

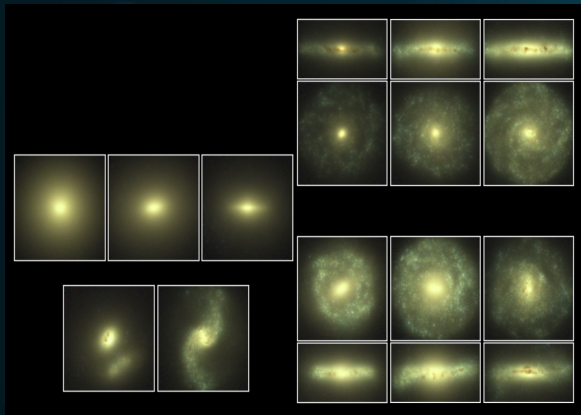
# Testing the small-scale properties of galaxies in hydrodynamical simulations with deep learning

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# Hubble's Galaxy Classification Scheme



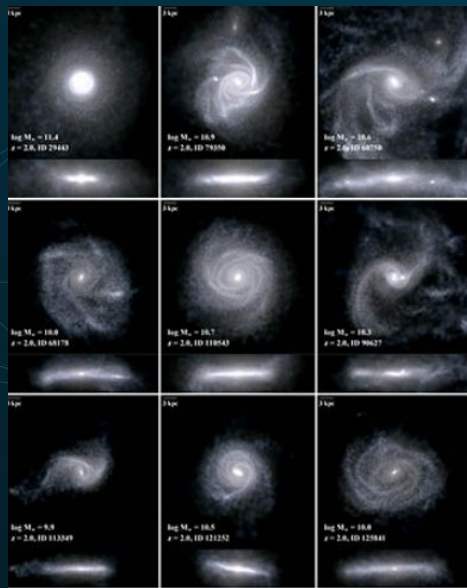
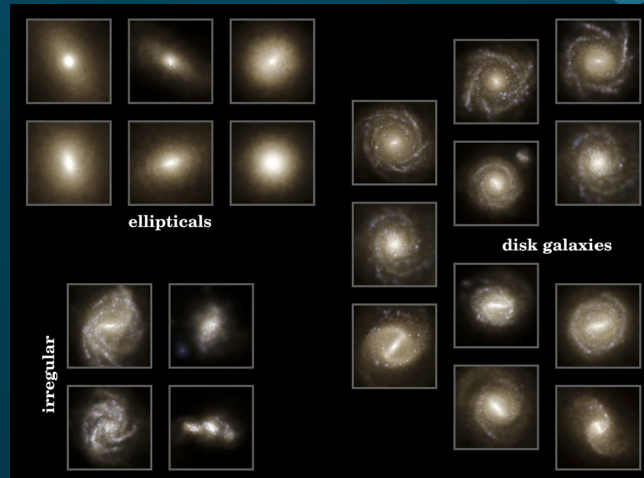


## EAGLE

Schaye+15, Crain+15

## ILLUSTRIS

Vogelsberger+14ab,  
Genel+14, Sijacki+15



## ILLUSTRIS TNG

Pillepich+18,  
Nelson+18, Naiman+18, Springel  
+18, Marinacci+18

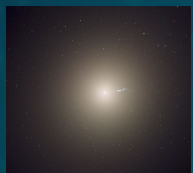
1. How realistic is the morphology of simulated galaxies?
2. Can we accurately quantify this?



## **The science questions**

# Strategy

Training:  
learning the  
distribution of  
real galaxies



Neural Network



Minimize  
likelihood  $P(X)$

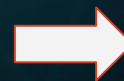
Simulated  
galaxies & test  
set of  
observations



Neural Network

Outlier  
detection:  
evaluating the  
PDF

“How close to  
the average  
real galaxy?”

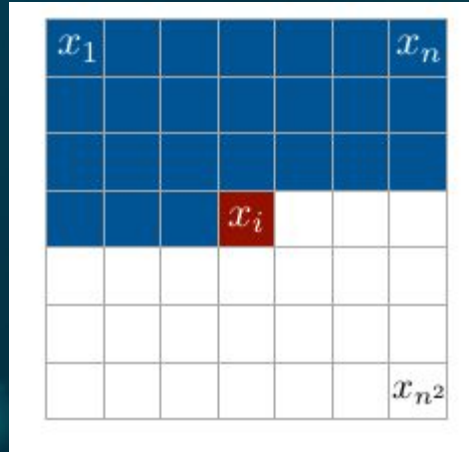


$P(X)$

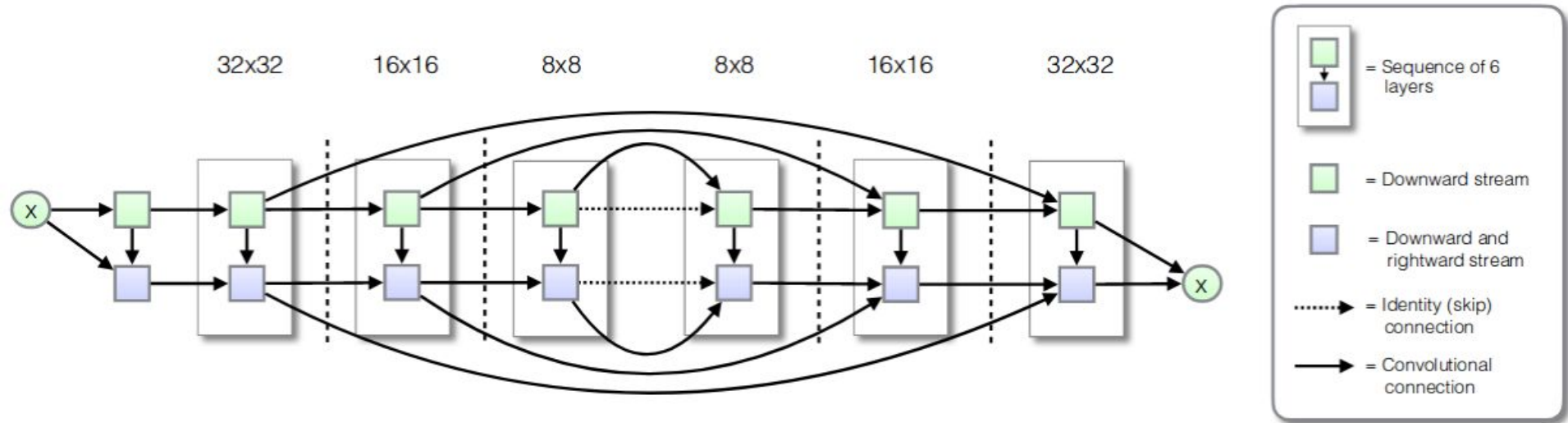
# PixelCNN

The probability distribution is explicitly modelled pixel by pixel

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n^2} p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

