



*Weak-lensing mass determination
of the galaxy cluster Abell3926*

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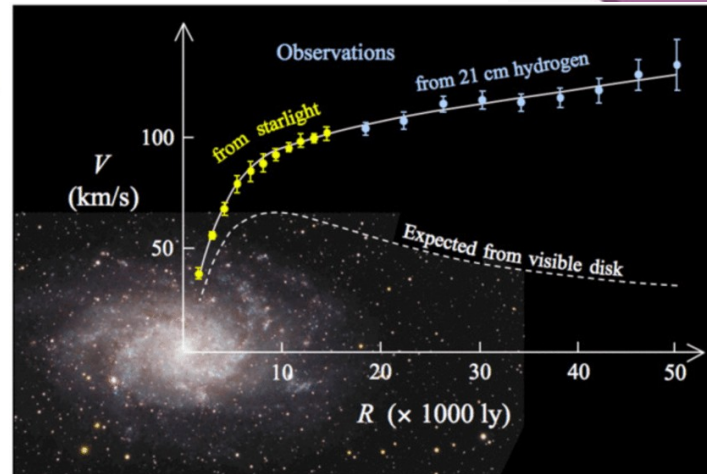
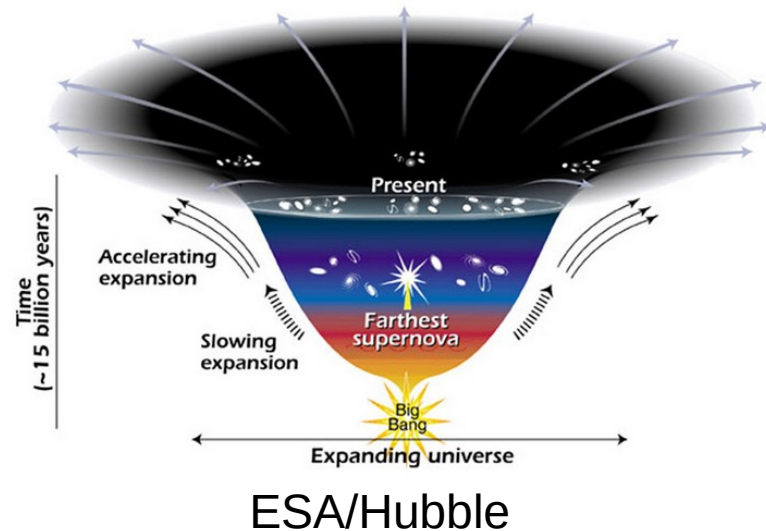
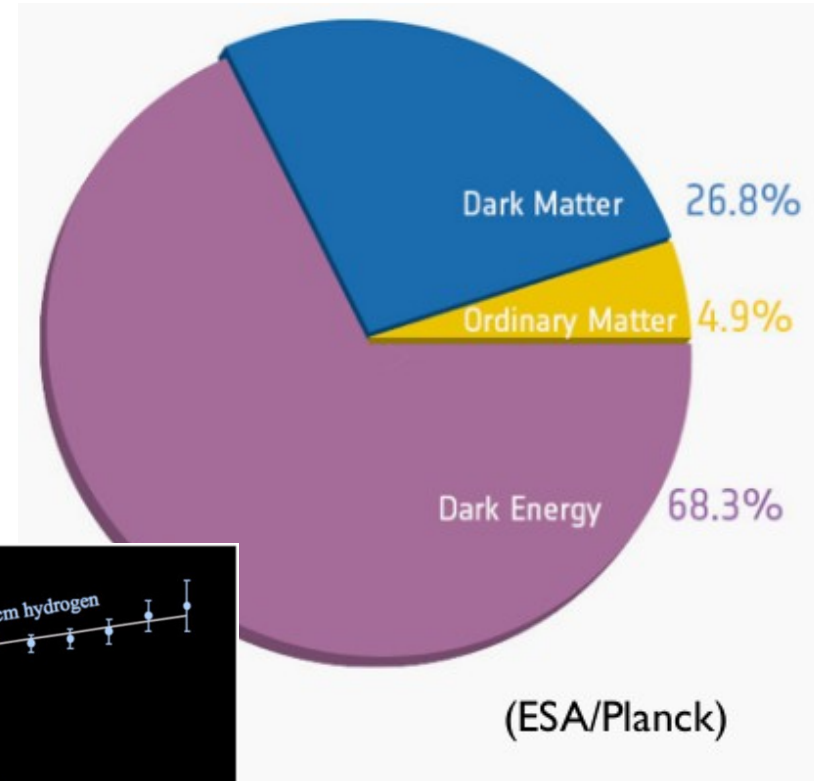
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- **The Abell3926 cluster.**
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General Introduction

- Almost all of it are from unknown components : **dark energy** and **dark matter**.
- Could “explain” many observations in a consistent manner.



