

The background of the slide is a wide-angle photograph of the night sky, centered on the Milky Way galaxy. The central band of stars is bright and white, fading into darker blues and purples at the edges. The surrounding space is a deep black.

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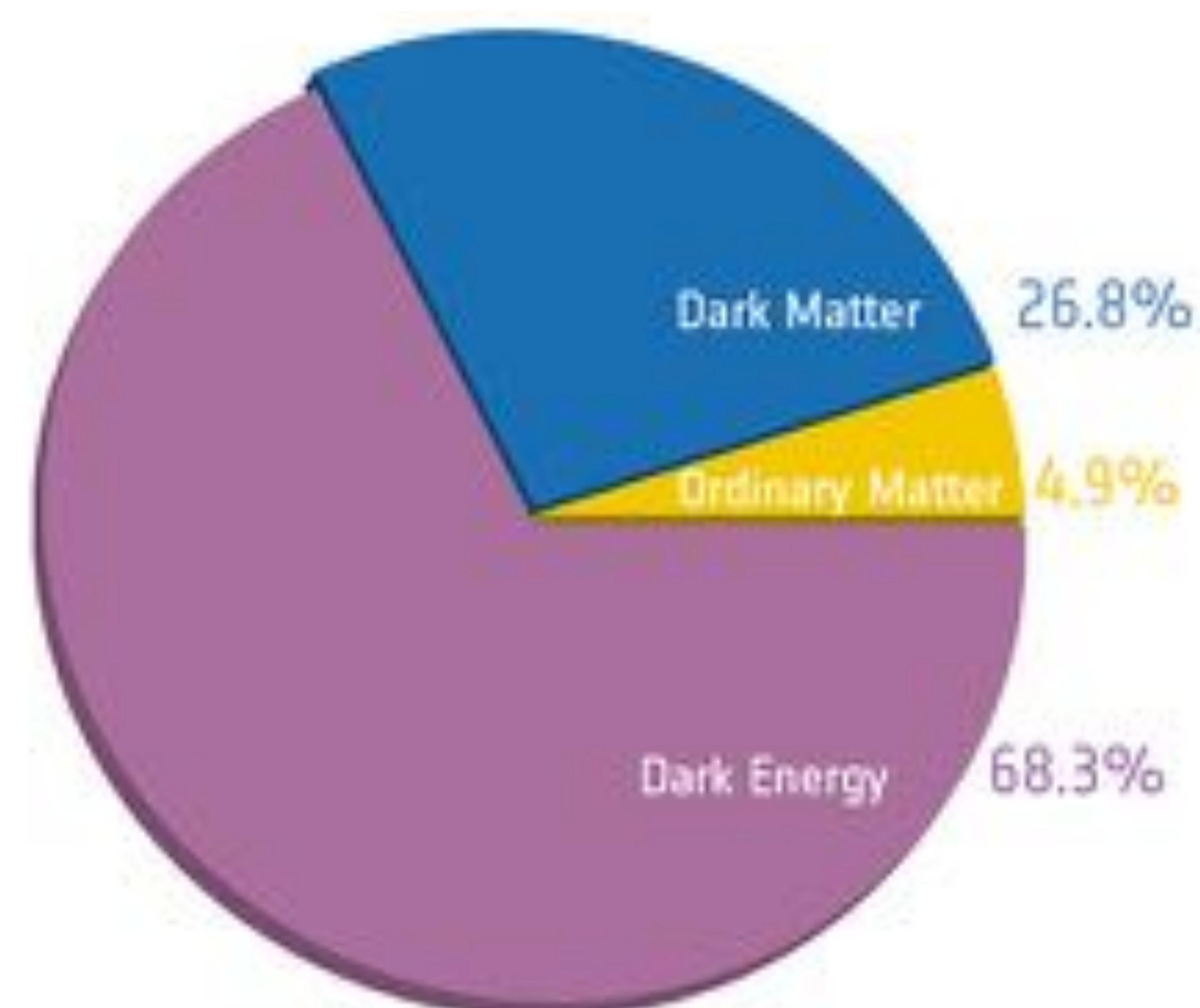
EXPLORING CAUSAL GENERATIVE MODELS FOR USAGE IN ASTRONOMICAL MODELING

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEXT ~30 MINUTES:

- ▶ A brief history of the Universe: the cosmological standard model
- ▶ Galaxy formation simulations: time evolving models of galaxies
- ▶ Observations: the era of large galaxy surveys

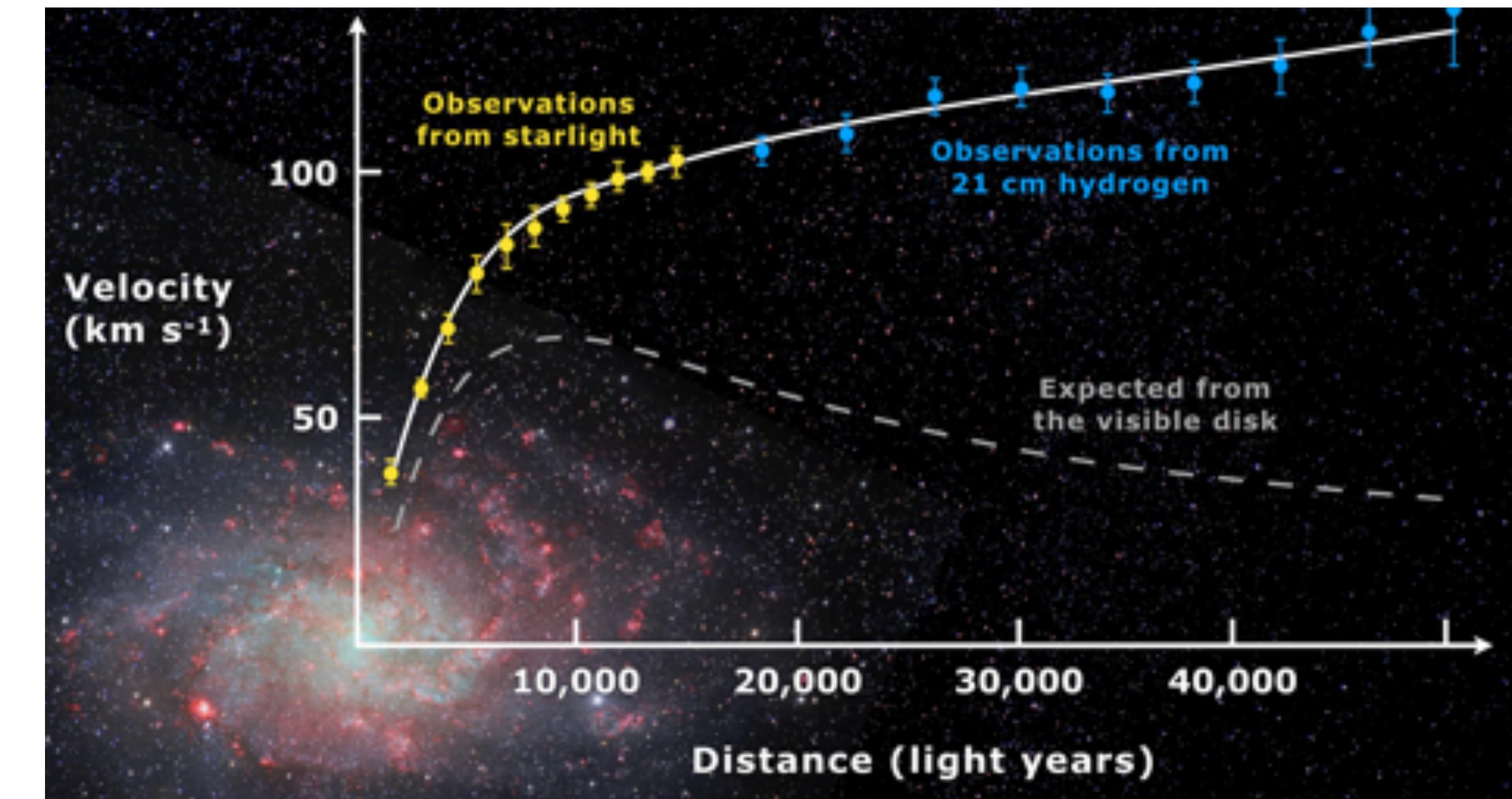
THE ENERGY CONTENT OF THE UNIVERSE

- ▶ Which Cosmology does describe the Universe?
- ▶ What is Dark Matter?
- ▶ What is Dark Energy?



THE PROBLEM: NEITHER DARK MATTER NOR DARK ENERGY OBSERVABLE

- ▶ Most stringent evidence for DM from galaxy dynamics and structure formation (e.g. Zwicky 1933)



- ▶ Evidence for Dark Energy from accelerated expansion of the Universe (Nobelprize 2011, Perlmutter,Schmidt,Riess)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE

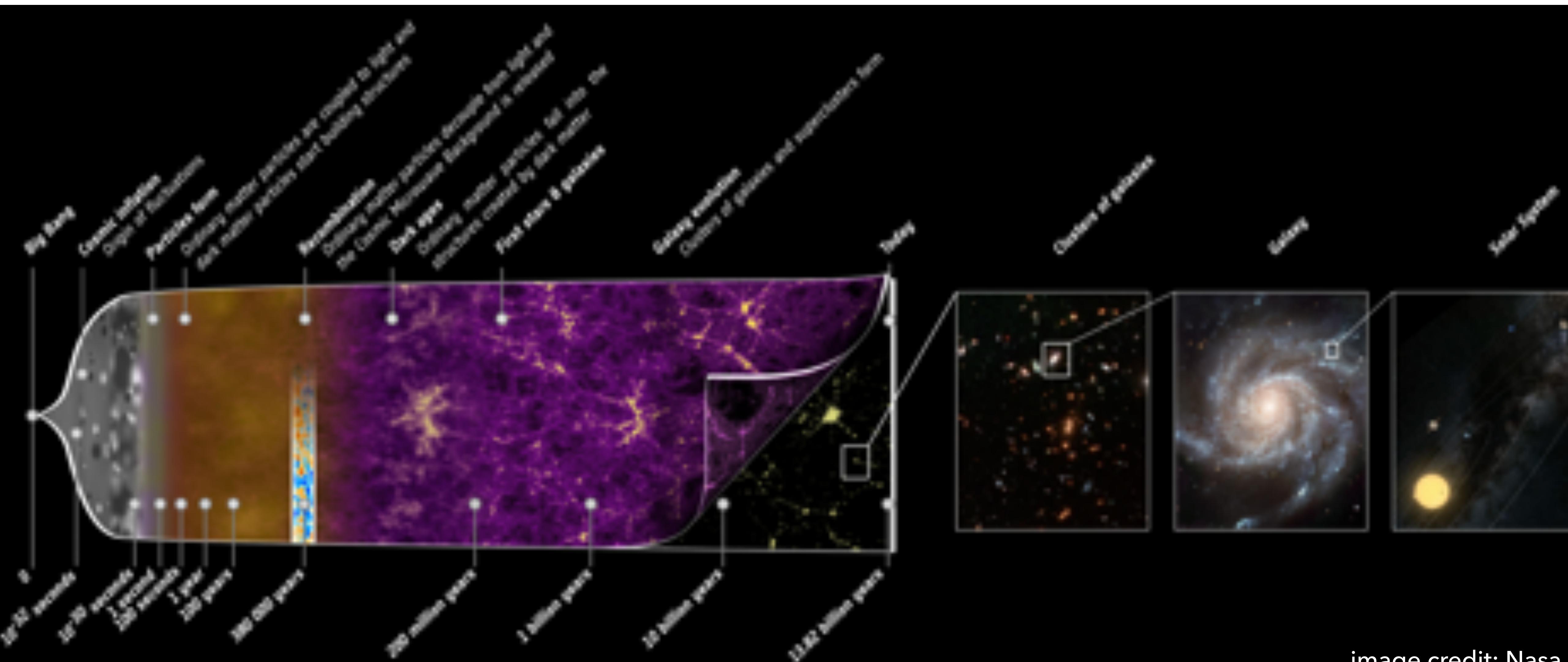
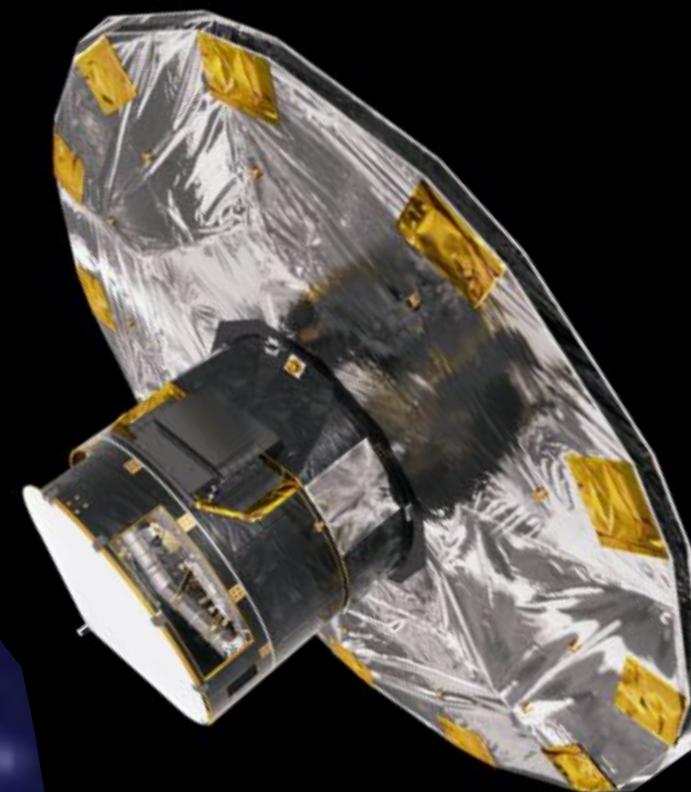
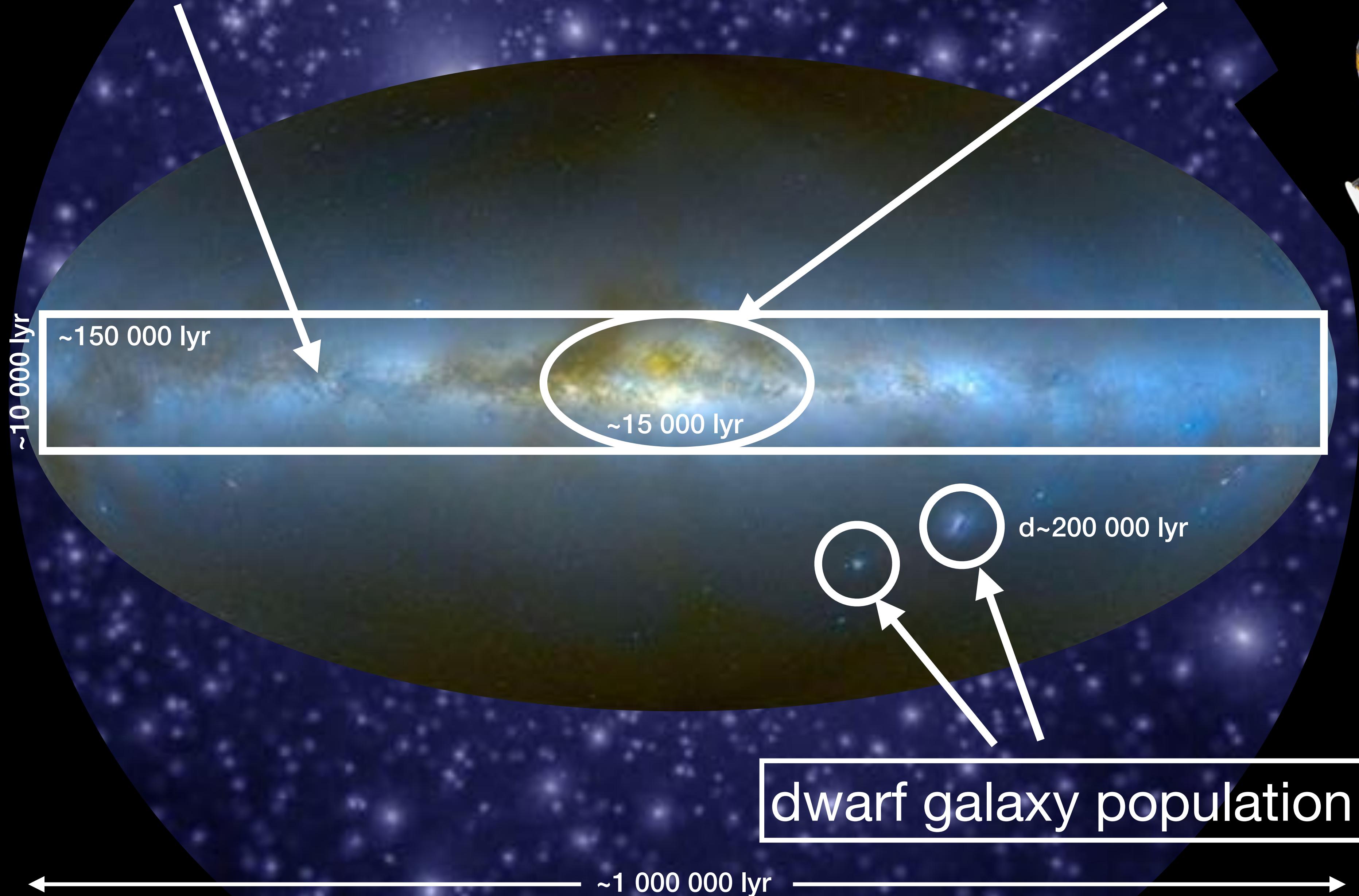


