



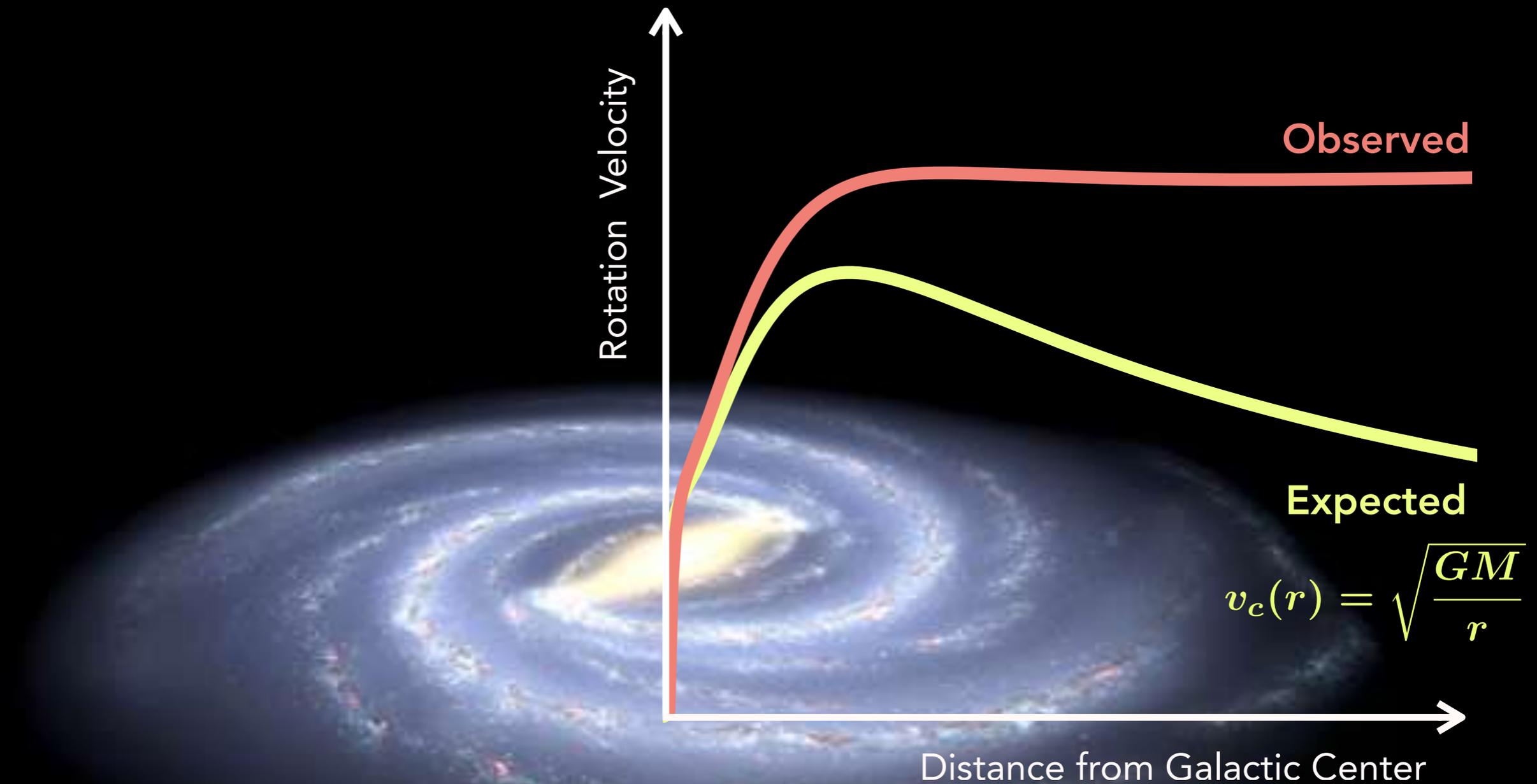
Galactic Archaeology and the Search for Dark Matter

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Galactic Rotation



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Rubin and Ford (1970); Roberts and Whitehurst (1975); Rubin, Thonnard and Ford (1980); Bosma (1981)

Modify Gravity

Can visible matter source accelerations larger than Newton predicted?

Reproducing flat rotation curves over-predicts the vertical velocity of stars;
highly constrained by current surveys

ML, Moschella, Outmezguine, and Slone, PRD (2019)



Add Some (Dark) Matter

Dark matter forms a halo, not a thin disk, because it is non-dissipative



A flat rotation curve implies that the enclosed mass scales as

$$M(r) \sim r$$

relevant scales

$$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^{12} M_{\odot} \quad R_{\text{halo}} \sim 100 \text{ kpc}$$

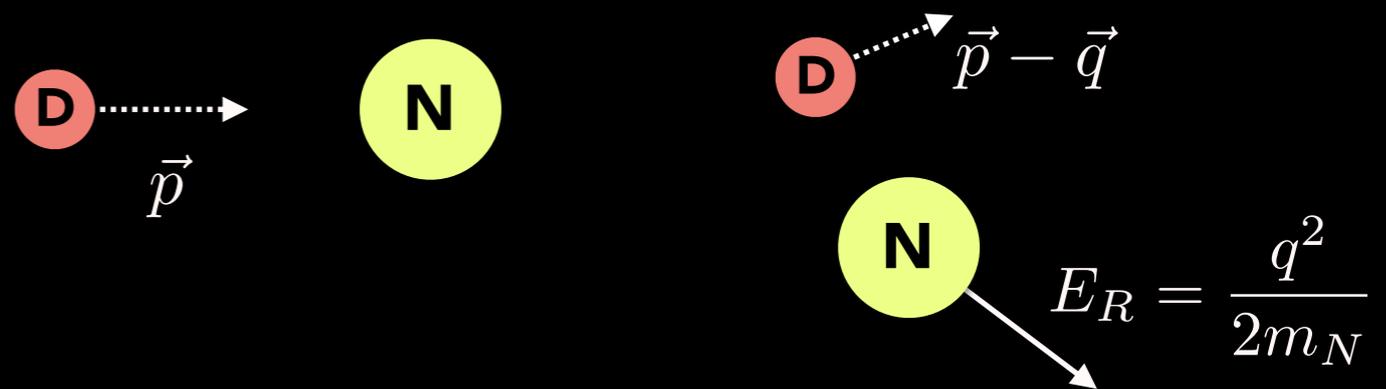
$$\langle v \rangle \sim \sqrt{\frac{GM_{\text{halo}}}{R_{\text{halo}}}} \sim 200 \text{ km/s}$$

Local Dark Matter Map

Dark matter can scatter off a nucleus in a detector to yield an observable nuclear recoil

Before

After



Need a phase-space map of the halo to accurately predict scattering rate

$$\text{Rate} = n \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

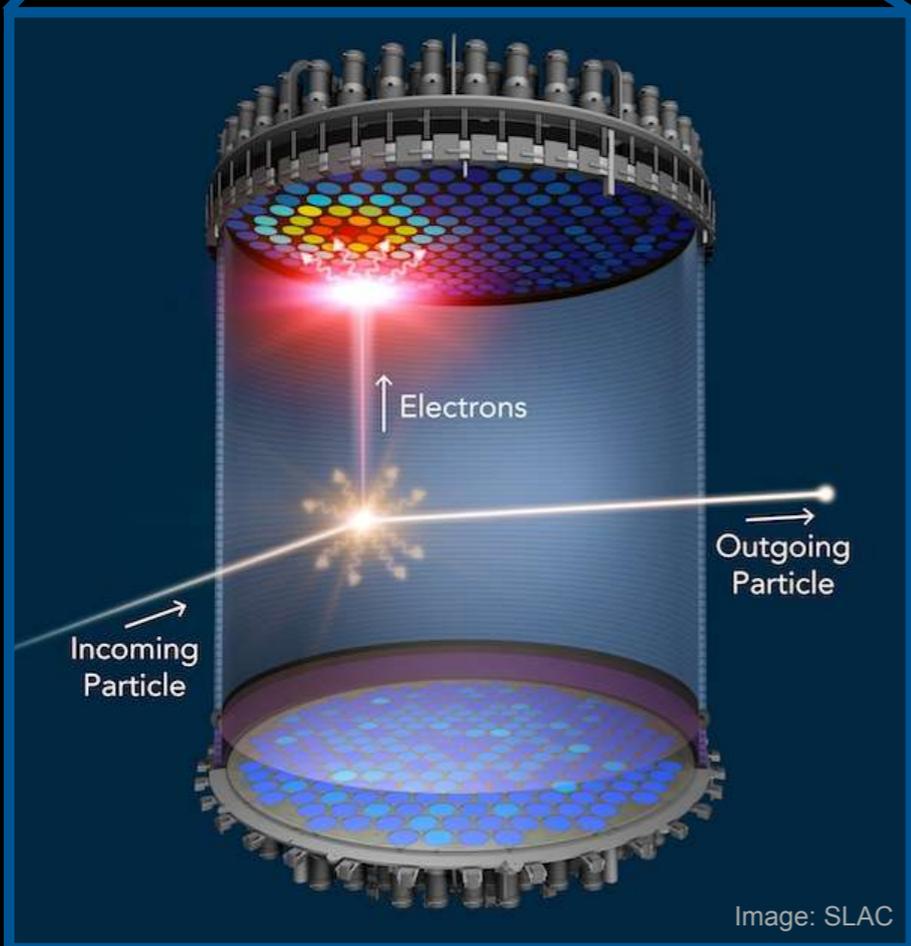


Image: SLAC

The Dark Matter Halo v1.0

Treat the dark matter as a collision-less fluid with phase space distribution

$$f(x, p, t)$$

conservation of fluid mass

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \dot{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \dot{p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0$$



additional assumptions

steady state
isotropic velocities
flat rotation curve



Maxwell-Boltzmann

$$f(v) \sim e^{-v^2/2\sigma^2}$$



isothermal density

$$n \sim r^{-2}$$

The Local Milky Way's Family Tree

Quiet Merger History

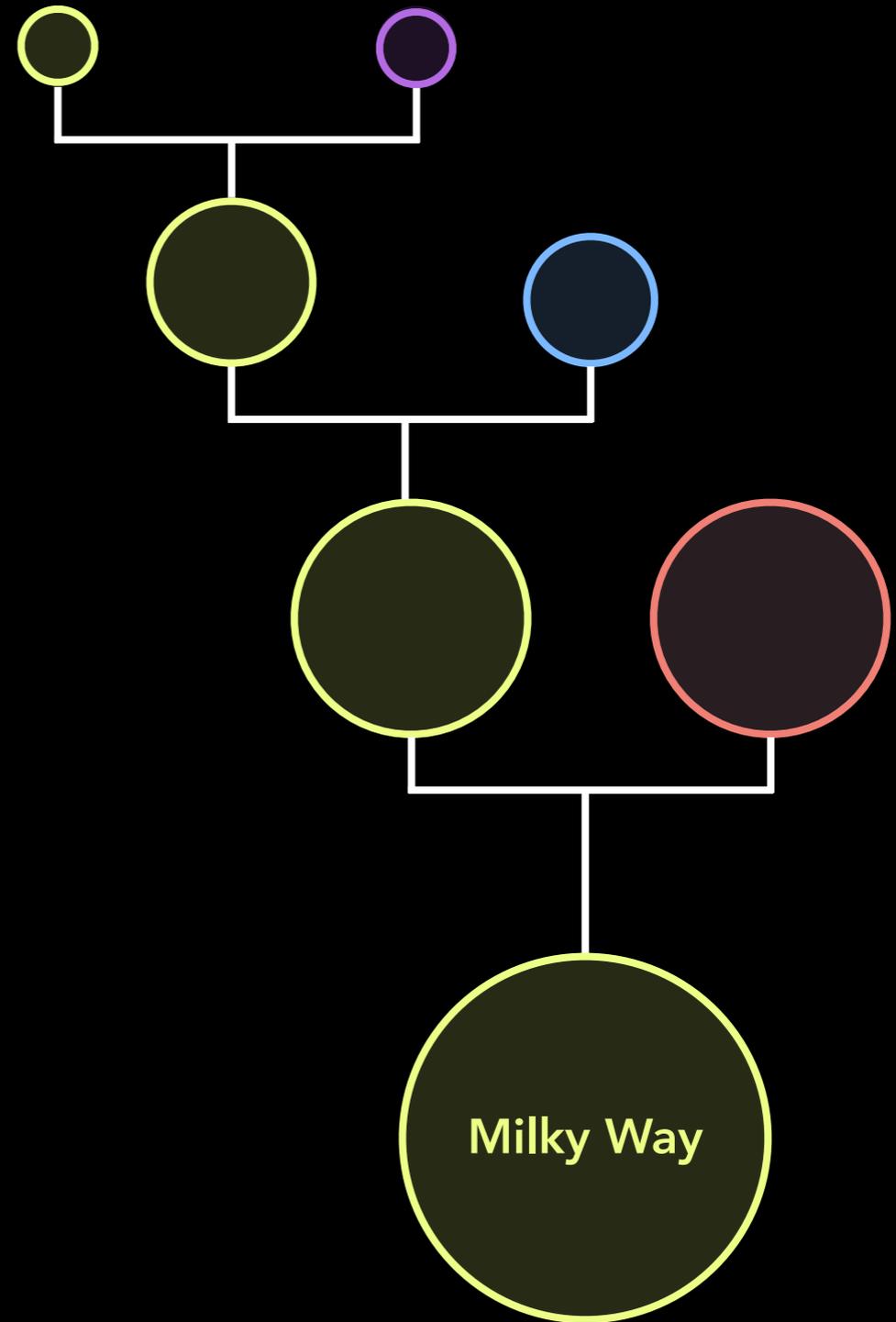
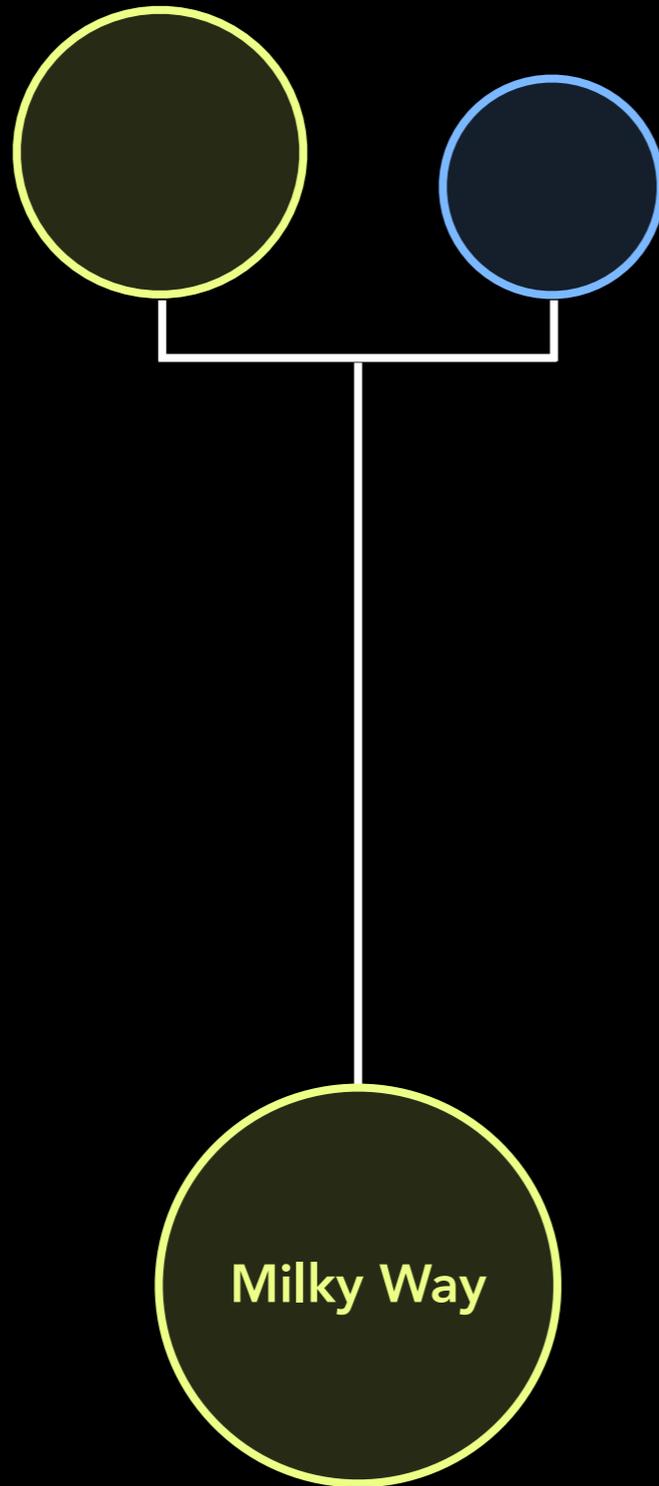


