

Modeling of weak-lensing statistics

II. Configuration-space statistics

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ABSTRACT

Aims. We investigate the performance of an analytic model of the 3D matter distribution, which combines perturbation theory with halo models, for weak-lensing configuration-space statistics.

Methods. We compared our predictions for the weak-lensing convergence two-point and three-point correlation functions with numerical simulations and fitting formulas proposed in previous works. We also considered the second- and third-order moments of the smoothed convergence and of the aperture-mass.

Results. As in our previous study of Fourier-space weak-lensing statistics, we find that our model agrees better with simulations than previously published fitting formulas. Moreover, we recover the dependence on cosmology of these weak-lensing statistics and we can describe multi-scale moments. This approach allows us to obtain the quantitative relationship between these integrated weak-lensing statistics and the various contributions to the underlying 3D density fluctuations, decomposed over perturbative, two-halo, or one-halo terms.

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1. Introduction

The standard paradigm known as the Λ CDM cosmology includes dark components: dark matter and dark energy (Komatsu et al. 2011). Weak lensing of background galaxies by foreground large-scale structures, the so-called “cosmic shear”, has been recognized as a potentially powerful tool for probing the distribution of dark matter as well as the nature of dark energy (Albrecht et al. 2006). Reports of significant detections of cosmic shear have been made by various groups (Bacon et al. 2000; Van Waerbeke et al. 2000; Wittman et al. 2000; Hamana et al. 2003; Jarvis et al. 2006; Semboloni et al. 2006; Fu et al. 2008; Schrabback et al. 2010).

By analyzing the cosmic shear data, one can directly measure the power spectrum of the matter density fluctuations on cosmological scales, which contain a wealth of cosmological information such as neutrino masses and dark energy equation-of-state parameters (Jarvis et al. 2006; Semboloni et al. 2006; Ichiki et al. 2009; Schrabback et al. 2010). Consequently, it is a main goal of cosmology to infer and constrain these quantities from observations. To do this, a number of ambitious surveys are planned, such as the Hyper Suprime-Cam Weak Lensing Survey (Miyazaki et al. 2006)¹, the Dark Energy Survey (DES)², the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)³, Euclid (Refregier et al. 2011)⁴, and the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST)⁵.

Most weak-lensing information is contained in small angular scales and therefore weak-lensing statistics are nonlinear and non-Gaussian (Munshi et al. 2008; Takada & Jain 2009; Sato et al. 2009, 2011b). If we aim to exploit the full information, we have to treat the nonlinear effects to accurately model the weak lensing statistics. Furthermore, one has to use an appropriate likelihood function with given marginal distributions, otherwise the obtained results would be systematically biased (Sato et al. 2010, 2011a).

In a first companion paper (Valageas et al. 2012, hereafter Paper I), we studied the Fourier-space weak-lensing statistics such as the weak-lensing power spectrum and bispectrum, and found that our model proposed by Valageas & Nishimichi (2011a,b), which combines perturbation theory with halo models, agrees better with ray-tracing simulations than previously published fitting formulas and phenomenological models. In this second paper, we study the real-space weak-lensing statistics, which are more often used for the statistical analysis of actual measurements than Fourier-space statistics, because observations are made in configuration space.

Previous works have already shown that on small scales the halo model provides a good description of the two-, three- and four-point correlations or smoothed moments of the cosmic shear (using some approximations) (Takada & Jain 2002, 2003; Benabed & Scoccimarro 2006), whereas a stochastic halo model can recover the probability distribution function of the unsmoothed convergence (Kainulainen & Marra 2011a,b). Here we include all “one-halo”, “two-halo” and “three-halo” terms, as well as one-loop perturbative results, and we compare these with larger-scale simulations. This yields a greater accuracy and allows us to compare these different contributions, from very large to small scales. This should be useful for practical purpose

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⁵ <http://wfirst.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

because these different terms have different theoretical accuracies and probe different regimes of gravitational clustering, hence it is important to know their relative impact on weak-lensing probes as a function of angular scale.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2 we briefly recall how configuration-space weak-lensing statistics are computed from polyspectra of the 3D matter density field. We describe our numerical simulations and the data analysis in Sect. 3. Then, we present detailed comparisons between the simulation results, previous models, and our theoretical predictions for two-point functions in Sect. 4 and three-point functions in Sect. 5. We study the relative importance of the different contributions arising from “one-halo”, “two-halo”, or “three-halo” terms in Sect. 6. Then, we check the robustness of our model when we vary the cosmological parameters in Sect. 7 and we briefly study multi-scale moments in Sect. 8. Finally, we conclude in Sect. 9.

2. From 3D statistics to weak-lensing statistics

2.1. Lensing power spectrum and bispectrum

Using Born’s approximation, the weak-lensing convergence $\kappa(\theta)$ can be written as the integral of the density contrast along the line of sight (Bartelmann & Schneider 2001; Munshi et al. 2008),

$$\kappa(\theta) = \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi w(\chi, \chi_s) \delta(\chi, \mathcal{D}\theta), \quad (1)$$

where χ and \mathcal{D} are the radial and angular comoving distances,

$$w(\chi, \chi_s) = \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2 \mathcal{D}(\chi) \mathcal{D}(\chi_s - \chi)}{2c^2 \mathcal{D}(\chi_s)} (1+z), \quad (2)$$

and z_s is the redshift of the source (in this article we only consider the case where all sources are located at a single redshift to simplify the comparisons with numerical simulations and the dependence on the source redshift). Then, using a flat-sky approximation, which is valid for small angles below a few degrees (Valageas et al. 2011), we define its 2D Fourier transform through

$$\kappa(\theta) = \int d\ell e^{i\ell \cdot \theta} \tilde{\kappa}(\ell). \quad (3)$$

As in Paper I, we define the 2D convergence power spectrum and bispectrum as

$$\langle \tilde{\kappa}(\ell_1) \tilde{\kappa}(\ell_2) \rangle = \delta_D(\ell_1 + \ell_2) P_\kappa(\ell_1), \quad (4)$$

and

$$\langle \tilde{\kappa}(\ell_1) \tilde{\kappa}(\ell_2) \tilde{\kappa}(\ell_3) \rangle = \delta_D(\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3) B_\kappa(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3). \quad (5)$$

From Eq. (1) one obtains at once from Limber’s approximation (Limber 1953; Kaiser 1992; Bartelmann & Schneider 2001; Munshi et al. 2008)

$$P_\kappa(\ell) = 2\pi \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi \frac{w^2}{\mathcal{D}^2} P(\ell/\mathcal{D}; z), \quad (6)$$

$$B_\kappa(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) = (2\pi)^2 \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi \frac{w^3}{\mathcal{D}^4} B(\ell_1/\mathcal{D}, \ell_2/\mathcal{D}, \ell_3/\mathcal{D}; z), \quad (7)$$

where $P(k; z)$ and $B(k_1, k_2, k_3; z)$ are the 3D power spectrum and bispectrum of the matter density contrast at redshift z . As described in Paper I, this provides the weak-lensing convergence power spectrum and bispectrum from the model we developed in Valageas & Nishimichi (2011a,b) for the 3D power spectrum and bispectrum through a simple integration over the radial coordinate up to the source plane.

2.2. Configuration-space statistics

We focus here on configuration-space weak-lensing statistics, which may be more convenient than Fourier-space quantities for practical purposes because of complex survey geometries. Indeed, observations of the shear field are made in configuration space, by measuring large-scale correlations of galaxy ellipticities, and going to Fourier space (with further operations that are not local in real space) can be difficult because galaxy surveys do not cover the whole sky and shear maps can show irregular boundaries and internal holes due to observational constraints.

