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ABSTRACT

We study the shapes and intrinsic alignments of disks and elliptical galaxies in the MassiveBlack-II (MBII) and Illustris cosmological hydrodynamic simulations, with volumes of $(100h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3$ and $(75h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3$ respectively. We find that simulated disk galaxies are more oblate in shape and more misaligned with the shape of their host dark matter subhalo when compared with ellipticals. The disk major axis is found to be oriented towards the location of nearby elliptical galaxies. We also find that the disks are thinner in MBII and misalignments with dark matter halo orientations are smaller in both disks and ellipticals when compared with Illustris. As a result, the intrinsic alignment correlation functions at fixed mass have a higher amplitude in MBII than in Illustris. Despite significant differences in the treatments of hydrodynamics and baryonic physics in the simulations, we find that the correlation functions scale similarly with transverse separation (yet both have a different scale dependence to the correlation functions of the shapes of dark matter subhalos within the same simulation). This is true for both disks and ellipticals. This result makes it likely that we should be able to use information from hydrodynamic simulations to understand intrinsic alignment two-point statistics. Finally, in scales above $\sim 0.1h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$, the intrinsic alignment two-point correlation functions for disk galaxies in both simulations are consistent with a null detection, unlike those for ellipticals.

Key words: cosmology: theory – methods: numerical – hydrodynamics – gravitational lensing: weak – galaxies: kinematics and dynamics

1 INTRODUCTION

Weak lensing is a promising cosmological probe that can help in understanding the nature of dark matter, dark energy and modified theories of gravity (Albrecht et al. 2006; Weinberg et al. 2013). Future weak lensing surveys such as the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope1 (LSST; LSST Science Collaboration et al. 2009), Euclid2 (Laureijs et al. 2011), and the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope3 (WFIRST; Spergel et al. 2015) should constrain cosmological parameters such as the dark energy equation of state to sub-percent levels. However, the intrinsic alignment of galaxies, the coherent correlations of the galaxy shapes with each other and with the underlying density field, is a significant astrophysical systematic in weak lensing analysis (Heavens et al. 2000; Croft & Metzler 2000; Jing 2002; Hirata & Seljak 2004). Ignoring the effects of intrinsic alignments on a weak lensing analysis can bias the estimation of the dark energy equation of state parameter by $\sim 25\%$ (Bridle & King 2007). Hence, an understanding of intrinsic alignments and their scaling with galaxy mass, luminosity, redshift and morphological type is necessary to develop effective mitigation strategies. Further, studies of intrinsic alignments can also help in understanding the physics of galaxy formation and evolution (Schmidt & Jeong 2012; Chisari & Dvorkin 2013; Schmidt et al. 2015). For reviews of intrinsic alignments, see Troxel & Ishak (2015), Joachimi et al. (2015), Kirk et al. (2015), and Kiessling et al. (2015).

Intrinsic alignments have been studied analytically using the linear alignment model (Hirata & Seljak 2004), extensions that include nonlinear contributions (Bridle & King 2007; Blazek et al. 2015) and the halo model (Schneider & Bridle 2010). N-body simulations have also been used to study IA by stochastically populating halos with galaxies with a random orientation or by using semi-analytic methods (Heymans et al. 2006; Joachimi et al. 2013). Recently, hydrodynamic simulations of cosmological volumes, such as

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the MassiveBlack-II (Khandai et al. 2015), Horizon-AGN (Dubois et al. 2014), EAGLE (Schaye et al. 2015) and Illustris (Vogelsberger et al. 2014b,a; Genel et al. 2014) simulations have emerged as a useful tool to study intrinsic alignments. They enable direct predictions of intrinsic alignments of the stellar component of galaxies using a large statistical sample, including the physics of galaxy formation (Tenneti et al. 2014, 2015; Codi et al. 2015; Velliscig et al. 2015b,a; Chisari et al. 2015). In previous work (Tenneti et al. 2014), we studied the shapes of the stellar component of the galaxies using the MassiveBlack-II cosmological hydrodynamic simulation and compared our results with observational measurements finding good agreement. In a follow up study (Tenneti et al. 2015), we measured the two-point correlations of the galaxy shapes with the density field and found that the scaling of the correlation function measured in the simulations is consistent with observational results and, on large scales, with predictions of the tidal alignment model.

