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FUNDAMENTALS OF DATA SCIENCE

WEEK 1

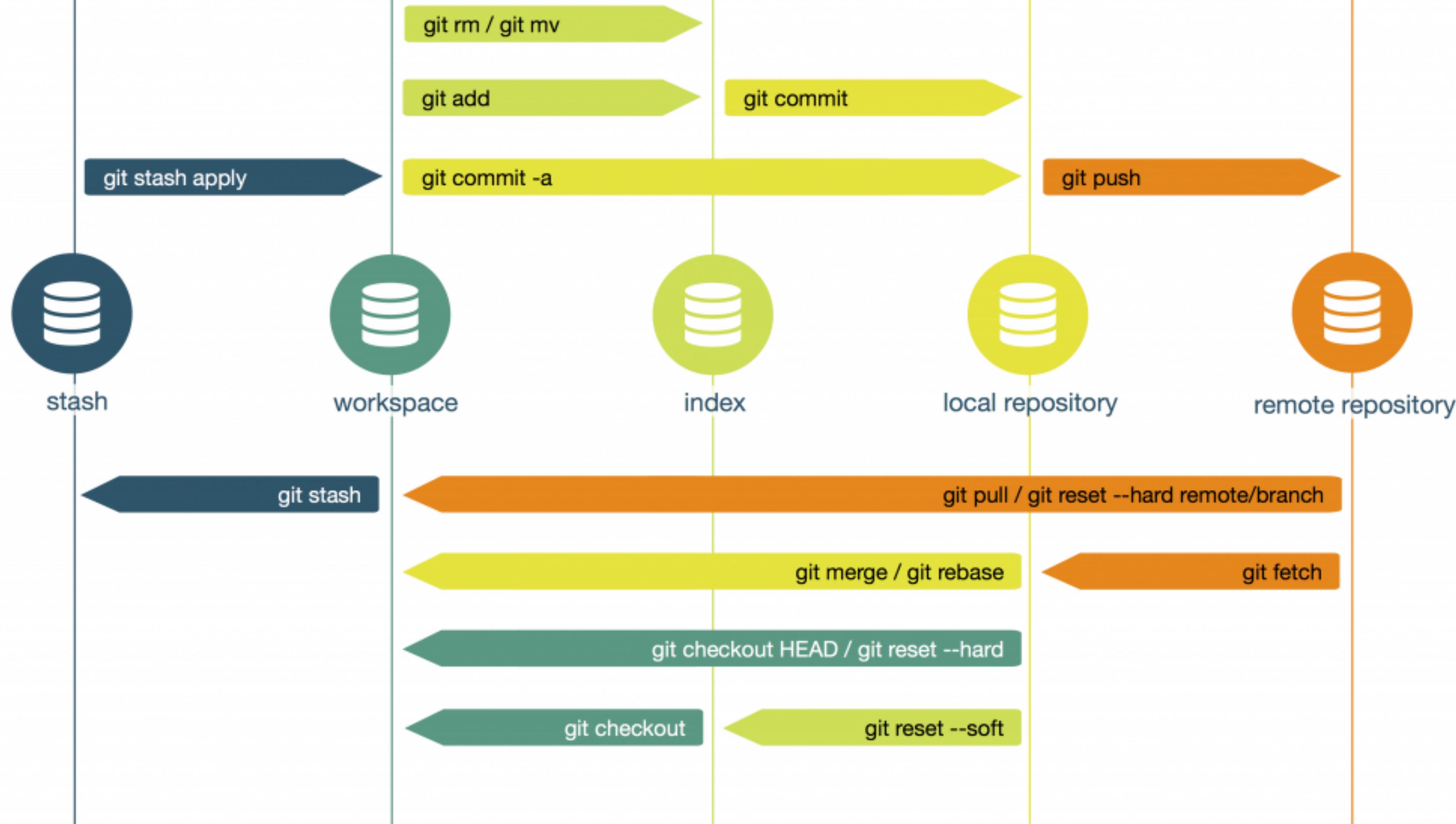
## RECAP

- ▶ You installed the `conda` package manager, python and a bunch of packages
- ▶ You forked the repo from github to your machine
- ▶ You added a file to your git workspace
- ▶ You created some SSH keys and added the public key to github
- ▶ You pushed your change to your fork of the repo
- ▶ You opened a pull request and I merged your change

**14/20 of you made it to the last step!**  
**What questions do you have?**

# git data transport commands

patrickzahnd.ch



More help with git/os commands/python in the help/ directory

## SYNCING YOUR FORK

- ▶ <https://help.github.com/en/github/collaborating-with-issues-and-pull-requests syncing-a-fork>
- ▶ `git remote -v`
  - ▶ Check if my repo is already there! If not:
  - ▶ `git remote add upstream https://github.com/gnarayan/ast596_2020_Spring.git`
- ▶ `git fetch upstream`
- ▶ `get checkout master`
- ▶ `git merge upstream/master`
- ▶ `git push origin master`

We're not focusing on git/python/os usage - pick it up as we go.

What the class is **NOT**

A Statistics Class

A Math Methods Class

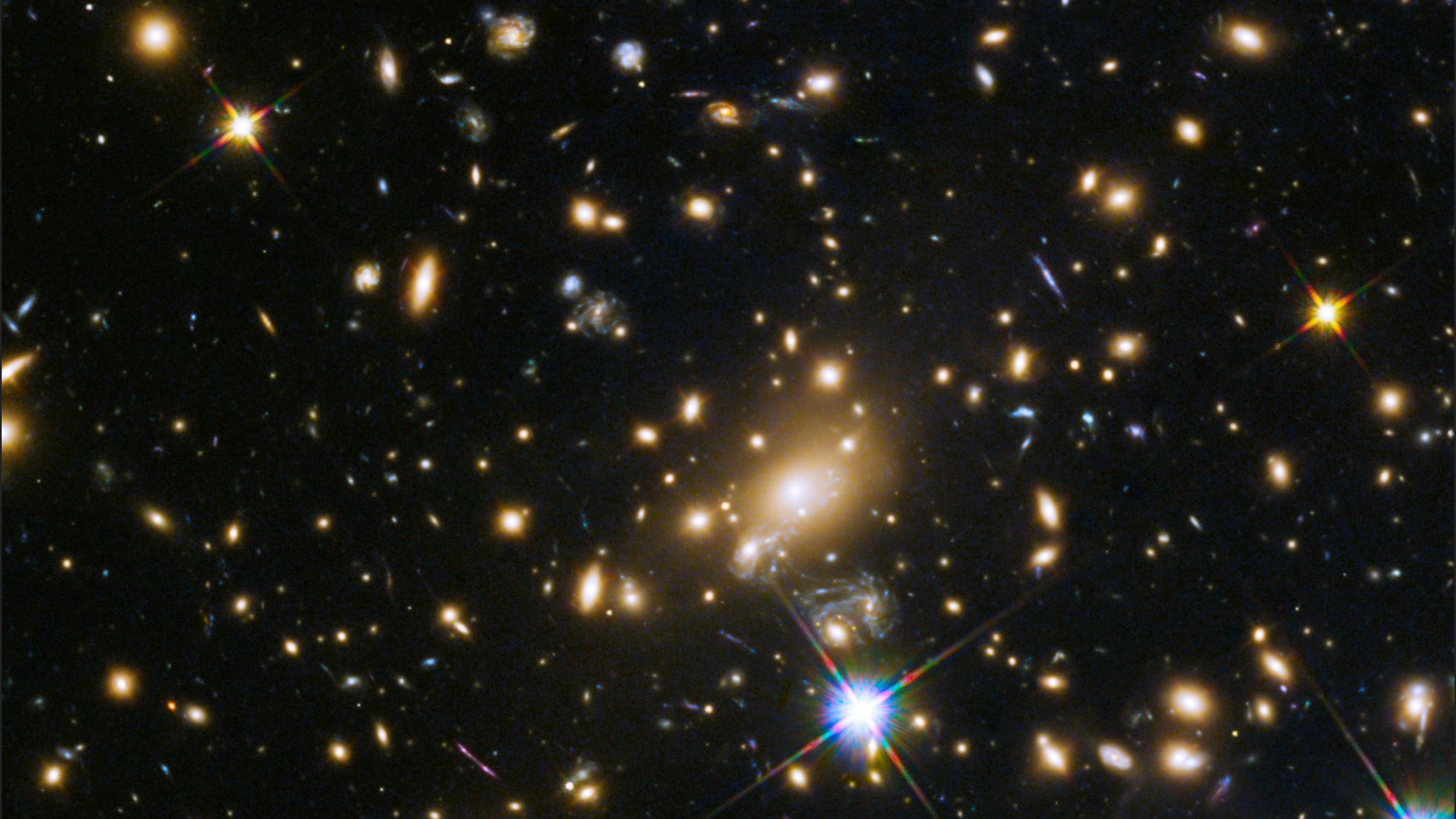
A Computer Science Class

A Programming Class

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**DATA**



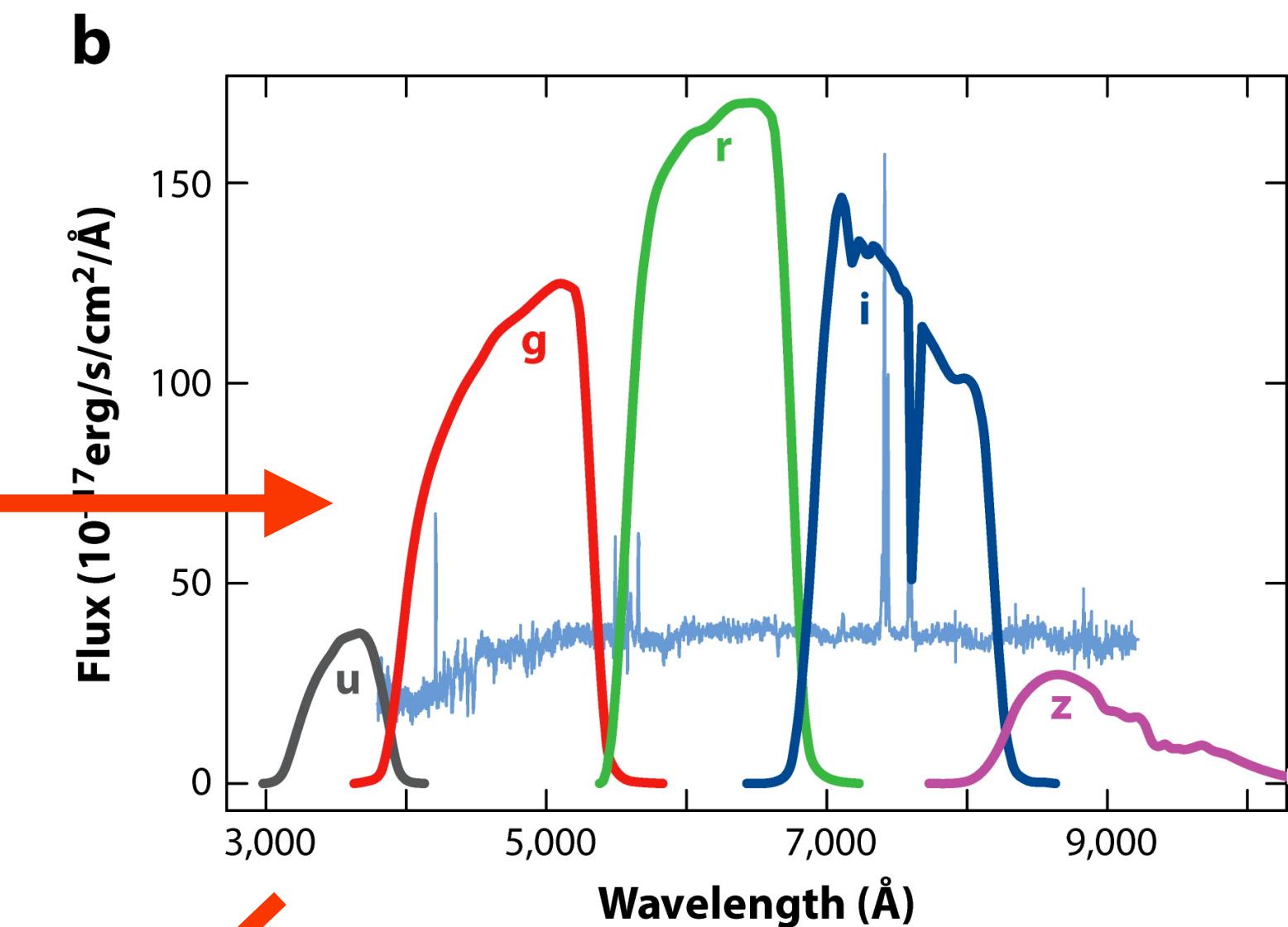
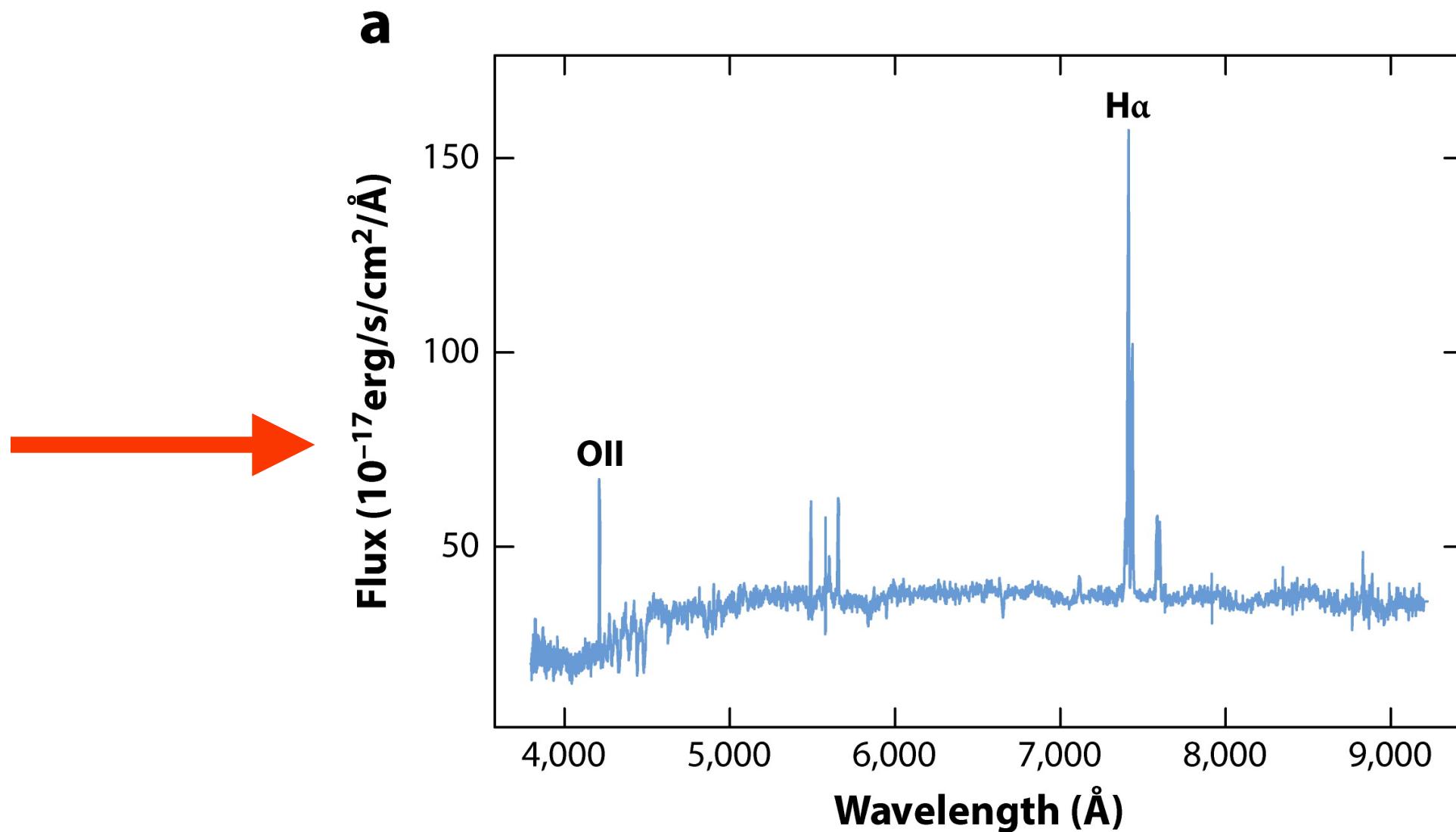
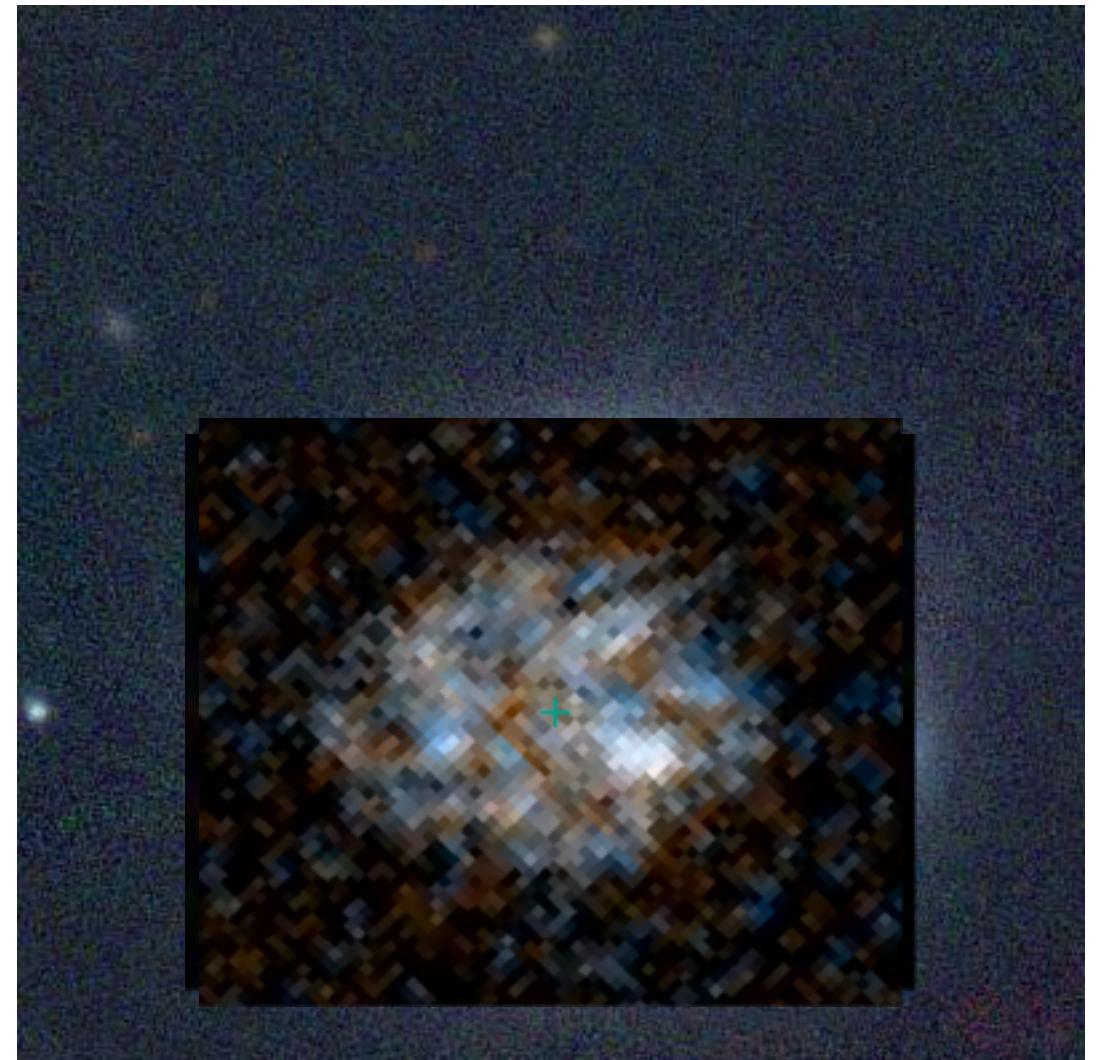
# WHAT ASTRONOMERS CAN MEASURE

- ▶ Angular separations
- ▶ Time differences
- ▶ Energy differences

That's it.

## WHAT ASTRONOMERS CAN MEASURE

- ▶ **Astrometry** (angular position on the sky) - arcseconds
  - ▶ Related definition: 1 parsec (pc) = distance at which a distance of 1 AU (i.e. Earth-Sun) subtends an angle of 1 arcsecond  
i.e.  $1 \text{ pc} = 1 \text{ AU}/\tan(1'') \sim 31 \text{ trillion kilometers or 3.26 light years (ly)}$
- ▶ **Photometry** (how bright something is)
  - ▶ Flux = photons (or energy in ergs)/sec/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - ▶ (Apparent) Magnitude =  $-2.5 \log_{10}(\text{Flux}) + \text{const}$
  - ▶ (Absolute) Magnitude =  $-2.5 \log_{10}(\text{Luminosity}) + \text{const} = \text{magnitude you'd measure if you could move the source to 10 pc}$
- ▶ **Light curves** = photometry vs time
  - ▶ Evolution in source brightness either because of intrinsic (supernovae, AGN) or extrinsic (asteroids, eclipsing binaries)
- ▶ **Spectroscopy** = Energy vs wavelength/frequency
- ▶ **Images/maps** = Energy vs position on the sky (clustering, spatial correlation functions)
- ▶ **Proper Motion** = Astrometry vs time (e.g. stars, satellite galaxies, asteroids...)



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Galaxy Photometry

Galaxy Spectrum

(Brightness: Flux / Magnitude)

