# Towards probabilistic models for capturing uncertainty

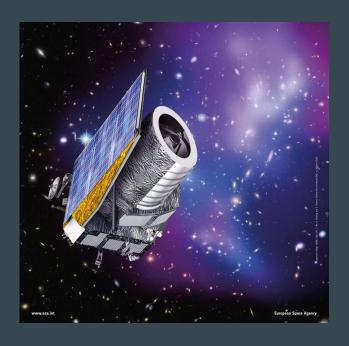


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**Euclid** ESA satellite

15 000 sq. deg.

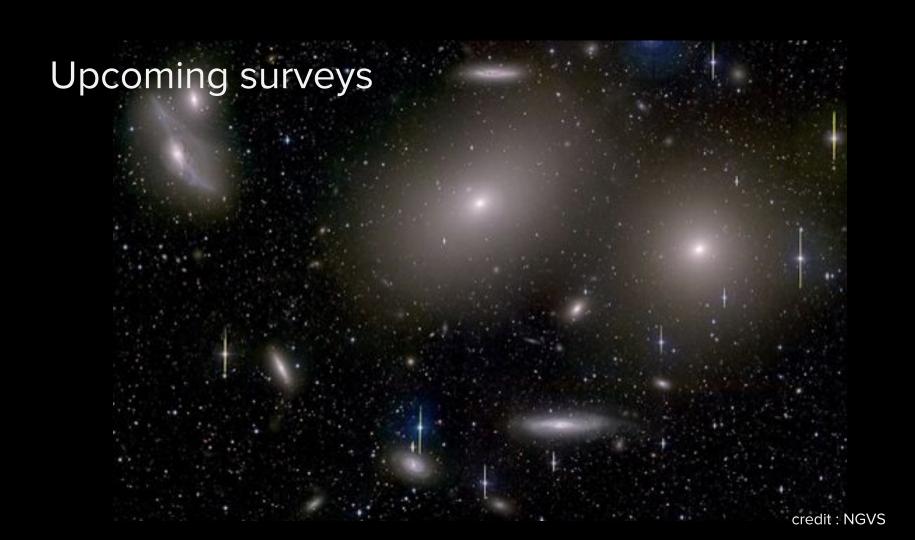
higher resolution than ground telescopes

3 instruments – visible + near-IR imaging

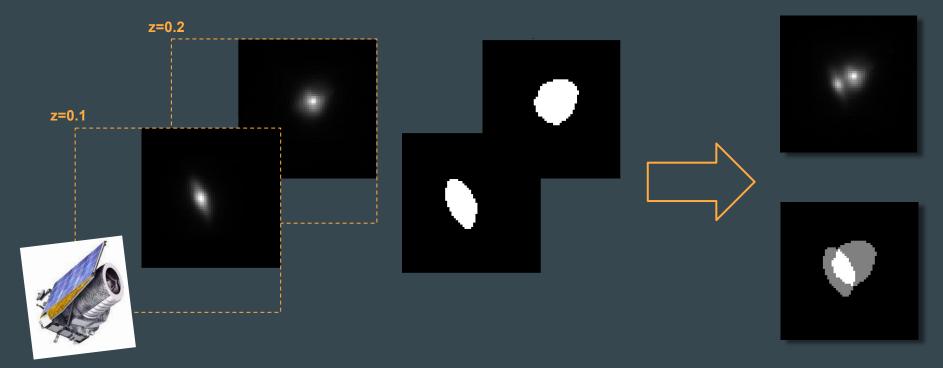
launched end of 2022

# Current surveys

credit: SDSS

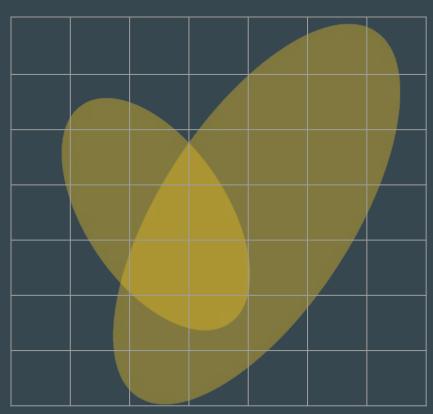


# Galaxy blending



courtesy H. Bretonnière

# Galaxy blending



galaxies are "transparent"