However, none of these studies have considered morphological divisions of the galaxy sample into disks and ellipticals. There are theoretical and observational motivations for such a split. The galaxies for which intrinsic alignments have been robustly measured in real data (Mandelbaum et al. 2006; Hirata et al. 2007; Okumura et al. 2009; Joachimi et al. 2011; Heymans et al. 2013; Singh et al. 2015) are predominantly elliptical galaxies, for which alignments on large scales are well described by the linear alignment model (Blazek et al. 2011). Observationally, there has been no significant detection of intrinsic alignment shape correlations for disk galaxies (Hirata et al. 2007; Mandelbaum et al. 2011), except for a hint of a detection for the most luminous blue sample in Hirata et al. (2007) at low significance. Due to the importance of angular momentum in the formation of disk galaxies, their intrinsic alignments are likely described by the quadratic alignment model, for which the shape-density correlation vanishes in the case of a Gaussian density field (Hirata & Seljak 2004).

Given the different mechanisms for the alignments of elliptical and disk galaxies, it will be interesting to investigate these differences in a large-volume hydrodynamic simulation. The alignments of disk galaxies have been studied previously using small volume hydrodynamic simulations (e.g., Bailin et al. 2005; Bett et al. 2010; Hahn et al. 2010; Deason et al. 2011). The most recent hydrodynamic simulations with cosmological volumes have a resolution high enough to enable dynamical classification of galaxies into disks and ellipticals using a method described in Abadi et al. (2003). Recently, the galaxies in the Illustris simulation (based on a moving mesh code) have been found to have a disk galaxy fraction that compares favorably with observational measurements finding good agreement. In a follow up study (Tenneti et al. 2015), we measured the two-point correlations of the galaxy shapes with the density field and found that the scaling of the correlation function measured in the simulations is consistent with observational results and, on large scales, with predictions of the tidal alignment model.

In this study, we use the MassiveBlack-II (MB-II) hydrodynamic simulation and publicly-released data from the Illustris simulation (Nelson et al. 2015).

2.1 MassiveBlack-II Simulation

MB-II is a state-of-the-art high resolution, large volume, cosmological hydrodynamic simulation of structure formation. This simulation has been performed with P-Gadget, which is a hybrid version of the parallel code, gadget2 (Springel et al. 2005) upgraded to run on Petaflop scale supercomputers. In addition to gravity and smoothed-particle hydrodynamics (SPH), the P-Gadget code also includes the physics of multiphase ISM model with star formation (Springel & Hernquist 2003), black hole accretion and feedback (Springel et al. 2005; Di Matteo et al. 2012). Radiative cooling and heating processes are included (as in Katz et al. 1996), as is photoheating due to an imposed ionizing UV background. The details of this simulation can be found in Khandai et al. (2015).

MB-II contains \( N_{\text{part}} = 2 \times 1792^3 \) dark matter and gas particles in a cubic periodic box of length \( 100 h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \) on a side, with a gravitational smoothing length \( \epsilon = 1.85 h^{-1}\text{kpc} \) in comoving units. A single dark matter particle has a mass \( m_{\text{DM}} = 1.1 \times 10^7 h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot \) and the initial mass of a gas particle is \( m_{\text{gas}} = 2.2 \times 10^5 h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot \), with the mass of each star particle being \( m_{\text{star}} = 1.1 \times 10^6 h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot \). The cosmological parameters used in the simulation are as follows: amplitude of matter fluctuations \( \sigma_8 = 0.816 \), spectral index \( n_s = 0.96 \), mass density parameter \( \Omega_m = 0.275 \), cosmological constant density parameter \( \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.725 \), baryon density parameter \( \Omega_b = 0.046 \), and Hubble parameter \( h = 0.702 \) as per WMAP7 (Komatsu et al. 2011).

2.2 Illustris Simulation

The Illustris simulation is performed with the AREPO TreePM-moving-mesh code (Springel 2010) in a box of volume \( (75 h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3 \). The simulation follows \( 18 \times 10^9 \) dark matter particles and an approximately equal number of baryonic elements with a gravitational smoothing length of 1.4 comoving kpc for the dark matter particles. The mass of

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each dark matter particle is $4.41 \times 10^8 h^{-1} M_\odot$. The galaxy formation physics includes subgrid-model for star formation and associated supernova feedback, black hole accretion and feedback. A detailed description of the models can be found in Vogelsberger et al. (2013). The cosmological parameters are as follows: $\sigma_8 = 0.809$, $\eta_s = 0.963$, $\Omega_m = 0.2726$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7274$, $\Omega_b = 0.0456$, $h = 0.704$.