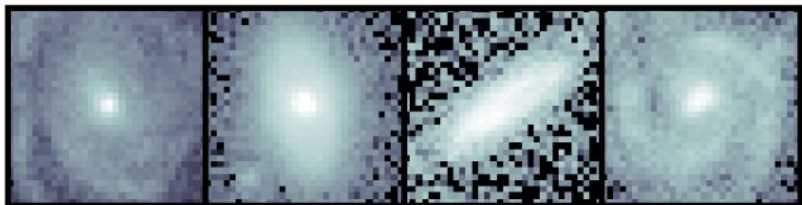
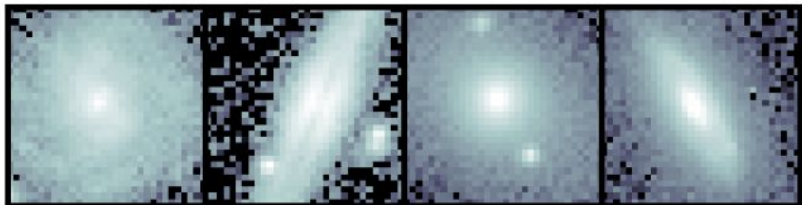


# PixelCNN++



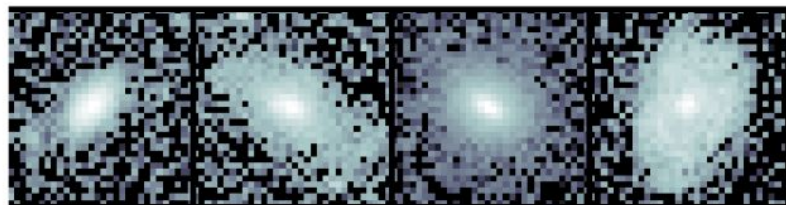
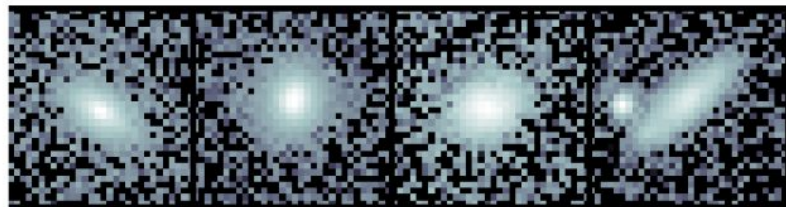
## Low likelihood

3675.0



## High likelihood

4172.0



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n^2} p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

The likelihood “knows too much” about the sky.

What can we do?

See also:  
Serrà et al. 2019  
Ren et al. 2019

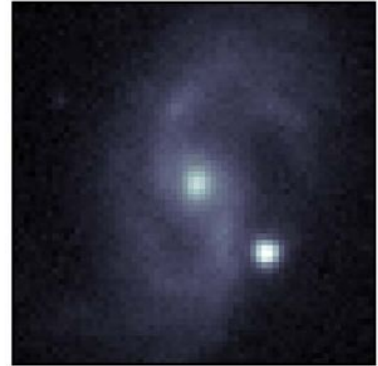


# Galaxy archetypes

The Sèrsic Function models the light profile of a galaxy

$$I(R; n, R_e) = I_e \exp \left\{ -b_n \left[ \left( \frac{R}{R_e} \right)^{-1/n} - 1 \right] \right\}$$

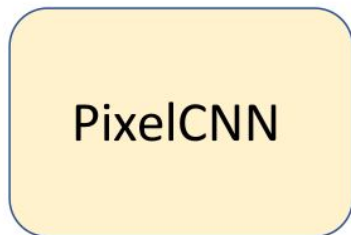
Smooth, **featureless** “blob” with **the same global properties** (size, luminosity, ellipticity..)



Real



**TRAIN**  
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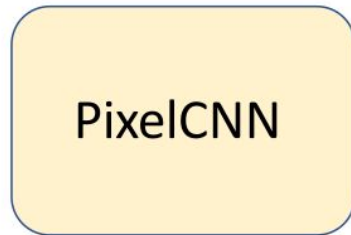


**Global properties  
&  
Details  
&  
Background**

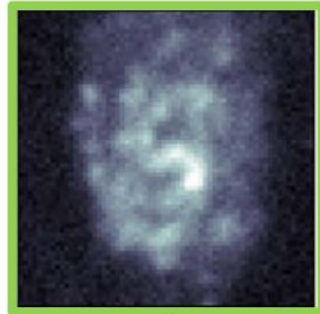
Archetype



**TRAIN**  
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**Global properties  
&  
Background**



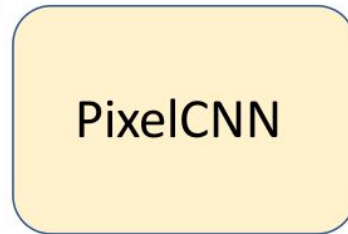
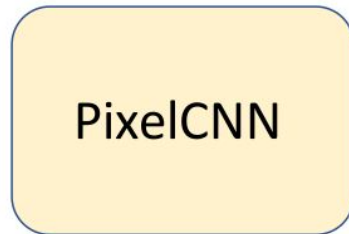
A test image  
(simulated or real)

Real

Archetype

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Global properties  
&  
Details  
&  
Background

$$p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{SDSS})$$

$$p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{\text{Archetype}})$$

Global properties  
&  
Background

$$LLR = \log\left[\frac{p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{SDSS})}{p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{\text{Archetype}})}\right]$$

$$p(X_{test}; \vec{\theta}) = p(X_{subject}; \vec{\theta})p(X_{bg}; \vec{\theta})$$

$$LLR = \log \left\{ \frac{p(X_{subject}; \vec{\theta}_1)}{p(X_{subject}; \vec{\theta}_2)} \left[ \frac{p(X_{bg}; \vec{\theta}_1)}{p(X_{bg}; \vec{\theta}_2)} \right] \right\}$$

## Background removal

Ren et al. 2019  
(monochromatic bg)



