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# Development of an unbiased shear estimator measured on galaxies

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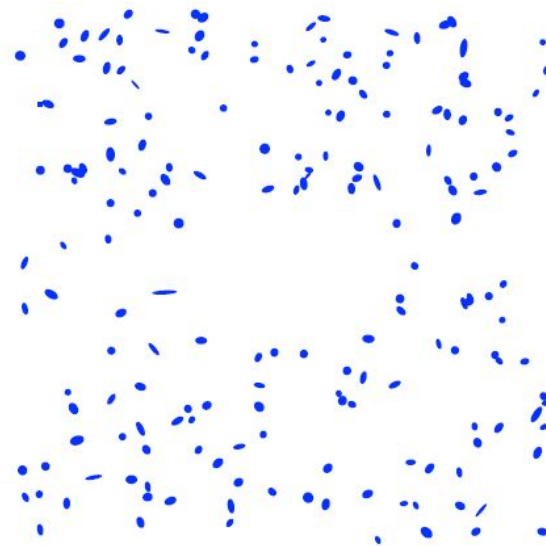
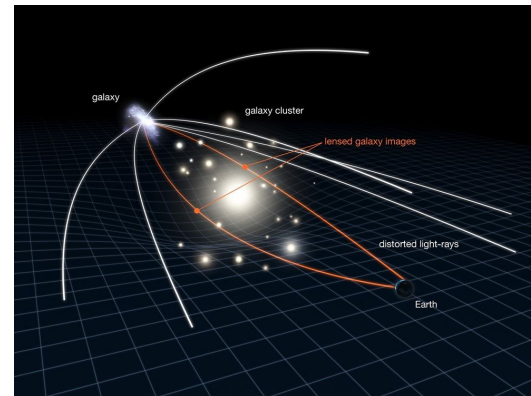
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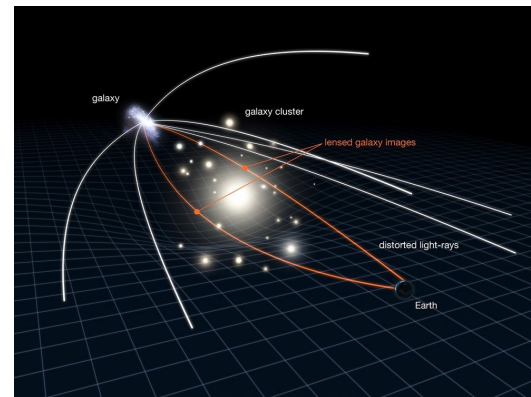
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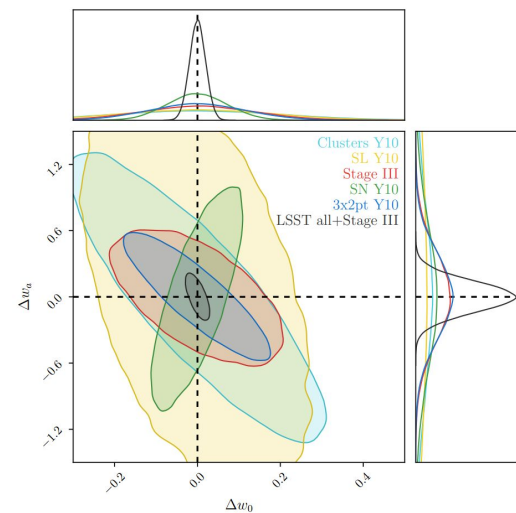
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**Challenge of the next decade : precision cosmology**

→ Will be possible with LSST and Euclid images, but complex measurement : associated biases, one source being the **shear estimator**