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Simulated Galaxy Formation

Stellar Structure Evolution in the FIRE Simulation

Hopkins et al. (2015)

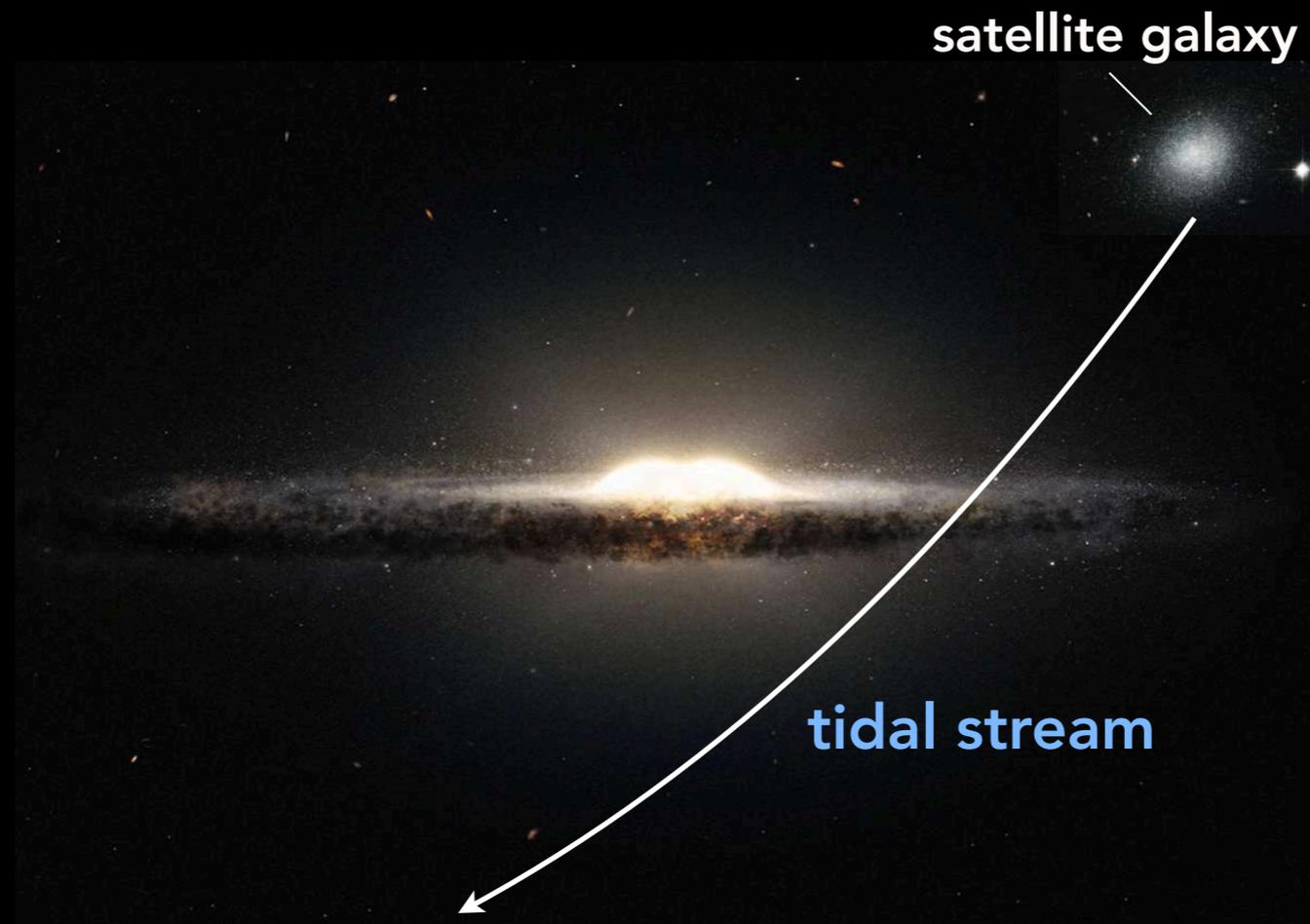
$z=9.9$

10 kpc



Recent Mergers

Tidal forces strip dark matter and stars from a satellite galaxy as it falls into the Milky Way



The Sagittarius Stream

Stellar stream has been observed for the Sagittarius merger

Ibata et al (1994); Ivezić et al (2000); Yanny et al (2000)



$t = -3.02$ Gyr

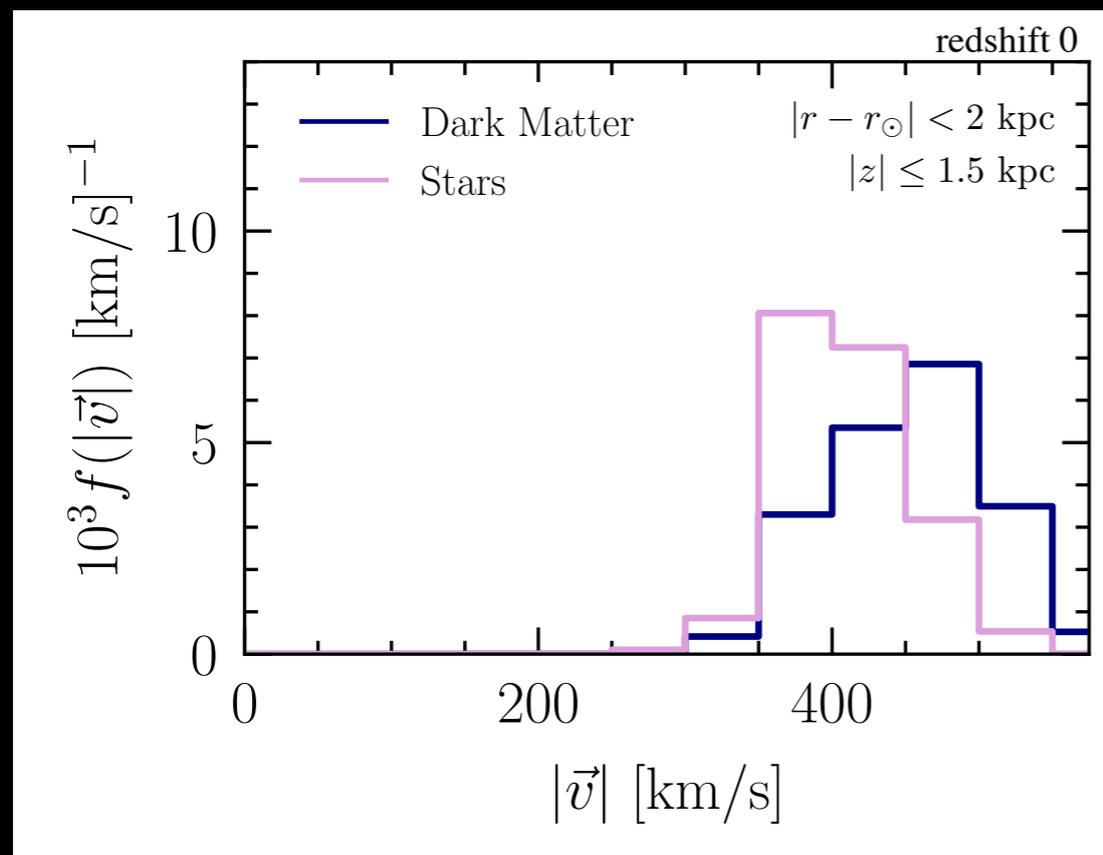
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(dark matter not shown)

Streams in FIRE Simulation

Streams are spatially very narrow and have coherent velocities

Example of a Recent Merger in FIRE Galaxy



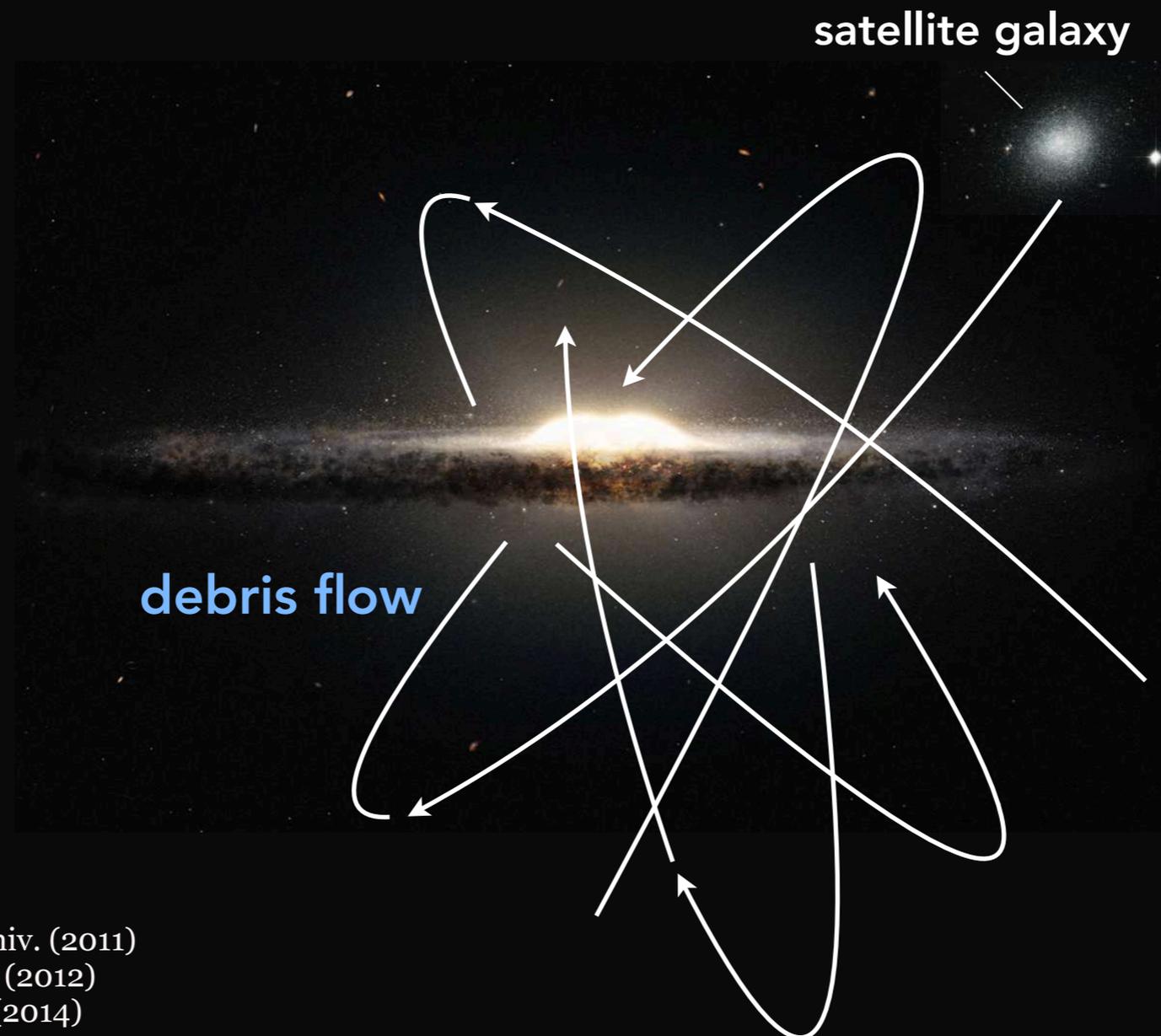
FIRE m12f Galaxy (CDM)

Both dark matter and stars form a stream

Close, but not perfect, speed
correspondence

Not-So-Recent Mergers

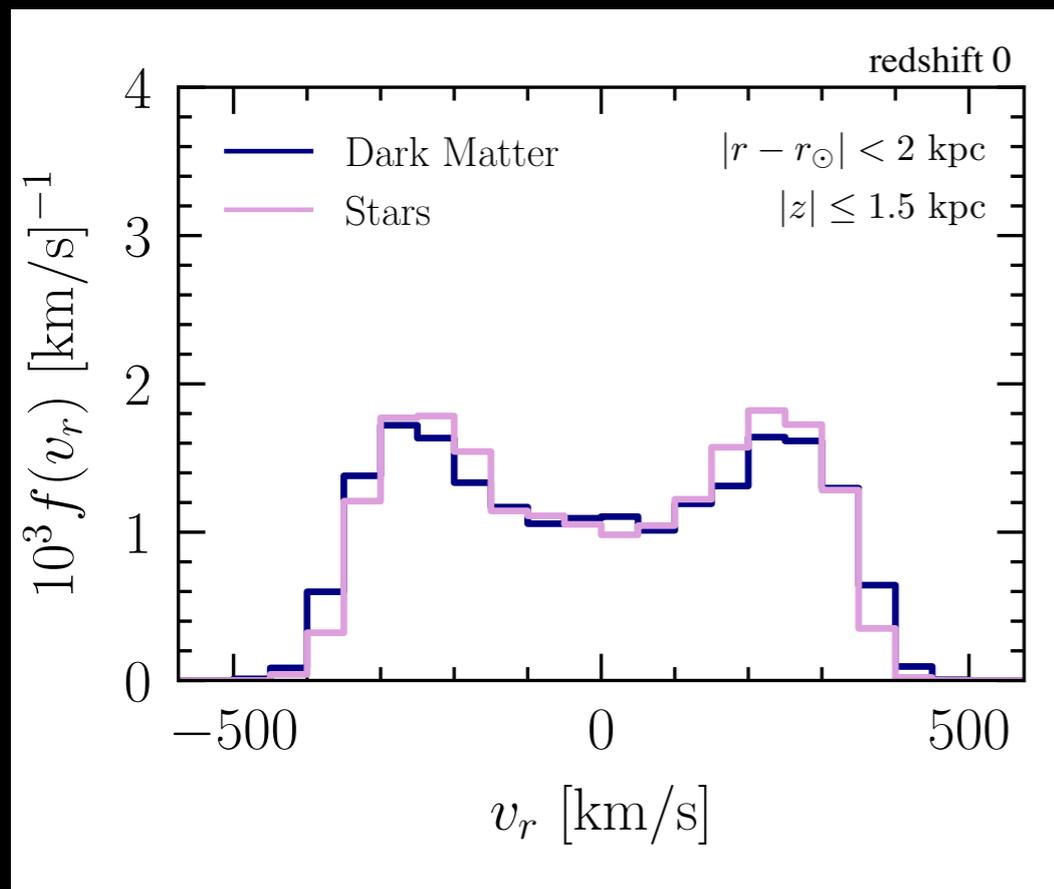
After many orbits, the spatial coherence of tidal debris is lost
Velocity features remain



Debris Flow in FIRE Simulation

Dark matter and stars spatially spread out, but retain distinctive kinematics

Example of a Not-so-recent Merger in FIRE Galaxy



FIRE m12i Galaxy (CDM)

