

Universality properties of steady driven coagulation with collisional fragmentation

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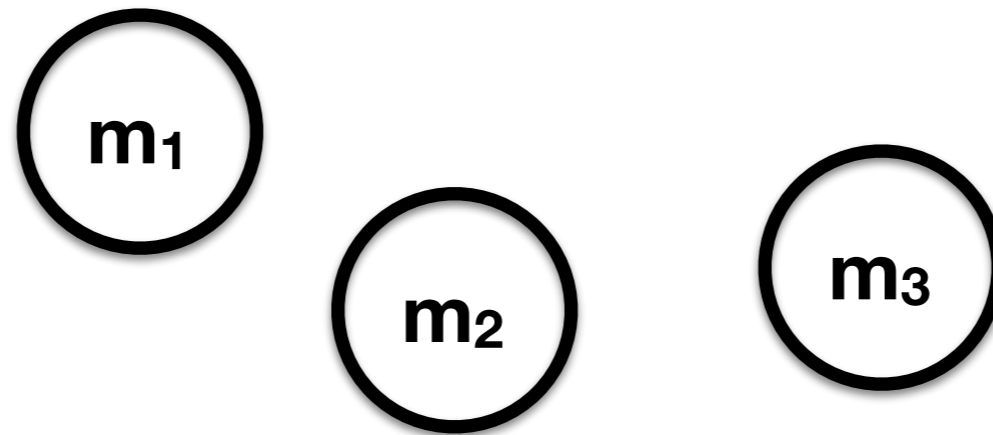
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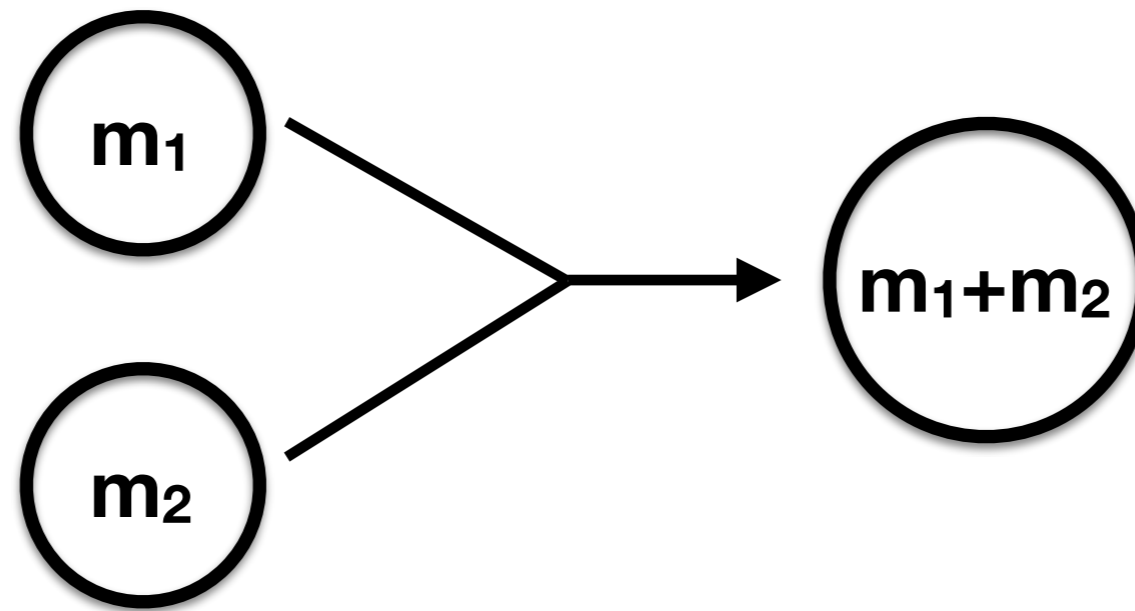
arXiv:1710.01875

The model



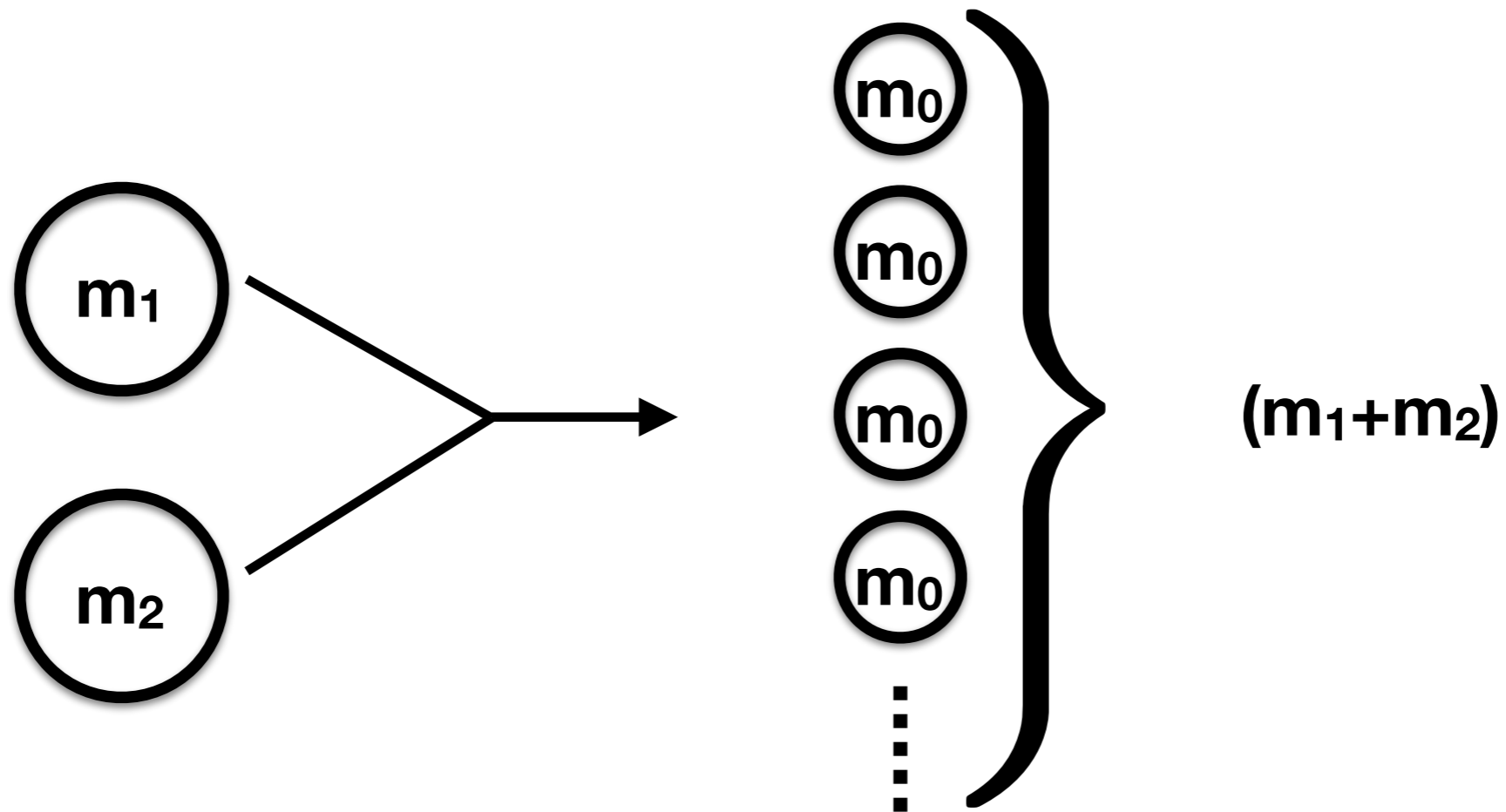
Mass measured in terms of smallest mass m_0 such that mass is an integer