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WHAT IS A GALAXY?

the stellar disc

the bulge

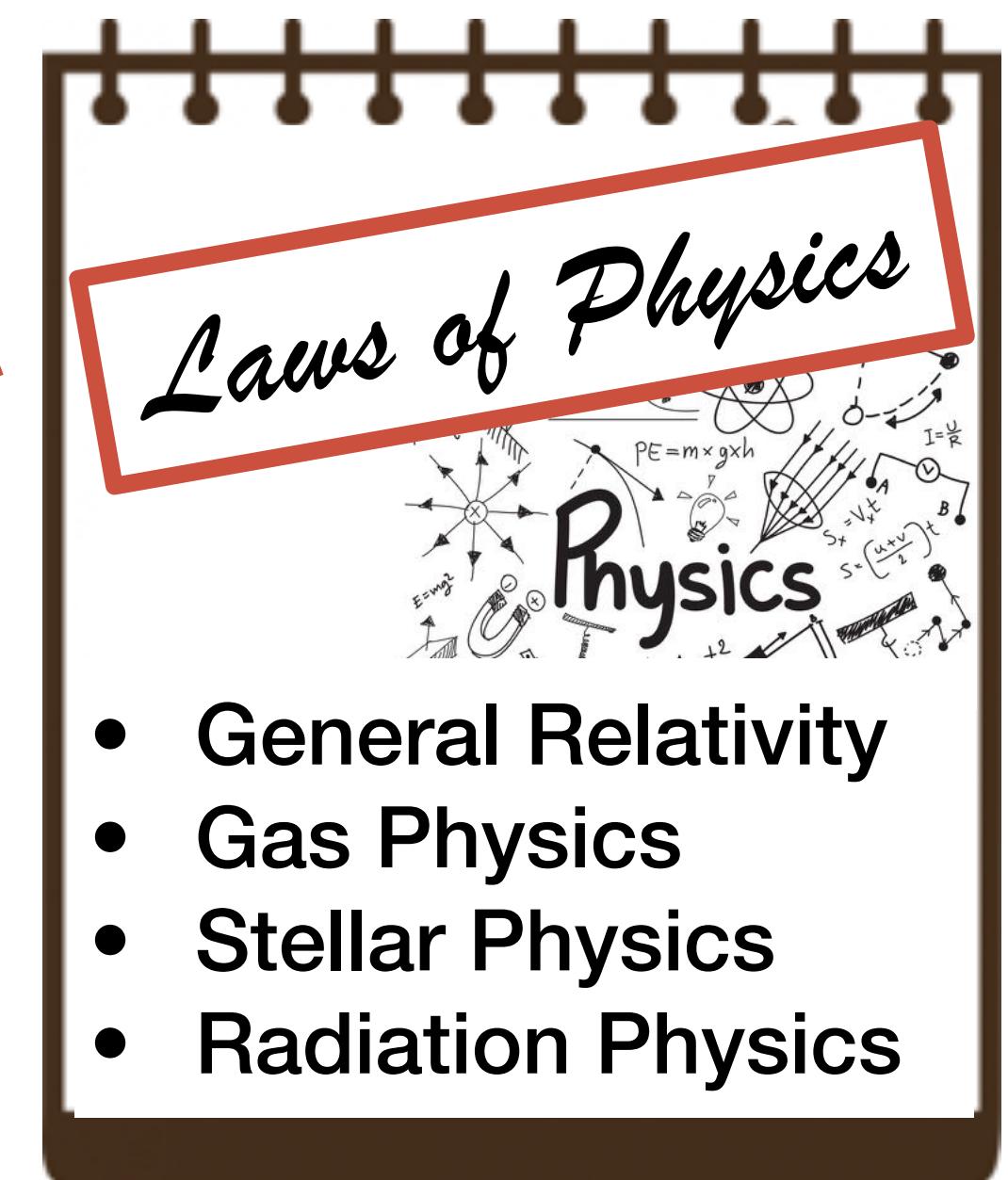
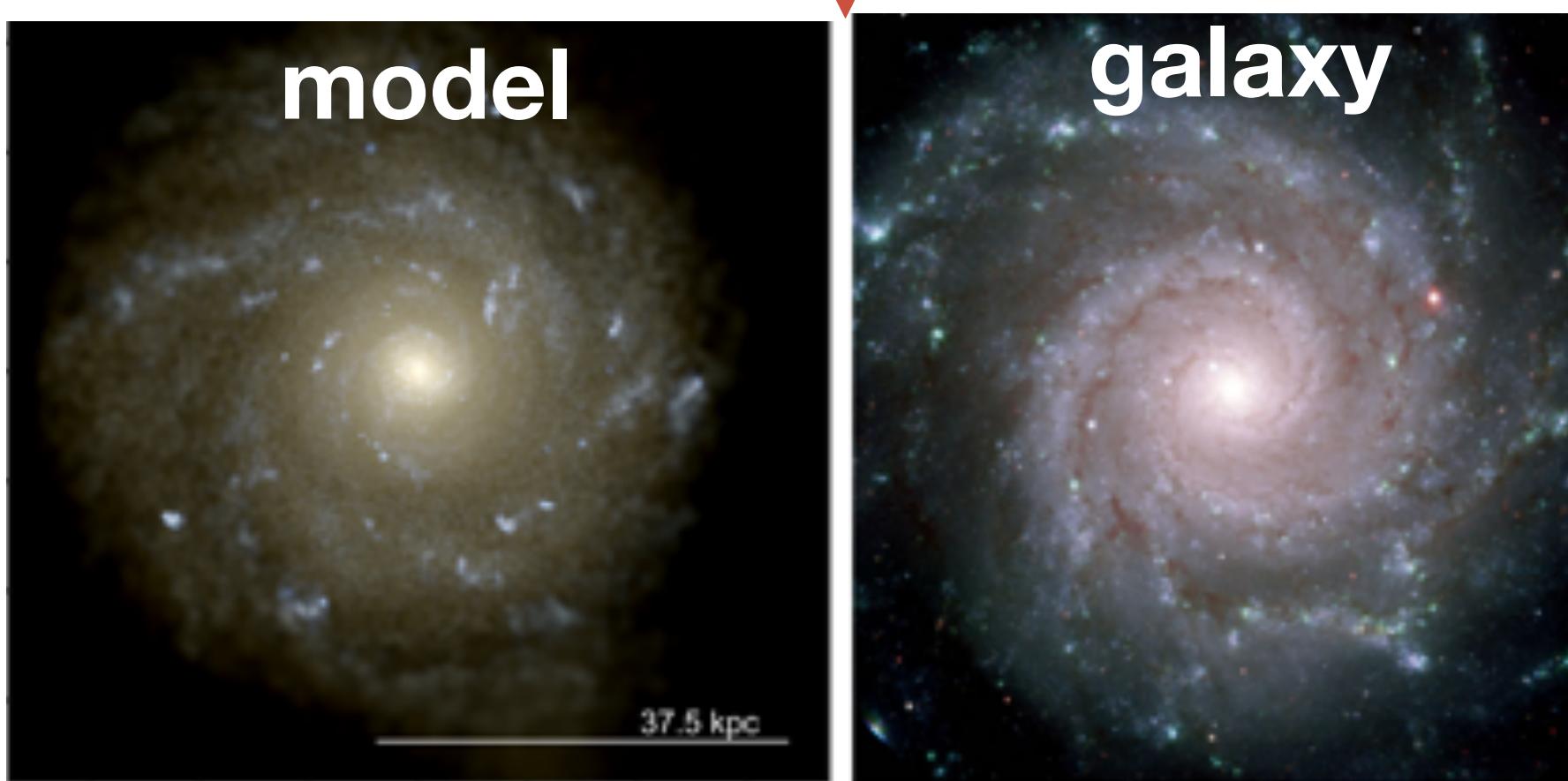
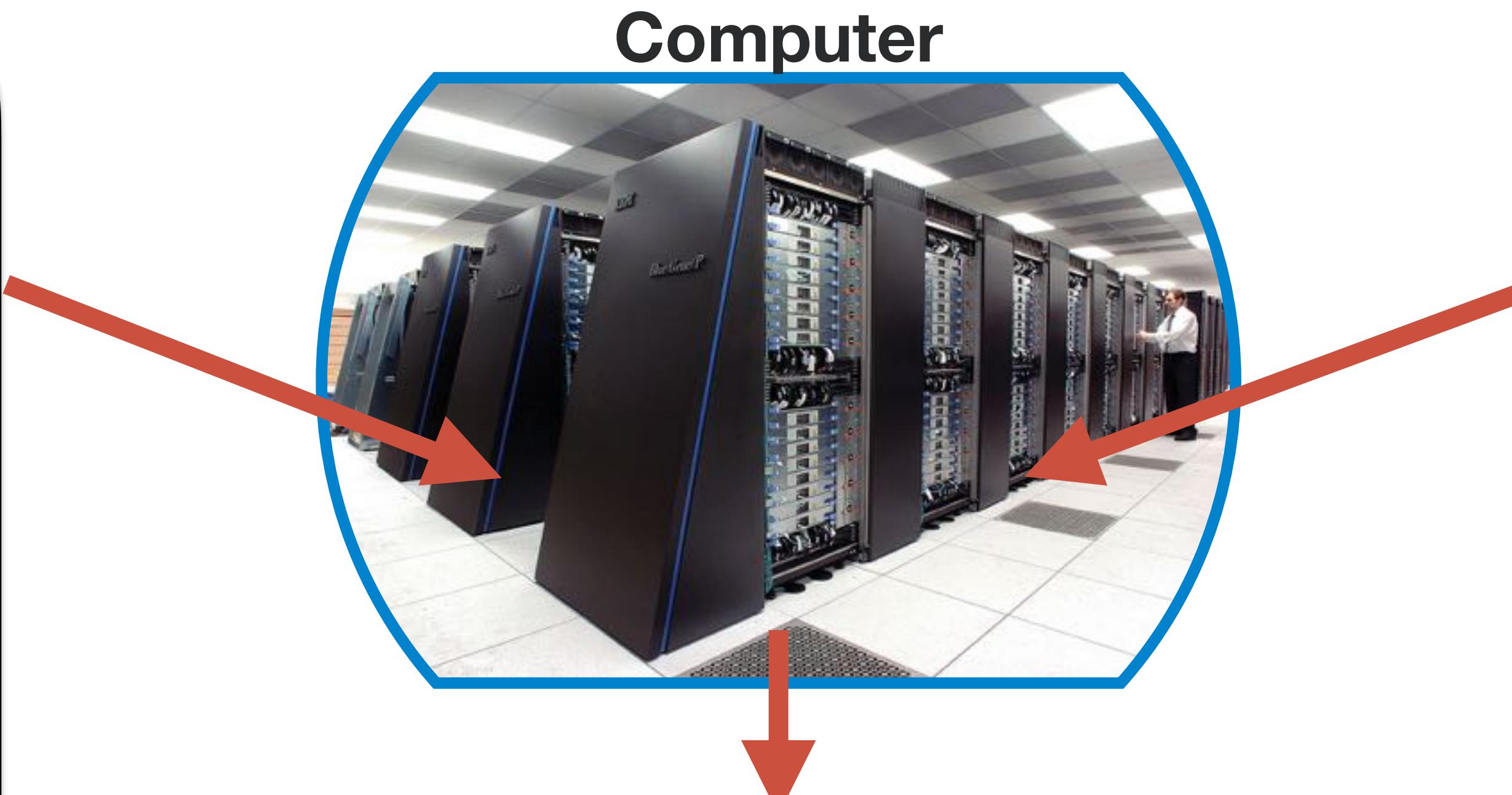
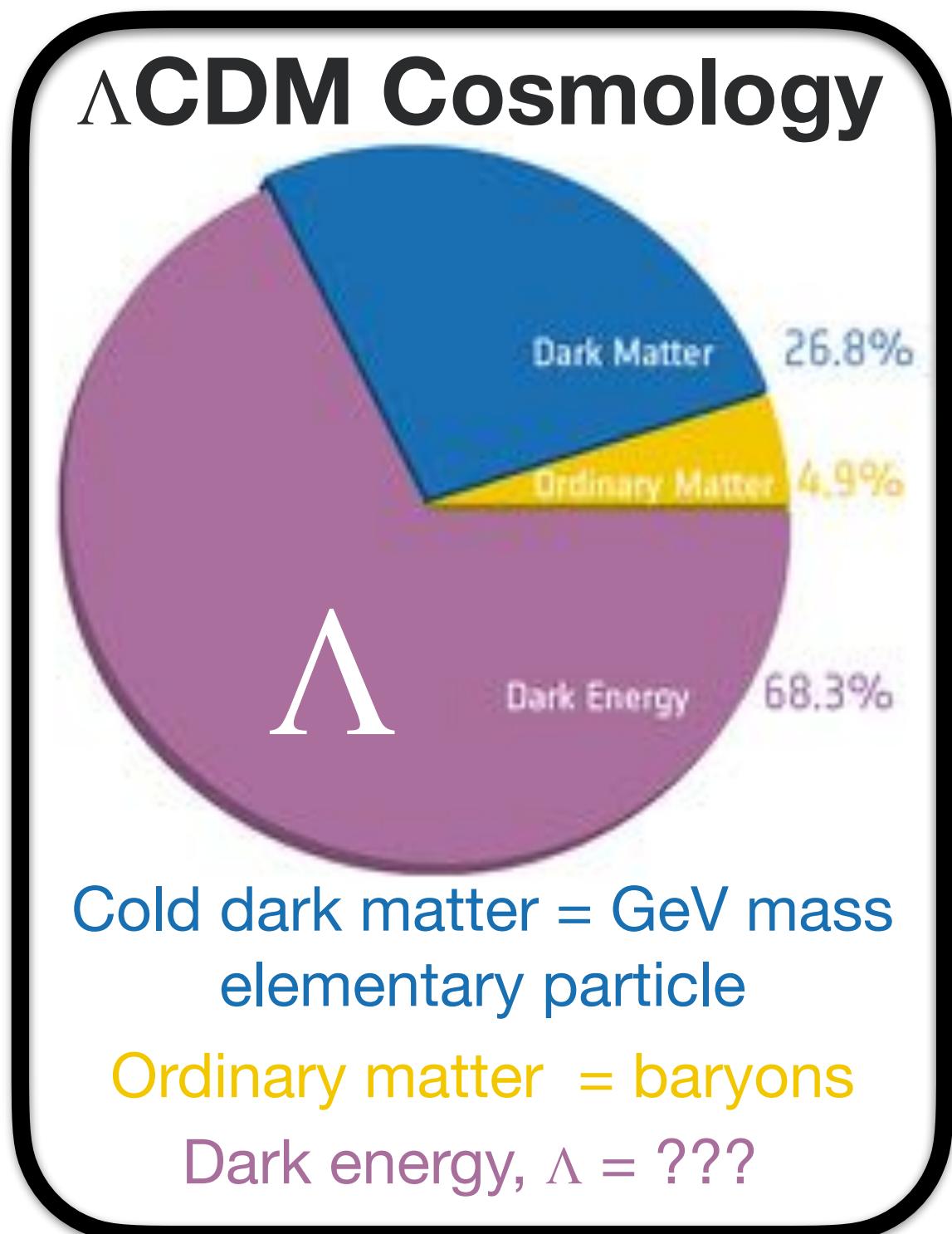


