

# Mapping the Milky Way Galaxy with Deep Learning

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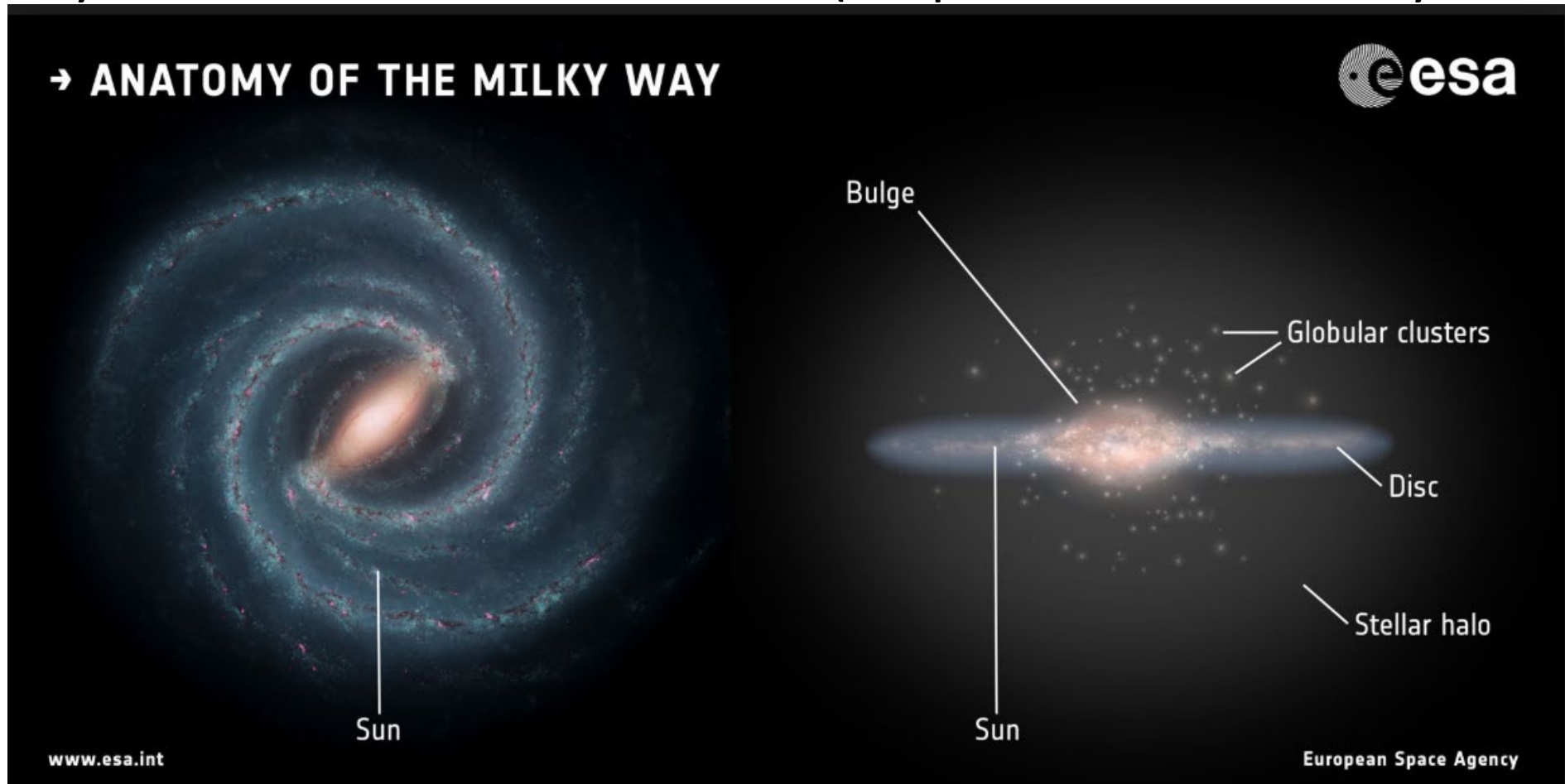
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# Why mapping the Milky Way??

- The only one to be observed in detail (3D position/3D velocity/chemistry)



# Chemical & dynamical evolution

## **Kinematics**

- Disk Formation History
  - Merger?
  - Galaxies interaction
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- By high precision astrometric survey

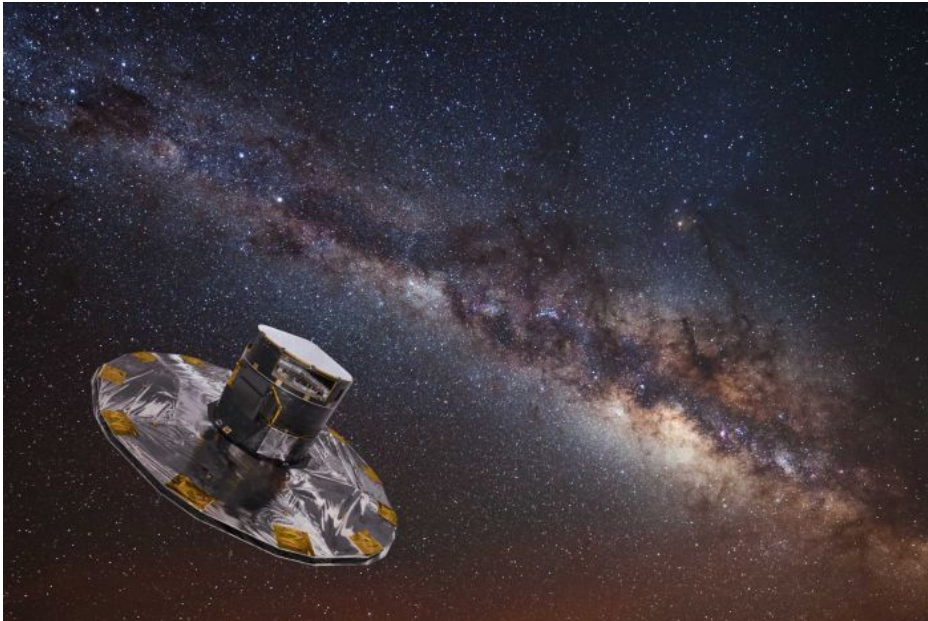
## **Chemistry**

- Star Formation History
  - Enrichment history
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- By high resolution spectroscopic survey

# Telescopes

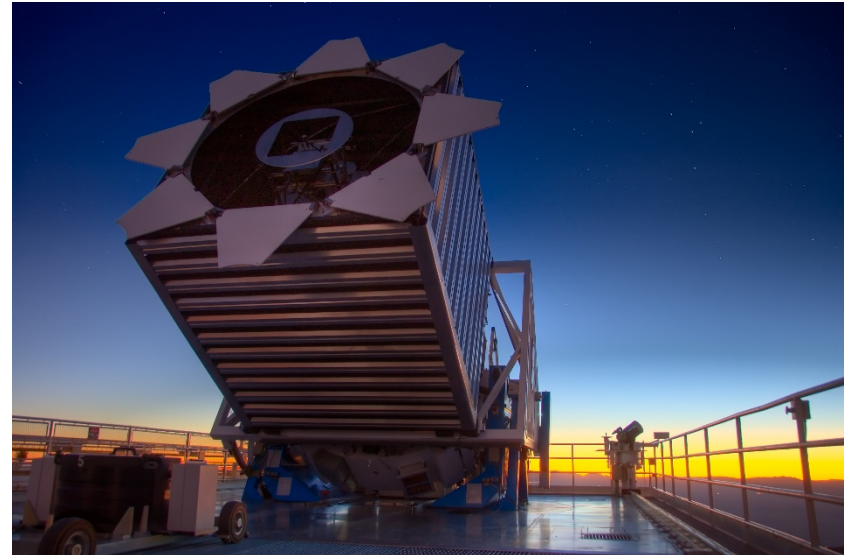
## Kinematics

- ESA Gaia mission
- High precision astrometry

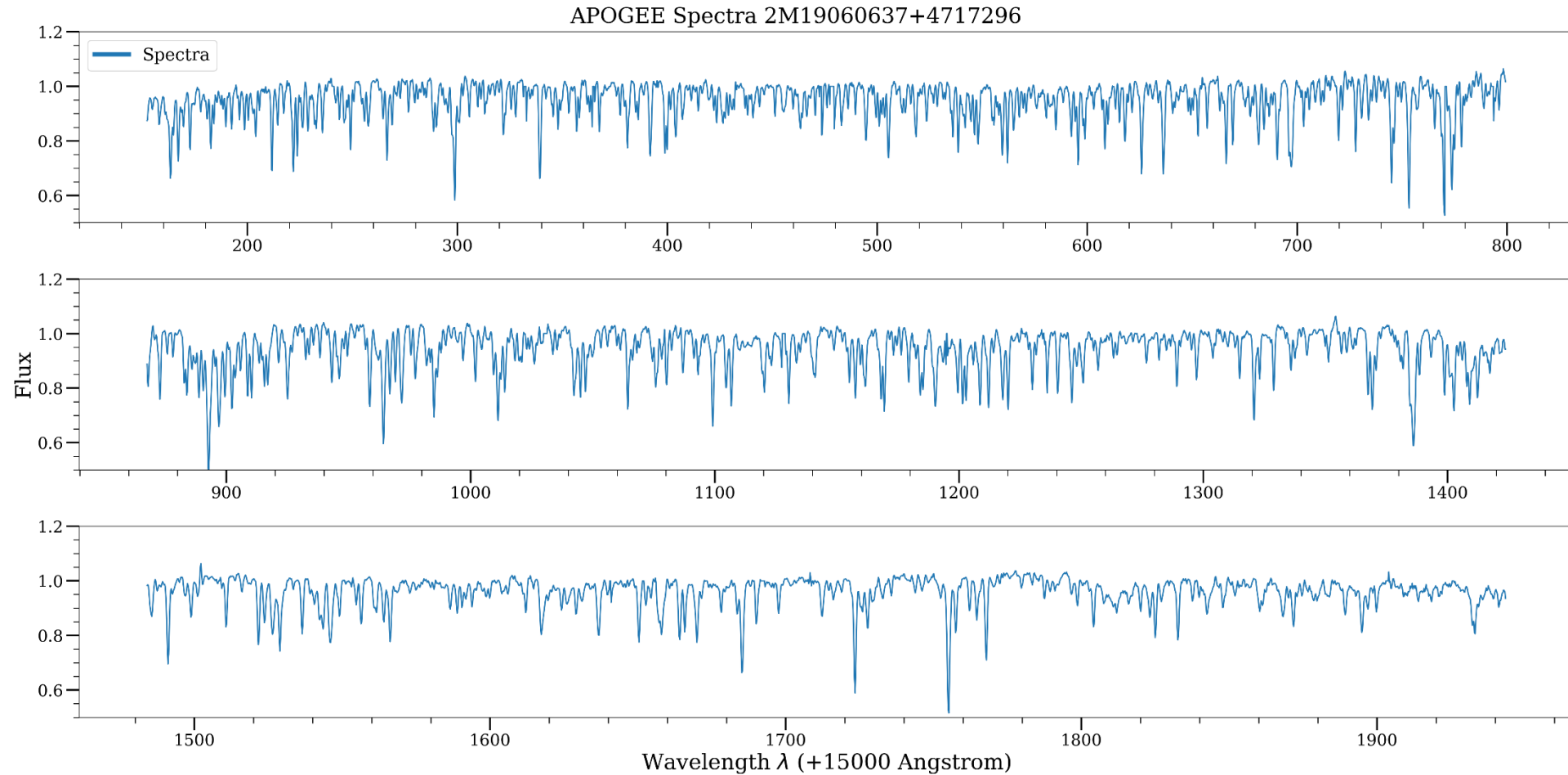


## Chemistry

- SDSS APOGEE
- High-SNR, High resolution IR spectrographs



# High-res IR spectroscopic data



- (Straightforward): Radial Velocity, Abundances
- (Not Straightforward): Mass?, Age?, Luminosity?, Extinction?
- (Not Possible): Proper motion, Position on the sky