### 2.3 Galaxy and halo catalogs

In both simulations, halo catalogs are generated using the friends of friends (FoF) halo finder algorithm (Davis et al. 1985). The FoF algorithm identifies halos on the fly using a linking length of 0.2 times the mean interparticle separation. The subhalo catalogs are generated using the SUBFIND code (Springel et al. 2001) on the halo catalogs. The subhalos are defined as locally overdense, self-bound particle groups. In this paper, we analyze the shapes of the stellar components in the subhalos and their two-point correlations. Based on convergence tests in Tenneti et al. (2014), we only analyze the measured stellar shapes if there are $\geq 1000$ dark matter and star particles. As a result, we exclude $\sim 10\% (1\%)$ of the galaxies in MBII (Illustris) in the $10^9$–$10^{10} h^{-1} M_\odot$ stellar mass bin due to their subhalo masses being low enough that they do not have 1000 dark matter particles. This fraction reduces to $< 1\%$ in the stellar mass bin from $10^{10}$–$10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot$, while no galaxies are discarded for $M_* > 10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot$.

### 3 METHODS

Here we describe the methods used to measure galaxy shapes, quantify intrinsic alignments, and kinematically classify the galaxies into disk and elliptical samples.

#### 3.1 Galaxy shapes

The shapes of the stellar matter component in subhalos are modeled as ellipsoids in three dimensions using the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the reduced inertia tensor. The reduced inertia tensor gives more weight to particles that are closer to the center, which reduces the influence of loosely bound particles present in the outer regions of the subhalo. In 3D, the eigenvectors of the inertia tensor are $\hat{e}_a, \hat{e}_b, \hat{e}_c$ with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_a > \lambda_b > \lambda_c$. The eigenvectors represent the principal axes of the ellipsoid, with the half-lengths of the principal axes ($a, b, c$) given by $(\sqrt{\lambda_a}, \sqrt{\lambda_b}, \sqrt{\lambda_c})$. The 3D axis ratios are

$$q = \frac{b}{a}, \quad s = \frac{c}{a}. \quad (1)$$

The projected shapes are calculated by projecting the positions of the particles onto the $XY$ plane and modeling the shapes as ellipses. In 2D, the eigenvectors are $\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y$ with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_x > \lambda_y$. The lengths of the semi-major and semi-minor axes are $a' = \sqrt{\lambda_x}$ and $b' = \sqrt{\lambda_y}$ with axis ratio $q_{xy} = b'/a'$.

The shapes are determined iteratively using the reduced inertia tensor:

$$\lambda_{ij} = \frac{\sum_i m_n x_{ni} x_{nj}}{\sum_i m_n} \quad (2)$$

where the summation is over particles indexed by $n$, and

$$r_n^2 = \sum_i x_{ni}^2. \quad (3)$$

We first determine the axis ratios by the standard definition of the reduced inertia tensor, using all particles of a given type in the subhalo. Keeping the enclosed volume constant, we rescale the lengths of the principal axes of ellipsoids accordingly. After this rescaling, we determine the shapes again, discarding particles outside the ellipsoidal volume. This process is repeated until convergence is reached. Our convergence criterion is that the fractional change in axis ratios must be below 1%. For details regarding other definitions of the inertia tensor used to calculate shapes and their impact on intrinsic alignments, see Tenneti et al. (2015).

#### 3.2 Misalignment angle

To study the relative orientation between the shapes defined by the dark matter and stellar matter components in subhalos, we compute the probability distributions of misalignment angles as in Tenneti et al. (2014). If $\hat{e}_{da}$ and $\hat{e}_{ga}$ are the major axes of the shapes defined by the dark matter and stellar matter components, respectively, then we define the misalignment angle by

$$\theta_m = \arccos(|\hat{e}_{da} \cdot \hat{e}_{ga}|). \quad (4)$$

#### 3.3 Two-point statistics

The intrinsic alignments of galaxies with the large-scale density field are quantified using the ellipticity-direction (ED) and the projected shape-density ($w_{ls}$) correlation functions. The ED correlation quantifies the position angle alignments.
The matter density field can be represented using either a density sample denoted by \( D \) or the “shape sample” which is selected on the basis of a threshold or binning in subhalo mass. The dark matter particles used to trace the density field form a “density sample” denoted by \( D \). \( S_+ D \) is the following sum over all shape sample vs. dark matter particle pairs with separations \( r_p \) and \( \Pi \):

\[
S_+ D = \sum_{i \neq j}(r_p, \Pi) \frac{e_+(j | i)}{2R},
\]

where \( e_+(j | i) \) is the \( + \) component of the ellipticity of a galaxy \( j \) from the shear sample relative to the direction of a tracer of density field \( i \) selected from the density sample. Here, \( R = (1 - e_{\text{rms}}) \) is the shear responsivity that converts from distortion to shear (Bernstein & Jarvis 2002), with \( e_{\text{rms}} \) being the RMS ellipticity per component of the shape sample. The \( RR \) term in Eq. (7) is given by the expected number of randomly-distributed points in a particular \( (r_p, \Pi) \) bin around galaxies in the shape sample.