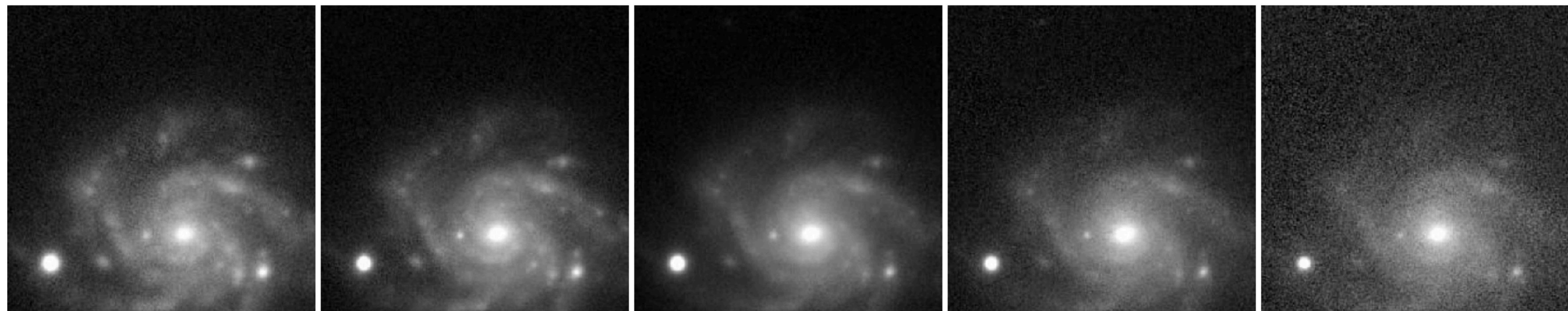
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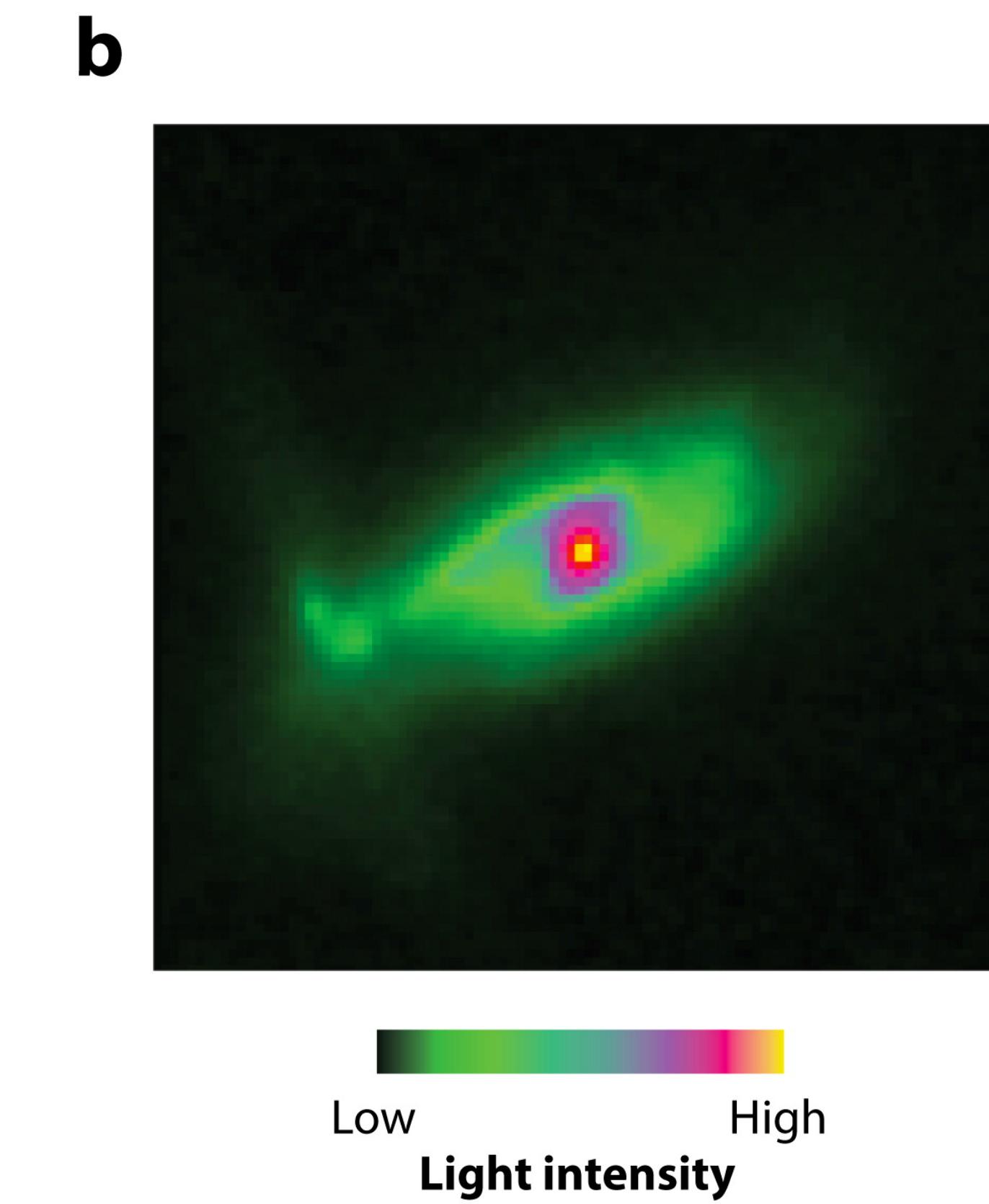
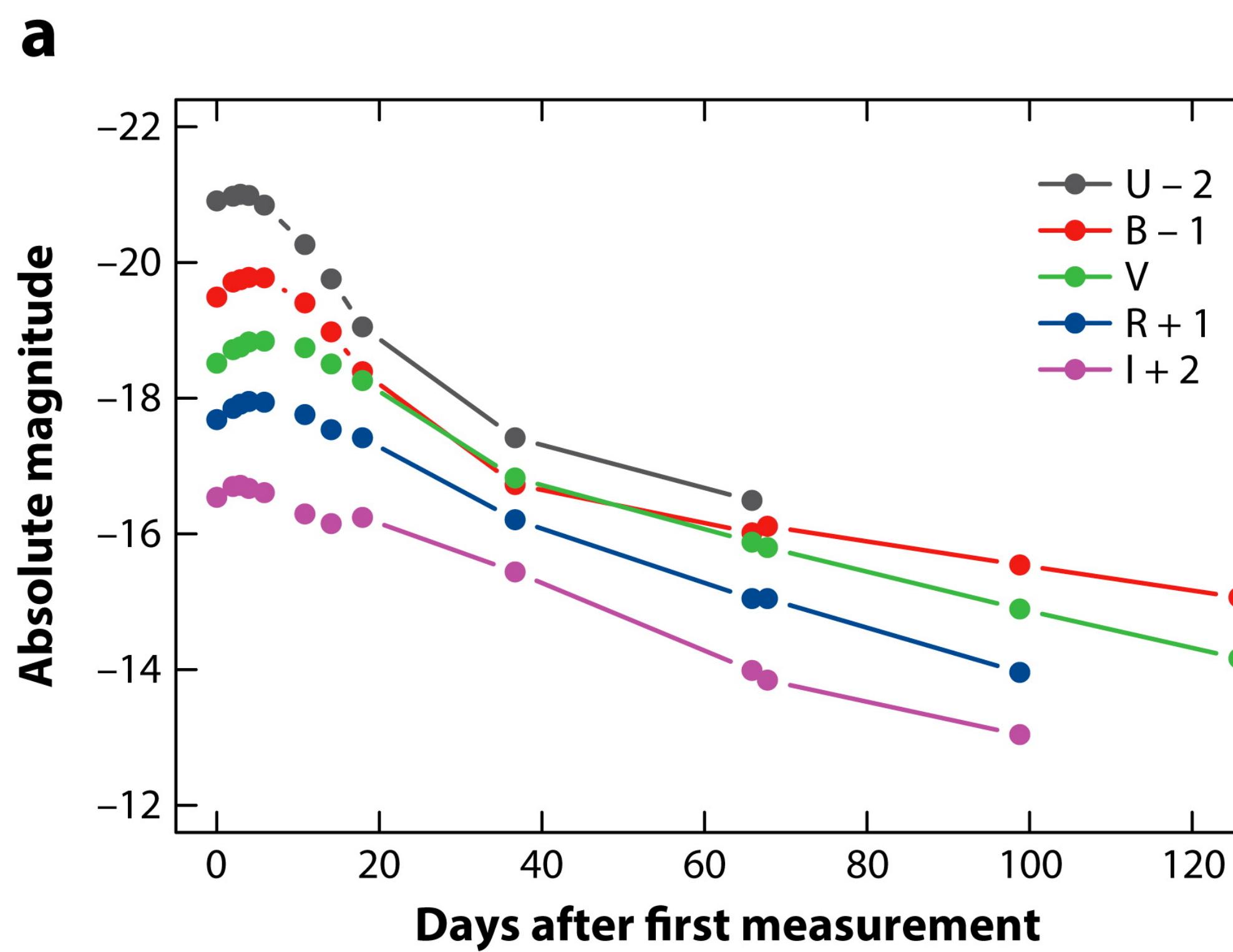
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# Temporal & Spatial Variation

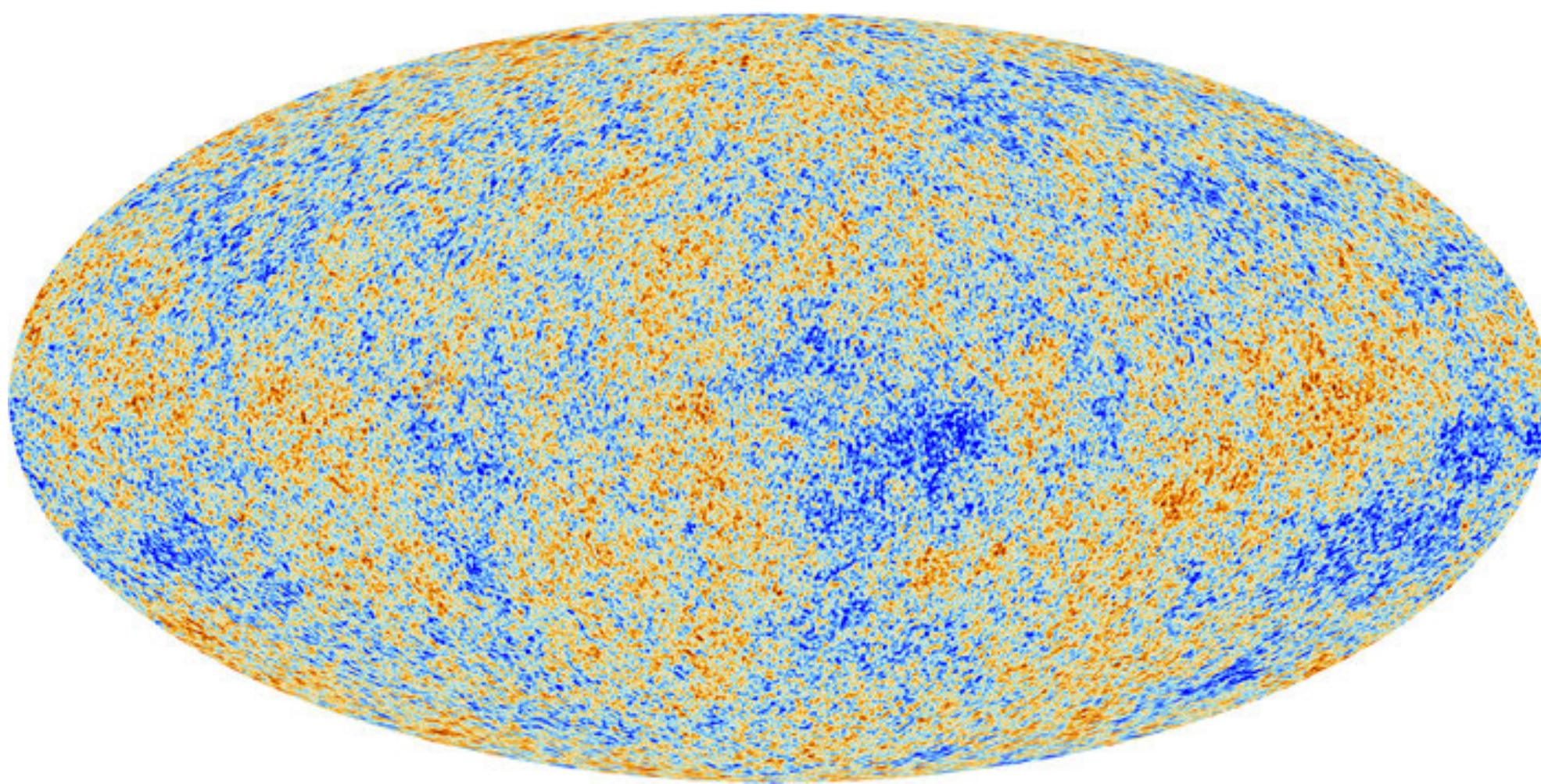


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Time Series (Light Curve)  
Supernova

Galaxy Image  
(Intensity Map)

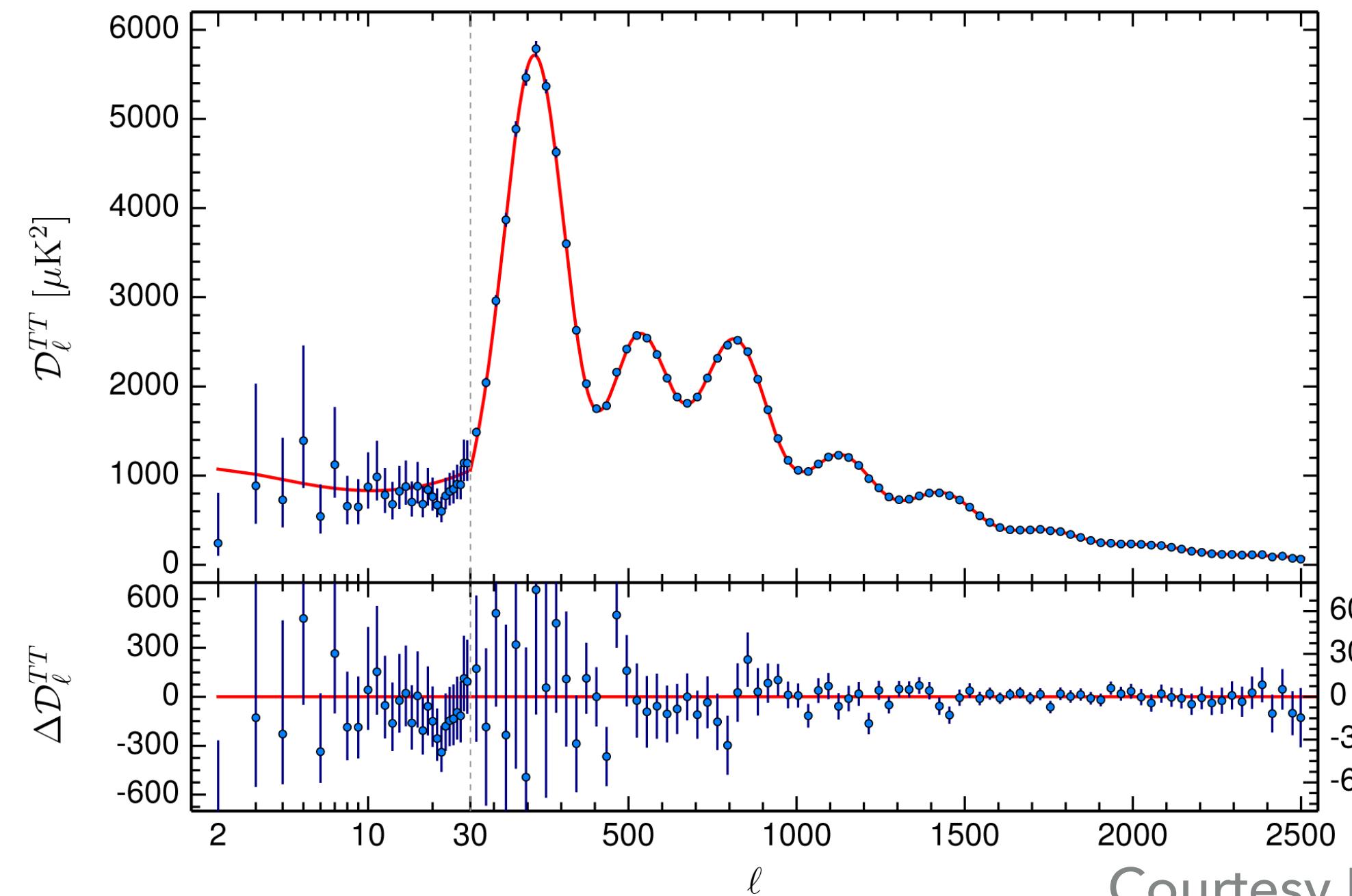
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# Spatial Variation



Cosmic Microwave  
Background (Planck)  
~ Gaussian Random Field  
(mean = 2.7 K,  
std dev  $\sim 10^{-5}$ )

Power Spectrum  
(~Fourier Transform of  
Correlation Function)  
sensitive to cosmological  
parameters



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## IN CLASS EXERCISE

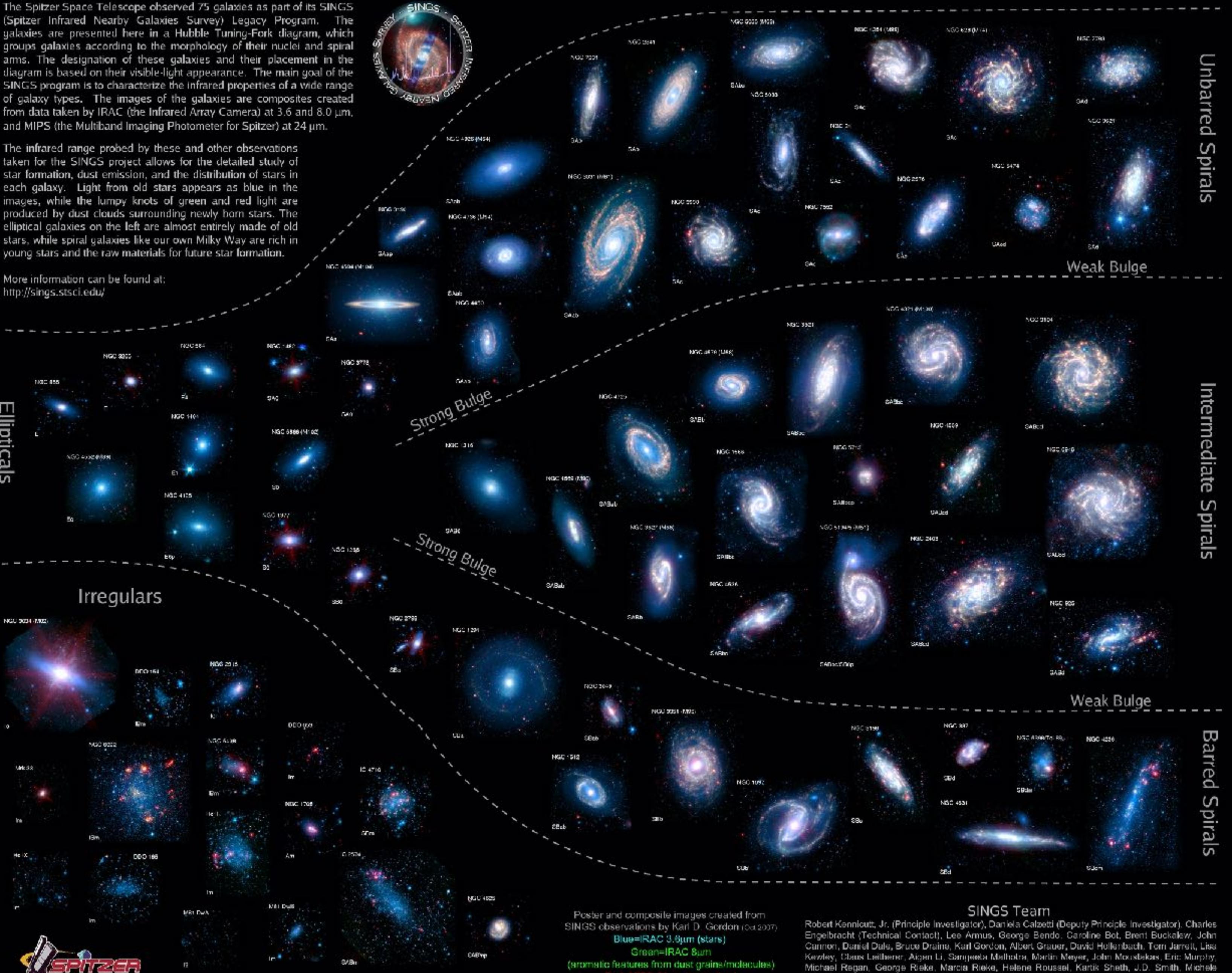
- ▶ Dealing with spectra (1-D data):
  - ▶ Programmatic: Use **pandas** to load the ascii spectrum and plot it
  - ▶ Canned: Use **specviz** to look at the spectra and zoom in on the region around 6000-7000 Å
- ▶ Dealing with images (2-D data):
  - ▶ Programmatic: Use **astropy.io.fits** to load a .fits image  
Display it with **matplotlib**
  - ▶ Canned: Use **ds9** to look at the images and adjust the scale

# The Spitzer Infrared Nearby Galaxies Survey (SINGS) Hubble Tuning-Fork

The Spitzer Space Telescope observed 75 galaxies as part of its SINGS (Spitzer Infrared Nearby Galaxies Survey) Legacy Program. The galaxies are presented here in a Hubble Tuning-Fork diagram, which groups galaxies according to the morphology of their nuclei and spiral arms. The designation of these galaxies and their placement in the diagram is based on their visible-light appearance. The main goal of the SINGS program is to characterize the infrared properties of a wide range of galaxy types. The images of the galaxies are composites created from data taken by IRAC (the Infrared Array Camera) at 3.6 and 8.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , and MIPS (the Multiband Imaging Photometer for Spitzer) at 24  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The infrared range probed by these and other observations taken for the SINGS project allows for the detailed study of star formation, dust emission, and the distribution of stars in each galaxy. Light from old stars appears as blue in the images, while the lumpy knots of green and red light are produced by dust clouds surrounding newly born stars. The elliptical galaxies on the left are almost entirely made of old stars, while spiral galaxies like our own Milky Way are rich in young stars and the raw materials for future star formation.

More information can be found at:  
<http://sings.stsci.edu/>



Poster and composite images created from  
SINGS observations by Karl D. Gordon (Oct 2007)  
Blue=IRAC 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$  (stars)  
Green=IRAC 8  $\mu\text{m}$   
(aromatic features from dust grains/molecules)  
Red=MIPS 24  $\mu\text{m}$  (warm dust)

SINGS Team  
Robert Kennicutt, Jr. (Principle Investigator), Daniela Calzetti (Deputy Principle Investigator), Charles Engelbracht (Technical Contact), Lee Armus, George Bendo, Caroline Boz, Brent Buckalew, John Cannon, Daniel Dale, Bruce Draine, Karl Gordon, Albert Grauer, David Hollenbach, Tom Jarrett, Lisa Kewley, Claus Leitherer, Alcen Li, Sampath Melhotra, Martin Meyer, John Moustakas, Eric Murphy, Michael Regan, George Rieke, Marcia Rieke, Helena Rousset, Kartik Sheth, J.D. Smith, Menela Thomiley, Fabian Walter & George Helou



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with which to test our beliefs of a noisy world  
against data.

We formalize our beliefs in a probabilistic model.

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# AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

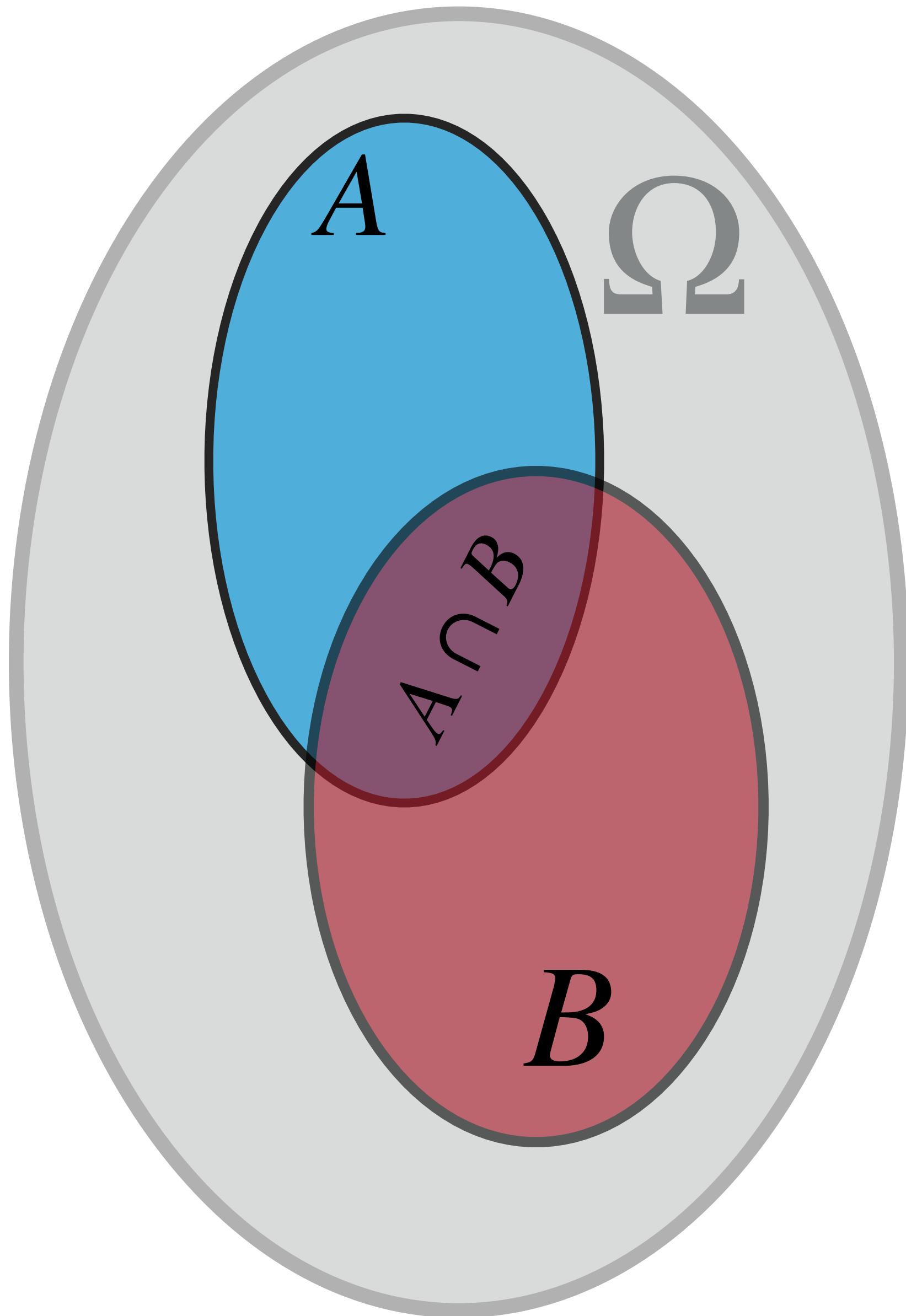
$x$  is a scalar quantity, measured  $N$  times

$x_i$  is a single measurement with  $i = 1, \dots, N$

$x_i$  refers to the set of all  $N$  measurements

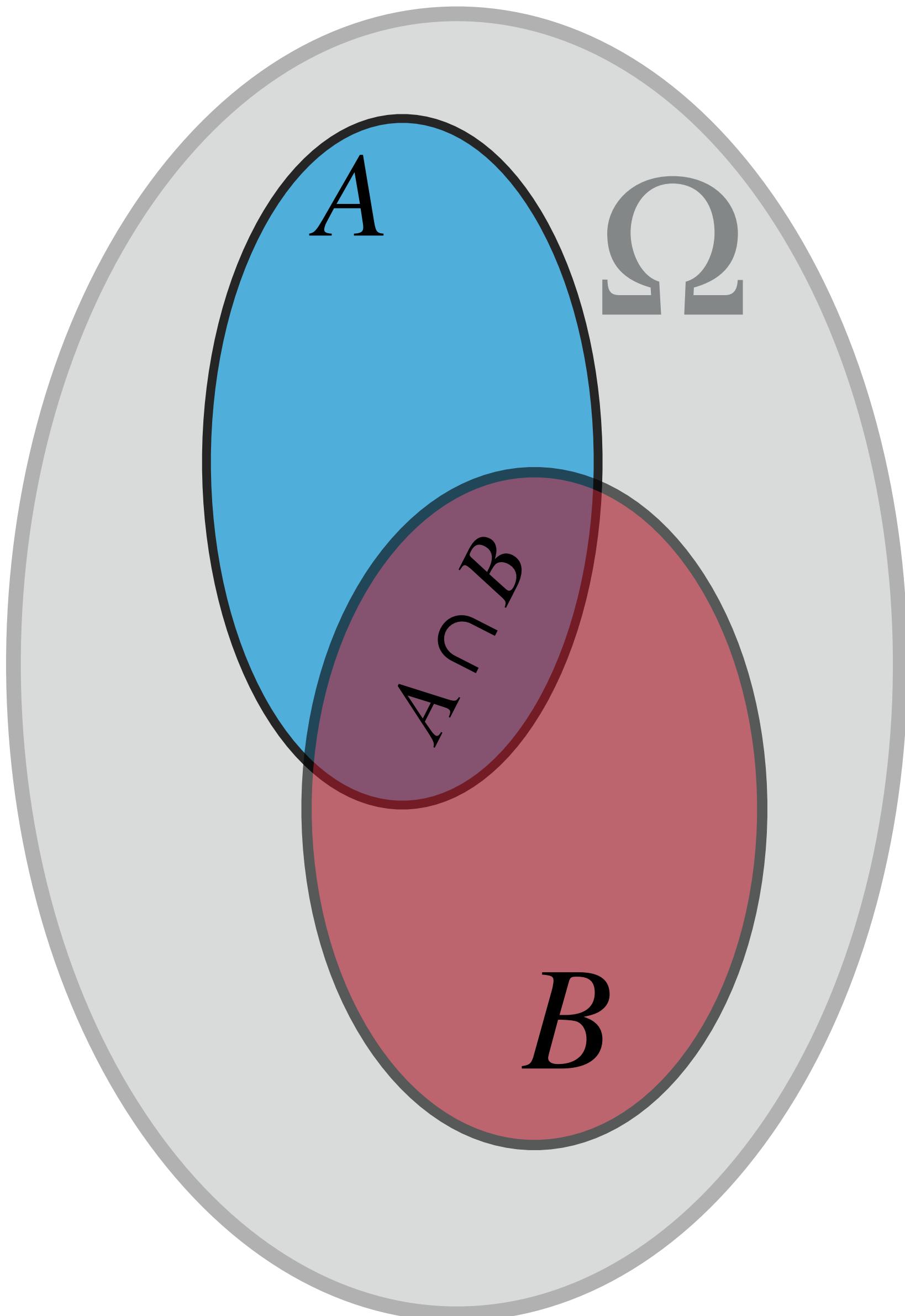
Let  $\Omega$  be a collection of possible elementary events, and  $A$  and  $B$  events such that  $A, B \in \Omega$