# Difficulties (Both science and method)

## **Kinematics**

- Distances are bad at far away from parallax
- Instrumental bias

## **Chemistry**

- Multiple surveys -> multiple pipeline
- Bad at low SNR
- Pipelines are slow

## **Machine learning method**

- Uncertainties in training data
- Incomplete training data
- Uncertainties in prediction

# My undergraduate neural net-related research with Prof. *Jo Bovy* (Toronto)

- Method + Science Papers:

- [Deep learning of multi-element abundances from high-resolution spectroscopic data](#)  
[Henry W. Leung, Jo Bovy (2019a) arXiv:1808.04428]
- [Simultaneous calibration of spectro-photometric distances and the Gaia DR2 parallax zero-point offset with deep learning](#)  
[Henry W. Leung, J. Bovy (2019b) arXiv:1902.08634]

- Science Papers using NNs data:

- [Dynamical heating across the Milky Way disc using APOGEE and Gaia](#)  
[Ted J. Mackereth, Jo Bovy, Henry W. Leung, et al. (2019) arXiv:1901.04502]
- [Life in the fast lane: a direct view of the dynamics, formation, and evolution of the Milky Way's bar](#)  
[Jo Bovy, Henry W. Leung, Jason A.S. Hunt, et al. (2019) arXiv:1905.11404]

# astroNN (<https://github.com/henrysky/astroNN>)

- A python ( $\geq 3.6$ ) package
- Well tested (86% code coverage)
- Well documented (<https://astronn.rtf.d.io/>)
- Compatible with TensorFlow  $\geq 1.13.2$  & TensorFlow  $\geq 2.0.0b0$
- In active development (Both method & science)
- Easy to use & few handy functions
- Galaxy10 dataset (from SDSS/GalaxyZoo, counterpart of MNIST)
- Open Science (Software code & papers code)





Now go into the details of  
methods and sciences

# Stellar parameters & Chemical abundances

- Develops a Python package called astroNN
- Bayesian NNs with Dropout VI (Y. Gal, et al. 2015) w/ modified loss function (**H. W. Leung**, J. Bovy 2019)
- Structures NNs to reflect physical knowledge
- Infer stellar parameters and chemical abundances precisely at low SNR, account for training data uncertainty & uncertainty in prediction

# Bayesian NNs with Dropout Variation Inference

- Probabilistic weights with prior distribution
- Weights' true PDF: VI by approximating vs MCMC by sampling
  - MCMC is impossible as we have millions to billions weights
- Dropout approx. true PDFs as a product of Bernoulli distributions
- Probably one of the easiest Bayesian NNs to be done that works

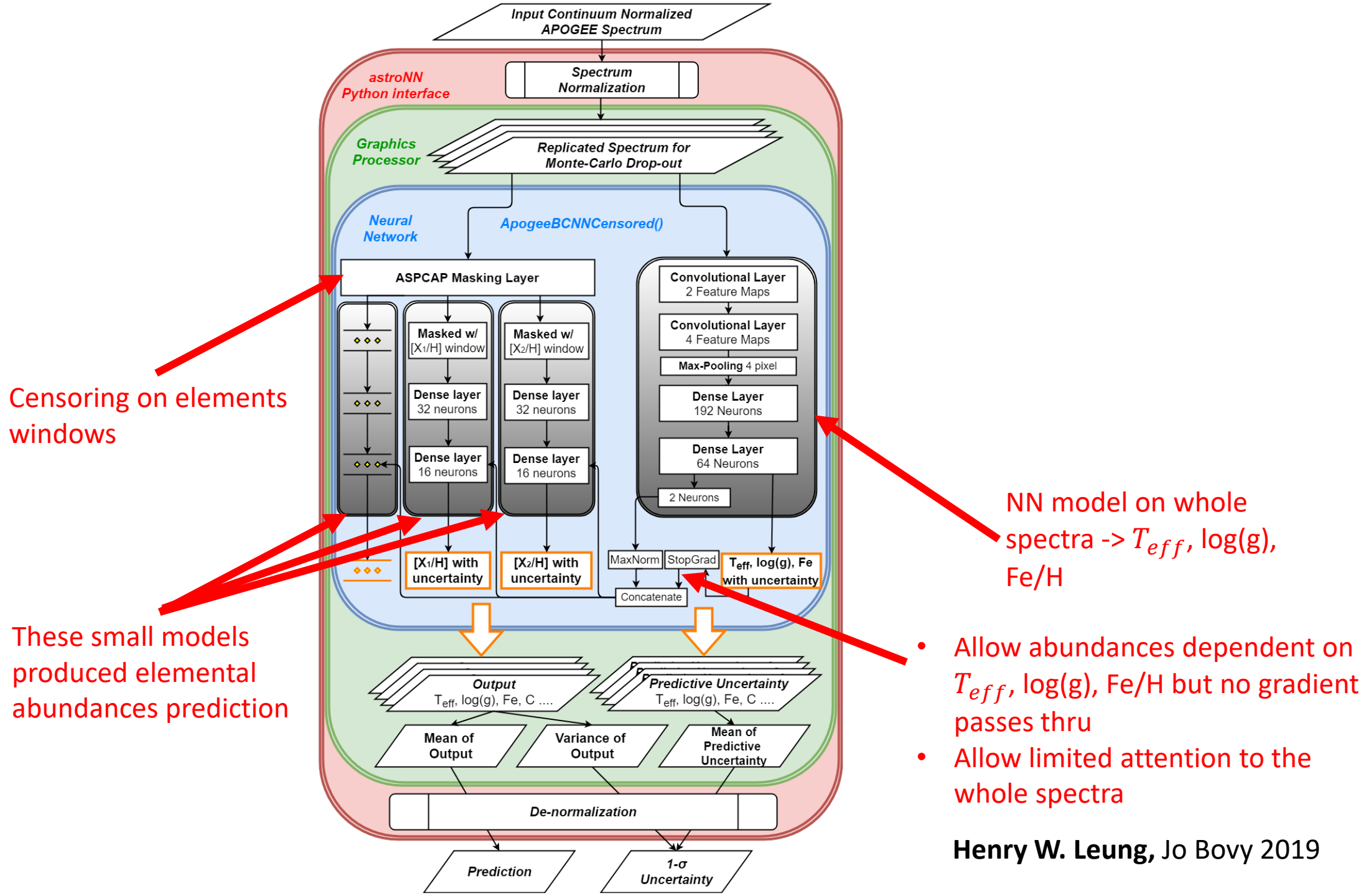
# Modified loss function & uncertainties

- Taking training labels uncertainty into account along with *predictive uncertainty*, along with incomplete labels
- Prediction uncertainty = sum of predictive and model uncertainty

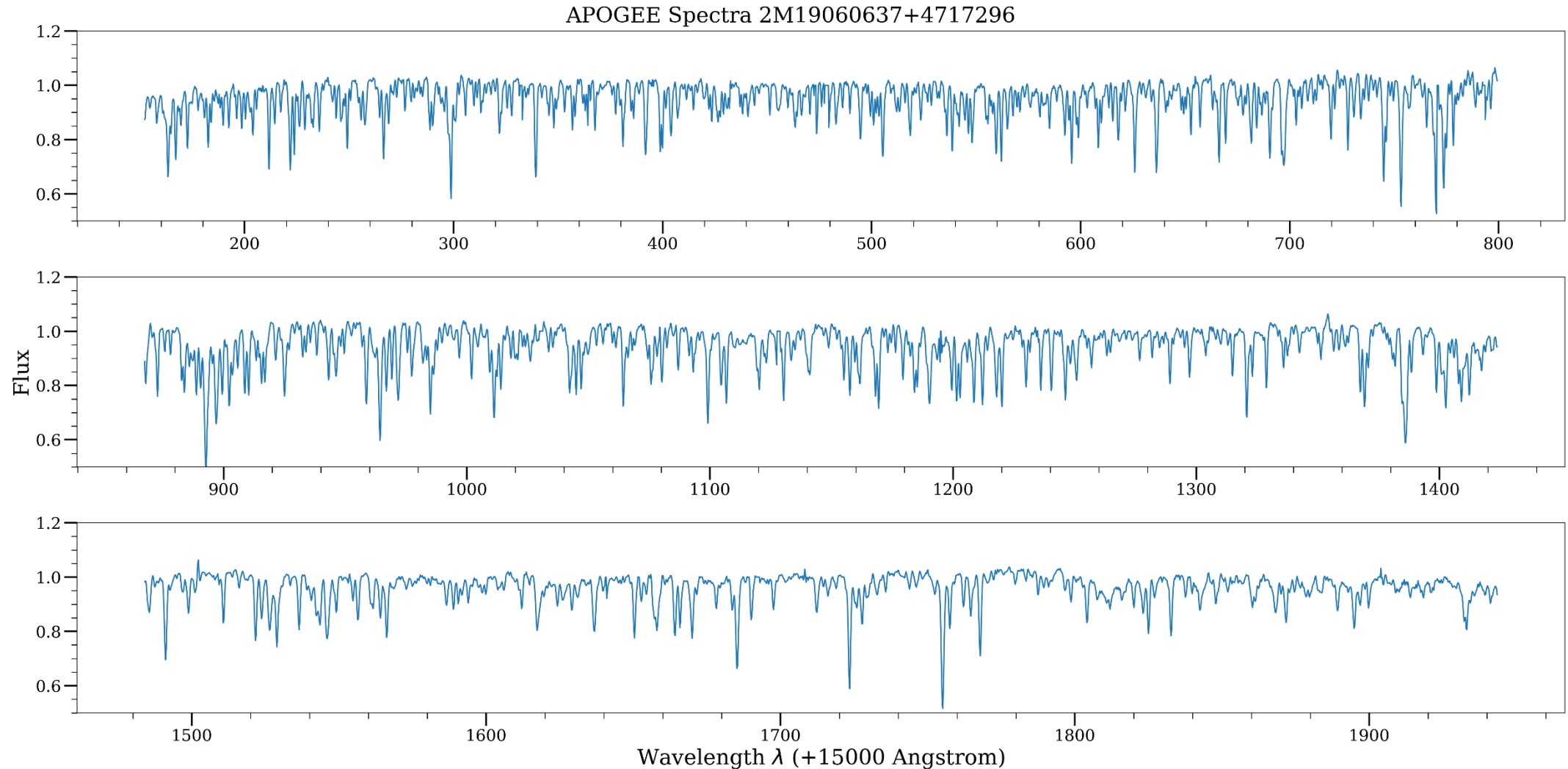
$$J(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 e^{-s_i} + \frac{1}{2}(s_i) & \text{for } y_i \neq \text{MAGIC NUM} \\ 0 & \text{for } y_i = \text{MAGIC NUM} \end{cases}, \text{where } s_i = \ln \left[ \sigma_{\text{known},i}^2 + \sigma_{\text{predictive},i}^2 \right]$$