The NFW Profile

In 1997, Navarro, Frenk & White wrote a seminal paper in which they showed that the density profiles of the dark matter haloes can always be fit by a universal fitting function: the NFW profile !

$$\rho(r) = \rho_{\text{crit}} \frac{\delta_{\text{char}}}{(r/r_s) (1 + r/r_s)^2}$$



A UNIVERSAL DENSITY PROFILE FROM HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING

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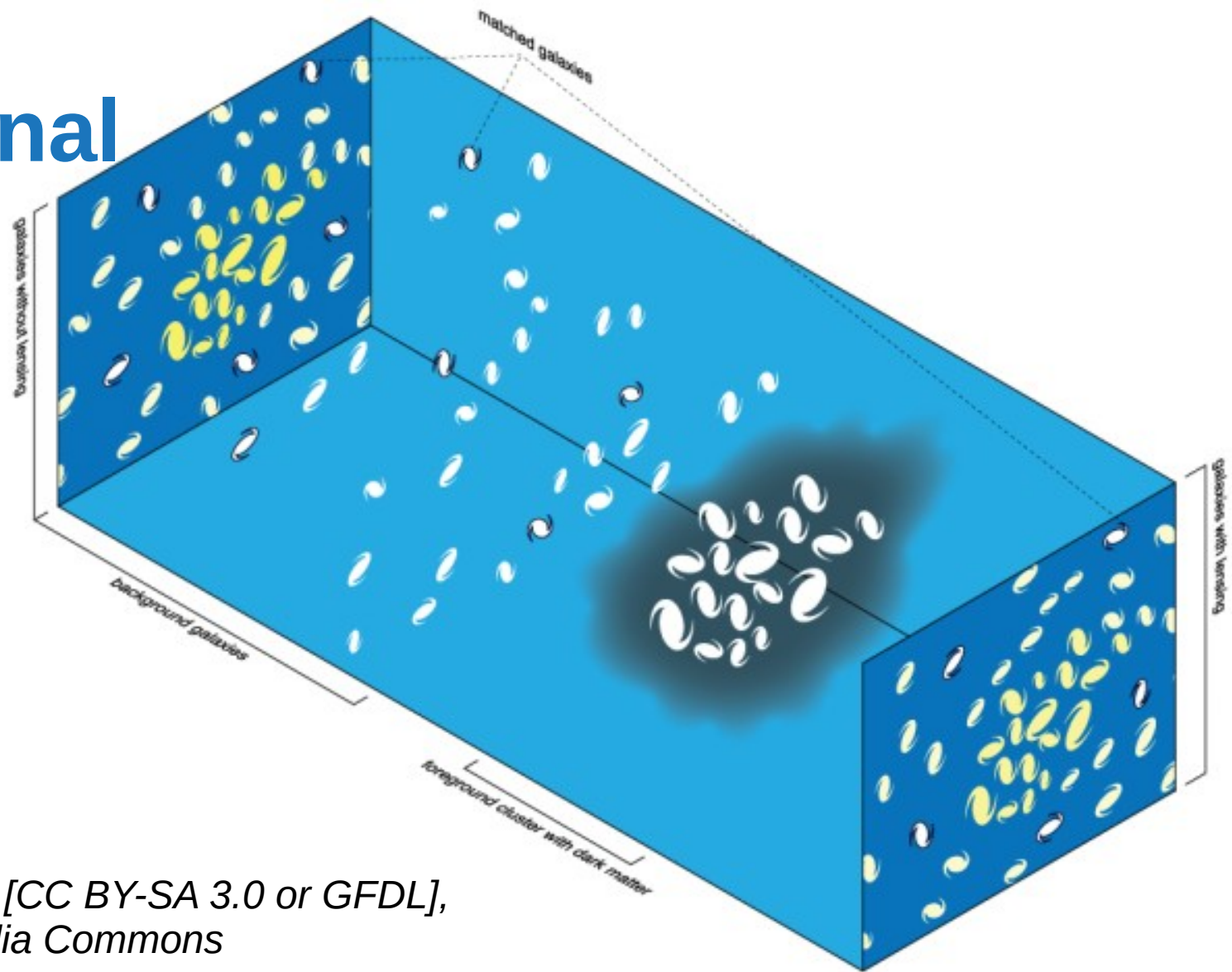
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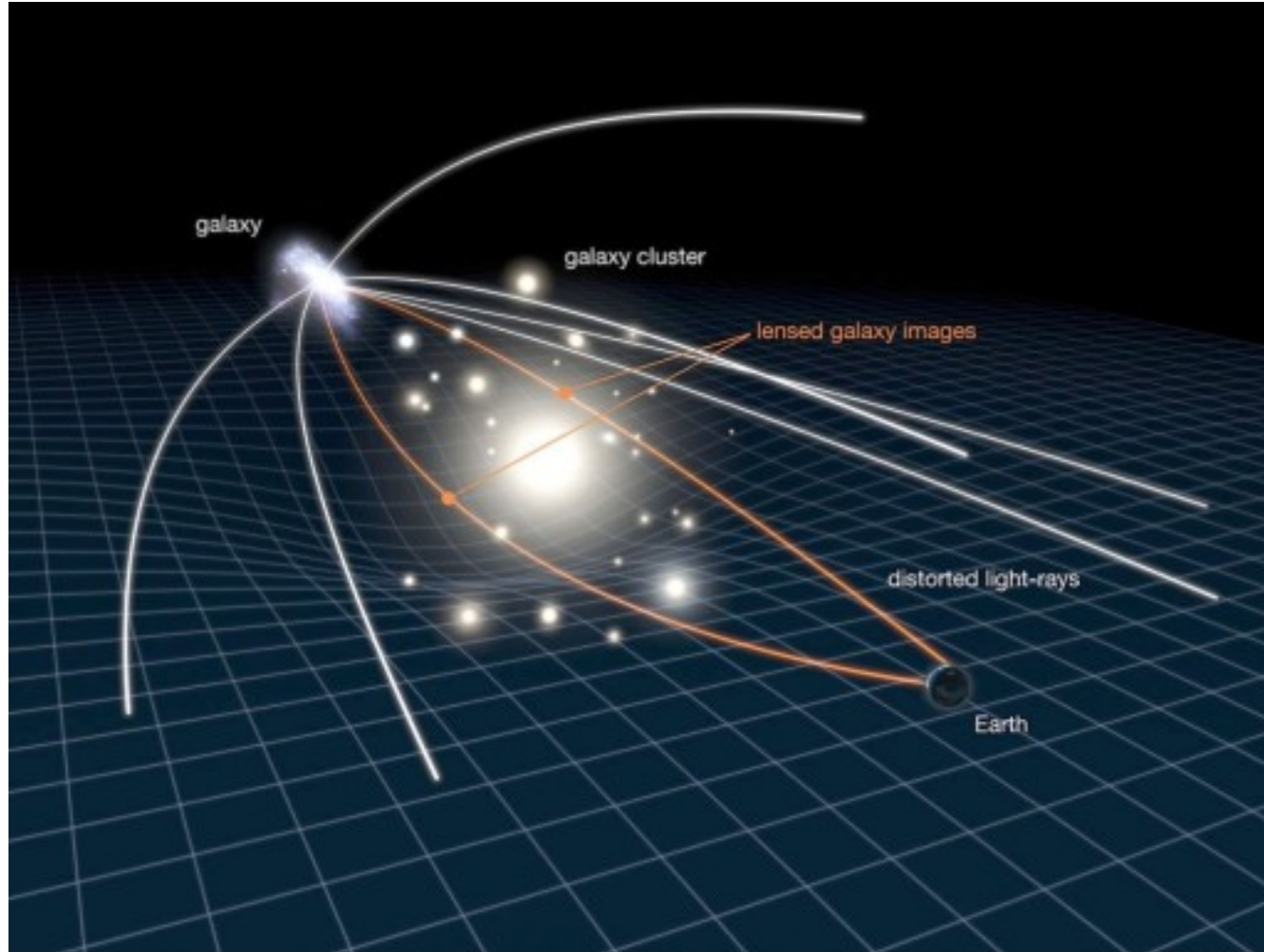
Gravitational lensing



