

# Hunting small dark matter halos in strongly lensed images with backpropagation



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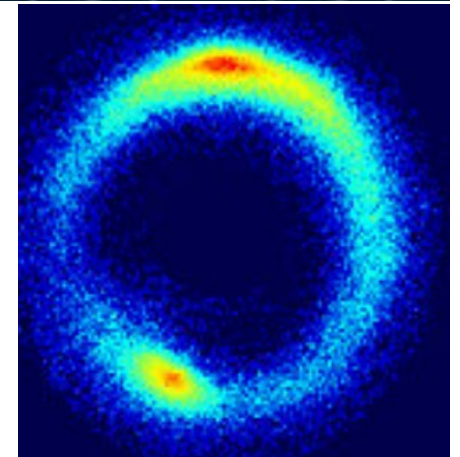
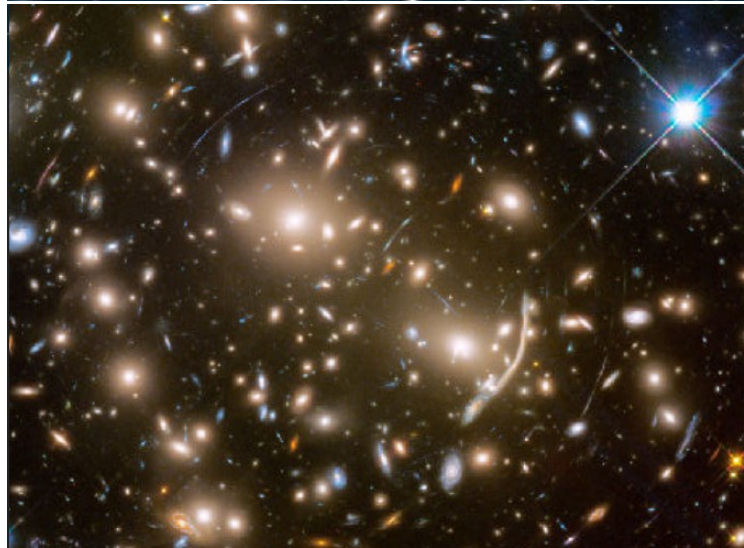
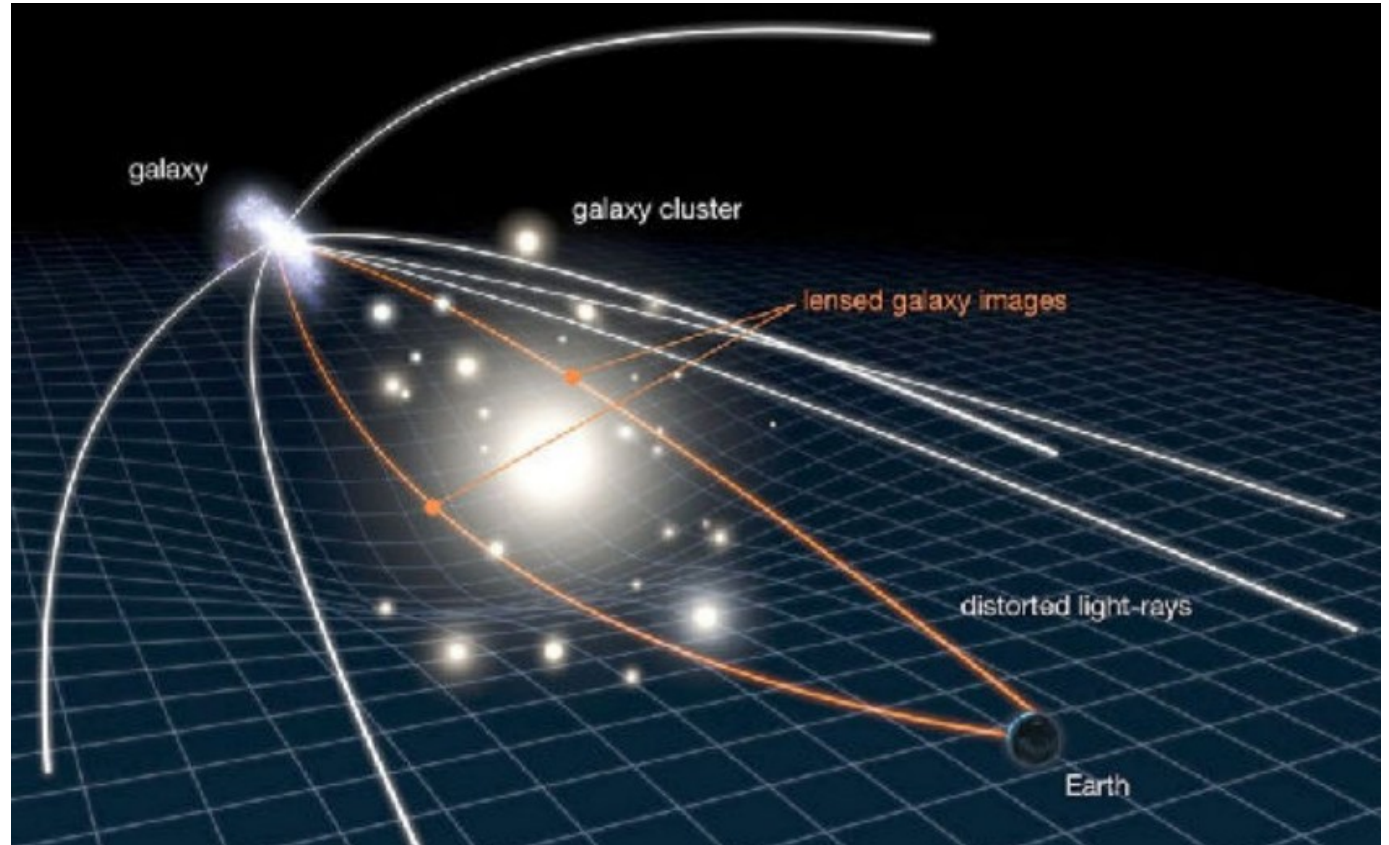
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# Outline

- Motivation
- What are deep neural networks?
- What can one do with auto-grad?
- Using deep neural networks for strong lensing image analysis

# Strong gravitational lensing

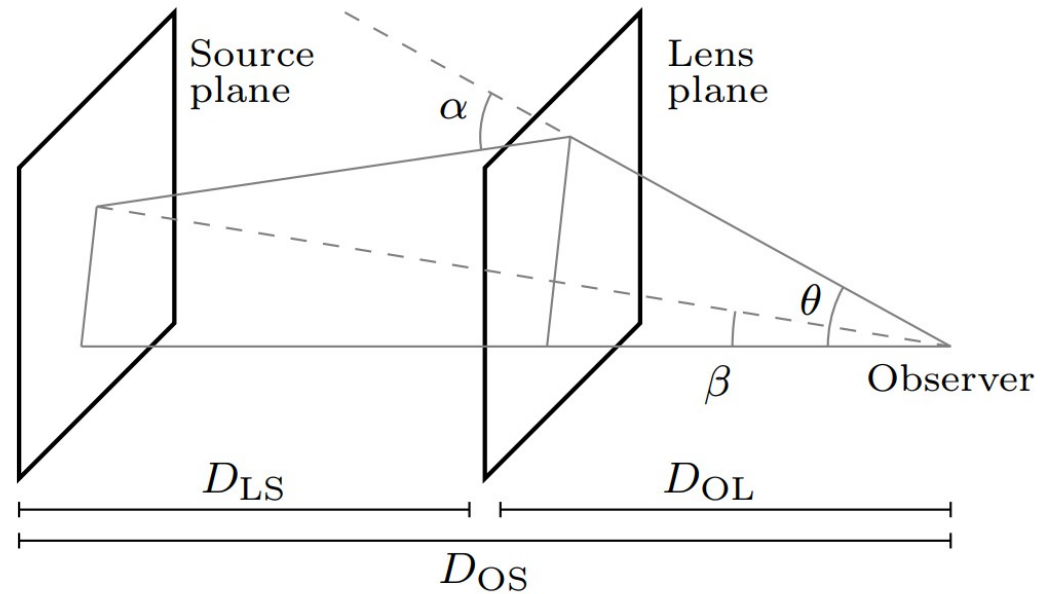
- Light from distant galaxies is deflected by DM halos long the line of sight
- Leads to multiple images, arcs, near-perfect Einstein rings
- Careful analysis of lensed images reveals information about DM halos



# Strong lensing basics

## Basic geometry

Thin lens approximation



## Displacement field

from Poisson kernel convolution

$$\alpha = \frac{4G}{c^2} \frac{D_{OL} D_{LS}}{D_{OS}} \int \Sigma(\theta') \frac{\theta - \theta'}{|\theta - \theta'|^2} d^2 \theta'$$

## Lensed image

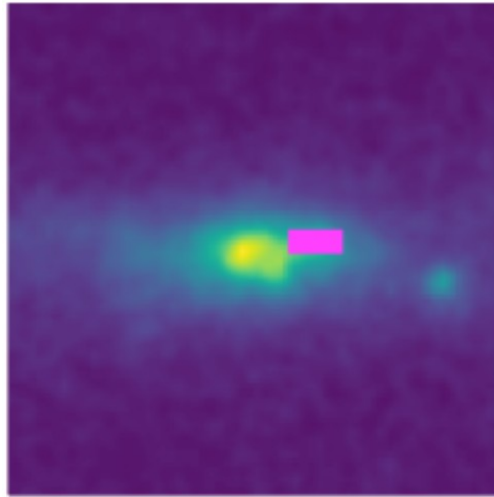
(surface brightness conserved)

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{lens}}(\theta) = \mathcal{I}_{\text{src}}(\theta - \alpha(\theta))$$



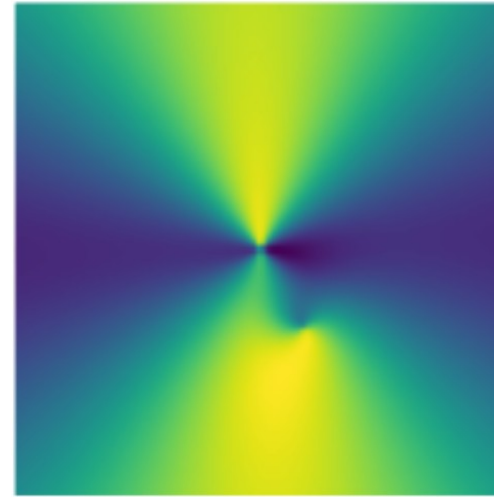
# Problem setup

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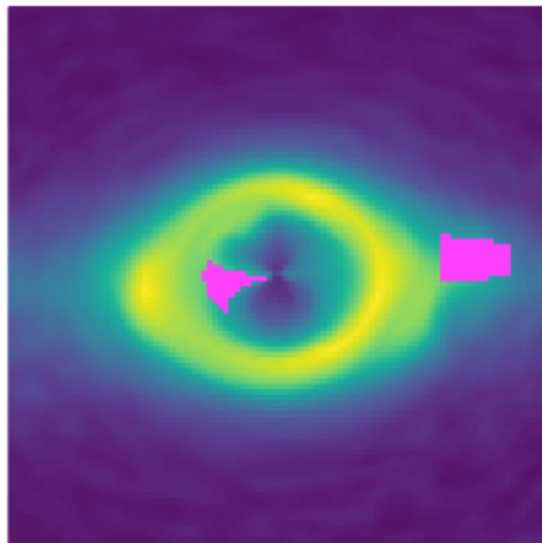


**Lens**

Displacement  
field



$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{lens}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{I}_{\text{src}}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$