Magic Number for incomplete labels

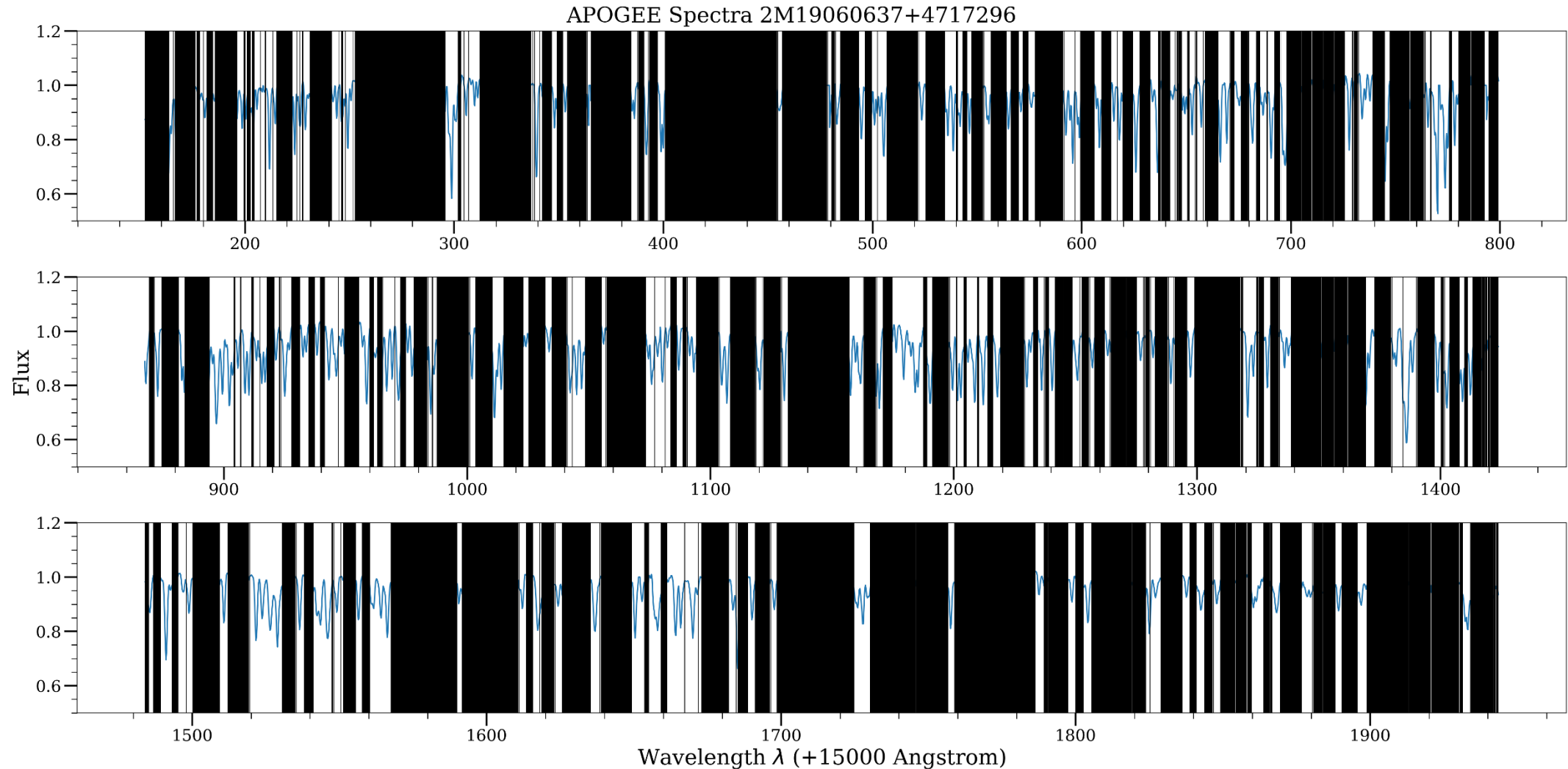
$$\text{Then } J(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^D J(y_i, \hat{y}_i) \right) \mathcal{F}_{\text{correction},i}, \text{where } \mathcal{F}_{\text{correction},i} = \frac{D}{D_i}$$

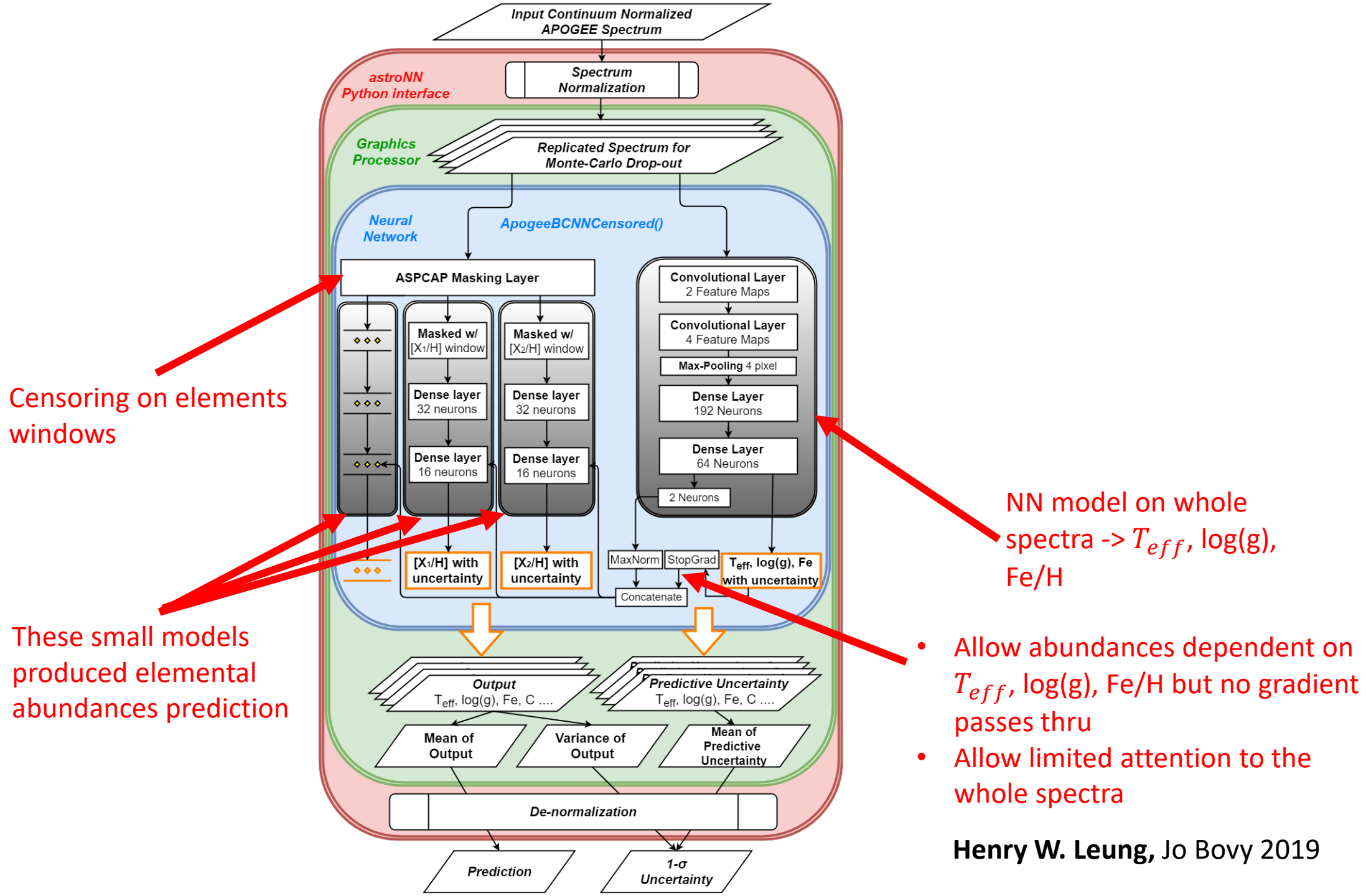


# An example of censoring with [Fe] windows

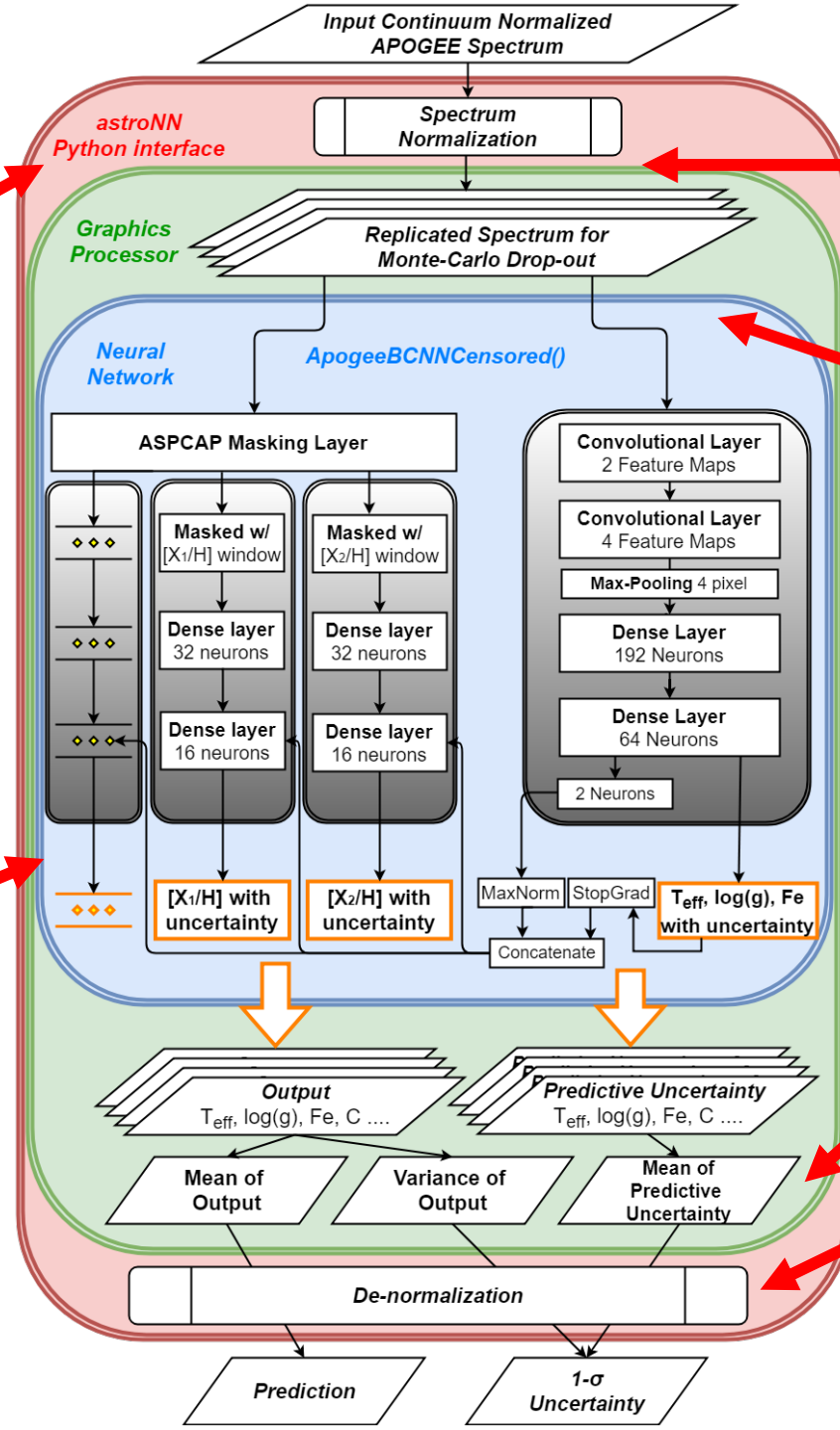


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Simple Python interface by astroNN

