



Source Injection with the Science Pipelines: Updates and Plans

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The road so far...

```
class InsertFakesTask(PipelineTask, CmdLineTask):
    """Insert fake objects into images.

    Add fake stars and galaxies to the given image read in through the dataRef. Galaxy parameters are read in
    from class ProcessCcdWithFakesTask(PipelineTask, CmdLineTask):
        """Insert fake objects into calexp.

        Add fake stars and galaxies to the given calexp, specified in the dataRef. Galaxy parameters are read in
        from the specified file and then modelled using galsim. Re-runs characterize image and calibrate image to
        give a new background estimation and measurement of the calexp.

        `ProcessFakeSourcesTask` inherits six functions from insertFakesTask that make images of the fake
        sources and then add them to the calexp.

        `addPixCoords`
            Use the WCS information to add the pixel coordinates of each source
            Adds an ``x`` and ``y`` column to the catalog of fake sources.

        `trimFakeCat`
            Trim the fake cat to about the size of the input image.

        `mkFakeGalsimGalaxies`
            Use Galsim to make fake double seric galaxies for each set of galaxy parameters in the input file.

        `mkFakeStars`
            Use the PSF information from the calexp to make a fake star using the magnitude information from the
            input file.

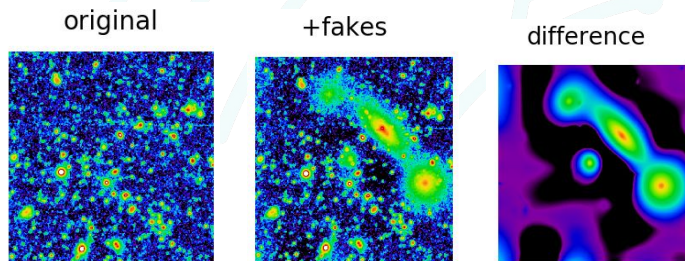
        `cleanCat`
            Remove rows of the input fake catalog which have half light radius, of either the bulge or the disk,
            that are 0.

        `addFakeSources`
            Add the fake sources to the calexp.
```

InsertFakesTask injects into
coadd-level imaging.

ProcessCcdWithFakesTask
injects into single-frame-level
imaging.

Allows for **bulge+disk**, PSF
and FITS file injection.



Limitations of InsertFakesTask

Monolithic framework

- difficult to modularize how and when sources are injected
- changes to single frame processing do not filter down to ProcessCcdWithFakesTask