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- ▶  $P(\Omega) = 1$ ;
- ▶  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$   
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- ▶ Some consequences:  $P(A) + P(A^C) = 1$

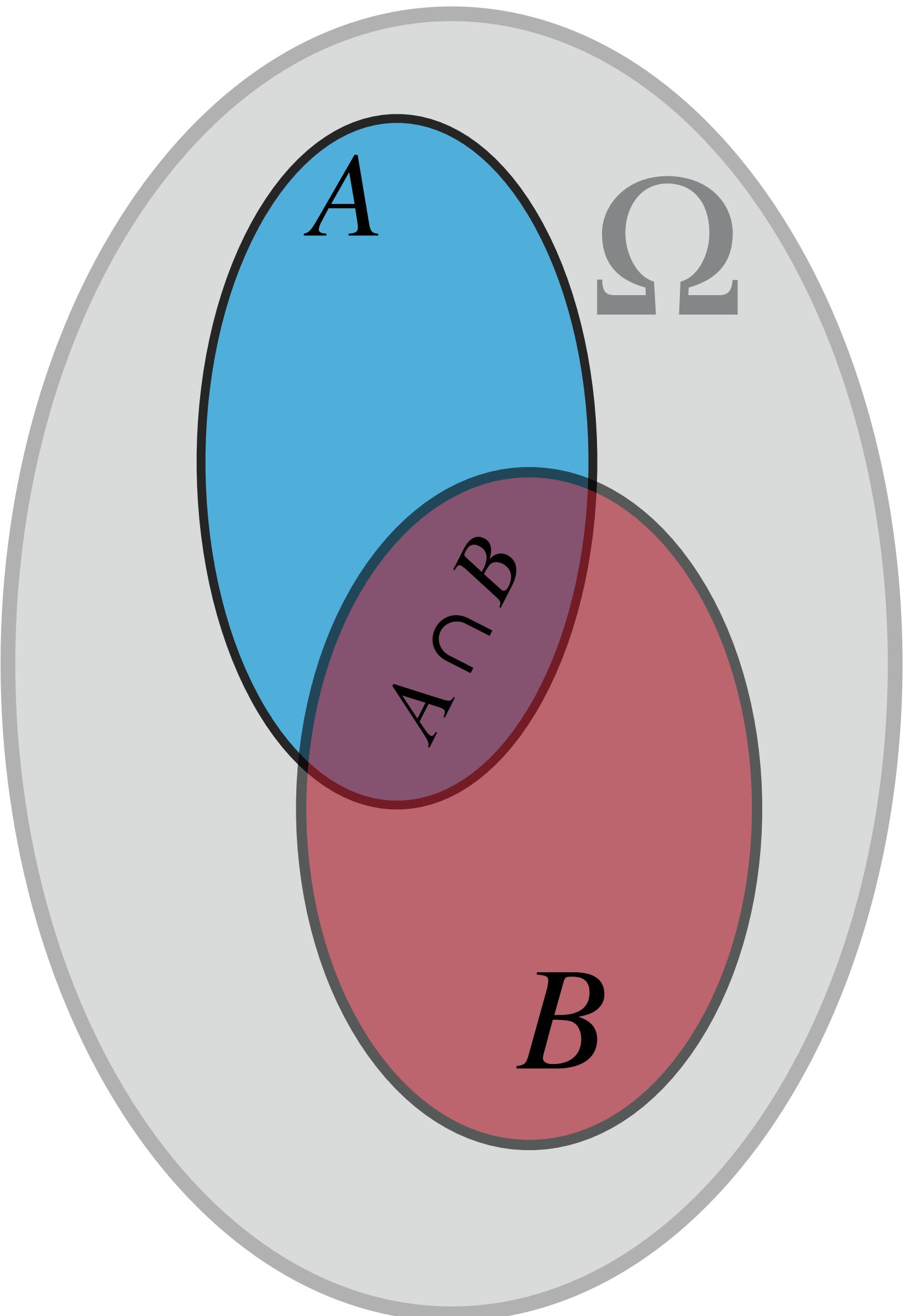


Largely because a 100 years is not enough time for people to agree on very much, there's a few different notations used in the readings.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A, B) = P(A \text{ and } B)$$

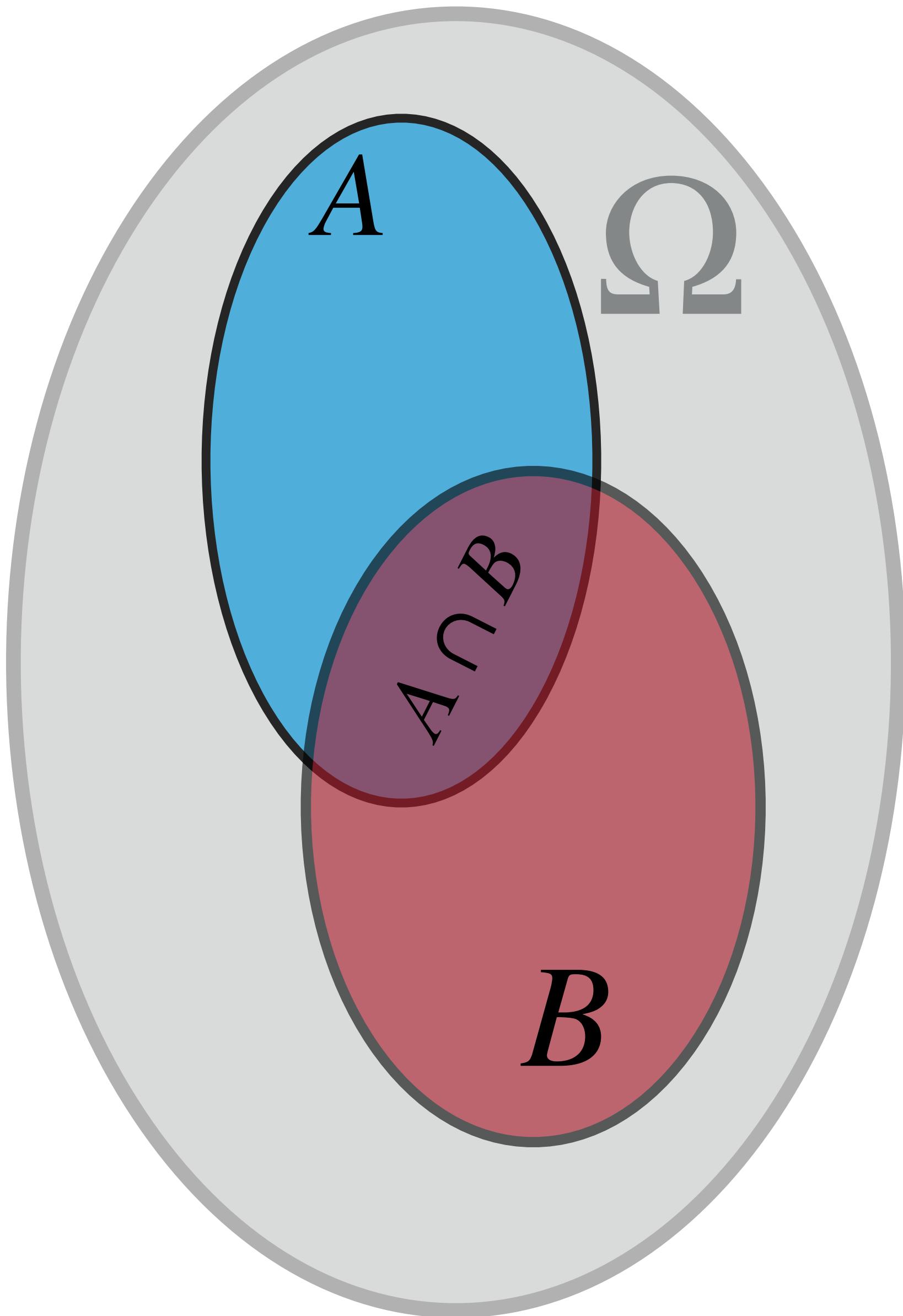
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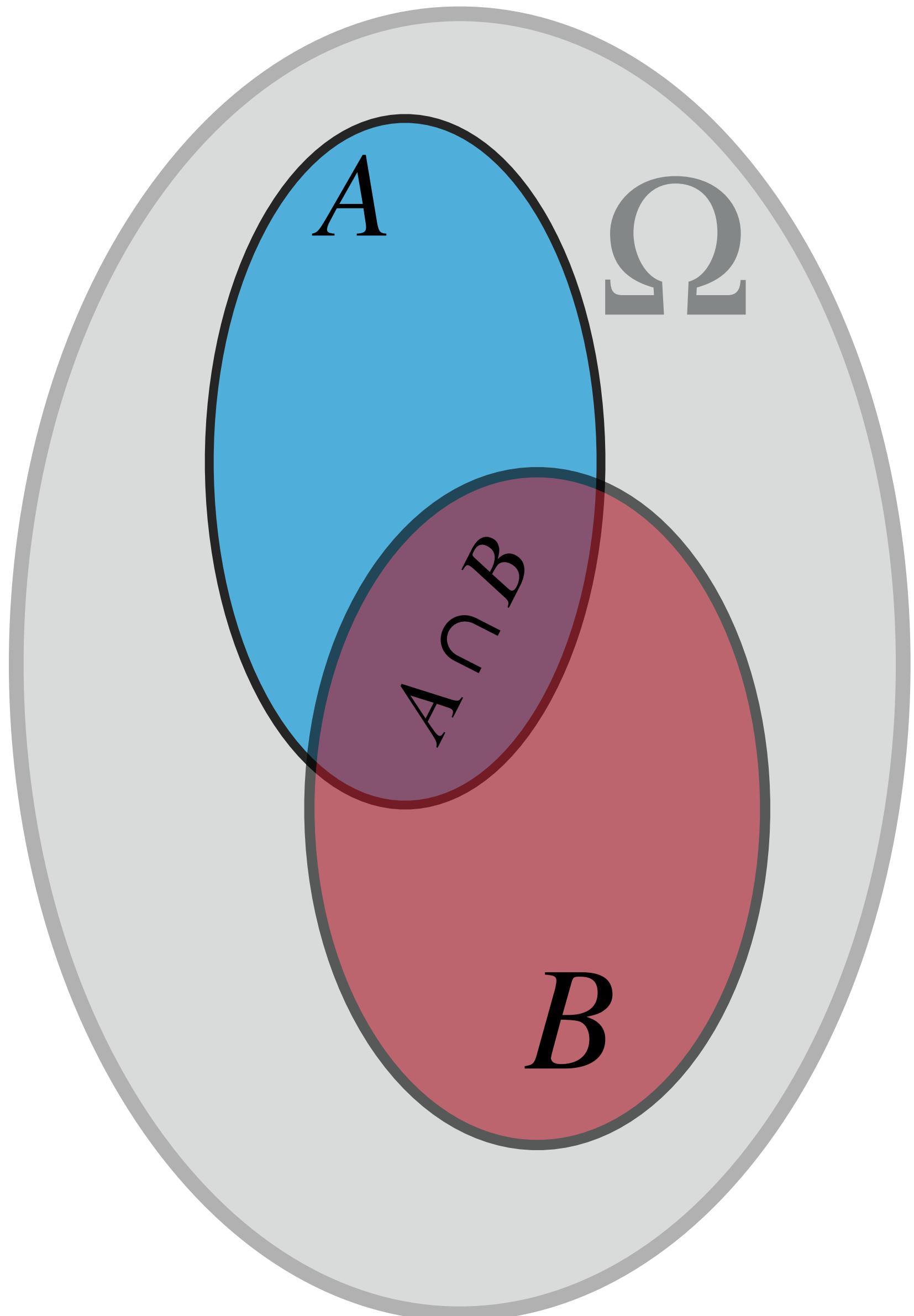
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$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$
 Conditional Probability



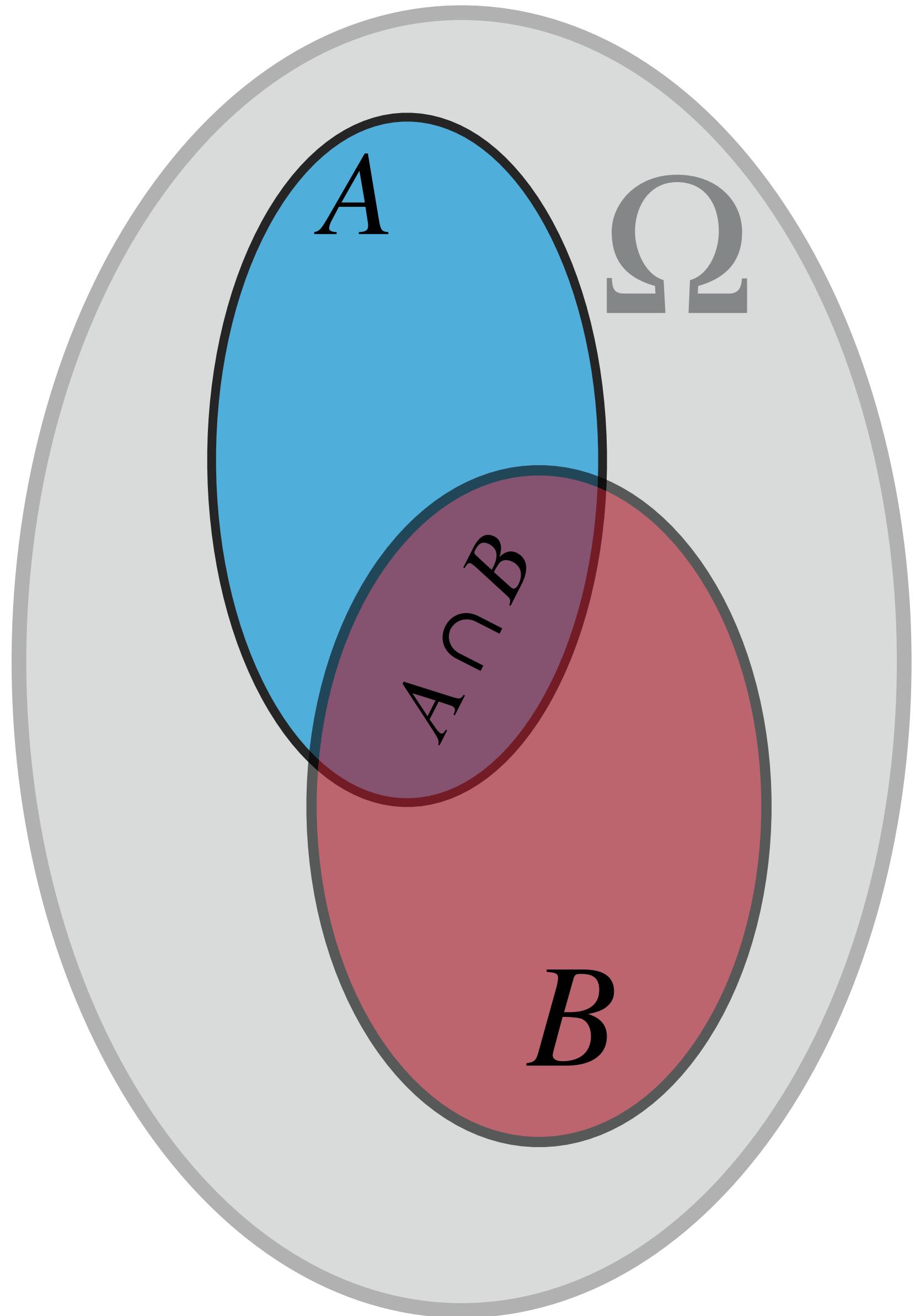
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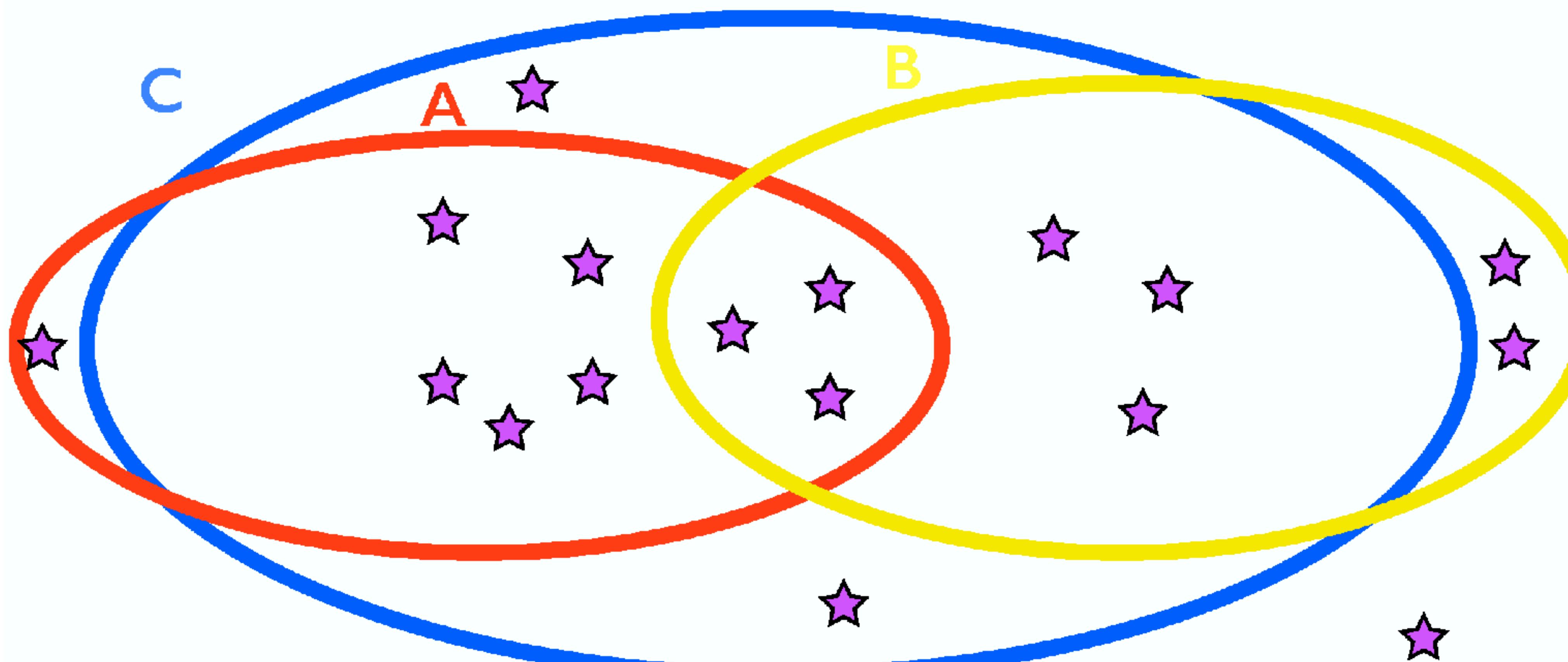
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- ▶  $P(A) = \sum_{i=i}^{\infty} P(A | B_i) \cdot P(B_i)$



The law of total probability

# Rules of probability

- $P(A \cup B | C) = P(A|C) + P(B|C) - P(A \cap B | C)$
- $11/13 = 8/13 + 6/13 - 3/13$



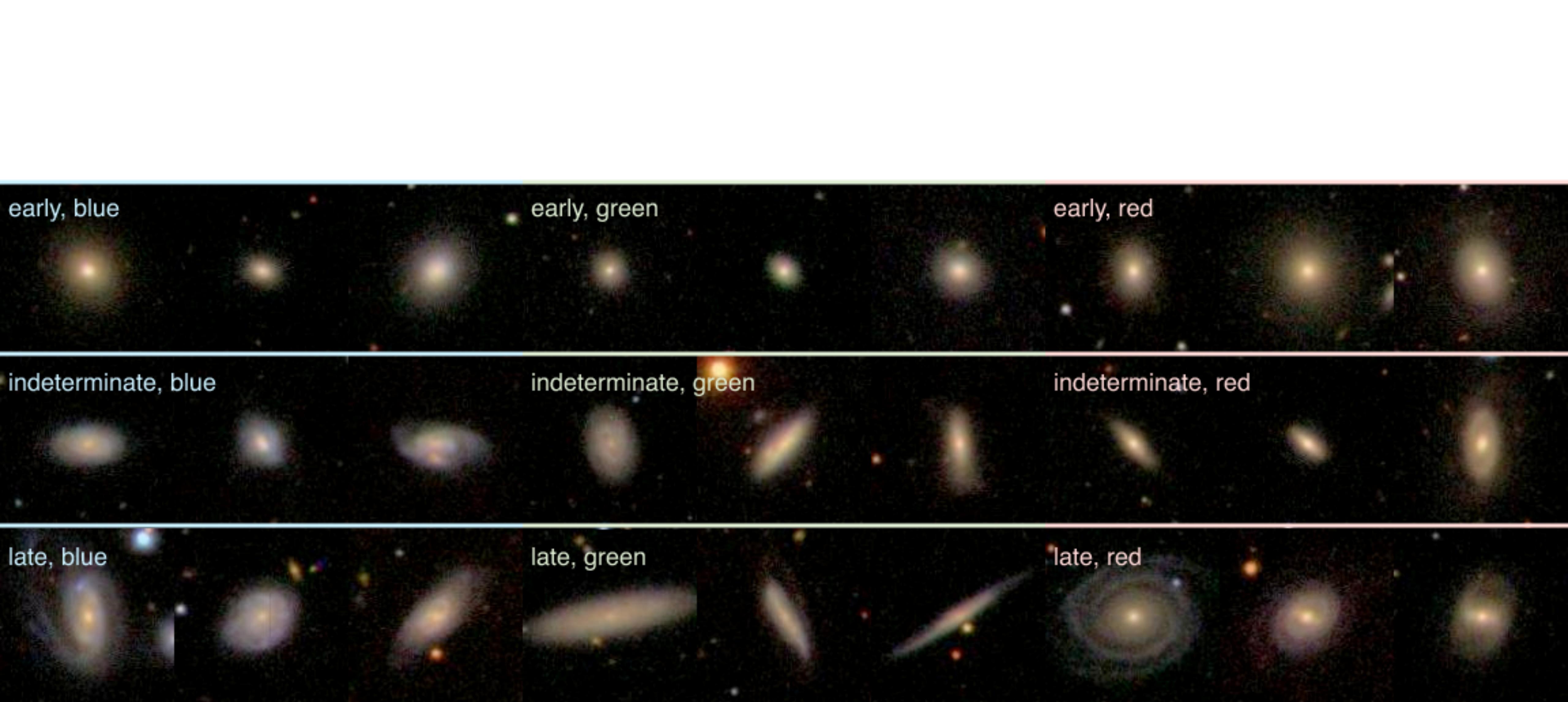
A real world example:

Schawinski et al.