Coagulation



**Coagulation conserves mass but
decreases number of particles**

Collisional fragmentation



$m_1 + m_2 \rightarrow (m_1 + m_2)$ particles of mass m_0

Collision kernel $K(m_1, m_2)$: Example

• **Ballistic transport:** $K(m_1, m_2) \propto (R_1 + R_2)^{d-1} \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$
 $= (m_1^{1/d} + m_2^{1/d})^{d-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}}$

• **Homogeneous:** $K(hm_1, hm_2) = h^{\frac{d-1}{d} - \frac{1}{2}} K(m_1, m_2)$

• **$m_1 \gg m_2$:** $K(m_1, m_2) \sim \frac{m_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{\sqrt{m_2}} \sim m_1^\nu m_2^\mu$

Collision kernel $K(m_1, m_2)$

- Will consider kernel: $K(m_1, m_2) = \frac{1}{2}(m_1^\mu m_2^\nu + m_1^\nu m_2^\mu)$

- Homogeneity exponent: $\beta = \mu + \nu$

- Locality exponent: $\theta = |\nu - \mu|$

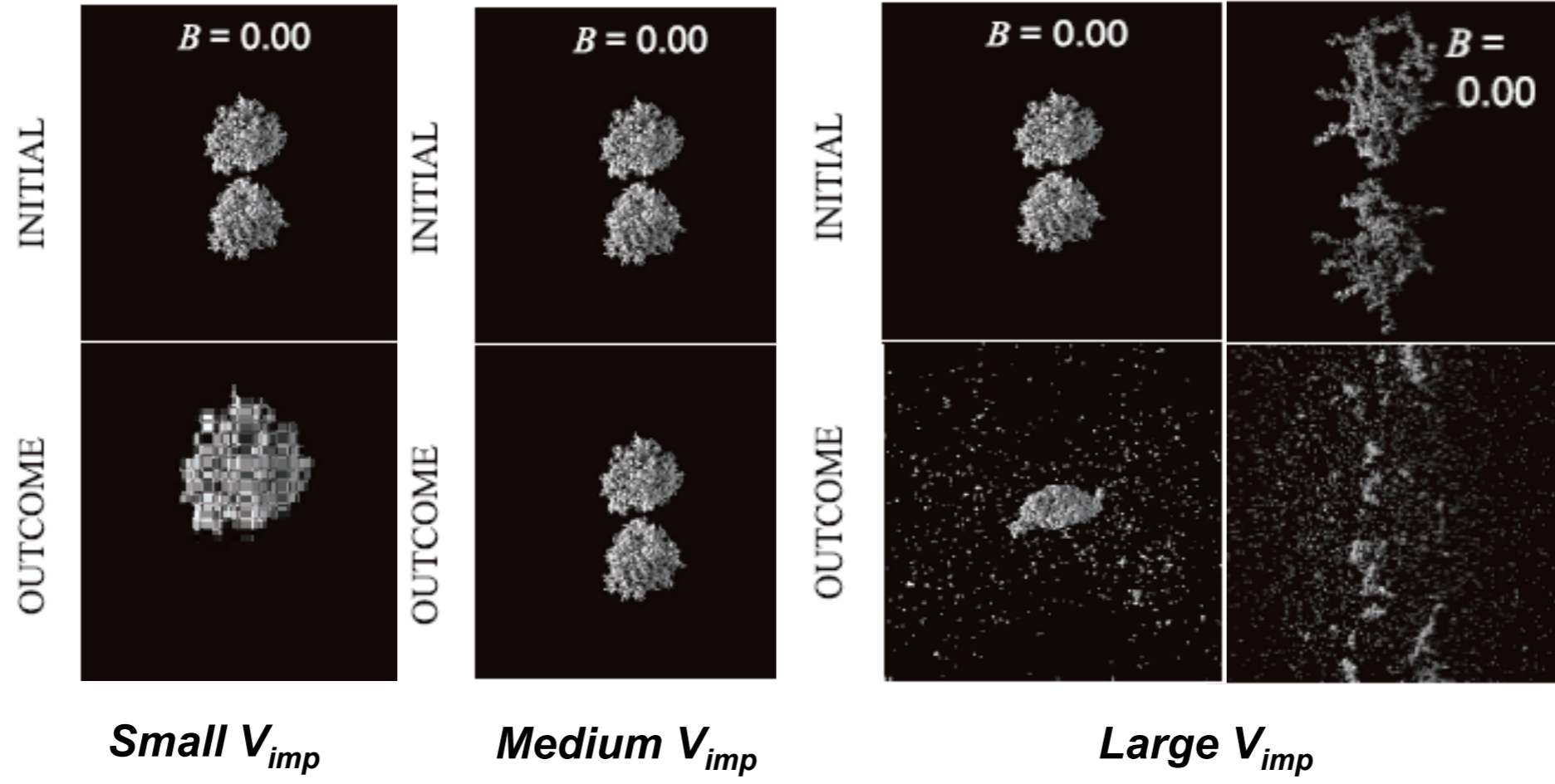
- On collision 

Coagulate	Prob = $1/(1+\lambda)$
Fragment	Prob = $\lambda/(1+\lambda)$

- Question: What is the steady state mass distribution?