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(Weak) lensing parameters

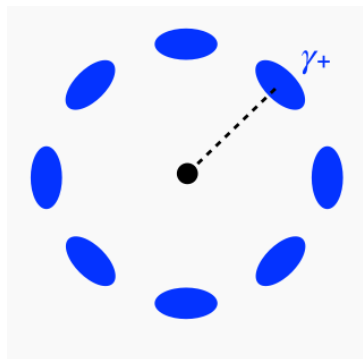
(Measuring shear)

- except for rare cases, lensing effect is weak.
- observed shape is affected by weak lensing distortion :

$$\epsilon_i^{\text{obs}} = \epsilon_i^{\text{int}} + \gamma_i$$

- shear is measured by averaging observed galaxy shapes.
- we can extract information on the cluster by fitting the observed shear profile with a model.

Tangential and cross shear



tangential shear
generated by lensing

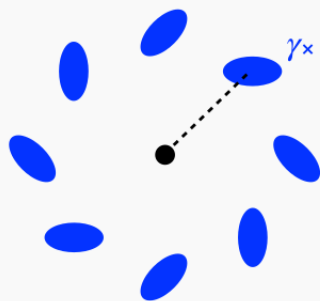
- The lens distorts shapes of background galaxies along tangential Direction.
- Thus, by measuring the tangential shear, we could obtain the mass dist.

tangential shear

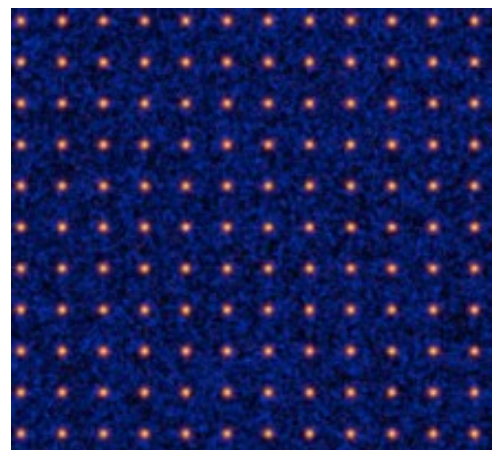
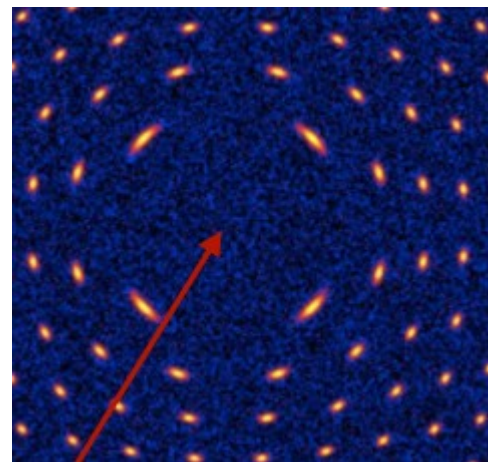
$$\gamma_+ = -\gamma_1 \cos 2\phi - \gamma_2 \sin 2\phi$$

cross shear (45 degree rotated)

