Untangling the Cosmic Web *Correlations between small-scale clustering and large-scale structure*

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Cosmological simulation of a Milky Way-like galaxy | VINTERGATAN Renaud et al. 2020

Intrinsic Alignments (IA)



Intrinsic Alignments

Galaxy (and halo) shapes are correlated with each other and with the underlying density

Generally:



- The longest axis of 'red' galaxies are aligned in direction of tidal field



- The spin vector of 'blue' galaxies are aligned in direction of tidal field

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ABSTRACT

We summarize common notations and concepts in the field of Intrinsic Alignments (IA). IA refers to physical correlations involving galaxy shapes, galaxy spins, and the underlying cosmic web. Its characterization is an important aspect of modern cosmology, particularly in weak lensing analyses. This resource is both a reference for those already familiar with IA and designed to introduce someone to the field by drawing from various studies and presenting a collection of IA formalisms, estimators, modeling approaches, alternative notations, and useful references.



FIG. 1.— Galaxy shapes and orientations traced over a portion of JWST's NIRCam image of Abell 2744.

The IA Guide: arxiv 2309.08605 Lamman et al. 2023b



IA interferes with cosmological measurements

• Weak lensing *Can bias matter power spectrum by 30%* Hirata et al. 2007

Redshift-Space Distortions
Can bias RSD by 1% (for DESI)
Lamman et al. 2023a & 2024a



JWST NIRCam (strong lensing)







IA as a cosmological probe

PNG

Chisari & Dvorkin 2013

Schmidt et al. 2015

Akitsu et al. 2021

Kurita & Takada 2023

BAO

Chisari & Dvorkin 2013

Okumura et al. 2019

Van Dompseler et al. 2023

B-modes

Georgiou et al. 2023

Akitsu et al 2023

Saga et al. 2024

RSD

Okumura & Taruya 2022

IA as a cosmological probe: difficulties

- 1. IA is a systematic effect typically need > $^{10^4}$ gal to even see a signal
- 2. Many galaxy populations display no IA in observations. These populations make up most available data beyond z=1. *(currently no direct IA detections of spiral galaxies)*

Legacy Imaging Survey

- 3. Requires high-quality imaging (not a lot of overlap with spec targets)
- 4. Imaging systematics

Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

DESI

Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

- Year one:
 14 million extragalactic redshifts
- ~ 50 million redshifts over 5 years
- Goals: map out LSS and its evolution, test dark energy through BAO and RSD

Claire Lamman | The DESI Collabortation

DESI Year One Samples 2.7 million ELG 0.8 < z < 1.5 2.2 million LRG 0.4 < z < 1.13.3 million BGS 0.1 < z < 0.40.25 0.50 0.75 1.00 1.50 1.752.00 0.00 1.25Redshift

Measurements of Large-Scale Structure







Sefusatti & Scoccimarro, 2004

IA of groups! (or "multiplets")

- Ensembles of galaxies less affected by imaging and typically display stronger alignment *Clusters: Smargon et al. 2012, Halos: Fortuna et al. 2021*
- Smallest ensemble where still possible to get orientation: Multiplets.



Identifying Multiplets

Within comoving space...

- 1. For each galaxy, find the nearest neighbor.
- 2. Limit these pairs to a $r \perp < 0.5$ Mpc/h and r || <12 Mpc/h
- 3. Identify groups within the graph created by these pairs



Legacy Imaging of multiplets in DESI's BGS, LRG, and ELG samples. Each image is 25.6" across

What are Multiplets?

- A small number of galaxies (\sim 2-5), mostly within a Mpc of each other.
- Different than groups and clusters: not necessarily virialized
- (A way to reframe the "short side" of a triangle in a very squeezed 3-point CF)



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Identifying Multiplets

The majority of multiplets are pairs, separated by 1-2 Mpc/h



relative orientation

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transverse separation R

galaxy multiplet



galaxy tracing large-scale structure







↑ Stronger tidal alignment

↓ Weaker tidal alignment



To optimize the measurement:

We vary the maximum distance along the line-ofsight for each multiplettracer pair

LRG Multiplet Alignment



Measurement of tidal field out to ~100 Mpc/h



BGS is especially dense many multiplets, high SNR.

ELG subsample: IA detection beyond z = 1 !

Multiplet alignment has same scale dependence as the alignment of individual galaxies.

(made with 2.2M LRGs and 105k LRG multiplets)



Comparison to traditional estimators



Unlike the alignment of individual galaxies, multiplets can trace LSS with galaxies that are blue, faint, or beyond z=1!

> Lamman et al. 2024c arXiv: 2408.11056

Multiplet Alignment: Measurement Takeaways

We see similar signals regardless of galaxy intrinsic properties.

Promising for measuring IA in samples that are: Dense, faint, blue, beyond redshift 1



Previously, measurements and use of IA were limited to samples of bright red galaxies with high-quality imaging.

Multiplet alignment opens the possibility of using **all galaxies** in spectroscopic surveys to trace the gravitational shear of LSS.

Interpreting Multiplet

Alignment

Modeling

Linear relationship between the 3D shapes of objects and the underlying tidal field.

Alignment = (Some scalar) x (Tidal shear) of multiplets

$$\cos(2\Phi)(R) = \tau \frac{-1}{(2\Pi_{max} + \bar{w}_p)} \int K dK \mathcal{J}_2(K, R) \mathcal{P}_{\Pi}(K)$$
Alignment
of multiplets
2pt clustering,
LOS distance
Relevant Matter
(matter power spectrum,
selection in LOS and projection)
AbacusSummit

Suite of large, high-accuracy n-body simulations designed to meet DESI's science requirements

AbacusHOD





N-body simulation reproduces shape but not amplitude

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N-body simulation reproduces shape but not amplitude.