- Model parameters: β, θ, λ

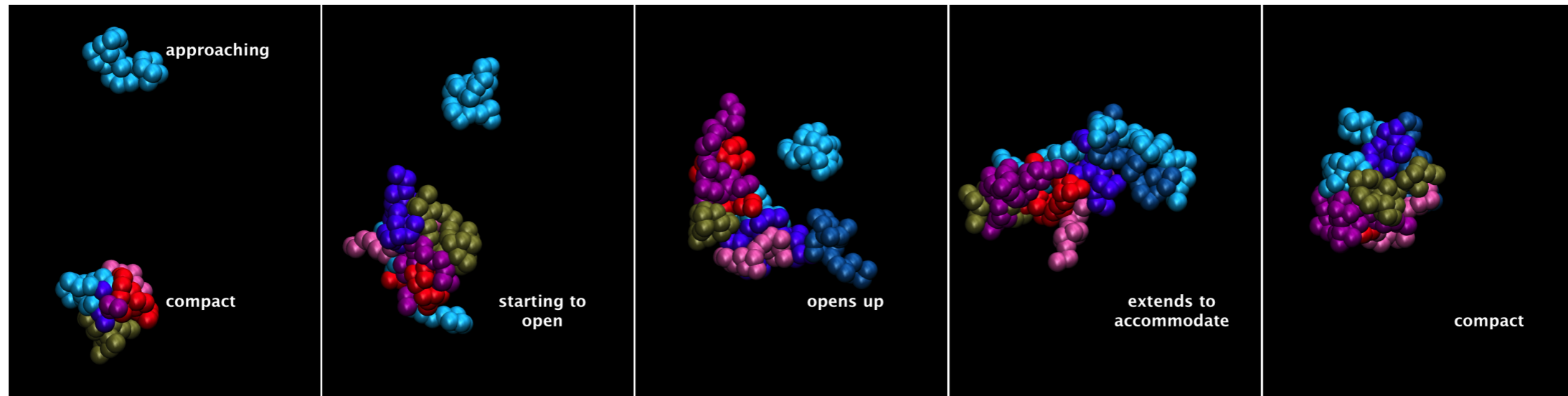
Example



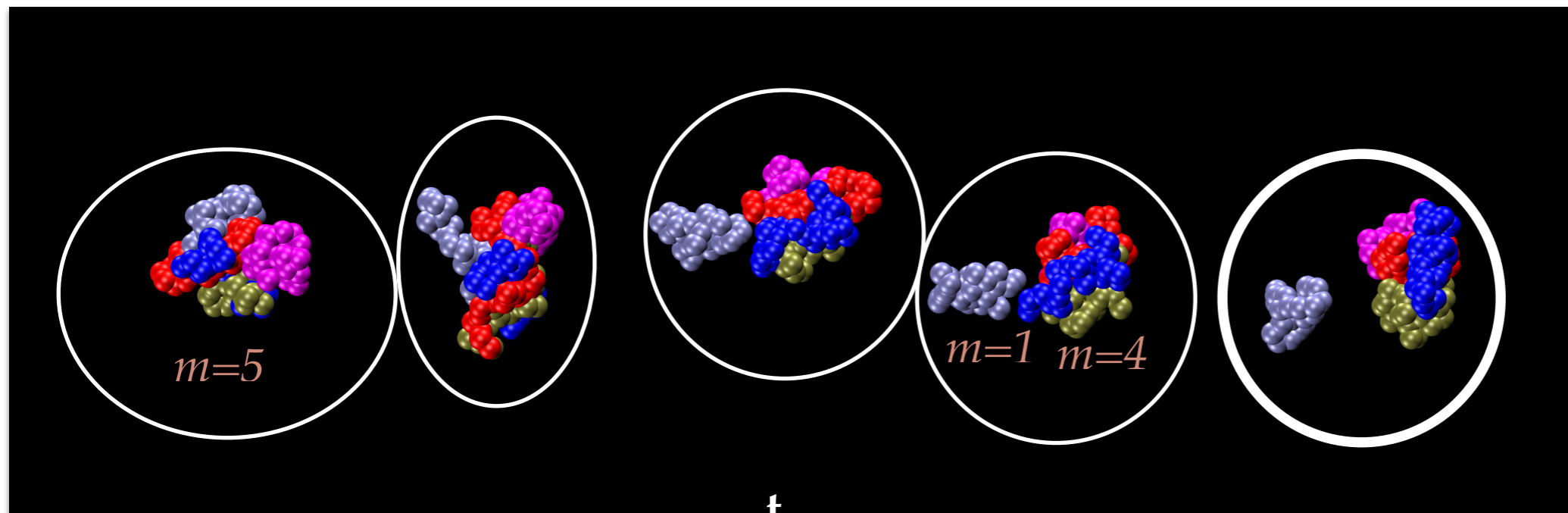
K. Wada, *Astrophys. J.* (2009)

Example

Aggregation

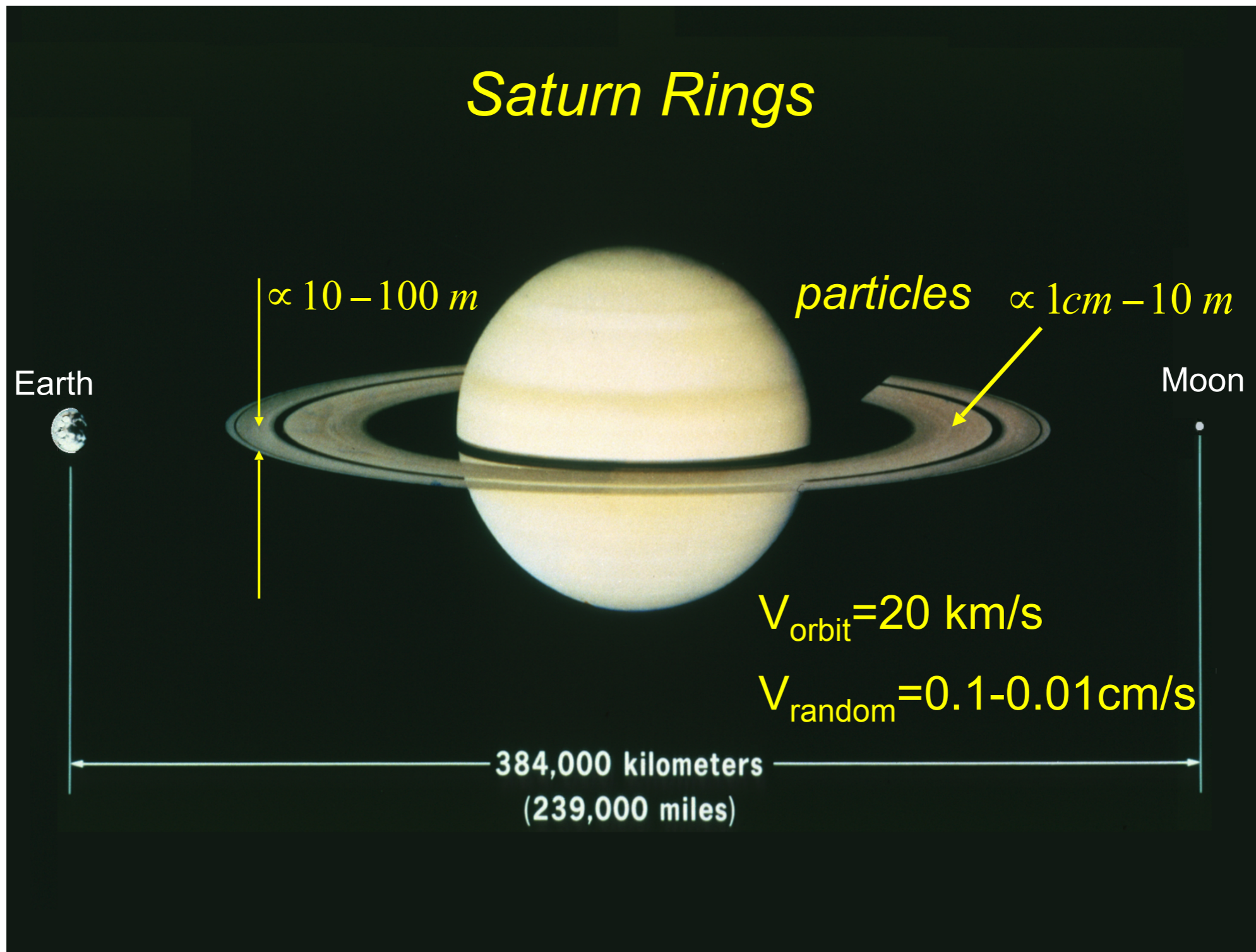


Fragmentation



Tom et al,
J. Chem. Phys. (2017)

Primary motivation: Rings of Saturns



Assumptions

- **Mean field treatment: assume well mixed system so that spatial inhomogeneities may be ignored**
- **Smoluchowski rate equation**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN(m, t)}{dt} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m_2=1}^{\infty} N(m_1, t) N(m_2, t) K(m_1, m_2) \delta(m_1 + m_2 - m) \\ & - (1 + \lambda) \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} N(m_1, t) N(m, t) K(m_1, m) \\ & + \frac{\lambda}{2} \delta_{m,1} \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m_2=1}^{\infty} N(m_1, t) N(m_2, t) K(m_1, m_2) (m_1 + m_2). \end{aligned}$$