Gaia

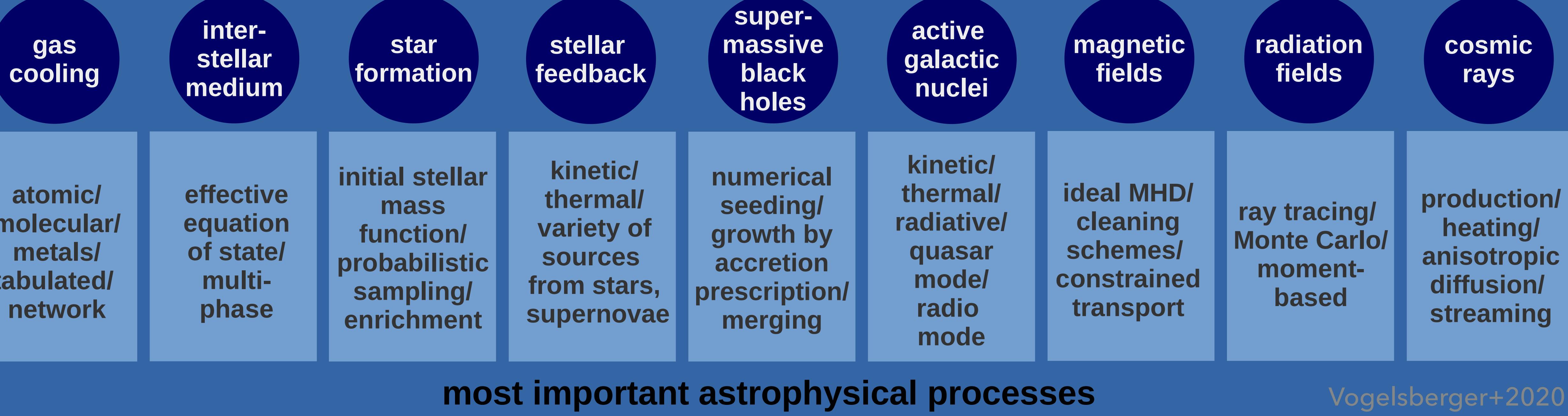
BUILD A MODEL, DO EXPERIMENTS AND PERFORM THE MEASUREMENTS

SIMULATIONS

A GALAXY FORMATION MODEL IN A NUTSHELL



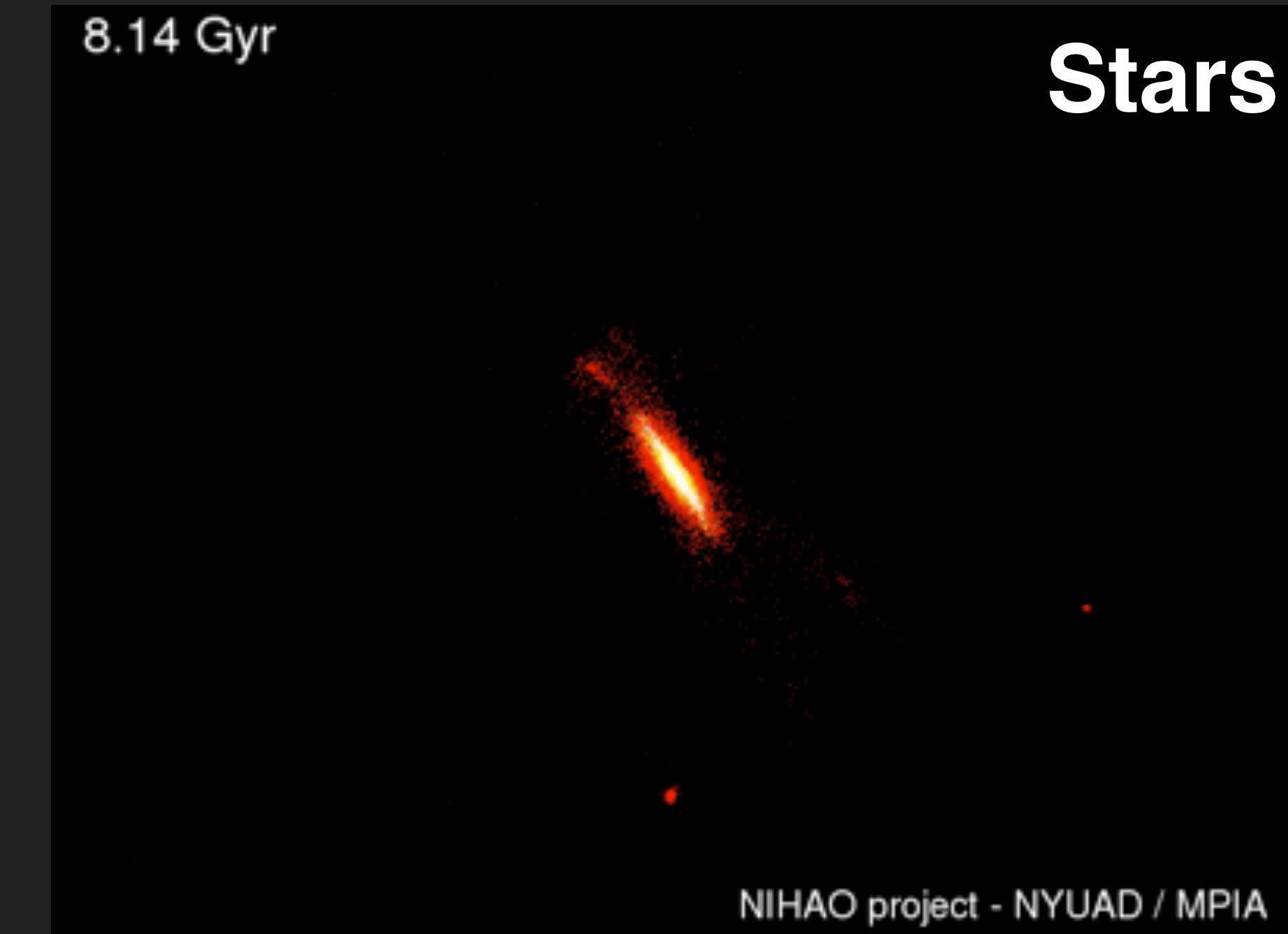
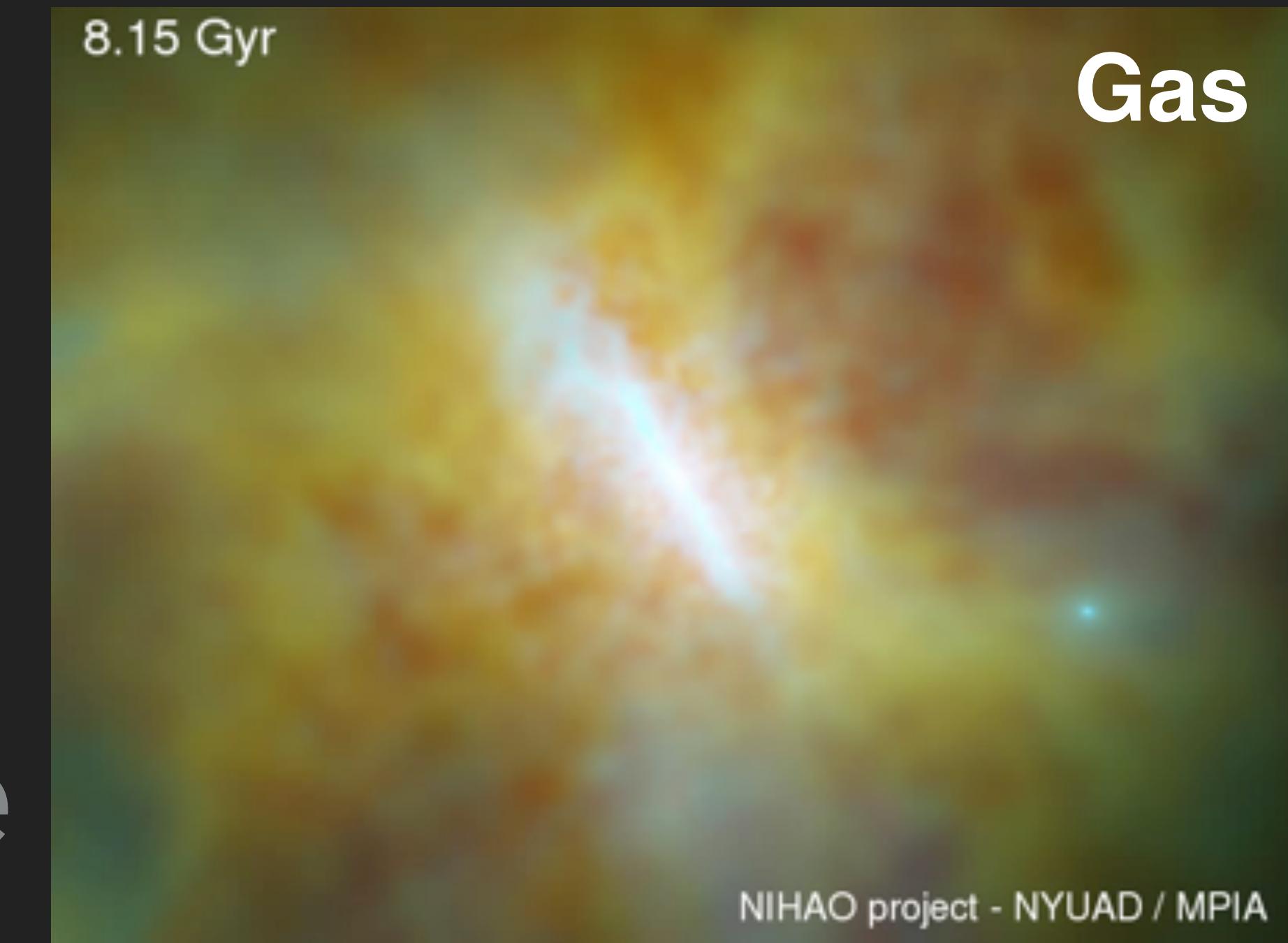
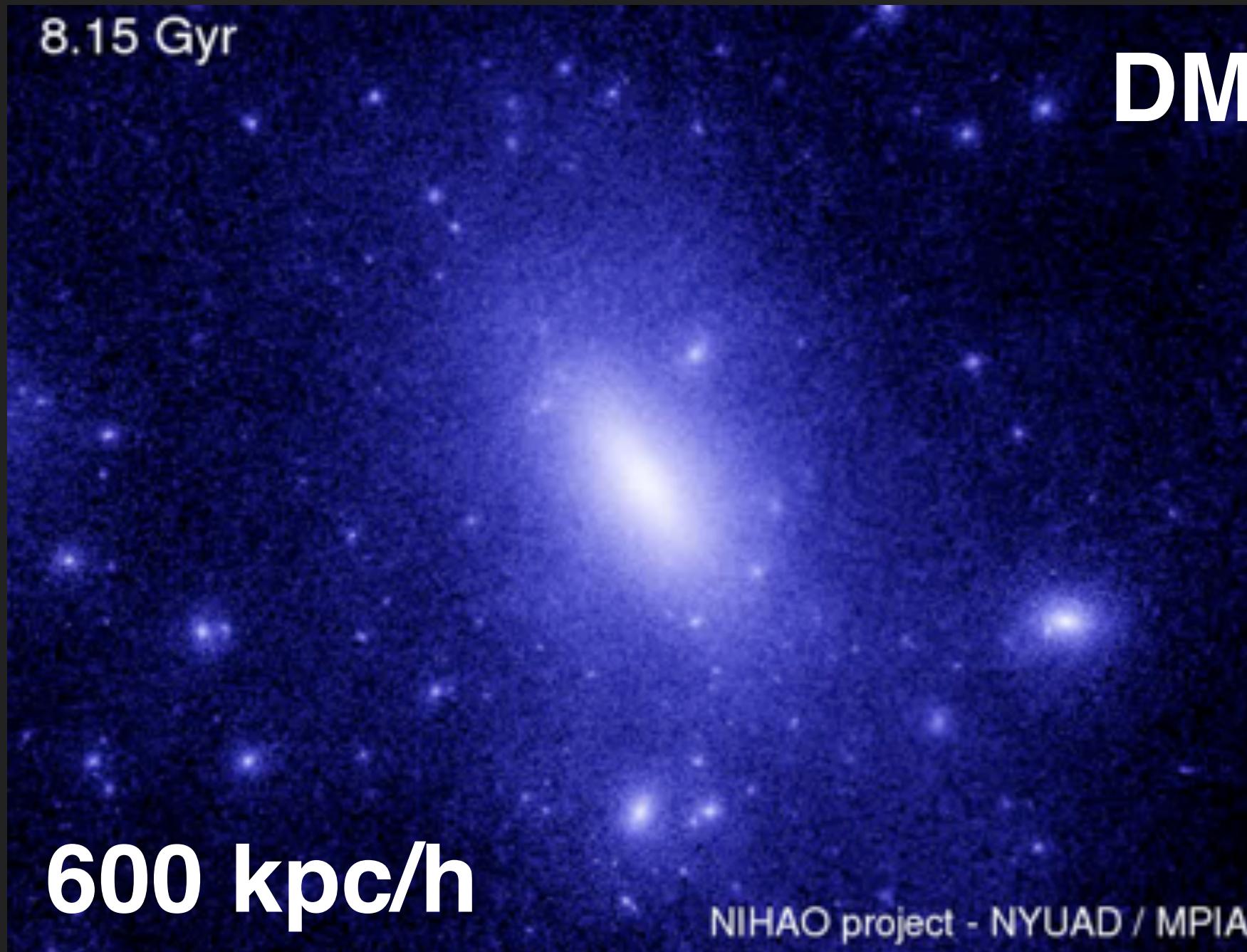
SIMULATIONS: THE INPUT PHYSICS

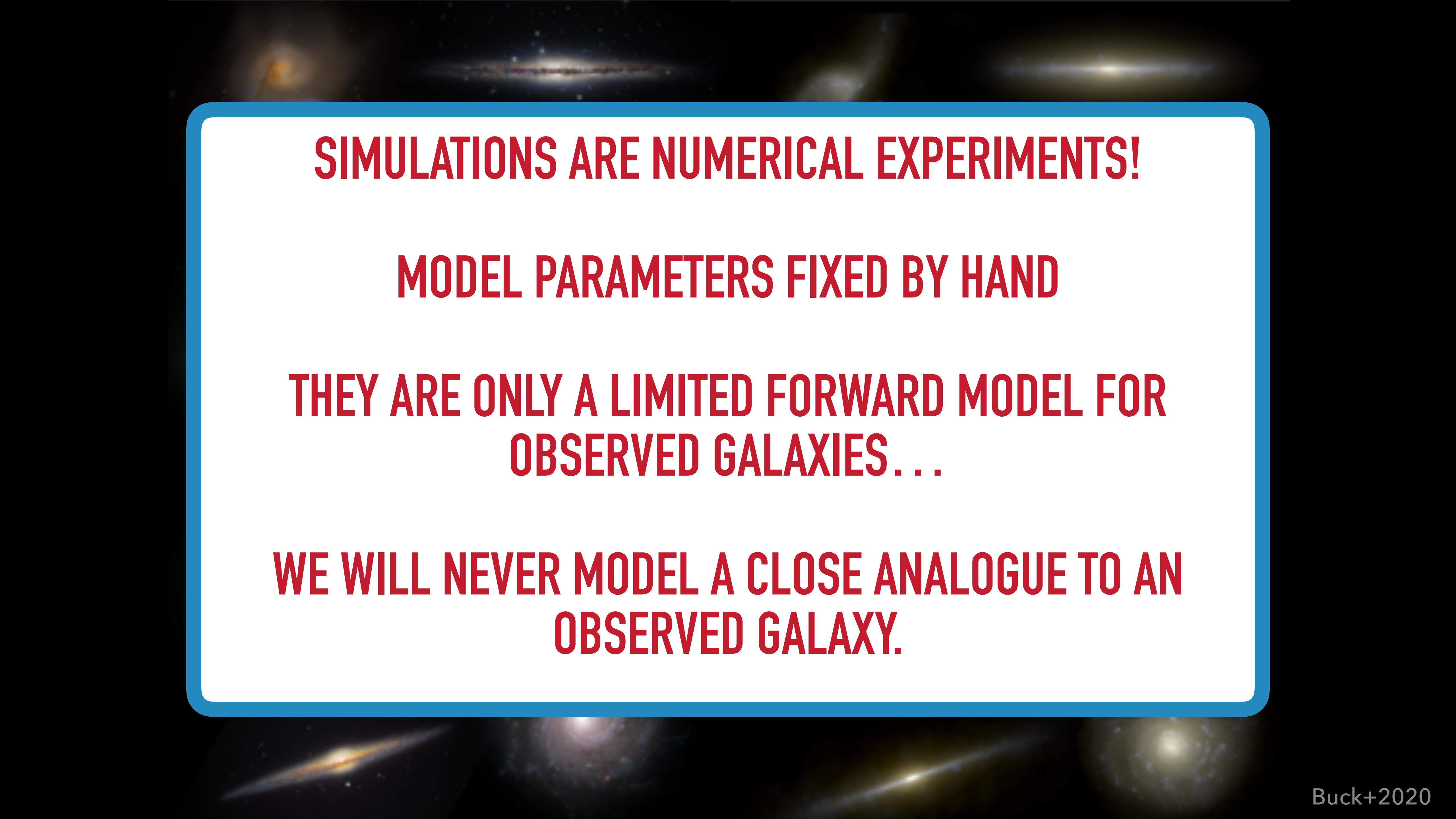


- ▶ At the same time: bridging 10^6 orders of magnitude in spatial scale from sizes of stars to entire galaxies and beyond

MOST MECHANISM PUT IN BY
HAND IN A PARAMETRISED WAY.

cosmological zoom-in hydro simulations of a Milky Way analogue





SIMULATIONS ARE NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS!

