

# A probabilistic cosmic shear pipeline

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## Summary: New cosmological parameter pipeline for cosmic shear without two-point functions

- Avoid the need to compute / estimate **two-point function covariances**
- **Propagate all uncertainties** in the shear measurement and systematics
- Use **all the information** in the cosmological LSS (in principle)

The “data” are pixels not maps or two-point functions.

Exact likelihood is tractable with distributed Monte Carlo computing approaches

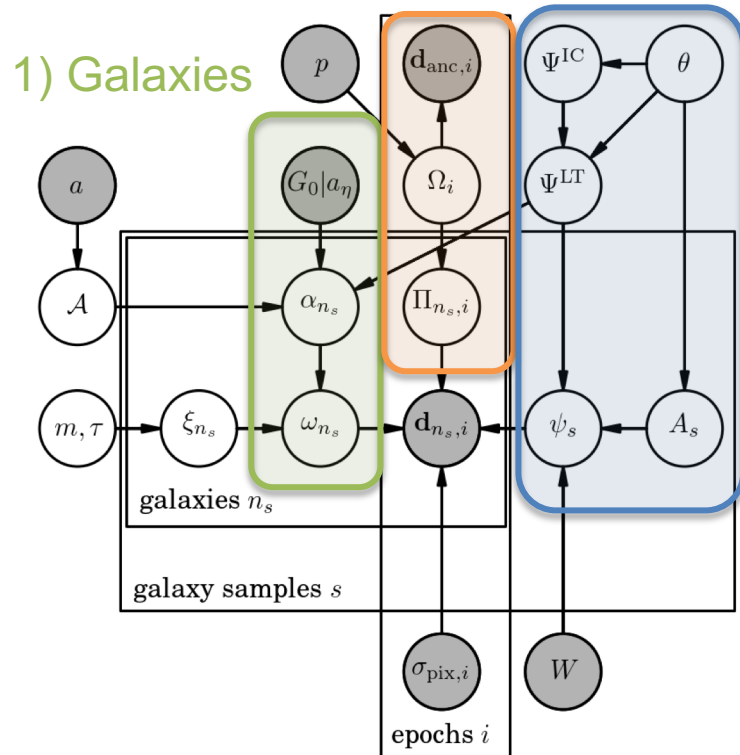
# Introduction

# The complete statistical model for cosmic shear

arXiv:1411.2608

2) PSFs 3) Cosmology

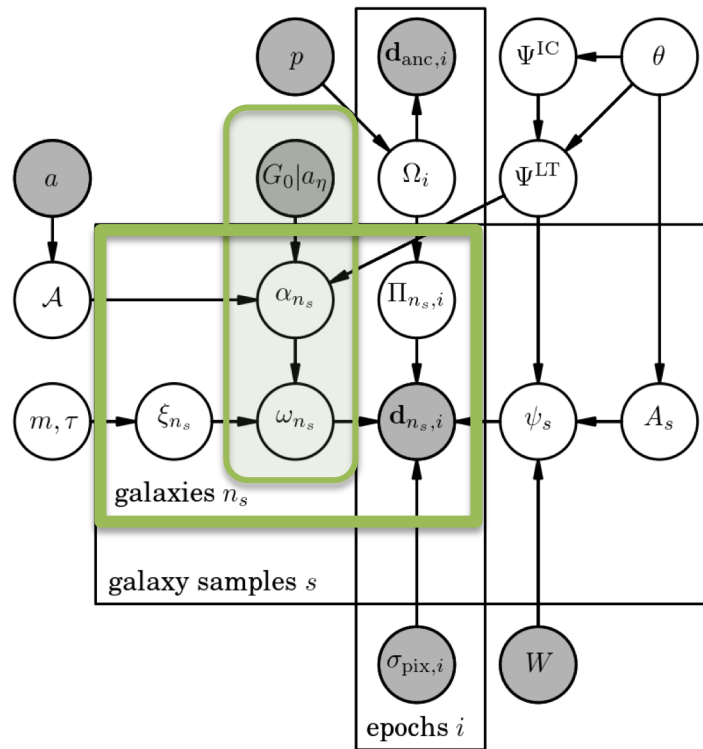
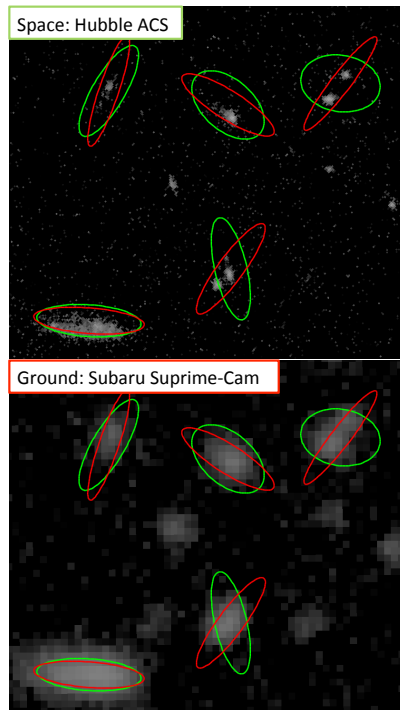
Parameter	Description
$\theta$	Cosmological parameters
$\Psi^{\text{IC}}$	Initial conditions for the 3D gravitational potential
$\Psi^{\text{LT}}$	Late-time 3D gravitational potential
$\psi_s$	2D lens potential (given source photo-z bin $s$ )
$A_s$	Parameters for the line-of-sight source distribution
$\Pi_{n_s,i}$	PSF for galaxy $n_s$ observed in epoch $i$
$\Omega_i$	Observing conditions in epoch $i$
$\{\omega_{n_s}\}$	Galaxy model parameters; $n_s = 1, \dots, n_{\text{gal},s}$
$\{\alpha_{n_s}\}$	Parameters for the distribution of $\{\omega_{n_s}\}$
$\{\xi_{n_s}\}$	Scaling parameters for $\{\omega_{n_s}\}$
$m, \tau$	Hyperprior parameters for $\{\xi_{n_s}\}$
$\mathcal{A}$	Hyperparameter for $\{\alpha_{n_s}\}$ classifications
$\{\mathbf{d}_{n_s,i}\}$	Pixel data for galaxies $n_s = 1, \dots, n_{\text{gal},s}$ in epoch $i$
$G_0 a_\eta$	Prior specification for $\{\alpha_{n_s}\}$
$s$	Source sample (e.g., photo-z bin)
$W$	Survey window function
$\mathbf{d}_{\text{anc},i}$	Ancillary data for PSF in epoch $i$
$p$	Prior params. for observing conditions
$a$	Prior params. for $\mathcal{A}$
$\sigma_{\text{pix},i}$	Pixel noise r.m.s. in epoch $i$
$I$	Model selection assumptions





