# **ICIC Inaugural Workshop**

# 20-21 August 2012, Imperial College London Blackett Lecture Theatre 3 (on Level 1)

## Sunday, 19 August

19.30 - 21.30+ **Opening Drinks:** *Queen's Arms Pub*30 Queen's Gate Mews, London, SW7 5QL (see workshop map)

## Monday, 20 August

08.30 - 09.10 Breakfast and Registration (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)

#### **Morning Session**

Chair: Roberto Trotta

- 09.10 09.15 **Opening Remarks** (Alan Heavens and David van Dyk)
- 09.15 10.30 **Discussion Topic:** *Statistical Challenges in Dark Energy Searches*Ofer Lahav, University College London
- 10.30 10.45 **Snapshot:** *Sparsity and Compressed Sensing in 3D Weak Lensing* Adrienne Leonard, CEA Saclay
- 10.45 11.15 Coffee Break (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)
- 11.15 12.30 Discussion Topic: Hierarchical Bayesian Models for Type Ia Supernova Light Curves, Spectra, Dust and Distances
  Kaisey Mandel, Imperial College London
- 12.30 14.15 Lunch

#### **Afternoon Session**

Chair: Alan Heavens

- 14.15 15.30 **Discussion Topic:** New Approaches to Cosmological Inference from Probes of the Large Scale Structure of the Universe

  Ben Wandelt, IAP, Sorbonne University
- 15.30 15.45 **Snapshot:** *Functional Marginalisation for Cosmology* Tom Kitching, University of Edinburgh
- 15.45 16.15 **Cold Drinks** (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)
- 16.15 17.30 Discussion Topic: Global Fits Beyond the Standard Model with Astroparticle Data
  Pat Scott, McGill University
- 19.15 21.30 Dinner: Zaika,

1 Kensington High St. London W8 5NP (see workshop map)





#### Tuesday, 21 August

08.30 - 09.15 Breakfast (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)

#### Morning Session

Chair: David van Dyk

- 09.15 10.30 Discussion Topic: I Have More Data, My Model is More Refined, but my Estimator is Getting Worse! Am I Just Dumb?

  Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University
- 10.30 10.45 **Snapshot:** Accelerating MCMC by Interweaving Multiple Parameterisations

Yaming Yu, University of California, Irvine

- 10.45 11.15 Coffee Break (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)
- 11.15 12.30 **Discussion Topic:** *Probabilistic Source Detection* Farhan Feroz, University of Cambridge

12.30 - 14.15 **Lunch** 

#### **Afternoon Session**

Chair: Daniel Mortlock

14.15 - 15.30 **Discussion Topic:** Analyzing Astronomical Data Sets Using Non-linear Random Effects Models

Brandon Kelly, University of California, Santa Barbra

- 15.30 15.45 **Snapshot:** *Bayesian Estimation of Flux Distributions* Paul Baines, University of California, Davis
- 15.45 16.15 Cold Drinks and Workshop Picture (Blackett Concourse, Level 3)
- 16.15 17.30 **Discussion Topic:** *Bayesian Multilevel Modelling of Cosmic Populations* Tom Loredo, Cornell University
- 17.30 **Meeting Closes**