**My goal : Development of an unbiased cosmic shear estimator measured on galaxy shapes**

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# Method : Formalism

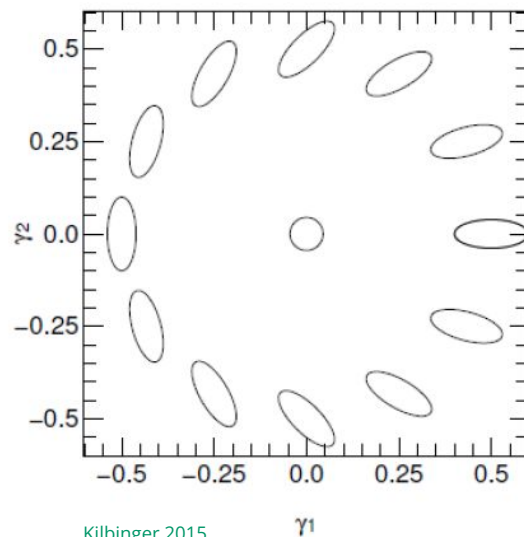
Distortion of an image described by matrix :  $\mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa - \gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 \\ -\gamma_2 & 1 - \kappa + \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Shear components :  $\gamma \equiv \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2 = |\gamma|e^{2i\phi}$

Weak lensing:  $|\gamma| \ll \kappa \ll 1$

↔ reduced shear :

$$g_i = \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - \kappa}$$

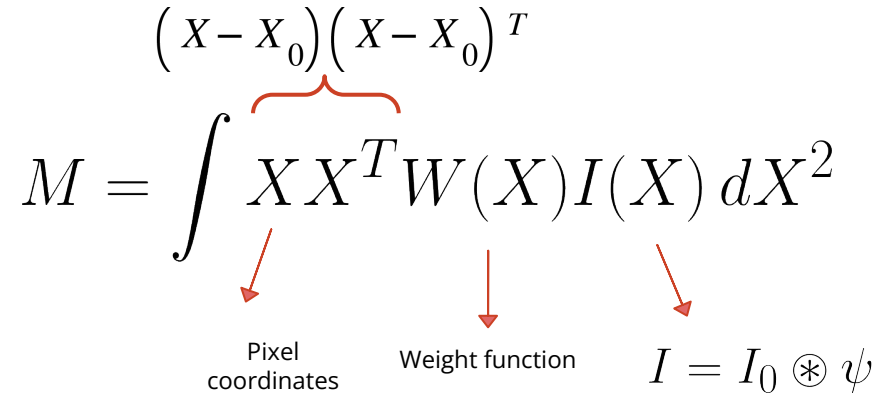


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*Self calibration factor* (linear combination of seconds moments derivatives with respect to the shear)

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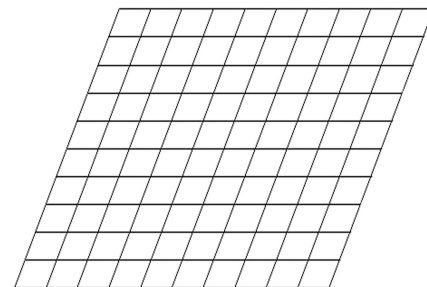
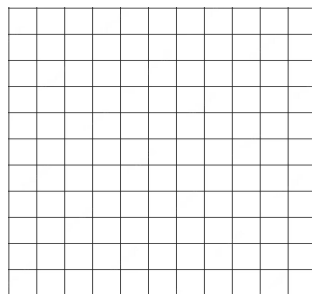


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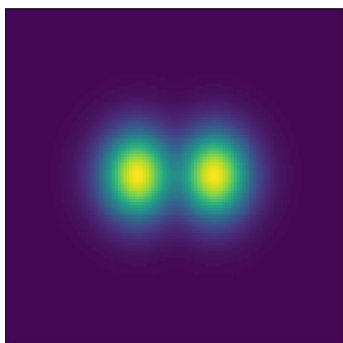
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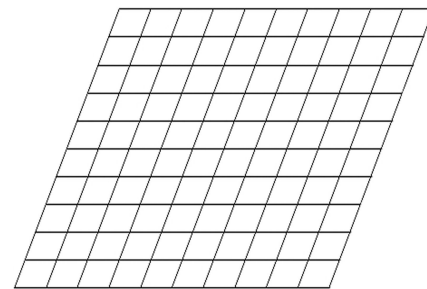
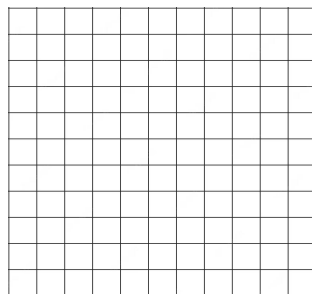
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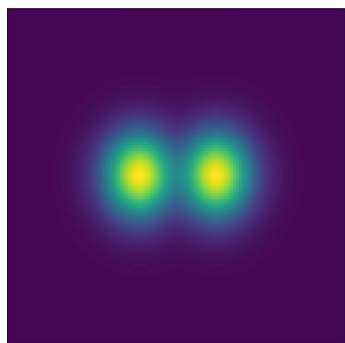
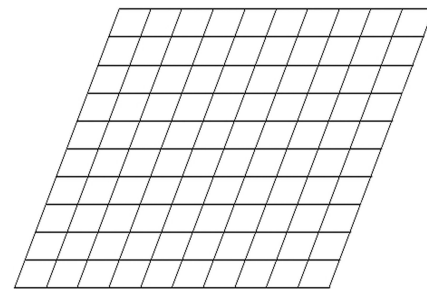
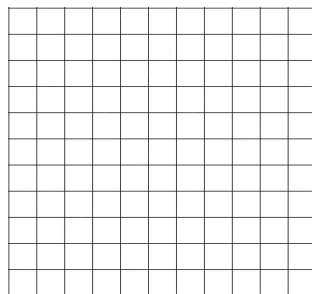