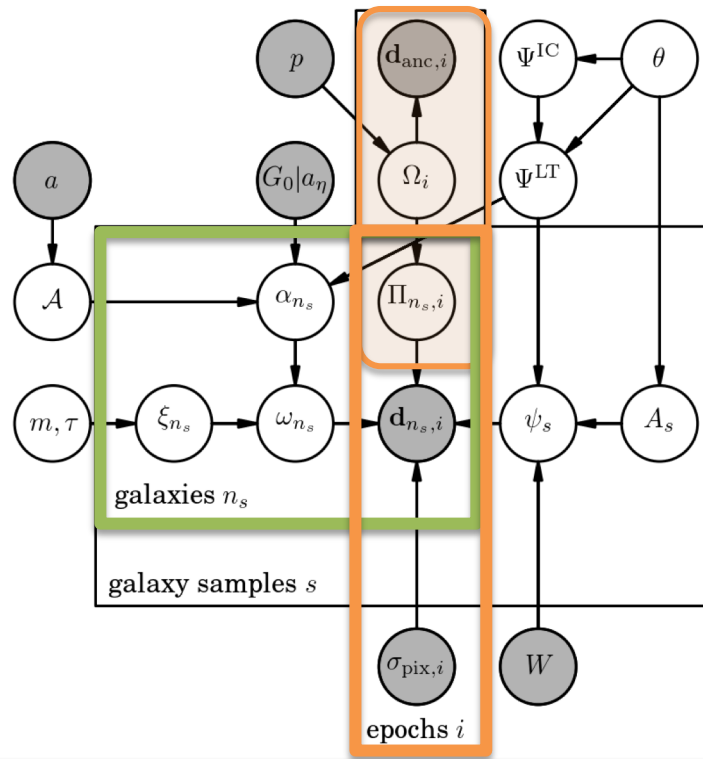
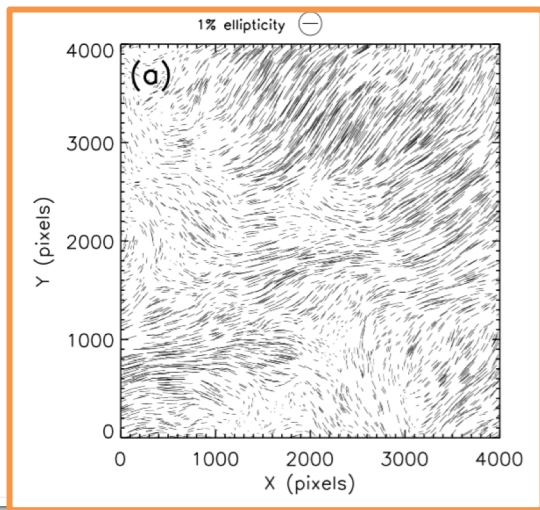
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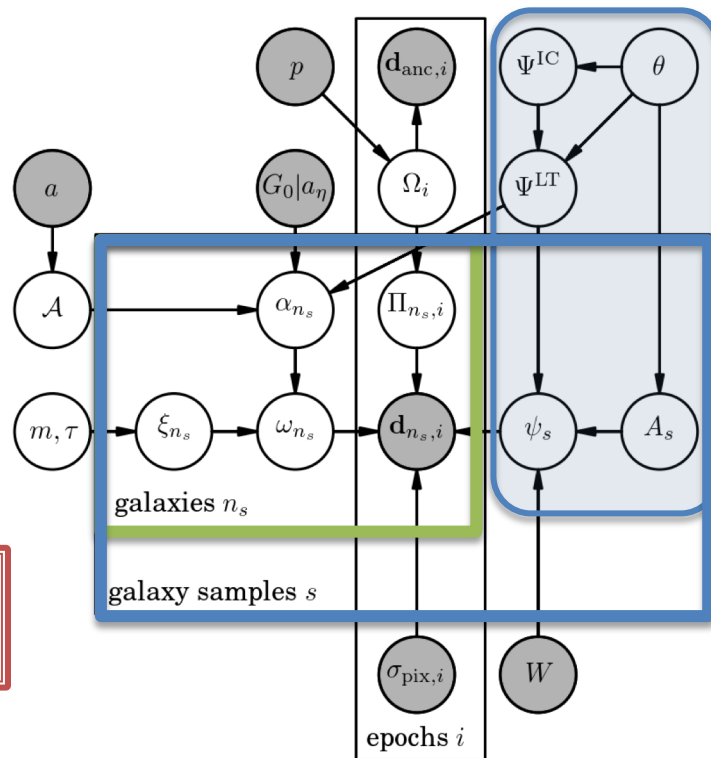
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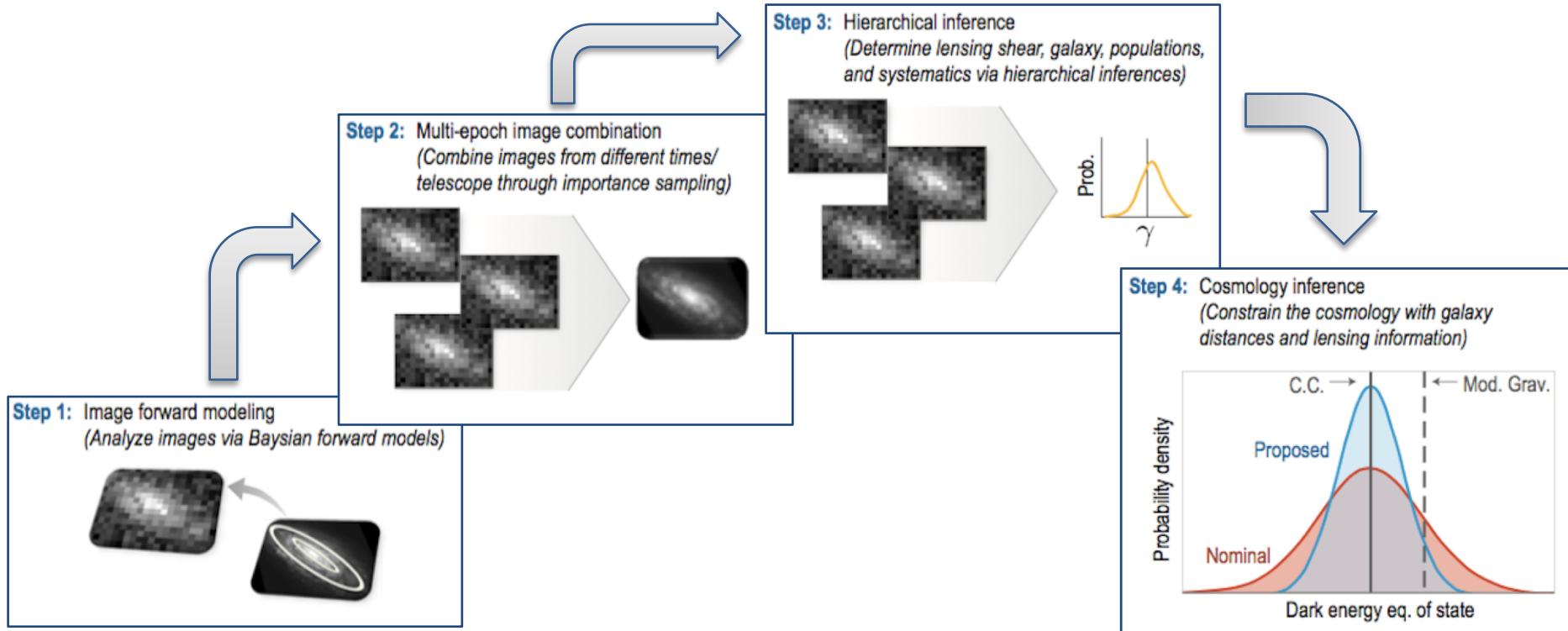
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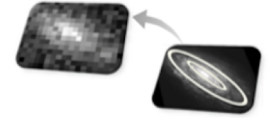
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3. **Cosmology** must be joint fitted to all galaxy samples & epochs