$$\gamma_\times = \gamma_1 \sin 2\phi - \gamma_2 \cos 2\phi$$



cross shear
not generated by lensing,
used for checking systematics

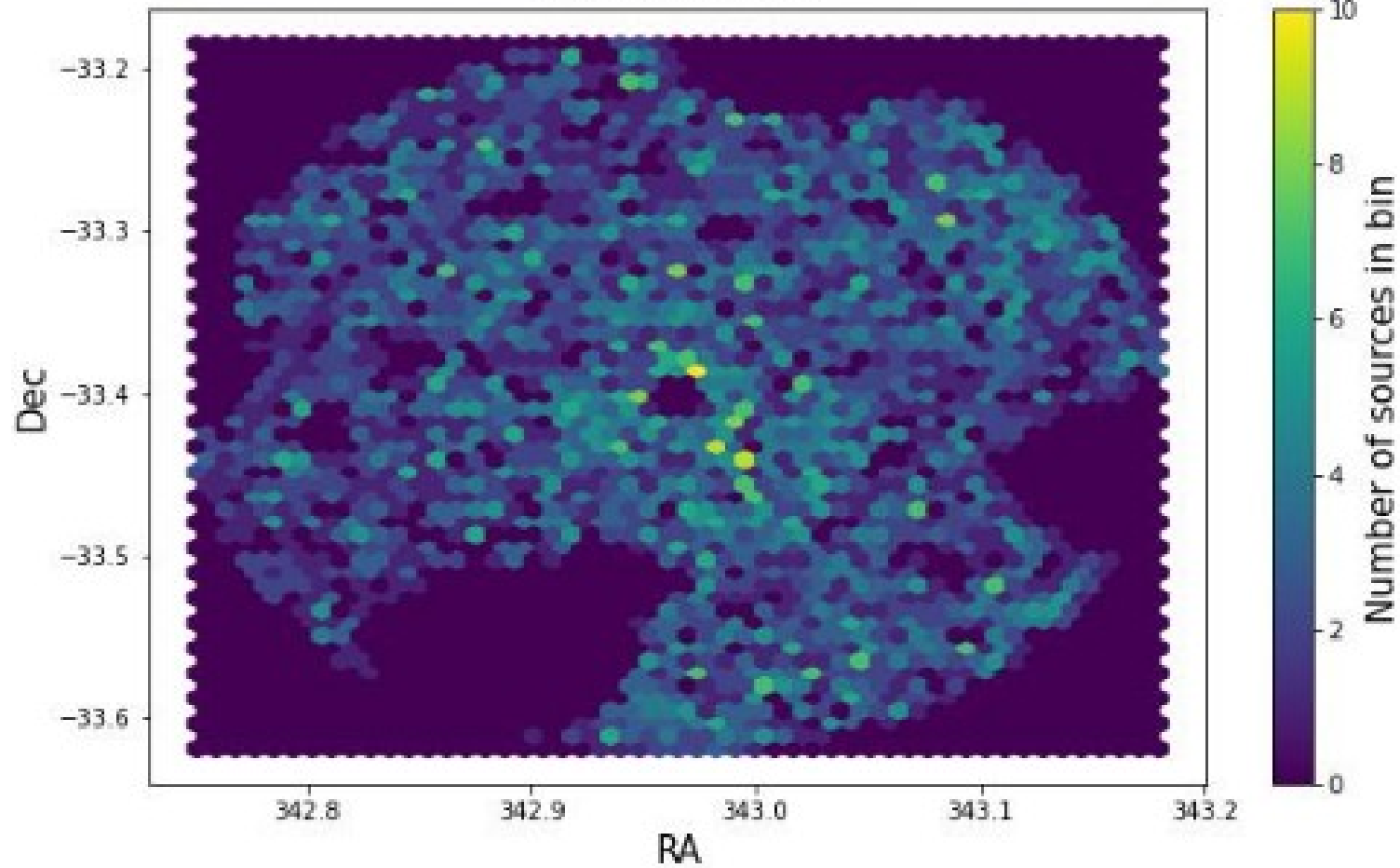


simulated by glafic

The Abell3926 cluster

Covered by the Kilo Degree Survey (Path G23)

