



# Strong but not quite: Gravitational flexion in galaxy clusters



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# The many faces of a galaxy cluster



N-Body simulations



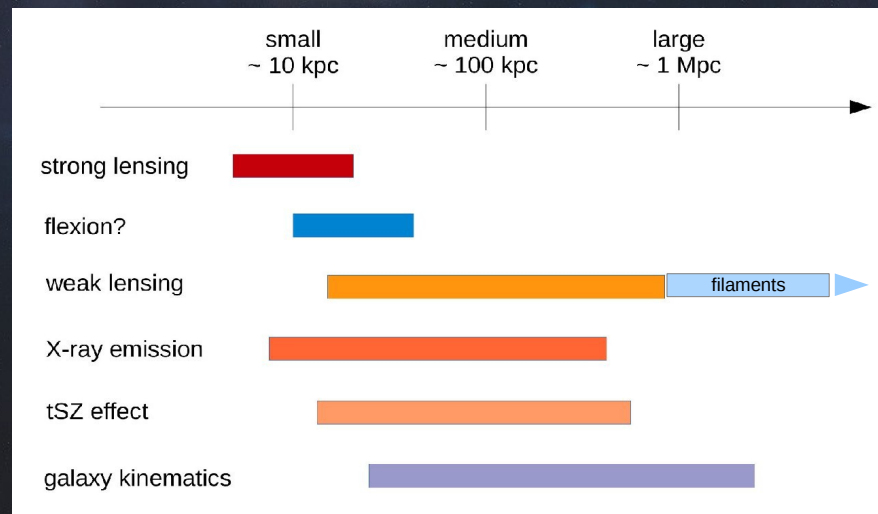
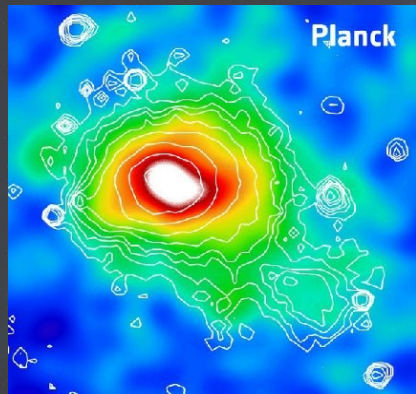
Gravitational lensing(s)



