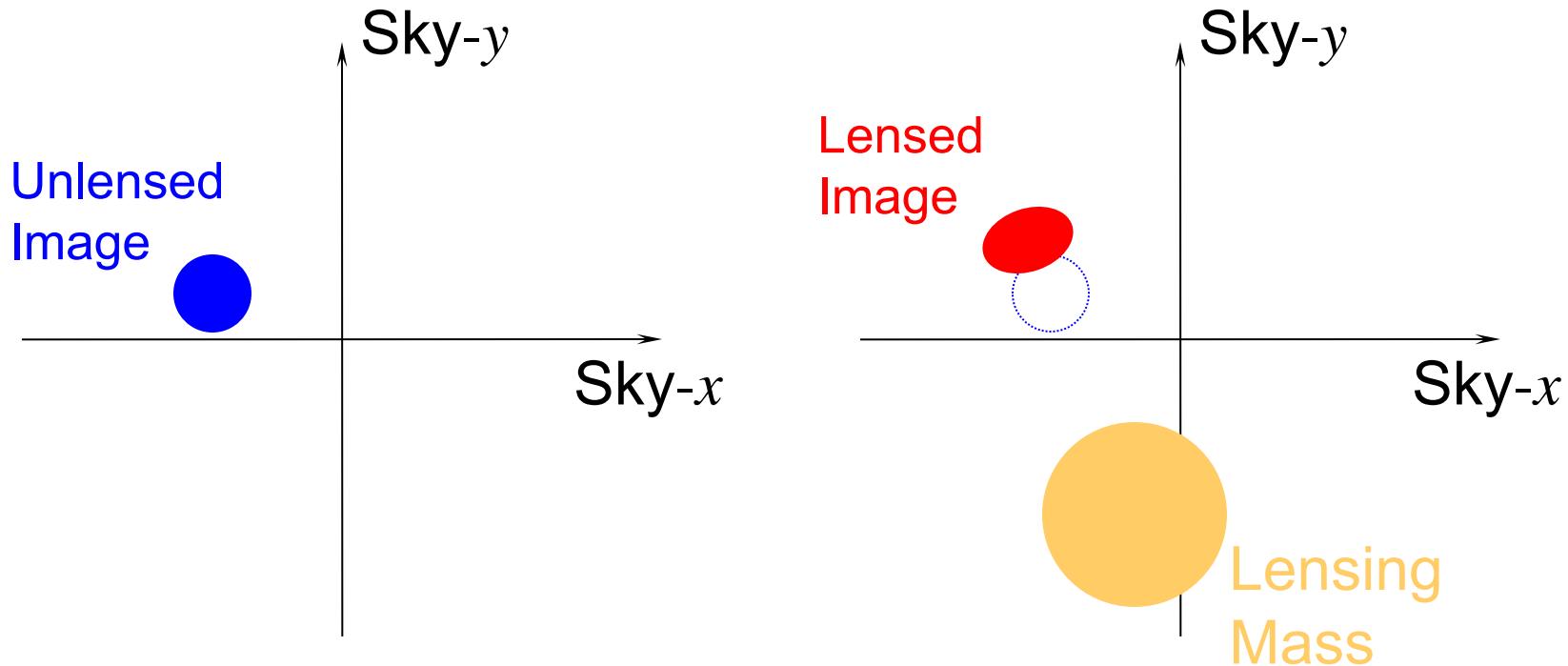


# Shear, Ellipticity and All That (Part I)

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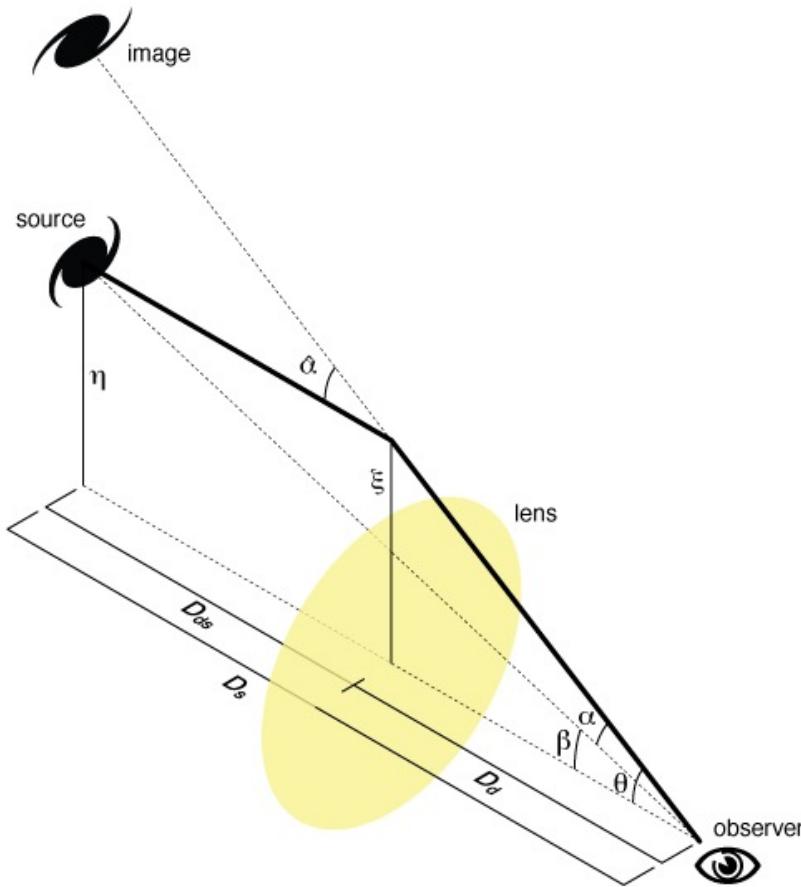
# “Look, up in the sky...”



**Part 1:** Describe re-mapping, maps from weak lensing

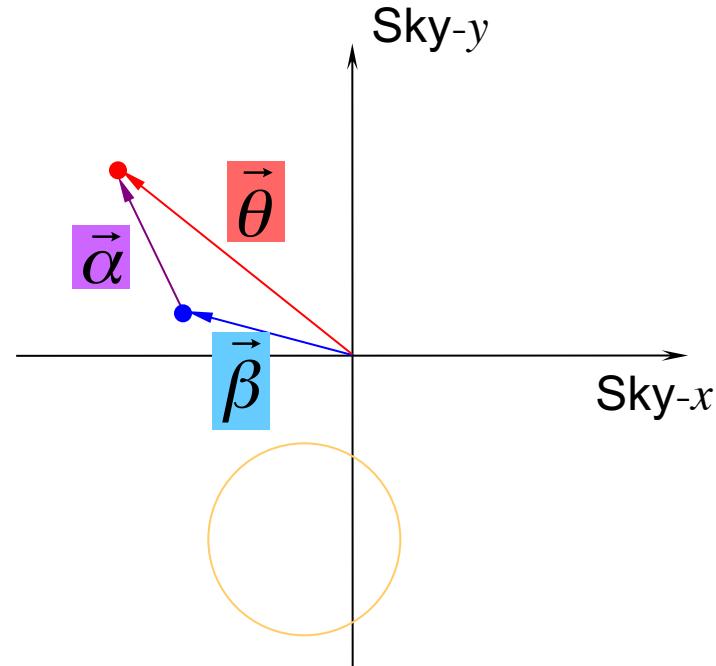
**Part 2:** Measuring map features, connect to physics

# Displacement on the sky



Single-bend/"thin-screen" approximation  
(figure from Wikipedia)

$\vec{\beta}$  Unlensed/Source  
 $\vec{\theta}$  Lensed/Image



$$\vec{\beta}(\vec{\theta}) = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) \quad \text{Simple}$$
$$\vec{\theta}(\vec{\beta}) = \vec{\beta} + \vec{\alpha}(\vec{\beta}) \quad \text{Awkward}$$

# General 2D→2D mappings

$\vec{\beta}(\vec{\theta})$        $\vec{\beta}_0 = \vec{\beta}(\vec{\theta}_0)$    Taylor expand around    $\vec{\theta}_0$