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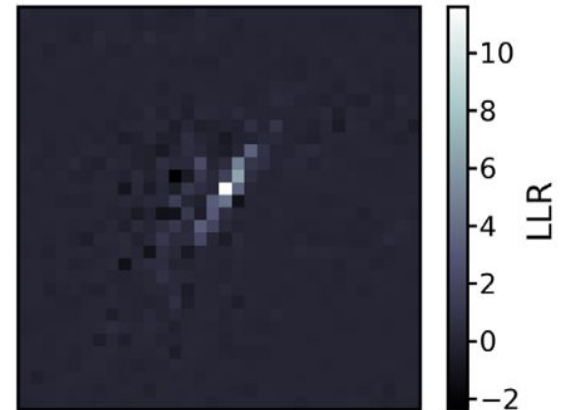
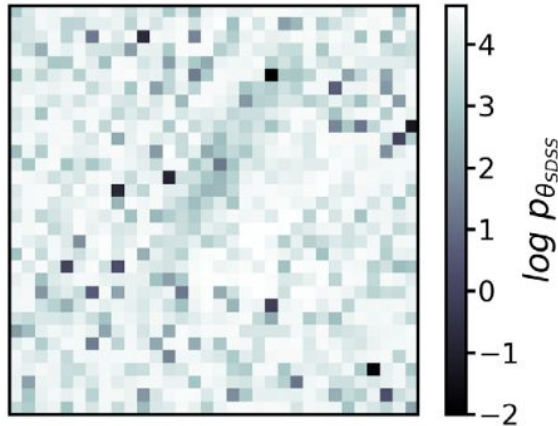
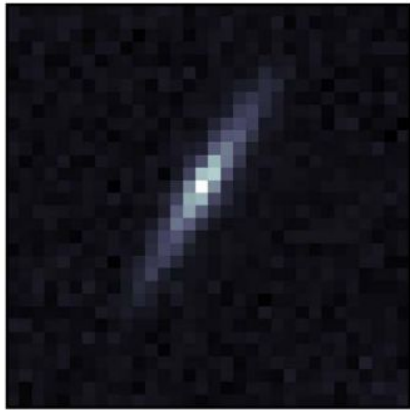
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# Pixel-wise contributions



**Contribution of the background is null in the LLR**

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## Details enhancement

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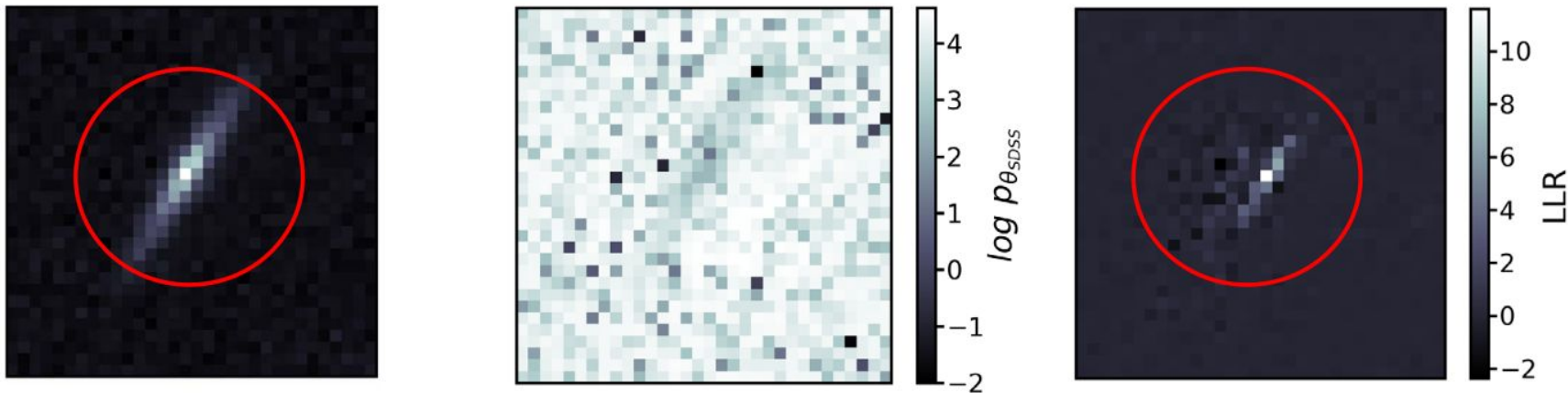
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## Details enhancement

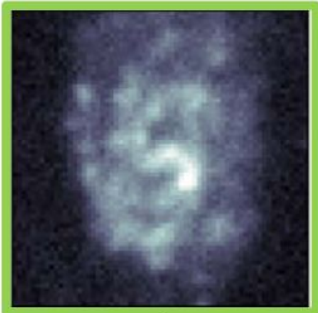


# Pixel-wise contributions



**Central regions are enhanced in LLR**

$X \sim q$

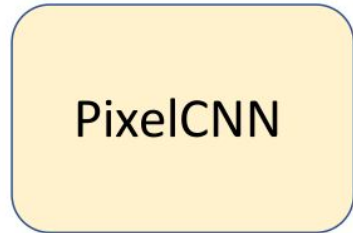


A test image  
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Real

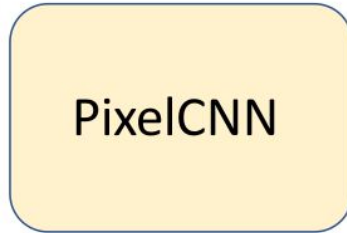


TRAIN



$$p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{SDSS})$$

Global properties  
&  
Details  
&  
Background



$$p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{Archetype})$$

Archetype



TRAIN

Global properties  
&  
Background

$$LLR = \log\left[\frac{p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{SDSS})}{p(X_{\text{test}}; \vec{\theta}_{Archetype})}\right]$$

# A key property

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{x \sim q}[LLR] &= \int \log \left\{ \frac{p_{\theta_{\text{obs}}}(X)}{p_{\theta_{\text{septic}}}(X)} \right\} q(X) dX = \\ &= D_{KL}(q || p_{\theta_{\text{septic}}}) - D_{KL}(q || p_{\theta_{\text{obs}}})\end{aligned}$$

$D_{KL}$  : Kullback-Leibler divergence.  
“distance between two distributions”

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**>0: q is closer to observations**

