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# Observing the formation of the Milky Way with the James Webb Space Telescope

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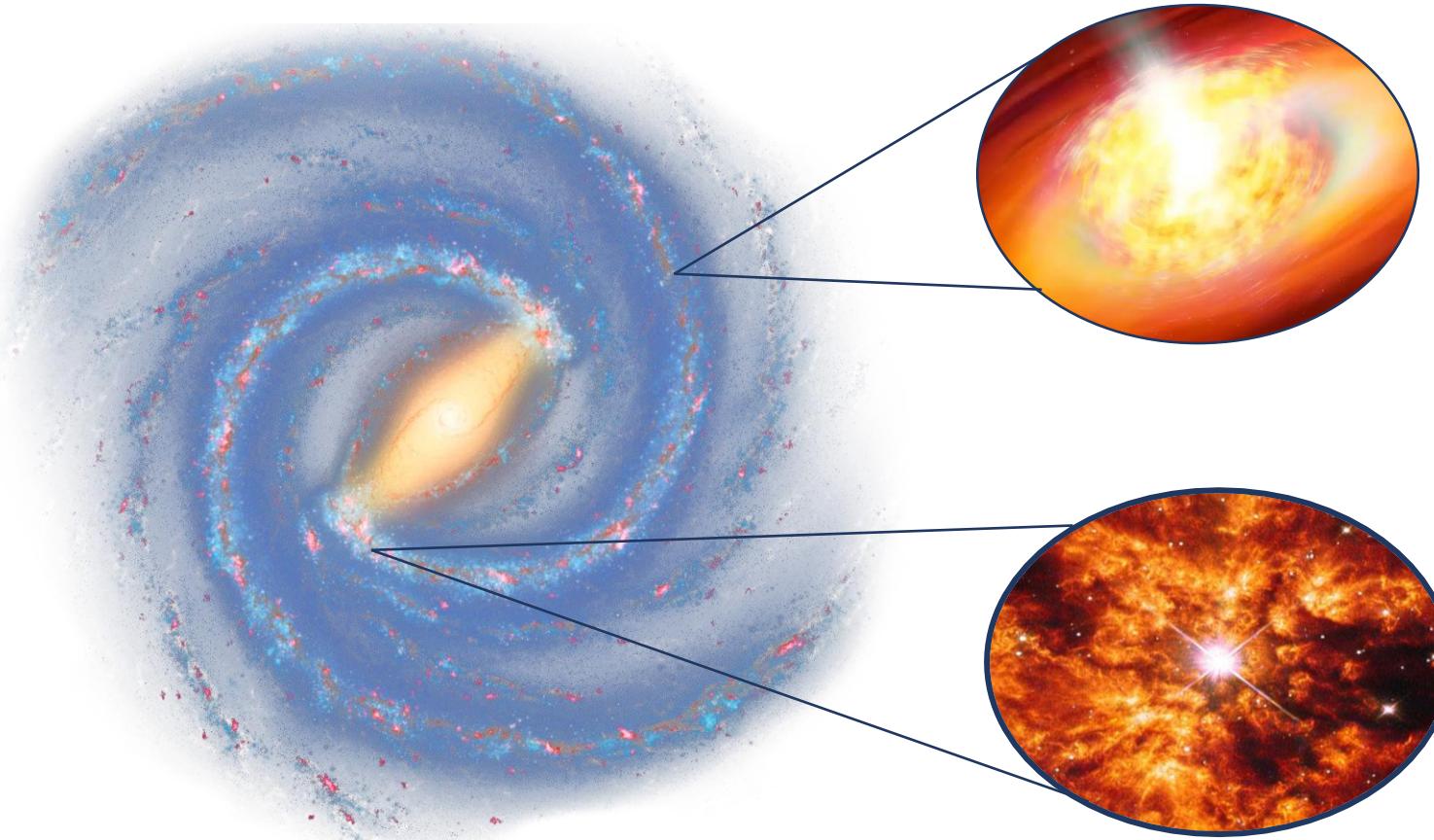
*"The human being is properly that level of the nature  
in which nature asks itself: "Why do I exist?"*

*Man in precisely that minuscule particle  
which demands a meaning, a reason – the reason"*

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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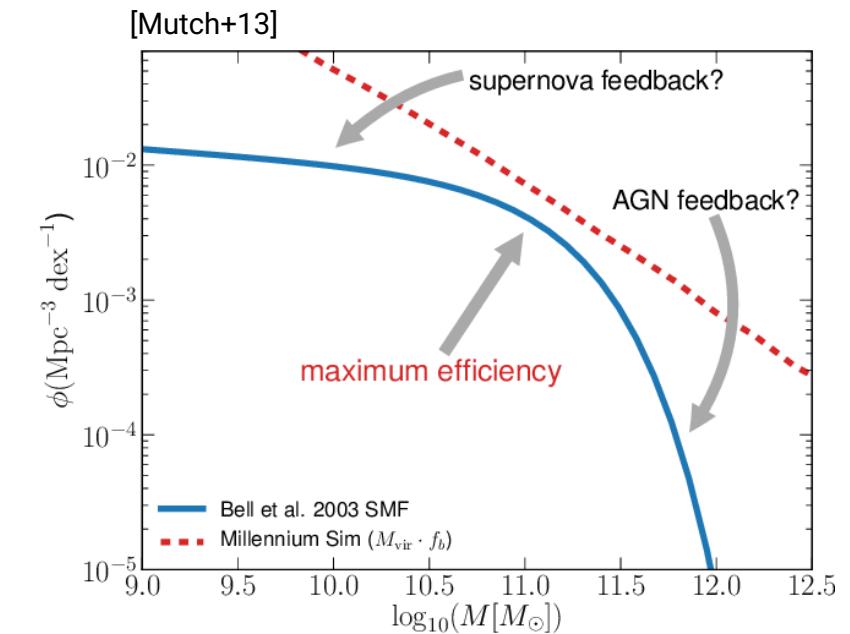
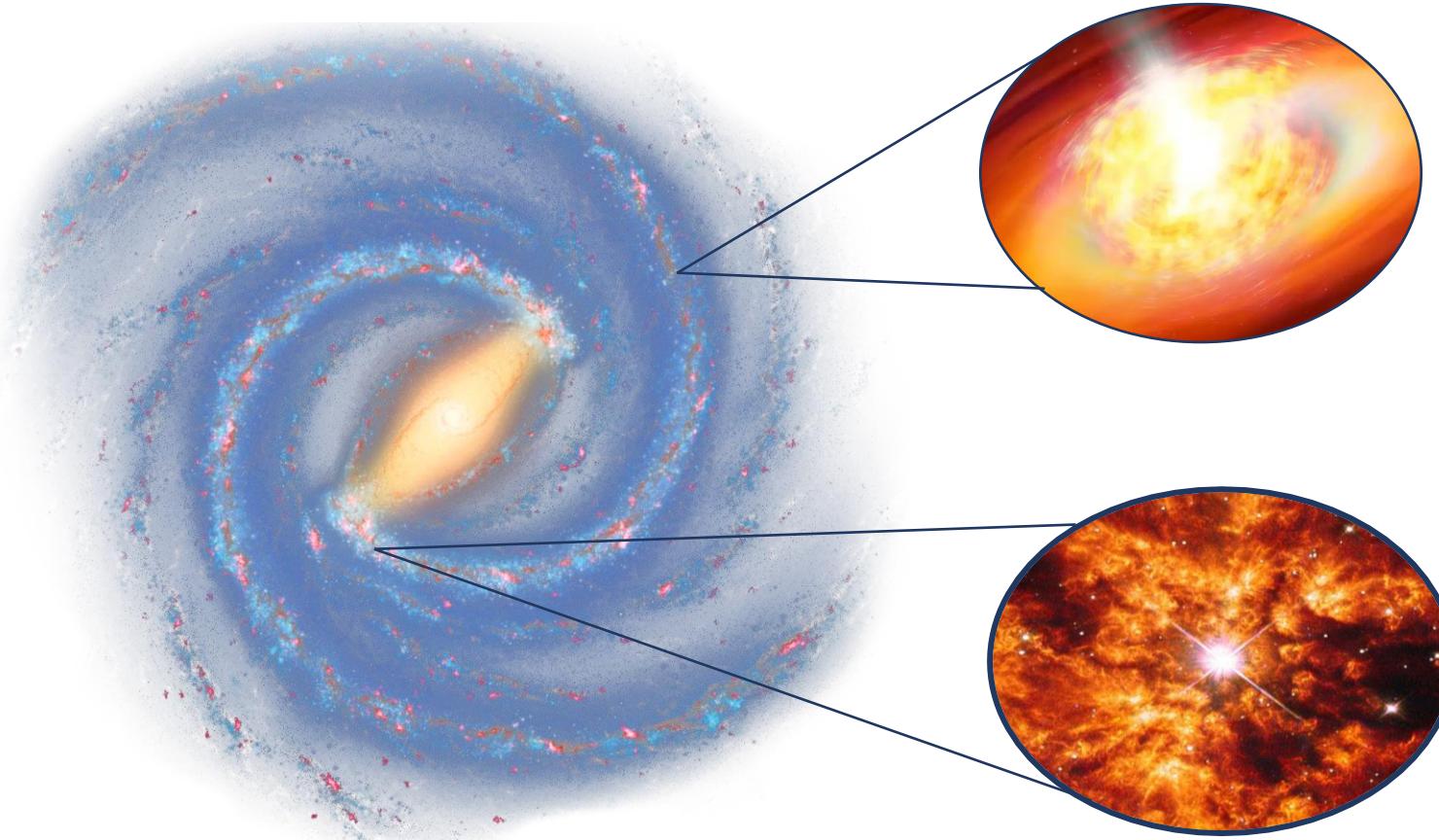
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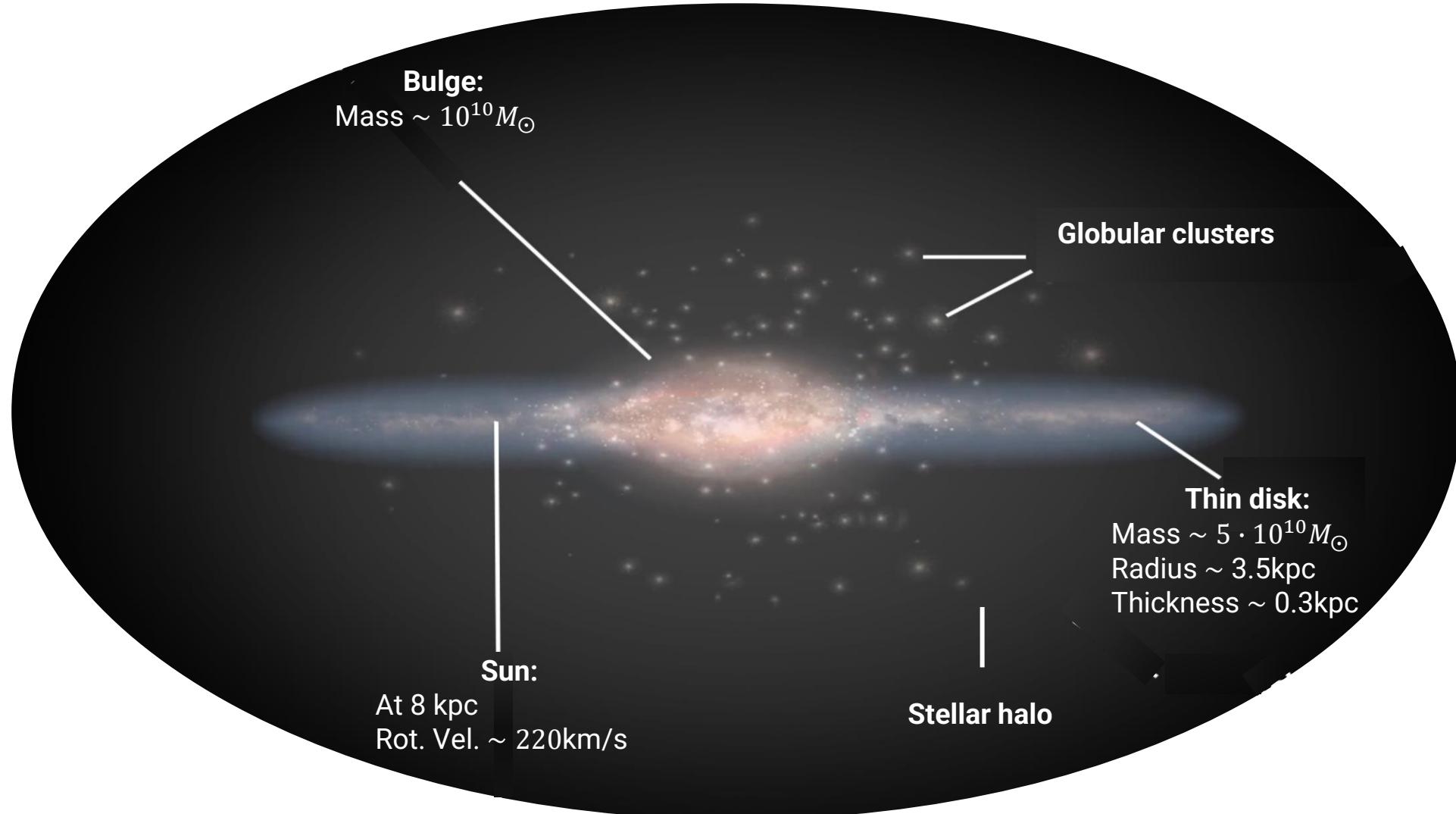


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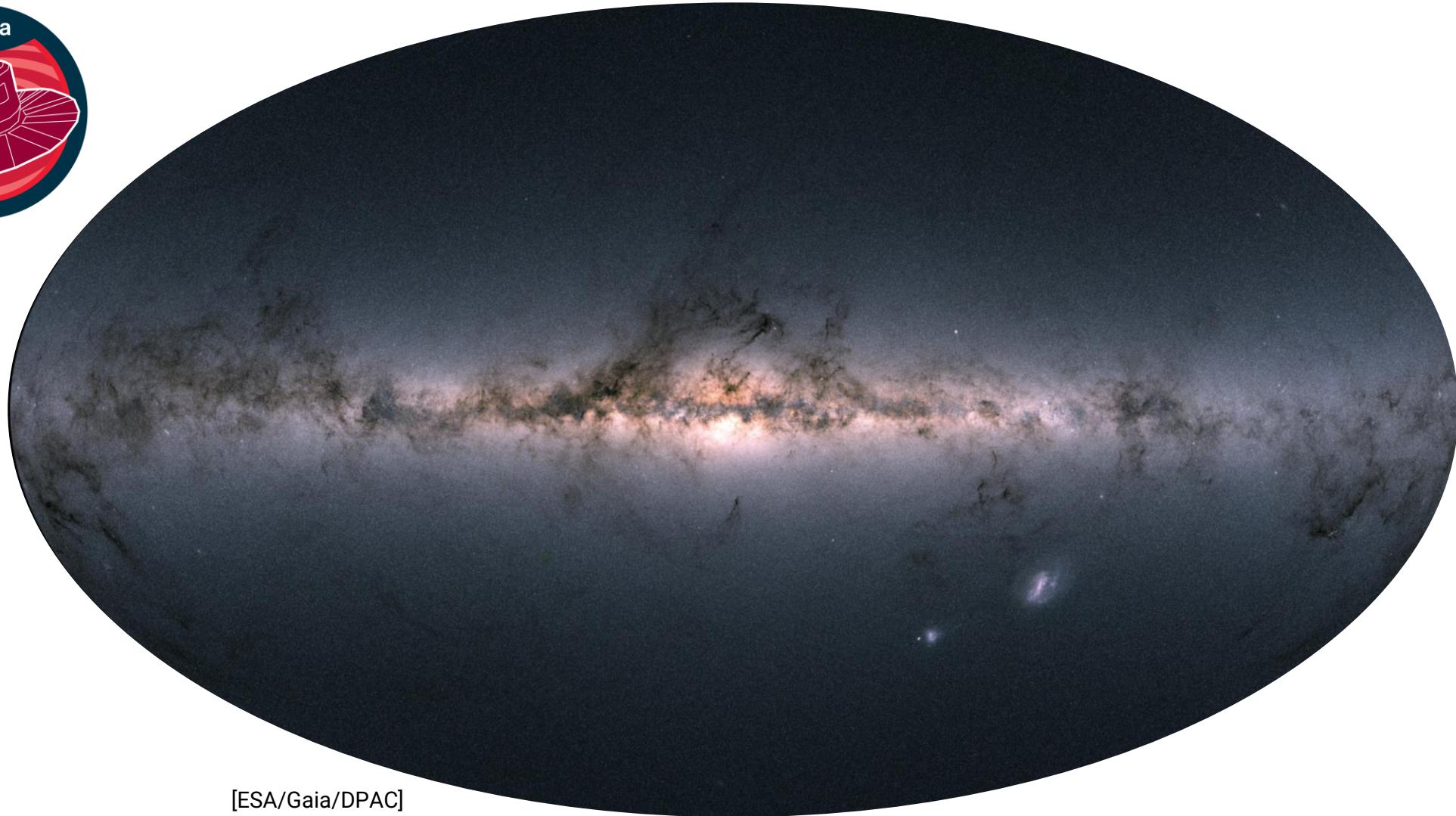
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MILKY WAY: Spiral barred galaxy



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**GAIA mission** has revolutionized our understanding of the formation of the MW. And divide it in three distinct phases.



[ESA/Gaia/DPAC]

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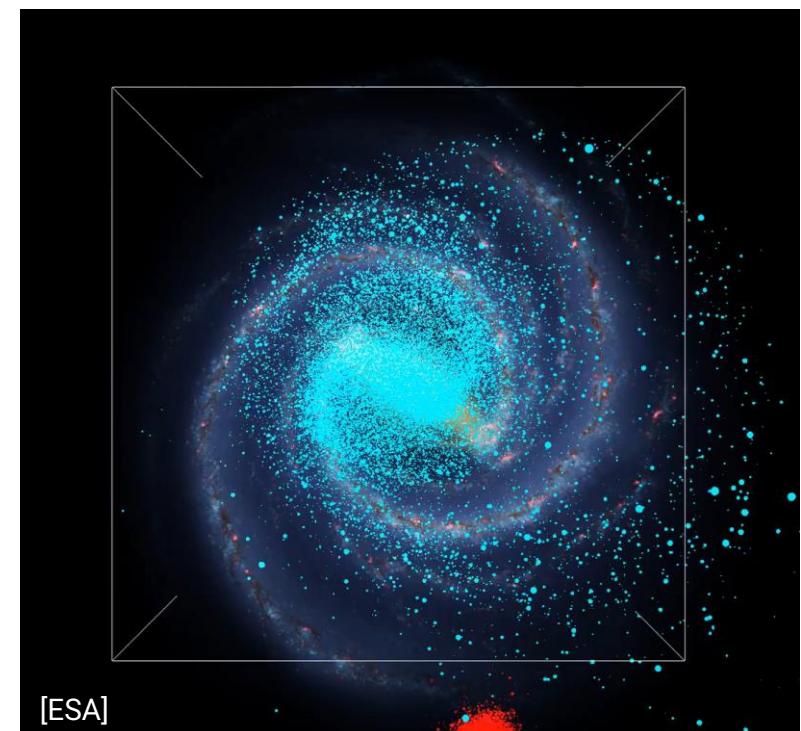
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Spectroscopic observations of MW-like galaxies at certain redshifts can offer valuable insights, such as at the time of the **GAIA-SAUSAGE ENCELADUS MERGER** ( $z \sim 1.5$ ).

**JWST** most suitable instrument for these observations.



[ESA]

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## MIRI

Mid-Infrared  
Instrument

## NIRCam

Near-Infrared  
Camera

## NIRSpec

Near-Infrared  
Spectrograph

## NIRISS

Near-Infrared Imager  
and Slitless  
Spectrograph



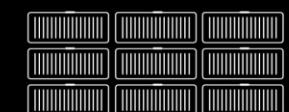
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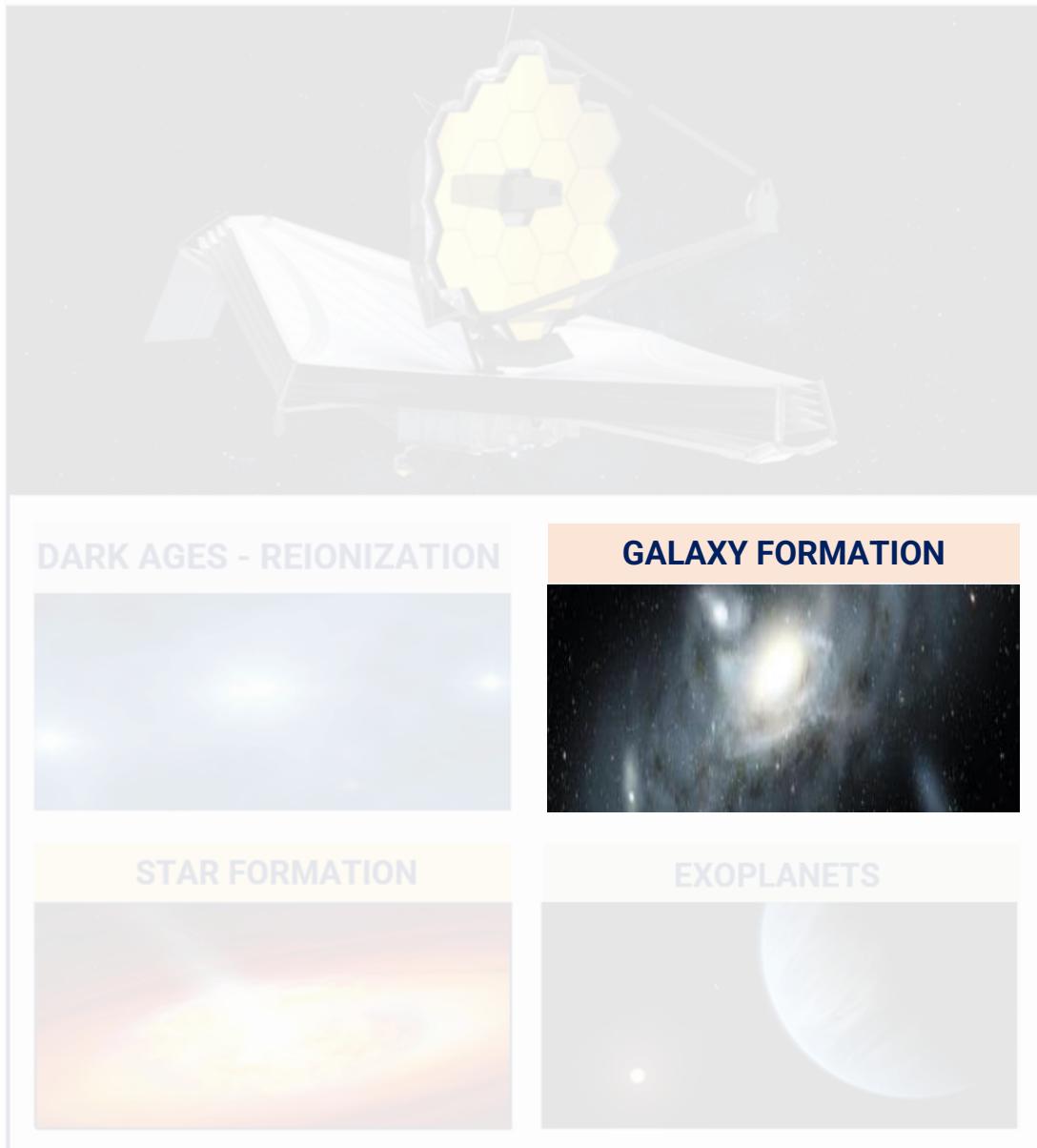


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DARK AGES - REIONIZATION

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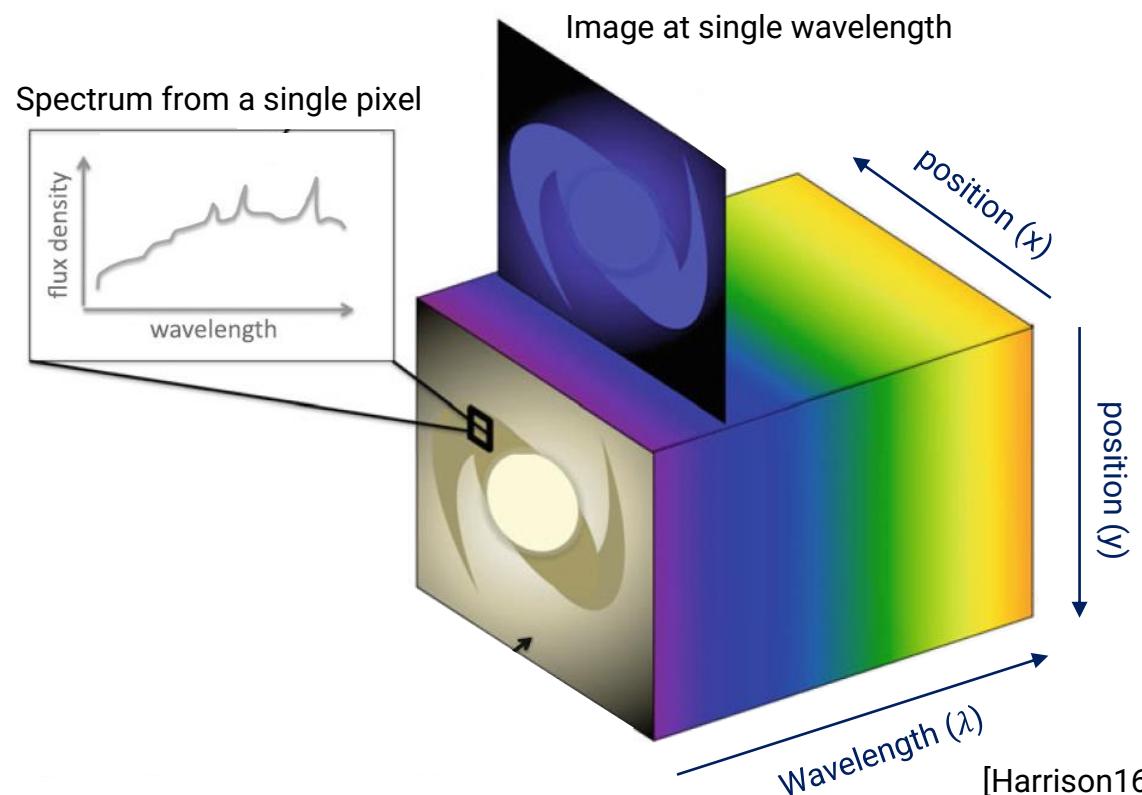
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## INTEGRAL FIELD SPECTROSCOPY (IFS)

IFS integrate **IMAGING** and **SPECTROSCOPIC** capabilities in optical and IR to obtain spatially resolved spectra across a 2D region.

