

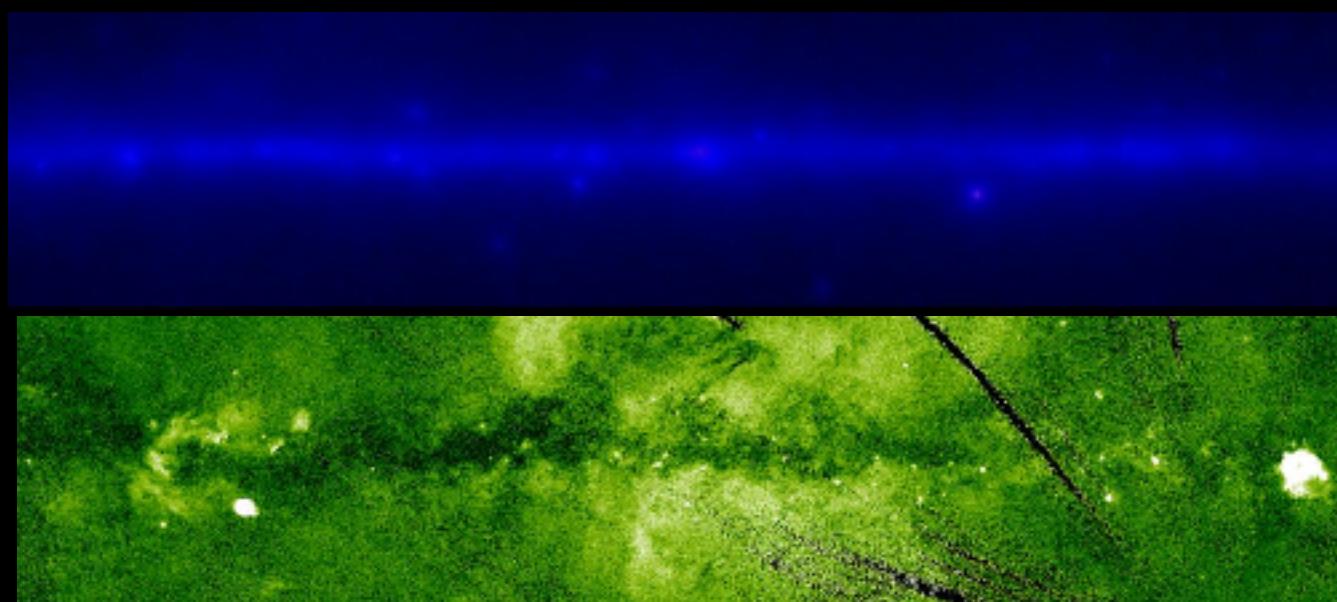
Prospects for understanding the physics of the Universe

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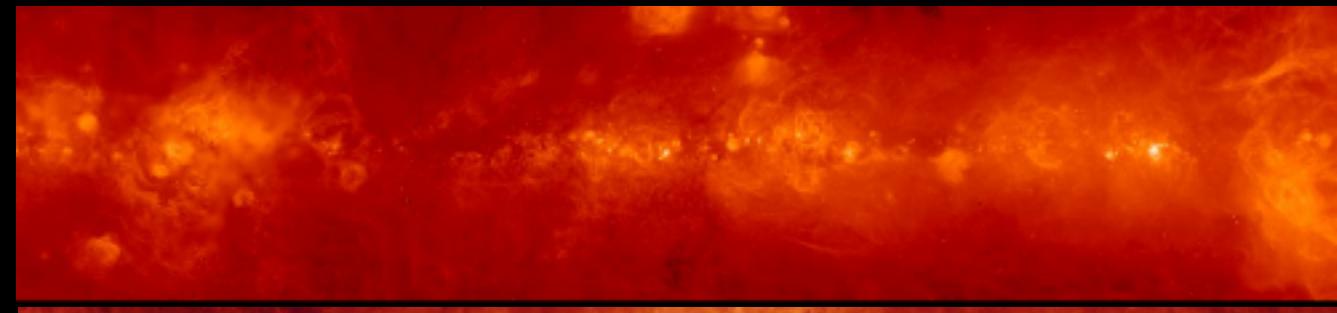
The era of surveys



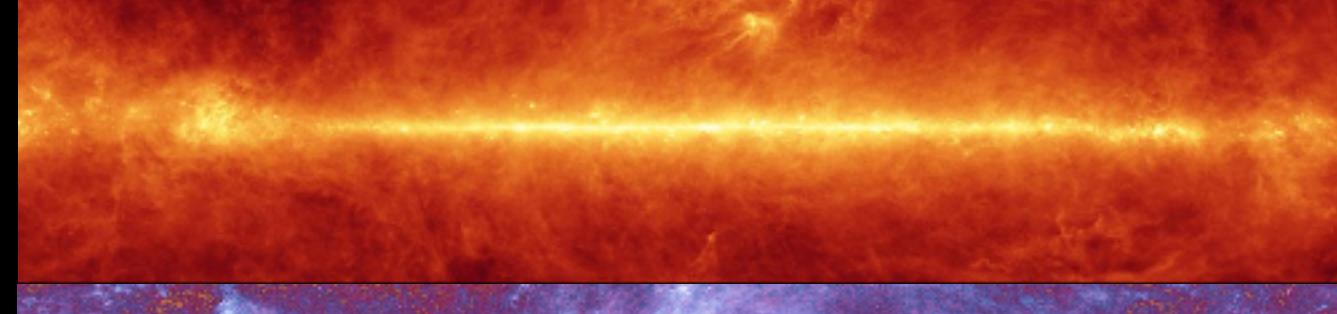
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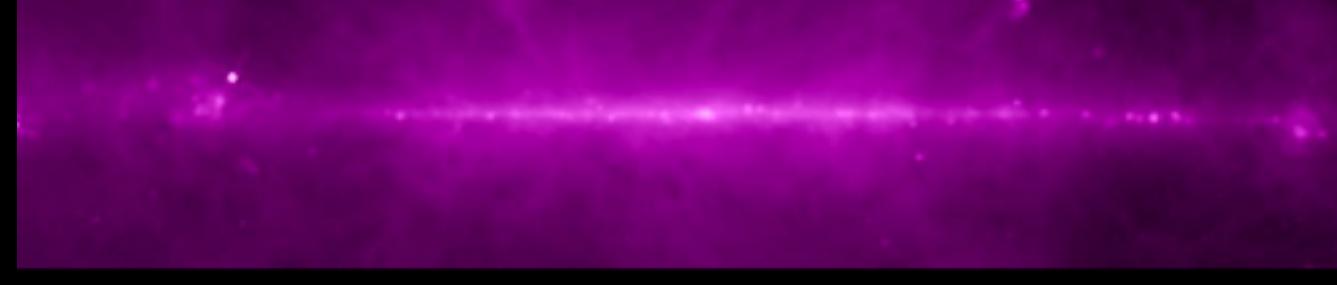


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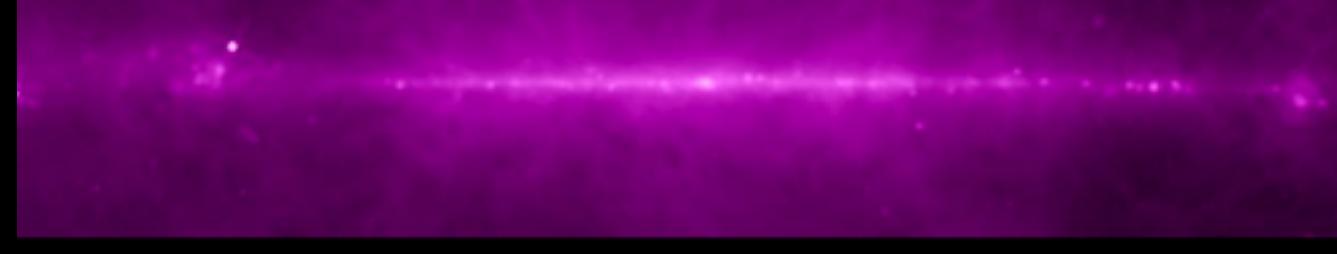
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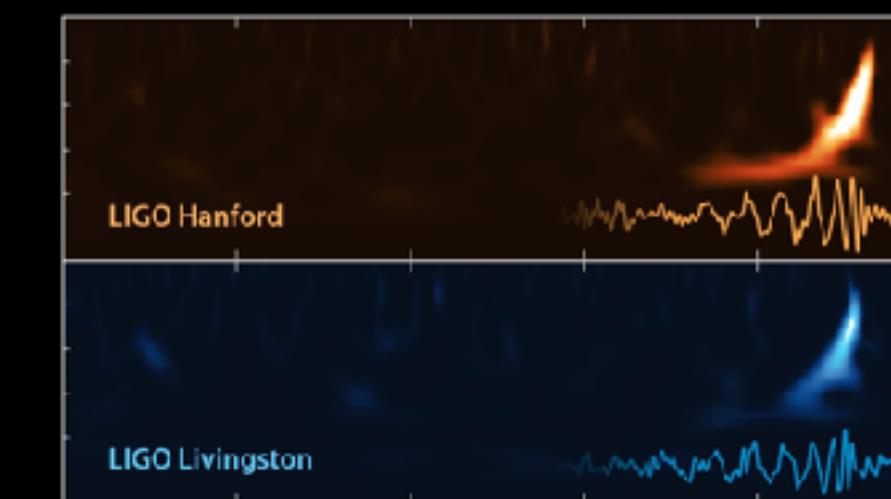
Far Infrared (IRAS)



Microwave (Planck)



Radio (Haslam)



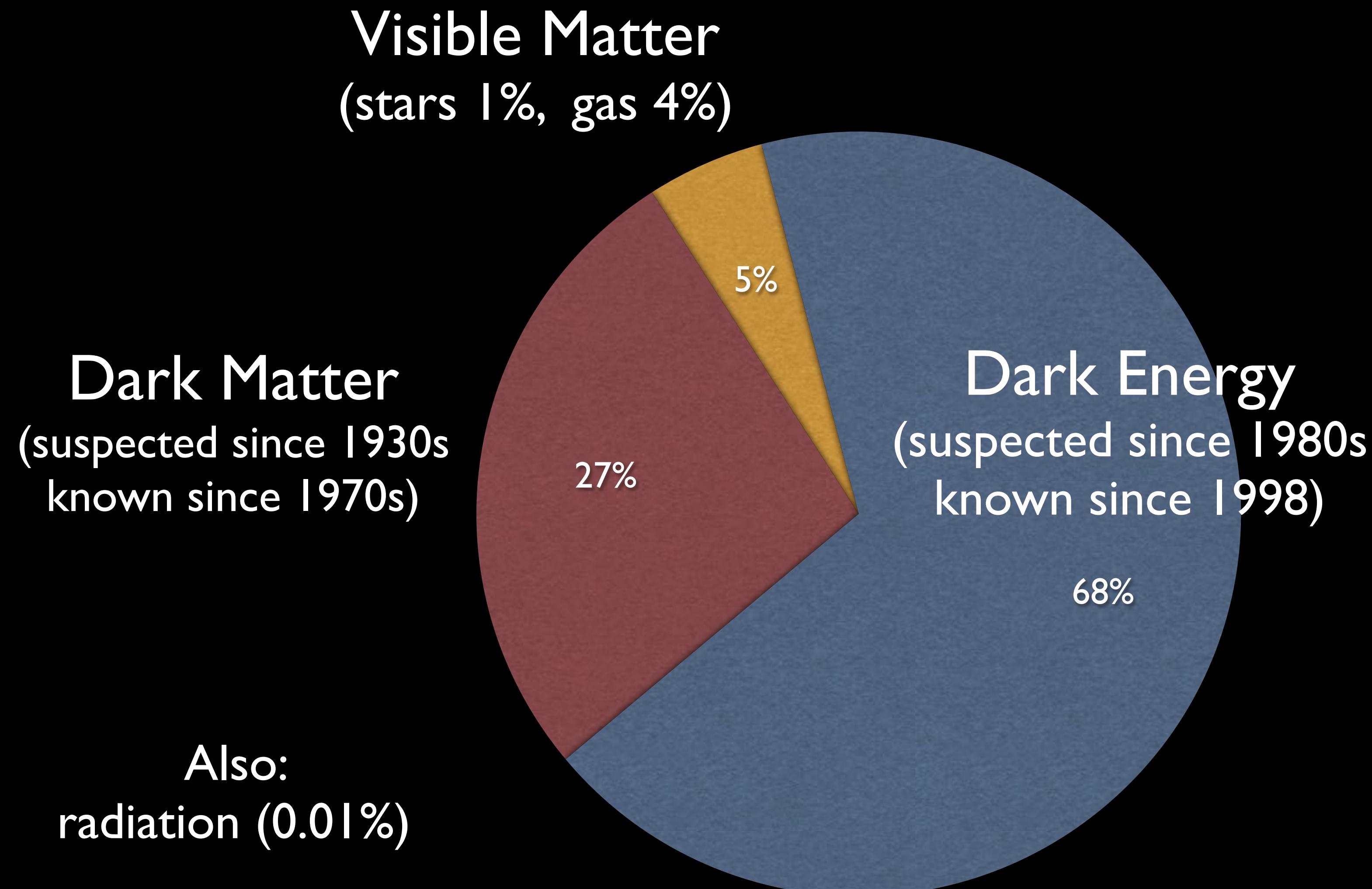
Gravitational Waves (LIGO)

Highlights of era of precision cosmology



- Determined the basic cosmological model (*including measuring the age and composition of the Universe*).
- Found strong evidence for the quantum origin of cosmic structure.
- Measurements of **cosmic microwave background (CMB)** and **supernovae Ia** form cornerstones of this achievement.
- **Now + future: progress will come through multiple complementary probes.**
- **Major theoretical questions remain unanswered.**

What is Dark Matter? Dark Energy?



Electromagnetic cosmological probes in the next decade

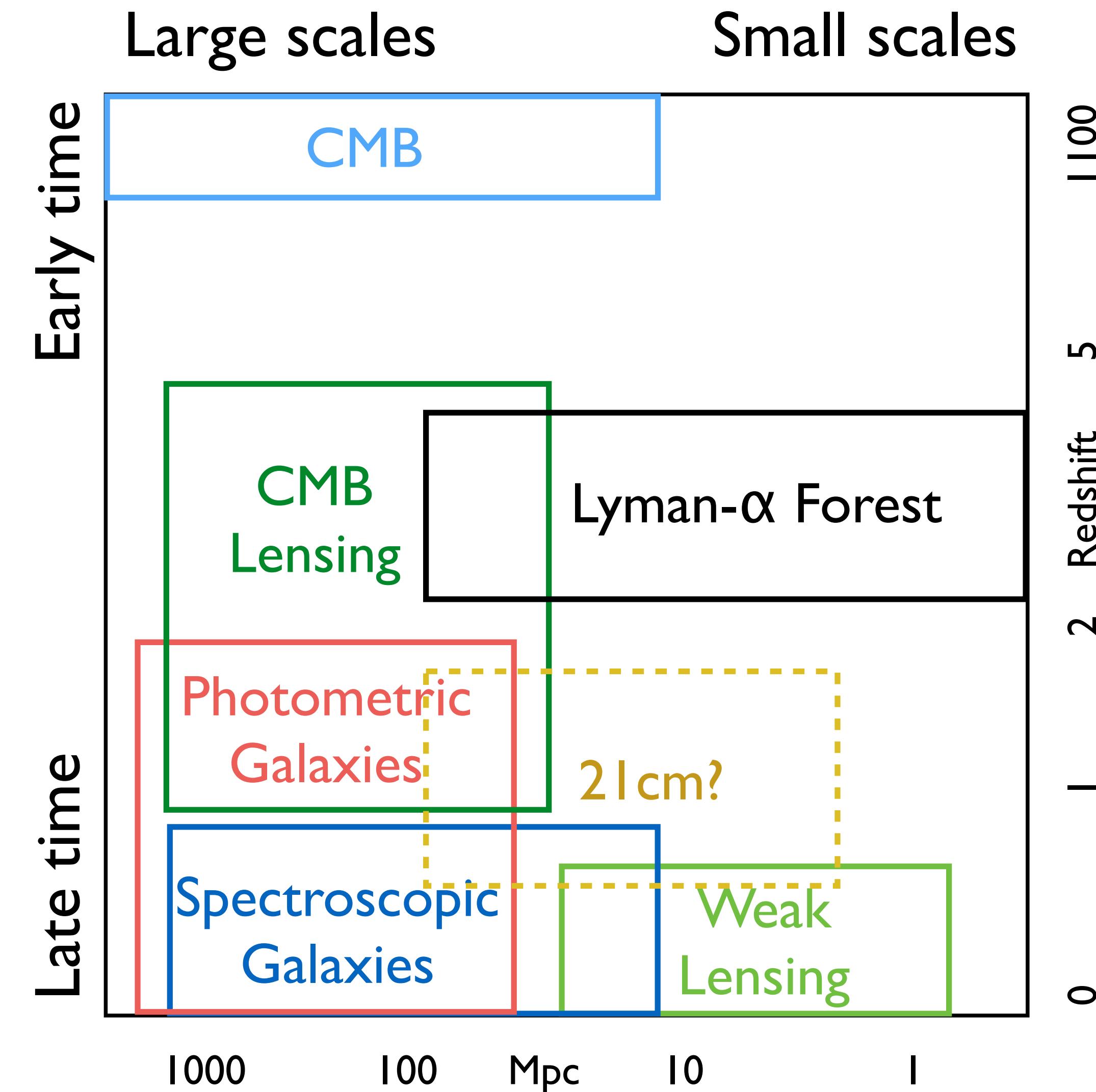
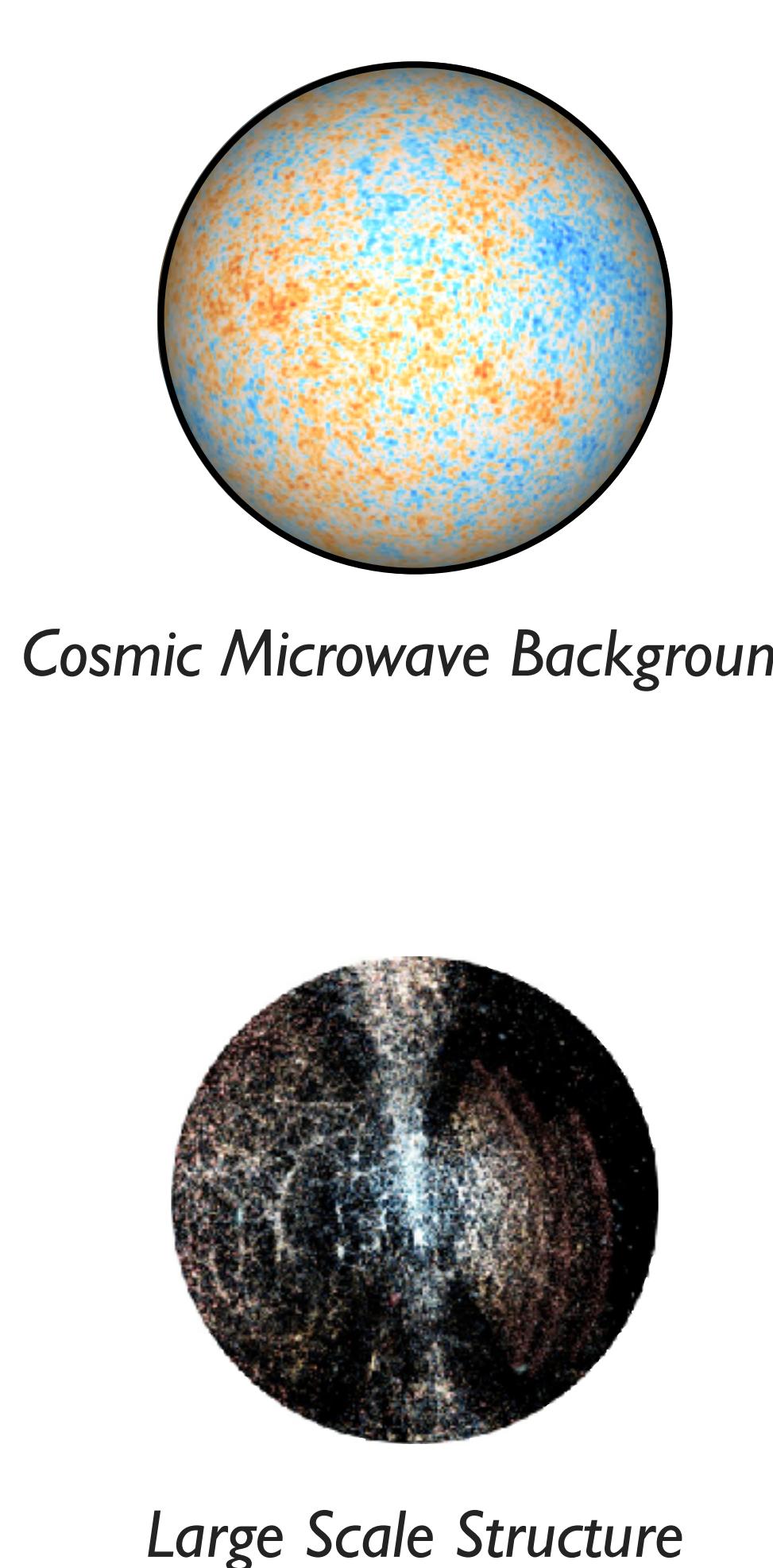
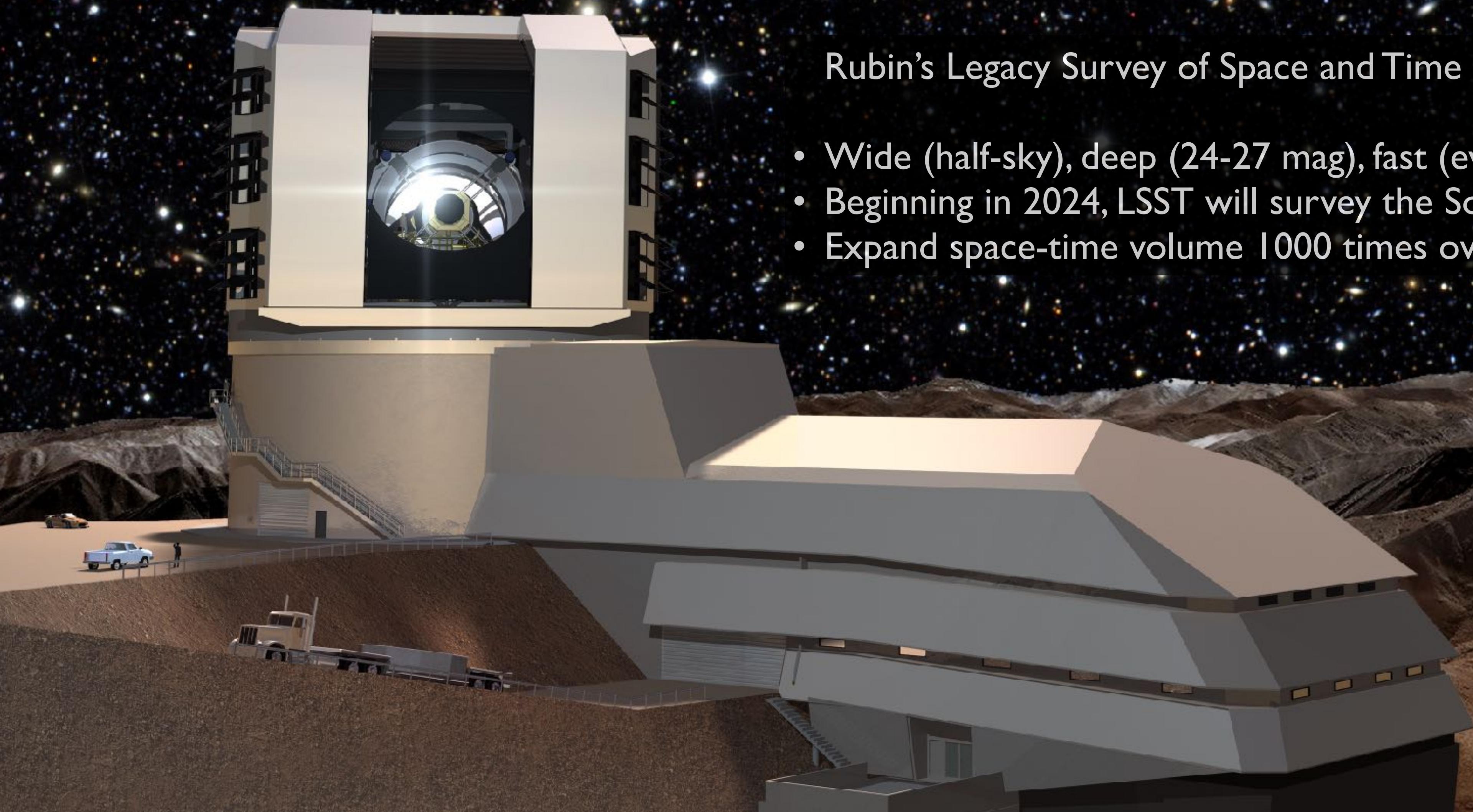


Figure: Andreu Font-Ribera



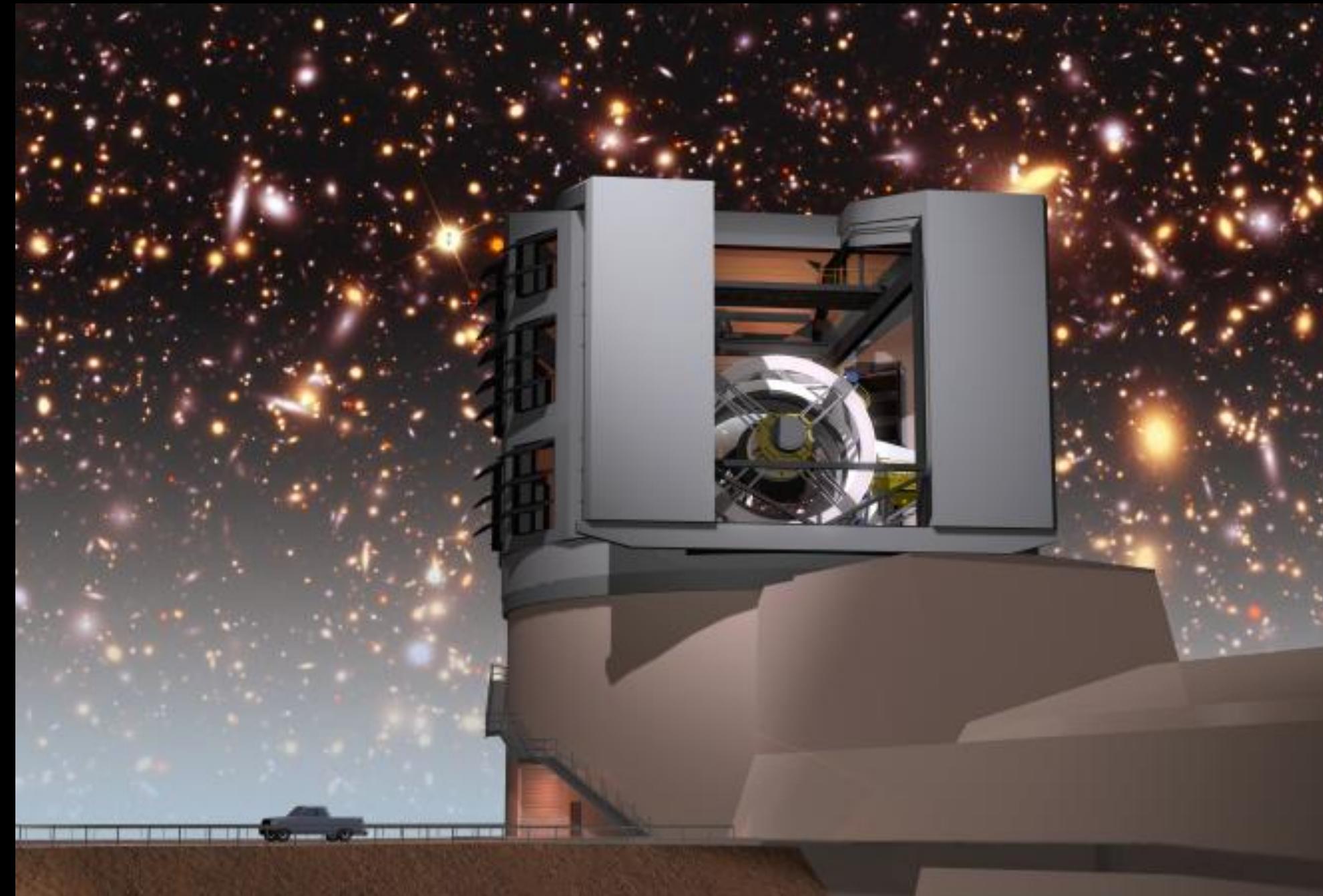
Rubin's Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)

