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### Propositions

#### accompanying the thesis

## Studying Dark Matter Haloes with Weak Lensing

1. Given enough space-based training data, the shape measurement bias due to the use of a broad-band filter when imaging galaxies with colour gradients can be mitigated.

Chapter 2

2. It is beneficial to employ weak gravitational flexion in addition to shear to constrain the density profiles of galaxy-sized dark matter haloes, given high-quality data.

Chapter 3

3. Blue late-type galaxies appear to reside in much less clustered environments than red early-type galaxies do.

Chapter 4

4. Weak gravitational flexion is a valuable complement to shear when it comes to constraining cluster halo masses.

Chapter 5

- 5. The main science drive for near-future weak lensing surveys should be shear analyses, with flexion as a gratifying extra.
- 6. There is a point where higher accuracy does not necessarily translate into scientific gain.
- 7. All published science results ought to be freely available and actively distributed.
- 8. Scientists should make an effort to decrease their carbon footprints, particularly since the current level of technology makes it possible.
- 9. When it comes to programming, readability, flexibility and clean code ultimately saves you more time than coding things up quickly does.
- 10. Equal opportunities necessitate amongst other things reasonable maternity leave schemes and affordable nursery options.
- 11. To reduce car traffic, public transport has to become not just a viable alternative but a superior one, both economically and in terms of convenience.
- 12. There is a higher concentration of intellectuals amongst 'alternative' people than otherwise. Or vice versa.
- 13. Small everyday luxuries result in greater and more lasting happiness than large infrequent splurges do.
- 14. Life-size papier-mâché cows should not be exiting elevators in the middle of the night.

- Malin Velander, 18 May 2012