

# Multimodal Pretraining for Scientific Data

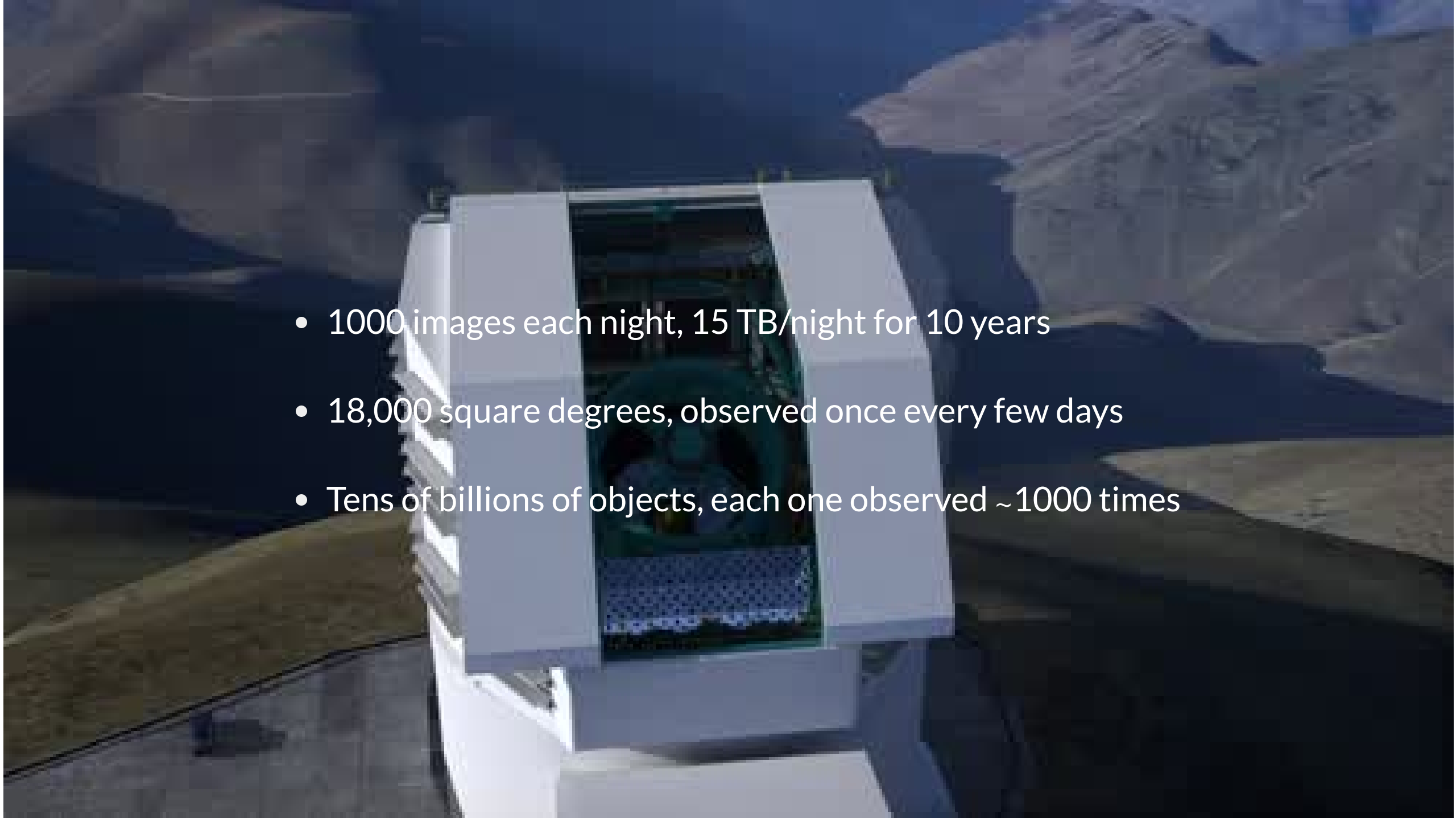
Towards Large Data Models for Astrophysics

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Francois Lanusse



Polymathic

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- 1000 images each night, 15 TB/night for 10 years
  - 18,000 square degrees, observed once every few days
  - Tens of billions of objects, each one observed ~1000 times

SDSS



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DES

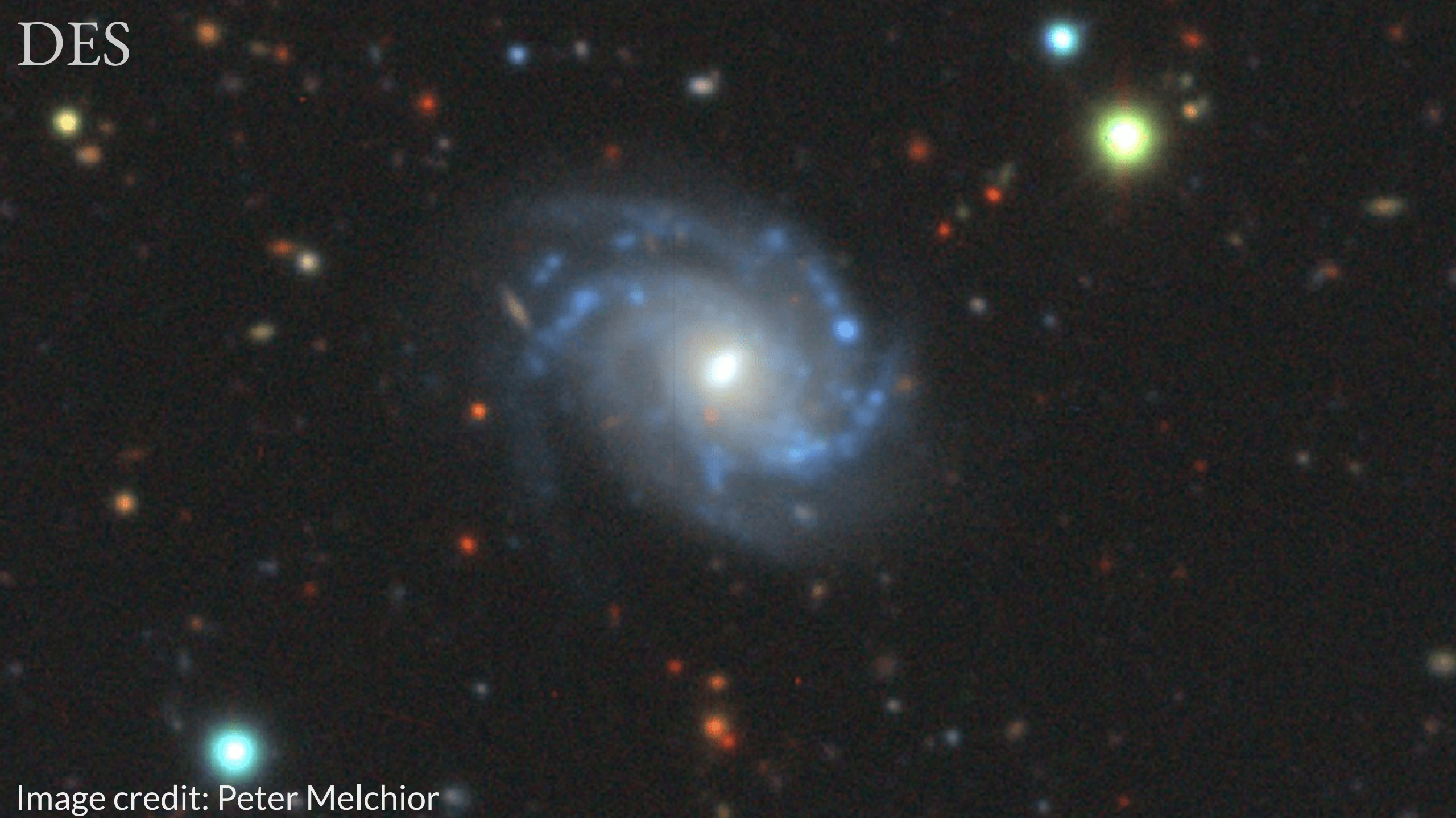


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HSC (proxy for LSST)

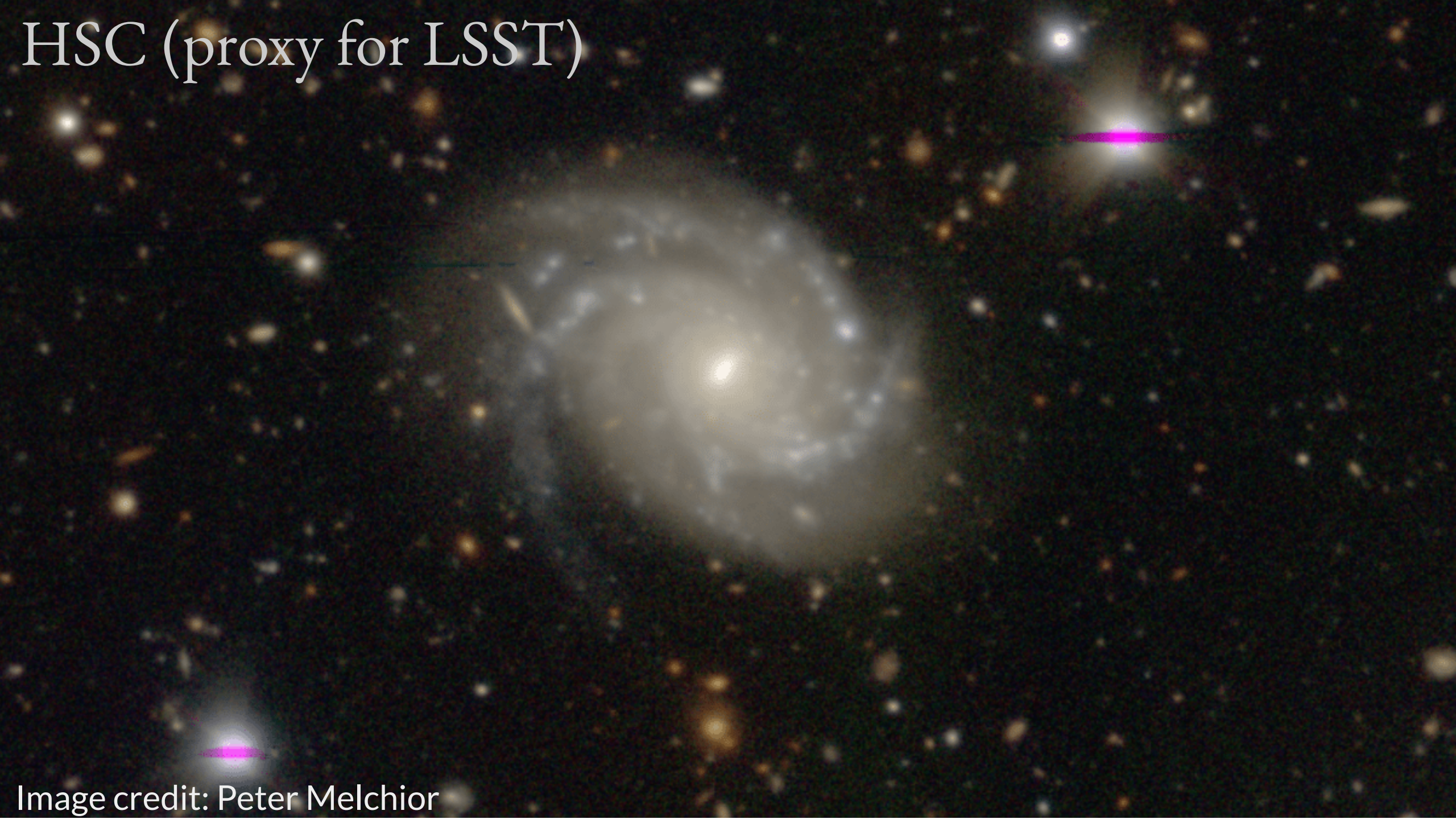


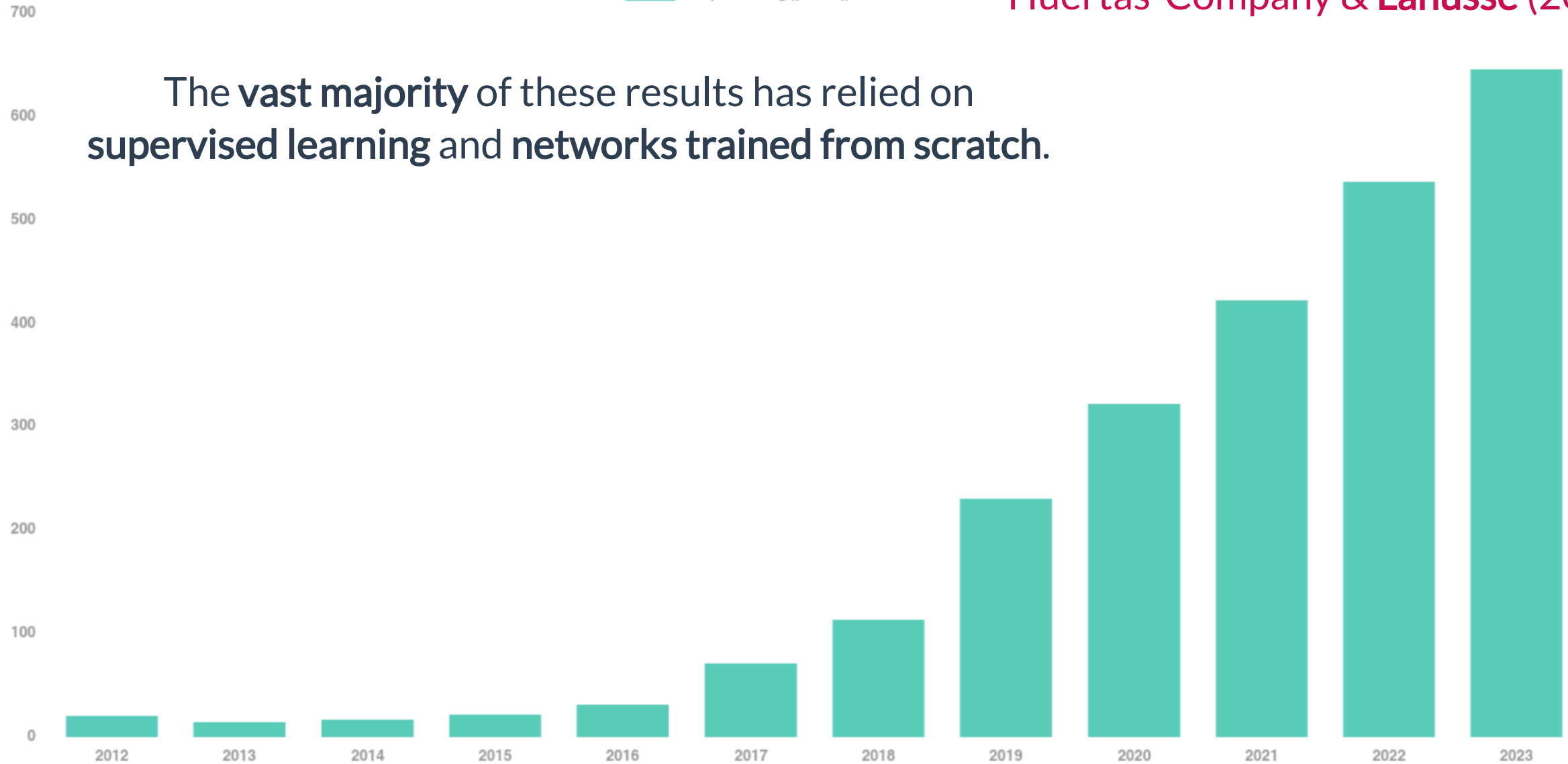
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# The Deep Learning Boom in Astrophysics

Huertas-Company & Lanusse (2023)

Deep Learning || CNN || Neural Network

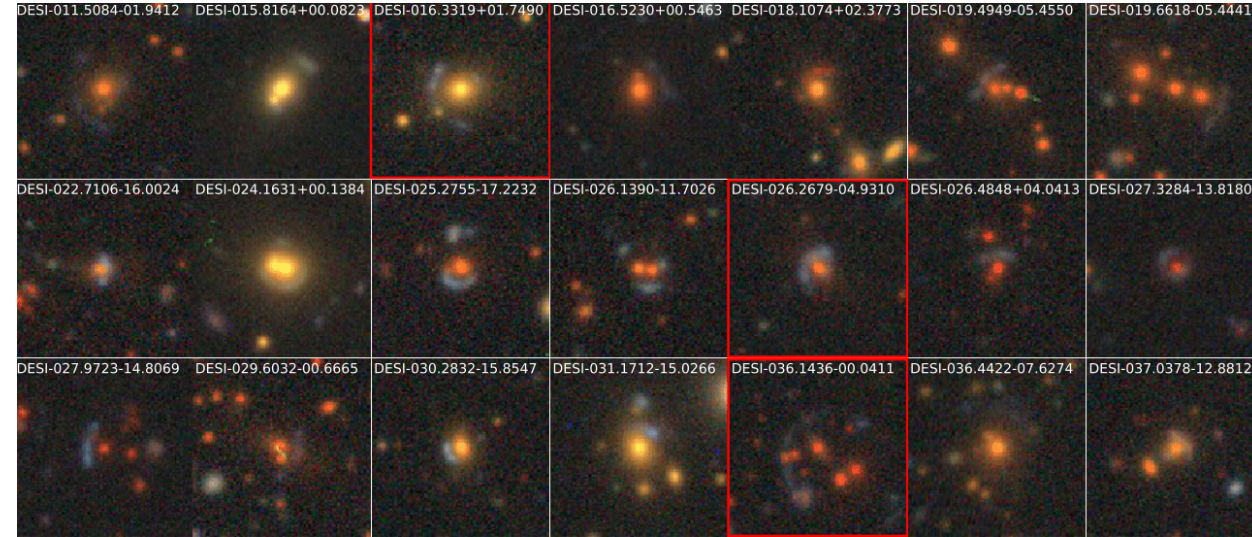
The vast majority of these results has relied on supervised learning and networks trained from scratch.



astro-ph abstracts mentioning Deep Learning, CNN, or Neural Networks

# The Limits of Traditional Deep Learning

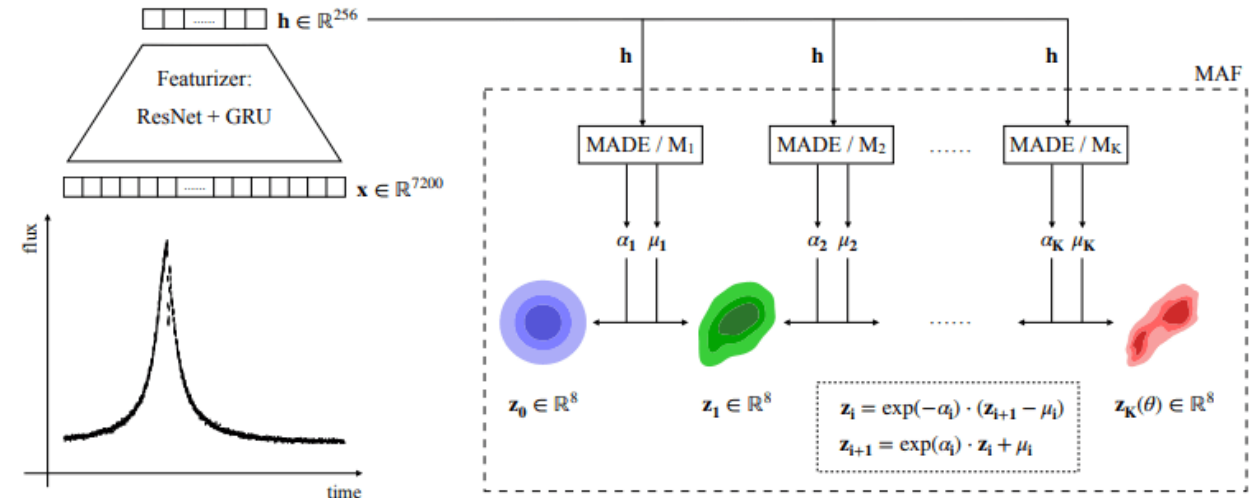
- **Limited Supervised Training Data**
  - Rare or novel objects have by definition few labeled examples
  - In Simulation Based Inference (SBI), training a neural compression model requires many simulations



Huang et al. (2019)

- **Limited Reusability**
  - Existing models are trained supervised on a specific task, and specific data.