The principled inference requires fitting all pixels of all surveys simultaneously



# We have developed a tractable 'divide & conquer' computational approach for the complete statistical model for multiple imaging surveys





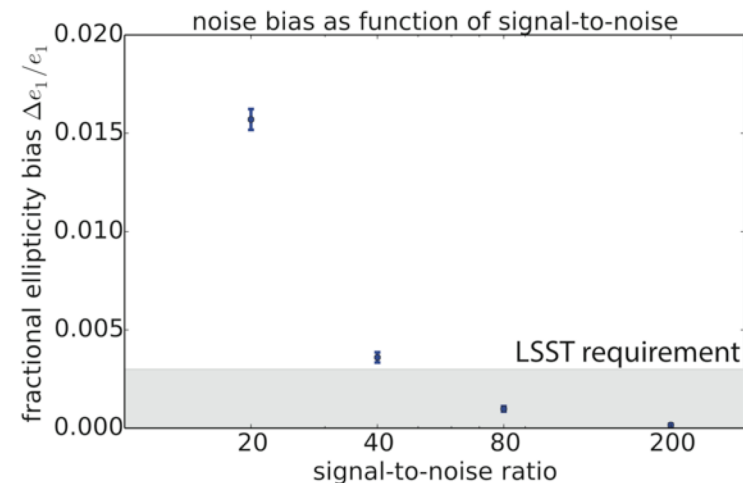
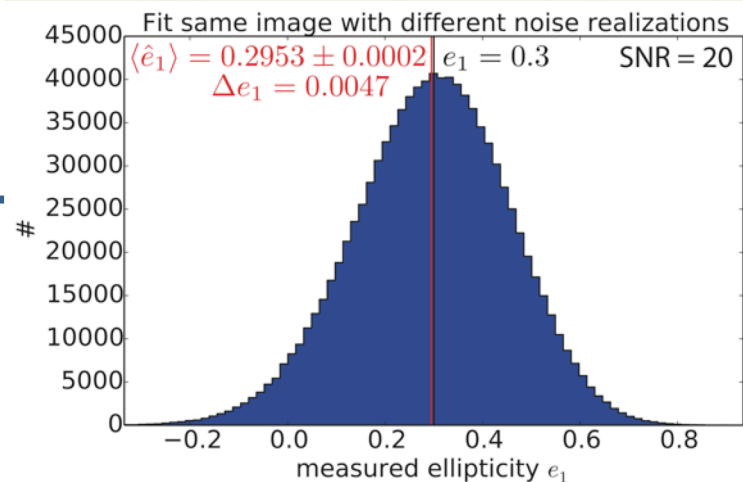
# Step 1: Image forward modeling

## Shear bias



# Shape to Shear: Noise Bias

- Ellipticity:  $e = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \exp(2i\theta)$
- Ensemble average ellipticity is an unbiased estimator of shear.
- However, maximum likelihood ellipticity in a model fit is **not** unbiased.
- Ellipticity is a non-linear function of pixel values.



