

Who am I? Caroline Heneka Institute for Theoretical Physics, Heidelberg University



- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Physics in Heidelberg (+ Erasmus NPAC Paris)
- Ph.D. (2017) at Copenhagen University, DARK Cosmology Centre, Niels Bohr Institute
- 2017-2019: DFG Transregio 33 Fellowship (Heidelberg), Postdoc SNS Pisa
- ca. 1.5 yrs: DLR (German Aerospace Center) Headquarters Cologne, Executive Board Area Space, Programme Strategy Space
- 2020-2022: Senior Postdoc Hamburg University
- Since Oct 2022: back in HD
Junior Group Leader & Freigeist (Volkswagen Foundation) Fellow
'Computer Vision Astrophysics and Cosmology'



My Research Interests

- **Line Intensity Mapping**

(also: radio galaxy clustering, cross-correlation studies, galaxy clusters, ..)



- **High-redshift astrophysics & Epoch of Reionization:**

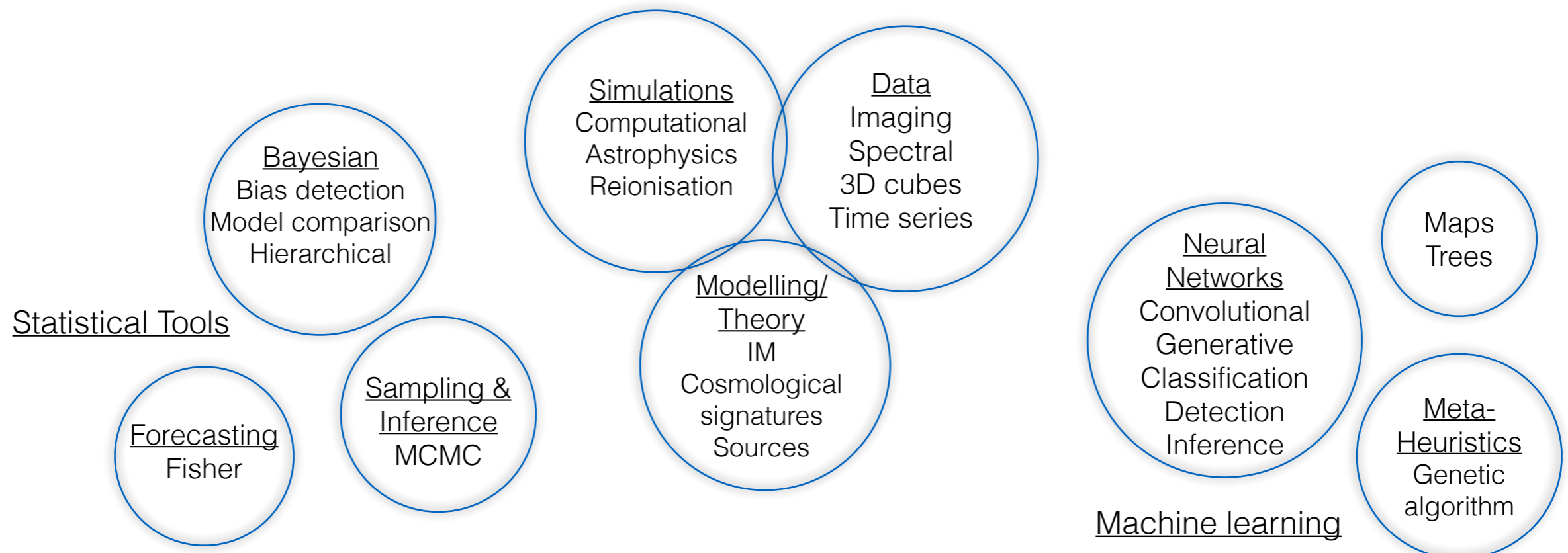
Modelling of 21cm background and further high-redshift lines (Ly α , H α , ..)

- The modern machine learning toolkit with '**Computer Vision Astrophysics + Cosmology**', specifically for intensity mapping of large-scale backgrounds:

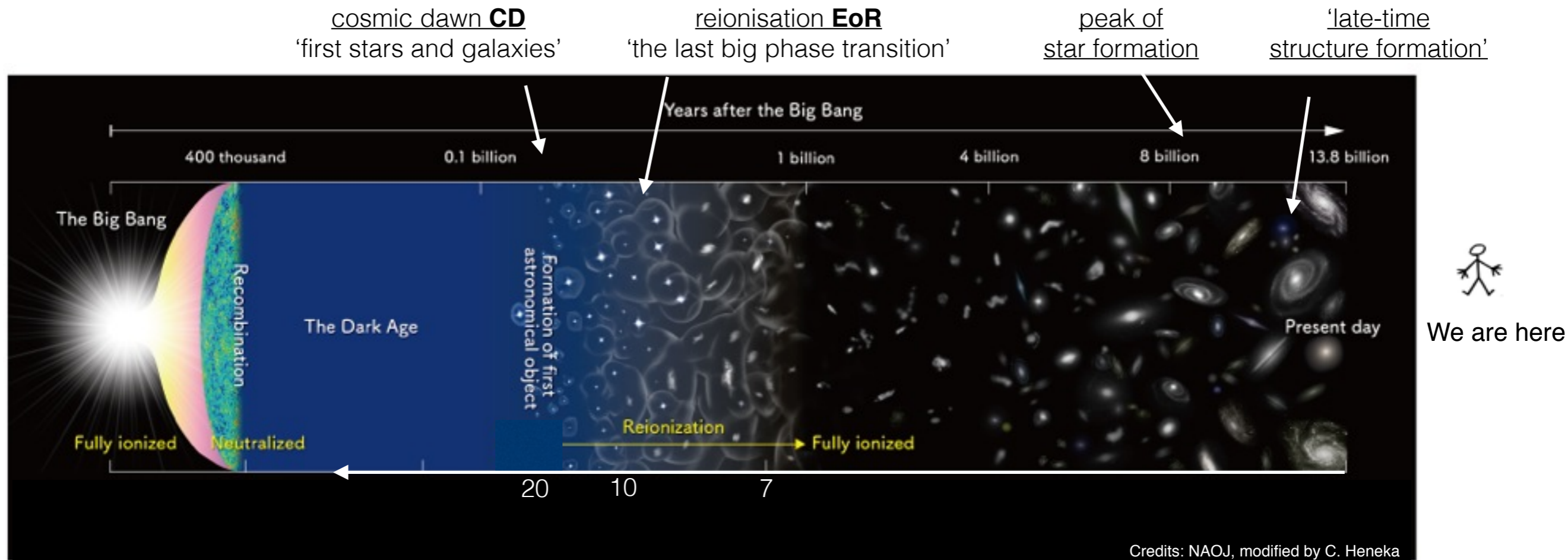
- Emulation, generation
- Inference

Also:

- Classification (e.g. 4MOST spectra)
- Detection (SKA preparation)

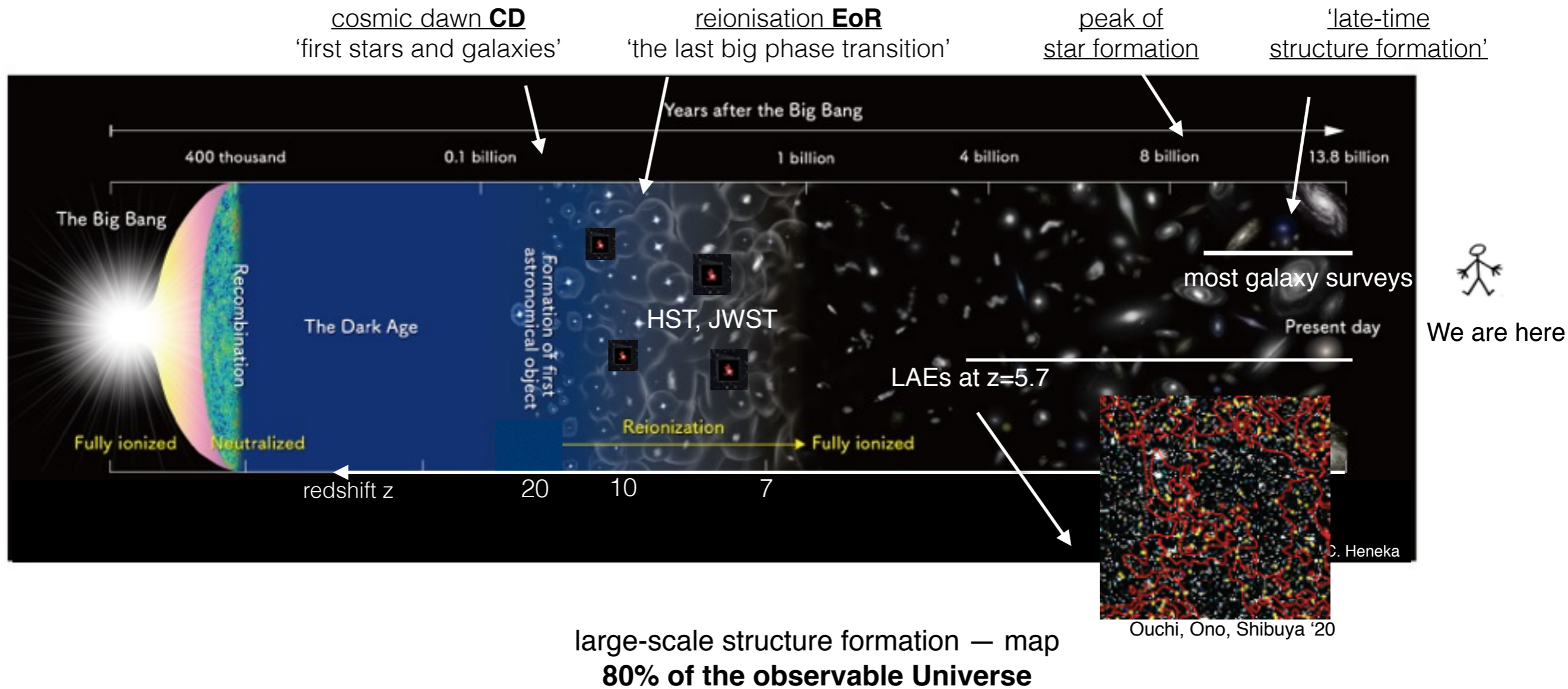


Where we stand: New frontiers in astronomy and astrophysics



Where we stand: New frontiers in astronomy and astrophysics

Galaxy surveys as an astronomical probe



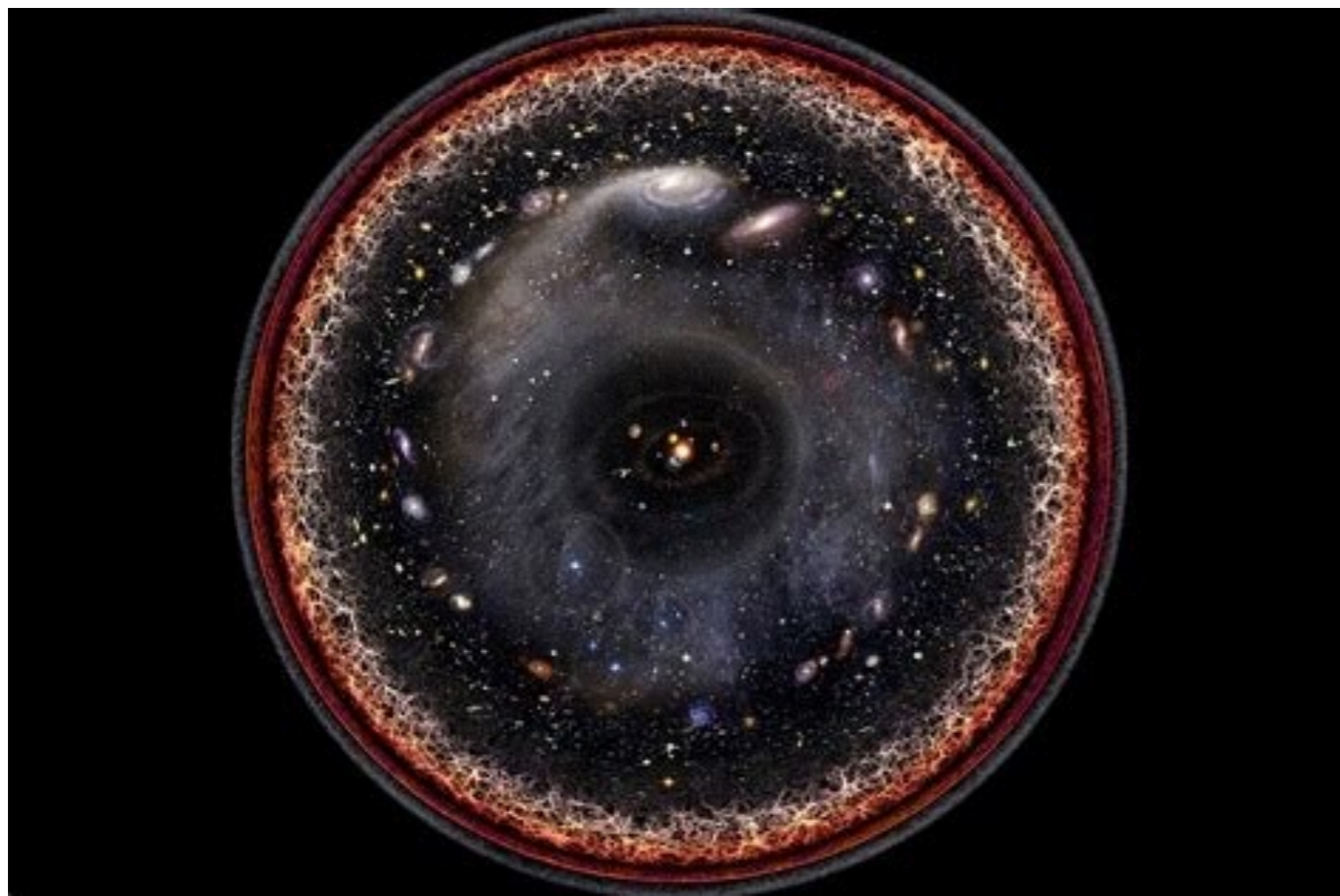
Test astrophysics of galaxy evolution, the intergalactic medium (IGM) as well as cosmological structure formation from the Epoch of Reionisation (EoR) to the present.

...80% of observable Universe

Modelling challenges

True LSS probes \longrightarrow orders of magnitude of scales up to the ultra-large

...what does 80% of the observable Universe even mean?



APOD, NASA, License & Credit: Wikipedia, Pablo Carlos Budassi

Observable Universe:

$d \sim 28 \text{ Gpc}$ (x3 Glyr)

80% if this:

$d \sim 22 \text{ Gpc}$

Let's say we resolve (only) $\sim \text{Mpc}$

\longrightarrow about 3-4 orders of magnitude

\longrightarrow about 10^9 - 10^{10} modes!

... at some point we sub-grid model and/or change modelling approach

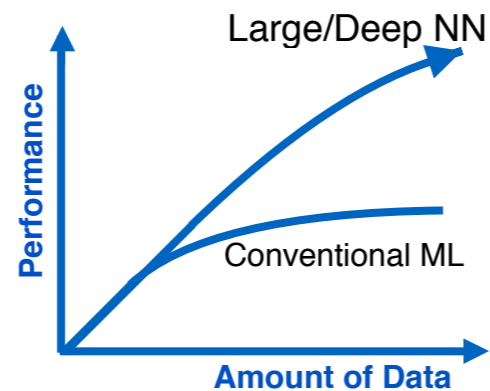
Why ML/DL for astrophysics

Driven by large-scale + high-resolution surveys



+ multi-messenger

Deep Learning
Driven by ability to improve
with large datasets



Examples:

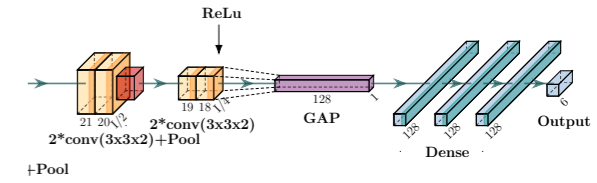
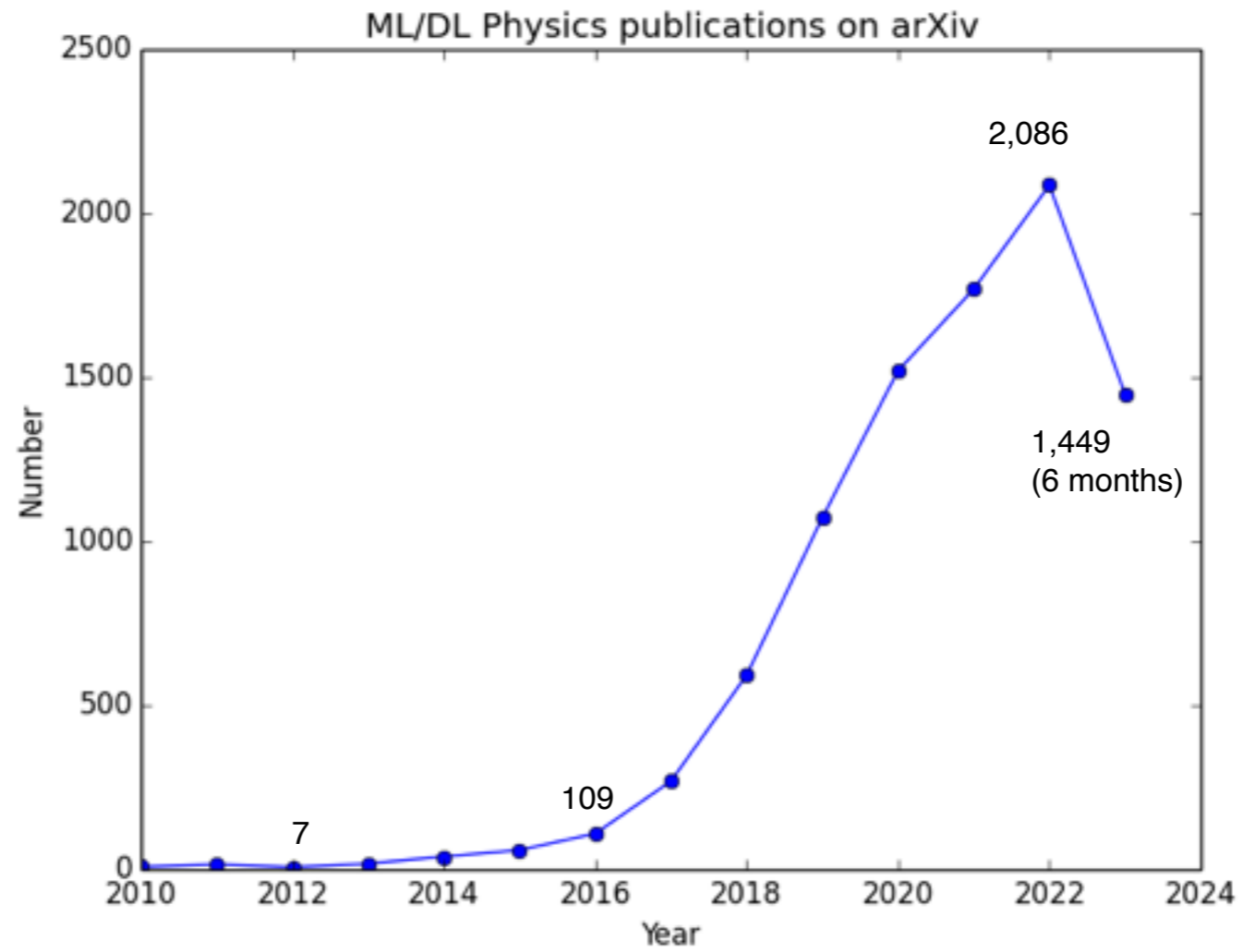
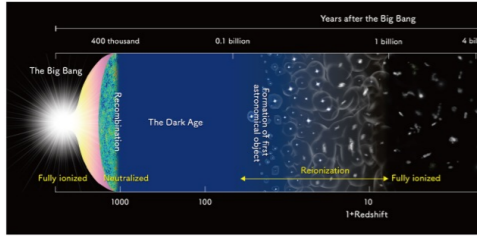
≤ 3 sec: Classification 40,000 spectra
3 sec: 7-parameter regression $O(100)$ MB cube
 ≤ 4 sec: detection, segmentation & flux measurement on $O(100)$ sources

Extract more & less biased information
Data mining

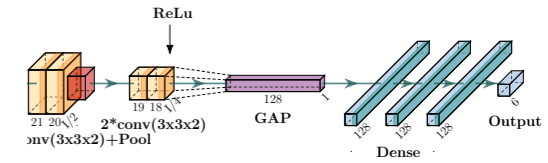
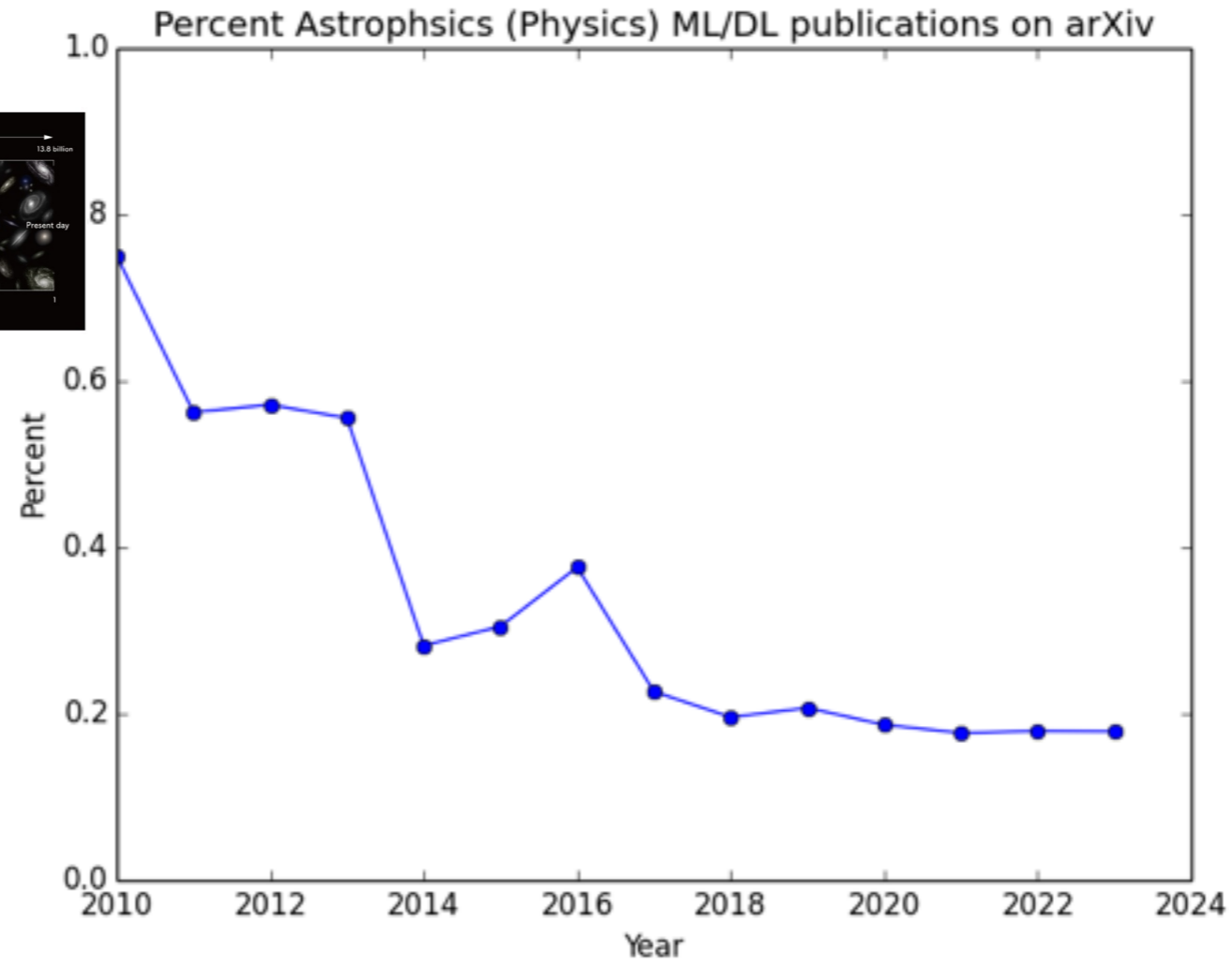
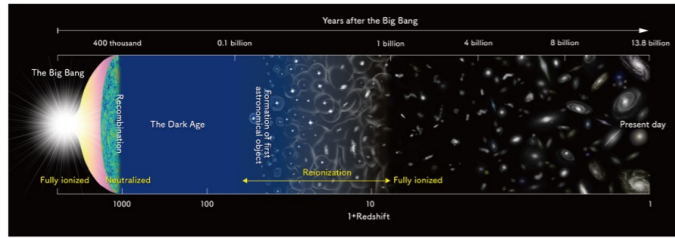
Efficient data reduction
Automation

Representation learning

ML/DL for astrophysics



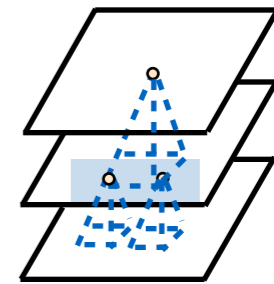
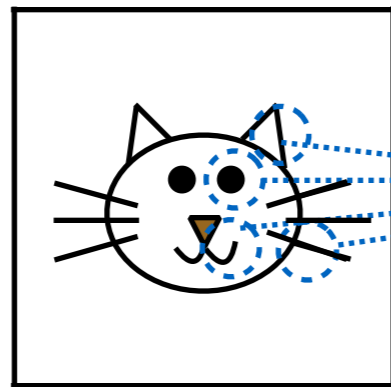
ML/DL for astrophysics



Why ML/DL

Neuron response to visual stimuli

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1981
David Hubel and Torsten Wiesel



Convolutional neural network

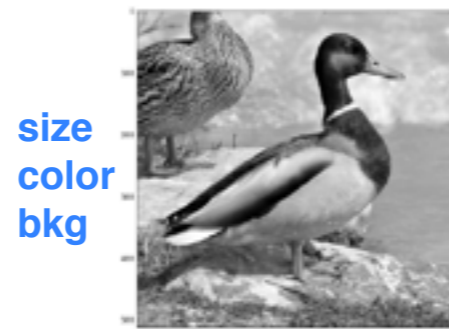
'Neocogniton' Kunihiko Fukushima 1979

Representation learning

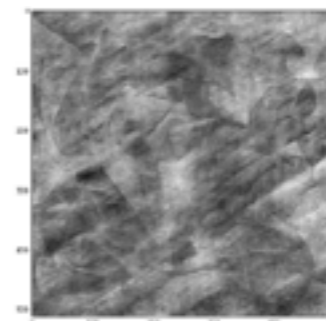
Hierarchical learning

Non-linear, non-Gaussian

High-dim. correlations



randomise
phases



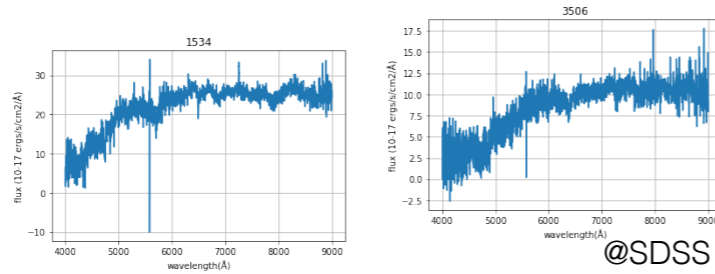
vs. "The famous
Gaussian duck"

