



Cosmological Challenges for Artificial Intelligence

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To see a world in a grain of sand: Cosmological Scales

Image: Voyager 1; NASA/JPL-Caltech 
See also: Carl Sagan: *Pale Blue Dot*

To see a world in a grain of sand: Cosmological Scales

Reality

Model

10^7m

10^{-6}m



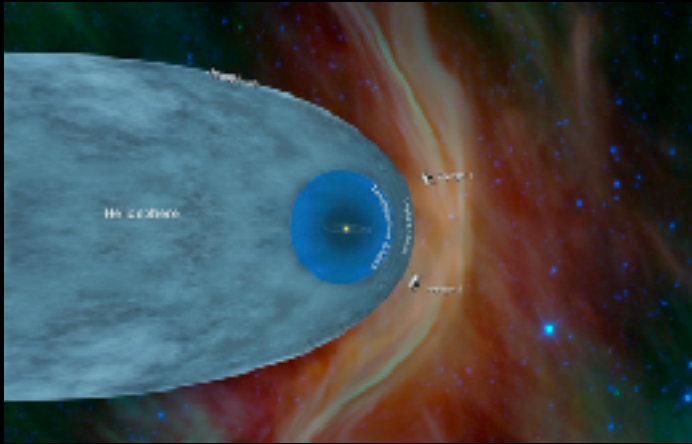
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To see a world in a grain of sand: Cosmological Skales

Reality

$2 \times 10^{13} \text{m}$



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Model

$2 \times 10^0 \text{m}$



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10^{20}m

10^7m



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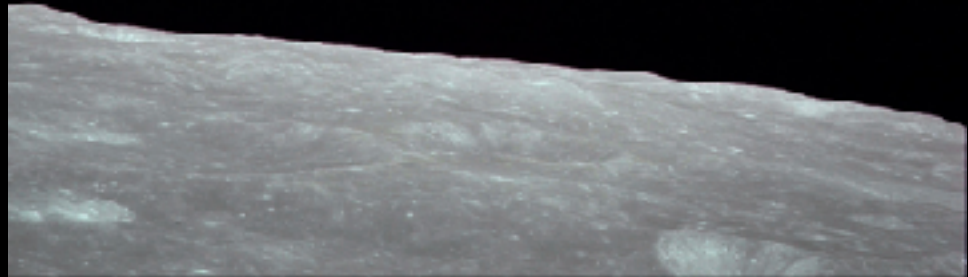
$5 \times 10^{21} \text{m}$



Model

$5 \times 10^8 \text{m}$

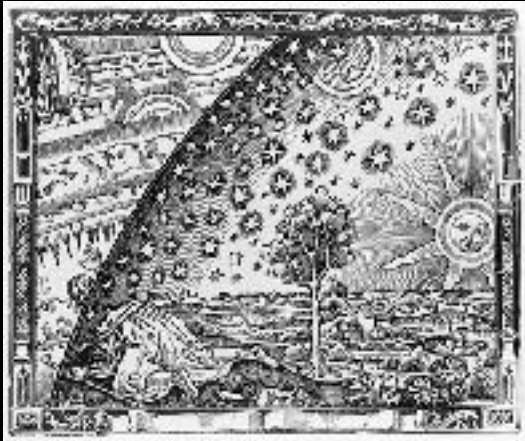
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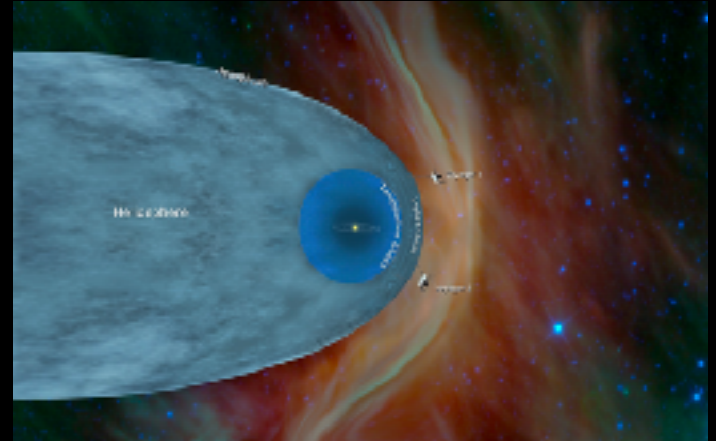
few $\times 10^{26}$ m



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Model

2×10^{13} m



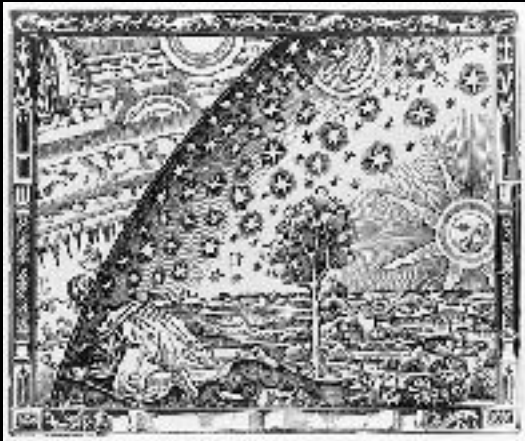
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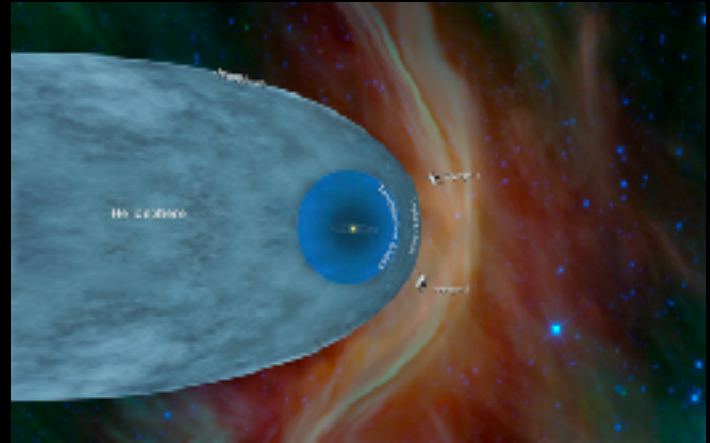