- Wide (half-sky), deep (24-27 mag), fast (every ~3 days) images
- Beginning in 2024, LSST will survey the Southern sky for 10 years
- Expand space-time volume 1000 times over current surveys



**LSST: survey of 18,000 sq deg
(half the sky)**

Dark matter-Dark energy Solar system inventory



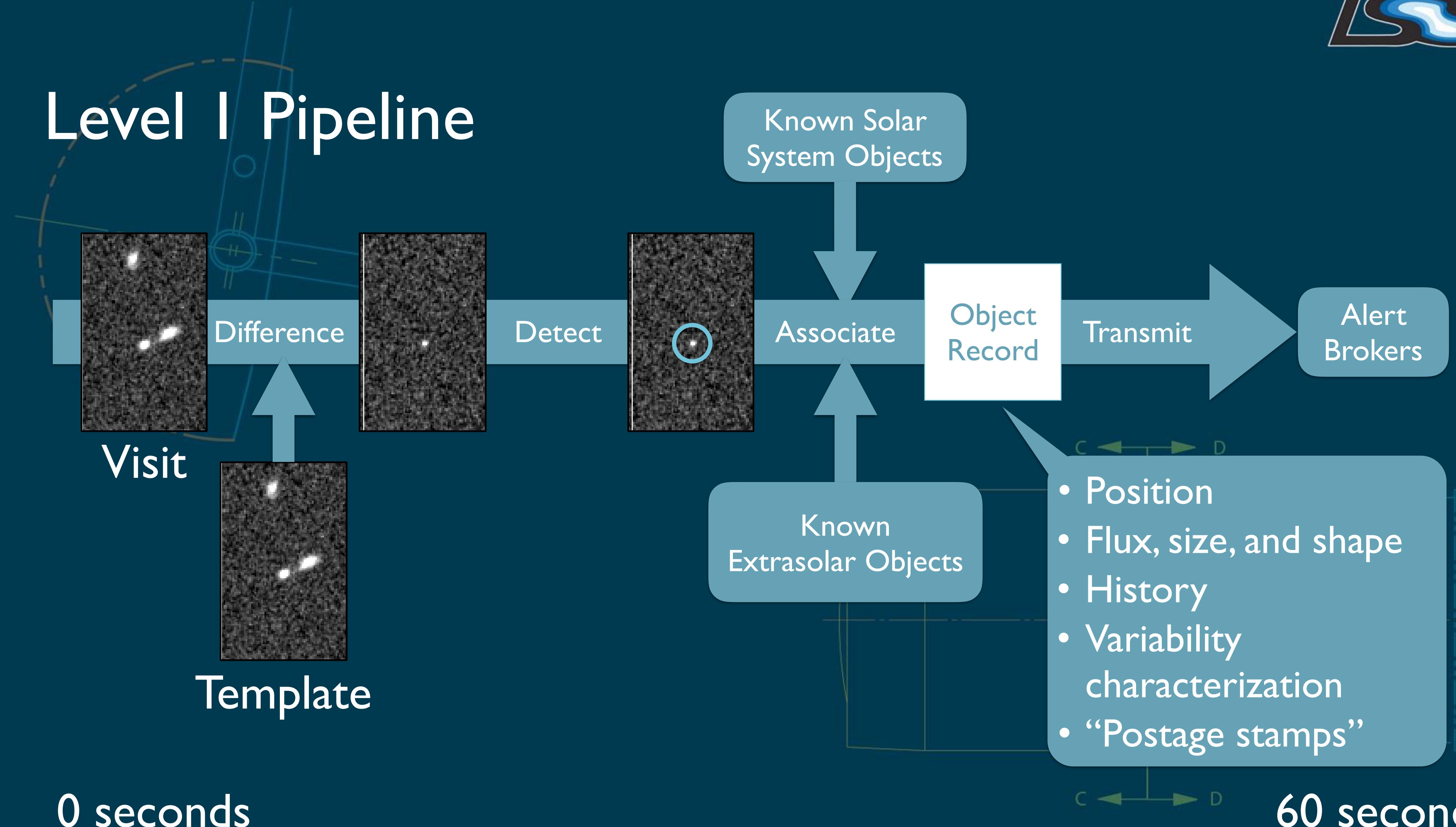
“Movie of the Universe”

Mapping the Milky Way

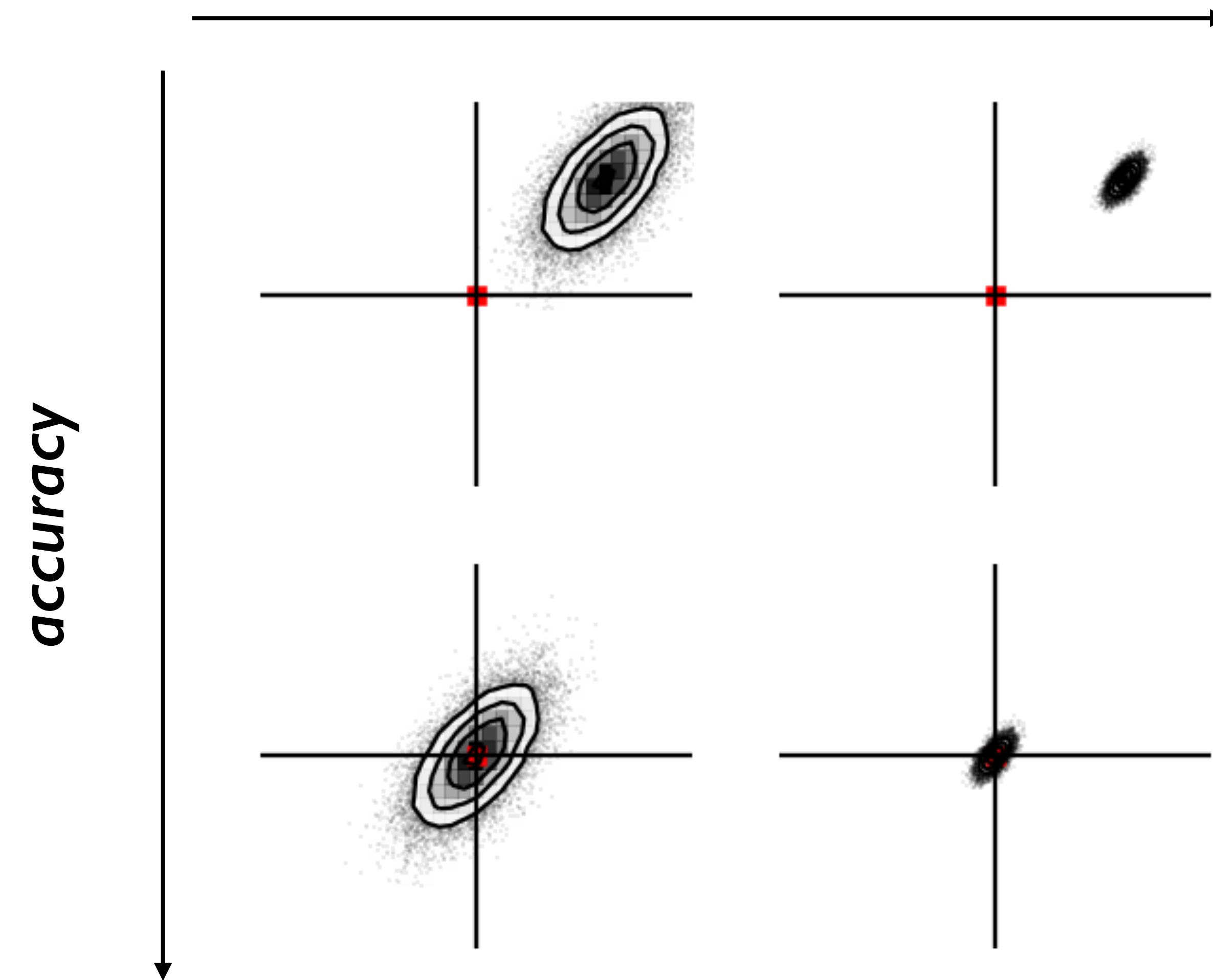
37 billion objects in space and time
30 trillion measurements
60 PB raw data (20 TB/night)



Level I Pipeline



precision

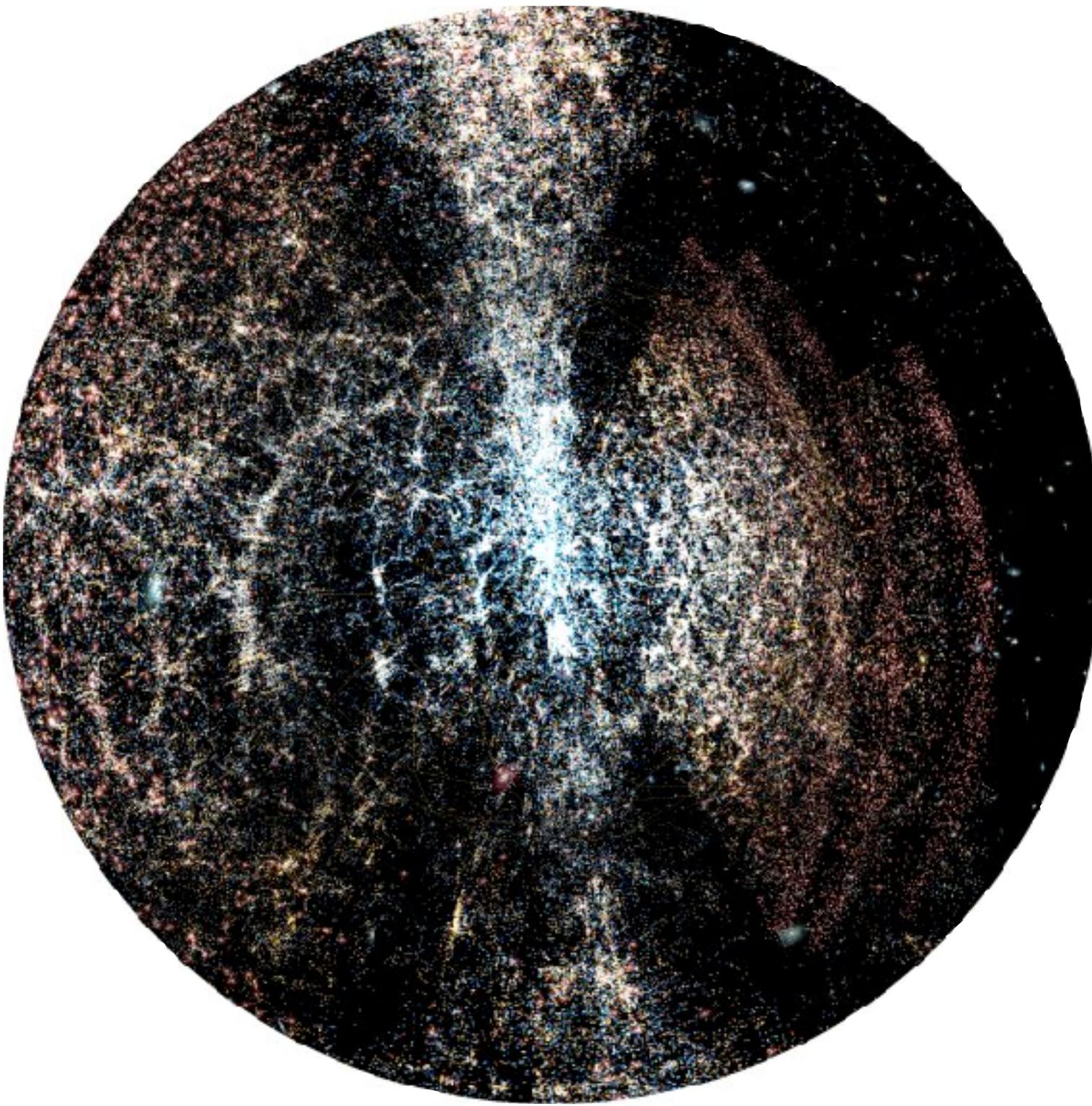


How should we compare

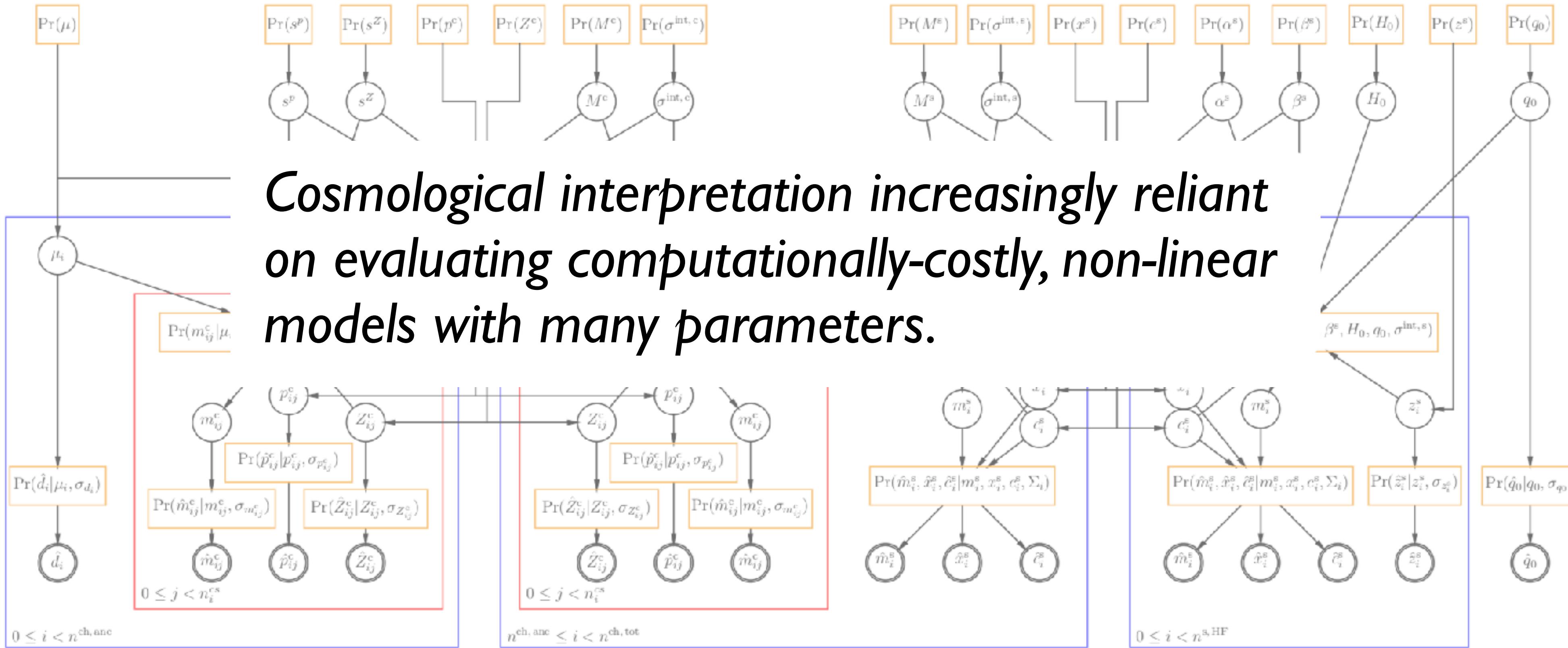
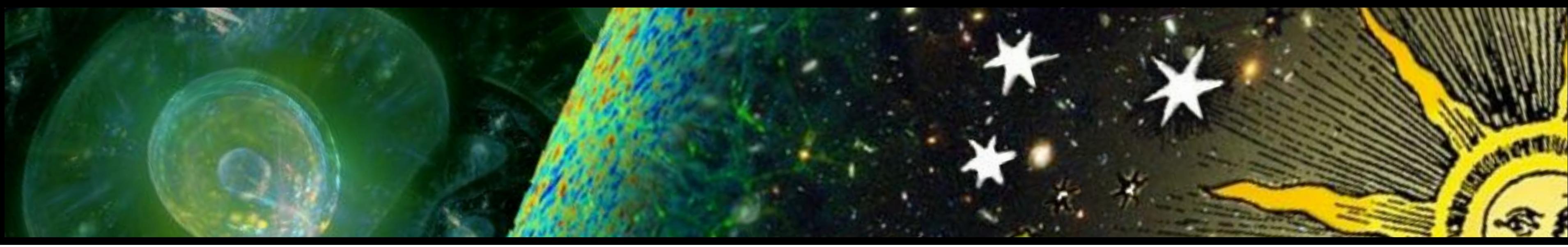


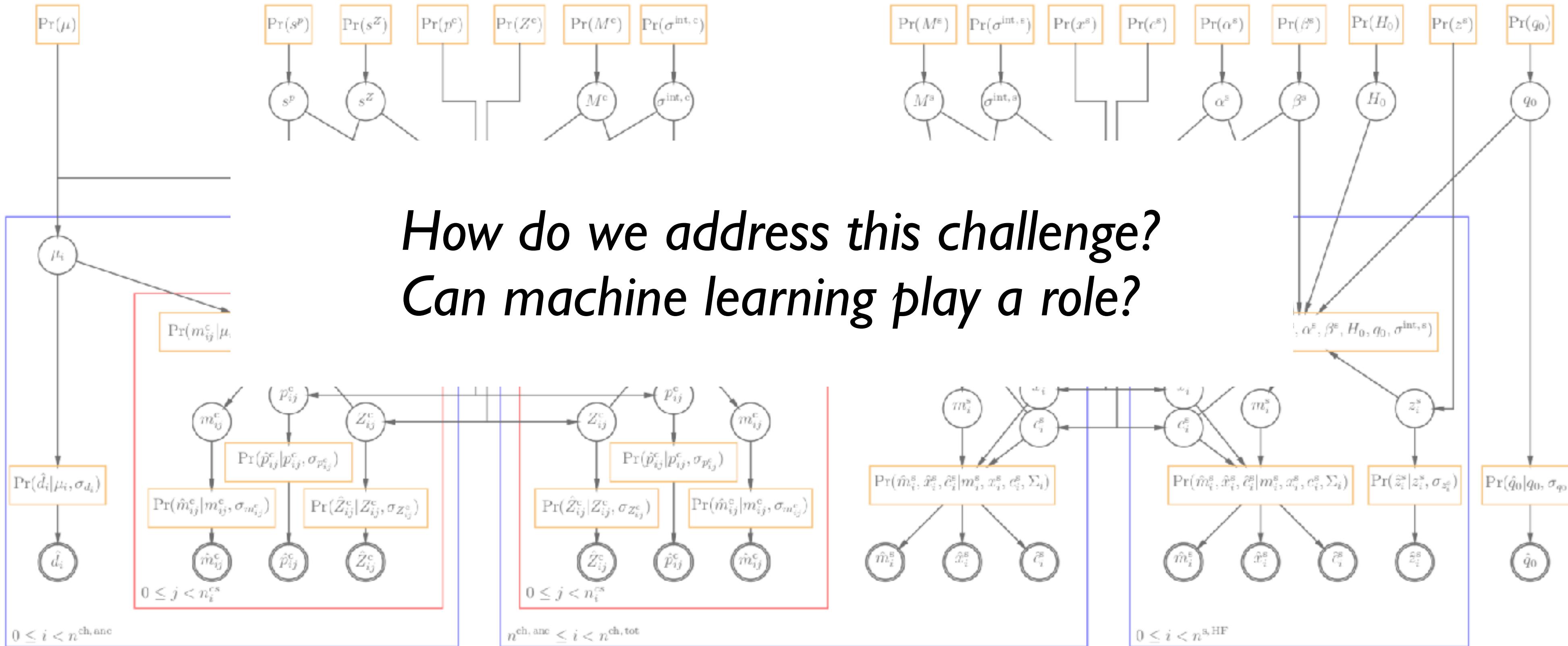
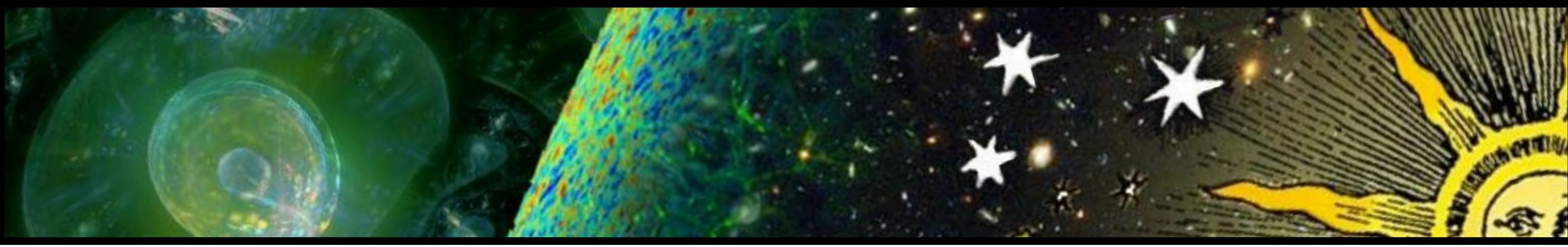
Theory

vs



Data?





What are ML models good at? (in astronomy)

- *providing fast, flexible models for mapping between complex, very high-dimensional datasets, e.g. for classification.*
- *accurately speeding up forward-modelling / data emulation.*
- *many applications where physical models are simply not available or tractable, e.g. anomaly-detection or automated discovery in very large datasets.*

Characteristics of (good) physical models

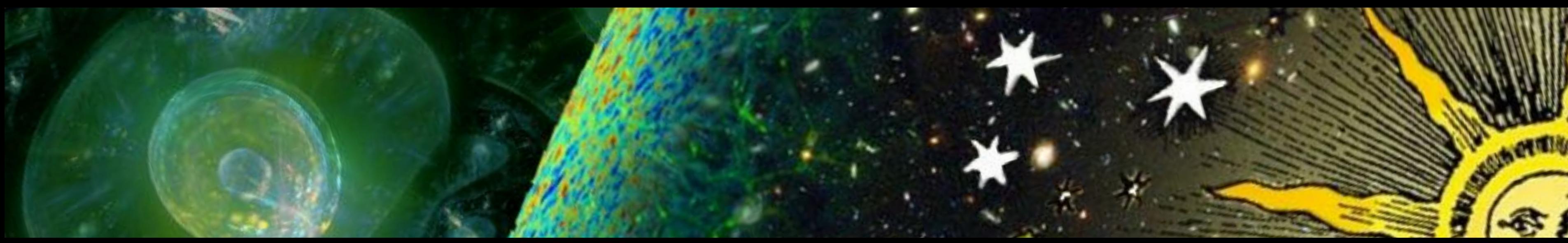
- Follow from explicitly enumerable set of assumptions and physical principles
- Leads to mathematical models that can be solved (analytically/numerically) to yield useful **predictions** (deterministically/probabilistically).
- **Explainable** (rooted in cause-effect relationships grounded in domain knowledge.)
- **Generalises** beyond initial domain to explain wider range of phenomena.
- **Compresses** information: explains wide range of phenomena from minimal set of ingredients (~Occam's razor.)
- **Domain of validity** can be quantified explicitly.

Desiderata towards a common footing

(i) *interpretability*: account for why ML system reaches particular decision or prediction;

(ii) *explainability*: map this account onto existing knowledge in relevant science domain.

- Currently challenging because of “black box” nature of ML architectures.
- Many physical models satisfy my list of characteristics only partially, e.g. systems exhibiting emergent phenomena, chaotic systems.



Efficient emulation of cosmological simulations



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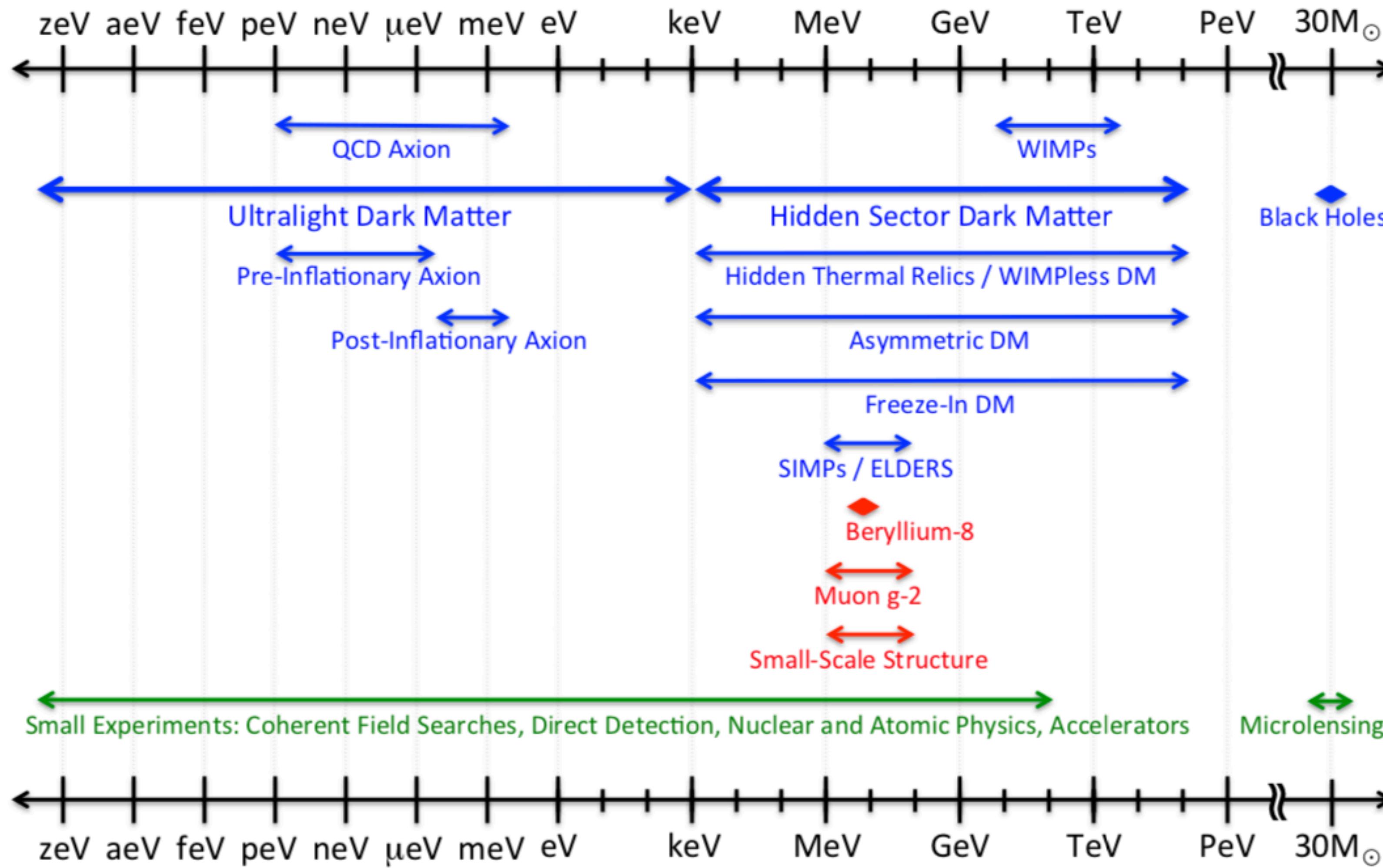


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What does the dark matter consist of?