Source Galaxies

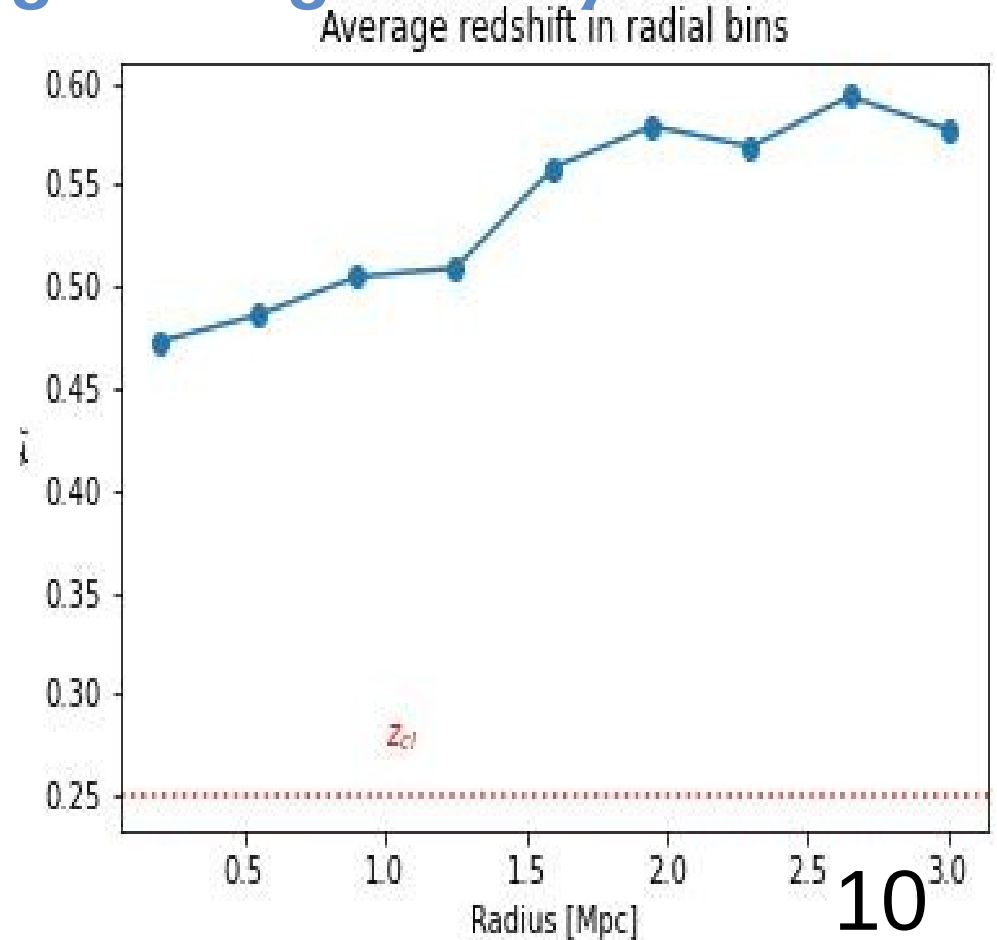
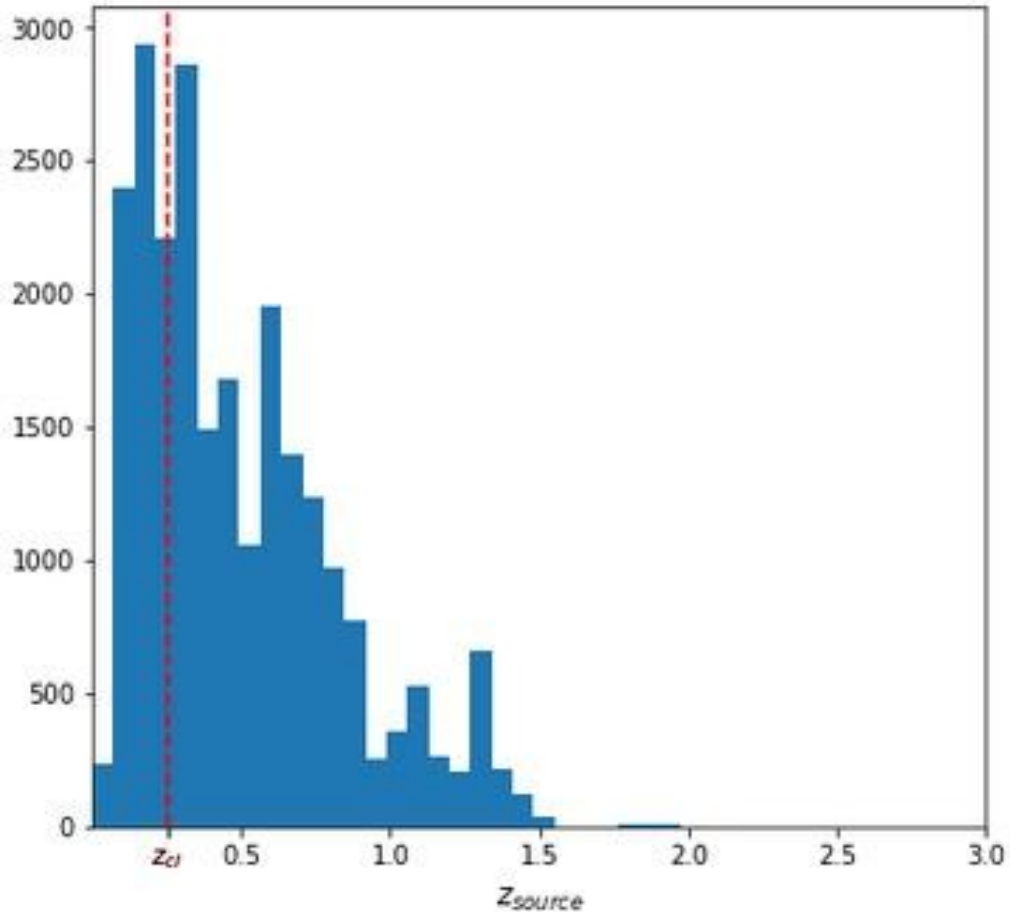