In particular, we consider the two-point and three-point correlation functions of the weak-lensing convergence, defined as

$$\langle \kappa(\theta_1) \kappa(\theta_2) \rangle = \xi_\kappa(|\theta_2 - \theta_1|), \quad (8)$$

$$\langle \kappa(\theta_1) \kappa(\theta_2) \kappa(\theta_3) \rangle = \zeta_\kappa(|\theta_2 - \theta_3|, |\theta_3 - \theta_1|, |\theta_1 - \theta_2|), \quad (9)$$

where we used statistical homogeneity and isotropy (hence ζ_κ only depends on the lengths of the three sides of the triangle defined by the summits $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3\}$ and the bispectrum (7) only depends on the three lengths $\{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3\}$).

These real-space correlations can be expressed in terms of the Fourier-space power spectrum and bispectrum as

$$\xi_\kappa(\theta) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty d\ell \ell P_\kappa(\ell) J_0(\ell\theta), \quad (10)$$

where $\theta = |\theta_2 - \theta_1|$ is the pair angular distance as in Eq. (8), and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_\kappa(v_1, v_2, v_3) &= \frac{\pi}{v_1^2 v_2^2} \int_0^\infty d\ell \ell^3 \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \sin(2\theta) \\ &\times \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi B_\kappa(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) J_0(\ell \sqrt{1 + \sin(2\theta) \cos(\varphi + \alpha_3)}), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ are the lengths of the three sides of the triangle $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3\}$ as in Eq. (9), α_3 is the inner angle at summit θ_3 , we chose without loss of generality

$$v_1 \geq v_2 \geq v_3, \quad \cos \alpha_3 = \frac{v_1^2 + v_2^2 - v_3^2}{2v_1 v_2}, \quad (12)$$

and we noted in Eq. (11) the multipoles

$$\ell_1 = \frac{\ell \cos \theta}{v_2}, \quad \ell_2 = \frac{\ell \sin \theta}{v_1}, \quad \ell_3^2 = \ell_1^2 + \ell_2^2 + 2\ell_1 \ell_2 \cos \varphi. \quad (13)$$

In addition to the three-point correlation ζ_κ of the convergence, it can be useful to consider the three-point correlation of the cosmic shear γ . Because the latter is a spin-2 quantity, one is led to consider several three-point shear correlations (or “natural components”), depending on the choice of the reference direction (or of the projection procedure of the cosmic shear vectors), see Schneider & Lombardi (2003); Schneider et al. (2005). However, they can all be written as integrals over the convergence bispectrum, such as Eq. (11), or integrals over the convergence three-point correlation (9) (Shi et al. 2011). Therefore, although we only consider the convergence three-point correlation (9) in this paper, we can expect a similar level of agreement between our analytical model and simulations for these other three-point correlations (in addition we also consider the third-order moment of the aperture-mass, which can be related to both the convergence and the cosmic shear).

It is also common practice to study smoothed averages X_s of the convergence or shear field, defined by their filtering window $W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta)$ through

$$X_s = \int \frac{d\theta}{\pi\theta_s^2} \kappa(\theta) W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta). \quad (14)$$

For instance, the smoothed convergence κ_s is defined by a top-hat filtering,

$$W_{\theta_s}^{\kappa_s}(\theta) = 1 \text{ if } |\theta| < \theta_s \text{ and zero otherwise,} \quad (15)$$

while the ‘‘aperture-mass’’ M_{ap} is defined by a compensated filter (Schneider 1996; Van Waerbeke et al. 2001), such as

$$W_{\theta_s}^{M_{\text{ap}}}(\theta) = 3 \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{\theta_s^2}\right) \left(1 - 3 \frac{\theta^2}{\theta_s^2}\right) \text{ if } |\theta| < \theta_s, \quad (16)$$

and $W_{\theta_s}^{M_{\text{ap}}}(\theta) = 0$ if $|\theta| > \theta_s$. This also reads in Fourier space as

$$X_s = \int d\ell \tilde{\kappa}(\ell) \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell\theta_s) \quad (17)$$

with

$$\tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell\theta_s) = \int \frac{d\theta}{\pi\theta_s^2} e^{i\ell\theta} W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta). \quad (18)$$

In particular, we have

$$\tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{\kappa_s}(\ell\theta_s) = 2 \frac{J_1(\ell\theta_s)}{\ell\theta_s}, \quad \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{M_{\text{ap}}}(\ell\theta_s) = 24 \frac{J_4(\ell\theta_s)}{(\ell\theta_s)^2}. \quad (19)$$

We mainly focus here on one-point moments of κ_s and M_{ap} , that is $\langle X_s^p \rangle$, and we do not consider multi-point statistics such as $\langle X_s(\theta_1; \theta_{s1}) \dots X_s(\theta_p; \theta_{sp}) \rangle$ associated with p windows centered on p different directions and with p different angular radii. However, we will check the validity of our model for multi-scale statistics, that is, for windows of different sizes centered on the same direction, in Sect. 8.

In the simpler case of one-point moments $\langle X_s^p \rangle$ the variance reads as

$$\langle X_s^2 \rangle = 2\pi \int_0^\infty d\ell \ell P_\kappa(\ell) \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell\theta_s)^2, \quad (20)$$

while the third-order moment reads as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_s^3 \rangle &= 24\pi \int_0^\infty d\ell_1 \ell_1 \int_{\ell_1/2}^{\ell_1} d\ell_2 \ell_2 \int_0^{\arccos[\ell_1/(2\ell_2)]} d\varphi \\ &\quad \times B_\kappa(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell_1\theta_s) \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell_2\theta_s) \tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\ell_3\theta_s), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where we used the symmetries of the bispectrum and we noted

$$\ell_3^2 = \ell_1^2 + \ell_2^2 - 2\ell_1\ell_2 \cos \varphi. \quad (22)$$

In practice, to avoid the numerous oscillations and changes of sign brought by the Fourier-space filters $\tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{X_s}$ given in Eq. (19), we found it convenient to express the third-order moment (21) in terms of the real-space three-point correlation (9), although this yields a five-dimensional integral instead of the three-dimensional integral (21),

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_s^3 \rangle &= \frac{24\pi}{(\pi\theta_s^2)^3} \int_0^{\theta_s} d\theta_1 \theta_1 W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta_1) \int_0^{\theta_1} d\theta_2 \theta_2 W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta_2) \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\theta_2} d\theta_3 \theta_3 W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}(\theta_3) \int_0^\pi d\varphi_2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_3 \zeta_\kappa(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

with

$$\nu_1^2 = (\theta_3 \cos \varphi_3 - \theta_2 \cos \varphi_2)^2 + (\theta_3 \sin \varphi_3 - \theta_2 \sin \varphi_2)^2, \quad (24)$$

$$\nu_2^2 = (\theta_3 \cos \varphi_3 - \theta_1)^2 + \theta_3^2 \sin^2 \varphi_3, \quad (25)$$

$$\nu_3^2 = (\theta_2 \cos \varphi_2 - \theta_1)^2 + \theta_2^2 \sin^2 \varphi_2. \quad (26)$$

3. Numerical simulations

We performed the ray-tracing simulations through high-resolution N -body simulations of cosmological structure formation (Jain et al. 2000; Hamana et al. 2001; Sato et al. 2009; Takahashi et al. 2011) to obtain accurate predictions of the configuration statistics for weak lensing. To run the N -body simulations, we used a modified version of the Gadget-2 code (Springel 2005) and employed 256^3 particles for each simulation. The ray-tracing simulations were constructed from 2×200 realizations of N -body simulations with cubic 240 and $480 h^{-1}$ Mpc on a side, respectively, to cover a light cone of angular size $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ (see Fig. 1 in Sato et al. 2009). For our fiducial cosmology, we adopted the standard Λ CDM cosmology with matter fraction $\Omega_m = 0.238$, baryon fraction $\Omega_b = 0.0416$, dark energy fraction $\Omega_{\text{de}} = 0.762$ with the equation of state parameters $w_0 = -1$ and $w_a = 0$, spectral index $n_s = 0.958$, normalization $A_s = 2.35 \times 10^{-9}$, and Hubble parameter $h = 0.732$, which are consistent with the WMAP three-year results (Spergel et al. 2007). This fiducial cosmology gives the normalization $\sigma_8 = 0.759$ for the variance of the linear density fluctuations in a sphere of radius $8 h^{-1}$ Mpc. We considered source redshifts at either $z_s = 0.6, 1.0, \text{ or } 1.5$. Using ray-tracing simulations we generated 1000 realizations of convergence maps for each source redshift.