Same 2D
power spectrum

Why ML/DL for astrophysics

+ plenty of inverse problems

$$I^D(x, y) = R \times I(x, y) + n$$



star vs. galaxy

Representation learning

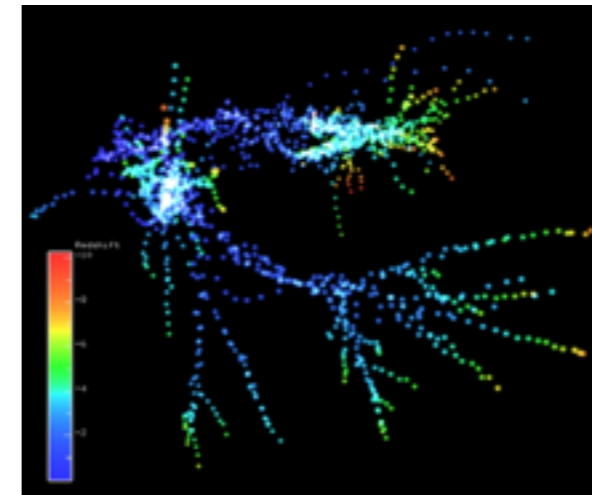
galaxy



@Hubble, NASA



@Hubble, NASA

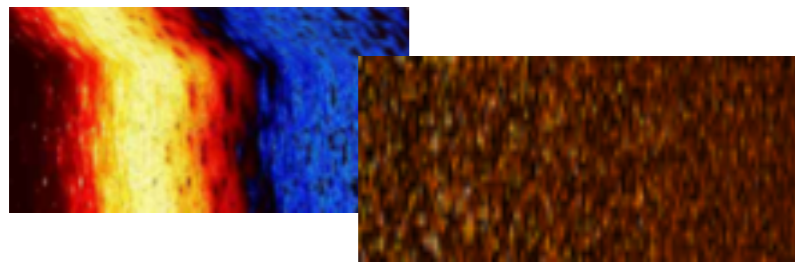


@Chris Fluke, Swinburne University of Technology

Hierarchical learning

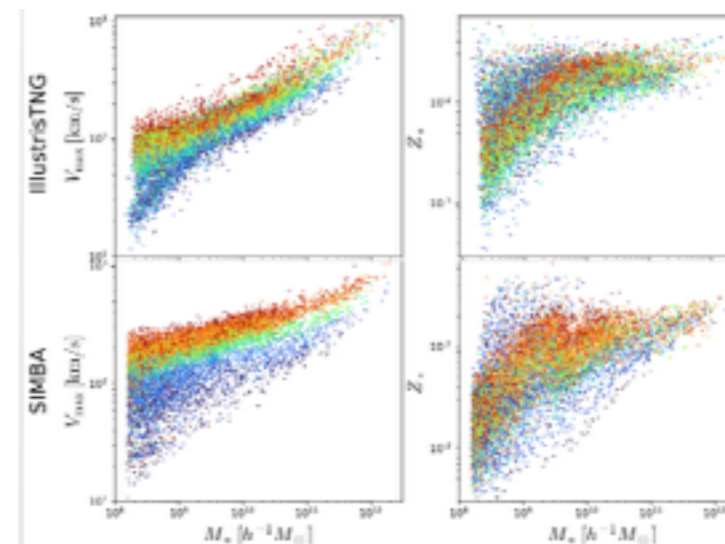
Non-linear, non-Gaussian

High-dim. correlations



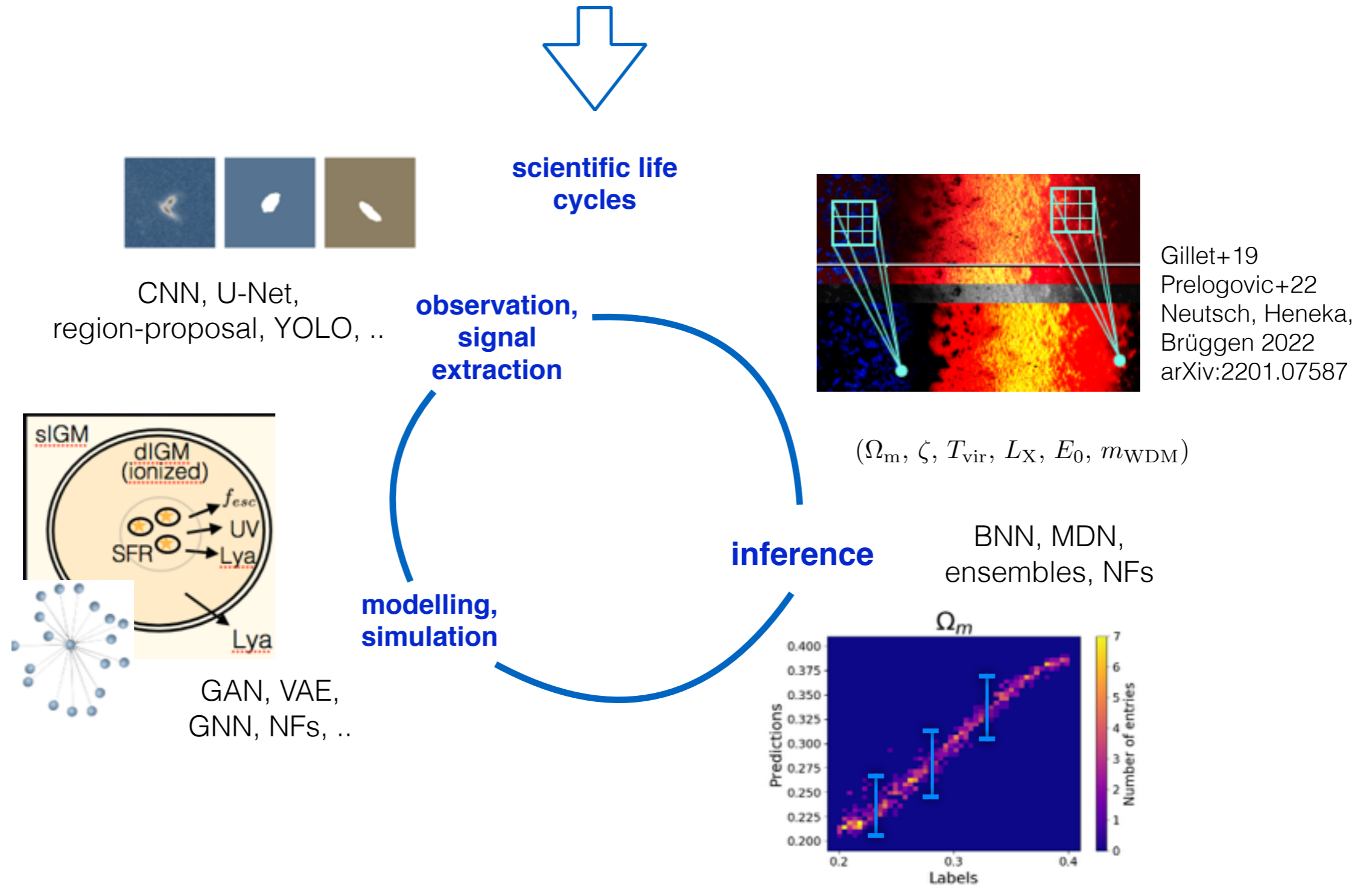
fluctuation fields

@SKAO

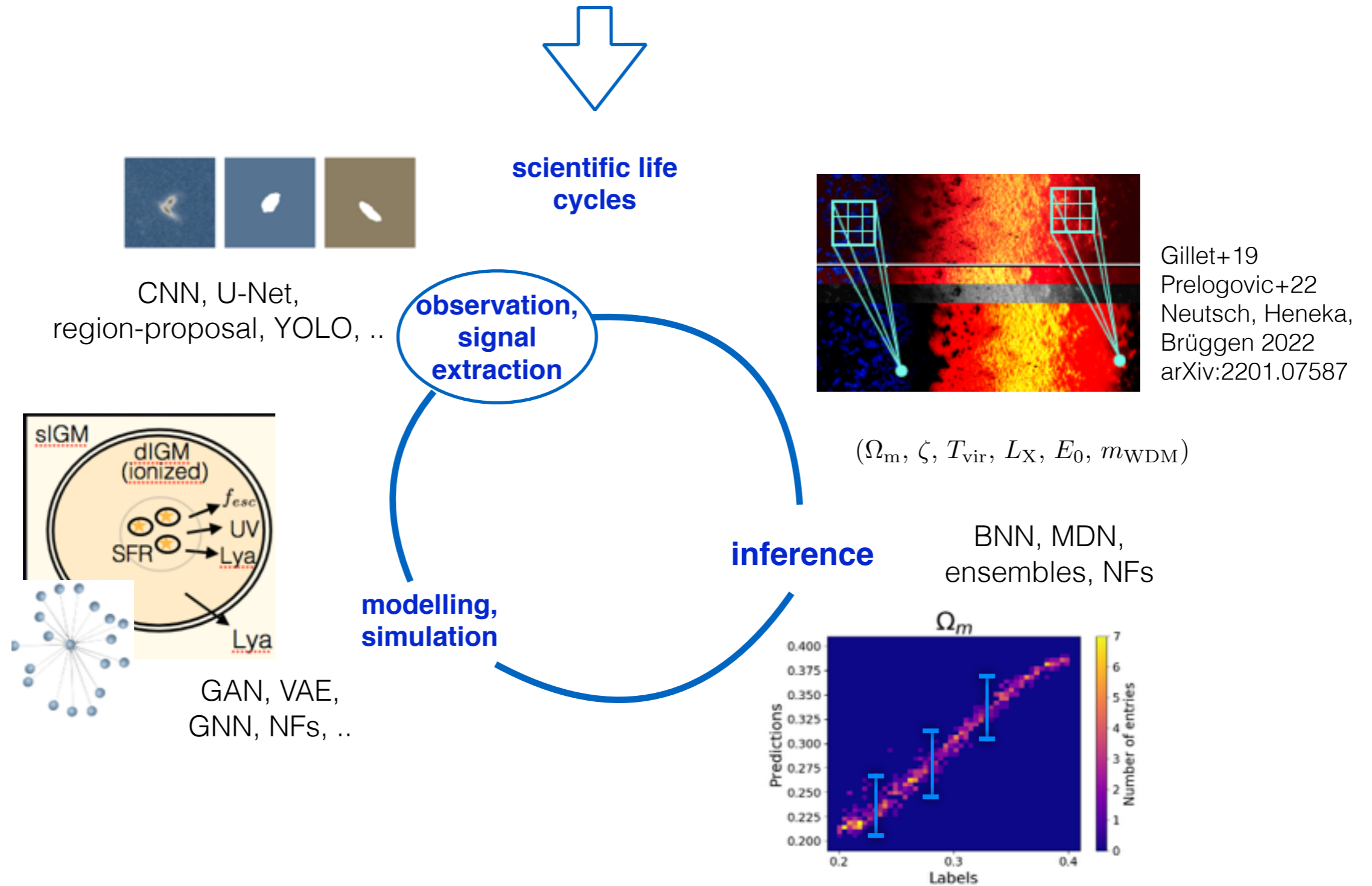


arXiv:2201.02202

ML/DL for astrophysics



ML/DL for astrophysics



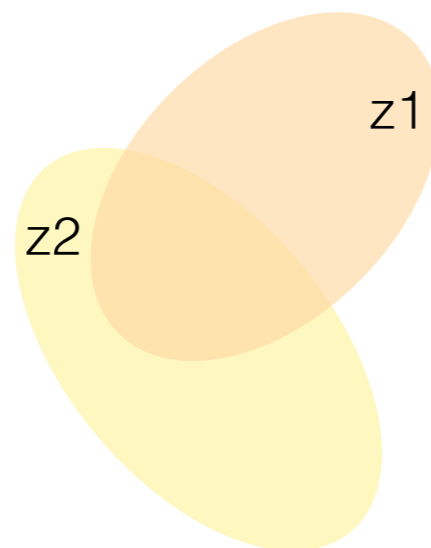
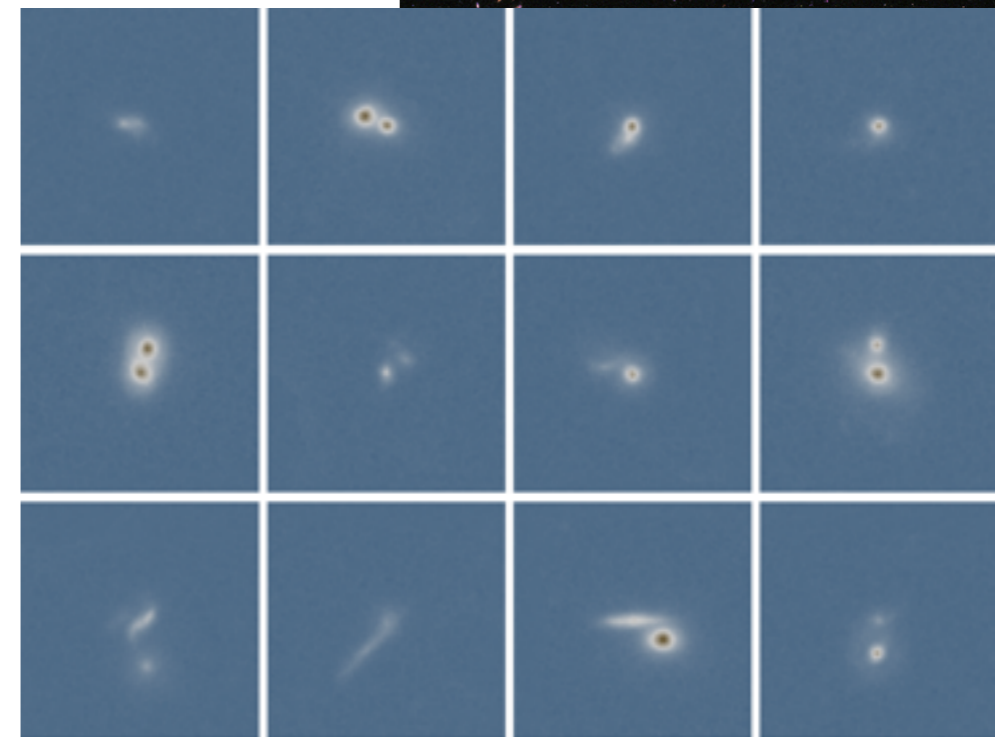
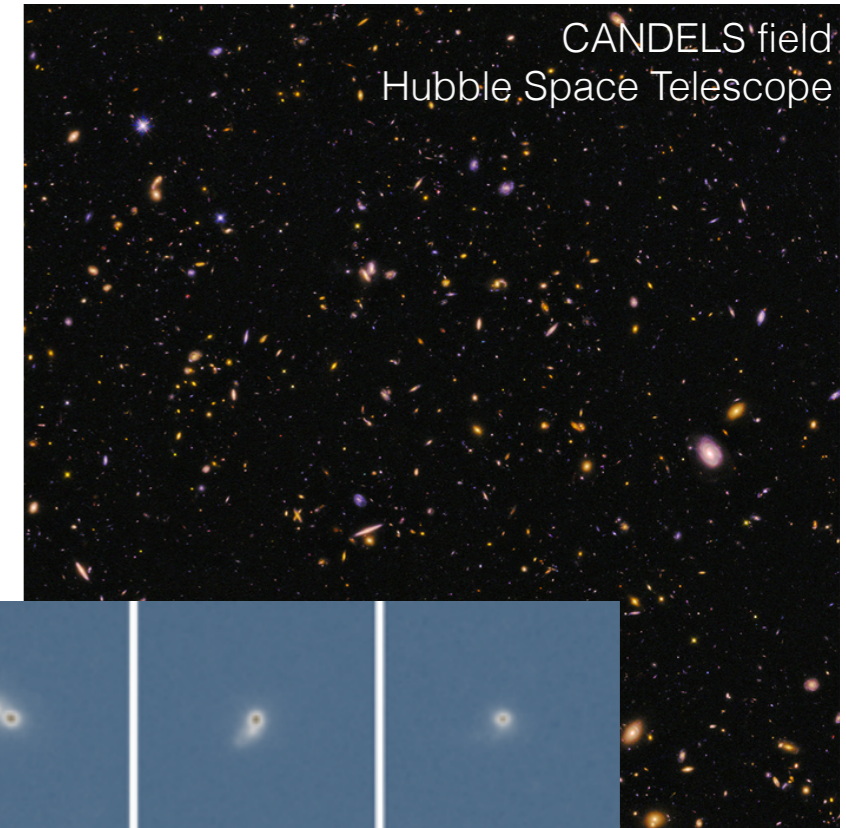
Example: Segmentation & regression, representations

The deblending problem

Goal: ‘Good’ photometry for surveys with high blended fraction (expected), e.g. SDSS, LSST and Euclid

Add-on: Galaxy segmentation and morphology / shape (also prior for ‘classic’ methods)

Challenge: Galaxies are ‘transparent’, separating flux in overlapping regions is difficult

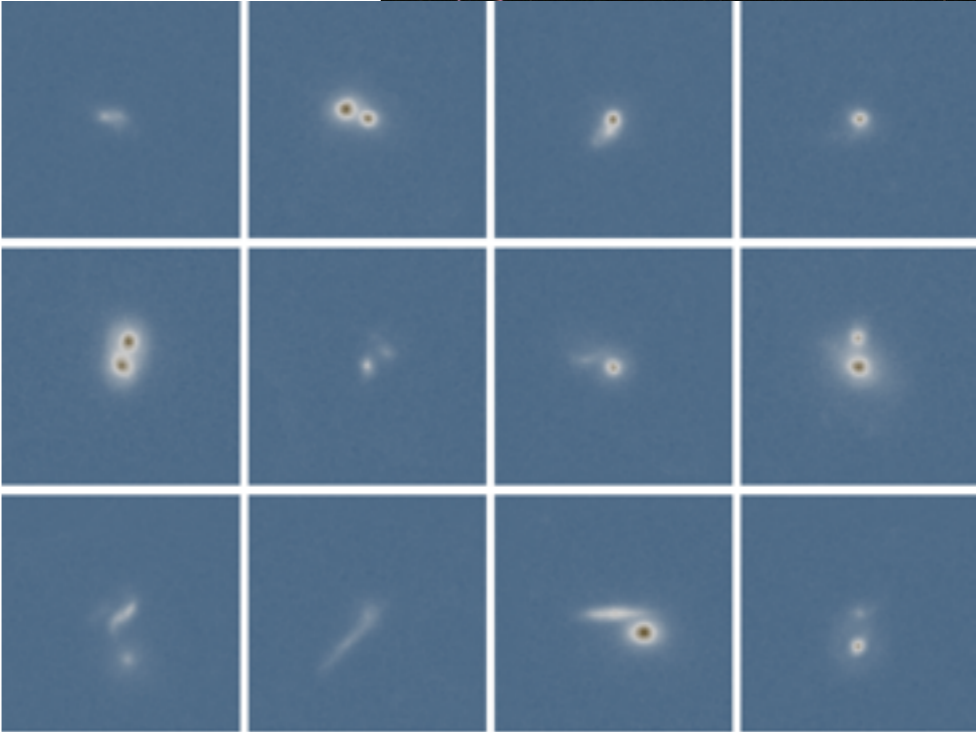
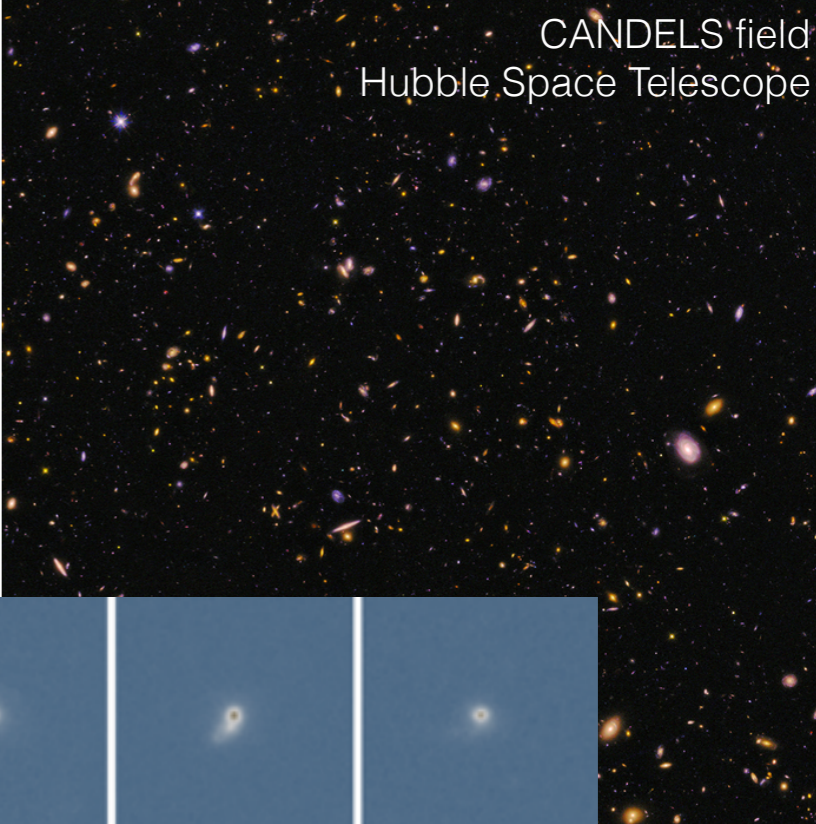


The deblending problem

Goal: ‘Good’ photometry for surveys with high blended fraction (expected), e.g. SDSS, LSST and Euclid

Add-on: Galaxy segmentation and morphology / shape (also prior for ‘classic’ methods)

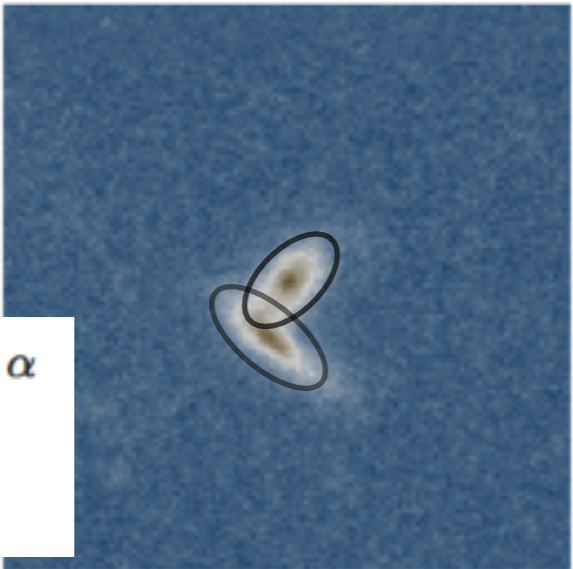
Challenge: Galaxies are ‘transparent’, separating flux in overlapping regions is difficult



‘Classic’:
Fit ellipse(s)
and profile(s)

e.g. Einasto (‘65):

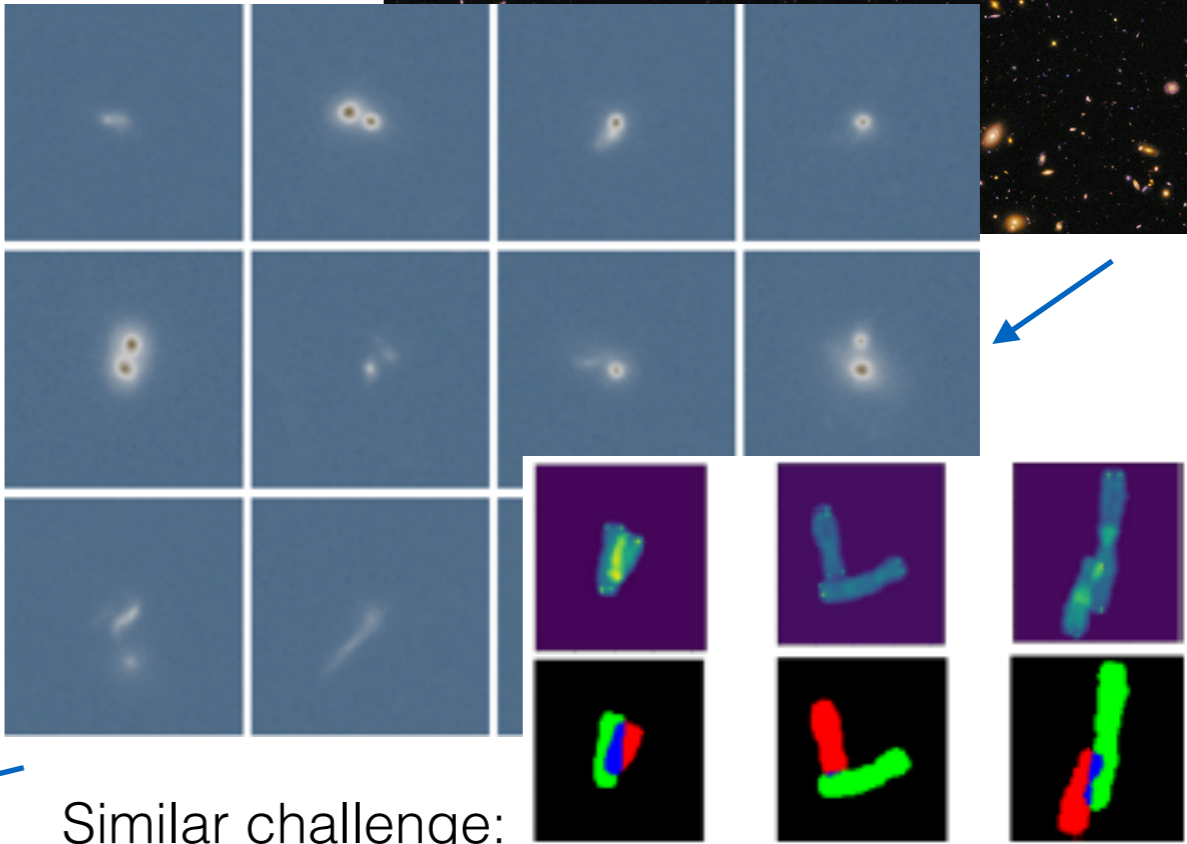
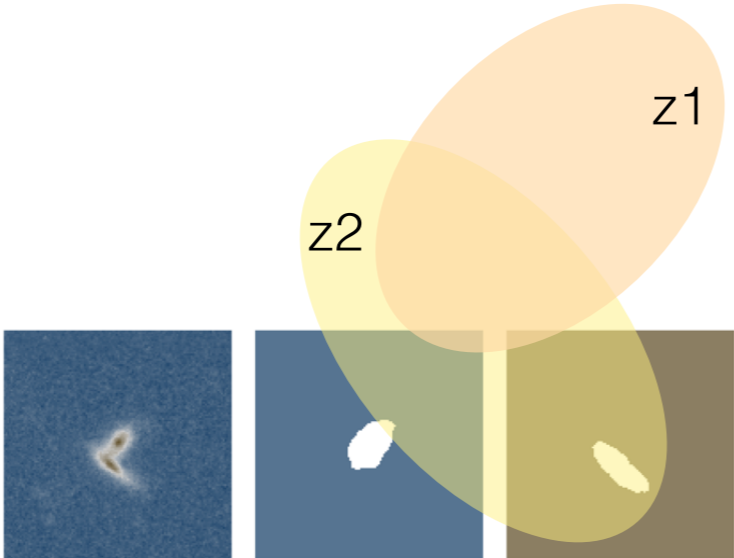
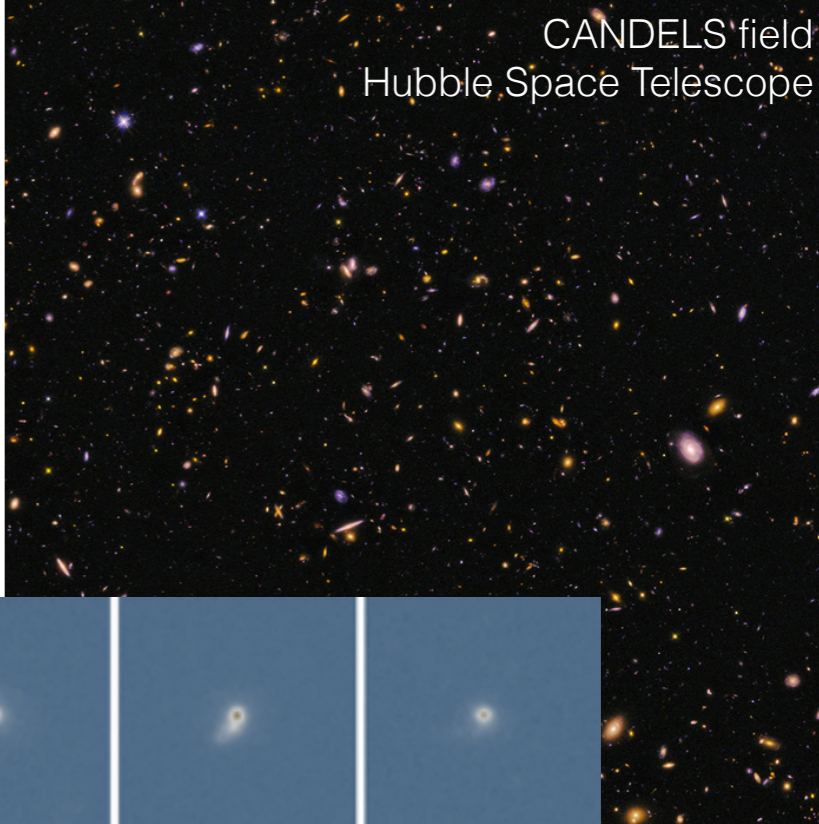
$$\frac{d \log(\rho)}{d \log(r)} = -2 \left(\frac{r}{r_s} \right)^\alpha$$



The deblending problem

Goal: ‘Good’ photometry for surveys with high blended fraction (expected), e.g. SDSS, LSST and Euclid - avoid bias!

low stellar density (Ross et al. 2012a). The correlation of galaxy density with stellar density is the most significant known bias on measured clustering, likely caused by incomplete deblending of detected objects in crowded fields of the SDSS imaging data. On the other hand, no significant correlation is seen between number density and potential
Dawson et al. 2016

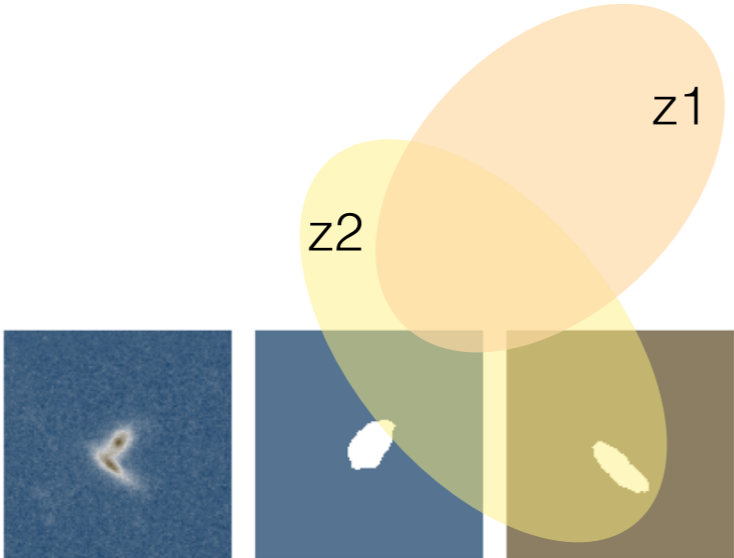
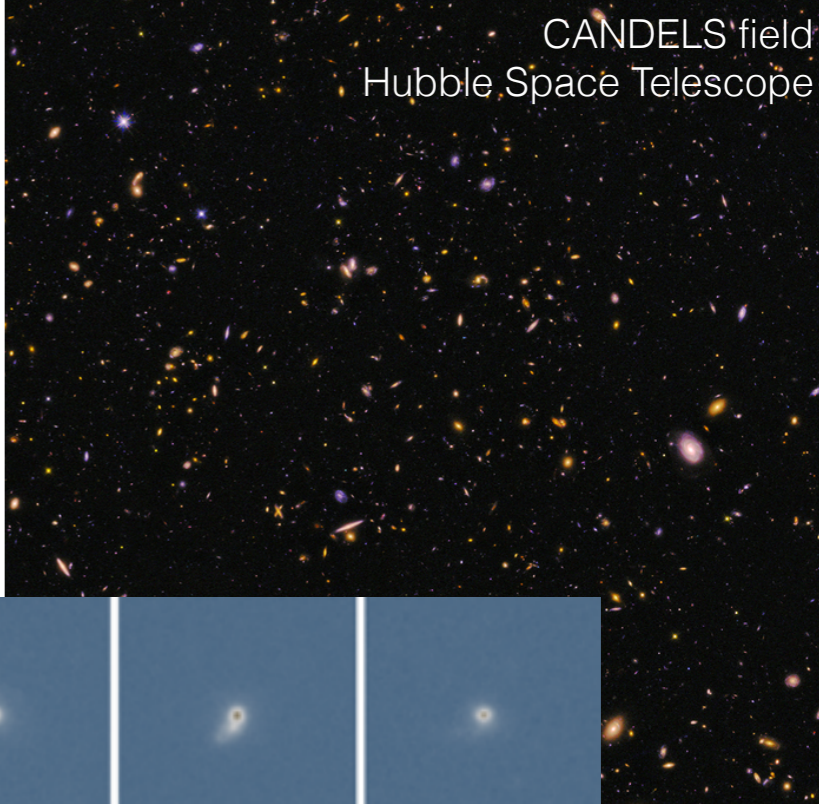


Lily Hu et al. 2017

The deblending problem

Goal: ‘Good’ photometry for surveys with high blended fraction (expected), e.g. SDSS, LSST and Euclid - avoid bias!