=> Limits in practice the ease of using deep learning for analysis and discovery



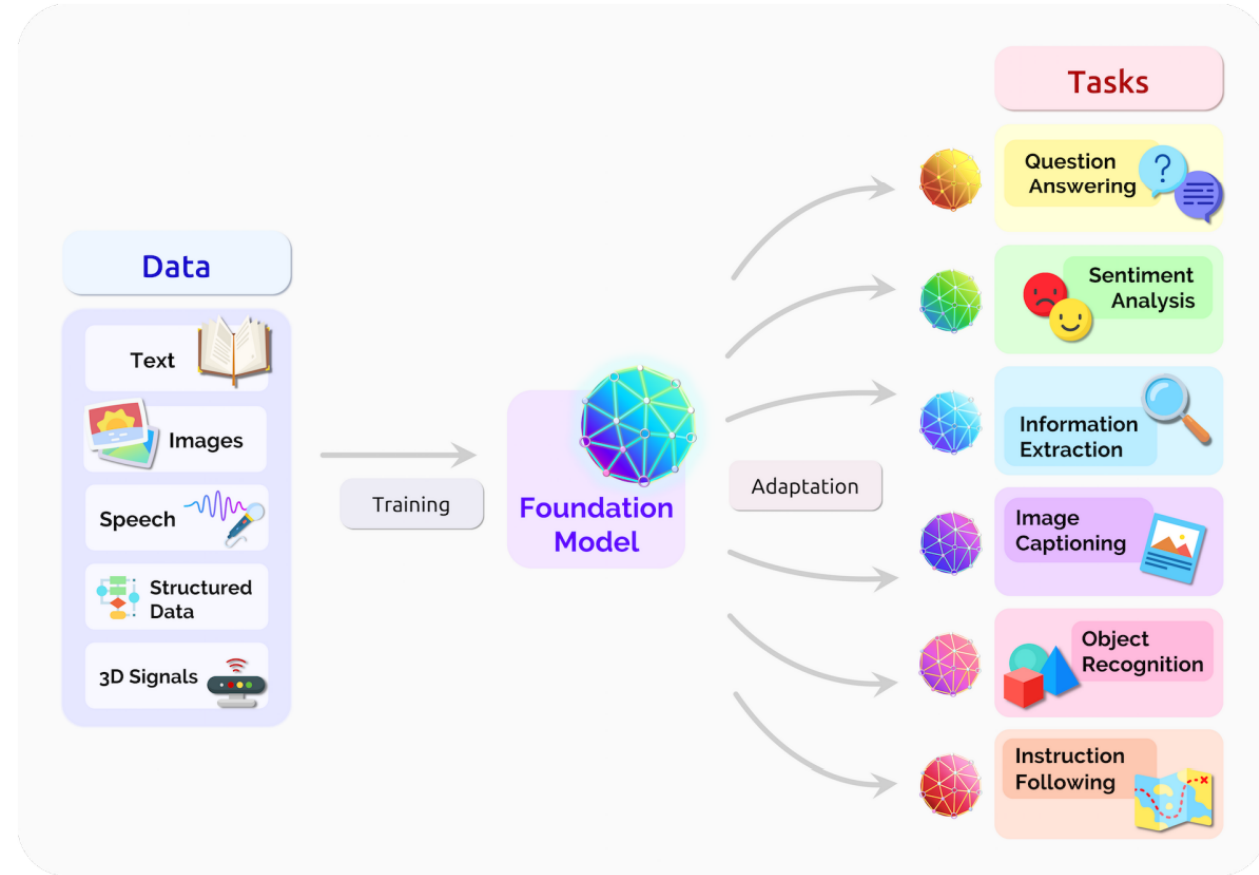
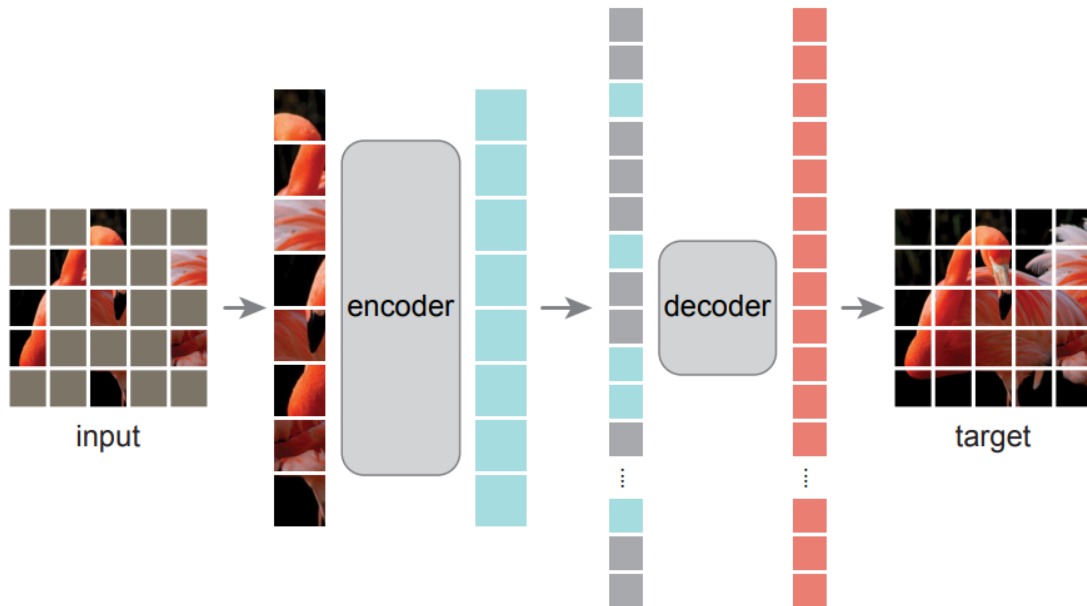
Zhang, Bloom, Gaudi, Lanusse, Lam, Lu (2021)

Meanwhile, in  
Computer Science...



# The Rise of The Foundation Model Paradigm

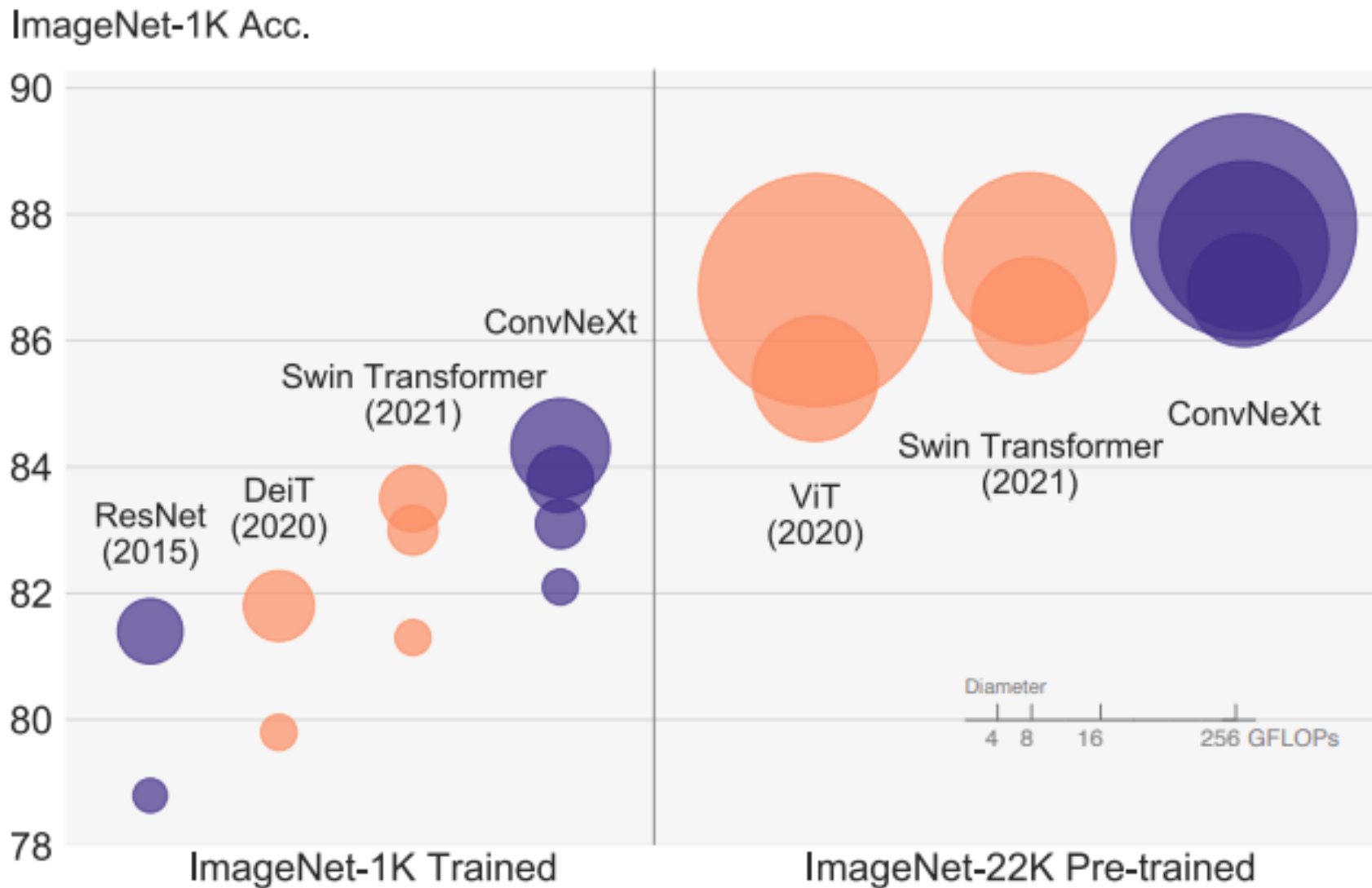
- **Foundation Model approach**
  - **Pretrain** models on pretext tasks, without supervision, on very large scale datasets.
  - **Adapt** pretrained models to downstream tasks.
  - **Combine** pretrained modules in more complex systems.



Bommasani et al. 2021

He et al. 2021

# The Advantage of Scale of Data and Compute



# Linearly Accessible Information

- Backbone of modern architectures embed input images as vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  where  $d$  can typically be between 512 to 2048.
- **Linear probing** refers to training a single matrix to adapt this vector representation to the desired downstream task.

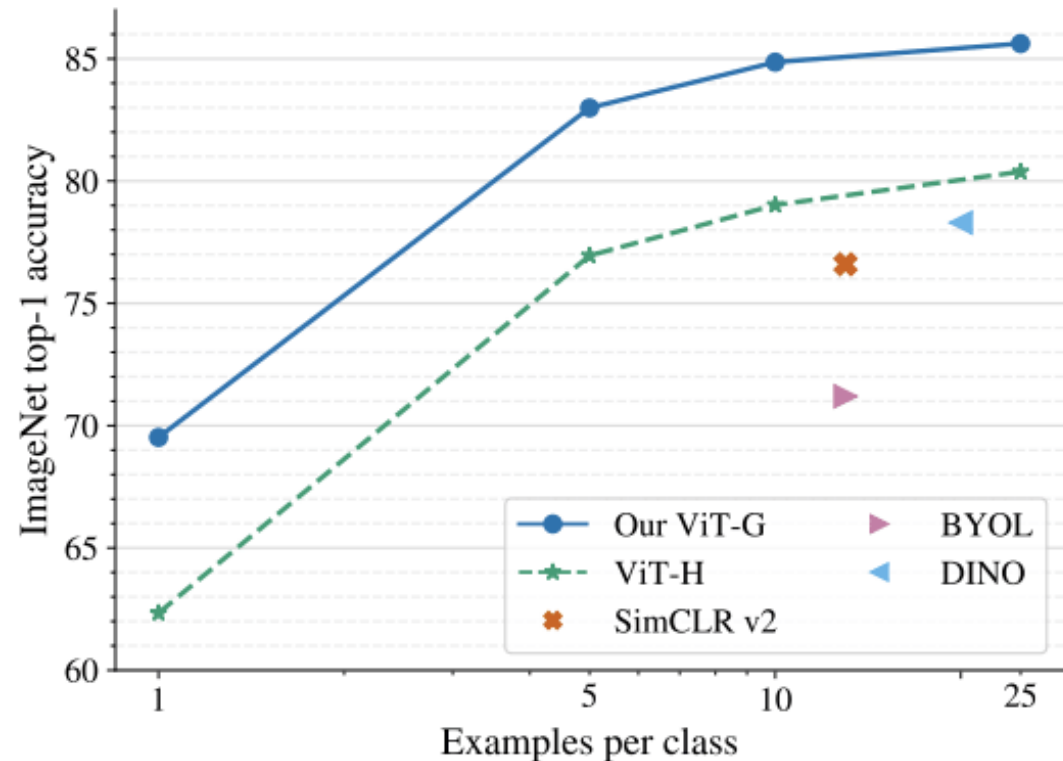
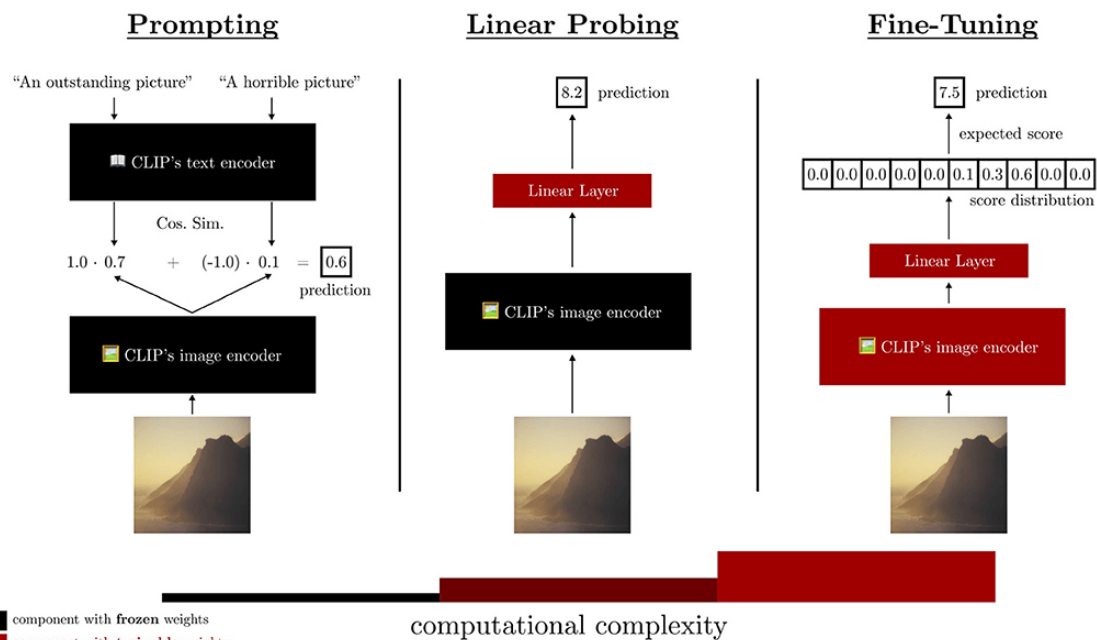


Figure 1. Few-shot transfer results. Our ViT-G model reaches 84.86% top-1 accuracy on ImageNet with 10-shot linear evaluation.

Zhai et al. 2022

# What This New Paradigm Could Mean for Us Astrophysicists

- **Never have to retrain my own neural networks** from scratch
  - Existing pre-trained models would already be near optimal, no matter the task at hand
- Practical large scale Deep Learning even in **very few example regime**
  - Searching for very rare objects in large surveys like Euclid or LSST becomes possible
- If the information is embedded in a space where it becomes linearly accessible, **very simple analysis tools are enough** for downstream analysis
  - In the future, survey pipelines may add vector embedding of detected objects into catalogs, these would be enough for most tasks, without the need to go back to pixels

Can we translate these innovations into a similar  
**paradigm shift in deep learning for scientific  
applications?**

# Polymathic



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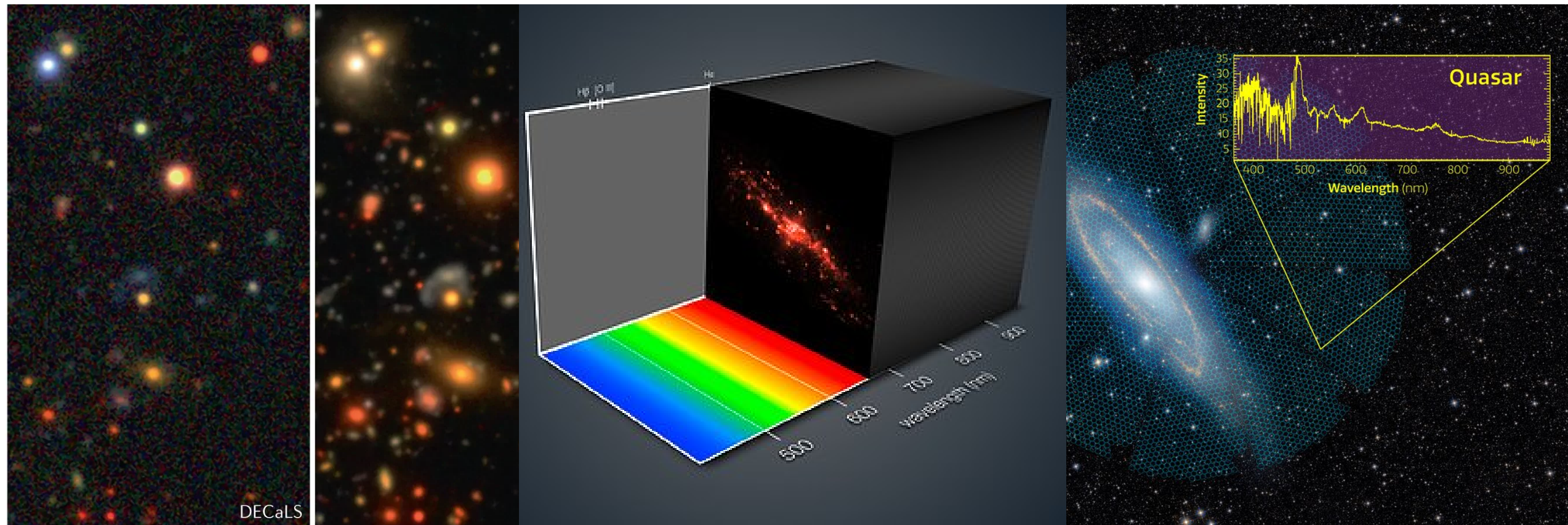
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Rudy Model