**Lensed image**

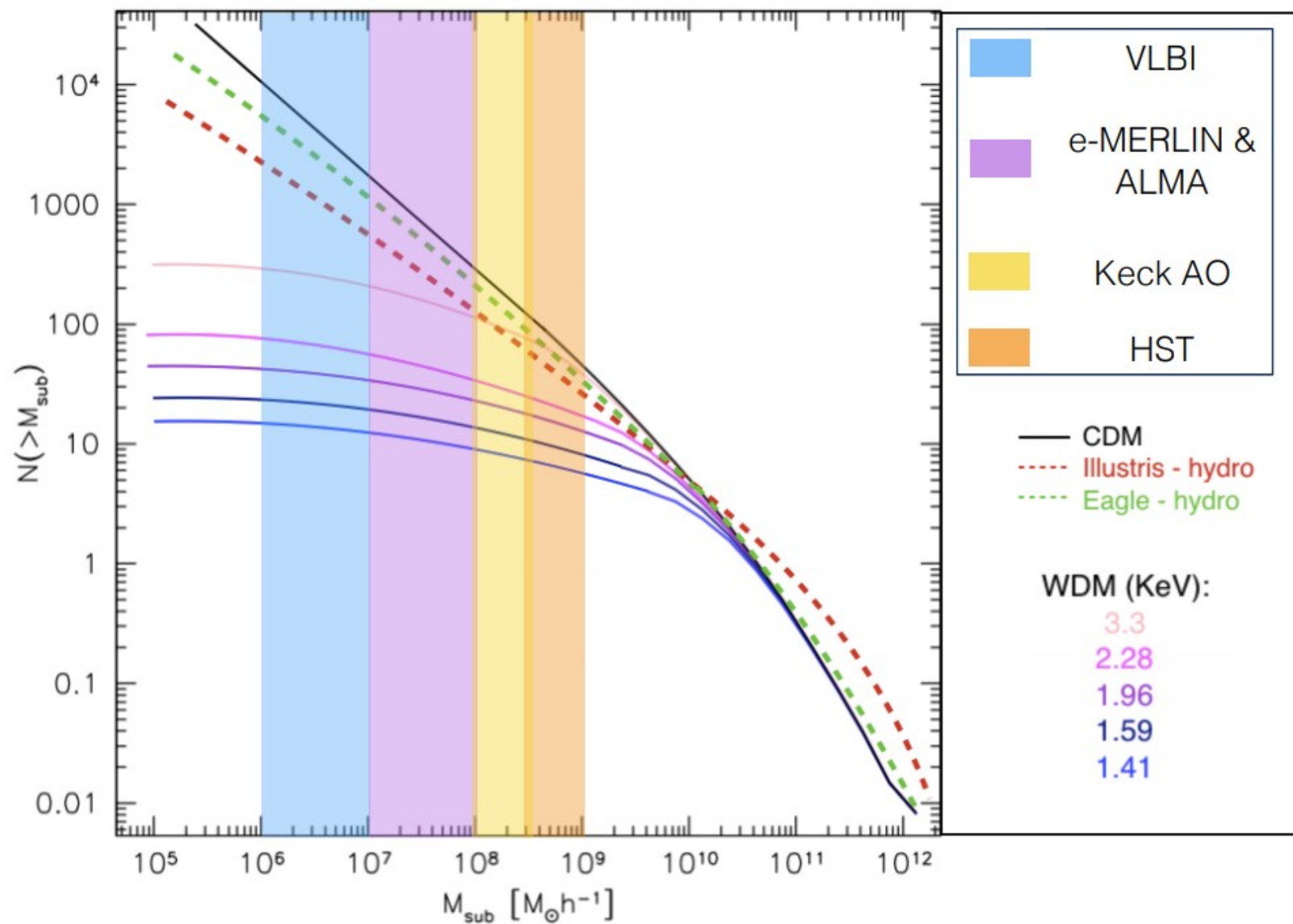
With multiply lensed regions

**Challenge:** Reconstruct both lens and source from a single image

Codes:

*Lenstronomy*, Birrer & Amara 2018  
*AutoLens*, Nightingale 2017

# Probe for DM temperature & mass

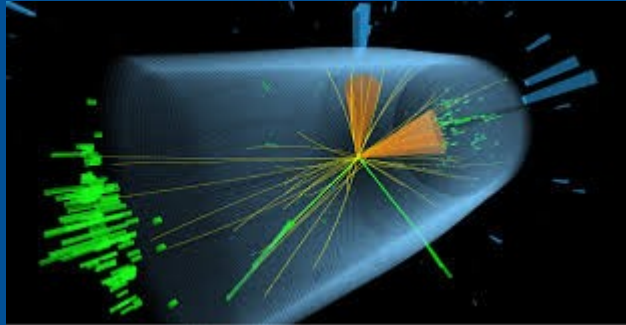


The cut-off in the mass function is directly related to the model for dark matter.

A.I. technology

# A.I. technology

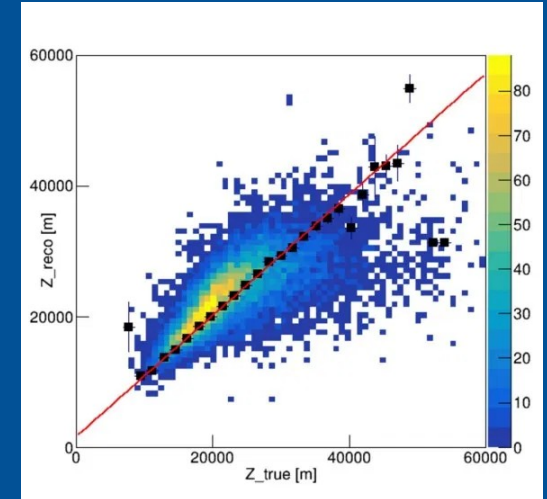
## LHC event reconstruction



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.11484>



## CTA event reconstruction



<http://arxiv.org/abs/1810.00592>

**Super-fast  
& approximate**

**Deep  
Learning**

**Computer Science** Fast & exact  
**automatic differentiation**  
probabilistic programming  
high-dimensional optimization

