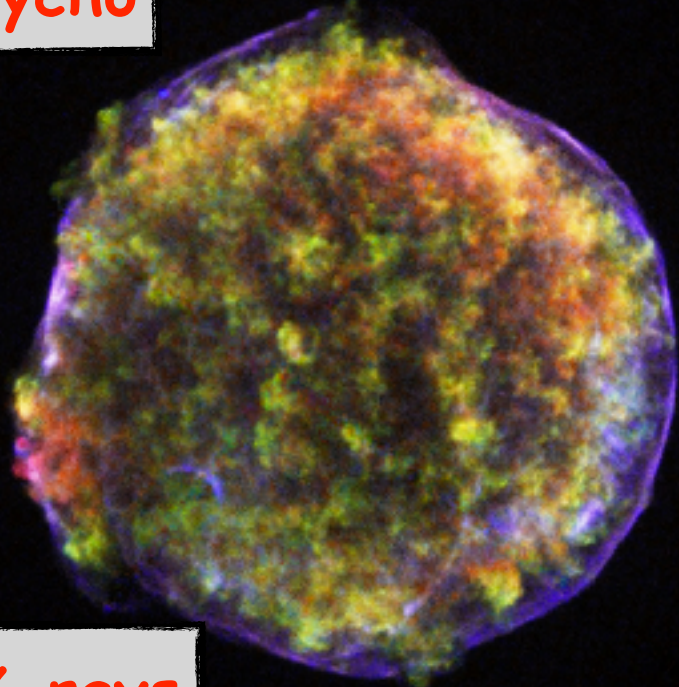


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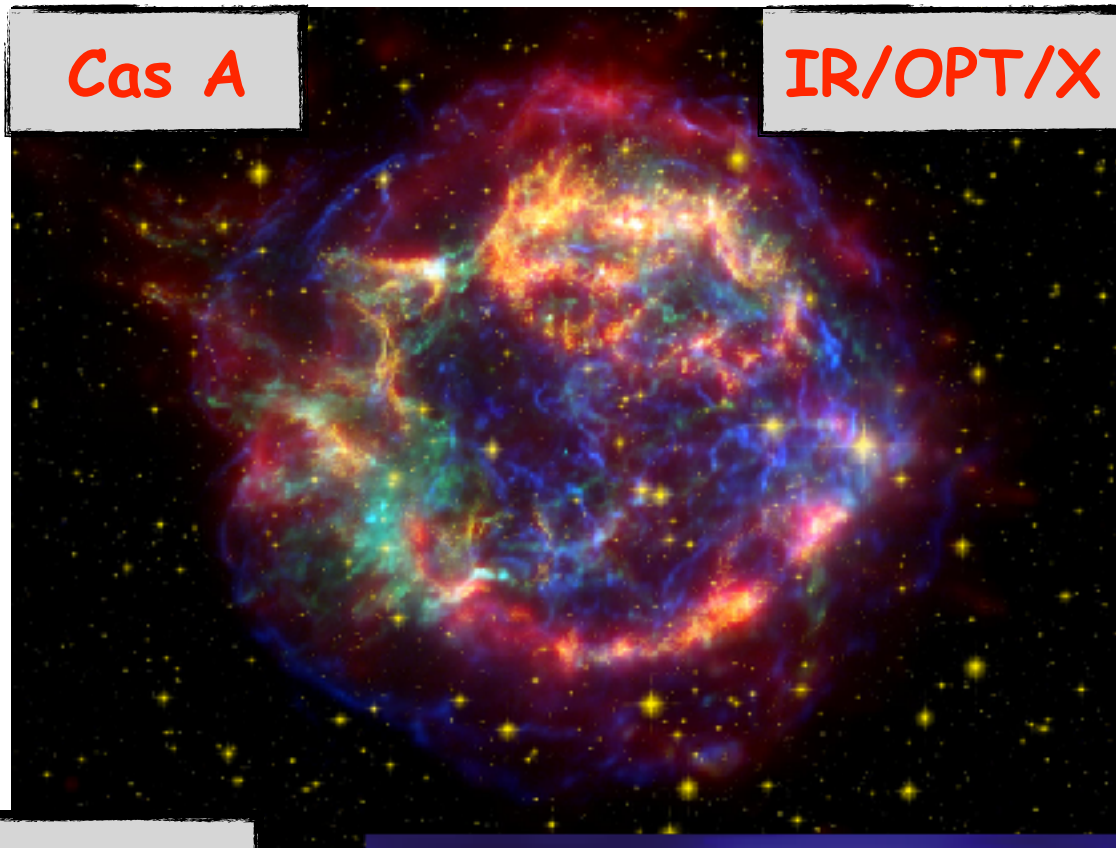
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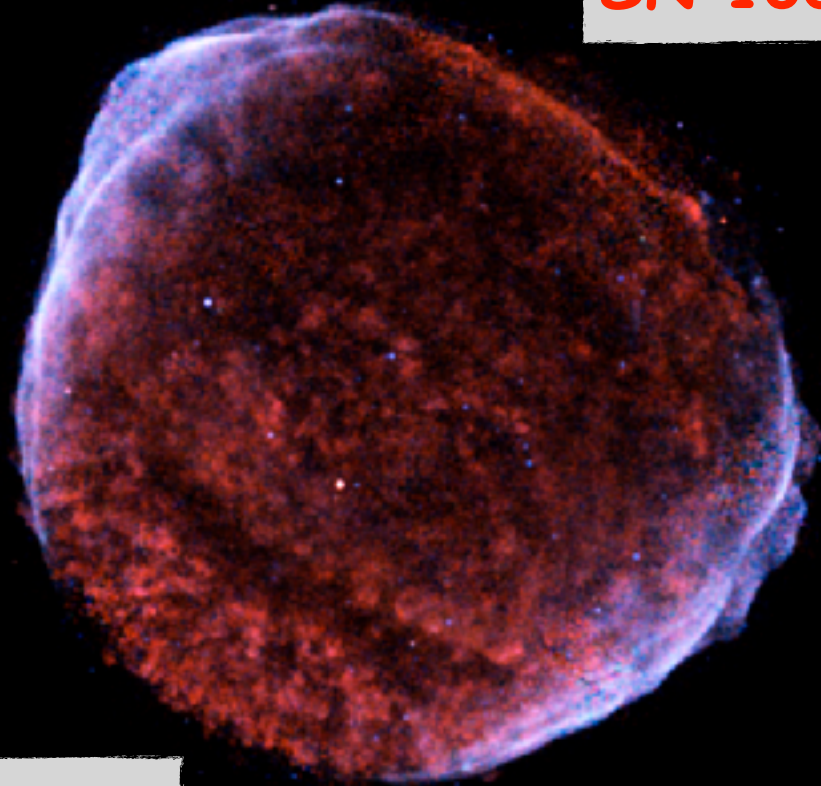
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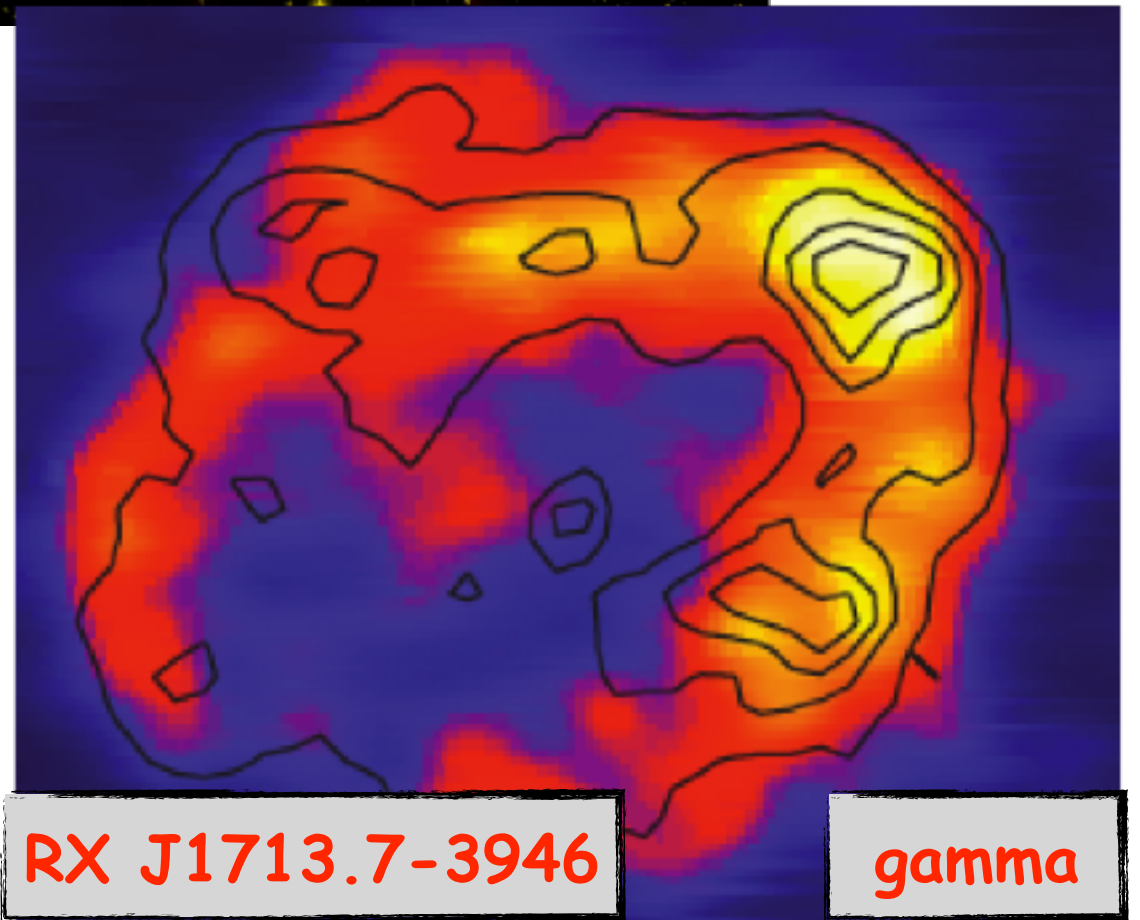


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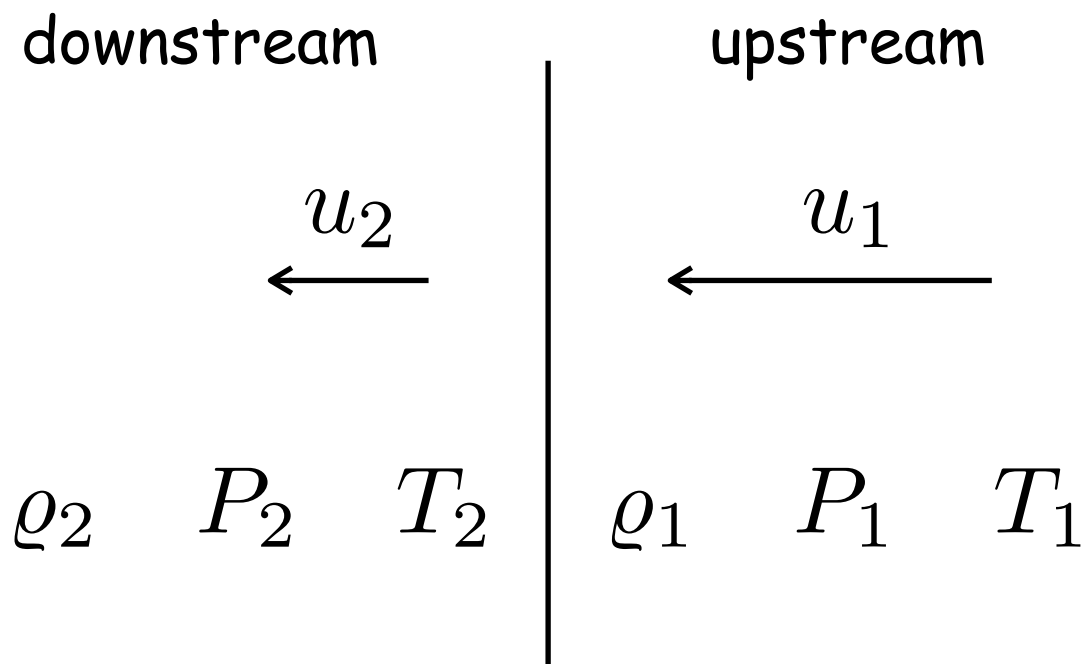
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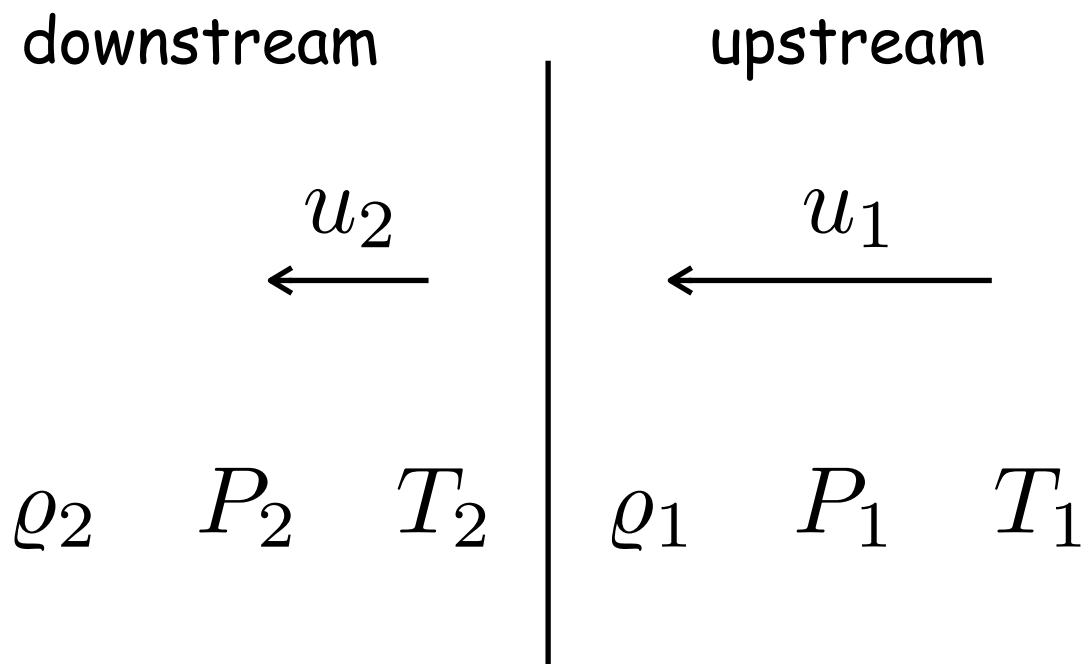