The projected shape correlation function, \( w_{3+}(r_p) \) is now given by

\[
w_{3+}(r_p) = \int_{-\Pi_{\text{max}}}^{+\Pi_{\text{max}}} \xi_{3+}(r_p, \Pi) d\Pi
\]

We calculated the correlation functions over the whole length of the box (100h\(^{-1}\)Mpc) with \( \Pi_{\text{max}} = 50h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \). The projected correlation functions are obtained via direct summation.
3.4 Bulge-to-disk decomposition

In order to identify a galaxy according to its morphological type, we follow the procedure from Scannapieco et al. (2009) and define a circularity parameter for each star within 10 times the stellar half-mass radius, $\epsilon = j_s / j_{\text{circ}}(r)$. Here $j_s$ is the component of the specific angular momentum of the star in the direction of the total angular momentum of the galaxy calculated using all star particles within 10 times the stellar half-mass radius. $j_{\text{circ}}(r)$ is the specific angular momentum of a circular orbit at the same radius as the star,

$$j_{\text{circ}}(r) = rV_{\text{circ}}(r) = \sqrt{GM(< r)/r}.$$ (10)

All stars with $\epsilon > 0.7$ are identified as disk stars. We then define the bulge-to-total ratio as $BTR = 1 - f_{\epsilon > 0.7}$, where $f_{\epsilon > 0.7}$ is the fraction of stars belonging to the disk. In this paper, we classify the galaxies with $BTR < 0.7$ as disk galaxies and the galaxies with $BTR$ greater than this value as elliptical galaxies. However, we will briefly explore the results of varying this threshold in Sec. 5.1.

4 GALAXY SHAPES AND ALIGNMENTS IN ILLUSTRIS AND MBII

4.1 Galaxy stellar mass function

Before examining the galaxy shape distributions and alignments in the two simulations, we first present some background about the simulated galaxy samples.

In Figure 1, we compare the galaxy stellar mass function in MBII and Illustris at $z = 0.06$. At lower masses, the density of galaxies is higher in MBII, while at higher masses the two simulations are similar. Khandai et al. (2015) compare the galaxy stellar mass function in MBII with observations, noting that MBII overpredicts the mass function at $z = 0.06$ at both low and high mass. The lower mass over-prediction can be resolved by only considering galaxies with a non-zero star-formation rate, which suggests a need for a star formation and stellar feedback model with an associated mass dependent wind (e.g., Oppenheimer & Davé 2008; Okamoto et al. 2010) Vogelsberger et al. (2014a) discuss the stellar mass function of Illustris simulation in greater detail, where they also report a higher galaxy density at the fainter end compared with observations. As shown, both MBII and Illustris contain a reasonably-sized galaxy population for the stellar mass range $10^{9.0 - 12.0} h^{-1} M_\odot$. For the rest of this paper, we use that stellar mass range, which is also consistent with our convergence criterion ($\geq 1000$ star particles).

4.2 Shapes and misalignment angles

In this section, we explore the differences in the shapes and orientations of galaxies in MBII and Illustris, focusing on the mass dependence without including a morphological classification. In Fig. 2, we compare the distribution of axis ratios $q (b/a)$ and $s (c/a)$ in Illustris and MBII in two stellar mass bins, $10^{9.0 - 10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot$ and $10^{10.0 - 12.0} h^{-1} M_\odot$. Both axis ratios ($q$ and $s$) are larger in Illustris, which means that within the same broad mass range, galaxy shapes are rounder compared to MBII. Further, the shapes are rounder in galaxies of lower mass, consistent with results presented in Tenneti et al. (2014). Table 1 shows the mean axis ratios, $\langle q \rangle$ and $\langle s \rangle$, within the two stellar mass bins. The mean values of $q$ in Illustris are larger by a factor of $\sim 12 - 14\%$ when compared with MBII, while the mean values of $s$ differ by $\sim 4 - 11\%$.

We compare the normalized histograms of 3D misalignment angles (Eq. 4) between 3D shapes of galaxies and their host dark matter subhalos in MBII and Illustris in two stellar mass bins: $10^{9.0 - 10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot$ and $10^{10.0 - 12.0} h^{-1} M_\odot$. Table 2 shows the 3D misalignment angles, $\langle \theta \rangle$ (degrees), between the major axis of galaxies and their host dark matter subhalos in Illustris and MBII.

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Table 1. Mean axis ratios, $\langle q \rangle$ and $\langle s \rangle$, for galaxies in Illustris and MBII.