**Unrealized potential**



# Deep neural networks

**Deep neural networks are extremely flexible function approximators**

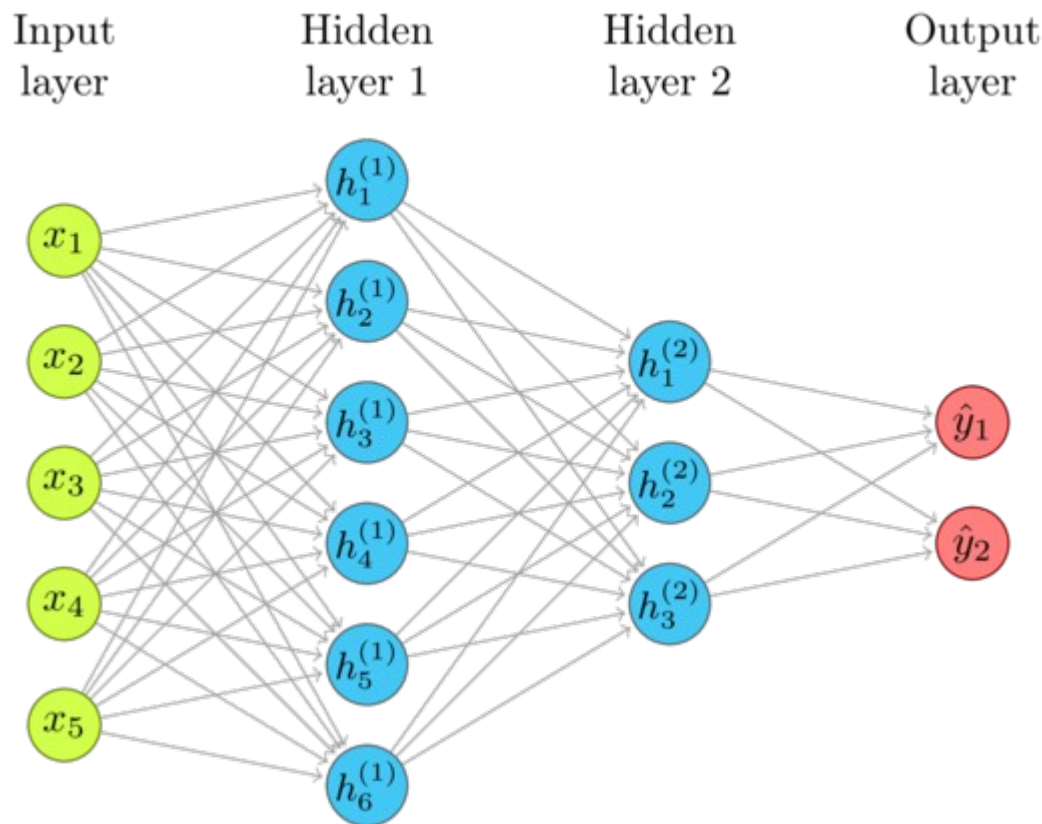
Input:  $\vec{x}$

$$f_{\phi}(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}$$

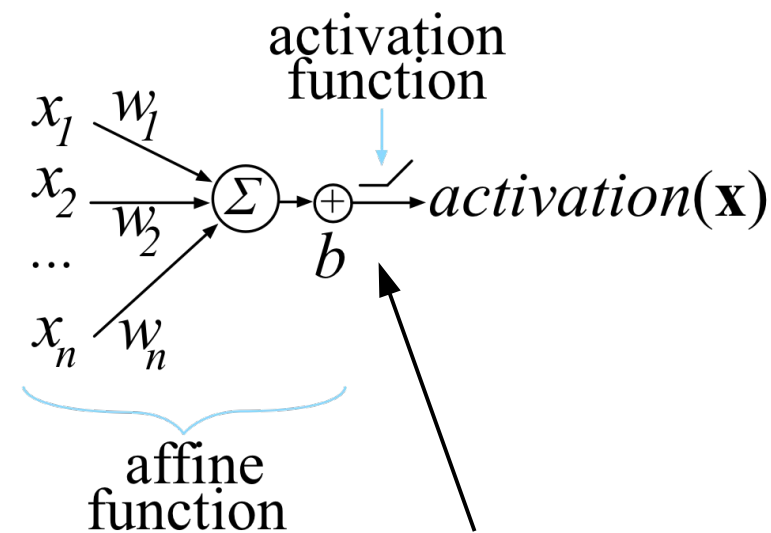
Output :  $\vec{y}$

$\phi$  : Internal network parameters/weights

Typical feed-forward network with multiple hidden layers



Layer connection: Stacking affine and activation function



$$\text{ReLU} : \max(0, x)$$

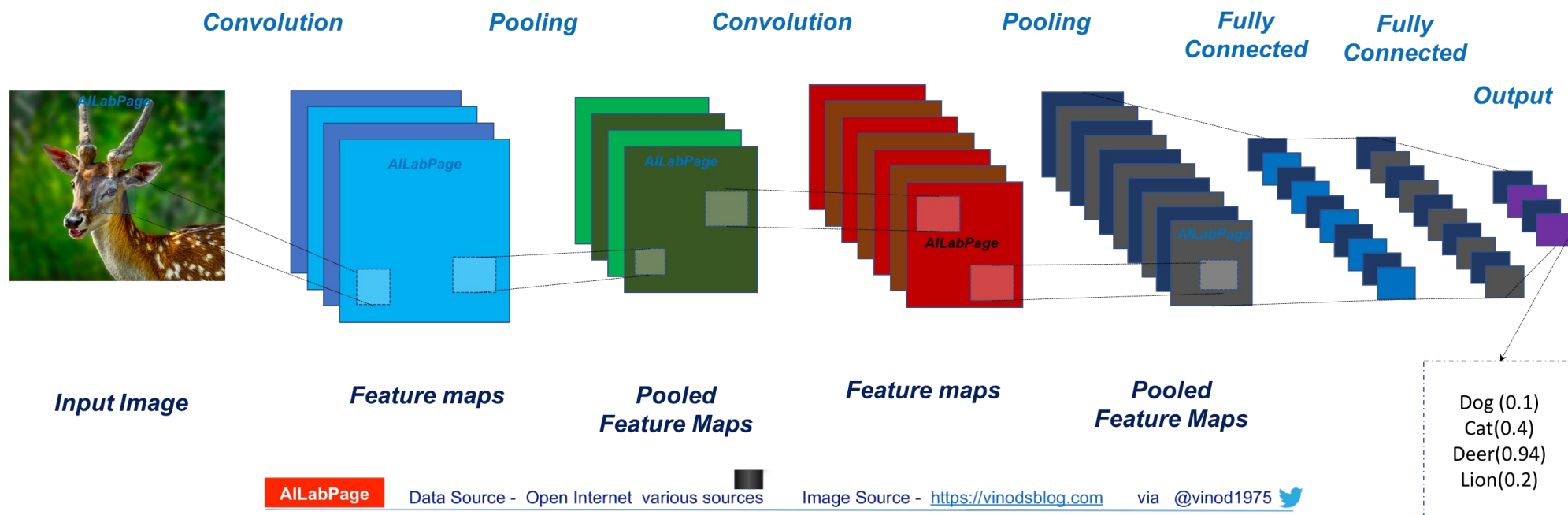
Network weights and biases

$$\phi = \vec{w}, \vec{b}$$

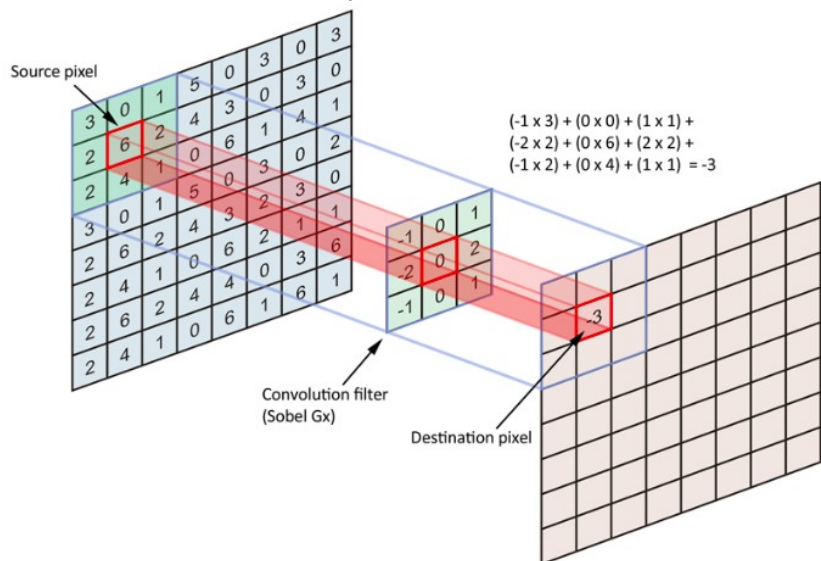
Works theoretically because of "Universal approximation theorem"

# Example: Image classification network

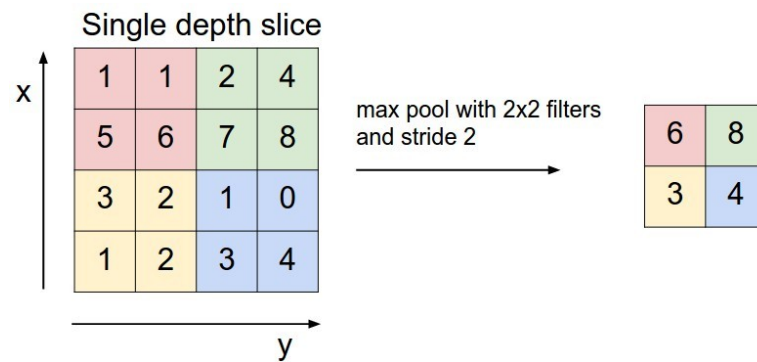
## Convolution Neural Network



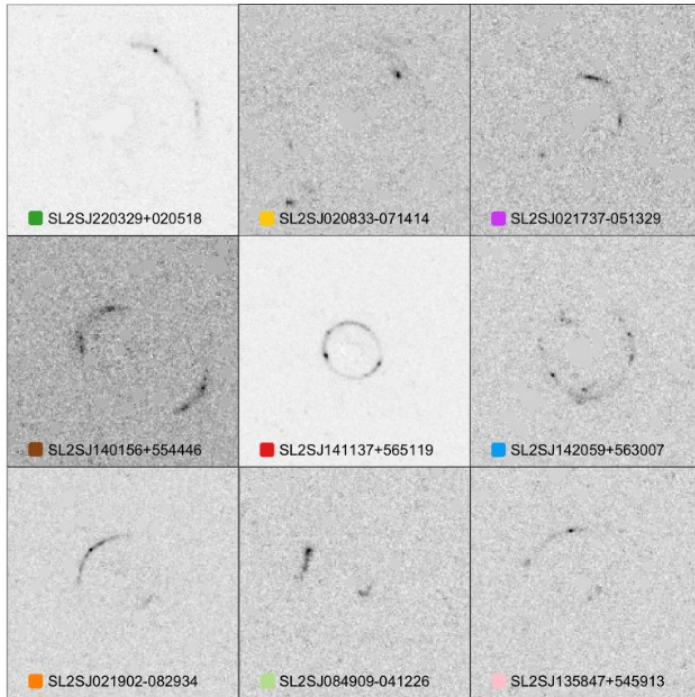
## Convolutional layer



## Pooling layer

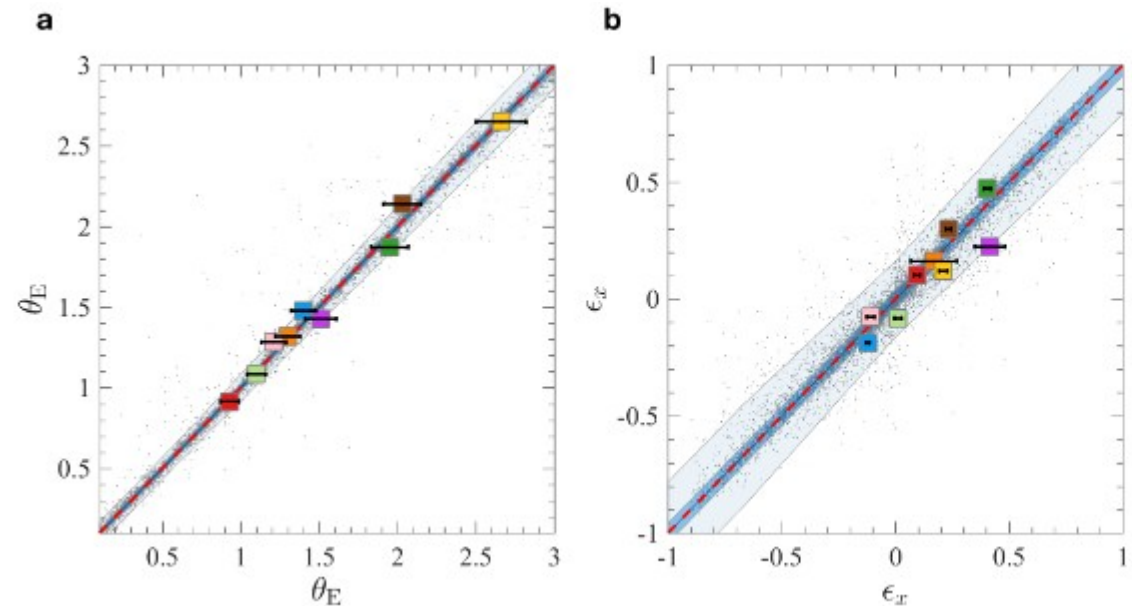


# Ex 1: Parameter inference with CNNs



Gravitational lensing data (HST)

Reconstructed parameters



- Amazing speed up: 1 day  $\rightarrow$  0.01 s
- Somewhat less accurate
- Challenge: Subhalos will show up as  $O(1\%)$  perturbations of best-fit model, unclear if models can be trained for that as well?

Hezaveh, Y. D., Levasseur, L. P. & Marshall, P. J. Fast Automated Analysis of Strong Gravitational Lenses with Convolutional Neural Networks, Nature 2017.