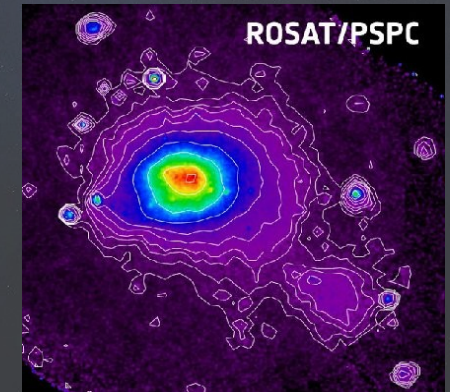
Galaxy overdensity



SZ

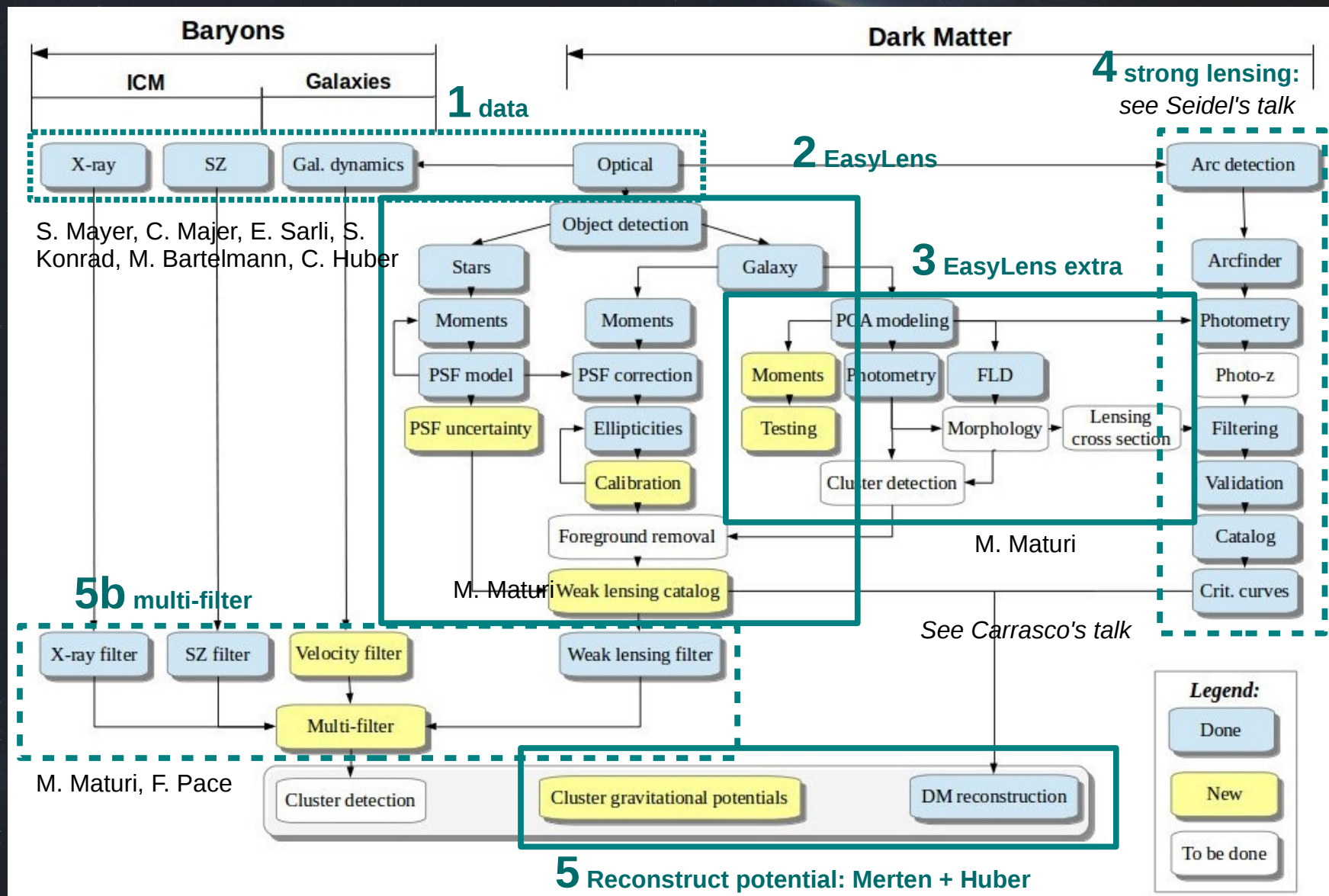


X-ray emission



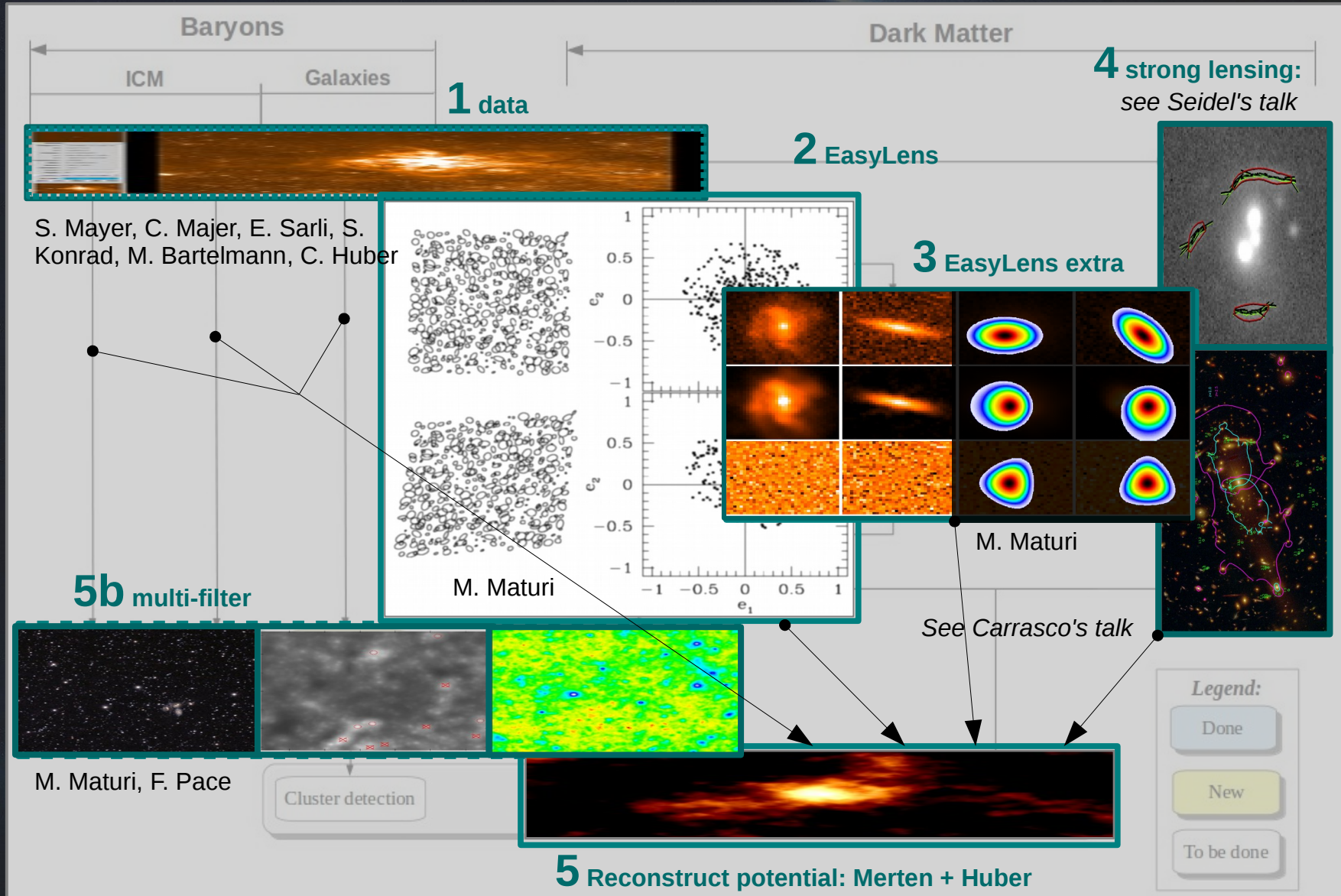


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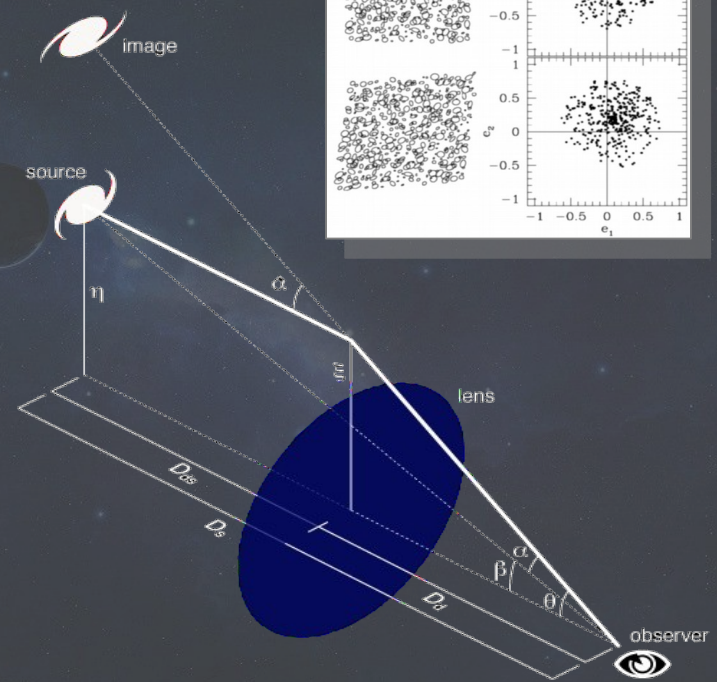
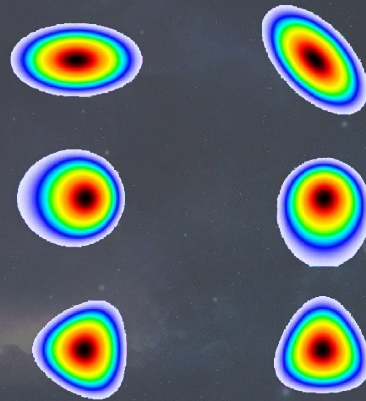
# Gravitational lensing in short