$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}_0 + \left. \frac{\partial \vec{\beta}}{\partial \vec{\theta}} \right|_{\vec{\theta}_0} (\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0) + O((\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)^2)$$

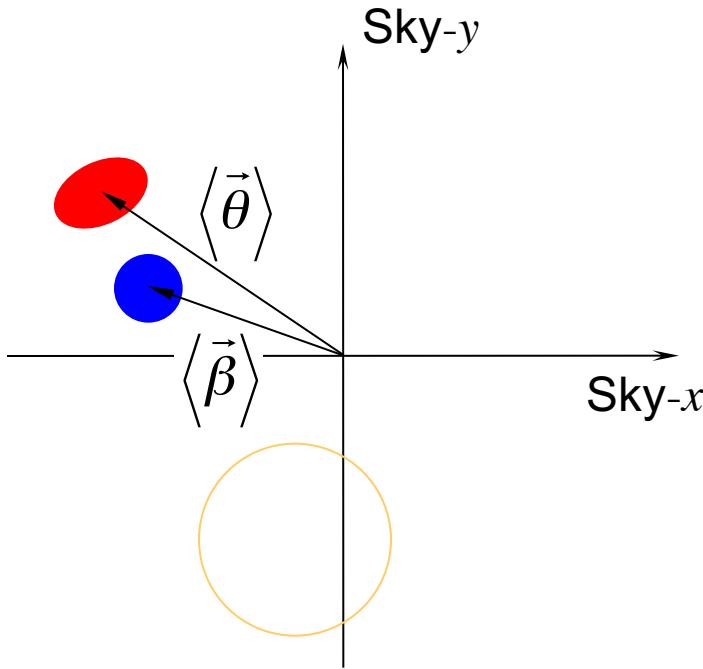
$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_x - \beta_{0x} \\ \beta_y - \beta_{0y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial \theta_x} & \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial \theta_y} \\ \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial \theta_x} & \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial \theta_y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_x - \theta_{0x} \\ \theta_y - \theta_{0y} \end{bmatrix}$$

to 1st order

$$\underbrace{\vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_0}_{\text{Source}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{Jacobi Matrix}} \underbrace{(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)}_{\text{Image}}$$
$$\underbrace{(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)}_{\text{Image}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^{-1}}_{\text{Magnification Matrix}} \underbrace{(\vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_0)}_{\text{Source}}$$

# Effect of 1<sup>st</sup>-order map on mean

$$\langle X \rangle \equiv \frac{\sum X(i)}{N_{\text{Stars}}}$$



$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}_0 + \mathbf{A}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{\beta} \rangle &= \langle \vec{\beta}_0 + \mathbf{A}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0) \rangle \\ &= \vec{\beta}_0 + \mathbf{A}(\langle \vec{\theta} \rangle - \vec{\theta}_0) \\ &= \vec{\beta}(\langle \vec{\theta} \rangle)\end{aligned}$$

The mean of the image is  
the image of the mean

# Effect of 1<sup>st</sup>-order map on covariance

Taylor expand around means, take  $\vec{\beta}_0 = \langle \vec{\beta} \rangle$  and  $\vec{\theta}_0 = \langle \vec{\theta} \rangle$

