



# Update on the LSST Deblender

scarlet lite and more

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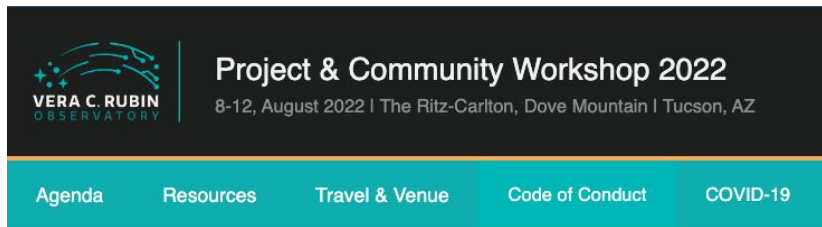


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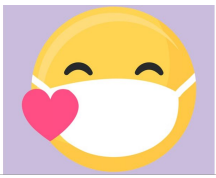
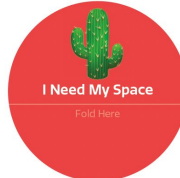




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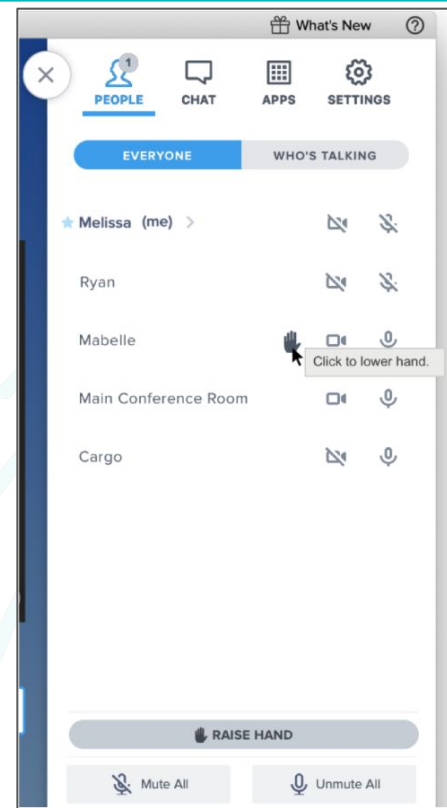


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use the BlueJeans “raise hand” feature and wait for the moderator to call on you before speaking

or

use the BlueJeans chat functionality to ask questions or make comments.



# The problem



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UDEEP image



# The problem

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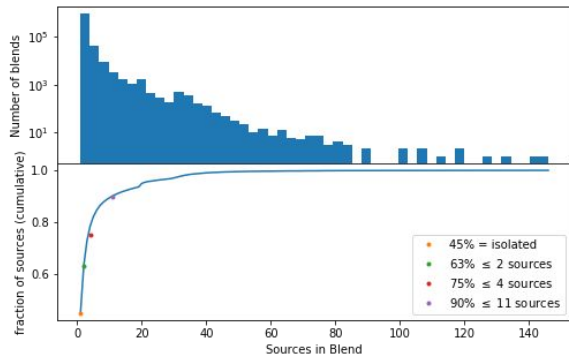


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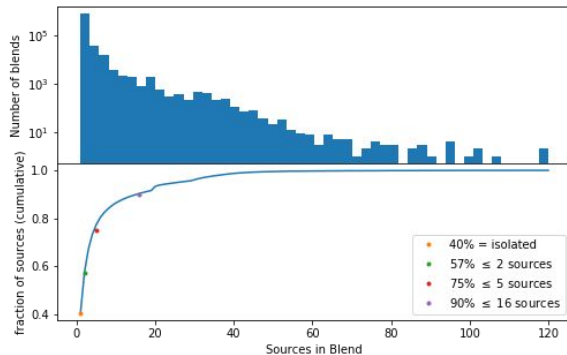
# How worried should we be?

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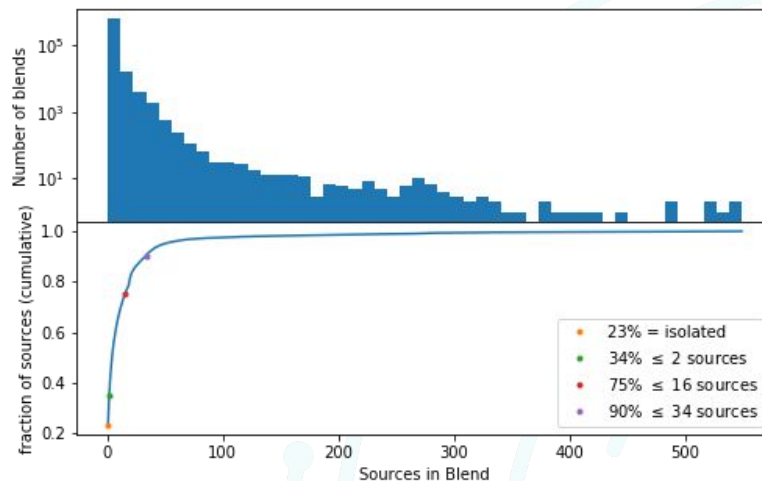