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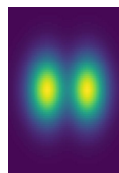
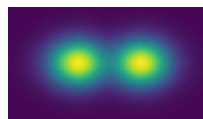
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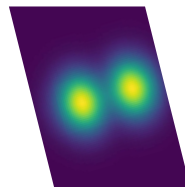
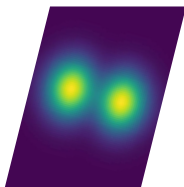
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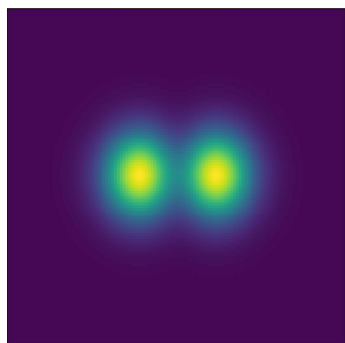
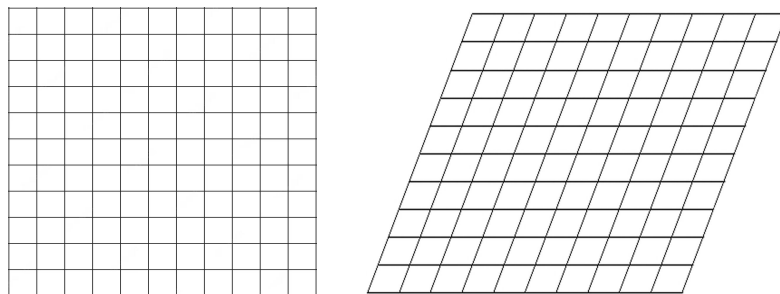


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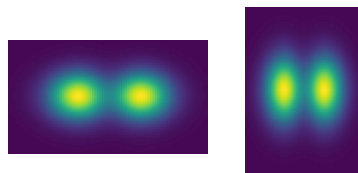
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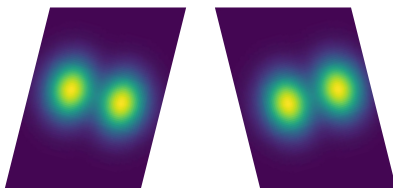


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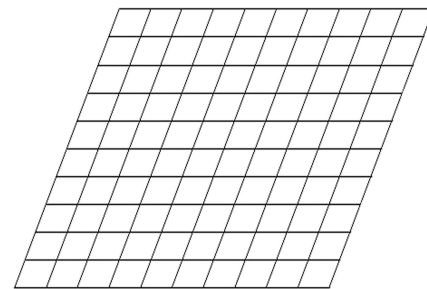
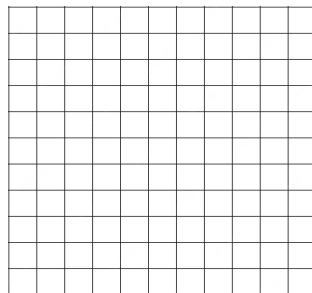
**Sampling :**

$$I = I_c \otimes \Pi \Leftrightarrow M = M_c + M_{pix}$$

$$M = \int XX^T I(X) d^2X + \frac{JJ^T}{12}$$

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with :