Bimodal velocity distribution due to radial orbit of merging galaxy

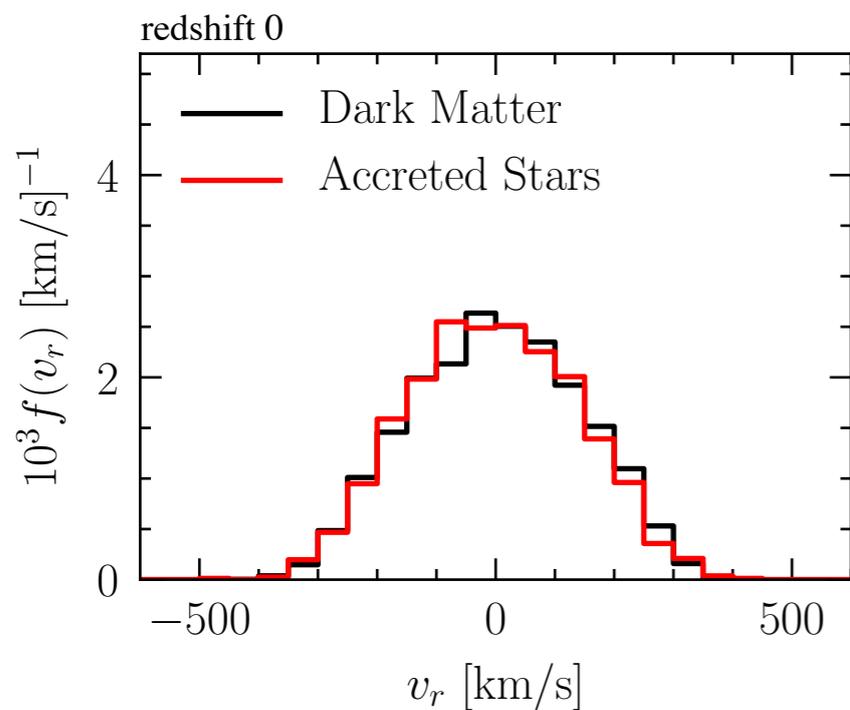
Dark matter and stars share similar velocity distributions

Oldest Mergers

Oldest stars and dark matter in the Milky Way should have similar kinematics today

They should also have time to equilibrate by today

Oldest Mergers in FIRE Galaxy



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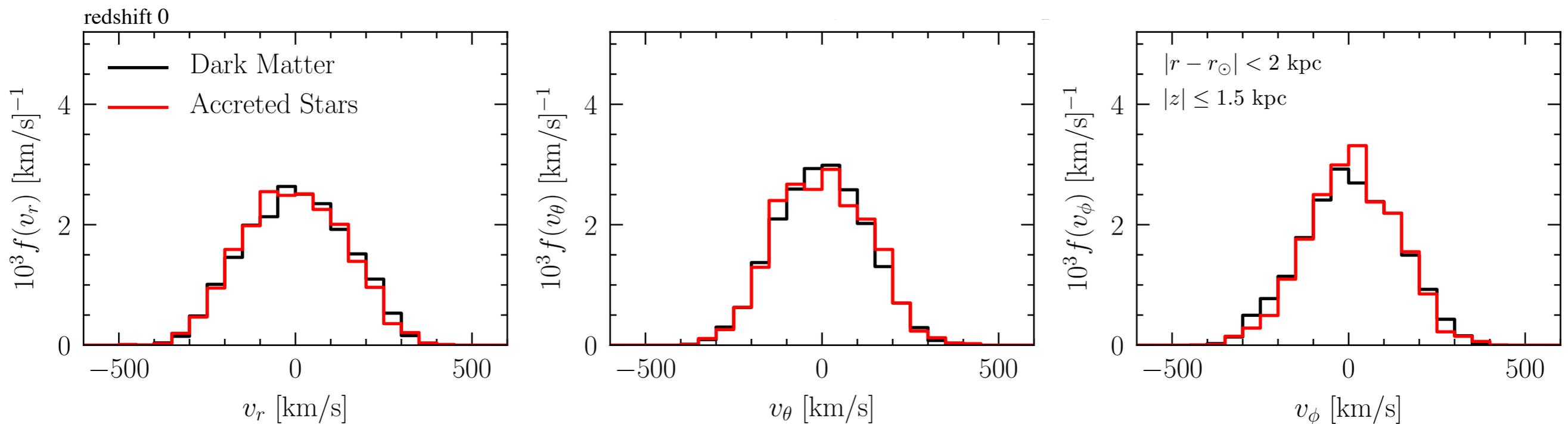
Herzog-Arbeitman, ML, Madau, and Necib, PRL (2018); Herzog-Arbeitman, ML, and Necib, JCAP (2018);
Necib, ML, Garisson-Kimmel, et al., ApJ (2019)

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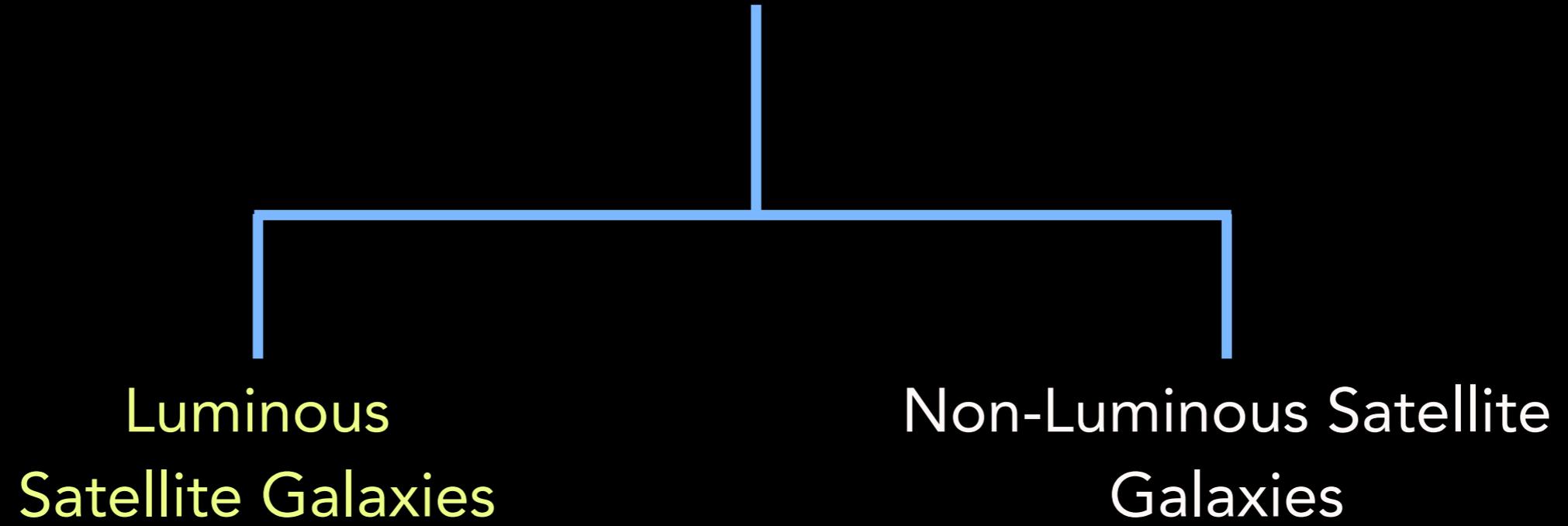
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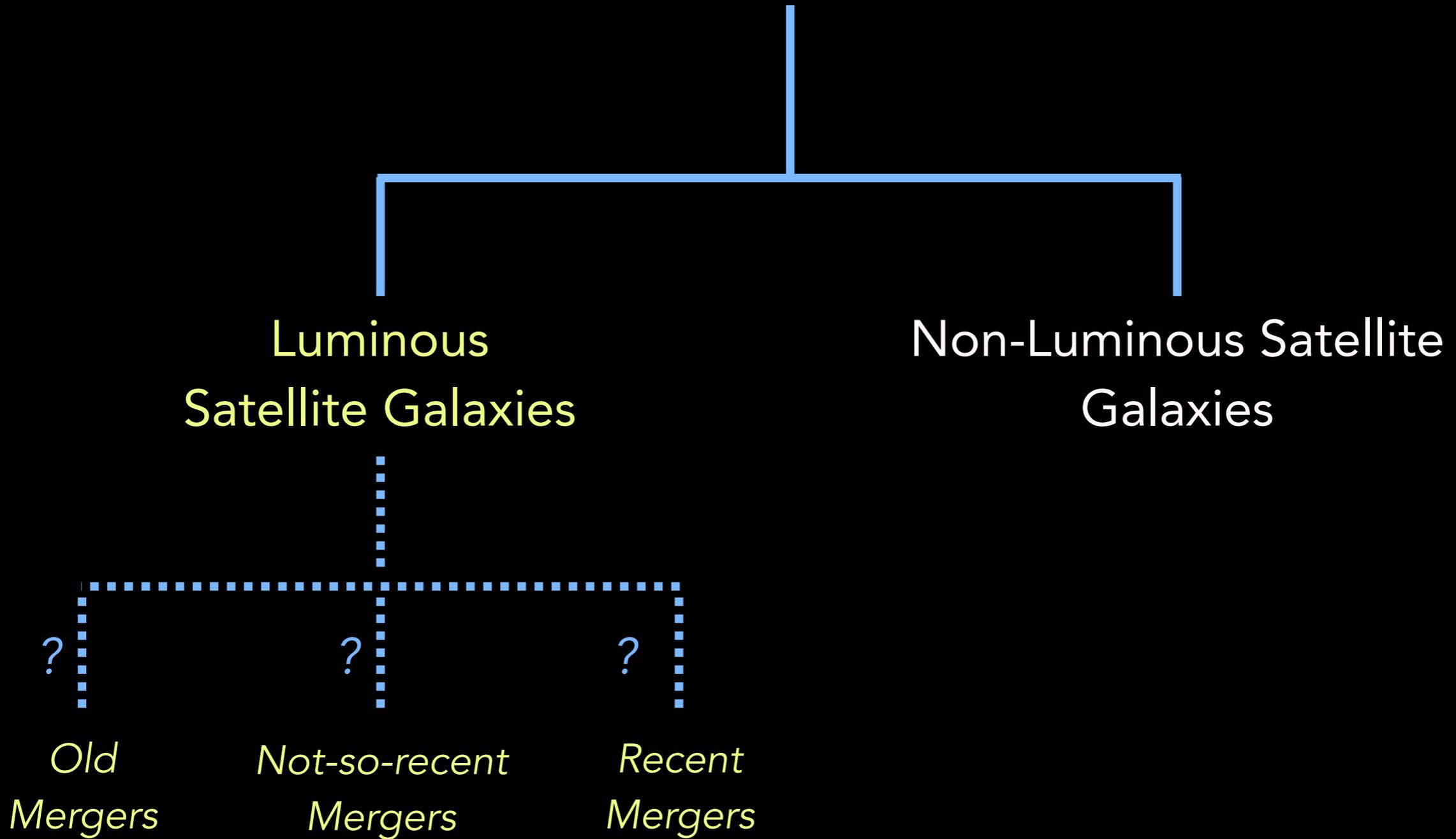


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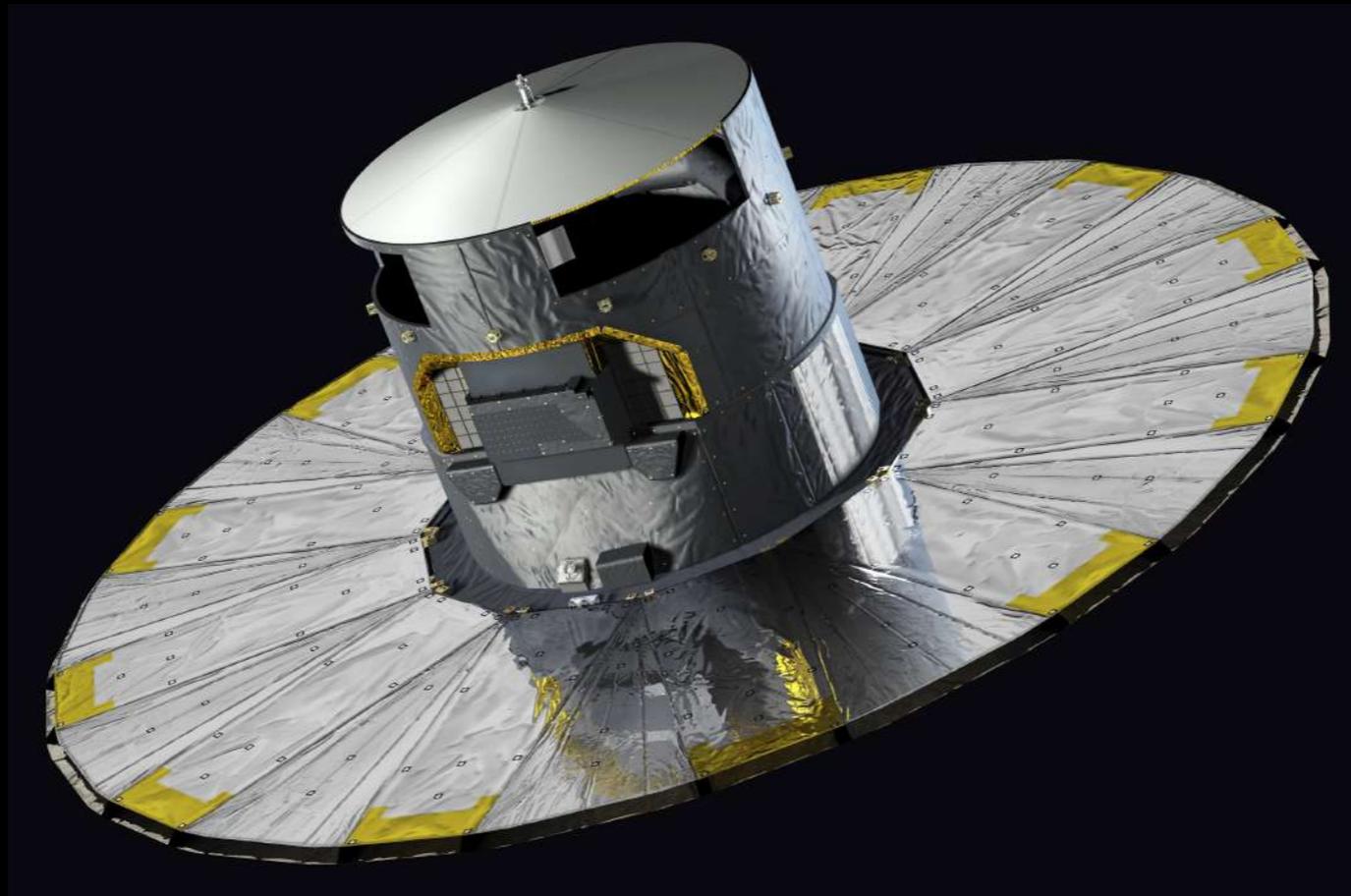
The *Gaia* Mission

Gaia Collaboration (2018)

Gaia is the follow-up astrometric survey to the Hipparcos mission (1989-1993)

Launched December 2013; second data release April 2018

Provides measurements for over a billion stars, ~1% of the Milky Way's stars



Gaia will eventually measure proper motions accurate up to 1 kilometre per second for stars up to 20,000 parsecs away

Gaia's limit for measuring distances with an accuracy of 10% is 10,000 parsecs

Galactic Centre

Sun

Hipparcos could measure stellar distances with an accuracy of 10% only up to 100 parsecs*