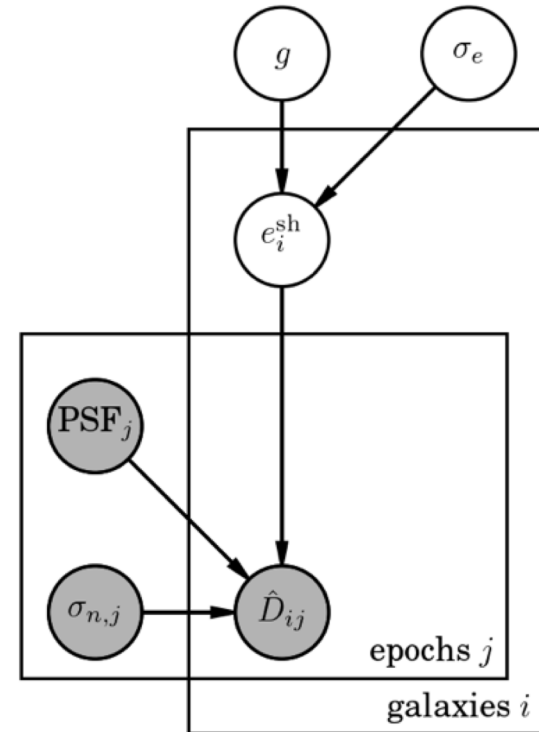
# Mitigating Noise Bias – at least 2 strategies

1. Calibrate using simulations. (im3shape, sfit)
  - But corrections are up to 50x larger than expected sensitivity!
2. Propagate entire ellipticity distribution function  $P(\text{ellip} \mid \text{data})$ 
  - Use Bayes' theorem:  $P(\text{ellip} \mid \text{data}) \propto P(\text{data} \mid \text{ellip}) P(\text{ellip})$
  - Measure  $P(\text{ellip})$  in deep fields. (lensfit, ngmix, BFD).
  - Infer simultaneously with shear in a hierarchical model. (MBI).

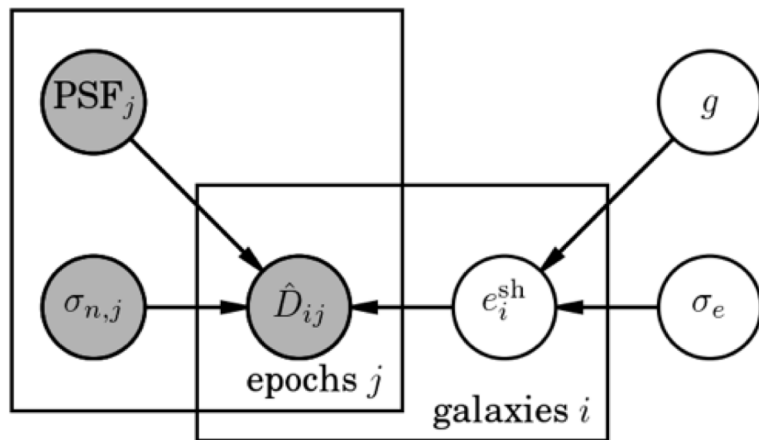
Metacalibration

# A hierarchical model for the galaxy distribution

- $\sigma_e$  = intrinsic ellipticity dispersion
- $e^{\text{int}}$  = galaxy intrinsic ellipticity
- $g$  = shear
- $e^{\text{sh}}$  = galaxy sheared ellipticity
- PSF = point spread function
- $D$  = model image
- $\sigma_n$  = pixel noise
- $D$  = data: observed image



# Our graphical model tells us how to factor the joint likelihood



- Use a probabilistic graphical model to encode the factorization of the joint probability distribution of variables in the model.
- We don't care about  $e^{\text{sh}}$  for cosmology, so integrate it out.

$$\Pr(g, \sigma_e | \{\text{PSF}\}_j, \{\sigma_{n,j}, \{D_{ij}\}\})$$

$$\propto \int d^{n_{\text{gal}}} \{e_i^{\text{sh}}\} \left[ \prod_{ij} \Pr(D_{ij} | \text{PSF}_j, \sigma_{n,j}, e_i^{\text{sh}}) \right] \left[ \prod_i \Pr(e_i^{\text{sh}} | g, \sigma_e) \Pr(g) \Pr(\sigma_e) \right]$$

Huge complicated integral to compute for every posterior evaluation.

# Importance Sampling allows tractable divide & compute :

## The pseudo-marginal likelihood

Want:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{d}|\alpha) \propto \prod_{n=1}^{n_{\text{gal}}} \int d\omega_n \underbrace{\Pr(\omega_n|\alpha)}_{\text{Galaxy dist.}} \underbrace{\Pr(\mathbf{d}_{n,i}|\omega_n)}_{\text{Likelihood}}$$