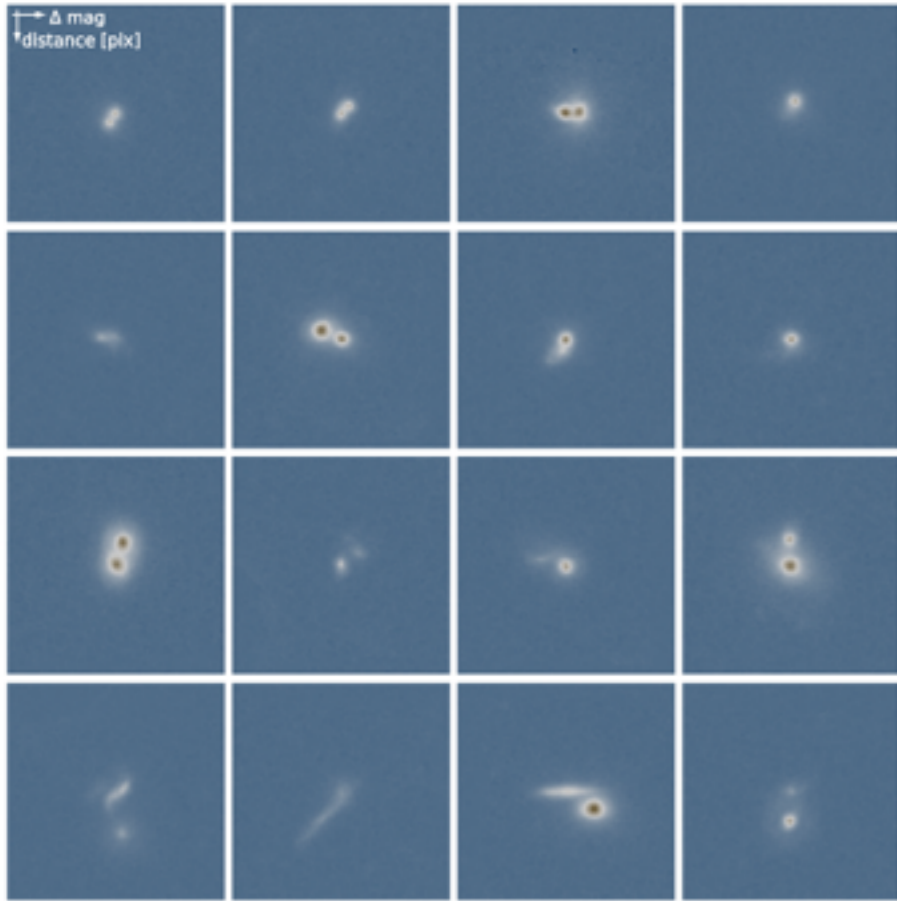
low stellar density (Ross et al. 2012a). The correlation of galaxy density with stellar density is the most significant known bias on measured clustering, likely caused by incomplete deblending of detected objects in crowded fields of the SDSS imaging data. On the other hand, no significant correlation is seen between number density and potential
Dawson et al. 2016



Similar challenge:
Object detection

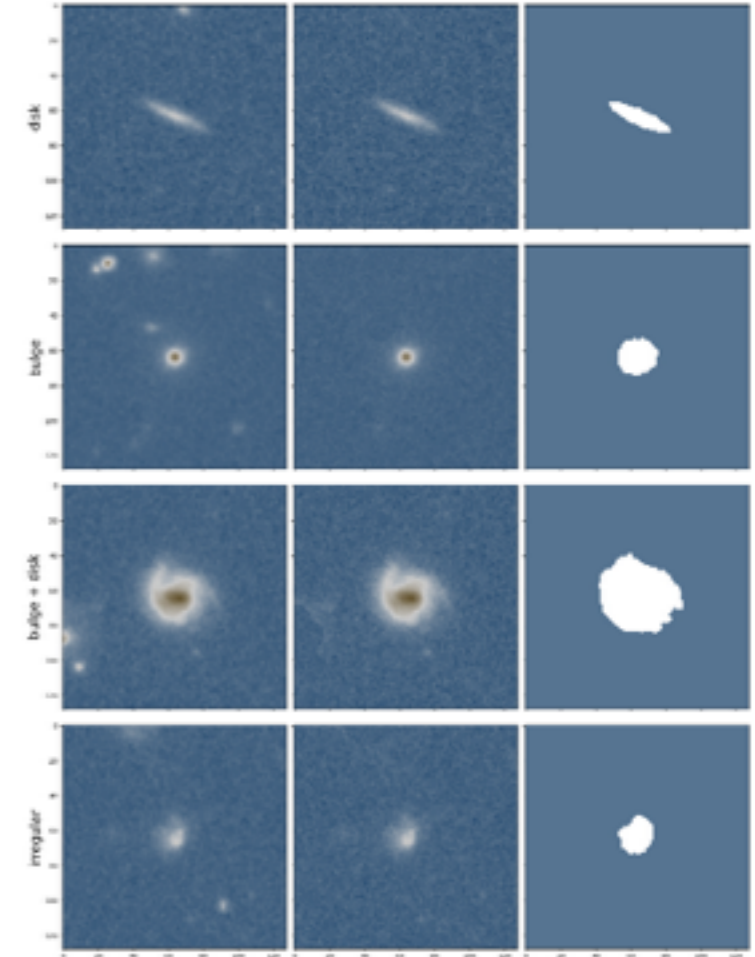
[https://medium.com/@umerfarooq_26378/
from-r-cnn-to-mask-r-cnn-d6367b196cfd](https://medium.com/@umerfarooq_26378/from-r-cnn-to-mask-r-cnn-d6367b196cfd)

Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements



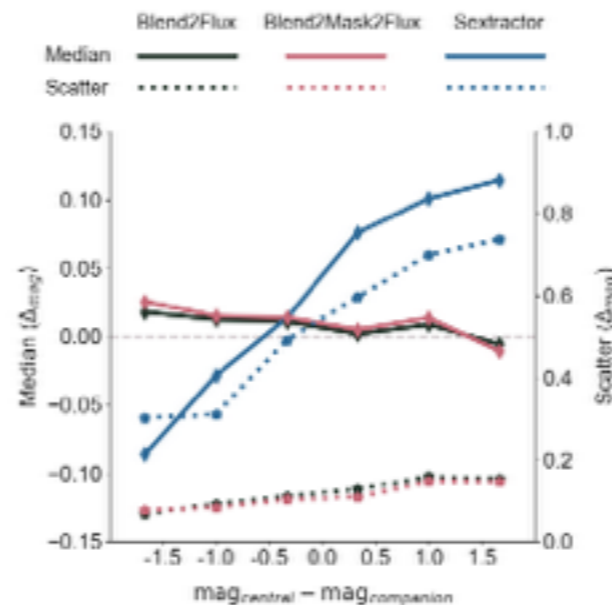
Get photometry
of blended
galaxies..

**Goals
for our
deep NNs**



..Derive galaxy masks
(shape measurements)

Artificially blended CANDELS data
18 < mag < 24
(<https://github.com/aboucaud/candels-blender>)

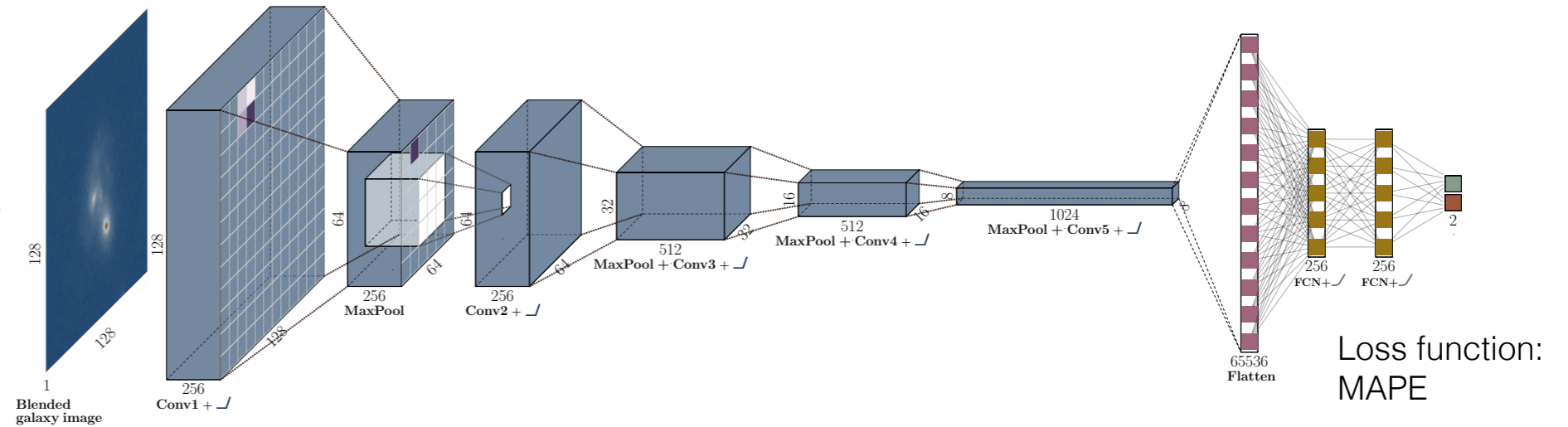


..do so bias-free

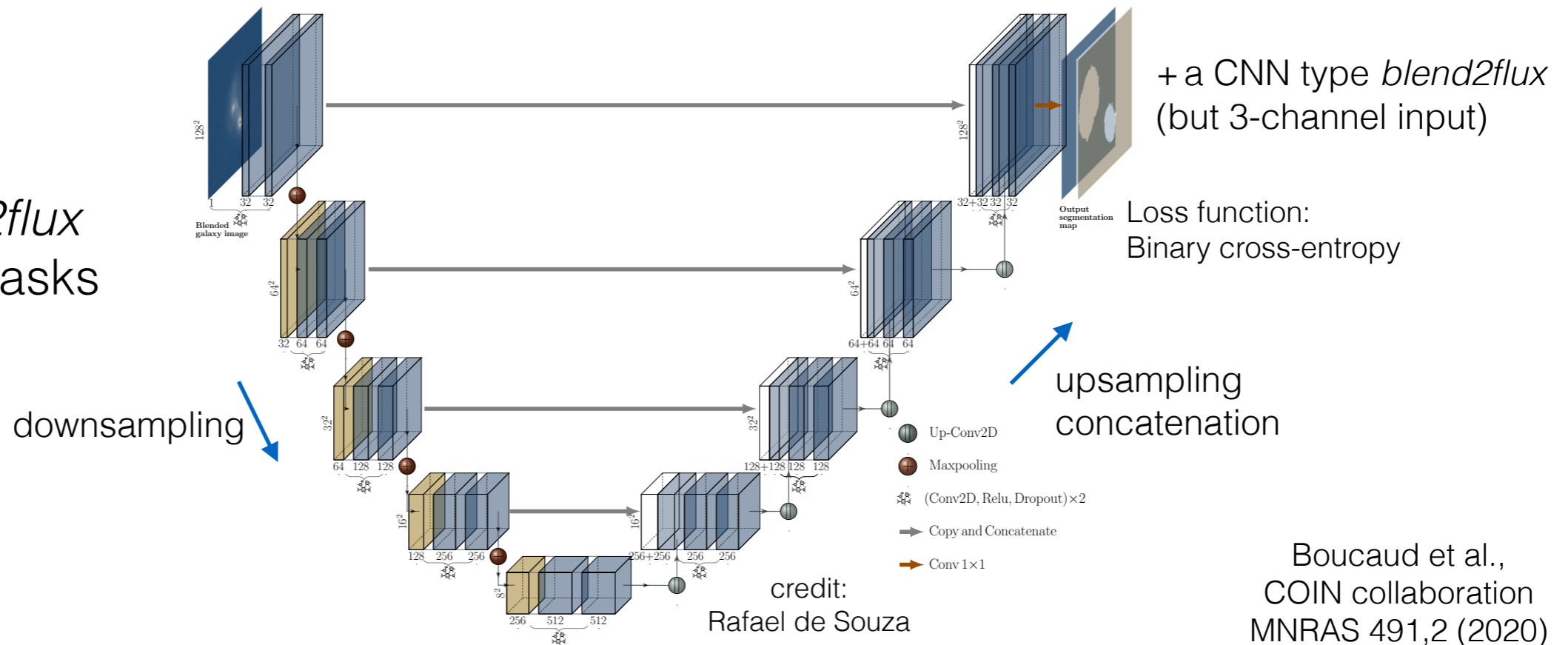
Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements

1) *blend2flux*
a CNN for photometry



2) *blend2mask2flux*
photometry + masks



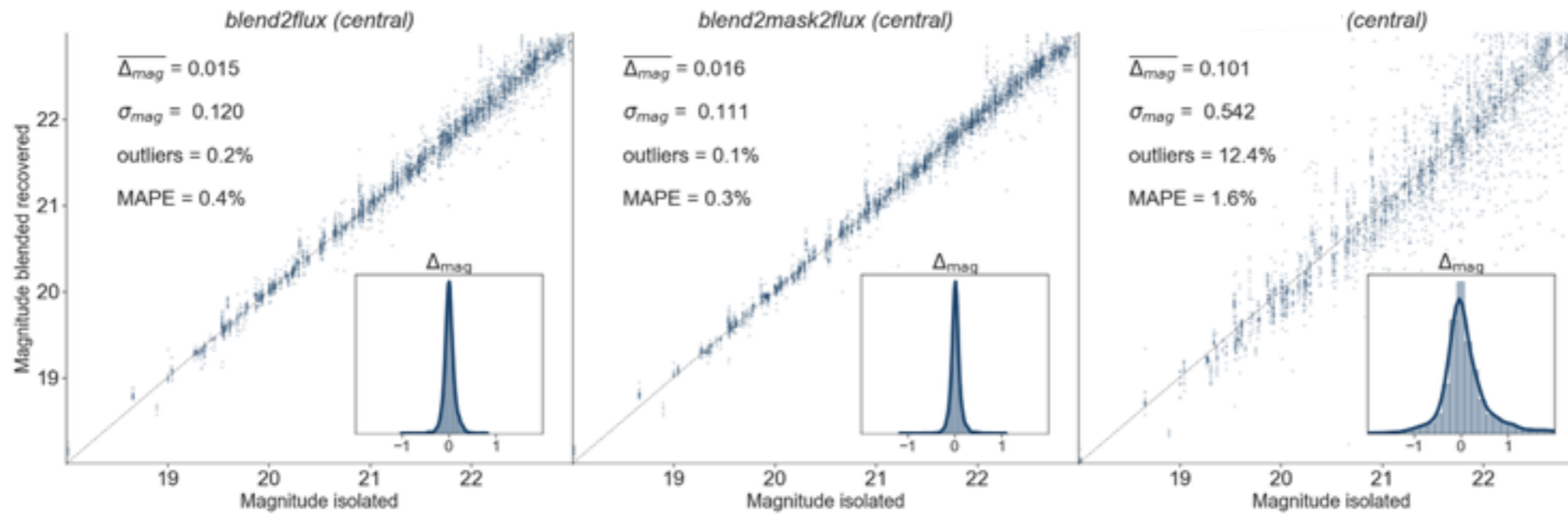
github.com: coindeblend

Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

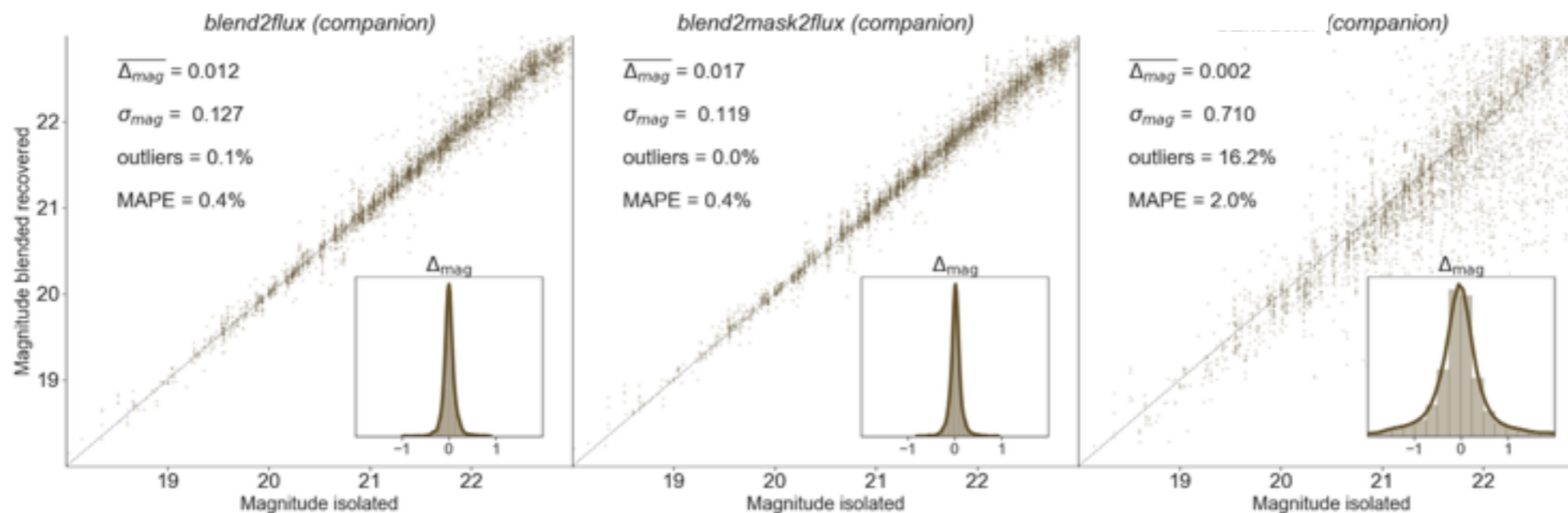
Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements

Histograms of photometric errors

central



companion

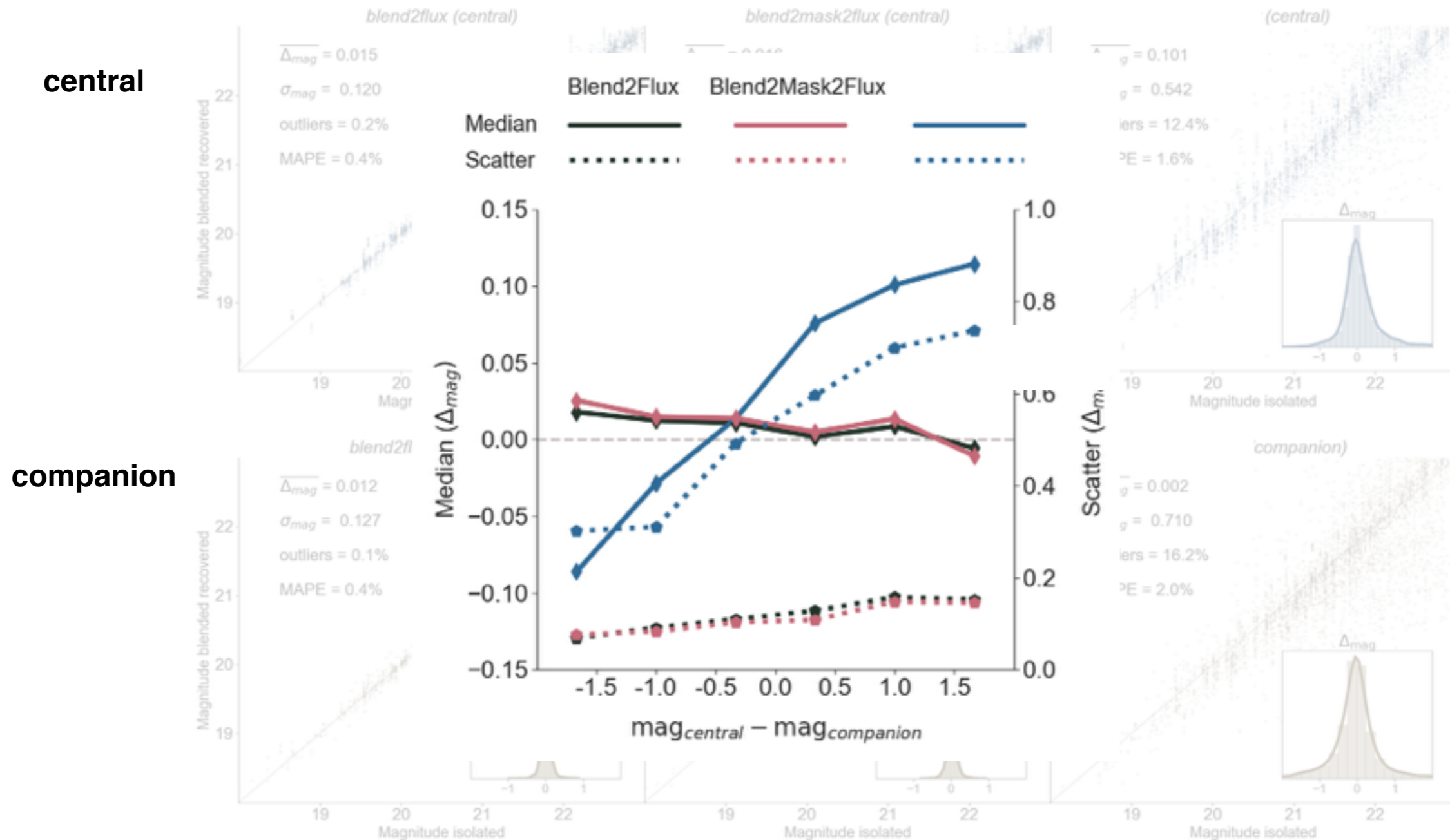


→ small bias and scatter

Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements

Histograms of photometric errors



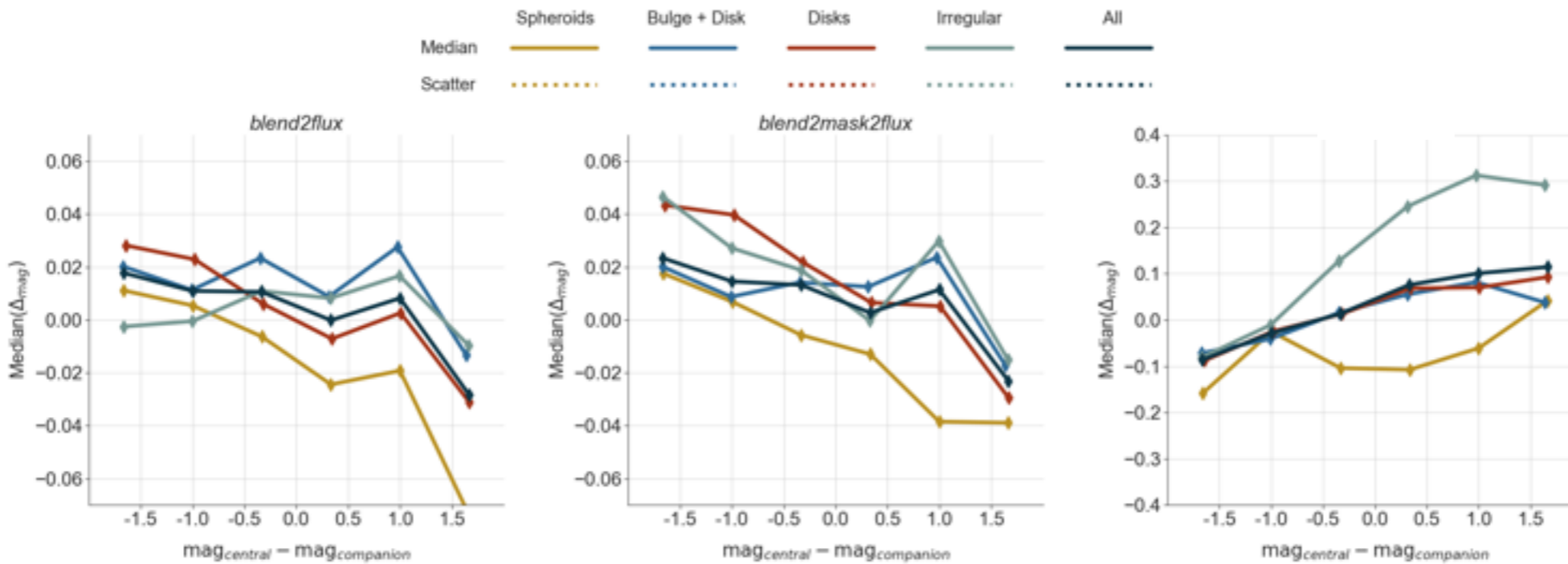
→ small bias and scatter

Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

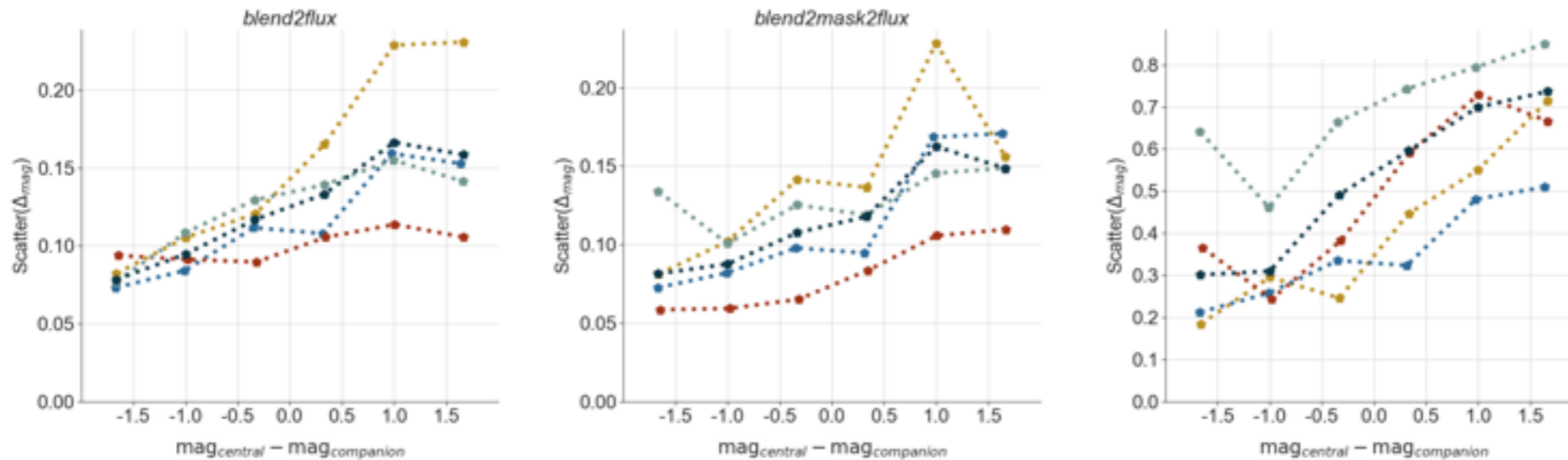
Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements

