
Thesis subject

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Subject's title: Combining weak-lensing and galaxy-clustering to constraint cosmological parameters

Subject description:

The primary science probes of EUCLID are weak-lensing cosmic shear, and BAO to measure expansion of the Universe in the redshift range $1 < z < 2$. Redshift space distortion of the galaxy-clustering in this same redshift range will also allow measure the growth of structure, and test deviation to general relativity.

Existing surveys, such as KiDS and DES are already paving the way to EUCLID. However, it becomes every time more obvious that the cross-correlation of weak-lensing and galaxy-clustering can boost the constraining power of each individual probes, raising the EUCLID figure of merit (FoM) from 400 to possibly 1400, pushing measurements to small scales ($\ell \sim 5000$) (see talk by Isaac Tutusaus at the Milan WL+GC meeting, Dec 2018).

In de la Torre et al. 2017, and in Jullo et al. 2019, we combined weak-lensing CFHTLenS and CFHT-Stripe 82 weak-lensing catalogues with the VIPERS and SDSS/CMASS galaxy samples. Building on the non-linear small-scale modeling of RSD and galaxy-galaxy lensing, we demonstrated that we could break the degeneracy between the amplitude of the matter power-spectrum σ_8 , and the growth rate of structure f , thus allowing to more efficiently probe deviations to general relativity. Thanks to our model, we take advantage of the signal at small scales, reaching a precision on the cosmological parameters similar to KiDS and DES, although with a field of view 5 times smaller.

Scientific objectives

The objective of this thesis is to repeat this analysis with the forthcoming spectroscopic data from eBOSS and DESI. Thanks to the significant financial support of Aix-Marseille University and INSU, we are now full members of these two collaborations, and we would like to adapt our techniques to these 2 surveys. Simultaneously for EUCLID, it is very timely to go beyond the Fisher matrix analytical forecasts that have claimed the FoM of 1400 and prepare the full analysis with realistic mock catalogues.

Both eBOSS and DESI observe Luminous red galaxies (LRG) and emission line galaxies (ELG) in the redshift range $0.7 < z < 1.2$. EUCLID observes H α emitters in the redshift range $1 < z < 2$. For eBOSS and DESI, we will use the weak-lensing catalogue from DECaLS (4200 deg²), and the CFIS data (~3000 deg²) to perform this analysis. We also have signed a MoU with Dark Energy Survey to use their Year 3 catalogue, and thus increase the depth of the imaging coverage. We are also updating weak-lensing catalogues based on the shallow DECaLS 8000 deg², and CFIS 2000 deg² imaging surveys. Therefore, we have all in hands to perform this analysis. Also being a member of these collaboration for already a few years, Eric Jullo is already identified in the eBOSS and DESI as a lead for these analyses.

With respect to EUCLID, Eric JULLO is the lead of the galaxy-galaxy lensing work-package in the Weak-Lensing SWG, and as such has to prepare the analysis, and provide requirements (in terms on photometric redshift precision, number density of H α emitters, completeness, etc).

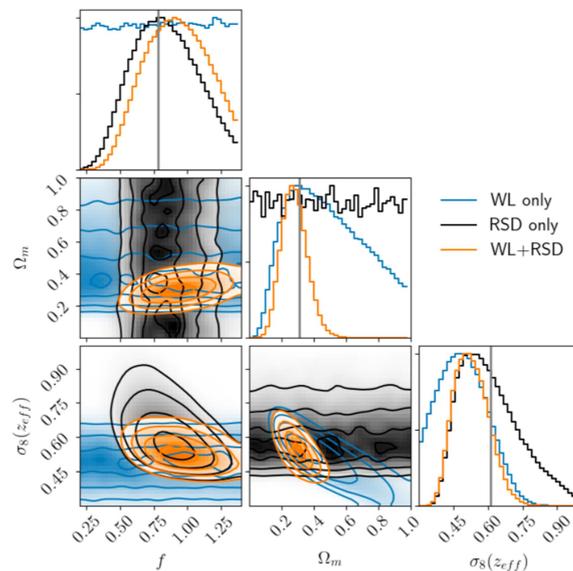


Figure 1: Improvement on estimating Ω_m and σ_8 when combining RSD and WL measurements. Blue and black curves are respectively obtained with WL and RSD constraints only. Orange curves are obtained with the combination of WL and RSD. Vertical lines indicate Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE 2018 results

Schedule.

2020-2021

In the first part of the thesis, the student will continue the work already started in the GGL EUCLID SWG, and will investigate how much GGL improves the FoM. He/She will use mock catalogues from Flagship. Depending on the signal to noise in the measurement, this project can lead to a Euclid key paper.

2021-2022

As the DESI data will start to arrive, the student will get involved in their analysis. He/She will measure the galaxy-galaxy lensing around LRG and ELG galaxies in DESI. This will lead to a second publication.

2022-2023

Euclid Quick Data Release 1 is expected 6 months after launch. The student will repeat the analysis performed with Flagship data on the early Euclid data, and will publish a paper on it.

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