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



Constraining dark matter with cosmology

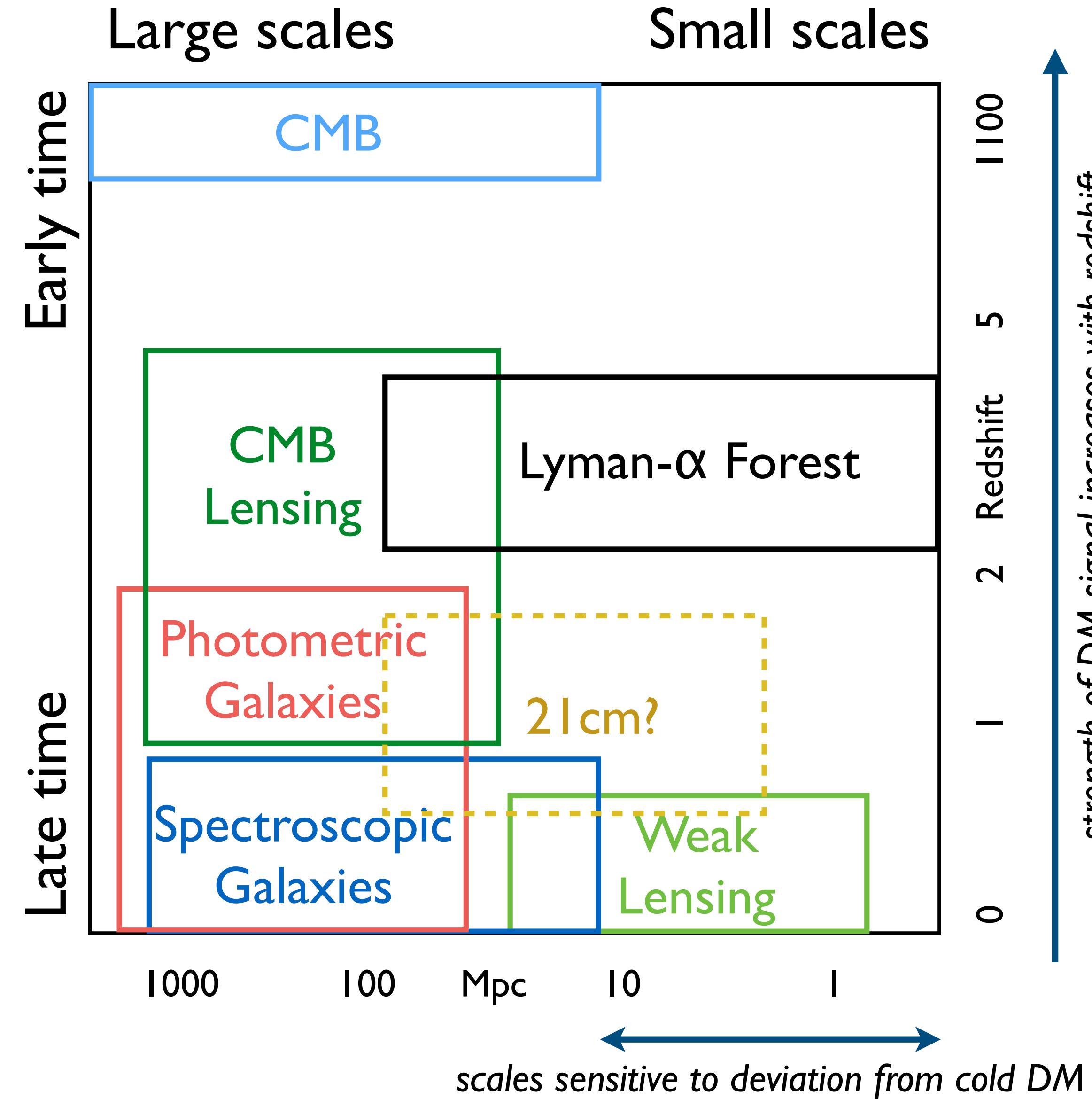
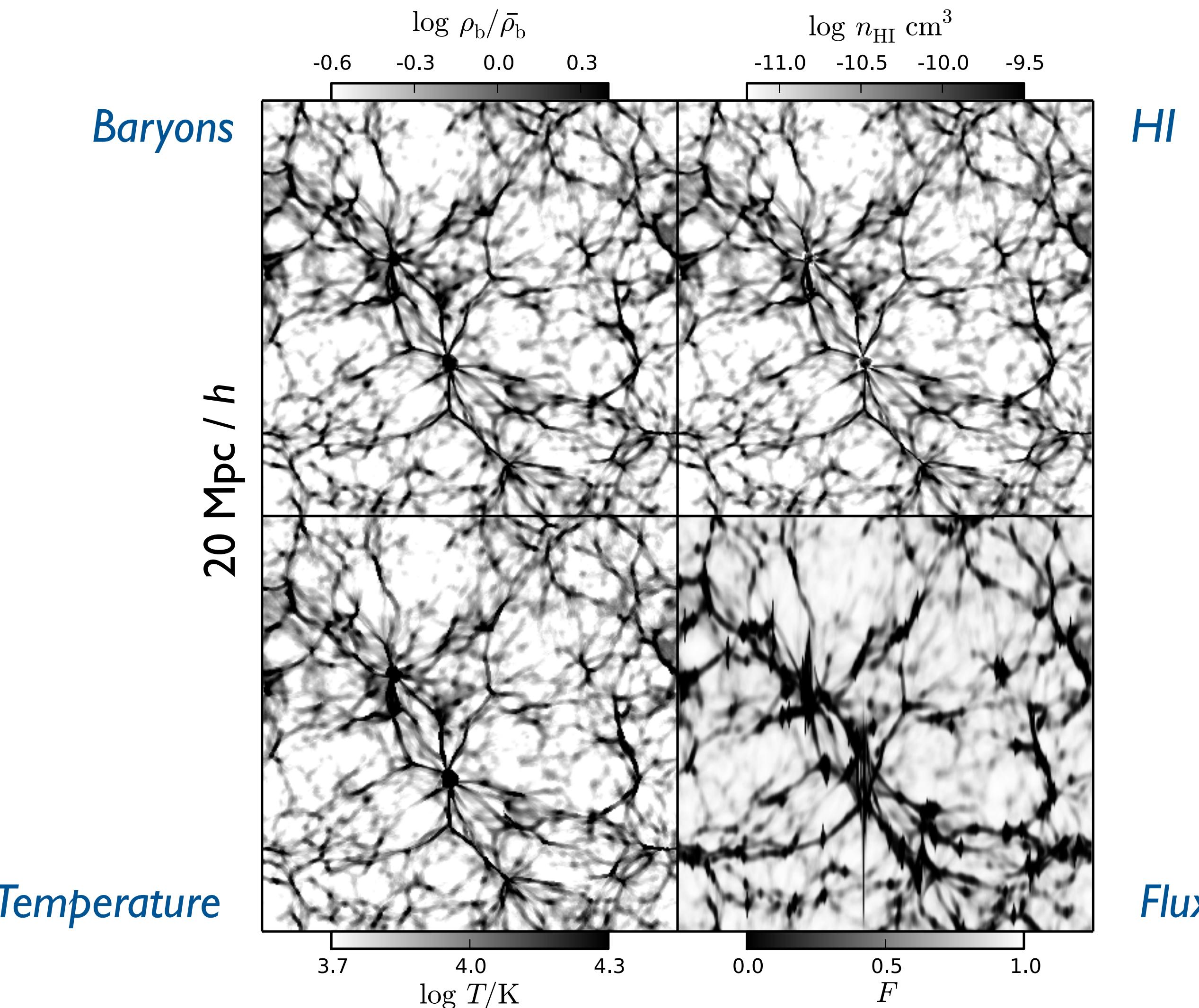


Figure: Andreu Font-Ribera

Lyman-alpha forest flux: biased, redshift-space distorted tracer of cosmic density field

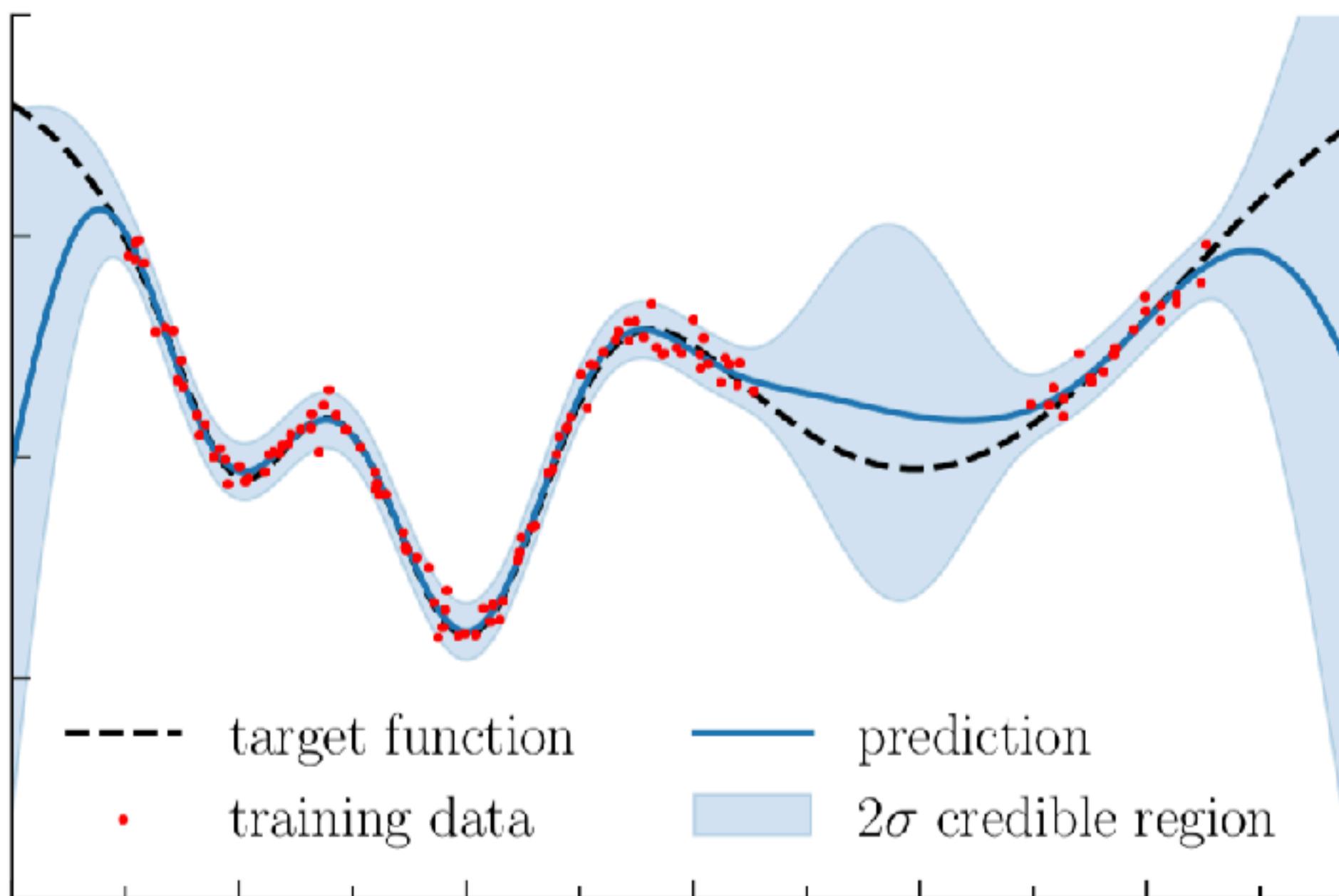


Accurate modelling requires intensive simulations:
~3000 CPU-hrs per parameter combination in 12-D parameter space

Figure: Lukic et al. (2015)

Gaussian process for emulating high-dimensional models

- Smooth interpolation scheme that gives tight constraints where there are training points and broad constraints where there are none

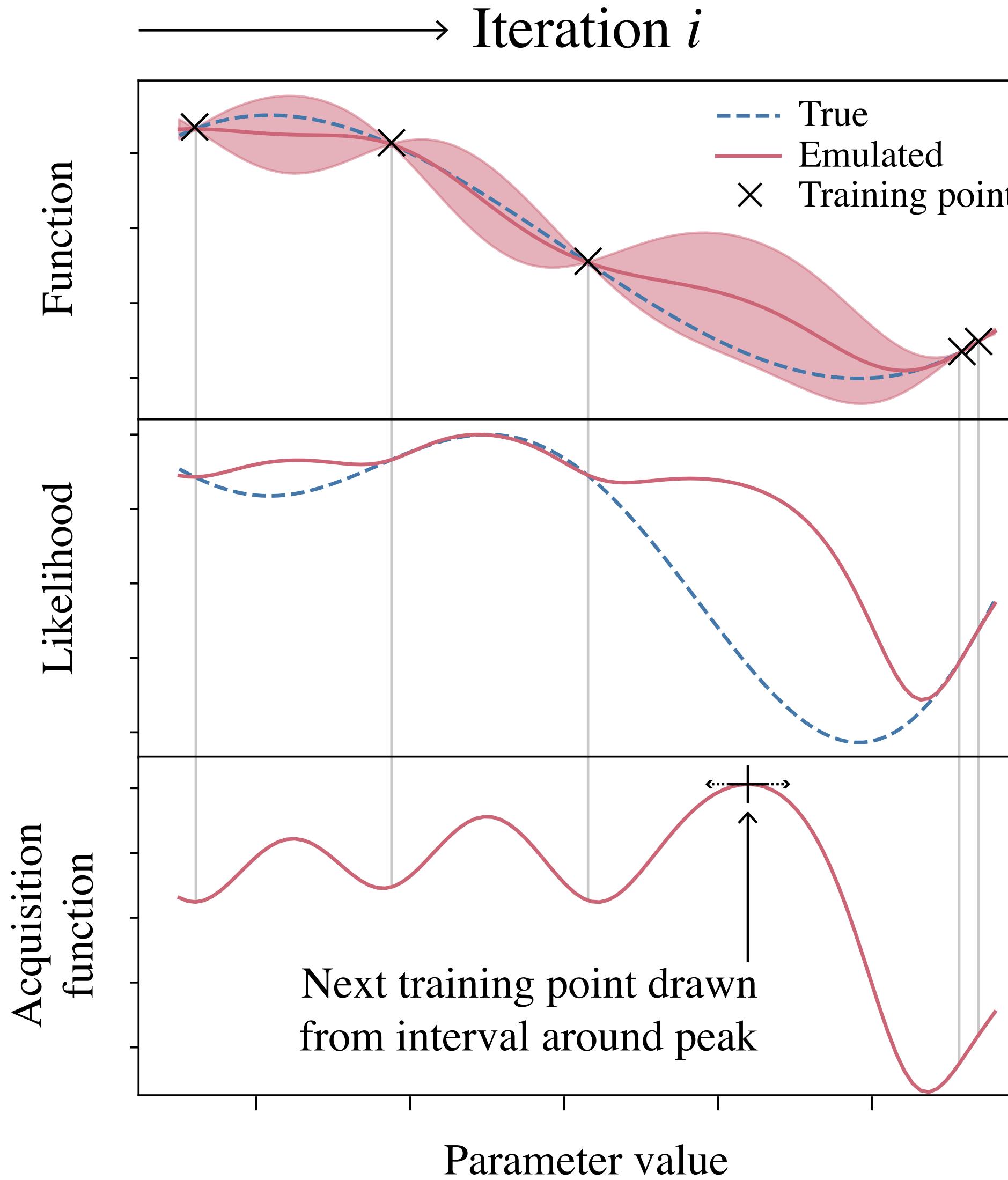


$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \theta))$$

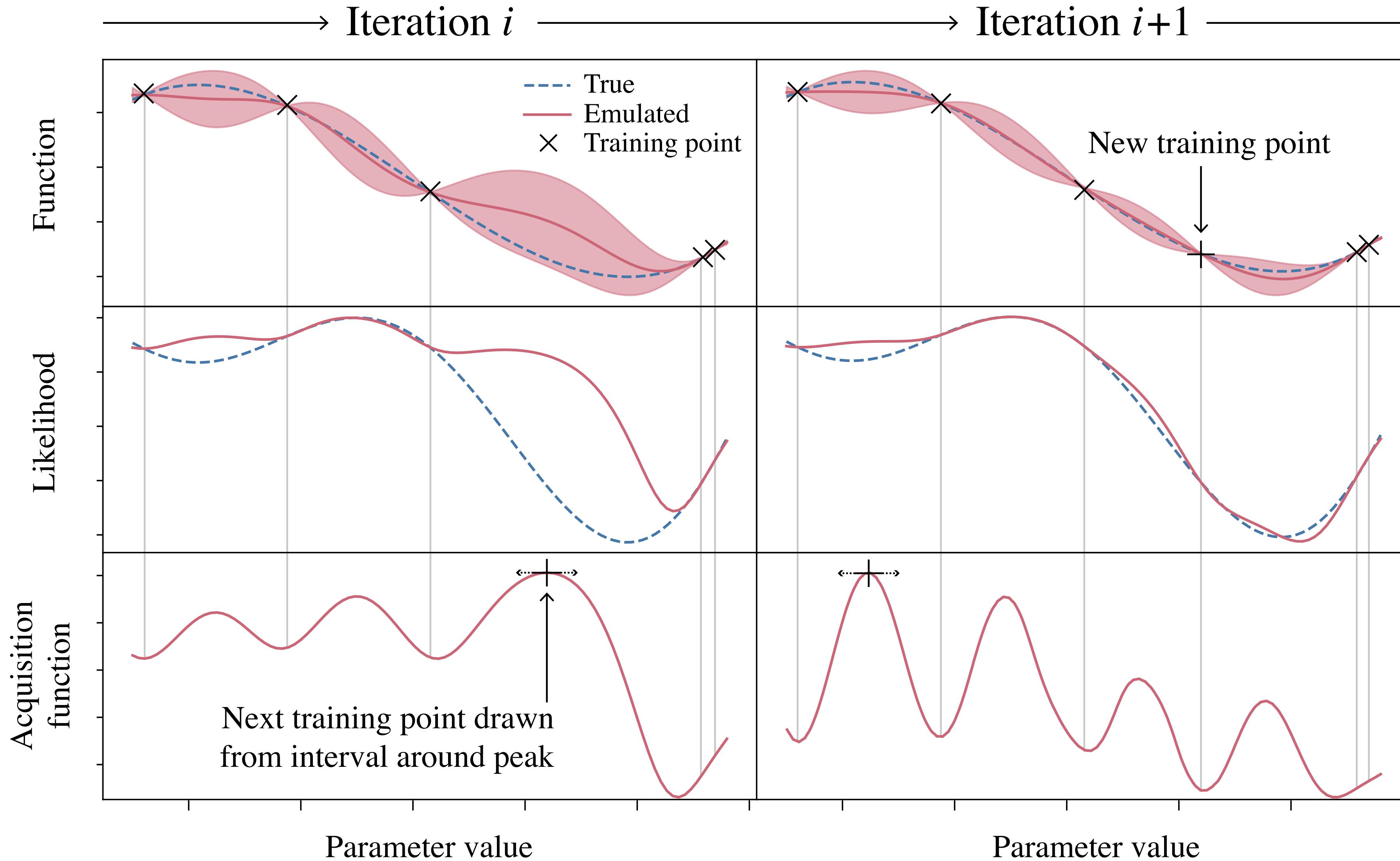
Simulation output
Simulation parameters
Kernel hyperparameters
(covariance model)

Figure: Leclercq (2018)

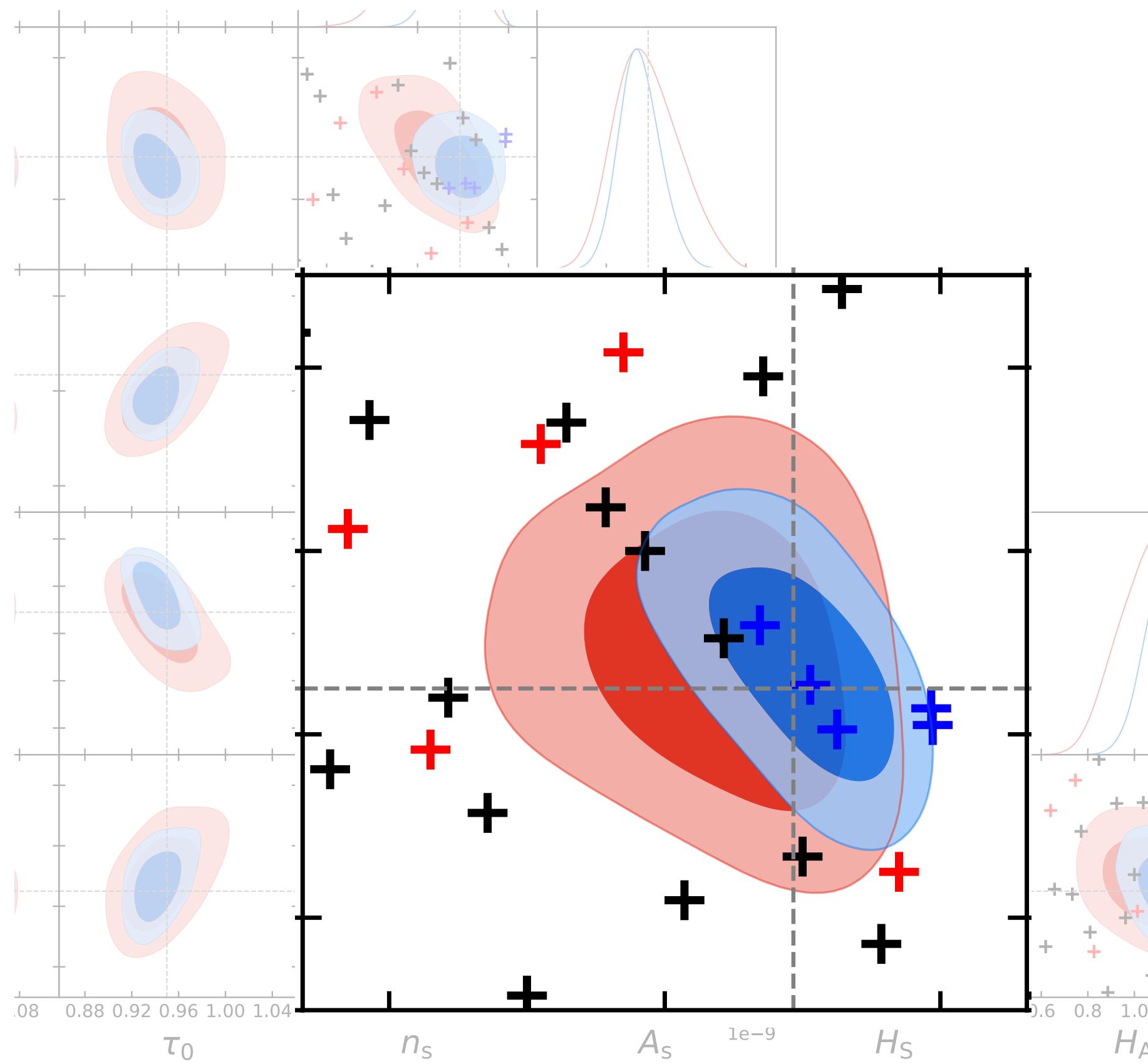
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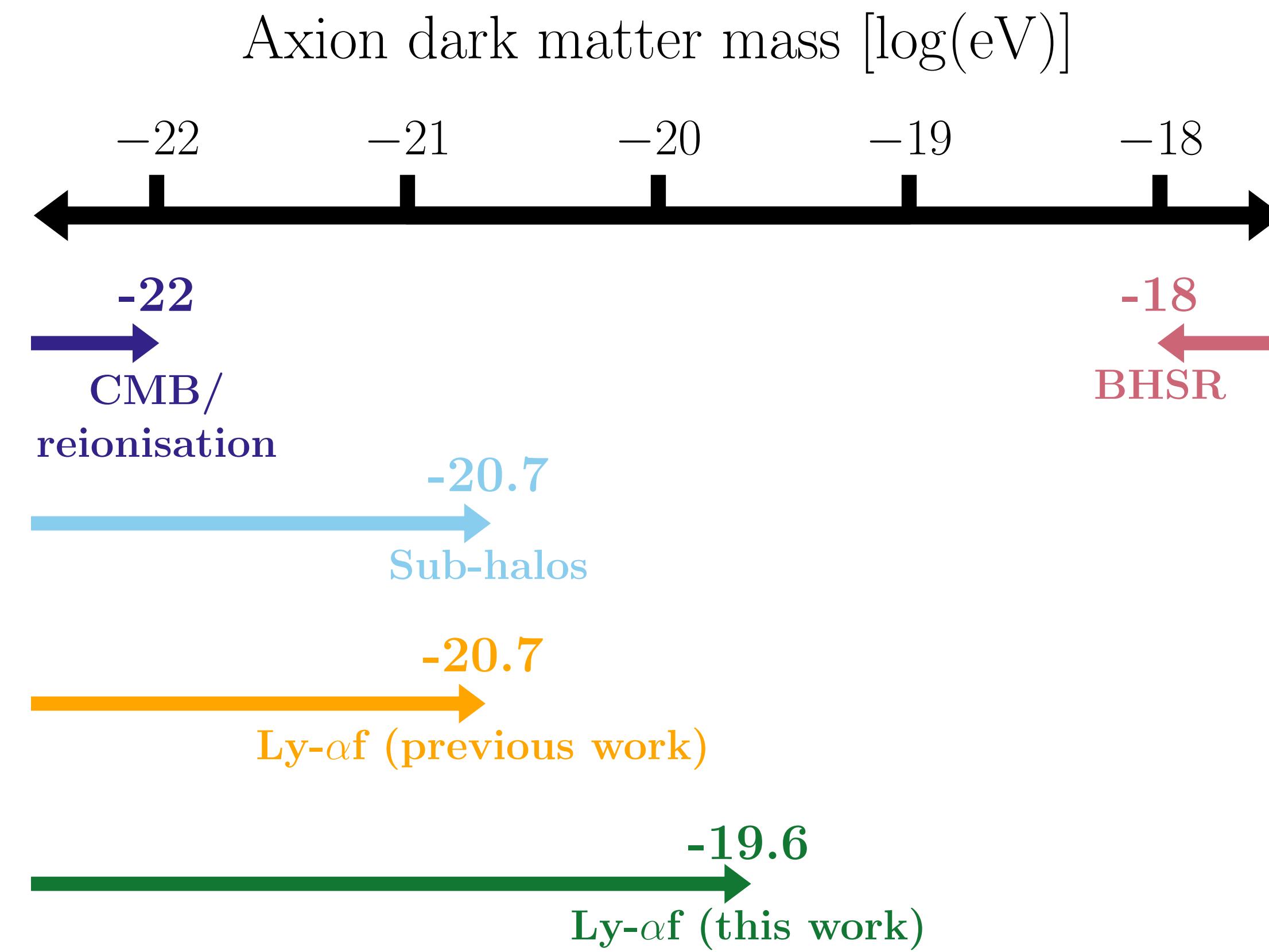


Key idea: active learning via Bayesian optimisation



- Large Latin hypercube (30 simulations)
- Bayesian optimisation (26 simulations)
- + Initial Latin hypercube
- + Extra Latin hypercube simulations
- + Optimisation simulations