# The Data Diversity Challenge



Credit: Melchior et al. 2021

Credit: DESI collaboration/DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys/LBNL/DOE & KPNO/CTIO/NOIRLab/NSF/AURA/unWISE

- Success of recent foundation models is driven by large corpora of uniform data (e.g. **LAION 5B**).
- Scientific data comes with many additional challenges:
  - Metadata matters
  - Wide variety of measurements/observations

# Towards Large Multi-Modal Observational Models

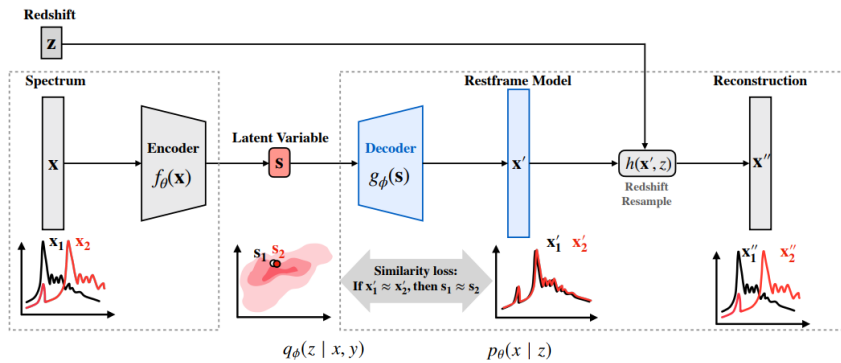
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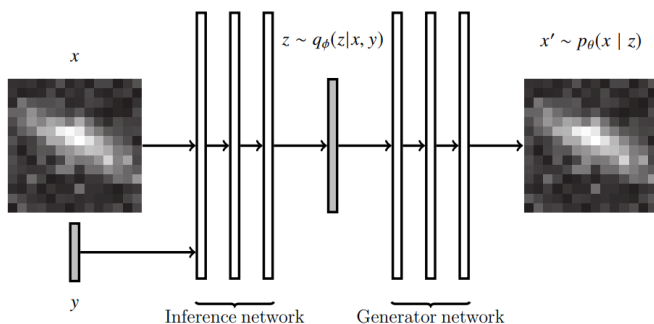


Independent models for every type of observation

Single model capable of processing all types of observations



Liang et al. 2023



Lanusse et al. 2020



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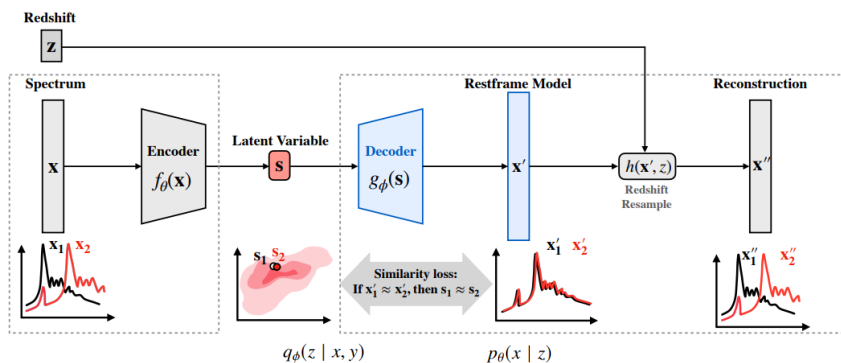
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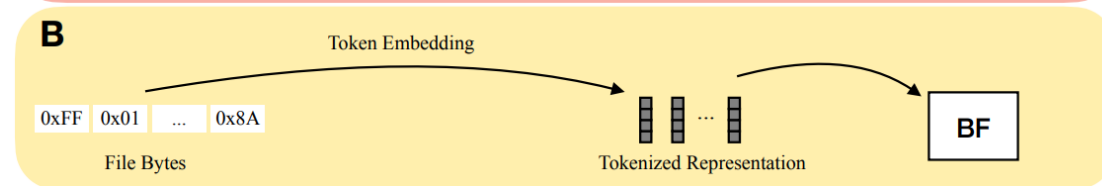
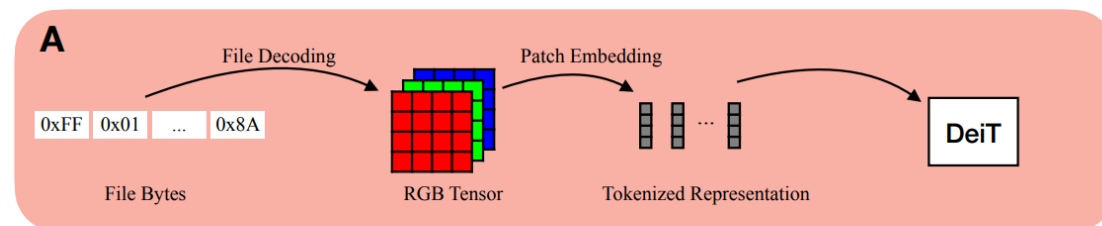


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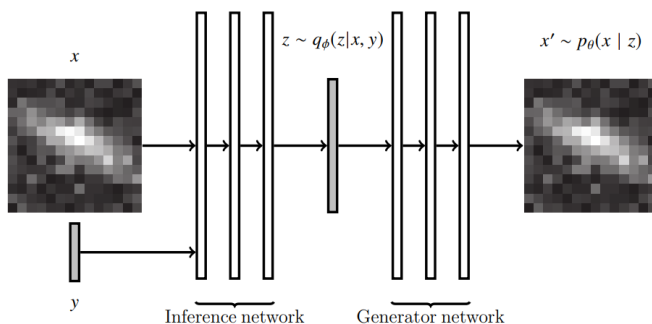
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Bytes Are All You Need (Horton et al. 2023)



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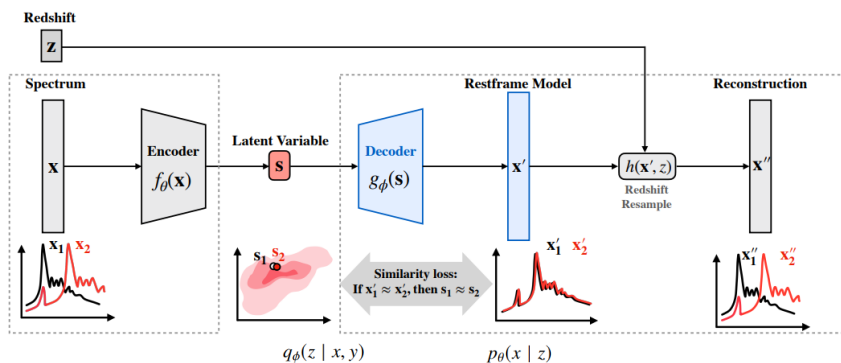
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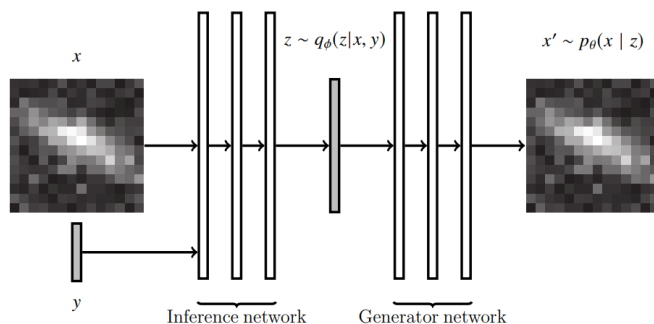
AstroCLIP

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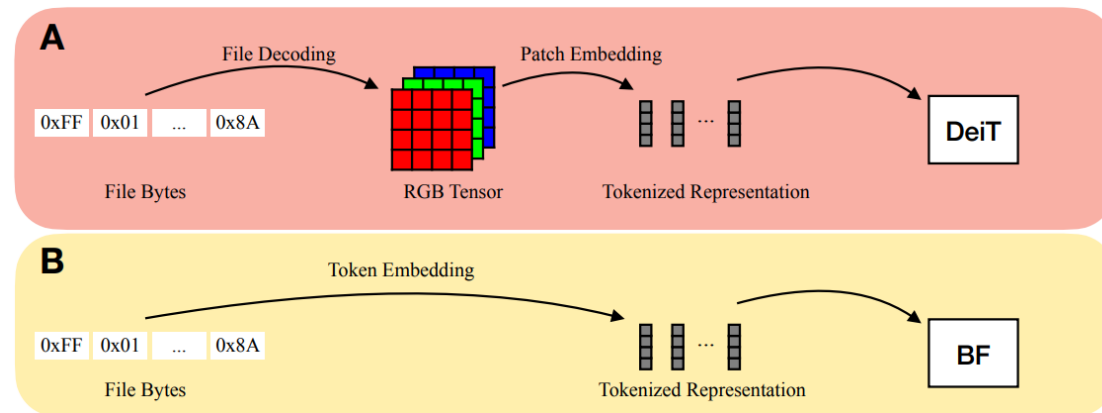
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# AstroCLIP

## Cross-Modal Pre-Training for Astronomical Foundation Models

astro-ph.IM [arXiv:2310.03024](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.03024)



Project led by Francois Lanusse, Liam Parker, Leopoldo Sarra, Siavash Golkar, Miles Cranmer

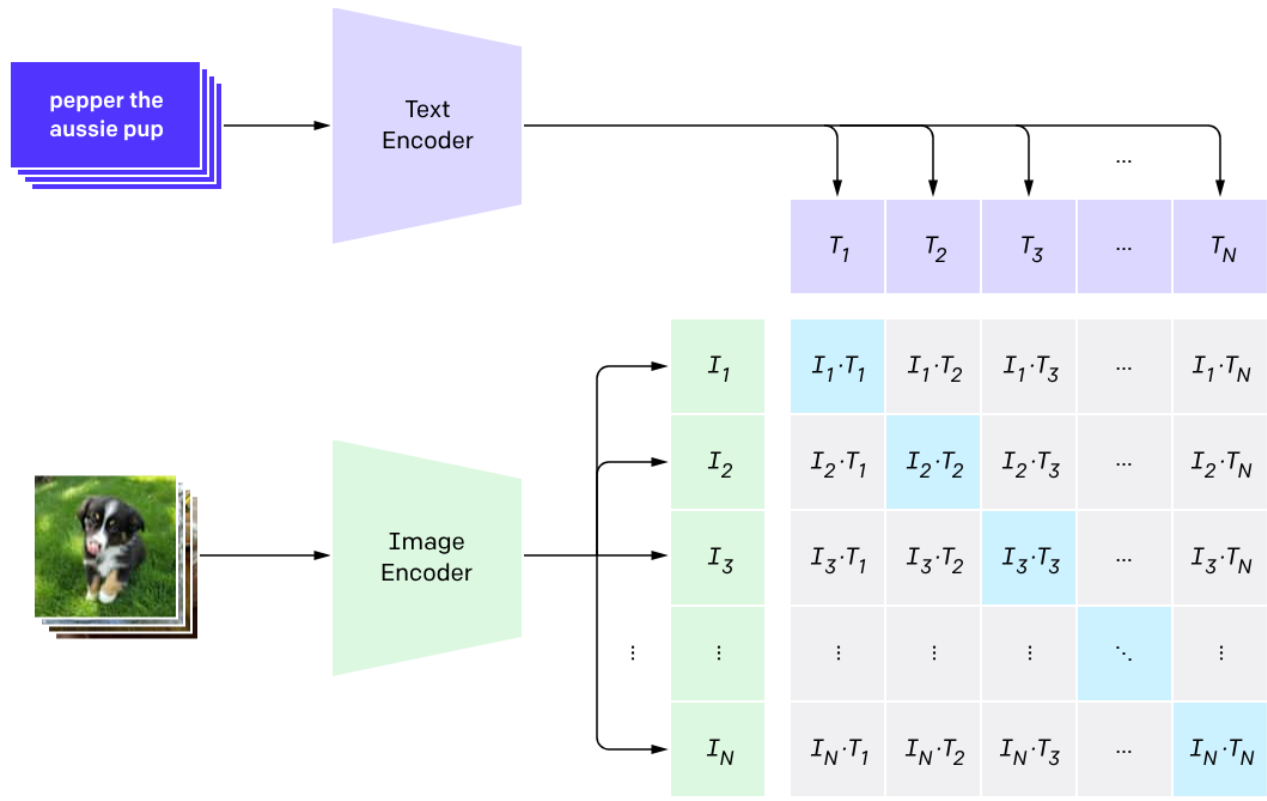
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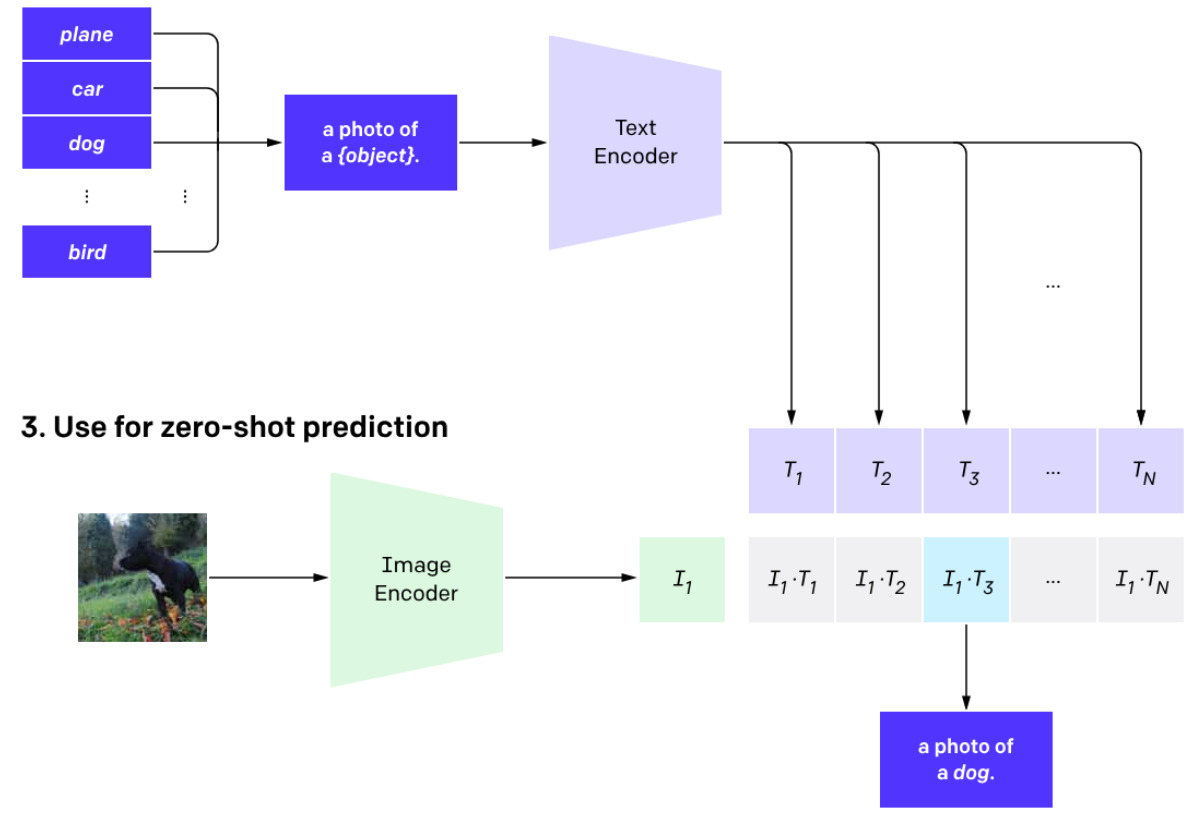
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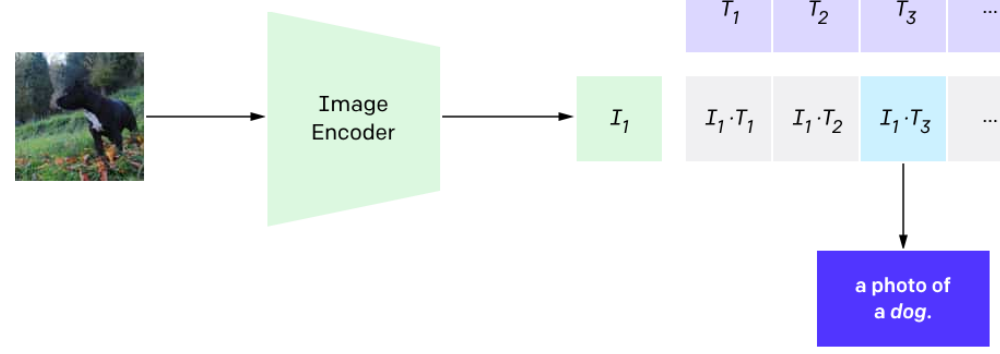
## 1. Contrastive pre-training



## 2. Create dataset classifier from label text



## 3. Use for zero-shot prediction



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# Contrastive Language Image Pretraining (CLIP)

(Radford et al. 2021)