Table 2. Mean 3D misalignment angles, $\langle \theta \rangle$ (degrees), between the major axis of galaxies and their host dark matter subhalos in Illustris and MBII.
4.3 Two-point statistics

The correlation of galaxy shapes with the density field can be quantified using the two-point statistics, ED and \( w_{dd} \), defined in Section 3.3. In the top left panel of Figure 4, we compare the ED correlation functions in Illustris and MBII in two stellar mass bins, \( 10^{9.0-10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot \) and \( 10^{10.5-12.0} h^{-1} M_\odot \). These correlation functions increase with mass and have similar radial scaling in both the simulations. However, due to the larger misalignment of the stellar shapes in Illustris with their host dark matter subhalos (shown in Fig. 3), the amplitude of these two-point correlation functions is lower than in MBII for the same stellar mass range.

In the top right panel of Figure 4, we compare the \( w_{dd} \) correlation functions in the same stellar mass bins. The amplitude of \( w_{dd} \) is smaller in Illustris than in MBII for two reasons: the larger misalignment of the stellar shapes with the dark matter subhalos, and fact that the galaxy shapes are rounder in Illustris. However, the radial scaling and mass dependence is similar to that of MBII.

In addition to the differences in galaxy shapes and alignments, the effects due to box size for MBII and Illustris should be considered as a possible cause of differences in two-point correlation function amplitude. Since the Illustris simulation has a smaller volume, the correlation function is suppressed due to the absence of large scale modes \((\text{e.g., Bagla & Ray 2005; Power & Knebe 2006})\) and the dark matter correlation function is smaller in Illustris by as much as \( \sim 20\%\), with some scale dependence. In order to take this into account, we compute the ratio of the correlation functions of the shapes of the stellar matter with that of dark matter within the same simulation. This ratio should essentially divide out such box size effects.

In the bottom left panel of Figure 4, we compare this ratio for the ED correlation, which we denote \( b_{dd} \). On small scales, the differences in the amplitude of \( b_{dd} \) in MBII and Illustris are relatively smaller than the differences in the ED correlation itself. However, on large scales, the ED correlation for the shapes of dark matter is similar for MBII and Illustris within the same stellar mass bins, and hence we observe a significantly smaller value of \( b_{dd} \) in Illustris. In the bottom right panel, we show the bias, \( b_{dd,ss} \), which is obtained by normalizing the \( w_{ss} \) for the shapes of stellar component with that of the shapes of dark matter component. There are smaller differences in amplitude when comparing this quantity in Illustris and MBII, especially in the higher stellar mass bin at small scales from \( \sim 10^{-2} \) to \( 1 h^{-1}\text{Mpc} \), but there are significant differences in the lower stellar mass bin at all scales. Considering all factors together, we conclude that in addition to box size effects, differences in the distributions of shapes and misalignment angles also lower the amplitude of density-shape correlation functions in Illustris compared to those for comparable samples in MBII.

5 MORPHOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION IN ILLUSTRIS AND MBII

Here, we present the results of classifying the galaxies in Illustris and MBII into disks and ellipticals using the kinematic bulge-to-disk decomposition. We then compare the shape distributions and two-point intrinsic alignments statistics of disks and elliptical galaxies.

5.1 Fraction of disk galaxies

Using the method described in Section 3.4, we calculated the bulge-to-total ratio for each of the simulated galaxies in Illustris and MBII. We note that the threshold adopted to classify galaxies as disks based on the bulge-to-total ratio varies across different studies based on simulations. For instance, Vogelsberger et al. (2014a) adopt a threshold of \( BTR < 0.7 \) as disks while Croft et al. (2009) adopt a threshold of \( BTR < 0.8 \). Figure 5 shows the fraction of galaxies in Illustris and MBII for different thresholds in the bulge-to-total ratio with \( BTR < 0.7, 0.75, \) and \( 0.8 \). For our adopted threshold of 0.7, the fraction of disk galaxies in Illustris varies from 10 – 50% in the stellar mass range \( 10^{9} - 10^{10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot \), while it is below 10% for galaxies in MBII. It rises to 20% with a smaller threshold, such as \( BTR < 0.8 \). We also note that using a smaller threshold on the \( BTR \) can lead to some differences in the distributions of axis ratios and misalignment angles. However, the changes in the two-point statistics are not significant. Hence, in the rest of this paper, we only show results of morphological classification such that galaxies with \( BTR < 0.7 \) are classified as disk galaxies and the rest as ellipticals.