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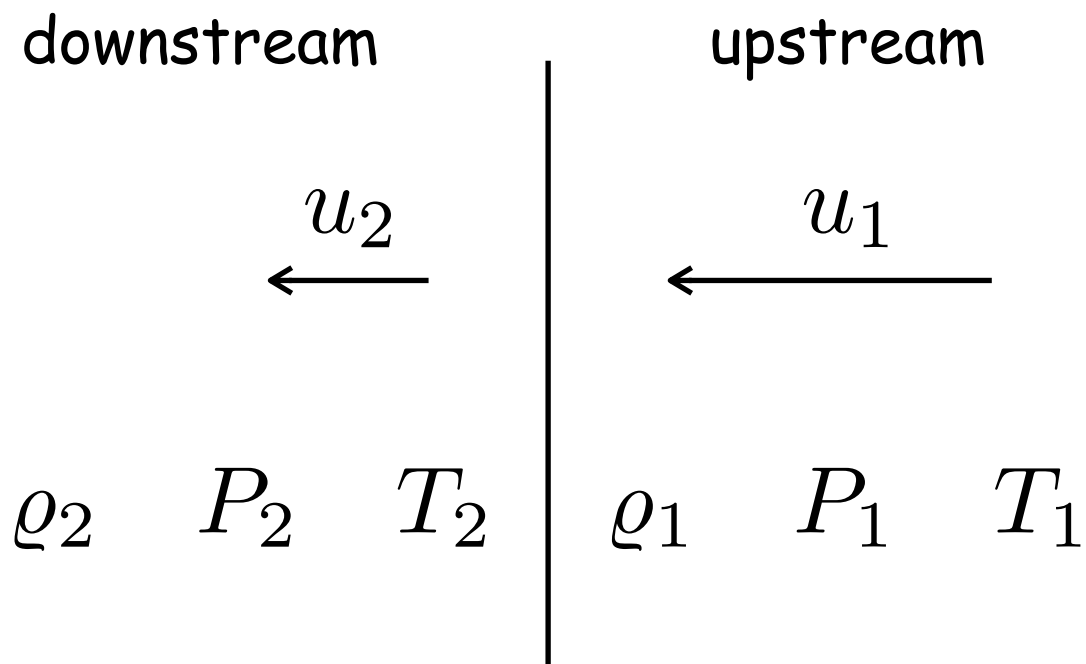
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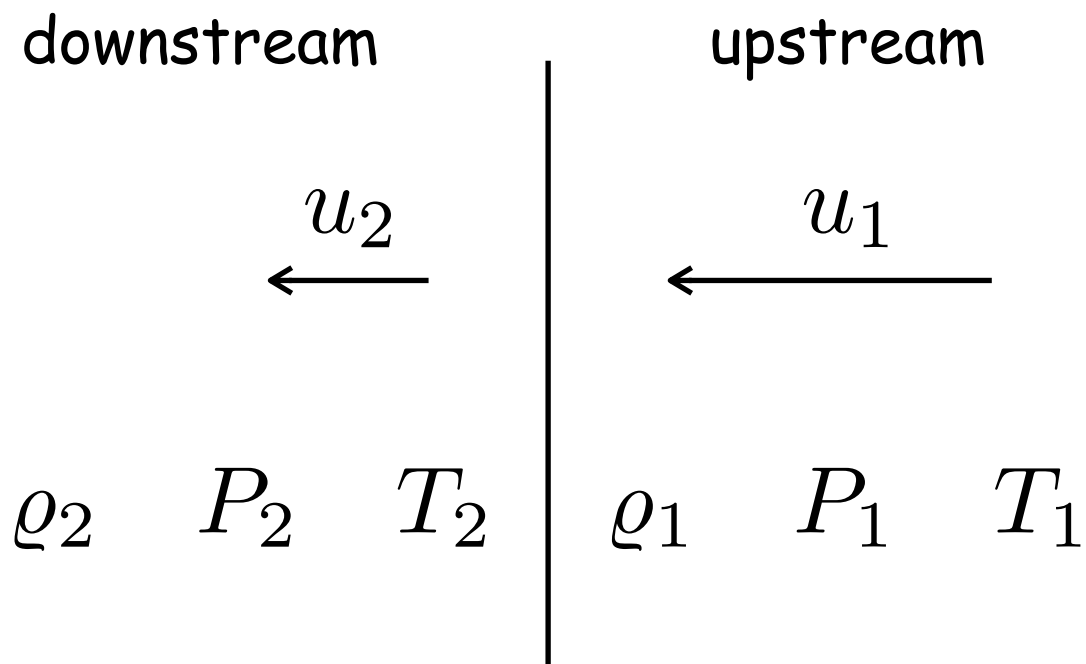
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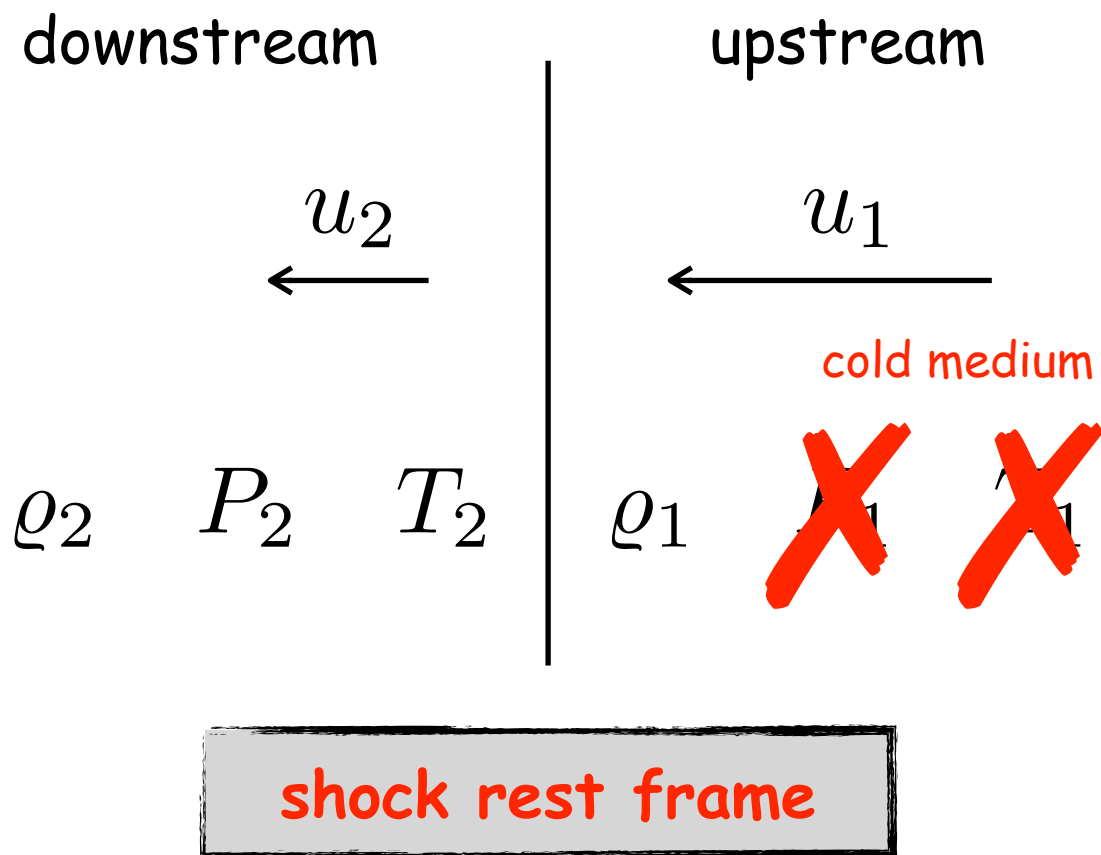
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Shock waves: conservation laws



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hot plasma!!!

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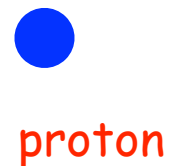
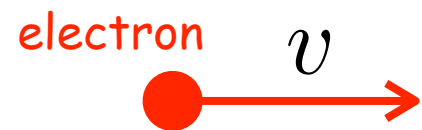
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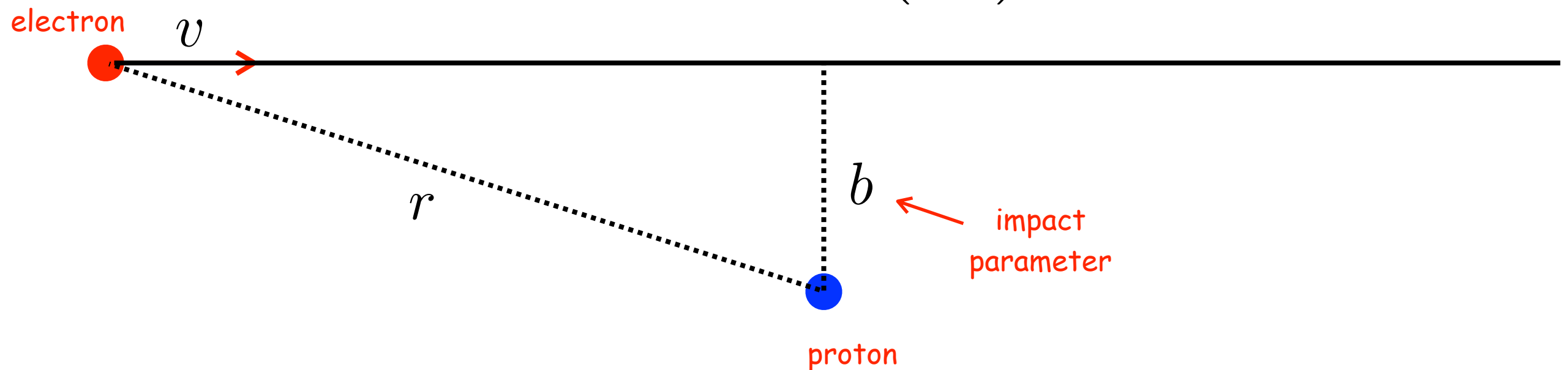
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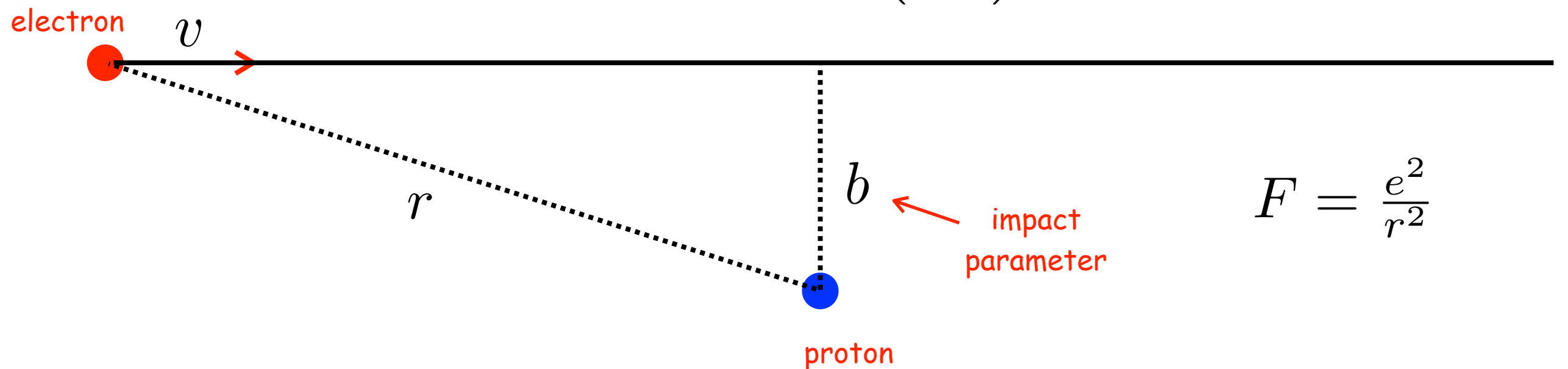
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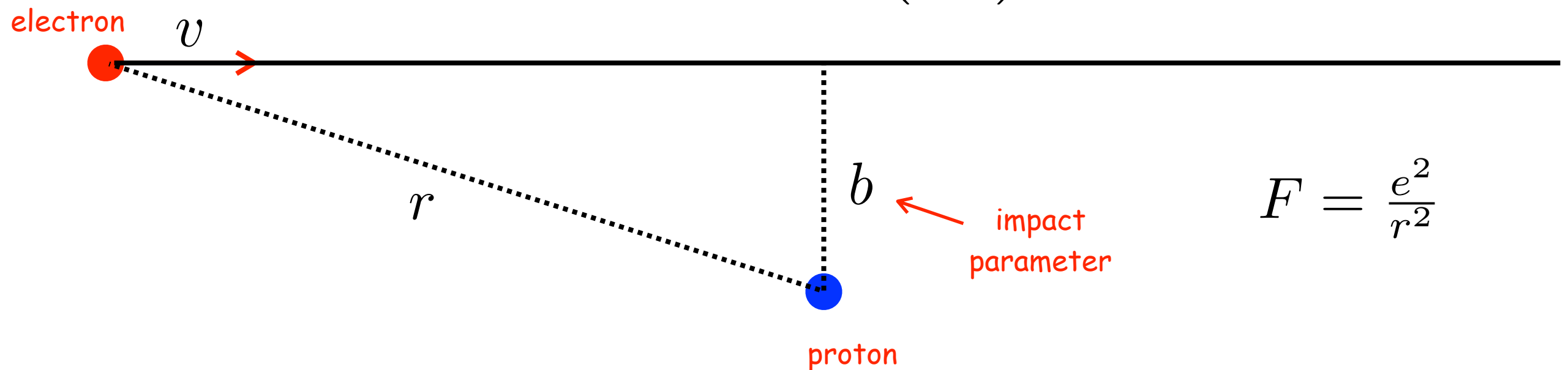
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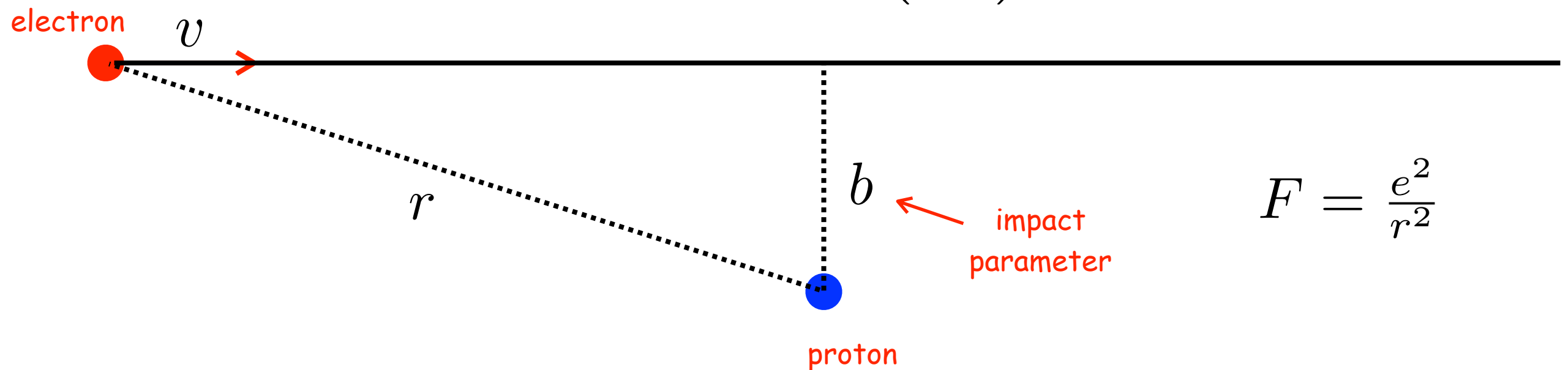
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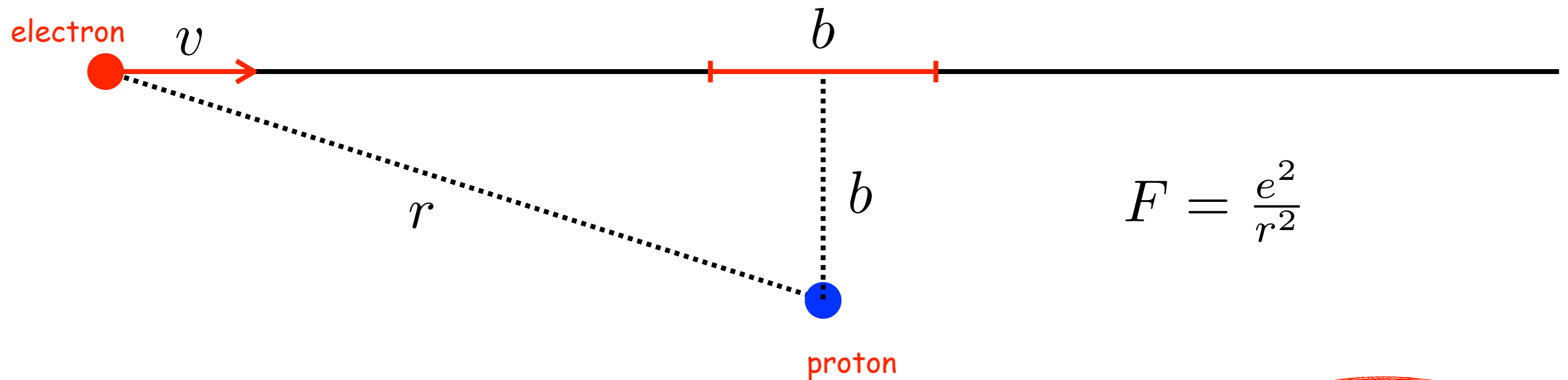
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very brutal approximations...