# One model, many downstream applications!

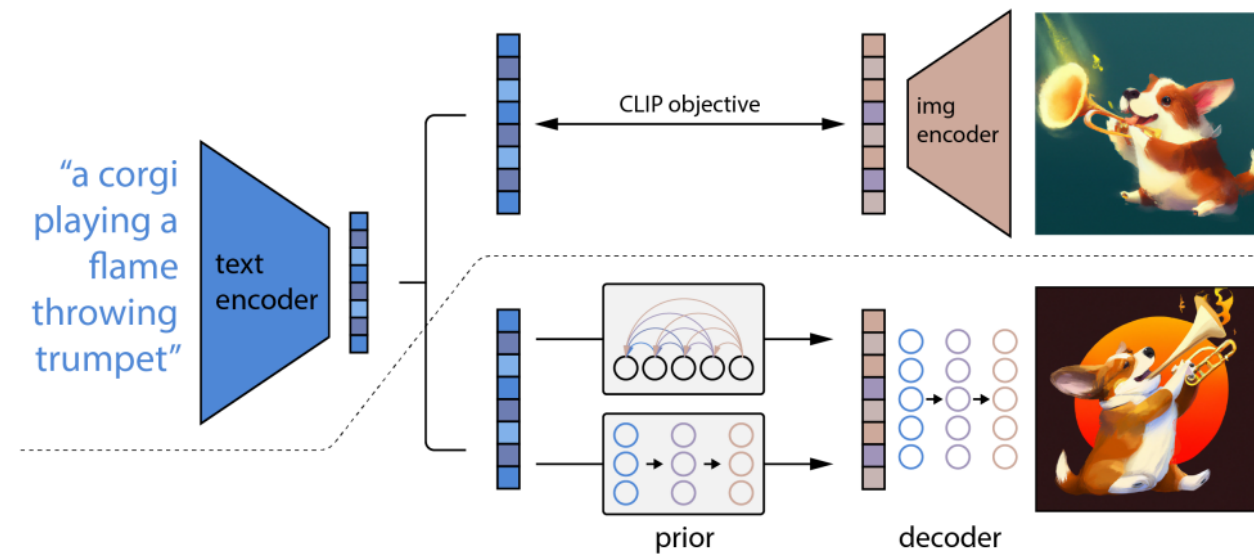
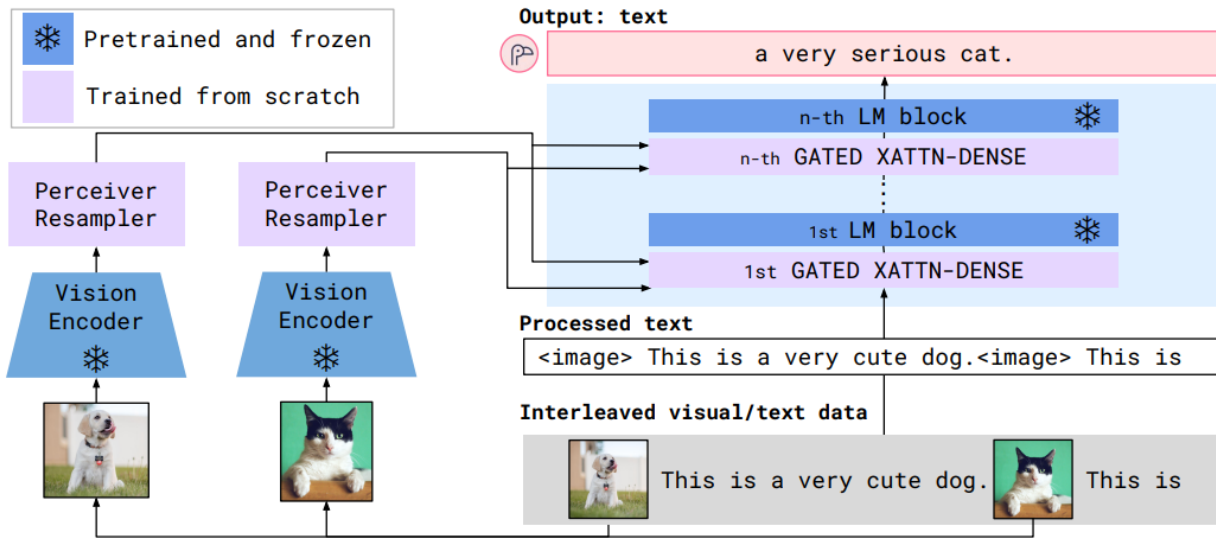
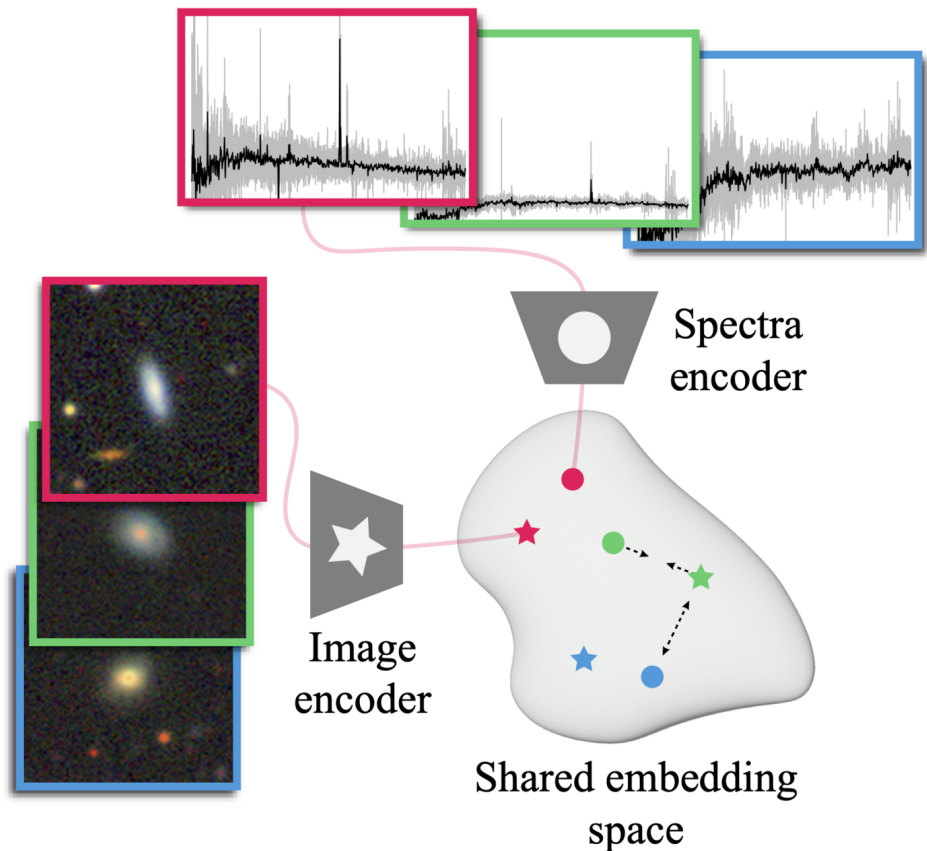


Figure 3: **Flamingo architecture overview.** Flamingo is a family of visual language models (VLMs) that take as input visual data interleaved with text and produce free-form text as output.

Flamingo: a Visual Language Model for Few-Shot Hierarchical Text-Conditional Image Generation Learning (Alayrac et al. 2022) with CLIP Latents (Ramesh et al. 2022)

# The AstroCLIP approach

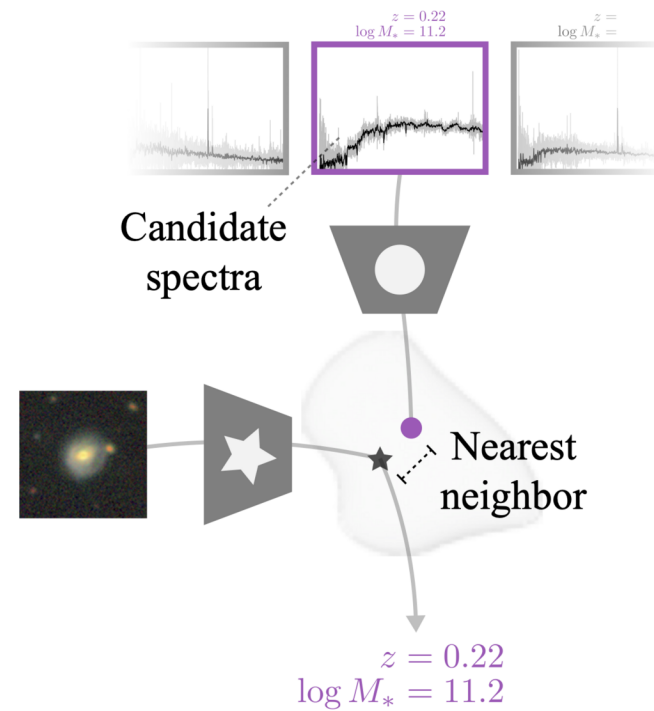
- We use **spectra** and multi-band **images** as our two different views for the same underlying object.
- DESI Legacy Surveys (*g,r,z*) images, and DESI EDR galaxy spectra.



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Cosine similarity search

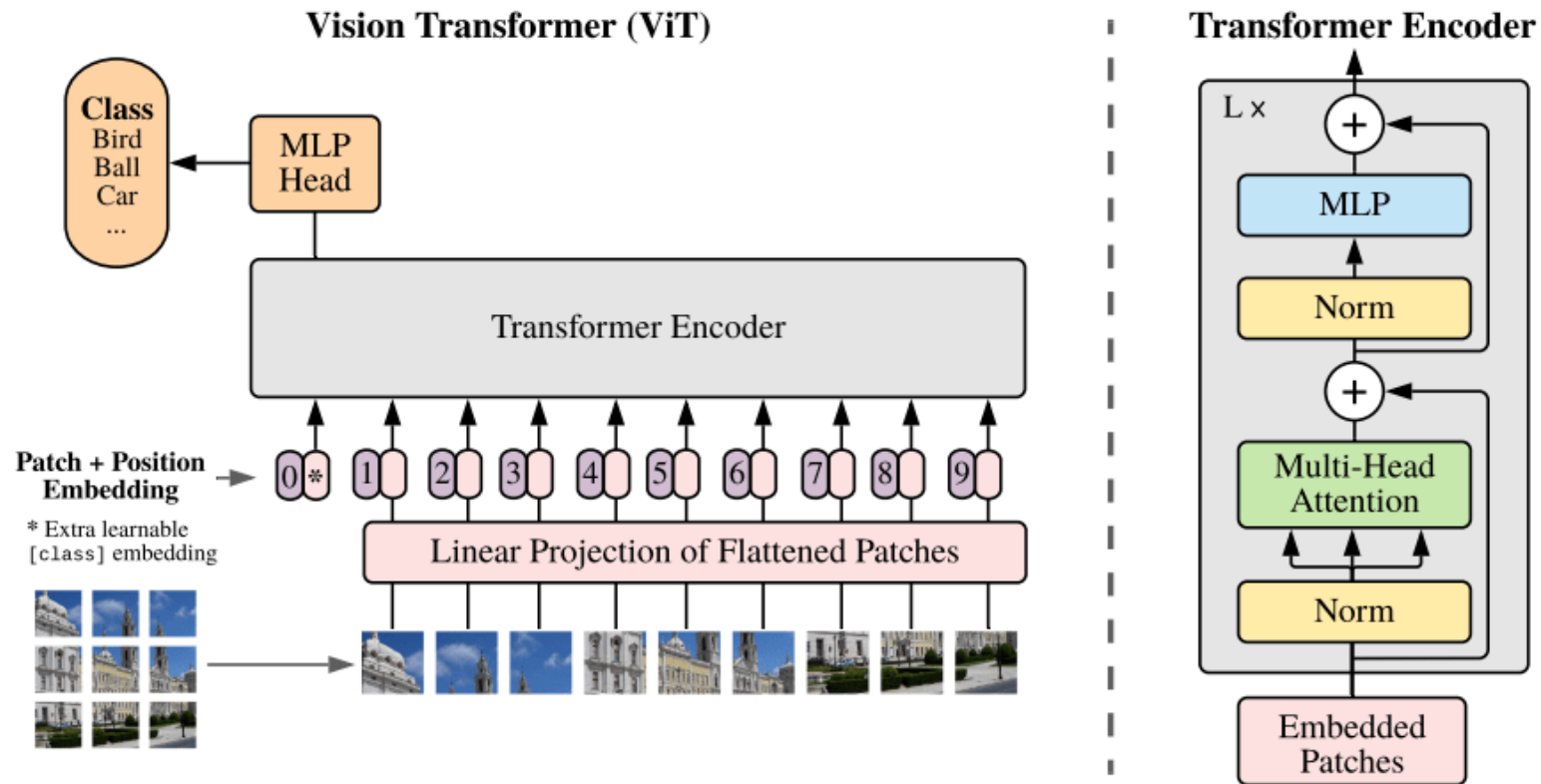


Zero-shot prediction



# The AstroCLIP Model (v2, Parker et al. in prep.)

- For **images**, we use a ViT-L Transformer (300M).
- For **spectra**, we use a decoder only Transformer working at the level of spectral patches.



(Dosovitskiy et al 2021)



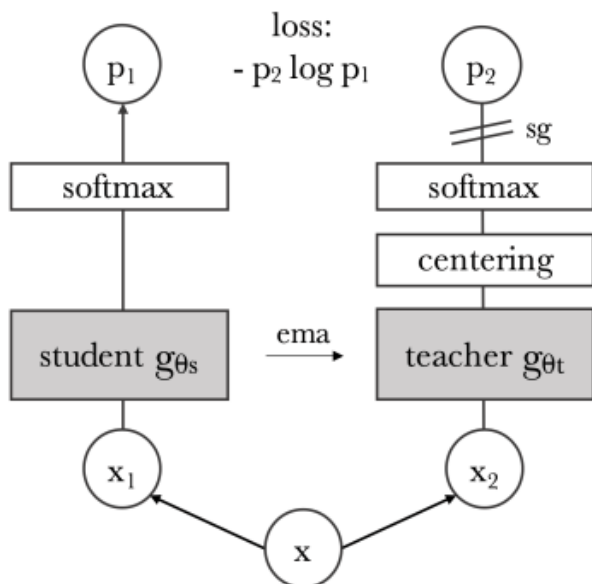
# DiNOv2 (Oquab et al. 2023) Image Pretraining

- Common practice for SOTA CLIP models is to initially pretrain the image encoder before CLIP alignment
- We adopt the **DiNOv2** state of the art Self-Supervised Learning model for the initial large scale training of the model.



PCA of patch features

	INet-1k k-NN	INet-1k linear
iBOT	72.9	82.3
+(our reproduction)	74.5 $\uparrow$ 1.6	83.2 $\uparrow$ 0.9
+LayerScale, Stochastic Depth	75.4 $\uparrow$ 0.9	82.0 $\downarrow$ 1.2
+128k prototypes	76.6 $\uparrow$ 1.2	81.9 $\downarrow$ 0.1
+KoLeo	78.9 $\uparrow$ 2.3	82.5 $\uparrow$ 0.6
+SwiGLU FFN	78.7 $\downarrow$ 0.2	83.1 $\uparrow$ 0.6
+Patch size 14	78.9 $\uparrow$ 0.2	83.5 $\uparrow$ 0.4
+Teacher momentum 0.994	79.4 $\uparrow$ 0.5	83.6 $\uparrow$ 0.1
+Tweak warmup schedules	80.5 $\uparrow$ 1.1	83.8 $\uparrow$ 0.2
+Batch size 3k	81.7 $\uparrow$ 1.2	84.7 $\uparrow$ 0.9
+Sinkhorn-Knopp	81.7 =	84.7 =
+Untying heads = DiNOv2	82.0 $\uparrow$ 0.3	84.5 $\downarrow$ 0.2



Dense Semantic Segmentation



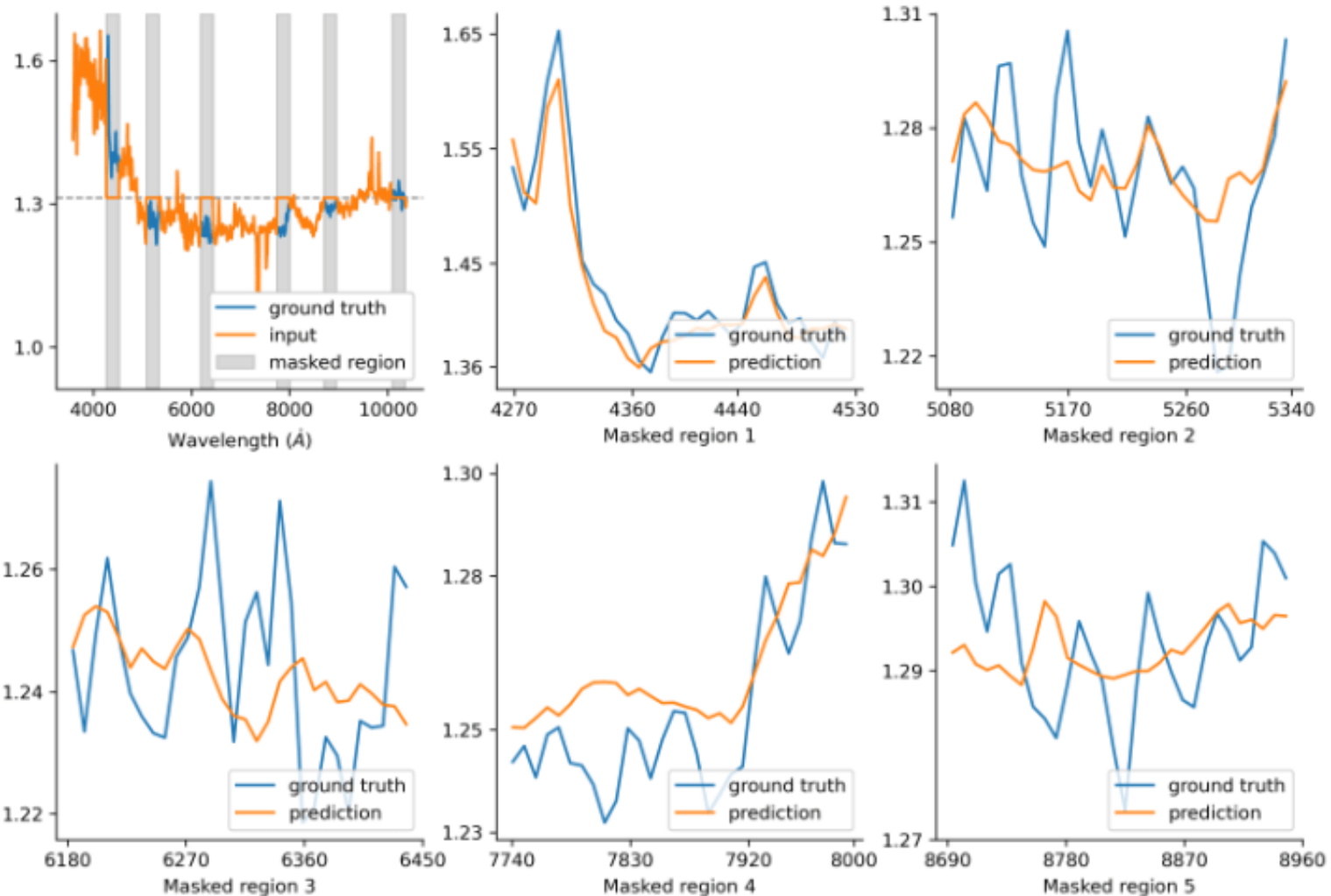
Dense Depth Estimation

- We pretrain the DiNOv2 model on **~70 million postage stamps** from DECaLS

# Spectrum Transformer Pretraining by Masked Modeling

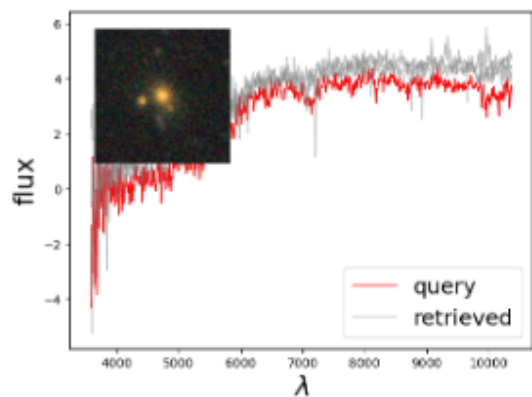
- To pretrain the spectrum embedder, we use a simple Masked Image Modeling strategy

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MM}} = \frac{1}{NK} \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{m}_i \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i)^2,$$