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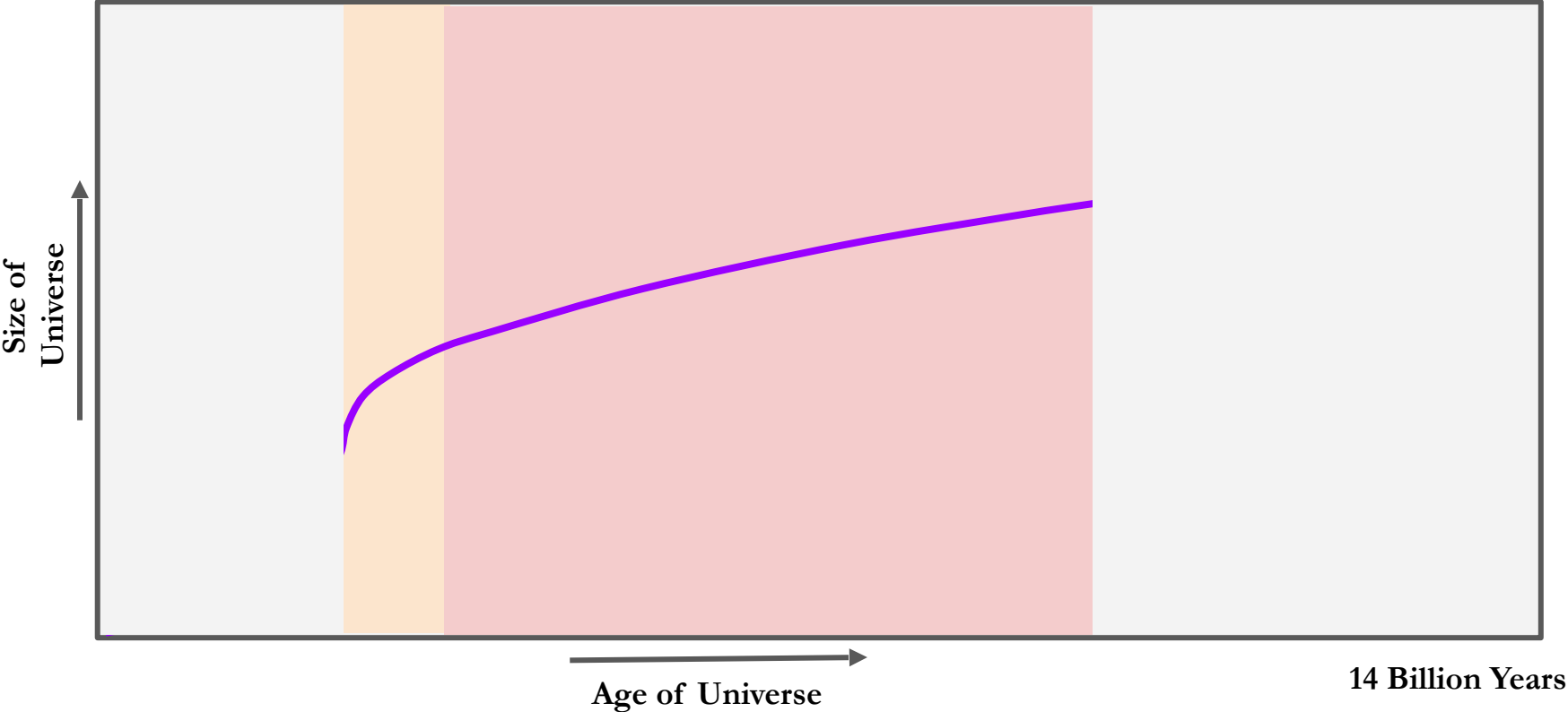
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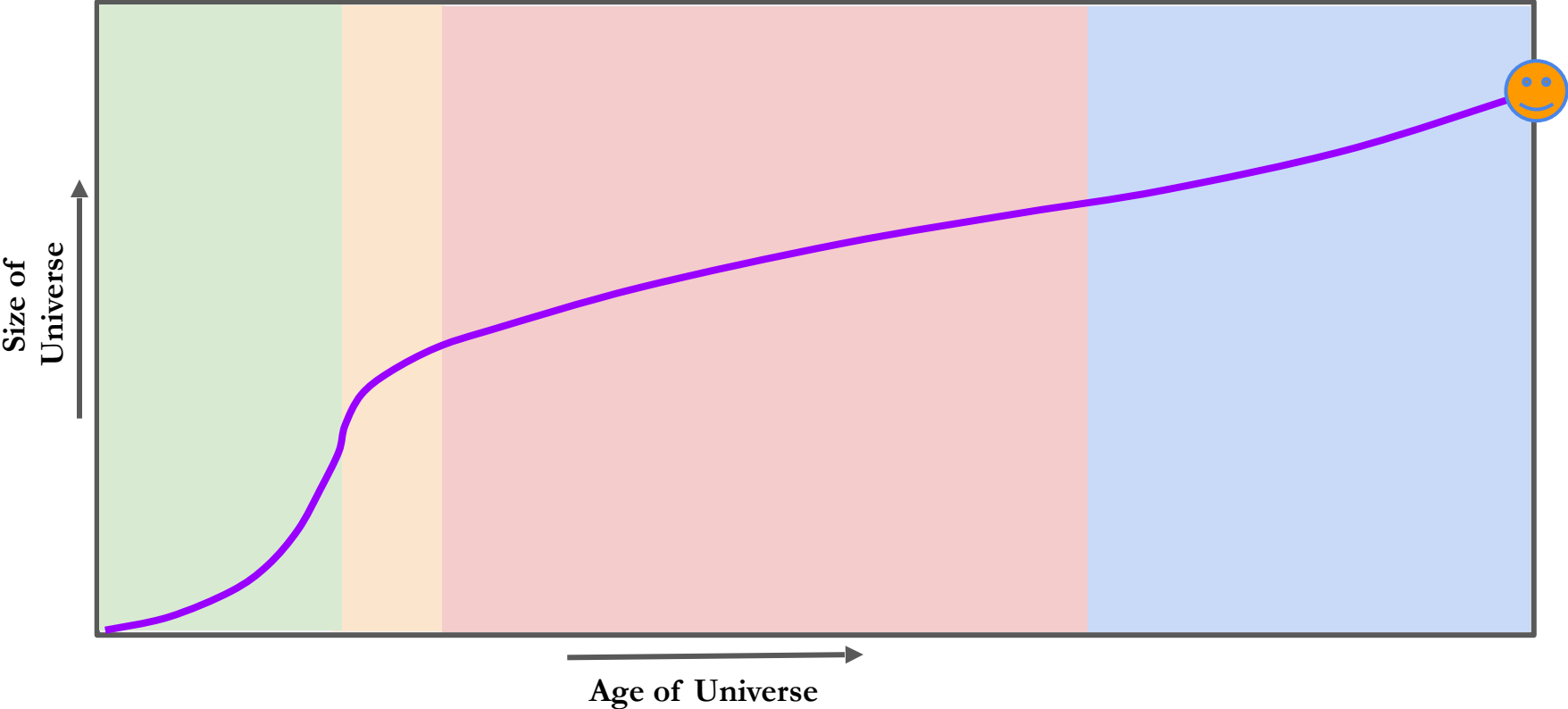
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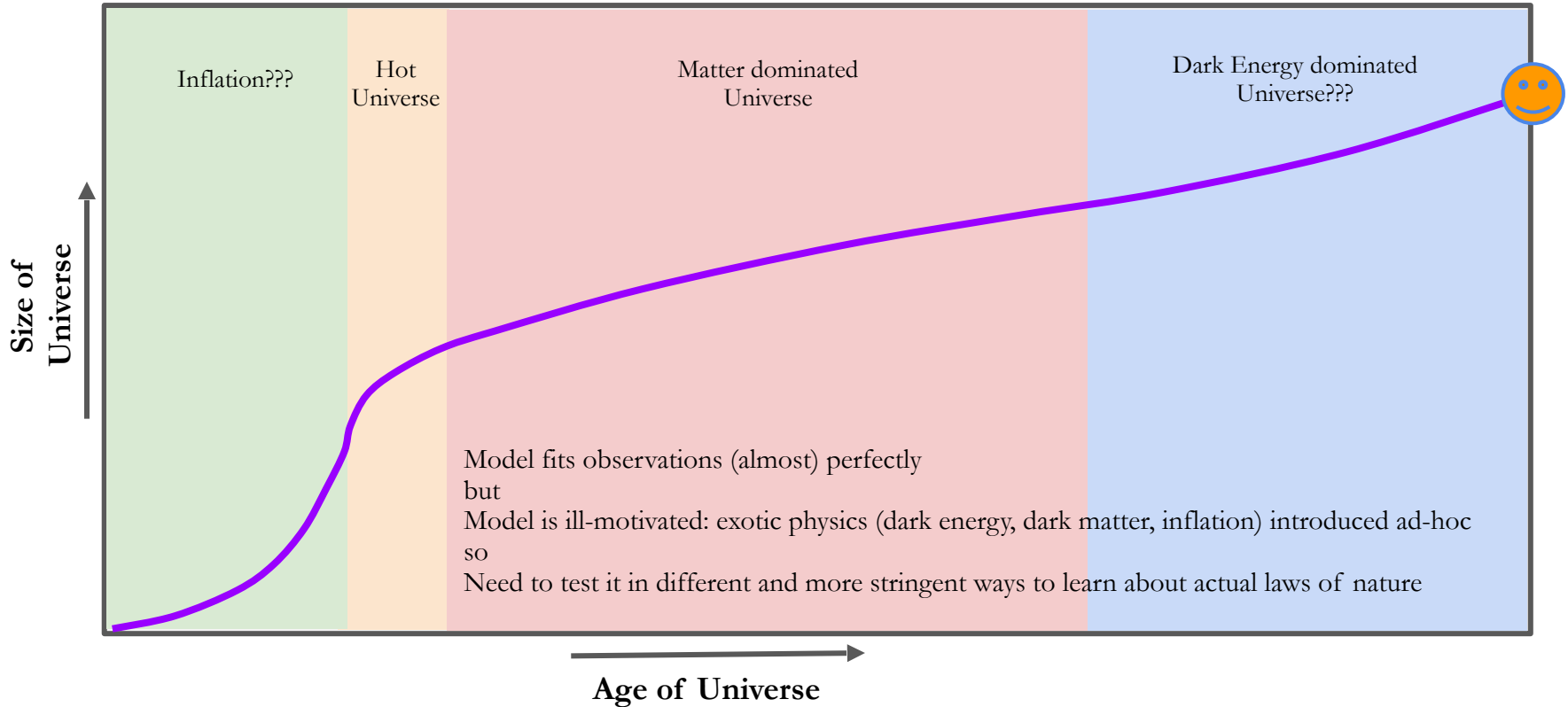
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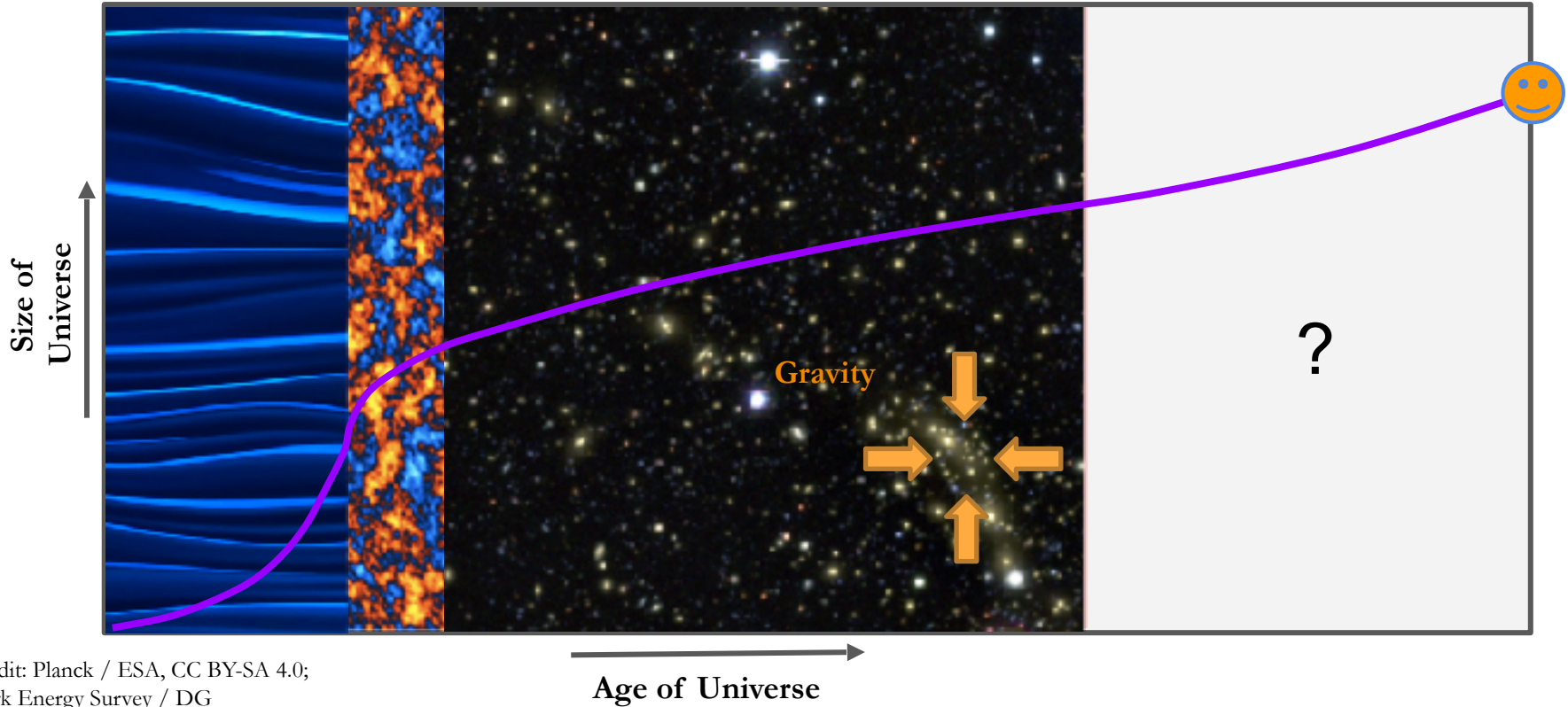
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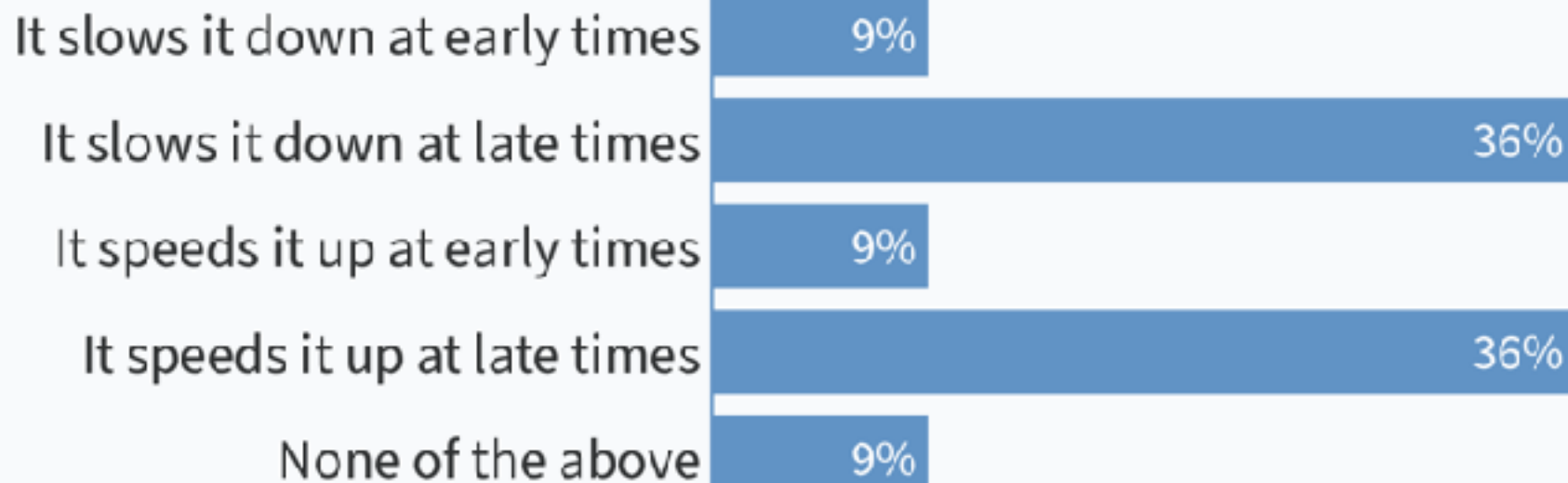
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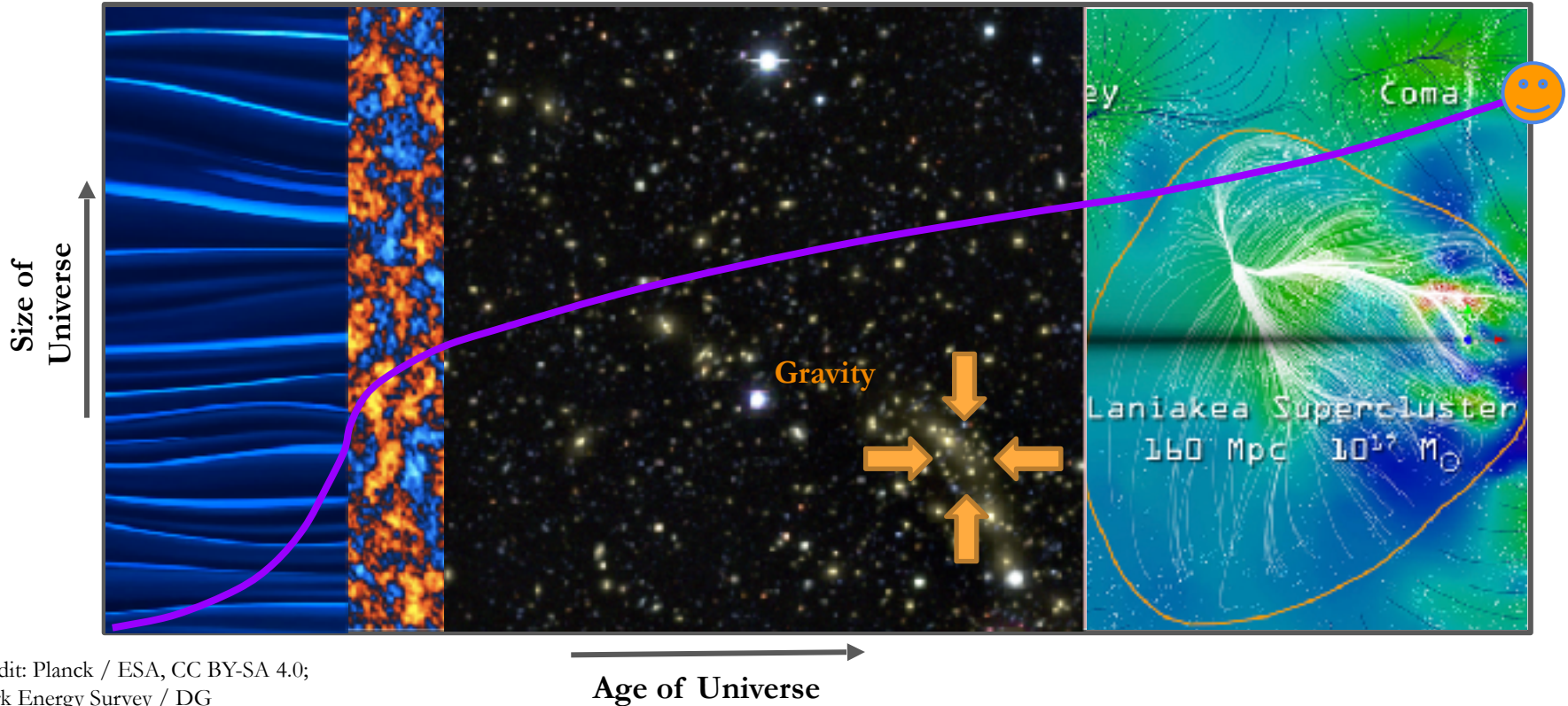
How does Dark Energy impact the formation of structure?