All lensing effects given by effective lensing potential:

$$\psi = \frac{2}{c^2} \frac{D_{ds}}{D_d D_s} \int \Phi dz$$

(Potential) observables:

- Surface-mass density:  $\kappa = \partial^{\dagger} \partial \psi$
- Shear:  $\gamma = \partial^2 \psi$
- Critical curves:  
 $\det(\delta_{ij} - \partial_i \partial_j \psi) = 0$
- Flexion:  $\mathcal{F} = \partial \kappa$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \partial \gamma$



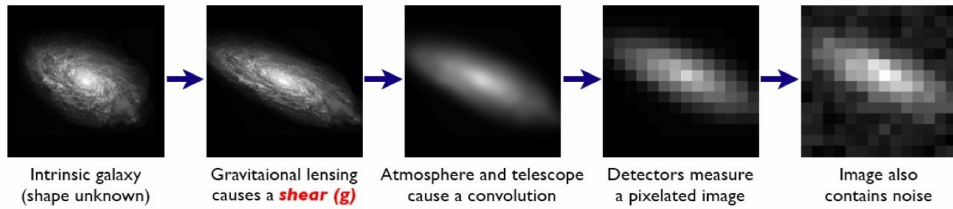




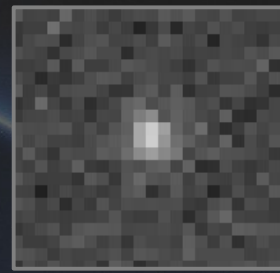
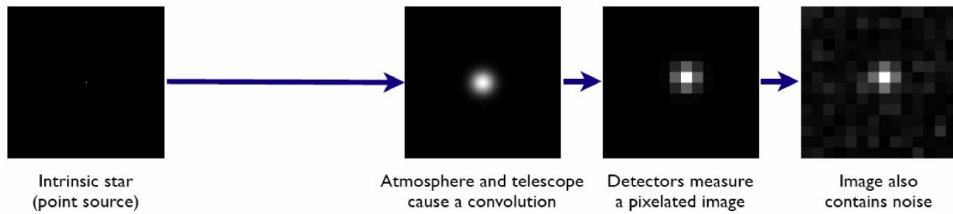
## ***"Strong but not quite: gravitational flexion in galaxy clusters"***

Gravitational lensing is very successful in recovering information both on large scales (weak lensing) and on small scales (strong lensing) but many difficulties still have to be faced in recovering the intermediate regime, i.e. gravitational flexion. Being very sensitive to substructures, flexion would be of great help in completing our understanding of galaxy clusters. Although it is based on very clean physics, its actual measure is complicated by intervening spurious contributions and observational effects. **In this talk I am going to discuss the main aspects that have to be confronted to recover this challenging and hopefully powerful signal.**

**Galaxies:** Intrinsic galaxy shapes to measured image:



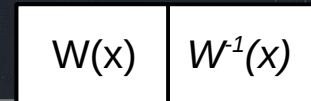
**Stars:** Point sources to star images:



# Measuring lensing

## Ellipticity and flexion

Euclidean collaboration



### Moment of brightness

$$\{G\}_{i,j} \equiv \int d^2x G(\mathbf{x}) x_1^i x_2^j$$

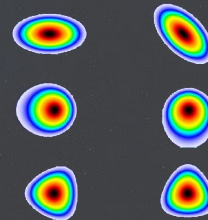
$$\chi \equiv \frac{\{G\}_{2,0} - \{G\}_{0,2} + 2i\{G\}_{1,1}}{\{G\}_{2,0} + \{G\}_{0,2}}$$

### Correct for the telescope PSF

$$\{G^*\}_{i,j} = \sum_k^i \sum_l^j \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{l} \{G\}_{k,l} \{P\}_{i-k,j-l}$$

----- ! GREAT, BUT ! -----

### Cope with noise: apply a weight



$$I(\mathbf{x}) = G(\mathbf{x}) + N(\mathbf{x})$$

$$I_w(\mathbf{x}) \equiv W(\mathbf{x}) I(\mathbf{x})$$

### De-weight:

$$W^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \approx W^{-1}(\mathbf{0}) - W'(\mathbf{0}) \left[ \sum_{k=1}^2 c_k x_k^2 + 4\epsilon_2 x_1 x_2 \right] + \dots$$



# Weighting fails with flexion

## Let's try with something else



Data and model

$$d(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}) + n(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\tilde{g}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^M a_k w_k(\mathbf{x}),$$

Split signal and noise

$$d(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^M a_k w_k(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-M} a_k w_k(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{g}(\mathbf{x}) + \tilde{n}(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$a_k = \langle d(\mathbf{x}) w_k(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i w_{ki},$$

Search for the optimal basis

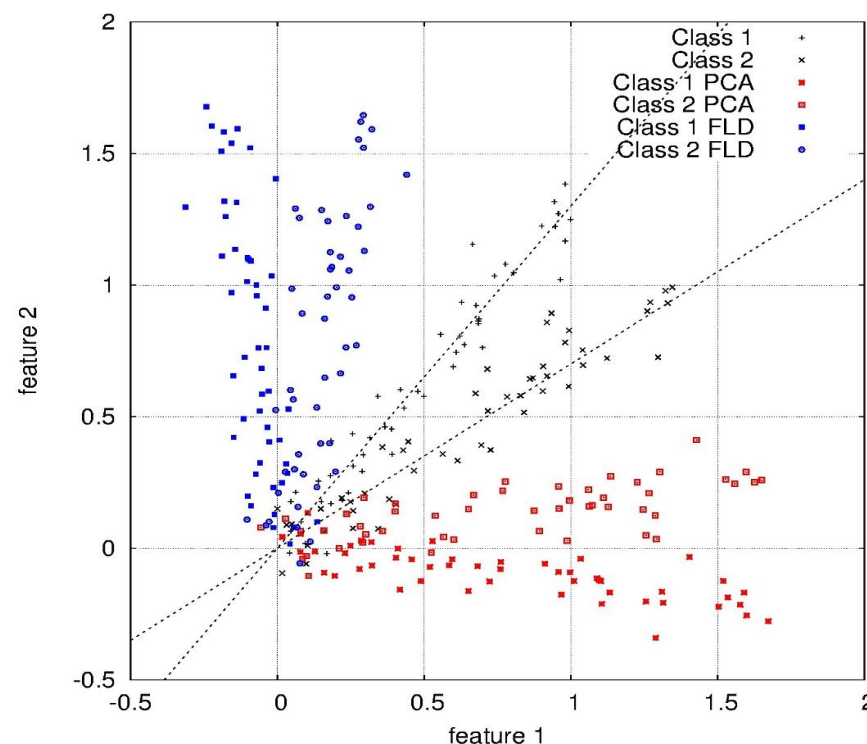
$(d_i \in D \mid i = 1, \dots, m) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  Ensemble of all  $m$  galaxies image of size  $n$   
 $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m d_i / m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  Mean of the galaxies image  
 $S = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{m} (d_i - \mu)(d_i - \mu)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  Covariance matrix  
 $(w_k \in W \mid k = 1, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  The  $n$  principal components of size  $n$ :  $S w_k = \lambda_k w_k$