To further understand the differences between the properties of disks and elliptical galaxies, we compare their mean specific angular momenta as a function of stellar mass in Figure 6. The mean specific angular momenta of disks and elliptical galaxies were found to be consistent with observations in the Illustris simulation (Genel et al. 2015), with disks having a larger specific angular momentum. Here, we observe that the disk galaxies in MBII also have a larger specific angular momentum than ellipticals at lower mass. However, at high stellar mass, the mean specific angular momenta of disks and ellipticals in MBII are very similar. When we change the threshold on \( BTR \) to 0.75 or 0.8, the specific angular momentum of disk galaxies decreases \( \sim 10-20\% \) for subhalos of stellar mass below \( \sim 10^{10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot \), and increases by a similar amount for subhalos of higher stellar mass.

Comparing the specific angular momentum in MBII and Illustris for fixed galaxy type, we see that it is smaller in MBII at low stellar masses, but higher in MBII at higher stellar mass. It has been shown in Genel et al. (2015) that the radio mode decreases the specific angular momentum by \( \sim 20 - 50\% \). Thus, the difference at high stellar mass may be due to the absence of radio-mode in the MBII simulation, and also an increase in the number of baryonic particles at higher stellar mass, which can account for the numerical resolution effects which reduce angular momentum in SPH simulations.

We also compared the angle of orientation between the directions of the angular momentum obtained using star particles and dark matter particles. We found that in both MBII and Illustris, the alignment of the angular momentum of star particles with that of dark matter particles is larger in disk galaxies than ellipticals. This is consistent with the findings of Teklu et al. (2015), who analyzed disks and elliptical galaxies in the Magneticum Pathfinder Simulations. Recently, Chisari et al. (2015) analyzed the 3D orientations of disk galaxies in the Horizon-AGN simulation with respect to the location of elliptical galaxies at \( z = 0.5 \), and found that the orientation of the disk major axis is anti-correlated with the location of ellipticals. We made a similar analysis.
Figure 4. Top: Ellipticity-direction (ED) and projected shape-density ($w_{\delta}$) correlation functions of the stellar components of galaxies in MBII and Illustris in two stellar mass bins, $10^{9.0-10.5}h^{-1}M_\odot$ and $10^{10.5-12.0}h^{-1}M_\odot$. Left: ED; Right: $w_{\delta}$. Bottom: the biases, $b_{\omega\delta}$ and $b_{w\delta}$, defined as the ratios of the ED and $w_{\delta}$ correlations functions of stellar components to the same correlation function computed using the dark matter subhalo.

at $z = 0.6$ using the disk galaxies in MBII and Illustris with our adopted disk classification. In the left panel of Figure 7, we plot the ED correlation of the orientation of disk major and minor axis with respect to the location of ellipticals as a function of separation. Comparing with the results of Chisari et al. (2015) as shown on the plot, we observe that unlike the disks in Horizon-AGN, the major axes of disk galaxies in both MBII and Illustris are positively correlated with the location of ellipticals.

Note that Chisari et al. (2015) used the ratio of mean azimuthal velocity of stars to their velocity dispersion, $V/\sigma$ and classified all galaxies with $V/\sigma > 0.55$ as disks. This threshold is chosen such that $2/3$ of their galaxy sample is classified as disks. We verified that our results do not change sign when adopting a different morphological classifier for disk galaxies. In the right panel of Figure 7, we compare the results in MBII using the galaxies classified as disks using $BTR < 0.7$ (our adopted selection throughout this work) with two other disk galaxy selection criteria: the galaxies for which $V/\sigma > 0.55$, and $2/3$ of the sample with the highest $V/\sigma$. The results are qualitatively similar with these different definitions, so the difference in sign observed in Horizon-AGN compared with MBII and Illustris is unlikely to arise from differences in morphological classifiers. We conclude that differences in properties of disk galaxies in SPH and AMR simulations should be explored further.
5.2 Shapes and misalignment angles of disks and elliptical galaxies

We compare the shapes and misalignment angles of the kinematically-classified disks and elliptical galaxies in Illustris and MBII. In Figure 8, we plot the normalized histograms of the axis ratios, \( q \) (\( b/a \)) and \( s \) (\( c/a \)) for galaxies with stellar mass in the range \( 10^9 \)–\( 10^{12} \, h^{-1} M_\odot \). Disk galaxies have larger values of \( q \) and smaller values of \( s \) than elliptical galaxies in both Illustris and MBII. This reflects the fact that disk galaxies have a more oblate shape than elliptical galaxies. Comparing the axis ratios in Illustris and MBII, we find that elliptical galaxies are rounder in Illustris, consistent with the earlier results when considering mass dependence alone (Sec. 4.2).

However, the distributions for disk galaxies show that disks in MBII have slightly larger values of \( q \) but smaller values of \( s \) than in Illustris. This implies that disk galaxies in MBII are thinner (more oblate) compared to those in Illustris. Galaxies in a higher stellar mass bin, \( 10^{10.5} \)–\( 10^{12} \, h^{-1} M_\odot \) (not shown), follow similar trends with respect to axis ratios.