The FOV is segmented in sub-regions (*spaxels*), and optically recombined generating **3D DATA CUBES** (spatial + spectral).



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Will support ongoing observational efforts by **IAC** host group to study a sample of MW-like galaxies with JWST.

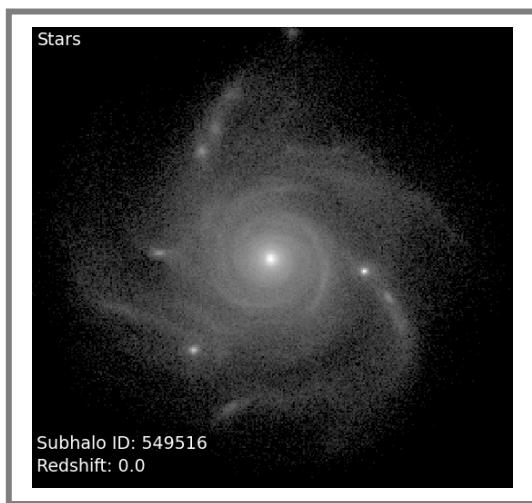
Direct **TEST** of JWST's capabilities to constrain MW-like galaxies formation history.

- 1 Use **TNG50** simulation to generate 2D maps of stellar population properties.
- 2 Develop computational framework for generating 3D IFU datacubes for TNG50 galaxies.
- 3 Simulate those datacubes through the JWST NIRSpec IFU instrument.
- 4 Simulate those datacubes through HARMONI instrument.

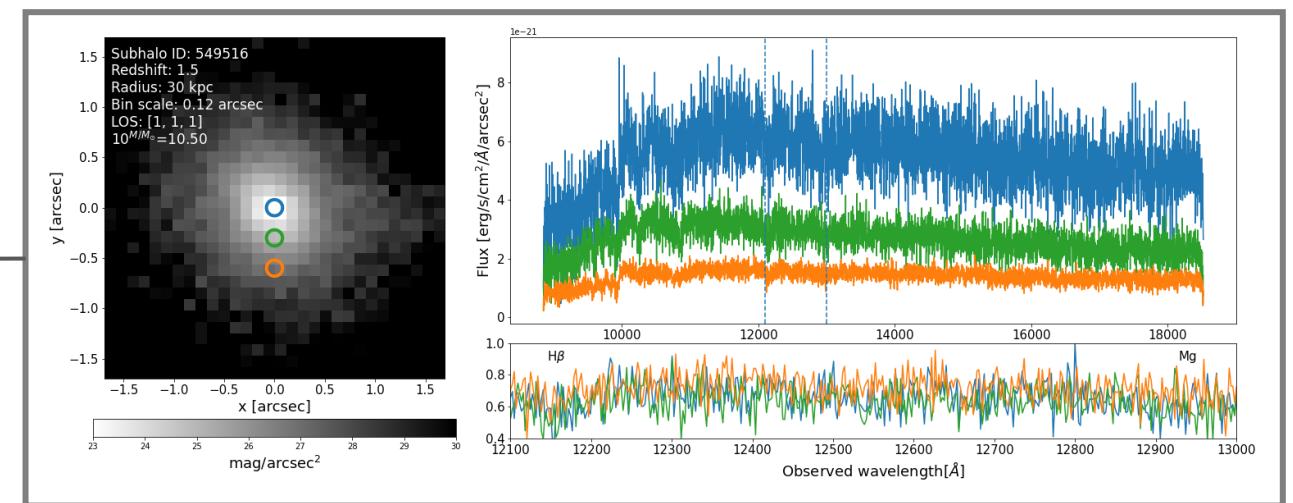
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**SIMULATION**



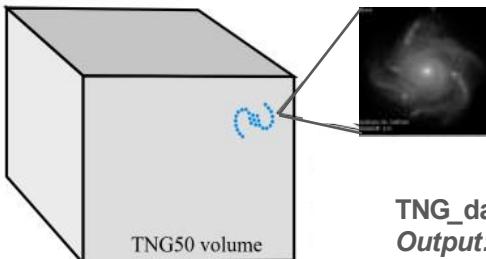
TNG\_mockIFU  
(available on GitHub)



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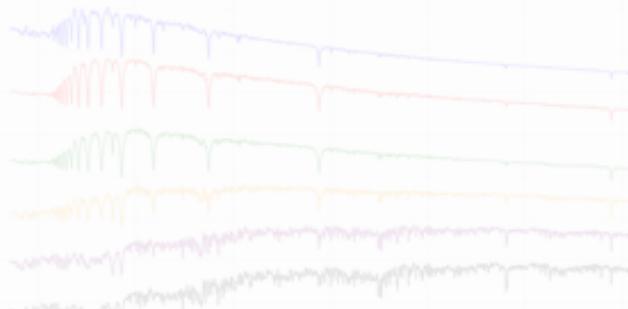
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**TNG\_data\_loader**  
*Output:* Stellar particles file.

## 2. MILES stellar library:



**synthetic\_spectrum**

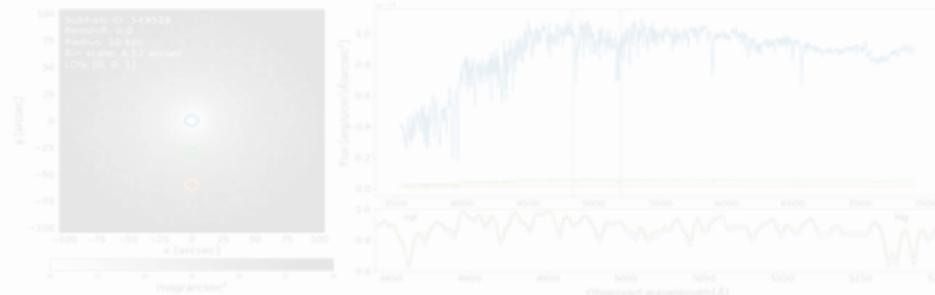
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## 3. IFU datacubes:

**data\_cube**

*Output:* IFU datacubes (FITS file)

*Input:*  
TNG50 galaxy ID  
TNG50 snapshot  
Radius (in kpc)  
Vector l.o.s.  
\*, spaxel size, number of bins



## 4. JWST NIRSpec simulation:

**pass\_to\_jwst**

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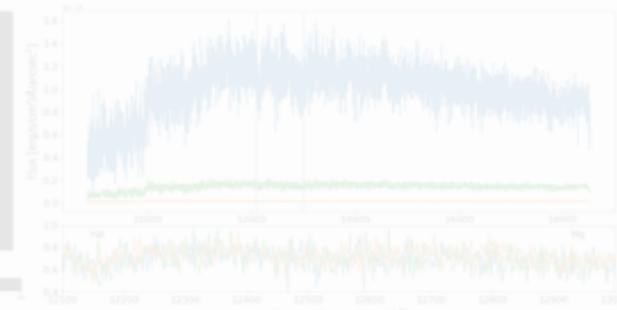
Convolution to filter bandpass and Gaussian noise added.

### B. Fit to NIRSpec FOV:

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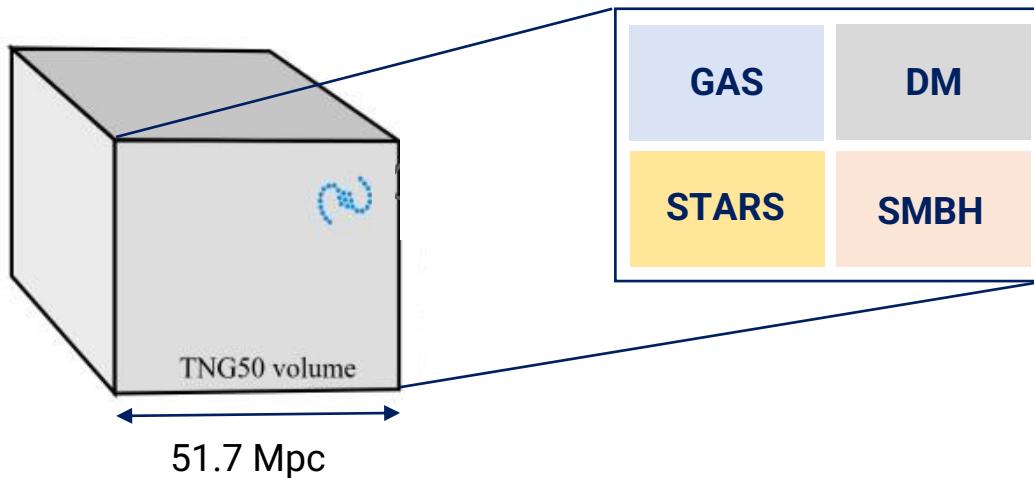
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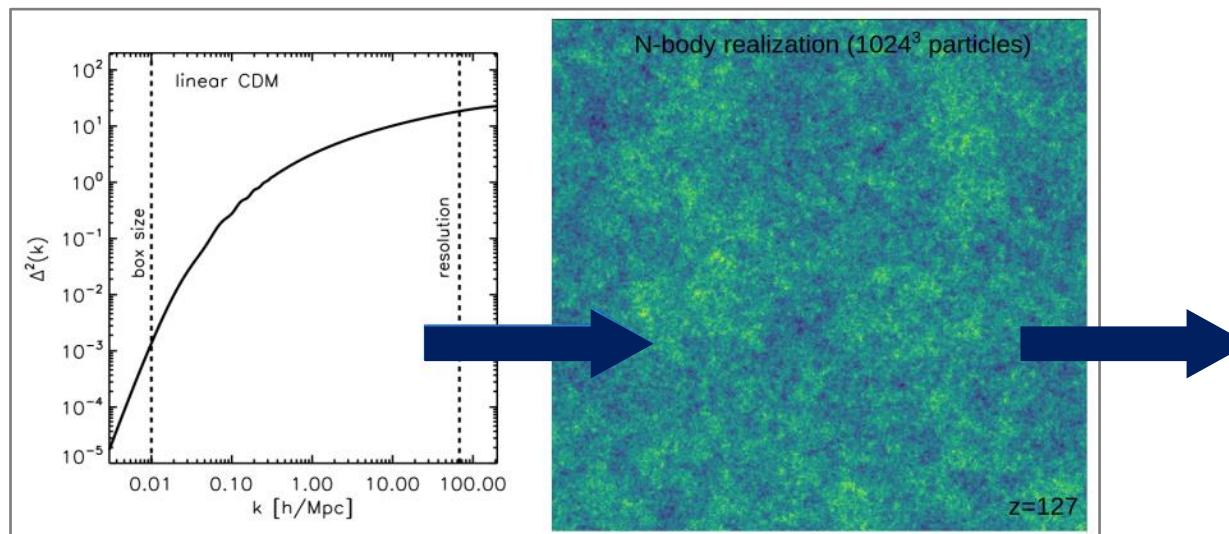
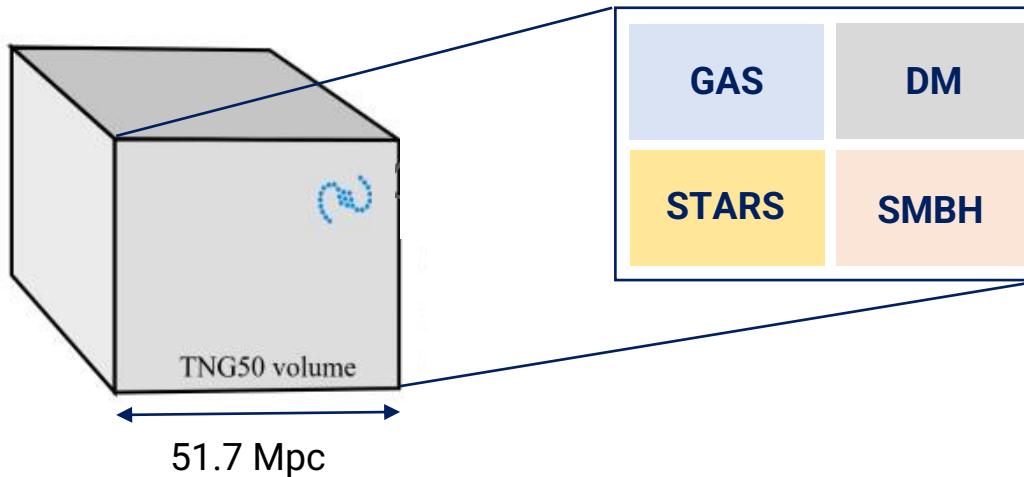
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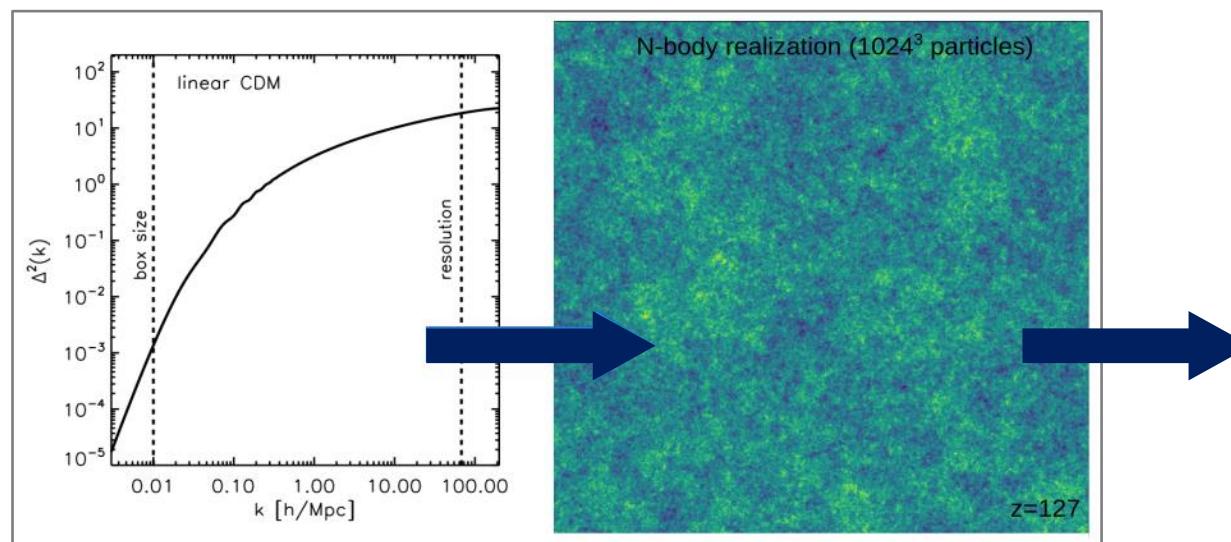
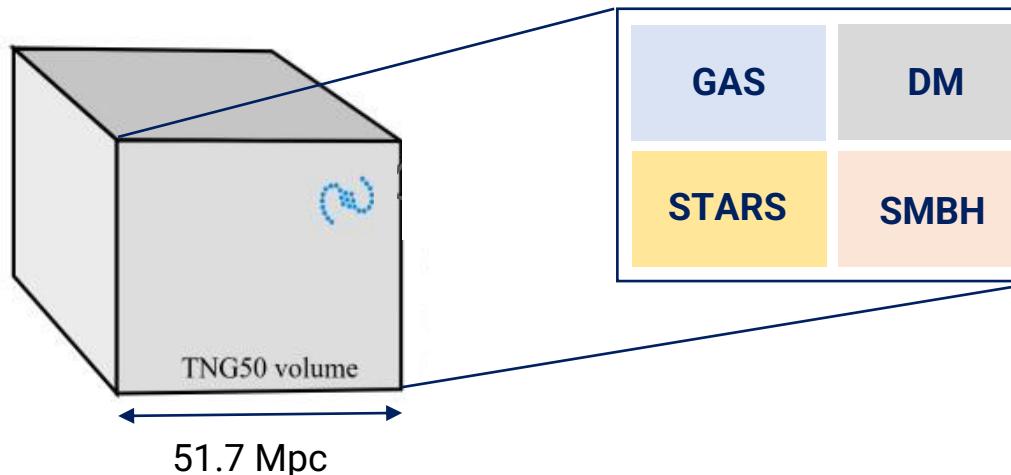
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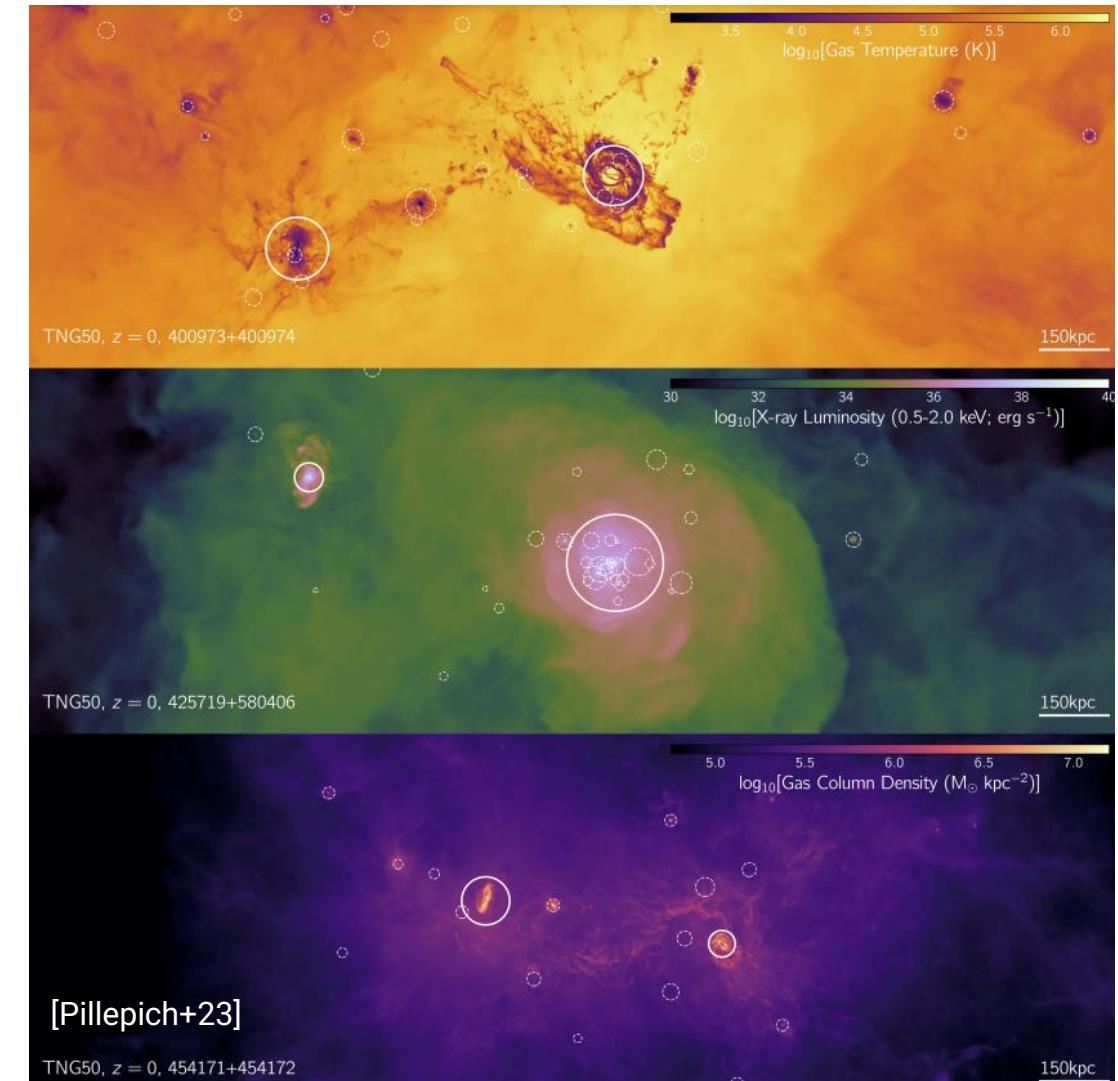


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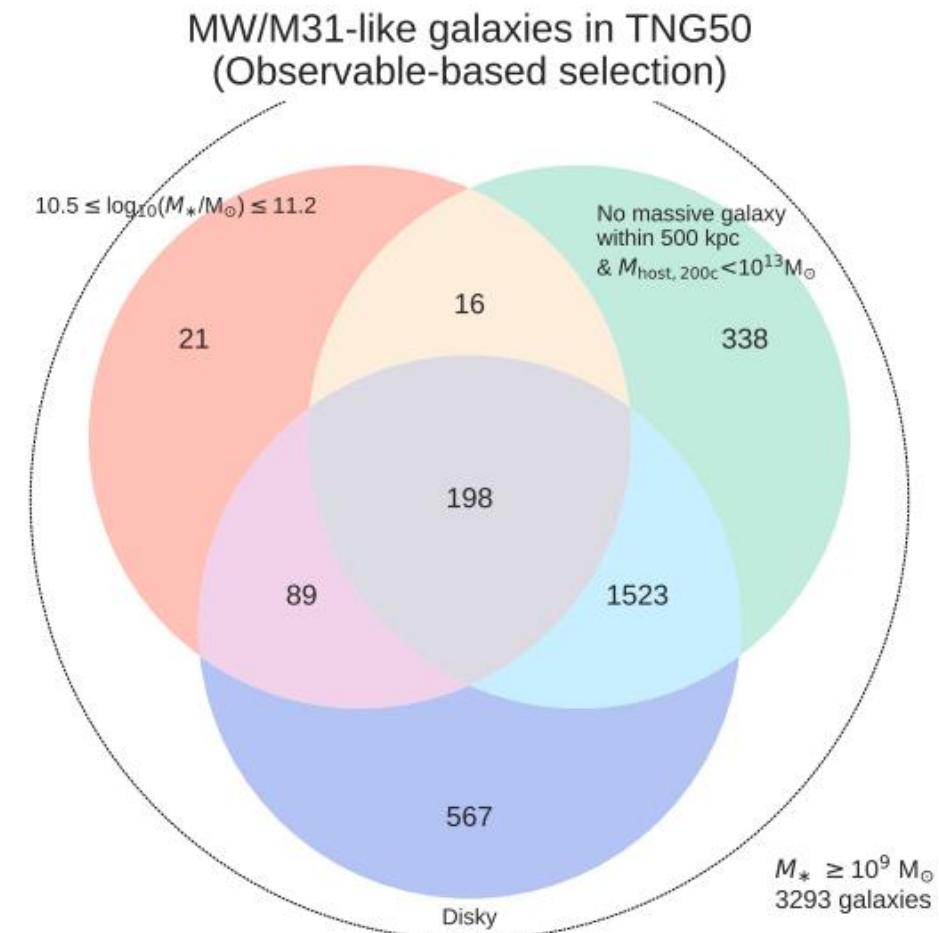
## A: TNG50 MW/M31 ANALOGS:

- ① **MASS:**  $M_{\odot}(< 30\text{kpc}) = 10^{10.5-11.2} M_{\odot}$
- ② **MORPHOLOGY:** stellar disk-like and spiral arms.
- ③ **ENVIRONMENT:** no other galaxy of  $\leq 10^{10.5} M_{\odot}$  within 500kpc.