In addition to the fiducial cosmology case, we performed ray-tracing simulations for several slightly different cosmologies. We varied each of the following cosmological parameters: A_s , n_s , the cold dark matter density $\Omega_c h^2$, Ω_{de} , and w_0 by $\pm 10\%$, respectively. Therefore h , Ω_m , and Ω_b are dependent parameters, because we assumed that the Universe is flat and the baryon density $\Omega_b h^2$ is fixed. For each of these ten different cosmologies, we obtain 40 realizations of convergence fields for each of the three source redshifts. Details of the methods used for the ray-tracing simulations can be found in Sato et al. (2009). All convergence maps used in this paper are the same as those used in Paper I.

In Sects. 4–6, we use the maps for the fiducial cosmology, while in Sect. 7 we use those for the varied cosmologies to investigate the robustness of our model. In Sect. 7 we show the results for six cases, varying n_s , $\Omega_c h^2$, and w_0 by $\pm 10\%$. The exact values for these cosmological parameters are listed in Table A.1 in Paper I.

4. Lensing two-point functions

We now compare our results for weak-lensing two-point functions with numerical simulations. As in Paper I, we also considered the predictions obtained from the popular ‘‘halo-fit’’ fitting function for the 3D density power spectrum given in Smith et al. (2003), to estimate the advantages of more systematic approaches like ours.

We show our results for the convergence two-point correlation $\xi_\kappa(\theta)$, the variance of the smoothed convergence $\langle \kappa_s^2 \rangle$, and the variance of the aperture mass $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^2 \rangle$ in Fig. 1. The numerical error bars increase on large scales because of the finite size of the simulation box. On small scales the numerical error is dominated by systematic effects, because of the finite resolution, which leads to an underestimation of the small-scale power. This underestimation was clearly apparent for the power spectrum $P_\kappa(\ell)$ shown in Paper I and can also be seen (especially at low redshift) for the variance of the aperture mass, which involves a compensated filter and probes a narrow range of scales (Schneider 1996). For each source redshift we estimated the angular scale down to

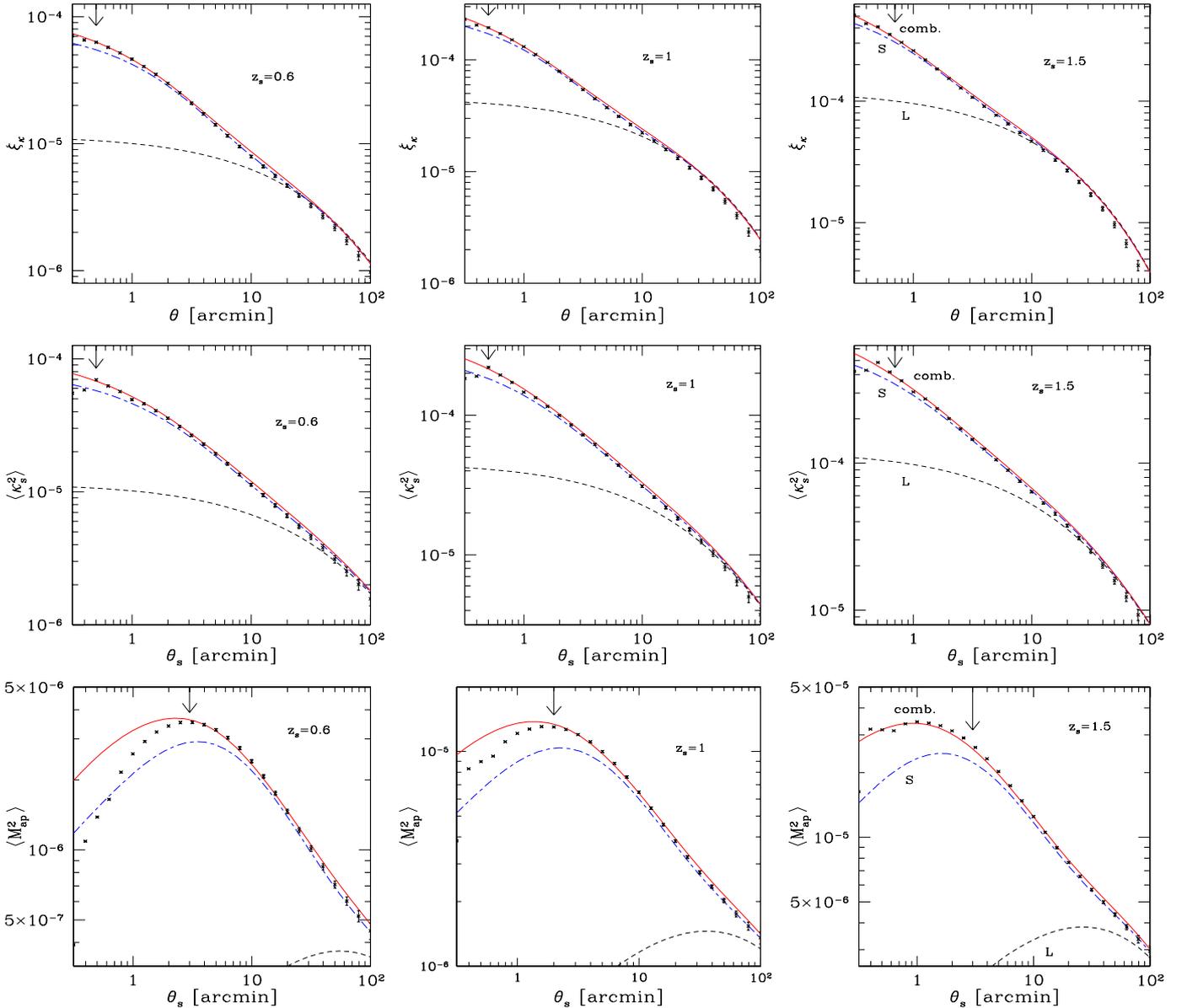


Fig. 1. *Upper row:* convergence two-point correlation function for sources at redshifts $z_s = 0.6, 1$, and 1.5 , as a function of the angular pair separation θ . The points are the results from numerical simulations with $3 - \sigma$ error bars. The low black dashed line “L” is the linear correlation, the middle blue dash-dotted line “S” is the result from the “halo-fit” of Smith et al. (2003), and the upper red solid line “comb.” is the result from our model, which combines one-loop perturbation theory with a halo model. The vertical arrow shows the scale down to which the simulation result is valid within 5%. *Middle row:* variance of the smoothed convergence for the same cases, as a function of the smoothing angle θ_s . *Lower row:* variance of the aperture mass for the same cases, as a function of the smoothing angle θ_s .

which the simulations have an accuracy of better than 5% by comparing with higher-resolution simulations (with 512^3 particles instead of 256^3). This scale is shown by the vertical arrow in Fig. 1 and we can check that our model indeed agrees with the numerical simulations down to this angular scale.

The two-point correlation and the smoothed convergence are not as sensitive to this low-resolution effect because they involve uncompensated filters, $\tilde{W}(0) \neq 0$, which implies that at a given smoothing angular scale θ_s they receive greater contributions from larger scales (which are unaffected by the numerical resolution) than the aperture mass.

