Exploring fundamental physics with galaxy redshift surveys



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General introduction to galaxy redshift surveys

- Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- Redshift-space distortions
- Presting inflation with primordial non-Gaussianity and primordial oscillations
- Neutrinos in the phase of the BAO

Why should you care?



• DESI will start observing this year!

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What is a galaxy redshift survey?



- Measure the position of galaxies (redshift + RA, DEC).
- The CMB tells us a lot about the initial conditions for today's distribution of matter.
- How the initial density fluctuations in the CMB evolved from redshift z ~ 1100 to today depends on Ω_m, Ω_Λ, H₀ etc.

From a point distribution to a power spectrum



$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \overline{\rho}}{\overline{\rho}}$$



Two-point function:

$$\begin{aligned} & \overset{\text{homogeneity}}{\xi(\mathbf{r})} = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \delta(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \begin{cases} \overset{\text{isotropy}}{=} & \xi(r) \\ \underset{\text{anisotropy}}{\text{anisotropy}} & \xi_{\ell}(r) = \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu \, \xi(r, \mu) \mathcal{L}_{\ell}(\mu) \end{aligned}$$

...and in Fourier-space:

$$P_{\ell}(k) = 4\pi (-i)^{\ell} \int r^2 dr \xi_{\ell}(r) j_{\ell}(kr)$$

From a point distribution to a bispectrum

• Overdensity-field:

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \overline{\rho}}{\overline{\rho}}$$



• Three-point function:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) &= \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r}_{1})\delta(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r}_{2})\delta(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \begin{cases} \text{isotropy} \\ = & \xi_{L}(r_{1},r_{2}) \\ \text{anisotropy} \\ \rightarrow & \xi_{\ell_{1}\ell_{2}L}(r_{1},r_{2}) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

...and in Fourier-space:

$$B_{\ell_1\ell_2L}(k_1,k_2) = (4\pi)^2 (-i)^{\ell_1+\ell_2} \int r_1^2 dr_1 \int r_2^2 dr_2 \xi_{\ell_1\ell_2L}(r_1,r_2) j_{\ell_1}(k_1r_1) j_{\ell_2}(k_2r_2)$$

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Planck collaboration

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 For the first 380 000 years the evolution eq. of baryon and photon perturbations can be written as

$$\ddot{\delta}_{b\gamma}-c_s^2\nabla^2\delta_{b\gamma}=\nabla^2\Phi$$

with the plane wave solution

$$\delta_{b\gamma} = A\cos(kr_s + \phi)$$

- Preferred distance scale between galaxies as a relic of sound waves in the early Universe.
- This signal is present at low redshift and detectable in ξ(r)/P(k) on very large scales.



credit: Martin White



Beutler et al. (2017)



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Planck+SN:

 $\Omega_k = 0.025 \pm 0.012$

 $w = -1.01 \pm 0.11$

Planck+SN+BAO:

 $\Omega_k = 0.0003 \pm 0.0027$

$$w = -1.05 \pm 0.08$$





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What are redshift-space distortions?

The densities along the line-of-sight are enhanced due to the velocity field

$$\begin{split} \delta_g(k) &= b_1 \delta_m(k) - \mu^2 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \delta_m(k) (b_1 + f \mu^2) \end{split}$$

 \rightarrow Introduces a quadrupole \rightarrow Sensitive to cosmology since

$$f = \frac{\partial \ln D}{\partial \ln a} \approx \Omega_m^{0.55}$$



Alam + Beutler et al. (2017)

Broadband modelling - Distribution function model



- Can model the power spectrum up to k_{max} = 0.4h/Mpc using 9 nuisance (HOD based) parameters.
- We still have to include the bispectrum to constrain the nuisance parameters.