characteristic time
for the interaction

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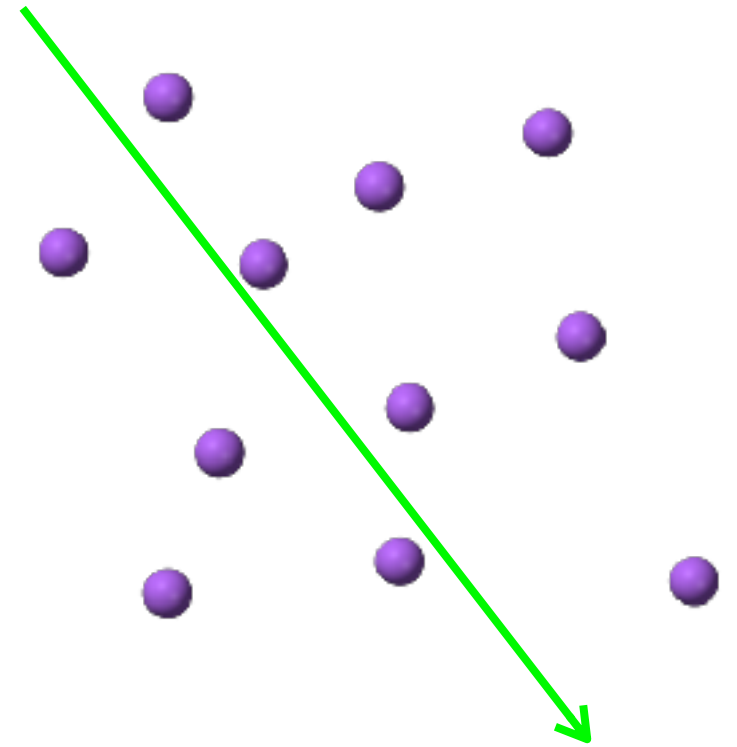
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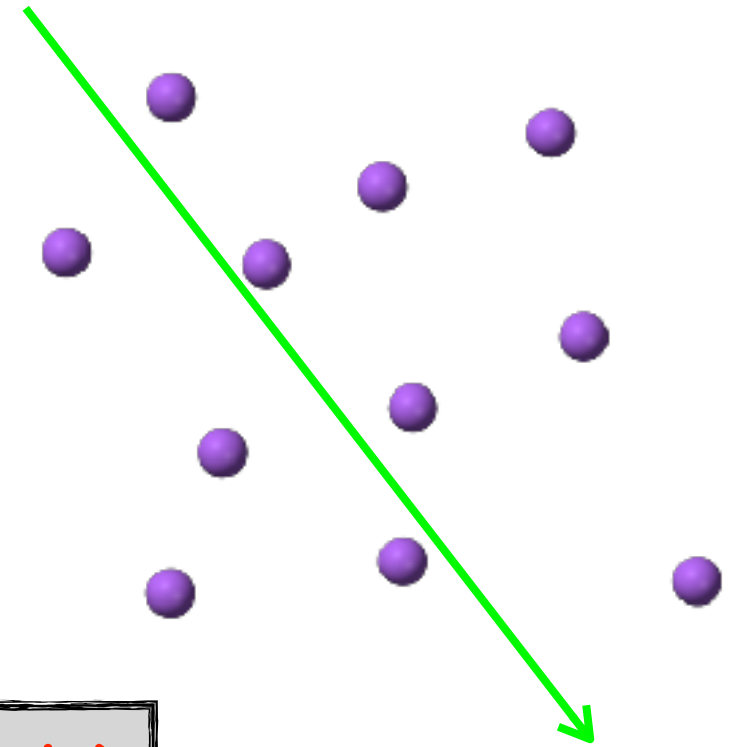


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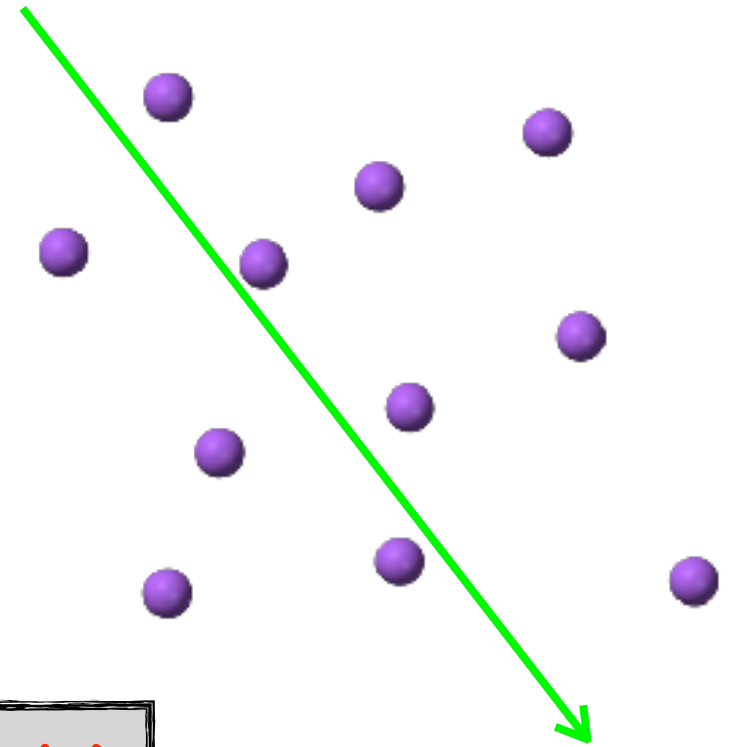
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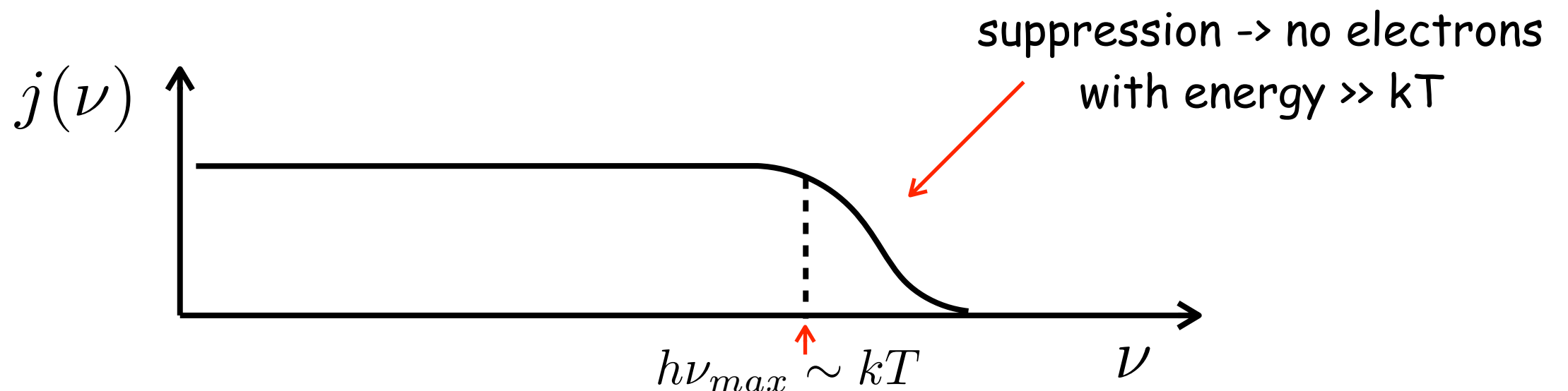
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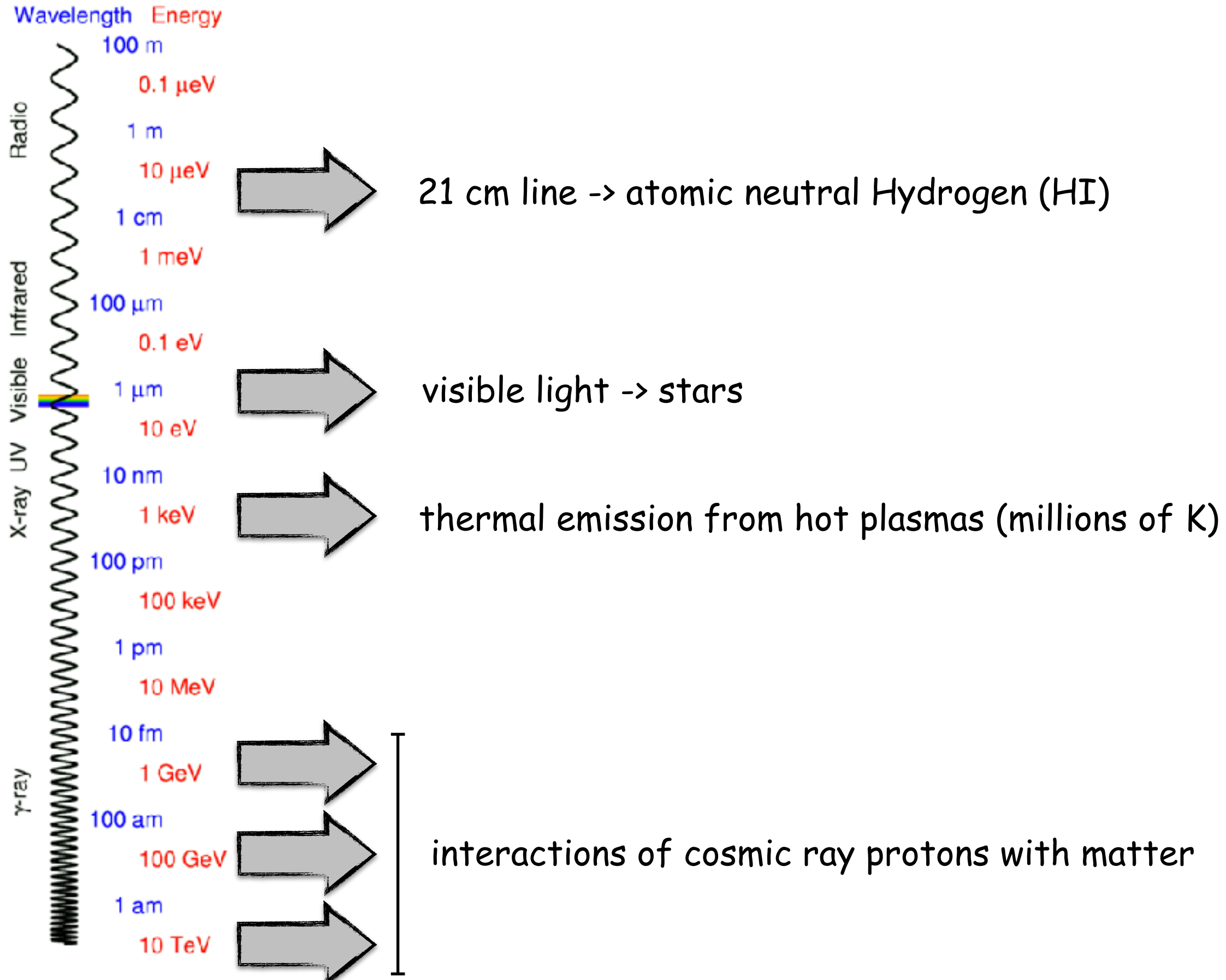
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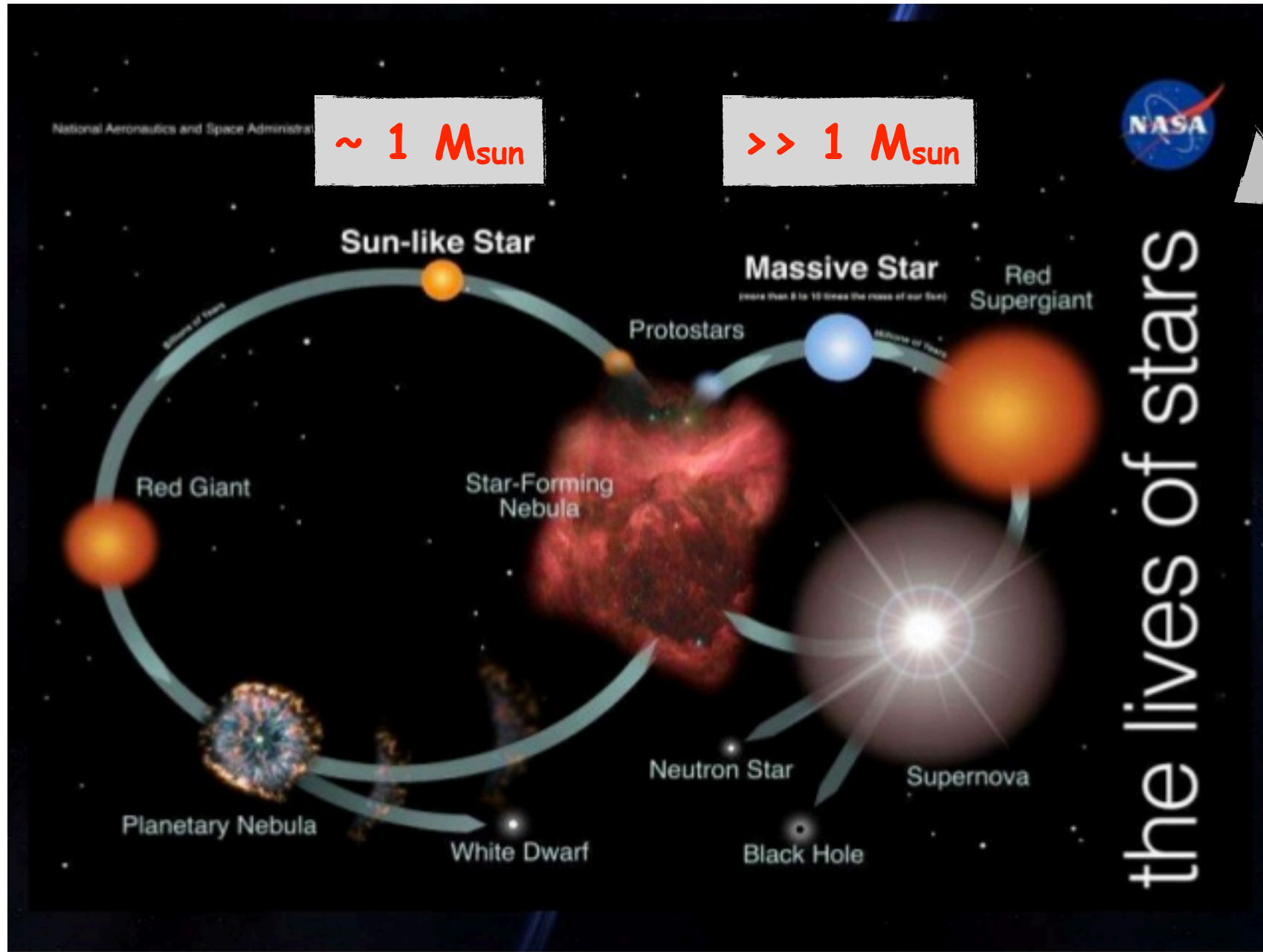
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The electromagnetic spectrum