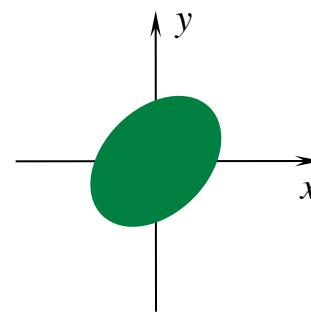
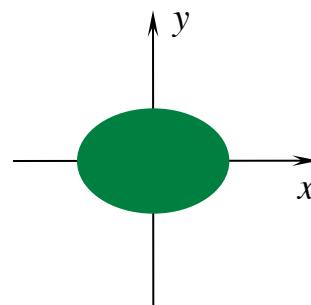
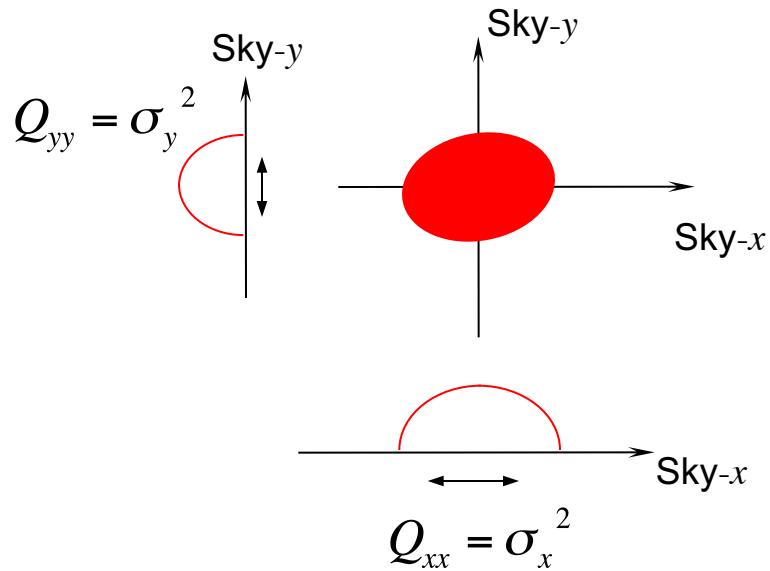
**Covariance matrix:**  $\Sigma_{ij}^{\text{Source}} \equiv \langle (\beta_i - \langle \beta_i \rangle)(\beta_j - \langle \beta_j \rangle) \rangle \quad i, j \in \{x, y\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{\text{Source}} &= \langle (\vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_0)(\vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_0)^T \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{A}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)[\mathbf{A}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)]^T \rangle \\ &= \mathbf{A} \langle (\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)^T \rangle \mathbf{A}^T \\ &= \mathbf{A} \Sigma^{\text{Image}} \mathbf{A}^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma^{\text{Image}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \Sigma^{\text{Source}} [\mathbf{A}^T]^{-1}$$

