The Observed Scaling Relationships between the Dark Matter Halo Parameters and Half-Light Radii of Multiple Galaxy Types.

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