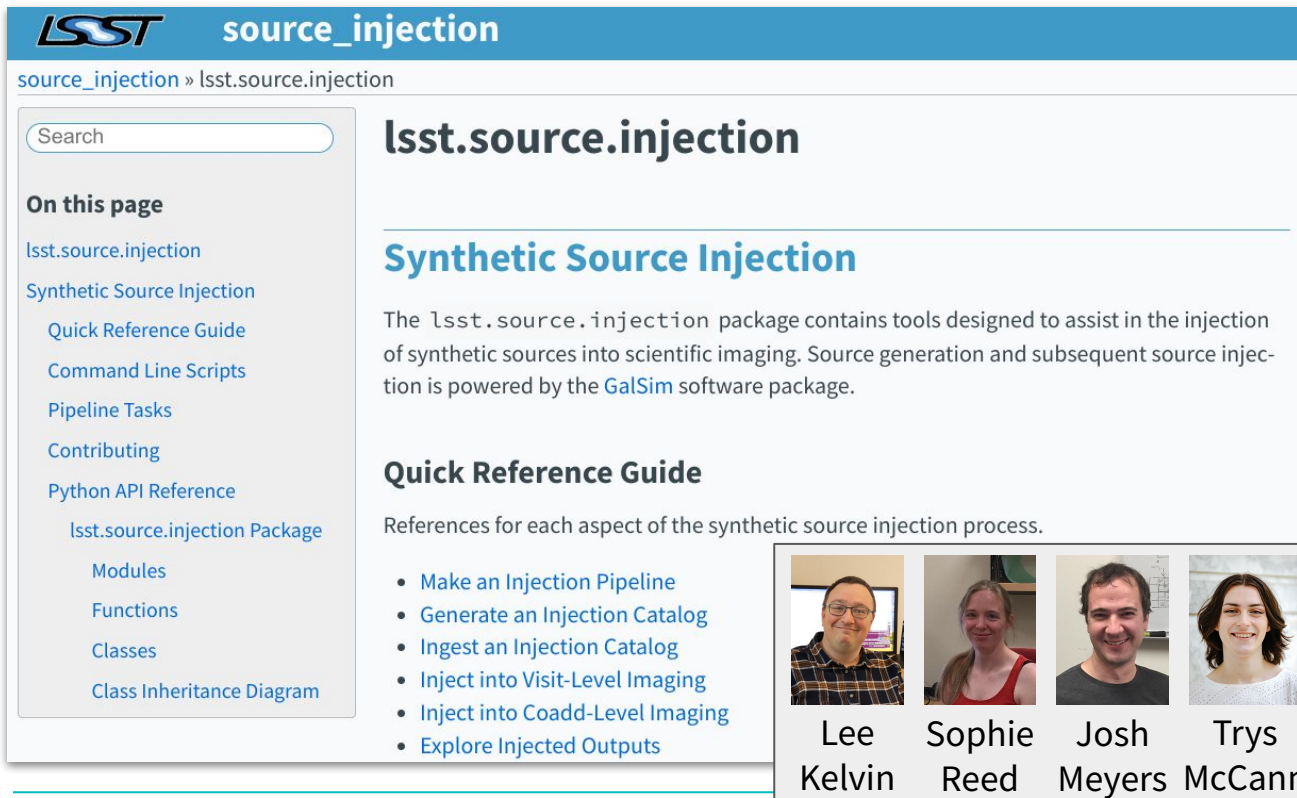
Non-trivial to ingest synthetic source catalogue into the data Butler

- no dedicated Rubin tool to facilitate simple ingestion
- raises the bar for new users who wish to inject synthetic sources

Strict formats for input catalogs: bulge+disk and/or PSF

- does not facilitate alternative models, e.g., simple Sérsic, bulge+disk+bar
- requires a translation layer to convert user supplied catalogues into GalSim format

A fresh start: the new source_injection repo



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `lsst.source.injection`. The page title is `lsst.source.injection`. The main heading is **Synthetic Source Injection**. Below this, a paragraph states: "The `lsst.source.injection` package contains tools designed to assist in the injection of synthetic sources into scientific imaging. Source generation and subsequent source injection is powered by the [GalSim](#) software package." Below this is a **Quick Reference Guide** section with the text: "References for each aspect of the synthetic source injection process." To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links under the heading "On this page": [lsst.source.injection](#), [Synthetic Source Injection](#), [Quick Reference Guide](#), [Command Line Scripts](#), [Pipeline Tasks](#), [Contributing](#), [Python API Reference](#), [lsst.source.injection Package](#), [Modules](#), [Functions](#), [Classes](#), and [Class Inheritance Diagram](#). Below the **Quick Reference Guide** section are four portrait photos of the team members: Lee Kelvin, Sophie Reed, Josh Meyers, and Trys McCann.

DM-34170
Repository created,
testing begins



DM-34253
Majority of functionality in
place; "soft launched"