This is how lensing  $\mathbf{A}$  affects the image covariance  $\Sigma$

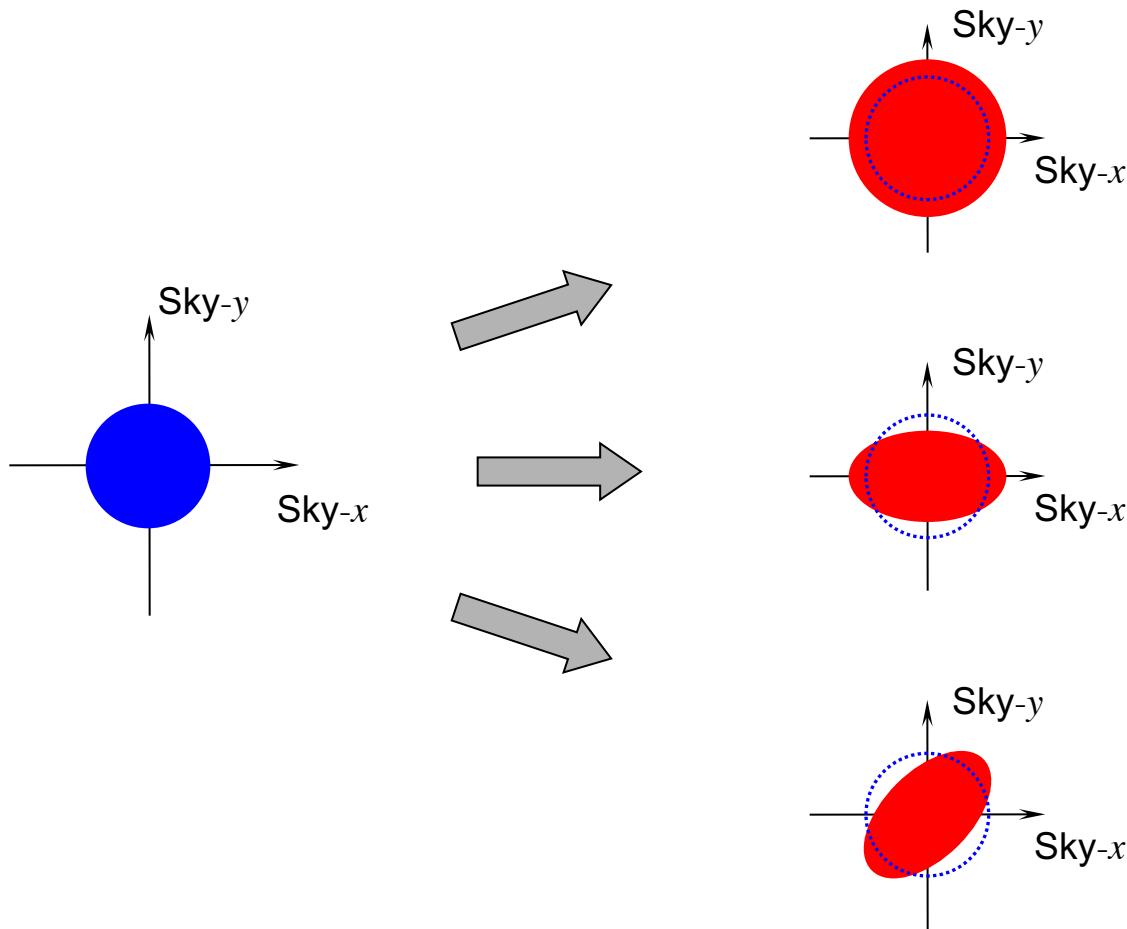
# Astronomers refer to $\Sigma$ as $Q$



How do we relate properties of  $\mathbf{A}$  to features of  $Q$ ?

# Symmetric Traceless Decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - (\text{Convergence})\mathbf{I} - \begin{bmatrix} \text{Shear}_+ & \text{Shear}_x \\ \text{Shear}_x & -\text{Shear}_+ \end{bmatrix}$$



Conv > 0  
Shear<sub>+</sub> = 0  
Shear<sub>x</sub> = 0

Conv = 0  
Shear<sub>+</sub> > 0  
Shear<sub>x</sub> = 0

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# Deflection potential $\psi$

M. Bartelmann, P. Schneider / Physics Reports 340 (2001) 291–472

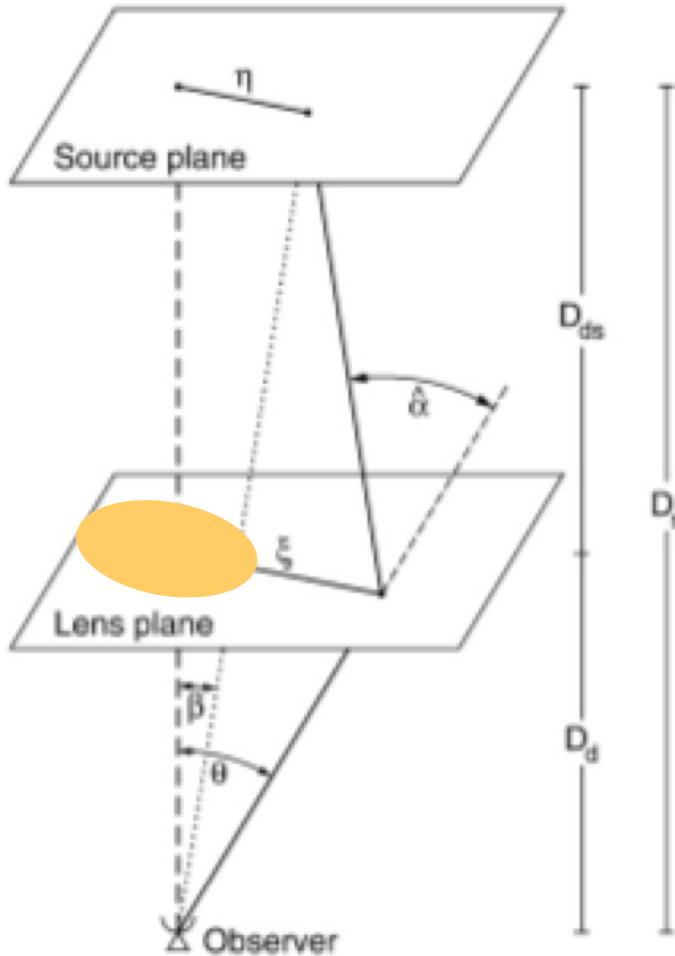


Fig. 11. Sketch of a typical gravitational lens system.