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## DEEP

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# Deblending in the science pipelines



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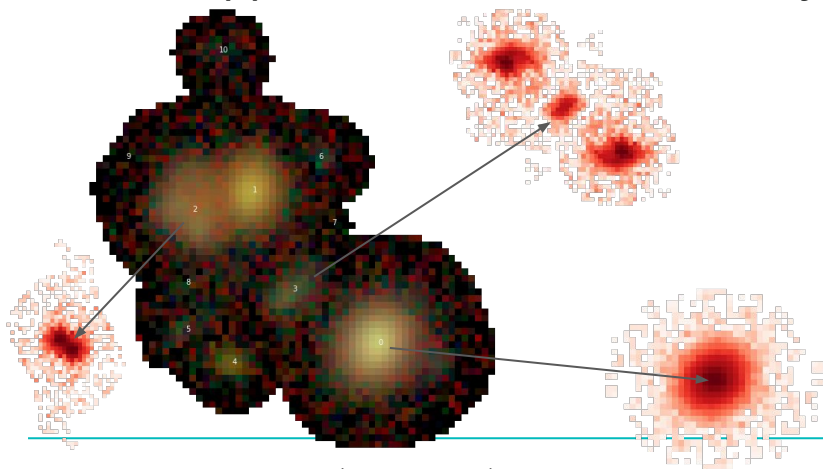


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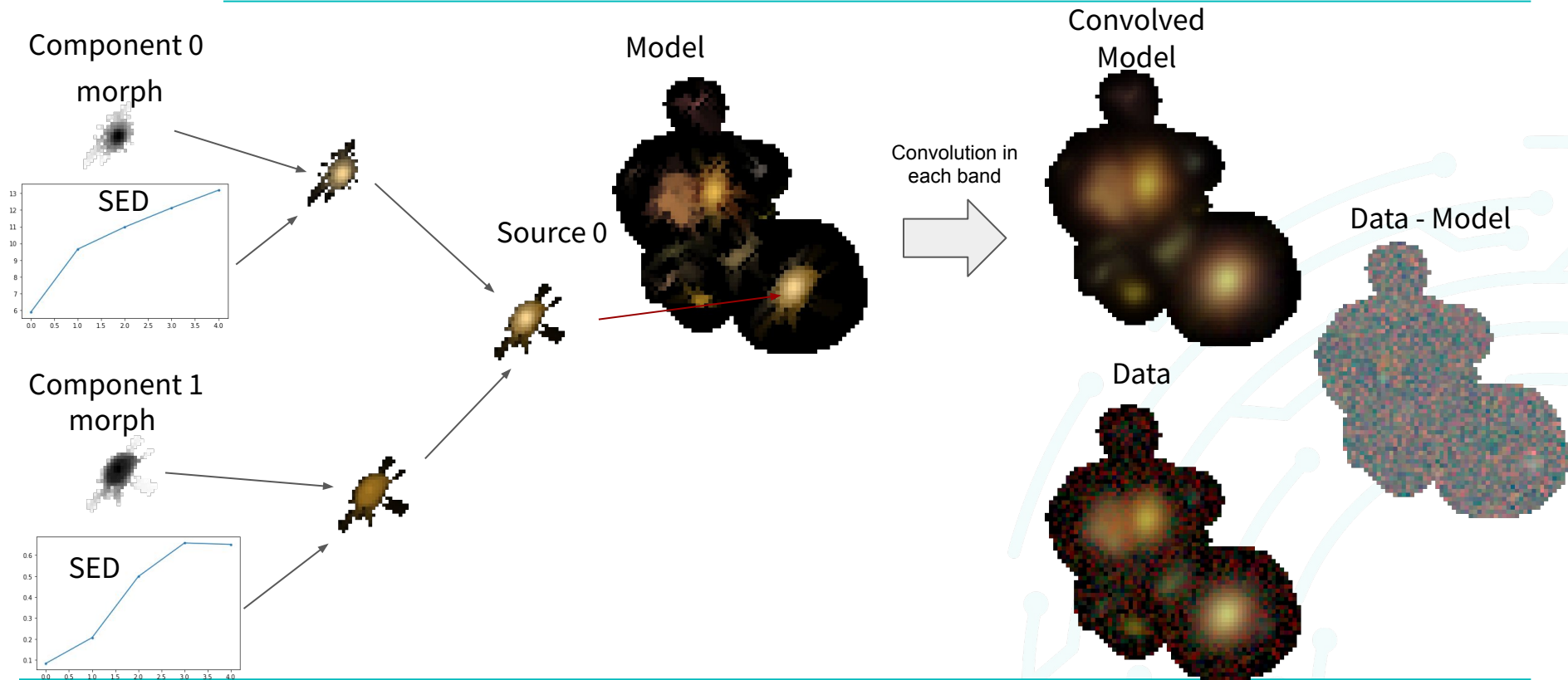
# Single-band deblender (meas\_deblender)