DM-39728
Documentation complete,
added to `lsst_distrib`

*The SI repo will need to be
cloned and set up until
DM-39728 is completed.*

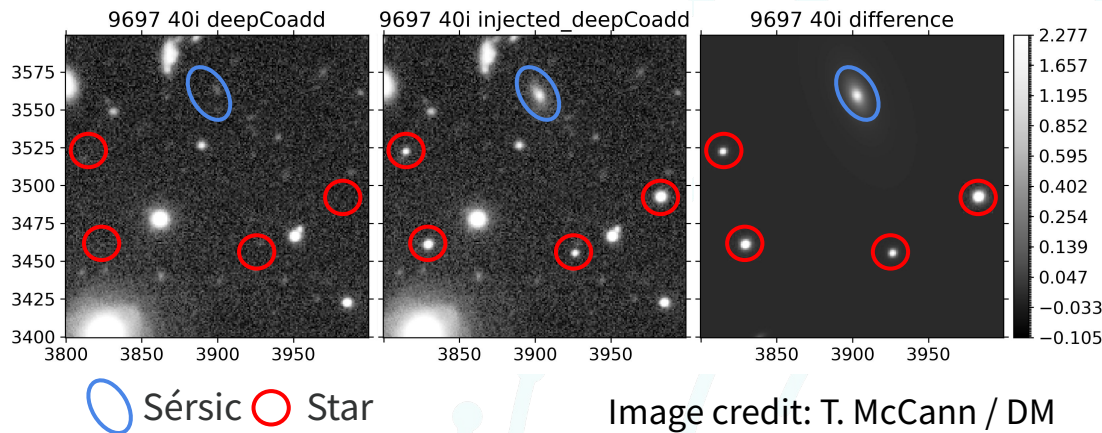
What does `source_injection` do?

The [source_injection](#) repo facilitates synthetic source injection into **single-frame-level** and **coadd-level** imaging.

Many features of [GalSim](#) are natively supported: injection of **simple** and **complex** synthetic sources or **user-supplied FITS files**.

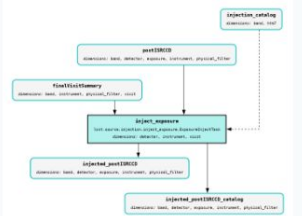
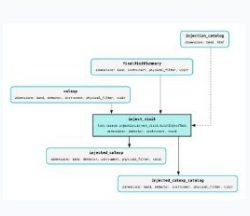
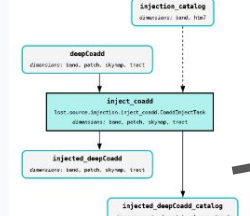
A series of **utility functions** help users construct fully qualified injection pipelines, generate example injection catalogs and ingest injection catalogs into the Butler.

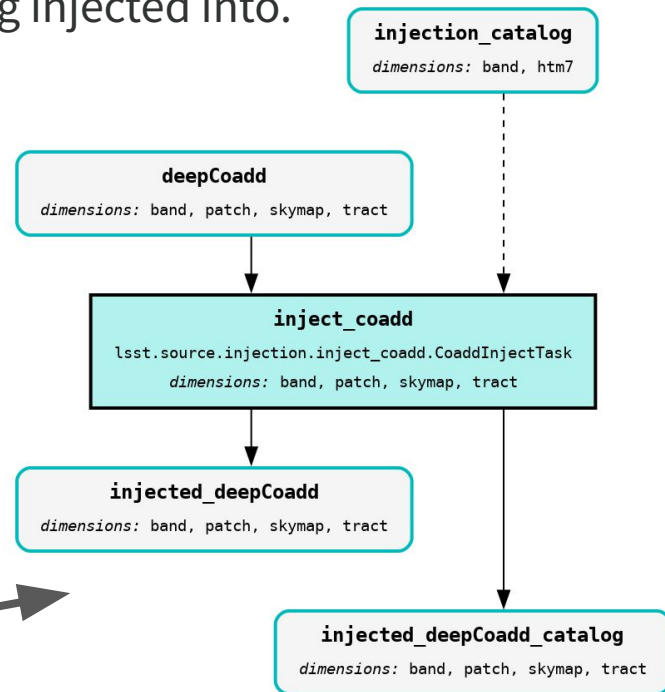
Primary expected use case: V&V stress tests → **truth is known**.



Source injection pipeline tasks

Three pipelines, corresponding to the dataset type being injected into.