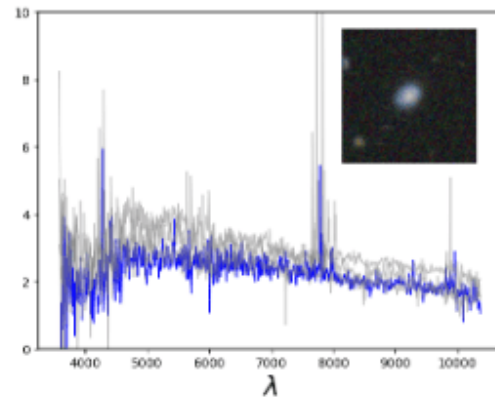


# Evaluation of the model: Similarity Search

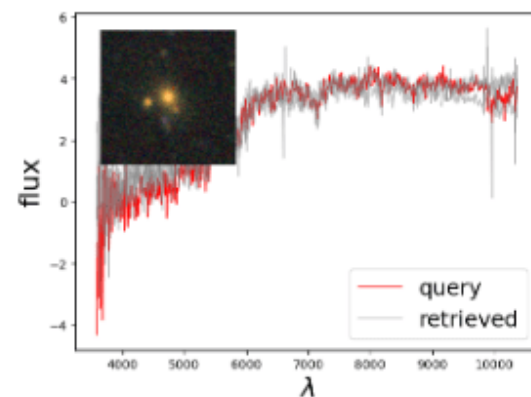
- Cross-Modal similarity search



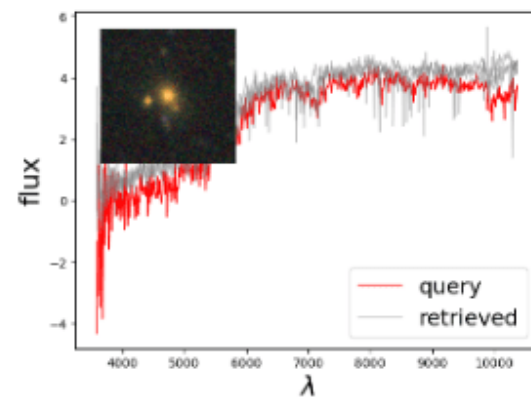
(f)  $S_C(\mathbf{z}_q^{im}, \mathbf{z}^{im})$



(g)  $S_C(\mathbf{z}_q^{sp}, \mathbf{z}^{sp})$



(h)  $S_C(\mathbf{z}_q^{sp}, \mathbf{z}^{im})$



(i)  $S_C(\mathbf{z}_q^{im}, \mathbf{z}^{sp})$

$$S_C(\mathbf{z}_i^{sp}, \mathbf{z}_i^{im}) = (\mathbf{z}_i^{sp} \cdot \mathbf{z}_i^{im}) / \|\mathbf{z}_i^{sp}\| \|\mathbf{z}_i^{im}\|$$

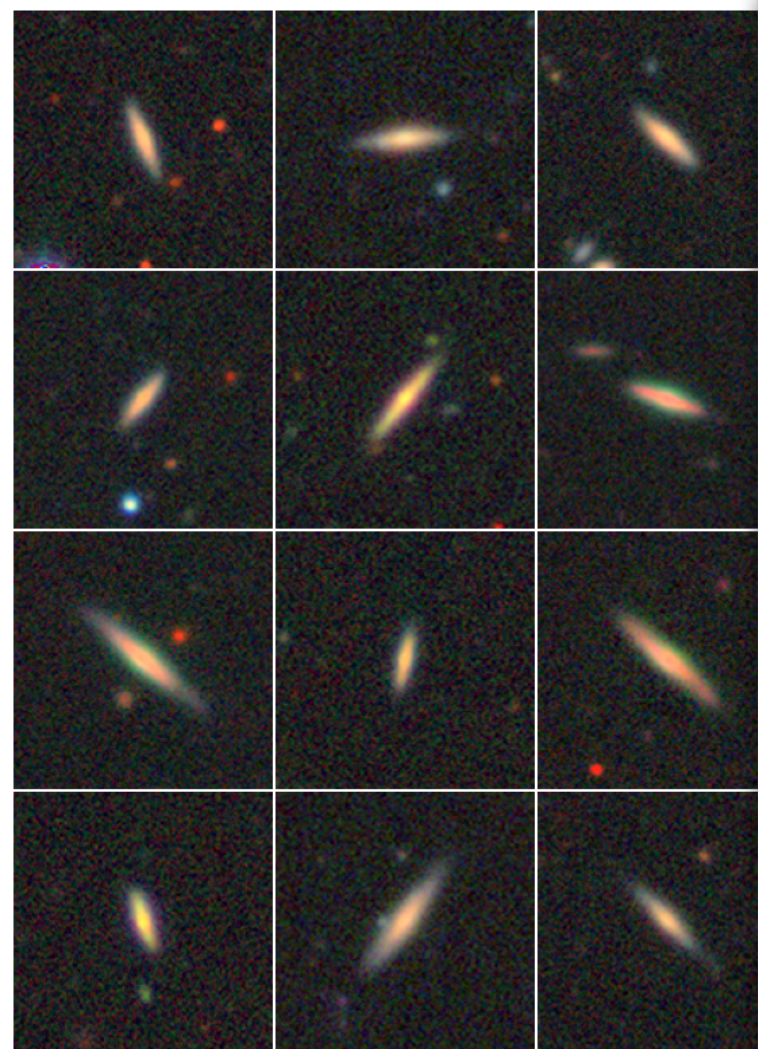
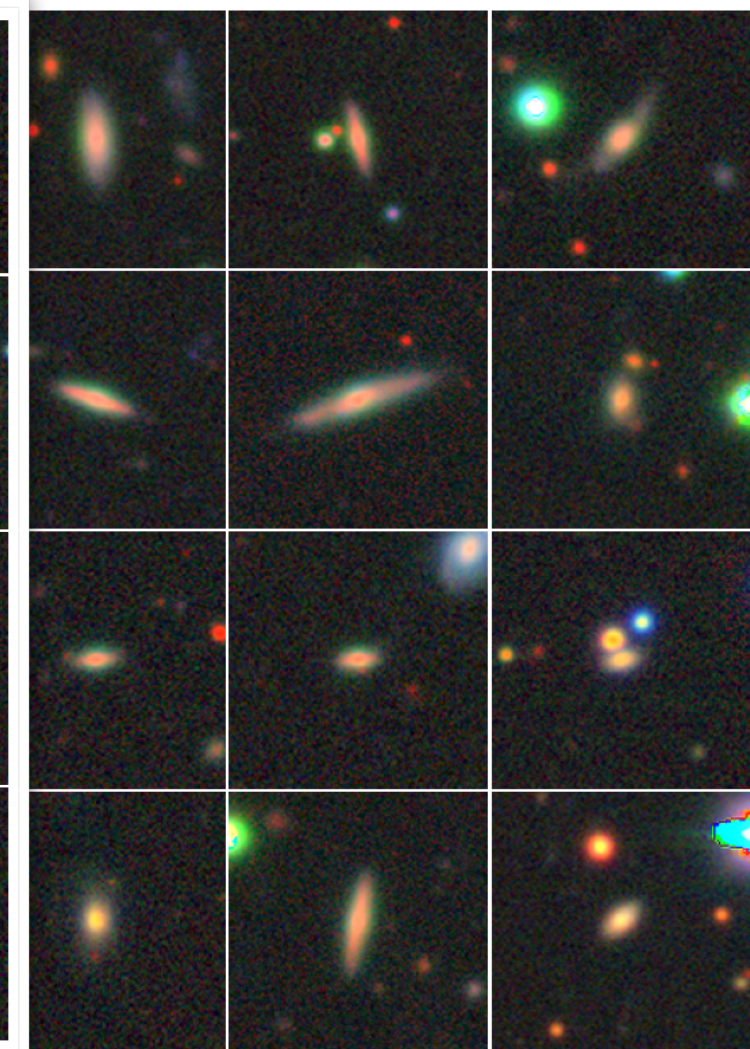


Image Similarity



Image-Spectral Similarity



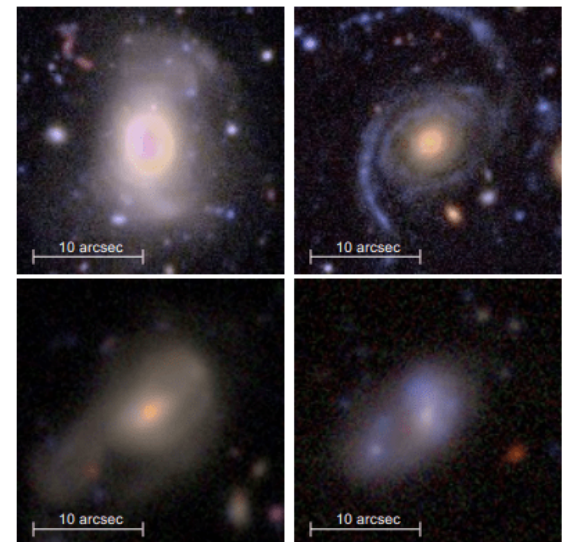
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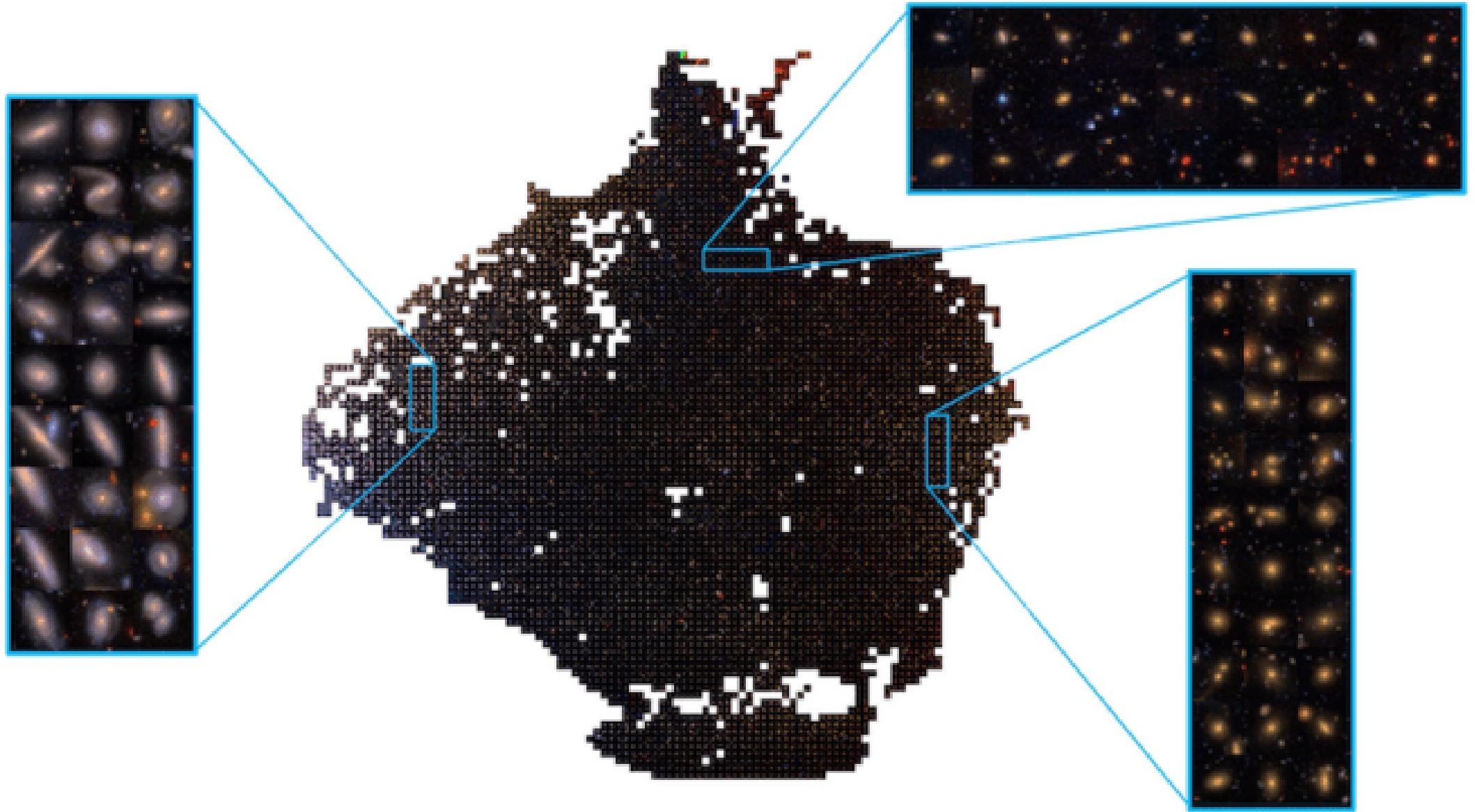
# Detecting Galaxy Tidal Features Using Self-Supervised Representation Learning

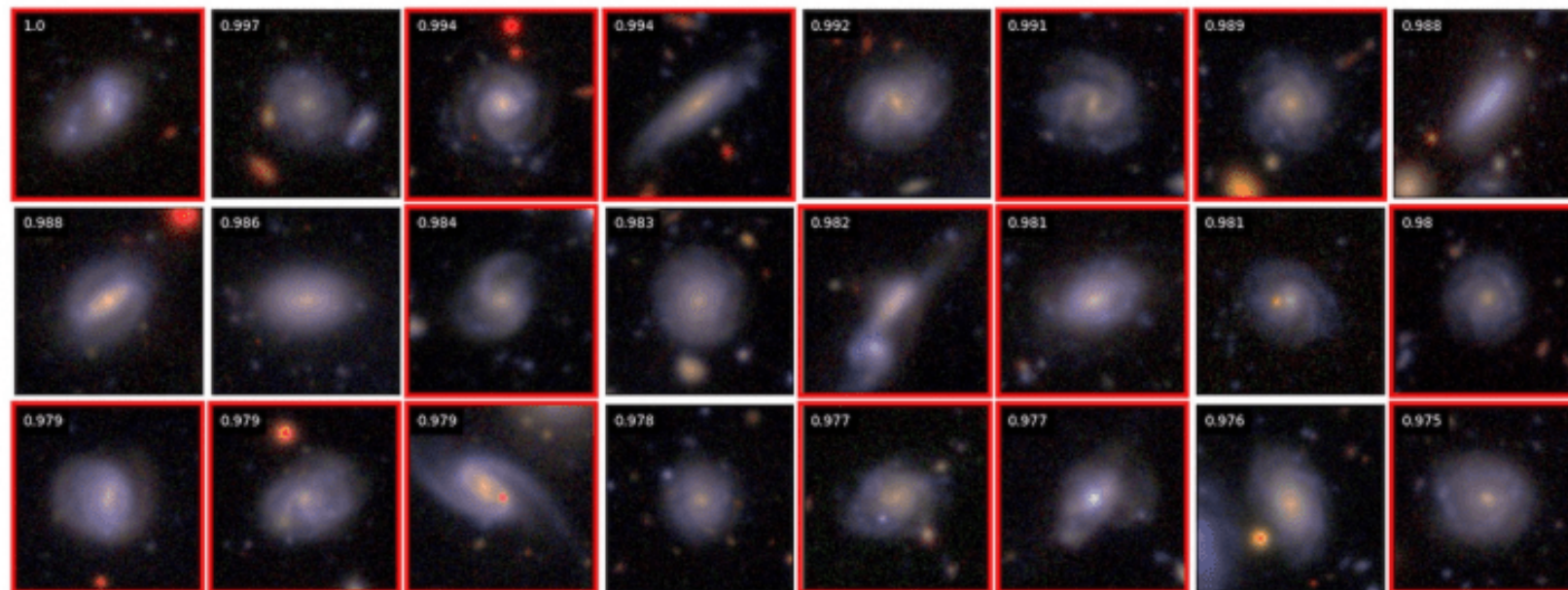
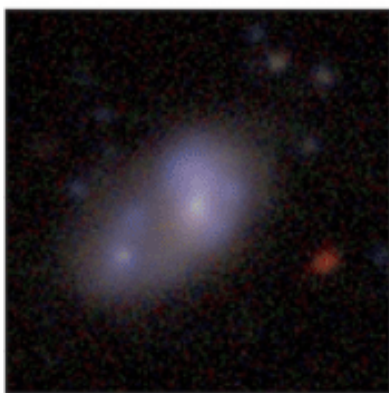
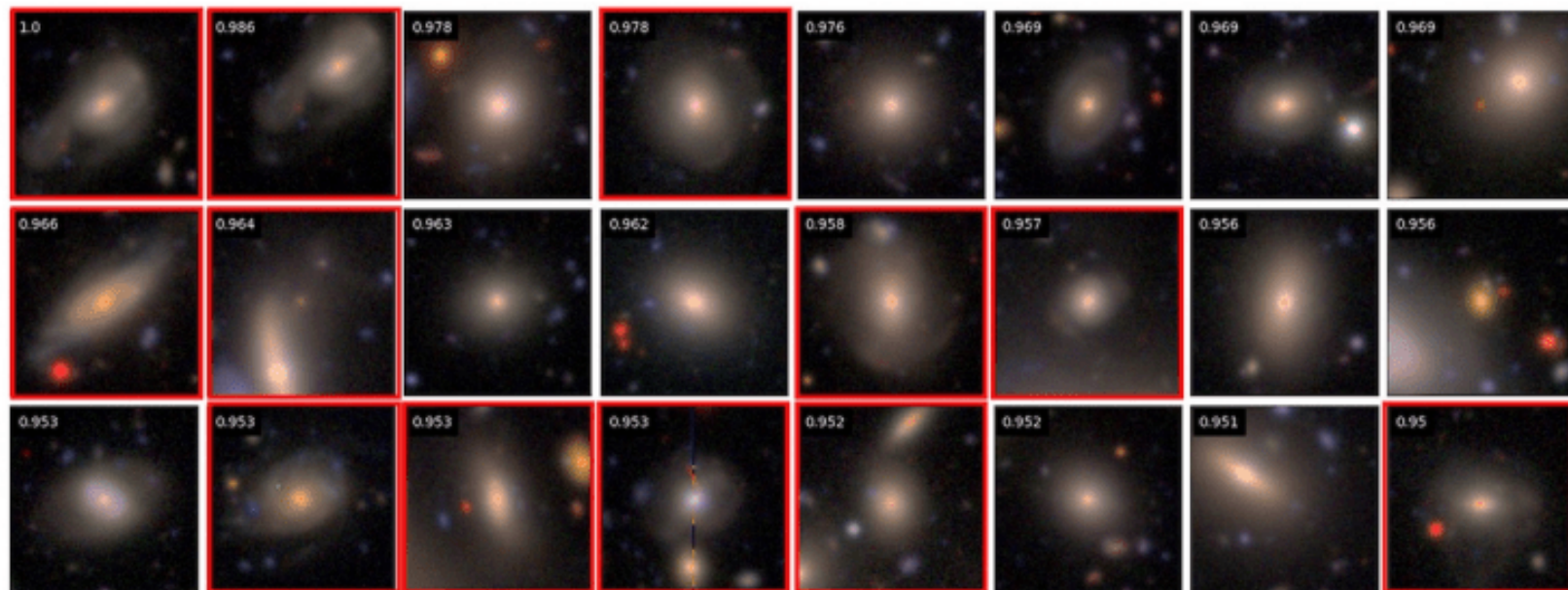
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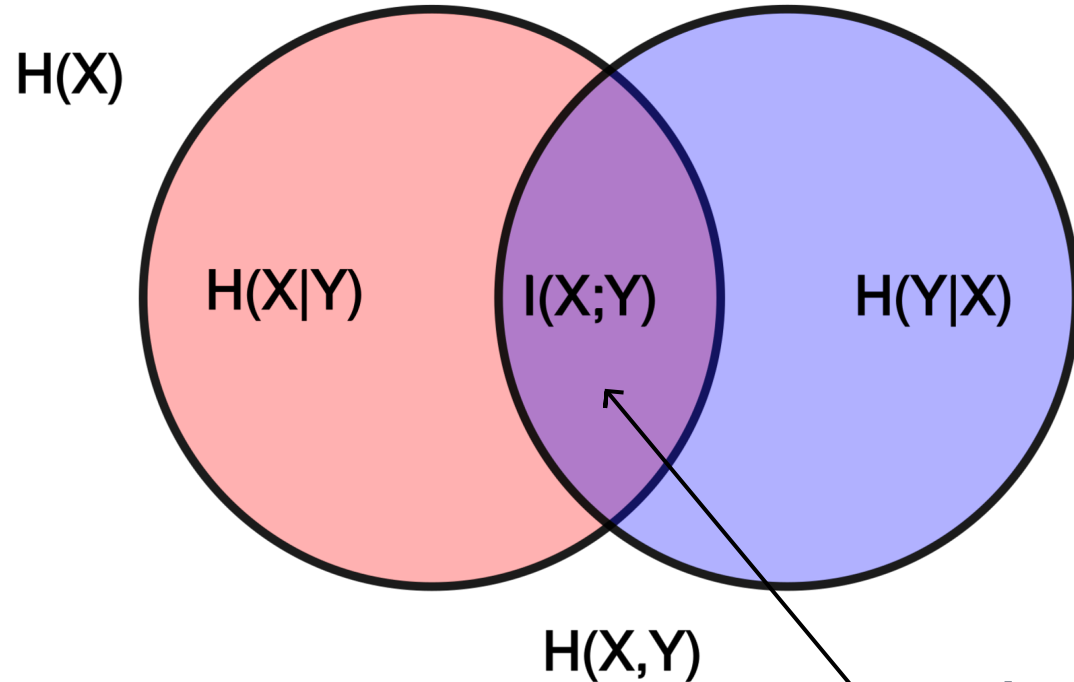
Project led by Alice Desmons, Francois Lanusse, Sarah Brough







