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## **Intrinsic deformation theory of $CR$ structures**

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**Abstract.** Let  $(V, \xi)$  be a contact manifold and let  $J$  be a strictly pseudoconvex  $CR$  structure of hypersurface type on  $(V, \xi)$ ; starting only from these data, we define and we investigate a Differential Graded Lie Algebra which governs the deformation theory of  $J$ .

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