Strong Gravitational Lensing and ML: generative models for galaxies

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Variational autoencoder

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Encoder, decoder: deep convolutional neural networks



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Radford et al 2015 (DCGAN)























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Our approach: sample z from here to generate better galaxies



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- For our purposes: inverse autoregressive flows (**IAFs**), which enable efficient sampling of the latent variable

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Generated galaxies



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True Einstein radius: 2.3 Best-fit value: 2.29

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