For the same reason, $\xi_\kappa(\theta)$ and $\langle \kappa_s^2 \rangle$ remain adequately described by linear theory down to ~ 10 arcmin, whereas $\langle M_{ap}^2 \rangle$ already shows significant deviations at ~ 100 arcmin. This also explains why the predictions from our model and the “halo-fit”

are closer for the first two statistics than for M_{ap} . In agreement with our results for the convergence power spectrum (Paper I) and previous works (White & Vale 2004; Hilbert et al. 2009; Sato et al. 2009; Semboloni et al. 2011), the “halo-fit” formula underestimates the power on small scales. The discrepancy is again larger for the aperture mass. As in Paper I, our model provides a more accurate match to the numerical simulations down to ~ 1 arcmin. On smaller scales the results from simulations show a fast drop (especially for M_{ap}) that is not physical but due to the finite resolution. This prevents an accurate comparison with our predictions. However, since our model is built from a physical halo model and has been tested for the 3D density field down to highly nonlinear scales with higher-resolution simulations (Valageas & Nishimichi 2011a), it should be more reliable than the numerical results shown in Fig. 1 below ~ 1 arcmin. This

shows one advantage of analytic (or semi-analytic) approaches as compared with numerical simulations: they can provide realistic predictions on a wider range of scales.

5. Lensing three-point functions

We now compare our analytical results with numerical simulations for three-point functions. As in Paper I, we also considered the predictions obtained from the following three simple models, which have been used in some previous works. (We did not consider the scale transformation introduced in Pan et al. (2007) because we have already shown in Paper I that it does not provide a sufficiently accurate model for the convergence bispectrum. We have checked that we obtain similar results for $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$ and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^3 \rangle$.)

The first model, “tree_L”, is the lowest-order (“tree-order”) prediction from standard perturbation theory, which reads for the 3D bispectrum (Bernardeau et al. 2002)

$$B_{\text{tree}_L}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2F_2(k_1, k_2, \mu_{12}) P_L(k_1)P_L(k_2) + 2 \text{cyc.} \quad (27)$$

where $\mu_{12} = (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2)/(k_1 k_2)$ and

$$F_2(k_1, k_2, \mu_{12}) = \frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{k_2}{k_1} \right) \mu_{12} + \frac{2}{7} \mu_{12}^2. \quad (28)$$

The second model, “tree_{NL}”, is given by Eq. (27) where we replace the linear 3D power $P_L(k)$ by the nonlinear power $P_S(k)$ from Smith et al. (2003). The third model, “F_{2,NL}”, makes the additional modification to replace the kernel F_2 by an effective kernel $F_{2,\text{NL}}$ that interpolates from the large-scale perturbative result (28) to a small-scale ansatz where the angular dependence on μ_{12} vanishes, using the fitting formula from Scoccimarro & Couchman (2001). We considered two variants, using either the “halo-fit” nonlinear power spectrum $P_S(k)$ from Smith et al. (2003) or the nonlinear power spectrum $P_{\text{tang}}(k)$ of our model, see Paper I and Valageas & Nishimichi (2011b).

We show our results for the convergence three-point correlation function ζ_κ (for equilateral triangles) and for the third-order moments $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$ and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^3 \rangle$ in Fig. 2. In agreement with the second-order statistics shown in Fig. 1, the lowest-order perturbation theory prediction, “tree_L”, remains valid down to smaller angular scales for ζ_κ and κ_s than for M_{ap} because the former involve uncompensated filters instead of a compensated filter.

The simulations slightly underestimate the power on moderate and large angular scales because of the finite size of the simulation box ($240 h^{-1}$ and $480 h^{-1}$ Mpc, which corresponds to 343 and 686 arcmin at $z = 1$), which cuts contributions from longer wavelengths. This discrepancy is not due to the analytic model because on the largest angular scales we can check that all theoretical predictions converge on the linear theory (as they must for CDM power spectra) while predicting somewhat more power than measured in the simulations (see the first row in Fig. 2). Therefore, this mismatch is not caused by higher-order perturbative corrections (e.g., two-loop terms), which are even smaller than the one-loop contributions that we included in our model. In agreement with this explanation, the discrepancy is smaller for M_{ap} than for ζ_κ and κ because, for a given smoothing radius θ_s , M_{ap} is less sensitive to larger scales thanks to its compensated filter $\tilde{W}_{\theta_s}^{M_{\text{ap}}}$. This shows that analytical models, such as the one we propose here, are competitive with numerical simulations if one needs to describe a broad range of scales.

In agreement with the results obtained in Paper I for the convergence bispectrum, using the nonlinear power within the “tree-level” expression (27) significantly increases the third-order moments on smaller scales and improves the general shape but is

not sufficient to bridge the gap with the simulations. Modifying the kernel F_2 by using the fitting formula of Scoccimarro & Couchman (2001) improves the predictions even more, especially when we use the 3D nonlinear power spectrum given by our model, which was shown earlier to be reasonably accurate (see Fig. 1; Paper I; Valageas & Nishimichi 2011b). Indeed, as for the variance, the “halo-fit” power spectrum of Smith et al. (2003) yields too little power on small scales, in agreement with previous works (Semboloni et al. 2011). However, this approach still underestimates the weak-lensing signal.

The best agreement with the numerical simulations is provided by our model. As was seen for the convergence bispectrum in Paper I, it is interesting to note again the good match on the transition scales, $\theta_s \sim 5$ arcmin, which a priori are the most difficult to reproduce since they are at the limit of validity of both perturbative approaches (which break down at shell crossing) and halo models (which assume virialized halos). On small angular scales we again predict more power than is measured in the simulations, but like for the second-order moments this is at least partly caused by the lack of small-scale power in the simulations because of the finite resolution. Thus, we again plot in Fig. 2 the vertical arrows that were plotted in Fig. 1. Since the bispectrum typically scales as the square of the power spectrum, this should roughly correspond to an accuracy threshold of about 10% for the simulations. We can check that our model agrees with the numerical results down to this angular scale. As in Fig. 1, M_{ap} is much more sensitive than ζ_κ and κ_s to this finite-resolution effect.

6. Relative importance of the different contributions

As in Paper I, we have seen in the previous section that our model, which is based on a combination of perturbation theories and halo models, provides a good match to numerical simulations. Therefore, it can be used to predict weak-lensing statistics for a variety of cosmologies, which is an important goal for observational and practical purposes. A second use of our approach is to compare the different contributions that eventually add up to the signal that can be measured in weak-lensing surveys. Thus, we can distinguish the various perturbative terms as well as the nonperturbative contributions associated for instance with one-halo or two-halo terms. This is a second advantage of these models, as compared with fitting formulas or direct ray-tracing simulations. This enables a deeper understanding of which properties of the matter distribution, and of the overall cosmological setting, can be probed by a given gravitational lensing measure. It can also help to estimate the accuracy that can be aimed at in weak-lensing statistics as a function of scales, because different contributions suffer from different theoretical uncertainties.