The mean axis ratios, \( \langle q \rangle \) and \( \langle s \rangle \), for disks and ellipticals in Illustris and MBII for the two stellar mass bins are given in Table 3. Similarly, in the case of projected shapes, the RMS ellipticities for disk galaxies in MBII are larger. The RMS ellipticities based on a stellar mass threshold are shown in Figure 9 and compared with observations.

In order to understand the orientation of disks and ellipticals with the shape of their host dark matter subhalos, we compare the histograms of misalignment angles in Figure 10. In general, disk galaxies are more misaligned with their host dark matter shapes when compared with elliptical galaxies. The mean misalignment angles are provided in Table 3. Similarly, in the case of projected shapes, the RMS misalignments increase as we go to lower masses. If we increase the lower mass threshold of the bin, the histograms are shifted such that disks tend to be more misaligned than ellipticals.

5.3 Two-point intrinsic alignment statistics of disks and elliptical galaxies

Using the measured shapes of disks and elliptical galaxies, we compare the two-point shape correlation functions of disk galaxies with those of ellipticals in both simulations.

Figure 11 shows the ED correlation function in two stellar mass bins: \( 10^9 \)–\( 10^{10.5} \, h^{-1} M_\odot \) and \( 10^{10.5} \)–\( 10^{12} \, h^{-1} M_\odot \). As shown, the disk galaxies have a smaller ED correlation function than ellipticals; indeed, the correlation function is consistent with zero for disk galaxies in both simulations and mass bins on scales above \( \sim 100 \, h^{-1} \mathrm{kpc} \). Hence, we only show the 1σ upper limits of the signal on these scales, represented by the bottom (tip) of arrows pointing downward in Illustris \( (1) \) and MBII \( (2) \). The disk vs. elliptical difference is due to the larger misalignment of disk galaxy shapes with their host dark matter subhalo shapes. For the same reason,
Figure 7. Comparison of the ED correlation of the orientation of disk galaxies with the location of ellipticals in MBII, Illustris, and Horizon-AGN simulations (Chisari et al. 2015). In the right panel, the ED correlation in MBII is compared using various definitions of the disk galaxy sample.

Figure 8. Normalized histogram of the axis ratios (left: $q$, right: $s$) of 3D shapes of elliptical and disk galaxies in MBII and Illustris in the stellar mass bin $10^9 - 10^{10.5} h^{-1} M_\odot$.

Table 4. Mean misalignment angles in 3D, $\langle \theta \rangle$ (degrees), of disks and elliptical galaxies in Illustris and MBII.

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<td>Disks</td>
<td>Ellipticals</td>
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<td>$10^9 - 10^{10.5}$</td>
<td>44.61 ± 0.40°</td>
<td>45.13 ± 0.18°</td>
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<td>$10^{10.5} - 10^{12}$</td>
<td>46.46 ± 0.74°</td>
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the correlation functions are larger in MBII than in Illustris for all samples.

To further understand the differences in the ED correlations of disks and ellipticals, we compare the ED correlations of the dark matter subhalos of disks and ellipticals in the bottom panels of Figure 11. In both Illustris and MBII, the ED correlation function of the dark matter subhalos hosting disk galaxies is significant even on large scales, and has similar radial scaling compared with that of ellipticals. The small differences in amplitude might relate to the slightly different subhalo mass distributions for disk and elliptical galaxies within these mass bins. The strong similarity between the results for subhalos hosting disk and elliptical galaxies reinforces our conclusion that the suppression in the ED correlation for the stellar components of disk galaxies in MBII is higher than for both samples shown in this section, and is comparable in magnitude with the amplitude of the weak signal detected for blue galaxies in Hirata et al. (2007) at scales around $1h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$.

6 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we studied the shapes and intrinsic alignments of disk and elliptical galaxies in the MassiveBlack-II and Illustris simulations. The galaxy stellar mass function is similar in both the simulations at high mass range, while at lower stellar masses, MBII has a higher number density of galaxies. We restrict our analysis to stellar masses ranging from $10^9-10^{12}h^{-1}\text{M}_\odot$, for which the galaxies have a minimum of 1000 star particles.

We first compared the galaxy shapes and alignments in Illustris and MBII based on stellar mass alone, without considering disks and ellipticals separately. While the two simulations show similar trends in galaxy shapes with stellar mass (rounder at lower stellar mass), the galaxy shape distributions are rounder in Illustris than in MBII at fixed mass. By measuring the orientation of the shape of the stellar component with respect to the major axis of the host dark matter subhalo, we find that both simulations show similar trends with mass, with stronger misalignments at lower mass. However, at fixed mass, galaxies are more misaligned with their host subhalo shapes in the Illustris simulation than in MBII.