- Runs on single visit catalogs (but not coadds)
- Based on the SDSS deblender
- Runtime ~ 5ms / source/band
- Creates symmetric template centered at each peak
- Fits faint sources to the PSF
- Re-apportions flux based on the symmetric templates



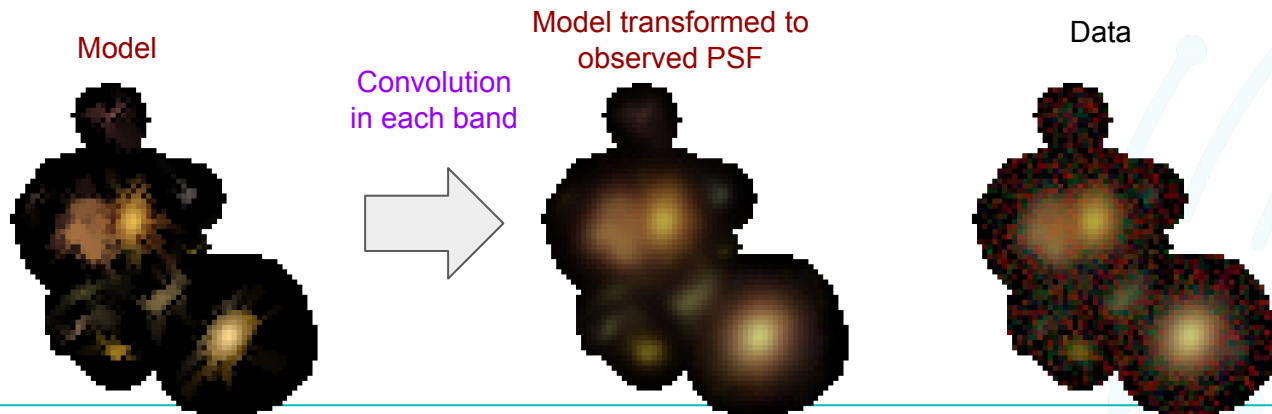


# scarlet (and scarlet lite) models



- Basic algorithm

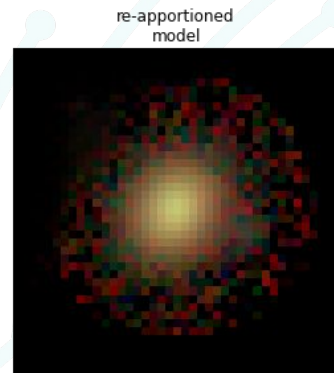
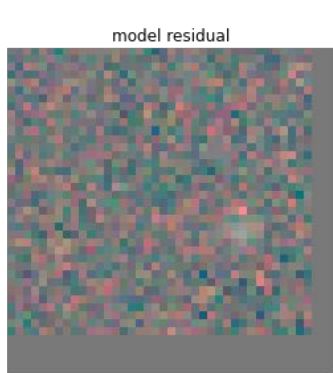
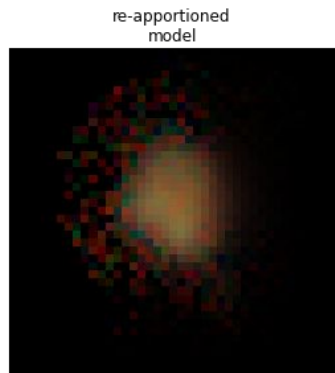
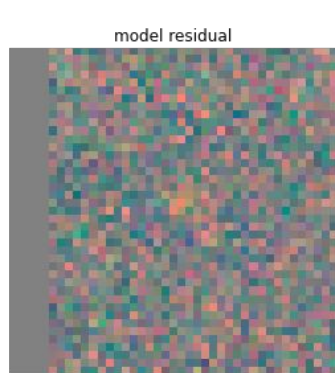
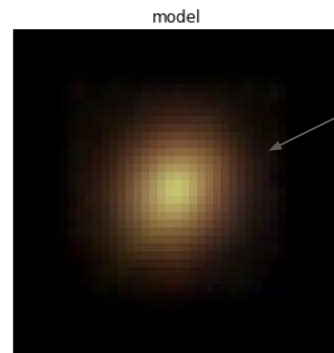
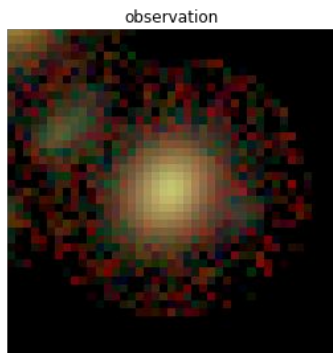
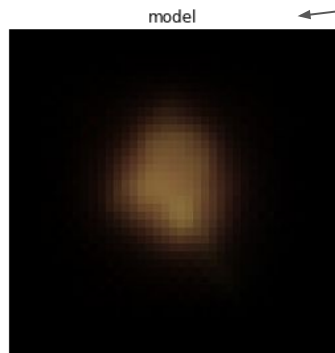
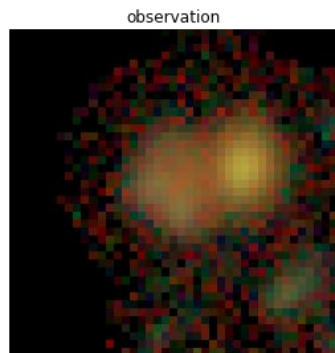
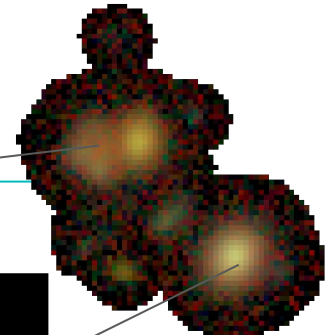
1. The user defines an initial multiband model (basically the single-band template with monotonicity)
2. The blend model exists in a frame with a narrow (but nyquist sampled) PSF
3. The blend model is convolved to the observed PSF in each band
4. AdaProx (Melchior et al. 2019) implementation of ADAM is used to apply constraints and priors to the models and calculate the gradient step
5. The gradients are back-propagated to update the model
6. Steps 2-5 are repeated until convergence



