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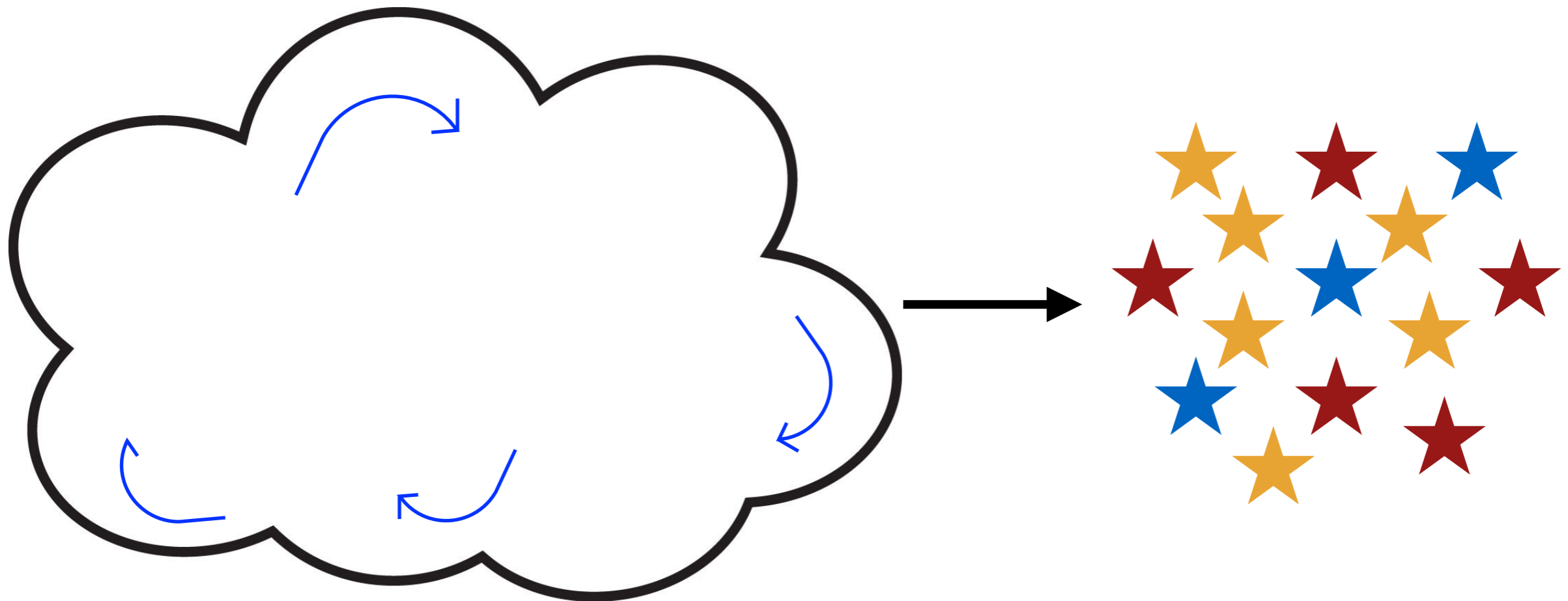
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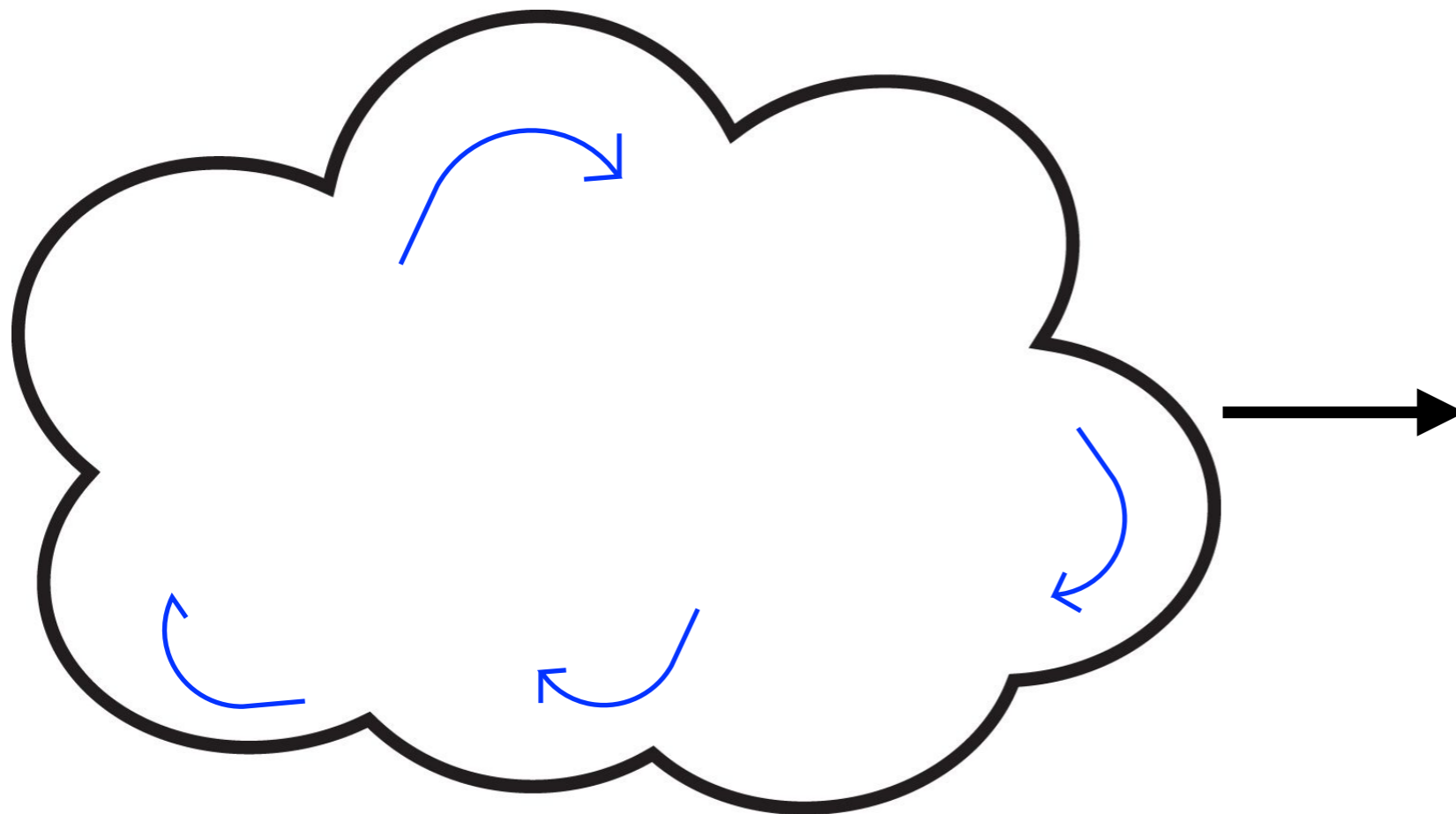
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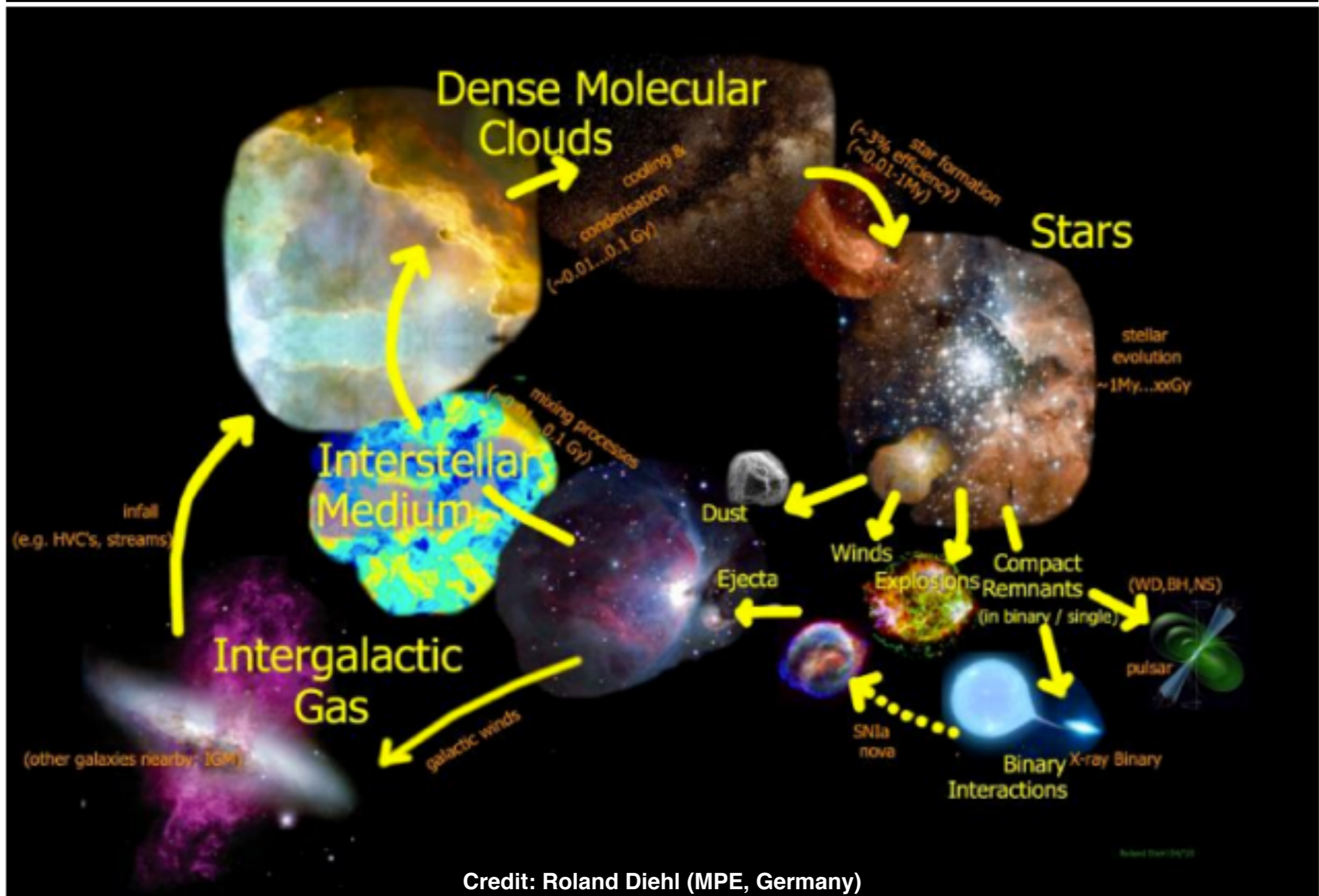


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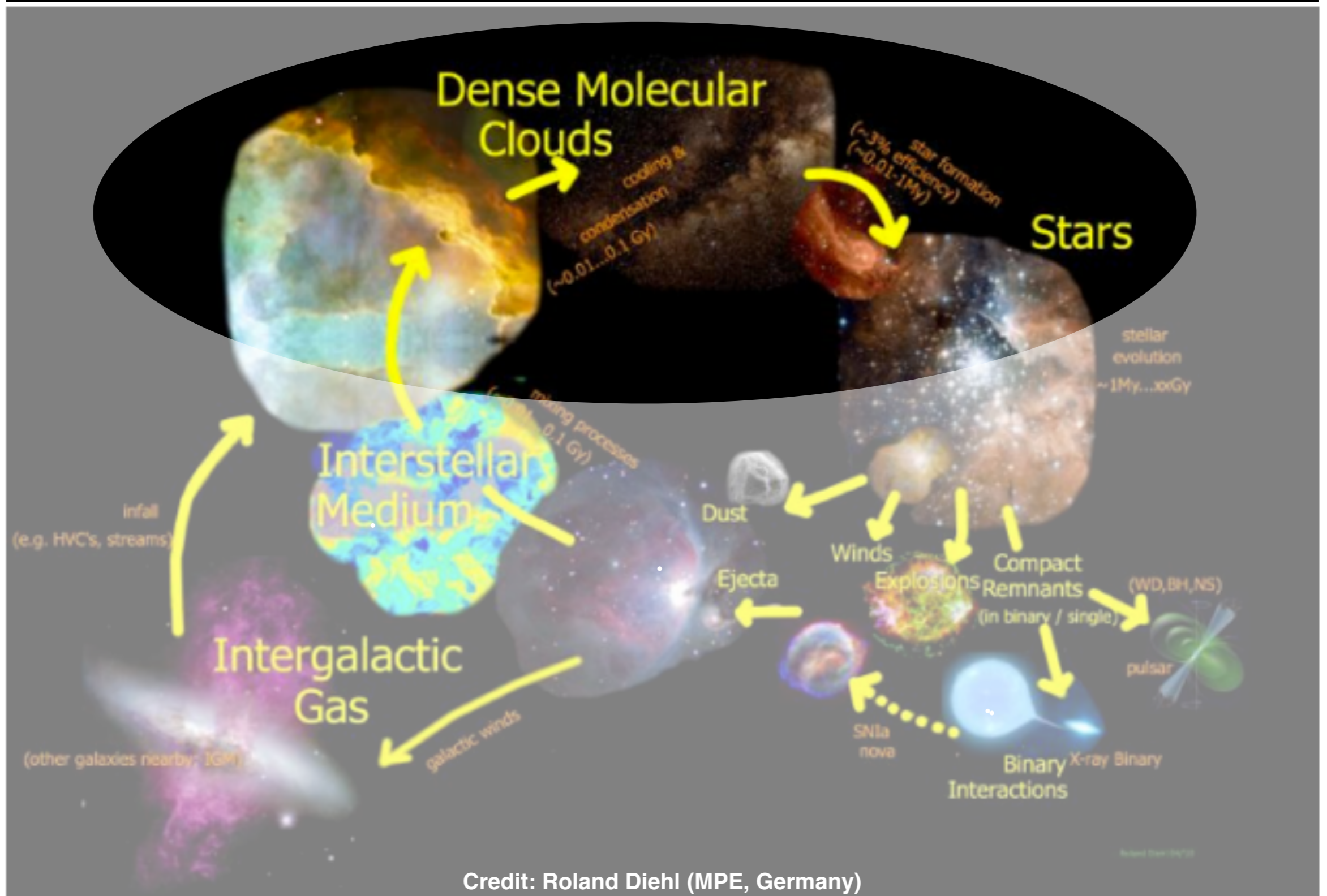
Stars form in groups in **molecular clouds**.
Stars in a cluster are expected to share the
same initial **chemical abundances**.