=> no obscuration

measuring **flux** and **shape** when galaxies overlap is tricky

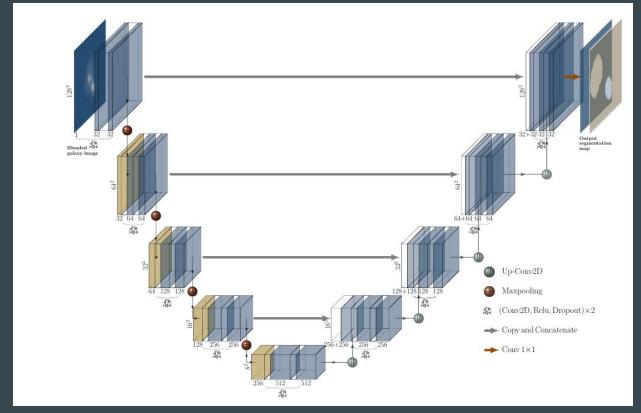
in our case **a pixel** can refer to **several** objects

Galaxy blends emulated with **real** galaxy images

https://github.com/aboucaud/candels-blender

# Blended galaxy segmentation







#### https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.01324

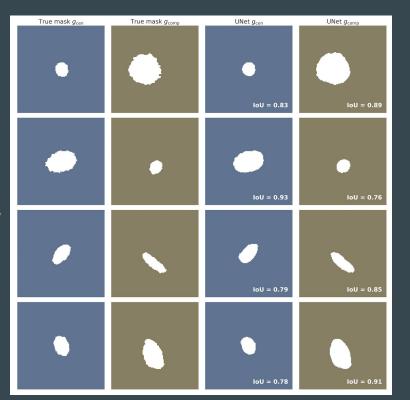
# Galaxy segmentation with UNet



INPUT IMAGES

(TEST SET)

TRUE SEGMENTATION



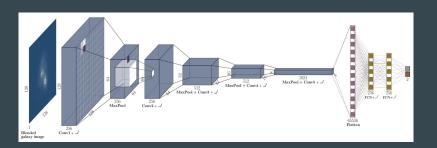
PREDICTED SEGMENTATION

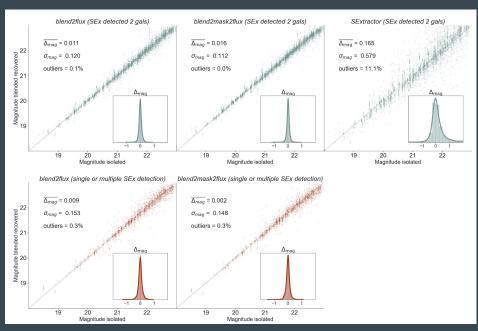
### Flux estimation of blended galaxies

https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.01324

Using a classic convnet, directly on the blend galaxy images

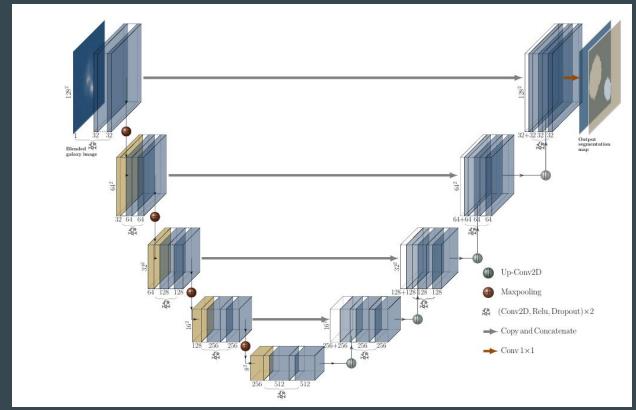
performance is much better than traditional astro detection algorithms





# Could we go from a fully deterministic network..

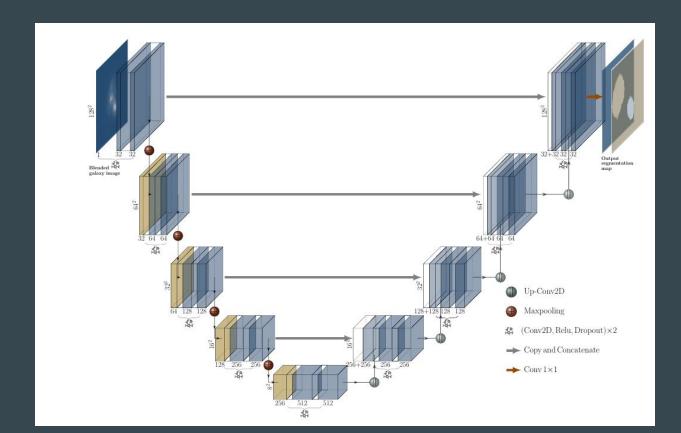






# ..to a probabilistic one?















### Thesis of Hubert Bretonnière

"Develop and implement deep learning-based image processing algorithms for the morphology of galaxies Euclid satellite"



started last october



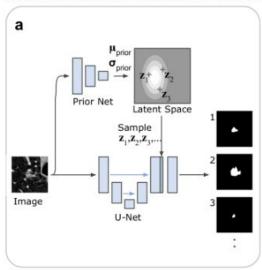
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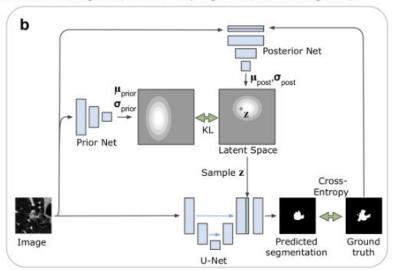
#### Probabilistic U-Net

Re-implementation of the model described in `A Probabilistic U-Net for Segmentation of Ambiguous Images' (paper @ NeurIPS 2018).