MODEL PARAMETERS FIXED BY HAND

**THEY ARE ONLY A LIMITED FORWARD MODEL FOR
OBSERVED GALAXIES...**

**WE WILL NEVER MODEL A CLOSE ANALOGUE TO AN
OBSERVED GALAXY.**

OBSERVATIONS

THE ERA OF LARGE GALAXY SURVEYS

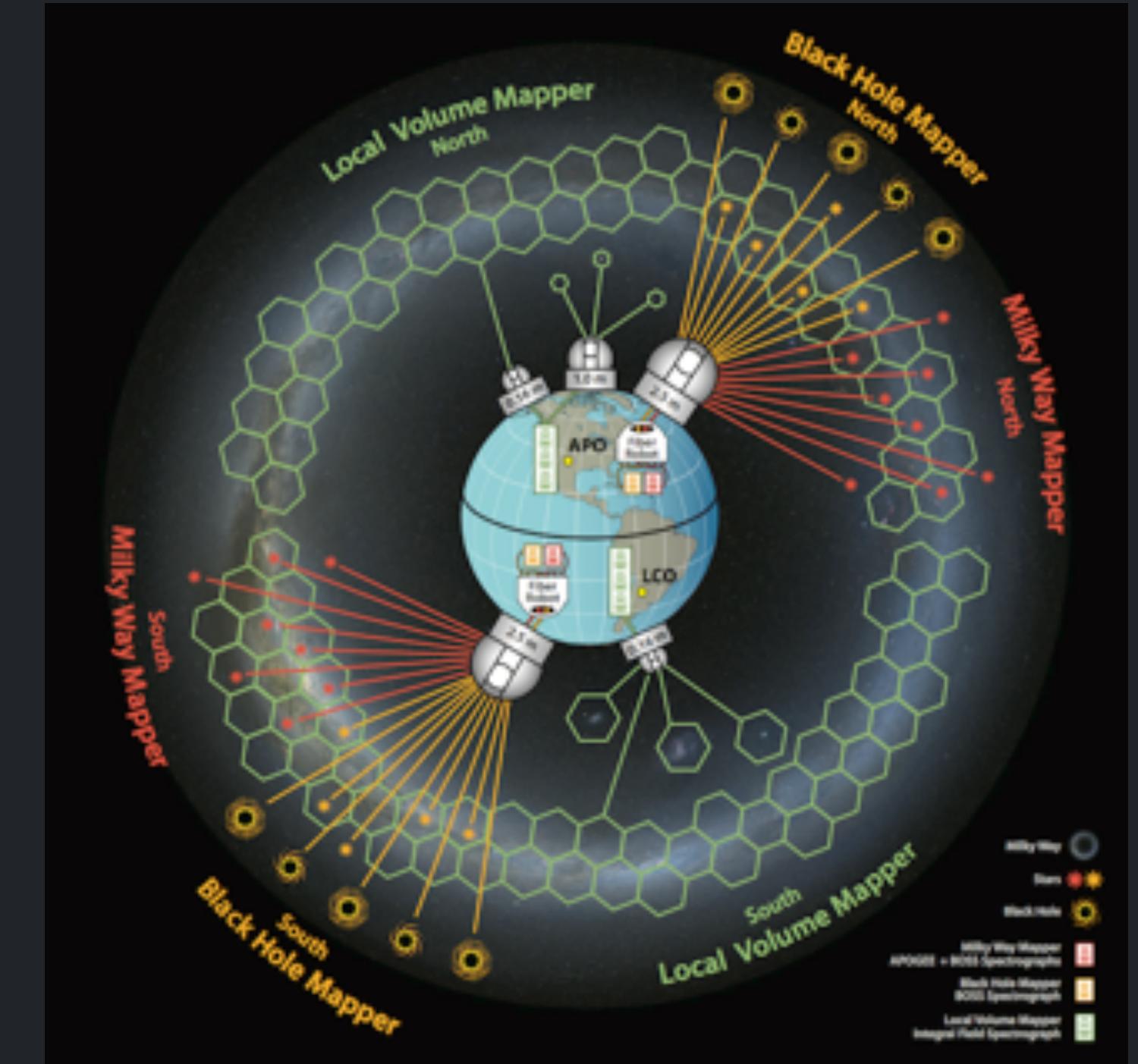
MILKY WAY SURVEYS



Gaia



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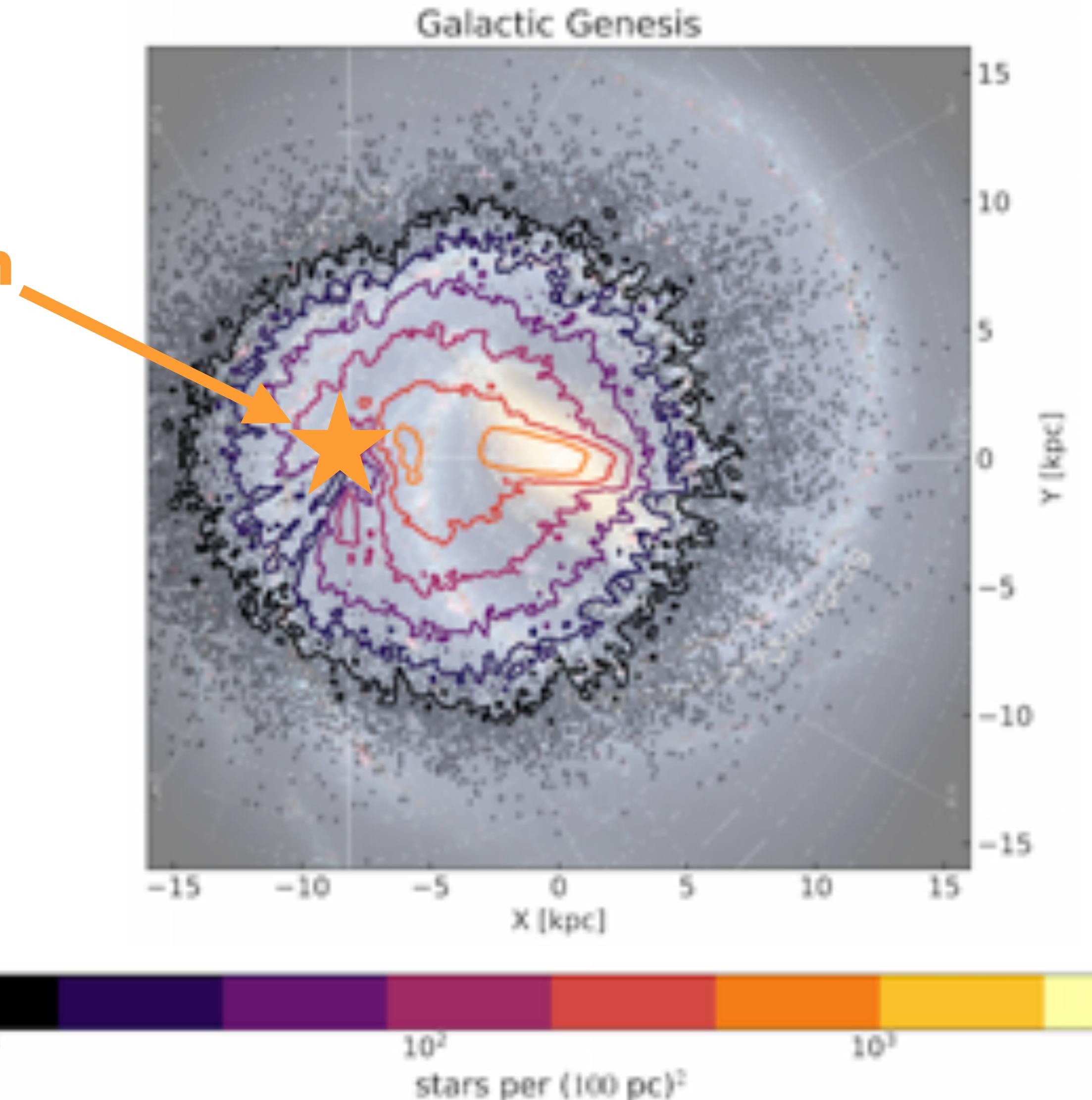


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MAIN DATA PRODUCT: $\sim 10^7$ STELLAR SPECTRA

MILKY WAY AS A RESOLVED MODEL GALAXY:

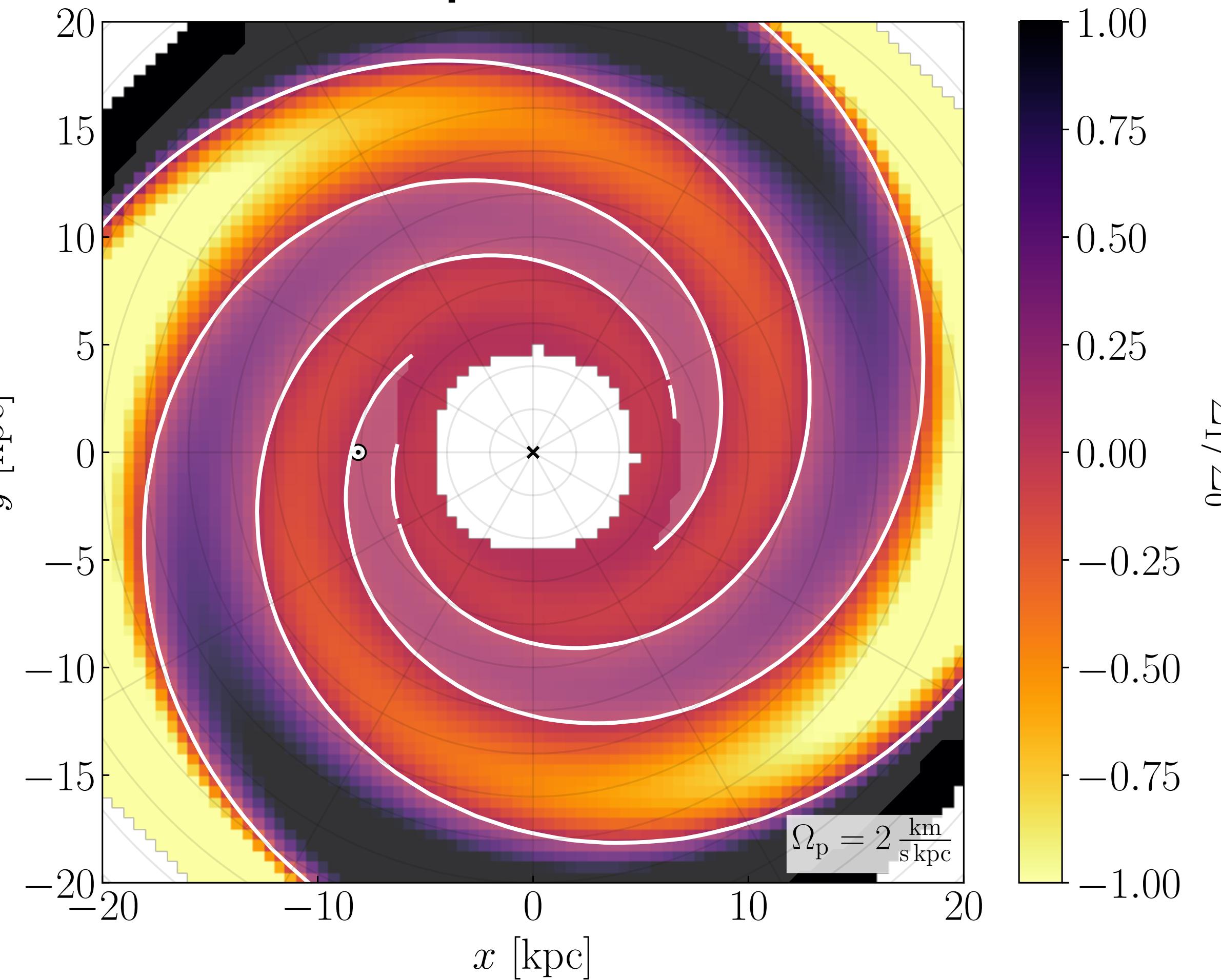
Sun



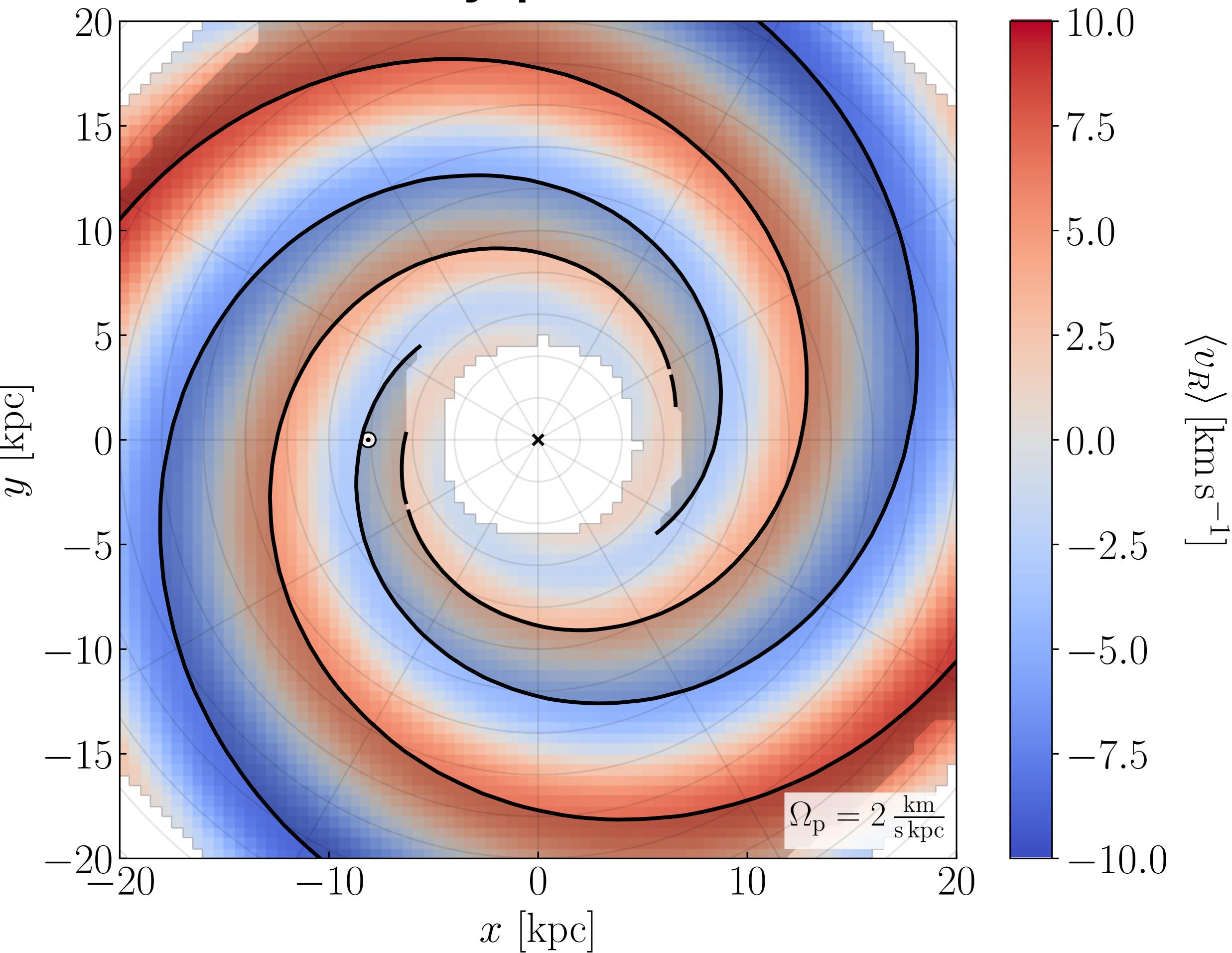
- ▶ Milky Way's formation history is encoded in its structure
- ▶ Stellar properties like age and chemical composition correlate with stellar orbits
- ▶ Stellar orbits in turn are set by global properties like gravitational potential (dark matter, gas and stars), size and shape
- ▶ → Need to understand Milky Way in context