Model architectures are predefined as class in astroNN

Only one spectrum need for its MC inference, to minimize system to GPU bandwidth usage, no looping

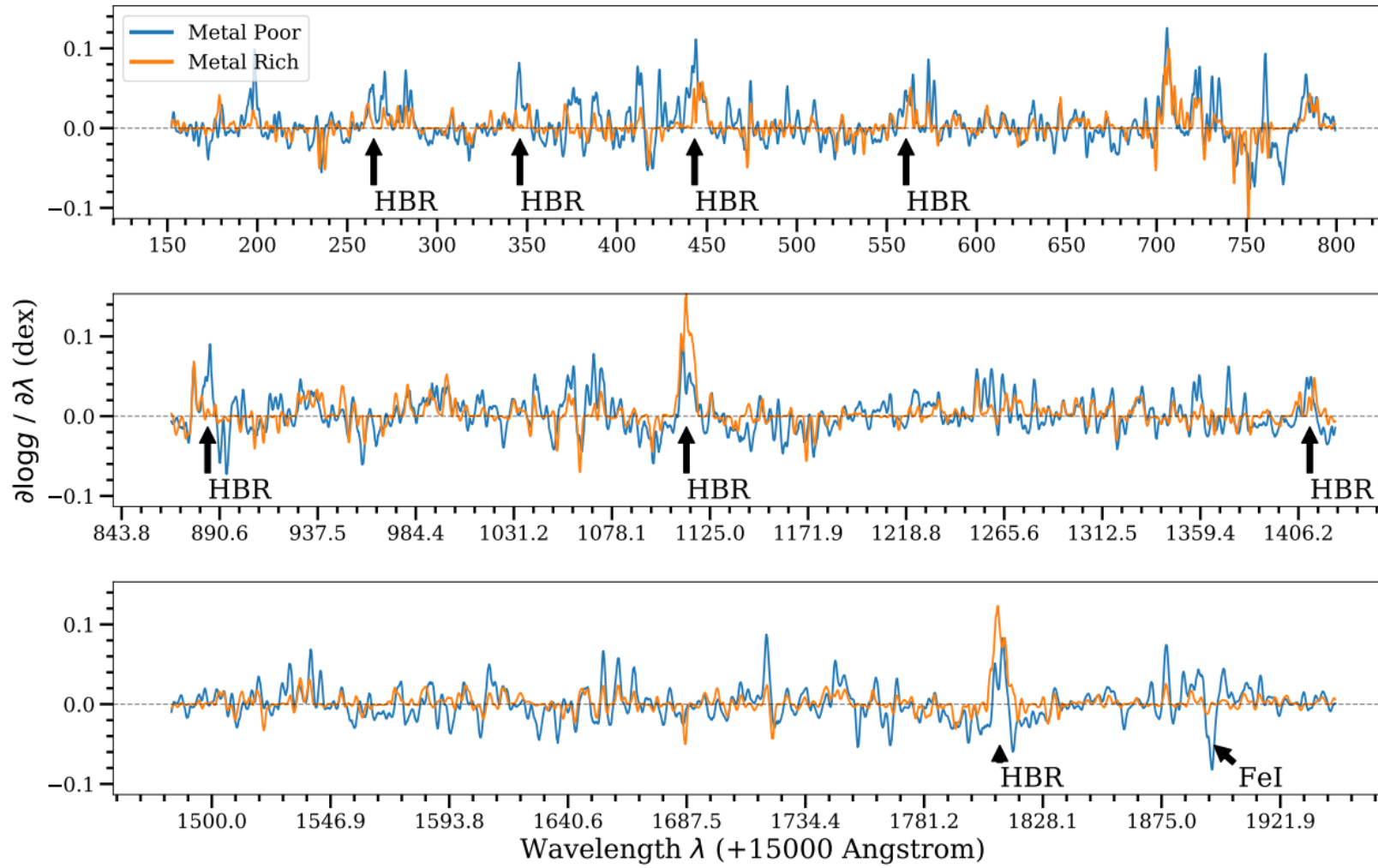
Fast Monte-Carlo inference on GPU, utilizing fast RNN code in TensorFlow to hack it

Monte-Carlo result processed on GPU and then sent back all at once

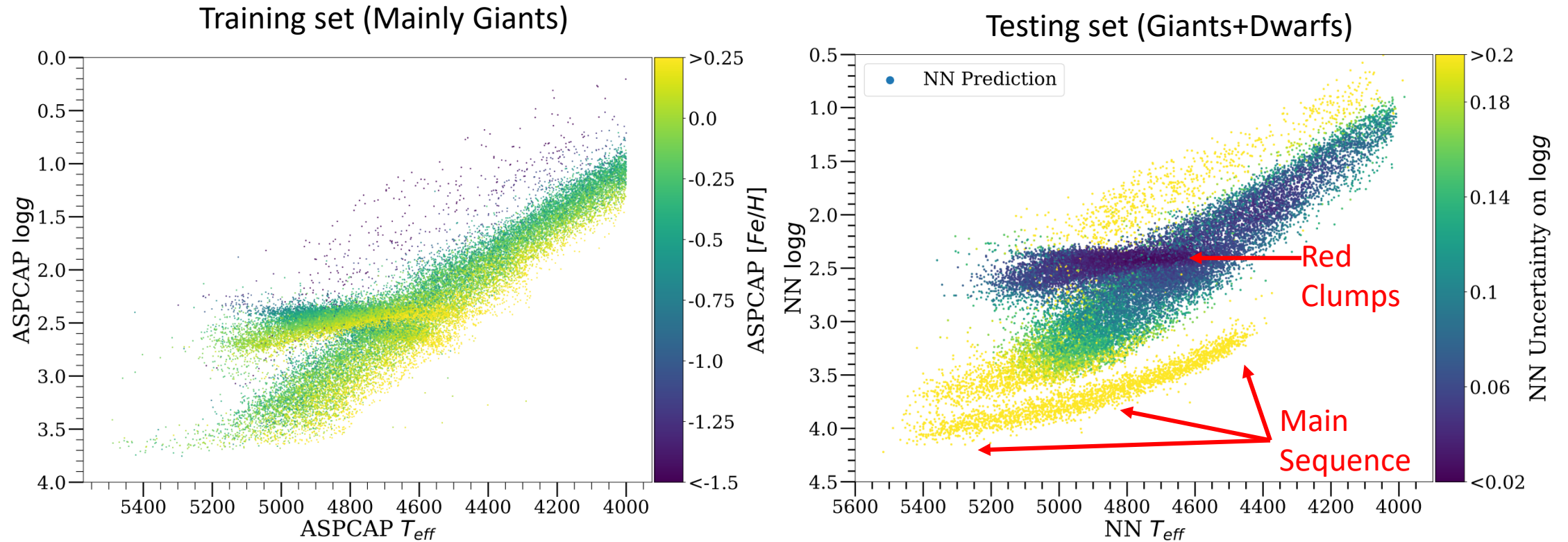
De-normalizing automatically with training values

