

Estimating the weak lensing effect from ray-tracing in cosmological simulations

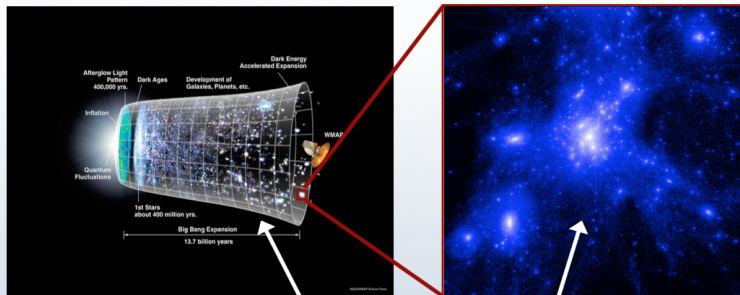
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Cosmology and structure formation

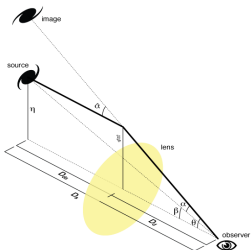
Universe components

- 68% *Dark Energy*
- 27% *Dark Matter*
- 5% *Ordinary Matter*



Imprints of DARK ENERGY on COSMIC STRUCTURE FORMATION

Weak lensing and lens equation



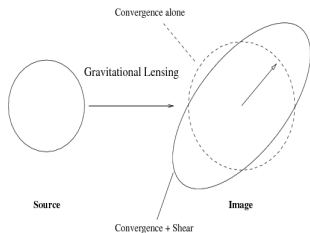
Lens equation

$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta})$$

- $\vec{\beta}$ true angle
- $\vec{\theta}$ angle seen
- $\vec{\alpha}$ deflection angle

Approximation :

$$\vec{\beta}, \theta, \vec{\alpha} \ll 1$$



Distortion matrix

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\beta}}{\partial \vec{\theta}} = \text{convergence} + \text{shear}$$

$$\text{convergence} : (1 - \kappa) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{shear} : -\gamma \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

Cosmological N-Body simulation

N-body simulations of interacting (dark matter) particles in an FLRW metric

Poisson equation :

$$\Delta\Phi = 4\pi G\rho$$

Evolution equations :

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{v}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$$

New ongoing simulations :

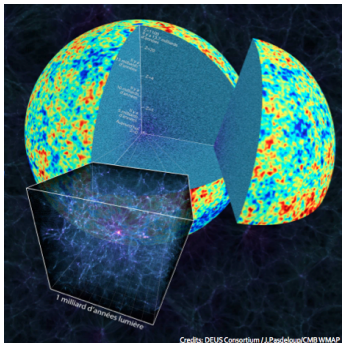
4096³ particles

box size : 3Gpc

Ideal for groups

3 cosmologies :

Λ CDM – WCDM – RPCDM

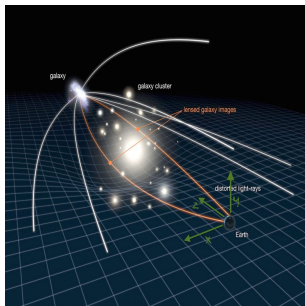


A raytracing library : *Magrathea* (V. Reverdy)

Compute propagation of photons in perturbed universe

Using C++11 template metaprogramming

- *Take action in the instantiation process*
- *MPI parallelized*



Geodesic equation

$$\frac{d^2 x^\alpha}{d^2 v} = \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha \frac{dx^\beta}{dv} \frac{dx^\gamma}{dv}$$

Raytracing characteristics

- *RK4 integrator*
- *4 steps per cell*

Light beam

Definition

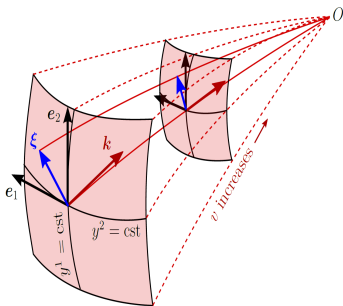
set of light rays which *all intersect at one event*

affine parameter $v = cst$ – hypersurface

Stop conditions

Different possibilities

- Affine parameter
- Comoving distance
- Scale factor
- Redshift



From the observer to sources (backward ray-tracing)

Problematic

How to get the position of sources as seen by an observer?

→ Find the null geodesic between the observer and a source

Method

- $x = (\varphi, \theta)$
- Minimize $F(x) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- Newton's method

Output

« NEW » : Catalog of sources taking into account weak lensing effects

Summary

- *Optimized raytracing library : metaprograming, MPI, HDF5 (new)*
- *Get shifted position (displaced galaxies) and deformation term (distorted galaxies)*

Next step ?

- *Run the N-body simulations*
- *Investigate the effect of lensing on Large Scale Structure statistics*
- *Investigate the imprints of cosmology on weak-lensing*