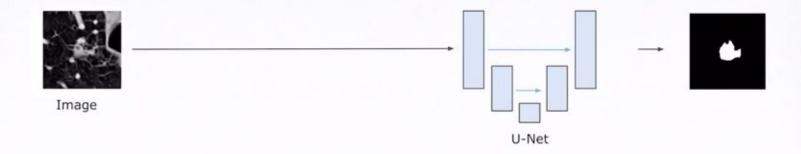
This was also a spotlight presentation at NeurIPS and a short video on the paper of similar content can be found here (4min).

The architecture of the Probabilistic U-Net is depicted below: subfigure a) shows sampling and b) the training setup:



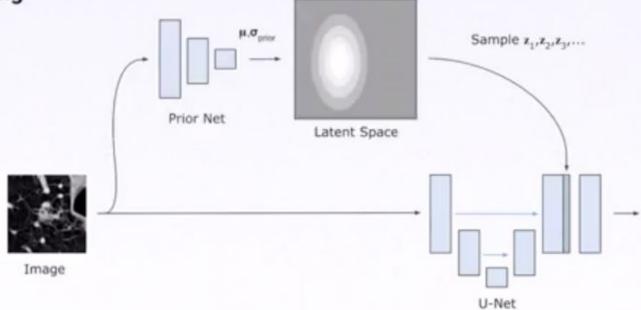


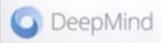
#### **Deterministic U-Net**



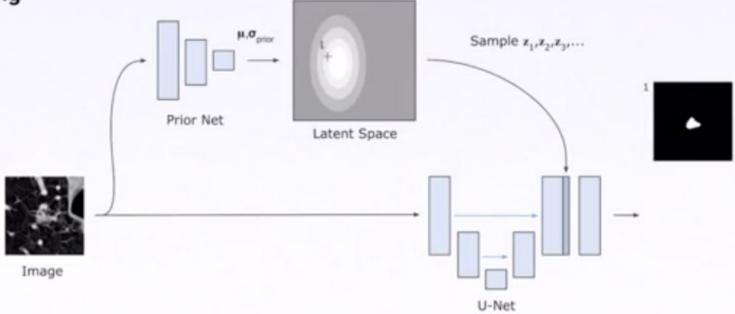


# Probabilistic U-Net Sampling



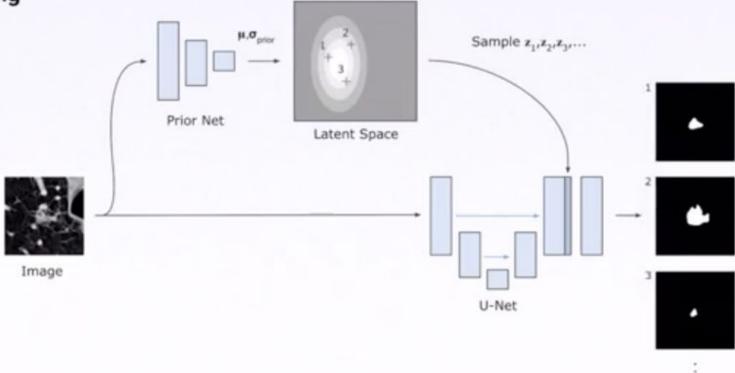


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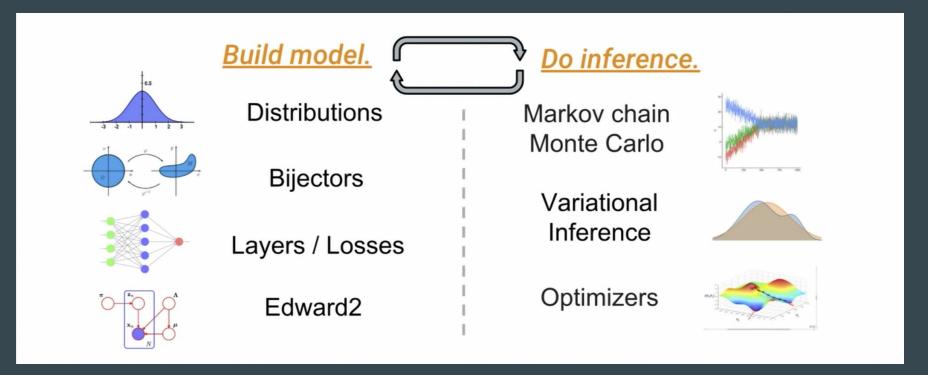