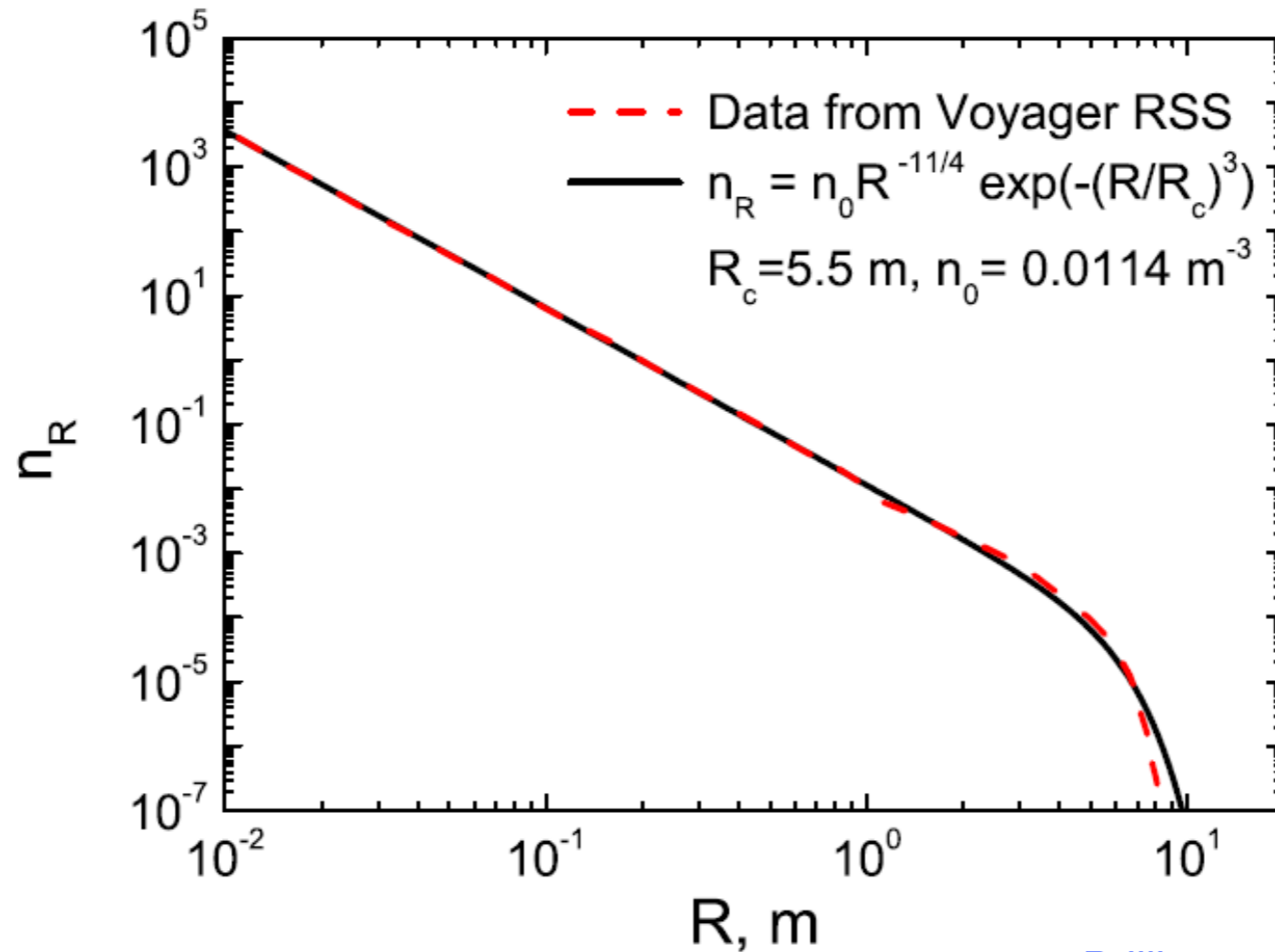
Approximate solution

- **Ballistic transport:** $K(m_1, m_2) = (m_1^{1/d} + m_2^{1/d})^{d-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}}$
- **β :** $K(hm_1, hm_2) = h^{\frac{d-1}{d} - \frac{1}{2}} K(m_1, m_2)$
- **$m_1 \gg m_2$:** $K(m_1, m_2) \sim \frac{m_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{\sqrt{m_2}} \sim m_1^\nu m_2^\mu$

d	μ	ν	β	θ
3	-1/2	2/3	1/6	7/6

- **Difficult to solve with $\theta=7/6$**
- **Instead solve with $\theta=0$ keeping $\beta=1/6$ the same**

Rings of Saturn

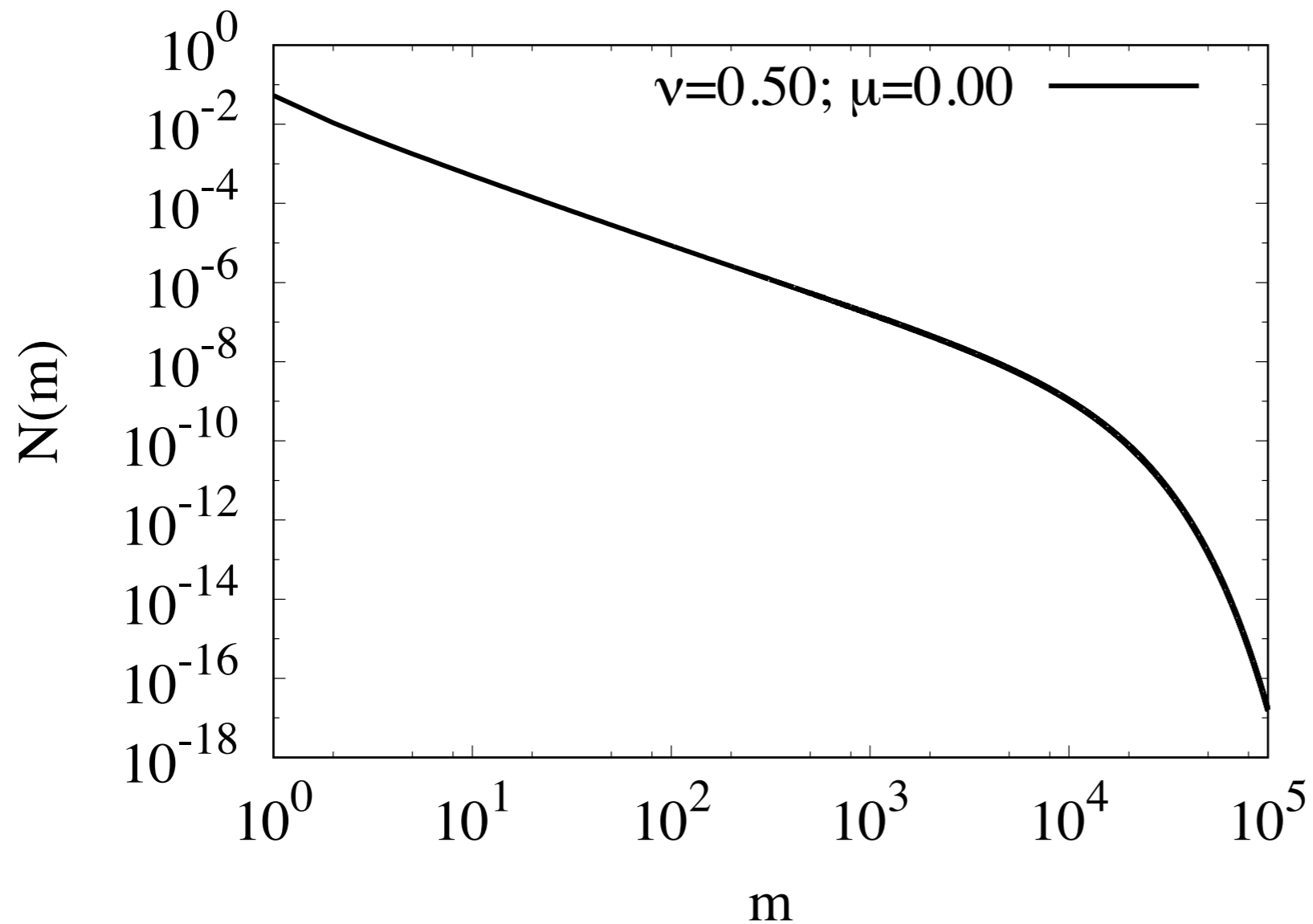


Brilliantov et al, PNAS (2015)