$$L = w_k^T S w_k + \lambda_k (w_k^T w_k - 1),$$

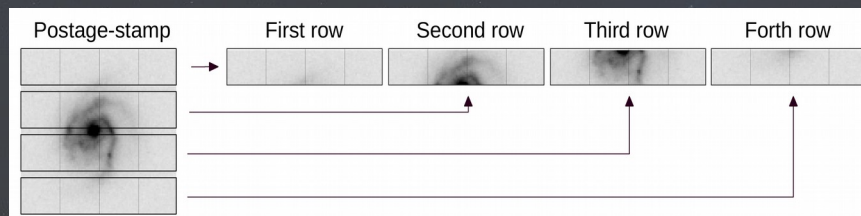
$$\delta L / \delta w^T = 0$$

Use statistics of galaxies to model them all

An image with 2 pixels

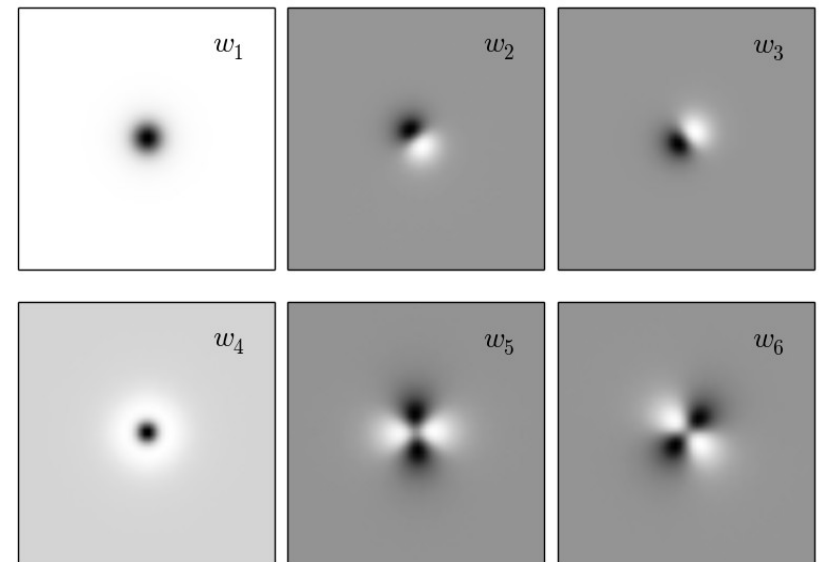
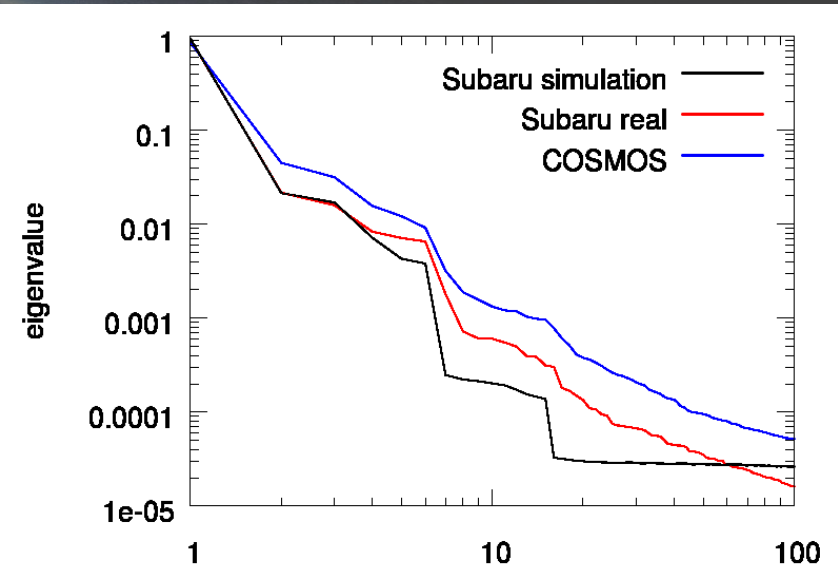
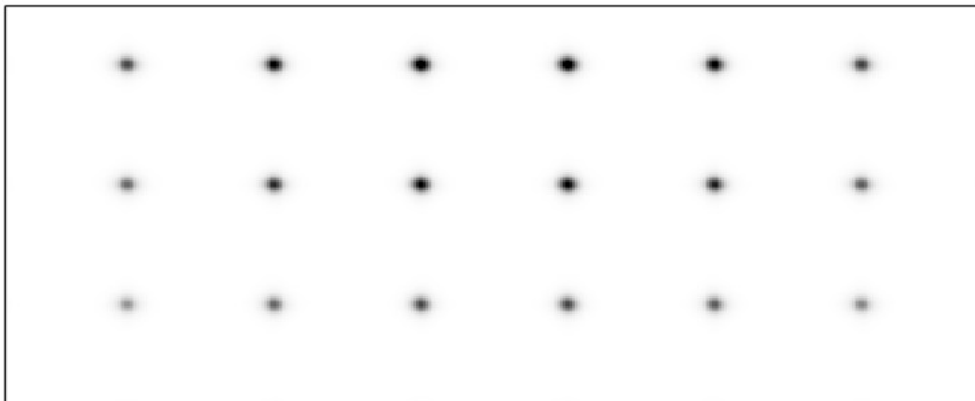
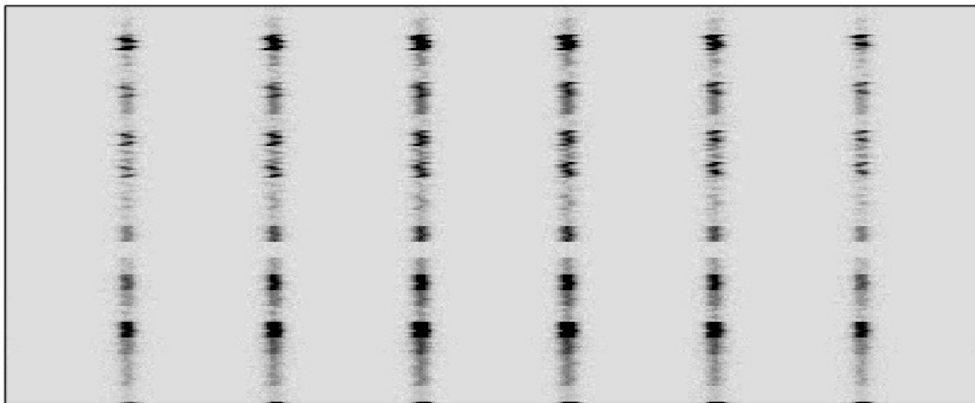
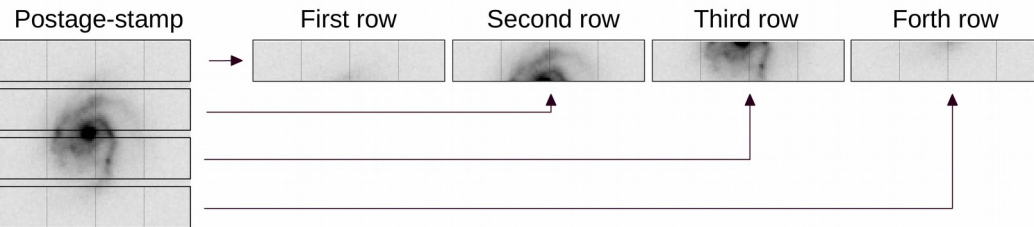