Deflection angle  $\vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta})$  depends on local

$$\text{projected mass density } \Sigma(\vec{\xi}) = \int \rho(\vec{\xi}, z) dz$$

at location  $\vec{\xi} = \vec{\theta} D_d$  in the lens plane.

Define deflection potential  $\psi(\theta)$  such that displacement angle

$$\vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \vec{\nabla} \psi(\vec{\theta})$$

The deflection potential is related to the projected mass density:

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \psi(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{\Sigma(\vec{\theta} D_d)}{\Sigma_C} \equiv \kappa(\vec{\theta})$$

# The A matrix for a thin screen

$$\vec{\beta}(\vec{\theta}) = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha}(\vec{\theta}) = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\nabla}\psi(\vec{\theta}) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_i = \theta_i - \frac{\partial\psi(\vec{\theta})}{\partial\theta_i} \quad i \in \{x,y\}$$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial\beta_i}{\partial\theta_j} = \frac{\partial\theta_i}{\partial\theta_j} - \frac{\partial^2\psi(\vec{\theta})}{\partial\theta_j\partial\theta_i} \quad i,j \in \{x,y\}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_x^2} & \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_x\partial\theta_y} \\ \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_y\partial\theta_x} & \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_y^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_x^2} - \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_y^2}\right) & \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_x\partial\theta_y} \\ \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_y\partial\theta_x} & -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_x^2} - \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\theta_y^2}\right) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Symmetric and Traceless}}$$

# Convergence, shear<sub>+</sub> and shear<sub>x</sub>

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \kappa \mathbf{I} - \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_2 & -\gamma_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta_x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta_y^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\Sigma(\vec{\theta} D_d)}{\Sigma_c}$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta_x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta_y^2} \right)$$

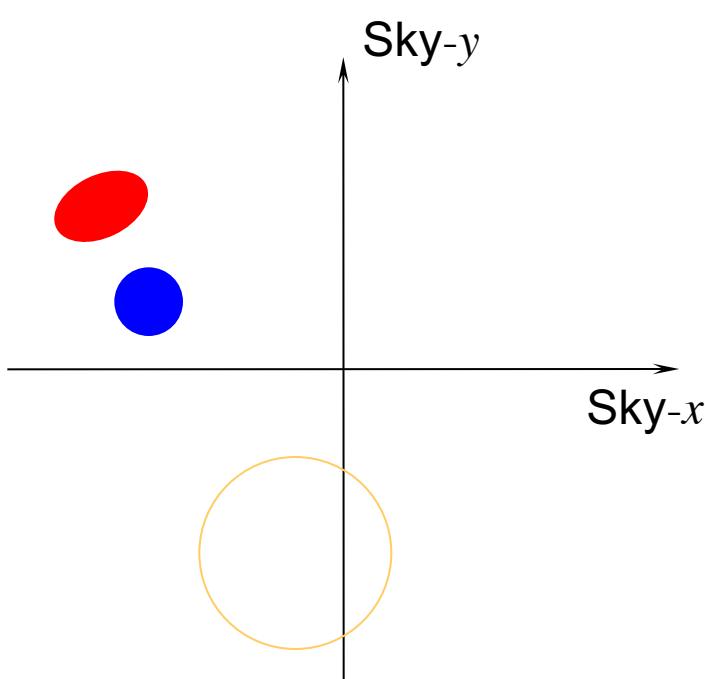
$$\gamma_2 = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta_y \partial \theta_x}$$

Convergence  
Shear<sub>+</sub>  
Shear<sub>x</sub>

All 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $\psi$   
and so 1<sup>st</sup> order in  
lensing mass.