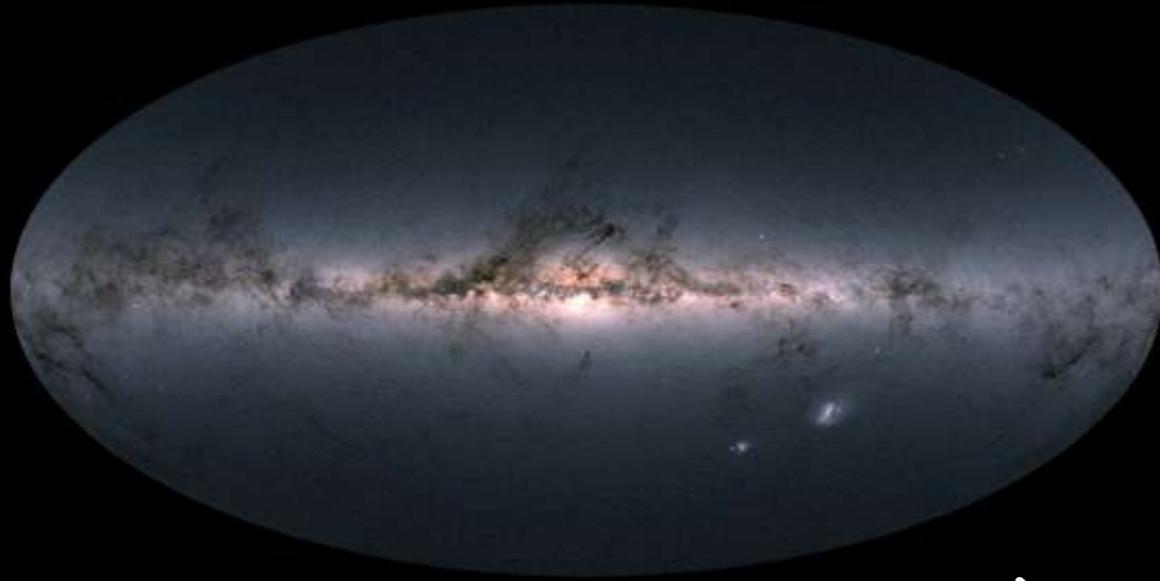
Galactic Archaeology



Fossil Shape
Fossil Environment
Radioactive Dating



Galactic Archaeology



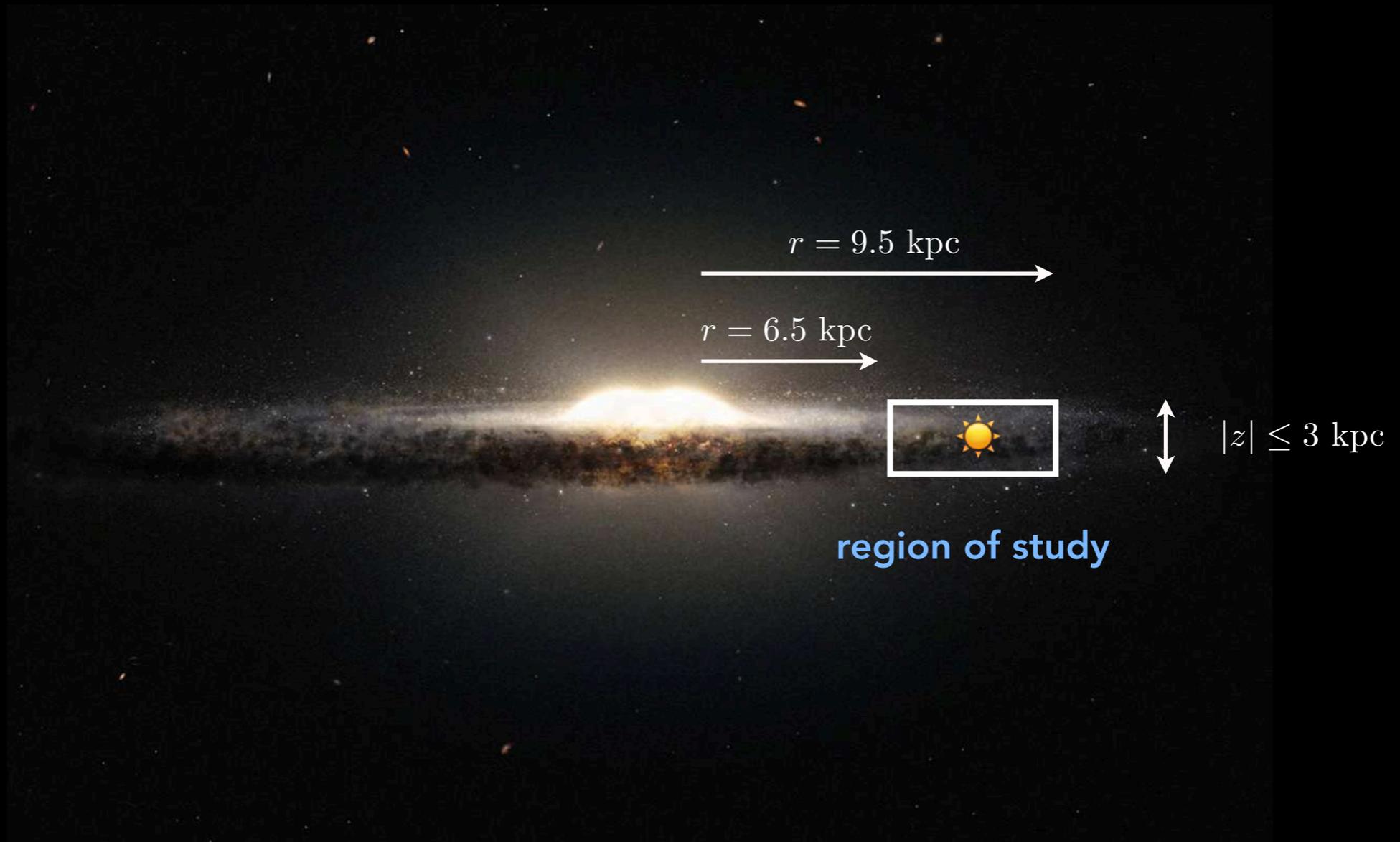
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Stellar position
Stellar velocity
Chemical abundance



Spatial Region of Analysis



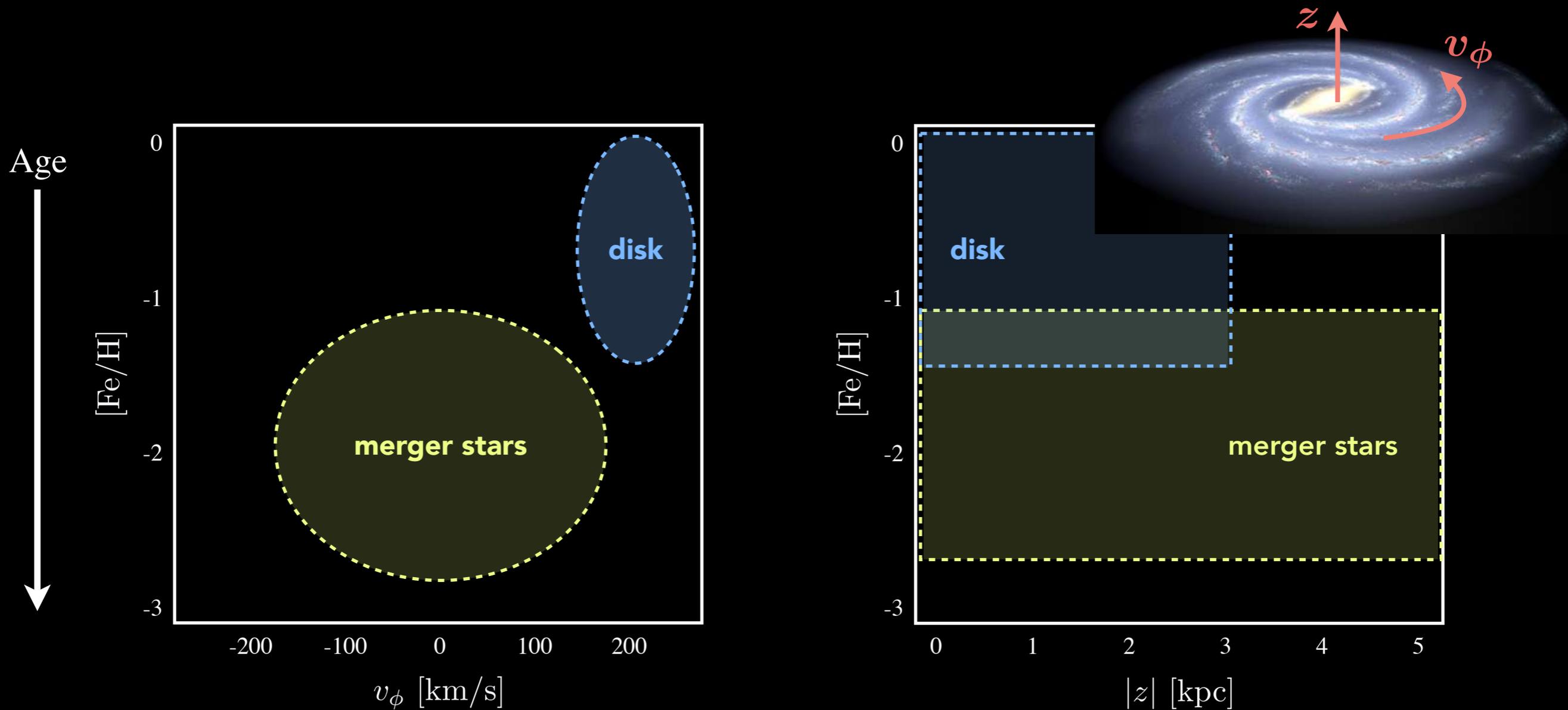
Only ~1% of stars in this region originate from galaxy mergers



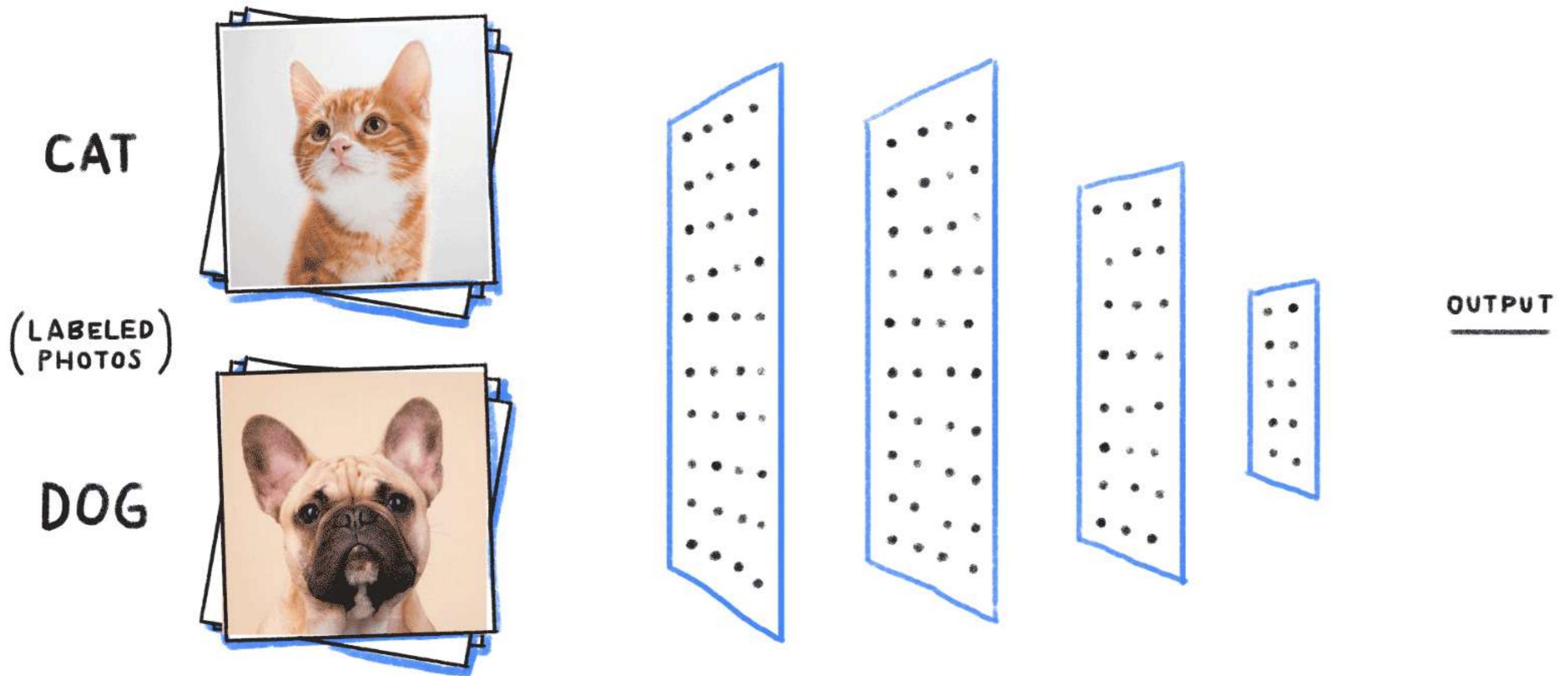
“Traditional” Search Strategies

Stars from mergers have distinctive velocities and chemical abundances

Place hard cuts on these quantities to separate from disk stars

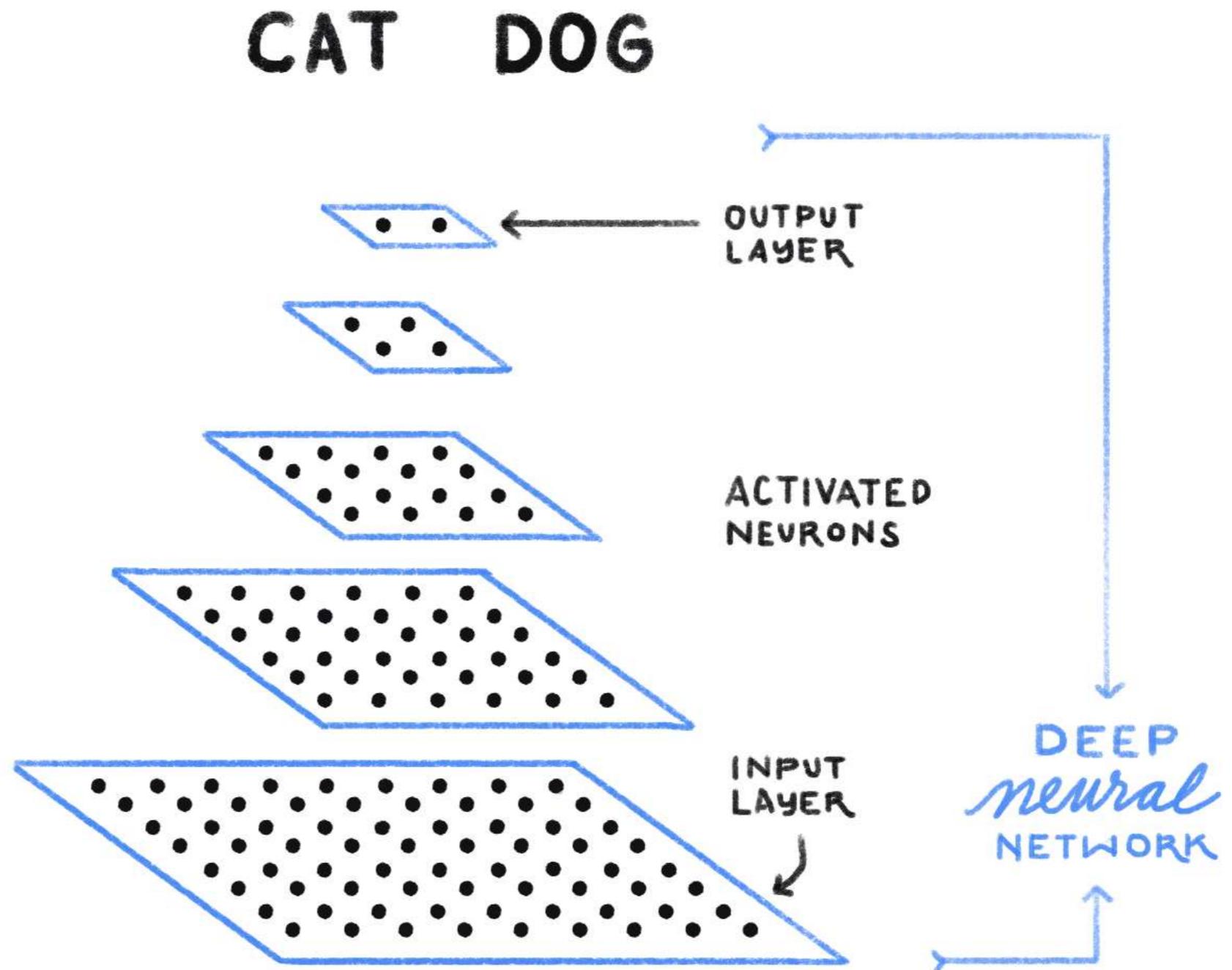


Neural Networks



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IS THIS A
CAT or **DOG**?

