Primordial Features from Linear to Nonlinear Scales

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Inflation in one plot



Baumann (2009)

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Testing inflation through primordial features



$$\mathsf{P}_{\zeta,0}(k) = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \mathscr{P}_{\zeta,0}(k) = \frac{2\pi^2 A_s}{k^3} \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s - 1}$$

Testing inflation through primordial features



$$\frac{\Delta P_{\zeta}(k)}{P_{\zeta,0}(k)} = A_{\rm lin} \sin\left(\omega_{\rm lin}k + \phi_{\rm lin}\right)$$

[Sharp Features] Starobinsky (1992) Adams, Cresswell & Easther (1997)

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Testing inflation through primordial features



Logarithmic features

$$\frac{\Delta P_{\zeta}(k)}{P_{\zeta,0}(k)} = A_{\log} \sin\left(\omega_{\log}\log(k/k_*) + \phi_{\log}\right)$$

[Resonant features] Chen, Easther & Lim (2008) Silverstein & Westphal (2008) Flauger, McAllister, Pajer & Westphal (2010)

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Non-linear gravitational evolution



Crocce & Scoccimarro (2008)

$$P_g(k) = b_1^2 \left[e^{-k^2 \sum_{nl}^2/2} P_{\text{lin}}(k) + P_{\text{MC}}(k) \right]$$
$$P_{\text{MC}}(k) \simeq 2 \int F_2^2(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) P_{\text{lin}}(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}|) P_{\text{lin}}(q) d^3q$$

Heavens & Matarrese (1998), McDonald (2006), Smith et al. (2007), Carlson et al. (2009) Blas et al. (2016)

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Density-field reconstruction





Schmittfull, FB et al. (2016)



Eisenstein et al. (2007), Padmanabhan et al. (2009) Padmanabhan et al. (2012) . . .

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Fitting the BAO



Model for the BAO

$$P(k) = P^{\text{nw}}(k) + e^{-k^2 \Sigma_{\text{nl}}^2/2} P_{\text{BAO}}^{\text{w}}(k/\alpha)$$

Add broadband nuisance terms

$$A(k) = a_1 k + a_2 + \frac{a_3}{k} + \frac{a_4}{k^2} + \frac{a_5}{k^3}$$
$$P^{\text{fit}}(k) = \frac{B^2}{(1 + (k\Sigma_{\text{FOG}})^2/2)^2} P(k) + A(k)$$

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

Modelling the BAO



Ding, Vlah, FB et al. (2018)

 \rightarrow 2 simulations with the same phase but based on $P_{\rm lin}$ and $P_{\rm lin}^{\rm nw}$

 \rightarrow Allows to measure the BAO (almost) without sample variance

Modelling the BAO



Ding, Vlah, FB et al. (2018)

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Baryon Acoustic Oscillations in BOSS DR12



FB et al. (2017)

- \rightarrow 2 independent 8 σ detections
- \rightarrow 1% distance constrains (1.5% in $D_A(z)$ and \sim 2.5% in H(z))

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Feature damping

Linear Feature

• Damping factor of linear features equal to BAO damping for $\omega_{\rm lin} \gtrsim 75 \, \rm Mpc$

Logarithmic Feature

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Feature constraints from BOSS DR12 and Planck



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Forecasts for primordial feature constraints



 \rightarrow LSS dominates on small frequencies, while the CMB can access higher frequencies

 \rightarrow DESI/Euclid are going to beat even CVL-CMB experiments



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 And we know how to detect features → BAO
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Fourier-space vs. configuration space

Linear Feature

Logarithmic Feature



S/N after Density-field reconstruction



$$(S/N)^{2} = \sum_{k_{1},k_{2} \le k_{\max}} C^{-1}(k_{1},k_{2})P_{m}(k_{1})P_{m}(k_{2})$$

Dependence on fiducial cosmology



$$\alpha = \alpha_{\parallel}^{1/3} \alpha_{\perp}^{2/3}$$

Impact of the window function for features search



Transfer of power

