The need for realistic ray-tracing simulations: how well can we constrain the inner structure of galaxy clusters?

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# Motivations

Why constructing a simulation pipeline for mimicking observations?

- simulations tools for testing several techniques that are commonly applied to the data are largely requested both from observers and theoreticians. Such tools have been used also by the lensing community. A famous example is the STEP (Heymans et al. 2005; Massey et al. 2006)
- simulations resembling as closely as possible the observations are important to facilitate the comparison between theoretical predictions and observations
- simulation tools are also required for planning future missions: what kind of science will be possible with next generation instruments

# DUNE (see talk by A. Refregier on Friday)

#### Mission baseline:

- 1.2m telescope
- Visible: 0.5 deg<sup>2</sup>, pixels 0.10", shapes, band: broad I
- NIR: 0.5 deg<sup>2</sup>, pixels 0.15", photometry, bands: Y,J,H
- PSF FWHM 0.23", 2.2 pix/FWHM (vis)
- GEO (or HEO) orbit with Soyuz Launch
- 4-year mission

#### Surveys:

- Wide Extragalactic: 20000 deg<sup>2</sup>, 40 galaxies/amin<sup>2</sup>, median z~1, I~24.5, Ground complement for other bands and spectropscopy (with ESO)
- Medium Deep Survey: 100 deg<sup>2</sup>
- Galactic plane: extend to 4pi coverage
- Microlensing planet survey: 4 deg<sup>2</sup>

#### Requirements:

#### Tight control of systematics

 $\rightarrow$  Progress in CNES phase 0, synergy with GAIA



# Requirements

Our simulator should be:

- flexible: we would like to simulate optical observations with any telescope, filter, etc.
- reliable both in the weak lensing and in the strong lensing regime
- source shapes are more important for weak lensing but may be important also for strong lensing, for example if we want to learn something about the presence of substructures in the lenses or for arc statistics
- lensing must be realistic: we want to be able to include the lensing effects produced by any mass distribution, including the effects of the LSS



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# Focussing on galaxy clusters

Many open questions regarding how well we can constrain the inner structure of galaxy clusters using lensing:

- Mass estimates from strong lensing are often in disagreement with mass estimates at larger radii (e.g. weak lensing and X-ray). Why?
- Many clusters can be fitted by profiles with a wide range of inner slopes. Is it possible to use clusters to test the predictions of the CDM scenario?
- What is the amount of substructures in galaxy clusters and how do they affect the strong lensing properties of their hosts?

## Exercise 1: strong lensing masses



#### Reduced image



Foreground subtraction

Årc detection

Fit based on the code by Comerford, Meneghetti, Bartelmann & Schirmer (2006)

Fitting with NFW components -> r\_s, rho\_s

Derive mass profile from fit parameters, compare to simulation



Arc fitting

#### Masses in the strong lensing regions



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#### Critical line reconstruction



#### KP19927



#### Multiplane simulation

Single plane simulation

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#### KP19927: reconstructions



#### Effects of the LSS



#### Exercise 2: inner slope of dark-matter profiles



Sand et al. 2004



Meneghetti, Bartelmann, Jenkins & Frenk, 2005

#### Inner slope determinations



• In clusters with substructures we were not able to measure the inner slope

- By modeling "regular" clusters with the proper ellipticity, <u>we were able to</u> recover the input inner slopes
- Underestimating the ellipticity lead to underestimate the inner slope

# Exercise 3: substructures and asymmetries in clusters

Meneghetti, Argazzi, Moscardini, Pace, Bartelmann, Li, Oguri, 2006 asymmetric model ellíptical model ° axíally symm. model

# Filtering substructures

- Redistribute the mass in substructure all around the cluster conserving the mass profile
- Filter substructures outside a given radius



#### Effects of substructures on the arcs

Cluster	proj.	inc. mult.	dec. mult.	shift > $5''$	$\Delta B$
		[%]	[%]	[%]	
$g8_{hr}$	х	21.2	9.8	26.6	-2.3/+2.4
	У	19.7	3.9	11.1	-1.7/+0.8
	z	23.7	10.1	15.5	-2.5/+1.6
g1	х	47.0	1.0	24.0	-1.9/+1.1
	У	26.1	0.0	20.0	-1.7/+0.7
	z	24.5	0.0	29.5	-2.5/+0.8
g8	х	24.0	4.0	27.0	-1.7/+1.0
	У	35.4	9.5	51.1	-2.1/+2.1
	z	31.2	6.1	28.2	-2.5/+0.5
g51	х	33.1	6.2	44.7	-2.3/+1.7
	У	35.6	5.1	65.7	-2.5/+1.3
	z	39.1	6.2	54.3	-1.5/+1.3
g72	х	36.0	4.0	79.4	-2.5/+2.1
	У	62.5	0.0	57.1	-2.4/+0.0
	Z	22.5	0.0	70.9	-2.4/+1.7
mean		32.1	4.4	40.3	-2.1/+1.3





# Summary

- A suite for doing realistic ray-tracing simulations exists!
- We are open to new collaborations and, of course, to your suggestions for improving the code
- Present work: preparation of the DUNE proposal, lensing constraints on the inner structure of galaxy clusters, testing the arcfinder, arc statistics
- Future work:
  - testing shear measurements in clusters?
  - combine Skylens with simulators in other wavebands (see e.g. XMAS2 by Rasia et al. 2007 for simulating X-ray observations with Chandra and XMM-Newton)

#### Collaborators

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