# Where do the model pay attention to?

Gradient of  $\log g$  in Metal Poor and Rich Stars

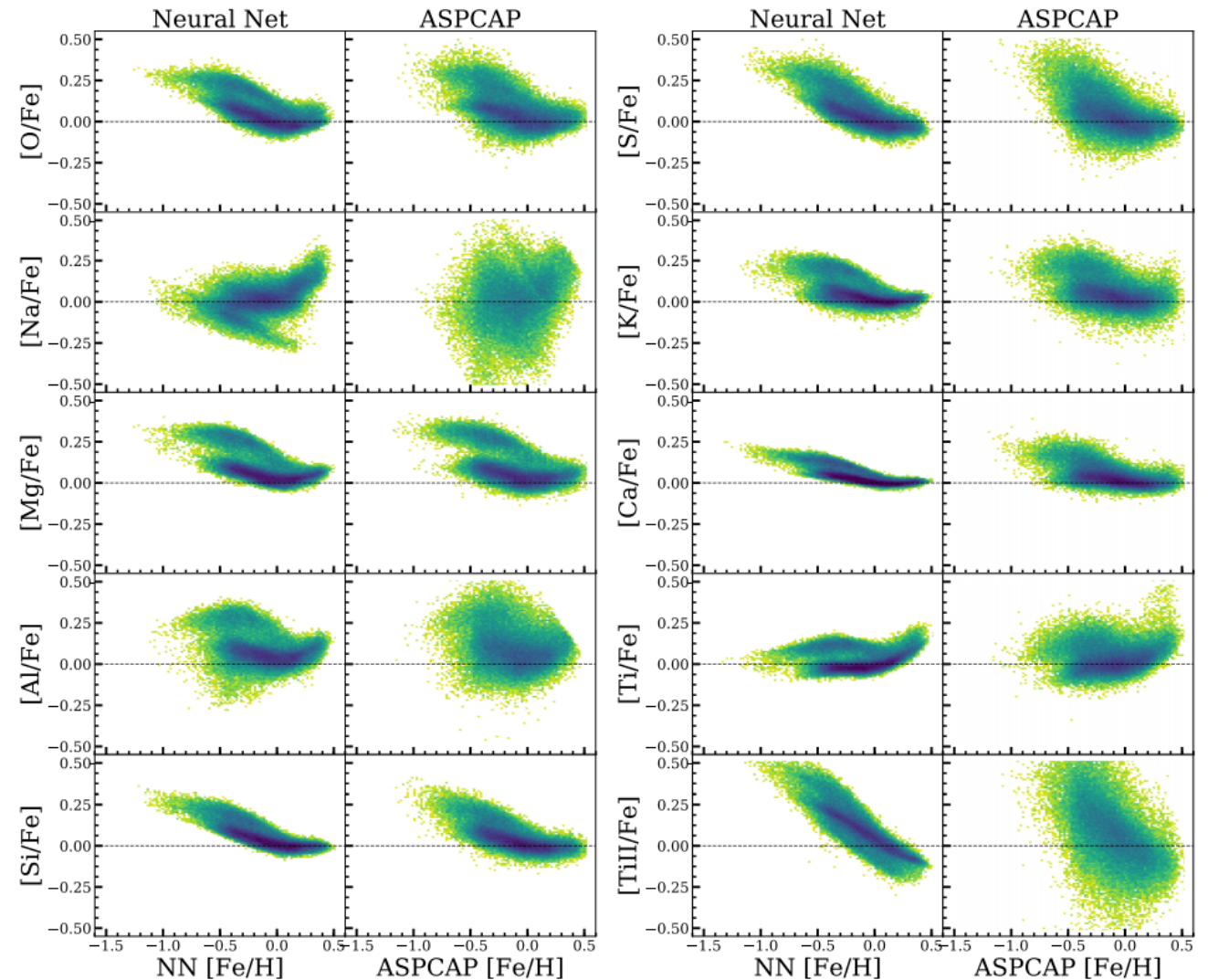


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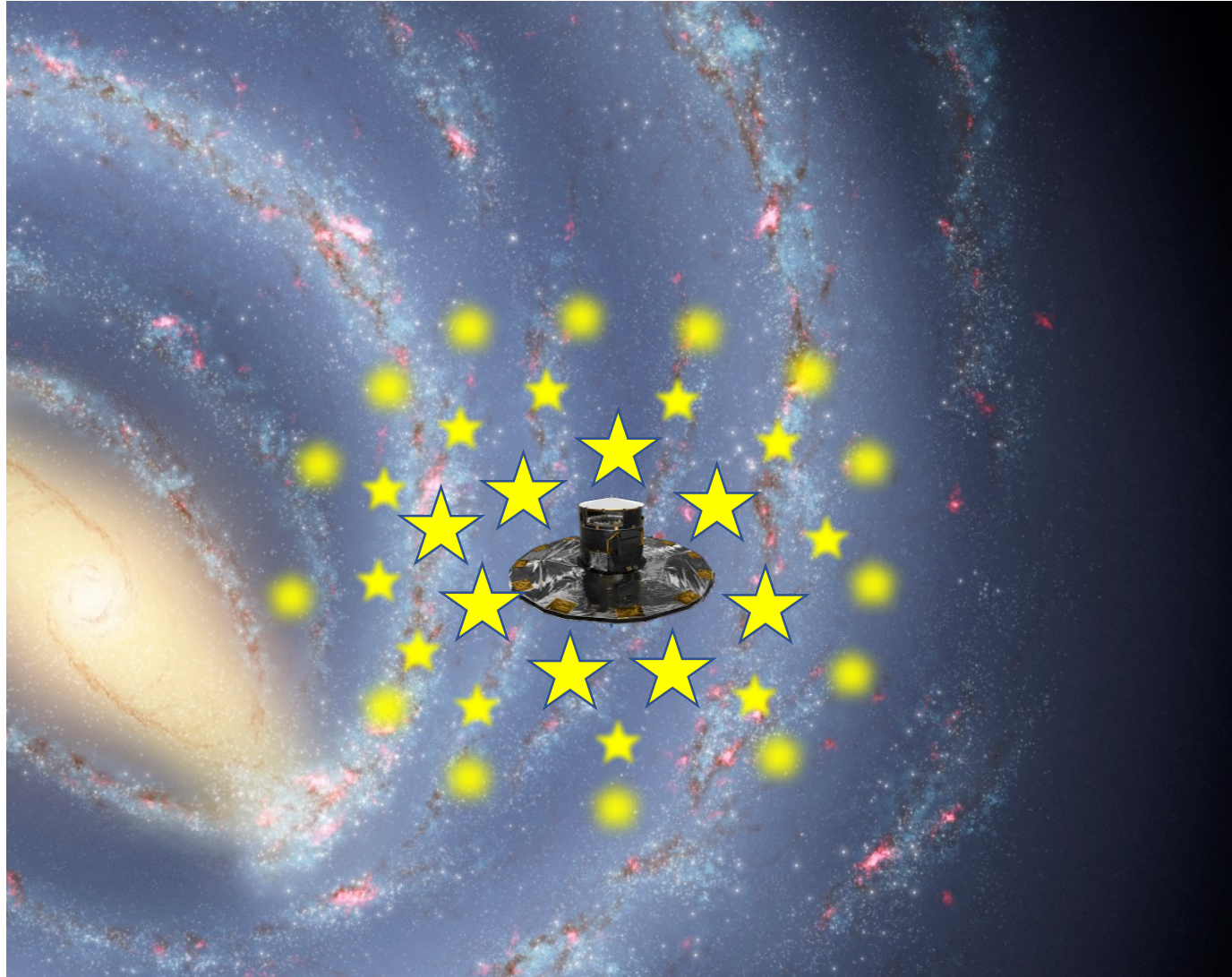


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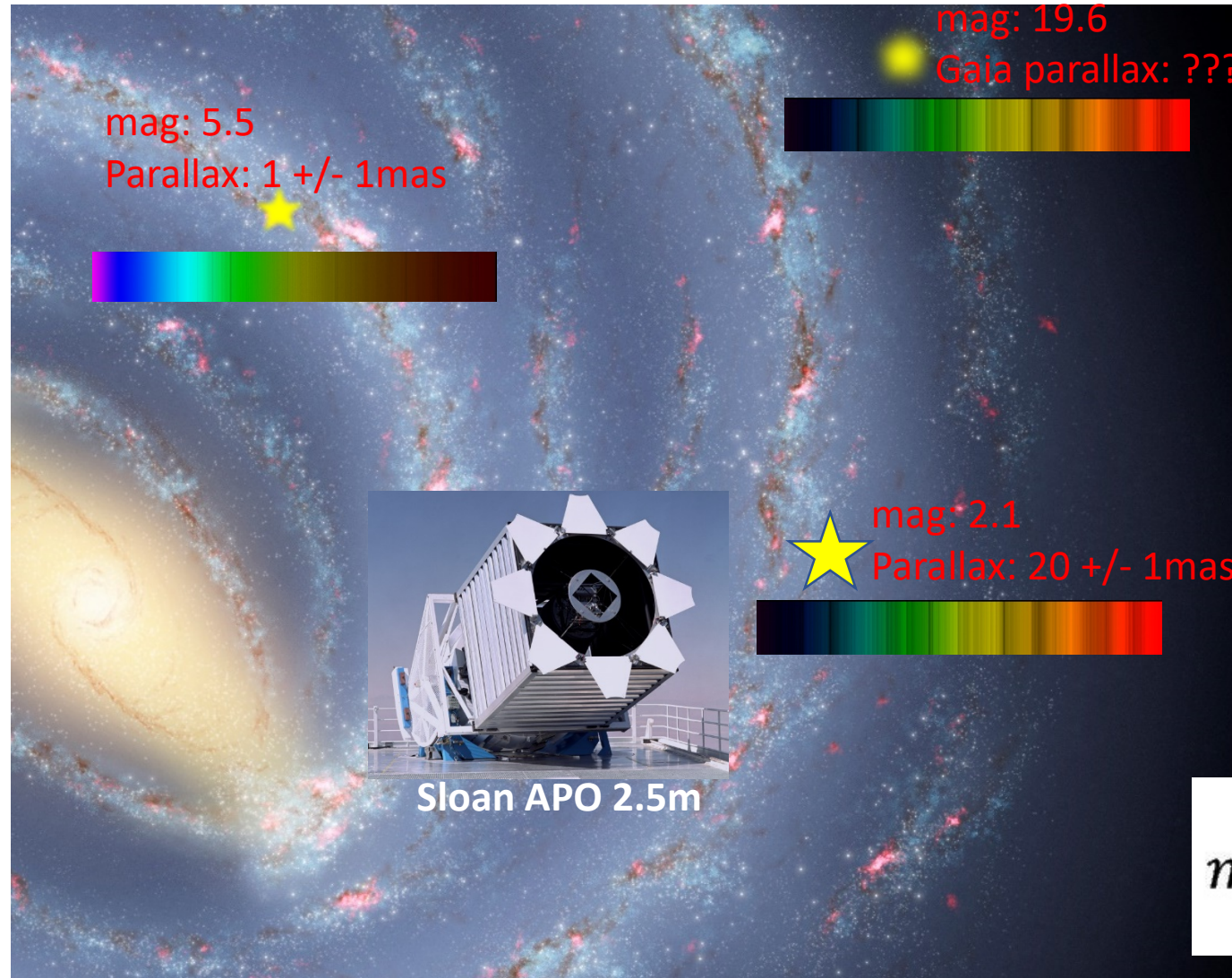
- Work well for low SNR
- Reasonable uncertainties
- Fast inference
  - 22 parameters for 10 millions 7514 pixels spectra in 300 seconds on GTX1060 6GB
- For small dataset too!
  - Approx. 5000 training spectra with reasonable result