QUANTIFYING MILKY WAY'S SPIRAL STRUCTURE FROM STELLAR SPECTRA

Mass perturbation

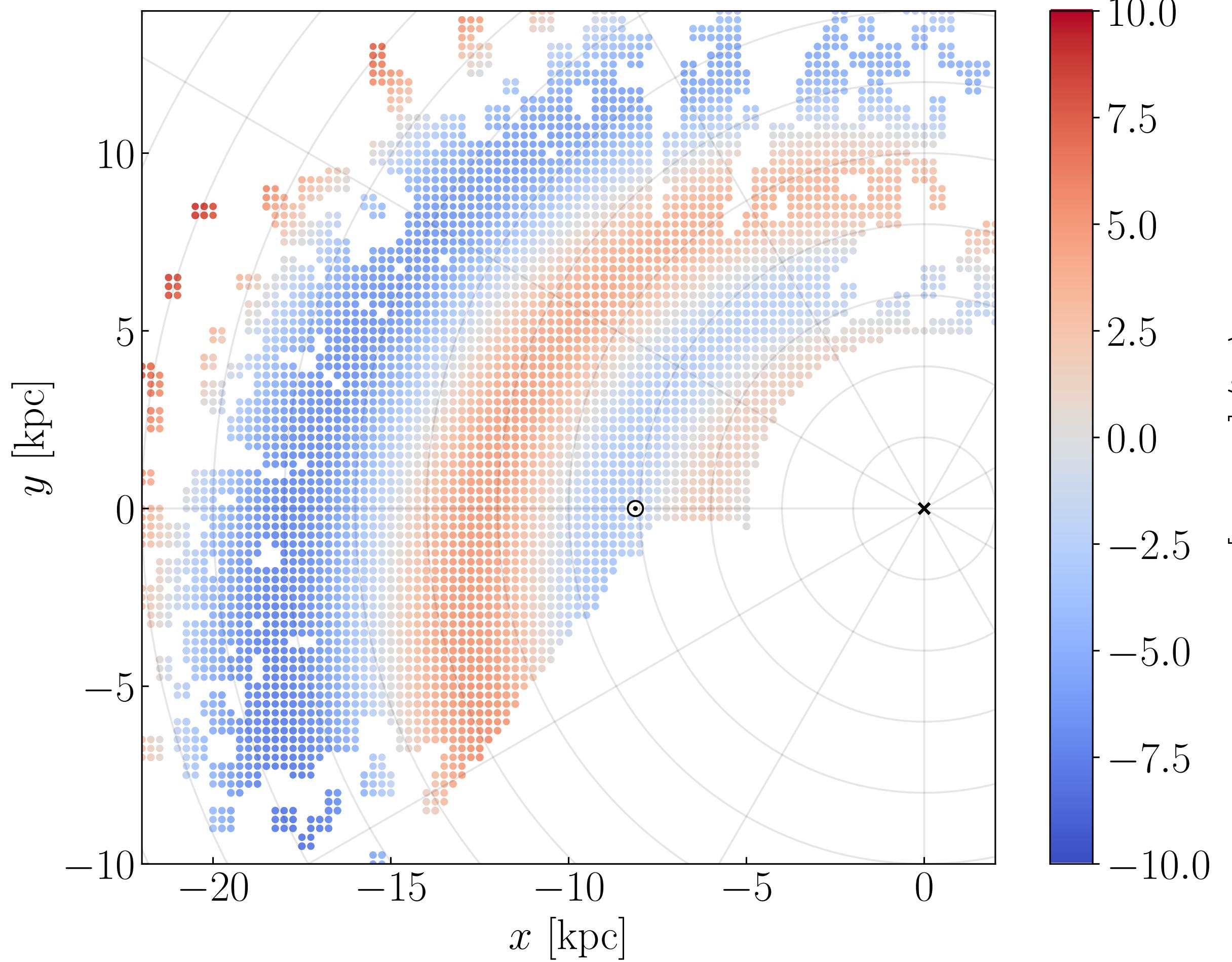


Velocity perturbation

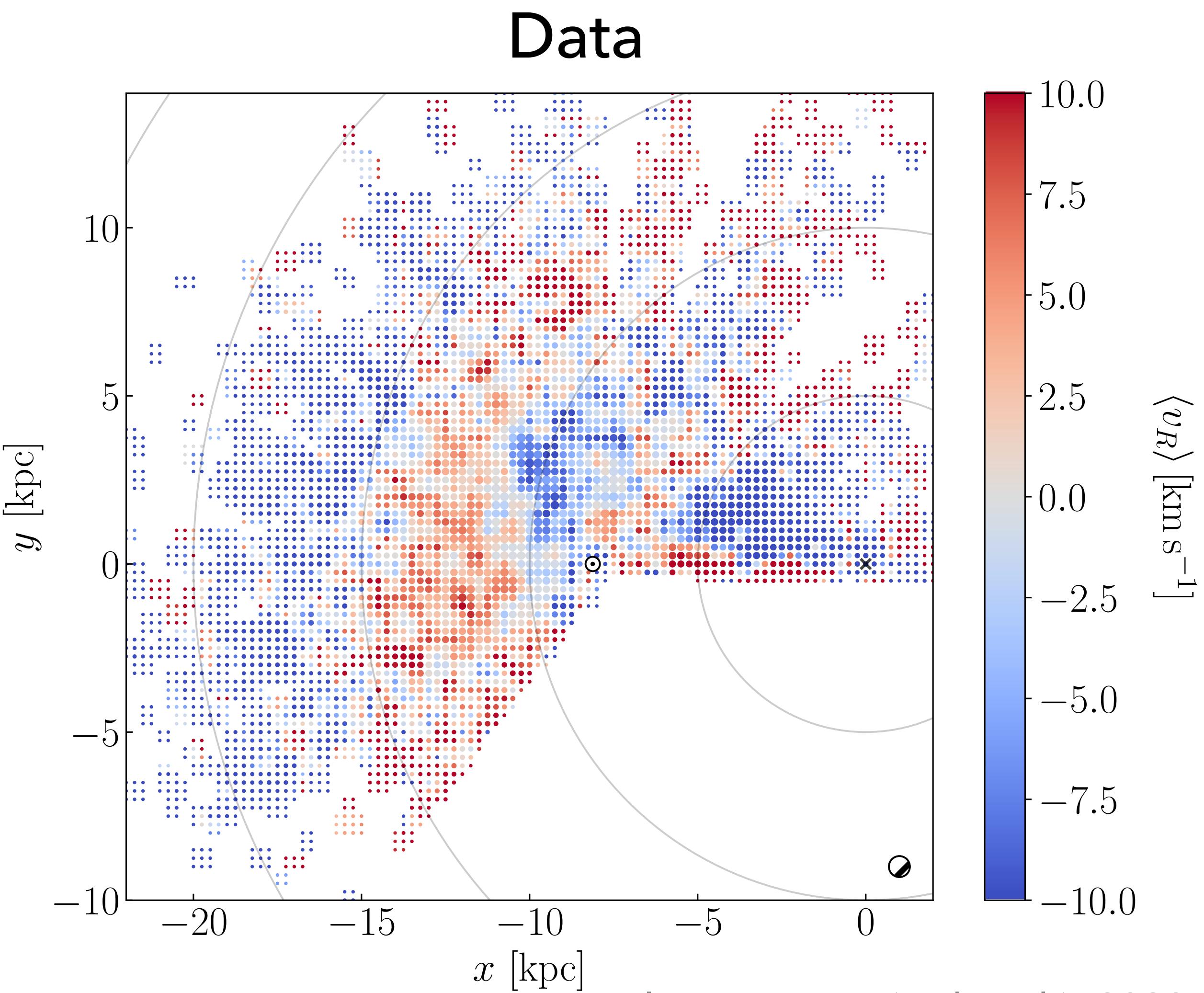


QUANTIFYING MILKY WAY'S SPIRAL STRUCTURE FROM STELLAR SPECTRA

Model



Data



EXTRAGALACTIC SURVEYS



European Extremely
Large Telescope



Nancy Roman
Space Telescope



Vera Rubin
Observatory



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Euclid

MAIN DATA PRODUCT: $\sim 10^6$ GALAXY IMAGES

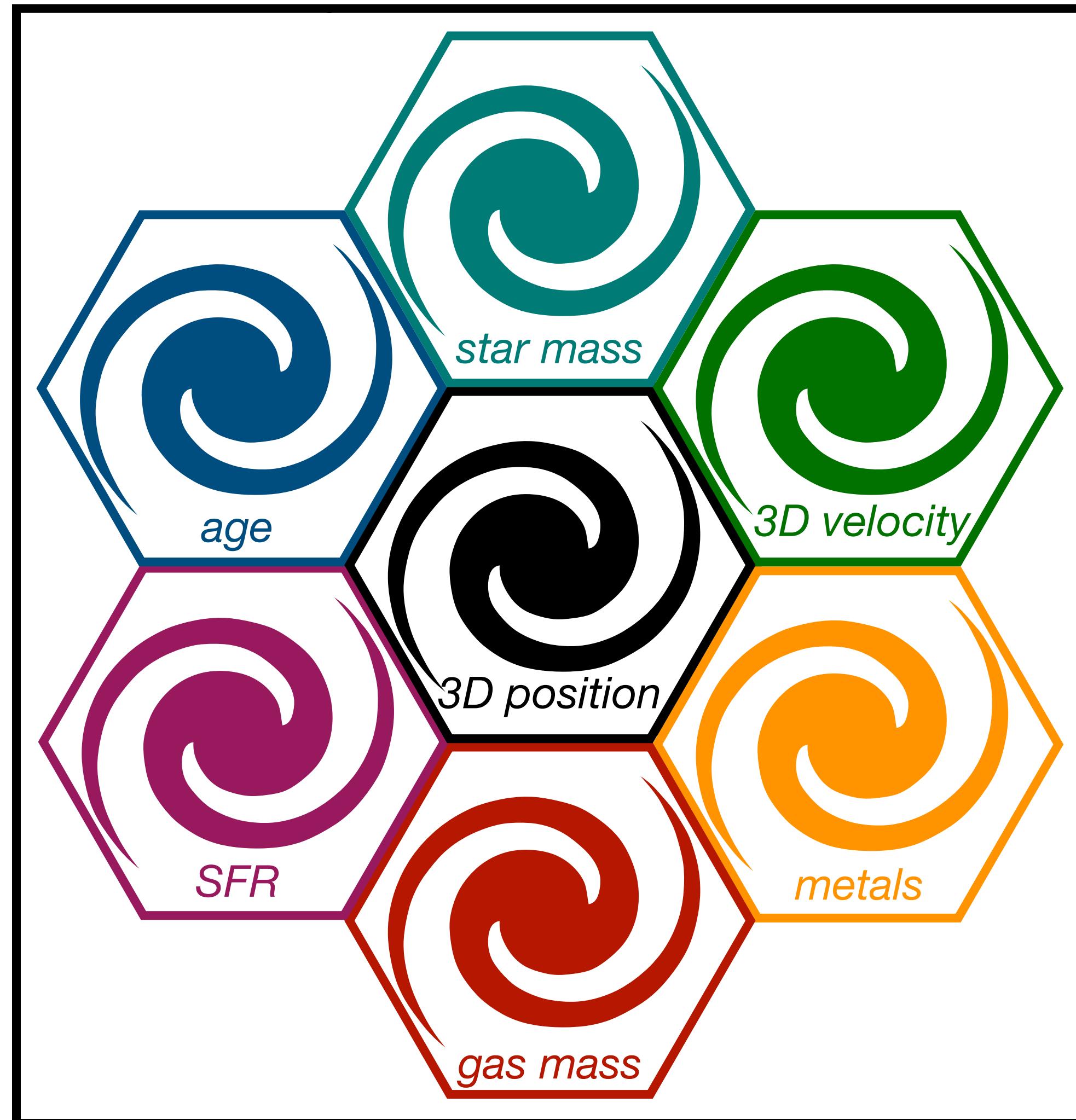
~ 30 TERABYTES PER NIGHT

EXTRACTING GALAXY PROPERTIES FROM THOSE IMAGES?