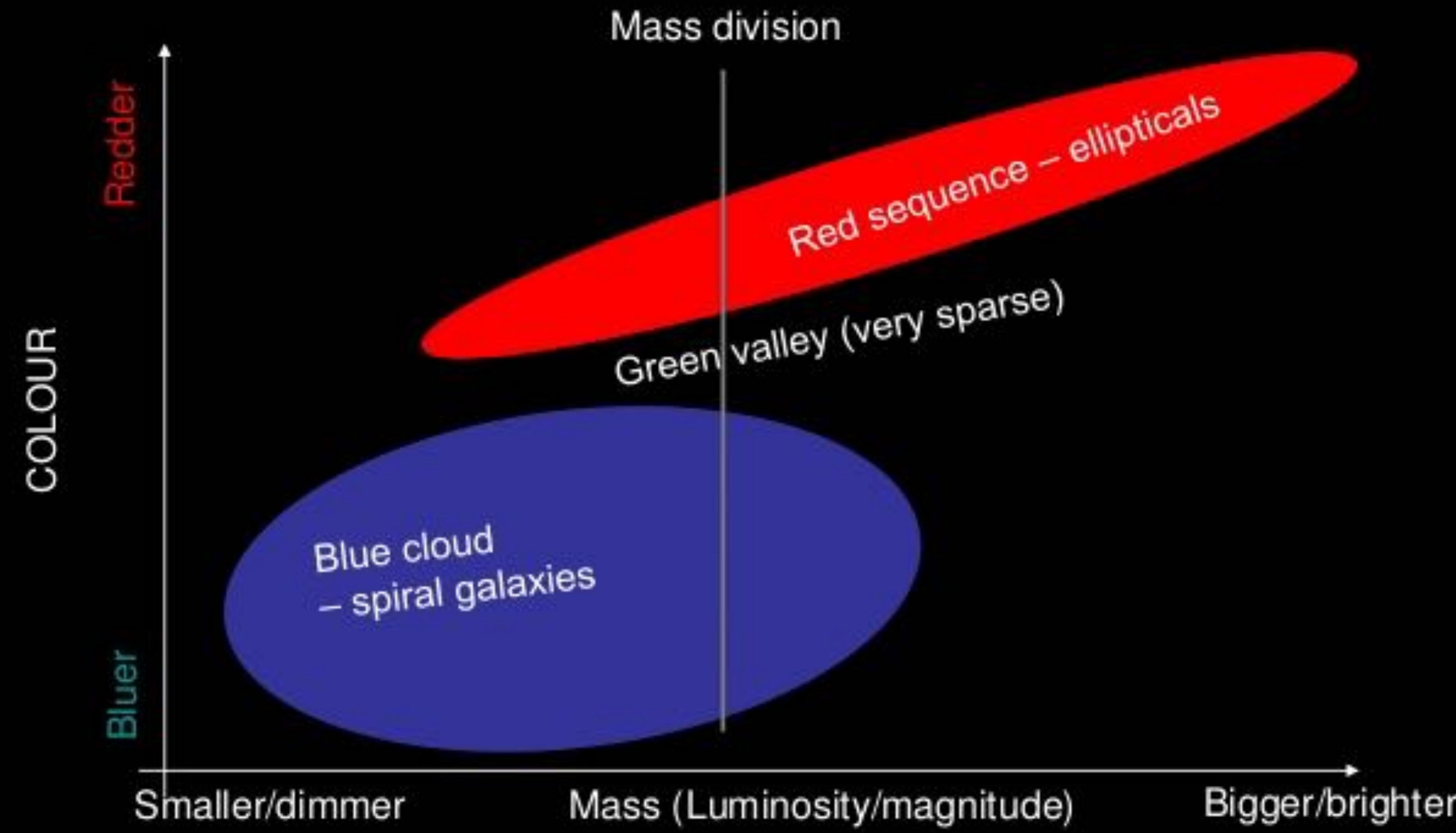
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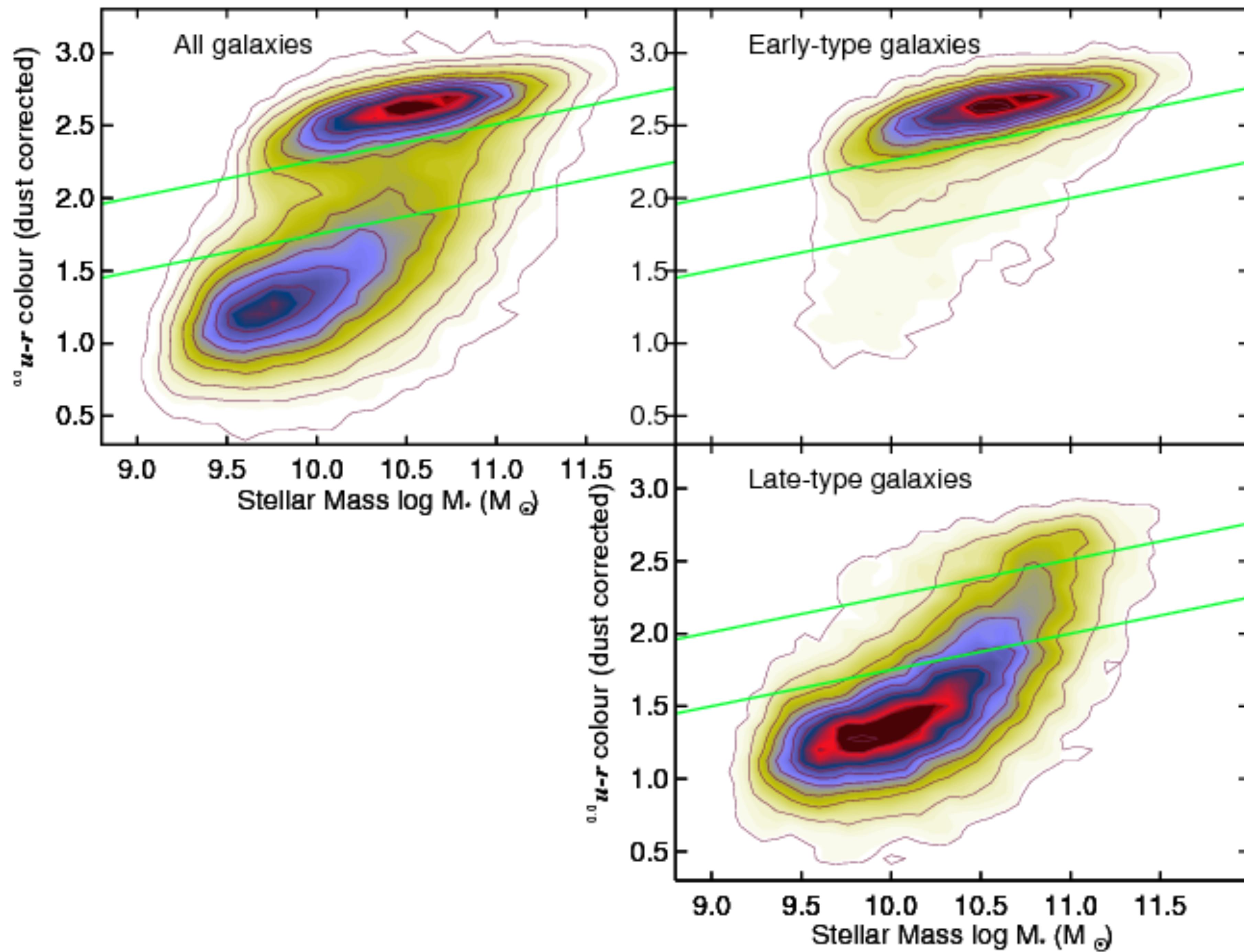
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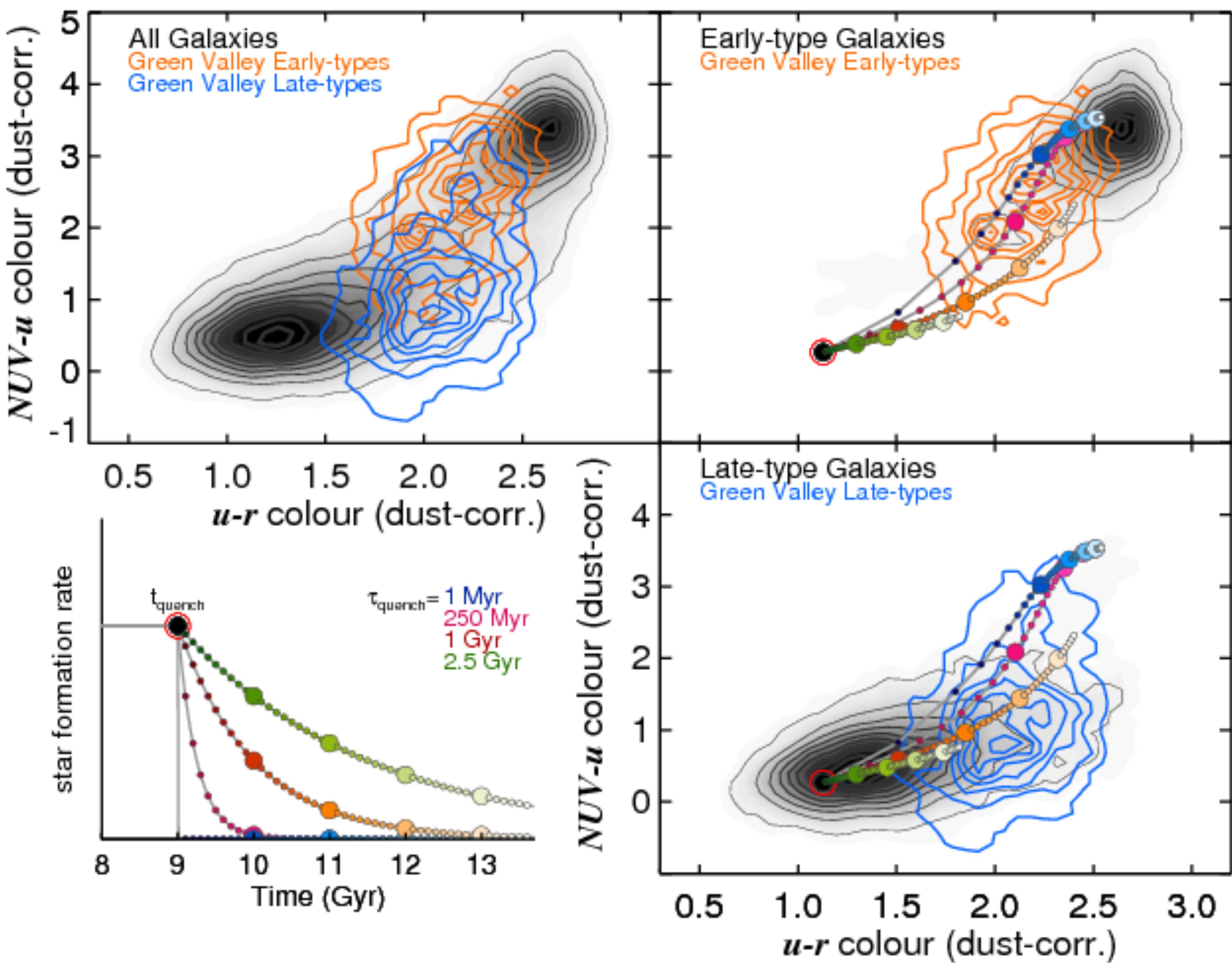
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# Colour Magnitude Diagram







### SOME KEY IDEAS

- ▶ All of the data we collect include some degree of randomness
- ▶ Any conclusions we draw must therefore incorporate some notion of uncertainty
- ▶ There is a a correct answer - the Universe as we know it exists after all.
  - ▶ Theory gives us a useful model for it. The challenging is evaluating how likely that model is given the data
- ▶ Data are constants.
  - ▶ Even if they were randomly generated by the Universe, the data that we have already collected are fixed numbers.
- ▶ We describe things we don't know with perfect precision as "random"



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# RANDOM VARIABLES

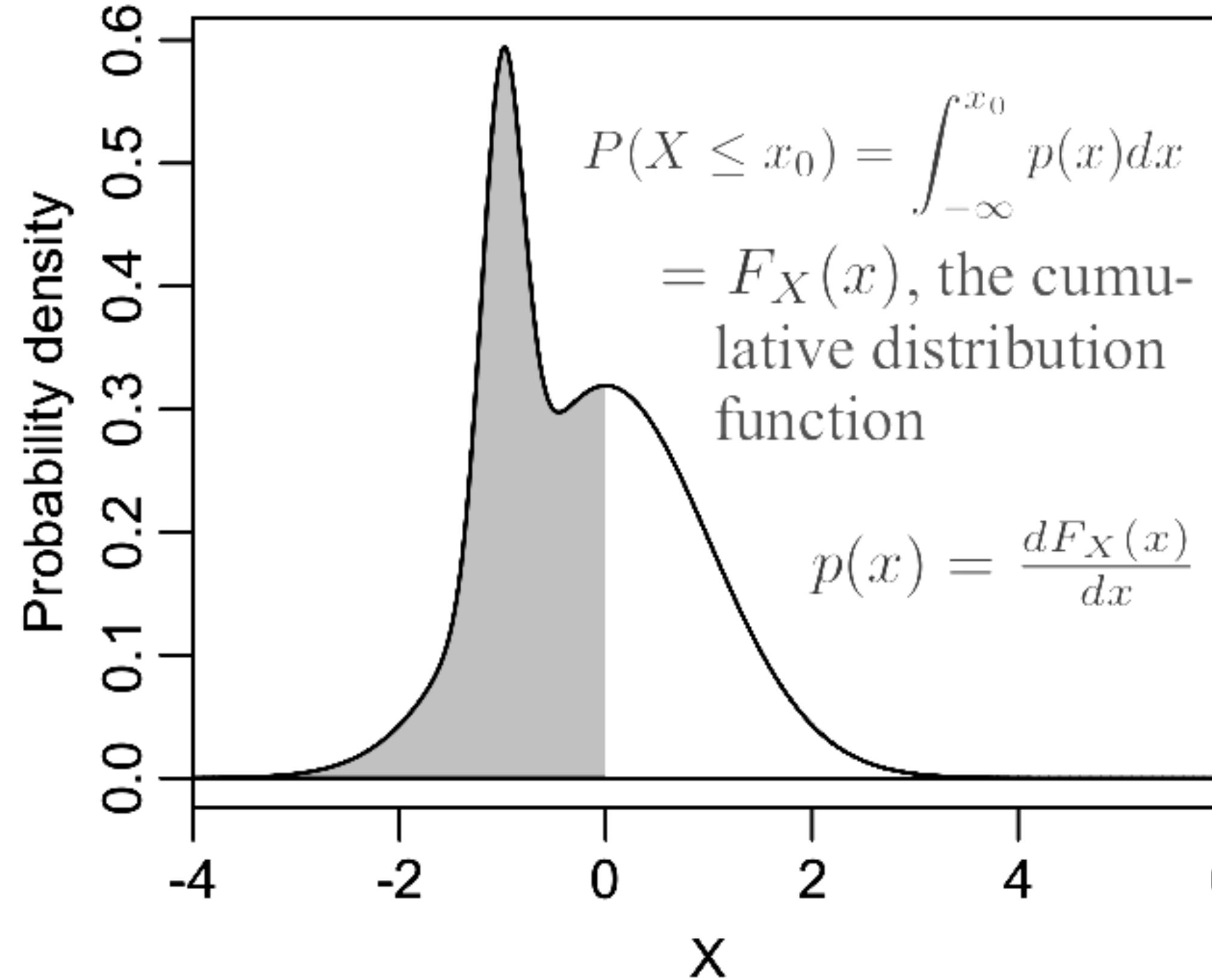
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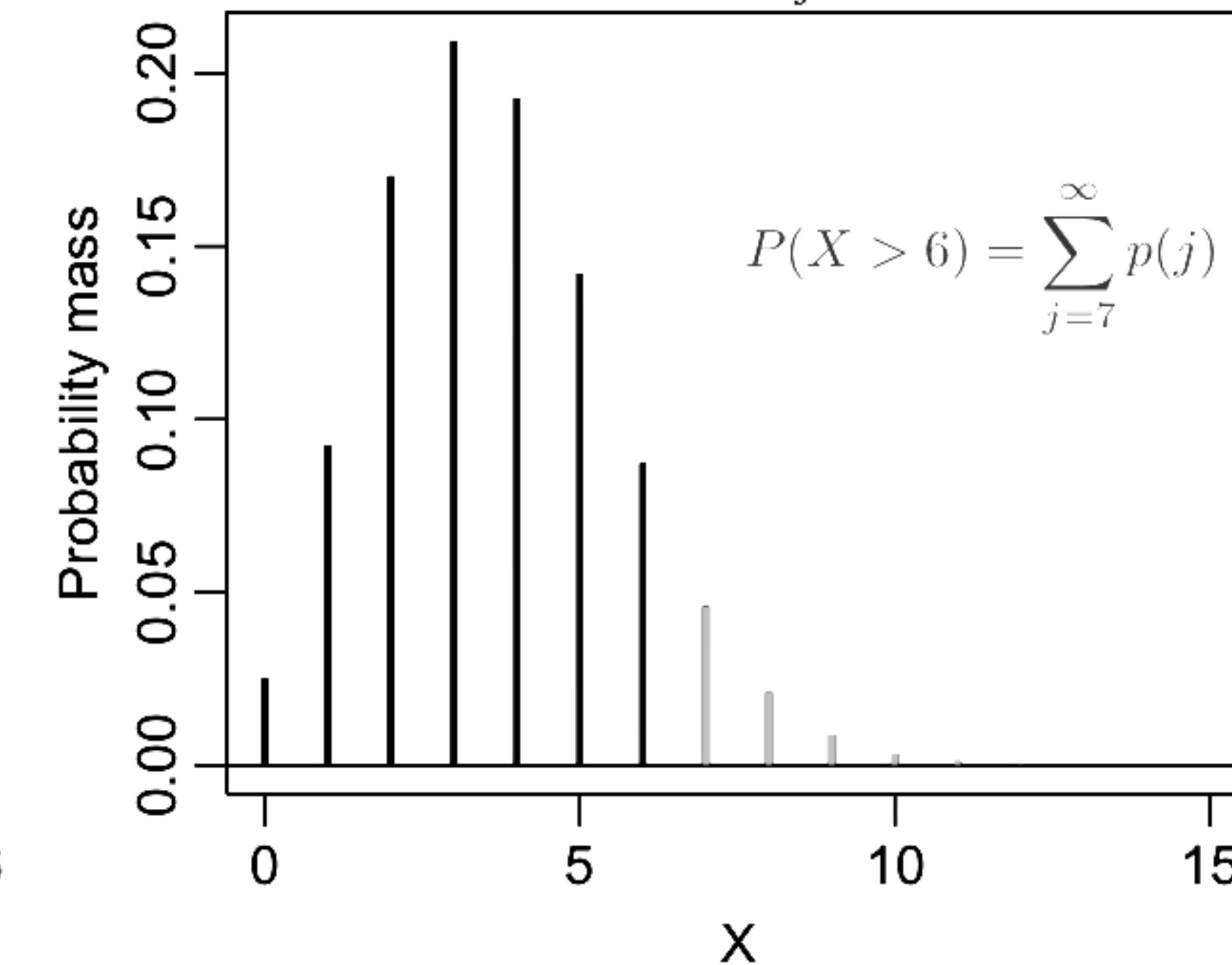
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## Discrete

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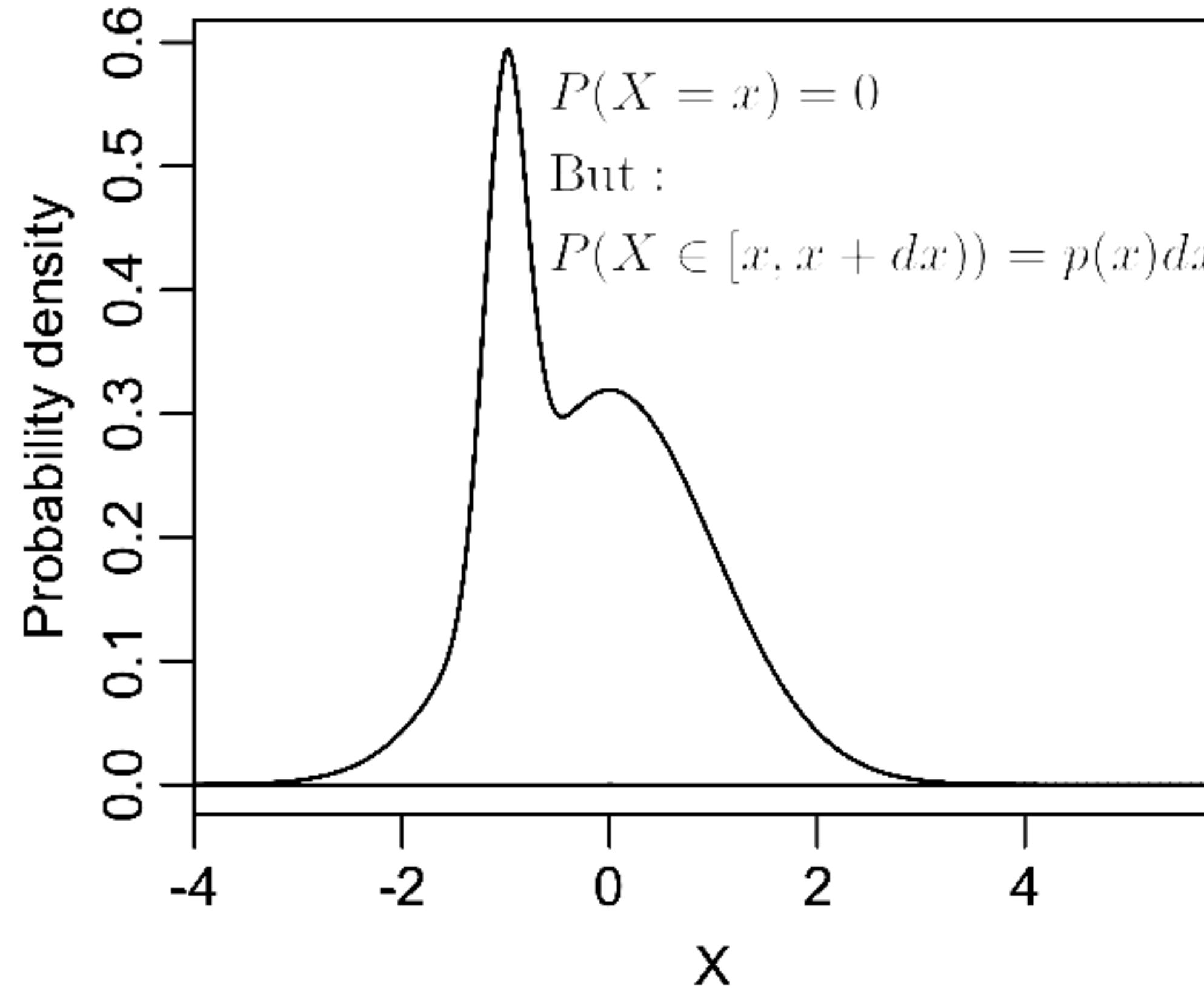
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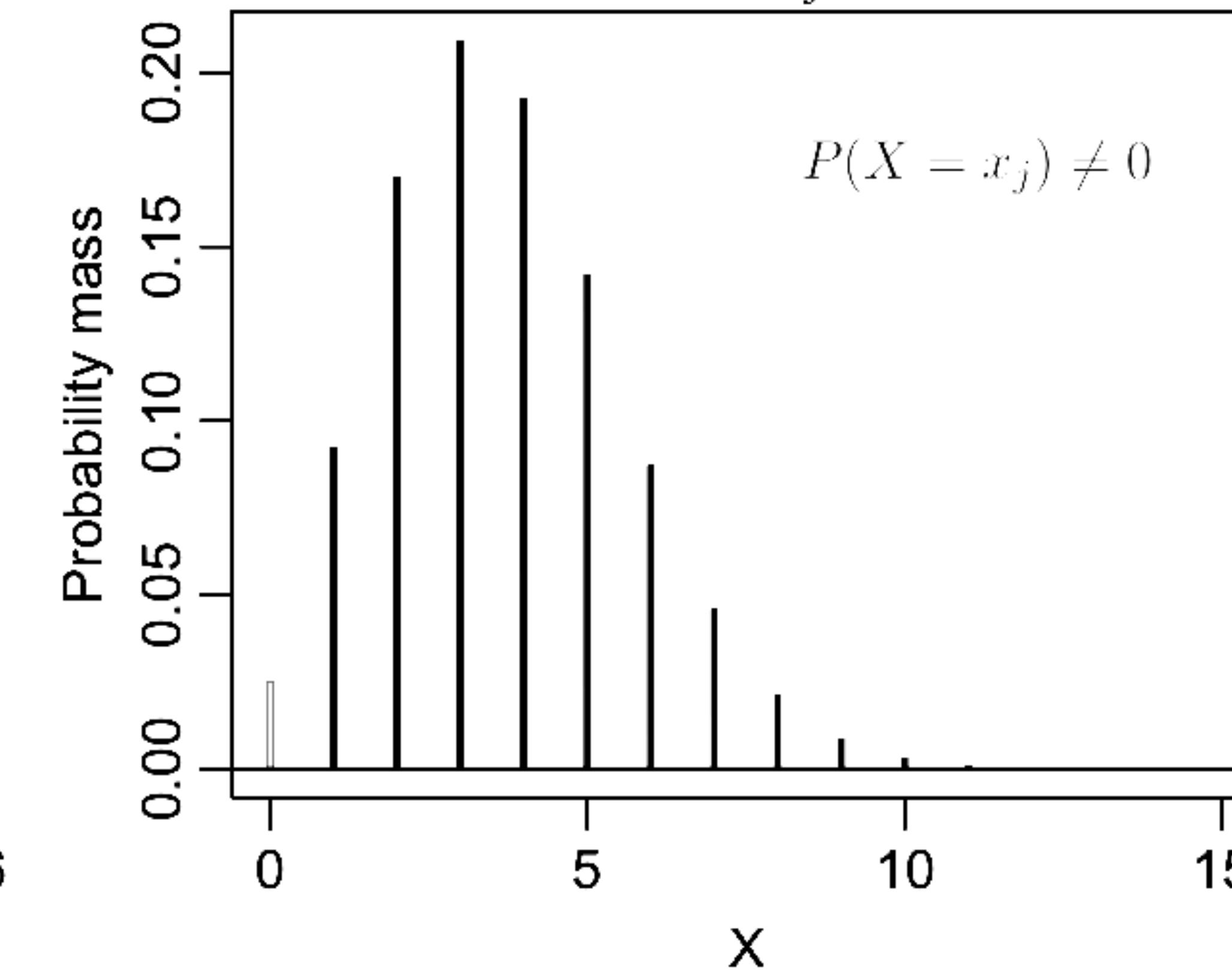
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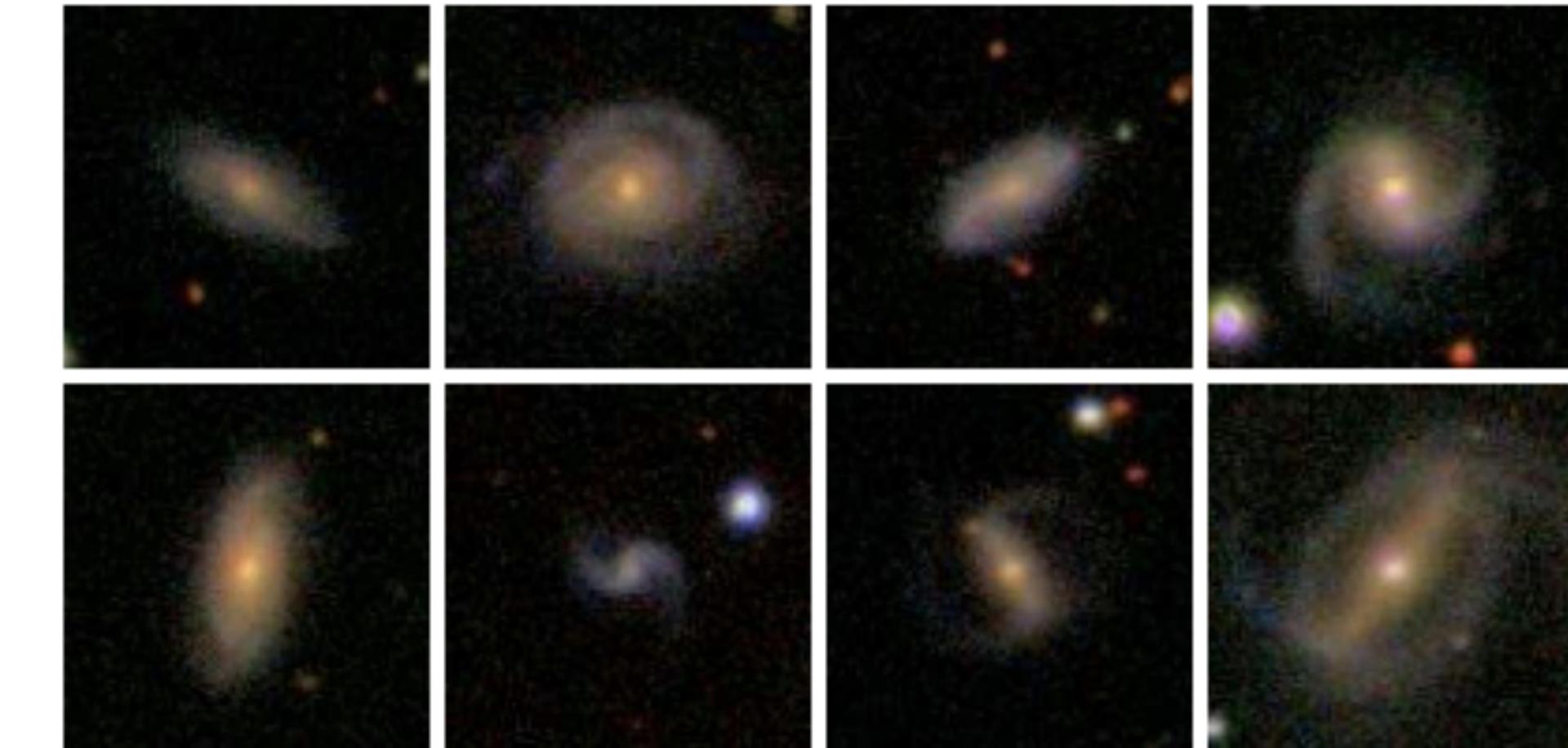


# Random Variables

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- Discrete:

- Spectral type (G2V, KIII)
- Galaxy type, galaxy zoo



Class	Button	Description
1	●	Elliptical galaxy
2	○	Clockwise/Z-wise spiral galaxy
3	○	Anti-clockwise/S-wise spiral galaxy
4	◐	Spiral galaxy other (e.g. edge on, unsure)
5	★	Star or Don't Know (e.g. artefact)
6	◐	Merger

- Continuous:

- magnitude, flux, colour, radial velocity, parallax/distance, temperature, elemental abundances, magnetic field, age, etc...