Have samples from:

$$\Pr(\omega_n|\mathbf{d}_n, I_0)$$

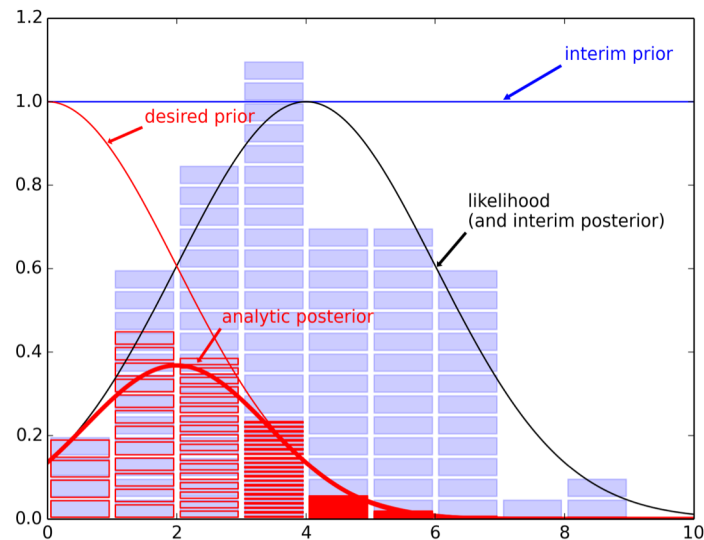
‘Interim prior’  
specification

Importance sampling:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{d}_n|\alpha) \approx \frac{Z_n}{K} \sum_k \frac{\Pr(\omega_{nk}|\alpha)}{\Pr(\omega_{nk}|I_0)},$$

$$\Pr(\mathbf{d}|\alpha) = \prod_{n=1}^{n_{\text{gal}}} \Pr(\mathbf{d}_n|\alpha).$$

Ongoing research question:  
How many interim samples are needed?

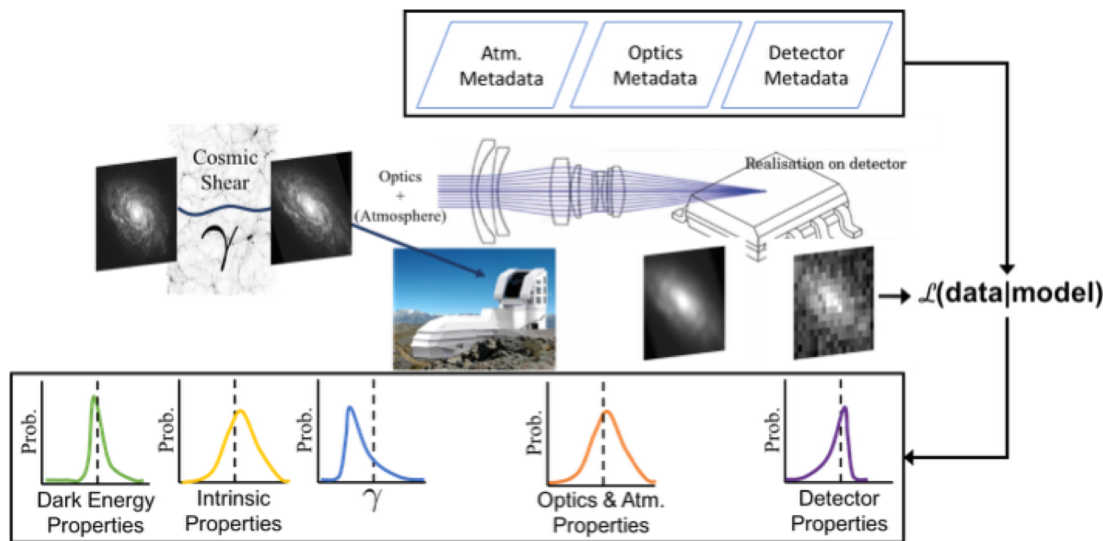


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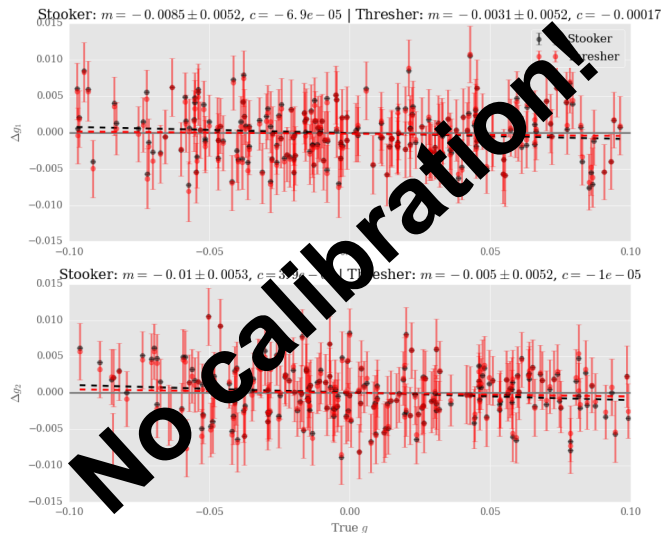


# Our hierarchical Bayesian forward models can meet LSST systematics tolerances for galaxy shear when the model is accurate enough