Hand + Beutler et al. (2017)







Constraining the neutrino mass with BAO & RSD

• Planck + DESI will yield $\sigma_{\sum m_{\nu}} = 0.017 \, eV$

- Tritium β-decay (Troitzk): m_{v̄e} < 2.05 eV
- KATRIN forecast: $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} \sim 0.2 \, eV \, (\sum m_{\nu} \simeq 0.6 \, eV)$

Alam + Beutler et al. (2017), PDG (2018), Font-Ribera et al. (2014), Wolf (2008)

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Inflation in one plot

Baumann (2009)

Testing inflation through primordial non-Gaussianity

McDonald (2008)

Primordial non-Gaussianity with LSS (preliminary)

- The CMB bispectrum yields $f_{\rm NIL}^{\rm loc} = 0.8 \pm 5.2$ (Planck col.)
- eBOSS DR14: ~ 150 000 Quasars at 0.8 < *z* < 2.2
- eBOSS provides the currently best LSS constraint $f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc} = -8^{+18}_{-19}$ using 1/3 of the final eBOSS sky coverage and excluding z > 2.2

Castorina + Beutler et al. in prep.

Primordial non-Gaussianity with LSS

- No bispectrum information included yet! $\rightarrow f_{NL}^{equil}$, f_{NL}^{ortho}
- SPHEREx is now funded $\rightarrow \sigma_{f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc}} < 1$ in 2025

Testing inflation through primordial features

- Feature(s) in the inflationary potential can introduce features in the primordial power spectrum, which might still be detectable today.
- Sharp features can lead to linear oscillations, while periodic features lead to log-oscillations.
- Such features are predicted by many popular inflationary models like monodromy inflation, brane inflation, axion inflation etc.

Beutler et al. in prep.

Testing inflation through primordial features

Here we use a model-independent approach based on

$$\frac{\Delta P_{\zeta}}{P_{\zeta}} = \begin{cases} A^{\cos} \cos \left[\omega_{\log} \log \left(\frac{k}{0.05} \right) \right] + A^{\sin} \sin \left[\omega_{\log} \log \left(\frac{k}{0.05} \right) \right], \\ A^{\cos} \cos \left[\omega_{\ln} k \right] + A^{\sin} \sin \left[\omega_{\ln} k \right] \end{cases}$$

- LSS is more powerful than the CMB on small frequencies, while the CMB can access much higher frequencies
- DESI is going to provide constraints which cannot be accessed even by a CVL CMB experiment

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Motivation: Neutrinos in the phase of the BAO

Baumann et al. (2017)

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Neutrinos in the CMB Spectrum

Current constraints are dominated by the damping of the power spectrum (degenerate with helium fraction).

Baumann et al. (2017)

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Neutrinos in the BAO Spectrum

$$O(k) = O_{\rm lin}(k/\alpha + (\beta - 1)f(k)/r_{\rm s}^{\rm fid})e^{-k^2\sigma_{\rm nl}^2/2}$$

 \rightarrow This is a proof of principle for extracting information on light relics from galaxy clustering data.

Baumann + Beutler et al. (2019)

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The phase of the BAO carries information on N_{eff} just as in the CMB. We have a low significance detection in BOSS and will be able to get ~ 3 - 5σ detections in DESI and Euclid. What is the nature of inflation?

 \hookrightarrow primordial features, primordial non-Gaussianity, primordial grav. waves

What is the Neutrino mass scale and are there additional relativistic d.o.f. in the early Universe?

 \hookrightarrow BAO, RSD, CMB lensing, Ly- α forest, weak lensing

- What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy? → BAO... testing modified gravity with RSD
 - Co-chair of the Euclid galaxy clustering working group (since 10/2015)
 - Manager of the spectroscopic visibility mask and sample selection for Euclid (since 03/2016)
 - Member of the DESI institutional board (Since 07/2018) and AI WG lead
 - I led the BOSS DR11, Fourier-space RSD and neutrino mass analysis (Beutler et al. 2014), and the final BOSS, Fourier-space BAO and RSD analysis (Beutler et al. 2017a, 2017b)
 - I led the BOSS-WiggleZ project → first BAO detection in cross-correlation (Beutler et al. 2015)