Injection Dataset Type	postISRCDD	calexp	deepCoadd
Injection Pipeline Stub	<code>inject_exposure.yaml</code>	<code>inject_visit.yaml</code>	<code>inject_coadd.yaml</code>
Injection Task	ExposureInjectTask	VisitInjectTask	CoaddInjectTask
Injection Task Graph			



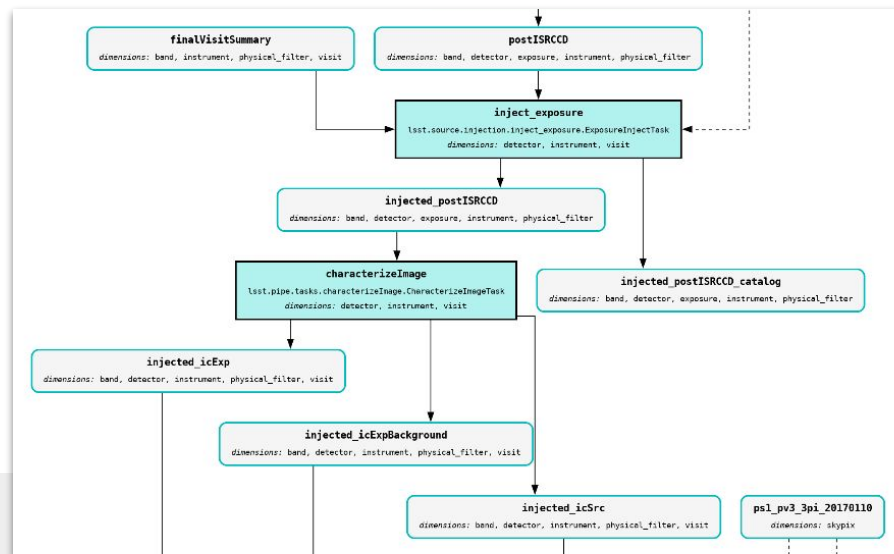
Making an injection pipeline

Static complete source injection pipeline definition YAML files do not exist.

Instead, source injection pipeline YAMLs can be generated (Python/**command line**) for a **given dataset type** using a **reference pipeline** and a given **injection task YAML**, optionally **saving to a file**:

```
make_injection_pipeline \
-t postISRCCD \
-r $DRP_PIPE_DIR/pipelines/HSC/DRP-RC2.yaml \
-i $SOURCE_INJECTION_DIR/pipelines/inject_exposure.yaml \
-f DRP-RC2+injection.yaml
```

Modified pipeline definition YAML file saved at /path/to/DRP-RC2+injection.yaml



Swap the dataset type and injection YAML for visit or coadd injections as appropriate.

Injection catalogs

Injection catalogs now **natively support** all [GalSim surface brightness profile](#) classes: Sersic, InclinedSersic, DeltaFunction, RandomKnots, ...

The Star alias for DeltaFunction has been retained.

We recommend stacking together multiple input catalogs using [astropy vstack](#).

injection_id	ra	dec	source_type	mag	half_light_radius	n	q	beta
int64	float64	float64	str6	float64	float64	float64	float64	float64
0	149.790383301717	2.145799075564052	Sersic	15.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.0
1	149.829586426717	2.2792311743294844	Sersic	15.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	45.0
2	149.80093798921698	2.3094122442883322	Sersic	15.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	90.0
3	149.89222817343276	2.1949035981391676	Star	10.0	--	--	--	--
4	149.79572817343276	2.259236931472501	Star	15.0	--	--	--	--

Generating an injection catalog

You're free to make your own input catalog, or use the **auto generation script** to help get started.

Sources will be quasi-randomly scattered between **RA** and **dec** ranges.

GalSim model parameters must be given exactly as expected. The **Sérsic source type** expects **magnitude**, **half light radius**, **Sérsic index**, and optionally an **axis ratio** and **position angle**.