The forward model of our galaxy image data



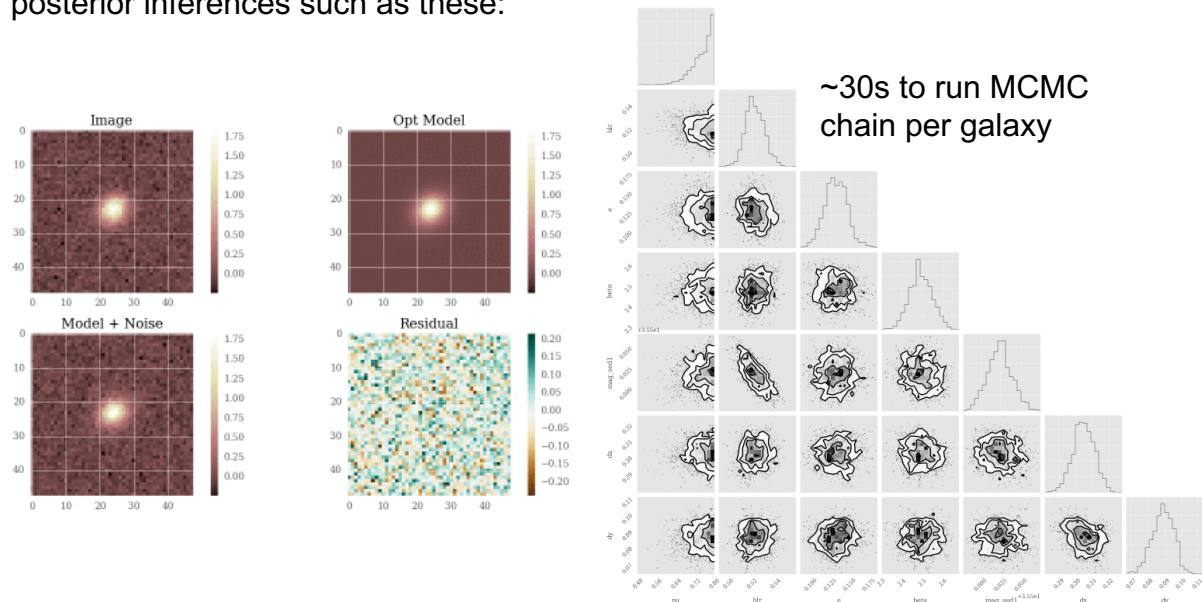
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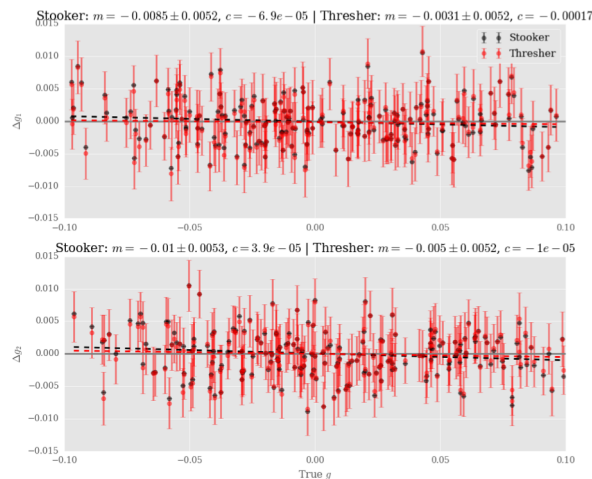
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# Accurate modeling in an MCMC framework is more computationally demanding than traditional approaches – but still tractable

Every data point on the right is inferred from thousands of galaxy image model posterior inferences such as these:



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LSST data volume: 4 billion galaxies, each seen 1000 times



# Step 3: Hierarchical inference

## Probabilistic cosmological one-point statistics

# Probabilistic cosmological mass mapping

with a maximum-entropy prior for computationally tractable probabilistic shear

Interpolate the unobserved lensing potential with GP

$$\psi_s \sim GP(0, \Sigma),$$

$\kappa, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  are the second (spatial) derivatives of  $\psi_s$

$$\text{Cov}(\psi_{,ij}(\vec{x}), \psi_{,kl}(\vec{y})) = \Sigma_{,x_i x_j y_k y_l}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}).$$

GP kernels of  $\kappa, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  are linear combinations of the 4th (spatial) derivatives of the kernel of  $\psi_s$

Zero E/B mode mixing by construction

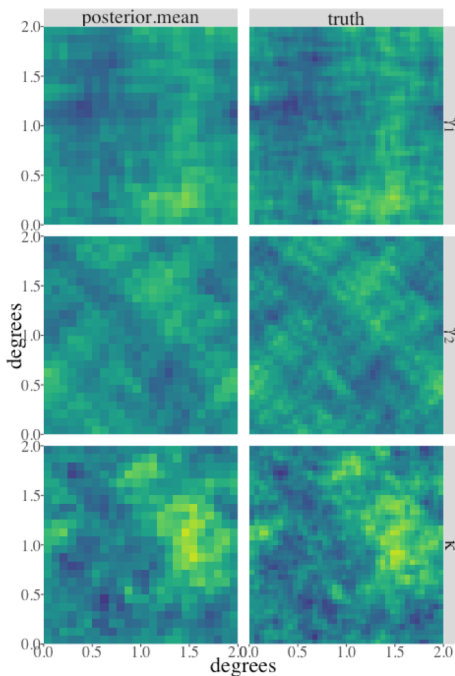
*Objective:* infer the late-time 3D gravitational potential and cosmological parameters

- Can make potential complex to model B-mode systematics
- IA models generate an additional (complex) potential
- Cosmology and systematics signals separable in a GP mixture

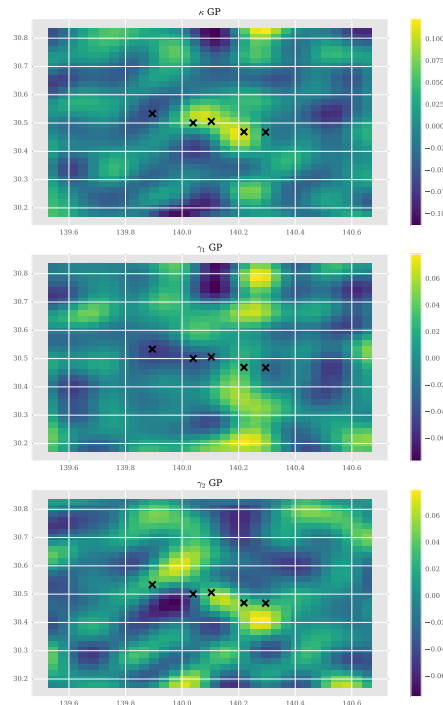
# Hierarchical inference of cosmological lensing mass distributions

Akin to Wiener filter, but more appropriate for late-time mass density and systematics