Photometric bias and scatter - galaxy type

bias



scatter

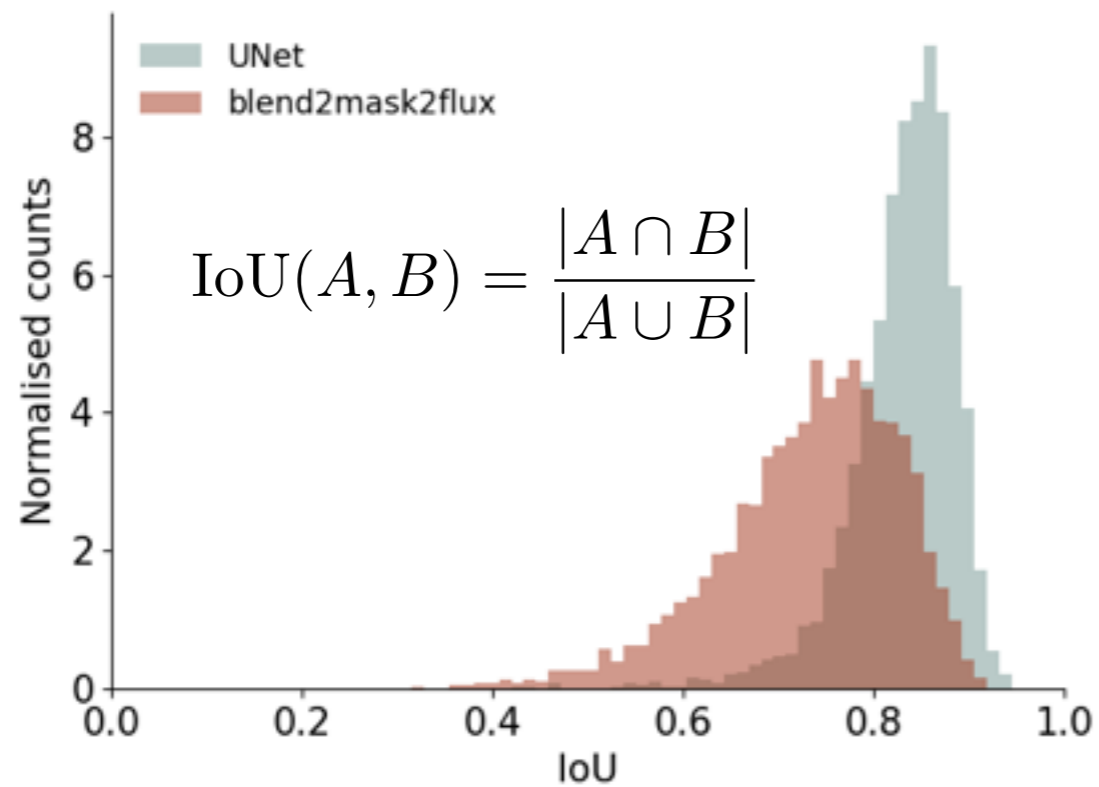


→ small bias and scatter

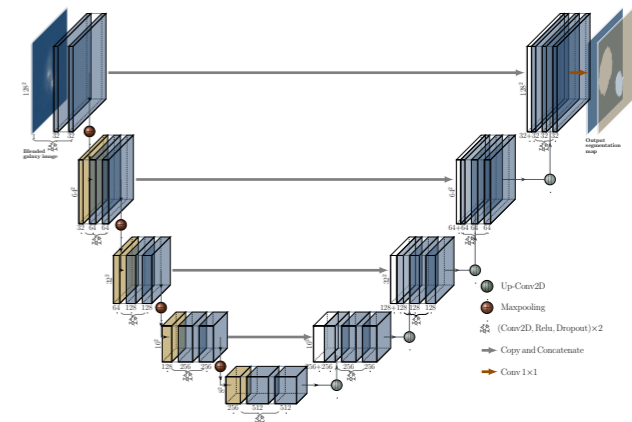
Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

Application of Deep Neural Networks: Galaxy photometry and deblending, shape measurements

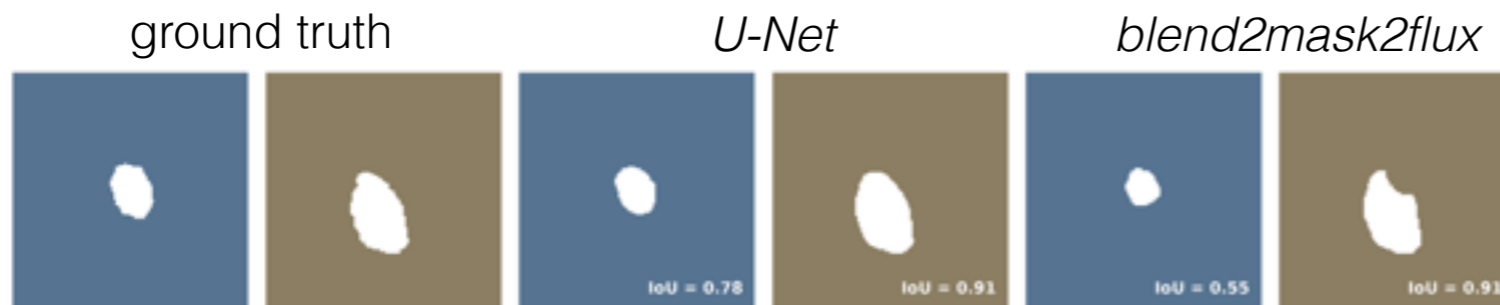
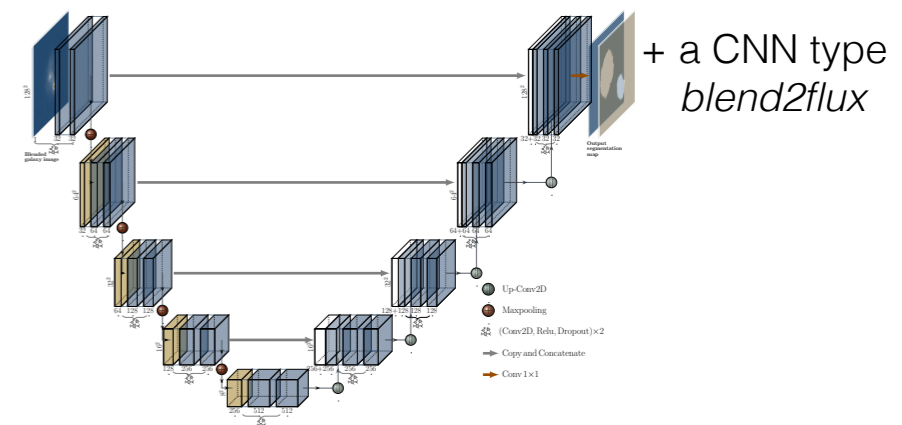
Histogram of IoU
(Intersection over Union - Jaccard index)



2 a) *U-net*
masks, no photometry



2 b) *blend2mask2flux*
photometry + masks



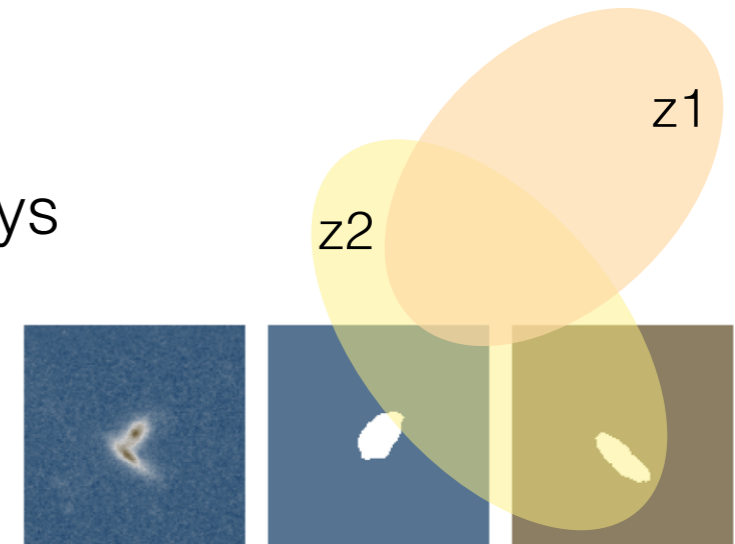
→ Dispersion broadens when optimised for photometry

Boucaud et al.,
COIN collaboration
MNRAS 491,2 (2020)

Galaxy deblending with nets: Take-aways

The deblending problem

- Large fraction of blends for deep photometric surveys
- Non-trivial to disentangle single galaxies
- Causes bias



Photometry

- Nets recover flux: low bias and high precision
- A 'simple' CNN *blend2flux* performs well
- Slight improvement when simultaneously constraining masks

Needed for 'precision-cosmology'
... prepared for Euclid satellite

Mask Segmentation

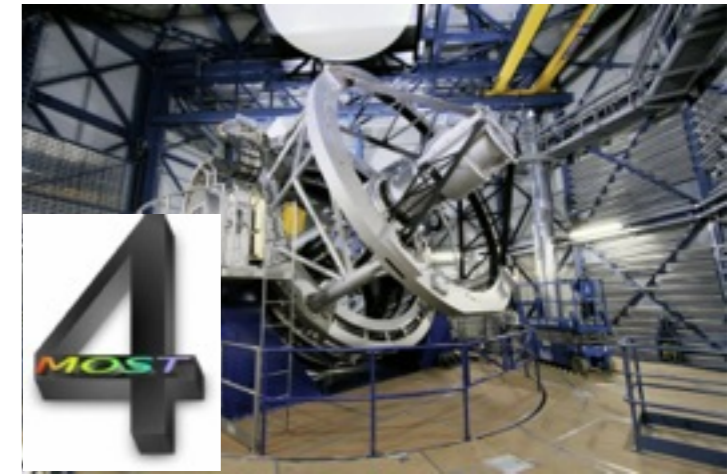
- *U-Net* architecture suitable to recover shapes
- Pitfall: Train photometry + shapes end-to-end

Example: Classification

Classification in 1D – spectroscopy

Building a classifier for 4MOST - Classification IWG9

- 5-year survey
- wide-field, fibre-fed, optical spectroscopy
- on ESO's 4-m-class telescope VISTA
- 2.5-degree diameter field-of-view, 2436 fibres
- HRS $R \approx 18000 - 21000$, LRS $R \approx 4000 - 7500$
- 20mio. (LRS), 3mio. (HRS) sources



Credit: ESO

<https://www.4most.eu>

Goal: Data-driven classification layer between L1 and L2 pipelines

- **Basic target classification.** → Probabilistic multiclassifier

- **Galactic & extragalactic source classification.**

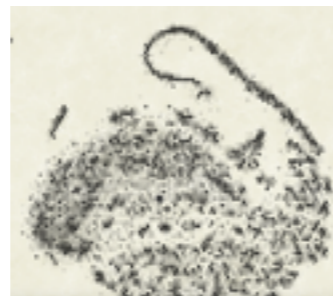
- **Feedback on a) targets, b) 'unknown' class**

Currently set-up:

4MOST explorer t-SNE

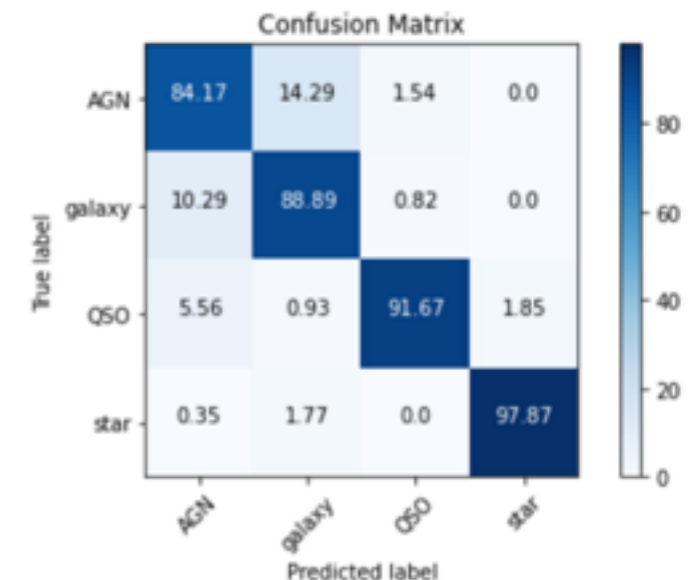
(Gregor Traven, Gal Matijevic)

arXiv: 1612.02242



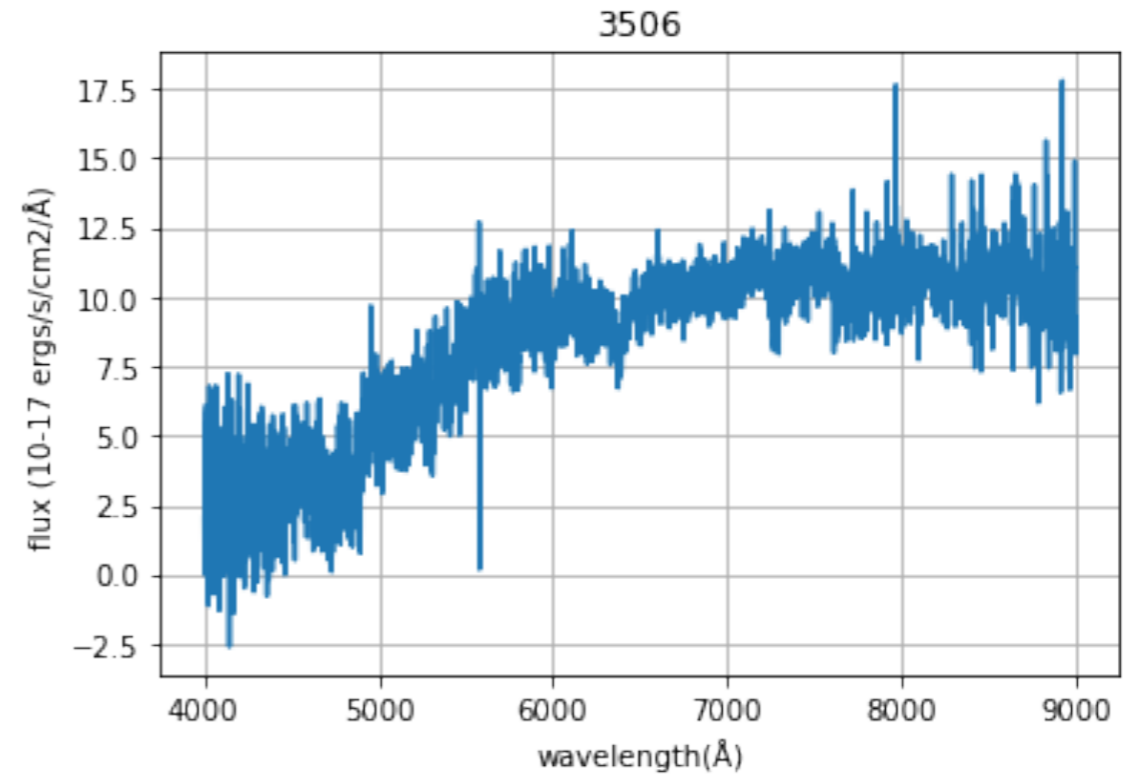
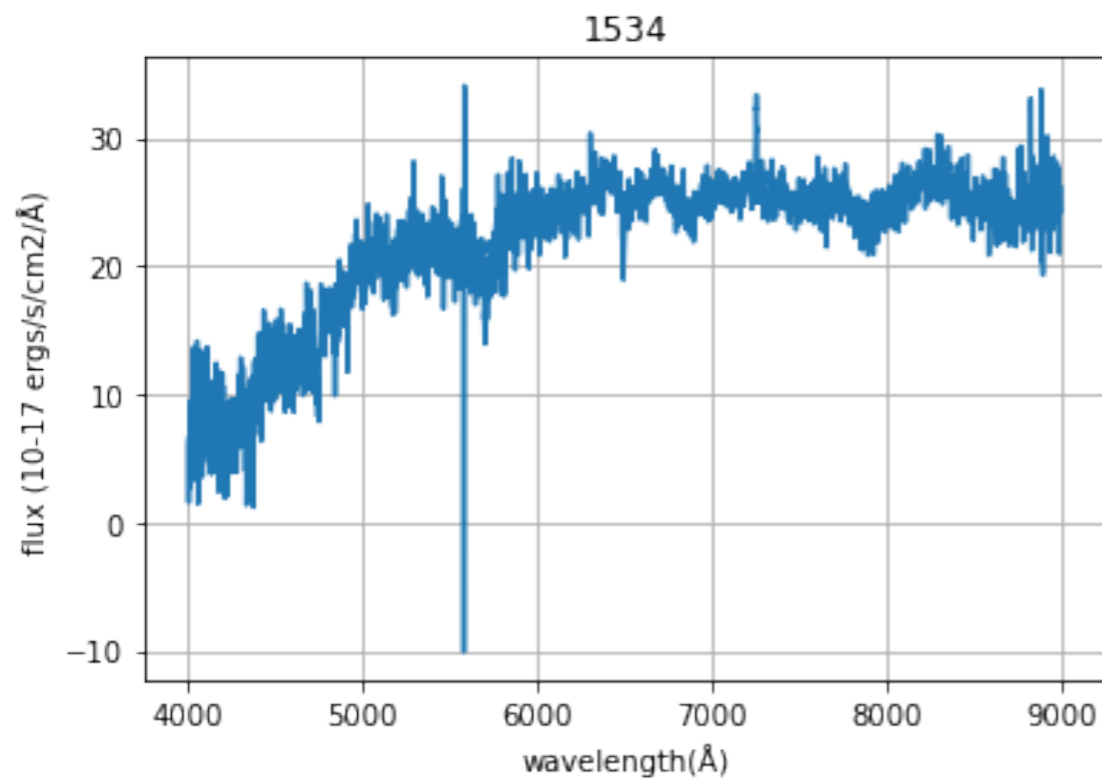
CNN variants
Random Forest
Support Vector Machine
Logistic Regression
Gaussian Naive Bayes

Benchmark tests with SDSS spectra



Classification in 1D – spectroscopy

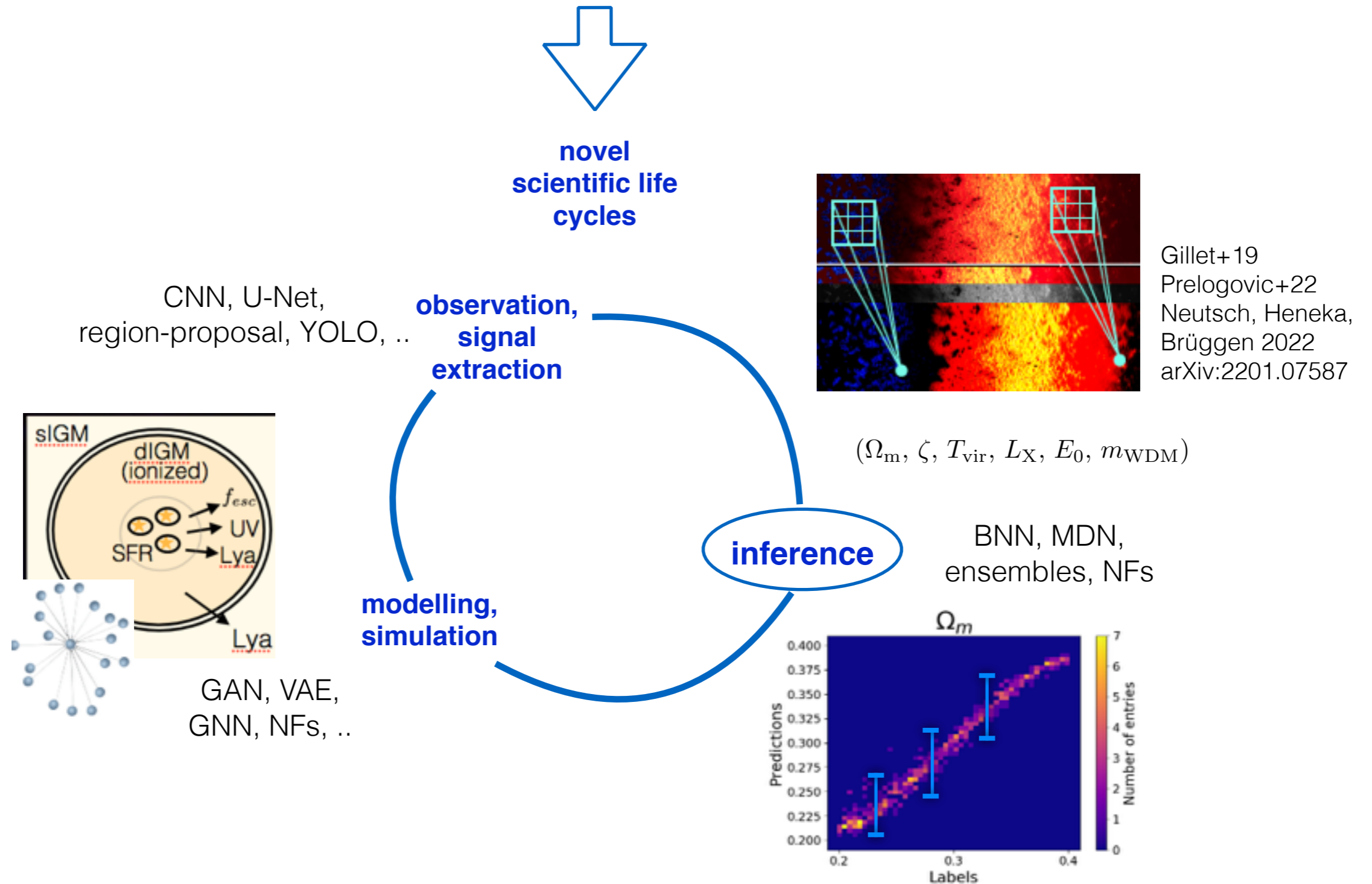
Benchmark tests with SDSS spectra



Star or galaxy? Which type?

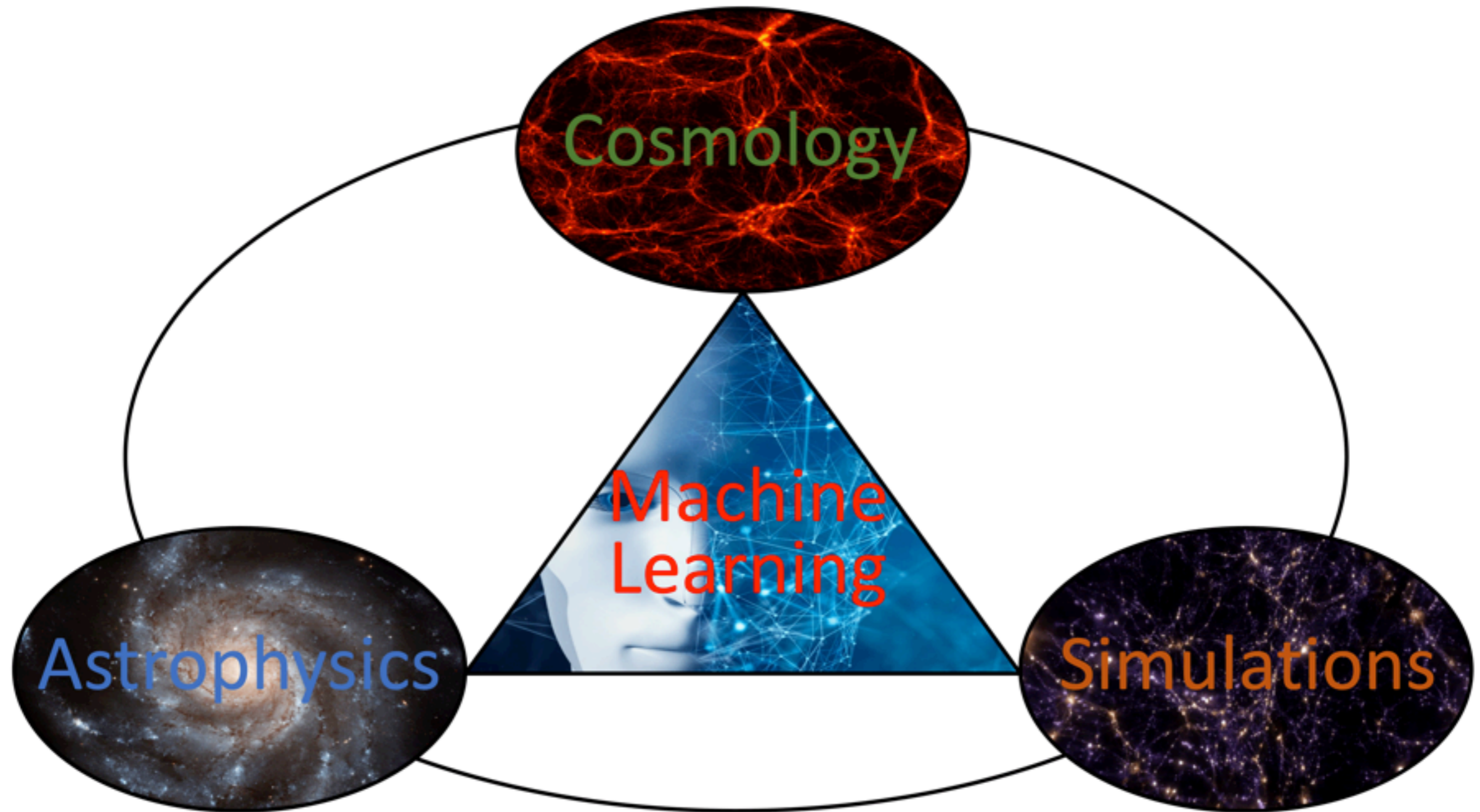
Computer Vision Astrophysics & Cosmology

Monday: Introduction, Deblending (regression, segmentation), classification



Example: Inference, higher-order correlations

Our (ML) motivation



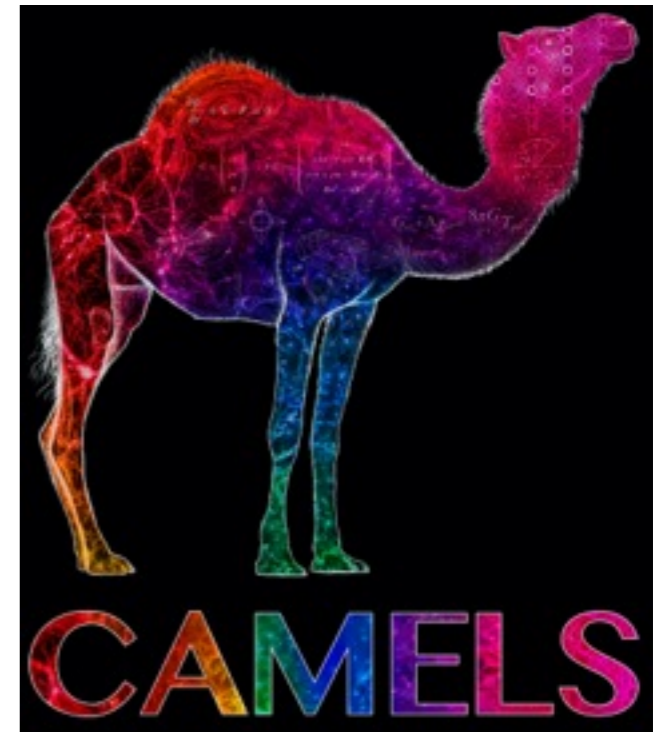
<https://camels.readthedocs.io>

Simulations: Camels

CAMELS

= Cosmology and Astrophysics with Machine Learning Simulations

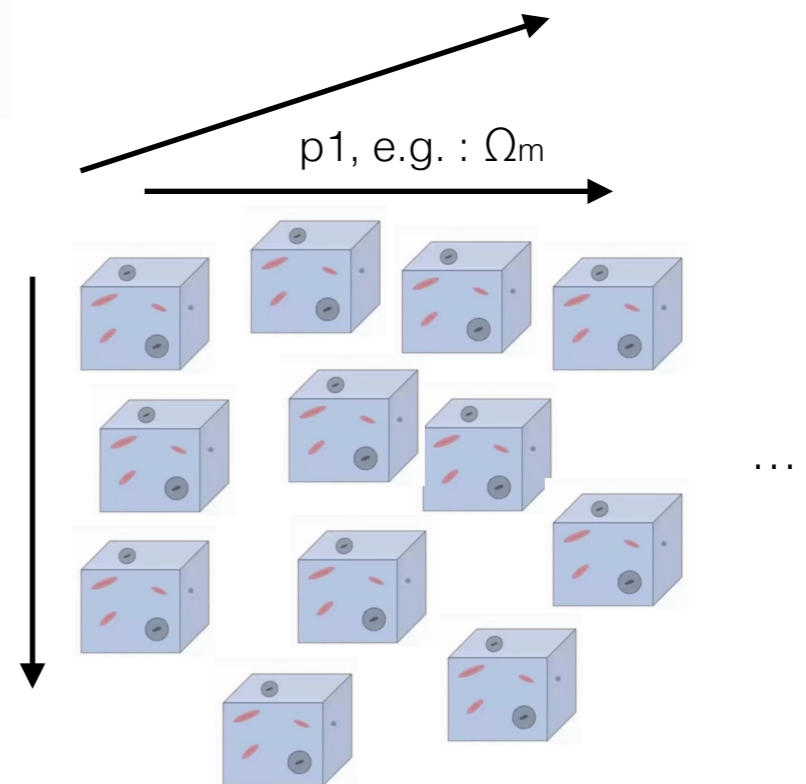
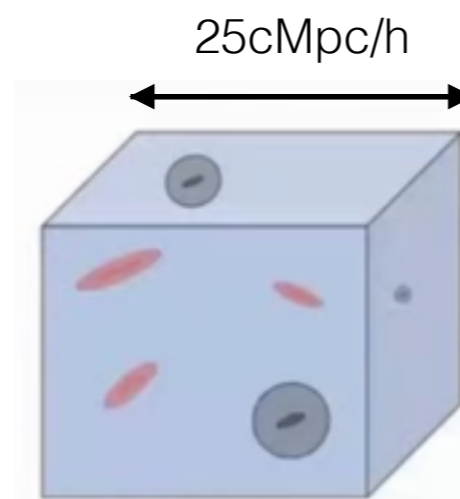
Type	Code	Subgrid model	Simulations
Hydrodynamic	Arepo	IllustrisTNG	1,092
Hydrodynamic	Gizmo	SIMBA	1,092
Hydrodynamic	MP-Gadget	Astrid	1,092
N-body	Gadget-III	—	3,049