6.1. Two-point statistics

We plot our results for ξ_κ , $\langle \kappa_s^2 \rangle$, and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^2 \rangle$ in Fig. 3 at redshift $z_s = 1$. In addition to the full model prediction that was already shown in Fig. 1, we show the underlying 2-halo and 1-halo contributions. Because of their uncompensated filters, which make statistics at a given angular scale receive contributions from 3D fluctuations on a wide range of scales, taking the one-loop perturbative term into account only yields a small increase of ξ_κ and $\langle \kappa_s^2 \rangle$ over a wide range of angular scales, as compared with the linear prediction. In contrast, for $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^2 \rangle$ this one-loop contribution peaks on a narrow range of angular scales around 40 arcmin and has a significant impact that improves the match

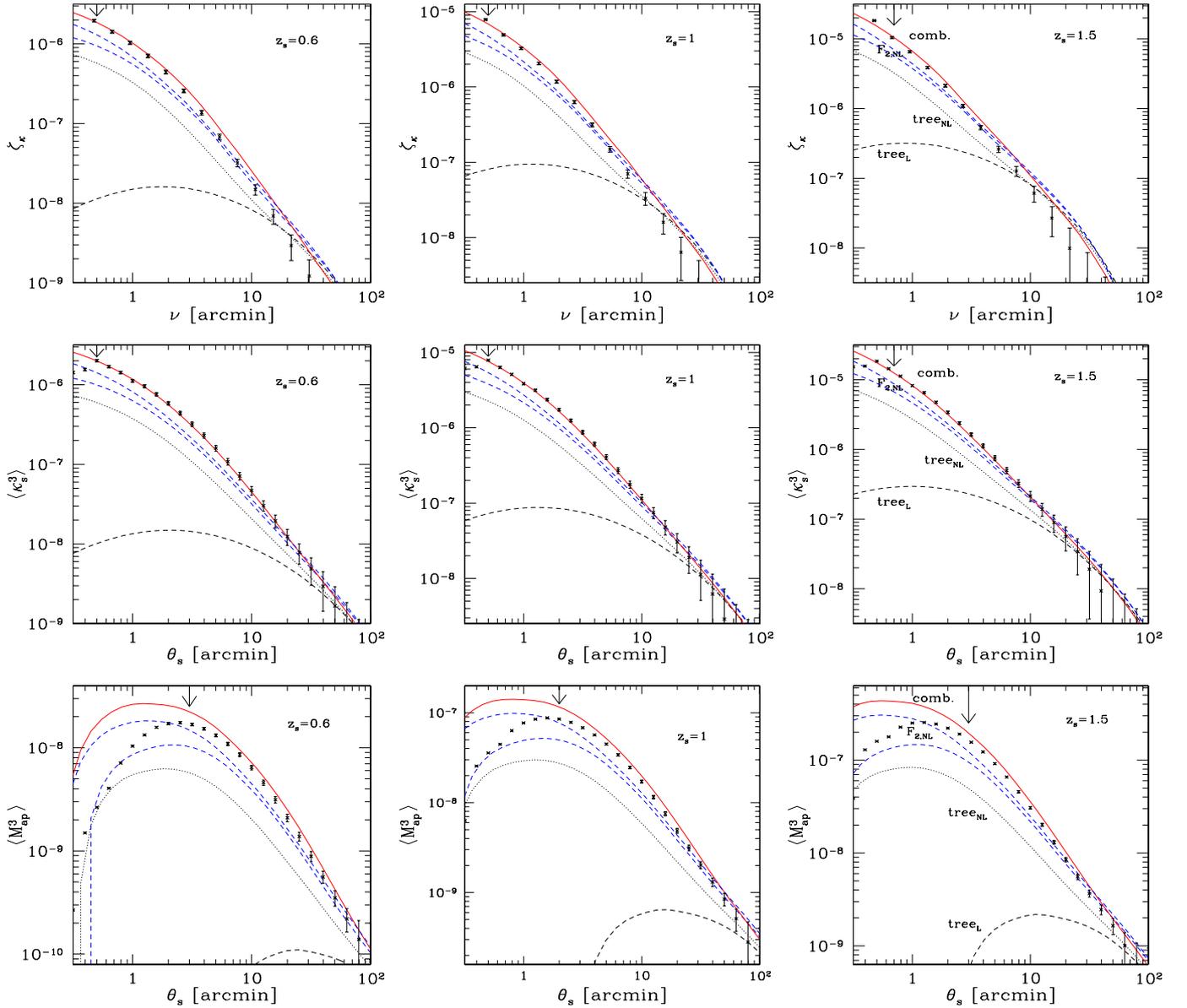


Fig. 2. *Upper row:* convergence three-point correlation function for equilateral triangles, as a function of the triangle side ν , for sources at redshifts $z_s = 0.6, 1,$ and 1.5 . The points are the results from numerical simulations with $3 - \sigma$ error bars. The low black dashed line “tree_L”, the black dotted line “tree_{NL}” and the two blue dashed lines “ $F_{2,NL}$ ” are obtained from the ansatz (27), using either the linear 3D power spectrum, or the “halo-fit” power, or an effective kernel $F_{2,NL}$ with the “halo-fit” power (lower curve) or the power from our model (upper curve). The red solid line “comb.” is our combined model, described in Paper I. The vertical arrows are at the same angular scale as in Fig. 1. *Middle row:* third-order moment of the smoothed convergence, as a function of the smoothing angle θ_s . *Lower row:* third-order moment of the aperture mass, as a function of the smoothing angle θ_s .

to the numerical results. On small scales the two-halo contribution decreases close to the linear prediction thanks to the partial resummation of higher perturbative orders. As explained in Valageas & Nishimichi (2011a) and Paper I, this is a useful improvement over the standard one-loop perturbation theory because it ensures that the two-halo term does not give significant contributions on very small scales, in agreement with physical expectations.

Then, these two-point weak-lensing quantities become dominated on small scales by the one-halo term but like for the 3D and 2D power spectra, there remains a significant intermediate range. Again, our model provides a satisfactory interpolation on these scales, but it would be interesting to build a more systematic procedure, for instance by including higher orders of perturbation theory or by building a more refined matching between

the two-halo and one-halo regimes. In any case, Fig. 3 clearly shows how ξ_κ , $\langle \kappa_s^2 \rangle$, and $\langle M_{ap}^2 \rangle$ depend on large-scale perturbative density fluctuations or on small-scale halo properties, as the angular scale varies.

We checked that we obtain similar results at redshifts $z_s = 0.6$ and 1.5 .

6.2. Three-point statistics

We now study the various contributions to the lensing three-point functions, associated with the three-halo, two-halo, and one-halo terms.

We plot our results for ζ_κ (for equilateral configurations), $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$, and $\langle M_{ap}^3 \rangle$ in Fig. 4, at redshift $z_s = 1$. As in Paper I, the three-halo term is identified with the perturbative prediction and

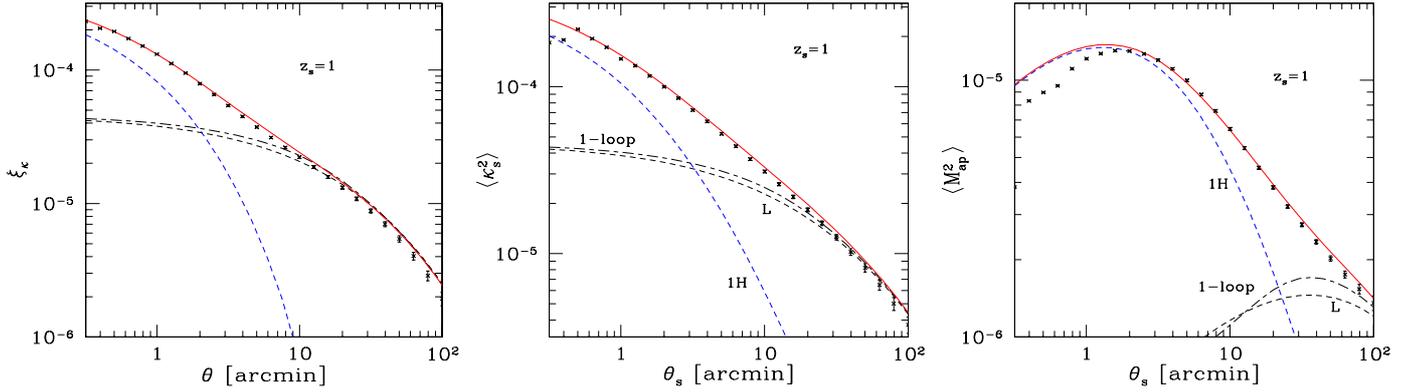


Fig. 3. Convergence two-point correlation function (*left panel*), smoothed convergence (*middle panel*), and aperture-mass (*right panel*) for sources at redshift $z_s = 1$. The points are the results from numerical simulations with $3 - \sigma$ error bars. The low black dashed line “L” is the linear prediction, the middle black dash-dotted line “1-loop” is the two-halo contribution, for which we used a perturbative resummation that is complete up to one-loop order, the upper blue dashed line “1H” is the one-halo contribution, and the red solid line is our full model, as in Fig. 1.