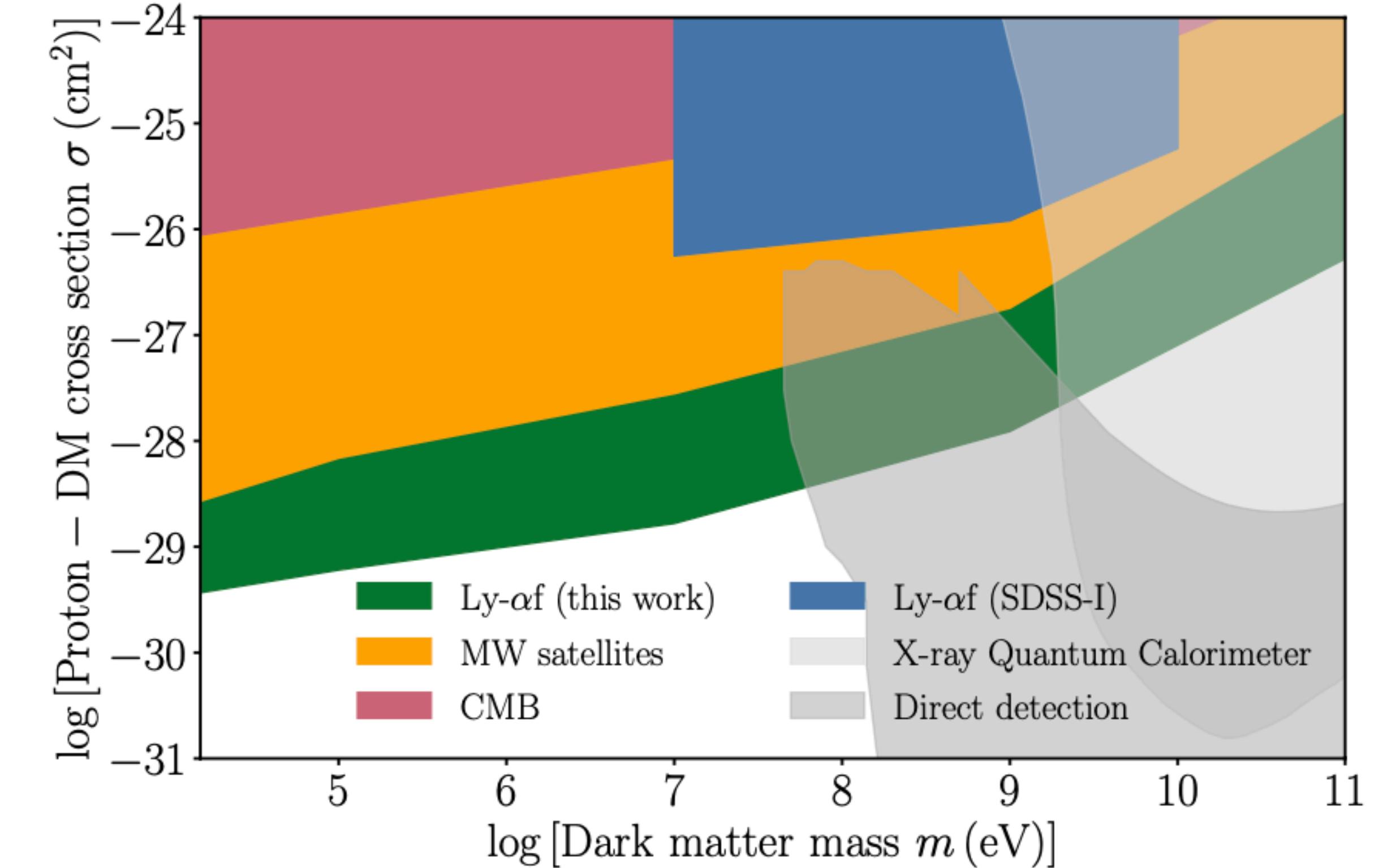
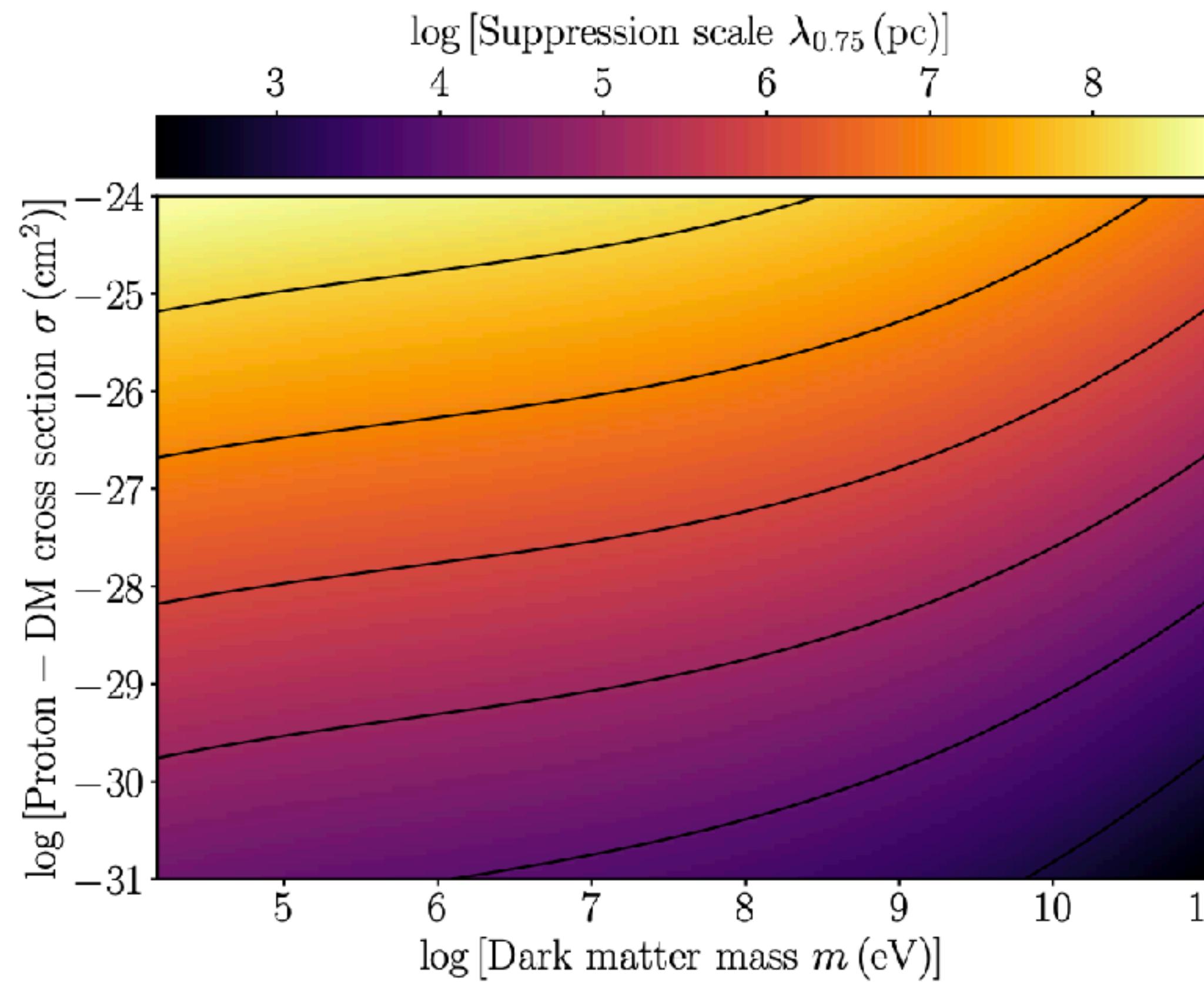
“Canonical” 10^{-22} - 10^{-17} eV ULA dark matter strongly disfavoured



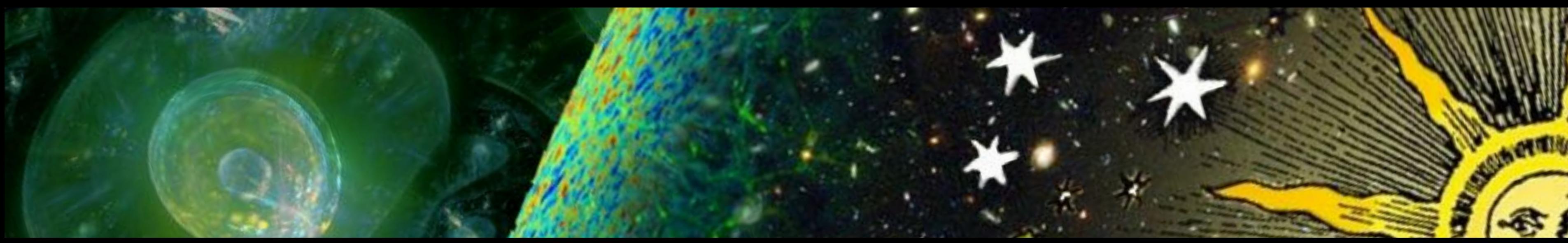
$$m_a > 2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$$

Improved bound by \sim order of magnitude

New Ly α limits on light dark matter – proton cross section



Strongest limits to-date on velocity-independent dark matter (DM) – proton cross section σ
for DM masses $m = 10 \text{ keV}$ to 100 GeV



Bayesian hierarchical models with machine learning components



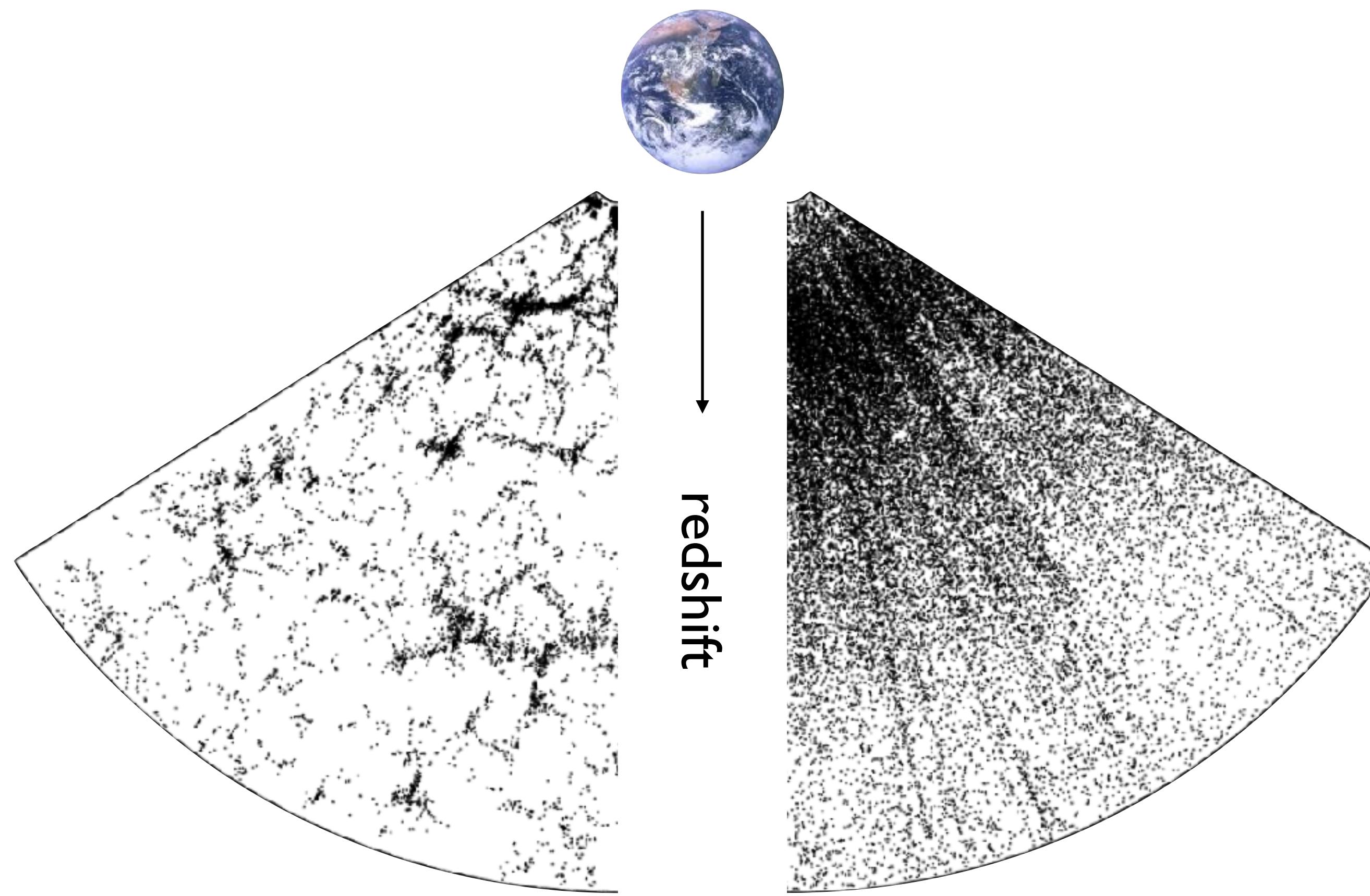
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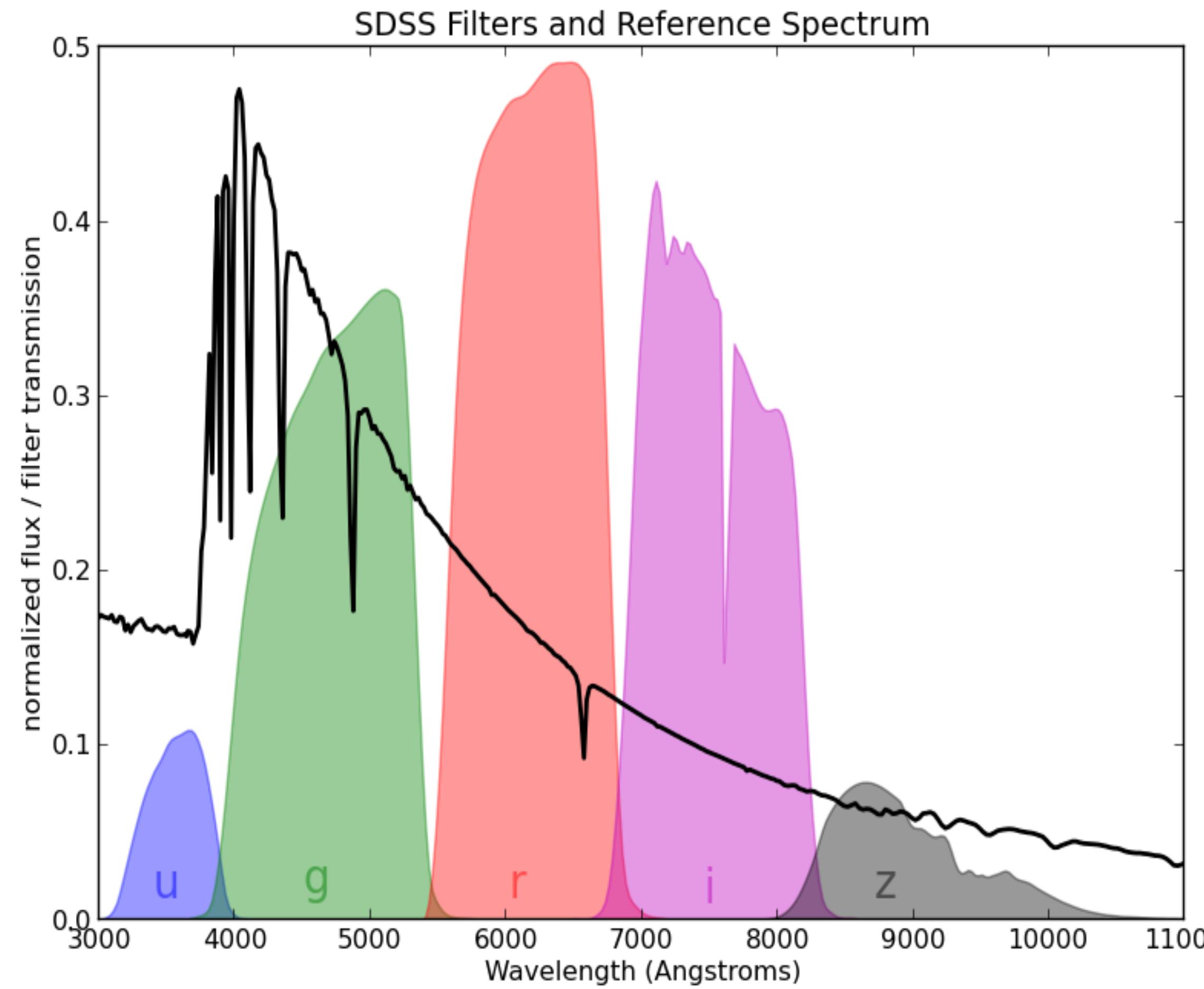
Observational frontier with galaxy surveys



Spectroscopic
DESI (ground)

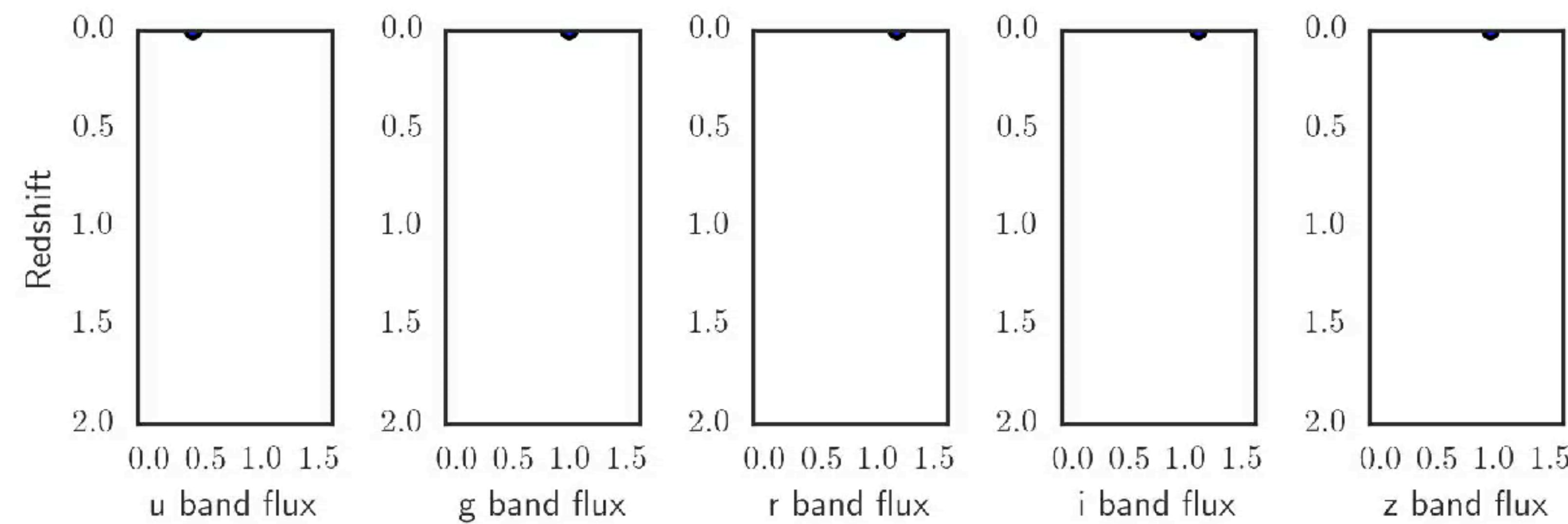
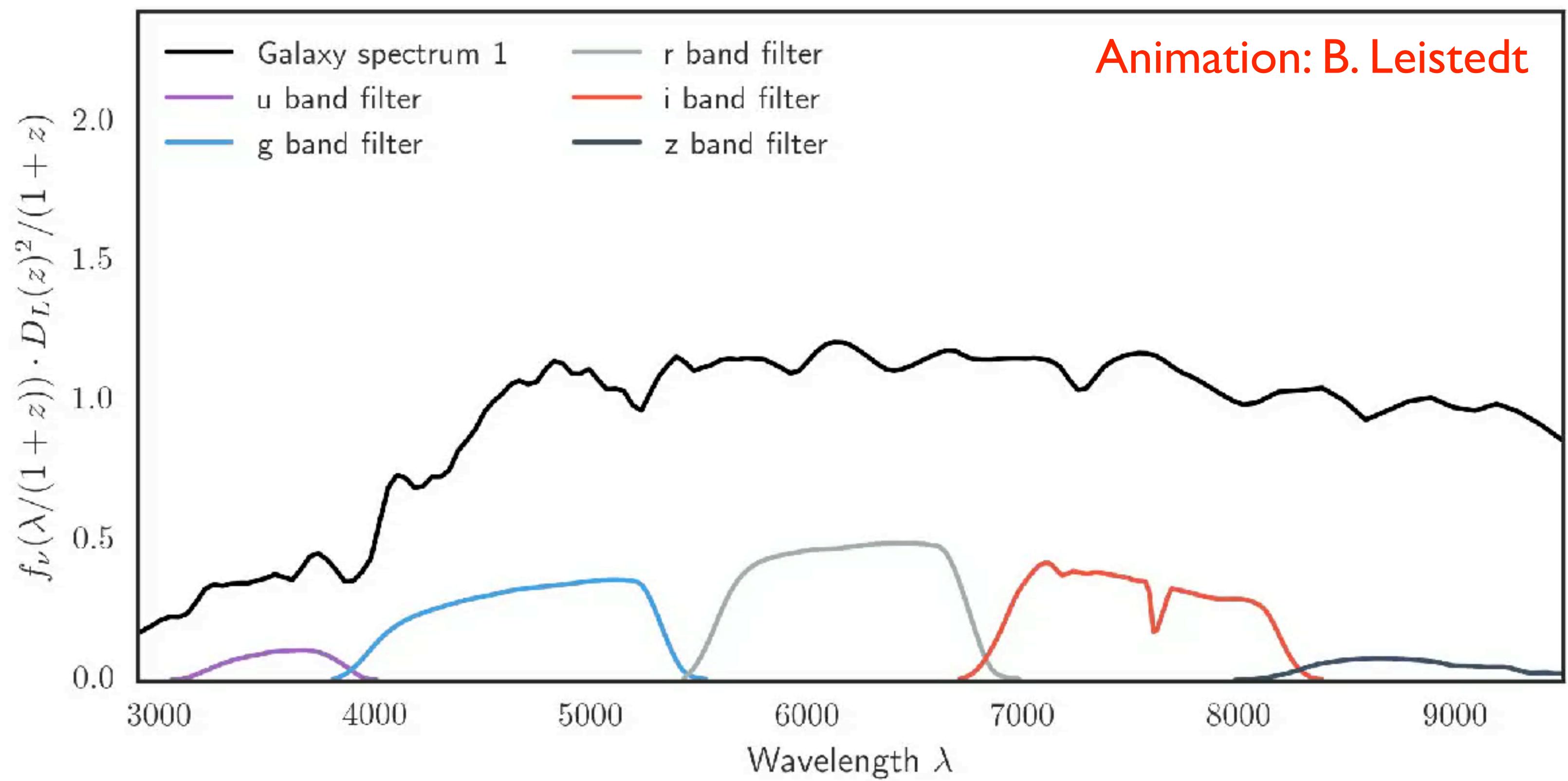
Photometric
LSST (ground), Euclid (space), Roman (space)