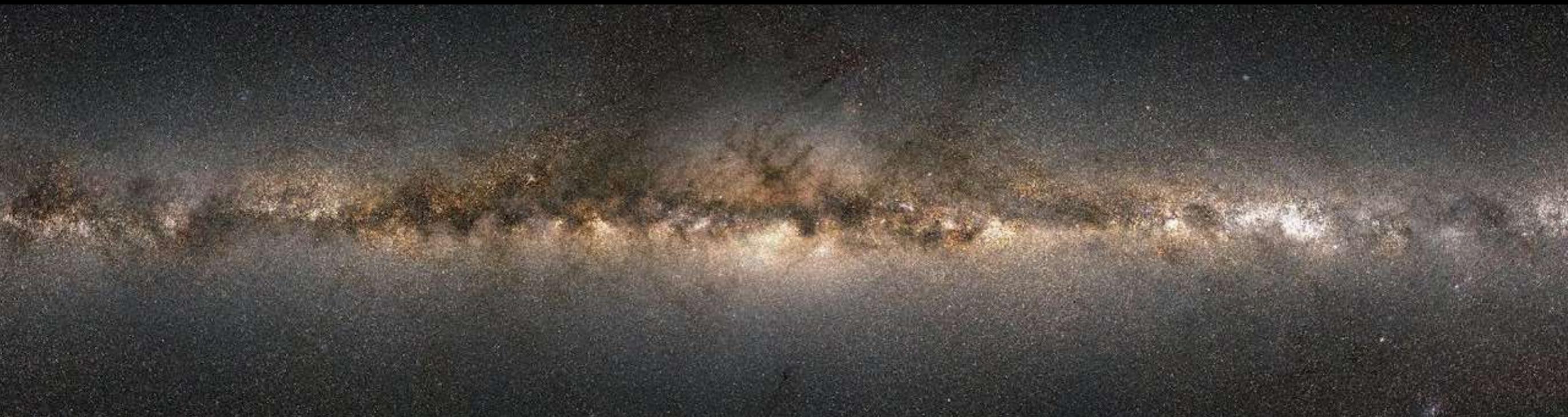


Ananke Mock Galaxy (Training Set)



Sanderson *et al.* [1806.10564]

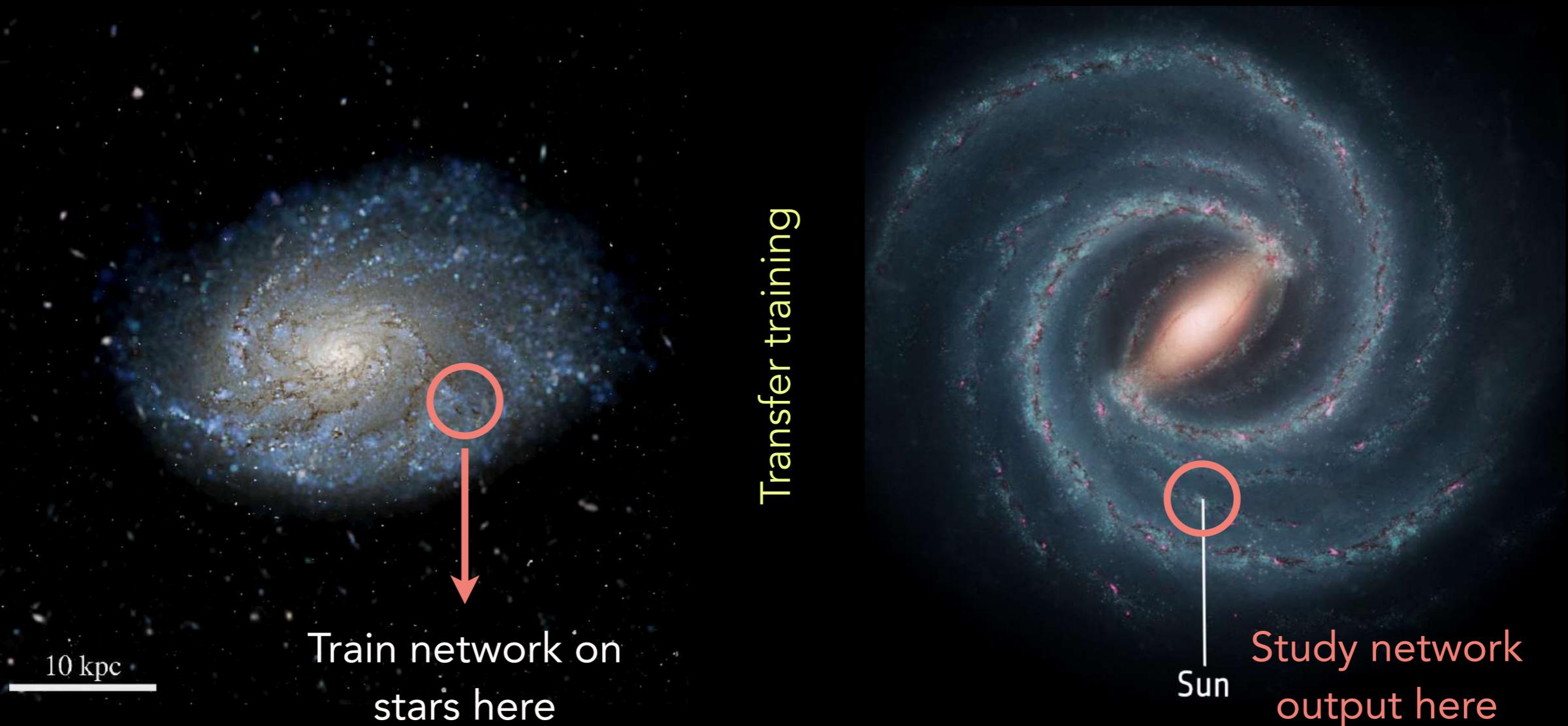
Gaia Data



Training the Network

Simulated Ananke Galaxy

Real Milky Way Data



Extensive testing performed on simulated Milky Way-like galaxies to characterize potential biases of the methodology

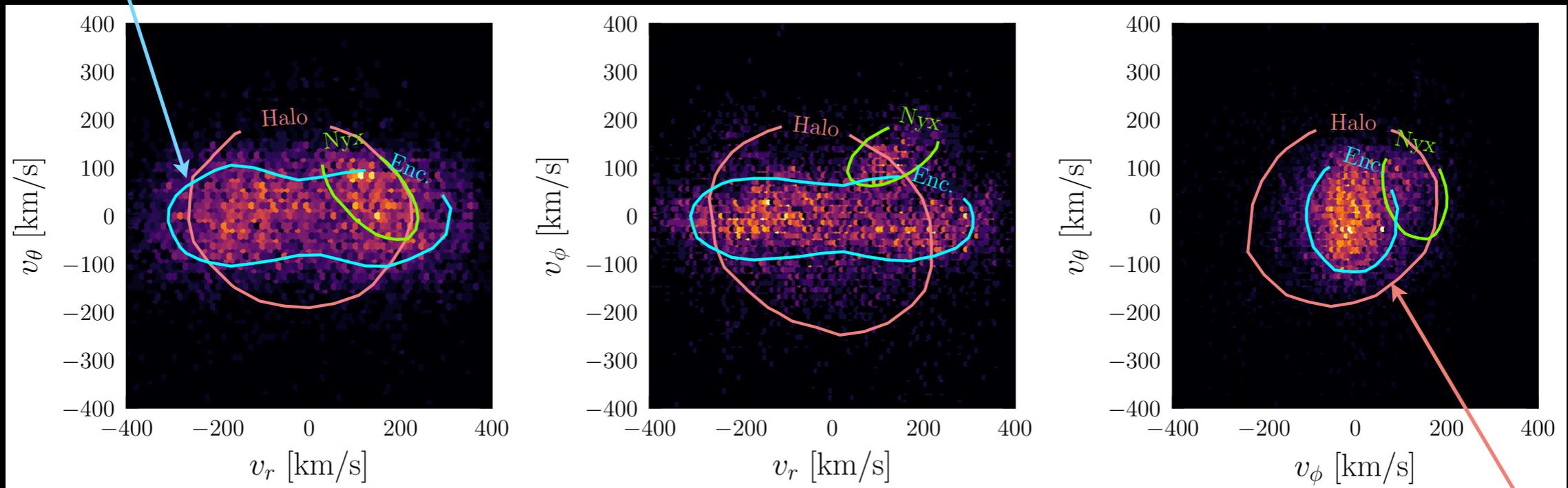
Gaia Accreted Star Catalog

New catalog provides unprecedented look at substructure in disk plane

Recover well-studied substructures, as well as a vast new stellar stream

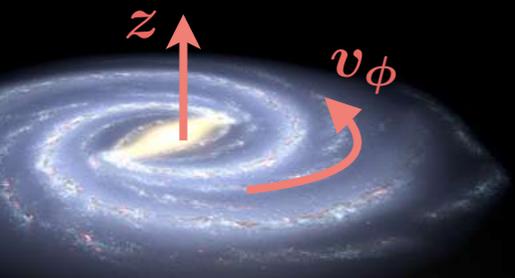
not-so-recent merger

Gaia stars labeled as accreted with high confidence



oldest mergers

L. Necib, B. Ostdiek, ML, T. Cohen, et al. ApJ (2020); Nat. Astron. (2020)



Gaia Enceladus

Single merger dragged in the majority of the local accreted stars

Belokurov et al. (2018); Helmi et al. (2018)



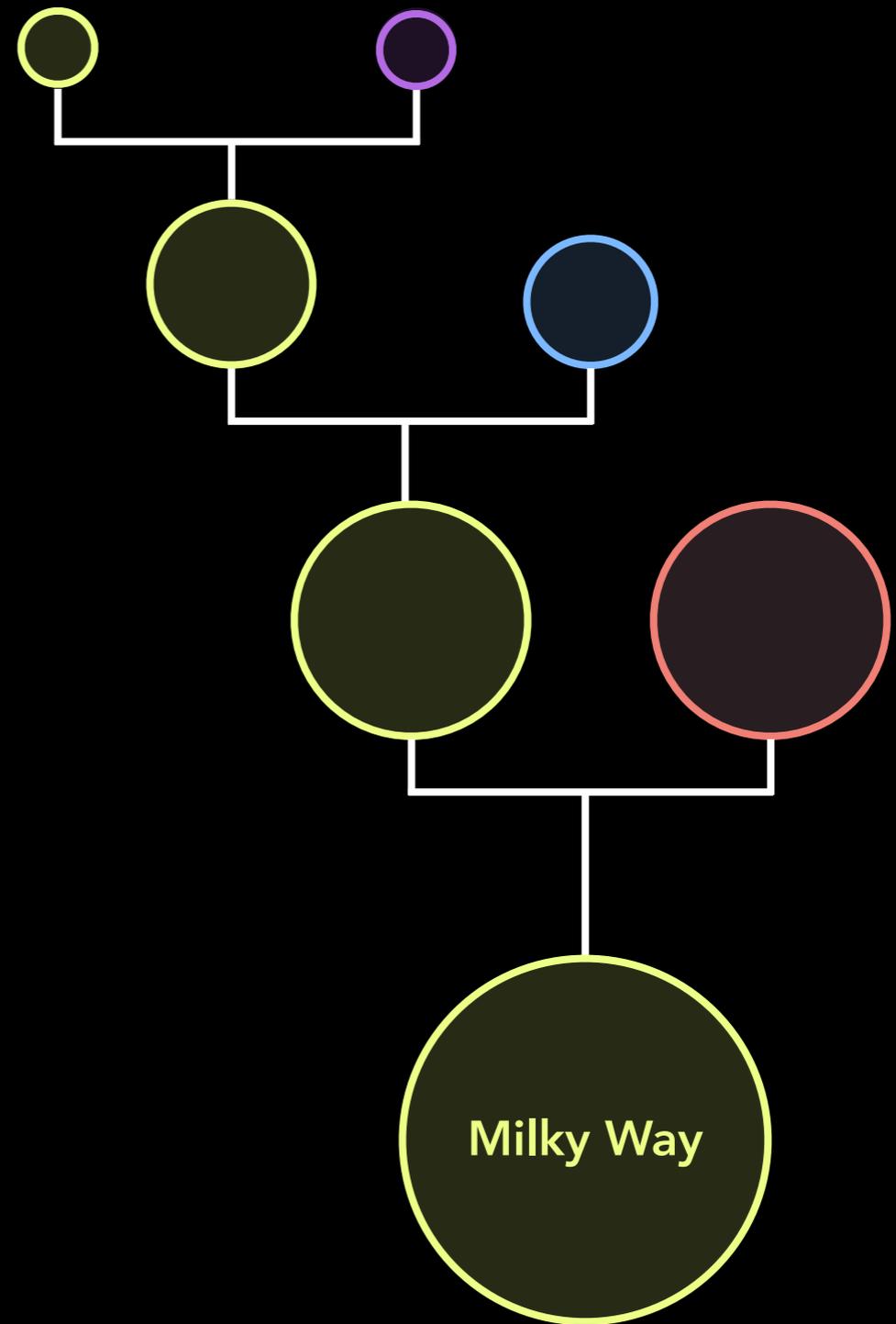
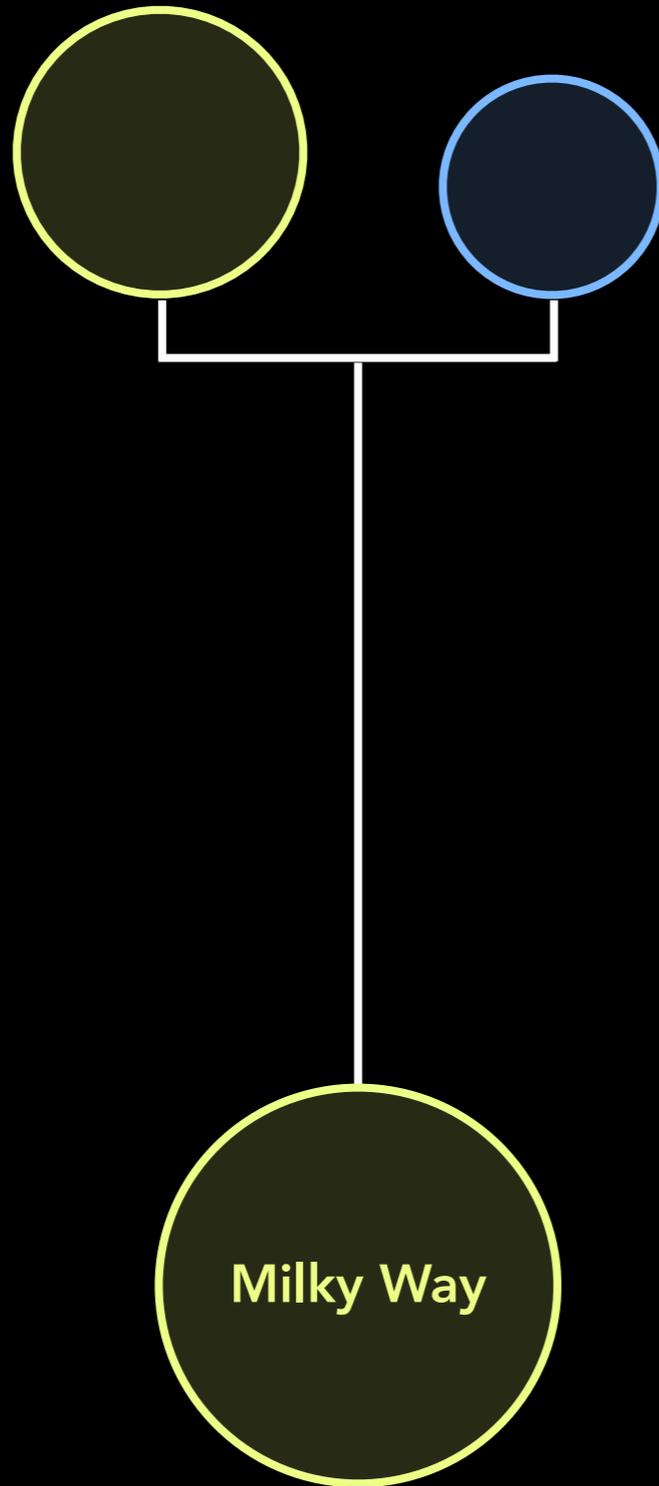
Video Credit: H. H. Koppelman, A. Villalobos, A. Helmi