A number of **combination repeats** and **output file** can be optionally specified.

```
generate_injection_catalog \  
-a 149.778 149.971 \  
-d 2.134 2.327 \  
-p source_type Sérsic \  
-p mag 15 17 19 \  
-p half_light_radius 1 5 \  
-p n 0.5 1 4 \  
-p q 1 0.5 \  
-p beta 0 45 90 \  
-n 10 \  
-f sersic_injection_catalog.fits
```

Generated an injection catalog containing 1080 sources: 108 combinations repeated 10 times.

Written injection catalog to 'sersic_injection_catalog.fits'.

Ingesting an injection catalog

The **catalog ingestion utility** can be used to ingest your input injection catalog into the **data Butler** for later use.

Provide the **path to your input catalog**, and the **space-separated list of bands** to be associated with it.

Finally, give the **RUN collection** where these data will be ingested.

```
ingest_injection_catalog \  
-b $REPO \  
-i sersic_injection_catalog.fits g r i \  
-o u/lskelvin/pcw2023/inject_input
```

*Ingested 2 g band injection_catalog
DatasetRefs into the butler.*

*Ingested 2 r band injection_catalog
DatasetRefs into the butler.*

*Ingested 2 i band injection_catalog
DatasetRefs into the butler.*

Input catalogs will be sharded in the data Butler by band (provided) and HTM7 trixel ID (calculated based on the RA/Dec coordinates in the catalog).

Source injection

The pipetask run utility is used to inject your **injection catalog** into a **dataset** defined by a particular **data query** and store in a given **output collection**.

The process is the same for injection into exposure-types, visit-types or coadd-types.

So what does this look like?

```
DATA_COLL=HSC/runs/RC2/w_2023_23/DM-39610
```

```
INJECT_COLL=u/lskelvin/pcw2023/inject_input
```

```
pipetask --long-log --log-file $LOGFILE \  
run --register-dataset-types \  
--instrument lsst.obs.subaru.HyperSuprimeCam \  
-b $REPO \  
-i $DATA_COLL,$INJECT_COLL \  
-o $OUTPUT \  
-p DRP-RC2+injection.yaml#inject_coadd \  
-d "instrument='HSC' AND skymap='hsc_rings_v1' AND  
tract=9813 AND patch=42 AND band='i'"
```