-  $J$  : the Jacobian involved in the affine transformation of coordinates (pixel  $\leftrightarrow$  physical)

-  $s$  : the image pixel scale (arcsec/pixel)

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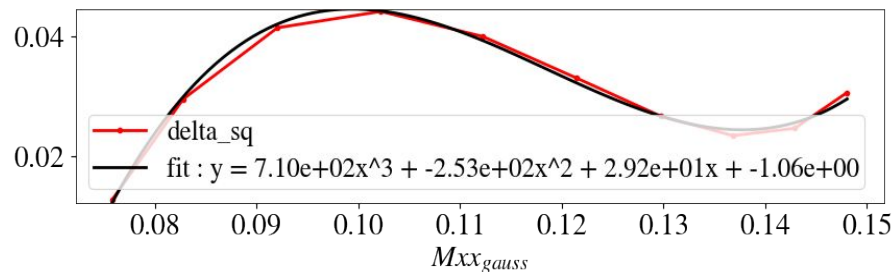
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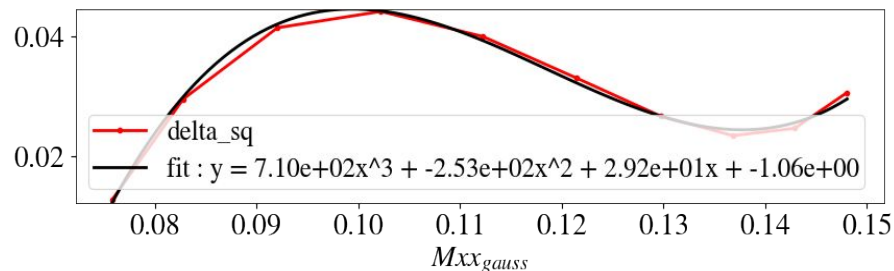
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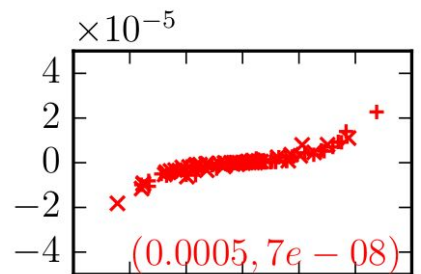


The result of the fit works for any galaxy profile (including realistic profiles from the COSMOS catalog), **but not when the PSF profile is different**

→ **BUT** this is not a problem : the PSF profile is sufficiently well known

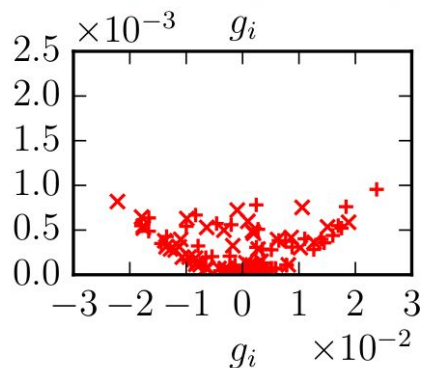
# Results : Elliptical gaussian galaxies

Comparison : Mean over elliptical galaxies ( $\langle g \rangle = \langle R \rangle^{-1} \langle e \rangle$ )