Thermonuclear & core-collapse supernovae

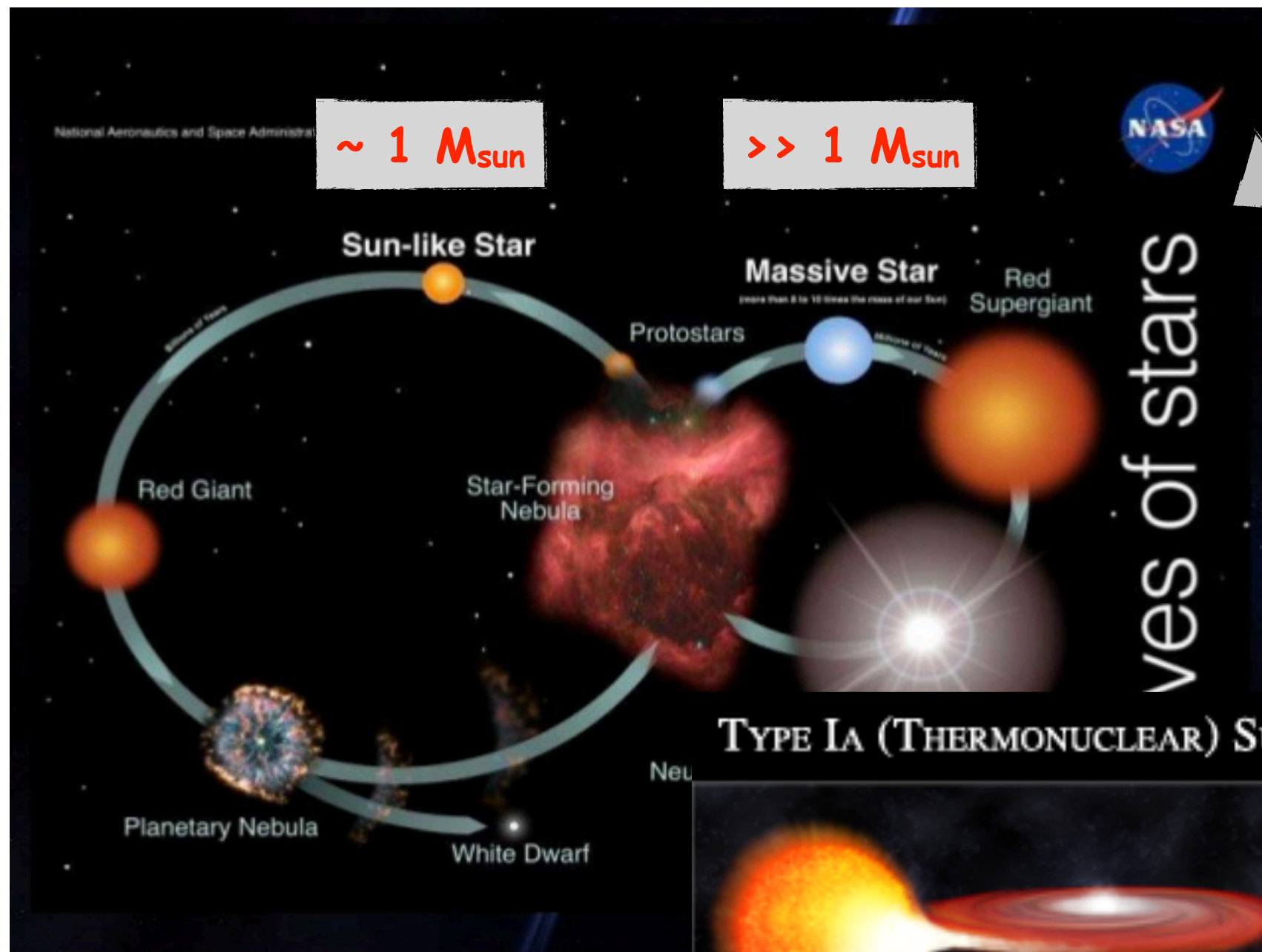


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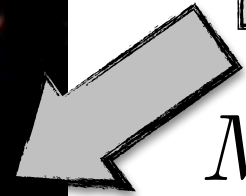


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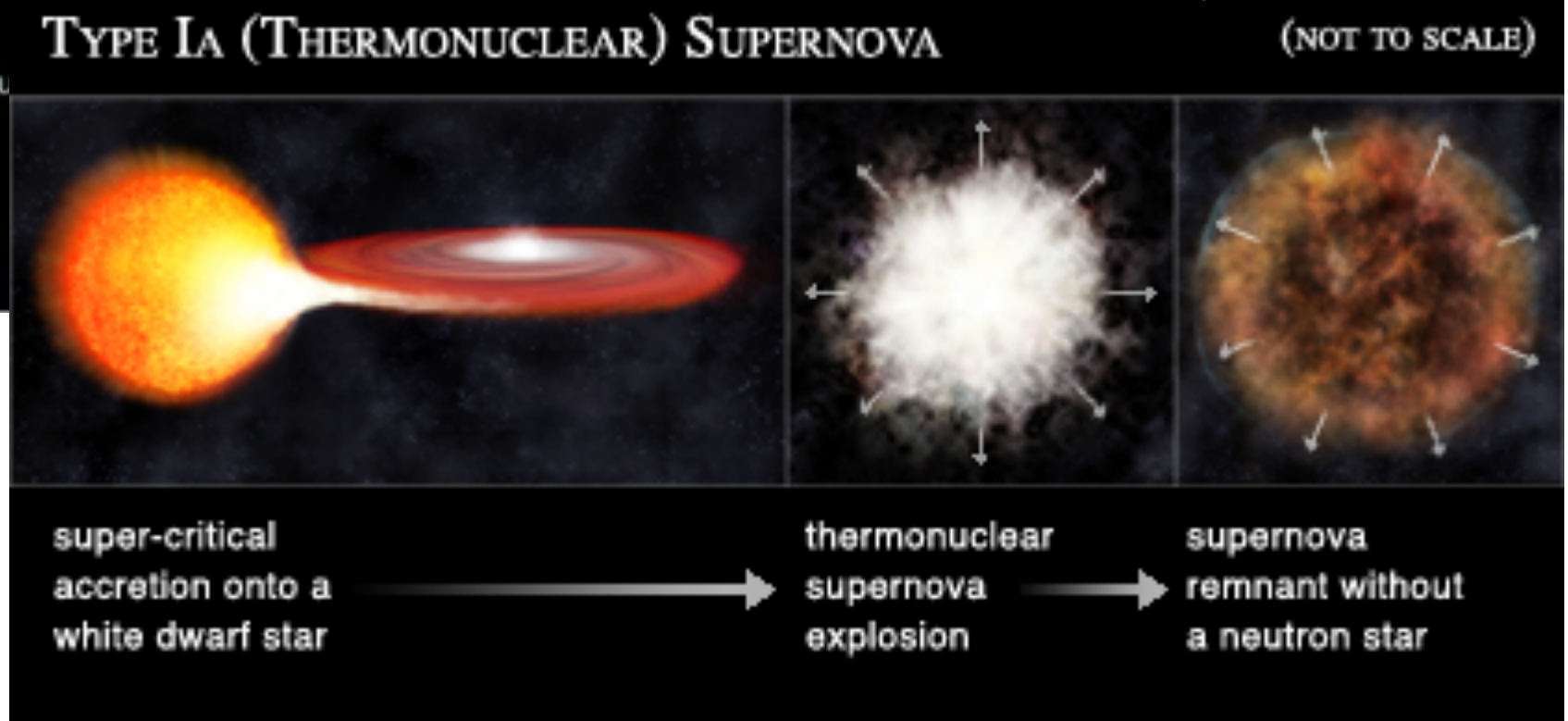
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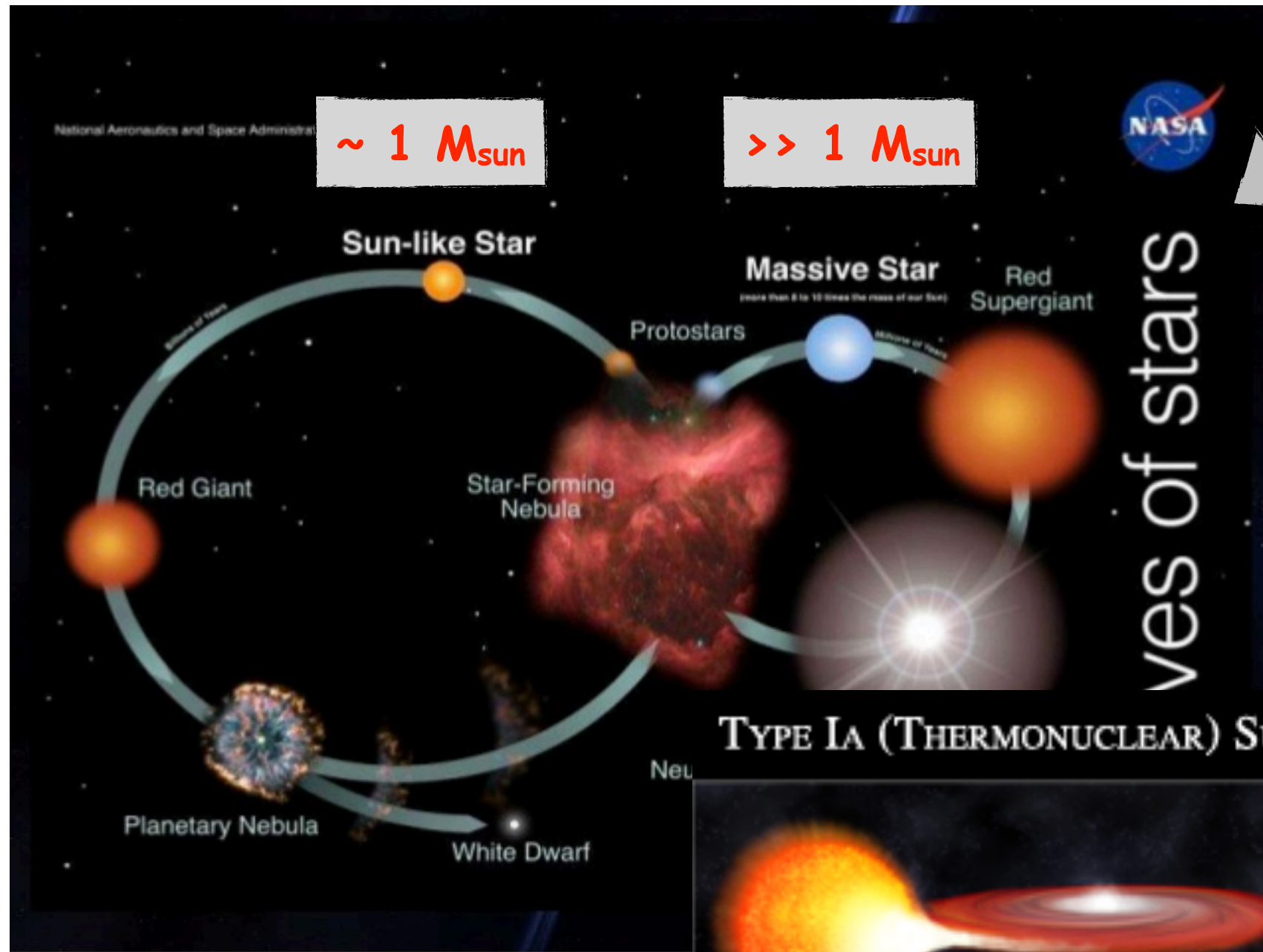
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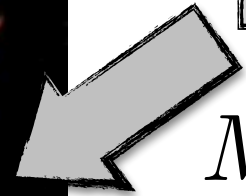
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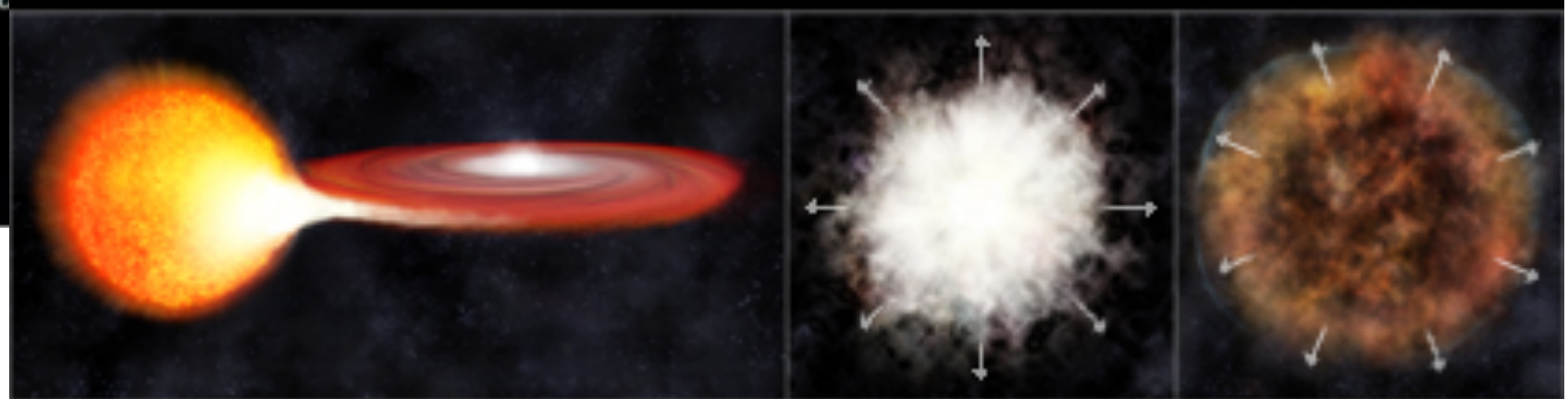
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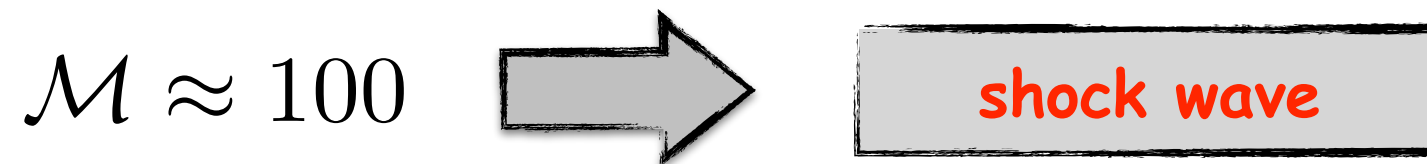
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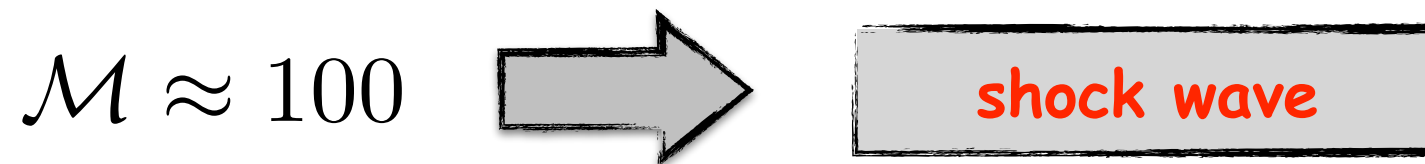
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Time evolution of a SNR