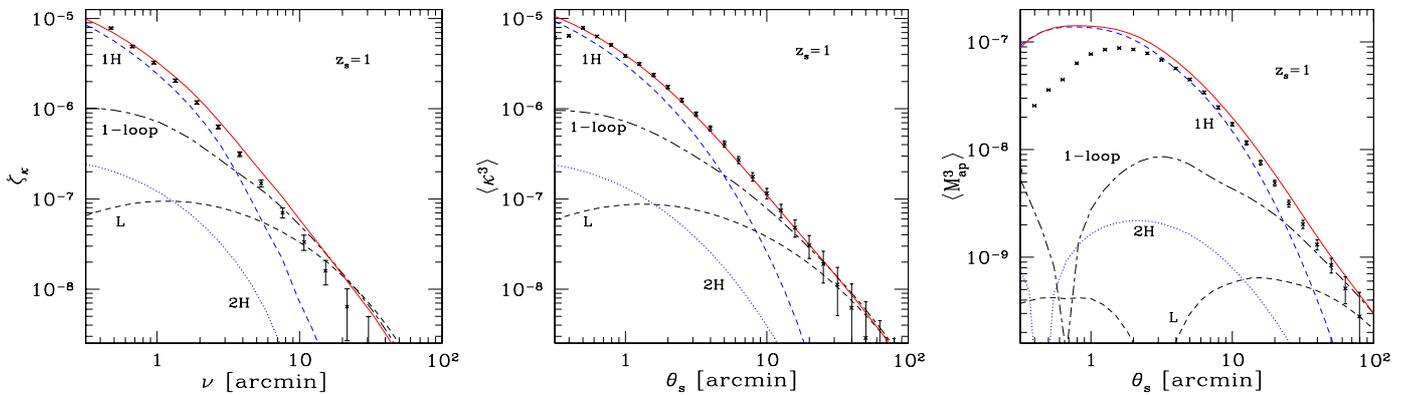


Fig. 4. Convergence three-point correlation ζ_κ for equilateral configurations (*left panel*) and third-order moments $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$ (*middle panel*) and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^3 \rangle$ (*right panel*), for sources at redshift $z_s = 1$. The points are the results from numerical simulations with $3 - \sigma$ error bars. The low black dashed line “L” is the lowest-order perturbative prediction (27), the “1-loop” dash-dotted black line is the prediction of one-loop standard perturbation theory, which is identified with our three-halo term, the blue dotted line “2H” is the two-halo contribution and the upper blue dashed line “1H” is the one-halo contribution. The red solid line is our full model.

we used the standard perturbation theory at one-loop order. Like for the 3D bispectrum (Valageas & Nishimichi 2011b), and contrary to the power spectrum, this gives a contribution that becomes negligible on small scales, so that it is not necessary to use a resummation scheme or to add a non-perturbative cutoff to ensure a good small-scale behavior. On the other hand, contrary to the two-point statistics shown in Fig. 3, going to one-loop order now provides a great improvement over the tree-order result, even for ζ_κ and $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$. This feature was already noticed for the 3D bispectrum (Sefusatti et al. 2010; Valageas & Nishimichi 2011b) and the convergence bispectrum (Paper I). Thus, combining this one-loop perturbative contribution with the two-halo and one-halo terms is sufficient to obtain a good match to the simulations, from the quasilinear to the highly nonlinear scales. This suggests that higher orders of perturbation theory do not significantly contribute to the bispectrum and that we already have a reasonably successful model. The two-halo term is also subdominant on all scales (by a factor ~ 10 at least). This is a nice property since because it is a mixed term, which involves both large-scale halo correlations and internal halo structures, it may be more difficult to predict than the three-halo term (which is derived from systematic perturbation theories) and the one-halo term (which only depends on internal halo profiles and mass function). These various features were also observed for the 3D bispectrum (Valageas & Nishimichi 2011b) and the convergence bispectrum (Paper I).

Again, we checked that we obtain similar results at redshifts $z_s = 0.6$ and 1.5 .

7. Dependence on cosmology

In this section we check the robustness of our model when we vary the cosmological parameters. As in Paper I, we considered six alternative cosmologies, where n_s , $\Omega_c h^2$, and w_0 are modified by $\pm 10\%$ with respect to the fiducial cosmology used in the previous sections. The values of the associated cosmological parameters are given in Table I in Appendix A of Paper I. We compare the predictions of our model with numerical simulations for these six alternative cosmologies in Figs. 5 and 6 for the two-point and three-point statistics at $z_s = 1$. To avoid overcrowding the figures we did not plot the error bars of the numerical simulations. Each pair n_s , $\Omega_c h^2$, and w_0 gives two curves that are roughly symmetric around the fiducial cosmology result, because we consider small deviations of $\pm 10\%$. The deviations are largest for the n_s case, which changes the shape of the initial power spectrum as well as the normalization σ_8 . These six cases roughly cover the range that is allowed by current data, and the n_s case is already somewhat beyond the observational bounds (Komatsu et al. 2011). Therefore, they provide a good check of the robustness of our model for realistic scenarios.

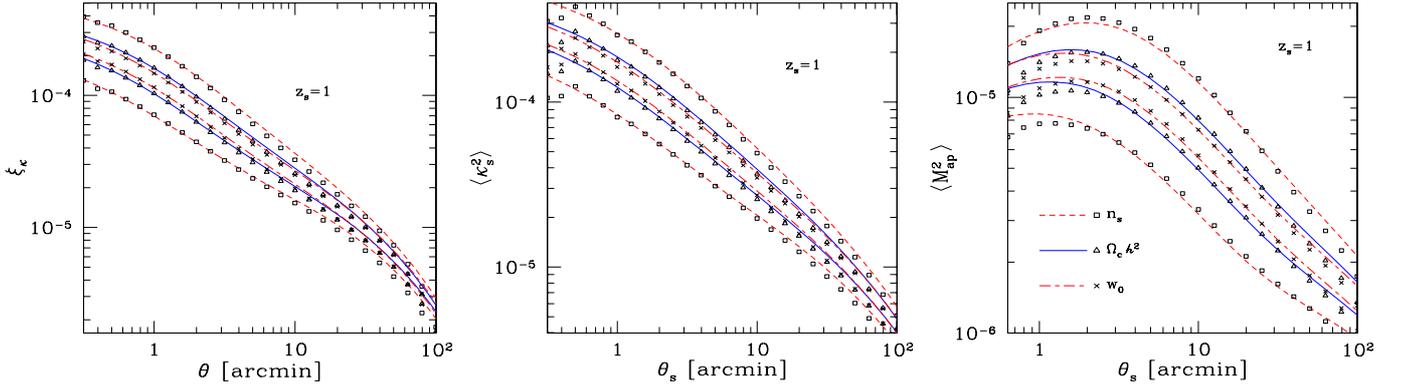


Fig. 5. Convergence two-point correlation function (*left panel*), smoothed convergence (*middle panel*), and aperture-mass (*right panel*) for sources at redshift $z_s = 1$ for six cosmologies. The points are the results from numerical simulations and the lines are the predictions of our model.