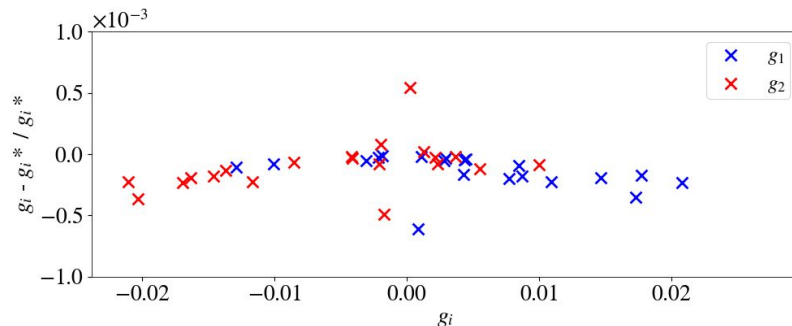
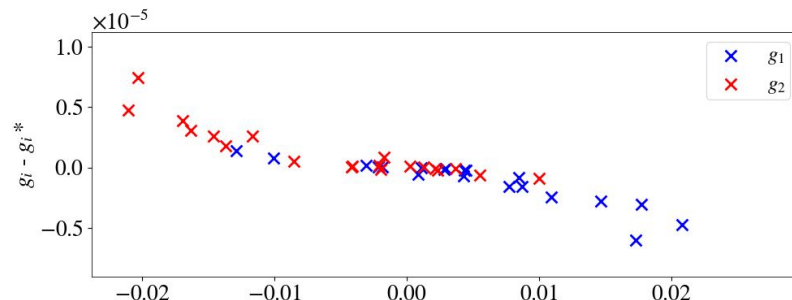


**Upper panel** : absolute difference between applied shear and estimated shear

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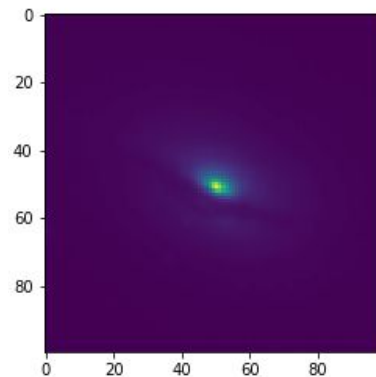
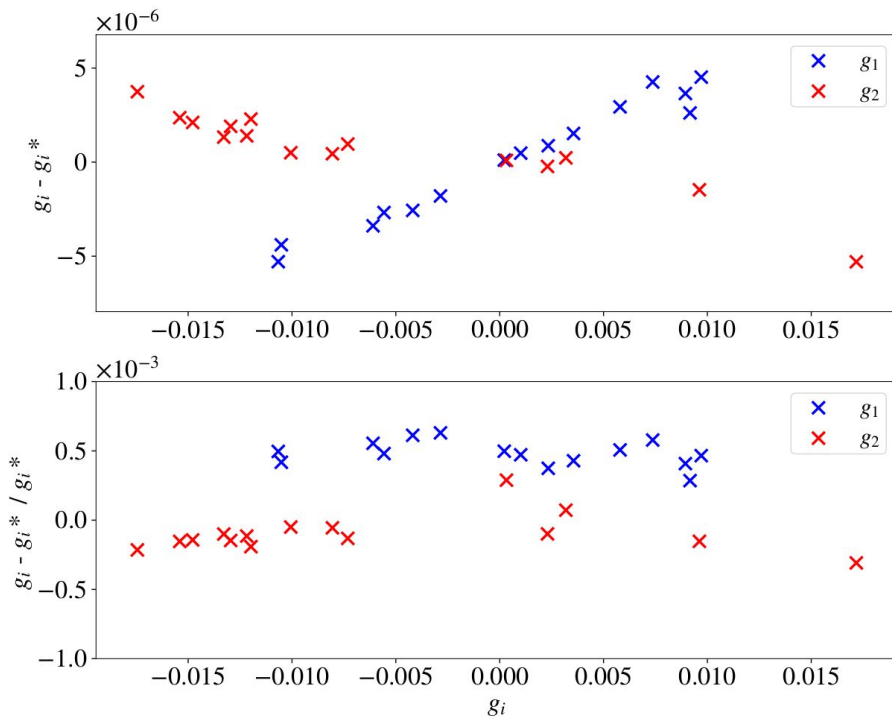


Estimation performed over 20 random shear values and averaging over 20 pairs of random (and opposite) intrinsic ellipticities.