The Local Milky Way's Family Tree

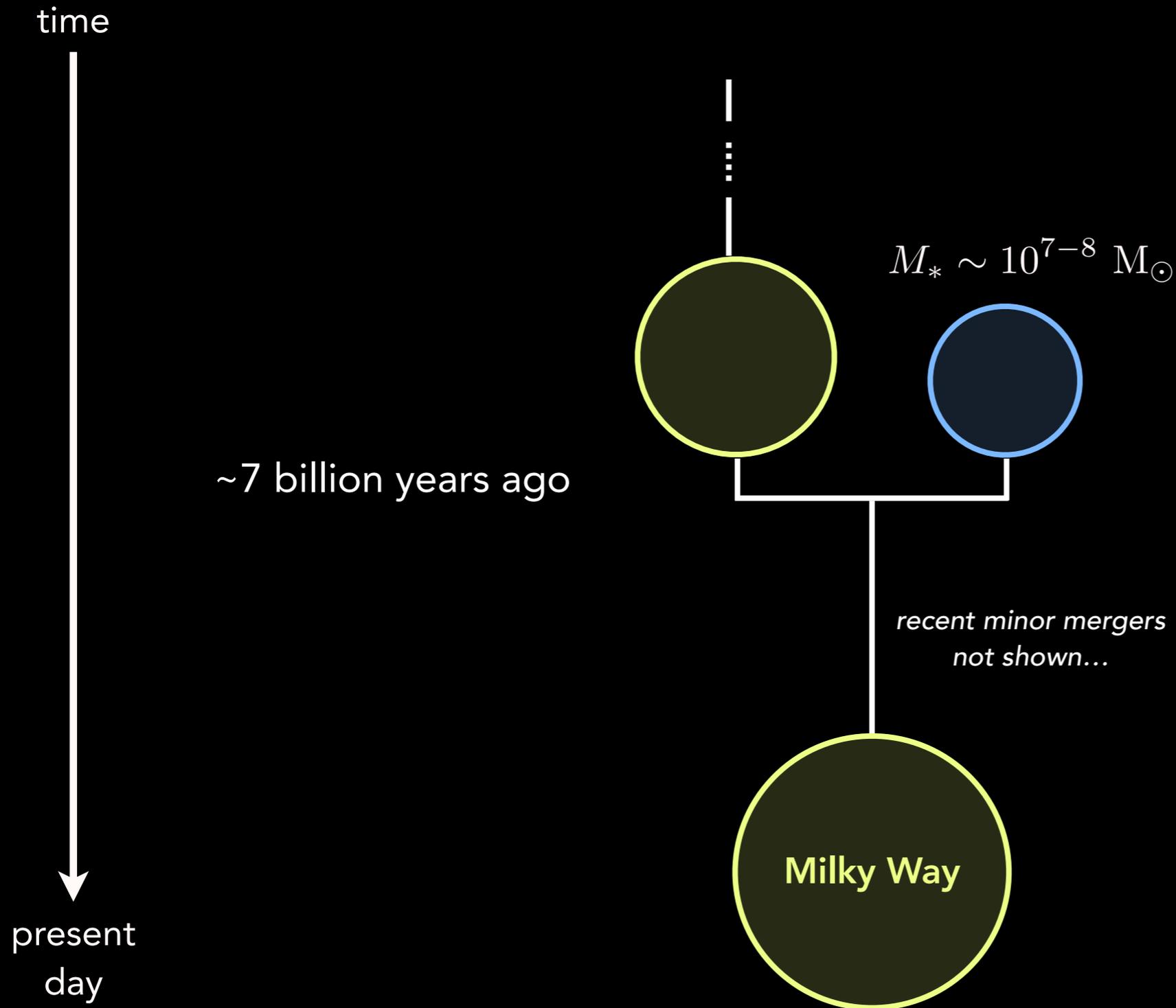
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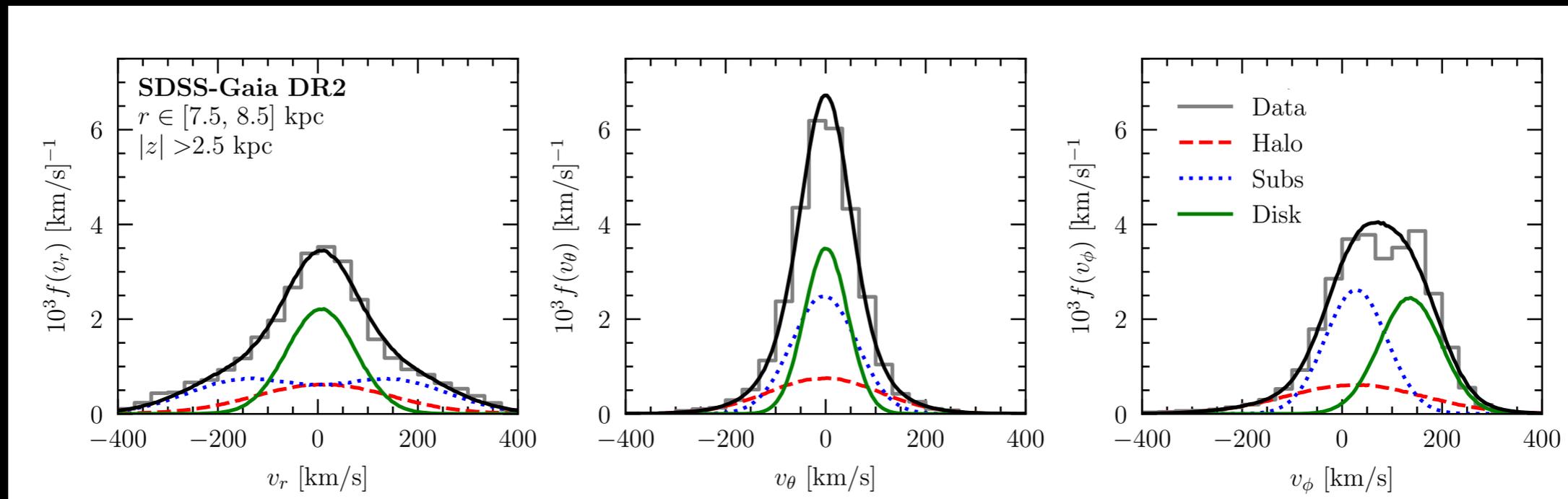
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Gaia Enceladus

Dark matter would also be accreted from Enceladus merger

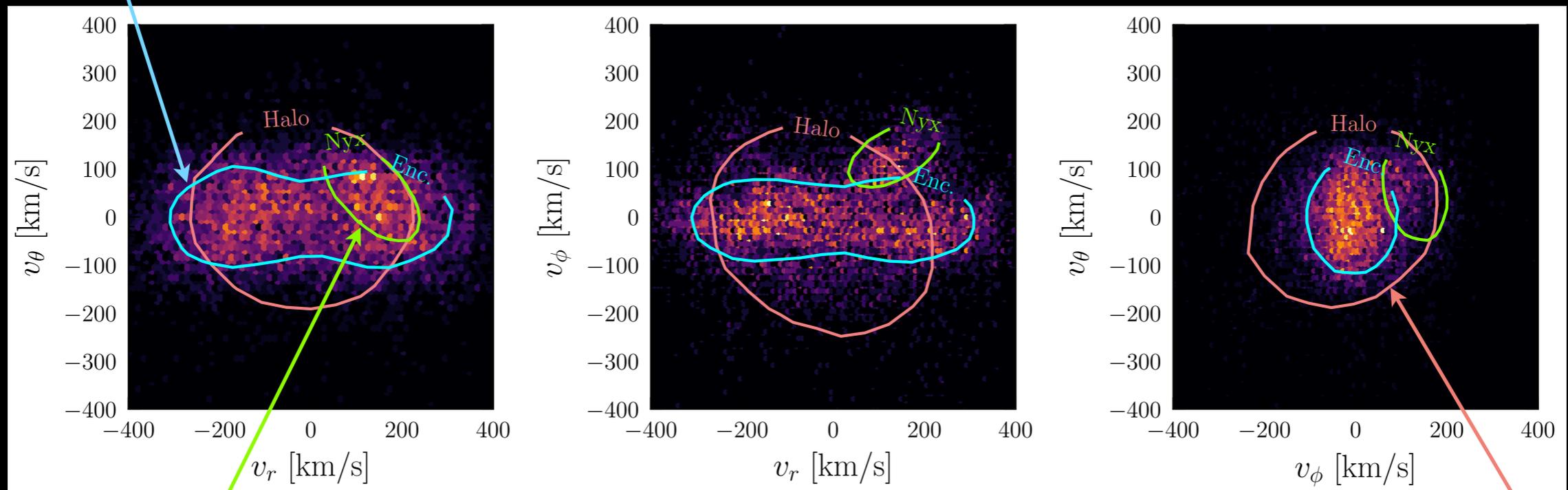
Based on time of accretion, this dark matter likely in debris flow,
and so its velocities should track that of Enceladus stars



Necib, ML, and Belokurov, ApJ (2019)

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recent merger?

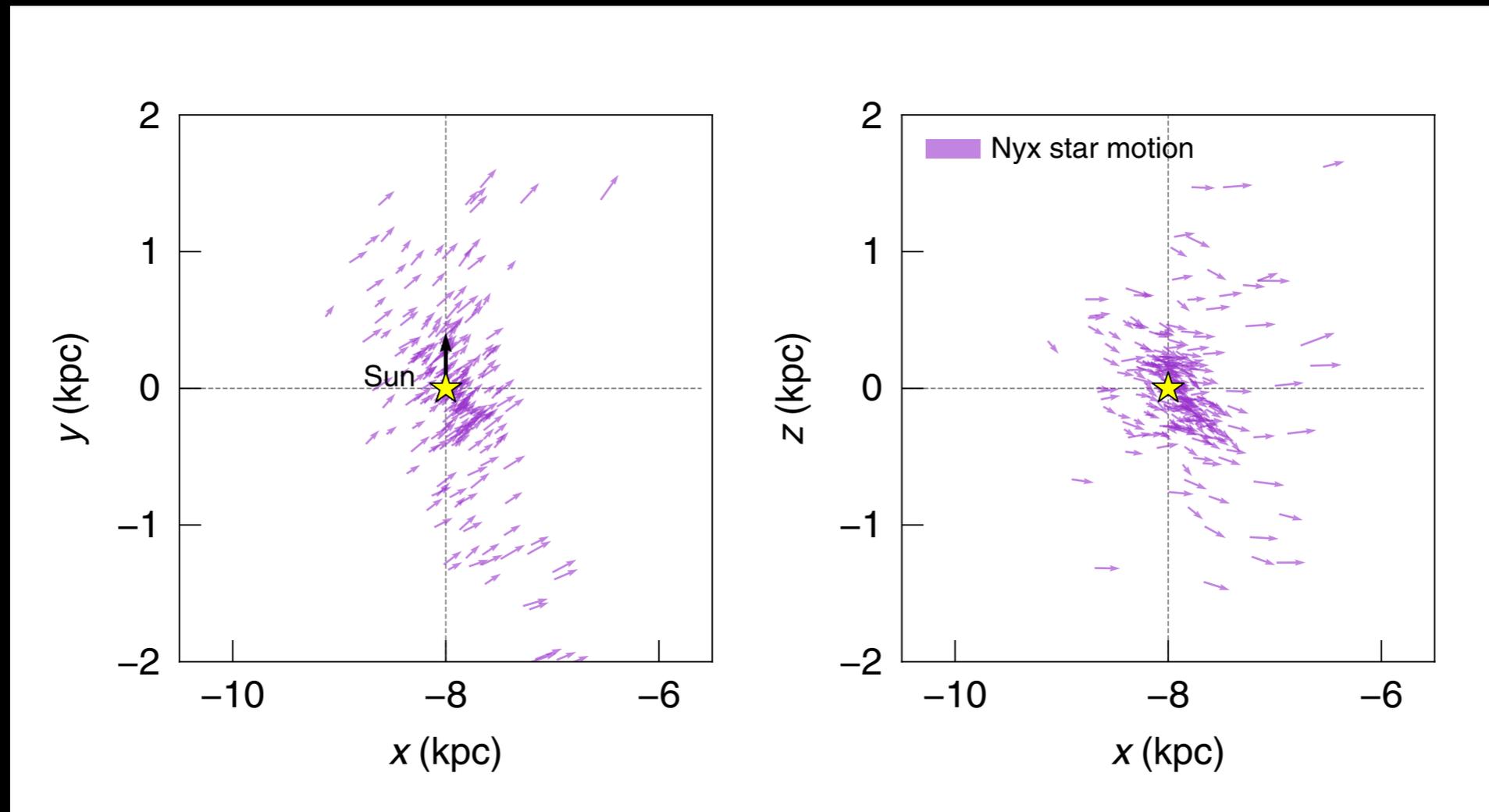
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oldest mergers

The Nyx Stream

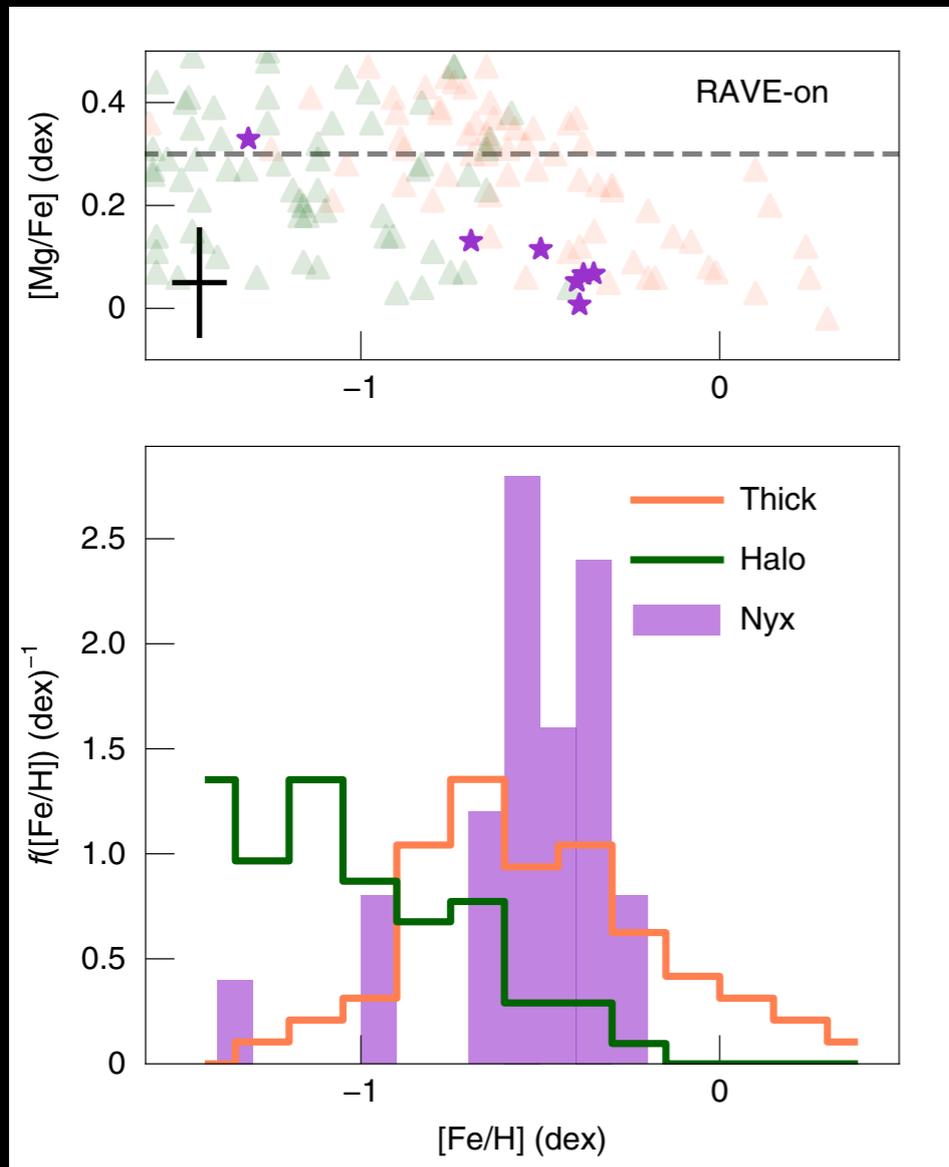
~200 stars with coherent velocities passing near the Sun