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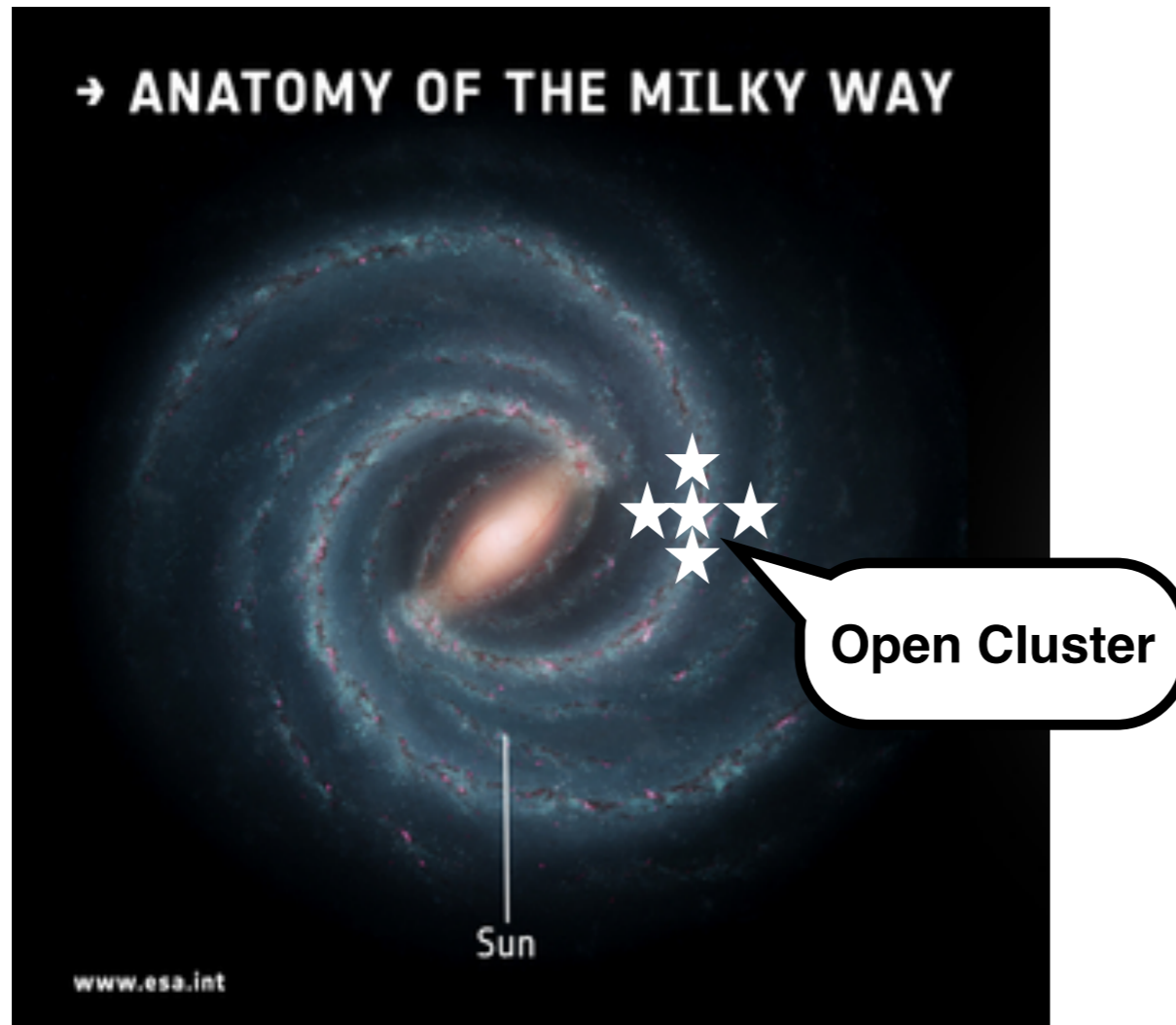


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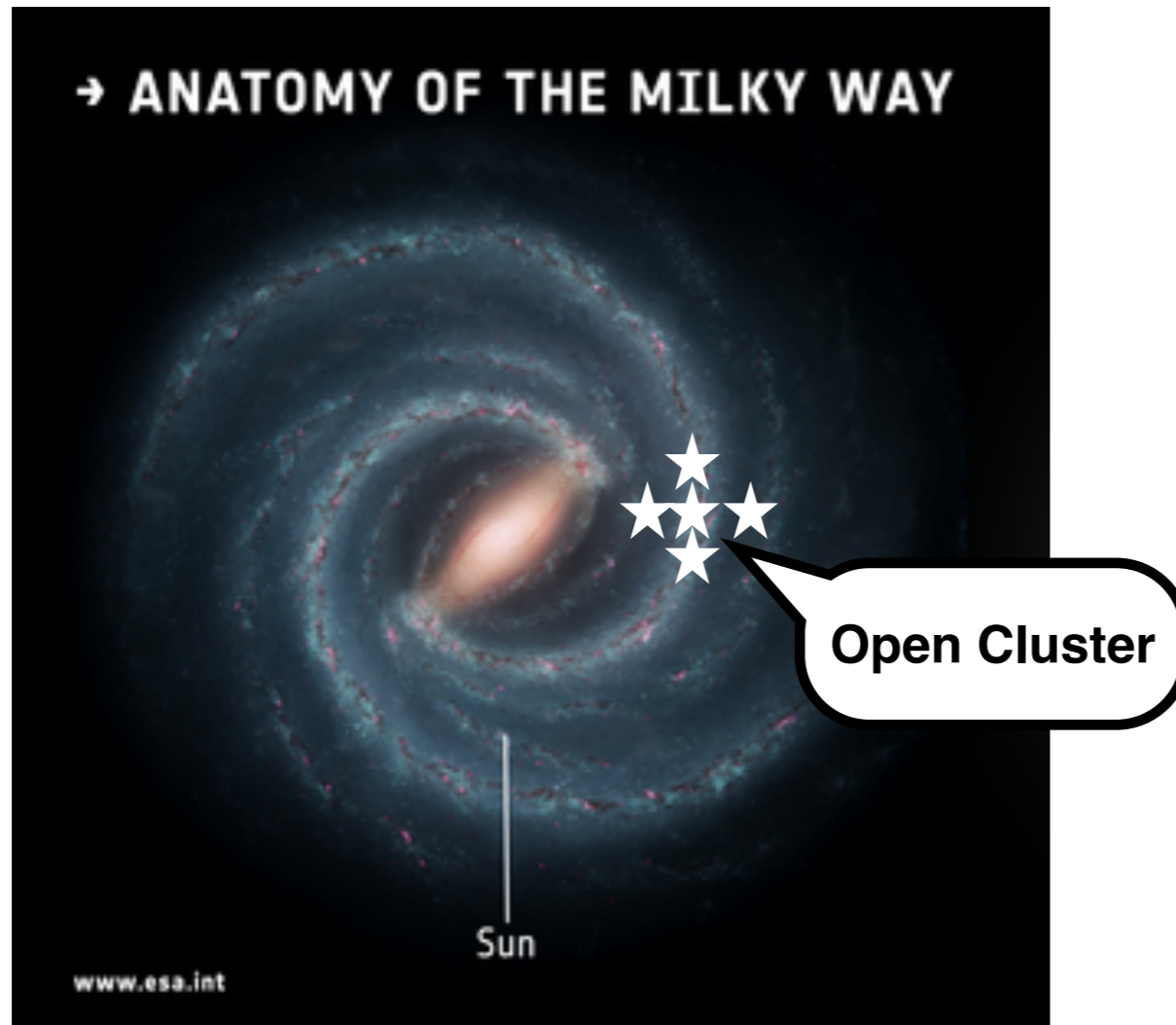


**Reverse trace stars to
their birth location
using chemical signatures**

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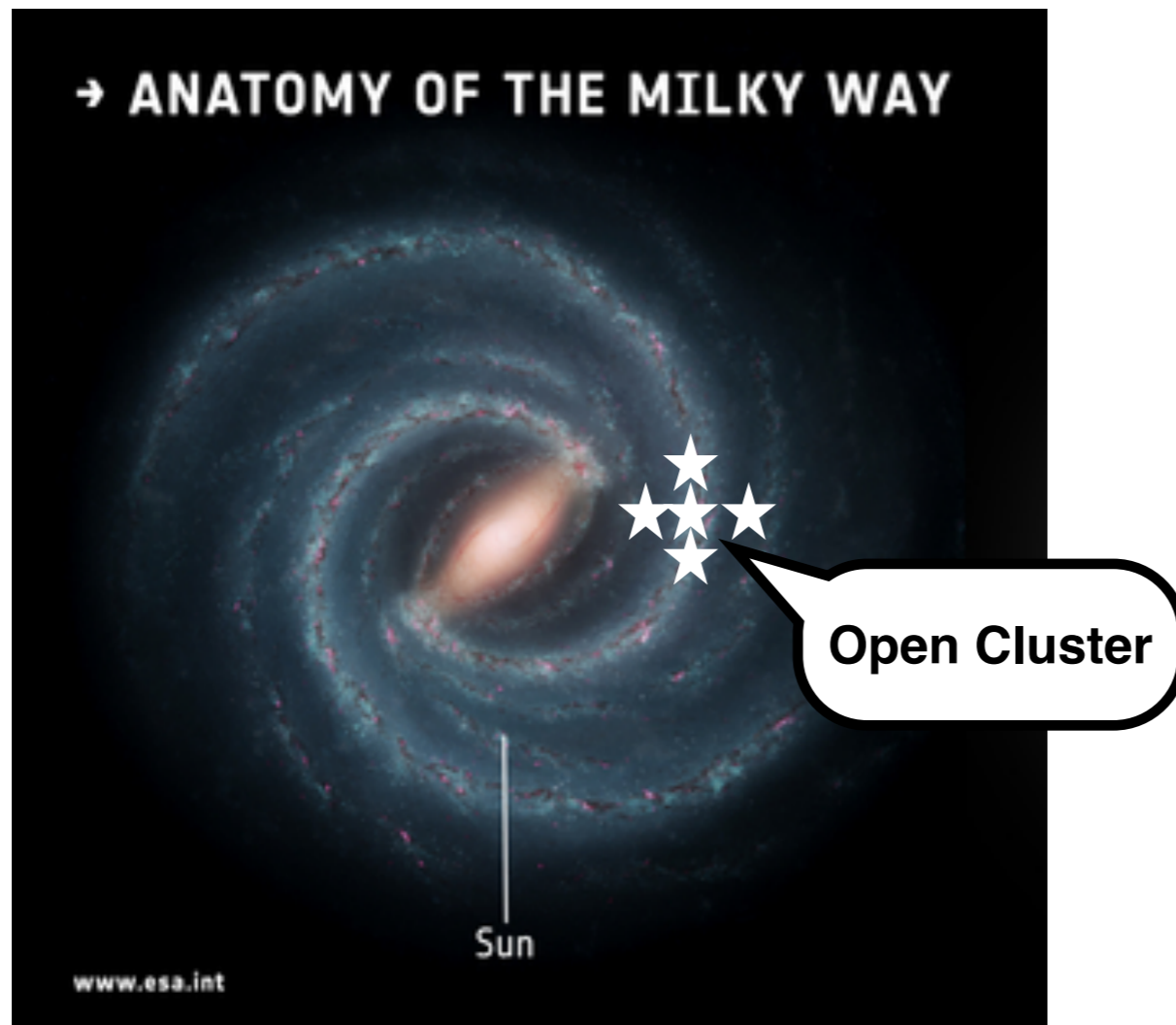
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Determine chemistry for a large sample of stars to tag individual star-formation events

