# **Can Weak Lensing Directly Probe the Stellar Mass of Galaxies?**

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## 1. Introduction

- $\succ$  Stellar mass is a fundamental property of a galaxy. But how to measure?
- > Existing sophisticated methods succeed but are limited due to their assumptions or restricted samples to conduct analyses.
- > Can weak lensing become complementary?
- Consistency between SED fitting and weak lensing may put constraint on **IMF evolution** across space and time?

Existing Methods

**SED fitting** (Galaxy age? Dust extinction? IMF? etc.) **Stellar Kinematics** (Velocity dispersion anisotropy?) **Strong Lensing** (Only galaxies with strong lensing...)

#### Weak Lensing

1) Direct mass measurement (besides the theory of gravity)

How about?

2) Wide range of stellar mass and redshift

—— Our goal: Predictions for future weak lensing surveys to directly probe stellar mass.

#### 2. Mass Distribution around Galaxies and Our Analysis Setup

Weak lensing signal reflects mass distribution around galaxies.  $\longrightarrow \Delta \Sigma(x) = \Sigma(x) - \Sigma(x)$ 



 $\Delta\Sigma$ : Surface mass density excess along the line of sight.  $\overline{\Sigma}(x)$ : Mean surface mass density within x.

 $\Sigma(x)$ : Surface mass density at a radius x.

 $\Delta \Sigma$  is additive and can be decomposed into  $\Delta \Sigma = \Delta \Sigma_{\text{dark matter}} + \Delta \Sigma_{\text{stellar}}$ 

1) Dark matter follows the standard **NFW** profile. 2) Stellar mass is a **point like source**. 3) Gas component contribution is negligible. are assumed, then we define Req as  $\Delta \Sigma_{\text{dark matter}}(R_{\text{eq}}) = \Delta \Sigma_{\text{stellar}}(R_{\text{eq}})$ 



Within Req, stellar mass dominates weak lensing signal.  $\blacksquare$  Predict S/N ( $\Delta \Sigma / \delta \Delta \Sigma$ ) within Req.

## 3. Our Data and Results

Use **COSMOS ACS** catalog (Massey et al. 2007, Leauthaud et al. 2007, Rodes et al. 2007, and Leauthaud et al. 2012)

#### **Req evolution**



#### Lens-source pair findings



Green: Kron ellipse **Red**: overlapped Kron Blue: Req

Our criterion: **Reject source galaxies** whose Kron ellipses are overlapped, which may not receive reliable shape measurements.





## 4. Summary

- $\checkmark$  To directly probe the stellar mass of galaxies, it is needed to conduct weak lensing analysis on the scale within Req, which varies from about 6 to 35 kpc depending on the lens galaxy stellar mass and redshift.
- ✓ Instead of investigating shear bias on that small scale, we test how the expected signal-to-noise ratio varying with Kron ellipse criterion that rejects source galaxies from a weak lensing analysis.
- ✓ From future space-based weak lensing surveys, we may obtain sufficiently large enough signal-to-noise ratio to distinguish Salpeter and Chabrier initial mass function. (Note that this is the average of more than 10 galaxies in a given lens stellar mass and redshift bin.)