# Results : Realistic galaxy profile (COSMOS catalog)

Comparison : Mean over random rotations applied to the galaxy



# Results : Noisy simulations


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Analytical calculation of position variance :

$$\sigma(x_0)^2 = K^2 \sigma_{noise}^2 \frac{M_W}{2} \sum_i W_i^2$$

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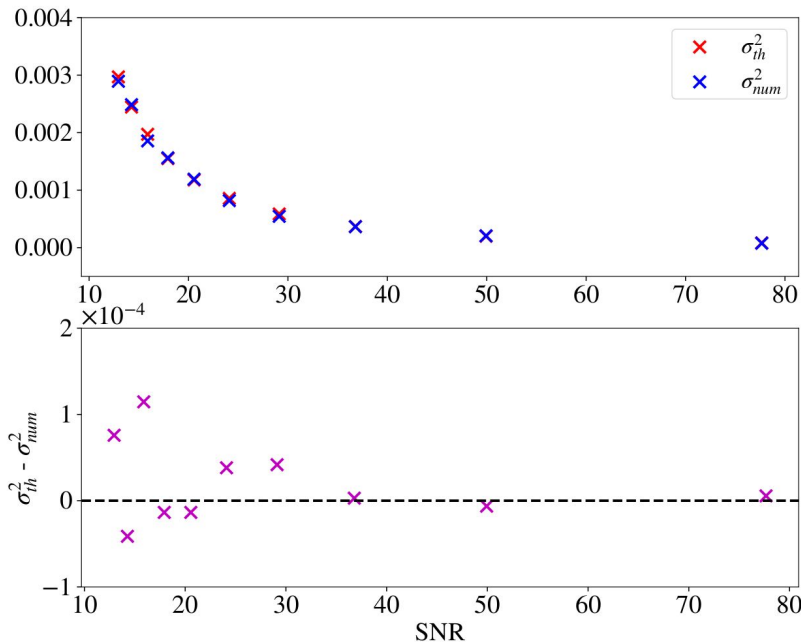
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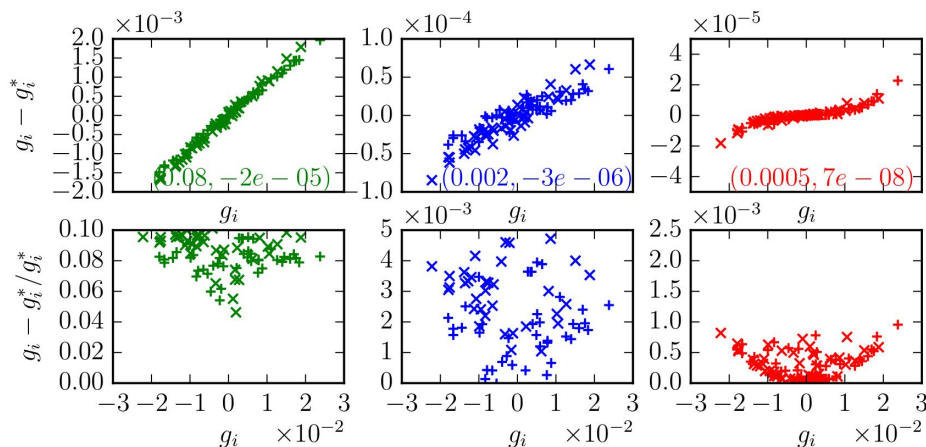
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Backup



# Method : Theoretical prediction

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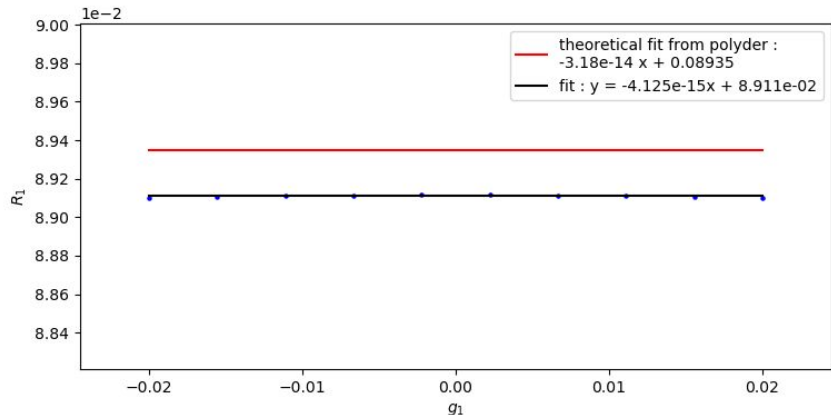
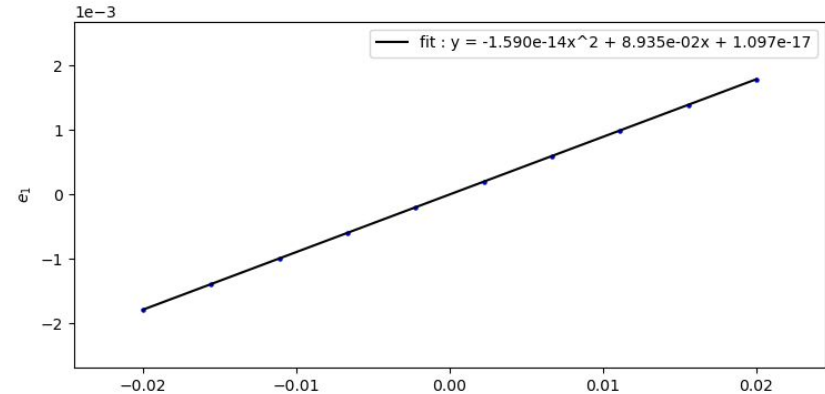
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Observed gap between the derivative of  $e_1$  calculated with *polyder* and the value of  $R_1 \rightarrow$  explains the bias on the estimate of  $g_1$ .