Statistical Methodology

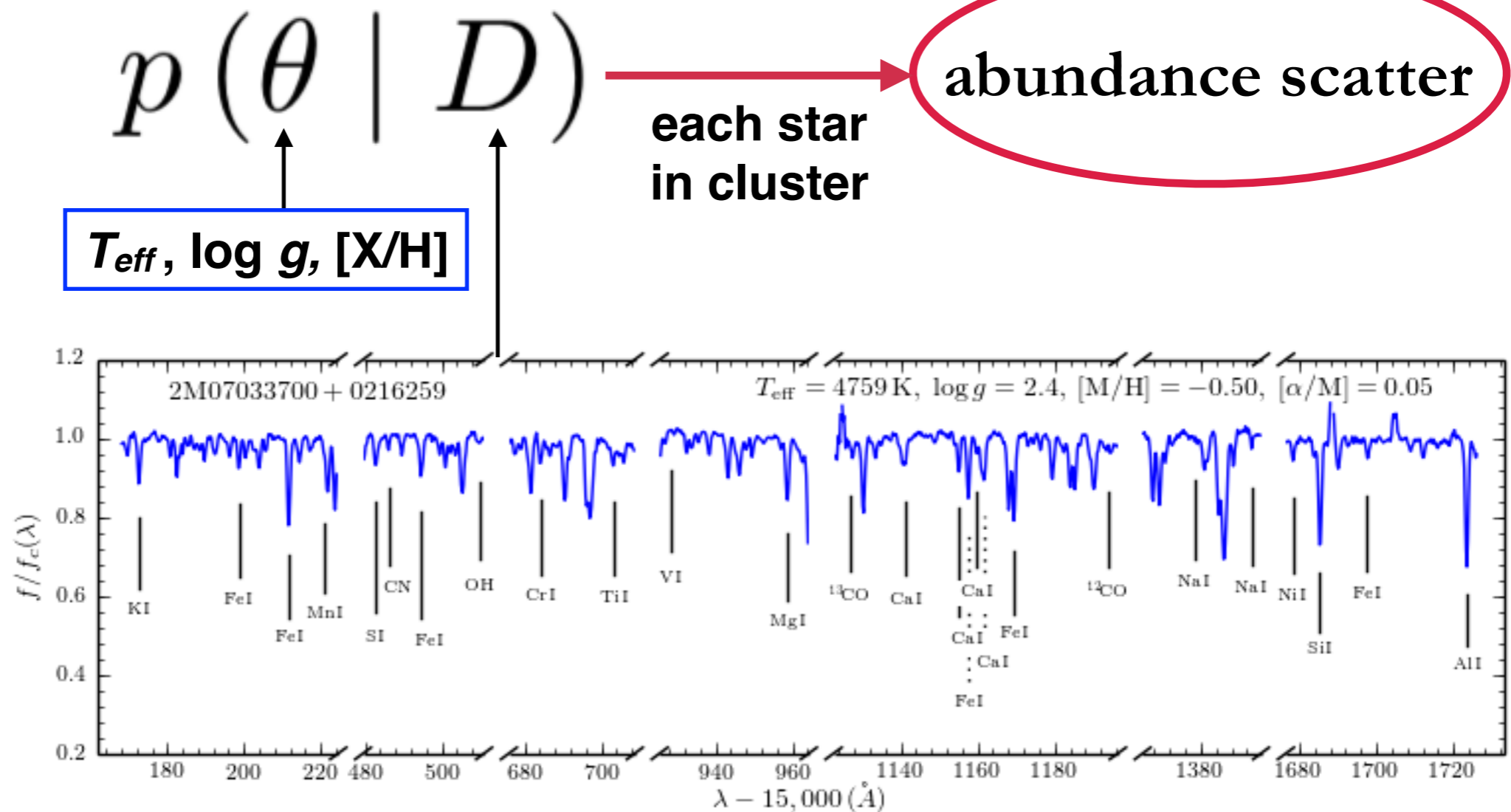
Constrain abundance of a star

$$p(\theta \mid D)$$

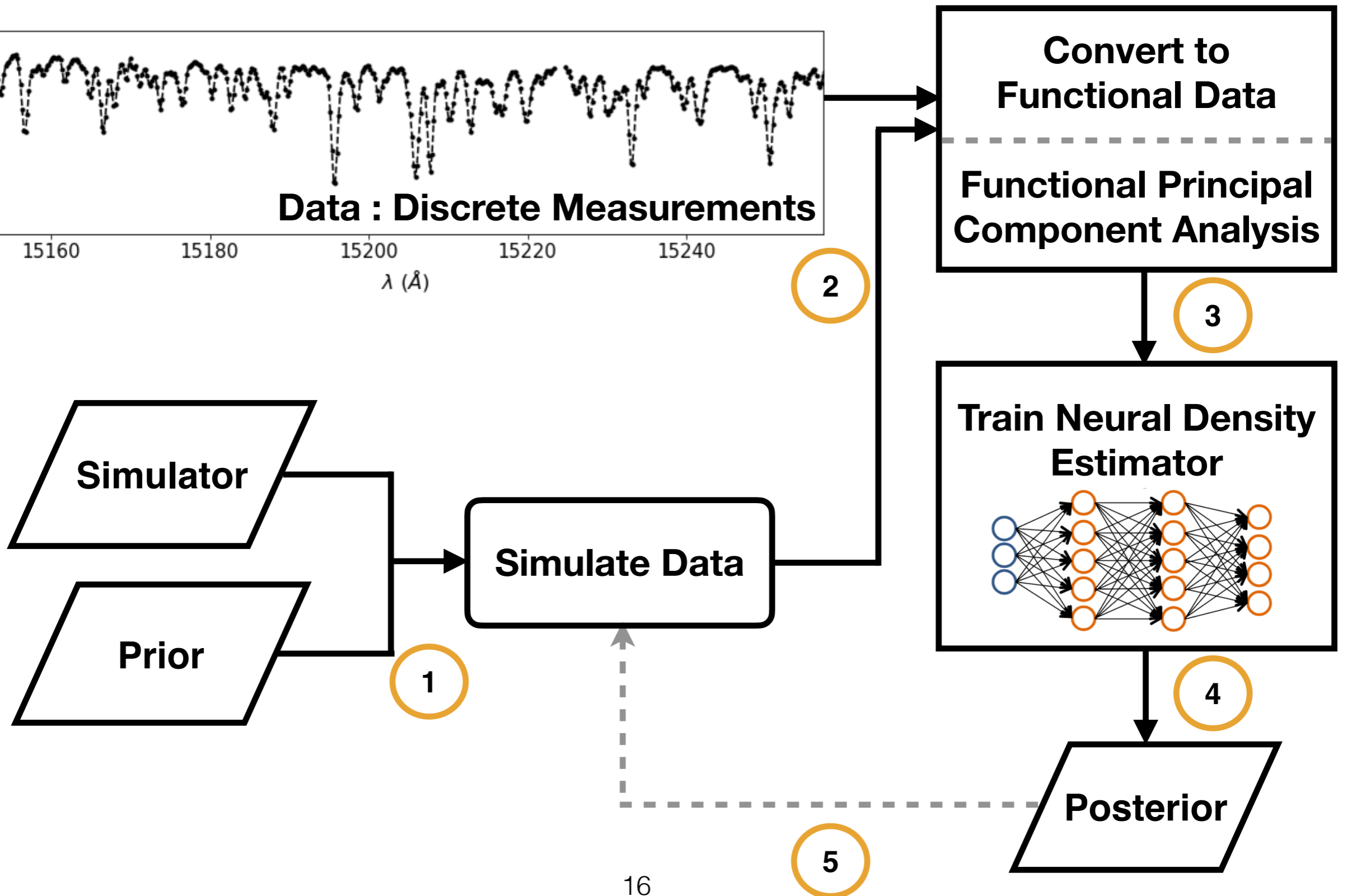
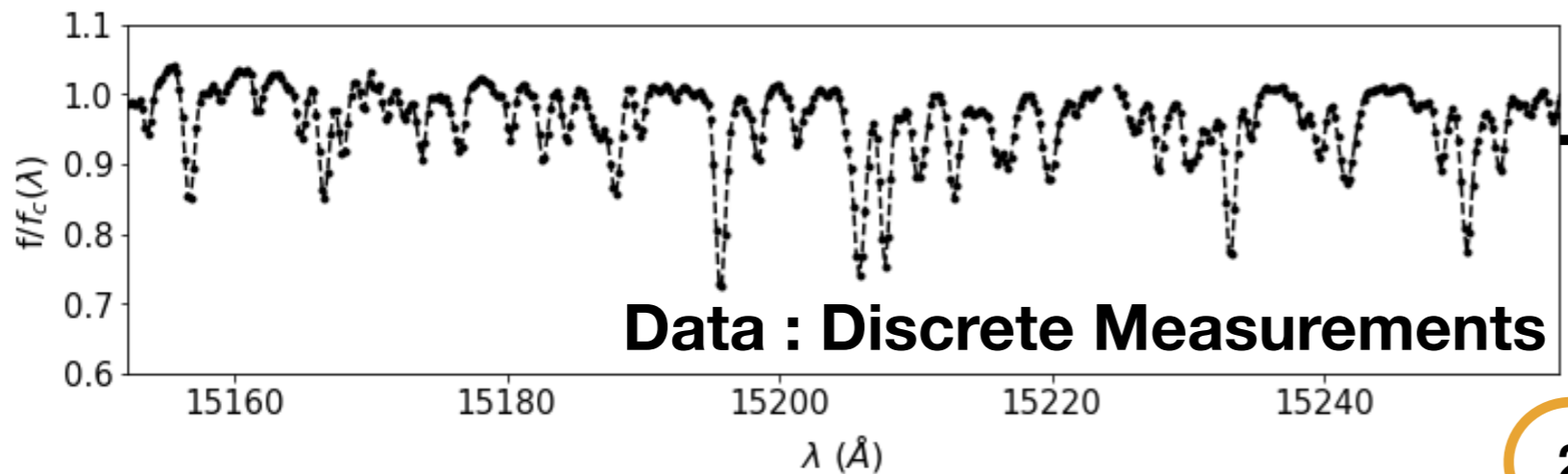
↑ ↑
stellar noisy
model spectrum