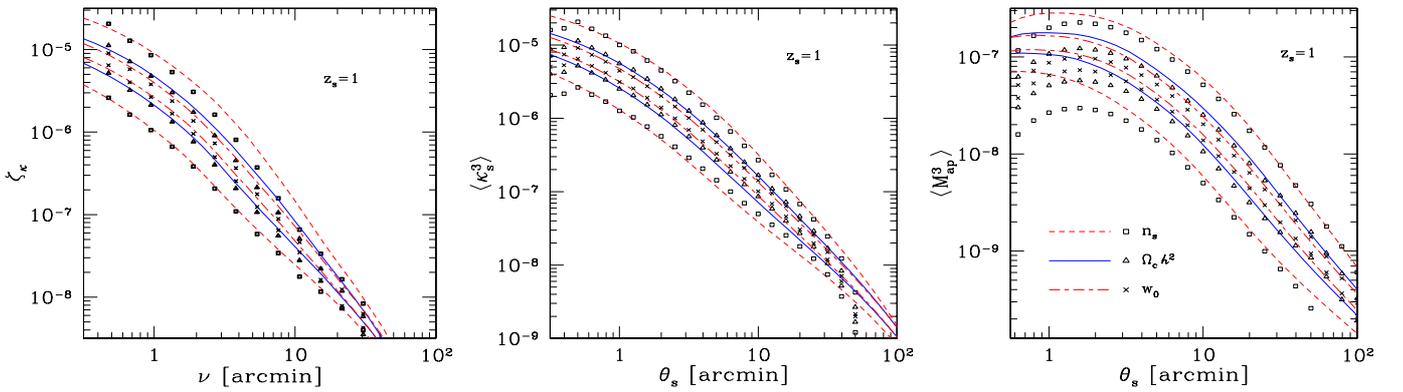


Fig. 6. Convergence three-point correlation ζ_k for equilateral configurations (*left panel*) and third-order moments $\langle \kappa_s^3 \rangle$ (*middle panel*) and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}^3 \rangle$ (*right panel*) for sources at redshift $z_s = 1$ for six cosmologies. The points are the results from numerical simulations and the lines are the predictions of our model.

Like for the Fourier-space statistics studied in Paper I, the dependence on cosmology of the two-point statistics is well reproduced by our model. For the three-point statistics it is not easy to make a very precise comparison because the numerical results show a greater level of noise and are sensitive to finite resolution and finite size effects. However, where the simulations are reliable, we also obtain a good match with our predictions. We obtained similar results for $z_s = 0.6$ and $z_s = 1.5$, as well as for other cosmologies where we vary A_s or Ω_{de} by $\pm 10\%$. This shows that our model and, more generally, models based on combinations of perturbation theory and halo models provide a good modeling of the matter distribution and of weak gravitational lensing effects and capture their dependence on cosmology. Moreover, Figs. 5 and 6 clearly show that this analytical modeling is competitive with current ray-tracing simulations, because it provides reliable predictions over a greater range of scales. In particular, Figs. 5 and 6 show that the accuracy of our model is sufficient to constrain n_s , $\Omega_c h^2$, and w_0 to better than 10%.

8. Multi-scale moments

In the previous sections we considered single-scale moments, $\langle X_s(\theta_s)^p \rangle$, associated with one smoothing window $W_{\theta_s}^{X_s}$ with a single angular radius θ_s . One can also use multi-point statistics such as $\langle X_s(\theta_1; \theta_{s1}) \dots X_s(\theta_p; \theta_{sp}) \rangle$ associated with p windows centered on p different directions θ_i and with p different radii θ_{si} . In this section, we briefly check the validity of our model for the

case of centered multi-scale moments. To do this, all quantities X_{si} are centered on the same direction on the sky but we allow the angular radii θ_{si} to be different. Then, Eqs. (20) and (23) generalize as

$$\langle X_s(\theta_{s1}) X_s(\theta_{s2}) \rangle = 2\pi \int_0^\infty d\ell \ell P_\kappa(\ell) \tilde{W}_{\theta_{s1}}^{X_s}(\ell \theta_{s1}) \tilde{W}_{\theta_{s2}}^{X_s}(\ell \theta_{s2}) \quad (29)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_s(\theta_{s1}) X_s(\theta_{s2}) X_s(\theta_{s3}) \rangle &= 4\pi \int_0^{\theta_{s1}} \frac{d\theta_1 \theta_1}{\pi \theta_{s1}^2} W_{\theta_{s1}}^{X_s}(\theta_1) \\ &\times \int_0^{\theta_{s2}} \frac{d\theta_2 \theta_2}{\pi \theta_{s2}^2} W_{\theta_{s2}}^{X_s}(\theta_2) \int_0^{\theta_{s3}} \frac{d\theta_3 \theta_3}{\pi \theta_{s3}^2} W_{\theta_{s3}}^{X_s}(\theta_3) \\ &\times \int_0^\pi d\varphi_2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_3 \zeta_k(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

We show in Fig. 7 the two-scale second-order moments $\langle \kappa_s(\theta_s) \kappa_s(\alpha \theta_s) \rangle$ and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}(\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\alpha \theta_s) \rangle$ for a scale-ratio $\alpha = 2, 5$, and 10, at $z_s = 1$. A higher α yields a smaller moment because it corresponds to a larger second angular radius $\alpha \theta_s$. We obtain the same level of agreement as for the single-scale variances shown in Fig. 1. In particular, we obtain a good match on small angular scales where the ‘‘halo-fit’’ formula somewhat underestimates the weak-lensing power. On large scales our analytical results are somewhat larger than the data obtained from the numerical simulations. This is due to the missing of large-scale modes in

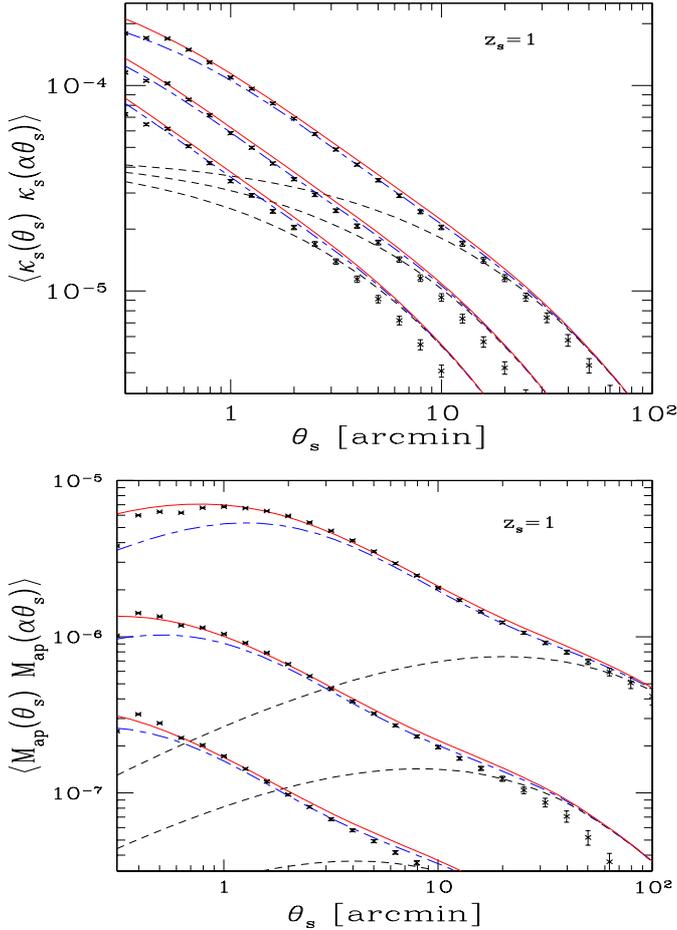


Fig. 7. Two-scale second-order moments $\langle \kappa_s(\theta_s) \kappa_s(\alpha\theta_s) \rangle$ (upper panel) and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}(\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\alpha\theta_s) \rangle$ (lower panel) as a function of θ_s , at $z_s = 1$. We show the cases $\alpha = 2, 5$, and 10 from top to bottom. The symbols are the same as in Fig. 1.

the simulations because of the finite size of the simulation boxes ($240 h^{-1}$ and $480 h^{-1}$ Mpc) that correspond to 343 and 686 arcmin at $z = 1$). This is more apparent than in the single-scale plots of Fig. 1 because we probe larger scales since the factor α is greater than unity. This again shows the advantage of analytical models such as ours, which are competitive with current ray-tracing numerical simulations to describe a broad range of scales.