<https://camels.readthedocs.io>

Parameter set:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0.1 &\leq \Omega_m &\leq 0.5 \\
 0.6 &\leq \sigma_8 &\leq 1.0 \\
 0.25 &\leq A_{SN1} &\leq 4.0 \\
 0.50 &\leq A_{SN2} &\leq 2.0 \\
 0.25 &\leq A_{AGN1} &\leq 4.0 \\
 0.50 &\leq A_{AGN2} &\leq 2.0
 \end{aligned}$$

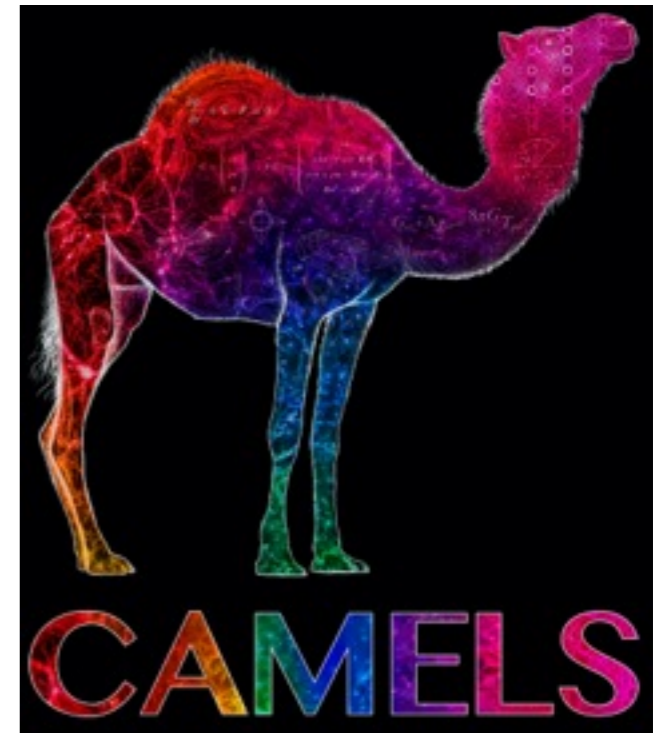


Simulations: Camels

CAMELS

= Cosmology and Astrophysics with Machine Learning Simulations

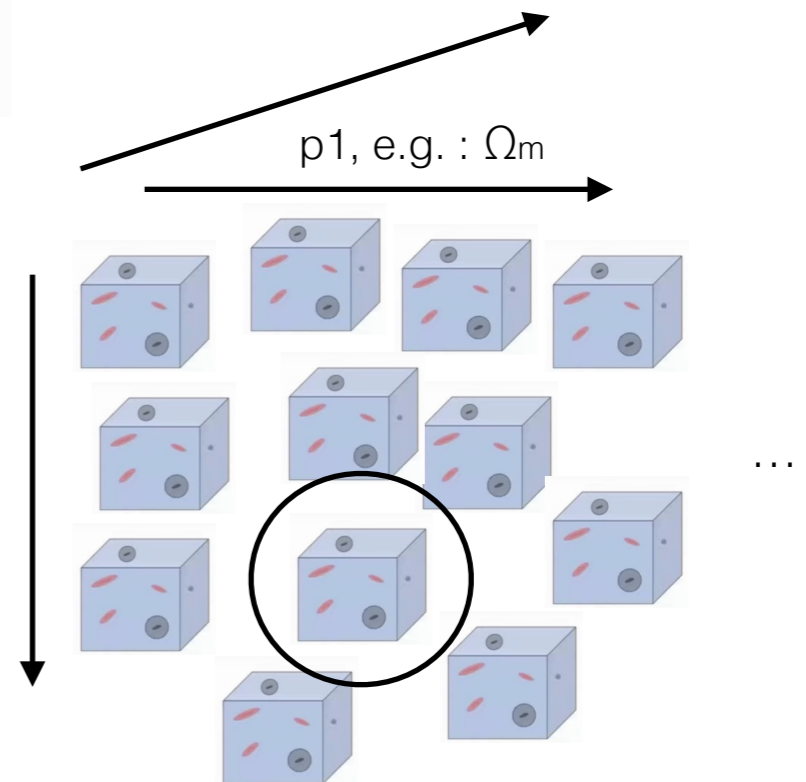
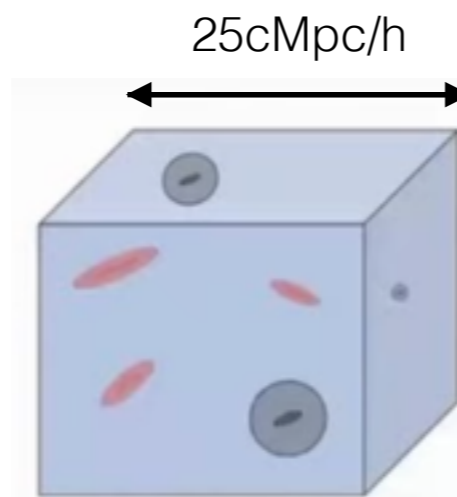
Type	Code	Subgrid model	Simulations
Hydrodynamic	Arepo	IllustrisTNG	1,092
Hydrodynamic	Gizmo	SIMBA	1,092
Hydrodynamic	MP-Gadget	Astrid	1,092
N-body	Gadget-III	—	3,049



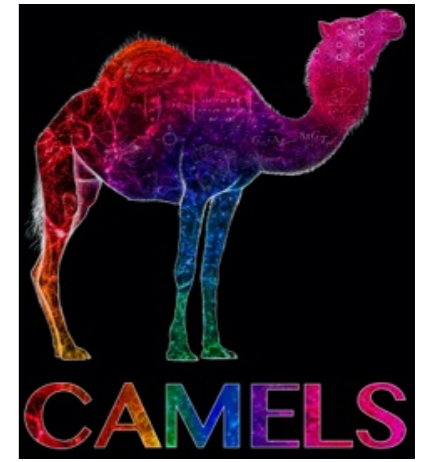
<https://camels.readthedocs.io>

Parameter set:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0.1 &\leq \Omega_m &\leq 0.5 \\
 0.6 &\leq \sigma_8 &\leq 1.0 \\
 0.25 &\leq A_{SN1} &\leq 4.0 \\
 0.50 &\leq A_{SN2} &\leq 2.0 \\
 0.25 &\leq A_{AGN1} &\leq 4.0 \\
 0.50 &\leq A_{AGN2} &\leq 2.0
 \end{aligned}$$



From one galaxy to global parameters

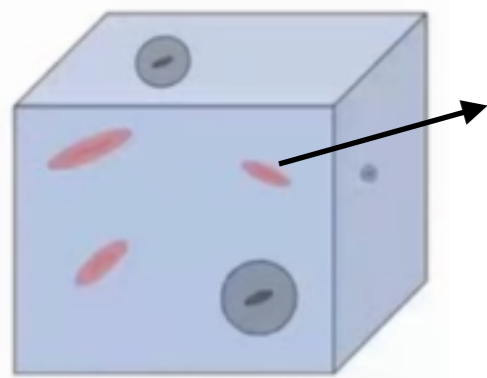


<https://camels.readthedocs.io>

for each galaxy:

- M_*
- K
- M_g
- Z_g
- V_{\max}
- Z_*
- g
- σ_v
- R_*
- M_t
- U
- R_t
- R_{\max}
- SFR
- J
- V
- M_{bh}

$O(10^4)$ galaxies

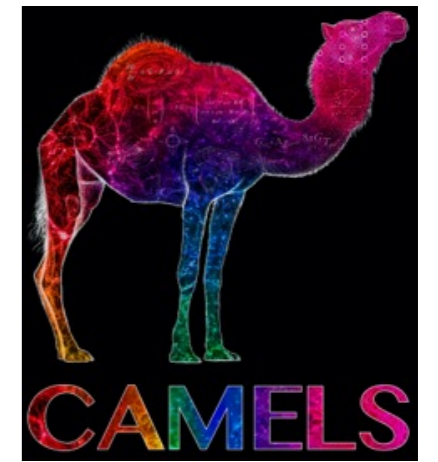


- $\Omega_m = 0.32$
- $\sigma_8 = 0.79$
- $A_{\text{SN1}} = 1.2$
- $A_{\text{SN2}} = 0.8$
- $A_{\text{AGN1}} = 1.5$
- $A_{\text{AGN2}} = 0.7$

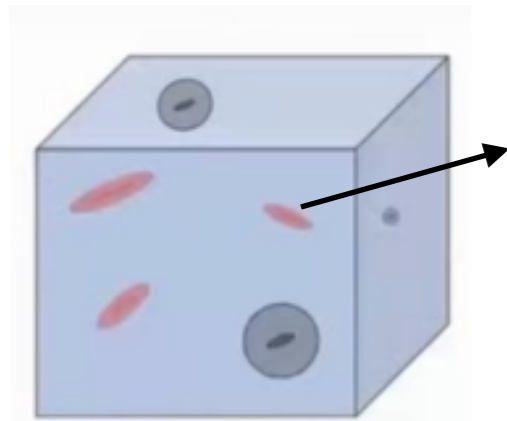
(SIMBA)

How many galaxies do we need to constrain e.g. Ω_m ?
Let's start with one!

From one galaxy to global parameters

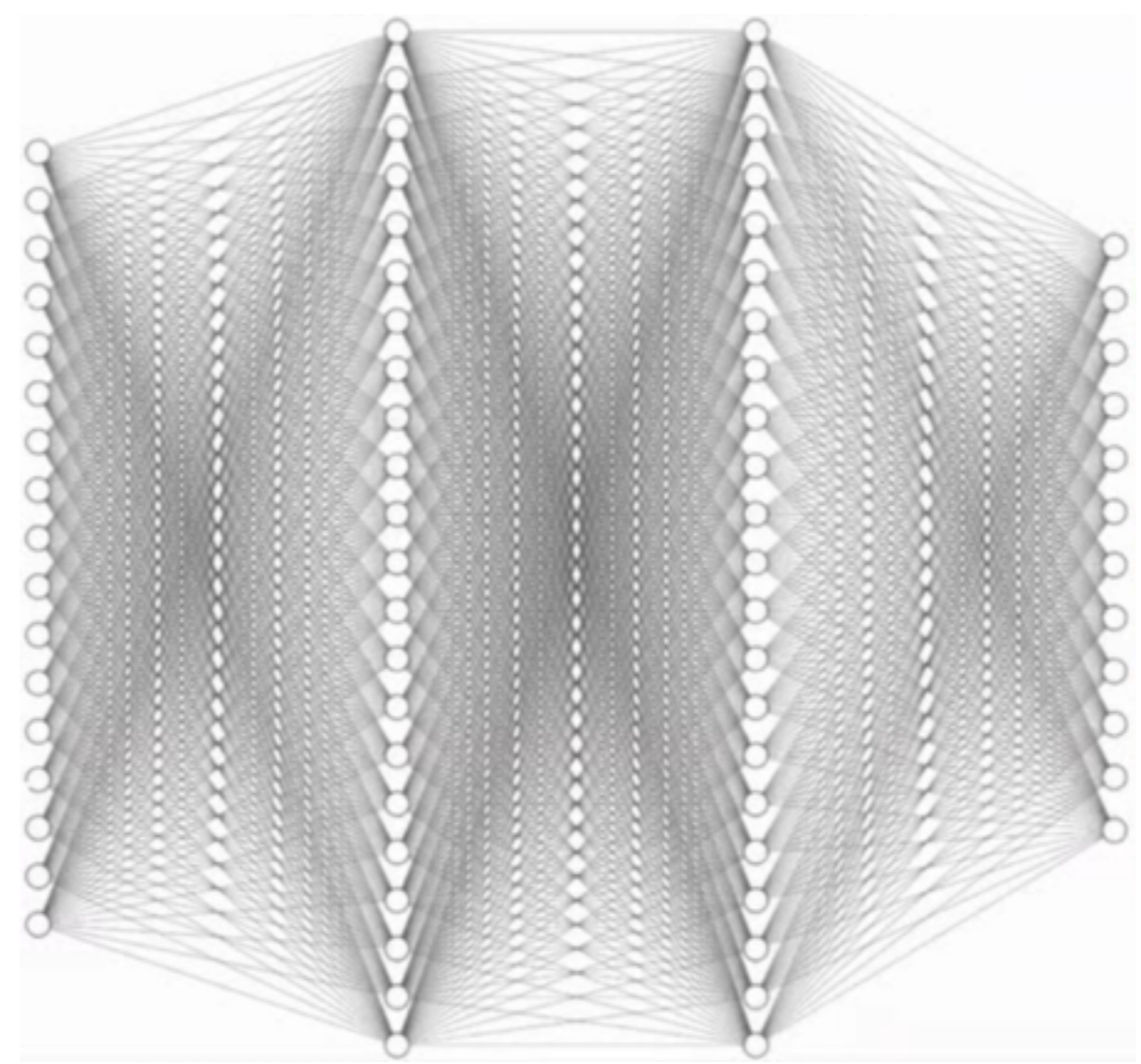
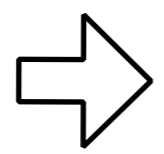


<https://camels.readthedocs.io>



- M_*
- K
- M_g
- Z_g
- V_{\max}
- Z_*
- g
- σ_v
- R_*
- M_t
- U
- R_t
- R_{\max}
- SFR
- J
- V
- M_{bh}

(SIMBA)



- Ω_m
- $\delta\Omega_m$
- σ_8
- $\delta\sigma_8$
- A_{SN1}
- δA_{SN1}
- A_{SN2}
- δA_{SN2}
- A_{AGN1}
- δA_{AGN1}
- A_{AGN2}
- δA_{AGN2}

This model: Likelihood-free marginal inference

Loss based on moment density networks (MDN) Jeffrey & Wandelt 2011
arXiv:2011.05991

MDN idea: hierarchy of neural regression models (mean \rightarrow variance \rightarrow skewness \rightarrow ...)

We begin by noting that if we find some function of our data $\mathcal{F}(x)$ that minimizes an L_2 loss over the distribution of possible training examples $\{x_i, \theta_i\}$,

$$J_0 = \int \|\theta - \mathcal{F}(x)\|^2 p(x, \theta) dx d\theta, \quad (4)$$

then \mathcal{F} , which we represent as a neural network, evaluated for the observed data is the mean of the posterior distribution $\mathcal{F}(x_{obs}) = \langle \theta \rangle_{\theta|x_{obs}}$. It is therefore possible to create a hierarchy of networks

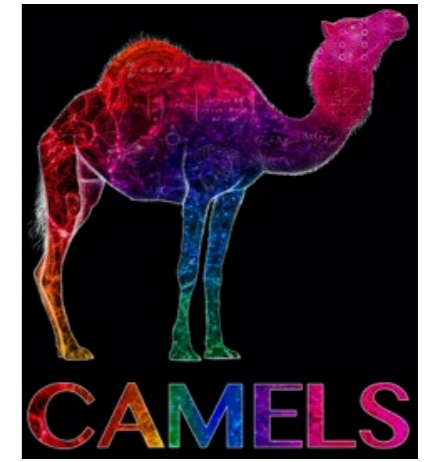
In practice we minimise the following loss function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \log \left(\sum_{j \in \text{batch}} (\theta_{i,j} - \mu_{i,j})^2 \right) \\ + \sum_{i=1}^6 \log \left(\sum_{j \in \text{batch}} \left((\theta_{i,j} - \mu_{i,j})^2 - \sigma_{i,j}^2 \right)^2 \right)$$

Our model $F(x)$:
CNN layers (19)
+ dense (2)

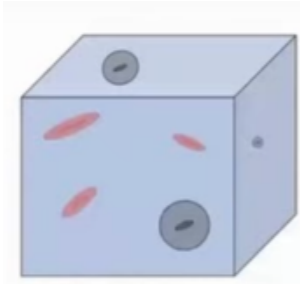
Villaescusa-Navarro+
arXiv:2109.10915

From one galaxy to global parameters

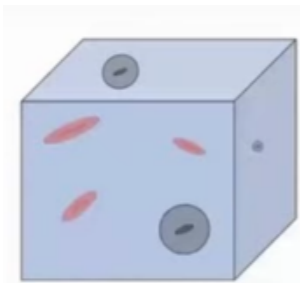


<https://camels.readthedocs.io>

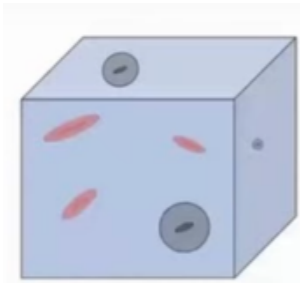
$\Omega_m = 0.32$
 $\sigma_8 = 0.79$
 $A_{SN1} = 1.2$
 $A_{SN2} = 0.8$
 $A_{AGN1} = 1.5$
 $A_{AGN2} = 0.7$



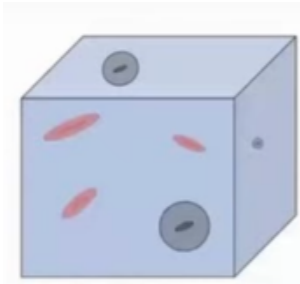
$\Omega_m = 0.27$
 $\sigma_8 = 0.85$
 $A_{SN1} = 0.7$
 $A_{SN2} = 0.9$
 $A_{AGN1} = 1.4$
 $A_{AGN2} = 0.8$



$\Omega_m = 0.4$
 $\sigma_8 = 0.65$
 $A_{SN1} = 1.1$
 $A_{SN2} = 0.9$
 $A_{AGN1} = 1.1$
 $A_{AGN2} = 0.9$



$\Omega_m = 0.2$
 $\sigma_8 = 0.95$
 $A_{SN1} = 1.8$
 $A_{SN2} = 0.5$
 $A_{AGN1} = 3.0$
 $A_{AGN2} = 1.5$



random galaxy:

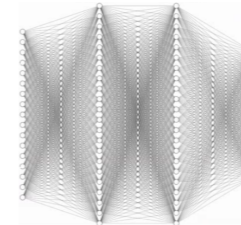


- M_*
 - K
 - M_g
 - Z_g
 - V_{max}
 - Z_*
 - g
 - σ_v
 - R_*
 - M_t
 - U
 - R_t
 - R_{max}
 - SFR
 - J
 - V
 - M_{bh}
- (SIMBA)

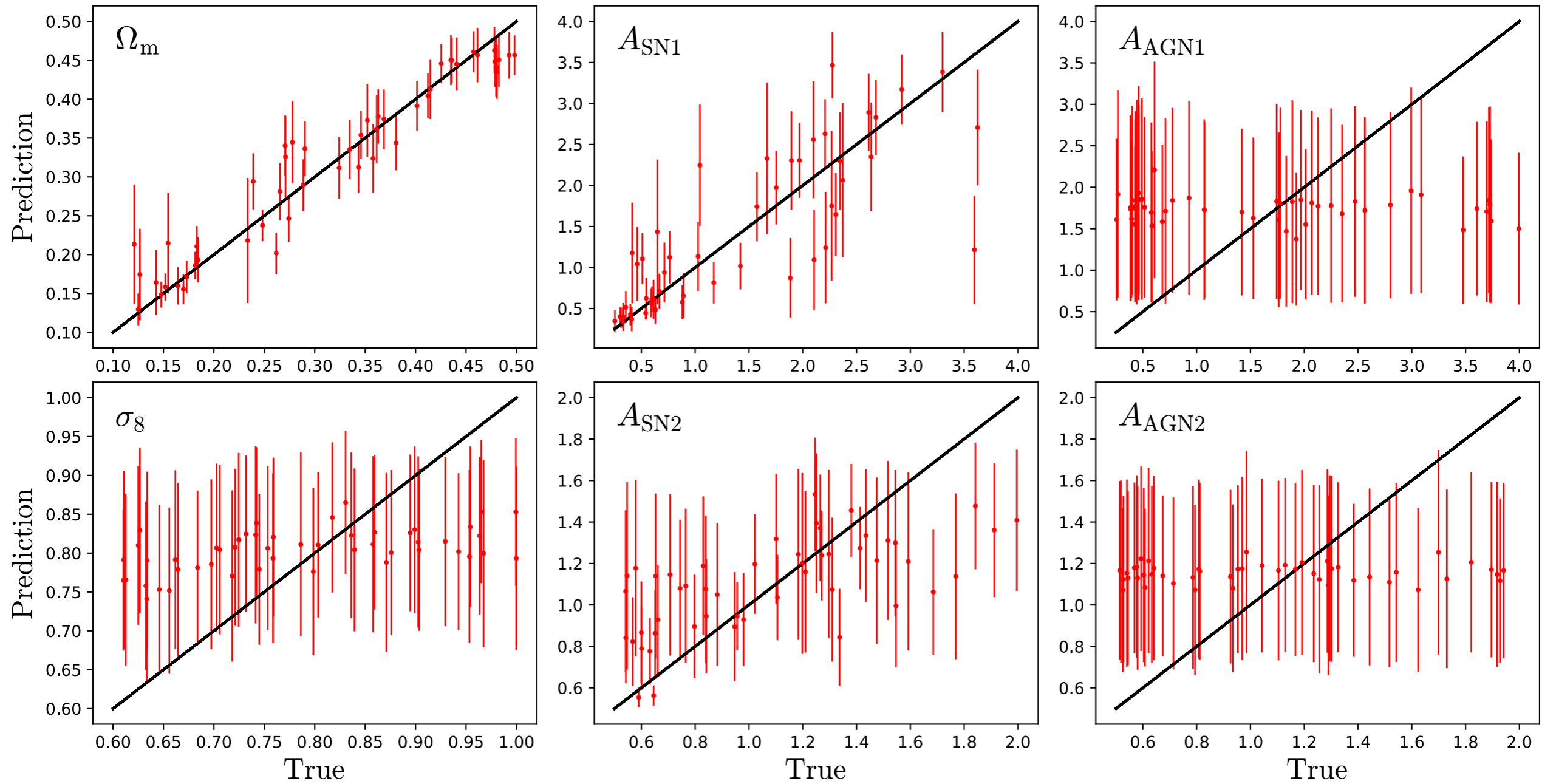
?



Ω_m

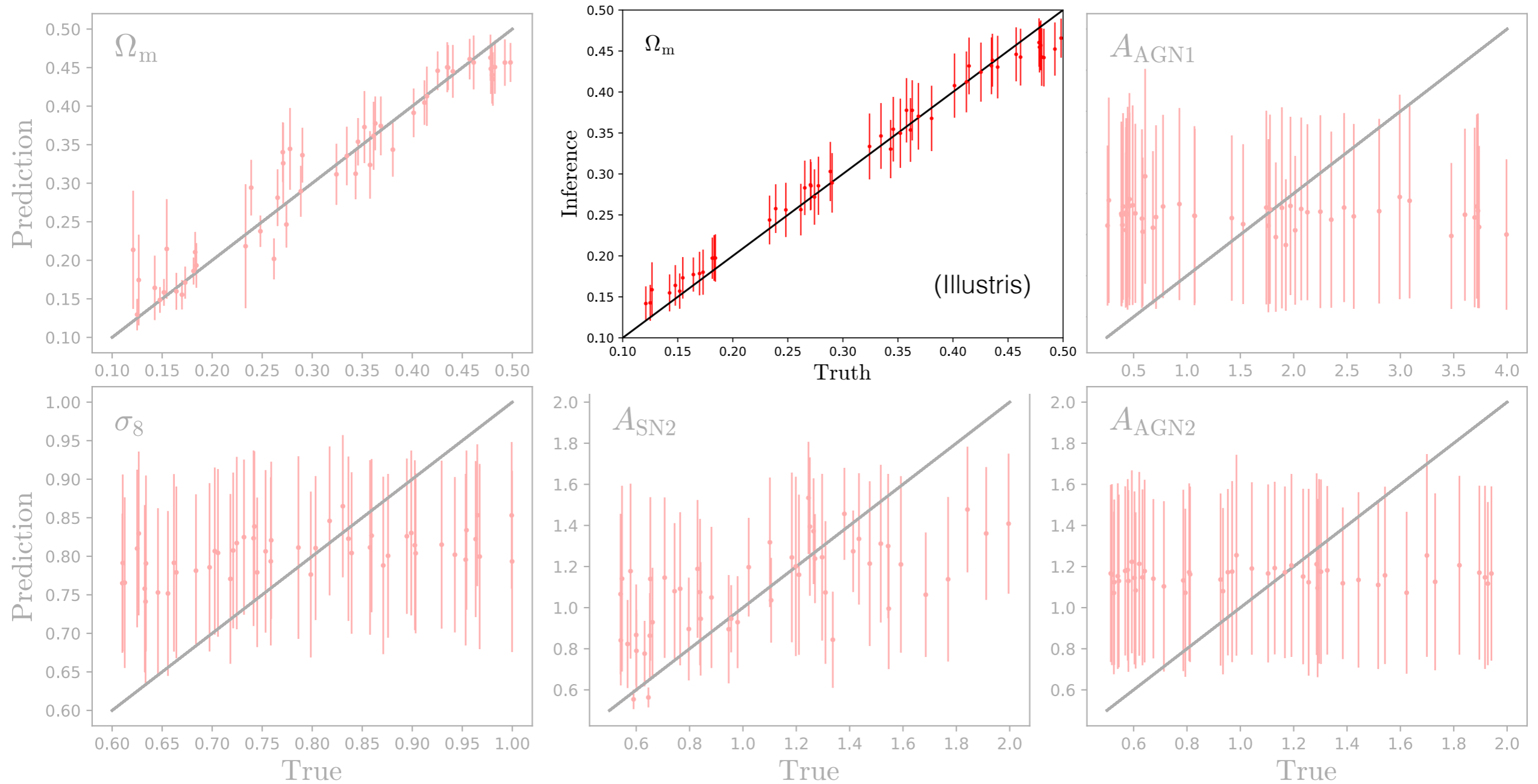


From one galaxy to the matter density



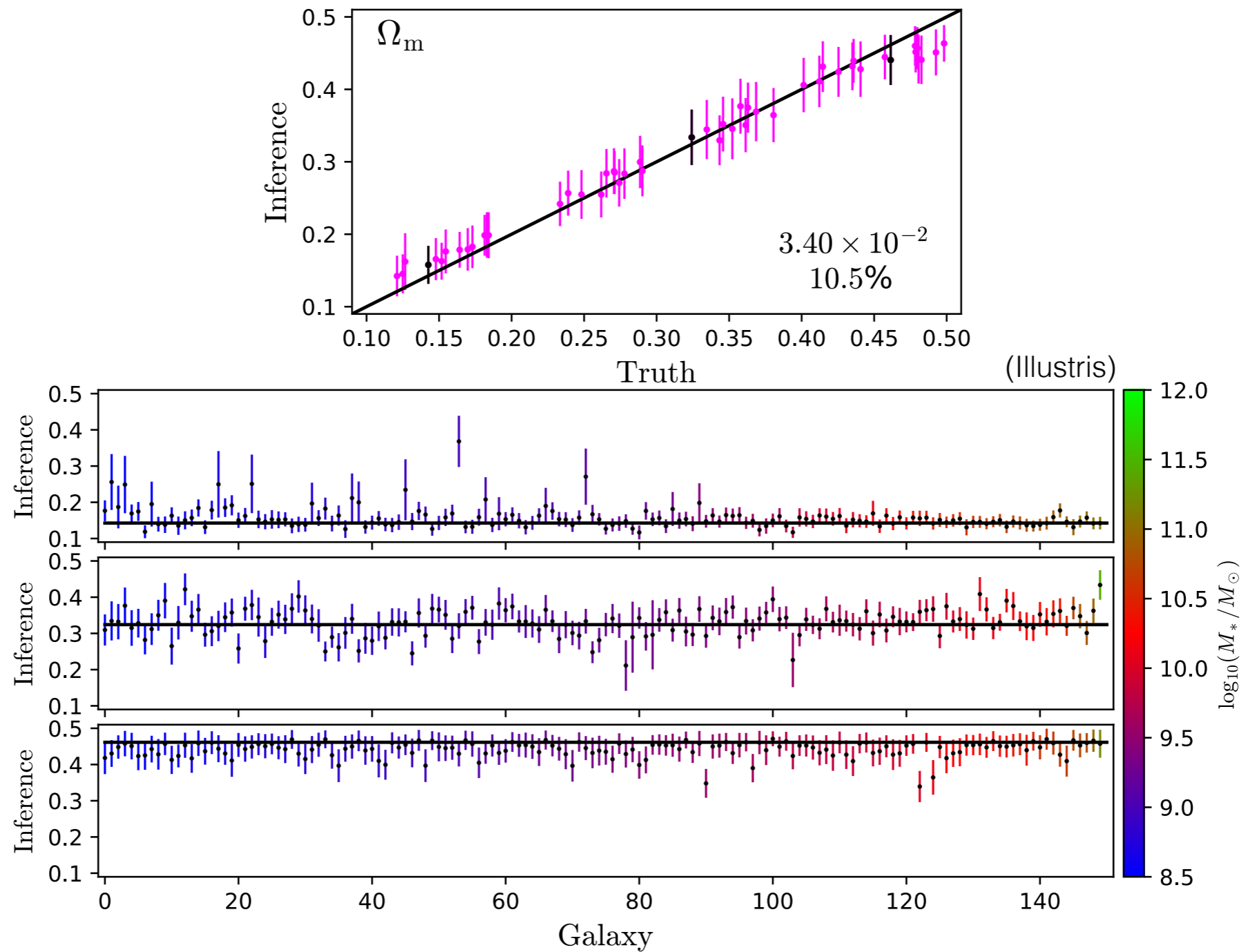
(SIMBA)