Statistical Methodology

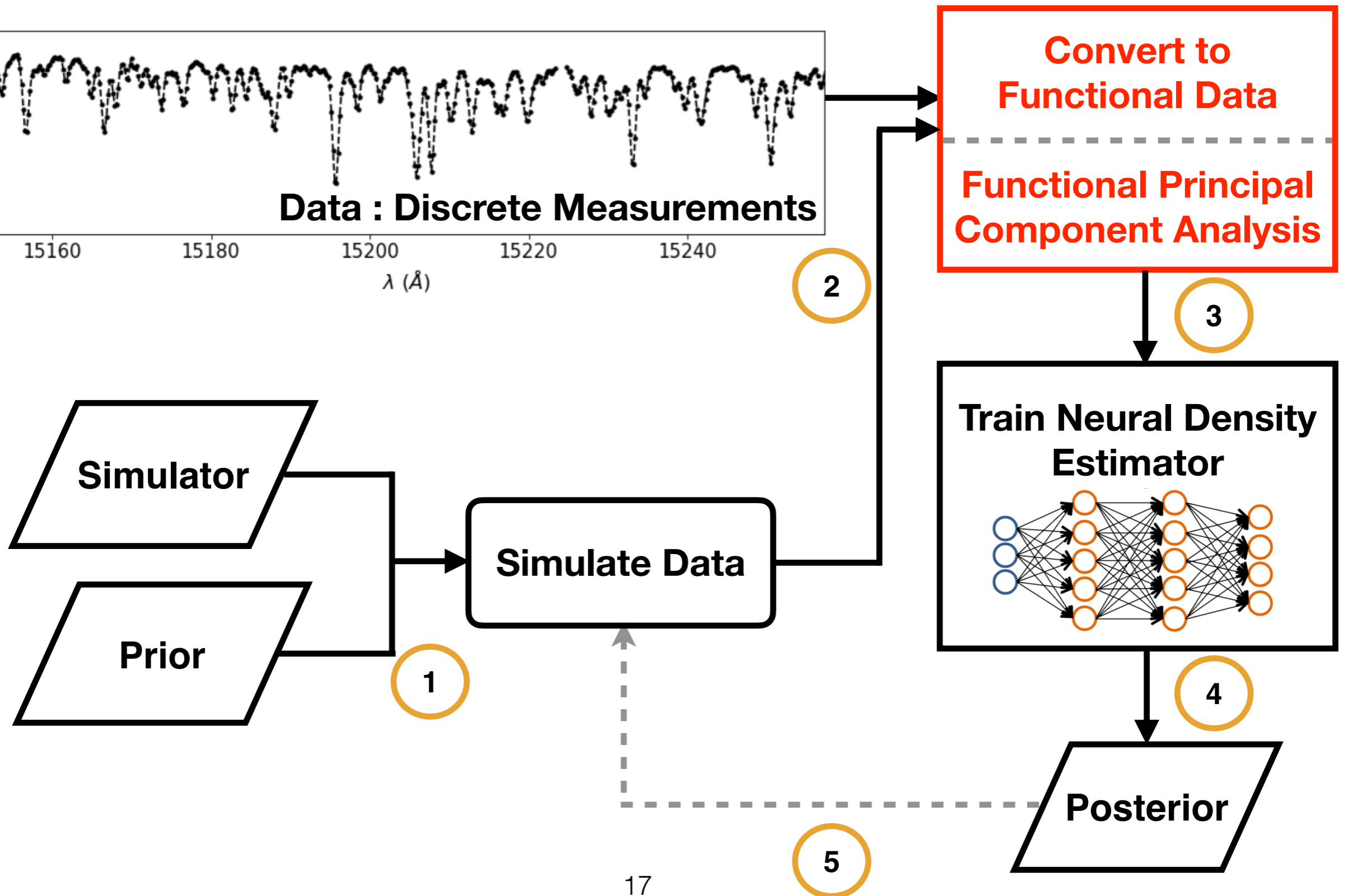
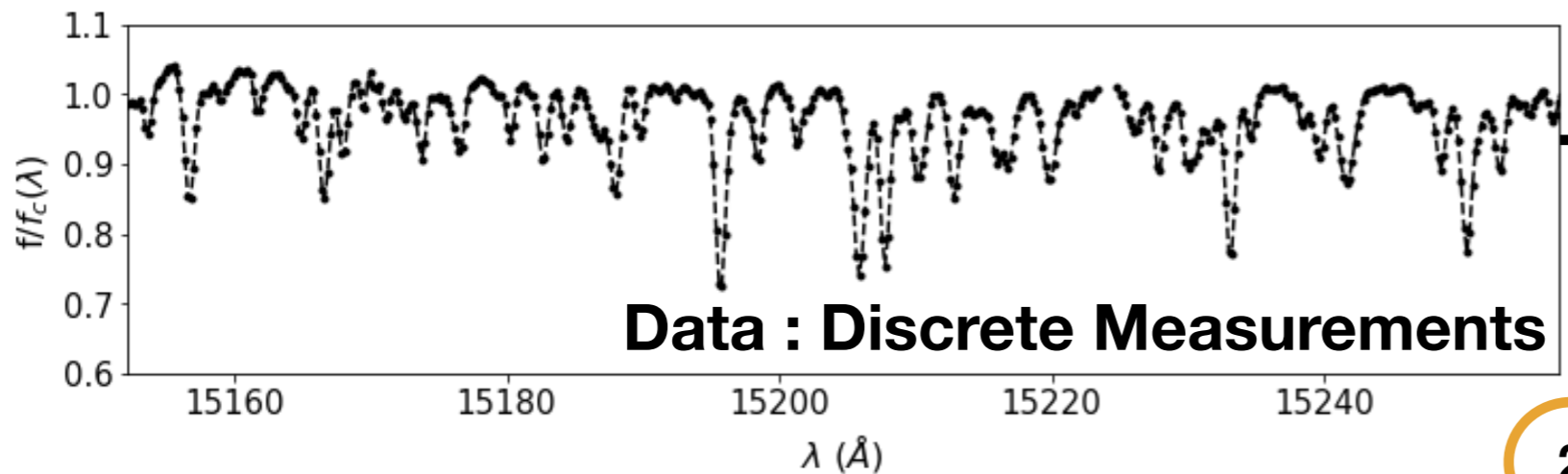
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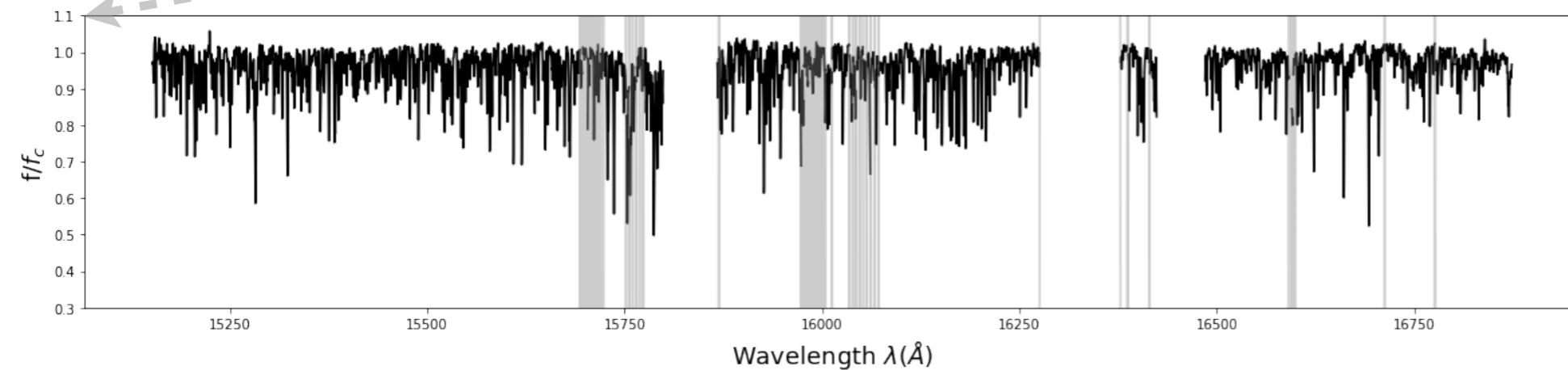
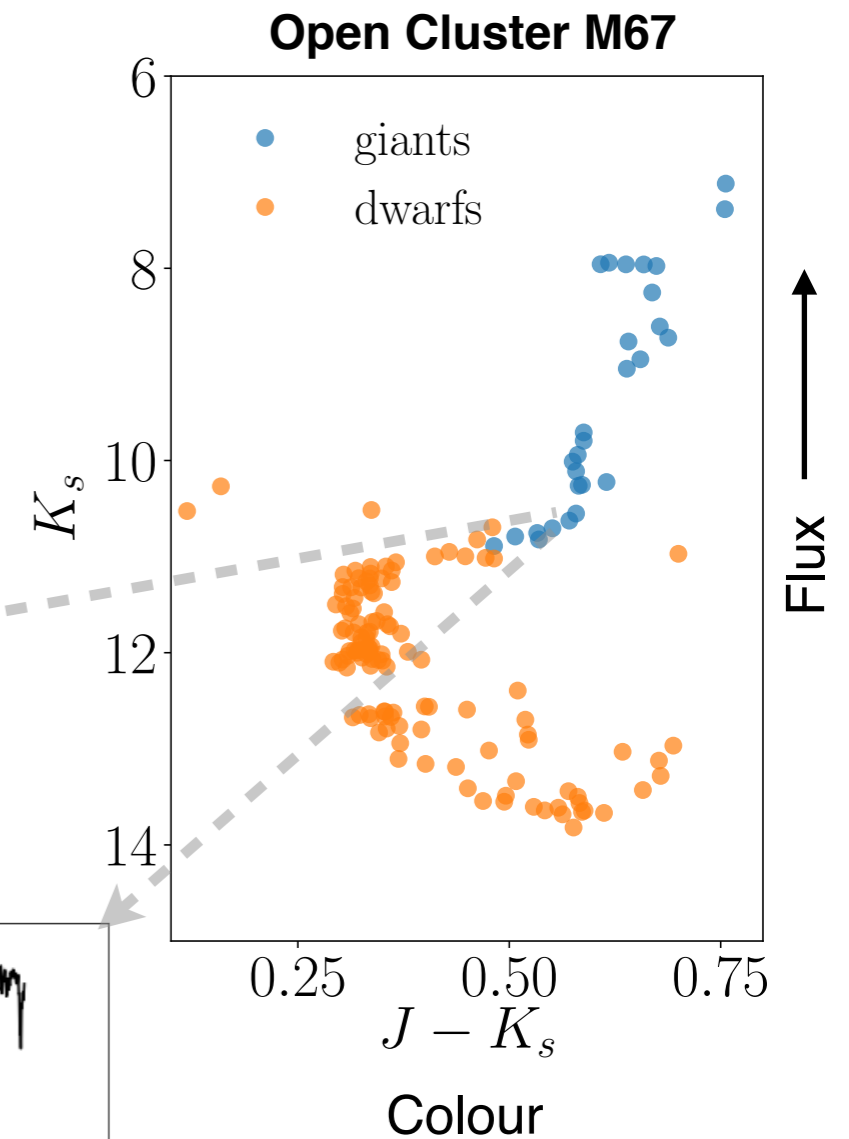
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Dimensionality Reduction

Issue Curse of Dimensionality

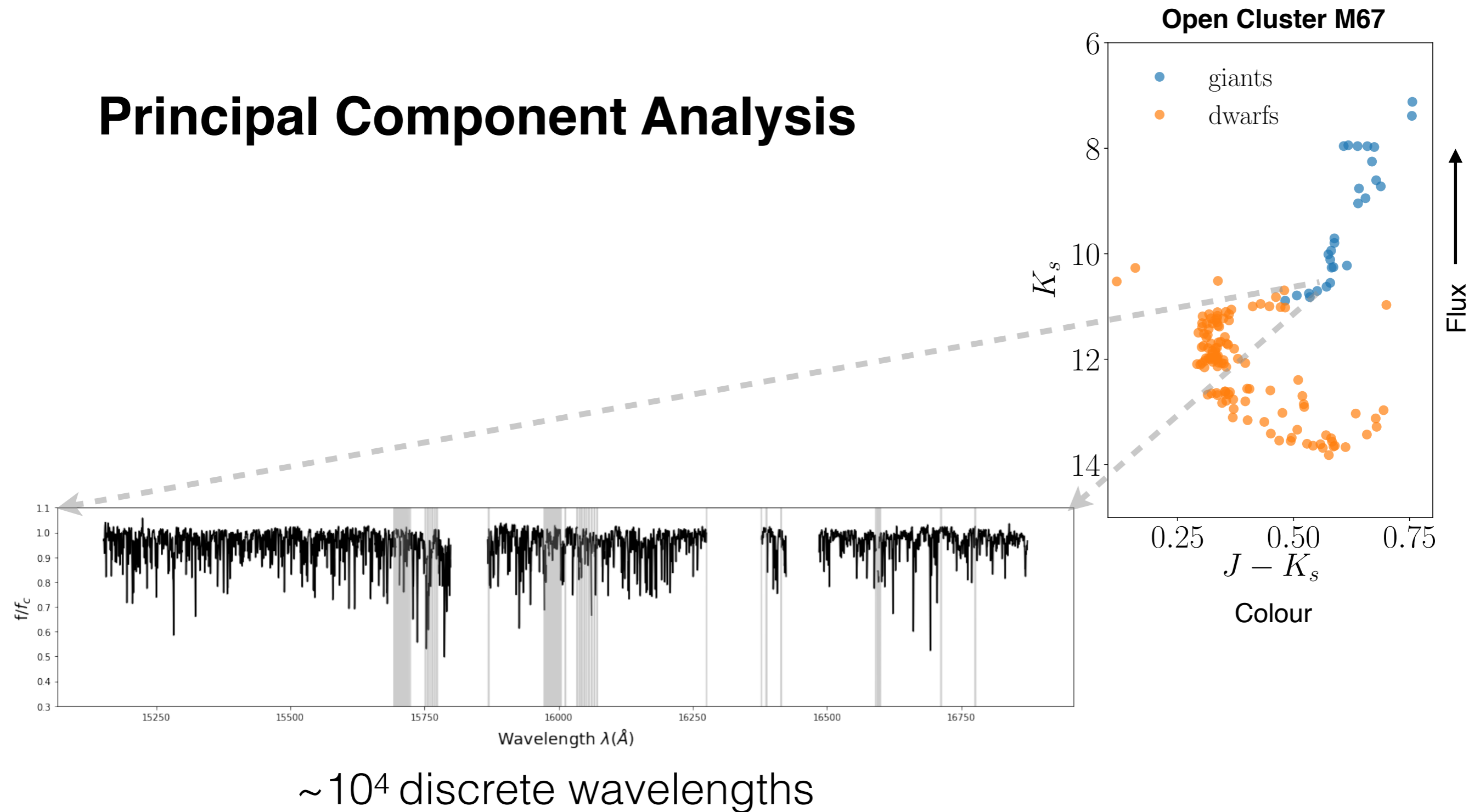
Solution Low-dimensional intrinsic structure