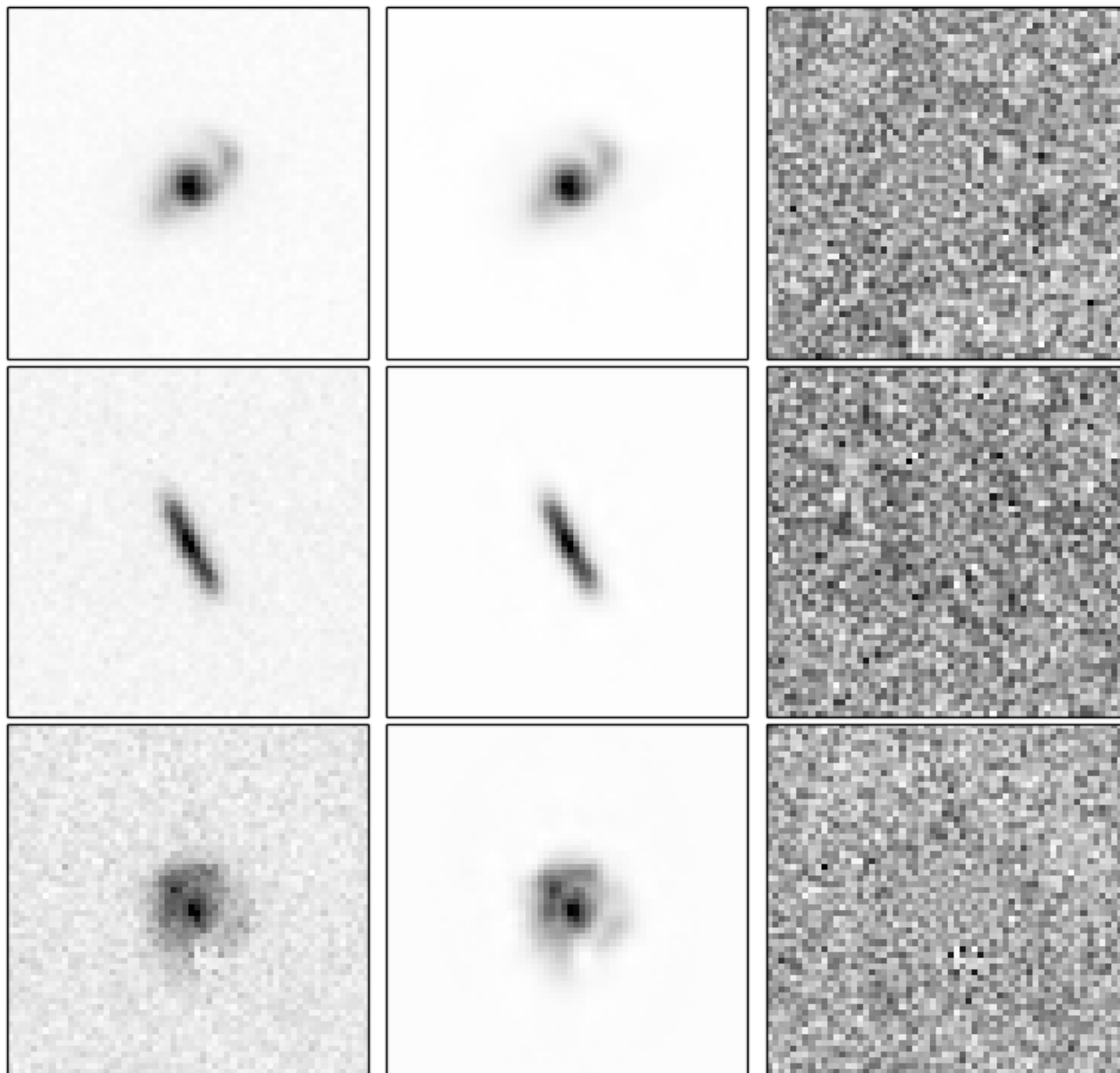
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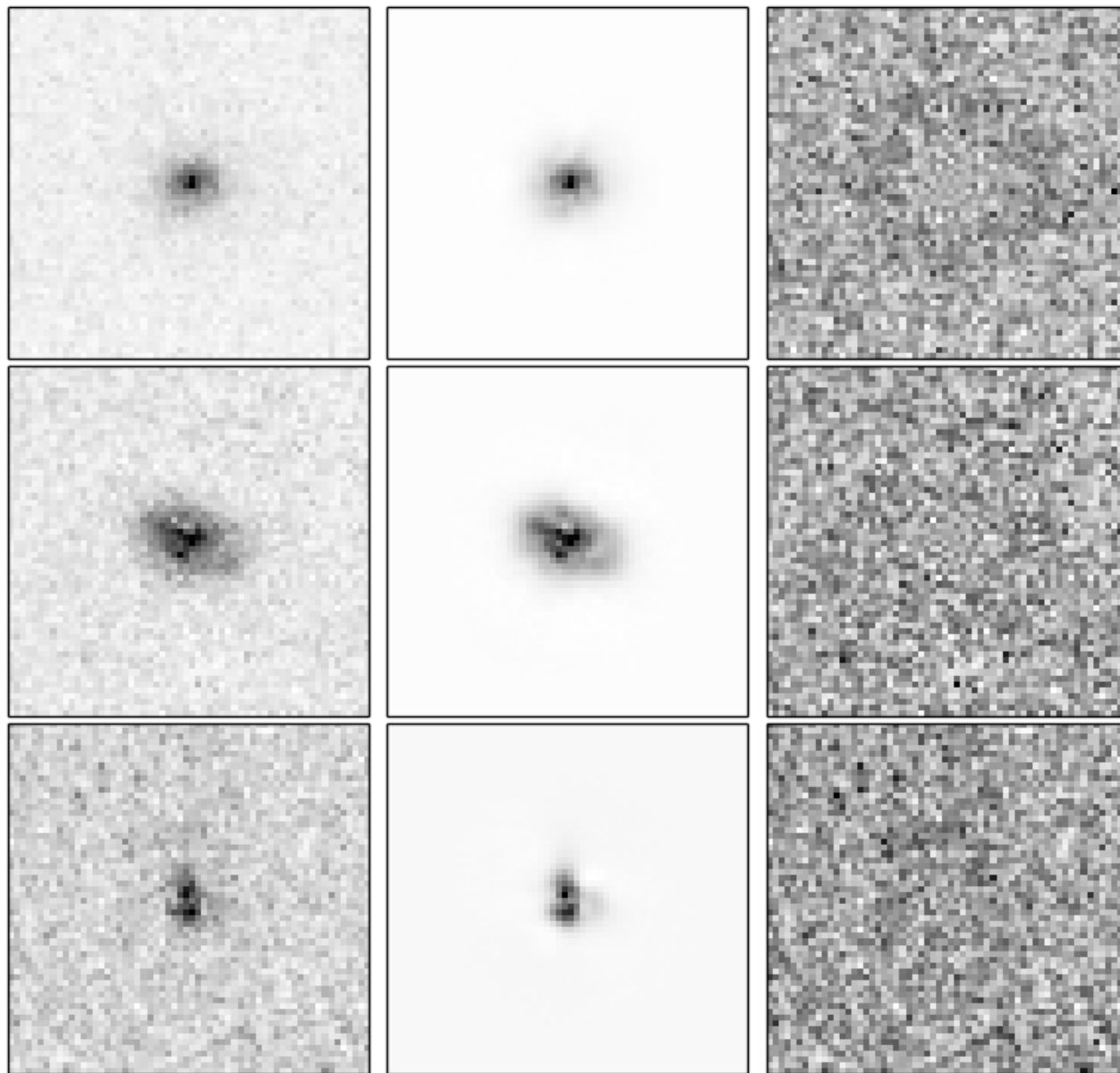
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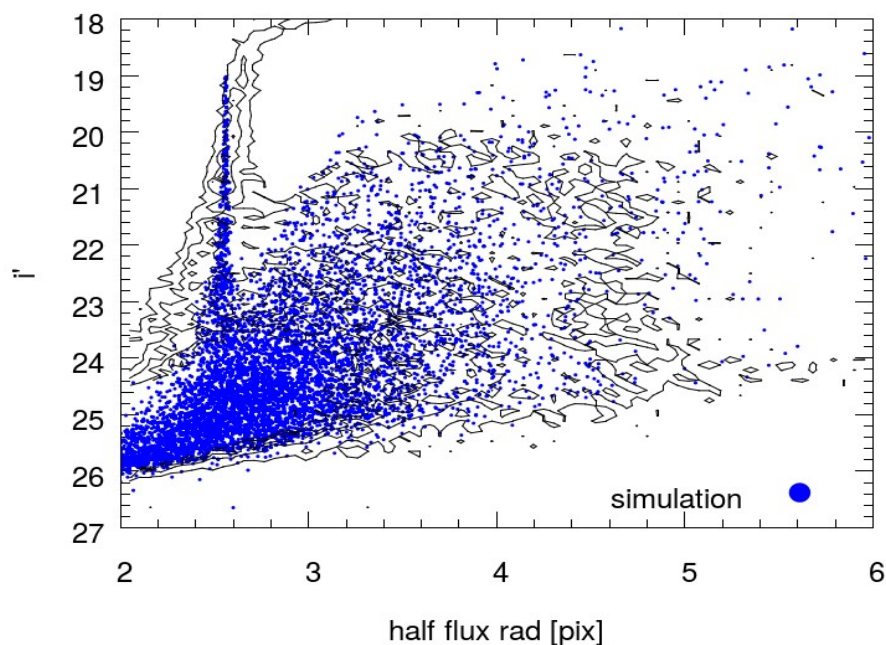