**<0: q is closer to Sérsic**

**Highest LLR for observations**

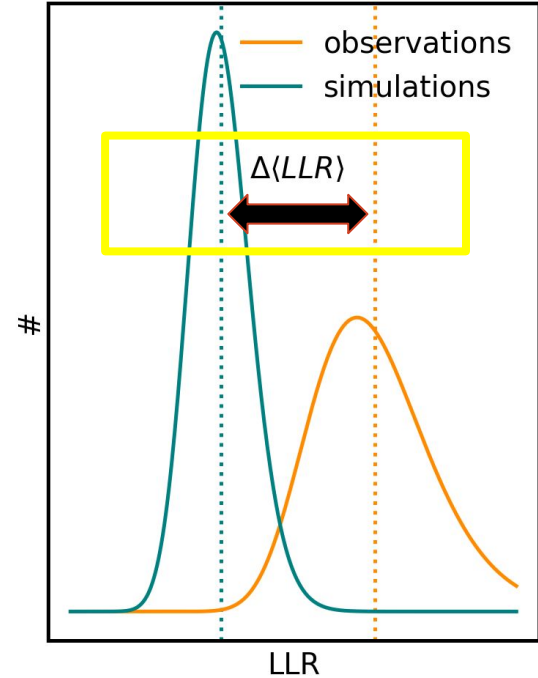
**A high LLR is a sign of good agreement with observations**

# A key property

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>0: closer to observations

Low delta: good agreement

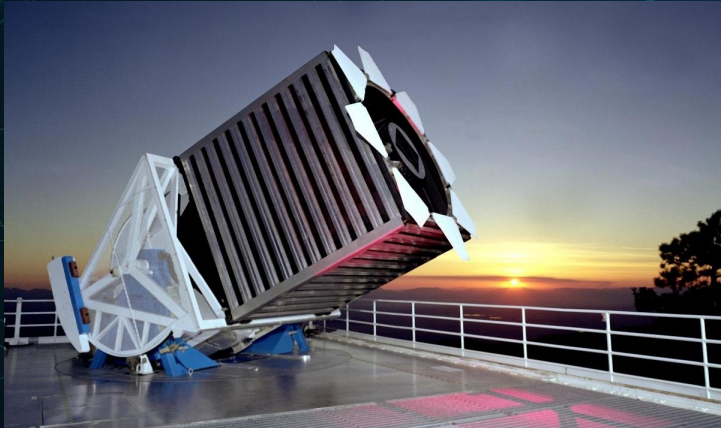


# Datasets

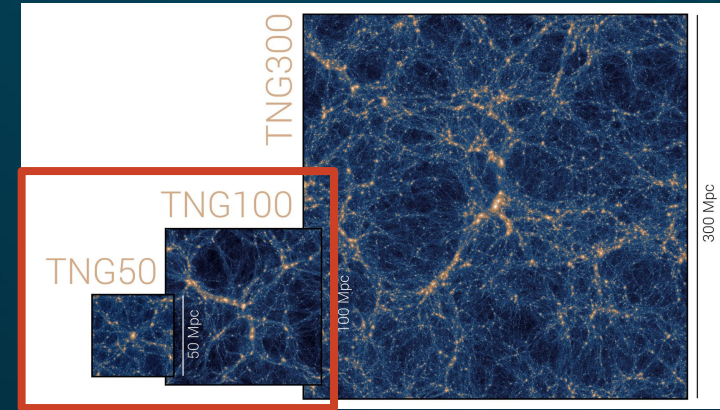
## Training

~40,000 r-band images from Sloan Digital Sky Survey

Best Sérsic fit parameters from Meert+15



## Inference



Pillepich+18,  
Nelson+18, Naiman+18, Springel  
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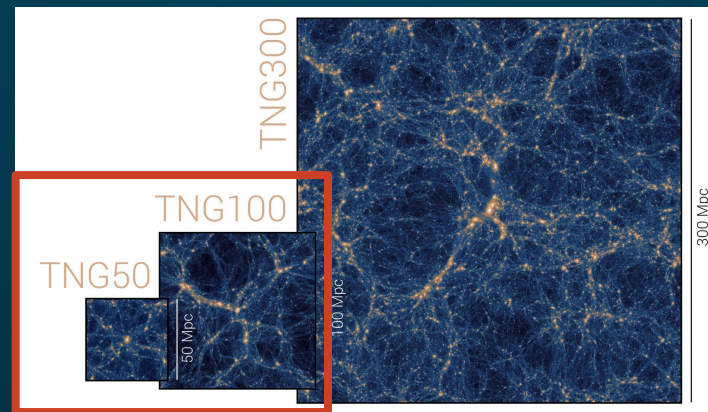
# ILLUSTRIS

Vogelsberger+14ab,  
Genel+14, Sijacki+15

# Datasets

## Inference

		TNG50	TNG100
Volume	[Mpc <sup>3</sup> ]	51.7 <sup>3</sup>	110.7 <sup>3</sup>
$L_{\text{box}}$	[Mpc/h]	35	75
$N_{\text{GAS}}$	-	2160 <sup>3</sup>	1820 <sup>3</sup>
$N_{\text{DM}}$	-	2160 <sup>3</sup>	1820 <sup>3</sup>
$N_{\text{TR}}$	-	2160 <sup>3</sup>	$2 \times 1820^3$
$m_{\text{baryon}}$	[M <sub>⊙</sub> ]	$8.5 \times 10^4$	$1.4 \times 10^6$
$m_{\text{DM}}$	[M <sub>⊙</sub> ]	$4.5 \times 10^5$	$7.5 \times 10^6$
$\epsilon_{\text{gas,min}}$	[pc]	74	185
$\epsilon_{\text{DM},\star}$	[pc]	288	740



Pillepich+18,  
Nelson+18,Naiman+18,Springel  
+18, Marinacci+18

# ILLUSTRIS

Vogelsberger+14ab,  
Genel+14, Sijacki+15

name	volume [(Mpc) <sup>3</sup> ]	DM particles / hydro cells / MC tracers	$\epsilon_{\text{baryon}}/\epsilon_{\text{DM}}$ [pc]	$m_{\text{baryon}}/m_{\text{DM}}$ [10 <sup>5</sup> M <sub>⊙</sub> ]	$r_{\text{cell}}^{\text{min}}$ [pc]
Illustris-1	106.5 <sup>3</sup>	$3 \times 1,820^3 \cong 18.1 \times 10^9$	710/1,420	12.6/62.6	48