APOGEE spectrum $\sim 10^4$ discrete wavelengths

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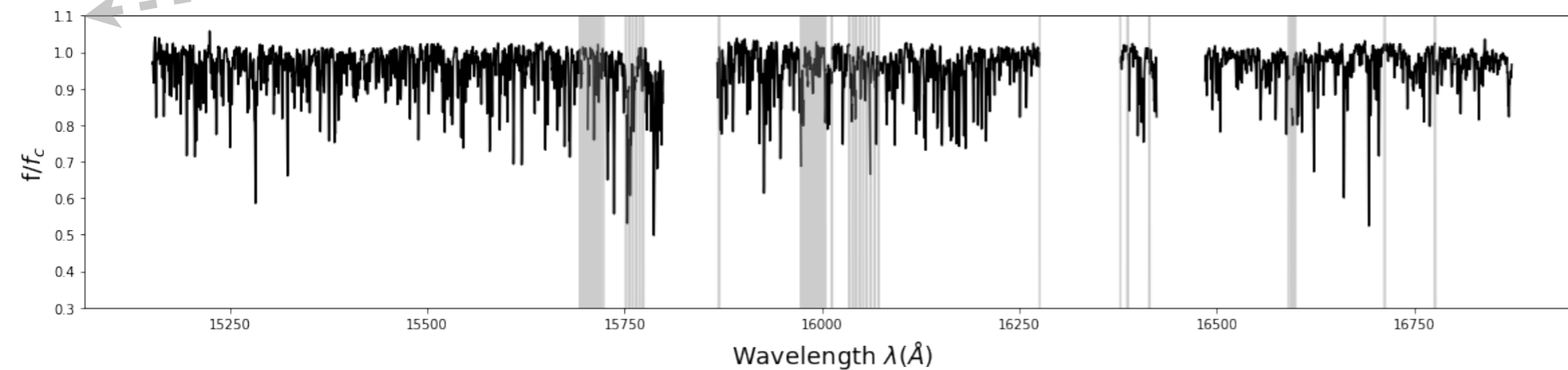
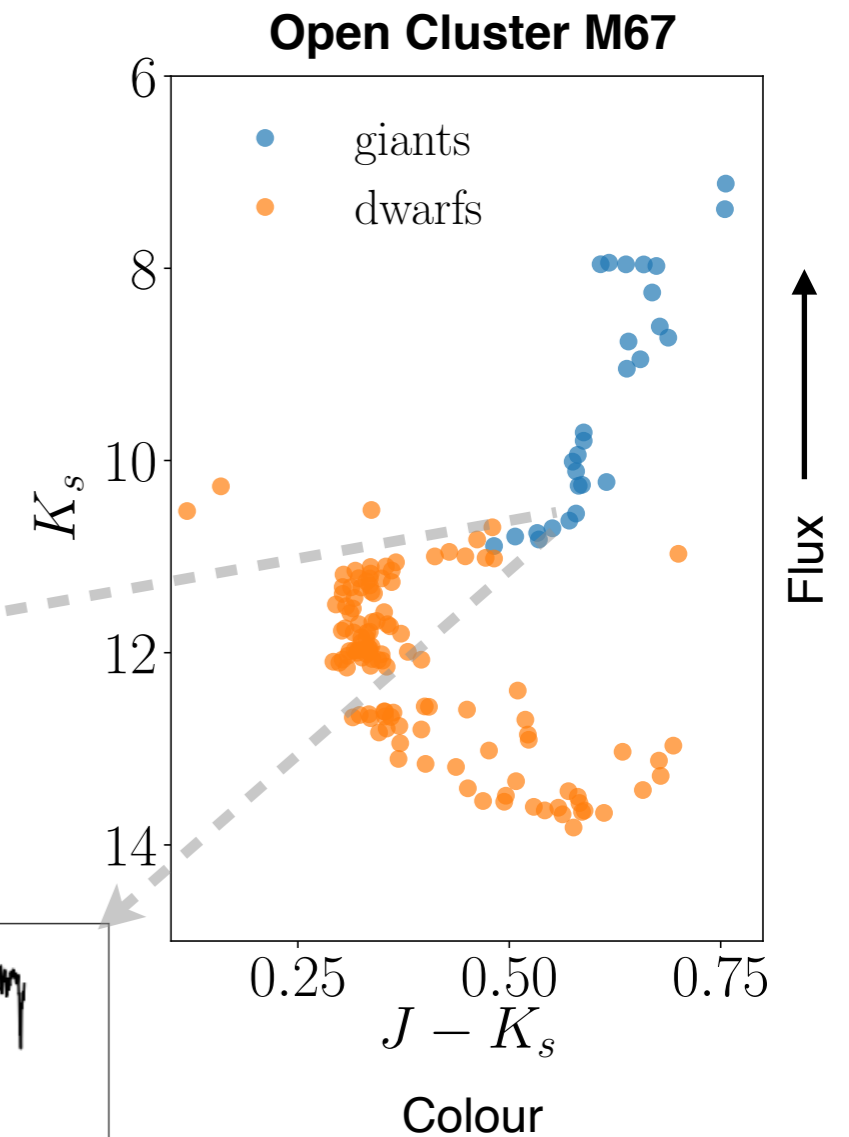
Principal Component Analysis



Dimensionality Reduction

Expectation Maximization Principal Component Analysis

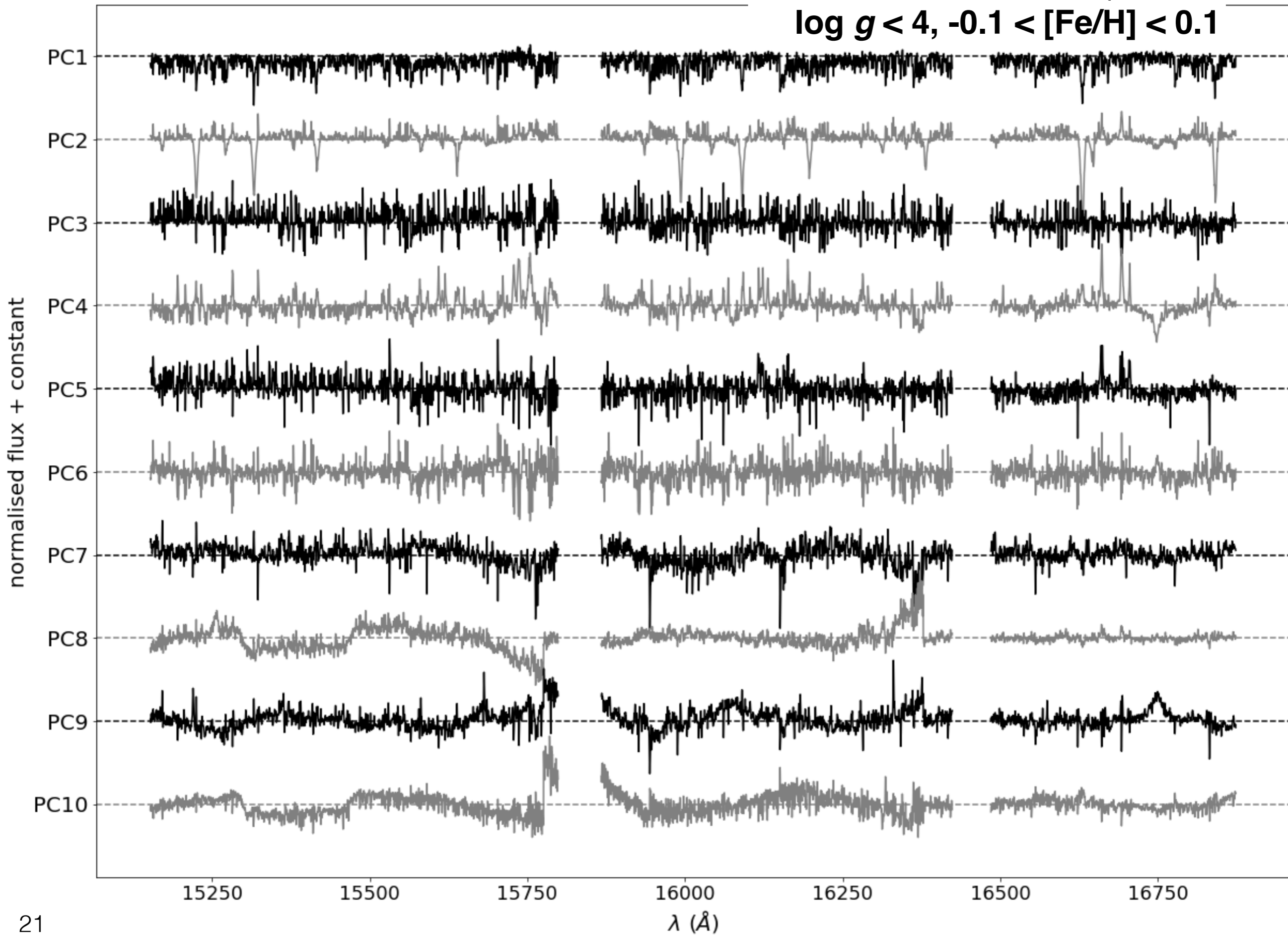
Noisy and missing data



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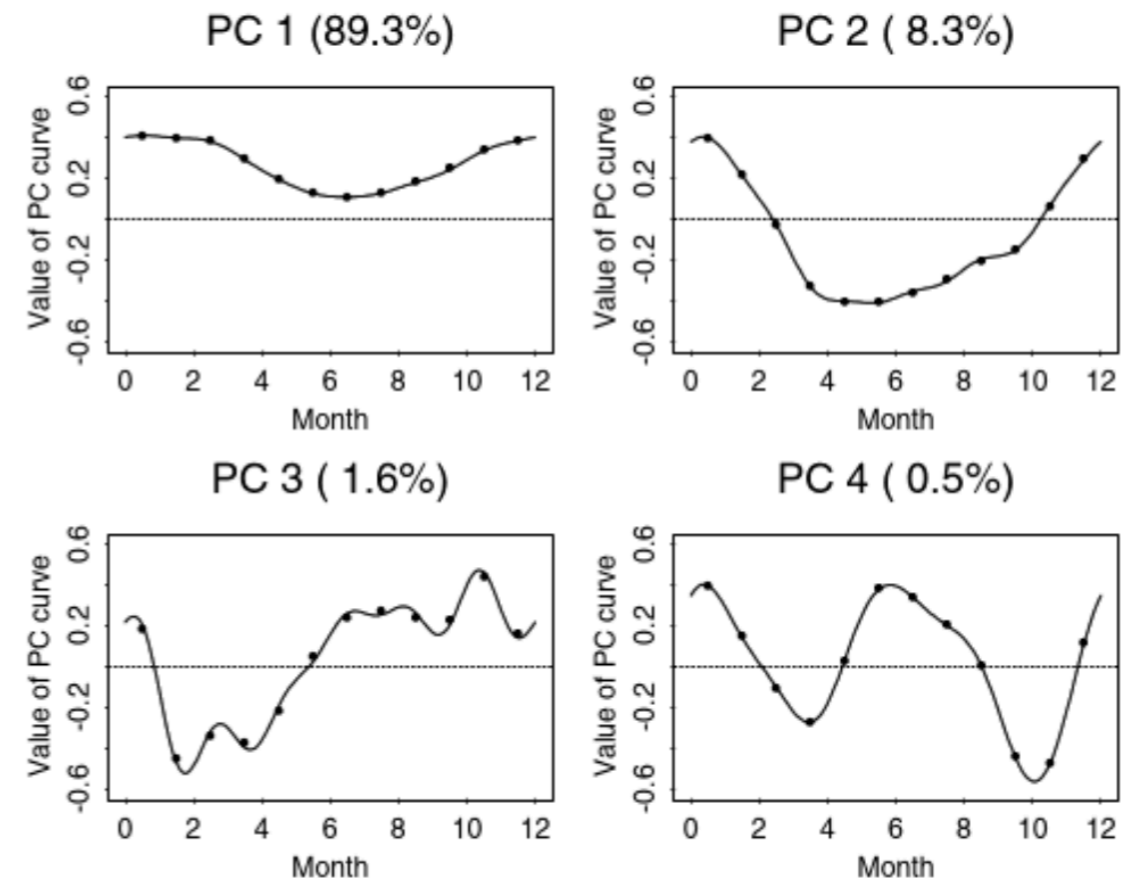
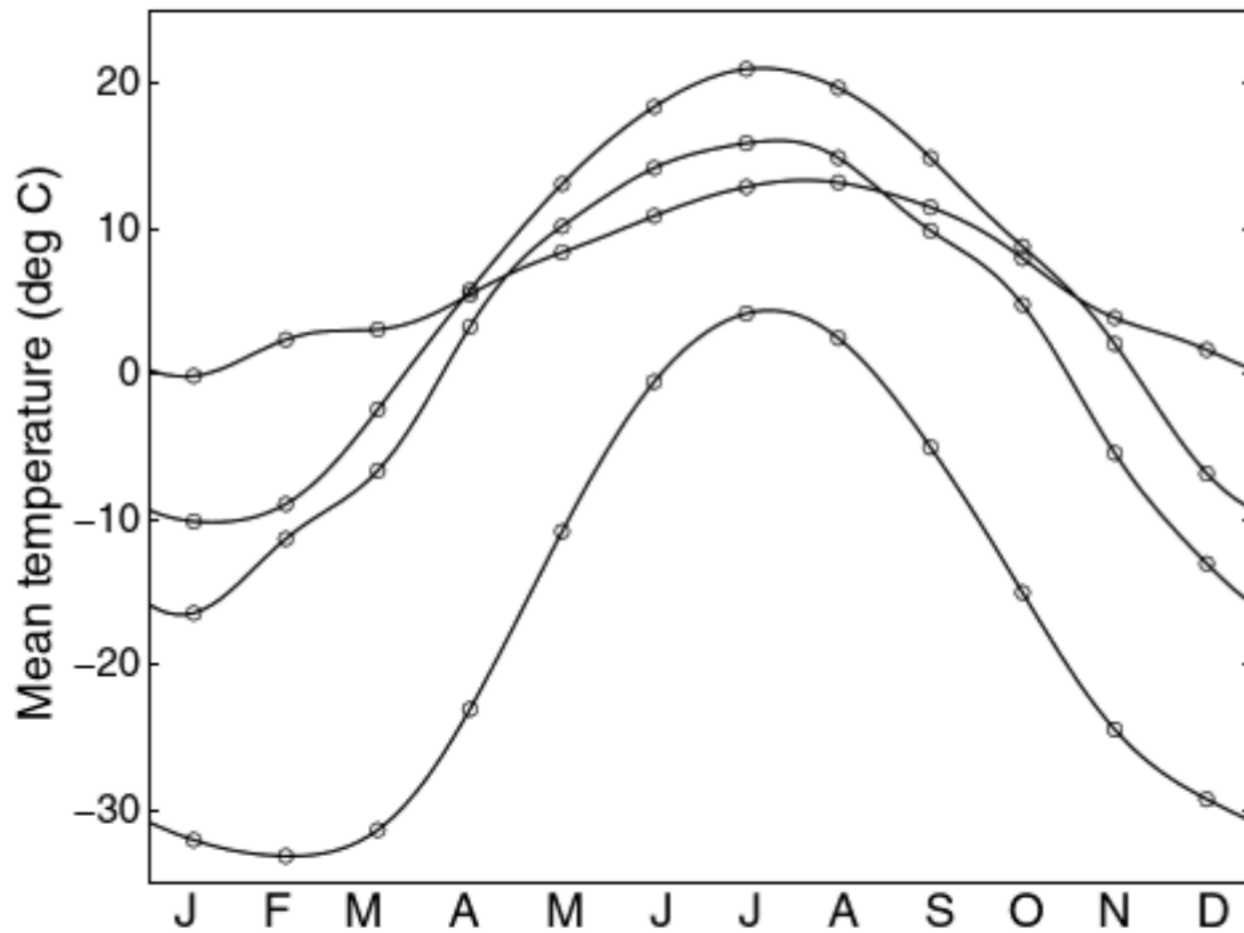
~50,000 APOGEE spectra