# The Information Point of View



$H(Y)$

- The InfoNCE loss is a lower bound on the **Mutual Information** between modalities

=> We are building **summary statistics for the physical parameters** describing an object in a **completely data driven way**

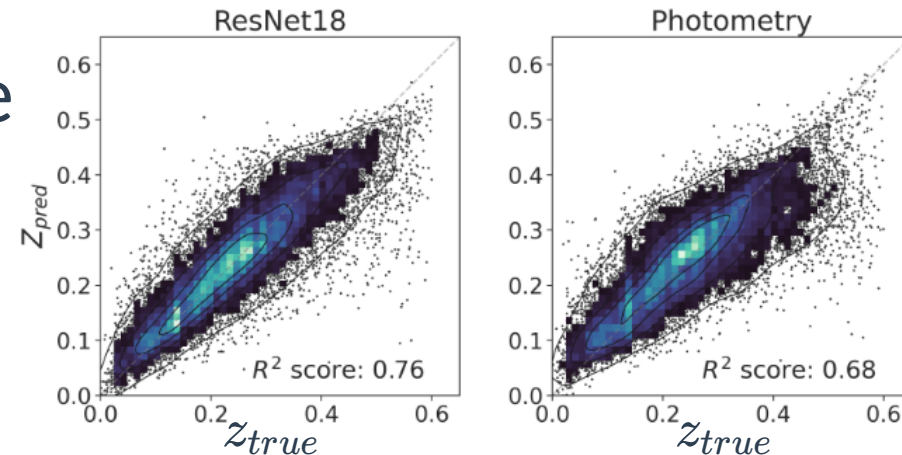
**Shared physical information**  
about galaxies between images  
and spectra

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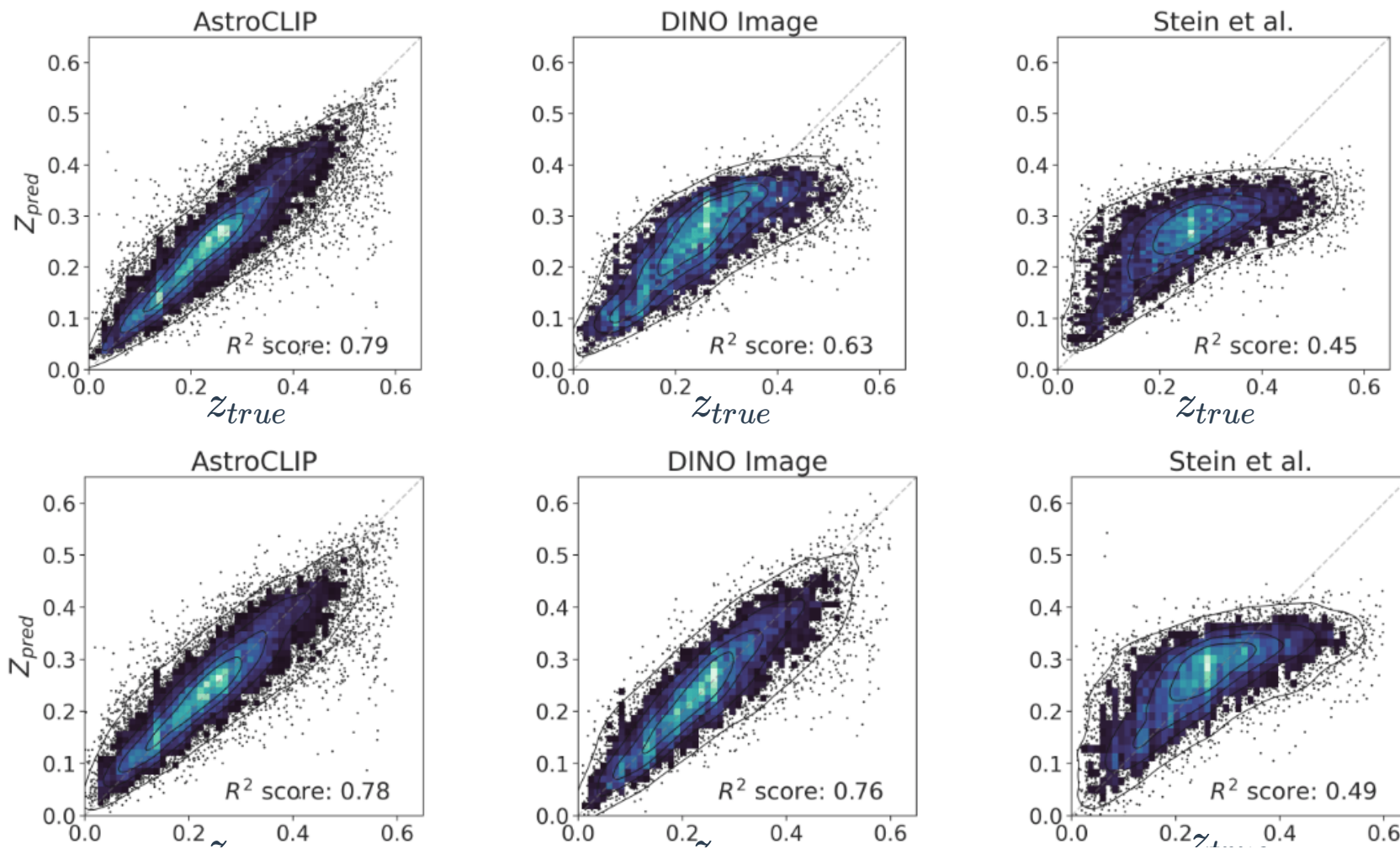
# Evaluation of the model: Parameter Inference

- Redshift Estimation From Images



Supervised baseline

- Zero-shot prediction
  - k-NN regression



- Few-shot prediction
  - MLP head trained on top of frozen backbone

- Galaxy Physical Property Estimation from Images and Spectra

We use estimates of galaxy properties from the PROVABGS catalog (Hahn et al. 2023) (Bayesian spectral energy distribution (SED) modeling of DESI spectroscopy and photometry method)

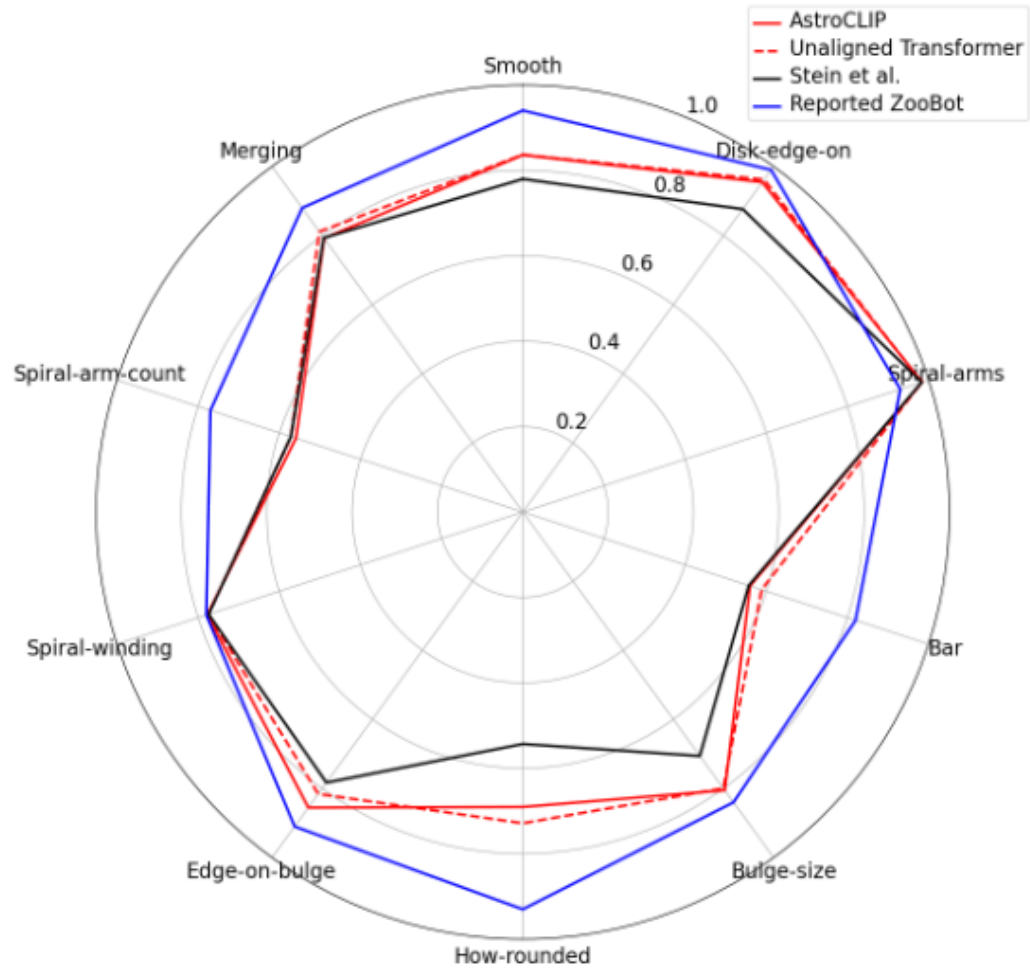
Source	Method	NLL
Images	AstroCLIP*	<b>0.77 ± 0.00</b>
	SSL Transformer*	0.82 ± 0.00
	Stein et al. (2021b)	1.02 ± 0.04
	ResNet18	0.84 ± 0.00
Spectra	AstroCLIP*	0.17 ± 0.04
	SSL Transformer*	<b>0.00 ± 0.04</b>
	Conv+Att	0.29 ± 0.000
Photometry	MLP	1.06 ± 0.05

Negative Log Likelihood of Neural Posterior Inference

Source	Method	$M_*$	$Z_{MW}$	$t_{age}$	$sSFR$
Images	AstroCLIP				
	Zero-Shot*	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.42</b>
	Few-Shot*	0.71	0.42	0.25	0.42
	SSL Transformer				
	Zero-Shot*	0.62	0.37	0.14	0.22
	Few-Shot*	0.72	0.42	0.23	0.40
	Stein et al. (2021b)				
	Zero-Shot	0.30	0.22	0.10	0.23
	Few-Shot	0.36	0.24	0.11	0.21
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	Zero-Shot*	0.87	0.57	0.43	0.63
	Few-Shot*	<b>0.88</b>	0.58	0.43	0.64
	SSL Transformer				
	Zero-Shot*	0.84	0.57	0.38	0.62
	Few-Shot*	0.88	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.69</b>
	Conv+Att	0.85	0.62	0.43	0.67
Photometry	MLP	0.67	0.40	0.26	0.34

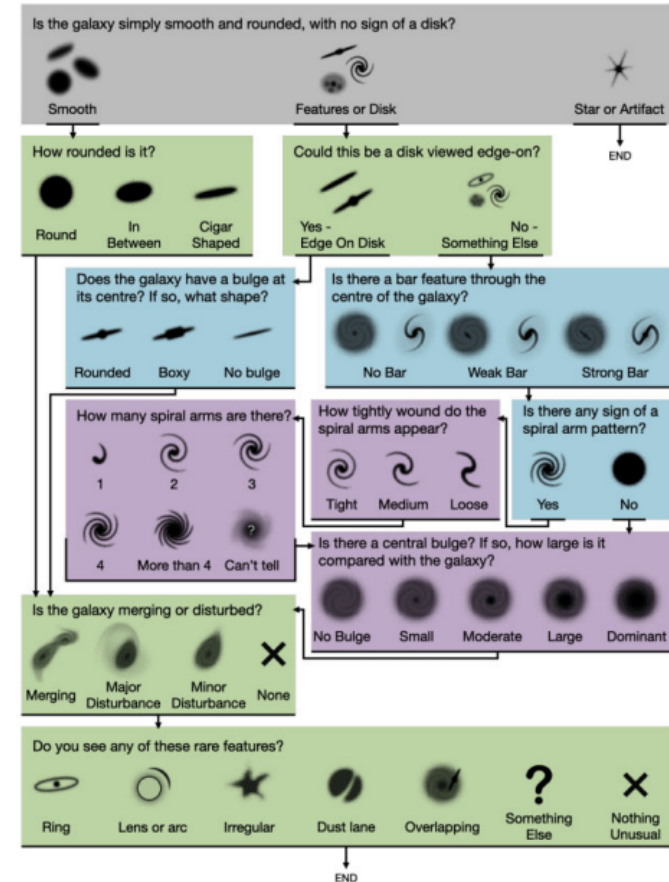
$R^2$  of regression

- Galaxy Morphology Classification



Classification Accuracy

We test a galaxy morphology classification task using as labels the GZ-5 dataset (Walmsley et al. 2021)



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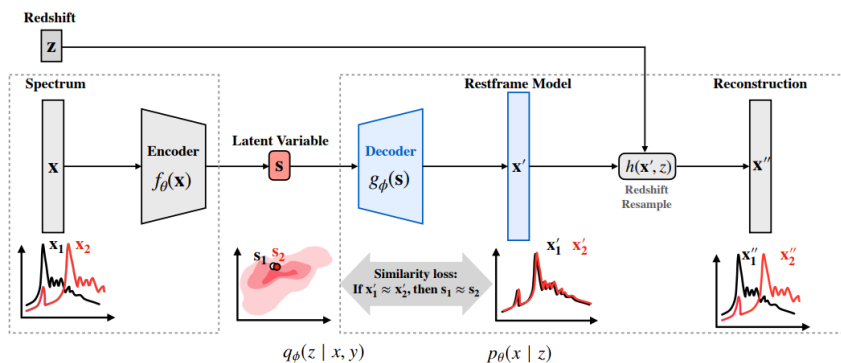
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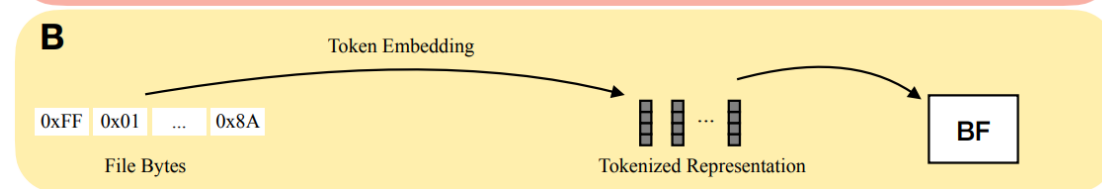
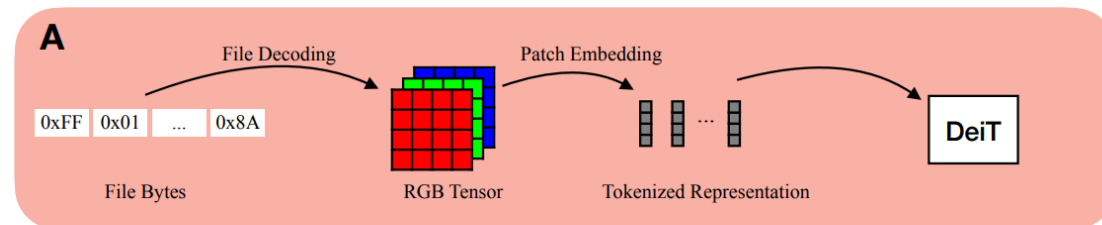
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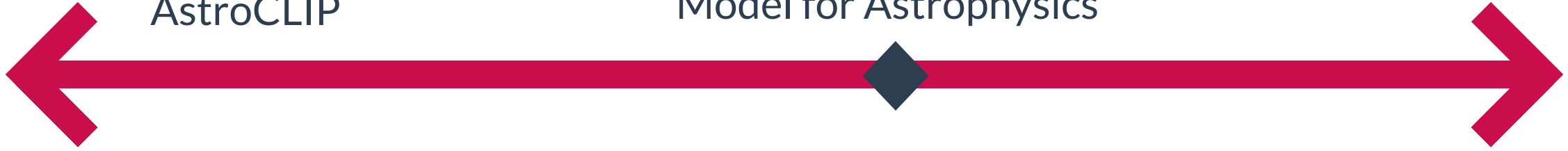
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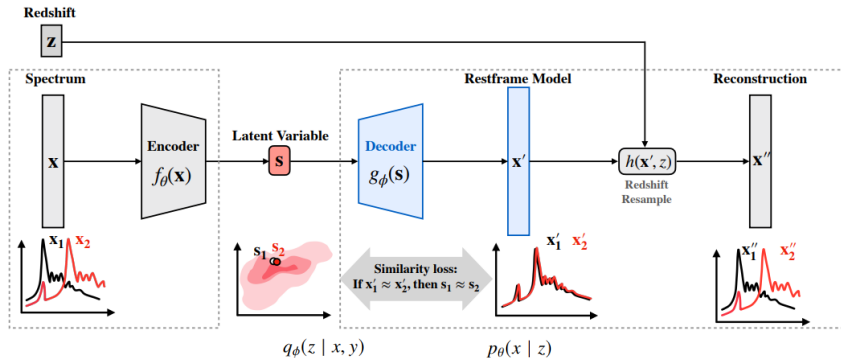
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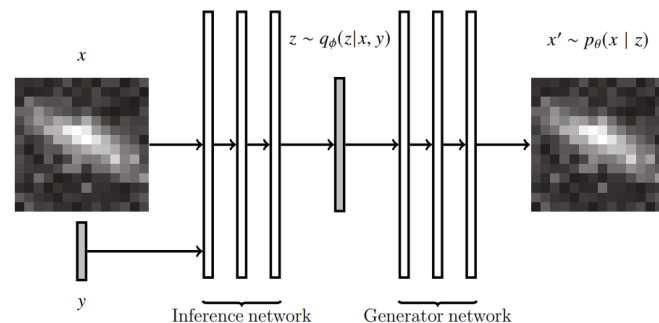