~ 1/3 lower on all scales

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Fiber assignment enhances the signal!

(tidal torquing?)

Current Work

- Multiplet Alignment can be supplemented with imaging *Student: Annika Kumwembe*
- Sub-trends in DESI's densest sample (BGS)
 Student: Miguel Perdomo

 with Jaime Forero-Romero
- Multiplet alignment in MilleniumTNG (500 Mpc/h box with hydro effects)

Applications of Multiplet Alignment

Future Data

• DESI, DESI-ext, DESI-II:

will especially increase observations of spiral galaxies beyond z=1 (ELGs), the ideal application of multiplet alignment.

- Other spectroscopic surveys
 - PFS (2025): deep, dense morphology and z dependence
 - SPHÈREx (2025): all-sky large-scale modes
- Imaging:
 - Rubin Observatory / LSST-DES
 - Euclid
 - Roman

1. Connecting Galaxies to Cosmology

Creating full-scale simulations

Multiplet Alignment directly correlates large and small-scale clustering and could be used as a unique test of semi-analytic models

The nature of Intrinsic Alignments

Multiplet alignment can constrain nonlinear behavior and redshift evolution of IA: providing novel insights into intrinsic alignments for cosmic shear

2. Mapping the large-scale distribution of matter

Detecting large-scale density modes

Direct measurements of the very large distribution of matter is limited by survey boundaries. Could measure indirectly through large-scale impact on small-scale clustering (Chiang et al. 2014).

• Creating a tidal shear map

Similar to weak lensing, except a measurement of local shear and independent of common systematic errors.

Lamman et al. 2024

arXiv: 2408.11056

Accessible version in arXiv comments ->

Summary

- Galaxy multiplets can uniquely trace the large-scale tidal field
- We detect tidal alignment out to separations of h⁻¹Mpc. Including samples beyond z=1 and blue galaxies. Neither has been achieved with traditional estimators.
- This unlocks the potential of IA as a practical cosmological probe and has promising applications for upcoming surveys

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Extra Plots

RSD impacts at ~5%

Multiplet relative orientation, Rcos(2Φ)

Background: Quantifying IA

1. Get gal shape

Obs: projected image, fundamental plane Theory: inertia tensor (ellipticals), angular momentum (spirals), tidal field (ellipticals)

2. Measure shape relative to direction of tidal field *(or tracer)*

$$\epsilon = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \exp(2i\theta) = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2$$

Lamman et al. in prep

Background: Modeling IA

Model	Scales	Galaxy type	
LA	$> 10 { m ~Mpc}/h$	clusters	
NLA	$> 6 { m Mpc}/h$	LRG	
TATT	$> 2 { m Mpc}/h$	LRG, ELG	
\mathbf{EFT}	$> 0.3 \; { m Mpc}/h$	LRG, ELG	
Halo	0.3-1.5 Mpc/ h	LRG	

Alignment Amplitude, A_{IA}

Linear Alignment (LA) A_{IA} ∝ grav potential

Non-linear Alignment (NLA) LA but uses full non-linear power spectrum

Tidal Alignment and Tidal Torquing (TATT)

 A_{IA} broken into IA from tidal alignemt (A_1) and IA from tidal torquing (A_2)

galaxy multiplet

$$\epsilon_{\text{multiplet}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} r_i \exp 2i\theta_i = a + bi$$
$$\Theta = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Phi = \Theta - \phi$$

$$\cos(2\Phi)$$

$$T_{ij}(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left(\frac{k_i k_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta^{\rm K}_{ij} k^2}{k^2} \right) \tilde{\delta}_m(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{model}} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \epsilon^* Q + \epsilon Q^* \rangle$$

$$Q(R_{\rm bin}, \pm \Pi_{\rm max}) = \frac{\int d^3 r W(\bar{r}) \delta_g e^{2i\theta_r}}{\int d^3 r W(\bar{r}) (1 + \xi_{\epsilon g})}$$

$$\int d^3 r W(\bar{r})$$

$$\epsilon = \tau [T_{xx} - T_{yy} + 2iT_{xy}]$$

 $\epsilon_{\alpha,\beta} = \tau (T_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2}T_{zz})$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{model}} = \frac{-\tau}{\int d^3 r W(\bar{r})(1+\xi_{\epsilon g})} \int d^3 r W(\bar{r}) d^$$

Galaxy	Redshift	N	N galaxy	Volume
type	Range	galaxies	multiplets	[Gpc ³ <i>h</i> ⁻³]
ELG	1.1 < z < 1.5	1.5 M	21 K	67.8
ELG	0.8 < z < 1.1	1.2 M	22 K	35.8
LRG	0.8 < z < 1.1	0.9 M	34 K	34.6
LRG	0.4 < z < 1.1	2.2 M	105 K	34.6
BGS BGS BGS Blue BGS Red	0.3 < z < 0.4 0.2 < z < 0.3 0.1 < z < 0.2 0.1 < z < 0.2 0.1 < z < 0.2	0.6 M 1.3 M 1.4 M 0.56 M 0.54 M	64 K 212 K 307 K 81 K 100 K	3.2 1.5 0.5 0.5 0.5

RSD: Kaiser Effect

 $LOS \rightarrow$

Real Space

Redshift Space

Quantifying anisotropic clustering

Fake RSD!

Bias in galaxy orientations from survey Bias in LSS (specifically ξ_2)

How aperture target selection contaminates RSD measurements

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Originally proposed by <u>Hirata 2009</u>

LOS


Density

Radial Direction





Transverse Direction

Density



Radial Direction

ξ2

Demonstration with AbacusSummit Simulations