**198 MW/M31-like galaxies**

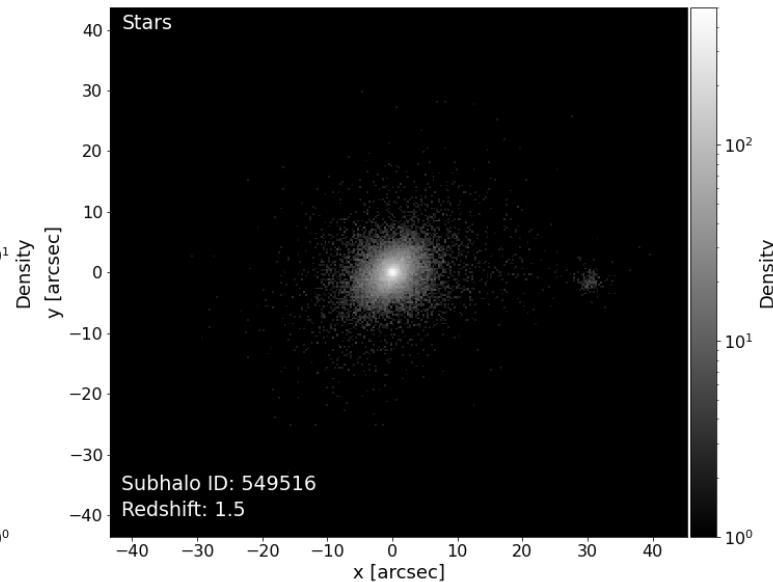
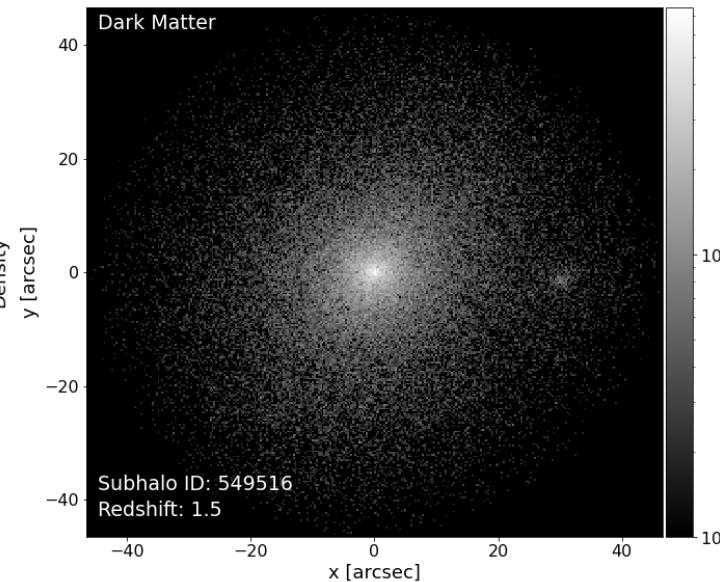
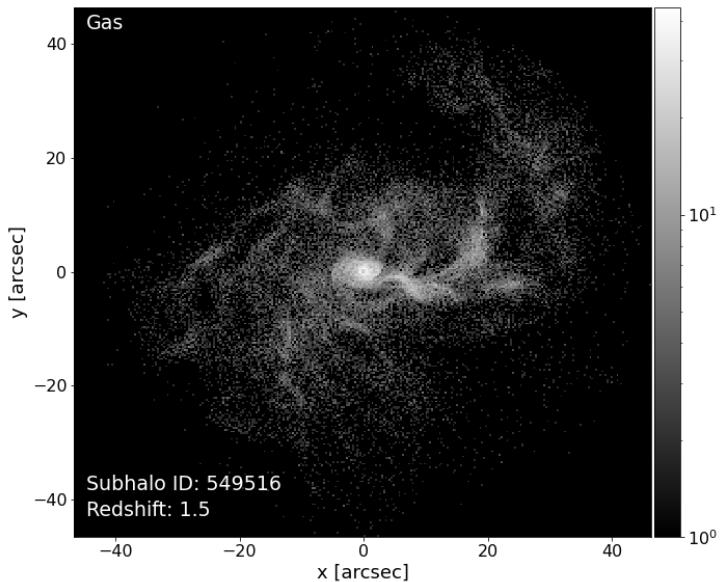
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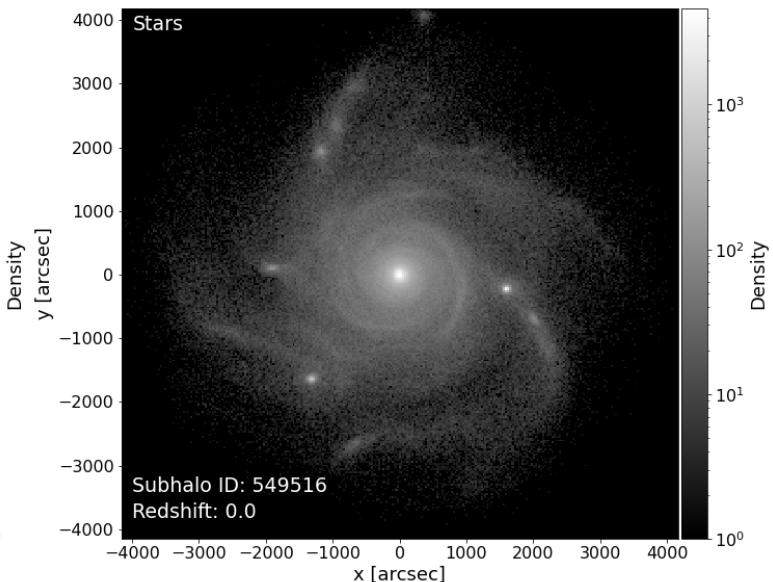
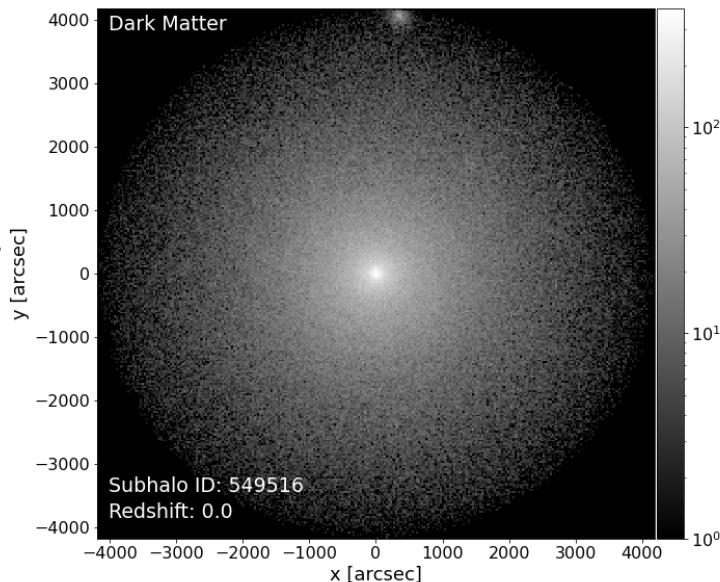
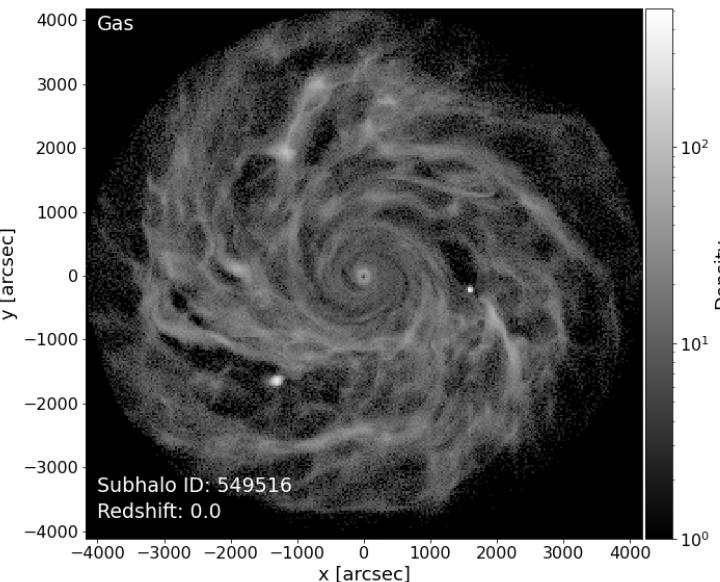
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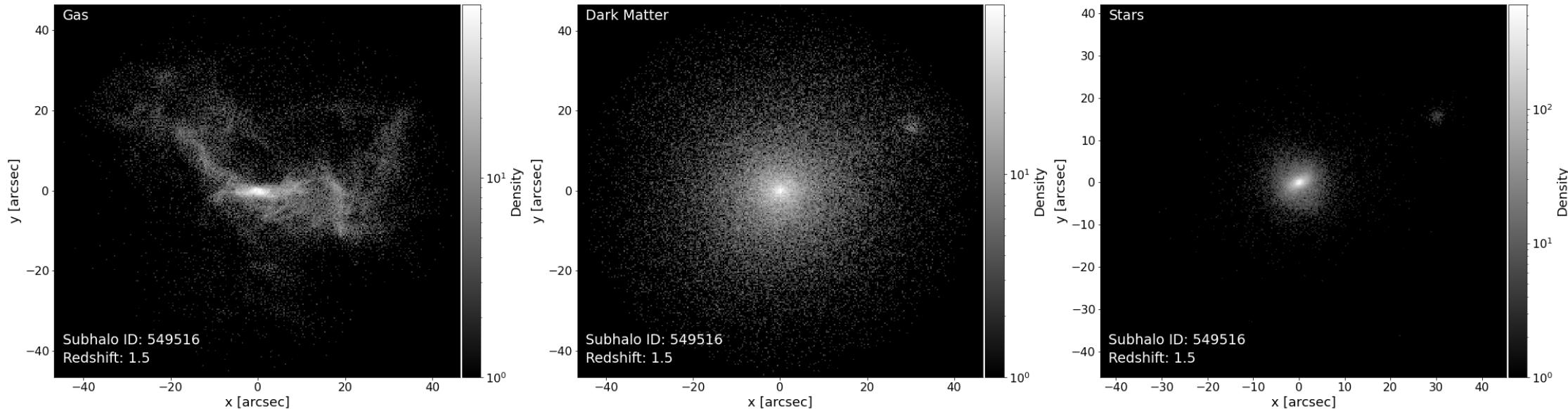


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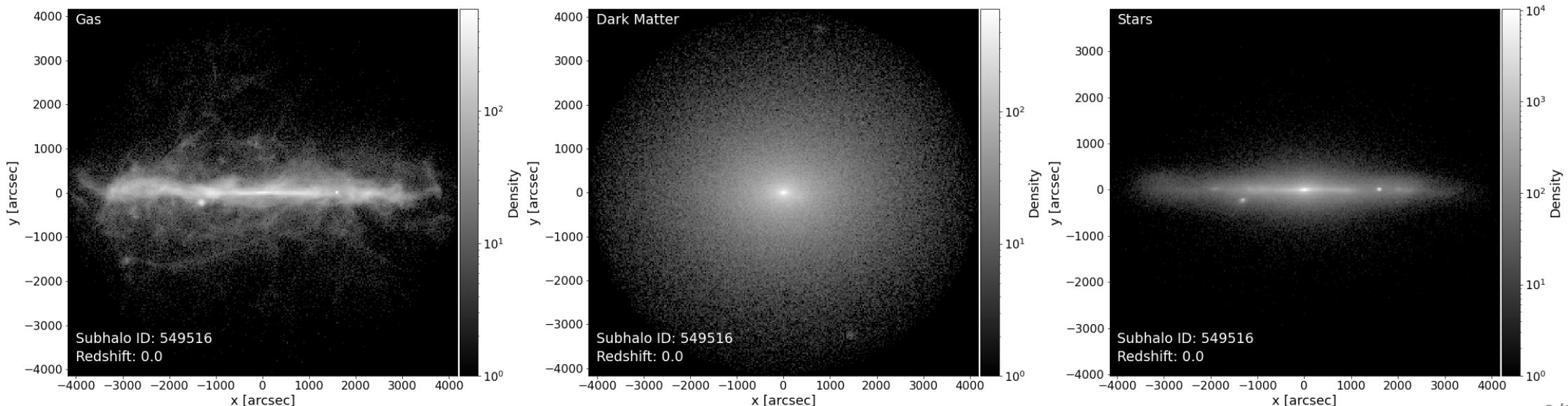


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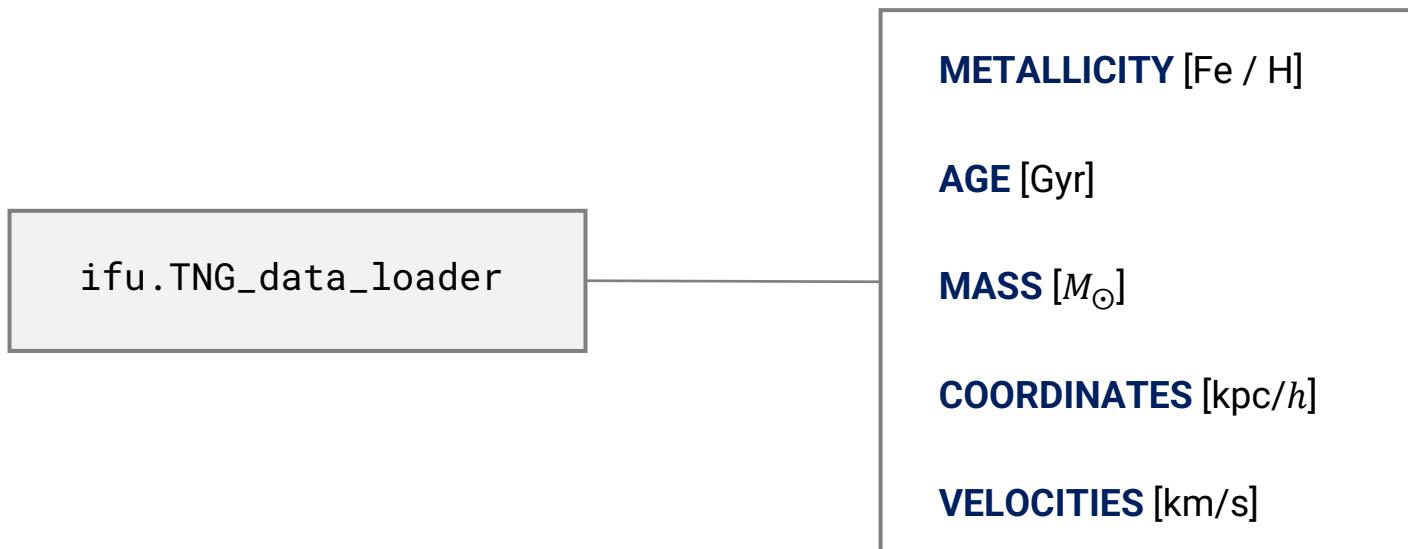
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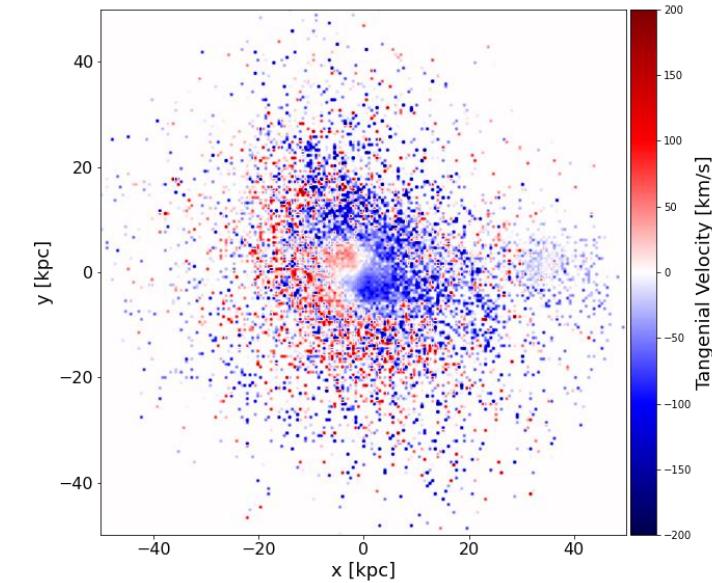
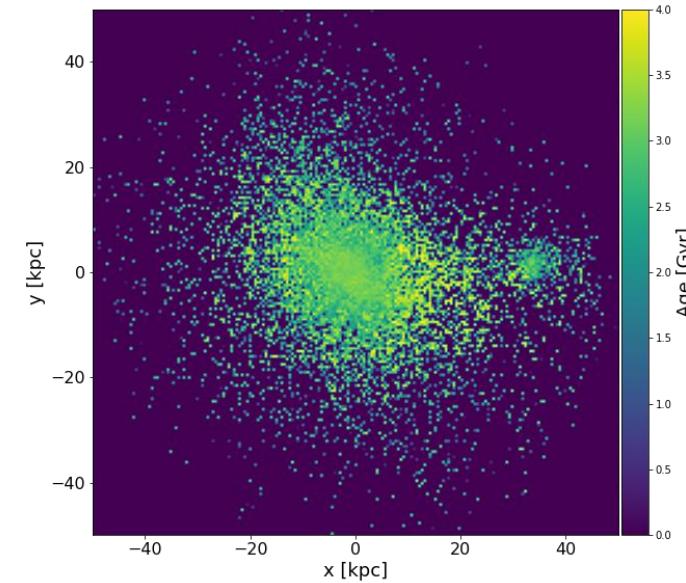
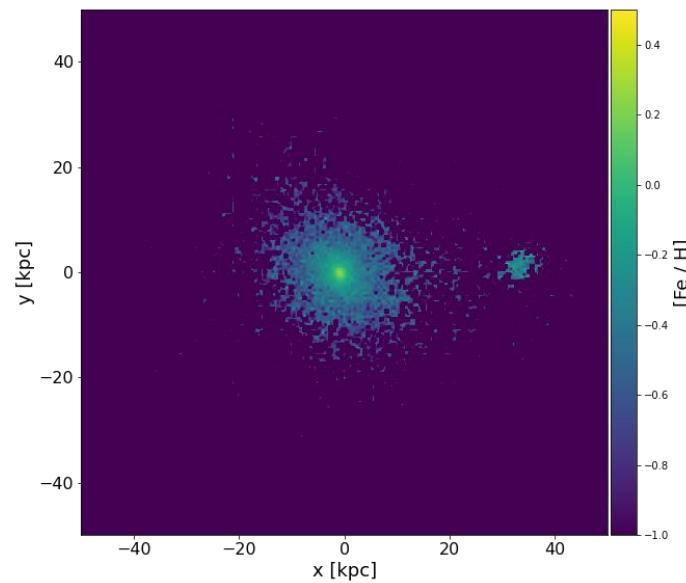
## B: STELLAR POPULATION PROPERTIES:

Save in an HDF5 the necessary stellar particles information:

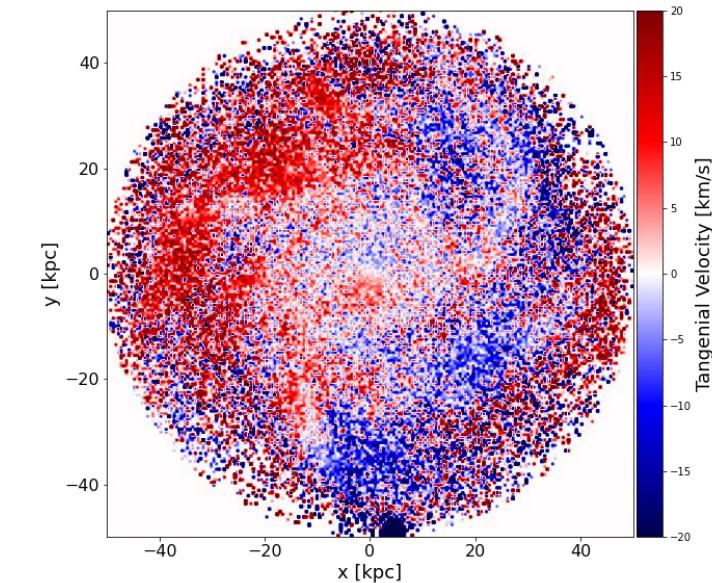
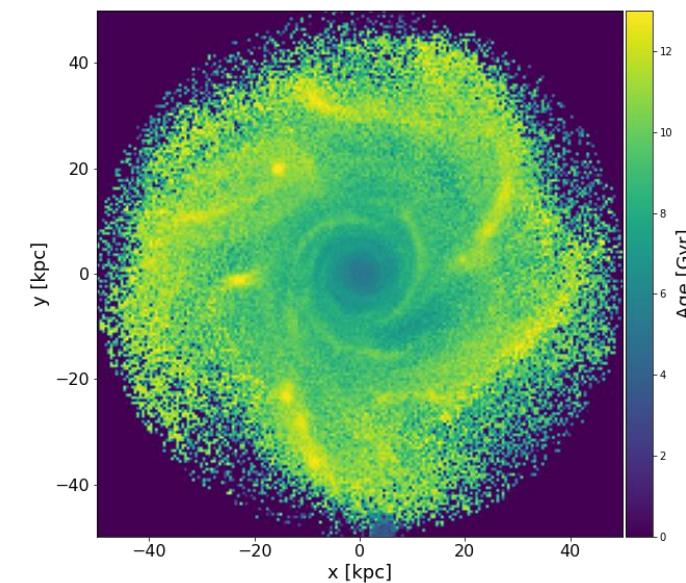
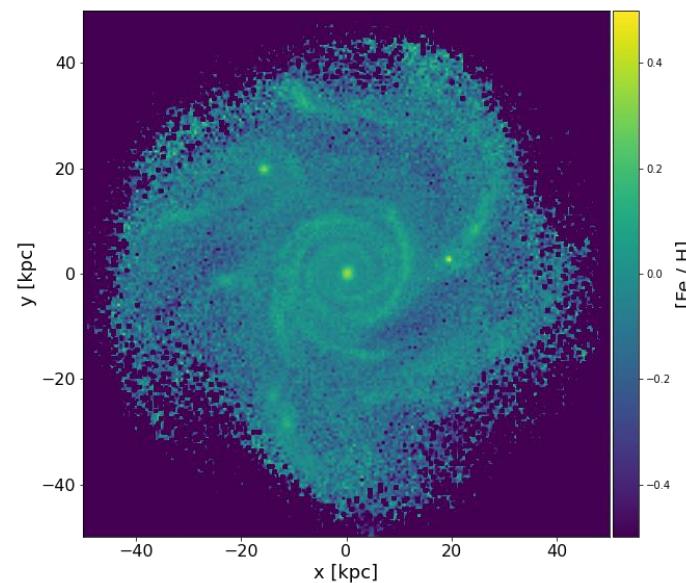


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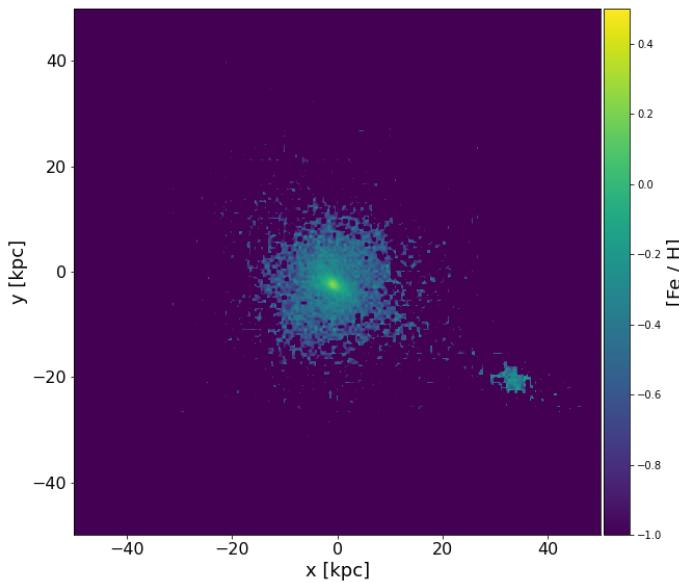