Nyx stars rotate more slowly than disk stars and are on more eccentric orbits



Origin of the Nyx Stream

Nyx stars are relatively metal-rich with ages $\sim 6-10$ Gyr



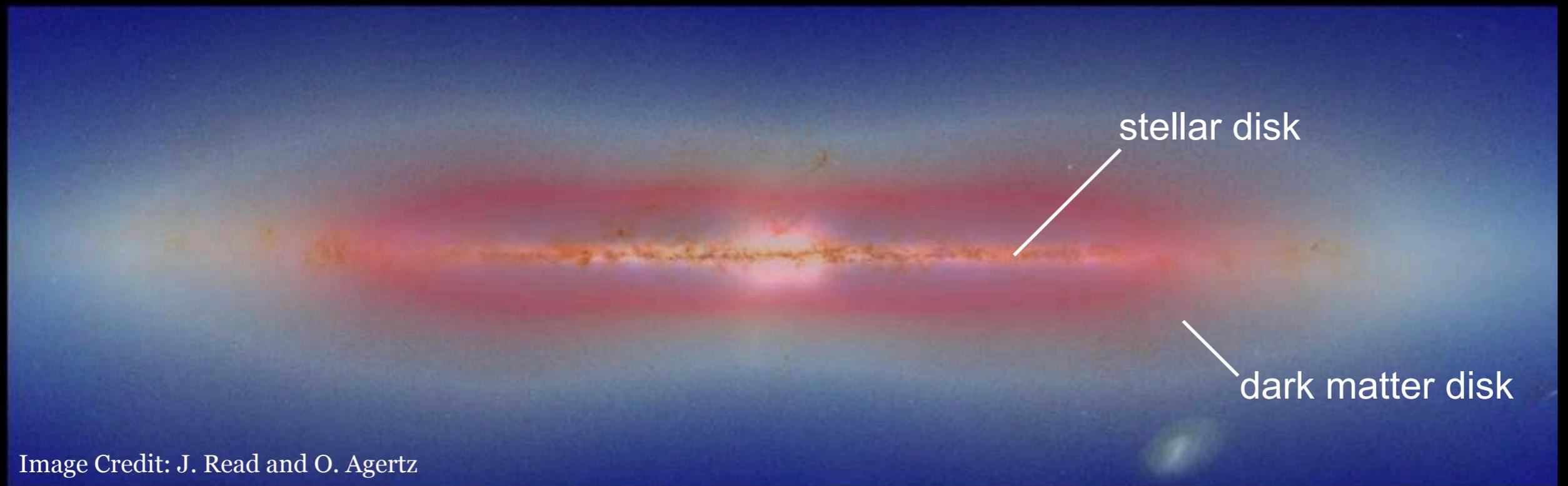
Kinematics of Nyx suggest it is the remnant of a galaxy merger

Further spectroscopic studies needed to confirm that Nyx is distinct from the disk

Dark Matter Disk

Co-rotating dark matter disks predicted to be a natural consequence of prograde mergers

Read et al. (2008, 2009); Purcell et al. (2009); Ling et al. (2010); Pillepich et al. (2014)



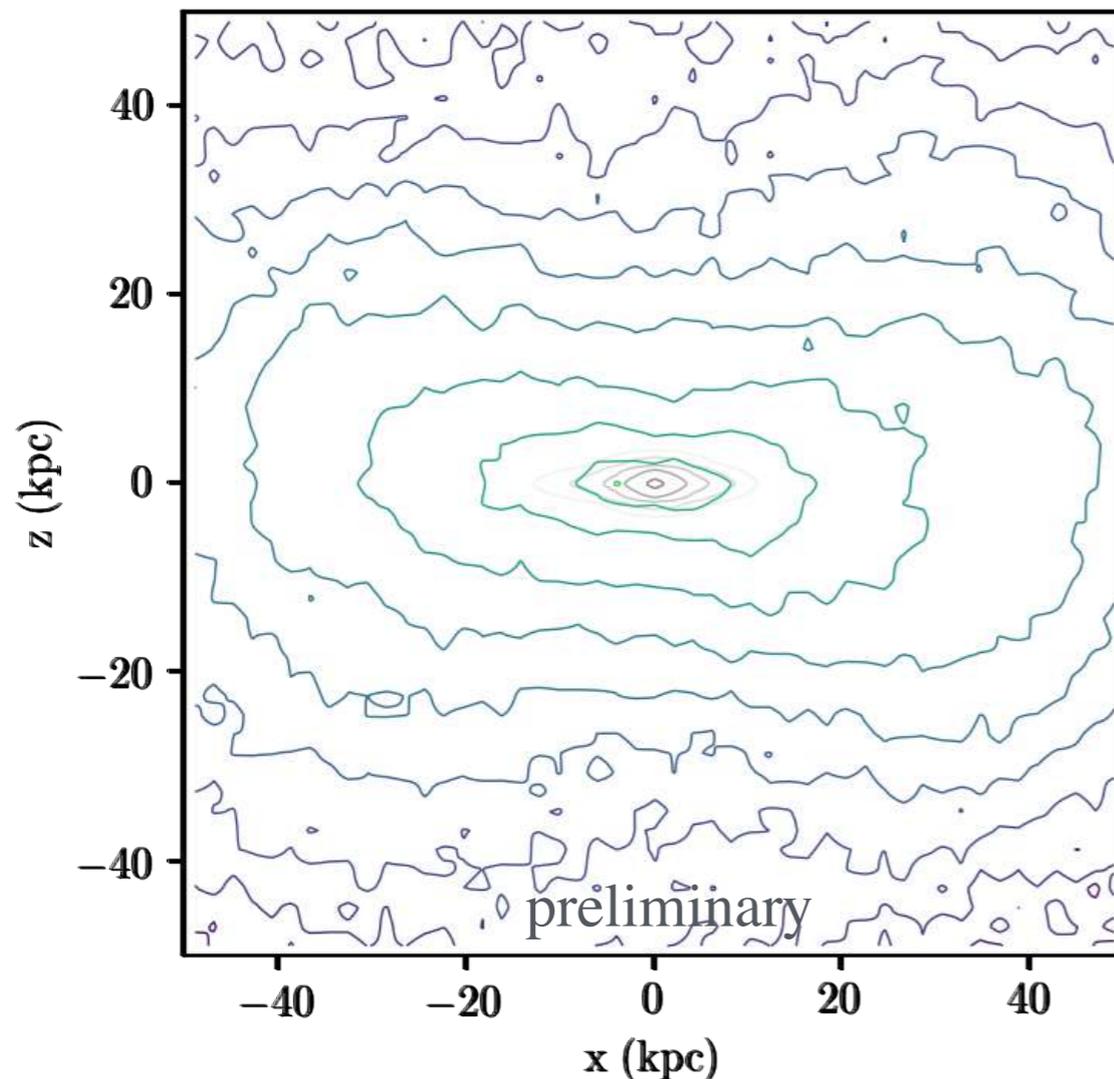
If Nyx originated from a disrupted galaxy, it may have significant implications for dark matter distribution

Dark Matter Disks

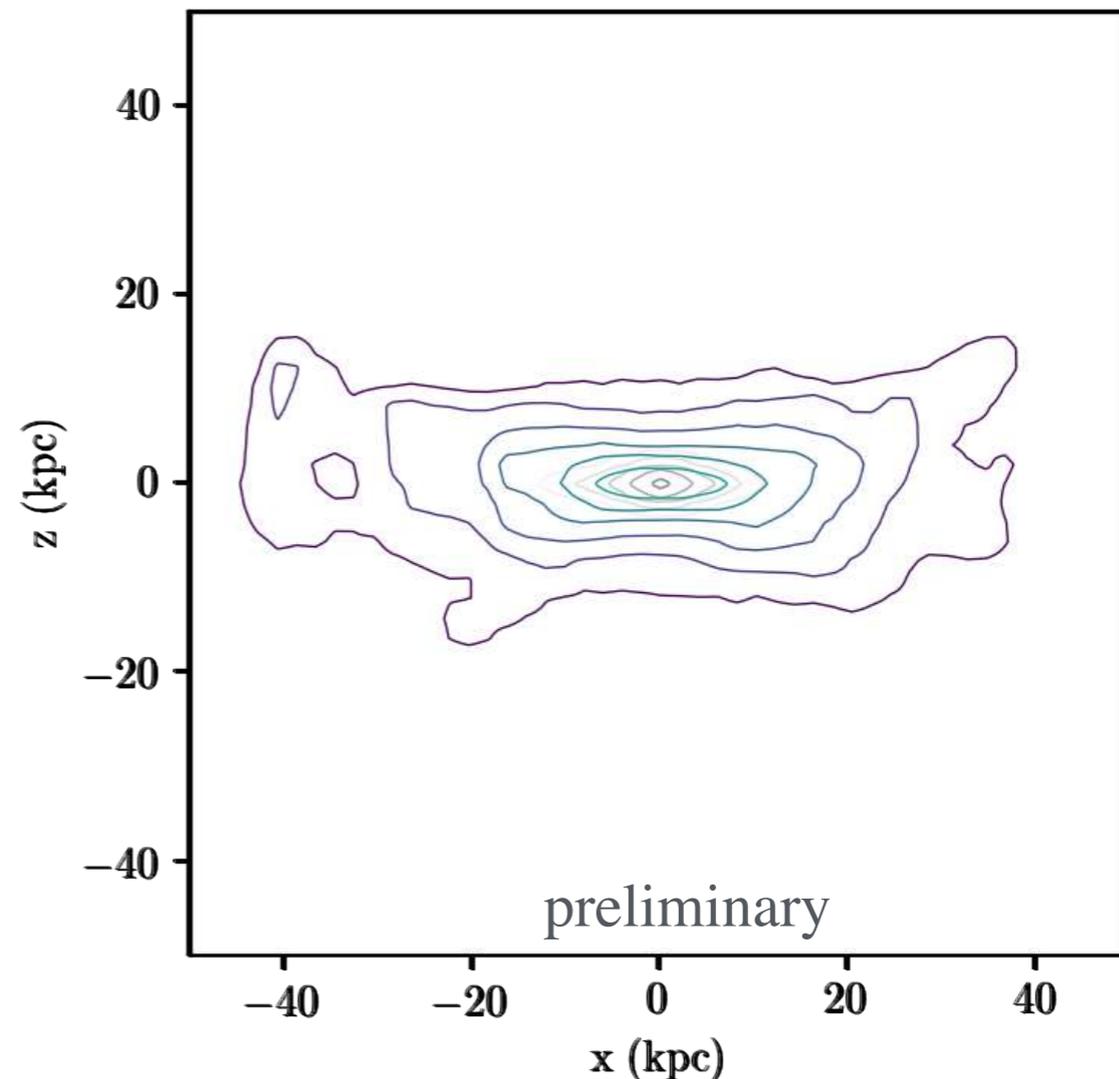
Dedicated simulation studies underway to determine expected dark matter distribution from Nyx-like merger

work in progress with B. Dodge, O. Slone, L. Necib, B. Ostdiek, T. Cohen

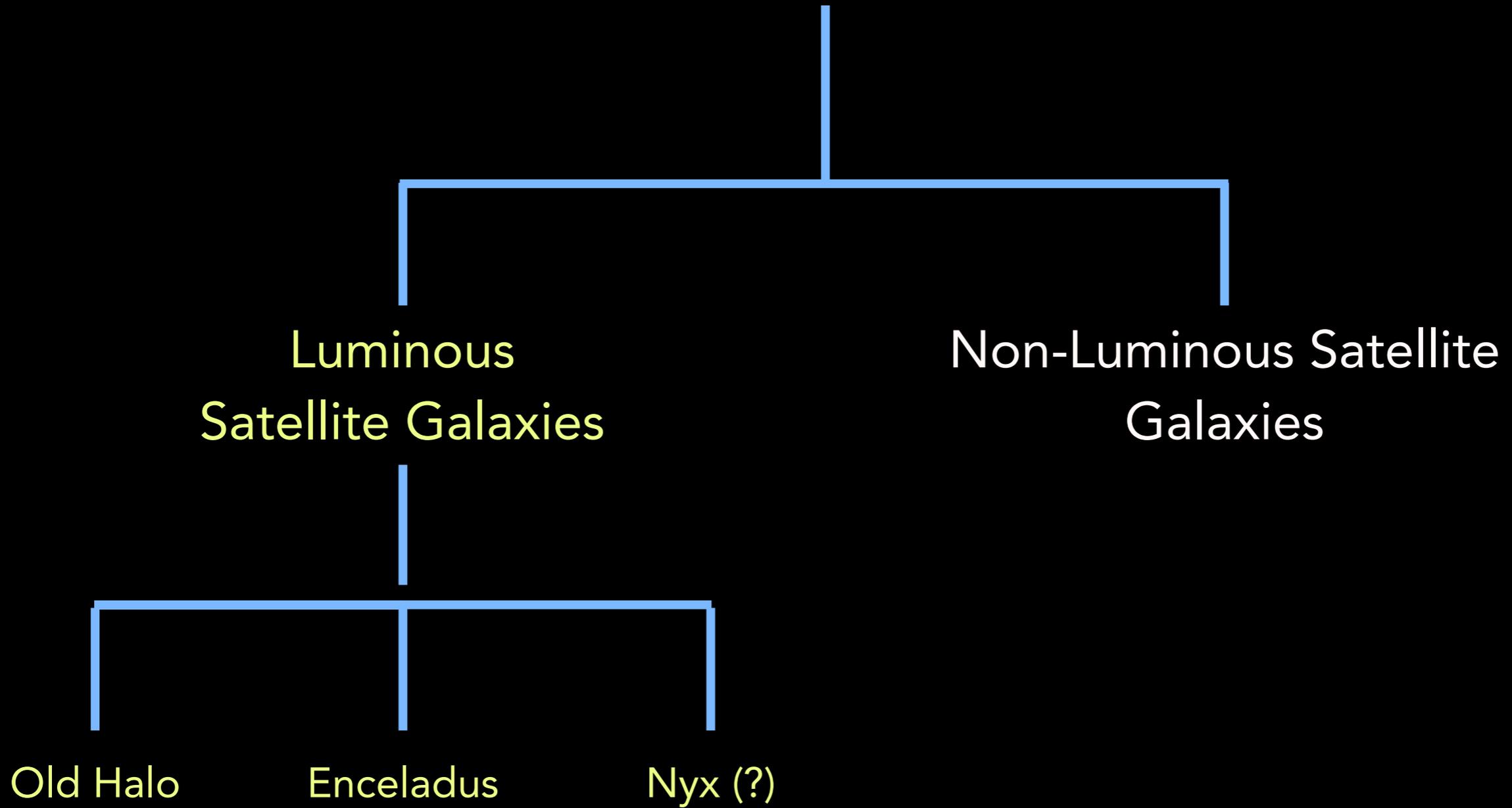
Dark Matter from Merger



Stars from Merger



Local Dark Matter



Follow-Up Studies of Nyx

Spectroscopic studies of Nyx stream underway

M. Truong, A. Ji, L. Necib, et al. (in progress)

Analyze larger fraction of *Gaia* data to find more candidate stream members

Dropulic, Ostdiek, Chang, Liu, Cohen, and ML [2103.14039]