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The story of the Universe as told by the growth of structure



What we know

- What is the "Dark Matter" that enables the growth of structures by its gravitational attraction?
- What is the "Dark Energy" that accelerates the expansion of the Universe in recent times?
- What caused the exponential expansion of the Universe at its very beginning?

What we don't know

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We do not know what Dark Energy, Dark Matter, and cosmic inflation "are".
Very simple, featureless equations describe all current observations well.
Clues of their true nature must lie in the detail!

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The search for a small cosmological smoking gun & technological progress leads to an exponential increase in astronomical survey data taking

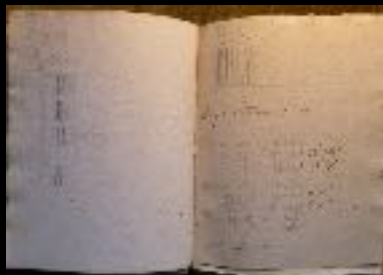


Fraunhofer Refractor, LMU (around 1900)



Dark Energy Survey (2012-2019) and Very Rubin Observatory / LSST (2023-2033), Cerro Tololo / Cerro Pachon, Chile

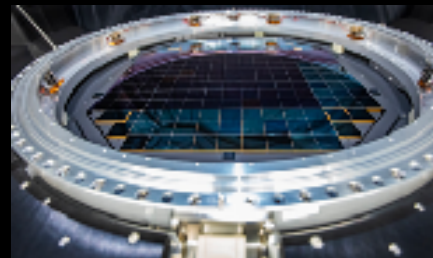
500 PB...



Recording stellar spectra, old school Lamont (1836)



Development of telescope and camera technology



LSST: 3200 MPix camera, 40 full moons at once



DESI: 5000 robotic fibers

Credit: Jacqueline Ramseyer Orrell / SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory; DESI Collaboration

Breakout discussion

- Form a group of 3-4 people around you.
- Briefly introduce yourselves in the group if you hadn't met before.
- In which ways are the needs of observational cosmology *similar* to other areas where the application of artificial intelligence has been successful? Find at least two and write them down!
- In which ways are the needs of observational cosmology *different* to other areas where the application of artificial intelligence has been successful? Find at least two and write them down!
- How do you think these similarities or differences manifest in the ways network architectures are chosen, and networks are trained and used in the different fields?

In which ways are cosmological analyses similar to other AI applications?

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Textbook AI problem: image classification

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- Goal: High purity and completeness of selected sample
- Cost function: $(\text{estimate} - \text{truth})^2 \rightarrow \min$

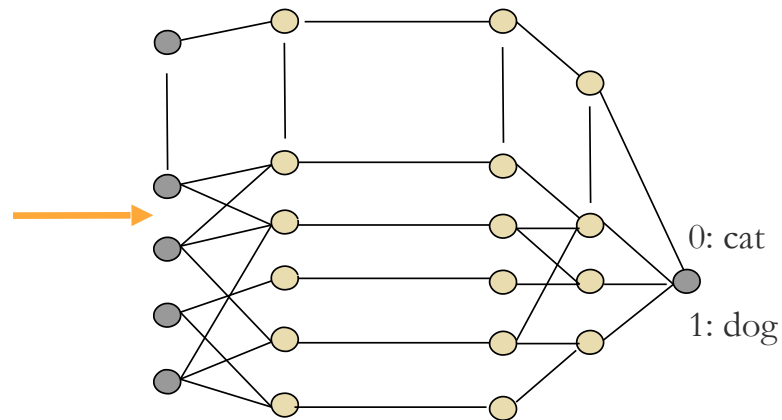
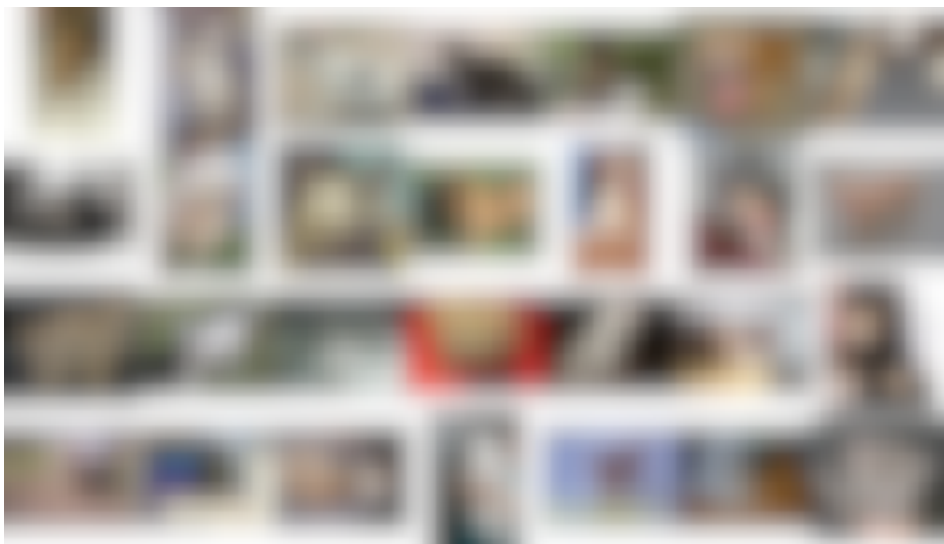