We are generally trying to estimate  $p(x)$ ,  
the *true* distribution from which  $x$  is drawn.

$p(x)$  is the “Probability Density Function” of  $x$ .

$p(x) \cdot dx$  is the probability of a value  
lying between  $x$  and  $x + dx$ .

While  $p(x)$  is the true or population pdf, we don't observe it.

We measure the *empirical* pdf,  $f(x)$ .

With  
infinite data  
 $f(x) \rightarrow p(x)$ .

Not really.

So when we say:

Statistical inference is a logical framework  
with which to test our beliefs of a noisy world  
against data.

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What that means we're doing:

Estimate  $f(x)$  from (possibly multi-D) data.

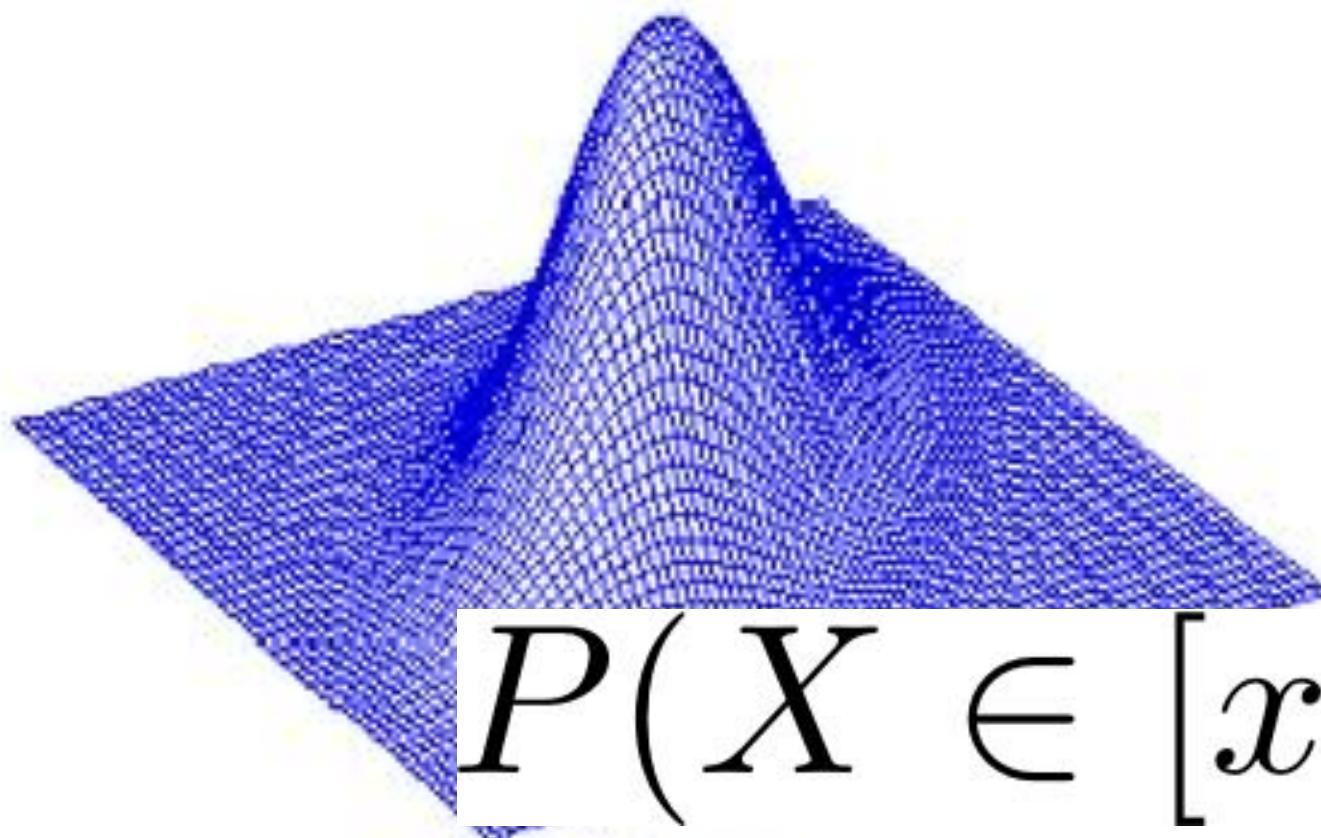
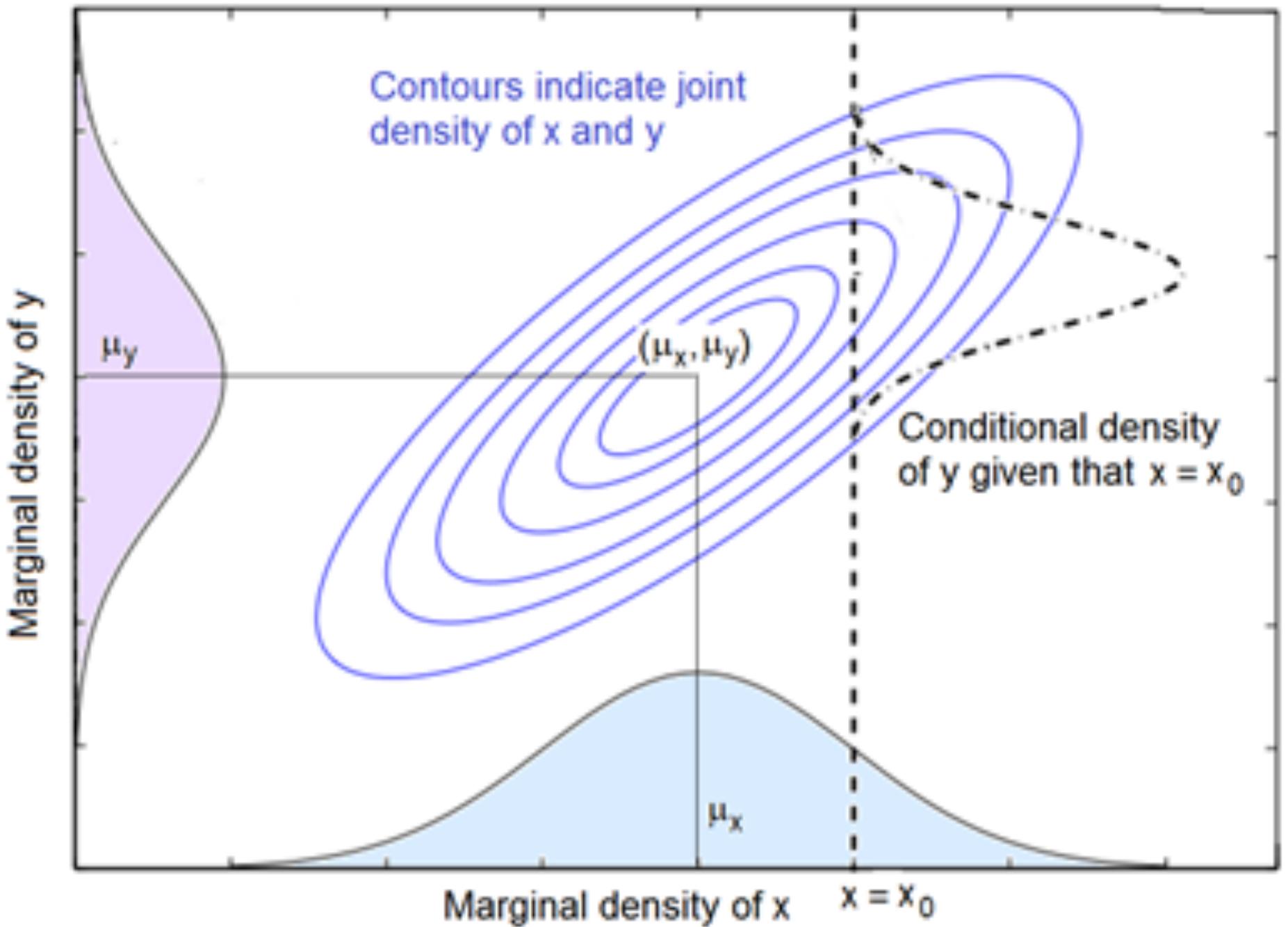
Describe  $f(x)$  and its uncertainty.

Compare it to models of  $p(x)$

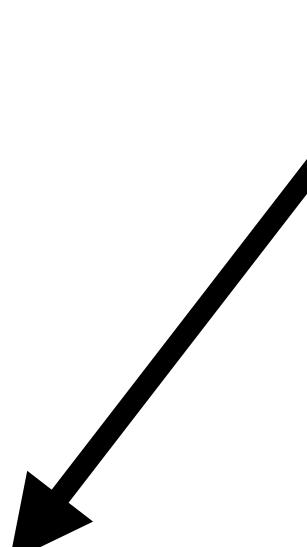
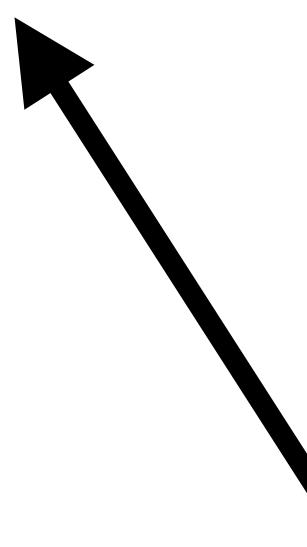
and use the knowledge gained  
to interpret new measurements

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_N$$

## THE MULTIVARIATE CASE

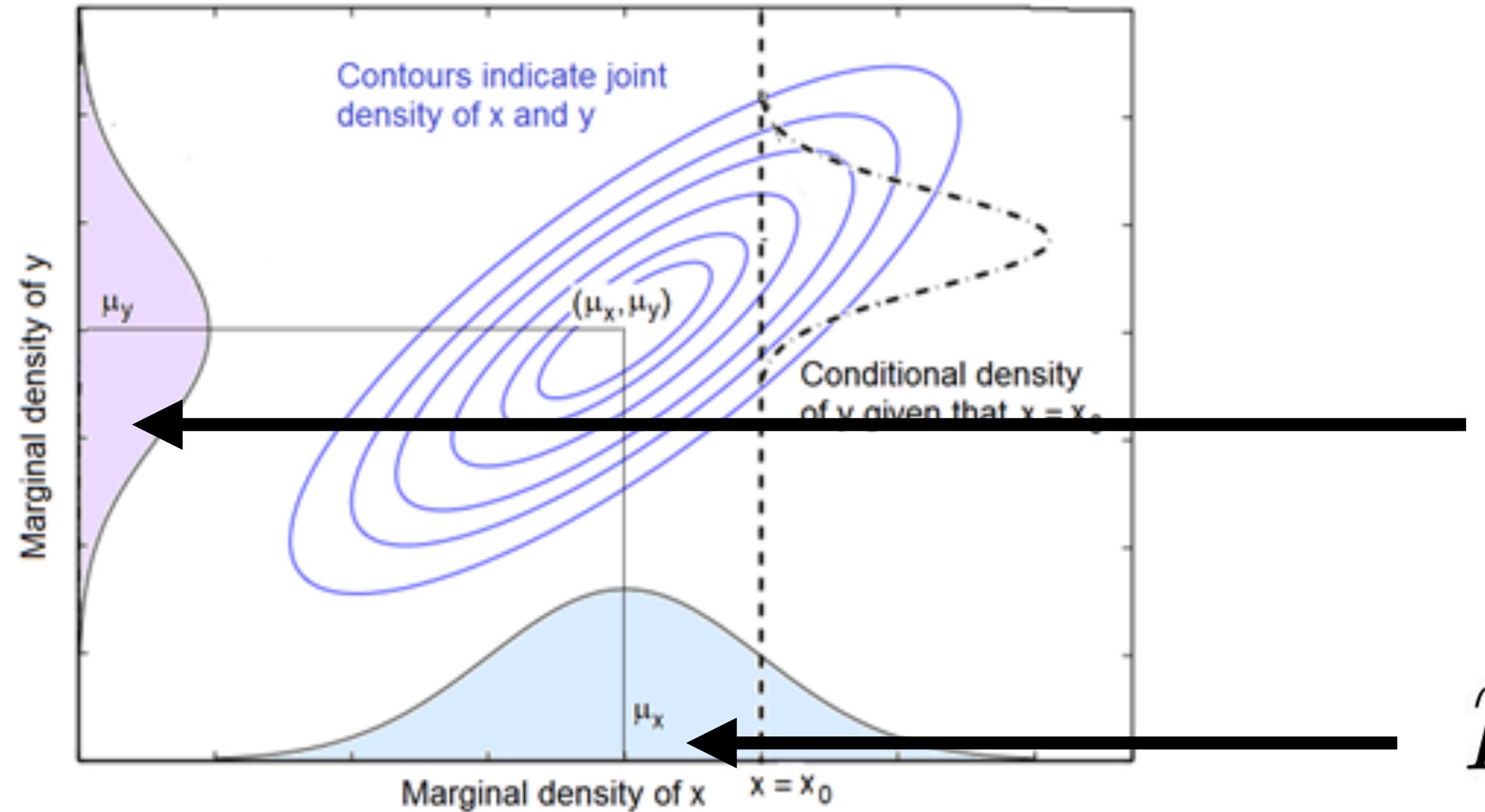


Given this in 1D,  
the probability of  $X$   
in a 2D box of area  $dx dy$  is:



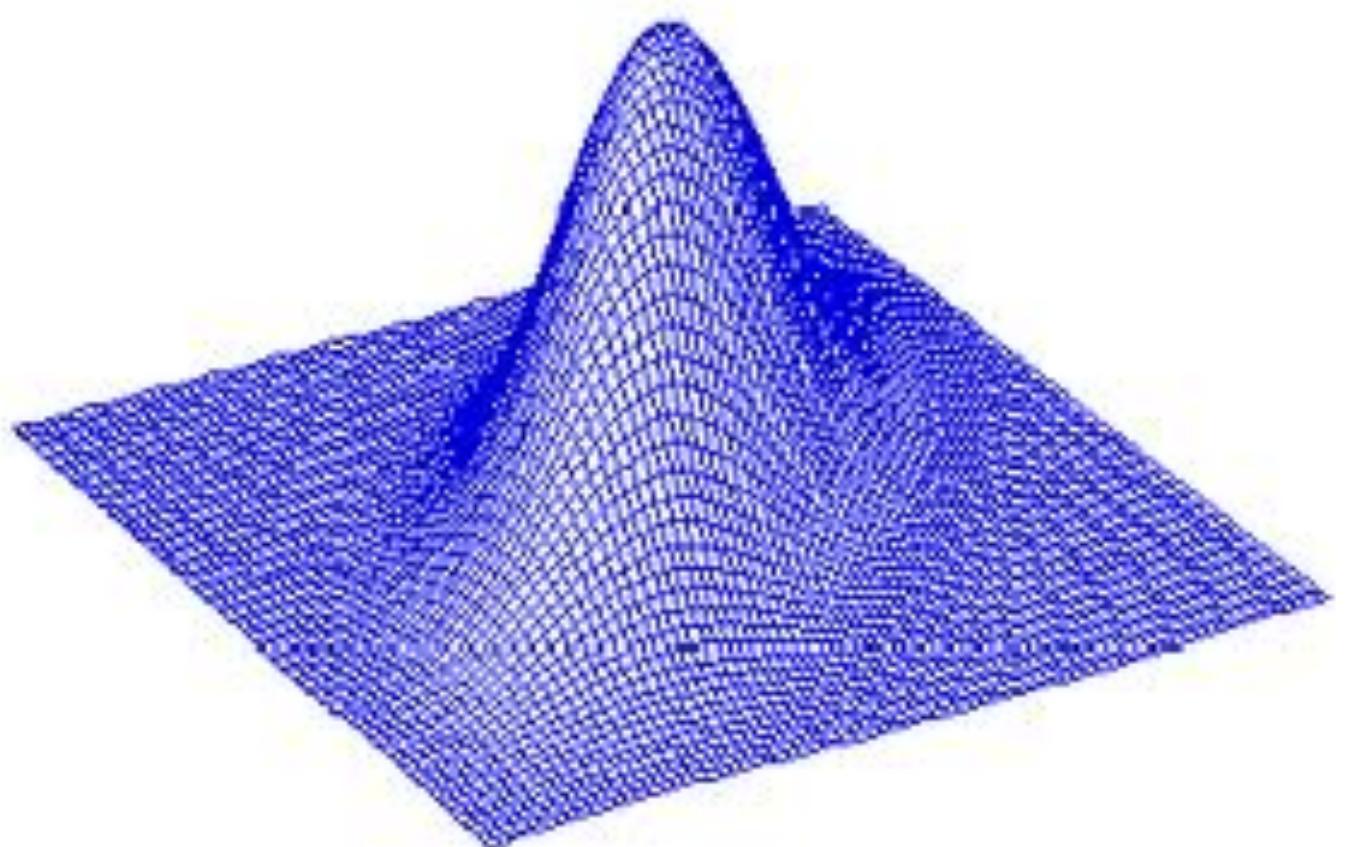
$$P(X \in [x, x + dx] \times [y, y + dy]) = p(x, y) dx dy$$

# THE MULTIVARIATE CASE



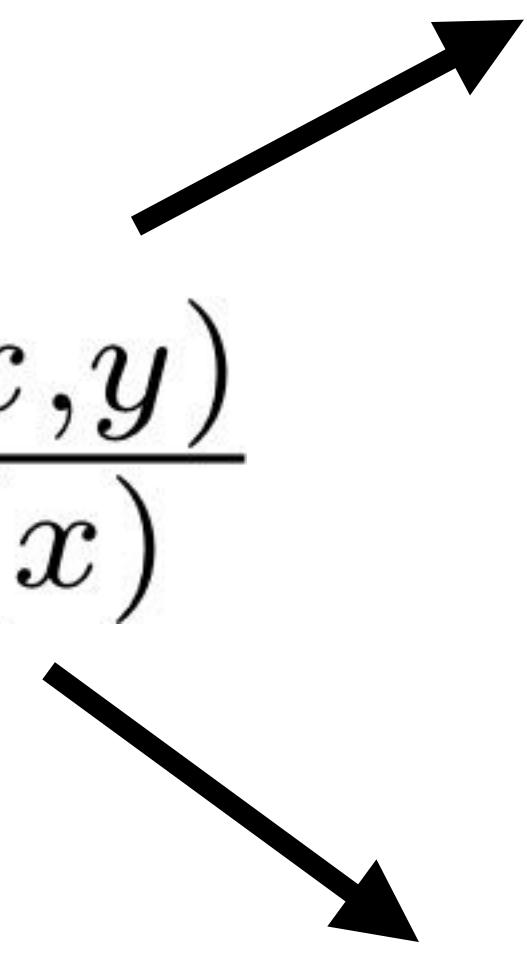
$$p(y) = \int_X p(x, y) dx$$

$$p(x) = \int_Y p(x, y) dy$$



Conditional Probability

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)}$$



$$p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y)$$

$$p(x) = \int_y p(x,y)dy$$

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The law of total probability

Bayes Rule:

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{\int_Y p(x|y)p(y)dy}$$

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{\int_Y p(x|y)p(y)dy}$$

### Posterior

How probable is the hypothesis given the data we observed

### Likelihood

How probable is the data given the hypothesis is true

### Prior

How probable was the hypothesis before we observed anything

$$p(\text{Hypothesis}|\text{Data}) = \frac{p(\text{Data}|\text{Hypothesis})p(\text{Hypothesis})}{p(\text{Data})}$$

### Evidence

How probable is the data over all possible hypotheses

# IN CLASS EXERCISE

- ▶ Download this file (too big for git!): <https://bit.ly/38PDnGy>
  - ▶ Use **h5py** to look at this data - h5py.File() to open, and then use the **keys()** method to find what elements are stored
  - ▶ You want “**chain**” and then “**position**”
- ▶ Use **numpy** to get the stored data as an array
- ▶ Use **matplotlib** to visualize this point cloud (CAREFUL)
- ▶ Use **pandas** to convert the first two columns of the numpy array to a dataframe
- ▶ Use **seaborn**’s jointplot to visualize this dataframe (try hex, or a kde with every 100th sample)

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# MOMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

$$E(x) = \langle x \rangle = \int_X x \cdot p(x) dx$$

**Expected Value**

$$E(f(x)) = \langle f(x) \rangle = \int_X f(x) \cdot p(x) dx$$

**Variance**

$$\text{Var}(x) = E([x - \langle x \rangle]^2)$$

**nth moment (non-central)**

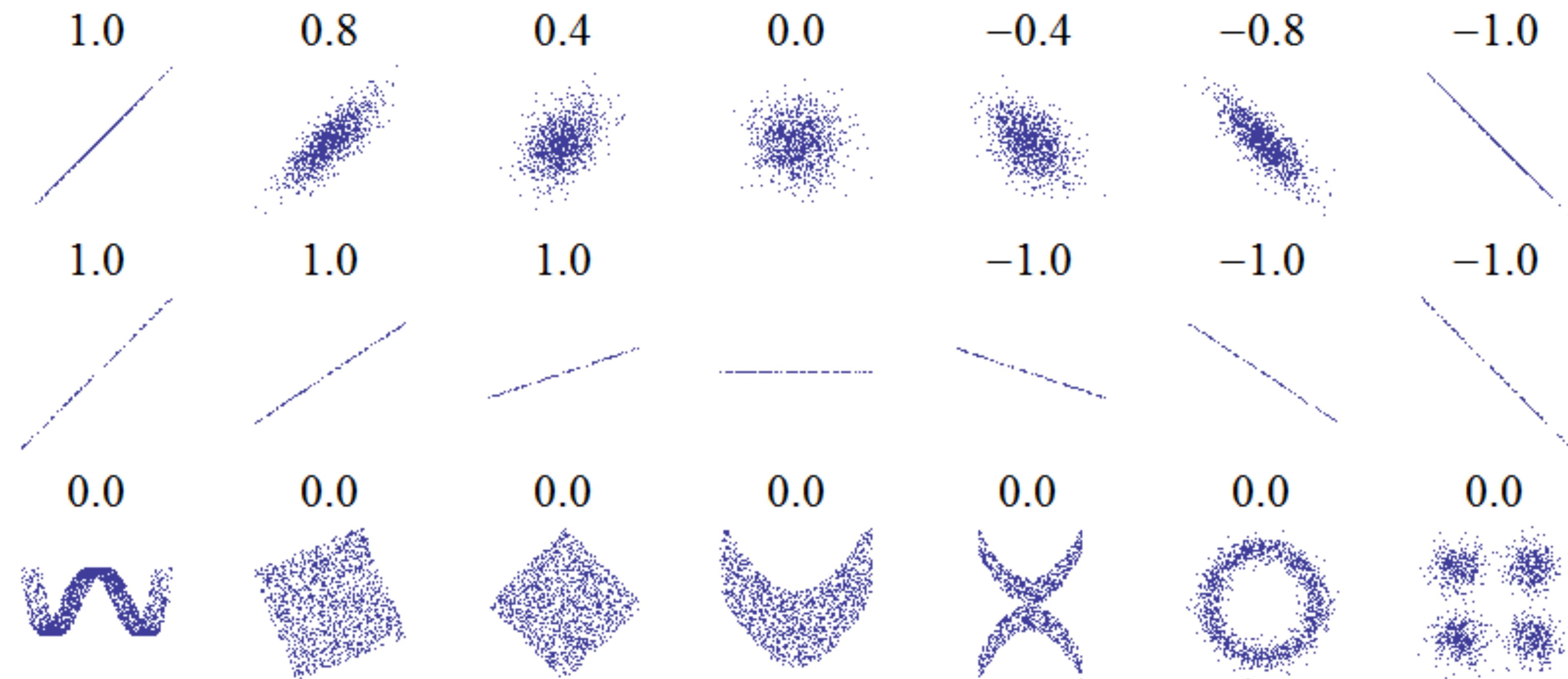
$$\mu_n(x) = E(x^n)$$

**nth moment (central)**

$$\tilde{\mu}_n(x) = E([x - \langle x \rangle]^n)$$

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E([x - \langle x \rangle])E([y - \langle y \rangle])$$