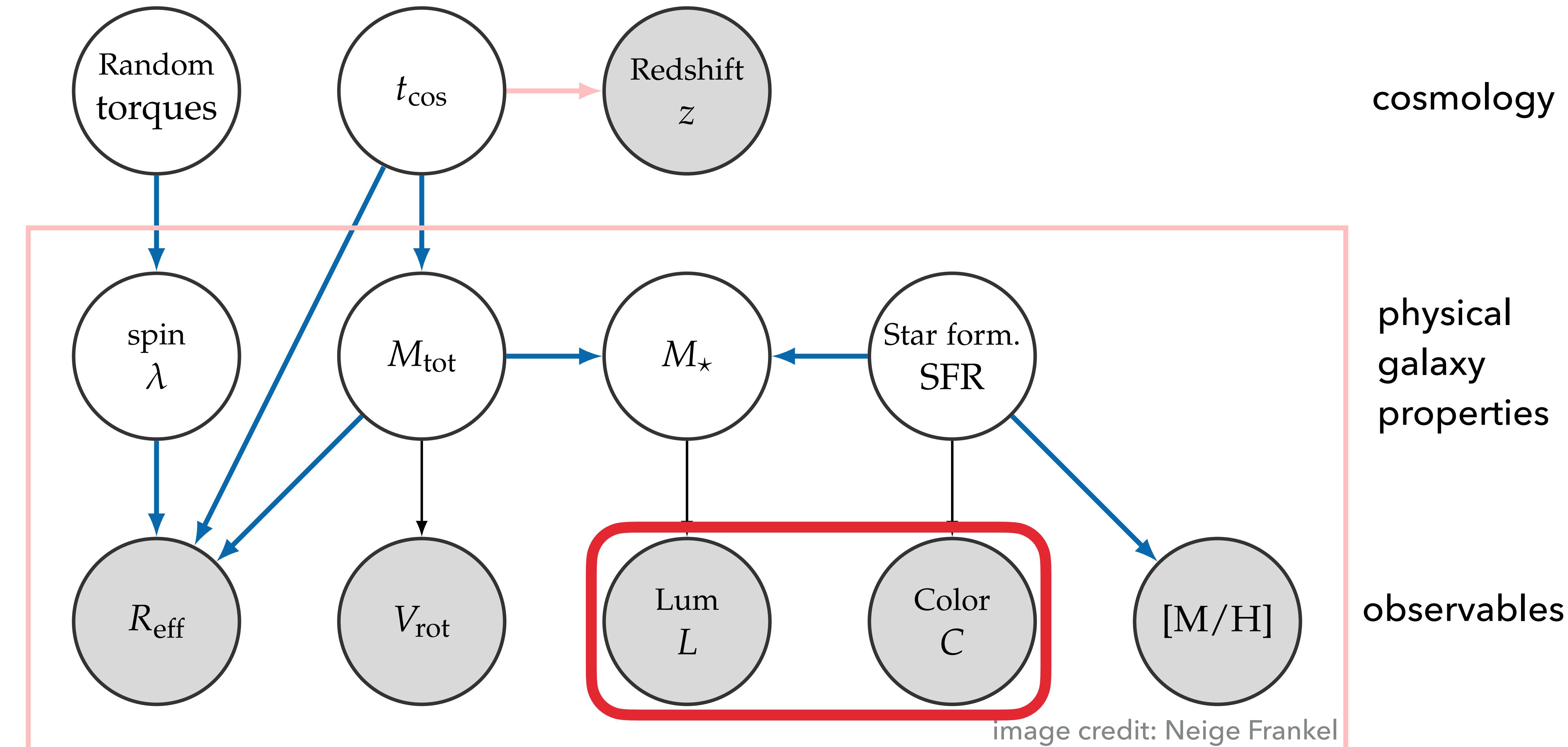
- ▶ Can we reconstruct intrinsic galaxy properties from their images?
- ▶ Can we build a (3D) galaxy model from multi-band images?



derive maps of
physical parameters

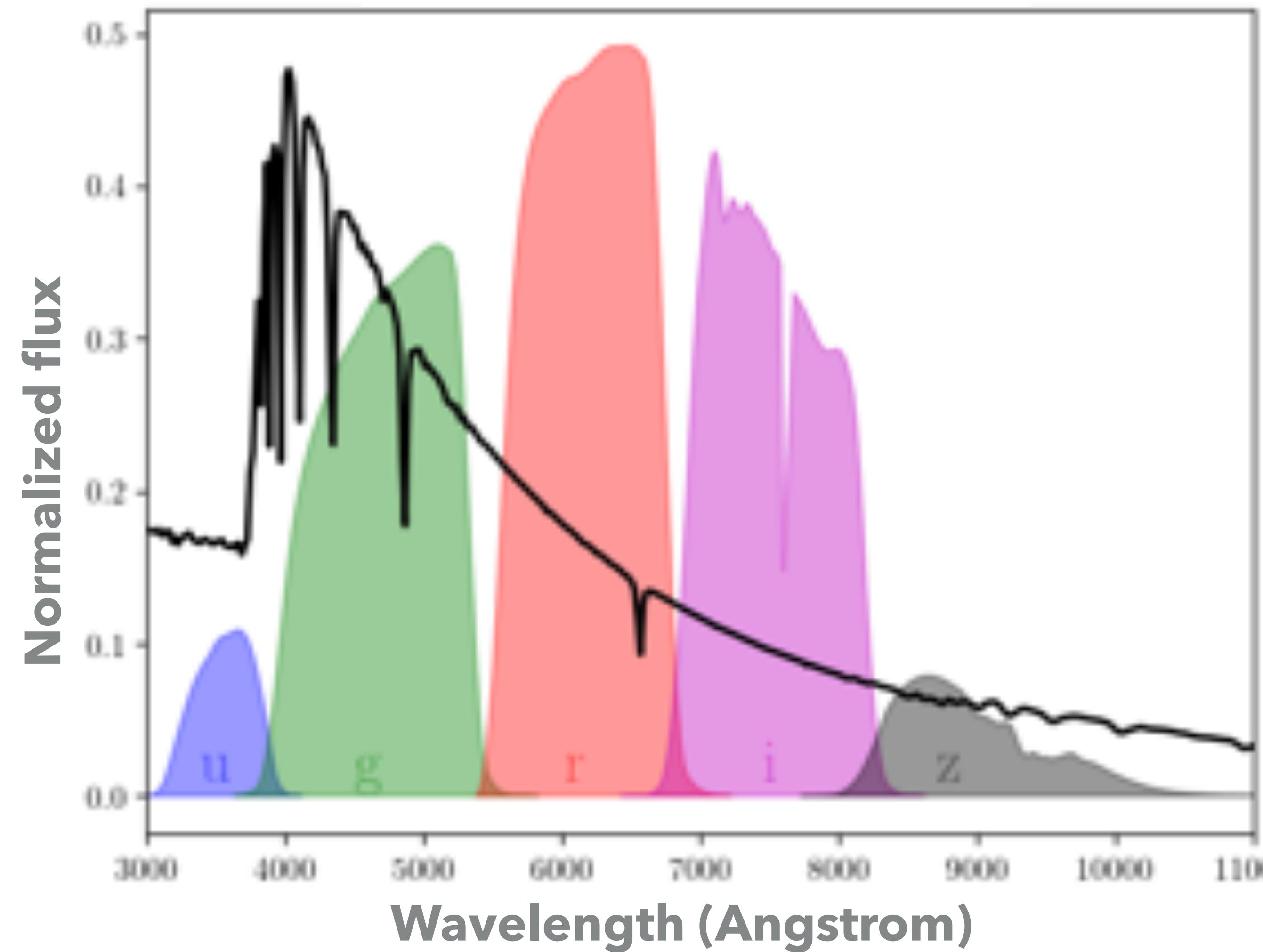


ESTABLISHED CORRELATIONS BETWEEN OBSERVABLES AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES



OBSERVATIONS: SPECTROSCOPY VS. PHOTOMETRY

Spectroscopy



Photometry

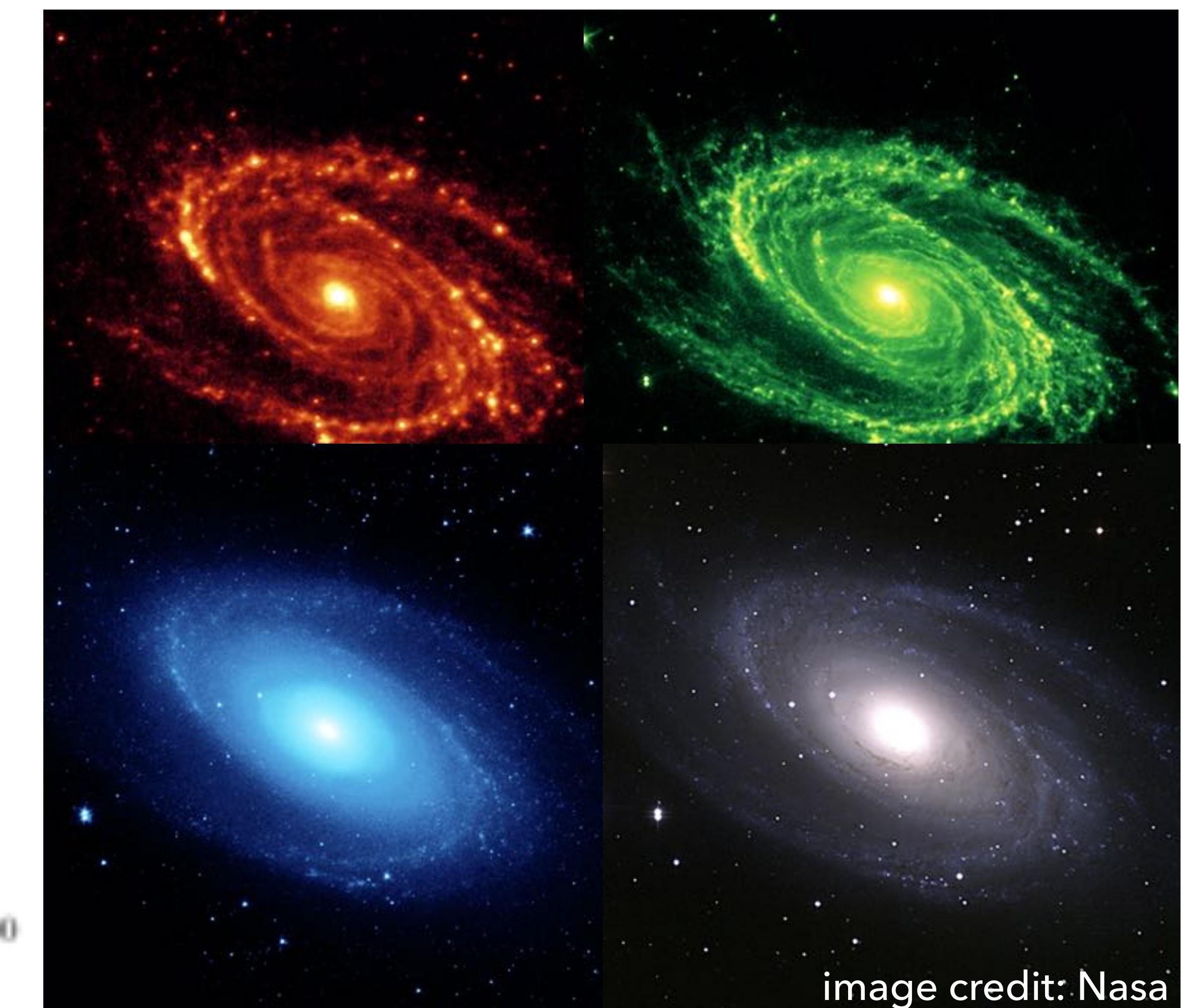


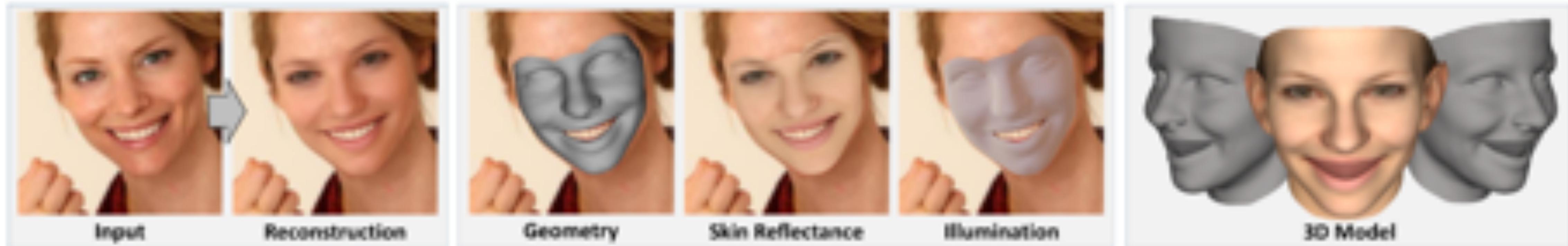
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MoFA: Model-based Deep Convolutional Face Autoencoder for Unsupervised Monocular Reconstruction

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Our model-based deep convolutional face autoencoder enables unsupervised learning of semantic pose, shape, expression, reflectance and lighting parameters. The trained encoder predicts these parameters from a single monocular image, all at once.