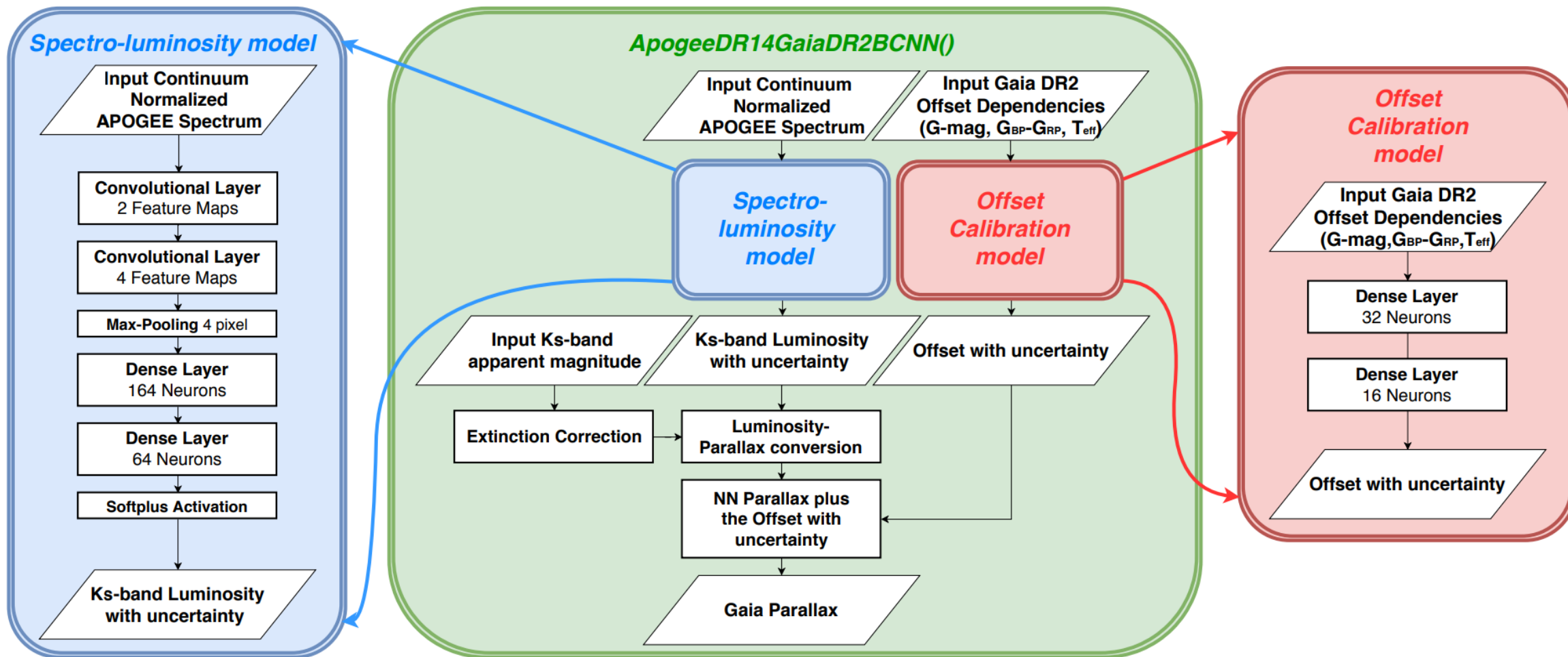


# Spectro-photometric Distances to stars

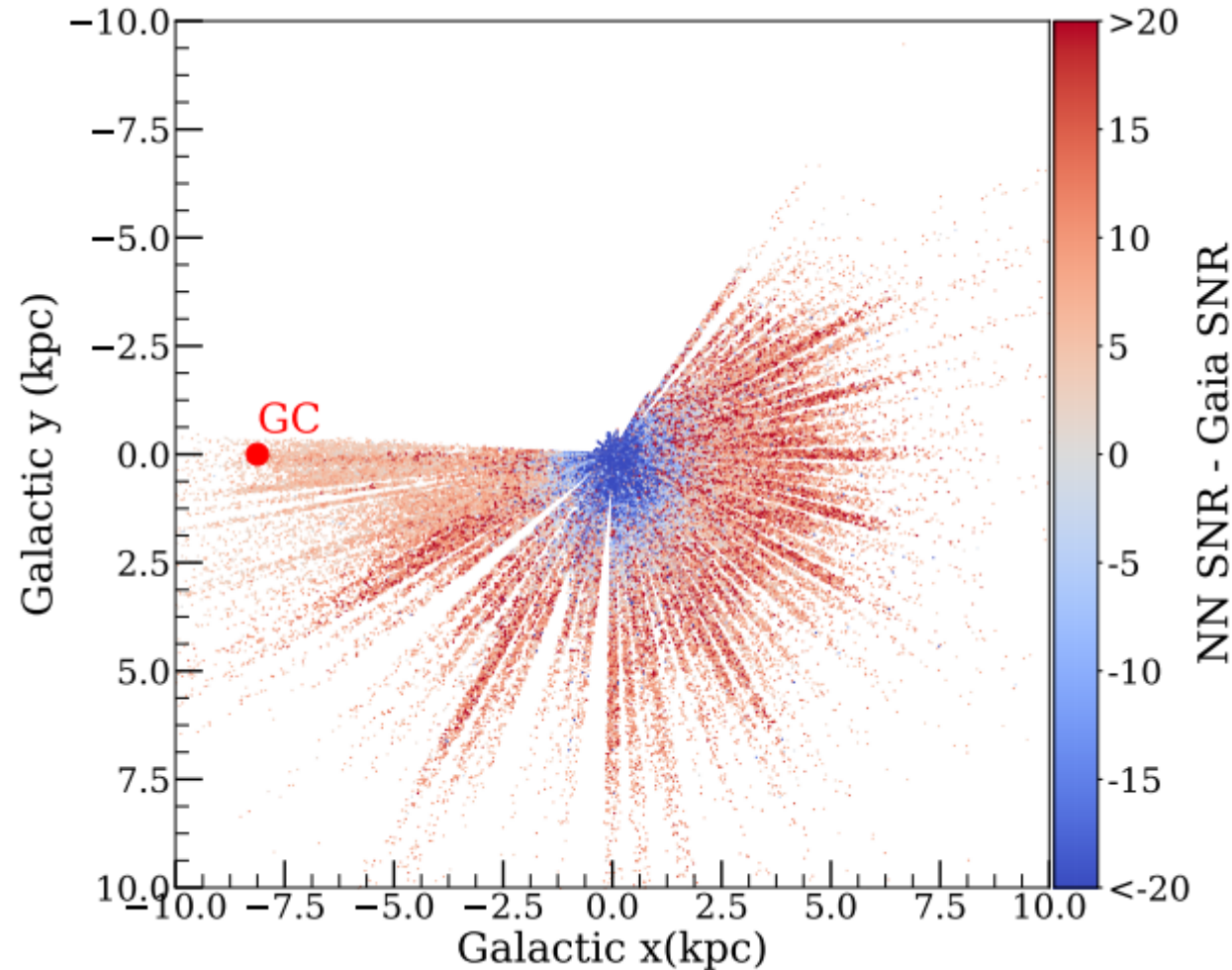


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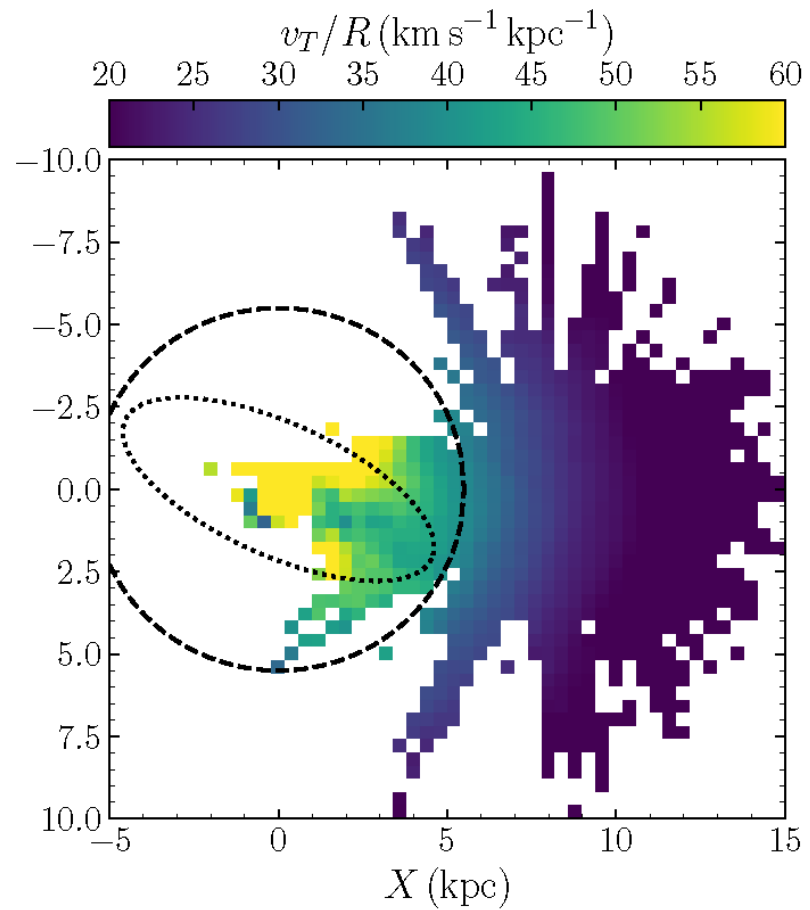
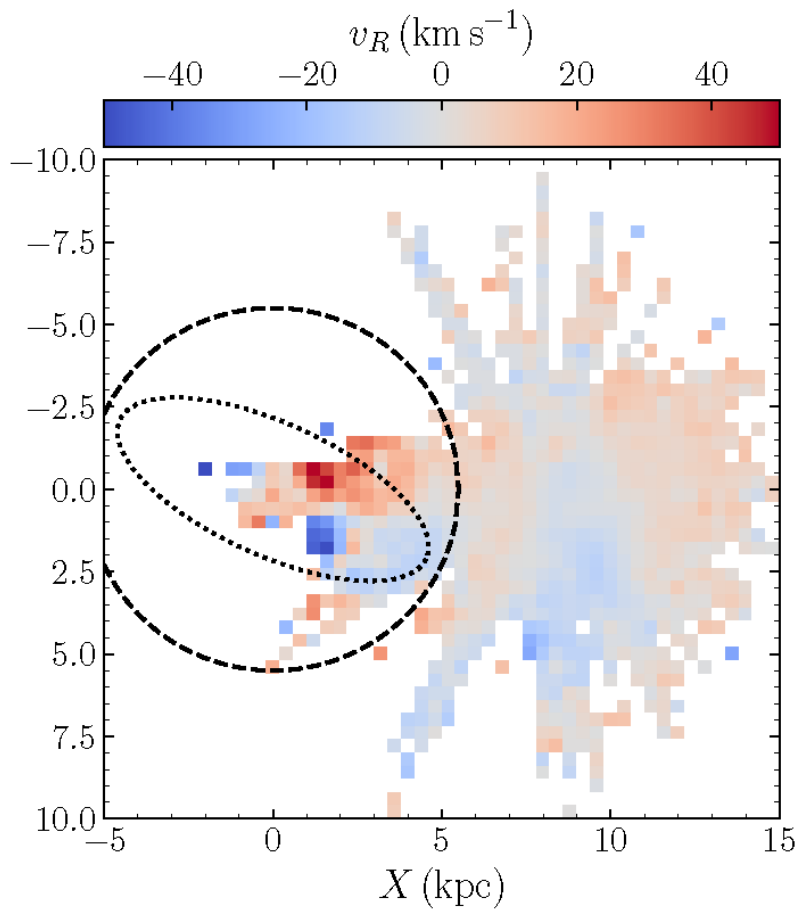
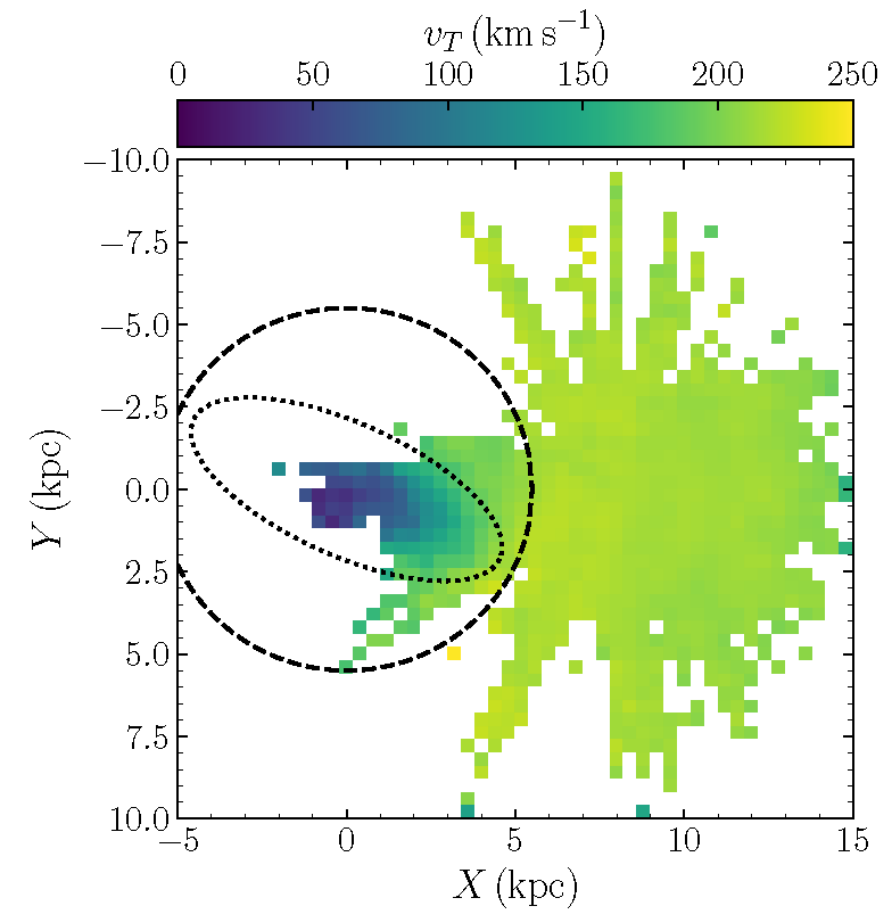