# Datasets

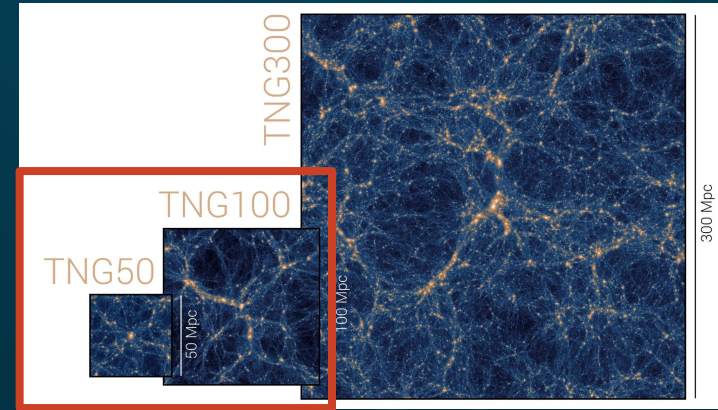
## Fully realistic mock observations

1. Dust-inclusive radiative transfer
2. SDSS r-band mock images
3. Realistic PSF & sky background

Rodriguez-Gomez+19, Bottrell+19

Pillepich+18,  
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## Inference



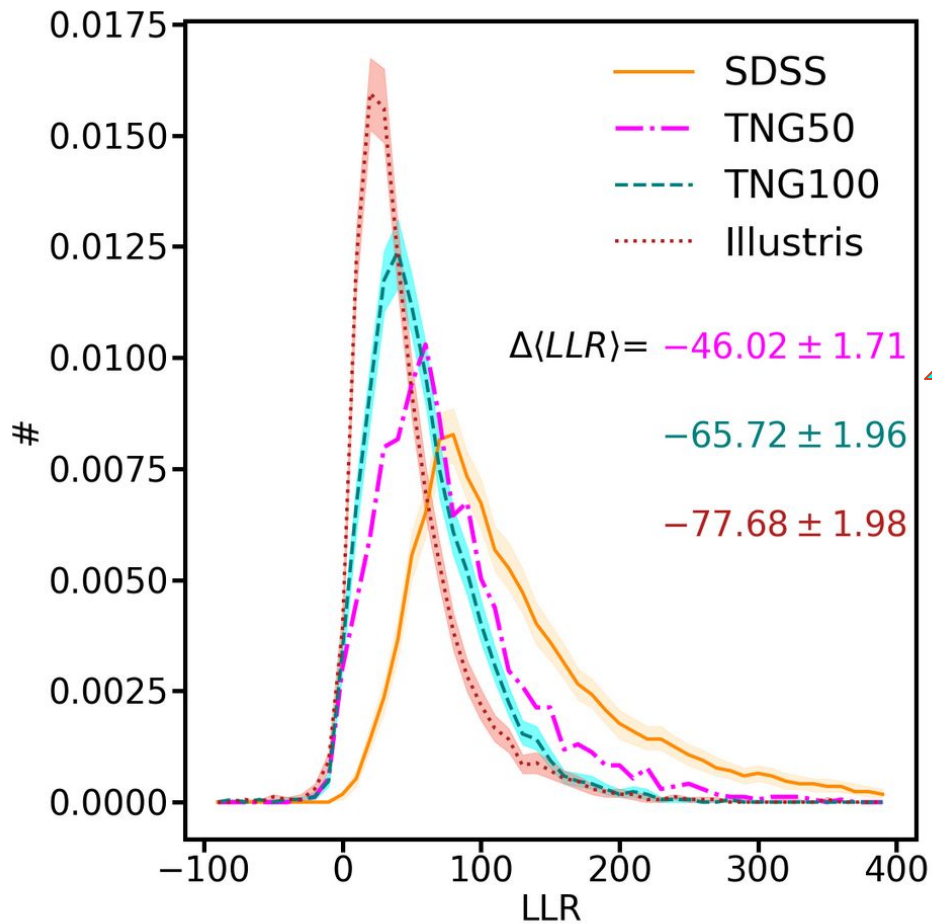
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The **small**-scale morphology  
of TNG and Illustris galaxies

# Results



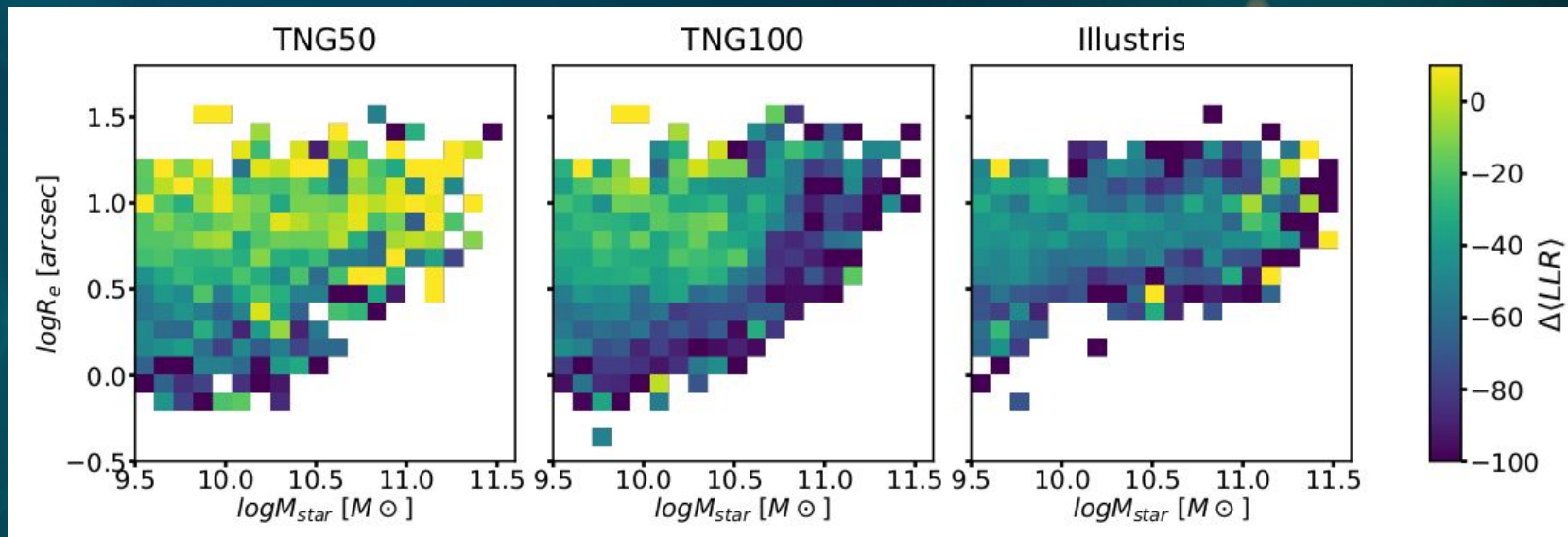
1. Illustris TNG improves over Illustris: better physics
2. TNG50 (higher res) improves on TNG100 (lower res)

Higher is better

Quantifying galaxy morphology with just one number!