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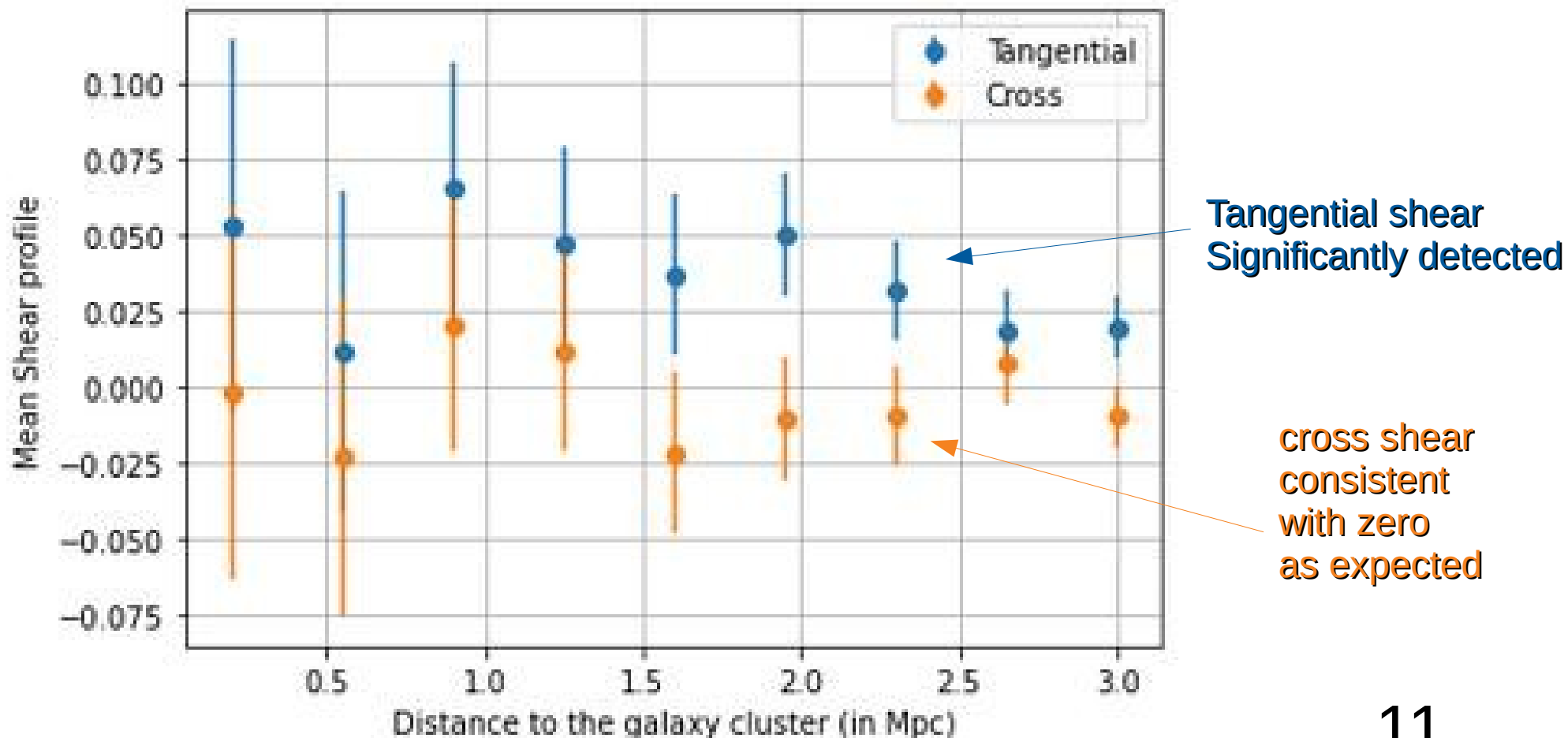
- Positions (Ra,Dec).
- Photo-metric redshift
- Ellipticities (e_1, e_2).
- ect.