Image classification with ambiguous information

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0: cat

1: dog

best answer might be: 0.5

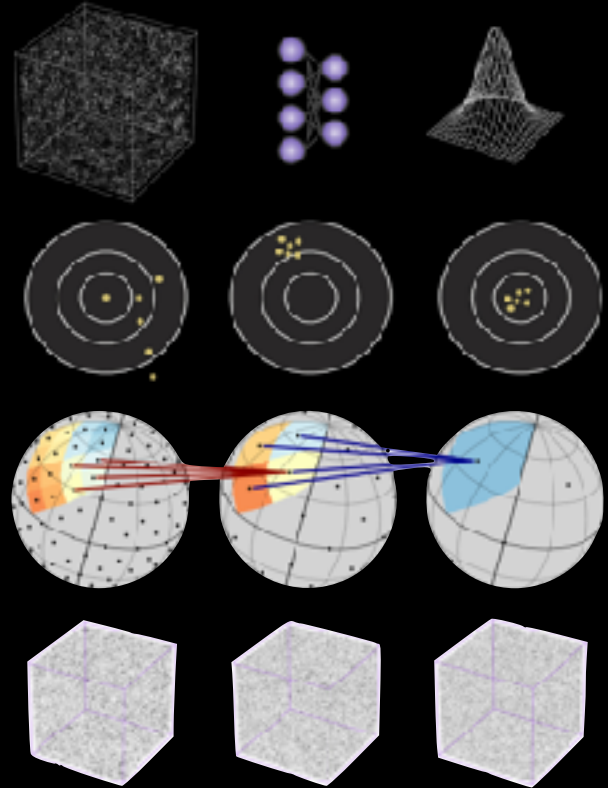


Cosmological model test: Is this an equal mix of cats and dogs?

Bilder: chetanimravan / kaggle 

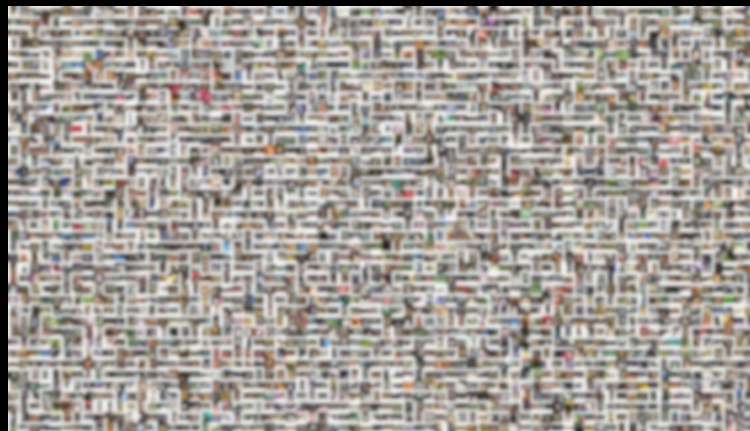
Observational cosmology needs better algorithms

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 - emulation of expensive algorithms with AI
- **Data have to be used for *accurate* measurements (not just *precise* measurements)**
 - specialized AI architectures to minimize / detect bias
- **Data have to be used to test cosmological models as stringently and diversely as possible**
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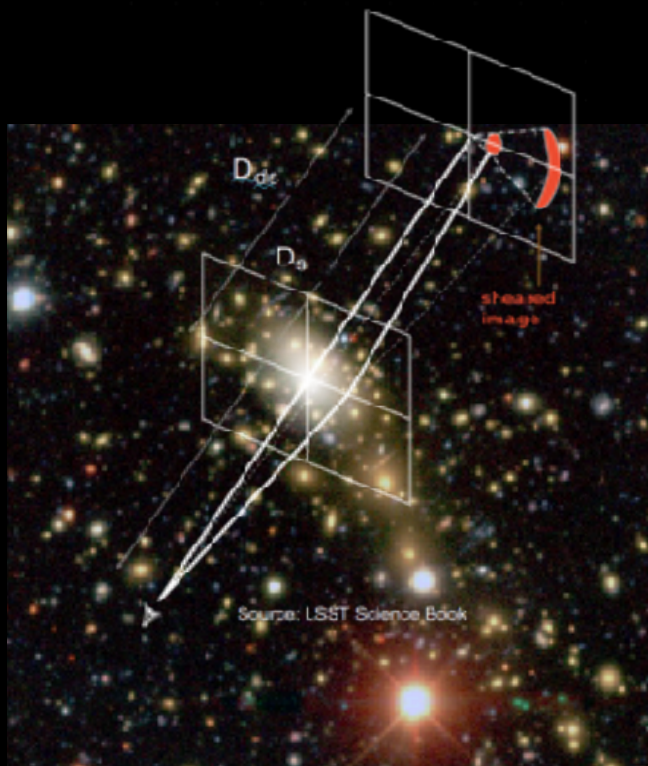


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Gravitational lensing is the direct connection from observed images to underlying (dark) matter overdensity

Tangential galaxy shapes \sim matter overdensity

$$\gamma_t(\theta) = \langle \kappa(\theta') \rangle_{\theta' < \theta} - \kappa(\theta)$$

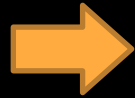
$$\kappa = \Sigma / \left[\frac{c^2}{4\pi G} \frac{D_s}{D_d D_{d_s}} \right]$$

Need to measure **shapes** + **distances** of $O(100 \text{ million})$ galaxies accurately

Accurate galaxy shape measurement for weak gravitational lensing analyses

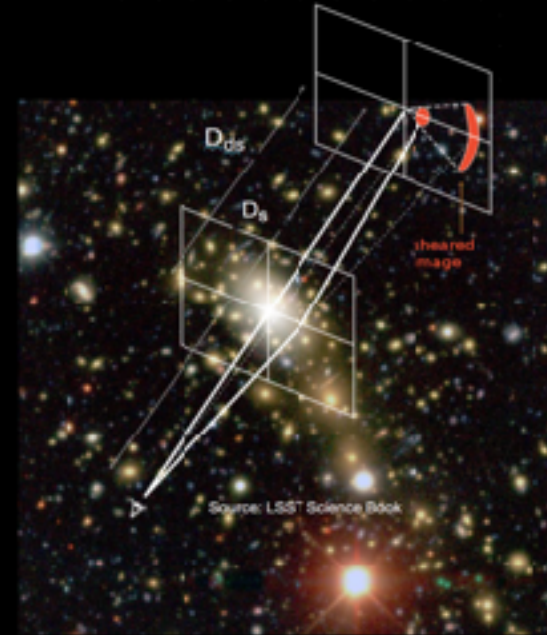


sky images with galaxies



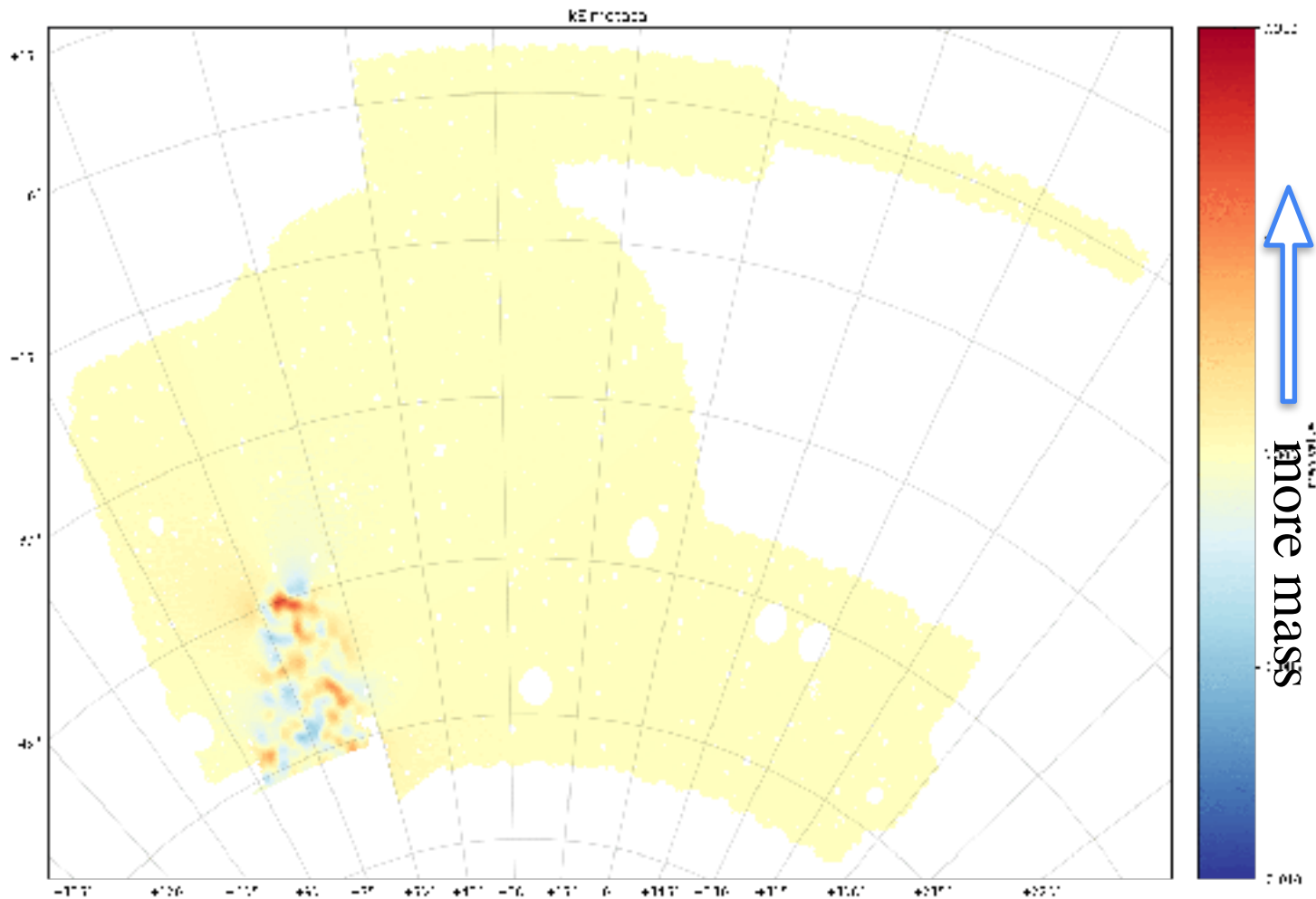
Position	Shape	Distance
...
...
...