Spectroscopic vs photometric samples

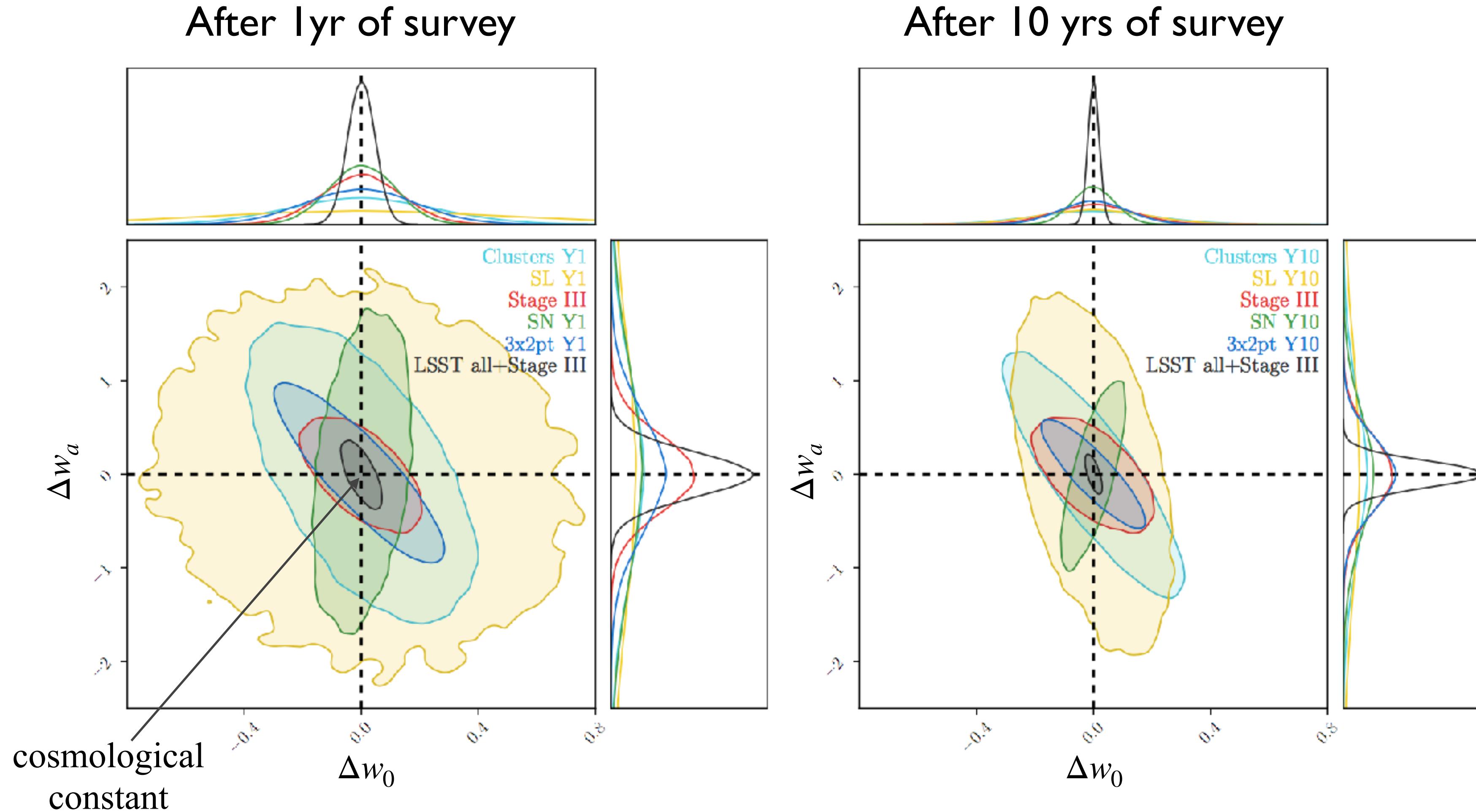


Photometric catalogues require **redshift estimation**

Animation: B. Leistedt



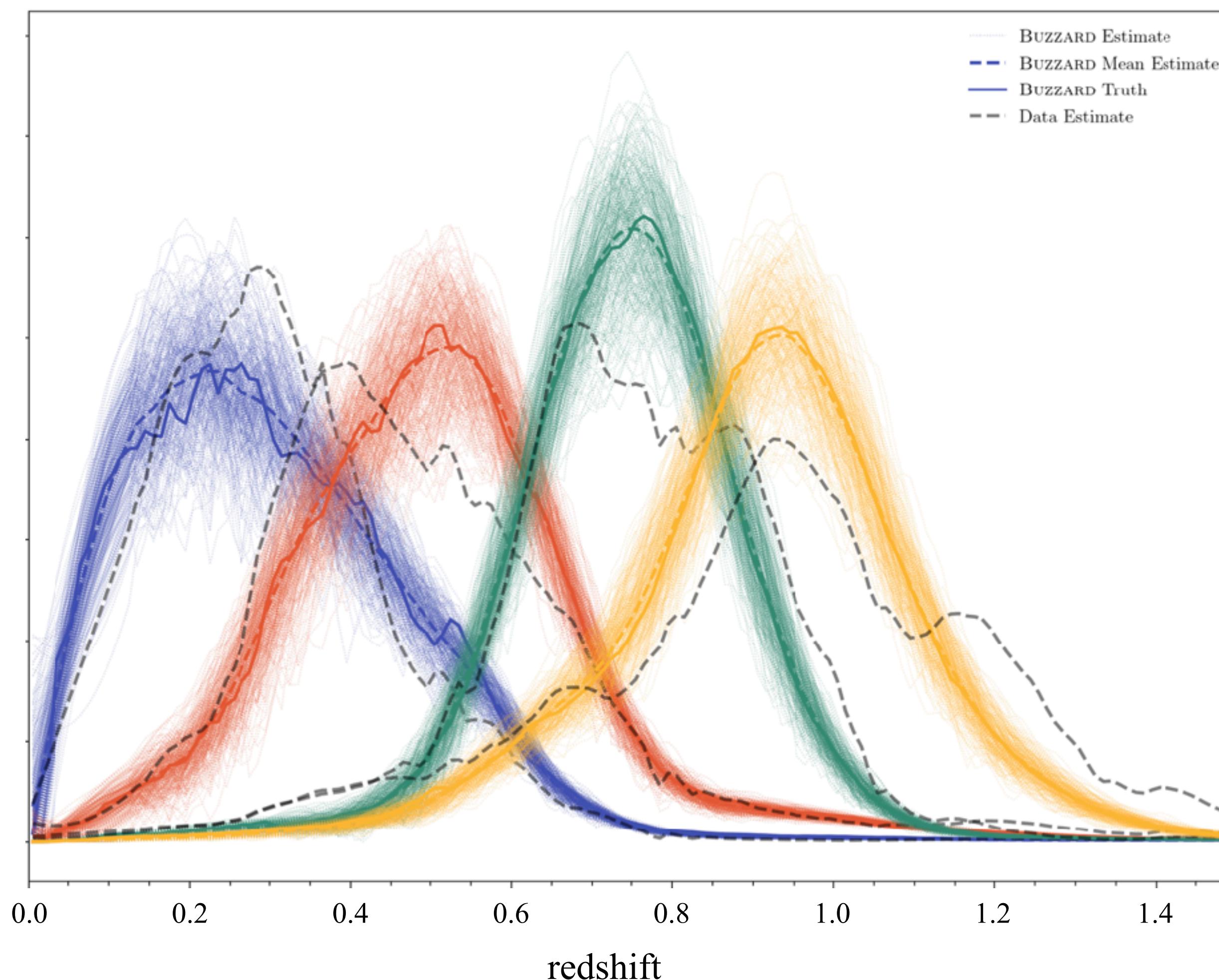
LSST and Dark Energy Science



Measuring if / how dark energy evolves with time

Forecasts: LSST DESC Collaboration

$N(z)$ inference is challenging

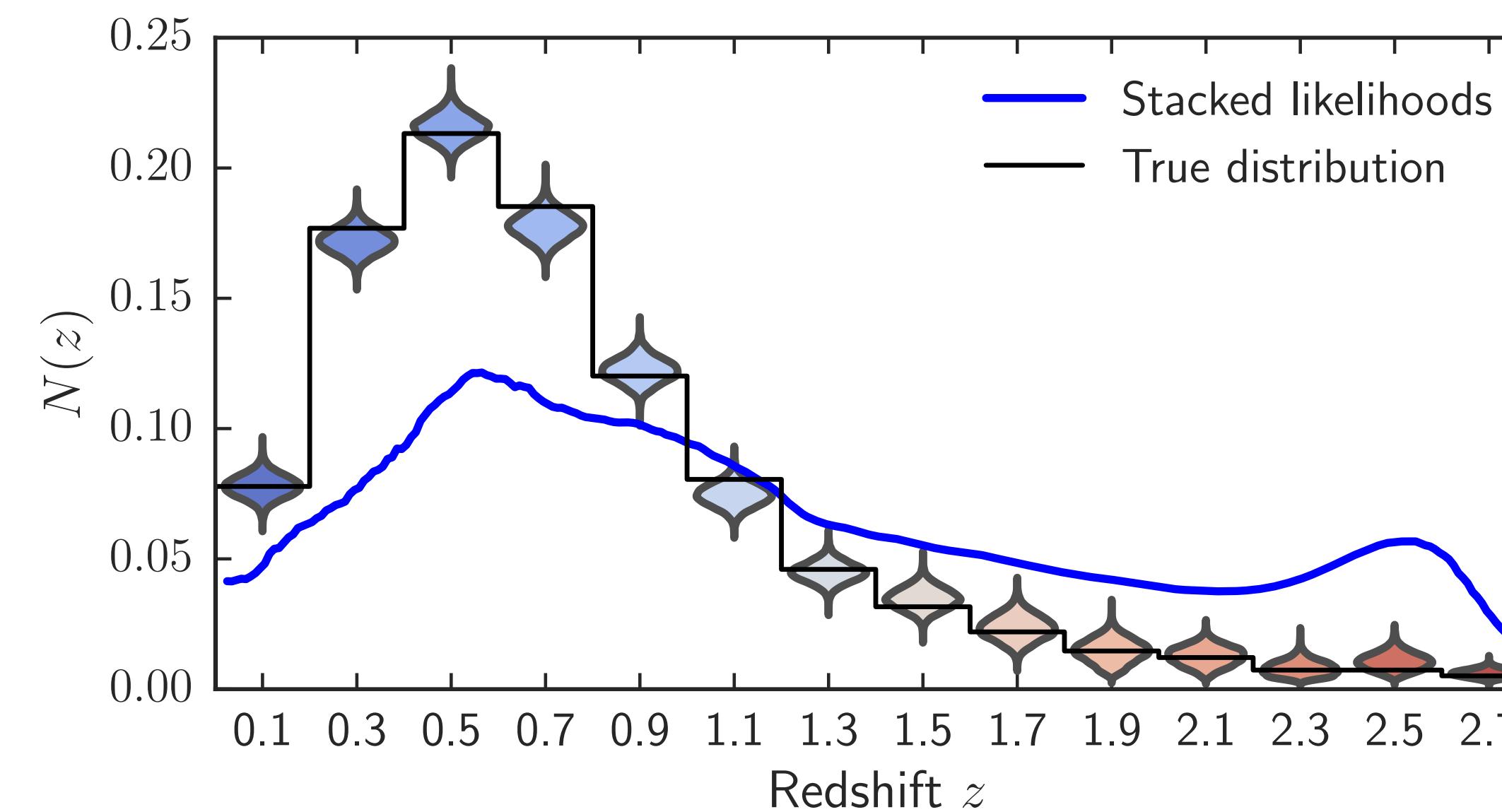
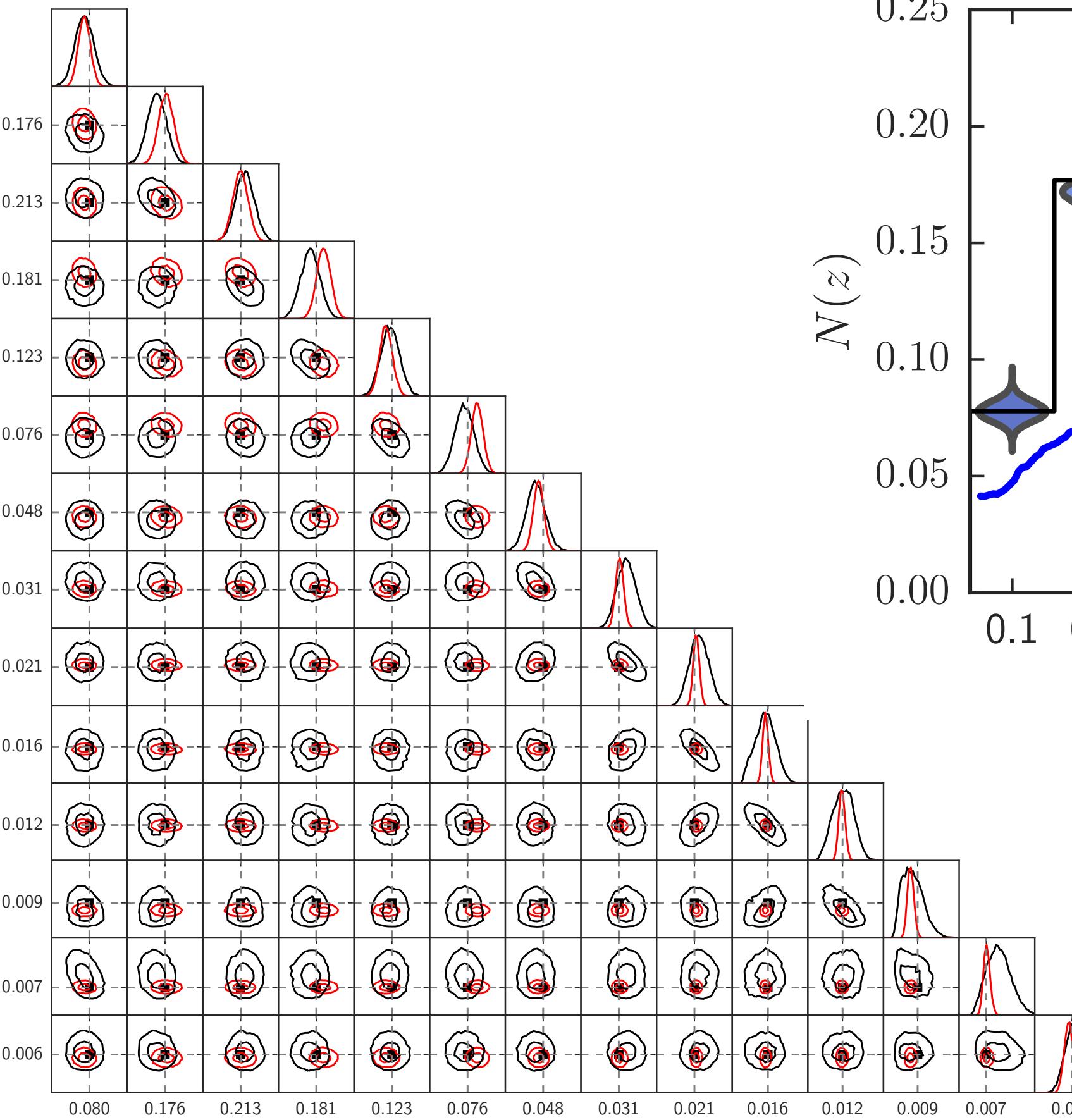


- Spectroscopic training / calibration samples are:
 - ▶ not representative of photometric catalogues (due to brighter flux limits and population evolution)
 - ▶ heterogeneous and contain difficult-to-model selection effects
- Introduces biases which are difficult to mitigate at required precision

Figure: Myles et al (DES Collaboration 2021)

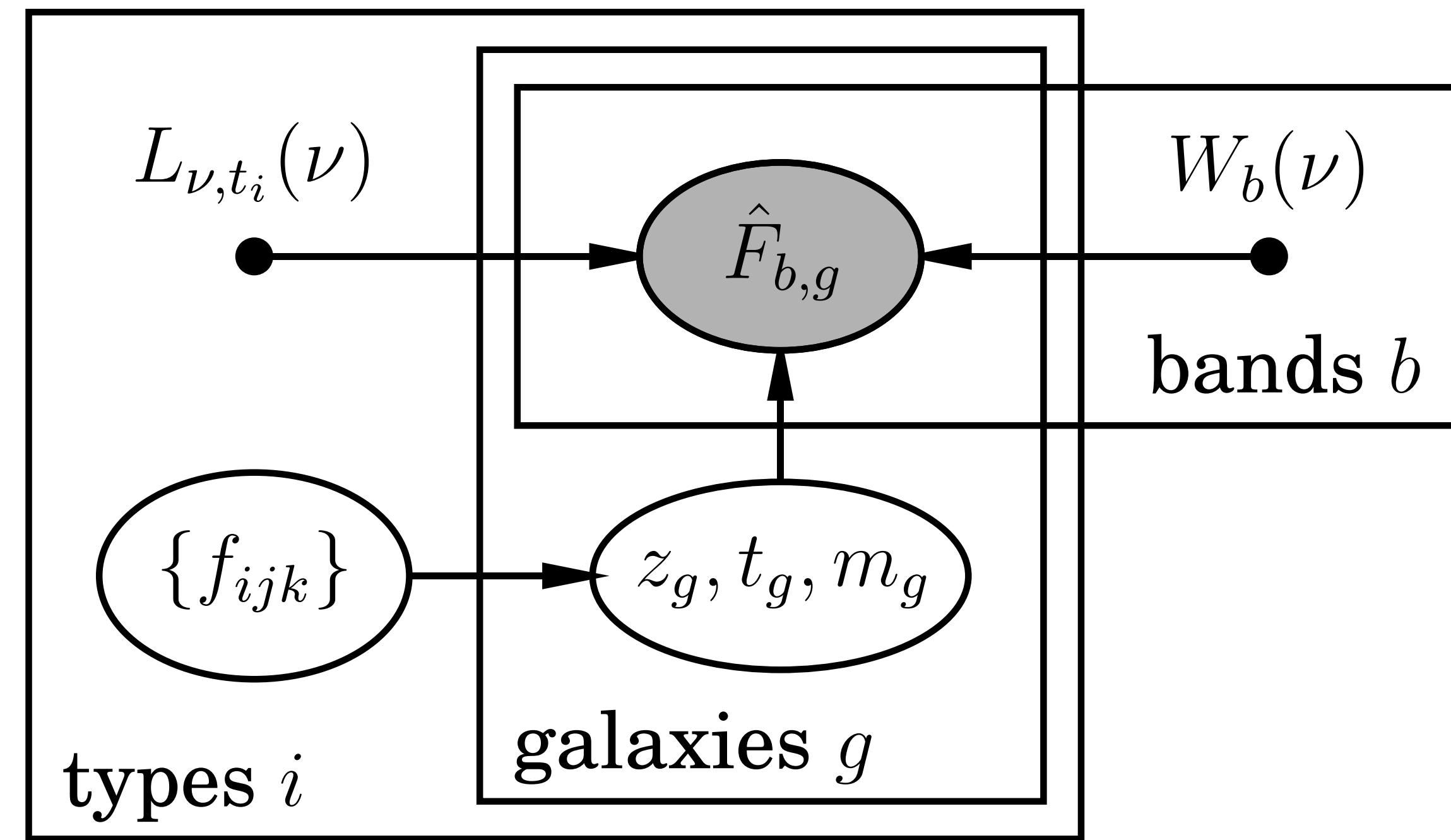
Hierarchical Bayesian Model for $N(z)$ inference

- **Sources:** $p(\text{fluxes} \mid z, t, m)$ likelihood based on spectral energy distribution (SED) templates
- **Population:** Histogram representation of $p(z, t, m)$ parameterized by $\{f_{ijk}\}$
- Jointly infer $\{z, t, m\}$ per source and $\{f_{ijk}\}$ using Gibbs sampler



Full posterior distribution for $N(z)$
→ cosmological likelihoods

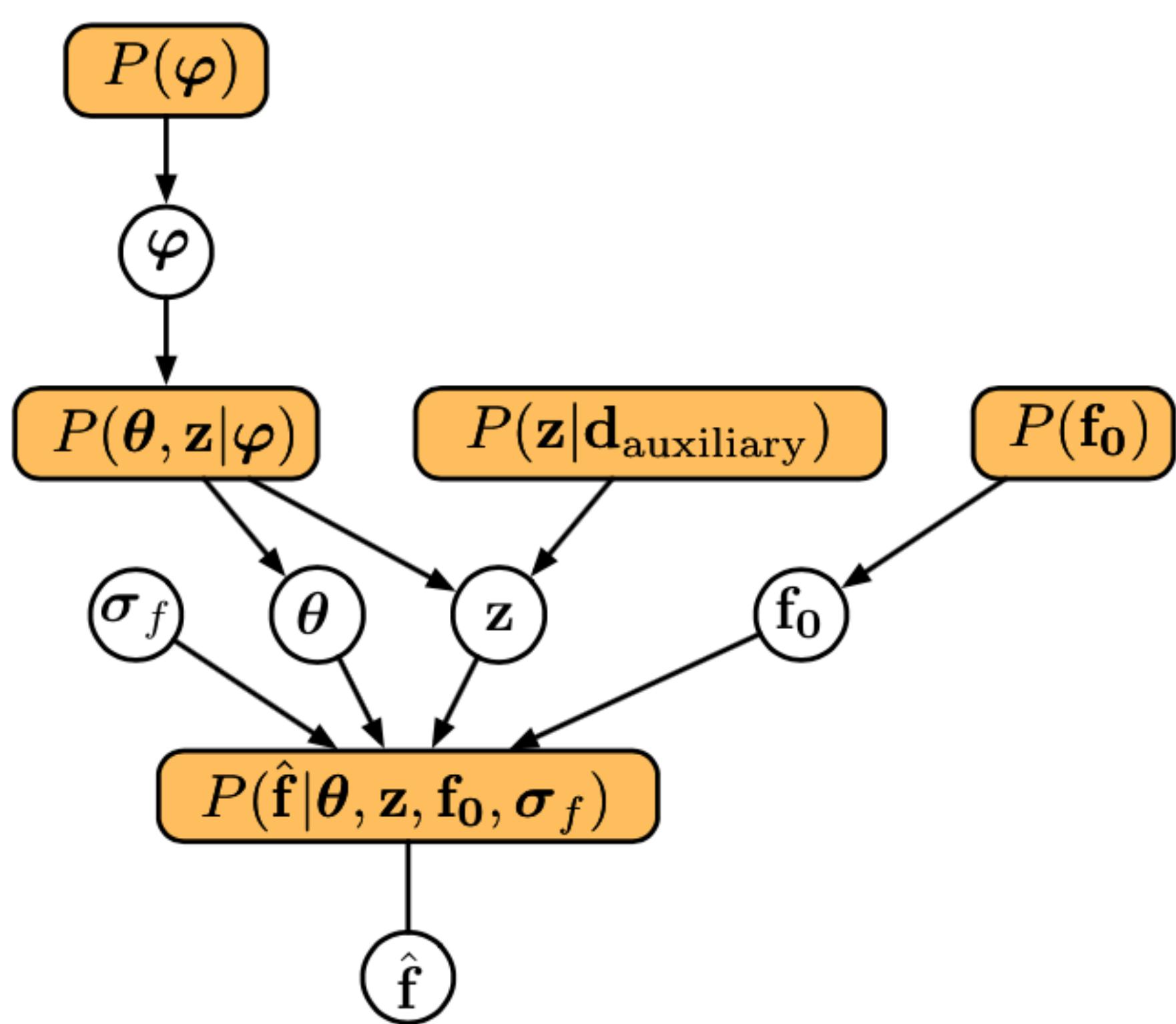
Challenges



- *Bayesian hierarchical inference based on selection of SED templates and simple population assumptions are limited*
- *Discrete templates do not characterise full diversity of galaxy SEDs*

Redshift distribution inference for static cosmology

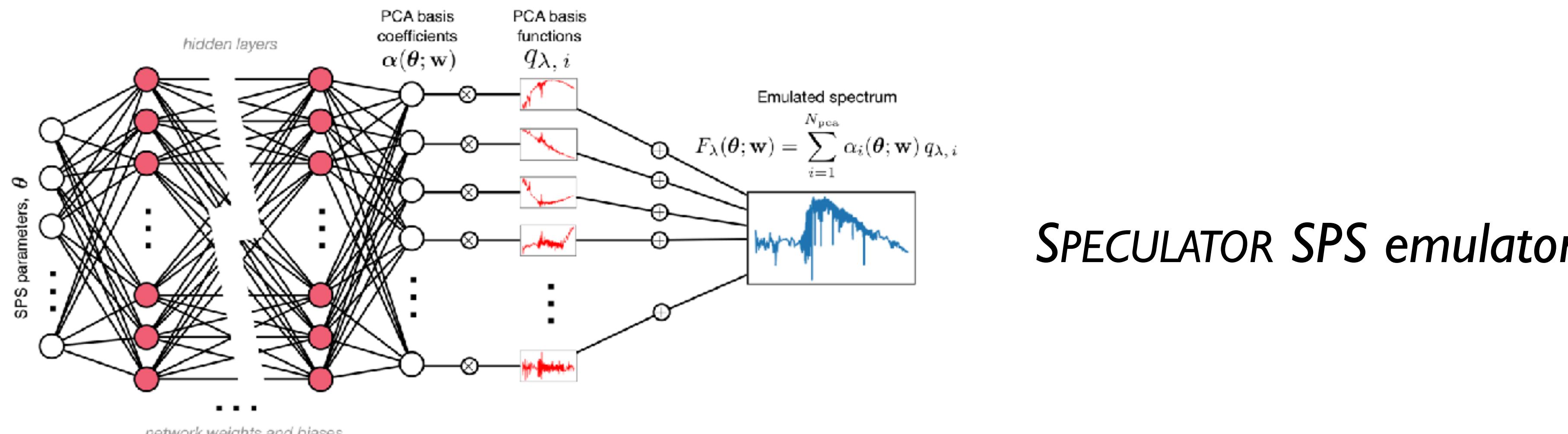
- **Key idea:** high-dimensional Bayesian hierarchical model with machine-learned parts.



- Neural network emulation of FSPPS population synthesis model, describing realistic galaxy populations (*replace templates*).
- Flexible NN-parameterised probability density models (e.g. normalising flows) to describe population prior and selection effects.

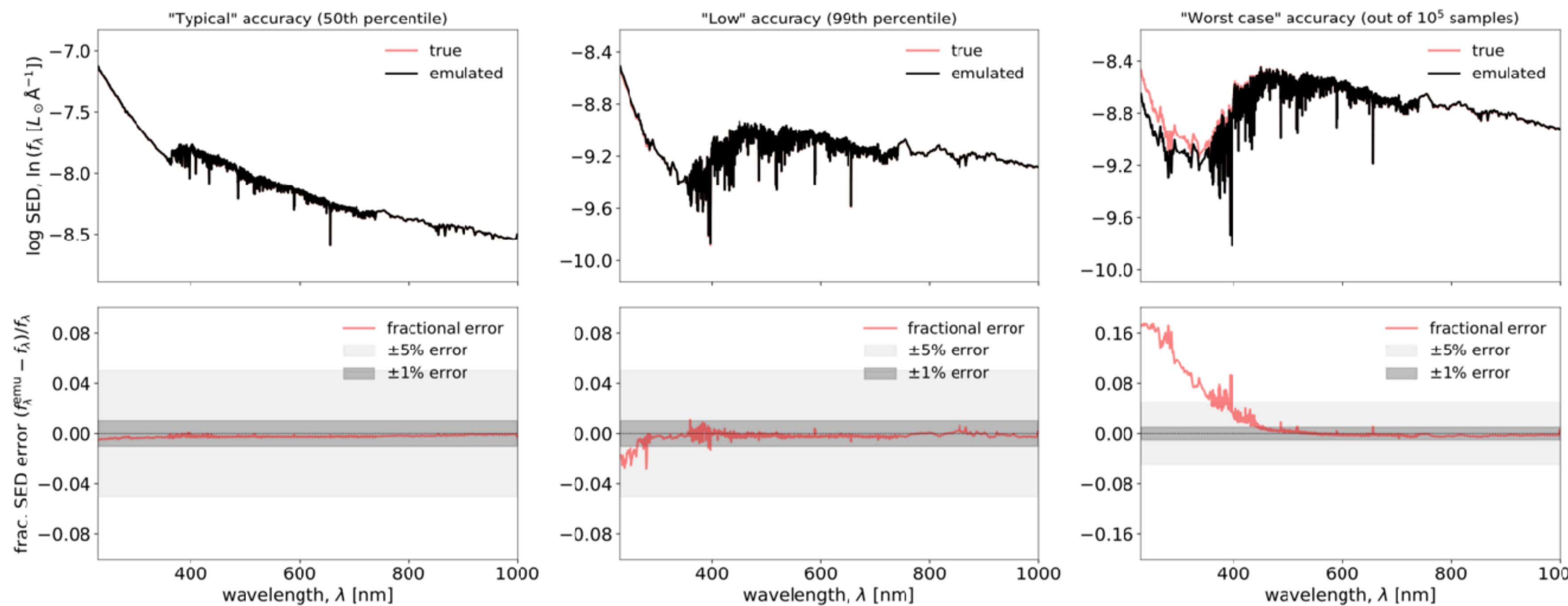
Emulating stellar population synthesis (SPS) models

- SPS models (e.g. FSPS, Charlie Conroy and collaborators) are fast (<1 sec) but use cases require **large numbers of model evaluations**.
 - Stage IV galaxy survey catalog sim $\sim 10^{10}$ SPS evaluations
 - Leja et al (2019) analysis of 60,000 galaxies under 14-parameter SPS model cost 1.5 million CPU-hrs.
- Can generate training sets of $\sim 10^5$ enabling neural network emulators.



$$\mathbf{w} = \{\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_n, \mathbf{b}_n\}$$

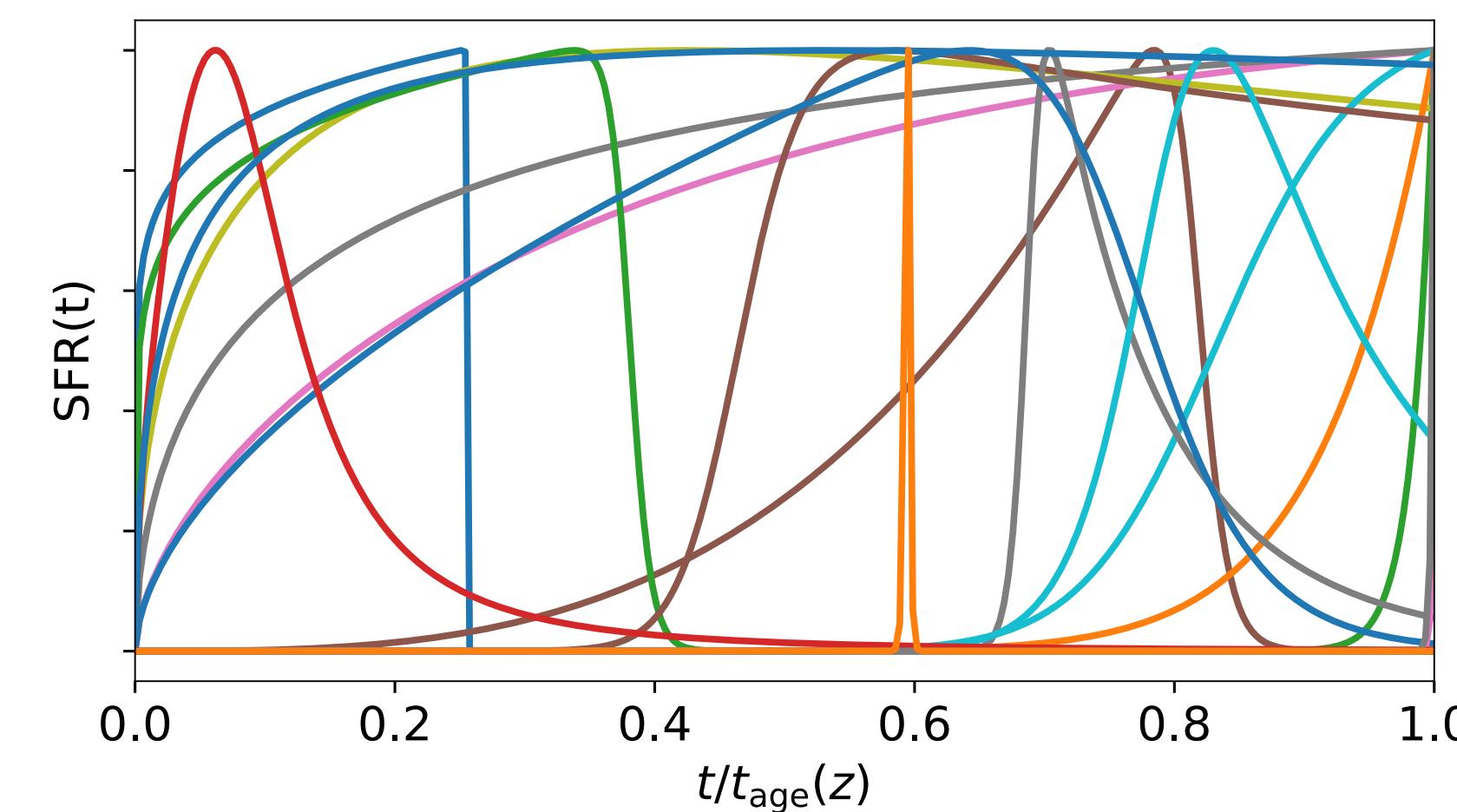
Example: DESI Bright Galaxy Survey SEDs



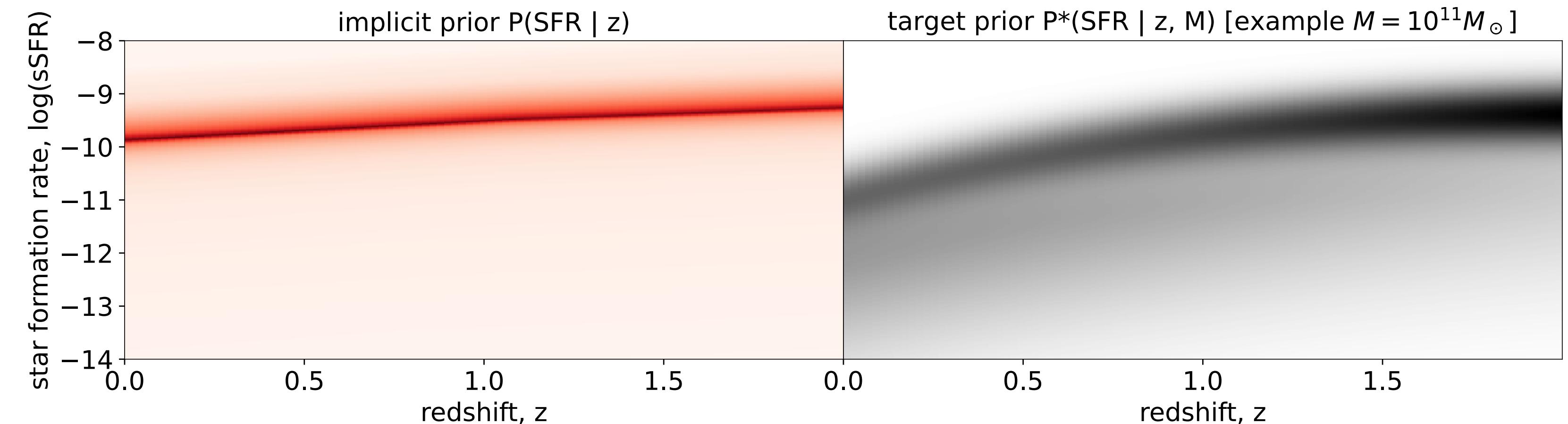
- Accuracy $< 1\%$ over the 8-parameter FSPS model for $> 99\%$ of SEDs
- Generating 10^6 SEDs takes 2s on Tesla K80 GPU (Speedup 10^5 over FSPS on CPU); inference under SPS models can make use of gradients

Prior-matching example: double power-law star formation history

$$\text{SFH}(t) \sim 1 / [(t/\tau)^\alpha + (t/\tau)^{-\beta}]$$



Uniform prior on SFH parameters,
gives good coverage of plausible SFHs.