Intermediate Computation

(Selecting background galaxies)

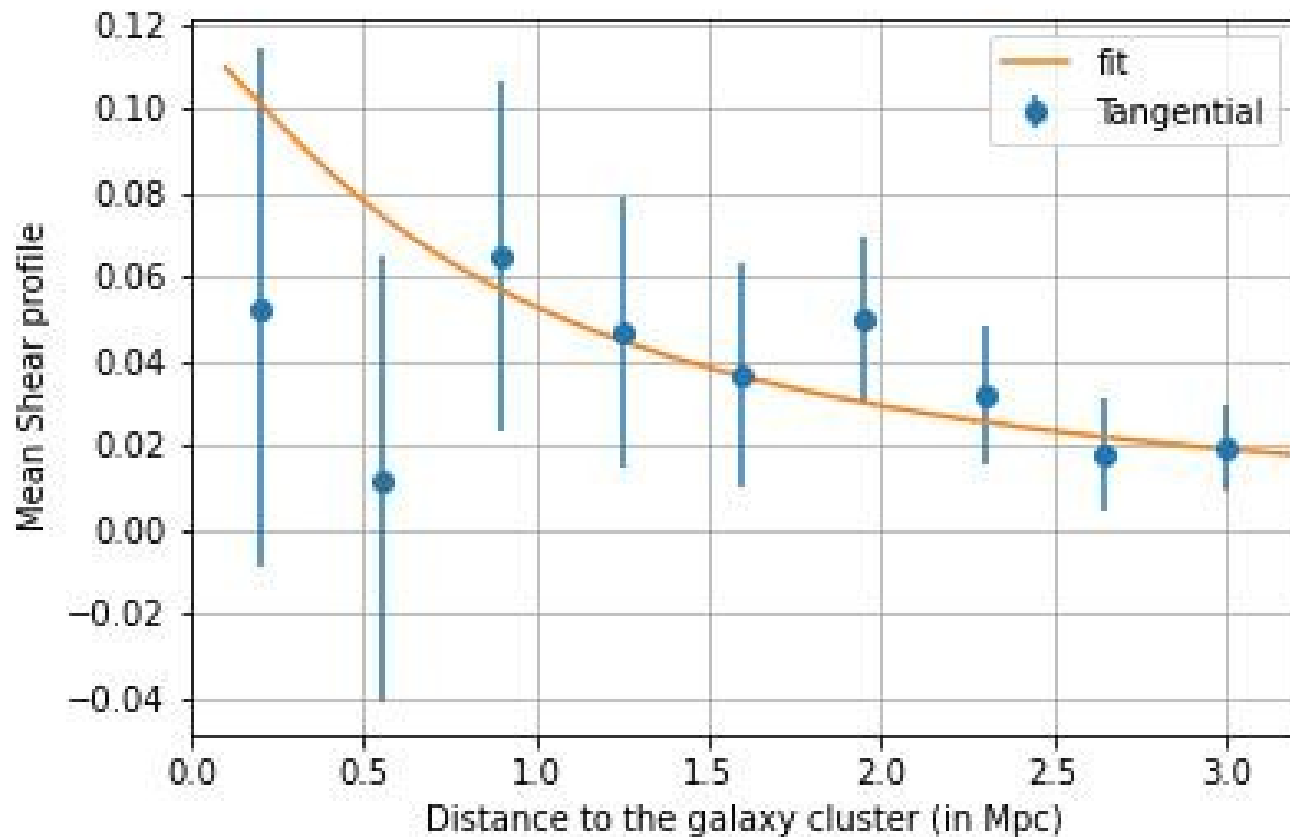


Tangential and cross shear profiles



NFW fitting result

(good fit achieved)



Analytic expression
of tangential shear
expressed by :
Wright & Brainerd

$$C_{200} = 1.801 \pm 0.886$$
$$r_s = 1.585 \pm 0.907 \text{ Mpc}$$

Concluding results

- We could then compute the mass M_{200} enclosed in a sphere of radius r_{200} as :

$$M_{200} = (3.608 \pm 8.165) \cdot 10^{15} M_{\text{sun}}$$

- Additionally, and because the degeneracy of c_{200} and r_{200} ($r_{200} = r_s \cdot c_{200}$), we fixed $C_{200} = 3.5$ and obtain :

$$M_{200} = (2.616 \pm 0.589) \cdot 10^{15} M_{\text{sun}}$$

Conclusions

- Weak gravitational lensing provides a powerful means of studying of dark matter distribution.
- We need many galaxies with accurate shape measurements, but we have also to be more careful with :
 - The selected background galaxies.
 - The binning of our tangential shear.
 - Try different cluster centers.

Thanks for your Attention !

Your questions are more than welcomed :)