catalog of galaxy shapes

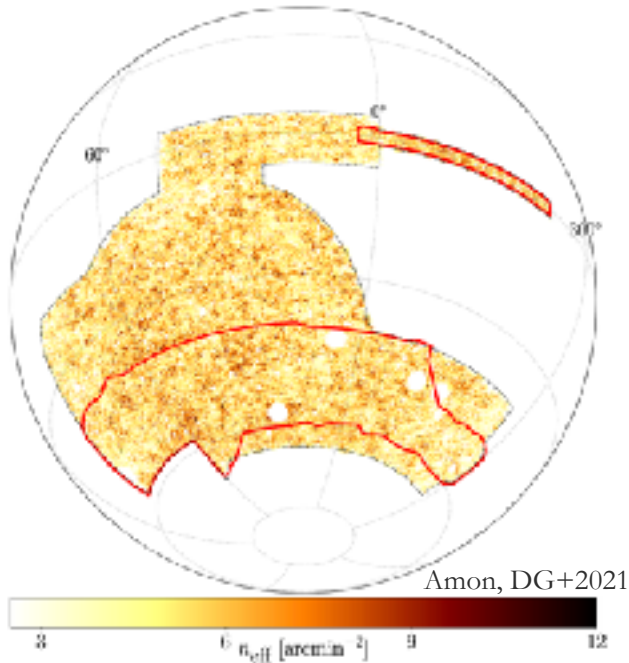


map of matter density

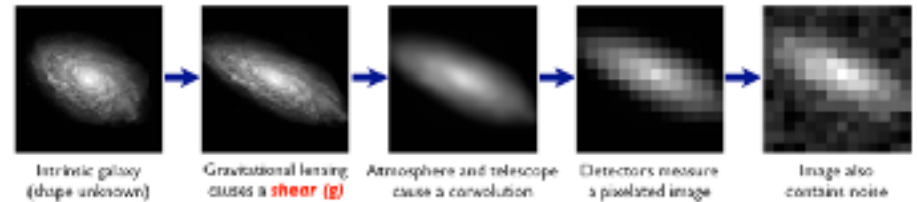
Dark Energy
Survey
Year 1-3
lensing-based
mass map



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100 million galaxies, soon billions

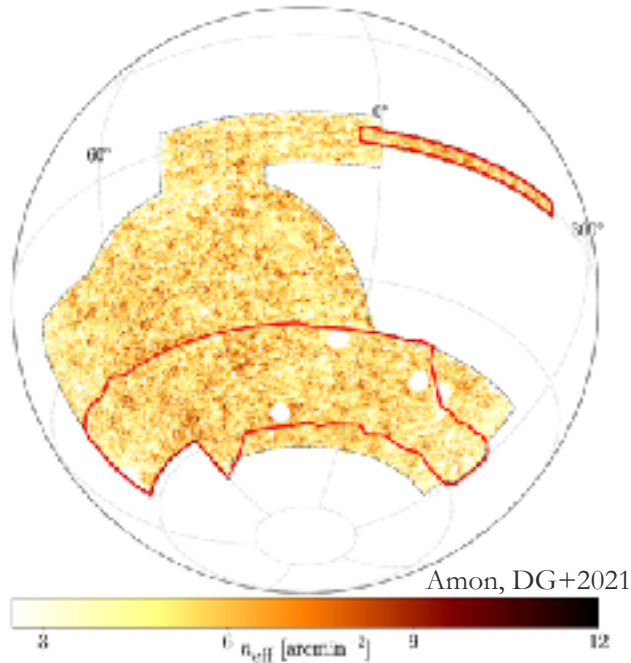


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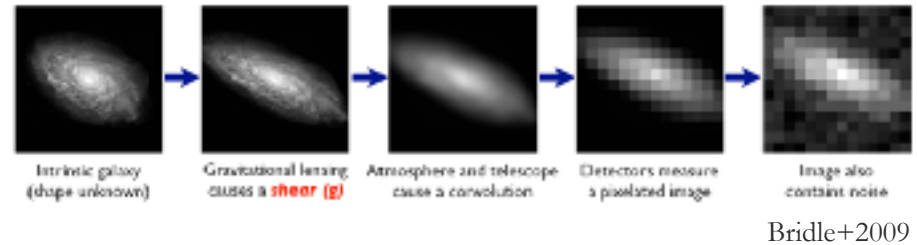
$$[\text{measured signal}] = (1 + m)[\text{true signal}]$$

need $|m| < 0.01$, soon < 0.002

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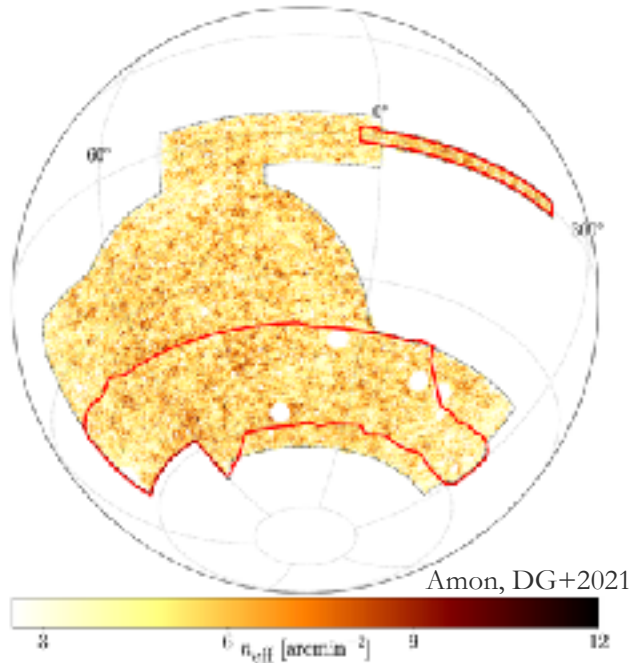
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Domain-specific AI approach: put m in the cost function (DG+2010; Tewes+2012; Pujol+2020)

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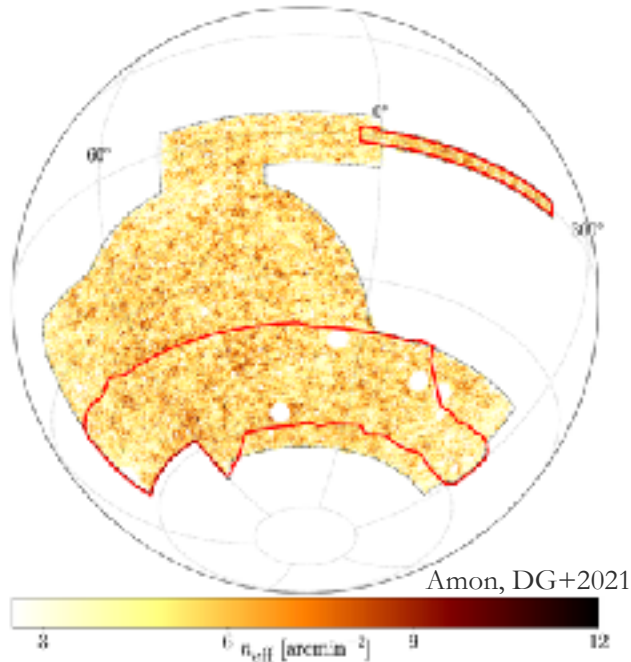
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Bad news!

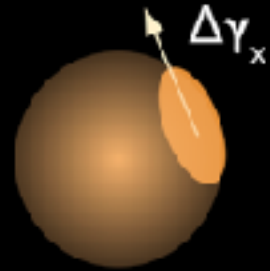
There is no isolated galaxy in the sky.

Shear calibration is really a calibration of the effective distance distribution of selected sources of light.

Instead of a 0-dimensional problem,
we have an infinite-dimensional problem.

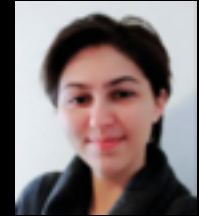


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Problem:

Galaxies overlap in the sky, causing systematic error in shape measurement



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Systematic error in shape measurement
depends on configuration of galaxies:

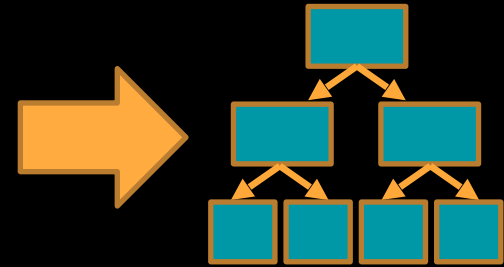


Positions, shapes, colors, sizes, light
profile of a galaxy and all its neighbors
in the sky; noise and resolution of
observational data, ...



The result of the systematic error for
weak lensing is that the "distance" of a
detected object is really a distribution
of distances of all the contributing
sources of light.

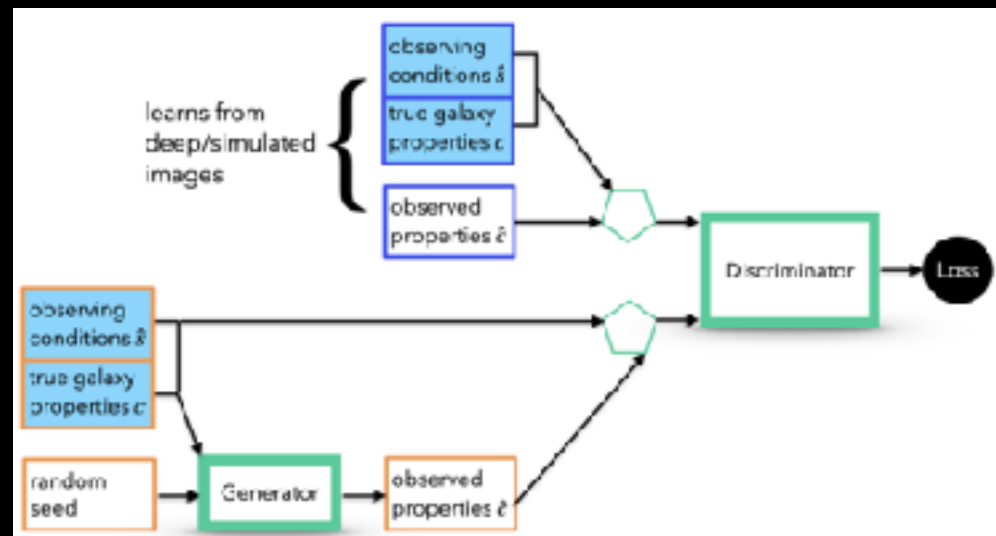
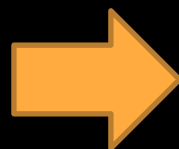
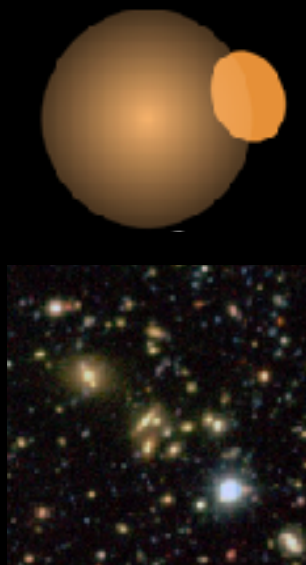
Brute-force approach would require
simulation of millions of images for
each configuration