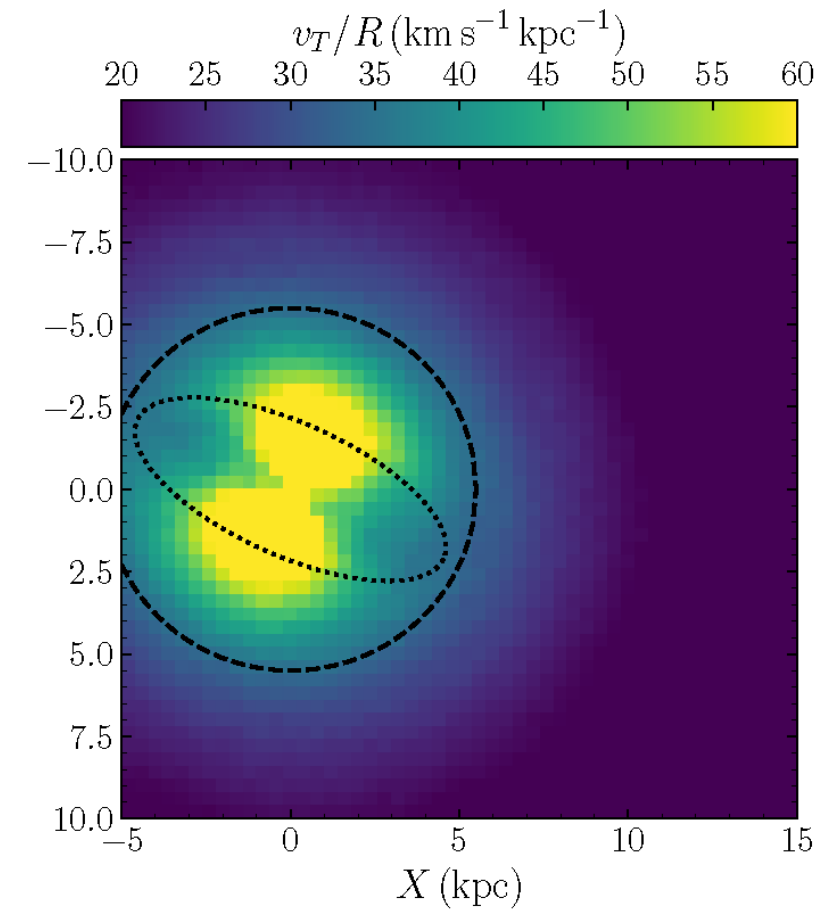
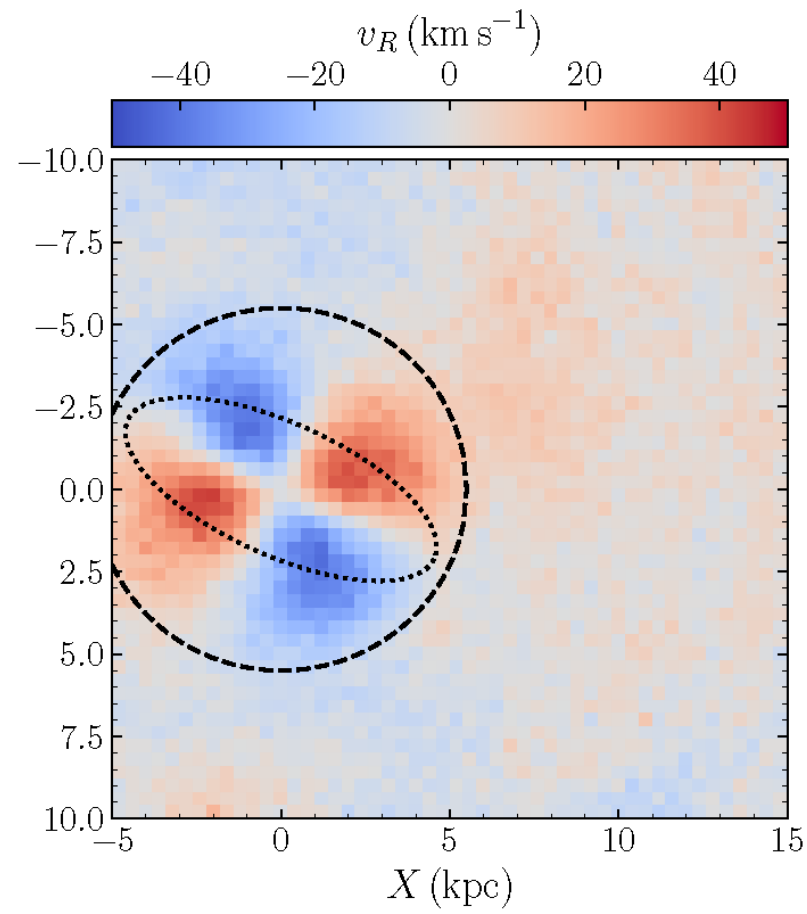
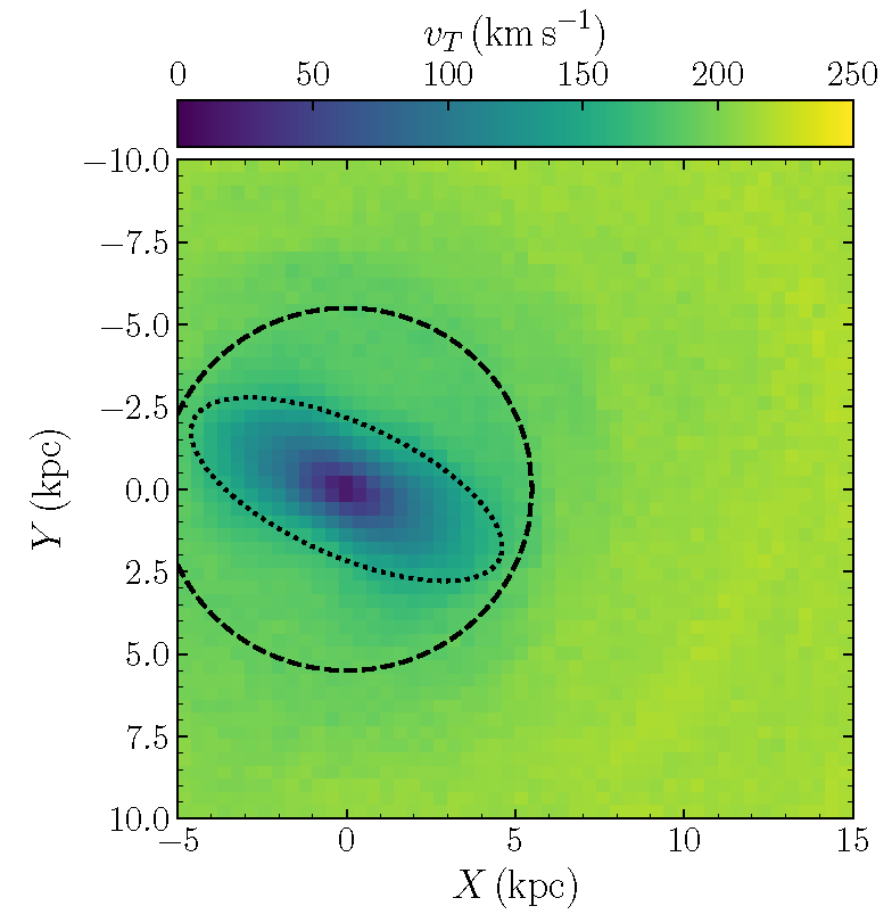


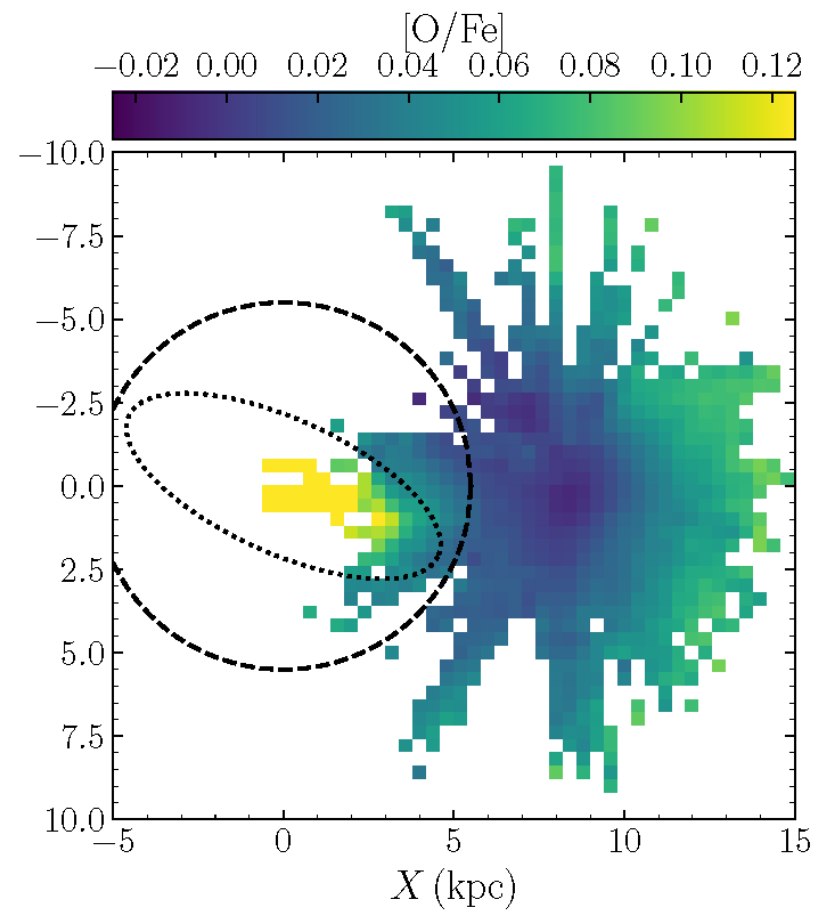
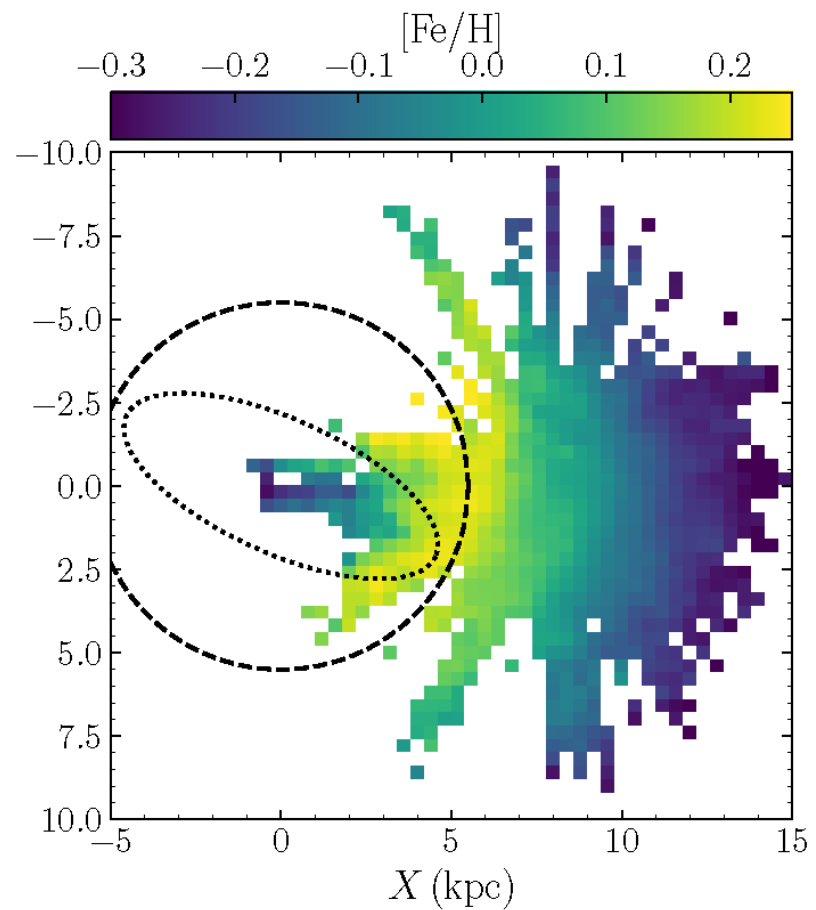
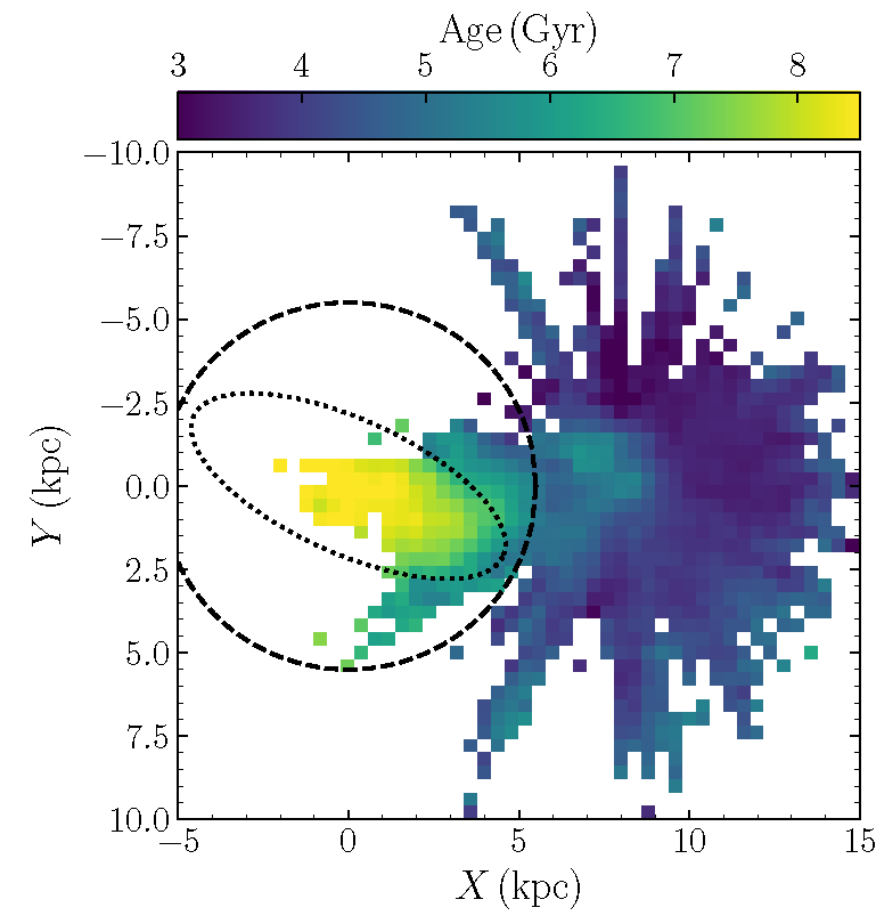
# Signal-to-Noise comparison to Gaia DR2 using APOGEE DR14 spectra