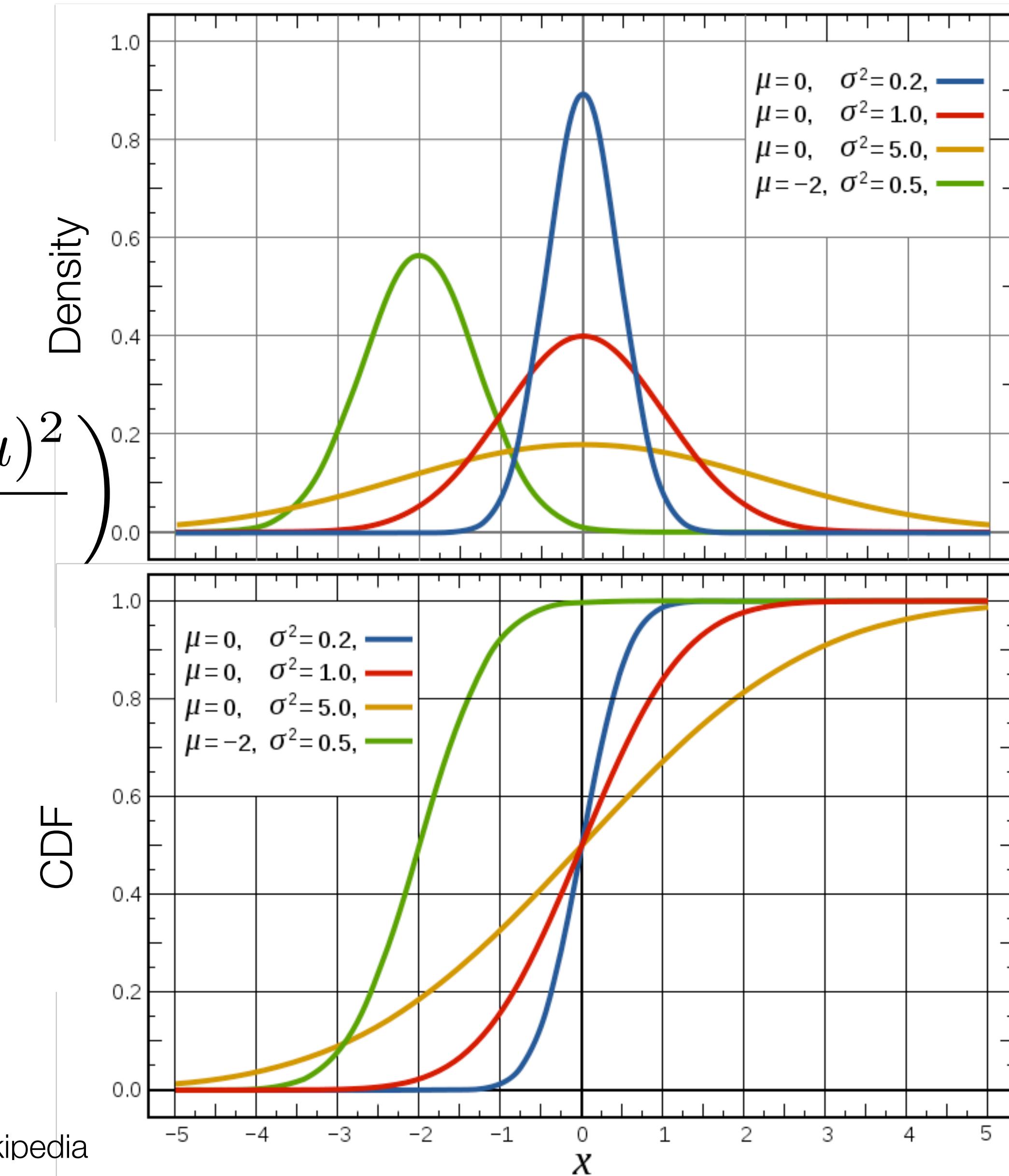
$$\text{Cor}(x, y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(x)\text{Var}(y)}}$$



# Example: Gaussian / Normal distribution

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



from wikipedia

# Poisson distribution

Discrete probability distribution (no density)

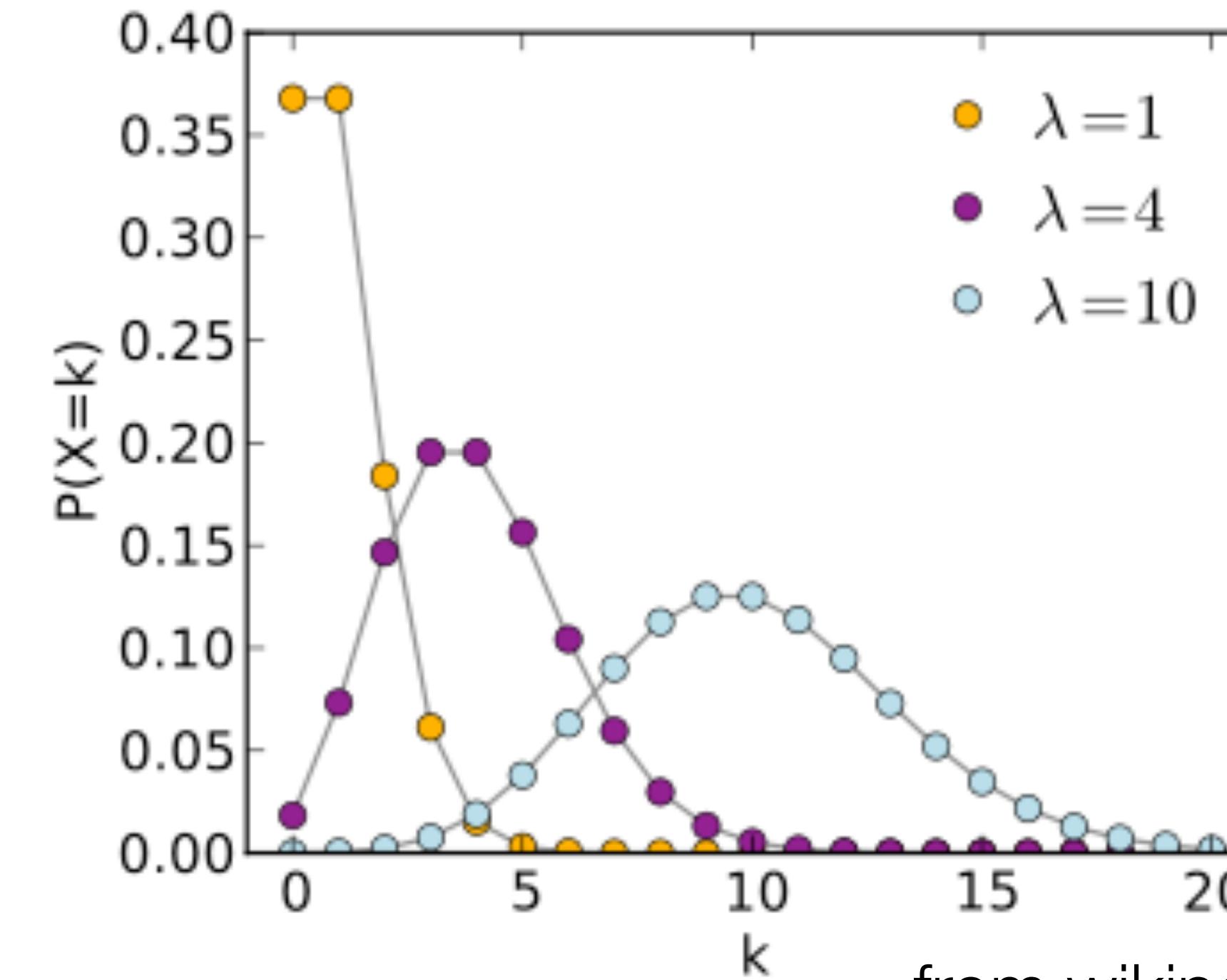
$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

Number of photons on a detector  
Number of people in a shop

$$\Pr(X = k) = \exp(-\lambda) \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

For large  $\lambda$

$$\mathcal{N}(\lambda, \lambda)$$



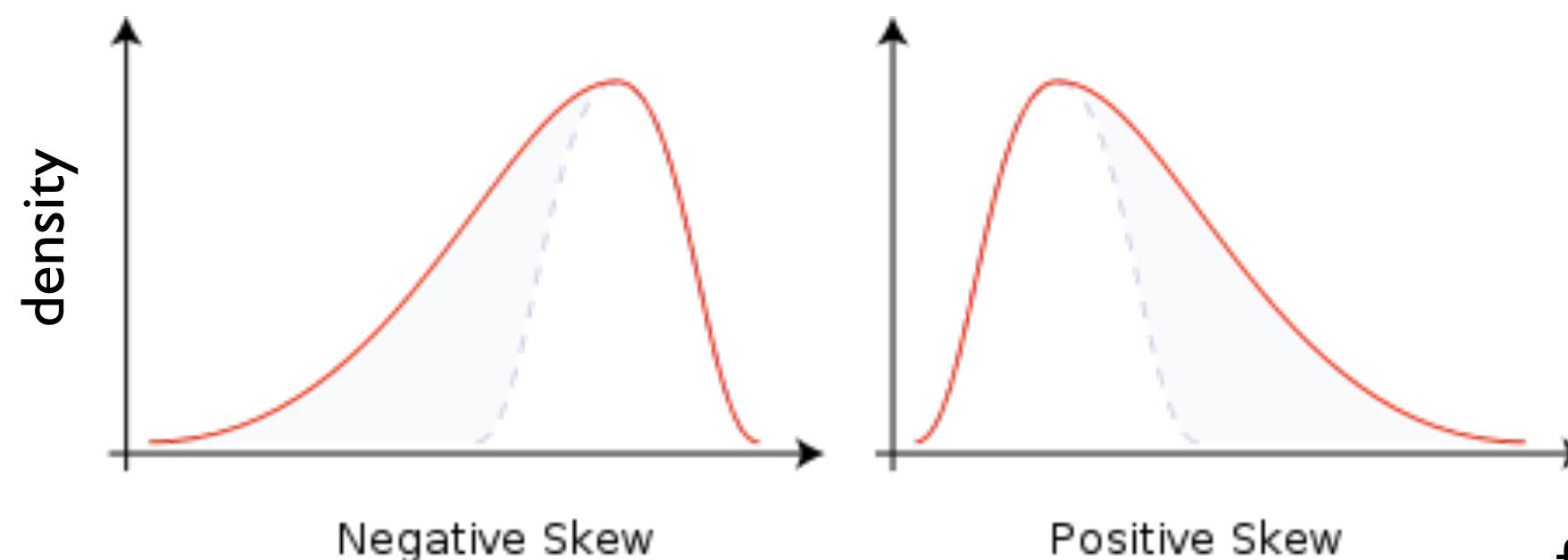
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# 3d and 4th moments of a distribution

- Skewness, asymmetry

$$\mu_3/\sigma^3 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^3 f(x) dx / \sigma^3$$

Normal: 0  
Poisson:  $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$



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- Kurtosis

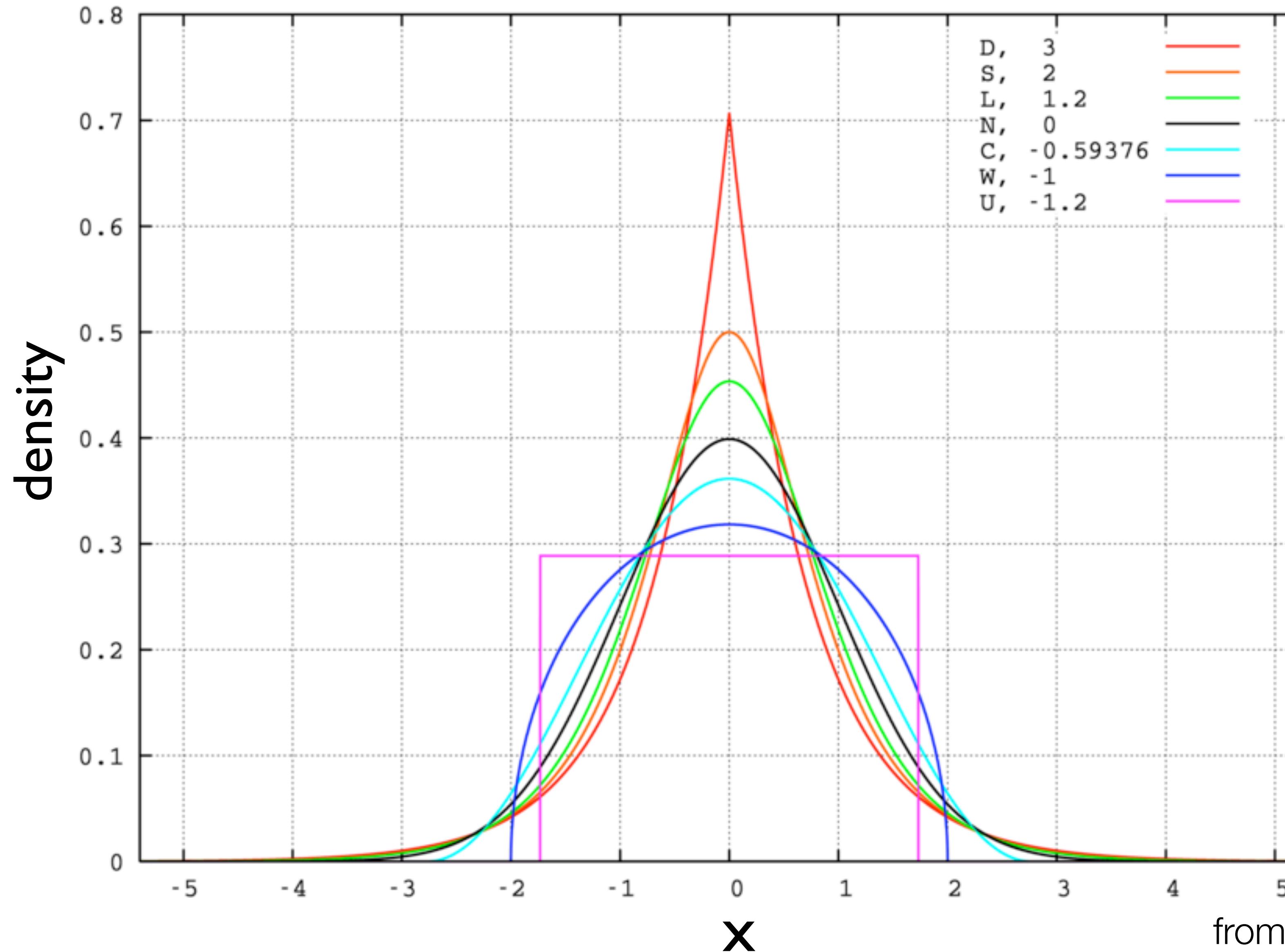


$$\mu_4/\sigma^4 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^4 f(x) dx / \sigma^4$$

$$\mu_4/\sigma^4 - 3$$

Normal: 0  
Poisson:  $1/\lambda$

# Example of different values of kurtosis: “boxiness” -- tail heaviness



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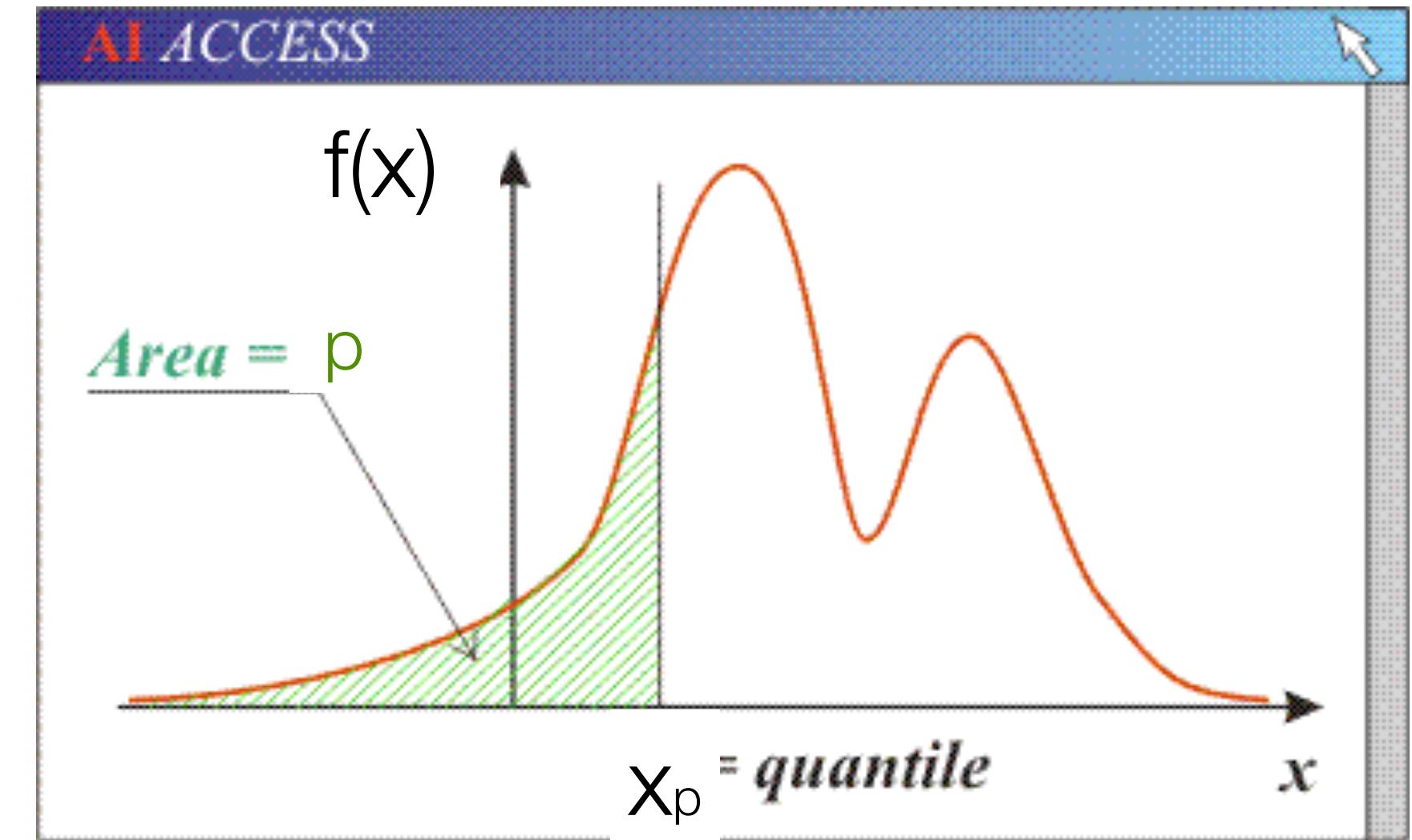
# Quantiles

- $x_p$ : p-quantiles of  $f(x)$

$$p = \int_{-\infty}^{x_p} f(x) dx$$

- Measure of location: Median

$$1/2 = \int_{-\infty}^{x_{1/2}} f(x) dx$$



from [www.aiacces.net](http://www.aiacces.net)

- Measure of dispersion: Inter-quantile range

$$\text{IQR} = x_{3/4} - x_{1/4}$$

# Data, samples

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- Usually we have observations, e.g. additive process

$$y_i = f(t_i) + \epsilon_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Deterministic      random variable

- We want a characterisation of the deterministic and random parts
- Suppose something about the random variable, often normality:  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

- Assumption of models

- Estimate the parameters of a distribution, moments

- Exercise 1: Sample mean:  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$   $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$

- Exercise 2: Sample variance (bias):

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \quad E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{n}{n-1} \sigma^2$$

redefine  
→

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

- Sample quantiles are estimators of quantiles

# Central limit theorem

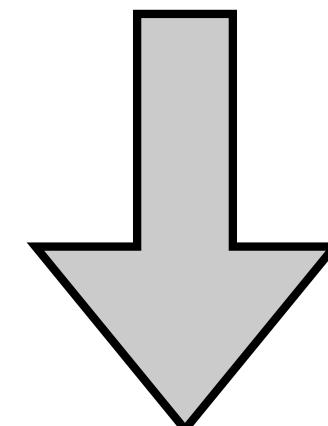
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The distribution of the mean of a sufficiently large number of random variables can be approximated by a Gaussian distribution!

$X_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  iid with  $E(X_i) = \mu$   $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$

iid= Independent identically distributed

$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  follows approximately  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$



**One reason why  
the Gaussian distribution is so important**

# Distribution derived from Normal distribution

## 1) Chi square distribution

If  $X_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

iid= Independent identically distributed

**mean:**  $k$

**variance:**  $2k$

**skewness:**  $\sqrt{8/k}$

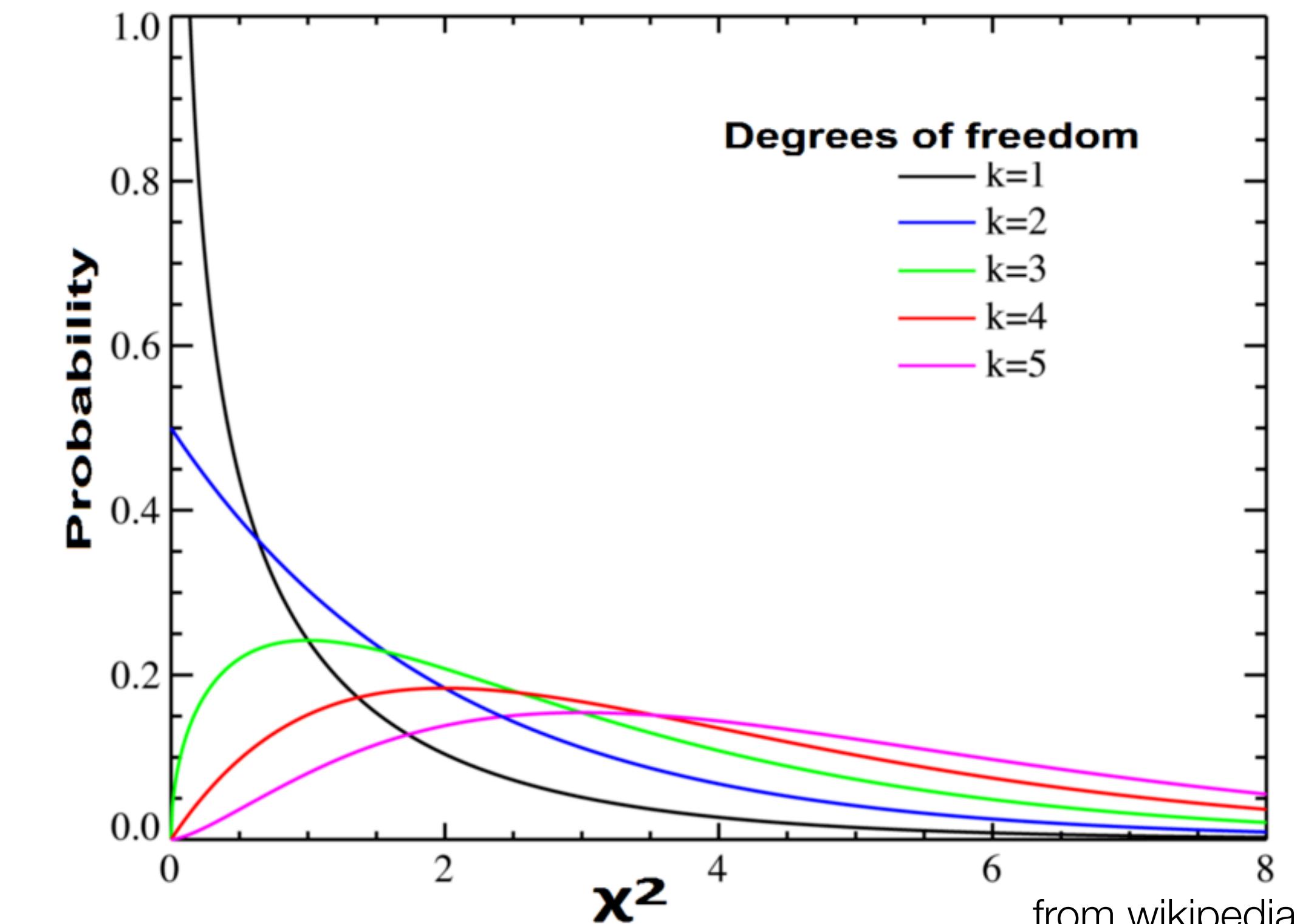
**kurtosis:**  $12/k$

$X_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$

$\sum_{i=1}^k (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / \sigma^2 \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$