# Training with gradient descent

1. Define loss function  
(here square error / chi-square)

$$\text{loss} = \sum_{\text{batch}} (f_{\phi}(\vec{x}_i) - \vec{y}_i)^2$$

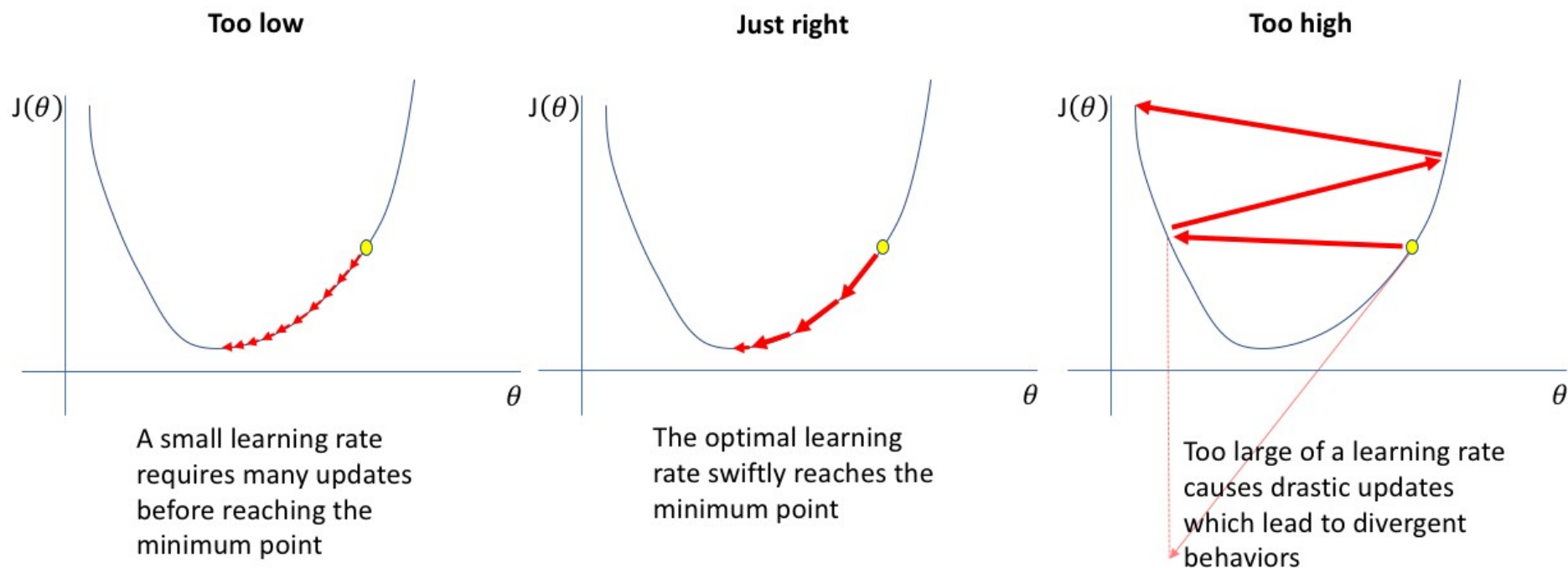
2. back-propagation

$$\text{grad} = \frac{\partial \text{loss}}{\partial \phi}$$

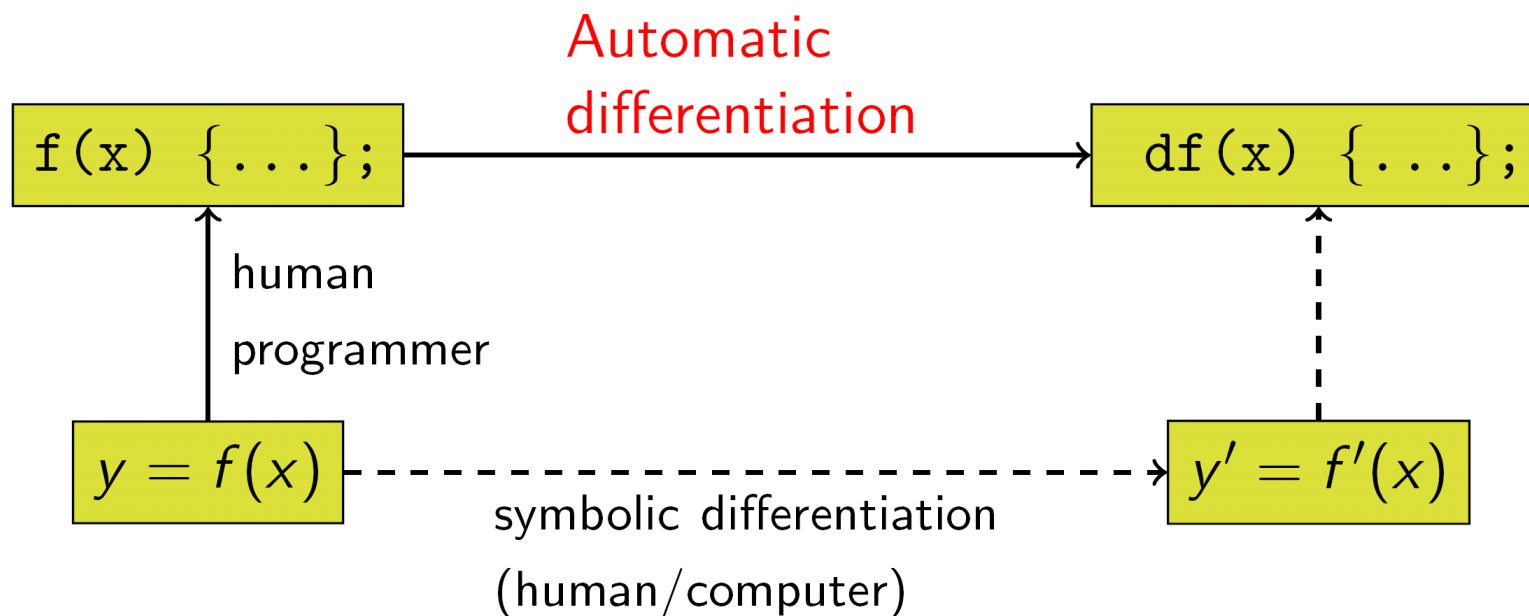
3. parameter update

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi - \text{LR} \cdot \text{grad}$$

Stop  
when it  
works  
well on  
separate  
*test data*



# Many recent auto-grad tools



Forward-mode  
Differentiation:

$$h_i \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_i(x)$$

Back-propagation:  $g_i \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(\vec{x})$

<https://medium.freecodecamp.org/demystifying-gradient-descent-and-backpropagation-via-logistic-regression-based-image-classification-9b5526c2ed46>



# What else to do with auto-grad?



Source: [Deep Ideas](#)

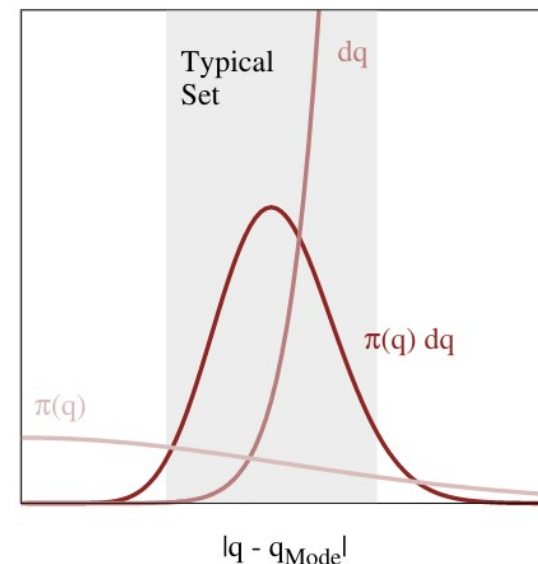
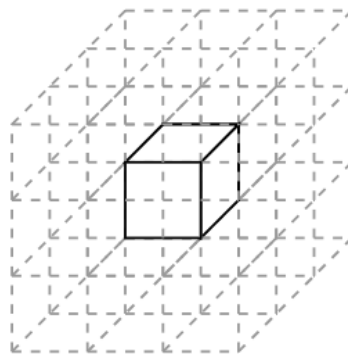
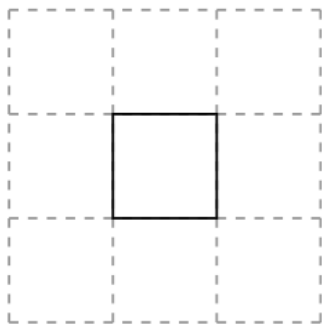
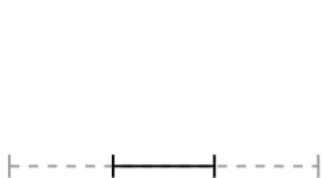
# 1) Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

Typical goal of **Bayesian inference** is to evaluate expectation values of the form

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi}[f] = \int_{\mathcal{Q}} dq \pi(q) f(q)$$

Betancourt, M. A Conceptual Introduction to Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (1701.02434).

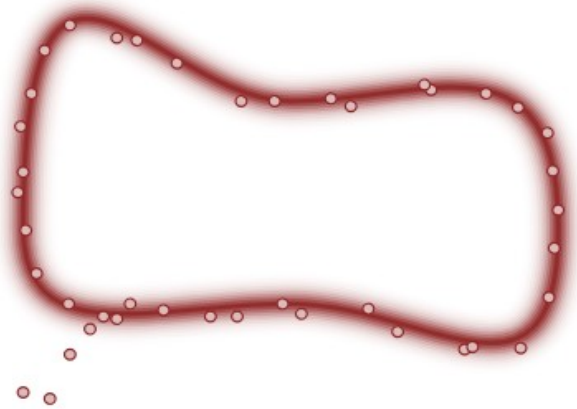
## The course of dimensionality



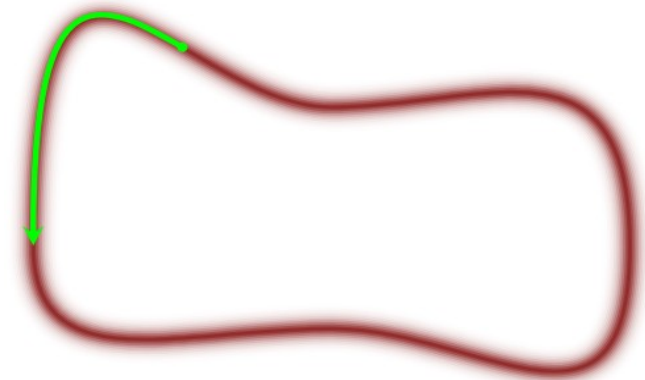
The integral is dominated by points in the “**typical set**”, which is *not* coincident with the mode if dimensionality is large

# 1) Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

Goal is to explore the “typical set”,  
using Monte Carlo techniques.

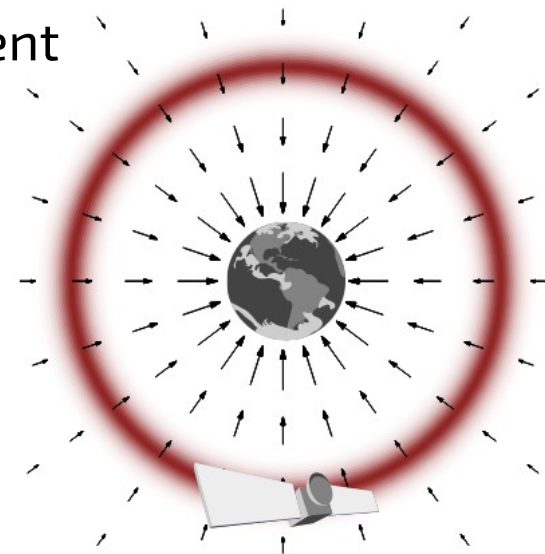


Knowing the direction of the  
typical set would greatly help.



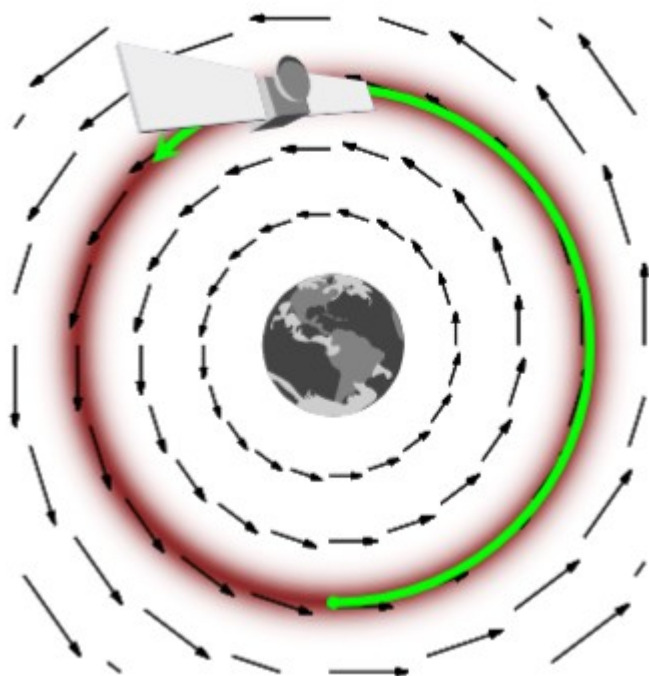
However, simply following the gradient  
would just lead to the mode

$$V(q) = -\ln \pi(q)$$



# 1) Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

Idea: Introduce momentum,  $p$ , such that MC is kept in the “orbit” of highest density mass (in the ‘typical set’).