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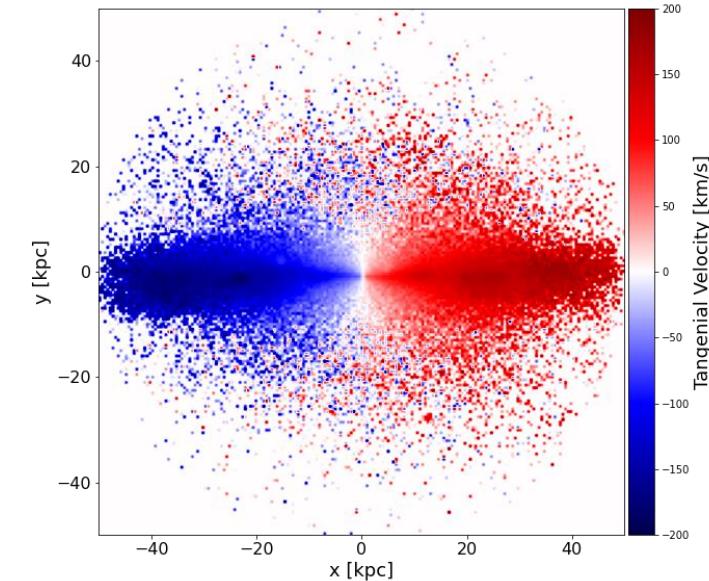
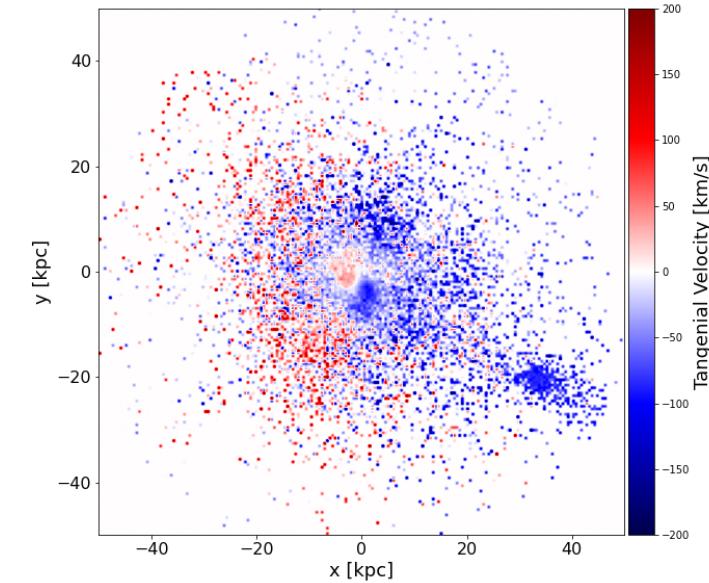
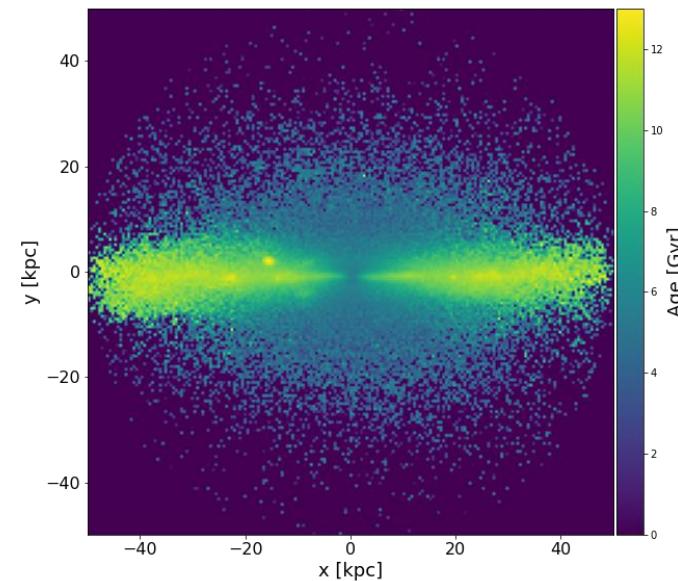
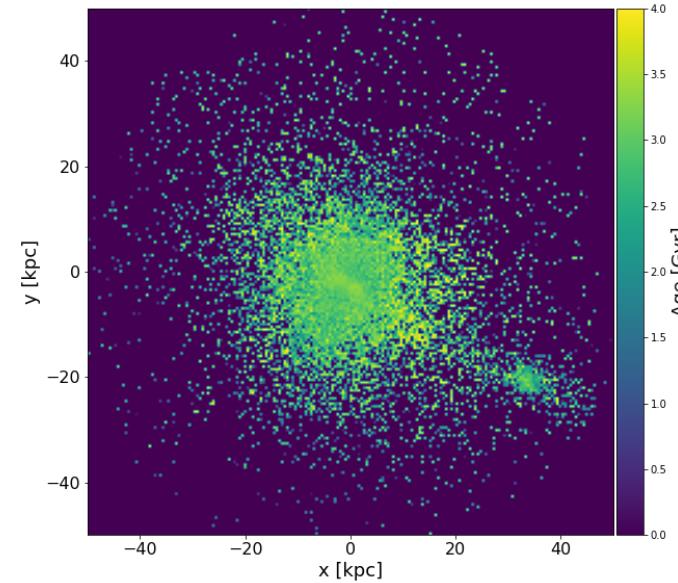
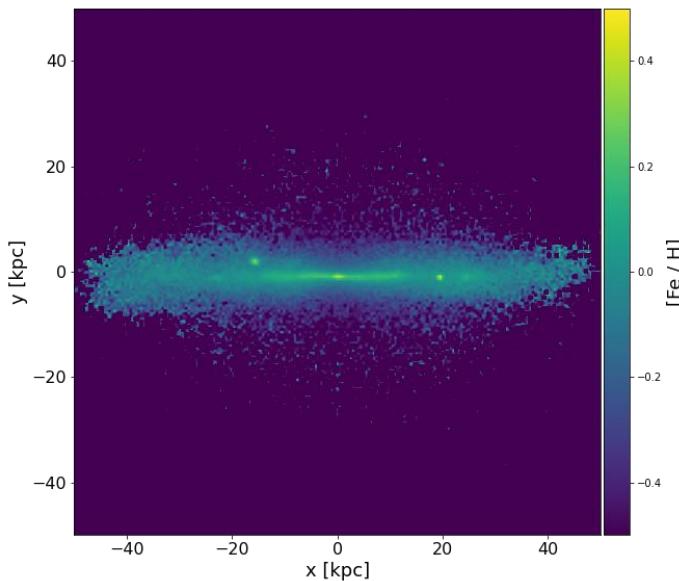


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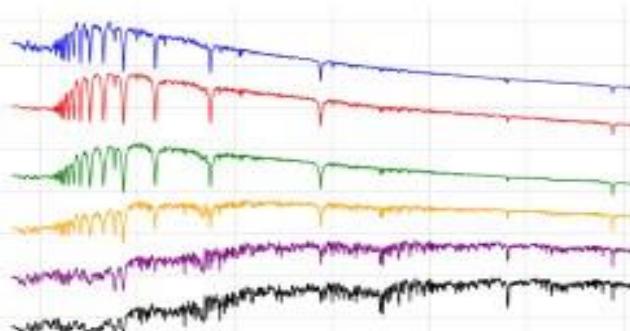
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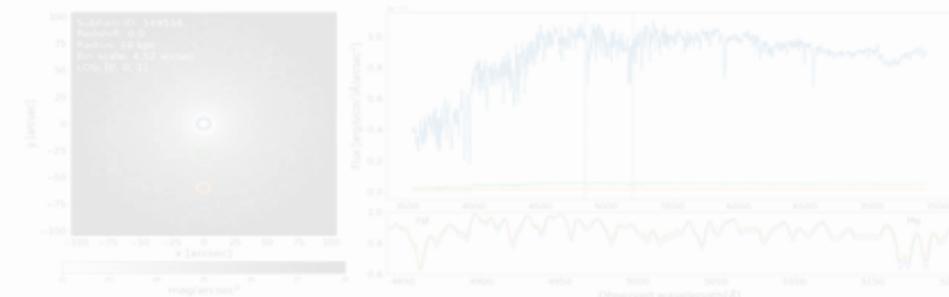
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### 4. JWST NIRSpec simulation:

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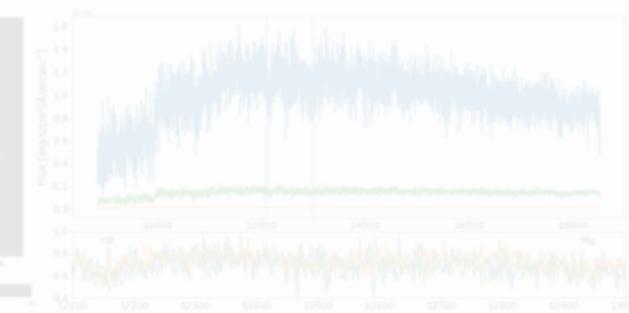
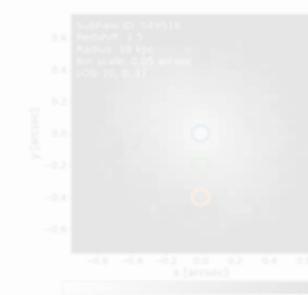
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We need a model to assign **SYNTHETIC SPECTRUM** to a given TNG stellar particle.

Single Stellar Population (SSP) spectra characterized by **AGE** and **METALLICITY** values (3535 to 7500 Å)

### A. Empirical stellar library:

985 stars from Solar neighborhood using 2.5m Isaac Newton Telescope with FWHM $\sim$ 2.3Å.  
[Sánchez-Blázquez+06]

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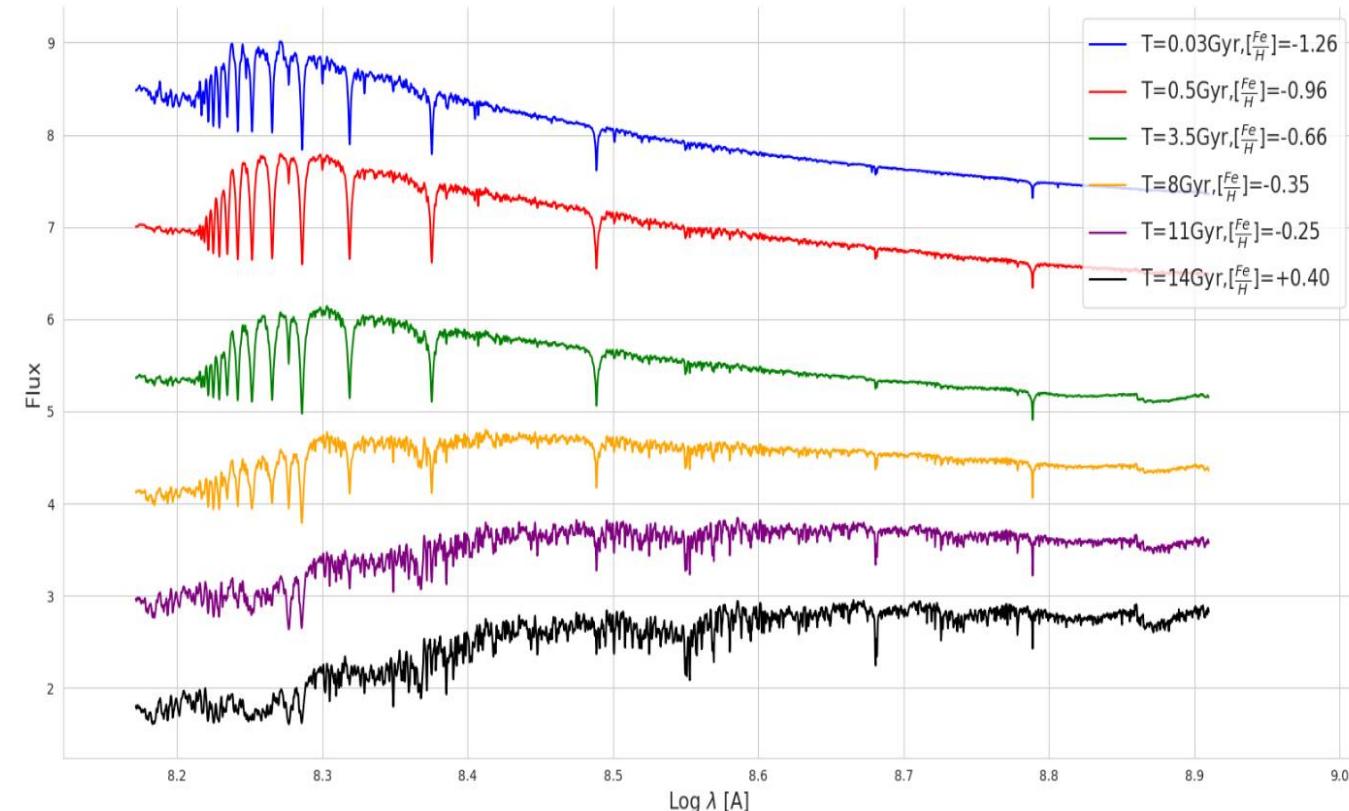
### B. Isochrones:

Derived by Basti, incorporating stellar evolution in terms of age and metallicity.  
[Pietrinferni+04]

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### C. IMF:

Adopted from Kroupa, power-law distribution.  
[Kroupa+01]

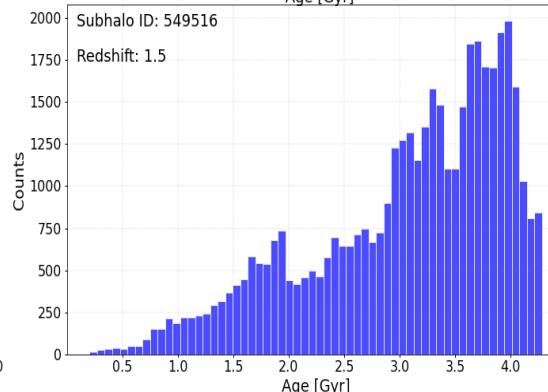
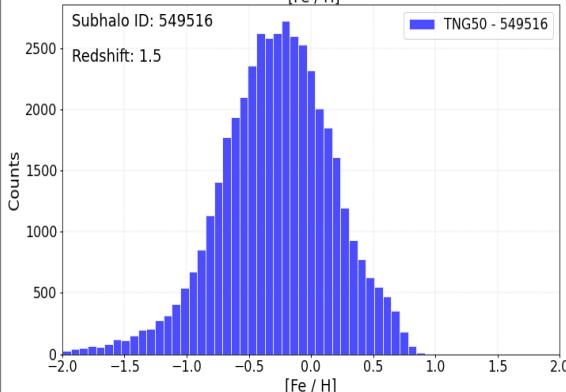
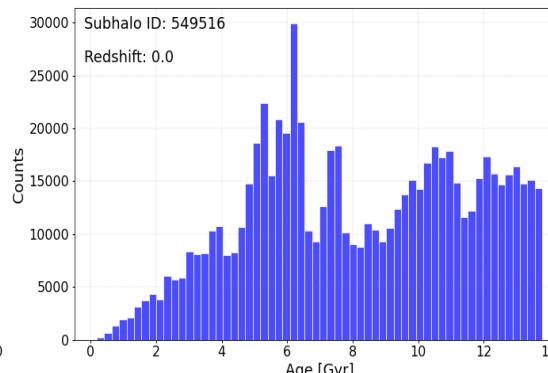
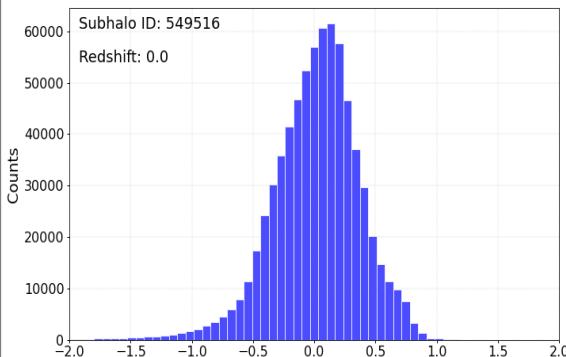


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TNG50:

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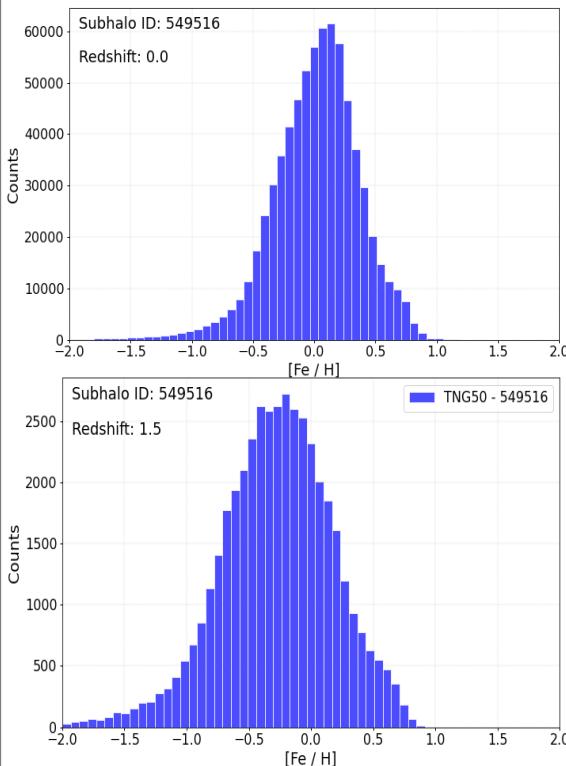
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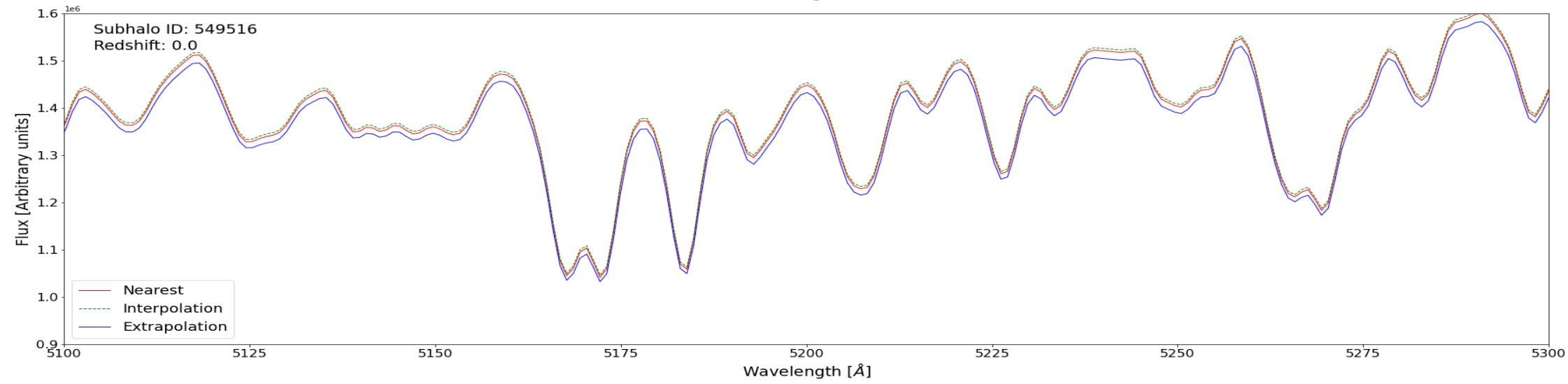
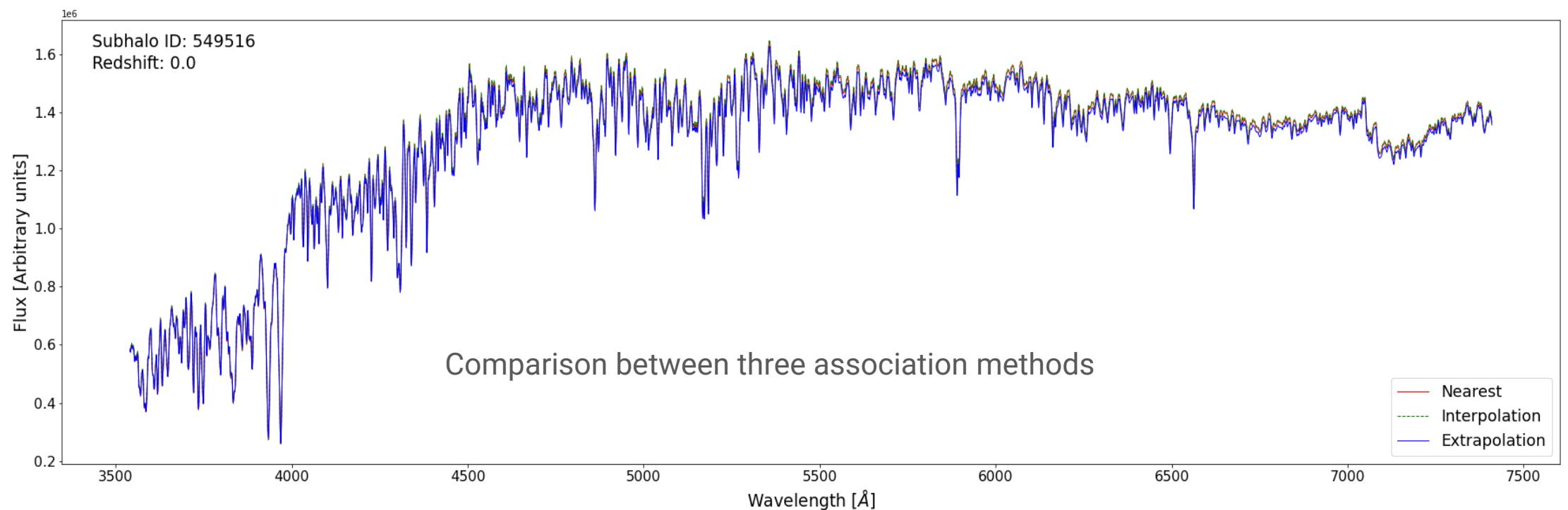


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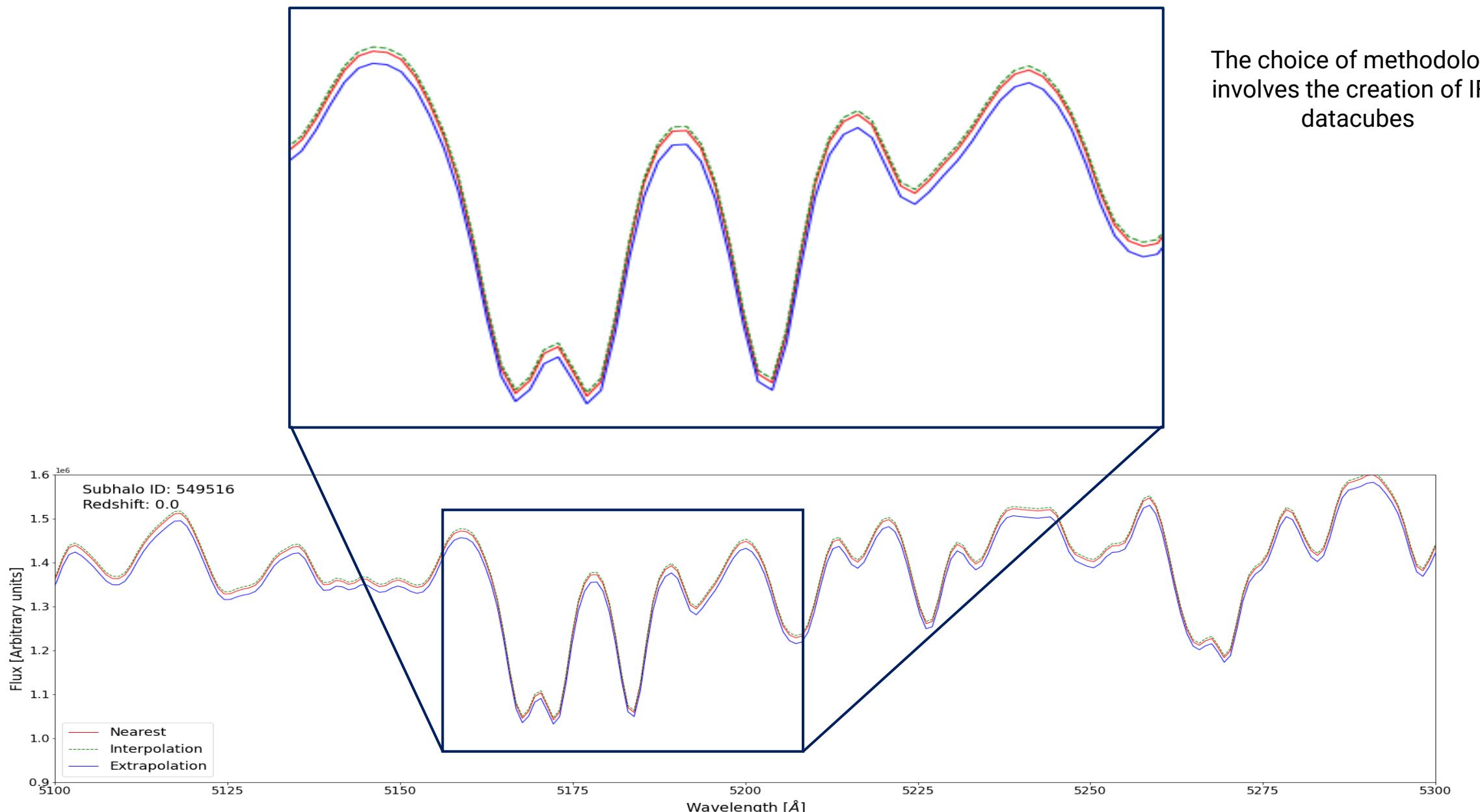
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- ① **NEAREST**: assign to each TNG stellar particle the closest age and metallicity value from MILES.
- ② **INTERPOLATION**: For metallicity values exceeding the MILES maximum the highest is assigned.
- ③ **EXTRAPOLATION**: Extends the interpolation linearly beyond the MILES values.