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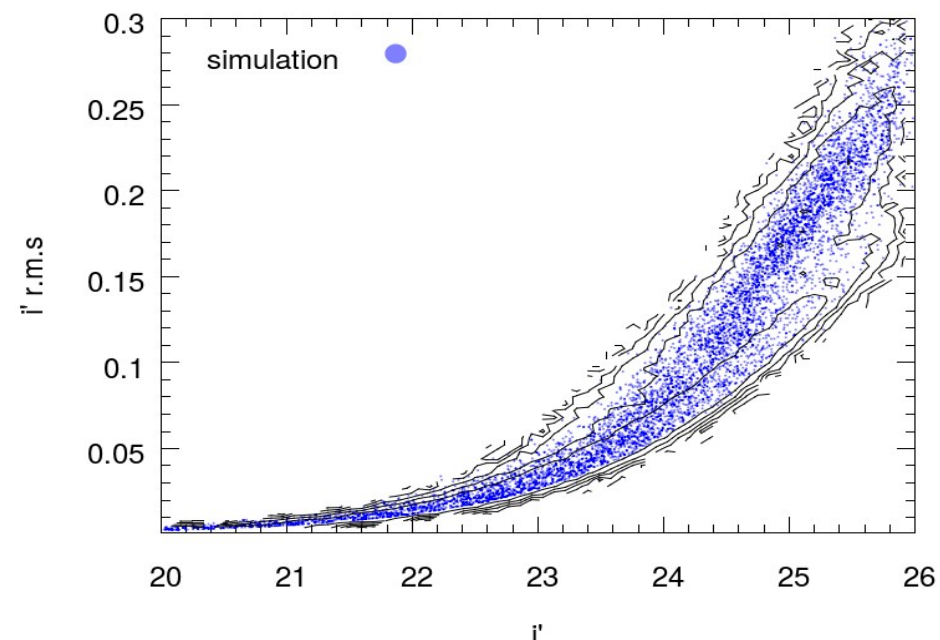
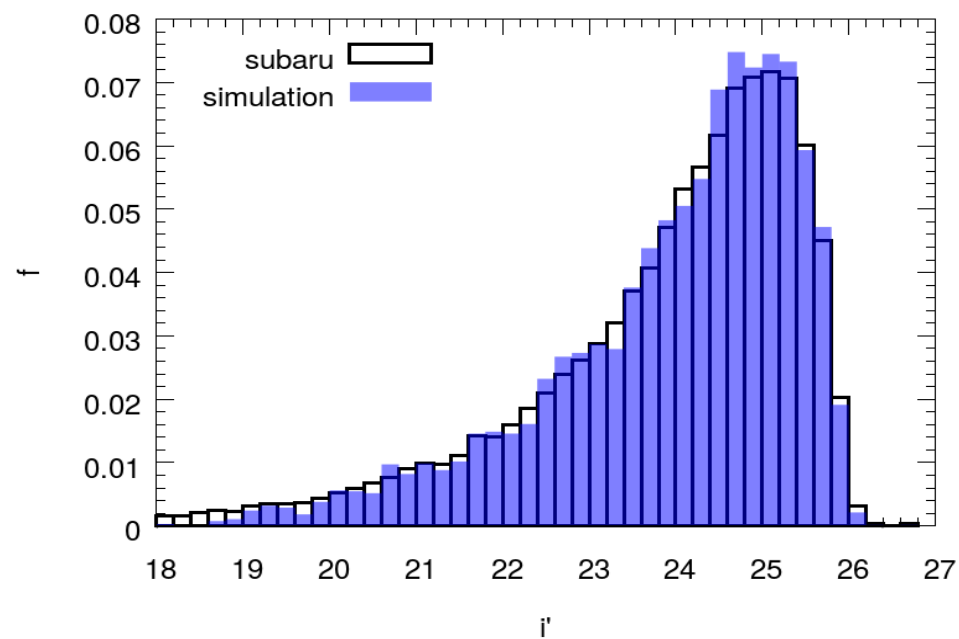