$$M_{sh}/M_{\odot} \approx 1$$

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R_s/pc

70

50

20

2

$\alpha = 1$

$R_s \propto t^\alpha$

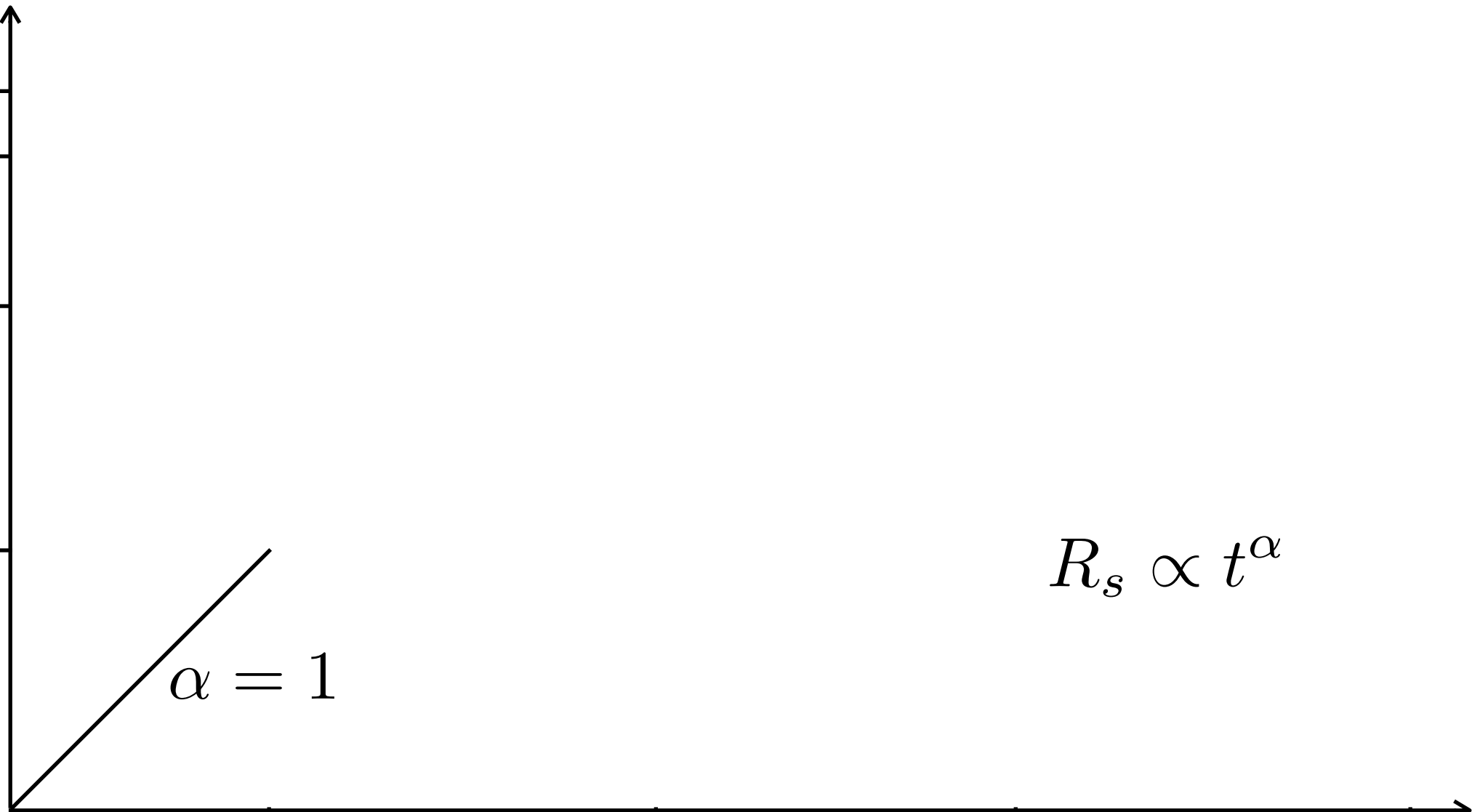
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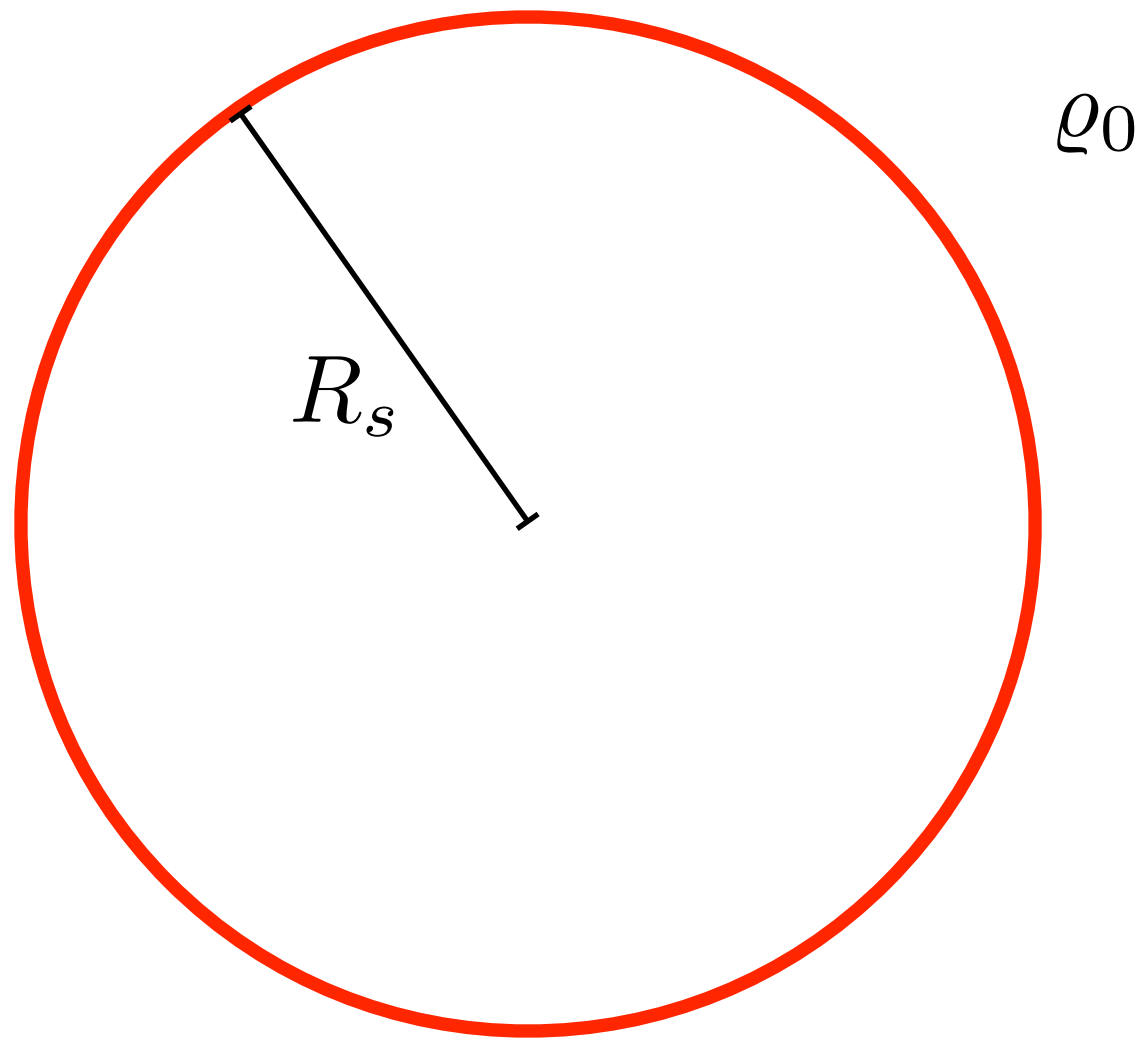
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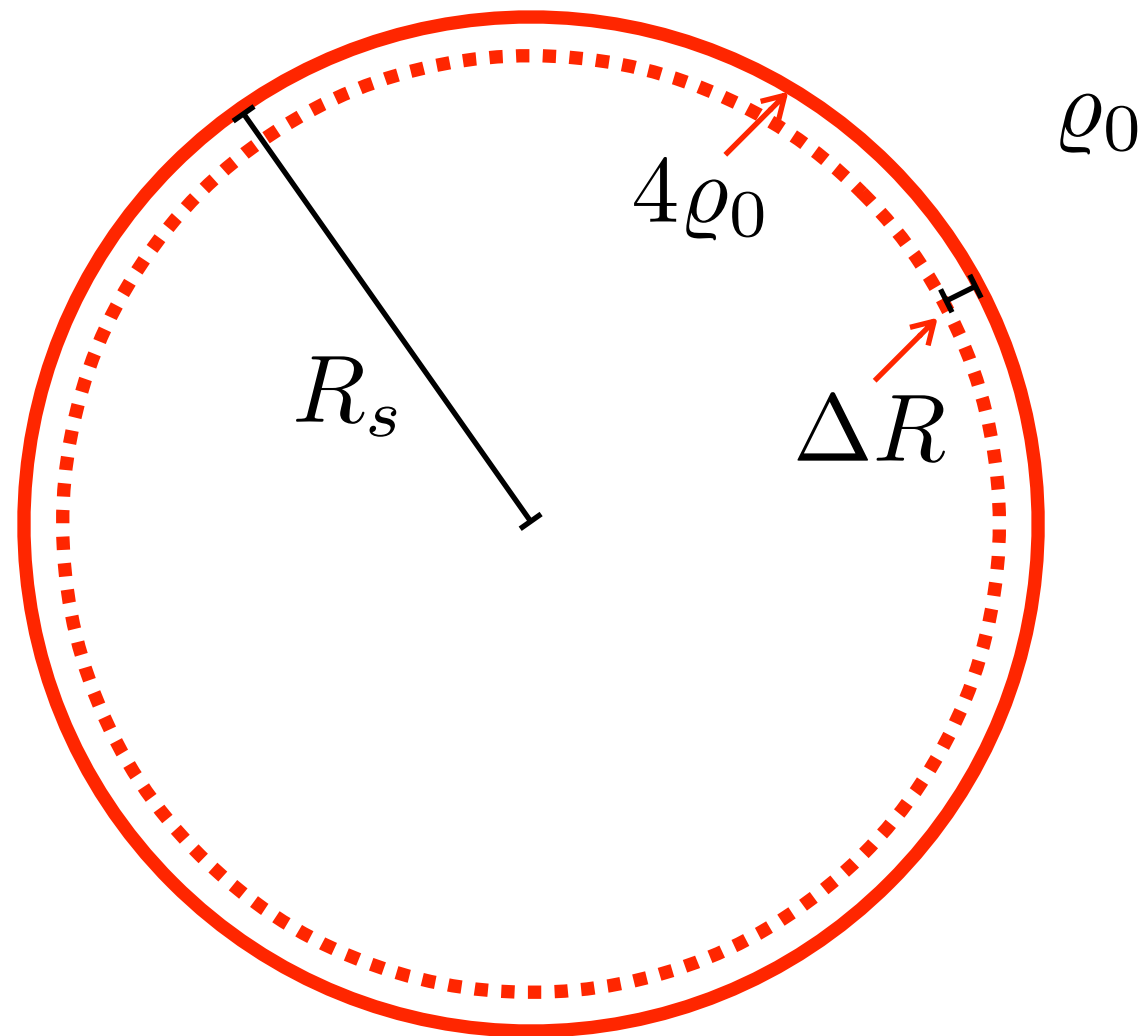
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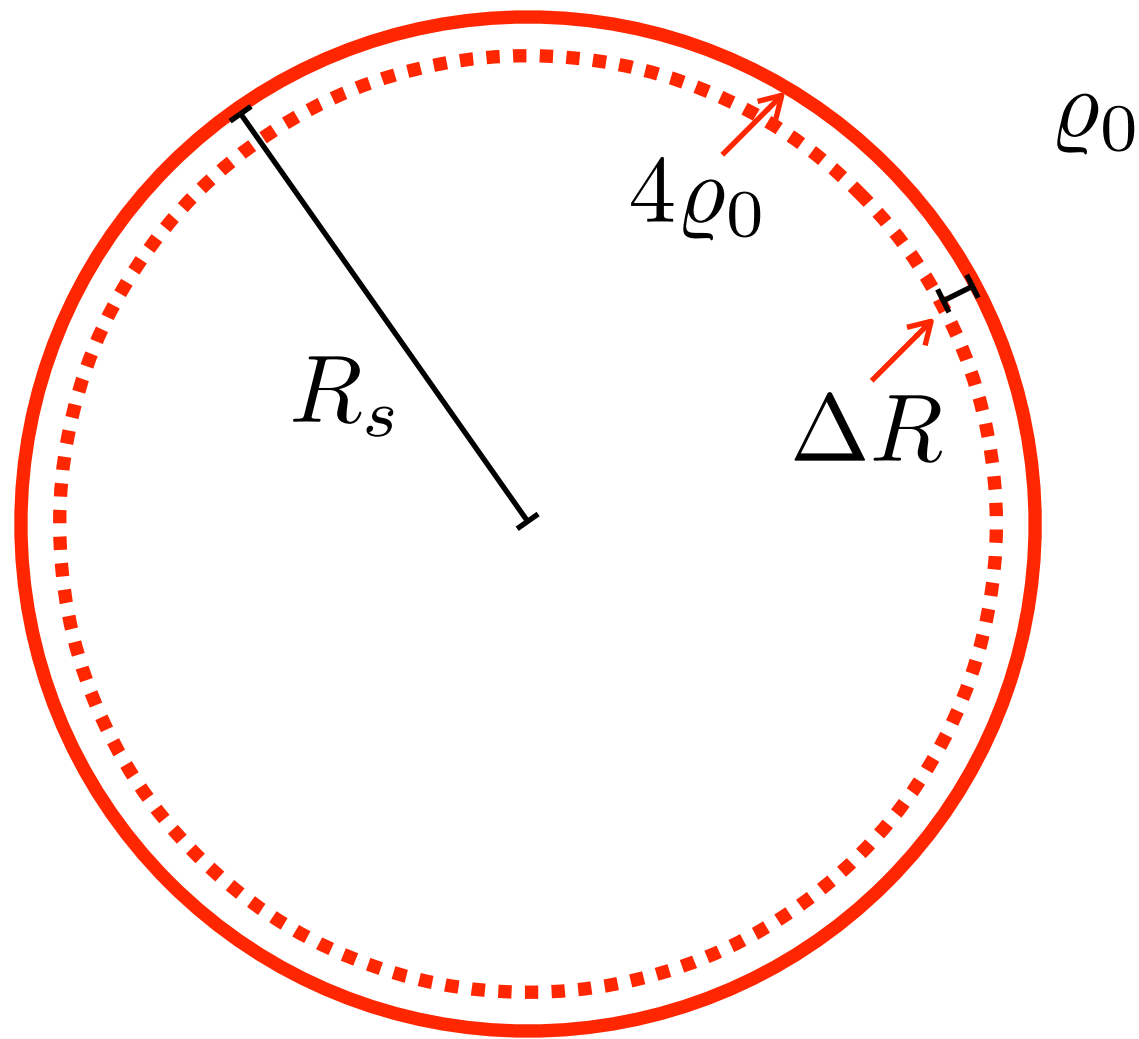
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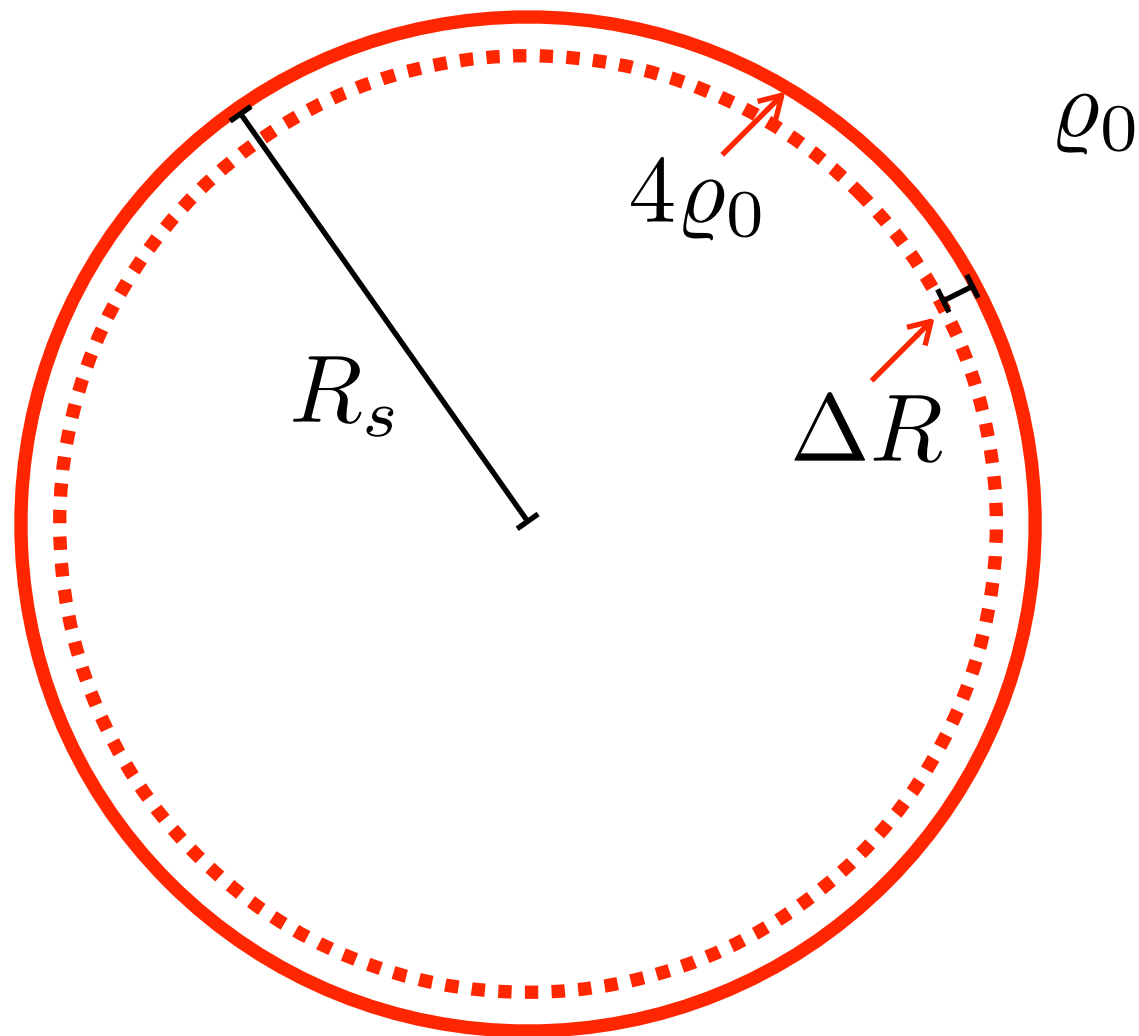
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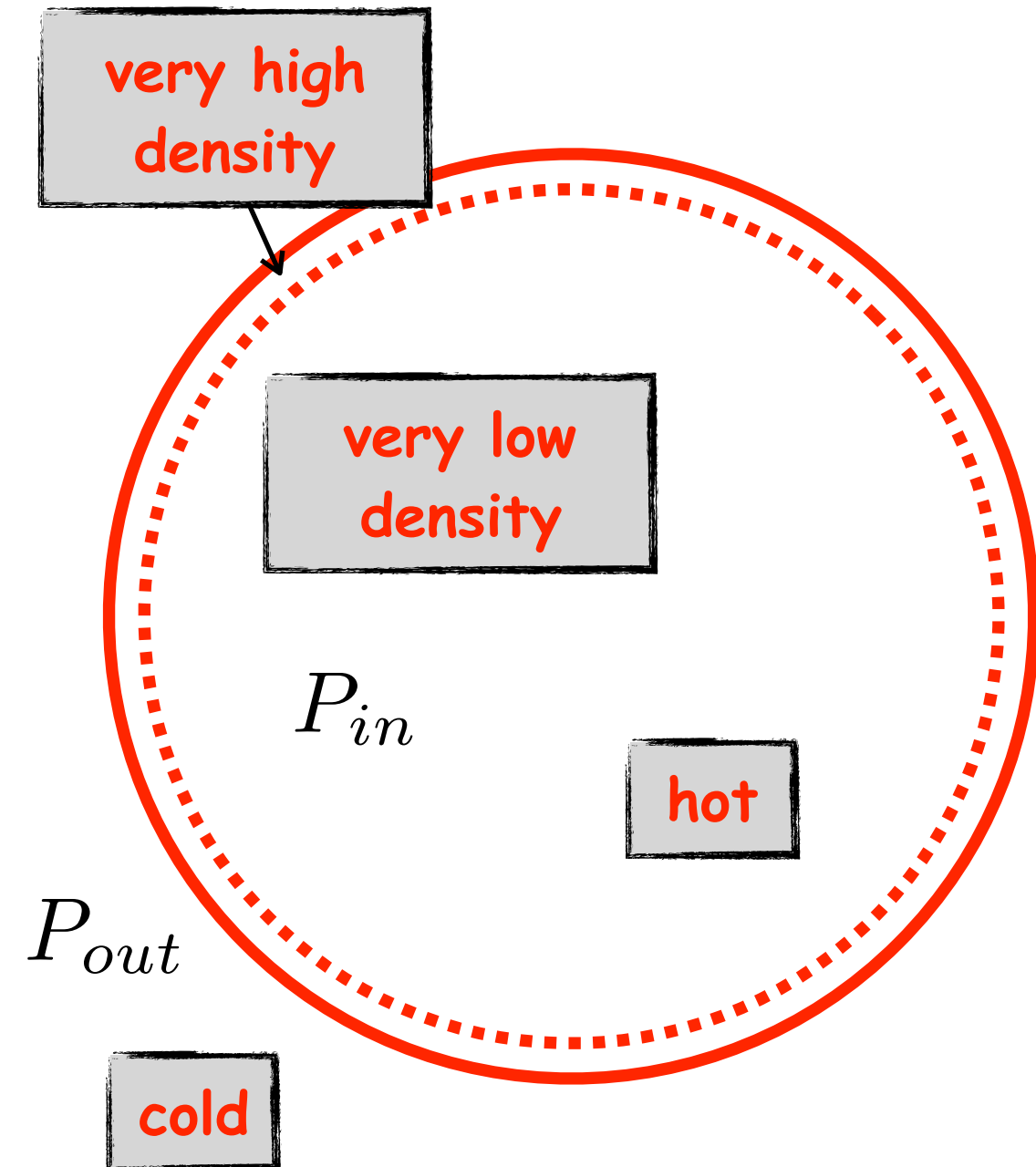