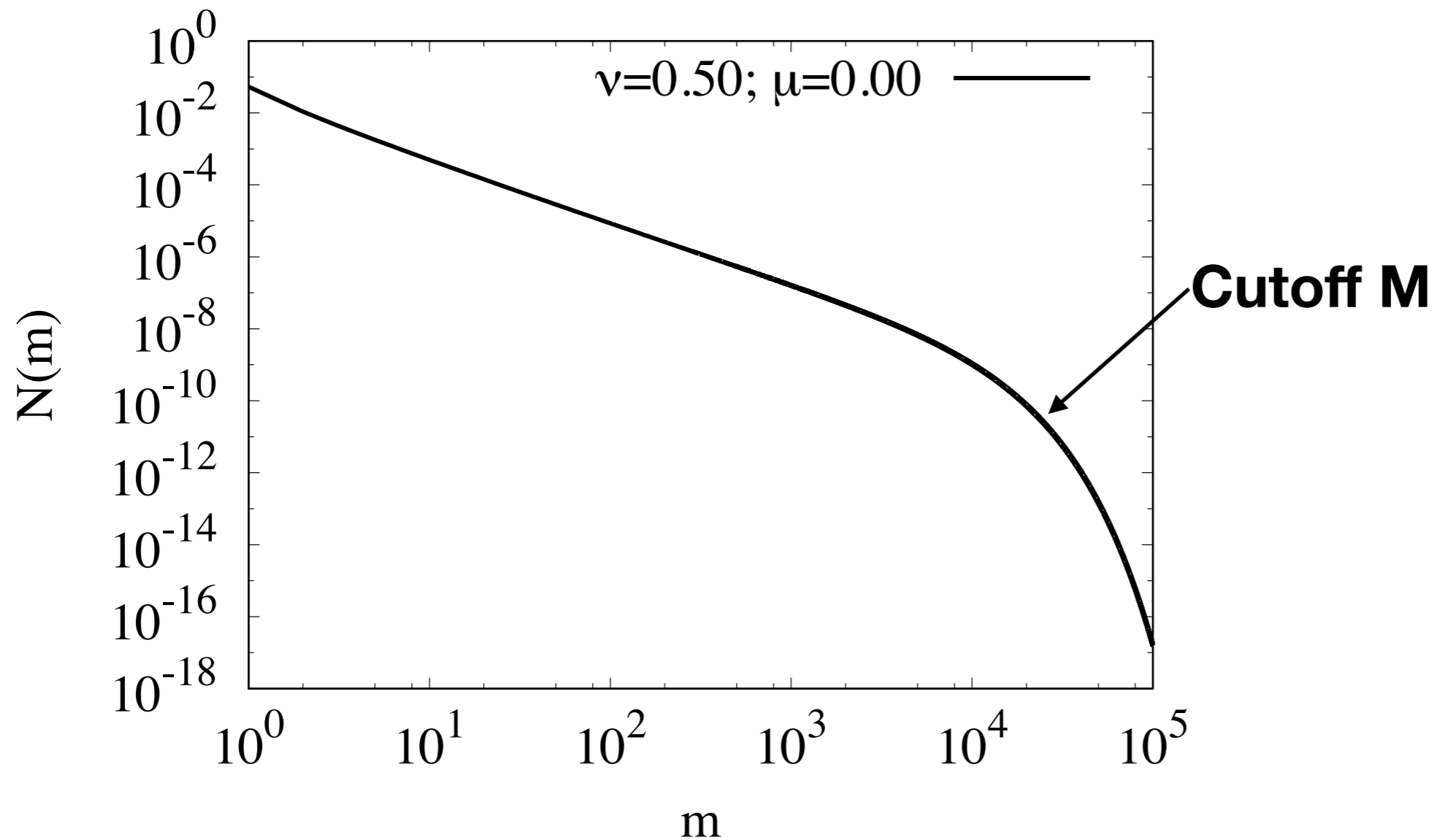
Excellent fit.