Due to the larger misalignment of the galaxy stellar components with the density field, the ellipticity-direction (ED) correlation function has a smaller amplitude in Illustris at fixed stellar mass. At around $1h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$, the correlation function is larger in MBII by a factor of $1.5-3.5$.

Similarly, the amplitude of the projected shape-density correlation function, $w_{g+}$, is smaller in Illustris by a factor of $1.5-2.0$ at transverse separation of $1h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$ due to both the larger misalignments and the smaller ellipticities. These differences in the amplitudes of the intrinsic alignment correlation functions are significant even after accounting for the bias in the dark matter correlations due to the smaller volume in Illustris. However, most notably, the mass- and scale-dependence of the intrinsic alignment two-point statistics are similar in Illustris and MBII, in spite of the different implementations of hydrodynamics and baryonic physics. This result bodes well for our ability to use hydrodynamic simulations to generate templates for the scale-dependence of intrinsic alignment two-point correlations for use by upcoming surveys that must remove this effect from weak lensing measurements, provided that the amplitude of the effect is marginalized over (given observational priors). We find signs of different physics behind intrinsic alignments of disk galaxies in MBII and Illustris compared to findings from the Horizon-AGN simulation (Chisari et al. 2015), which suggests possible differences in SPH vs. AMR simulations that warrant further investigation.

Galaxies in MBII and Illustris are classified into disks and ellipticals by a dynamical bulge-disk decomposition et al. (2011) investigated the intrinsic alignments of blue galaxies from the WiggleZ sample at $z \sim 0.6$ and find a null detection for $1-10h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$. However, when considering the stellar mass bin $10^{11}-10^{12}h^{-1}\text{M}_\odot$ (not shown), the $w_{g+}$ for disk galaxies in MBII is higher than for both samples shown in this section, and is comparable in magnitude with the amplitude of the weak signal detected for blue galaxies in Hirata et al. (2007) at scales around $1h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$.
method following the procedure adopted in Scannapieco et al. (2009), resulting in a larger fraction of disk galaxies in Illustris than in MBII at fixed stellar mass. The disk galaxies in both simulations are more oblate than the elliptical galaxies. However, the disk galaxies in MBII are more oblate than those in Illustris.

Comparing the alignments of the disk galaxies with their host dark matter subhalos, we find that disk galaxies are more misaligned than ellipticals in both MBII and Illustris by $\sim 20-30\%$ on average. Due to this larger misalignment, the disks have a smaller amplitude of ED correlation when compared with ellipticals (and compared to the ED correlations of their host dark matter subhalo shapes). Indeed, this correlation function is consistent with zero for the disk samples (within our errorbars) above $\sim 100 h^{-1}\text{kpc}$. However, the disk galaxies also have larger ellipticities, which increases the $w_{0M}$ correlation on the small scales where it is detected. Thus, the amplitude of $w_{0M}$ for disks is comparable with that of ellipticals at the same mass for scales below $0.1 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$, while on large scales it is consistent with a null detection. While exploration with larger-volume simulations that have more disks and hence lower statistical errors is warranted, our results currently support the commonly-made assumption (e.g., Krause et al. 2015) that large-scale intrinsic alignments for early-type galaxies are stronger than those for late-type galaxies. This finding bodes well for future weak lensing surveys that will be dominated by galaxies at $z \gtrsim 0.6$, where the disk galaxy fraction is larger than it is at later times.

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Figure 11. ED correlation functions of the shapes of the stellar component (top panel) and the dark matter component (bottom panel) of elliptical and disk galaxies galaxies in MBII and Illustris within two stellar mass bins: $10^{9.5-10.5} M_{\odot}$ (left) and $10^{10.5-12.0} M_{\odot}$ (right). In the top panel, we only show the 1σ upper limits of the ED correlation for disk galaxies on scales above $0.1 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$, represented by the bottom (tip) of arrows pointing downward in Illustris (↓) and MBII (⇓). Note the y-axis limits are different in the top left panel compared to the other panels, which should be taken into account while comparing the figures.

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Figure 12. $w_{\delta+}$ correlation functions of the shapes of elliptical and disk galaxies in MBII and Illustris within two stellar mass bins: $10^9.5-10^{10}h^{-1}M_\odot$ (left) and $10^{10.5}-10^{12}h^{-1}M_\odot$ (right). On scales above $0.1h^{-1}$Mpc, we only show the 1σ upper limits of the $w_{\delta+}$ signal for disk galaxies, represented by the bottom (tip) of arrows pointing downward in Illustris ($\downarrow$) and MBII ($\downarrow\downarrow$).


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