# scarlet (and scarlet lite) models

Source 2

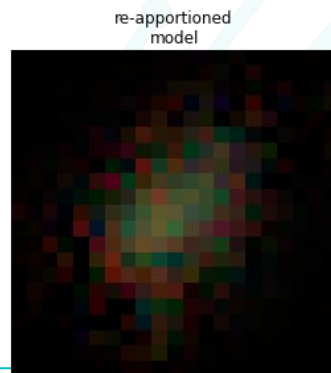
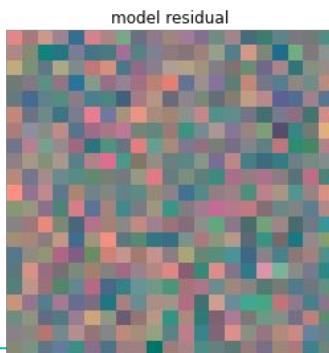
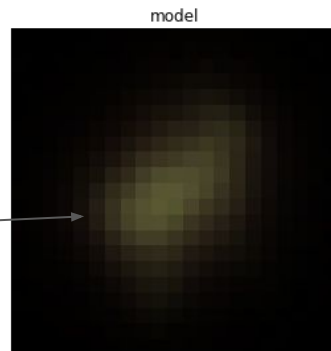
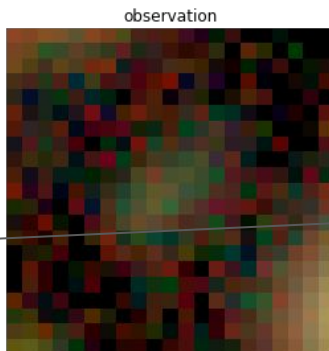
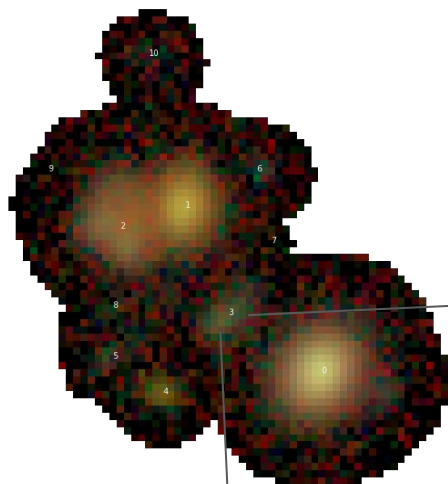
Source 0