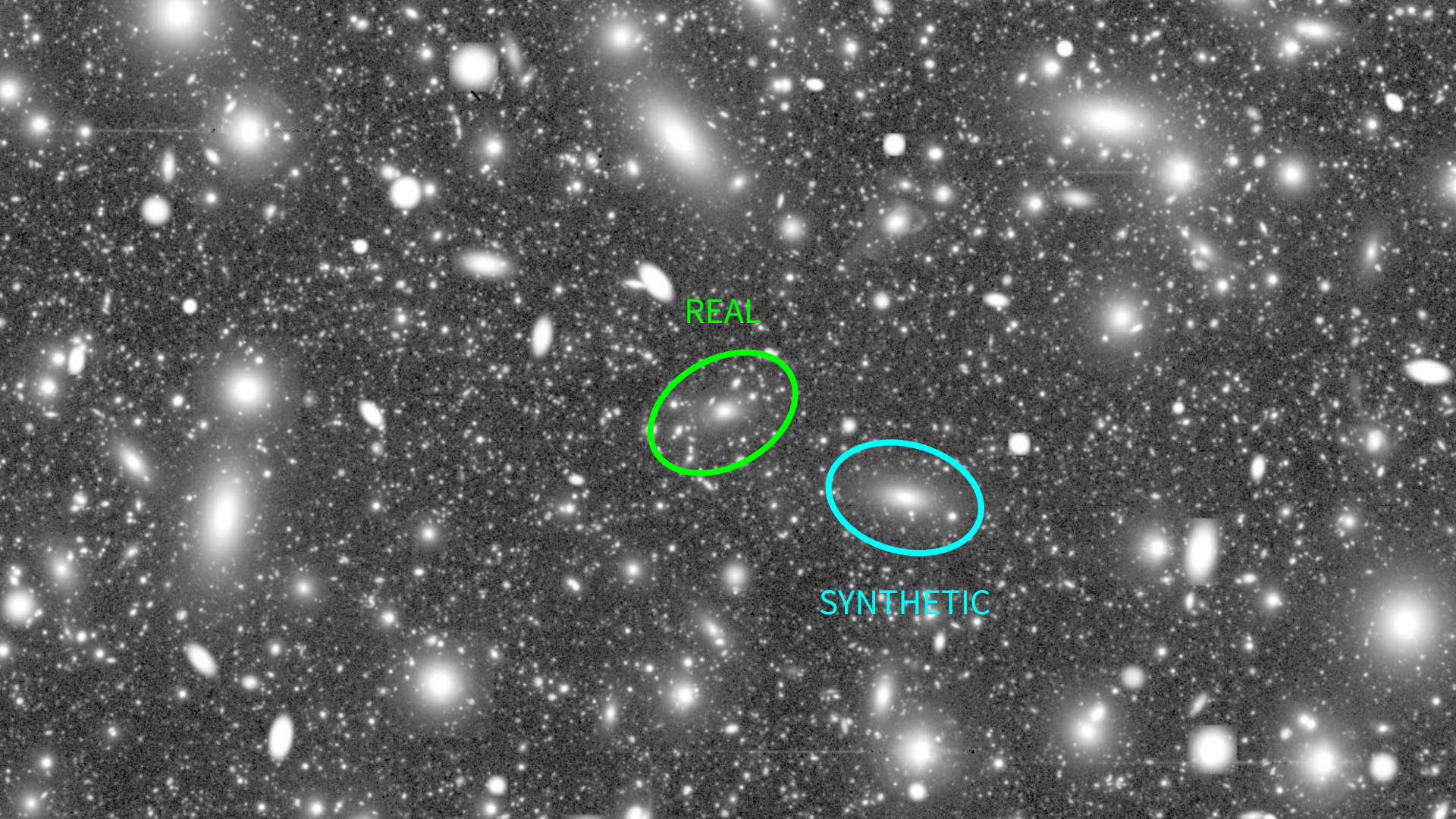
Retrieved 1080 injection sources from 2 HTM trixels.

*Generating 1080 injection sources consisting of 1
unique type: Sersic(1080).*



HSC deepCoadd, tract 9813, patch 42, i-band





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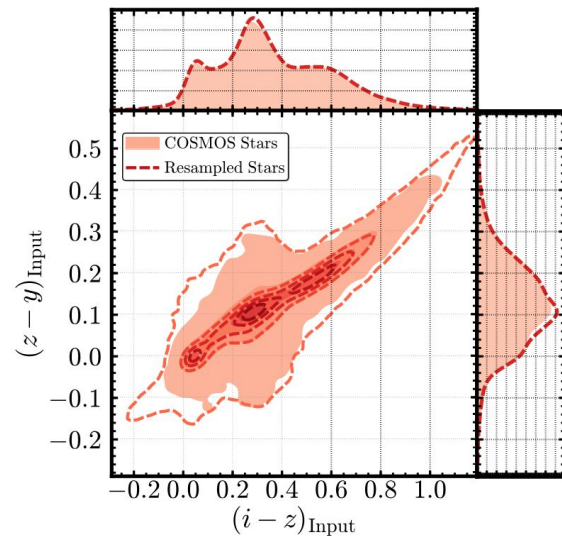
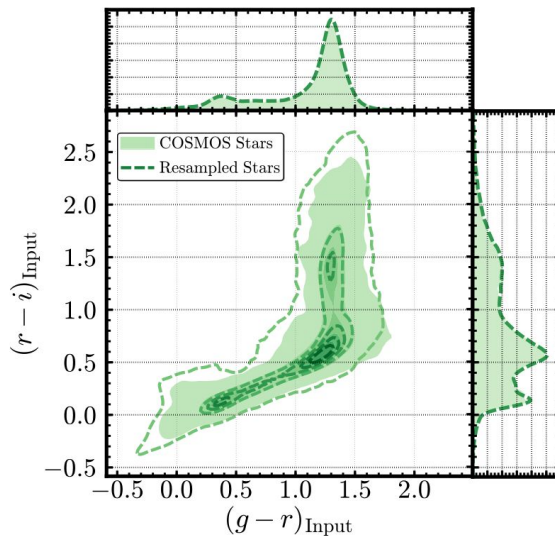
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Regularly processed injection catalogs