When  $k$  is large  $\chi_k^2$  approximates a  $\mathcal{N}(k, 2k)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 \sim \chi_k^2$$
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2}\Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} \exp(-x/2)$$



from wikipedia

# Distribution derived from Normal distribution

## 2) Student distribution

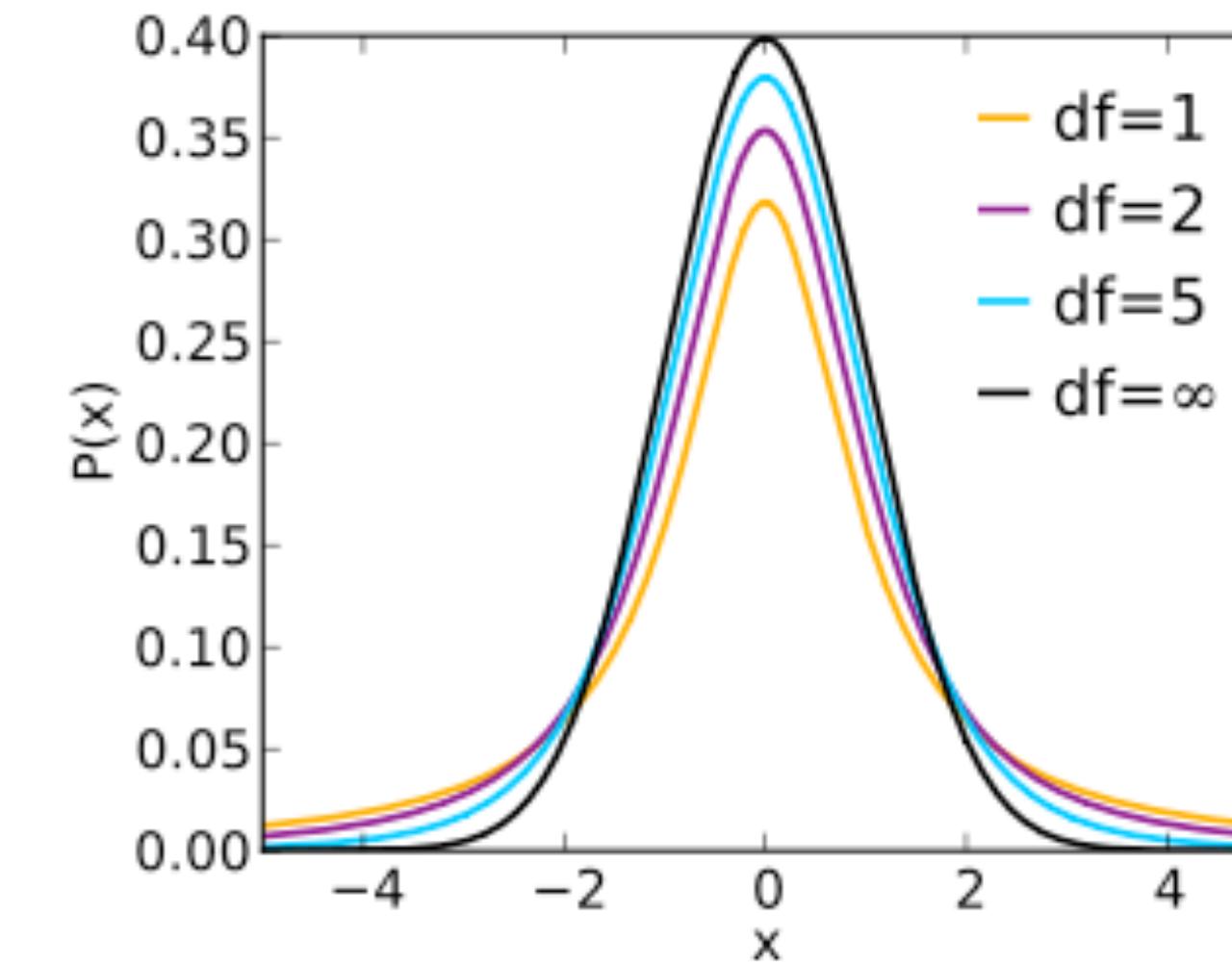
$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S / \sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma(n/2)} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-(n+1)/2}$$

Note

$$t_\infty = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$



**mean:** 0  $n > 1$

**NaN**  $n = 0, 1$

**variance:**  $n/(n-2)$   $n > 2$

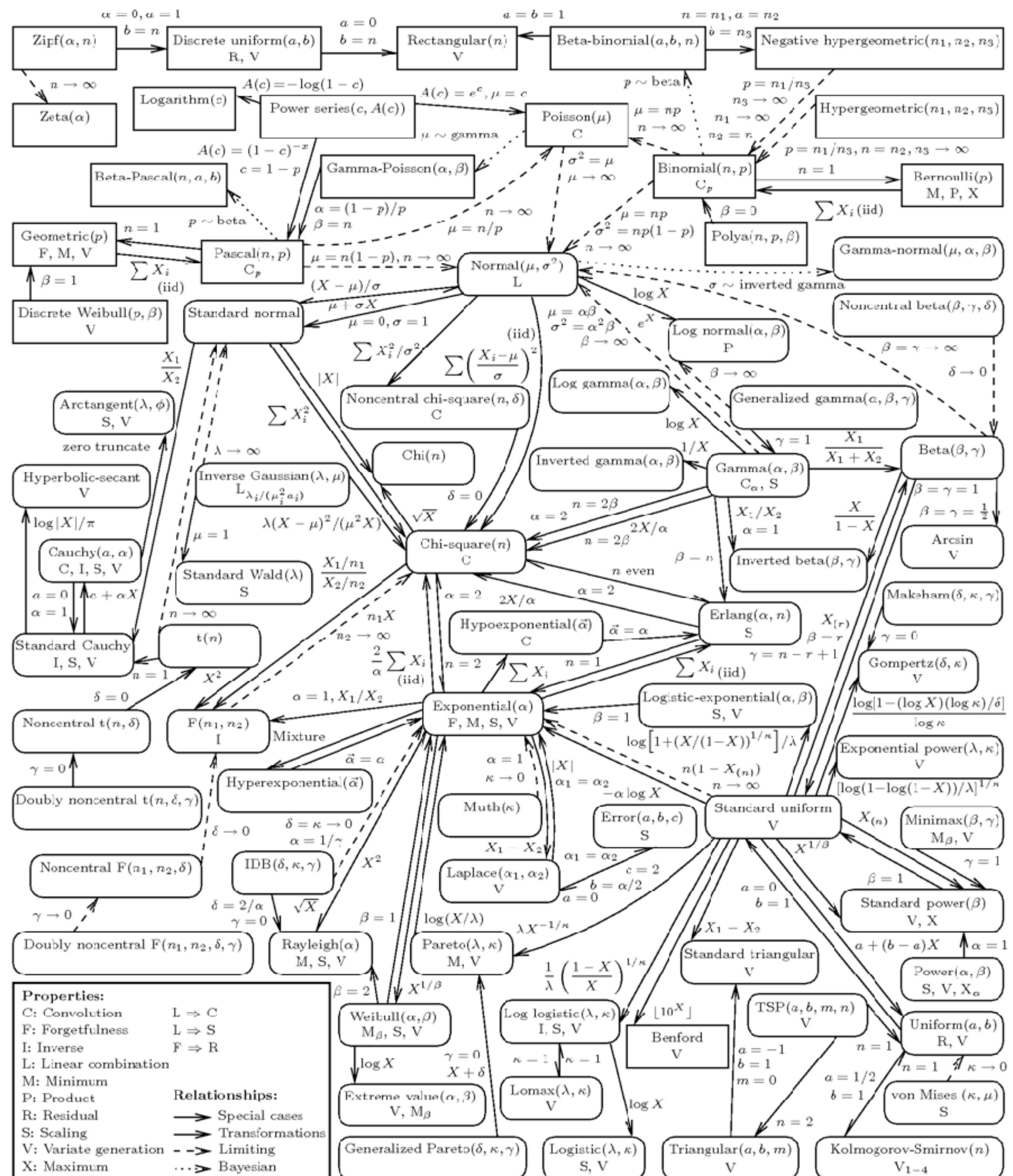
$\infty$   $1 < n \leq 2$

**otherwise NaN**

**skewness:** 0  $n > 3$

**kurtosis:**  $6/(n-4)$   $n > 4$

Lawrence M Leemis & Jacquelyn T McQueston (2008)  
"Univariate Distribution Relationships",  
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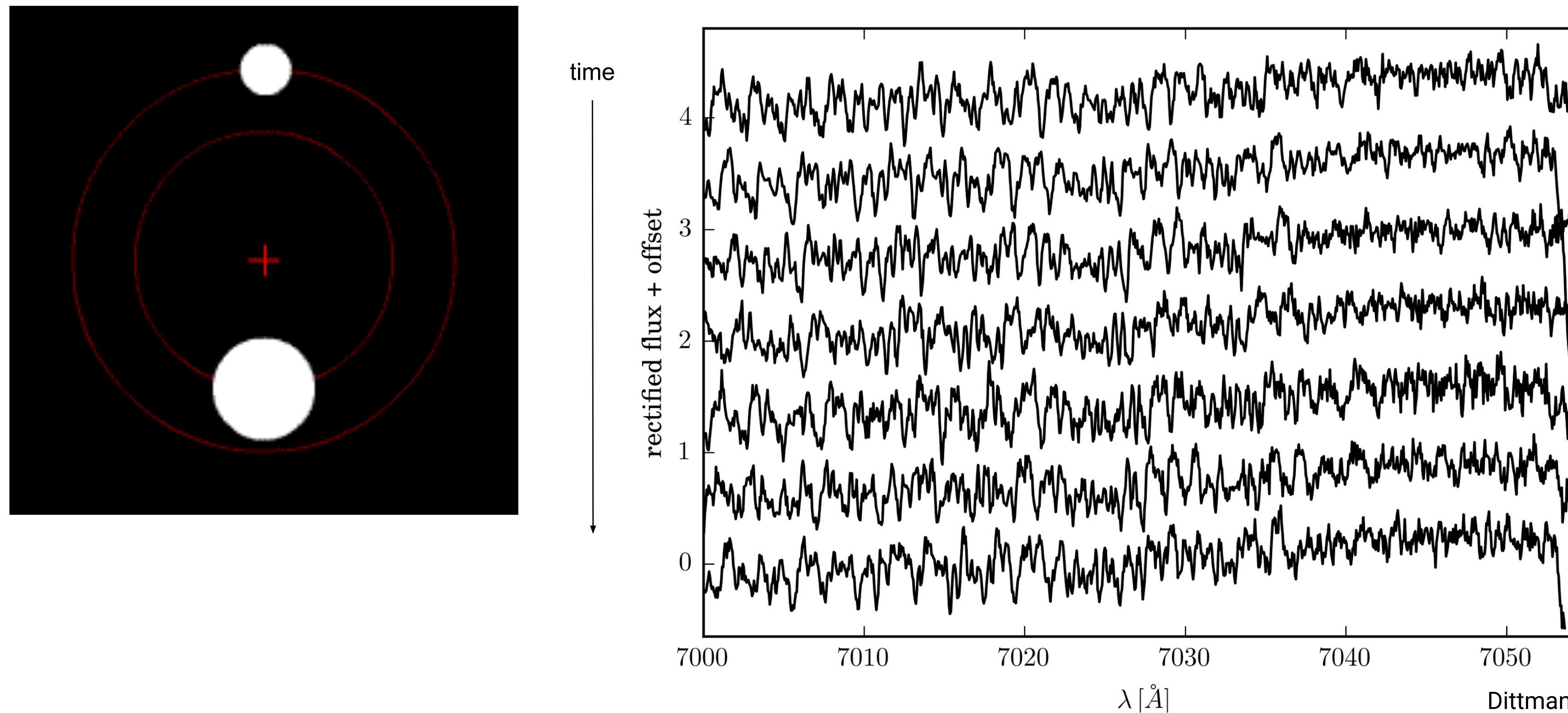
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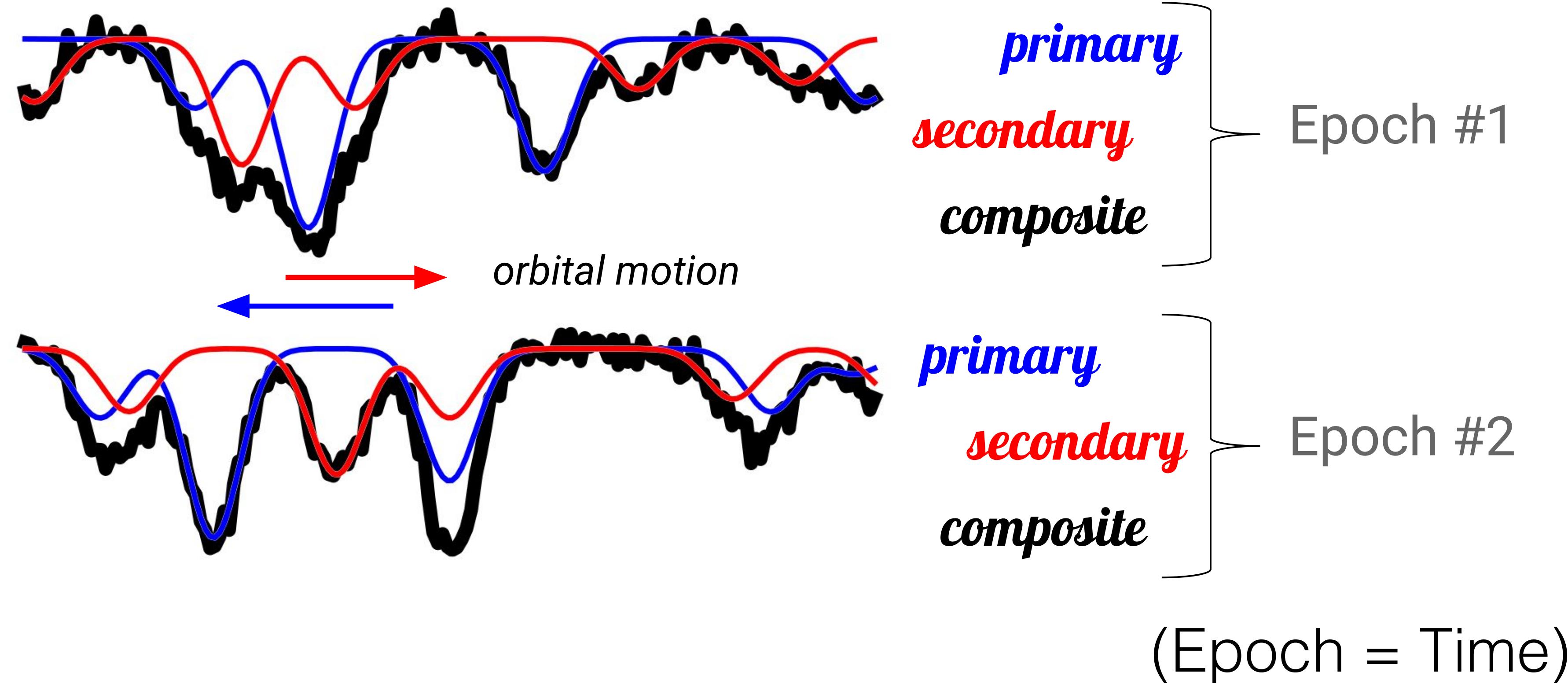
# PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER

*Astrostatistics Case Studies:*  
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**Raw Observations of the LP661-13 M4 Binary**



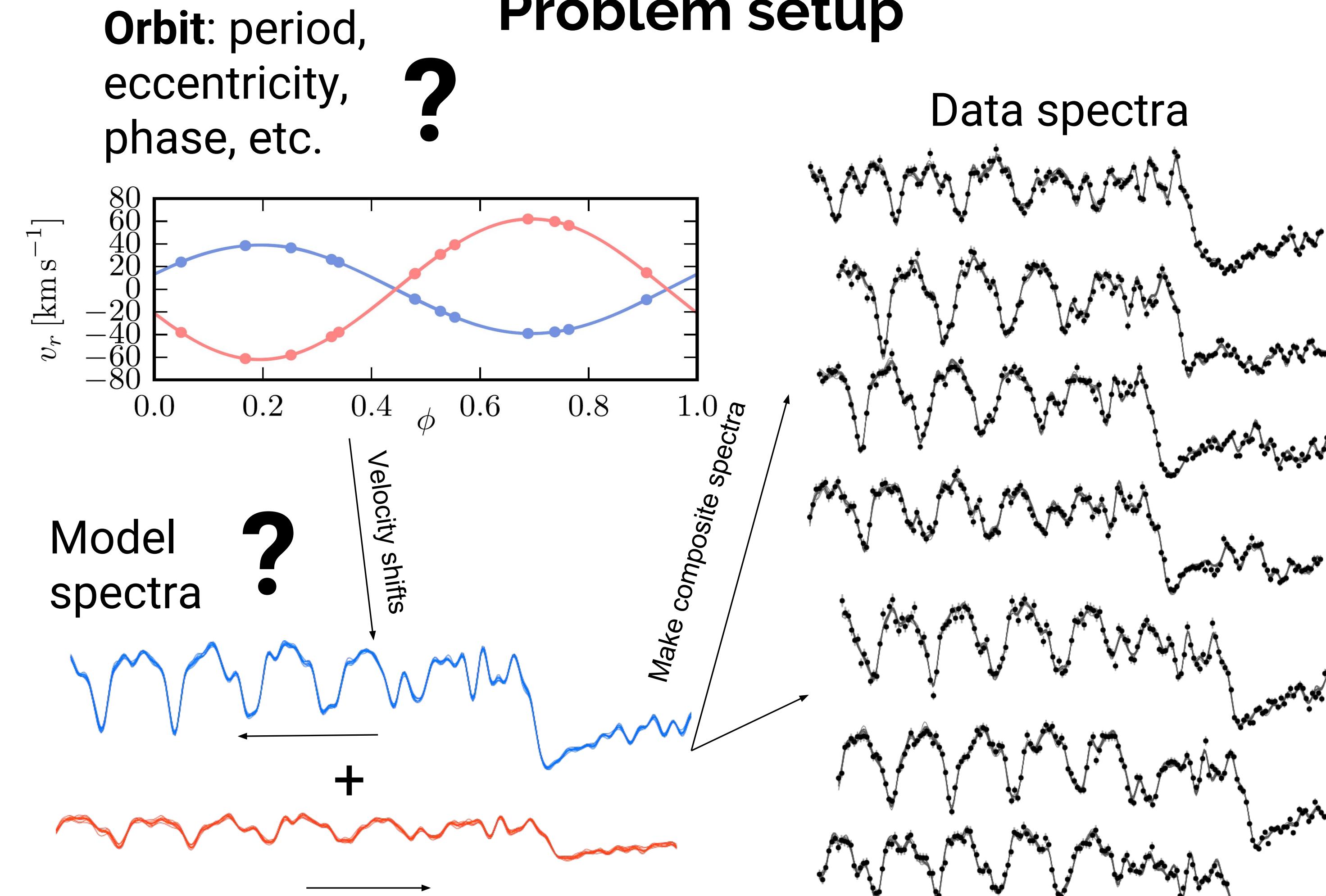
# Spectroscopic Binary Stars



We only observe the “noisy” sum of two (latent) spectra.  
Latent (underlying) spectra are unknown functions  
Observed spectrum = Measured Data

# Forward Model = Generates Data

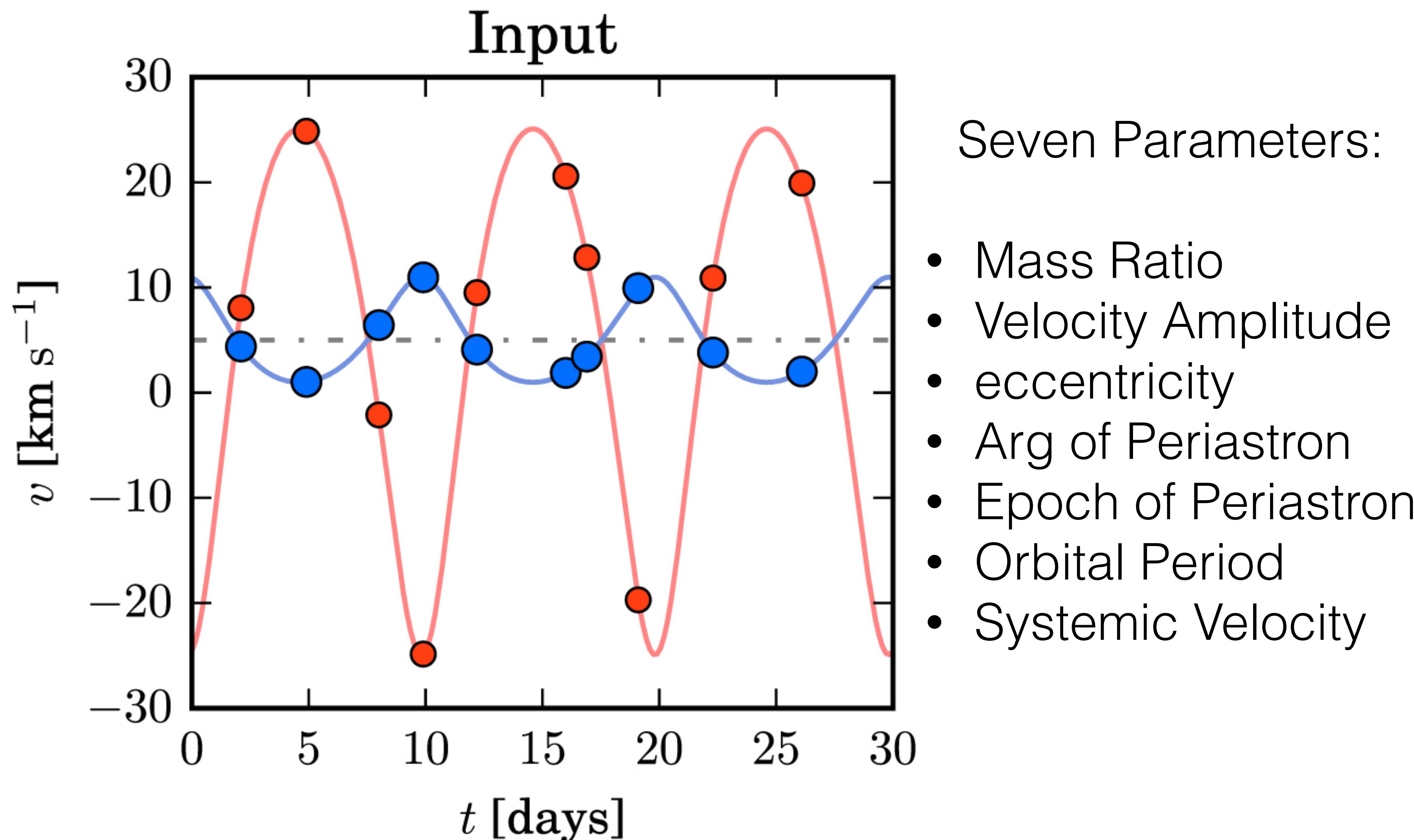
## Problem setup



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHjN42ft6aU>

Goal: Go Backwards and Infer the Component Spectra & Orbital Parameters from noisy, observed (composite) spectra time series

# Orbital Parametric Model



# Nonparametric Bayes

## Gaussian processes

We will model the latent stellar spectrum  $f_\lambda$  as a Gaussian process

$$f_\lambda \sim \text{GP}(\mu(\lambda), k(\lambda, \lambda'))$$

A function is said to have a Gaussian process if for any collection of inputs the random vector  $\mathbf{f}$  has a multivariate Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mathbf{\mu}$  and covariance matrix given by  $k$  evaluated over **lambda**

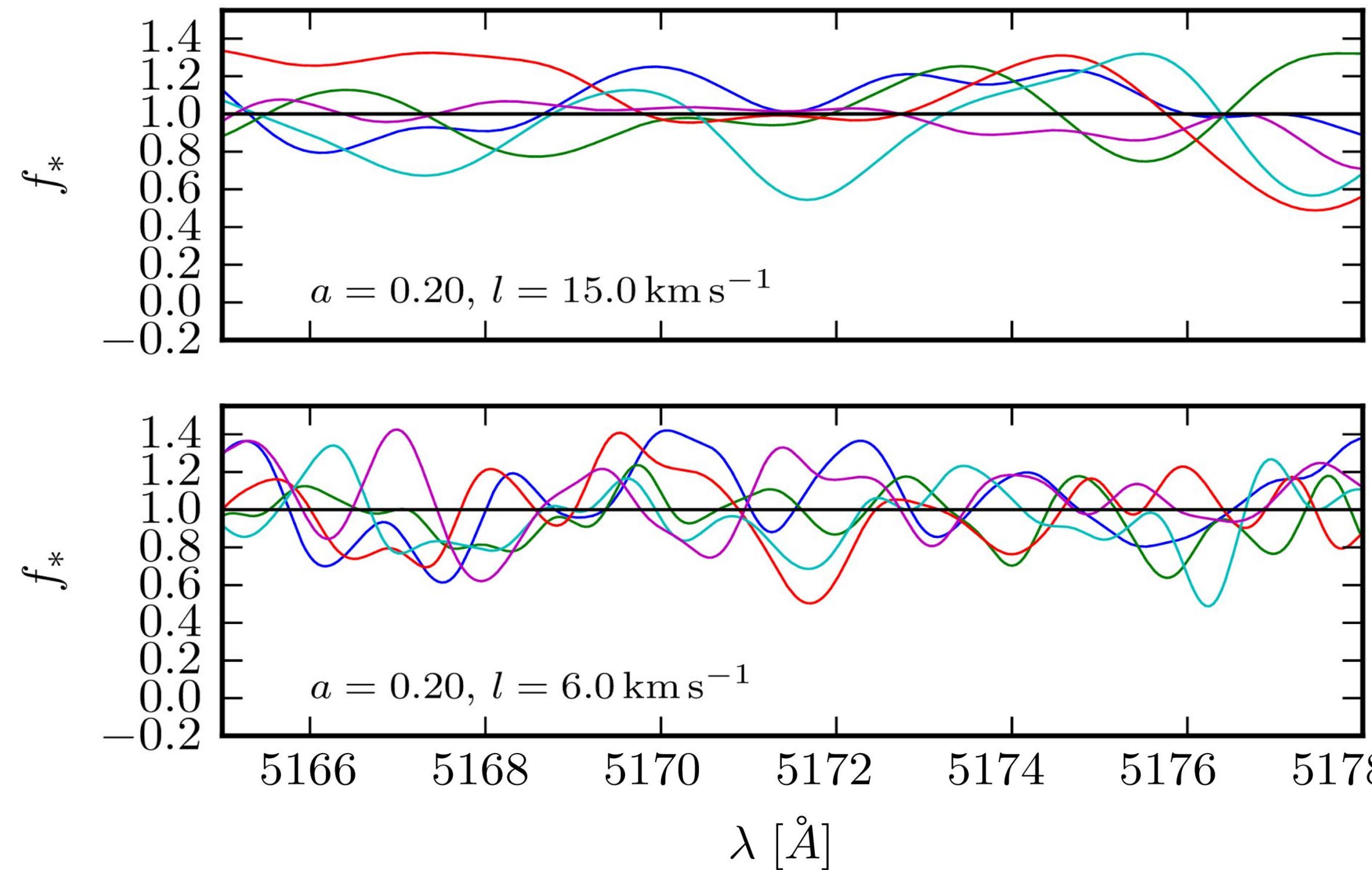
For a covariance kernel, we will use the commonly used squared exponential kernel, which relates pixels in the spectrum based upon their distance in log-wavelength ( $\propto$  velocity)

$$k_{ij}(r_{ij} | a, l) = a^2 \exp\left(-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{2l^2}\right)$$