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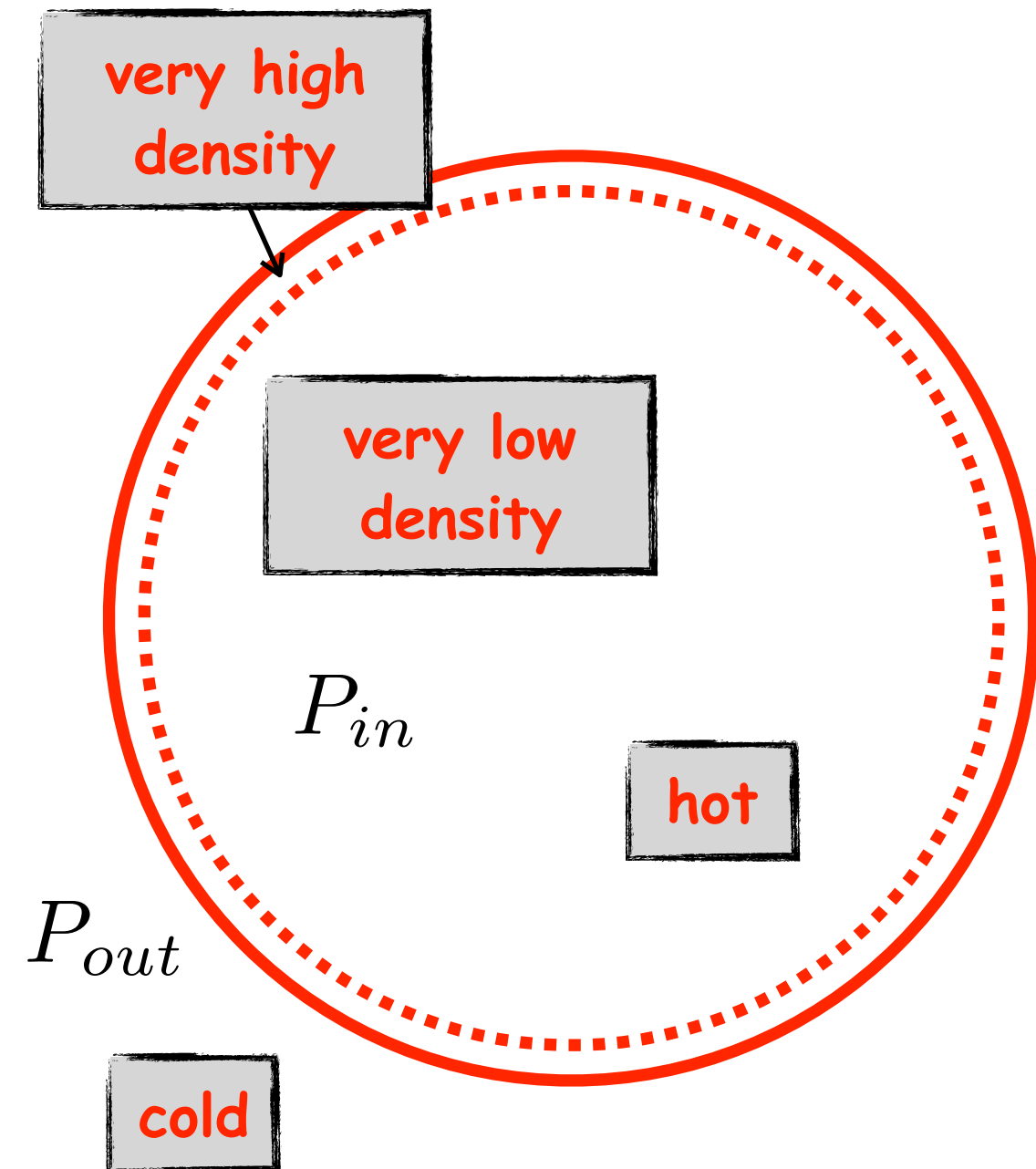
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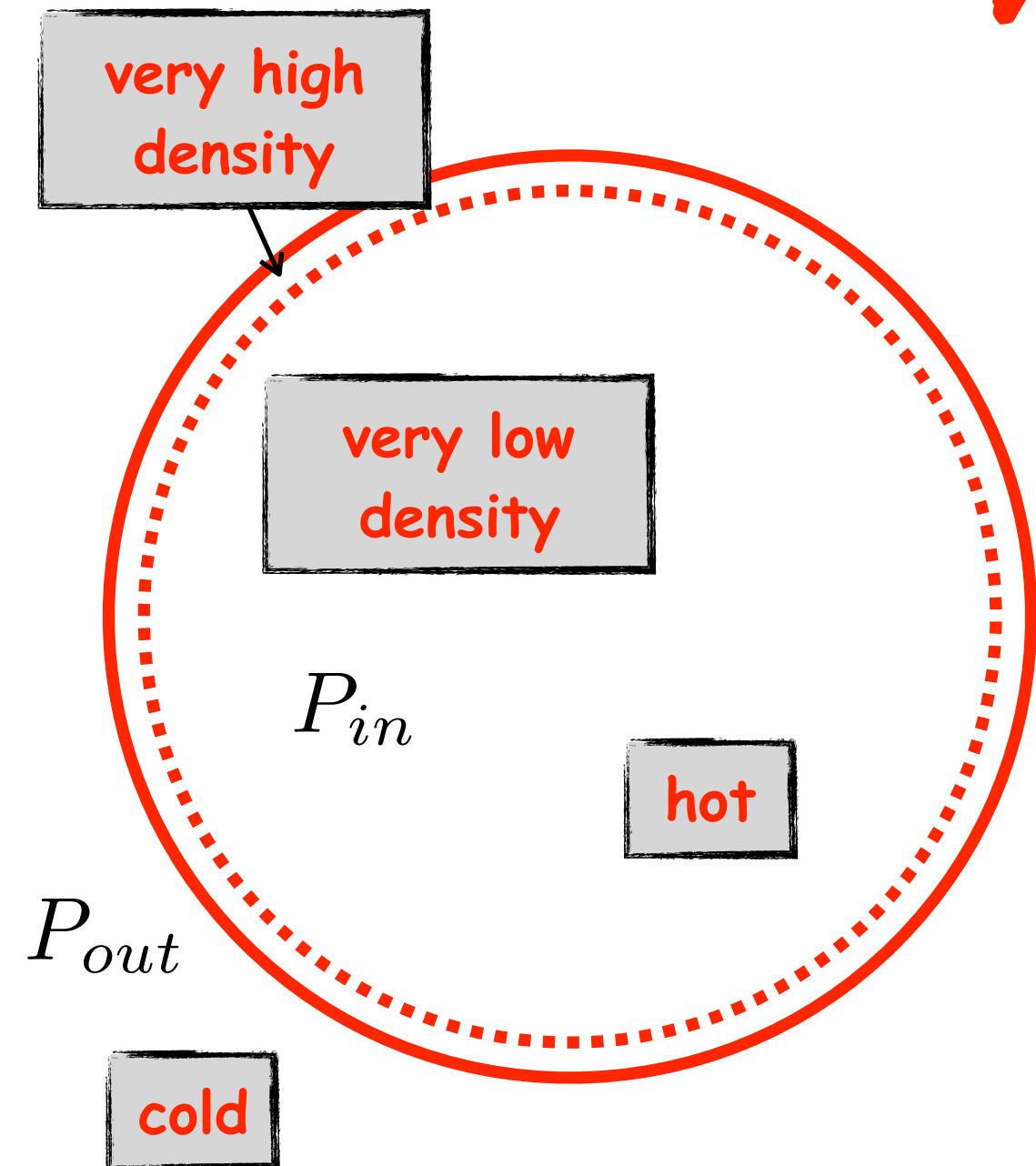
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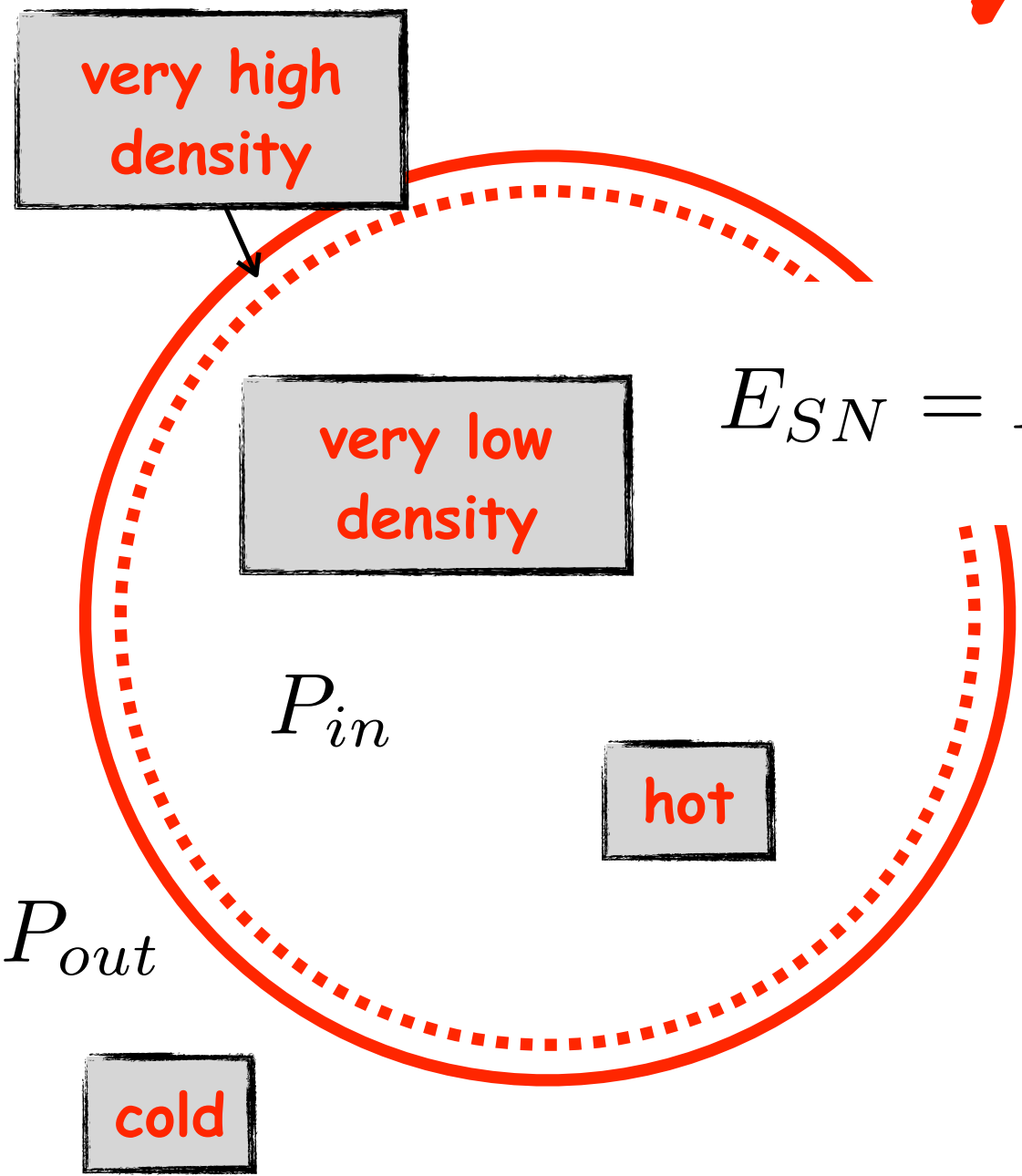
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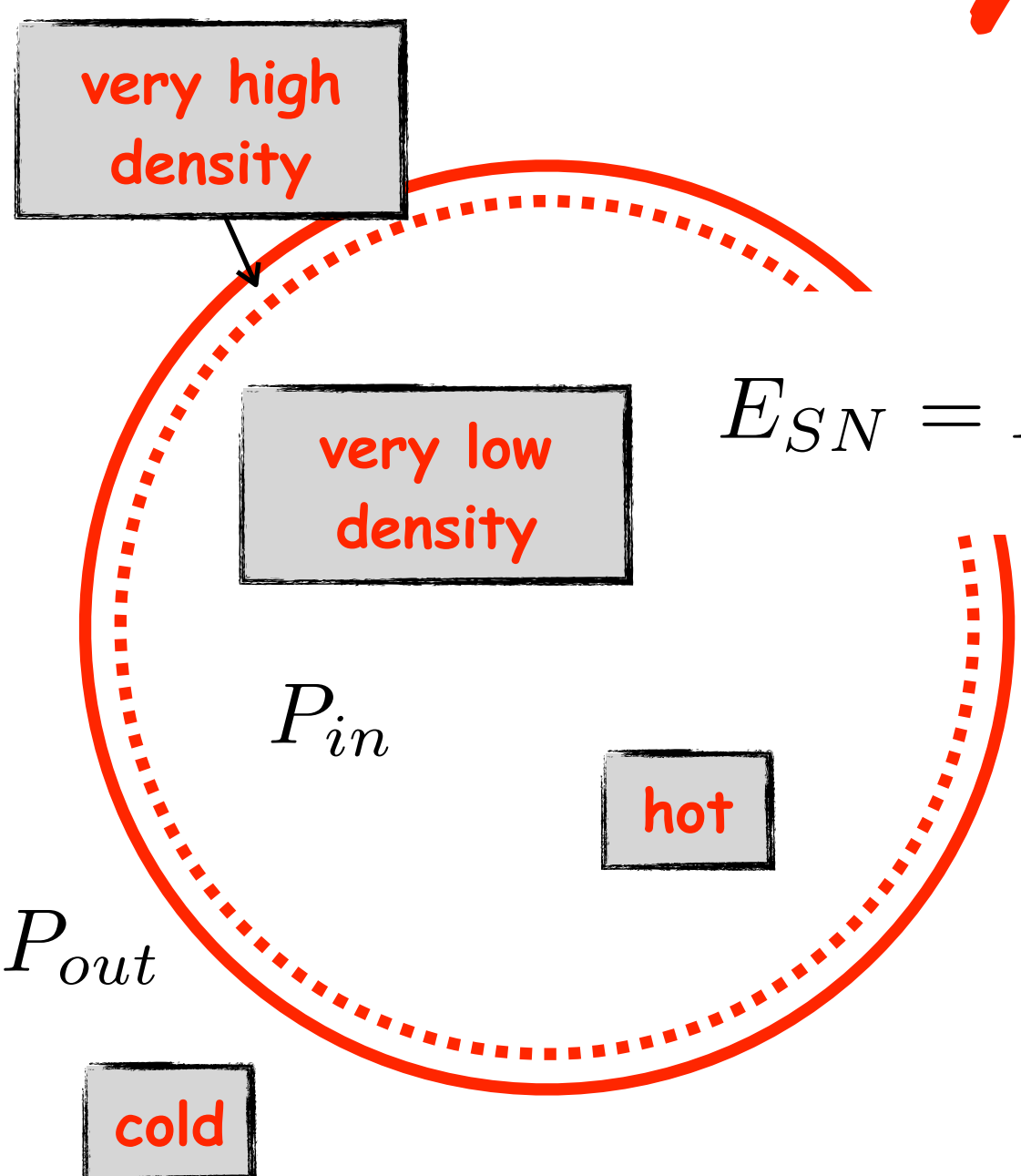
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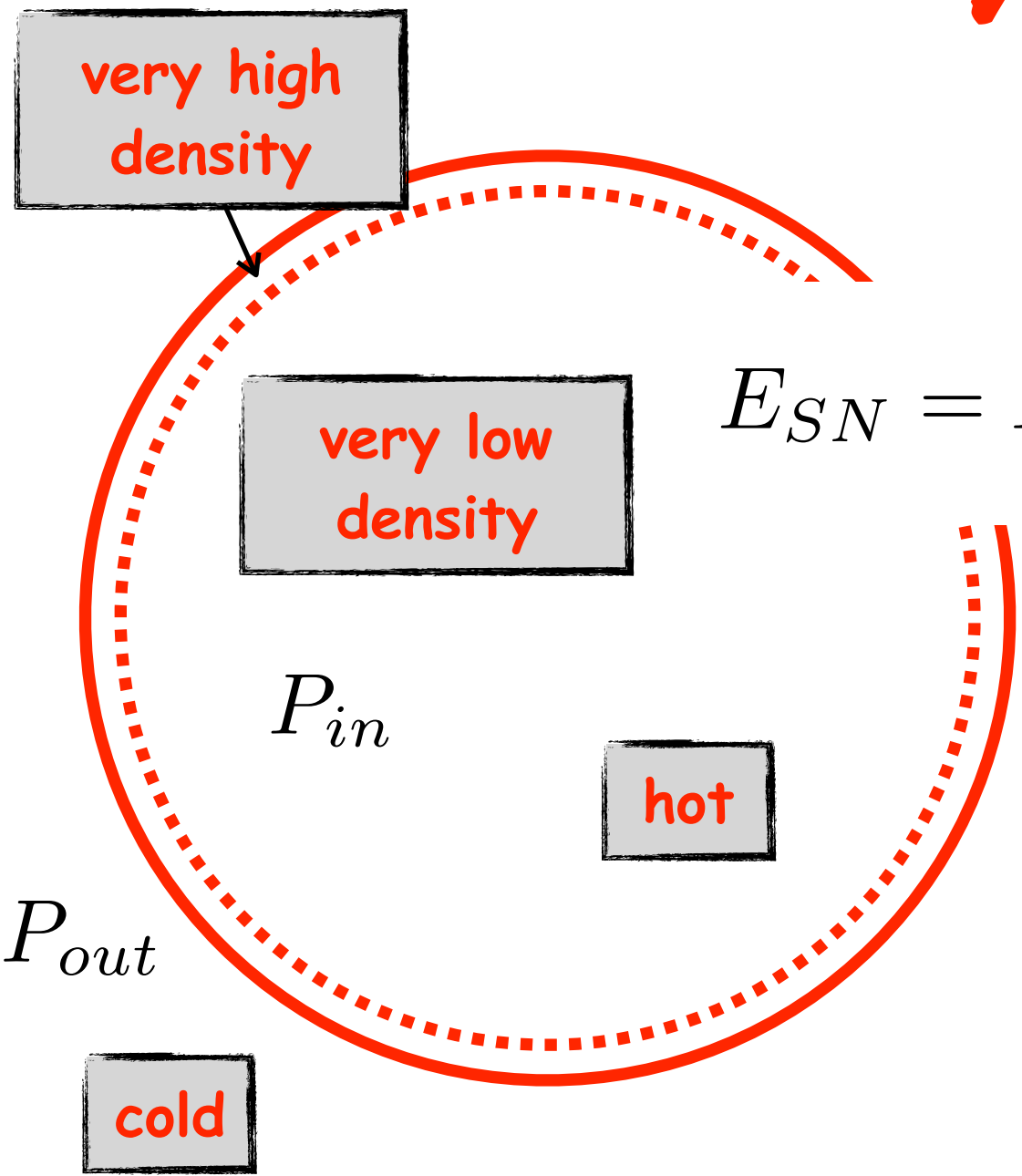
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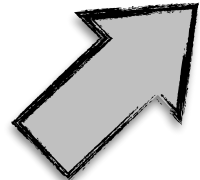