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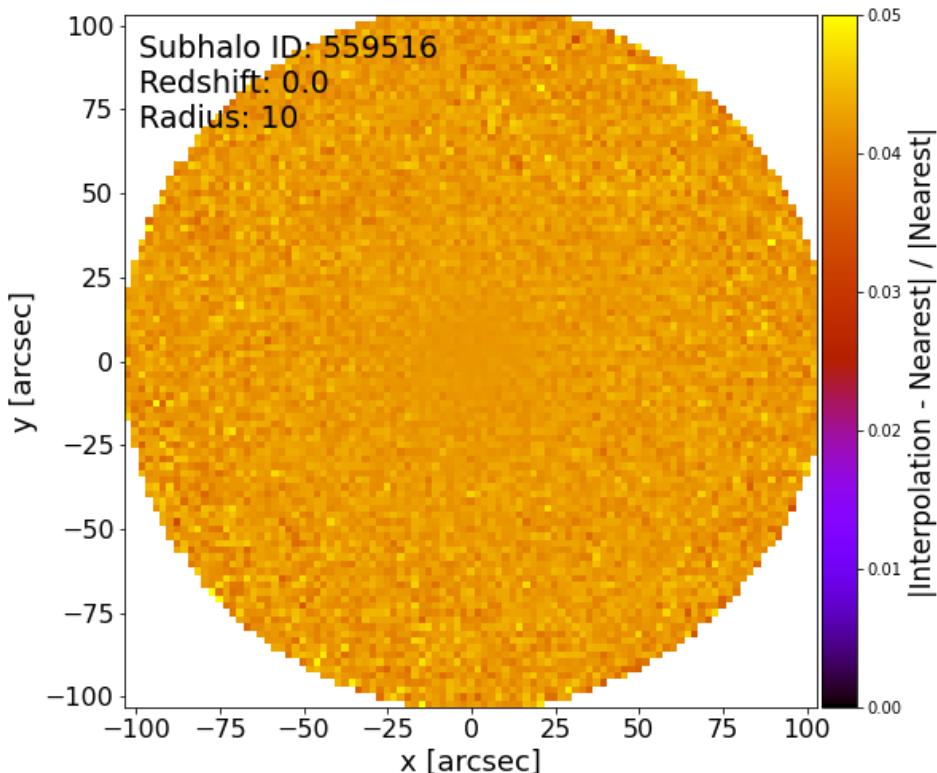
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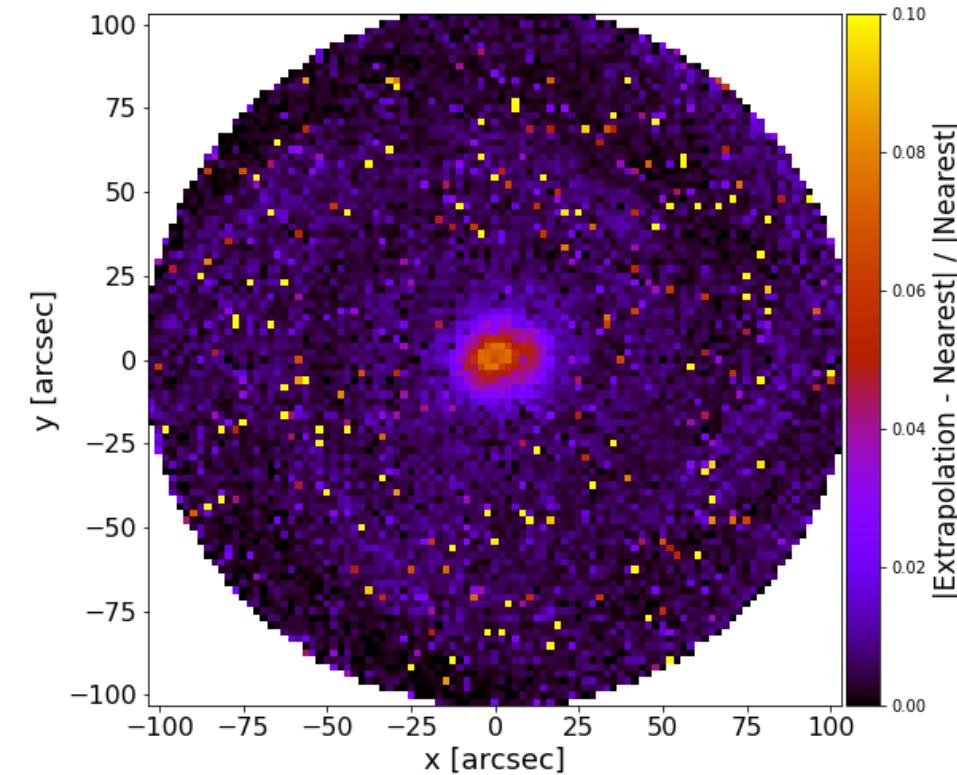
Interpolation vs. Nearest

Almost constant relative difference across the spaxels.



Extrapolation vs. Nearest

High dependency with position (spiral arms, center → high metallicity).  
And with the extrapolation method adopted.



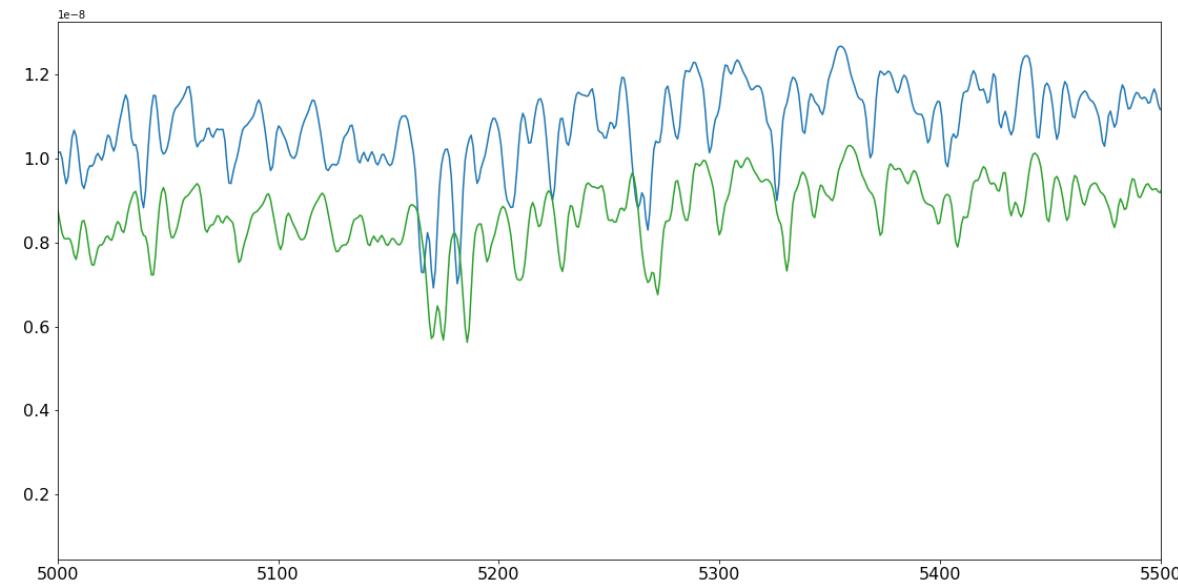
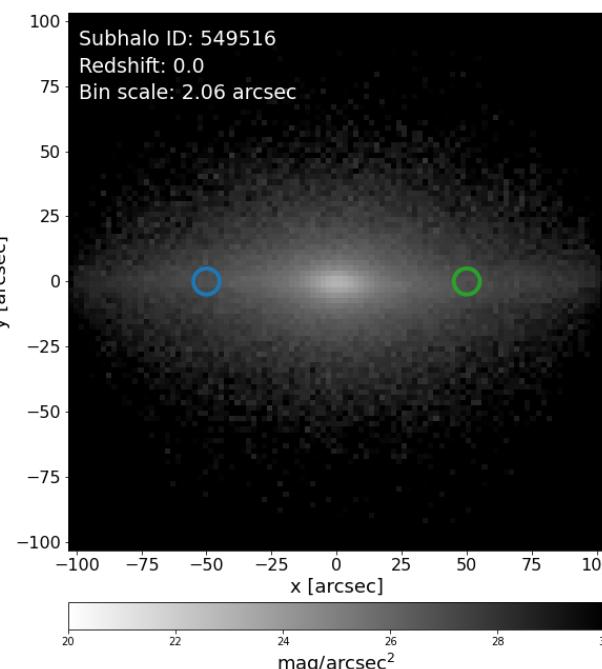
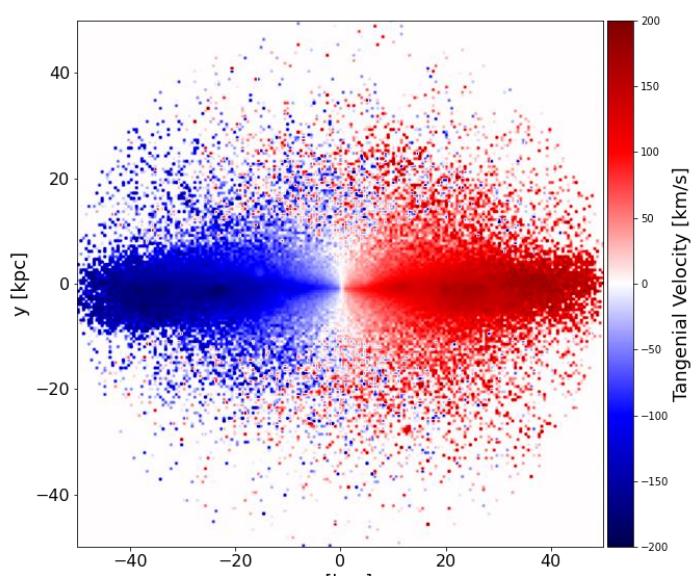
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### B. INCLUDING STELLAR CYNEMATICS:

Doppler shift due to rotation velocities of stellar particles.

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c}$$

Tangential velocity (Edge-on):



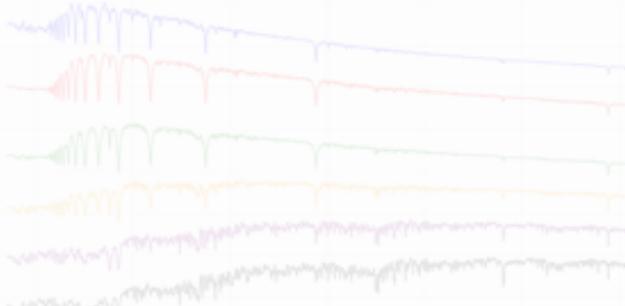
### 3.3. INTEGRAL FIELD SPECTROSCOPIC DATACUBES

#### 1. TNG50 MW-like galaxies:



`TNG_data_loader`  
*Output:* Stellar particles file.

#### 2. MILES stellar library:



#### synthetic\_spectrum

*Output:* Each stellar particle is interpolated and associated to a synthetic spectrum from MILES template and linearly combined to form the fiber spectrum.

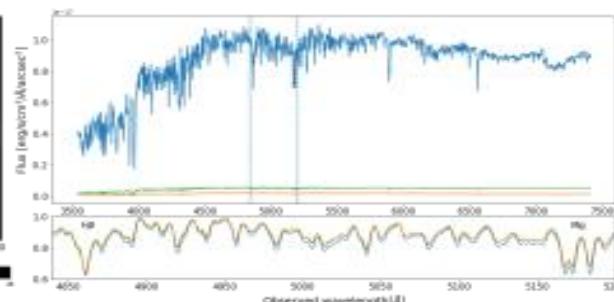
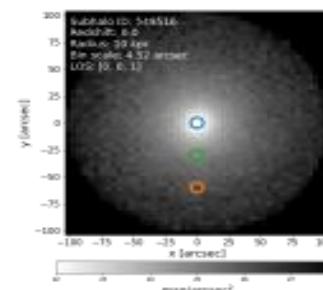
#### 3. IFU datacubes:

##### `data_cube`

*Output:* IFU datacubes (FITS file)

##### *Input:*

TNG50 galaxy ID  
TNG50 snapshot  
Radius (in kpc)  
Vector l.o.s.  
\*, spaxel size, number of bins



#### 4. JWST NIRSpec simulation:

##### `pass_to_jwst`

*Output:* IFU datacubes (FITS file)

##### A. Spectral resolution:

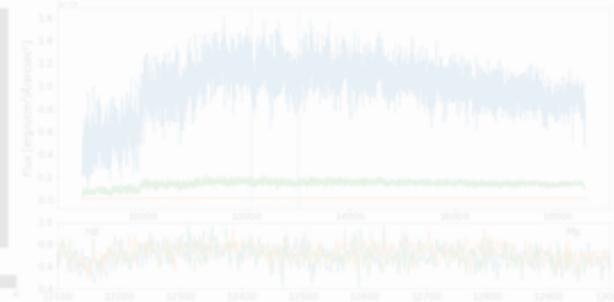
Convolution to filter bandpass and Gaussian noise added.

##### B. Fit to NIRSpec FOV:

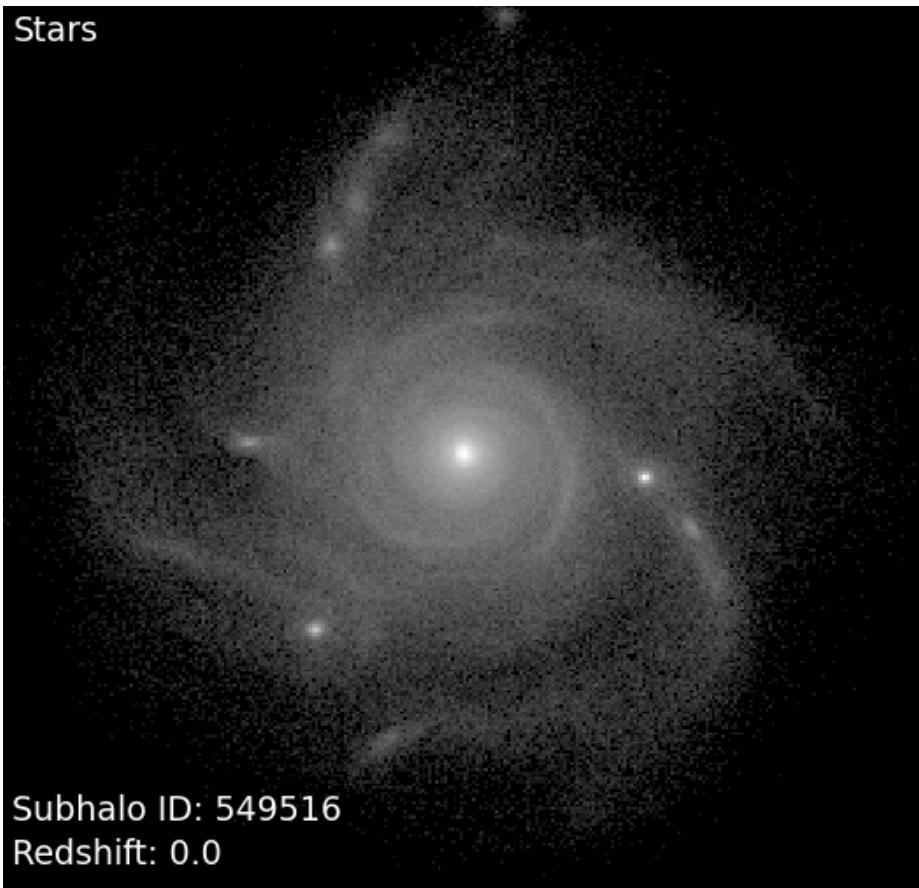
Fit into 30x30 spaxels.

##### C. Spatial resolution:

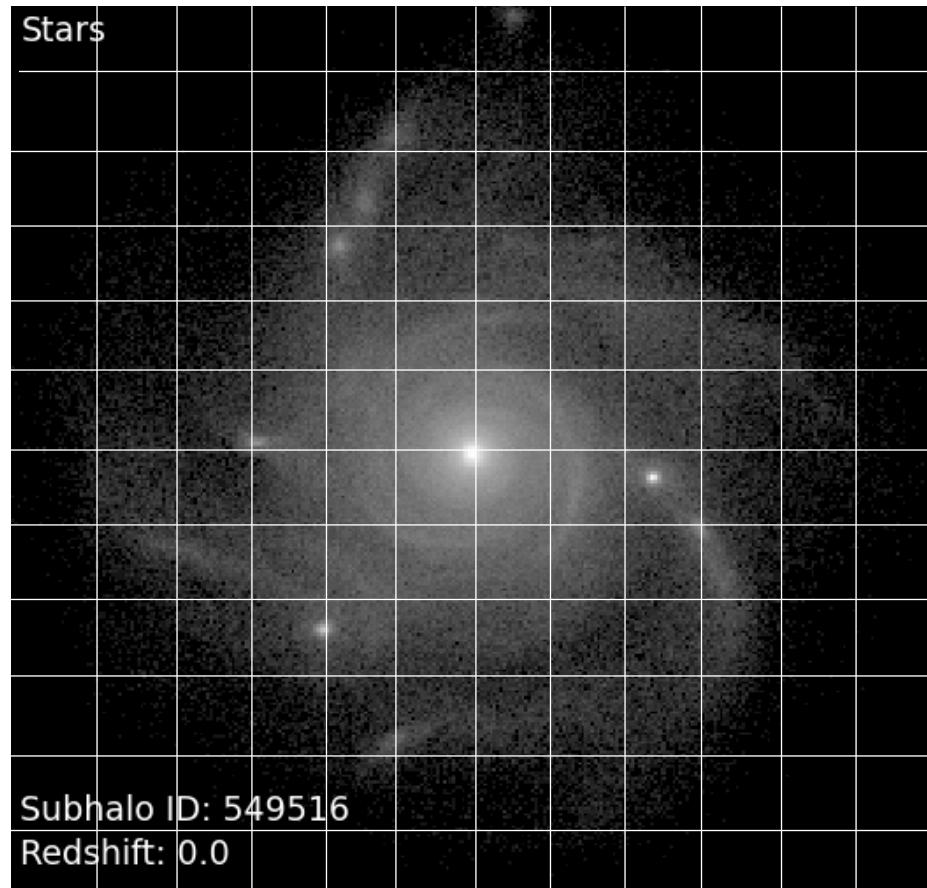
2D Gaussian Convolution to NIRCam PSF.



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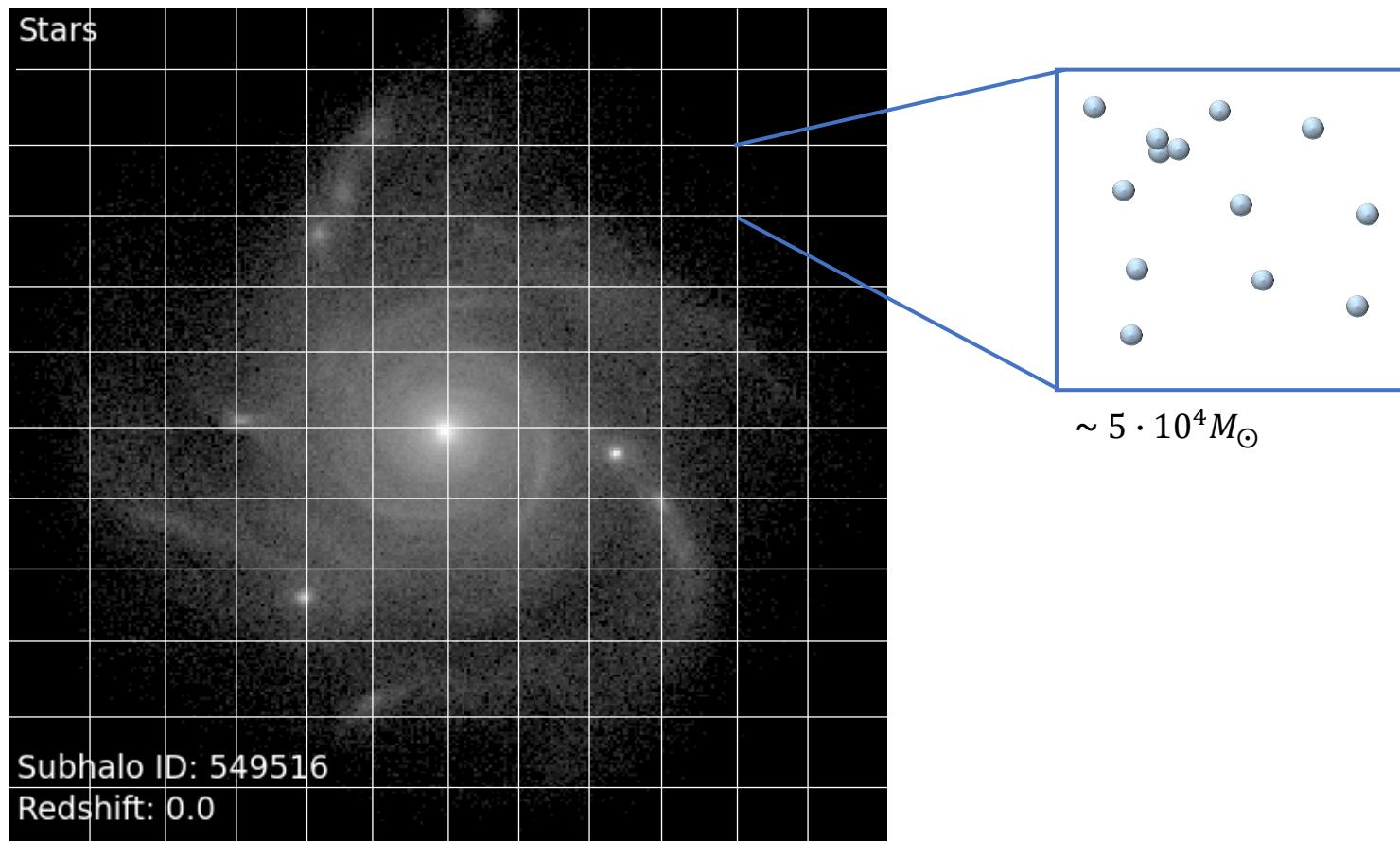


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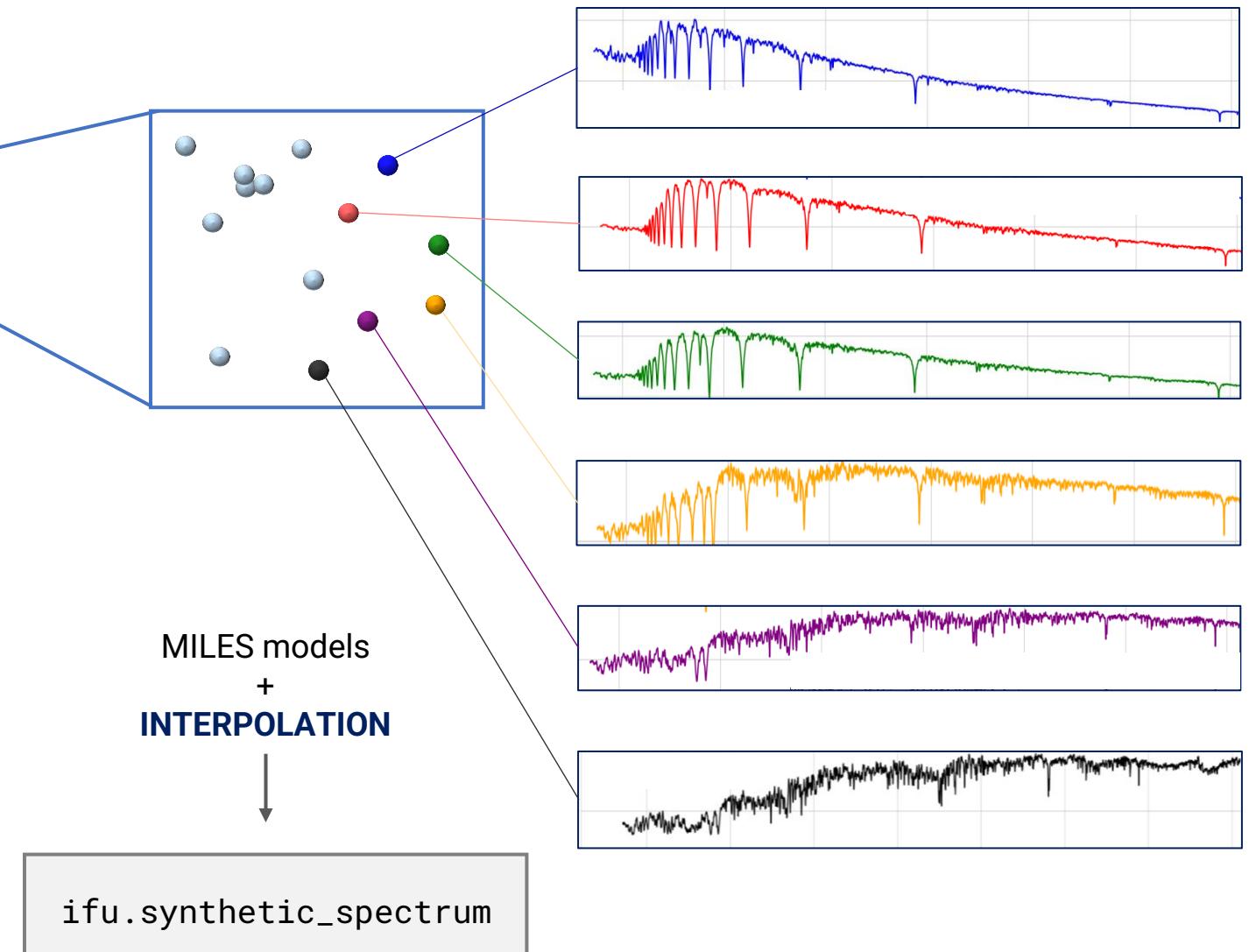
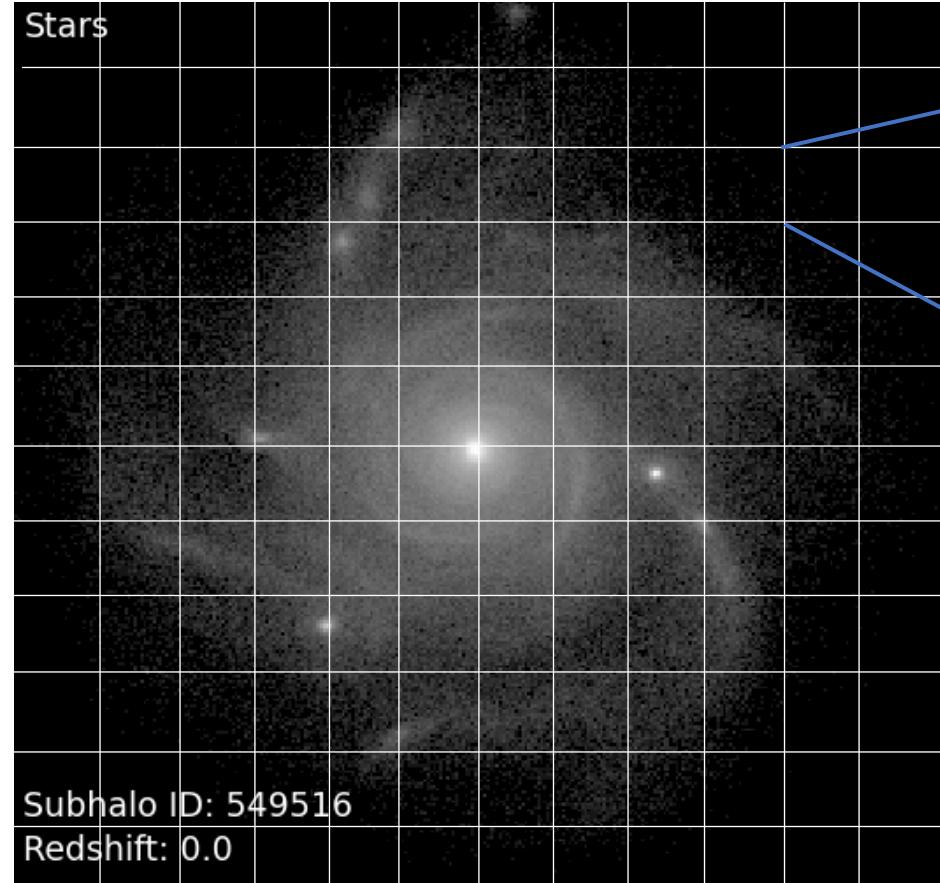