λ is a fitting parameter

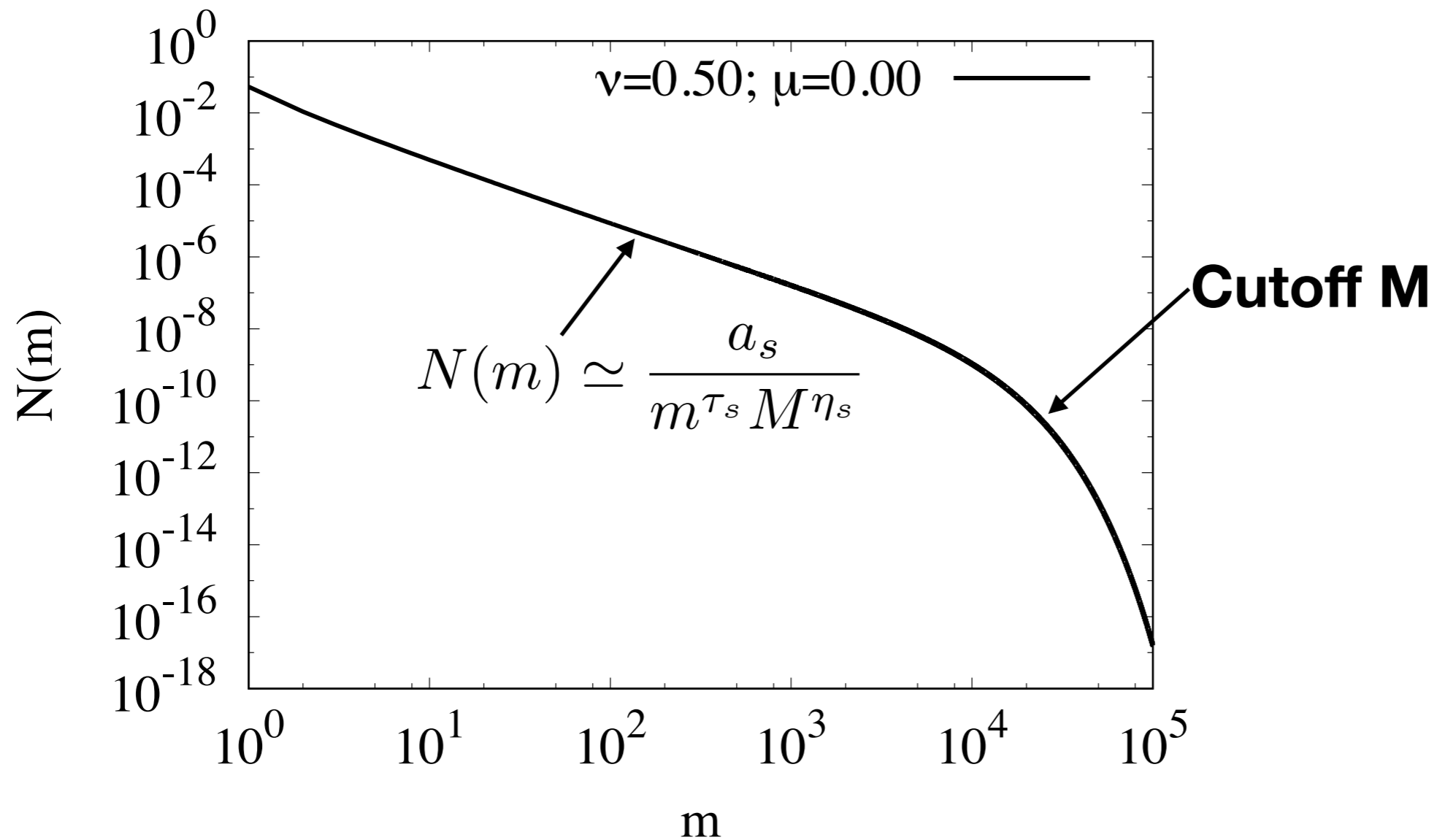
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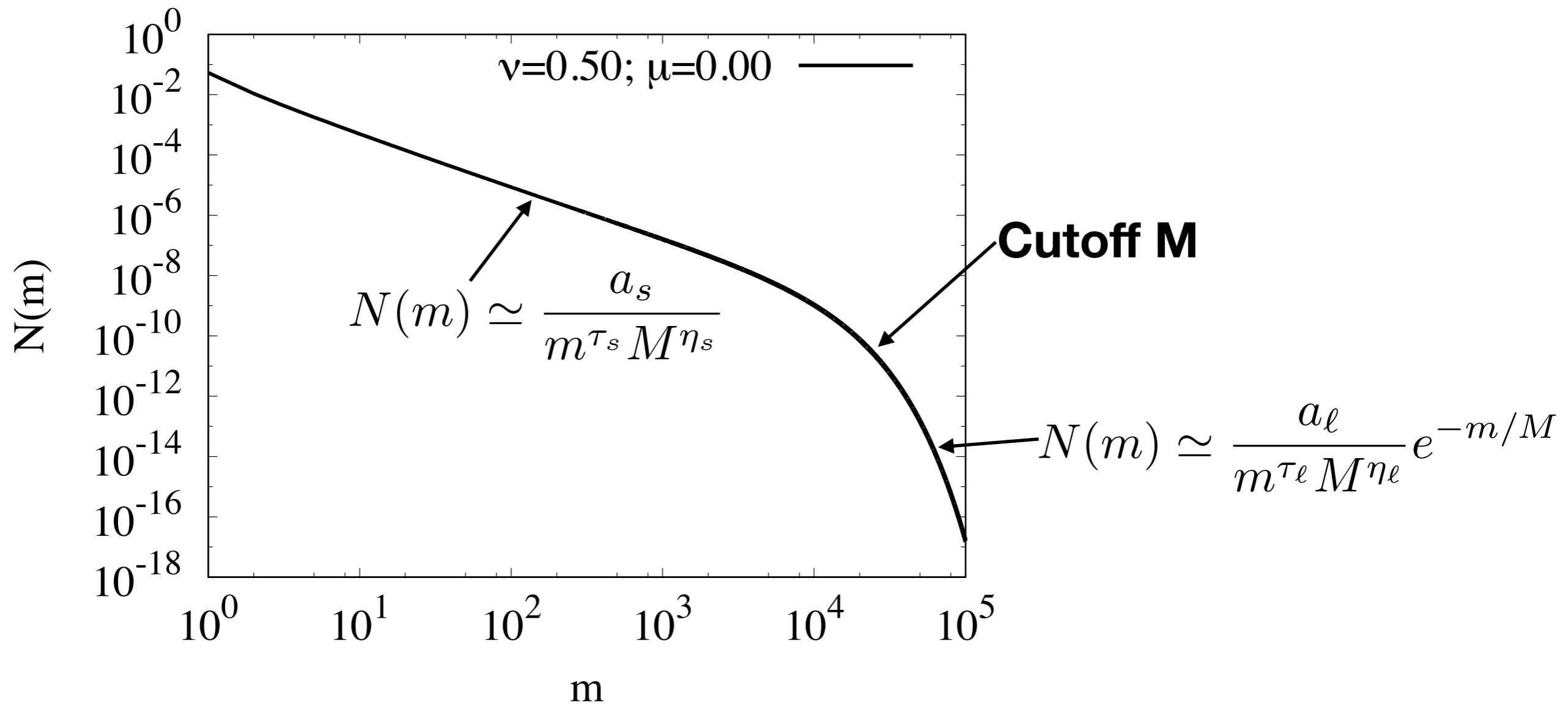
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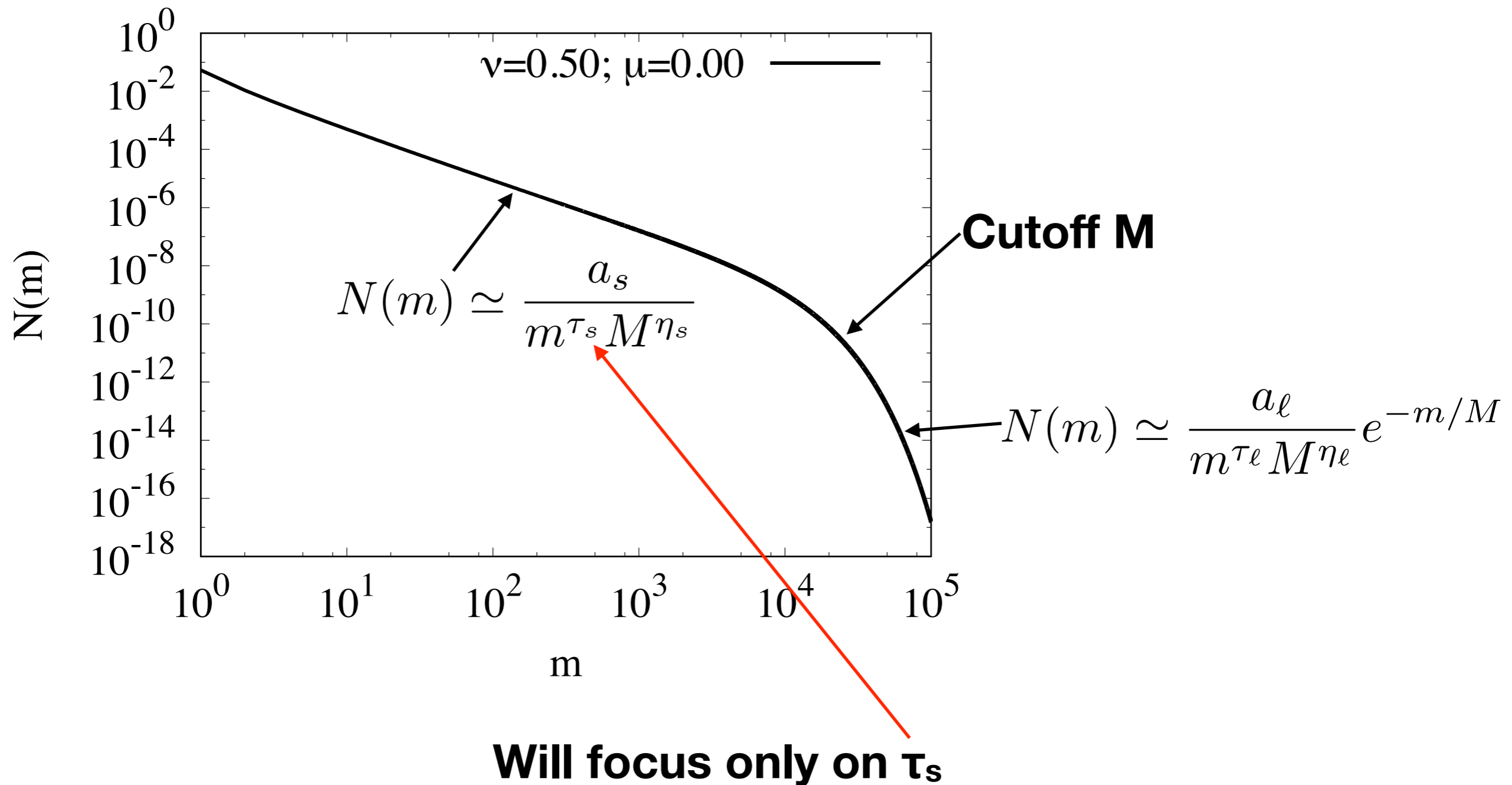
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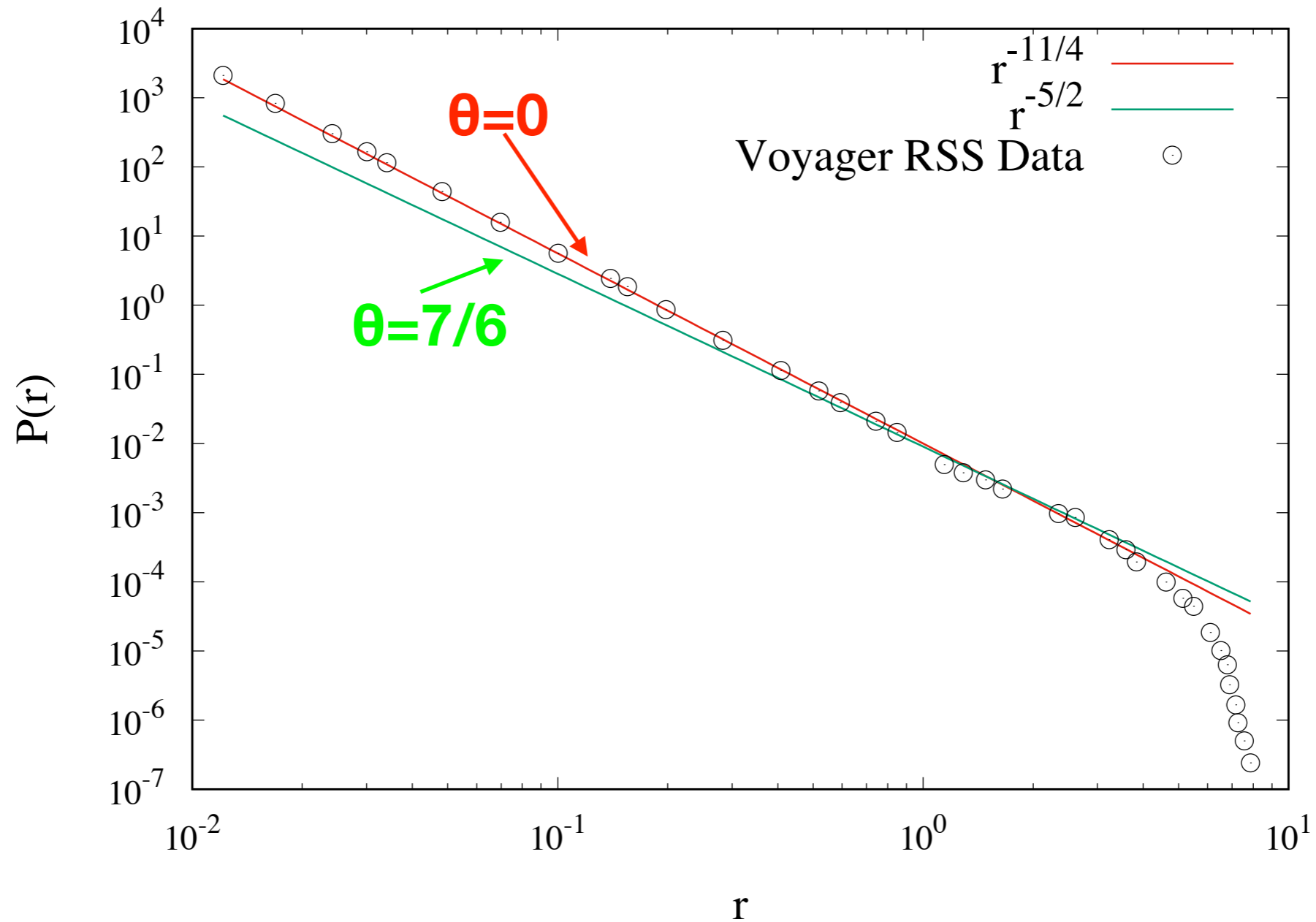