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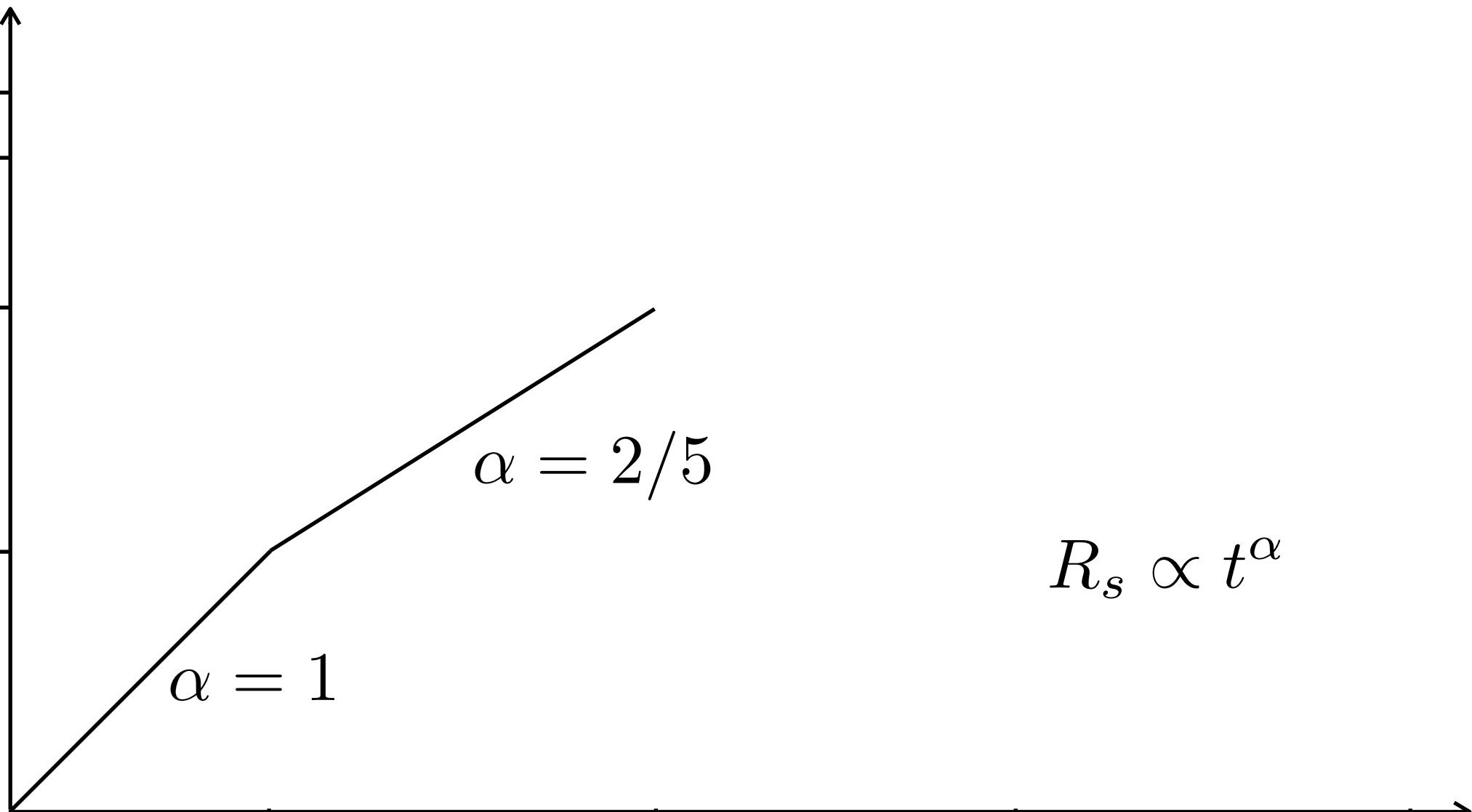
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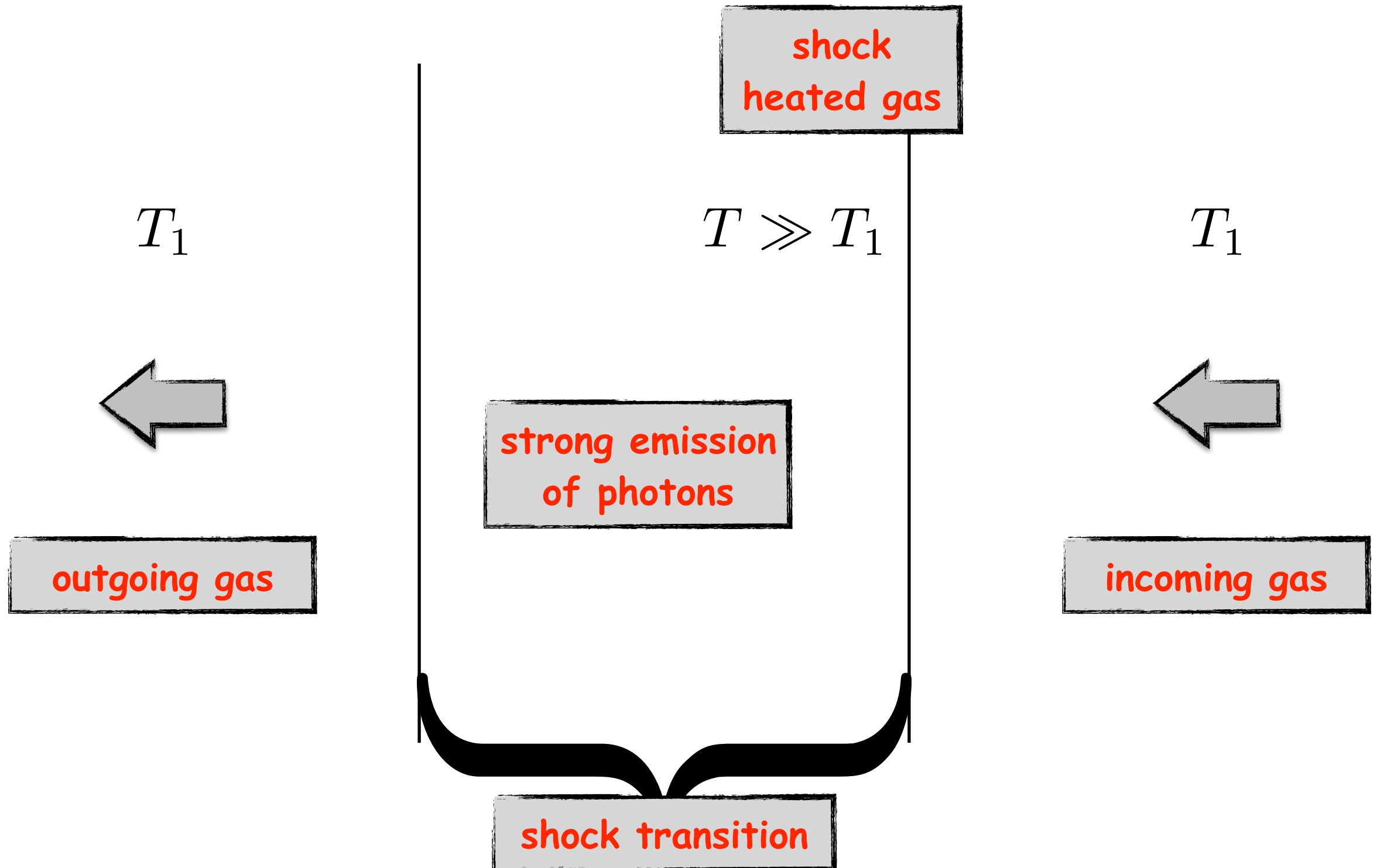
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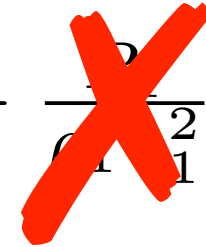
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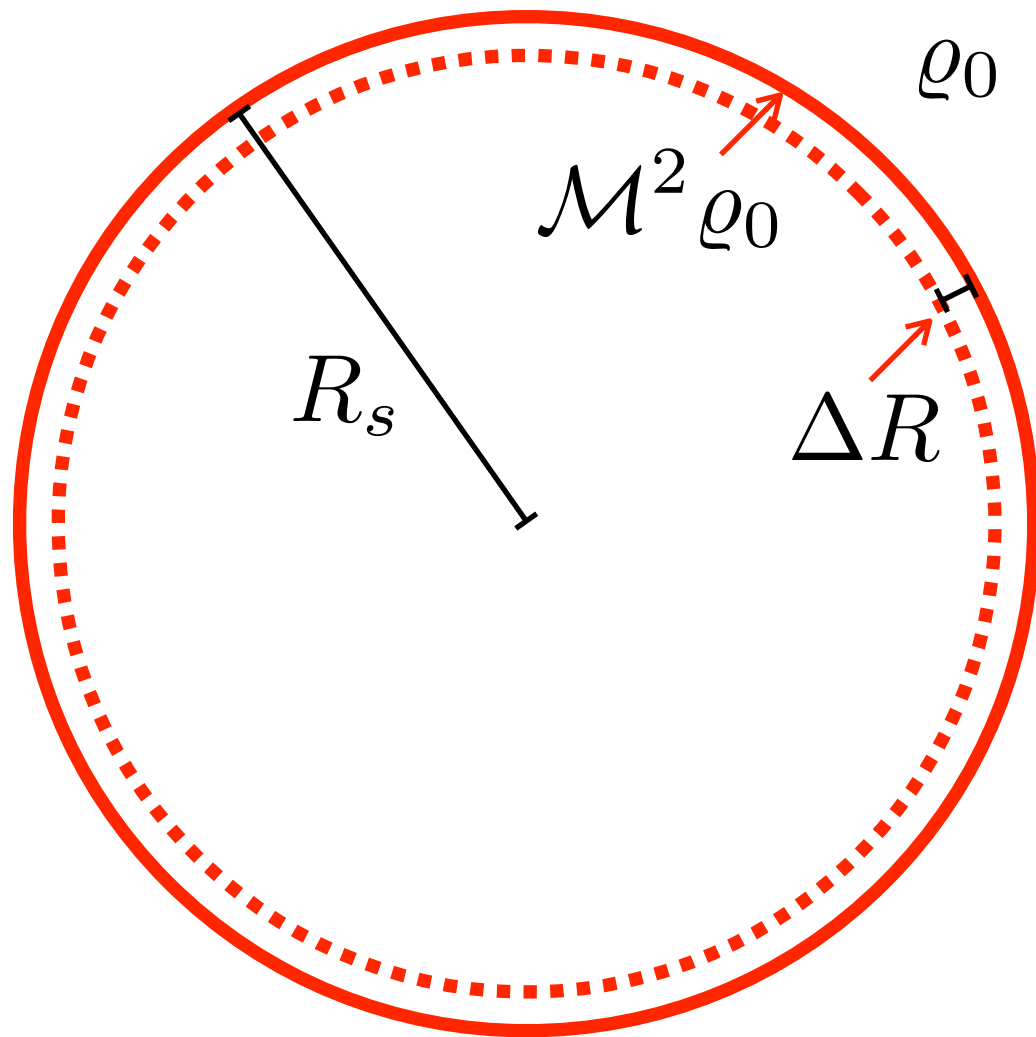
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for strong shocks a very thin and dense shell forms, matter in the shell moves roughly at the same velocity of the shock -> the thin shell approximation is even more justified for radiative shocks!