From one galaxy to the matter density



recovery of matter density for random galaxy in random simulation

Robustness: Matter density and galaxy mass



→ recovery of matter density for very different masses (and environments)
also: holds for redshifts other than $z=0$

Importance of properties

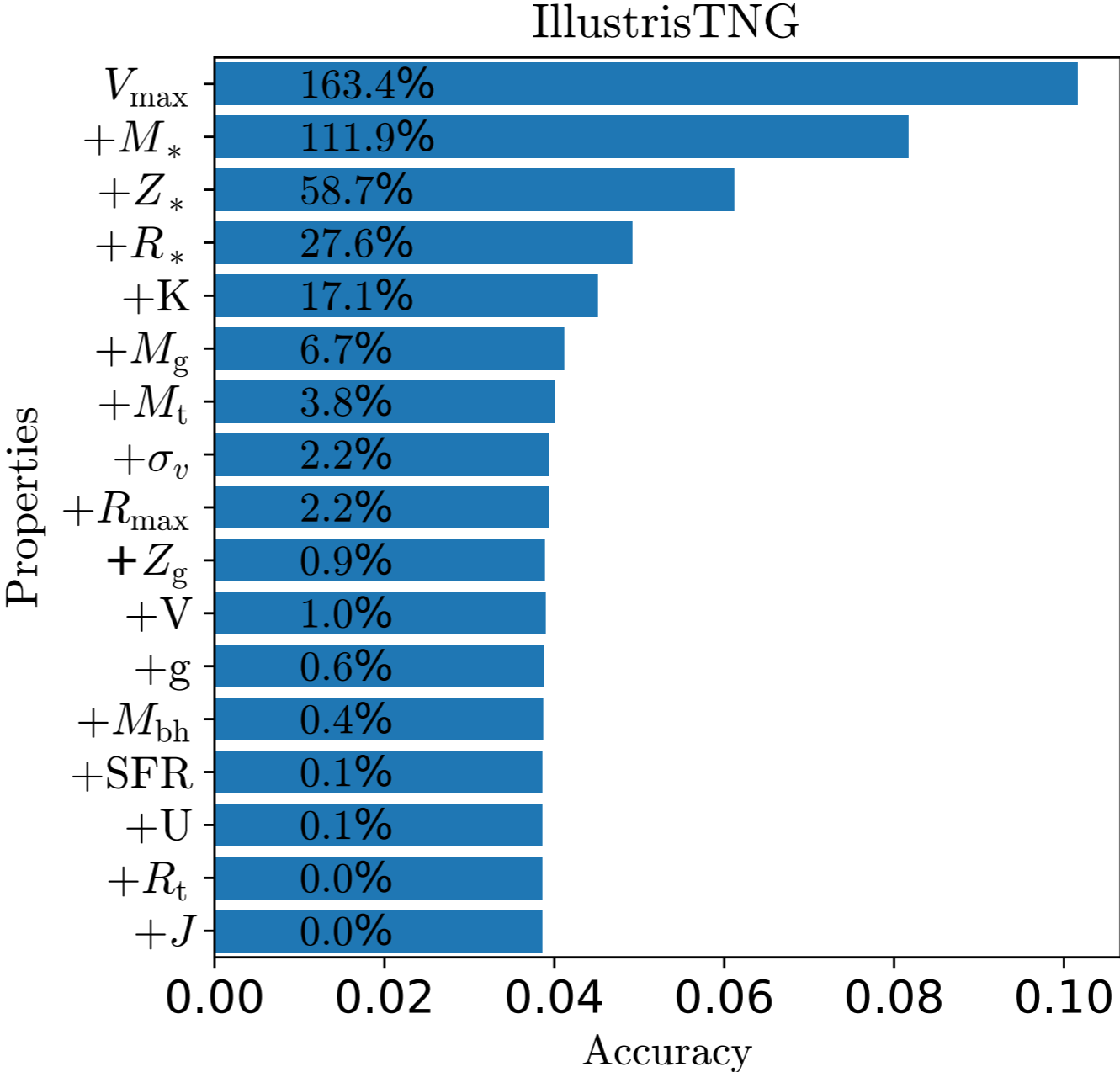
Only take into account relation input & predictions for attribution.
 Show importance of feature on predictions via one-by-one retraining.

$\{V_{\max}, M_*, Z_*, R_*, K\}$

Illustris

$\{V_{\max}, M_*, R_{\max}, Z_*, R_*\}$

SIMBA



Model-agnostic eXplainable AI (XAI)

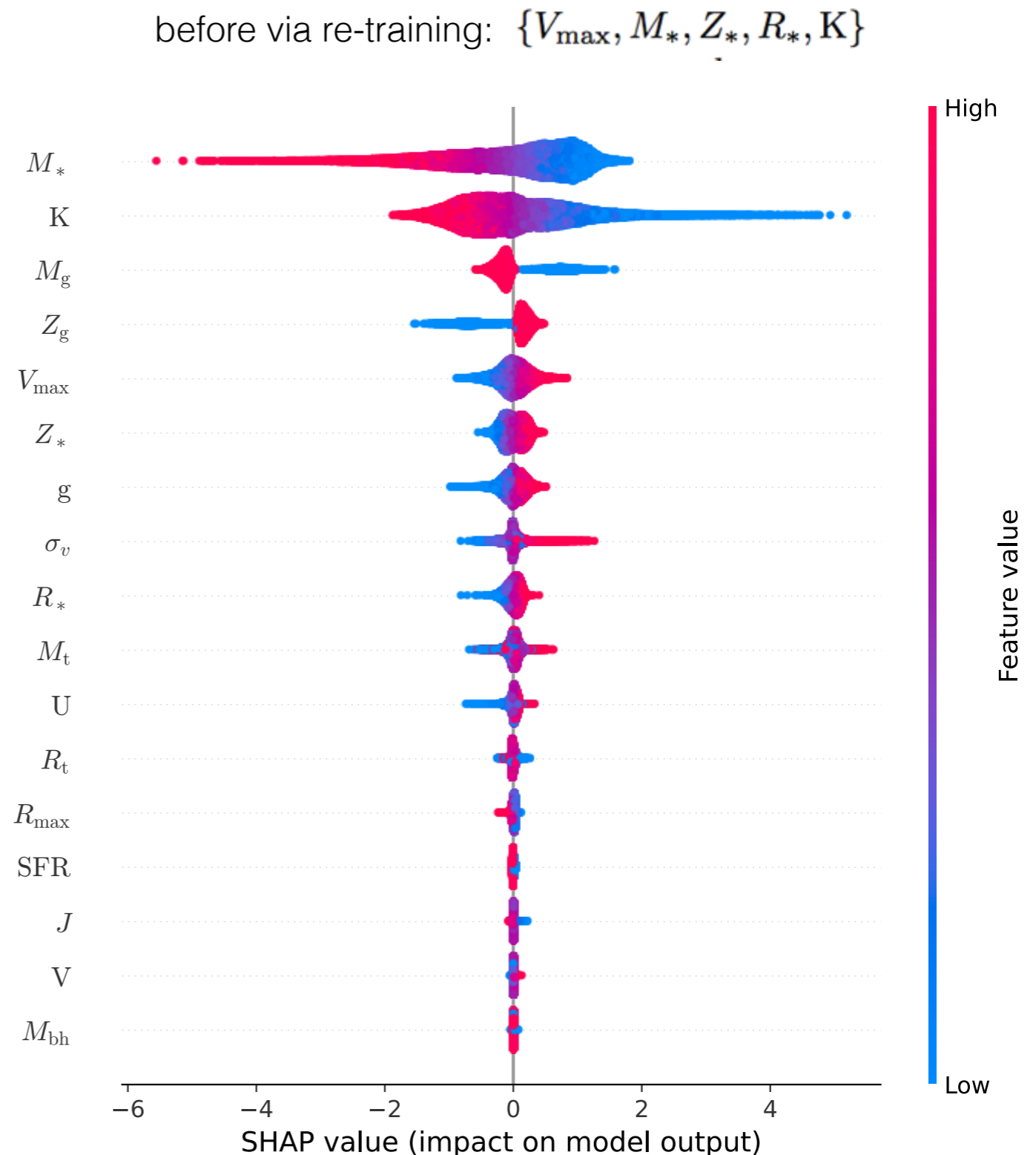
Example: SHAP values <https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.07874>

SHAP = SHapley Additive exPlanations

Approach from Game Theory:
Assign to each input feature a value.
A larger value indicates higher importance
for the output prediction.

Do so via optimal credit allocation of
possible 'coalitions'.

- difference in output by including/excluding feature
- average over $N!$ orderings
- repeat: all subsets of remaining features



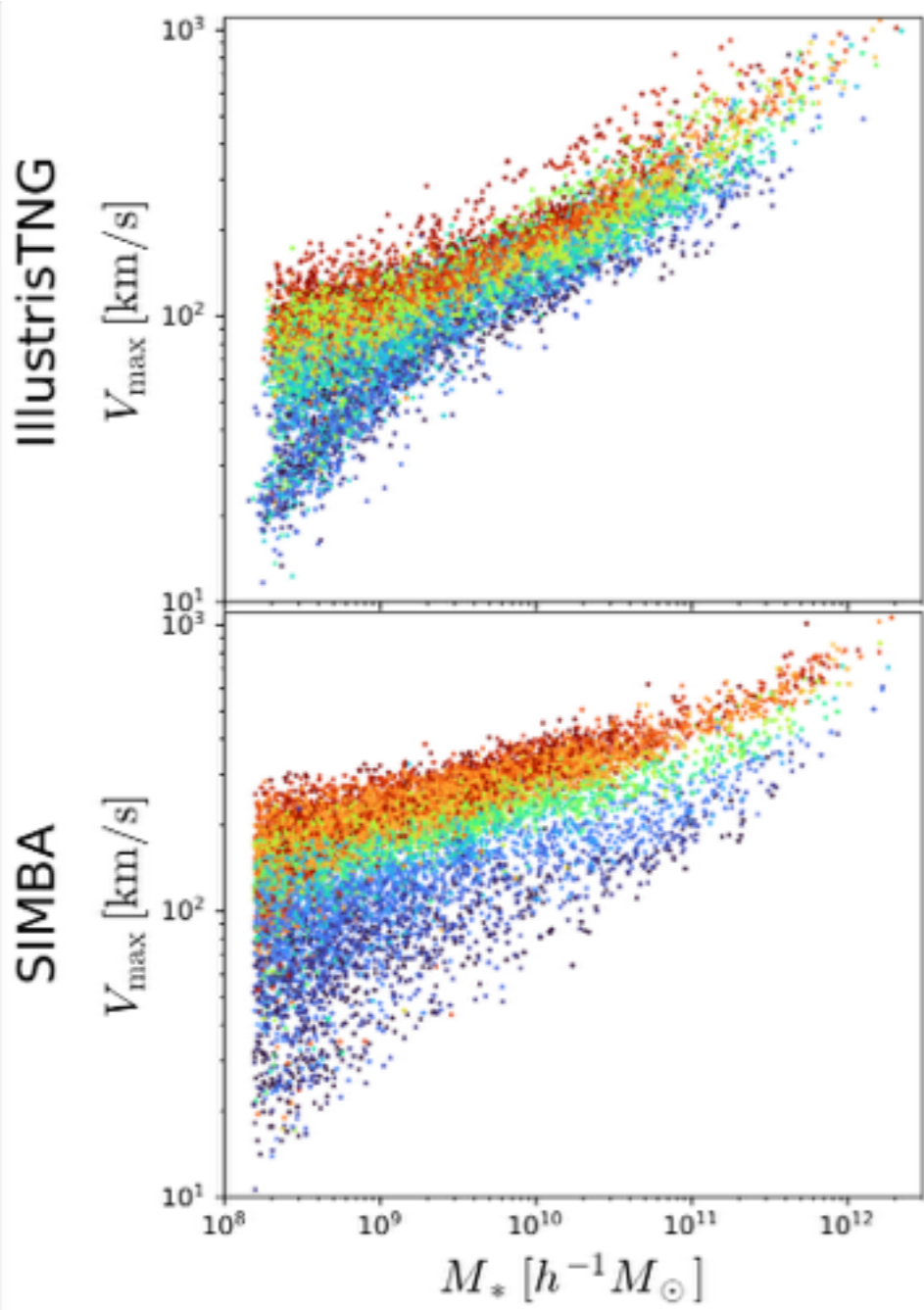
Importance of properties

$$\{V_{\max}, M_*, Z_*, R_*, K\}$$

Illustris

$$\{V_{\max}, M_*, R_{\max}, Z_*, R_*\}$$

SIMBA



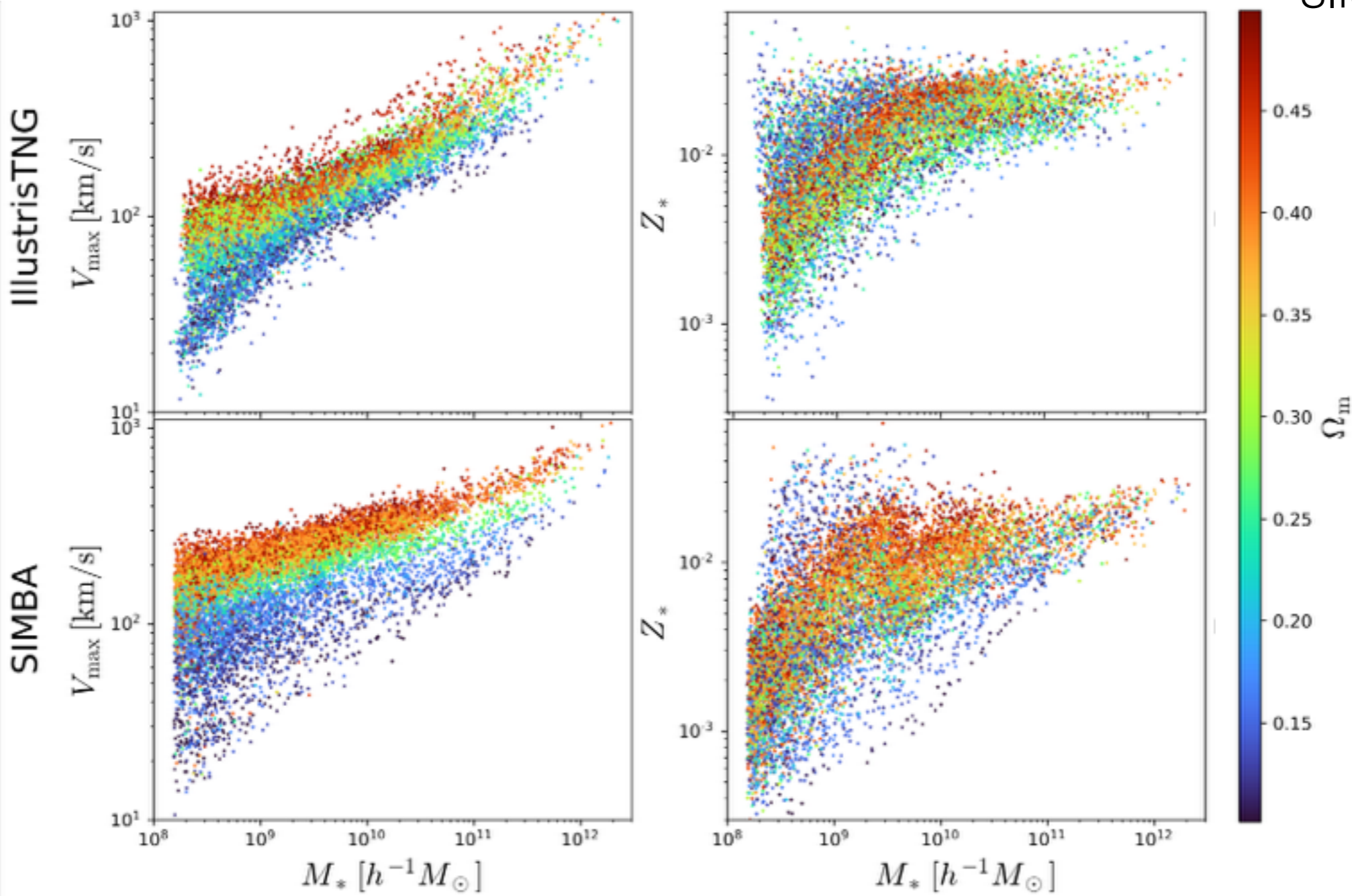
Importance of properties

$$\{V_{\max}, M_*, Z_*, R_*, K\}$$

Illustris

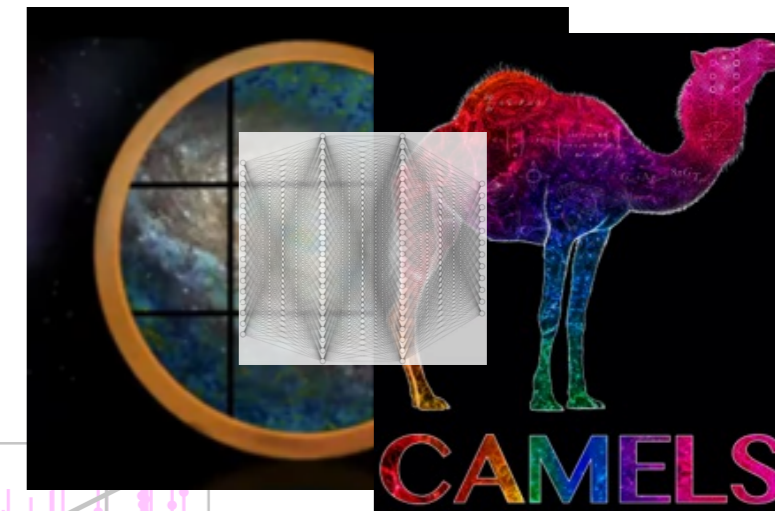
$$\{V_{\max}, M_*, R_{\max}, Z_*, R_*\}$$

SIMBA



Also: PCA

Cosmology with one galaxy

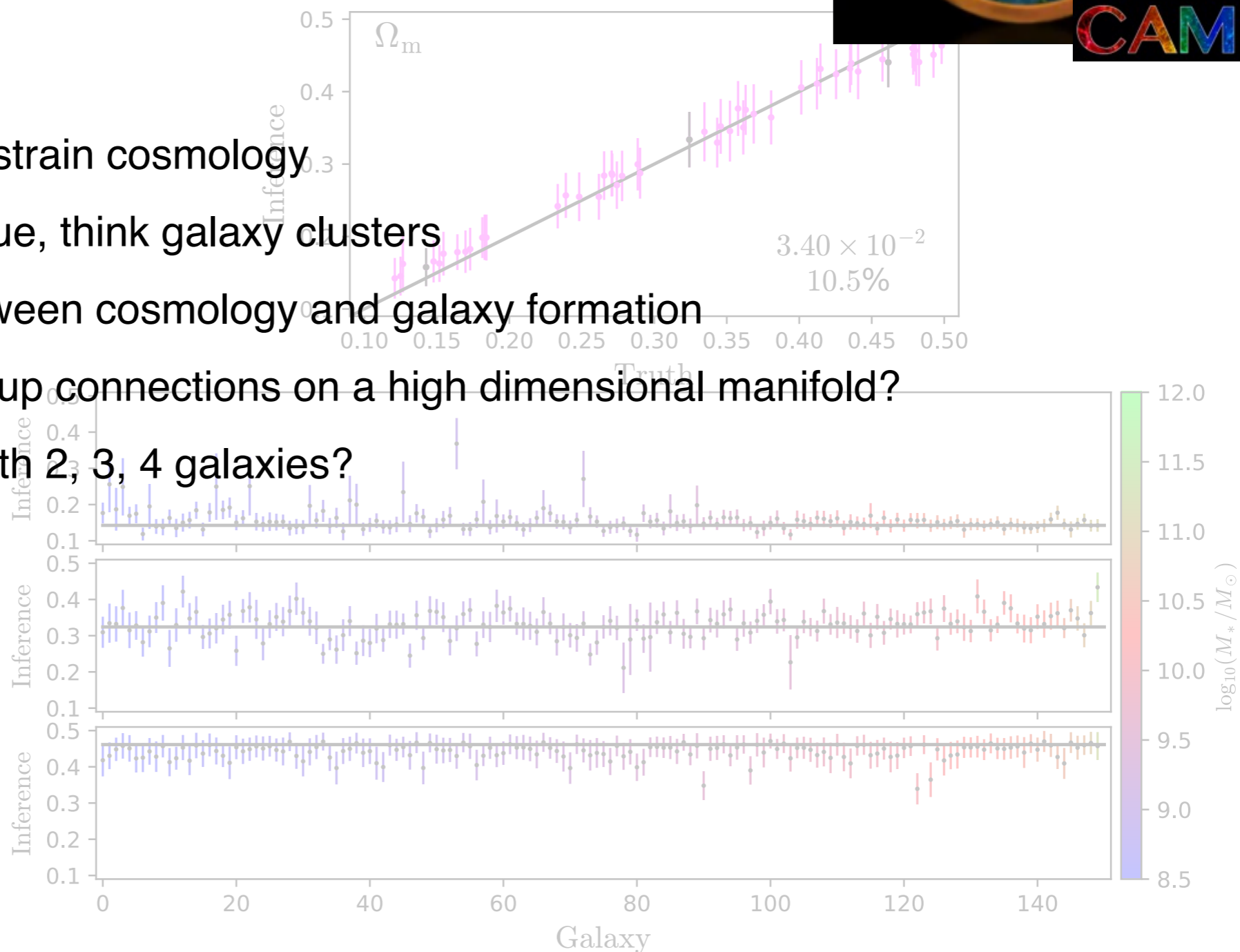


- Avenue to constrain cosmology
Interesting if true, think galaxy clusters

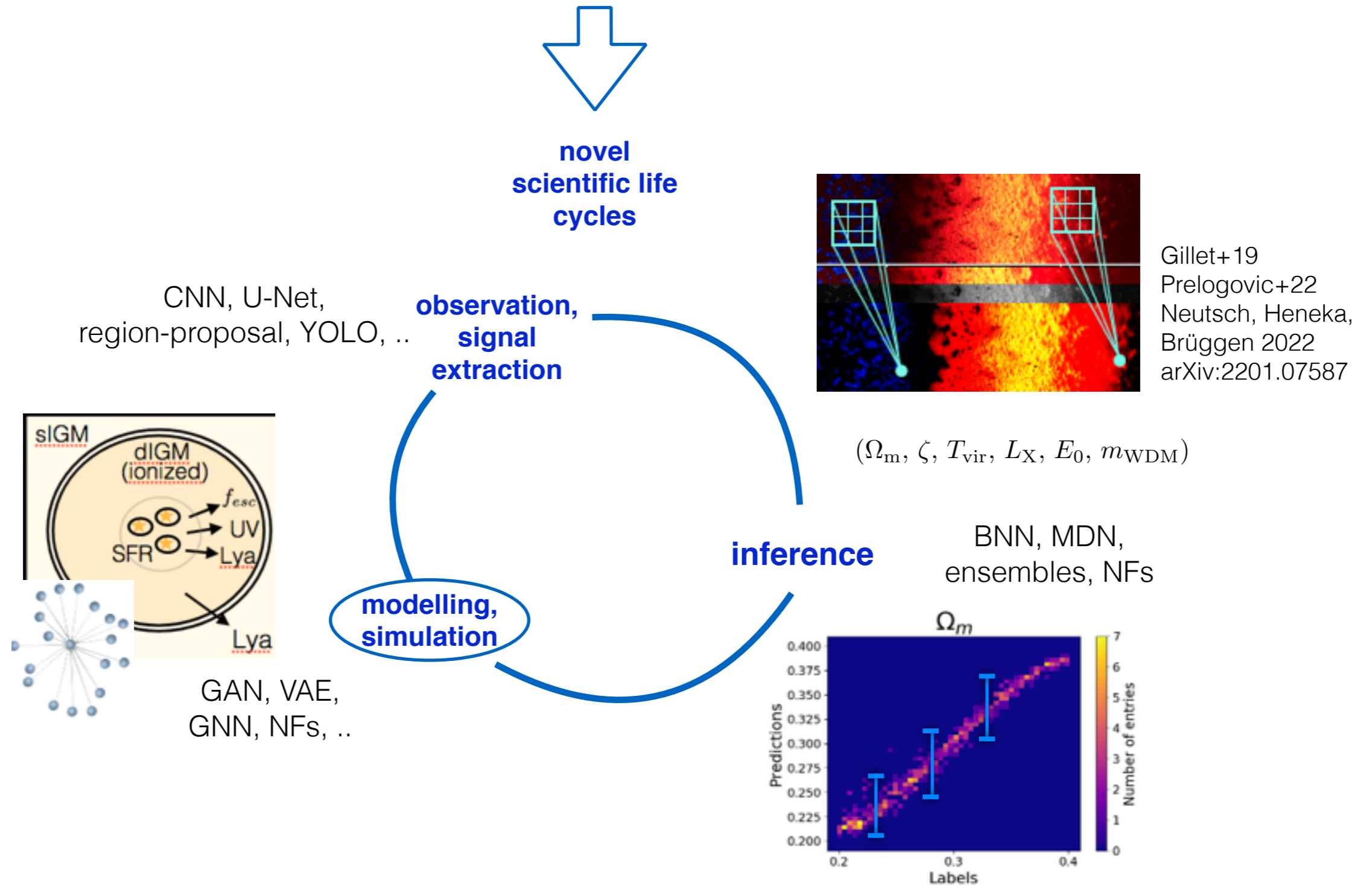
A new link between cosmology and galaxy formation

Network picks up connections on a high dimensional manifold?

- Cosmology with 2, 3, 4 galaxies?