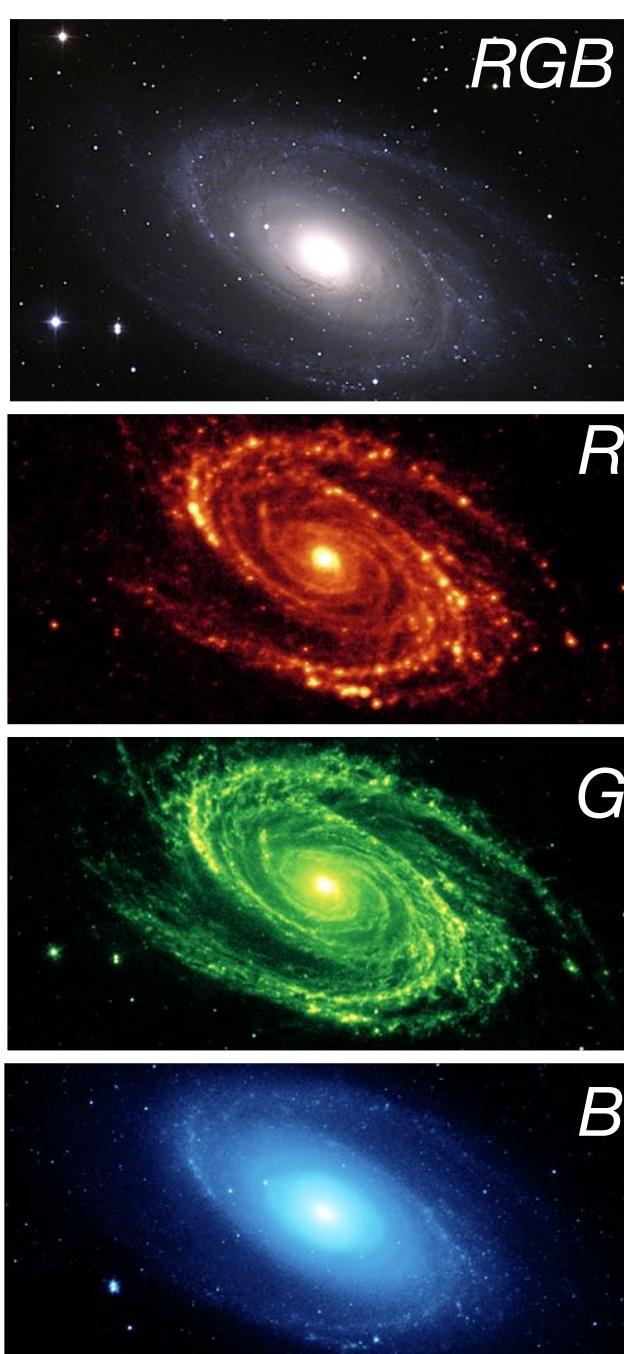
Abstract

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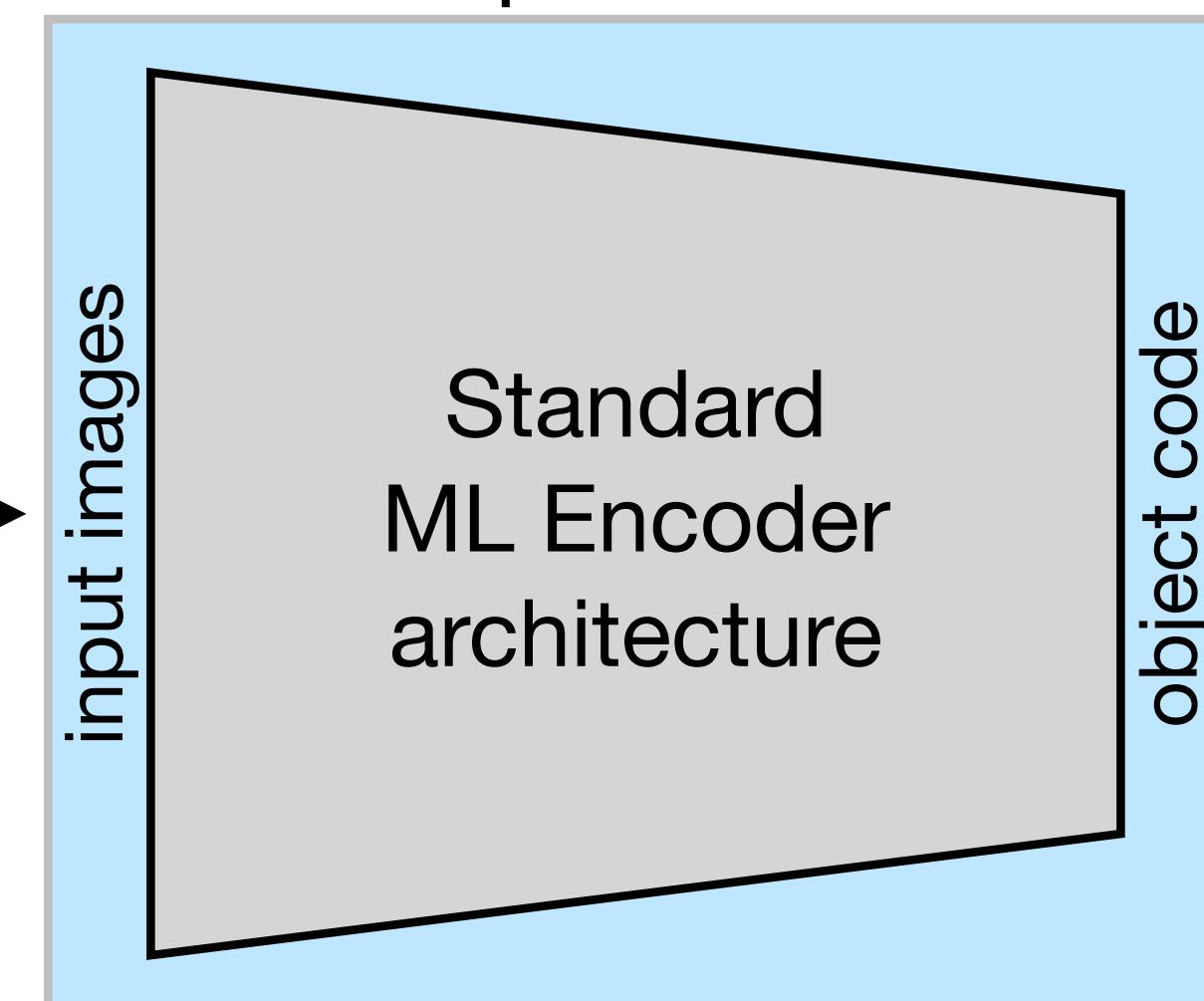
tailed three-dimensional face reconstruction from a single arbitrary in-the-wild image, e.g., downloaded from the Internet, is still an open research problem due to the high degree

THE IDEA: RECONSTRUCTING GALAXY MODELS FROM IMAGES

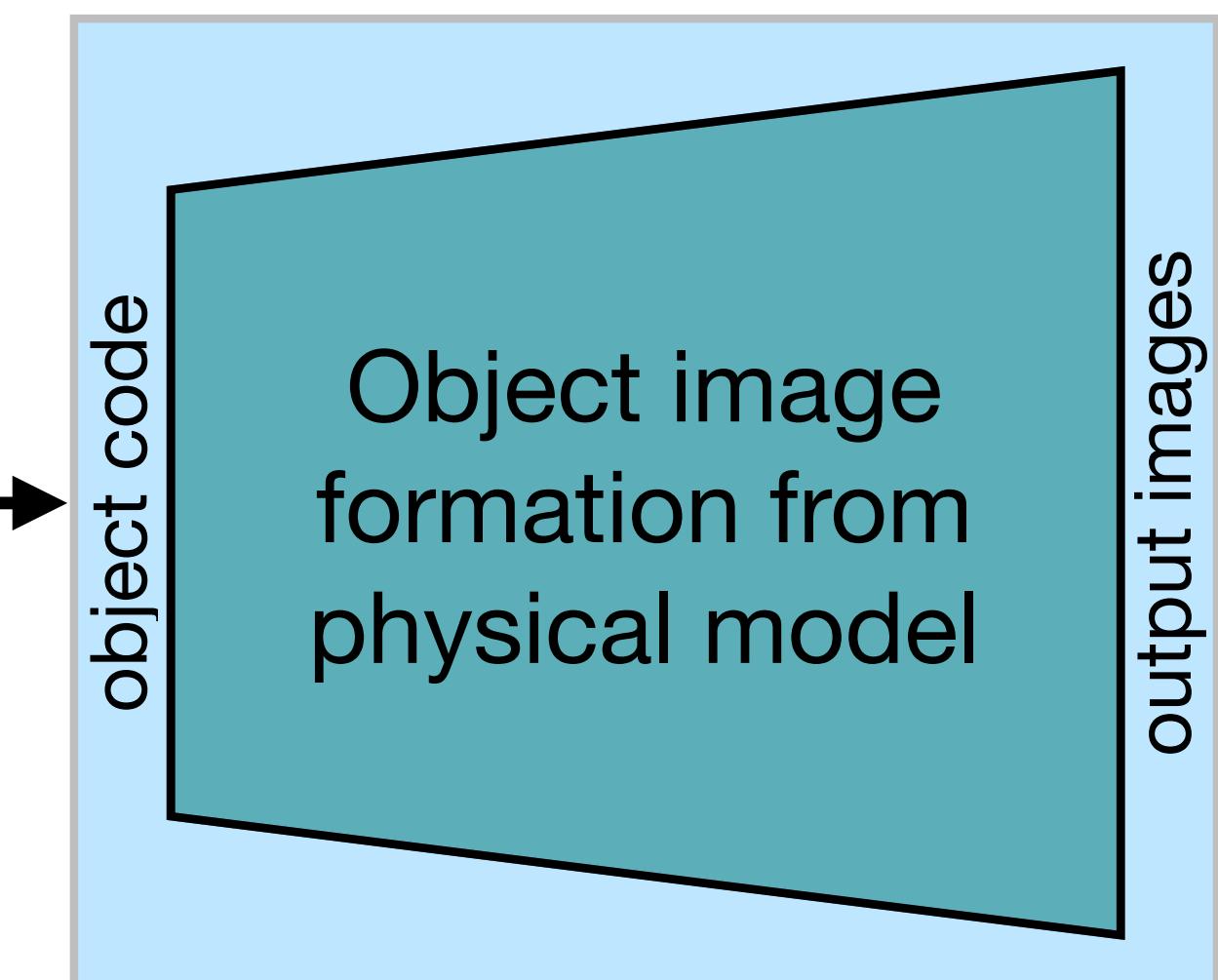
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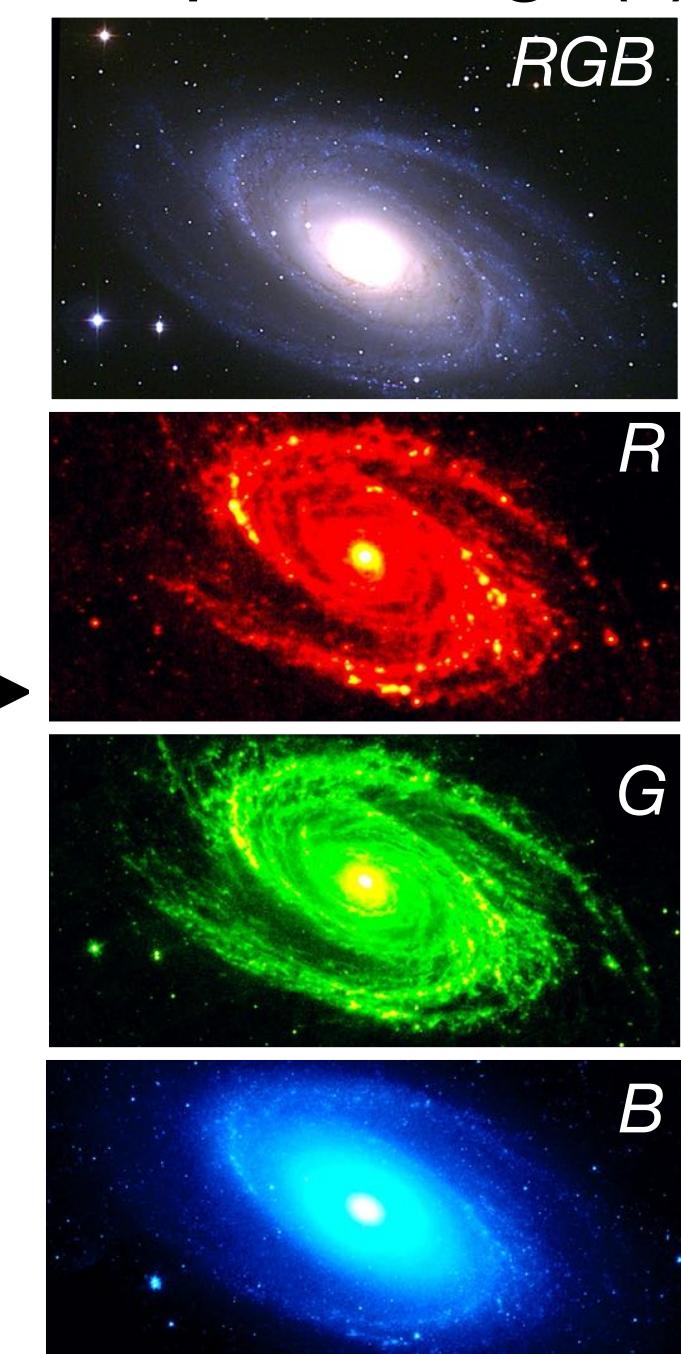
Deep Encoder



Model-based Decoder



Output Image(s)



model parameters describing
object shape, composition, dynamical state,
luminosity, etc. and camera position

idea credit: Bernhard Schölkopf based
on face reconstruction by Tewari+2017

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- ▶ simulations: great success in modelling the formation of galaxies
 - ▶ can describe statistical properties of galaxies well
 - ▶ but limited in describing individual objects
- ▶ observations: exquisite data for Milky Way and external galaxies
 - ▶ big data challenge in astronomy
 - ▶ Need to think about smart methods to process the data

ASTRONOMY CAN GREATLY
BENEFIT FROM EXPLORING
CAUSAL MODELS!