The pressure driven snowplough phase



at first, the dense shell cools, while the interior does not (due to its very low density) \rightarrow all the energy dissipated at the shock is radiated away, and the SNR interior cools adiabatically

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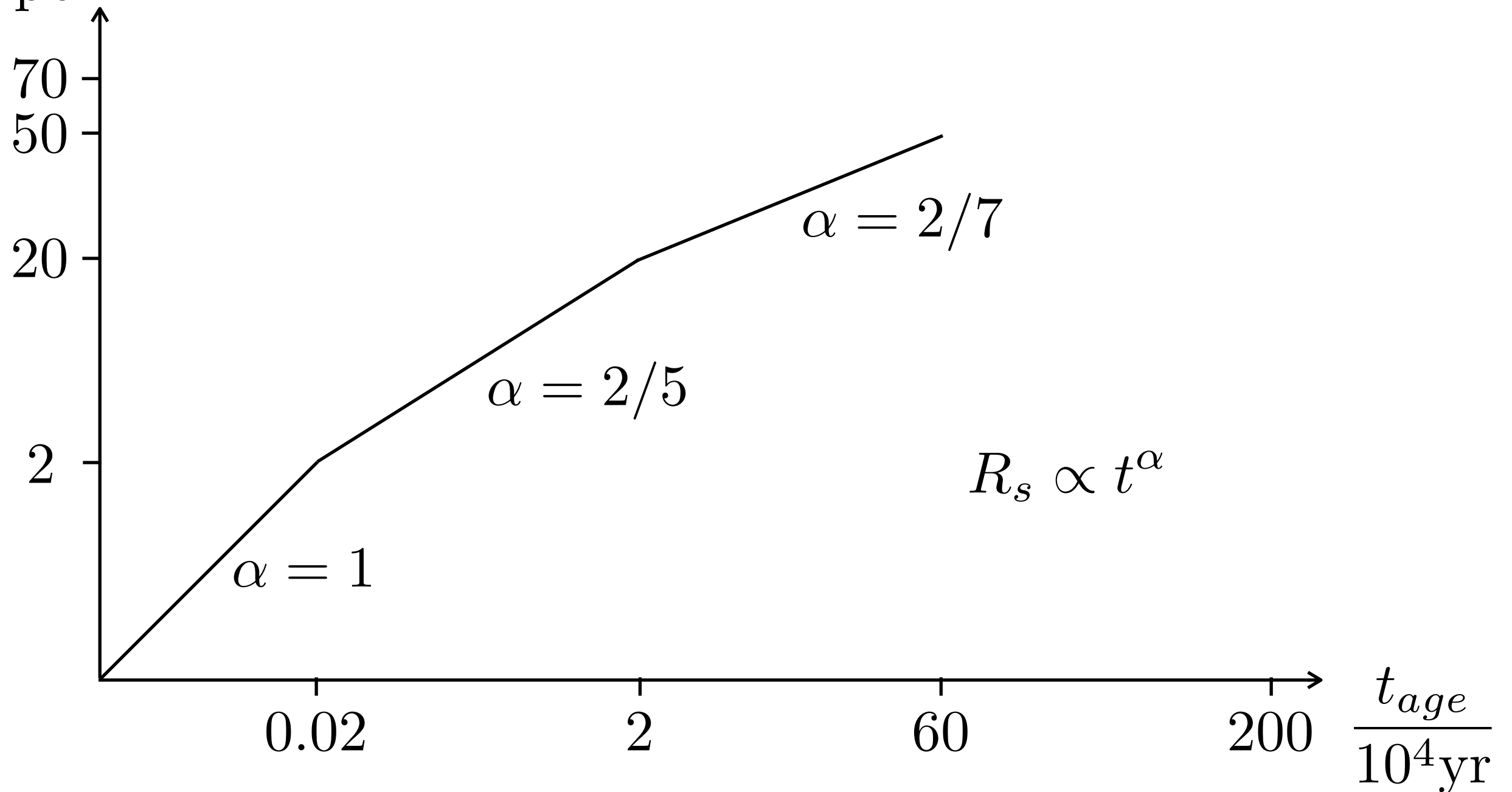
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