We plan to replicate the synthetic samples described in [Huang et al. 2018](#) and reduce these data regularly.

Using the SynPipe software, this study describes **~100,000 synthetic stars** ($i \sim 19\text{--}26$ mag) and **~58,000 synthetic Sérsic galaxies** ($i \sim 20\text{--}25$ mag).

This sample will be used to test algorithmic changes, astrometry, photometry, etc.

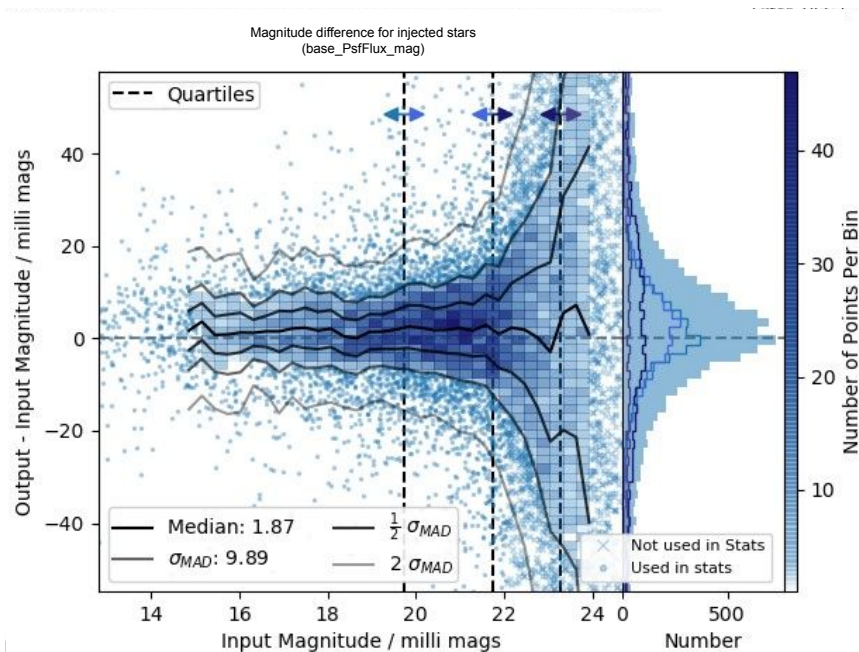


Color-color distribution of synthetic stars.
From Figure 2, Huang et al. 2018

Making source injection plots and metrics

We plan to use the [analysis tools](#) package to **generate source injection plots/metrics** to help monitor our algorithmic and data reduction pipeline health.

Contributions from in-kind contributors and science collaboration members are welcome!



Legacy fakes mag. diff. measurements.
Image credit: Sophie Reed / DM

Future plans and Summary

The [source injection](#) repo is now **live**, enabling synthetic source injection into both **single-frame-level** and **coadd-level** imaging.

Many features of [GalSim](#) are now natively supported, allowing us to inject **simple** and **complex** synthetic sources or **user-supplied FITS imaging**, using utility functions for source/pipeline generation/ingestion.

Coming soon: the [source injection](#) package will be **added into lsst_distrib**, with updated user-facing documentation.

We will **transition legacy fakes code** currently in use across the Science Pipelines the new package, deprecating old interfaces.

A series of **regularly reprocessed synthetic catalogs** based on [Huang et al. 2018](#) will be ingested at the USDF as part of RC2 → [analysis tools](#) will be used to **generate source injection plots/metrics** to help monitor the pipeline health.