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scarlet (lite) model

Source 3



meas\_deblender

## scarlet vs scarlet lite

scarlet



scarlet-lite

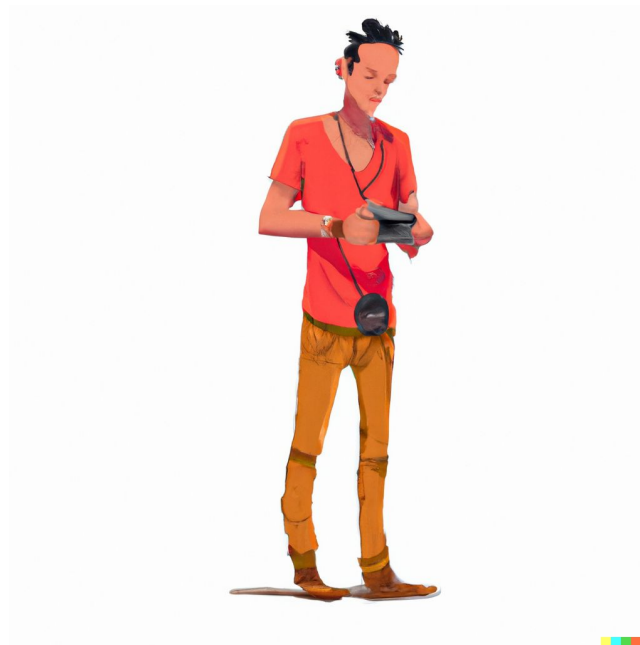
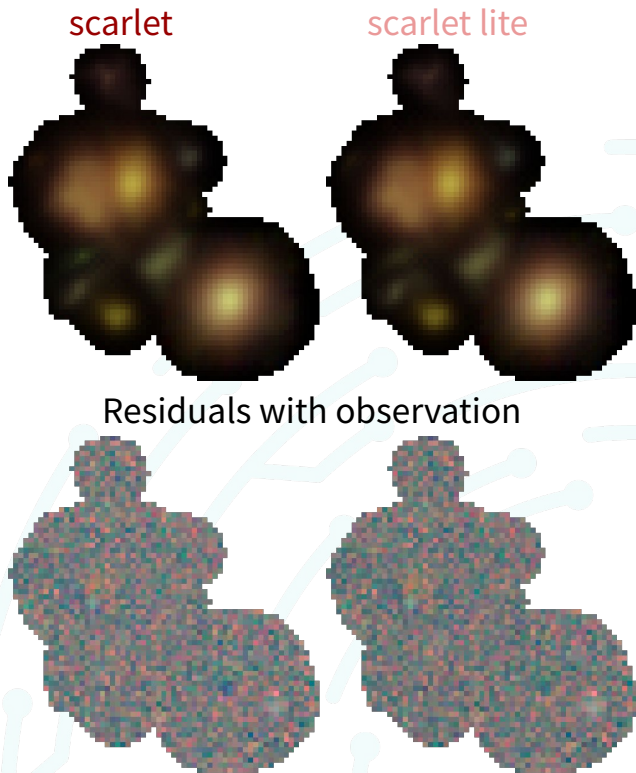


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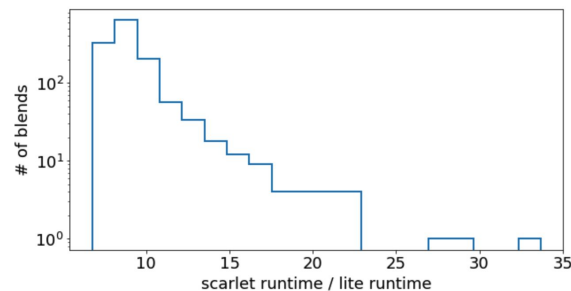
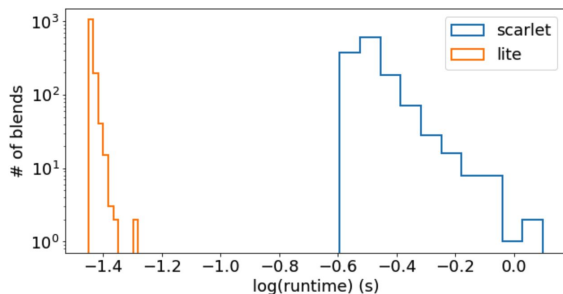


# From **scarlet** to **scarlet lite**

- What is **scarlet lite**?
  - An algorithmically identical version of **scarlet** optimized for performance with Rubin data
  - Changes from **scarlet** to **scarlet-lite**
    - **Analytic Gradients** (*removal of autograd* for calculating gradients)
    - Significant changes in the class hierarchy for easier development
- Why a change was necessary?
  - **scarlet** was the runtime bottleneck for measurement algorithms
  - **scarlet** used a large memory footprint due to unnecessary copying operations in autograd
  - Removing autograd improved **scarlet** runtime significantly