We show in Fig. 8 the three-scale third-order moments $\langle \kappa_s(\theta_s) \kappa_s(\alpha\theta_s) \kappa_s(\beta\theta_s) \rangle$ and $\langle M_{\text{ap}}(\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\alpha\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\beta\theta_s) \rangle$ for the scale-ratios $\{\alpha, \beta\} = \{2, 5\}$, $\{3, 9\}$, and $\{5, 10\}$, at $z_s = 1$. Higher values of α and β give a smaller moment since they correspond to larger second and third angular radii $\alpha\theta_s$ and $\beta\theta_s$. We obtain the same level of agreement as for the single-scale third-order moments shown in Fig. 2. In particular, our model recovers the dependence on the ratios $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ and on the scale θ_s and performs better than the other models studied in this paper. To simplify the figures, we show in Fig. 8 only the second-best model, i.e. the “ $F_{2,\text{NL}}$ ” ansatz (27) using the effective kernel $F_{2,\text{NL}}$ from Scoccimarro & Couchman (2001) and the power from our model (as in the upper blue dashed line in Fig. 2). Other models show similar behaviors to those found in Fig. 2 for single-scale moments (i.e., a lack of power on moderate and small angular scales). As for the second-order statistics, the underestimate of the weak-lensing signal by the simulations appears at a smaller angle θ_s than in the single-scale case shown in Fig. 2 because the

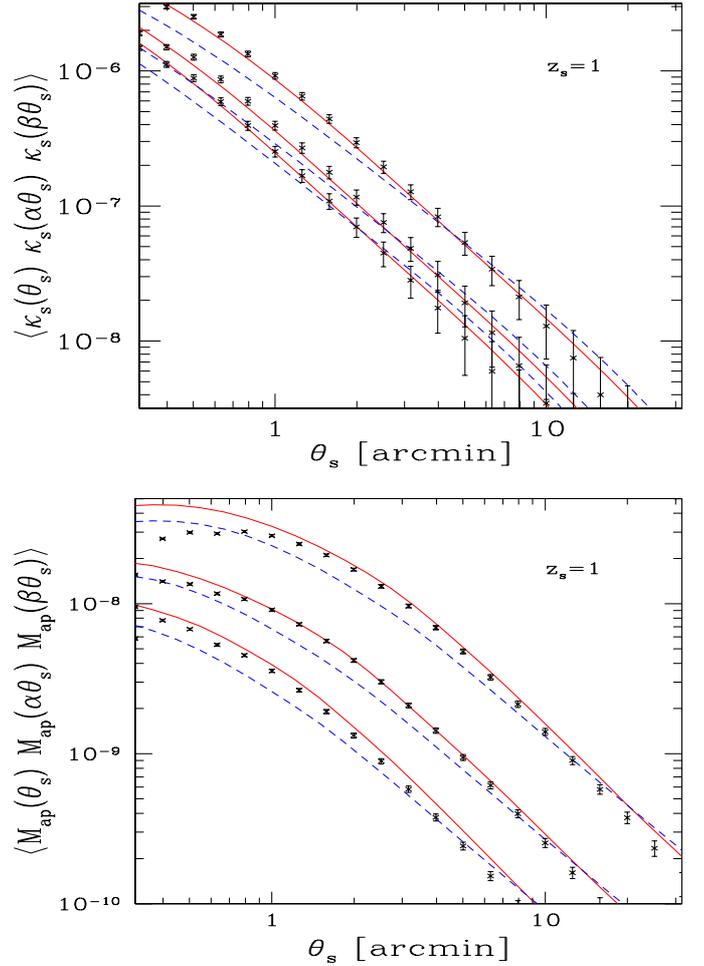


Fig. 8. Three-scale third-order moments at $z_s = 1$ as a function of θ_s . Upper panel: $\langle \kappa_s(\theta_s) \kappa_s(\alpha\theta_s) \kappa_s(\beta\theta_s) \rangle$. Lower panel: $\langle M_{\text{ap}}(\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\alpha\theta_s) M_{\text{ap}}(\beta\theta_s) \rangle$. We show the cases $\{\alpha, \beta\} = \{2, 5\}$, $\{3, 9\}$, and $\{5, 10\}$ from top to bottom. The blue dashed line is the “ $F_{2,\text{NL}}$ ” ansatz (27), using the effective kernel $F_{2,\text{NL}}$ from Scoccimarro & Couchman (2001) and the power from our model (as in the upper blue dashed line in Fig. 2), while the red solid line is our model.

factors α and β are larger than unity and increase the sensitivity to larger scales at fixed θ_s .

9. Conclusion

We have investigated the performance of current theoretical modeling of the 3D matter density distribution with respect to weak-lensing statistics, focusing on configuration-space statistics, specifically the convergence two-point and three-point correlation functions and the second- and third-order moments of the smoothed convergence and of the aperture mass. As in Paper I, where we studied Fourier-space statistics, we found that a model introduced in previous works (Valageas & Nishimichi 2011a,b), which combines the (resummed) one-loop perturbation theory with a halo model, fares better than some other recipes based on fitting formulae to numerical simulations or more phenomenological approaches. It yields a reasonable agreement with numerical simulations and provides a competitive approach, because it remains difficult and time-consuming to describe a range of scales that spans three orders of magnitude or more by ray-tracing simulations.

One advantage of our approach compared with numerical simulations or fitting formulas is that it allows us to decompose the integrated weak-lensing signal over several contributions that are associated with specific properties of the underlying 3D density field. Thus, we can distinguish perturbative terms, which can be derived from perturbation theory, from nonperturbative terms that are associated for instance with one-halo contributions, which depend on the density profile and mass function of virialized halos. This is useful because i) these different terms suffer from different theoretical uncertainties and ii) it allows one to understand which aspects of the matter distribution are probed by weak-lensing statistics, while angular scales vary.

Like for the Fourier-space statistics studied in Paper I and the 3D statistics studied in [Valageas & Nishimichi \(2011a,b\)](#), we found that including one-loop terms in the perturbative contribution brings a more significant improvement compared with the lowest-order perturbation theory for three-point statistics than for two-point statistics. Then, while large scales are described by these perturbative contributions and small scales by one-halo contributions, the nonperturbative two-halo term that gives an additional contribution to three-point statistics is always subdominant. This is a nice property because this mixed term is more difficult to model and may be less accurate than other contributions (see also Paper I).

Consequently, our model provides reliable predictions for weak-lensing statistics, from small to large scales, and for a variety of cosmologies. It could still be improved in various manners. First, the accuracy of the perturbative contribution may be increased by including higher orders beyond one-loop or by using alternative resummation schemes. Second, the underlying halo model could be refined to include substructures ([Sheth 2003](#); [Giocoli et al. 2010](#)), deviations from spherical profiles ([Jing & Suto 2002](#); [Smith et al. 2006](#)), or the effect of baryons ([Guillet et al. 2010](#)). Next, the model could be generalized to non-Gaussian initial conditions, which yield distinctive signatures in the bispectrum ([Sefusatti et al. 2010](#)).

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