## New target function

$$\pi(q, p) = e^{-H(q, p)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(q, p) &= -\log \pi(p | q) - \log \pi(q) \\ &\equiv K(p, q) + V(q). \end{aligned}$$

## Sampling

- Pick initial point
- follow Hamiltonian dynamics

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = +\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = -\frac{\partial K}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial q}$$

- resample momentum from canonical distribution, preserve position

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## 2) Variational Inference

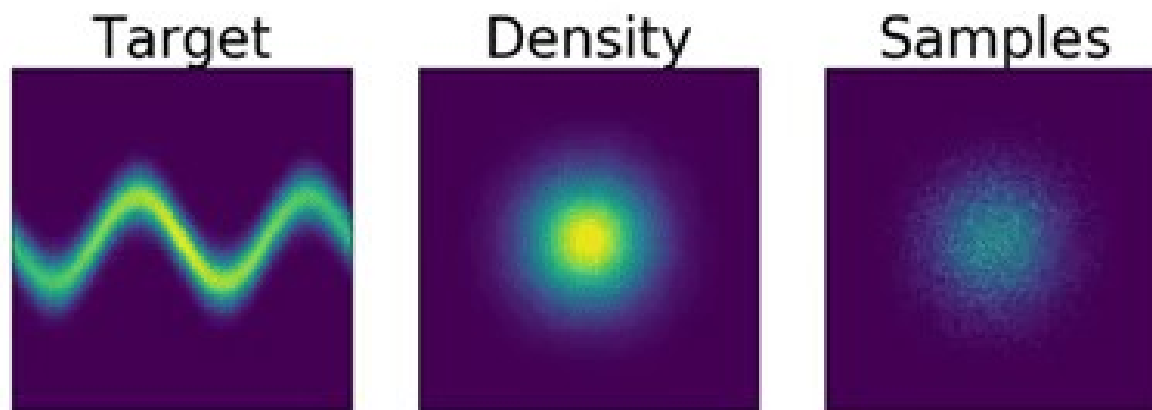
### Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$\text{KL}(q(z)||p(z|x)) = \int dz q(z) \ln \frac{q(z)}{p(z|x)} = \mathbb{E}[\log q(\mathbf{z})] - \mathbb{E}[\log p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})]$$

Fit parameteric model for posterior,  $q(z)$ , to true posterior  $p(z|x)$ .

Sampling problem  $\rightarrow$  Optimization problem

$$q^*(\mathbf{z}) = \arg \min_{q(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathcal{Q}} \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{z})||p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}))$$



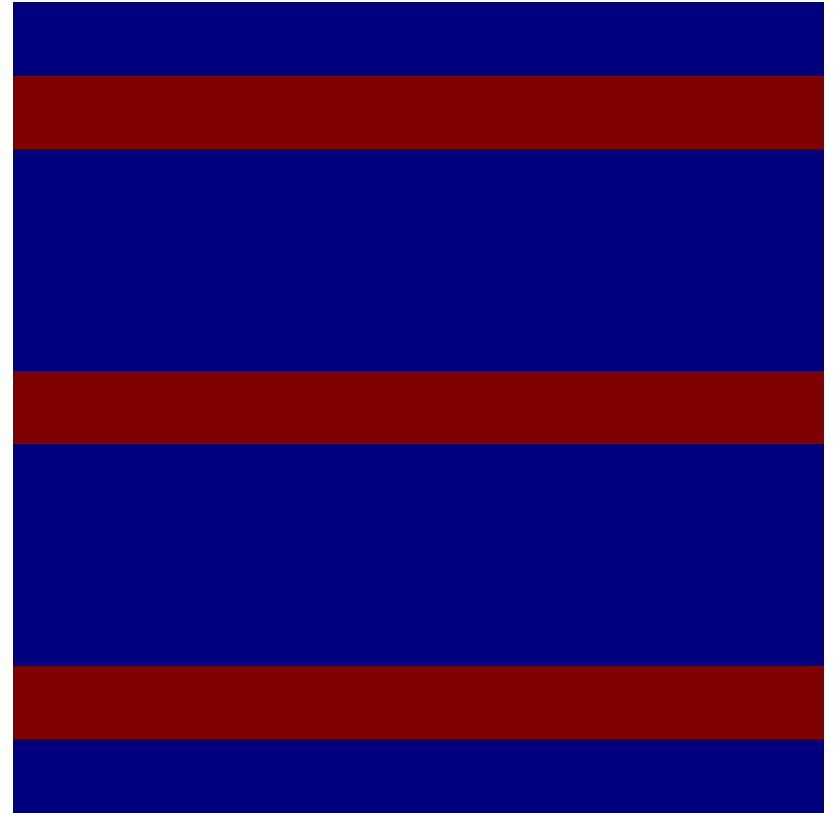
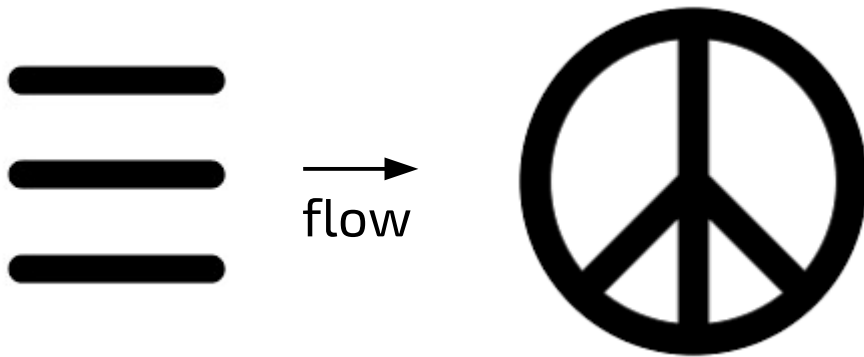
Video credit: Jesse Bettencourt



### 3) Auto-grad through Euler fluid equations

## Optimization goal

Find initial velocity field that does this

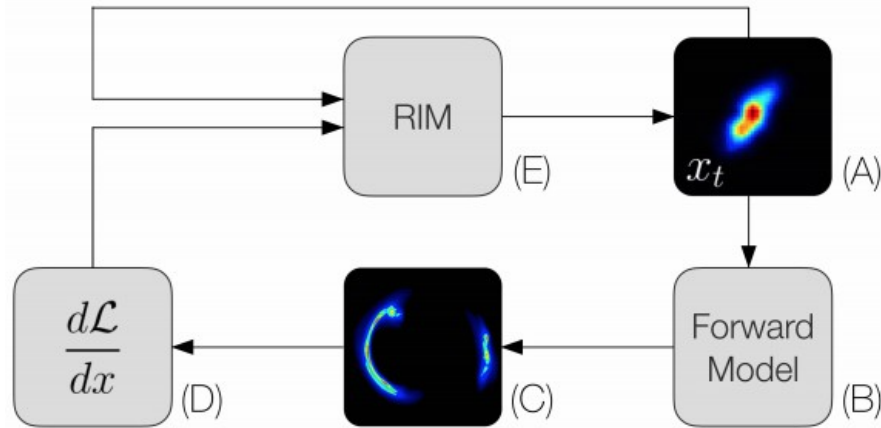


Back to strong lensing

# Ex 2: Guiding source fit with RIM

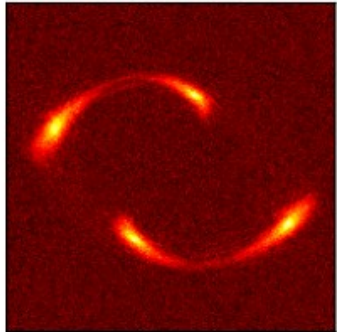
## Recurrent inference machines for source modeling

Morningstar+ 2019. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01359>

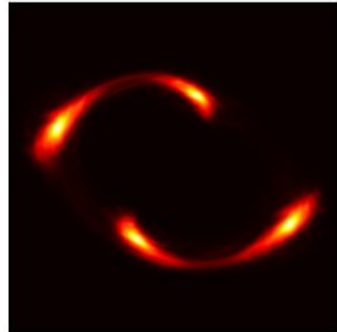


Guide source fit, integrating both gradient and galaxy prior information.

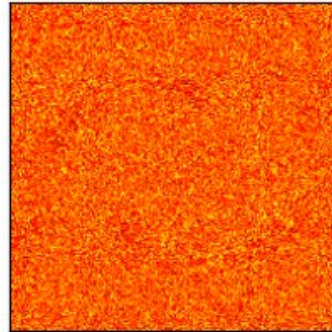
Observed Image



Predicted Image



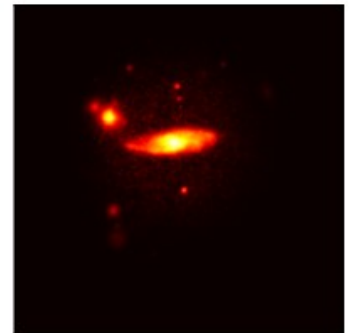
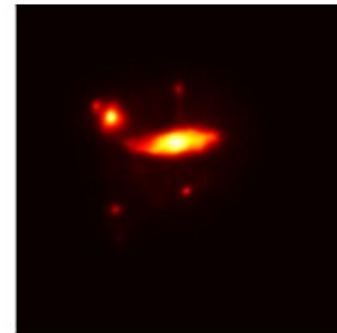
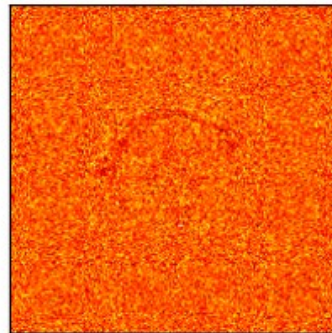
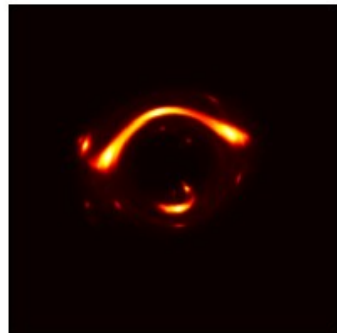
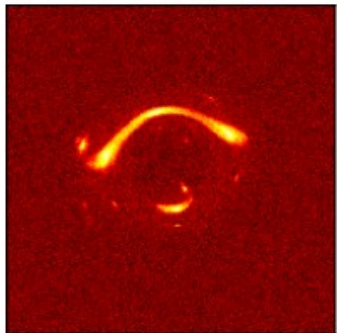
Residuals



Predicted Source



True Source



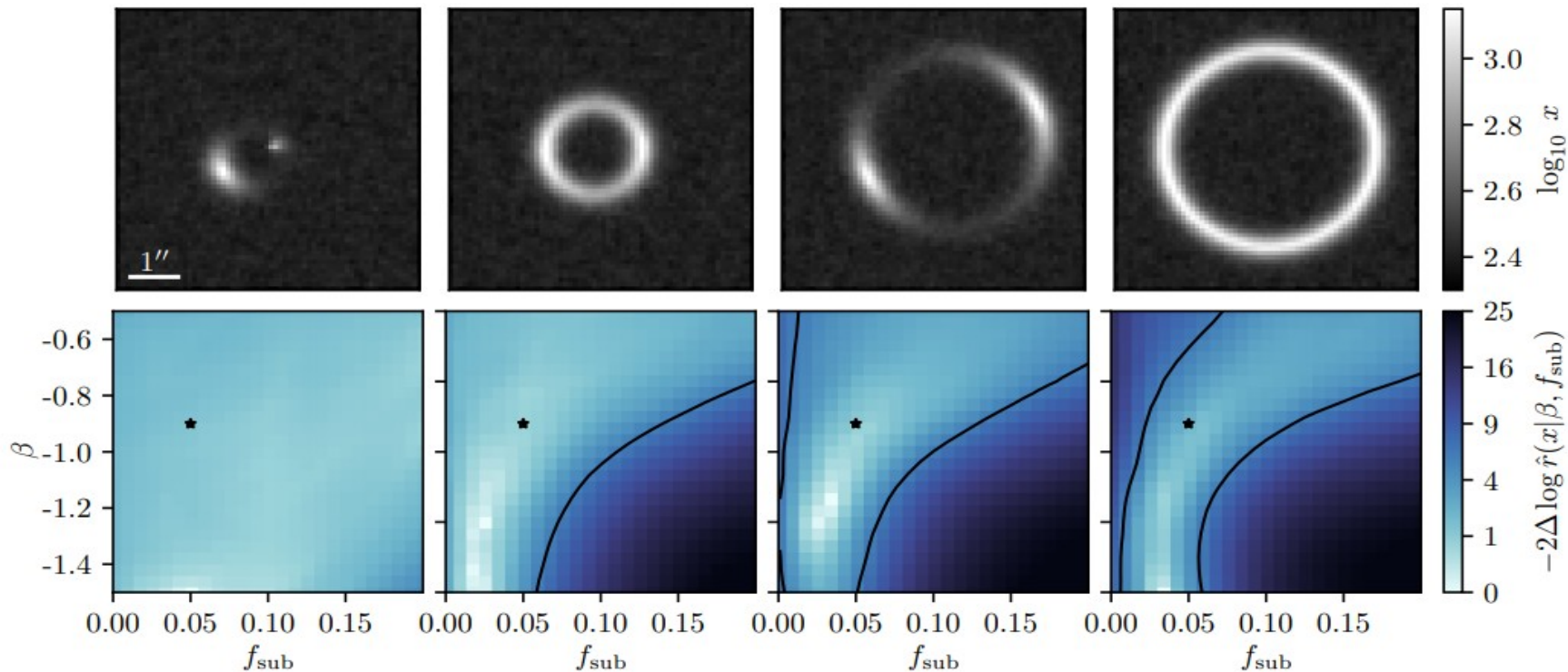
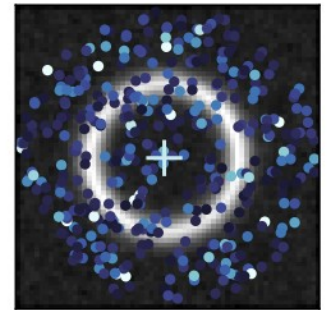
# Ex 3: Likelihood free inference for subhalos