$\log g < 4, -0.1 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < 0.1$



Functional Principal Component Analysis

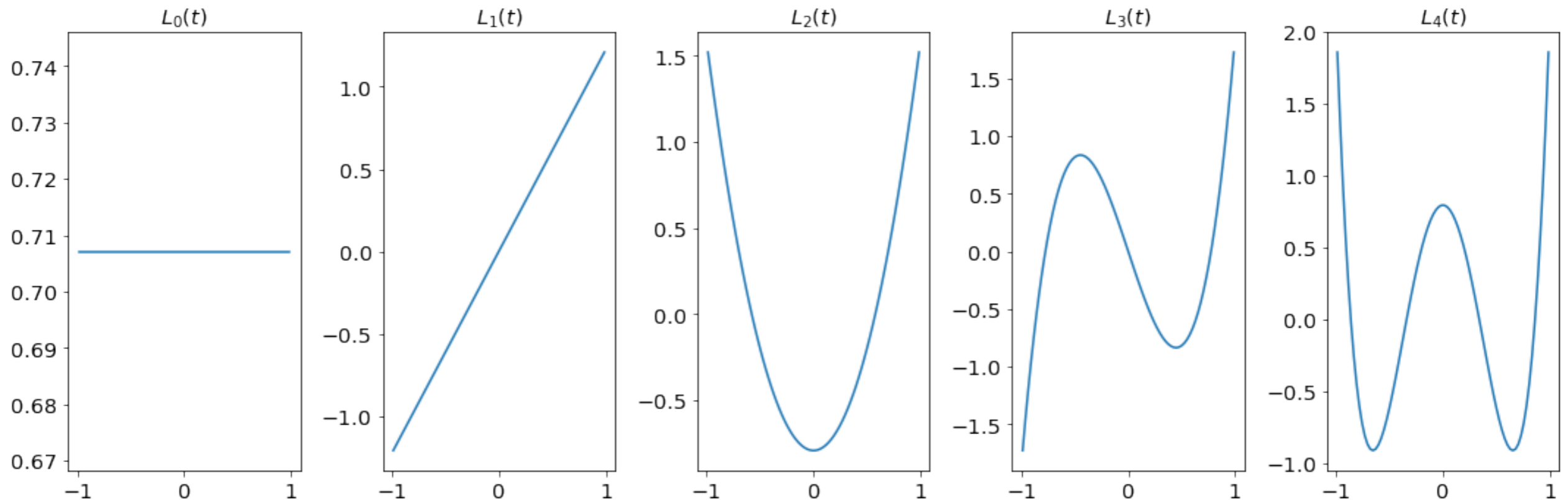
FPCA The functional version of PCA



Figures from Functional Data Analysis, Ramsay & Silverman

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Example Basis Functions: Legendre Polynomials

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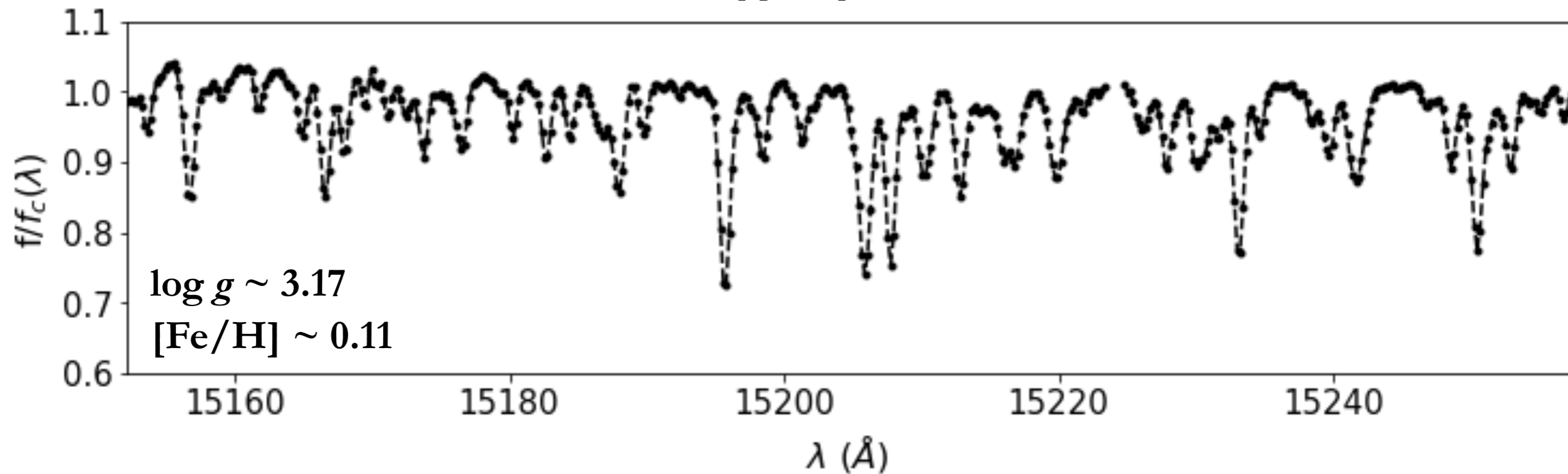
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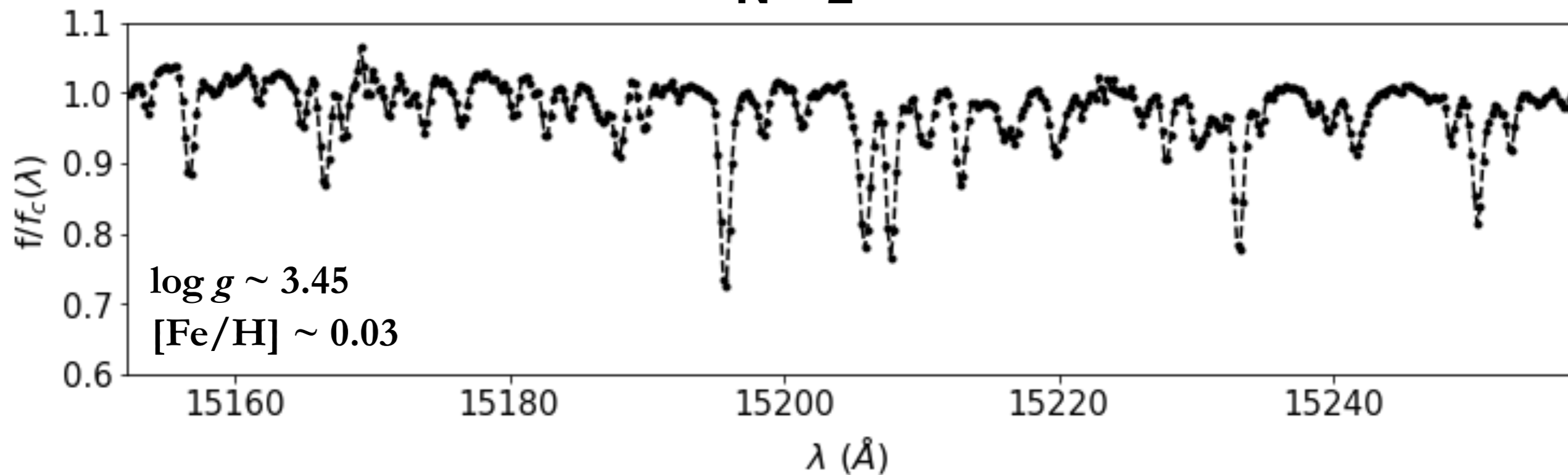
covariance function $\hat{K}(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \hat{\kappa}_j \hat{\psi}_j(s) \hat{\psi}_j(t)$...Mercer's theorem

eigenvalues eigenfunctions

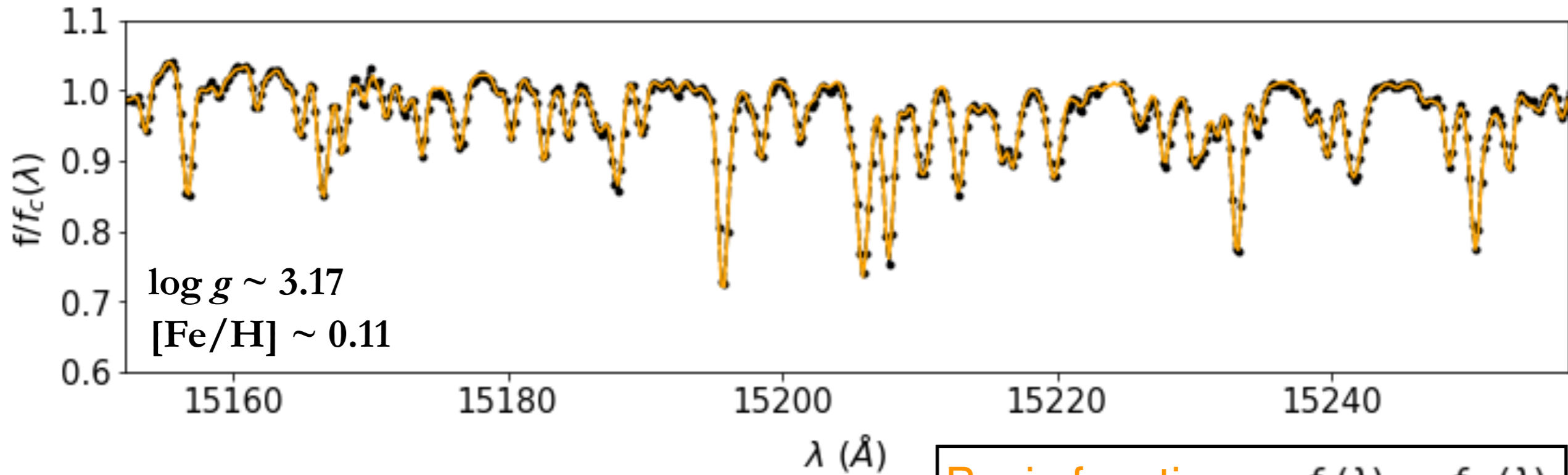
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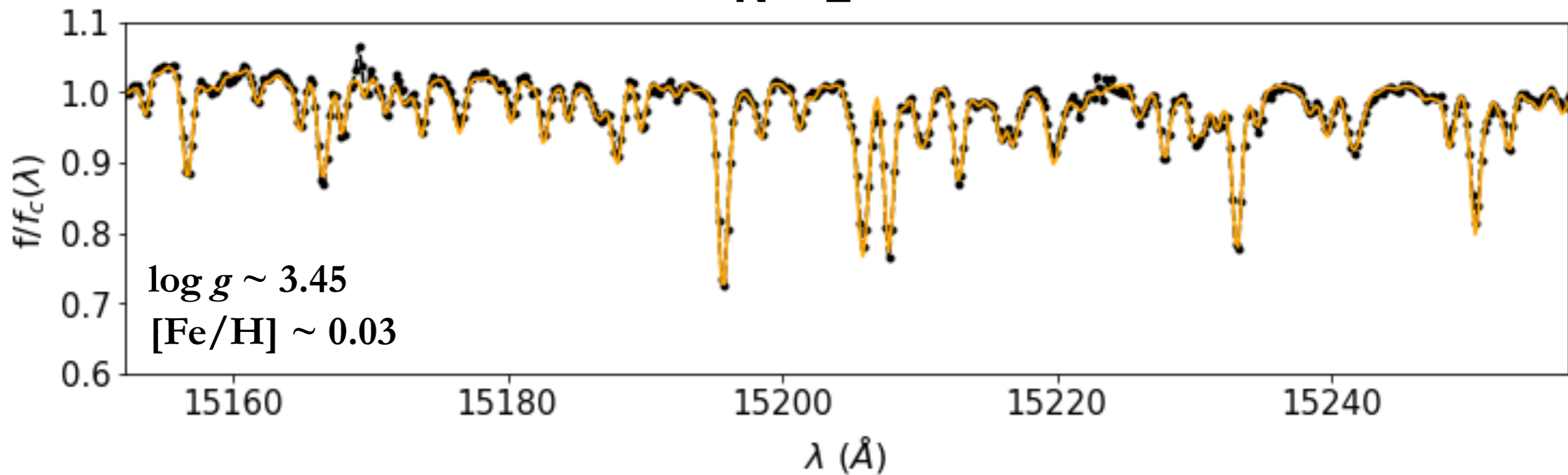