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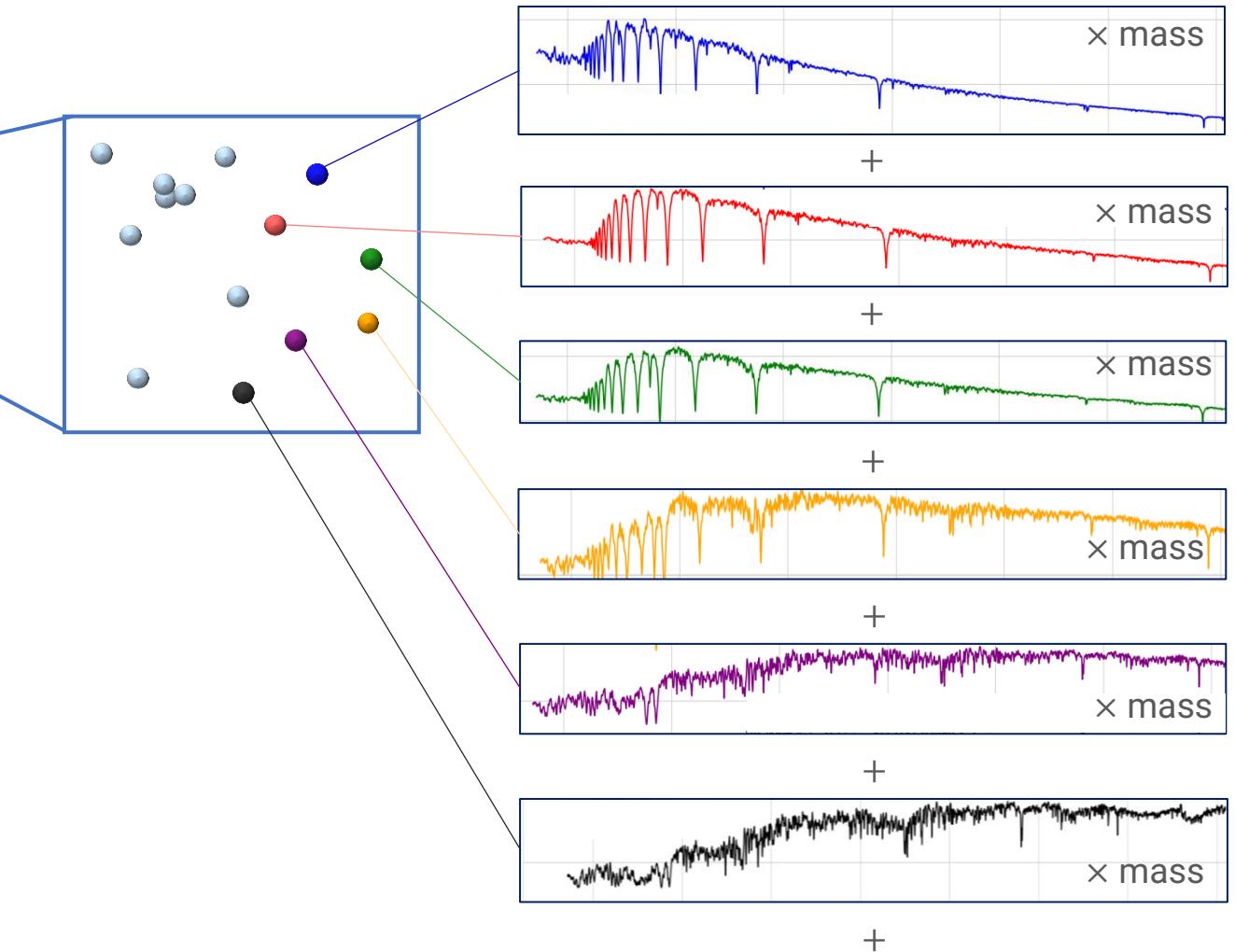
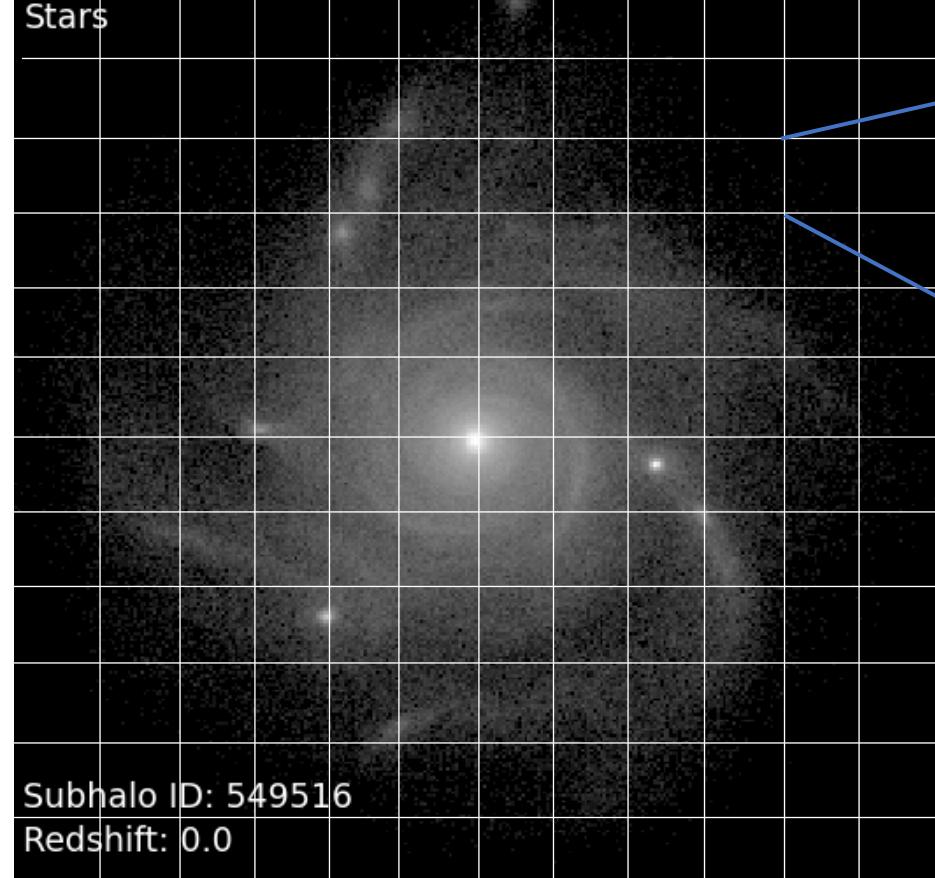
~ 700.000 stellar particles



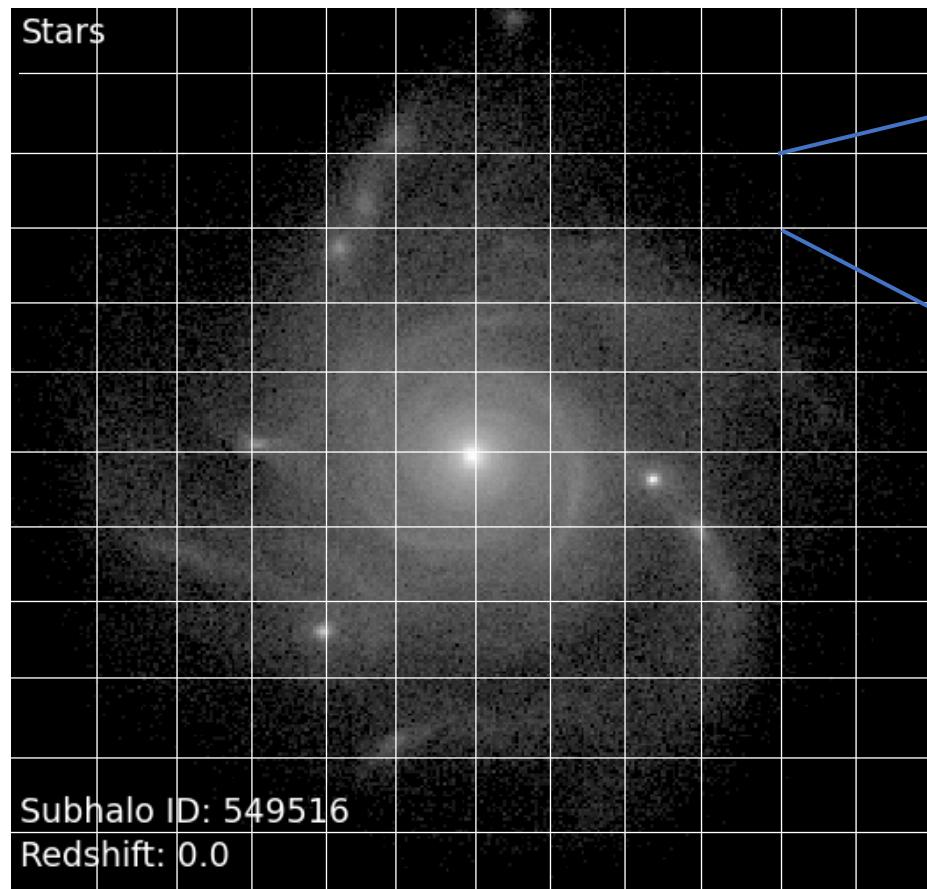
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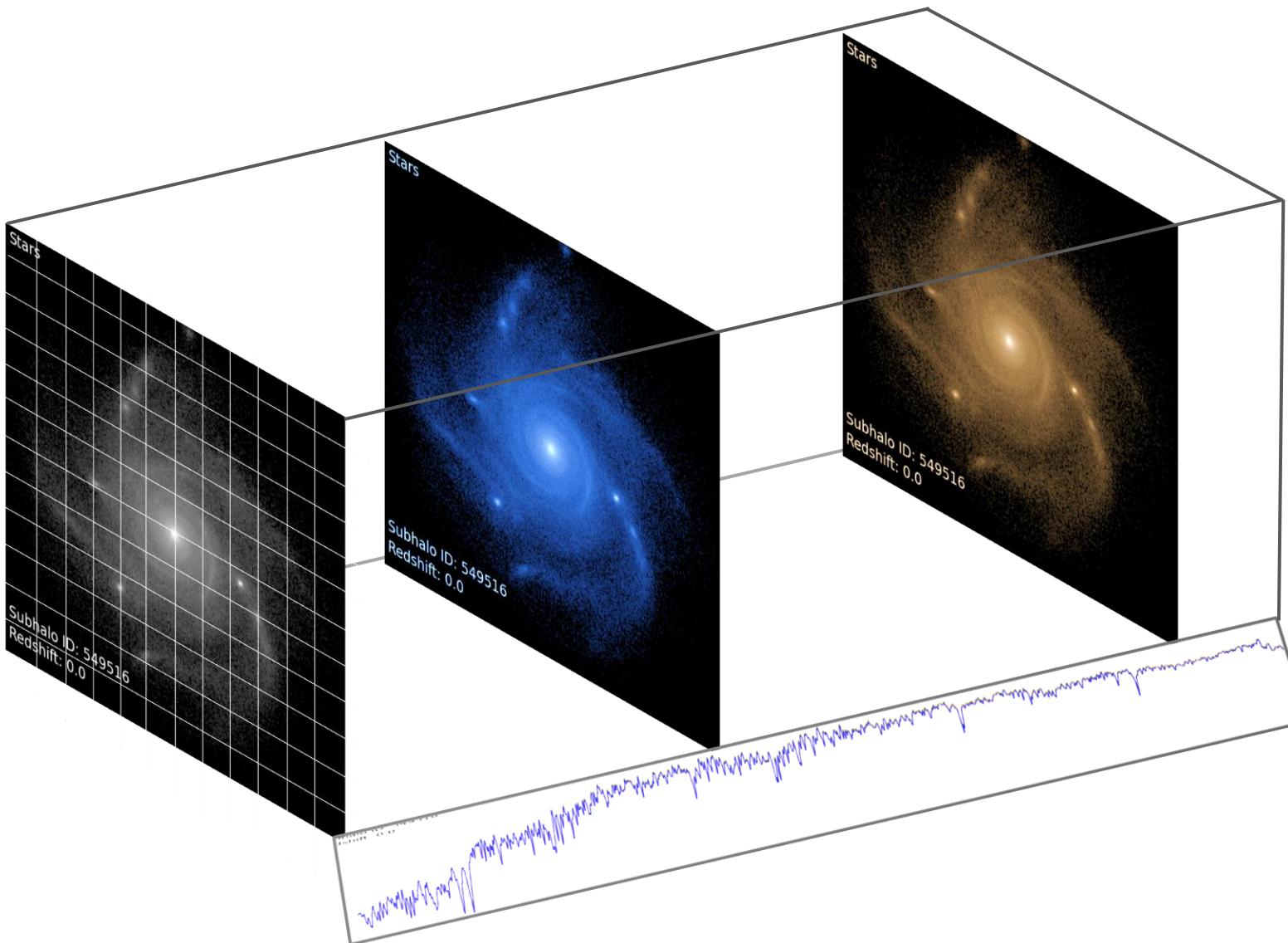
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SYNTHETIC SPECTRUM

Same procedure for each pixel.

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`ifu.data_cube`

Input:

`subhalo_ID`

`snapshot`

`radius [kpc]`

`v_f [vector l.o.s]`

`binsize or num_bins`

Output:

FITS IFU datacube

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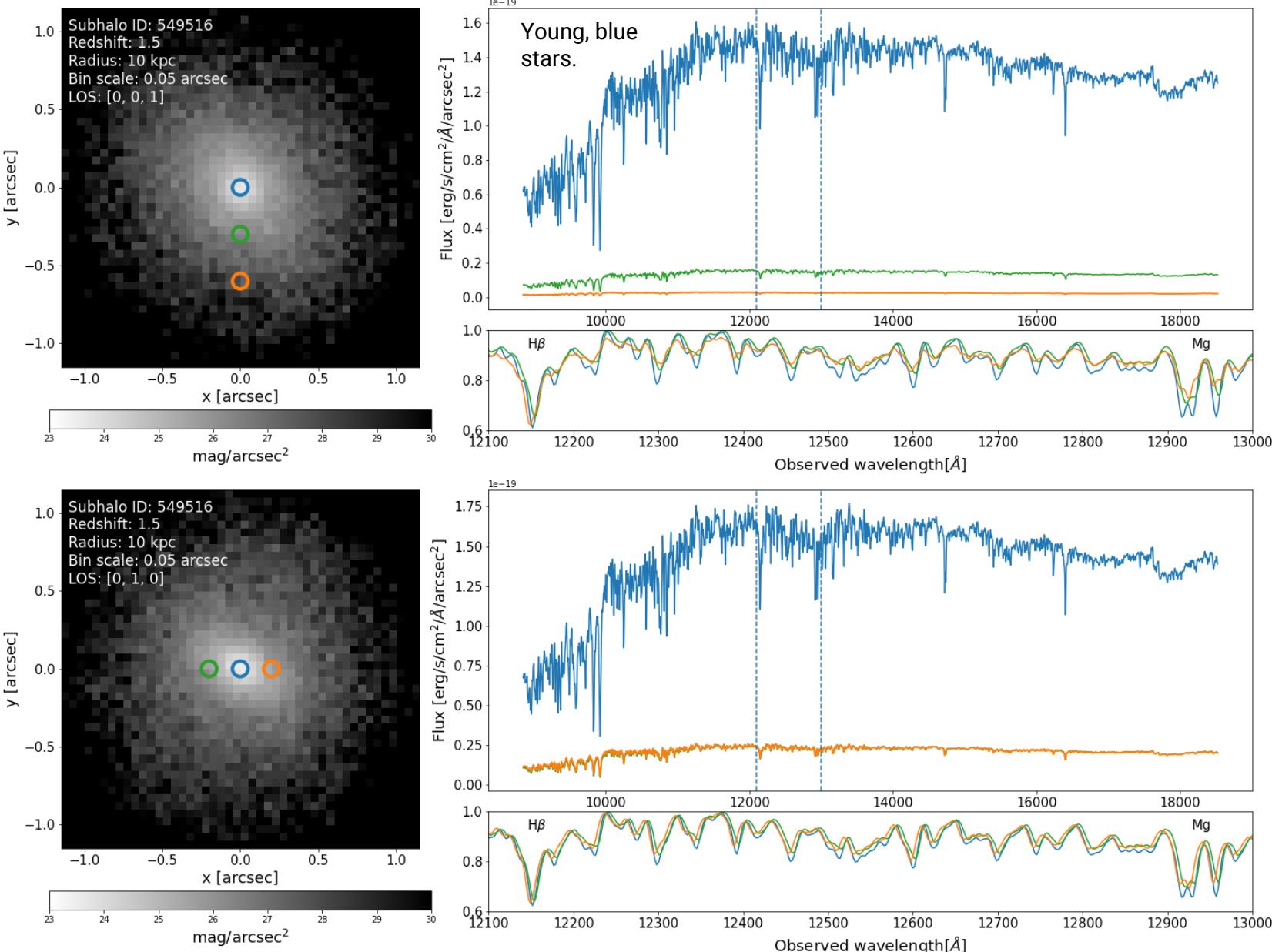
`ifu.flux_scale_factor`

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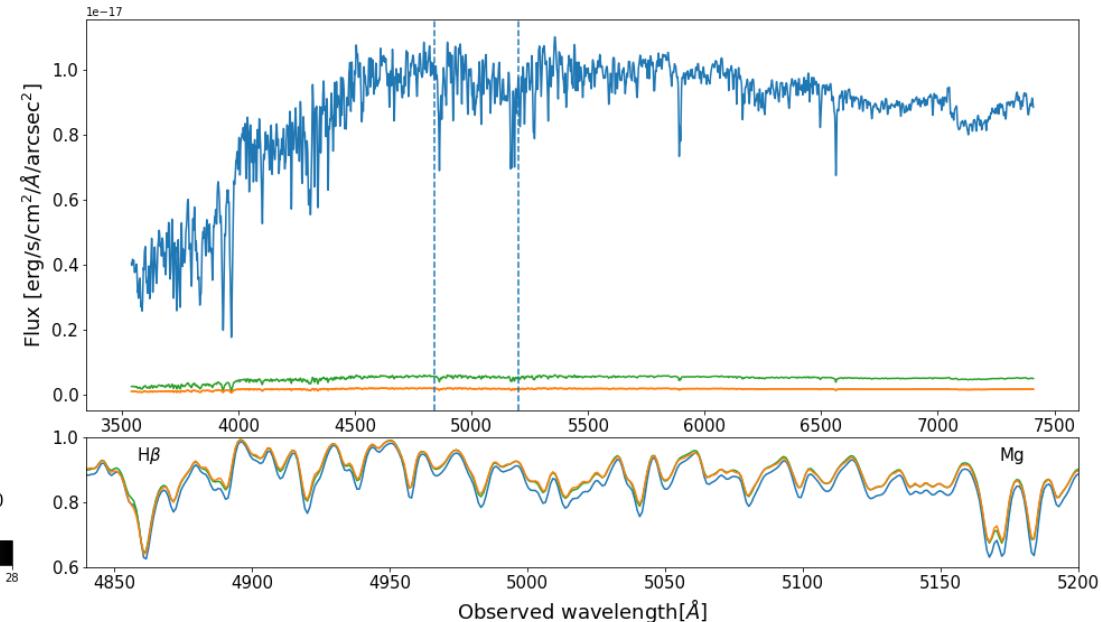
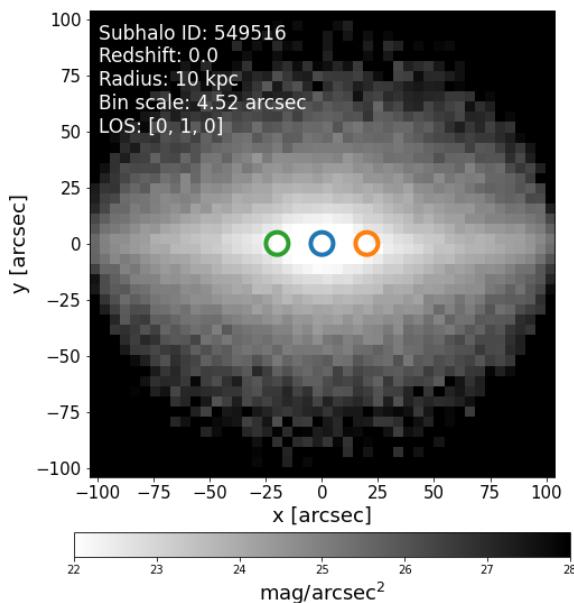
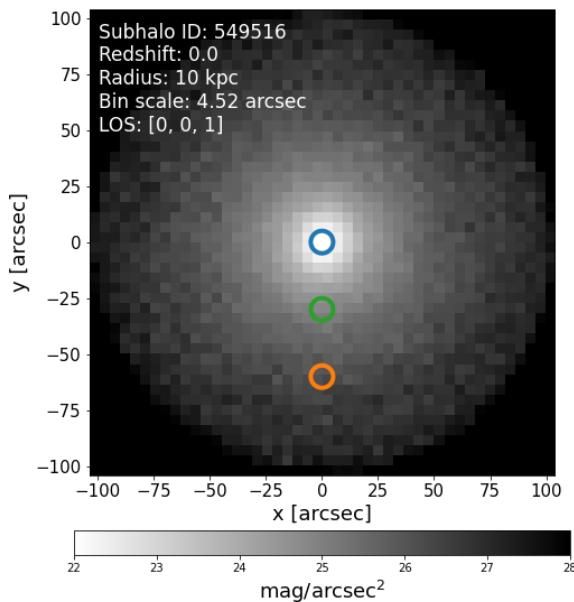
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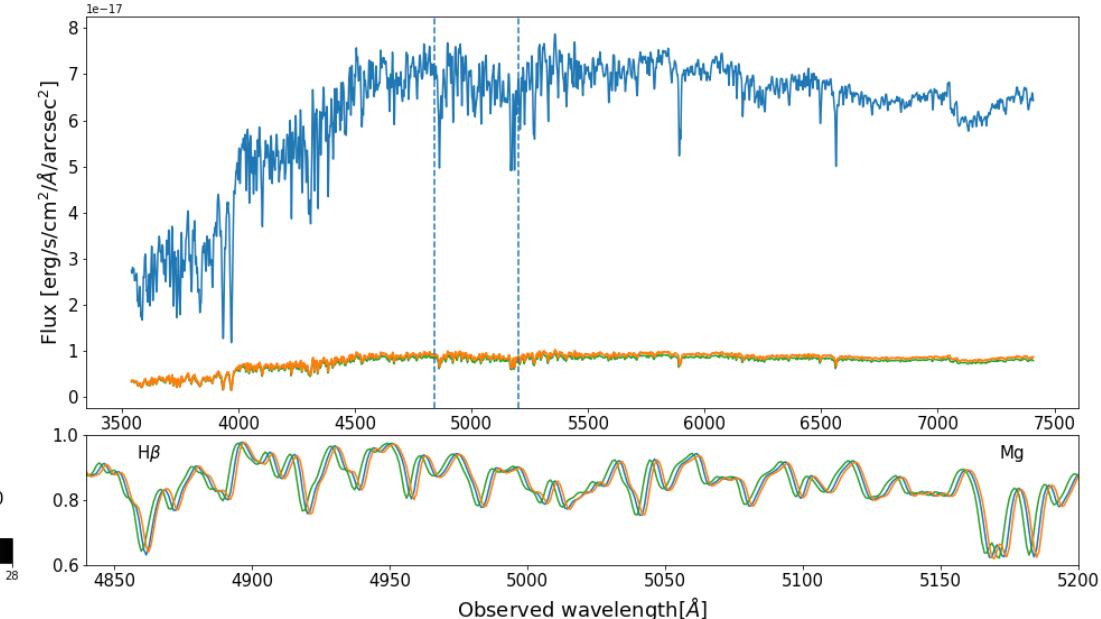
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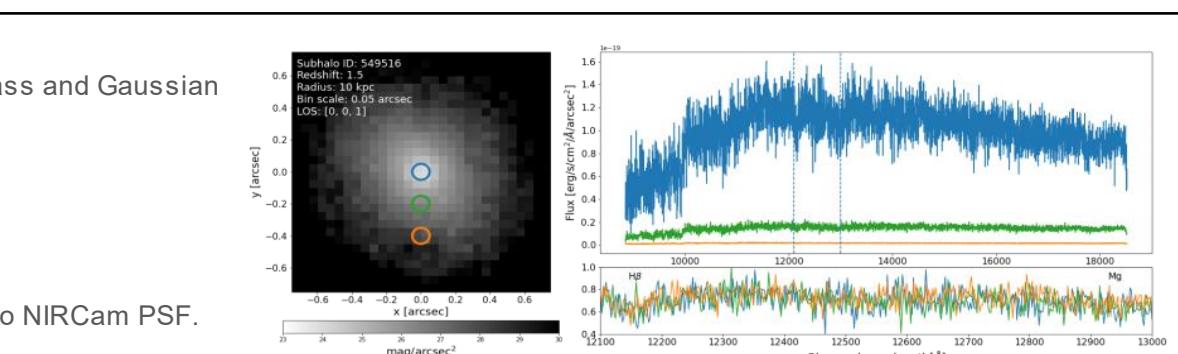
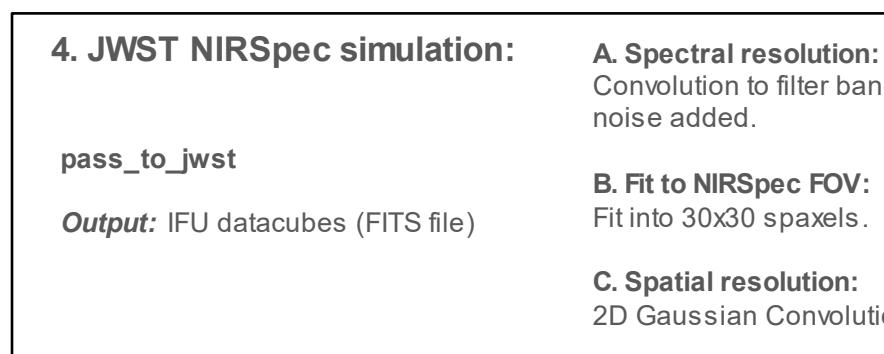
**$z = 0$**