# Object brightness

Surface brightness = (sources per area) x (brightness of each source)



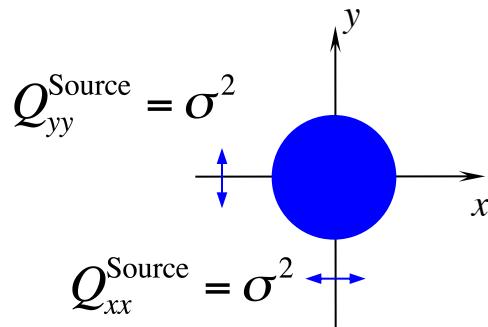
$$\underbrace{(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0)}_{\text{Image}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^{-1}}_{\text{Magnification Matrix}} \underbrace{(\vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_0)}_{\text{Source}}$$

$$\text{Area}(\text{Red Ellipse}) = \text{Det}[\mathbf{A}^{-1}] \text{ Area}(\text{Blue Circle})$$

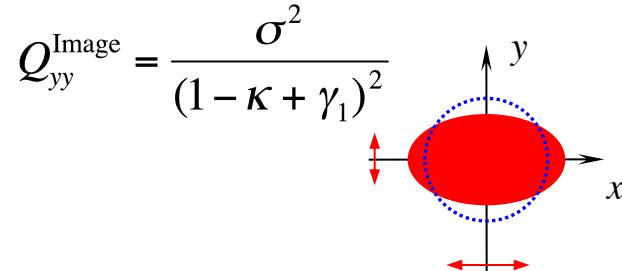
Since surface brightness is preserved by lensing, spreading the sources over a larger area,  $\text{Det}[\mathbf{A}^{-1}] > 1$ , must increase the brightness by that same factor:

$$\frac{\text{Imaged brightness}}{\text{Original brightness}} = |\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = \frac{1}{(1 - \kappa)^2 - (\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2)}$$

# “Mass-sheet Degeneracy”



Choose axes so  $\gamma_2=0$



*All* shape analysis boils down to measuring:

$$\frac{\text{Long axis}}{\text{Short axis}} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y} = \frac{\sqrt{Q_{xx}}}{\sqrt{Q_{yy}}} = \frac{1 - \kappa + \gamma_1}{1 - \kappa - \gamma_1}$$

Measuring  $a/b$  cannot determine  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma_1$  independently!

# Reduced shears $g_1$ and $g_2$

$$\frac{\text{Long axis}}{\text{Short axis}} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1 - \kappa + \gamma_1}{1 - \kappa - \gamma_1} = \frac{1 + \gamma_1 / (1 - \kappa)}{1 - \gamma_1 / (1 - \kappa)} \equiv \frac{1 + g_1}{1 - g_1}$$

So measuring  $a/b$  fixes  $g_1$ , in axes where  $\gamma_2 = g_2 = 0$ .

For general axes (e.g. pixels)  
define *reduced shears*:  $g_1 \equiv \frac{\gamma_1}{1 - \kappa}$      $g_2 \equiv \frac{\gamma_2}{1 - \kappa}$

In general measuring  $a/b$  fixes  $\sqrt{(g_1^2 + g_2^2)}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \kappa \mathbf{I} - \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_2 & -\gamma_1 \end{bmatrix} = (1 - \kappa) \begin{bmatrix} 1 - g_1 & -g_2 \\ -g_2 & 1 + g_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sequential  
dilation & shear

Note: inverse  $\longleftrightarrow$  negative shear

If

$$\mathbf{A} = (\text{Constant}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 - g_1 & -g_2 \\ -g_2 & 1 + g_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\text{Constant}') \begin{bmatrix} 1 + g_1 & +g_2 \\ +g_2 & 1 - g_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Measuring $(g_1, g_2)$ from $Q$

$$Q^{\text{Image}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} Q^{\text{Source}} \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \right]^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{\text{Image}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1-g_1 & -g_2 \\ -g_2 & 1+g_1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-g_1 & -g_2 \\ -g_2 & 1+g_1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= (Const) \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1+2g_1+g_1^2+g_2^2 & 2g_2 \\ 2g_2 & 1-2g_1+g_1^2+g_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} Q_{xx}^{\text{Image}} - Q_{yy}^{\text{Image}} \\ 2Q_{xy}^{\text{Image}} \end{pmatrix}$$