## Validation with simulations

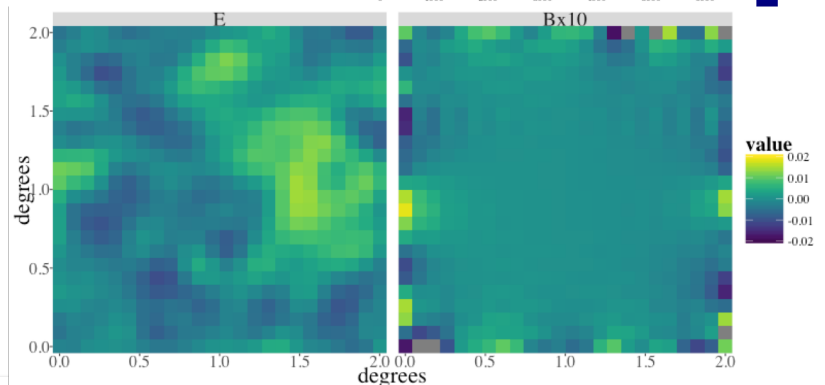
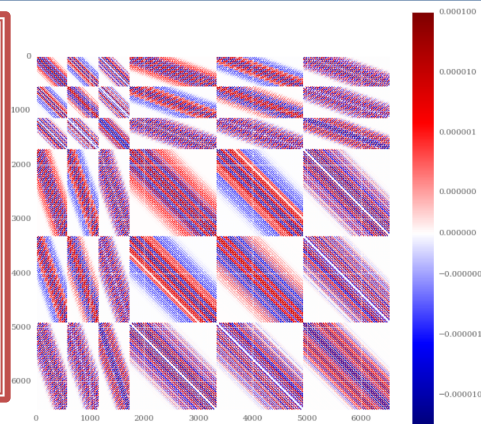


## A real merging galaxy cluster



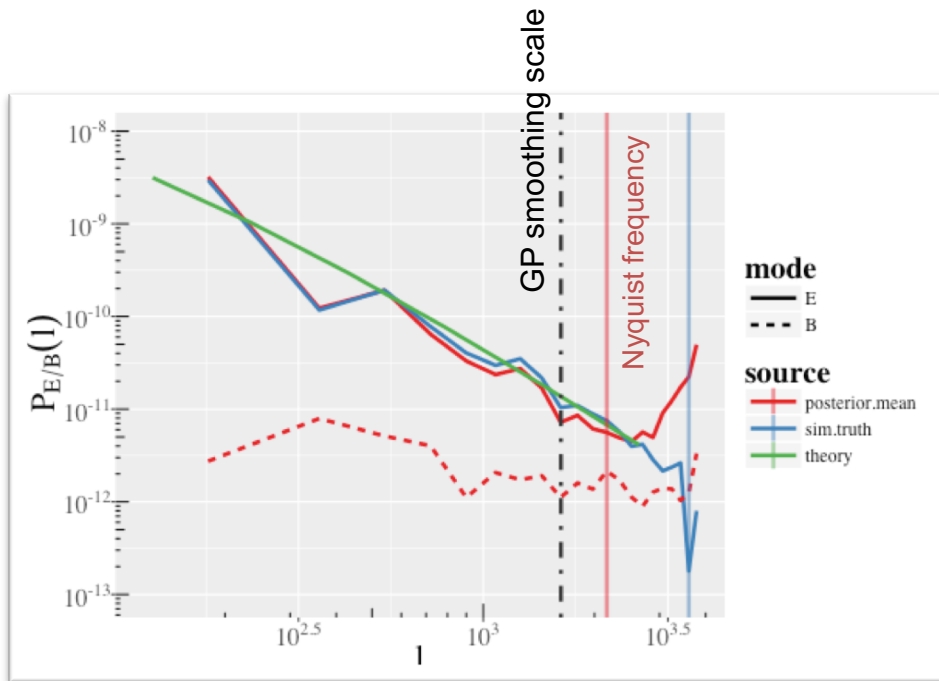
## New:

- Linear and nonlinear scales reconstructed in one framework
- No E/B mode mixing by construction



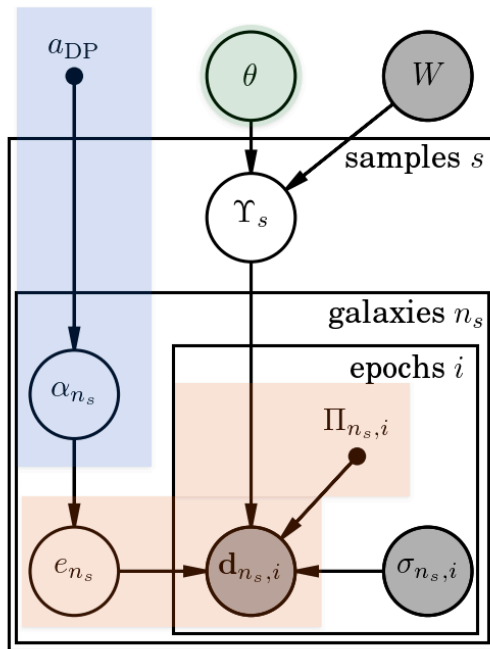


# Lensing convergence maps with a GP prior yield accurate E/B mode power spectra

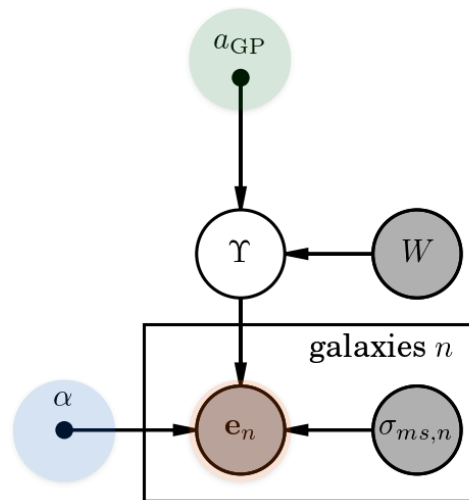


# The GP prior for the lens potential can be used with existing galaxy ellipticity catalogs to explore new cosmological statistics