# Results : Simulations

## Parameters :

**N** = 100 (image size)

**Pixel scale** = 0.2 arcsec/pixel (similar to LSST)

**Ngal** = 10 (mean over Ngal galaxies)

**Ellip. Intrinsèques** = [-0.3 ; 0.3] (zero in average)

**Cosmic shear** = [-0.02 ; 0.02] (5 or 10 values)

Simulations performed using the *Galsim* package

		PSF (FWHM = 0.8" ; $\sigma$ = 0.34")		
	Profils	Gaussien	Kolmogorov	Moffat ( $\beta = 3.5$ )
Galaxies	Gaussien	$\sigma = [0.15 - 0.4]$	FWHM = [0.36 - 1.0]	FWHM = [0.35 - 1.0]
	Sersic $n = 0.5$	$R_H = [0.18 - 0.5]$	$R_H = [0.18 - 0.48]$	$R_H = [0.18 - 0.5]$
	Sersic $n = 1.5$	$R_H = [0.14 - 0.54]$	$R_H = [0.14 - 0.52]$	$R_H = [0.14 - 0.52]$

# Results : Trace ratio

Trace Ratio :  $TR = \frac{Tr(M_{image})}{Tr(M_{PSF})}$

**DES Y1** : From  $TR = 1.5$  (and below), shear estimation becomes poor.

To test different galaxy and PSF profiles (Gaussian, Moffat, Sersic...), we look at certain key TR values (between 1.2 and 2.5), to test the limits of the estimator.

- We set the FWHM of the PSF to a given value (0.8"), then vary the FWHM of the galaxy to achieve the desired TR values.
- The FWHM of the weight  $W$  is set between 20 and 30% higher than the FWHM of the PSF ( if  $FWHM(PSF) = 0.8''$ , then  $FWHM(W) = 1''$  ).

# Shear application to seconds moments : *Metacalibration*

Image after shear application :  $I(s) = P \otimes [s(P^{-1} \otimes I)]$

with  $s$  the shear operator and  $P$  the atmospheric seeing + PSF + pixel response function.

To remove noise amplified by deconvolution, creation of a **dilated PSF**  $\Gamma$  :  $\Gamma(x) = P((1 + 2|\gamma|)x)$

**New sheared image** :  $I(s) = \Gamma \otimes [s * (P^{-1} \otimes I)]$



shear distortion

→ This procedure introduces correlated anisotropic noise, which can lead to a systematic multiplicative bias.