Result

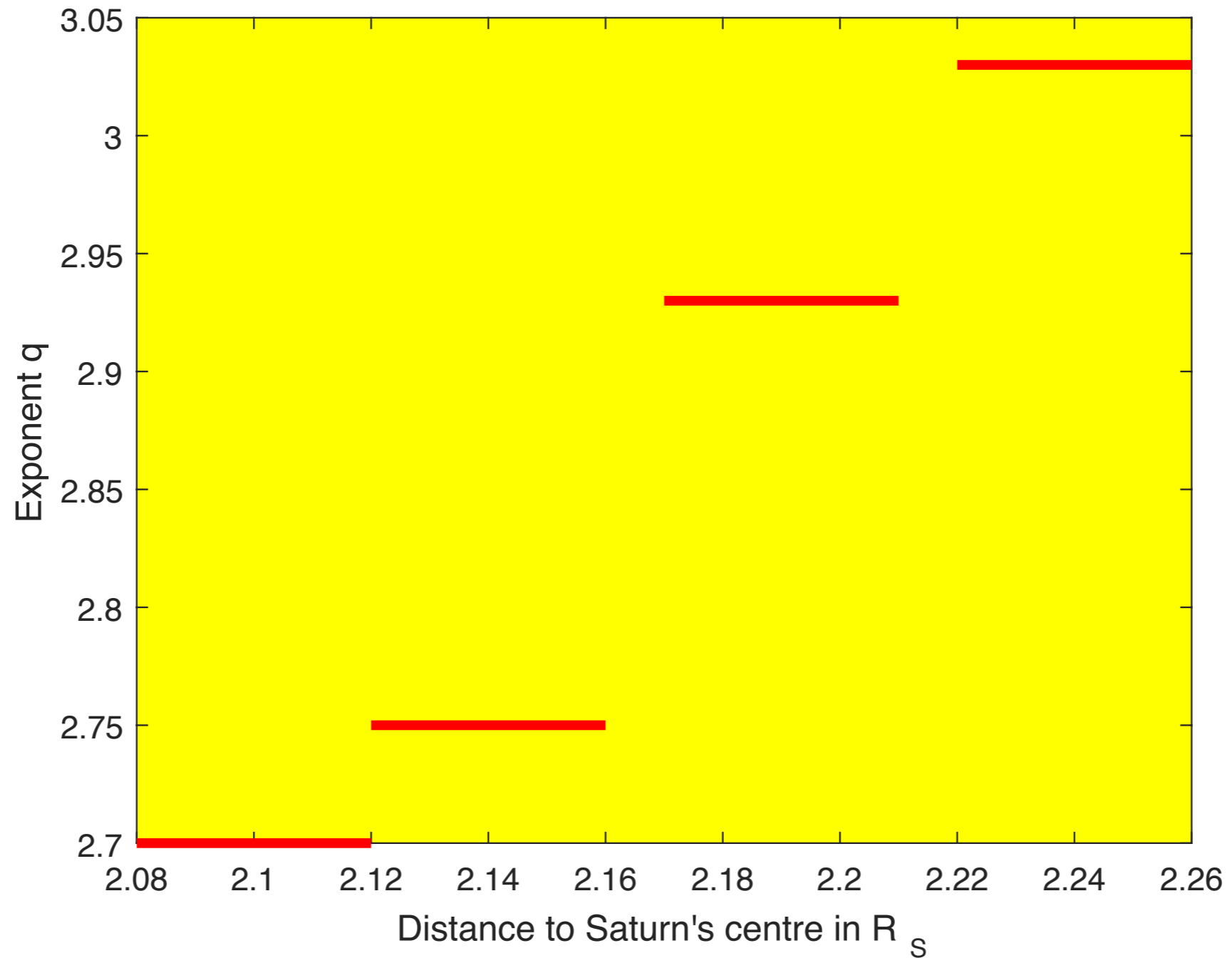
θ	τ_s
$[0,1)$	$(3+\beta)/2$
$(1,2)$	$(4-\theta+\beta)/2$
$(2,\infty)$	$(\theta+\beta)/2$