Simple model for pixel data




Approximate model  
for ellipticity catalog



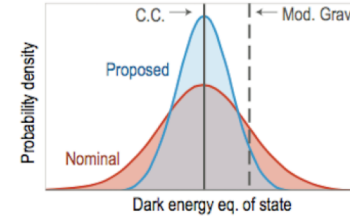
# Sparse Gaussian Processes

(Adapted from S. Banerjee et al. arXiv:1406.7343)

- Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k\}$  be a reference set of sky locations
  - Spatial random process:  $(w(s_1), w(s_2), \dots, w(s_k))^T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K_\theta)$
  - Equivalent to auto-regressive process:  $w(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i(t)w(s_i) + \eta(t)$
- Independent ‘noise’:  $\eta(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2(t))$
- The  $a_i(t) \neq 0$  **only if**  $t$  is a neighbor of  $s_i$  
- Equivalent to the Generalized Cholesky Decomposition

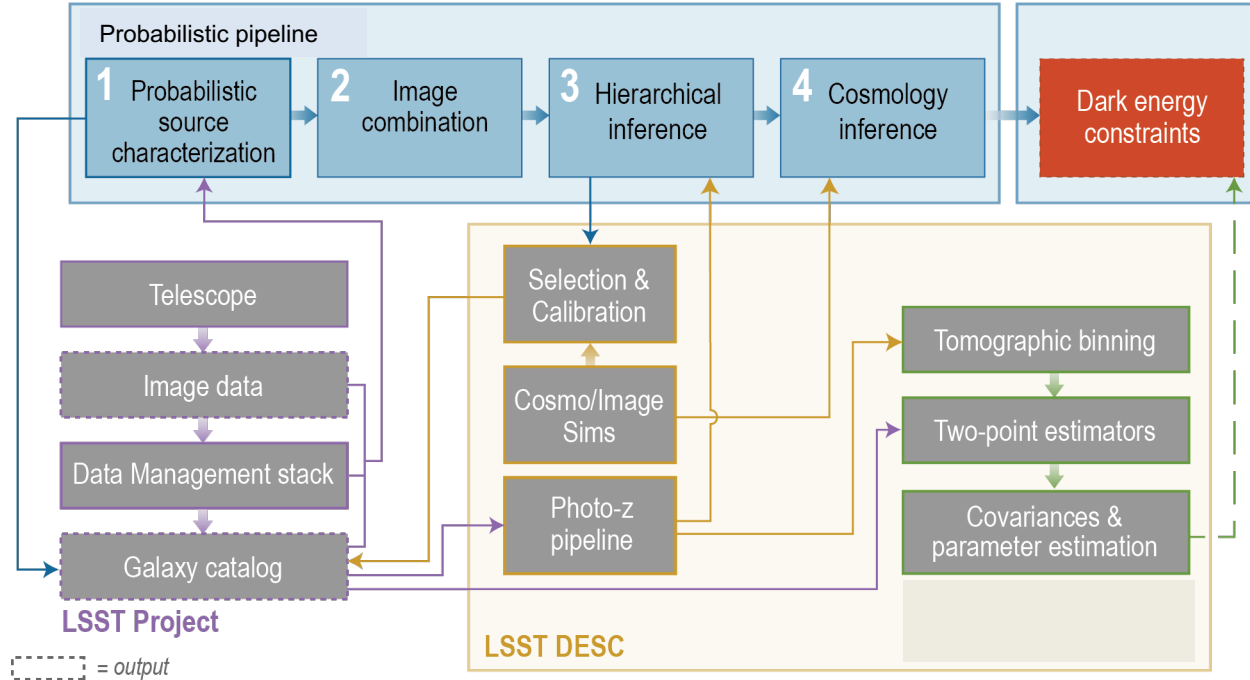
Stores  $n$  small  $m \times m$  matrices  
Flop count is linear in  $n$

See Daniels & Pourahmadi 2002  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/4140601>



## Step 4: Cosmology inference

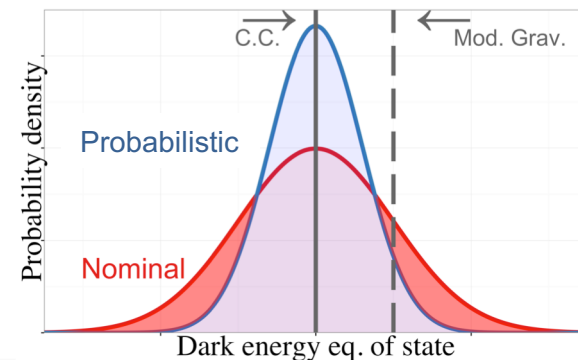
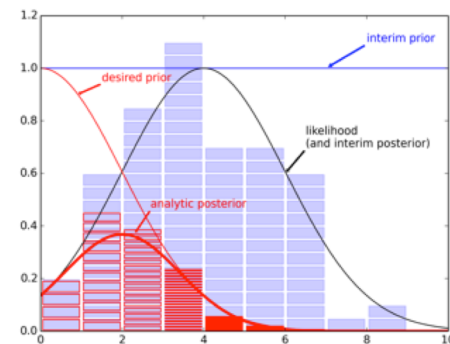
# A probabilistic weak lensing workflow plan for LSST





# Summary

- Cosmic shear is systematics limited & signal is dominated by PSF and astrophysics
  - A probabilistic approach is warranted to infer a small signal and mitigate biases
- A hierarchical probabilistic model for cosmic shear can trade bias for variance, but also can increase precision by learning latent structure in the galaxy distribution.
- Importance sampling methods allow tractable approaches to a probabilistic forward model of LSST imaging
  - With billions of galaxies and hundreds of epochs per galaxy modeling LSST imaging requires an approach to separating analyses of data subsets, even though statistically correlated
- We are able to sample from a probabilistic model with multiple hierarchies to marginalize both correlated image systematics and astrophysical properties of galaxies.





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