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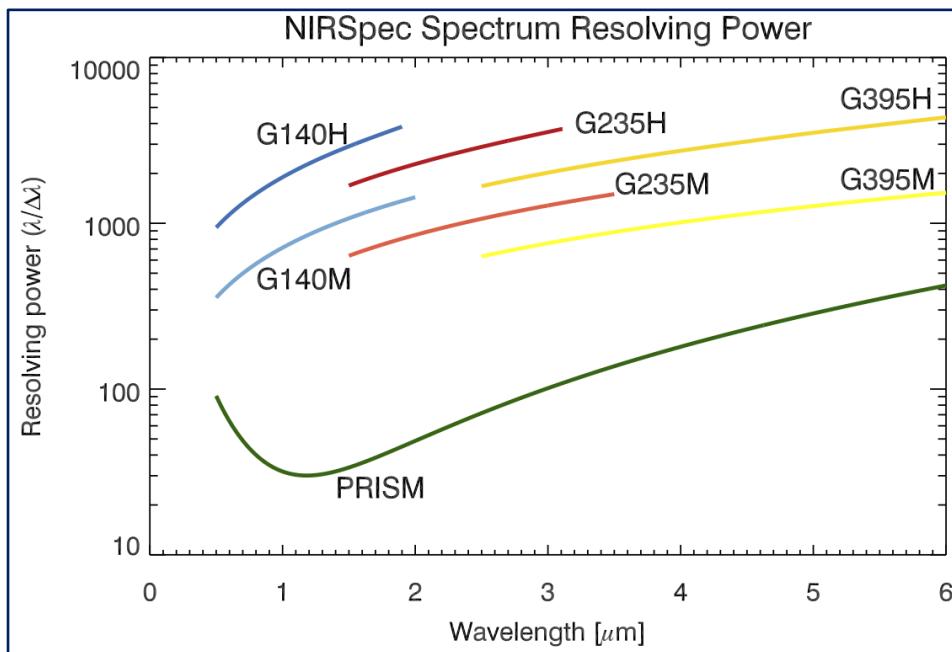
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We will use the **PRISM** grism of NIRSpec:



$$\text{FWHM}_{\text{JWST}} = \frac{\lambda}{R \cdot (1+z)}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\text{FWHM}_i}{2\sqrt{2\log(2)}}$$

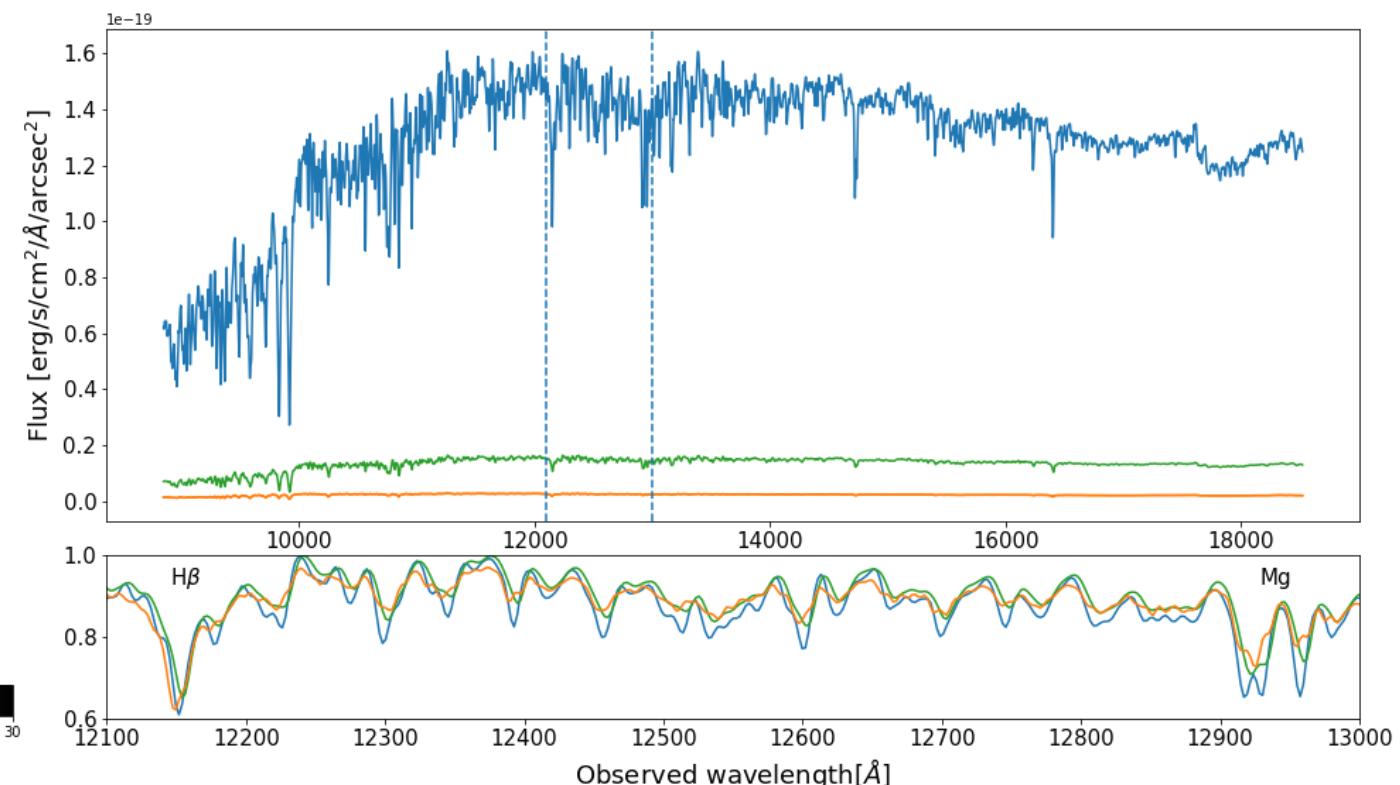
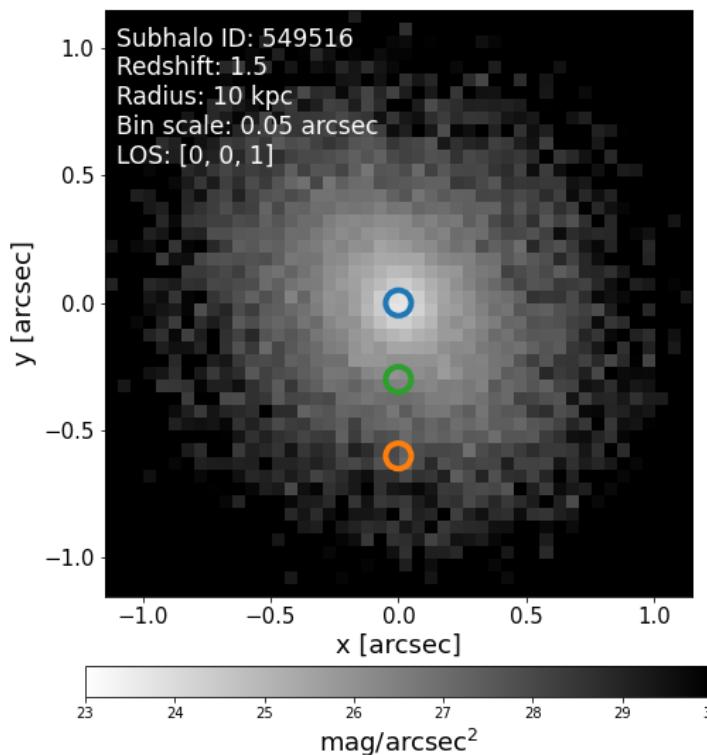
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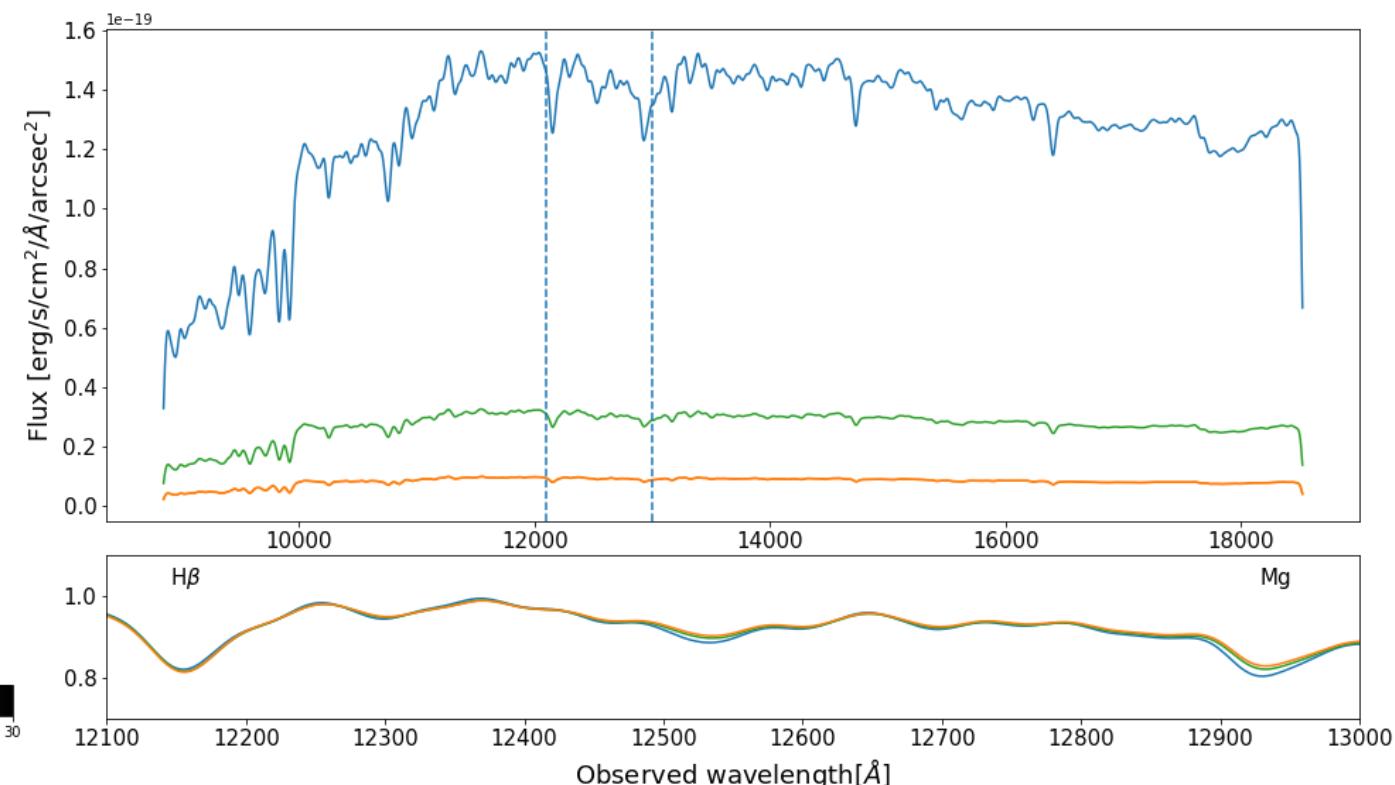
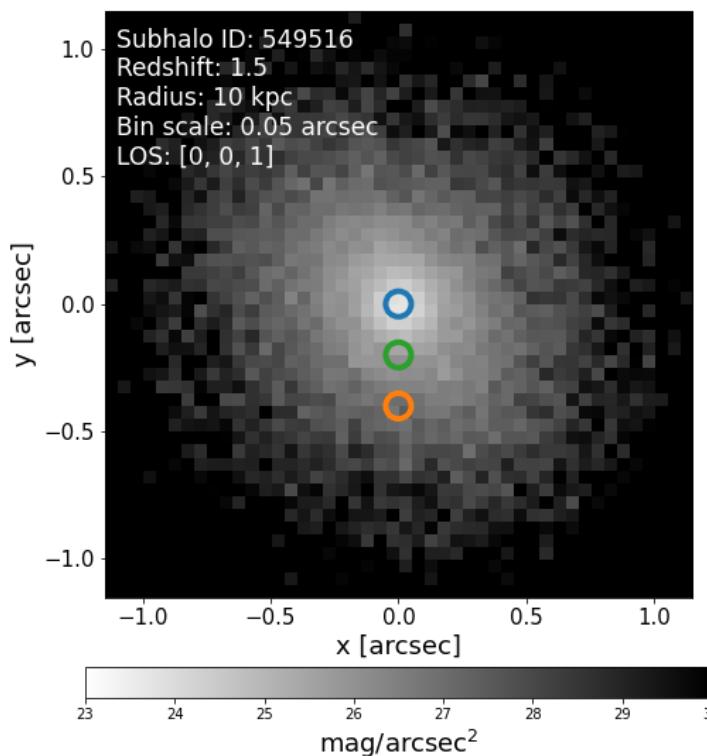
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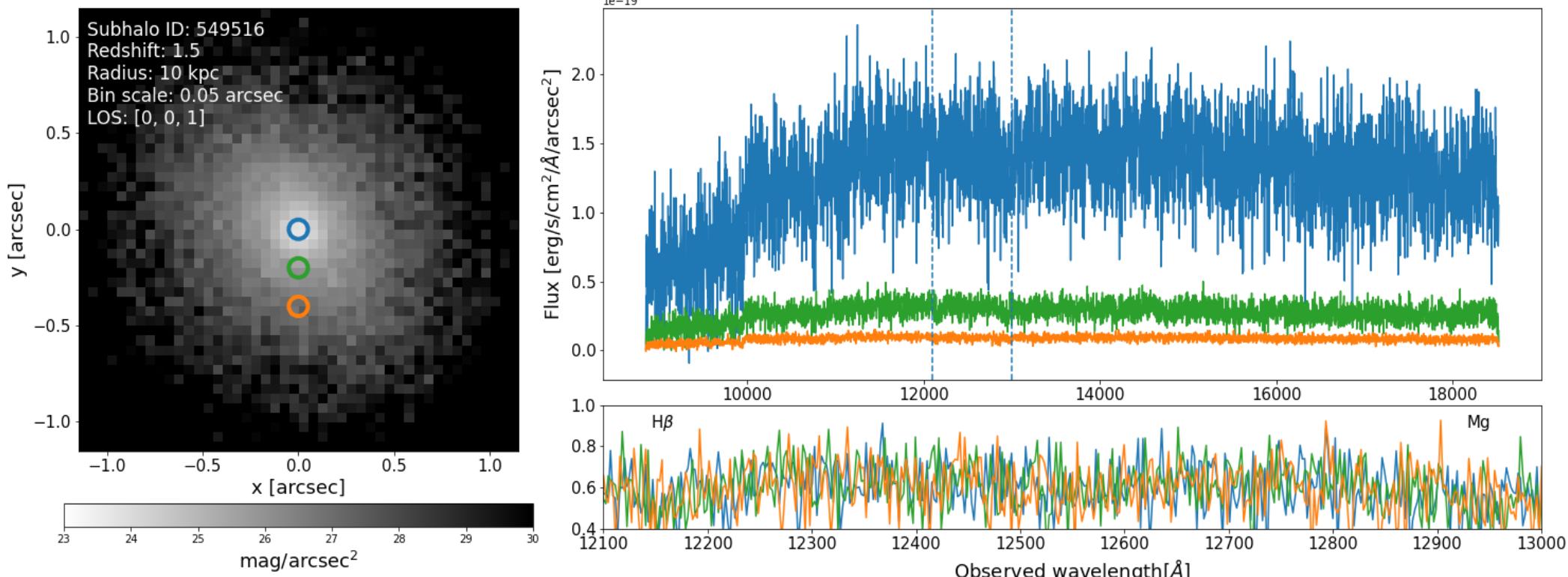
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### A. SPECTRAL RESOLUTION – GAUSSIAN NOISE:

Add random Gaussian noise to have a **SNR = 5** → Derived for a 6h exposure for resolution 24 mag/arcsec<sup>2</sup>.

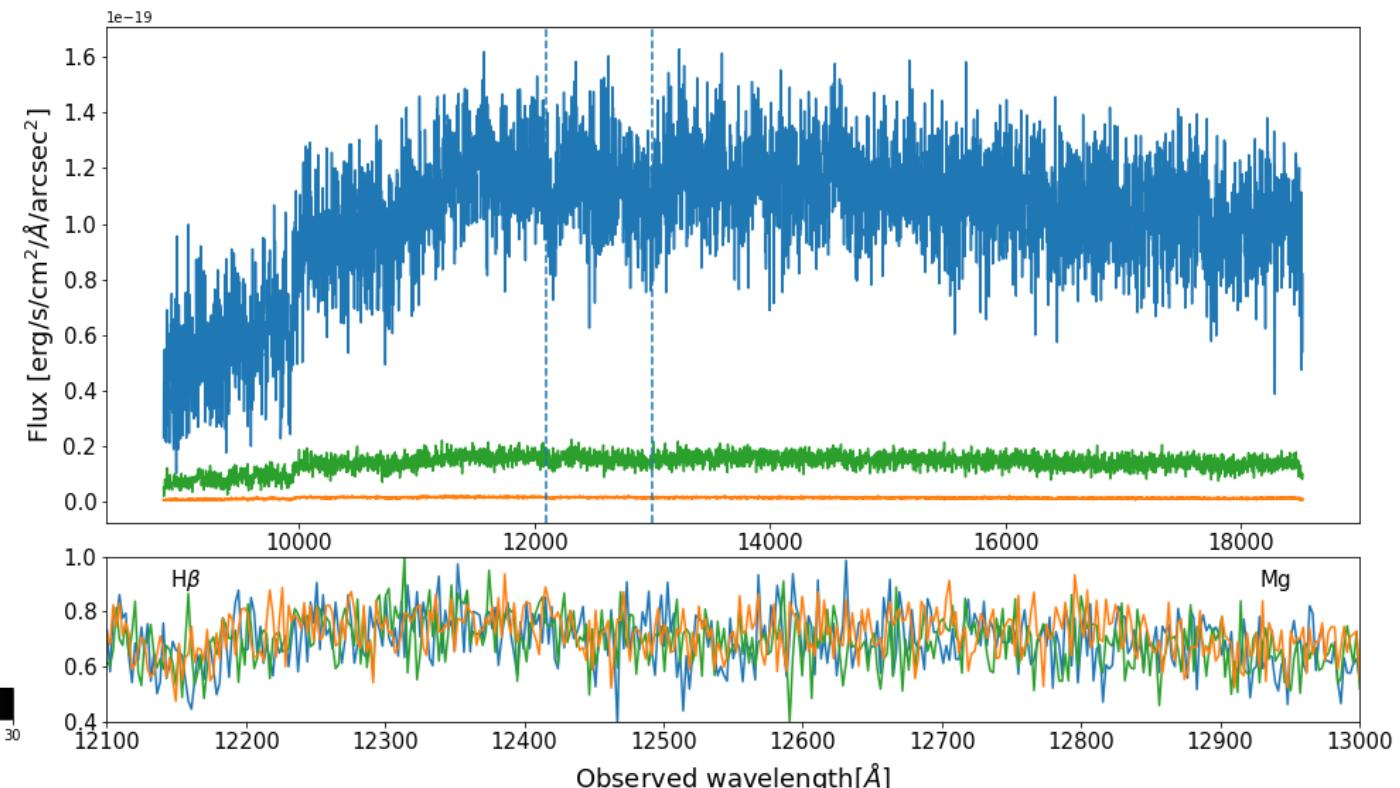
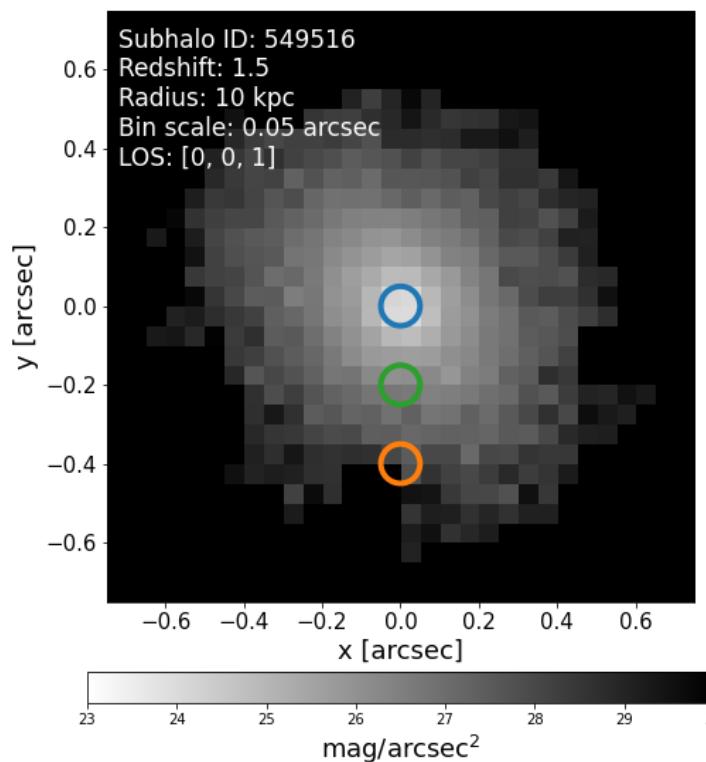


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### B. NUMBER OF SPAIXELS:

JWST IFU has a  $3'' \times 3''$  FOV divided in **30 SLICES**.