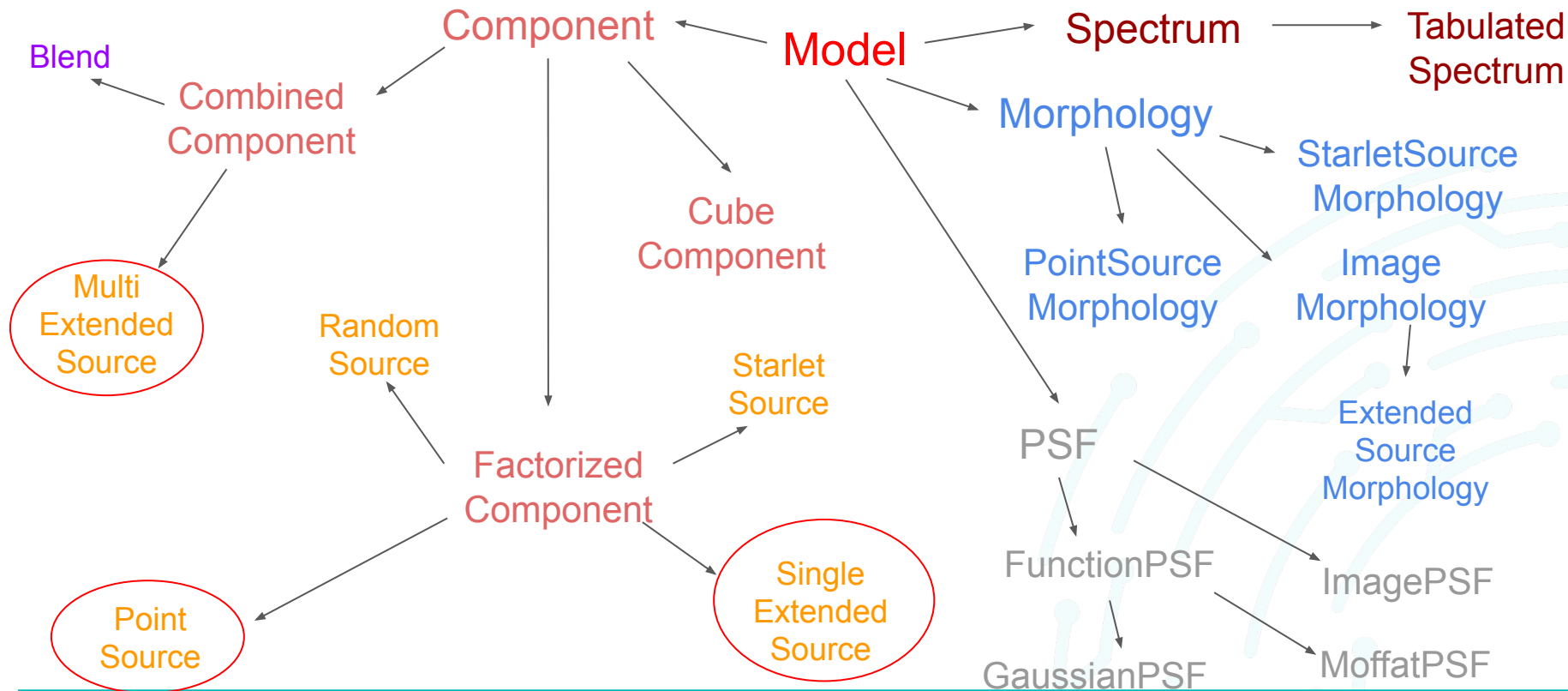


- Implements the **scarlet** optimization algorithm provided:
  - All of the images are WCS aligned to the same pixel grid
  - \*Source components can be factorized into a 1D SED array and 2D morphology array
  - Source components contain a method to calculate the gradient
- **scarlet** vs **scarlet lite** reprocessing HSC RC2 nightly patch (tract 9813, patch 40) on blends with between 3-10 children:
  - max **scarlet** memory used: **526.5 MB**
  - max **scarlet lite** memory used: **5.7 MB!**



\*This is not a strict requirement, and scarlet lite can be run with non-separable component models. But they aren't used in LSST so have not been implemented

# scarlet class hierarchy



## scarlet lite class hierarchy

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### LiteBlend

- sources
- observation

### LiteSource

- components

### LiteFactorizedComponent

- SED
- Morphology
- center

## scarlet lite outputs

- Compressed scarlet model outputs persisted as of w\_2022\_26
  - Note: implemented **after** DP 0.2 freeze 🙄
- Models can be converted into footprints, used to re-distribute observed flux (default), or used as scarlet **LiteBlend** models
- Docs in peer review now

Output (patch, rc2_subset)	Previous disk space	Compressed disk space
Deblender catalog	1.5G	112M
Measurement catalog	1.9G	787M
Forced phot catalog	2.0G	345M



# Loading catalogs with footprints

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```
from lsst.daf.butler import Butler
# Initialize the butler
butler = Butler("/repo/main", skymap="hsc_rings_v1", collections=collections)
# Load the deblender output catalog
catalog = butler.get("deepCoadd_deblendedCatalog", tract=tract, patch=patch)