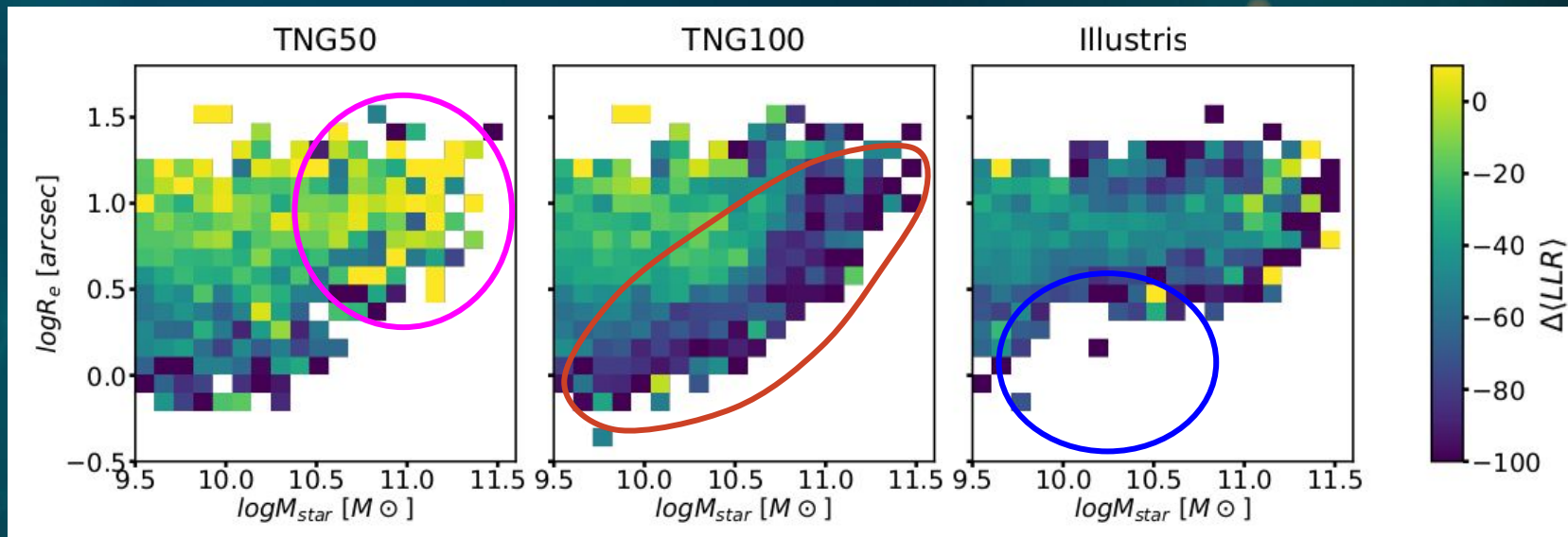
# Size-mass relation

Brighter is better



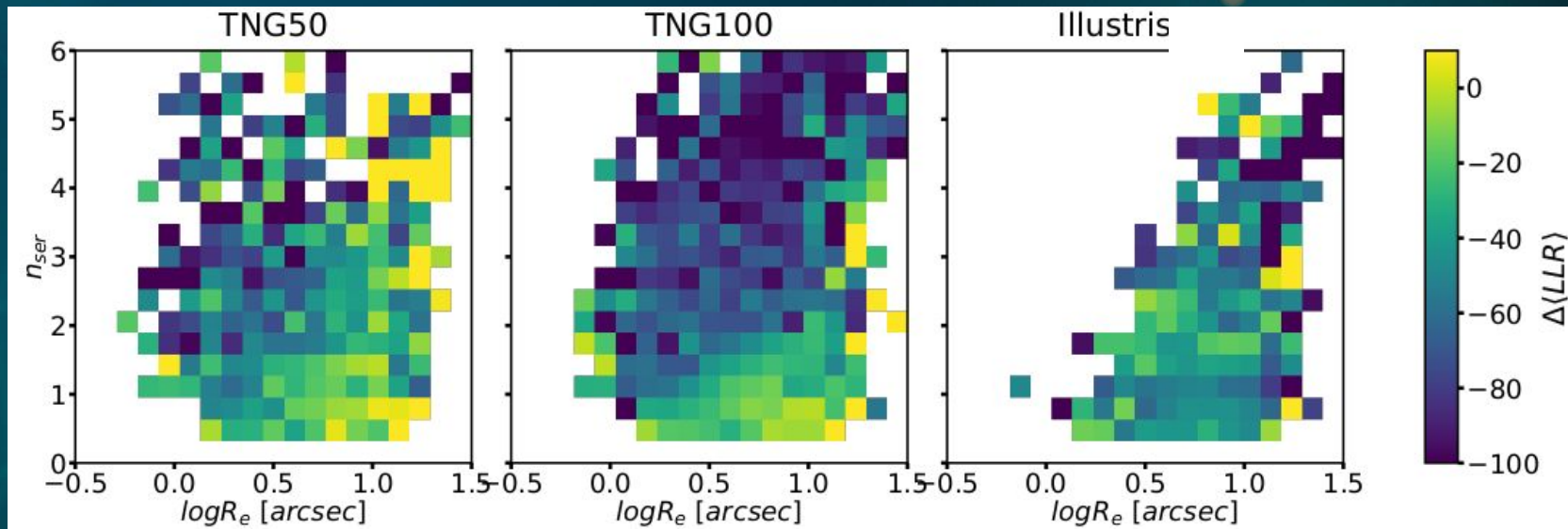
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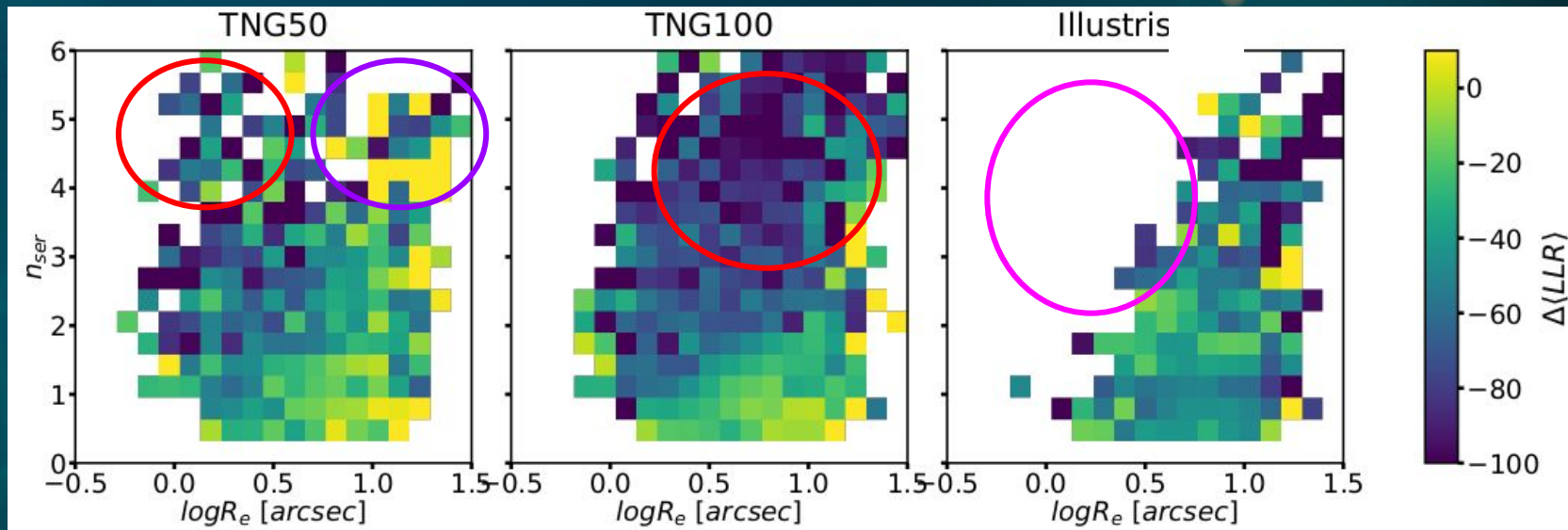
# Sérsic index-size relation