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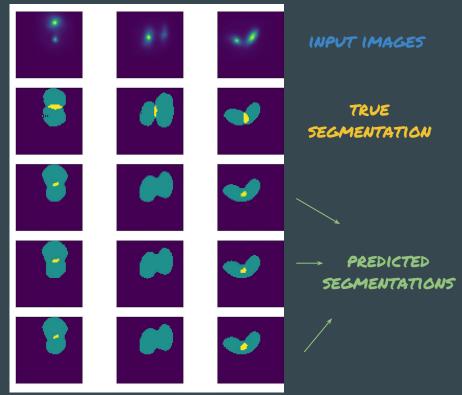
# Probabilistic segmentation

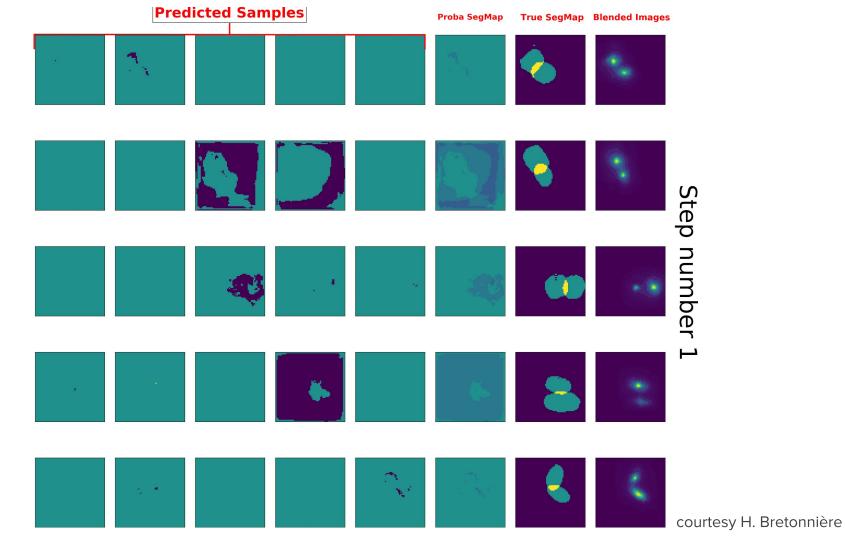
aim at predicting a **probability of blending** between 2+ galaxies

can be applied to large images

ability to propose an absence of overlap

uses TensorFlow Probability





#### Conclusions

- deterministic networks tend to hide the model uncertainty
- → modifying your models to output **probability distributions** is quite straightforward
  - ◆ TensorFlow => TensorFlow Probability at least
  - other tools exist (Pyro w/ PyTorch, PyMC3, etc..)
- such step might be necessary in order to use your ML model to perform Bayesian inference

### ANR – "AstroDeep"

#### **Astro experts**

weak lensing

signal processing

image processing pipelines

#### **Computer scientists**

machine learning

neural networks

Markov models, random processes, bayesian networks...

Recently got funding for the next 4 years

3 postdocs

1 PhD student

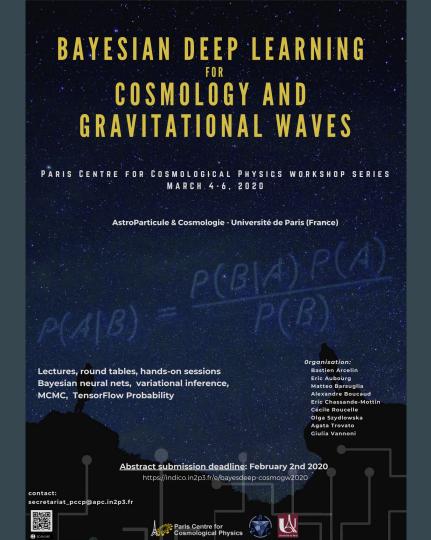
travel and computing

### Workshop in march

- 3-day workshop including talks, round tables and hands-on
- focus on Bayesian inference w/ NN
- advanced tutorials given by TFProbability developers
- deadline for application: feb 2

https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/19458





#### Formation CNRS

# Fondamentaux du machine learning et du deep learning en Python

with Sylvain Caillou (LIMSI)

- 3-day course with tutorials in the afternoon (50%)
- first 2 days focused on traditional machine learning (terminology, main algorithms, model comparison, etc.)
- last day focused on neural networks and deep learning

Registration starting on Feb 15, course last week of May in Villejuif (Paris)