# Load the scarlet models for the catalog
modelData = butler.get("deepCoadd_scarletModelData", tract=tract, patch=patch)
# Load the PSF model
psfModel = butler.get("deepCoadd_calexp.psf", tract=tract, patch=patch,
band=band)
# Update the footprints for all of the deblended sources.
modelData.updateCatalogFootprints(catalog, band=band, psfModel=psfModel,
removeScarletData=True)
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# Loading scarlet models for a blend

```
from lsst.daf.butler import Butler
import lsst.meas.extensions.scarlet as mes

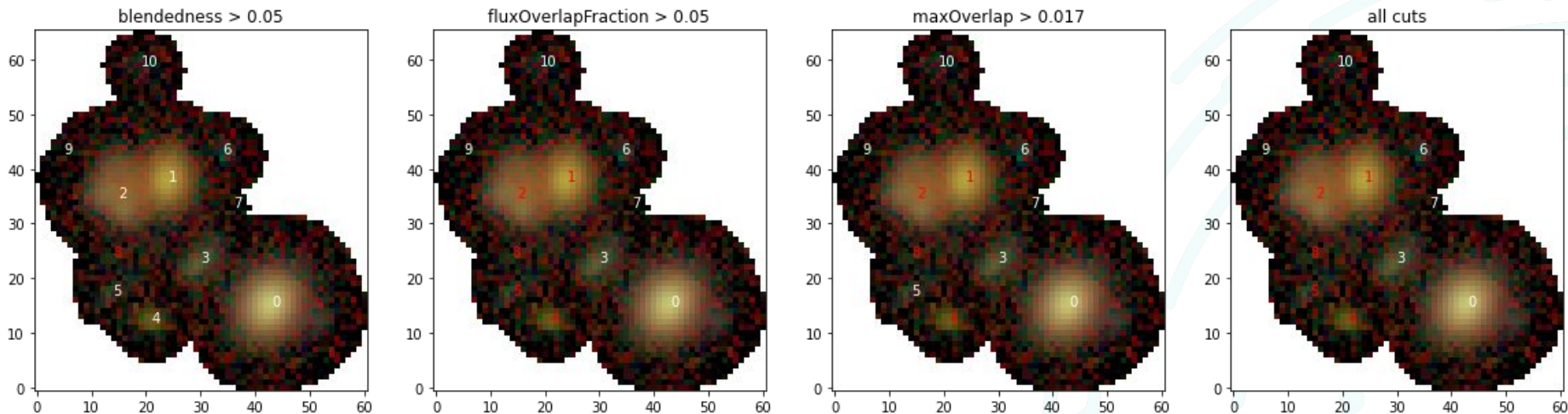
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# Select the first record with exactly 5 deblended children
parent = catalog[catalog["deblend_nChild"]== 5][0]
# Load the PSF for the observation in each band
observedPsfs = []
for band in modelData.bands:
    observedPsfs.append(butler.get("deepCoadd_calexp.psf", tract=tract, patch=patch, band=band))

# Extract the scarlet LiteBlend from the ScarletModelData
blend = mes.io.multibandDataToScarlet(
    modelData=modelData,
    blendId=parent.getId(),
    observedPsfs=observedPsfs
)
```

## Blending metrics

- maxOverlap: Maximum value of a pixel that overlaps with a neighbor
- fluxOverlapFraction: neighbor flux / source flux over the sources footprint
- blendedness/purity:  $\beta = 1 - \frac{S_k \cdot S_k}{S_{\text{all}} \cdot S_k}$
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- Example: HSC RC2 DM nightly patch:
  - 1,297,130 total sources
  - 13.8% overlap above the noise in r-band (maxOverlap)
  - 7.8% overlap with at least 5% of the total flux (fluxOverlapRatio)
  - 4.5% have blendedness > 0.05 (blendedness)
  - 13.8% meet at least one of the above criteria

## Future work

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- Test subtracting scarlet models instead of using the noise replacer for measurement (similar to DES)
- Test fitting only the high SNR regions with scarlet and fitting the wings of stars and galaxies with something else (Gaussian mixtures?)
- Create a new stand alone **scarlet lite** package
- Improve initialization around bright objects and crowded fields





# Extras



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# Crowded field initialization problem