Computer Vision Astrophysics & Cosmology



Example: Generation / Simulation

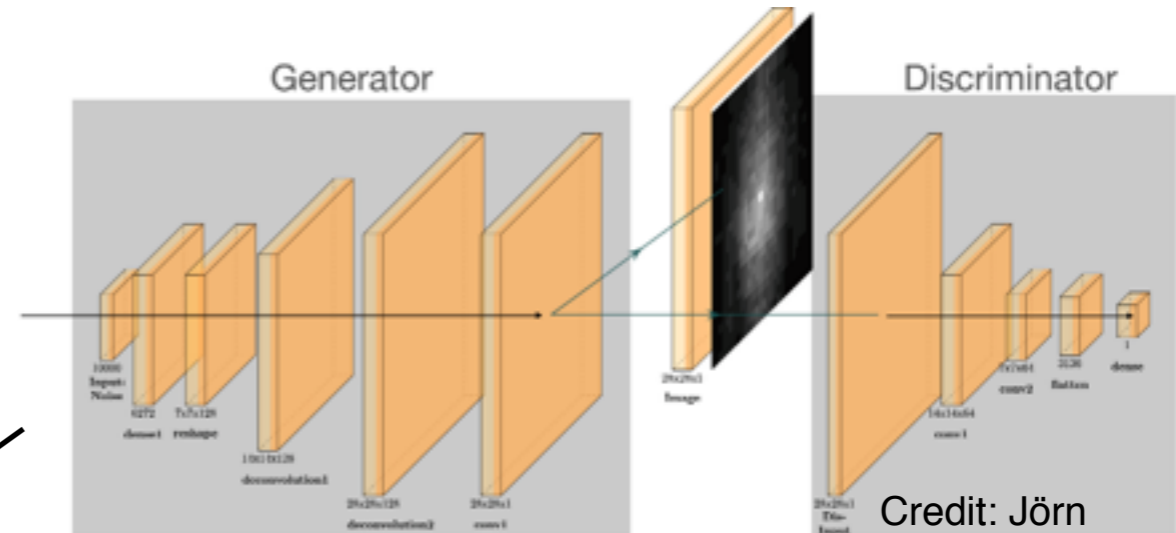
How to GAN galaxy clusters

Scientific use case:

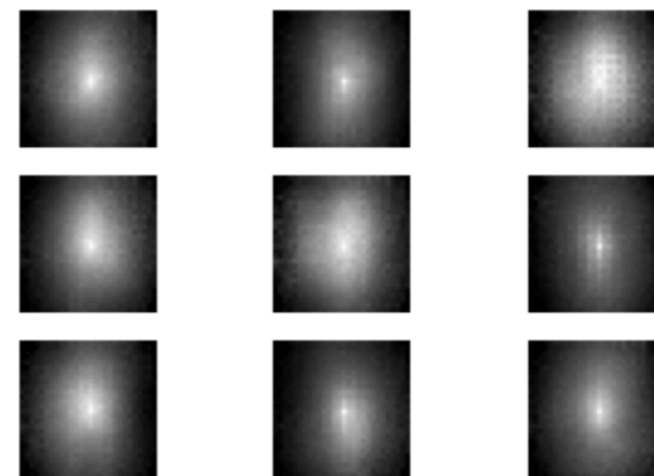
Fast, reliable way to simulate galaxy cluster images
(in X-rays, at different cosmologies)

The WGAN - Wasserstein GAN

Seeking convergence instead of equilibrium



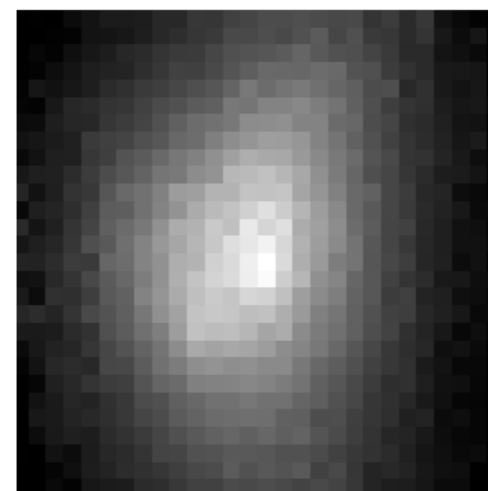
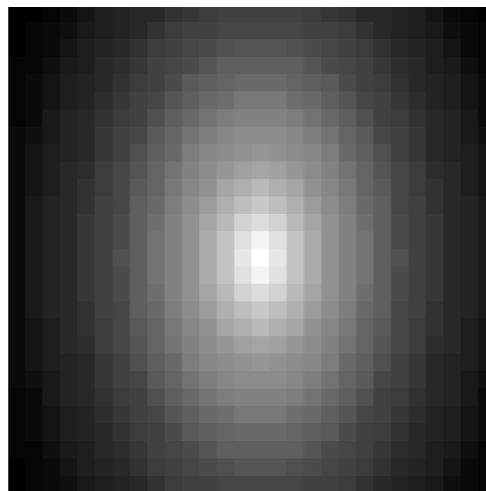
Training data from Comparat et al. 2020 (arXiv:2008.08404)



@Jörn Bach, Caroline Heneka, Marcus Brüggen

See arXiv:1701.07875 for a comprehensive mathematical introduction of the WGAN

How to GAN galaxy clusters



Real vs. simulated vs. WGAN-generated?



[csheneka / GAN-tutorial](#) Public

..explore different failure modes of GANs

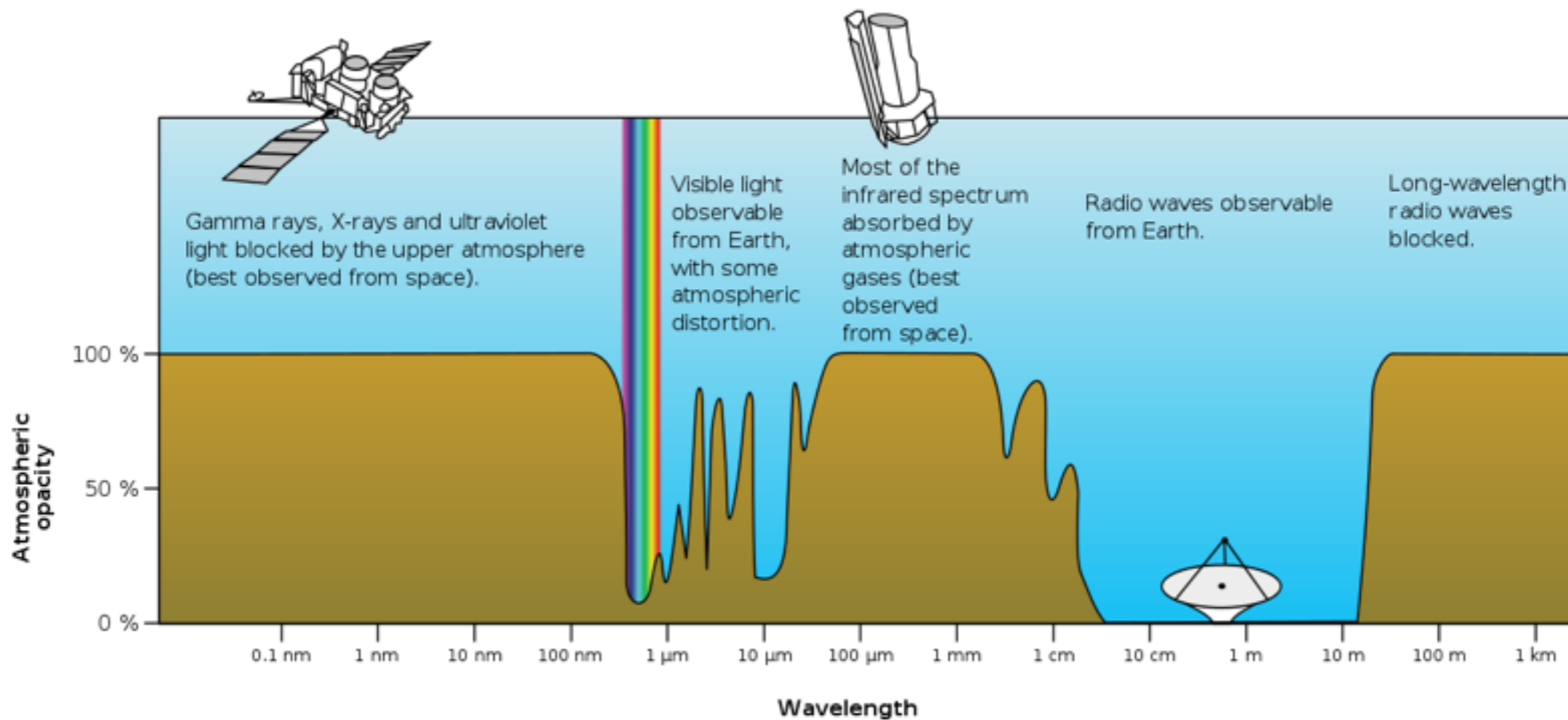
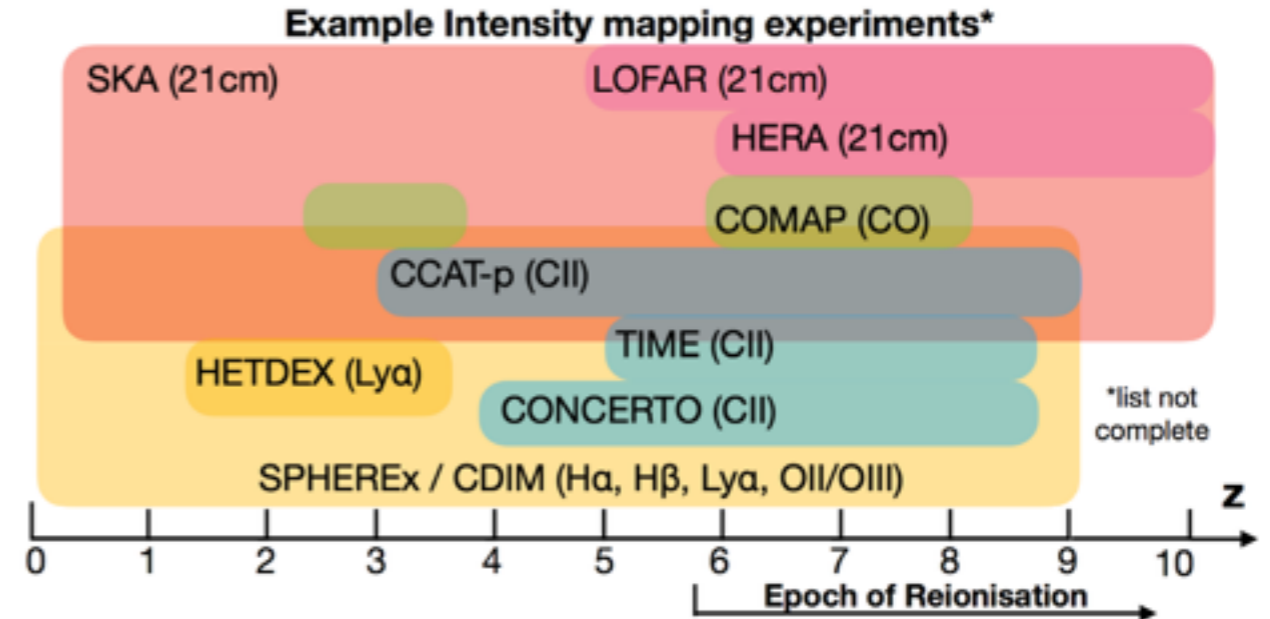
Radio interferometry - imaging in Fourier space

'The' inverse problem in astronomy/astrophysics

New frontiers in astronomy and astrophysics

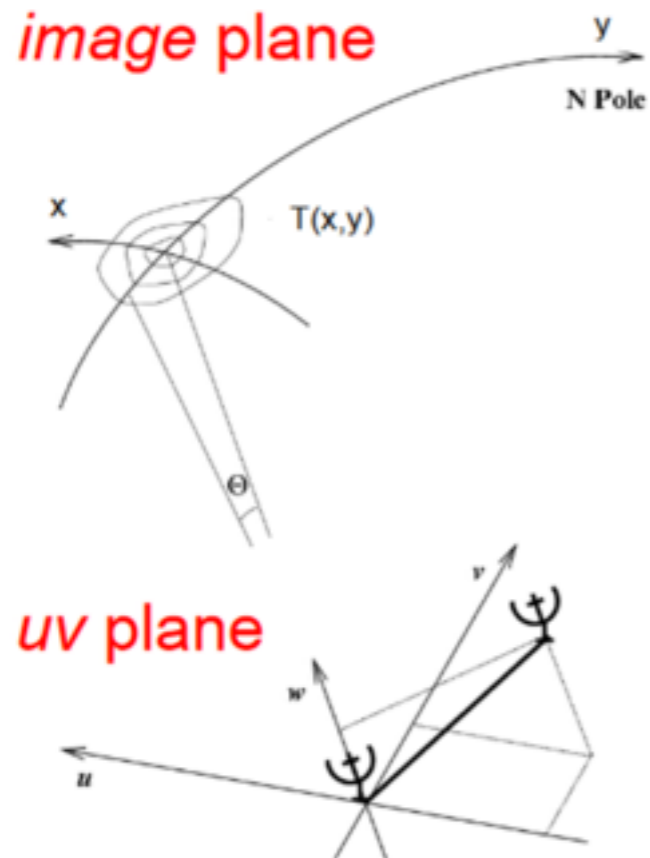
3D imaging to track the history of the Universe

Radio and IR legacy surveys
($H\alpha$, $Ly\alpha$, OIII, $H\beta$, CII, .., CIB, ..)



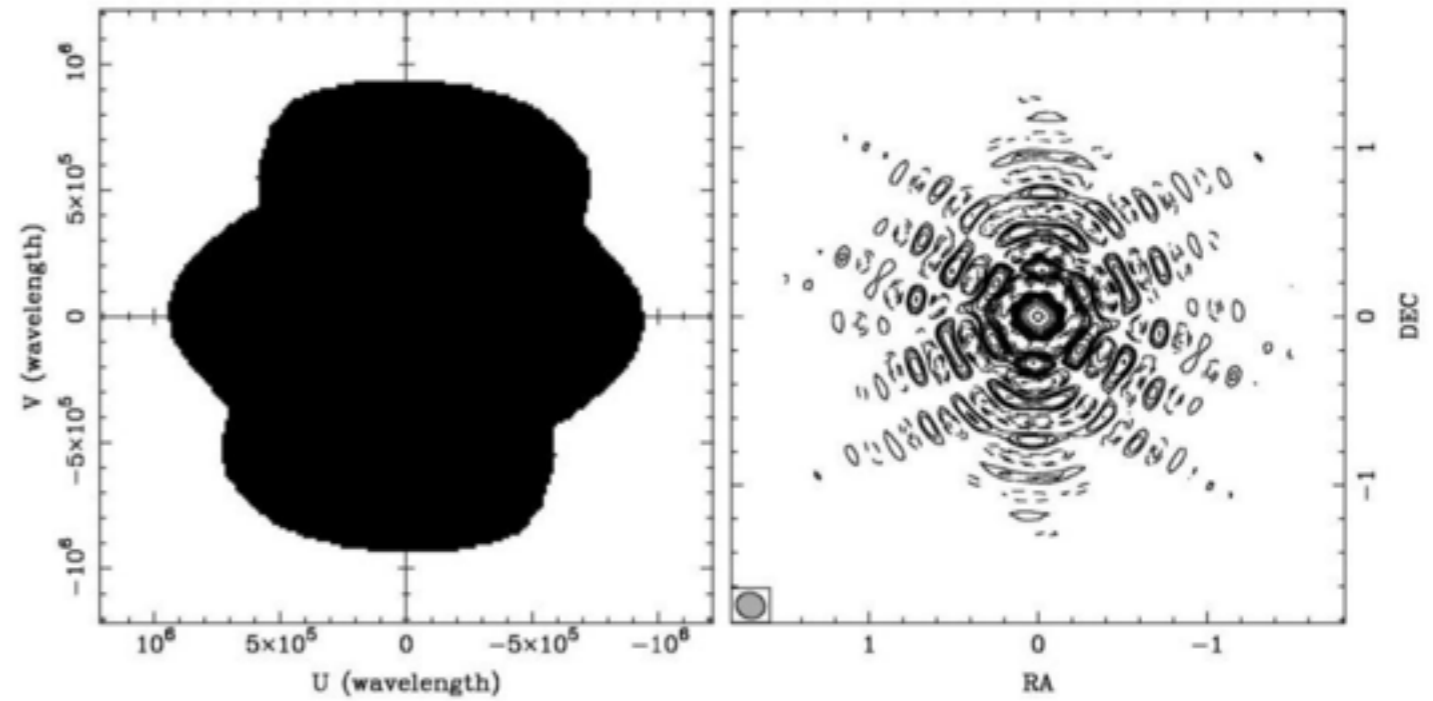
Windows in the atmospheric absorption. (Image: NASA)

Radio interferometry



u,v coverage

PSF



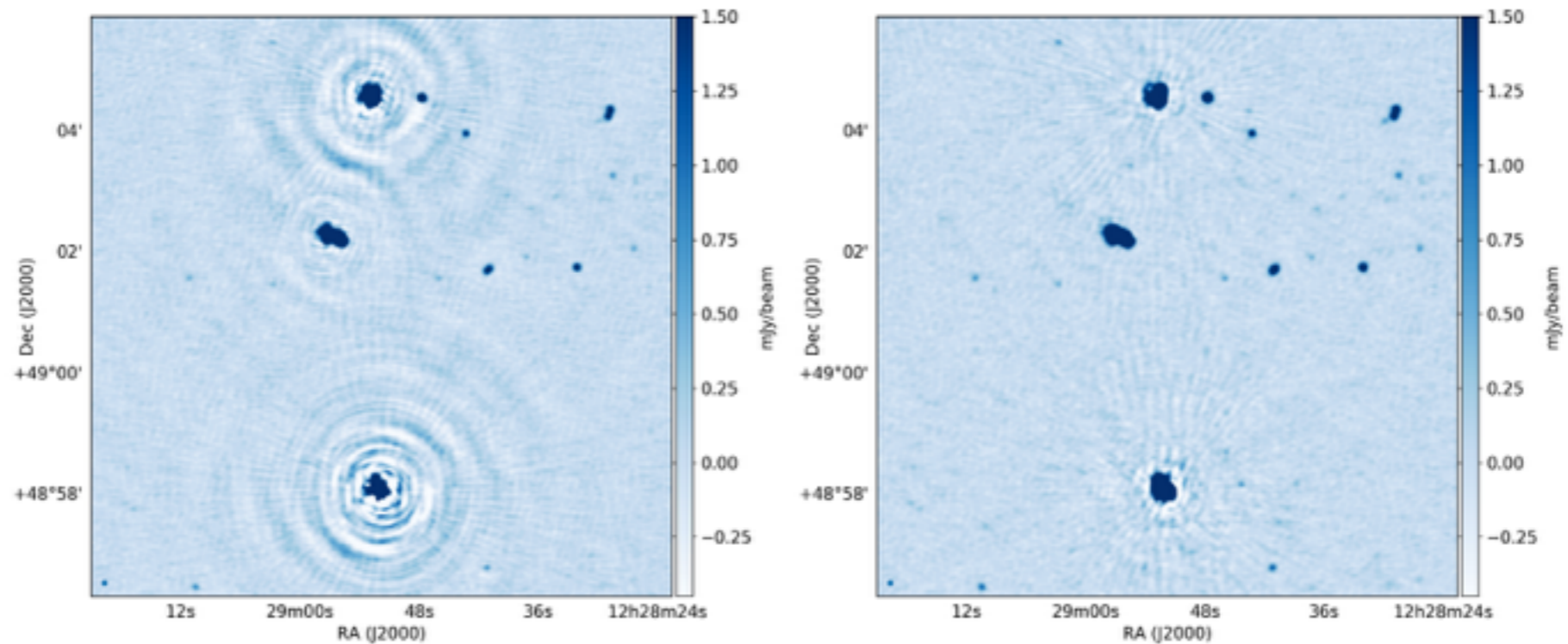
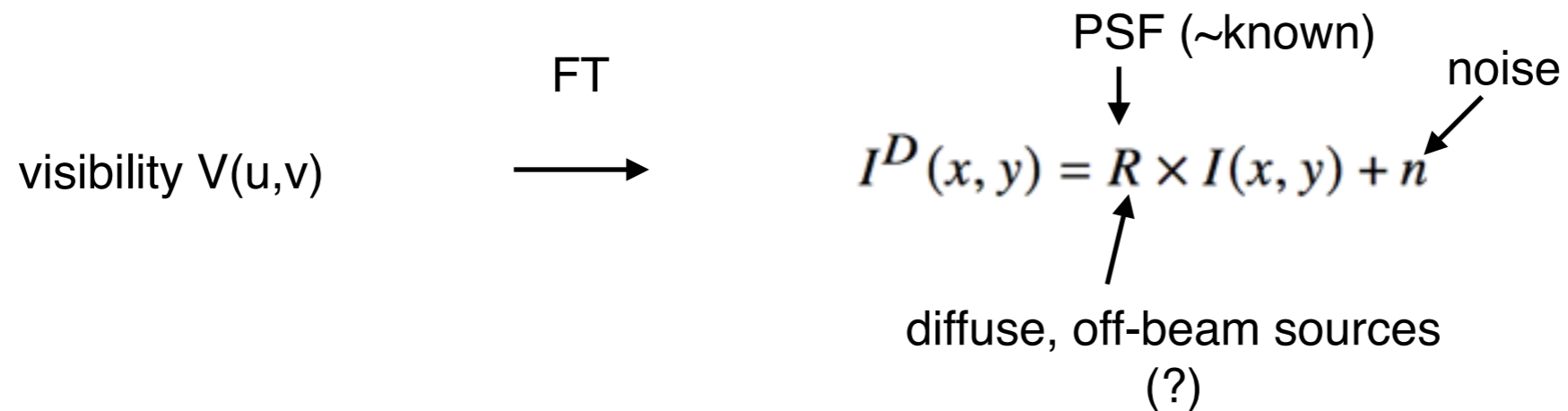
@Tim Cornwell

$$T(x, y) = \iint V(u, v) e^{-2\pi i(ux+vy)} du dv$$

complex visibility $V(u,v)$ = interferometer response

Radio interferometry: an inverse problem

Goal: reconstruct $I(x,y)$



LOFAR DR2, Shimwell+22

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)

SKA in numbers

- Currently 16 member countries, >100 member organisations
- Routine science observations are expected to start in the late 2020s
- Consists of thousands of dishes and up to 1 million antennas, >1km² collecting area
- Expected data rate in full operation: 1 TB/s



SKA-LOW

SKA-MID

Credits: SKAO

SKA1-mid

the SKA's mid-frequency instrument



Location:
South Africa



Frequency range:

350 MHz
to
15.3 GHz

with a goal of 24 GHz



197 dishes

(including 64 MeerKAT dishes)



Maximum baseline:

150km

SKA1-low

the SKA's low-frequency instrument



Location: Australia



Frequency range:

50 MHz
to
350 MHz



~131,000

antennas spread between
512 stations

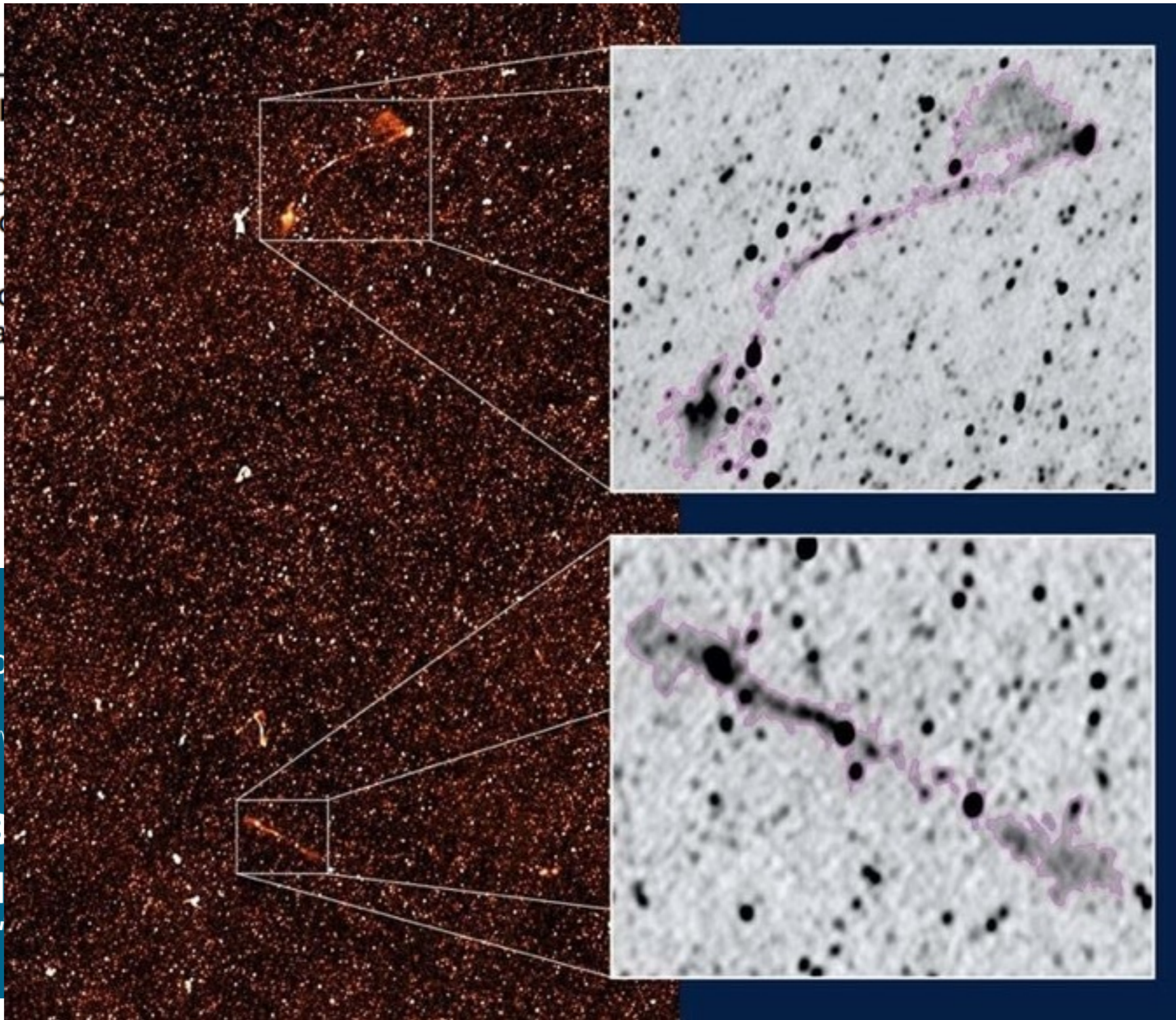


Maximum baseline:

~65km

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)

- SKA in numbers**
- Currently 10 member countries
 - Routine science to start in 2025
 - Consists of 3 phases
 - 1 million antennas
 - Expected to be operational by 2031



SKAO

SKA1-mid
the SKA's mid-frequency phase

Location:
South Africa

3
1
w

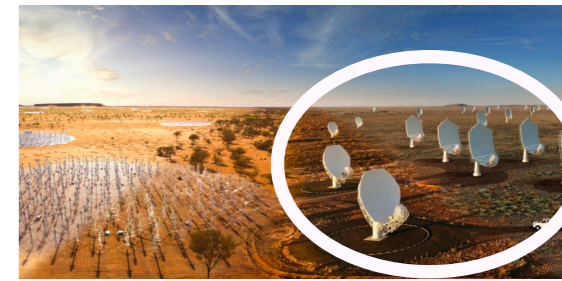
000
d between
ions

baseline:
km

<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/staa3837>

Example: Denoising, detection

Detection & Inference in 3D: SDC2



Goal for individual HI sources:

Source finding

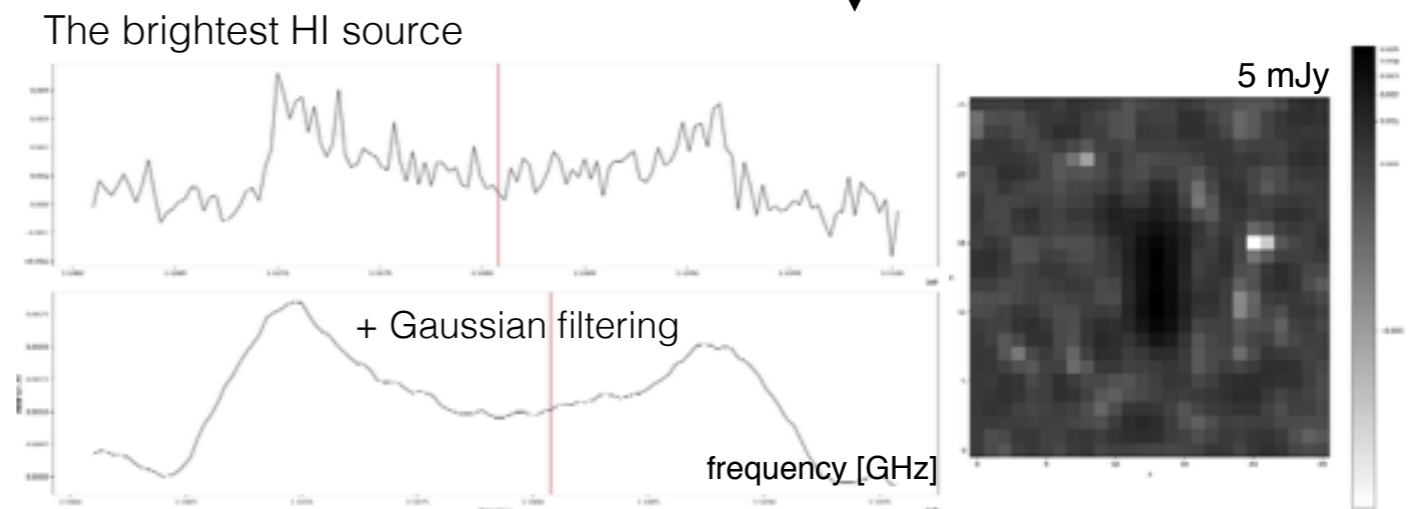
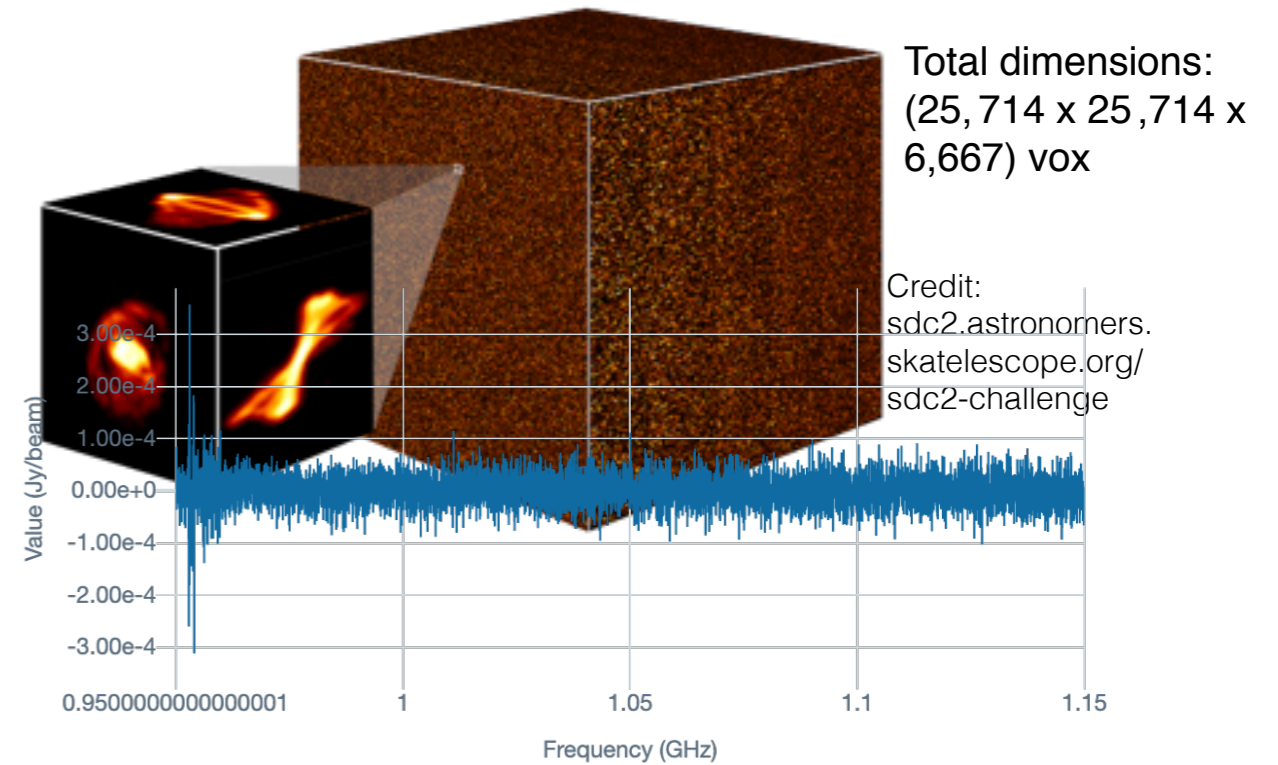
Location in RA, Dec,
central frequency (Hz)

Characterisation

- Integrated line flux (Jy Hz)
- Line width (km/s)
- HI major axis diameter (arcsec)
- Position angle (degrees)
- Inclination angle (degrees)

The challenging HI sources:

- **low S/N**
- **small spatial size**
- **systematics**

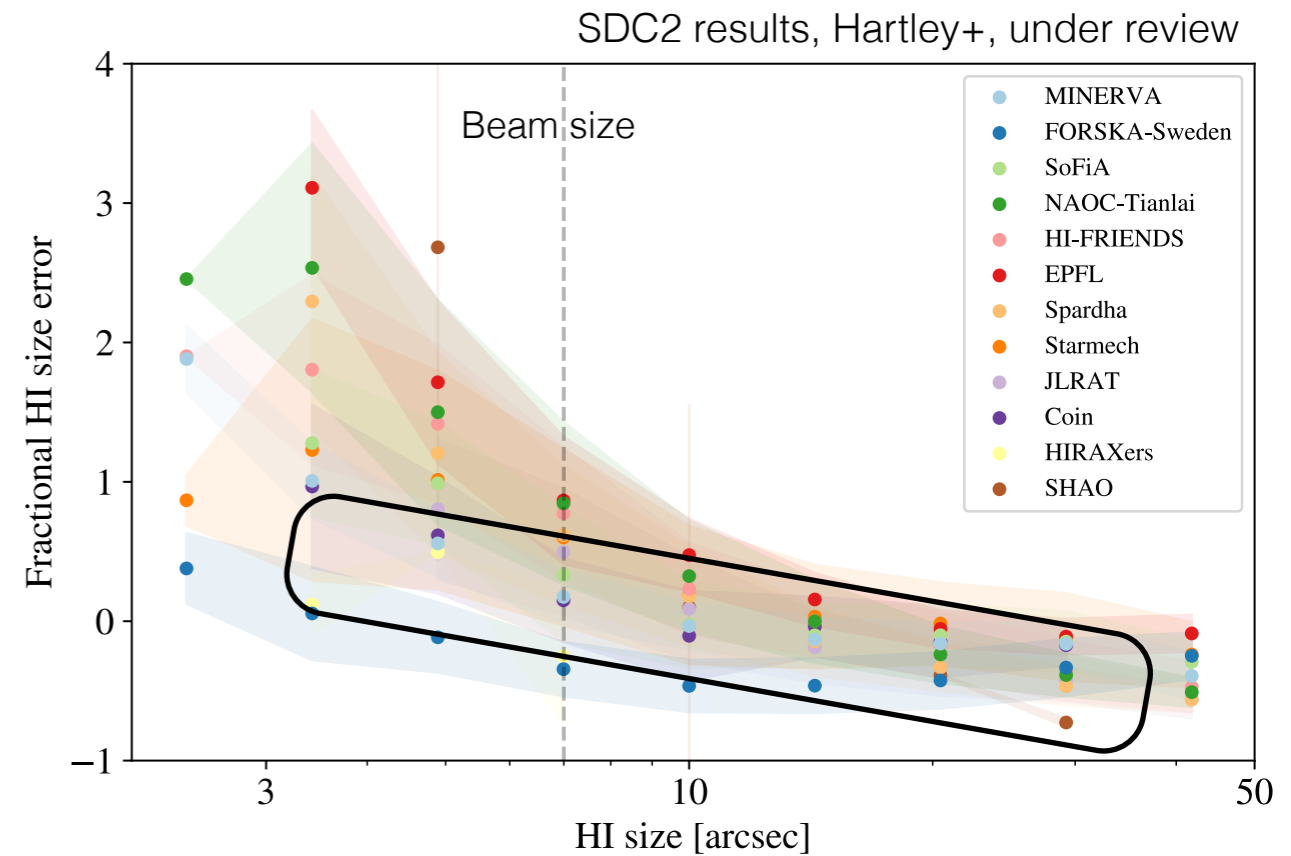
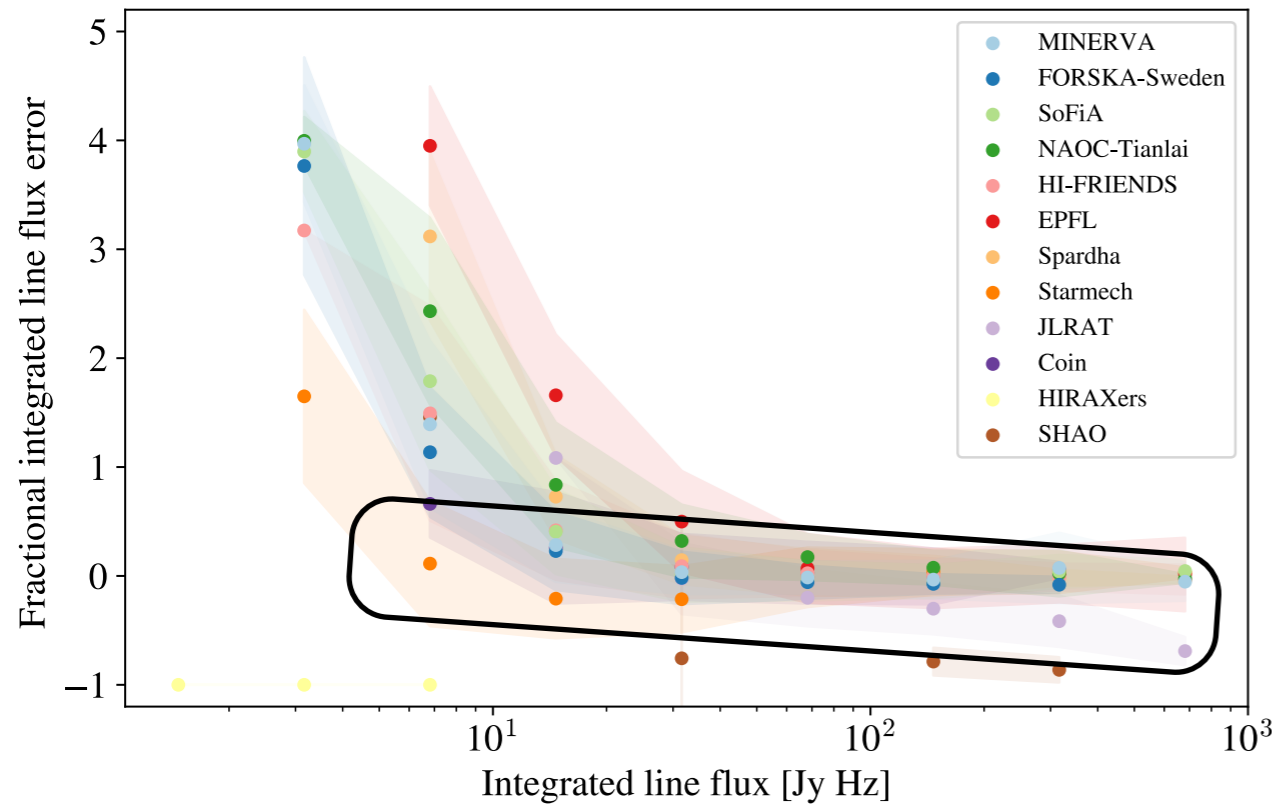
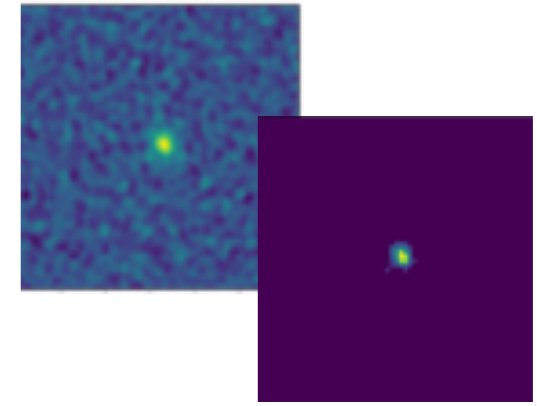


Detection & Inference in 3D: SDC2

Deep learning for source detection and characterisation

3D U-Net

- 3D better than stitching of 2D + 1D
- High-fidelity 3D reconstructions
- **Good prior for characterisation tasks via 3D CNN:**



→ Recovery across wide range in HI flux and size
(also in terms of S/N)
Pushing to low S/N recovery came at a cost (FPs)

Detection & Inference in 3D: SDC2

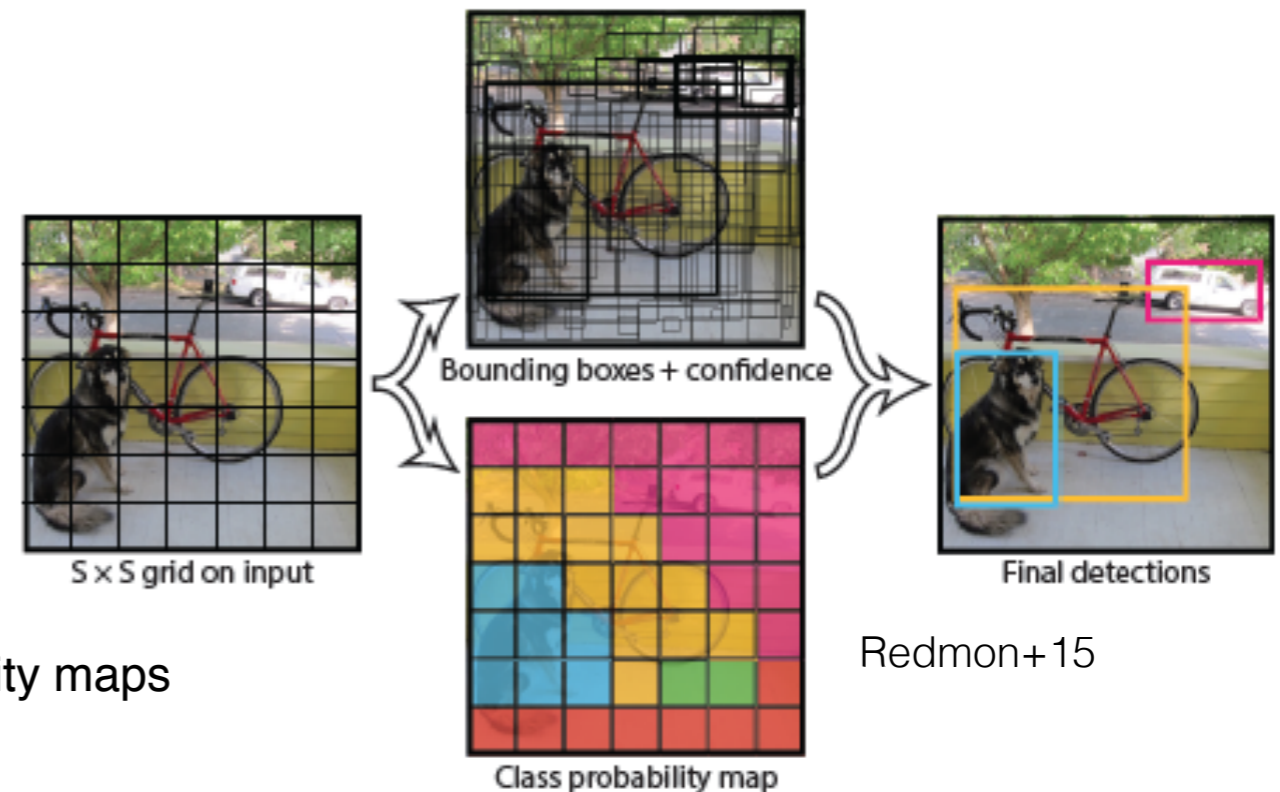
Deep learning for source detection and characterisation

Pitfalls:

- High sparsity
- **Choice of training set**
choose high (enough) S/N sub-sample
- Avoid or mitigate false positives

Top 3 SDC2 models

- *Minerva*: ensemble of
 - 1)YOLO (you-only-look-once), Redmon+15,16
Turning classification into regression with probability maps
 - 2) CHADHOC, 'traditional' detection + CNN(s)
- *FORSKA-Sweden*: U-Net segmentation, Ronneberger+15,
pre-trained + SoFiA
- *Team SoFia*: SoFiA (Source Finding Application, in 3D),
Serra+15, Westmeier+21
Thresholding of peaks and reliability estimate



Take-aways:

- **Choice of training set**
pre-training (see also YOLO-approach)
let the network choose!?
- Multi-step and/or ensemble decision

Ongoing: SDC3 foreground challenge

The complete SDC3a dataset consists of a visibility measurement set (MS) and imaging products derived from it, as well as ancillary data. Teams can decide whether they want to analyse the MS or the imaging products, depending on their pipelines.

Details of the data products are as follows:

General

- Observation track length HA = -2 to +2 hours
- Thermal noise equivalent 1000 [h]
- Field of View: one SKA1-Low pointing at RA, Dec = 0h, -30deg

Measurement sets

- Size 5.4 [TB] (3.3 TB if concatenated)
- Integration time 10 [s]
- Channel width 100 [kHz]
- Frequency coverage 106 - 196 [MHz]

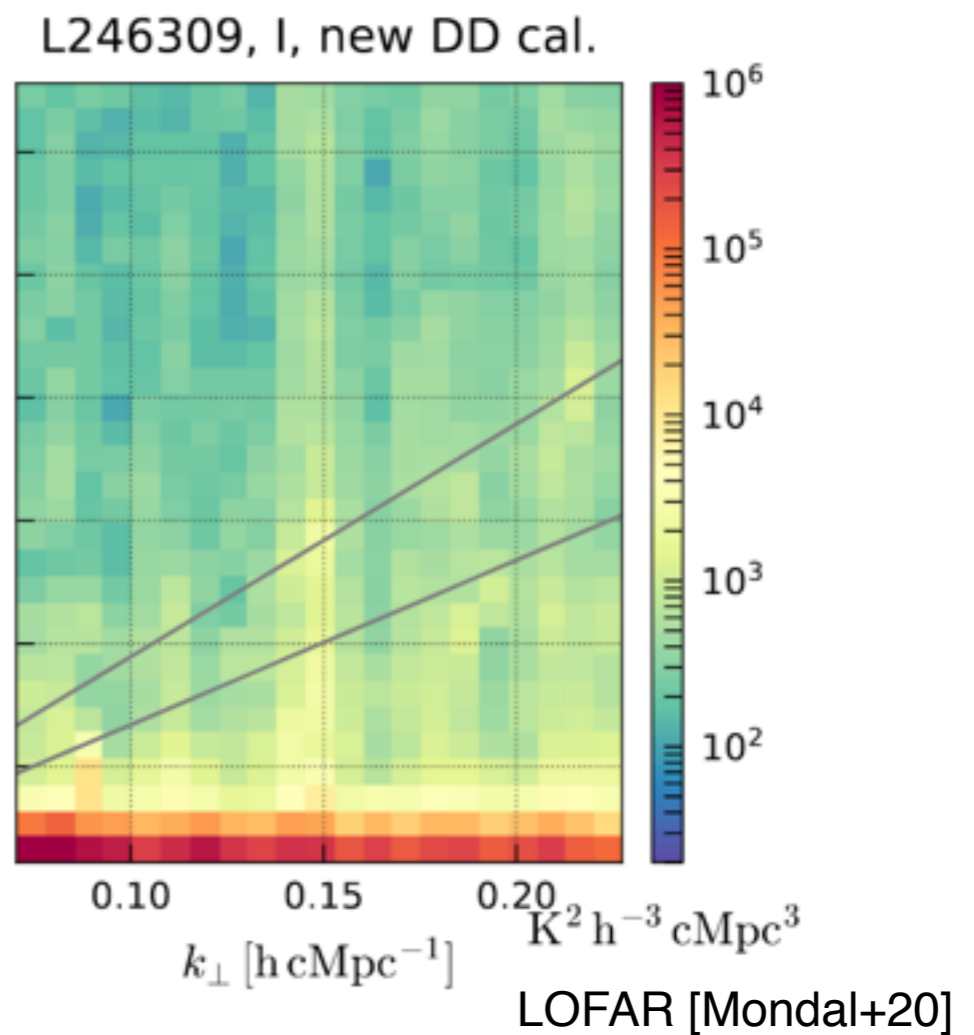
Image cube

- Weighting: Natural
- Pixel size [arcsec]: 16x16 arcsec
- Number of pixels in RA/Dec 2048x2048

Ancillary data

- Synthesised beam and primary beam at each frequency

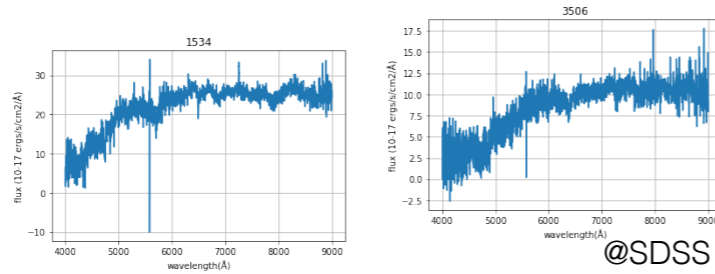
Non-blind validation data



Why ML/DL for astrophysics - Tutorials

+ plenty of inverse problems

$$I^D(x, y) = R \times I(x, y) + n$$



star vs. galaxy

Representation learning

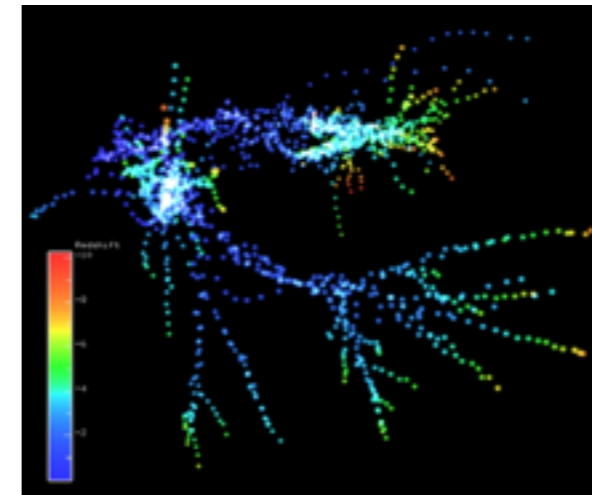
galaxy



@Hubble, NASA



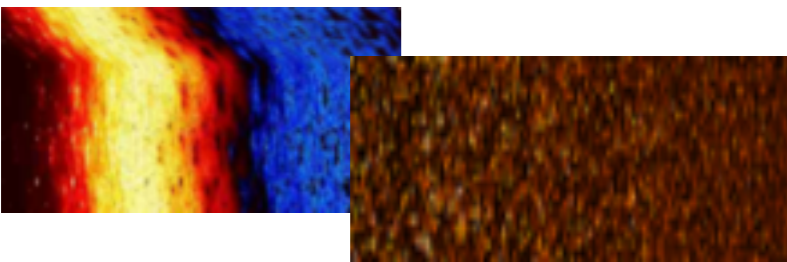
@Hubble, NASA



@Chris Fluke, Swinburne University of Technology

Hierarchical learning

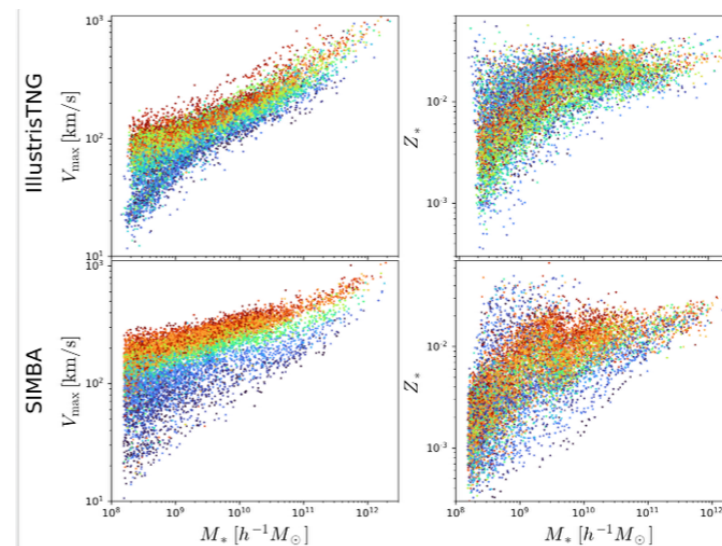
Non-linear, non-Gaussian



fluctuation fields

@SKAO

High-dim. correlations



arXiv:2201.02202

Example: Discovery

Example clustering: Open Cluster identification

Open Clusters (OCs) as tracers of the Galactic disk

Astrometry:
Gaia DR2

k-d tree
(spatial,
density-aware)

2048
tiles

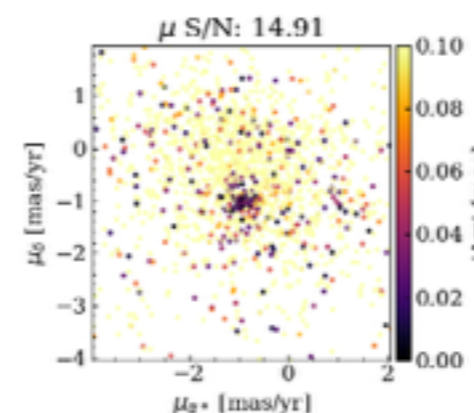
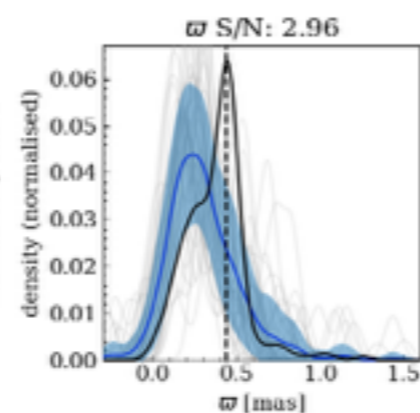
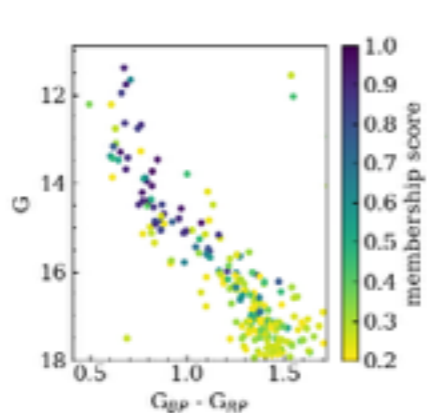
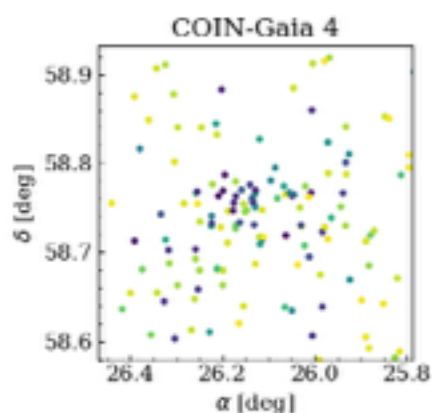
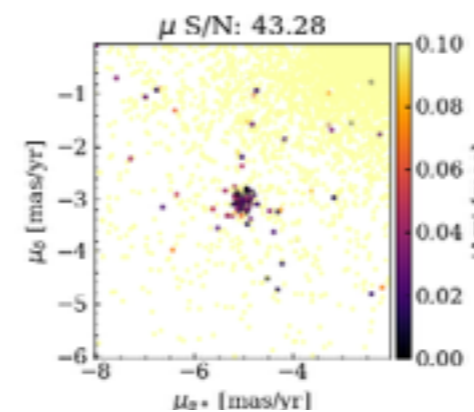
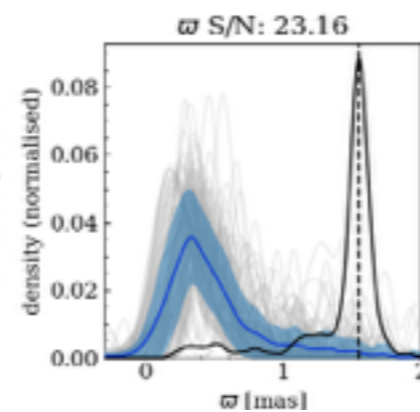
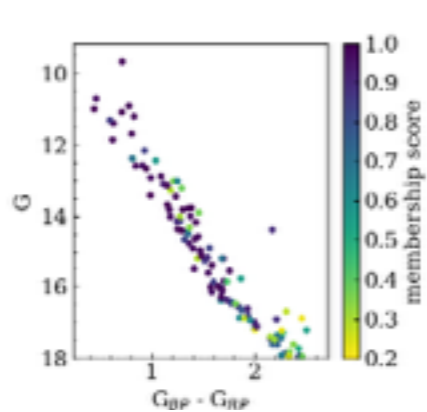
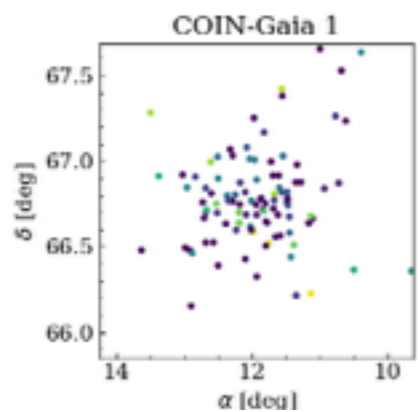
Gaussian mixture model
(proper motion)

candidate region
> 10 members

unsupervised
membership
assignment

mean: bulk motion OC
variance < field

create groups:
k-means clustering ($\mu_{\alpha,\delta}, \bar{\omega}$)
compare to uniform:
minimum spanning tree



+ Validation:
Colour-magnitude
diagrams



41 new OCs
33 within 2kpc

Cantat-Gaudin et al.
A&A, 624 (2019)