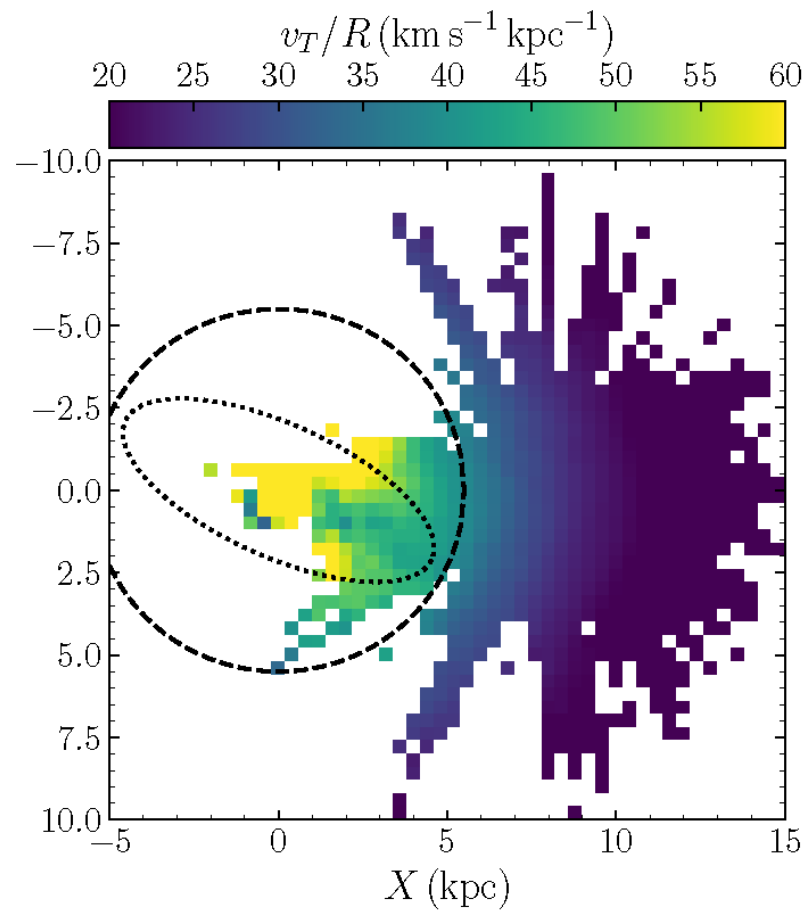
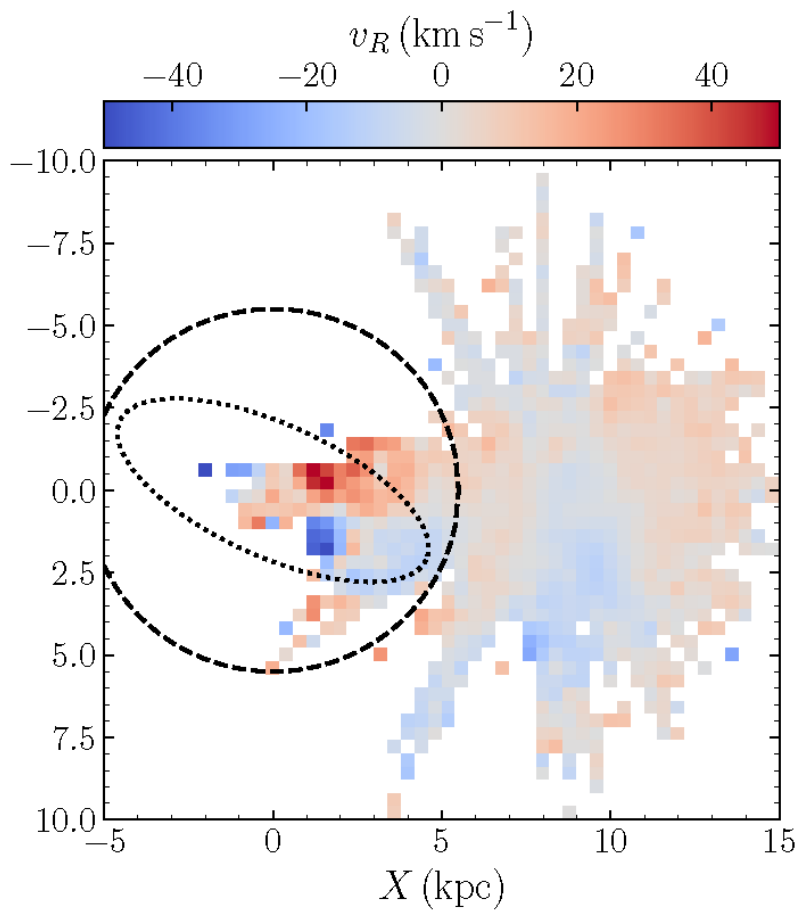
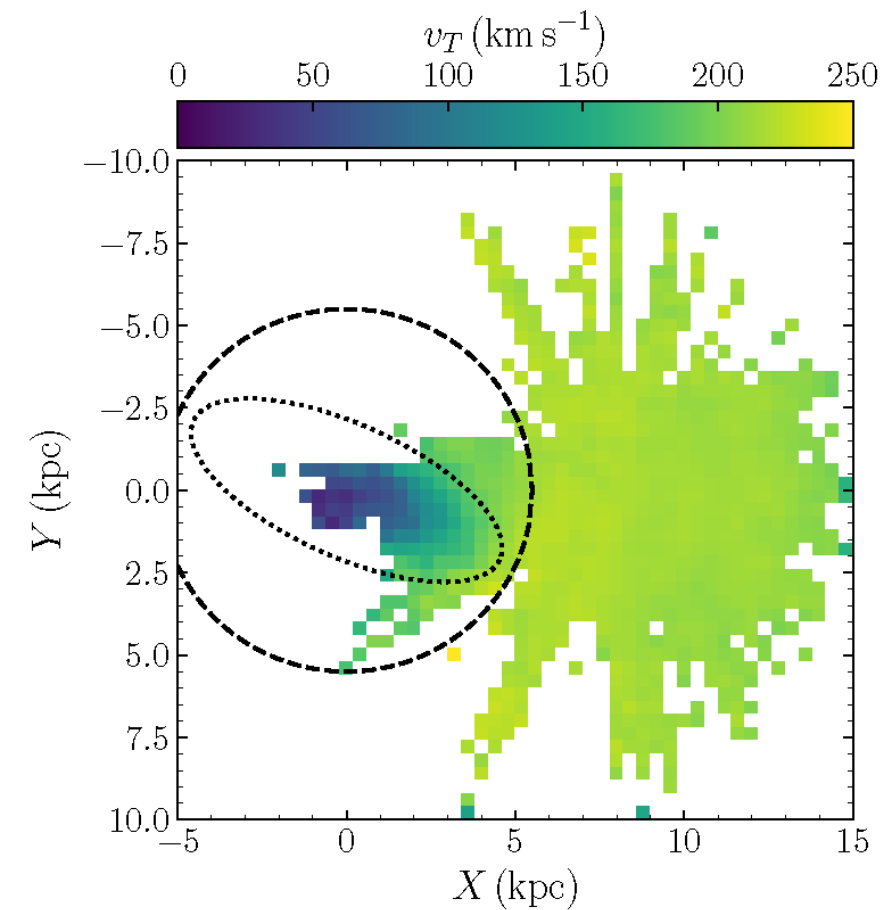












Bar length: ~5kpc

Bar pattern speed: ~41 km/s/kpc

Bar age: ~8 Gyr

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- Data from NNs to map milky way (chemical/kinematics)
  - Real world scientific progress!
  - Formation, evolution and structure of milky-way
  - Data product available as SDSS Value-Added Catalog (DR16; Dec 2019)