Brighter is better



# Sérsic index-size relation

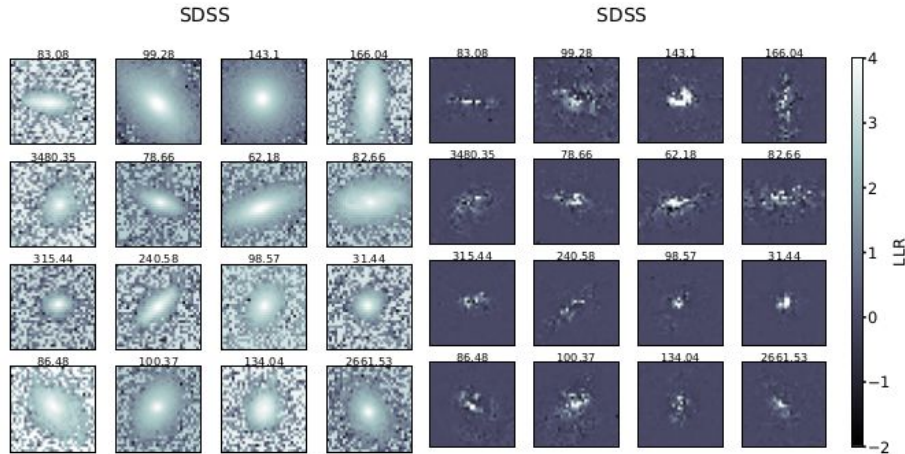
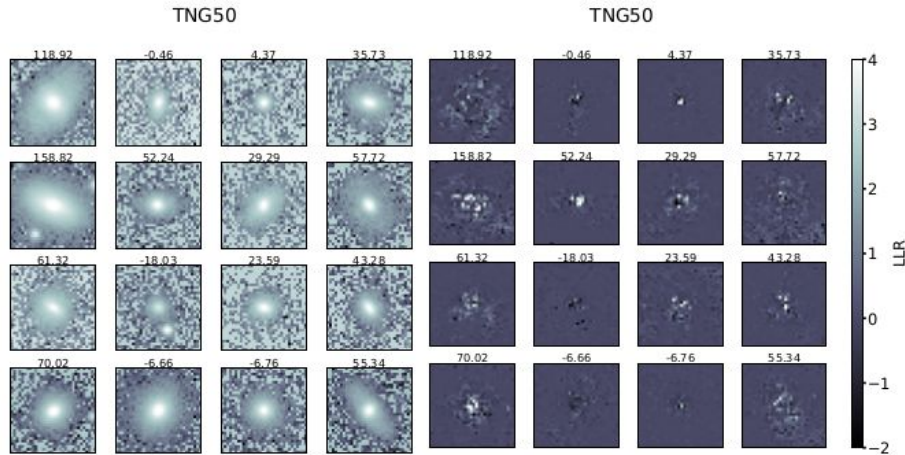
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See also Bottrell+17