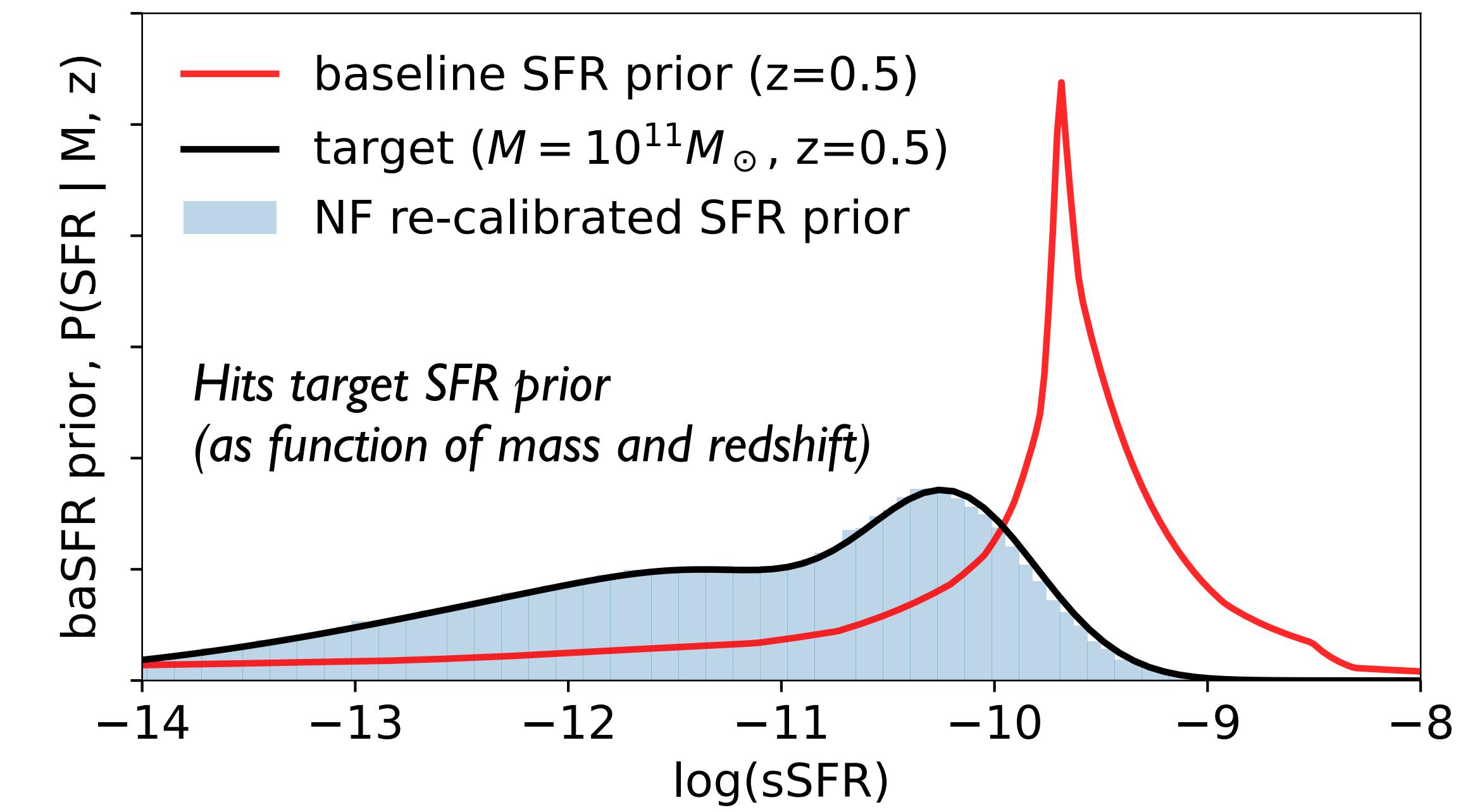
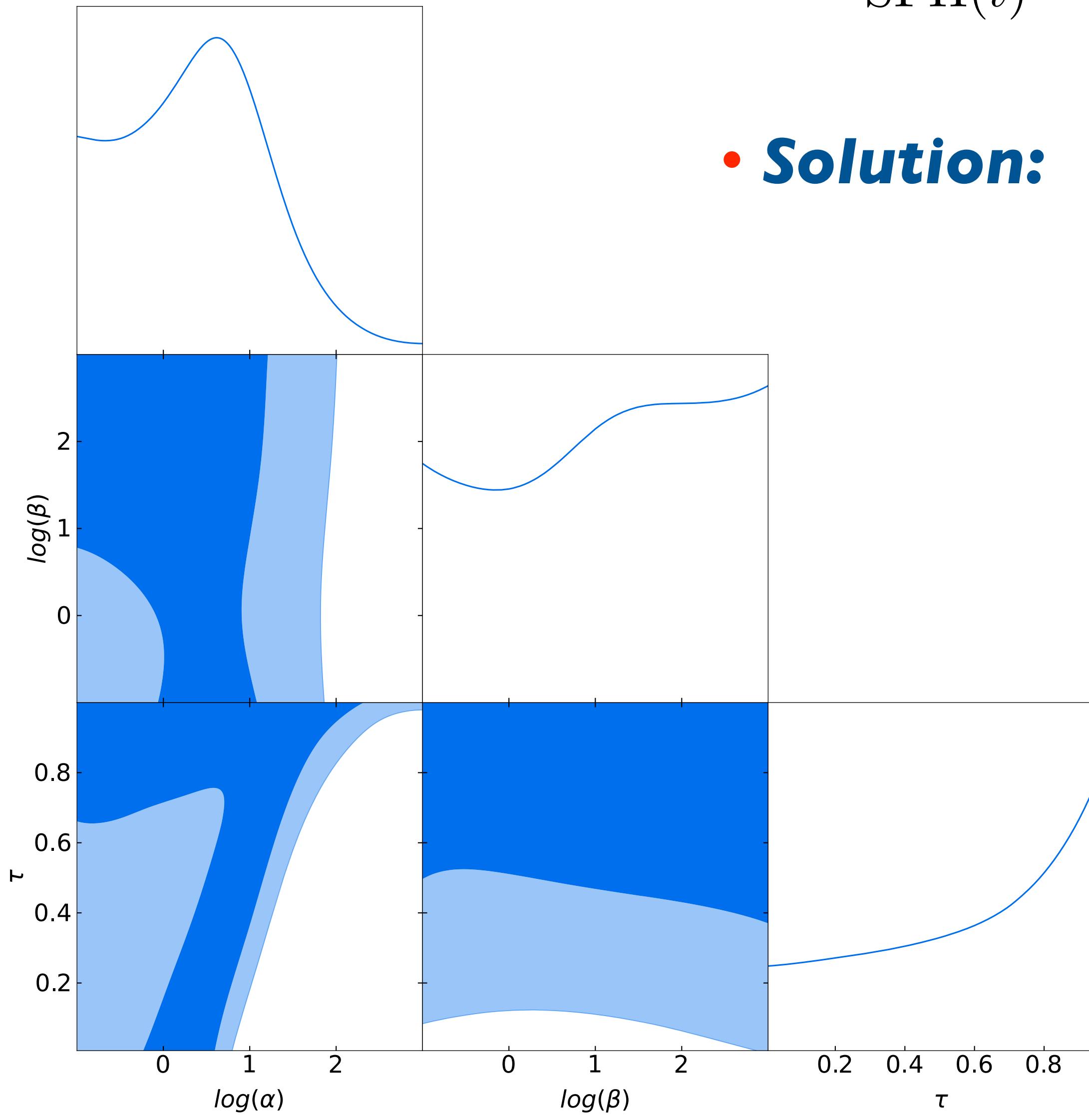
Very specific (bad) prior on
current star formation rate

More realistic target prior
encoding observations of
(more “physical”) derived
SFH quantities

Normalising flows to the rescue

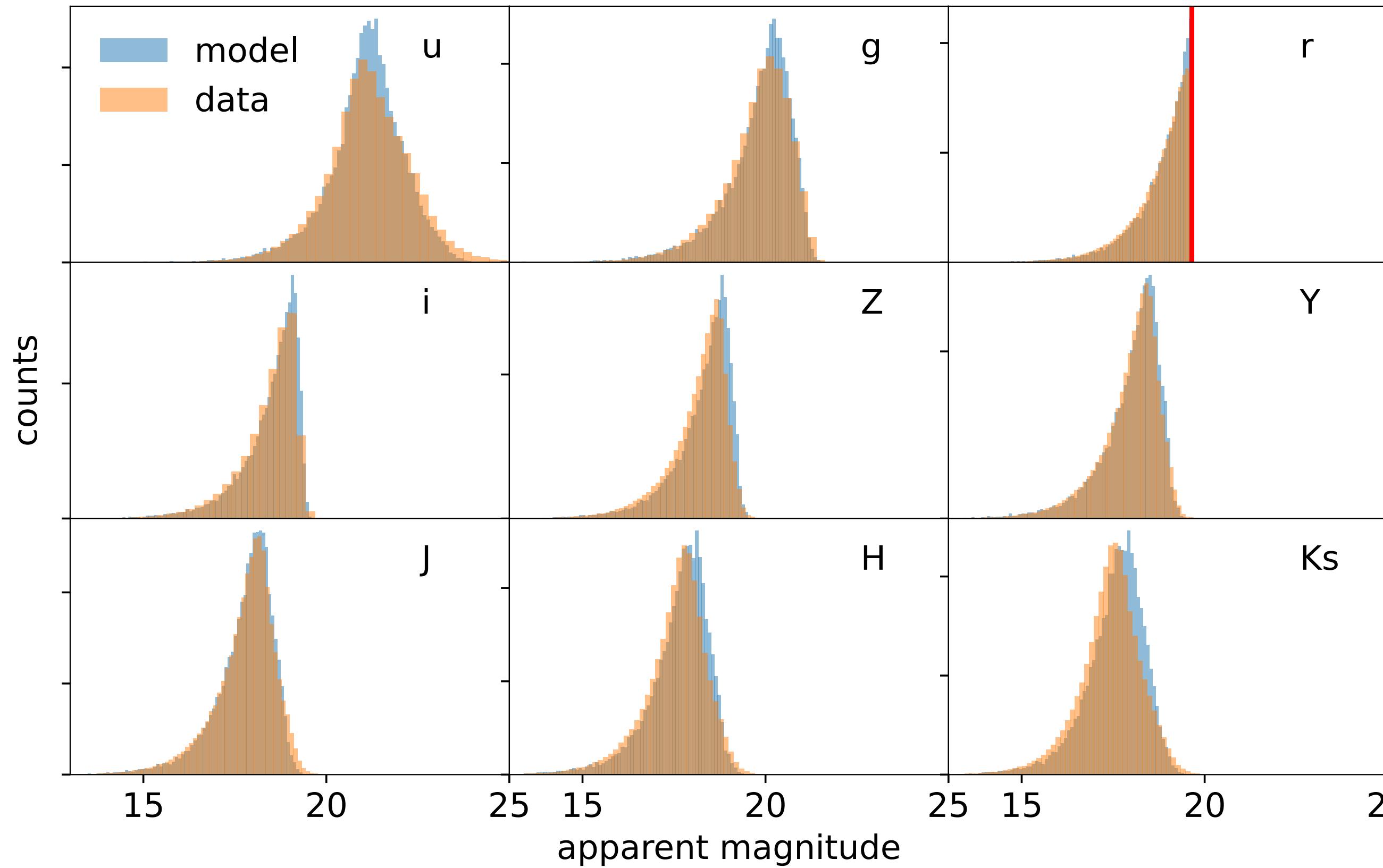
$$\text{SFH}(t) \sim 1 / [(t/\tau)^\alpha + (t/\tau)^{-\beta}]$$

- **Solution:**
 - Train normalising flow to learn implicit SFR prior $P(\text{SFR} | z)$
 - “Divide it out”: re-weight prior measure to match target SFR prior $P^*(\text{SFR} | M, z)$

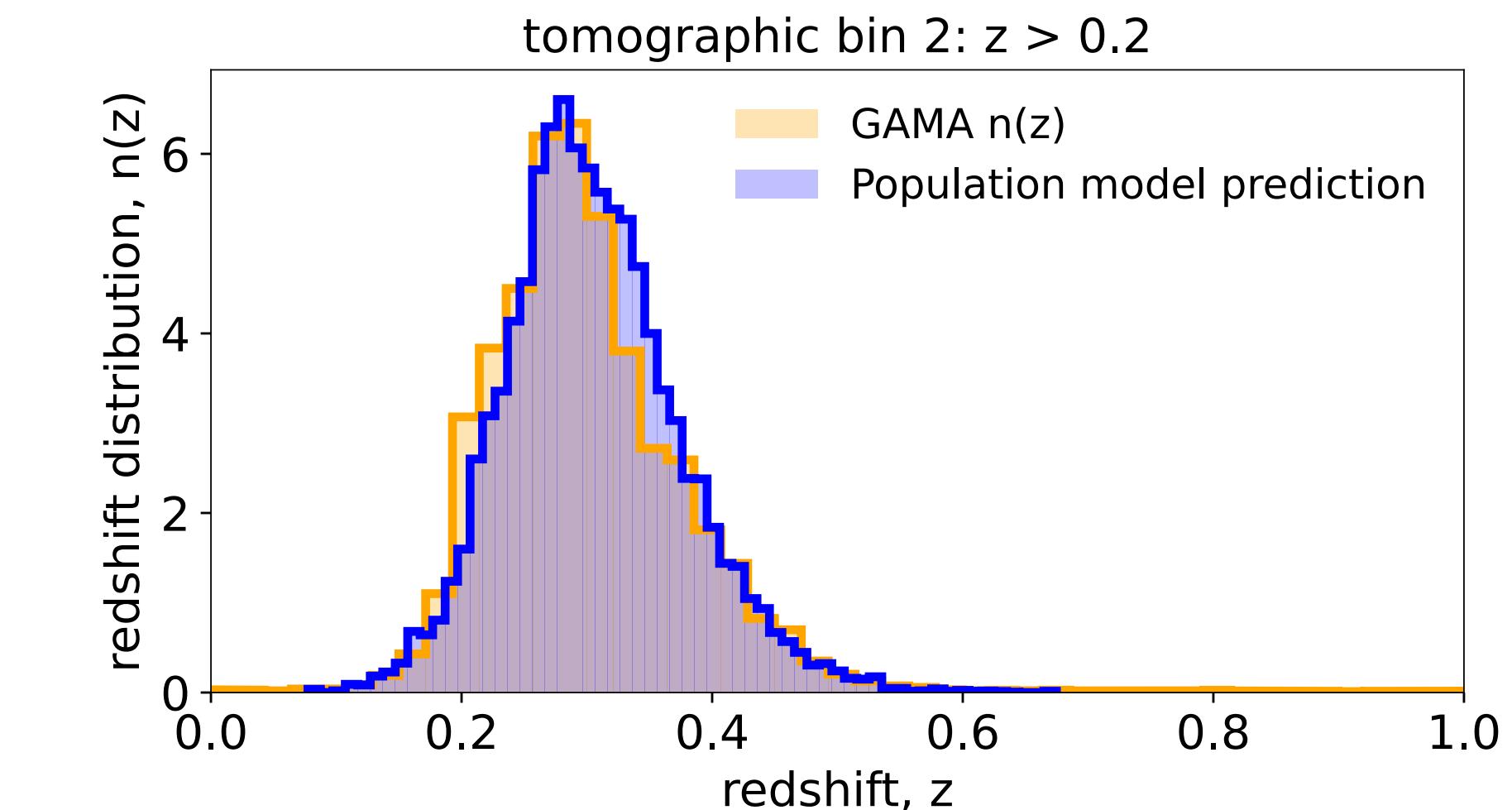
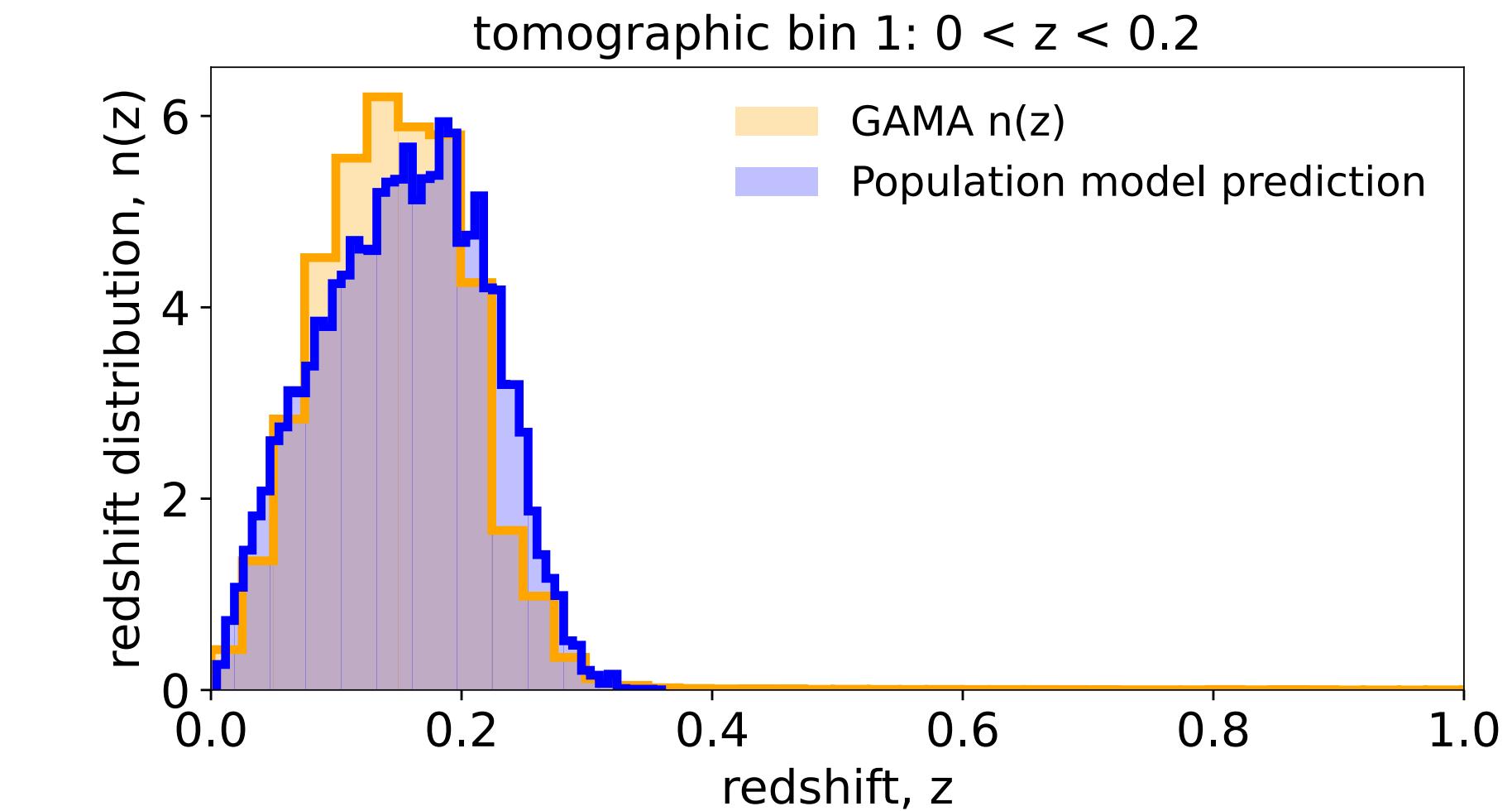


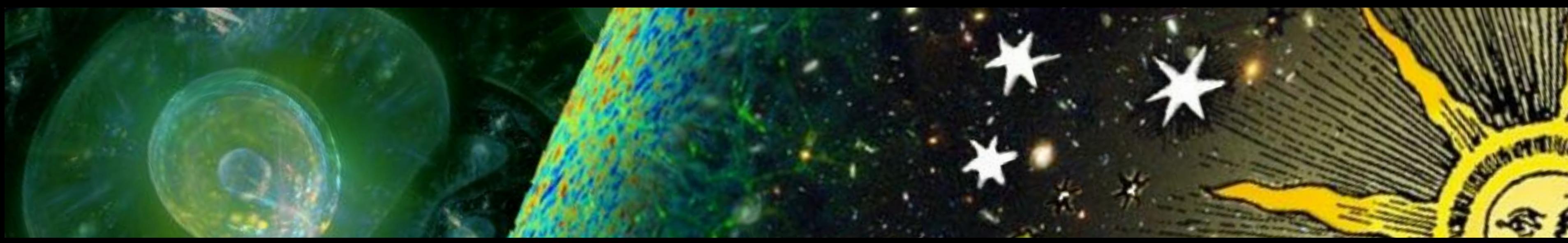
WiP: Population modelling for redshift distribution inference

Does it work? Simulated galaxy population (encoding galaxy evolution calibrated to observations), combined with data model and selection cuts, should be able to predict redshift distribution.



Tomographic selection (based on photo-z estimator) applied to GAMA survey (r-band flux cut, and additional colour cuts for star-galaxy separation)





Knowledge extraction using deep learning



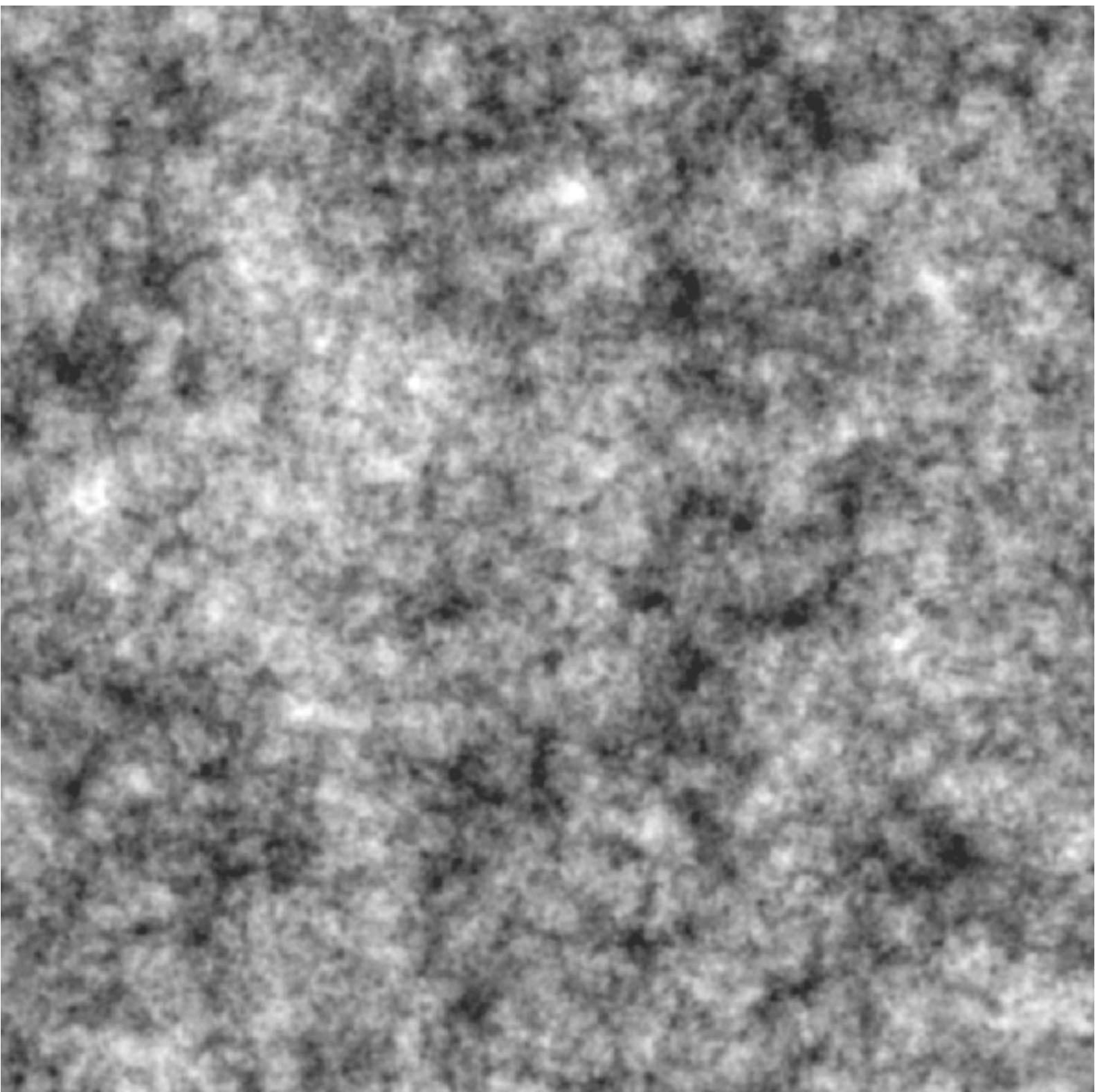
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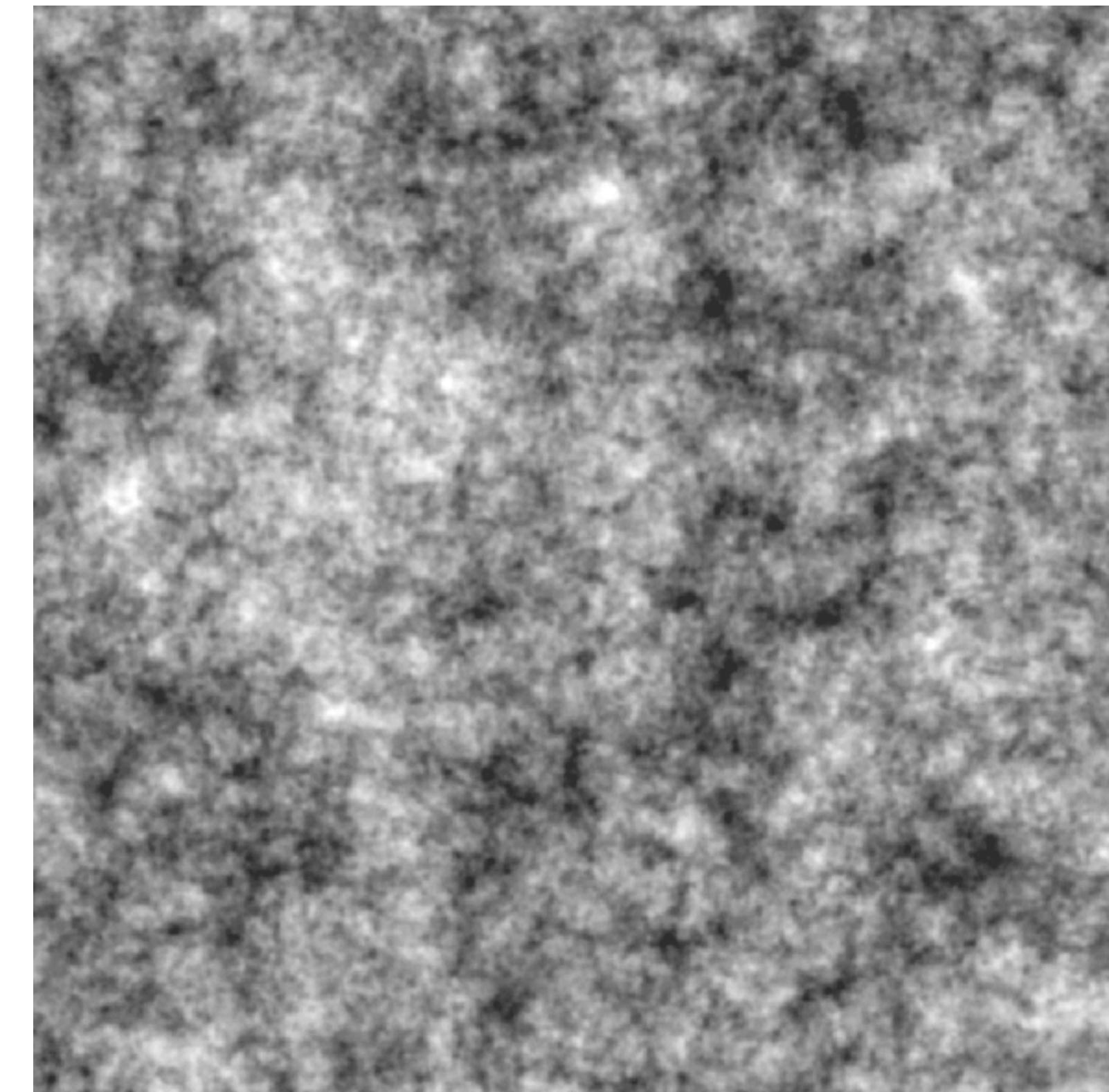
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Understanding cosmological structure formation