Reduction of distinguishable
configurations with
modified decision tree that
utilizes linearity

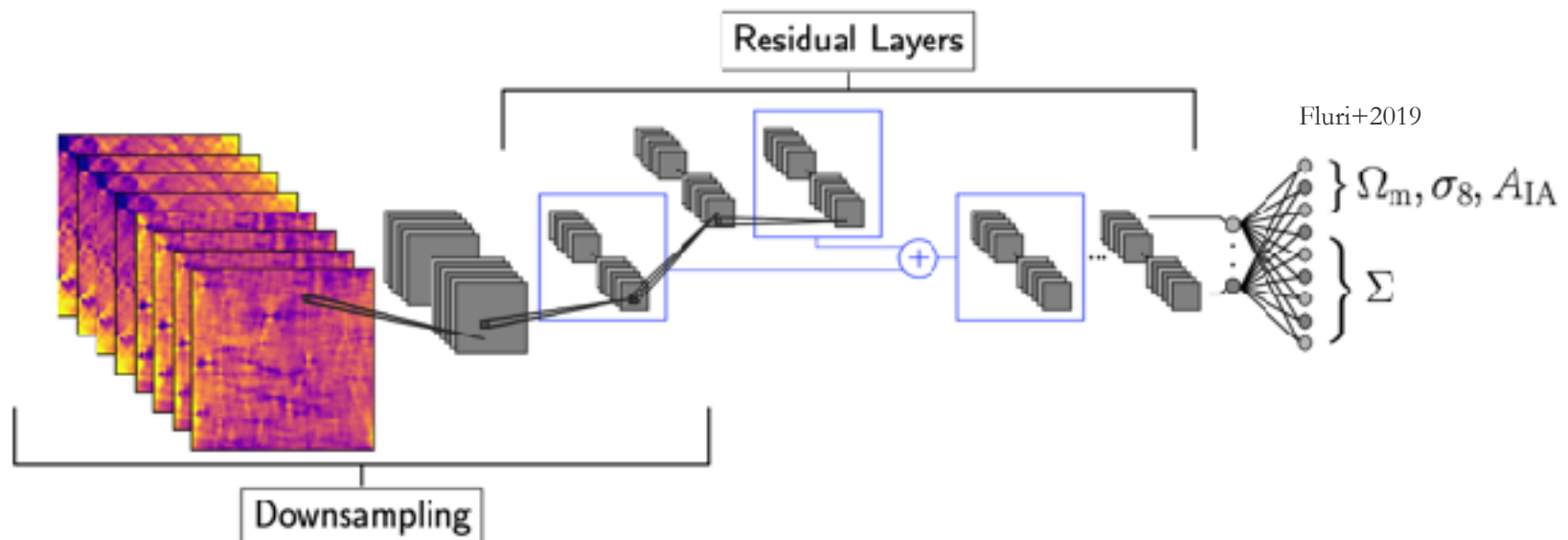


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Emulating image simulations

Deep learning insights from cosmic structure

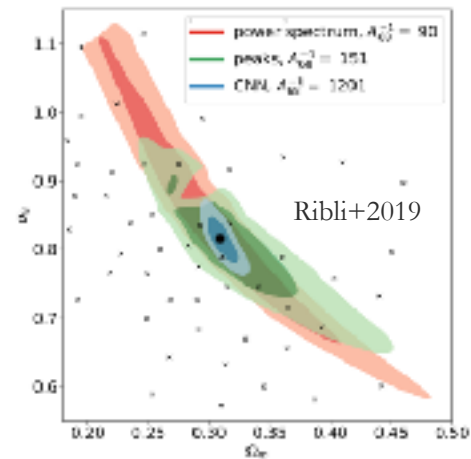
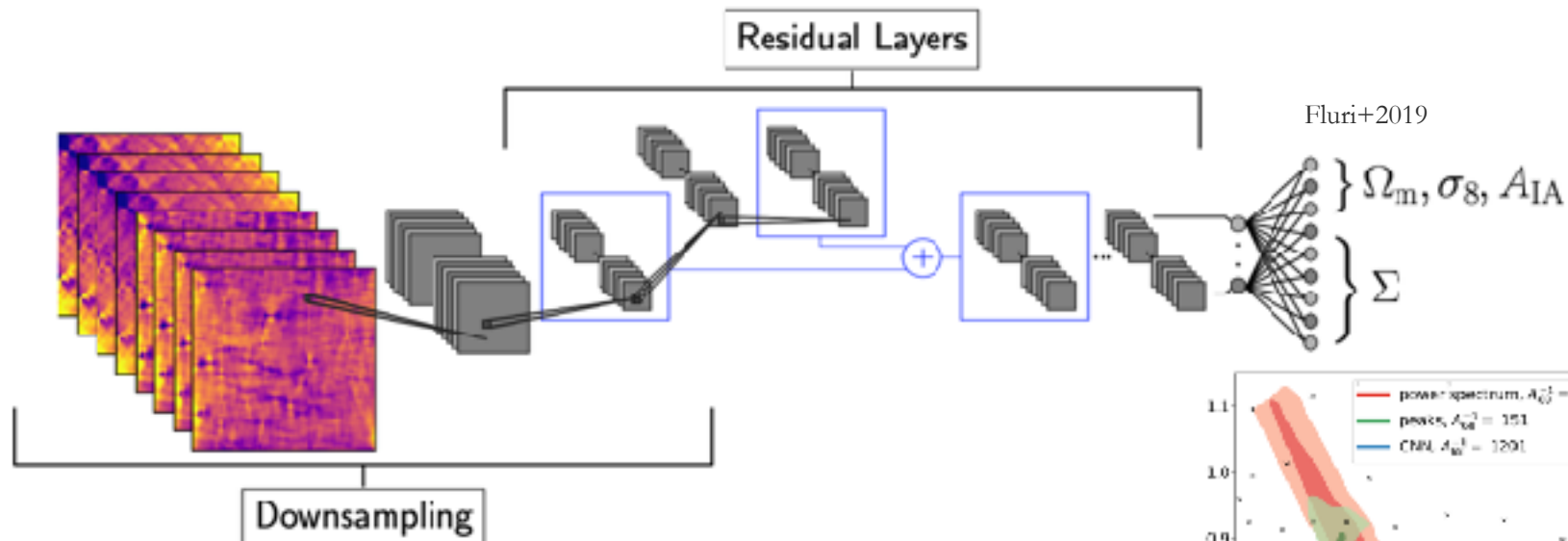


High dimensional data
(e.g. map of gravitational
lensing signal)

Compressed versions of data
that mostly preserve cosmological
information

Cosmological parameter and
covariance matrix estimates

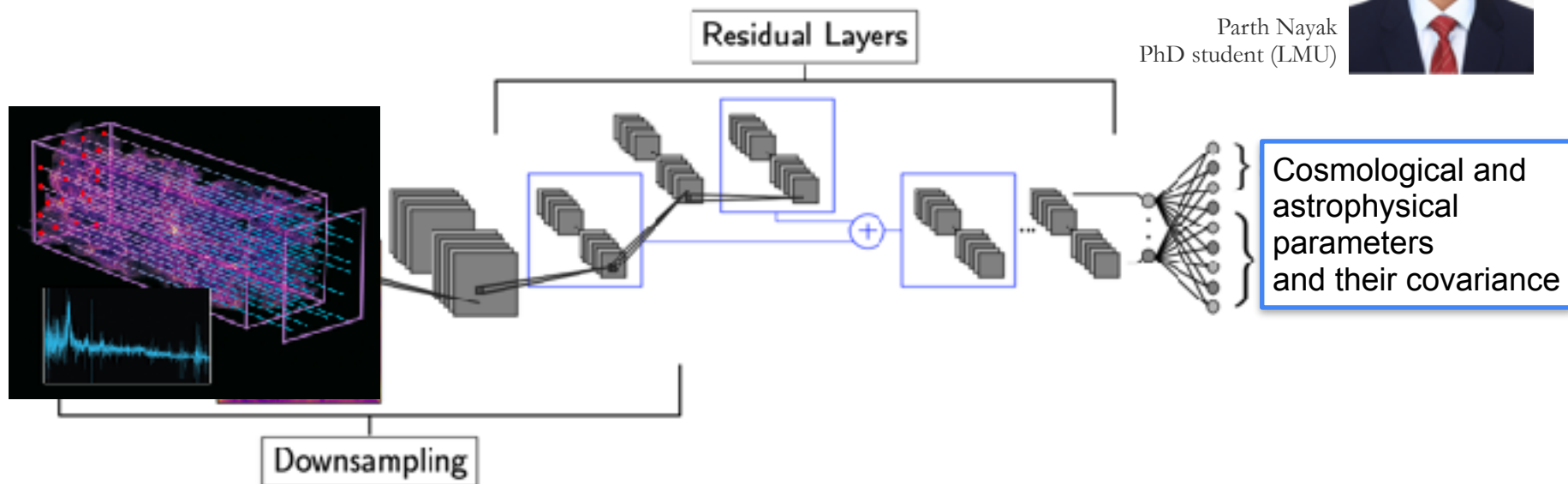
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Generative approach

