Photometric Redshifts in SDSS for Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing

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Outline

- galaxy-galaxy lensing
- photometric redshifts
- spectroscopic calibration set
- calibration results

Gravitational lensing



Image Credit: Ned Wright, HST

Why is lensing hard?



Accurate lensing:

- quantify image distortion (shapes)
- need many background galaxies
- background galaxies not at uniform redshift

Redshifts calibrate shear to mass

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Can we get DM concentration around a galaxy?



Galaxy-galaxy lensing:

- stacking by lens to get many background galaxies
- measures average dark matter distribution around galaxies

Why do we study galaxy-galaxy lensing?

Dark matter simulation



Observed galaxies



- correlates dark matter to galaxies
 - cosmological dark matter studies
 - galaxy formation studies

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- because everyone else is going to be doing it



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- need two separate catalogs

r < 21.8

r < 21

SDSS photometry







Photometric redshifts, template based



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Photometric redshifts with SDSS



• $\sigma_{\Delta z/(1+z)} \sim 0.1$



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Photometric redshifts, training set based



 bright galaxies!! (r<17.7)

http://www.sdss.org/dr7/algorithms/photo-z.html

Calibration sets



- SDSS: 8720 sq deg (low extinction)
- Calib: ~5 sq deg
- Tune it to make fair representation of SDSS

Calibration sets: r magnitude distribution



calibration set

underlying distribution

r magnitude

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Calibration sets: r magnitude distribution



r magnitude

sky noise

Calibration set correction



original calibration set

all of SDSS

corrected

r magnitude

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Calibration sets: redshift distribution



Calibration sets: redshift distribution



• Source (r<21.8)

Galaxy-galaxy lensing



Stacking by lens:

- redshift (photo-z)
- SED type
- absolute magnitude
- stellar mass

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Absolute magnitude error



theoretical curve
distance modulus
k-correction

• z_{phot} distribution



• Ell-type SED (z=0)



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SDSS bands (observed from z=0)



• Ell-type SED (z=0.3)

SDSS bands (observed from z=0)



• Ell-type SED (z=0.6)

SDSS bands (observed from z=0)

Absolute magnitude



Elliptical SED type:

- each panel = photo-z bin ($\Delta z=0.1$)
- median (line) and
 68 percentile (dash)
 ▶ avg. 𝔅mr value

estimated magnitude
 corrected bins

Error in SED template types



- 6 SED types
- 5 interpolated SEDs in between each
- SED type bin need no modification

Stellar mass-to-light ratio



Bell & De Jong (2003)

 estimate M*/L from z=0 color

 constant for each SED type

Stellar mass estimates



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Lensing bias: source photo-z



Known lens redshift:

- bias for each subsets
- discrepancy in COSMOS
 correction for skynoise

Lensing bias: lens photo-z



Known source redshift:

• bias for each z_{phot} bin

discard z_{phot}<0.1 bin</p>

 lens-source separation would be ideal, but...

Lensing bias: lens and source photo-z



- small dispersion
- I σ z_{phot} cut (cross) no cut (circle)
 same variance
 - same bias

Summary

- Photometric redshifts with SDSS DR8
 all galaxy types (not just LRGs)
 SED template method (k-correction)
- Spectroscopic calibration set
 fair representation of photometric survey
- Galaxy-galaxy lensing calibration
 stacking, binning width
 gravitational lensing signal