## Mock TNG50 and SDSS observations:

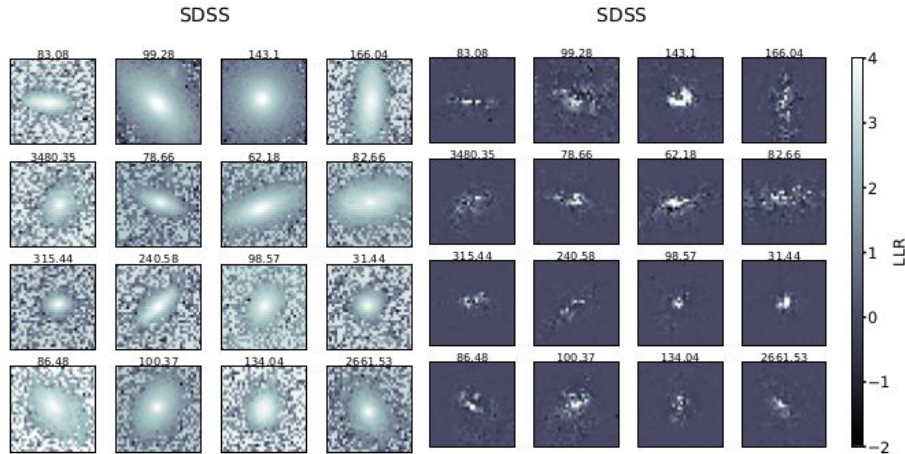
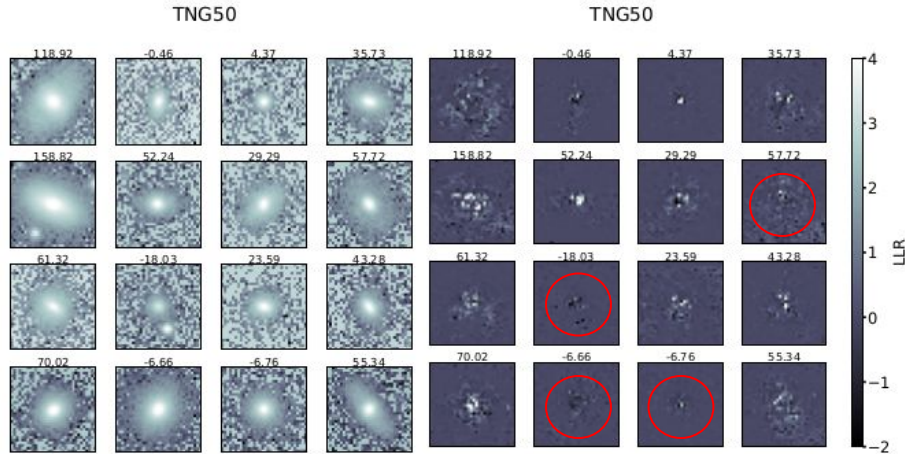
Very similar to human eye!



## Pixel-wise contribution to LLR

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## Pixel-wise contribution to LLR:

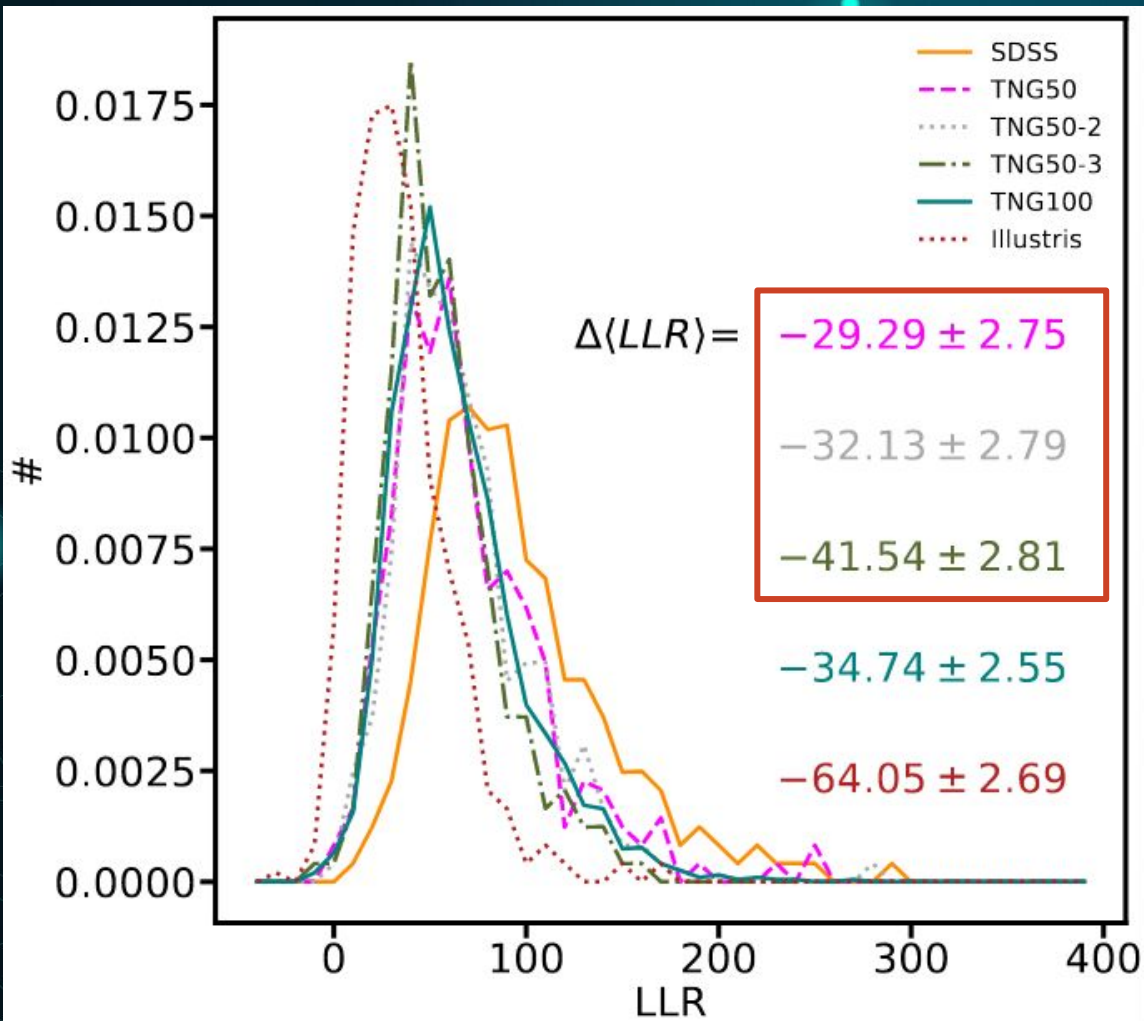
Lack of strong signal in inner regions for TNG50



# Why?

A possible answer: **resolution**

1. **TNG50 (high res) achieves best performance**
2. **Small & concentrated: tightly packed orbits, softening length becomes important**
3. **Central regions not well reproduced**



**TNG50-2 and TNG50-3:  
lower resolution runs  
of TNG50**

**Lower resolution:  
worse performance**

# Summary

- Deep learning framework to compare sets of images (N.B. can be used in other applications!): two generative models
- Based on a metric (LLR) which quantifies the difference between distributions
- Quantitative test of very high level features in simulated galaxies
- Simulated compact, concentrated galaxies are in tension with observations
- Resolution might be the culprit

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