**Estimation method :**

$$\langle \gamma \rangle \approx \langle \mathbf{R}_\gamma \rangle^{-1} \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle \approx \langle \mathbf{R}_\gamma \rangle^{-1} \langle \mathbf{R}_\gamma \gamma \rangle .$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle \approx \int d\mathbf{e} \frac{\partial P(\mathbf{e})}{\partial \gamma} \Big|_{\gamma=0} \gamma \, d\mathbf{e} = \langle \mathbf{R}_\gamma \gamma \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{R}_\gamma \rangle = \int \frac{\partial P(\mathbf{e})}{\partial \gamma} \Big|_{\gamma=0} d\mathbf{e} \approx \int d\mathbf{e} \left( \frac{P^+ \mathbf{e}_i^+ - P^- \mathbf{e}_i^-}{\Delta \gamma_j} \right) d\mathbf{e} \\ = \frac{\langle e_i^+ \rangle - \langle e_i^- \rangle}{\Delta \gamma_j}, \end{array} \right. \quad (10)$$

# Shear application to seconds moments

Theoretical second moments (after shear application) :

$$M(S) = SMS^T = A^2 \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-g^2}}}_{=A} \begin{pmatrix} 1+g_1 & g_2 \\ g_2 & 1-g_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $g_1 \neq 0$  and  $g_2 = 0$  :

$$a = (1 + g_1)^2 M_{xx}$$

$$b = (1 - g_1^2) * M_{xy}$$

$$c = (1 - g_1^2) * M_{yx}$$

$$d = (1 - g_1^2)^2 * M_{yy}$$

If  $g_2 \neq 0$  and  $g_1 = 0$  :

$$a = M_{xx} + g_2 * (M_{xy} + M_{yx} + g_2 * M_{yy})$$

$$b = M_{xy} + g_2 * (M_{xx} + M_{yy} + g_2 * M_{yx})$$

$$c = M_{yx} + g_2 * (M_{xx} + M_{yy} + g_2 * M_{xy})$$

$$d = M_{yy} + g_2 * (M_{xy} + M_{yx} + g_2 * M_{xx})$$

# Pixel second moment calculation

$$M_{pix} = \int_{pixel} (\vec{X} - \vec{X}_c)(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_c)^T d^2\vec{X} / \int_{pixel} d^2\vec{X}$$

**X<sub>c</sub>** : pixel center  
**M** : Jacobian

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{X} - \vec{X}_c) &= M(\vec{i} - \vec{i}_c) \\ d^2\vec{X} &= |\det(M)| d^2\vec{i} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \text{change of variable}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{pix} &= \int_{pixel} (\vec{X} - \vec{X}_c)(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_c)^T d^2\vec{X} / \int_{pixel} d^2\vec{X} \\ &= |\det(M)| \int_{pixel} M(\vec{i} - \vec{i}_c)(\vec{i} - \vec{i}_c)^T M^T d^2\vec{i} / |\det(M)| \int_{pixel} d^2\vec{i} \\ &= M \left[ \int_{pixel} (\vec{i} - \vec{i}_c)(\vec{i} - \vec{i}_c)^T d^2\vec{i} \right] M^T \\ &= MM^T / 12 \end{aligned} \quad \int_0^1 (x - 1/2)^2 dx = 1/12$$

# Position's variance calculation

$$f(x_0, I) = \sum (x_i - x_0) W(x_i - x_0) I_i$$

$$\frac{\partial x_0}{\partial I_i} = - \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial I_i}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial f}{\partial I_i} = (x_i - x_0) W_i \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} = - \sum W I + M_W^{-1} \sum (x_i - x_0)(x_i - x_0)^T W I \\ \quad = -F \mathbf{1} + M_W^{-1} M_P^* F \end{array} \right.$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial I_i} = \frac{1}{F} [\mathbf{1} - M_W^{-1} M_P]^{\dagger} (x_i - x_0) W_i$$

When noise is added ( $\epsilon$ ) :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta x_0 &= \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial I_i} \epsilon_i \\ &= K(x_i - x_0) W_i \epsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x_0)^2 &= \sum \left( \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial \epsilon_i} \right)^2 \sigma(\epsilon_i)^2 \\ &= \sum \left( \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial I_i} \right)^2 \sigma_{noise}^2 \\ &= K^2 \sigma_{noise}^2 \sum (x_i - x_0)(x_i - x_0)^T W_i^2 \\ &= K^2 \sigma_{noise}^2 \frac{M_W}{2} \sum W_i^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Sersic profile

$$I(r) \sim e^{-b(r/r_e)^{1/n}}$$

$r_e$  : half light radius

$n$  : Sersic index  
(controls profile curvature)

Sersic 1D, different  $n$