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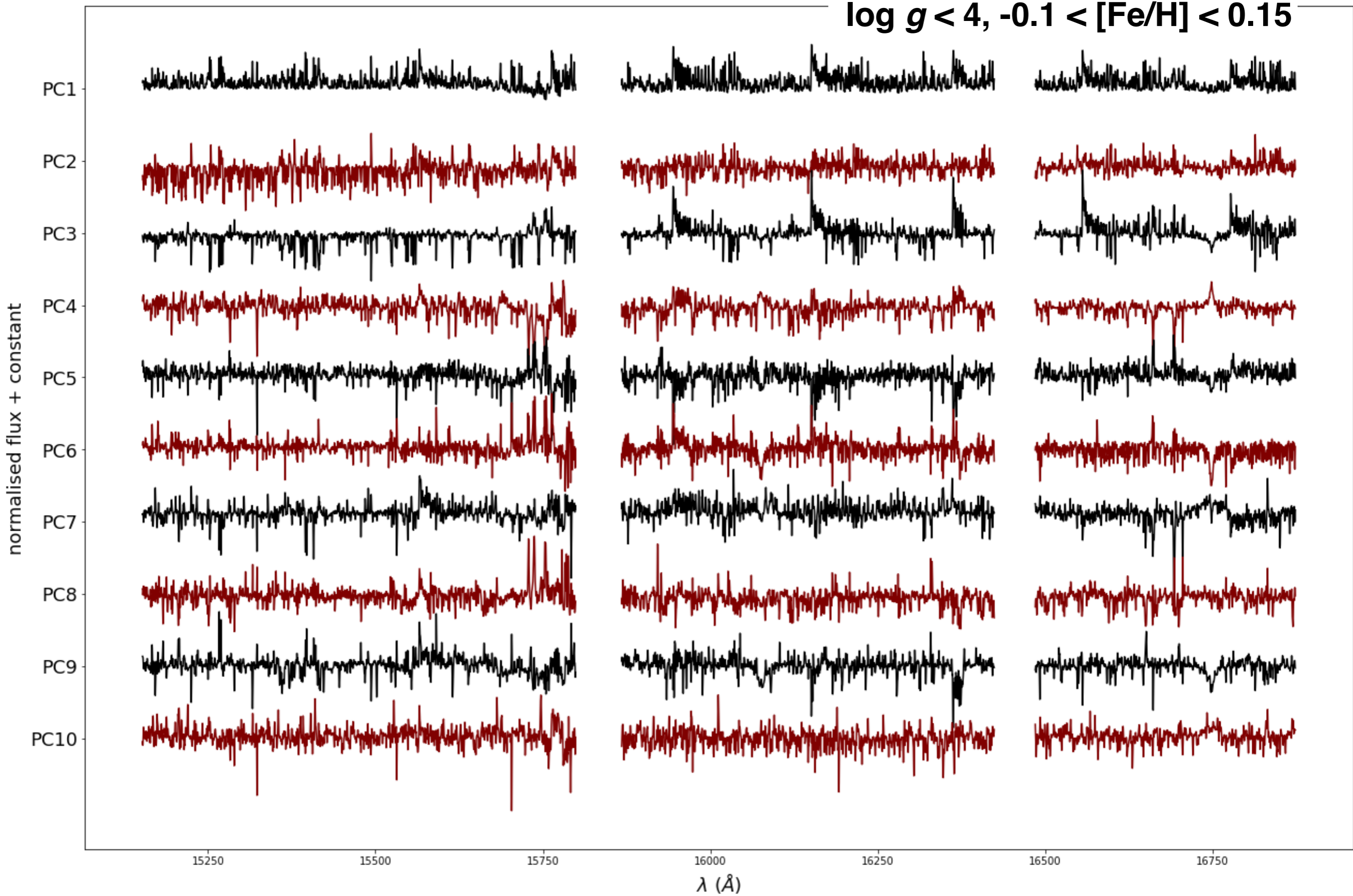


Basis functions: $f_1(\lambda), \dots, f_{10}(\lambda)$
10 theoretical spectra

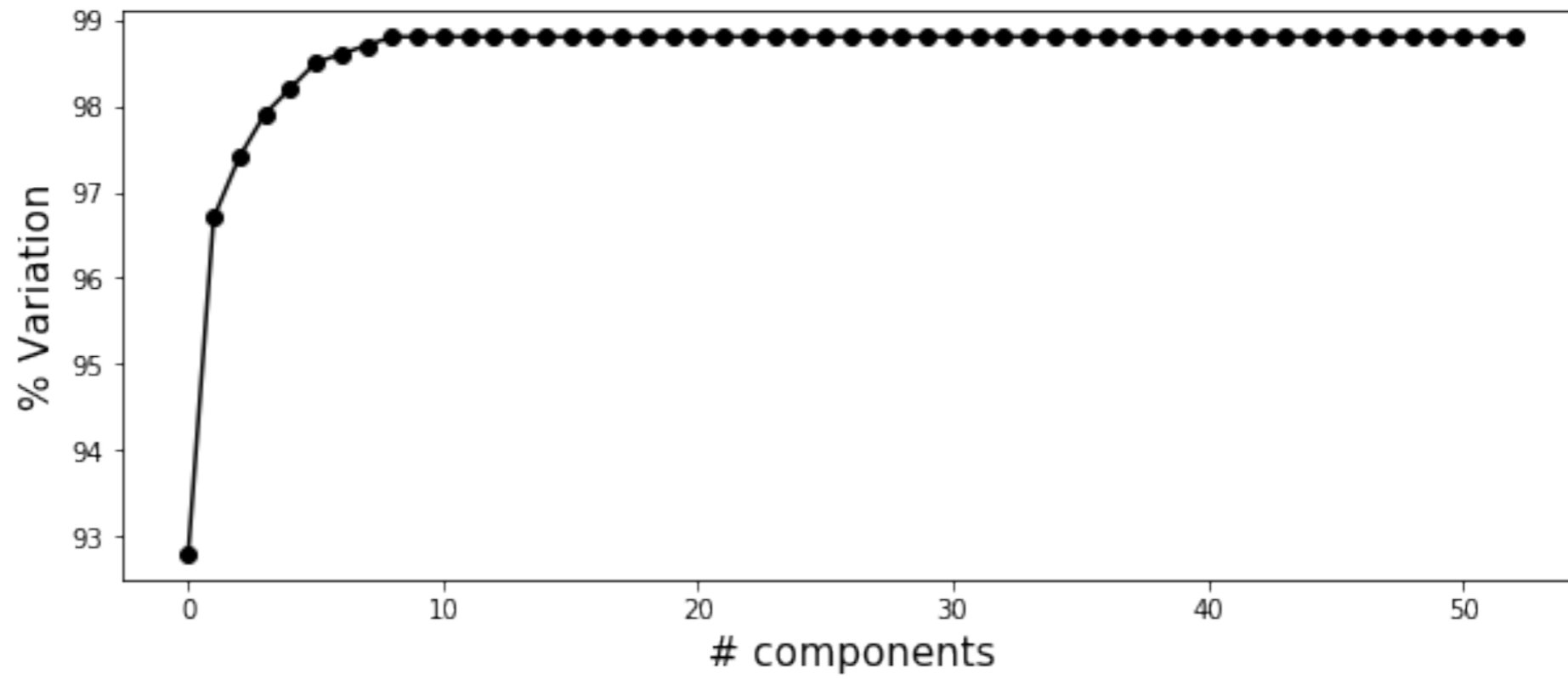
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~1,000 APOGEE spectra
 $\log g < 4$, $-0.1 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < 0.15$

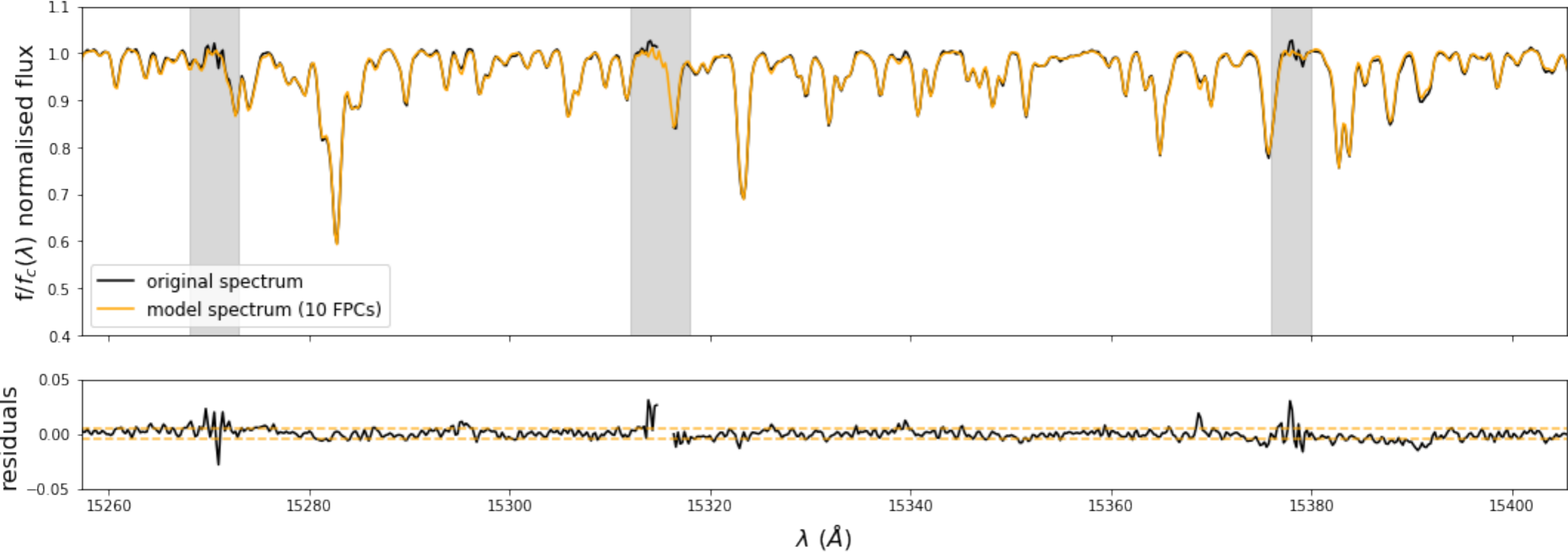


Cumulative explained variance



M67 Red Giant spectrum

FPCA reconstructed spectrum



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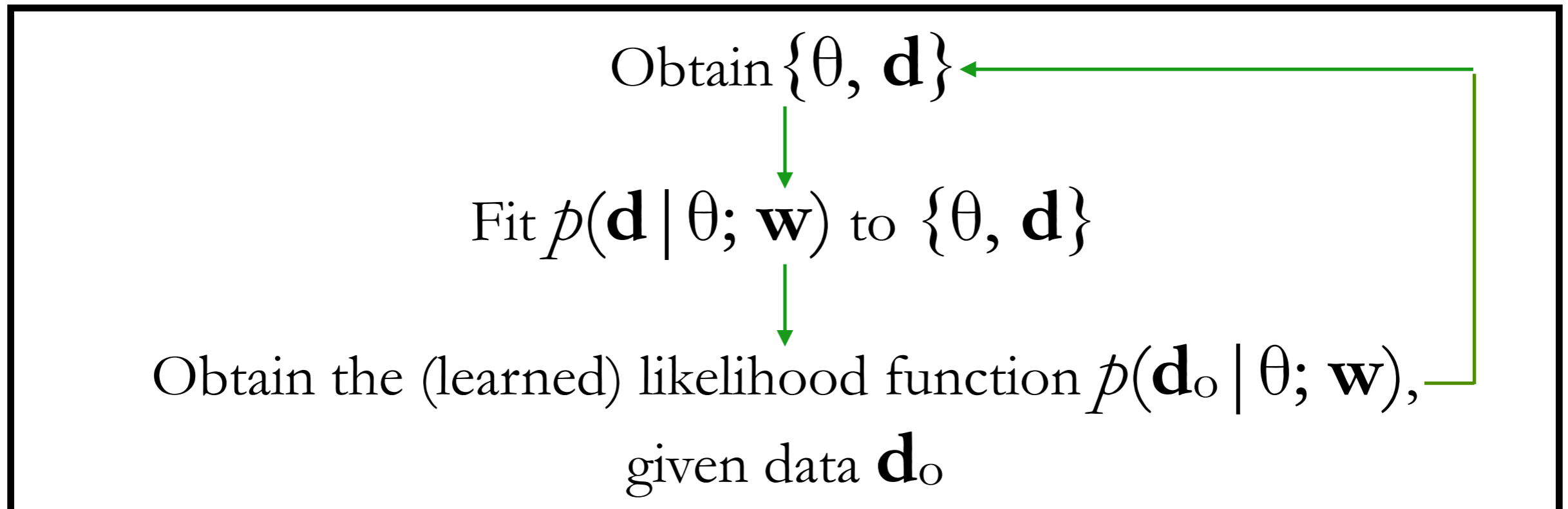
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Active learning