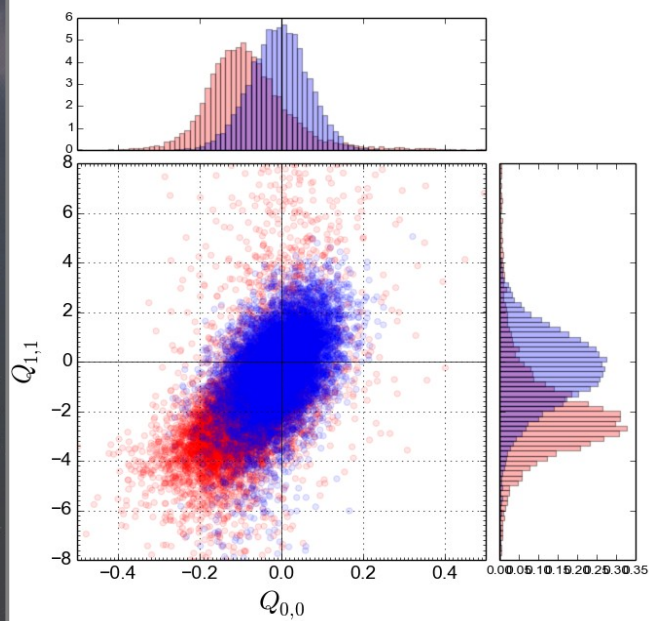
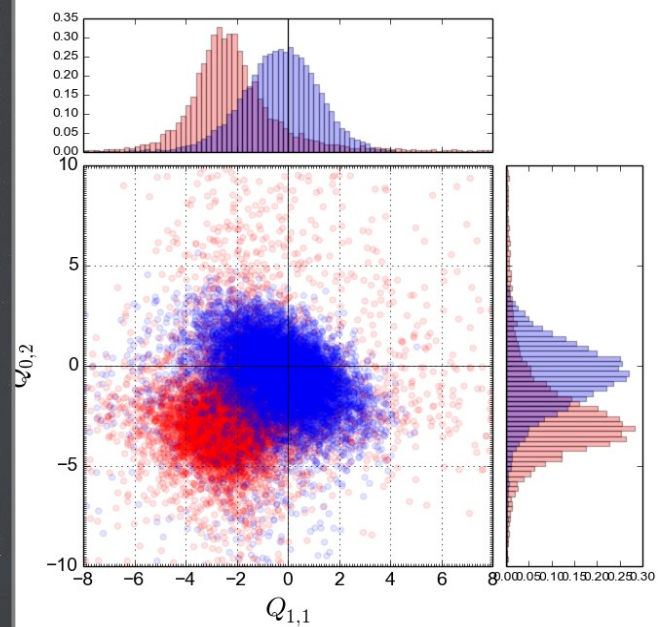
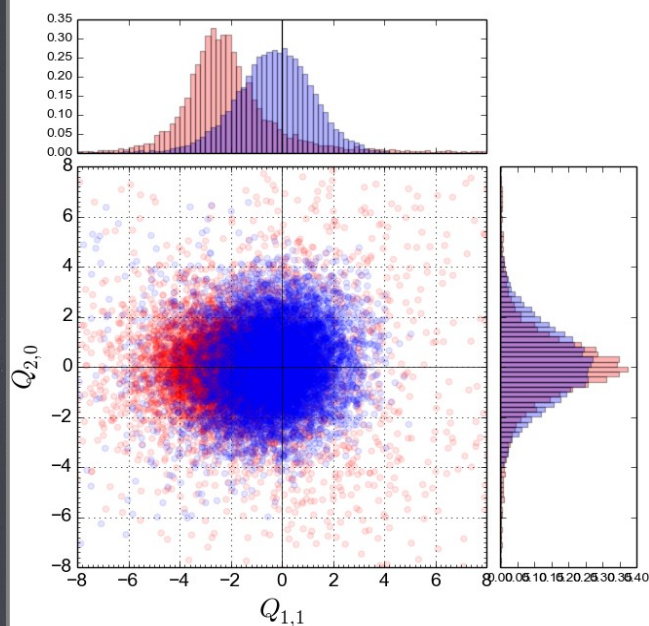
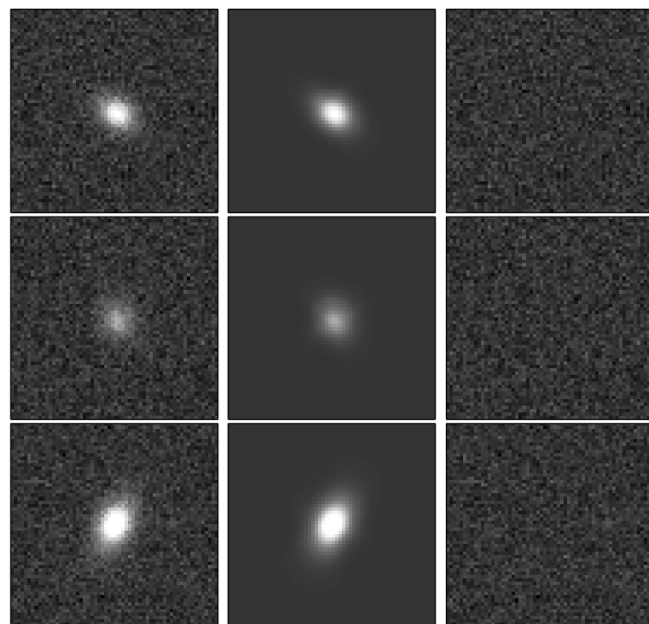
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## Test with simulations (Subaru)