Independent models for every type of observation

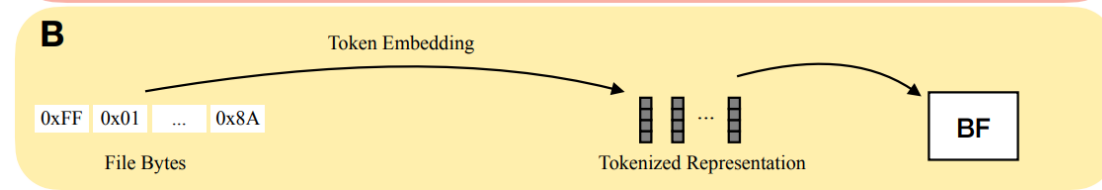
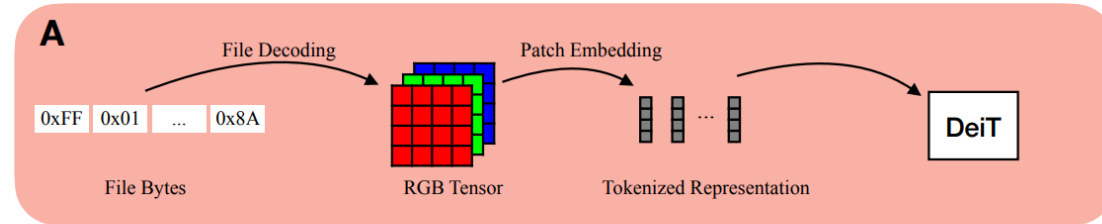
Single model capable of processing all types of observations



Liang et al. 2023



Lanusse et al. 2020



Bytes Are All You Need (Horton et al. 2023)



# Towards Massively Multimodal Large Data Models for Astrophysics



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# New Generation of Token-Based Multimodal Models

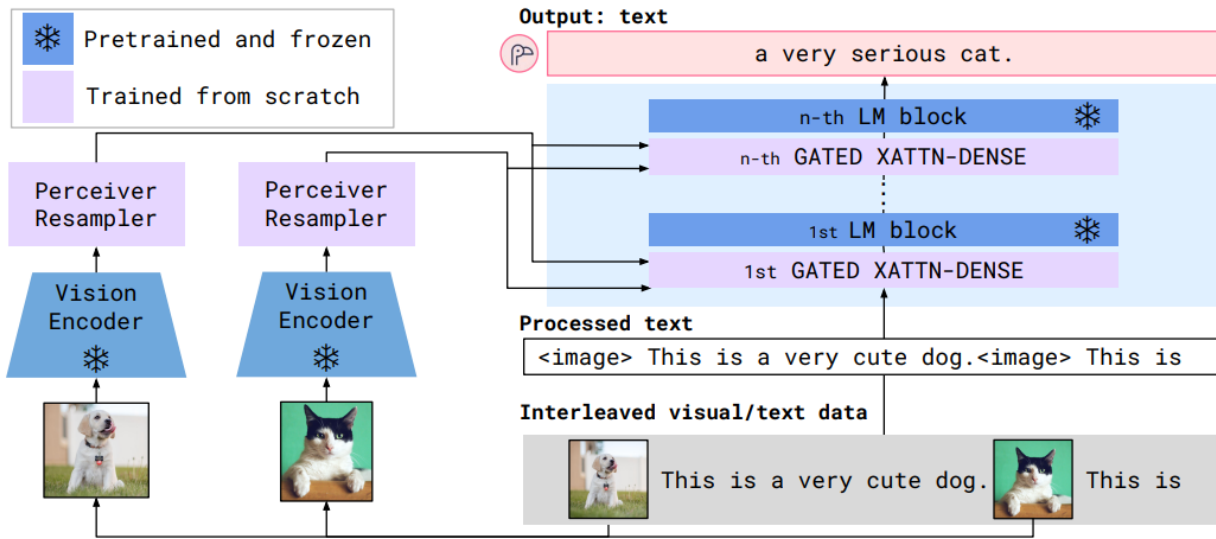
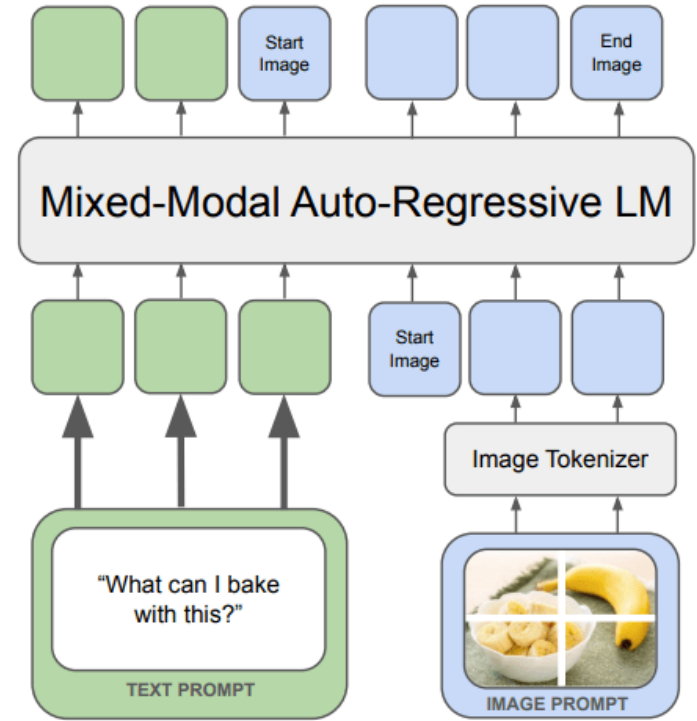


Figure 3: **Flamingo architecture overview.** Flamingo is a family of visual language models (VLMs) that take as input visual data interleaved with text and produce free-form text as output.

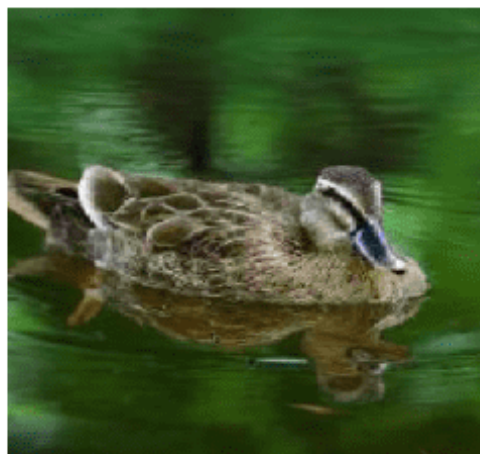
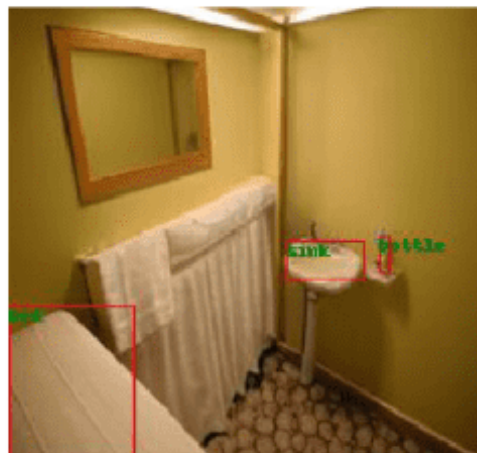
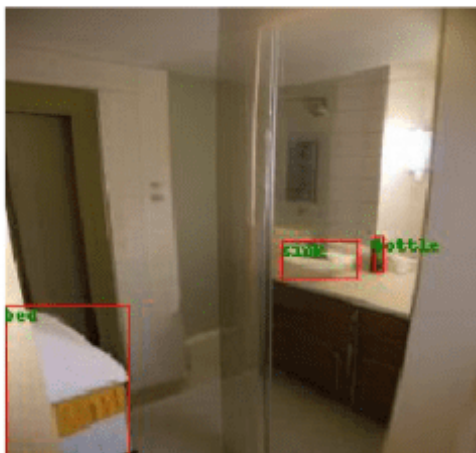


Flamingo: a Visual Language Model for Few-Shot Learning (Alayrac et al. 2022)

Chameleon: Mixed-Modal Early-Fusion Foundation Models (Chameleon team, 2024)

# All-to-All Foundation Models

Generate high quality image of “a room that has a sink and a mirror in it” with bottle at location (199, 130) -> (204, 150) and with a sink at location (149, 133) -> (190, 154) and with bed at location (0, 169) -> (67, 255)



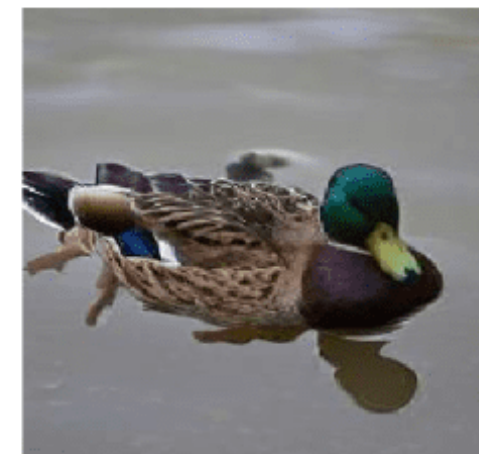
INPUT



EXTRACTED SEGMENTATION  
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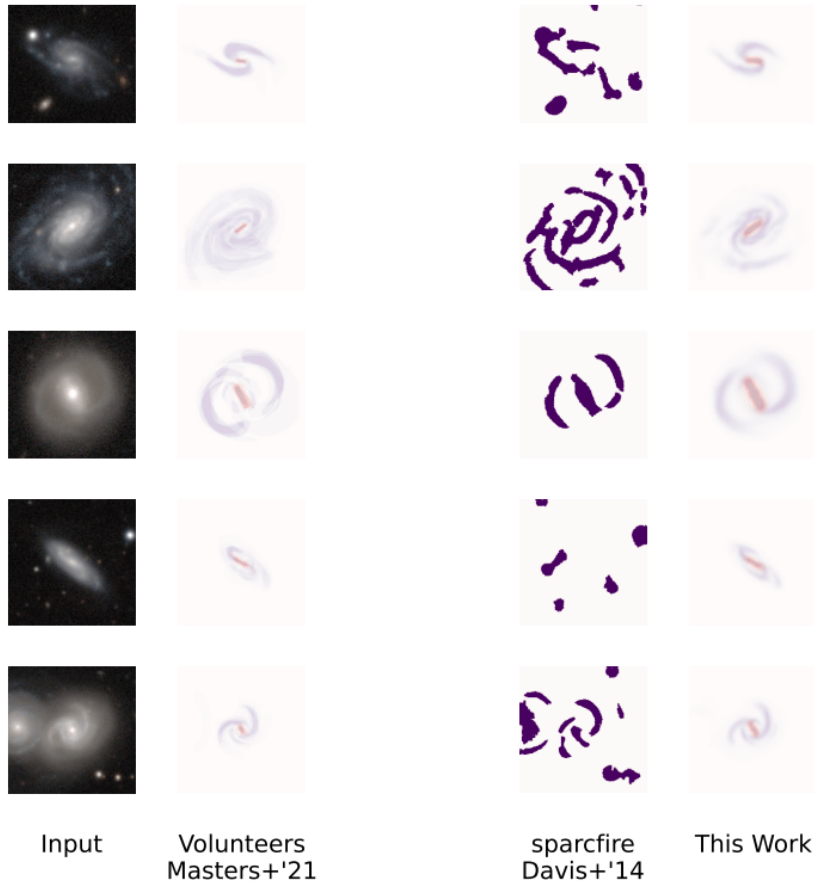
GENERATION 1



GENERATION 2

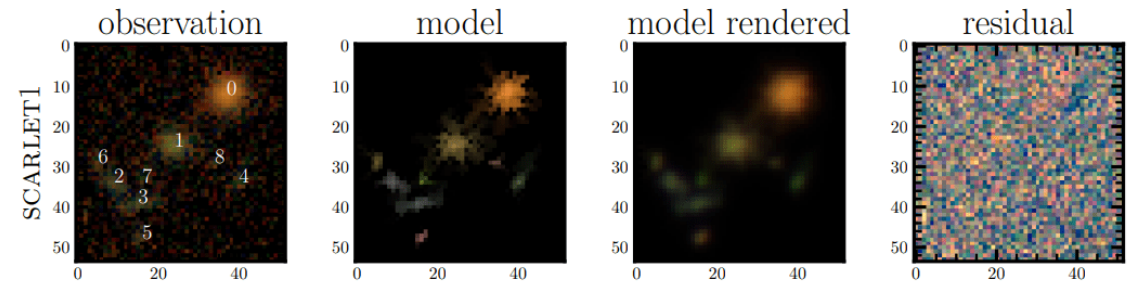
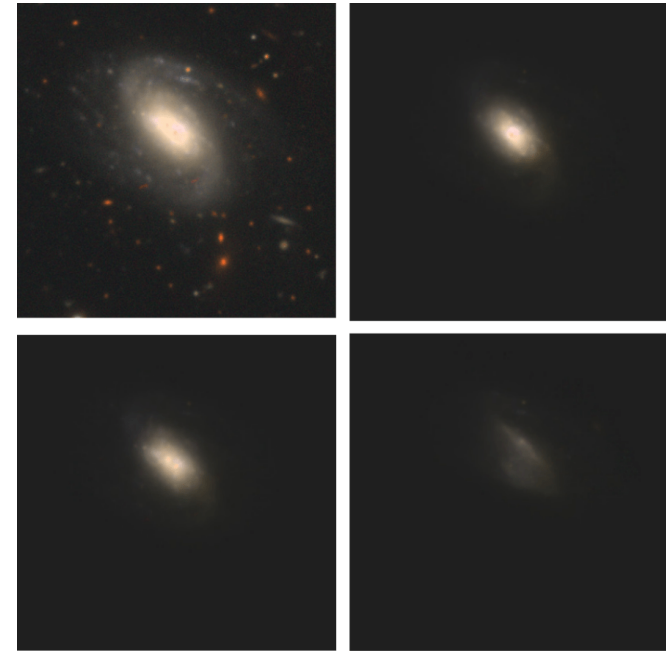


# Why Is It Interesting to Us?



Galaxy Image Segmentation

Walsmley & Spindler (2023)



Galaxy Image Deblending

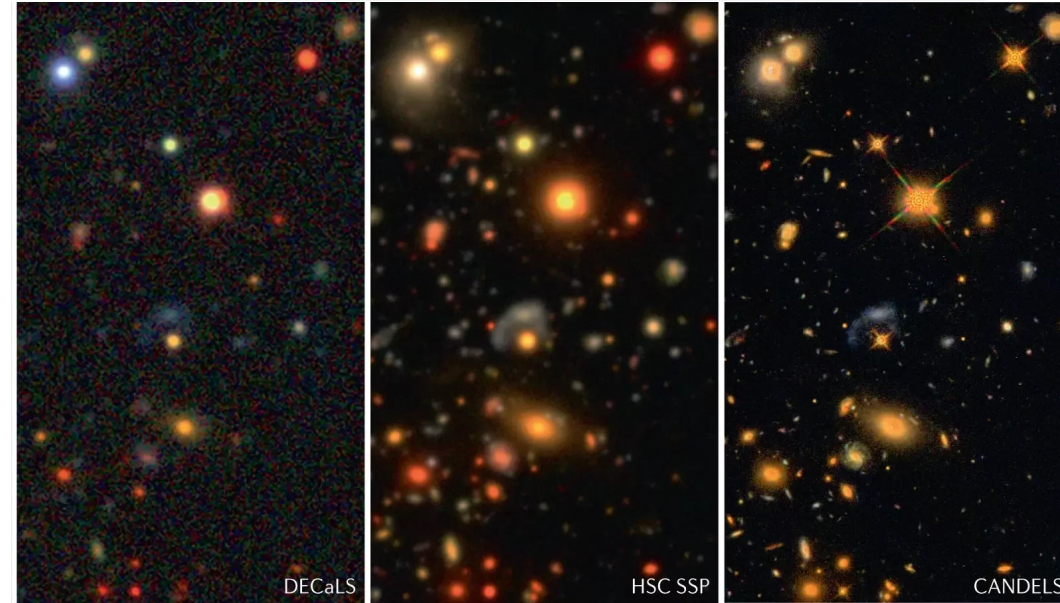
Bosch et al. (2017), Sampson et al. (2024)

=> Foundation Models that build a deep understanding of the data at the pixel level.

# Going Further: Data Collection and Curation

- Development of large models requires access to "web scale" datasets
- Astrophysics generates large amounts of publicly available data,
  - **BUT**, data is usually not stored or structured in an ML friendly way.
- Accessing and using scientific data **requires significant expertise**, for each dataset.

Dataset	# English Img-Txt Pairs
Public Datasets	
MS-COCO	330K



datasets. We extend the analysis from Desai et al. [14] and compare the sizes of public and private image-text datasets.