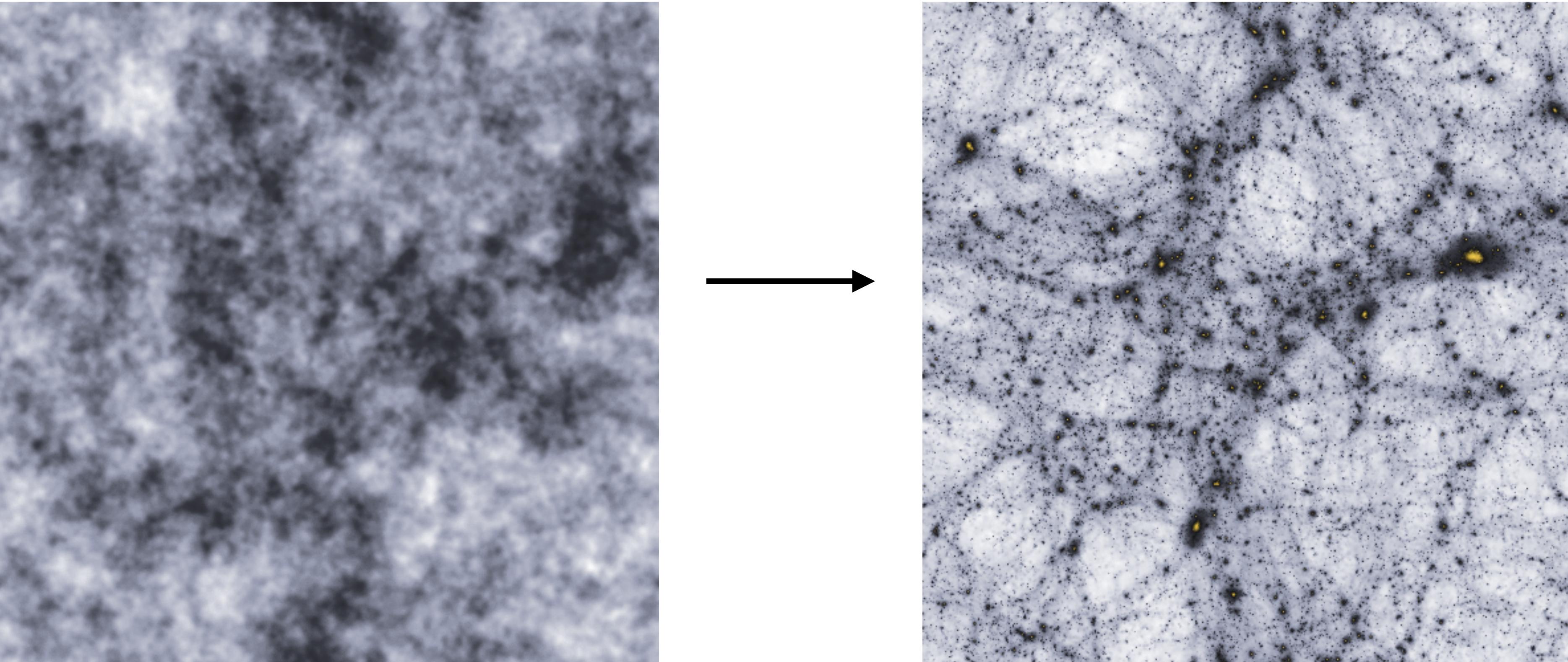


*Perturbations in matter density
at early times*



*Large-scale structure at
late times*

Understanding cosmological structure formation



Law of gravity determines mapping
But does not give an *explanation* of mapping
(cf biochemistry vs biology)

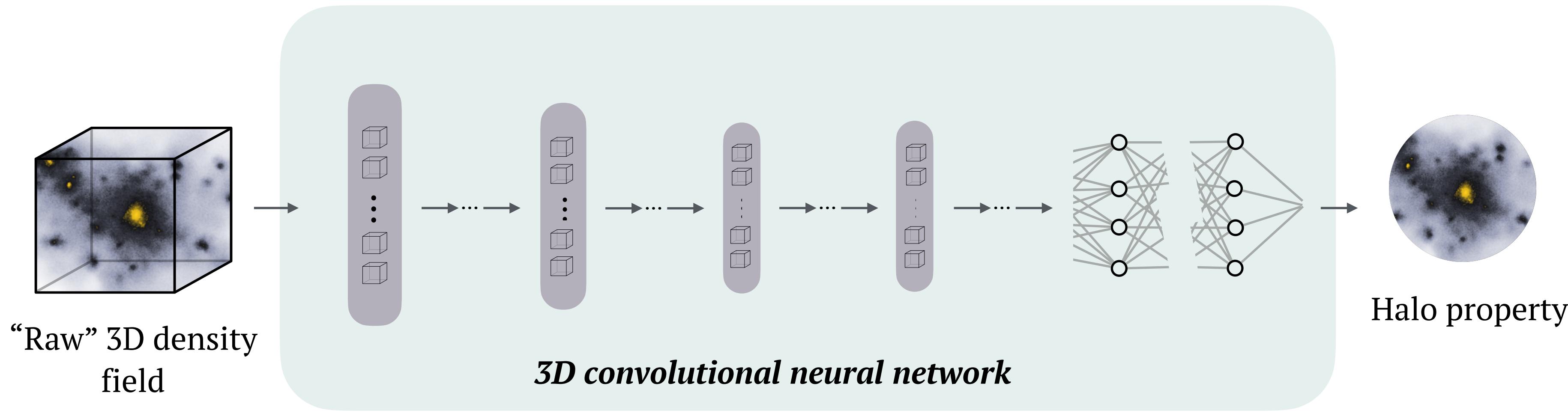
“More is different”: emergent phenomena in cosmology

- Can we reliably access rich information in **cosmic web**?
- Can we understand **“mesoscale” phenomena** in structure formation?
- How do “universal” properties emerge?
- Can machine learning play a role in building accurate mesoscale models of complex phenomena?

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Why convolutional neural networks?



Advantages:

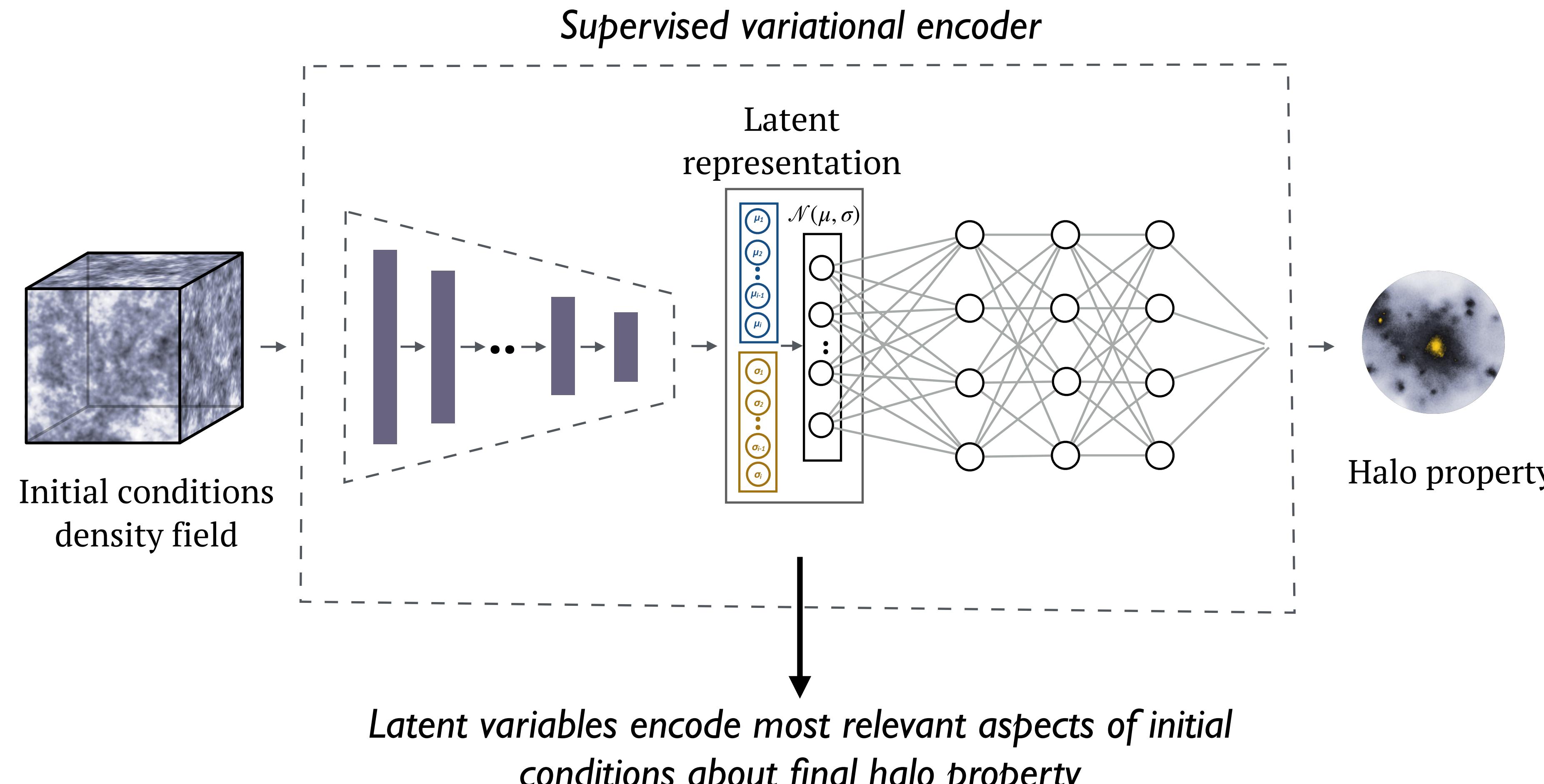
- no featurization: CNN learns directly from “raw data”
- CNN learns which features of the raw data are relevant for halo property
- CNNs are able to effectively learn complicated highly non-linear mappings

Disadvantages:

- DL algorithms are “black-box” algorithms, encoding features in very high-dimensional models.

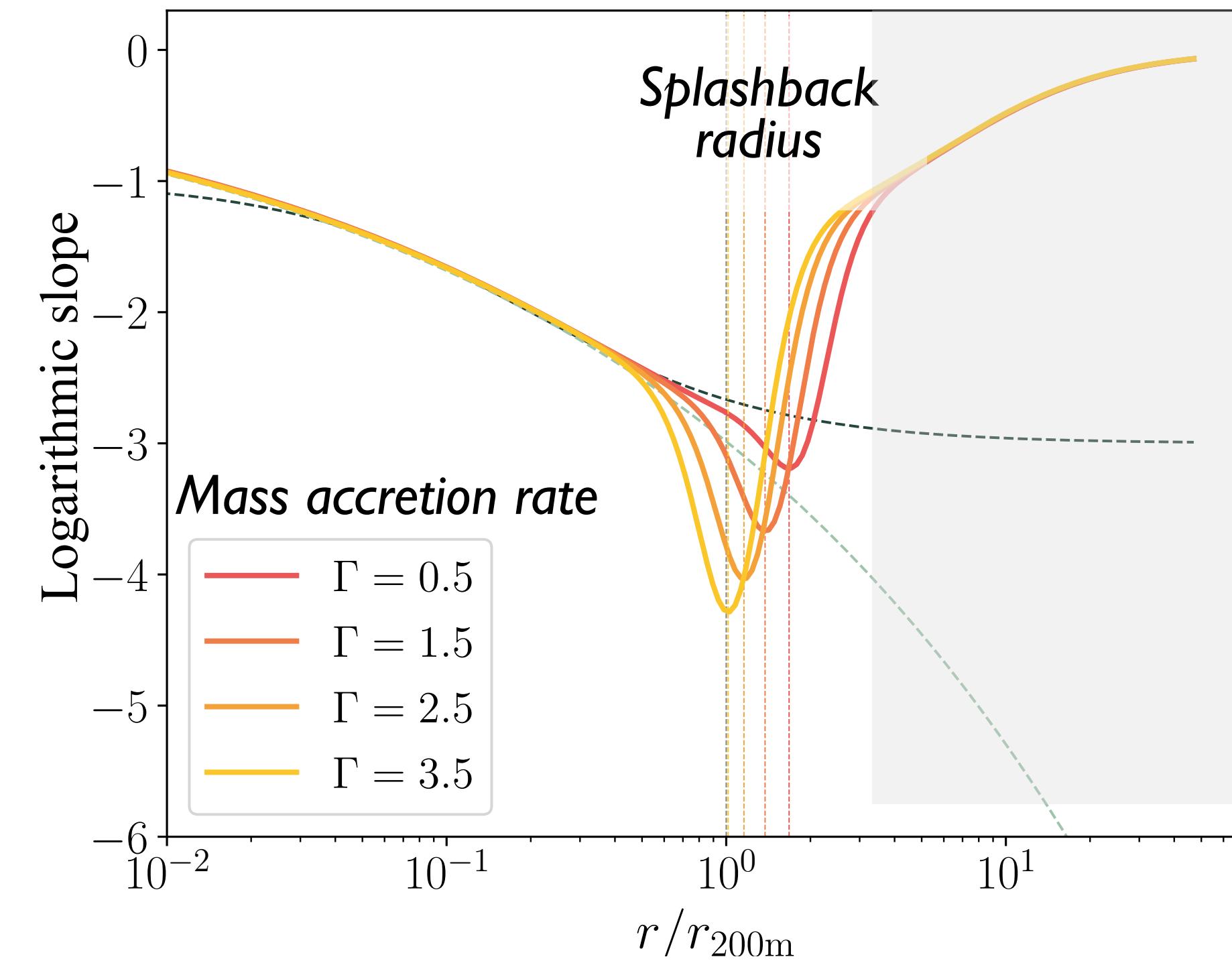
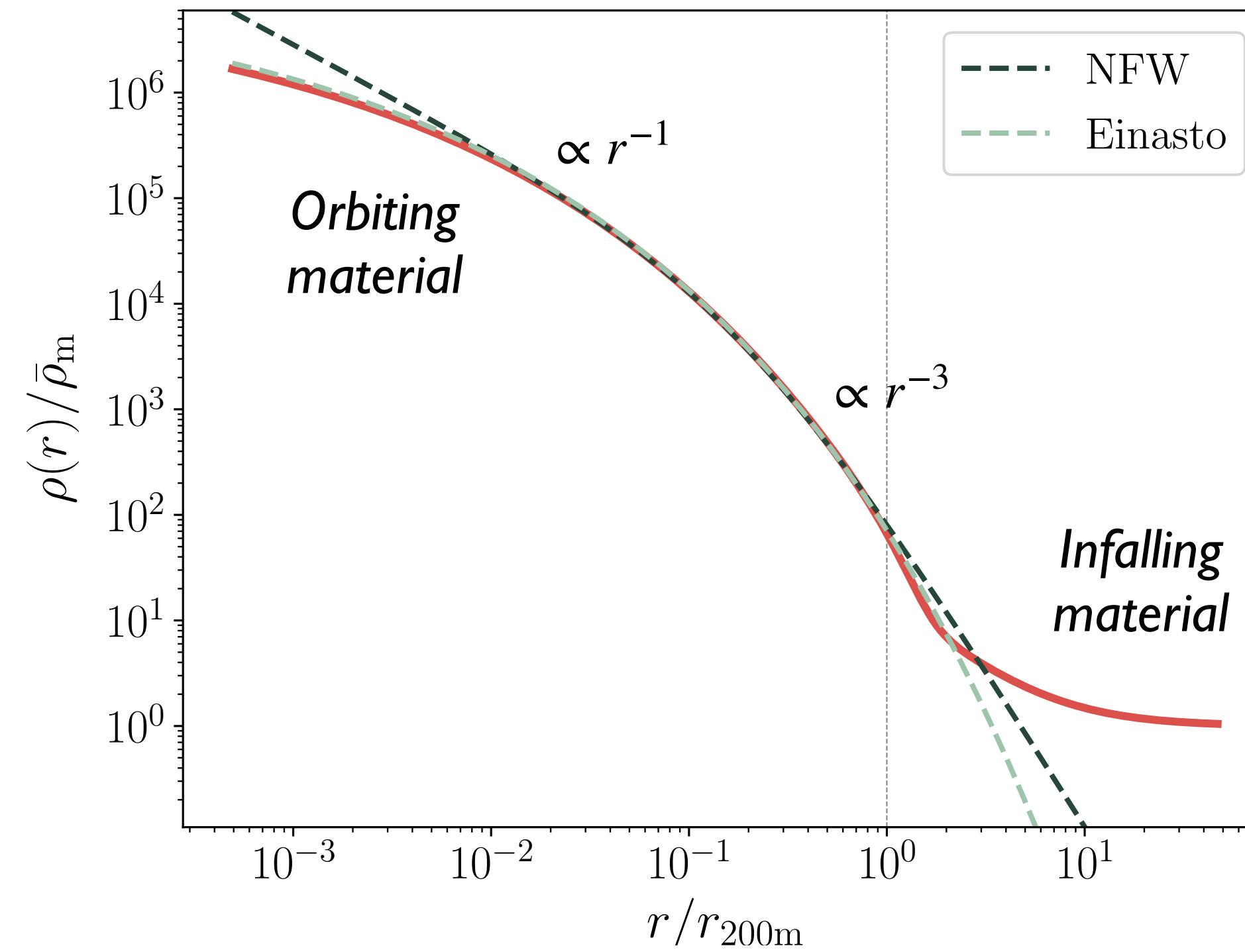
How do we extract physical knowledge from a DL algorithm?

New framework for knowledge extraction using AI



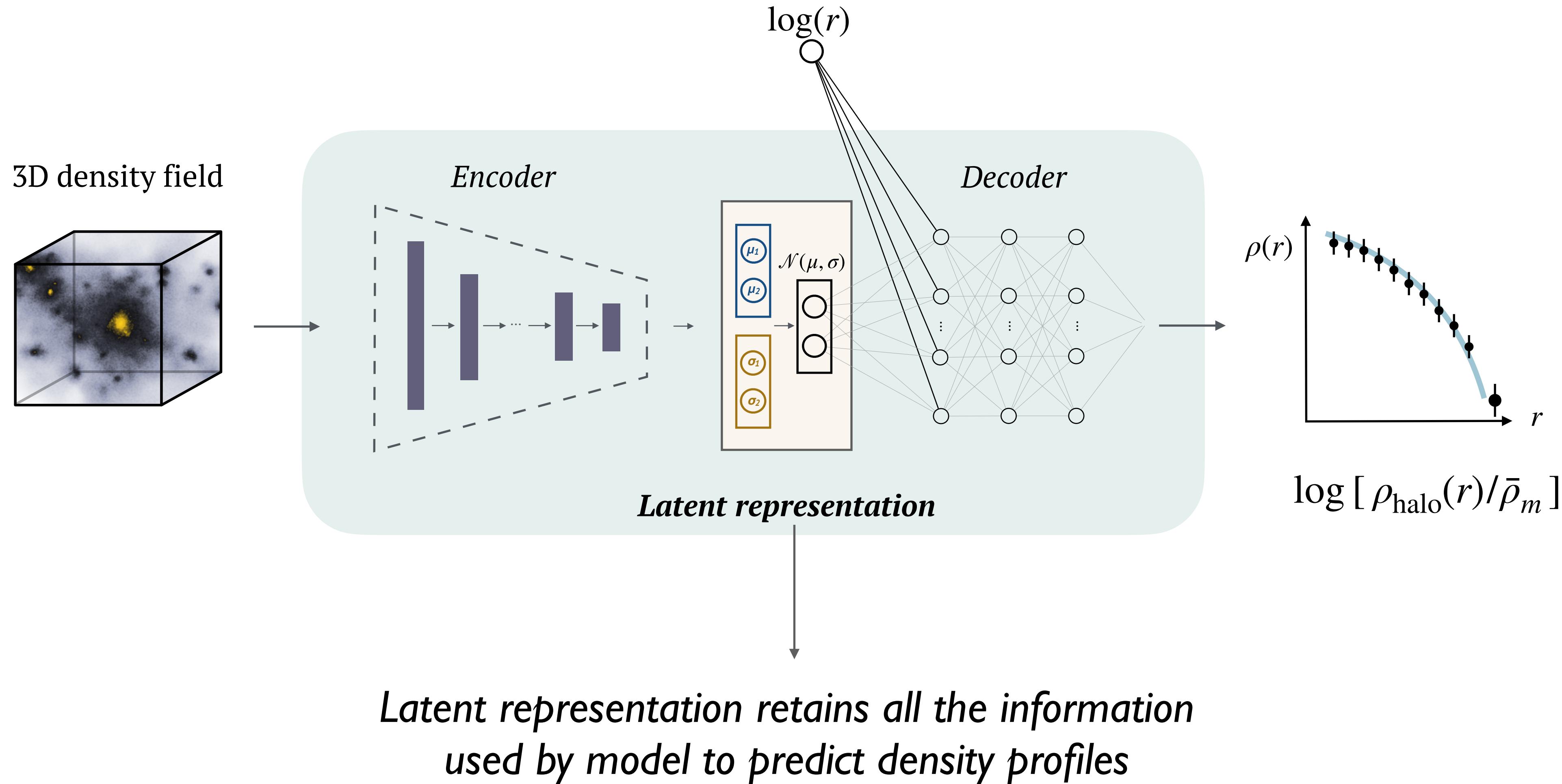
Model compression to enable “explainable” AI

Case study: can neural networks discover the building blocks of dark matter halo profiles?

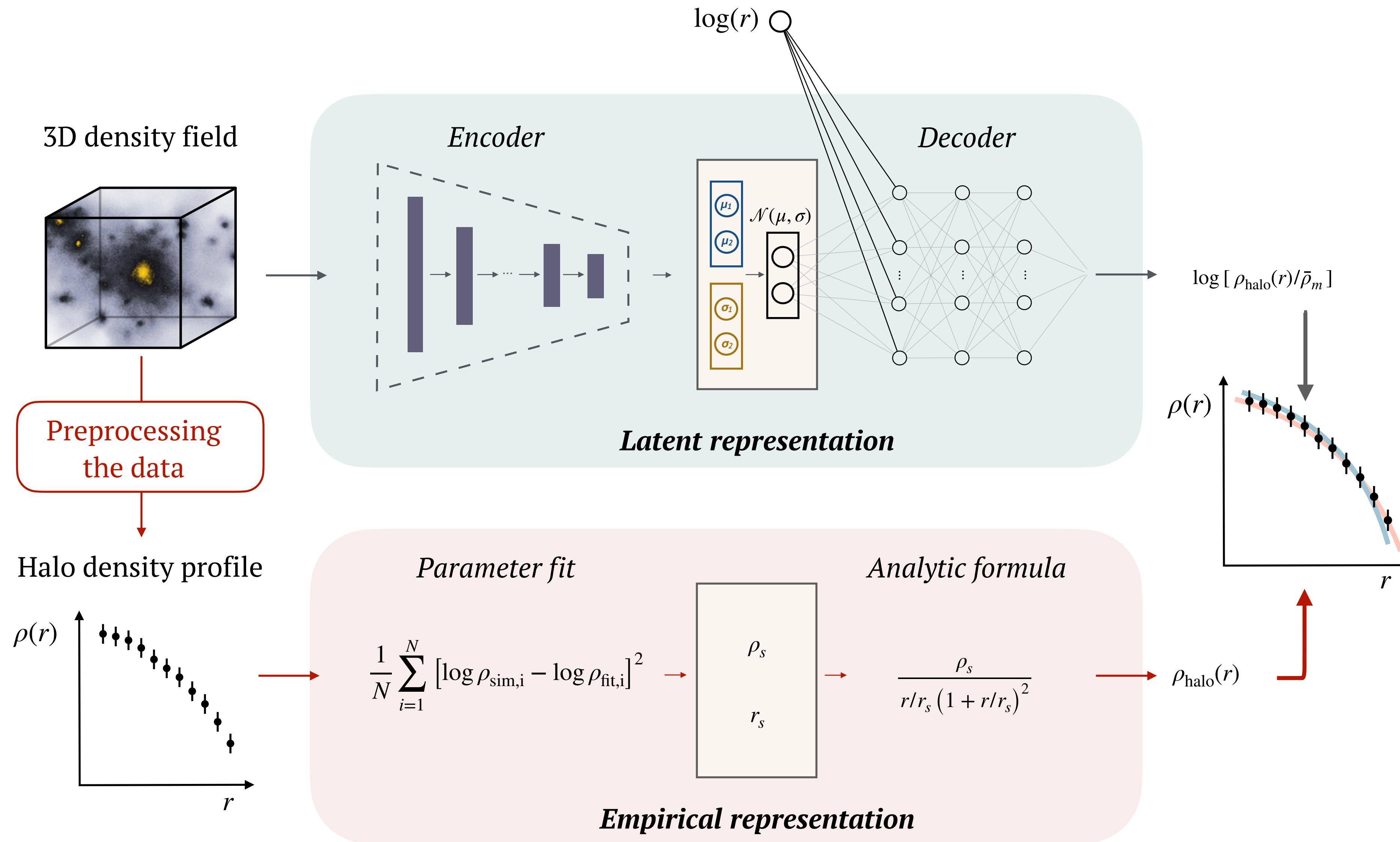


*Existing physical models, based on empirical fitting functions,
lack **explainability***