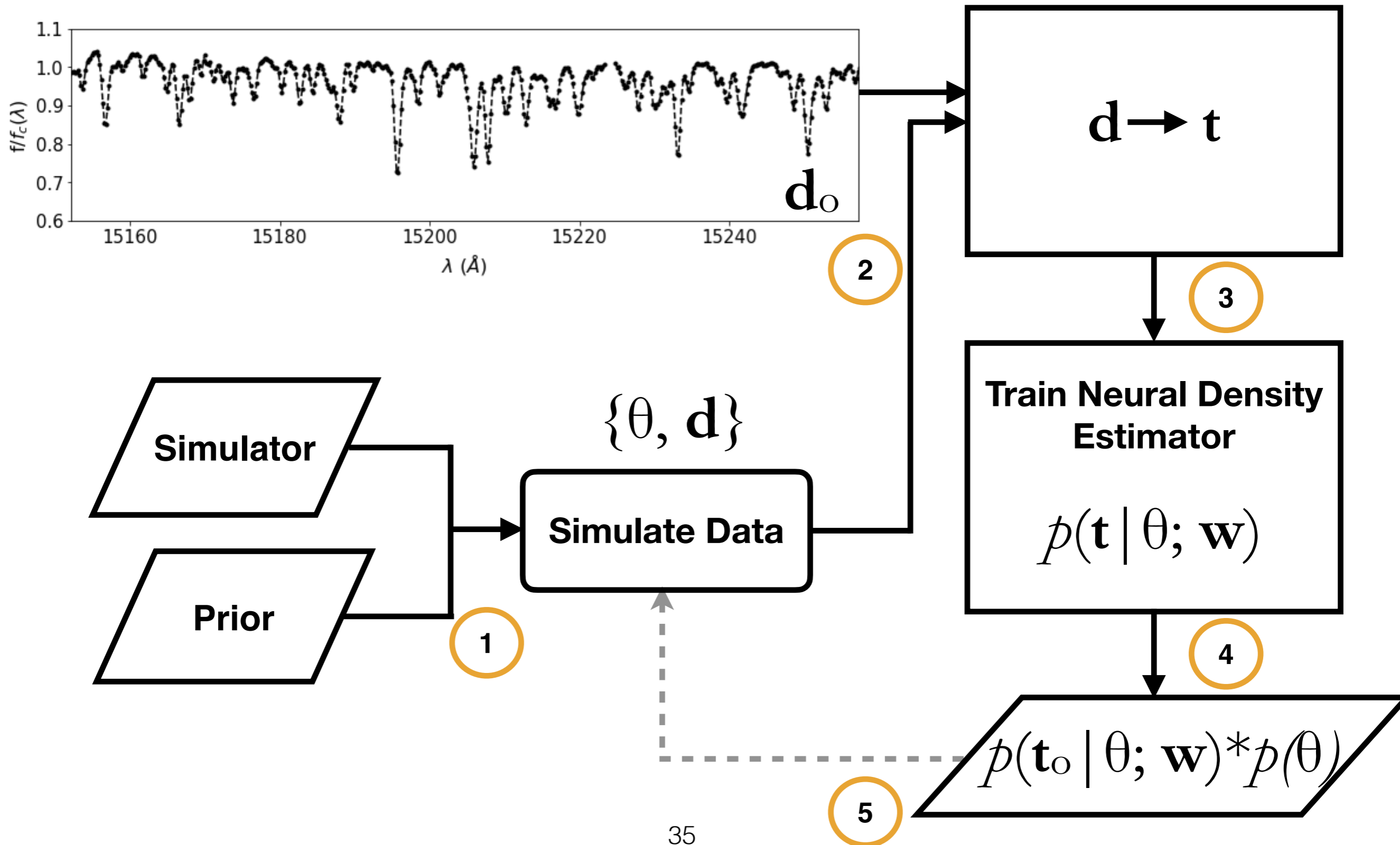
Obtain $\{\theta, \mathbf{d}\}$

Fit $p(\mathbf{d} | \theta; \mathbf{w})$ to $\{\theta, \mathbf{d}\}$

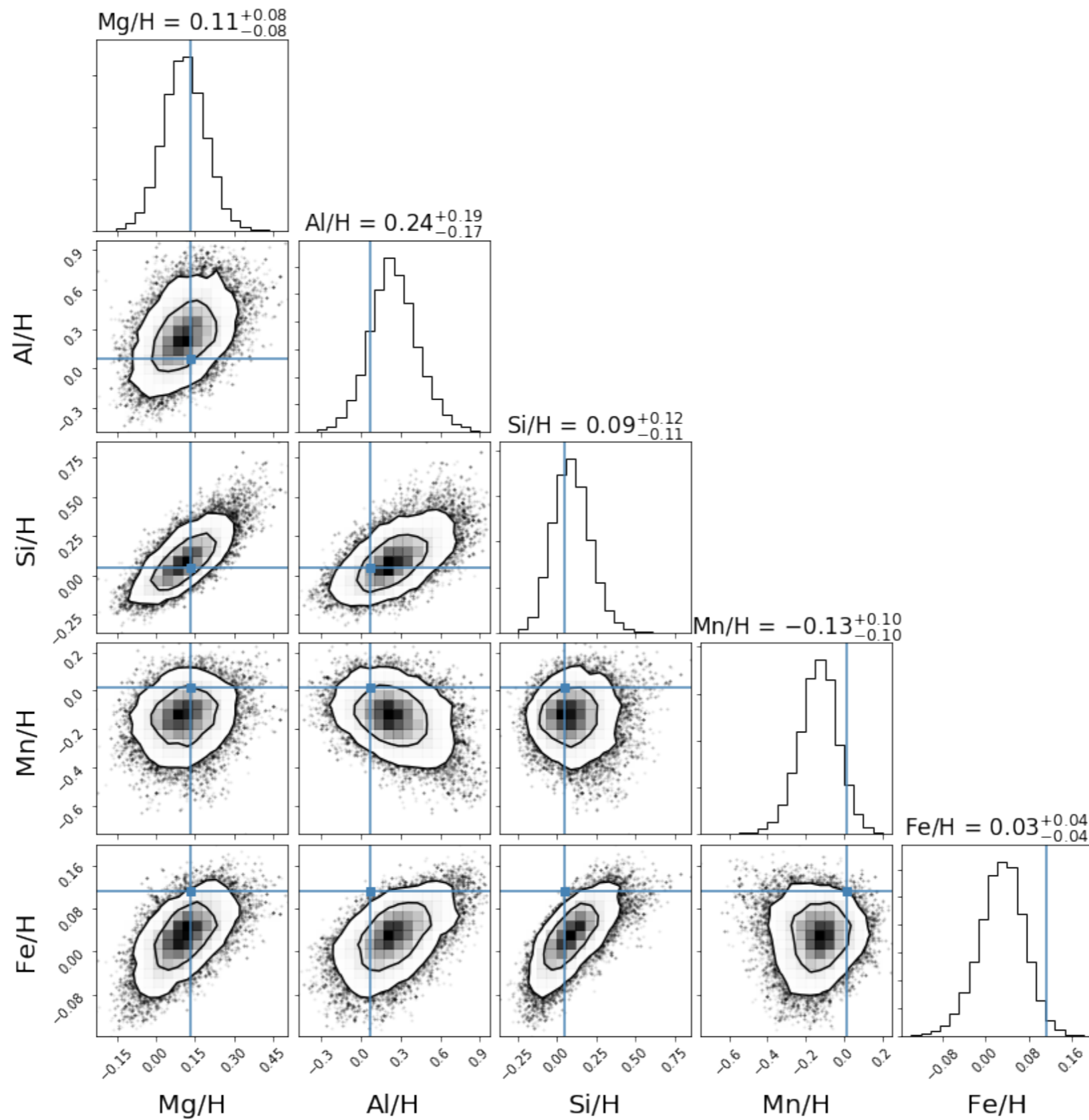
Neural Density Estimators

Obtain the (learned) likelihood function $p(\mathbf{d}_o | \theta; \mathbf{w})$,
given data \mathbf{d}_o

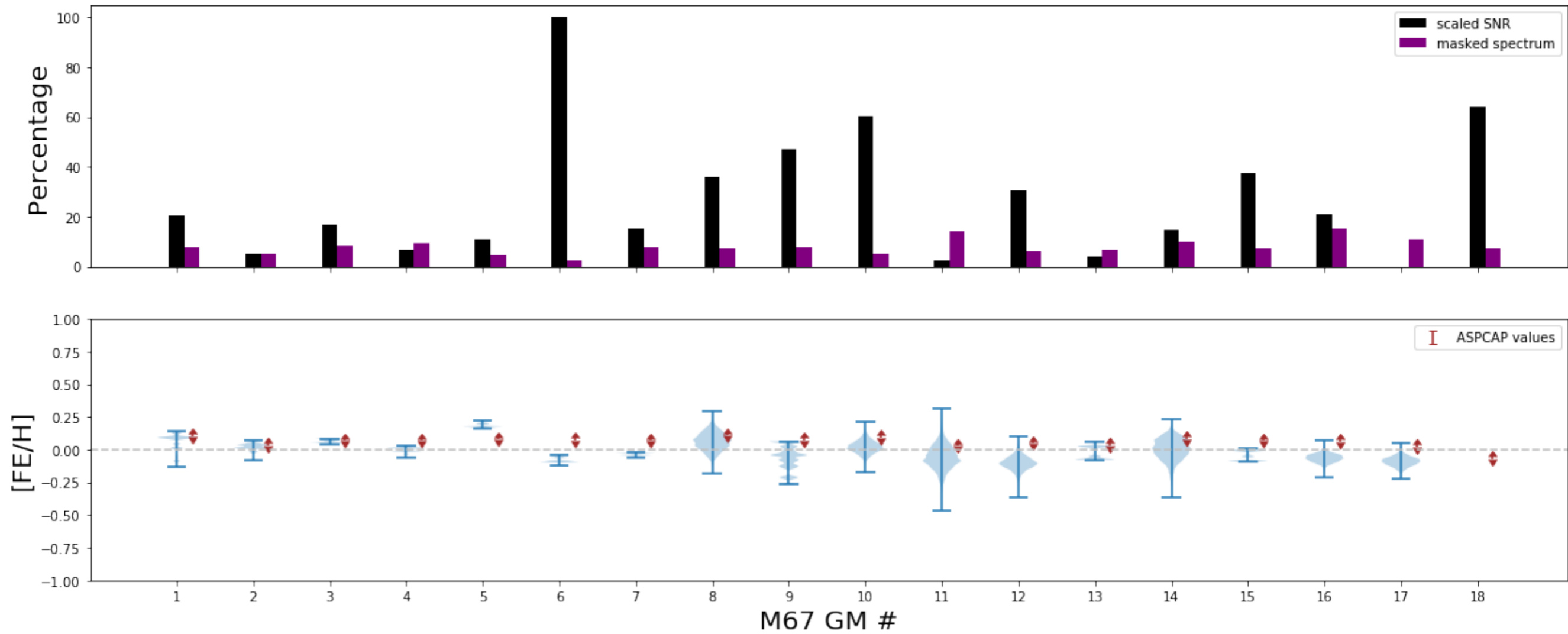
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Work in Progress



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Conclusion

- Using FPCA, we have successfully reduced the dimensionality of stellar chemical space.
- FPCA + DELFI shows promising results for fast, accurate and precise inference of abundances.
- We are currently constraining the abundance scatter of M67 open cluster using our inferred abundance values.
- We will then apply our technique to the entire APOGEE DR14 (and latest data releases) to measure abundances and explore chemical tagging.

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