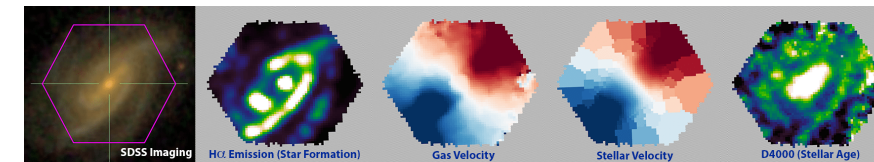
Schuhmann et al. (2022)

# The MultiModal Universe Project

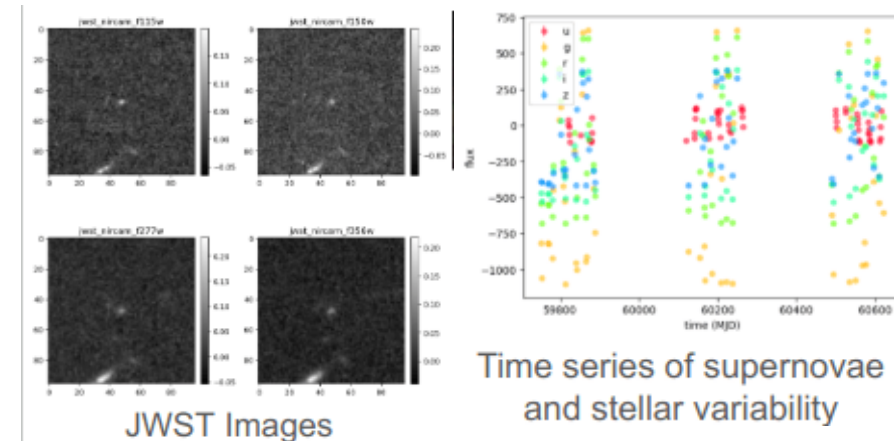
- **Goal:** Assemble the first large-scale multi-modal dataset for machine learning in astrophysics.
- **Main pillars:**
  - Engage with a **broad community of AI+Astro experts.**
  - Adopt **standardized conventions for storing and accessing data** and metadata through mainstream tools (e.g. Hugging Face Datasets).
  - Target large astronomical surveys, varied types of instruments, many **different astrophysics sub-fields.**



Multiband images from Legacy Survey

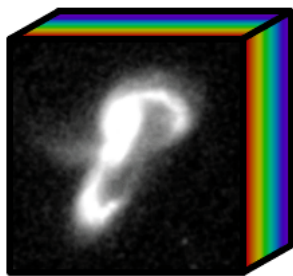
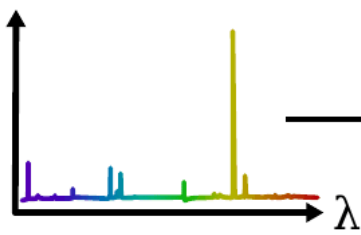
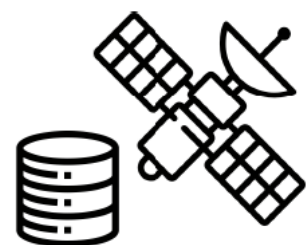
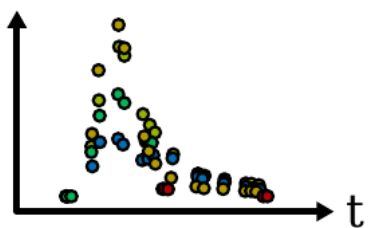


## Hyperspectral Images from MaNGA



Collection of surveys

Download scripts



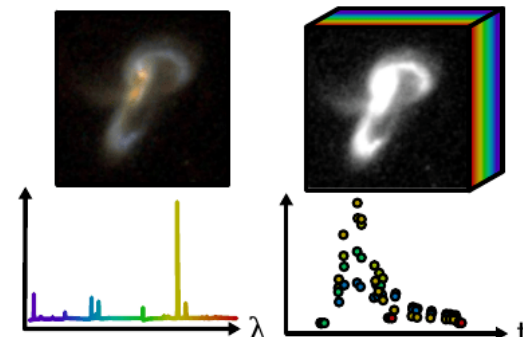
Data curation  
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Cross-matching

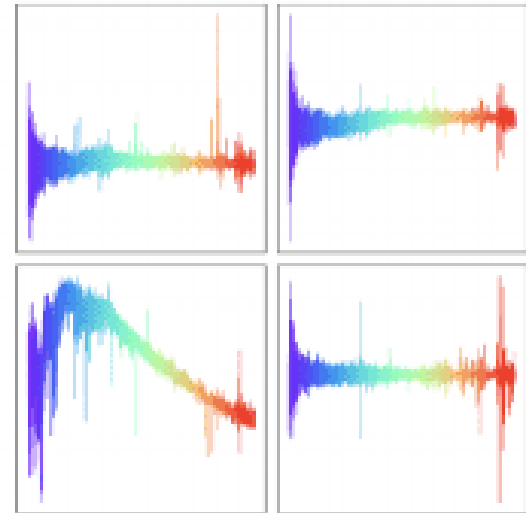
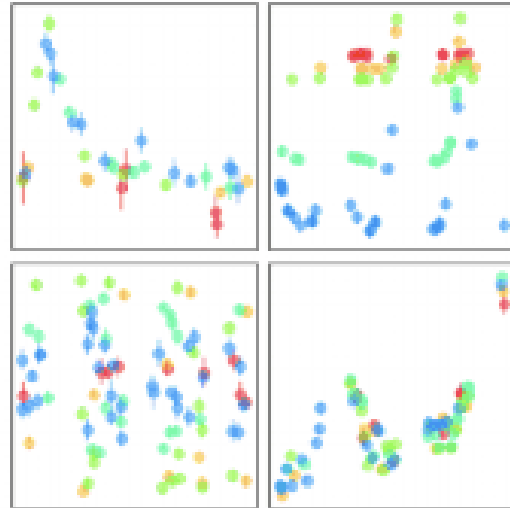
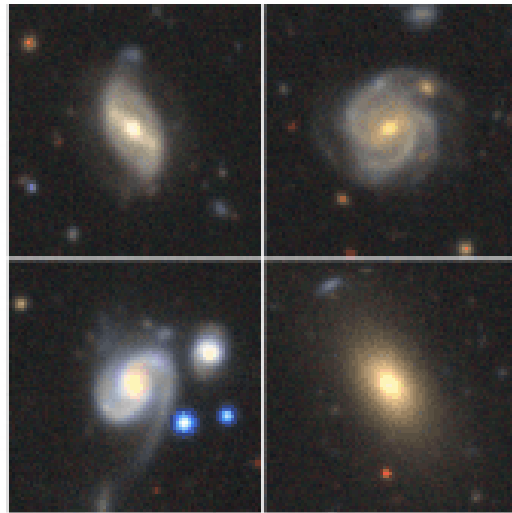


Multi-modal  
dataset



	Images	Time-Series	Spectra
# examples	140M	3.6M	225M
Description	images in a variety of wavelength ranges, including optical and infrared	multivariate time-series of flux + uncertainty in different wavelength ranges	flux as a function of wavelength
Tasks	galaxy classification, physical property estimation	time-series classification, redshift estimation	physical property estimation

Examples



Accepted at NeurIPS 2024 🎉

=> Official release October 2024

<https://github.com/MultimodalUniverse/MultimodalUniverse>

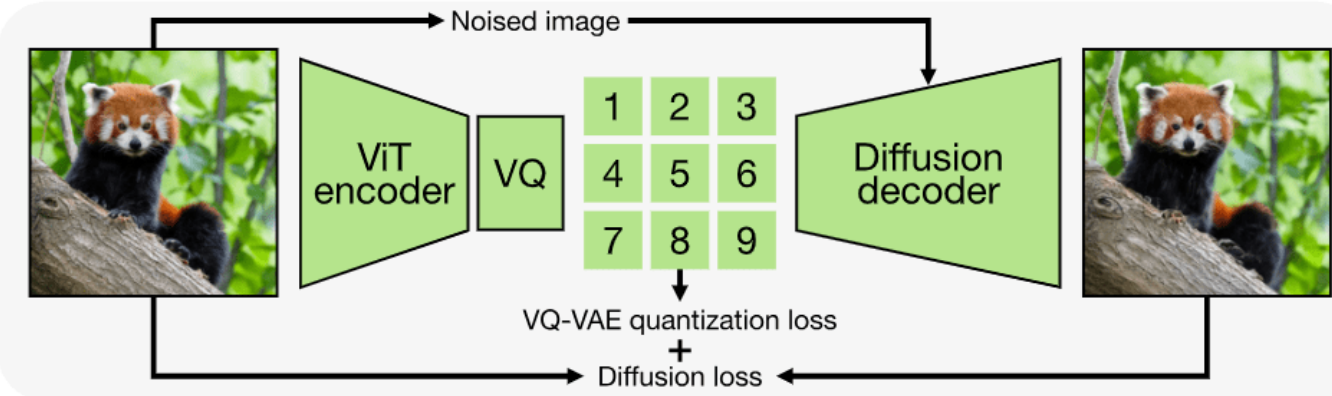
## Multimodal Universe: Enabling Large-Scale Machine Learning with 70TBs of Astronomical Scientific Data

Dataset on License all contributors

### Overview

The Multimodal Universe dataset is a large scale collection of multimodal astronomical data, including images, spectra, and light curves, which aims to enable research into foundation models for astrophysics and beyond.

# Scientific Data Tokenization



Mizrahi et al. (2023)

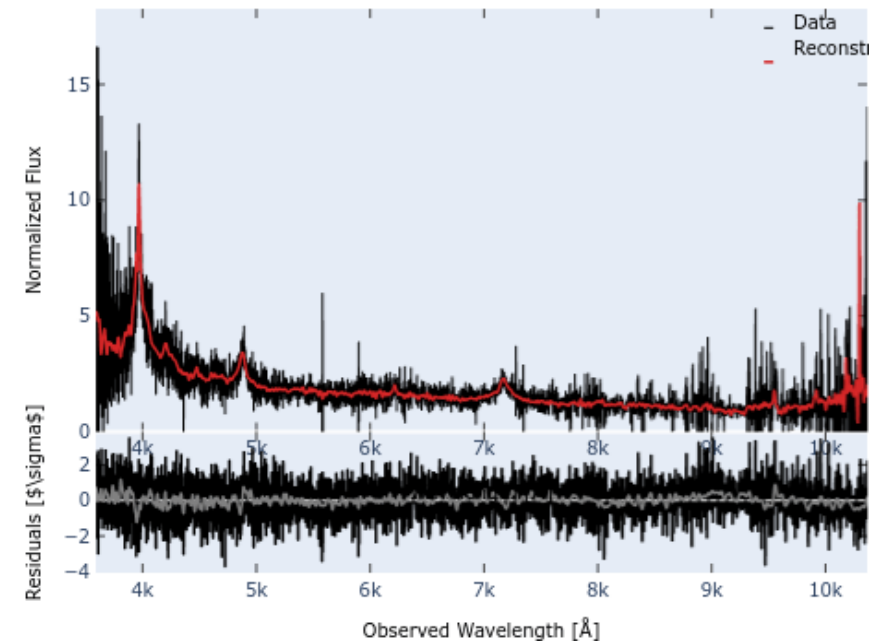
Our strategy:

- Develop **modality specific but universal tokenizers**, i.e. a single model to embed all type of astronomical images
- This requires specific innovations to take into account the metadata of observations.

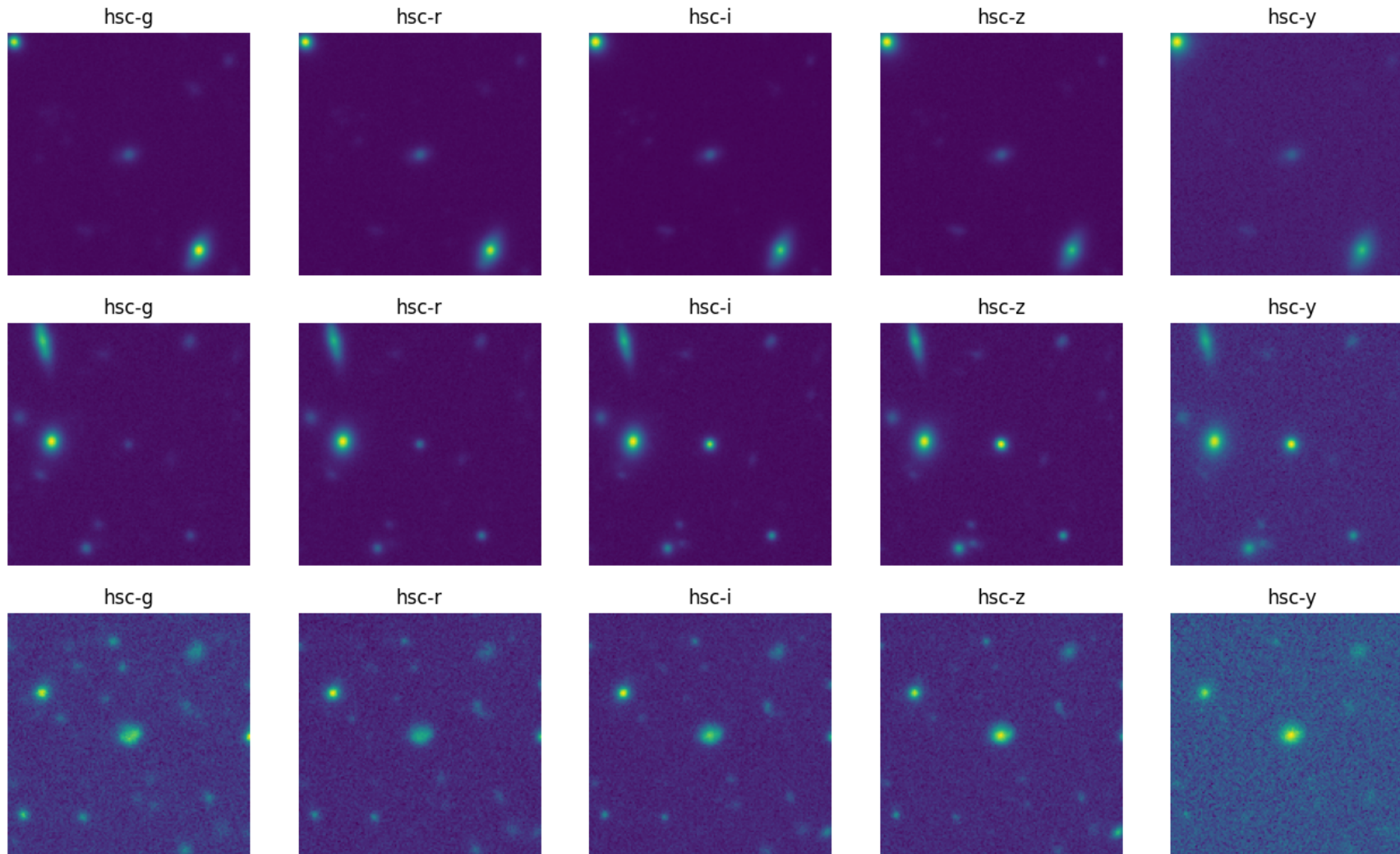


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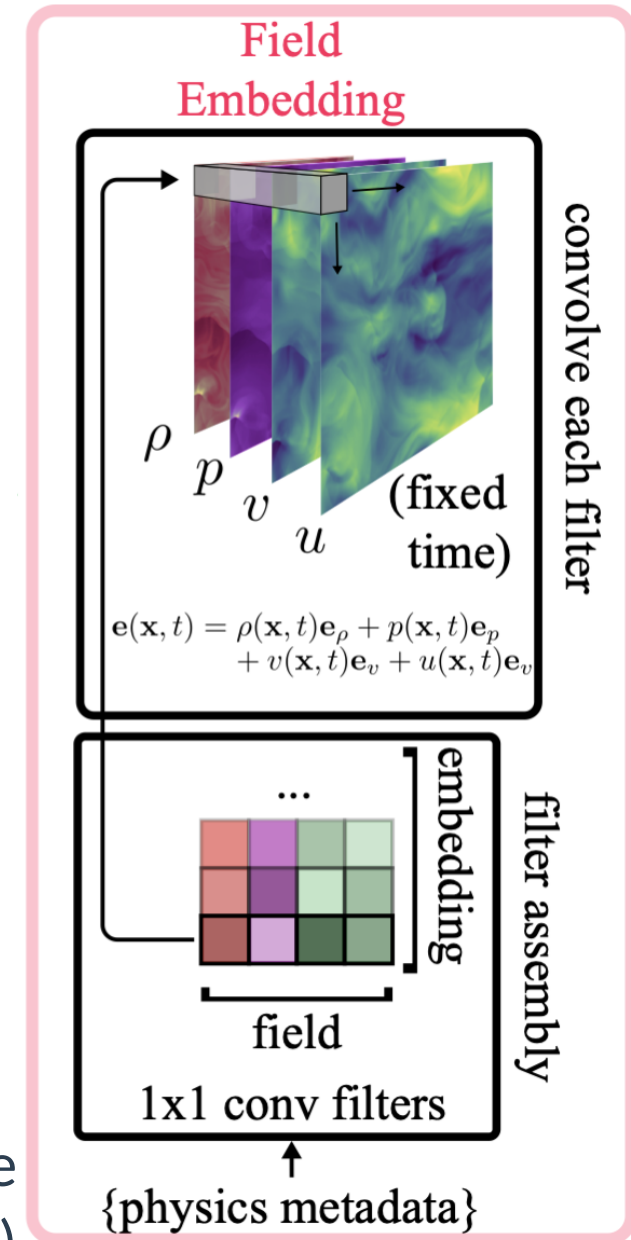
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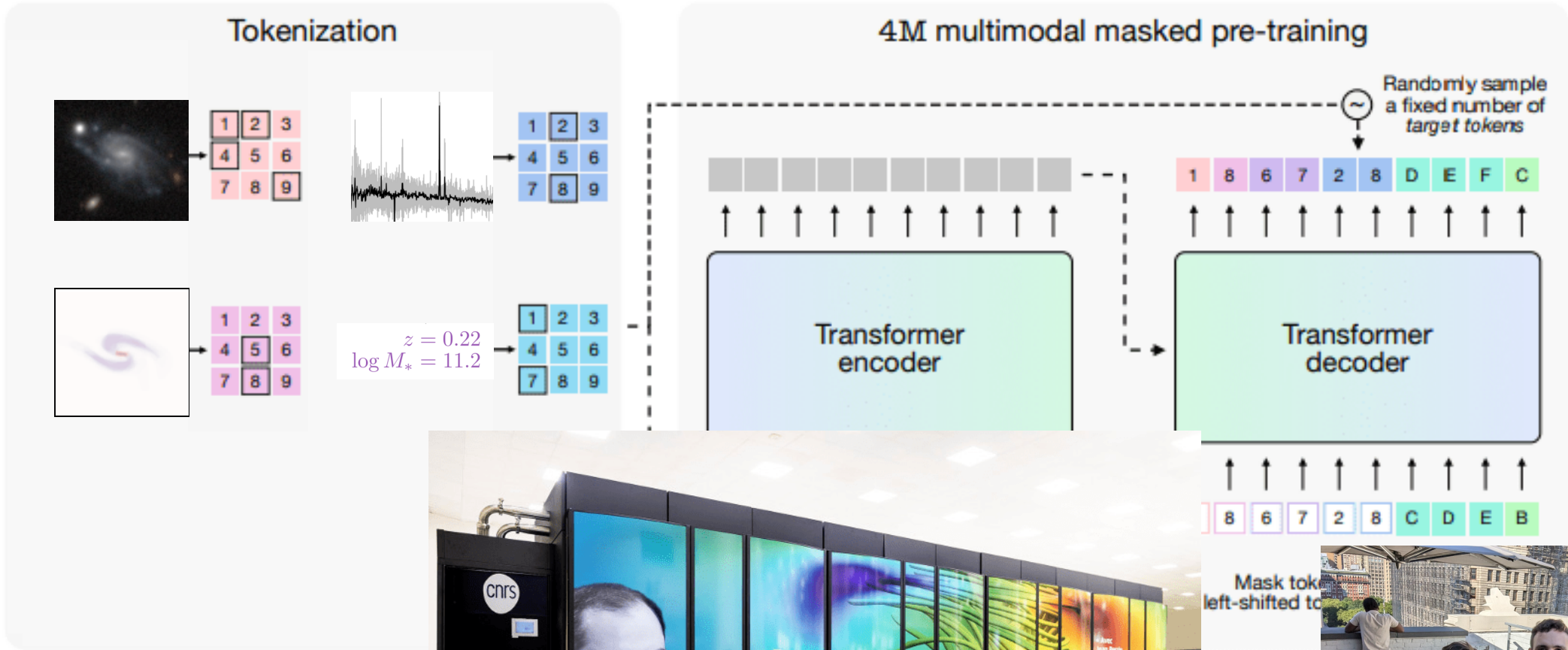
# Example of strategy to embed different bands



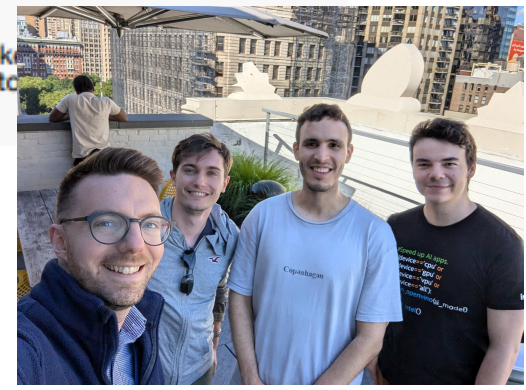
Field Embedding Strategy Developed for Multiple Physics Pretraining (McCabe et al. 2023)



# Next Step: Any-to-Any Modeling on Scientific Data



- Learns the joint and all conditional modalities:  $\forall m, n$
- Can be further fine-tuned to



Jean Zay engineering team visiting Flatiron for a hackathon





- Next year we are focusing on scaling up (more domains, more data, larger models) and developing the next generation of our models.
- **We are hiring!**
  - Postdoctoral positions
  - Research engineer positions



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