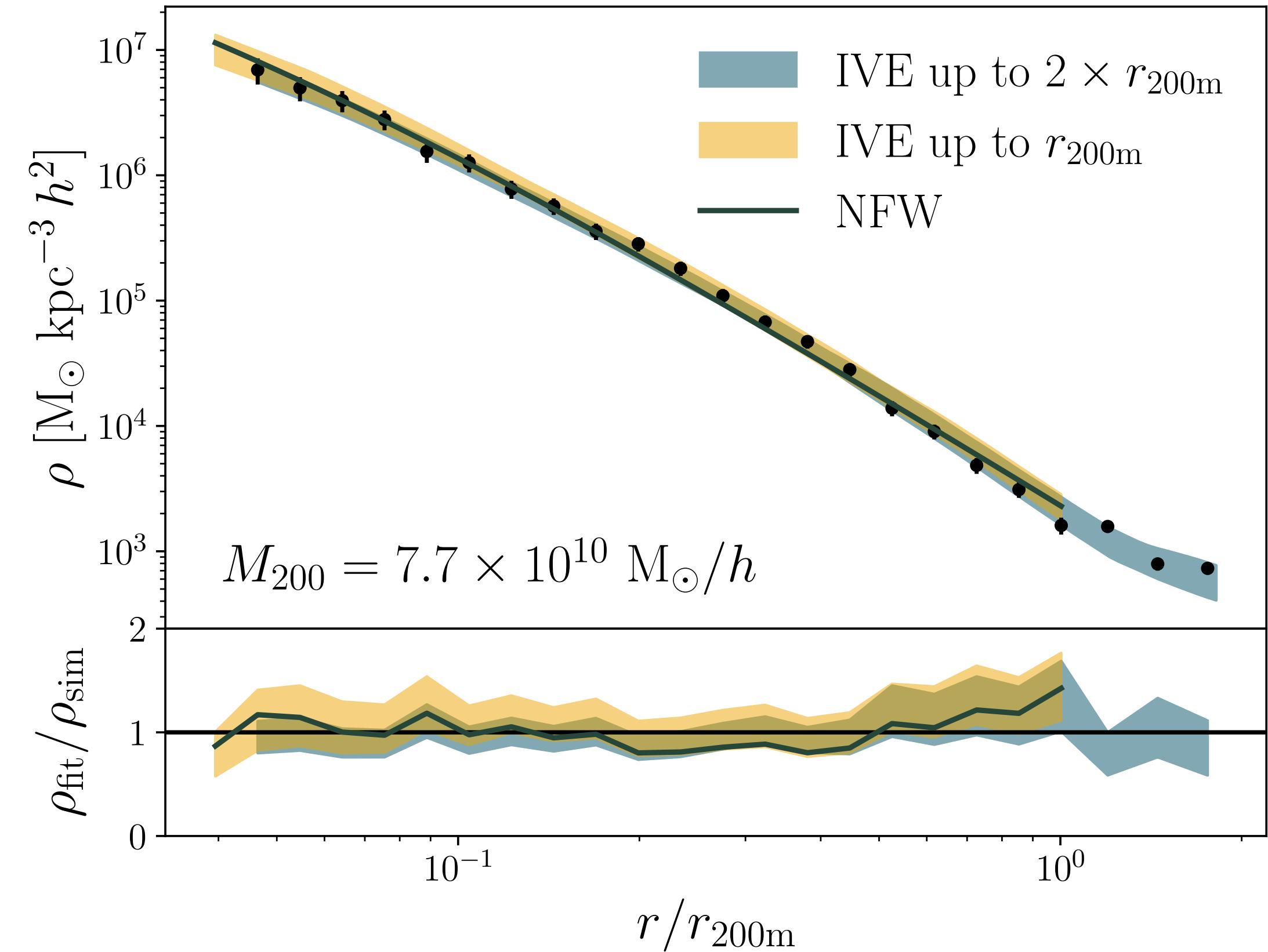
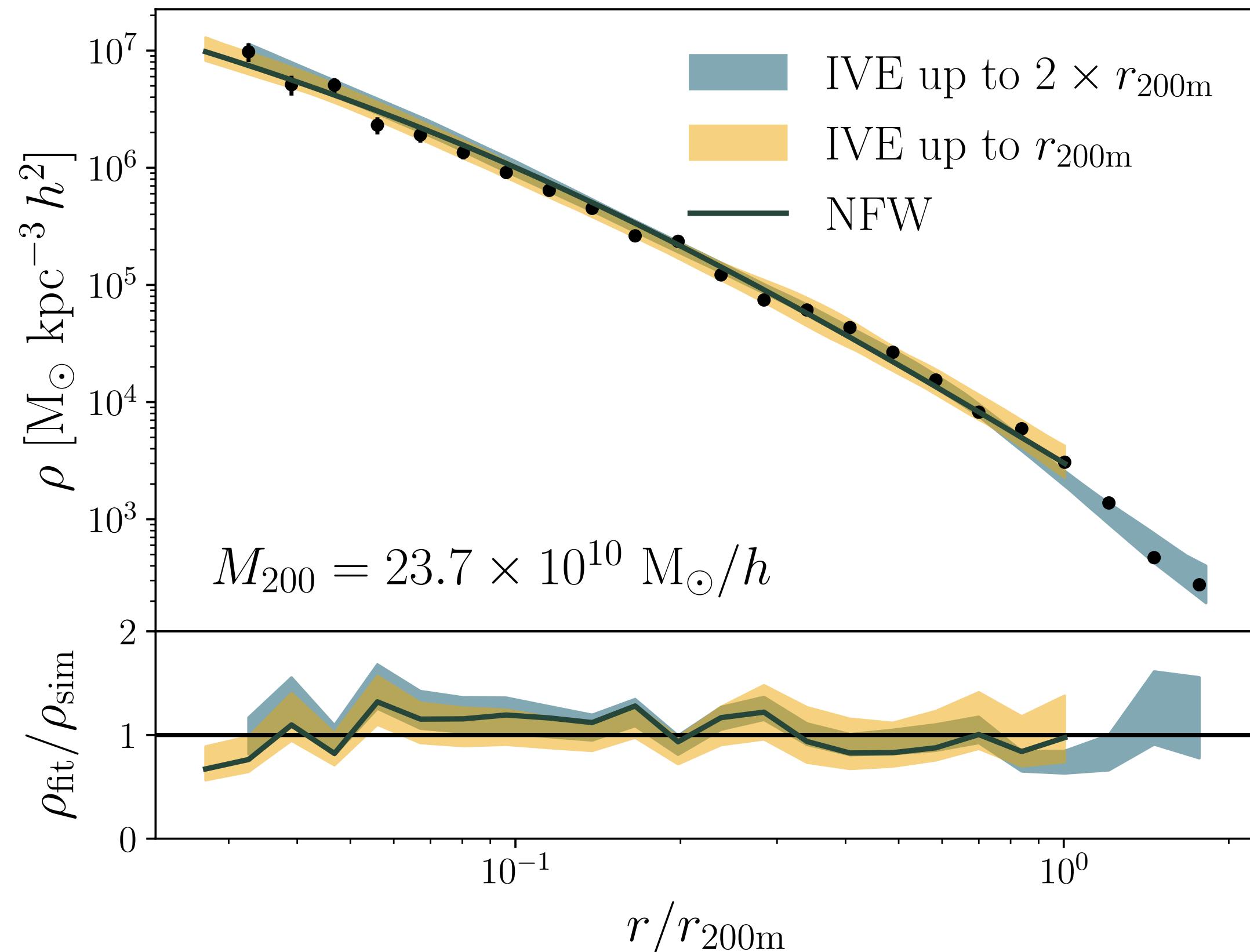
Designing an interpretable variational encoder for knowledge extraction



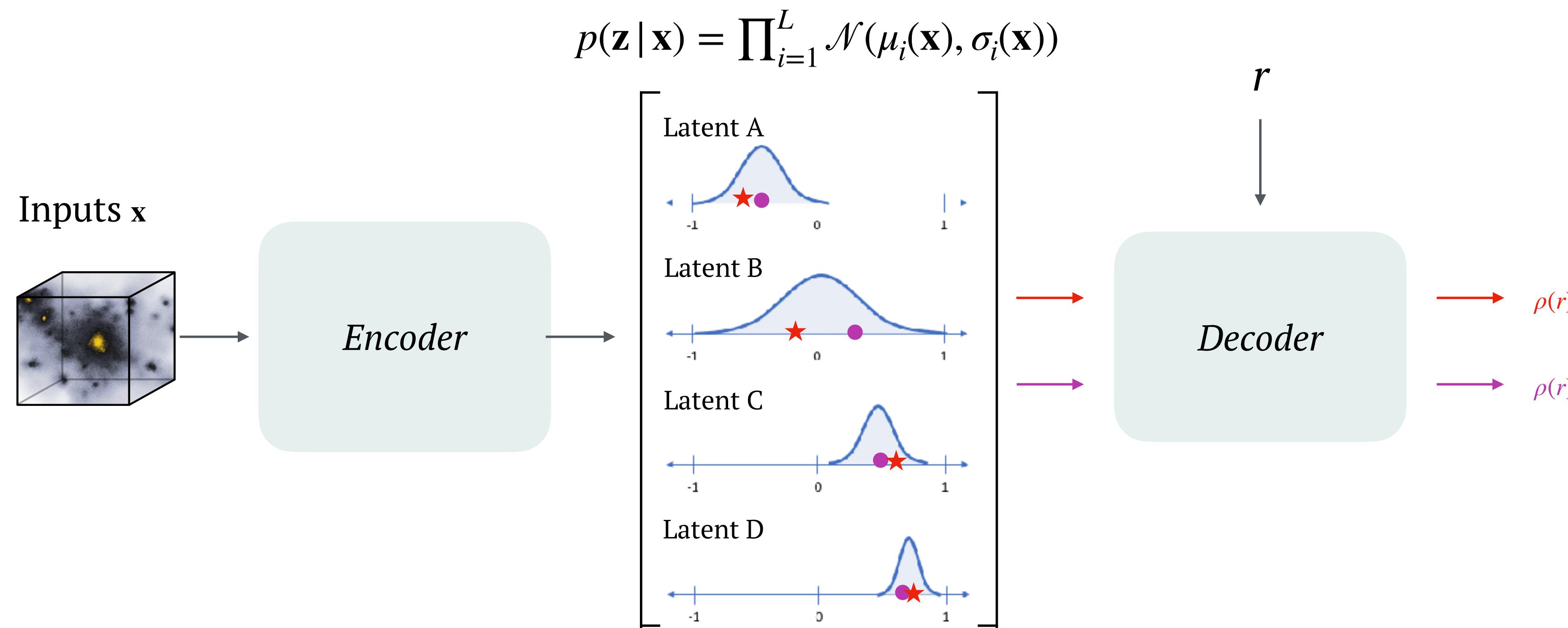
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Examples of fits created by interpretable variational encoder

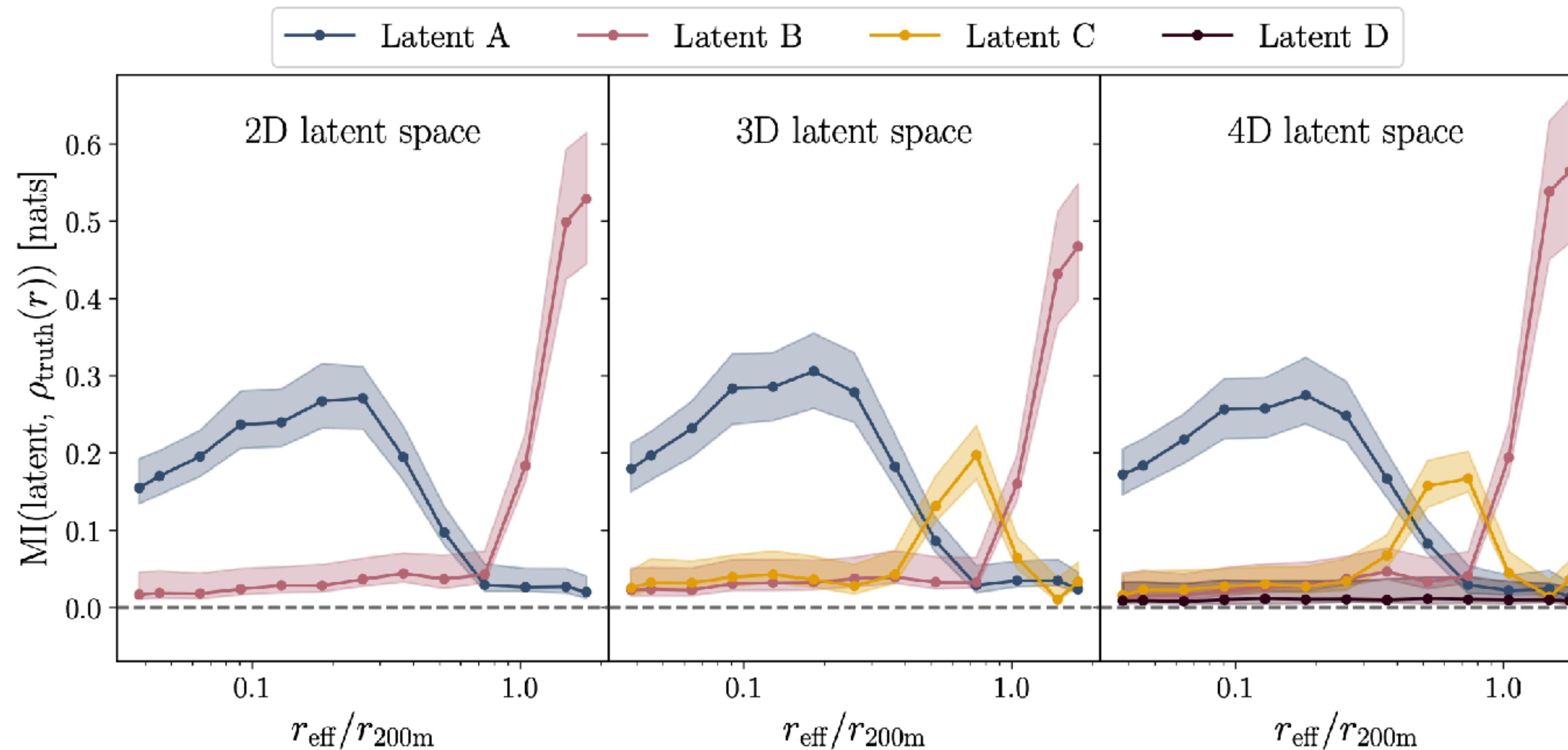


Desired latent representation properties for interpretability



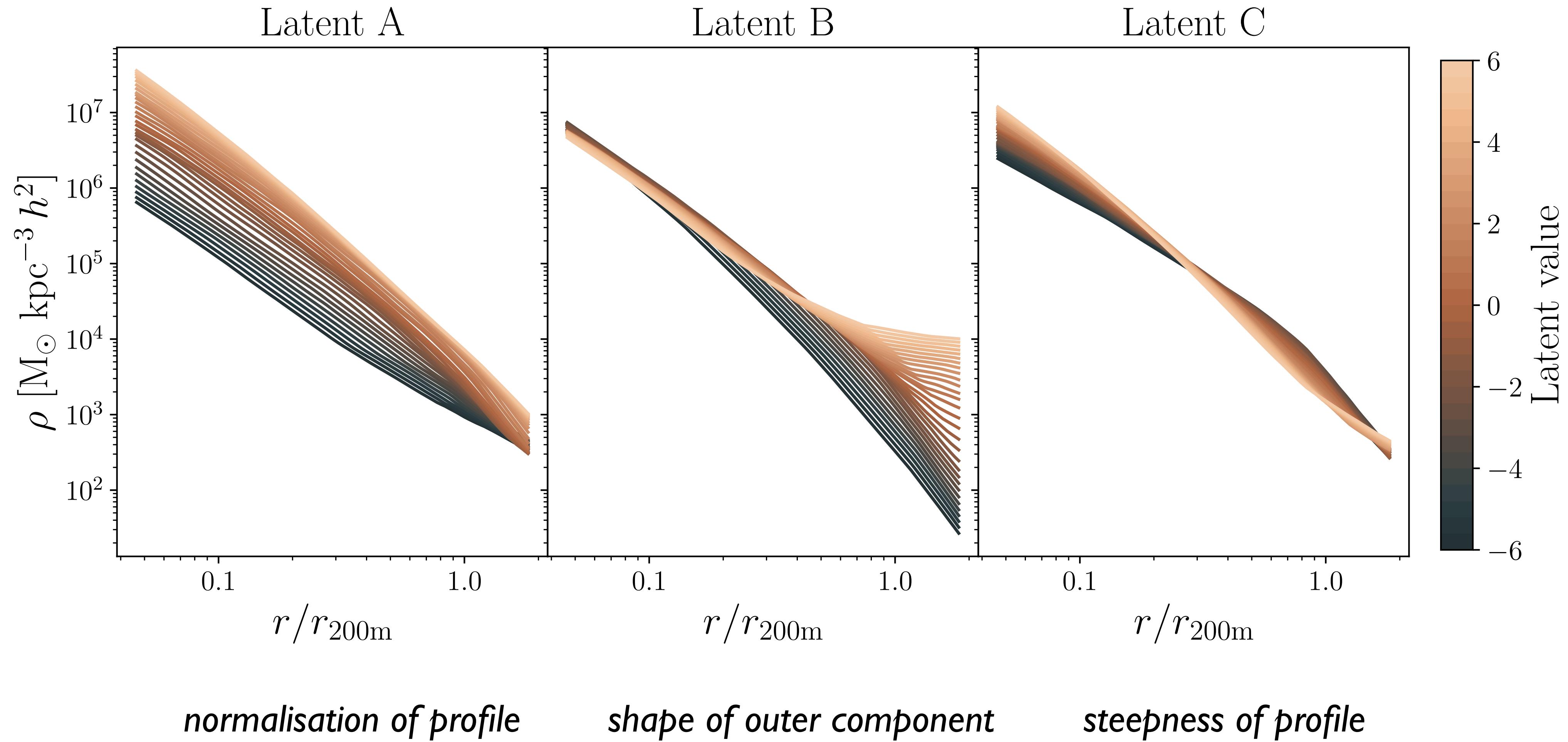
- **Interpretability** can be achieved if latent space is **disentangled**: independent factors of variation in profiles captured by different latents
- Disentanglement encouraged via loss function optimised during training
- Degree of disentanglement measured using **mutual information** between latents

Interpreting the latent space using mutual information

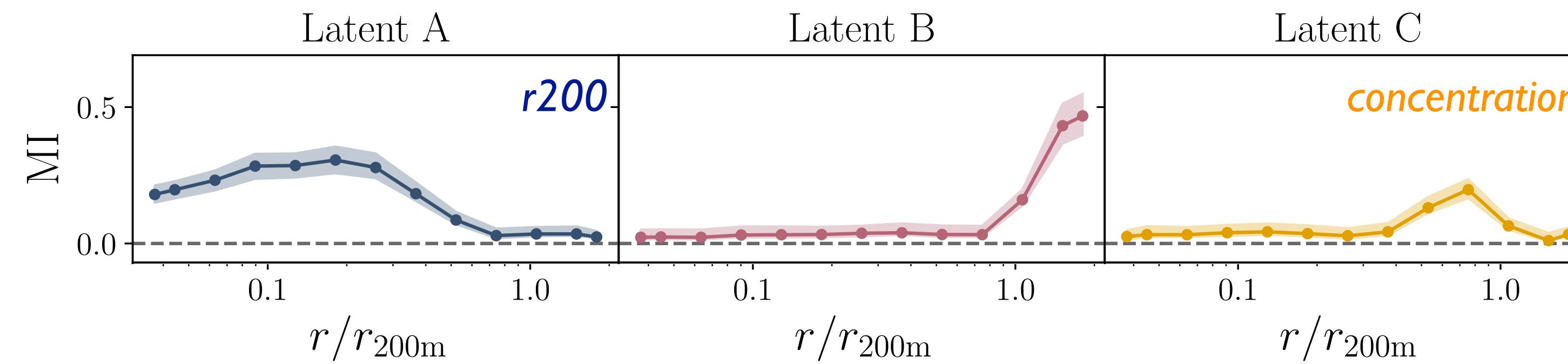
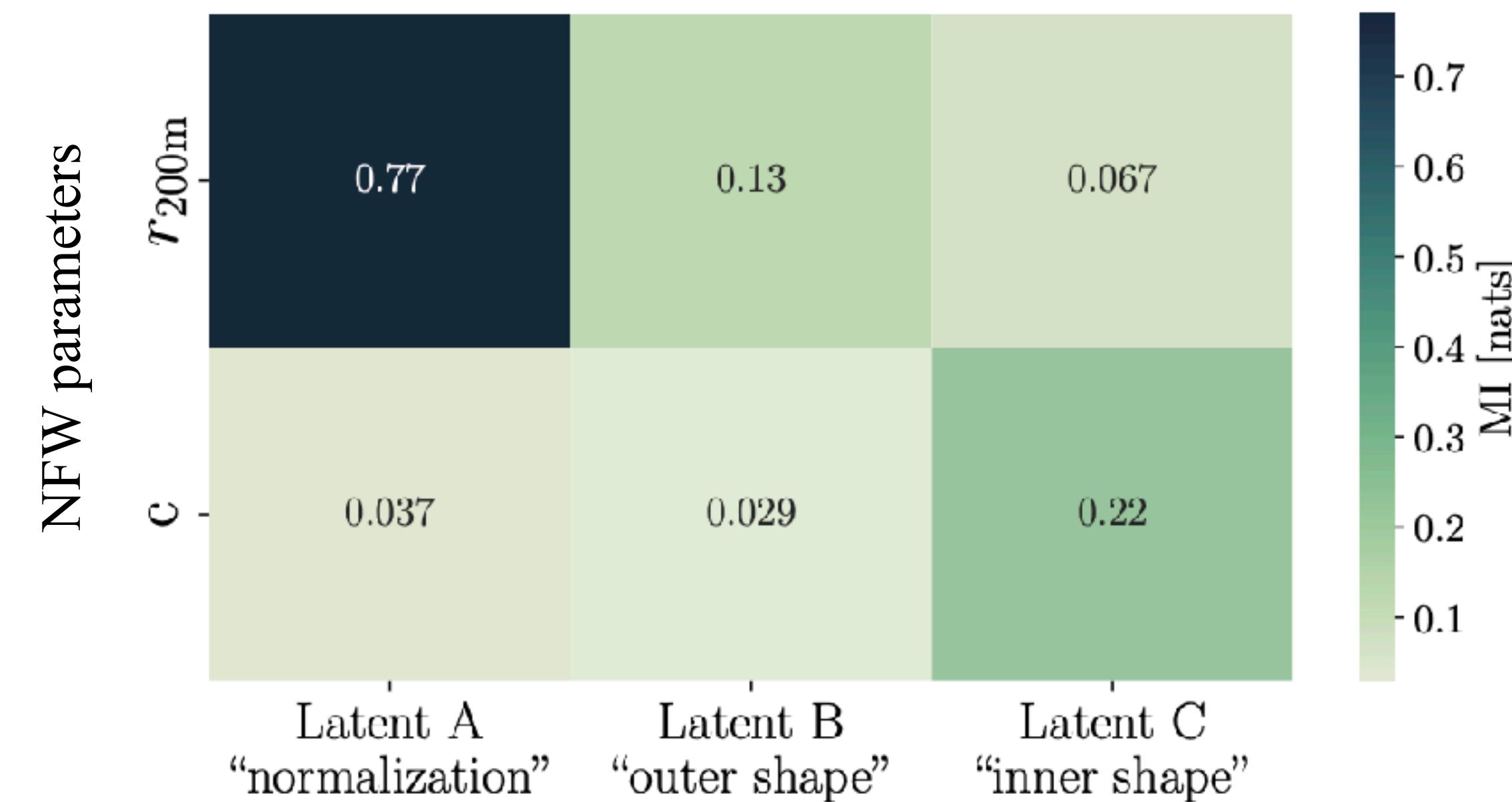


Explainability achieved by evaluating mutual information
between latents and ground truth density profile

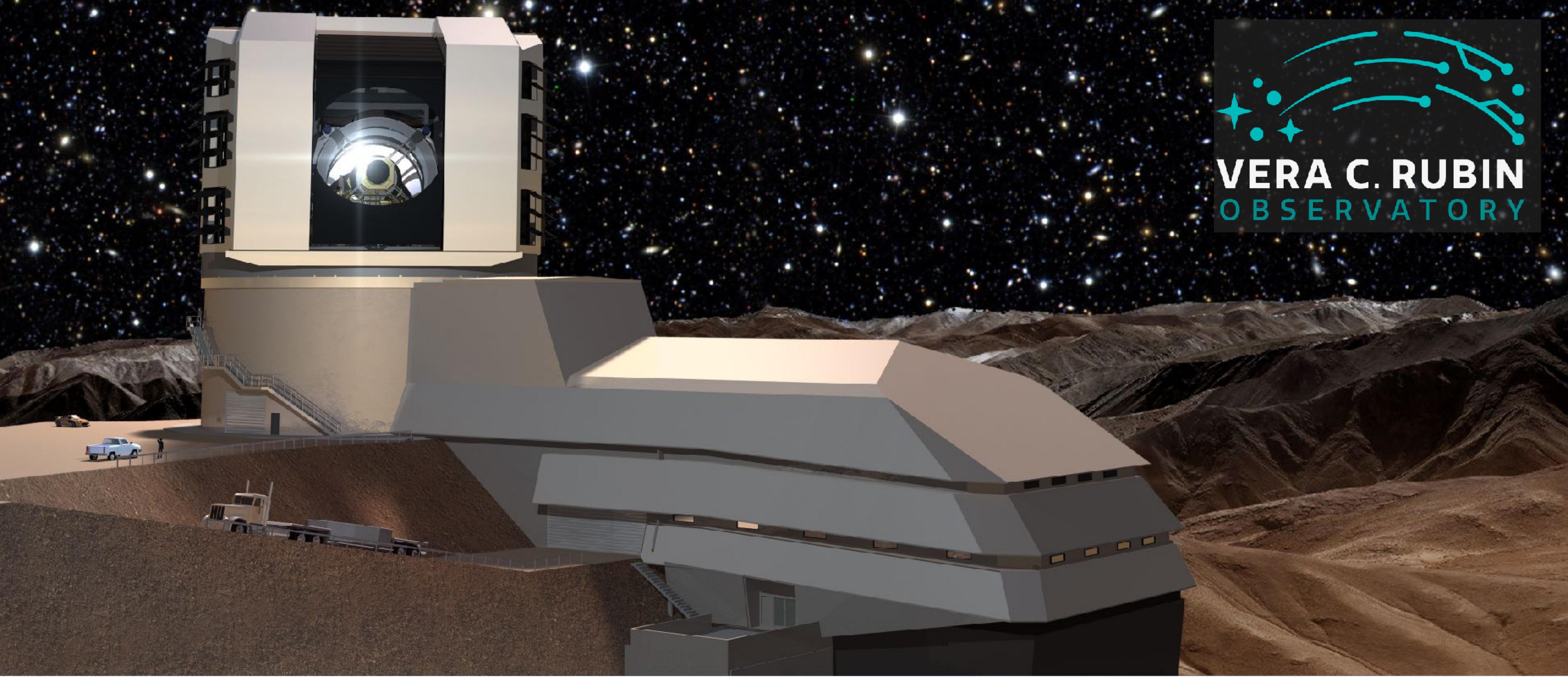
What has the machine learnt?



IVE re-discovers NFW parameters + additional “splashback” feature



IVE for model compression + mutual information for interpretability enabled ML-driven discoveries

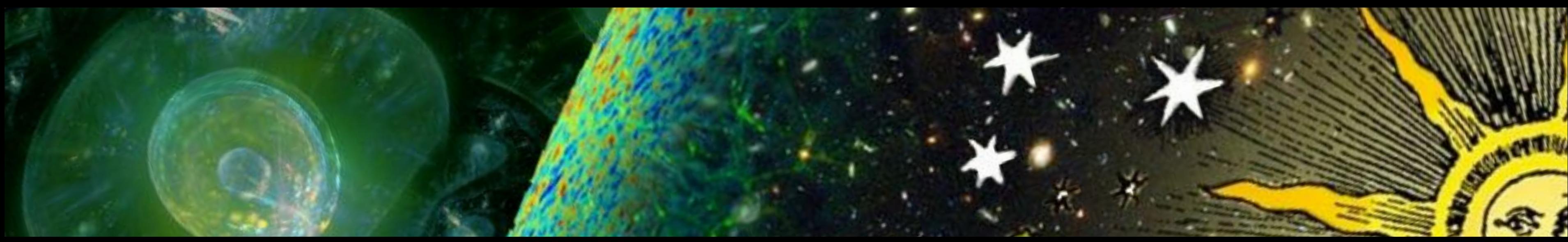


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