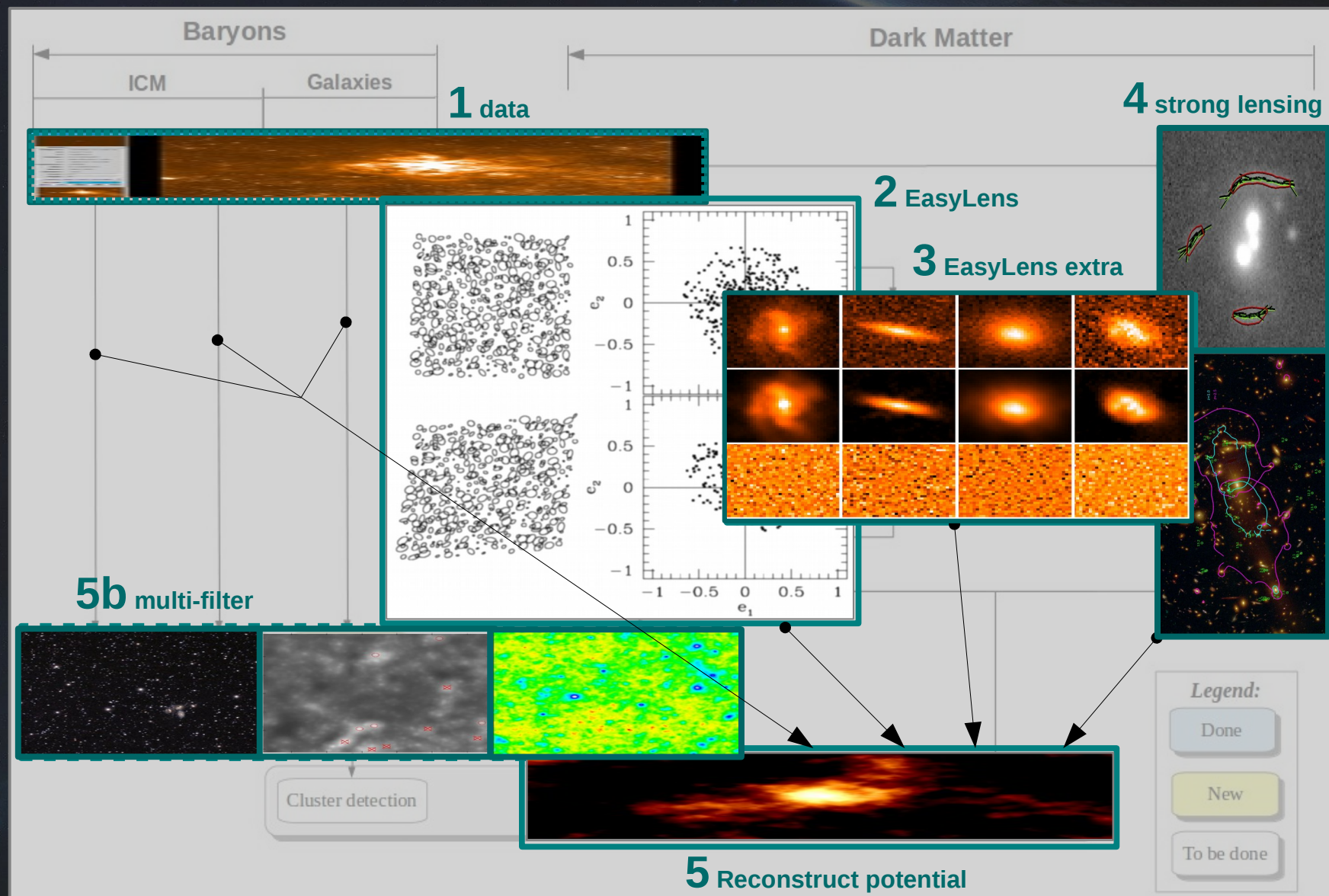






## Moments of brightness

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(1)

Probe the potential not the "mass"

(2)

Combine various observables

(3)

Use PCA to model galaxies

Get their momentum of brightness

Based on the statistics of galaxies only  
(avoid the use of simulations to calibrate?)

Hopefully G and F

