Combining Weak and Strong Lensing in Galaxy Cluster Mass Reconstruction

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The Reconstruction Method

In our reconstruction method we try to combine the advantages of both lensing regimes into a joint method:

- Fully non-parametric, adaptive grid method using finite differences.
- Reconstruction quantity is the lensing potential ψ .
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Weak Lensing

- State-of-the-art observations allow only for a (\sim 10x10) pixel reconstruction grid
- Furthermore galaxies are not distributed homogeneously over the field
- Solution:

Adaptive-averaging-process Problem:

Grid points become correlated



$$\chi^{2}_{w}(\psi) = \sum_{i,j} \left(\varepsilon - \frac{Z(z)\gamma(\psi)}{1 - Z(z)\kappa(\psi)} \right)_{i} \mathcal{C}_{ij}^{-1} \left(\varepsilon - \frac{Z(z)\gamma(\psi)}{1 - Z(z)\kappa(\psi)} \right)_{j}$$



Strong Lensing

- The exact position of the critical curve is not observable
- Position of arcs is a very good approximation for the location of the critical curve
- Arc positions are known with high accuracy
- Using weak lensing grid resolutions would result in information loss



$$\chi_{s}^{2}(\psi) = \sum_{i} \frac{|\det A(\psi)|_{i}^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{2}} = \sum_{i} \frac{|(1 - Z(z)\kappa(\psi))^{2} - |Z(z)\gamma(\psi)|^{2}|_{i}^{2}}{\sigma_{i}^{2}}$$

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A Synthetic Test



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Conclusions

- We developed a method which successfully combines weak and strong lensing.
- We use adaptive grid resolutions to take full advantage of both lensing regimes.
- Tests of the method with synthetic and realistic lensing simulations show promising results.
- The case of the galaxy cluster MS 2137 shows the applicability of our method to real data.
- In the future the method will include lensing constraints of three different orders. (Multiple image systems, critical-curve estimators, shear and flexion).
- The method may provide a useful tool for testing image-analysis pipelines.

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