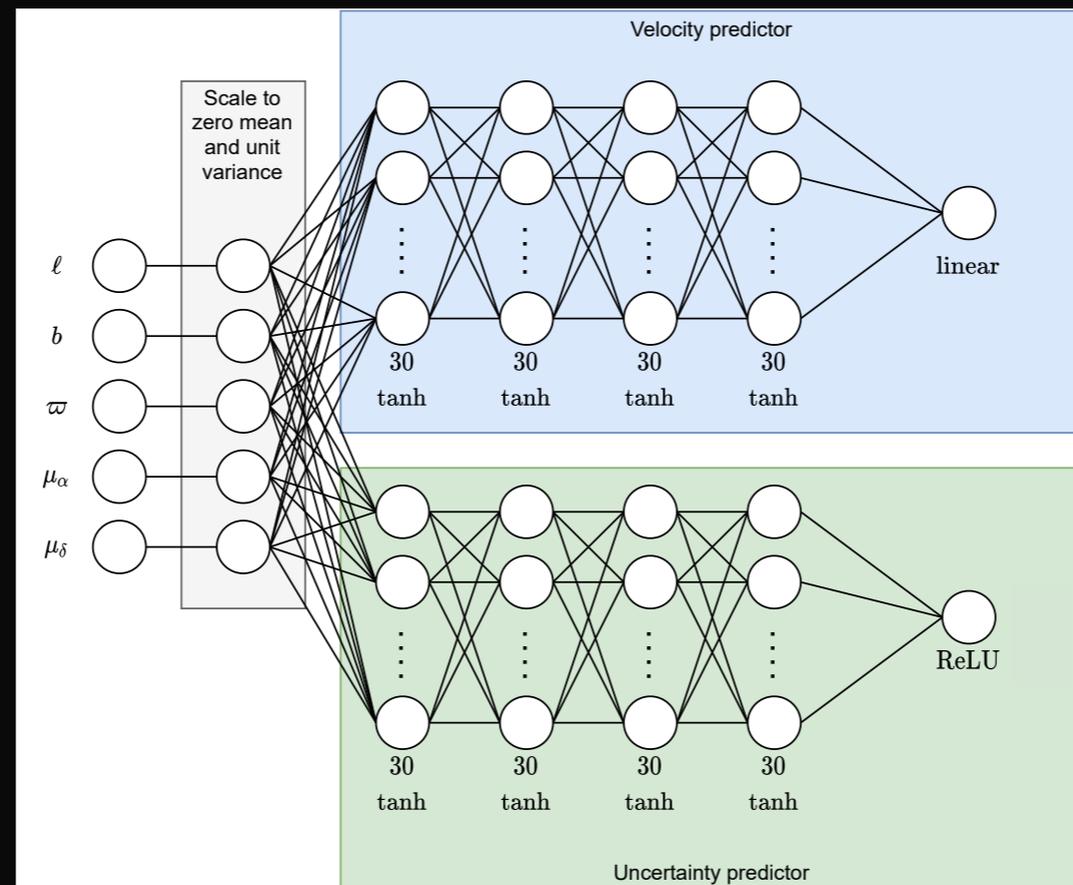
Machine Learning Radial Velocities

Currently, less than 1% of *Gaia* stars have complete phase-space information

Can a machine accurately fill in phase space for remaining stars?

Network Inputs

5D astrometric coordinates



Network Outputs

line-of-sight velocity

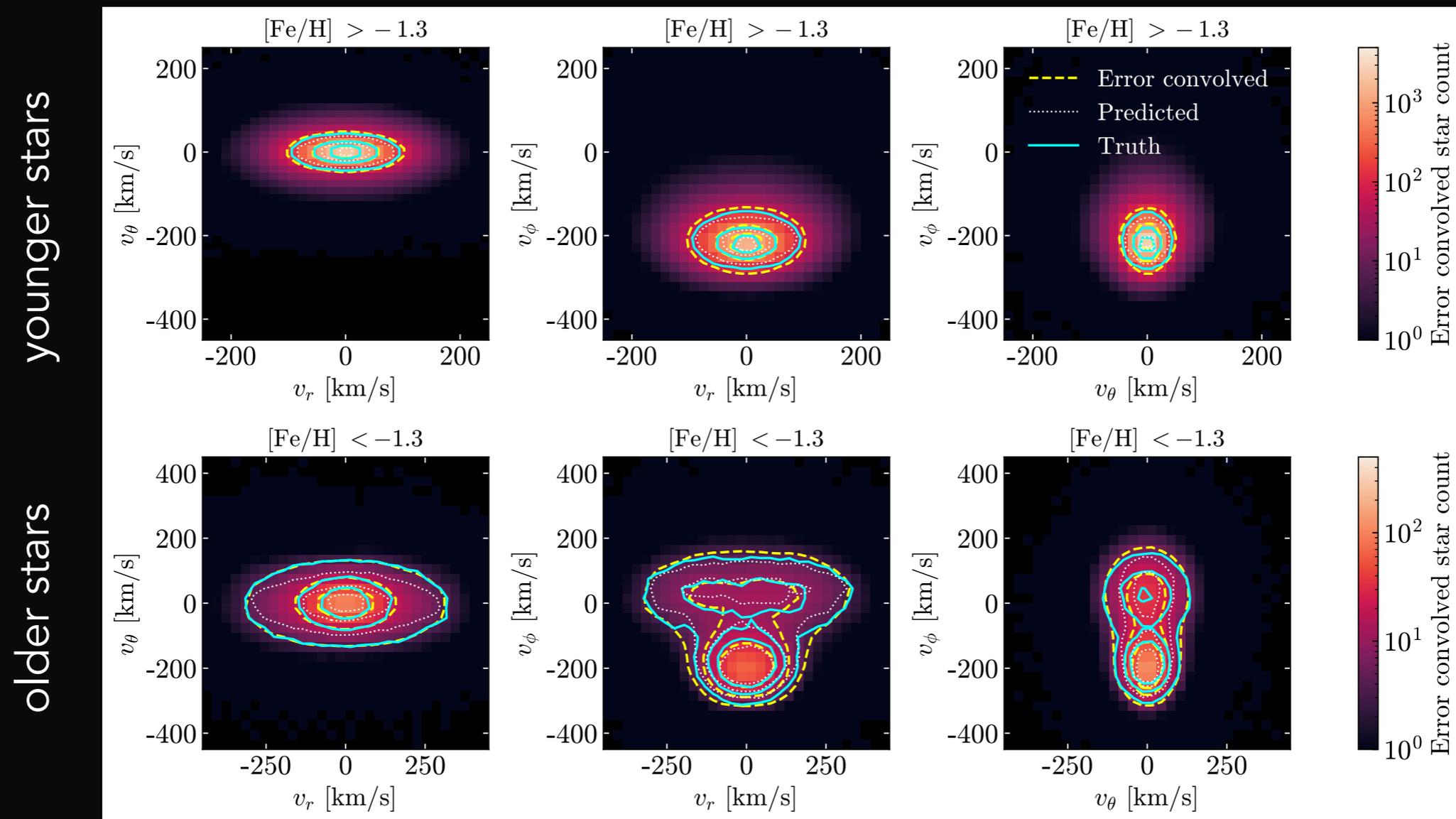
uncertainty on
line-of-sight velocity
prediction

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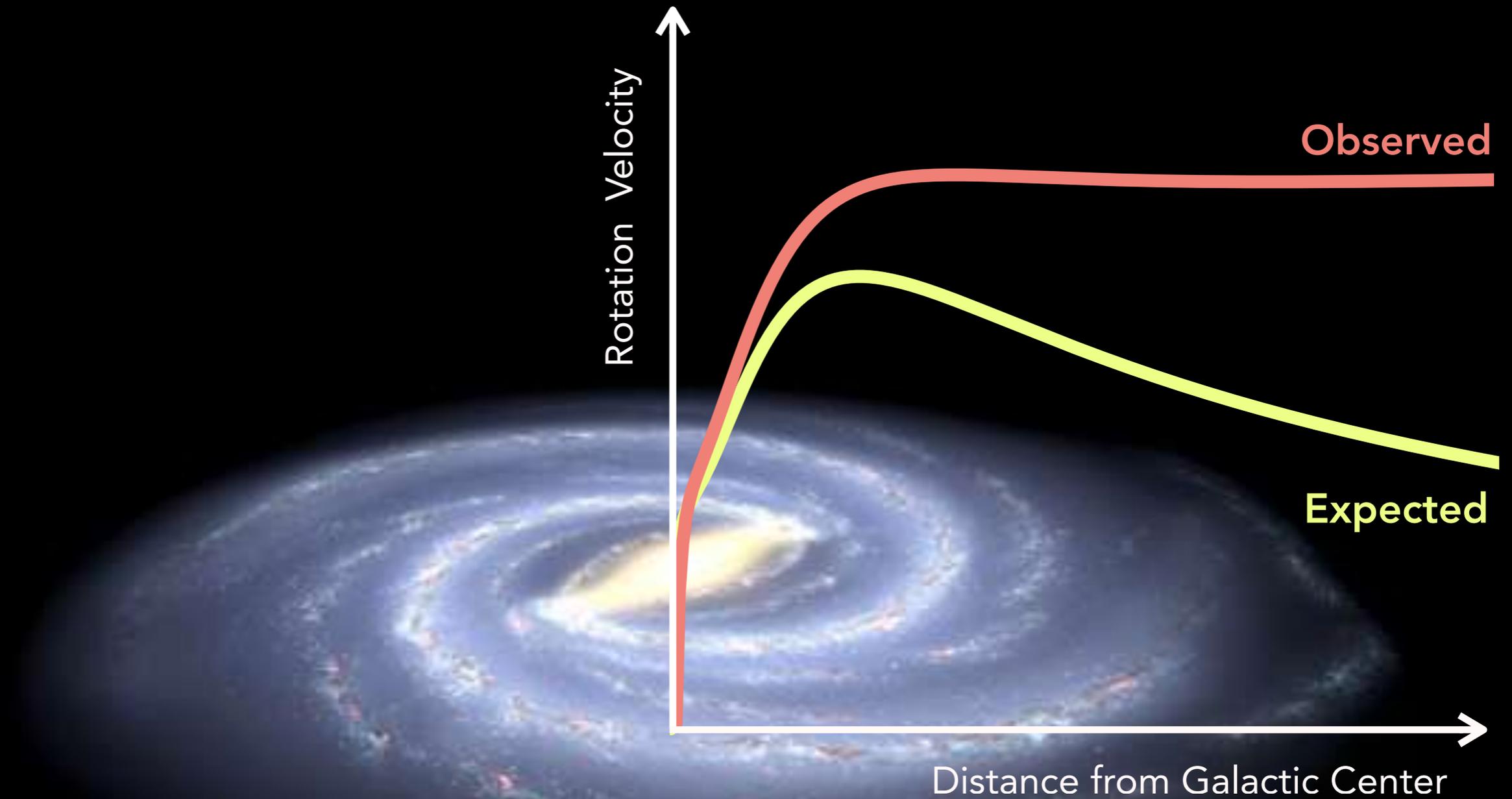
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Tests on Mock *Gaia* Data

Network is trained on subset of mock catalog with complete 6D information, then applied to remainder of mock catalog



The Dark Matter Halo v2.0

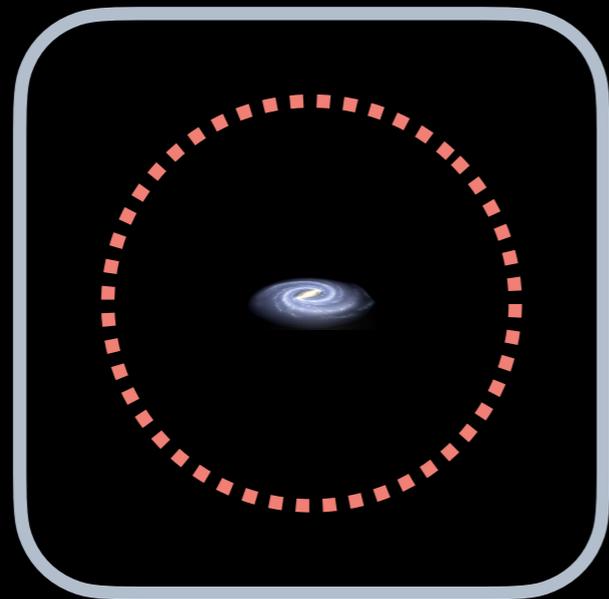
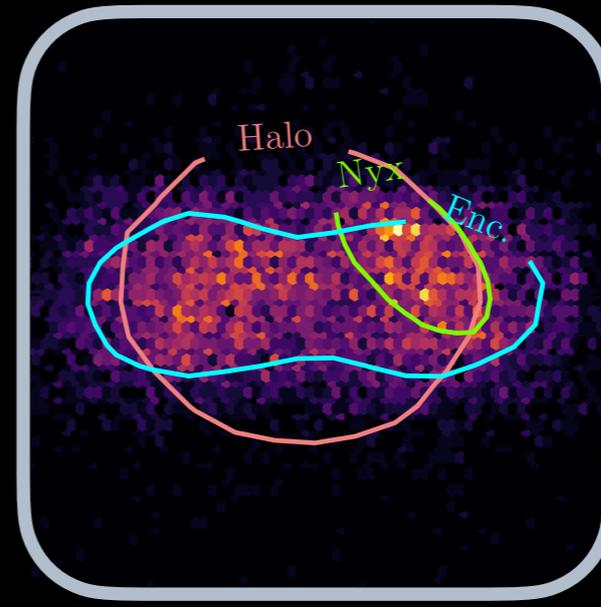


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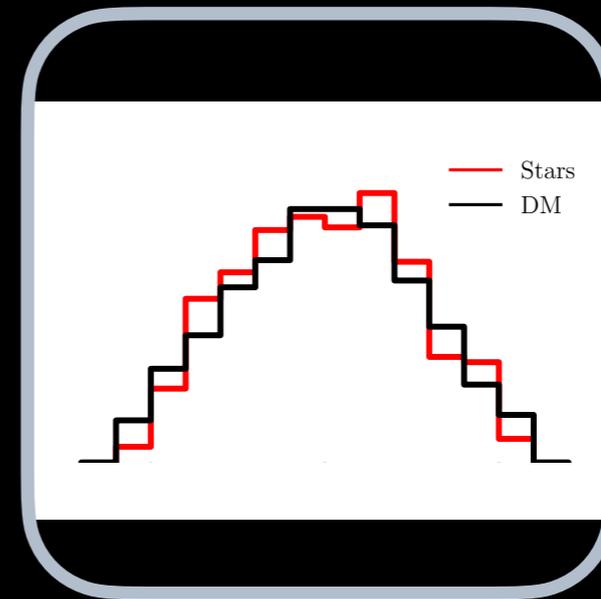
Galaxy Mergers



Stellar Substructure



Empirical Halo Model



Dark matter-stellar
correspondence