## Likelihood free inference for modeling lenses with substructure

Brehmer+ 2019, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.02005>

Use CNN to estimate  
likelihood ratio\*

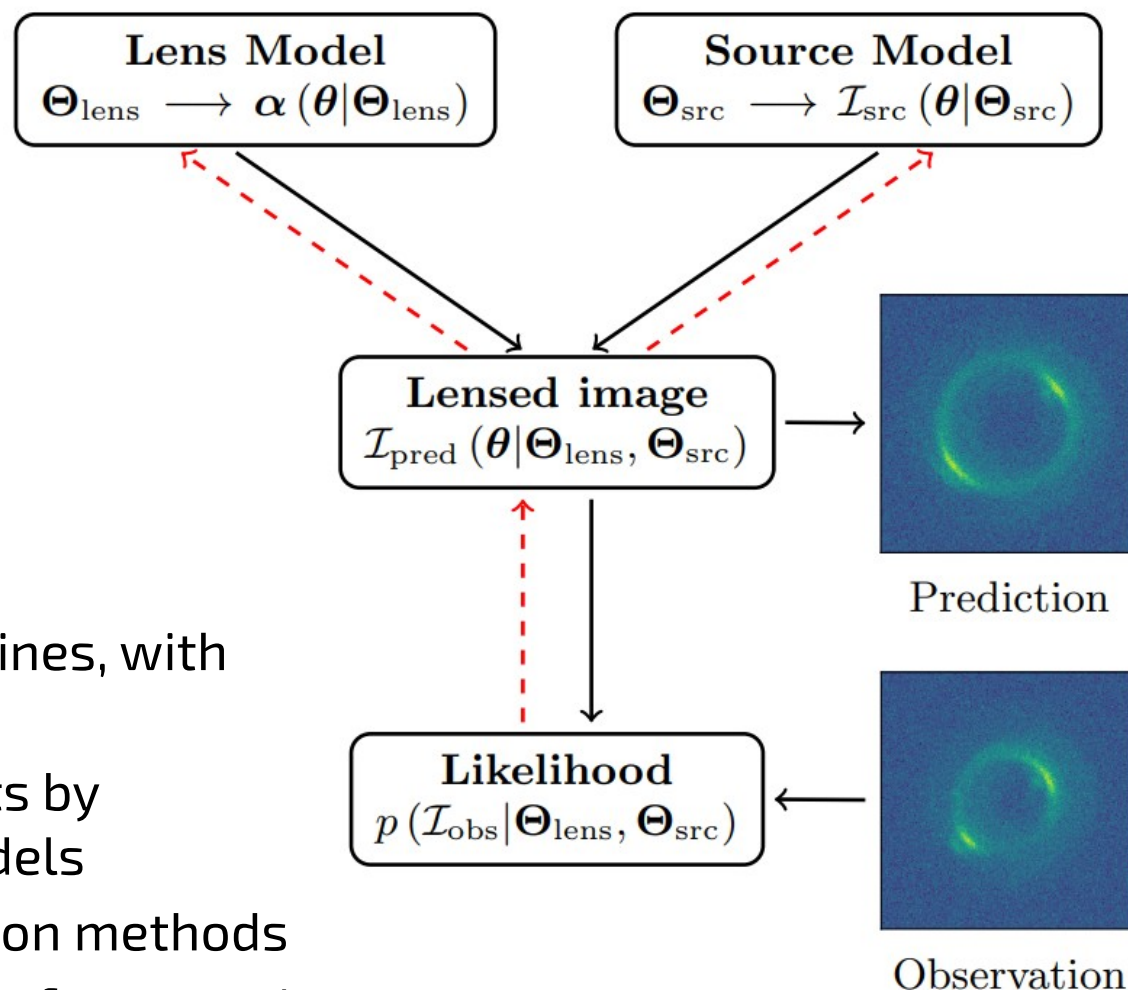
$$r(x|\theta_0, \theta_1) \equiv \frac{p(x|\theta_0)}{p(x|\theta_1)}$$



\*what is learned is a binary classifier, whose results are then  
recalibrated to yield a likelihood ratio

Cranmer+ 1506.02169

# Differentiable probabilistic programming

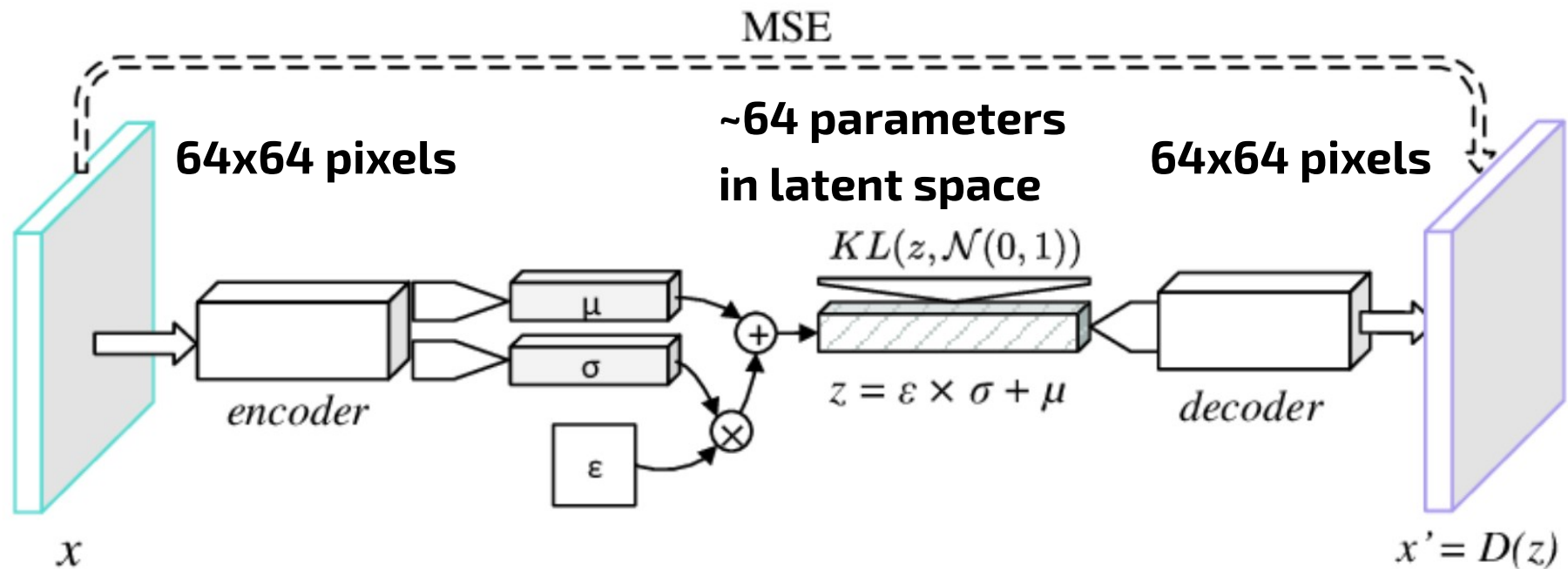


## Philosophy

- Write traditional lensing pipelines, with back-propagation
- Replace individual components by deep/physical generative models
- Use gradient based optimization methods
- Use probabilistic programming for posterior estimates



# Variational Auto-Encoder as source model



## Components

- Generative model  
 $p(x, z) = p(x|z)p(z)$
- Inference model  
 $q(z|x)$

## Training by ELBO maximization

$$\text{ELBO}(q) = \mathbb{E}[\log p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z})] - \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{z}) || p(\mathbf{z}))$$

↖  
Marginal  
log-likelihood

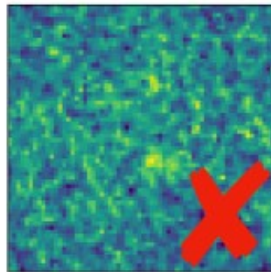
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Difference w.r.t. prior

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}) \geq \text{ELBO}(q)$$

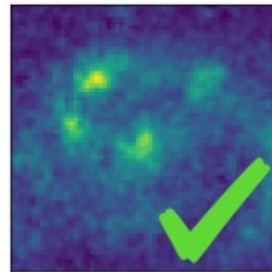
Kingma, D. P. & Welling, M. Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes. arXiv [stat.ML] (2013).

# Training data set

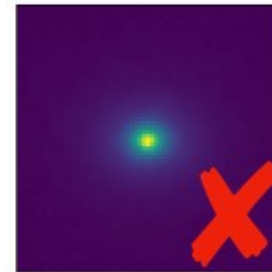
- Dataset: ~56,000 galaxies, redshifts  $\sim 1$