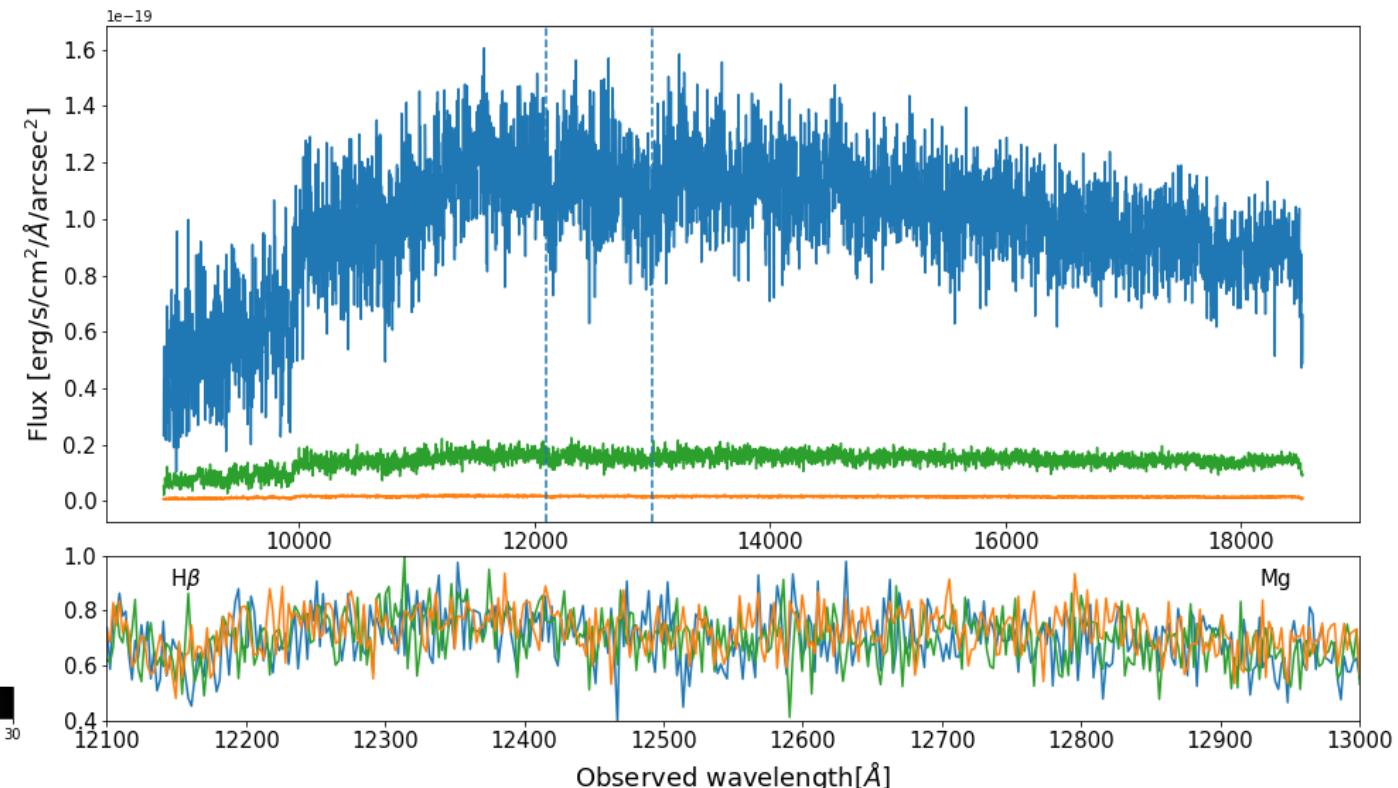
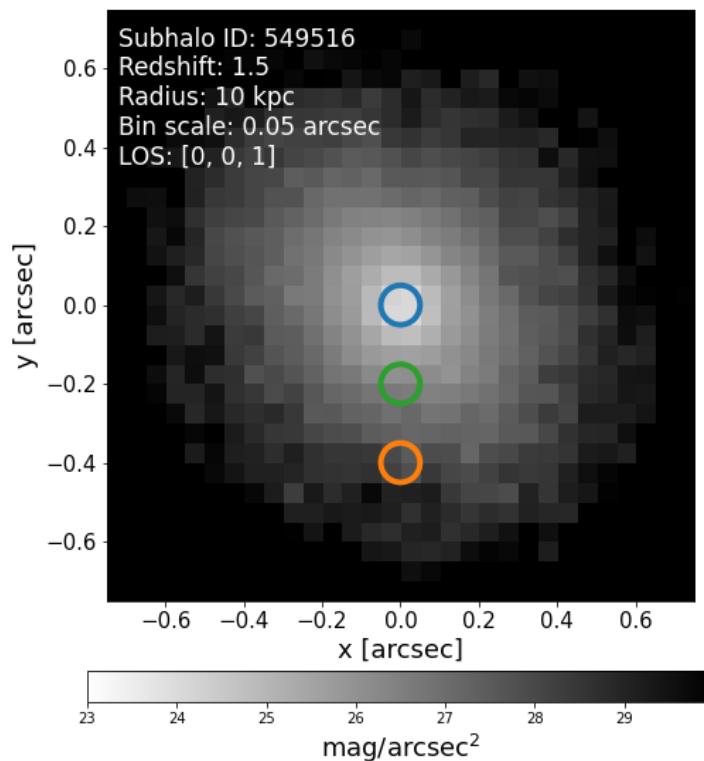
We have to crop of FOV to  $30 \times 30$  spaxels.



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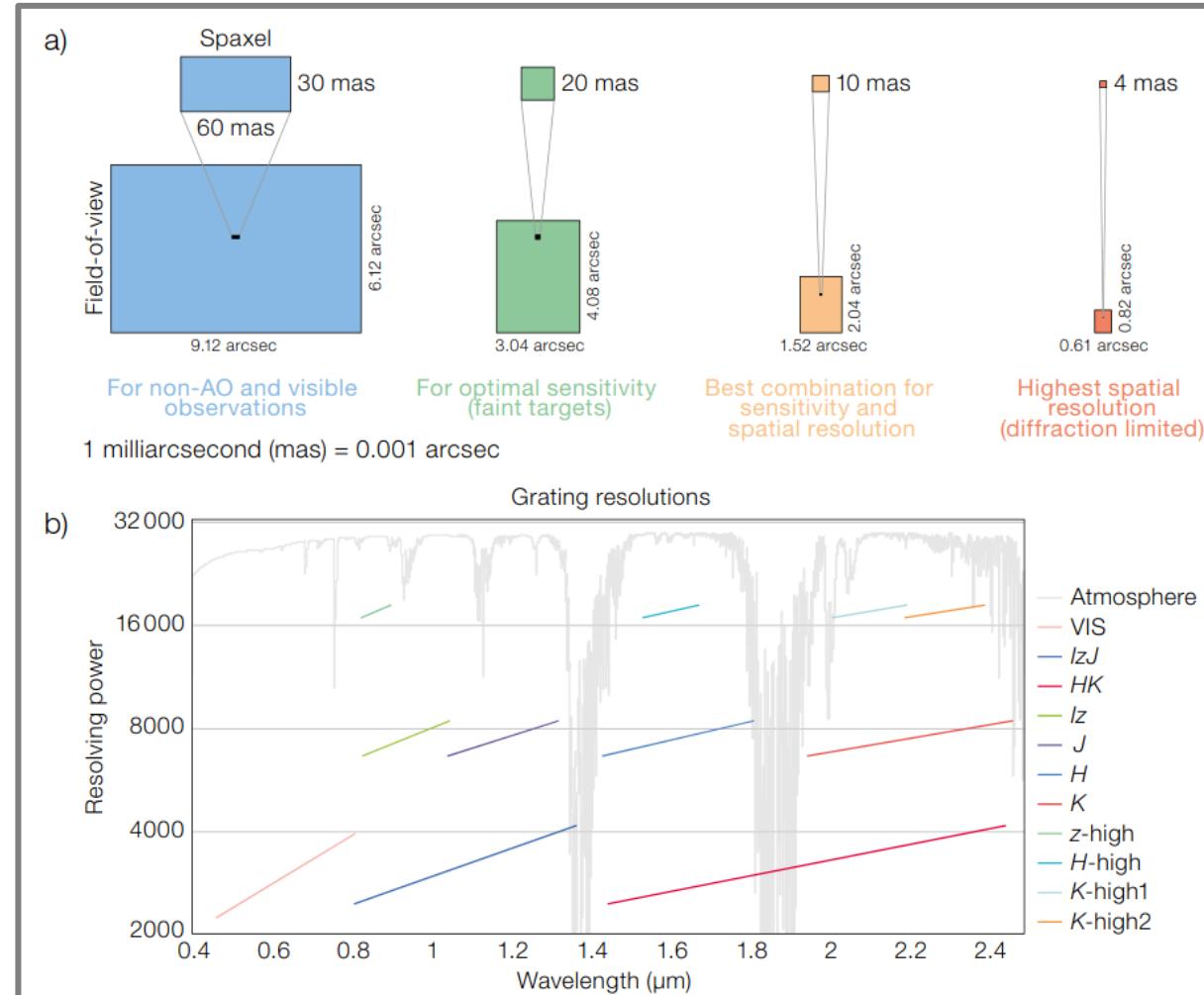
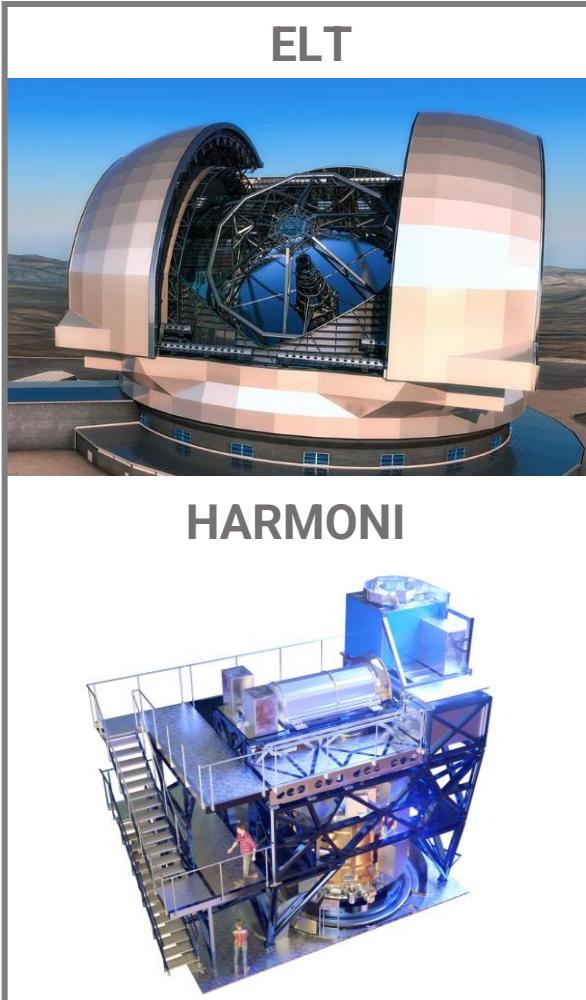
### C. SPATIAL RESOLUTION:

Implemented through a Gaussian convolution in 2D of the **NIRCam PSF**, with a FWHM that increases with the wavelength.



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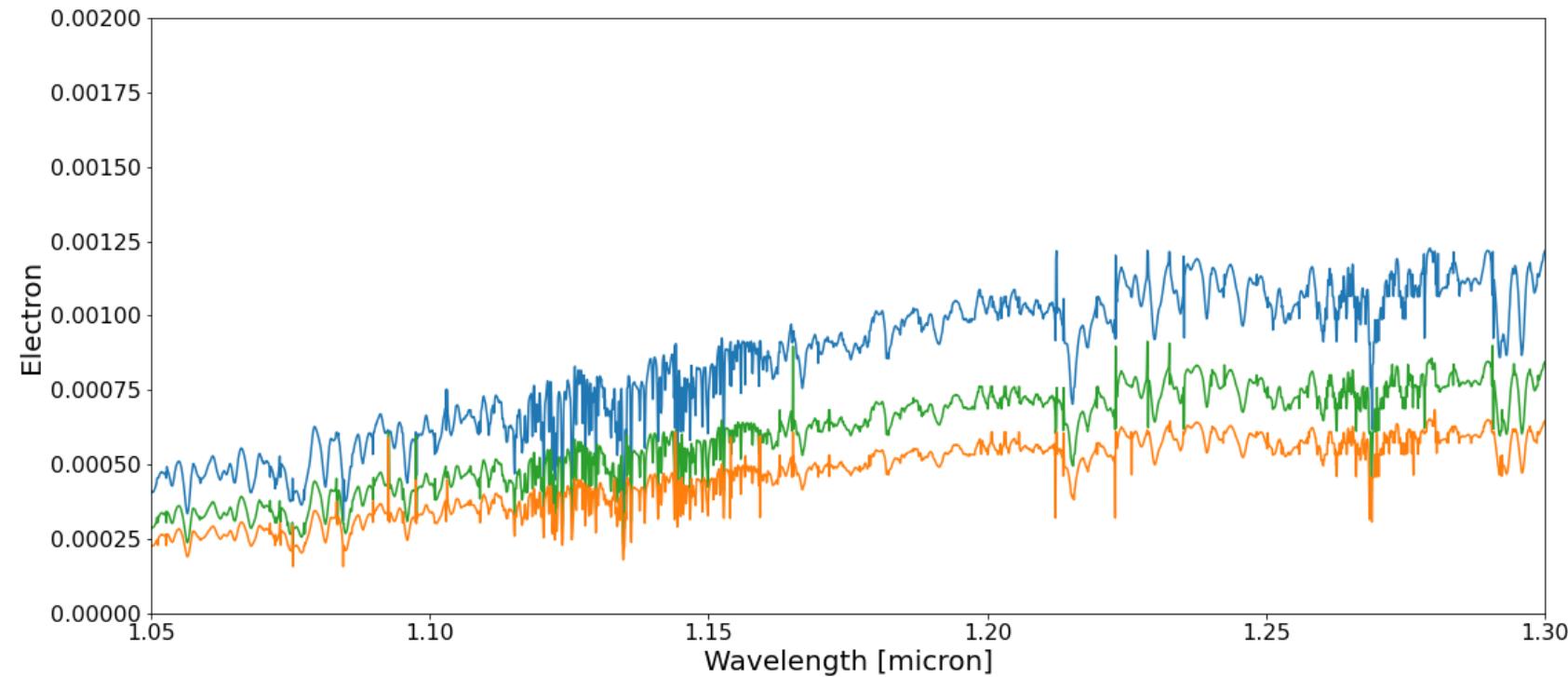
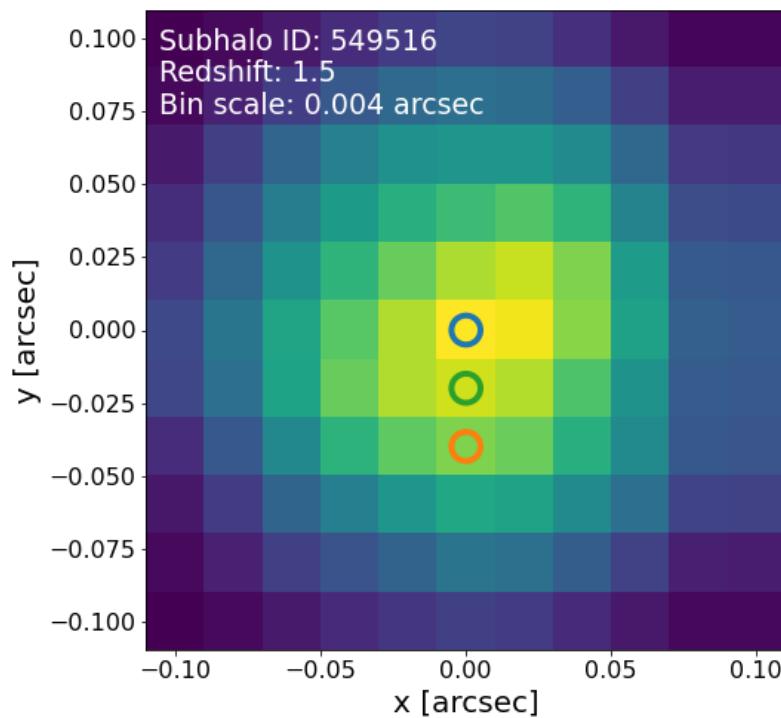
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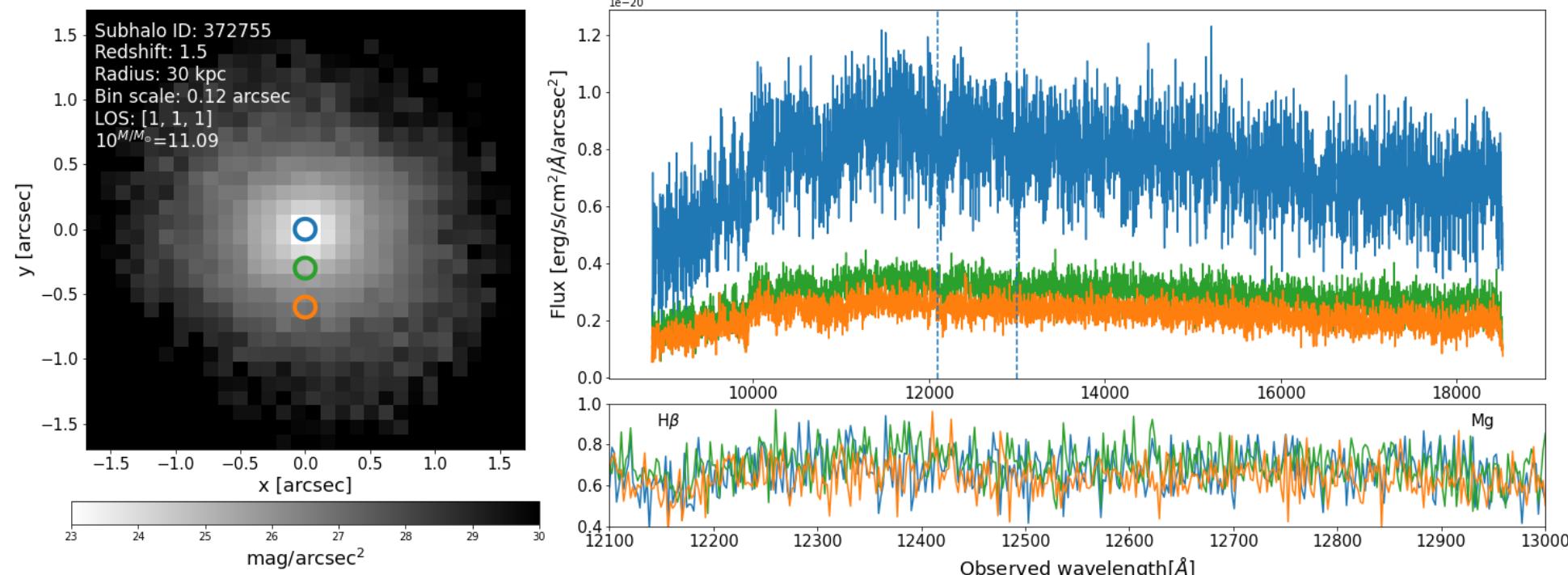
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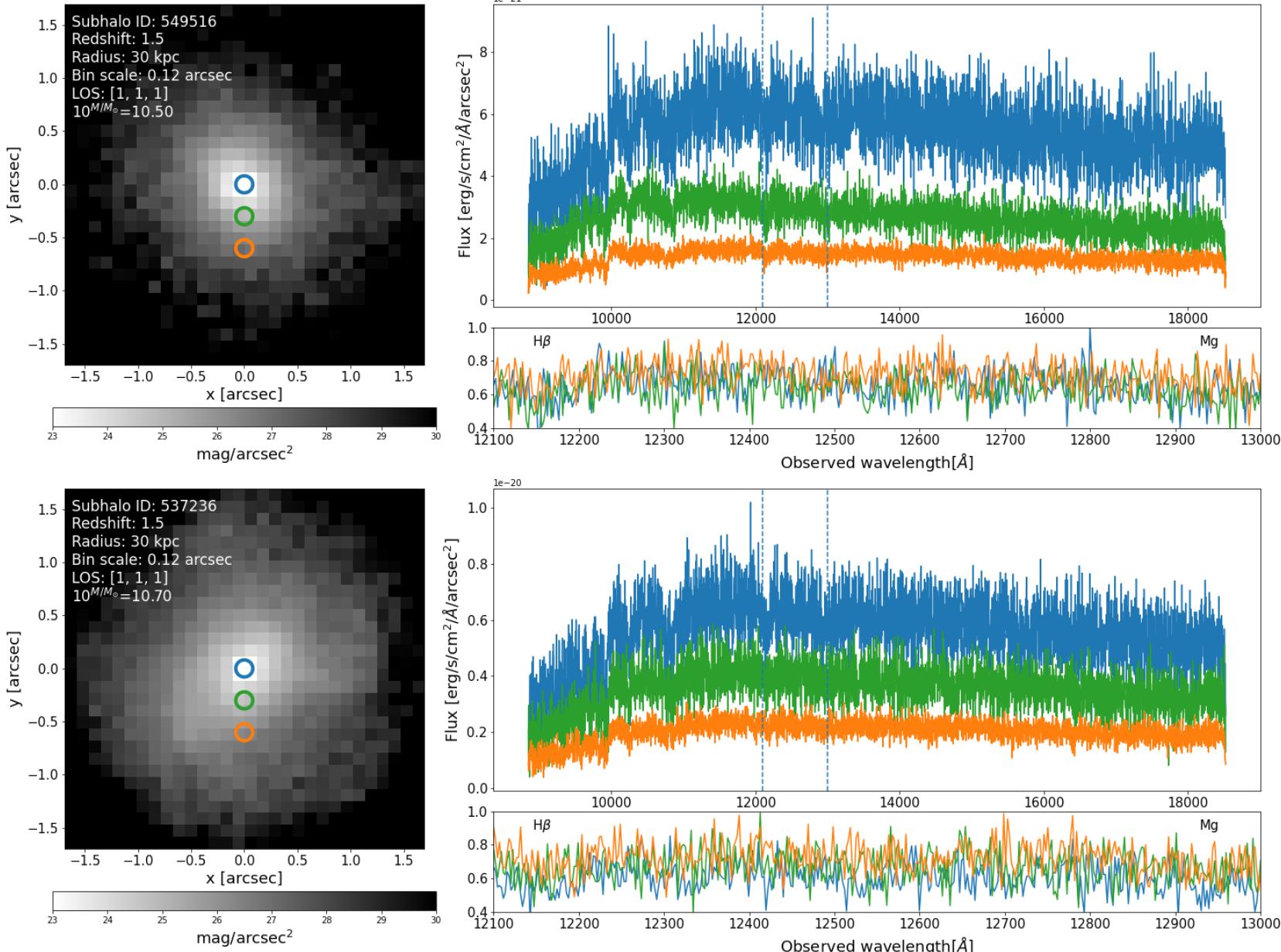
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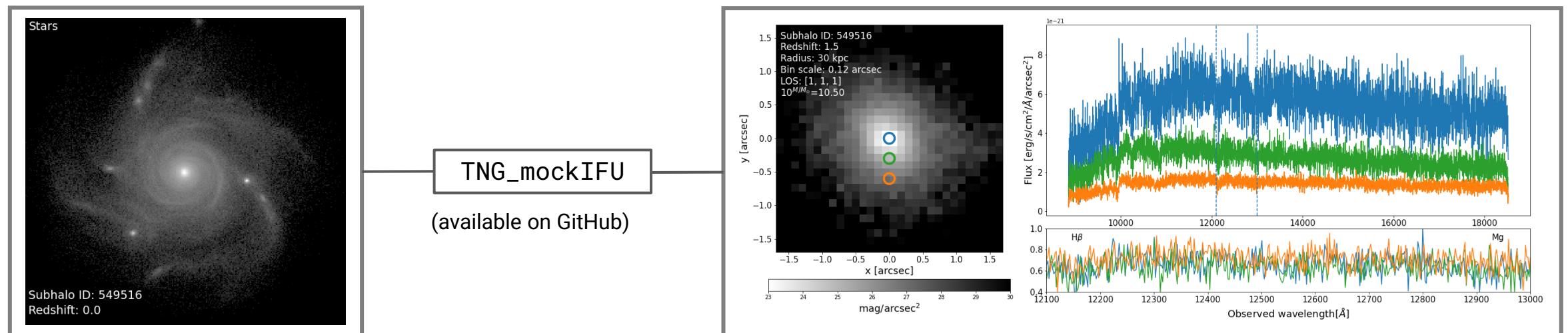


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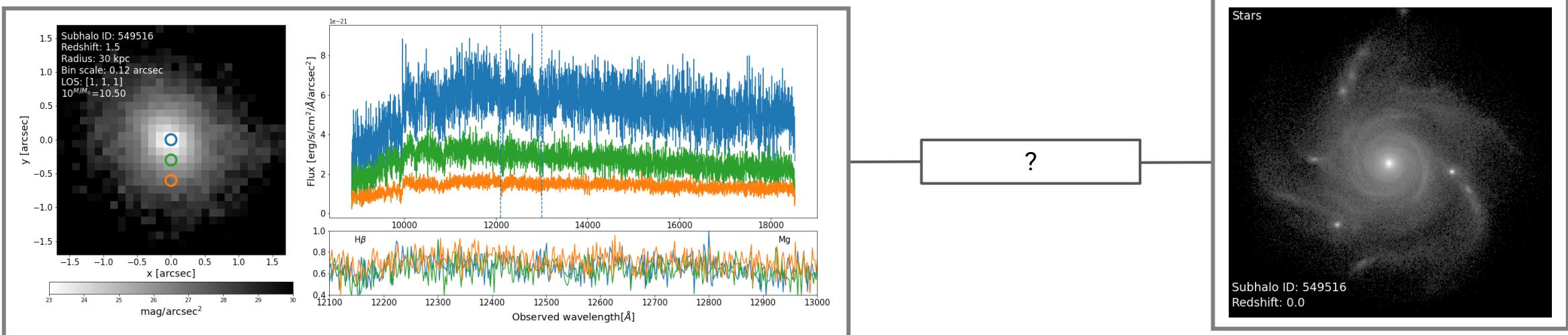


- ③ Revisit several expected features of **MW EVOLUTION**.

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## FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

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