← $\theta=7/6$

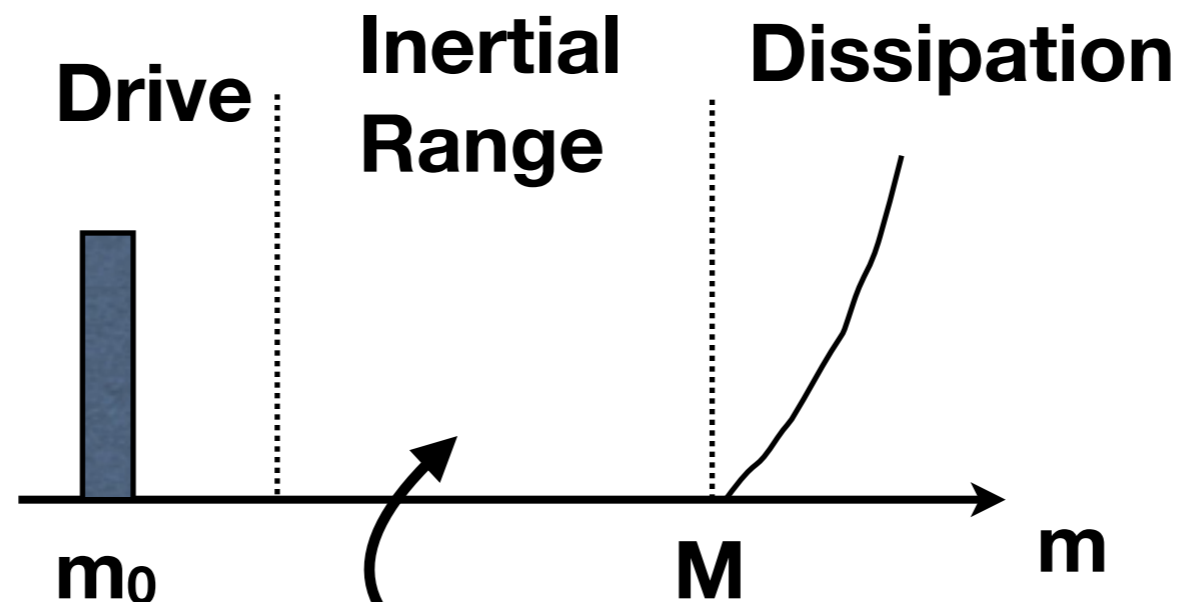
Discussion: rings of Saturn



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Discussion: driven dissipative system



Cascade of a conserved quantity

$$J(m) \sim m^3 m^\beta N^2(m)$$

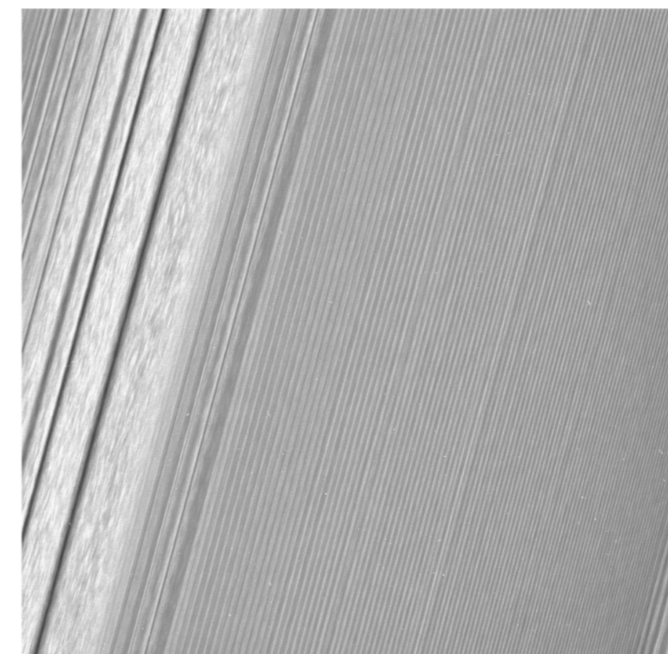
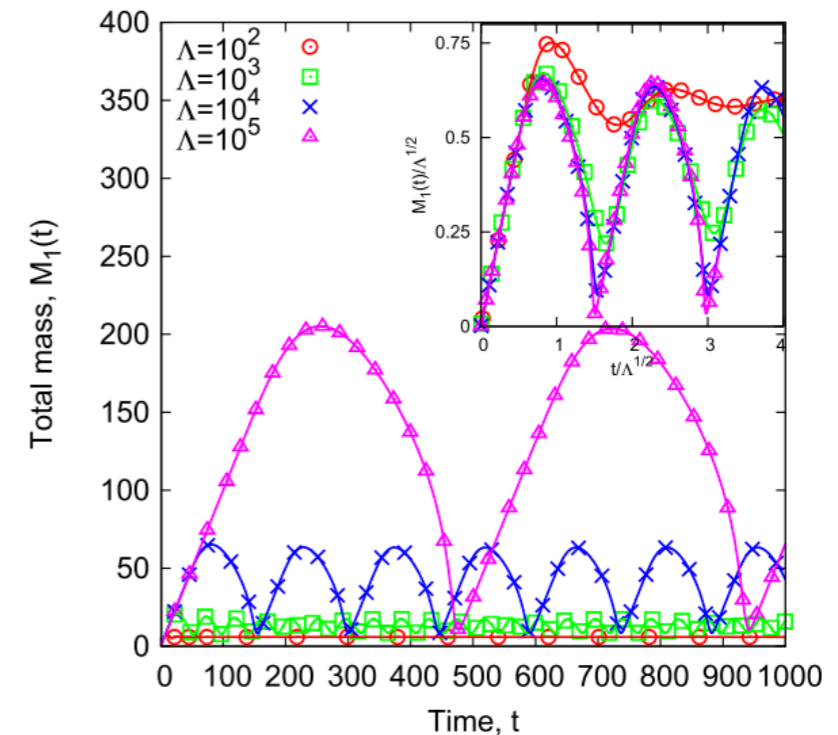
$$N(m) \sim m^{-\frac{3+\beta}{2}}$$

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Outlook

Connaughton et al, PRL (2012)

- **Stability of solution?**
- **Non locality leads to instability and onset of oscillations**
- **Effect of space: oscillations in space?**
- **Effect of stochasticity?**



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