S/N < 10



S/N  $\sim 20$

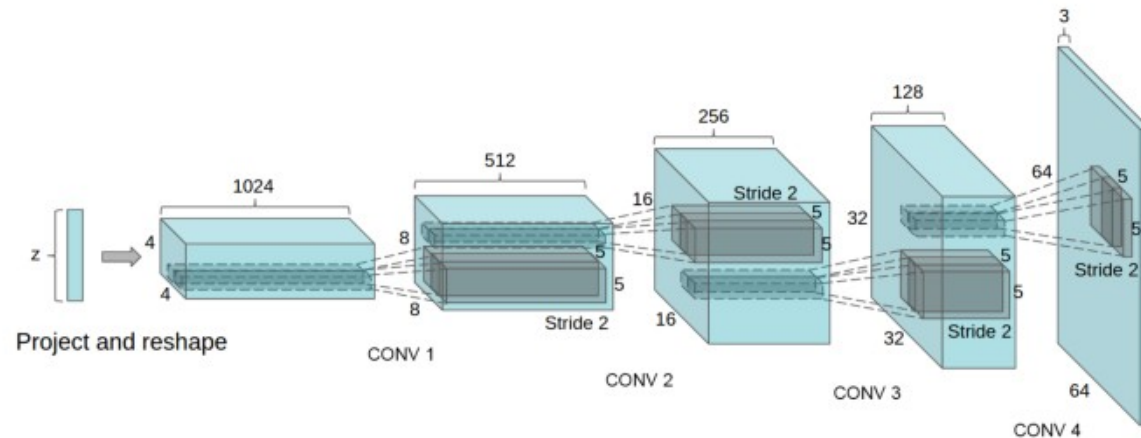


S/N > 100

**This talk: train on ~10,000 images with S/N = 15 - 50**

- Encoder, decoder: deep convolutional neural networks

**Eg, decoder:**

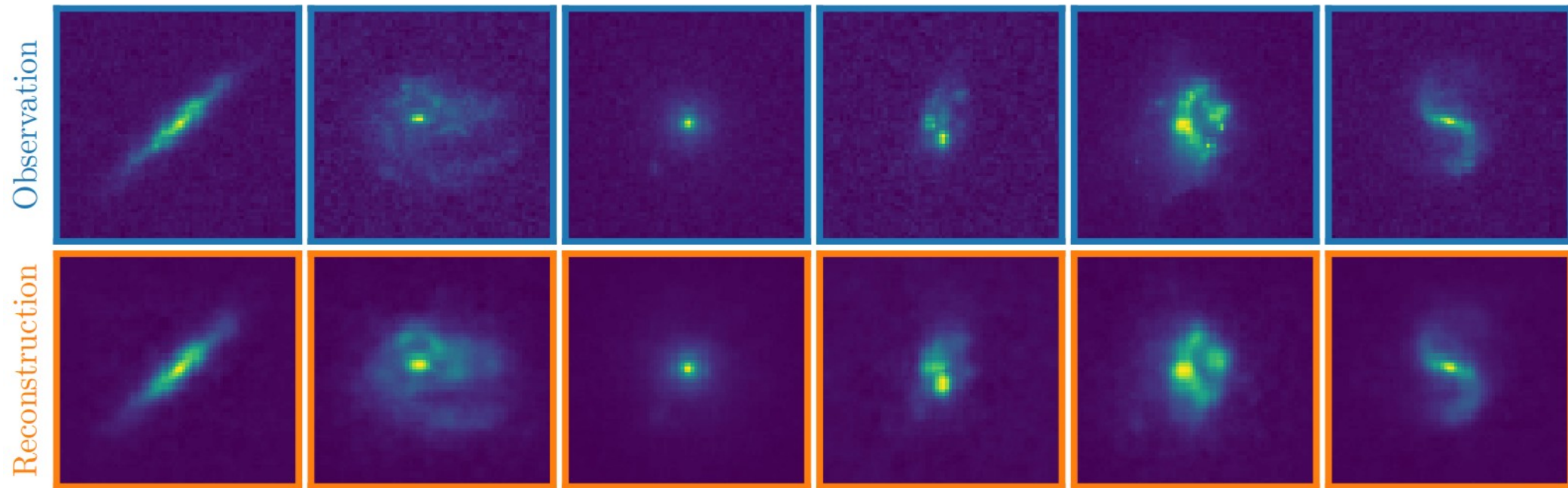


Radford et al 2015 (DCGAN)

Slide credit: Adam Coogan

# Source galaxy reconstruction w/o lensing

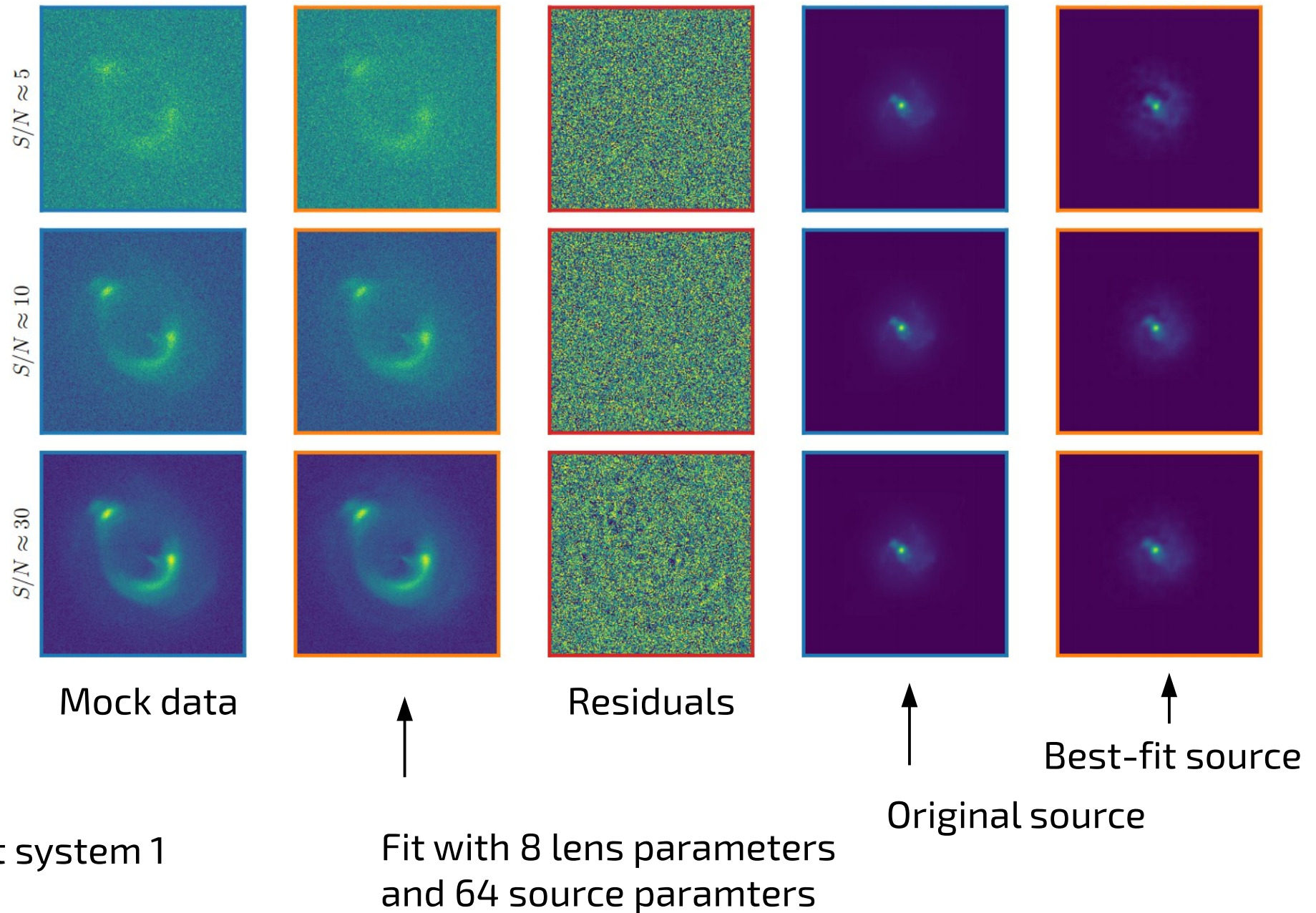
Galaxy image  $\rightarrow$  (Encoder)  $\rightarrow$  Latent space  $\rightarrow$  (Decoder)  $\rightarrow$  Reconstruction



Generative model (or “decoder”) seems to be expressive enough to model real galaxies (though somewhat blurred).

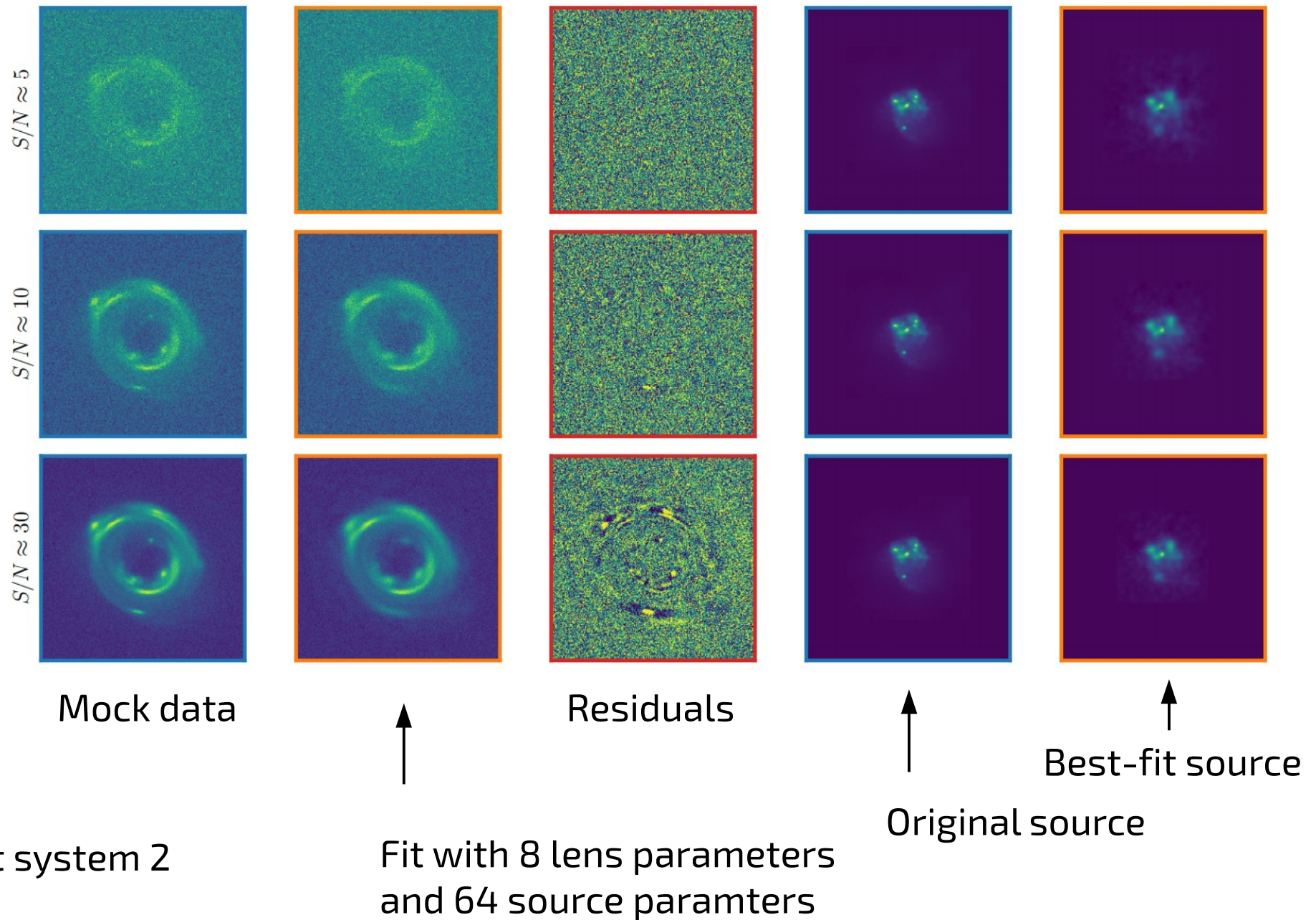
Can we use this in a “traditional” fit to lensed images?