Gaussian Process = a prior on functions (latent spectra)

## Gaussian Process model for a single, stationary star

(Zoomed) draws from the prior



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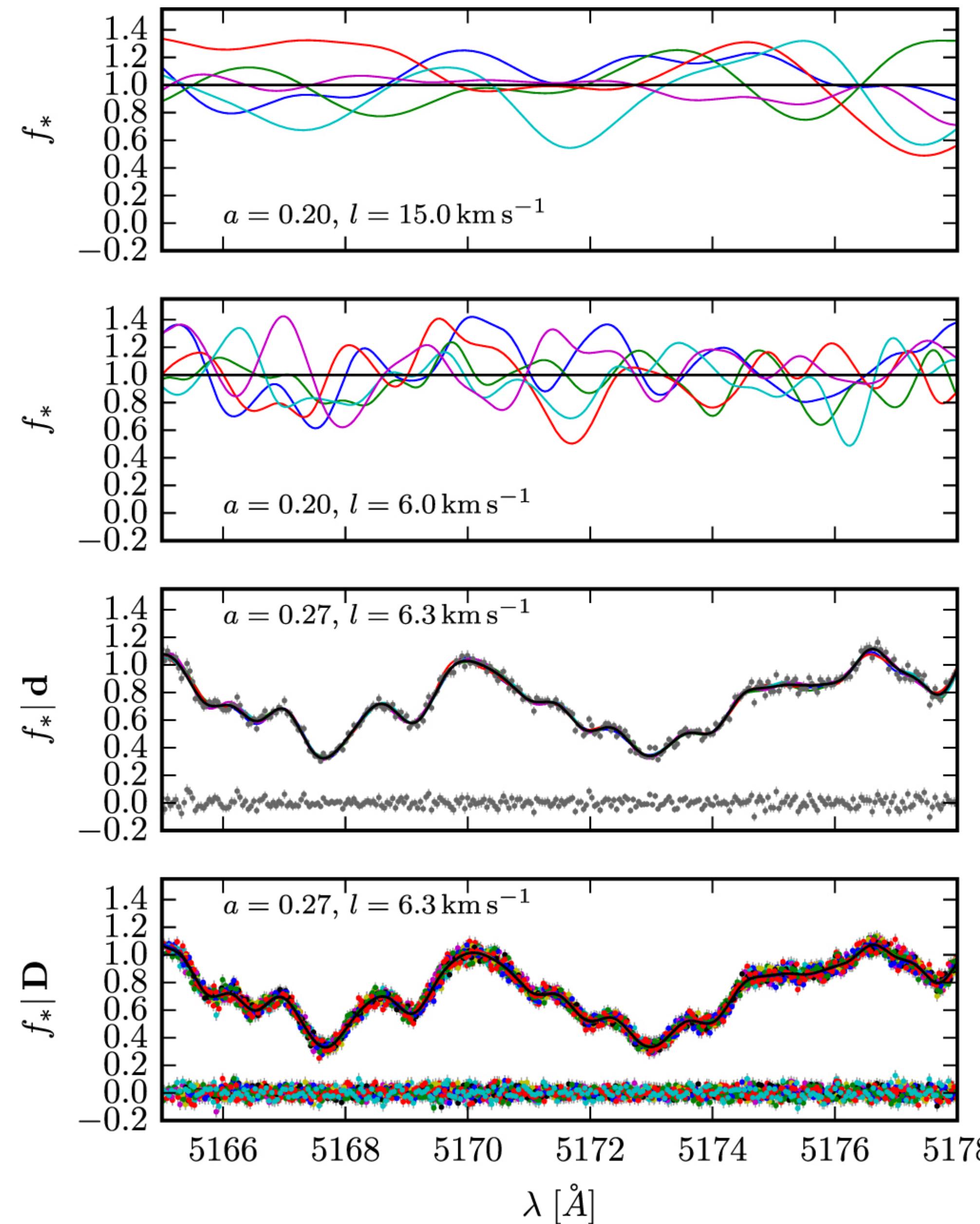
Inference = Which function is most consistent with the data?

# Gaussian Process: Priors & Posteriors

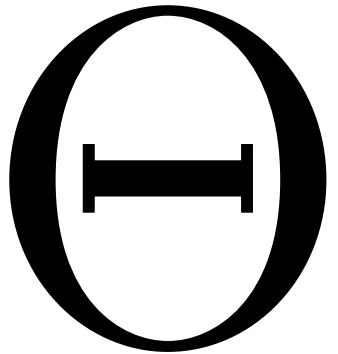
GP prior  
(long length scale)

(short length scale)

GP Posterior  
(conditioned on  
data spectrum  $\mathbf{d}$ )  
Inference of latent  
spectrum



# Known Unknowns



7-dim Orbital Parameters = Period, Phase, eccentricity, Velocity Amplitude

$$f(\lambda), g(\lambda)$$

( $\infty$ -dim) Latent Functions = the unobserved component spectra of the primary (f) and secondary (g) stars

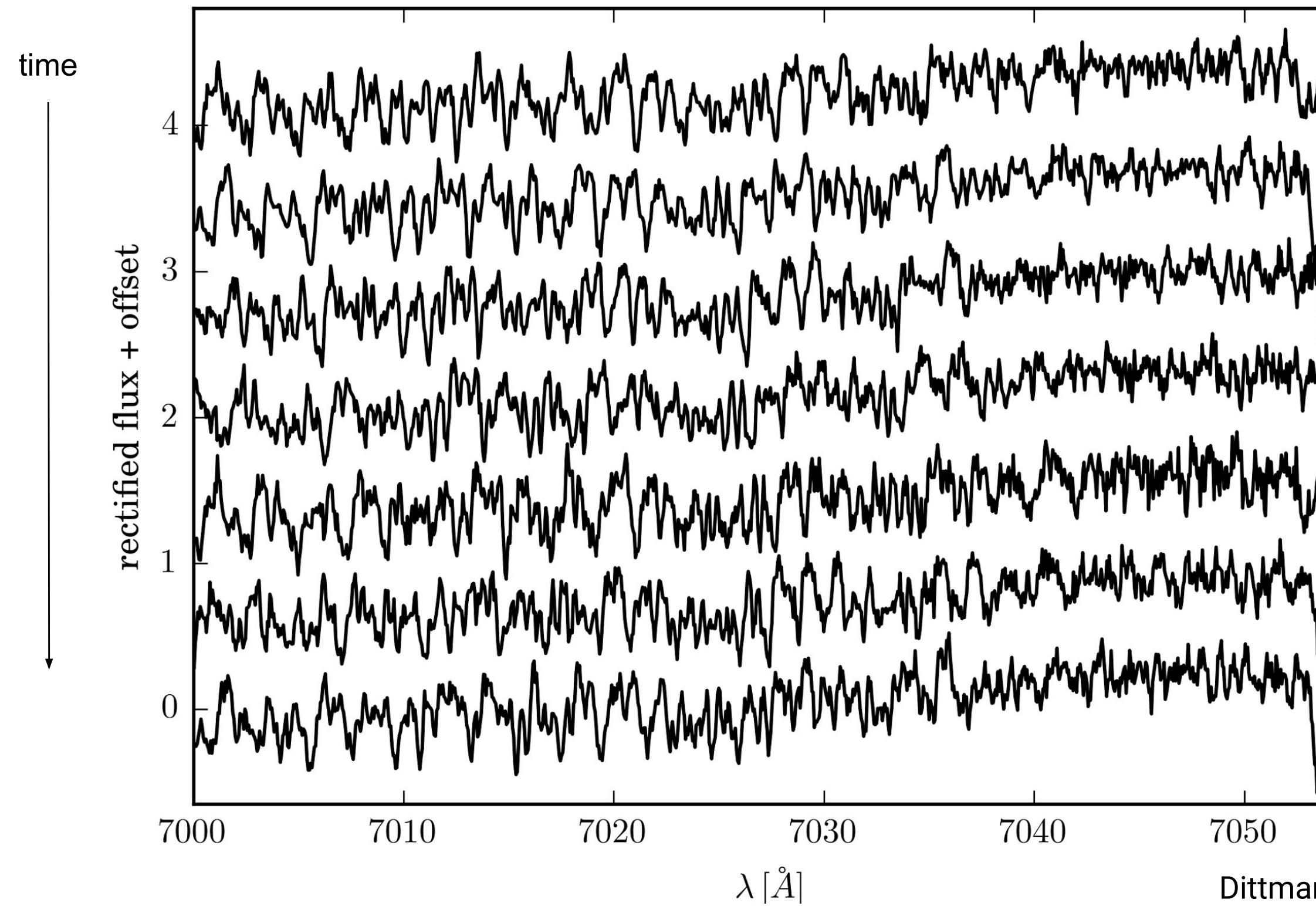
$$\alpha = (a_f, l_f, a_g, l_g)$$

4-dim GP hyperparameters = controlling the amplitude and smoothness of Gaussian Process prior on latent spectra

# Knowns (Data)

Raw Observations of the LP661-13 M4 Binary

**D** =



Dittmann et al. 17  
Czekala et al. 17a

# Bayesian Inference

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

In this case:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\Theta, f, g, \alpha | D) &\propto \\ P(D | \Theta, f, g, \alpha) \times P(\Theta, f, g, \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

a probability density on (4+7+ $\infty$ )-dim parameter space

# Bayesian Computation

1. Run Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)  
(e.g. *emcee* affine-invariant ensemble sampler)  
on the 4+7 small dimensional marginal posterior

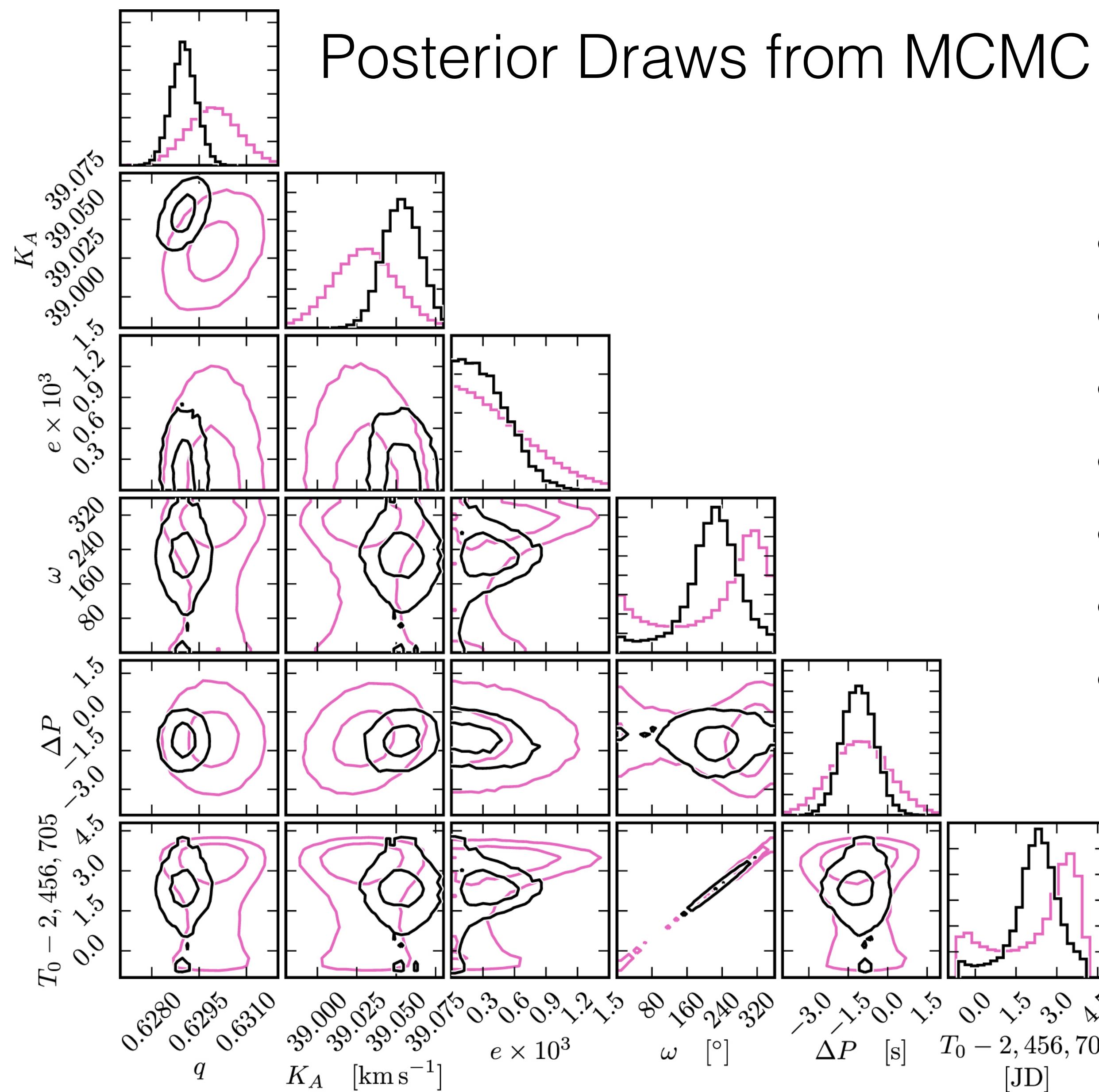
$$P(\Theta, \alpha | D) = \int df \int dg P(\Theta, f, g, \alpha | D)$$

MCMC generates samples:  $\Theta_i, \alpha_i \sim P(\Theta, \alpha | D)$

2. Draw high-dim (**f**, **g**) spectra from the posterior predictive distribution

$$f_i, g_i \sim P(f, g | \Theta_i, \alpha_i, D)$$

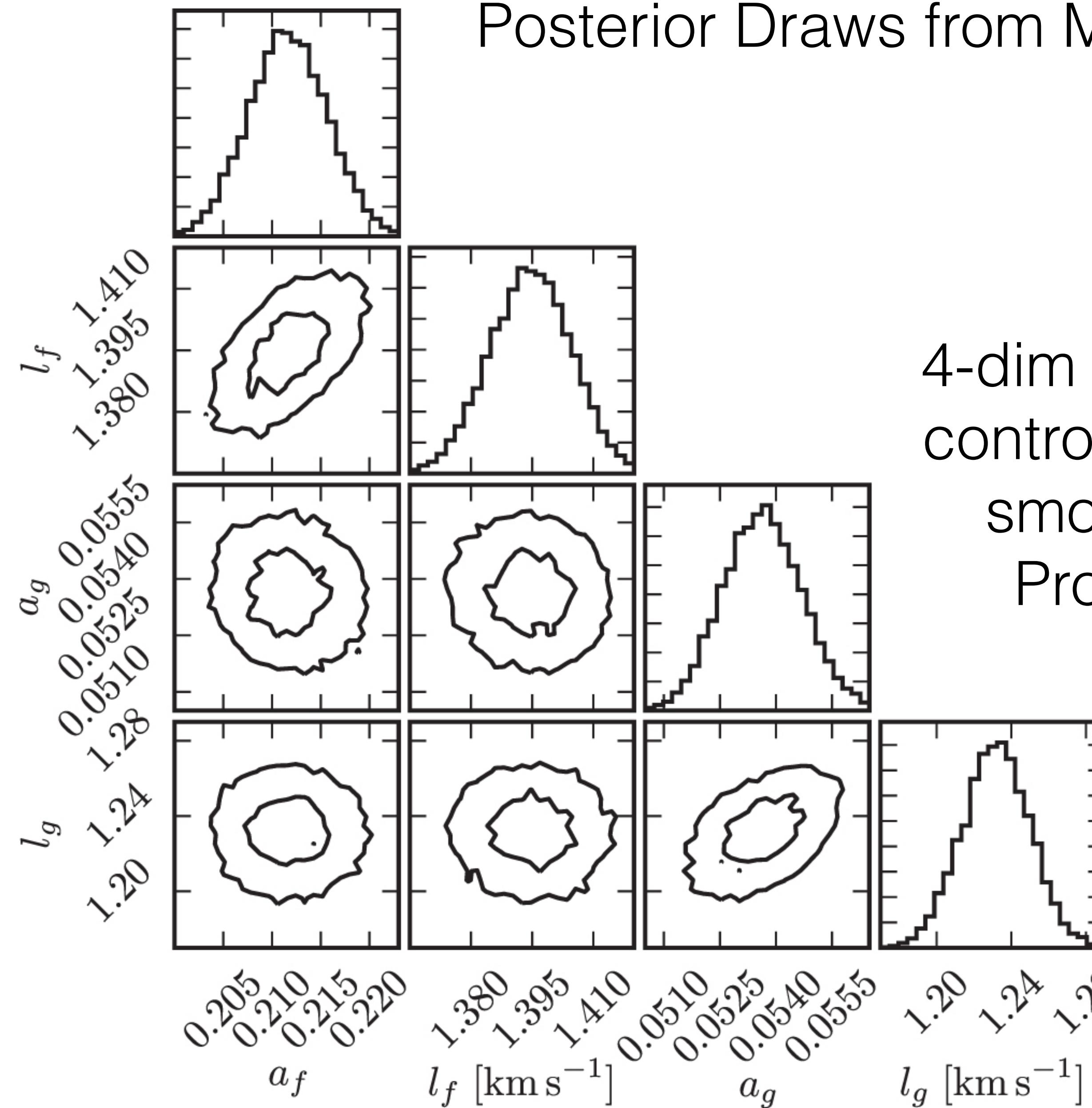
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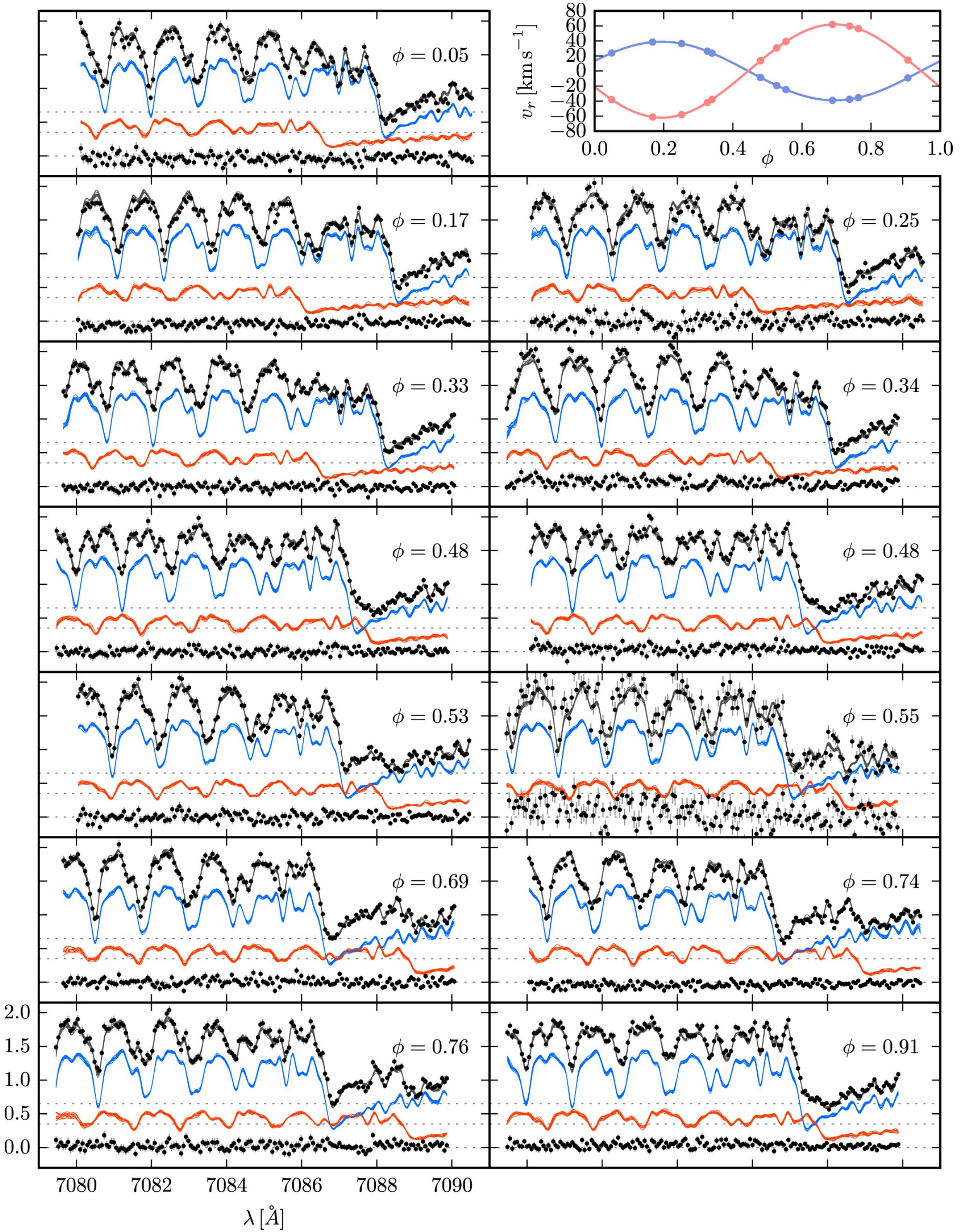
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Posterior Draws from MCMC     $\alpha =$

$$(a_f, l_f, a_g, l_g)$$



4-dim GP hyperparameters =  
controlling the amplitude and  
smoothness of Gaussian  
Process prior on latent  
spectra



## Posterior Inference of Component Spectra (f, g)

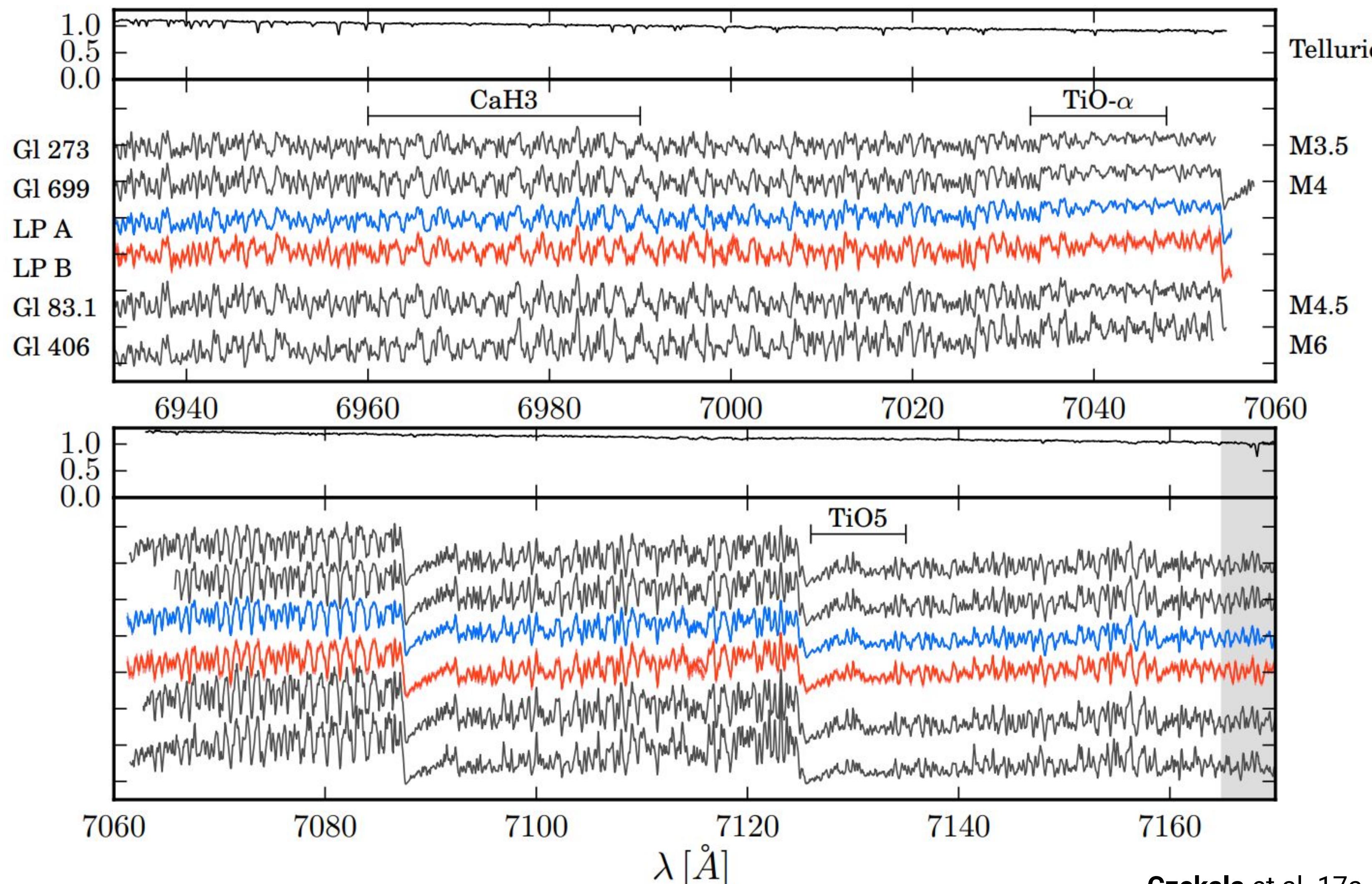
Compared to 10 epochs of observed spectra (**data**)

Model Checking!  
Checking Fit against Data

# Model Checking!

## Checking Fit against Domain Knowledge (astrophysics)!

**Disentangled spectra match other single standard stars**



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<http://psoap.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

- Statistics:
  - Parametric Modelling (Stellar Orbit Parameters)
  - Nonparametric Modelling (Gaussian Process Spectrum)
  - Bayesian Inference (probability of unknowns given data)
  - Markov Chain Monte Carlo (computing posterior probability)
- Astronomy:
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