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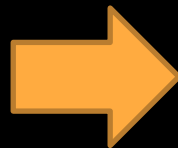
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cosmological simulations, symmetries of systems, description of measurement process, understanding of relevant properties



generative
AI

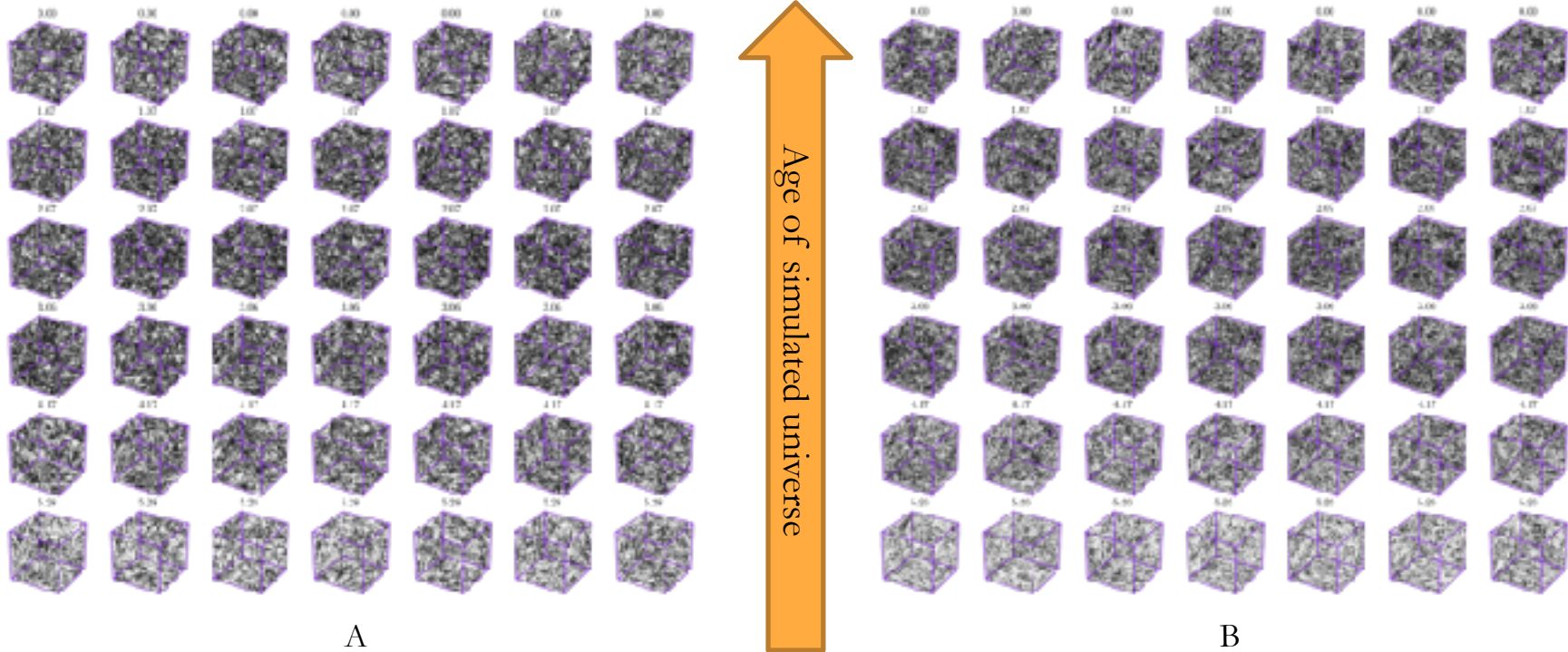


fast synthetic complex data that represents samples of astrophysical systems with known underlying "true" properties

Generative approach for cosmic density fields



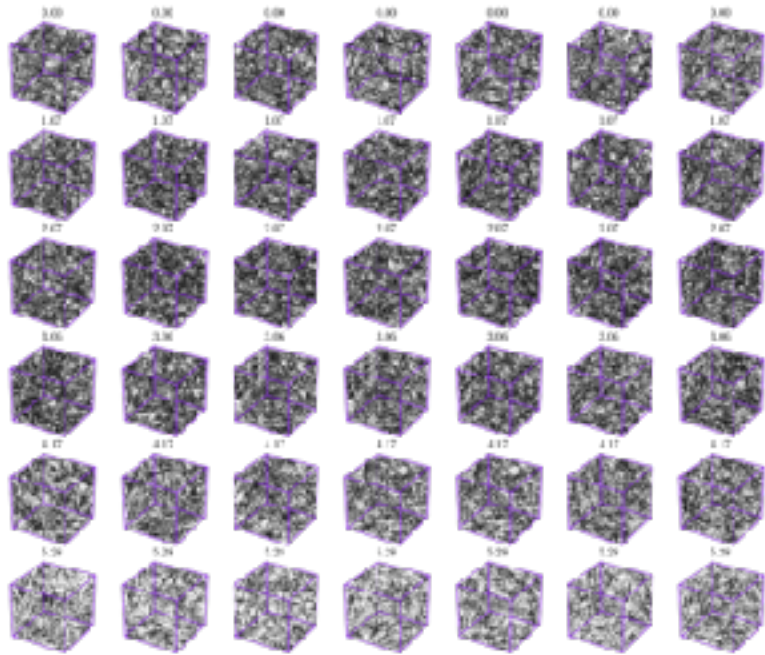
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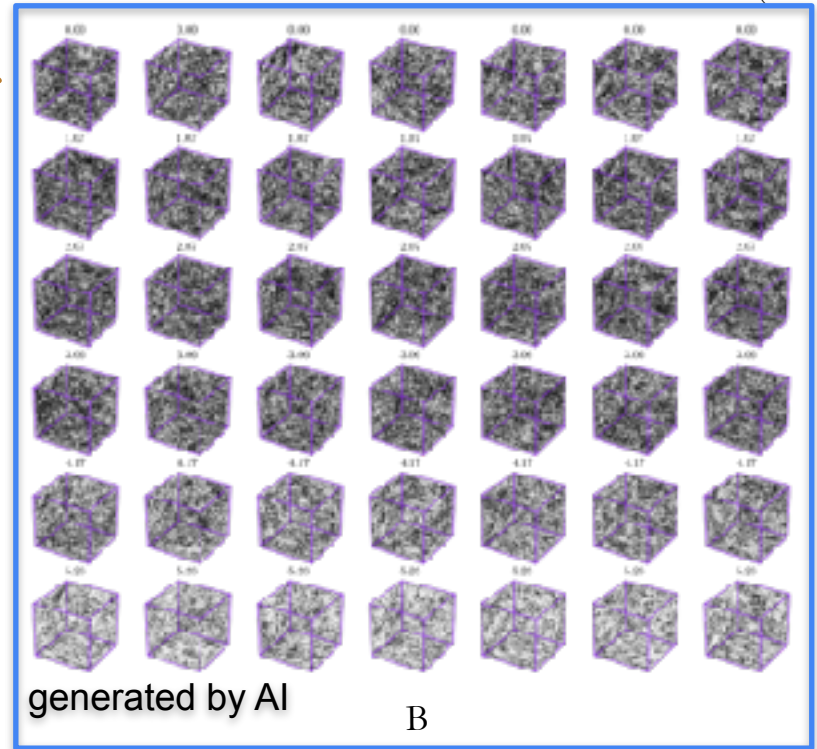
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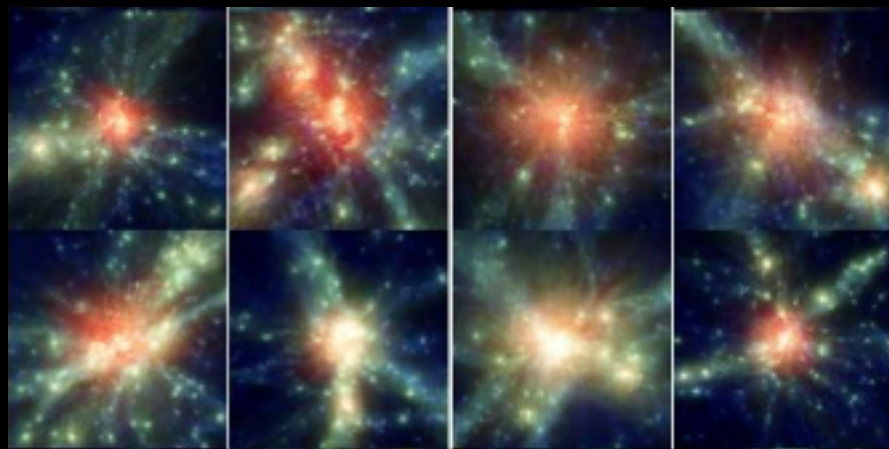
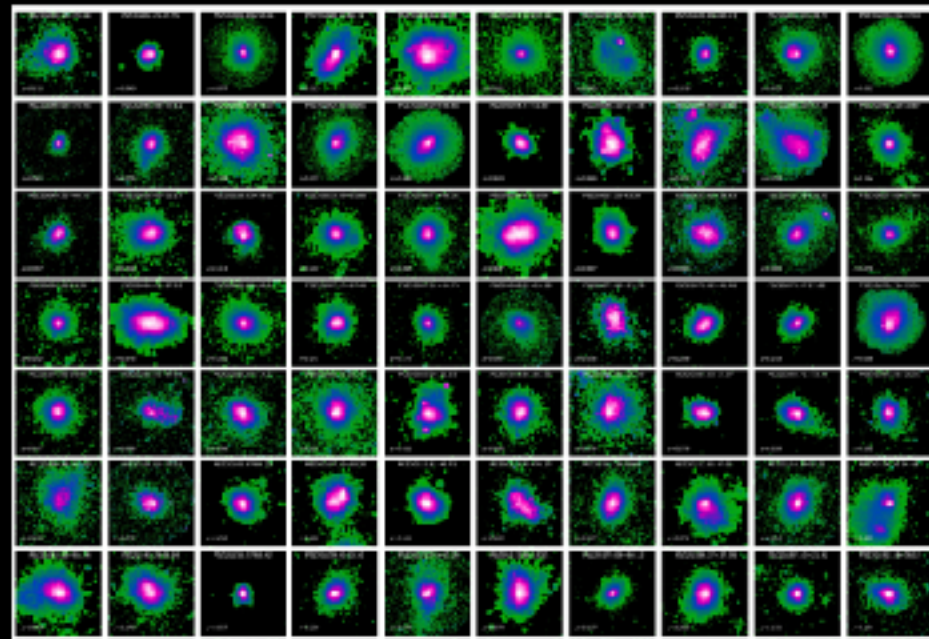
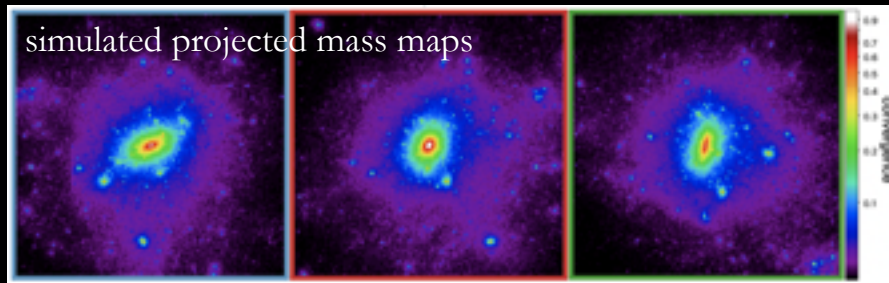


generated by AI

B

Galaxy clusters are very complex objects

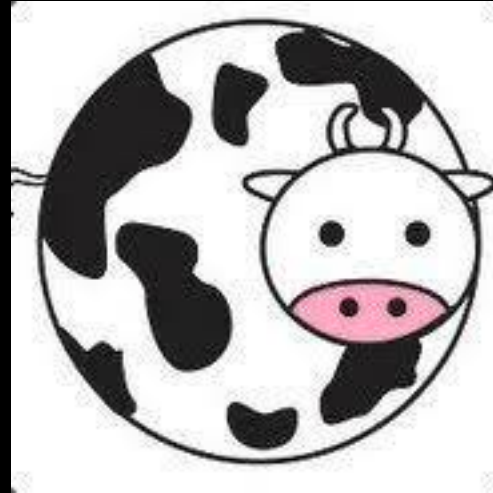
observed X-ray emission
from hot cluster gas