# Source galaxy reconstruction with lensing





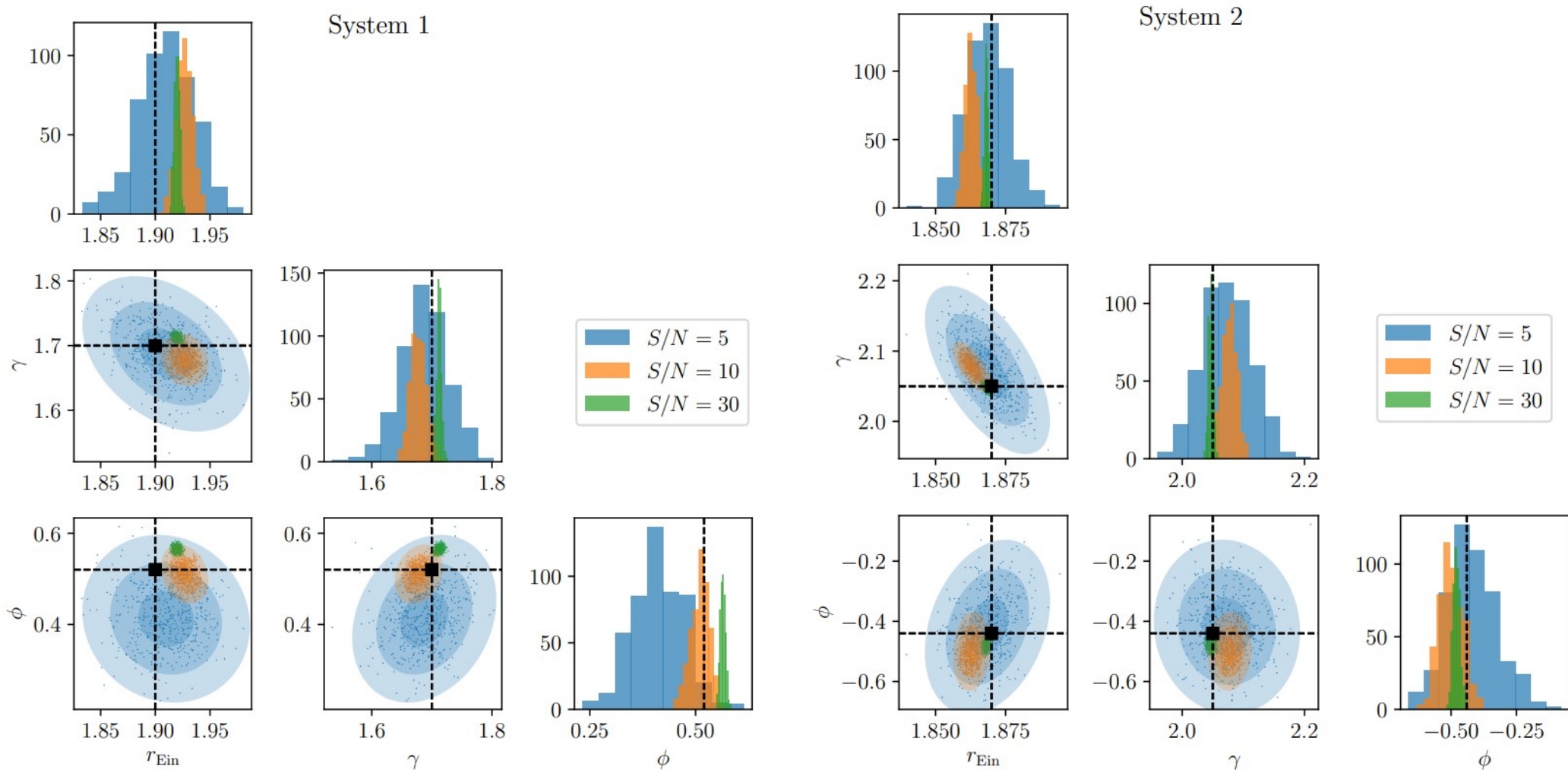
# Source galaxy reconstruction with lensing





# Parameter reconstruction with HMC

We use Hamiltonian Monte Carlo to sample the  $\sim 75$  dimensional posterior.



- Works excellent, but results are slightly biased for low S/N images
- Likely due to limited expressiveness of source model
- Estimating effect on subhalo searches is work in progress

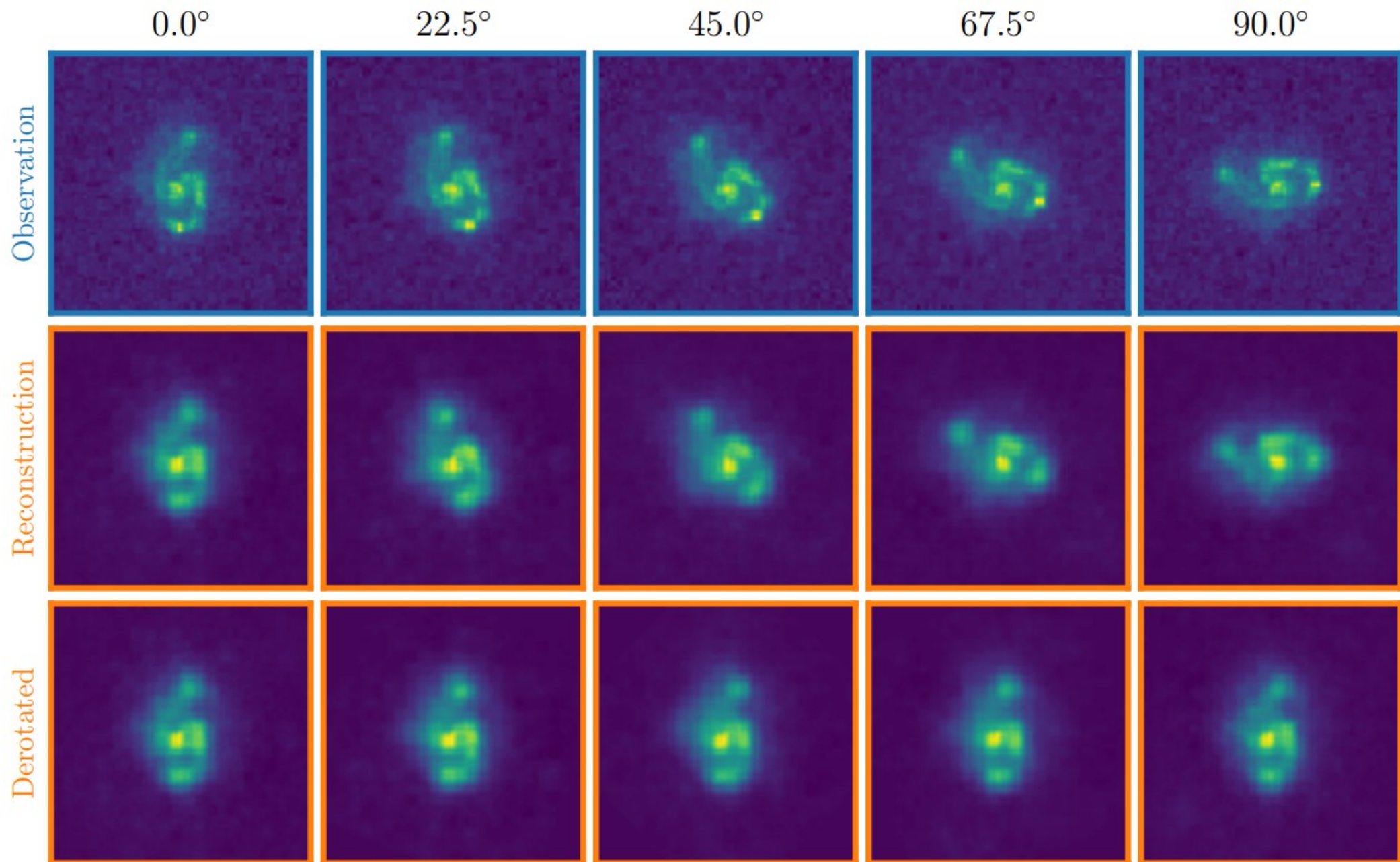
# Summary

- Deep neural networks are powerful flexible function approximators with many applications.
- Gradient descent is one of the key components of training neural networks. They are useful for high-dimensional optimization, sampling and variational inference.
- First steps towards gradient-based lensing pipeline that integrates deep generative models look very promising.
- A.I. technology provides tons of opportunities *for improving physics and data analysis*, still largely uncharted territory

**Thank you**

Backup slides

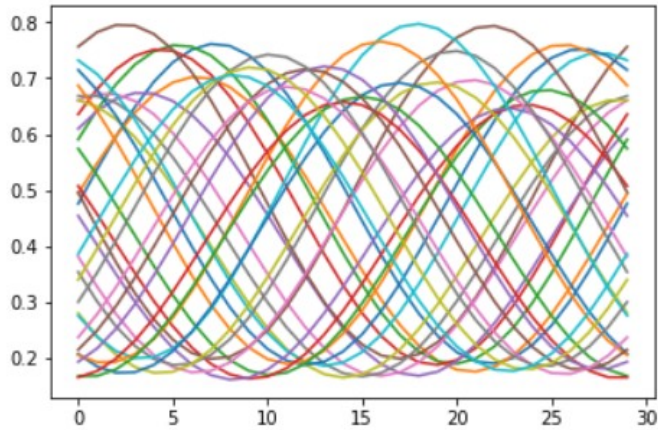
# Rotation test



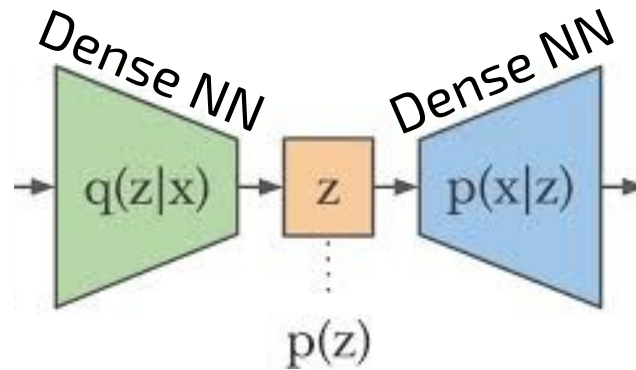
# A simple example for the latent space

## Training

1000 sine curves

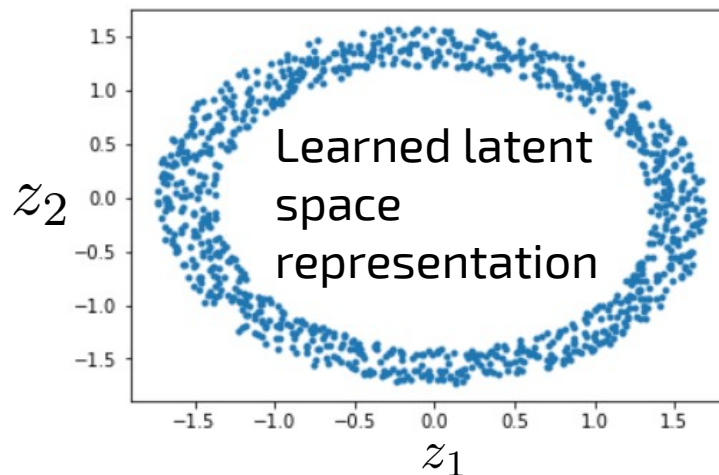
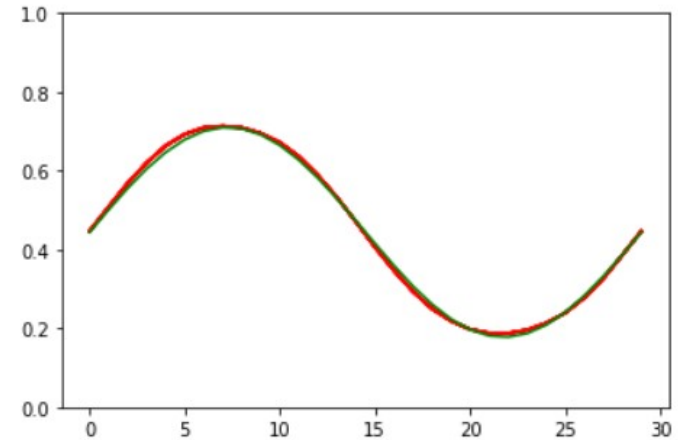


$$f(t) = A \sin(x + \phi)$$



## Reconstruction

Works reasonably well



## Learned latent space

- Periodic variable (phase)
- Bounded variable (amplitude)