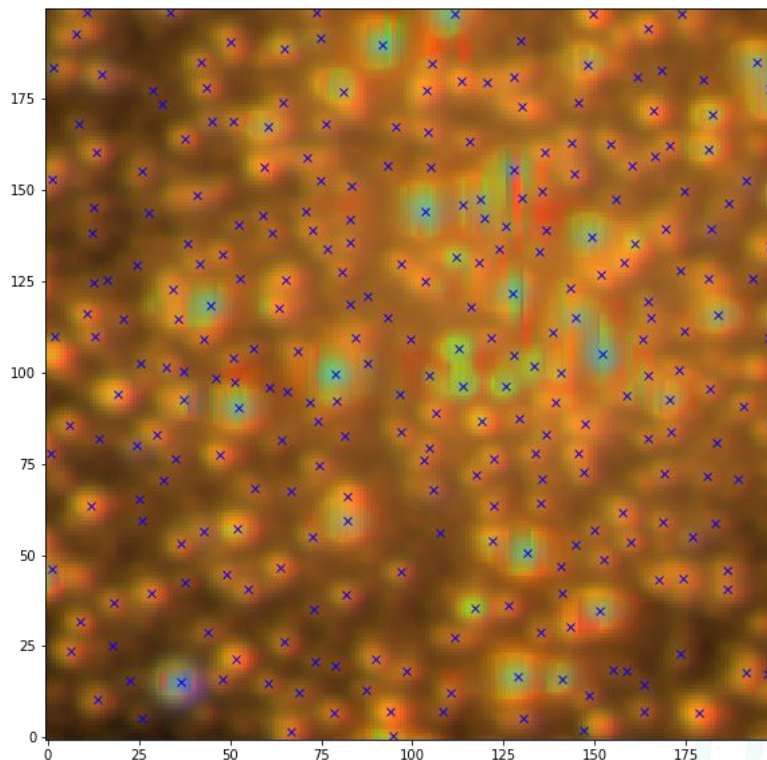
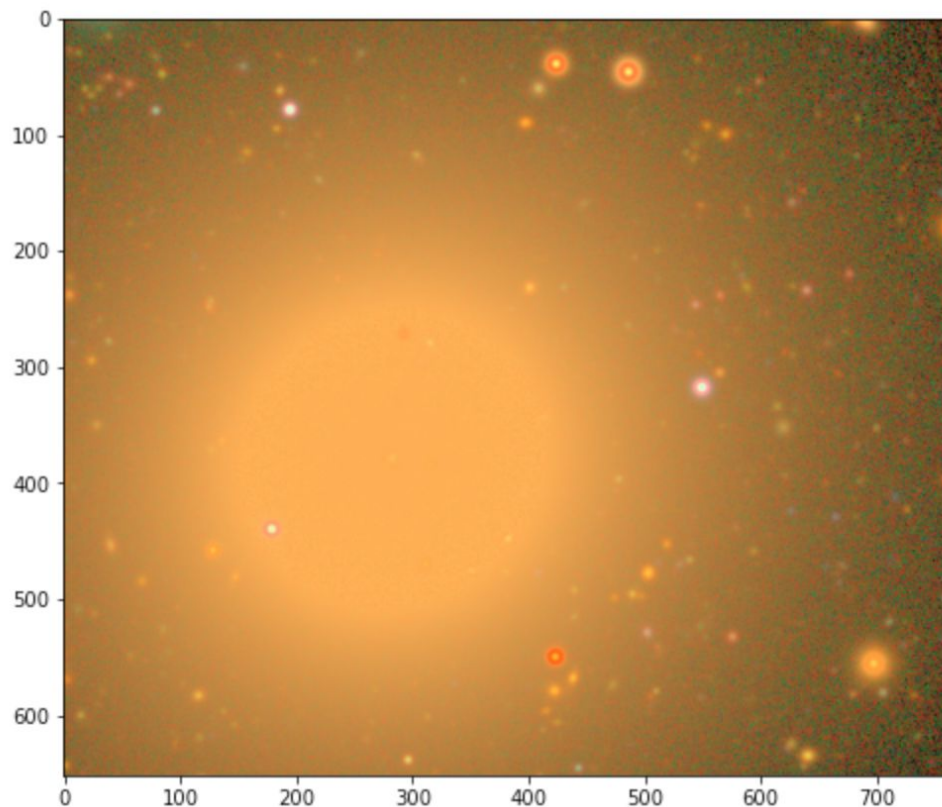


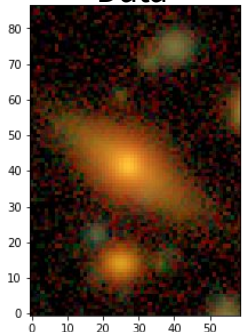
image: A small region in NGC 6569

## Bright sources

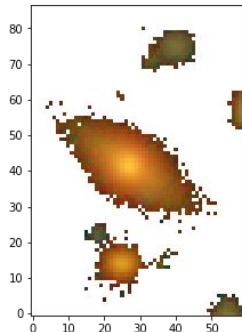


# Fitting only the above noise regions

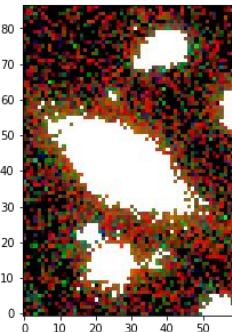
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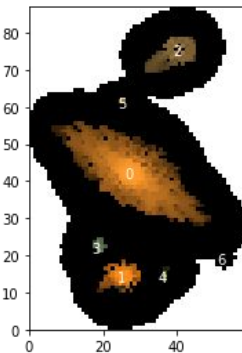
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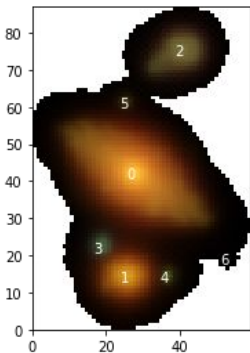
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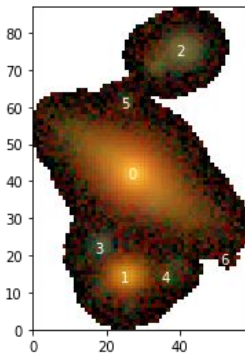
Model



Model Rendered



Observation



Residual