Clusters in simulations of matter, gas and stars

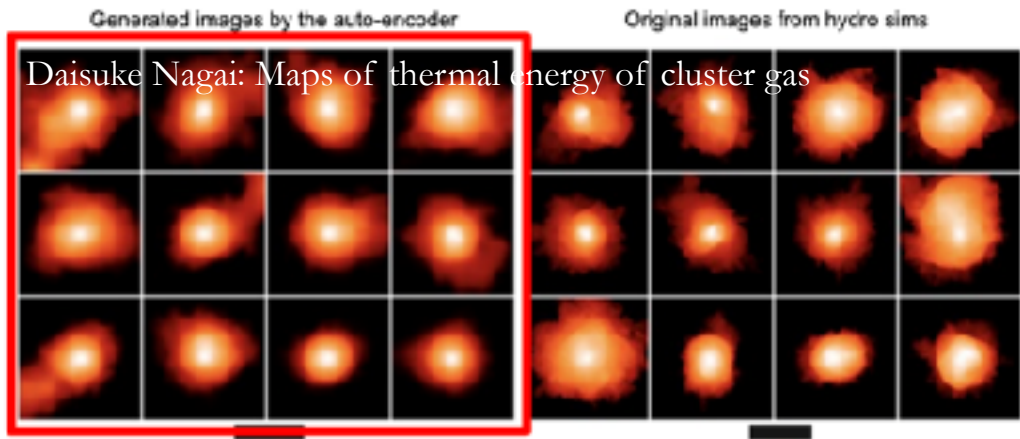
We usually describe galaxy clusters by very few features

Total mass
Distance
Total mass of gas
...

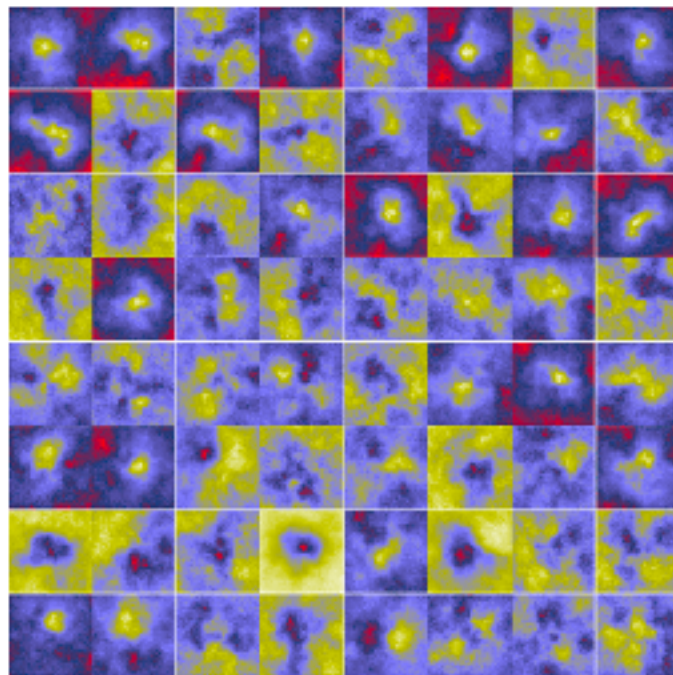


Why? It is not possible to "write down" a model for these that is complete.

Generative approach for galaxy clusters



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+ Sven Krippendorf (LMU),
+ Jakob Knollmueller (ORIGINS)



Jed Homer:
Maps of motions of cluster gas
(kinetic SZ effect)

Suspension of disbelief

For a minute, imagine:

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Stable Diffusion (LMU Machine Vision & Learning Group) conditioned on 'dragonfruit hedgehogs'

Bayesianism and Generative Models



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arXiv:2001.11031

$$\mathcal{P}(\theta | d) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(d | \theta) \mathcal{P}(\theta)}{\mathcal{P}(d)}$$

- d : data at hand
- θ : model, parameters
- $\mathcal{P}(d | \theta)$: probability for a measurement to produce d if model/parameters are θ
- $\mathcal{P}(\theta)$: prior knowledge of model / parameters

Bayesianism and Galaxy Clusters: the old way

$$\mathcal{P}(\theta | d) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(d | \theta) \mathcal{P}(\theta)}{\mathcal{P}(d)}$$

- d : richness, velocity dispersion, X-ray flux, Compton y [lossy compression]
- θ : cluster mass and z [definitely incomplete, not even sure where to continue]
- $\mathcal{P}(d|\theta)$: scaling relations with scatter / bias and measurement error [few-D]
- $\mathcal{P}(\theta)$: prior of cluster mass from cosmology / mass function emulator

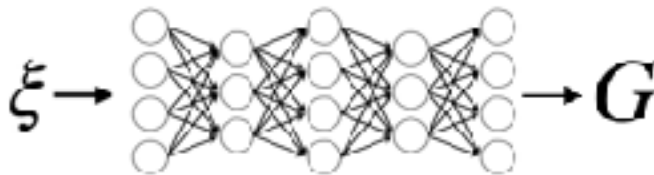
Breakout exercise: Generative models in Bayesian Inference

- Form a group of 3-4 people around you.
- Briefly introduce yourselves in the group if you hadn't met before.
- Recall the expression for a Bayesian posterior

$$\mathcal{P}(\theta | d) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(d | \theta) \mathcal{P}(\theta)}{\mathcal{P}(d)}$$

- How would you write / evaluate the posterior if you had some map-like data d and a generative model $G(\xi = [\theta, \phi])$ that is conditioned on physical parameters θ and random (noise) inputs ϕ ?

Bayesianism and Generative Models

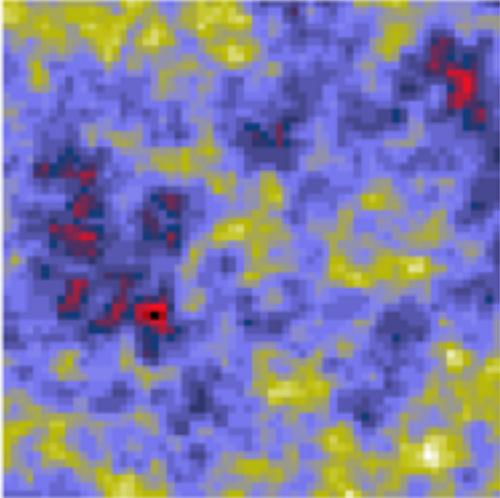
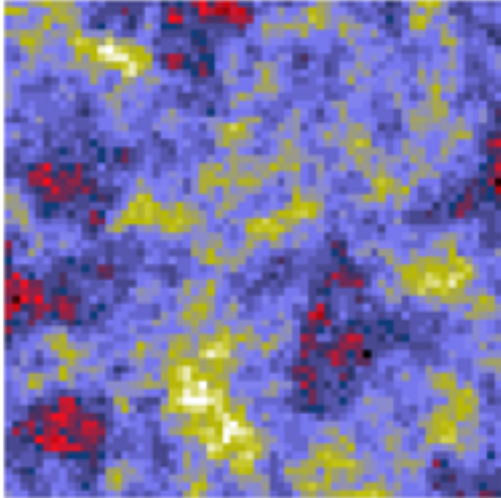

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- d : positions, redshifts, shapes of galaxies, maps of X-ray photons, CMB, radio...
- ξ : any cluster parameters whose PDF you can predict, and random numbers
- $\mathcal{P}(d|G)$: probability for the measurement to produce d if cluster is G
- $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$: prior of cluster parameters and random numbers
- G : generated cluster including all you need to evaluate the likelihood of d

Bayesianism and Generative Models

observed projected
density field

generative model
evaluated along a
trajectory in latent space



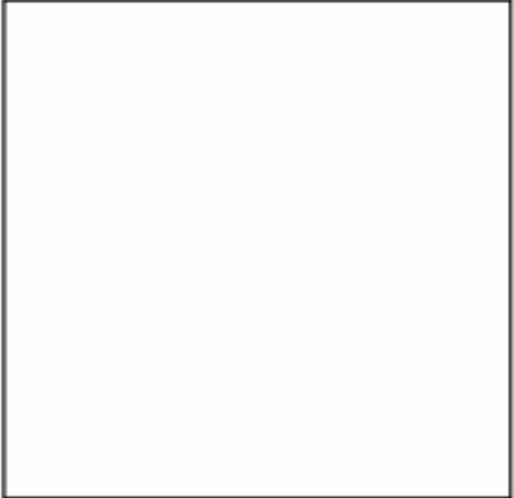
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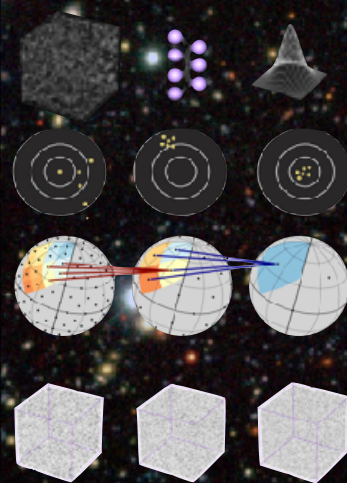
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Cosmology with AI support

- Challenge: measuring small, unexpected signals in big data
- Artificial intelligence can:
 - Enable otherwise infeasibly slow analyses
 - Match statistics of the problem
 - Learn which features of data are informative
 - Build models for complex families of objects that couldn't be characterized sufficiently well by a human
- We are on the verge of cosmological analyses being impossible without the use of such AI!



Questions?

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