Further linear corrections

At horizon scales further linear (GR) corrections start to matter:

$$\delta_{g}(k) = \delta_{m}(k) \left(b_{1} + f\mu^{2} \right) - \int_{0}^{r} dr' \frac{r - r'}{rr'} \Delta_{\Omega}(\Phi + \Psi)$$

$$+ \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^{2}} - \frac{2}{r\mathcal{H}} \right) v_{\parallel} + \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}} \dot{v}_{\parallel} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}} \partial_{r} \Psi}_{\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}} \partial_{r} \Psi}$$

$$+ \Psi - 2\Phi + \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}} \dot{\Phi} + \frac{2}{r} \int_{0}^{r} dr' (\Phi + \Psi)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^{2}} + \frac{2}{r\mathcal{H}} \right) \left[\Psi + \int_{0}^{r} dr' (\dot{\Phi} + \dot{\Psi}) \right]$$
Potential

Yoo et al. (2010), Bonvin & Durrer (2011), Challinor & Lewis (2011)

 Start with linear P(k) and separate the broadband shape, Psm(k), and the BAO feature O^{lin}(k). Include a damping of the BAO feature:

$$\boldsymbol{P}^{\mathrm{sm,lin}}(k) = \boldsymbol{P}^{\mathrm{sm}}(k) \left[1 + (\boldsymbol{O}^{\mathrm{lin}}(k/\alpha) - 1)\boldsymbol{e}^{-k^2 \sum_{\mathrm{nl}}^2/2} \right]$$

Add broadband nuisance terms

$$A(k) = a_1 k + a_2 + \frac{a_3}{k} + \frac{a_4}{k^2} + \frac{a_5}{k^3}$$
$$P^{\text{fit}}(k) = B^2 P^{\text{sm,lin}}(k/\alpha) + A(k)$$

• Marginalize to get $\mathcal{L}(\alpha)$.

Current constraints on $N_{\rm eff}$

Relic neutrinos make up 41% of the radiation density

Planck (2015), Cooke et al. (2015)

New decomposition formalism for the bispectrum

The estimator is based on the spherical harmonics expansion

$$\begin{split} \widehat{B}_{\ell_{1}\ell_{2}L}(k_{1},k_{2}) &= H_{\ell_{1}\ell_{2}L} \sum_{m_{1}m_{2}M} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_{1} & \ell_{2} & L \\ m_{1} & m_{2} & M \end{pmatrix} \\ &\times \frac{N_{\ell_{1}\ell_{2}L}}{I} \int \frac{d^{2}\hat{k}_{1}}{4\pi} y_{\ell_{1}}^{m_{1}*}(\hat{k}_{1}) \int \frac{d^{2}\hat{k}_{2}}{4\pi} y_{\ell_{2}}^{m_{2}*}(\hat{k}_{2}) \\ &\times \int \frac{d^{3}k_{3}}{(2\pi)^{3}} (2\pi)^{3} \delta_{\mathrm{D}} \left(\vec{k}_{1} + \vec{k}_{2} + \vec{k}_{3}\right) \\ &\times \delta n(\vec{k}_{1}) \, \delta n(\vec{k}_{2}) \, \delta n_{L}^{M}(\vec{k}_{3}) \end{split}$$

where y_l^{M*} -weighted density fluctuation

$$\delta n_L^M(\vec{x}) \equiv y_L^{M*}(\hat{x}) \,\delta n(\vec{x})$$
$$\delta n_L^M(\vec{k}) = \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \delta n_L^M(\vec{x})$$

and
$$y_{\ell}^{m} = \sqrt{4\pi/(2\ell + 1)} Y_{\ell}^{m}$$
.

Why using this formalism

- This decomposition compresses the data into 2D quantities
 B_{l1l2L}(k₁, k₂) rather than 3D quantities like other decompositions
 B^m_l(k₁, k₂, k₃). This reduces the size of the connected covariance matrix.
- This decomposition allows for a self consistent inclusion of the survey window function.
- The RSD information is clearly separated into the *L* multipoles.
- The complexity of our estimator is $O((2\ell_1 + 1)N_b^2 N \log N)$.
- Only some multipoles are non-zero: (1) $\ell_1 > \ell_2$ (2) L = even (3) $|\ell_1 \ell_2| \le L \le |\ell_1 + \ell_2|$ and (4) $\ell_1 + \ell_2 + L =$ even.